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Random walkers,  $d=3$   
Field theory:  $H = m\phi^2 |\phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\partial\phi|^2$

Probability of going from  $\vec{x}$  to  $\vec{y}$  in  $N$  steps:

$$P(\vec{x}, \vec{y}; N) \sim \frac{1}{N^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{x}-\vec{y})^2}{2N}}$$

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_N P(\vec{x}, \vec{y}; N) \sim \frac{1}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|^{d-2+\eta}}$$

$$D(N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{x}} P(\vec{x}, \vec{x}; N) \sim \frac{1}{N^\alpha}$$

$$\langle |\vec{x}-\vec{y}|^2 \rangle^{1/2} \sim N^\Delta; \Delta: \text{Wandering exponent.}$$

Gaussian case:

$$\boxed{\eta = 0, \Delta = \frac{1}{2}, \alpha = \frac{5}{2}}$$

Fractal dimension (Hausdorff-dim.) of random walkers:

$$N_{\text{max}} \sim L^{D_H} \Leftrightarrow D_H = \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

$$\boxed{D_H = 2}$$

Note:  $\underline{\eta + D_H = 2}; \underline{D_H = \frac{d}{\alpha-1}}$

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Interacting vortex loops,  $T=T_c$   
Field theory:  $H = m\phi^2 |\phi|^2 + |\partial\phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^2$

$$P(\vec{x}, \vec{y}; N) \sim \frac{1}{N^g} F\left(\frac{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|}{N^\Delta}\right)$$

• Normalizability of  $P$ :  $\underline{g = d - \Delta}$

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_N P(\vec{x}, \vec{y}; N) = \frac{1}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|^{\frac{g-1}{\Delta}}} = \frac{1}{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}|^{d-2+\eta}}$$

$$\underline{\frac{g-1}{\Delta} = d-2+\eta}$$

•  $D(N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{x}} P(\vec{x}, \vec{x}; N) \Rightarrow \underline{g = \alpha - 1}$

Exact result,  
general case!!

$$\boxed{D_H = \frac{d}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$\boxed{\eta + D_H = 2}$$

$$\alpha > \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow D_H < 2$$

$$\alpha < \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow D_H > 2$$

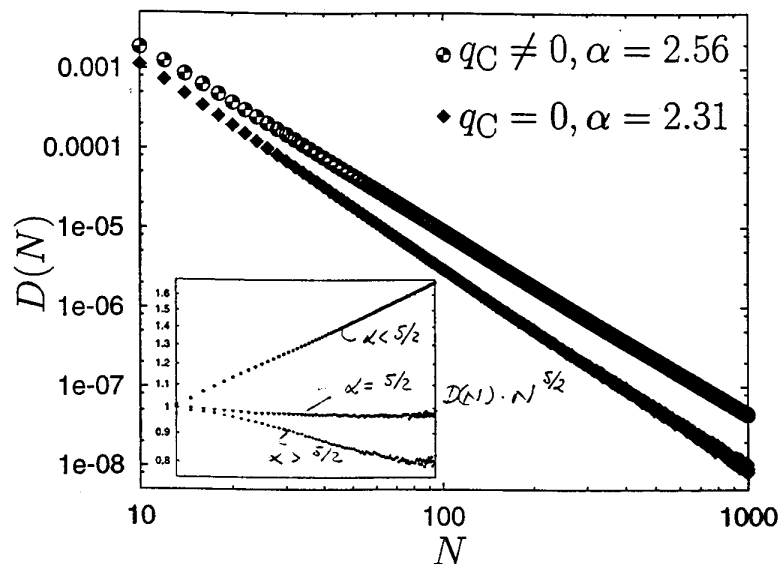
Original neutral:  $\eta < 0 \Rightarrow D_H > 2$

Original charged:  $\eta > 0 \Rightarrow D_H < 2$

Why does neutral system blows out more vortex-loops than charged system?

