

# Topological Edge & Surface States of Superfluid $^3\text{He}$

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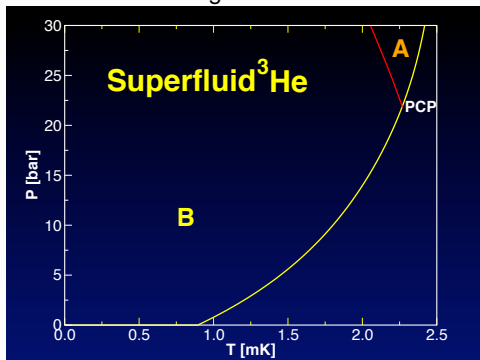
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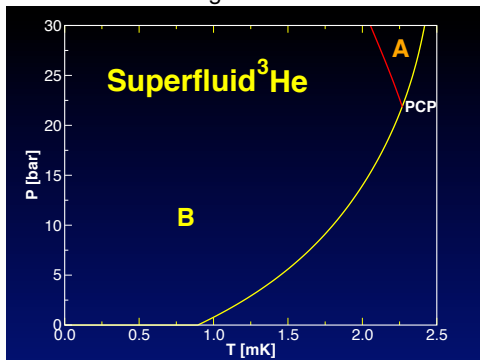
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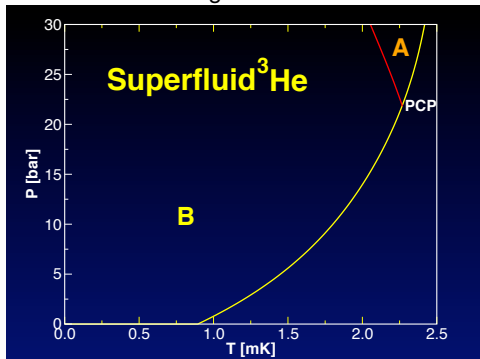


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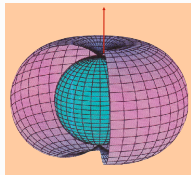
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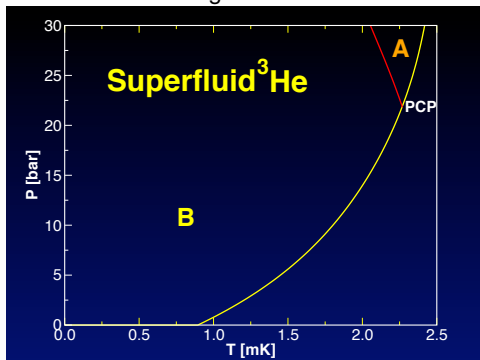
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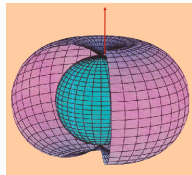
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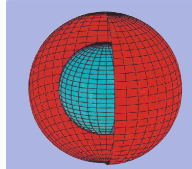
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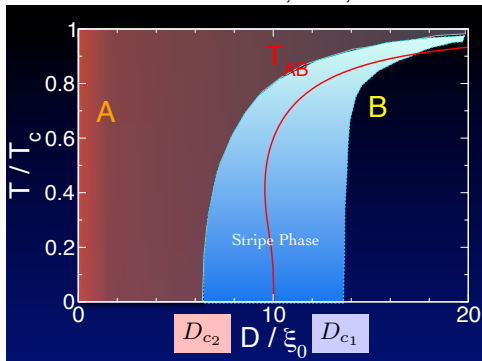
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# Superfluid Phases of $^3\text{He}$ - Confined Geometry

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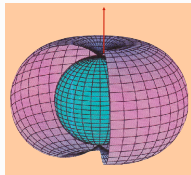
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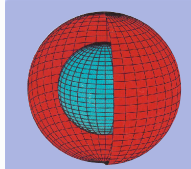
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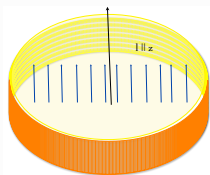
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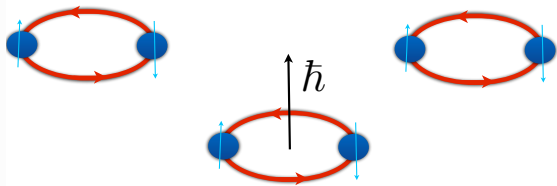
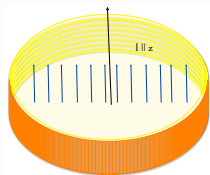
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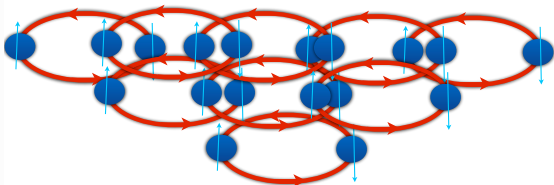
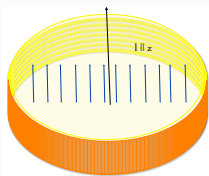
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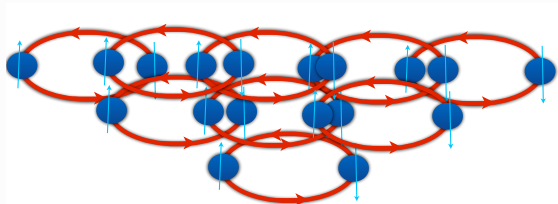
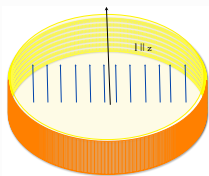
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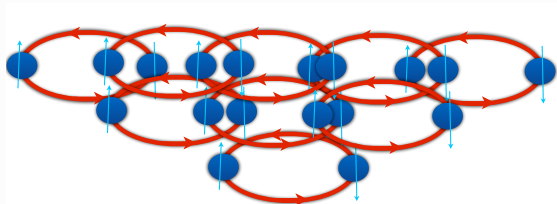
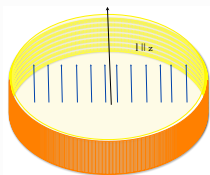
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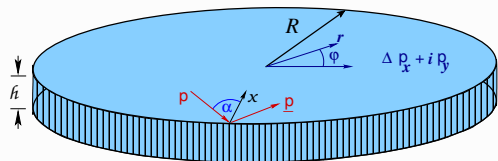


