

# Vortices, Superfluid turbulence & Condensate Formation in Bose Gases



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# ULTRACool...



... atoms @ nanokelvins -

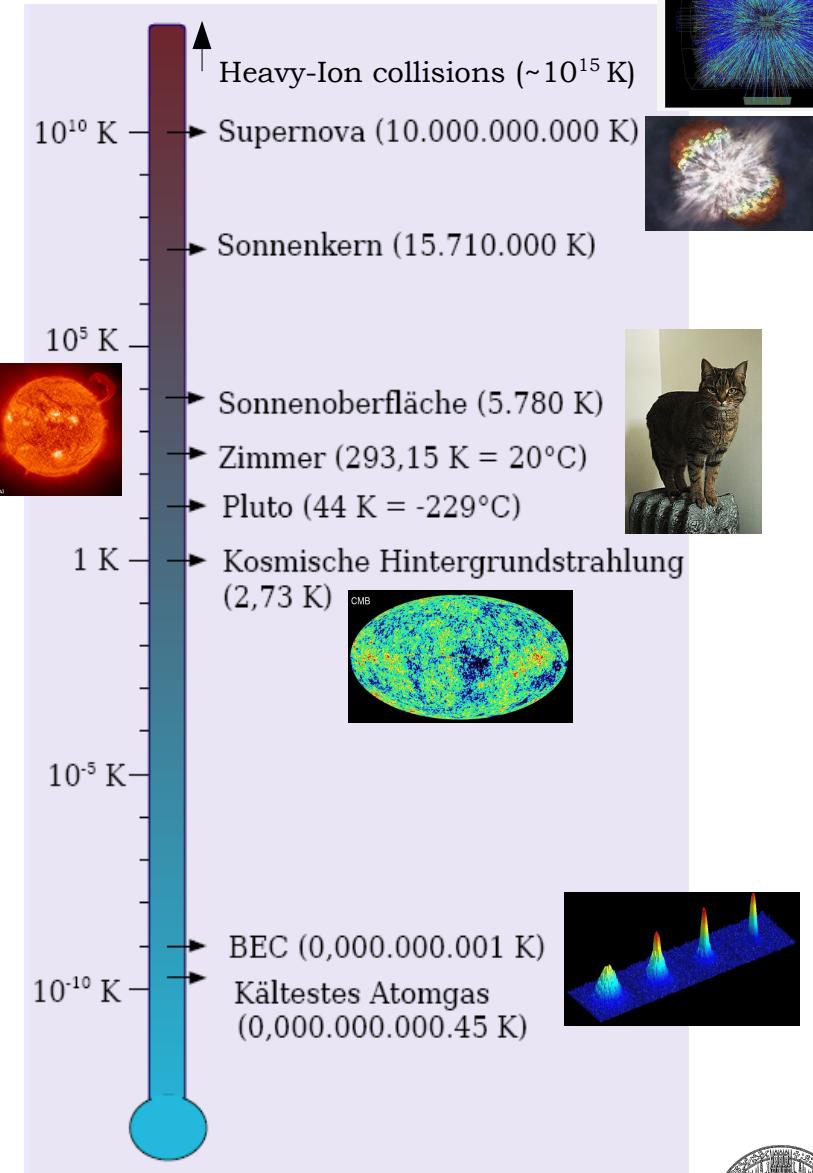
trapped only a few mm away from

glass cell @ room temperature

(vacuum of  $10^{-12}$  Torr,  
i.e.  $10^{-15}$  bar,  
or  $10^{-10}$  Pa,

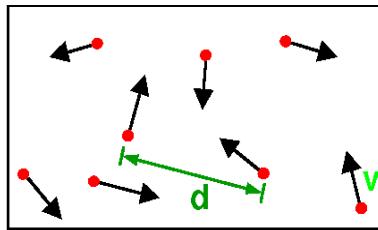


$\approx$  atmospheric  
pressure on the moon)

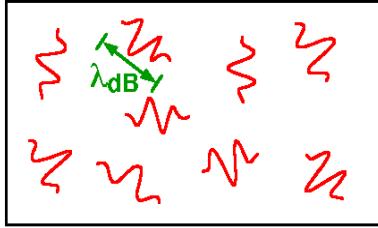


# Condensate formation in an ultracold Bose gas

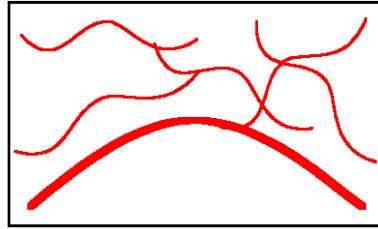
# Bose-Einstein condensation



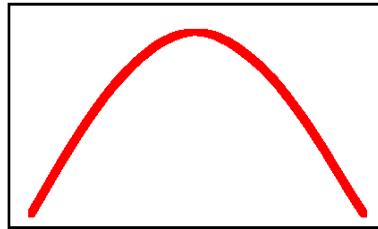
High  
Temperature T:  
thermal velocity  $v$   
density  $d^3$   
"Billiard balls"



Low  
Temperature T:  
De Broglie wavelength  
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$   
"Wave packets"



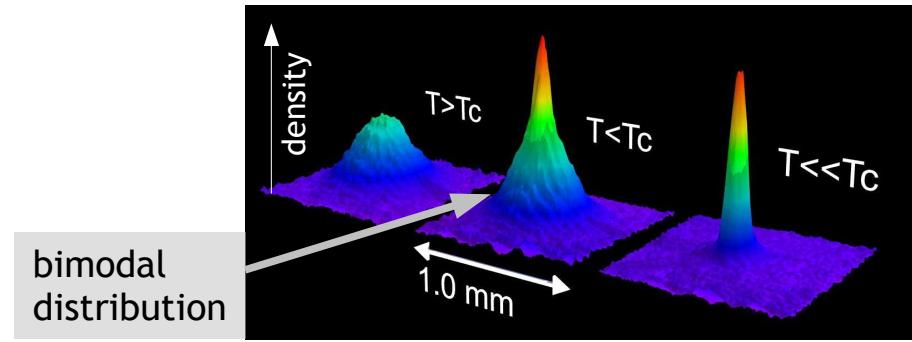
$T=T_{crit}$ :  
Bose-Einstein  
Condensation  
 $\lambda_{dB} \approx d$   
"Matter wave overlap"



$T=0$ :  
Pure Bose  
condensate  
"Giant matter wave"

Experimental picture after free expansion of the trapped cloud:

Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC)



# Equilibration



Transient, metastable state  
e.g. Turbulence  
Non-thermal fixed point



# Superfluid hydro of Bose-condensed Gas

The Gross-Pitaevskii Equation,

$$(g = 4\pi a_0/m)$$

$$i \frac{\partial \Psi(\rho, t)}{\partial t} = \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + g|\Psi(\rho, t)|^2 \right) \Psi(\rho, t)$$

using defs.

$$\Psi(\rho, t) = \sqrt{n(\rho, t)} \exp[i\varphi(\rho, t)]$$

$$Q = gn \quad \mathbf{u}(\rho, t) = \nabla \varphi(\rho, t)$$

can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n + \nabla \cdot (n \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla Q$$

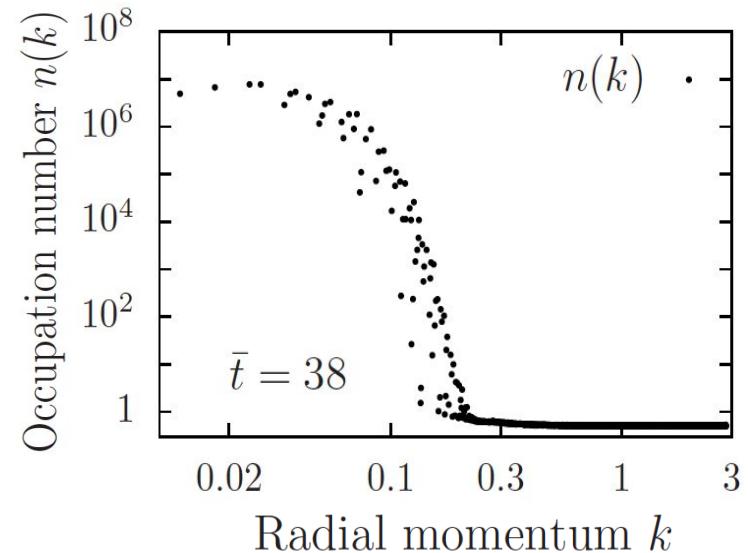
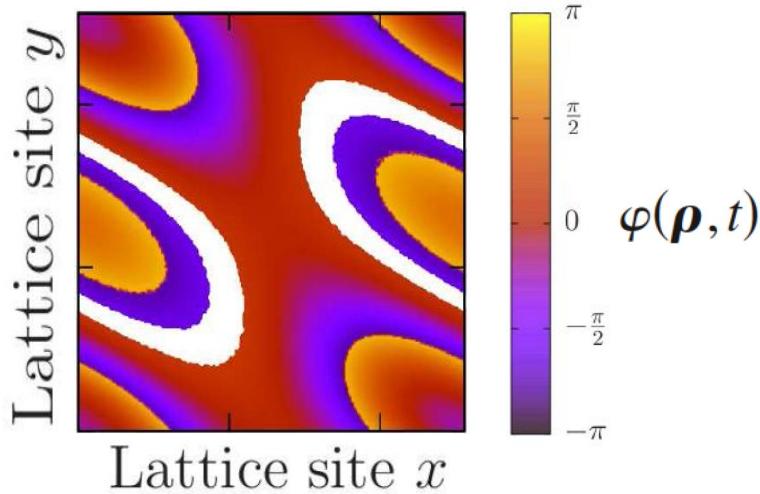
*Euler equation*



# Movie 1: Phase evolution & Spectrum

$$\Psi(\boldsymbol{\rho}, t) = \sqrt{n(\boldsymbol{\rho}, t)} \exp[i\varphi(\boldsymbol{\rho}, t)]$$

$$n(k) = \langle \Psi^*(\mathbf{k}) \Psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle \Big|_{\text{angle average}}$$



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Movie by Jan Schole



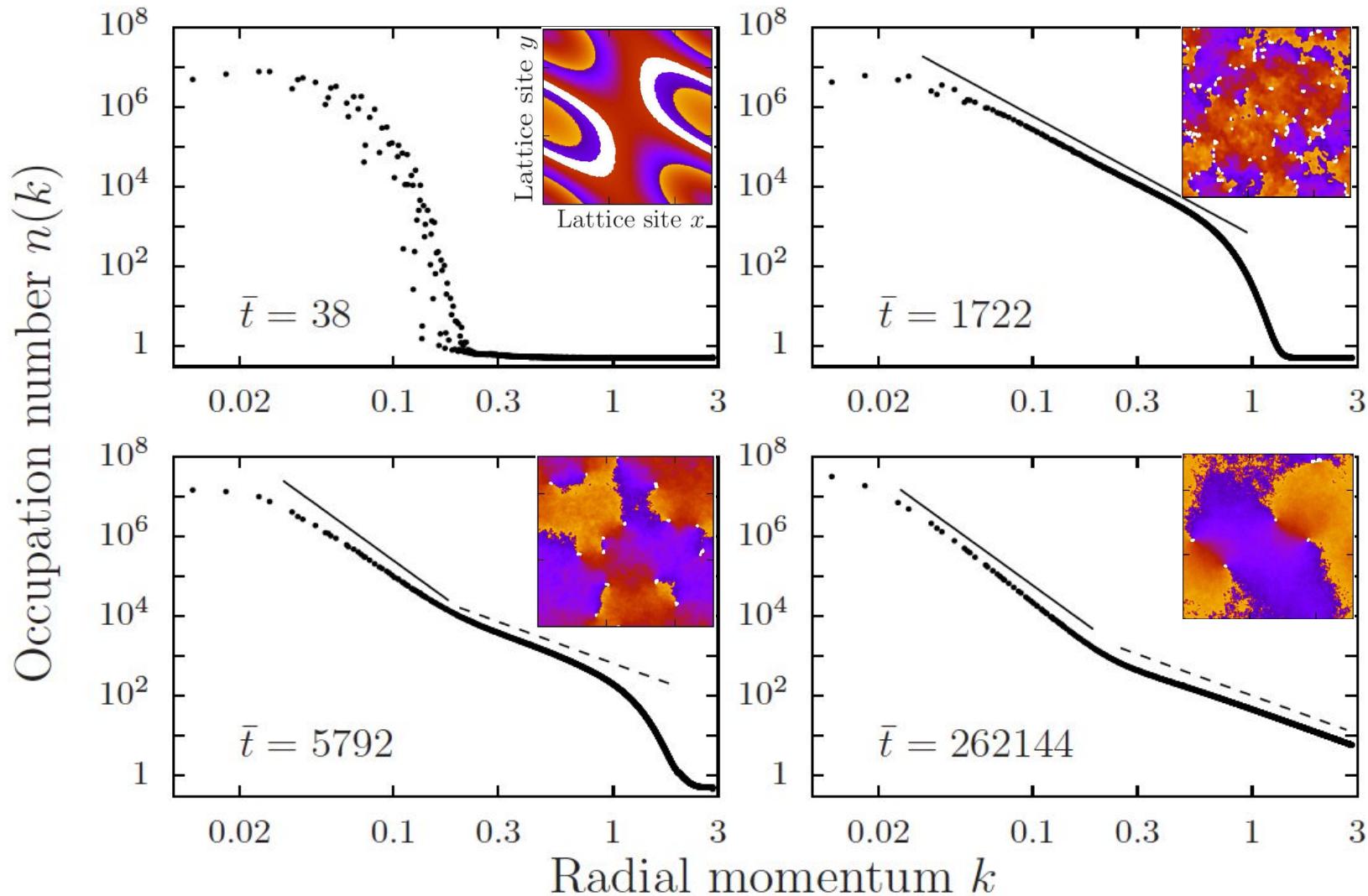
# Movie 2: Vortex “gas” & Spectrum

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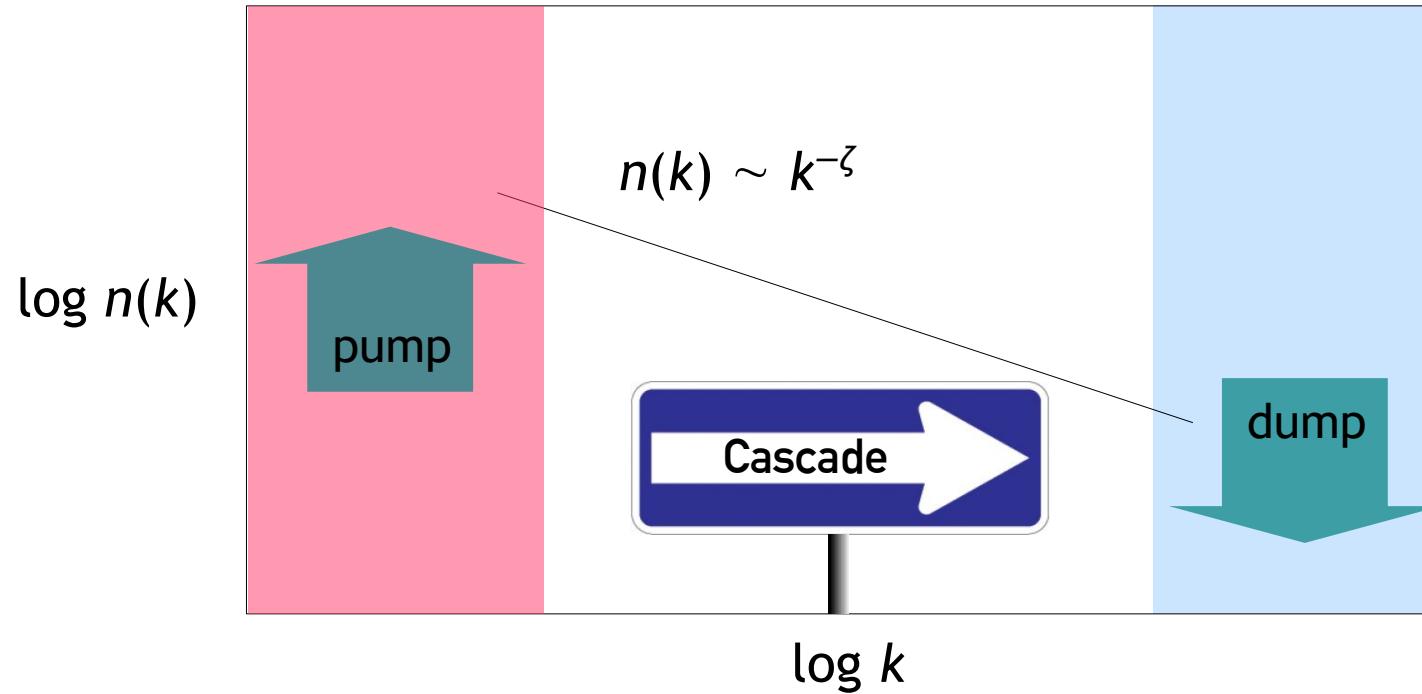
# Spectrum in 2+1 D



# Wave turbulence in an ultracold Bose gas

# Wave turbulence

Stationary scaling  $n(k)$  within **inertial** region:



# Dilute ultracold Bose Gas

Gross-Pitaevskii Equation:

$$(g = 4\pi a_0/m)$$

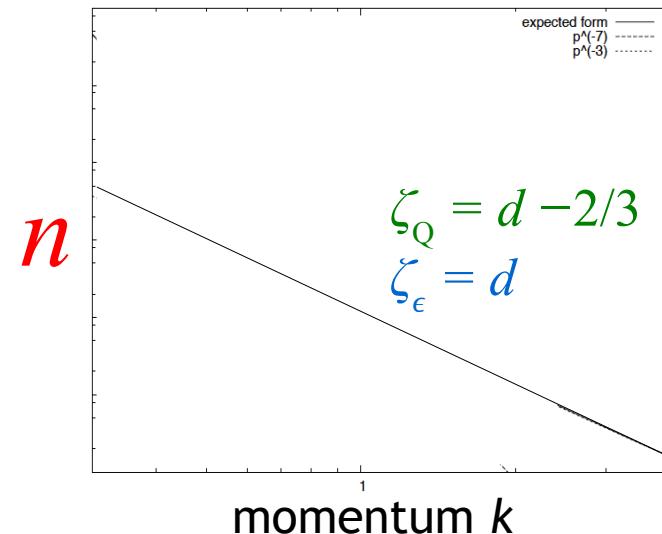
$$i \frac{\partial \Psi(\rho, t)}{\partial t} = \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + g |\Psi(\rho, t)|^2 \right) \Psi(\rho, t)$$

Momentum spectrum:

$$n(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \Psi^*(\mathbf{k}) \Psi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$



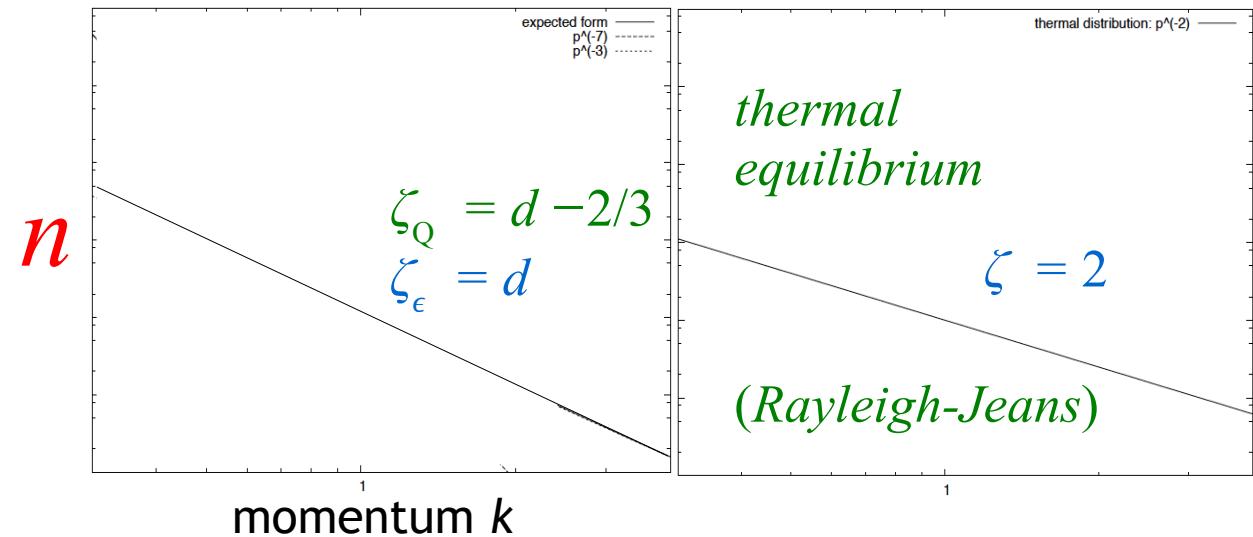
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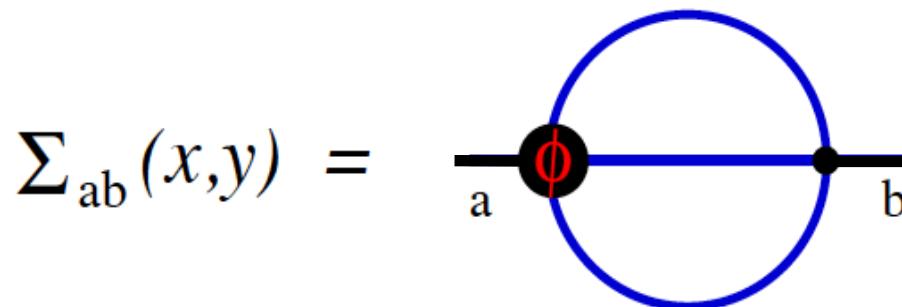
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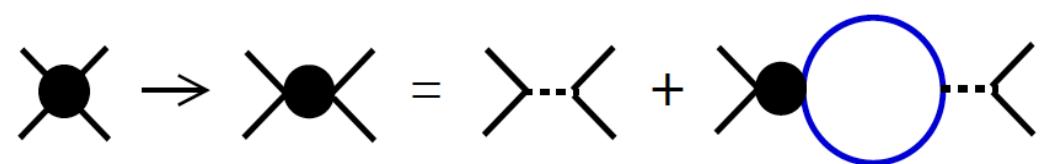
# Dyn. QFT: Resummed Vertex

$p = (p_0, \mathbf{p})$ :

$$J(p) := \Sigma_{ab}^\rho(p) F_{ba}(p) - \Sigma_{ab}^F(p) \rho_{ba}(p) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$



Vertex bubble resummation:  
(e.g. 2PI to NLO in  $1/N$ )



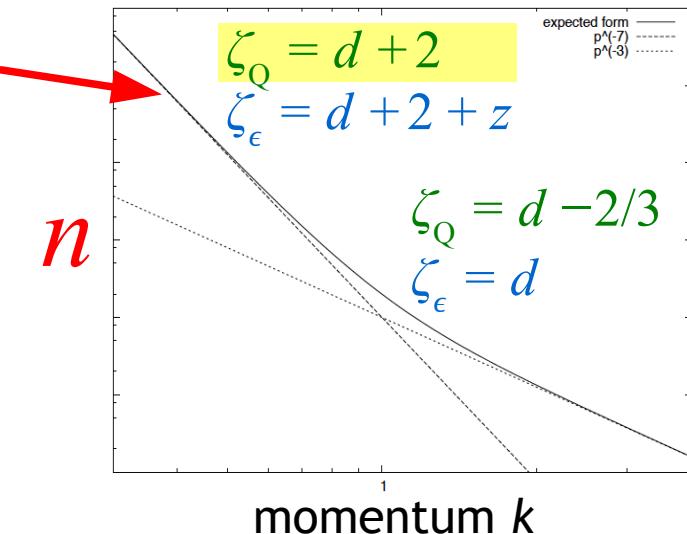
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New exponent  
beyond  
Quantum Boltzmann!



