

# A self-consistent model of superfluid $^4\text{He}$ turbulence

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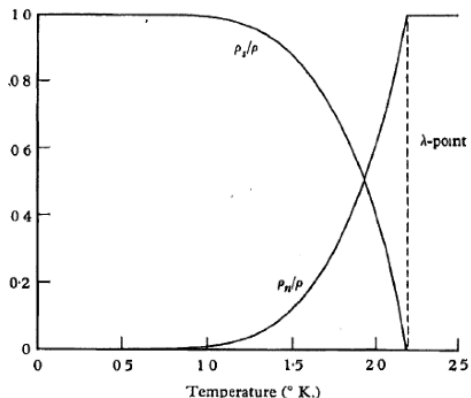
## SUPERFLUID

- $\sim$  condensate
  - related to BEC
- $\rho_s, \mathbf{v}_s$
- no entropy
- inviscid  $\nu_s = 0$
- $\sim$  Euler fluid

## NORMAL FLUID

- thermal excitations
  - phonons
  - rotons ( $1.5K < T < 2.1K$ )
- $\rho_n, \mathbf{v}_n$
- entropy  $s \neq 0$
- viscosity  $\nu_n \sim 10^{-8} m^2/s$
- $\sim$  Navier-Stokes fluid

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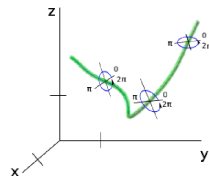
$T$ (K)	$\rho_s/\rho_n$
1.3	21.3
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1.5	7.98
1.6	5.16
1.7	3.37
1.8	2.19
1.9	1.38
1.96	1.02
2.0	0.80
2.1	0.35

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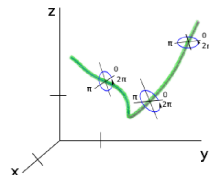
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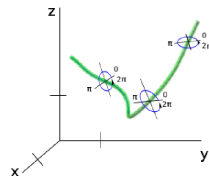


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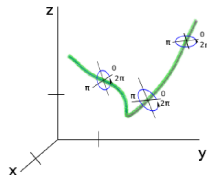
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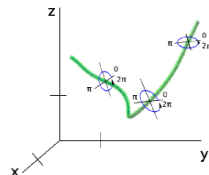


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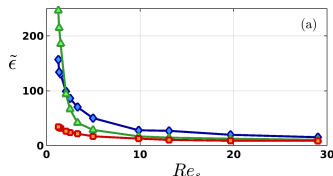
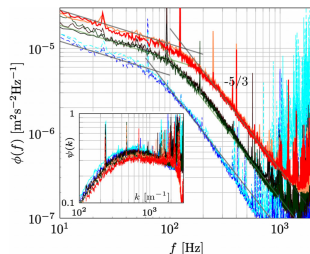
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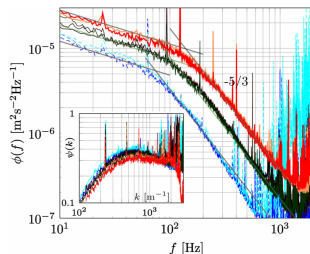
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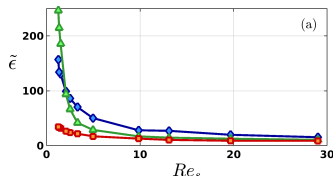
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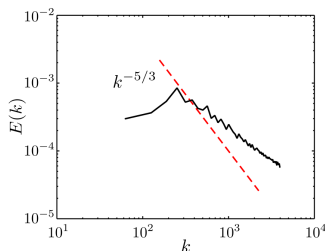
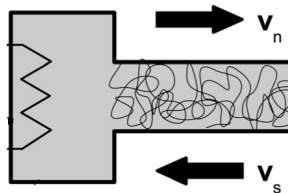
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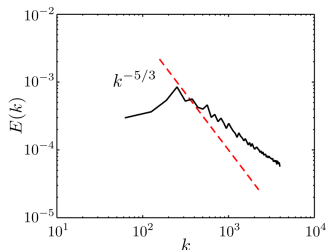
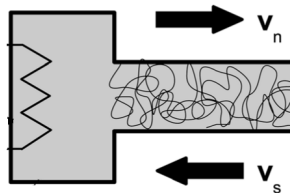
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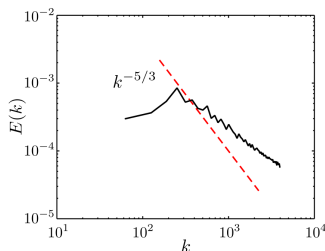
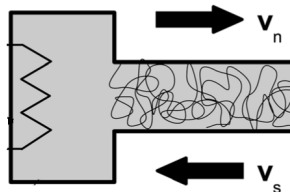
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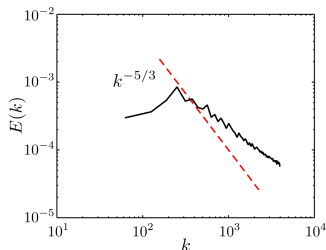
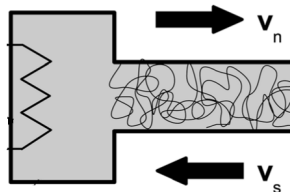
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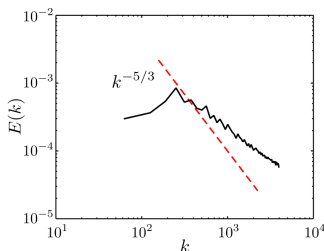
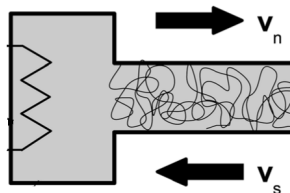
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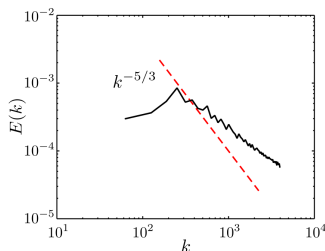
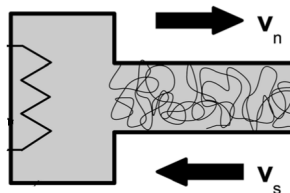
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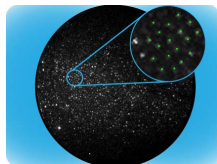
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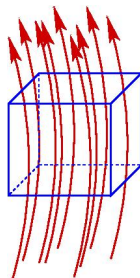
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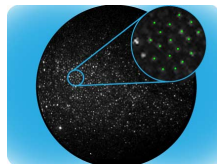
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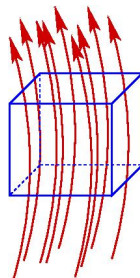
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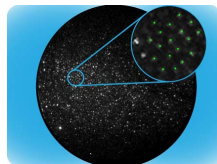
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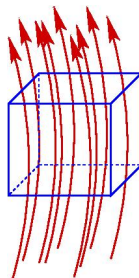
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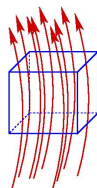
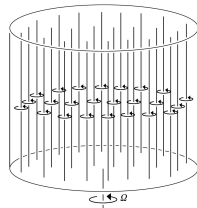
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# $\mathbf{F}_{ns}$ : coarse-grained model HVBK

