

Dynamics of Domain Walls and Quantum Vortices in type-II Superconductors Under Gradients of Temperature/Spin Density

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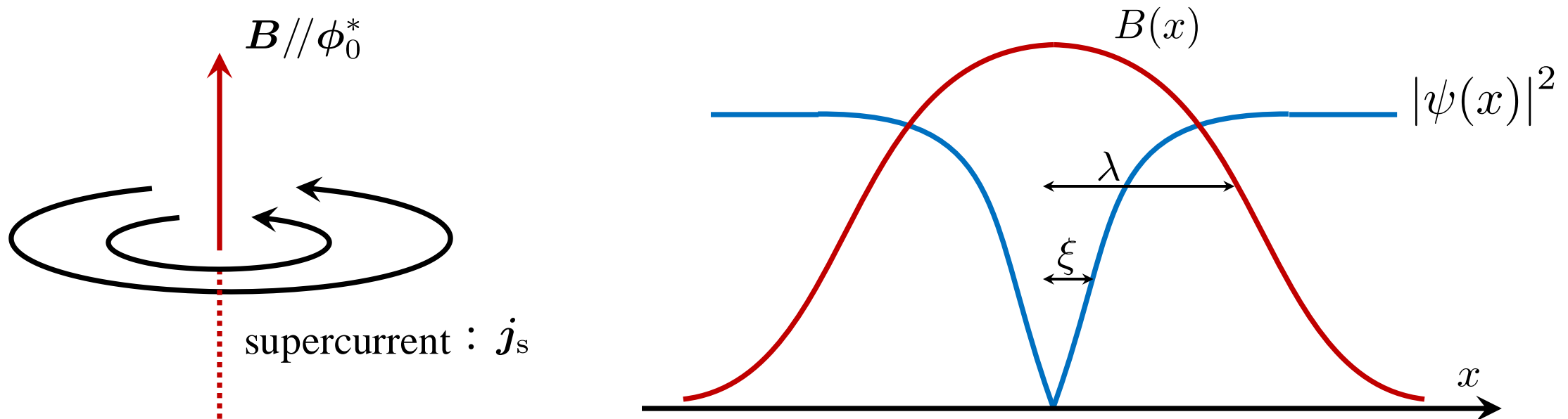
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✓ Vortex state in **type-II superconductor**

- Quantized magnetic flux: ϕ_0^* , $|\phi_0^*| = h/(2e)$
- Characteristic lengths: penetration length λ and coherence length ξ
- Supercurrent is circulating (radius $\sim \lambda$) around a magnetic flux \rightarrow vortex
- Superconductivity is broken at the center of a vortex (radius $\sim \xi$)