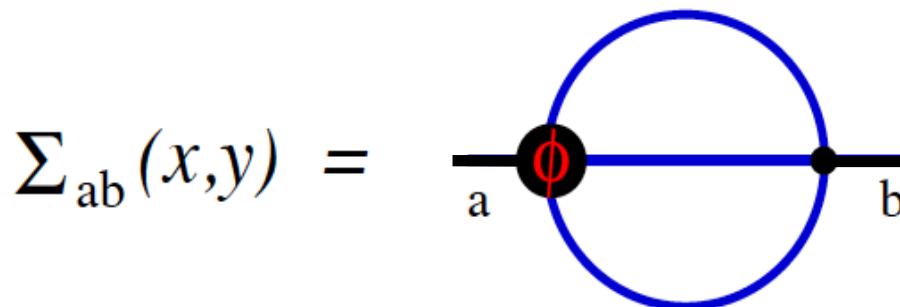
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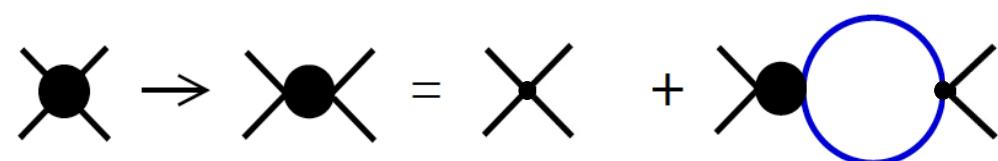
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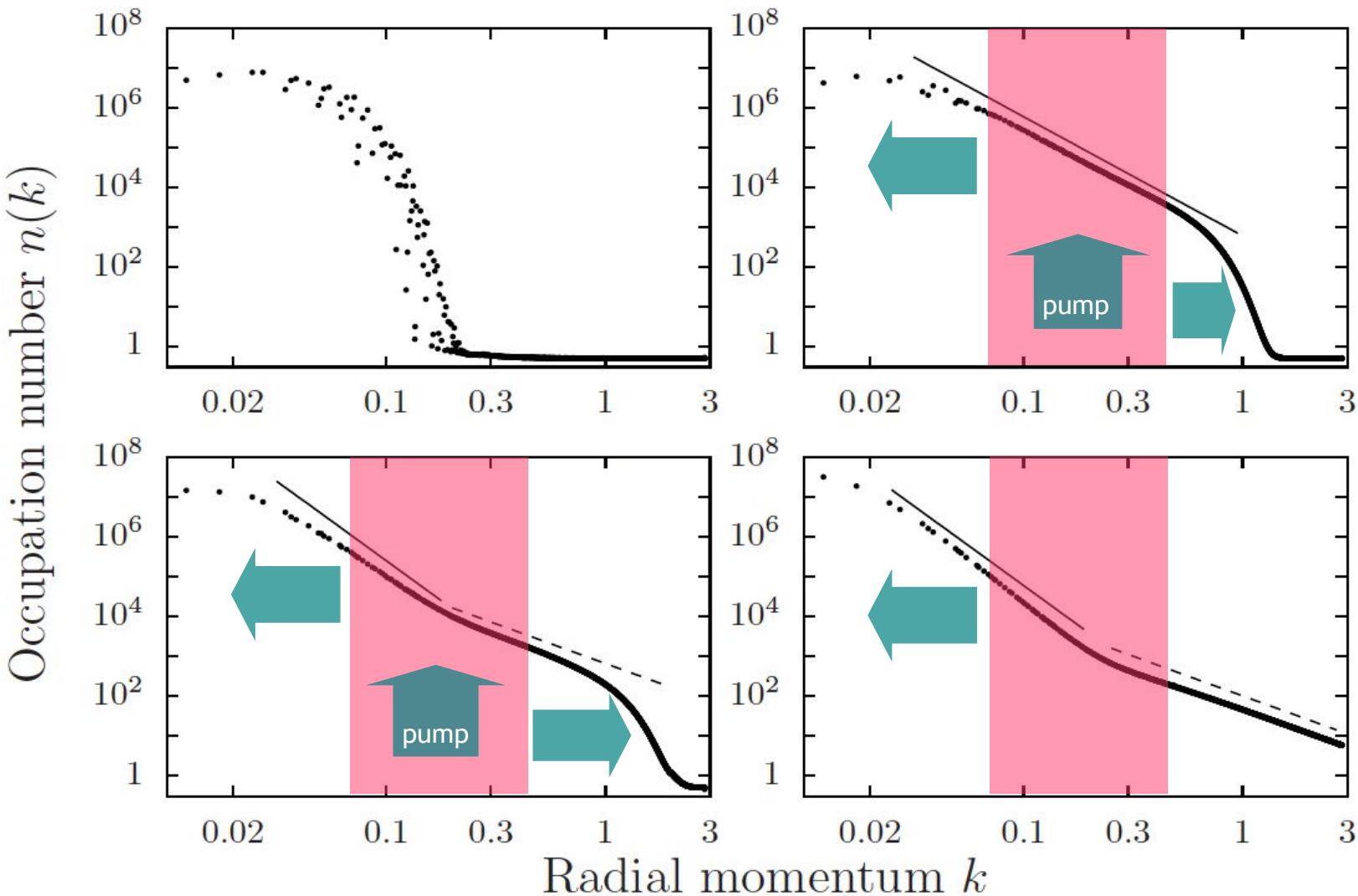
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Vertex bubble resummation:



# Cascades in 2+1 D



# Decomposition of Energy

$$E_{tot} = \int \left( \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \sqrt{n} e^{-i\varphi}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} g n^2 \right) d\rho$$

$$= E_{kin} + E_q + E_{int}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\rho, t) = \nabla \varphi(\rho, t)$$

$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} \int |\sqrt{n} \mathbf{u}|^2 d\rho = E_{kin}^i + E_{kin}^c$$

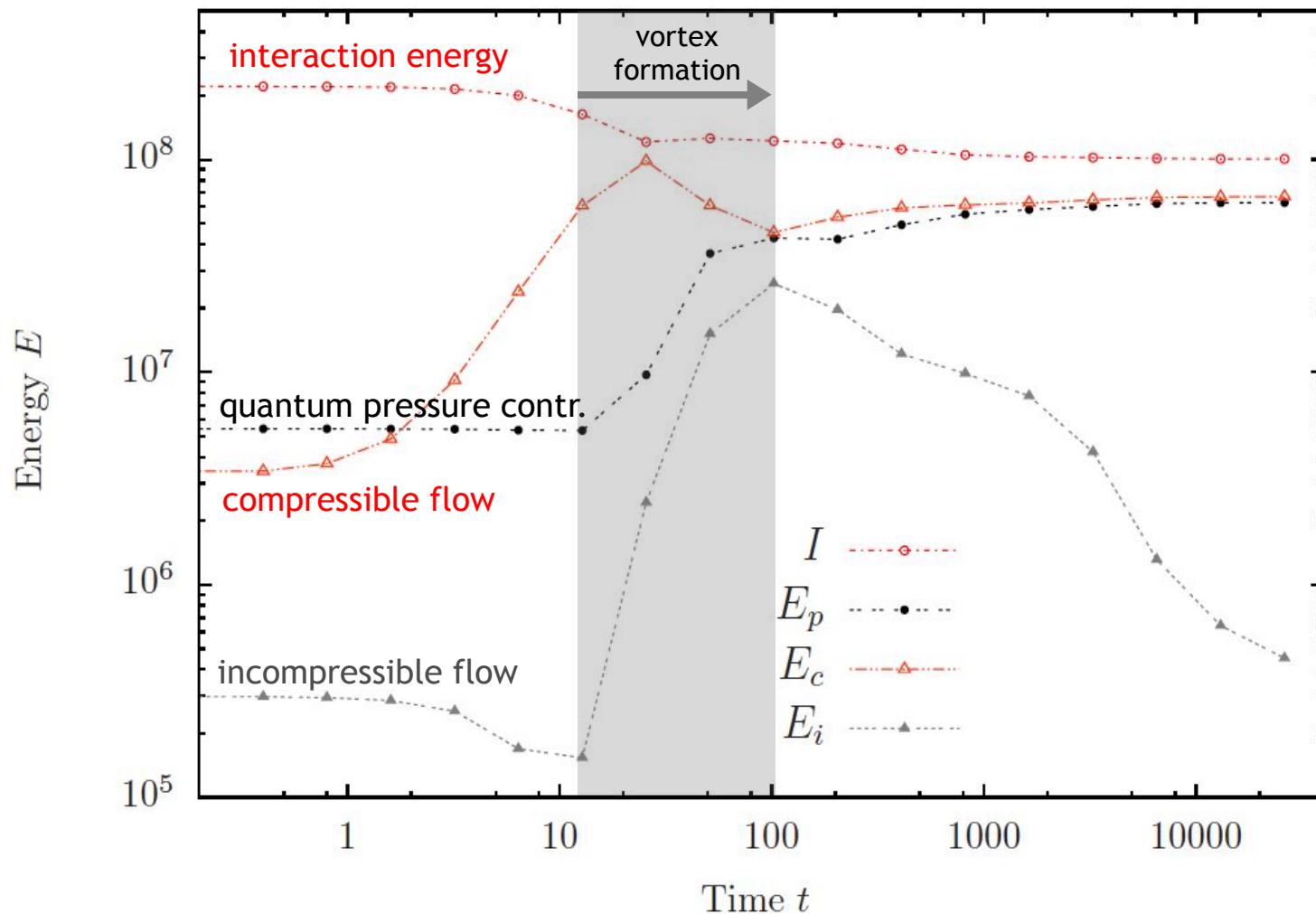
$$\nabla \times (\sqrt{n} \mathbf{u})^c = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\sqrt{n} \mathbf{u})^i = 0$$

$$E_q = \frac{1}{2} \int (\nabla \sqrt{n})^2 d\rho$$



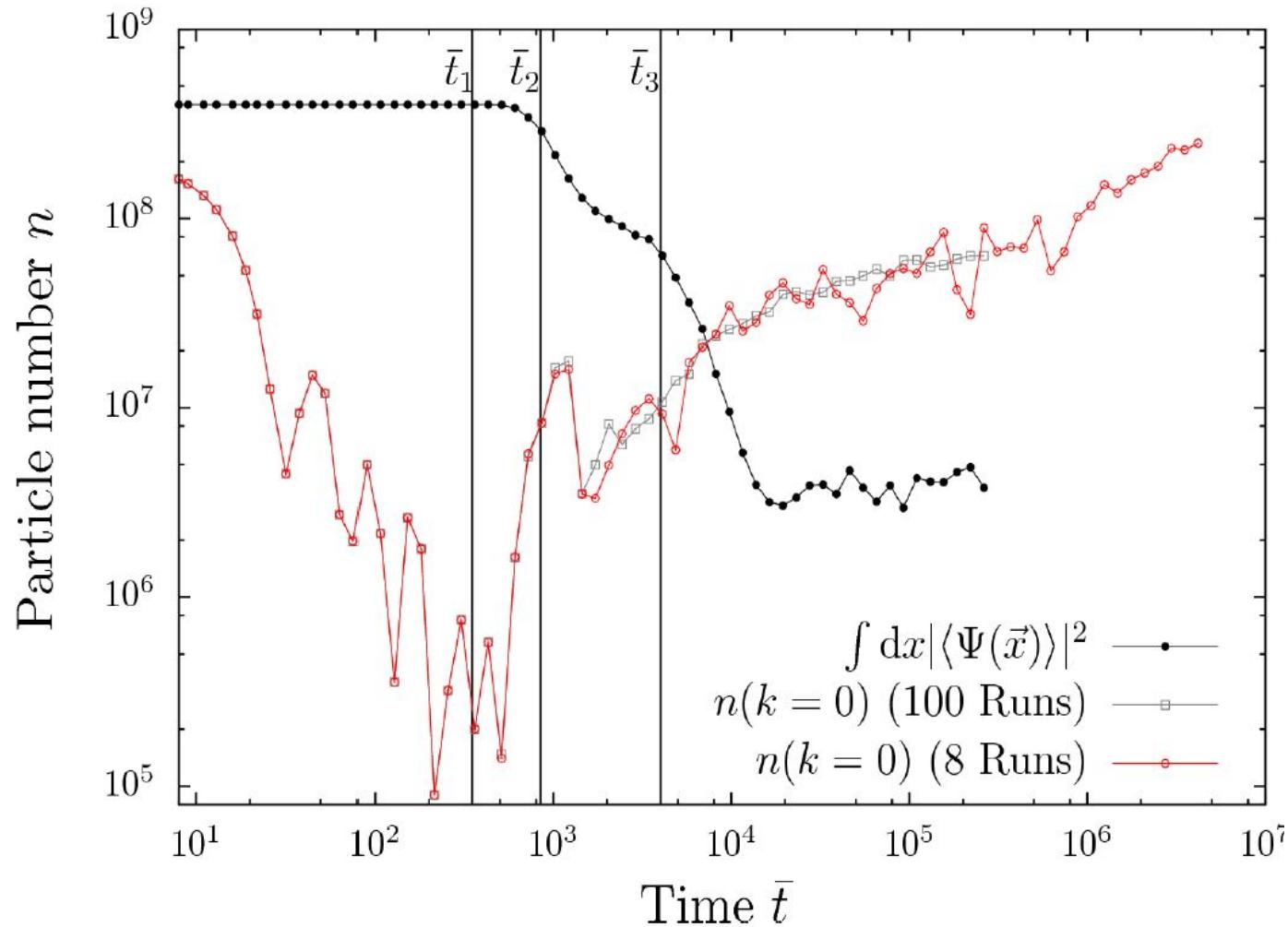
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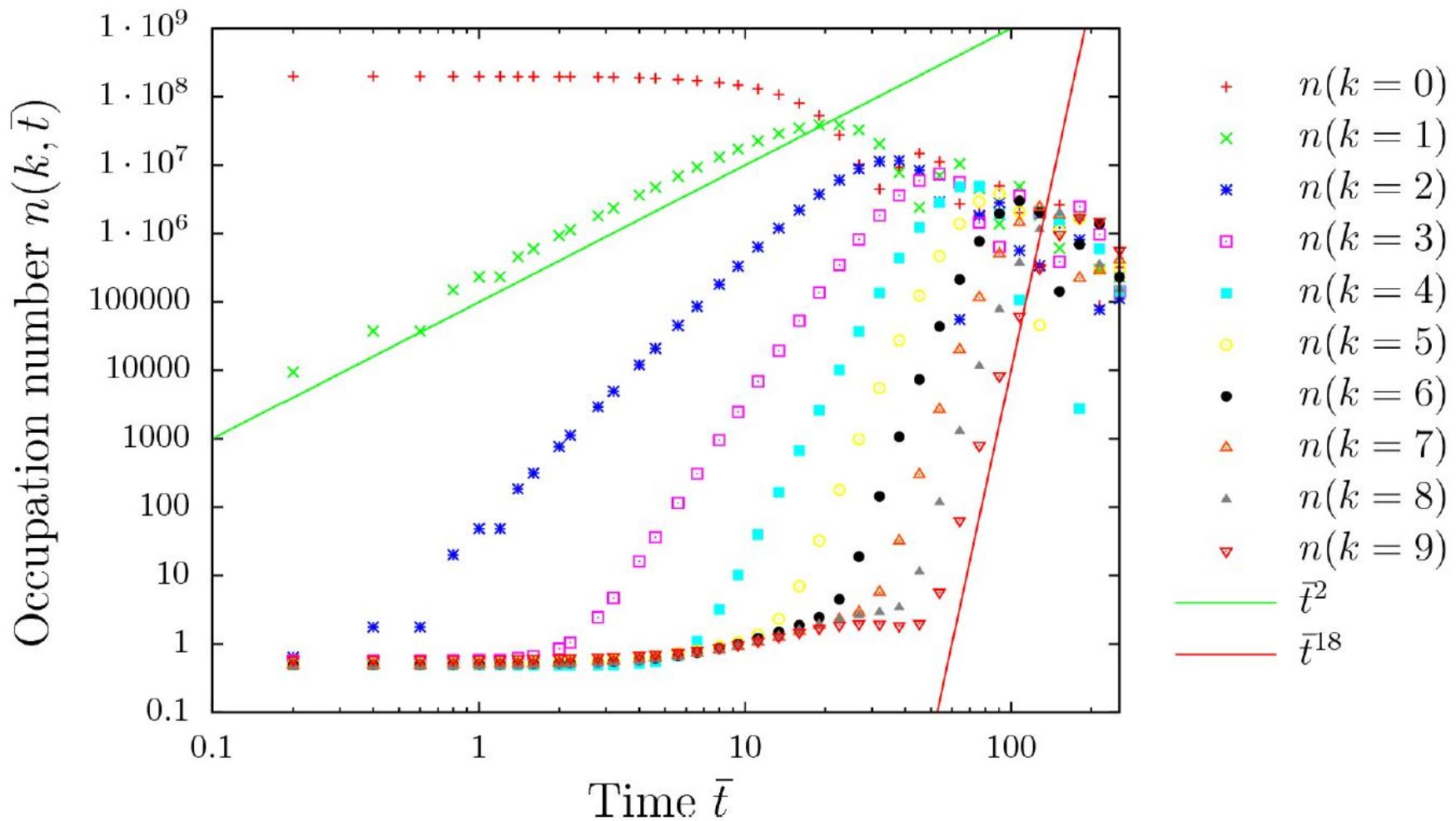
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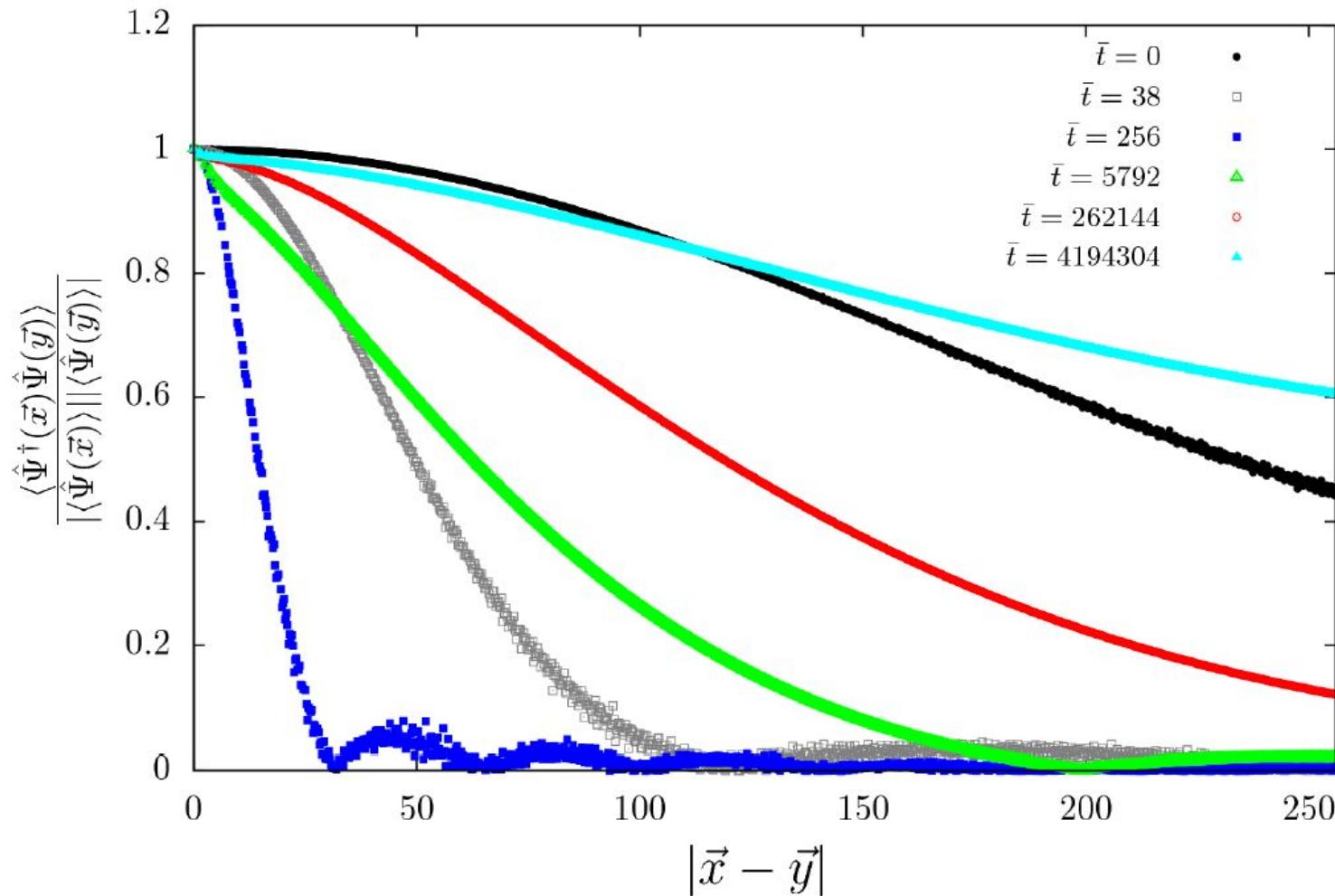
# Mode Occupations



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# 1st-order Coherence

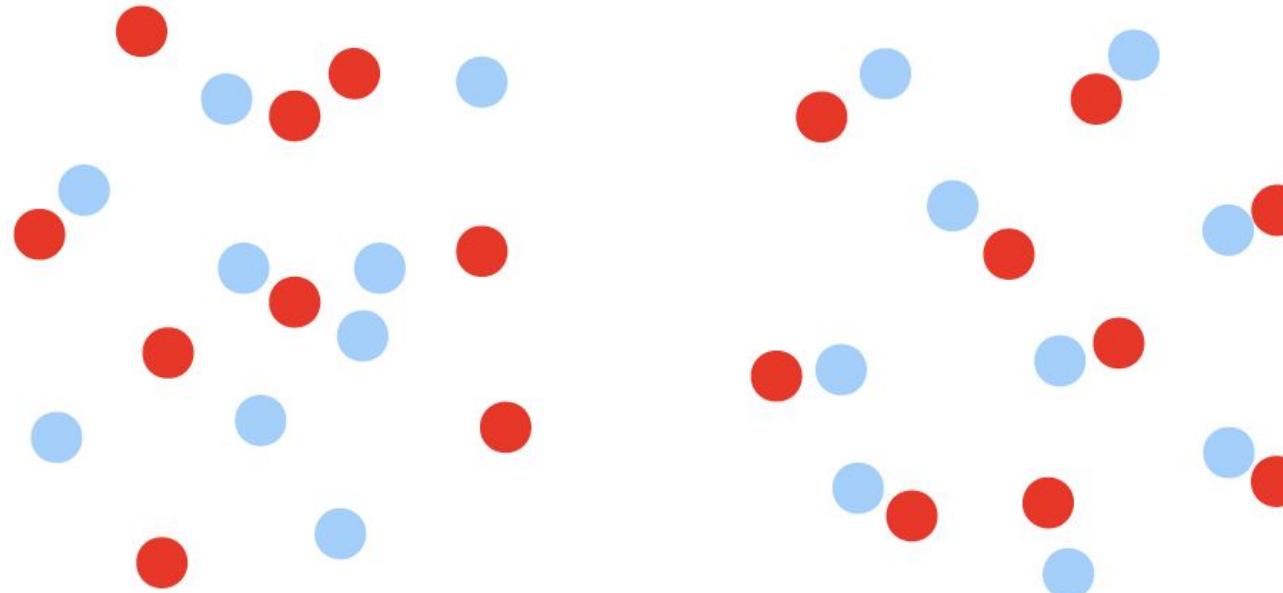


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# Random vortex distributions

