

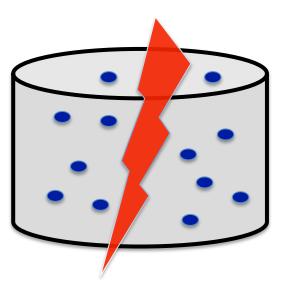
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# Theory of nonequilibrium superconductivity in the nonadiabatic regime

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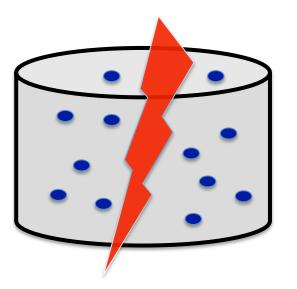


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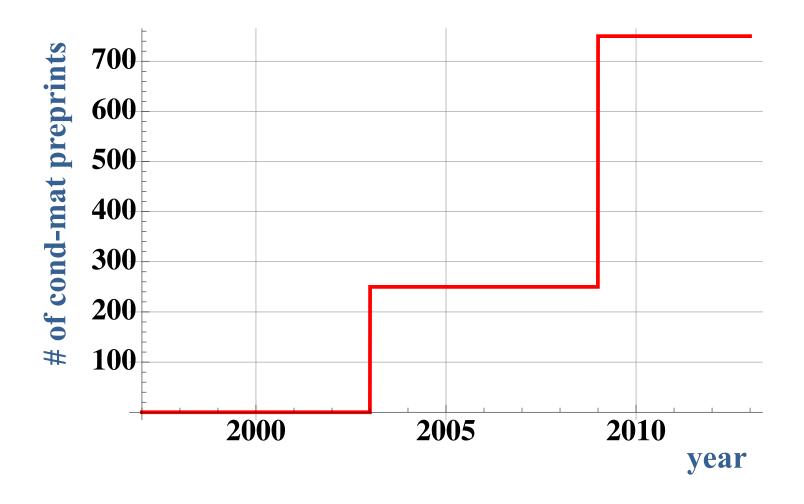


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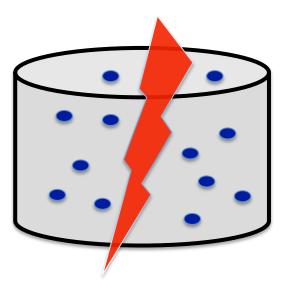
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**Real experimental access only very recently** 



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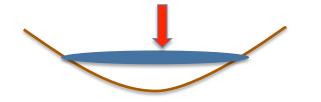
## A: Depends on the system (on *H*)

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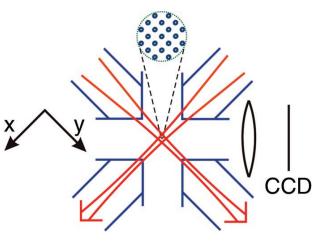
b. No equilibration – steady state – nonequilibrium "phase" with properties quite distinct from equilibrium phases  $\langle \hat{O}(t \to \infty) \rangle = ?$ 

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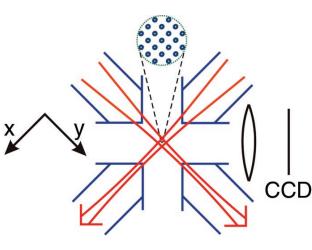


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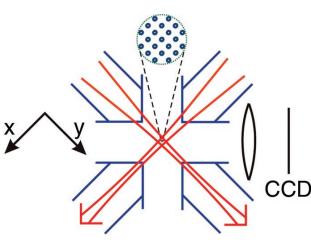
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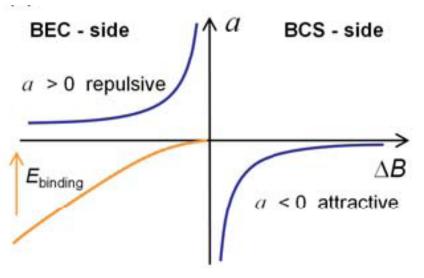
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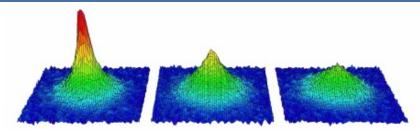
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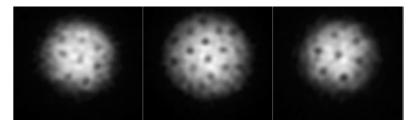
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Greiner, Regal & Jin (JILA, <sup>40</sup>K)