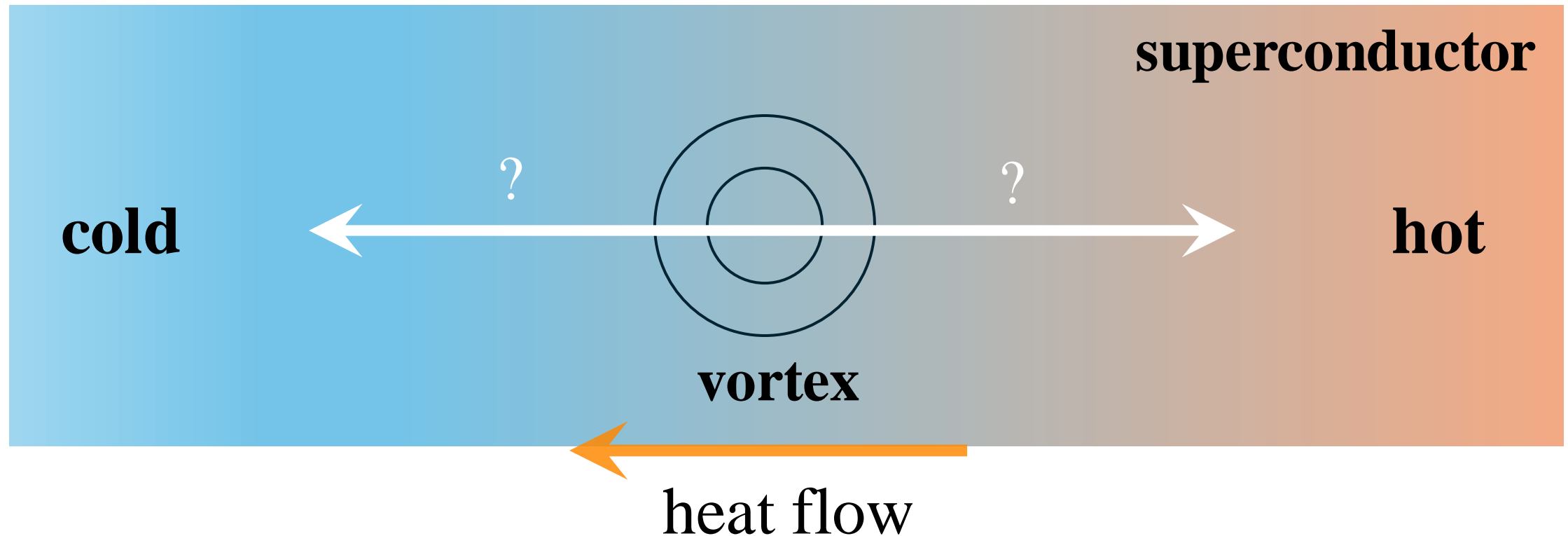


- Topological defect
- Transport phenomena

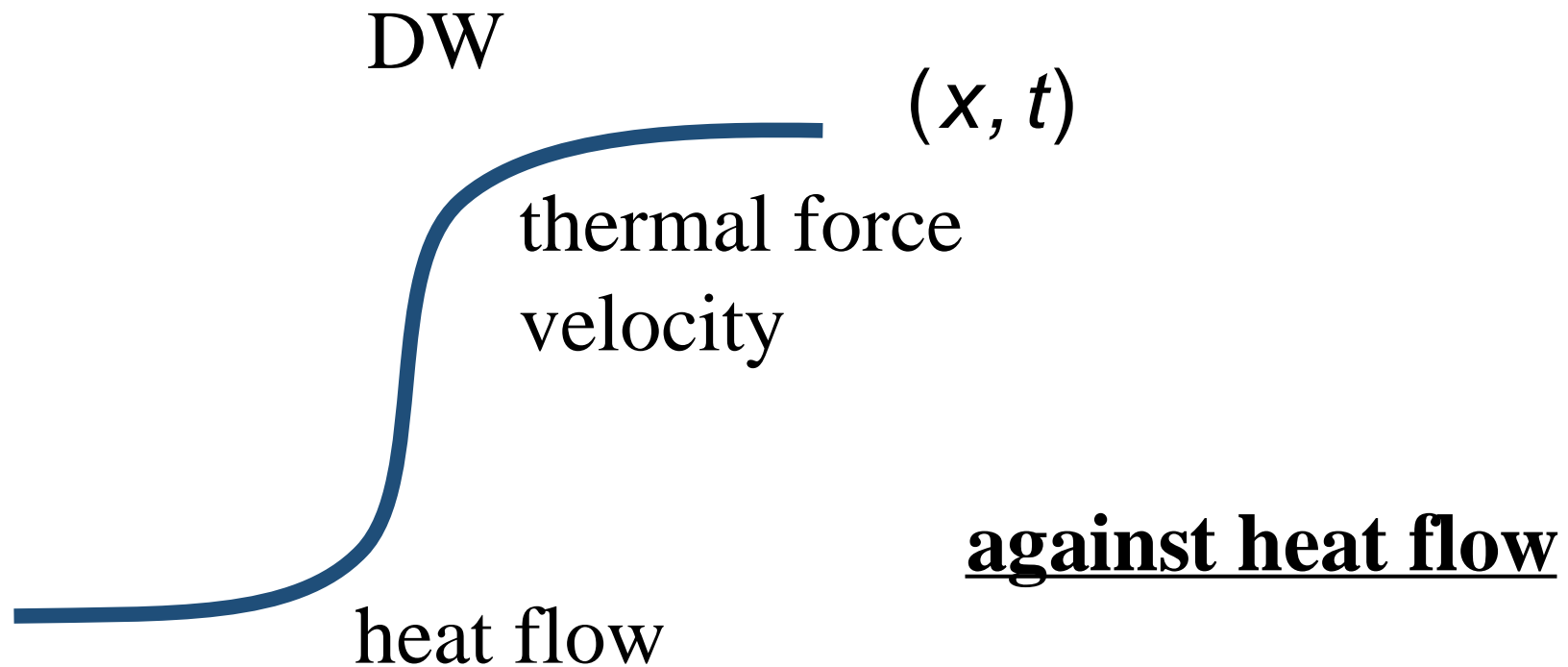


Dynamics of vortices

- How can we define the force on a vortex under the temperature gradient?
- Is the motion along the heat flow or against it?



$$F_{\text{th}} = \frac{1}{2(1 - \tau_{\text{L}})} \int_{x_{\text{L}}}^{x_{\text{R}}} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_{\text{R}}) - \psi_0^2(x)) \quad v = \frac{\int_{x_{\text{L}}}^{x_{\text{R}}} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_{\text{R}}) - \psi_0^2(x))}{2(1 - \tau_{\text{L}})\tilde{\gamma} \int_{x_{\text{L}}}^{x_{\text{R}}} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2}$$



