

# Vortices in $U(1)$ Dark photon

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# Dark photon

- Dark photon

Okun 1982, Holdom 1985

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu + \epsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

- Dark photon dark matter

Ann Nelson and Jakub Scholtz, 2011

Suggest: Dark photon in the Stueckelberg limit can be non-thermal dark matter

# Dark photon dark matter

- Dark photon
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- Production mechanisms for dark photon field
  - Inflationary production  
Graham, Mardon, Rajendran, 2015
  - Axion-dark photon conversion  
Agrawal & Dror & Co & Bastero-Gil et al, 2018
  - Blackhole superradiance  
Baryakhtar, Lasenby, Teo, 2017
  - Two stream instability...  
Mardon (Talk) & Lasenby 2020

# Mass range

Two stream instability



Axion-dark photon conversion



Superradiance



$10^{-12}$  eV

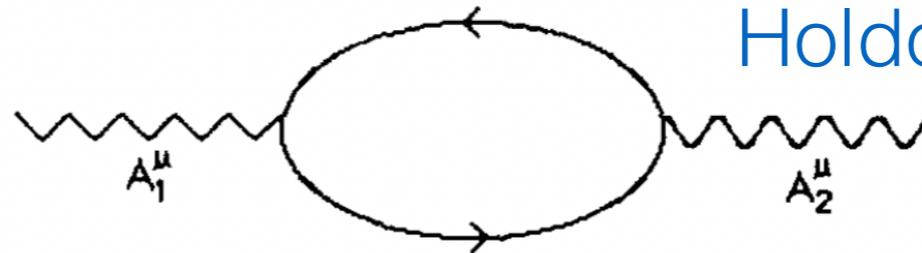
Inflationary production



eV

# Interactions

$$g_D, \epsilon \sim eg_D/16\pi^2$$



Holdom 1985

Two stream instability

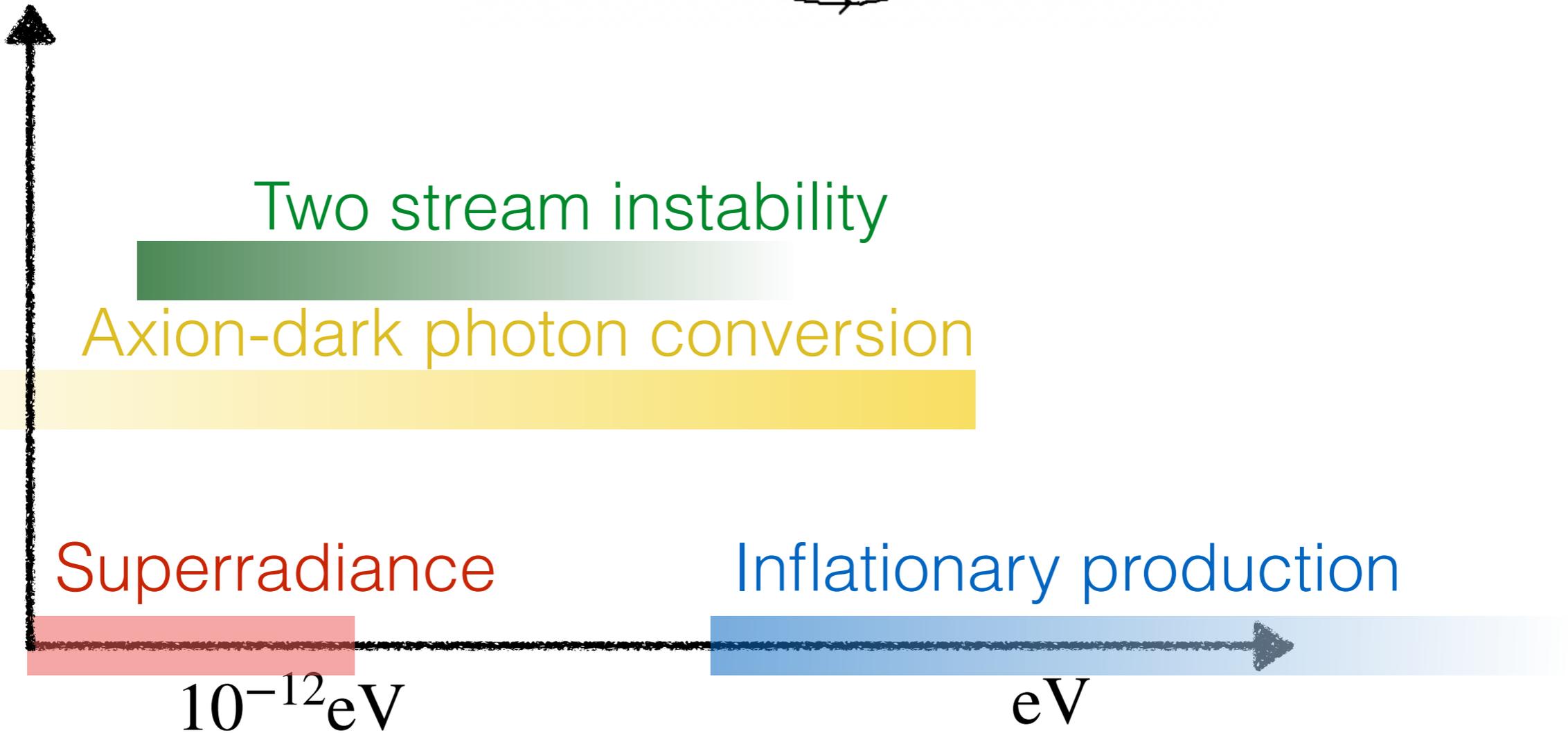
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# Interaction & Mass

- Abelian Higgs model:

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| D'_\mu \Phi \right|^2 - \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\lambda}{4} \left( |\Phi|^2 - v^2 \right)^2 \right],$$

- Stuckelberg limit:

$$m_\Phi^2 / m_{A'}^2 = \lambda / g_D^2 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Heavy higgs, light dark photon}$$

- Break down field strength?

$$\text{Schwinger-ish: } E_c \sim B_c \sim m_\Phi^2 / g_D = \lambda^{1/2} v^2 \times (\lambda / g_D^2)^{1/2}$$

Summary:

This picture is incomplete

# The String Photiverse has strings too

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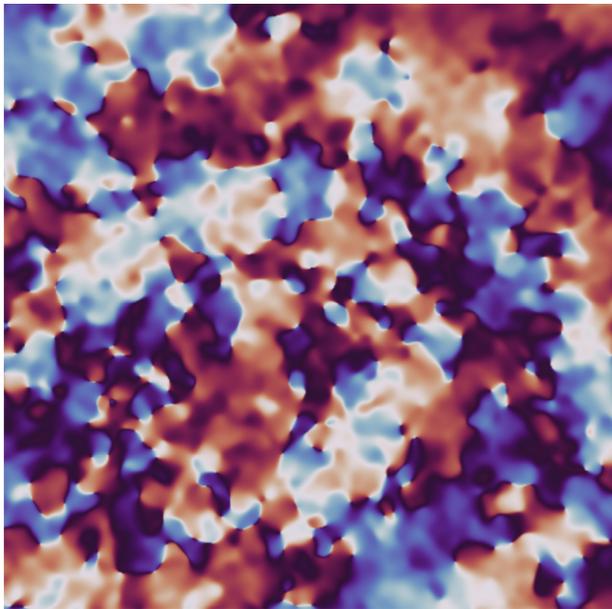
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- Vortices/strings

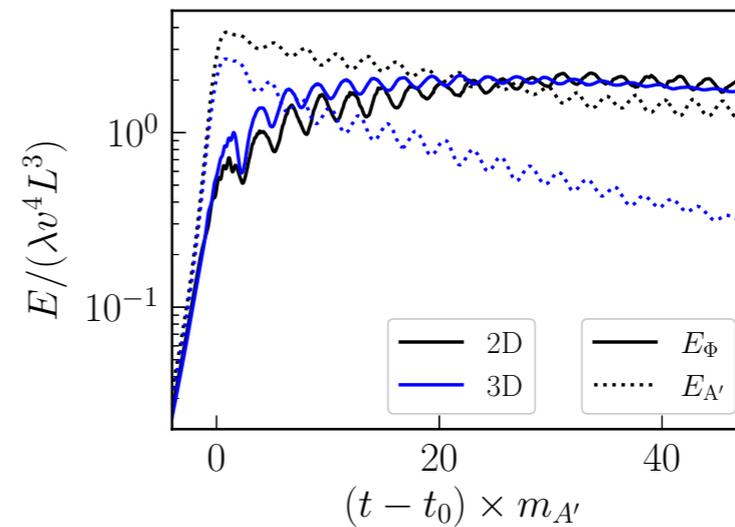
$$\mathcal{S} = -\mu \int dt dl \sqrt{\gamma} + \text{interactions} \dots$$

I will demonstrate that these long/heavy defects are more likely to be produced in U(1) dark photon

# Vortex dynamics



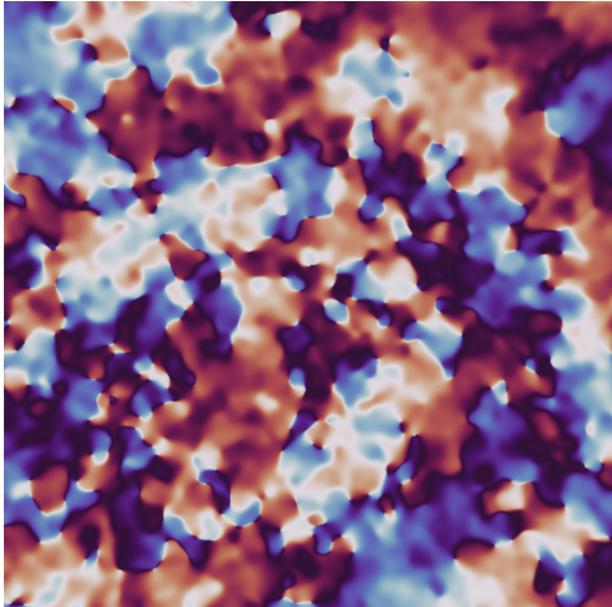
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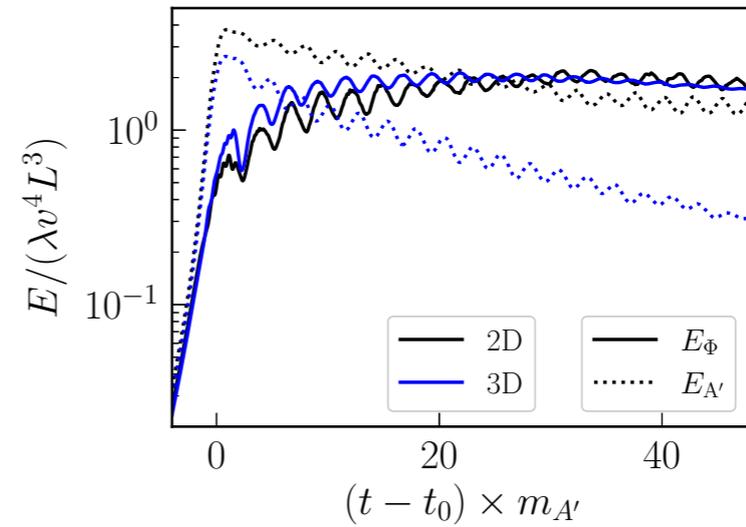
Depleting Dark Photon