- I. attenuation of 2<sup>nd</sup> sound
  - dependence on  $\theta((\mathbf{v}_s - \mathbf{v}_n), \hat{\Omega})$
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  - vortex scattering of rotons
  - dragging of normal fluid
  - Magnus force
- Feynman's model of vortex lines **confirmed!**



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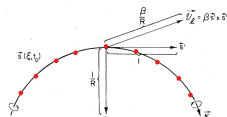
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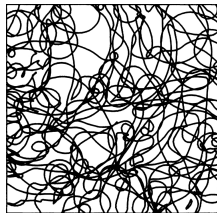
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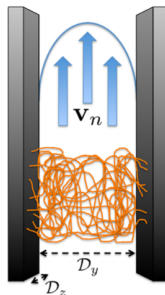
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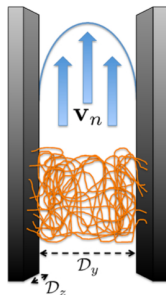


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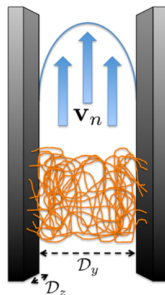


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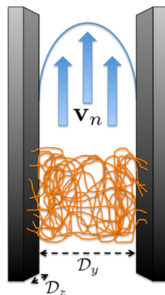


