

Spinor hydrodynamics of polaritons in semiconductor microcavities

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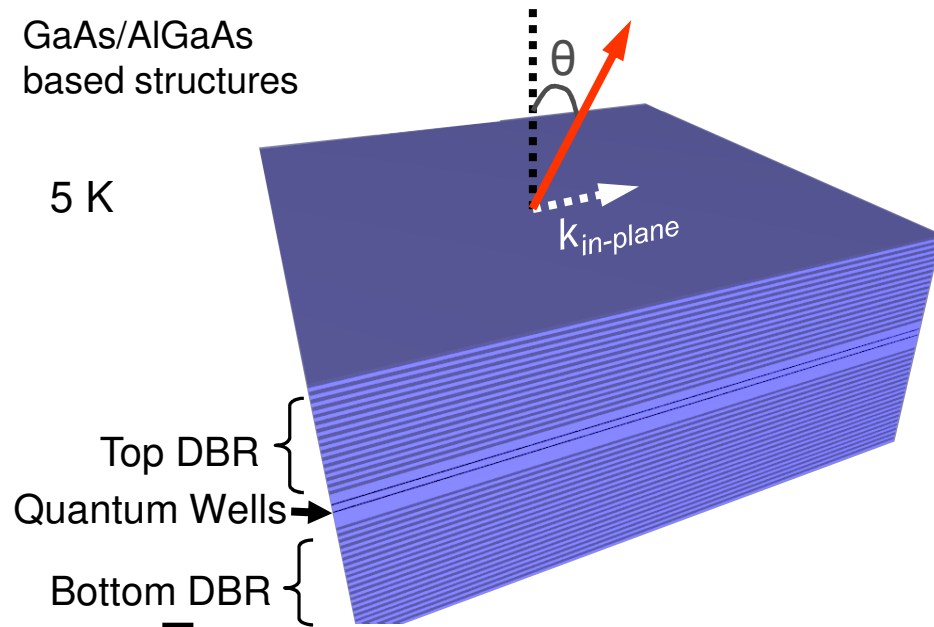
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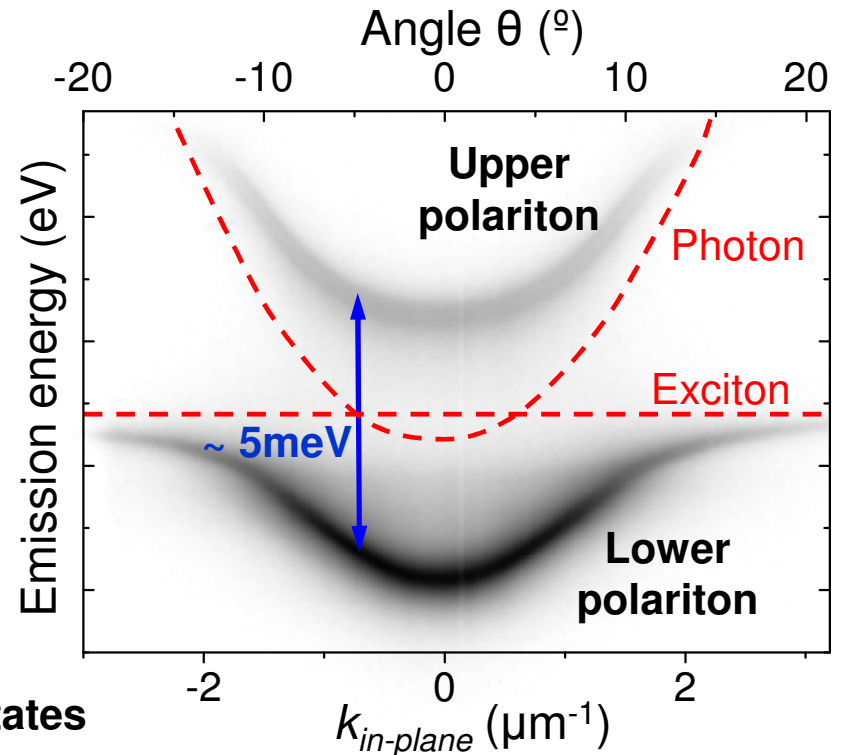
Microcavity polaritons

GaAs/AlGaAs
based structures

5 K



Microcavity polaritons : mixed exciton-photon states



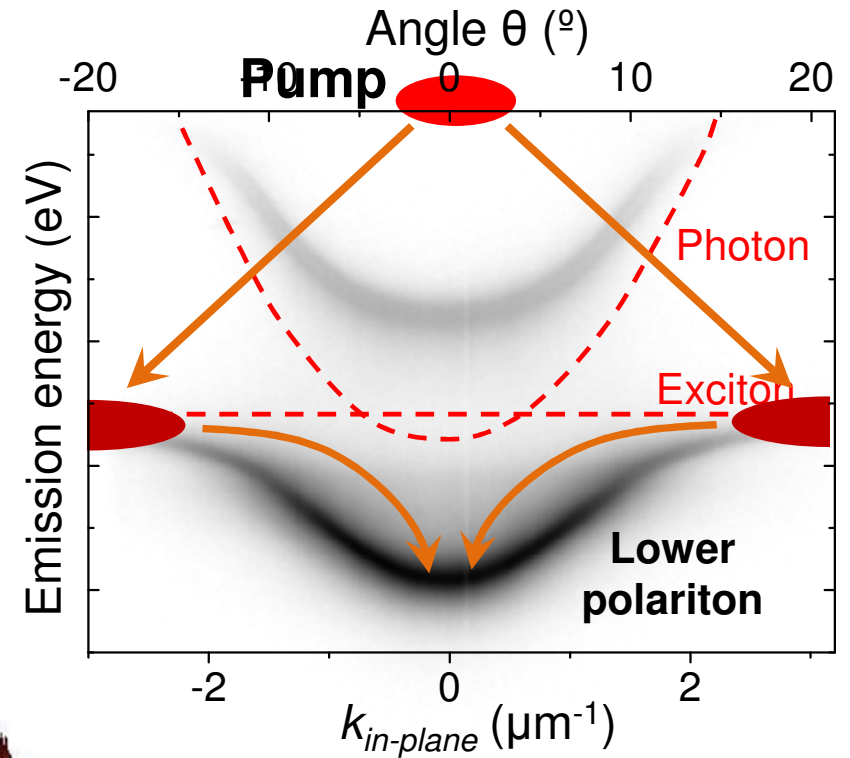
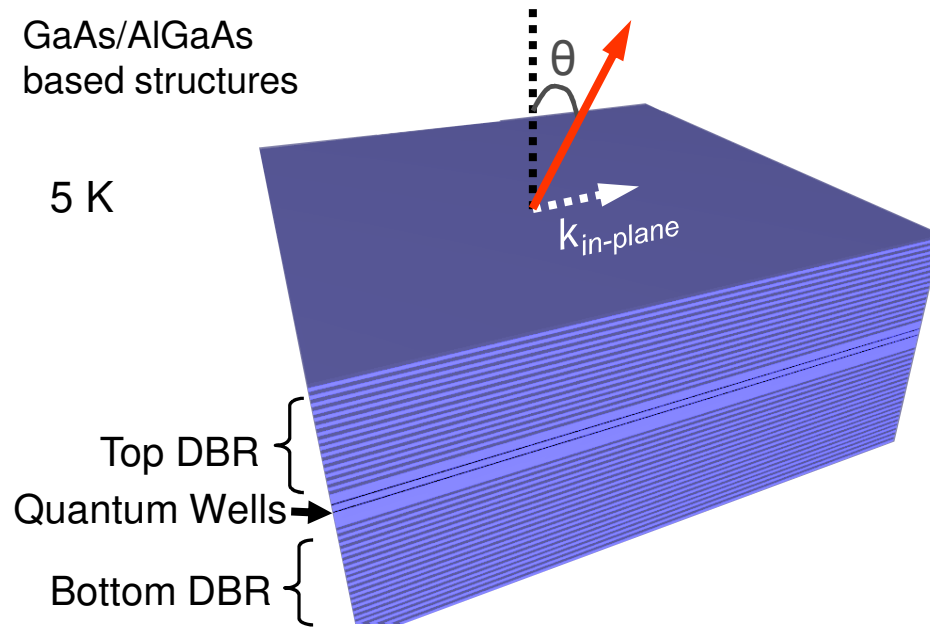
Properties

- Bosons
- Photonic component \Rightarrow low mass ($10^{-5} m_e$)
- Short lifetime ($\sim 1-50$ ps) \Rightarrow escape out of the cavity
Optical access to the polariton energy, momentum and space distrib.
- Excitonic component \Rightarrow strong interactions

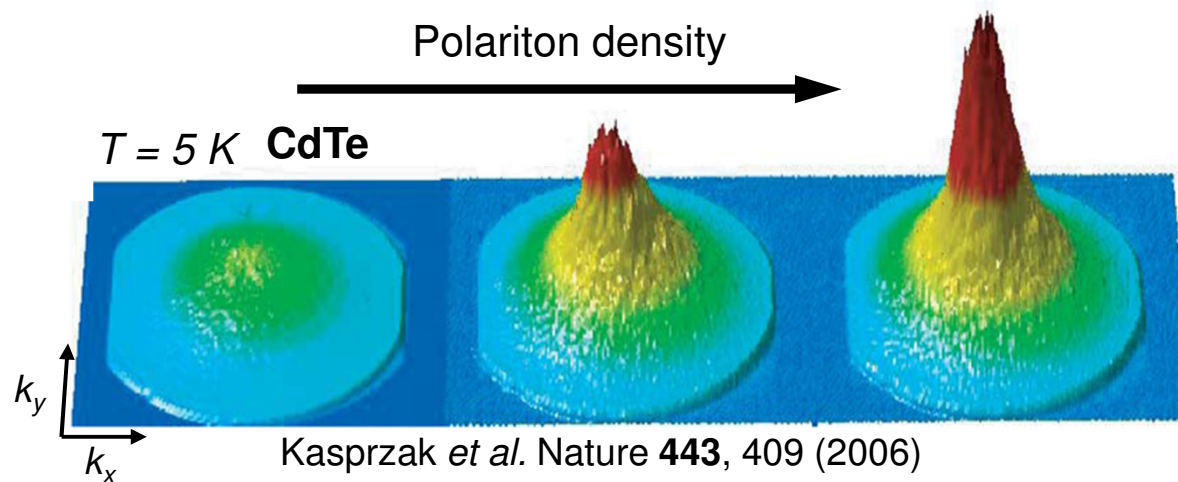
Microcavity polaritons: condensation

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Polariton density

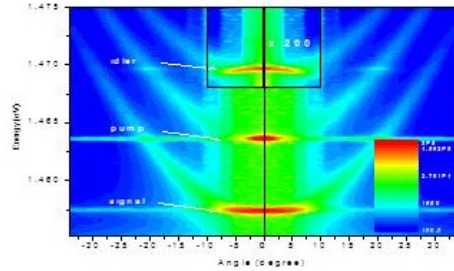


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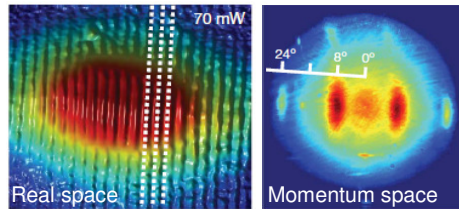
Polaritons: non-linear properties

Optical Parametric Oscillation



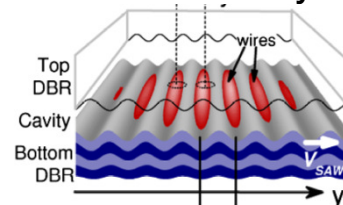
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Long-range order phases



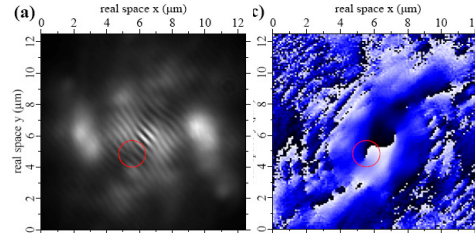
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1D BEC arrays



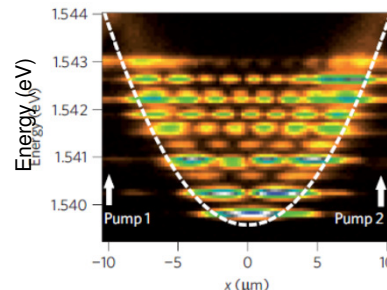
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Quantised vortices



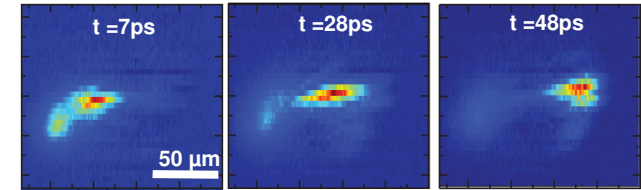
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Harmonic oscillators

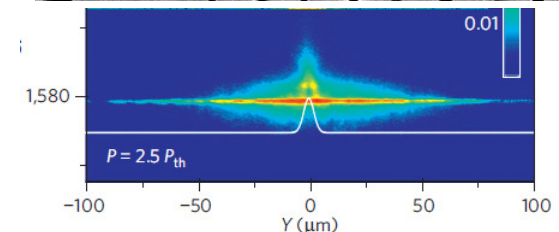
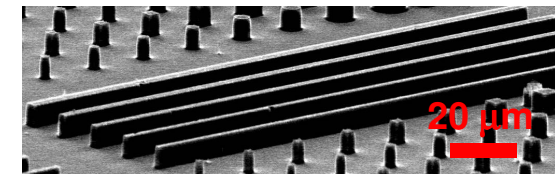


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Coherent propagation

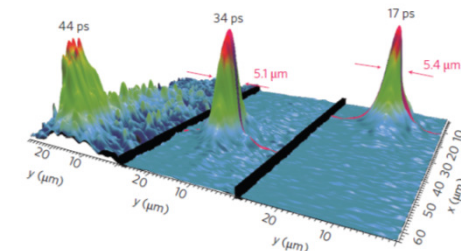


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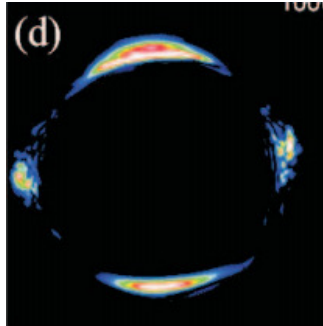
Bright solitons



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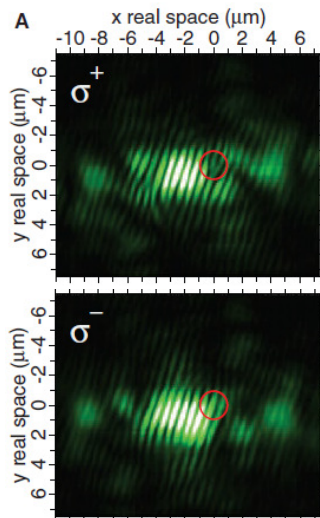
Polariton spin phenomena

Spin-dependent parametric oscillation



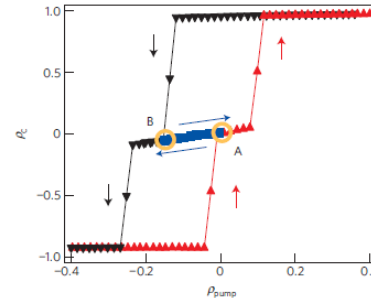
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Half-vortices



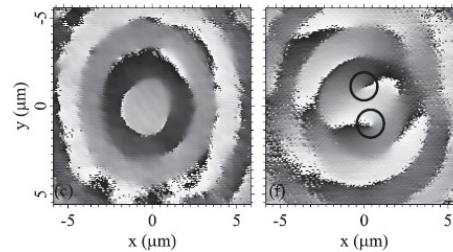
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Polarisation multi-stability