Vortices deplete U(1)  
dark photon dark matter

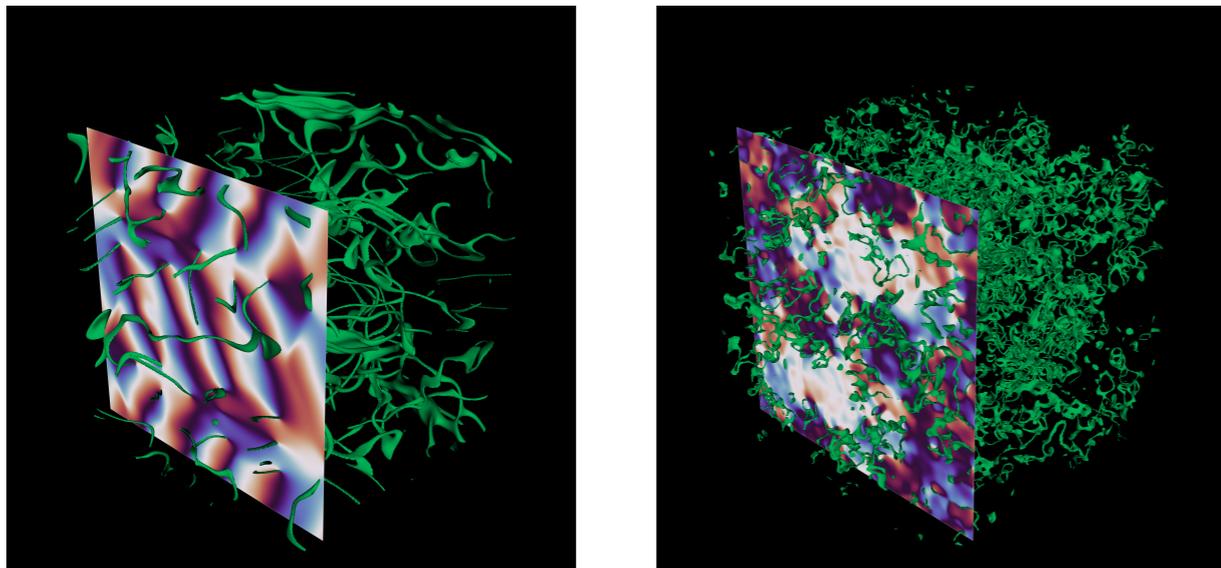
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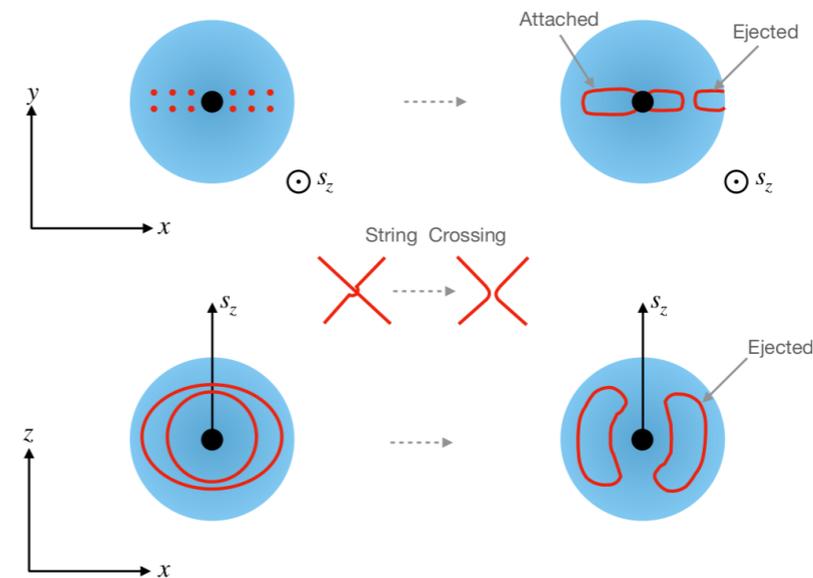
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Vortex melting (DM)



Vortex ejection (SR)

# Vortex formation in Dark photon

# Inflationary production

- Nambu-Goto

$$\mathcal{S} = -\mu \int dt dl \sqrt{\gamma} + \dots \quad \text{with } \mu = \pi v^2 \log[\lambda/g_D^2]$$

- String production rate

Basu, Guth, Vilenkin 1991

$$\Gamma \sim \exp[-\mu/H_I^2]$$

- String production when

$$g_D = \frac{m_{A'}}{v} \geq \frac{m_{A'}}{H_I} = 2 \times 10^{-22} \left( \frac{m_{A'}}{\text{eV}} \right)^{5/4}$$

$$\text{Using } \Omega_{A'} = \Omega_{\text{DM}} \times \sqrt{\frac{m_{A'}}{6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}}} \left( \frac{H_I}{10^{14} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

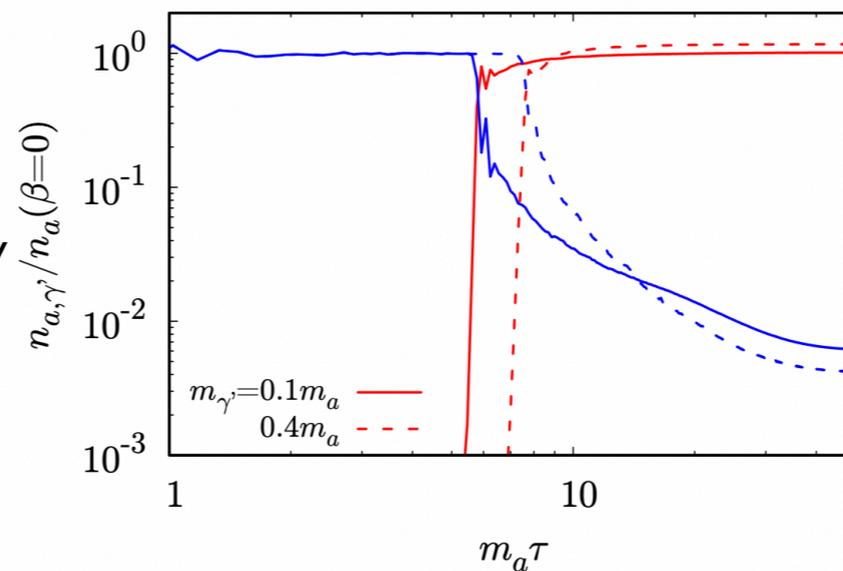
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# Transverse mode

- Axion dark photon conversion

Agrawal et al, 2018

Produces  $B' \gtrsim E'$  initially



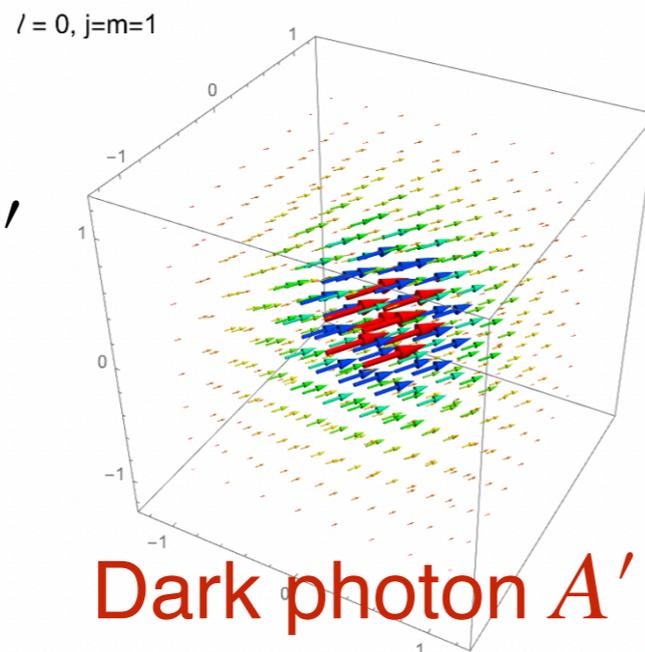
Dark photon

Axion

- Vector superradiance

Baryakhtar, Lasenby, Teo

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Dark photon  $A'$

In the transverse field,  
when does vortices form?

Detour (Superconductors)

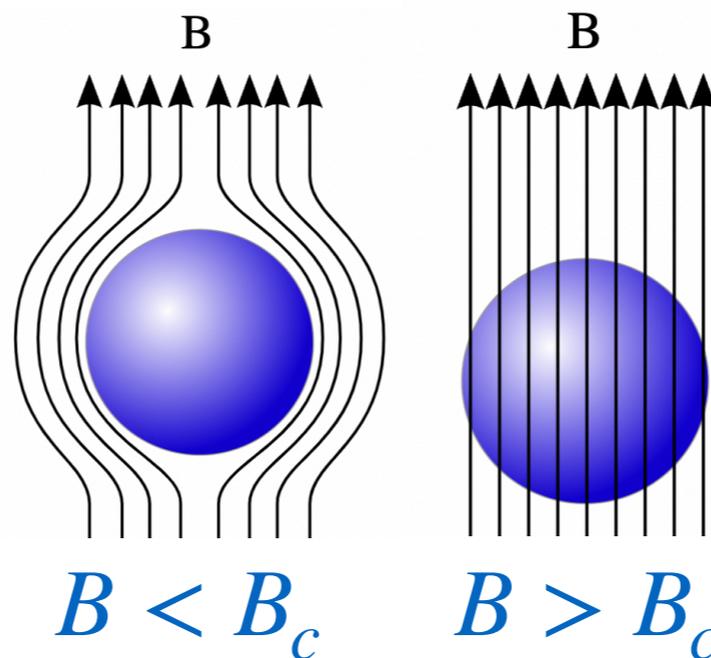
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- Type I ( $\lambda < e^2$ )

Meissner Effect:



$$B_c \sim \lambda v^2 / e$$

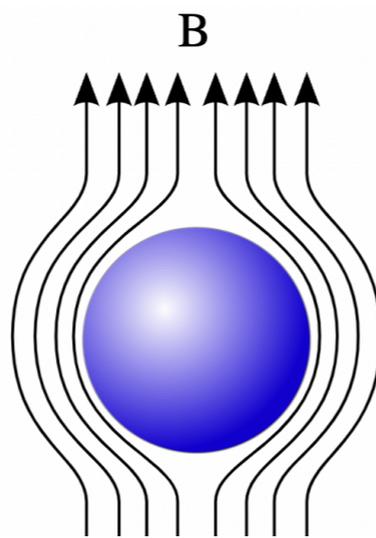
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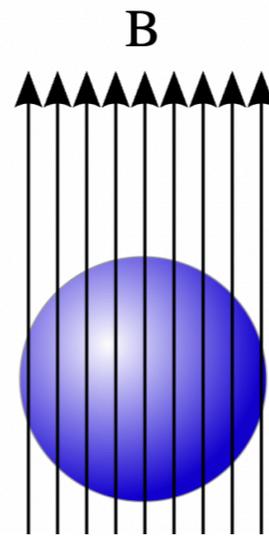
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Meissner Effect:



$$B < B_c$$

$$B < B_{c1}$$



$$B > B_c$$

$$B > B_{c2}$$

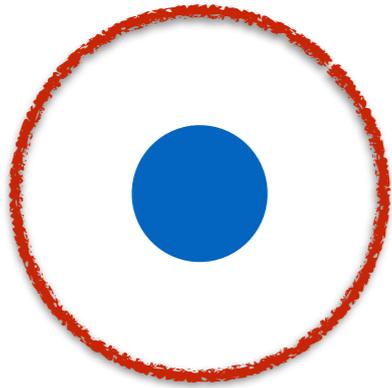


$$B_c B_{c2} \sim \lambda v^2 / e$$

$$B_{c1} \sim ev^2$$

- Type II ( $\lambda > e^2$ )

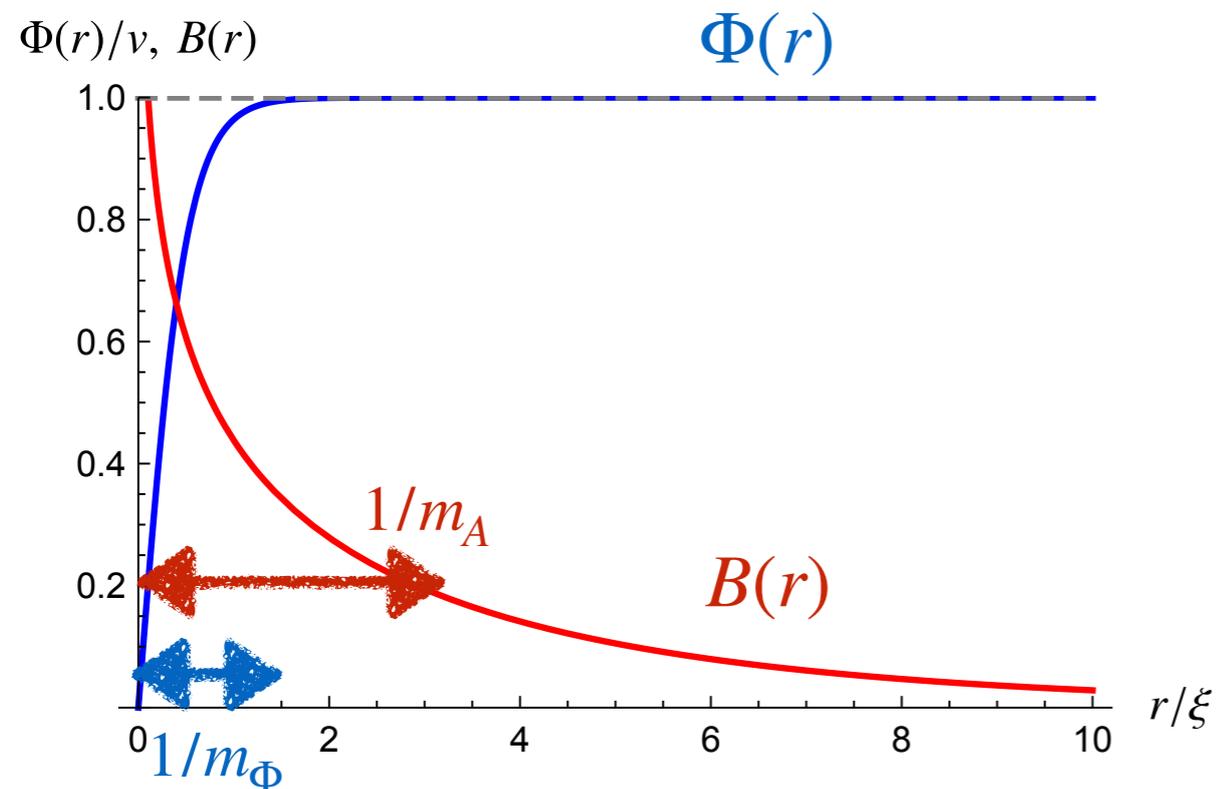
# Abrikosov vortex (lattice)



