

Time-Dependent Dynamics of Fermionic Superfluids: from cold atomic gases, to nuclei and neutron stars

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**I will tell you why quantum hydrodynamics or GPE
are not good enough for many phenomena in fermionic superfluids**

Anderson-Higgs mode

TDDFT for fermionic superfluids

Selfbound superfluid liquid drops, two phase transitions

Polarized unitary Fermi gas

Unitary Fermi Supersolid

Generating of quantized vortices, their crossing and recombination

Quantum Shock waves

Vortex rings, domain walls, solitonic vortex, etc.

Quantum turbulence

Pinning and anti-pinning of vortices in neutron star crust and glitches

Collisions of superfluid nuclei

Dynamics of fragmented condensates

Nuclear fission

Coulomb excitation of nuclei with relativistic heavy ions

Including dissipation and fluctuations into TDDFT

One option is the two-fluid hydrodynamics (here at $T=0$, only one fluid)

N.B. There is no quantum statistics in two-fluid hydrodynamics

$$\frac{\partial n(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot [\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) n(\vec{r}, t)] = 0$$
$$m \frac{\partial \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left\{ \frac{m \vec{v}^2(\vec{r}, t)}{2} + \mu[n(\vec{r}, t)] + V_{ext}(\vec{r}, t) \right\} = 0$$

Troubles:

- These are classical equations, no Planck's constant, thus no quantized vortices (unless one imposes by hand quantization)
- No physically clear physical mechanism to describe superfluid to normal transition (no role for the critical velocity)

Two-fluid hydrodynamics + vortex quantization is equivalent to a ``Bohr model'' of a superfluid

Another option is the phenomenological Ginzburg-Landau model or the Gross-Pitaevskii equation:

$$i\hbar e^{i\gamma} \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2 \Delta \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{2M} + U \left(|\Psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2 \right) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + V_{ext}(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + fluct.$$

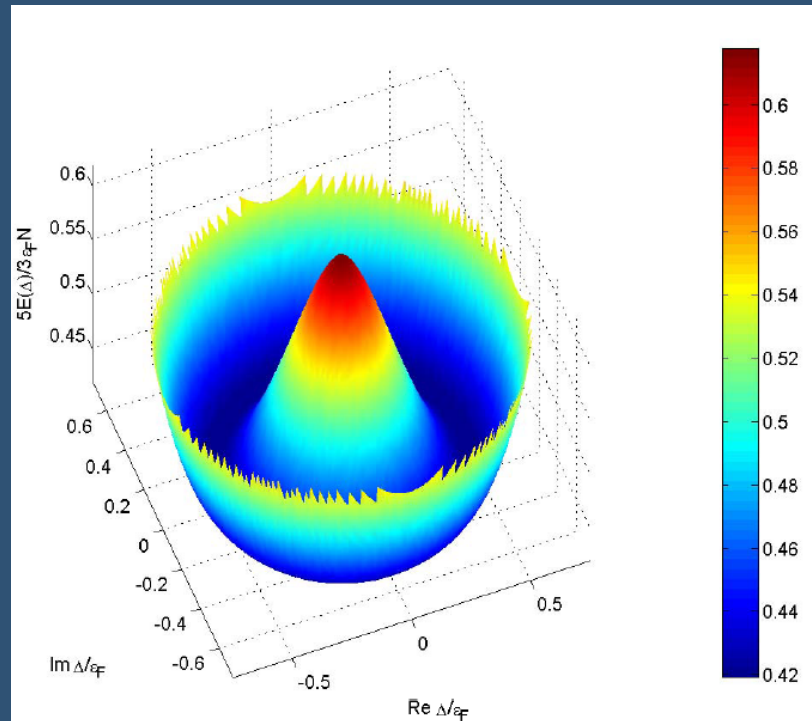
Troubles:

- **GLE valid only for temperatures near and below the critical temperature**
- **Even though is a quantum approach, it describes only the superfluid phase. There is no Cooper pair breaking mechanism**
- **GPE was the only microscopic equation available until recently, valid for a superfluid of weakly interacting bosons at T=0**

Other issues:

There are a number of modes, such as the Anderson-Higgs mode, which cannot be describes in either of these phenomenological approaches.

Energy of a Fermi system as a function of the pairing gap: Anderson-Higgs mode



Both fail

$$\dot{n} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot [\vec{v}n] = 0$$

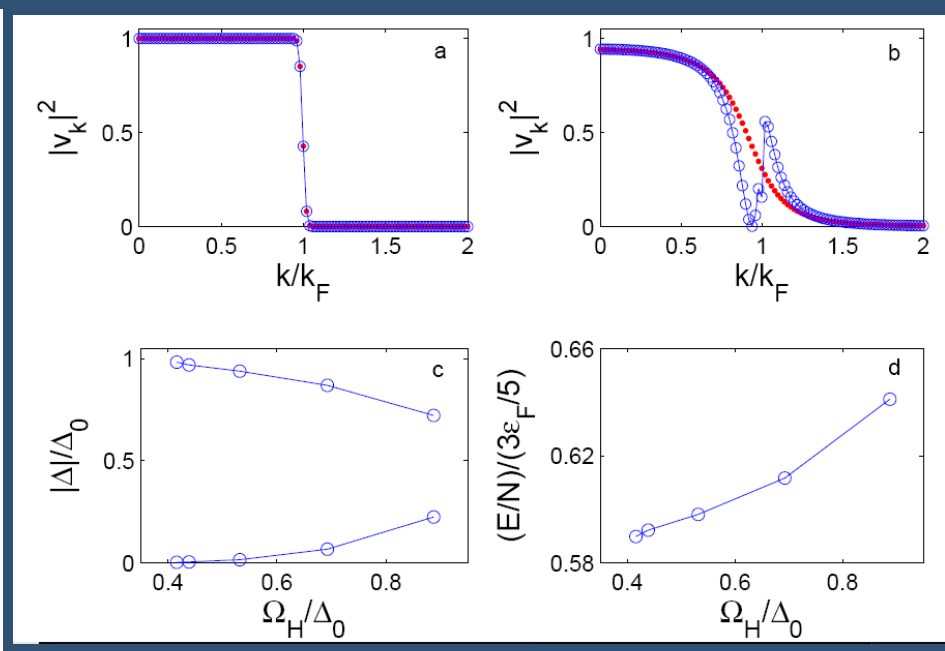
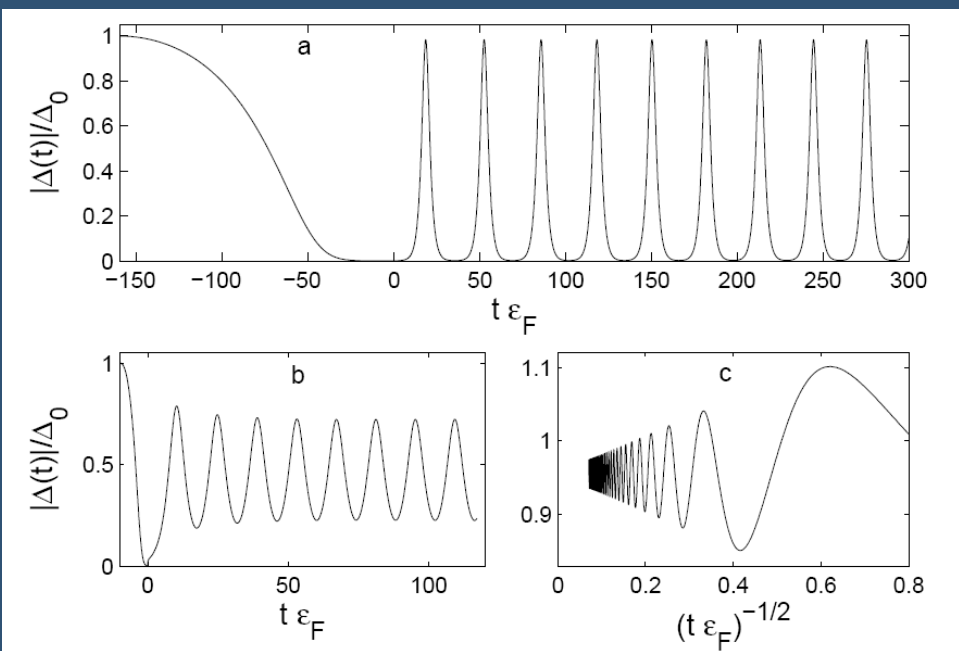
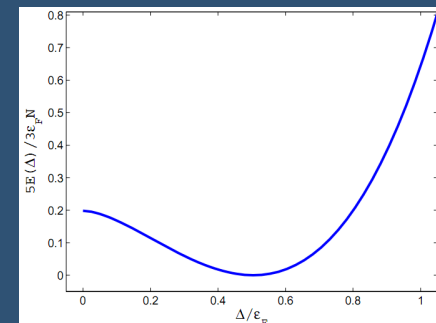
$$m\dot{\vec{v}} + \vec{\nabla} \left\{ \frac{m\vec{v}^2}{2} + \mu[n] \right\} = 0$$

$$i\hbar e^{i\gamma} \dot{\Psi}(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{4m} \Delta \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + U(|\Psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2) \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

Landau's two-fluid hydrodynamics

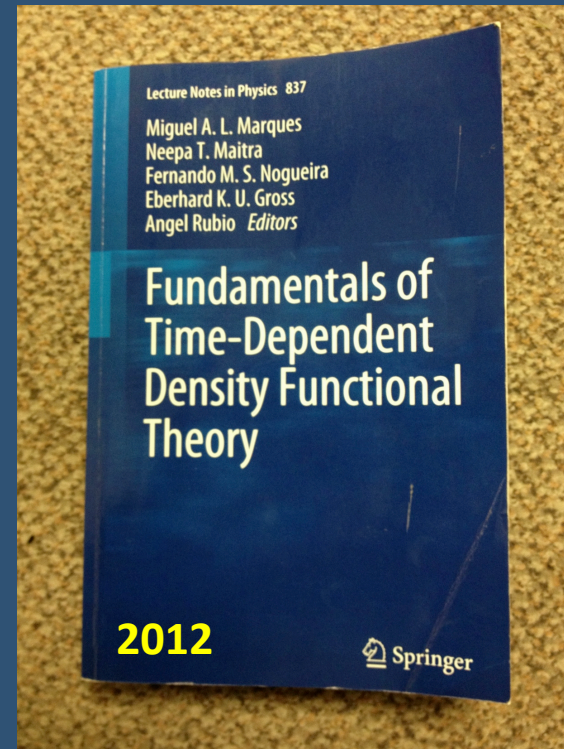
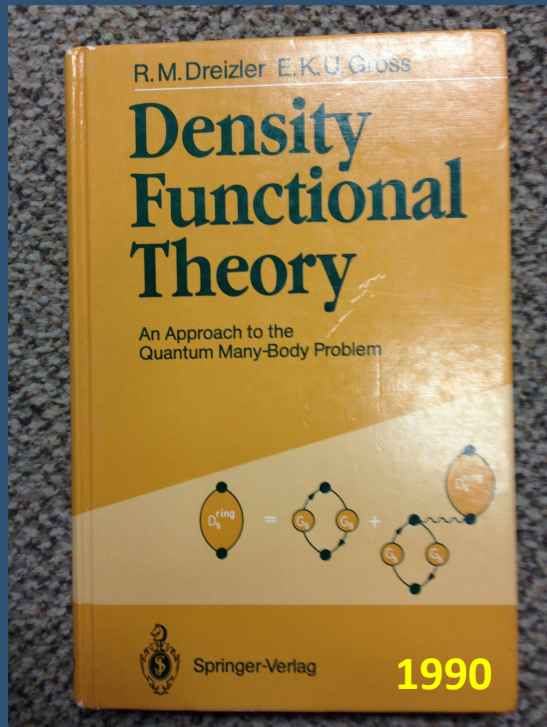
Ginzburg-Landau-like equation

Response of a unitary Fermi system to changing the scattering length with time



- All these modes have a very low frequency below the pairing gap, a very large amplitude and very large excitation energy
- None of these modes can be described either within two-fluid hydrodynamics or Ginzburg-Landau like approaches

Main Theoretical Tool

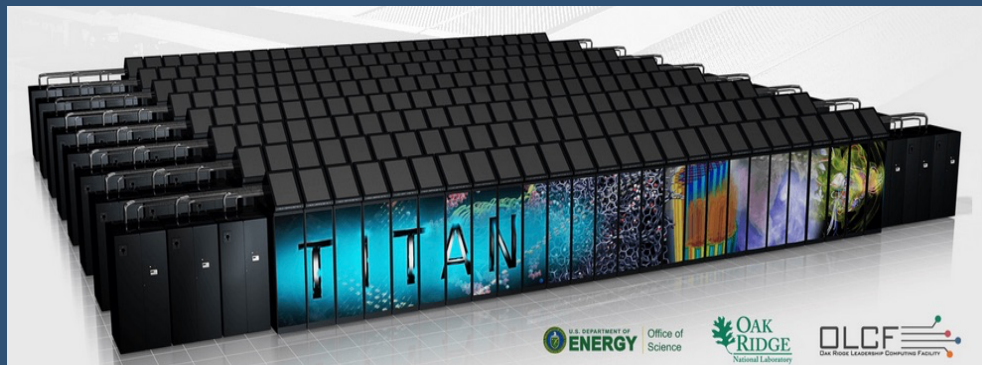


DFT has been developed and used mainly to describe normal (non-superfluid) electron systems – 50 years old theory, Kohn and Hohenberg, 1964

A new local extension of DFT to superfluid systems and time-dependent phenomena was developed

Review: A. Bulgac, *Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory and Real-Time Dynamics of Fermi Superfluids*, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 63, 97 (2013)

The Main Computational Tool



Cray XK7, ranked at peak ≈ 27 Petaflops (Peta – 10^{15})

*On Titan there are 18,688 GPUs which provide 24.48 Petaflops !!!
and 299,008 CPUs which provide only 2.94 Petaflops.*

A single GPU on Titan performs the same amount of FLOPs as approximately 134 CPUs.

Jaguar, Titan, Piz Daint, Tsubame 3.0, and Summit in the future

Kohn-Sham theorem (1965)

$$H = \sum_i^N T(i) + \sum_{i<j}^N U(ij) + \sum_{i<j<k}^N U(ijk) + \dots + \sum_i^N V_{ext}(i)$$

$$H\Psi_0(1,2,\dots,N) = E_0\Psi_0(1,2,\dots,N)$$

$$n(\vec{r}) = \left\langle \Psi_0 \left| \sum_i^N \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) \right| \Psi_0 \right\rangle$$

**Injective map
(one-to-one)**

$$\Psi_0(1,2,\dots,N) \Leftrightarrow V_{ext}(\vec{r}) \Leftrightarrow n(\vec{r})$$

$$E_0 = \min_{n(\vec{r})} \int d^3r \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*(\vec{r})} \tau(\vec{r}) + \varepsilon[n(\vec{r})] + V_{ext}(\vec{r})n(\vec{r}) \right\}$$

$$n(\vec{r}) = \sum_i^N |\varphi_i(\vec{r})|^2, \quad \tau(\vec{r}) = \sum_i^N |\vec{\nabla} \varphi_i(\vec{r})|^2$$

THEOREM: There exist an universal functional of particle density alone independent of the external potential

Normal Fermi systems only!

However, not everyone is normal!

The SLDA (DFT) energy density functional for unitary Fermi gas

Dimensional arguments, renormalizability, Galilean invariance, and symmetries determine the functional (energy density)

$$\varepsilon(\vec{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left\{ \left[\alpha \frac{\tau_c(\vec{r})}{2} + \gamma \frac{|\mathbf{v}_c(\vec{r})|^2}{n^{1/3}(\vec{r})} \right] + \beta \frac{3(3\pi^2)^{2/3} n^{5/3}(\vec{r})}{5} \right\} - \frac{\hbar^2}{m} (\alpha - 1) \frac{\vec{j}^2(\vec{r})}{2n(\vec{r})}$$

$$\Delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \tilde{\Delta}(\vec{r})$$

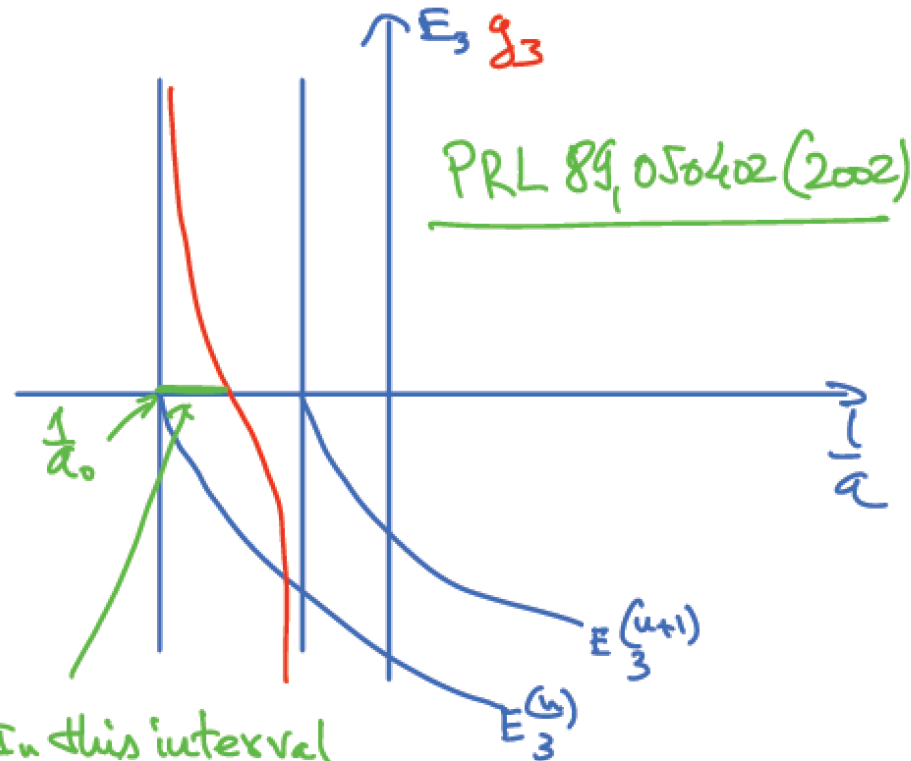
$$n(\vec{r}) = 2 \sum_{0 < E_k < E_c} |\mathbf{v}_k(\vec{r})|^2, \quad \tau_c(\vec{r}) = 2 \sum_{0 < E_k < E_c} |\vec{\nabla} \mathbf{v}_k(\vec{r})|^2,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_c(\vec{r}) = \sum_{0 < E < E_c} \mathbf{u}_k(\vec{r}) \mathbf{v}_k^*(\vec{r}) \quad \Leftarrow \text{divergent without a cutoff, need RG}$$

Three dimensionless constants α , β , and γ determining the functional are extracted from QMC for homogeneous systems by fixing the total energy, the pairing gap and the effective mass

The unitary Fermi gas and the dilute Bose gas are the only superfluids for which a microscopic framework exist to describe both statics and dynamics

Normal State				Superfluid State			
(N_a, N_b)	$E_{FN\text{DMC}}$	$E_{AS\text{LDA}}$	(error)	(N_a, N_b)	$E_{FN\text{DMC}}$	$E_{AS\text{LDA}}$	(error)
(3, 1)	6.6 ± 0.01	6.687	1.3%	(1, 1)	2.002 ± 0	2.302	15%
(4, 1)	8.93 ± 0.01	8.962	0.36%	(2, 2)	5.051 ± 0.009	5.405	7%
(5, 1)	12.1 ± 0.1	12.22	0.97%	(3, 3)	8.639 ± 0.03	8.939	3.5%
(5, 2)	13.3 ± 0.1	13.54	1.8%	(4, 4)	12.573 ± 0.03	12.63	0.48%
(6, 1)	15.8 ± 0.1	15.65	0.93%	(5, 5)	16.806 ± 0.04	16.19	3.7%
(7, 2)	19.9 ± 0.1	20.11	1.1%	(6, 6)	21.278 ± 0.05	21.13	0.69%
(7, 3)	20.8 ± 0.1	21.23	2.1%	(7, 7)	25.923 ± 0.05	25.31	2.4%
(7, 4)	21.9 ± 0.1	22.42	2.4%	(8, 8)	30.876 ± 0.06	30.49	1.2%
(8, 1)	22.5 ± 0.1	22.53	0.14%	(9, 9)	35.971 ± 0.07	34.87	3.1%
(9, 1)	25.9 ± 0.1	25.97	0.27%	(10, 10)	41.302 ± 0.08	40.54	1.8%
(9, 2)	26.6 ± 0.1	26.73	0.5%	(11, 11)	46.889 ± 0.09	45	4%
(9, 3)	27.2 ± 0.1	27.55	1.3%	(12, 12)	52.624 ± 0.2	51.23	2.7%
(9, 5)	30 ± 0.1	30.77	2.6%	(13, 13)	58.545 ± 0.18	56.25	3.9%
(10, 1)	29.4 ± 0.1	29.41	0.034%	(14, 14)	64.388 ± 0.31	62.52	2.9%
(10, 2)	29.9 ± 0.1	30.05	0.52%	(15, 15)	70.927 ± 0.3	68.72	3.1%
(10, 6)	35 ± 0.1	35.93	2.7%	(1, 0)	1.5 ± 0.0	1.5	0%
(20, 1)	73.78 ± 0.01	73.83	0.061%	(2, 1)	4.281 ± 0.004	4.417	3.2%
(20, 4)	73.79 ± 0.01	74.01	0.3%	(3, 2)	7.61 ± 0.01	7.602	0.1%
(20, 10)	81.7 ± 0.1	82.57	1.1%	(4, 3)	11.362 ± 0.02	11.31	0.49%
(20, 20)	109.7 ± 0.1	113.8	3.7%	(7, 6)	24.787 ± 0.09	24.04	3%
(35, 4)	154 ± 0.1	154.1	0.078%	(11, 10)	45.474 ± 0.15	43.98	3.3%
(35, 10)	158.2 ± 0.1	158.6	0.27%	(15, 14)	69.126 ± 0.31	62.55	9.5%
(35, 20)	178.6 ± 0.1	180.4	1%				