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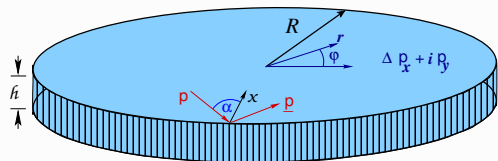
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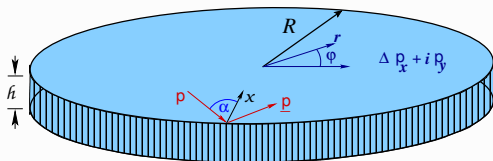
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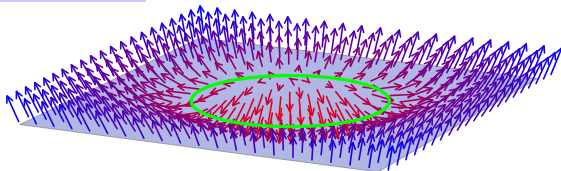
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Nambu-Momentum Representation with particle-hole (iso-spin) matrices  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}} = (\hat{\tau}_1, \hat{\tau}_2, \hat{\tau}_3)$

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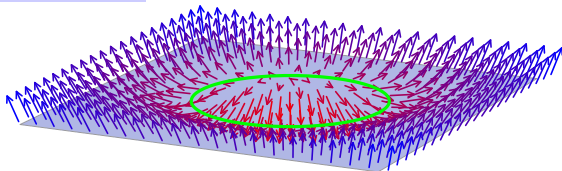
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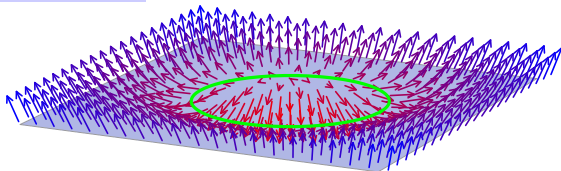
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Zero Energy Fermions



Confined on the Edge

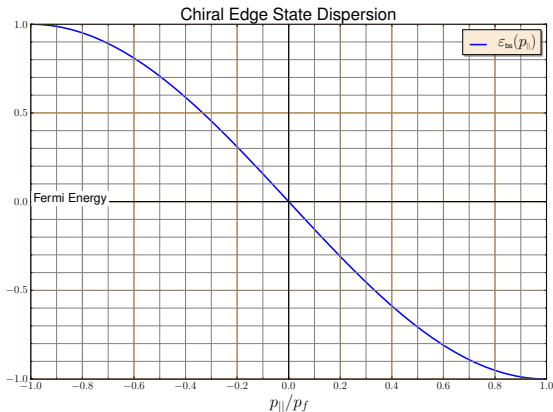
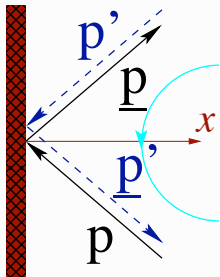
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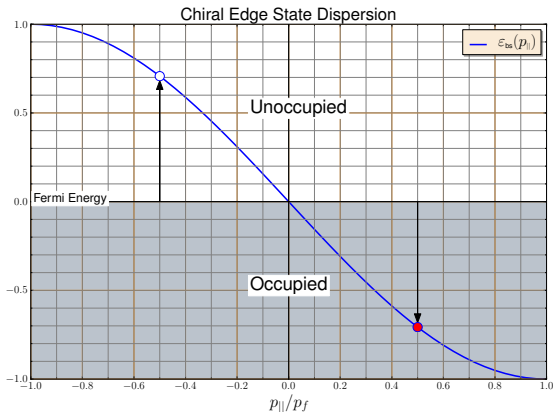
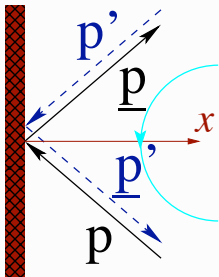
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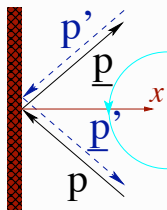
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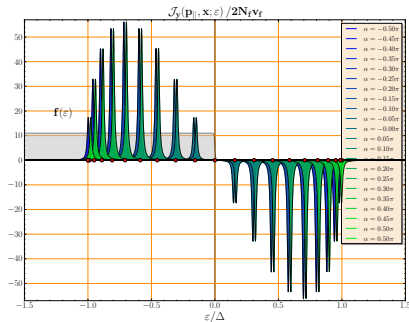
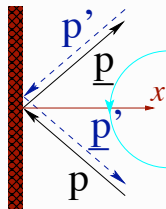
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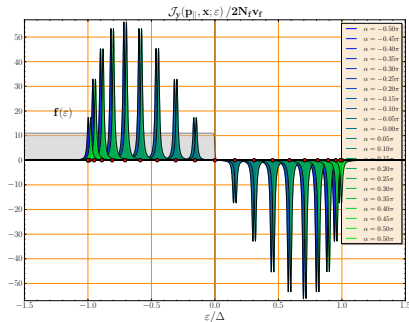
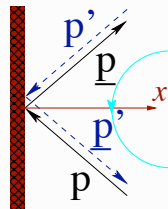
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Pair Time-Reversed Trajectories