$$B_{c1} < B < B_{c2}$$

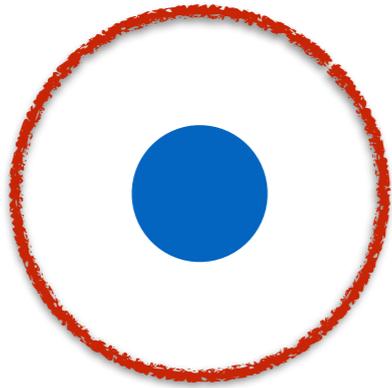
Abrikosov 1957

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A single vortex

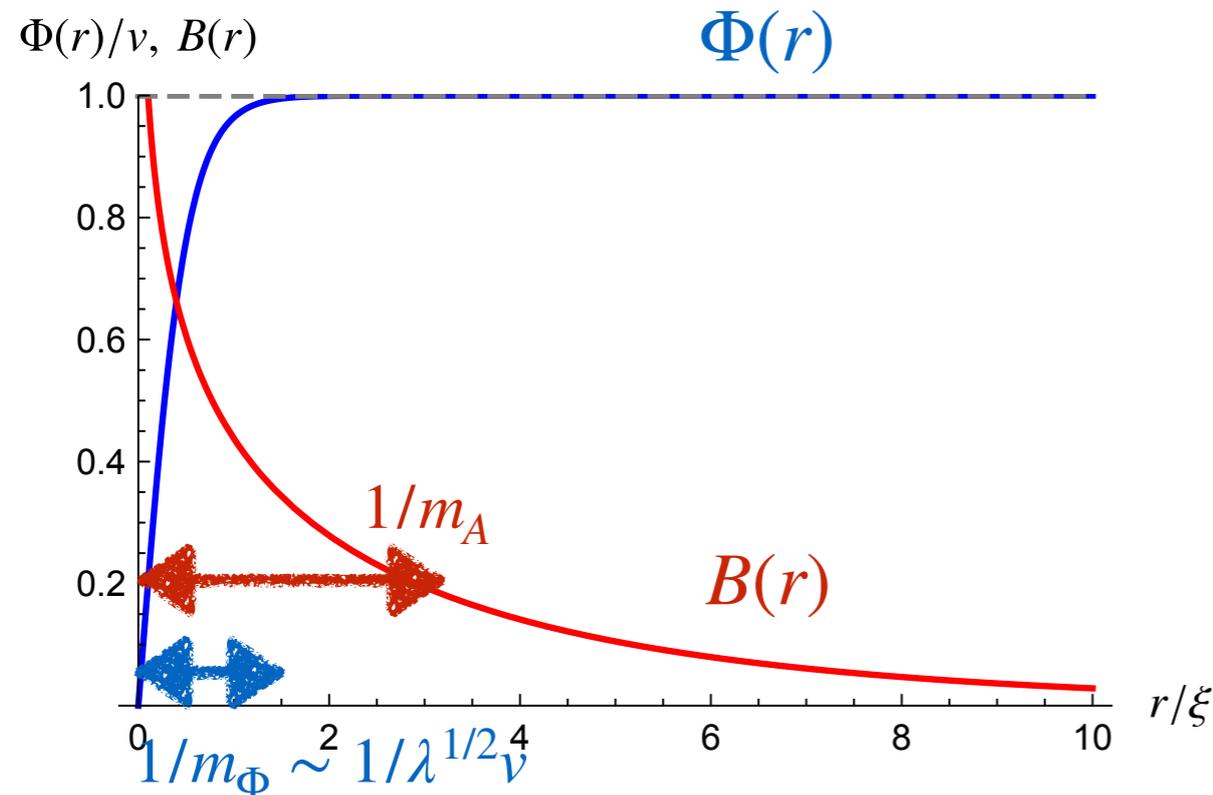
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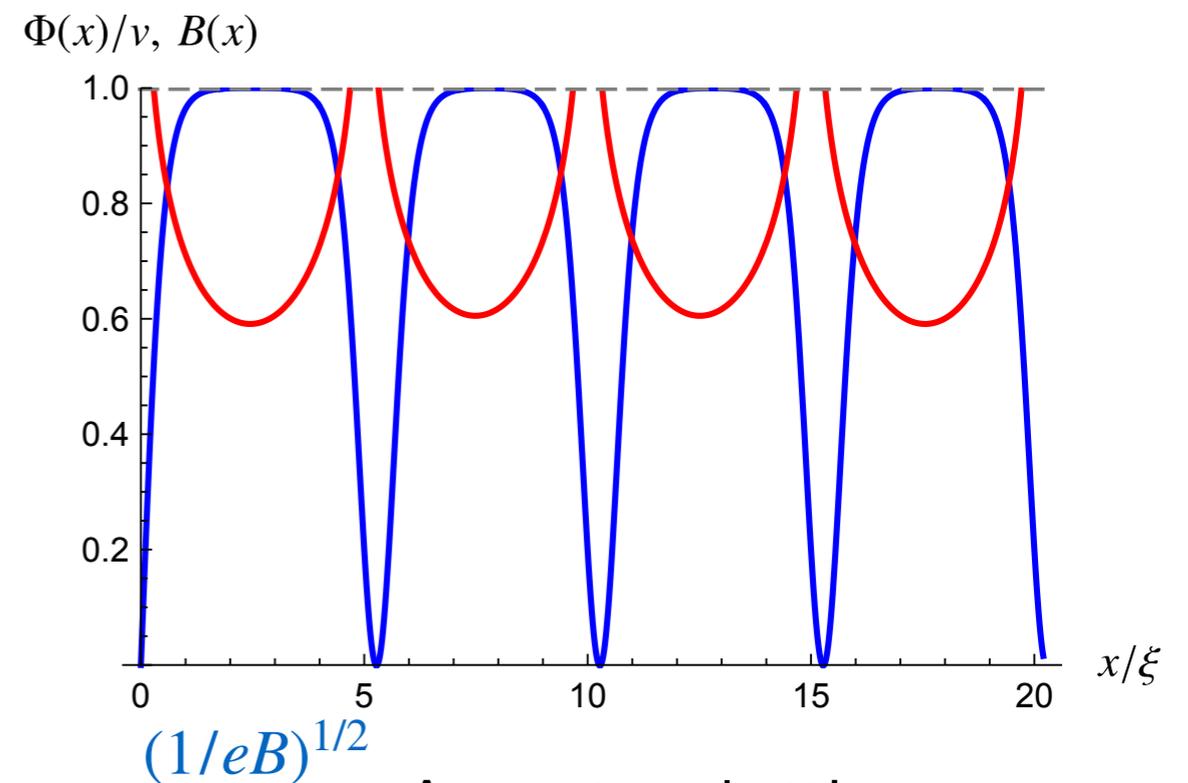
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A vortex lattice

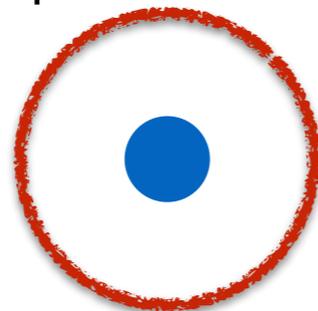
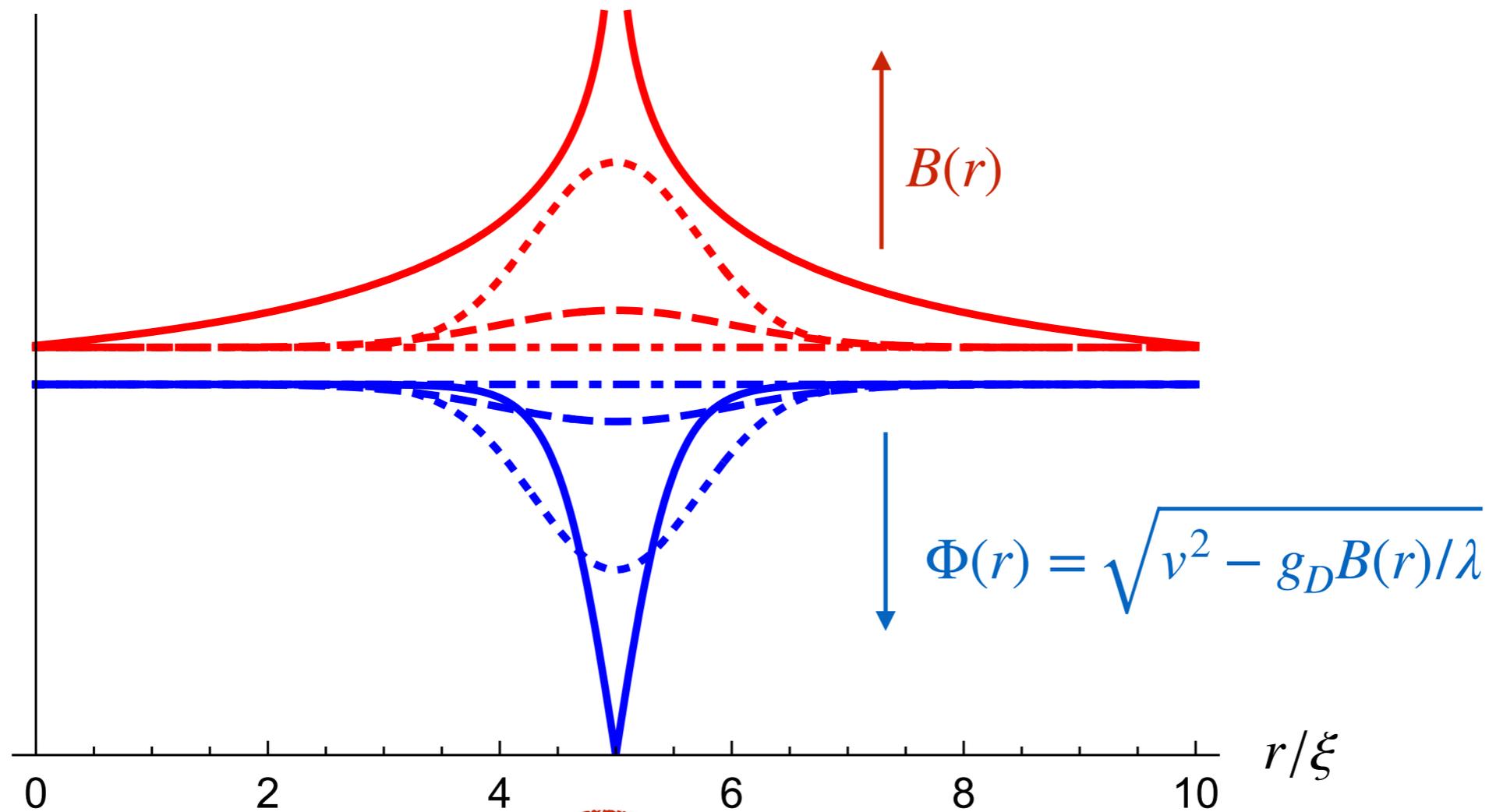
Abrikosov lattice is the ground state above  $B_{c1}$

# Superheating

$$B \sim B_{sh} \sim \lambda^{1/2} v^2$$

Galaiko 1966

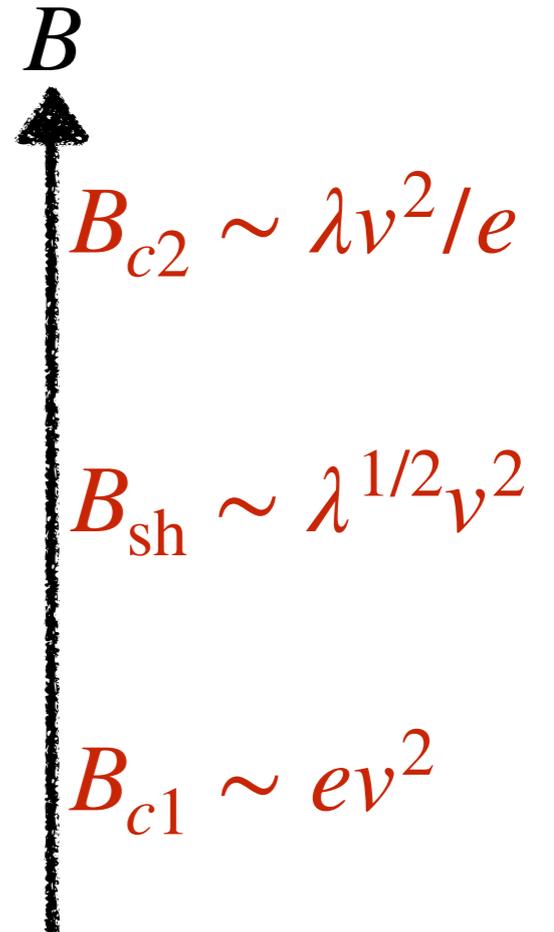
$\Phi(r), B(r)$



Above the superheating field, the phase transition is second order

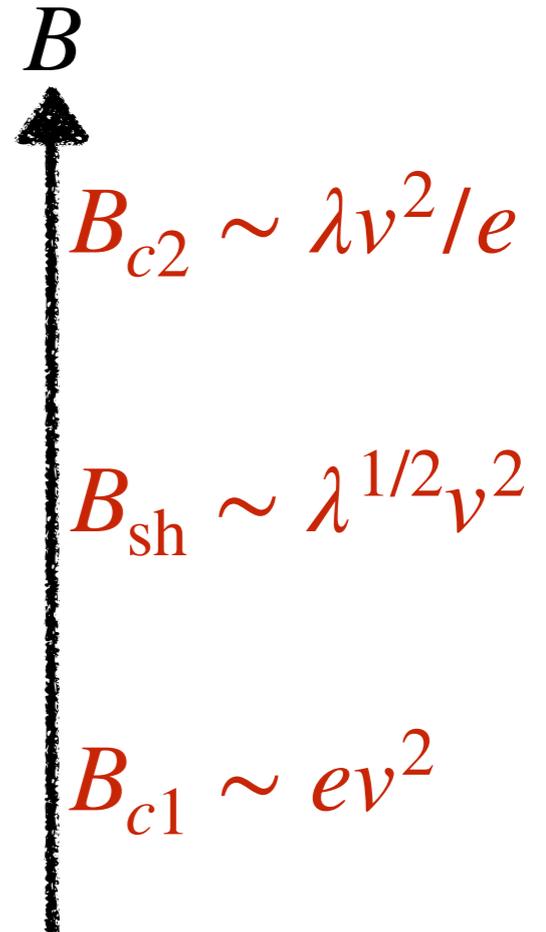
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- Critical fields (Type II)
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  - $B_{c2}$ : *Single particle production*



