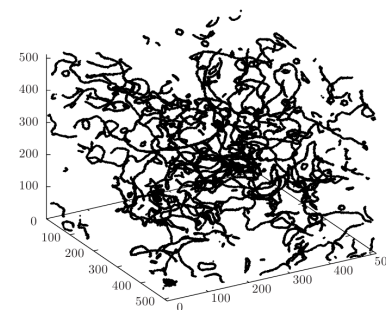


# Non-thermal fixed points and superfluid turbulence in ultracold quantum gases



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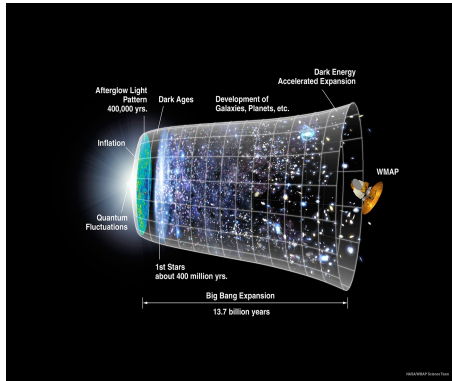
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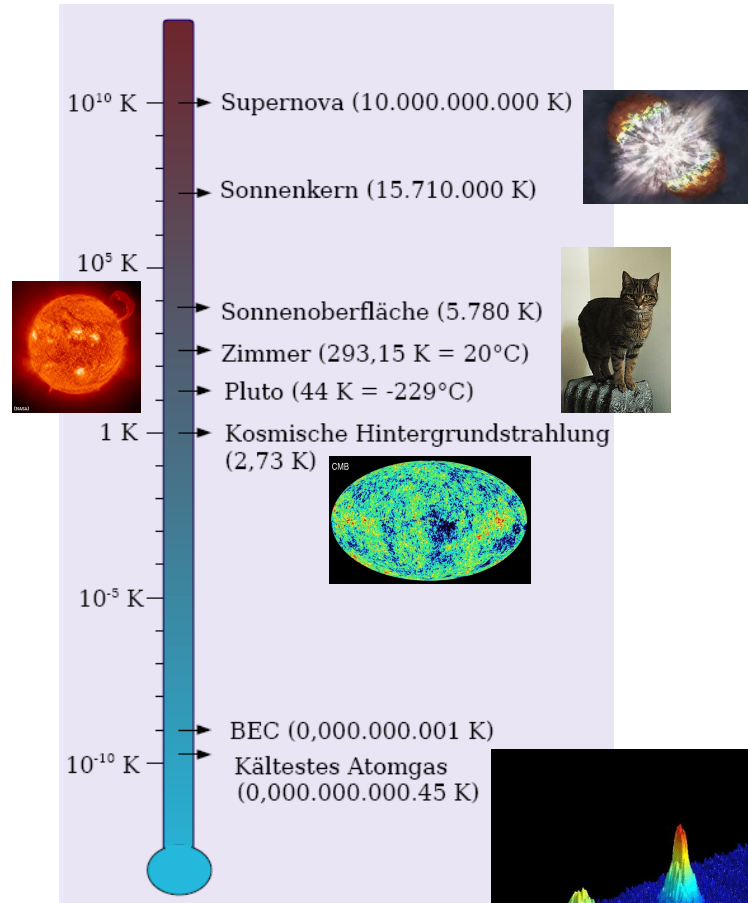
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# Non-equilibrium quantum gases

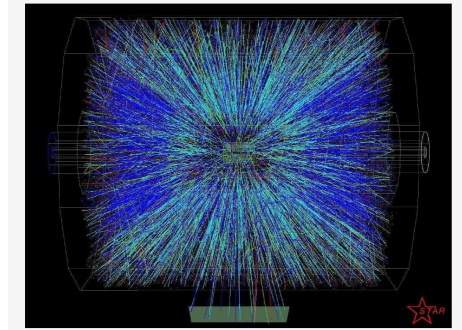


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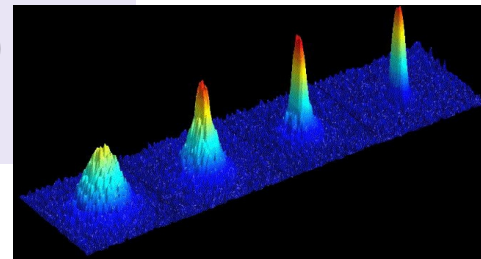


Ultracold gases

Result of colliding two Gold nuclei (Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, BNL):



Heavy-ion collisions



# Non-equilibrium dynamics



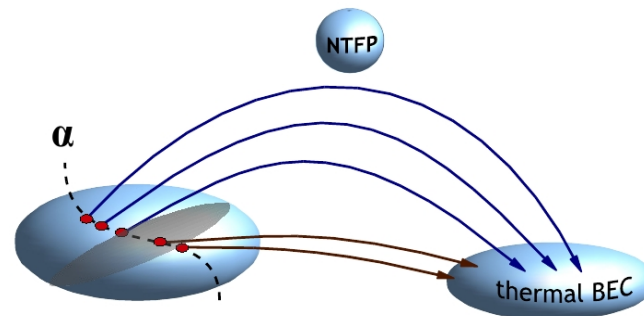
Initial state:  
Far from equilibrium



Transient state:  
e. g. Turbulence  
(Nonthermal fixed point)

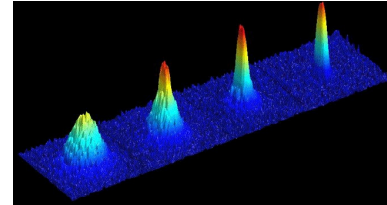


Final state:  
Thermal equilibrium

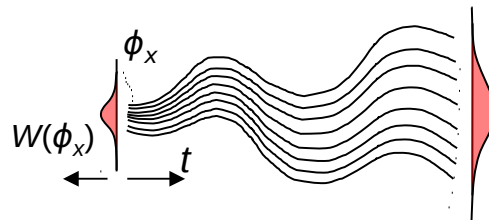


# Semi-classical simulations

Classical field equation for  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ :



$$i\partial_t\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + g|\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \right] \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

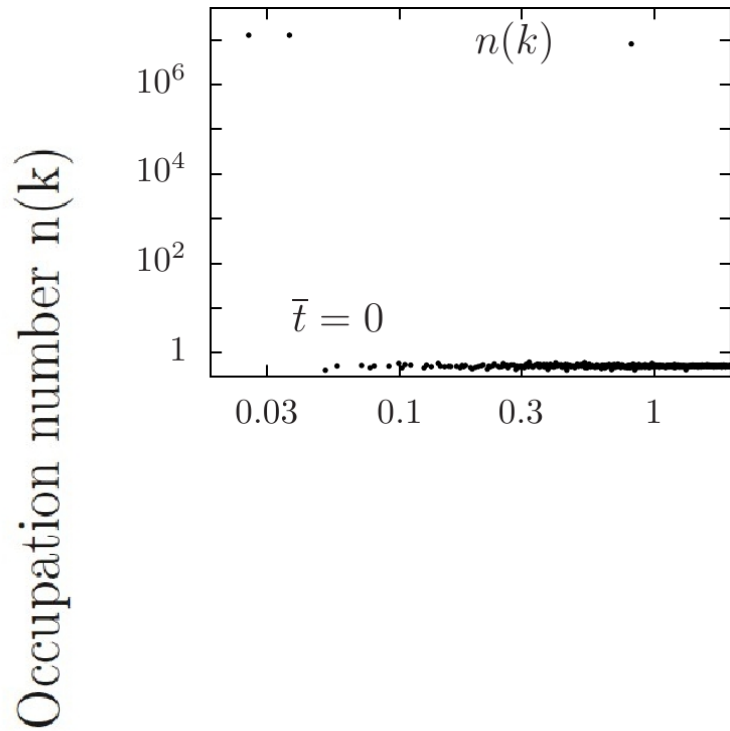


Observables: e. g. Momentum distribution

$$n(k) = \int d^{d-1}\Omega_k \langle \phi^*(\mathbf{k})\phi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle_{\text{ensemble}}$$



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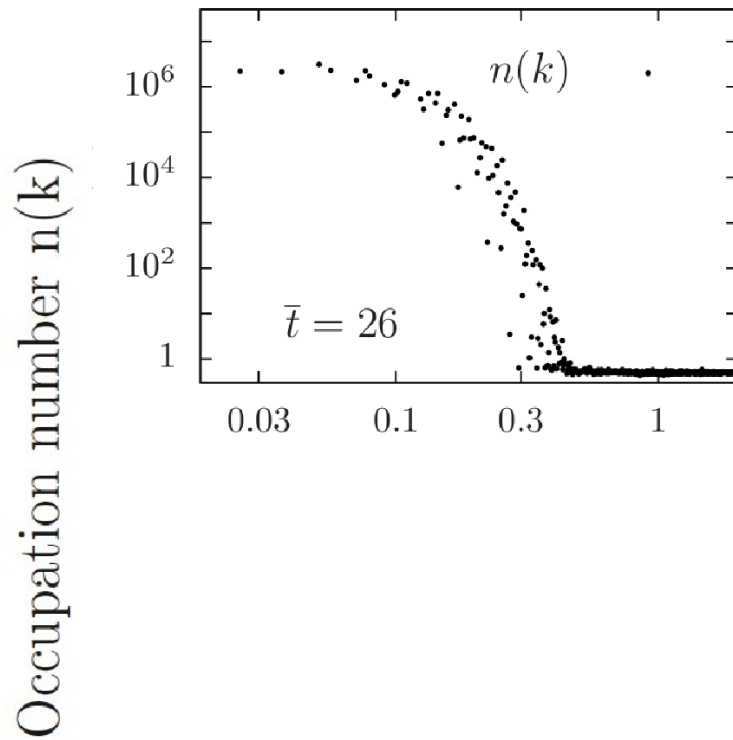


Radial momentum  $k$

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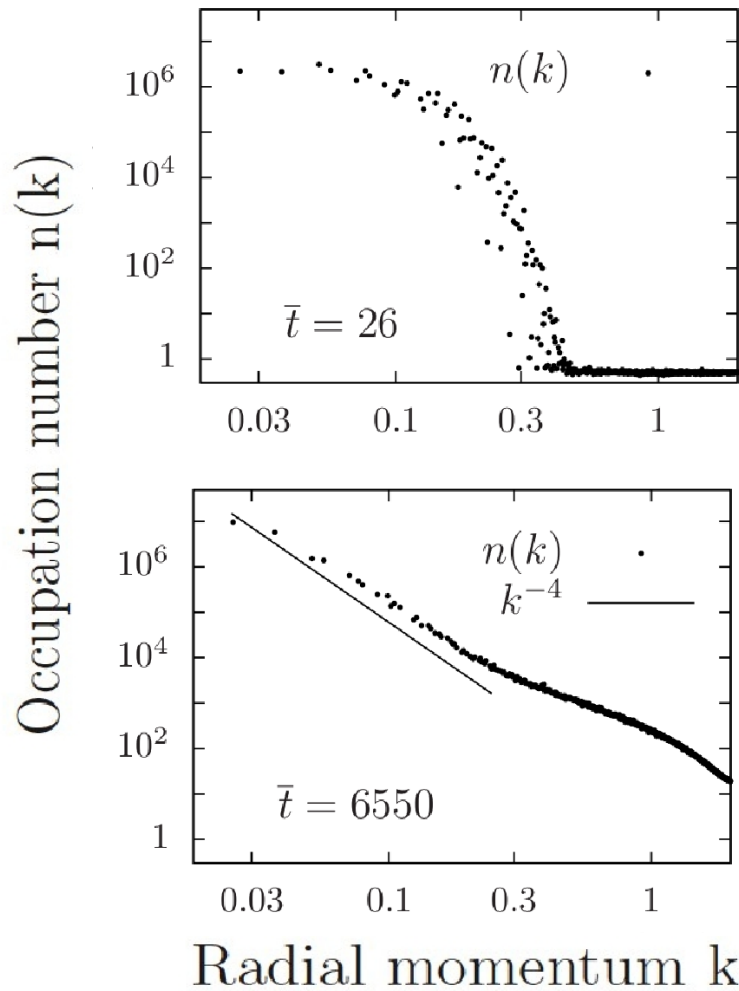