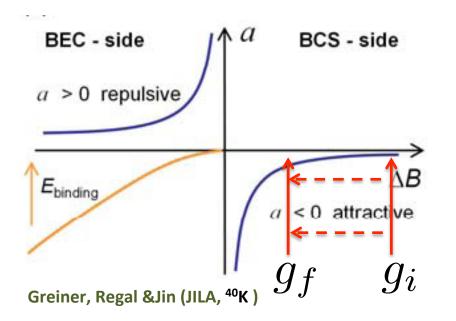


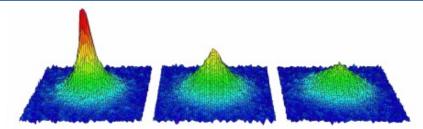
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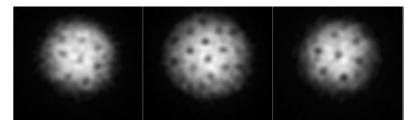
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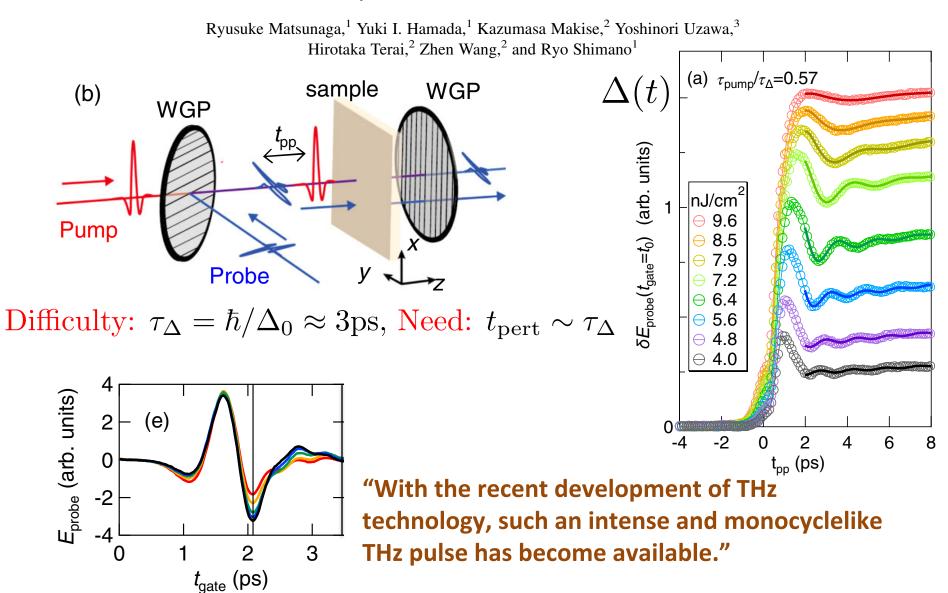
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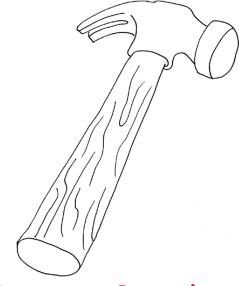
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Superconductor  $\Delta_0$ 

Quantum Quench

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 $t_{\rm pert}$  – perturbation time,

 $au_{\Delta} = \hbar/\Delta_0 - ext{timescale of Hamiltonian evolution with} \quad \hat{H}_{ ext{BCS}}, \ au_{\varepsilon} - ext{ energy relaxation time, quasiparticle lifetime.}$ 

Nonadiabatic regime:  $t_{pert} \leq \tau_{\Delta} \ll \tau_{\varepsilon}$ 

Long time dynamics of  $\hat{H}_{BCS}$   $(t \to \infty)$  means  $\tau_{\Delta} \ll t \ll \tau_{\varepsilon}$ 

#### Traditional Nonequilibrium Superconductivity: Main Approaches

Typically metals are in slow perturbation regime:  $t_{\text{pert}} \sim \tau_{\varepsilon} \gg \tau_{\Delta}$ 

$$\tau_{\varepsilon} \approx \frac{\hbar \epsilon_F}{\Delta_0^2} \gg \frac{\hbar}{\Delta_0} = \tau_{\Delta}$$

Kinetic scheme applies: Boltzmann eqn + selfconsistency eqn for the order parameter

A.I. Larkin & Yu. N. Ovchinnikov, 1968 O. Betbeder-Matibed & P. Nozieres, 1969 A.G. Aronov et al, 1981

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \{f, h\} = I_{\text{coll}}(f)$$

Works only for sufficiently slow perturbations. In the nonadiabatic regime quasiparticles and their distribution f are not well formed yet.

