

# OBSERVING AND MANIPULATING PARTICLES AND FIELDS IN SUPERFLUID $^3\text{He}$ UNIVERSE

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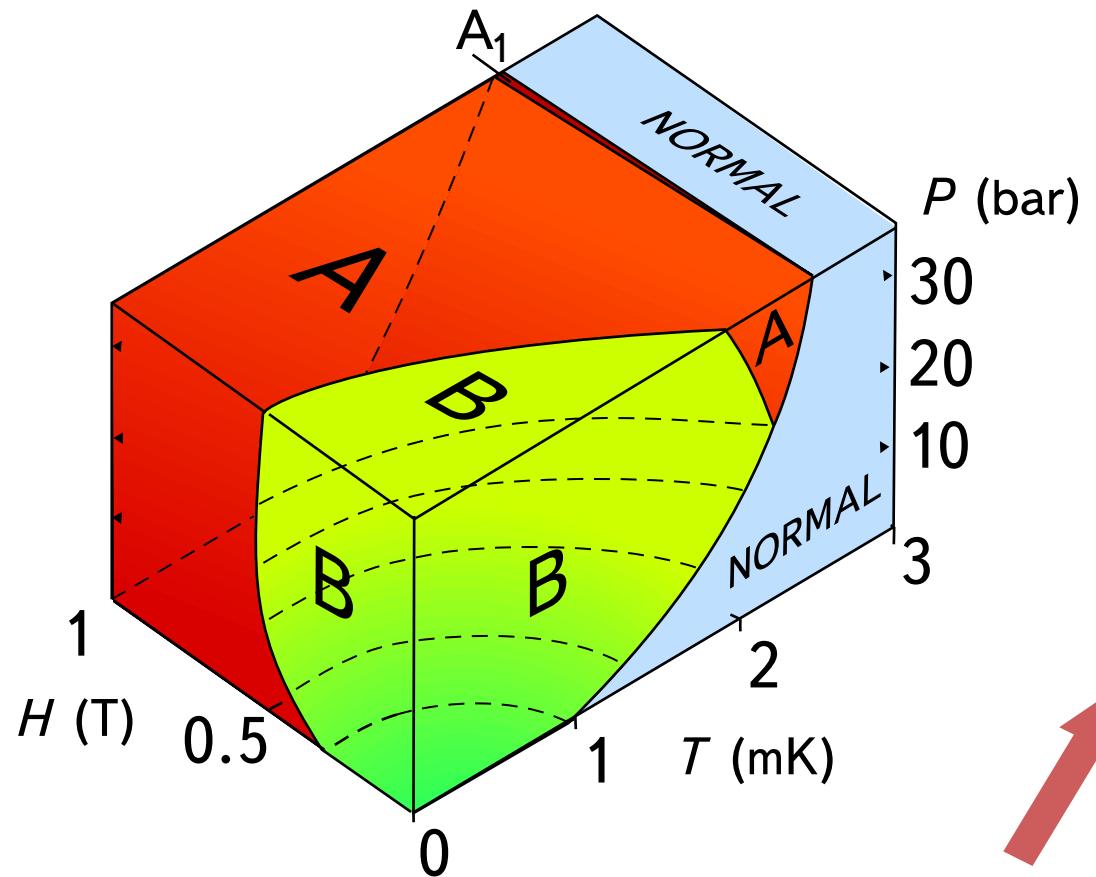
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**SUPERFLUID  $^3\text{He}$  UNIVERSE**

Fermi system with pairing in  $L = 1$ ,  $S = 1$  state.  $3 \times 3$  order parameter, complex symmetry breaking and multiple superfluid phases.



Effective **gauge** and **geometry**:  
Synthetic **electromagnetic** and  
**gravitational** fields

create and observe feedback

- Bosonic excitations



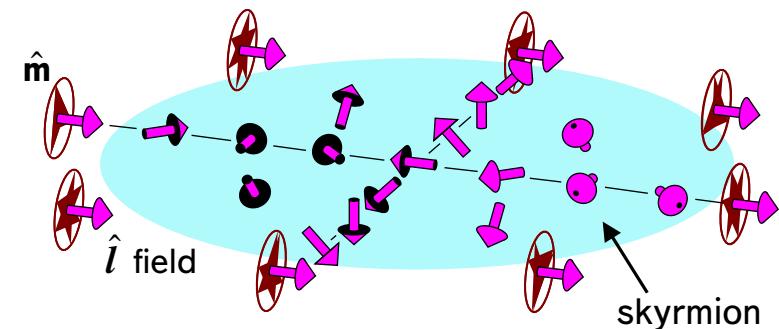
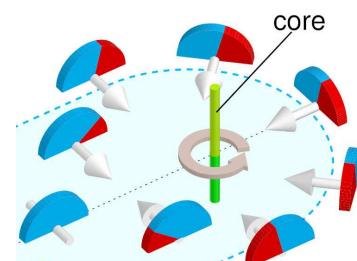
Collective modes: Heavy and light Higgs,  
sound, spin waves

- Fermionic quasiparticles



Massive and massless: Weyl, Majorana, Dirac ...

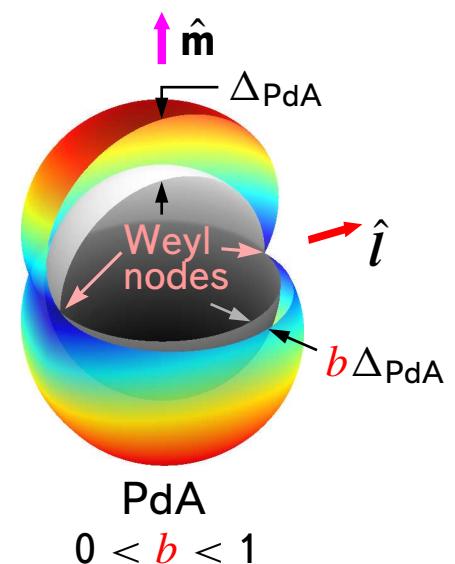
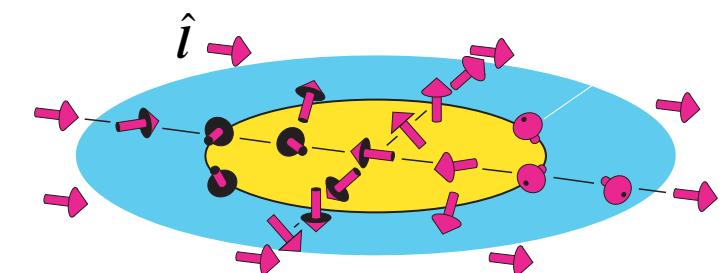
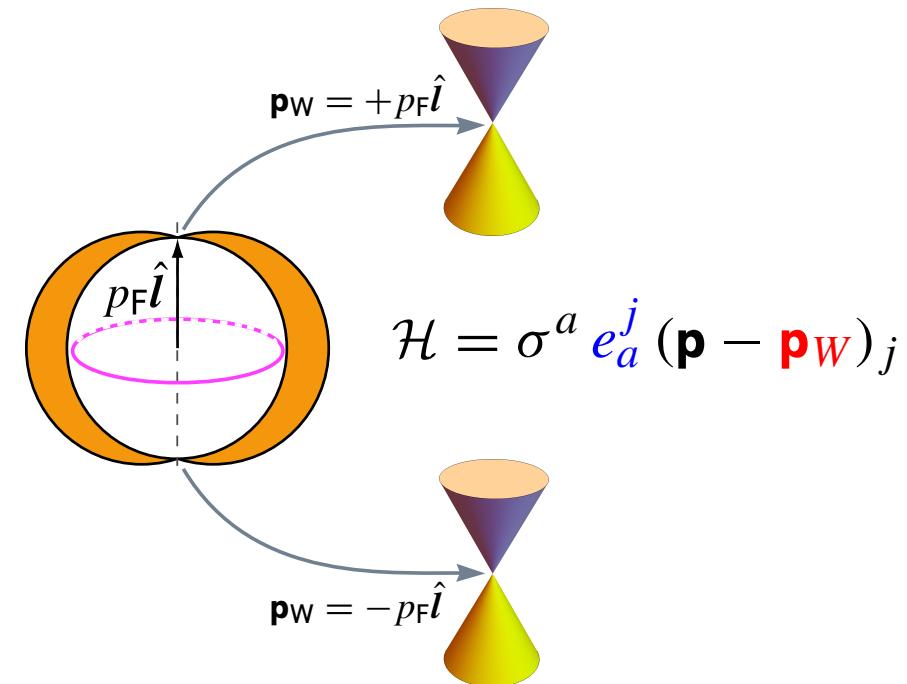
- Topological objects



Vortices, skyrmions, solitons, KLS walls ...

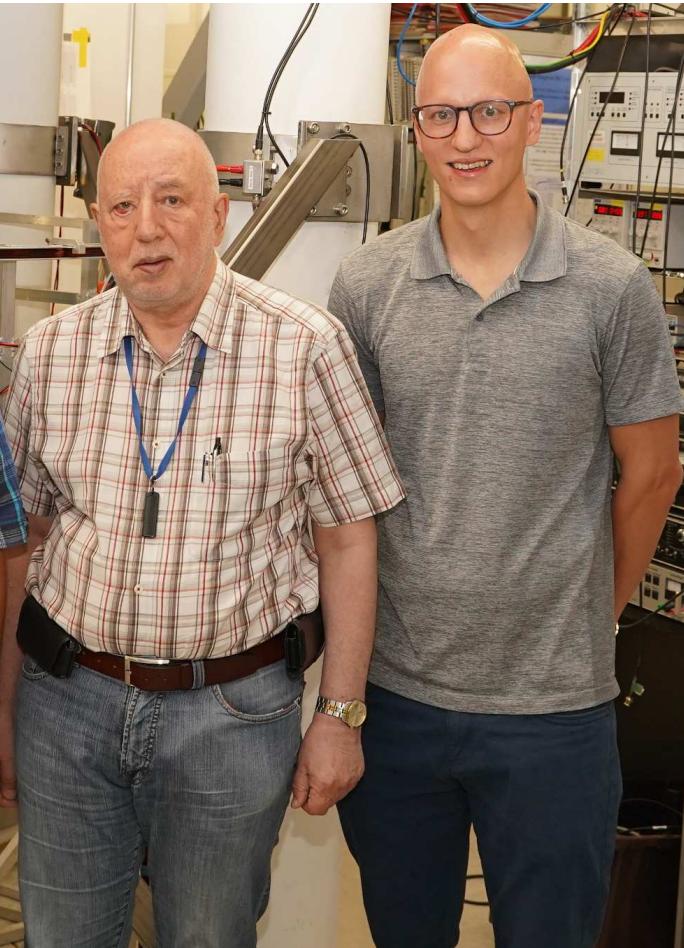
# TALK OVERVIEW

- Superfluid phases of  $^3\text{He}$ .
- Quasirelativistic **Weyl fermions** in the A phase:  
Effective **vector potential** and **vierbein**.
- Creating synthetic fields with **flow** and **topological objects**.
- Chiral anomaly and the zero-charge effect.
- Gravitational anomalies and challenges for observation.
- Engineering new phases of  $^3\text{He}$  with **nanostructured confinement**.
- Horizon analogue at the interface of type-I and type-II  
Weyl fermion spectra: PdA phase and flow.
- Experimental tools to observe **quasiparticle emission** (Hawking radiation).
- Route to **antispacetime** via PdA-polar-PdA phases.





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cryostat



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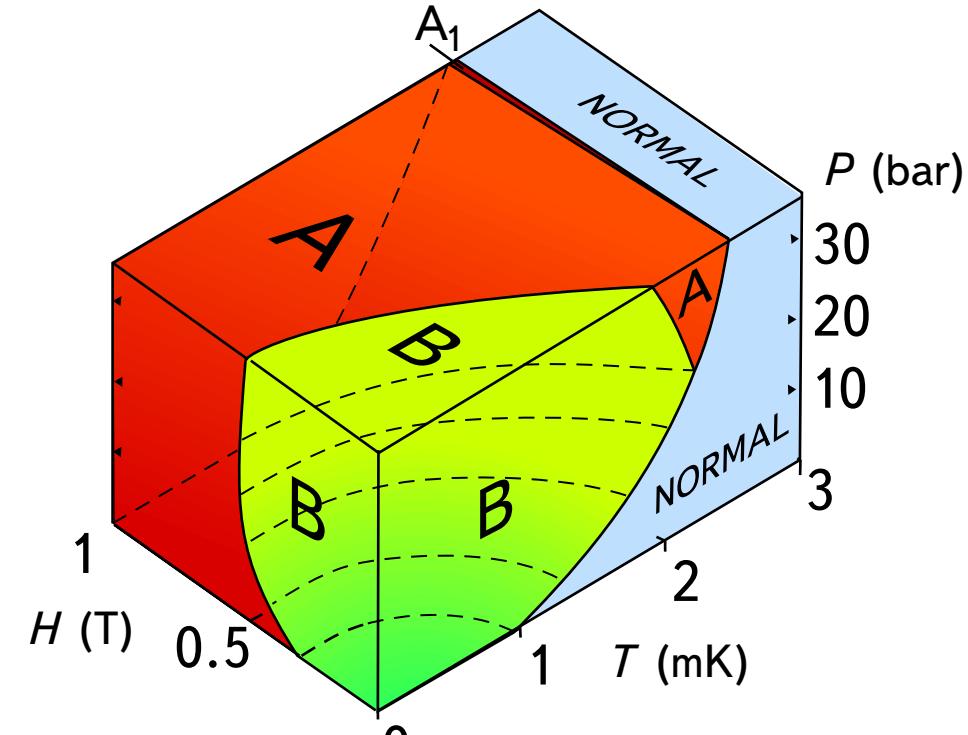
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# SUPERFLUID PHASES OF ${}^3\text{He}$

Triplet  $p$ -wave superfluid. Gap matrix  $2 \times 2$

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = (i\sigma^2\sigma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{k}_j \overline{\text{A}}_{\mu j}$$

Pauli matrices      ↑  
order parameter  $3 \times 3$

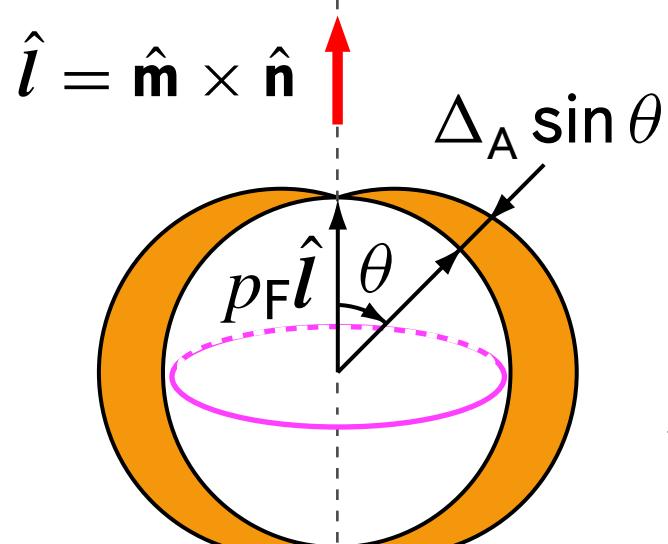


Mean-field BCS Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma^0 & \Delta(\mathbf{k}) \\ \Delta^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) & -\epsilon(\mathbf{k})\sigma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{k}) = \hbar^2 \frac{k^2 - k_F^2}{2m}$$

**A phase**

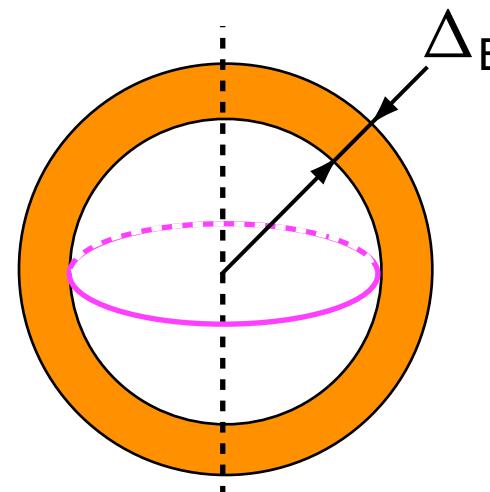


Two Weyl nodes.  
Time-reversal symmetry  
broken.

$$A_{\mu j} = \Delta_A \hat{d}_\mu (\hat{m}_j + i\hat{n}_j)$$

↑ spin      ↓ orbital+U(1)