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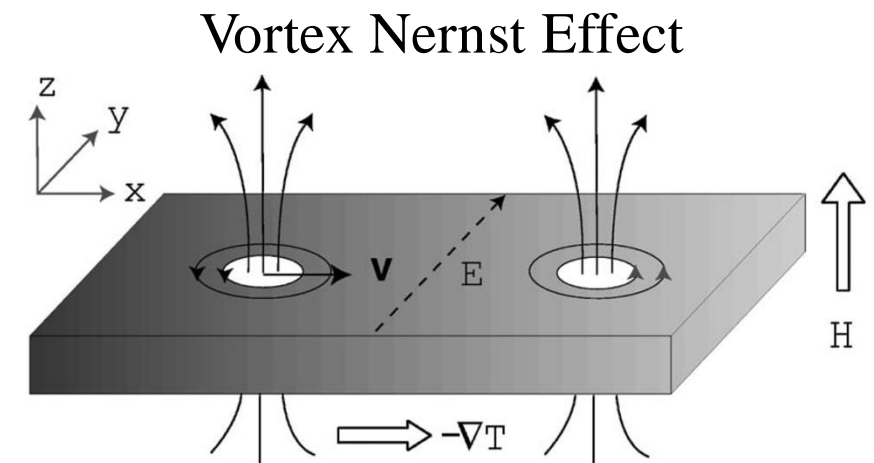
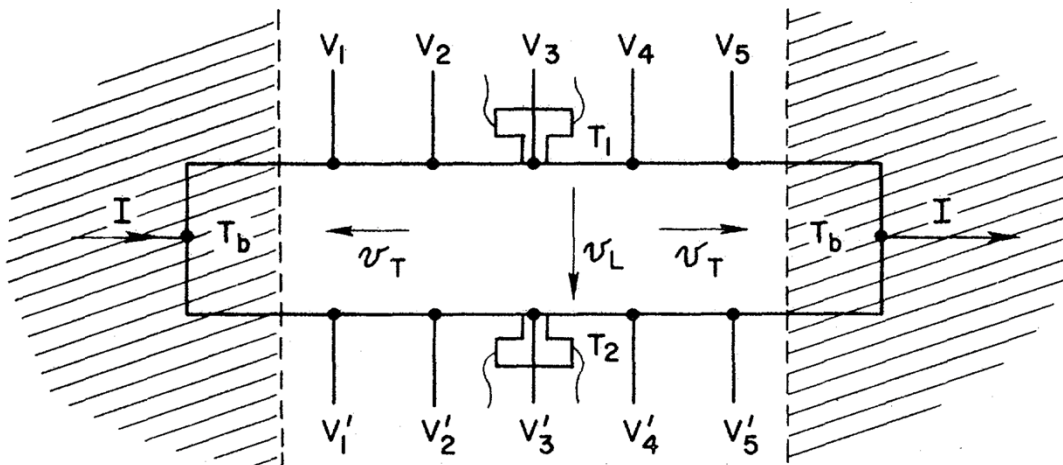
effective thermal force on a vortex line

$$F_{\text{th}} = -\frac{\varphi_0 S}{B} \nabla T \quad : \text{hot} \rightarrow \text{cold}$$

called “the entropy of unit length of a vortex line” \longleftrightarrow “transport entropy”