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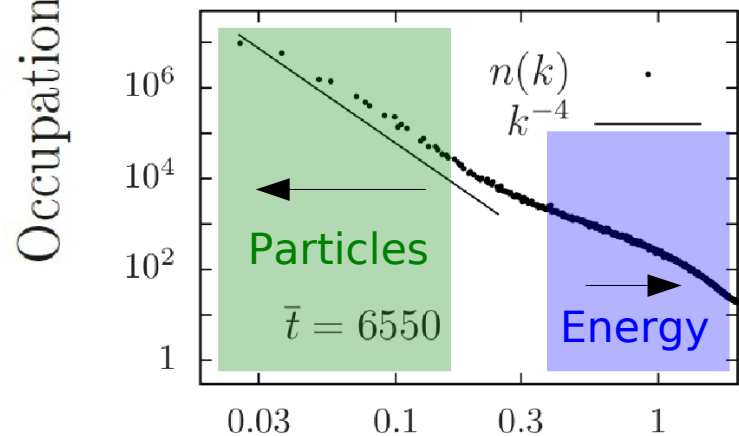
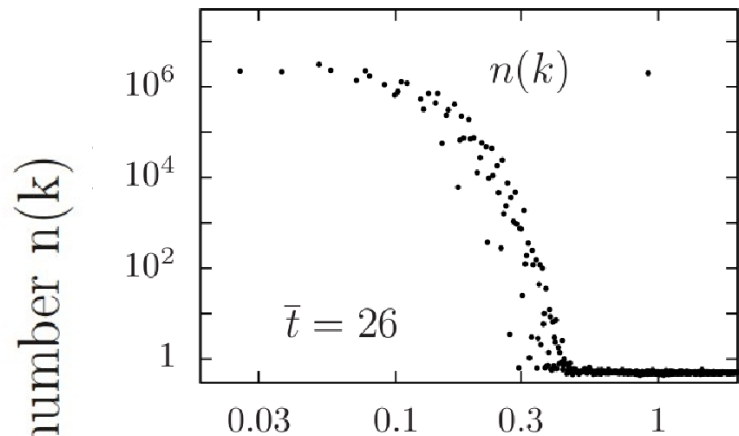
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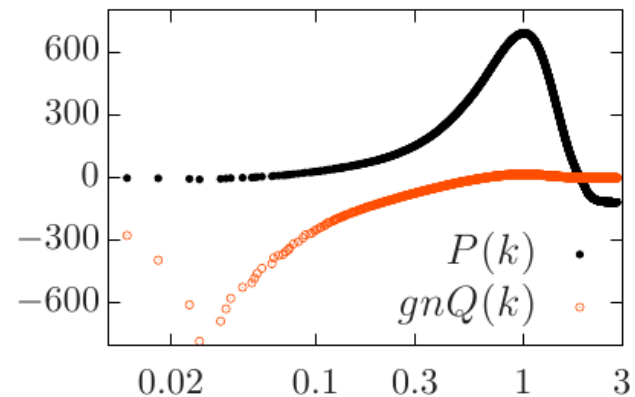
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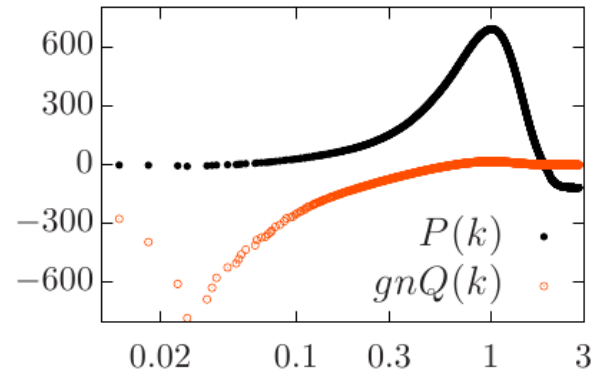
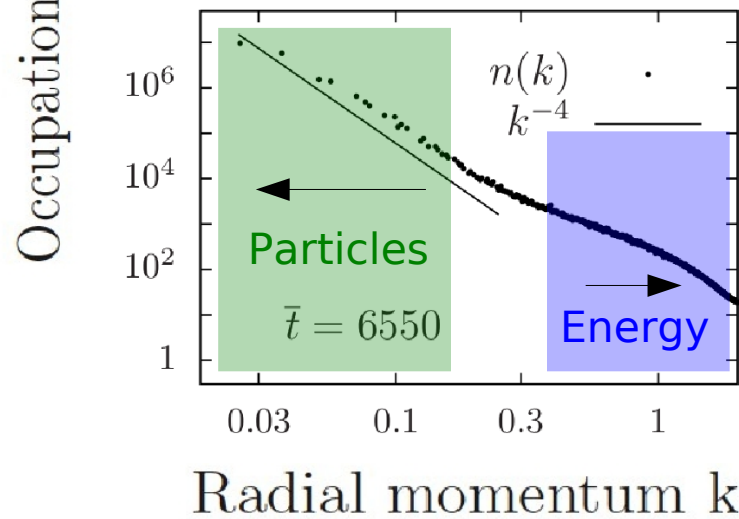
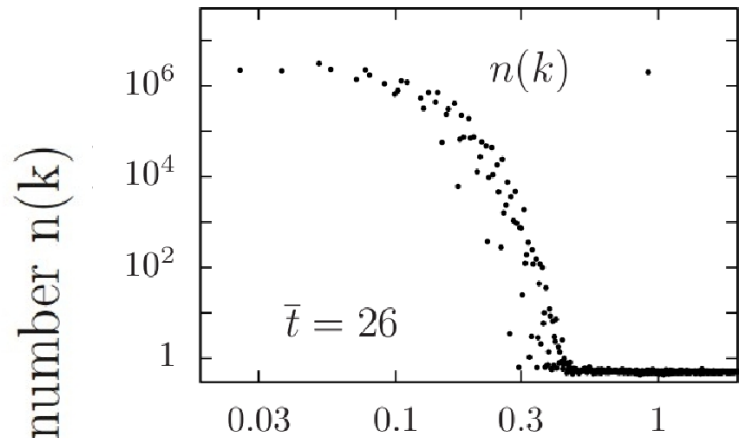


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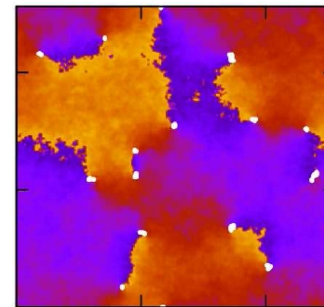
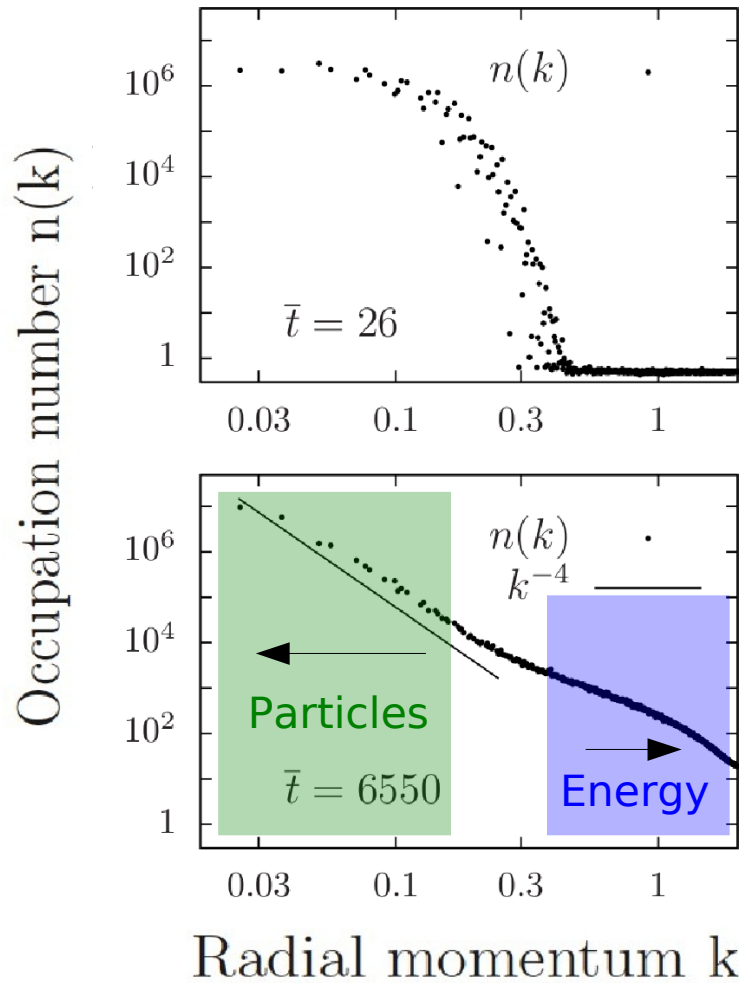
$$\text{X} \rightarrow \text{X} = \text{X} + \text{X}$$

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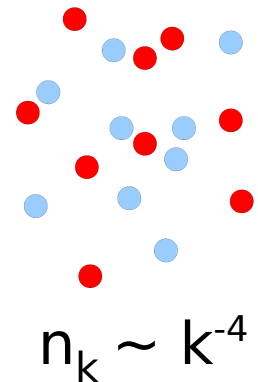
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# 2D: Quench dynamics



Phase  $\varphi$



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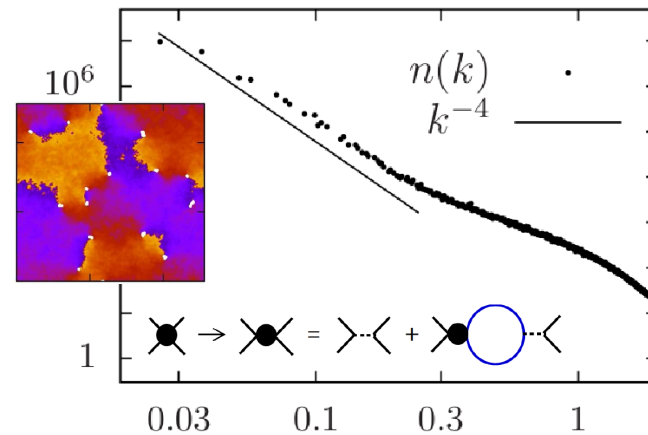


# 2D: Wave turbulence / vortex dynamics - duality

Old woman / young woman



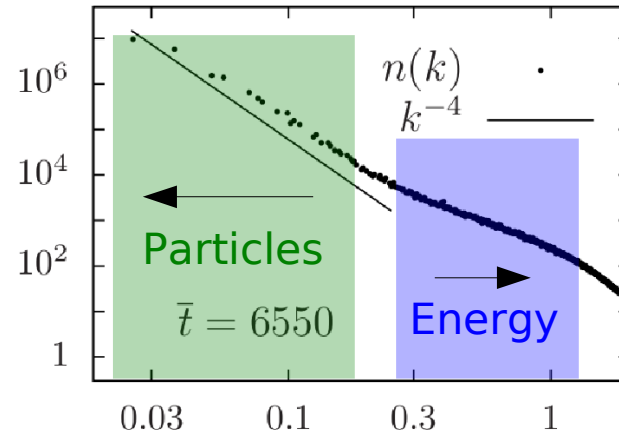
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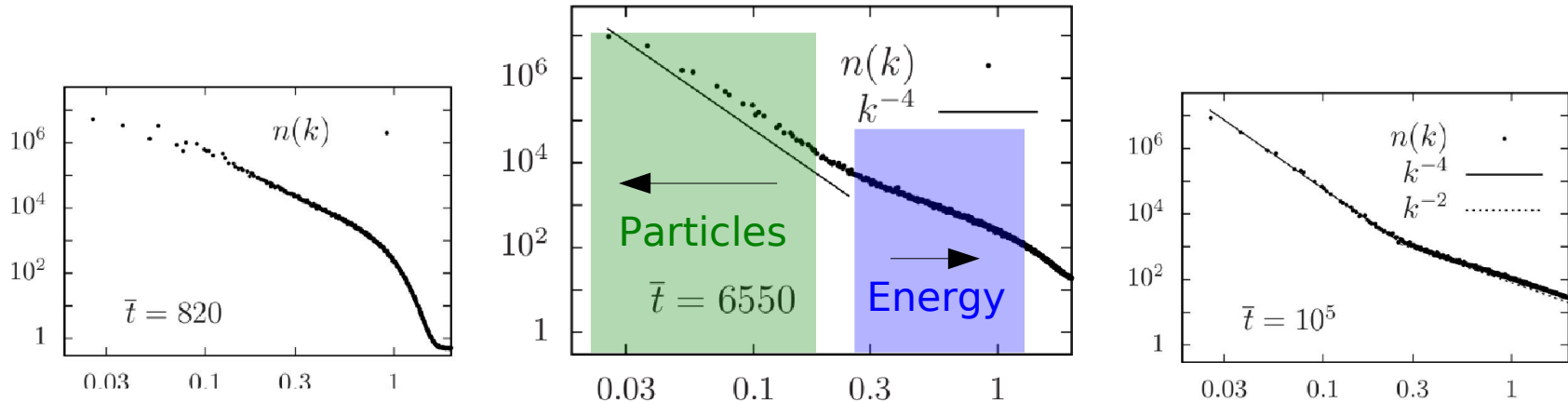
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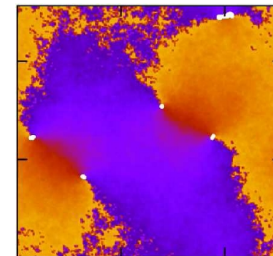
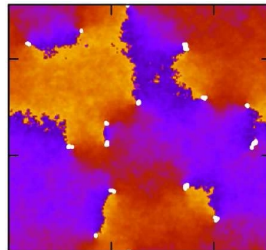
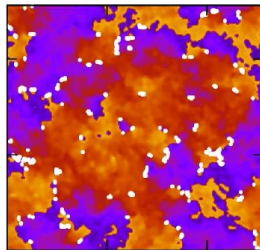
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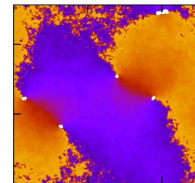
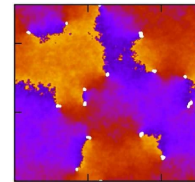
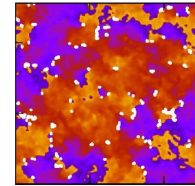
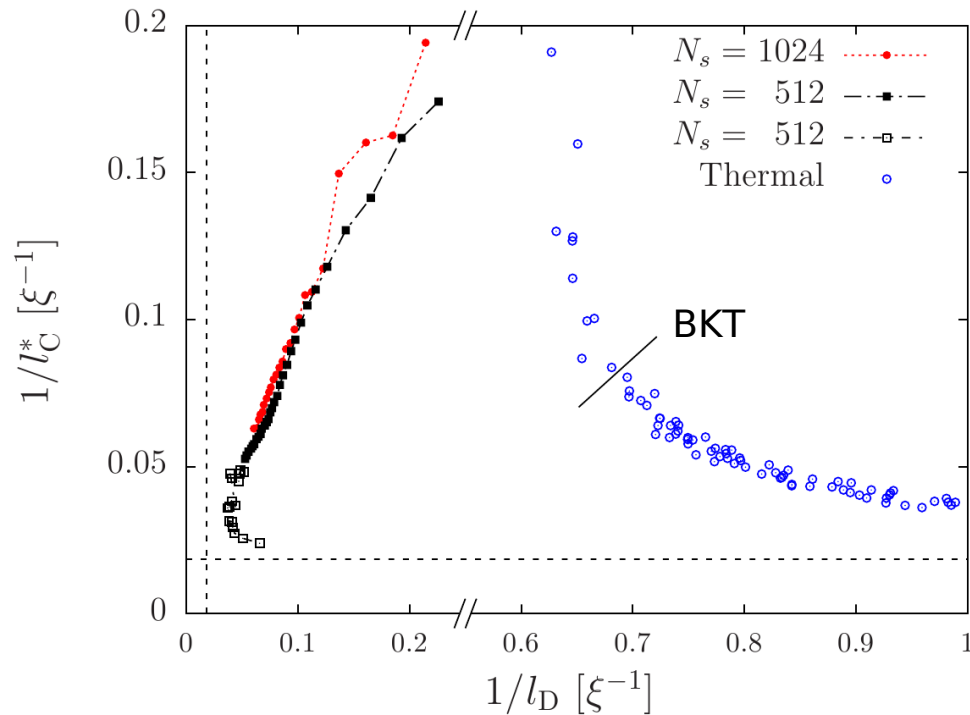
# 2D: Phase ordering dynamics



