

# Glitches in rotating supersolids

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# Outline

- 📌 Glitches in Neutron Stars
- 📌 Ultracold matter: supersolidity
- 📌 Glitches in rotating dipolar supersolids

# Neutron Stars

Crab Pulsar



$$M \sim 1 \div 2 M_{\odot}$$

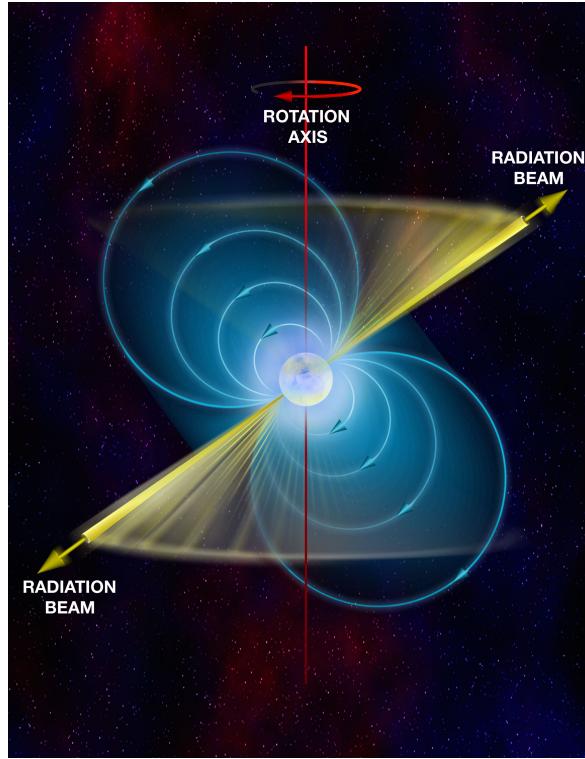
$$R \sim 10 \text{ km}$$

$$T \sim \text{keV}$$

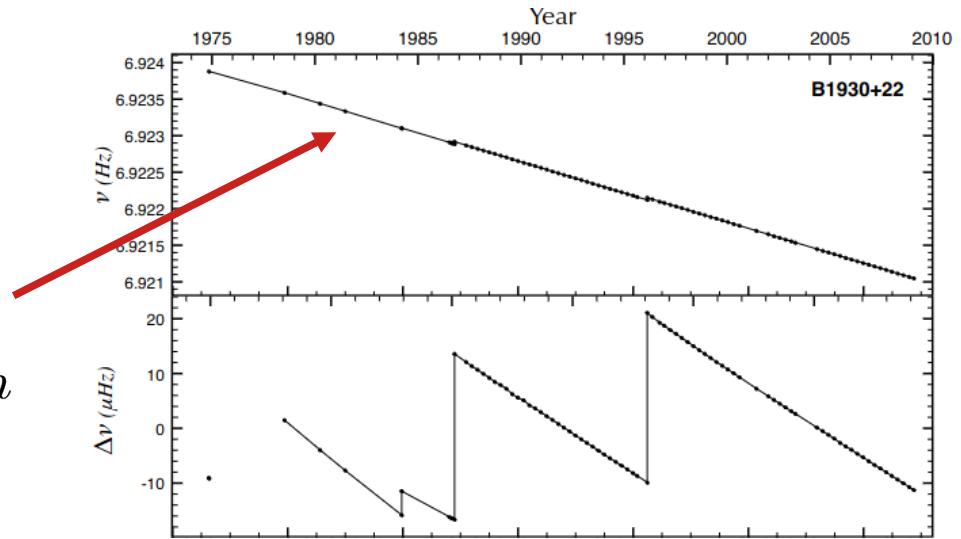
$$P \simeq 33 \text{ ms}$$

Credits: NASA (Hubble + Chandra)

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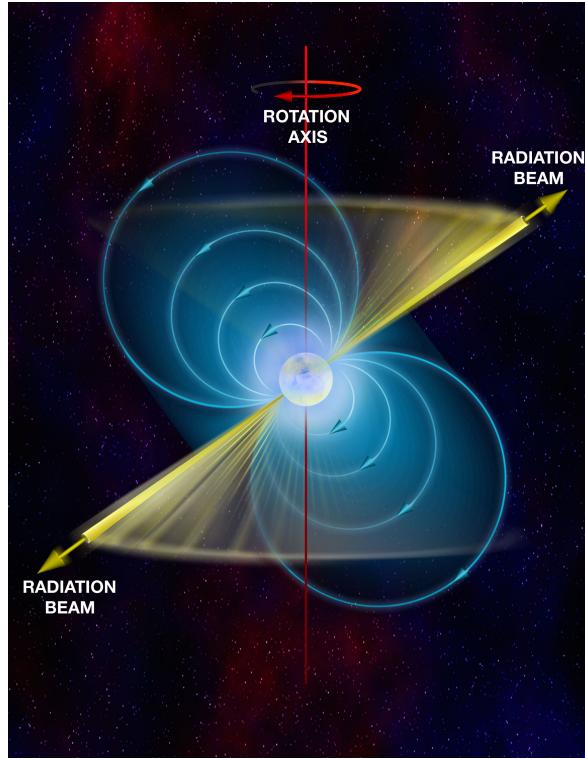


$$\text{Spin-down} \\ \dot{\Omega} \propto -\Omega^n$$



Espinoza *et al*, MNRAS, 414, 2,  
pp. 1679-1704 (2011)