**B phase**



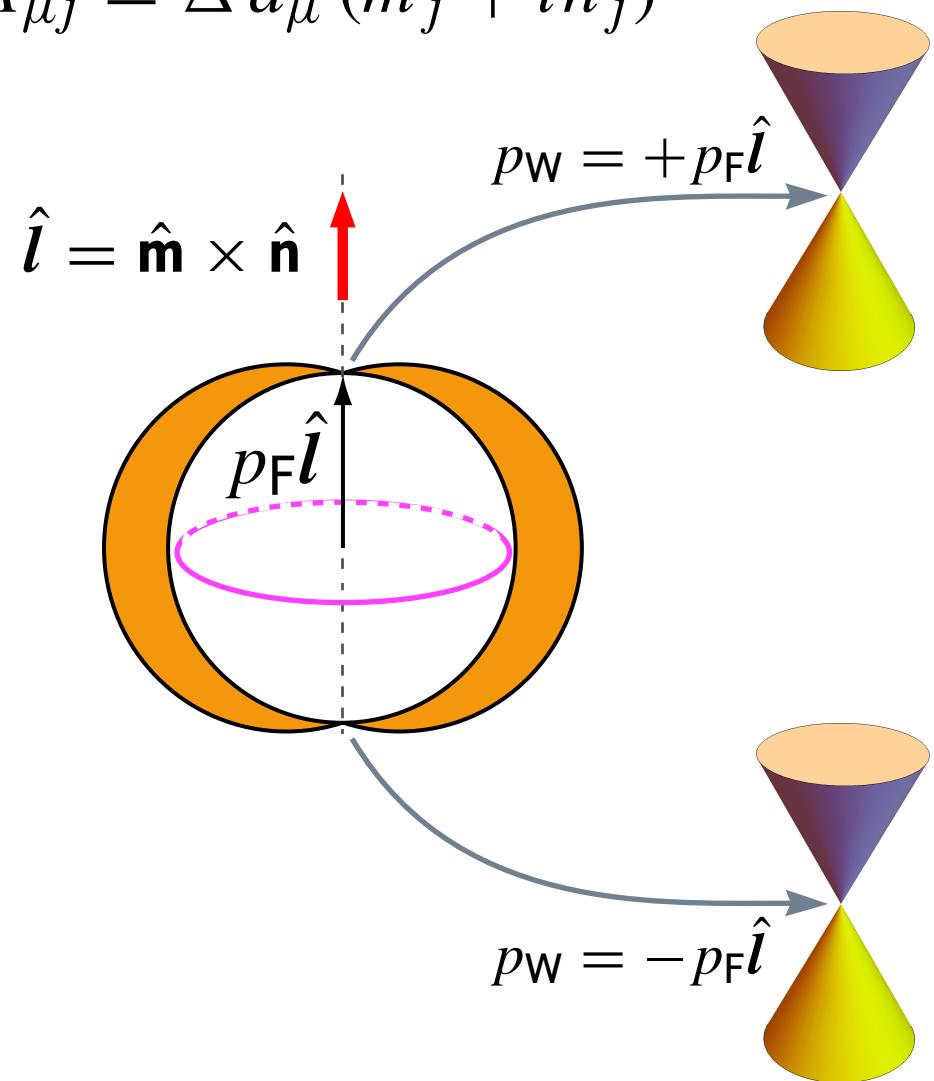
Fully gapped.  
Time-reversal  
symmetric.

$$A_{\mu j} = \Delta_B e^{i\phi} R_{\mu j}$$

↑ U(1)      ↑ rotation of spin vs orbital

# QUASIRELATIVISTIC FERMIONS IN ${}^3\text{He-A}$

$$A_{\mu j} = \Delta \hat{d}_\mu (\hat{m}_j + i \hat{n}_j)$$



Expanding close to gap nodes, one gets Hamiltonian for left and right **Weyl fermions** living in effective **gauge field** and **geometry**:

$$\mathcal{H} = \pm \sigma^a e_a^j (\mathbf{p} \pm p_F \hat{l})_j$$

like vector potential  
Volovik & Vachaspati (1996)

↑  
like vierbein

$$e_a^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & c_\perp \hat{\mathbf{m}} \\ 0 & c_\perp \hat{\mathbf{n}} \\ 0 & c_\parallel \hat{l} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_\perp = \frac{\Delta}{p_F} \ll c_\parallel = \frac{p_F}{m} = v_F$$

Effective metric  $g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^a e_\nu^b \eta_{ab}$   
 $\eta_{ab} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$

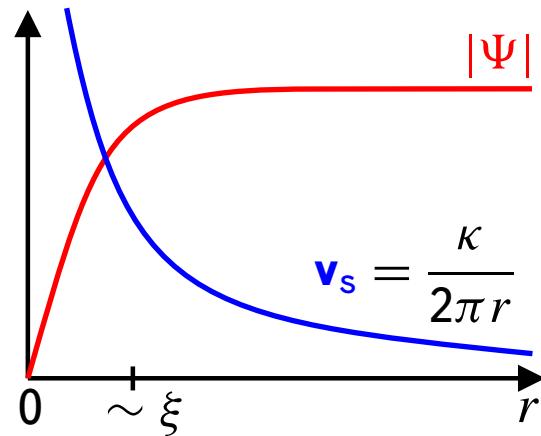
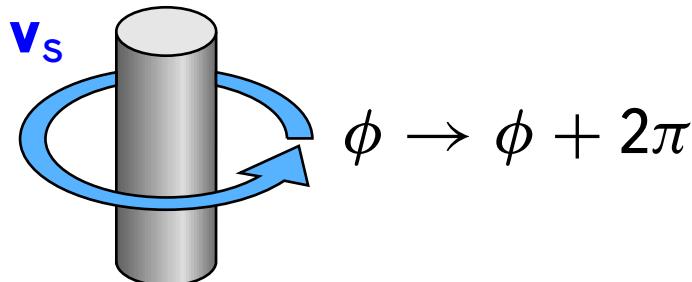
Nissinen & Volovik, PRRes 2, 033269 (2020)

Control of effective fields: Change  $c_\perp, c_\parallel$  with pressure, magnetic field and **confinement**.

Reorient  $(\hat{\mathbf{m}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{l})$  with boundaries, **flow** and **topological objects**.

Simple quantized vortex:

$$\Psi = |\Psi| e^{i\phi}, \quad \mathbf{v}_s = \frac{\hbar}{M} \nabla \phi.$$



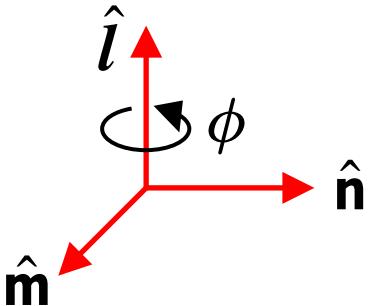
$$\oint \mathbf{v}_s \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{M} = \kappa.$$

$M$  – mass of superfluid particle  
 $\kappa$  – circulation quantum

## VORTICITY IN $^3\text{He-A}$

Order parameter:

$$A_{\mu j} = \Delta \hat{\mathbf{d}}_\mu (\hat{\mathbf{m}}_j + i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j) e^{i\phi}$$



Local gauge-orbital symmetry

$$(\mathbf{v}_s)_i = \frac{\hbar}{M} \hat{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \nabla_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_s)_i = \frac{\hbar}{2M} \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{l} \cdot (\nabla_j \hat{l} \times \nabla_k \hat{l})$$

(Mermin and Ho, 1976)

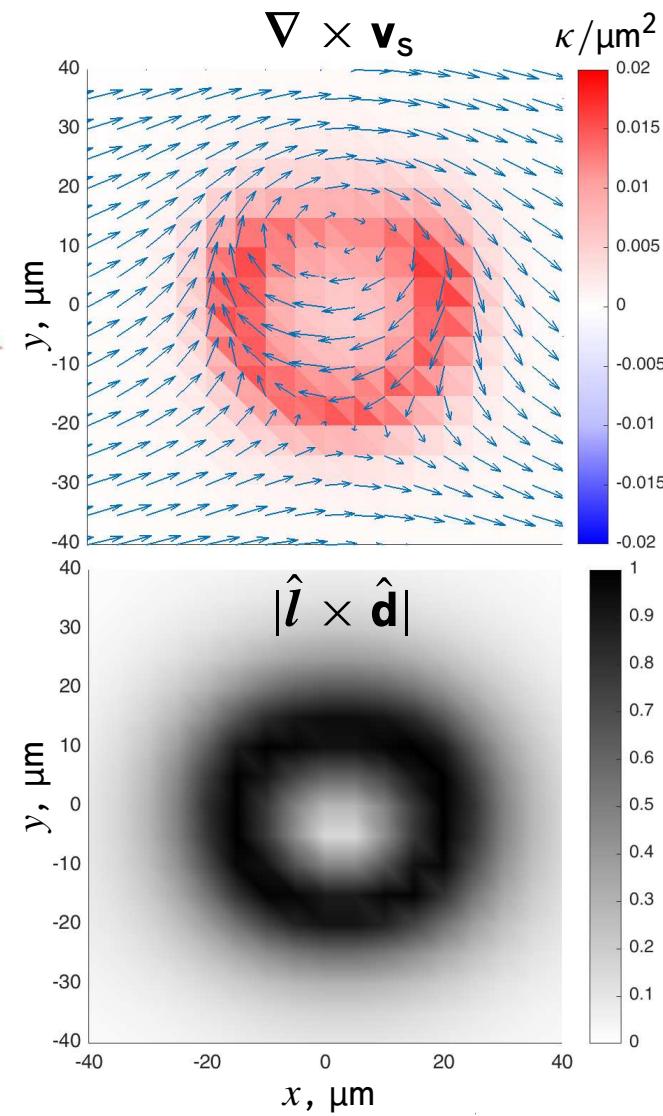
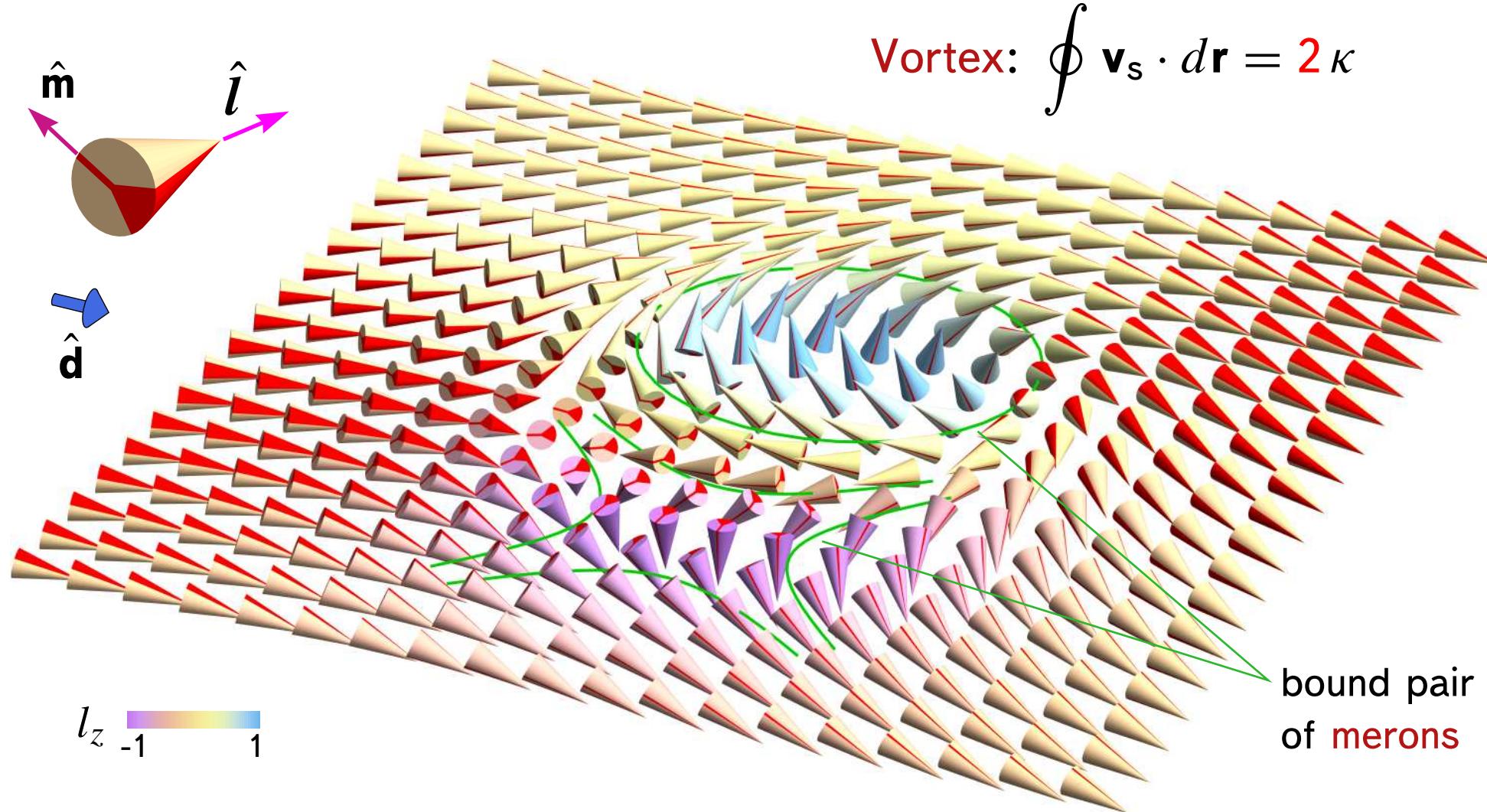
Continuous vorticity without suppressing superfluidity.

If  $\hat{l}$  is in plane then  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_s = 0$  and **circulation is quantized**.

Zeeman energy  $F_H \propto (\hat{\mathbf{d}} \cdot \mathbf{H})^2$       Length scale  $\xi_D \sim 10^3 \xi \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$

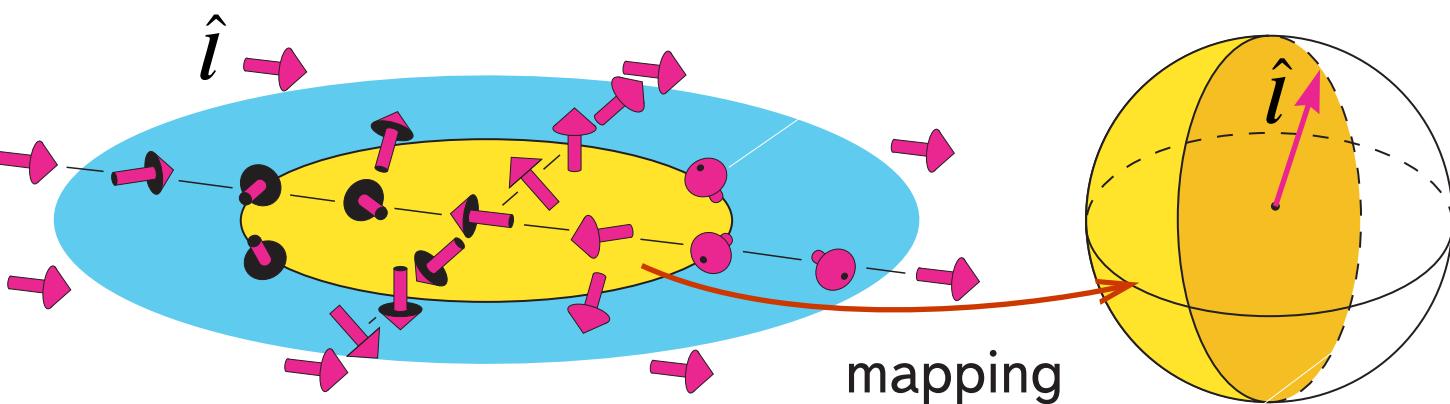
Spin-orbit interaction  $F_D = -g_D (\hat{\mathbf{d}} \cdot \hat{l})^2 \sim 10^{-3} \Delta$

# DOUBLE QUANTUM VORTEX SKYRMION



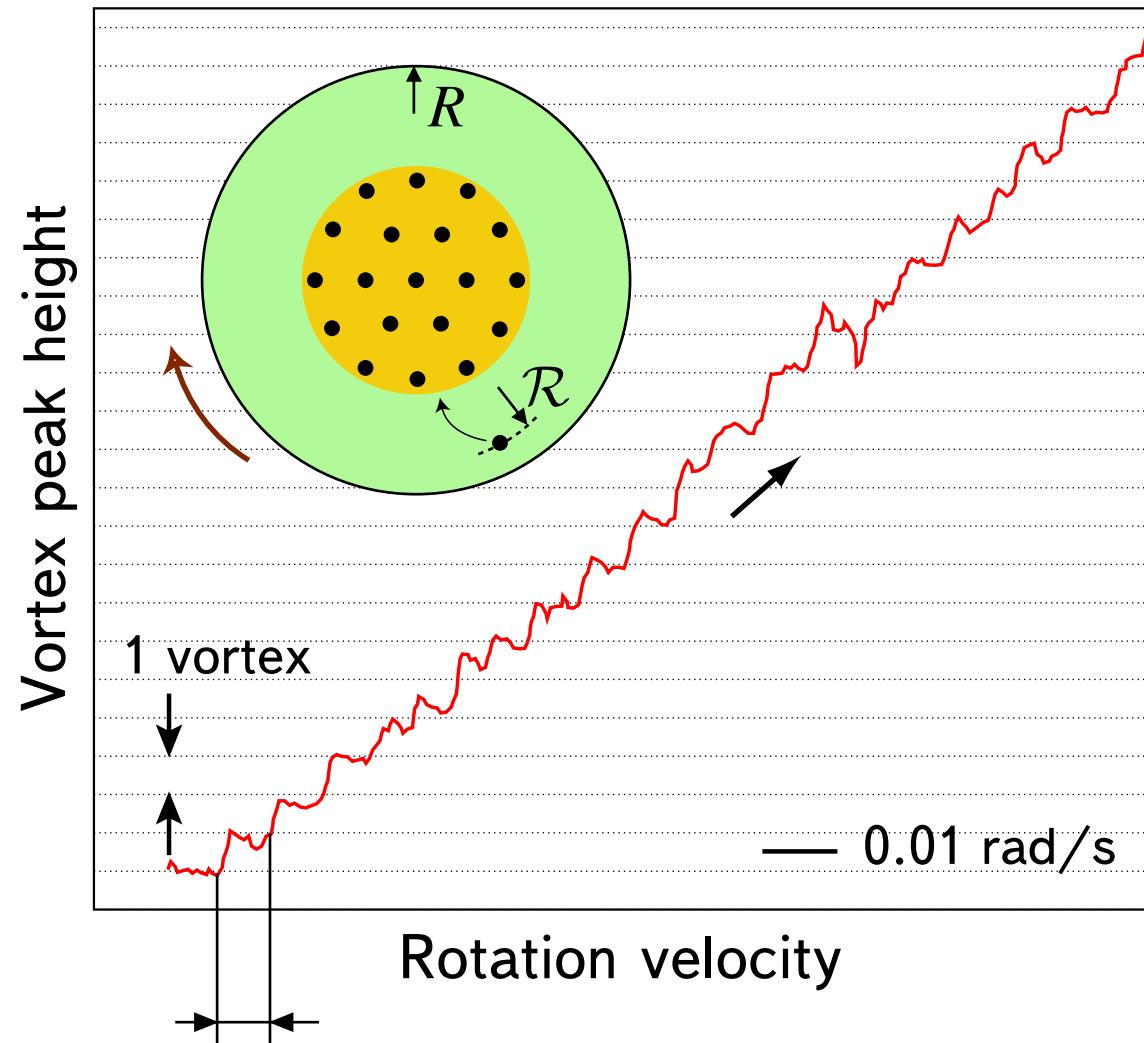
**Skyrmion:** Topological invariant

$$m_l = \frac{1}{8\pi} \epsilon_{ijk} \int d\mathbf{S}_i \hat{\mathbf{l}} \cdot (\nabla_j \hat{\mathbf{l}} \times \nabla_k \hat{\mathbf{l}}) = 1$$

