

Fluctuations, Dissipation, and Phase Transitions in Superconductors

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1. Mean-Field Phenomenology: conventional wisdom
2. What's Missing?
 - (a) Fluctuations
 - (b) Disorder
3. Experimental Consequences
 - (a) Novel phases of "superconducting" matter
 - (b) New phase transitions
 - (c) Dissipation in a "superconducting" state
4. Conclusions
 - (a) Summary
 - (b) Connection to other problems
 - (c) Future directions

• MOTIVATION:

- Basic exciting physics (superconductivity, glassy elastic systems)
- New vortex states of matter (liquid and glass of elastic lines)
- Applications (MRI, train levitation, particle accelerators)

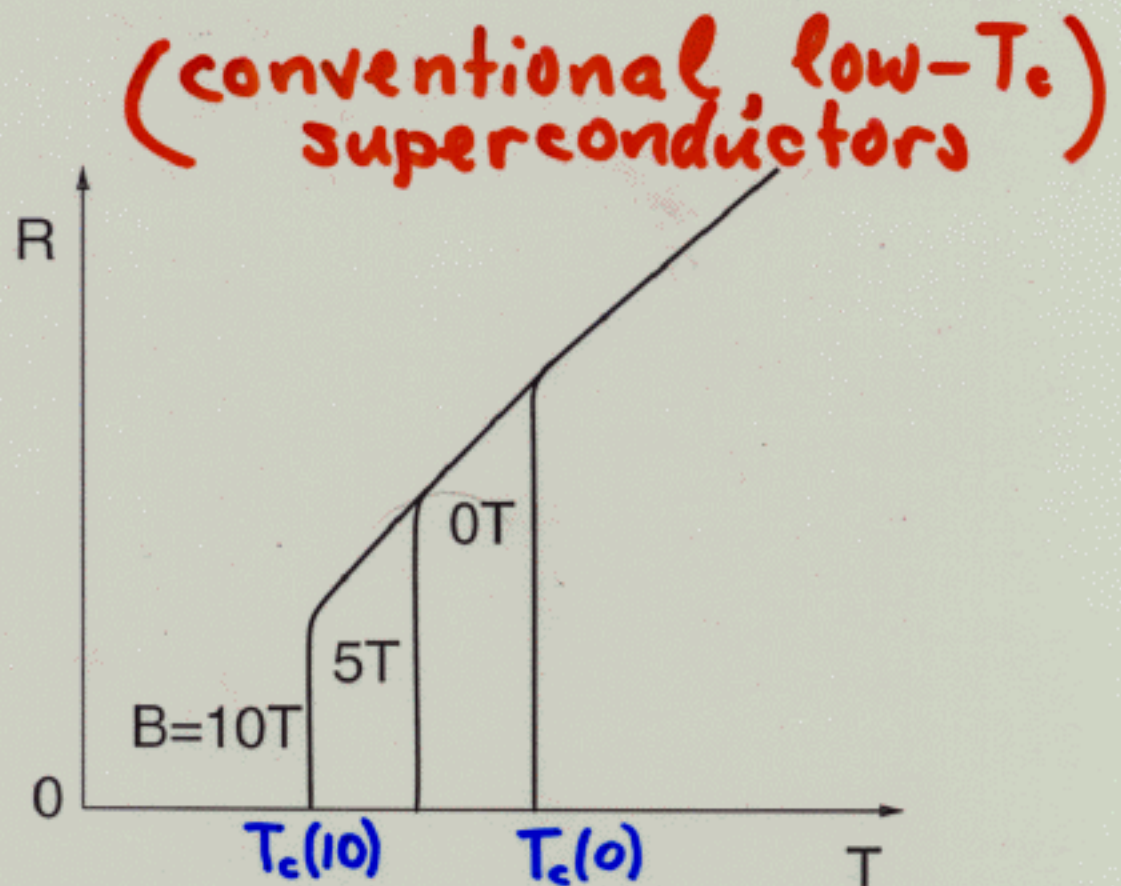


FIG. 1. Schematic of the behavior of resistance, as function of temperature, for increasing values of B -field, in low T_c conventional superconductors. Note the sharpness of the transition even at finite B .

- microscopic mechanism
 - low energy phenomenology
- ← focus of this talk

- GINZBURG-LANDAU THEORY: derivable from BCS (Gorkov)

$$G_{GL} = \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_z} \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \frac{i2e}{\hbar c} A_z(\mathbf{r}) \right) \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left| \left(\vec{\nabla}_\perp - \frac{i2e}{\hbar c} \vec{A}_\perp(\mathbf{r}) \right) \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 \right. \\ \left. + \alpha |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \beta |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^4 + \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{H} - \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}(\mathbf{r}))^2 \right] + G_{\text{normal}}$$

kinetic (pointing to the first two terms)
condensation (pointing to the α and β terms)
magnetic (pointing to the $\vec{H} - \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ term)

$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = |\Psi|e^{i\Theta}$ - Superconducting order parameter,
bosonic BCS pair wavefunction of electric charge $2e$.

$$\alpha \sim T - T_c^{MF},$$

$\gamma^{-1} \equiv \sqrt{m/m_z}$, high T_c s.c.'s have strong anisotropy, $\gamma^{-1} \ll 1$

MEAN-FIELD THEORY: find $\Psi(\mathbf{r})$, $\vec{A}(\mathbf{r})$ that minimize G_{GL} .

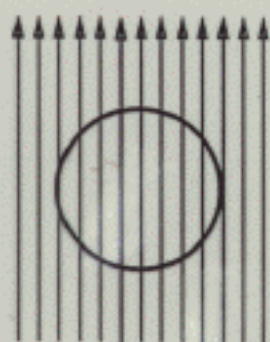
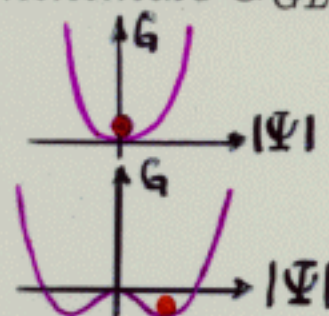
- Normal Phase: $\alpha > 0$, $\Psi = 0$, $\vec{B} = \vec{H}$

- Superconducting Meissner Phase:

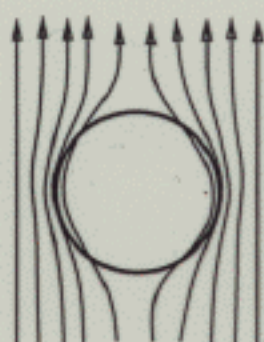
$$-\alpha < 0$$

$-\Psi \neq 0 = |\Psi|e^{i\Theta}$, "broken" gauge invariance, ODLRO

$-\vec{B} \sim e^{-r/\lambda} \rightarrow 0$ in the bulk of the superconductor



$T > T_c$



$T < T_c$

Flux
expulsion
(Higg's mechanism)

- Vortex line is a fundamental defect, with $\Psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow 0$ in small core, and phase $\Theta(\mathbf{r})$ winds 2π around the vortex line, flux $\phi_0 = hc/2e$
- $\xi \sim \hbar/\sqrt{m\alpha}$ coherence length on which Ψ varies
- $\lambda \sim 1/|\Psi|$, London penetration length on which $B(r)$ varies

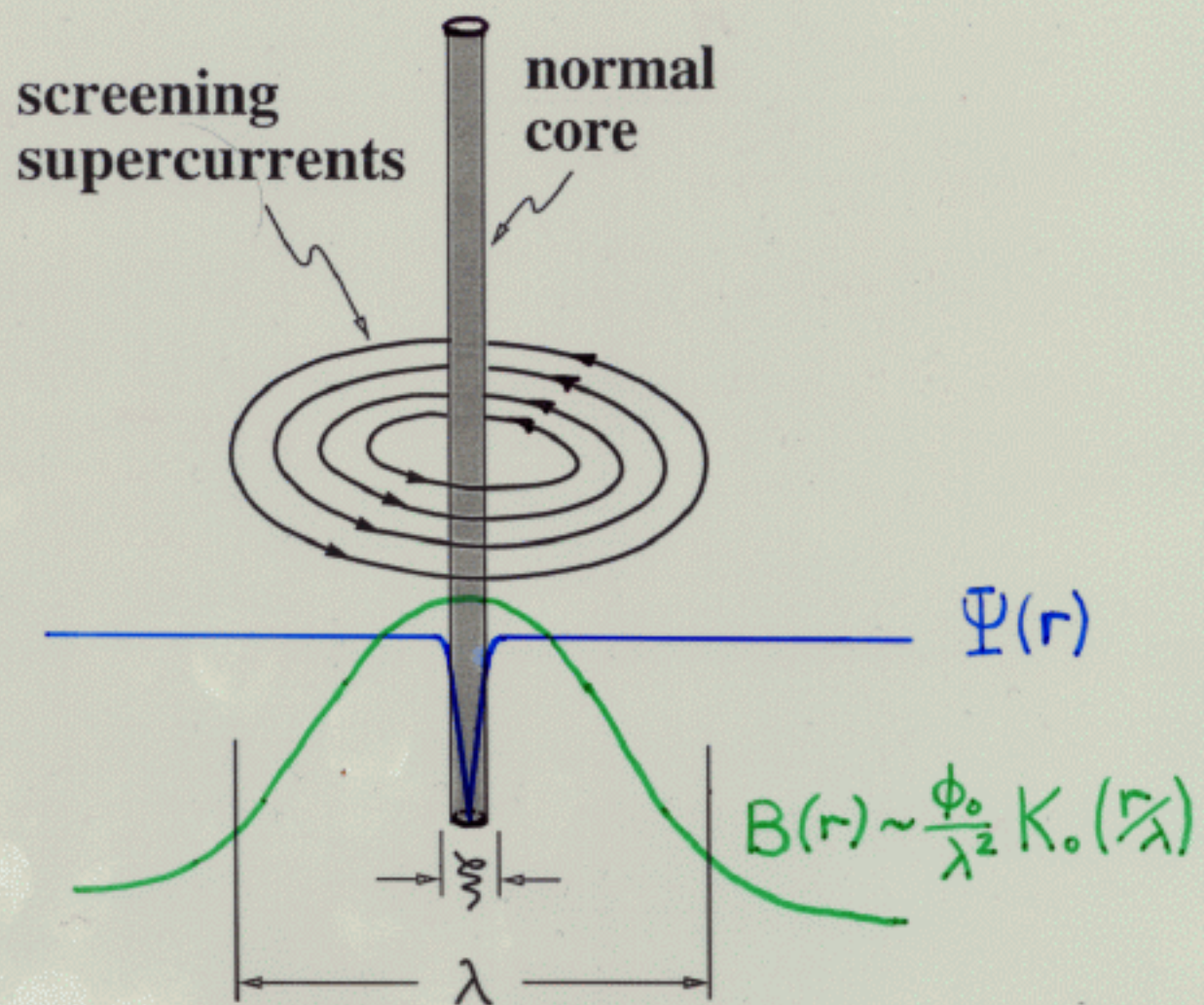


FIG. 2. Schematic of the an isolated flux line vortex, with relevant length scales

• "Superconducting" Abrikosov Phase:

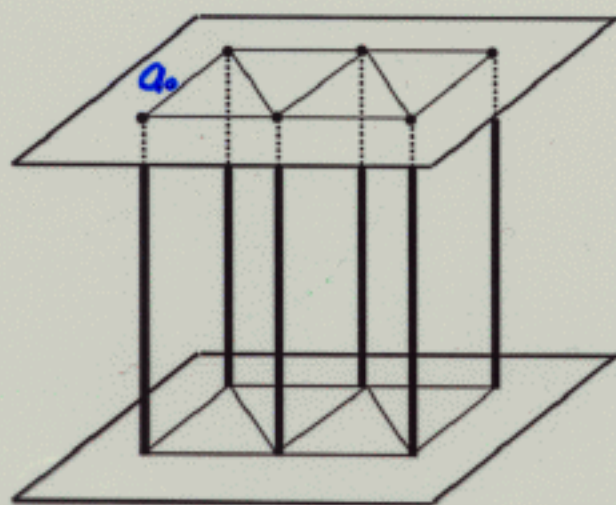
- Intermediate phase of type II superconductors ($\kappa = \lambda/\xi > 1$), Gibb's energy:

$$g \approx N \left[\underbrace{(\phi_0/4\pi\lambda)^2 \log(\kappa)}_{\text{vortex kinetic energy}} - \underbrace{H\phi_0/4\pi}_{\text{magnetic pressure}} \right] \equiv N [H_{c1} - H]$$

- For $H_{c1} < H < H_{c2}$, vortices enter the sample
- Vortex-vortex interaction

$$\left(\frac{\phi_0}{4\pi\lambda}\right)^2 K_0(r/\lambda) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V(r) \sim e^{-r/\lambda}/r^{1/2}, \text{ for } r \gg \lambda \\ \sim \log(\lambda/r), \text{ for } \xi \ll r \ll \lambda \end{array} \right.$$

- 3d *crystal* of infinitely long parallel vortex lines, which breaks
 - * translational and rotational symmetry
 - * U(1) symmetry of $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi e^{i\phi}$



VORTEX LATTICE

$$B = \phi_0 n_v$$

$$a_0 \approx \sqrt{\frac{\phi_0}{B}}$$

Mean-Field Picture

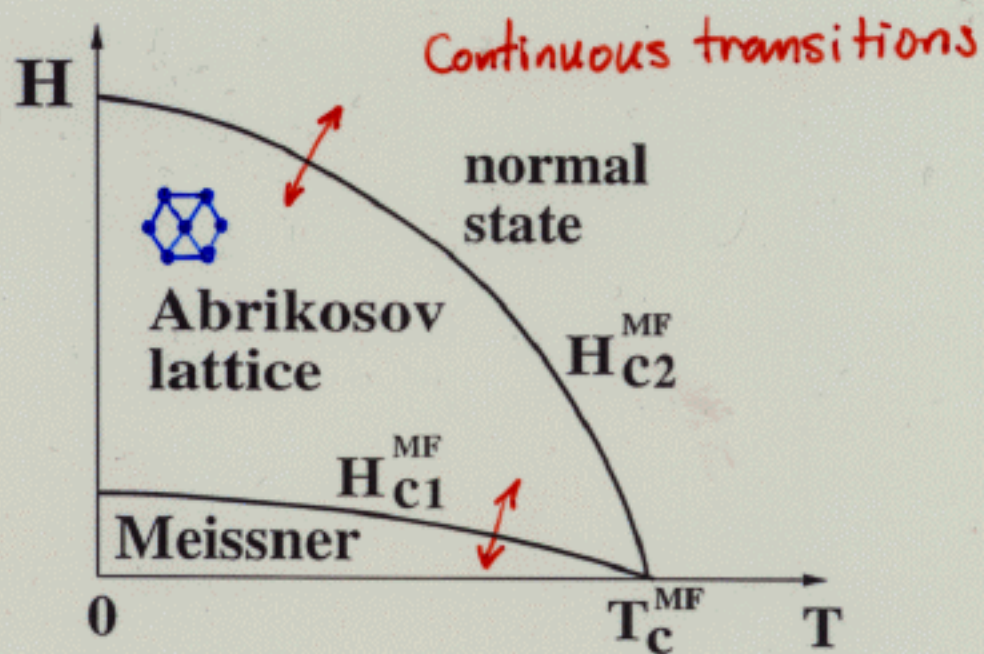
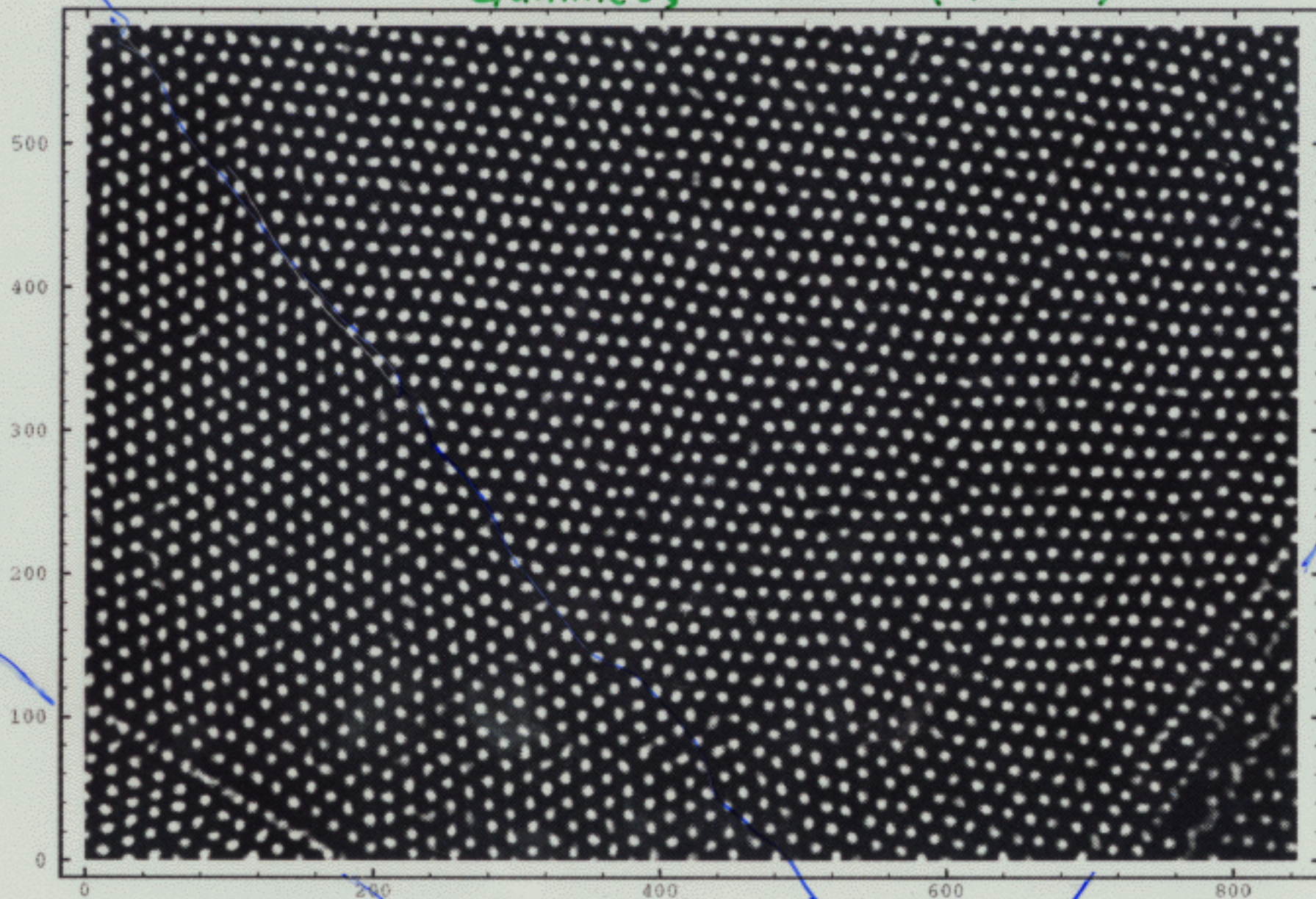