Time



# Correlations near the NTFP

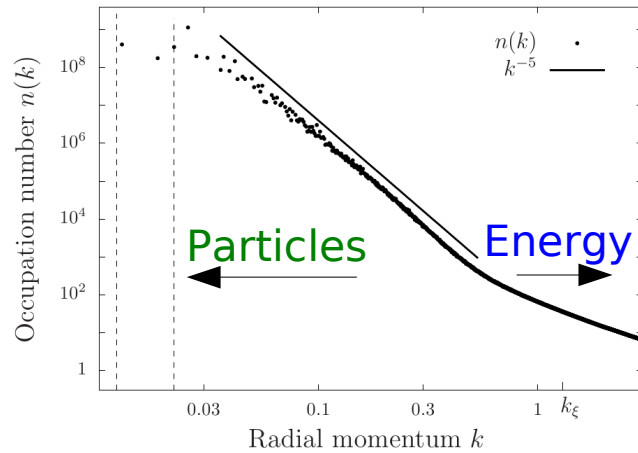
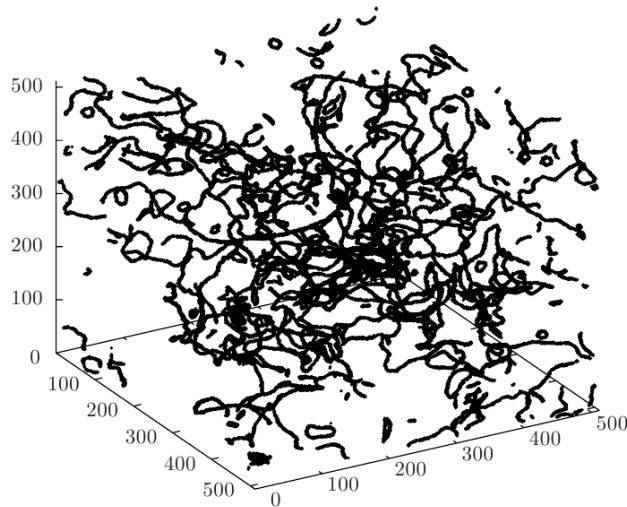


$l_C^*$  Phase coherence length  
 $l_D$  Vortex-antivortex pair distance

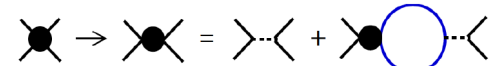
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# 3D: Non-thermal fixed point



IR:  $\zeta = d+2$   
UV:  $\zeta = d$



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Scheppach, Berges, Gasenzer PRA (2010)

Vortices



Spectrum  $n(k)$

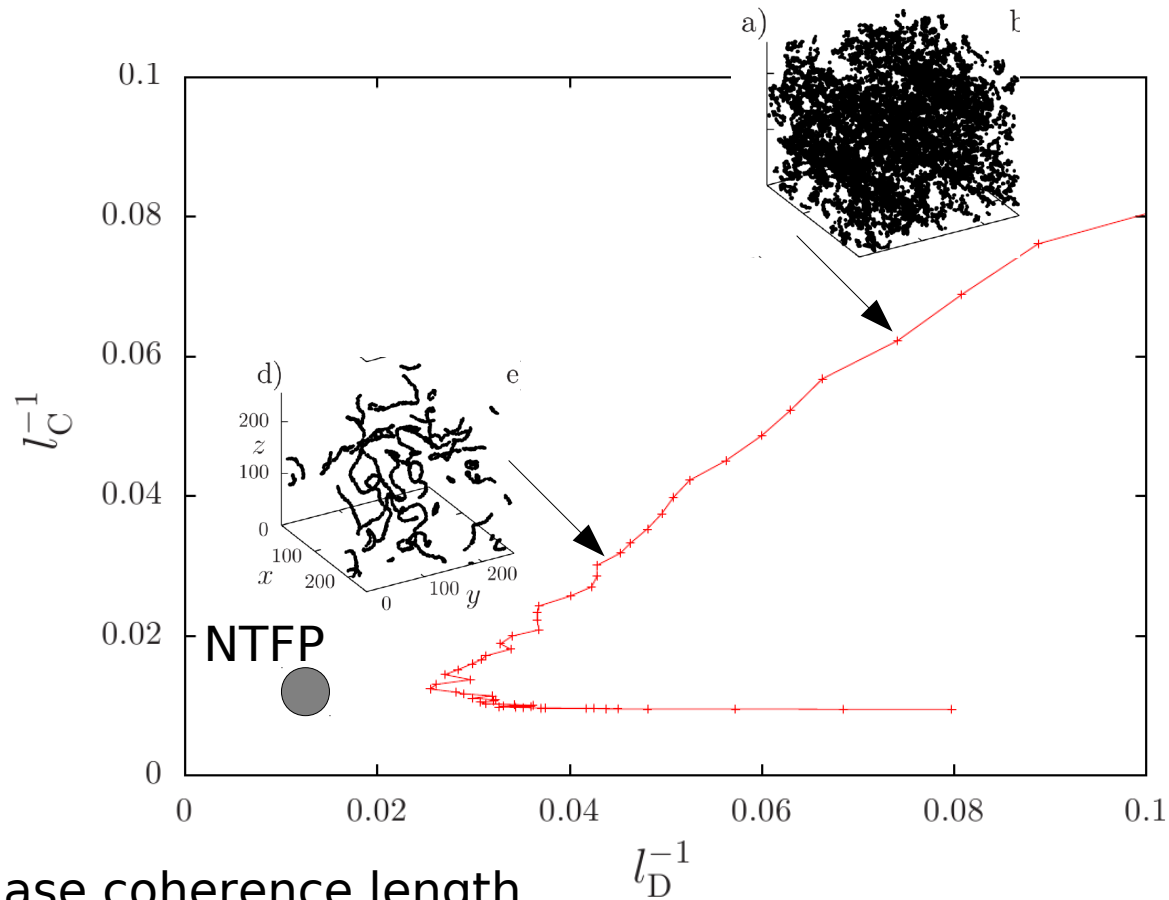


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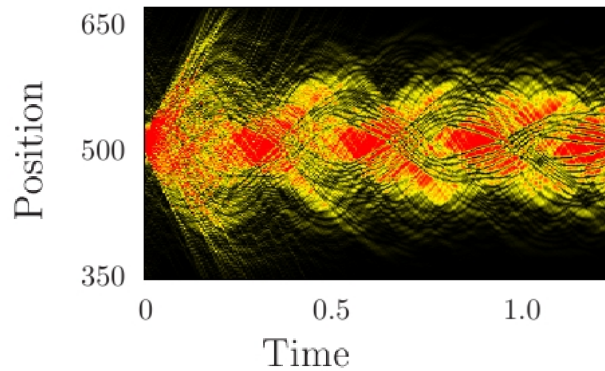
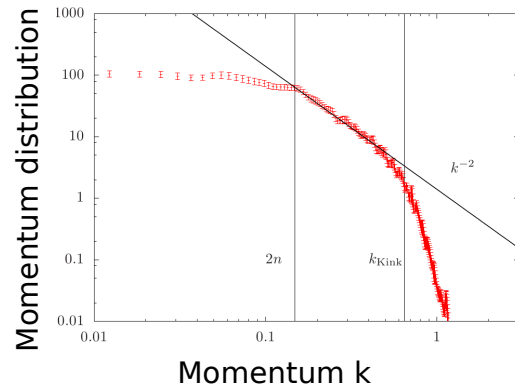
$l_D$  Vortex ring radius

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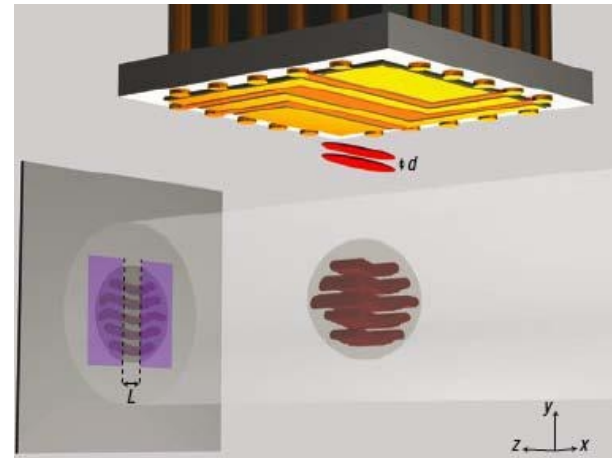




# 1D: Quench dynamics and solitons



$^{87}\text{Rb}$ -Experiment:  
Schmiedmeyer group (Vienna)



M. Schmidt, S. Erne, BN, D. Sexty, T. Gasenzer NJP (2012)

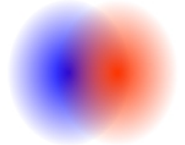


# 2D: 2-component BEC

miscible  
 $g_{12} < g$

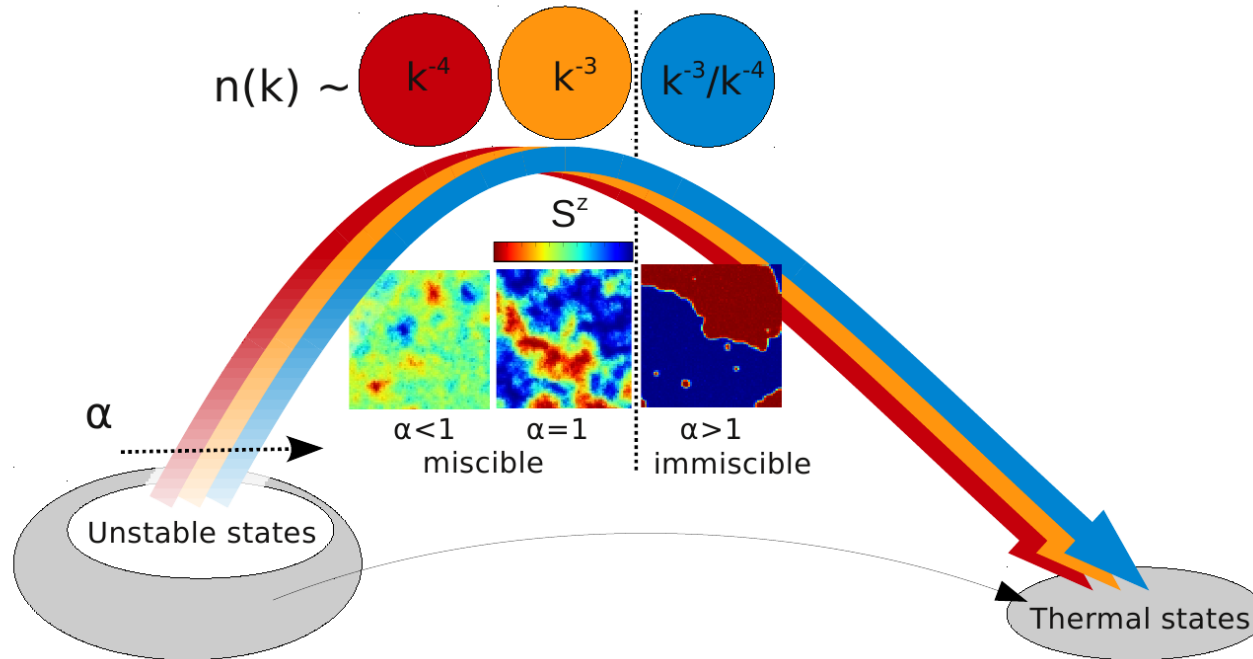


immiscible  
 $g_{12} > g$



$n(k) \sim$   $k^{-4}$   $k^{-3}$   $k^{-3}/k^{-4}$

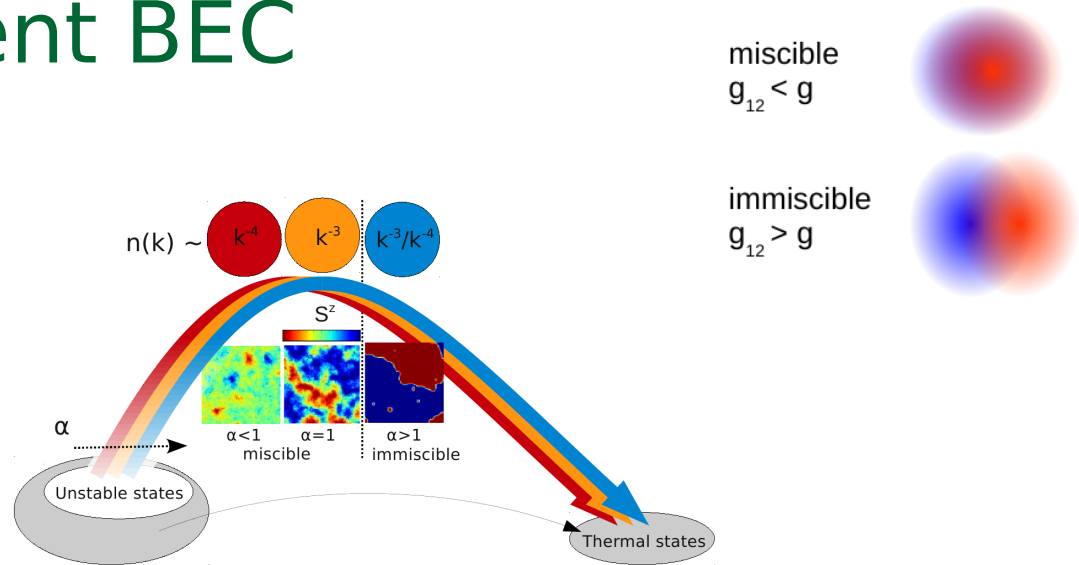
$\alpha = g_{12}/g$



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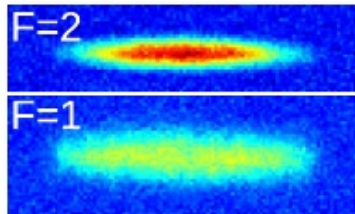
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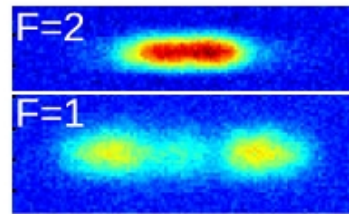
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<sup>87</sup>Rb-Experiment:  
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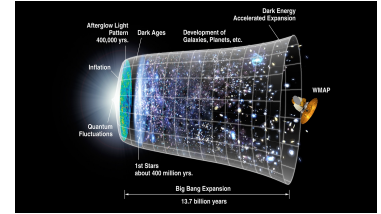
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E. Nicklas et al. PRL (2012)