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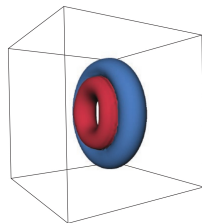
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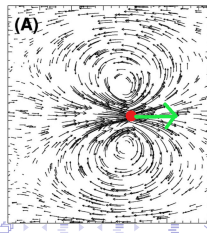
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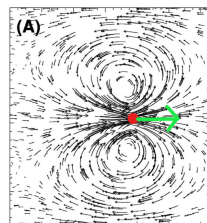
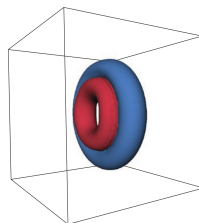
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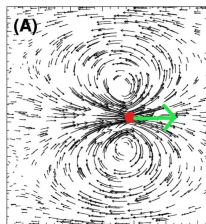
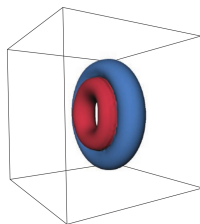
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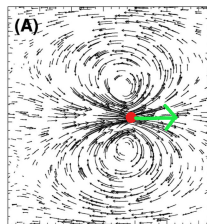
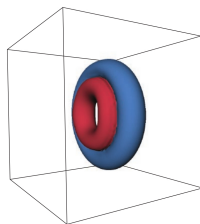
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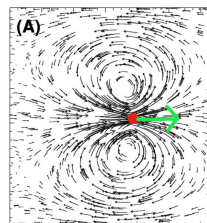
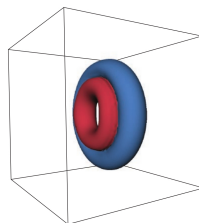
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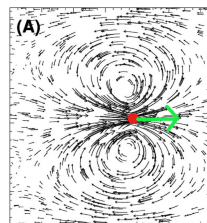
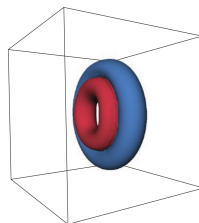
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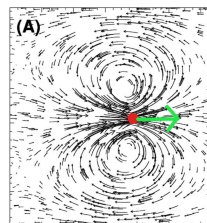
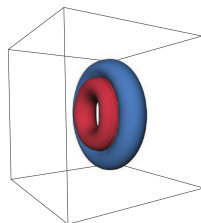
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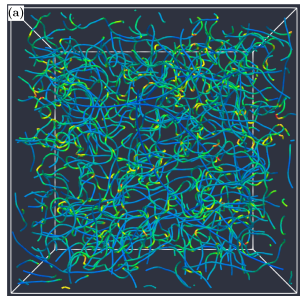
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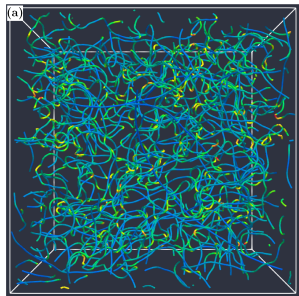
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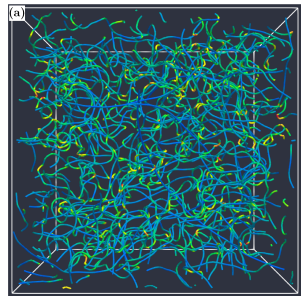
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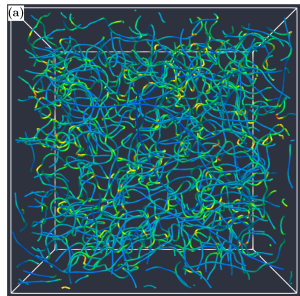
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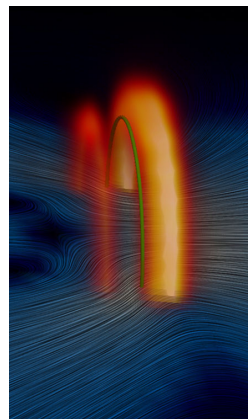
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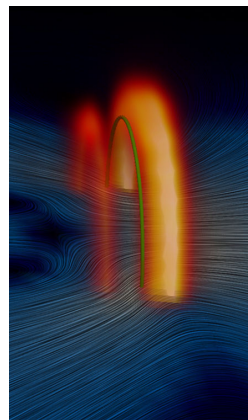
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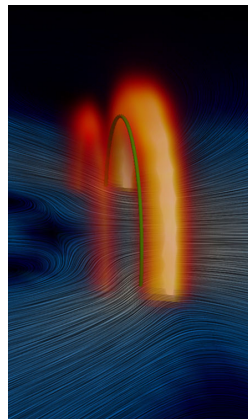
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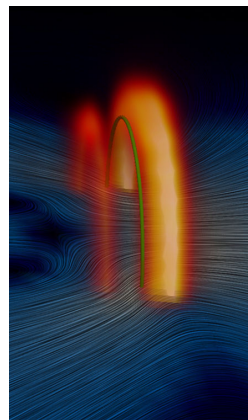
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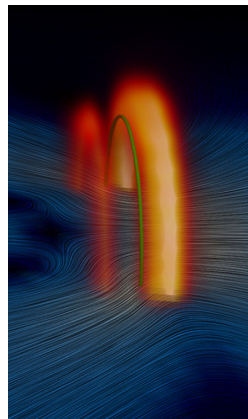
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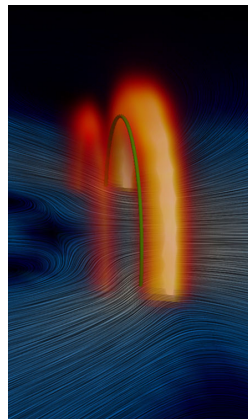
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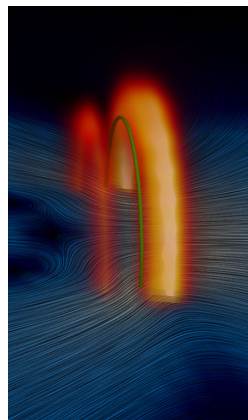
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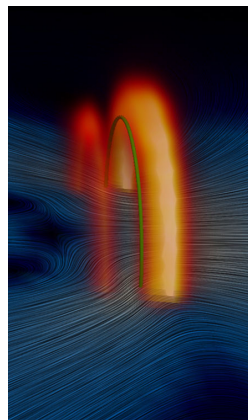
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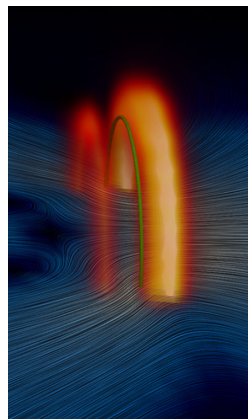
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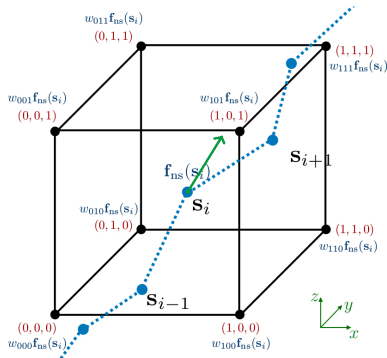


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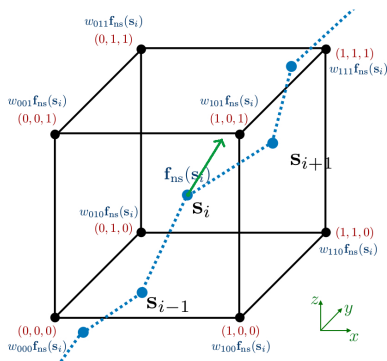
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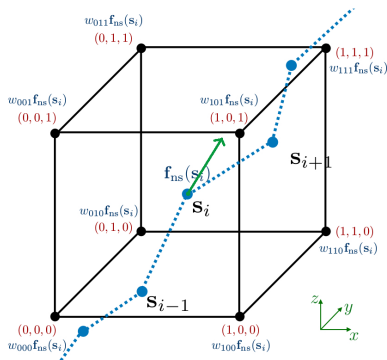
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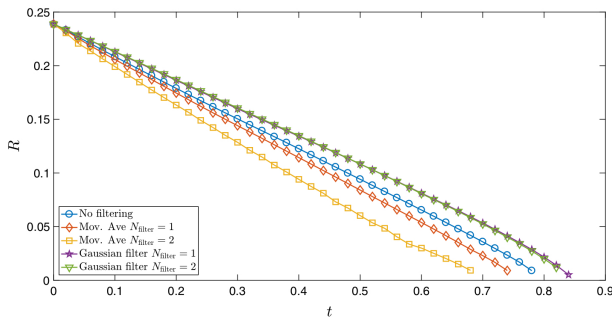
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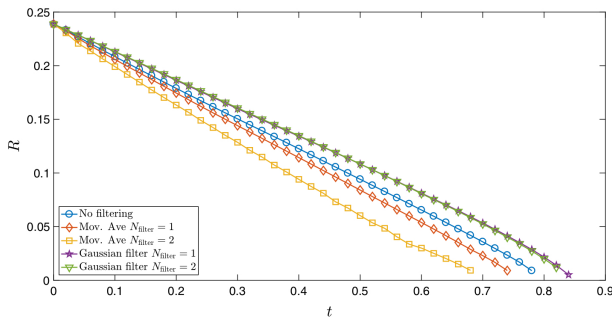
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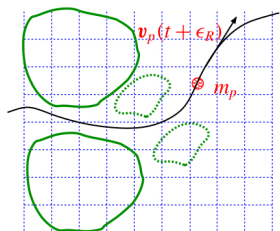
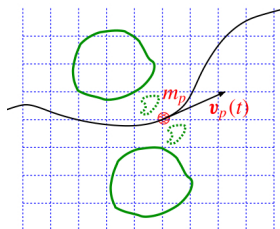
- physically consistent regularisation
- **active matter** systems  
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  - particles (PIV, PTV)
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  - swimmers