(see N.B. Kopnin, Theory of Nonequilibrium Superconductivity, 2001)

Time-Dependent Ginzburg-Landau eqn

$$\tau_{\Delta} \gg \tau_{\varepsilon}$$

E. Abrahams & T. Tsuneto, 1966 A. Schmid, 1966 L.P. Gorkov & G.M. Eliashberg, 1968

$$\frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta F}{\delta \Delta^*}, \quad F(\Delta, \Delta^*) = \alpha |\Delta|^2 + \beta |\Delta|^4$$

Local equilibrium assumed. Works only in very special cases such as gapless superconductivity

Requires:  $\tau_{\Delta} \gg \tau_{\varepsilon}$  (adiabatic regime) – system quickly equilibrates with instantaneous  $\Delta(t)$ . No other dynamical degrees of freedom.

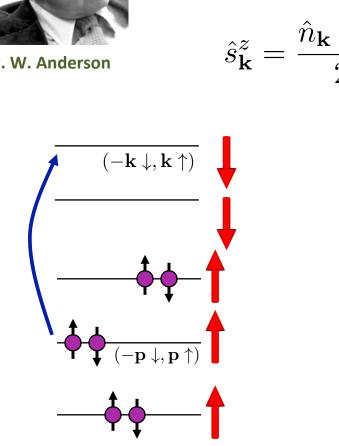
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$$\tilde{z}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hat{n}_{\mathbf{k}} - 1}{2} \qquad \hat{z}_{\mathbf{k}}^{-} = \hat{c}_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}, \qquad \hat{z}_{\mathbf{k}}^{+} = \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^{\dagger}$$

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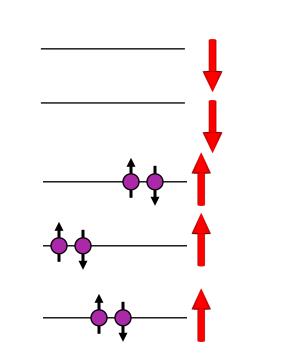


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Moreover, mean field exact due to the infinite range of interactions. Can replace quantum spins with classical spins (vectors)!

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Hamiltonian is invariant w.r.t. rotations of all spins around z-axis  $\phi \to \phi + \alpha$ 

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Goldstone-Nambu mode gapless phase mode

Acquires mass through coupling to EM gauge field

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Goldstone + photon = plasmon

### **Anderson-Higgs mechanism**

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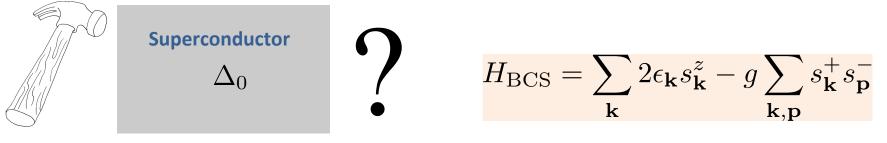
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Small deviations from equilibrium – linearize Bloch eqs. around ground state spin configuration and solve

$$\Rightarrow |\Delta(t)| = \Delta_0 + a \frac{\cos(2\Delta_0 t + \alpha)}{\sqrt{\Delta_0 t}}$$

 $\Delta_0$  – ground state gap  $\tau_\Delta \ll t \ll \tau_{\varepsilon}$ 

## What about <u>far from</u> equilibrium superconductivity in the nonadiabatic regime??



Quantum Quench

Need to solve full (infinitely) many classical spin evolution :  $\dot{\vec{s}}_{\mathbf{k}} = (-2\vec{\Delta} + 2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{z}) \times \vec{s}_{\mathbf{k}}$   $\vec{\Delta}(t) = g \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (s_{\mathbf{k}}^{x}\hat{x} + s_{\mathbf{k}}^{y}\hat{y})$ 

Initial state,  $\vec{s}_{\mathbf{k}}(t=0) = \dots$ , determined by quench (perturbation) details

# Nonlinear, many-body, far from equilibrium – normally would be intractable analytically

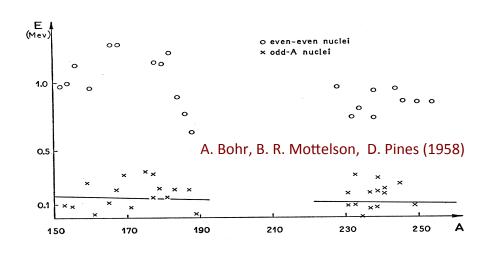
## But it turns out that $H_{\rm BCS}$ is integrable!