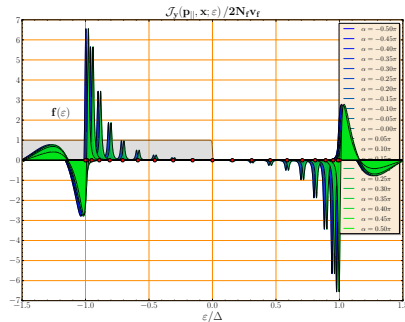
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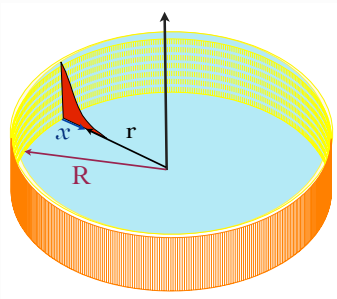
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Topological Edge & Surface States of Superfluid  $^3\text{He}$

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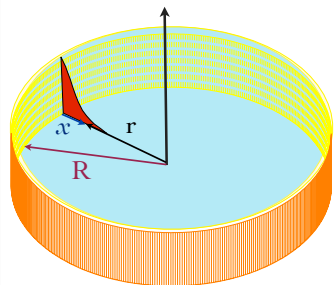


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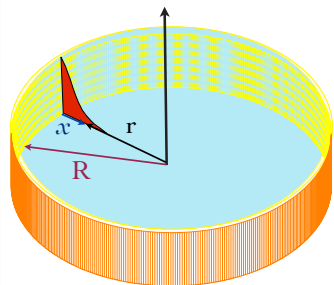
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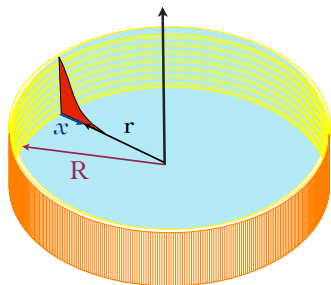
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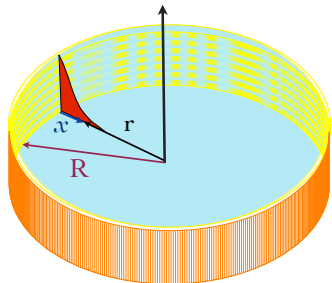
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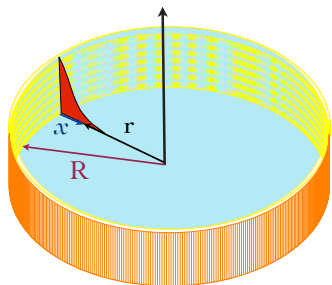
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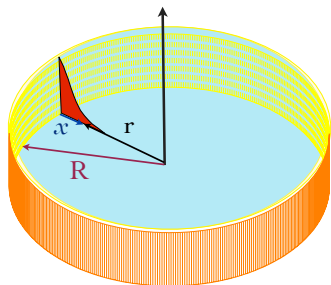
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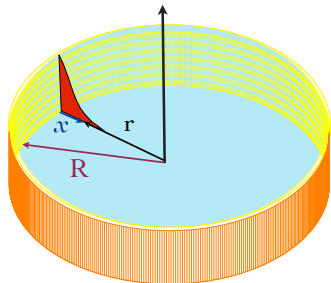
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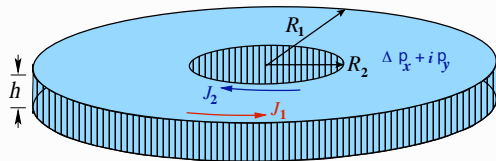
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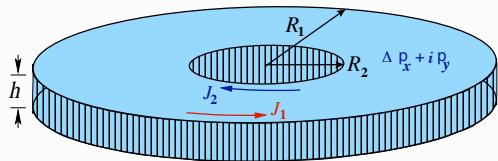