[Gualtieri *et al.*, *J Fluid Mech* **773**, 520 (2015)]

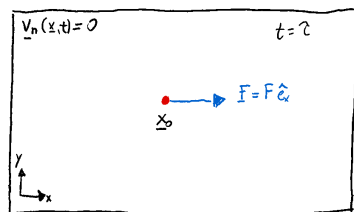
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- $Re \sim 10^{-4} \div 10^{-5}$
- generation localised vorticity  $\omega_n$
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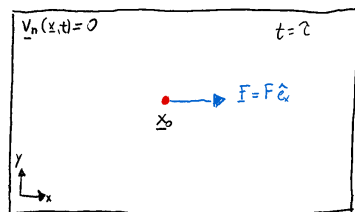
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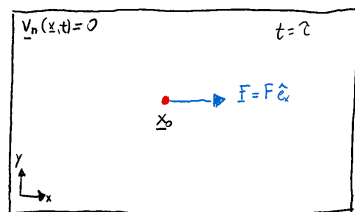
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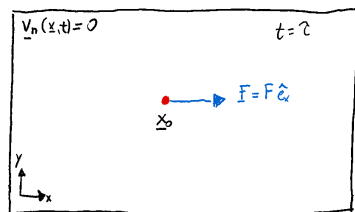
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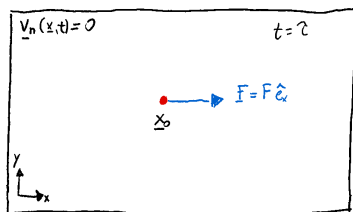
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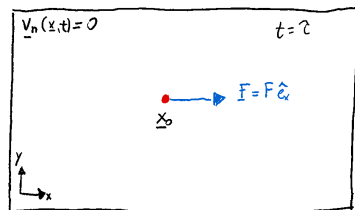
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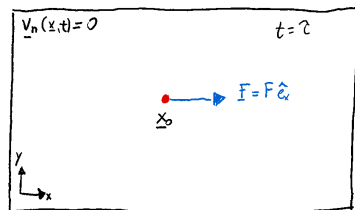


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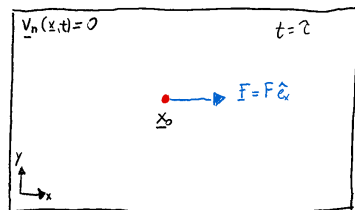
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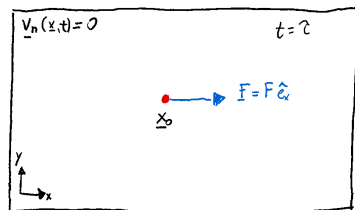


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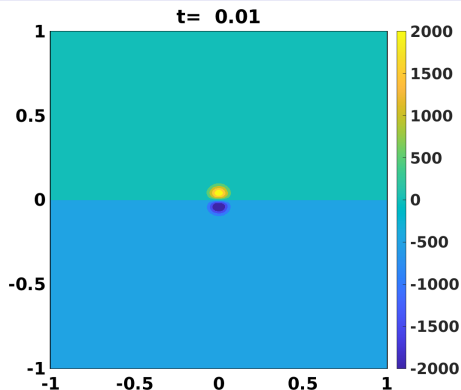