FIG. 3. Mean-field phase diagram appropriate for conventional low T_c superconductors.

grain
boundary

each twin orients flux lattice, but they are
incompatible, so flux lattice has a grain boundary
P. Gammel, et al. (YBCO)



YBCO twins

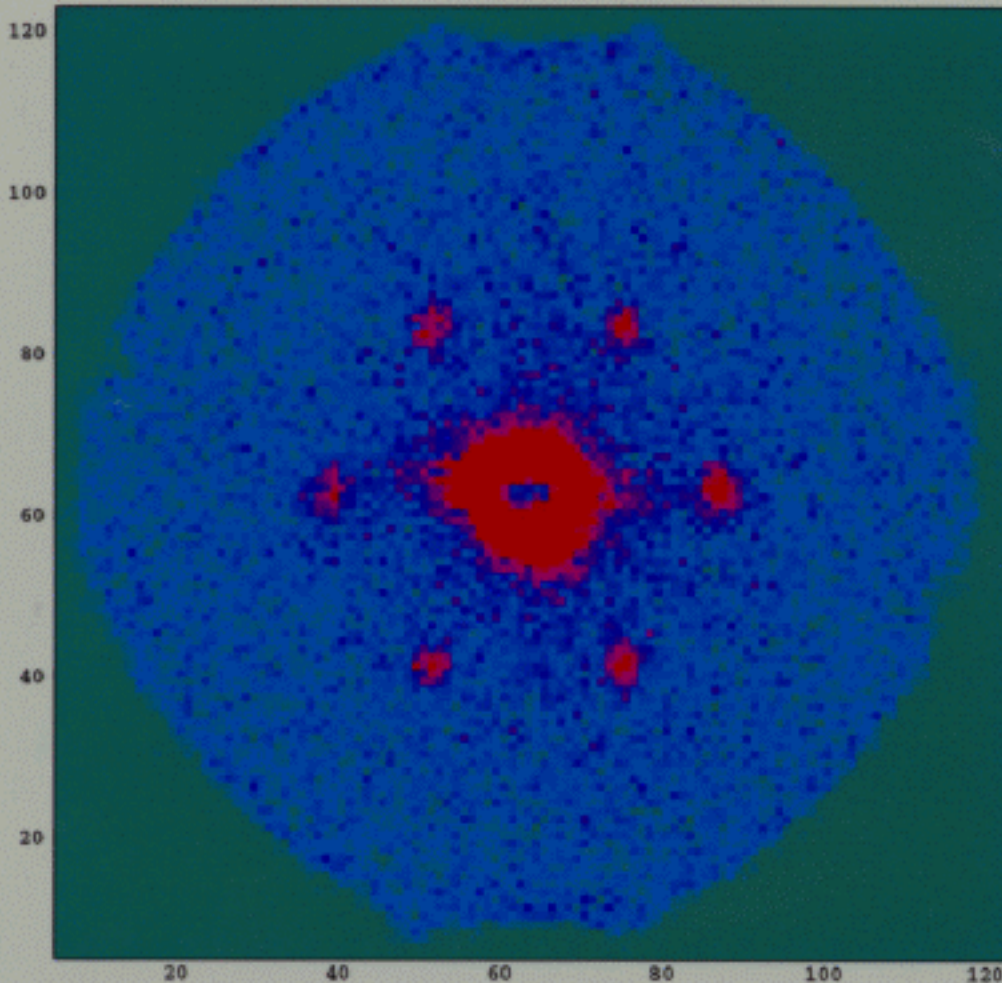
20 Gauss
4.2 K

Neutron Scattering

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$S(k)$

NbSe₂, 0 Deg, 8KGauss, 5.2K



P. Gammel,
etal.
(1994)

Figure 4. Reciprocal space image of the Abrikosov flux lattice, obtained using neutron small angle ($\sim 1^\circ$) scattering from NbSe₂, a strongly type II low- T_c superconductor ($T_c \approx 7\text{K}$). The image was obtained with 8 KGauss magnetic field applied along the c -axis, at $T = 5.2\text{K}$. The six hexagonally placed small spots are the magnetic Bragg scattering from the flux lattice. The large spot at the center is a nonmagnetic background that includes small angle scattering from imperfections in the sample. The scattering at the higher-order Bragg spots is too weak to see under these conditions.

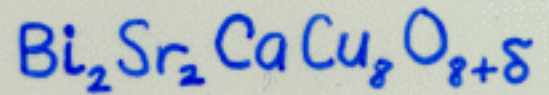
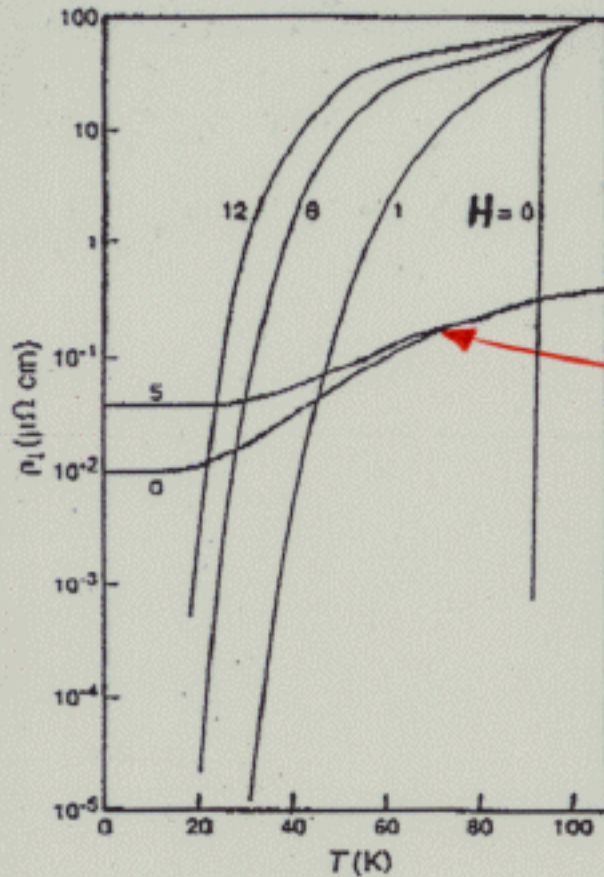
High- T_c Superconductors

• Linear Resistivity of BSCCO:

from:

Huse, Fisher,
Fisher; Nature
(1992)

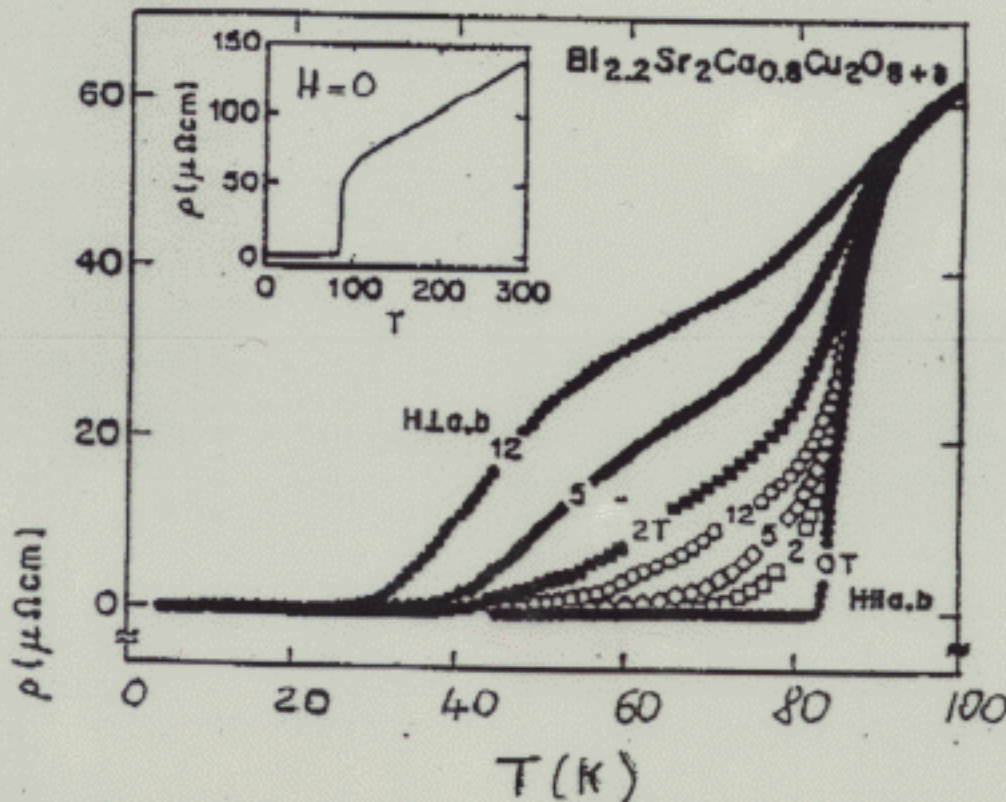
data from
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Copper

from:

Palstra
etal.
AT&T
(1988)



• High- T_c Superconductors:

Well described by Ginzburg-Landau theory, with unusual parameters: $\kappa \equiv \lambda/\xi \approx 100 \gg 1$, high T , large anisotropy $\gamma \equiv m_z/m_{\perp} \gg 1$

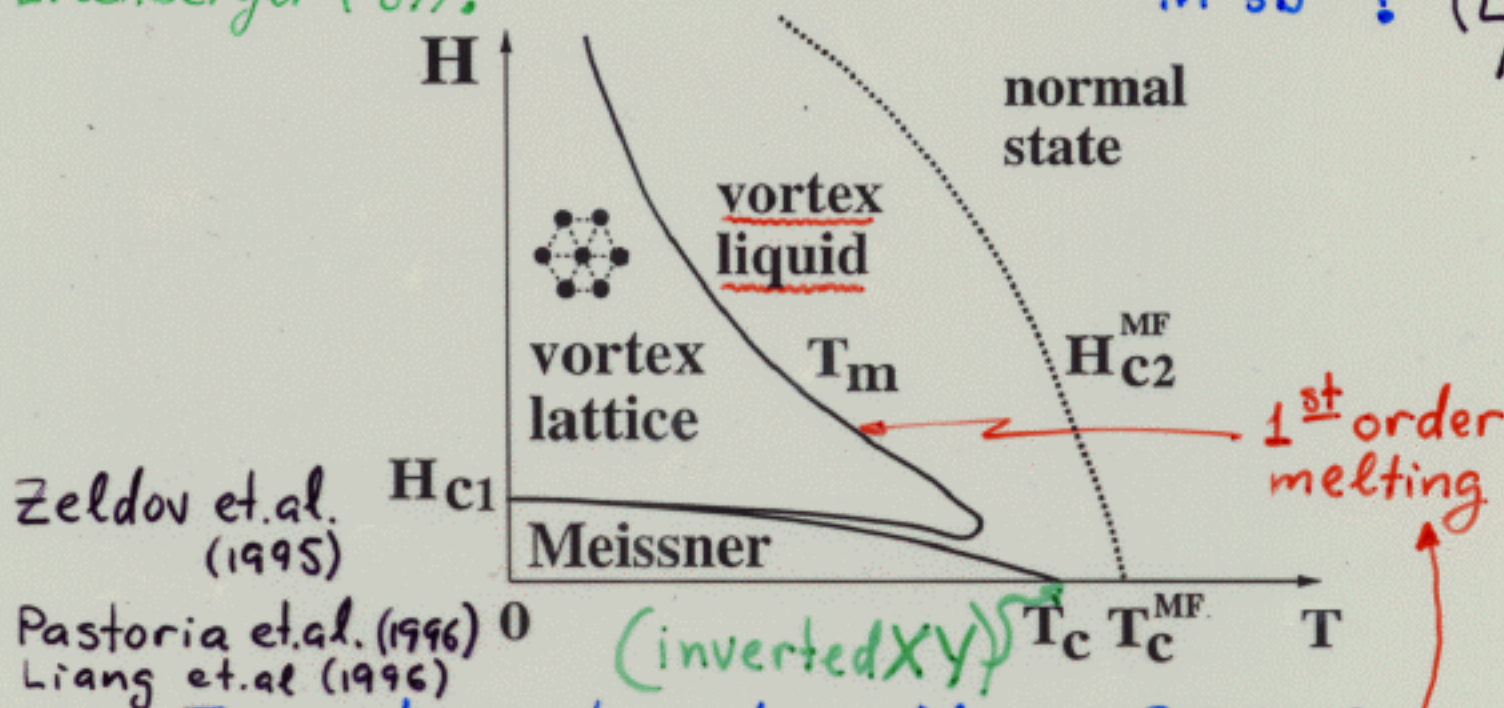
IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES:

- Strong thermal fluctuations $\rightarrow$ melting, dissipation
- Importance of Disorder $\rightarrow$ pinning, irreversibility

Nelson, Seung, Marchetti,
Brandt, Huse, L. R.,
Tesanovic, Moore, ...
Eilenberger ('67)!