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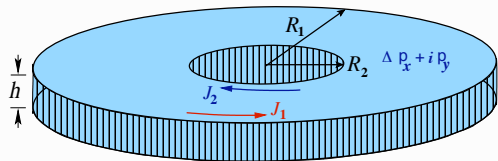
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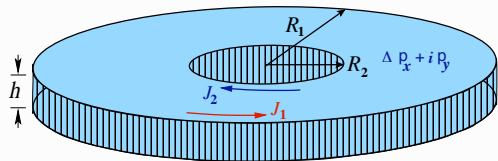
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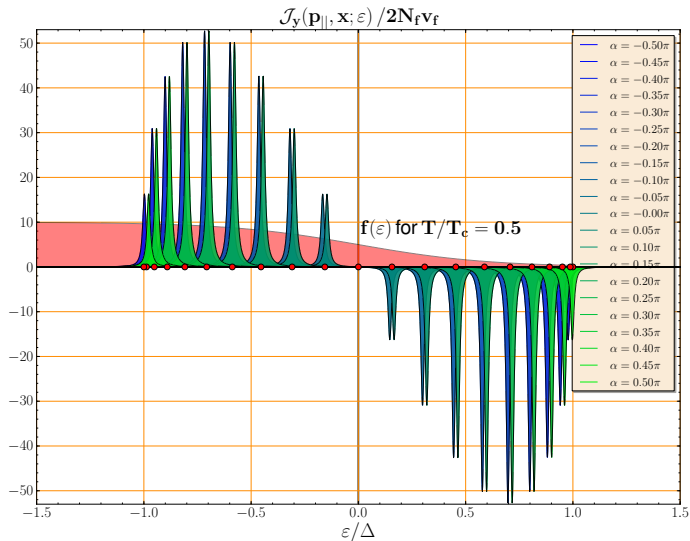
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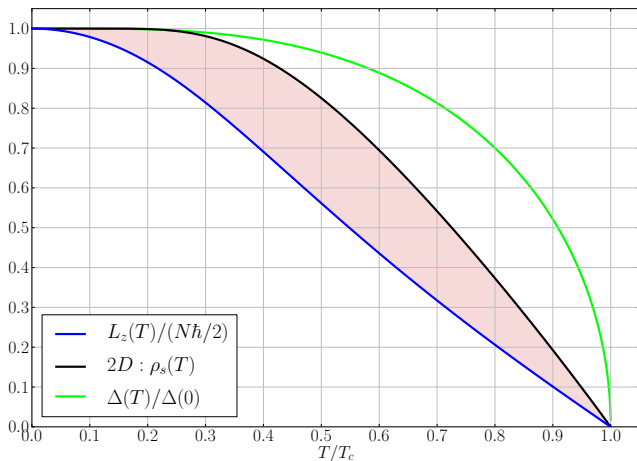
McClure-Takagi Result

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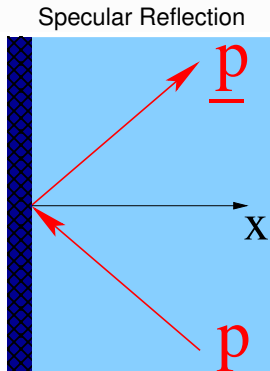


# Angular Momentum of $^3\text{He-A}$ vs. Temperature

$$L_z = (N/2)\hbar \times \mathcal{Y}_{L_z}(T) \quad \mathcal{Y}_{L_z}(T) \approx 1 - c(T/\Delta)^2, \quad T \ll \Delta$$

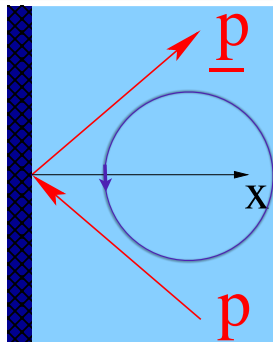


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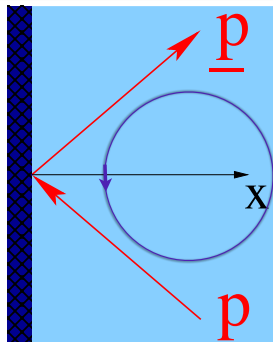
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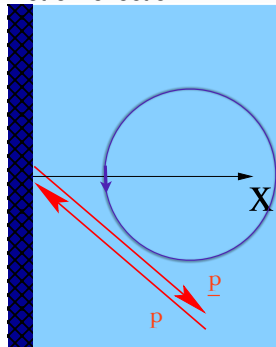


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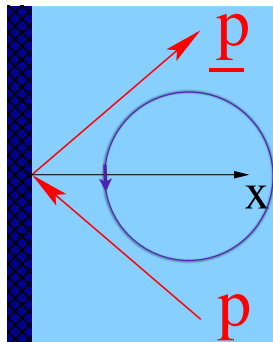
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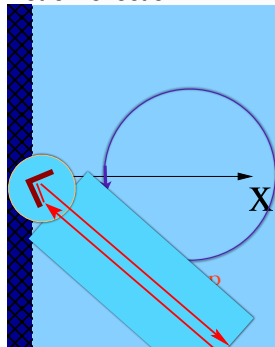
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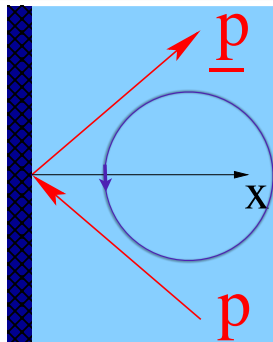
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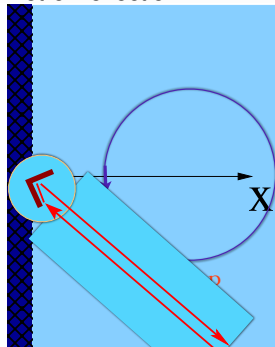


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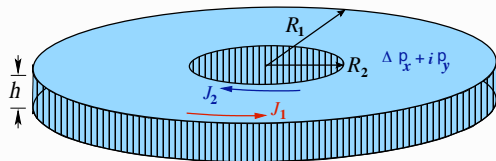