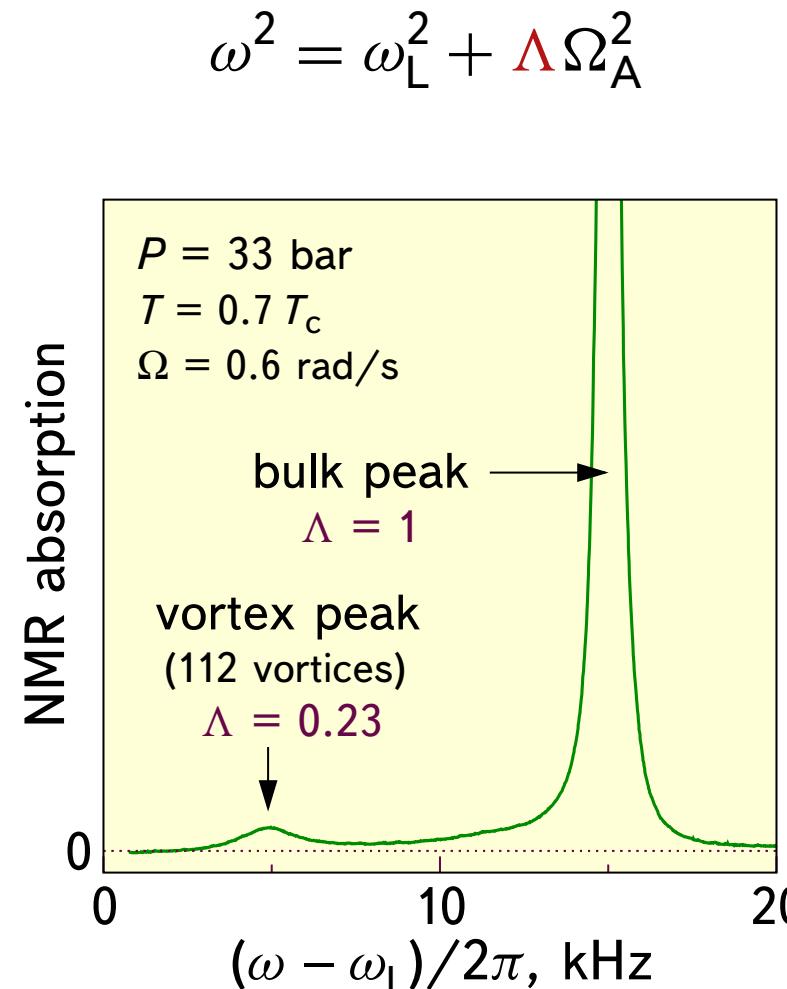


# DOUBLE-QUANTUM VORTEX IN EXPERIMENTS

Satellite peak in the NMR spectrum with characteristic frequency shift.



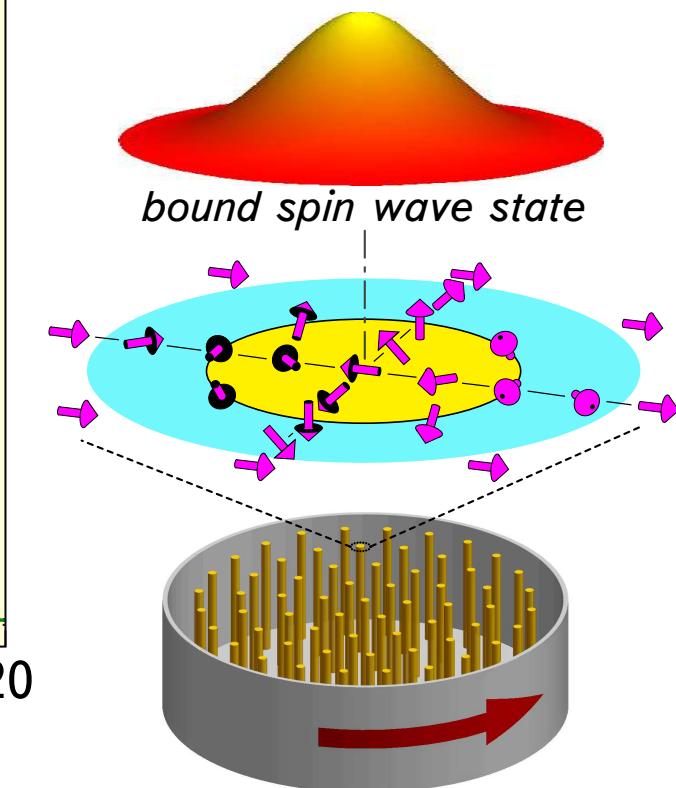
$$\Delta\Omega = \frac{n\kappa}{2\pi R^2} = 6.24 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ rad/s} \Rightarrow n = 2, R - \mathcal{R} \approx 0.1 \text{ mm}$$



$$\omega^2 = \omega_L^2 + \Lambda \Omega_A^2$$

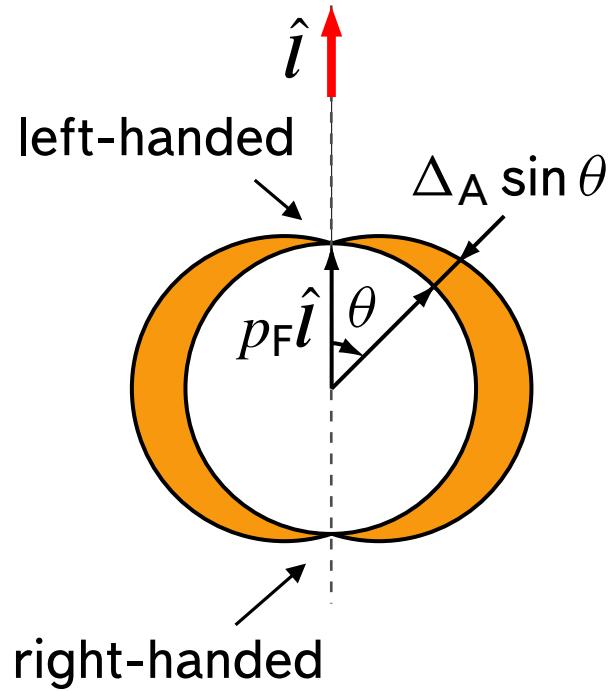
$$\omega_L = \gamma H$$

$\Omega_A$  — Leggett frequency



# WEYL FERMIONS AND CHIRAL ANOMALY

Chiral Weyl fermions in  ${}^3\text{He-A}$  in synthetic gauge field:



$$\mathcal{H} = \pm \sigma^a e_a^j (\mathbf{p} \pm p_F \hat{l})_j$$

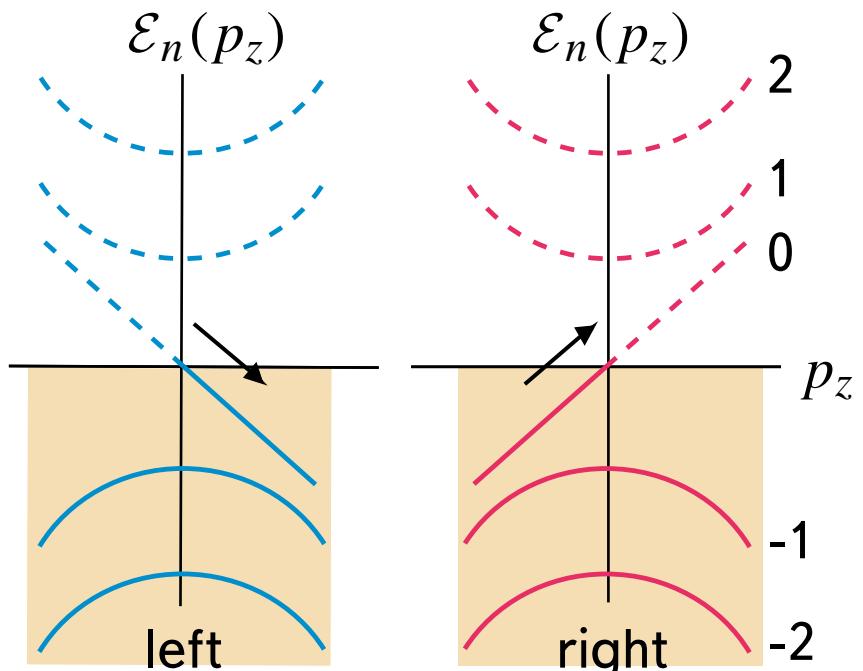
like vector potential

**Synthetic fields:**  $\mathbf{B} = k_F \nabla \times \hat{l}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = k_F \partial_t \hat{l}$ .

**Chiral anomaly:**

$\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow$  Landau levels  $\propto n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon(p_z)$   $\Rightarrow$  level crossing zero.

orbital  $\nearrow$  spin  $\swarrow$



$$\mathbf{E} \parallel \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \text{Spectral flow} \Rightarrow \frac{dn_{\text{chiral}}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

Adler-Bell-Jackiw equation for anomalous creation of chiral charge from quantum vacuum.

$$n_{\text{chiral}} = n_{\text{right}} - n_{\text{left}}$$

carry  $-p_F \hat{l}$   $\nearrow$  carry  $+p_F \hat{l}$

In  ${}^3\text{He-A}$ : transfer of **momentum** from vacuum to excitations.

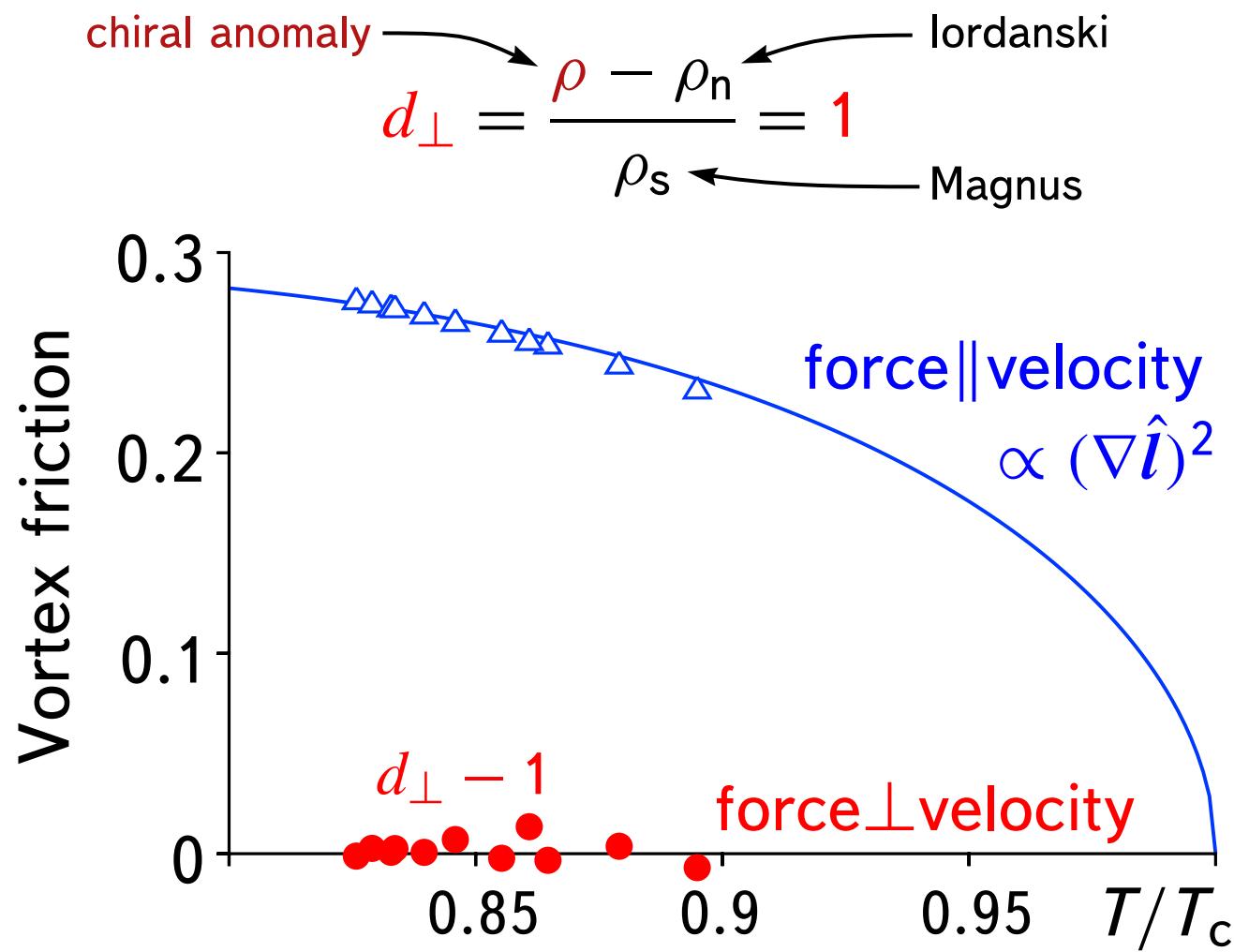
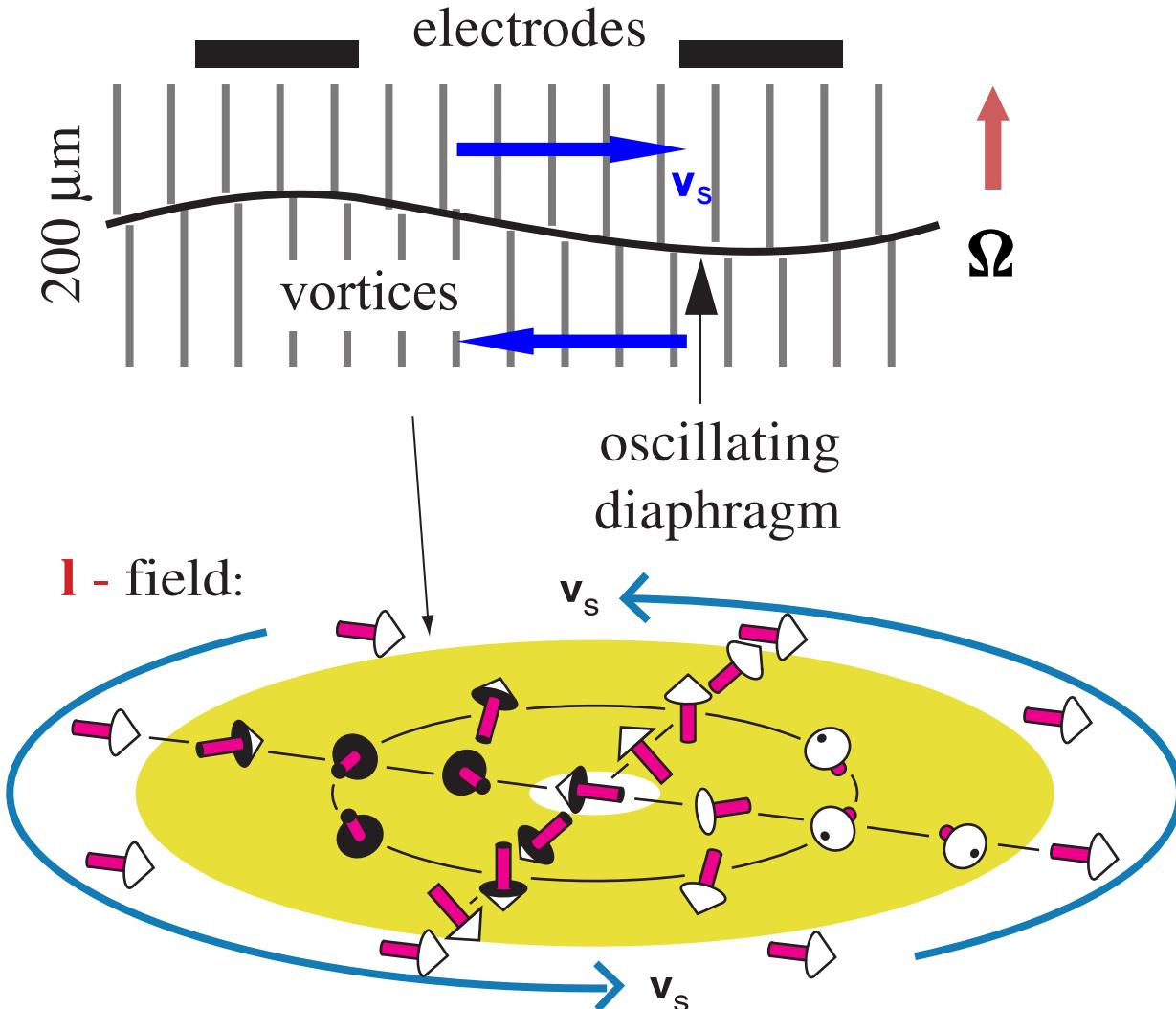
# OBSERVATION OF CHIRAL ANOMALY IN ${}^3\text{He-A}$