In this interval

$$g_2 = \frac{k_2 \hbar^2 a}{m} < 0$$

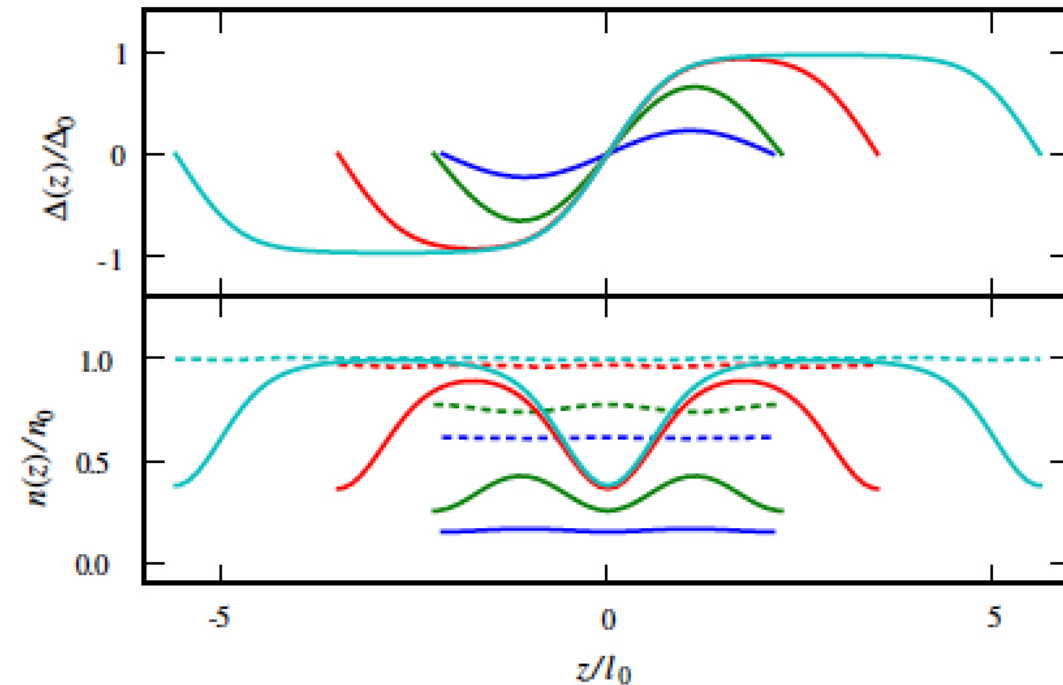
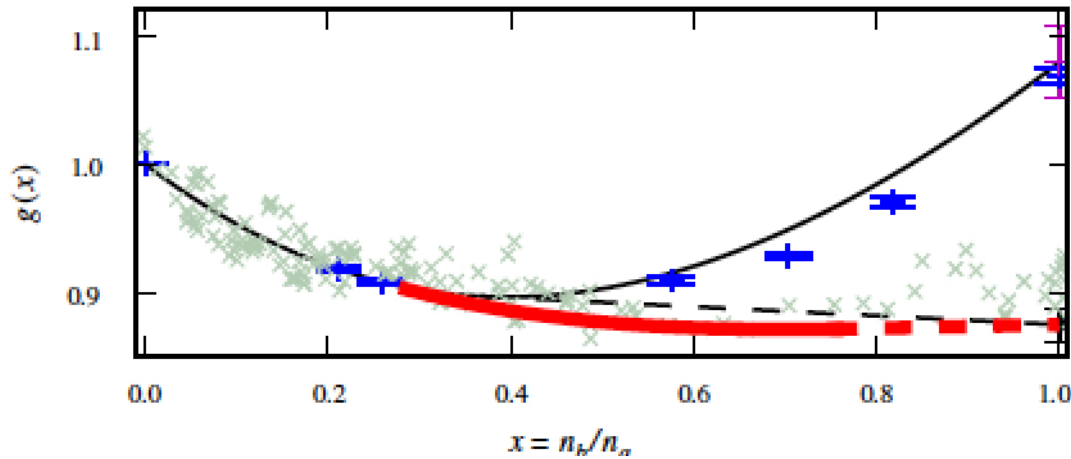
$$g_3 = \frac{12\pi \hbar^2 a^4}{m} \left[d_1 + d_2 \tan \left(s_0 \ln \left| \frac{a}{a_0} \right| + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$f_0 = -\frac{3g_2}{2g_3}, \quad z_0 = \frac{1}{2}g_2 f^2 + \frac{1}{6}g_3 f^3$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2|a|^2} \times \frac{1}{d_1 + d_2 \tan \left(s_0 \ln \left| \frac{a}{a_0} \right| + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}, \quad d_2 < 0$$

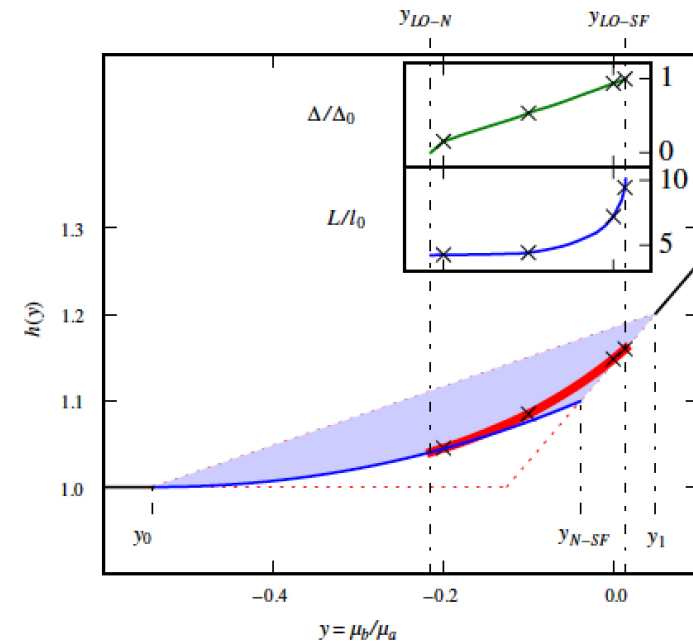
Unitary Fermi Supersolid: The Larkin-Ovchinnikov Phase

Bulgac and Forbes, Phys. Rev.Lett. 101, 215301 (2010)



$$E(n_a, n_b) = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (6\pi^2)^{2/3} \left[n_a g\left(\frac{n_b}{n_a}\right) \right]^{5/3}$$

$$P(\mu_a, \mu_b) = \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} [\mu_a h(y)]^{5/2} \frac{1}{6\pi^2}$$



Formalism for Time-Dependent Phenomena

“The time-dependent density functional theory is viewed in general as a reformulation of the exact quantum mechanical time evolution of a many-body system when only one-body properties are considered.”

A.K. Rajagopal and J. Callaway, Phys. Rev. B 7, 1912 (1973)

V. Peuckert, J. Phys. C 11, 4945 (1978)

E. Runge and E.K.U. Gross, Phys. Rev. Lett. 52, 997 (1984)

<http://www.tddft.org>

$$E(t) = \int d^3r \left[\varepsilon(n(\vec{r},t), \tau(\vec{r},t), v(\vec{r},t), \underline{\vec{j}(\vec{r},t)}) + V_{ext}(\vec{r},t)n(\vec{r},t) + \dots \right]$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [h(\vec{r},t) + V_{ext}(\vec{r},t) - \mu]u_i(\vec{r},t) + [\Delta(\vec{r},t) + \Delta_{ext}(\vec{r},t)]v_i(\vec{r},t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial u_i(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} \\ [\Delta^*(\vec{r},t) + \Delta_{ext}^*(\vec{r},t)]u_i(\vec{r},t) - [h(\vec{r},t) + V_{ext}(\vec{r},t) - \mu]v_i(\vec{r},t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial v_i(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} \end{array} \right.$$

For time-dependent phenomena one has to add currents.
Galilean invariance determines the dependence on currents.

TDSLDA equations

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} u_{n\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ u_{n\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ v_{n\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ v_{n\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{h}_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) - \mu & \hat{h}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) & 0 & \Delta(\vec{r}, t) \\ \hat{h}_{\downarrow\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) & \hat{h}_{\downarrow\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) - \mu & -\Delta(\vec{r}, t) & 0 \\ 0 & -\Delta^*(\vec{r}, t) & -\hat{h}_{\uparrow\uparrow}^*(\vec{r}, t) + \mu & -\hat{h}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^*(\vec{r}, t) \\ \Delta^*(\vec{r}, t) & 0 & -\hat{h}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^*(\vec{r}, t) & -\hat{h}_{\downarrow\downarrow}^*(\vec{r}, t) + \mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{n\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ u_{n\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ v_{n\uparrow}(\vec{r}, t) \\ v_{n\downarrow}(\vec{r}, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- The system is placed on a large 3D spatial lattice (adequate representation of continuum)
- Derivatives are computed with FFTW (this insures machine accuracy) and is very fast
- Fully self-consistent treatment with fundamental symmetries respected (isospin, gauge, Galilean, rotation, translation)
- Adams-Bashforth-Milne fifth order predictor-corrector-modifier integrator
Effectively a sixth order method
- No symmetry restrictions
- *Number of PDEs is of the order of the number of spatial lattice points*
– from 10,000s to 1-2,000,000

$$\propto 4 \left(\frac{2p_c L}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^3 = 4N_x N_y N_z$$

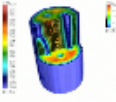
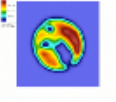


- SLDA/TDSLDA (DFT) is formally by construction like meanfield HFB/BdG
- The code was implemented on Jaguar, Titan, Franklin, Hopper, Edison, Hyak, Athena
- Initially Fortran 90, 95, 2003 ..., presently C, CUDA, and obviously MPI, threads, etc.

Several hours of videos

The Superfluid Local Density Approximation Applied to Unitary Fermi Gases -Supplementary Material

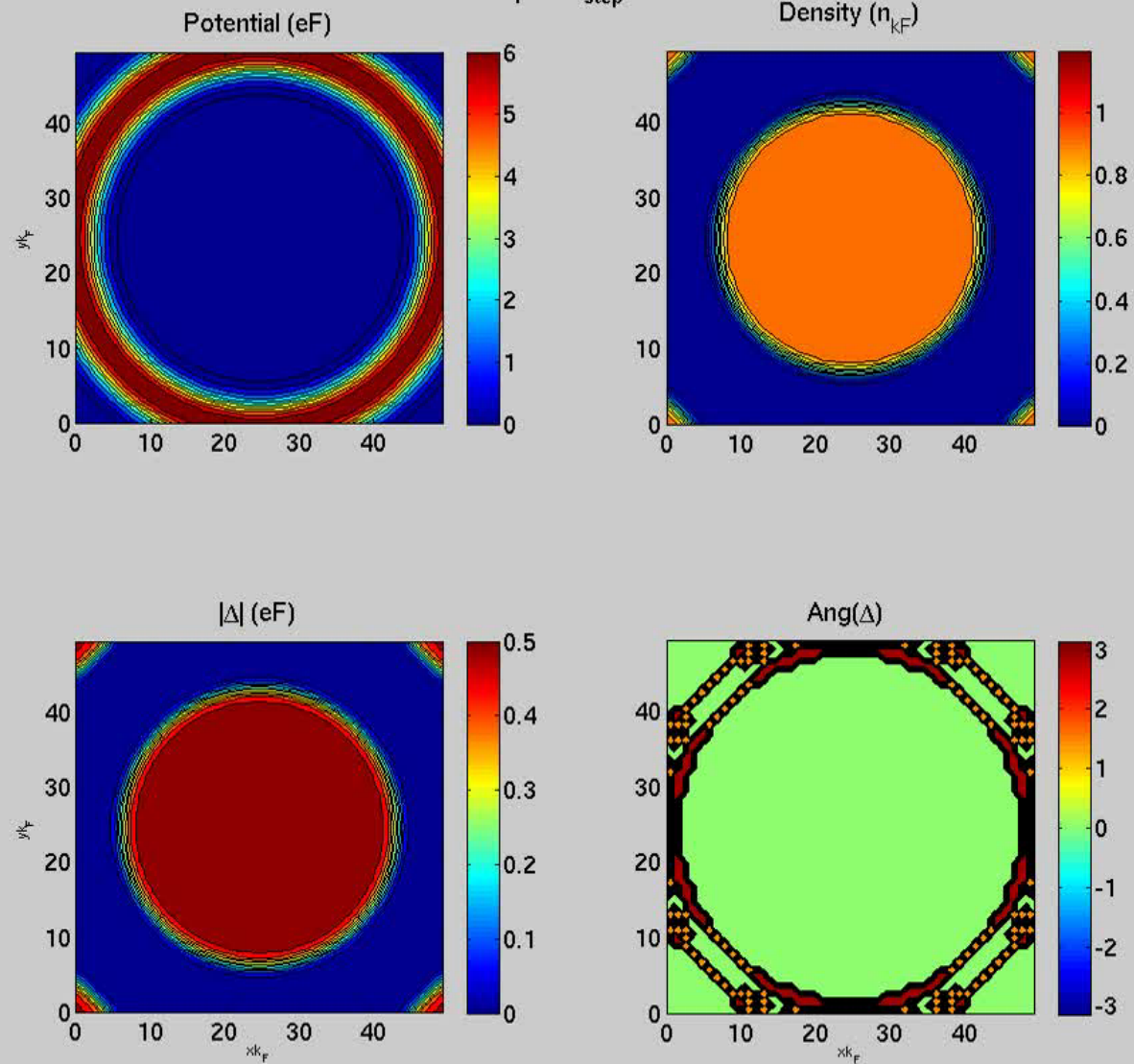
All simulations can be found here: <http://www.phys.washington.edu/groups/qmbnt/UFG>. The simulations can be categorized by the excitations: ball and rod, centered ball, centered small ball, centered big ball, centered supersonic ball, off-centered ball, and twisted stirrer. The following table matches simulations with numerical experiments. In several studies, we present multiple perspectives of the event as well as different plotting schemes to reveal different features of the dynamics.

3D Simulations

Excitation	Link	Description
<i>Ball and Rod</i>		
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	nt-ball-rod-dns-pln.m4v	density volume plot of magnitude of pairing field; 2D slice; 5m28s duration (9.8MB)
	nt-ball-rod-thin-angl.m4v	density contour plot of magnitude of pairing field focused on vortices ; angled front-facing with quarter segment slice; 5m28s duration (12.8MB)
<i>Centered Ball</i>		
	nt-ball-c.m4v	density contour plot of magnitude of pairing field focused on vortices; full geometry ; 3m29s

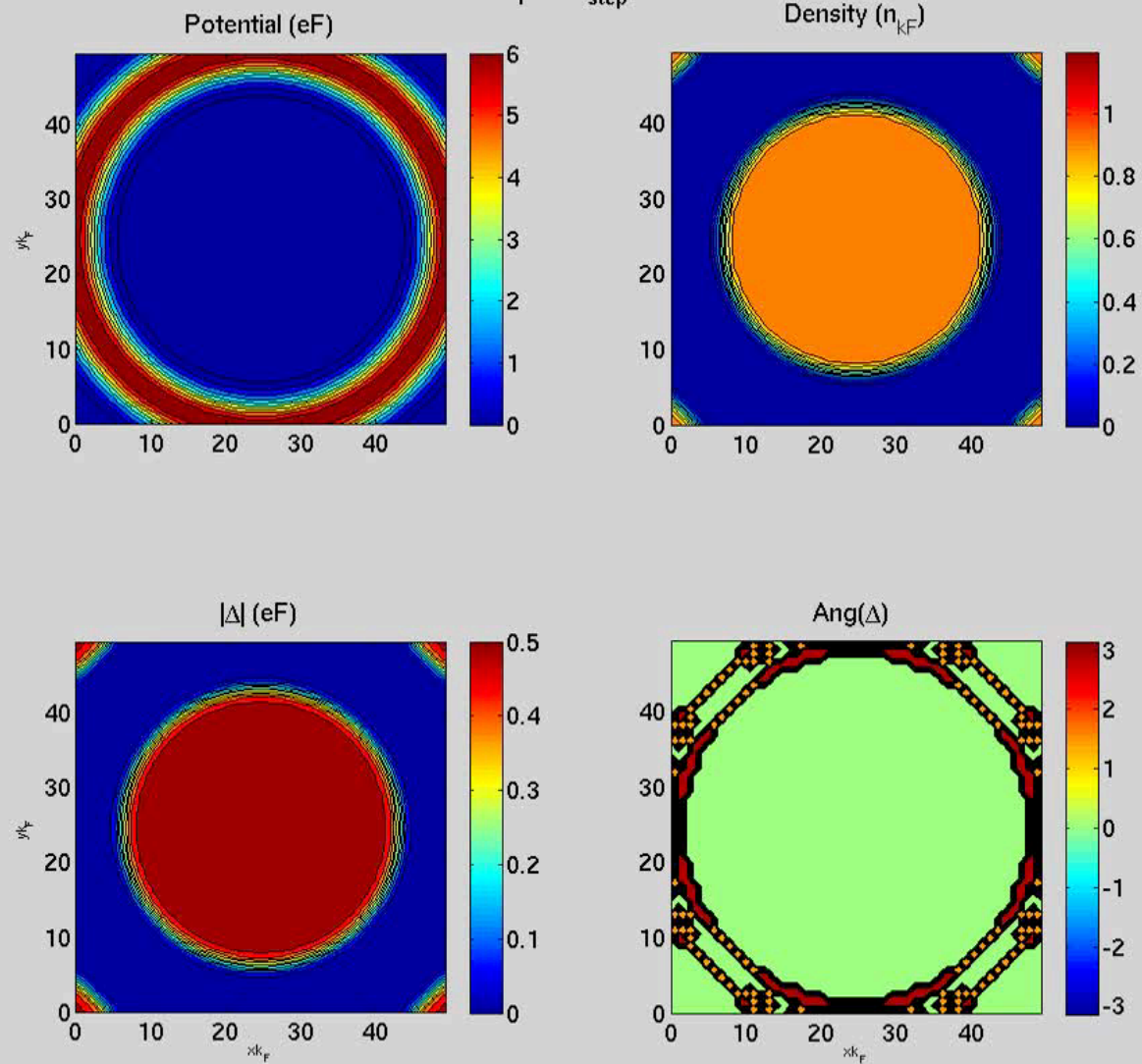
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Time $\varepsilon_F = 0$ $T_{\text{step}} = 1$