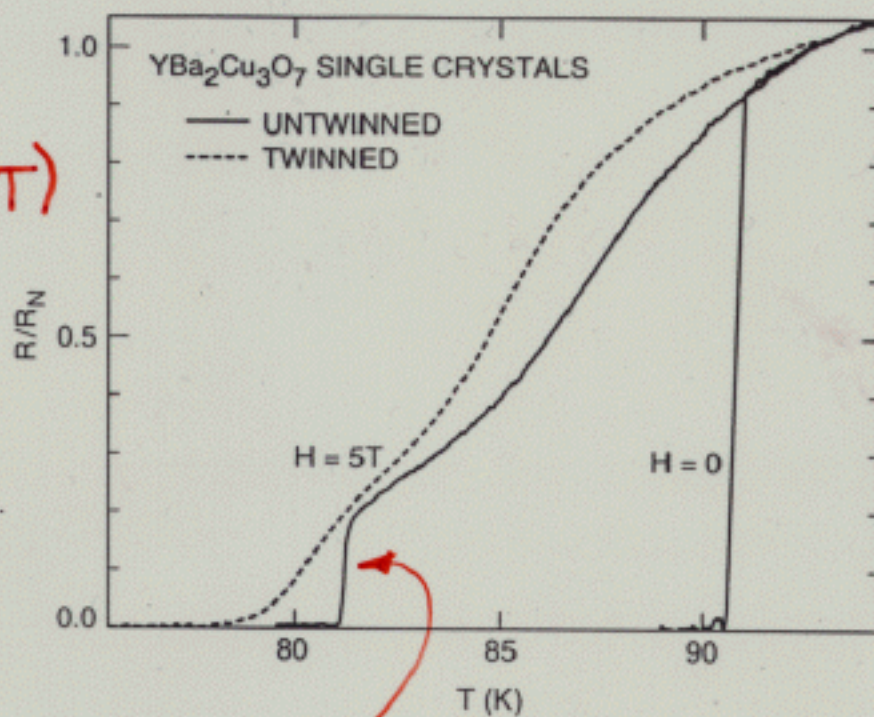
"CLEAN" LIMIT

Is continuous
melting possible
in 3D? (L.R. 1995)



- Jump discontinuity ΔM in BSCCO
 $\Delta M > 0$ ($B_{solid} < B_{liquid}$, c.f. ice, quantum) melting
- $\Delta S \sim 6 \times 10^{-2} k_B / \text{vortex/layer}$
(latent heat)

$R(T)$

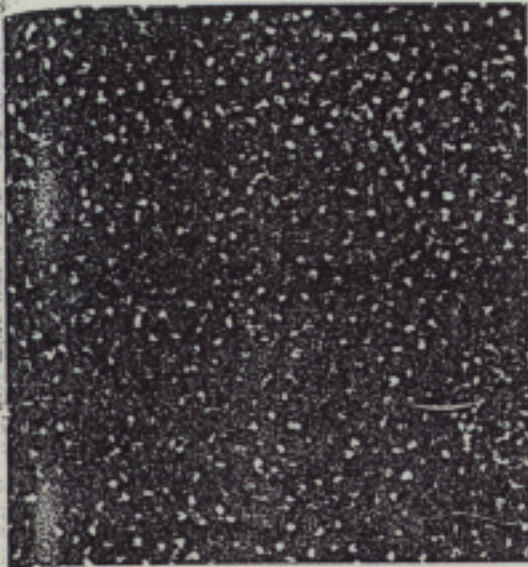


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Gammel, et al.

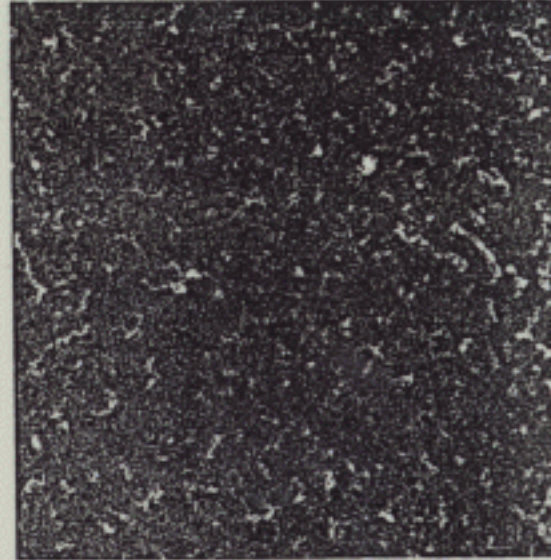
jump discontinuity upon
freezing at $T_m(B_m)$

Physics Today, March 1989 (P. Gammel, et al.
AT&T Bell Labs)

SEARCH & DISCOVERY



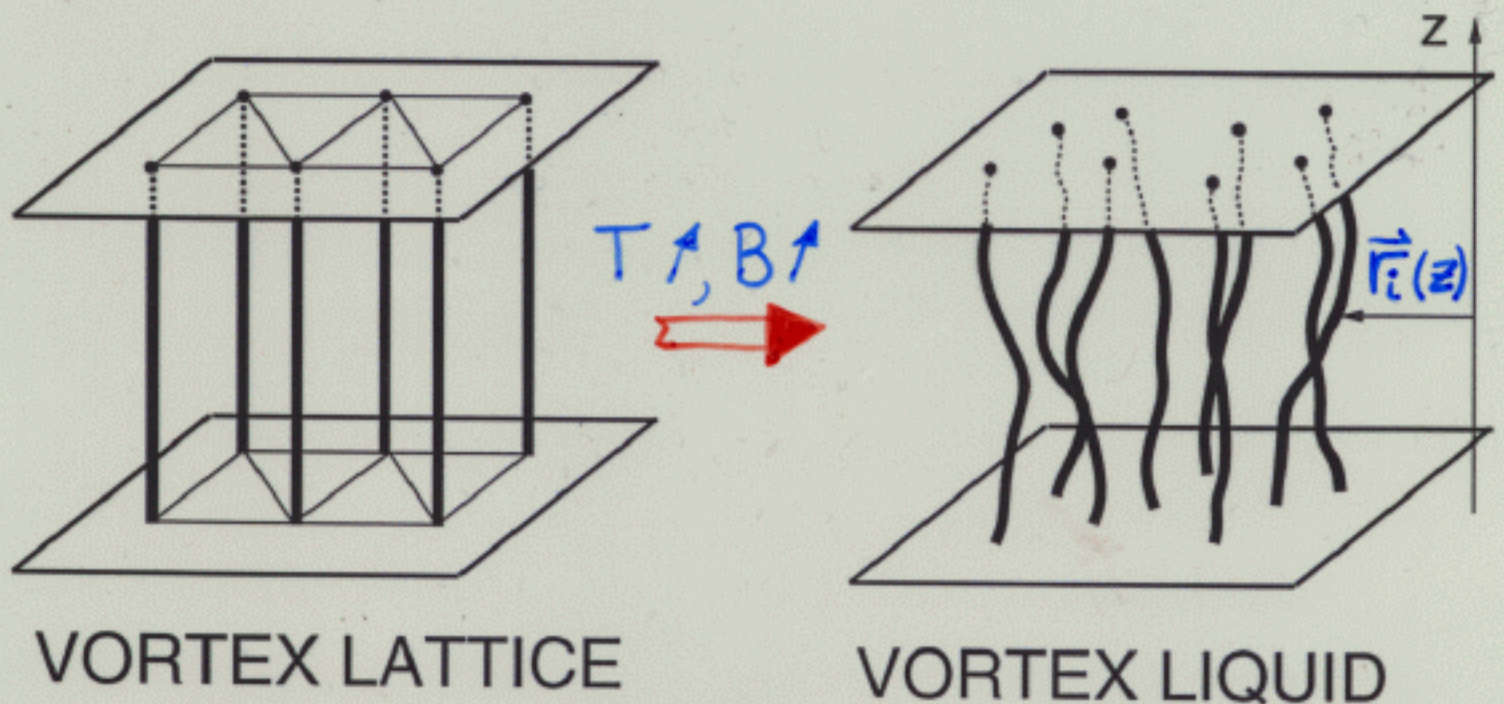
YBCO
crystal



BSCO
liquid

Flux configurations averaged over 1 sec, the time scale of the "decoration" experiment, at 15 K for a sample of Y-Ba-Cu-O (left) and Bi-Sr-Cu-O (right). These scanning electron micrographs of the surfaces of superconductors placed in an atmosphere of magnetic particles show the positions of flux lines because magnetic particles (white spots) settle preferentially on regions of nonzero magnetic flux. At the field values used (20 gauss), the yttrium superconductor is far below its flux-lattice melting temperature, so the flux lines move little over the 1-sec decoration time and give sharp points. The bismuth superconductor is close to flux-lattice melting, and the white spots are blurred because of the motion of flux lines. The average distance between the spots is 1 μm . (Courtesy of AT&T Bell Labs.)

$T = 15 \text{ K}$, $B = 20 \text{ Gauss}$



(Nelson+Seung, Marchetti, Huse, L.R.+Frey)

- Effective vortex line Hamiltonian (London limit):

$$F[\vec{r}_i(z)] = \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_l}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^L dz (d\vec{r}_i/dz)^2 + \sum_{i>j=1}^N \int_0^L dz V[\vec{r}_i(z) - \vec{r}_j(z)] + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^L dz U[\vec{r}_i(z)]$$

- Lindemann criterion for melting:

$$\langle |\vec{u}(r)|^2 \rangle \sim \frac{k_B T}{\rho \mu K}$$

Lattice melts when:

$$\langle |\vec{u}(r)|^2 \rangle^{1/2} \approx a_0, \rightarrow \text{melting curve } T_m(B_m)$$

2D
Quantum
Boson
Analogy
(duality)

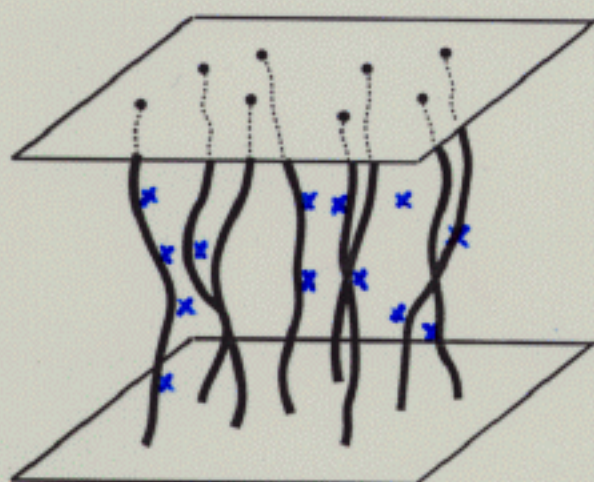
"DIRTY" LIMIT

• Point Disorder (O₂ vacancies):

VORTEX GLASS (Fisher, Fisher and Huse)

- $\rho_L = 0$
- Off-Diagonal Long-Range Order
- Frozen liquid
- Continuous transition into vortex glass

vortex crystal
is unstable
to even weak
disorder
(Larkin '70)

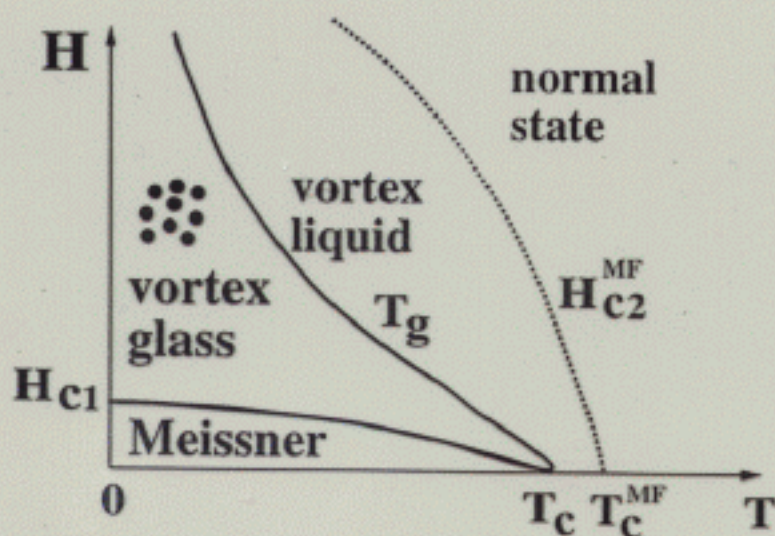


point disorder is not
very effective

Thermal renormaliz.:

$$U_0 \rightarrow U_0 e^{-T^3} < U_0$$

probably only exists
in 3d

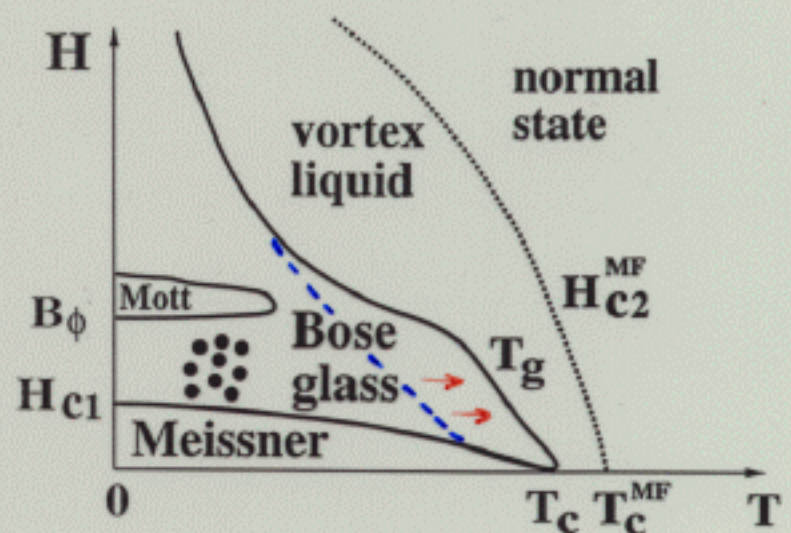
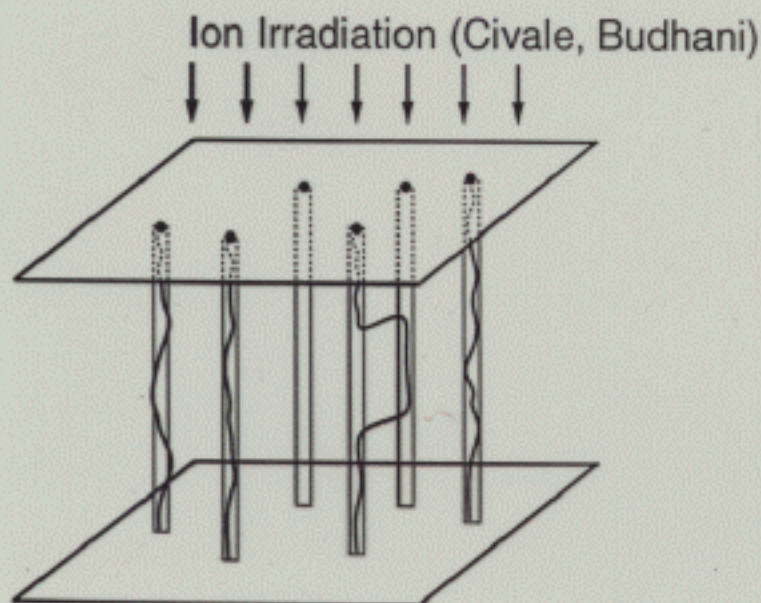


How to suppress
vortex liquid
regime?