Nuclear superconductivity (s-wave)

Richardson & Sherman (1964) "Exact eigenstates of the pairing-force Hamiltonian"

Applications to superconducting qubits (finite size corrections to the BCS theory):

Von Delft (2001), Dukelsky and Sierra (1999), Schechter et. al. (2001), ...



Black, Ralph, Tinkham (1996) Odd 0.6 Energy (meV) 0. 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.0 Energy (meV) 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 2 3 5 6 **Even** H (Tesla)

## Integrals of motion for $H_{BCS}$ – Gaudin magnets

$$H_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\vec{s}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \vec{s}_{\mathbf{p}}}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} - \frac{s_{\mathbf{k}}^{z}}{g}, \quad [H_{\mathbf{k}}, H_{\mathbf{q}}] = 0, \quad H_{\mathrm{BCS}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} H_{\mathbf{k}}$$

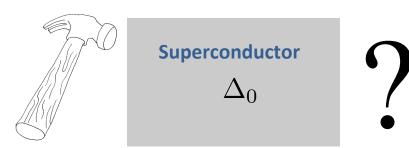
Gaudin (1972 – 1976) "Diagonalisation d'une classe d'hamiltoniens de spin"

# Advanced approach to BCS integrability (secret life of BCS integrals):

Sklyanin (1987) "Separation of variables in the Gaudin model"
 Kuznetsov (1992) "Quadrics on real Riemannian spaces ... connection with Gaudin magnet"
 Takasaki (1998) "Gaudin Model, KZ Equation, and Isomonodromic Problem on Torus"
 Frenkel (2004) "Gaudin model and opers"

## Exact solution for the BCS dynamics:

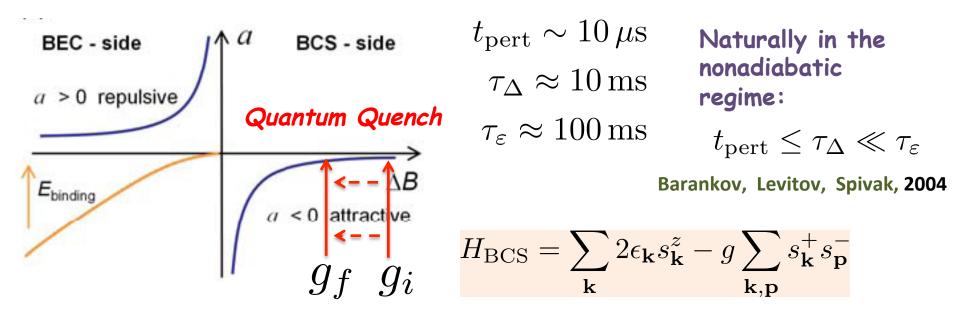
E.Y., Altshuler, Kuznetsov, Enolskii (2005) E.Y., Altshuler, Tsyplyatyev (2006) E.Y., Dzero, Gurarie, Foster, unpublished *s-wave*  Foster, Dzero, Gurarie, E.Y. (2013) *p-wave*  Q: What happens to the system in time? Where does it end up as a result of unitary evolution? Does it equilibrate?



- A: I. No equilibration (thermalization) at all
  - II. System goes into an <u>exotic steady state with properties</u> <u>unseen in equilibrium</u> ( new "phase" of superfluid matter).
  - III. <u>Three</u> main possible <u>far from equilibrium "phases"</u> (as opposed to only one in equilibrium at  $T = \theta$ )
  - IV. Which "phase" is realized depends on the strength of the quench
  - V. Not at all specific to integrable models. More general mechanism at work (spin reduction, synchronization)

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} 2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} s_{\mathbf{k}}^{z} - \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p}} g(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p}) s_{\mathbf{k}}^{+} s_{\mathbf{p}}^{-}, \quad g(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p}) - \text{any long range interaction}$$