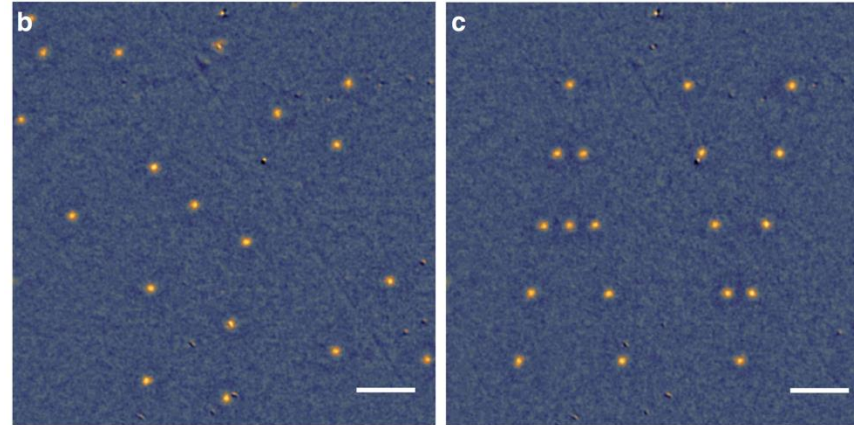
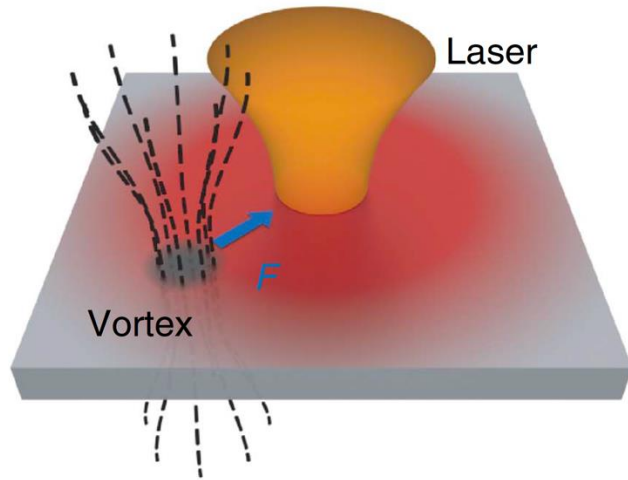
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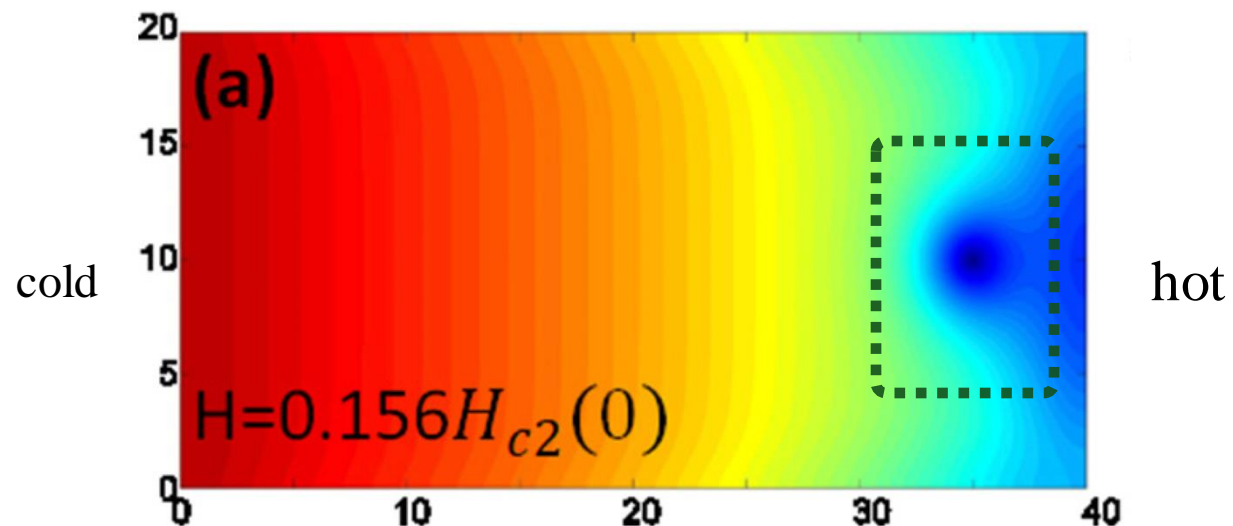
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- Vortex manipulation by the local temperature gradient induced by laser.

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- Numerical simulation of GL Eq. with temperature gradient
- As the magnetic field gets stronger, vortex forms on the hotter side in the stationary state.

Current

Research Trends

Force

Electric

many studies^[1-5]

fluid+magnetic

vortices move to the **colder region**^[6-7]

Heat

vs.

?

vortices move to the **hotter region**^[8-10]

Spin

recently started^[11-15]

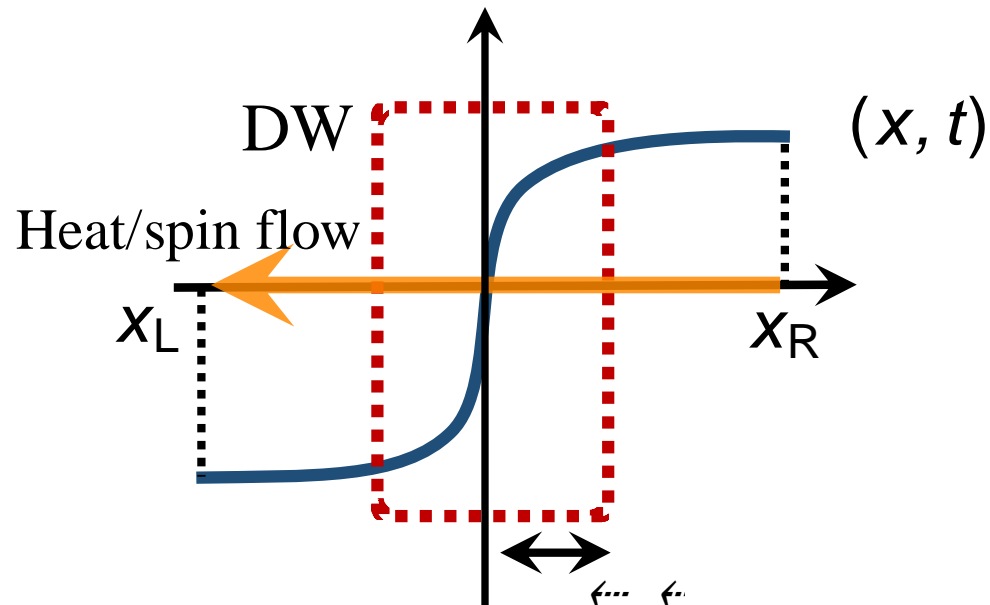
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Remaining issues

