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Vortices in Immiscible Mixtures of Bose Einstein Condensates

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Immiscible superfluid mixtures have been shown to display a wider variety of exotic dynamics than their single component counterparts. Here we consider the mean-field vortex solutions and their stability within a two-component Bose-Einstein condensate in the immiscible limit. We begin by systematically study the dynamics of a binary immiscible Bose-Einstein condensate in two dimensions, where a small bubble of the second component is used to "stir" the first component. We rigorously map out the critical velocity for vortex shedding as a function of the size of the bubble, in analogy to the critical velocity of a laser spoon. Observing that the dynamics of the system depend on the initial size and velocity of the bubble, we then show that a dimensionless parameter with the same form as the Weber number (a dimensionless parameter that characterizes the flow of a multiphase classical fluid) accurately predicts the resulting bubble fragmentation.

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