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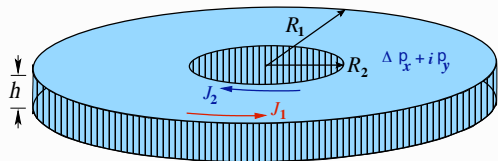
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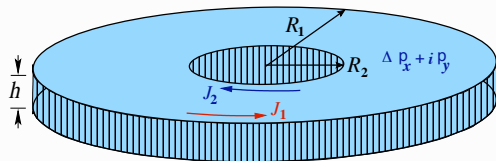
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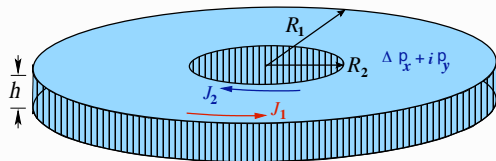
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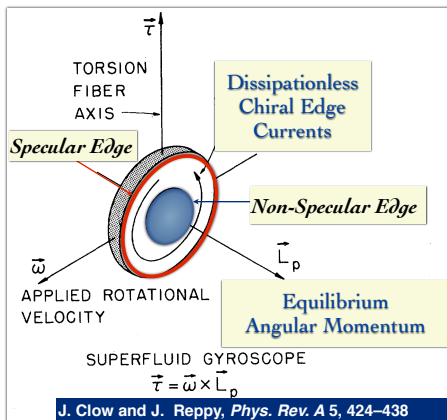
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▶ Strong violations of the McClure-Takagi Result

## Gyroscopic Experiment to Measure of $L_z(T)$



### Signatures of Chiral Edge States

► Power Law for  $T \lesssim 0.5T_c$

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### Toroidal Geometry with Engineered Surfaces

►  $L_z$  is Non-Extensive :

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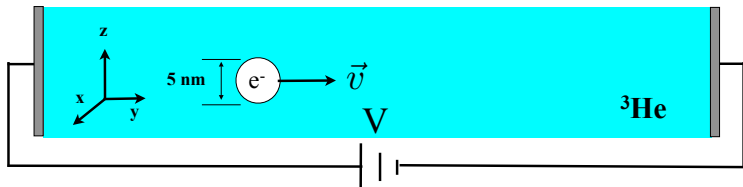
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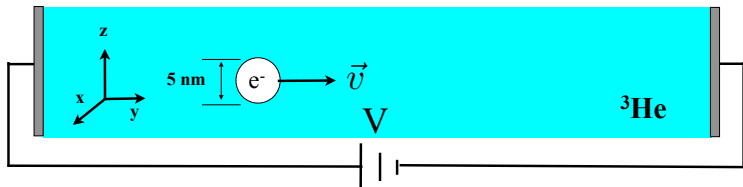
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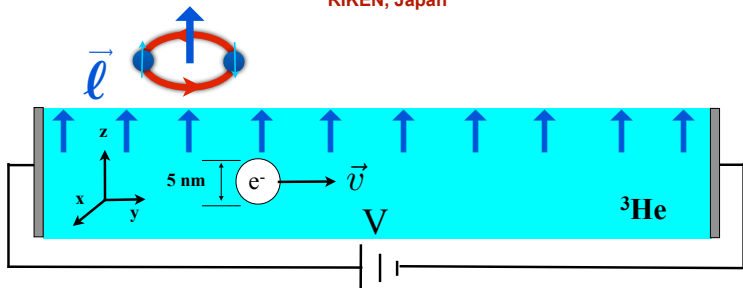
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Anisotropic  
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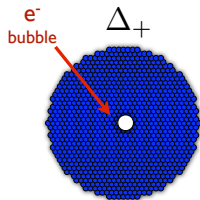
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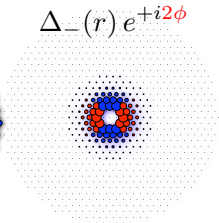
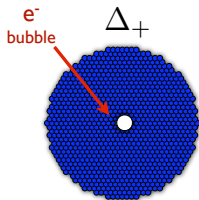
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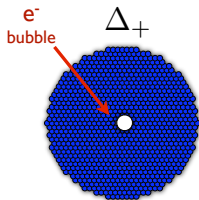
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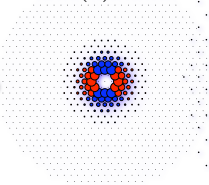
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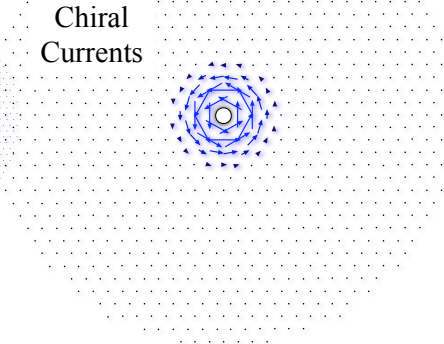
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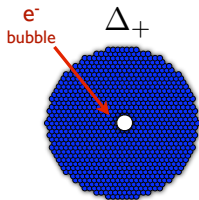
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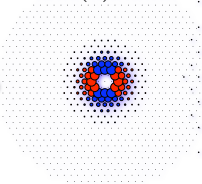
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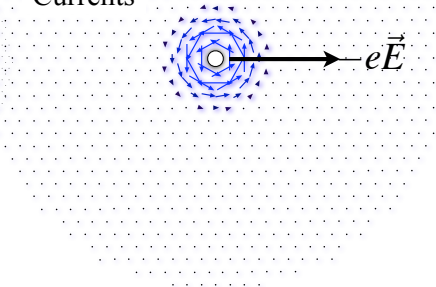
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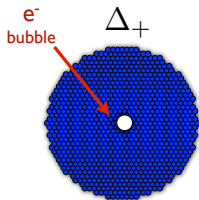
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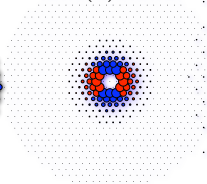
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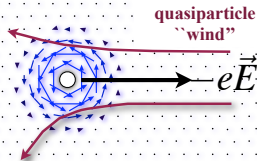
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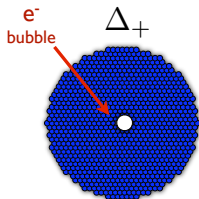
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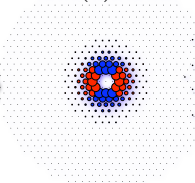
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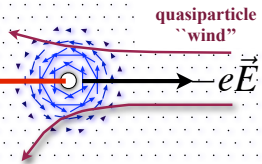