→ Easiest to compute:  $\underline{\alpha}; D(N) \sim N^{-\alpha}$   
 $T=T_c$

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$$H = - \sum_{ij} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j - q_C A_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^2$$

Figure 1.

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$$q_C \neq 0: \alpha > \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow D_H < 2$$

$$q_C = 0: \alpha > \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow D_H > 2$$

Infinitely much more screening  
(large) vortex-loop in neutral  
system compared to charged system.

$D_H > 2$ : Loop-transition survives  
finite field (Extreme type-II superconductor)

## Vortex loops, entropy, and compressibility

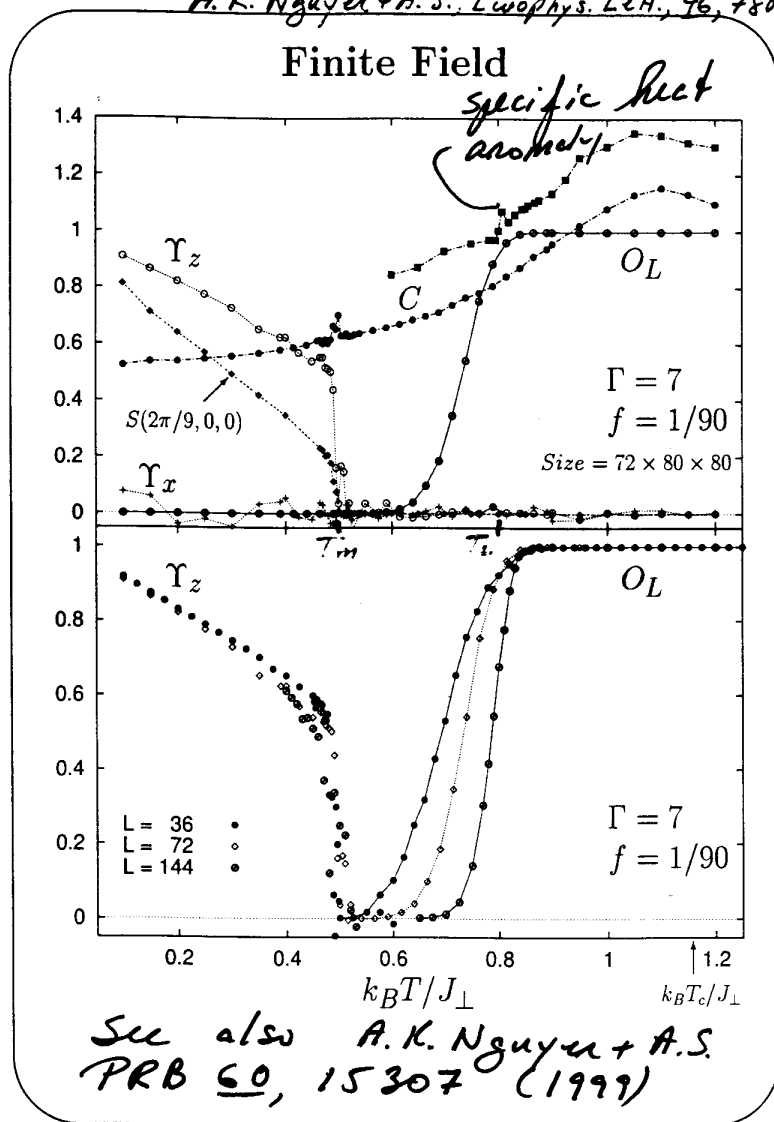
- Original neutral system has L.R. X-ions between vortex segments  
Incompressible vortex-system
- Original charged: L.R. X-ions are screened  
Compressible vortex system
- Gain in configurational entropy easier for compressible vortex system  
Finite compressibility: Good  
Incompressibility: Bad, because entropy is frustrated!

NB!!