# Point vortex model



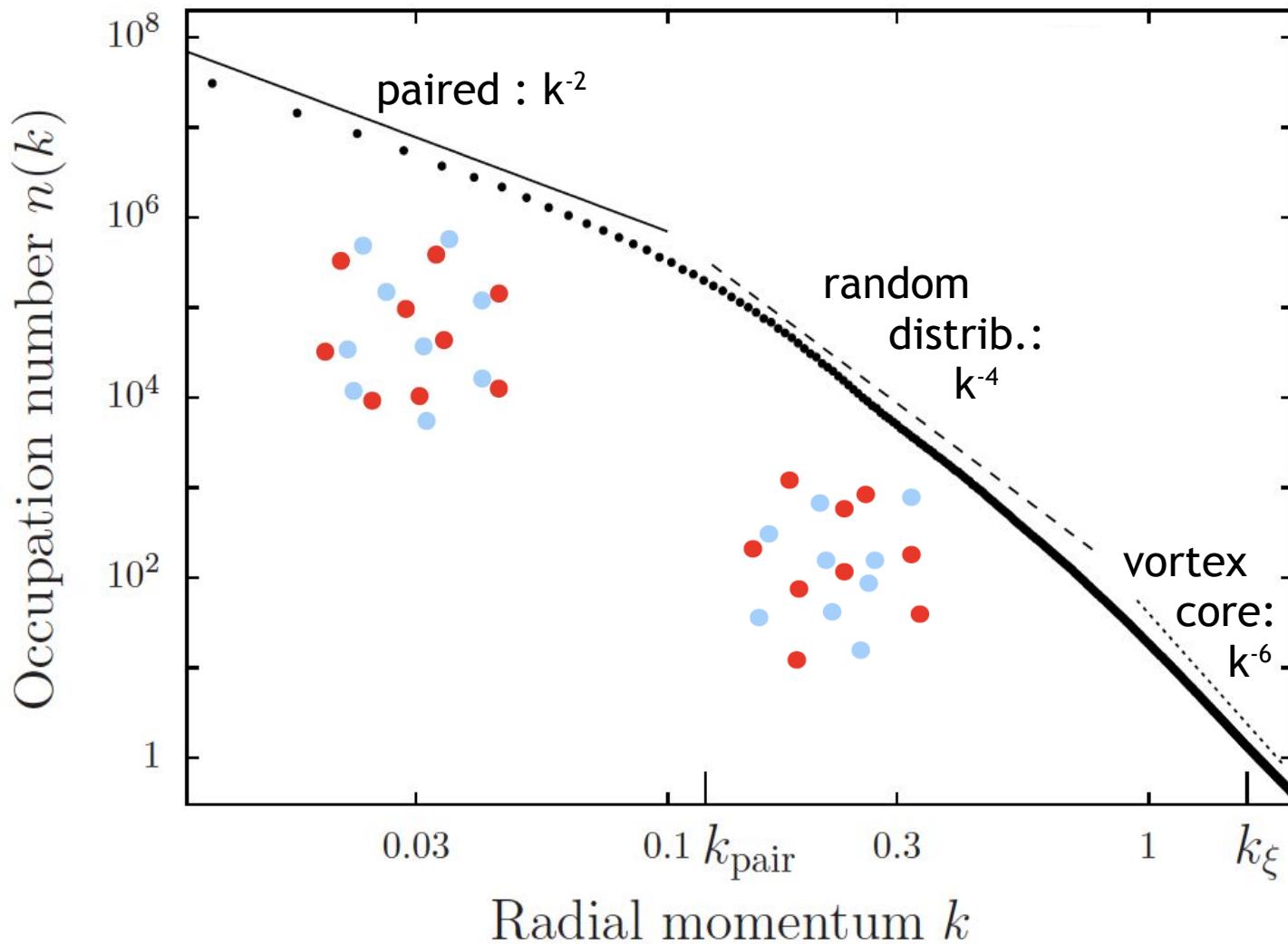
$$n_k \sim k^{-4}$$

$$n_k \sim k^{-2}, \quad k < k_{\text{pair}}$$

$$n_k \sim k^{-4}, \quad k > k_{\text{pair}}$$



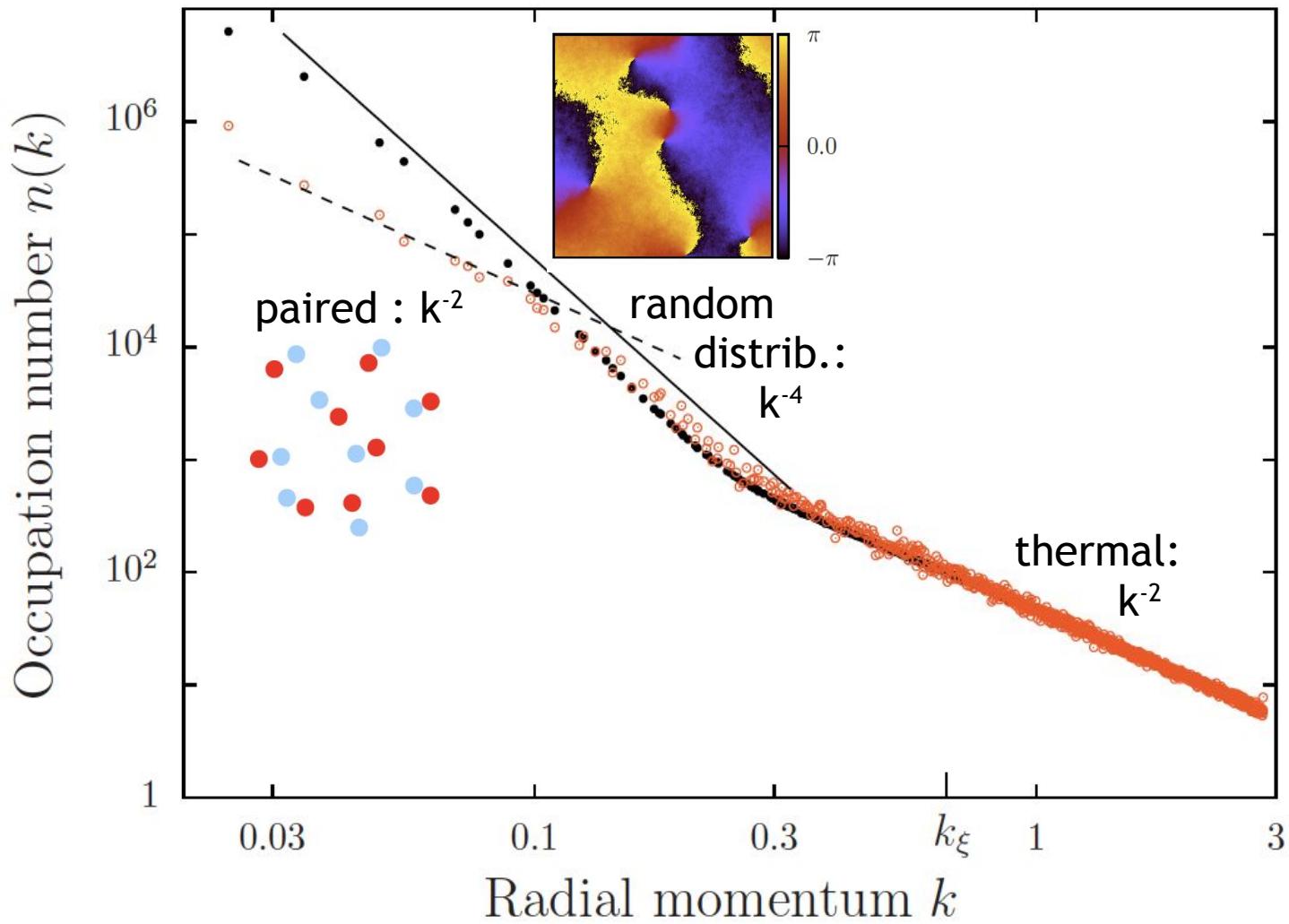
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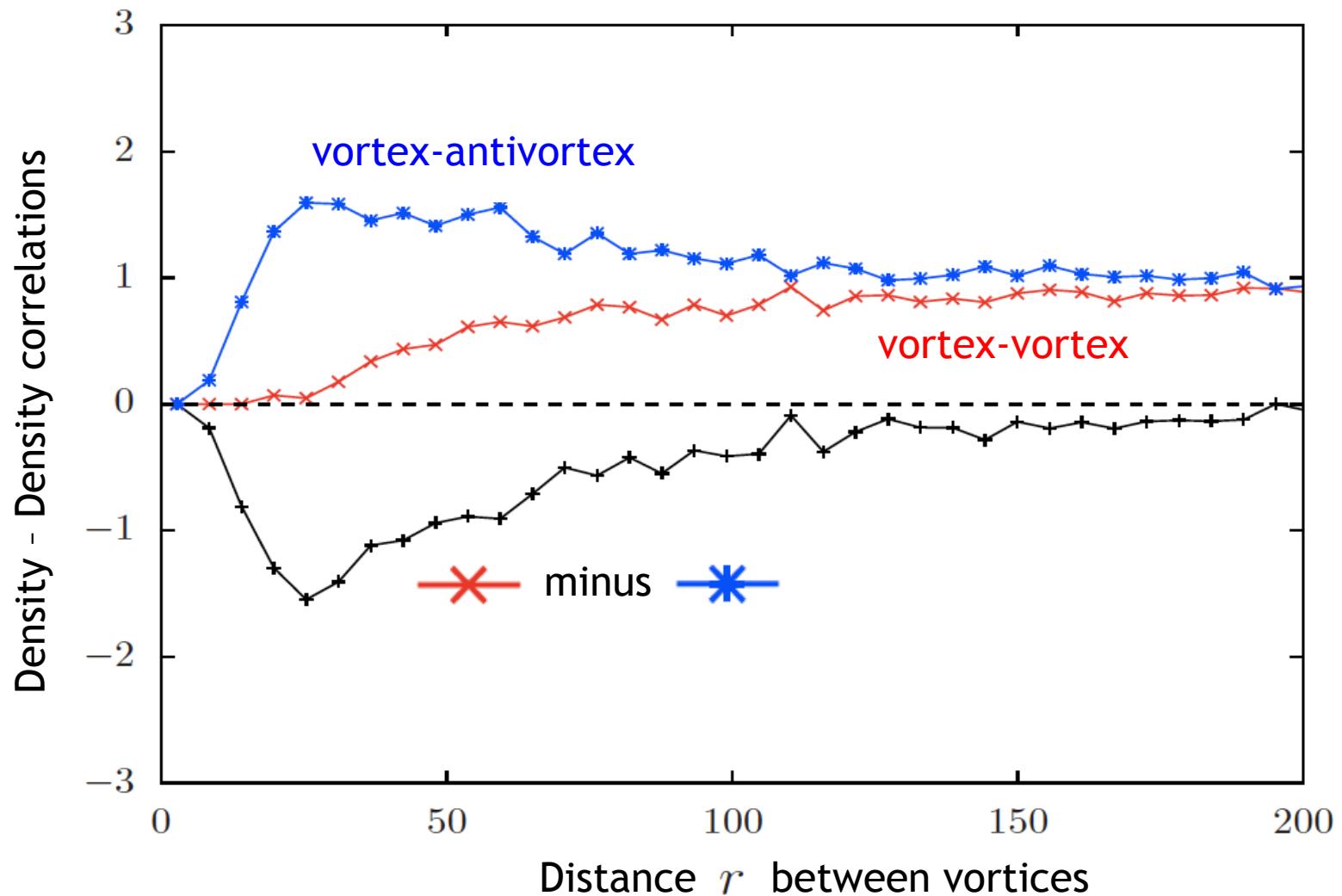
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# Vortex position correlations



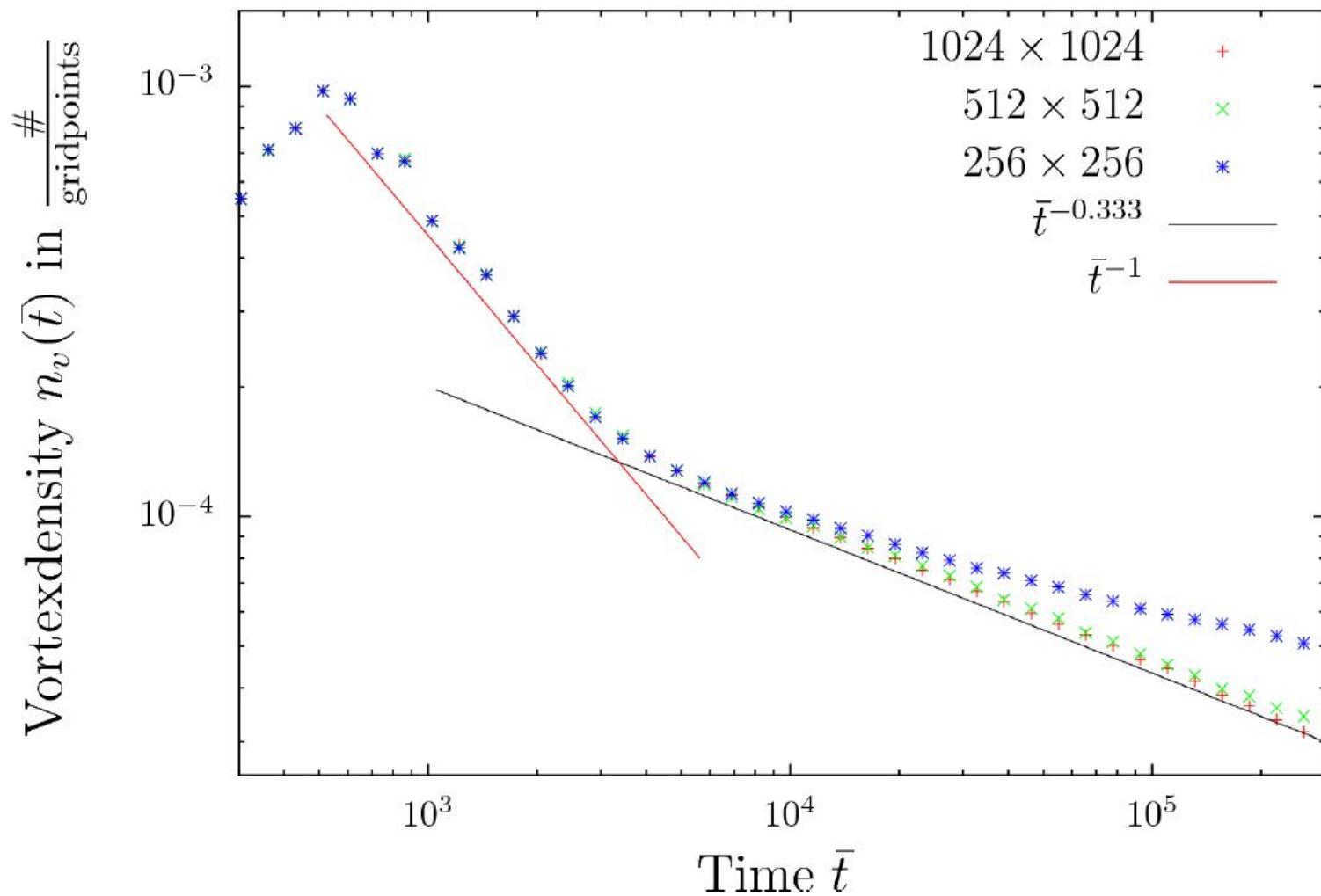
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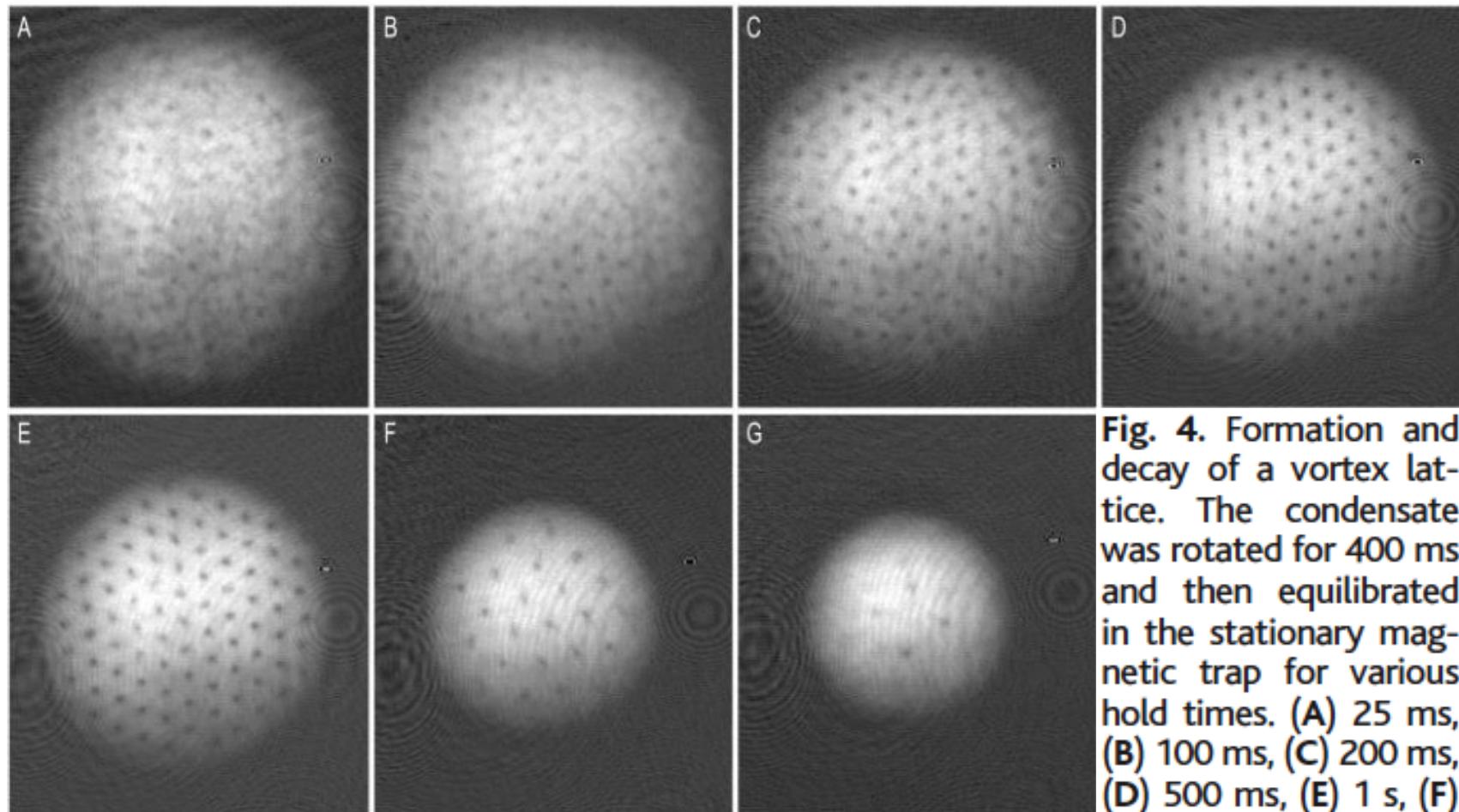
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# Vortices in a Na condensate



**Fig. 4.** Formation and decay of a vortex lattice. The condensate was rotated for 400 ms and then equilibrated in the stationary magnetic trap for various hold times. (A) 25 ms, (B) 100 ms, (C) 200 ms, (D) 500 ms, (E) 1 s, (F) 5 s, (G) 10 s

J. R. Abo-Shaeer, C. Raman, J. M. Vogels, W. Ketterle

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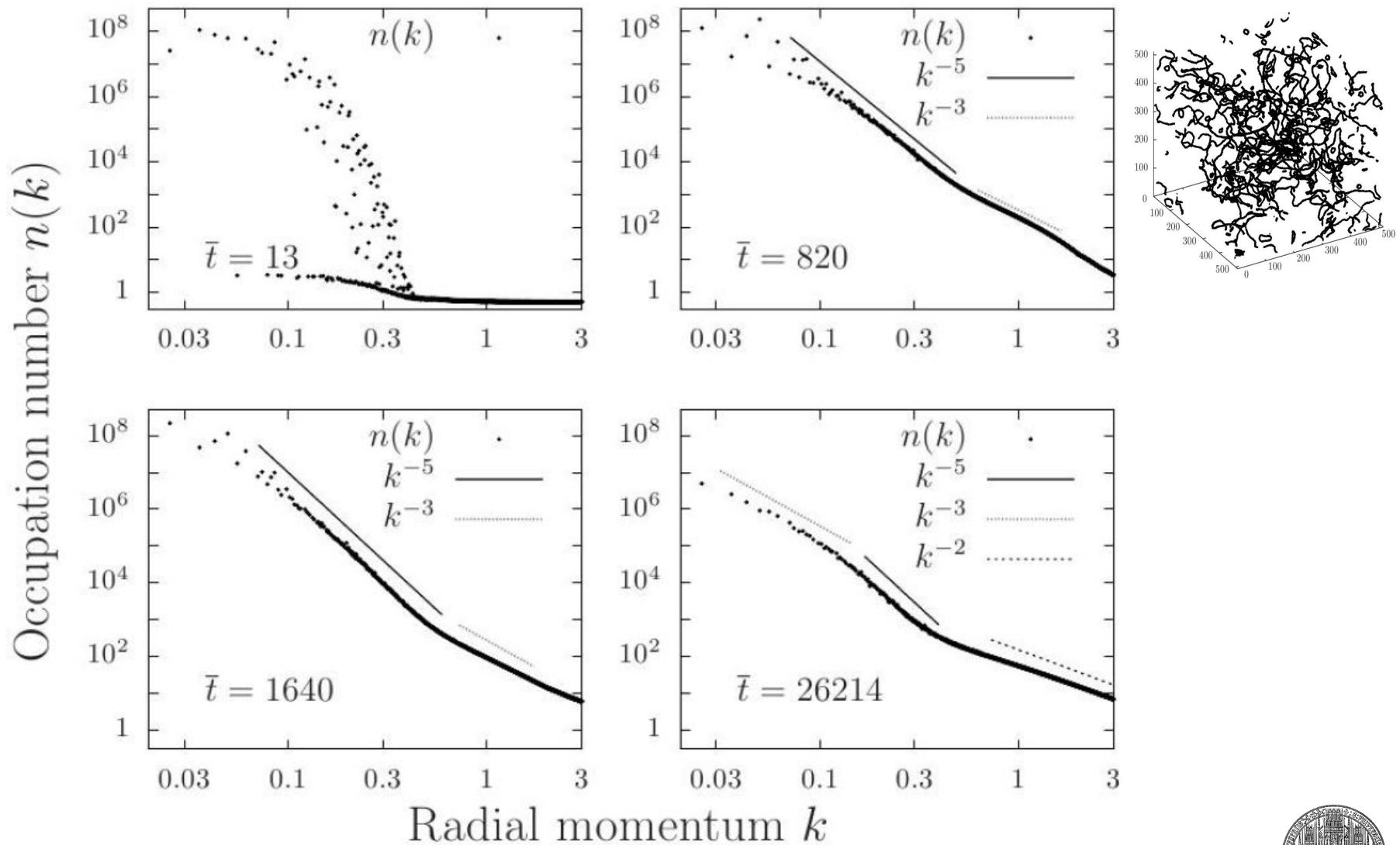
# Movie 3: Vortex Lines in 3+1 D