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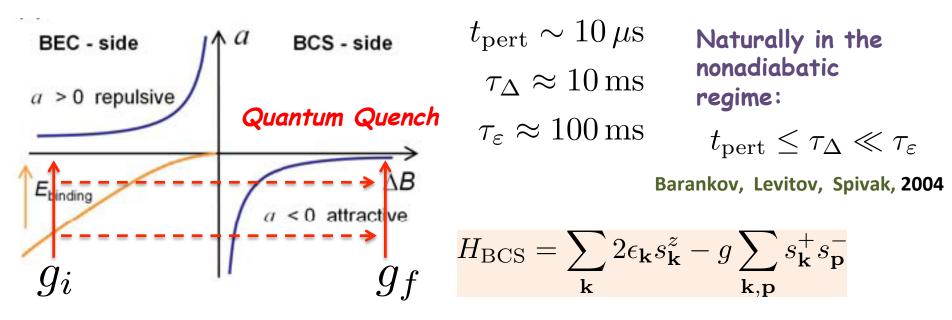
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## Exact quench phase diagram: s-wave BCS

Regions II and II': Order parameter goes to a constant:  $\Delta(t) \rightarrow \Delta_{\infty} e^{-2\mu_{\infty}t}$ 

 $\Delta_{\infty} \le \Delta_{0f}$ 

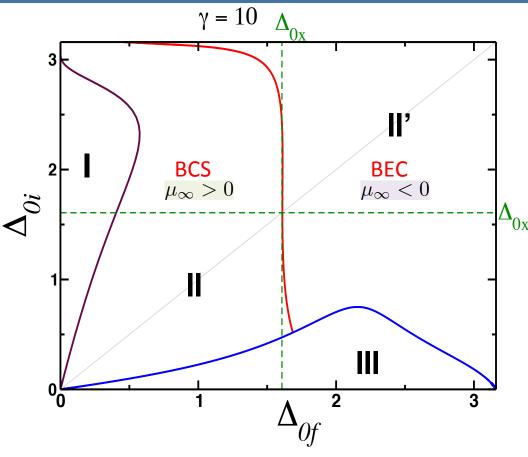
## **Region I:**

Order parameter vanishes, but nonzero superfluid stiffness (gapless superconductivity):

$$\Delta(t) \to 0, \, n_s = n/2$$

**Region III:** Order parameter oscillates periodically:

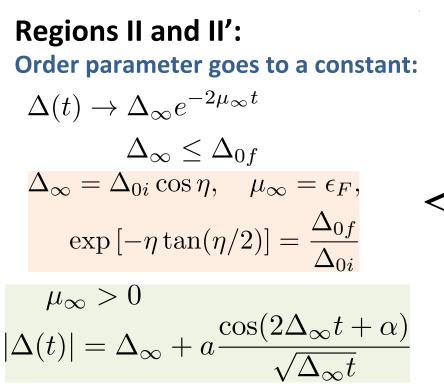
$$|\Delta(t)| \rightarrow \sqrt{a + b^2 \mathrm{dn}^2 \left[bt, k'\right]}$$



## Steady states of BCS dynamics $\Delta_{0i}, \Delta_{0f} - ground \ state \ gaps \ for \ g_i, g_f$

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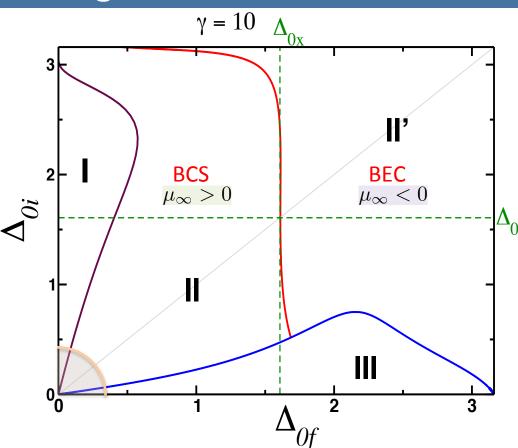
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E. Y., Tsyplyatyev, Altshuler, PRL (2006)

$$\mu_{\infty} < 0$$
  
$$|\Delta(t)| = \Delta_{\infty} + b \frac{\cos(2\omega_{\min}t + \alpha)}{(\Delta_{\infty}t)^{3/2}}$$
  