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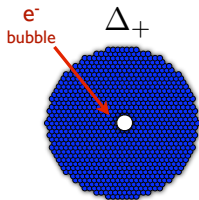
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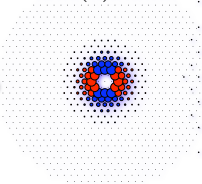
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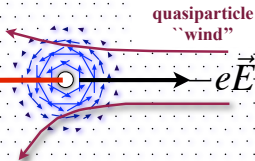


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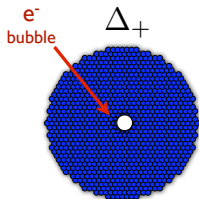
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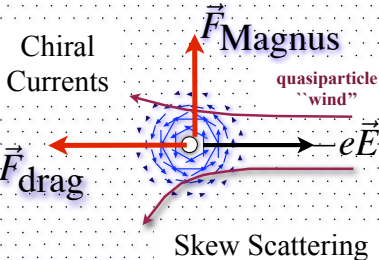
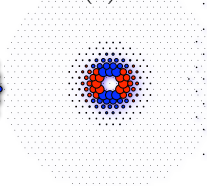
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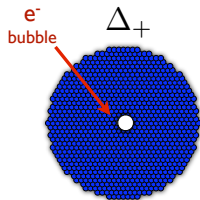
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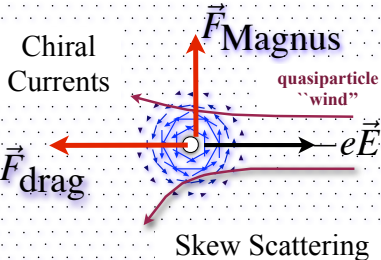
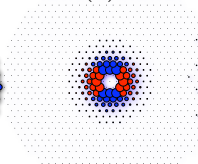
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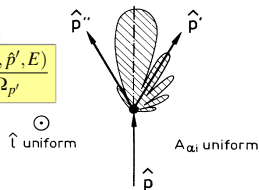
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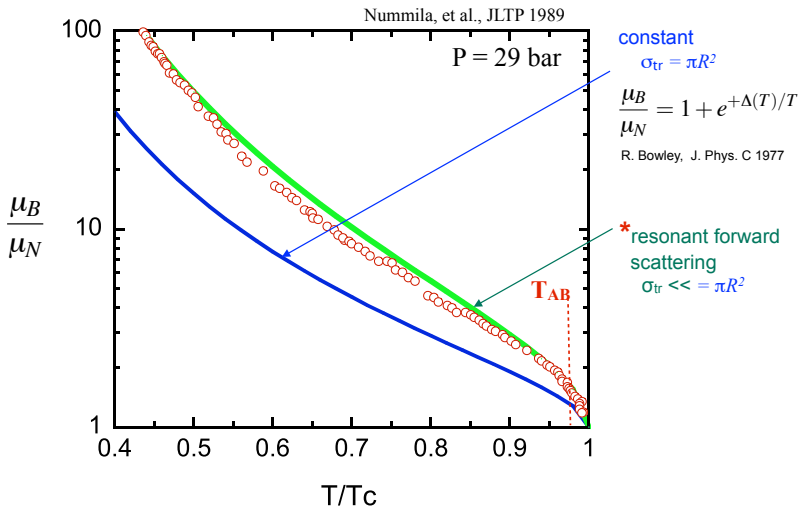
$$e(\mu^{-1})_{ij} = n p_f \int \frac{d\Omega_p}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\Omega_{p'}}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dE \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} \right) (\Delta\hat{p})_i (\Delta\hat{p})_j \frac{\partial \sigma(\hat{p}, \hat{p}', E)}{\partial \Omega_{p'}}$$

$$\vec{v} = \left[ \mu_{\parallel} (\hat{\ell} \cdot \vec{E}) \hat{\ell} + \mu_{\perp} \hat{\ell} \times (\hat{\ell} \times \vec{E}) + \mu_{xy} \hat{\ell} \times \vec{E} \right]$$