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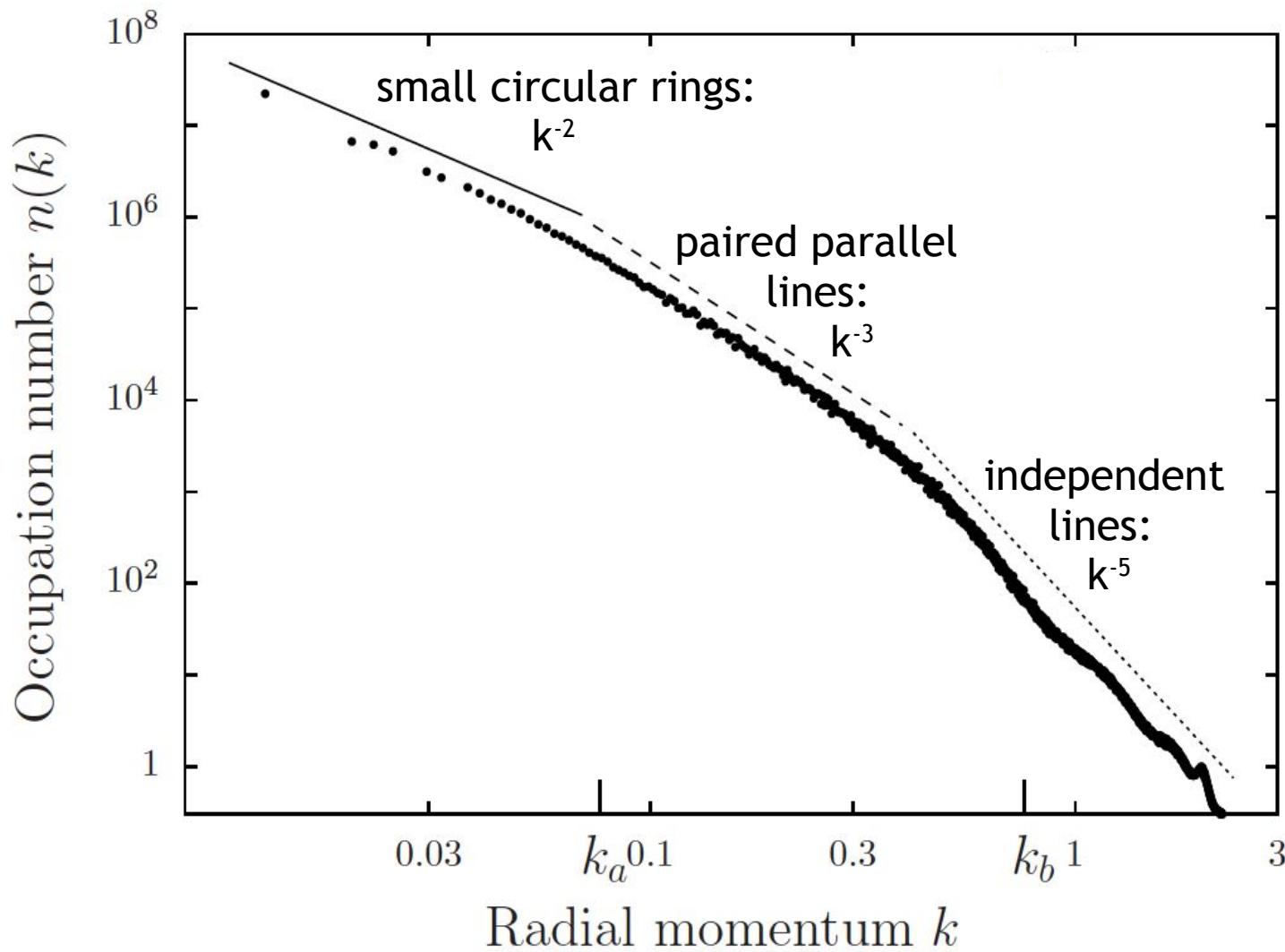
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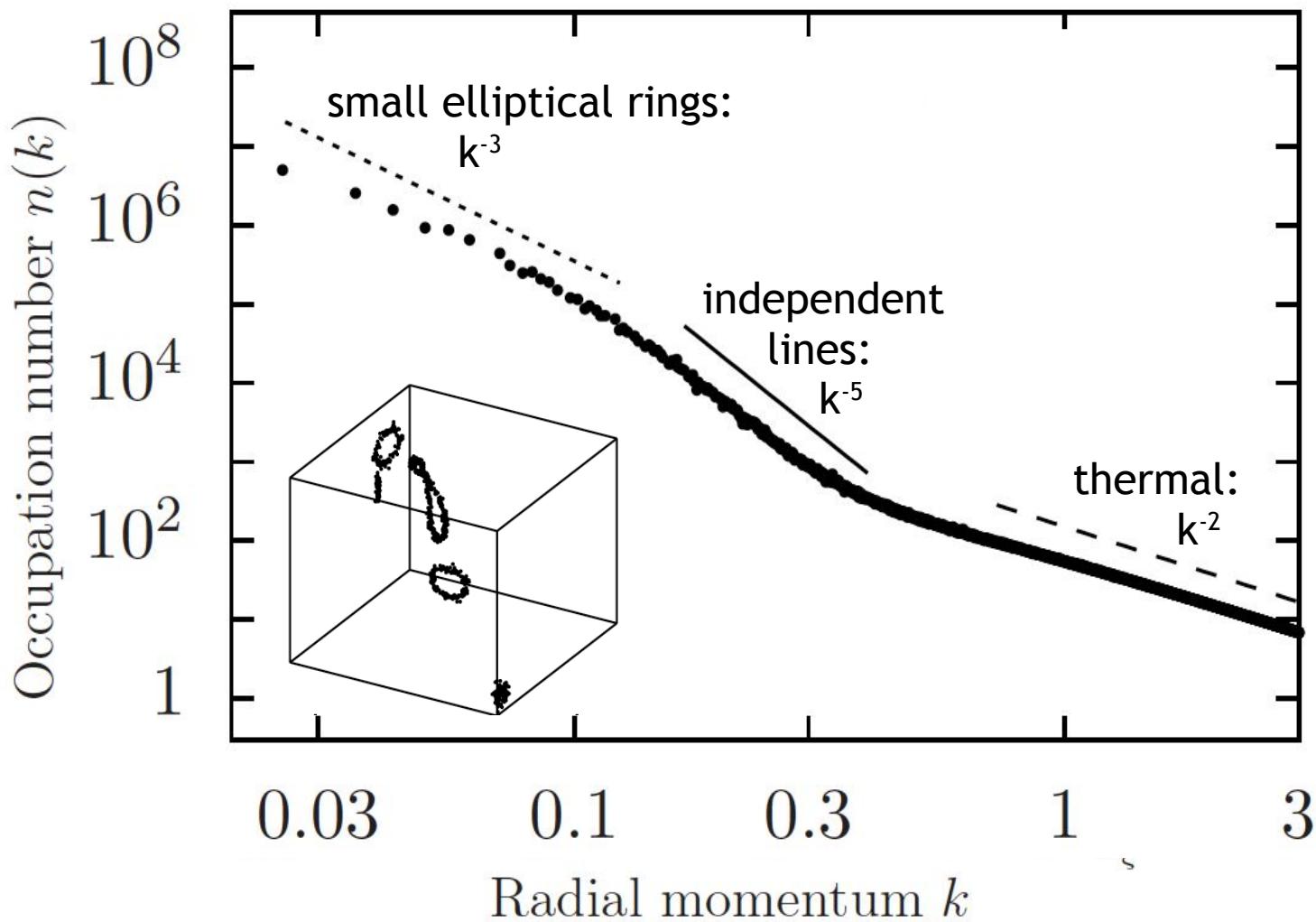
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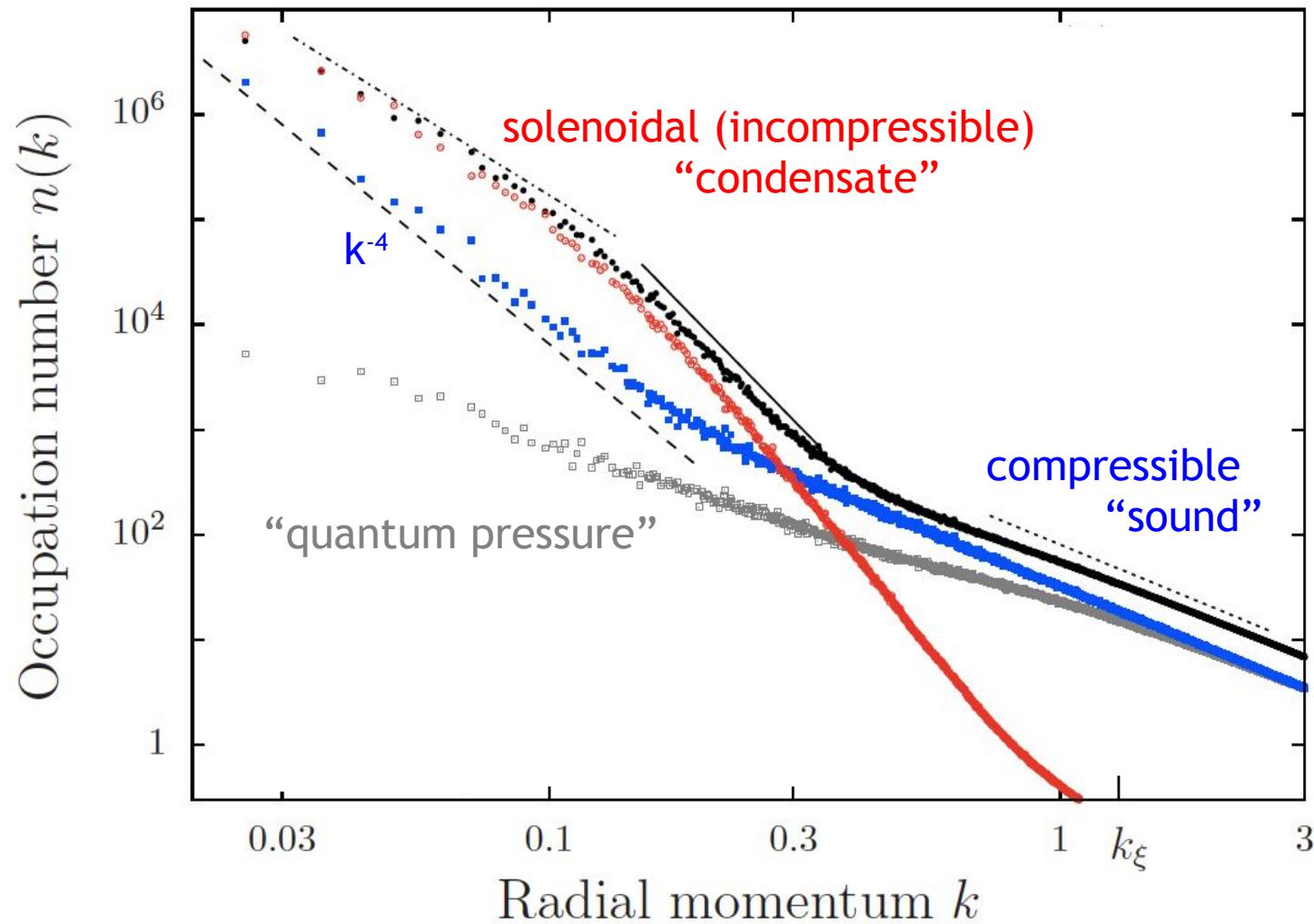
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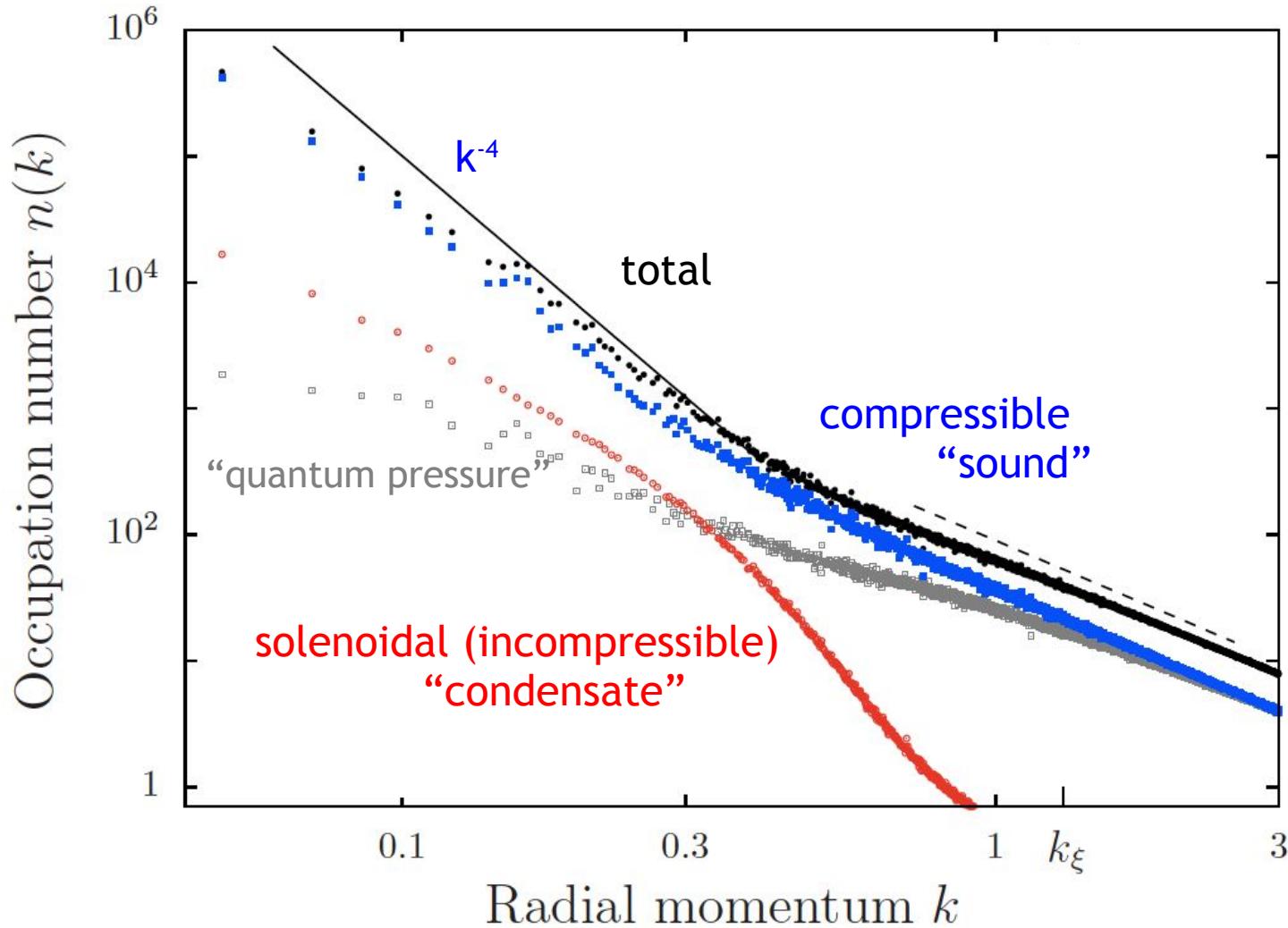
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# Decomposition of flow



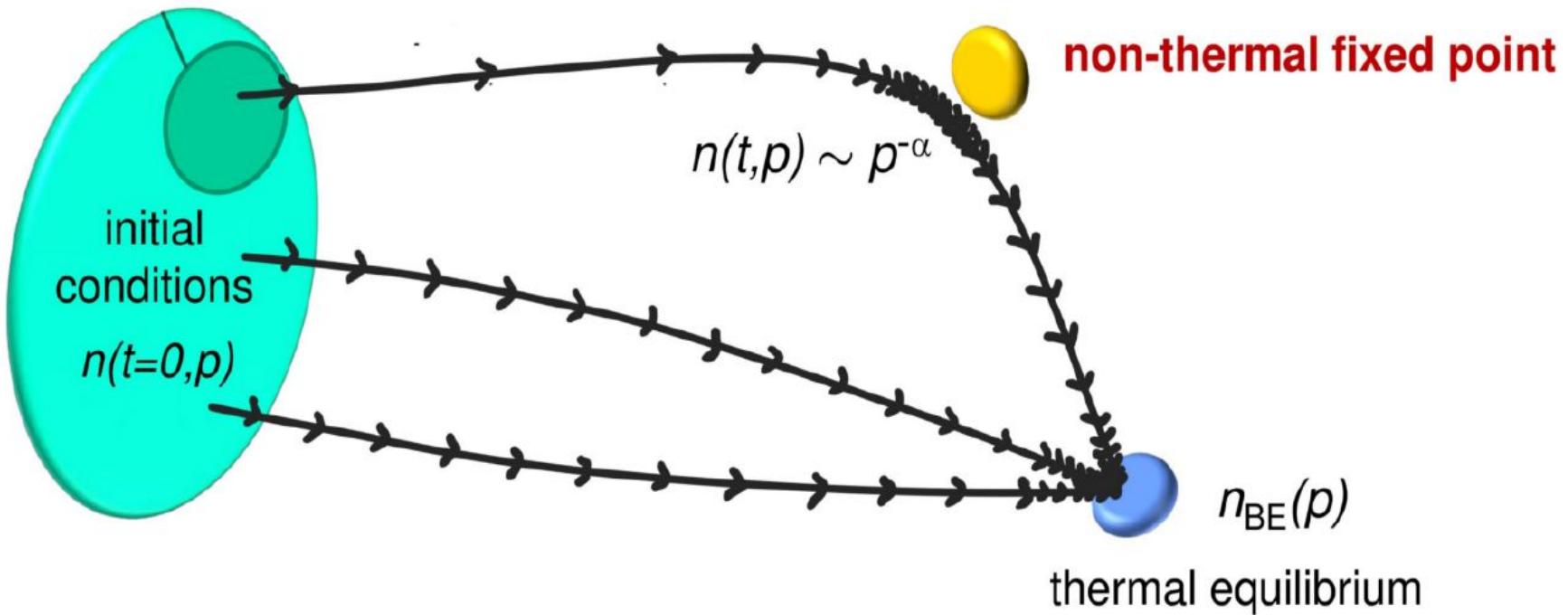
# Acoustic turbulence



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# Non-thermal fixed point



[Fig. courtesy: J. Berges '08]



# Relativistic scalar field

# Strong Turbulence

Simulations of the non-linear Klein-Gordon equation, **O(2) symmetry**

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2)\varphi(x, t) + \lambda\varphi^3(x, t) = 0$$

Initial condition: Highly occupied zero mode, Unoccupied modes with  $k > 0$

(video)

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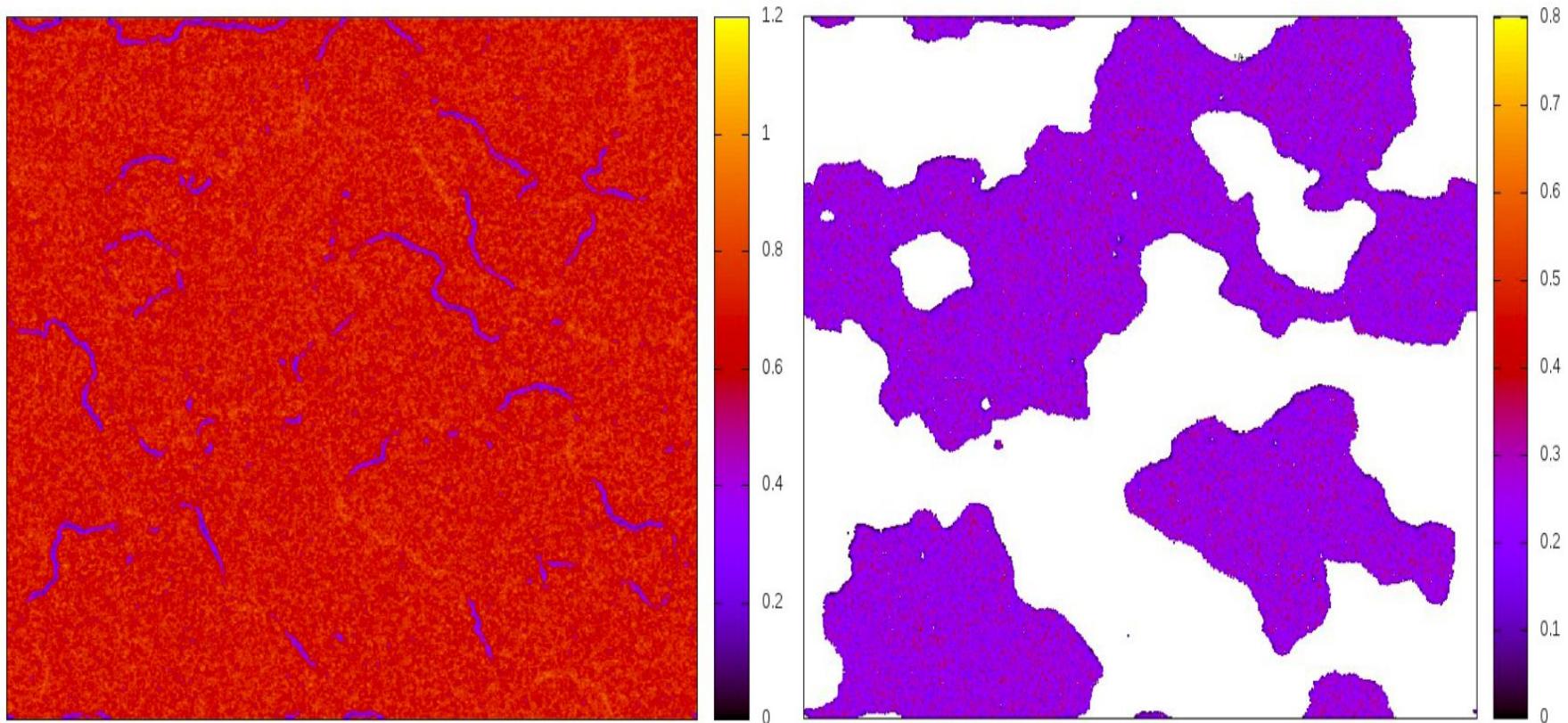


# Strong Turbulence = Charge Separation

Modulus of complex field  $|\varphi|$

vs.

mean charge distribution



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cf. also Tkachev, Kofman, Starobinsky, Linde (1998)



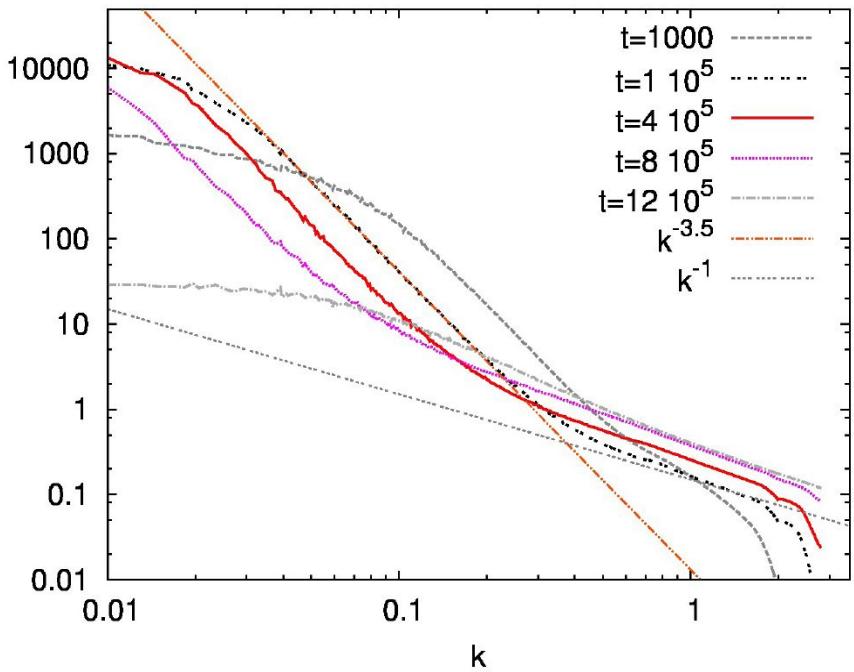
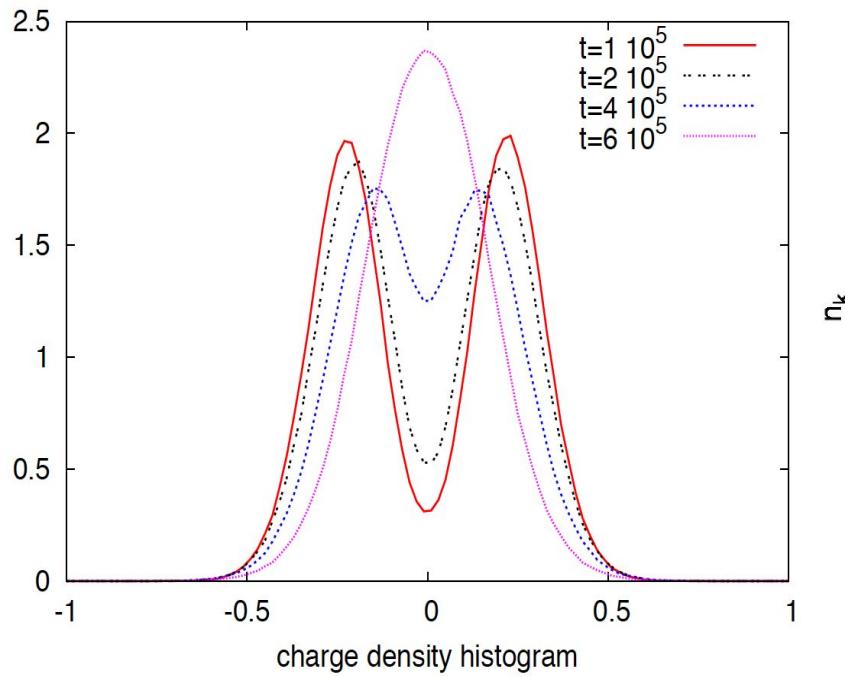
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Charge density distribution

vs.

power spectrum

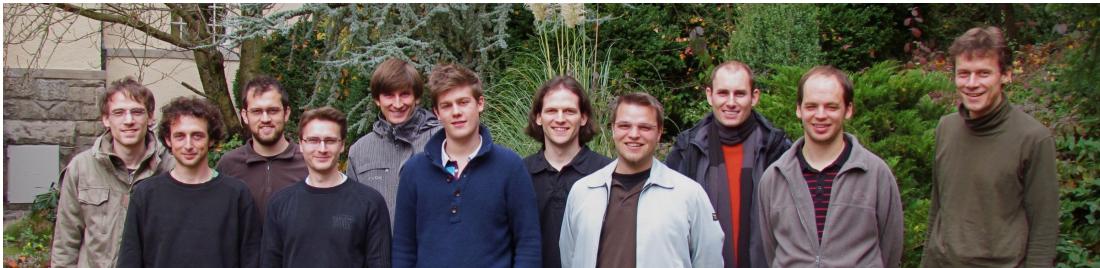
( $d = 2, N = 2$ )