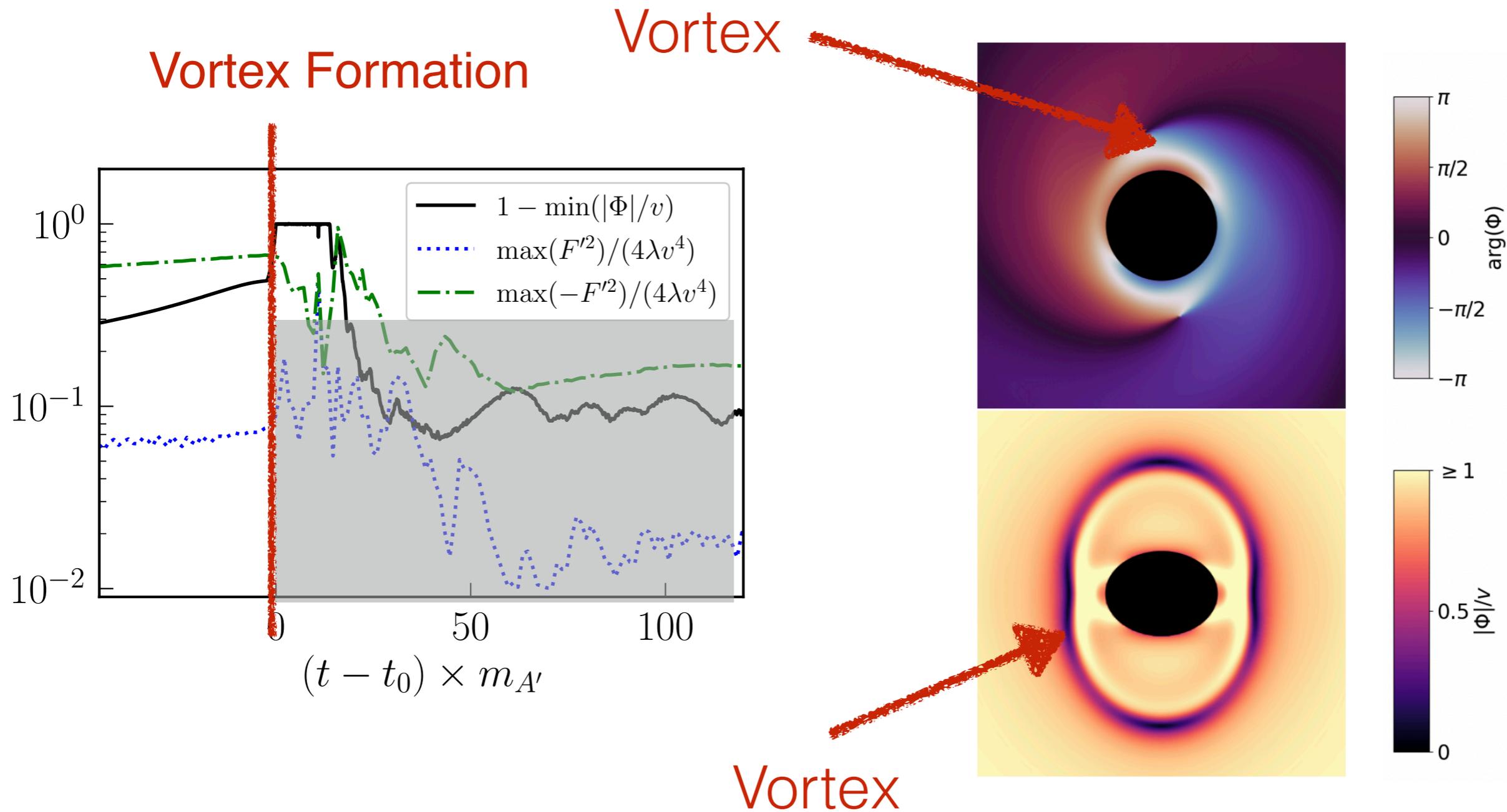
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  - Coherent background Vs Meissner
  - Strings ending on superconductor edge
  - Time dependence
  - Electric field
  - Gravity...



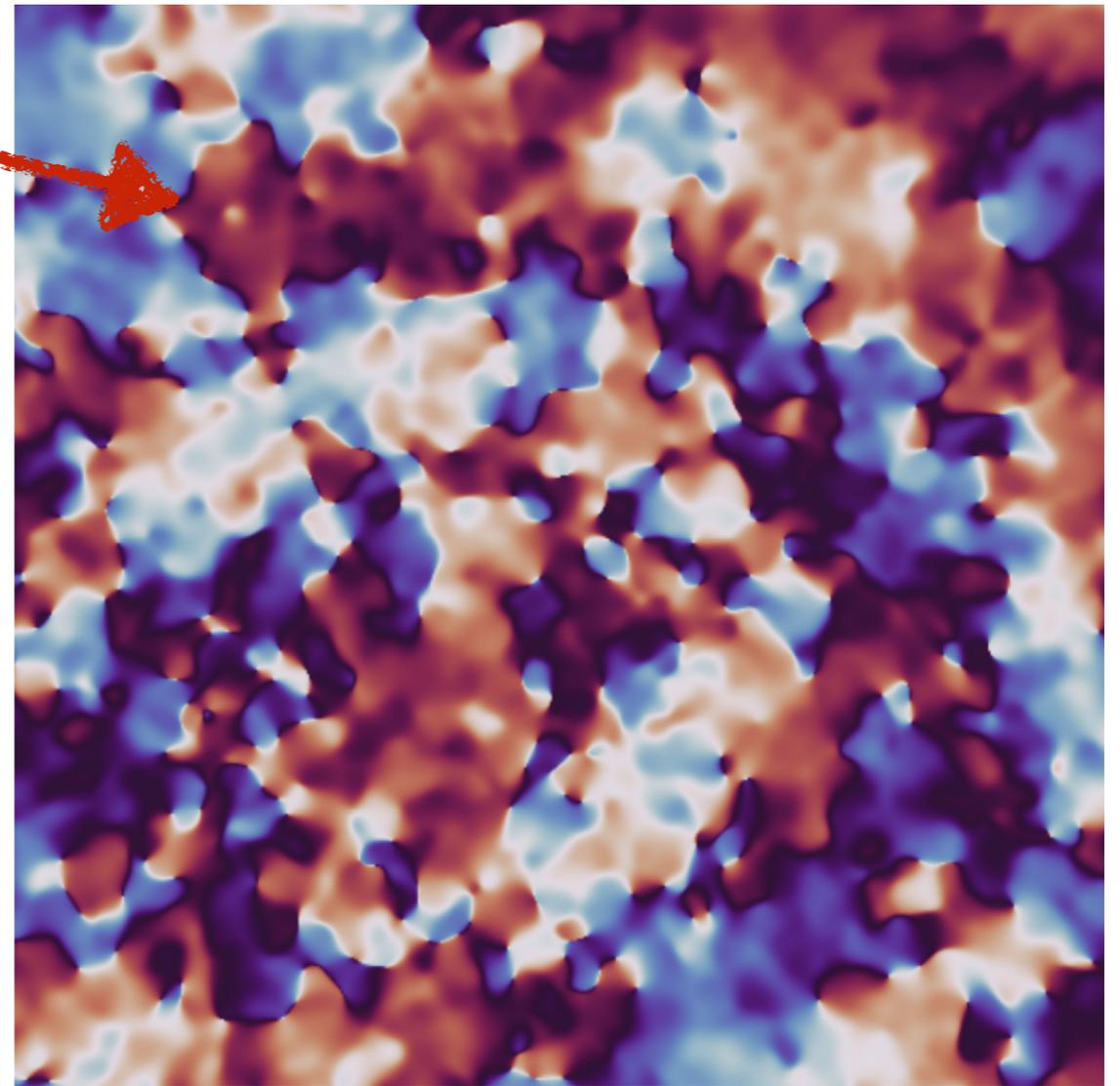
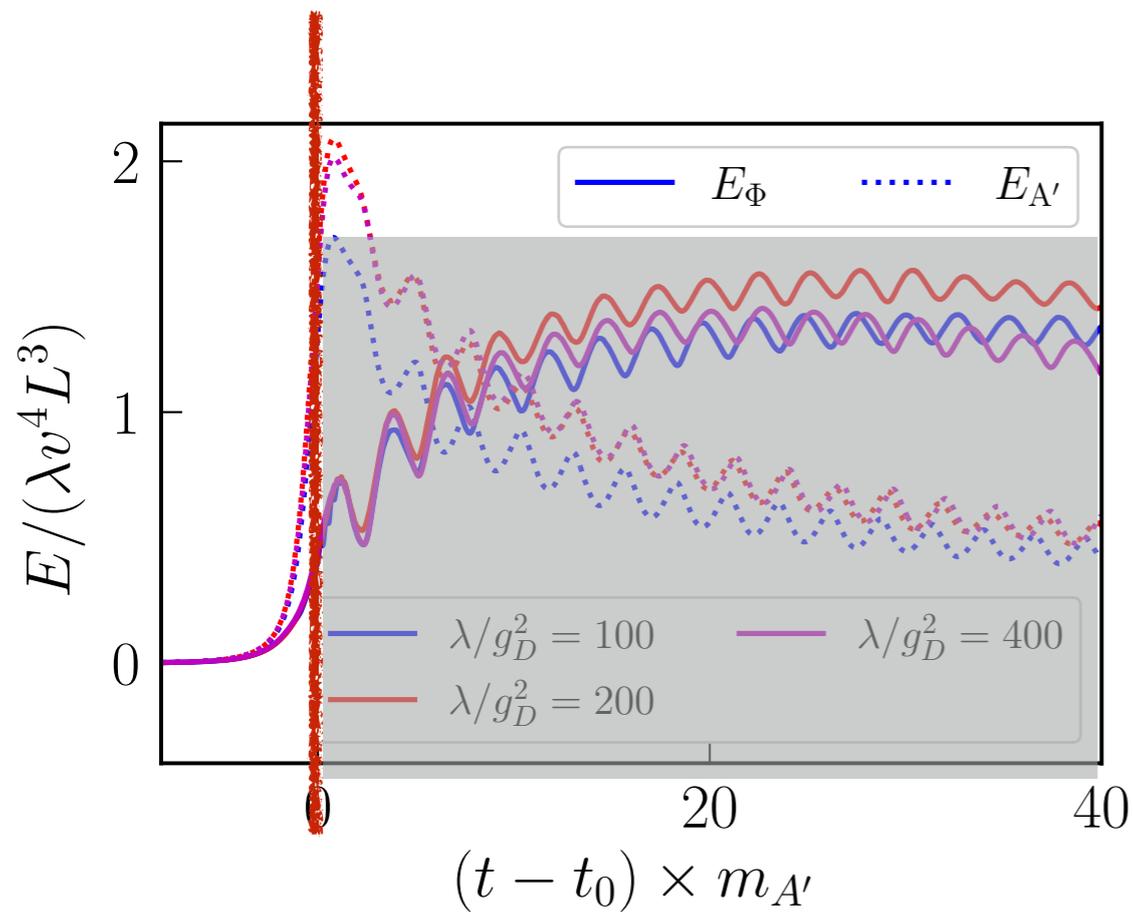
# Vortex formation (simulation)