- Controversial statements
- The origin of the thermal force is still unclear

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- Interest : Motion of vortices under temperature gradient
- Issues : (1) Is the motion along the heat/spin flow or against it?
(2) What is the origin of the force on vortices under heat flow?
- Target: focusing on 1D problem : **Domain Wall (DW)** for mathematical simplicity
- Model: Time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau (TDGL) Eq. & Thermal diffusion Eq.



Why 1D?

- Analytical results
- Prototype model for vortex system
- Application to FFLO state

(1) DW motion under Temperature Gradient

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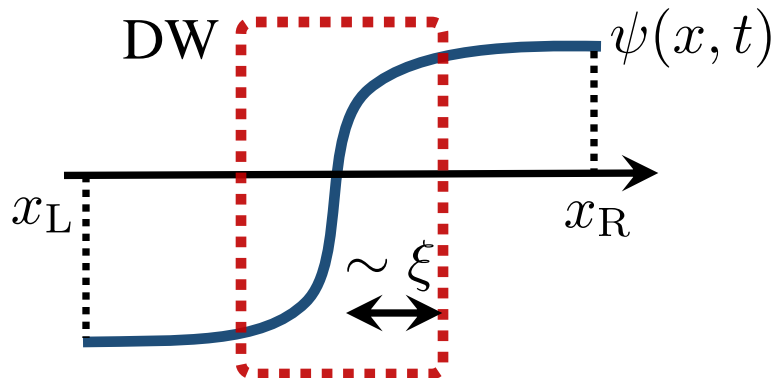
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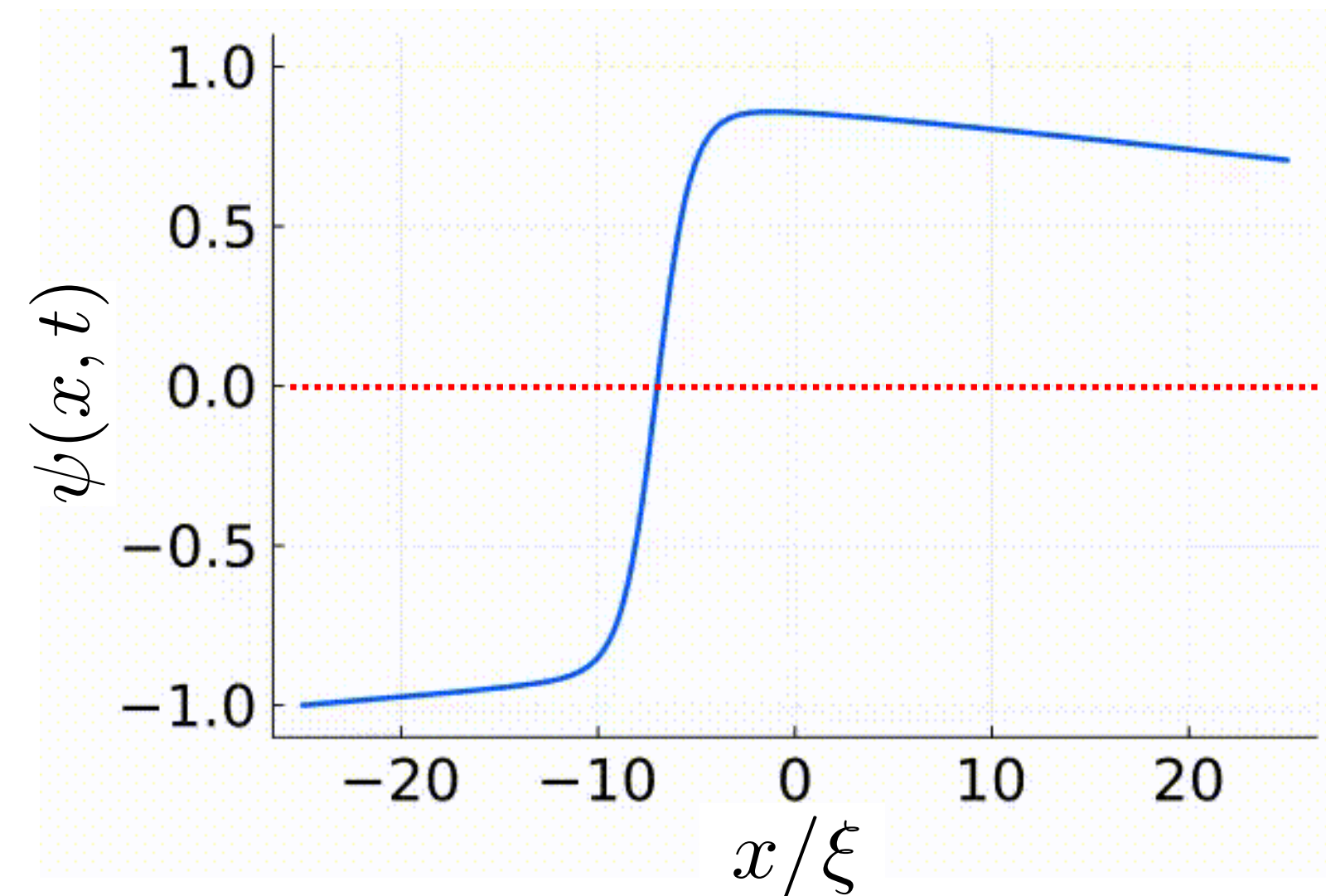
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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} -\xi^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\tau(x, t) - 1}{1 - \tau_L} \psi(x, t) + \psi^3(x, t) &= -\tilde{\gamma} \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\underbrace{\{1 + (k - 1)\psi^2(x, t)\}}_{\text{thermal conductivity}} \frac{\partial \tau(x, t)}{\partial x} \right] &= \frac{C}{\kappa_n} \frac{\partial \tau(x, t)}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(x, t) &: \text{order parameter} \\ \tau(x, t) &: \text{temperature} / T_C \end{aligned}$$