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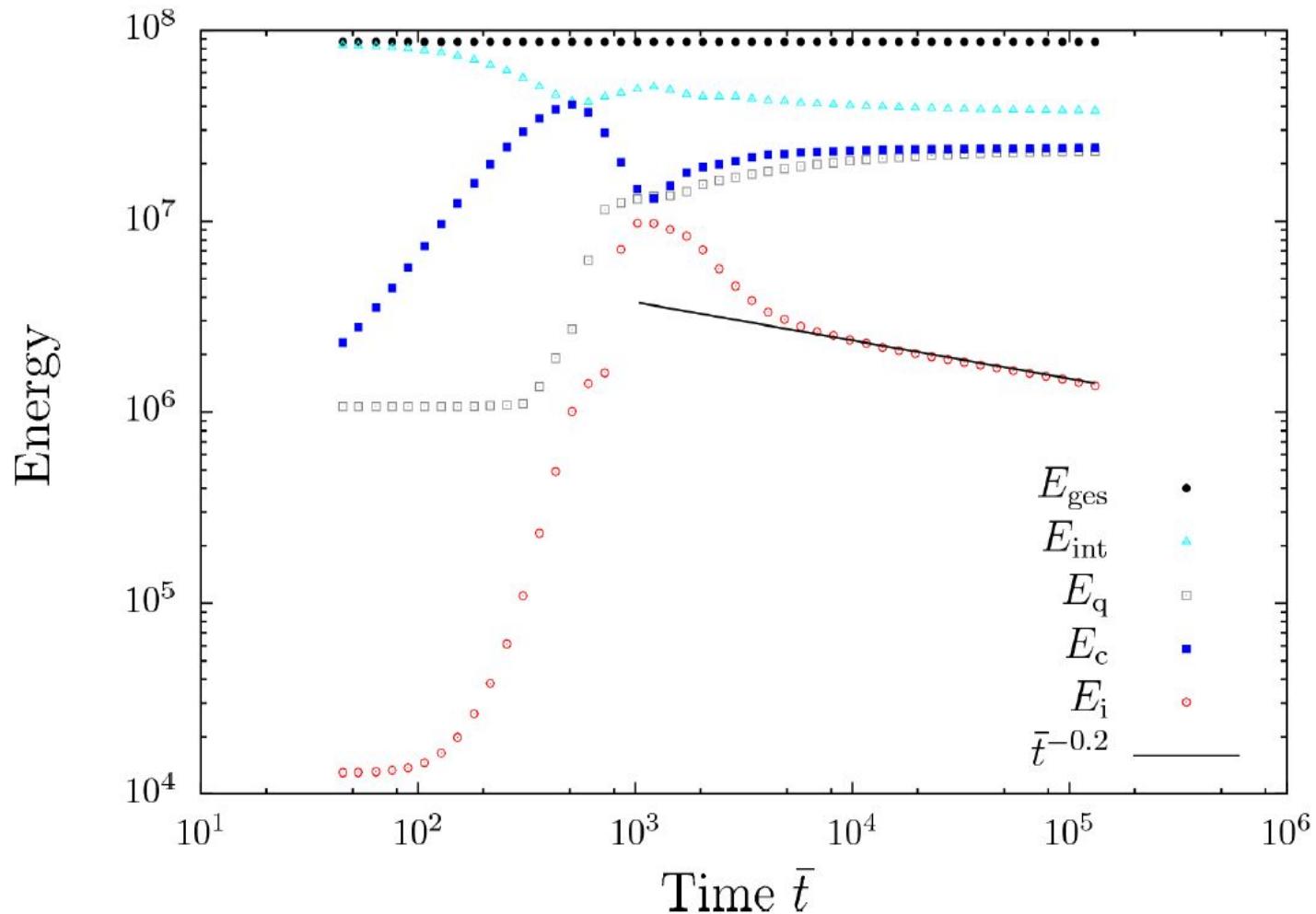
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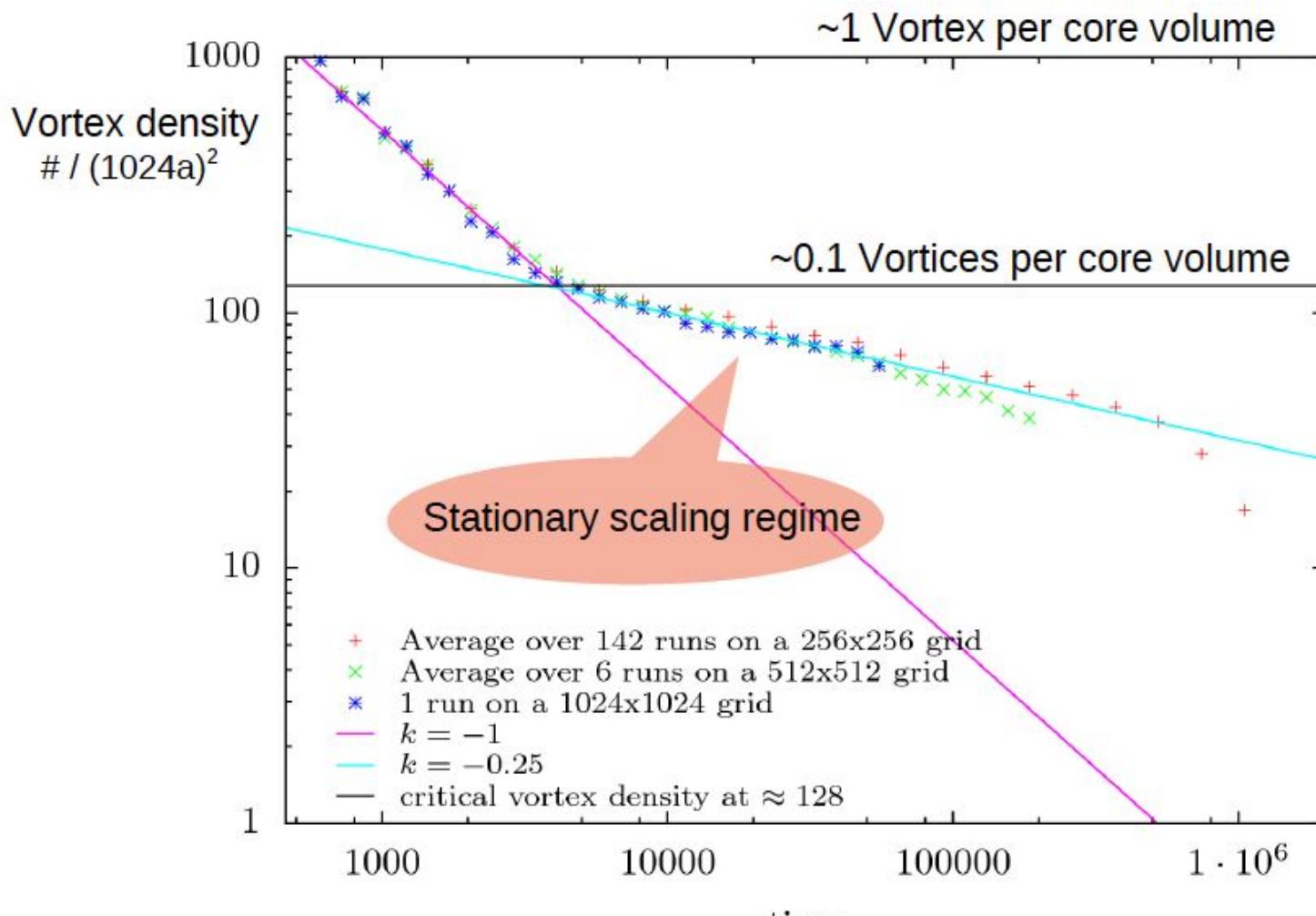
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# Time evolution of vortex density



Core volume  $\sim \pi(3\xi)^2$

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# Enstrophy in classical turbulence

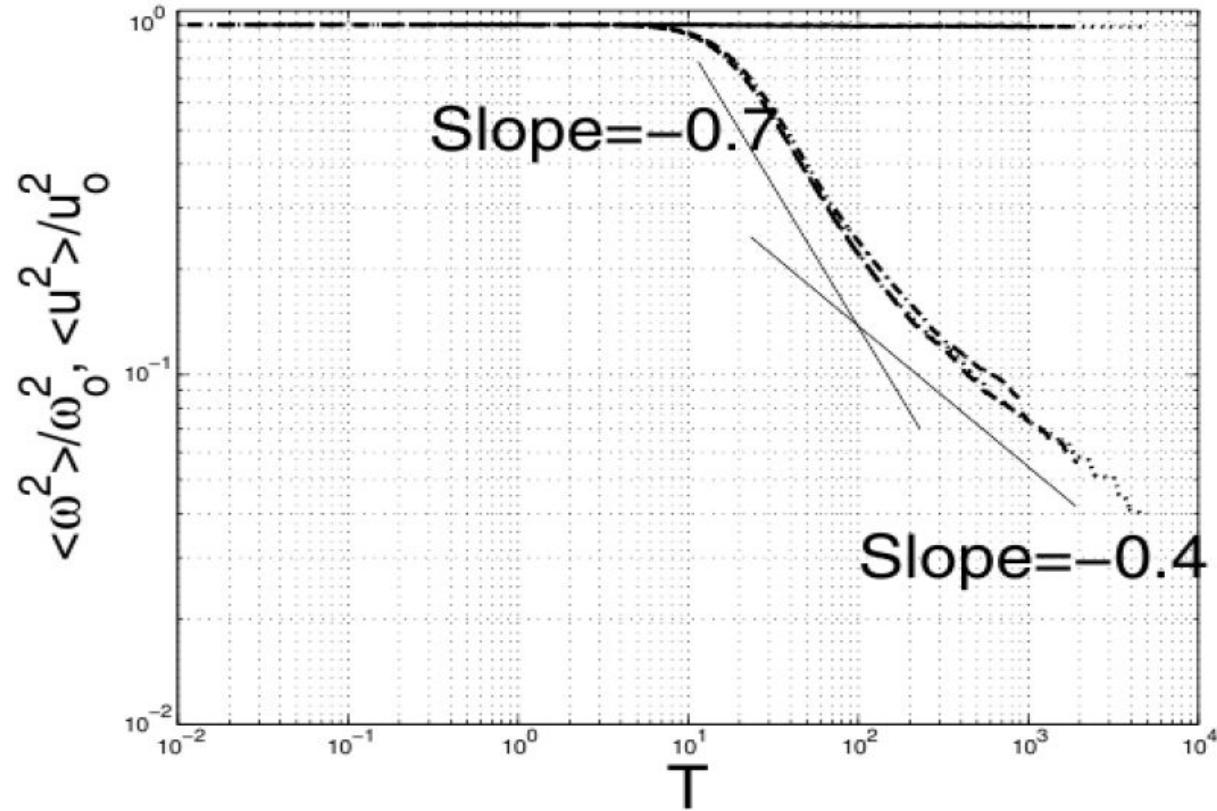
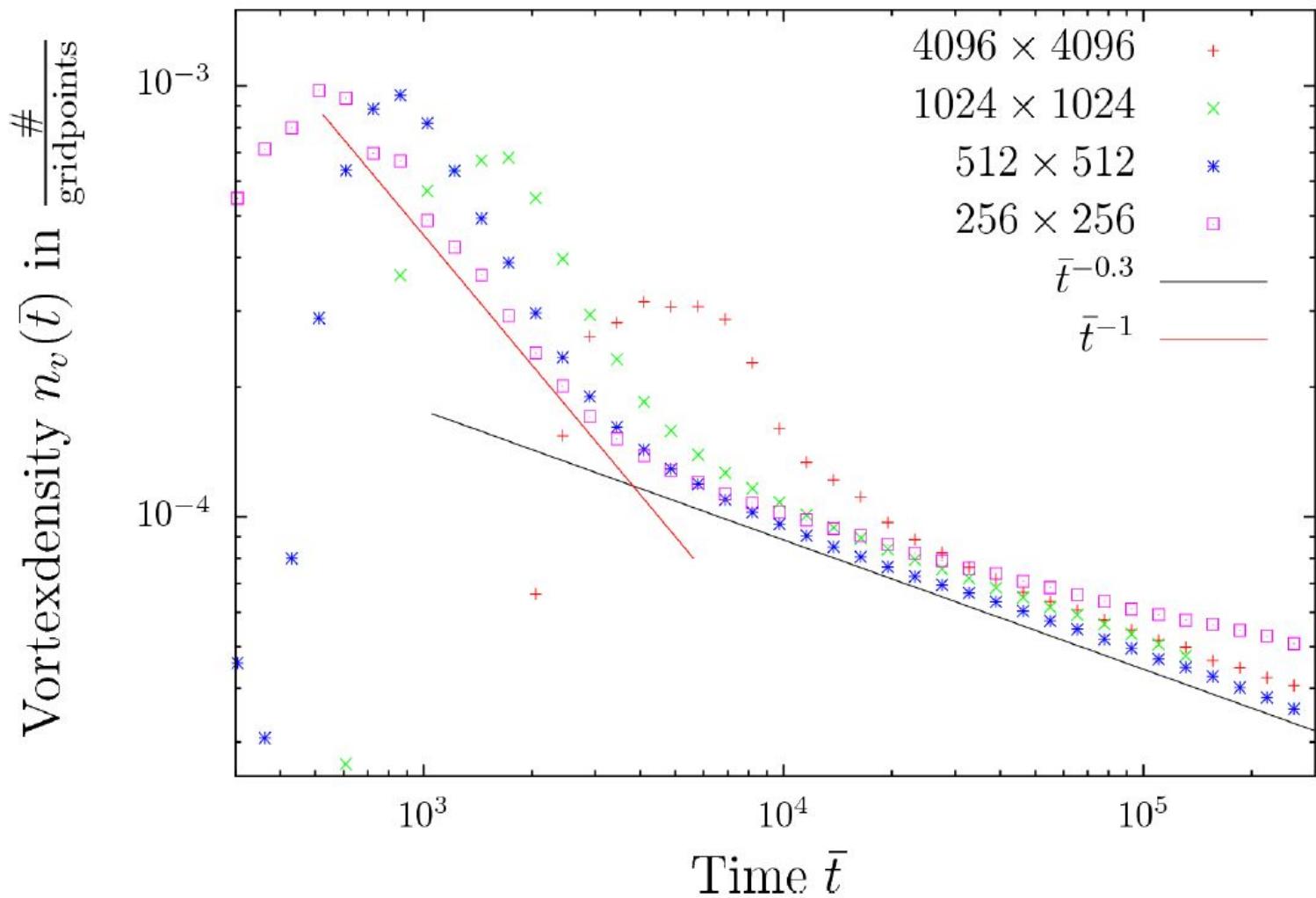


FIG. 1. Time evolution of energy (upper horizontal curve) and enstrophy. Resolution: dotted line ( $512^3$ ); dashed line ( $1024^3$ ); dash-dotted line ( $2048^3$ ).

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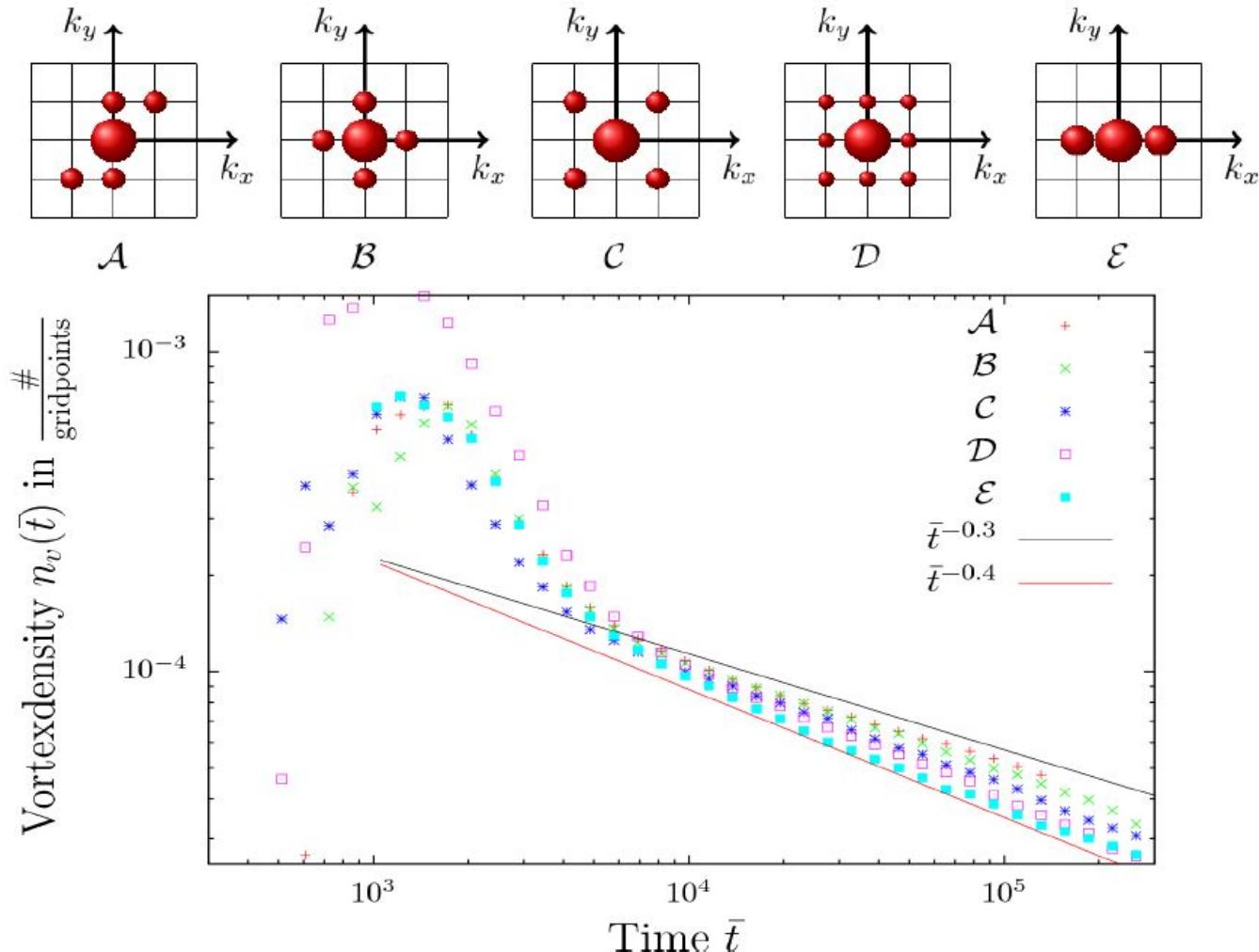
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# Kinetic Theory

One of the power laws can be explained by a kinetic theory:

$$\partial_t n_v(t) = -\frac{n_{\text{dip}}}{\tau_{\text{ann}}}$$

$$n_{\text{dip}} \sim n_v$$

$$\sigma \sim d$$

$d$  : average pair distance

$$\tau_{\text{ann}} = \tau_{\text{coll}} \alpha$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{d}$$

$\bar{v}$  : average pair velocity

$$\tau_{\text{coll}} = \frac{l}{\bar{v}}$$

$$d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_v}}$$

$l$  : mean free path

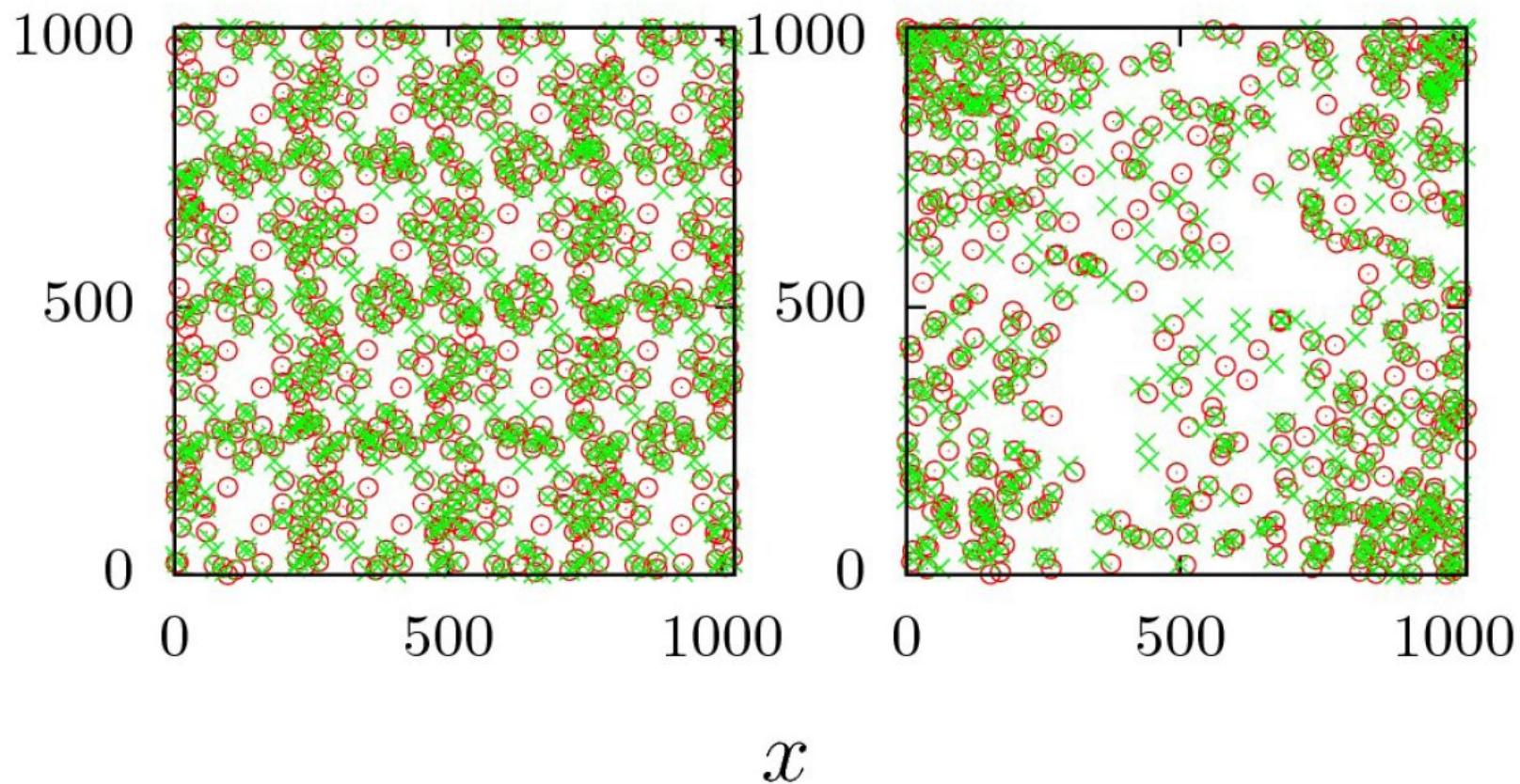
$$l \sim \frac{1}{n_v \sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t n_v(t) \sim -n_v^2 \Rightarrow n_v(t) \sim t^{-1}$$

This result is valid under the assumption that the vortices are moving in pairs and that the pairs are homogeneously distributed.