# Vortex formation (SR)



# Vortex formation (2D)

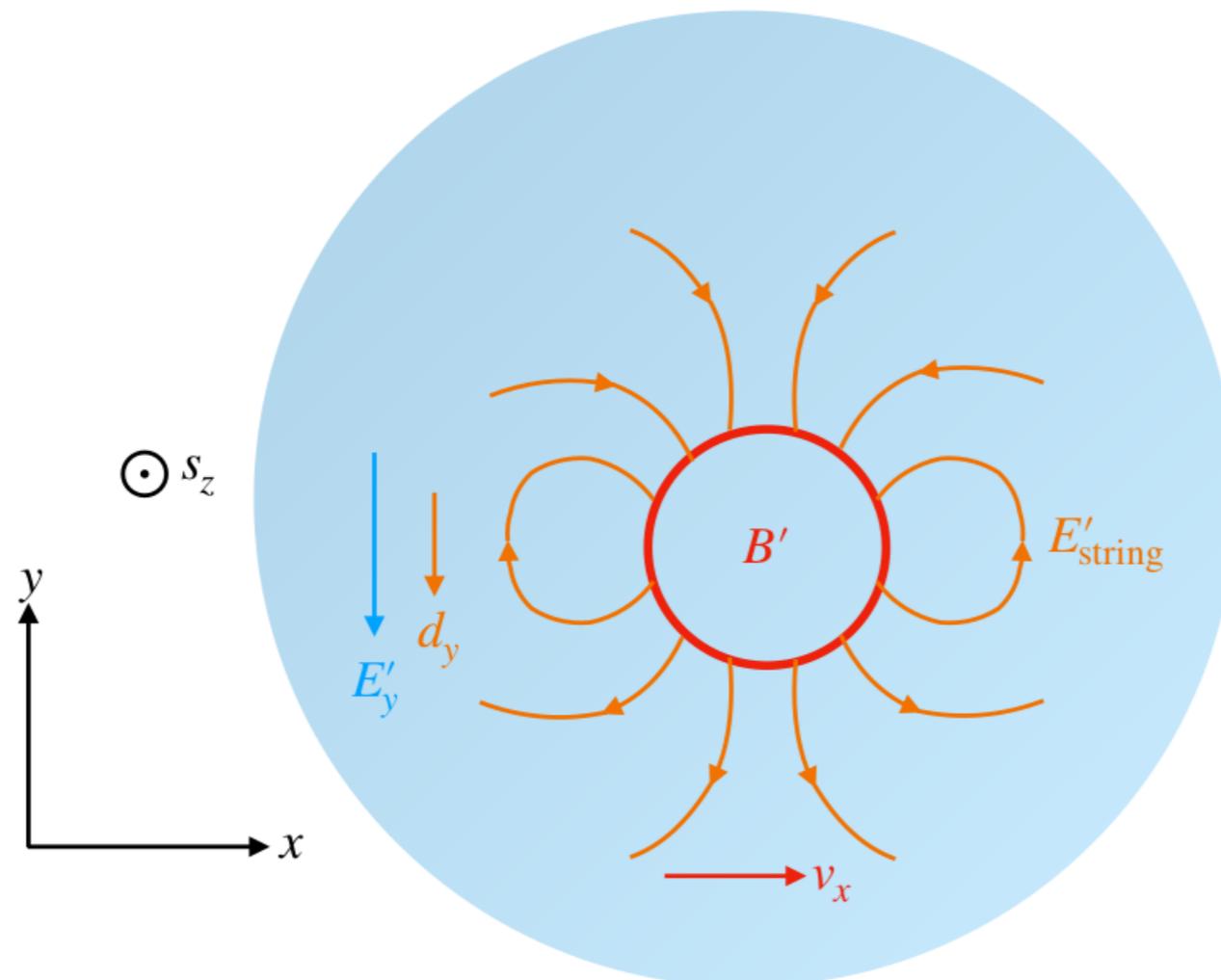
Vortex  
Formation



$\sim 1/m_A$

Depleting dark  
photon dark matter

# String interacting with E/B fields



$$\text{Vortex: } \vec{A} = \frac{\hat{\theta}}{g_D r}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} = \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{A}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{d}}{dl} = \frac{\vec{v}}{g_D}$$

In a background electric field, the strings want to accelerate in directions *perpendicular* to the direction of the external electric field

# The significance of $B_{c1}$

Background field:

$$\frac{d\vec{d}}{dl} \cdot \vec{E} \sim v^2 \log(\lambda/g_D^2)$$

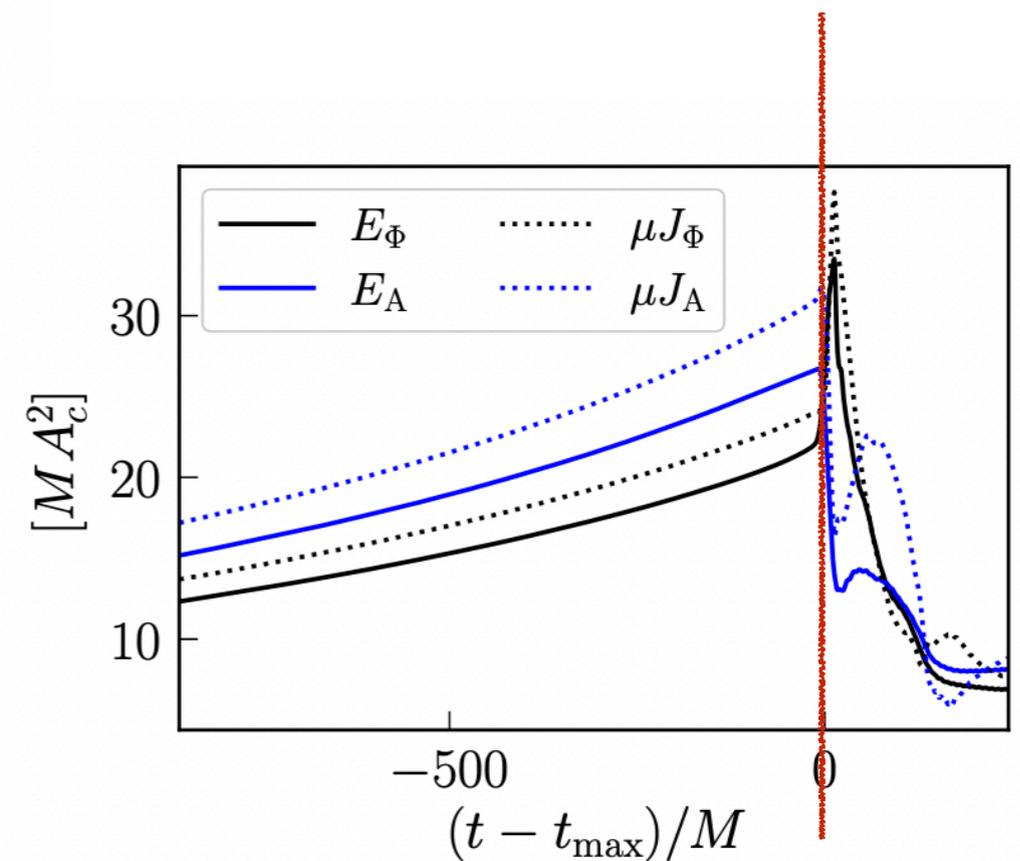
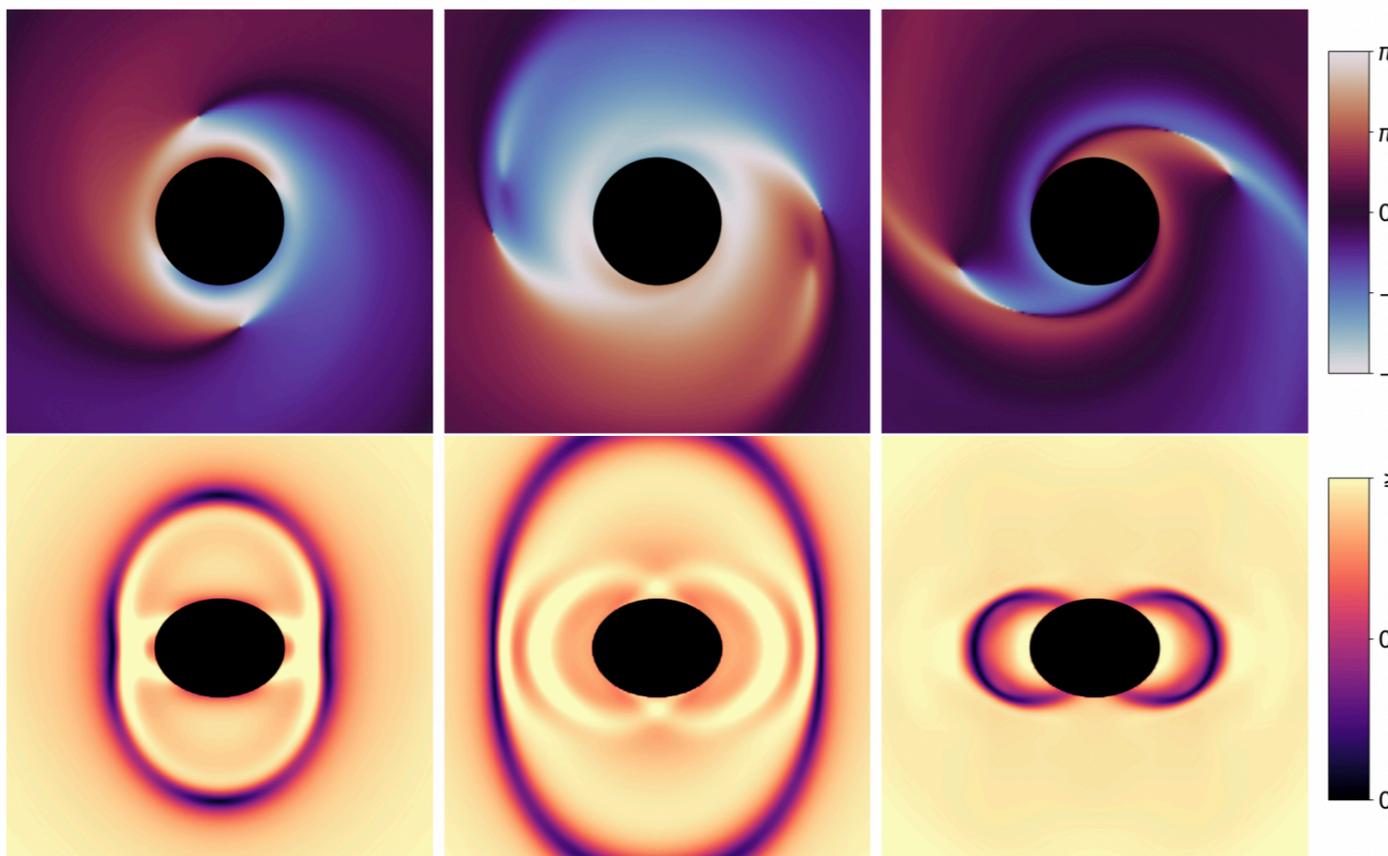


$$E_{c1} = g_D v^2 \log(\lambda/g_D^2)$$

When  $E, B \gg E_{c1}, B_{c1}$ , the gauge field fully determines the evolution of the vortex lines