Spectral flow contribution to the transverse force acting on a moving vortex (mutual friction  $\mathbf{F}_n$ )

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} = -2p_F \hat{\mathbf{l}} \frac{dn_{\text{chiral}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} p_F \hat{\mathbf{l}} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \propto \frac{p_F^3}{\hbar^2} \Rightarrow \text{full density } \rho$$

$k_F \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{l}}$        $k_F \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{l}}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{n\perp} = \kappa \rho_s d_\perp \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times (\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_{\text{vortex}})$$



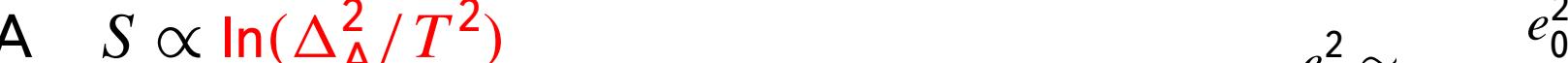
# ZERO-CHARGE EFFECT IN ${}^3\text{He-A}$

Synthetic electromagnetic field:  $\mathbf{B} = k_F \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{l}}$  and  $\mathbf{E} = k_F \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{l}}$ .

In  ${}^3\text{He}$ -A synthetic fields possess **QED** features.

Volovik, JETP Lett 47, 55 (1988)

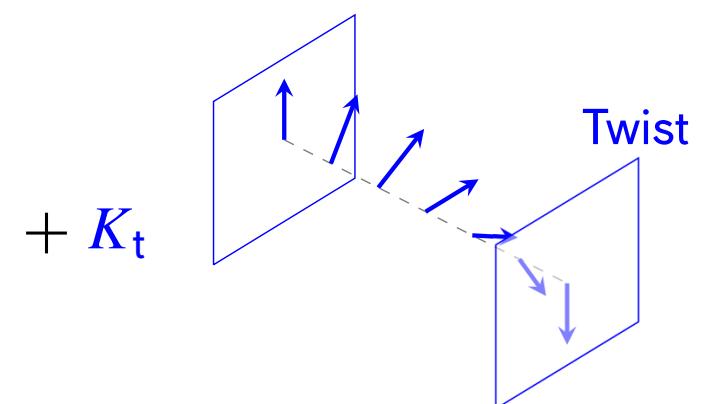
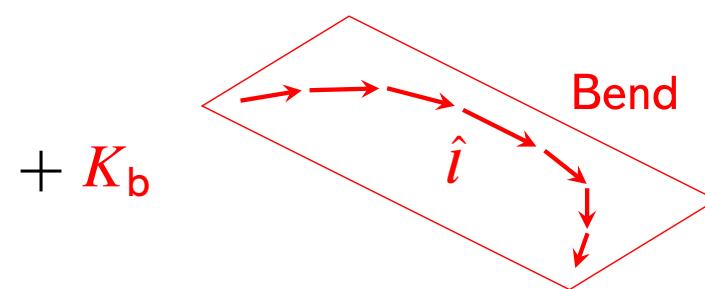
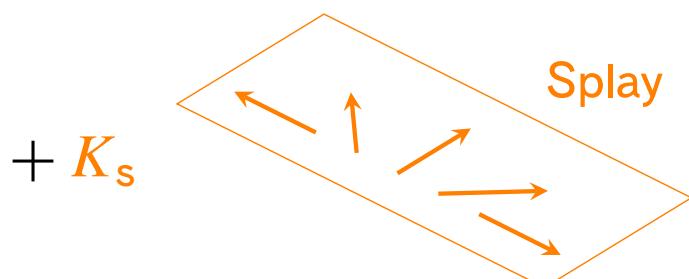
Running coupling constant: Action  $S \propto \ln \left[ \frac{E_{\text{Plank}}^2}{\max(T^2, \omega^2, (\hbar c/r)^2, B, M^2)} \right]$



$$\ln {}^3\text{He-A} \quad S \propto \ln(\Delta_A^2/T^2)$$

$$e^2 \sim \frac{e_0^2}{\ln(r p_{\text{Plank}}/\hbar)} \rightarrow 0$$

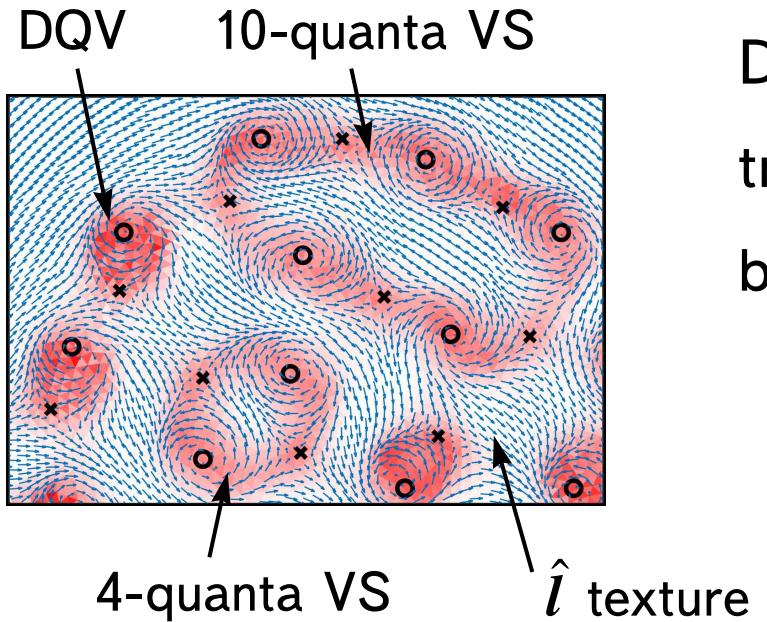
Free energy = Magnetic + Spin-orbit + Kinetic + Gradient  $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$



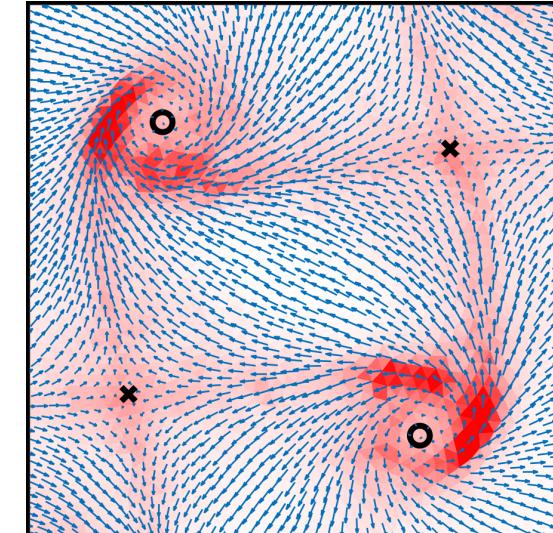
$$K_{\mathfrak{b}} = K_{\mathfrak{b}0} + K_{\mathfrak{b}1} \ln(\Delta_A/T)$$

# "ZERO-CHARGE" TRANSITION IN THE VORTEX SHEET STRUCTURE

In  ${}^3\text{He-A}$ , double-quantum vortex (DQV) skyrmions can merge to **vortex sheet** (VS).

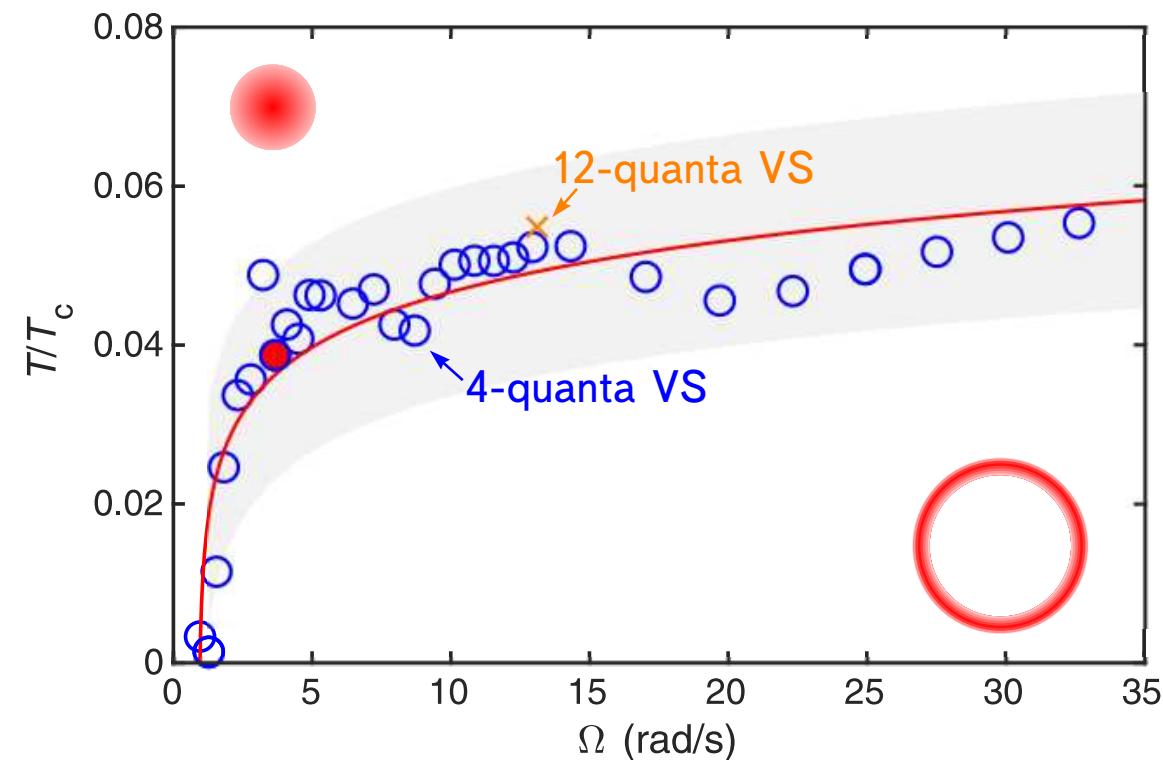
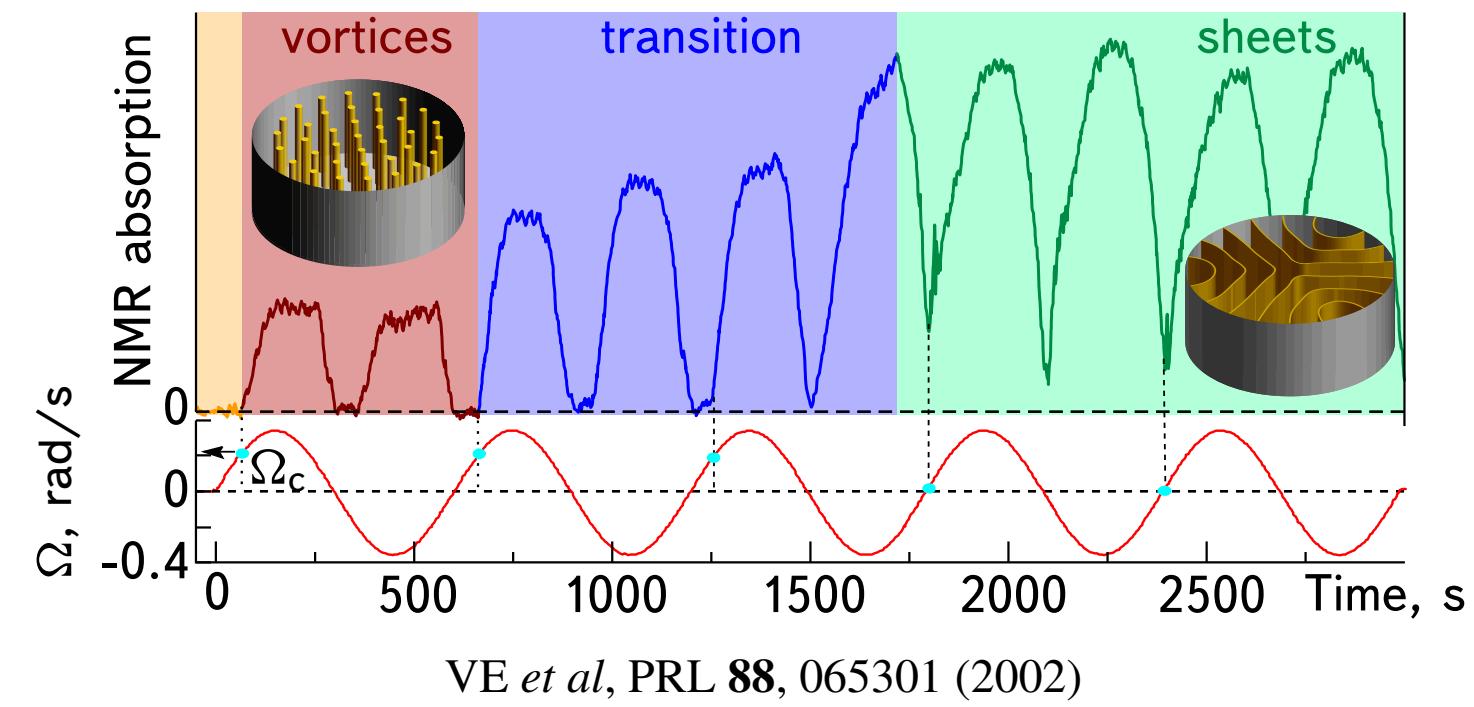


Diverging  $K_b$  when  $T \rightarrow 0$  causes transition to tube-like vorticity to avoid bending deformations.



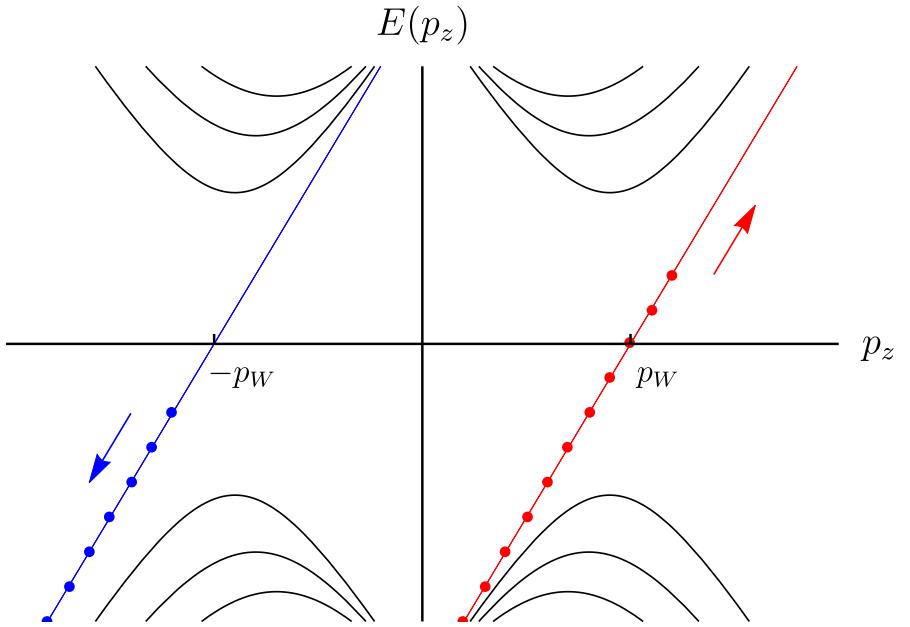
Rantanen & VE, PRB 107, 104505 (2023)

4-quanta VS at ultra-low  $T$



# THERMAL NIEH-YAN ANOMALY IN WEYL SUPERFLUID

Weyl fermions in a gravitational field with **torsion** experience **Nieh-Yan** anomaly similar to chiral anomaly in a gauge field due to spectral flow over the anomalous Landau level.