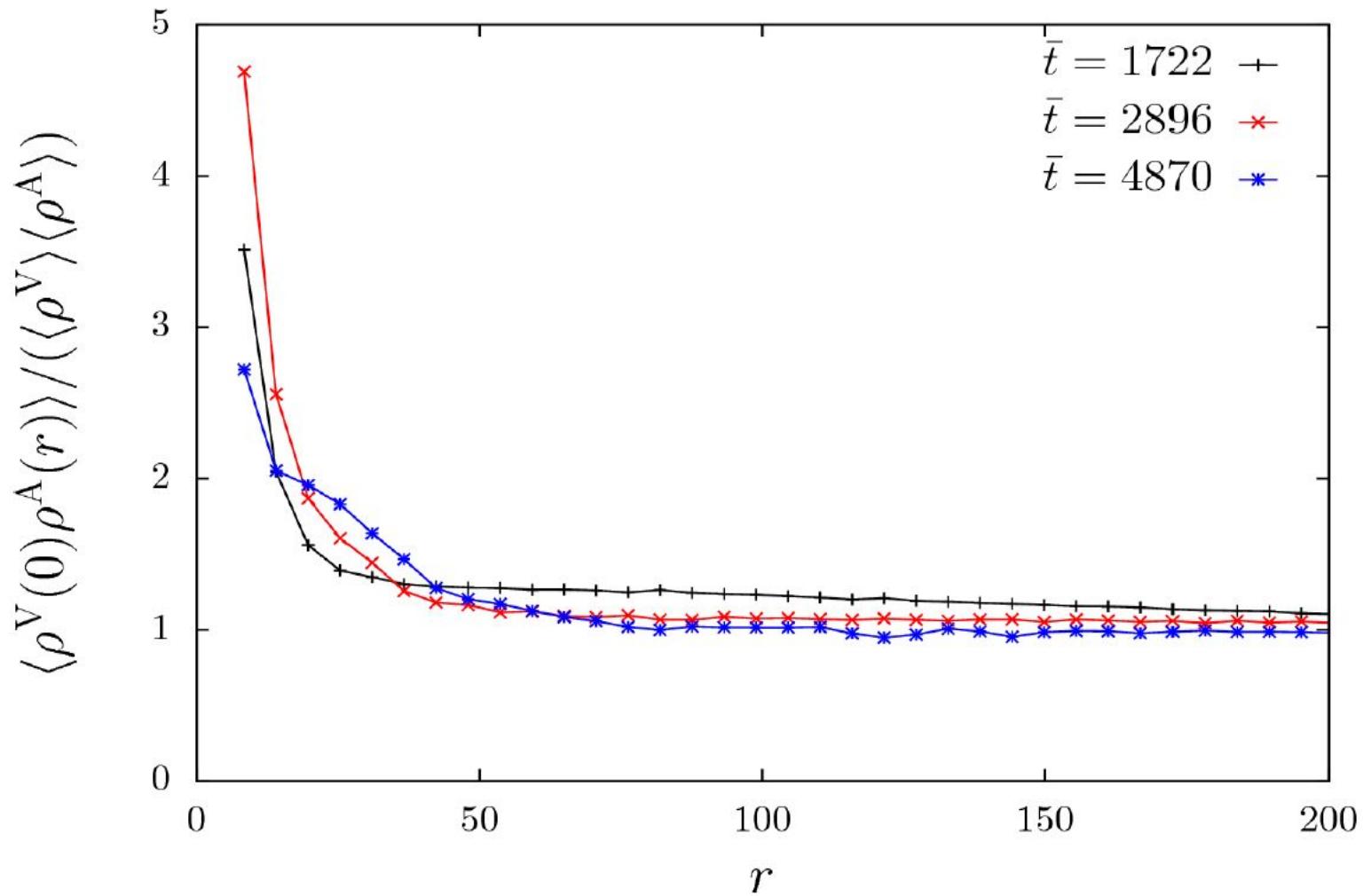
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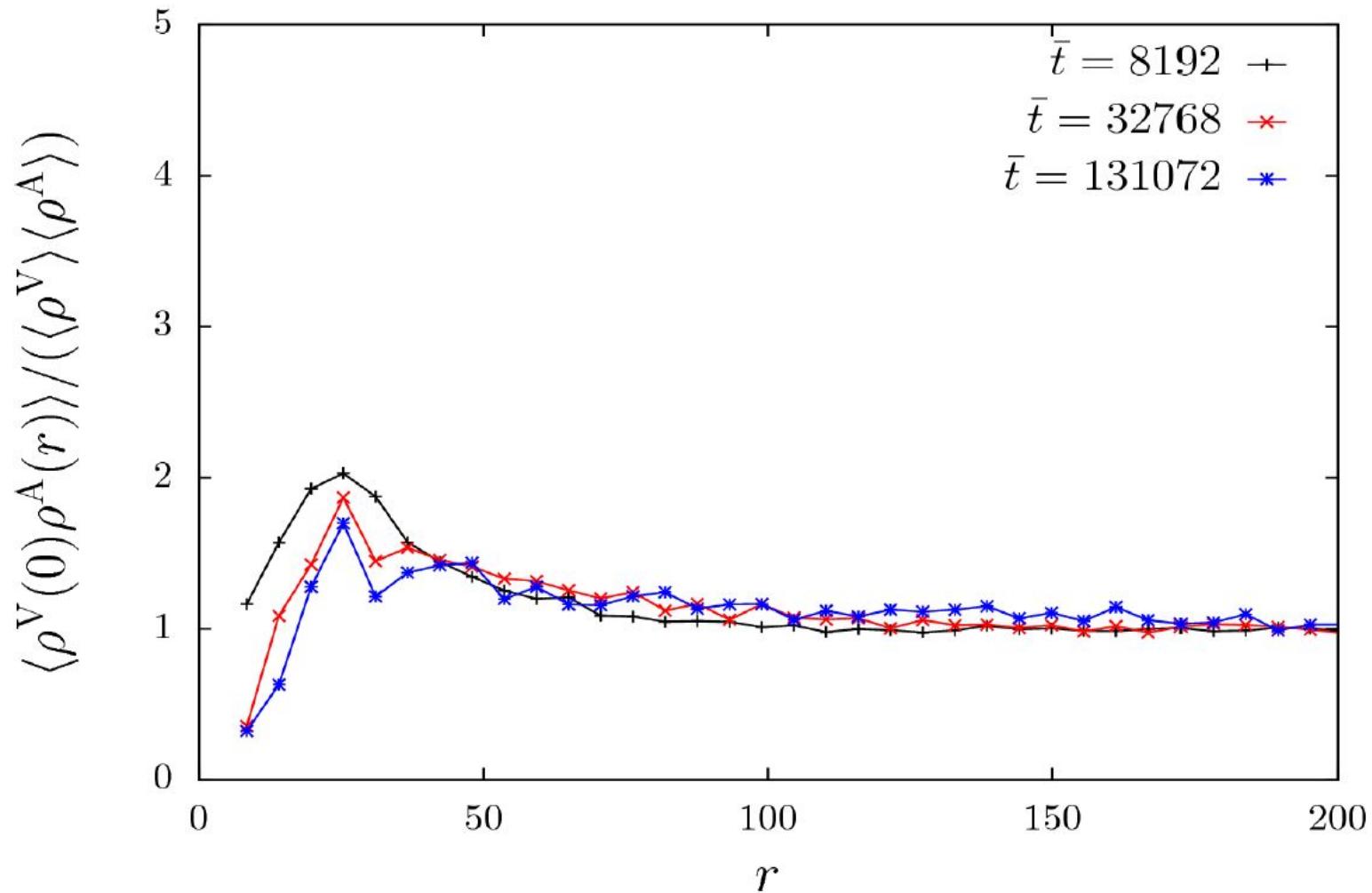
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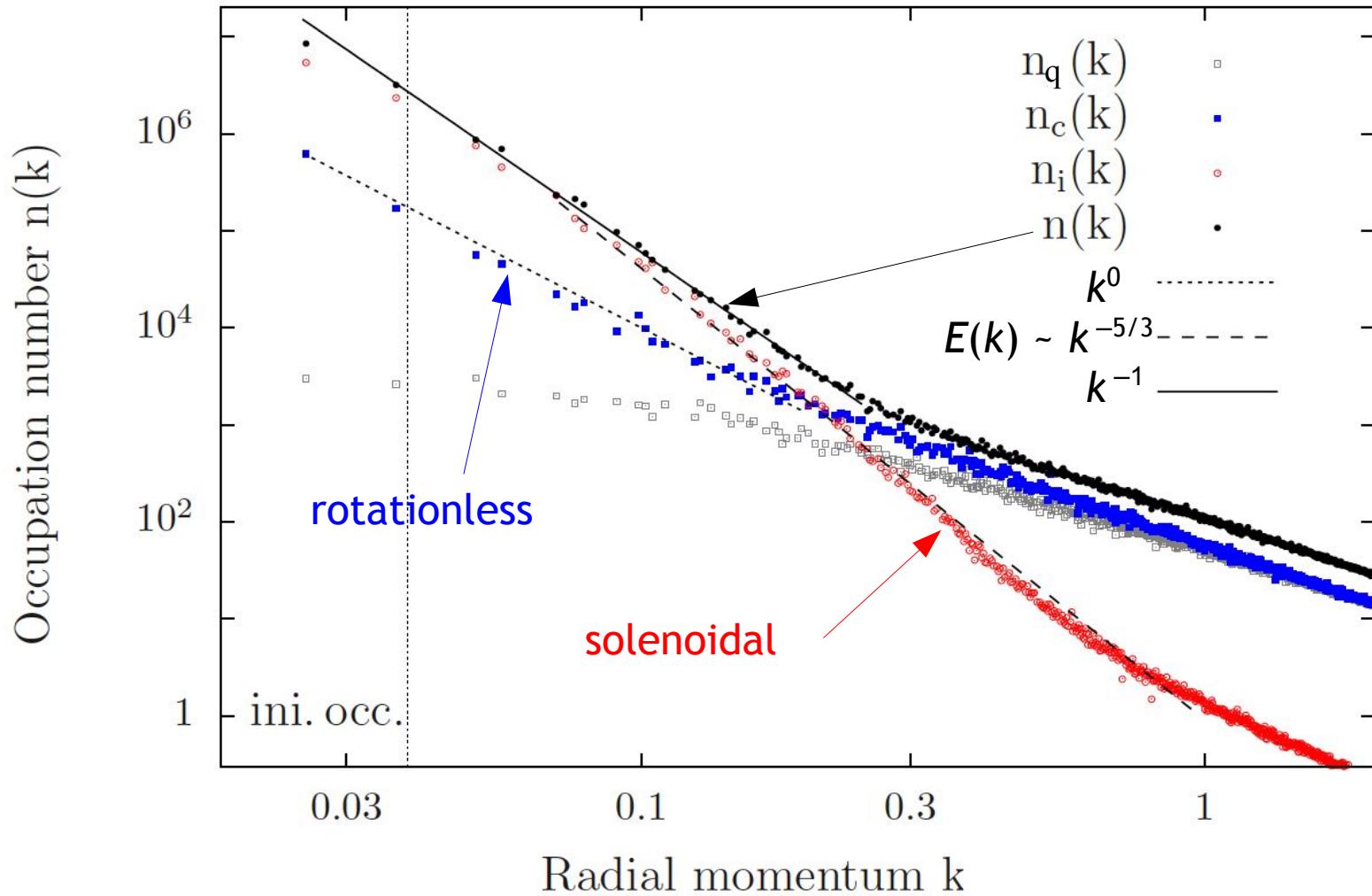


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# Simulations in 2+1 D

$$E(k) = \omega(k) k^{d-1} n(k)$$

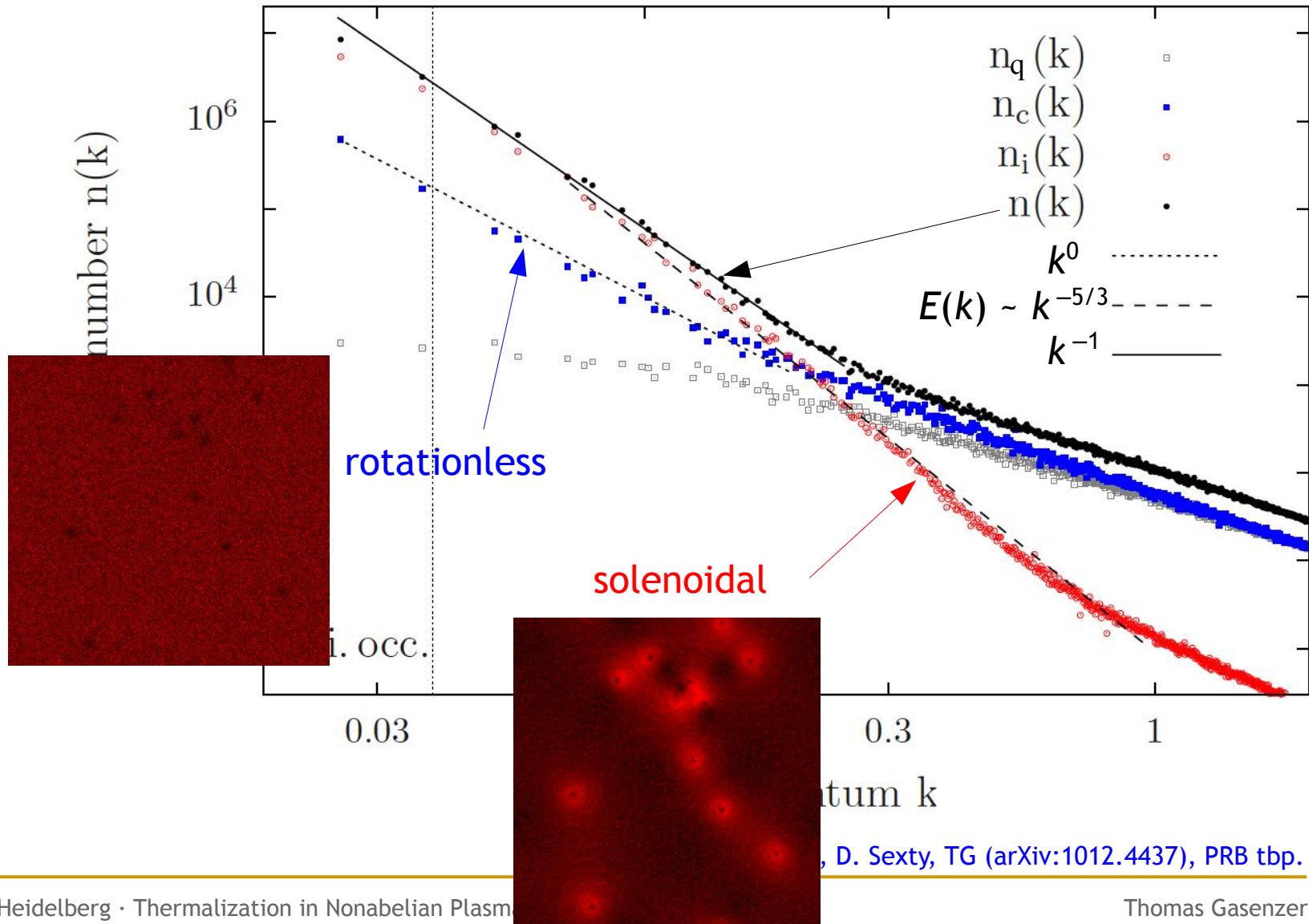


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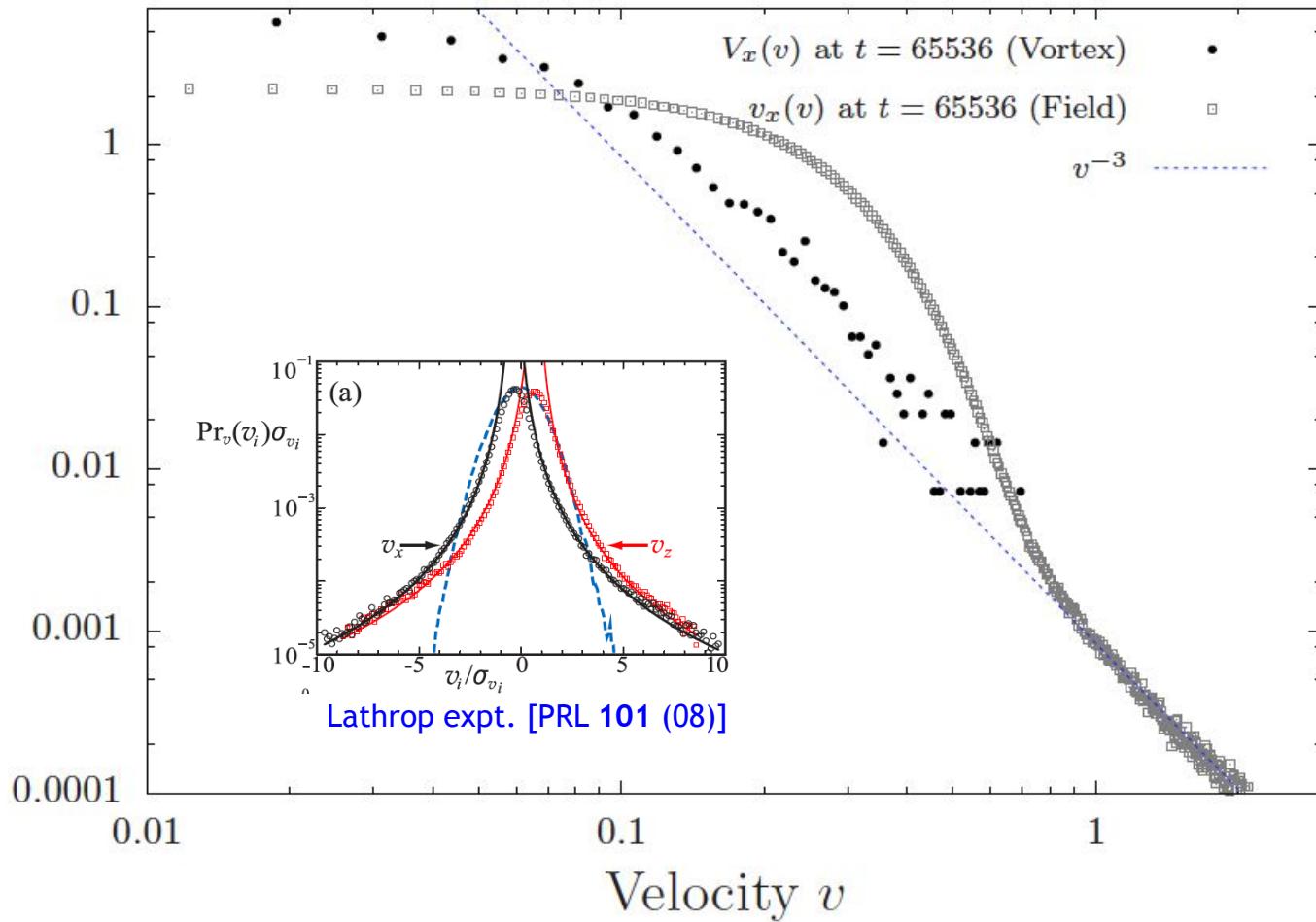
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# Vortex velocity distribution

Probability distribution  $P(v)$



J. Schole, B. Nowak, D. Sexty, TG (unpublished)  
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# Velocity distributions

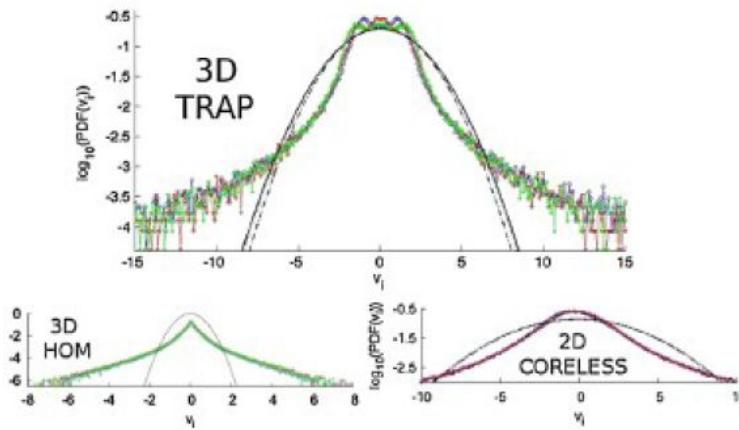
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Point vortices: Power law tails

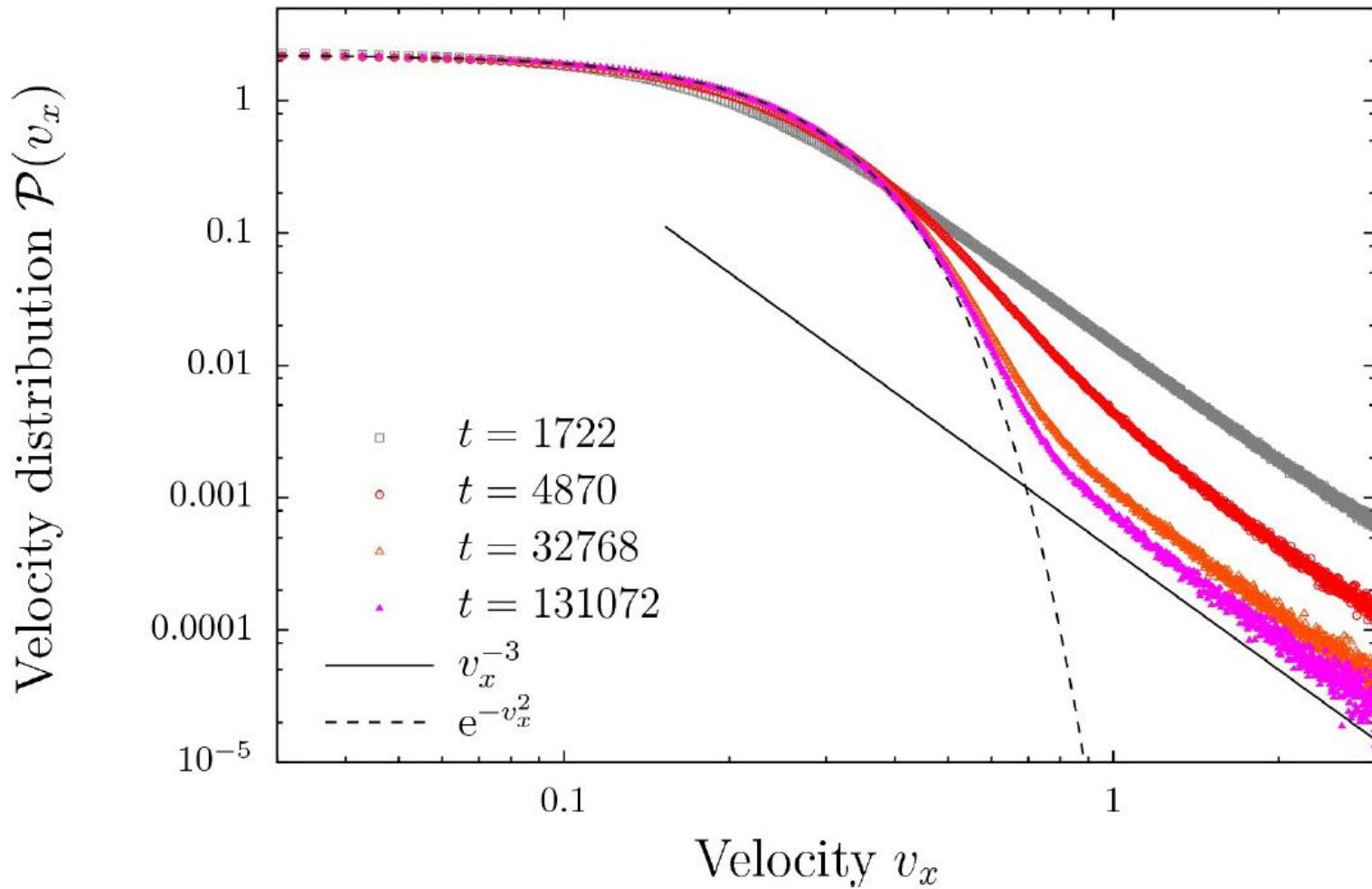
Vorticity patches: Gaussian distributions



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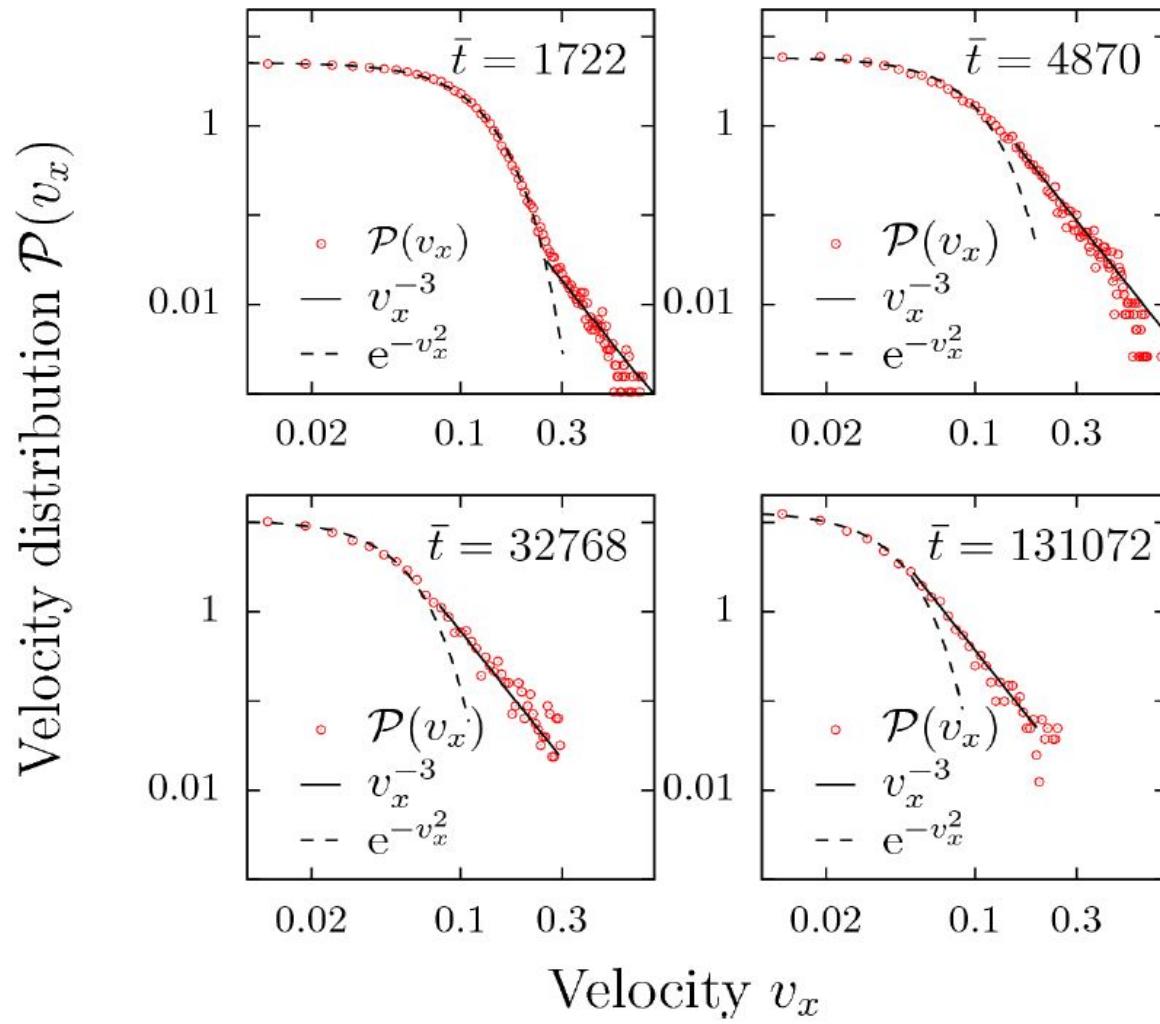
# Velocity distributions (Field)



J. S., B. Nowak, D. Sexty, T. Gasenzer (unpublished)



# Velocity distributions (Vortices)



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# Condensation

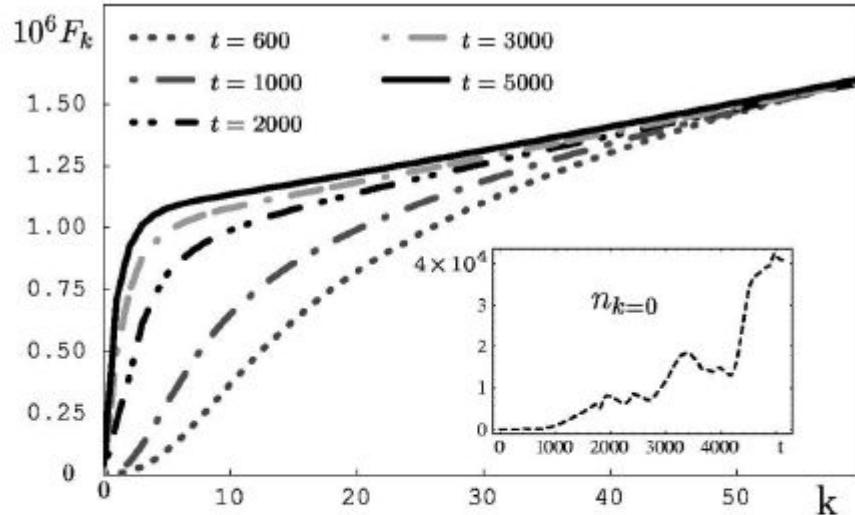


FIG. 2. Evolution of the integral distribution of particles  $F_k = \sum_{k' \leq k} n_{k'}$ . Notice the appearance of a “shoulder” of  $F_k$  indicative of quasicondensate formation. The evolution of  $n_{k=0}$  is presented in the inset. Note the strong fluctuations typical for the evolution of a single harmonic. The fluctuations are also seen in the graph of the first shell [see inset (a) of Fig. 1].