# Vortex evolution (SR)

## Vortex Formation

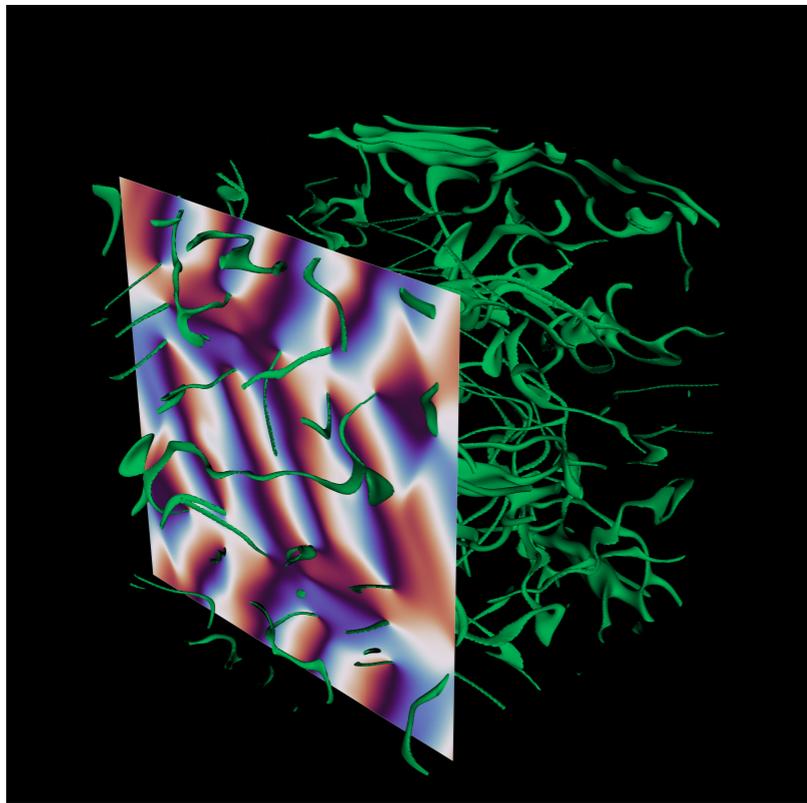


A single vortex line *expands (accelerates)* and shrinks onto the Blackhole

The energy density in the background field gets depleted

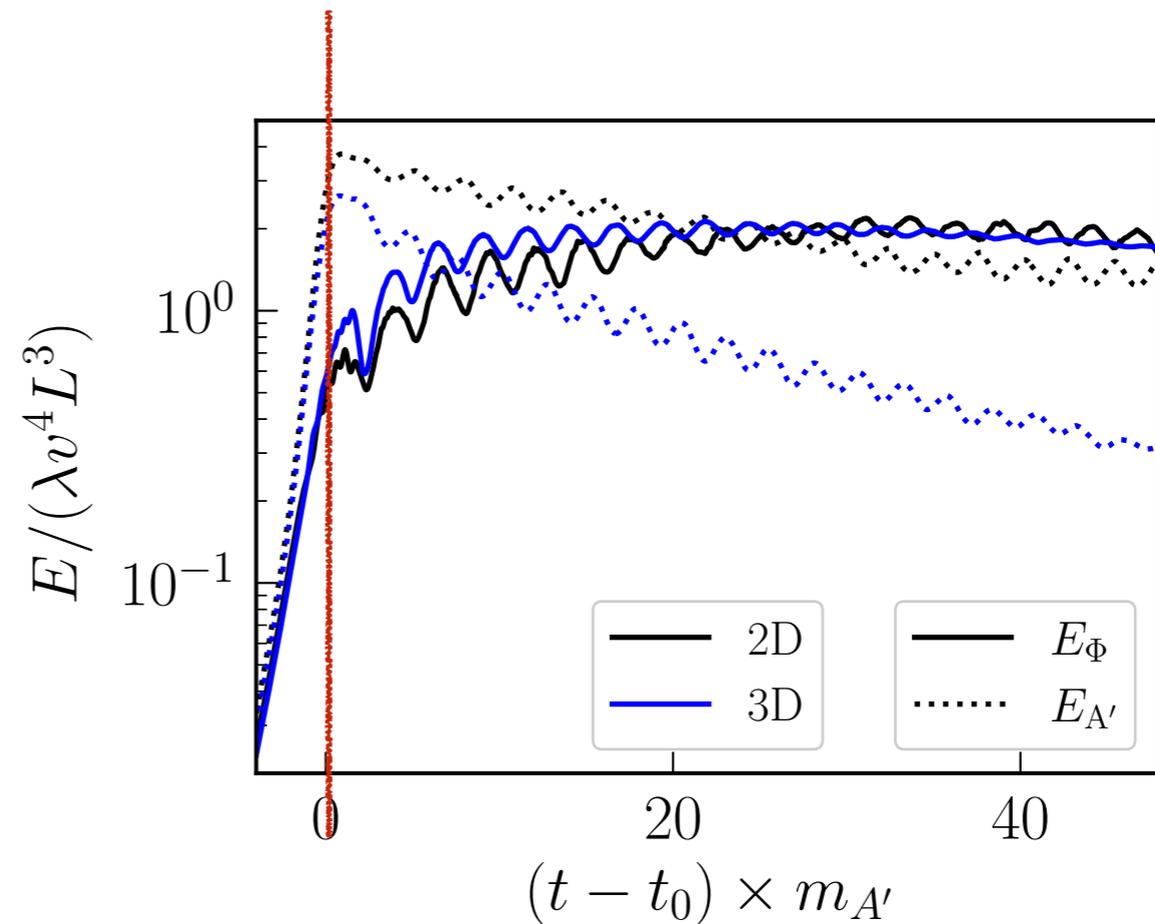
# Vortex evolution (DPDM)

## Vortex Formation



$\sim 1/m_A$

Vortex forms once the critical field is reached



The energy density in the dark photon *depletes*

# Summary

Dark photon E-field makes strings faster, B-field makes strings longer, and they are both *gone*.

# The melting phase transition and phenomenology

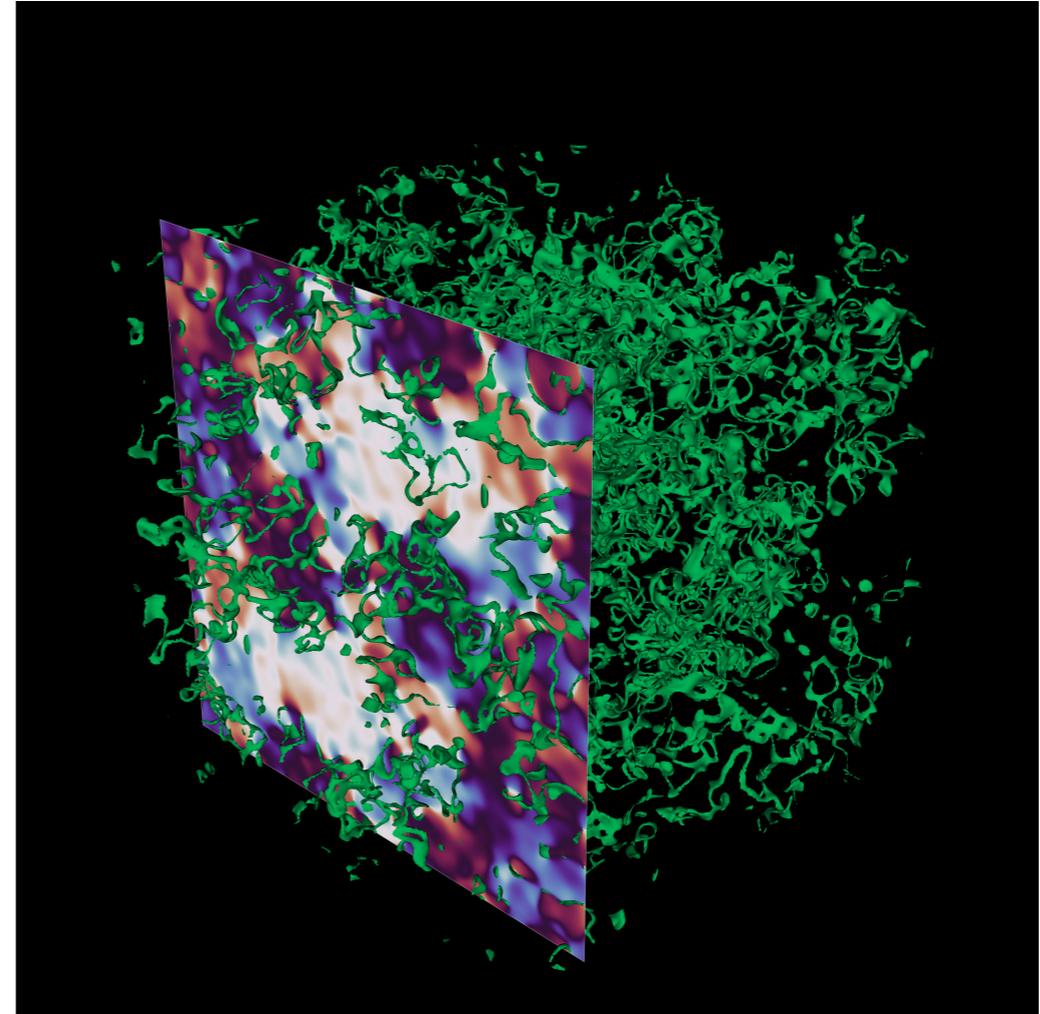
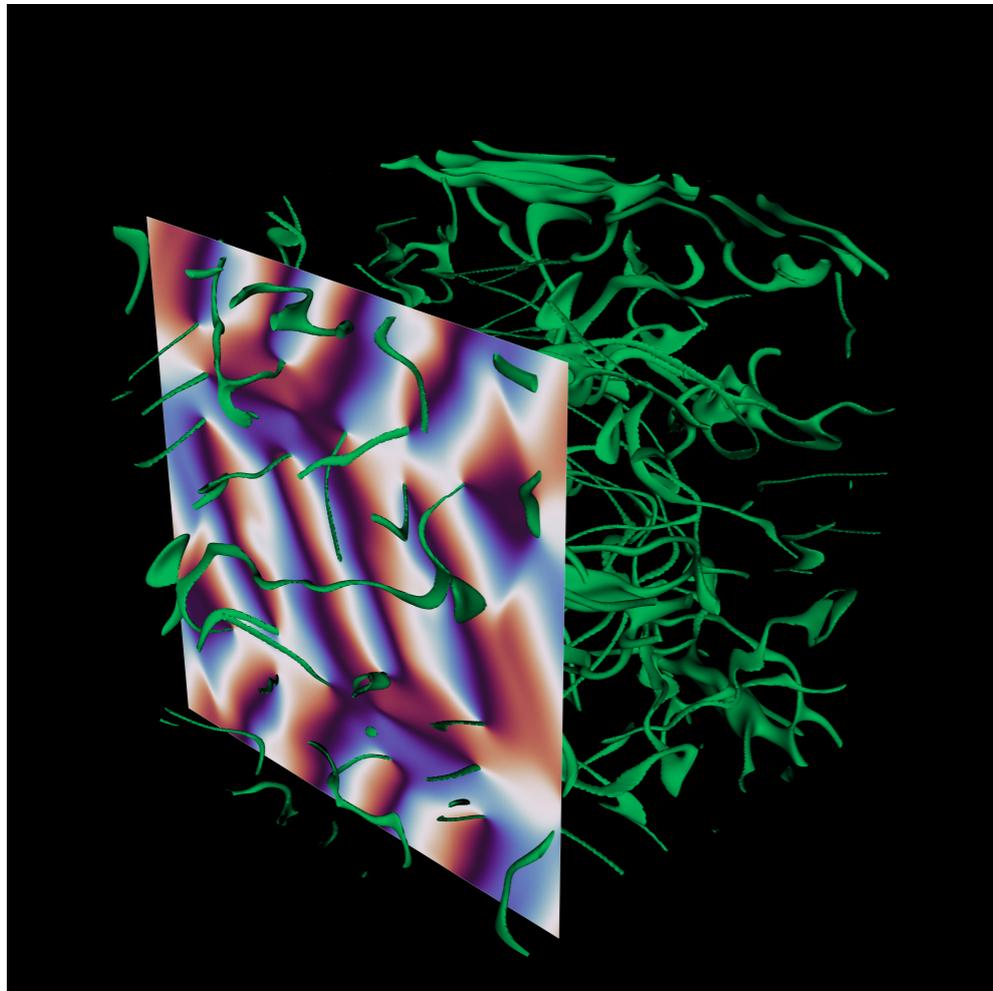
# Vortex-vortex interactions

Vortex Lattice + Superheating  $\Rightarrow O(\lambda/g_D^2)$  strings per patch



Melting: Decreasing long range order

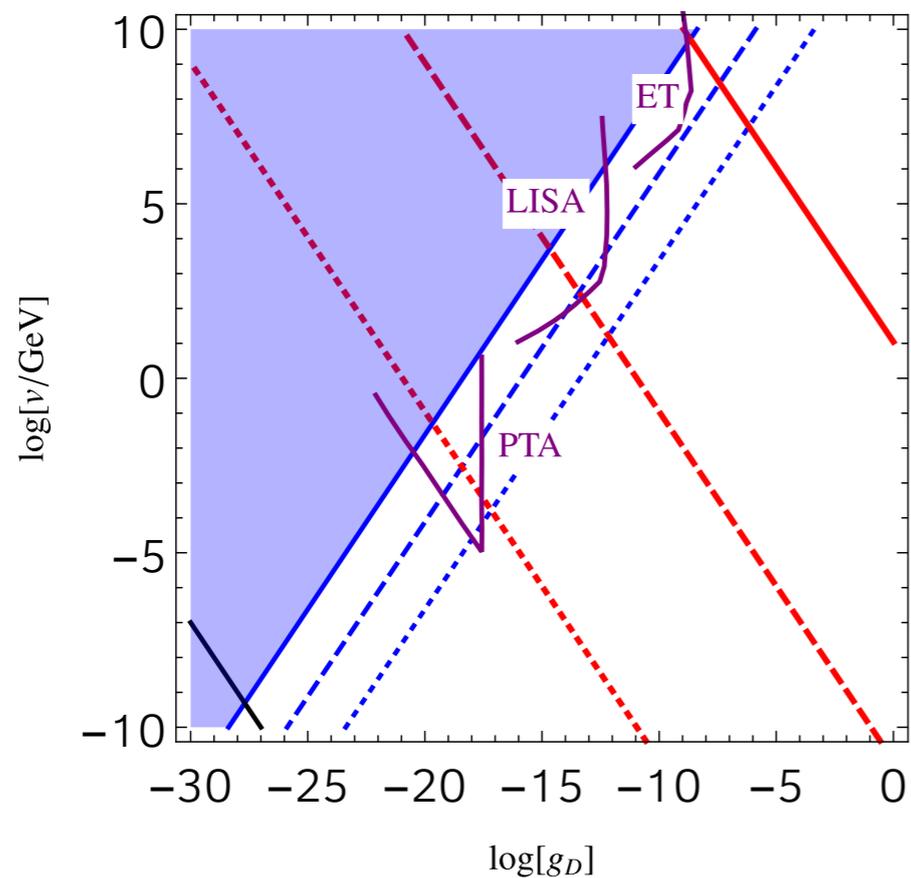
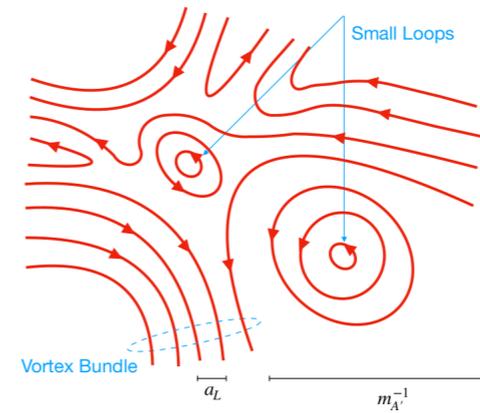
# Melting (3D)