• Correlated Disorder (columnar defects, twin planes): *(Civale, et al)*

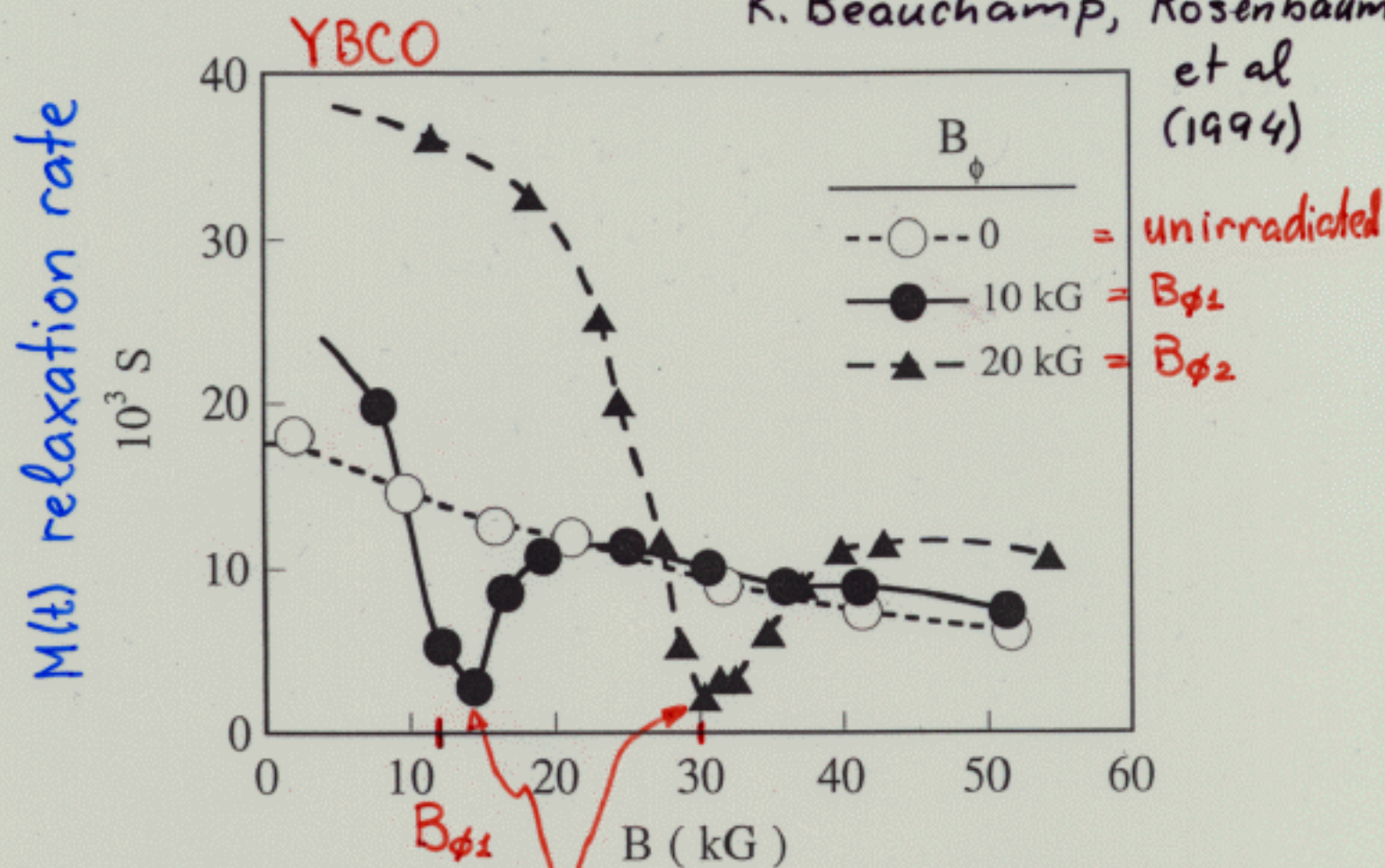
BOSE GLASS (Nelson and Vinokur) (**M.P.A. Fisher + D.H. Lee**)

- $\rho_L = 0$ and Off-Diagonal Long-Range Order
- Continuous transition into Bose glass (Fisher, Weichmann, et al.) *analogy with quantum Bosons (2+1)*
- Upward shift in $T_m(B) \rightarrow T_{BG}(B)$, for $B < B_\phi$
- Two-fluid model (L.R.)
 - * Strongly and weakly pinned Bose glass, and interstitial liquid
 - * Mott insulator - Meissner phase for interstitial vortices
 - * Analogies with He^4 films on random substrates



Magnetization Relaxation Rate: Evidence of Mott insulator

K. Beauchamp, Rosenbaum
et al
(1994)



Evidence
for Mott insulator?

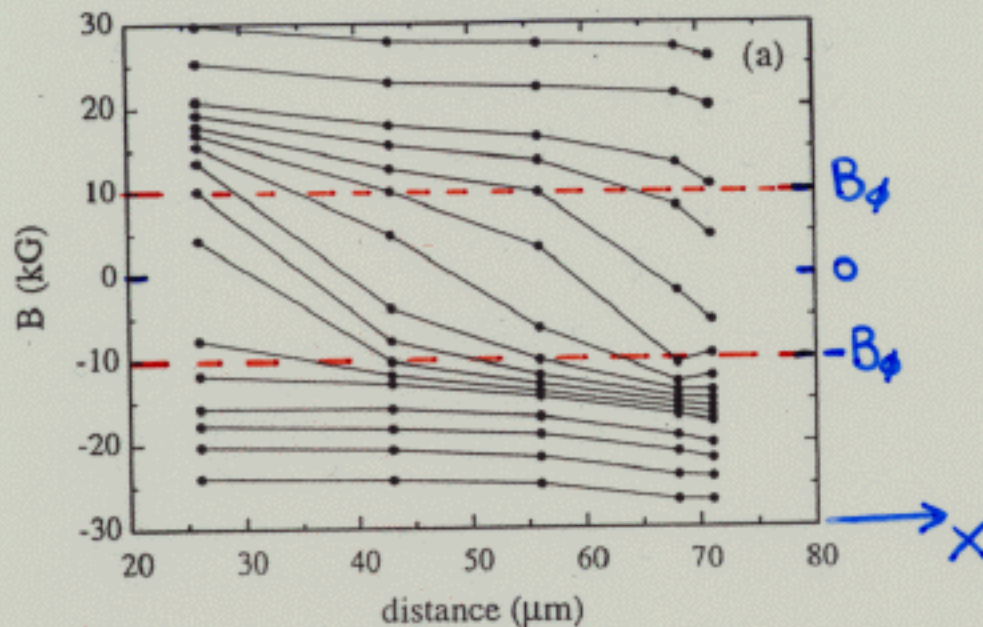
Suppression of $\frac{dM(t)}{dt}$
for $B \approx B_\phi$

Also exp. by:

E. Nowak, et al. (1996)
in Thallium

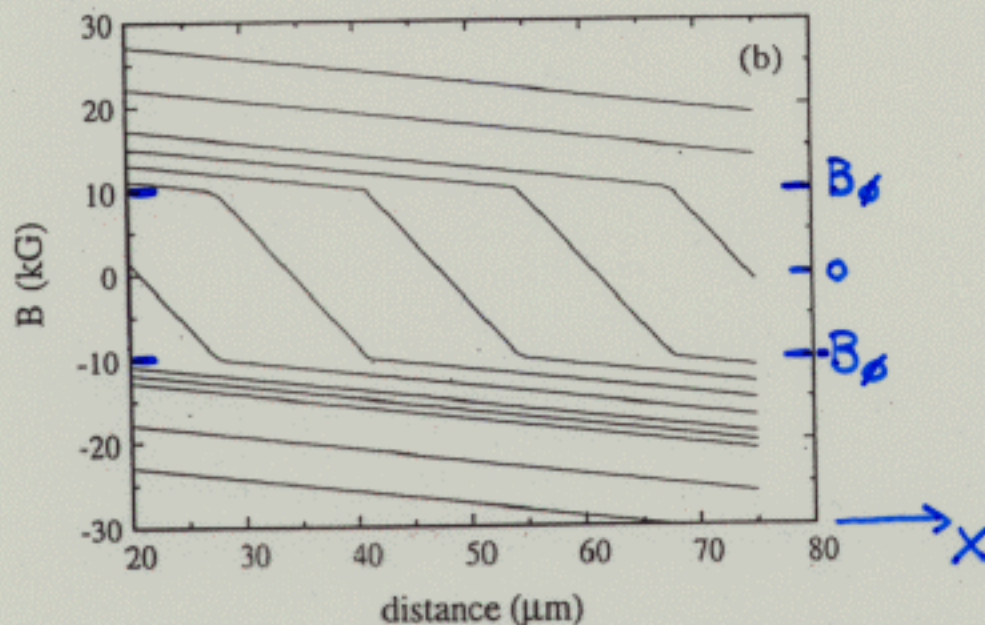
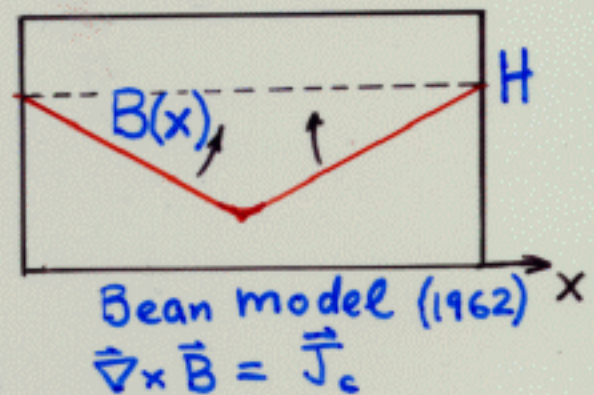
Modified Bean model for Bose glass superconductors

$B_\phi = 10 \text{ kG}, T = 5 \text{ K}$



Experiment by:

K. Beauchamp et al. (1995)



Theory:

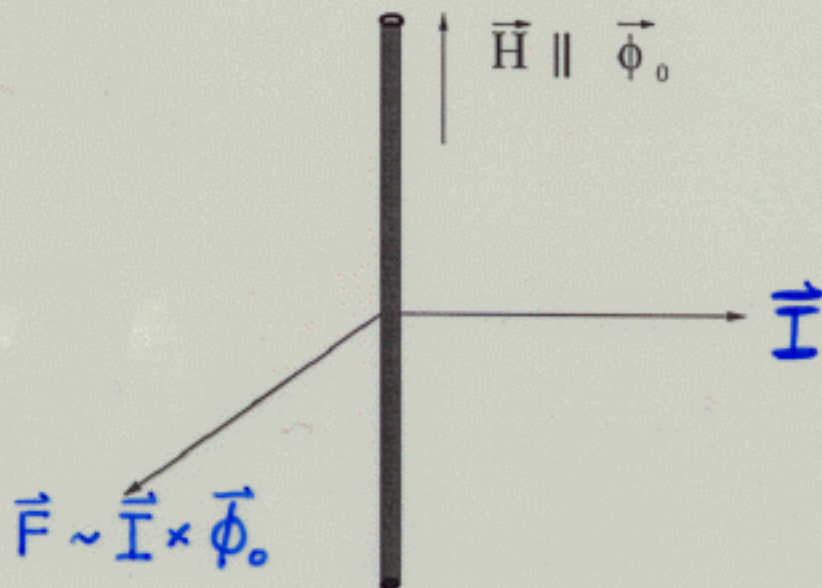
L. R. (1995)

$$\frac{dB}{dx} = J_c(B) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} J_c(B < B_\phi) \simeq J_{c1} \\ J_c(B > B_\phi) \simeq J_{c2} \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{two-fluid} \\ \text{model} \\ J_{c1} \gg J_{c2} \end{array} \right.$$

Electrical Transport Properties:

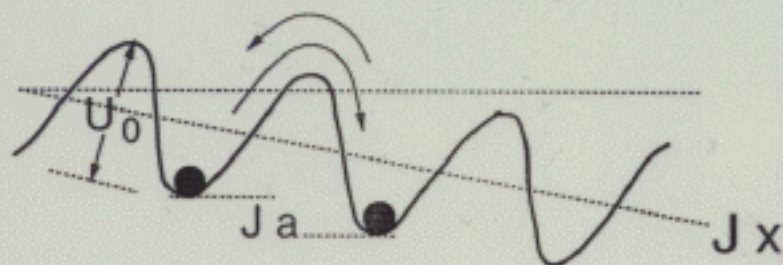
CURRENT ($\vec{J}$) $\rightarrow$ FLUX MOTION ($\vec{v}_v$) $\rightarrow$ DISSIPATION ($\vec{E}$)

- Current $I \sim$ driving force $\vec{F} = \vec{J} \times \vec{\phi}_0$ Lorentz
&
Magnus
(screening)
- Voltage $V \sim$ vortex velocity $\vec{v}_v$ (Josephson Effect)
- $\rho = (B/H_{c2})\rho_n$ (Bardeen-Stephen) $\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{e}{\hbar} V$
- Need pinning disorder to stop vortex motion and dissipation that it causes



- Dissipation in Vortex State:

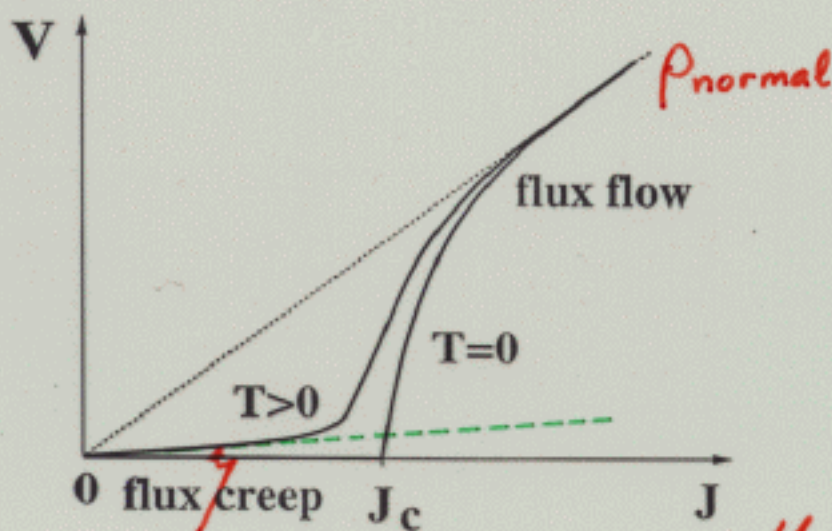
INDEPENDENT PARTICLE MODEL (Anderson and Kim)



$$E \propto e^{-(U_0 - Ja)/T} - e^{-(U_0 + Ja)/T}$$

$$E \propto \sinh(Ja/T) e^{-U_0/T}$$

$$\lim_{J \rightarrow 0} E \propto J \underbrace{(e^{-U_0/T})}_{\rho_c \neq 0}$$

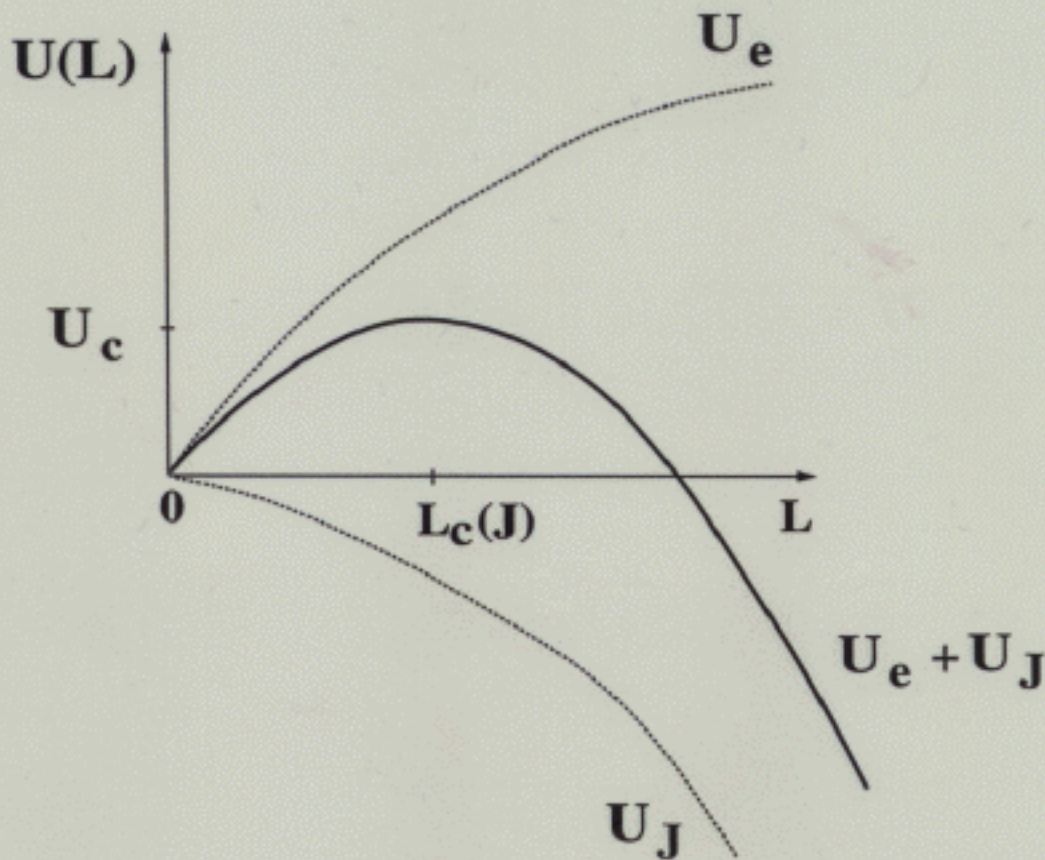


$$J_c \sim \frac{U_0}{a}$$

(limit of metastability)

finite slope = $\rho_c \sim e^{-U_0/k_B T}$

NUCLEATION DRIVEN DISSIPATION IN DIRTY SUPERCONDUCTORS



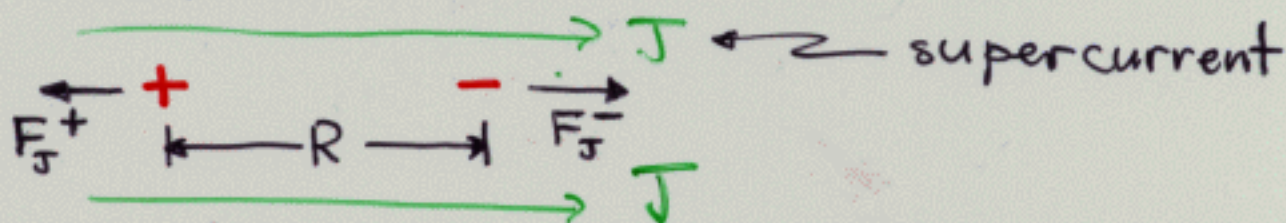
- Nonequilibrium state (vs globally well-defined free energy)
- Vortex line defects $U_B(L) \sim L^1$ (vs domain walls $U_B(L) \sim L^{d-1}$)
- Current J is the driving mechanism (vs H in spin systems)