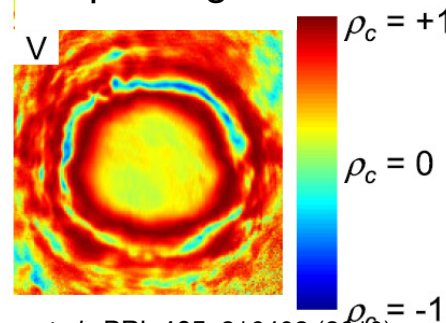
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Polarisation conversion



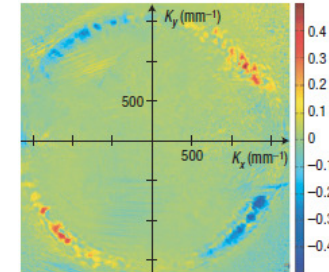
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Spin rings



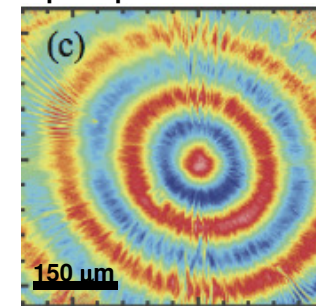
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Optical Spin Hall Effect



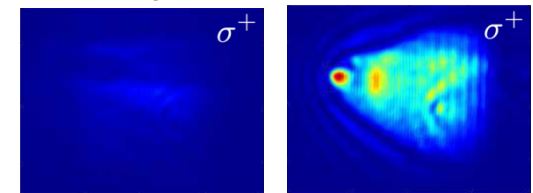
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Spin precession



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Spin-switches



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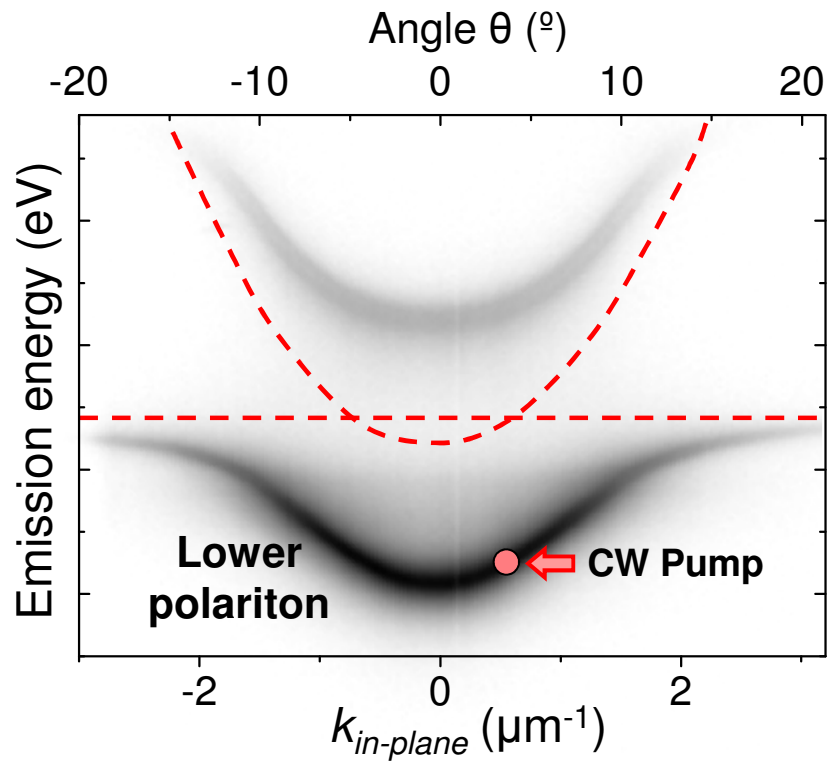
➔ **Scalar hydrodynamics of polariton condensates**

- Dark solitons
- Vortex streets

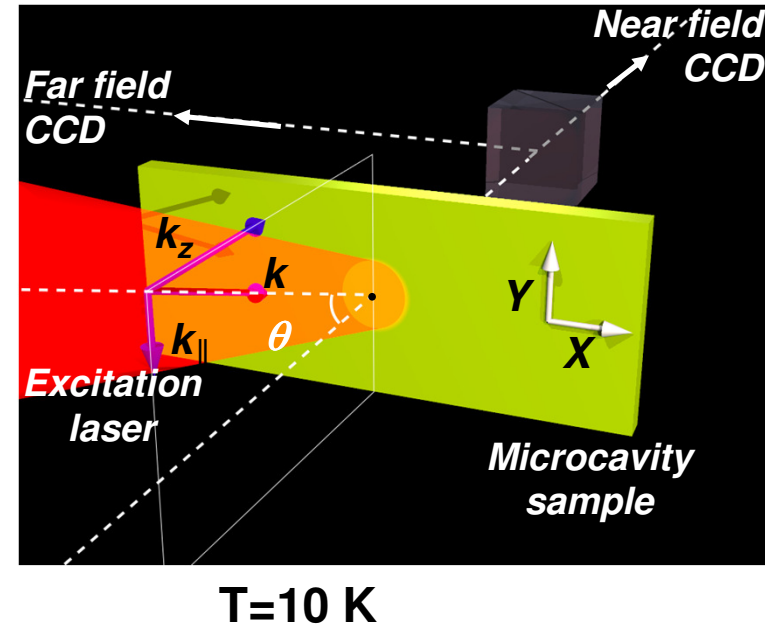
➔ **Spinor hydrodynamics**

- Spin-helix propagation
- Half-solitons: magnetic monopoles

Resonantly driven polariton gas



Transmission experiment in a
InGaAs/GaAs/AlAs microcavity



- Controlled energy (\sim chemical potential)
- Controlled momentum (excitation angle)
- Controlled density
- **Steady state: interplay between pumping and decay**

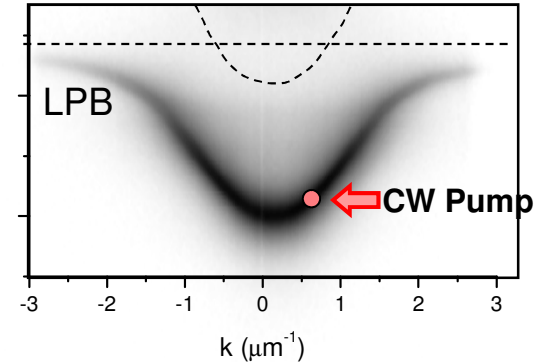
Polariton interactions: superfluidity

Non-linear Schrödinger equation

$$i\partial_t \psi(x,t) = \left[D - i\gamma/2 + V(x) + g |\psi(x,t)|^2 \right] \psi(x,t) + F_p e^{i(k_p x - \omega_p t)}$$

normal mode coupling decay potential pol-pol interaction CW Pump

Resonant excitation



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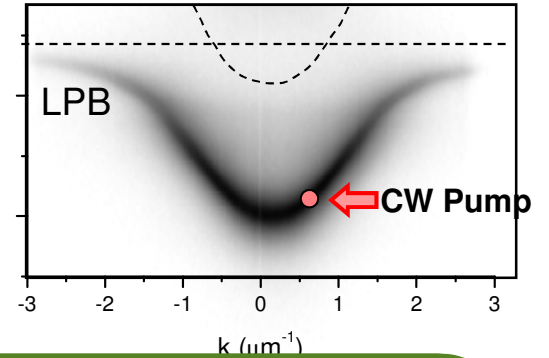
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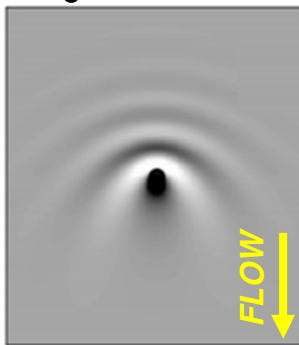
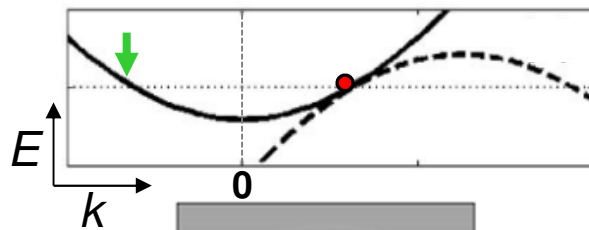
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D : normal mode coupling
 $-i\gamma/2$: decay
 $V(x)$: potential
 $g|\psi(x,t)|^2$: pol-pol interaction
 $F_p e^{i(k_p x - \omega_p t)}$: CW Pump

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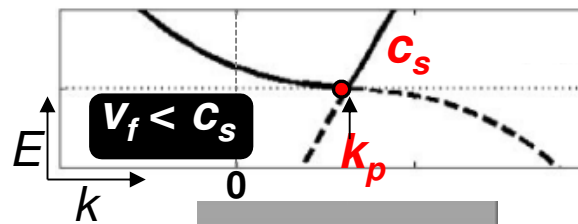


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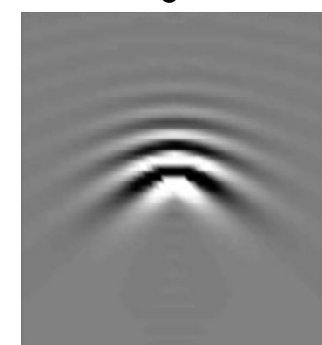
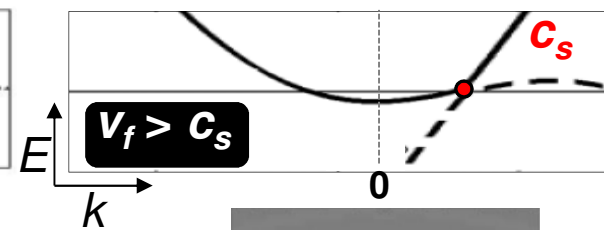
Elastic scattering

High power low momentum



Superfluid

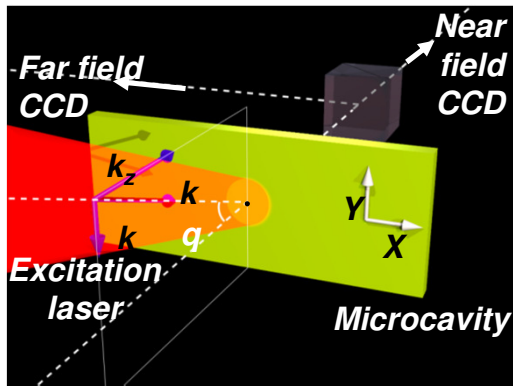
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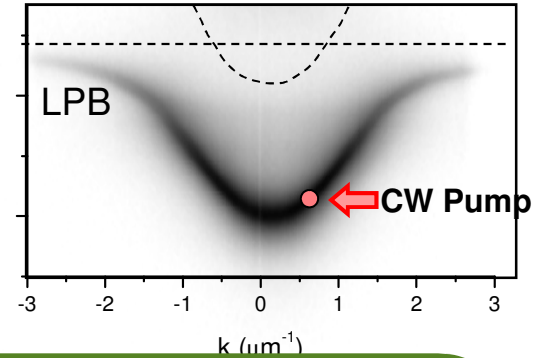
Supersonic

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar g |\psi|^2}{m}}$$

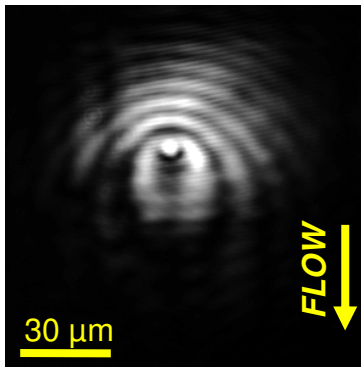
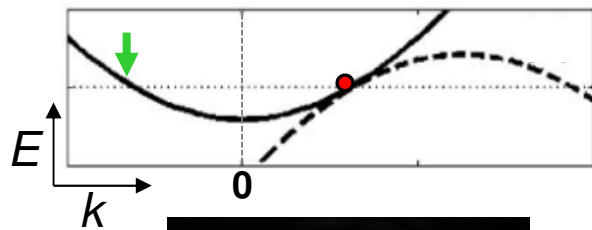
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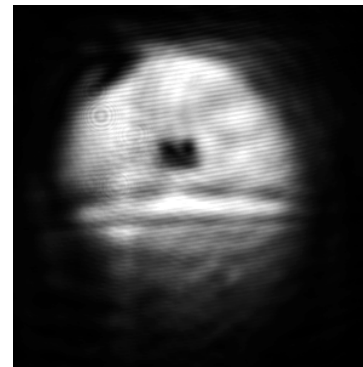
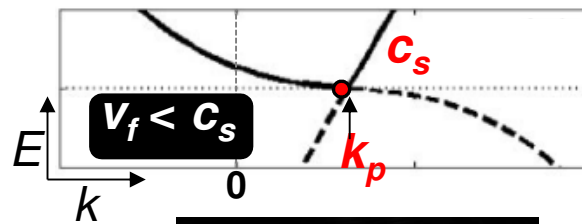
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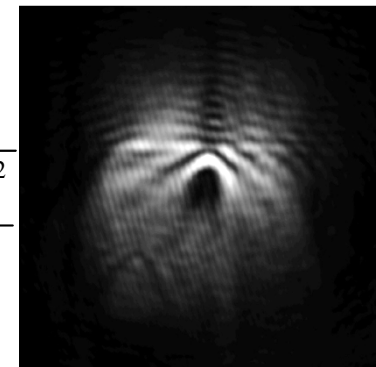
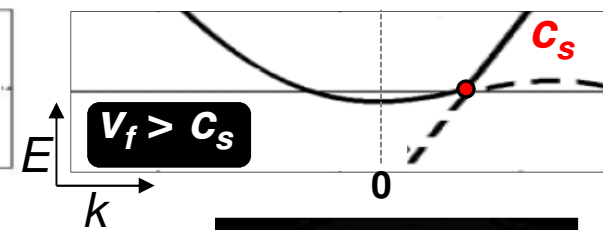
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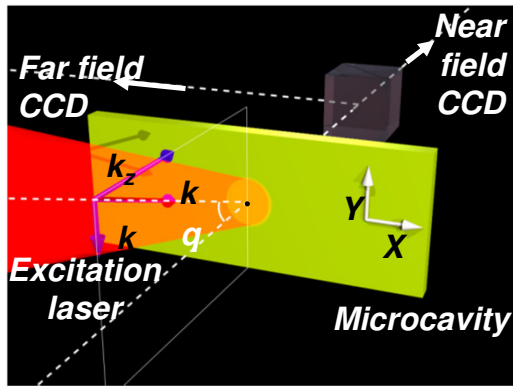
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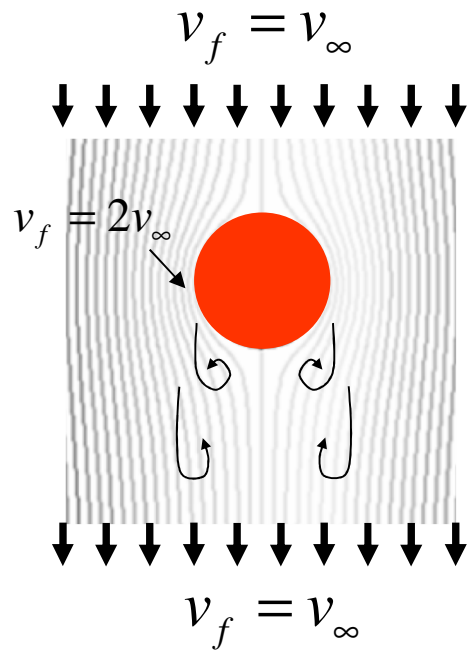
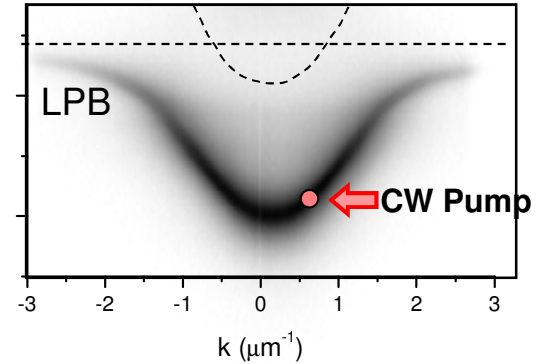
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Beyond superfluidity: hydrodynamic excitations