N.G. Berloff, S.V. Svistunov, PRA 66, 013603 (2002)

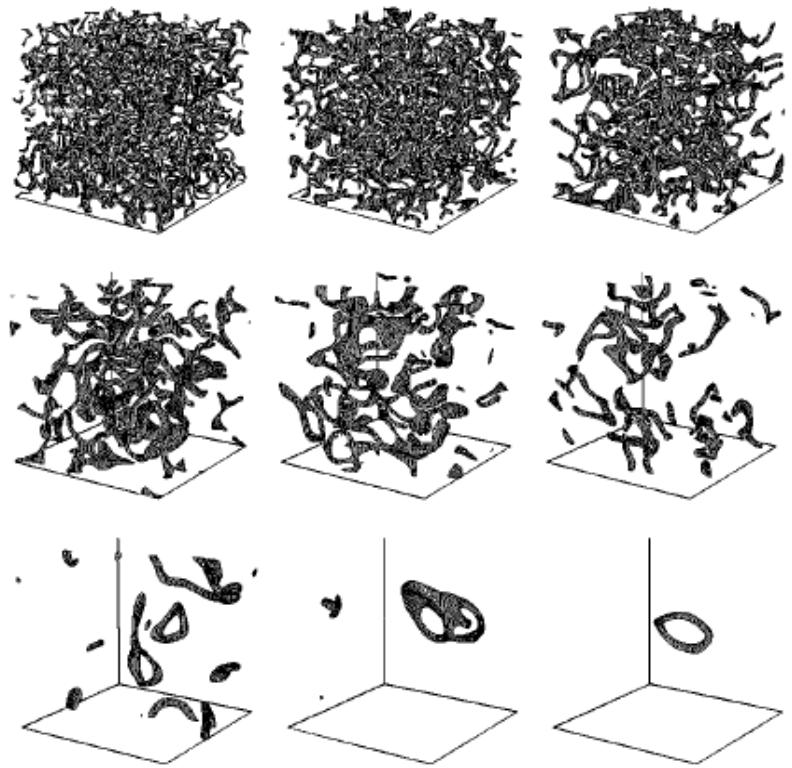
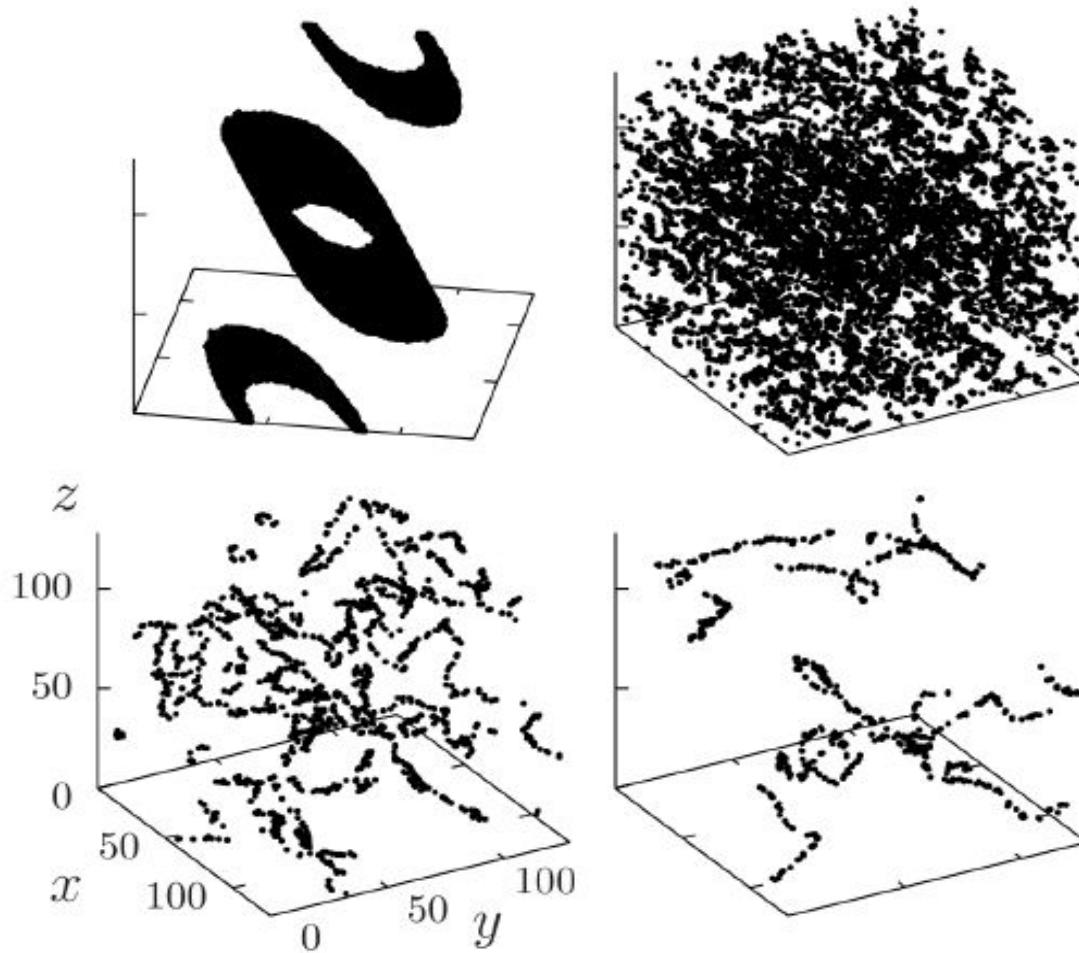


FIG. 4. Evolution of topological defects in the phase of the long-wavelength part  $\tilde{\psi}$  of the field  $\psi$  in the computational box  $128^3$ . The defects are visualized by isosurfaces  $|\tilde{\psi}|^2 = 0.05(|\tilde{\psi}|^2)$ . High-frequency spatial waves are suppressed by the factor  $\max\{1 - k^2/k_c^2, 0\}$ , where the cutoff wave number is chosen according to the phenomenological formula  $k_c = 9 - t/1000$ .



# Simulations in 3+1 D

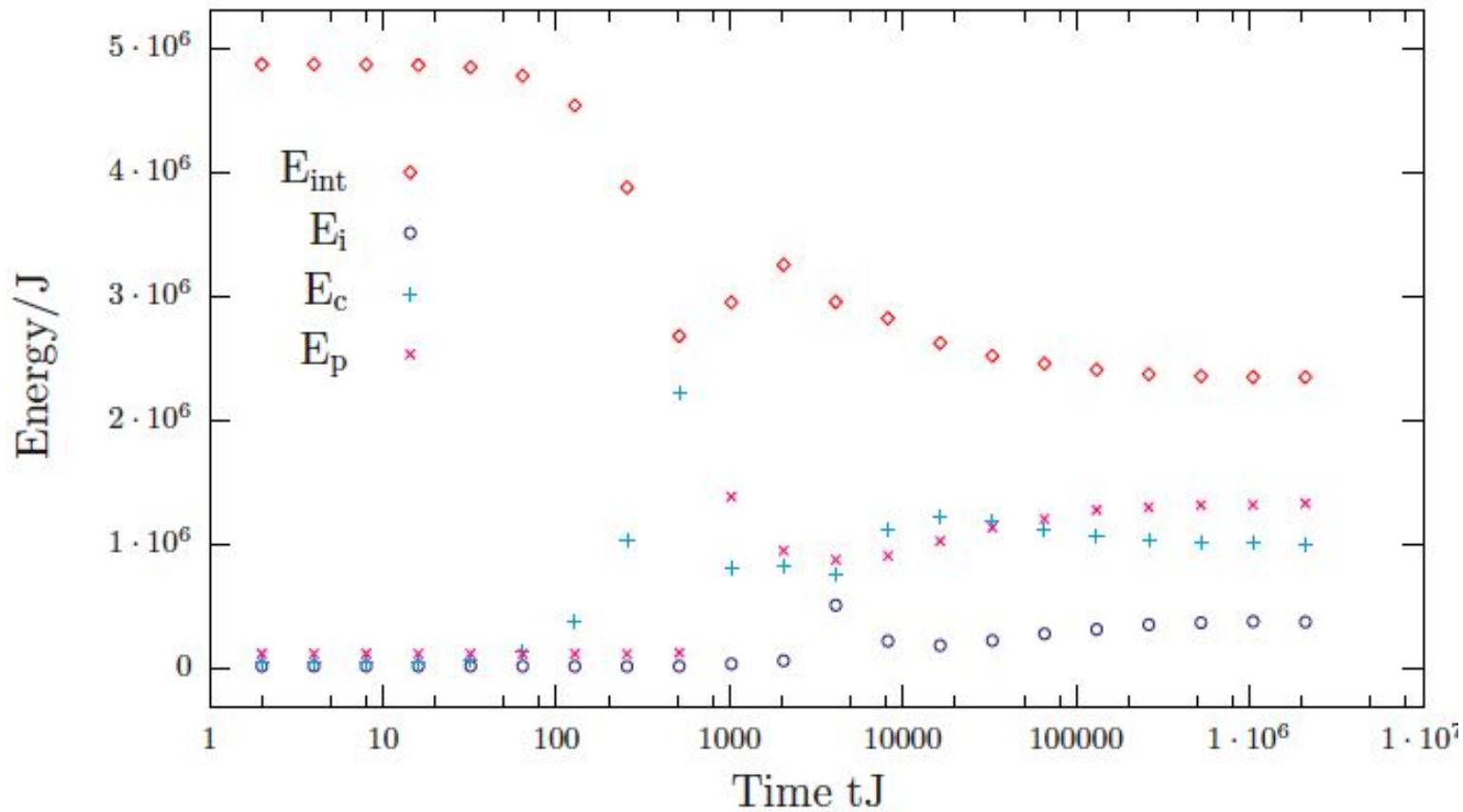


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# Energies

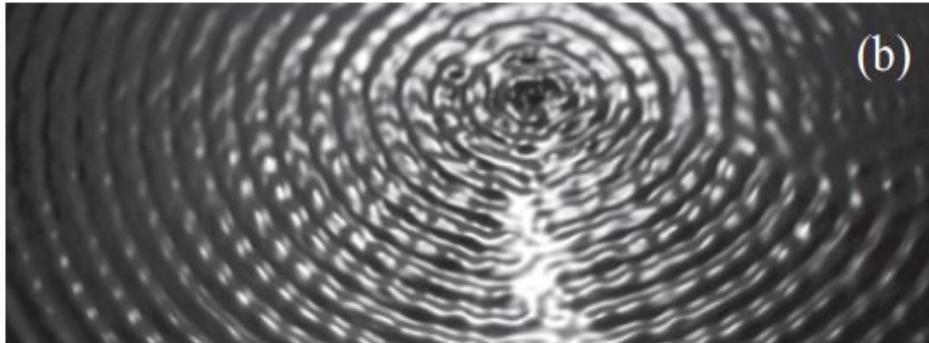
Energies  $G = 256^2$ ,  $N = 10^8$ ,  $U/J = 3 * 10^{-5}$ ,  $t_{max}J = 2^{21}$



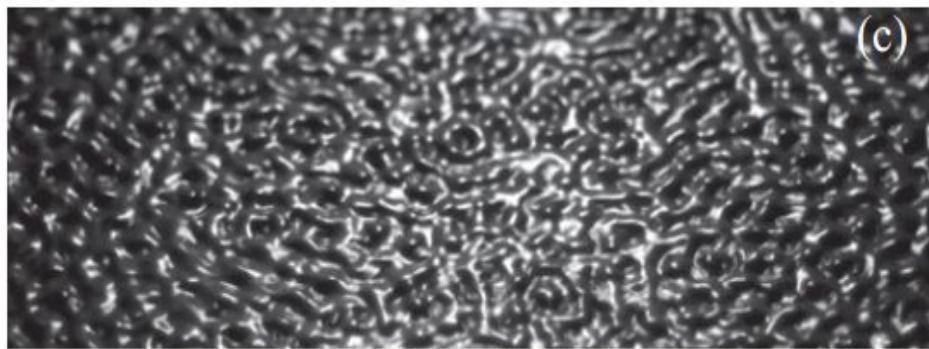
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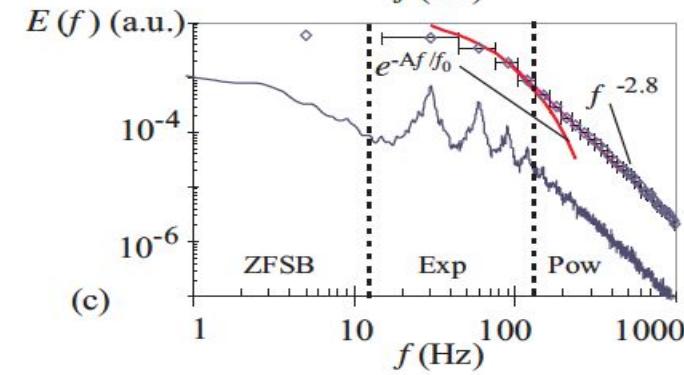
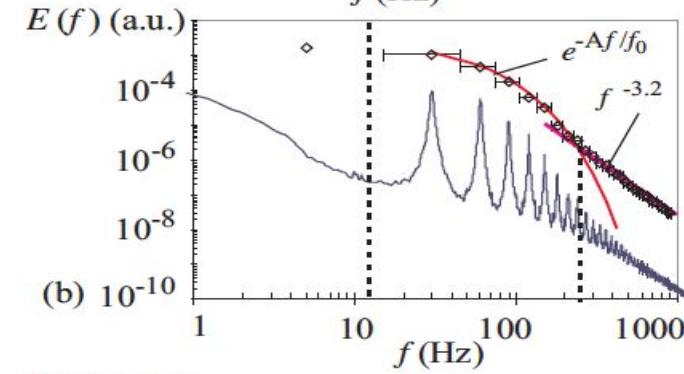
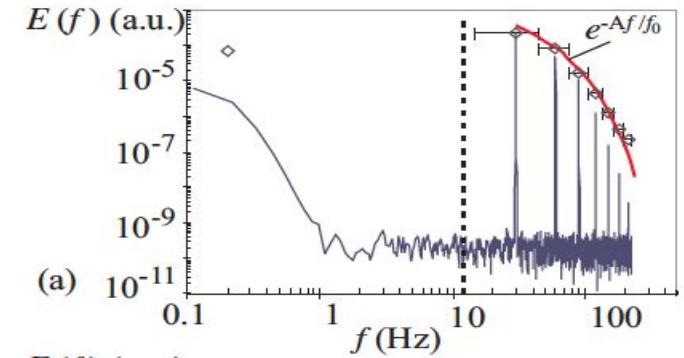
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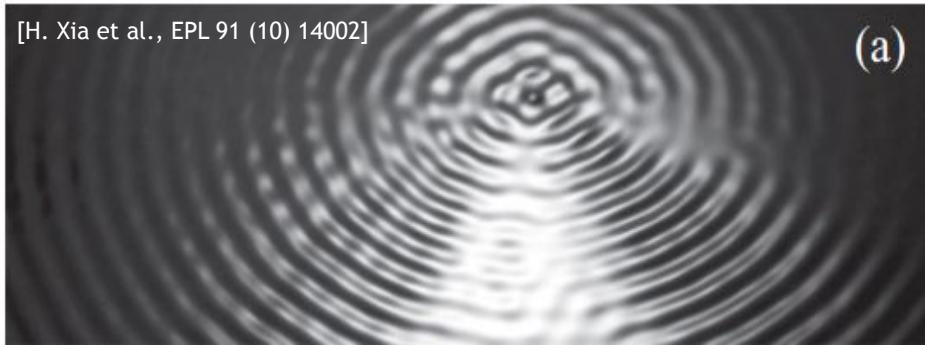


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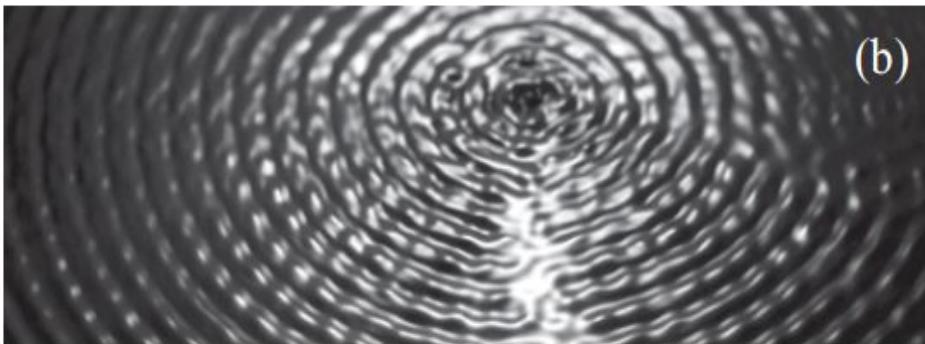


# Wave Turbulence – e.g. on water

[H. Xia et al., EPL 91 (10) 14002]



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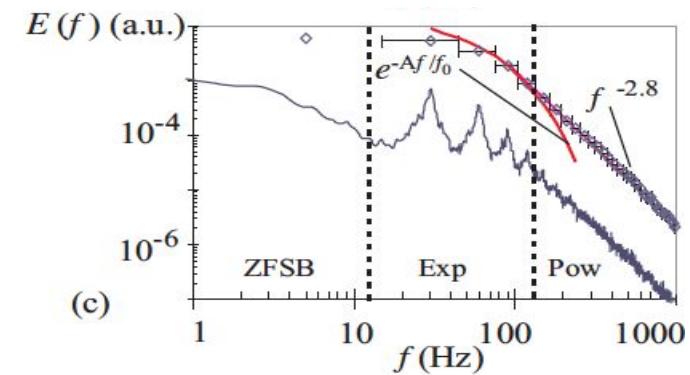


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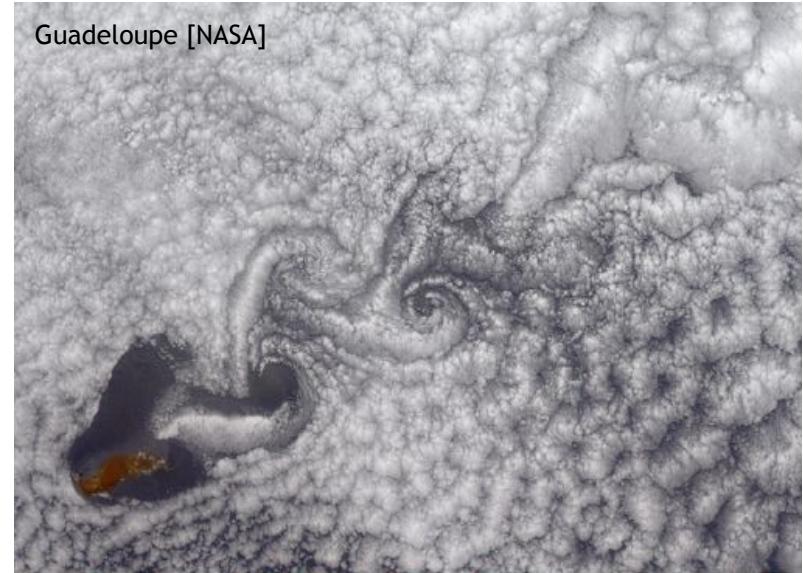
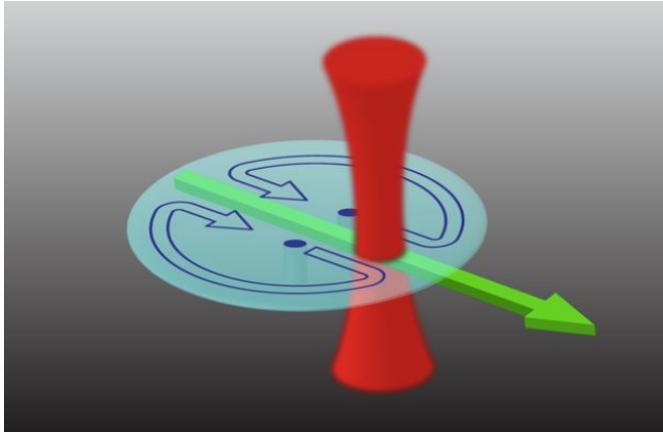
Theory prediction:

$$E_\omega \sim \omega^{-17/6}.$$

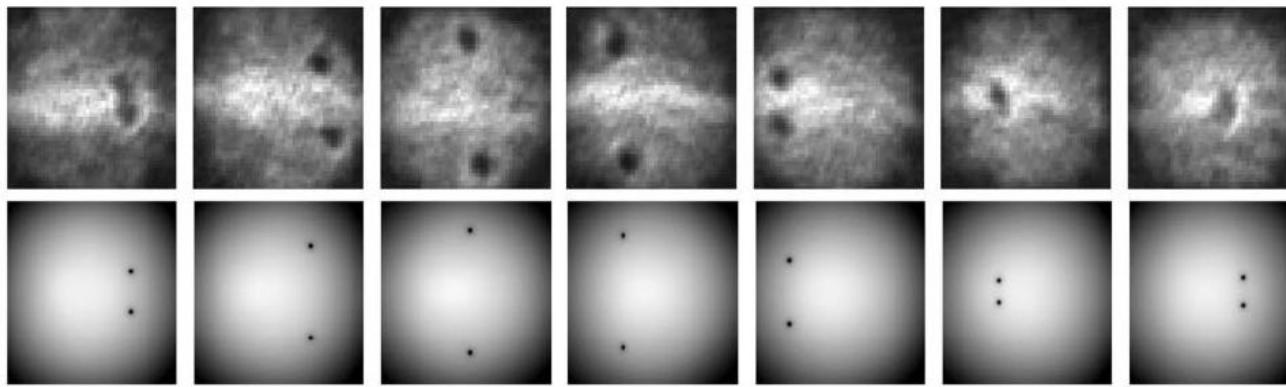
[Zakharov & Filonenko (67)]



