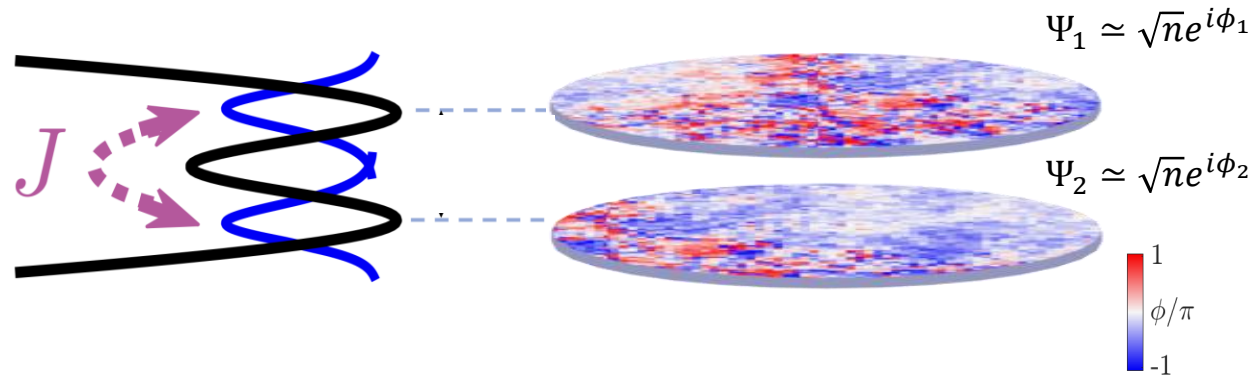


Observation of a Bilayer Superfluid with Interlayer Coherence

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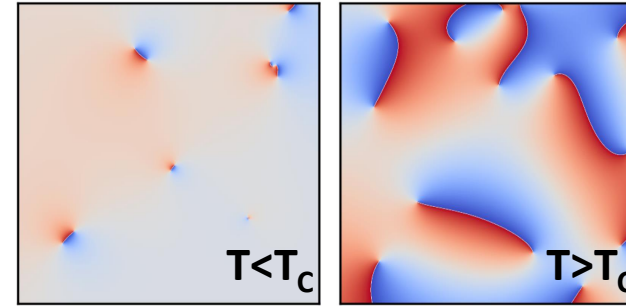
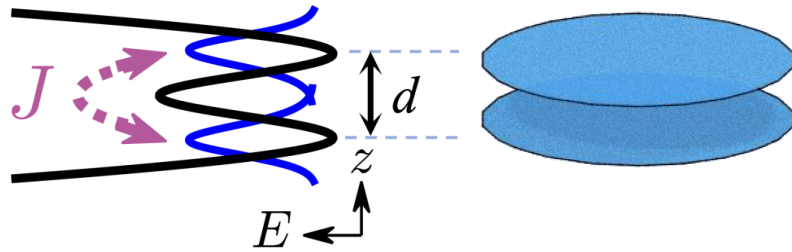
Brief review of our bilayer experiment: A. Beregi, C. Foot and S. Sunami [arXiv:2406.04080](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.04080) (2024)



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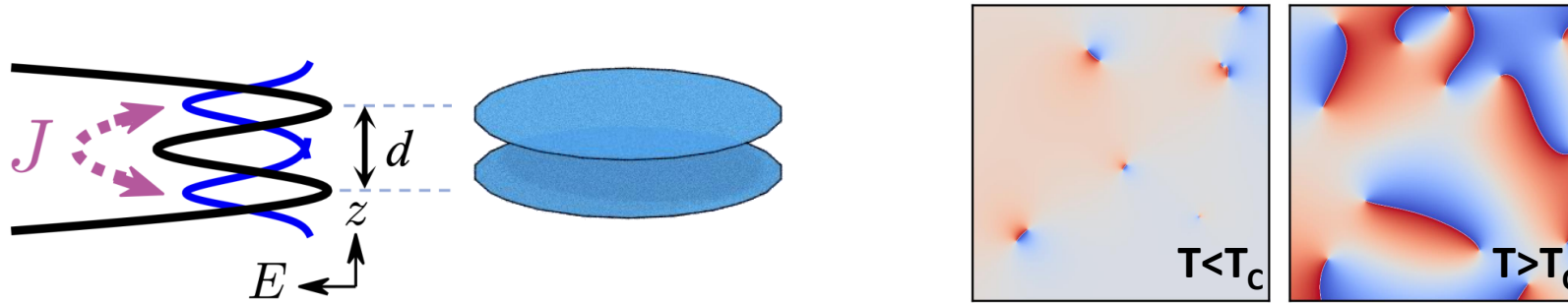
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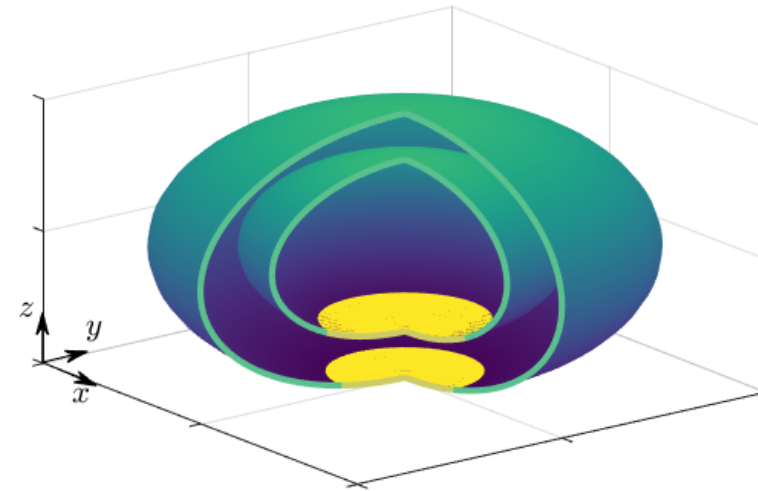
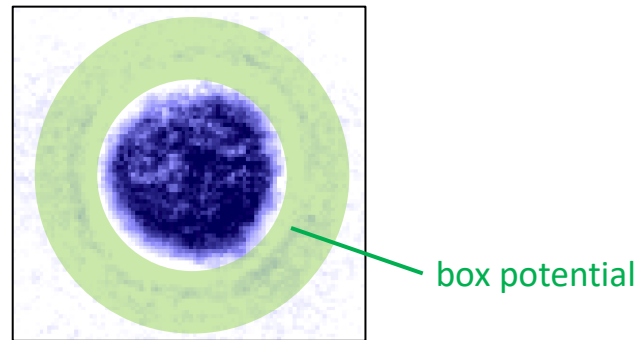


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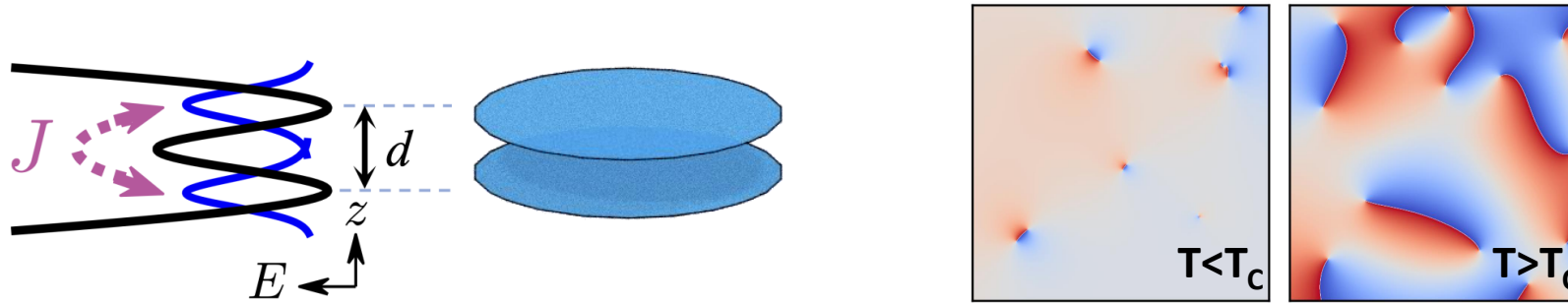


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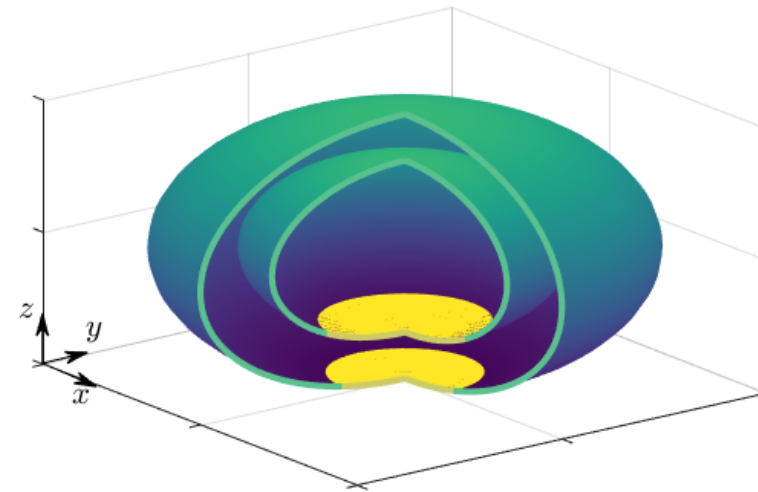
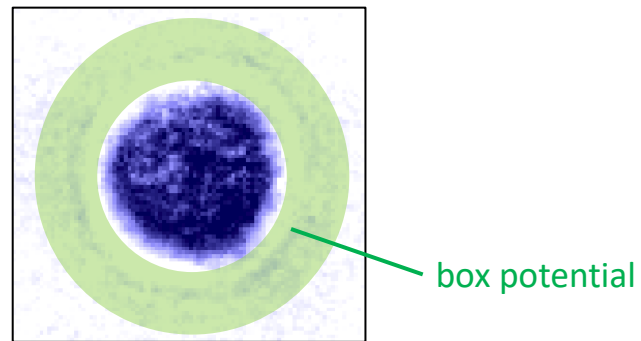


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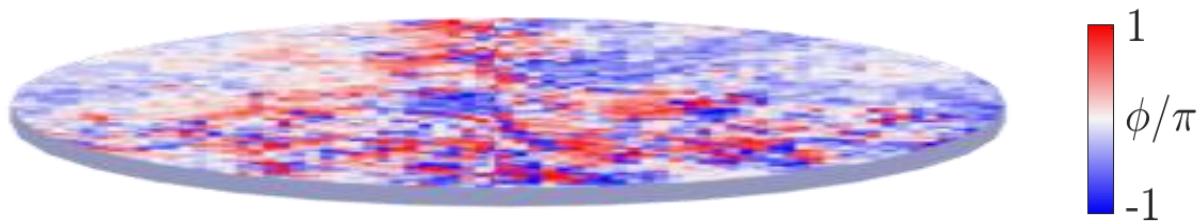
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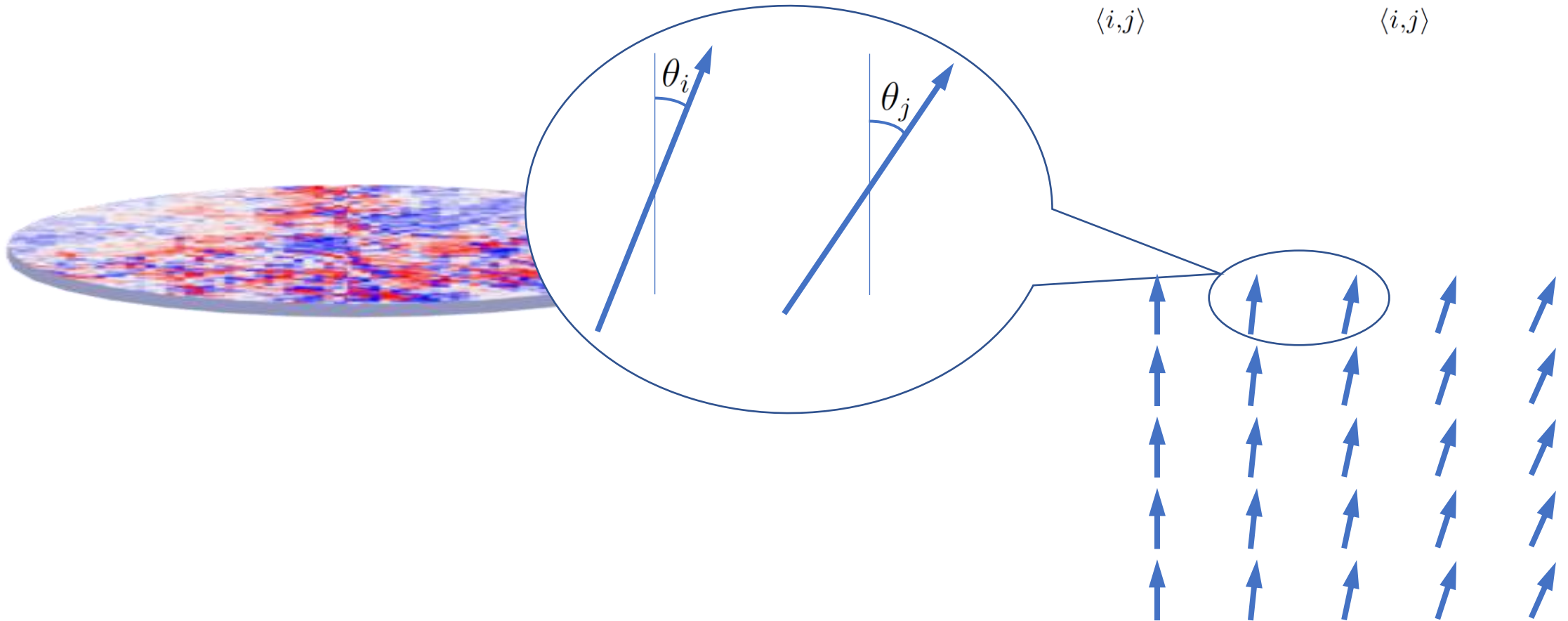


2D Bose gas \Leftrightarrow 2D XY model

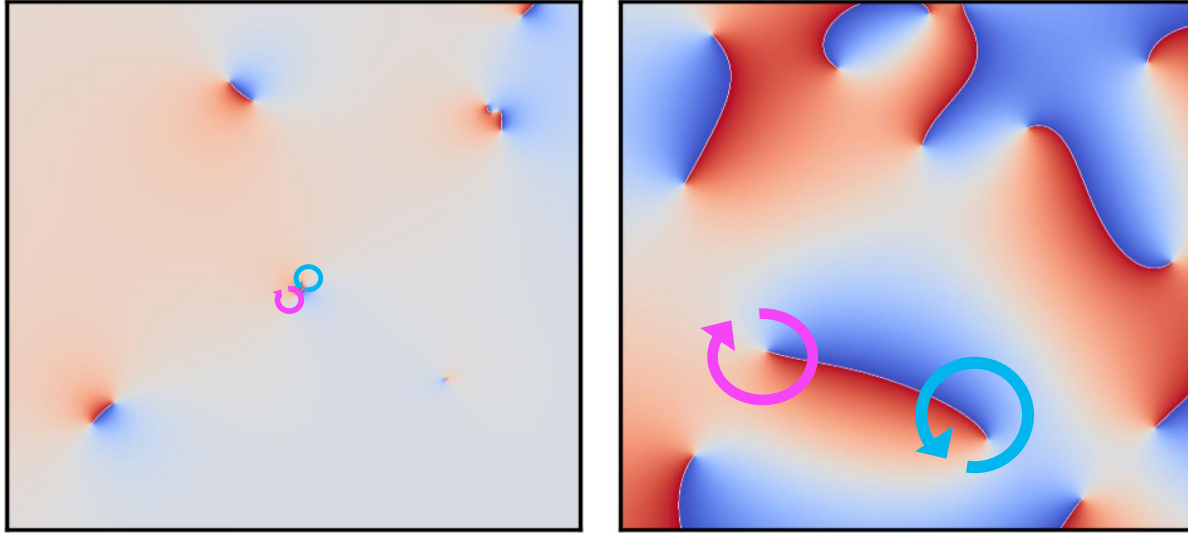
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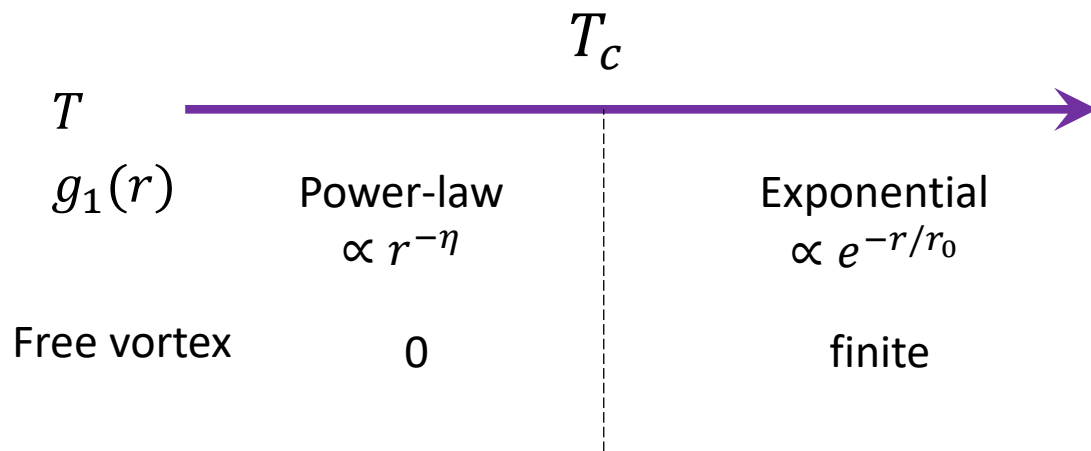
$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j = -J \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j),$$