Resonant excitation



→ Inhomogeneous velocity around obstacle

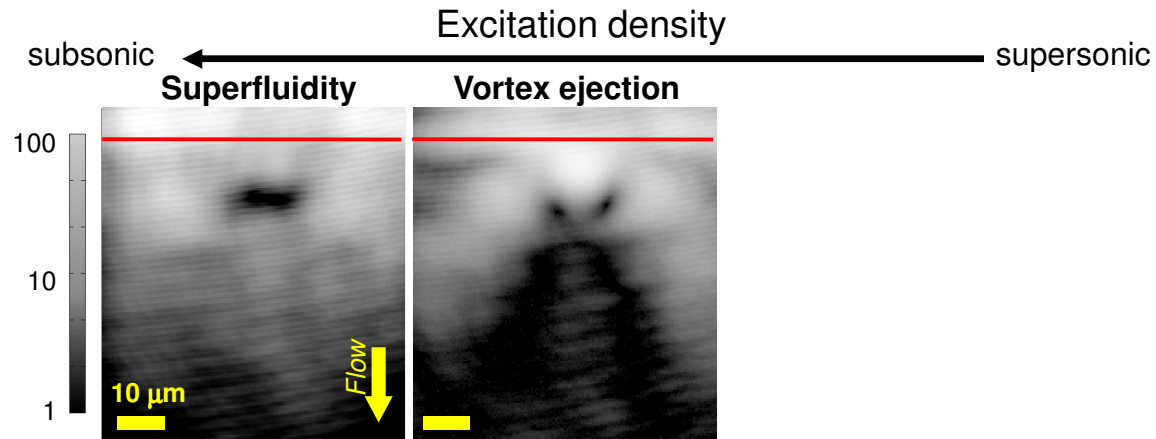
$$v_f(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

→ Nucleation of topological excitations
even at $v_\infty < c_s$

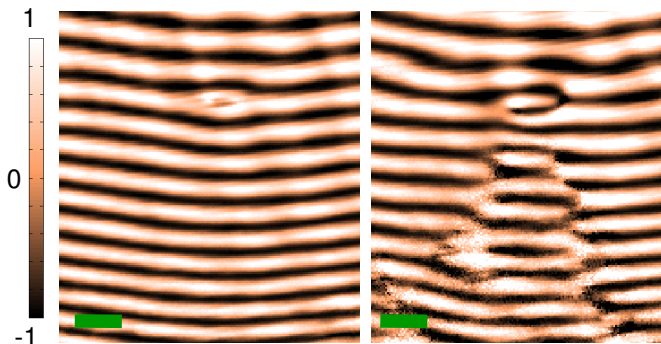
Soliton and vortex streets

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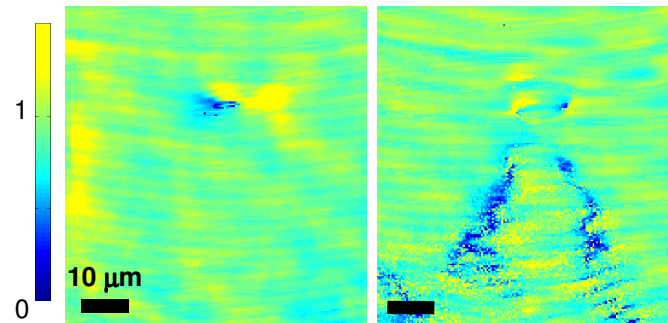
Real space emission



Interference with a coherent reference beam



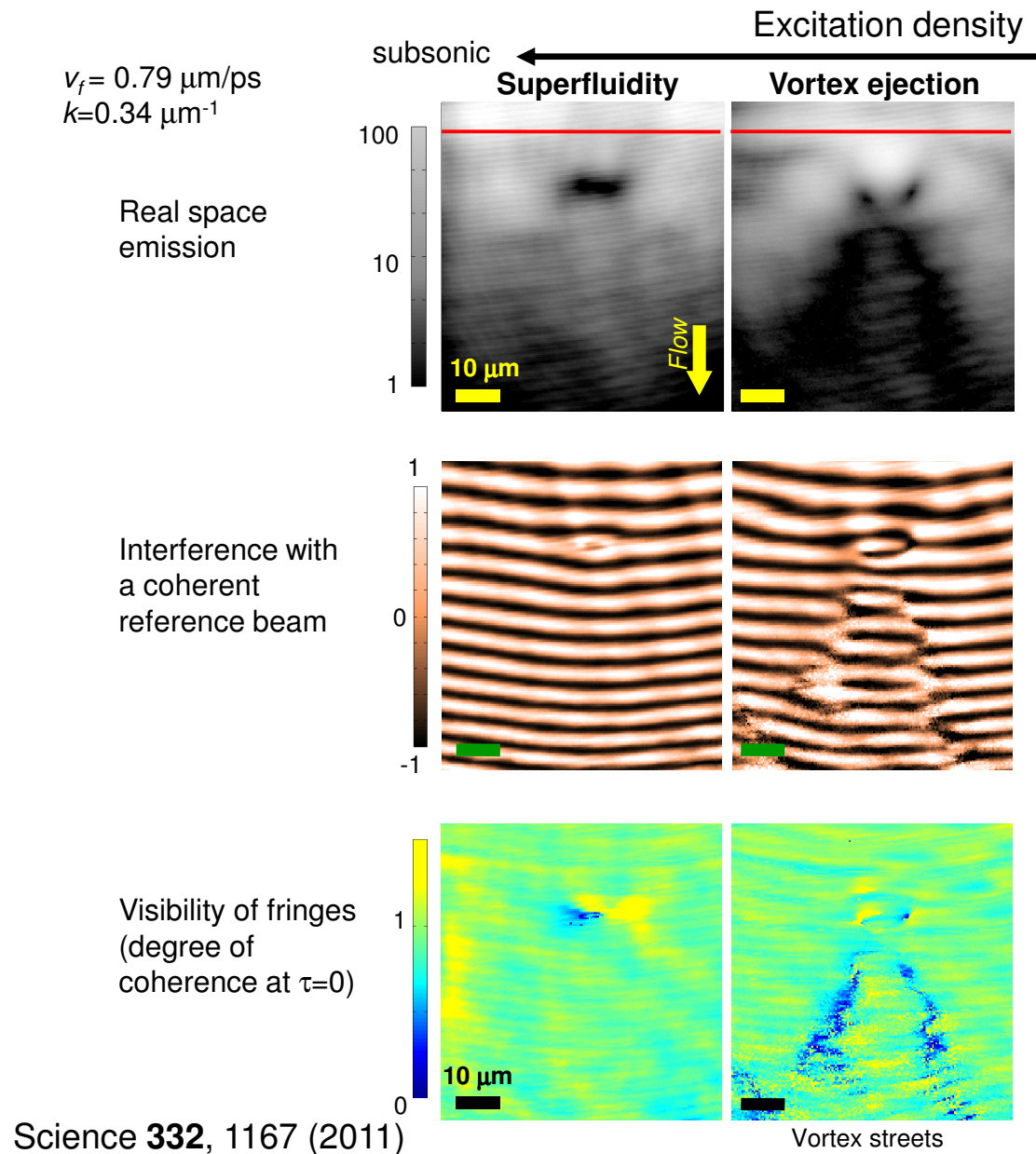
Visibility of fringes (degree of coherence at $\tau=0$)



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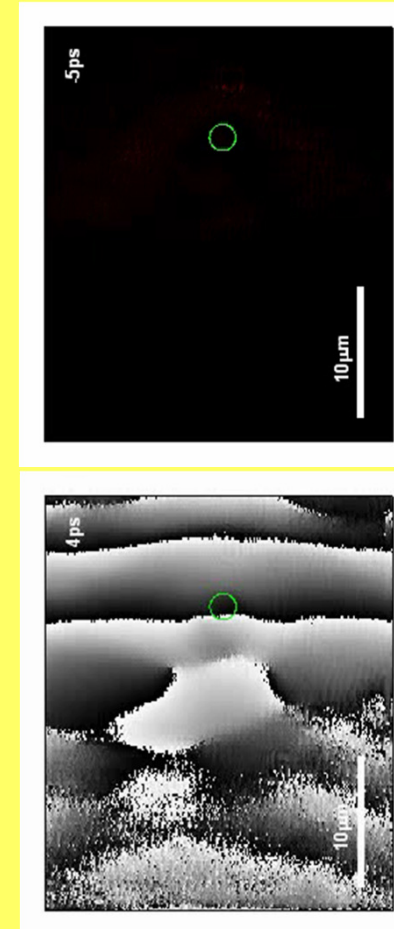
Vortex streets

Soliton and vortex streets



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Time resolved



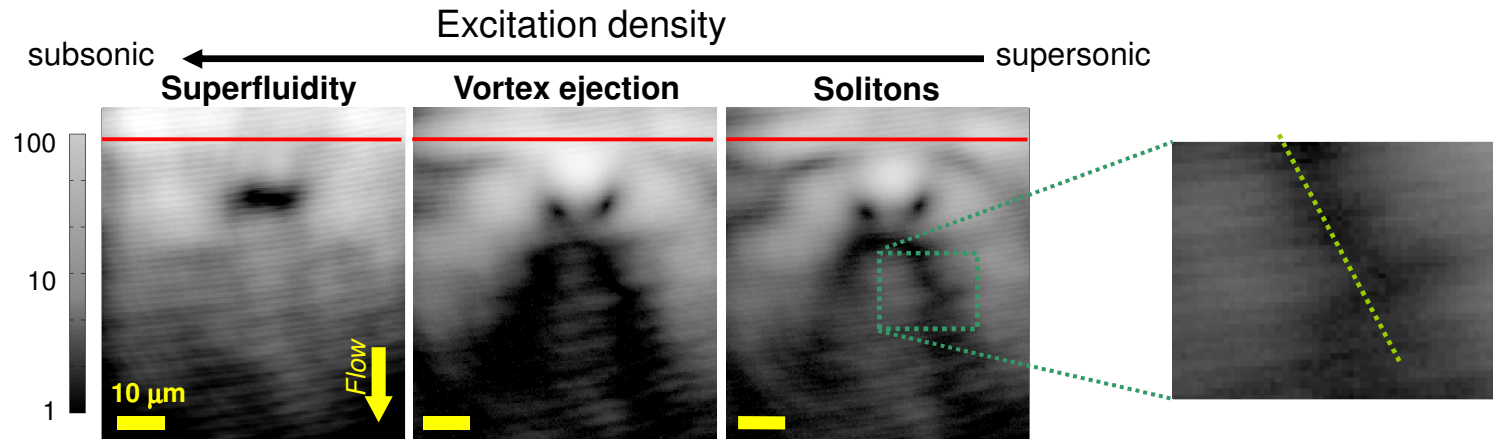
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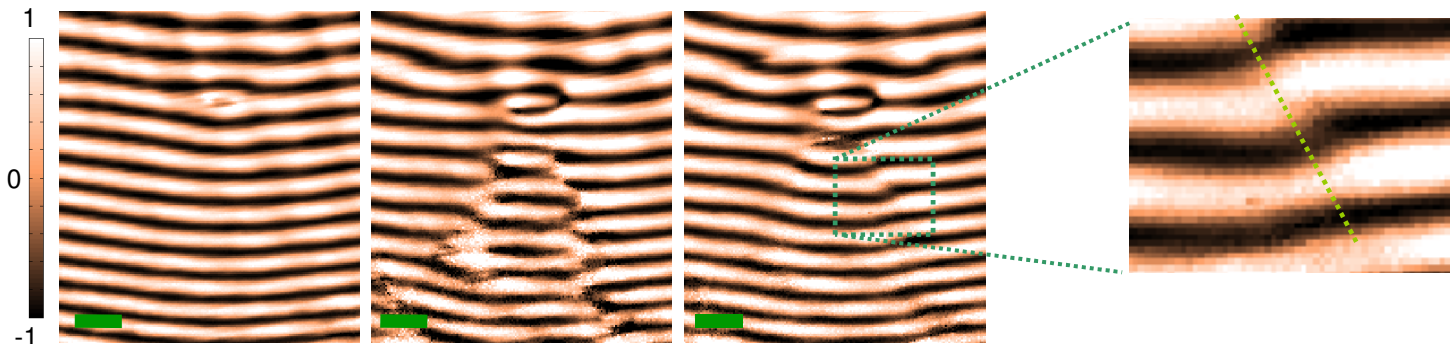
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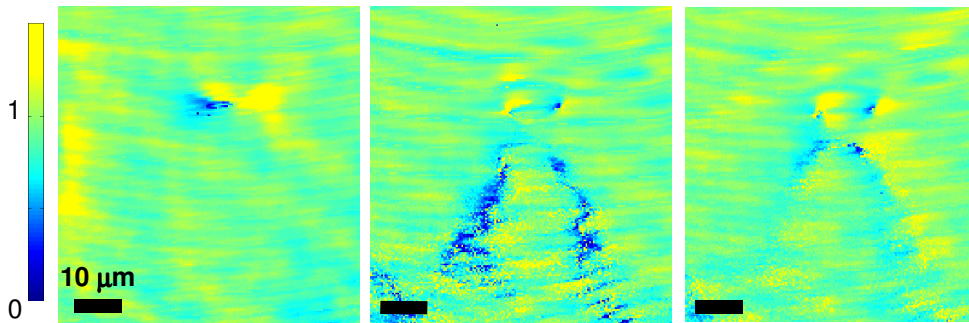
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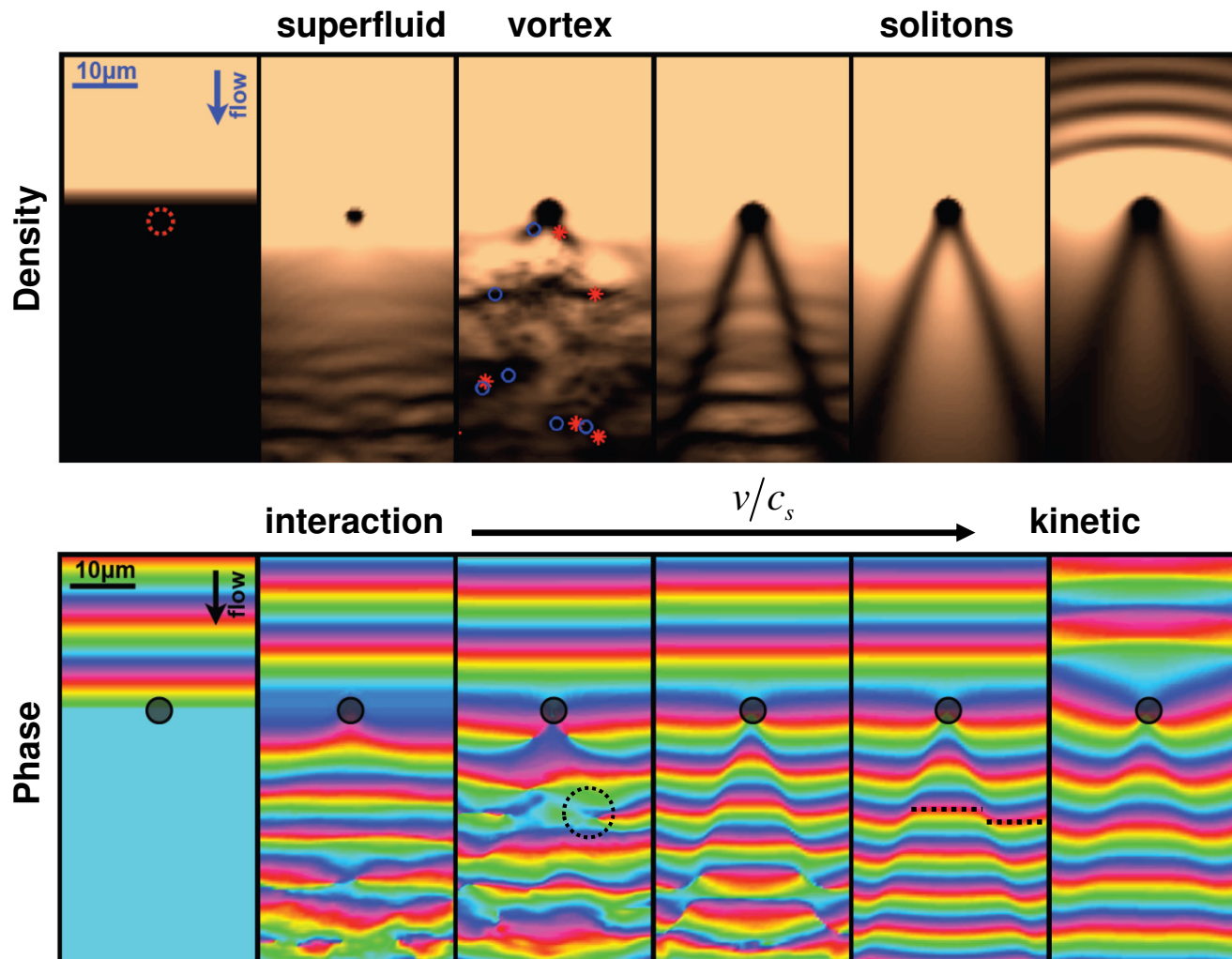