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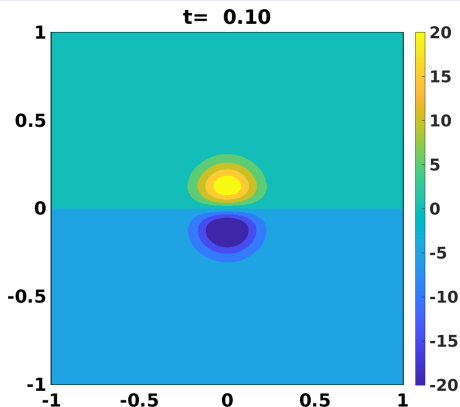
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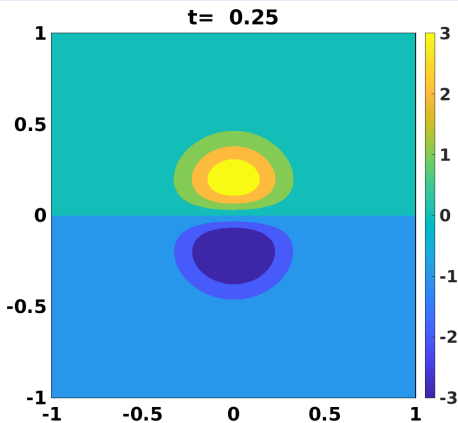
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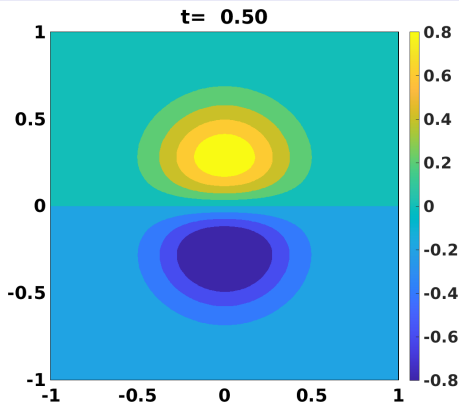
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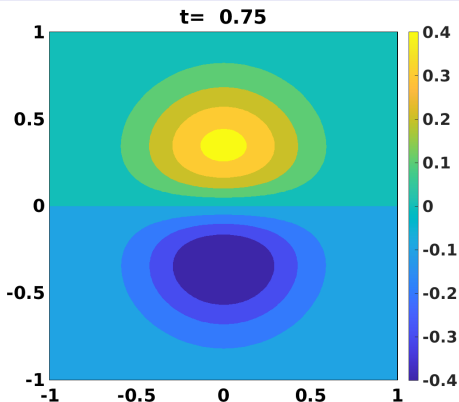
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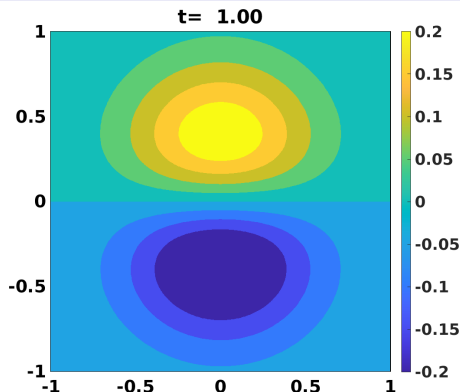
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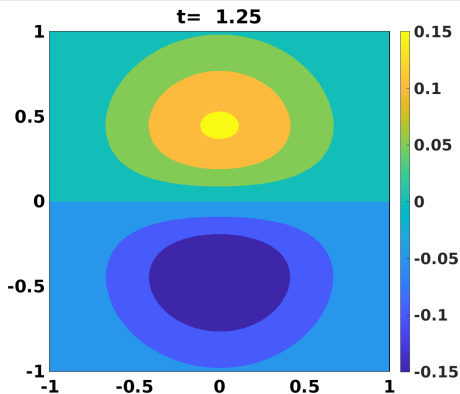
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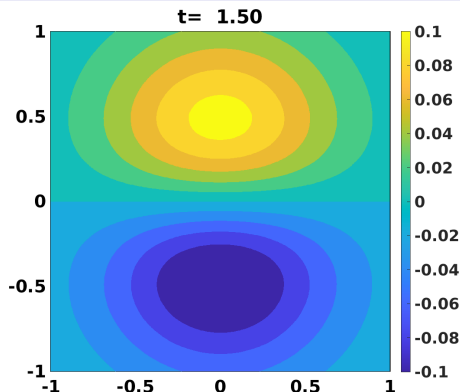
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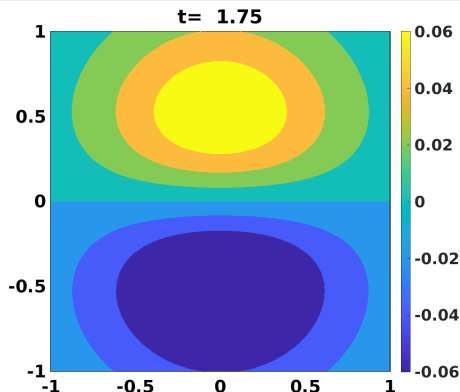
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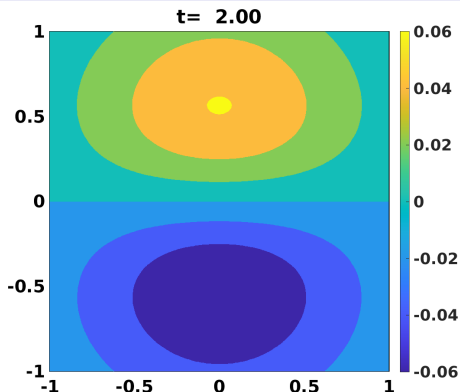
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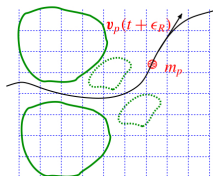
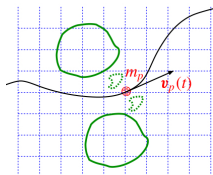
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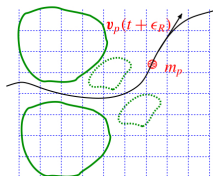
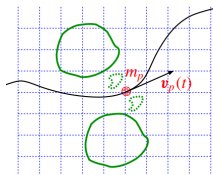
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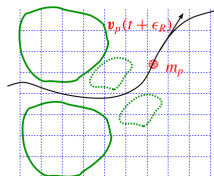
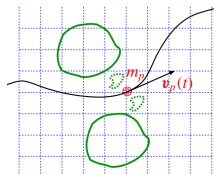
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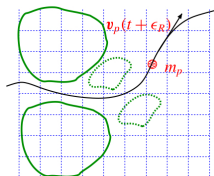
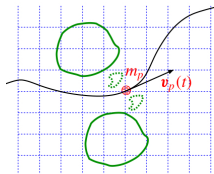
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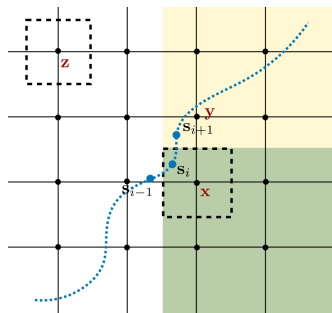
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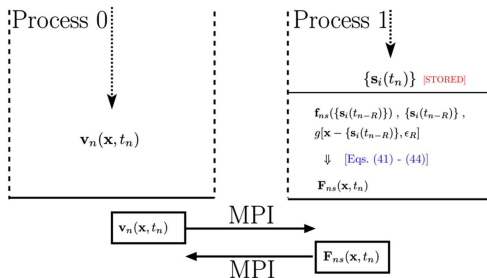