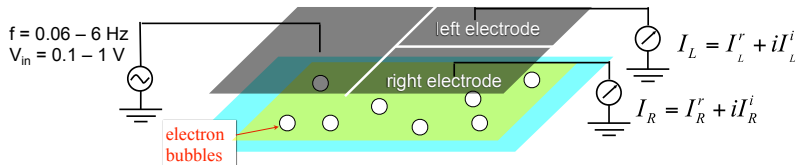
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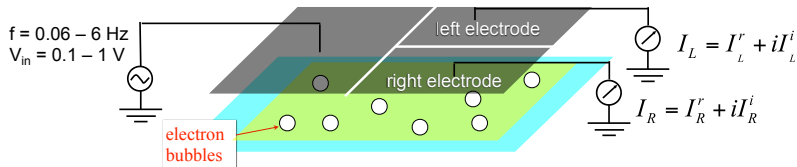
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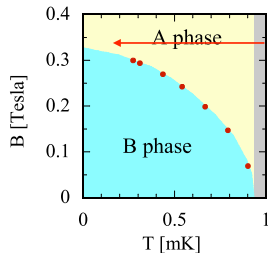
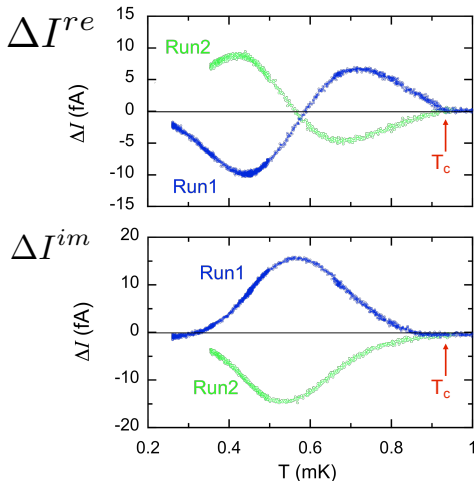
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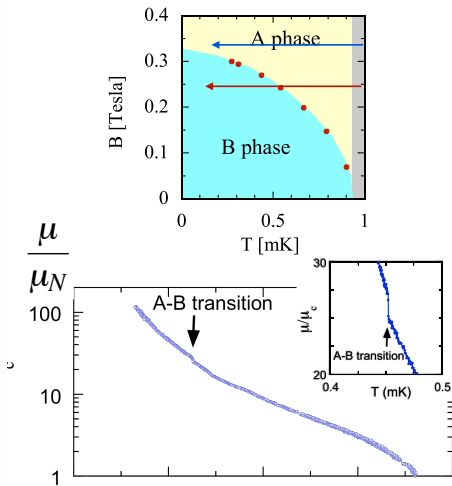
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$$\frac{|I_R - I_L|}{I_R + I_L} \approx 6\%$$

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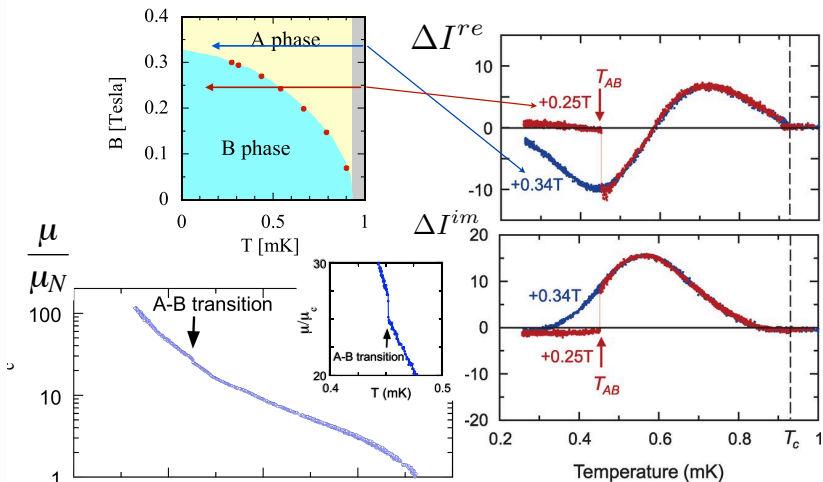


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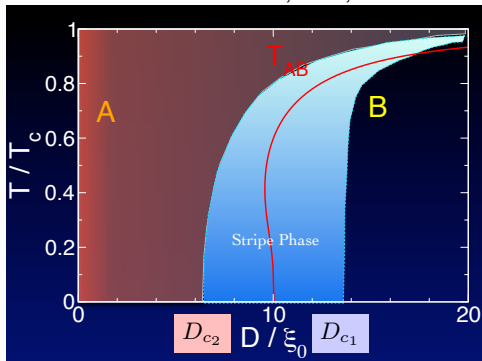
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Symmetry Group of Normal  $^3\text{He}$ :  $G = \text{SO}(3)_S \times \text{SO}(3)_L \times \text{U}(1)_N \times P \times T$

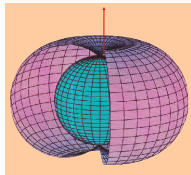
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Spin-Triplet, P-wave Order Parameter:

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}) = \vec{\mathbf{d}}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot (i\vec{\sigma}\sigma_y)_{\alpha\beta} \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{d}_\mu(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{A}_{\mu i} \mathbf{p}_i$$

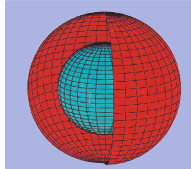
Chiral ABM State  $\vec{l} = \hat{\mathbf{m}} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}$



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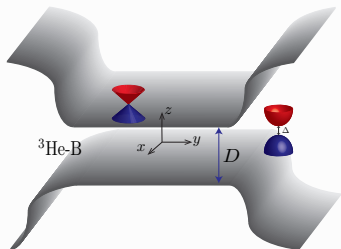
$$L_z = 1, S_z = 0$$

“Isotropic” BW State



$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu i} = \Delta \delta_{\mu i}$$