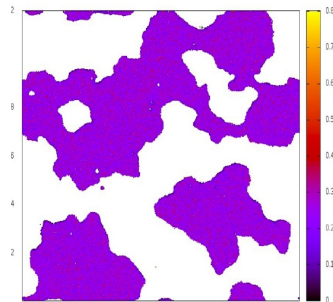
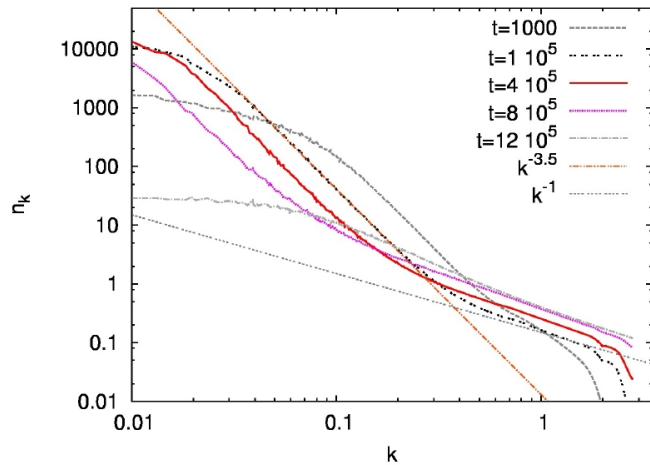


# Relativistic simulations O(2)

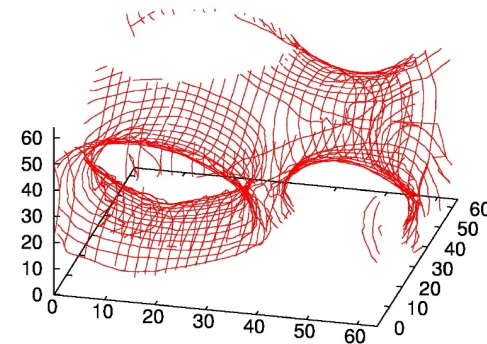
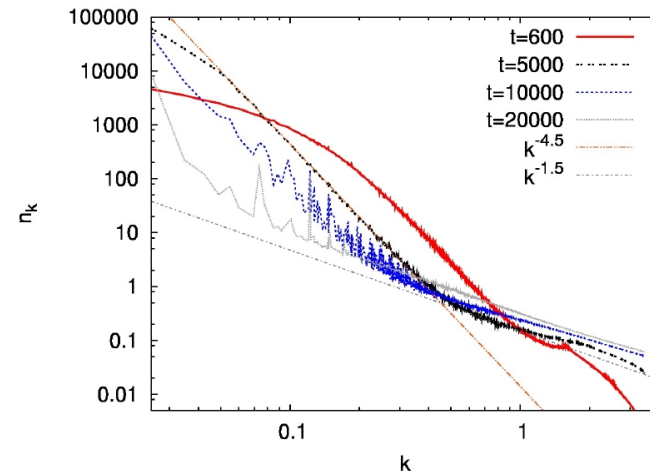


Classical field equation: 
$$\left[ \partial_t^2 - \Delta + \Phi^2 \right] \Phi_a = 0$$

d=2



d=3

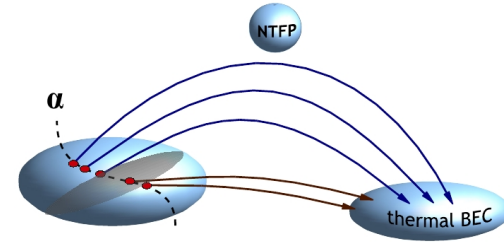


T. Gasenzer, BN, D. Sexty PLB (2012)

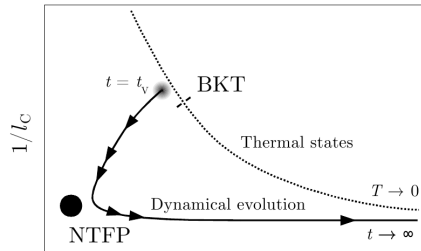
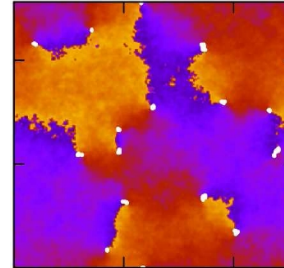


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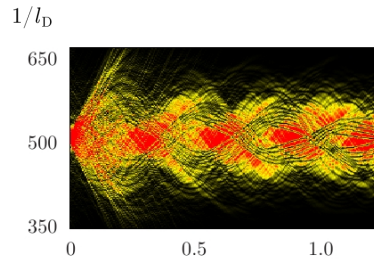
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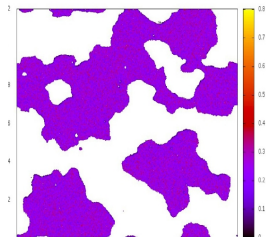
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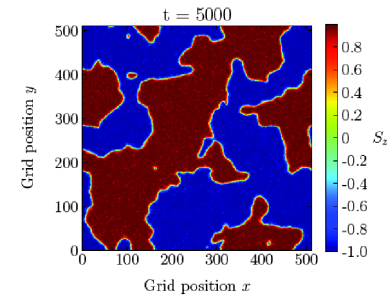
Dynamics near the NTFP in 2D



Solitonic state as a NTFP

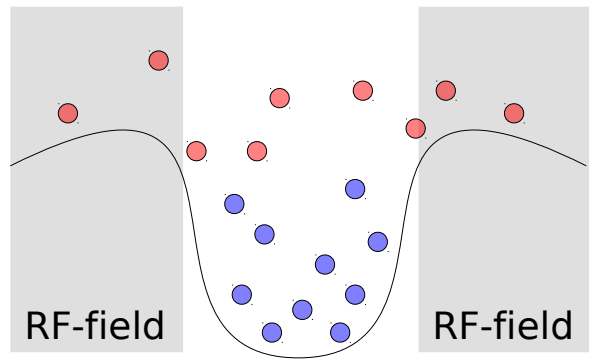


Charge Separation/Domain Walls

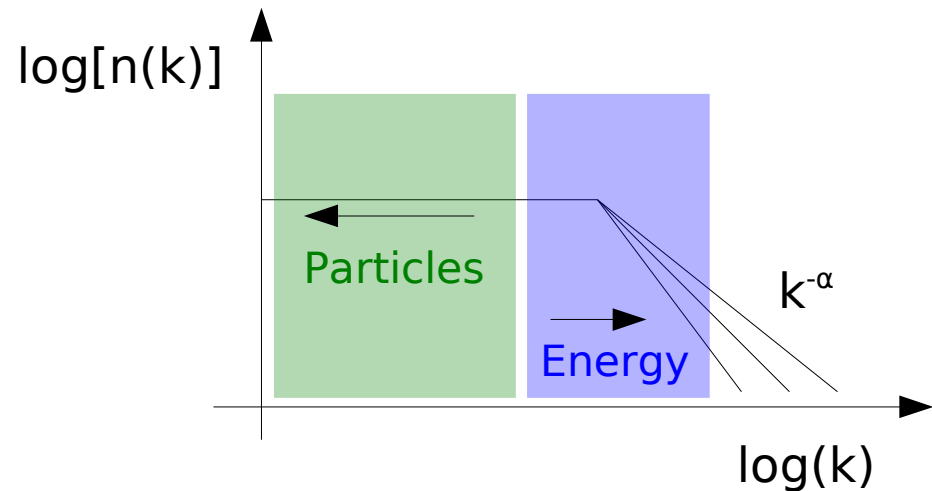


# Supplementary Slides

# 3D: Bose condensation



Evaporative cooling



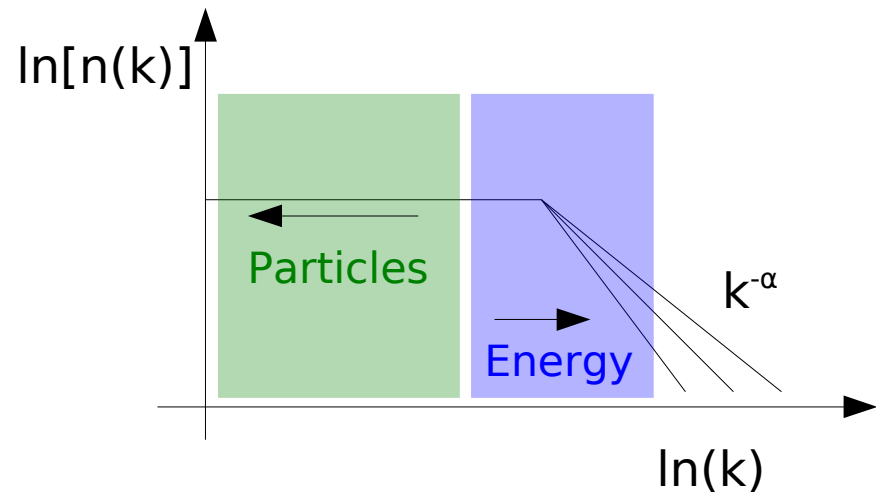
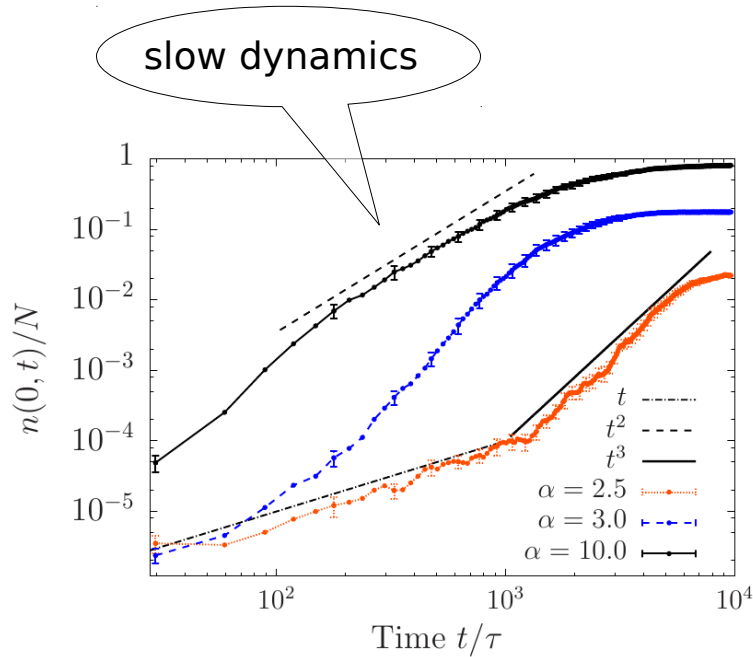
Experiments: Hänsch, Esslinger (2002), Esslinger (2007), Hadzibabic (2012)

Condensation dynamics: Kagan, Svistunov, Shlyapnikov ('90s), Semikoz, Tkachev (1995), Berloff (2002), Anderson, Davis (2008), Blaizot, McLerran (2012), Berges, Sexty (2012)