But the effective charge increases with momentum and overall result becomes dependent on the **cutoff**  $\Lambda$ :

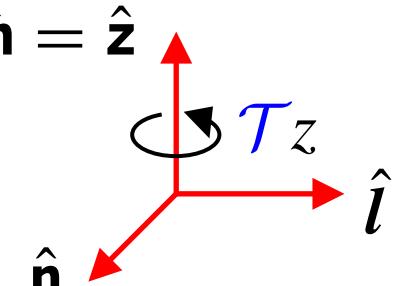
$$\partial_\mu (e j_5^\mu) = \frac{\Lambda^2}{4\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \left( \frac{1}{4} T_{\mu\nu}^a T_{a\lambda\rho} - \frac{1}{2} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b R_{ab\lambda\rho} \right)$$

$$j_5^\mu = j_{\text{right}}^\mu - j_{\text{left}}^\mu, \quad e = \det e_a^\mu, \quad T_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\lambda, \quad \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda \text{ is the coordinate connection}$$

In  ${}^3\text{He-A}$ , **torsion** is produced by the **twist texture** of  $\hat{l}$ , while the **cutoff** is given by **temperature**  $T$ . As before,  $j_5$  is the momentum transferred.

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{anom}}(T) = - \left[ \frac{p_F^3}{6\pi^2} - \frac{p_F T^2}{6c_\perp^2} - \frac{p_F T^2}{12c_\perp^2} \left( \frac{m^*}{m} - 1 \right) \right] \hat{l} (\hat{l} \cdot (\nabla \times \hat{l}))$$

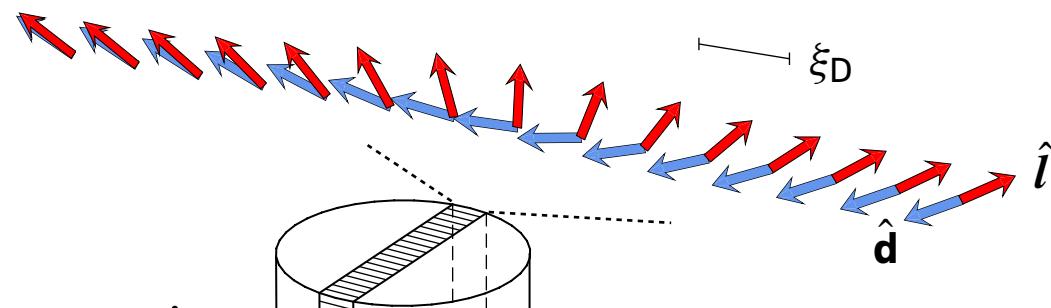
Nieh-Yan anomaly contribution



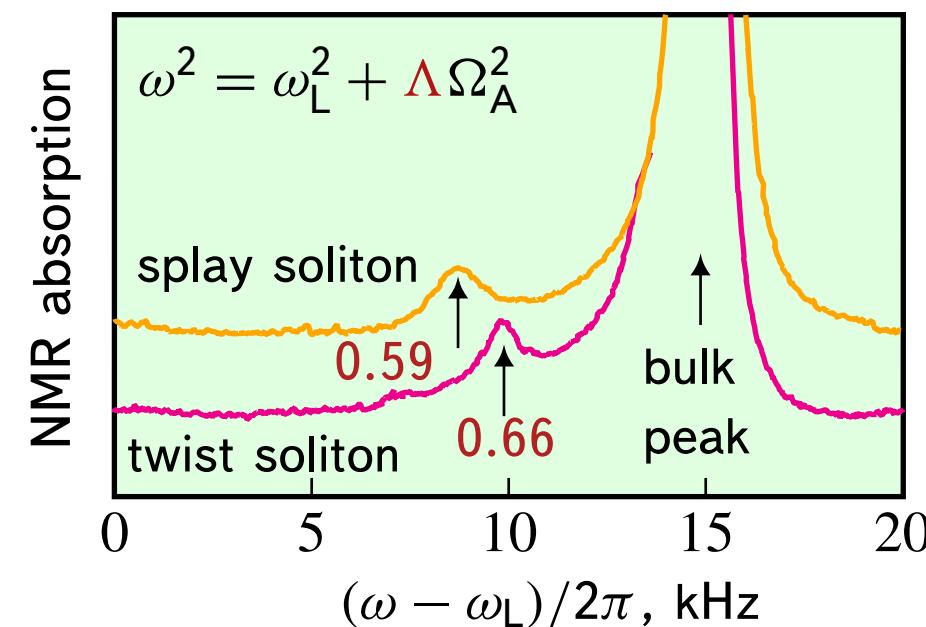
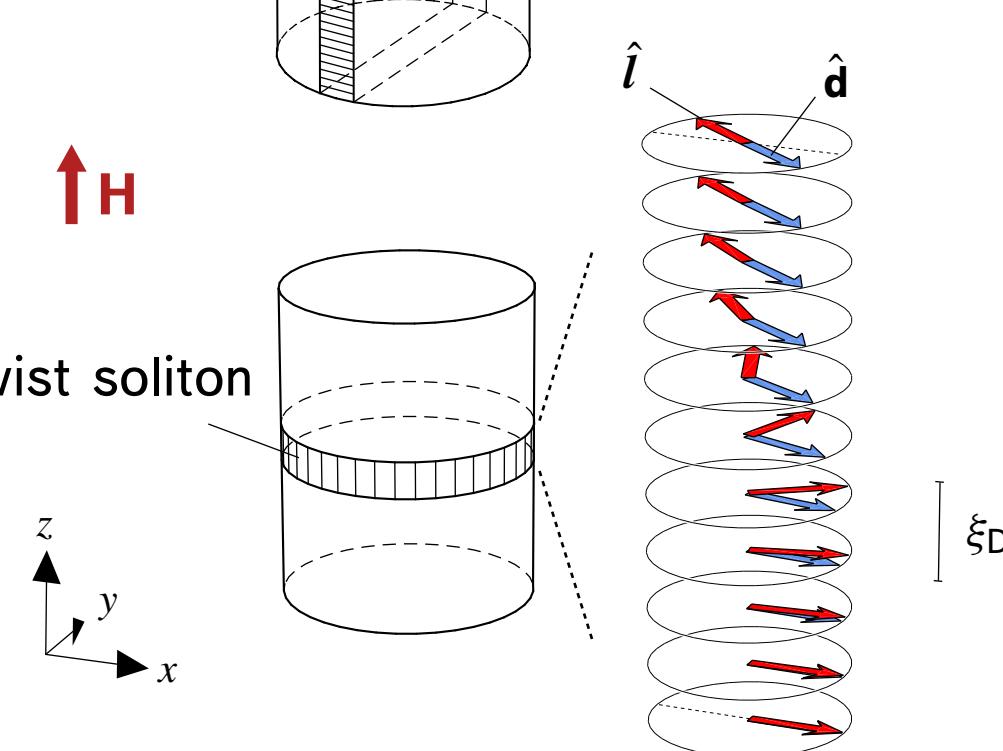
# TOPOLOGICAL SOLITONS IN THE A PHASE

Protected by  $Z_2$  symmetry:

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} \uparrow\uparrow \hat{\mathbf{l}} \text{ and } \hat{\mathbf{d}} \uparrow\downarrow \hat{\mathbf{l}}$$



Splay soliton



Ruutu *et al*,  
JLTP 103, 331 (1996)

Nieh-Yan anomaly changes the twist soliton structure and the NMR response contributing

$$F_{\text{NY}} = \frac{p_F m^*}{96m^2} \frac{T^2}{c_\perp^2} (\hat{\mathbf{l}} \cdot (\nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{l}}))^2$$

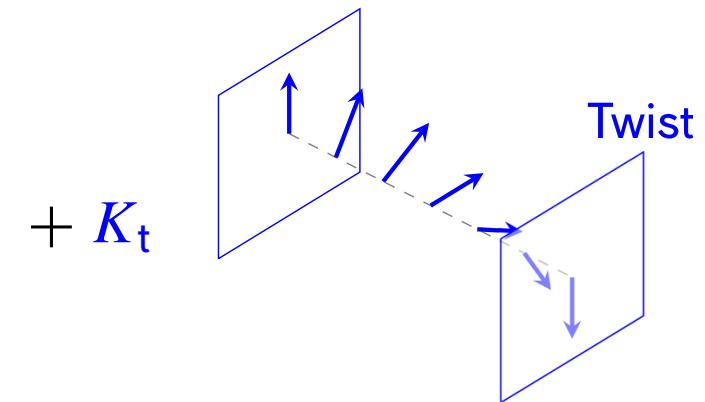
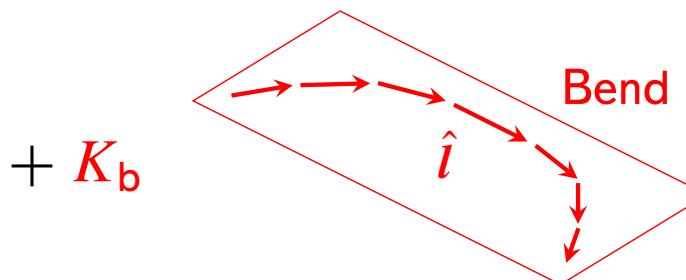
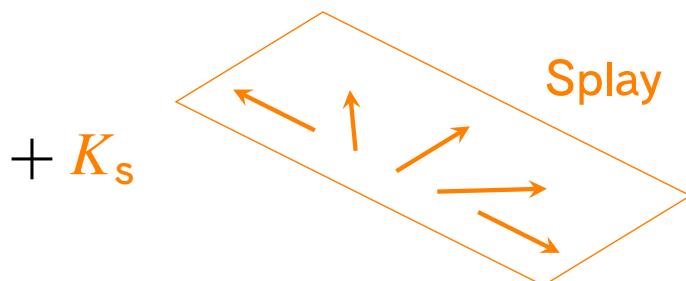
to the free energy (at  $v_s = 0$ ).

Nissinen & Volovik, PRRes 2, 033269 (2020)

# TWIST CONTRIBUTION TO THE FREE ENERGY

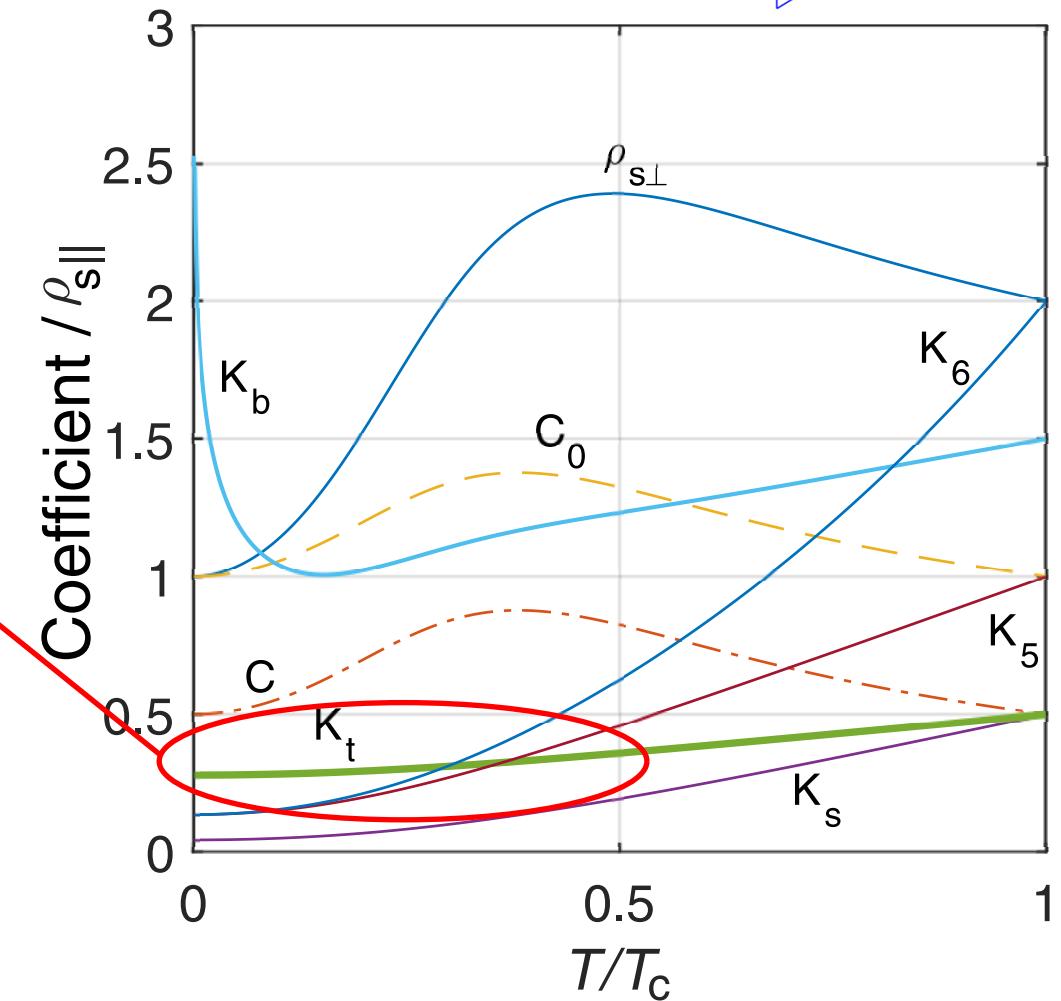
Free energy of  ${}^3\text{He}-\text{A}$  = Magnetic ( $\Delta\chi$ ) + Spin-orbit ( $g_d$ ) + Kinetic ( $\rho_{s\parallel}, \rho_{s\perp}, C, C_0$ )

+ Gradient  $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$  ( $K_5, K_6$ )



This quadratic rise of  $K_t$  results from the Nieh-Yan gravitational anomaly.

How to measure it independently of other (not well-known) coefficients?

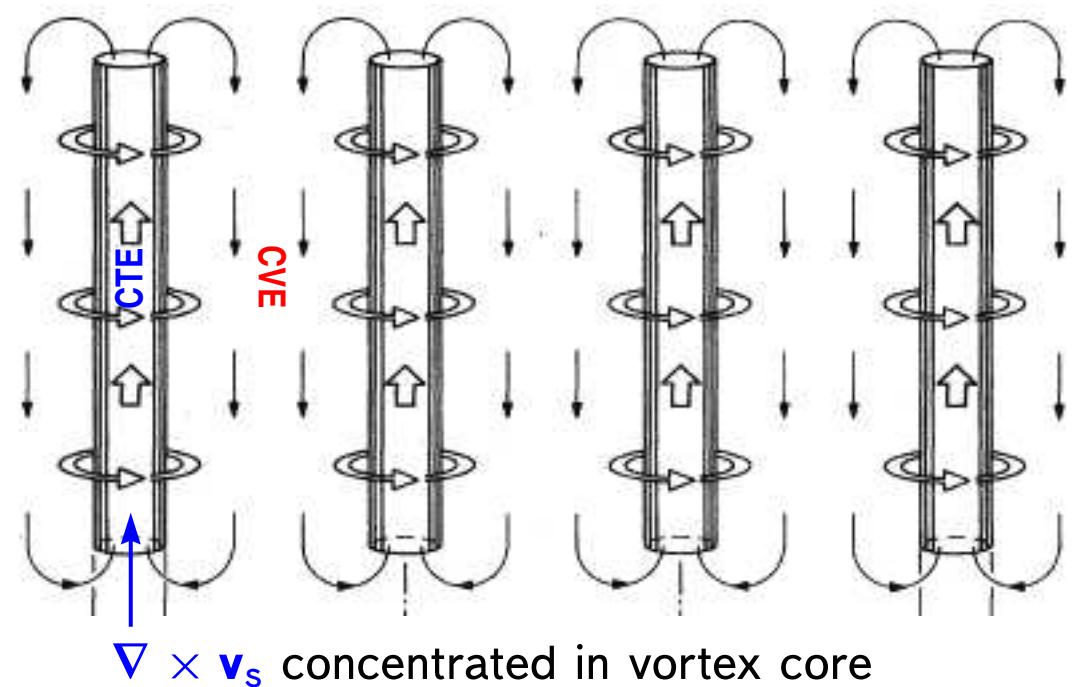


# CANCELLATION OF CHIRAL VORTICAL AND CHIRAL TORSIONAL EFFECTS

**Chiral vortical effect** – rotation  $\Omega$  polarizes spin of Weyl fermions and directs their momenta along/opposite to rotation for right/left particles.

$$\mathbf{J}_5^{\text{CVE}} = -\frac{T^2}{12c_\perp^2} 2\Omega \quad \text{for two nodes}$$

Volovik & Vilenkin,  
PRD **62**, 025014 (2000)



**Chiral torsional effect** – superflow  $\mathbf{v}_s$  generates tetrad gravity with torsion

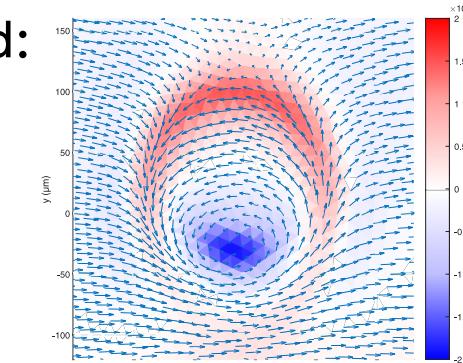
$$e_a^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{v}_s \\ 0 & c_\perp \hat{\mathbf{m}} \\ 0 & c_\perp \hat{\mathbf{n}} \\ 0 & c_\parallel \hat{\mathbf{l}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_5^{\text{CTE}} = \frac{T^2}{12c_\perp^2} (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}_s)$$

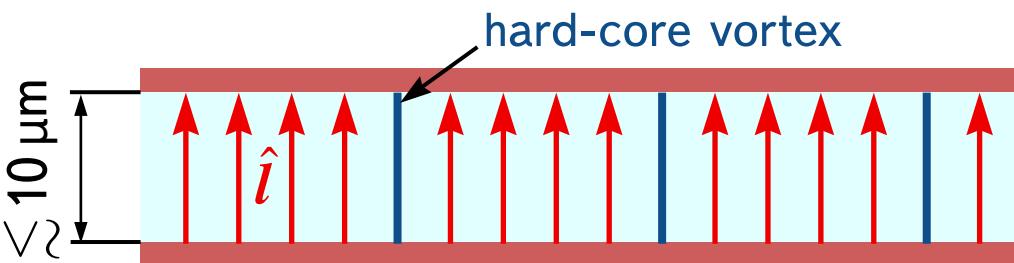
$$\langle \mathbf{J}_5 \rangle = \frac{T^2}{12c_\perp^2} (\langle \nabla \times \mathbf{v}_s \rangle - 2\Omega) = 0$$

in rotating equilibrium

When  ${}^3\text{He-A}$  is rotated:  
DQVs with large axial flow due to  $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$  texture.