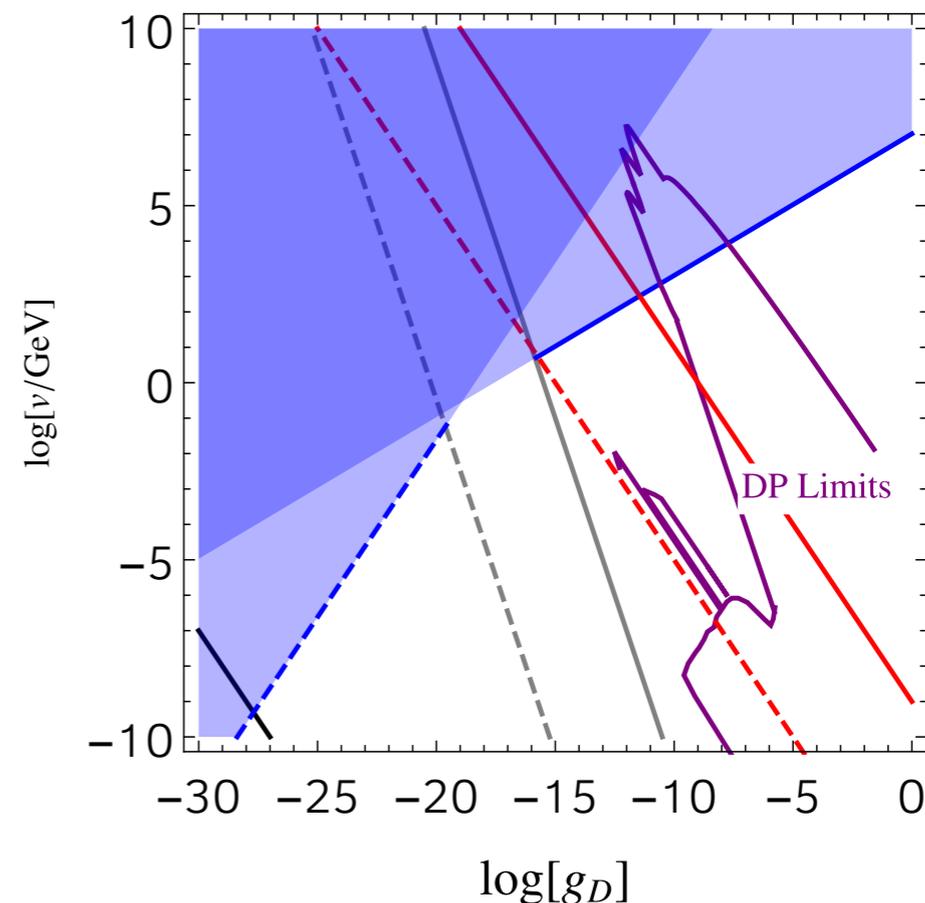
Smaller loops are produced, string lengths increases and energy dissipated into GW and dark photon radiation

# Dark photon dark matter

Vortices: The fate of vortices

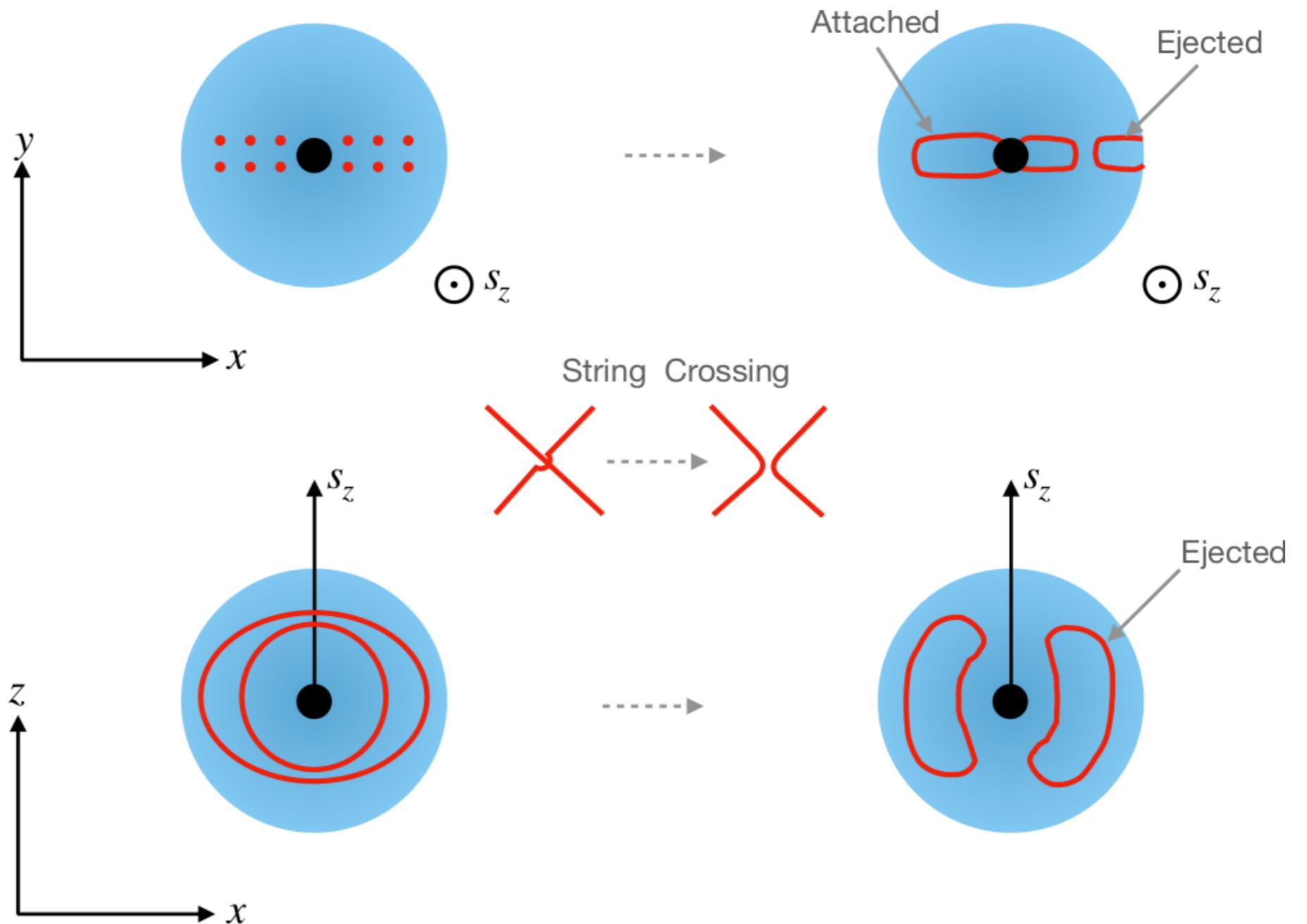
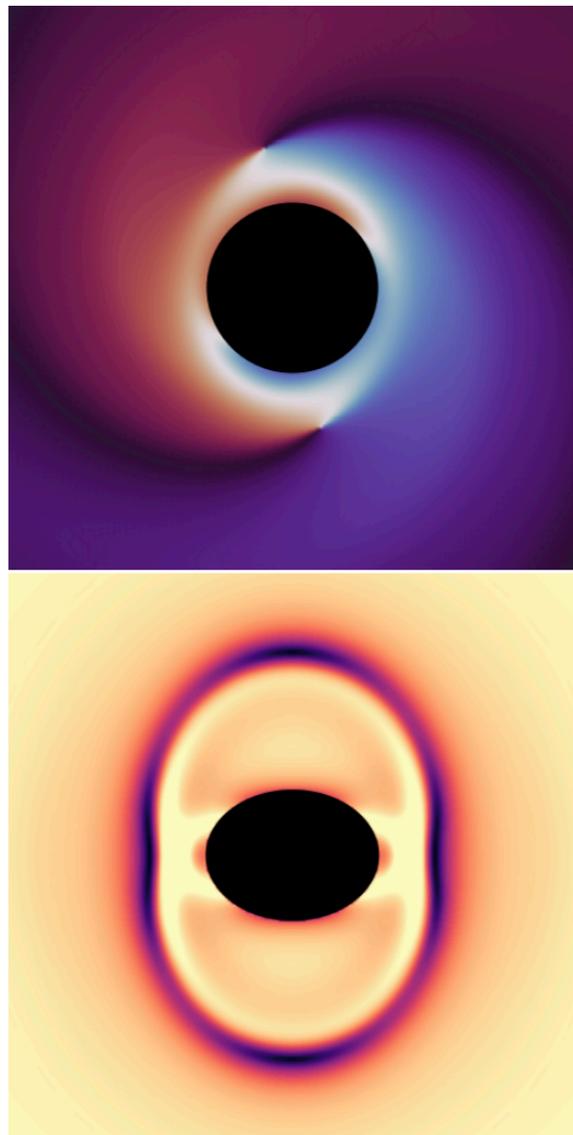


Vortex Bundle -> GW



Small loops -> Dark radiation

# Vortex ejection (SR)

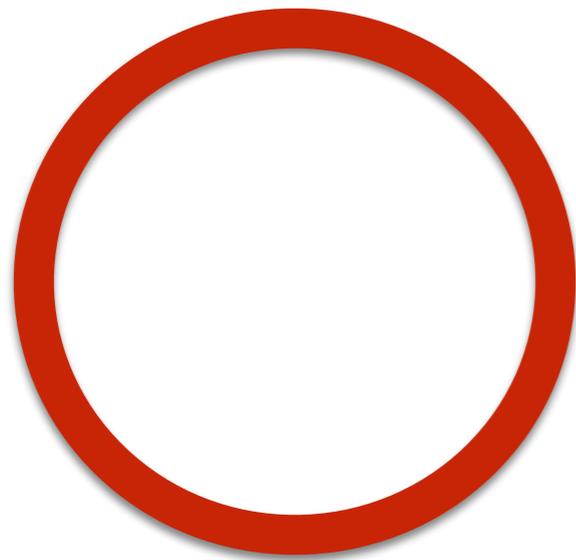
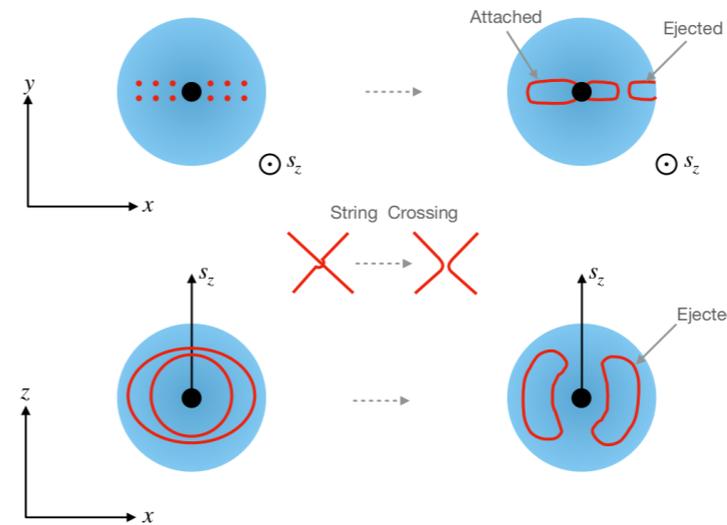


Vortices cross and get ejected

# Boss Nova

Vortices are ejected from  
a solar mass BH SR cloud

$$10^3 \lesssim \lambda/g_D^2 < 10^{38}$$



Length:  $L_{\text{string}} \sim 10^3 \text{ km}$

Radius:  $R_{\text{string}} \sim 10^2 \text{ km}$

Tension:  $G\mu_{\text{string}} \sim 10^{-5} \left( \frac{10^3}{\lambda/g_D^2} \right)$

Number:  $N_{\text{max}} \approx \frac{1}{\pi v^2 L_{\text{string}}} \int |E'|^2 dV \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\lambda}{g_D^2}$

# Gravitational waves

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String Loop  $\rightarrow$  GW, DP radiation...

$$h \simeq 4 \times 10^{-18} \left( \frac{\alpha}{0.3} \right)^3 \left( \frac{1000}{\lambda/g_D^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{10^{-12} \text{ eV}}{m_{A'}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \text{ kpc}}{d} \right)$$