$$\omega_{\min} = \sqrt{\mu_{\infty}^2 + \Delta_{\infty}^2}$$

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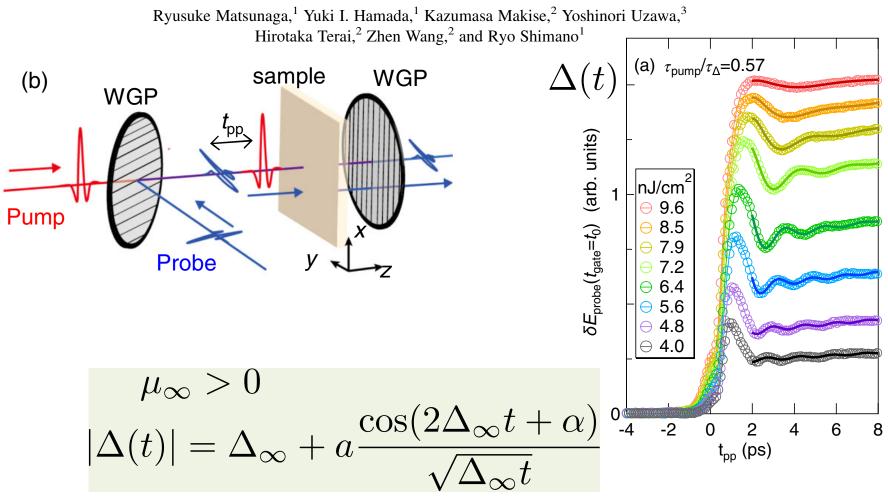


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## Nature of steady states with constant and zero gap

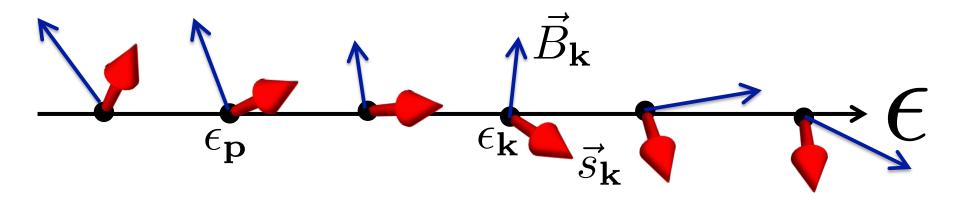
 $\Delta = \Delta_x - i\Delta_y \to \Delta_\infty e^{-2i\mu_\infty t} \quad \text{in uniformly} \quad \dot{\vec{s}}_{\mathbf{k}} = (-2\Delta_\infty \hat{x} + 2(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu_\infty)\hat{z}) \times \vec{s}_{\mathbf{k}}$ 

Each spin (Cooper pair) <u>precesses around</u> its own constant B-field. In equilibrium spins are <u>aligned</u> with the field.

precession frequency:  $\omega(\epsilon_k) = 2\sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu_\infty)^2 + \Delta_\infty^2}$  nonequillibrium analog of BCS excitation spectrum

This solution is self-consistent at large times. Mechanism: dephasing similar to inhomogeneous line broadening in NMR.

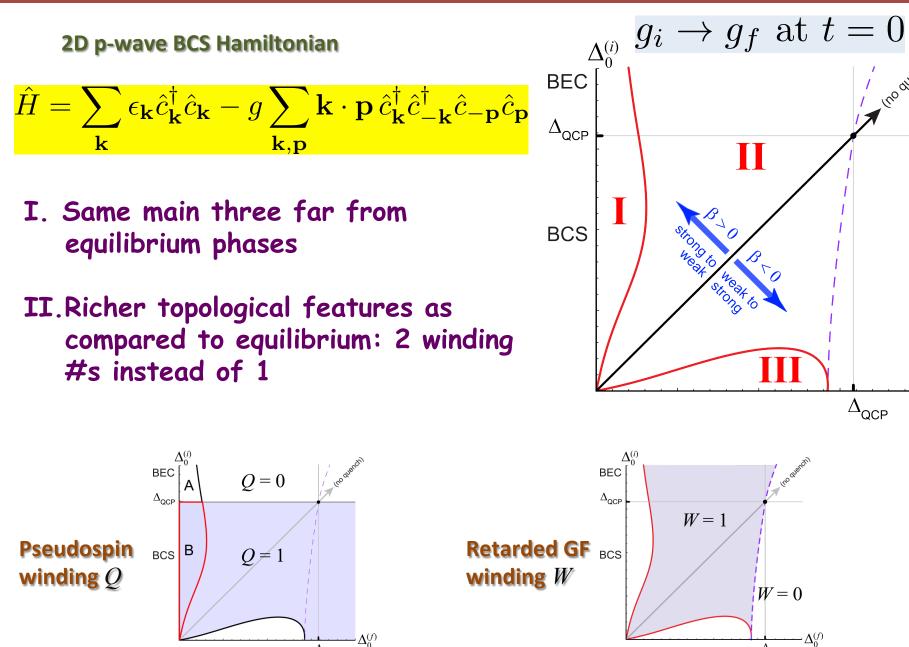
$$\Delta(t) = g \sum_{\mathbf{k}} s_{\mathbf{k}}^{-} = \int_{0}^{\infty} s_{\mathbf{k}\parallel}^{-} d\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \int_{0}^{\infty} A(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) e^{-i\omega(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}})t} d\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \to \Delta_{\infty}$$