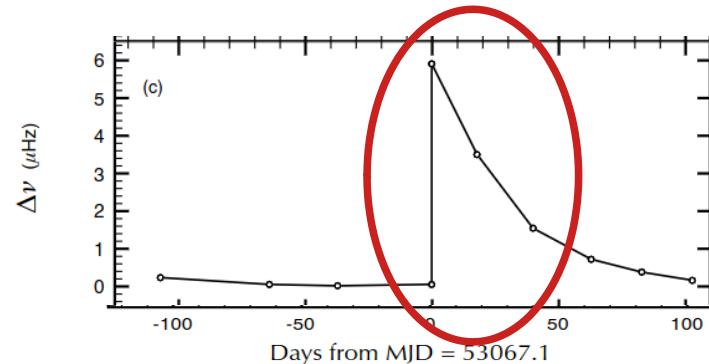
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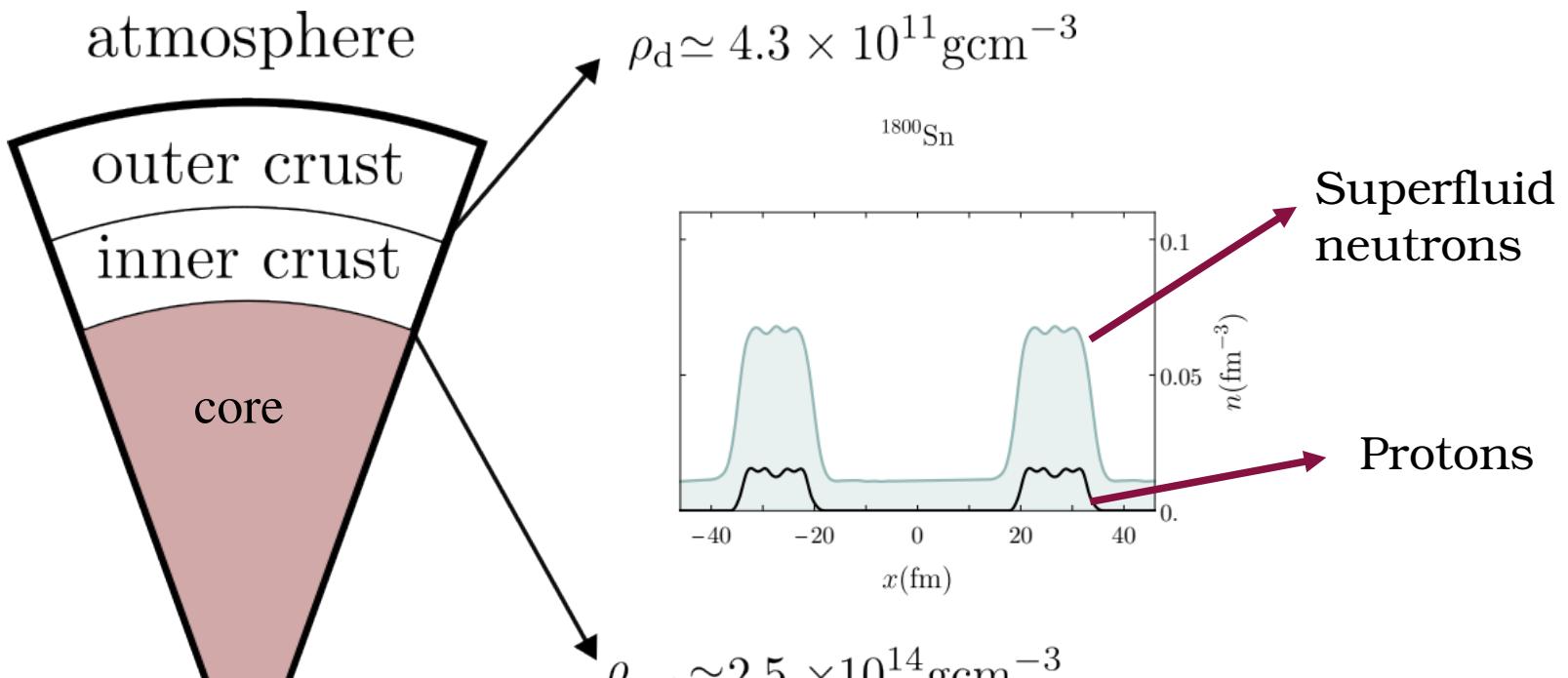
Glitch  
event

$$\dot{L}_{\text{tot}}(t) = -N_{\text{em}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Omega}{\Omega} \sim 10^{-12} \div 10^{-3}$$



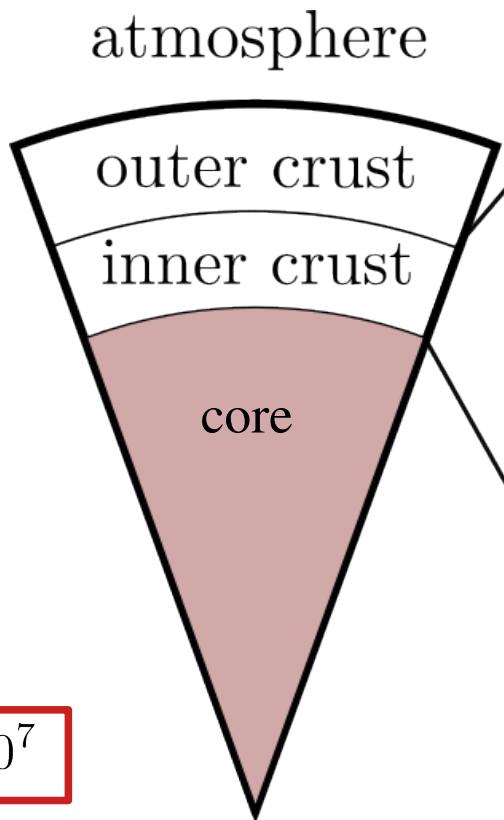
# Neutron Star structure



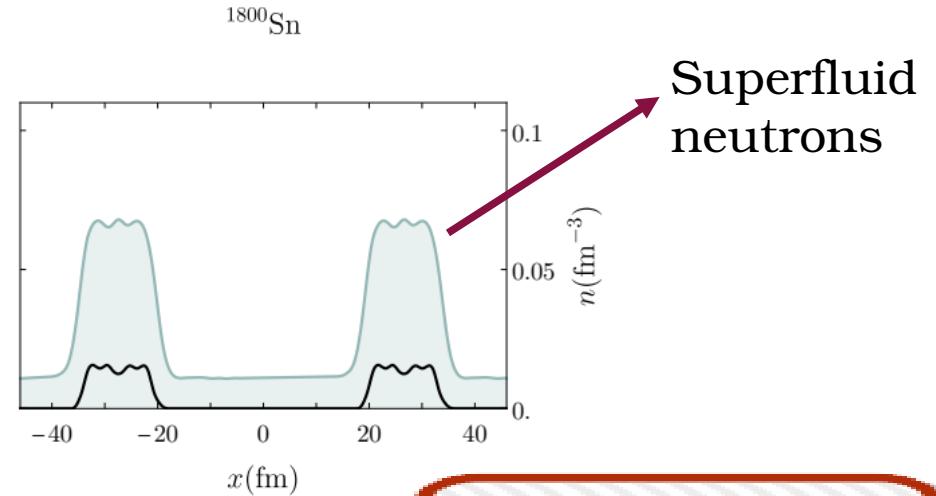
Negеле, Вautherin, Nucl. Phys.  
A207, 298 (1973)

# Neutron Star glitches

$$N_{\text{vort,glitch}} \sim 10^7$$



$$\rho_d \simeq 4.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ gcm}^{-3}$$



$$\rho_{\text{sat}} \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ gcm}^{-3}$$

Vortices unpinning creates glitches  
Warszawski, Melatos,  
MNRAS, 415, 1611 2011