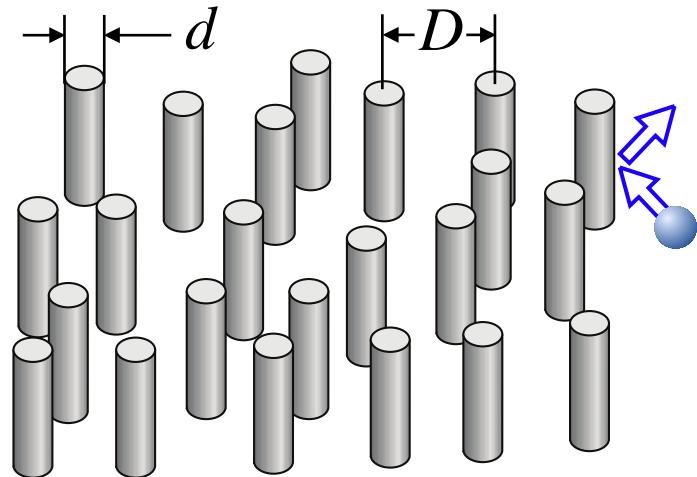
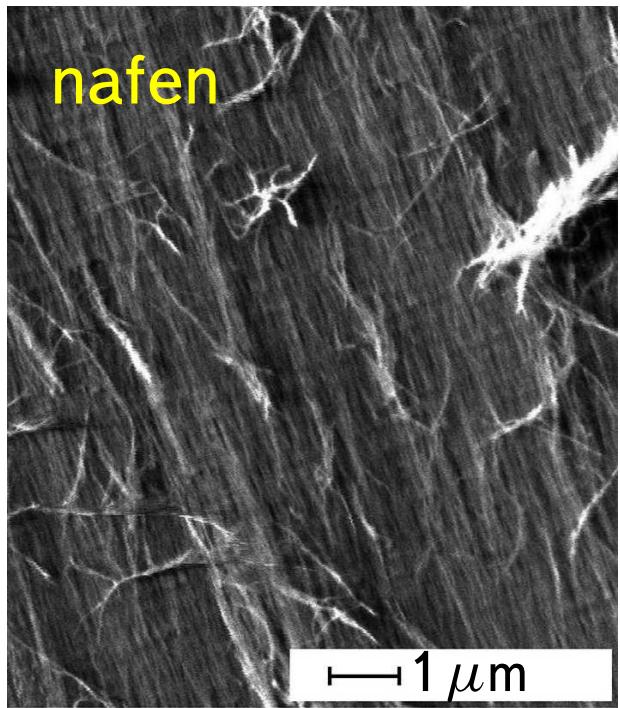


Slab is needed:



How to measure  $\mathbf{J}_5$ ?

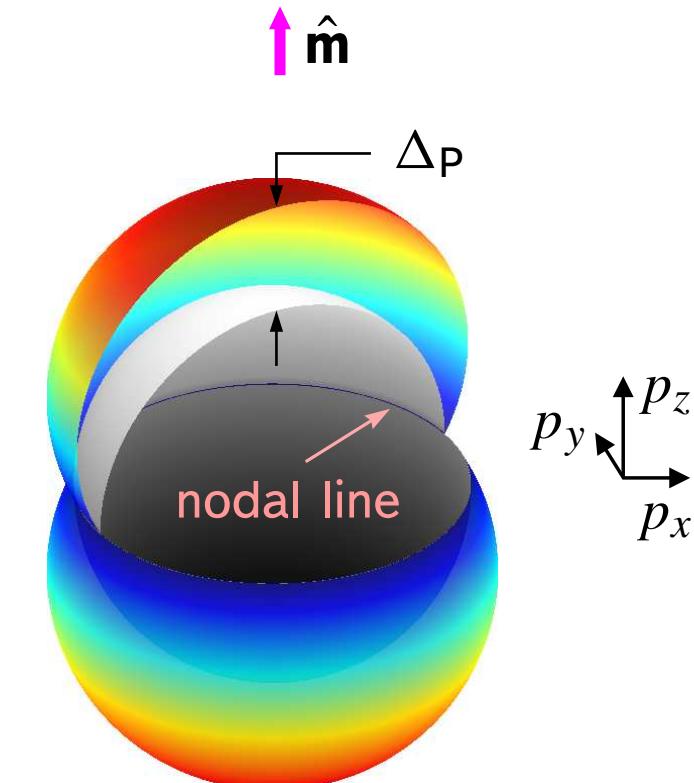
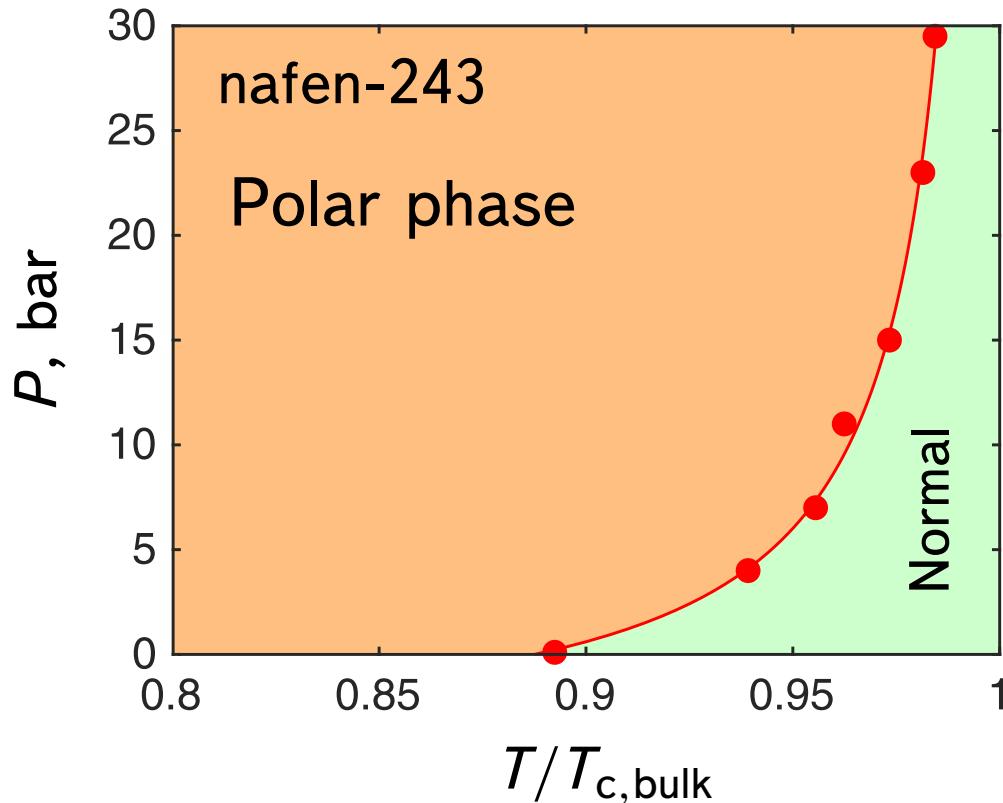
# ENGINEERING NEW PHASES OF SUPERFLUID $^3\text{He}$



	open	$d$ , nm	$\langle D \rangle$ , nm
nafen-90	98%	8	47
nafen-243	94%	9	32

Polar phase stabilized with confinement between parallel nanostrands.

$$A_{\mu j} = \Delta_P e^{i\phi} \hat{\mathbf{d}}_\mu \hat{\mathbf{m}}_j$$

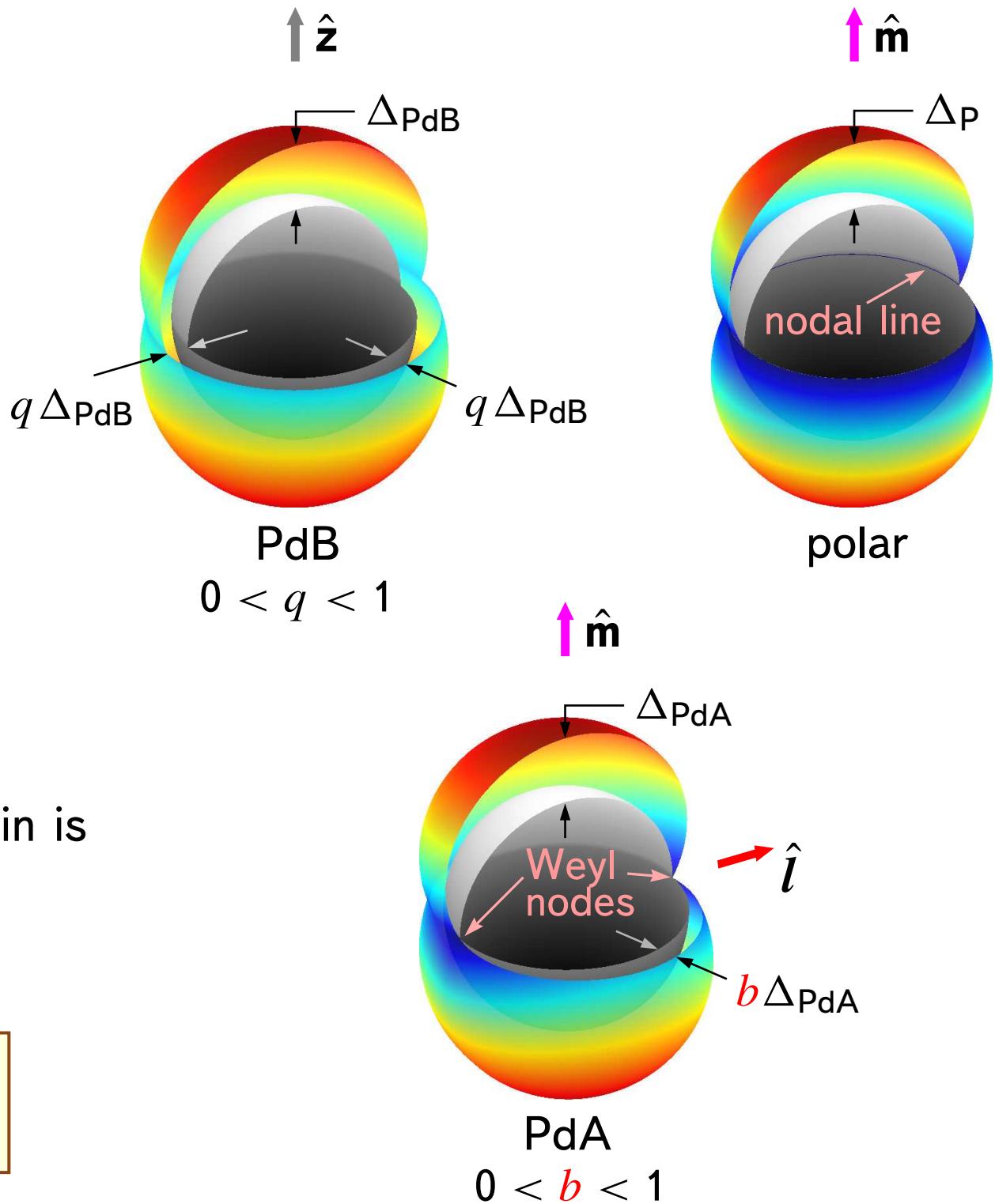
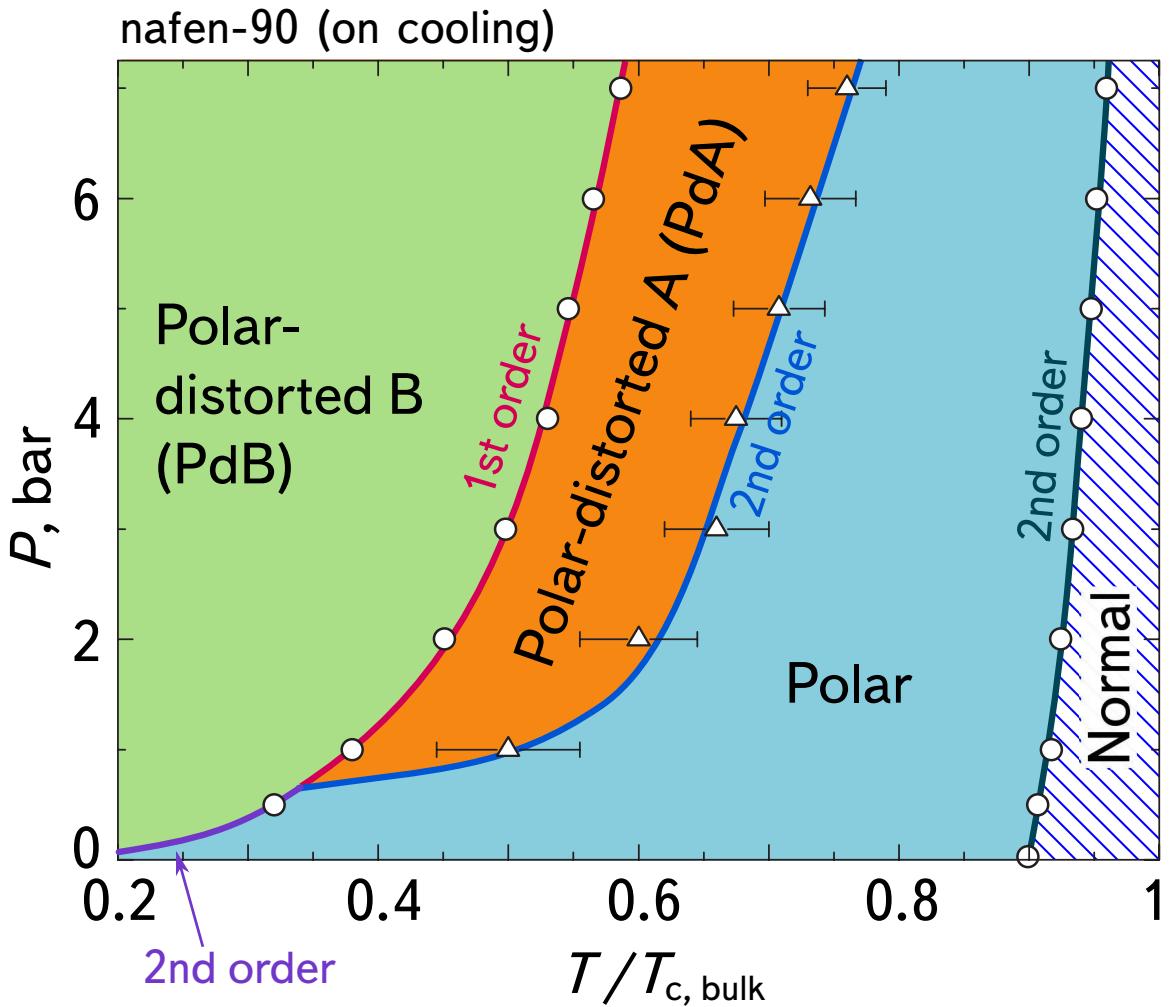


Scattering time  $\tau < \hbar/\Delta$  but  $T_{\text{c,polar}} \approx T_{\text{c,bulk}}$ . Extension of the Anderson theorem applicable if  $p_z$  is conserved.