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GPE simulations

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**Non-equilibrium
Gross-Pitaevskii
equation**



Transition from superfluid to
vortex emission and soliton
nucleation

Topological excitations

Vortices → phase dislocation

Solitons → phase slip

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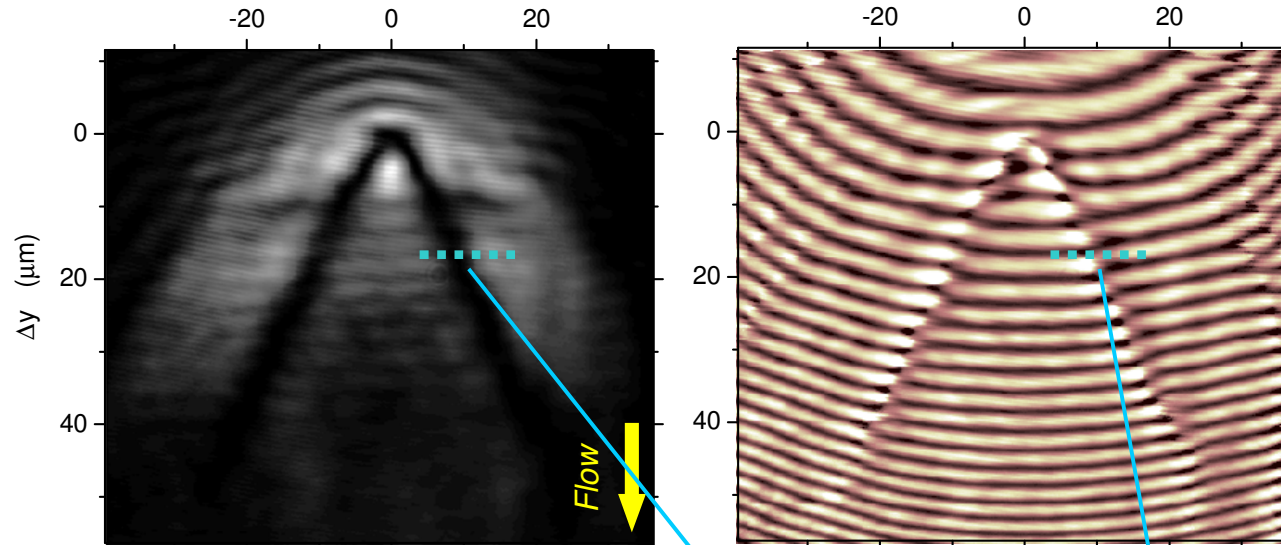


Soliton nucleation

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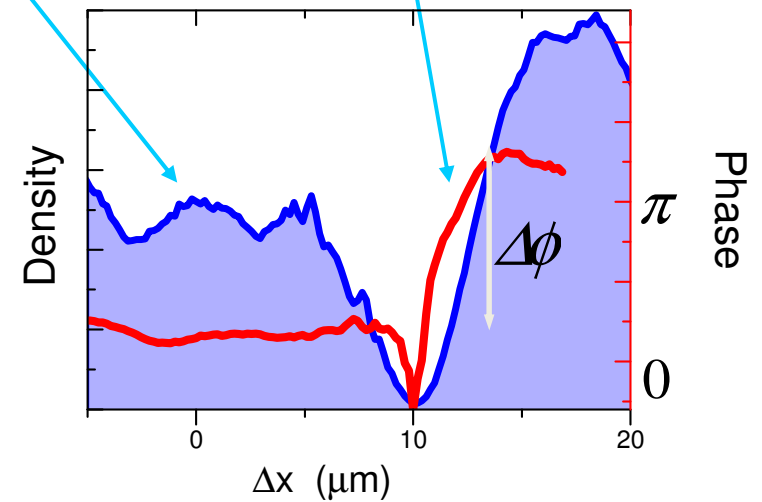
High speed



➔ 1D soliton in the x -direction
 y -direction: time coordinate
 movement of the soliton

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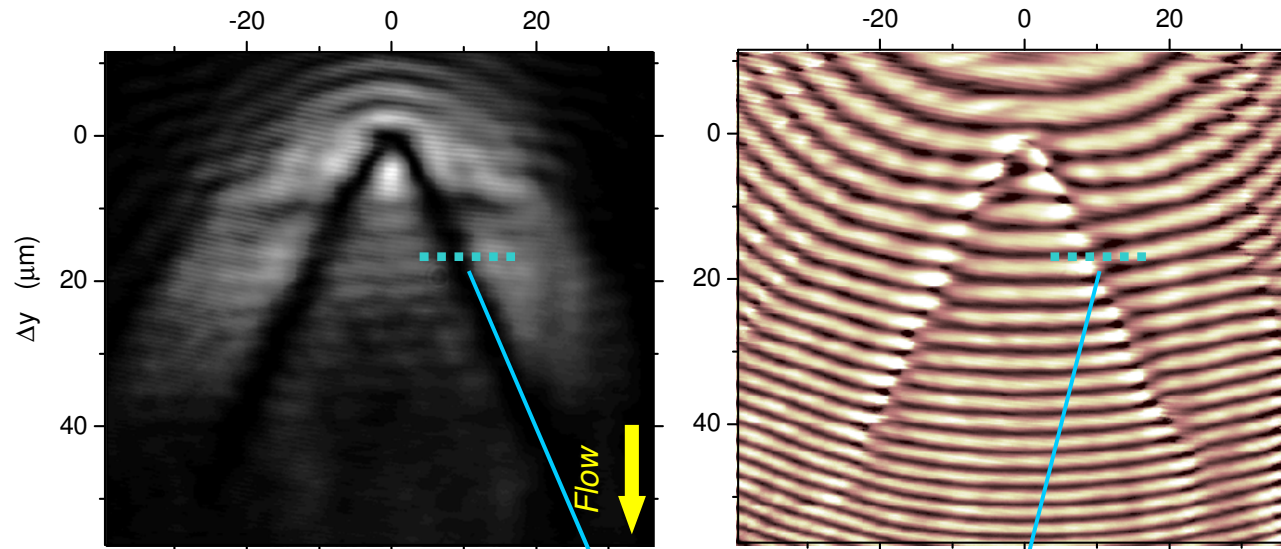
$$\psi(x - vt) = \sqrt{n} \left[i \frac{v}{c} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \tanh \left(\frac{x - vt}{\xi \sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \right) \right]$$



Characteristic phase jump

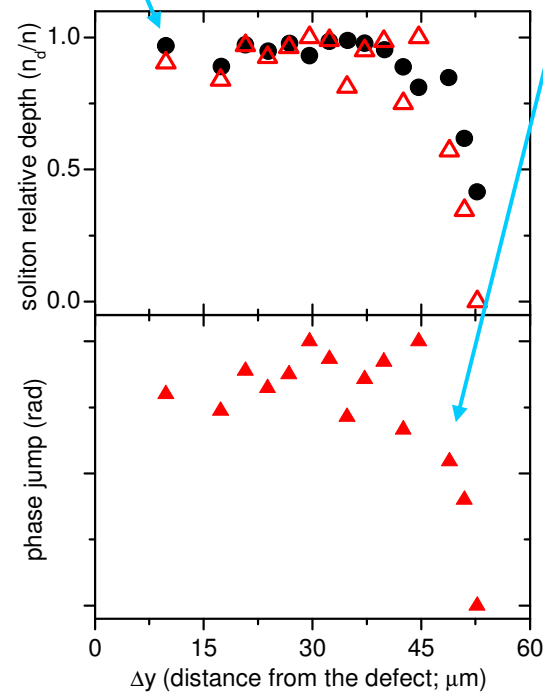
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Soliton nucleation



Phase jump/depth relation
(from equilibrium systems)

$$\cos \frac{\phi}{2} = \left(1 - \frac{n_s}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{v_s}{c_s}$$

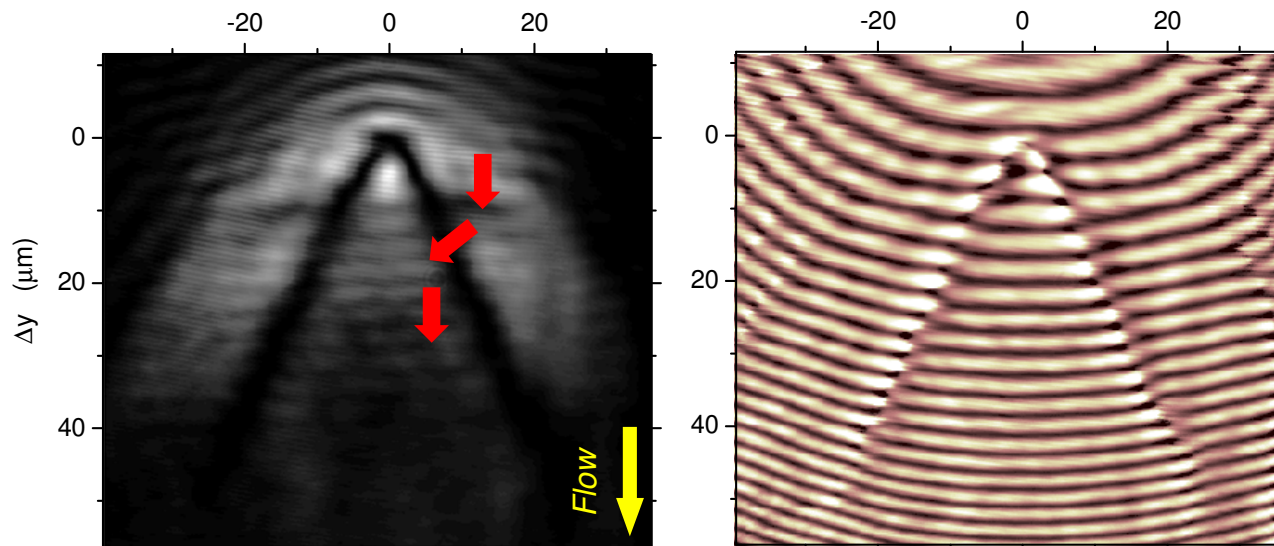


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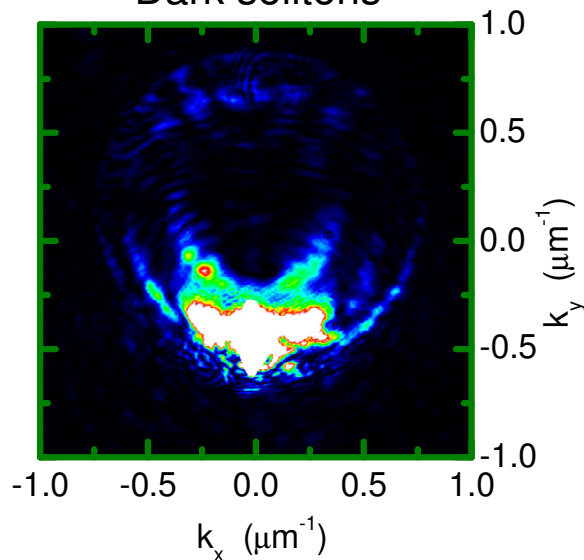


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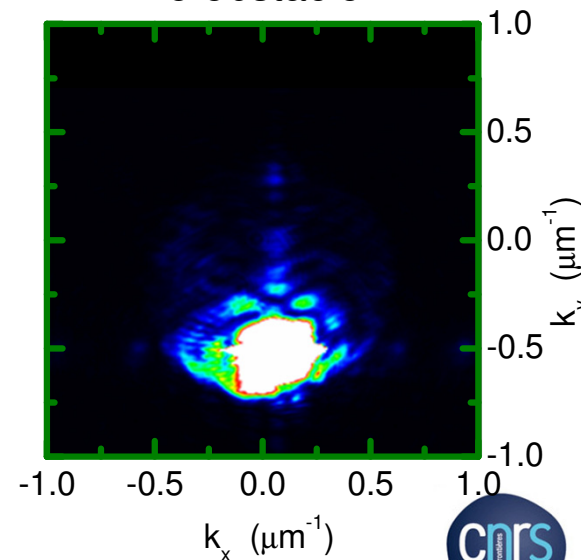


new components

Dark solitons

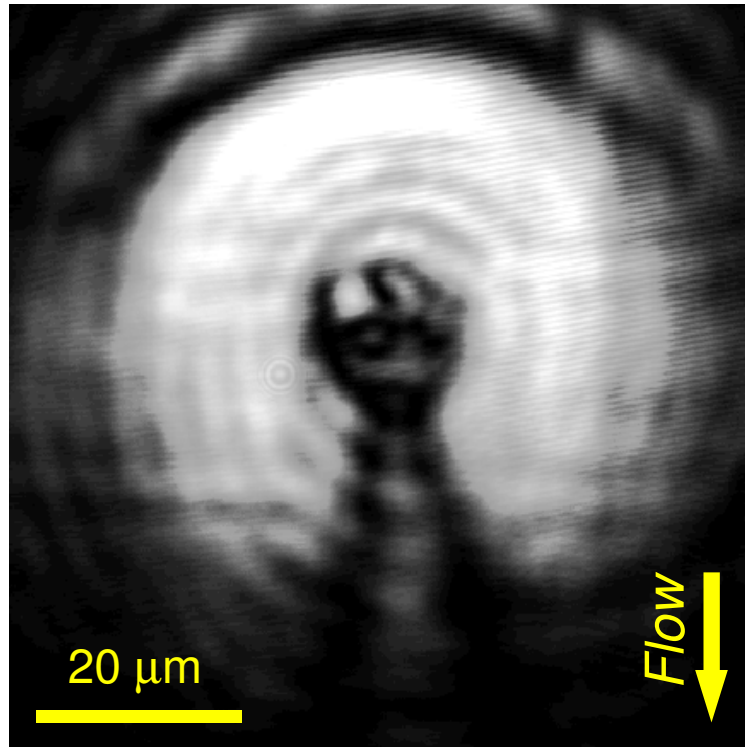


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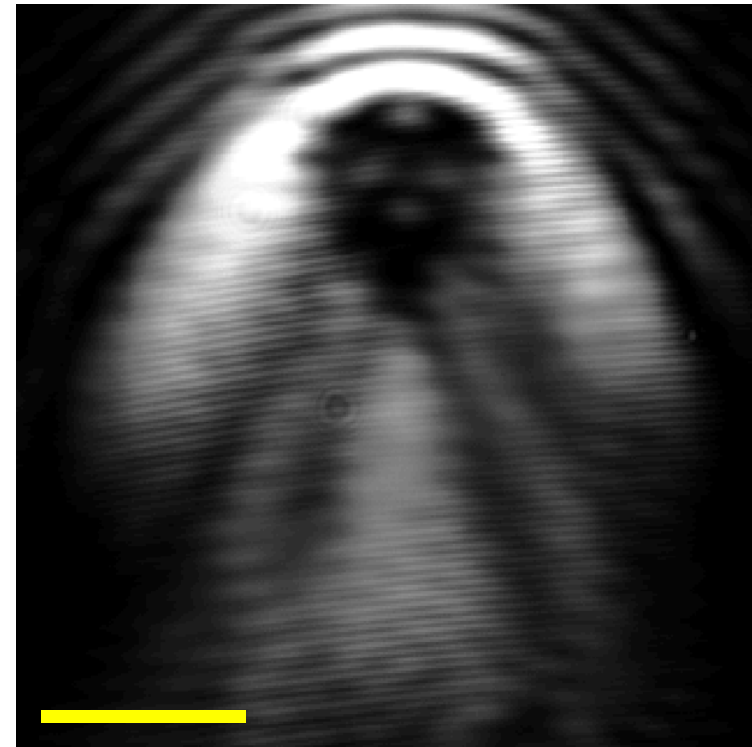
Hydrodynamic soliton multiplets