# Ultracold bosons

$T(\text{K})$

Thermal gas

Dilute gas with short-range isotropic interaction

$$U_c(r) = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m} \delta(r)$$

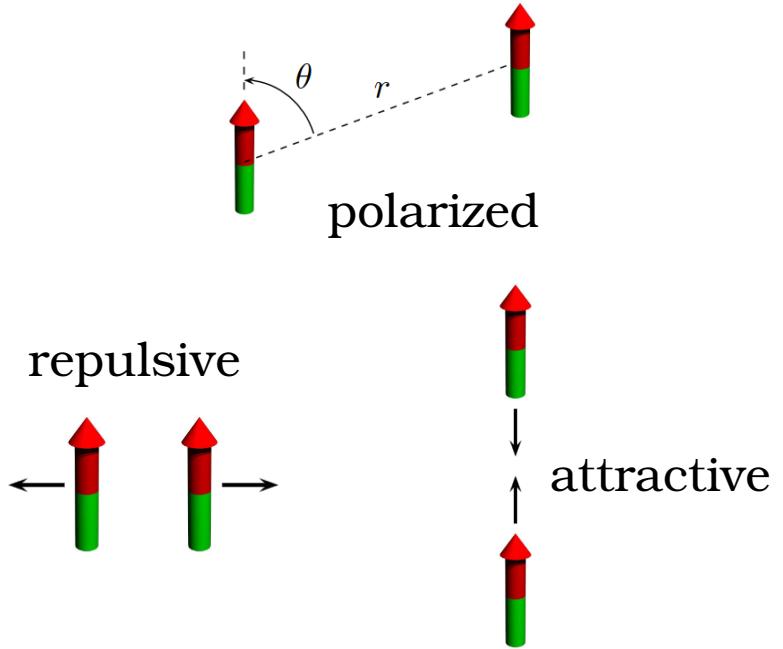
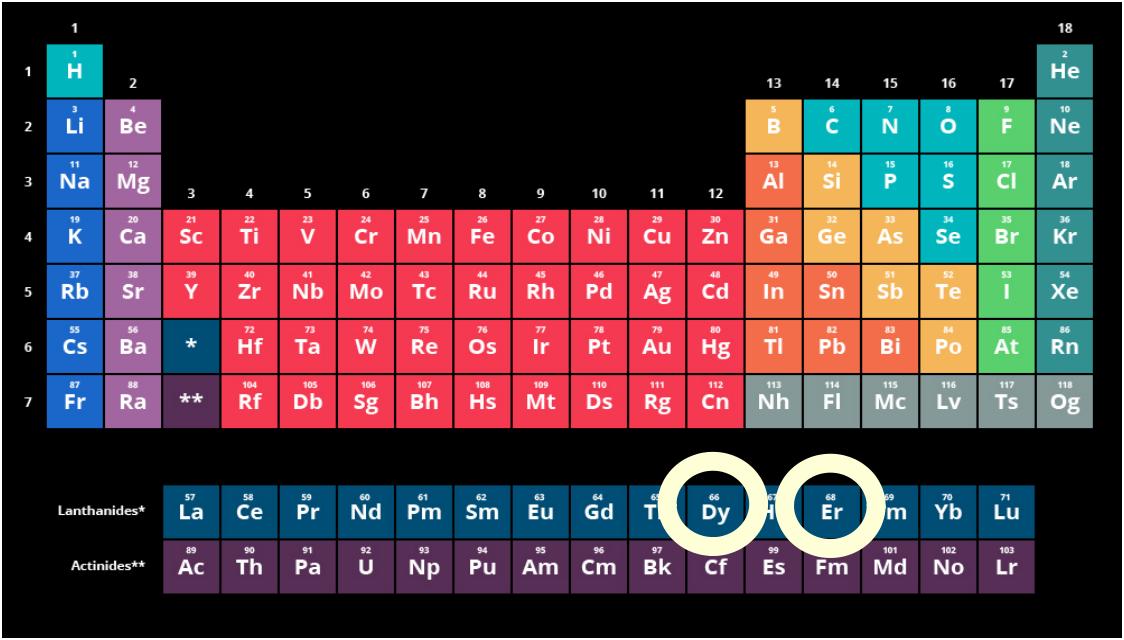
$T_c \sim \mu\text{K}$

Bose Einstein Condensate

Mean Field theory

Gross- Pitaevskii Equation

# Ultracold dipolar atoms



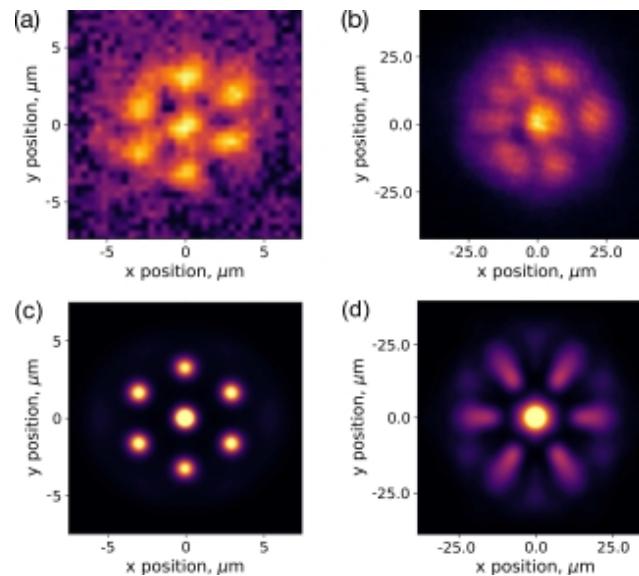
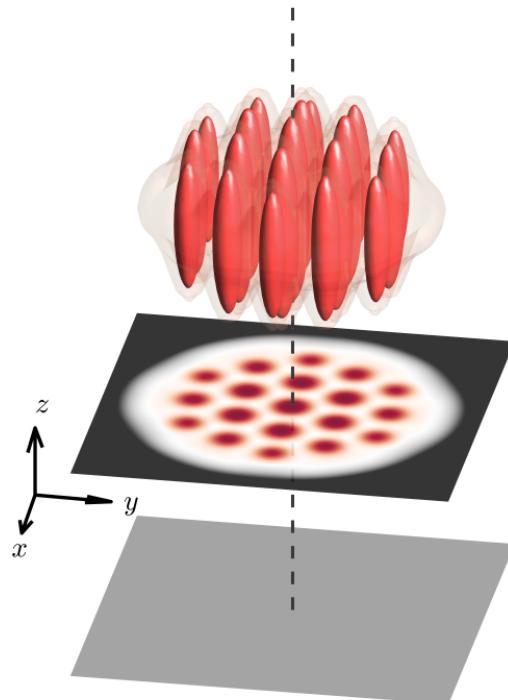
Long-range interaction  $U_{dd}(r) = \frac{3\hbar^2 a_{dd}}{m} \frac{1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta}{r^3}$

$$a_{dd} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2 m}{12\pi \hbar^2}$$