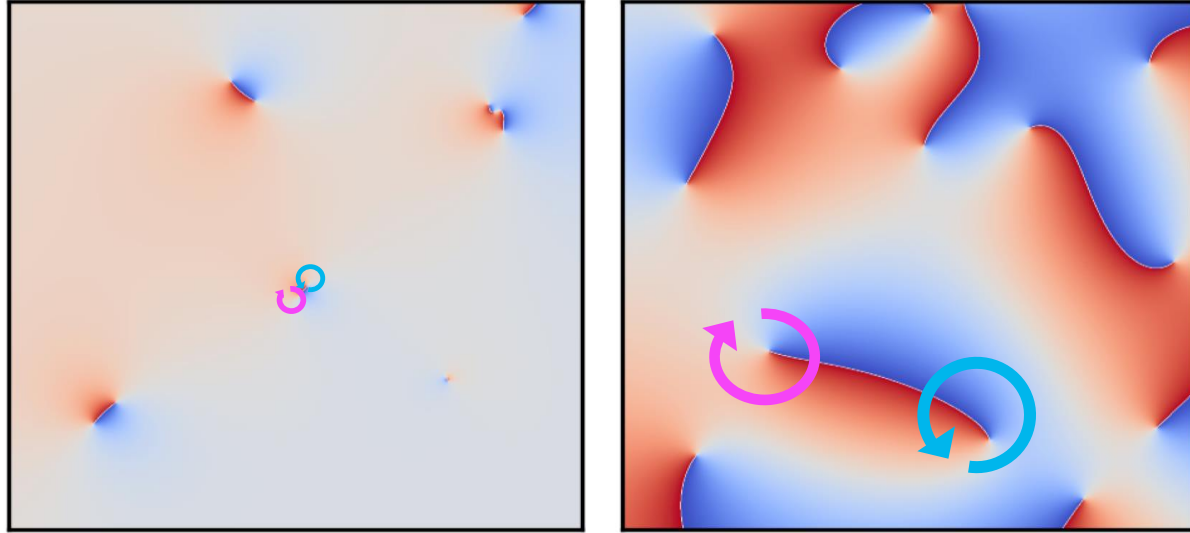
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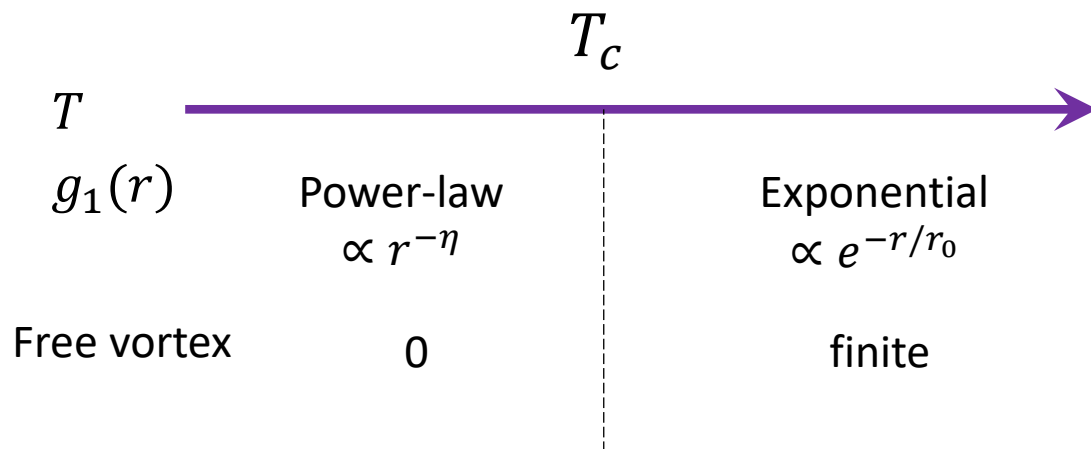
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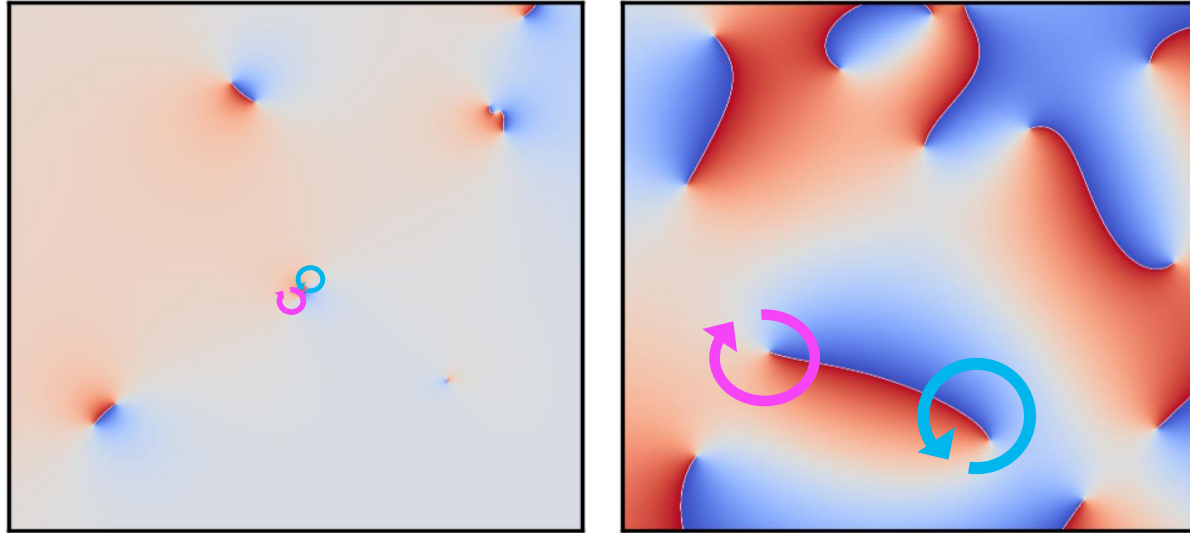
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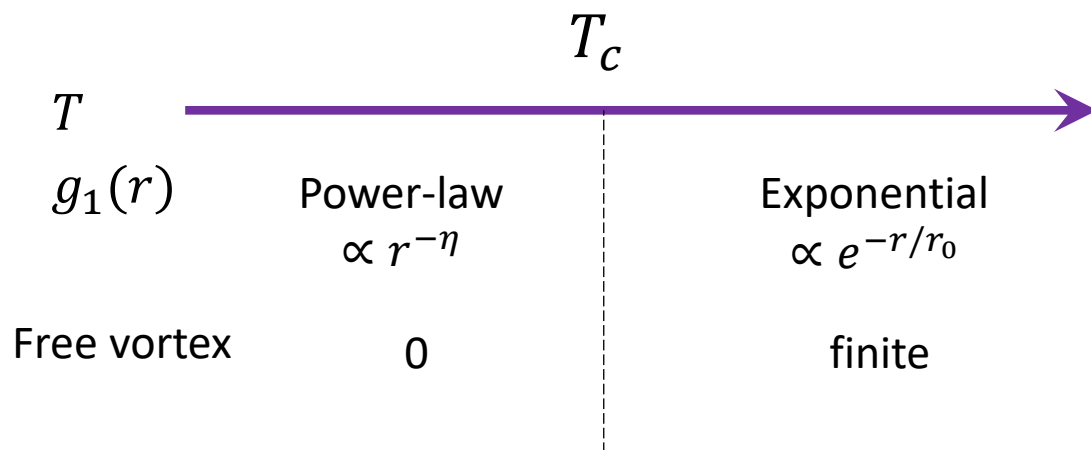
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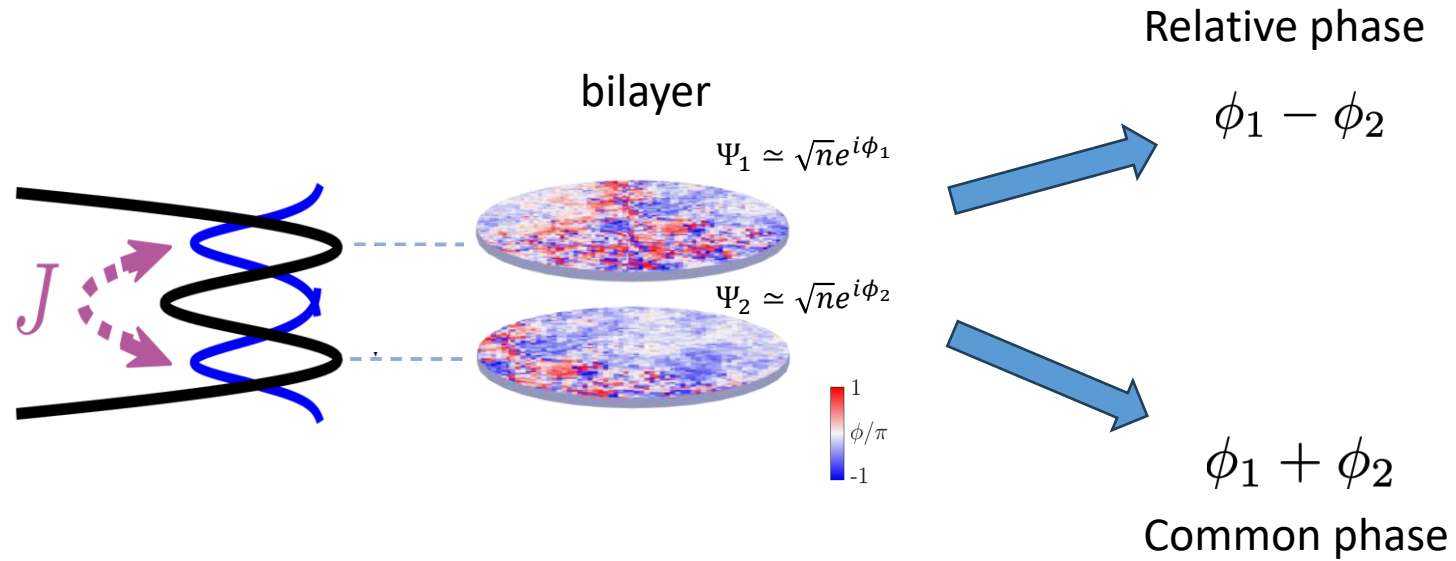
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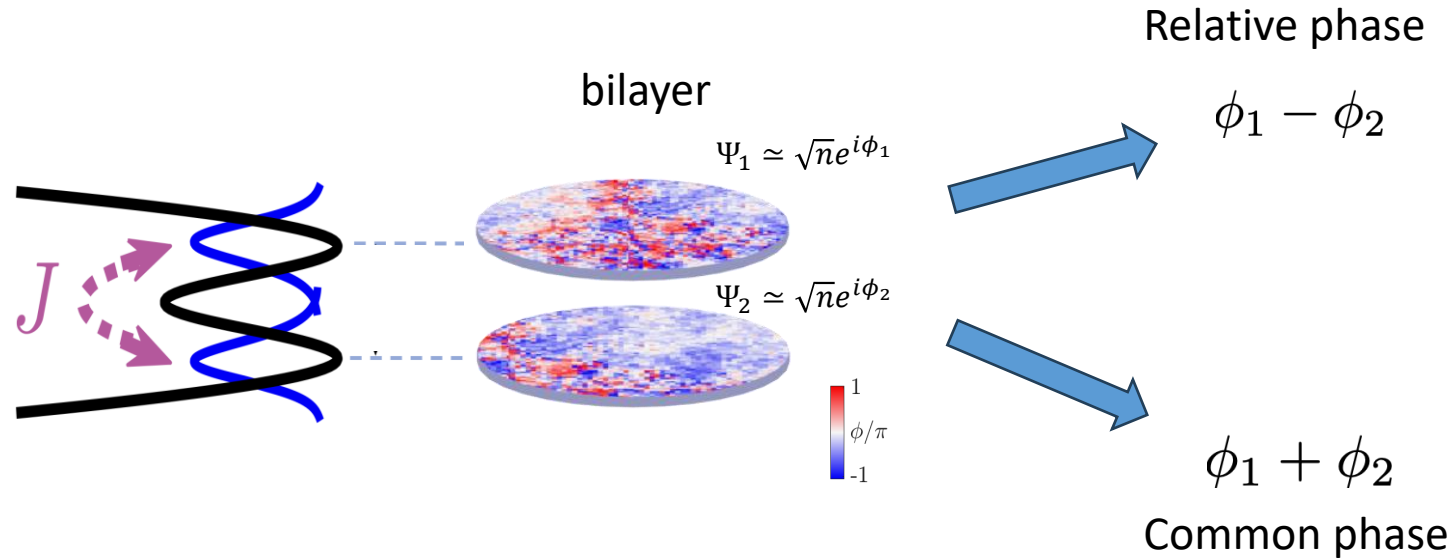
- Hadzibabic (2006), Desbuquois (2012), many more

Intro 1-2: bilayer phases



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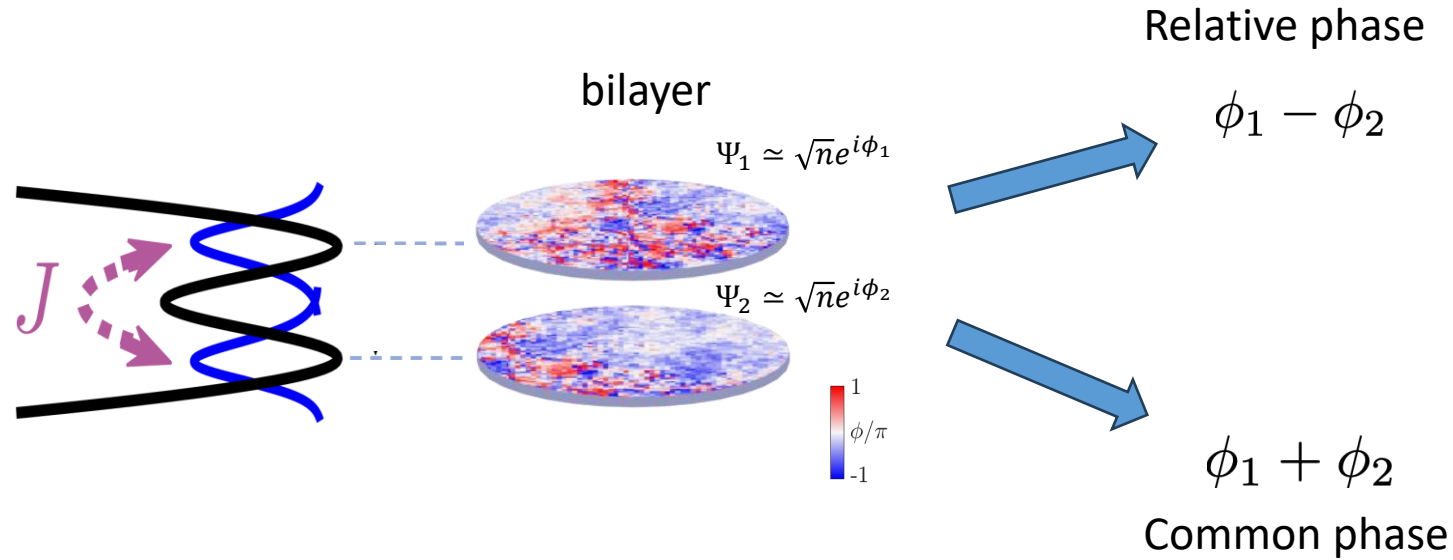
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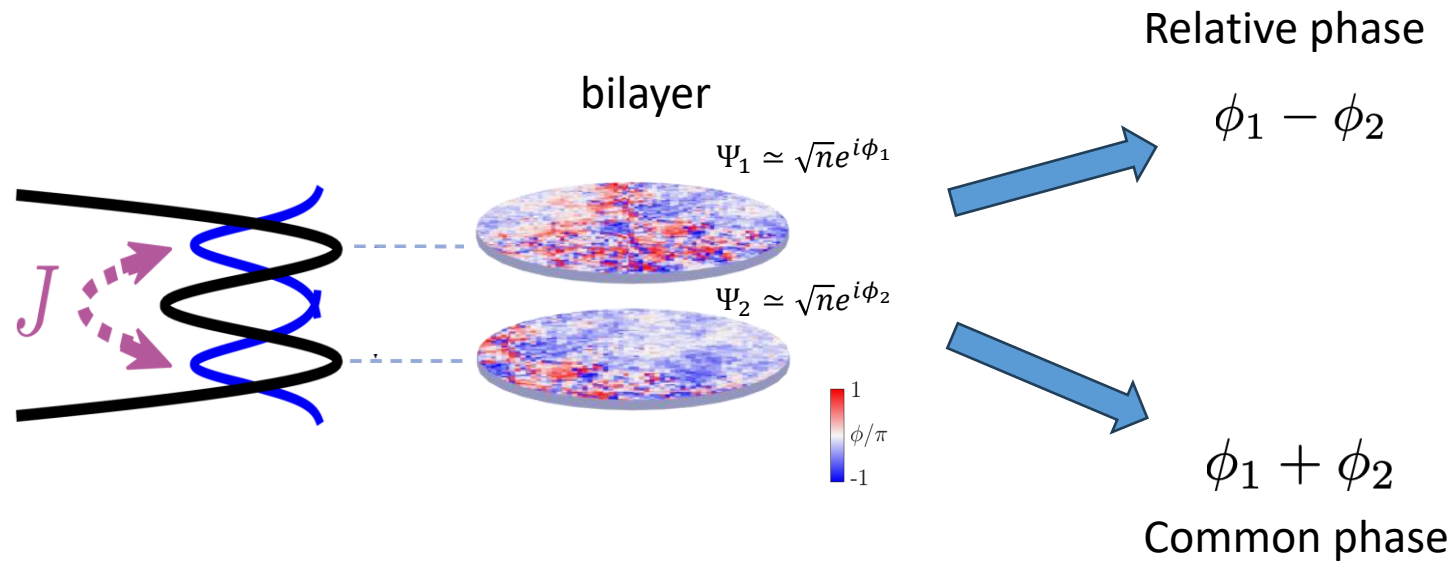