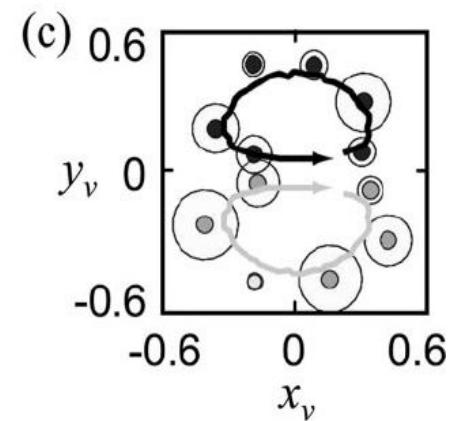
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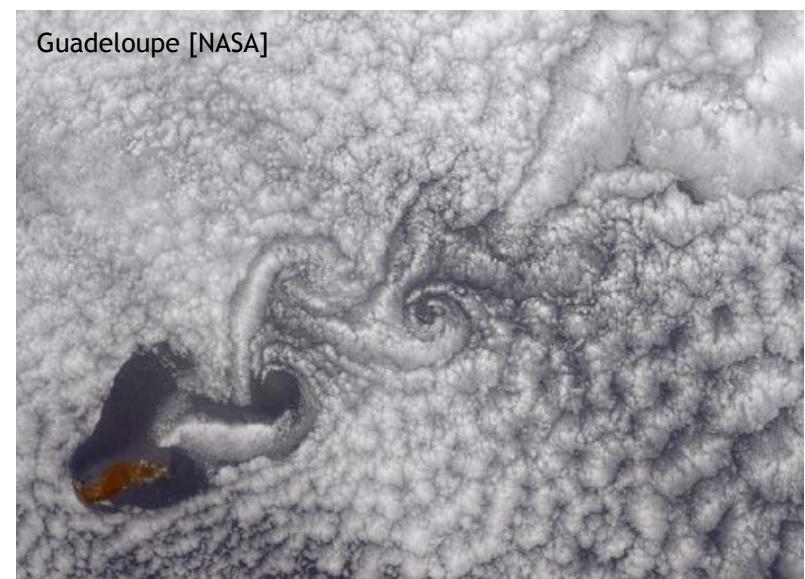
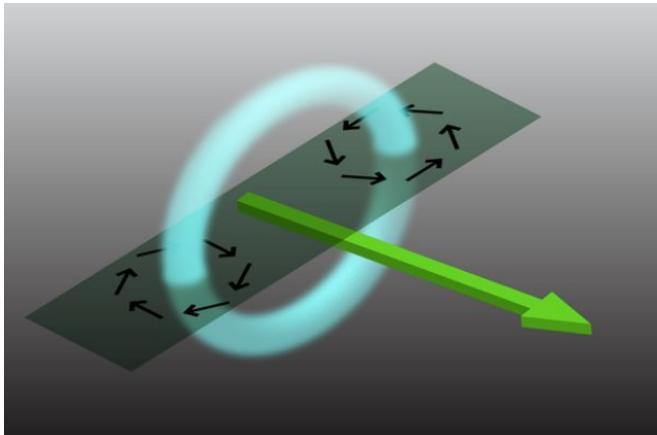
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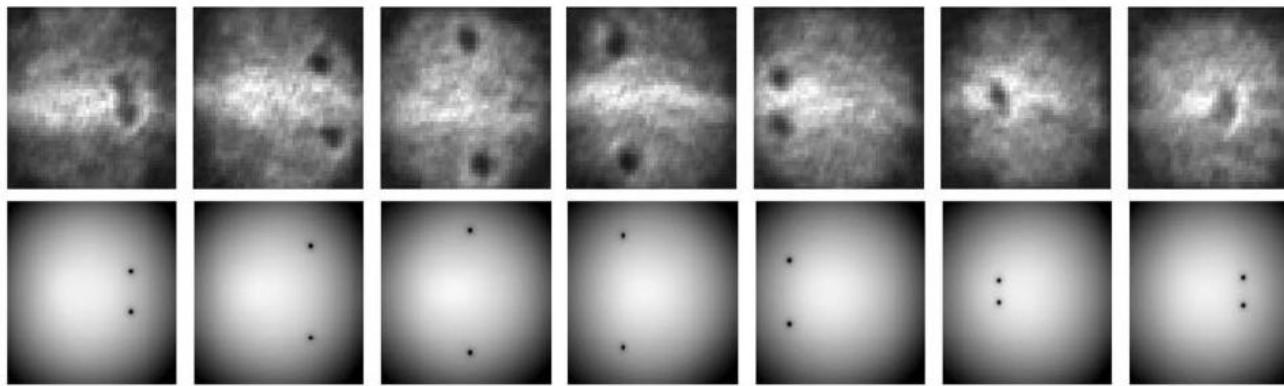
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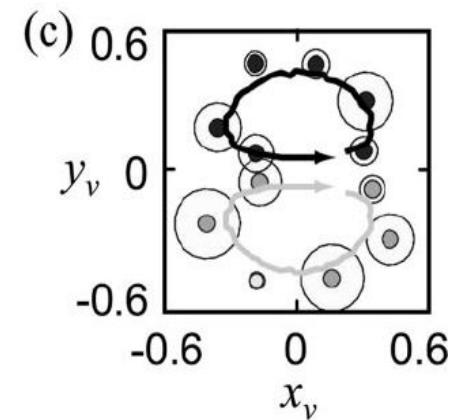
# Helmholtz Vortex Law



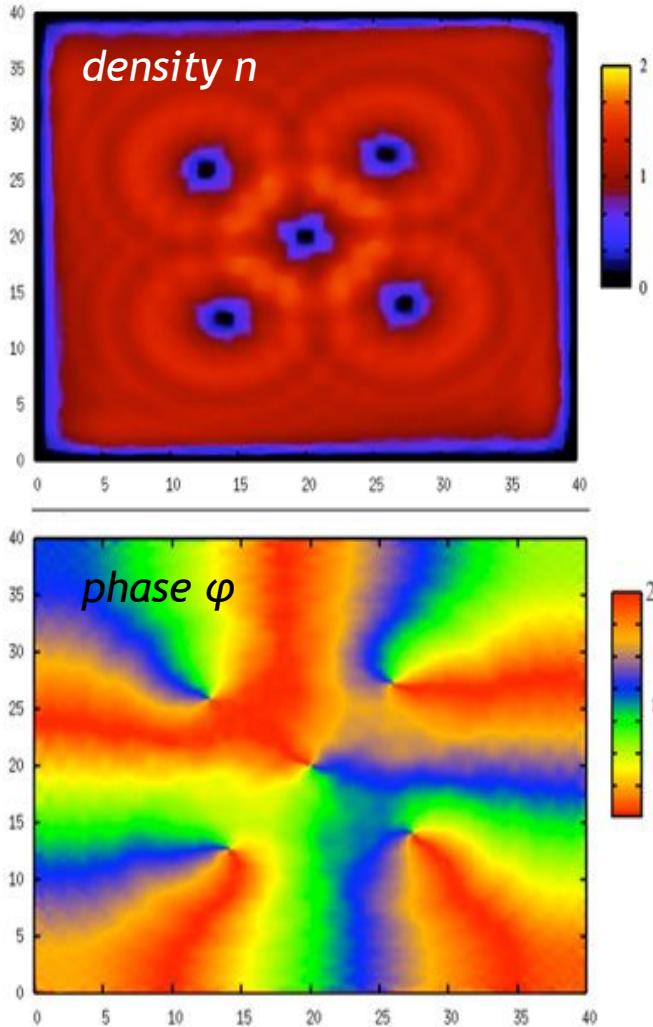
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# Quantum Vortices

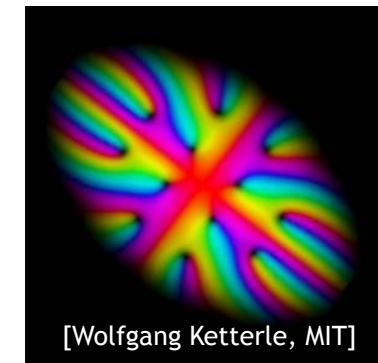


$$\Psi(\rho, t) = \sqrt{n(\rho, t)} \exp[i\varphi(\rho, t)]$$

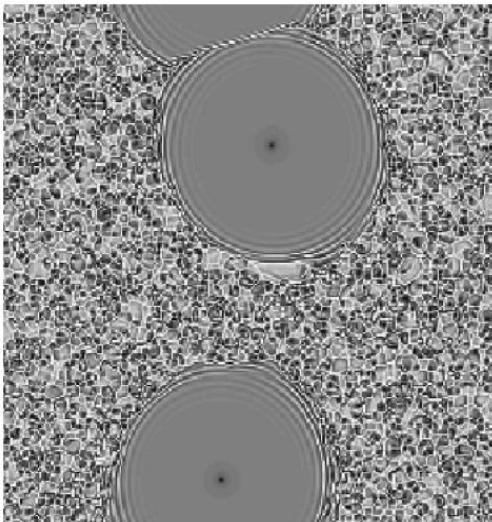
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$$\mathbf{u}(\rho, t) = \nabla \varphi(\rho, t)$$

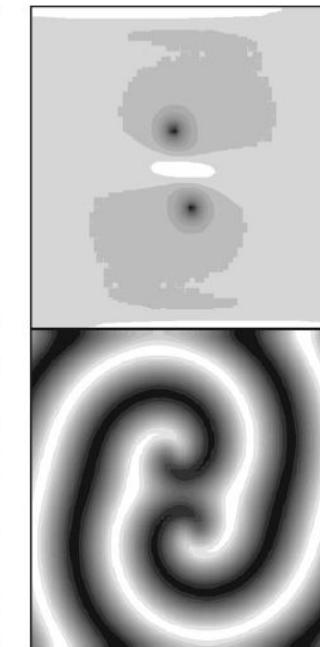
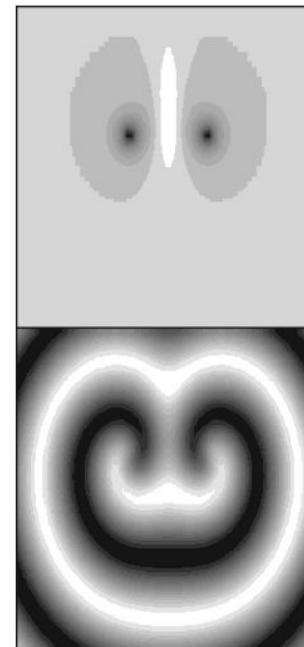
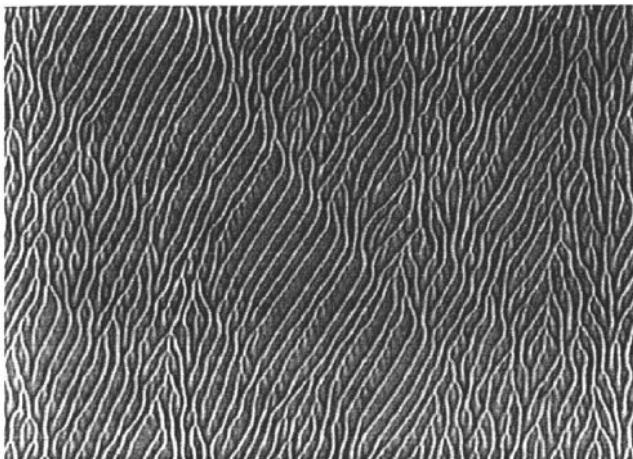
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# Nonlinear dynamics: Pattern formation



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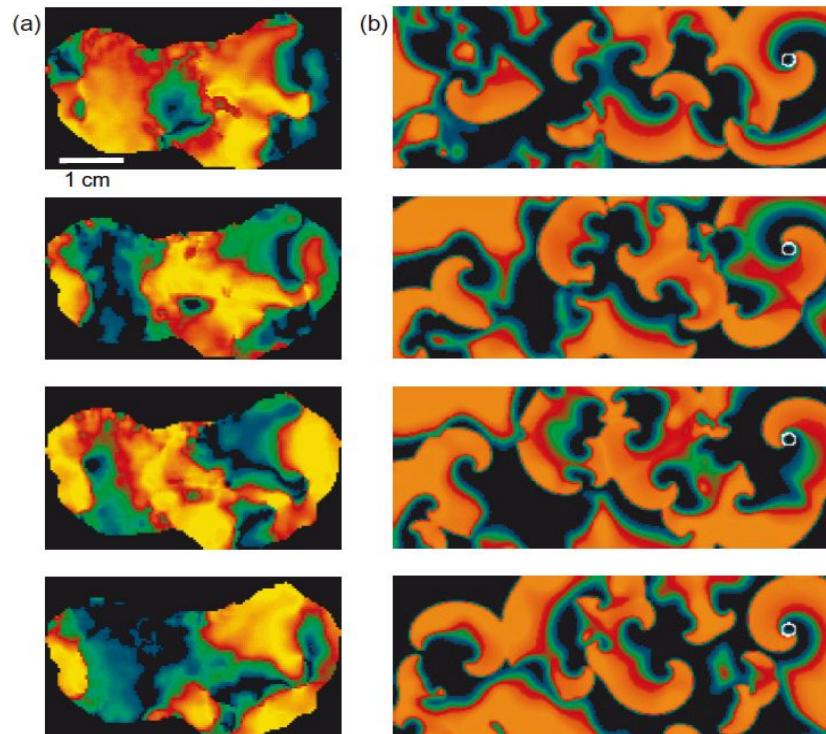
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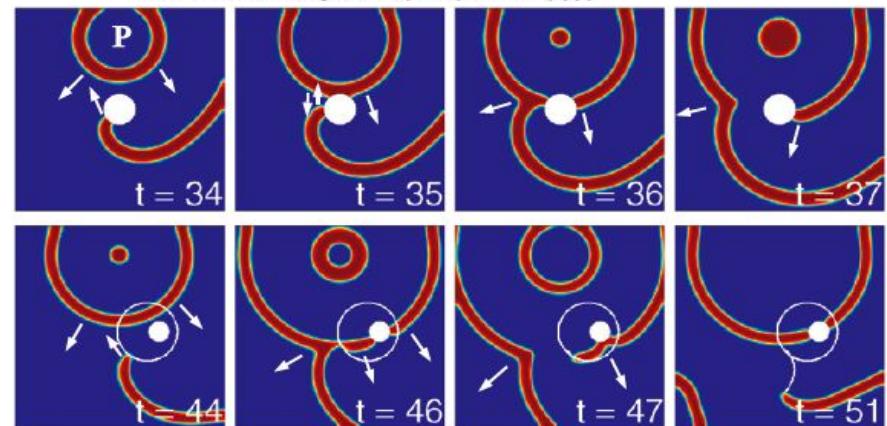
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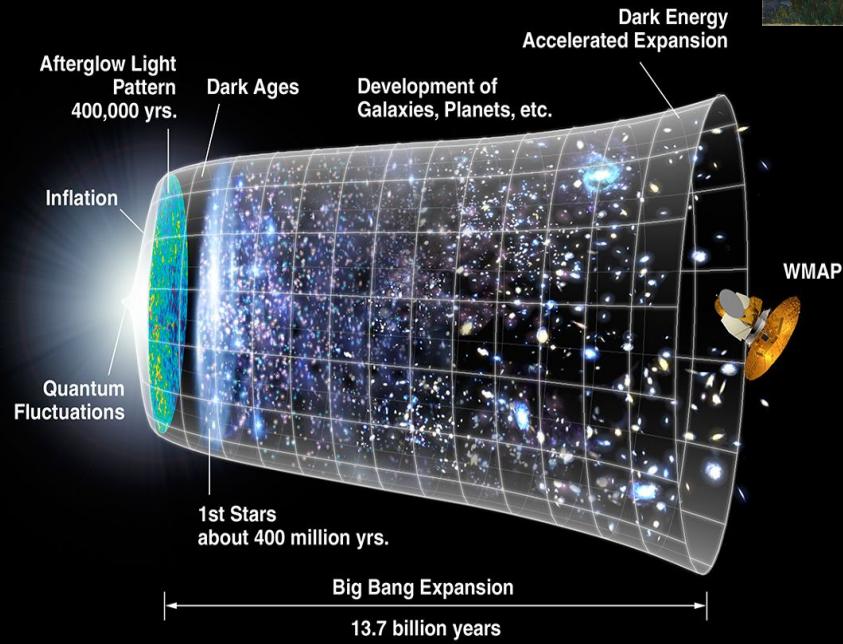
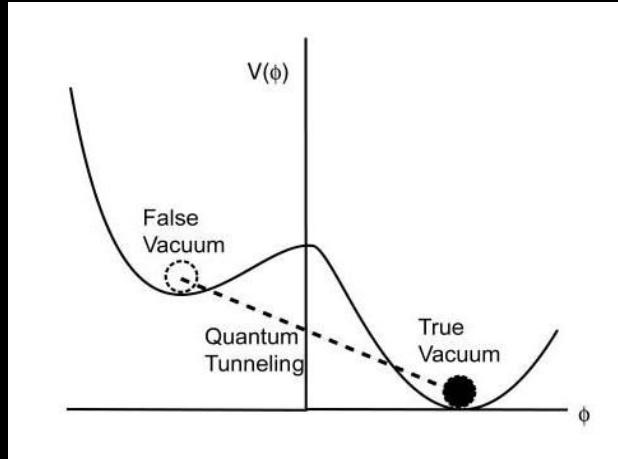
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \varepsilon^{-1} u(1-u) \left( u - \frac{v+b}{a} \right) + \nabla^2 u$$

Barkley model



# Thermalisation dynamics: Turbulence?

Cosmology:  
Reheating after Inflation



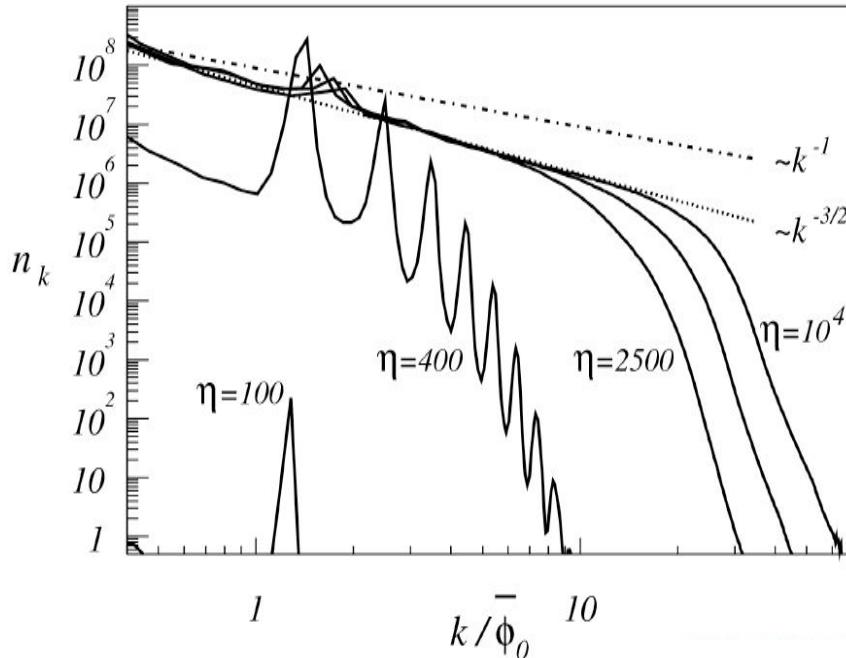
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# Turbulence in reheating after inflation

Simulations of the non-linear Klein-Gordon equation,

$$(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2)\varphi(x, t) + \lambda\varphi^3(x, t) = 0$$



Initial condition:

Highly occupied zero mode  
Unoccupied modes with  $k>0$

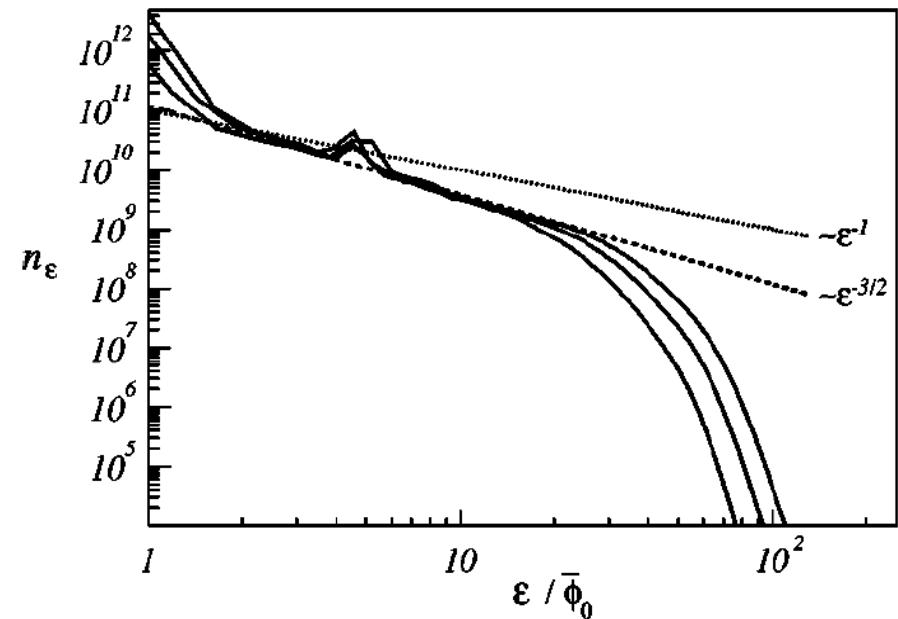
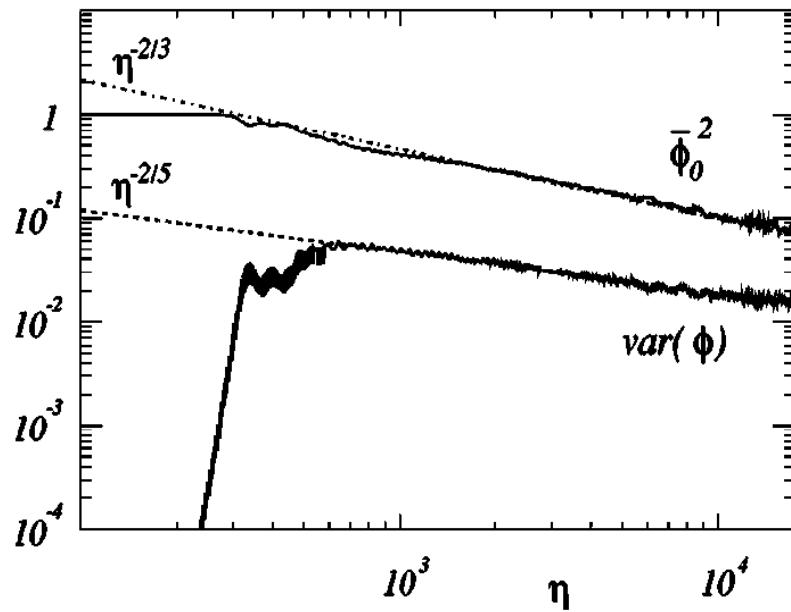
Turbulent spectrum emerges

Exponent: weak wave turbulence

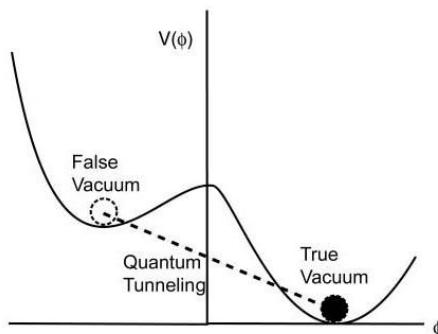
Kofmann, Linde, Starobinsky (96)  
Micha, Tkachev, PRL & PRD (04)



# Wave turbulence



Turbulent thermalisation after universe inflation



[Micha & Tkachev, PRL 90 (03) 121301, PRD 70 (04) 043538]



# Lewis Fry Richardson, FRS (1881-1953)

Big whirls have little whirls that feed on their velocity,  
and little whirls have lesser whirls and so on to viscosity.

(L.F. Richardson, *The supply of energy from and to Atmospheric Eddies*, 1920)

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,  
And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum.  
And the great fleas themselves, in turn, have greater fleas to go on;  
While these again have greater still, and greater still, and so on.

(Augustus de Morgan, *A Budget of Paradoxes*, 1872, p. 370)

So, naturalists observe, a flea  
Has smaller fleas that on him prey;  
And these have smaller still to bite 'em;  
And so proceed ad infinitum.

(Jonathan Swift: *Poetry, a Rhapsody*, 1733)