## Far from equilibrium topological supercondactivity

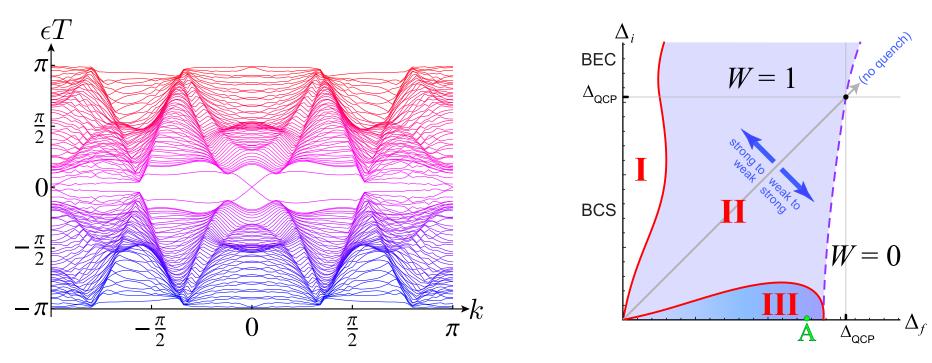
 $\Delta_0^{(f)}$ 

 $\Delta_{\rm QCP}$ 



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## **Quench-induced Floquet topological p-wave superfluids**



Floquet spectrum for a quench in Region III, point "A". Majorana edge-modes for a time-dependent state of p-wave superfluidity are xing in the center.

> No external drive – quench-induced!  $g_i \rightarrow g_f \text{ at } t = 0$

## All this happens in time. What about space?

 $|\psi(0)
angle = |{
m gr. \ state \ for \ }g_i
angle$  – homogeneous in space

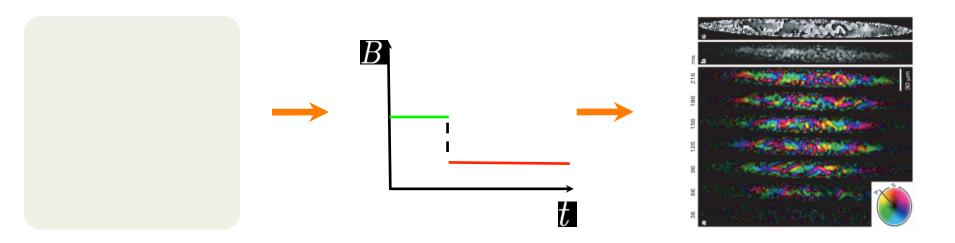
$$g_i 
ightarrow g_f \,\, {
m at} \,\, t=0$$
 – spatially uniform quench

$$\Delta(t)$$
 – homogeneous in space

# Can spatial inhomogeneities be induced by a uniform quench?

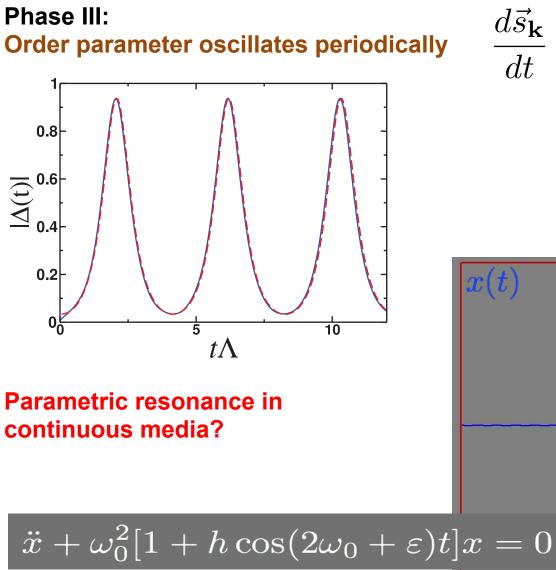
## Pattern formation: cosmology in a lab