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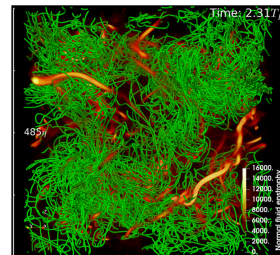
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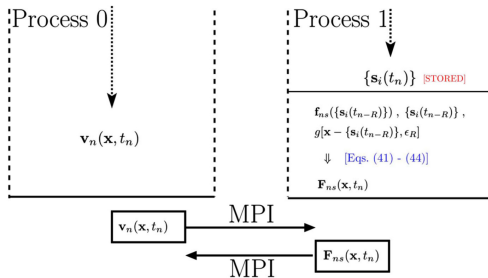
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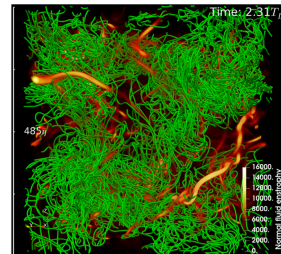
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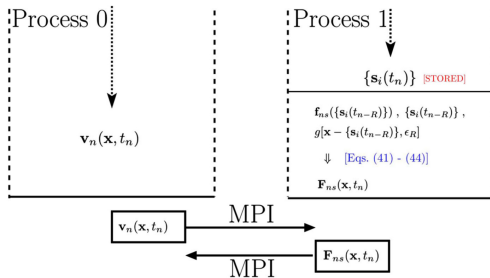
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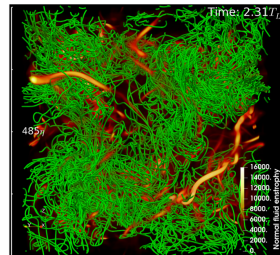
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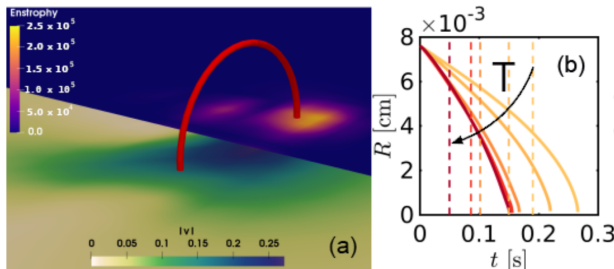
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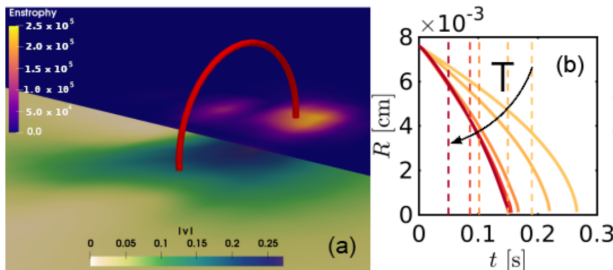


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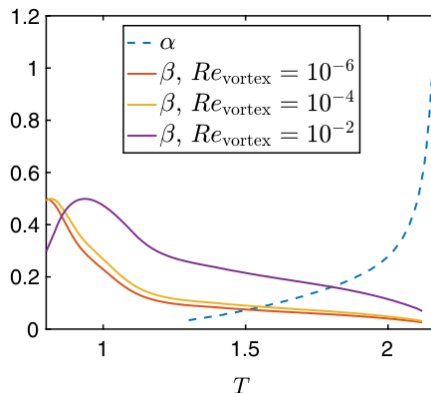
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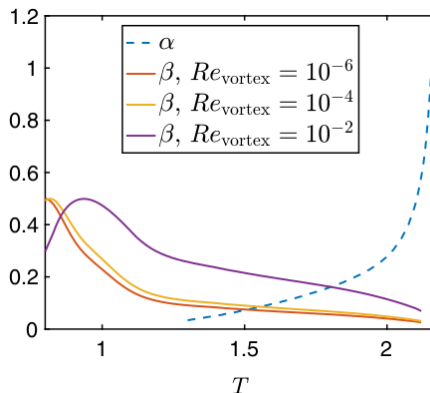
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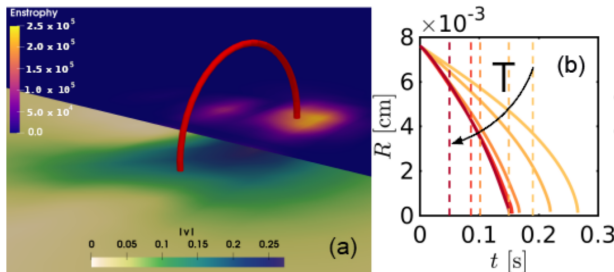
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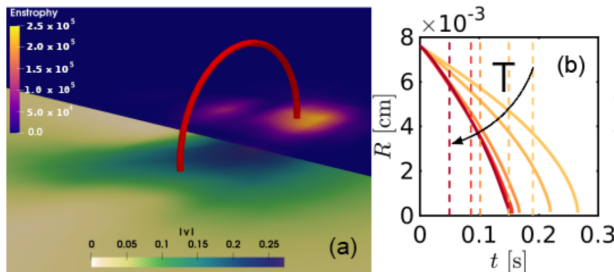
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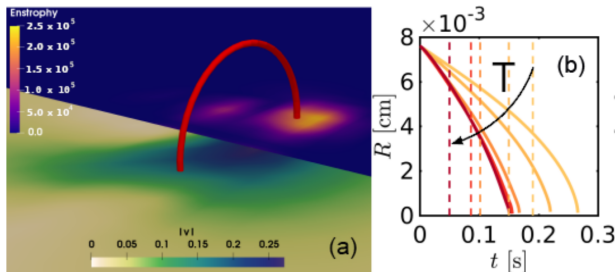
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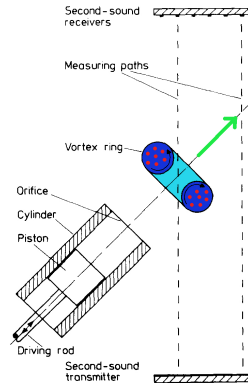
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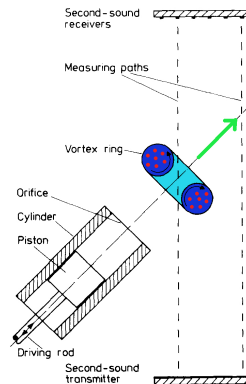
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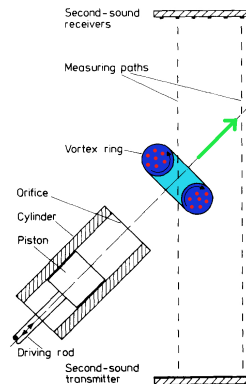
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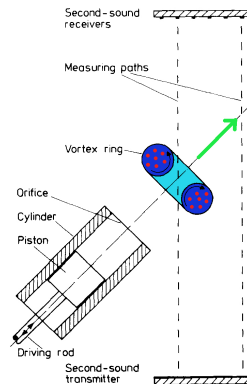
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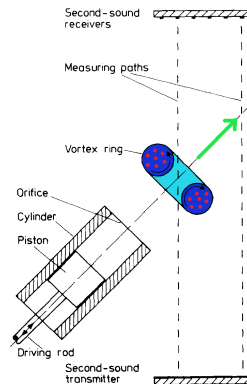
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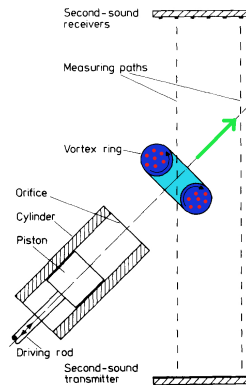
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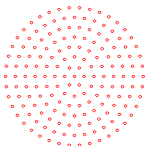
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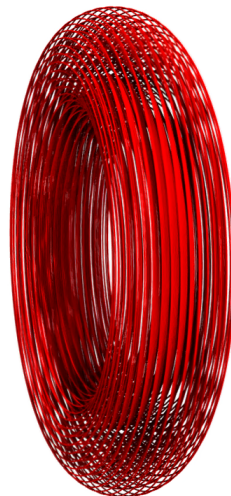
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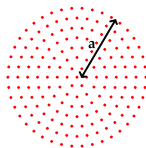
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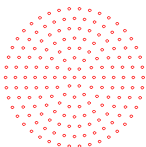
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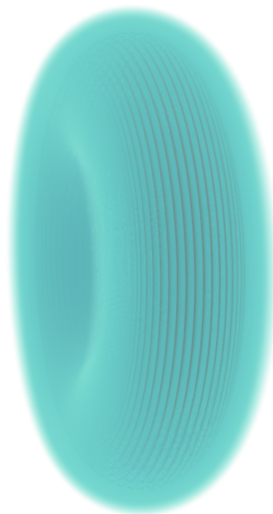
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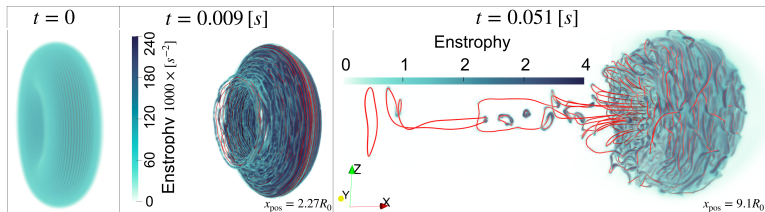