- One-dimensional finite system defined in $x_L \leq x \leq x_R$
- τ depends on space and time.
- The thermal conductivity depends on $\psi(x, t)$, varying from κ_s to κ_n ($\kappa_s < \kappa_n$) $k = \kappa_s / \kappa_n$



- Two approaches
- (1) Numerical simulation
 - (2) Analytical calculation



cold hot

parameters

$$\kappa_S / \kappa_N = 1/20$$

$$\tau_L = 0.990$$

$$\tau_R = 0.995$$

- from colder to hotter region
- consistent with the previous research. ^[10]

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- TDGL Eq. yields the local momentum balance relation as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[-\xi^2 \left(\frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \frac{\psi^2(x, t)}{1 - \tau_L} + \frac{\psi^4(x, t)}{2} \right]$$

Driving force density

$$+ 2\tilde{\gamma} \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{\tau(x, t)}{1 - \tau_L} \frac{\partial \psi^2(x, t)}{\partial x} = 0$$

Viscous force density

Thermal force density

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- Strategy: Linearization w.r.t. the velocity of DW^[1-3]

$$X(x, t) = X_0(x - vt) + X_1(x - vt) + \mathcal{O}(v^2)$$

$$X = \psi, \tau$$

X_0 : Equilibrium solution

$$\psi_0 = \tanh \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}\xi}$$

$$\tau_0 = \text{const.} = \tau_L$$

X_1 : Modulation component in $\mathcal{O}(v)$

- **Linearized** local momentum balance relation (or TDGL Eq.)

$$-\xi^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \frac{d\psi_1(x)}{dx} - \frac{d^2\psi_0(x)}{dx^2} \psi_1(x) \right]$$

Driving force density

$$-\tilde{\gamma}v \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{\tau_1(x)}{2(1 - \tau_L)} \frac{d}{dx} \psi_0^2(x) = 0.$$

Viscous force density

Thermal force density

Force on DW

$$F \equiv \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx f(x)$$

$f(x)$: local force density

- When the system size is much larger than ξ , we have the force balance relation as

$$F_{\text{vis}} + F_{\text{th}} = 0,$$

“Transport entropy” ?