Dissipation in S.C. Films

(2D warm up)

Kosterlitz-Thouless phase $T \leq T_{KT}$:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \rho_s \int d^2 r (\nabla \theta)^2$$



$$H[R] = \pi \rho_s \ln R/a - \phi_0 J d R$$

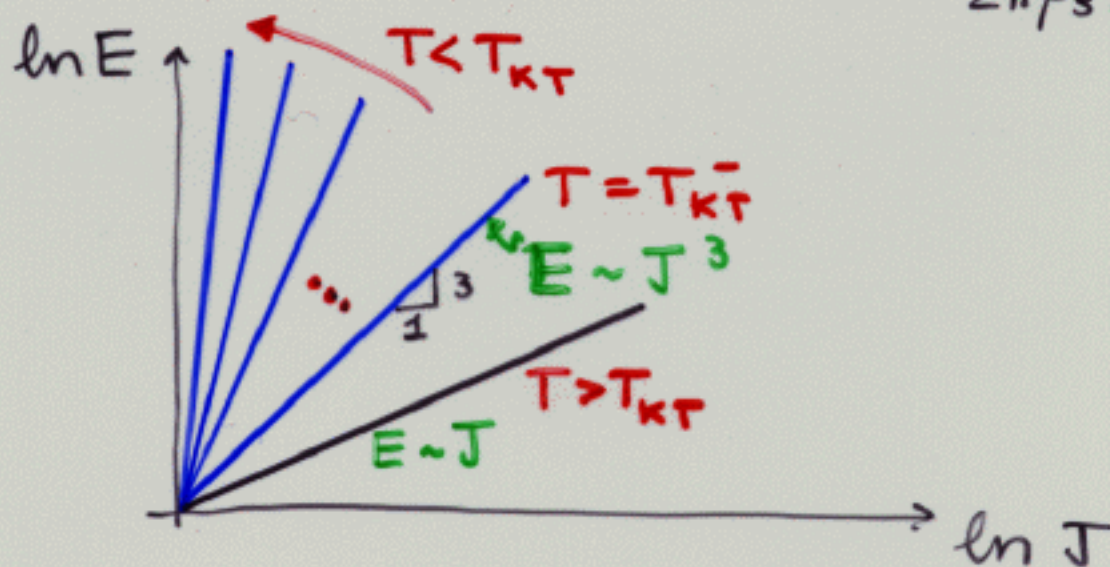
minimize: $\frac{\delta H}{\delta R} \Big|_{R_c} = 0 \Rightarrow R_c = a \frac{J_0}{J}$

$(J_0 = \frac{\pi \rho_s}{\phi_0 d a})$

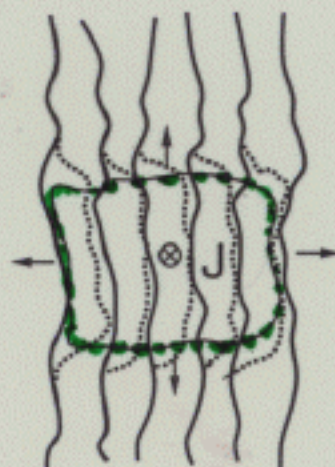
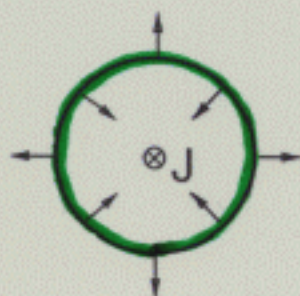
$$\Rightarrow H[R_c(J)] = \pi \rho_s \ln \frac{J_0}{J} + \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(J) = \rho(J) J = e^{-H[J]/T} J$$

$$\Rightarrow E(J) = J \left(\frac{J}{J_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\eta}}, \quad 0 < \eta \equiv \frac{k_B T}{2\pi \rho_s} < \frac{1}{4}$$



DISSIPATION IN MEISSNER ($H < H_{c1}$) and GLASS PHASES



– Excitation energy:

$$U_e \sim \rho_s L$$

$$U_e \sim \rho_s L^\theta \quad (\theta < 1)$$

– Area of excitation “bubble”:

$$A \sim L^2$$

$$A \sim L^\tau$$

– Energy from current J:

$$U_J \sim f_J A \sim J L^2$$

$$U_J \sim J L^\tau$$

– Critical “bubble” size, balance $E_e \approx E_J$:

$$L_c(J) \sim 1/J$$

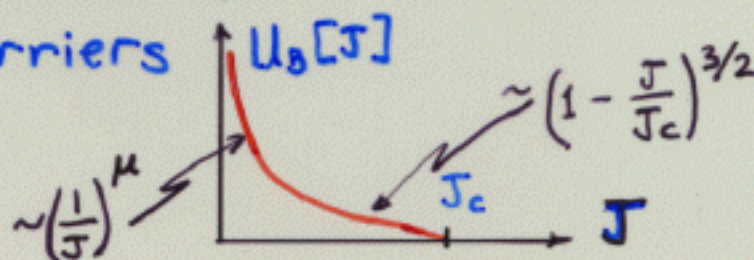
$$L_c(J) \sim 1/J^{(\tau-\theta)}$$

– Barrier size $E_B[L] \sim L^\psi$ to activate over via $e^{-U_B[L]/T}$:

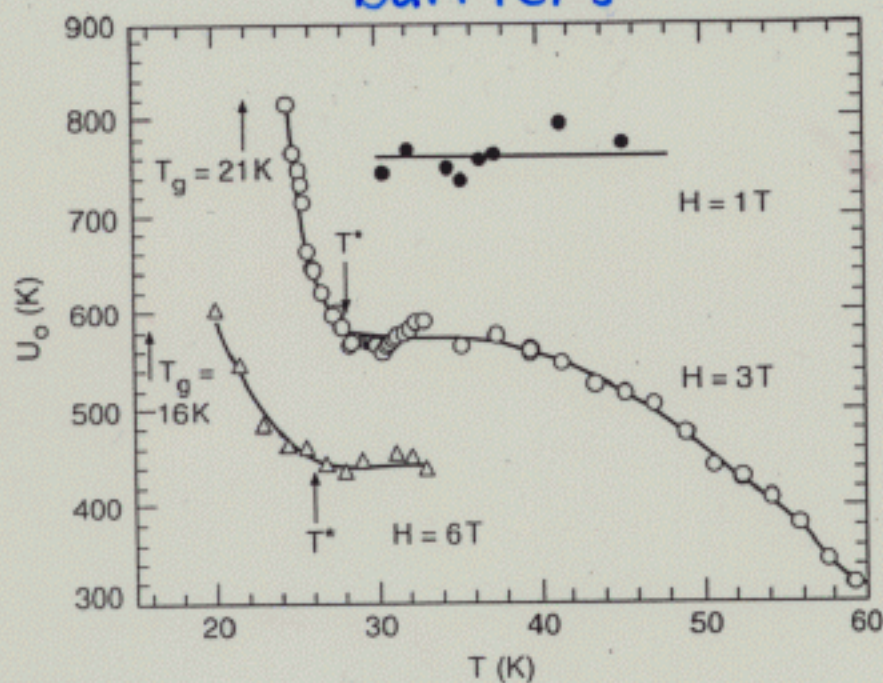
$$V(J) \sim e^{-1/J}$$

$$V(J) \sim e^{-1/J^\mu}$$

Arrhenius rate of production: $e^{\frac{-U_0[J]}{T}}$ ($\mu = \psi/(\tau - \theta)$)
but with divergent barriers



Diverging activation barriers



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BISSCO
(2212)

Expect: $U_B(T) \sim \frac{1}{|T - T_g|^{\frac{4}{3}}}$

Dissipation near glass transition:

- Bose glass scaling theory (F+F+H, N+V, L.R.)

M. Wallin + S. Girvin

– $\xi_{\perp} \sim |T - T_{BG}|^{-\nu}$, $\xi_{\parallel} \sim \xi_{\perp}^2$, $\tau \sim \xi_{\perp}^z \rightarrow \infty$

– Free energy density:

$$f \sim 1/(\xi_{\perp}^2 \xi_{\parallel})$$

– Vector potential $\vec{A} \sim \vec{\nabla} \phi$:

$$A_{\perp} \sim 1/\xi_{\perp}, \quad A_{\parallel} \sim 1/\xi_{\parallel}$$

– Current $\vec{J} = \partial f / \partial \vec{A}$:

$$J_{\perp} \sim 1/(\xi_{\perp} \xi_{\parallel}), \quad J_{\parallel} \sim 1/\xi_{\perp}^2$$

– Electric field $\vec{E} = -\partial \vec{A} / \partial t$:

$$E_{\perp} \sim 1/\xi_{\perp}^{1+z}, \quad E_{\parallel} \sim 1/(\xi_{\perp}^z \xi_{\parallel})$$

– IV relation:

$$J_{\perp}^{(NL)} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } T \rightarrow T_g^+$$

$J > J^{NL} \rightarrow$ non-linear

$$E_{\perp} \sim \xi_{\parallel} \xi_{\perp}^{-z} J_{\perp} G_{\pm}^{\perp} (\xi_{\perp} \xi_{\parallel} J_{\perp} \phi_0 / cT) \sim \xi_{\perp}^{2-z} \left(\xi_{\perp}^z J_{\perp} \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}$$

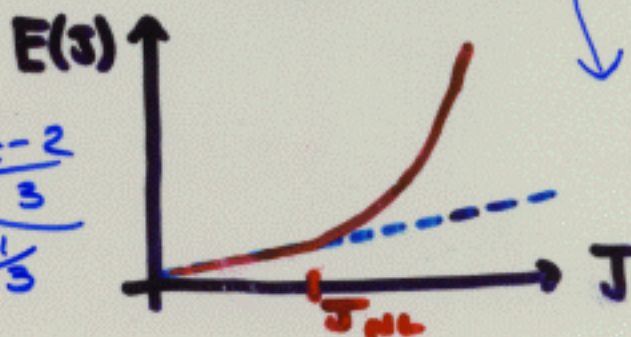
$J < J^{NL} \rightarrow$ linear

$$E_{\parallel} \sim \xi_{\parallel}^{-1} \xi_{\perp}^{2-z} J_{\parallel} G_{\pm}^{\parallel} (\xi_{\perp}^2 J_{\parallel} \phi_0 / cT) \quad \delta = \frac{z-2}{3}$$

i.e. $G_{\pm}(x \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$

$$E(J) = \rho J G_{\pm} (J / J_{nl}) \quad J_{nl}^{(NL)} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } T \rightarrow T_g^+$$

$$E_{\perp}(J_{\perp}) \sim J_{\perp}^{1 + \frac{z-2}{3}} \quad \frac{z+1}{3}$$



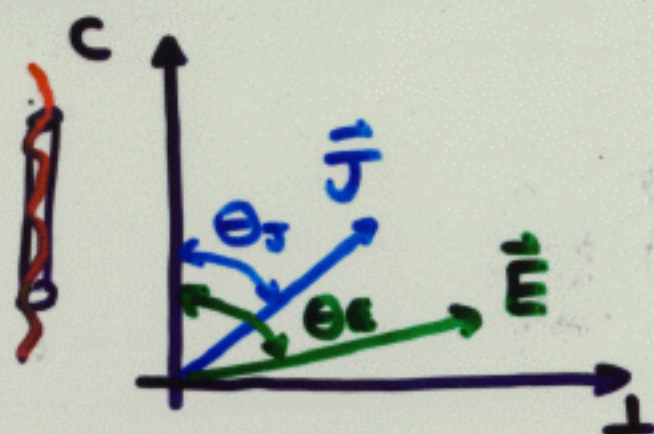
$$-T > T_{BG}, \quad E_i = \rho_i J_i:$$

$$* \rho_{\perp} \sim |T - T_{BG}|^{\nu(z-2)}$$

$$* \rho_{\parallel} \sim |T - T_{BG}|^{\nu z}$$

$$* \tan(\theta_E) \propto \tan(\theta_J) / (T - T_{BG})^{2\nu}$$

$$\theta_E(T \rightarrow T_{BG}^+) \approx \pi/2 - (T - T_{BG})^{2\nu} \cot(\theta_J) \rightarrow \pi/2$$



$$-T = T_{BG}, \quad \rho = 0:$$

$$* E_{\perp} \sim J_{\perp}^{(1+z)/3}$$

$$* E_{\parallel} \sim J_{\parallel}^{(2+z)/2}$$

$$-T < T_{BG}, \quad \rho = 0:$$

$$E \sim e^{-1/J^{\mu}}$$

• Bose glass scaling theory (F+F+H, N+V, L.R.)

$$-\xi_{\perp} \sim \frac{1}{|T - T_g|^{\nu}}, \quad \xi_{\parallel} \sim \xi_{\perp}^2, \quad \tau \sim \xi_{\perp}^z$$

Exp. by:

P. Gammel, et al.
AT&T (1991)

$$-E(J) = J\rho F_{\pm}(J/J_{nl})$$

$$-T > T_{BG} \quad E = \rho J:$$

Nelson+L.R.
(1996)

$$* \rho_{\perp} \sim |T - T_{BG}|^{\nu(z-2)}$$

$$* \rho_{\parallel} \sim |T - T_{BG}|^{\nu z}$$

$$-T = T_{BG} \quad \rho = 0:$$

$$* E_{\perp} \sim J_{\perp}^{(1+z)/3}$$

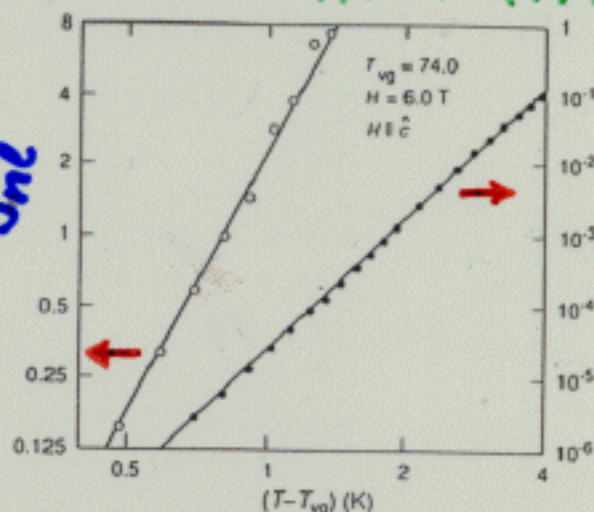
$$* E_{\parallel} \sim J_{\parallel}^{(2+z)/2}$$

$$-T < T_{BG} \quad \rho = 0:$$

$$E \sim e^{-1/J^{\mu}}$$

J_{nl}

ρ/ρ_n



$T - T_{vg}$

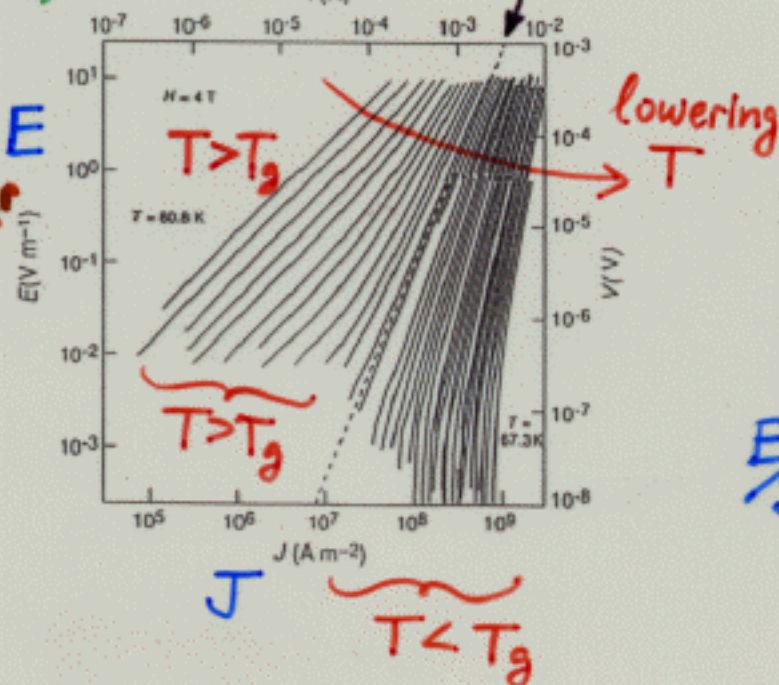
Reverse of intrinsic
material anisotropy
($\rho_{\perp} \ll \rho_{\parallel}$)