$$k = 0.2 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$$



Subsonic

$$k = 1.1 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$$



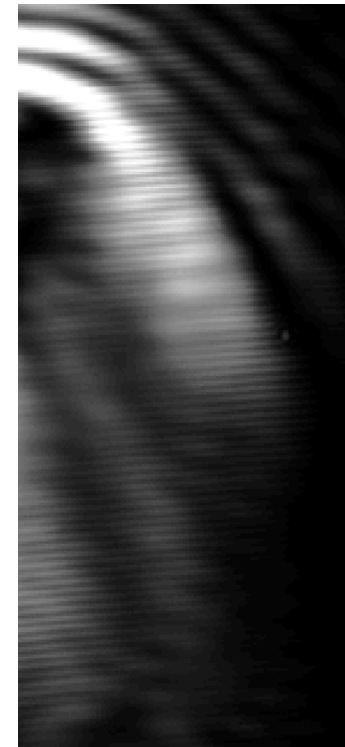
Supersonic

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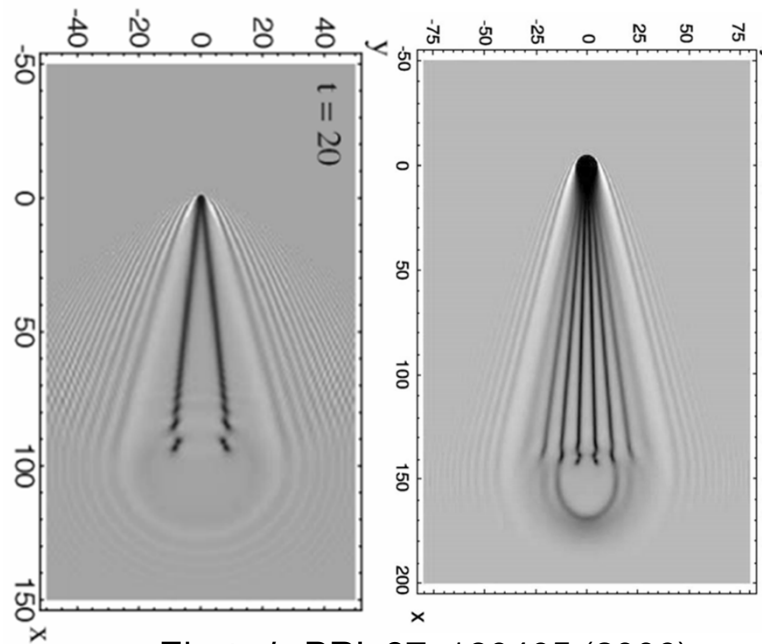
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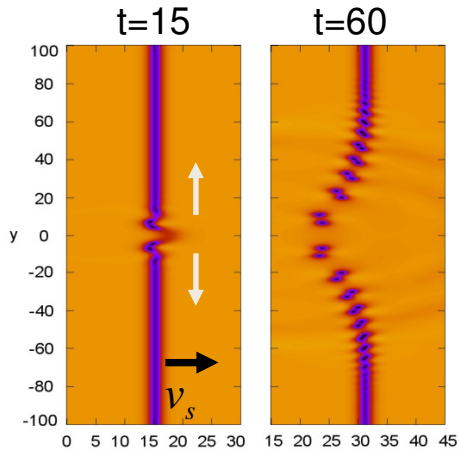
Atomic condensates (GPE theory)



El *et al.*, PRL **97**, 180405 (2006)

Soliton stability

➔ Solitons in a 2D fluid at rest are unstable: snake instability



Kamchatnov & Korneev, Phys. Lett. A **375**, 2577 (2011)
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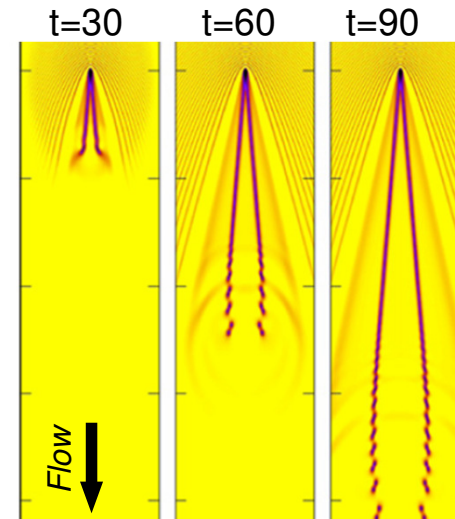
$$E_s \sim c_s n \left(1 - \frac{v_s^2}{c_s^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

$v_s \uparrow \Rightarrow E_s \downarrow \text{ depth}_s \downarrow$

- Polariton decay stabilises the soliton further downflow

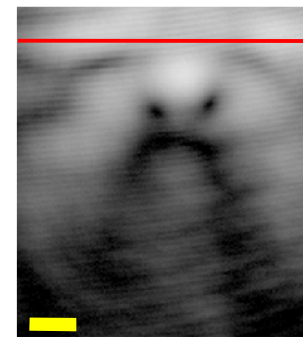
A. Kamchatnov & N. Pavloff (private communication)

➔ In a flowing atomic condensate: instability is drifted away (stable solitons)



Atoms
 $v_f > 1.4c_s$

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Polaritons
 $v_f \sim 0.6c_s$

Related experiments: Grosso, *et al.*, PRL **107**, 245301 (2011)

Polariton spin

→ Spin : electron : $\pm 1/2$
 hole : $\pm 3/2$

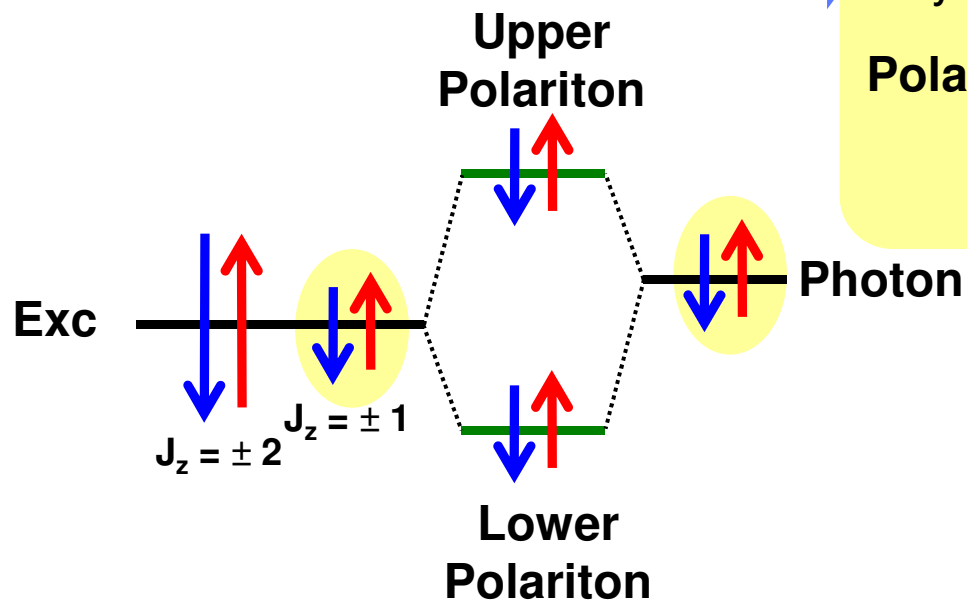
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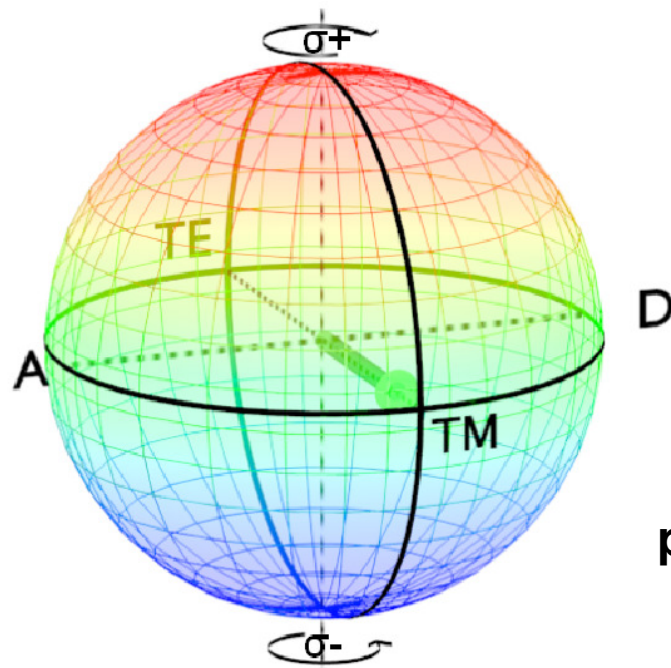
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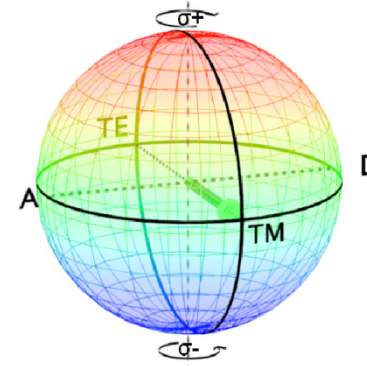


One-to-one relationship between pseudospin state and polarisation degree

Polariton fluids: spin

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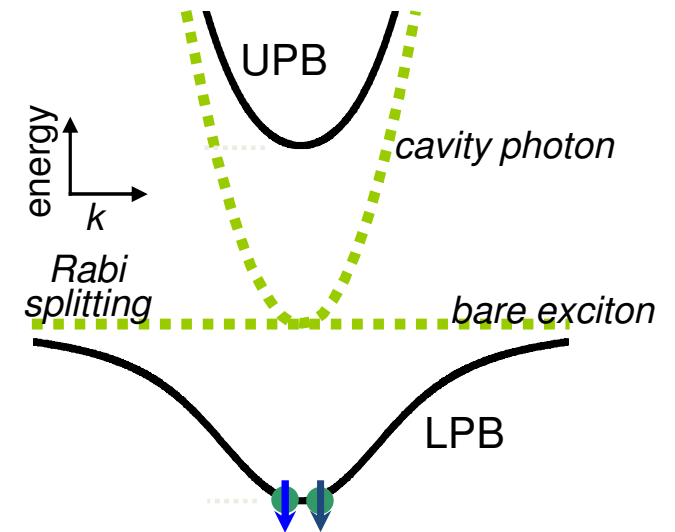
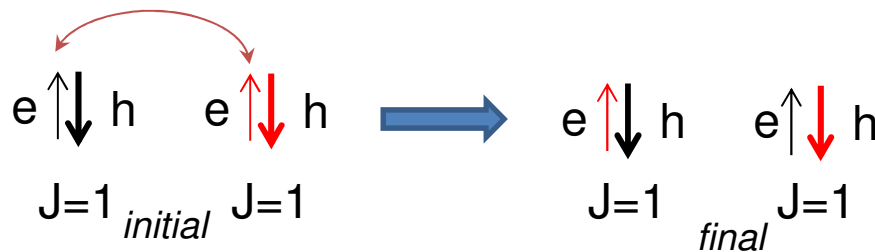


One-to-one relationship between pseudospin state and polarisation degree

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non-linear spin phenomena

- Exciton-exciton interaction dominated by **exchange interaction**

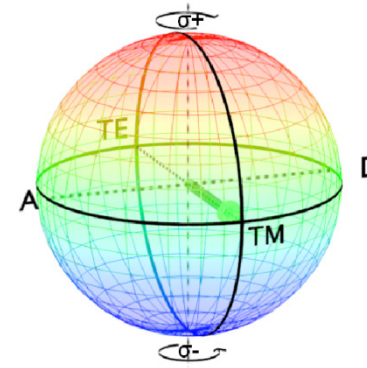
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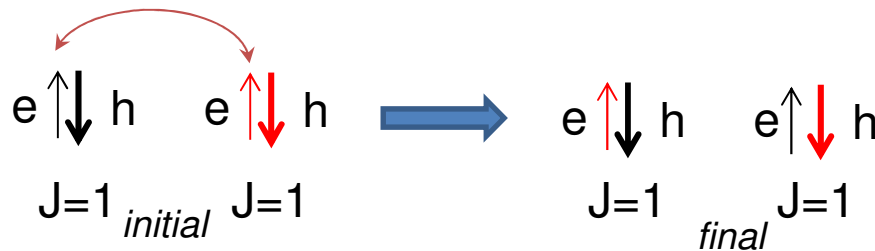


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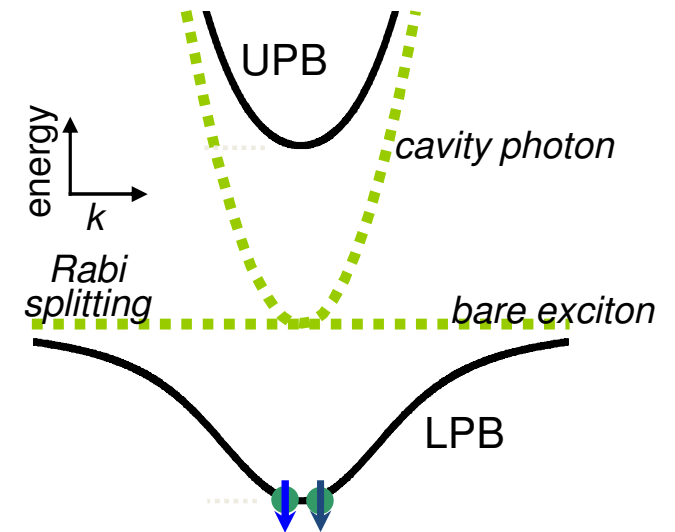
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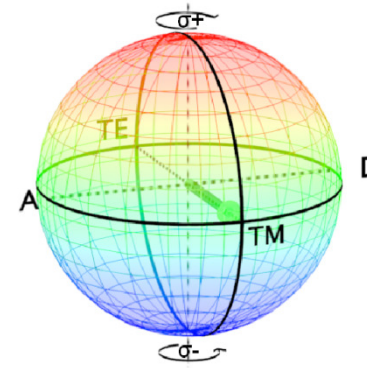
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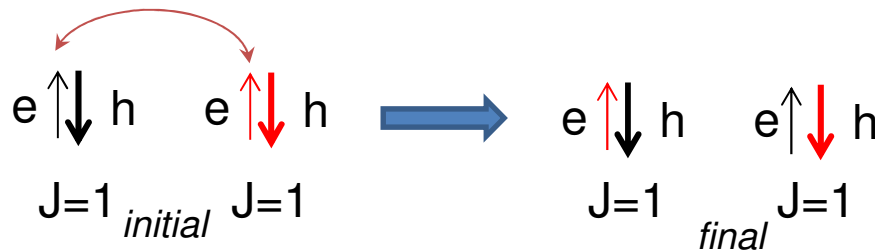