Movie

Time $\varepsilon_F = 0$ $T_{\text{step}} = 1$



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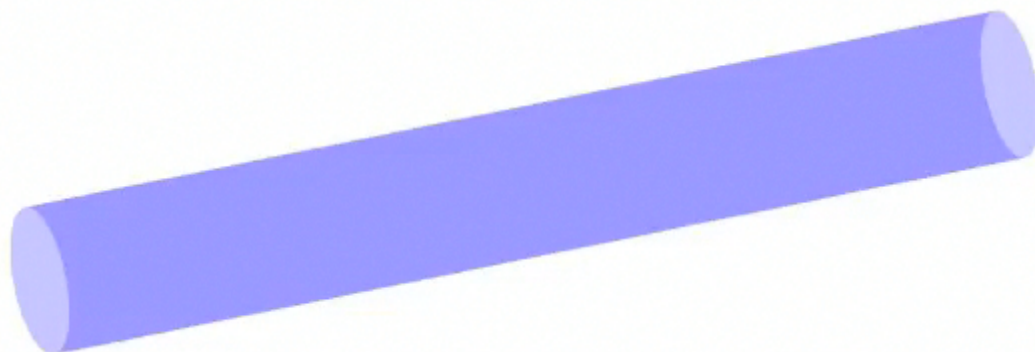
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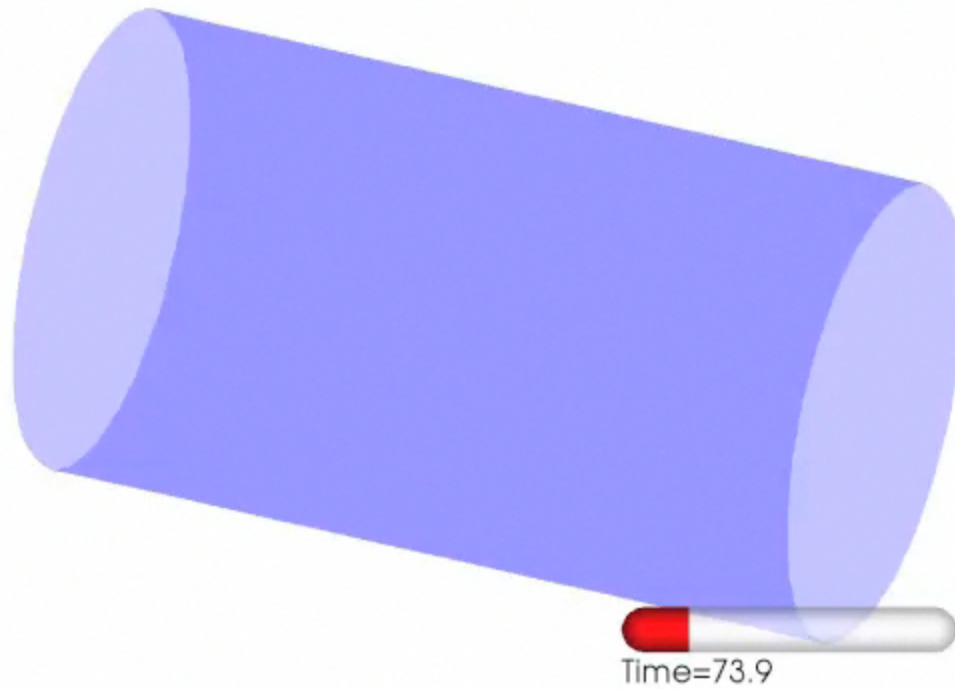
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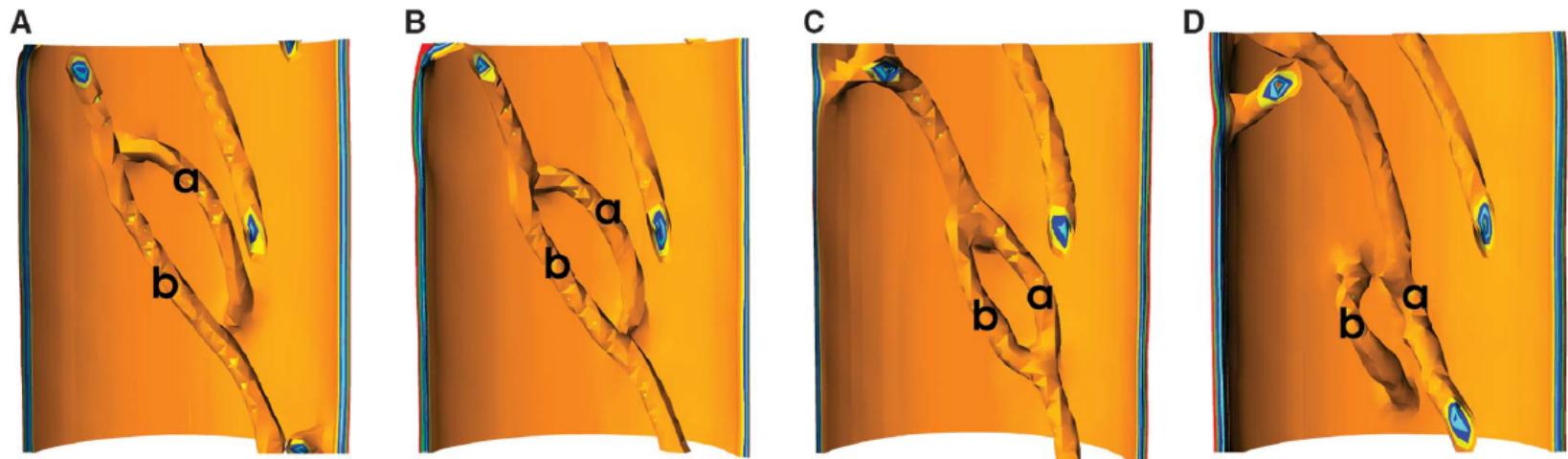
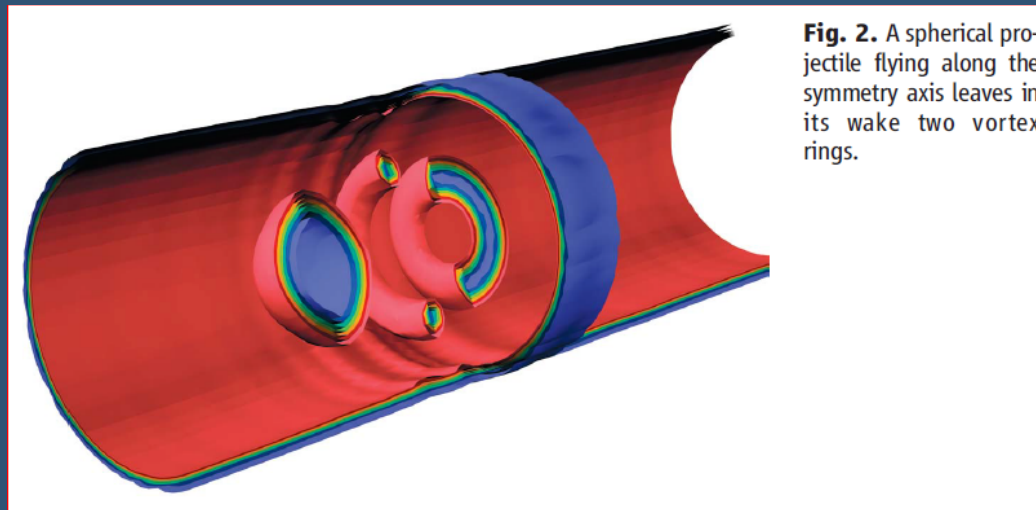


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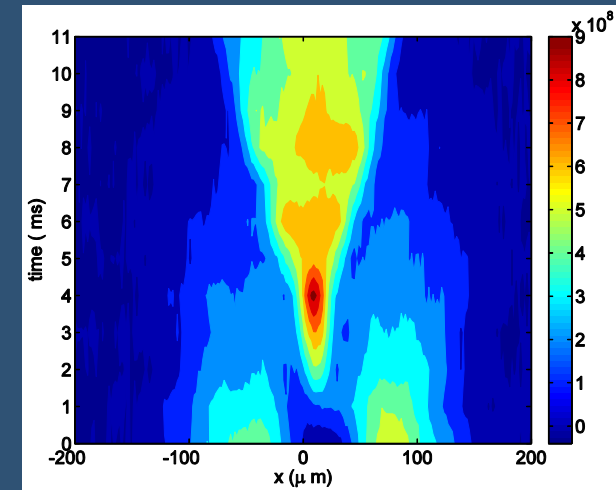
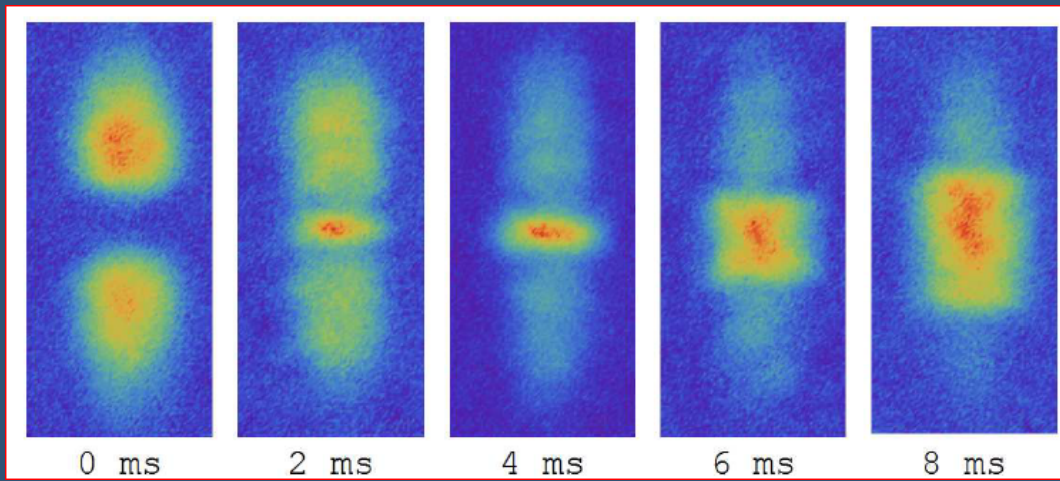
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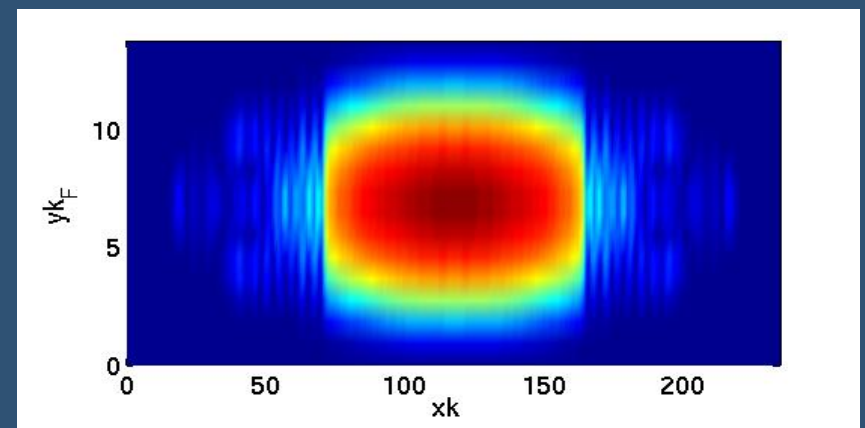
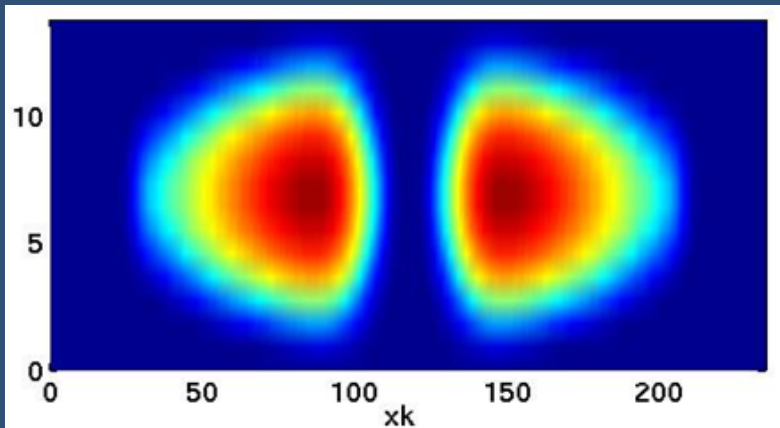


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Observation of shock waves in a strongly interacting Fermi gas

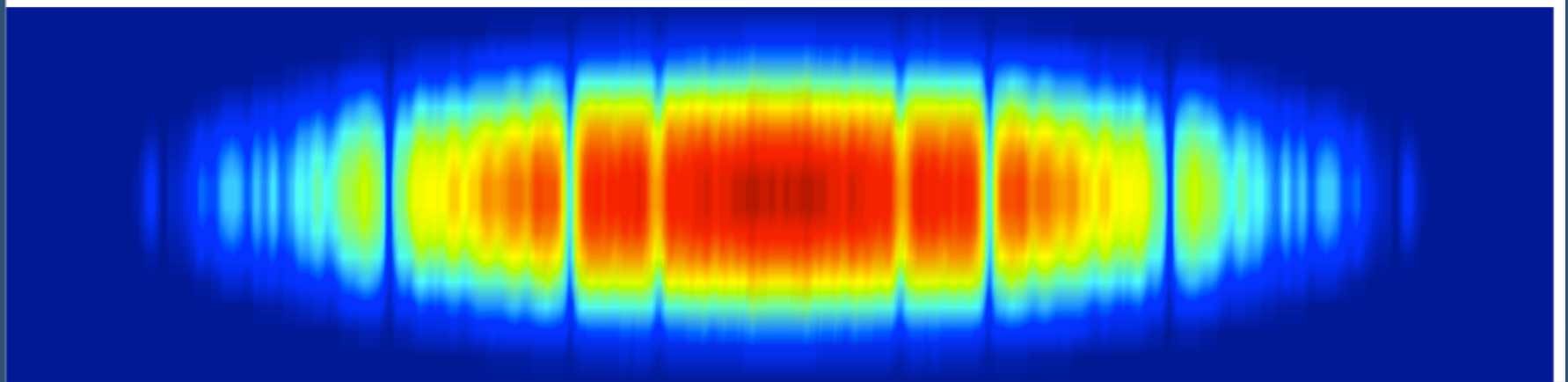
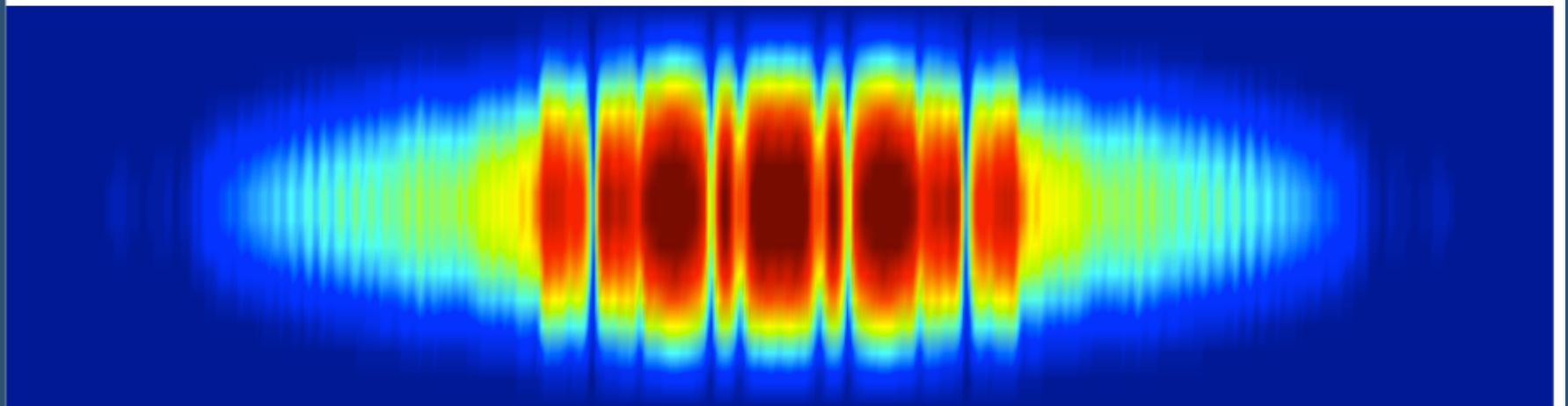
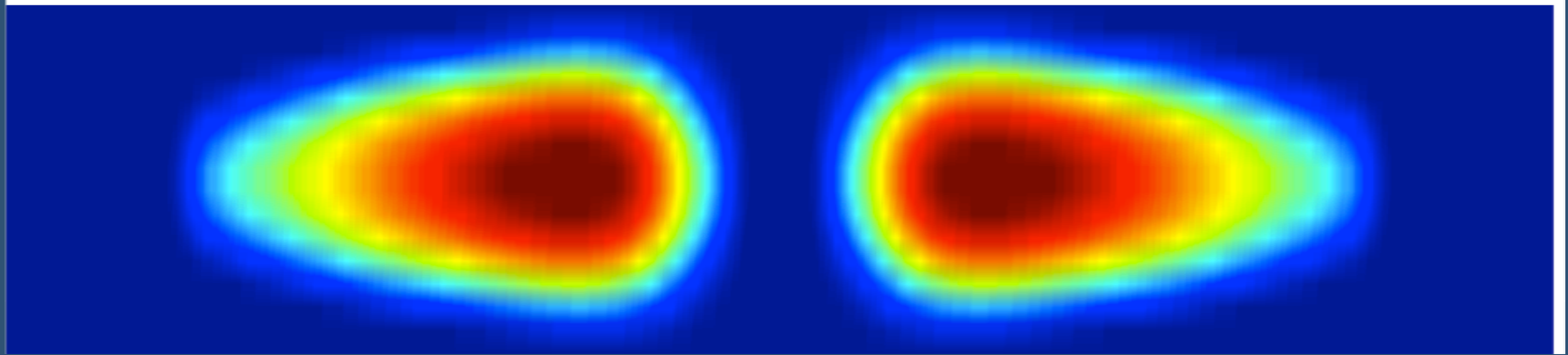
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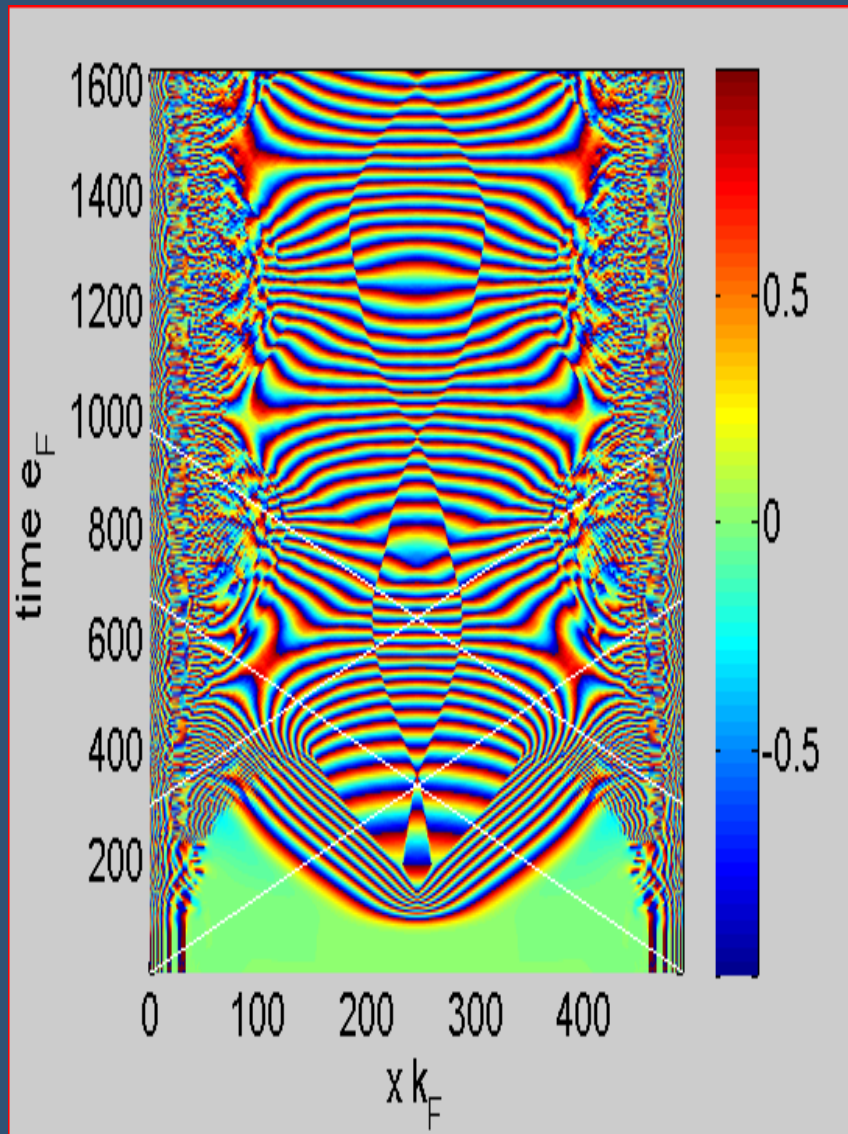
Number density of two colliding cold Fermi gases in TDSLDA

Bulgac, Luo, and Roche, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 150401 (2012)

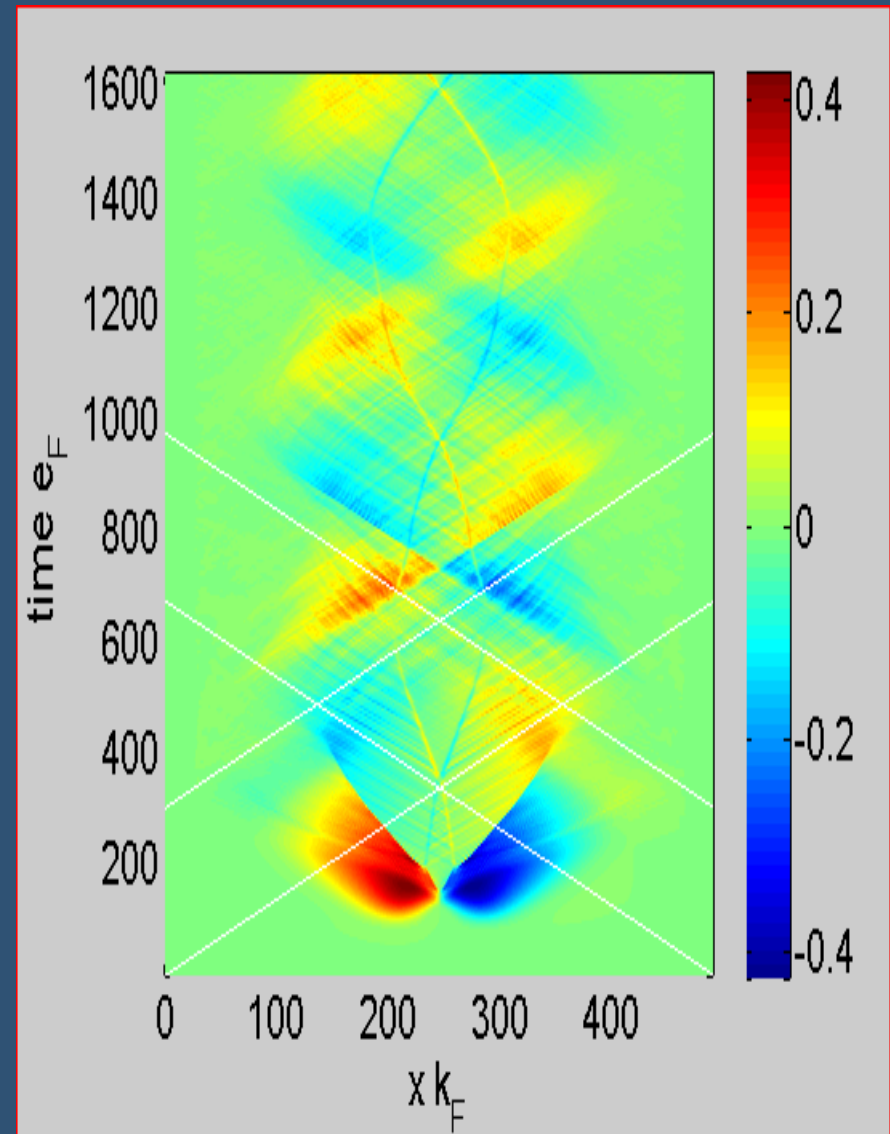
Collision of clouds with larger aspect ratio