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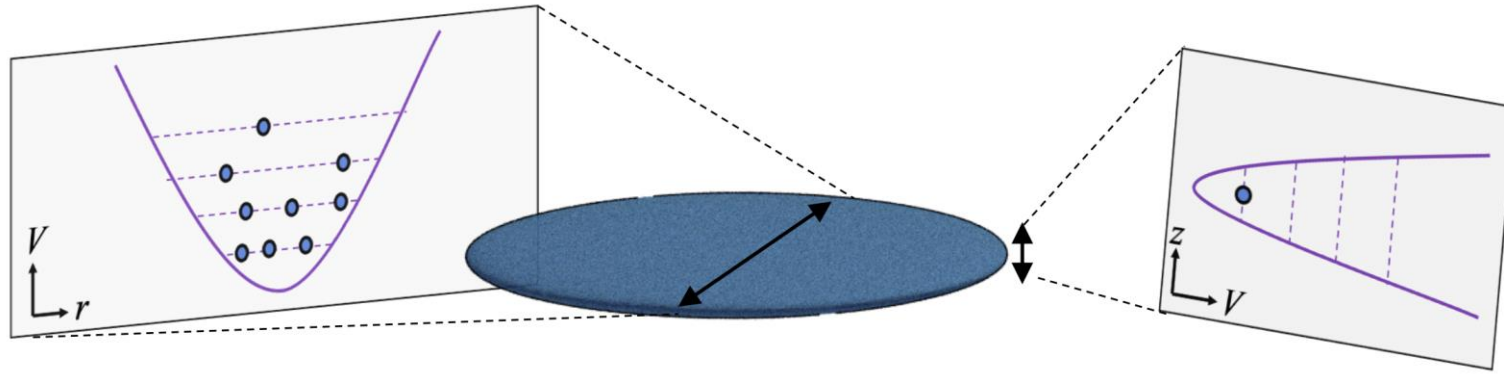
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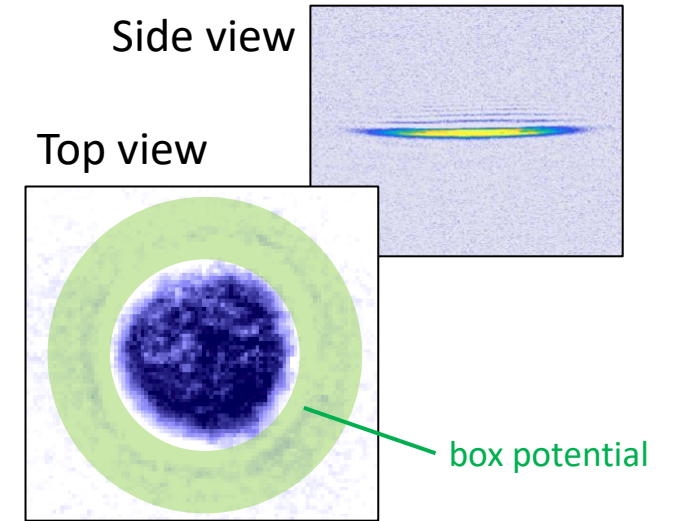
$$H = \frac{K}{2} \int d^2\mathbf{r} (\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{r}))^2 + \frac{K}{2} \int d^2\mathbf{r} (\nabla\theta(\mathbf{r}))^2 + J \int d^2\mathbf{r} \cos(\theta(\mathbf{r}))$$

Experiment: 2D quantum gases

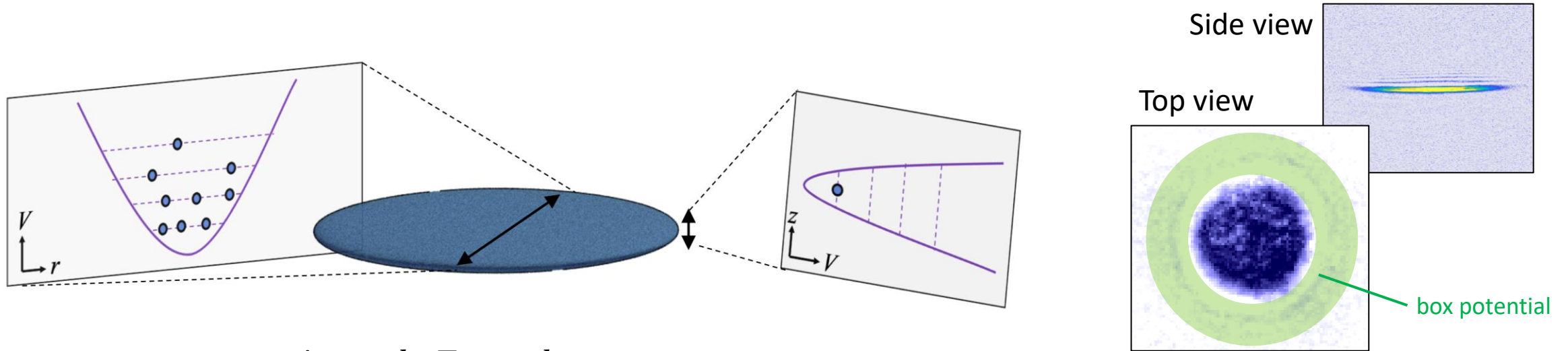
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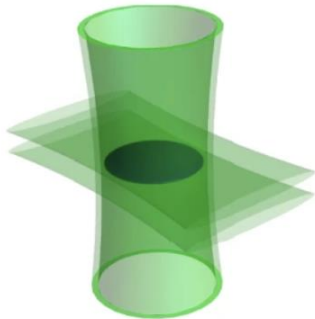


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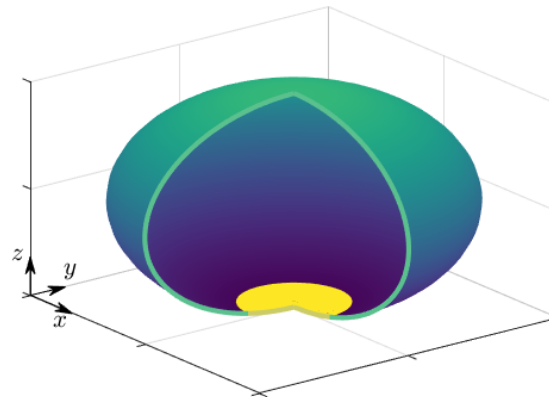
Optical traps



Cambridge, MIT, Chicago,
Paris, Heidelberg, Seoul, ...

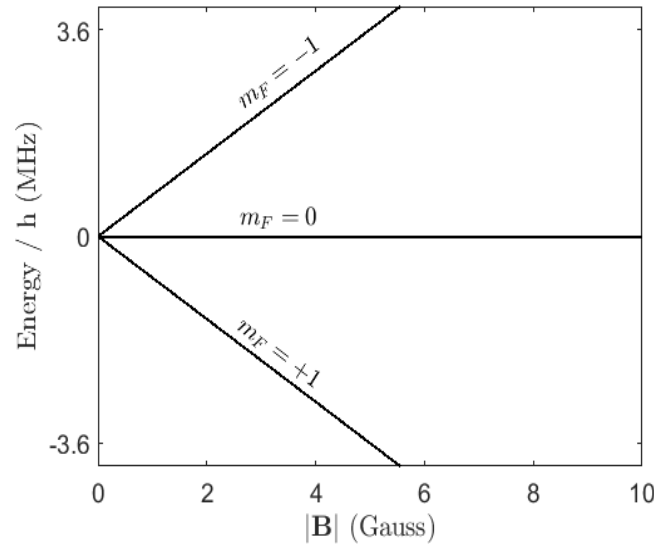
Fig from Nat. Phys. 17, 1334 (2021)

Magnetic traps (RF dressing)



Paris, Oxford, ...

RF-dressed trapping

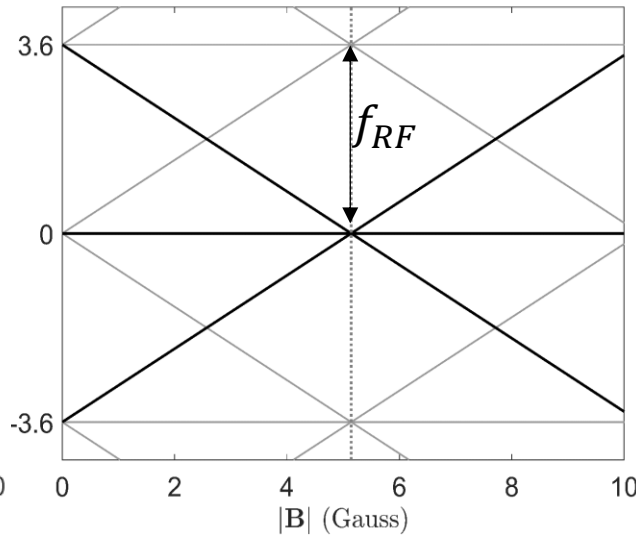


Bare states:

$$|m_F\rangle$$

Zeeman states of $F = 1$ atom:

$$E = m_F g_F \mu_B |B|$$

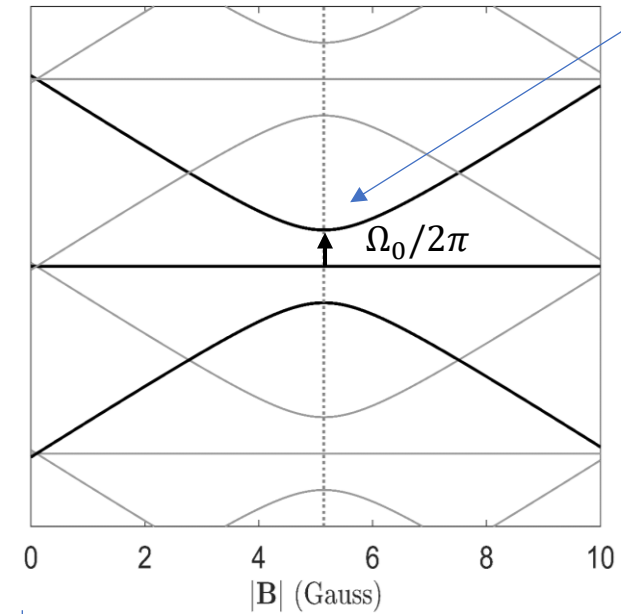


Uncoupled states:

$$|m_F\rangle \otimes |N\rangle$$

Zeeman state + RF Fock state

$$E = m_F g_F \mu_B |B| + h f_{RF} N$$



Coupled(dressed) states:

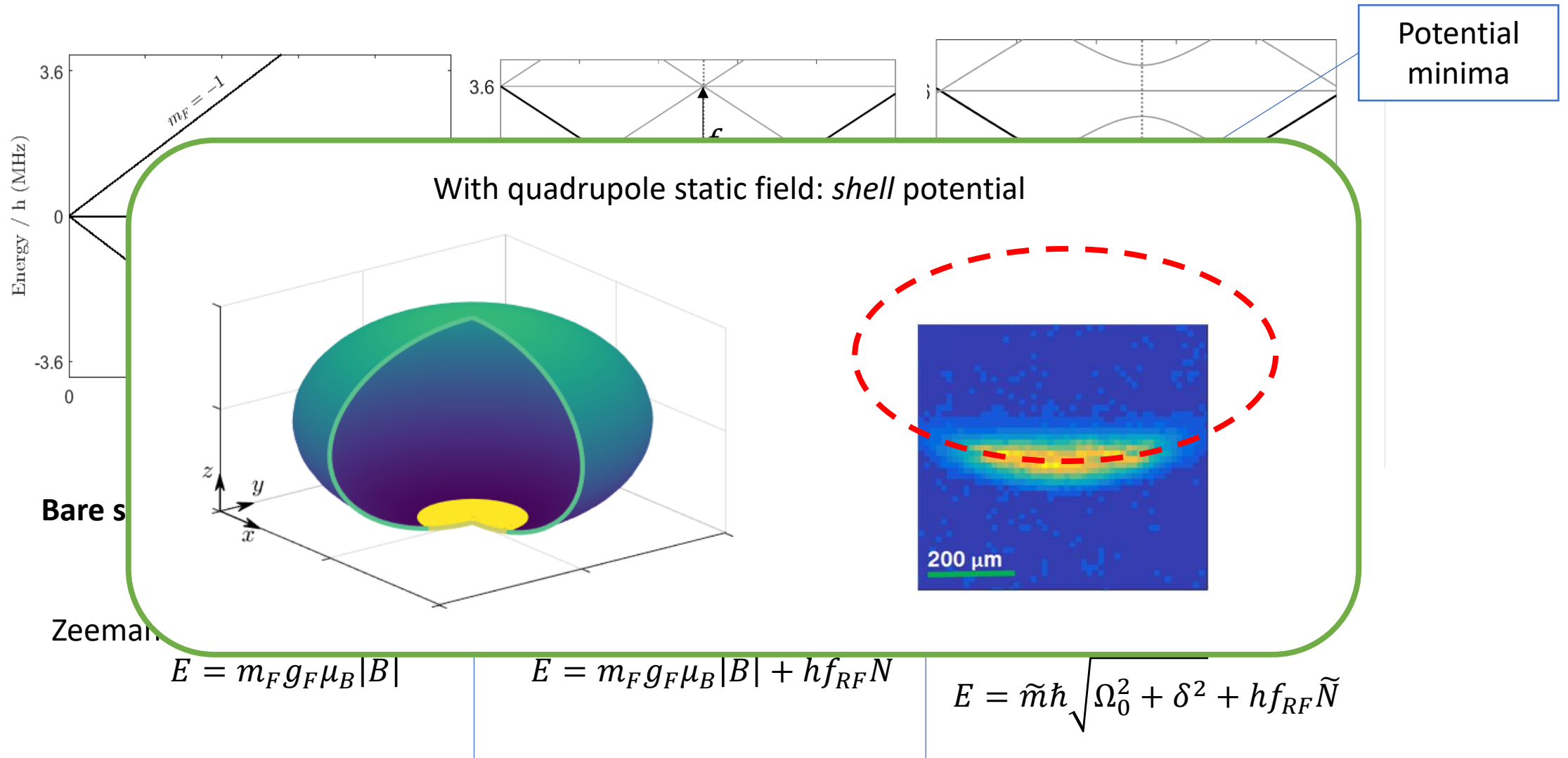
$$|\tilde{N}, \tilde{m}\rangle$$

Dressed eigenstates

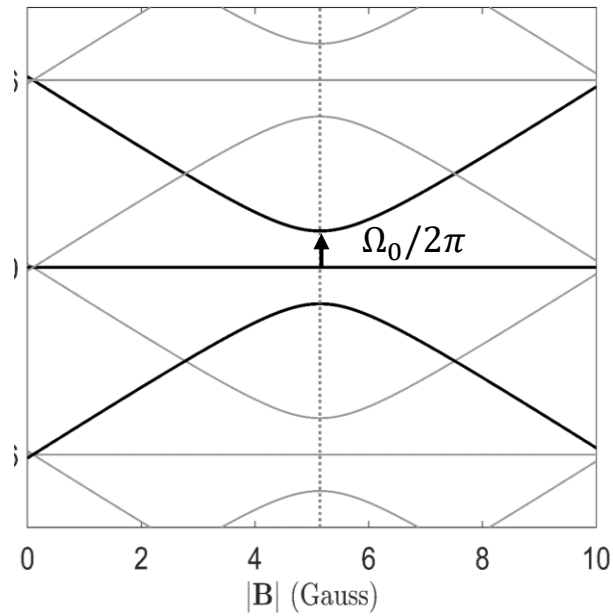
$$E = \tilde{m} \hbar \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 + \delta^2} + h f_{RF} \tilde{N}$$