where

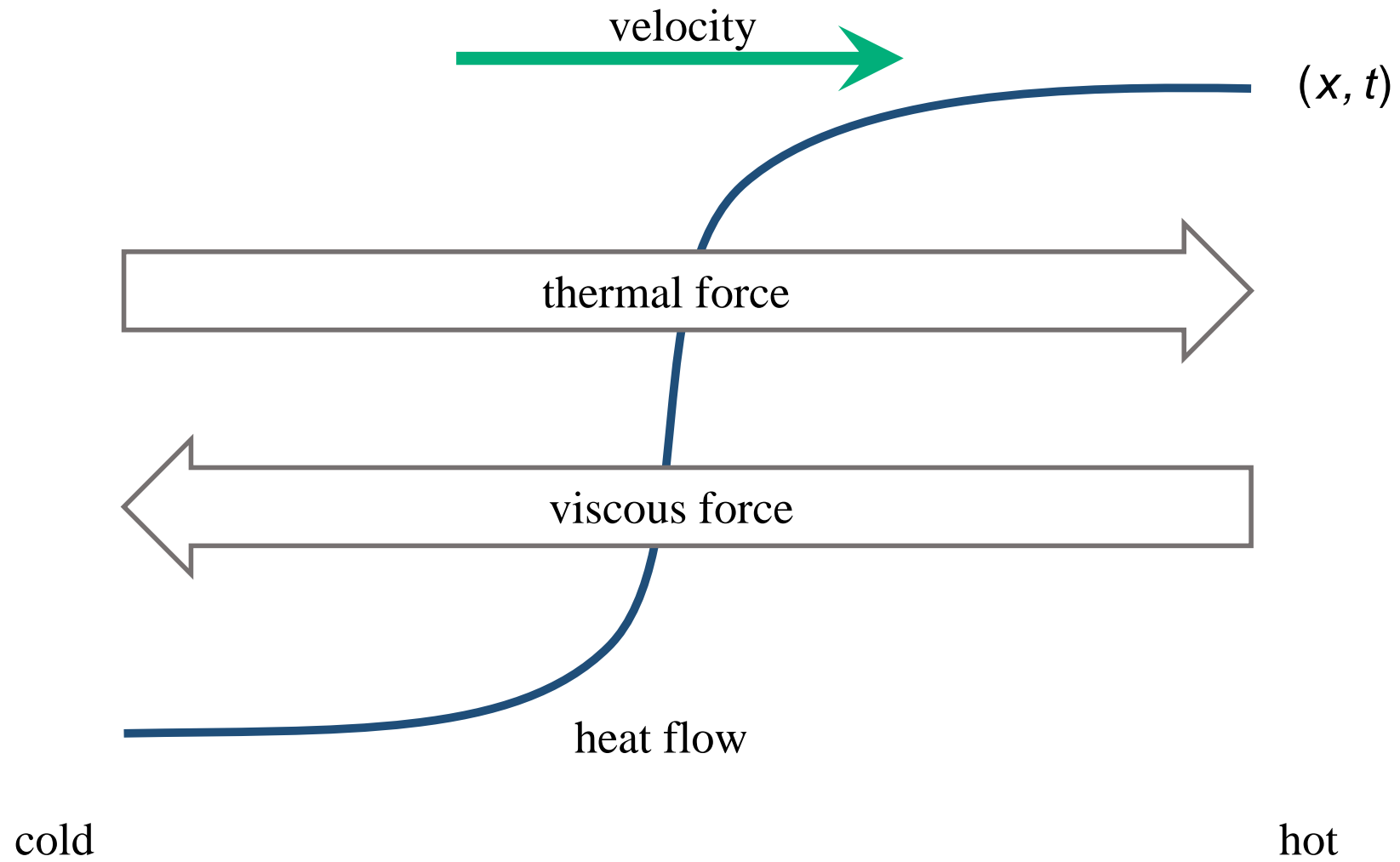
$$F_{\text{vis}} \equiv -\tilde{\gamma}v \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2 \quad F_{\text{th}} = \frac{1}{2(1 - \tau_L)} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x))$$