Dark solitons/domain walls and shock waves in the collision of two UFG clouds



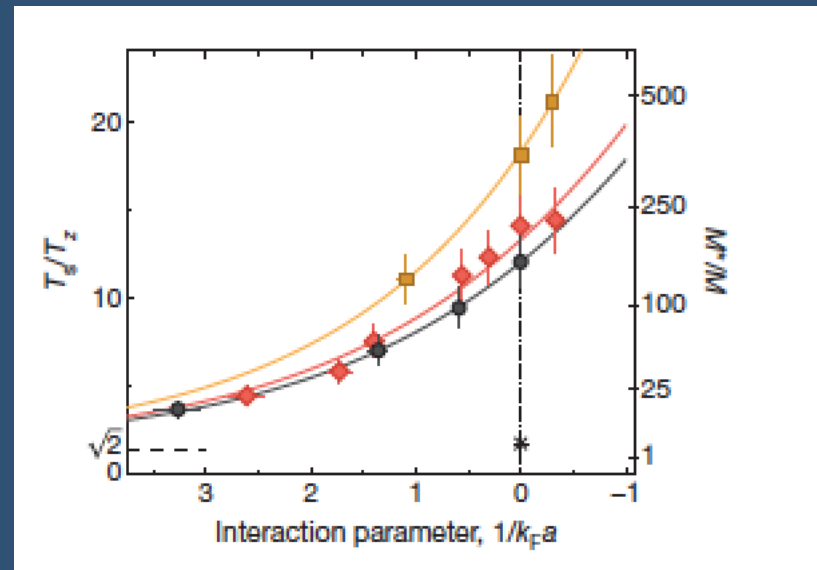
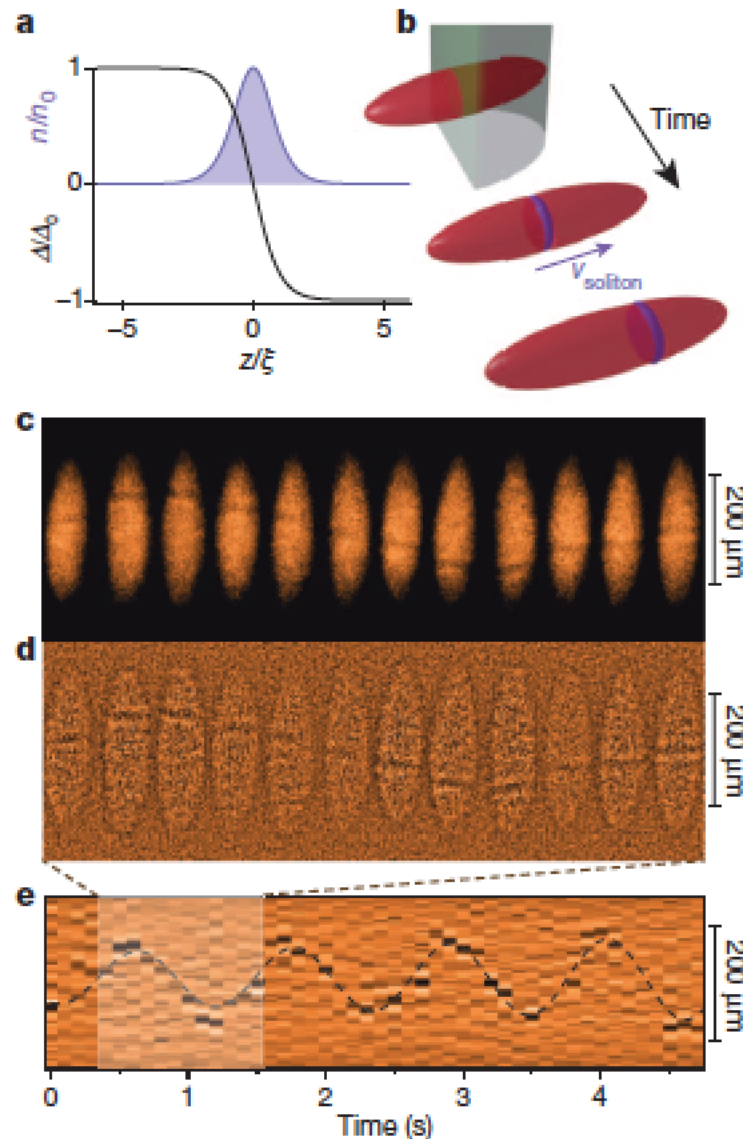
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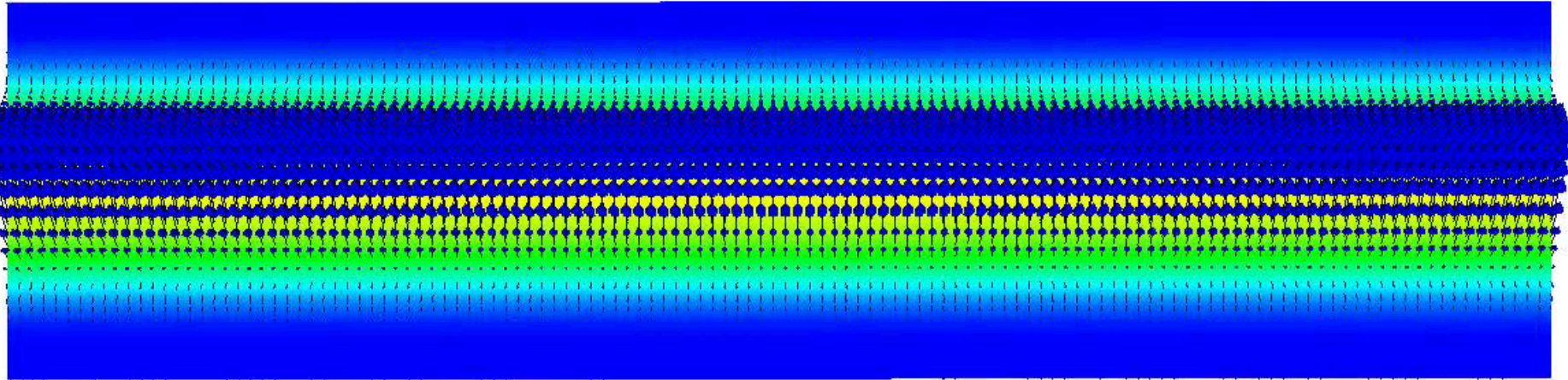
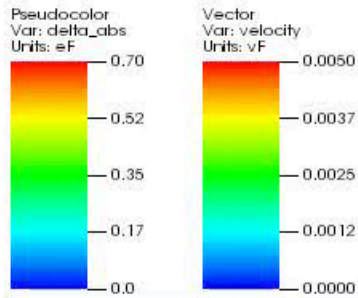
Local velocity normalized to Fermi velocity

Heavy solitons in a fermionic superfluid

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TDSLDA



Time*eF=0.0

Construction of ground state (adiabatic switching with quantum friction), generation of a domain wall using an optical knife, followed by the spontaneous formation of a vortex ring. Approximately 1270 fermions on a 48x48x128 spatial lattice, $\approx 260,000$ complex PDEs, $\approx 309,000$ time-steps, 2048 GPUs on Titan, 27.25 hours of wall time (initial code) Wlazłowski et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 025301 (2014)

Vortex rings

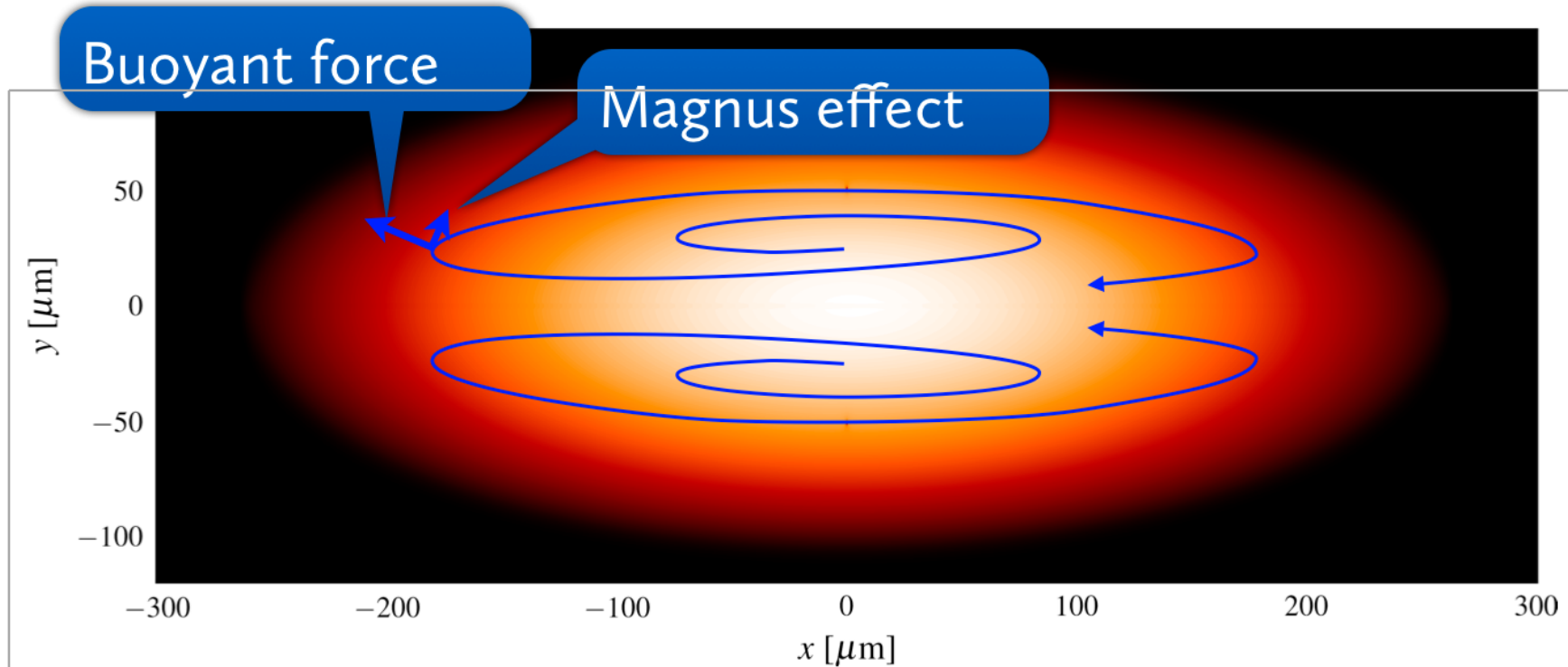
$$E \approx \frac{mn\kappa^2}{2} R \ln \frac{R}{l_{coh}}, \quad \kappa - \text{circulation}$$

$$p \approx mn\kappa\pi R^2$$

$$v = \frac{dE}{dp} \approx \frac{\kappa}{4\pi R} \ln \frac{R}{l_{coh}}$$

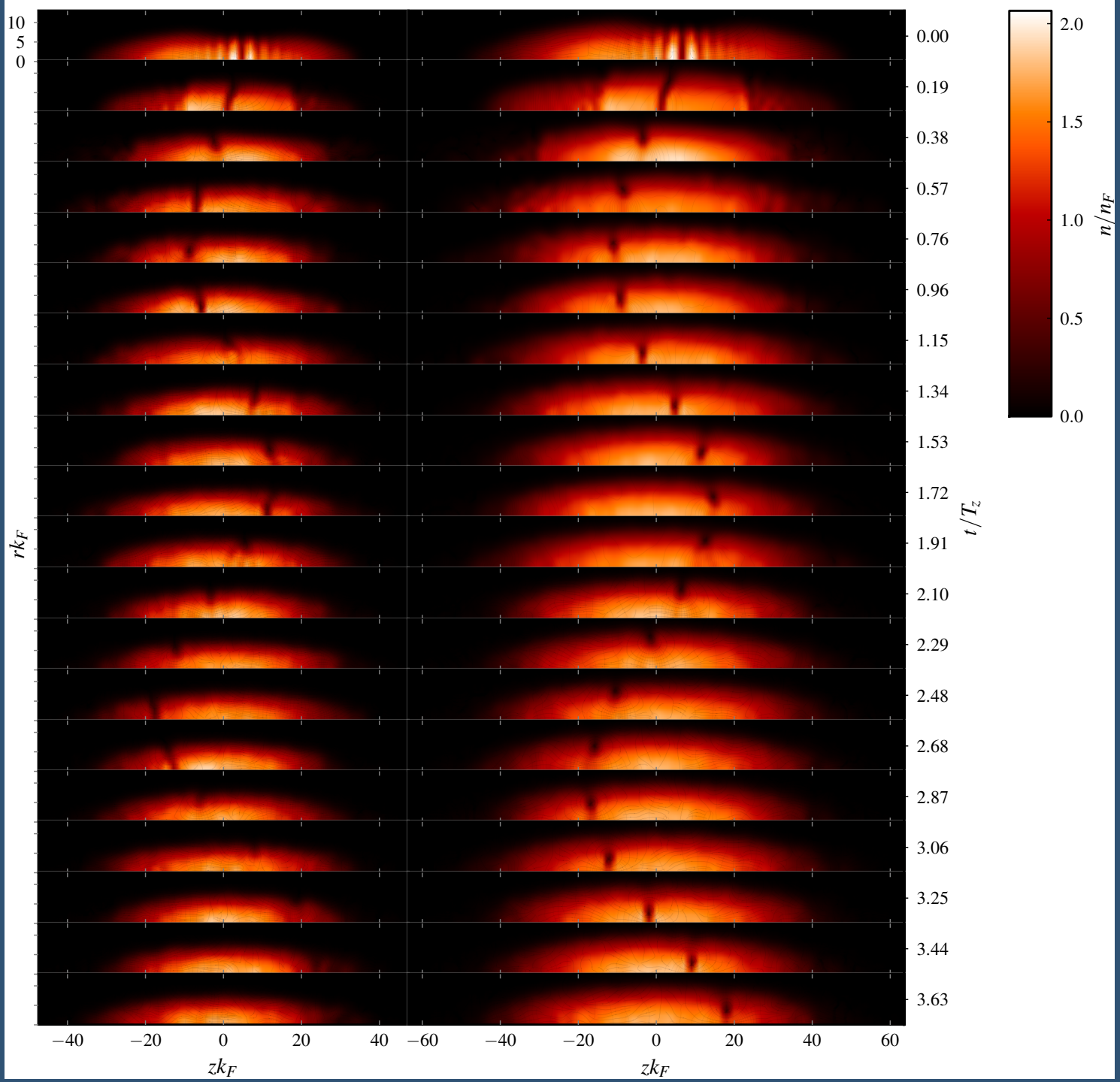
The bigger the vortex ring is the slower it moves

Vortex Ring Motion

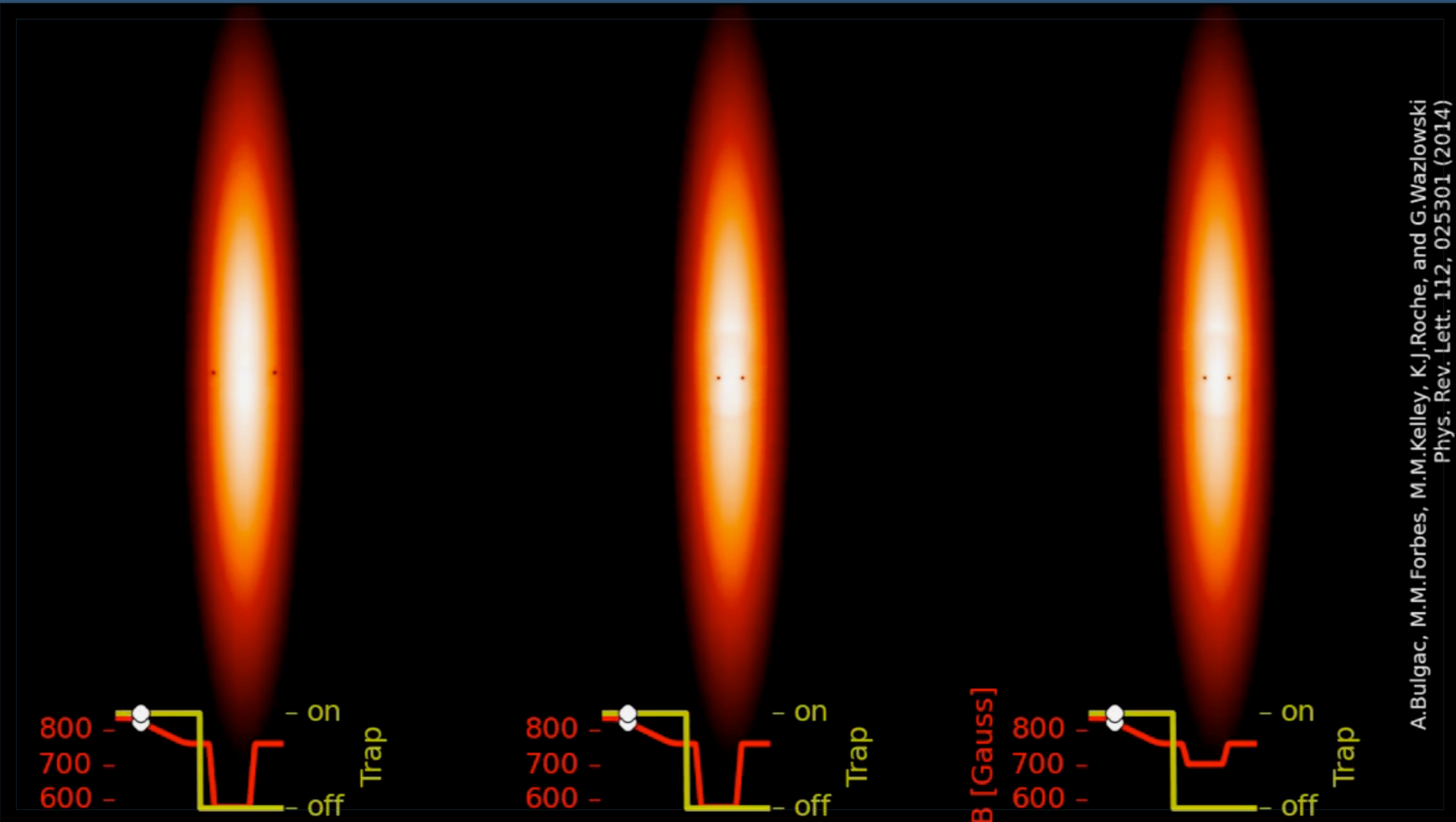


Vortex ring motion (here in the presence of “thermal” noise, hence the inverse decay)

TDSLDA



Imaging the vortex ring in experiment (movie)

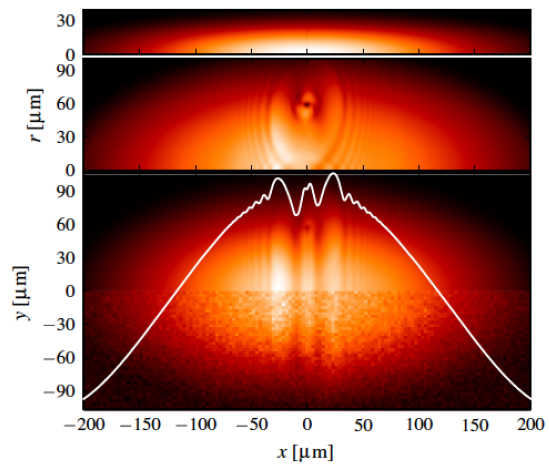


A.Bulgac, M.M.Forbes, M.M.Kelley, K.J.Roche, and G.Wazlowski
Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 025301 (2014)

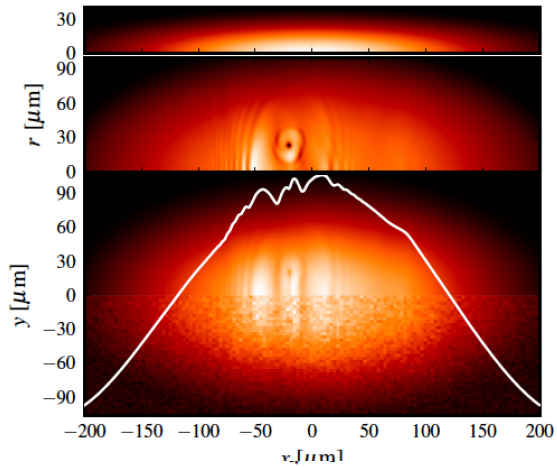
Large ring

Small ring

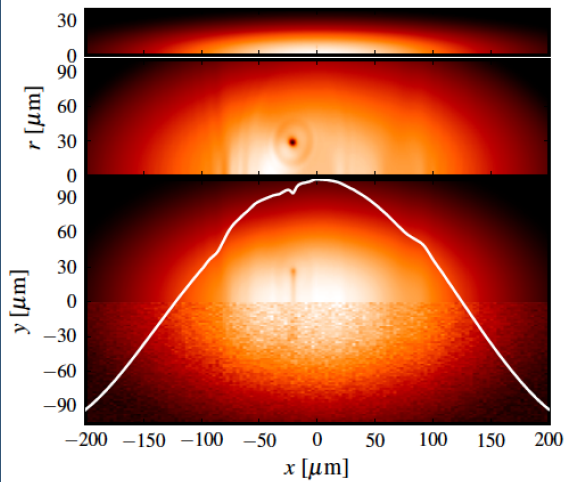
Too large B_{\min}



Large ring



Small ring



Insufficient ramping
of magnetic field

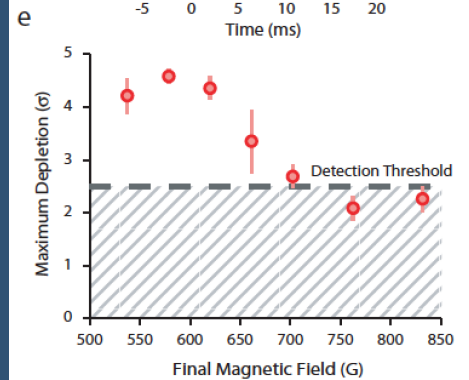
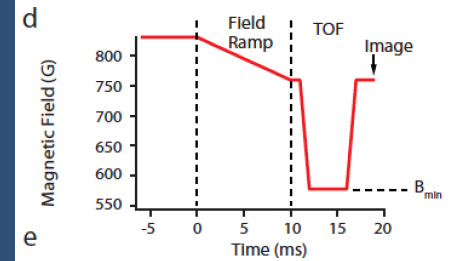
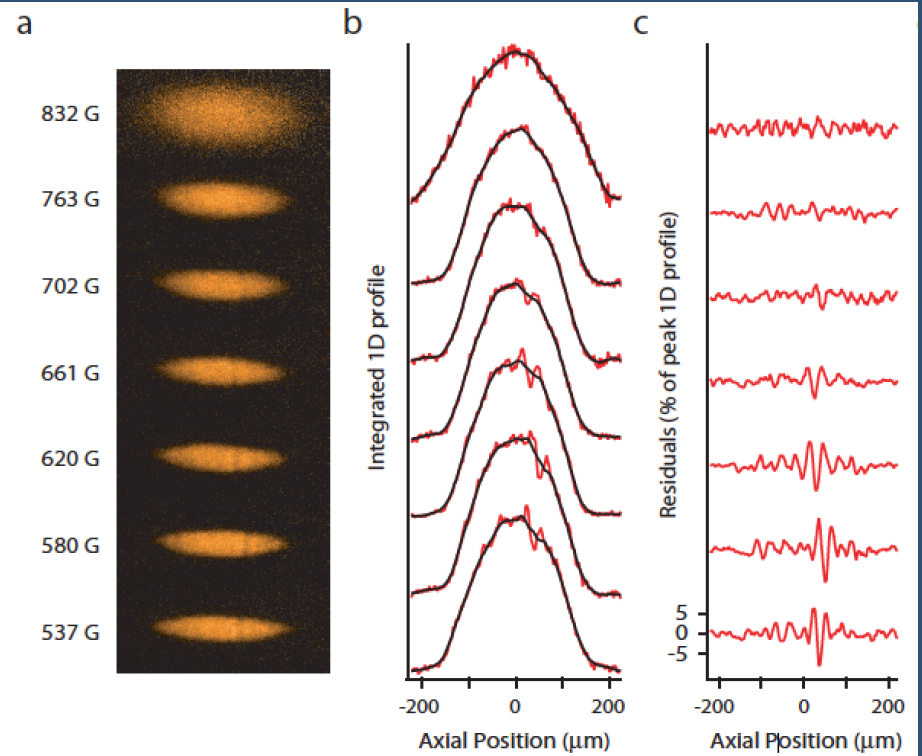
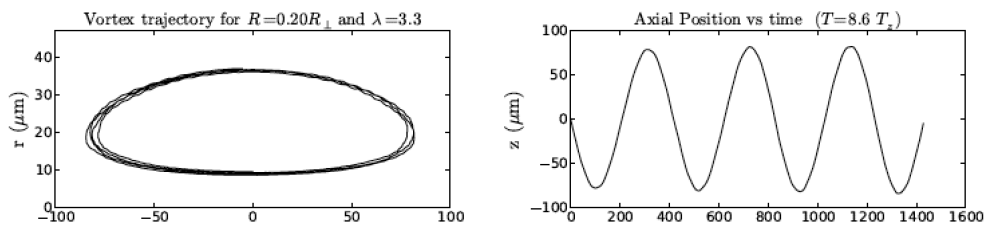
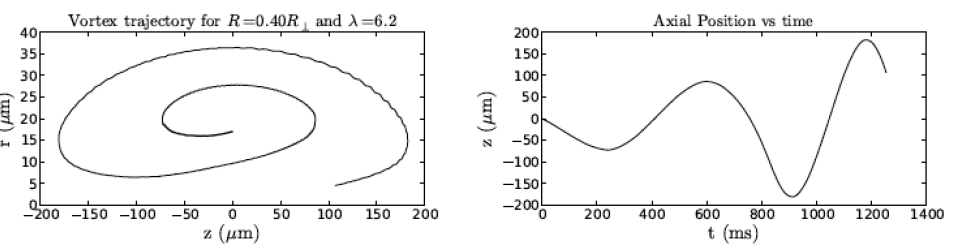