Potential
minima

RF-dressed trapping



Multiple-RF-dressed trapping

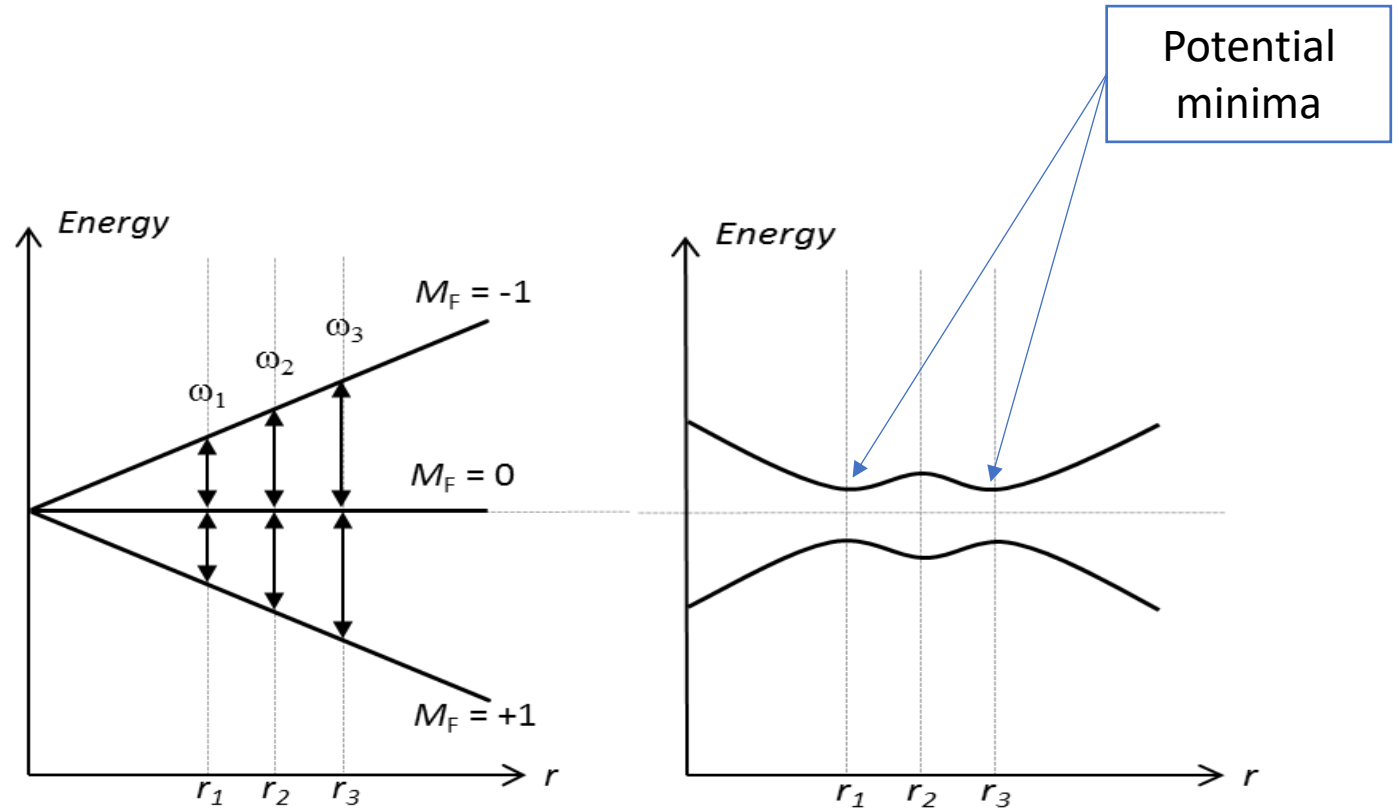


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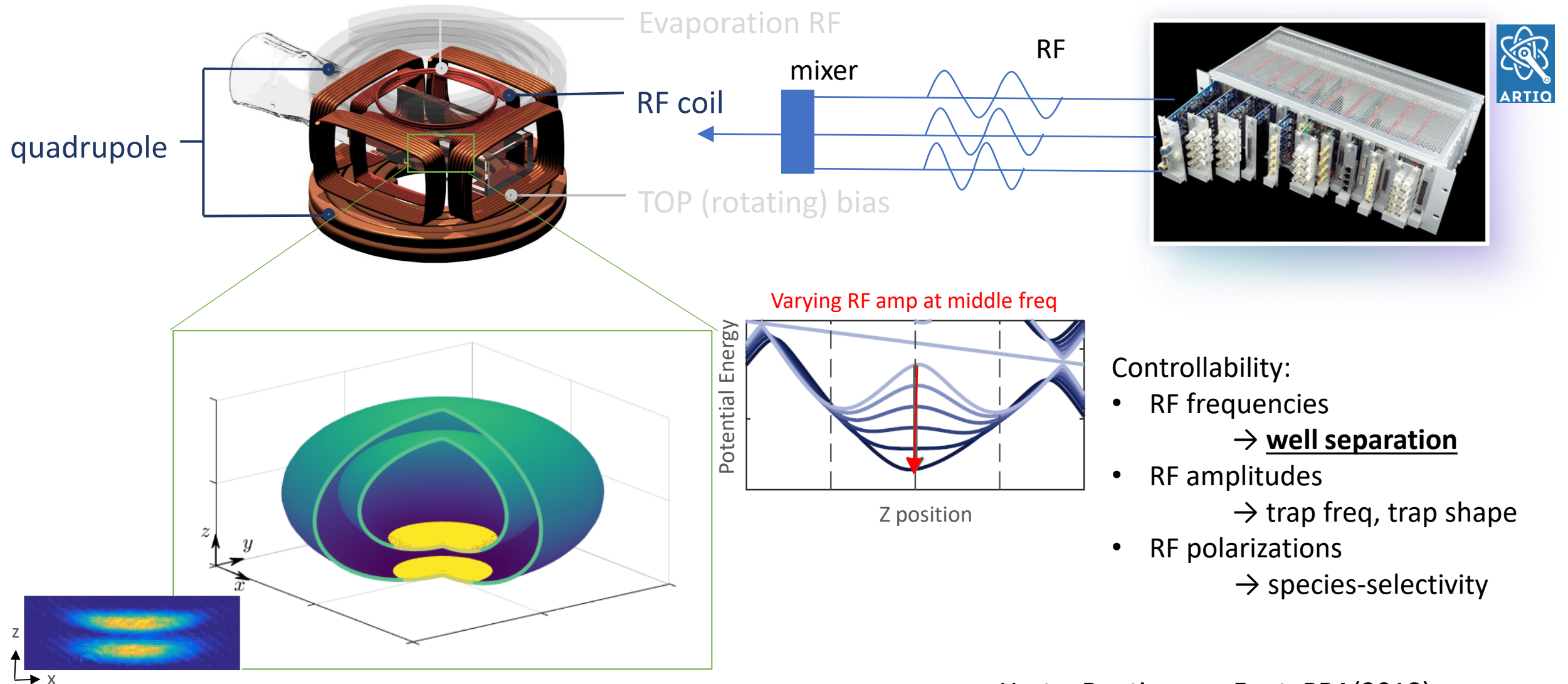
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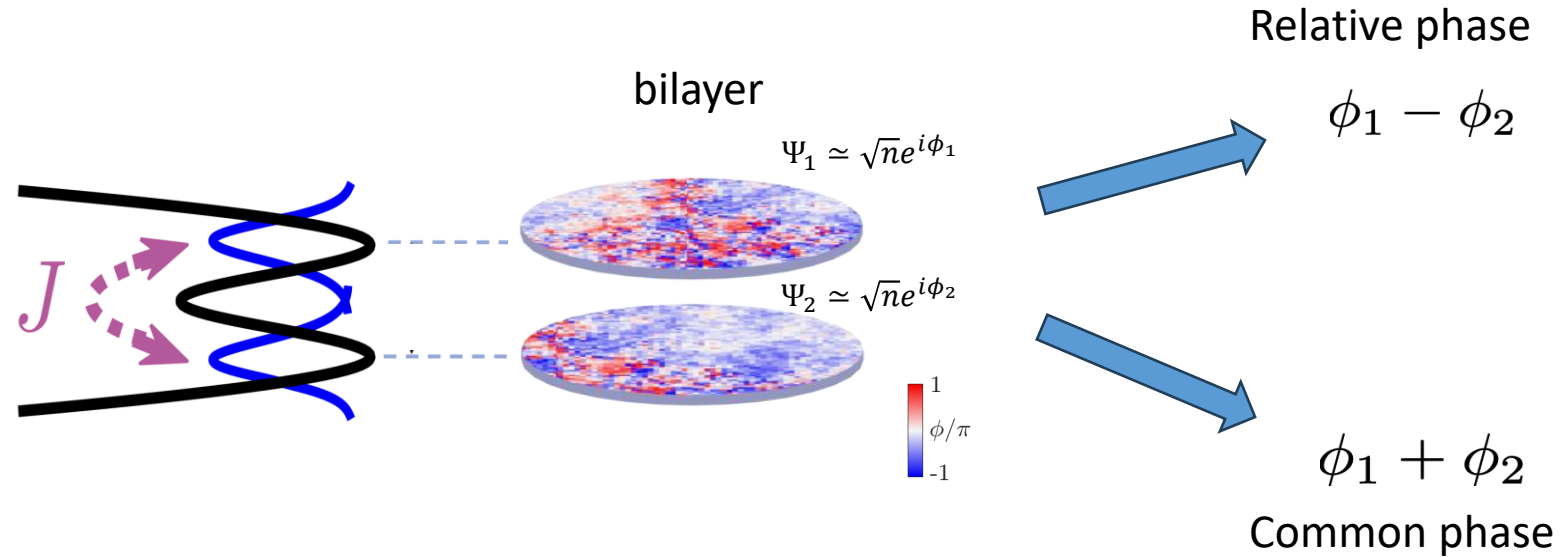
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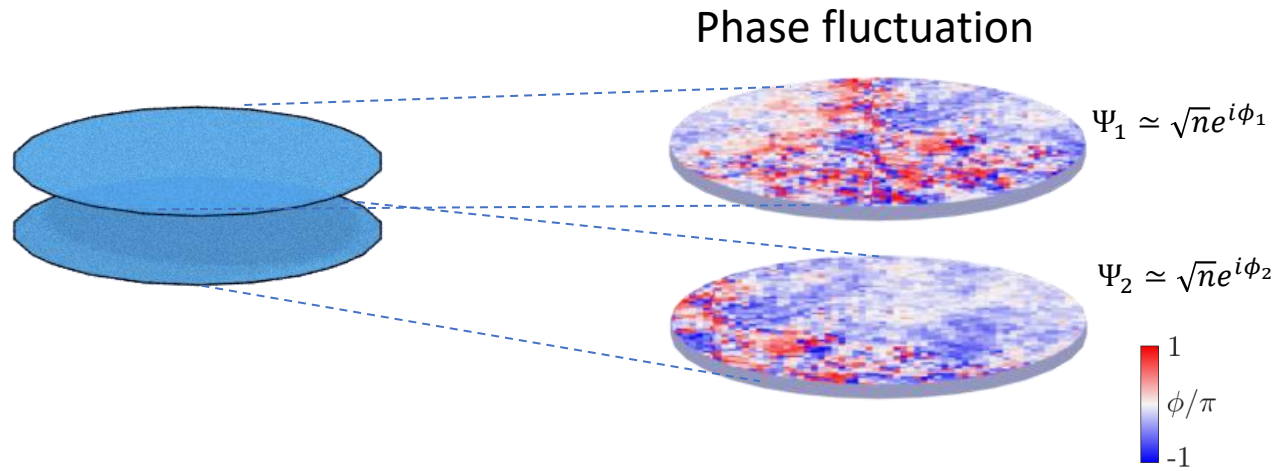


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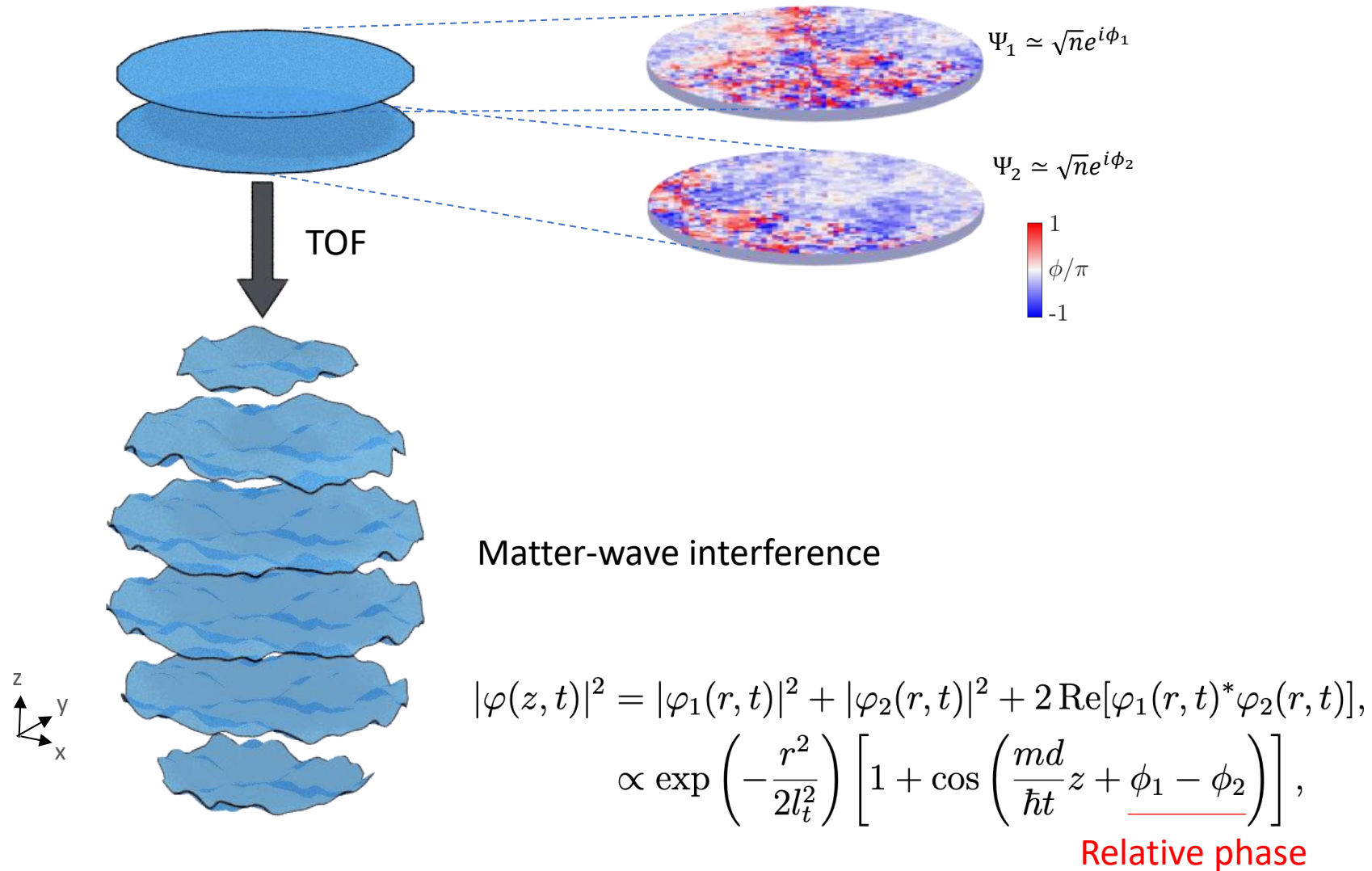