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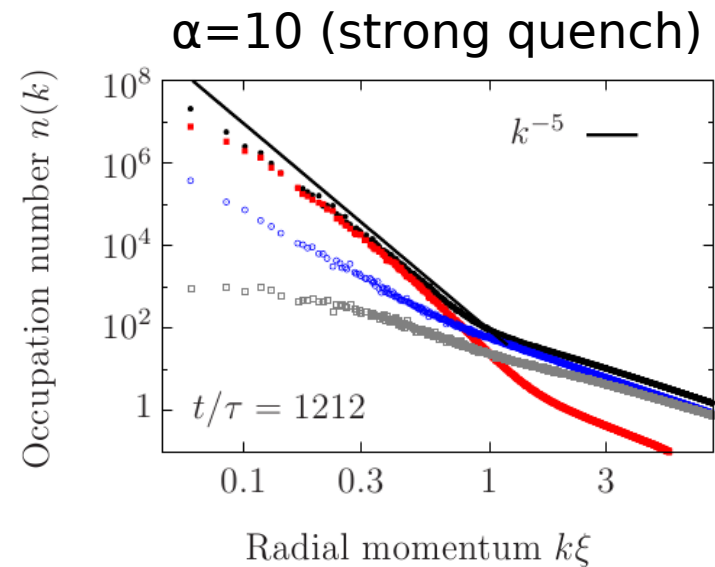
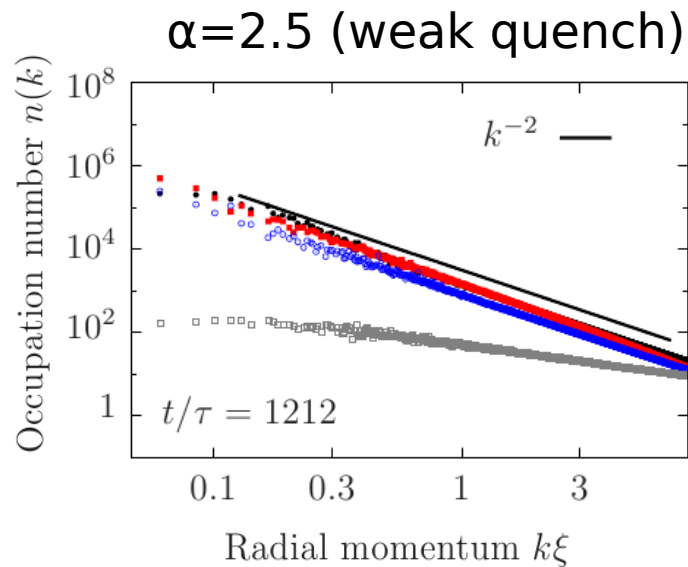


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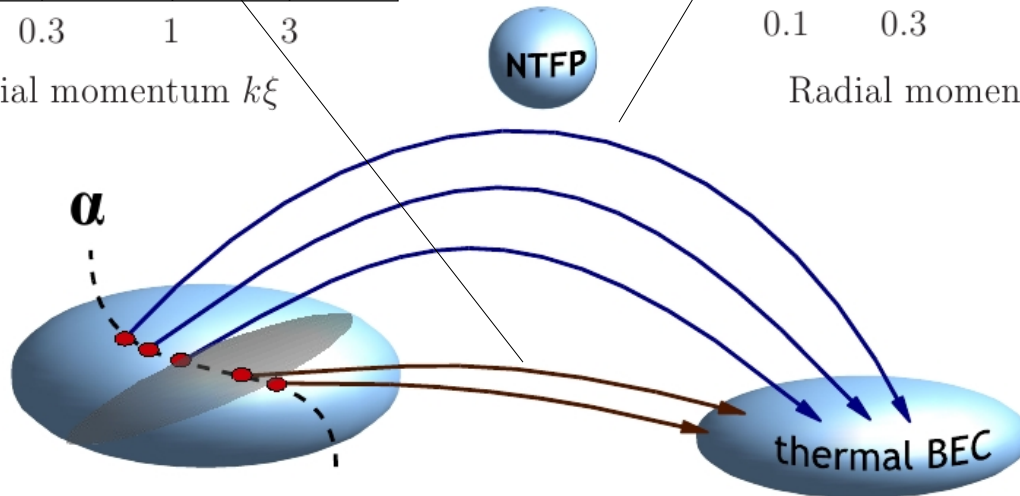
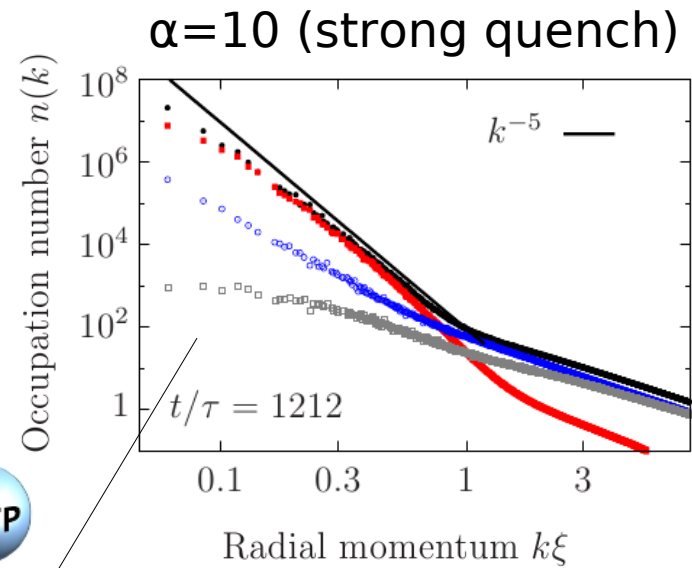
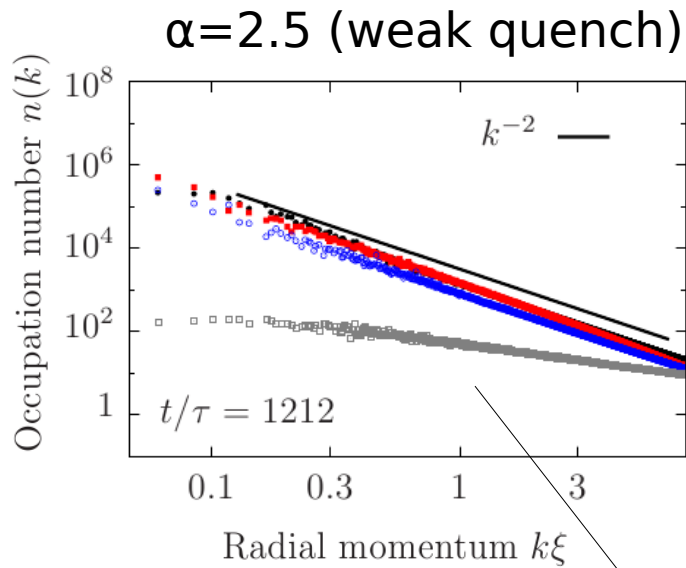




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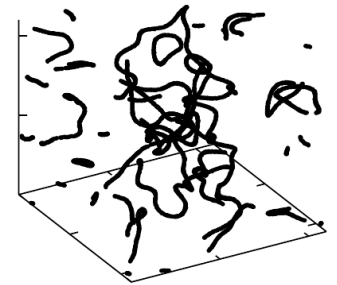
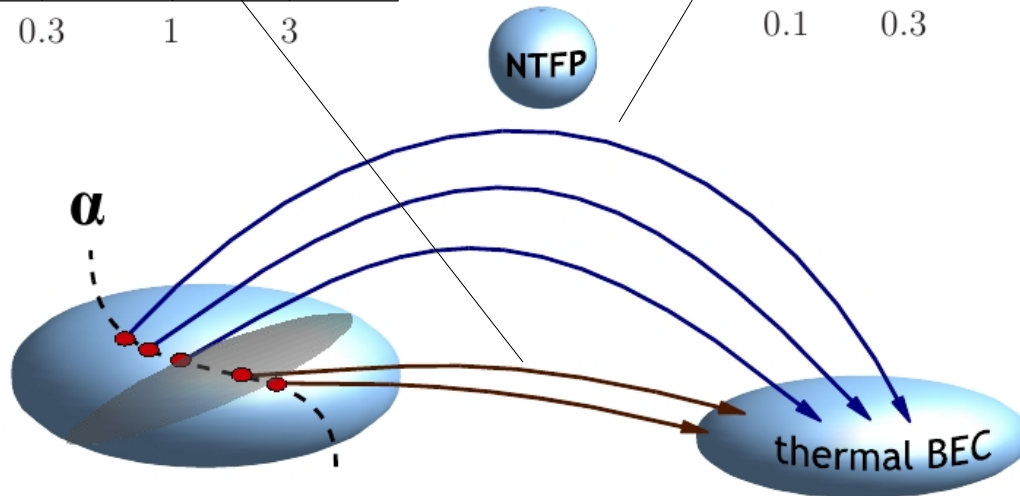
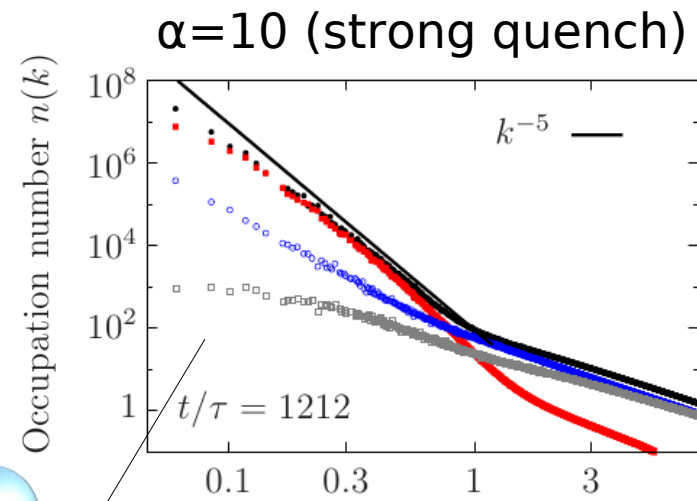
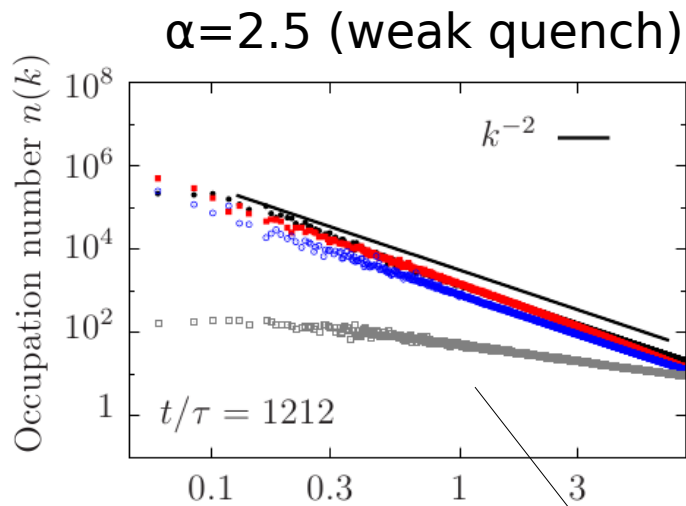
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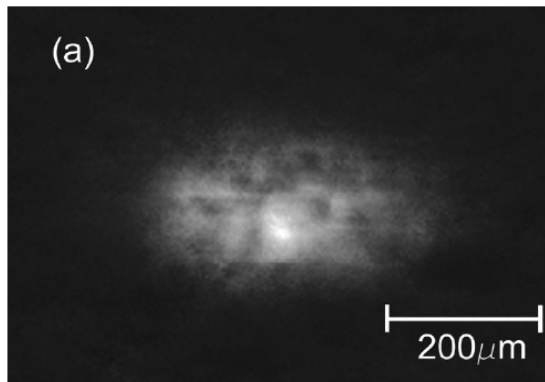
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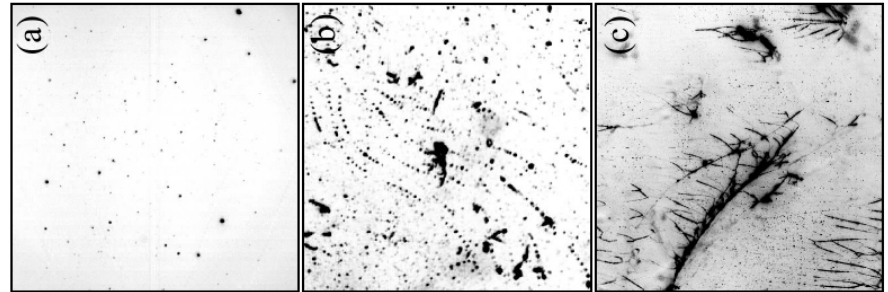
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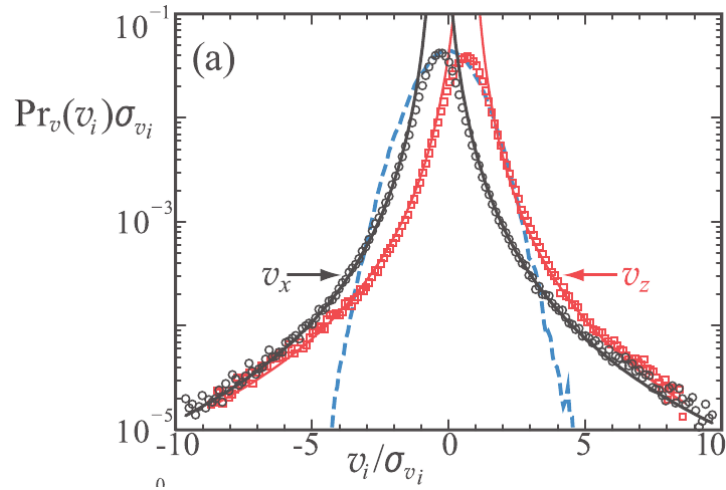