Parameter (coupling) quench - "Big Bang"



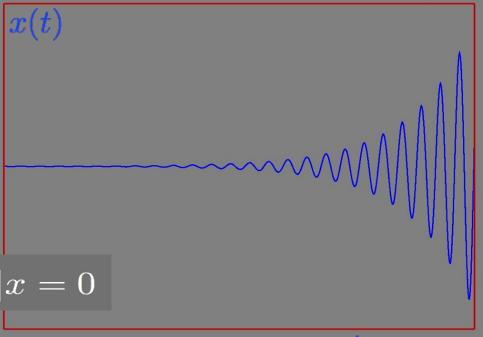
magnetic domain formation in ferromagnetic BEC following a sudden quench of the applied magnetic field, Sadler et al., Nature (London), 2006

## **Quench-induced parametric resonance??**

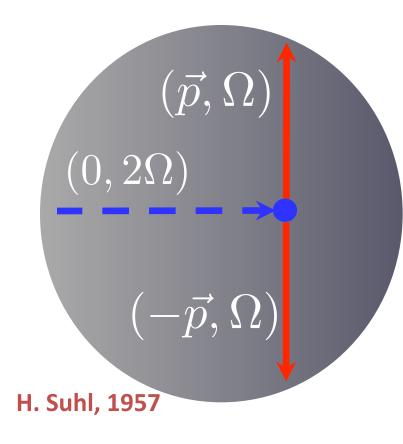


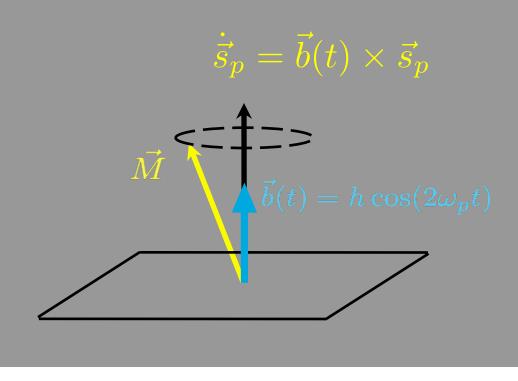
$$\frac{ds_{\mathbf{k}}}{dt} = \left(-2\vec{\Delta} + 2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{z}\right) \times \vec{s}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$|\vec{b}_{\mathbf{k}}| = \sqrt{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + |\vec{\Delta}|^2}$$



## Spin wave turbulence

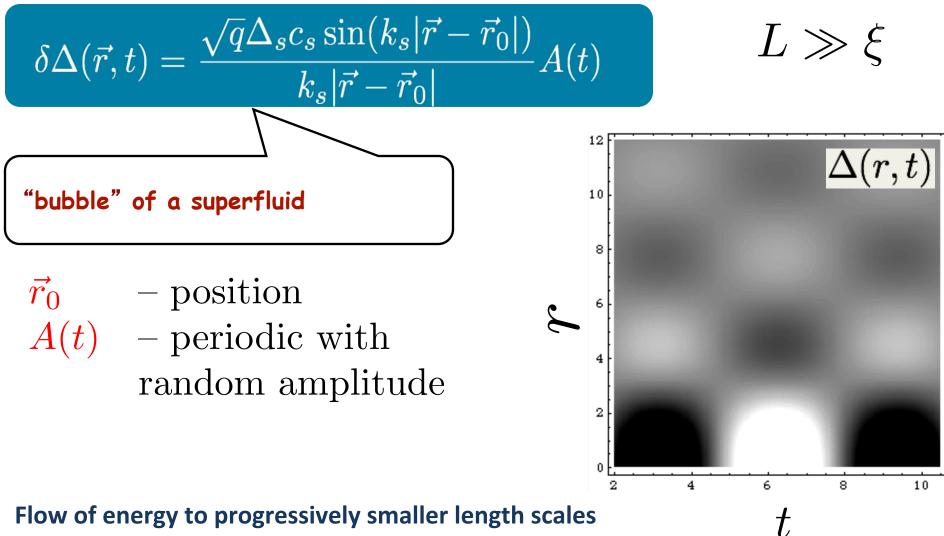




dielectric ferromagnet in a uniaxial field (YIG)

microscopic theory of spin wave turbulence Zakharov, L' vov & Starobinets, 1974

## **Cooper pair turbulence**



Typical situation – random superposition of bubbles



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