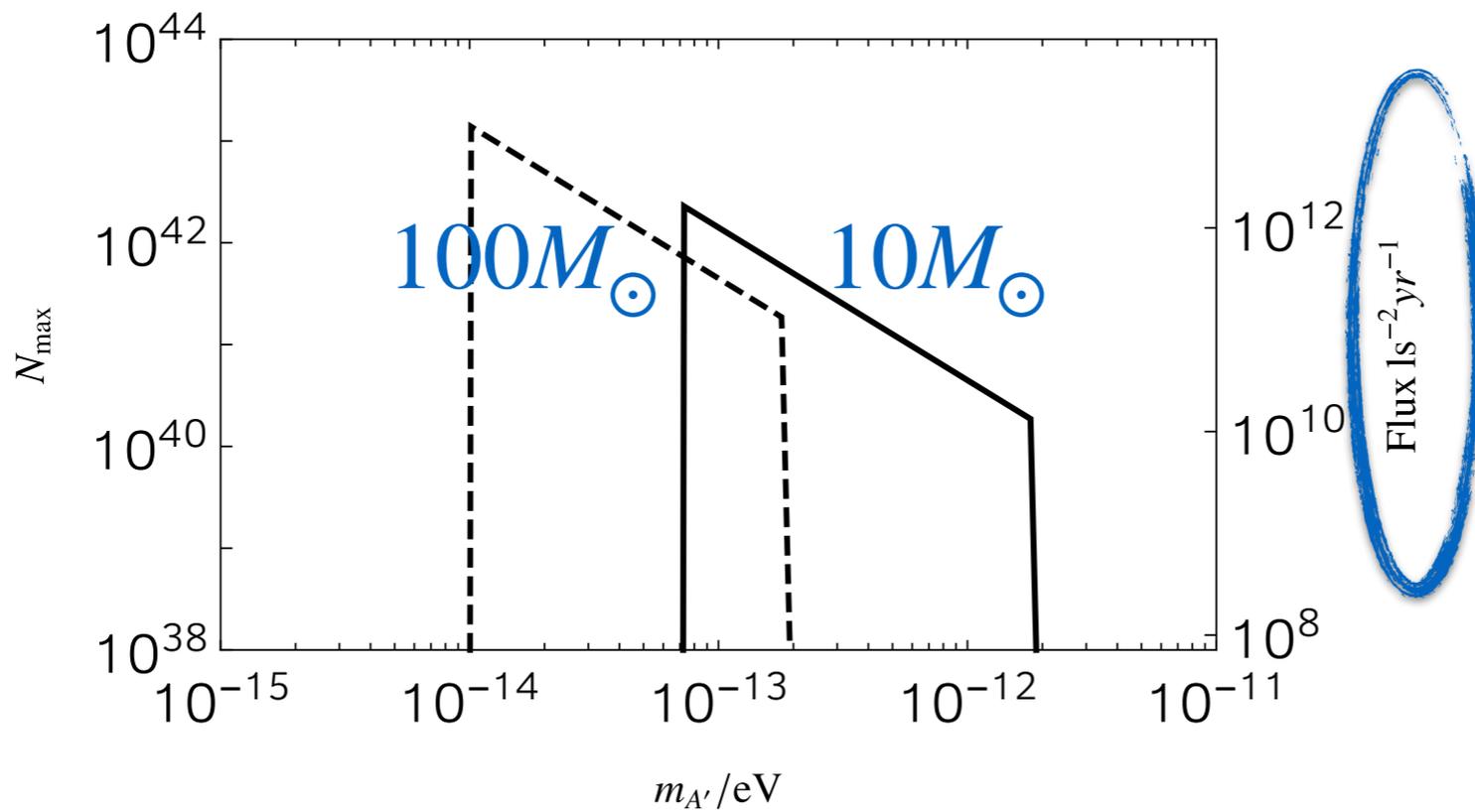
We can see strings from  
BHs in our galaxy with  
GW in LIGO band

# Boss Nova

$$10^3 \lesssim \lambda/g_D^2 < 10^{38} \quad \text{Tension: } G\mu_{\text{string}} \sim 10^{-40} \left( \frac{10^{38}}{\lambda/g_D^2} \right)$$

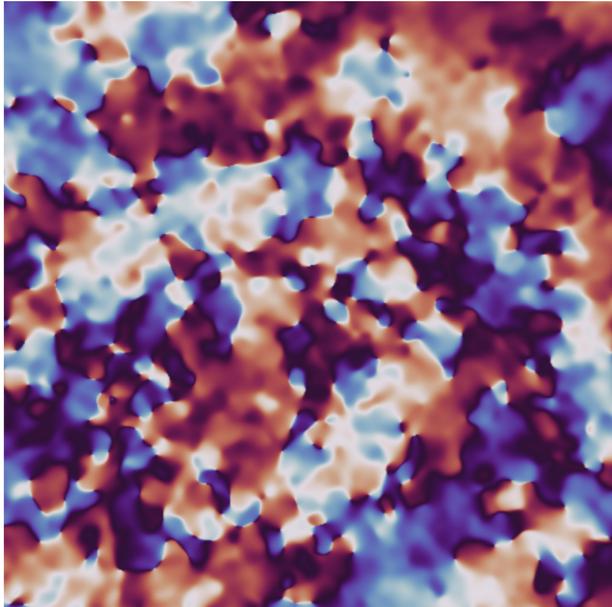


String Loop (Long lifetime)

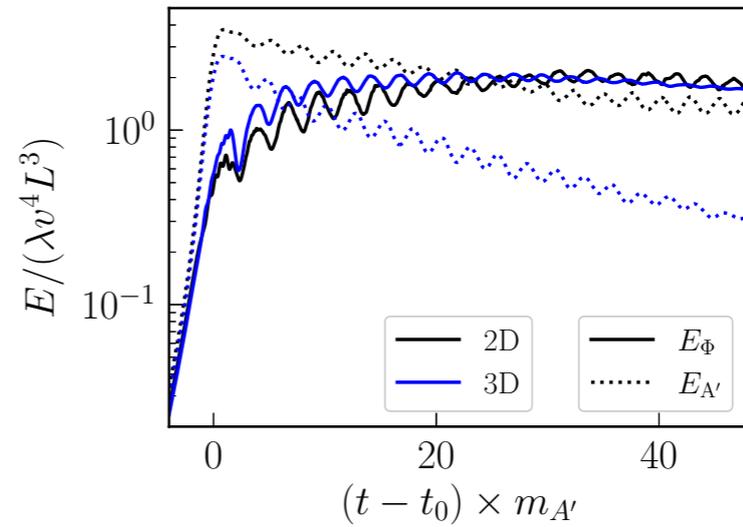


Rate on earth from a Boss Nova in the galaxy (10 kpc)

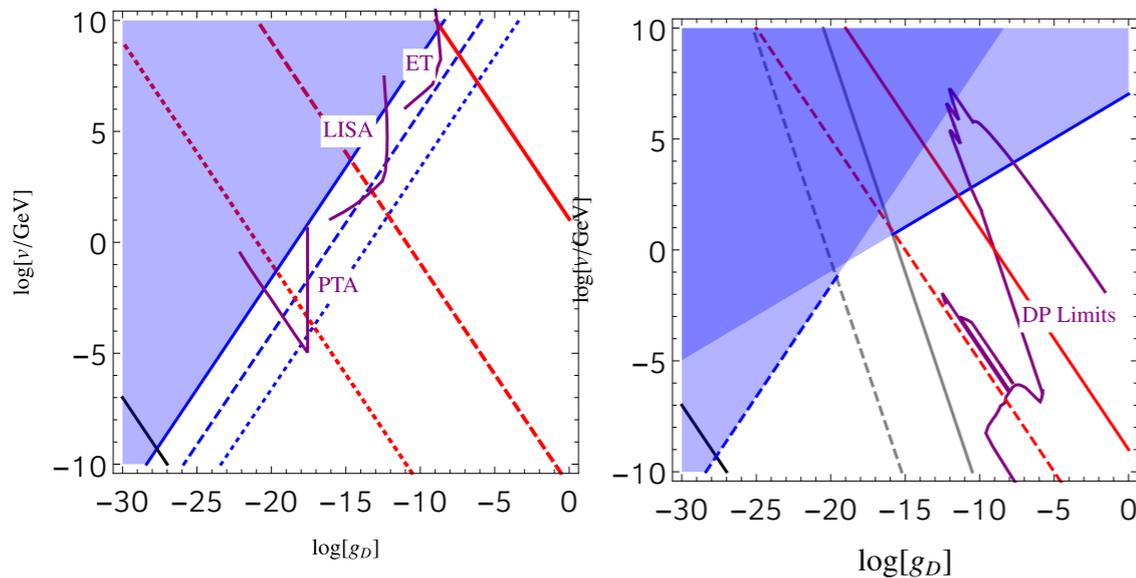
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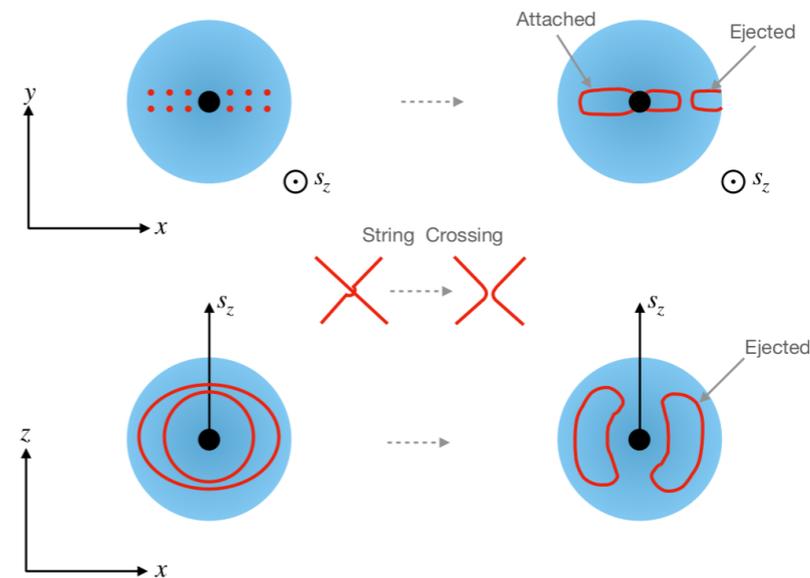
Vortex Forms



Depletes Dark Photon Dark Matter



GW, Dark radiation (DPDM)



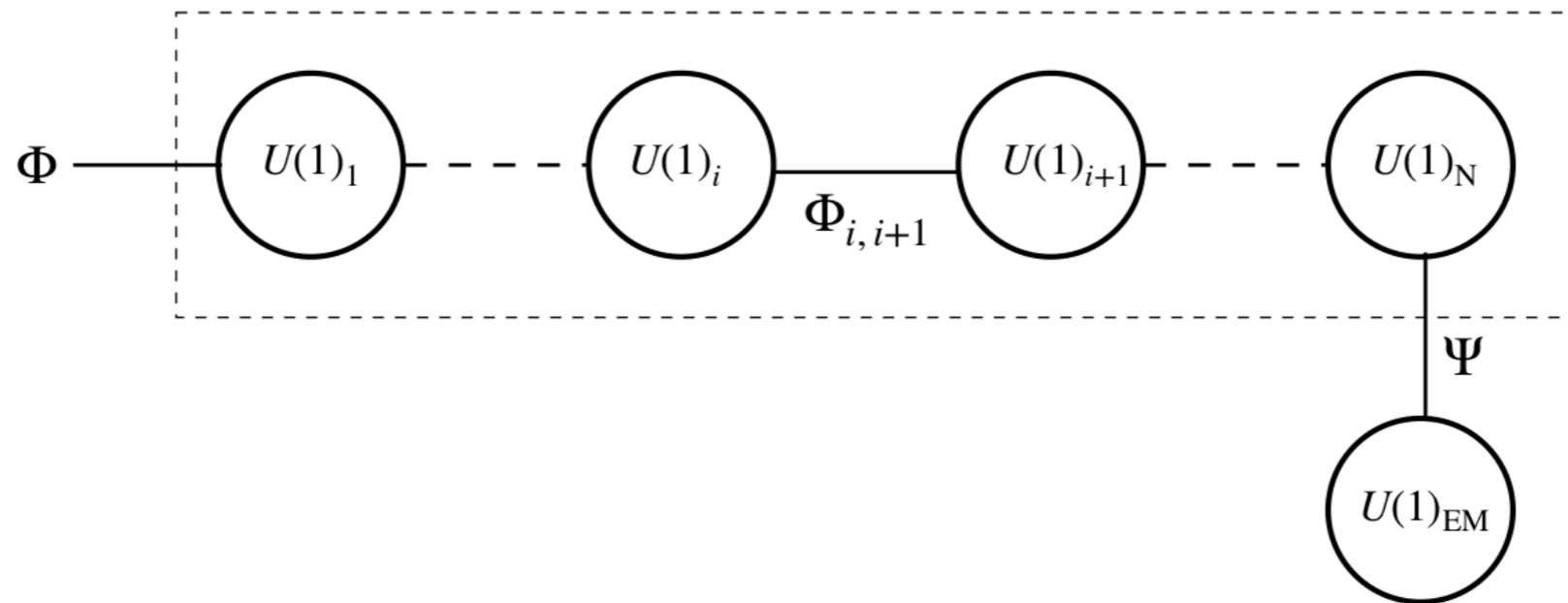
Boss Nova  $\rightarrow$  GW, String Loops (SR)

Thank you!

Back up

# Clockwork

Clockwork Sector



- The clockwork sector leads to a single U(1)' that couples more to  $\Psi$  than  $\Phi$  in a technically natural model.
- It also couples to all the  $\Phi_{i,i+1}$  more than to  $\Phi$ .
- So the production of  $\Phi_{N-1,N}$  vortex is not helped by having the whole clockwork sector.
- One needs a particular hierarchy of the vevs of the  $\Phi_{N-1,N}$  fields to avoid string production of all the scalars and hence a hierarchy problem.