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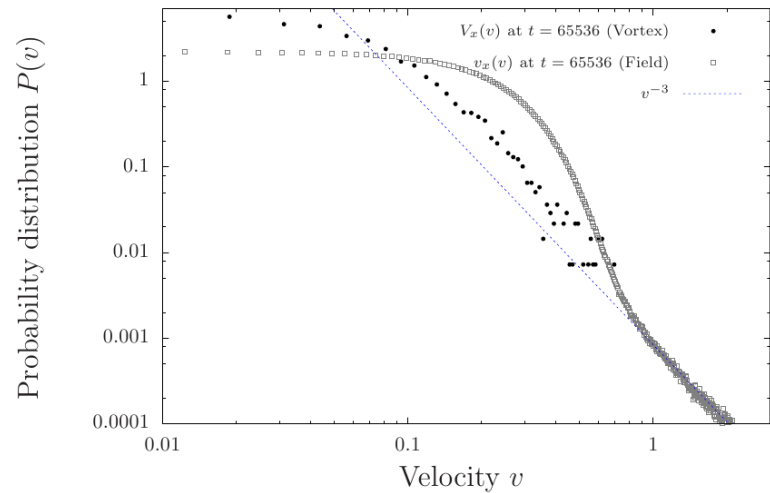
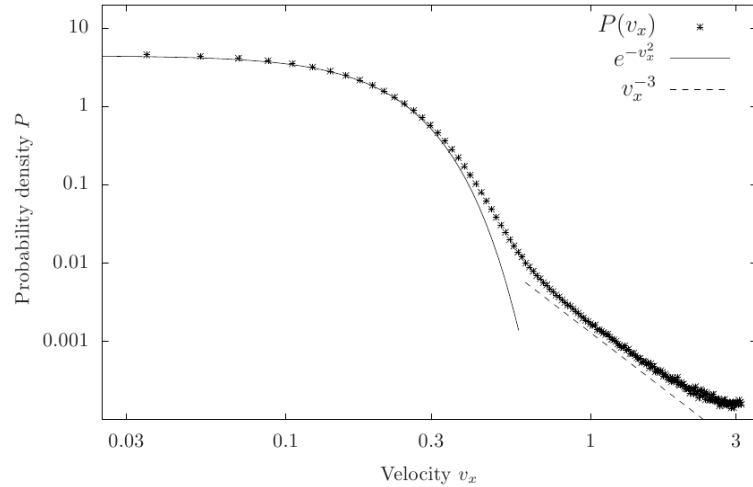
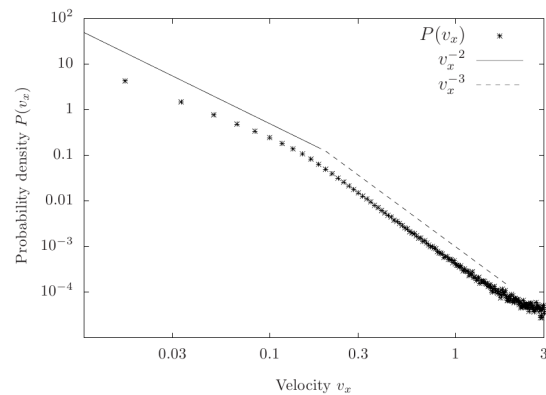
D. Lathrop (USA)

# Velocity distribution



M. S. Paoletti, M. E. Fisher,  
K. R. Sreenivasan, D. P. Lathrop: PRL (2008)

Pairing:



# Quantum turbulence

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

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

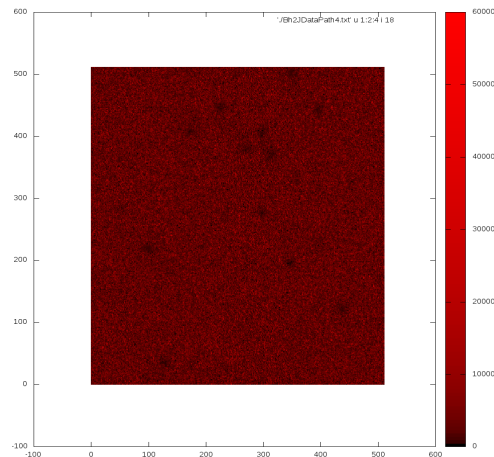
$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} \int |\sqrt{n} \mathbf{u}|^2 d\boldsymbol{\rho} = E_{kin}^i + E_{kin}^c$$

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

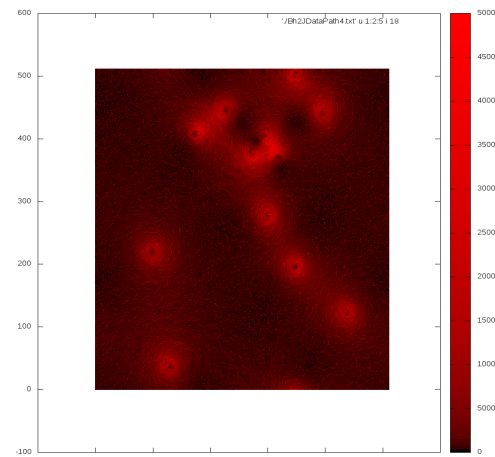
$$\nabla \times (\sqrt{n} \mathbf{u})^c = 0$$

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

C. Nore, M. Abid, M. Brachet: Phys. Fluids (1997)



$E_{kin}^c$



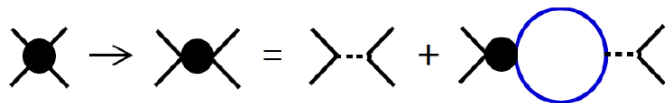
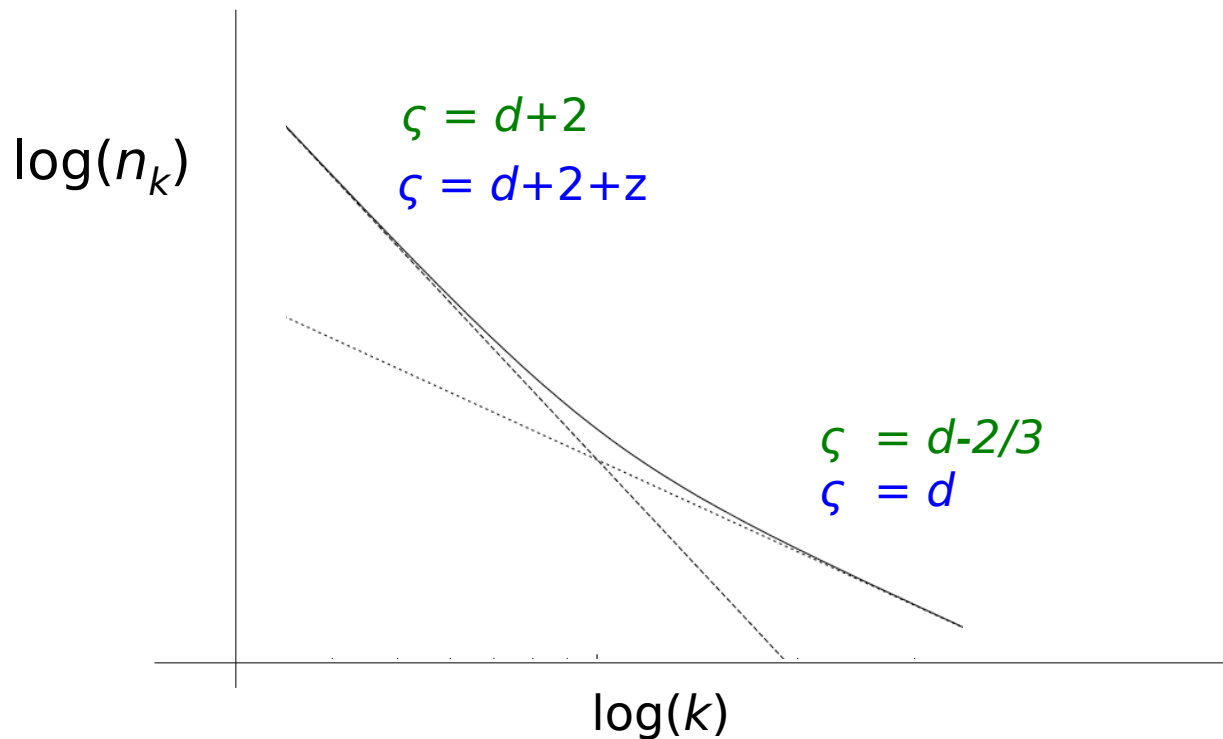
$E_{kin}^i$



# Nonthermal fixed points

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

from dynamical quantum field theory

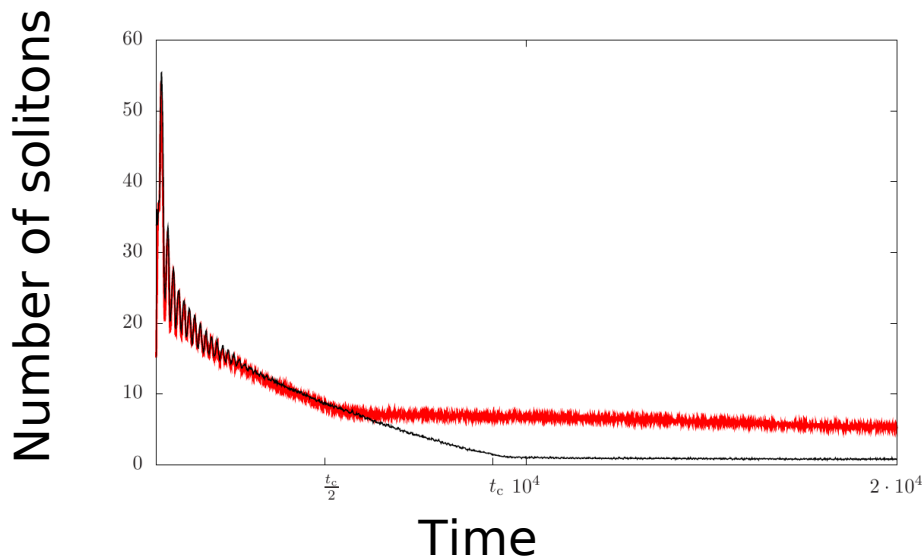


J. Berges, A. Rothkopf, J. Schmidt, PRL (2008)

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# Soliton density decay



## Time Scales:

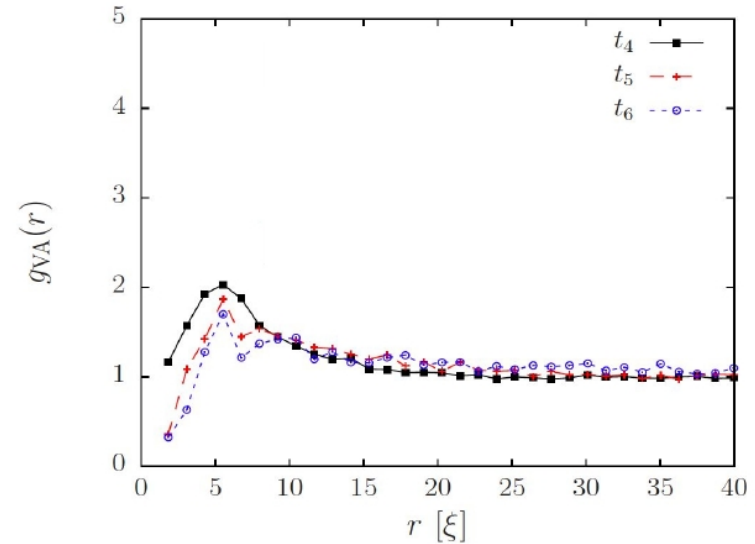
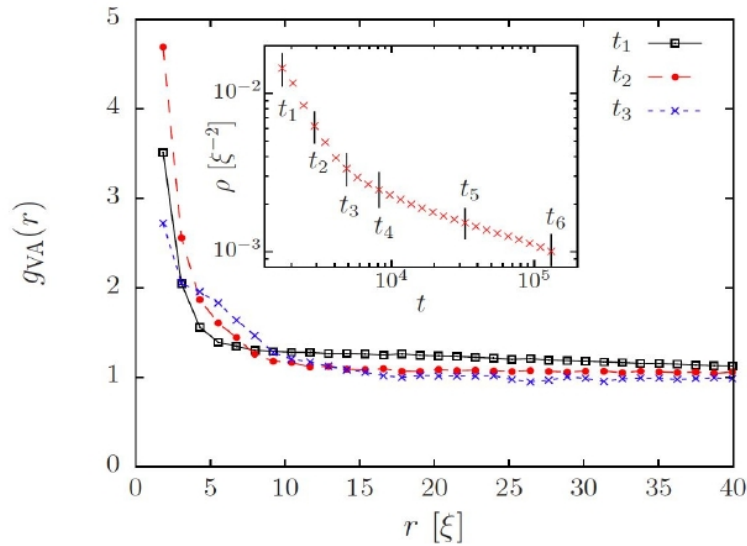
- × Sound propagation  $a_{ho}/c_s \sim 10$
- × Inverse trap frequency  $1/\omega \sim 10^2$
- × Damping of breathing mode  $\sim 10^3$
- × Cooling time  $\sim 10^4$
- × Soliton lifetime  $> 10^6$



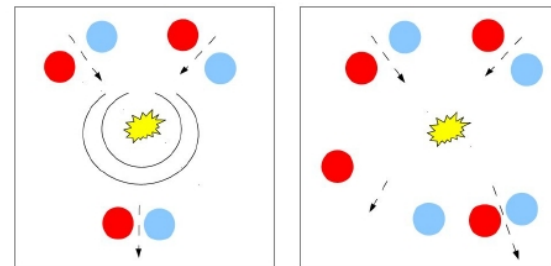


# 2D: Vortex correlations

B. N. et al. PRA 85, 043627 (2012)  
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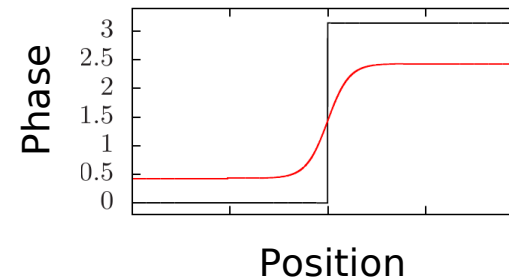
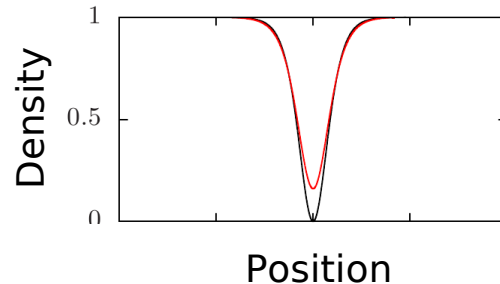
$$g_{VA}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) = \frac{\langle \rho^V(\mathbf{x}, t) \rho^A(\mathbf{x}', t) \rangle}{\langle \rho^V(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle \langle \rho^A(\mathbf{x}', t) \rangle}$$