# Supersolidity

$$\epsilon_{dd} = \frac{a_{dd}}{a_s}$$

Observations of supersolid phase in MIT, Pisa/LENS, Stuttgart

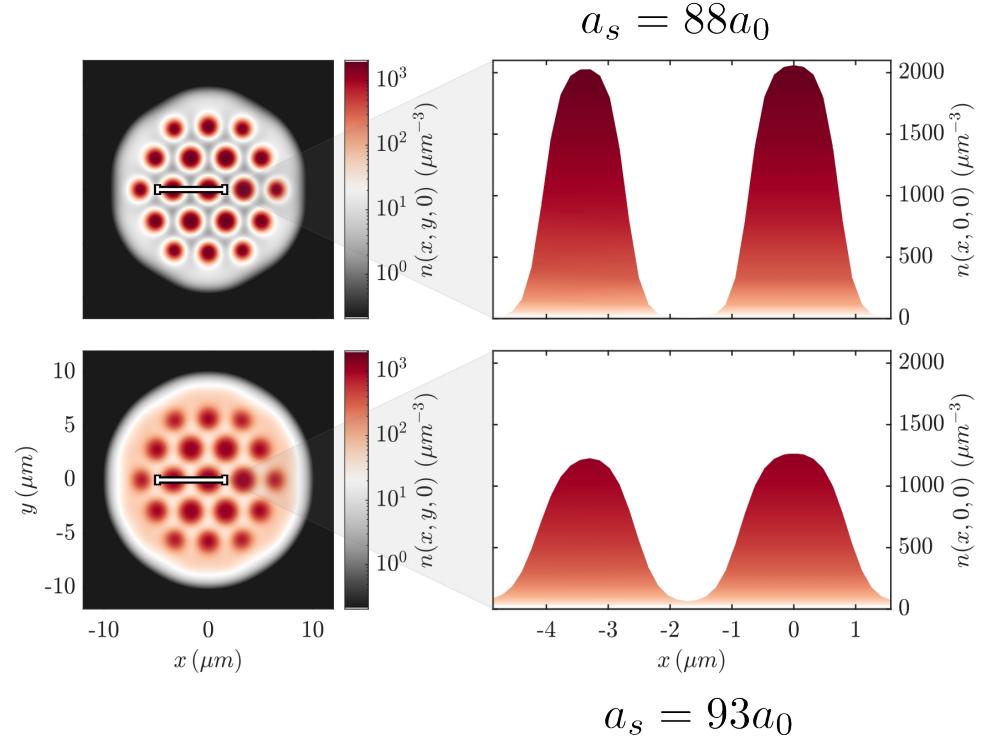
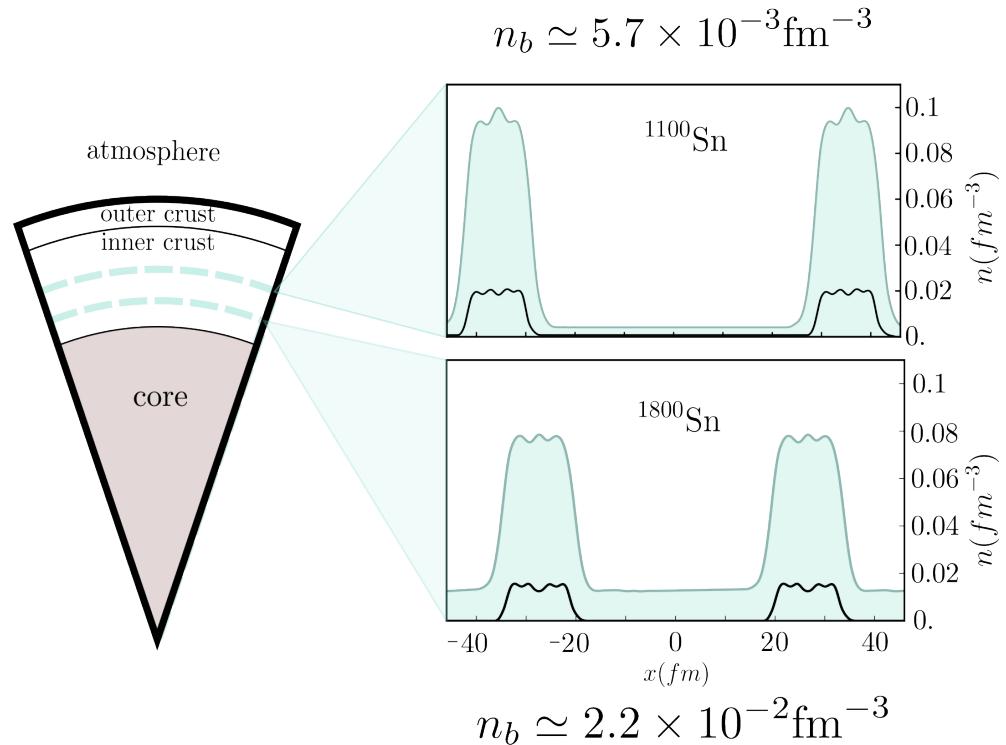


Bland *et al* PRL 128, 195302 (2022)  
[Dy experiment (top) vs numerical (bottom)]

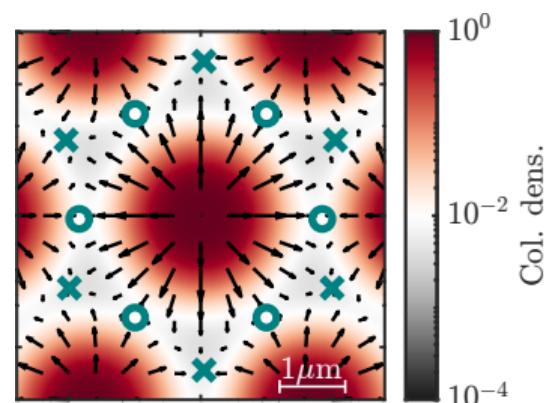
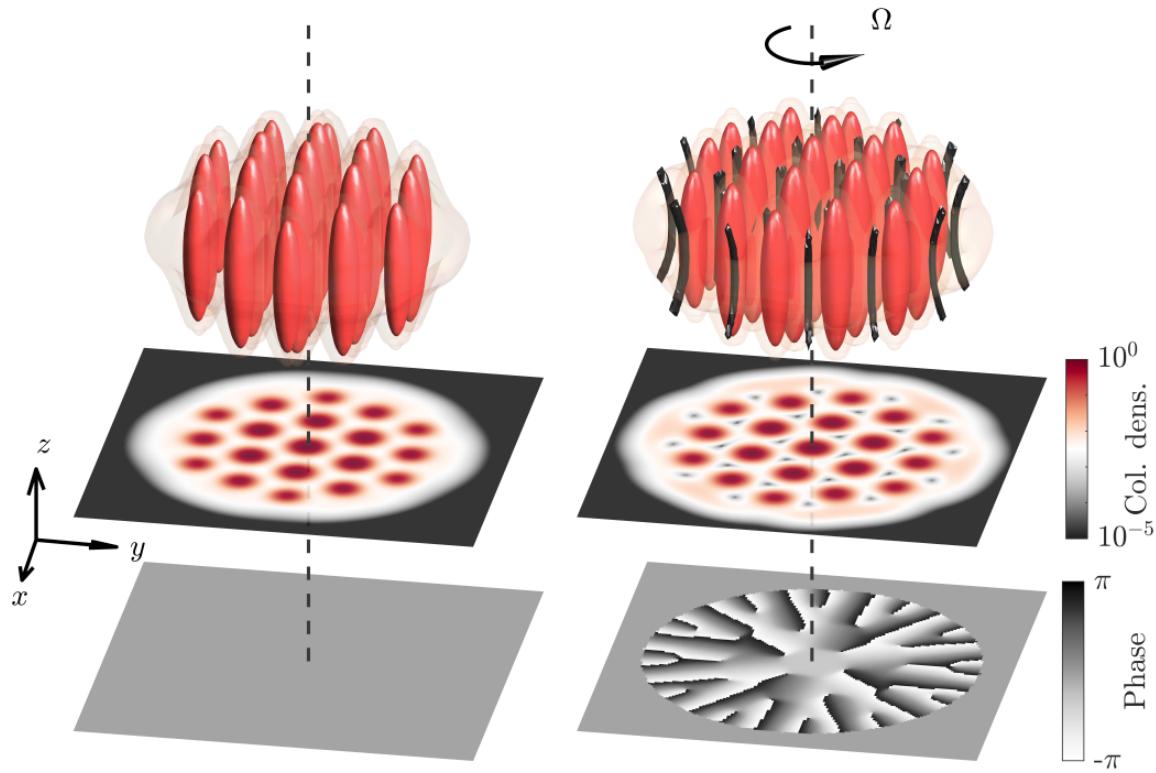
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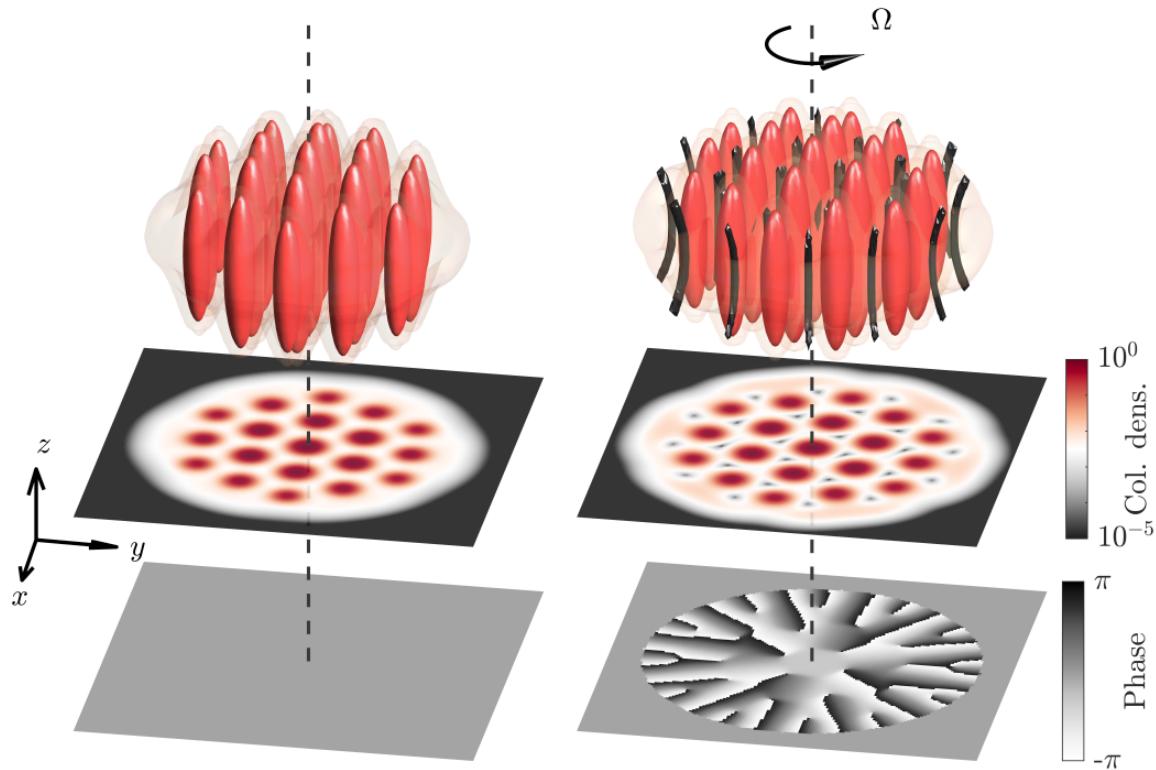
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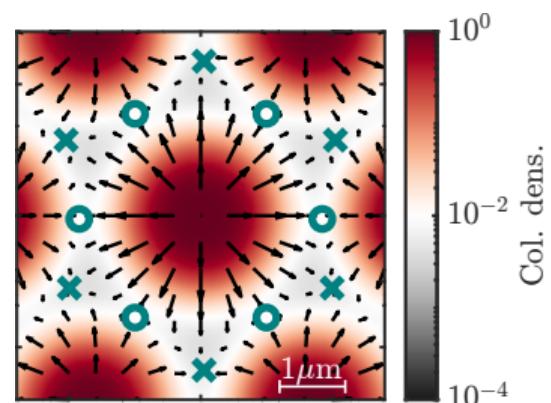
## Rotating a supersolid