Aoyama & Ikeda, PRB **73**, 060504 (2006); Dmitriev *et al*, PRL **115**, 165304 (2015)

Fomin, JETP **127**, 933 (2018); Kamppinen *et al*, arXiv:1908.01645v4

# POLAR-DISTORTED A AND B PHASES



For Weyl fermions in the PdA phase, vierbein is

$$e_a^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\mathbf{v}_s \\ 0 & c_{\perp 1} \hat{\mathbf{m}} \\ 0 & c_{\perp 2} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \\ 0 & c_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{\perp 1} = \frac{\Delta_{\text{PdA}}}{p_F}, \quad c_{\parallel} = v_F$$

$$c_{\perp 2} = b c_{\perp 1}$$

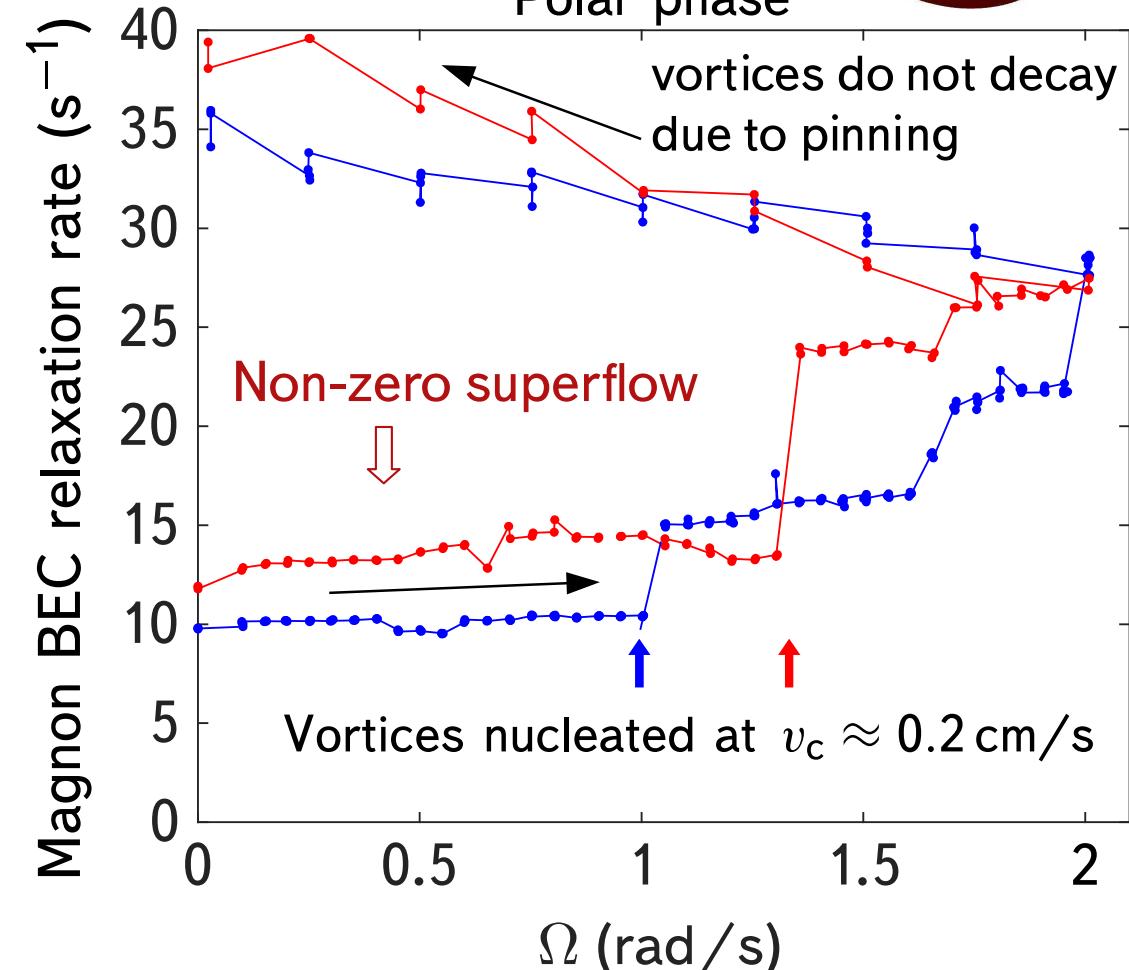
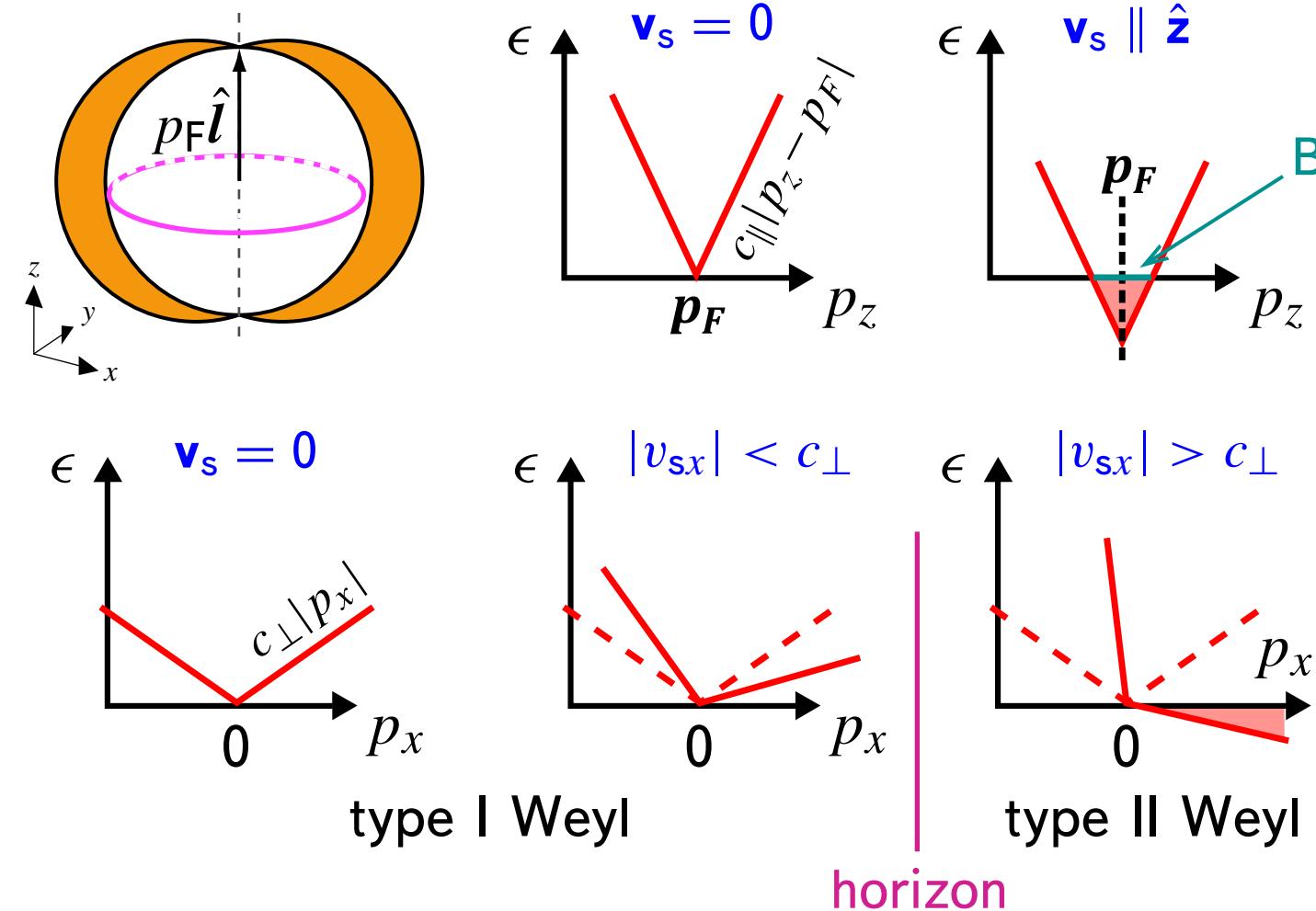
can be arbitrarily small

# SUPERFLOW IN NODAL SUPERFLUID

In a nodal superfluid Landau critical velocity  $v_{cL} = 0$  but superflow is stable.

$$\epsilon'_{\mathbf{p}} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v}_s$$

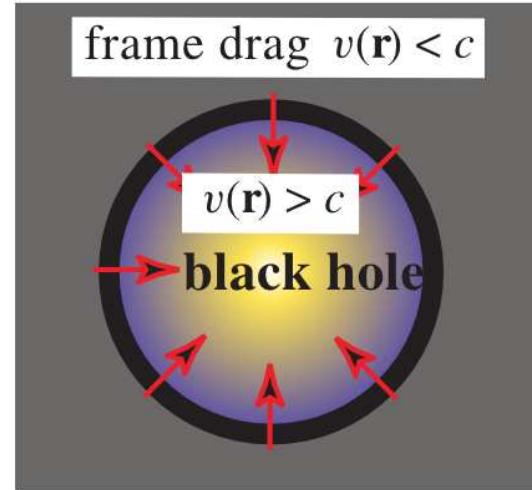
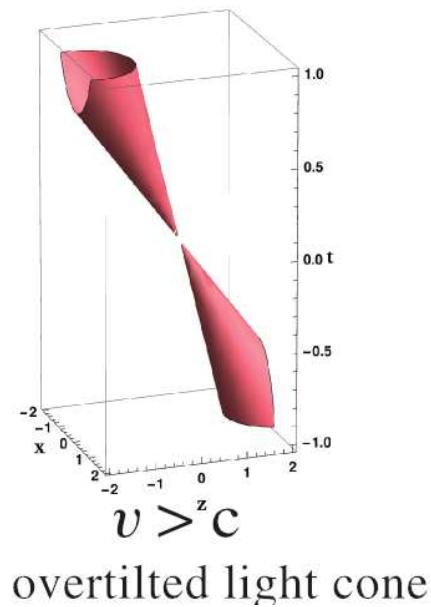
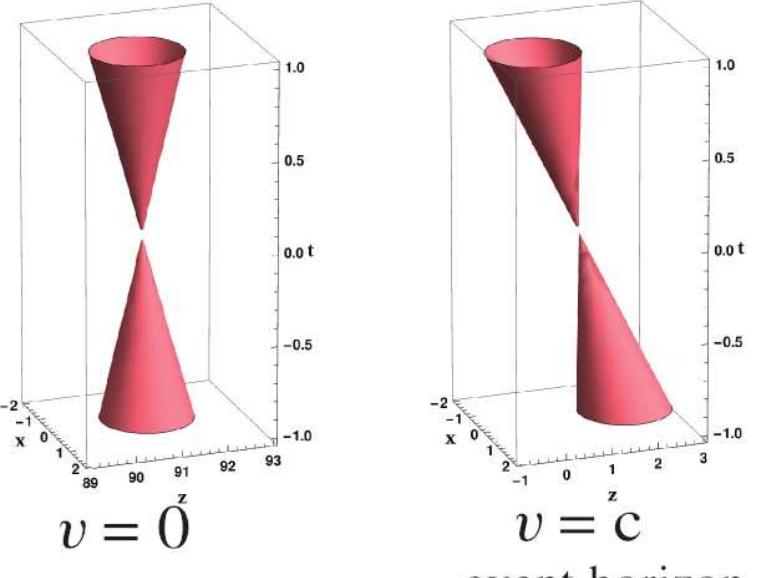
$$v_{cL} = \min(\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}} / p)$$



In nanoconfined phases with nodes (polar, PdA), sizeable superflow can be applied before vortex nucleation.

# BLACK-HOLE HORIZON ANALOGUE WITH TYPE-I/II WEYL FERMIONS

Light cone in a black hole with metric  $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -c^2 dt^2 + (dr - \mathbf{v}dt)^2$



$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = -c \hat{\mathbf{r}} \sqrt{\frac{r_h}{r}},$$

$c$  is speed of light.

Horizon:  $v(\mathbf{r}) = c$ .

Superfluid:

$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$  is applied flow,  
 $c \sim b \Delta / p_F$ ,

$b$  from confinement.

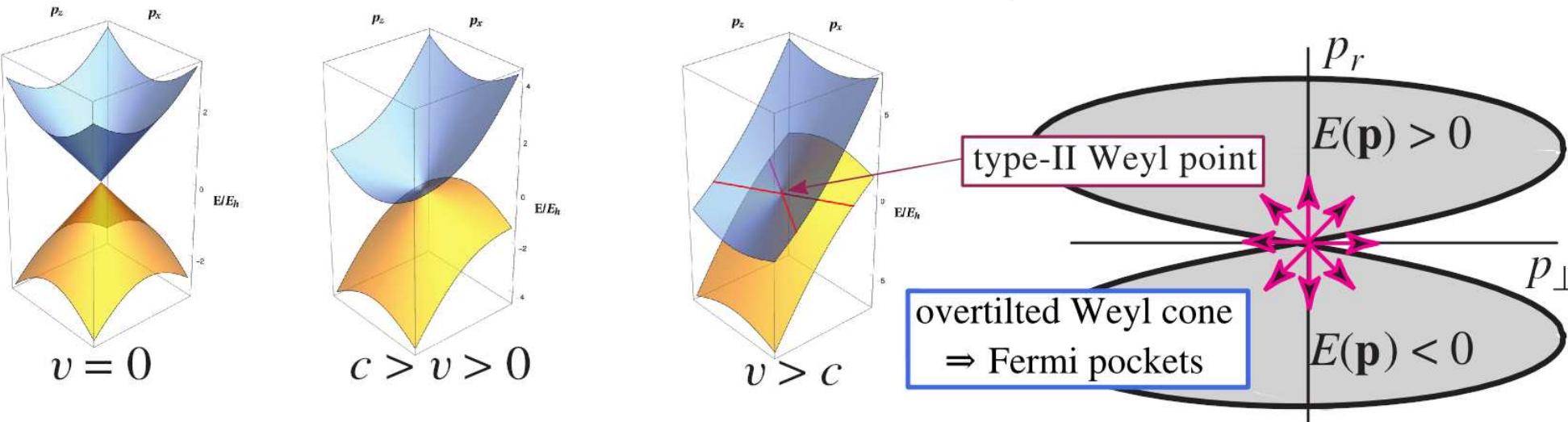
Semimetal:

$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$  and  $c$  are  
material parameters.

Hawking radiation:

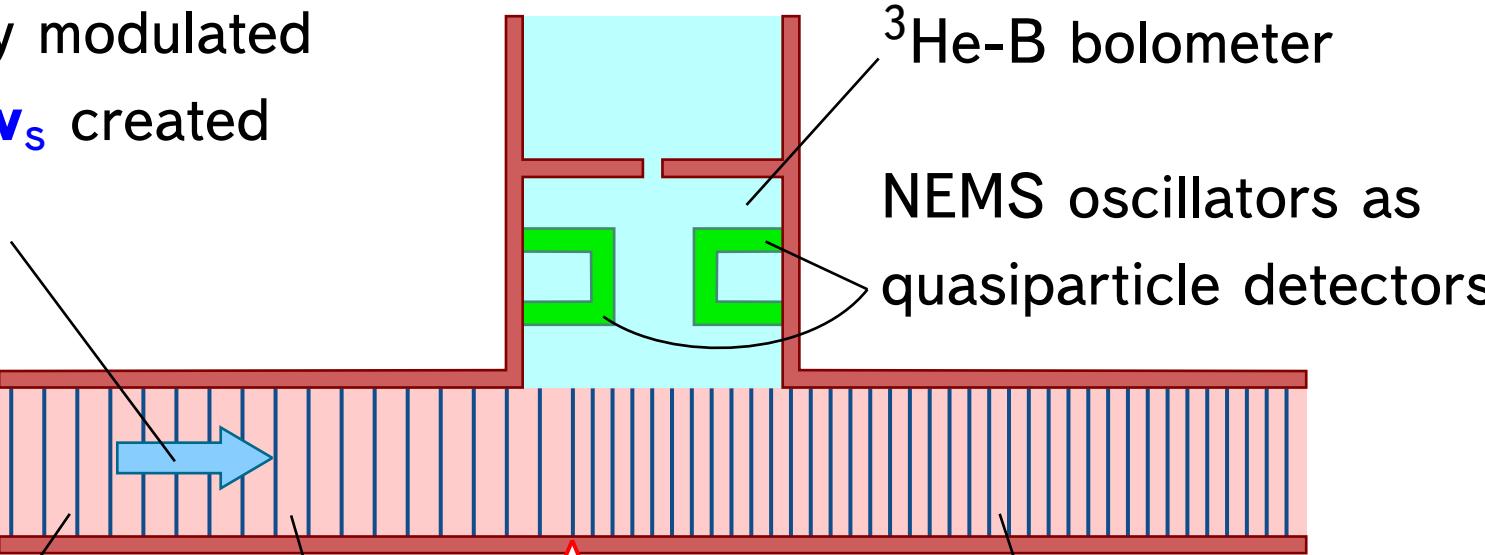
filling  $E(\mathbf{p}) < 0$  pocket.