TABLE I. Dependence of the oscillation period on aspect ratio for a vortex ring imprinted with $R_0 = 0.30R_\perp$ at resonance. Note that the ETF consistently underestimates the period by about a factor of 0.56.

Aspect ratio	ETF period	Observed period [18]
$\lambda = 3.3$	$T = 9.9T_z$	$T = 18(2)T_z$
$\lambda = 6.2$	$T = 8.4T_z$	$T = 14(2)T_z$
$\lambda = 15$	$T = 6.7T_z$	$T = 12(2)T_z$



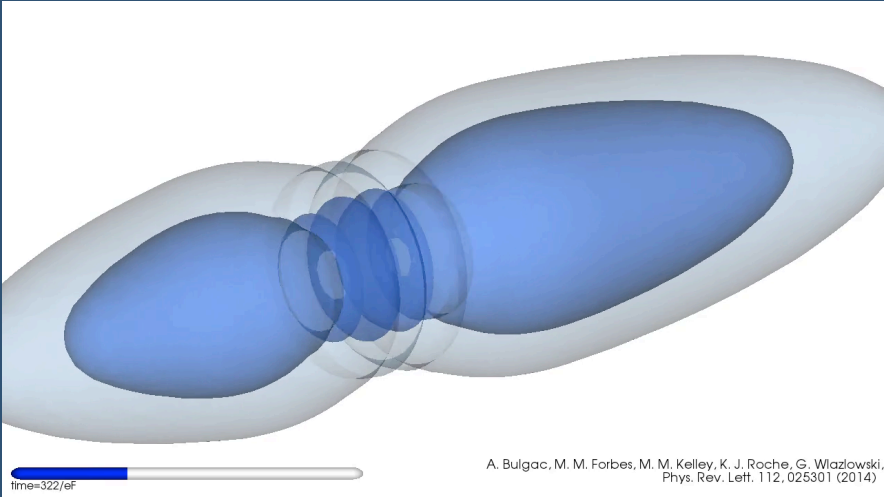
Near harmonic motion close to $T=0$
(very small number of phonons)



Anti-damping of the motion in the presence
of a considerable number of phonons

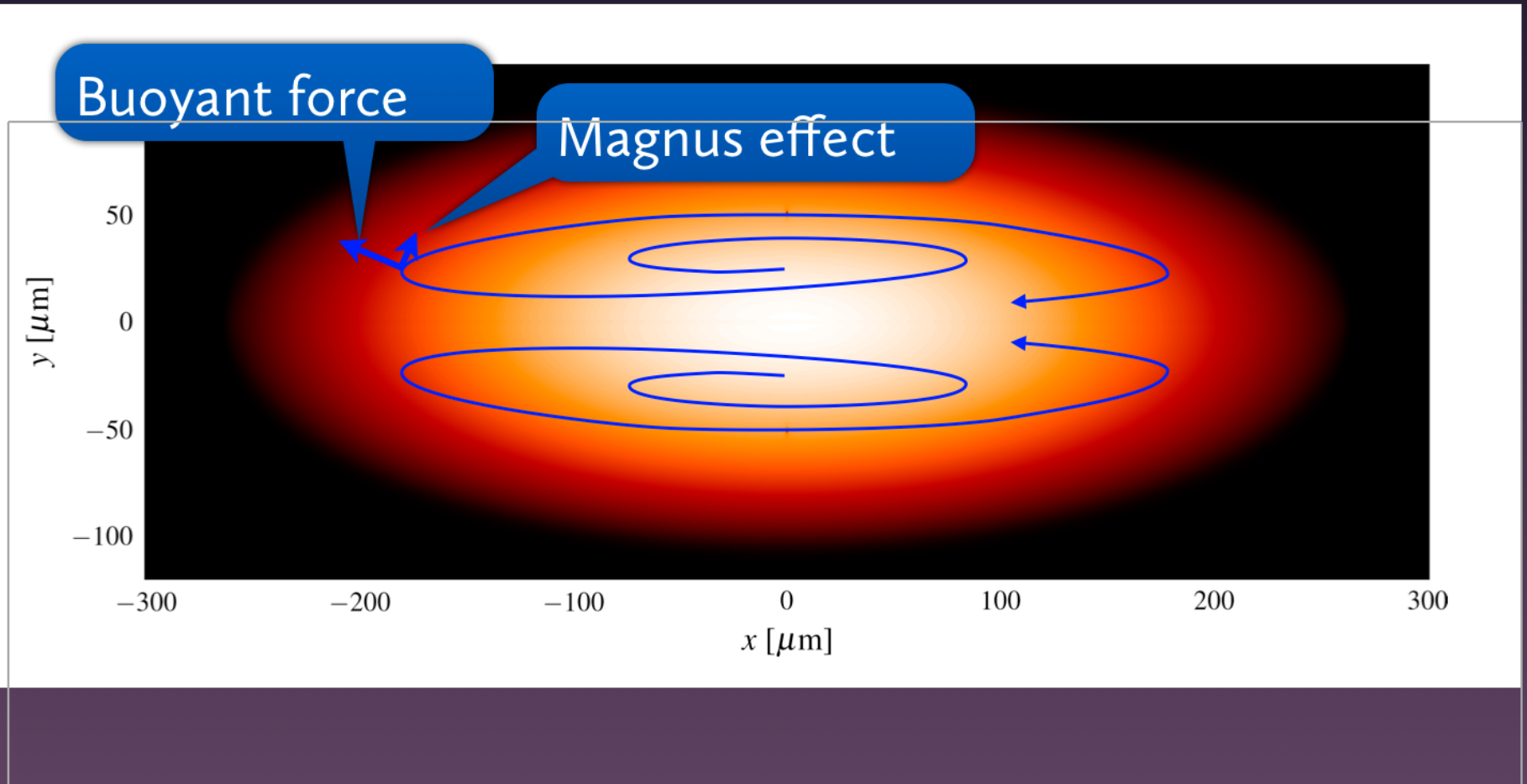
TABLE II. Benchmark of the ETF periods to the SLDA periods for sizes $24 \times 24 \times 96$, $32 \times 32 \times 128$, and $48 \times 48 \times 128$.

Size	T_{ETF}	T_{SLDA}	$T_{\text{SLDA}}/T_{\text{ETF}}$
$24 \times 24 \times 96$	$1.4T_z$	$1.7T_z$	1.2
$32 \times 32 \times 128$	$1.6T_z$	$1.9T_z$	1.2
$48 \times 48 \times 128$	$1.9T_z$	$2.6T_z$	1.4



TDSLDA (movie)

Vortex Ring Motion



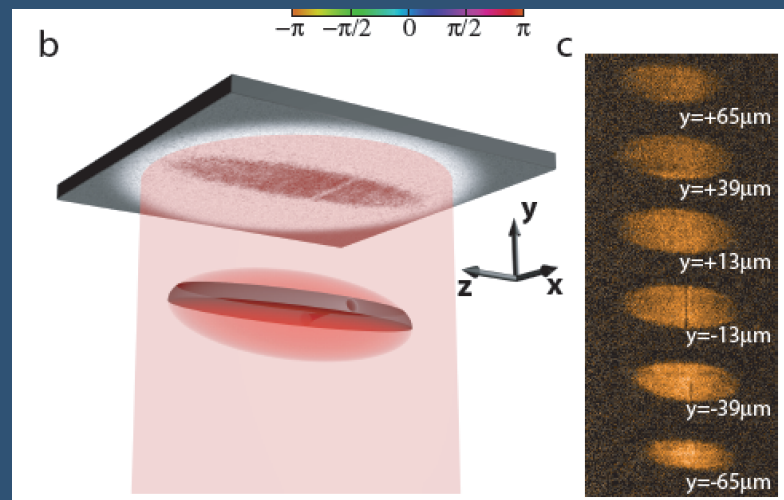
Vortex ring motion (here in the presence of “thermal” noise, hence the inverse decay)

The 2014 MIT experiment:

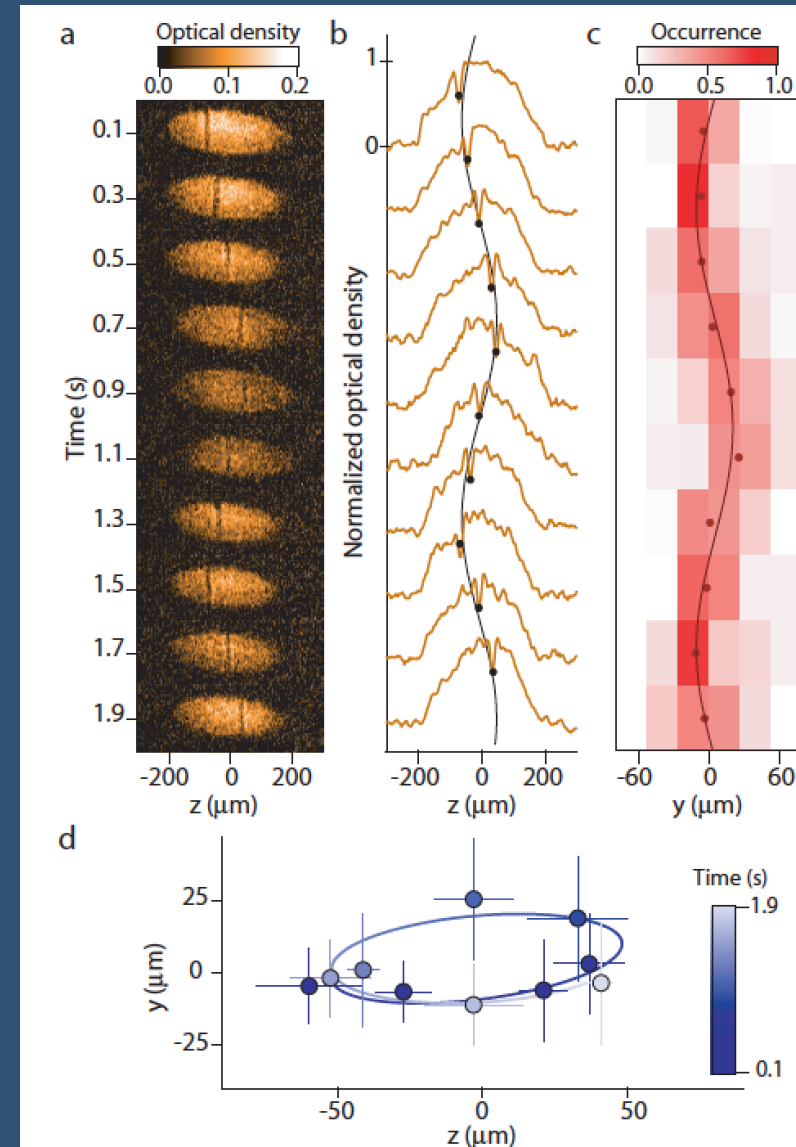
Motion of a Solitonic Vortex in the BEC-BCS Crossover

Ku, Ji, Mukherjee, Guardado-Sanchez, Cheuk, Yefsah, Zwierlein

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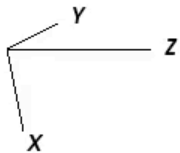
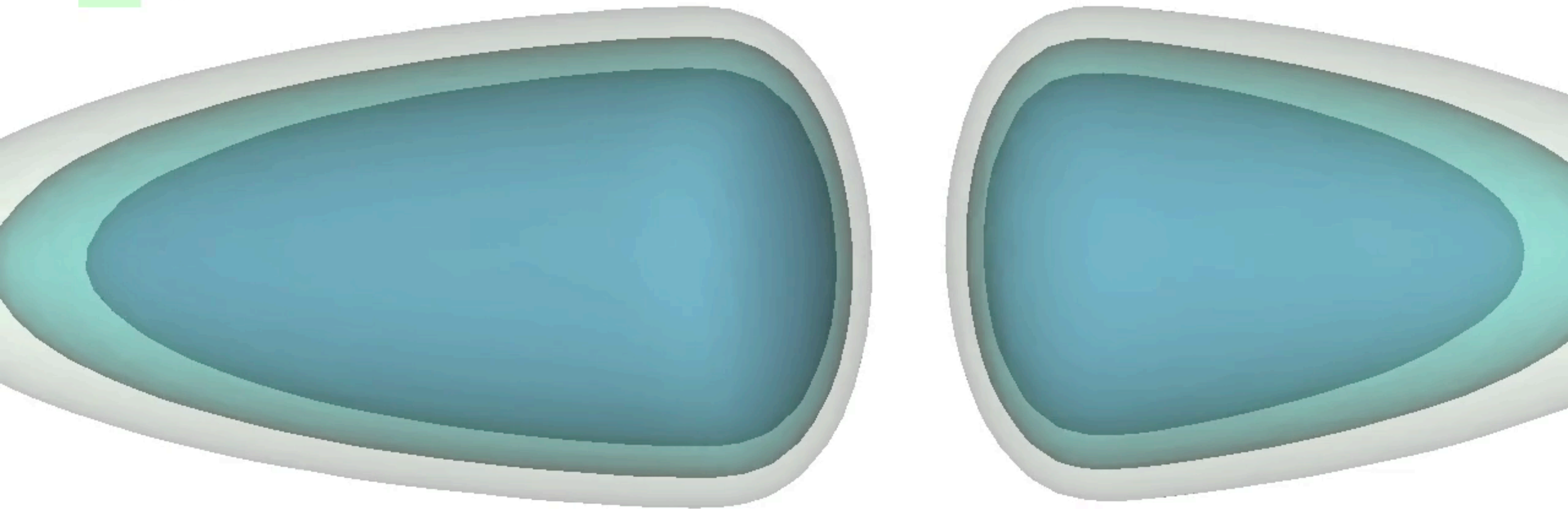
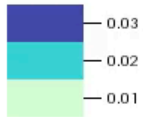


- In this case the trap is triaxial, the long and medium axes horizontal
- The excitation in this case has the width of a vortex line (it is not wide as it was in the previous experiment, different imaging procedure) and it is a horizontal vortex aligned with the medium axis
- The period is again much larger than that of a domain wall
- Motion is again almost harmonic and the trajectory is very similar to that of the vortex ring



What TDSLDA tells us in the case of an axially non-symmetric trap, similar to the 2014 MIT experiment? (movie)

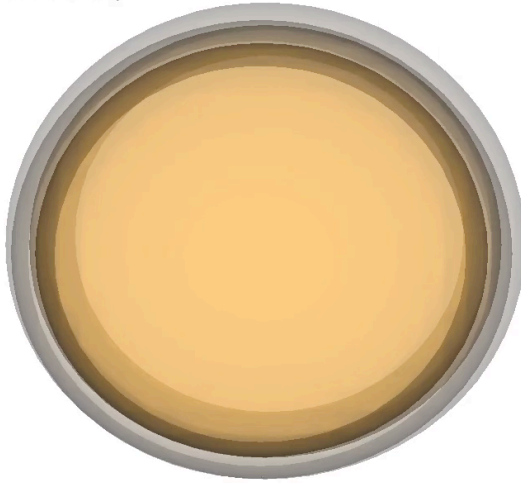
Density profiles



time* eF =400.7

In agreement with the new experiment, when axial symmetry is broken a domain wall, converts to a vortex ring, which shortly becomes a vortex line.

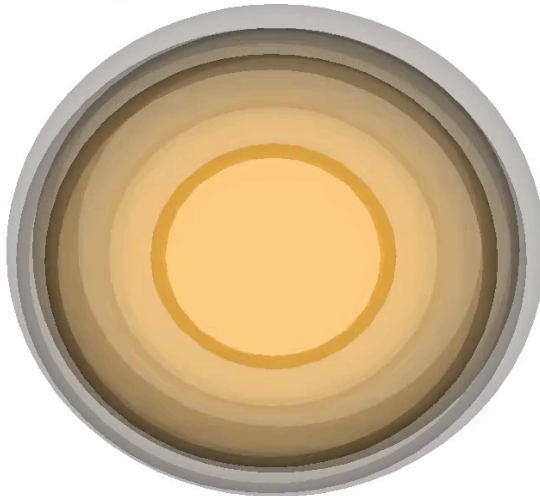
Delta profiles (in units of eF)



time $\cdot eF = 399.2$

**View along the long axis
(y-axis vertical, movie)**

Delta profiles (in units of eF)



time $\cdot eF = 404.3$

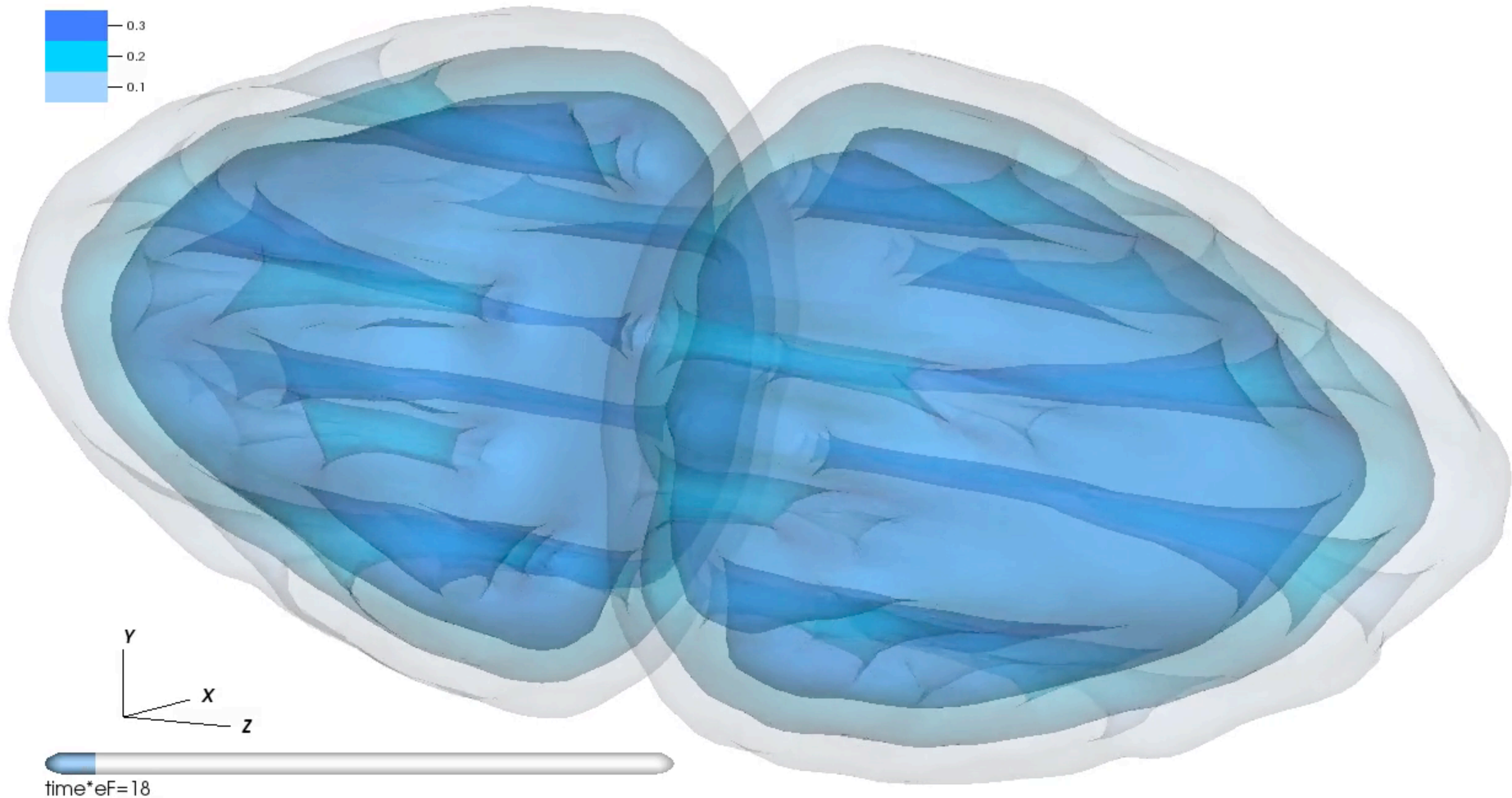
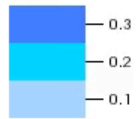
**In a slightly different geometry
one can put directly in evidence
in great detail the crossing and
reconnection of vortex lines, the
mechanism envisioned by Feynman
in 1955 as the route to Quantum
Turbulence (movie)**