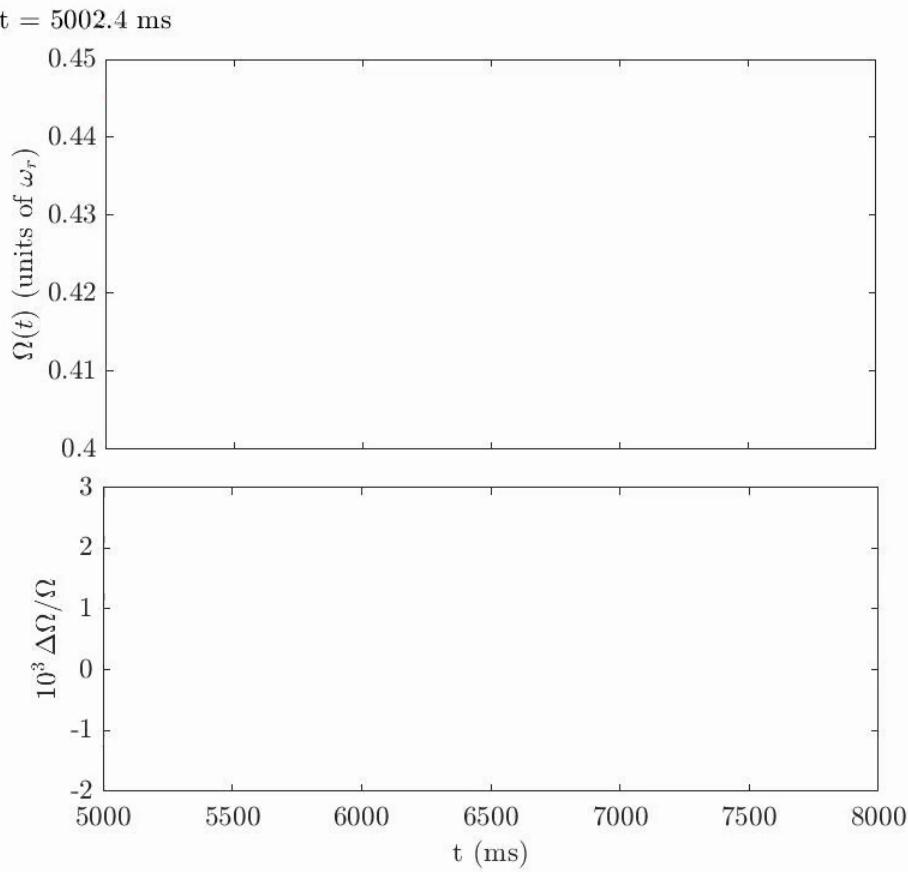
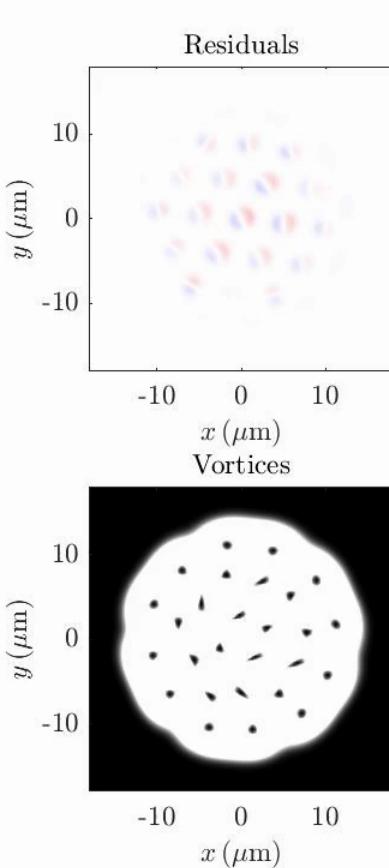
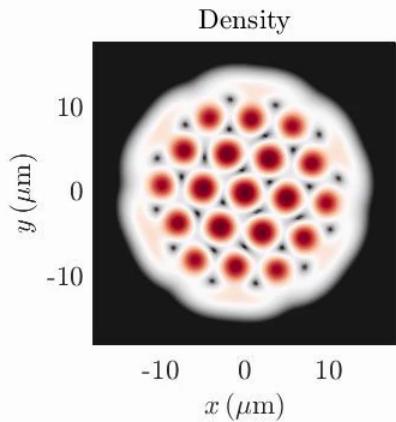
## Rotating a supersolid



$$I_s(t)\dot{\Omega}(t) = -N_{\text{em}} - \dot{I}_s(t)\Omega(t) - \dot{L}_{\text{vort}}(t)$$



# Glitches in supersolids



Parameters     $a_s = 91a_0$ ,     $\gamma = 0.05$ ,     $N_{\text{em}} = 4.3 \times 10^{-35} \text{ kg m}^2/\text{s}^2$      $\omega_{\text{trap}} = 2\pi \times (50, 130) \text{ Hz}$      $N = 3 \times 10^5$

# Summary

- Numerical observation of supersolid glitches
- Simulations of inner crust vortex interstitial pinning
- Observation of crystal oscillations and vortices percolation



Scalability of pulse shape with number of vortices involved



Investigate different spin-downs to mimic  $\dot{\Omega} \propto -\Omega^n$



Extension to nuclear pinning

Thank you for the attention!