Energy spectrum in Weyl semimetal/superfluid:  $g^{\mu\nu}p_\mu p_\nu = (E - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 - c^2 p^2 = 0$



# POTENTIAL HORIZON ANALOGUE IN THE PdA PHASE

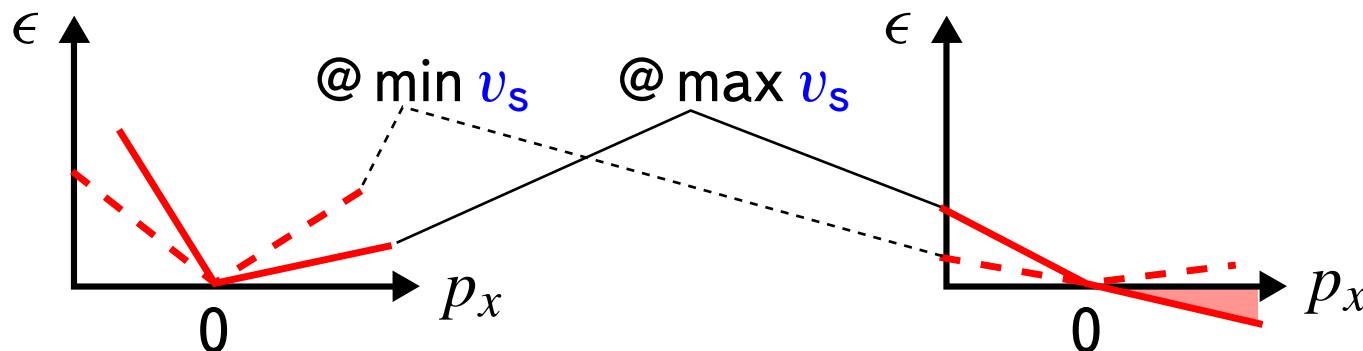
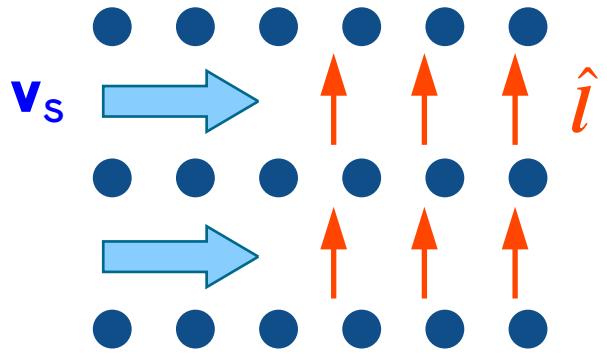
Periodically modulated superflow  $\mathbf{v}_s$  created by rotation



Confinement with a step in density and in-plane anisotropy

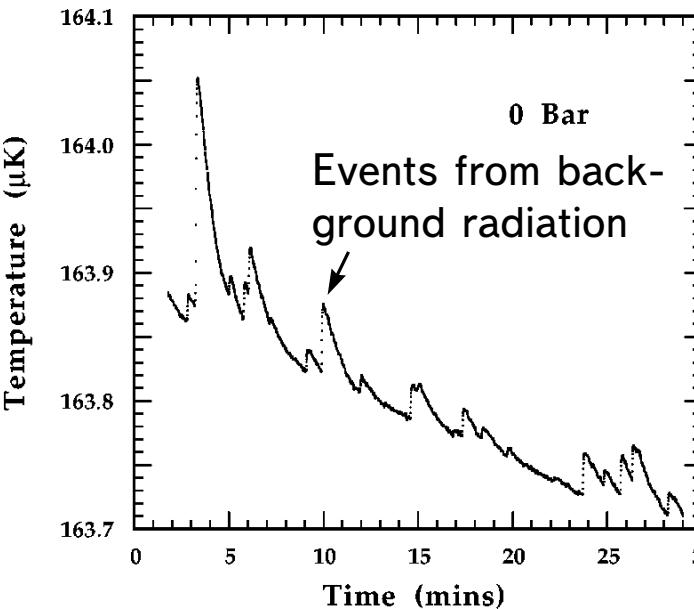
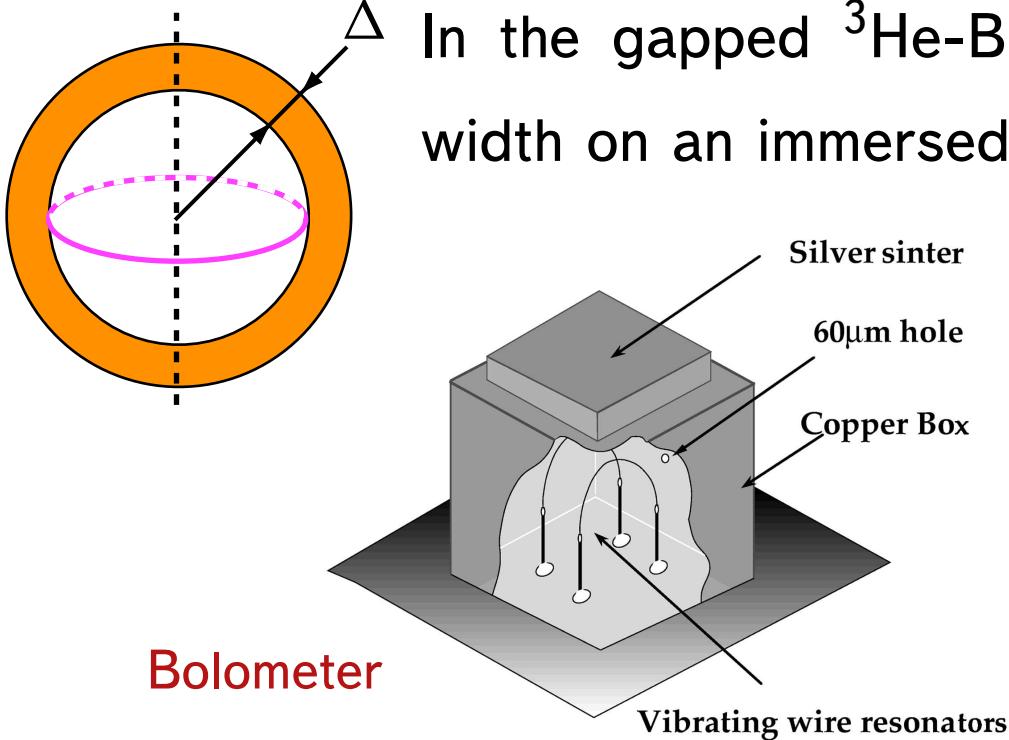
PdA phase with smaller polar distortion, always type I Weyl

PdA phase with larger polar distortion, type I/II Weyl depending on  $|\mathbf{v}_s|$



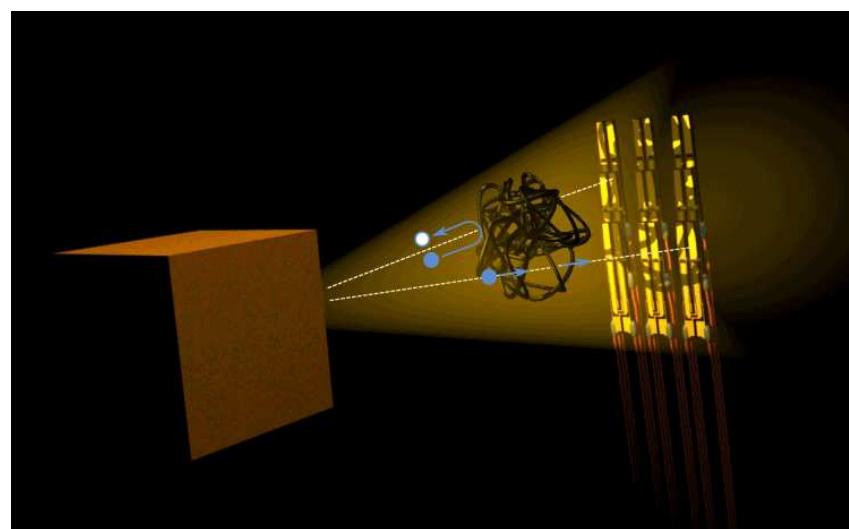
# $^3\text{He-B}$ BOLOMETER FOR (QUASI)PARTICLE DETECTION

In the gapped  $^3\text{He-B}$ , heat capacity  $C$ , quasiparticle density  $n$  and resonance width on an immersed mechanical oscillator  $\Delta f \propto \exp(-\Delta/k_B T)$ .

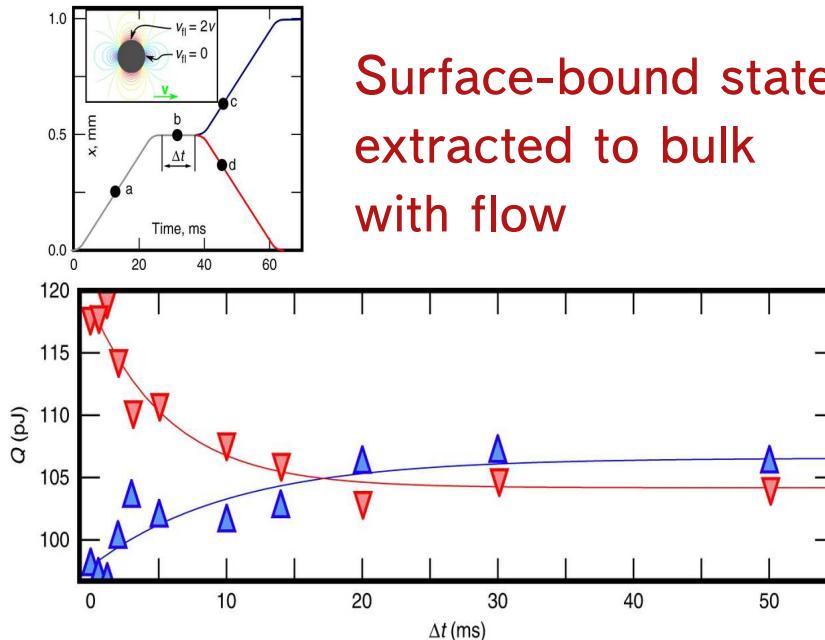


Bäurele *et al*, PRB **57**, 14381 (1997)

Planned to be used  
for dark matter search



Quasiparticle camera

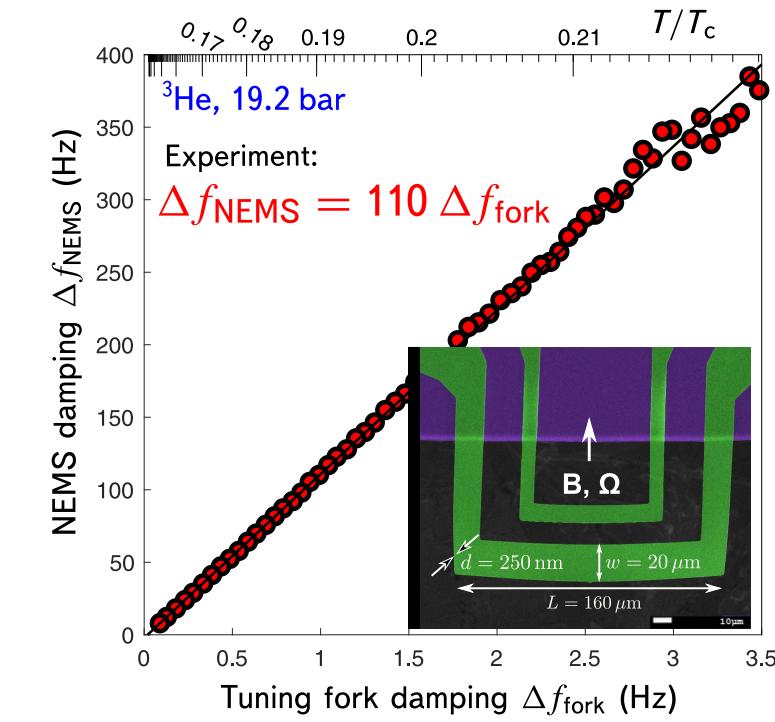


Surface-bound states  
extracted to bulk  
with flow

Noble *et al*, PRB **105**, 174515 (2022)

Autti *et al*, NatCom **11**, 4742 (2020)

Enhanced sensitivity  
with NEMS oscillators



Kamppinen *et al*, PRB **107**, 014502 (2023)

# ROUTE TO ANTISPACETIME VIA POLAR PHASE

**Antispacetime:** Reversal of (one of) the tetrad components so that

$$\det e_a^\mu > 0 \iff \det e_a^\mu < 0$$

right-handed fermions  $\iff$  left-handed fermions

What happens to action? Possible choices:

- $\det e_a^\mu < 0$  is prohibited

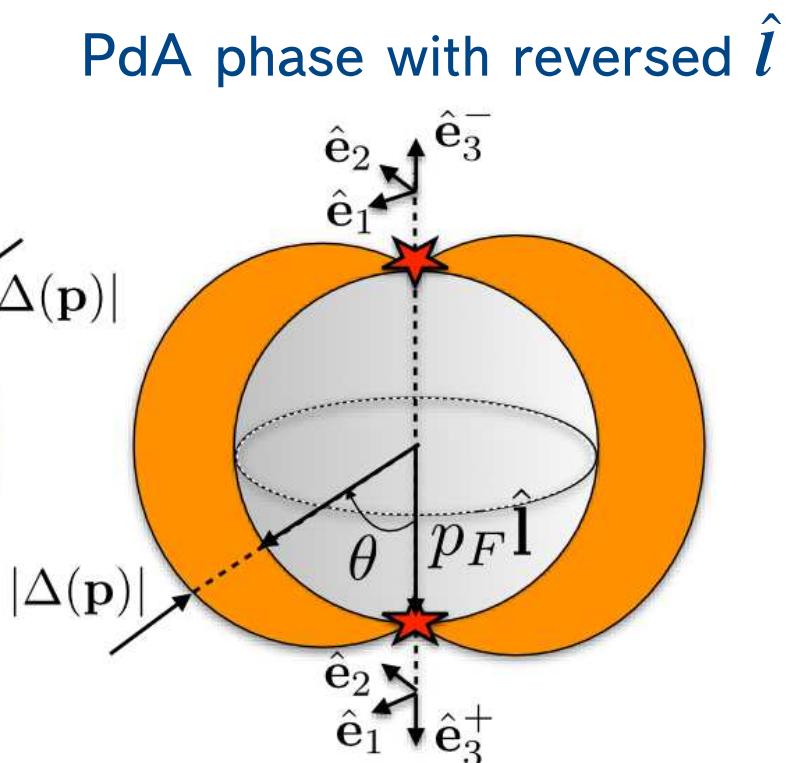
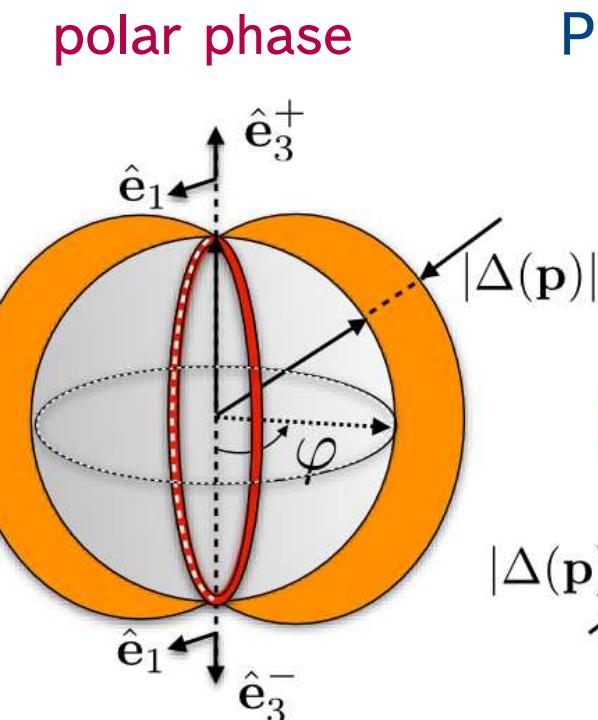
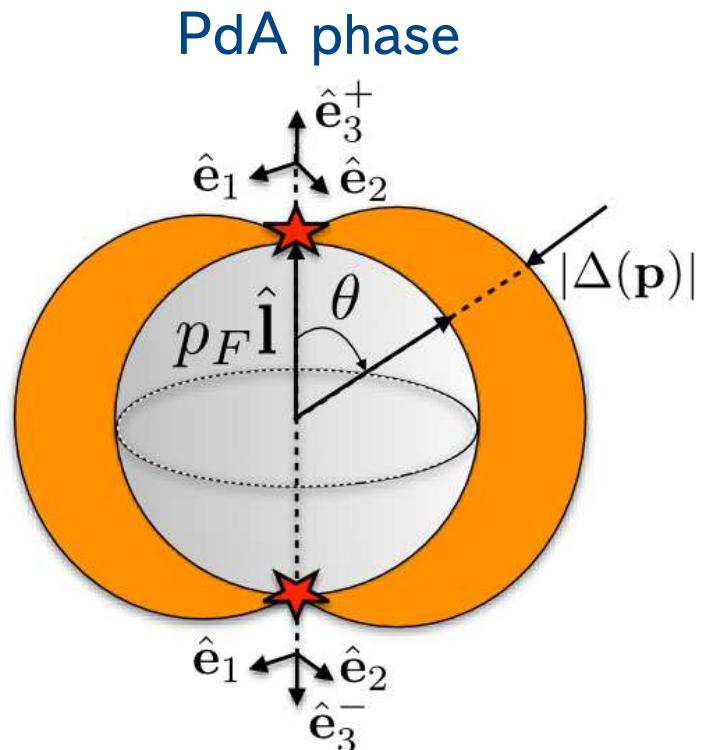
- action depends on  $|\det e_a^\mu|$

- something else

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_1 &= (\Delta / p_F) \hat{\mathbf{m}} \\ \mathbf{e}_2 &= b(\Delta / p_F) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \\ &\uparrow \\ \text{controlled by confinement} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 < b < 1$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3^\pm = \pm v_F \hat{\mathbf{l}}$$



Non-analytic behavior of effective fields at the transition (in the polar phase),  $\text{action} \propto |\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{m}}|^{3/2}$ .

How to probe when  $\hat{\mathbf{m}}$  is fixed by confinement?

Nissinen & Volovik, PRD 97, 025018 (2018)