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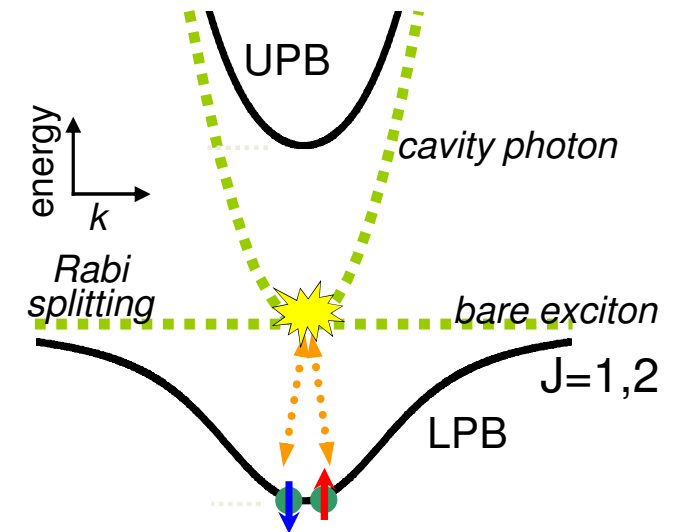
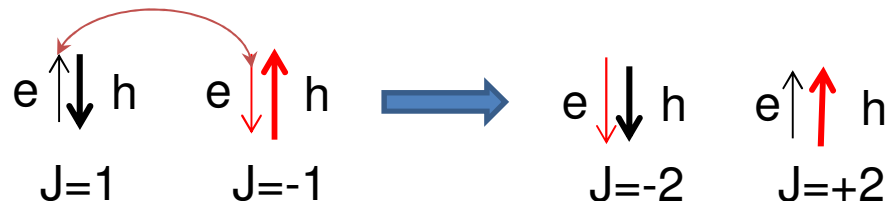
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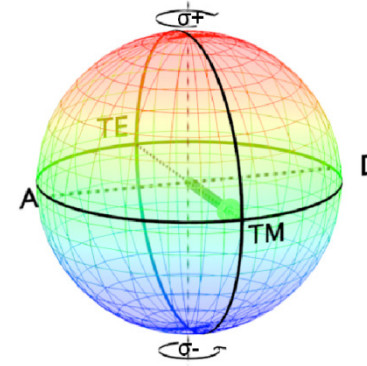
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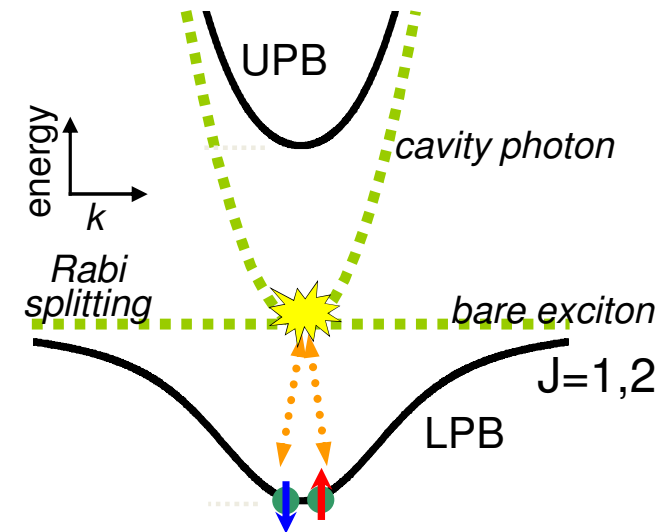
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Parallel spin ($g_{11} = g_{22}$): resonant process

Anti-parallel (g_{12}): via dark exciton intermediate states

$$g_{11} = g_{22} \gg |g_{12}|$$

In contrast to ^{87}Rb : $g_{11} \approx g_{22} \approx g_{12}$



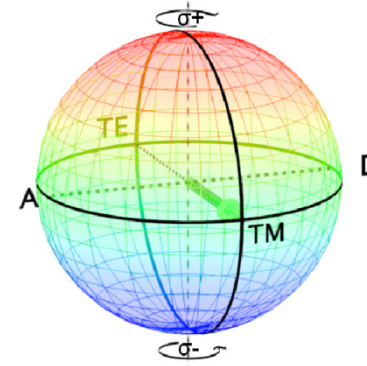
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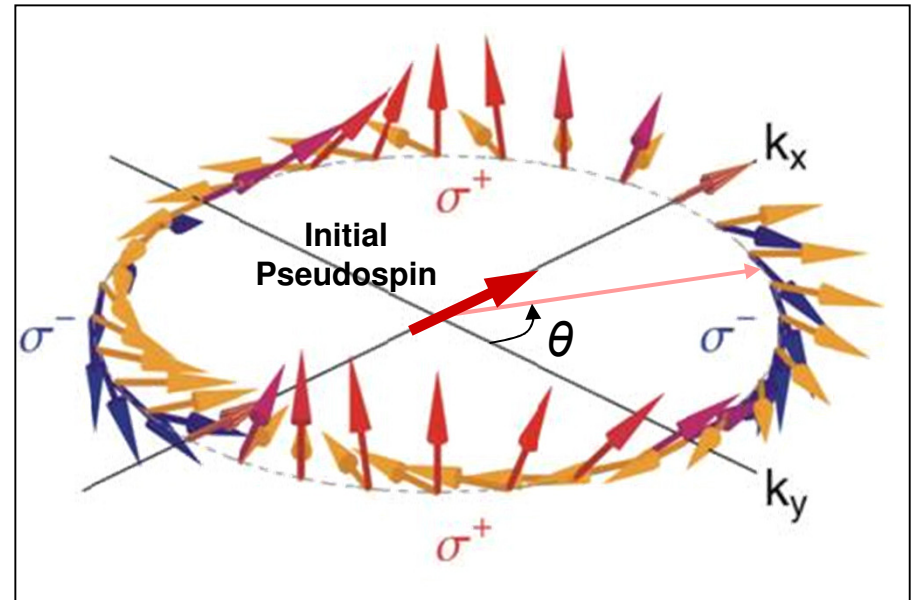
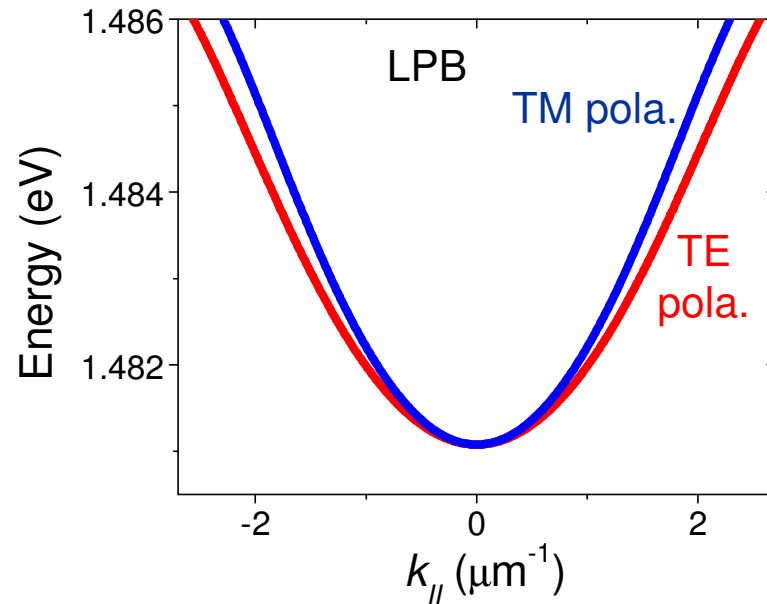


One-to-one relationship
between pseudospin state
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➡ **Intrinsic effective magnetic field**
cavity TE-TM splitting

Effective magnetic field



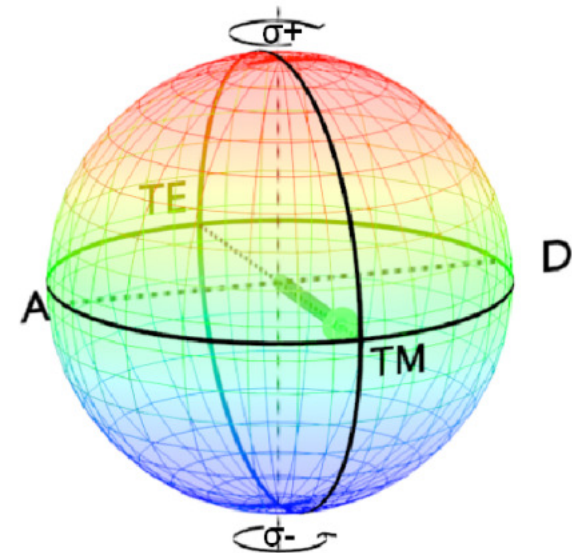
TE-TM splitting characteristic of dielectric cavities



Effective magnetic field acting on the polariton pseudospin



pseudospin precession



Hydrodynamic scalar solitons

➔ Resonant excitation: supersonic flow

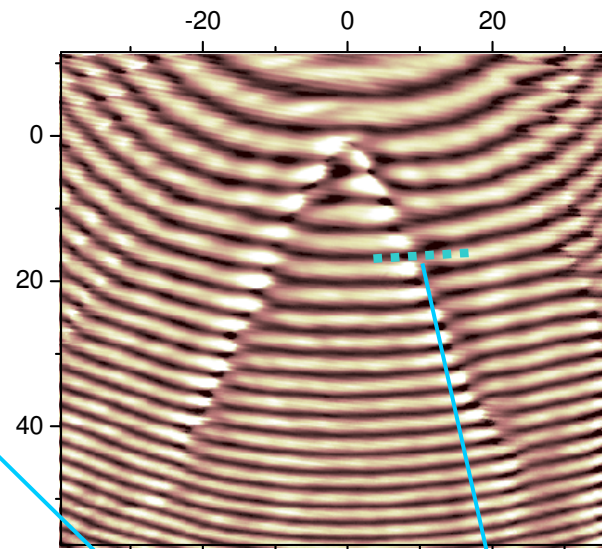
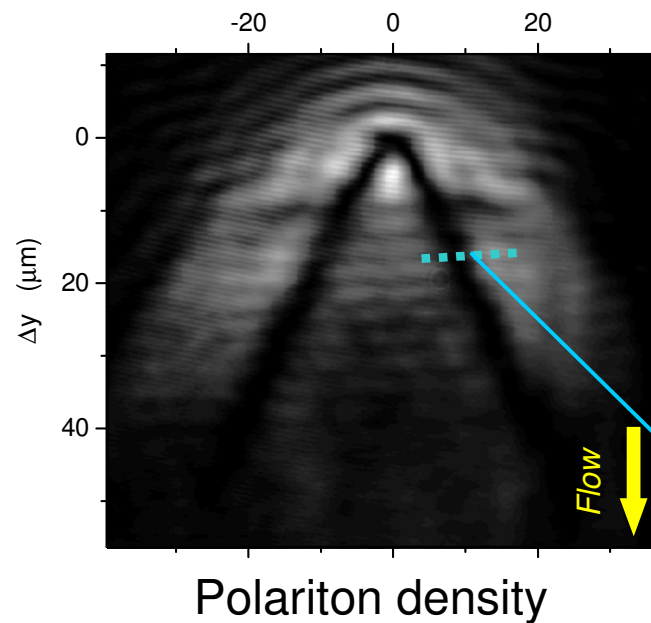
➔ $\sigma+$ fluid : scalar dark solitons

$$v_f = 1.7 \mu\text{m/ps}$$

$$k = 0.73 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$$



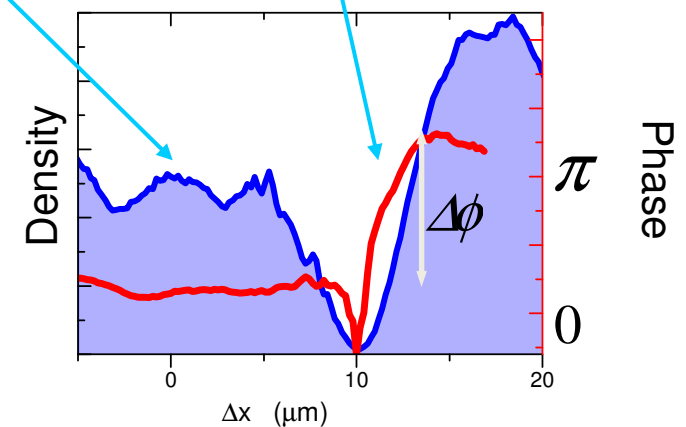
High speed



A.A. Pigeon *et al.*, Science **332**, 1167 (2011)

➔ Solution of the scalar GPE

$$i\partial_t \psi(x,t) = \left[D - i\gamma/2 + \alpha_1 |\psi(x,t)|^2 \right] \psi(x,t) + F_p e^{i(k_p x - \omega_p t)}$$



Spinor polariton fluid: half solitons

→ Linearly polarised injection (50% $s_z=+1$, 50% $s_z=-1$)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{\pm}^{ph}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_{ph}^*} \Delta \Psi_{\pm}^{ph} + D_{\pm} \Psi_{\pm}^{ph} + \frac{\Omega_R}{2} \Psi_{\pm}^{ex}$$

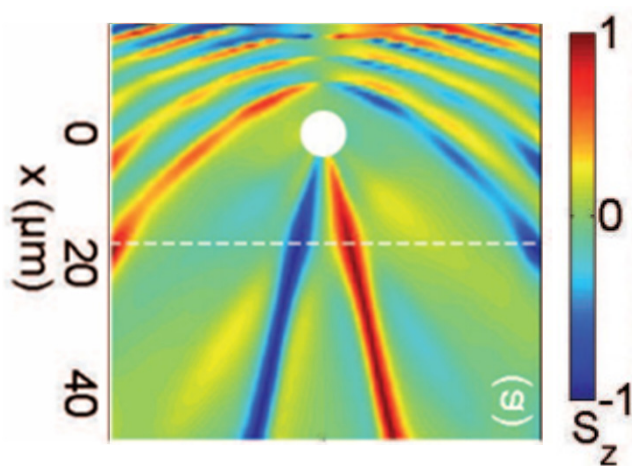
$$- \frac{i\hbar}{2\tau_{ph}} \Psi_{\pm}^{ph} + P_{\pm} + \beta \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mp i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 \Psi_{\mp}^{ph}$$

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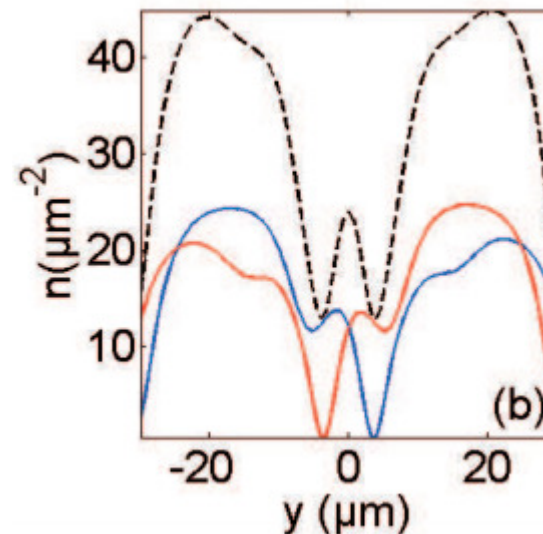
$$- \frac{i\hbar}{2\tau_{ex}} \Psi_{\pm}^{ex} + \left(\alpha_1 |\Psi_{\pm}^{ex}|^2 + \alpha_2 |\Psi_{\mp}^{ex}|^2 \right) \Psi_{\pm}^{ex}$$

TE-TM splitting

Spin-dependent interactions



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Half-Solitons

Mixed spin-phase
topological solitons

Half-solitons: tomography

Linearly polarised injection

→ Circular polarisation: two fluids

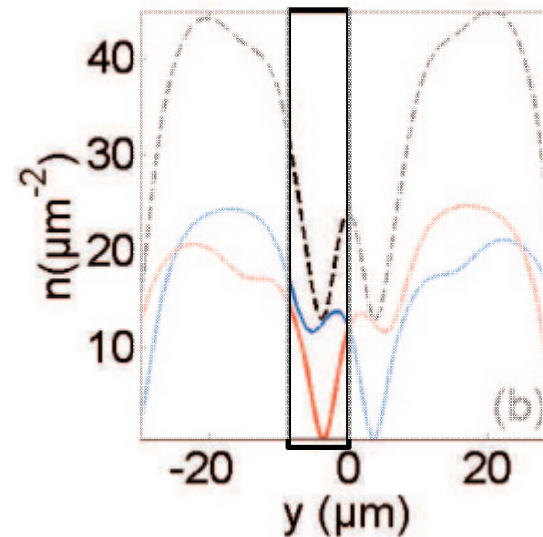
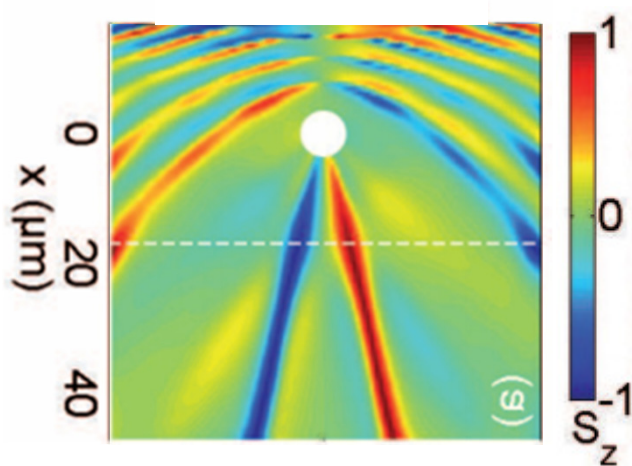
Soliton present in one σ component only (for example $\sigma+$)