Need to probe two **complementary modes**

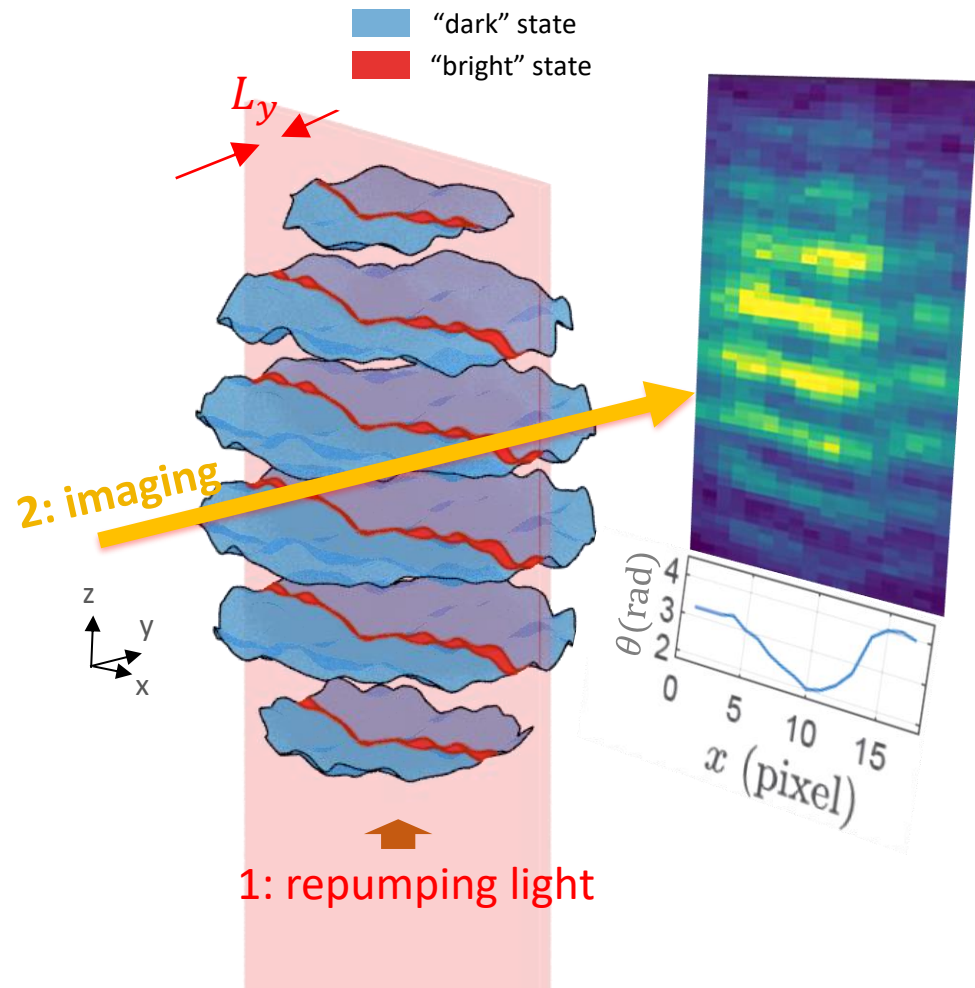
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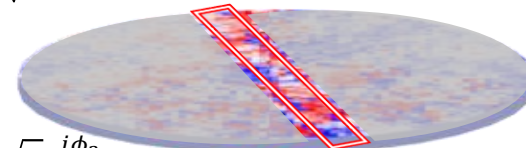
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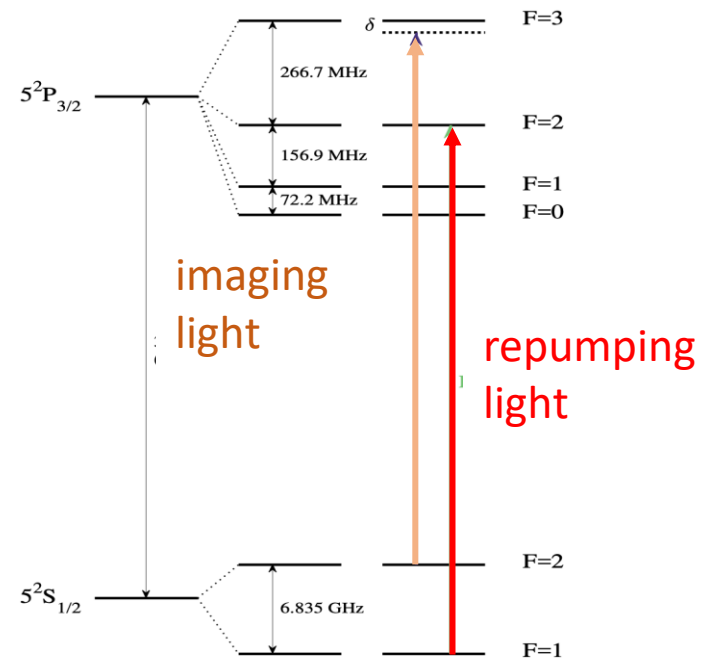
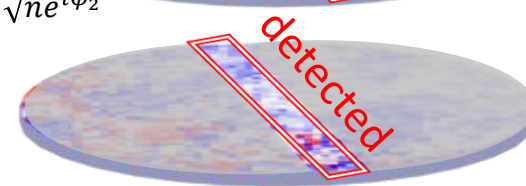
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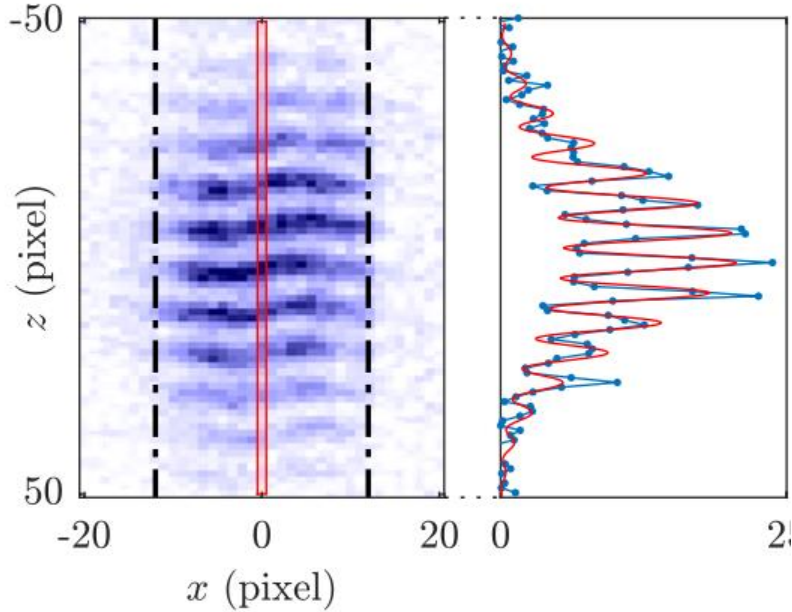


$$\Psi_2 \approx \sqrt{n}e^{i\phi_2}$$

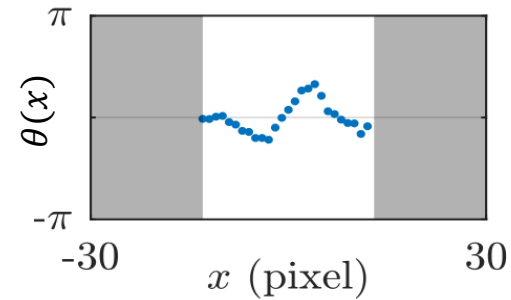


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Fit image columns

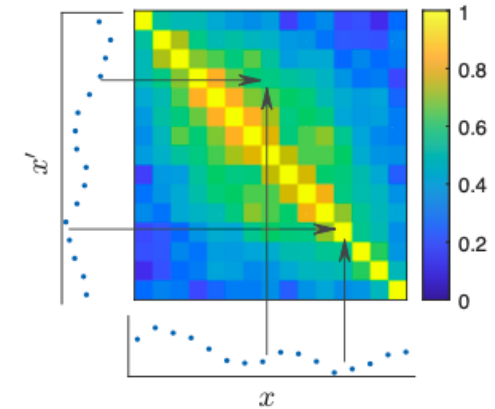


Fit results



Correlate and average (N>50)

$$C(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \langle e^{i\theta(\mathbf{r}) - i\theta(\mathbf{r}')} \rangle$$



Spatial average

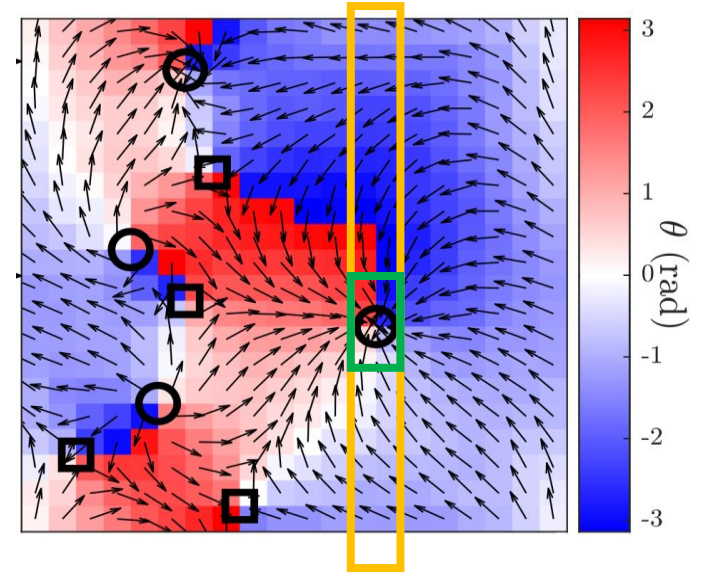
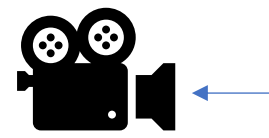
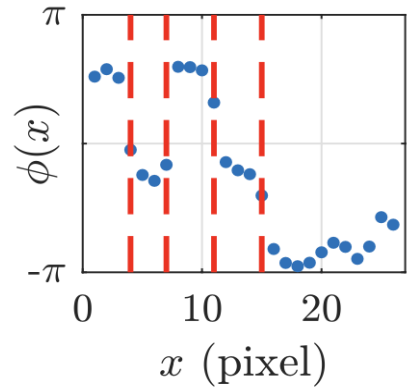
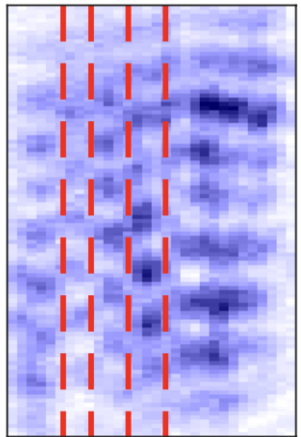
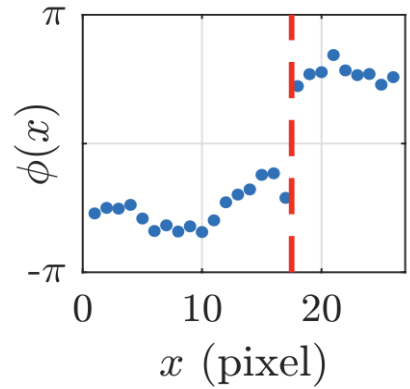
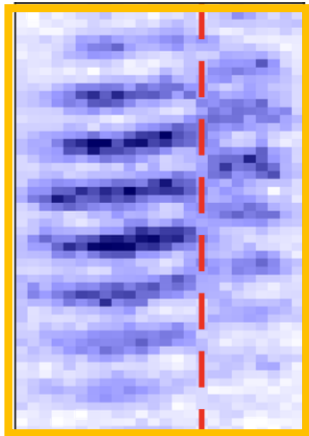
$$C(\bar{x}) = \text{Re}[\langle e^{i[\theta(x) - \theta(x - \bar{x})]} \rangle]$$

relative phase correlation function

c.f. series of work by
Vienna group (1D)

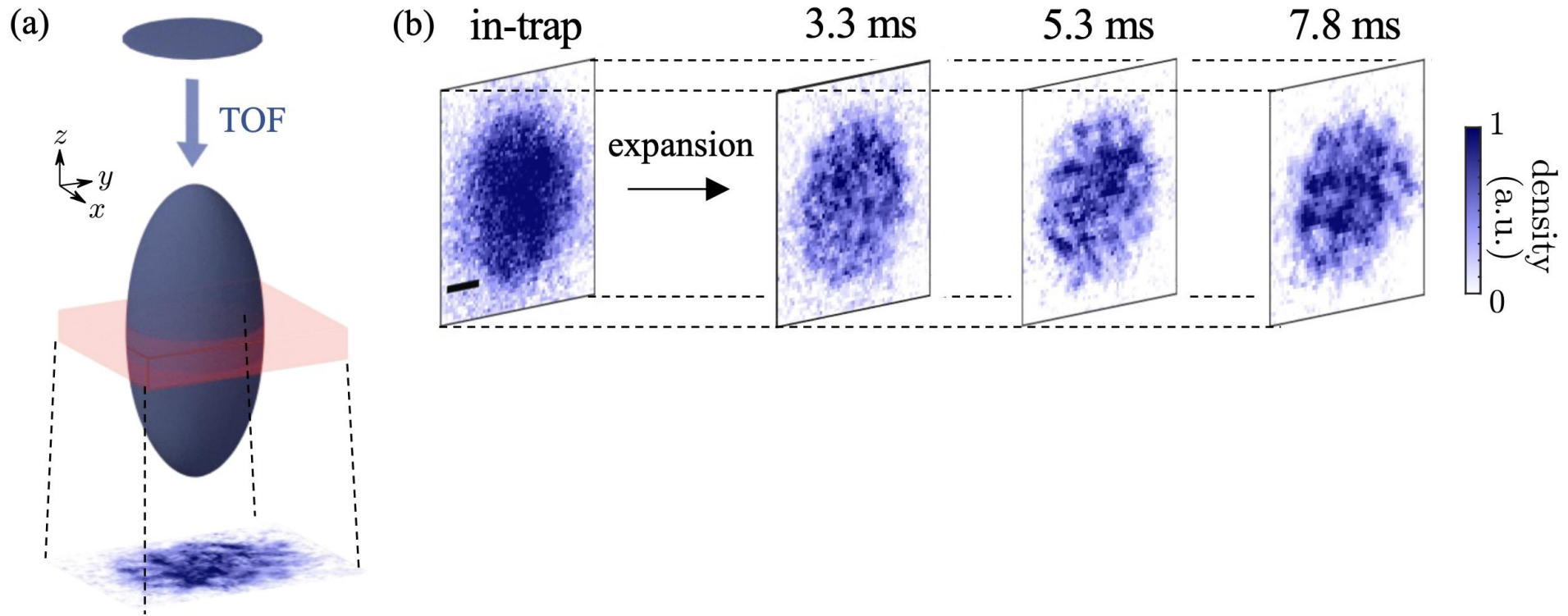
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Bonus: vortex detection



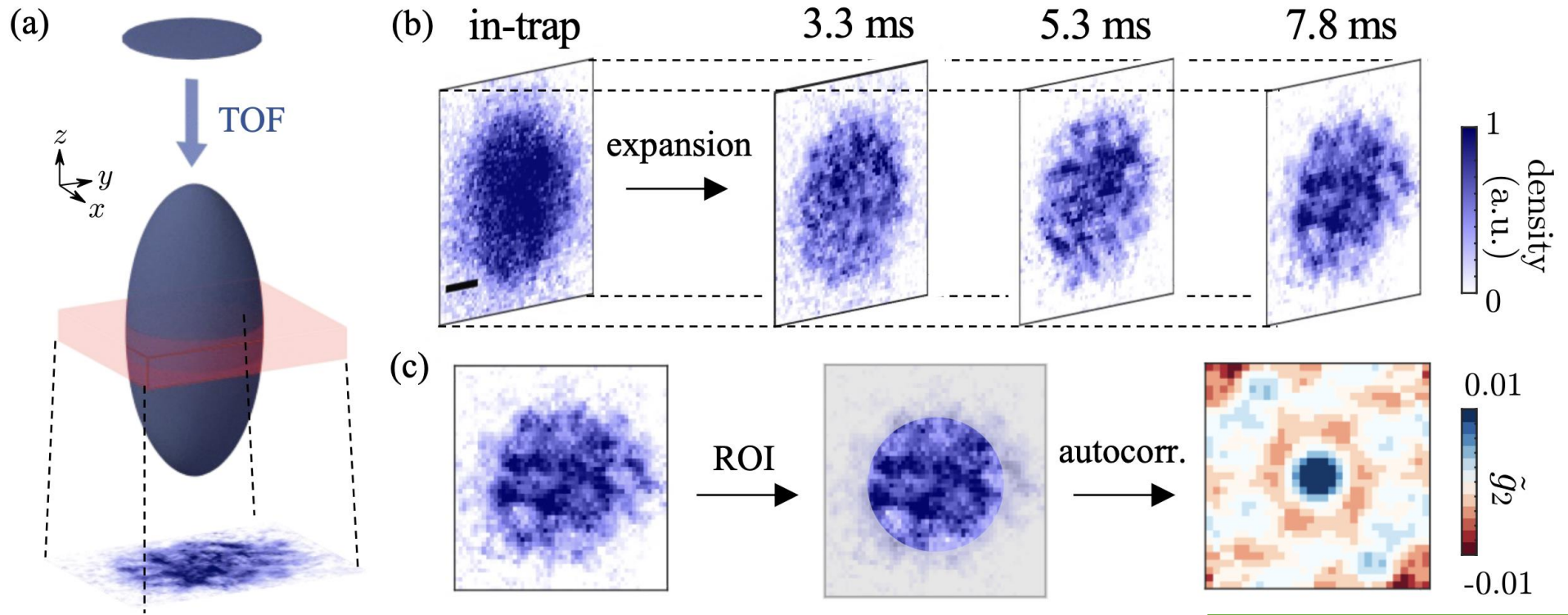
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Shin (2D, spectrum only)
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$$\frac{\langle \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{n}(0, t) \rangle}{n_0^2} - 1$$

Bosonic field operator after TOF

Noise correlations (single-layer)


Singh et al., PRA (2014)