$$J = 0, J_z = 0$$



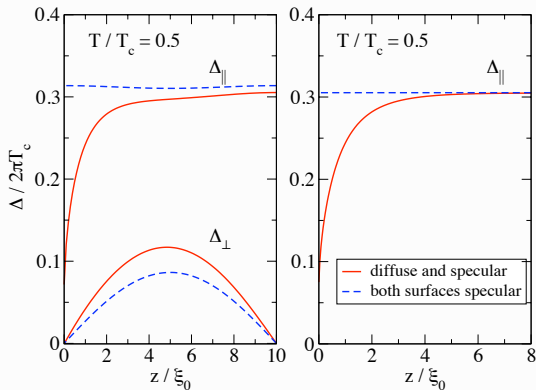
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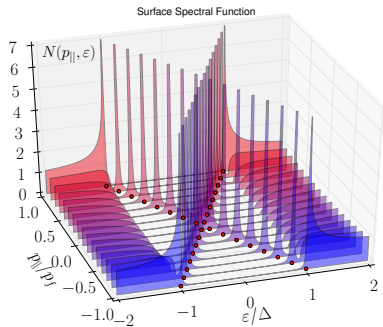
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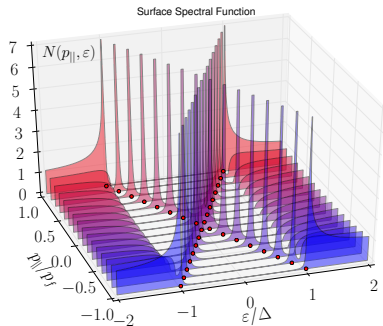
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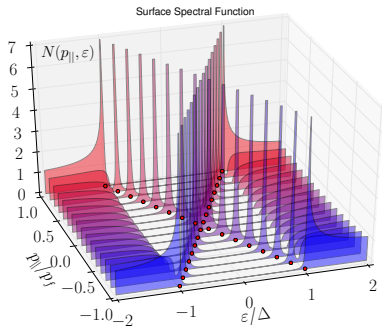
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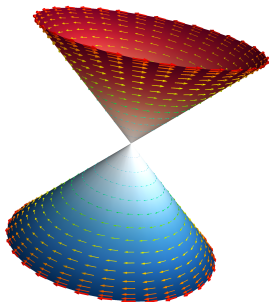
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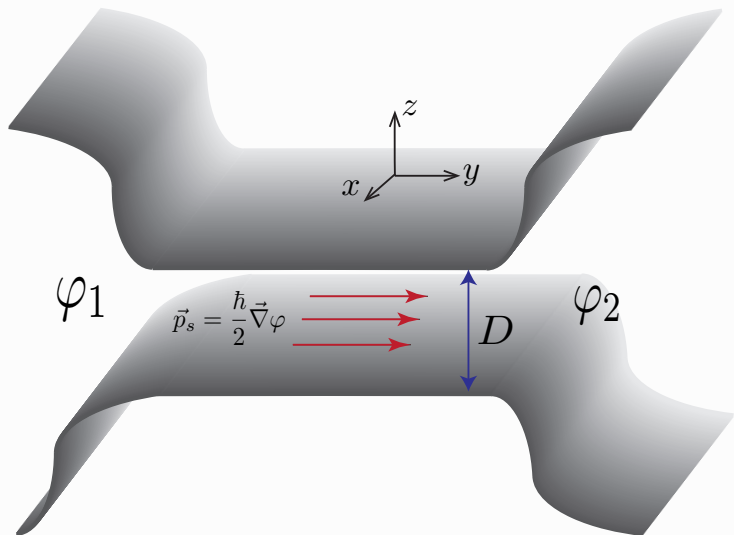
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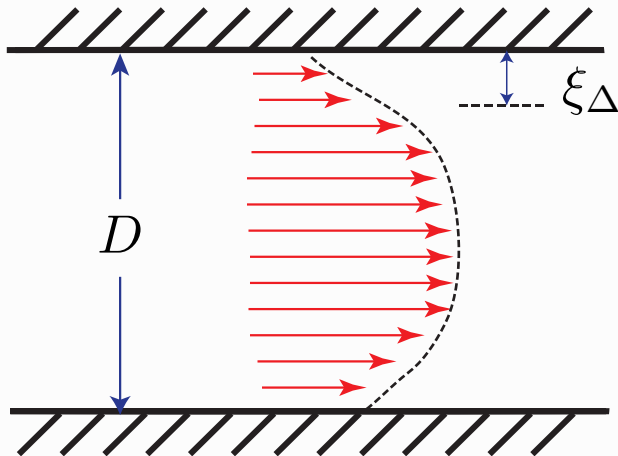
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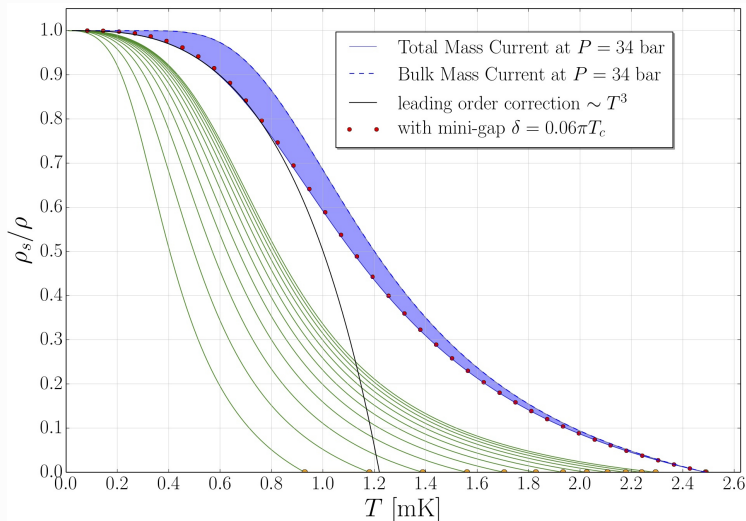
► Doppler Shift from the moving Condensate:  $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}_{||}} = c|\mathbf{p}_{||}| + \mathbf{p}_{||} \cdot \vec{v}_s$



- Spatial dependence of finite temperature mass current

# Superfluid Fraction of a superfluid film of $^3\text{He-B}$ of width $D = 13.2 \xi_\Delta$

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