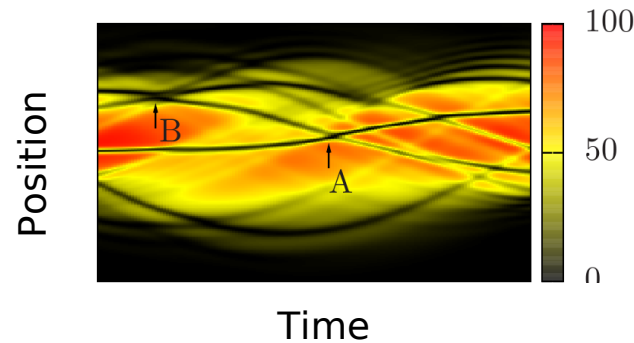
# 1D: Solitons replace vortices

M. Schmidt, S. Erne, B. N., D. Sexty, T. Gasenzer, arXiv:1203.3651 (2012)

- Stationary solutions of non-linear wave equation:



- Soliton-Soliton interactions:

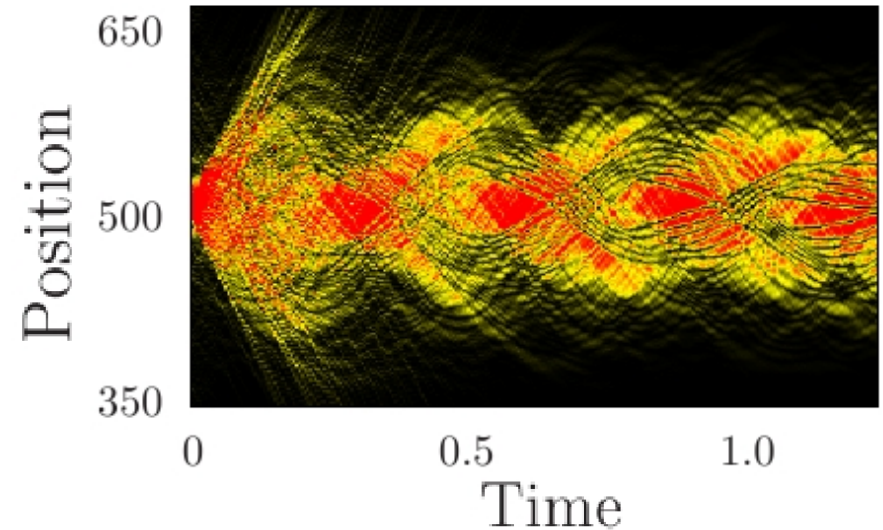
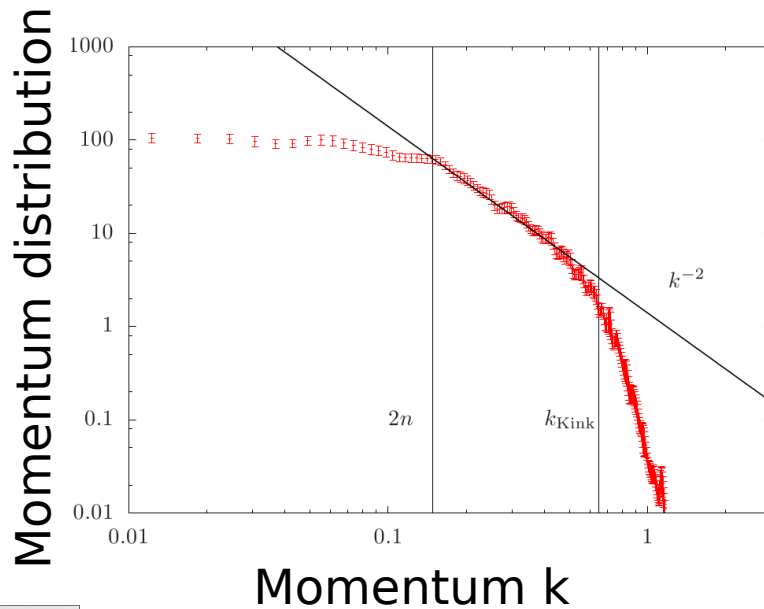


→ Turbulence (NTFP) as a random state of solitons



# 1D: Quench dynamics

- Features:
- Quasi-stationary profile
  - Scaling



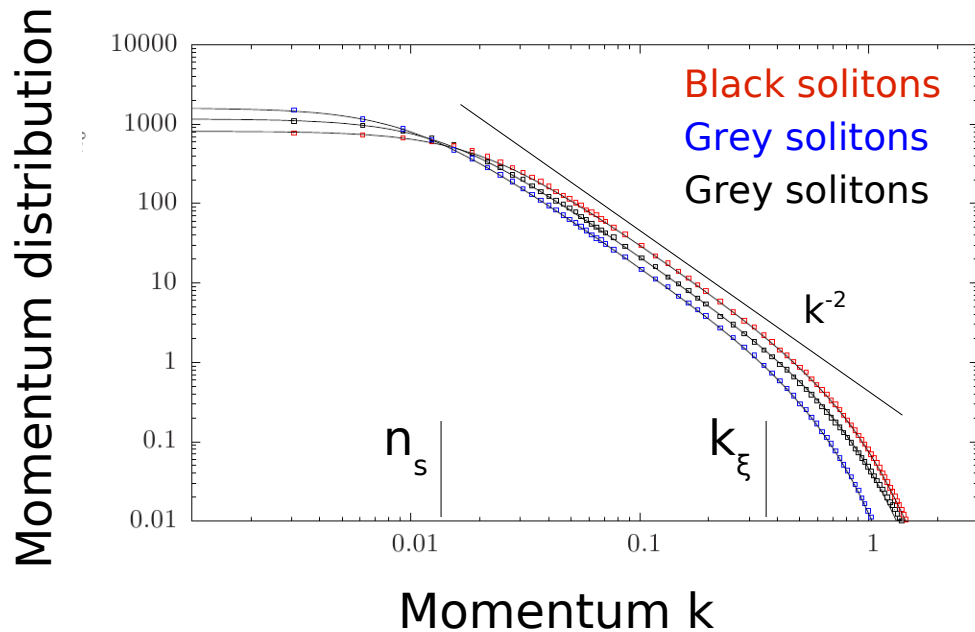
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# 1D: Momentum distribution

- Random soliton model for black/grey solitons (in a trap):

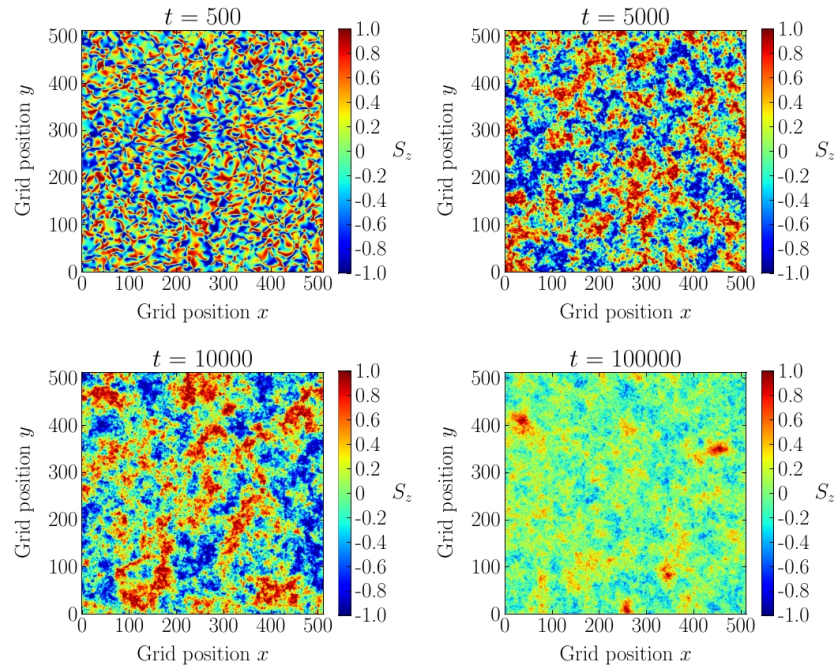
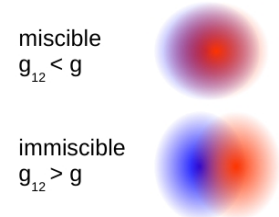
e. g. 
$$n(k)|_{\nu=0} = \frac{4n_s n}{4n_s^2 + k^2} \frac{(\pi k \xi)^2 / 2}{\sinh^2(\pi k \xi / \sqrt{2})} \quad (\text{Black Solitons})$$



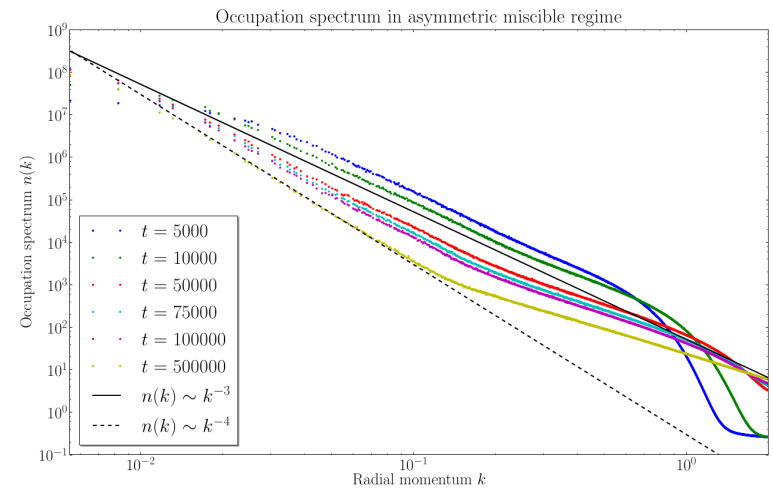
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# 2-component BEC

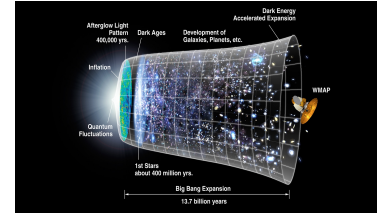


Miscible regime

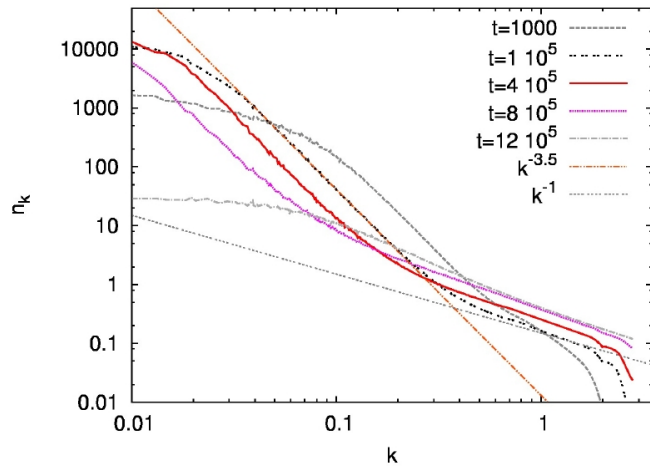


# Relativistic simulations O(2)

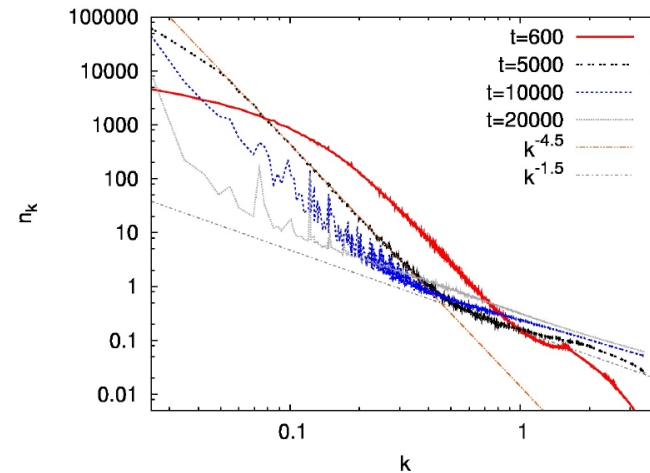
Classical field equation: 
$$\left[ \partial_t^2 - \Delta + \Phi^2 \right] \Phi_a = 0$$



d=2



d=3

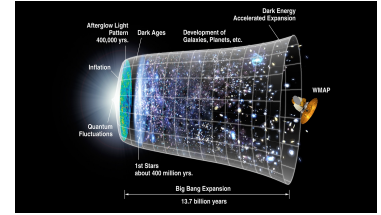


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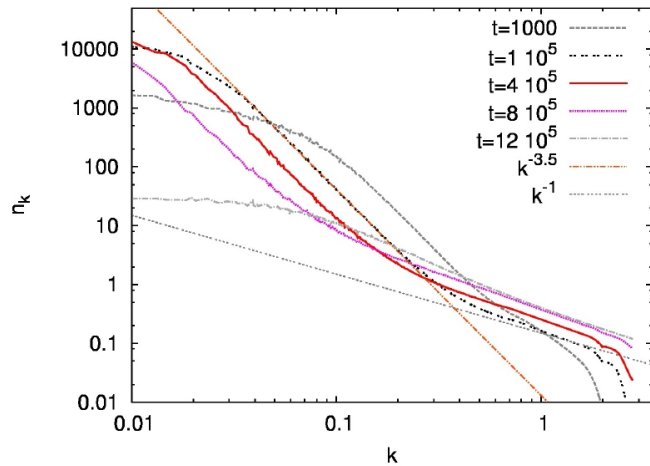