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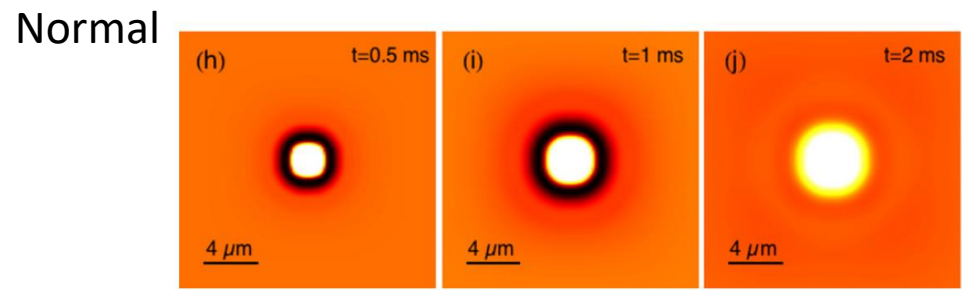
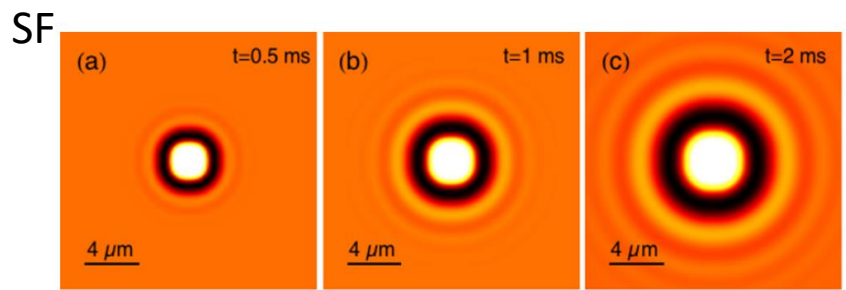
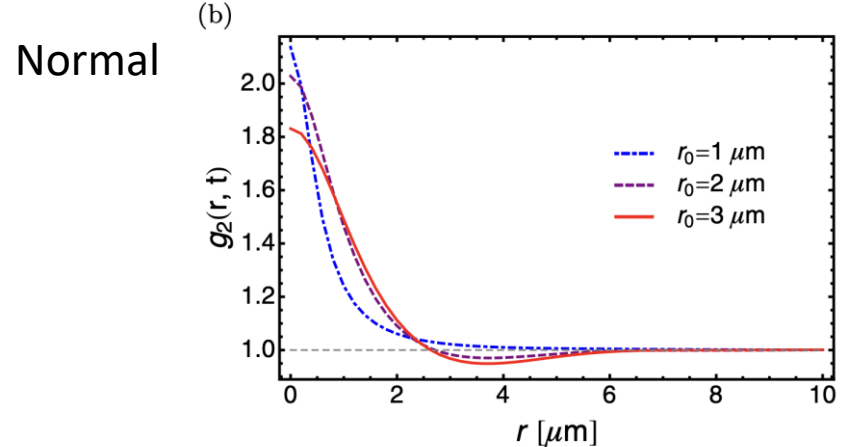
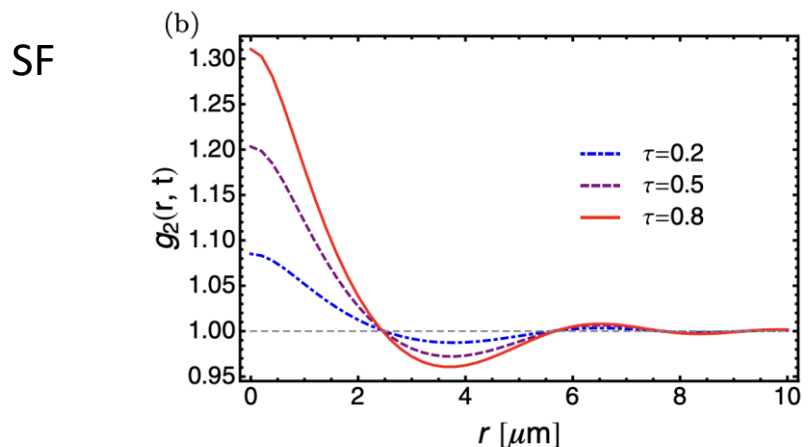
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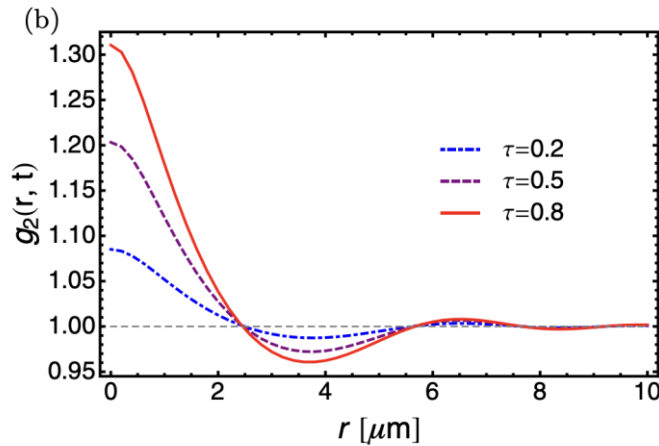
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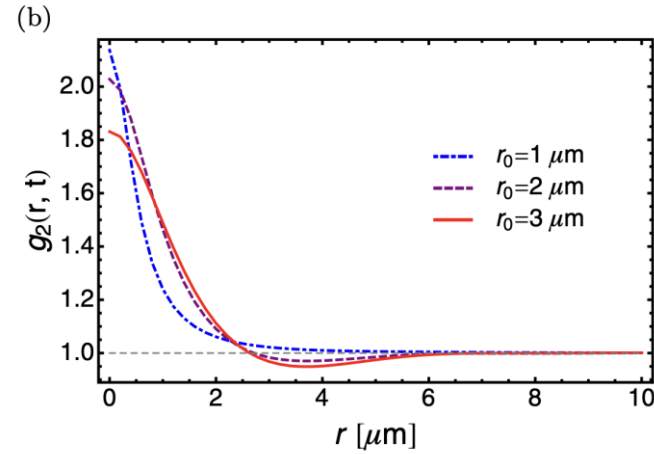
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Normal



Density-density correlation function after TOF expansion

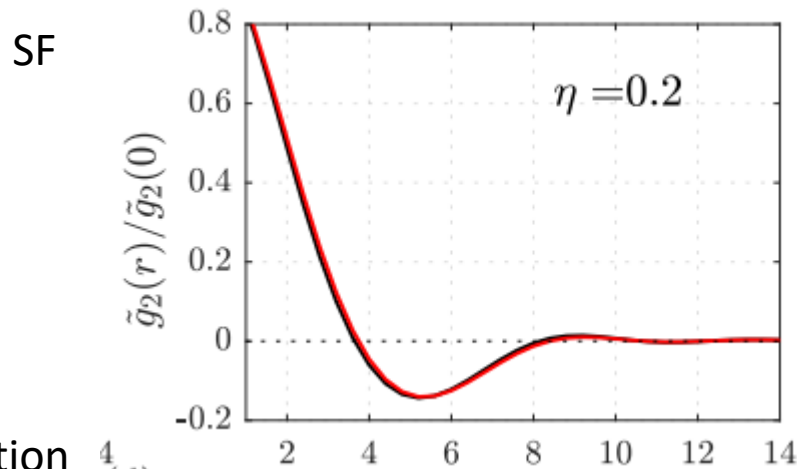
$$\frac{\langle \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{n}(0, t) \rangle}{n_0^2} = g_2(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2\mathbf{q} \int d^2\mathbf{R} \cos \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} \cos \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R} \times \left(\frac{\mathcal{F}_i(\mathbf{q}_t)^2 \mathcal{F}_i(\mathbf{R})^2}{\mathcal{F}_i(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{q}_t) \mathcal{F}_i(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{q}_t)} \right),$$

In-trap 1st-order correlation function

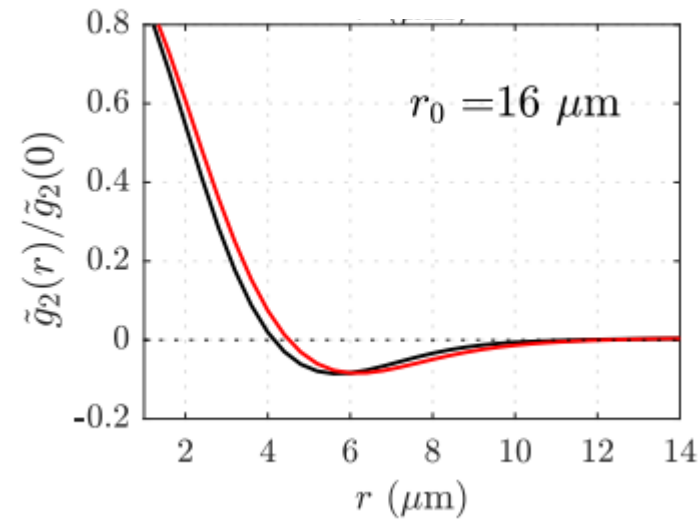
One-to-one mapping between g_1 and g_2 of expanded cloud

Noise correlations (bilayer-layer)

Singh et al., PRA (2014)



Normal



Density-density correlation function after TOF expansion

$$\frac{\langle \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}, t) \hat{n}(0, t) \rangle}{n_0^2} = g_2(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2\mathbf{q} \int d^2\mathbf{R} \cos \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} \cos \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}$$

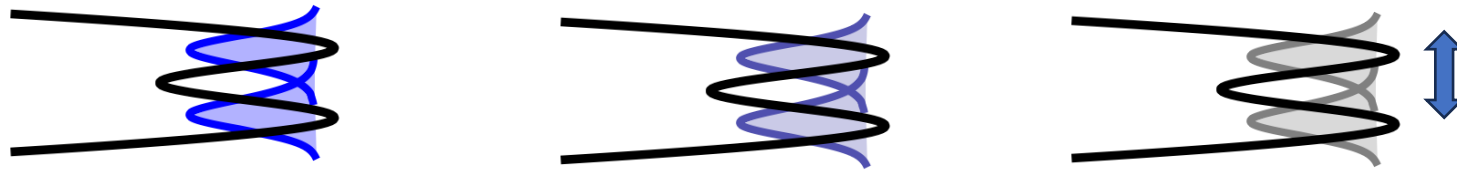
$$\times \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{q}_t)^2 \mathcal{F}_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{R})^2}{\mathcal{F}_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{q}_t) \mathcal{F}_{\text{com}}(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{q}_t)} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{q}_t)^2$$

Common-phase correlations

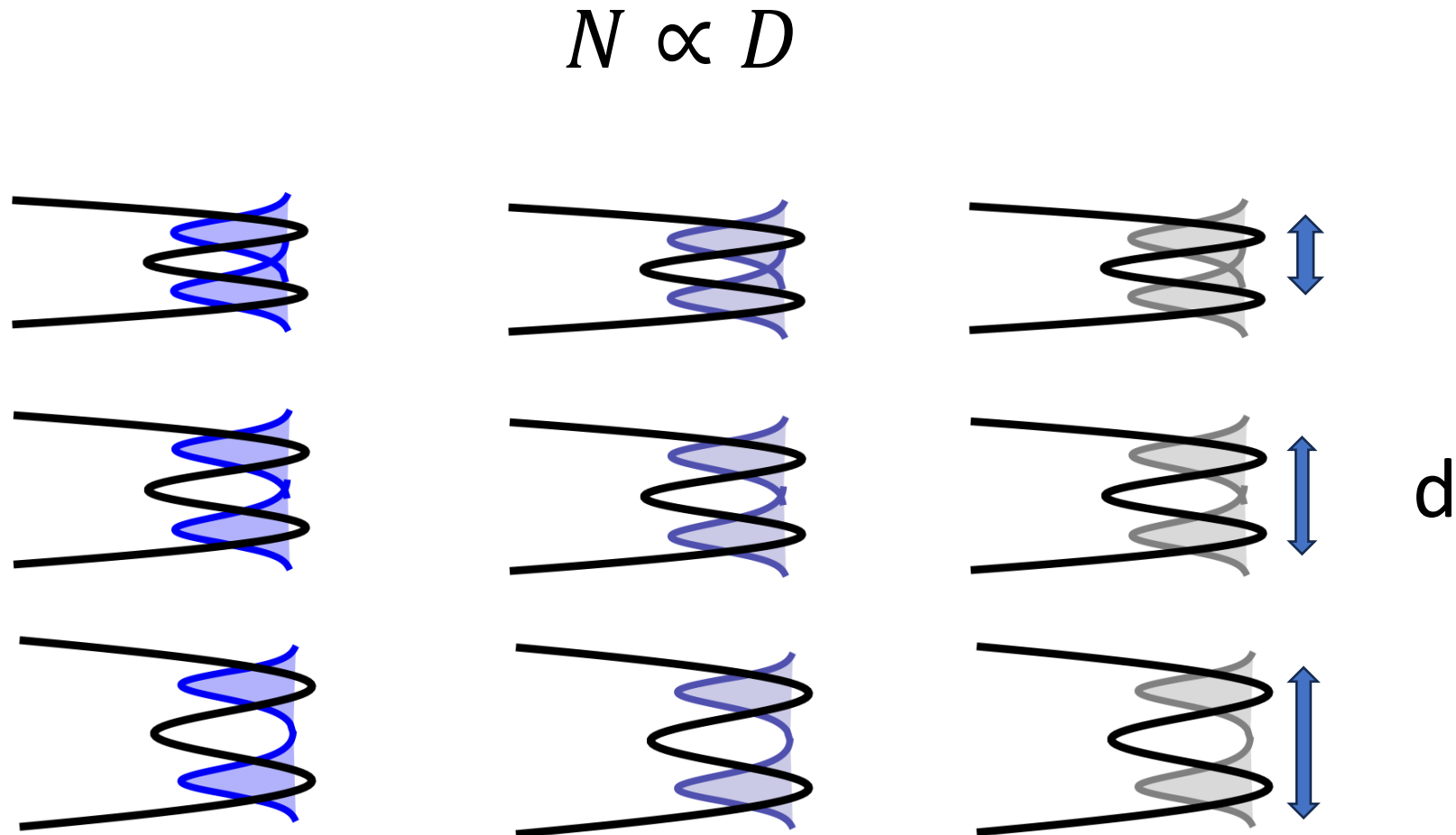
Relative-phase effect
(known from interference measurements)