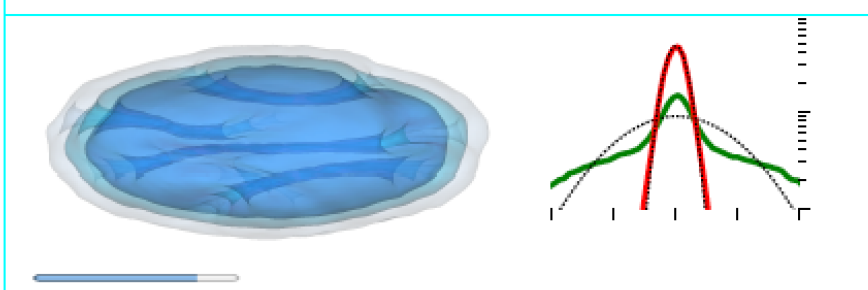
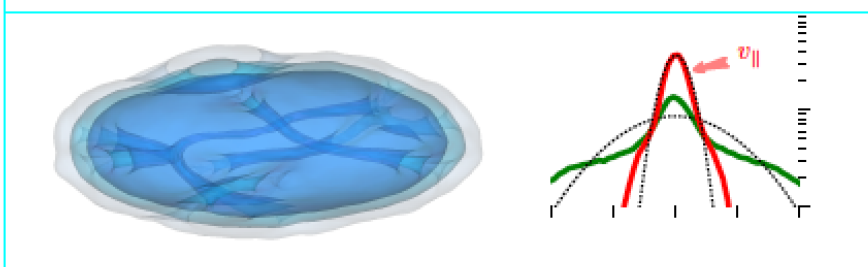
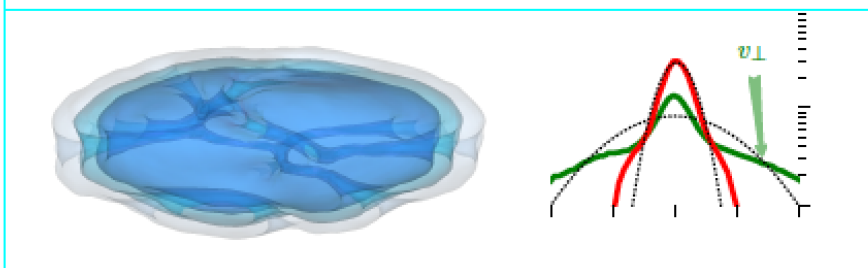
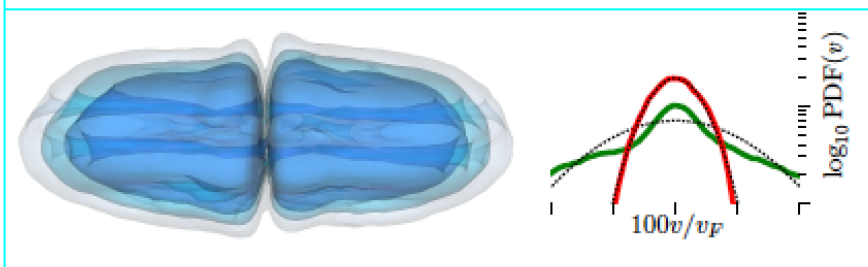
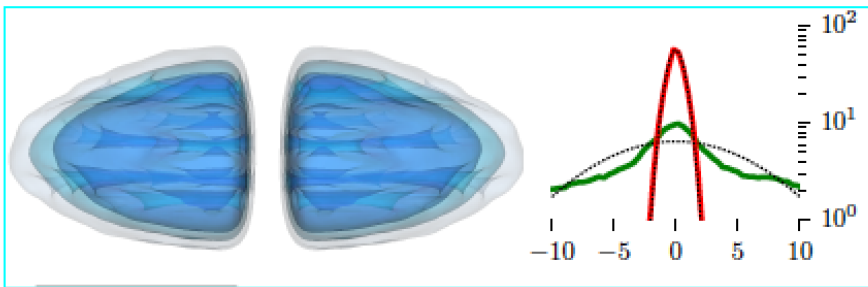
Classical Turbulence

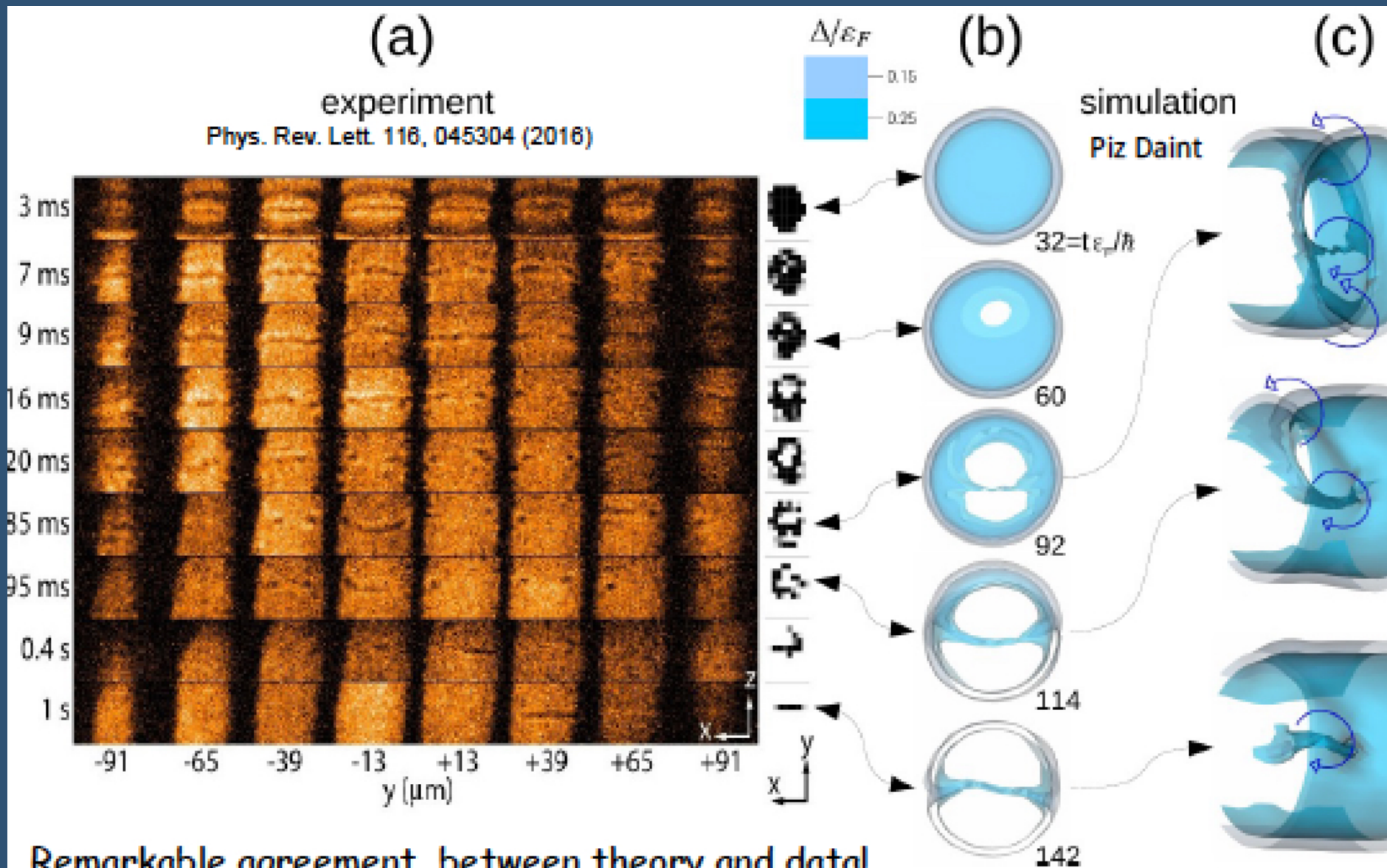


Exciting quantum turbulence in a unitary Fermi gas in a trap

Pairing field profiles (in units of eF)





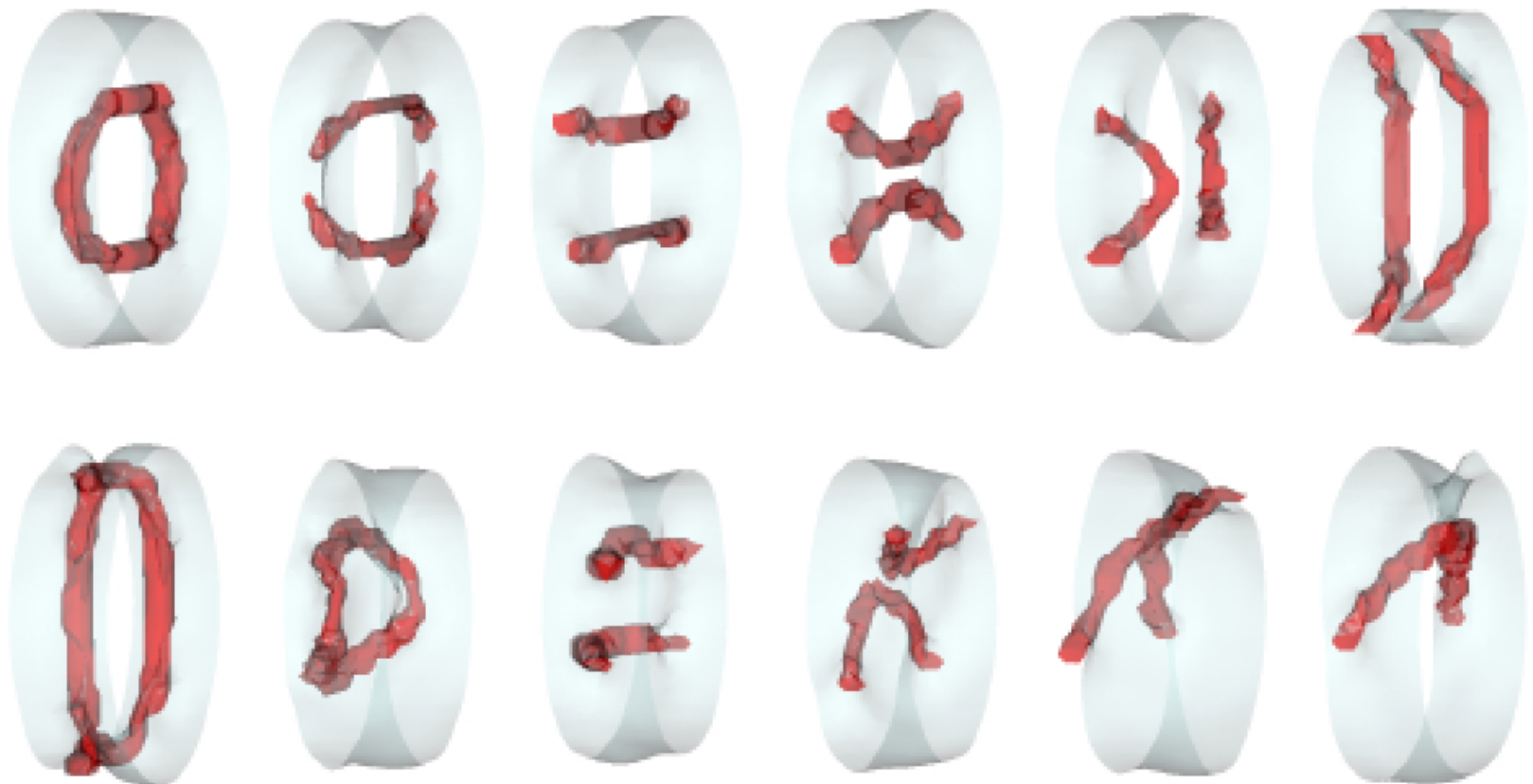


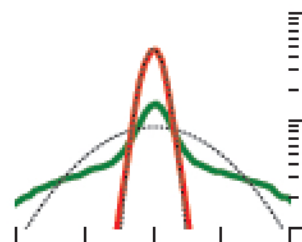
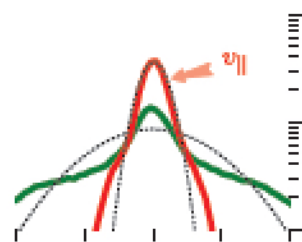
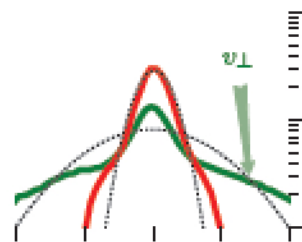
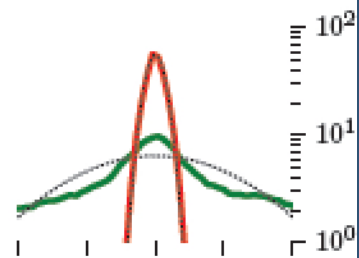
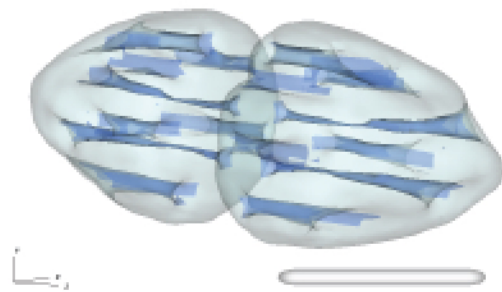
Remarkable agreement between theory and data!
Other approaches fail!

Quantum Turbulence

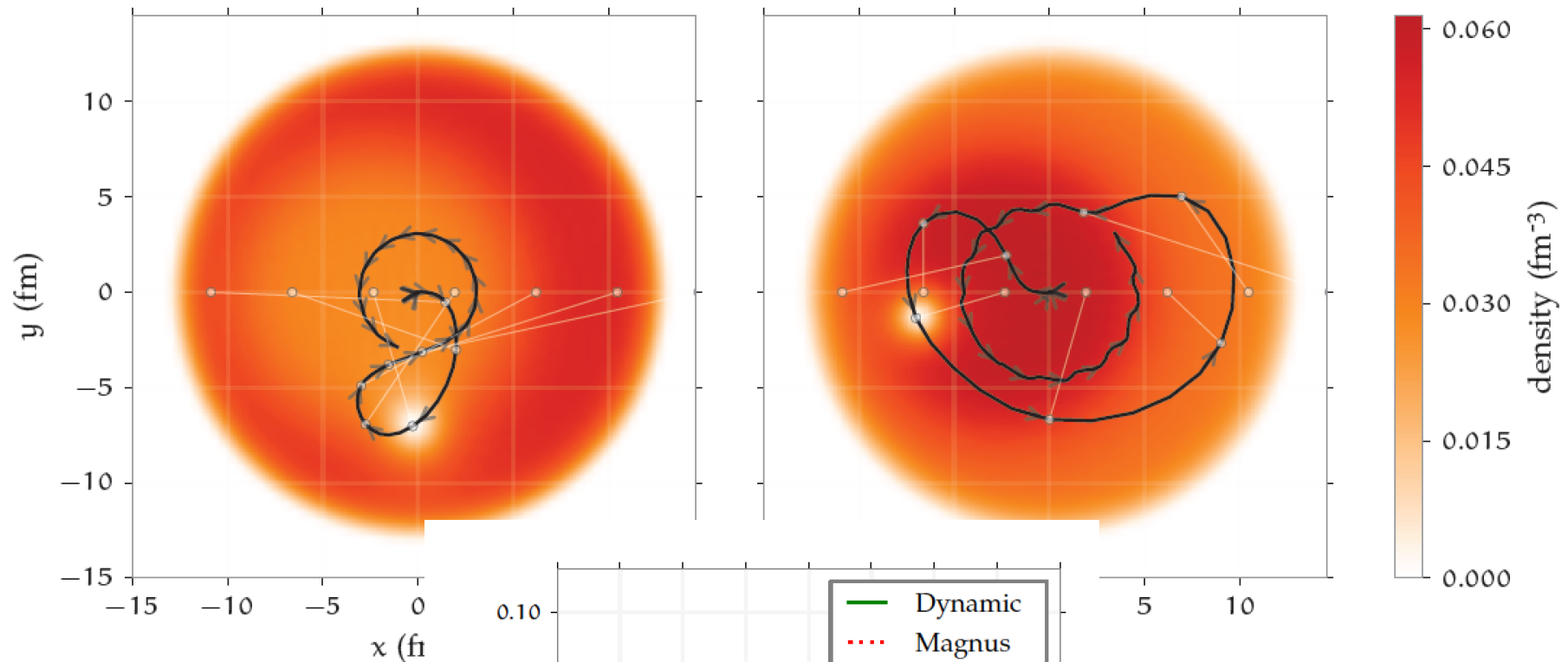
Crossing and reconnections of quantized vortices

Feynman (1956)

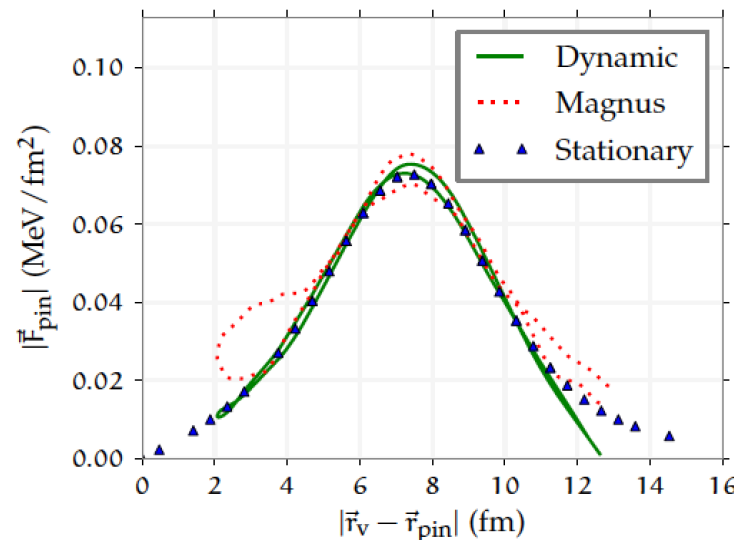




How to compute the pinning energy of a vortex on nucleus in the neutron star crust



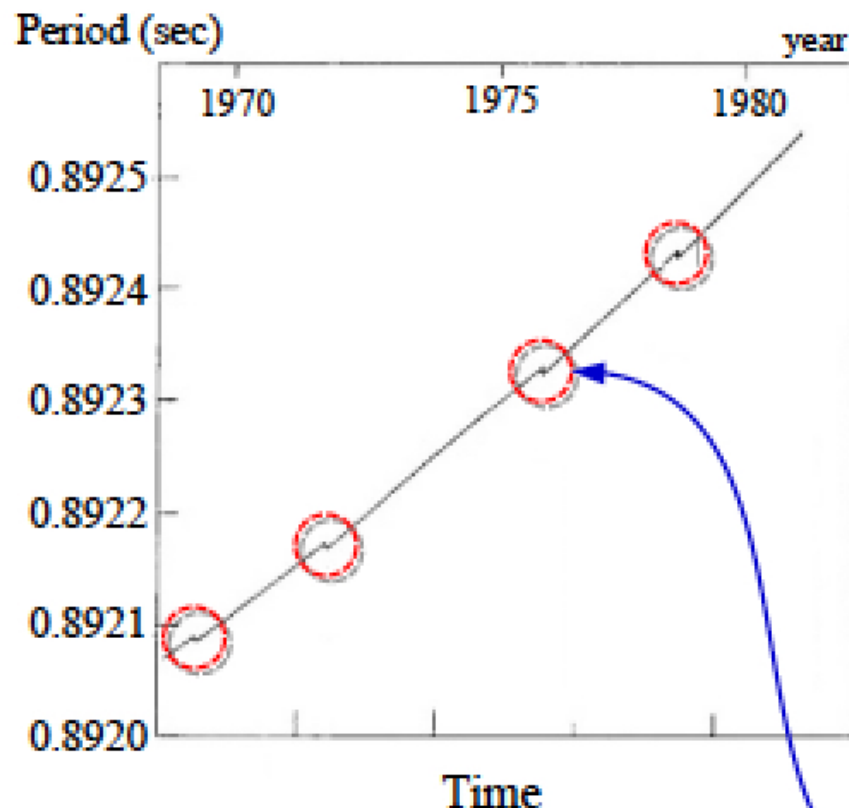
Attraction



Repulsion

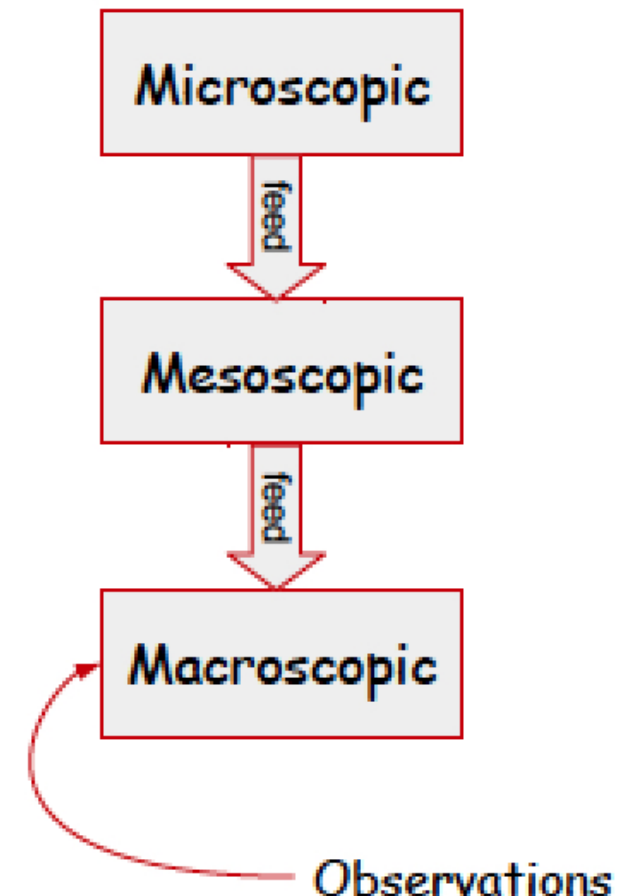
Our motivation: Glitch (a sudden increase of the rotational frequency)

Glitches in the Vela pulsar



V.B. Bhatia, A Textbook of Astronomy and Astrophysics with Elements of Cosmology, Alpha Science, 2001.