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sigma+ \rightarrow \psi_+ \sim e^{i\theta_+} \\ \sigma- \rightarrow \psi_- \sim e^{i\theta_-} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \Delta\theta_+ \approx \pi \\ \Delta\theta_- \approx 0 \end{array} \text{ across the half-soliton}$$

→ Linear polarisation

$$\begin{array}{l} D \rightarrow \psi_D \sim \cos(\eta) e^{i\phi} \\ AD \rightarrow \psi_{AD} \sim \sin(\eta) e^{i\phi} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \eta = \frac{\theta_+ - \theta_-}{2} \\ \phi = \frac{\theta_+ + \theta_-}{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{polarisation direction} \\ \text{global phase} \end{array}$$



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Half-solitons: tomography

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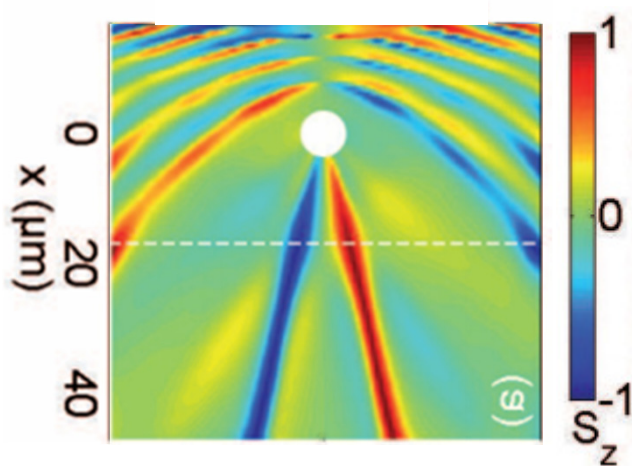
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Across the half-soliton:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\eta &\approx \pi/2 && \text{Polarisation rotation of } 90^\circ \\ \Delta\phi &\approx \pi/2 && \text{half phase jump} \end{aligned}$$

structure similar to that of half-vortices

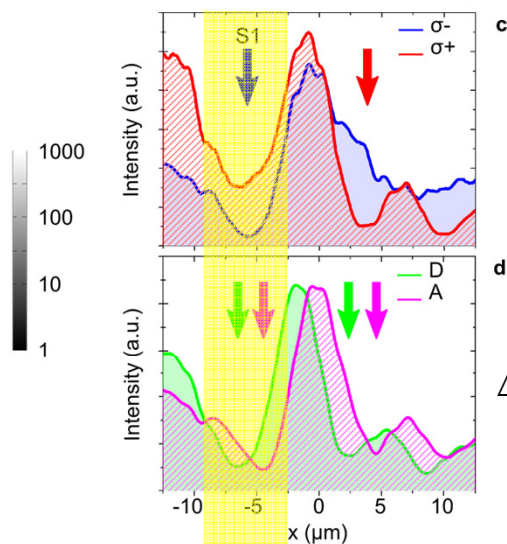
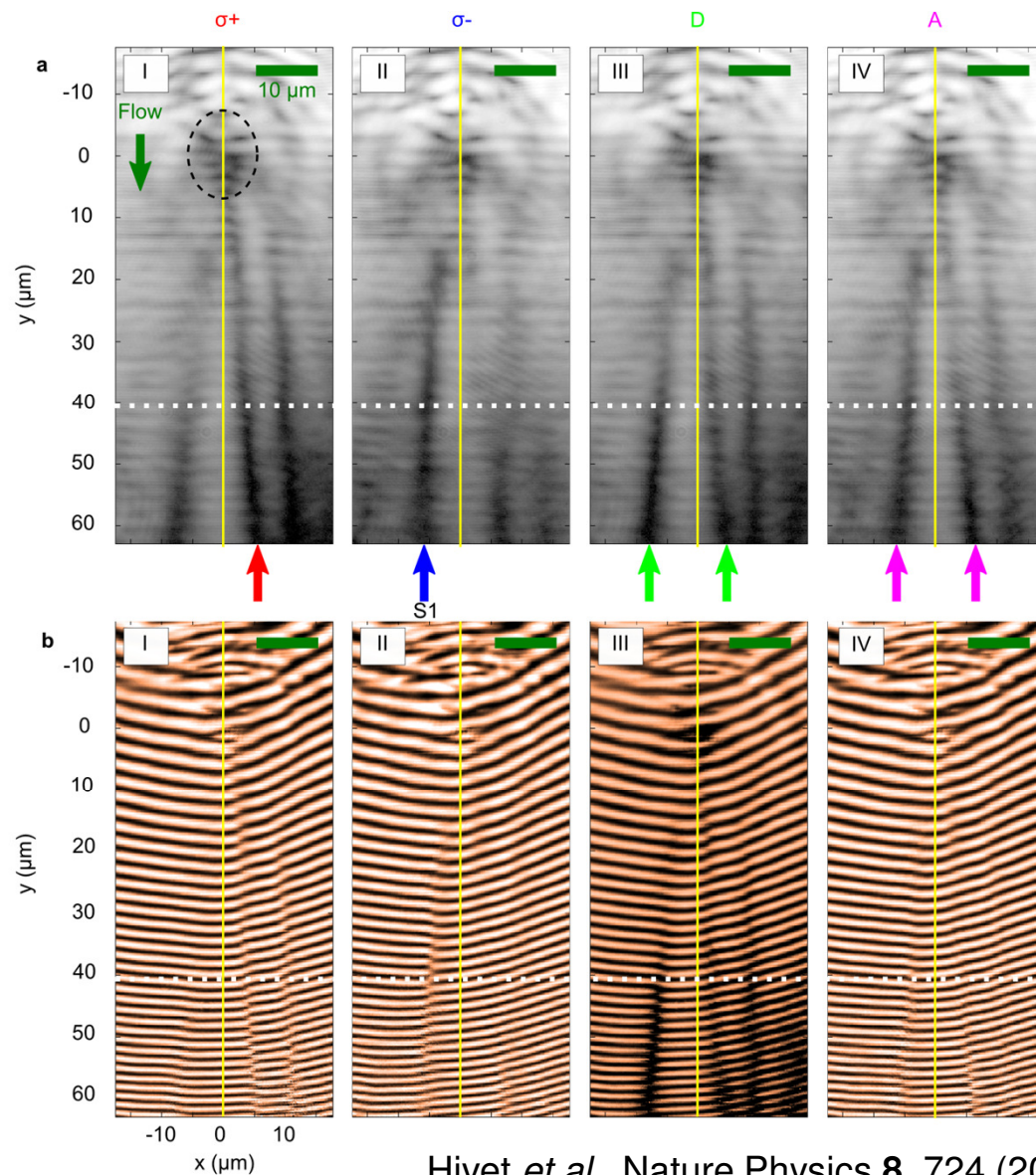
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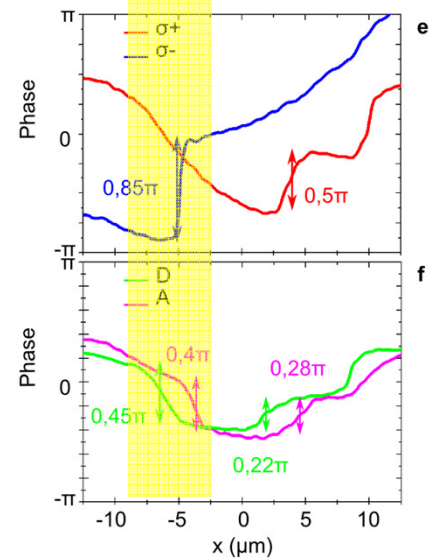
Half-solitons: experiment

Circular polarisation

Linear polarisation



$$\Delta\eta \approx \pi/2$$



$$\Delta\theta_+ \approx \pi$$

$$\Delta\theta_- \approx 0$$

$$\Delta\varphi \approx \pi/2$$

Half-solitons: experiment

➔ Polarisation tomography

Circular basis

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$$\Delta\theta_- \approx 0$$

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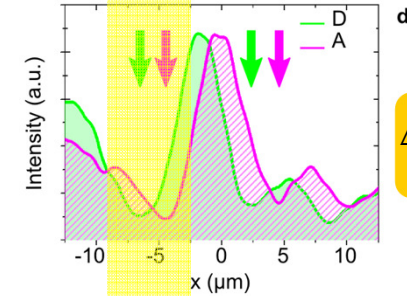
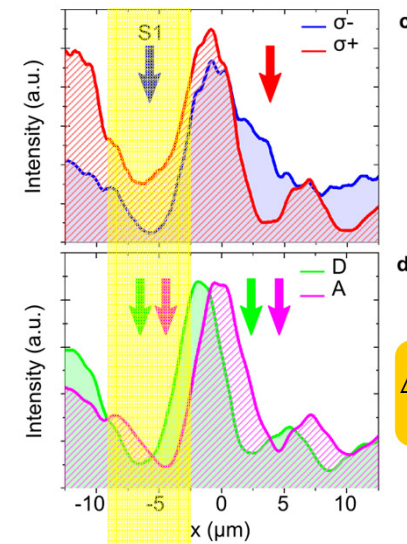
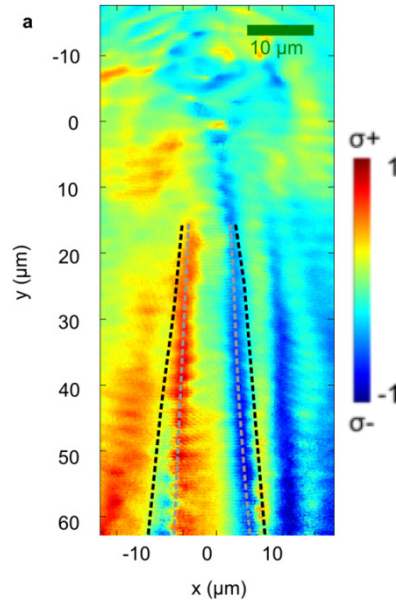
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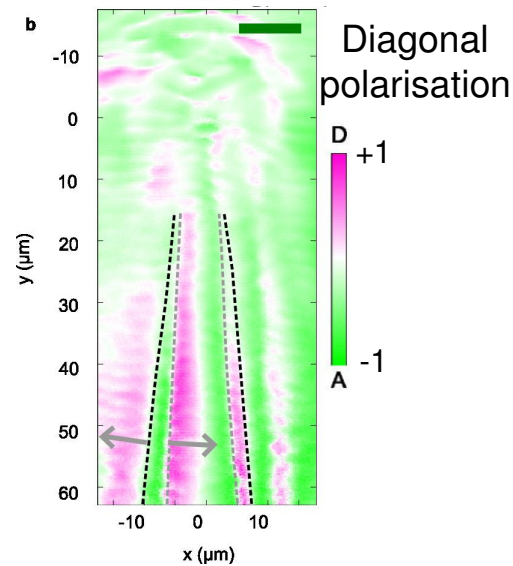
Linear basis

Polarisation domain wall

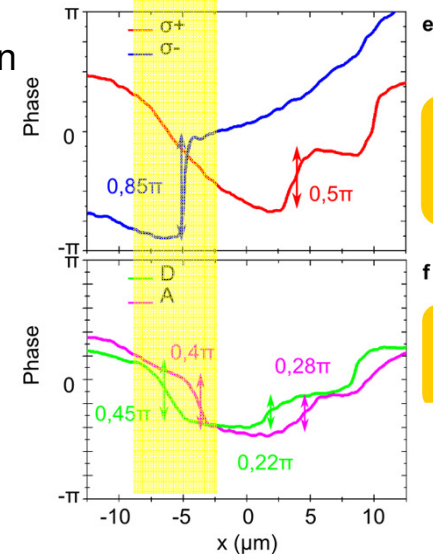
Circular polarisation



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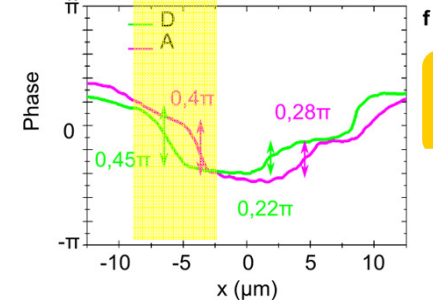


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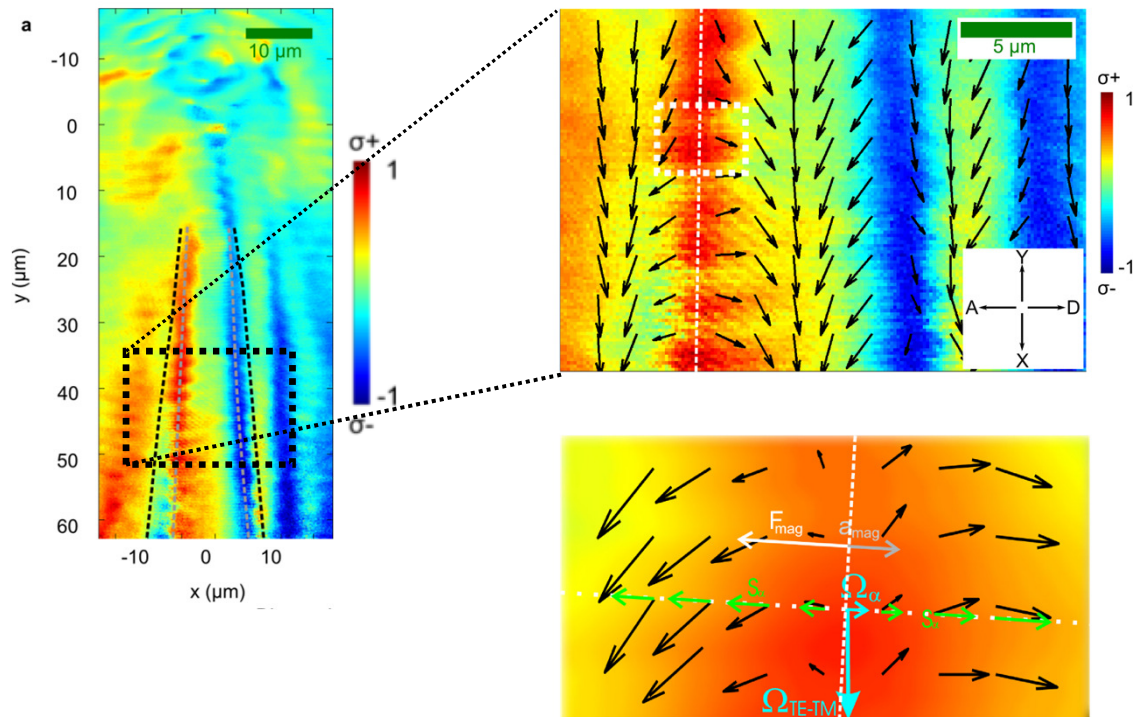
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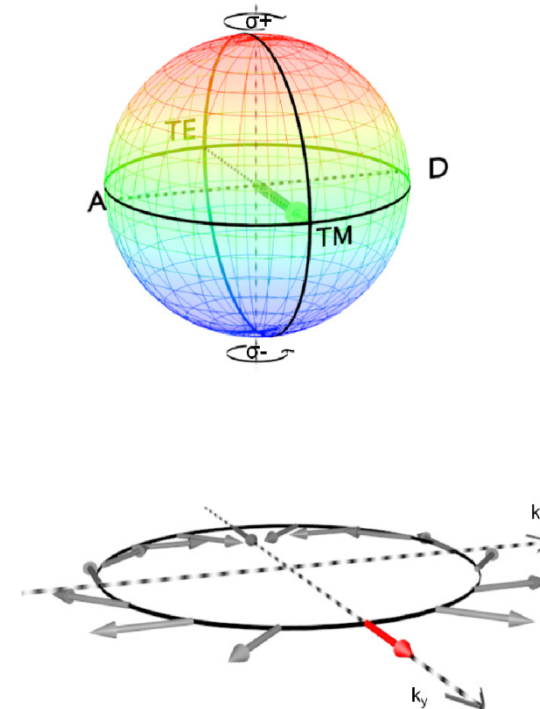


$$\Delta\phi \approx \pi/2$$

Half-solitons: 1D monopoles



Divergent spin texture
point charge



Magnetic field (TE-TM)