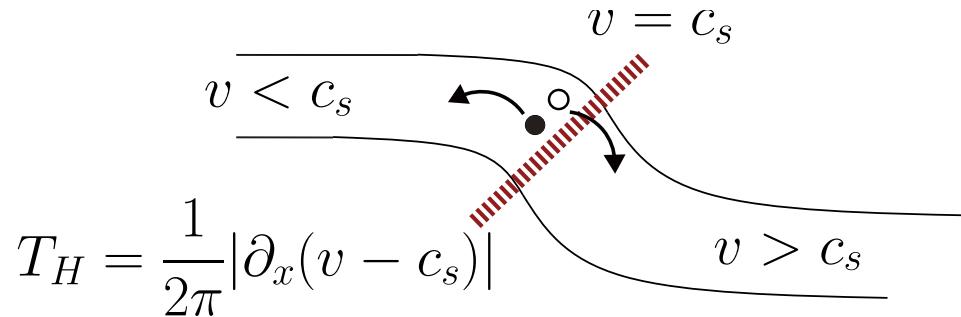
# Backup slides

# Dissipation at the acoustic horizon

# Acoustic gravity analogs

Inviscid, barotropic irrotational flow at T=0

Scale separation: background + fluctuations



Unruh PRL 1970  
Barcelo *et al* , Liv.Rev. In Rel.,

Covariant kinetic theory for phonons:  $f(x, p)$  distribution function

$$T_{\text{ph}}^{\mu\nu} = \int p^\mu p^\nu f(x, p) d\mathcal{P}$$

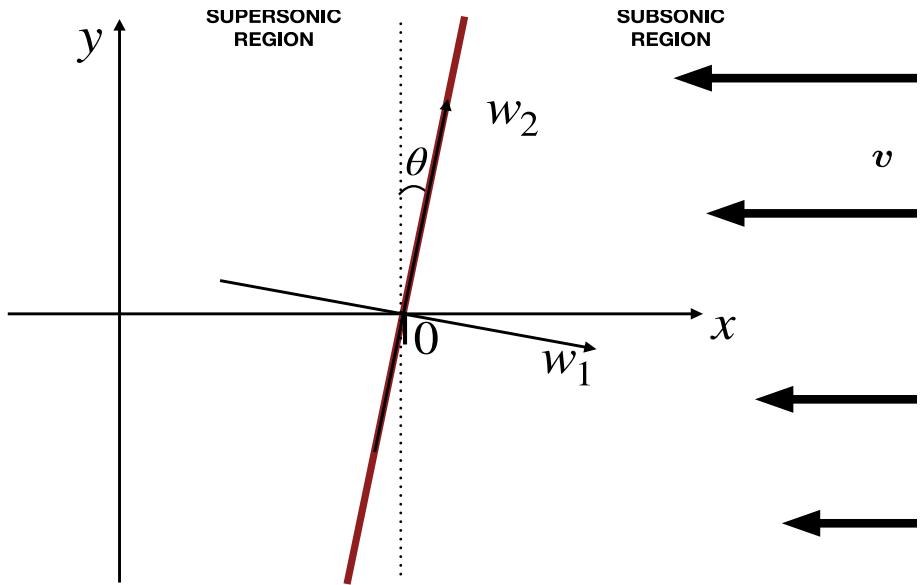
$$s_{\text{ph}}^\alpha = - \int p^\alpha [f \ln f - (1 + f) \ln(1 + f)] d\mathcal{P}$$



measure in momentum space

$$v_x \simeq c_s - 2\pi T_H x + ky$$

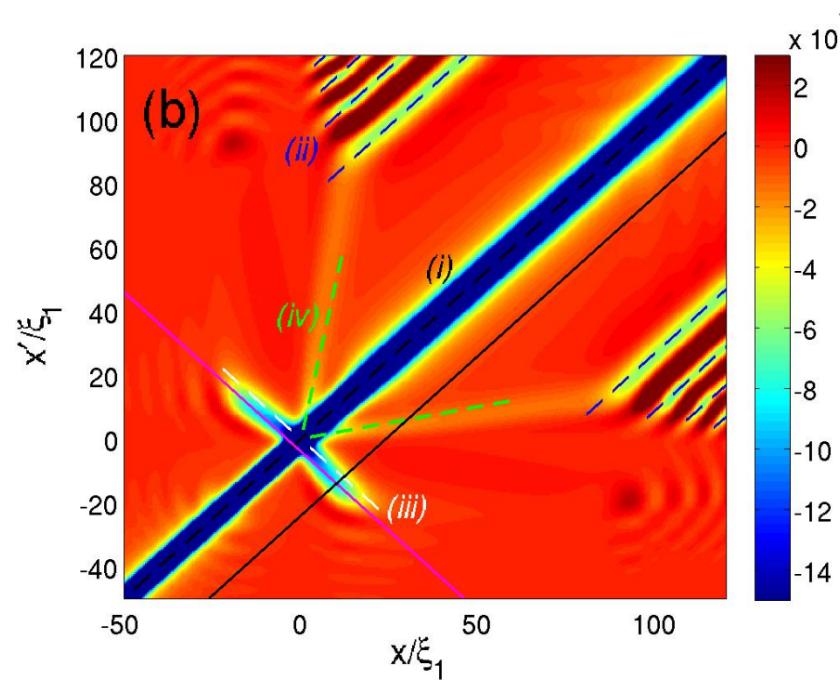
$$\sigma'_{ij} = \eta(\partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i) + \zeta \delta_{ix} \delta_{jx} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$