Exp. by:

R. Koch, et al. (1989)

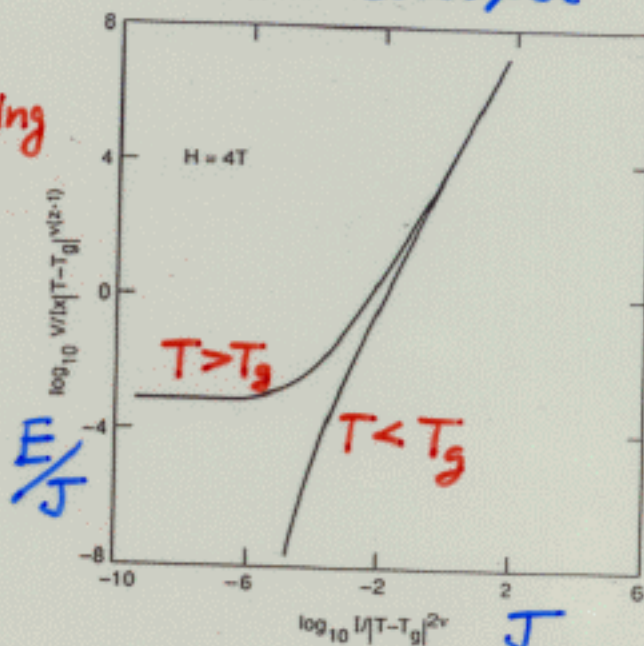
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Point
Disorder



(Point disorder)

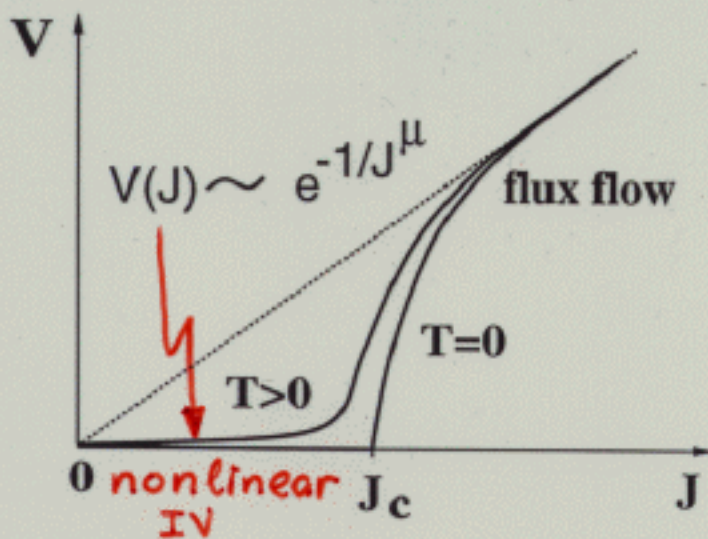
Data collapse



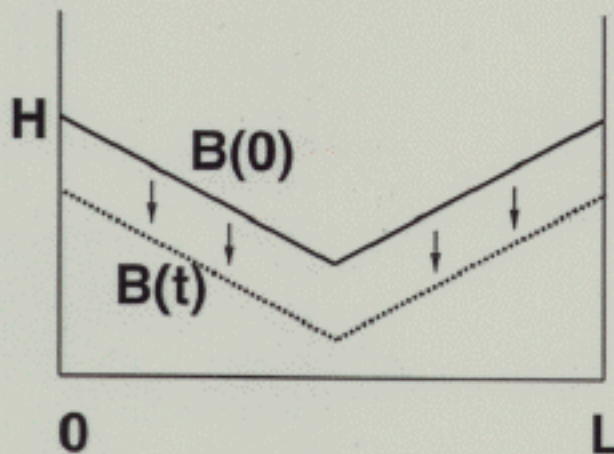
- Meissner and Glass phases are true superconductors:
 $\rho_l = 0$ (in contrast to vortex liquid)

c.f. Anderson-Kim

$$\rho_e \sim e^{-U_0/T} \neq 0$$



- Slow (logarithmic) magnetization relaxation:



Bean model (1962)

$$\frac{dB}{dx} = J_c$$

smooth fnc of B, T

$$M(t) \sim J_s(t) = ?$$

$$dE_s/dt \sim \frac{d}{dt}(\rho_s I^2) \sim I dI/dt = IV(I)$$

$$dI/dt \sim dM/dt \sim V(I) \sim e^{-1/I^\mu}$$

$$M(t) \sim M_0 \left[1 + \mu \frac{T}{U_0} \log(t/t_0) \right]^{-1/\mu}$$

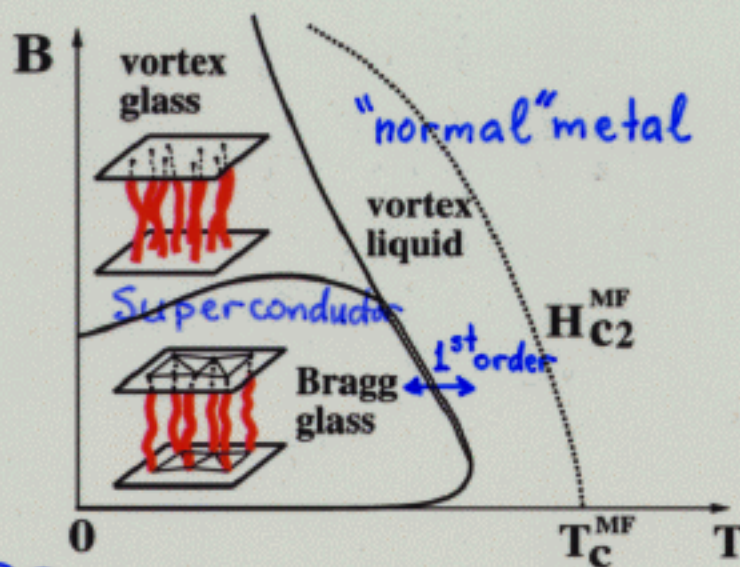
Experiments:

Beauchamp, et al.

Nowak, et al.

• EQUILIBRIUM VORTEX STATES IN DIRTY S.C.'S:

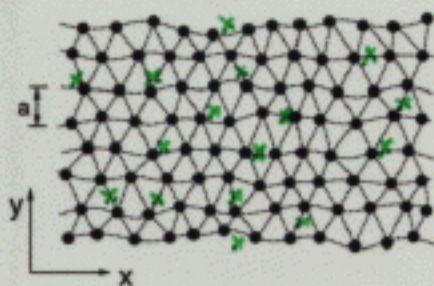
(lattice is unstable for $d < 4$ (Larkin))



Bragg glass:

$$H = \int_r [K(\nabla \vec{u})^2 + V_p(\mathbf{r}, \vec{u})]$$

– Elastically disordered but topologically ordered



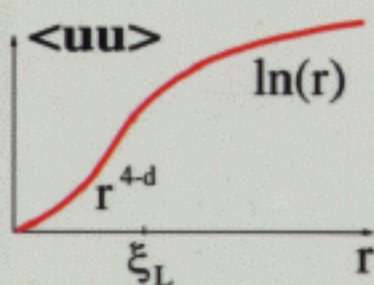
bound
dislocations

(assumed by Giamarchi+LeDoussal '94)

(simulated by Gingras+Huse '96)

(proved for XY model by D.S. Fisher '97)

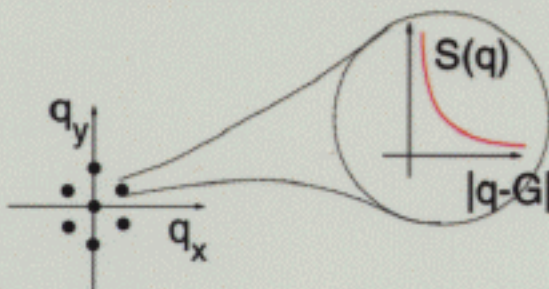
$$-\langle u(r)u(0) \rangle \sim \underbrace{(4-d)}_{\text{universal}} \ln(r/\xi_L), \text{ for } 2 < d < 4$$



(Giamarchi+LeDoussal '94)

(Villain+Fernandez '86)

– Algebraic “Bragg” peaks $S(\mathbf{q}) \sim |\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{G}|^{-\eta}$ in $2 < d < 4$



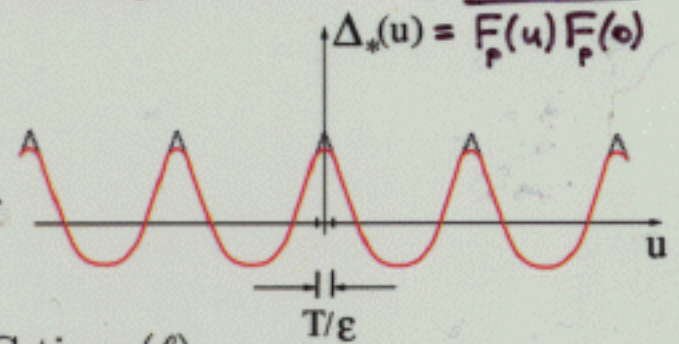
– Pinned glassy state, described by $T = 0$ f.p.

* Static FRG (D.S. Fisher '85):

$$\partial_\ell \Delta(u, \ell) = (4 - d - T \partial_u^2) \Delta - \dots$$

$$\partial_\ell T(\ell) = -(d - 2)T$$

cusps in $\Delta(u)$ develop in finite RG time (ℓ)



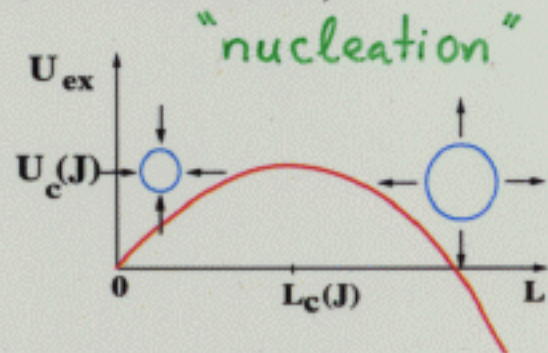
* Vanishing linear response $\Rightarrow$ slow $\log(t)$ relaxation of $M(t)$

• Scaling theory (D.S. Fisher + Huse '85, Nattermann '90)

excitation energy $\nearrow$

$$U_{ex} \sim K L^{d-2} - J L^d \sim L^0$$

$$\sim (1/J)^{(d-2)/2} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } J \rightarrow 0$$



• Dynamic FRG (Radzihovsky '97, Balents + D.S. Fisher '97)

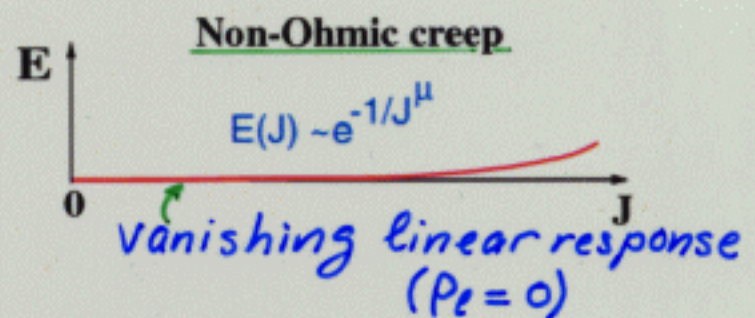
dynamic exponent $\nearrow$

time scale for excitation of size L $\nearrow$

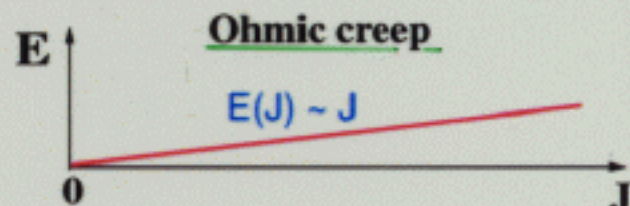
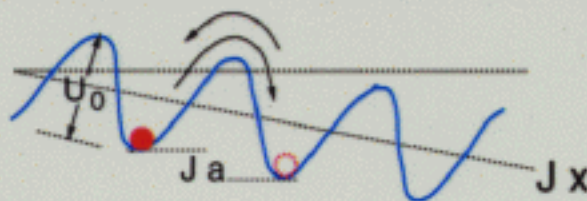
$$z(\ell) = 2 + |\Delta''(0, \ell)| \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\tau \sim e^{L^{d-2}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mu = (d - 2)/2$$



* Strongly contrasts with Anderson-Kim independent particle picture



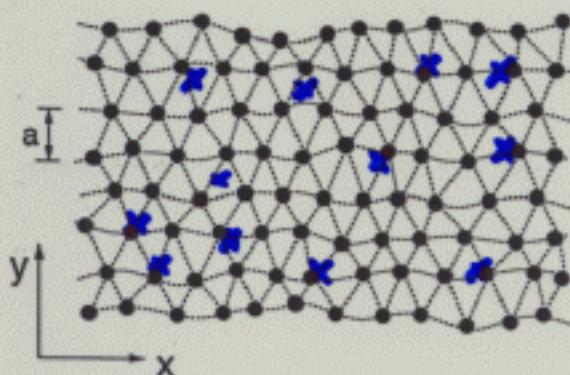
$$E \sim \underbrace{e^{-(U_0 - Ja)/T}}_{J_+} - \underbrace{e^{-(U_0 + Ja)/T}}_{J_-} \sim \lim_{J \rightarrow 0} \left(\underbrace{e^{-U_0/T}}_{\rho_l} \right) J$$

• Dynamic Functional Renormalization Group
of Vortex Glass (Balents, Fisher, L.R)

– Equilibrium equation of motion:

'97

$$\gamma \partial_t u(\mathbf{r}, t) = K \nabla^2 u + F_p[u, \mathbf{r}] + \zeta(\mathbf{r}, t) ,$$



– Quenched Gaussian random pinning force (zero mean):

$$\overline{F_p[u(\mathbf{r}, t), \mathbf{r}] F_p[u(\mathbf{r}', t'), \mathbf{r}']} = \Delta(u(\mathbf{r}, t) - u(\mathbf{r}', t')) \delta^d(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') .$$

* $\Delta(u - u') = \sum_Q \Delta_Q \cos[Q(u - u')]$ is a periodic function due to discreteness of vortex lines

* For $d > 2$, $T = 0$ fixed point $\rightarrow$ all harmonics are equally relevant

– Thermal Gaussian noise (zero mean):

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{r}, t) \zeta(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle = 2T\gamma \delta^d(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \delta(t - t') .$$

MARTIN-SIGGIA-ROSE (MSR) FORMALISM:

– Map EOM onto field theory:

$$Z = \overline{\langle \delta(\gamma \partial_t u - K \nabla^2 u - F_p[u, \mathbf{r}] - \zeta) \rangle} ,$$

$$Z = \int [d\tilde{u} du] e^{-S_0[\tilde{u}, u] - S_p[\tilde{u}, u]} ,$$

$$S_0 = \int_{\mathbf{r}, t} [i\tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}, t) (\gamma \partial_t - K \nabla^2) u(\mathbf{r}, t) + \gamma T \tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}, t)^2] ,$$

$$S_p = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{r}, t, t'} \tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}, t) \tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}, t') \Delta(u(\mathbf{r}, t) - u(\mathbf{r}, t')) .$$

* $\tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is auxiliary response field

* treat $S_p[\tilde{u}, u]$ in Wilson's perturbative RG

* need dynamic *functional* RG for $2 < d < 4$

* controlled with $\epsilon = 4 - d$ -expansion

– High k mode elimination and rescaling:

$u(\mathbf{r}, t) = u^{<}(\mathbf{r}, t) + u^{>}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, integrate out shell $\Lambda e^{-\ell} < q < \Lambda$

$$r = r' e^{\ell} ,$$

$$t = t' e^{z\ell} ,$$

$$u^{<}(\mathbf{r}, t) = e^{x\ell} u(\mathbf{r}', t') , \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\tilde{u}^{<}(\mathbf{r}, t) = e^{\tilde{x}\ell} \tilde{u}(\mathbf{r}', t') .$$

– Correlation and response functions:

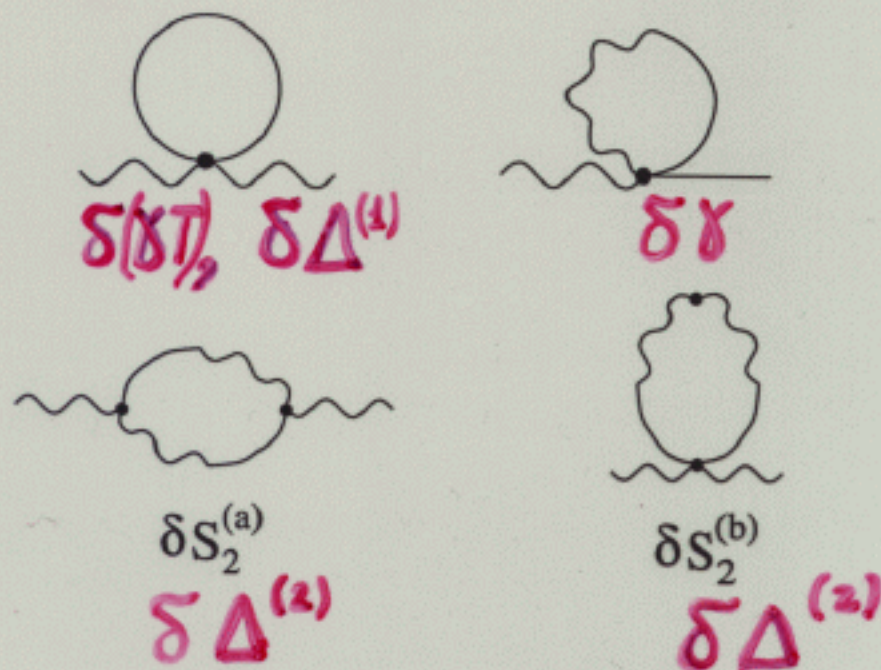
$$C(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \equiv \langle u(\mathbf{q}, \omega) u(-\mathbf{q}, -\omega) \rangle ,$$

$$= \frac{2T\gamma}{(\gamma\omega)^2 + (Kq^2)^2} ,$$

$$G(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \equiv \langle u(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \tilde{u}(-\mathbf{q}, -\omega) \rangle ,$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\gamma\omega + iKq^2} ,$$

– Diagrammatic corrections to γ , T and Δ :



— Renormalization group flow equations:

dynamics
(new) →
gives dynamic
interpretation
to cusps

$$\frac{d\gamma}{d\ell} = (d + \tilde{\chi} - \tilde{\Delta}''(0)) \gamma,$$

friction $\sim \mu^{-1}$

$$\frac{d\tilde{T}}{d\ell} = (2 - d)\tilde{T},$$

exact $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{FDT} + \\ u(r,t) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow u(r,t) + \chi(t) \end{array} \right)$

recover
statics
(D.S. Fisher) →

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\Delta}(u)}{\partial \ell} = \left(4 - d + \tilde{T} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} \right) \tilde{\Delta}(u) - \tilde{\Delta}'(u)^2 - \tilde{\Delta}''(u) (\tilde{\Delta}(u) - \tilde{\Delta}(0)).$$

disorder

* $\tilde{T}(\ell) \approx \tilde{T} e^{-(d-2)\ell}$, i.e., $T(\ell)$ flows to 0, for $d > 2$

* $\Delta_*(u, \ell \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{\epsilon}{6} \left[(u - \pi)^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right] \sim \epsilon |u|$
around $u=0$

* $\Delta_*''(0, \ell \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow -\infty$

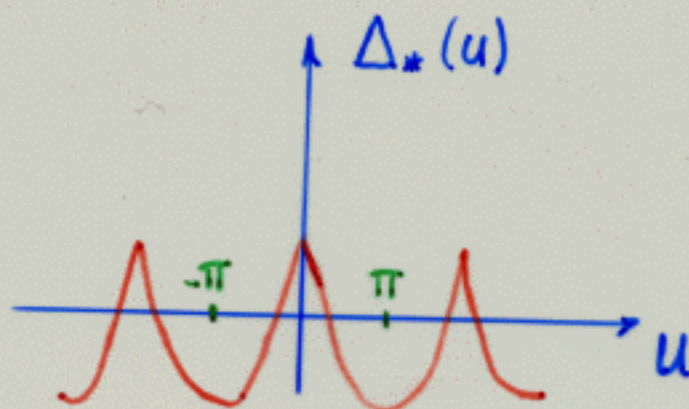
* $\gamma \sim$ time scale diverges, freezing
 $z = 2 - \tilde{\Delta}''(0)^* \rightarrow \infty$

$$\langle (u(r,t) - u(r',t))^2 \rangle \sim$$

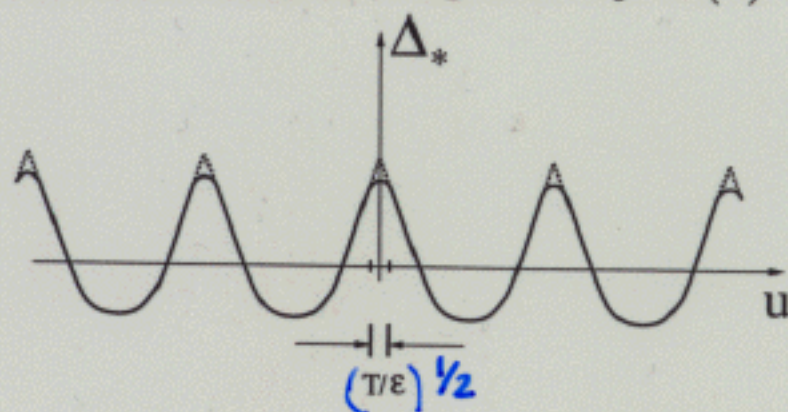
$$\sim A \log |r - r'|$$

$\uparrow$
universal const.

(D.S. Fisher;
Giamarchi +
Le Doussal)

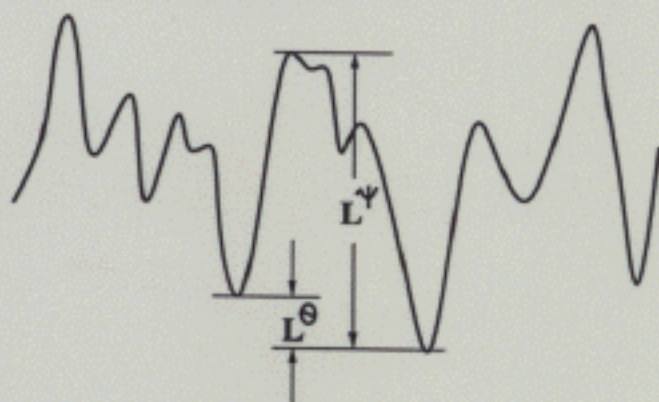


* Cut off the cusp divergence by $T(\ell)$



$$\Delta''(0, \ell) \approx -\frac{\epsilon^2 \pi^2}{9} \frac{1}{T(\ell)} \rightarrow -\infty, \text{ as } \ell \rightarrow \infty$$

* Barriers that diverge with length scale L



$$\gamma_R(\ell) \approx \gamma e^{a\epsilon^2 e^{(d-2)\ell}/\tilde{T}},$$

$$\gamma_R(L) \approx \gamma e^{U[L]/T}$$

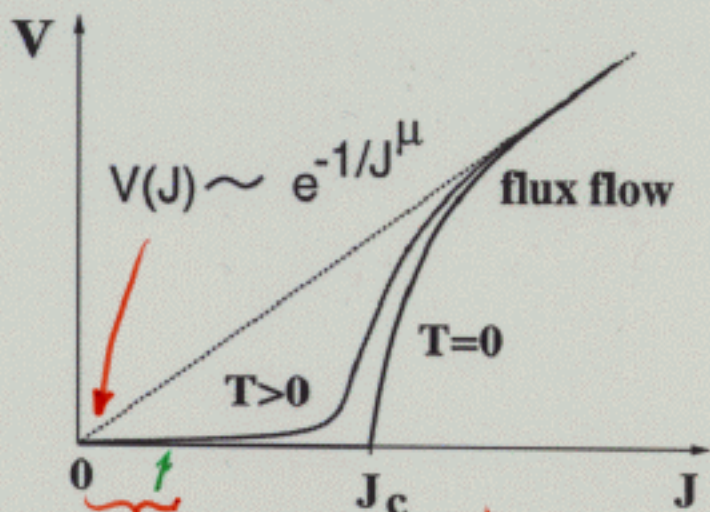
$$\underline{U[L]} \sim L^\theta, \quad \psi = \theta = d - 2.$$

$$U[L] \sim \ln L \text{ in } 2d$$

"Dirty" S.C. ARE really superconducting

* Vanishing linear response $\rho = \gamma^{-1}$

$$V(J) \sim e^{-(T^*/T)(J^*/J)^\mu}$$



near
equilibrium

vanishing
slope

$\Rightarrow$ superconduct.

(L.R. '97)

et.al.

nonequil.
dynamics

depinning
"transition"

(D.S. Fisher

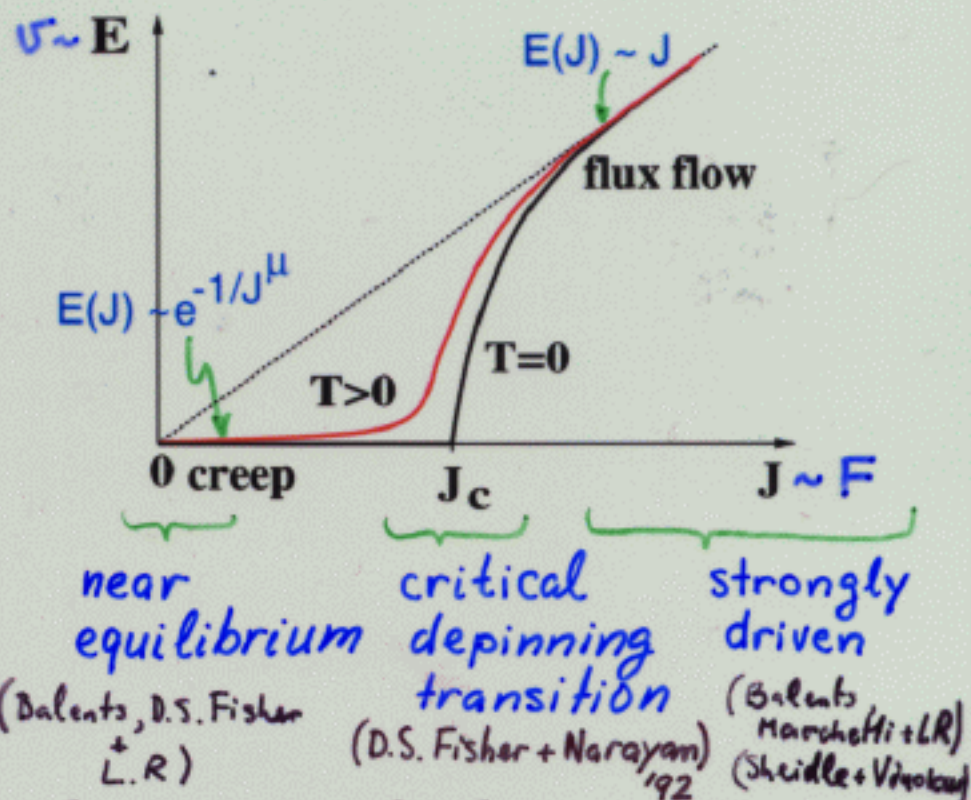
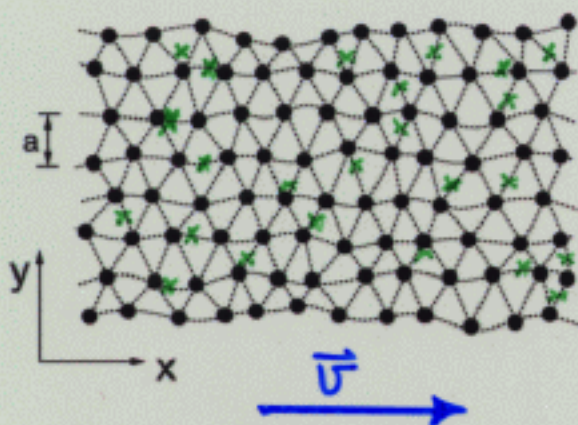
+
O. Narayan)

A. Middleton

nonequilibrium
dynamics

(L. Balents, C. Marchetti
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L.R. '97)

• DRIVEN DYNAMICS:



– Important questions about strongly driven regime:

- * hydrodynamic modes and equation of motion
- * $E(J)$ (unique or hysteretic?)
- * phases (classifications, correlation function, ...)
- * phase transitions (universality classes and order parameters)

– Earlier work

* Experiments:

Neutron scattering show increase in ξ_T (Yaron, et al. '94)

Transport show ordering above dV/dI peak (Bhattacharya, et.al. '93)

* Simulations:

Decrease in dislocation/disclination defect density with increasing drive (Shi+Berlinsky '91, Koshelev+Vinokur '94)

* Theory:

Current-driven crystallization at $T_{eff} = T + T_{sh}(J)$, with $T_{sh} \sim \Delta/J^2$ (Koshelev+Vinokur '94)

Moving Bragg glass with $u_x \approx 0$ (ordered), u_y rough and pinned $\rightarrow$ *finite transverse critical current* (Giamarchi+LeDoussal '96)

Recent theoretical developments

(Balents, Marchetti, Radzihovsky '97)

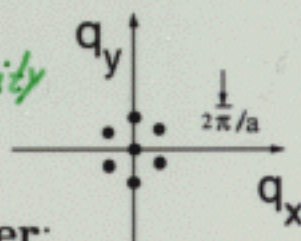
* Nonequilibrium lattice equation of motion:

"convection" $\gamma_{ij} \partial_t u_j = A_{i\alpha j} \partial_\alpha u_i + B_{i\alpha\beta j} \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta u_j + C_{i\alpha j\beta k} \partial_\alpha u_j \partial_\beta u_k + \tilde{F}_i[\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}, t] + \eta_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$

friction γ $\leftarrow$ elasticity $\leftarrow$ nonequil. pinning force $\leftarrow$ "thermal" noise $\leftarrow$

stability of translational order? "KPZ" nonlinearity

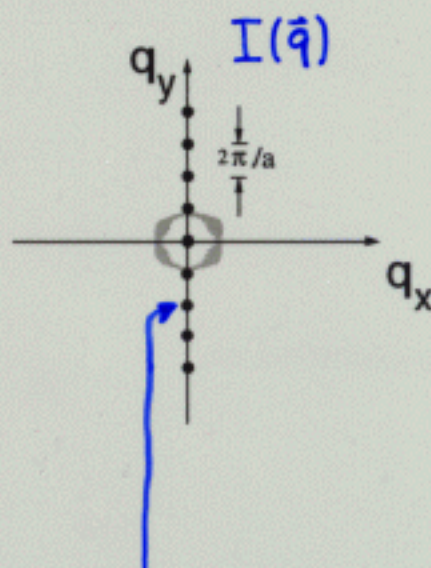
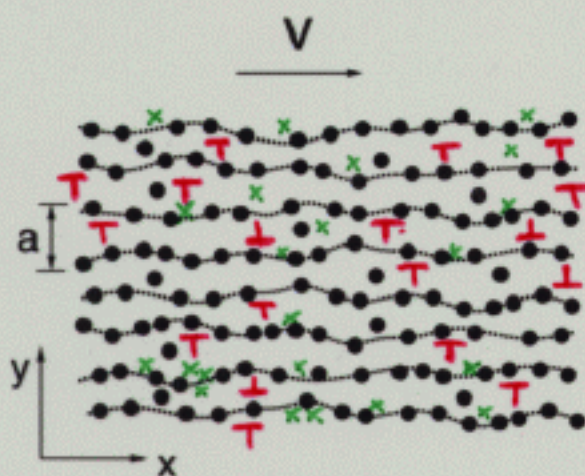
stability of temporal order?