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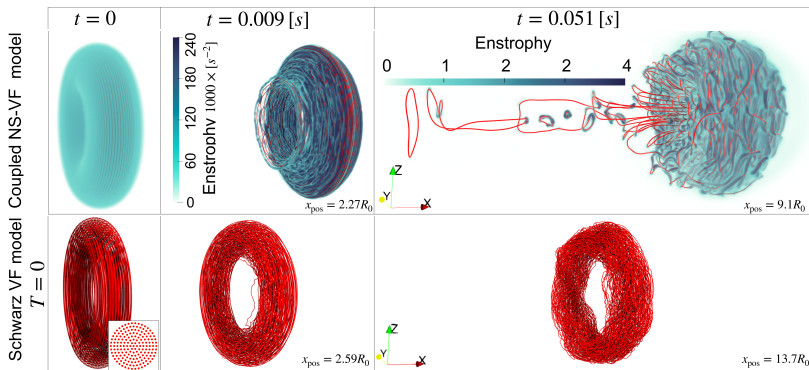
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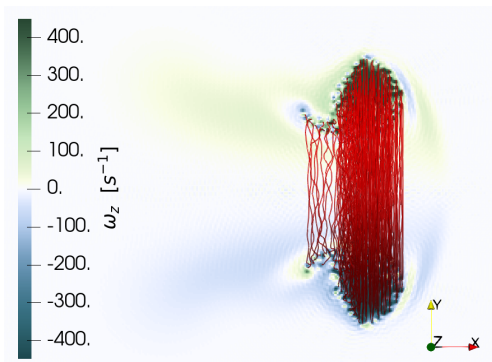


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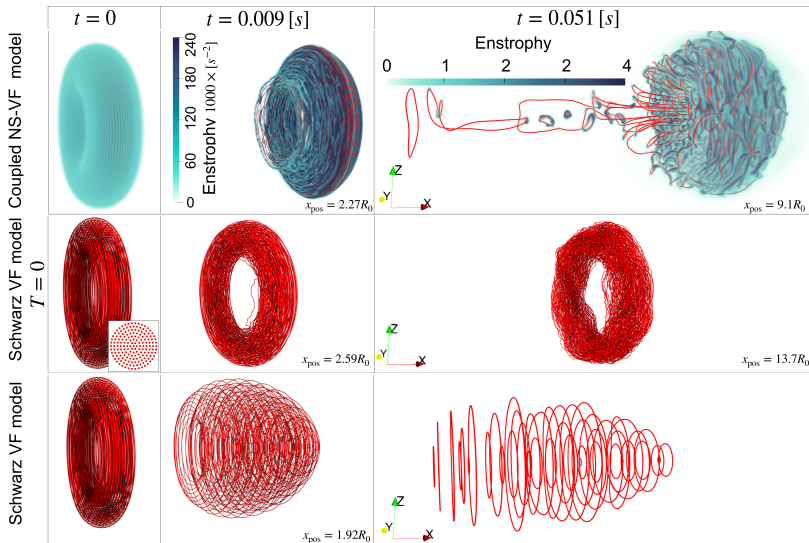




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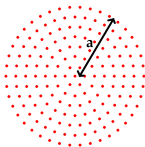


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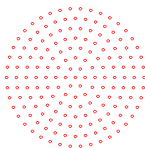