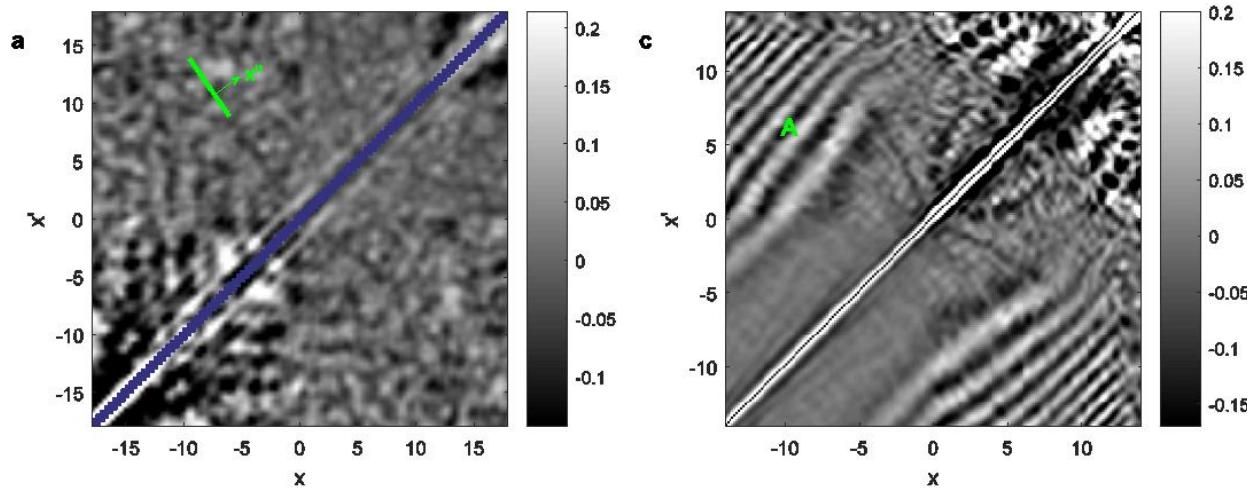
$$T_{ij}^{\text{ph}} = \sigma'_{ij} \quad \text{yields} \quad \frac{\zeta}{s_{\text{ph}}} = \frac{\eta}{s_{\text{ph}}} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

# Correlation functions

Hawking-like emission is encoded in the density-density correlation function



# Experimental observation of Hawking-like emission (left) vs numerics (right)



# A new approach

Effective Field Theory for inhomogeneous flows based on perturbation theory

Scale separation  $\rho = \rho_0 + \tilde{\rho}, \theta = \theta_0 + \tilde{\theta} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Psi(x) = (\tilde{\rho}(x), \tilde{\theta}(x))^t$

Partition function  $Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}\Psi \exp \left( i\mathcal{S}[\Psi] + i \int d^d x J^t(x) \Psi(x) \right),$

$$\mathcal{S}[\Psi] = \int d^d x \int d^d x' \frac{1}{2} \Psi^t(x) D^{-1}(x, x') \Psi(x')$$

$$D^{-1}(x, x') = \delta^d(x - x') \begin{pmatrix} -\square - \tilde{m}^2 & V^\mu \partial_\mu \\ -V^\mu \partial_\mu & -B^2 \square \end{pmatrix}$$

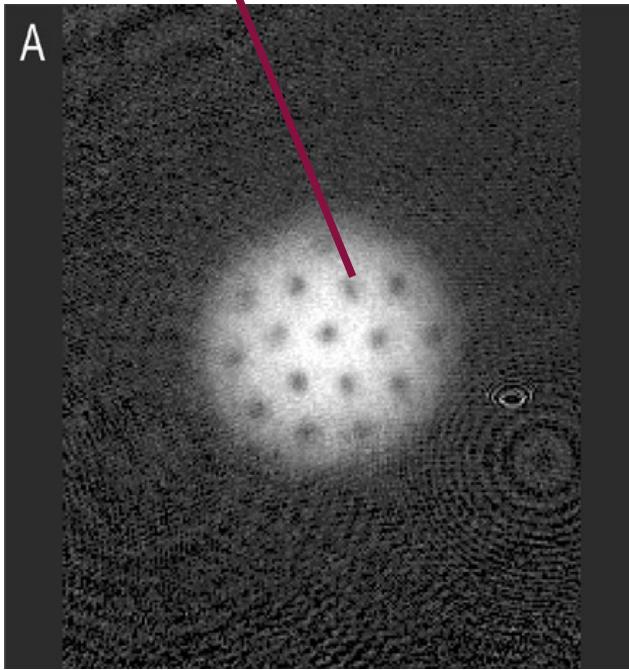
# Glitches - Backup slides

# Angular momentum in BECs



Vortex core

BEC experiment



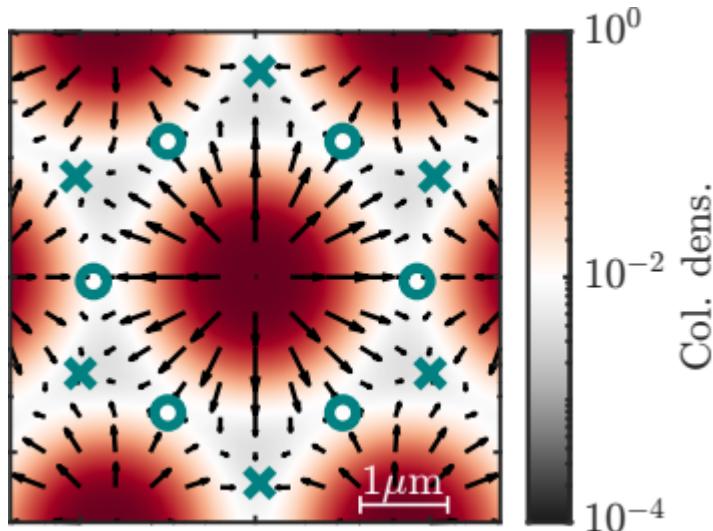
Vortices arrange in triangular Abrikosov lattice

$$L_z = N_{\text{vort}} \ell_z$$

No inertia

# Angular momentum in supersolids

$$a_s = 90a_0, \quad \omega_{\text{trap}} = 2\pi \times (50, 130)\text{Hz}$$



$$I_{\text{rigid}}(t) = \langle x^2 + y^2 \rangle_{\Psi(t)}$$

$$I_s(t) = \alpha I_{\text{rigid}}(t)$$

$$L_s(t) = I_s(t)\Omega(t)$$

related to the  
“amount”  
superfluidity

Legget PRL, 25, 1543 (1970)

Educated ansatz

$$L_{\text{tot}}(t) = L_s(t) + L_{\text{vort}}(t)$$

X = stable  
O = metastable

# Evolution

Given       $\dot{L}_{\text{tot}}(t) = -N_{\text{em}}$

$$I_s(t)\dot{\Omega}(t) = -N_{\text{em}} - \dot{I}_s(t)\Omega(t) - \dot{L}_{\text{vort}}(t)$$

feedback

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi = (1 - i\gamma)[\mathcal{L}[\Psi; a_s, a_{\text{dd}}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{trap}}] - \Omega(t)\hat{L}_z]\Psi$$