Hierarchy of theories:



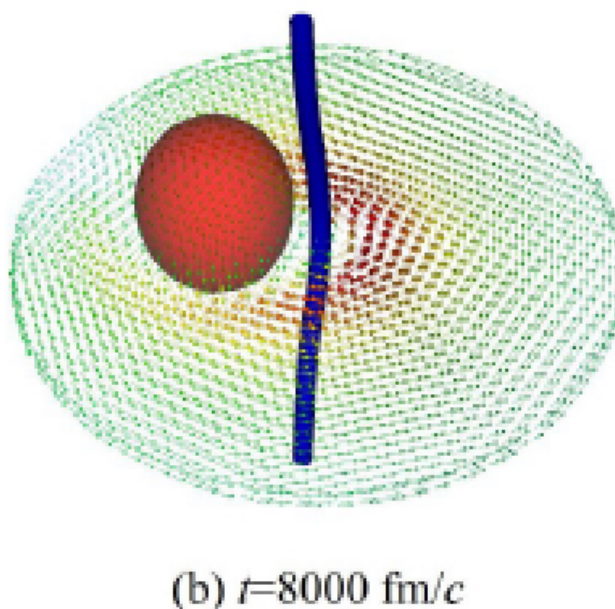
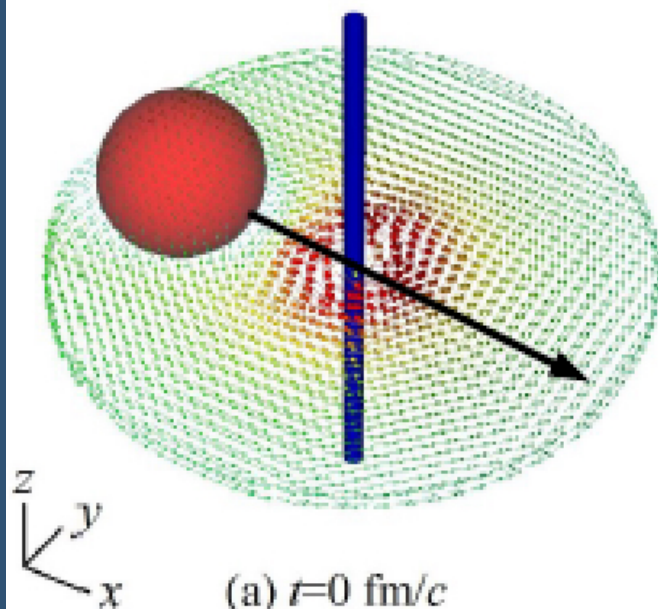
➤ Vortex model

(P. W. Anderson and N. Itoh, Nature 256 (1975))

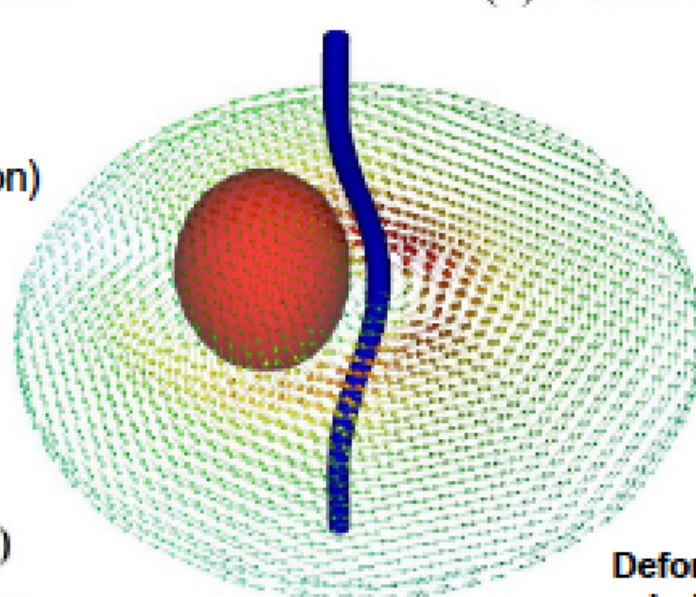
- Presently the standard picture for pulsar glitches

$$(n = 0.031 \text{ fm}^{-3})$$

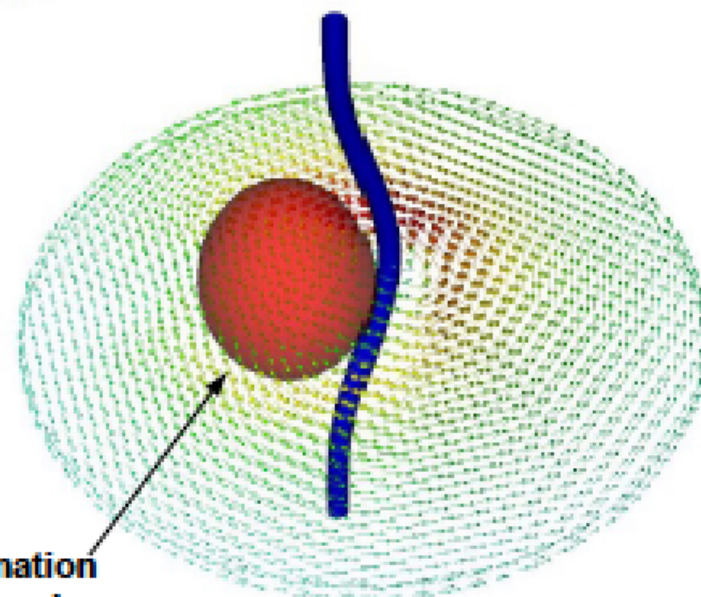
We drag
the impurity along
a line and observe
the vortex
response...



Dragging velocity:
 $v_d = 0.001c \ll v_c$
(~adiabatic evolution)

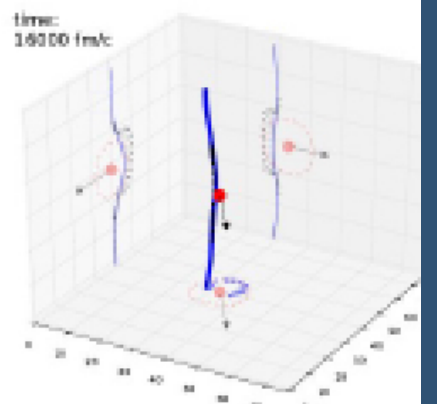
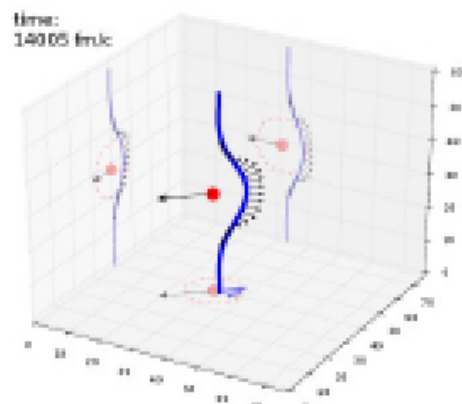
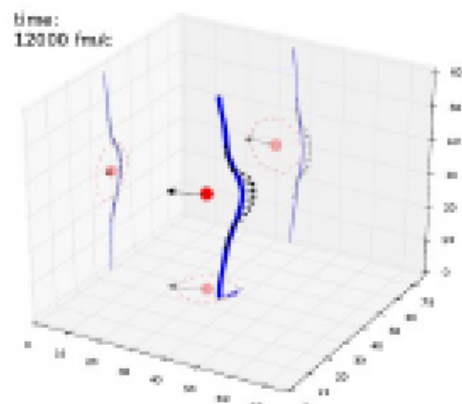
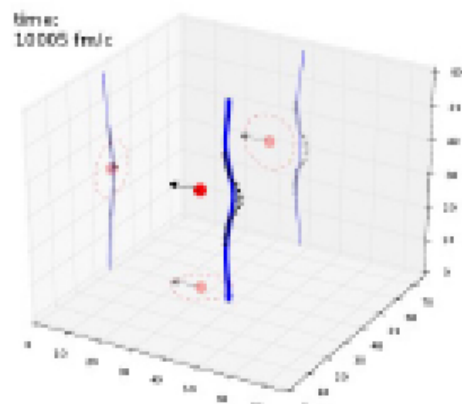
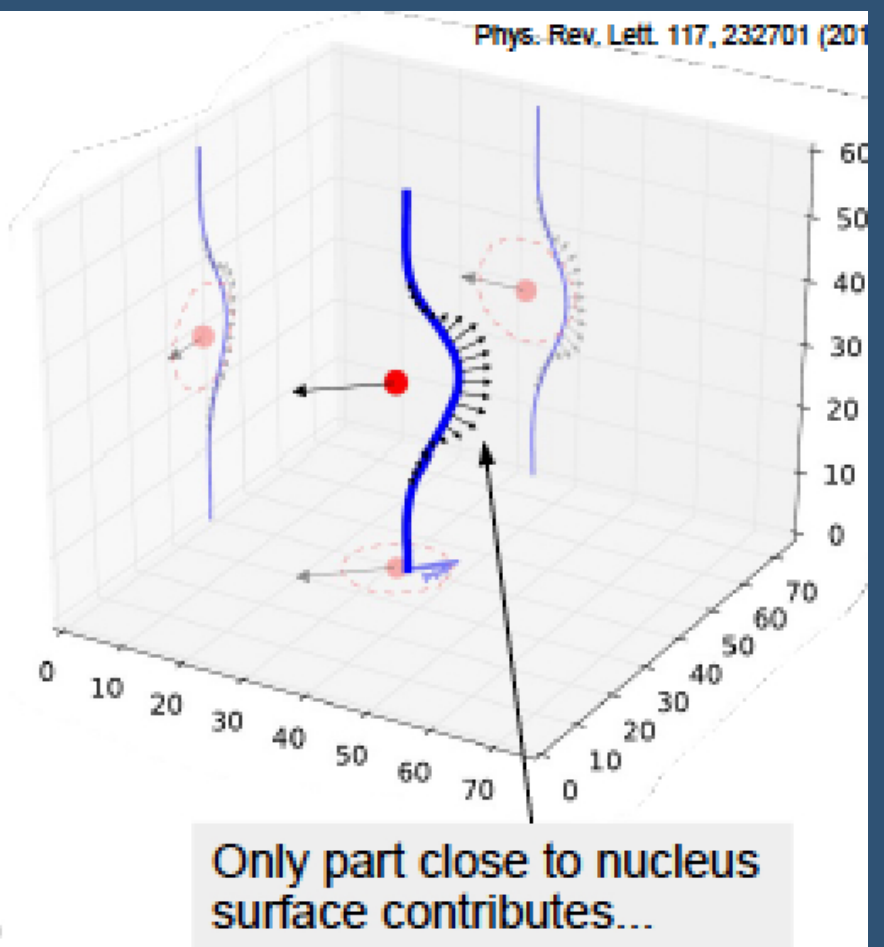
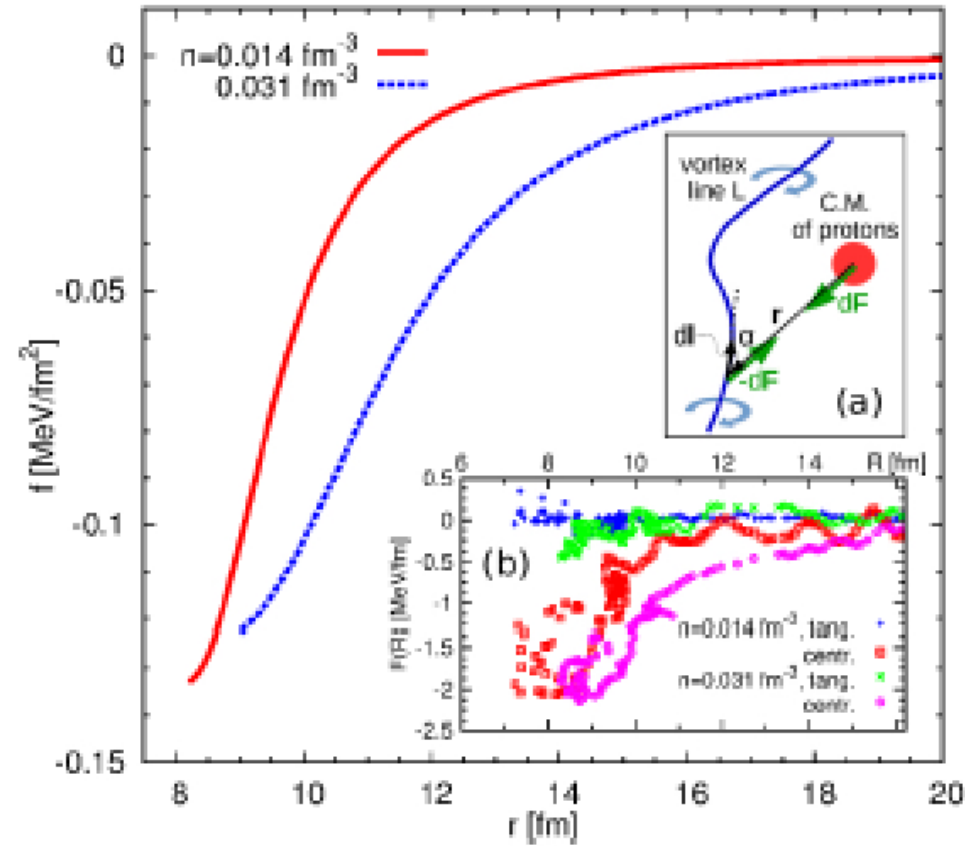


Deformation
induced
by the mutual
interaction

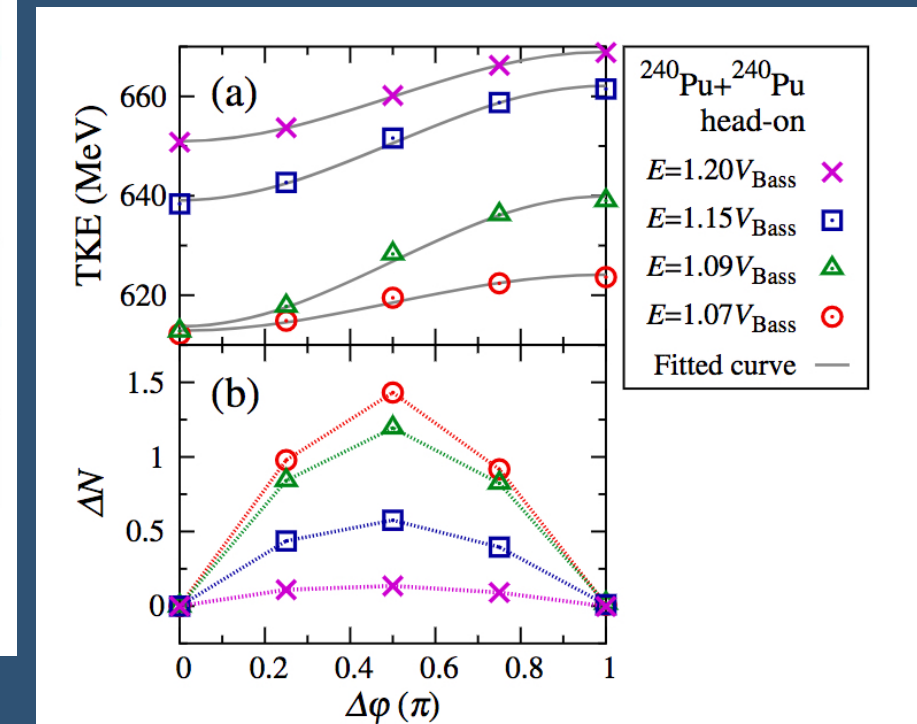
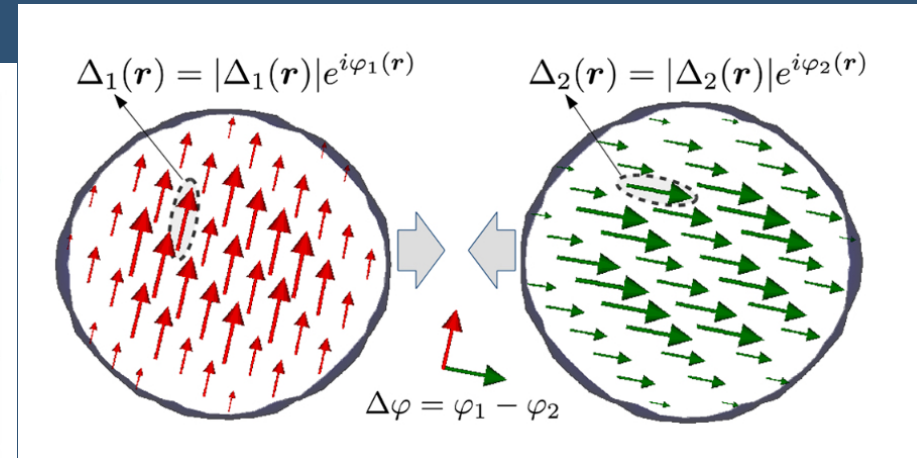
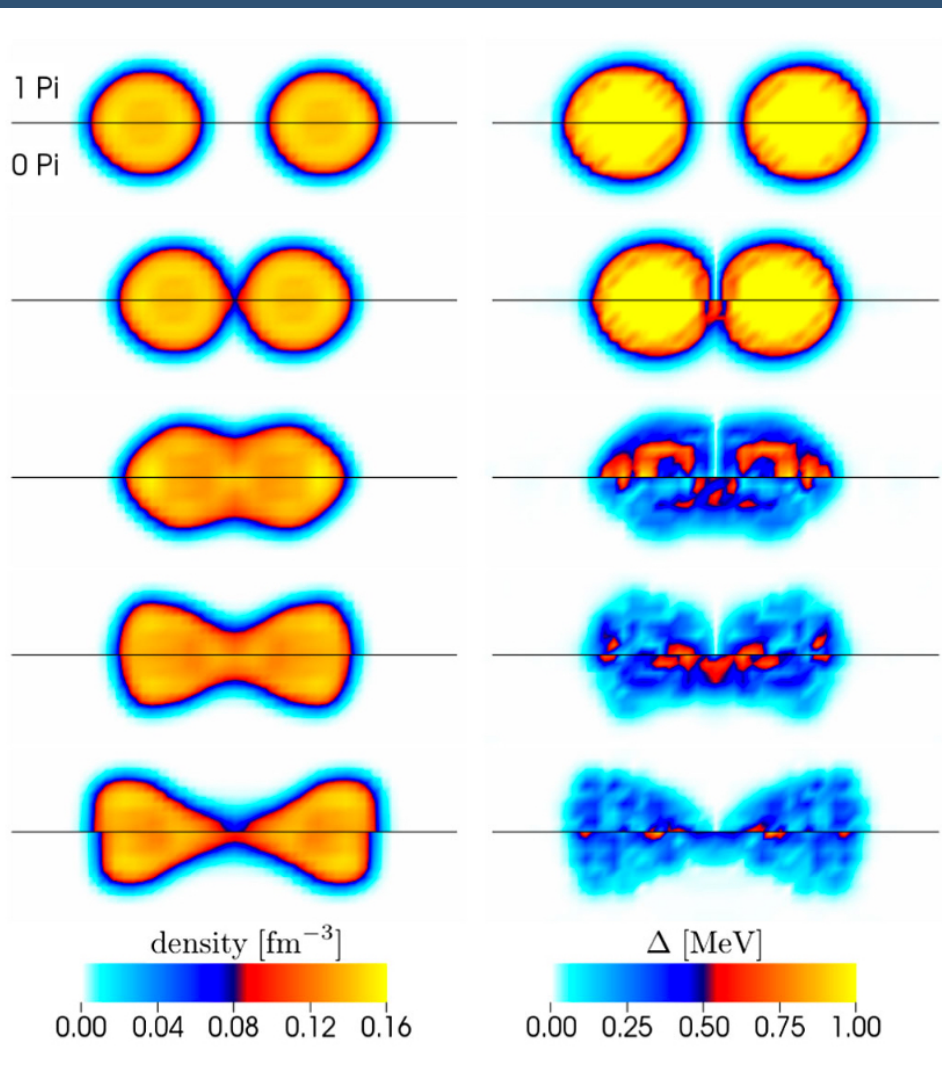