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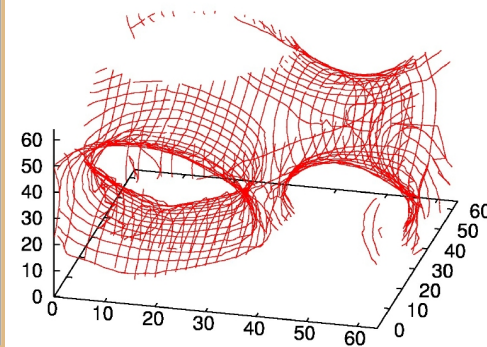
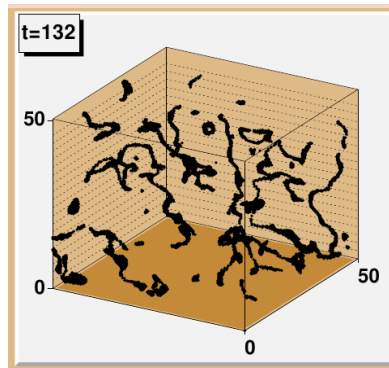
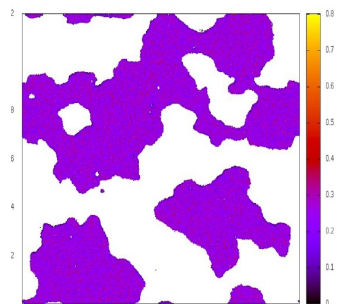
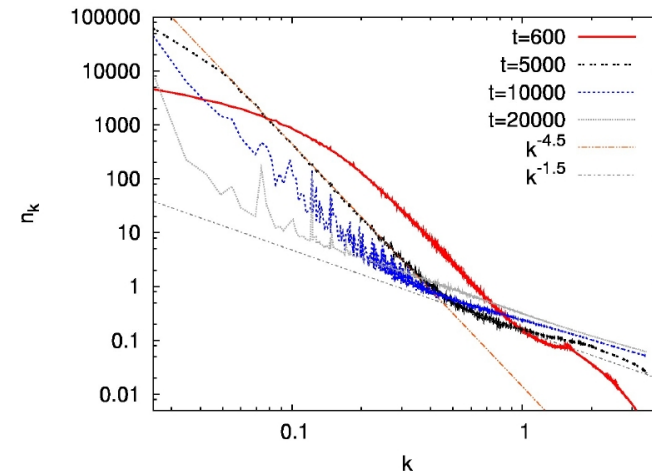


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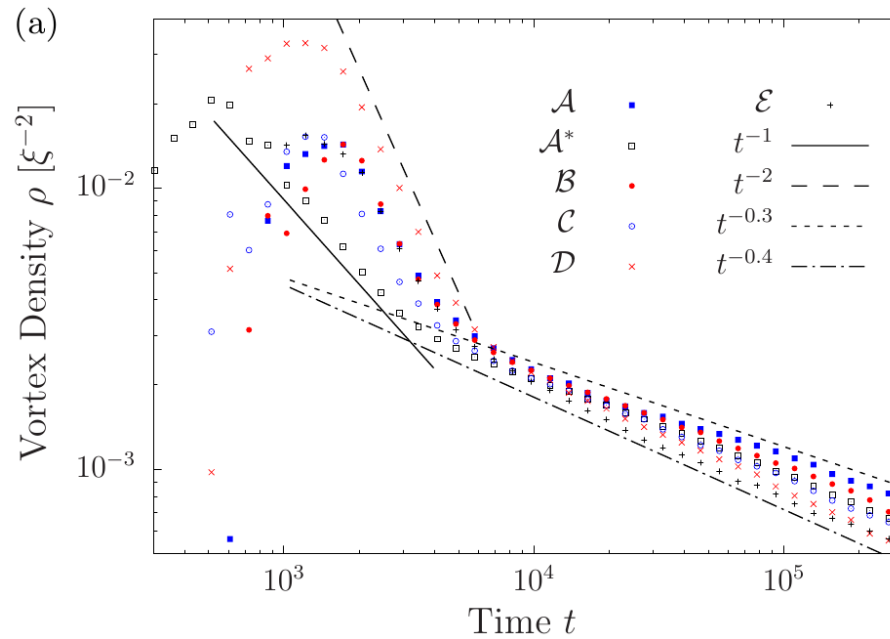
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# 2D: Phase ordering dynamics



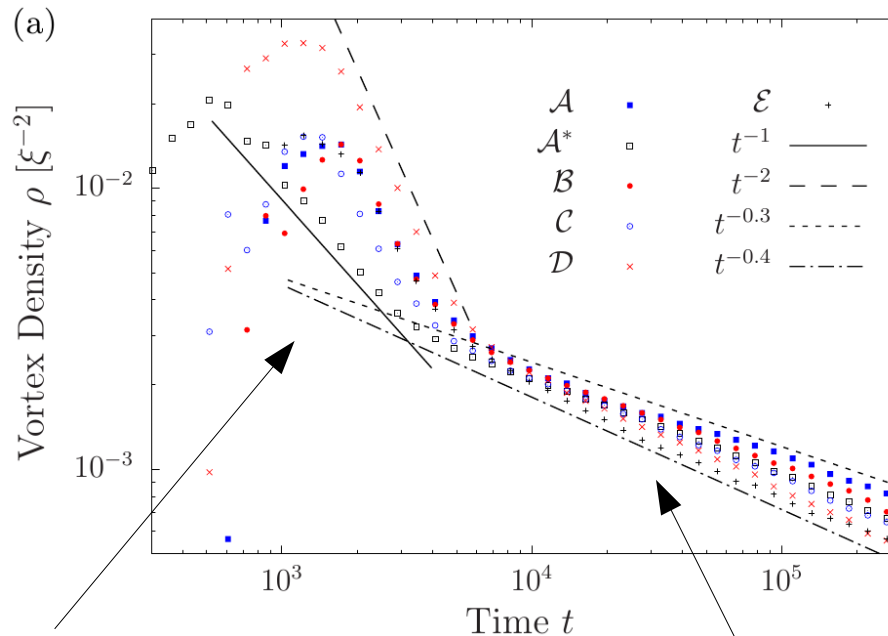
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# 2D: Phase ordering dynamics

Scaling needs  
vortex unbinding



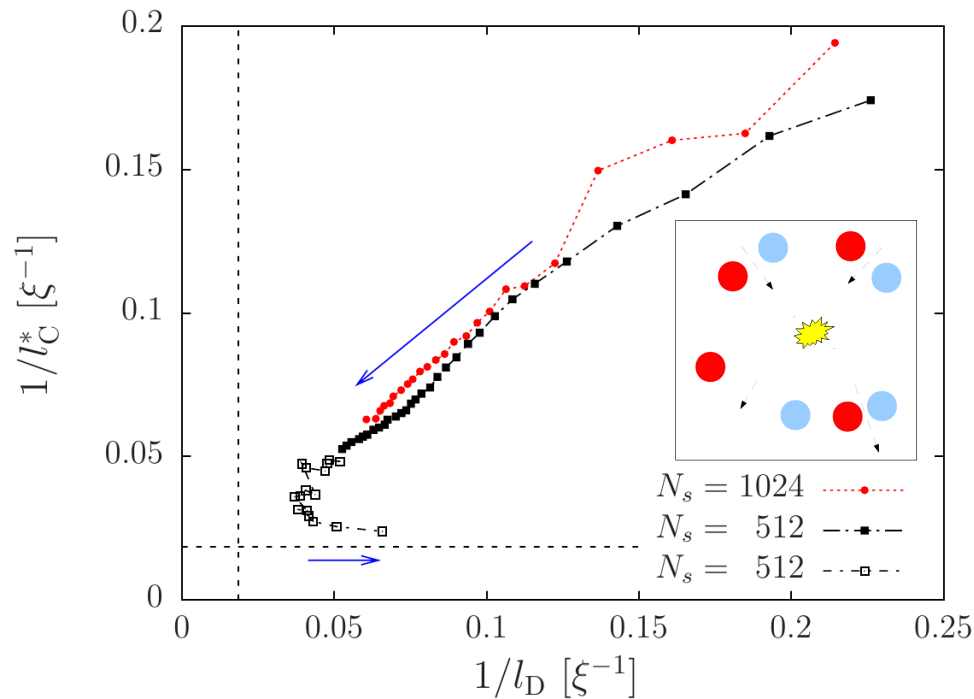
Non-universal decay law  
(Initial vortex distribution dependent)  
Kinetic gas theory for dipoles

Universal decay regime  
Strongly correlated, dilute vortex gas  
Scaling  $n(k) \sim k^{-4}$

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# Correlations near the NTFP

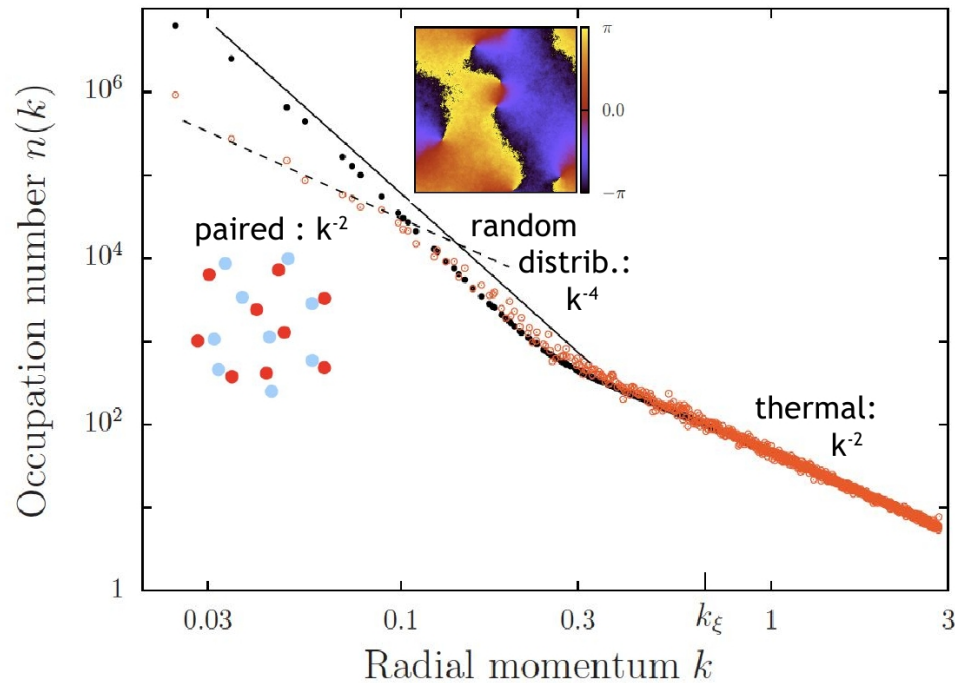


$l_C^*$  Phase coherence length  
 $l_D$  Vortex-antivortex pair distance

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# Vortex Pairing Spectrum in 2D

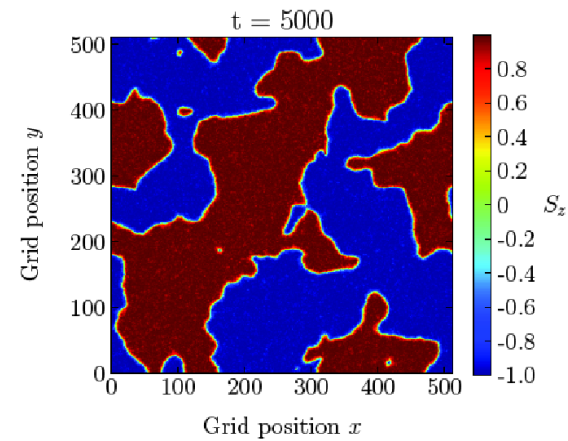
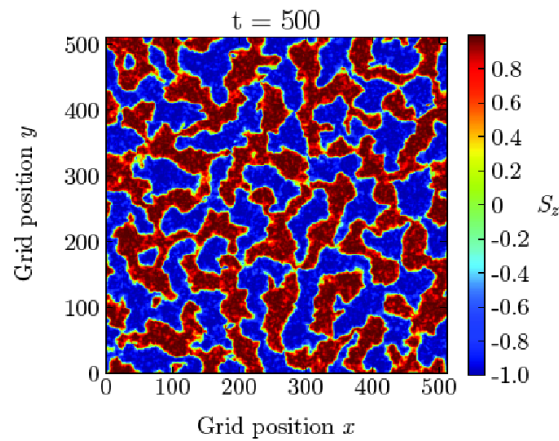
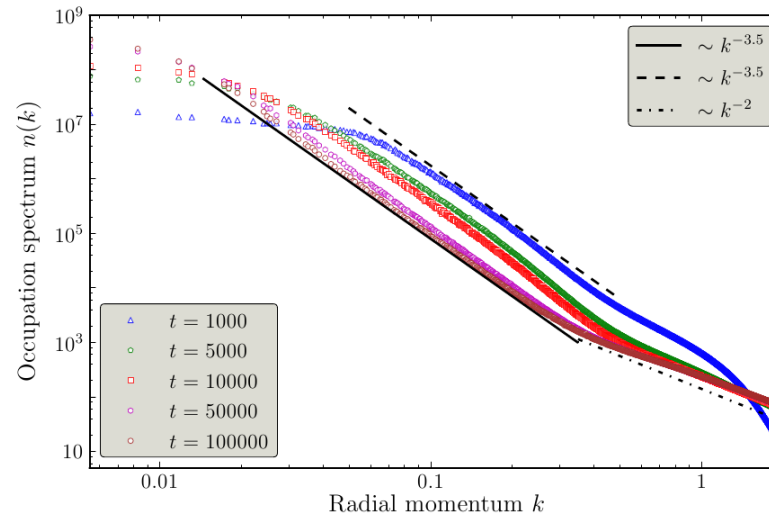
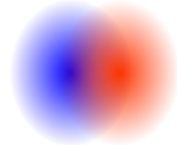


# 2D: 2-component BEC

miscible  
 $g_{12} < g$



immiscible  
 $g_{12} > g$



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