eGPE

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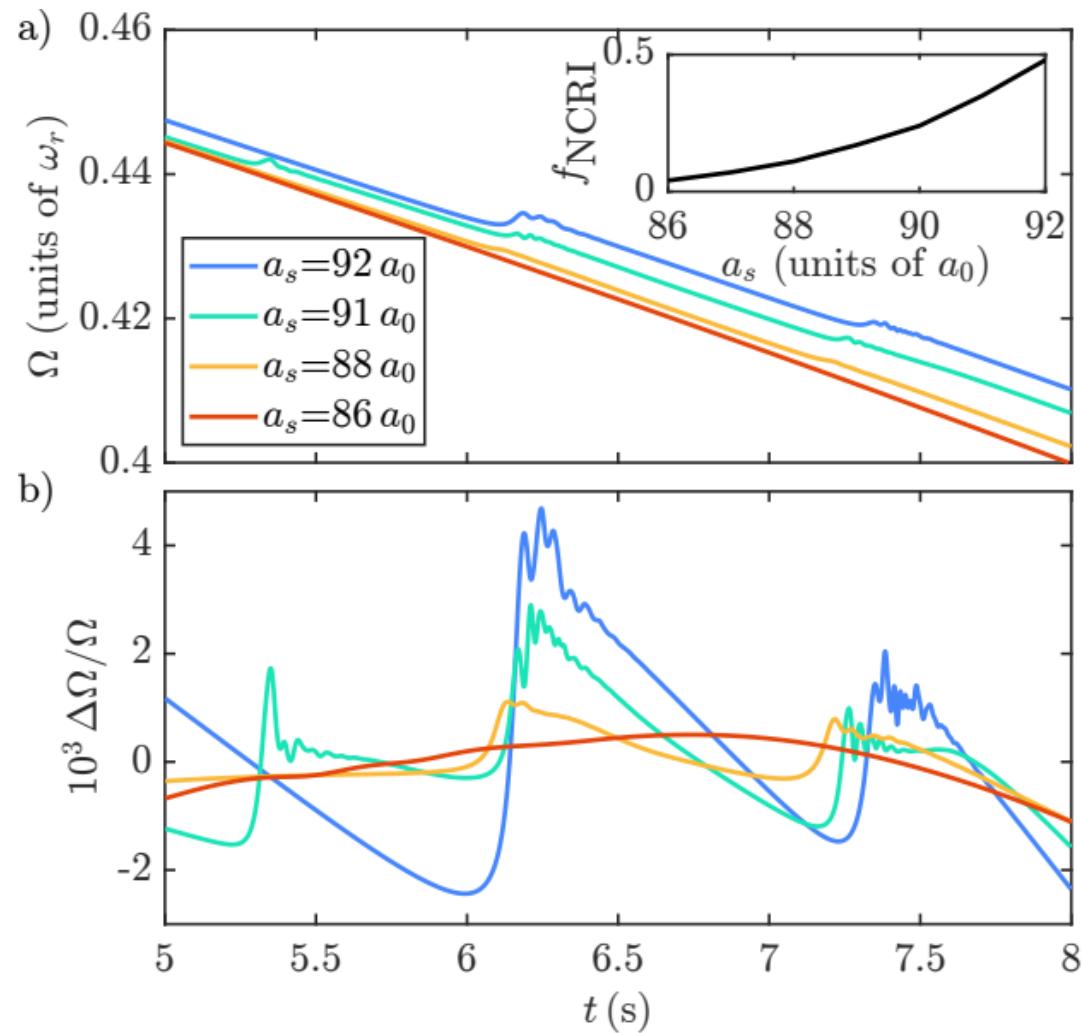
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Dissipation

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar\partial_t\Psi &= (1 - i\gamma)[\mathcal{L}[\Psi; a_s, a_{\text{dd}}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{trap}}] - \Omega(t)\hat{L}_z]\Psi \\ \mathcal{L}[\Psi; a_s, a_{\text{dd}}, \boldsymbol{\omega}] &= -\frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m[\omega_r^2(x^2 + y^2) + \omega_z^2z^2] \\ &\quad + \int d^3r' [U_c(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') + U_{\text{dd}}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')] |\Psi(\mathbf{r}', t)|^2 + \gamma_{\text{QF}}|\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^3 - \mu, \end{aligned}$$

# Numerical evolution

- 1) Imaginary time evolution to extract the ground state wavefunction in the rotating frame for fixed  $a_s$ ,  $a_{dd}$  and  $\Omega$
- 2) Extract the value of  $f_{\text{NCRI}} = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle \hat{L}_z \rangle_\Psi}{\Omega}$
- 3) Given an initial value of angular velocity, start the numerical evolution with eGPE
- 4) Use the update rule of the feedback- mechanism to get the new angular velocity
- 5) Insert the new value in the eGPE, continue the numerical evolution

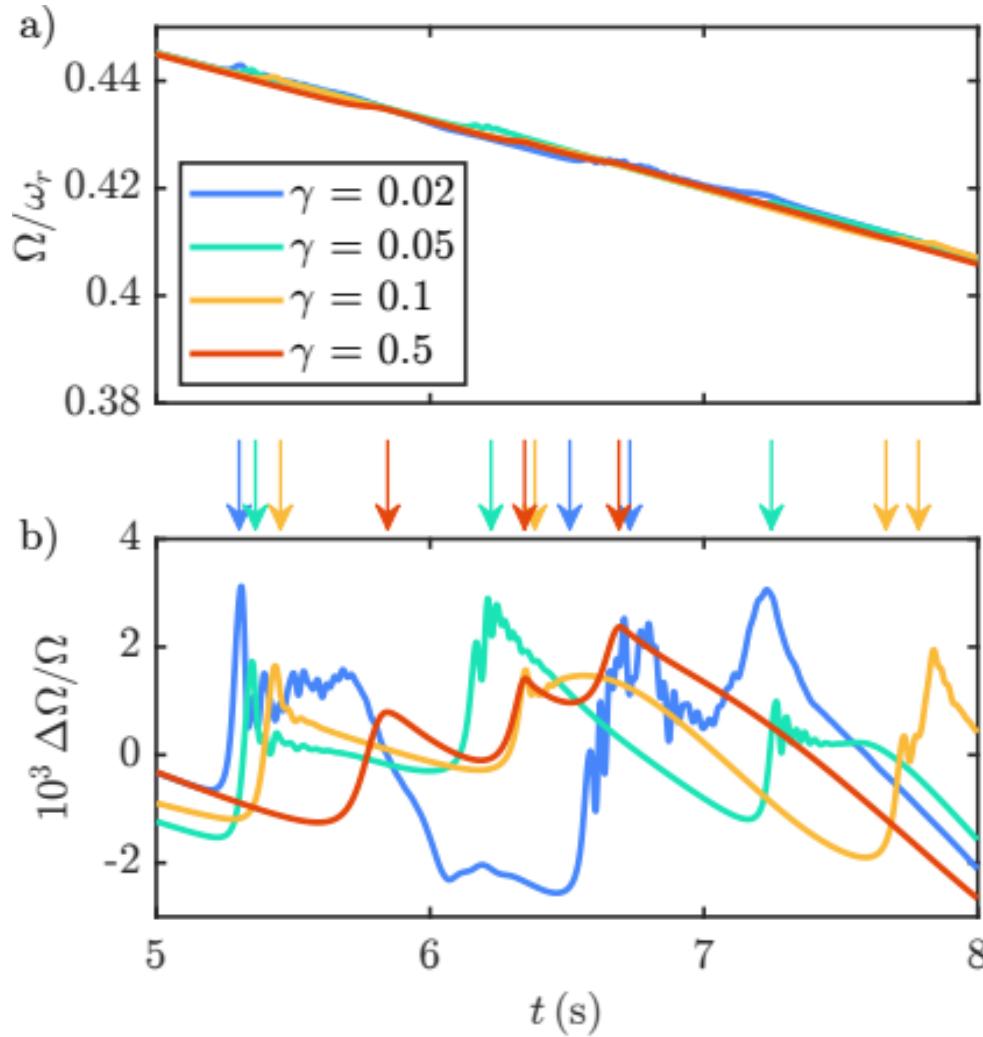


$$I_s(t) = \alpha I_{\text{rigid}}(t)$$

$$\alpha = 1 - f_{\text{NCRI}}$$

- Parameters

$$N_{\text{em}} = 4.3 \times 10^{-35} \text{ kg m}^2/\text{s}^2, \quad \gamma = 0.05, \quad \Omega_{\text{init}} = 0.5\omega_r.$$



Different values of  $\gamma$  mimic different coupling with the outer crust

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