Magnetic energy

$$\int -\vec{S}(x' - x_0) \cdot \vec{\Omega}_{TE-TM} dx' \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{to the left} \\ < 0 & \text{to the right} \end{cases}$$

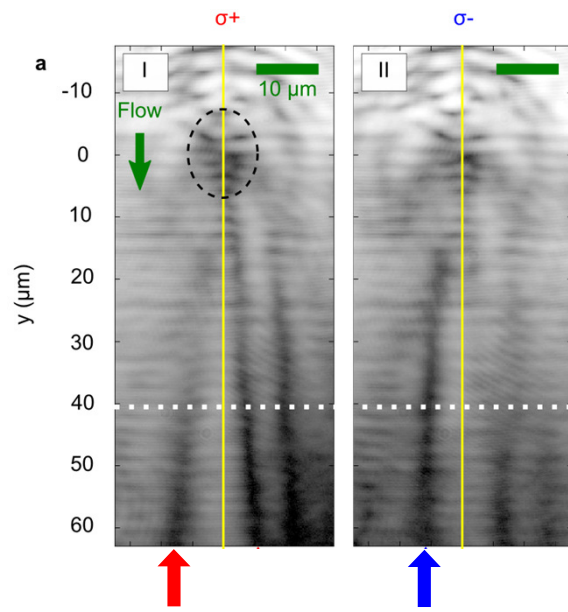


Force towards the left \rightarrow acceleration to the right
 $m < 0$

**Magnetic
monopole-like**



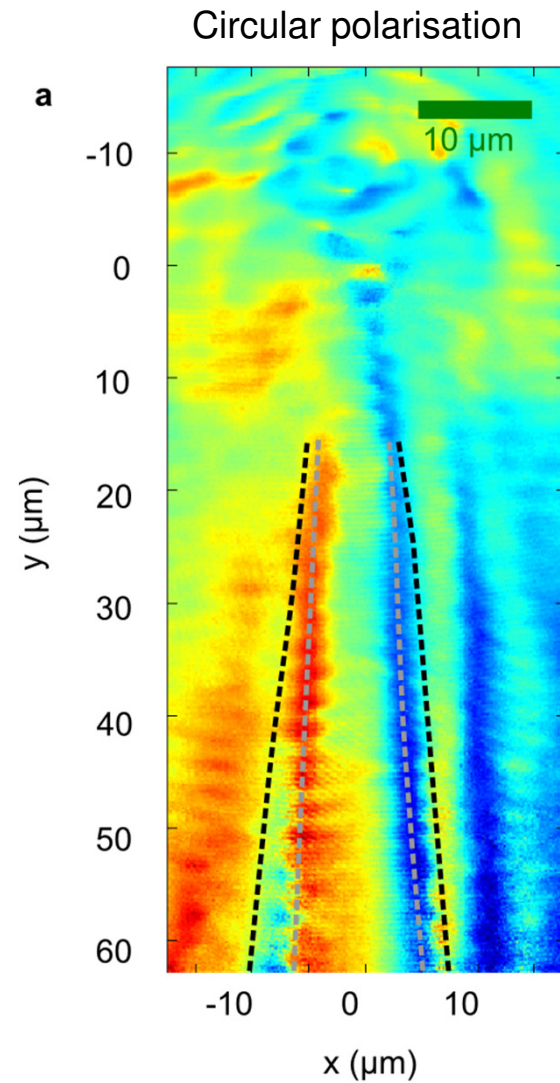
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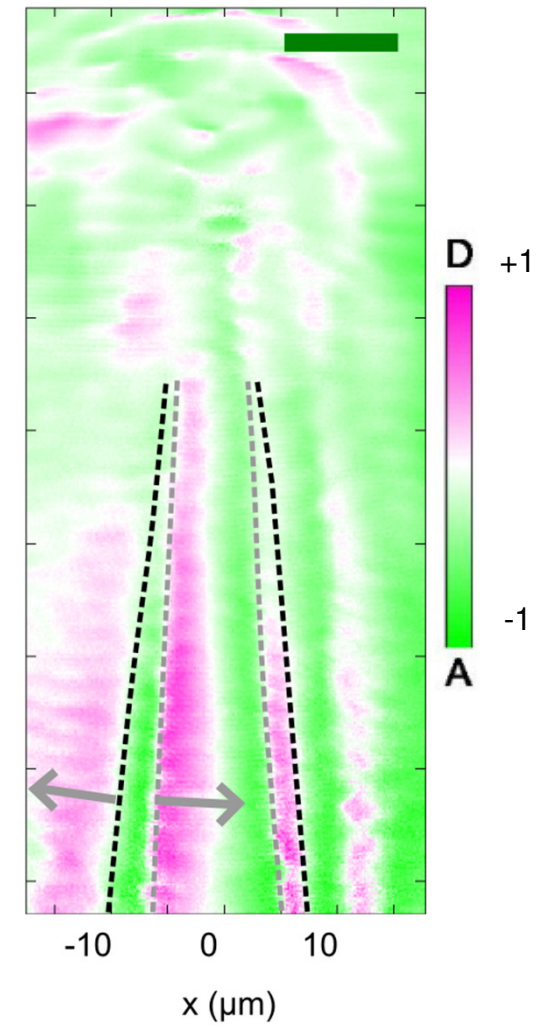
Monopoles of opposite "charge"



spatial separation

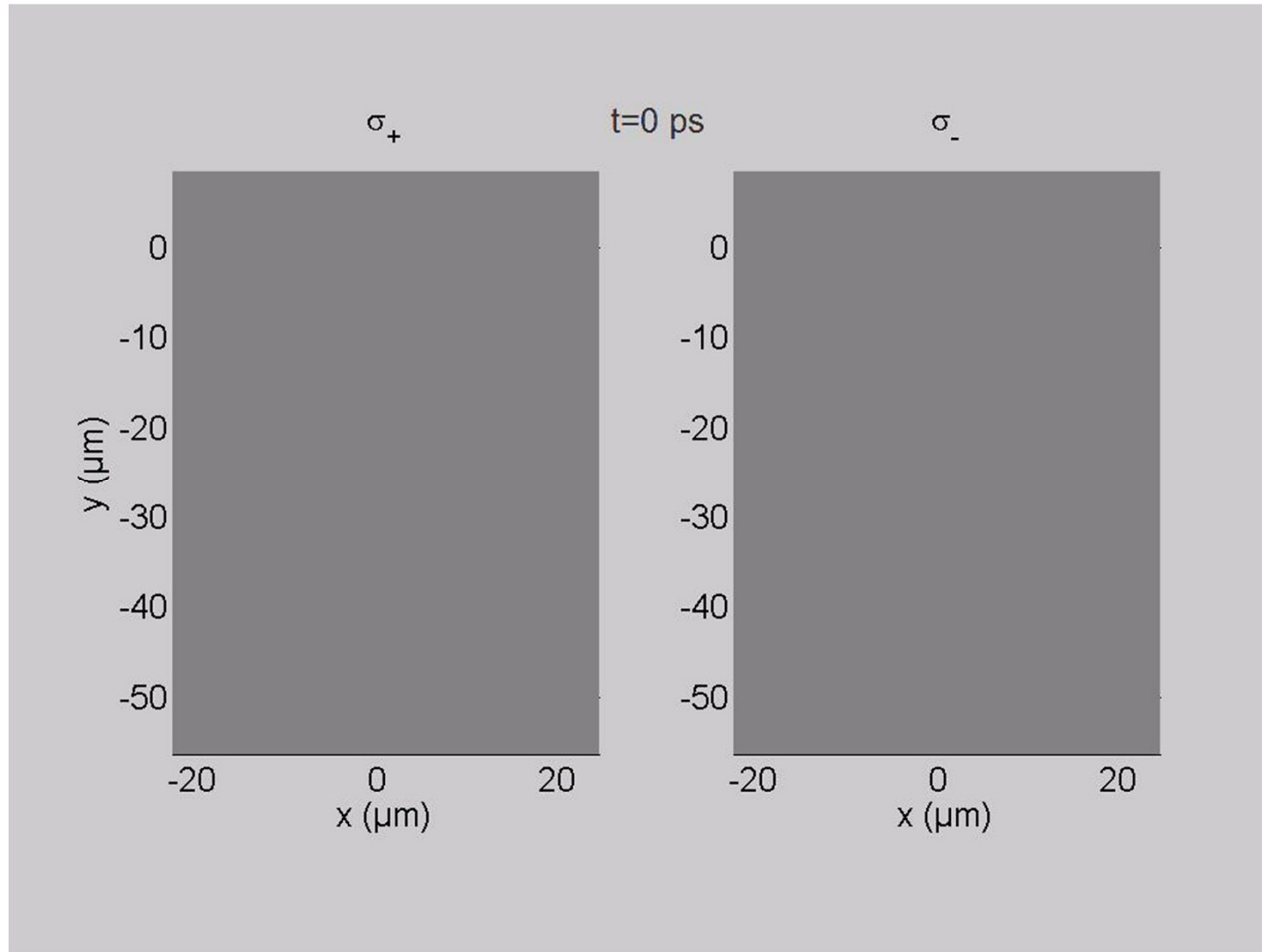


Diagonal polarisation



Half-solitons: 1D monopoles

➔ Simulation

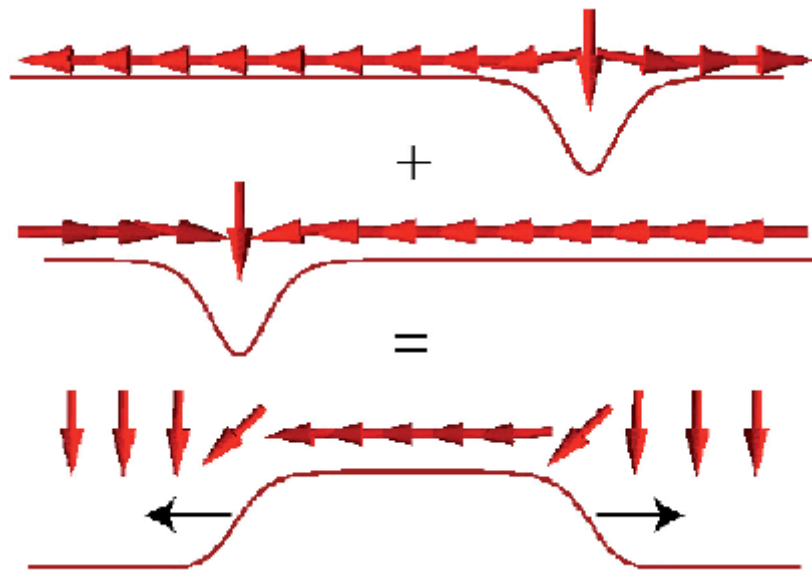
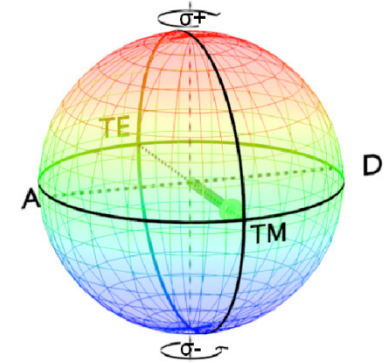


Coulomb-like interaction

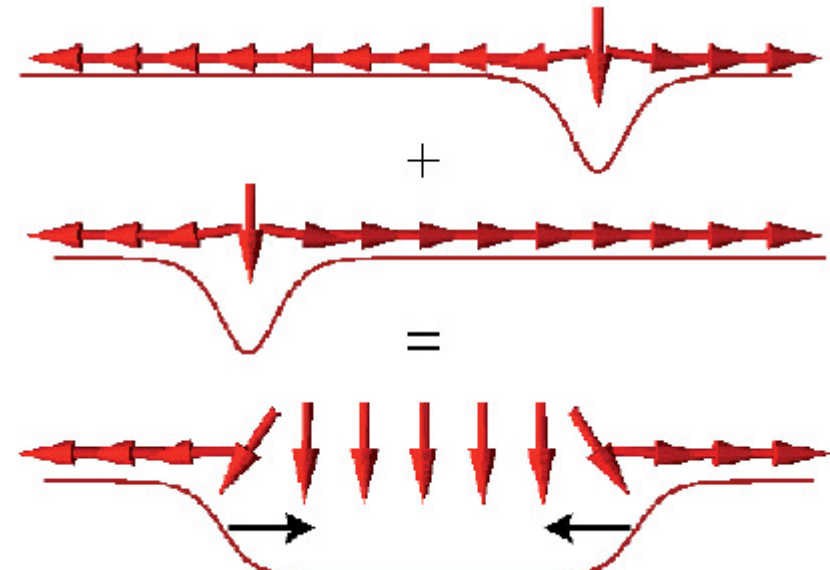
➔ Arises from the spin-dependent interactions

$$g_{11} = g_{22} \gg |g_{12}|$$

➔ Minimise energy: in-plane pseudospin



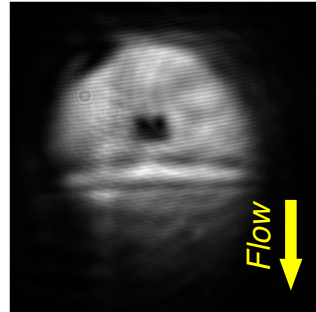
Opposite effective charges REPEL



Same effective charges ATTRACT

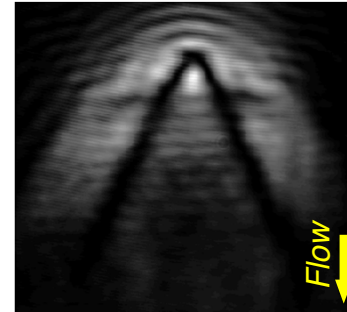
Summary

➔ Scalar solitons and vortices: hydrodynamics



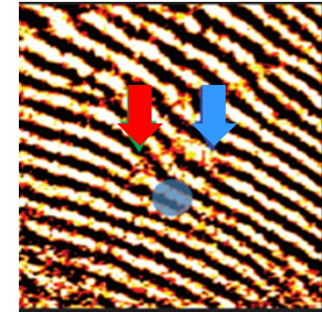
Superflow

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Oblique dark solitons

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Hydrodynamic vortices

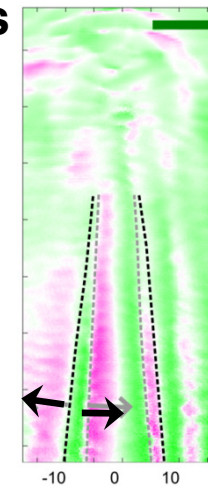
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➔ Half-solitons: magnetic-monopole analogues

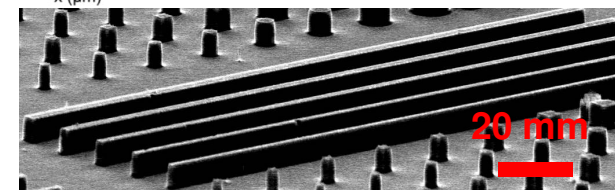
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➔ Half-solitons in 1D: Coulomb like interactions



Wertz *et al.*, Nature Phys. **6**, 860 (2010)