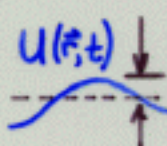
* Perturbative analysis in weak disorder:

- $(u_x^{\text{rms}})^2 \sim L_x^{(3-d)/2} \sim L_y^{3-d} \rightarrow \infty$ for $d \leq 3$ (c.f. G+L $u_x \approx 0$)
- dislocations with $\mathbf{b} \parallel \mathbf{v}$ unbind $\uparrow \perp \perp \uparrow \uparrow$
- shear melting into a moving Transverse Smectic

* Nonequilibrium smectic equation of motion:



- periodic stack of liquid sheets
- ρ and u are independent hydrodynamic modes
- neutron scattering probes r-order: $I(q) \sim |q_x^2 + (\delta \mathbf{q}_\perp)^4|^{-(3-\eta)/4}$
- narrow band noise probes t-order: $S(\omega) \sim \langle E(\omega) E(-\omega) \rangle$



$\gamma(\partial_t + v\partial_x)u = K\nabla^2 u + \kappa\partial_y\rho + F_p(u, \mathbf{r}) + \eta(\mathbf{r}, t)$ (KPZ irrelevant)

layer displacement

$(\partial_t + v_1\partial_x)\rho = -v_2\partial_x\partial_y u + D\nabla^2\rho$ (continuity eqn.)

vortex density $\Rightarrow$ permeation mode

* Nonequilibrium FRG analysis of transverse smectic:

friction coeff.
 $\Rightarrow$ time scale
 increase
 $\Rightarrow$ freezing

$$\frac{d\gamma}{d\ell} = \frac{2|\tilde{\Delta}''(0)|}{2 + \tilde{v}^2} \gamma$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{T}}{d\ell} = \left[2 - d + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 + \tilde{v}^2} \right) |\tilde{\Delta}''(0)| \right] \tilde{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\Delta}(u)}{\partial \ell} = \left(3 - d + \tilde{T} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} \right) \tilde{\Delta}(u) - \tilde{\Delta}''(u) (\tilde{\Delta}(u) - \tilde{\Delta}(0))$$

$\neq 0$, disorder "heats" the smectic

$$\Rightarrow d_{uc}^{nonequil} = 3 \text{ (cf. } d_{uc}^{equil} = 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{QLRO in 3d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Lack of FDT} \rightarrow \text{disorder "heating"}$$

multiplicative not additive as in K+V

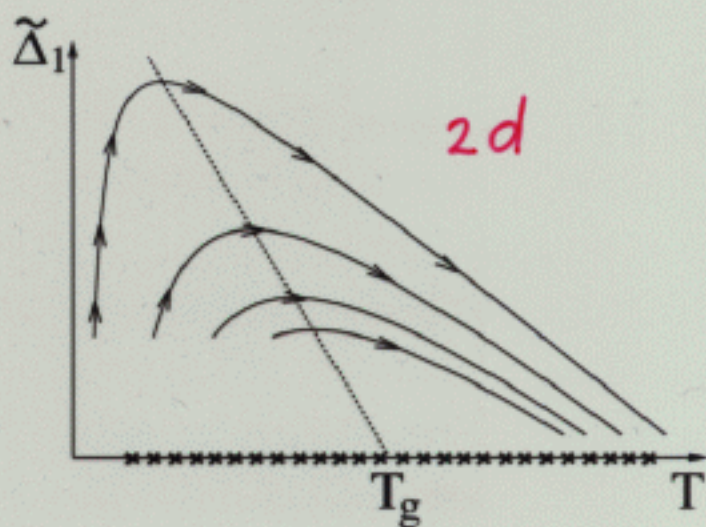
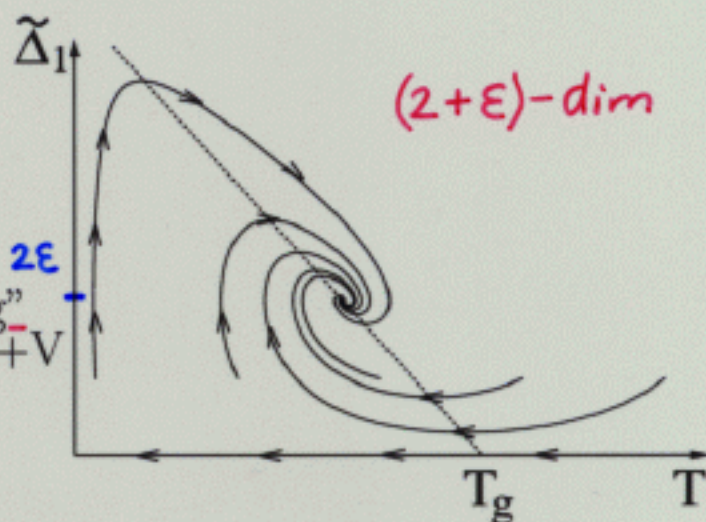
① $\Rightarrow$ Finite T fixed point

$$\Rightarrow \text{Effectively } \underline{\text{disorder-free 2d}} \text{ smectic}$$

$$\text{at } \tilde{T}_{\text{eff}} = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \tilde{T}(\tilde{\Delta}_1 + \tilde{T} - 2)}$$

② $\Rightarrow$ Permeation mode $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$

①+② $\Rightarrow$ Analytic transverse force response



* Transverse force response:

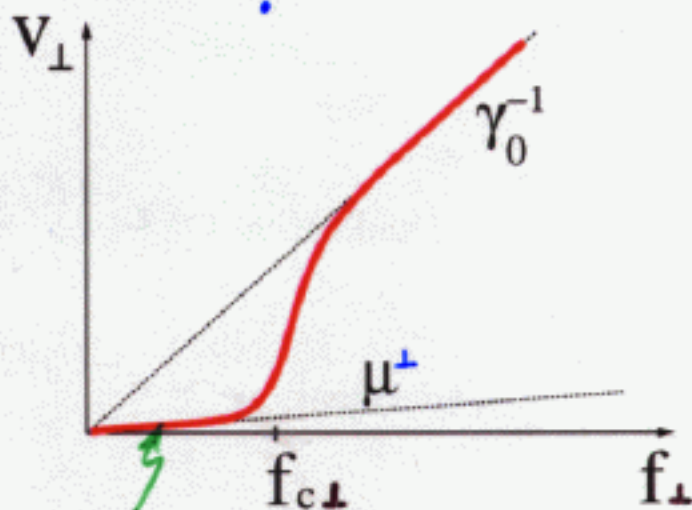
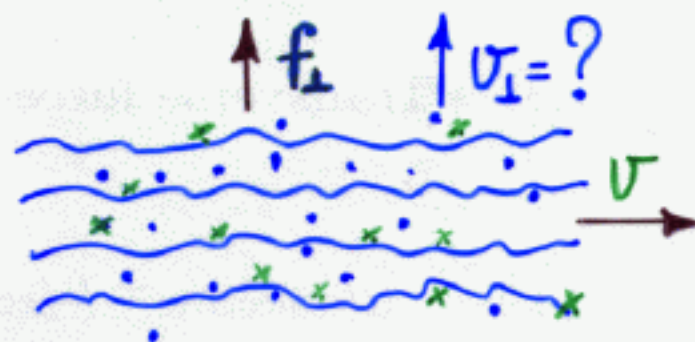
$$v_{\perp} \sim (\underbrace{\mu_{\text{collective}}^{\perp} + \mu_{\text{permeation}}^{\perp}}_{\mu_{\text{smectic}}^{\perp} \neq 0}) f_{\perp}$$

vanishes
as $v \rightarrow 0$

$$\mu_{\text{collective}}^{\perp} \sim e^{-(K/\gamma v)^2}$$

$$\mu_{\text{permeation}}^{\perp} \sim e^{-U_d/T}$$

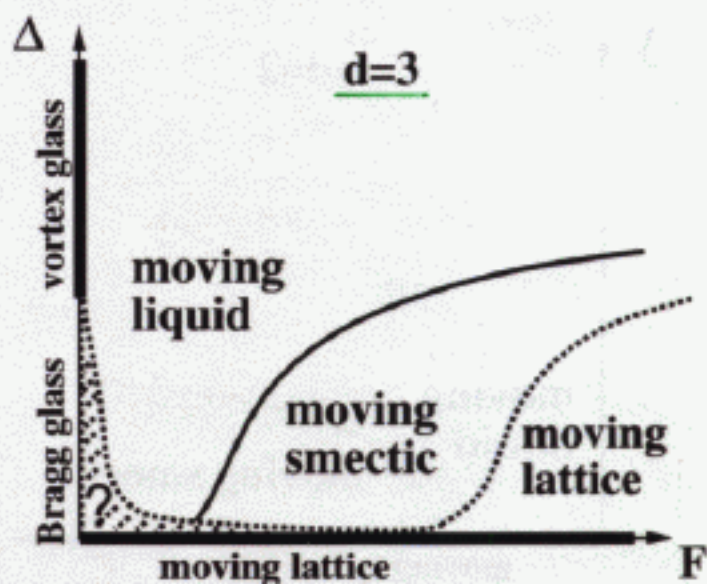
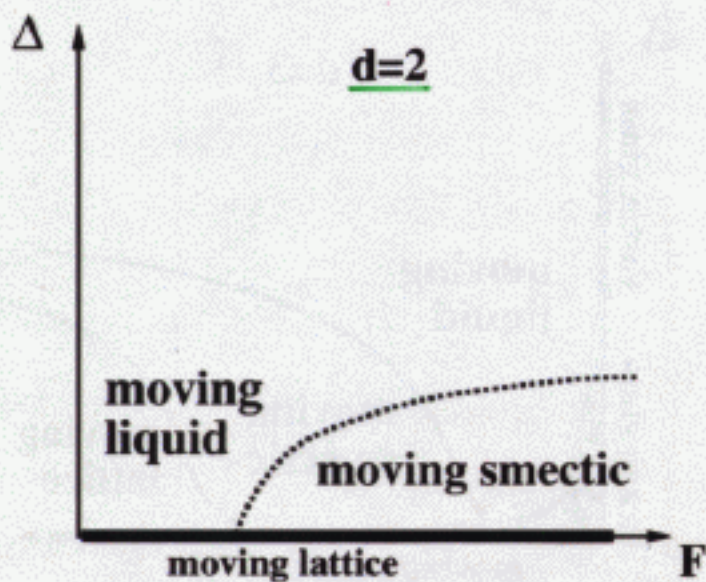
permeation mode
mobility



finite linear mobility

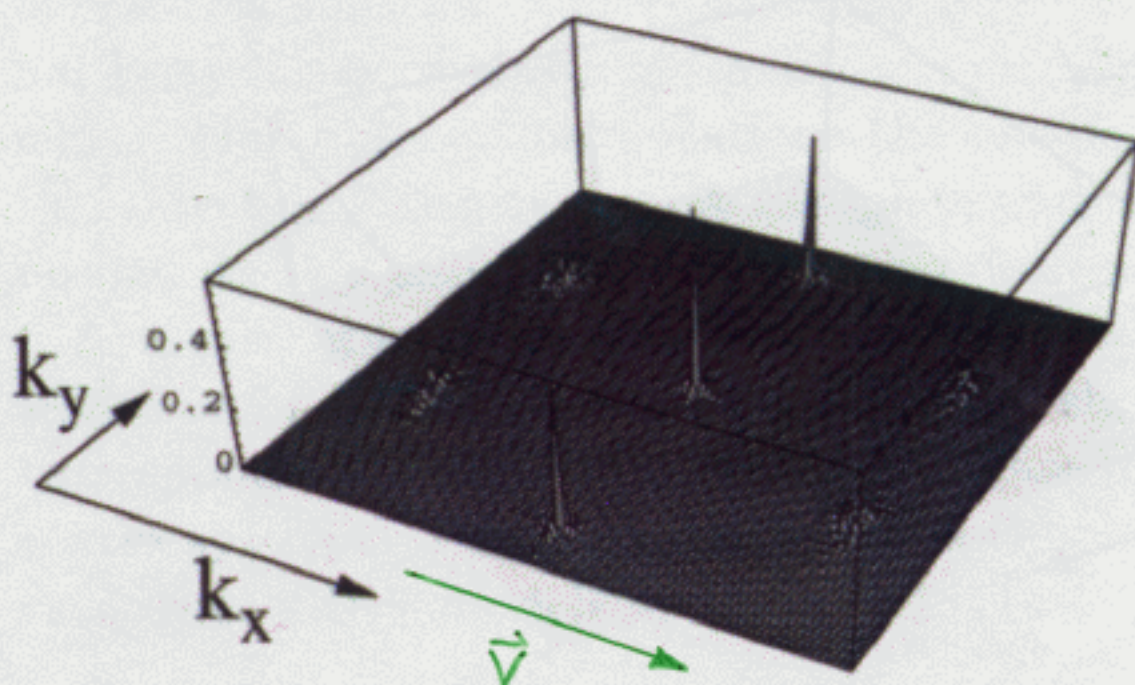
transverse

* Phase diagram for a driven solid:



— Simulations (Moon, et. al.'96, also see Ryu, et al.'96)

- Algebraic Bragg peaks $\perp \vec{V}$
- Channel flow with phase slips

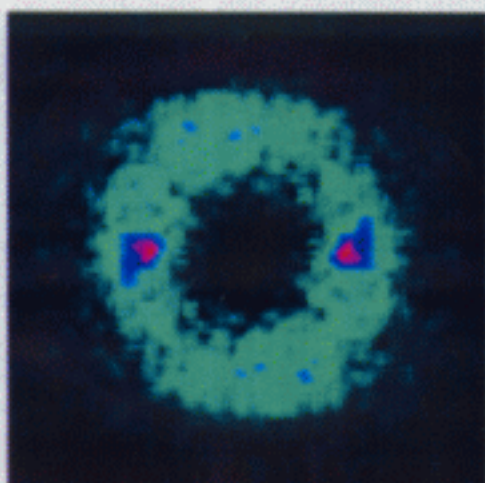
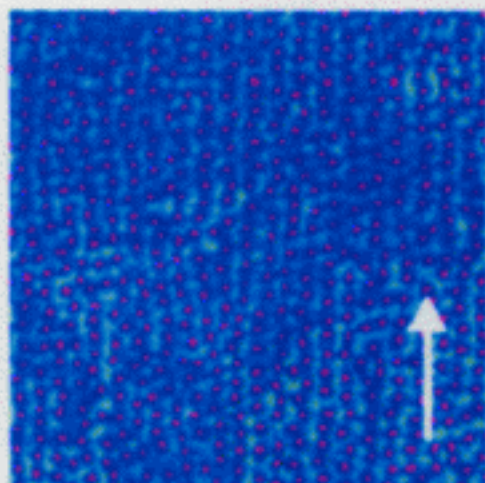


— Decoration experiments on $NbSe_2$ (Pardo, et al.'97, also see Marchevsky, et al.'97)

4K, 5G

RS

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Pardo, et al.,
Nature, v. 396,
pg 348 (1998)



Moving transverse smectic

- Summary and Conclusions:

- Rich phenomenology of high T_c superconductors
- Strong thermal fluctuations and pinning disorder
- New vortex phases: Vortex liquid, Vortex glass, and Bose glass (few others)
- Dissipation
- Phase transitions
- Equilibrium and non-equilibrium dynamics of disordered periodic media

- Remaining Questions (many!)

- Topological defects (dislocations)
- Nonequilibrium phase transitions