Coupled-Bilayer: 2D Sweep

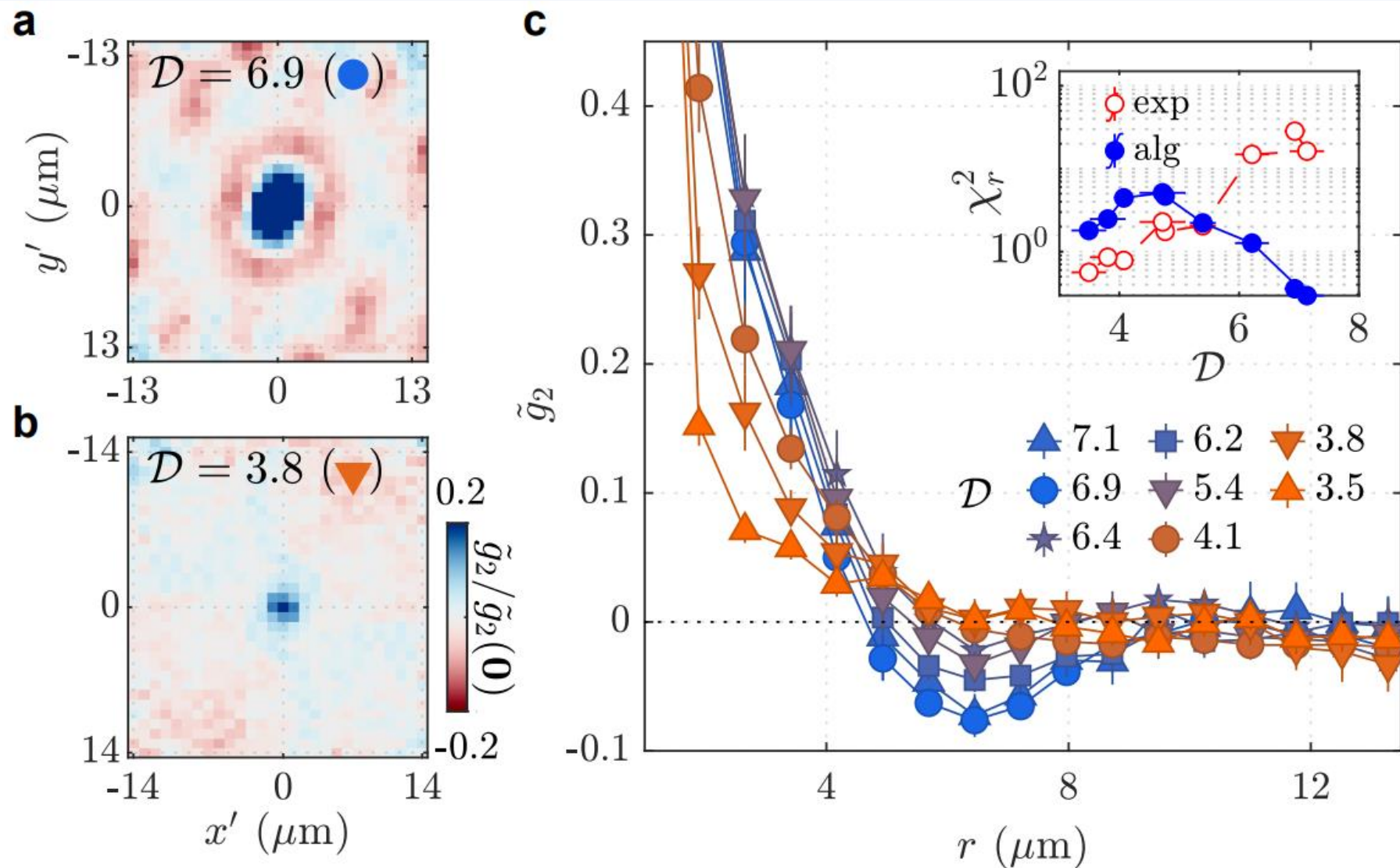
$$N \propto D$$



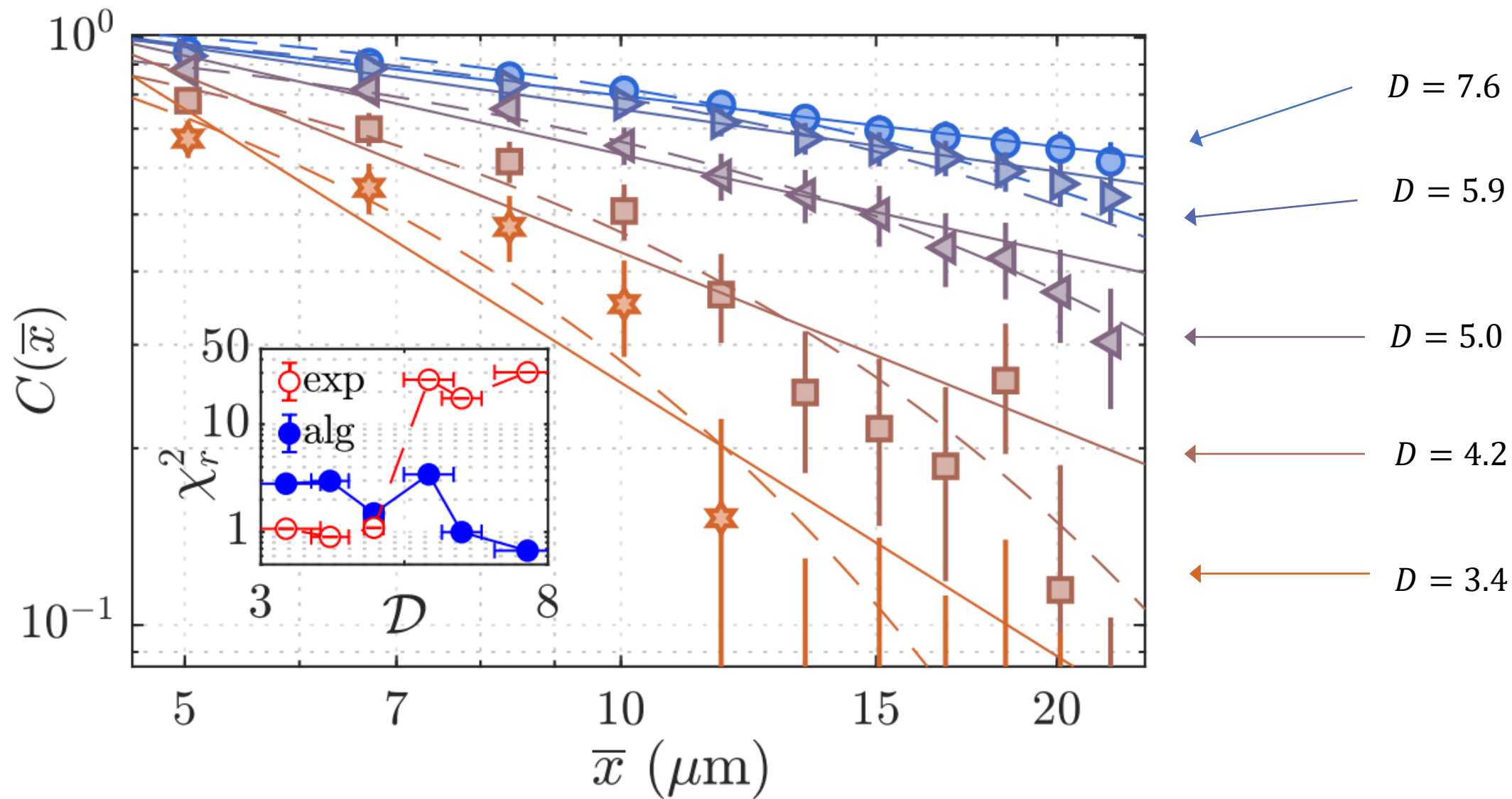
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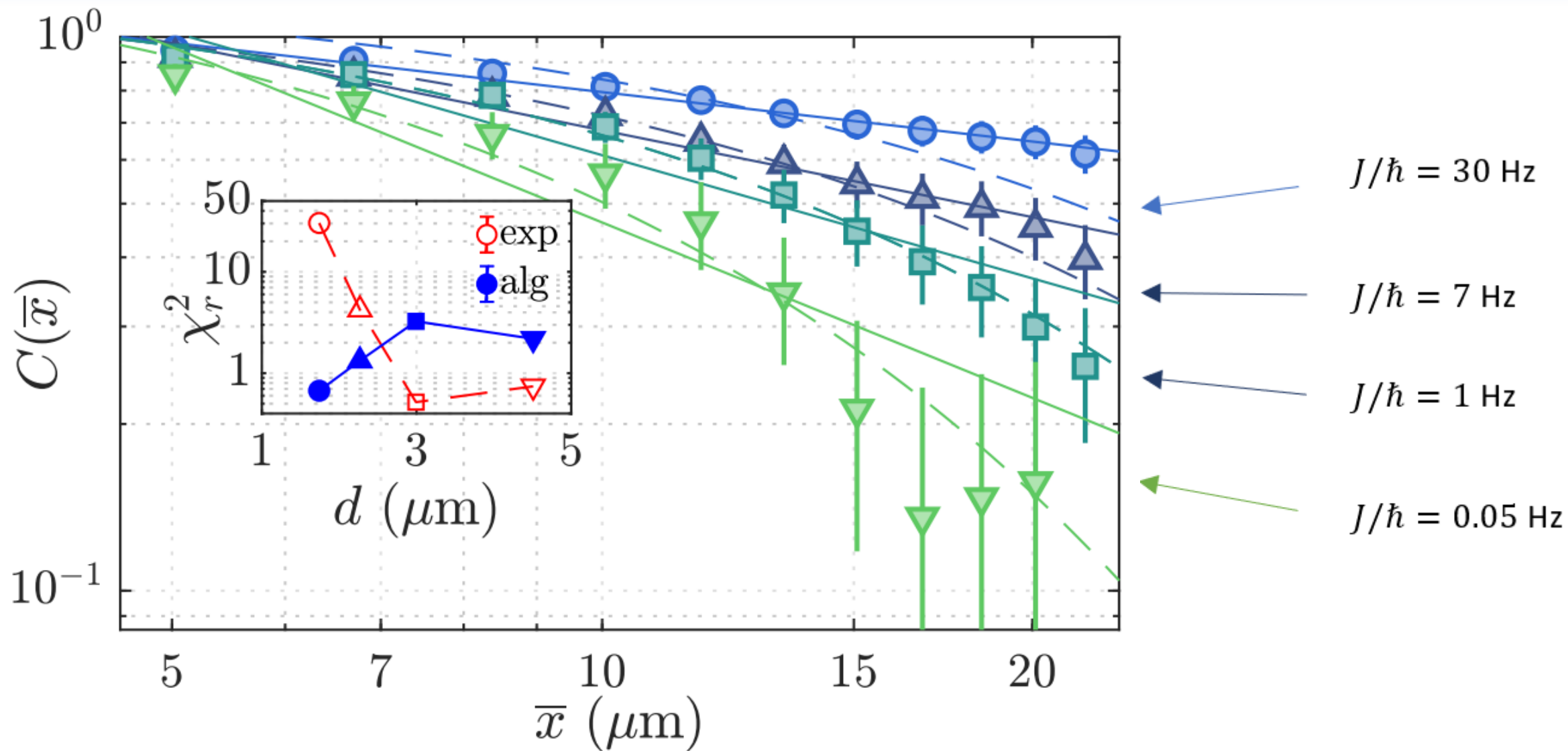
Coupled-Bilayer: Common phase



Coupled-Bilayer: Relative phase

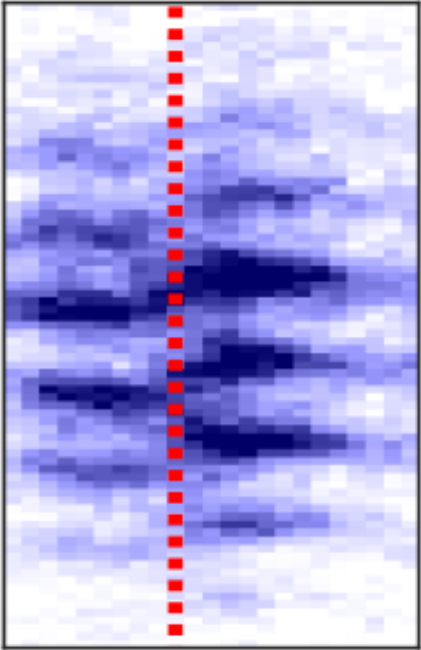


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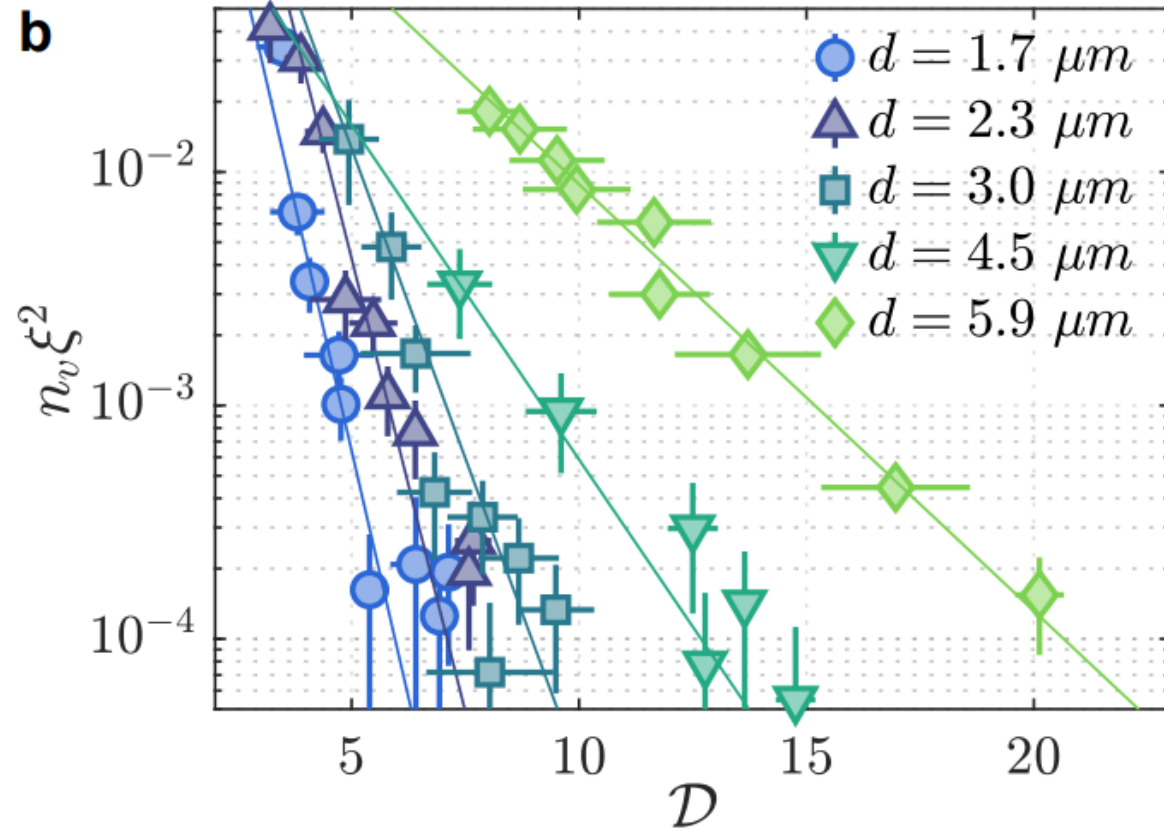
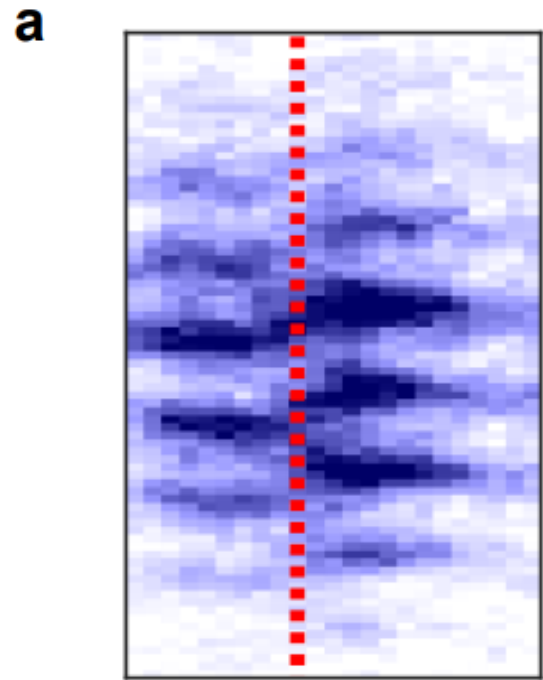


Coupled-Bilayer: Vortex Suppression

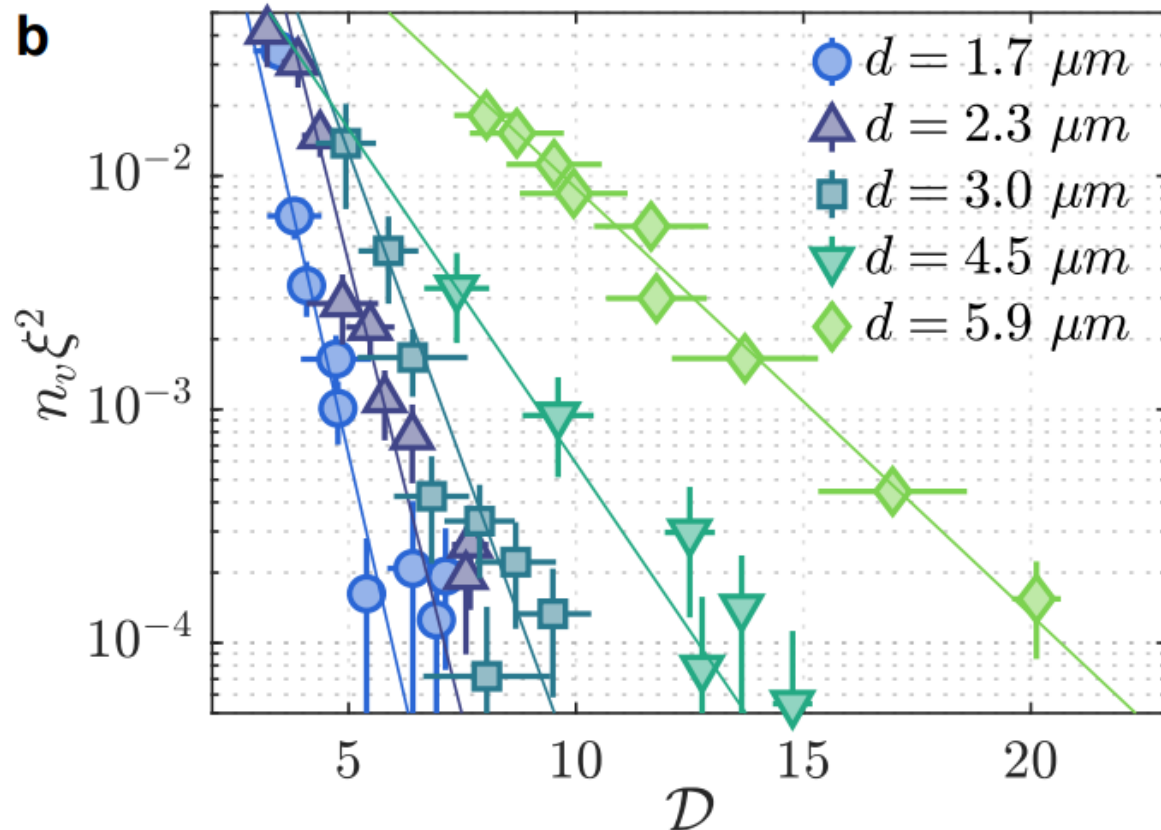
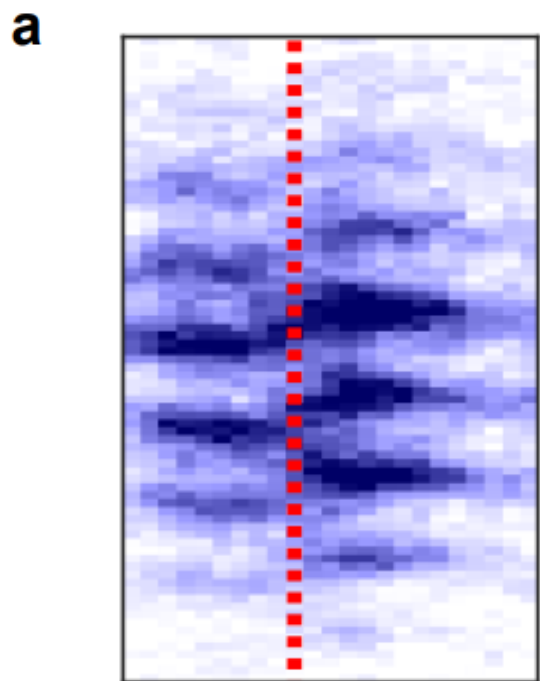
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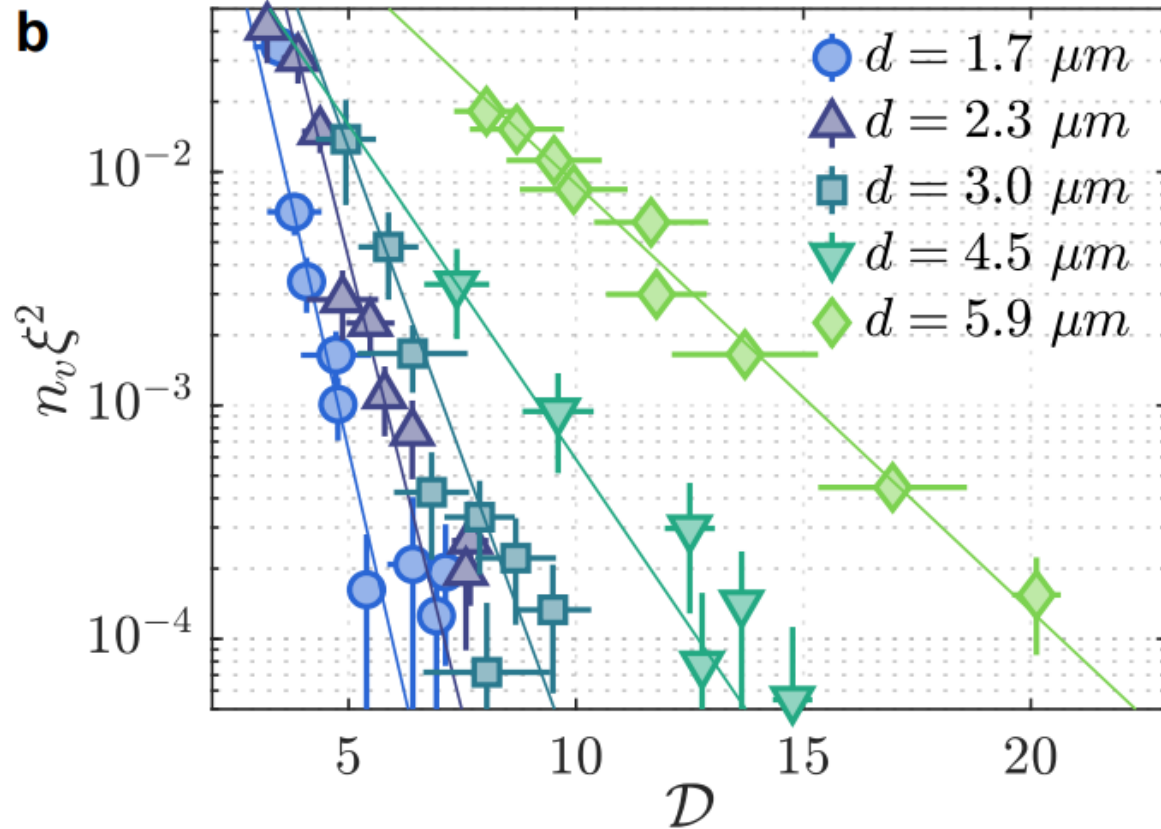
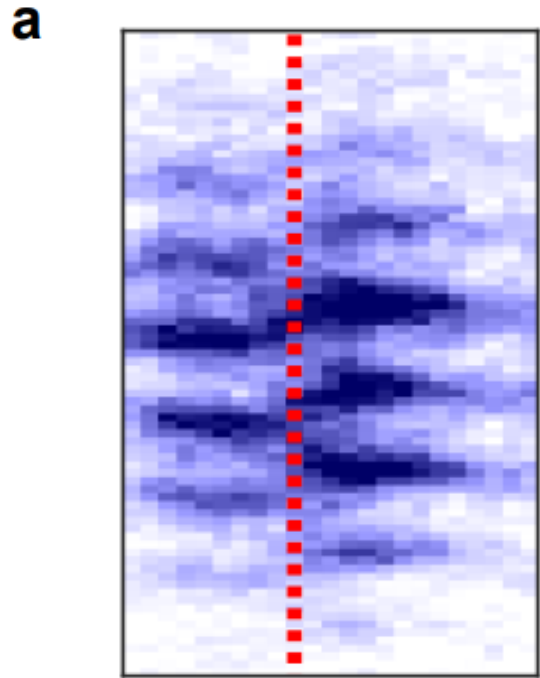