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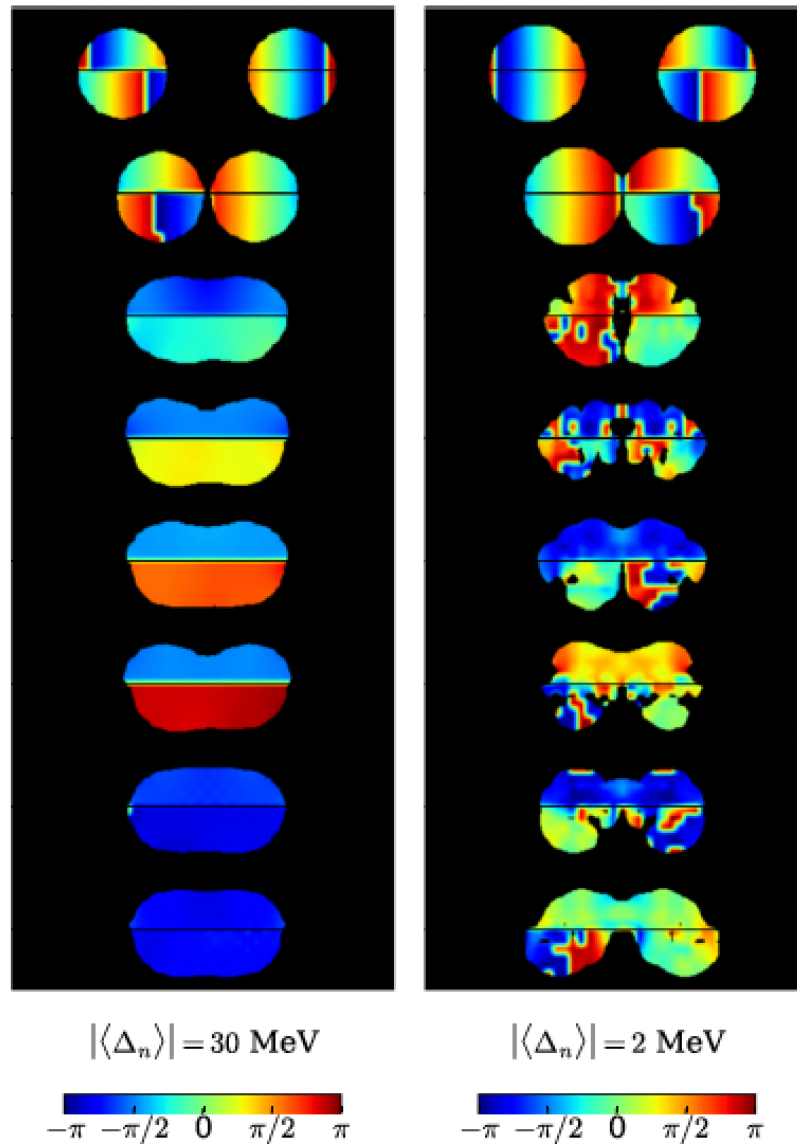
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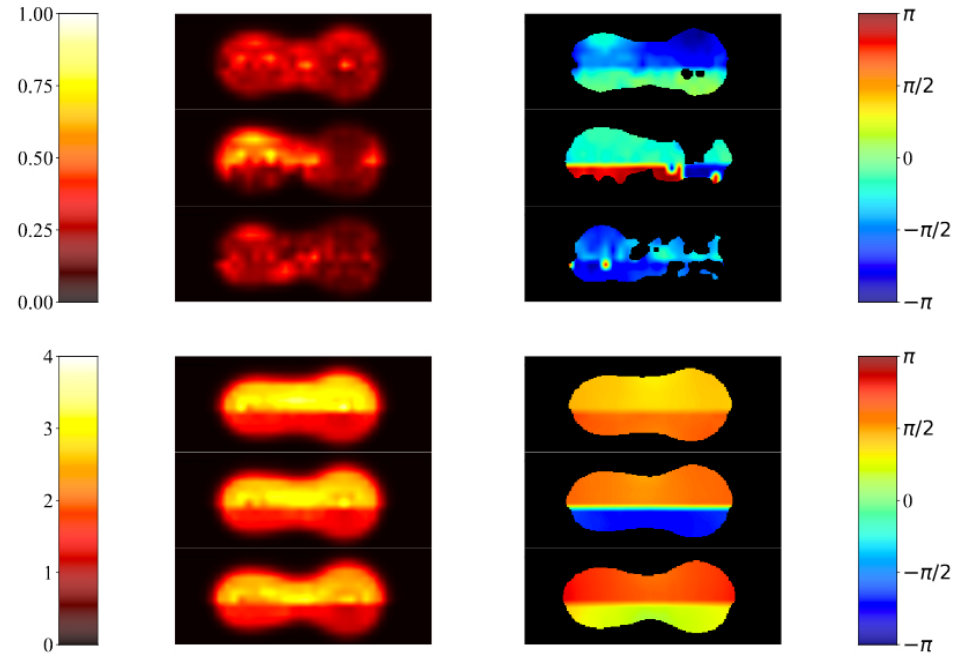
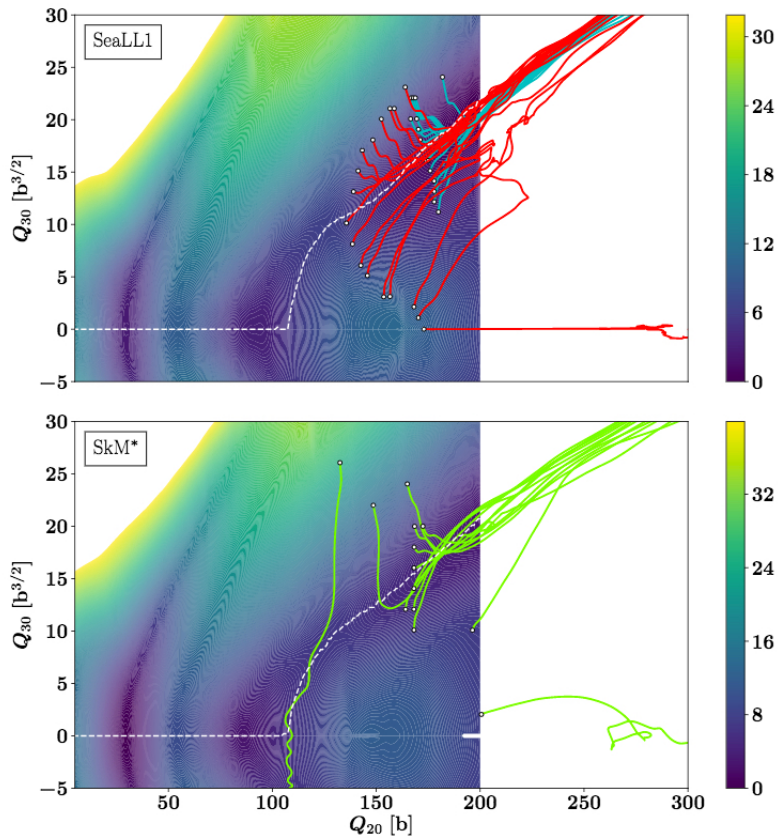
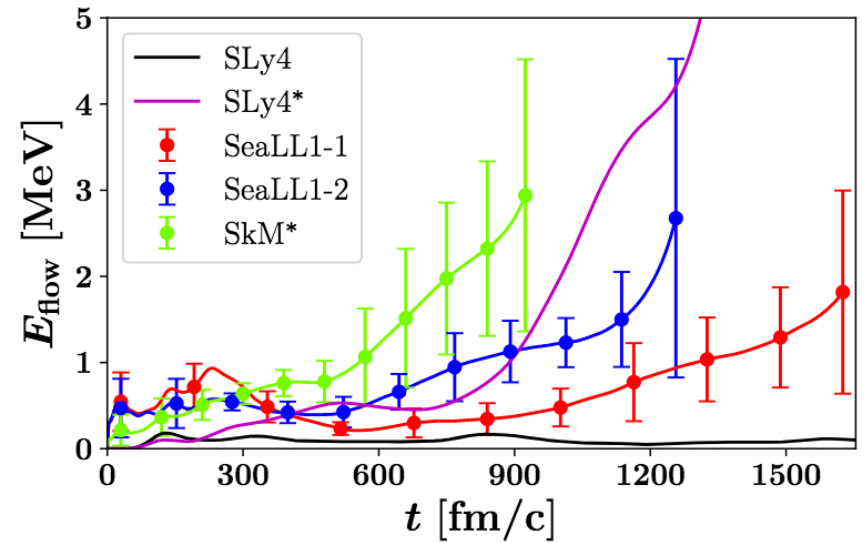
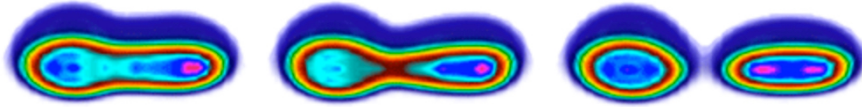
Collisions of superfluid nuclei



Collisions of superfluid nuclei

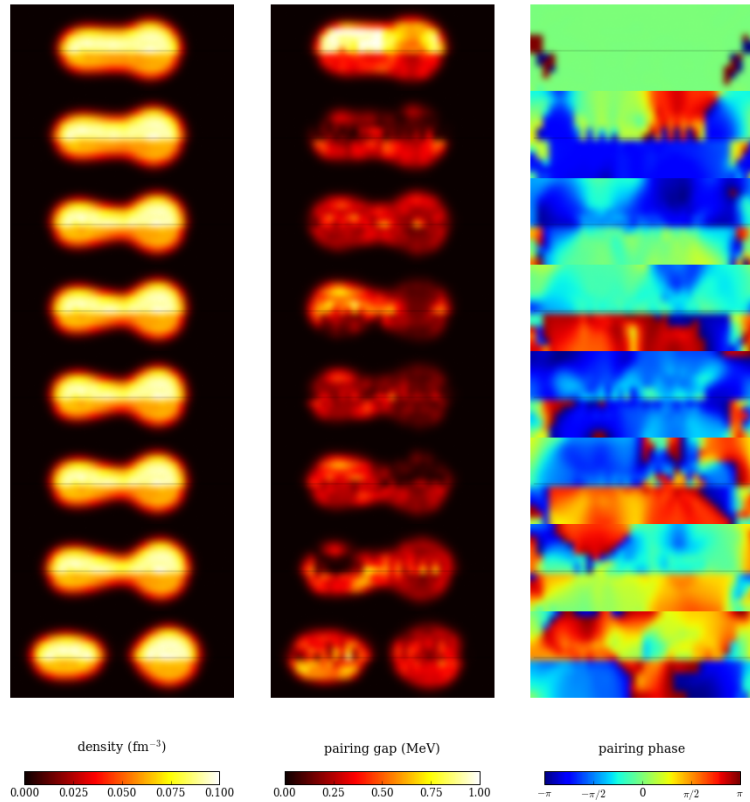


Nuclear Fission

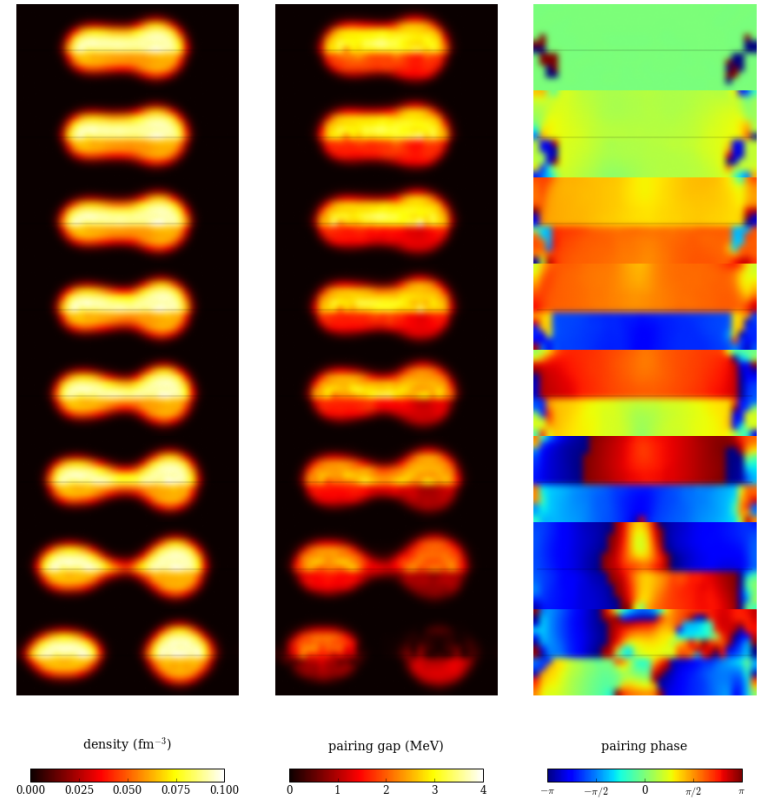


How important pairing is?

^{240}Pu fission in the normal pairing gap

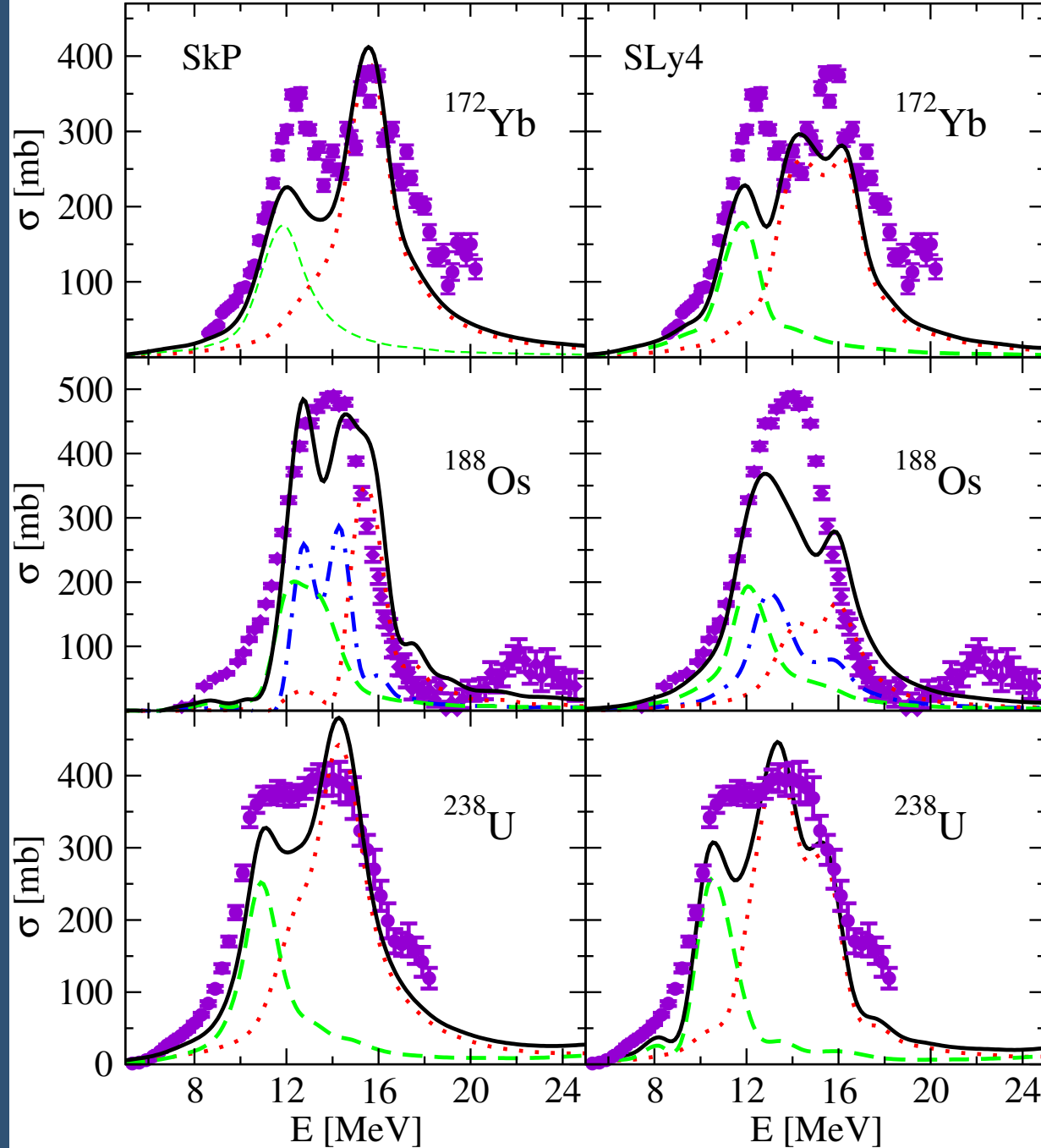


^{240}Pu fission in a larger pairing gap



Normal pairing strength
Saddle-to-scission 14,000 fm/c

Enhanced pairing strength
Saddle-to-scission 1,400 fm/c !!!



**Giant Dipole Resonance
deformed and superfluid
nuclei**

**Osmium is triaxial,
and both protons and
neutrons are superfluid.**

Including dissipation and fluctuations

Classically, Langevin equation:

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}(t) &= F - \gamma m\dot{x}(t) + m\xi(t), \\ \langle \xi(t) \rangle &= 0, \quad \langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = \Gamma \delta(t-t'), \\ \dot{x}(t) &= v(0)\exp(-\gamma t) + \frac{F}{m\gamma}(1 - \exp(-\gamma t)) + \int_0^t dt' \xi(t') \exp(-\gamma(t-t')), \\ \langle v(t) \rangle &\rightarrow \frac{F}{m\gamma}, \quad \langle \langle v^2(t) \rangle \rangle \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma}{2\gamma} = \frac{T}{m} \end{aligned}$$

Quantum mechanically, Lindblad equation

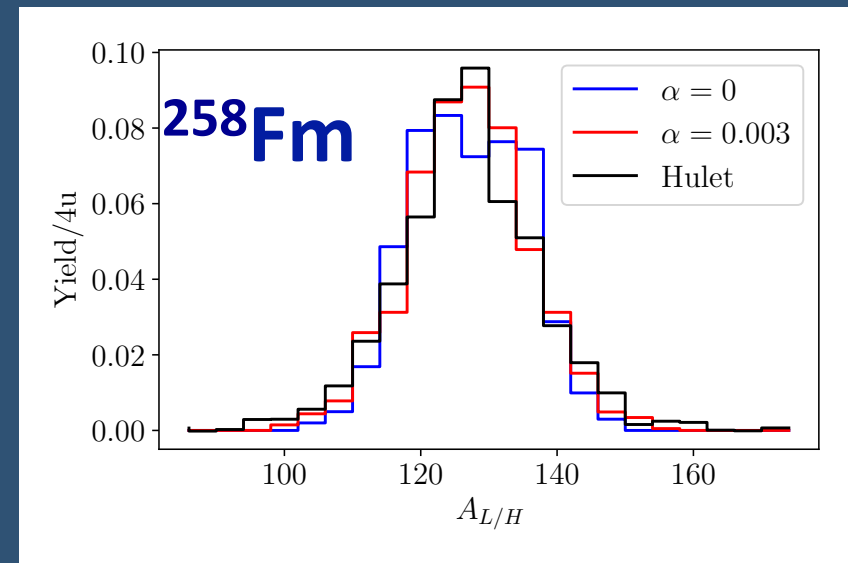
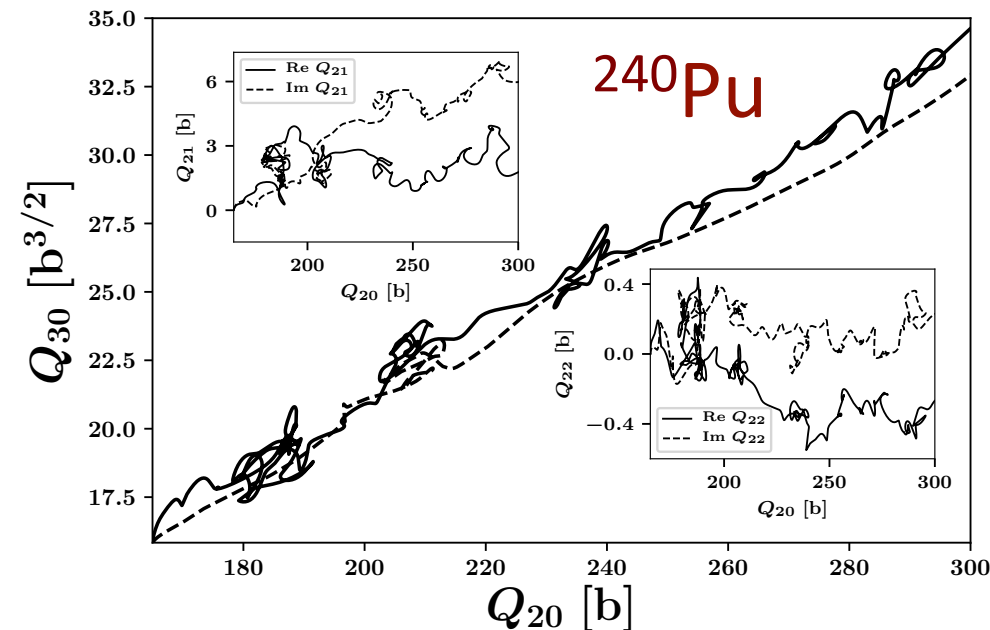
$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar\dot{\rho} &= [H, \rho] - i(W\rho + \rho W) + i\sum_{k,l} h_{kl} A_k \rho A_l^\dagger, \\ W &= W^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} h_{kl} A_l^\dagger A_k, \quad h_{kl} = h_{lk}^*, \quad \text{Tr}\dot{\rho} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

A much better and simpler solution: A quantum Hermitian “Langevin” equation

← Quantum friction

$$i\hbar\dot{\psi}_k(\vec{r},t) = \hbar\left[n(\vec{r},t)\right]\psi_k(\vec{r},t) + \gamma\left[n(\vec{r},t)\right]\dot{n}(\vec{r},t)\psi_k(\vec{r},t) - \frac{1}{2}\left[\vec{u}(\vec{r},t)\cdot\vec{p} + \vec{p}\cdot\vec{u}(\vec{r},t)\right]\psi_k(\vec{r},t) + \zeta(\vec{r},t)\psi_k(\vec{r},t)$$

“Stochastic fields”



Mass yields