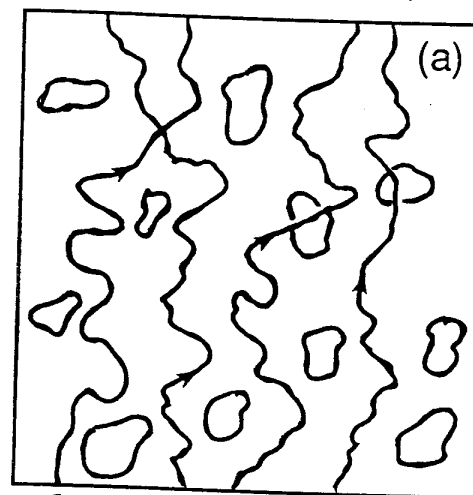
Infinitely large amount of screening (large) vortex loops in neutral case acts as substitute for gauge-field fluctuations to make vortex tangle of neutral system compressible

$$D_H = 3: \text{Vortex-tangle collapses on itself} \Rightarrow \eta = -1$$

$$\text{Scaling relation, critical exponents} \\ \beta = \frac{\nu}{2} (1 + \eta); \quad \eta \rightarrow -1 \Rightarrow \beta \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{1. order P.F.}$$



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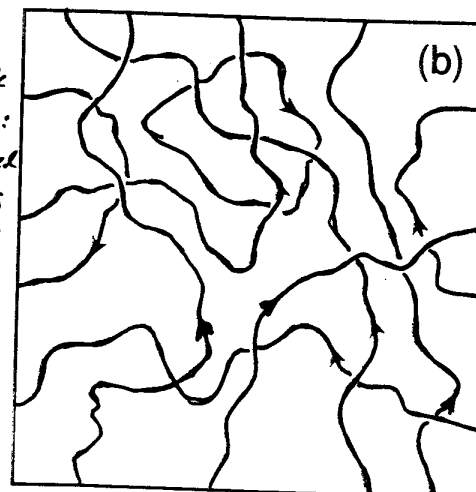


$$\gamma_z \sim \langle |z| e^{i\theta} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = 0$$

$T > T_m$   
 $T < T_c$ :  
 Vortex-line  
 liquid  
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$$\gamma_z \sim \langle |z| e^{i\theta} \rangle = 0; \langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$$

$T > T_c$ :  
 Vortex-line  
 tension is  
 zero. No  
 longer a  
 vortex liquid  
 of directed  
 vortex lines

phase-transition at  $T_c(B)$ : No signature in  
 local O.P.  $\langle |z| e^{i\theta} \rangle$ . Signature: Change in  
 characteristic ...

# Field-temperature phase-diagram

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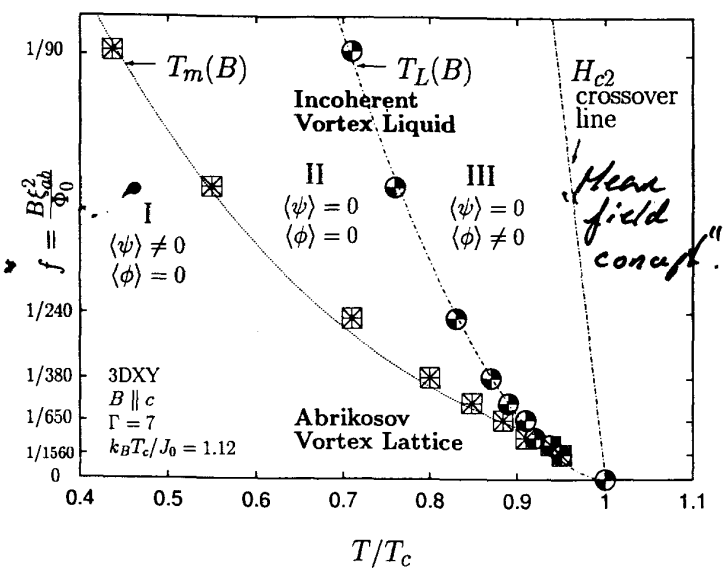


Figure 12

I: Vortex Lattice  
II: Vortex-LINE liquid  
III: "Vortex-blown out" state.

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