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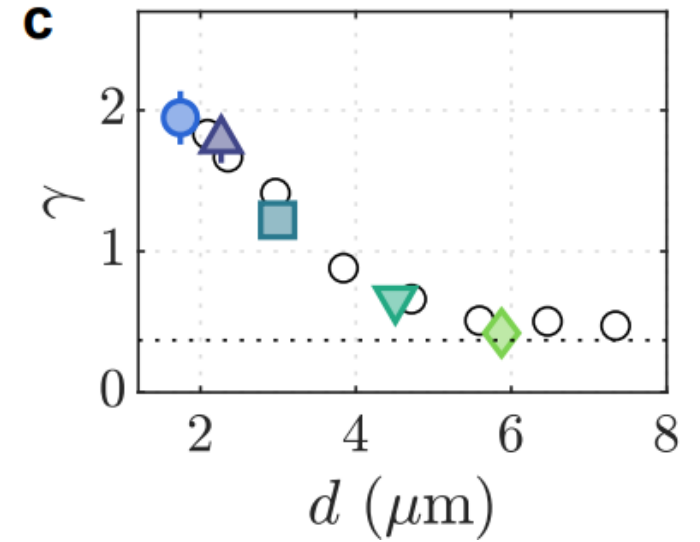


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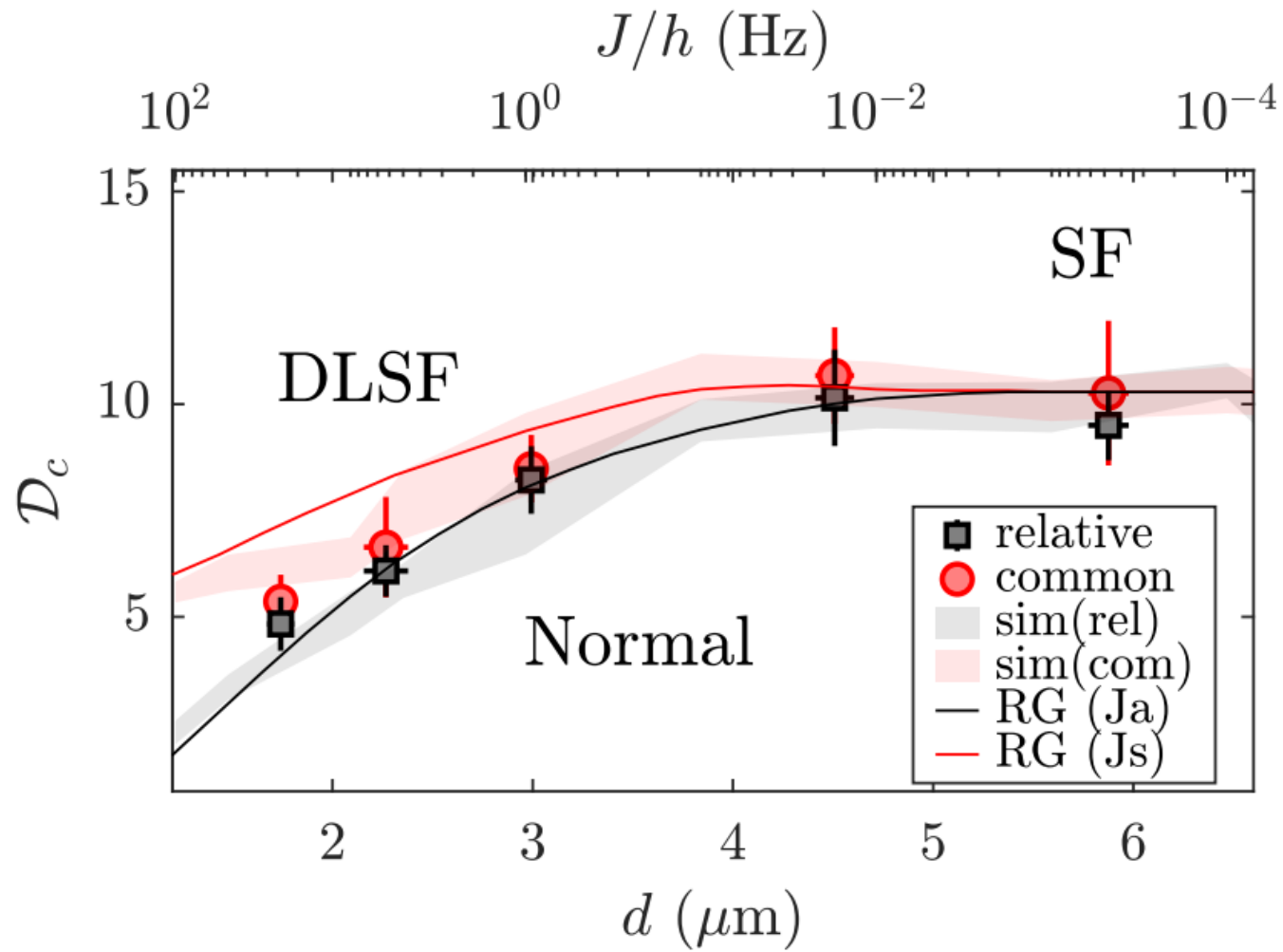
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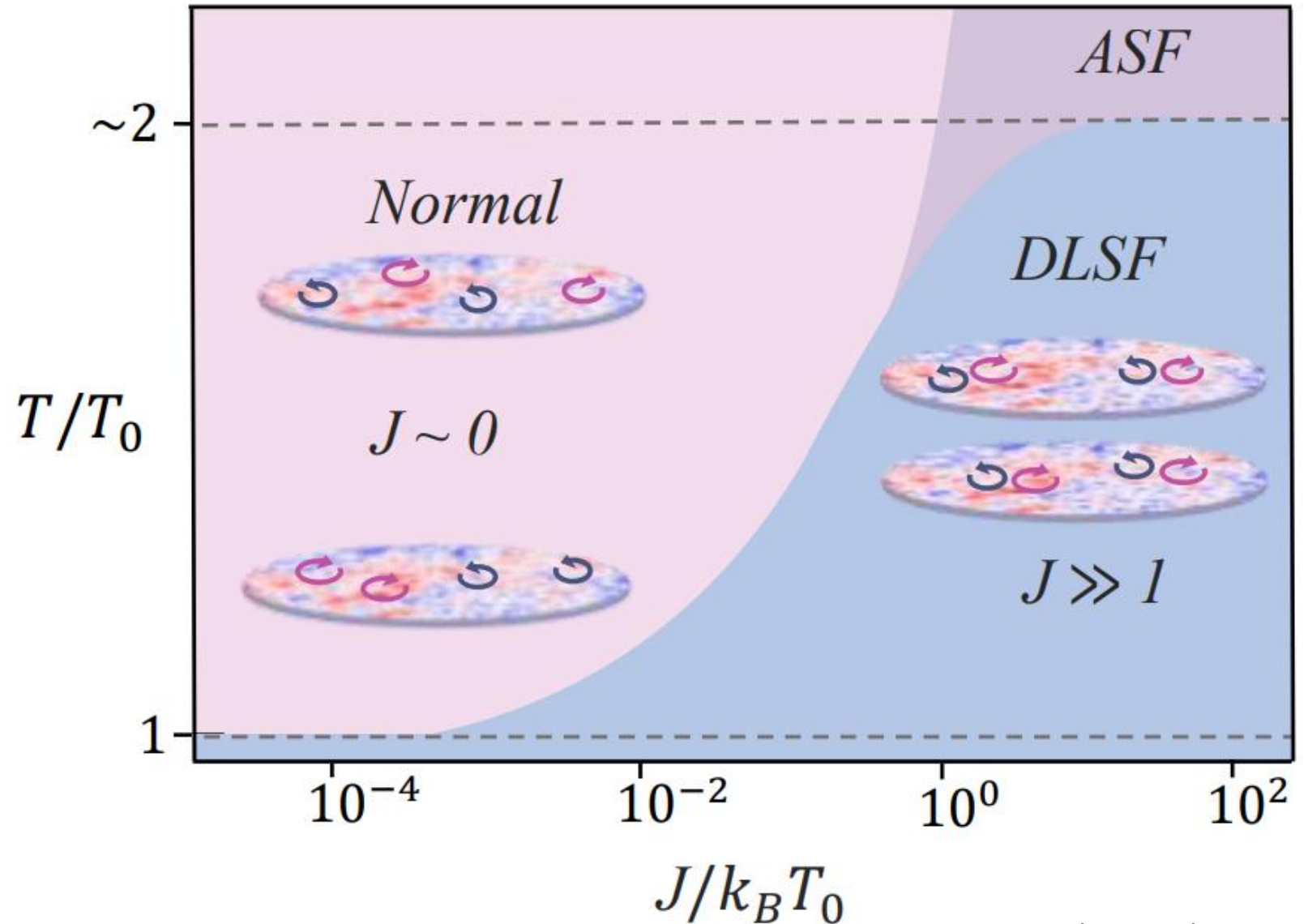


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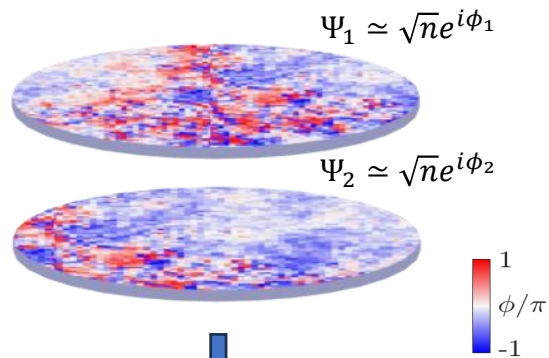
The effect of coupling: Summary

- Experimentally probed common and relative and phase coherence
- Observed tunnelling shifting the transition point of both.
- Detected suppression of vortices.

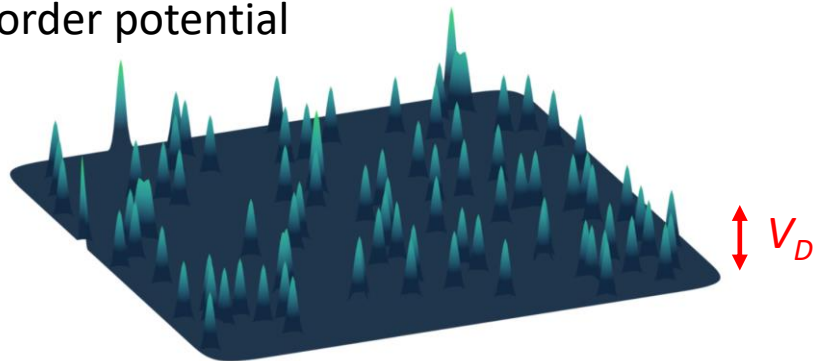


Ongoing work: disorder-induced superfluid transition

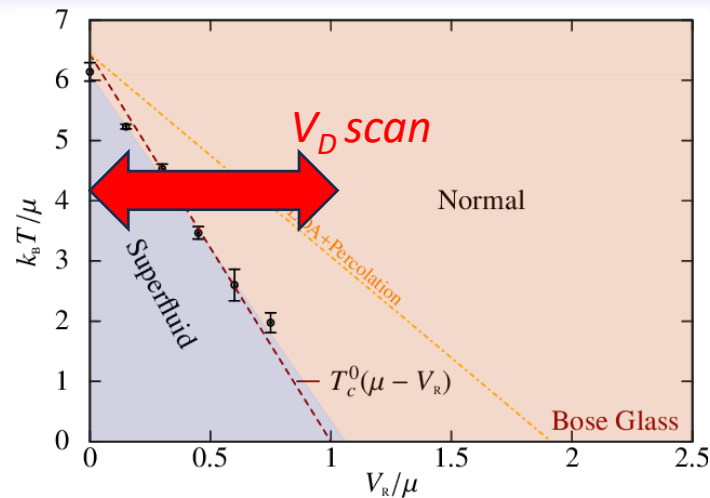
bilayer quantum gas ($J=0$)



Disorder potential



Point-like disorder potential,
or laser spackle patterns



Numerics (QMC):

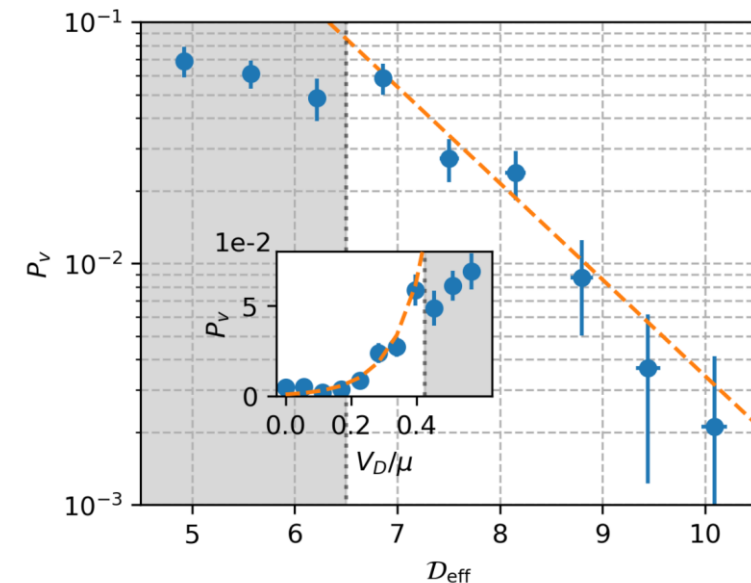
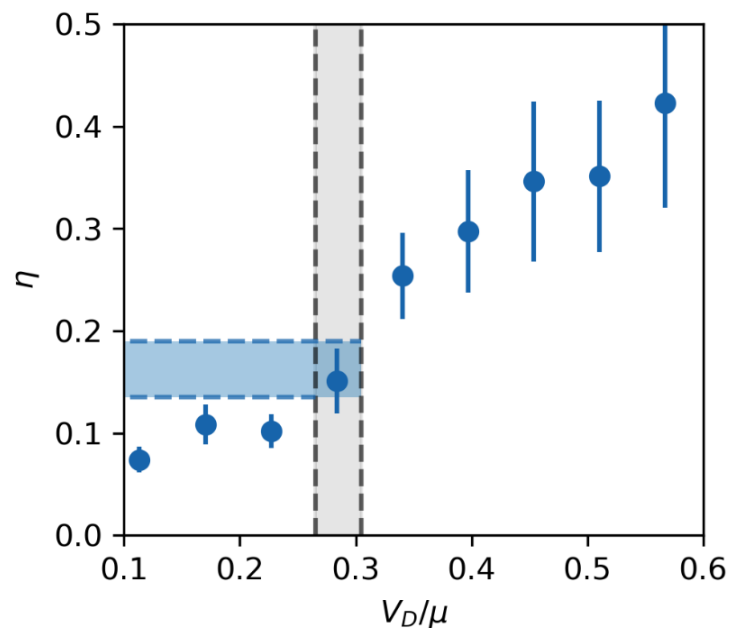
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