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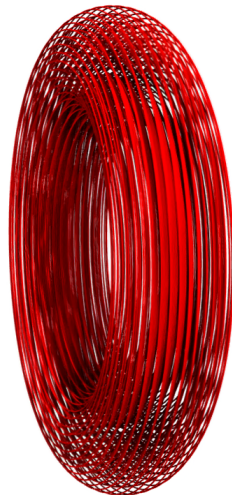


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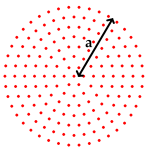
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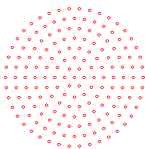
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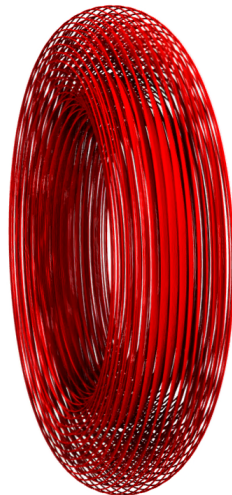


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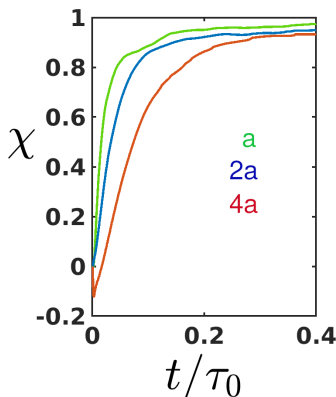
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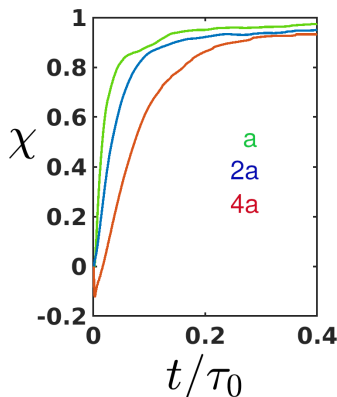
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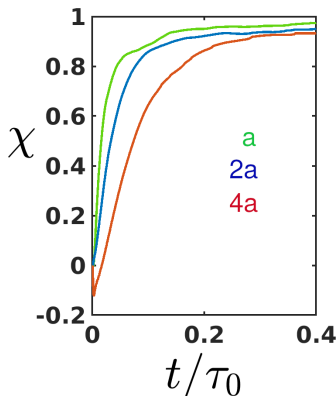
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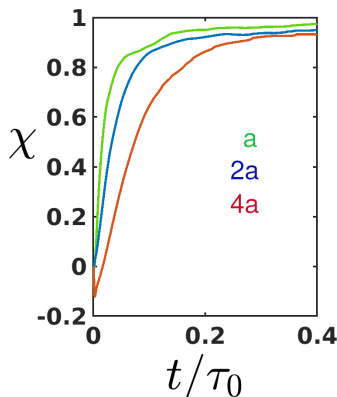
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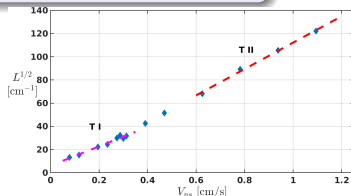
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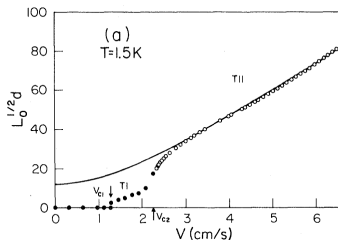
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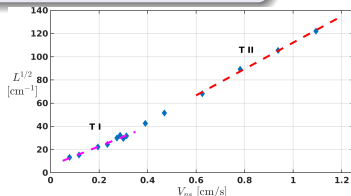


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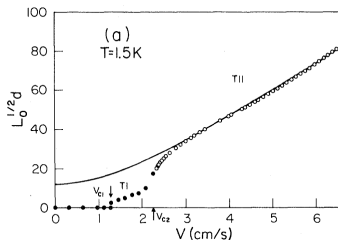
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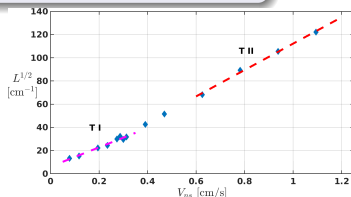
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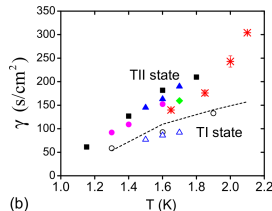
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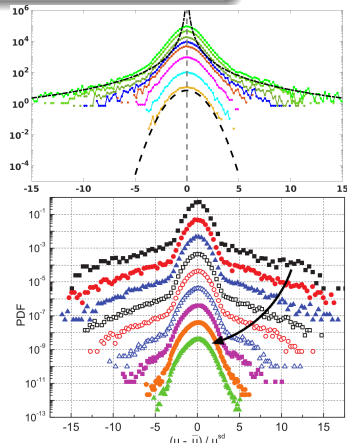
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particles dynamics  $^4\text{He}$  counterflow

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_s}(\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{u}_p) + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} \frac{D\mathbf{v}_n}{Dt} + \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} \frac{D\mathbf{v}_s}{Dt}$$

- $T = 1.8\text{K}$
- $V_{ns} = 0.55\text{cm/s}$
- **T I or T II?**
- no trapping

- $\delta < \ell$   $\text{PDF}(v) \sim v^{-3}$
- $\Delta > \ell$   $\text{PDF}(v)$  *Gaussian*



# Summary

- novel fully coupled algorithm **FOUCAULT**

[LG, Baggaley, Barenghi, Krstulovic, *EPJP* **135**, 547 (2020)]

- reproduce experimental results

[LG, Krstulovic, Barenghi, *Phys Rev Fluids* **8**, 014702 (2023)]

- Superfluids can be described as **active fluids**

# Perspective

- N-body **GPU** algorithm for vortex dynamics
  - **intermittency**
  - well resolved statistics
- inertial **particle** dynamics
  - **QT** *vs* **CT**
- wall-bounded flows
  - boundary layers**