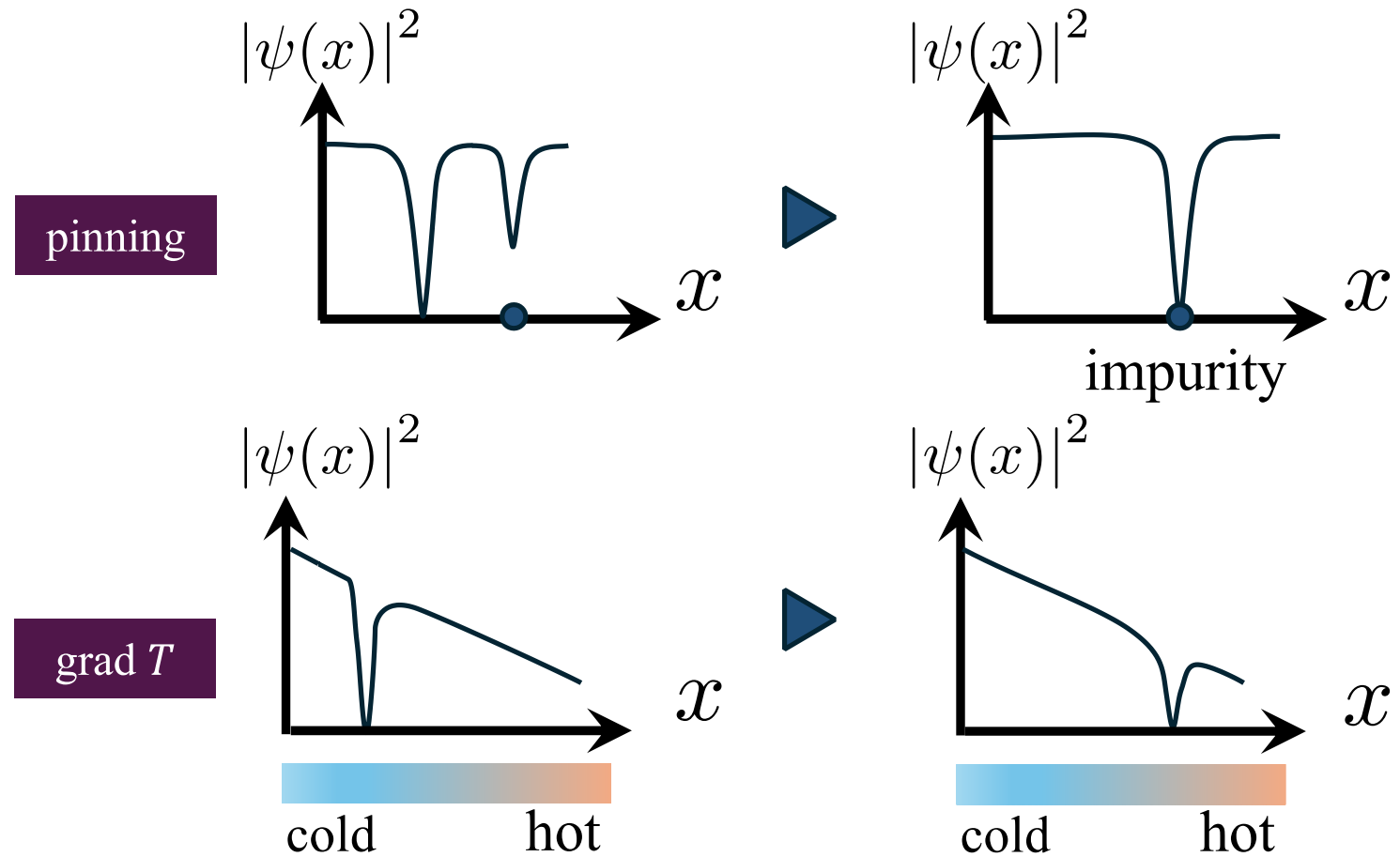
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- Analytical expression for DW velocity

$$v = \frac{\int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x))}{2(1 - \tau_L)\tilde{\gamma} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2}$$

- This relation shows the velocity and the thermal force is **against the heat flow**.
- Our thermal force is antiparallel to the thermal force in [6]





- An energetically preferable distribution (cf. pinning)

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(2) DW motion under Spin density Gradient

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\xi^2 \frac{d^2 \psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{T - T_c(\mu^2(x, t))}{T_c(\mu^2(x, t))} \frac{T_c(0)}{T_c(0) - T} \psi(x) + \psi^3(x) = -\tilde{\gamma} \frac{\partial \psi(x, t)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\sigma(x, t) \frac{\partial \mu(x, t)}{\partial x} \right] - \underbrace{\frac{\mu(x, t)}{\tau^{\text{sp}}(x, t)}}_{\text{Spin relaxation term}} = \frac{\partial \mu(x, t)}{\partial t} \end{array} \right.$$

$\mu(x, t)$: spin accumulation

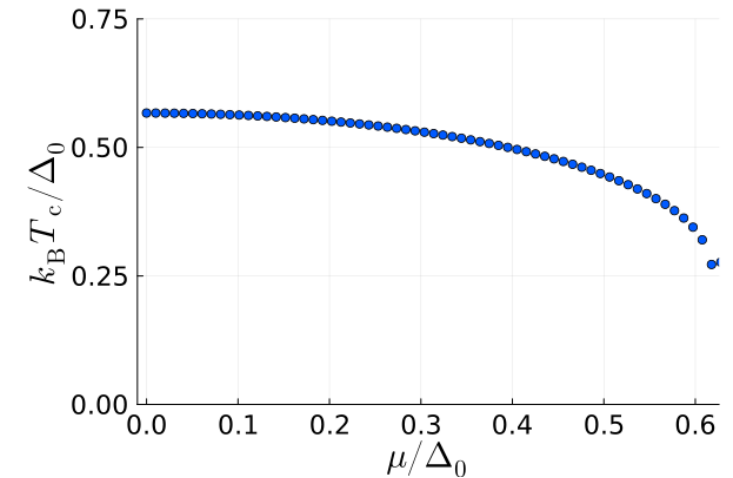
$\sigma(x, t) = \sigma_n + (\sigma_s - \sigma_n) \psi^2(x, t)$: spin conductivity

$\tau^{\text{sp}}(x, t) = \tau_n^{\text{sp}} + (\tau_s^{\text{sp}} - \tau_n^{\text{sp}}) \psi^2(x, t)$: relaxation time

• $\sigma(x, t)$ and $\tau^{\text{sp}}(x, t)$ depend on $\psi(x, t)$ (same as $\kappa(x, t)$)

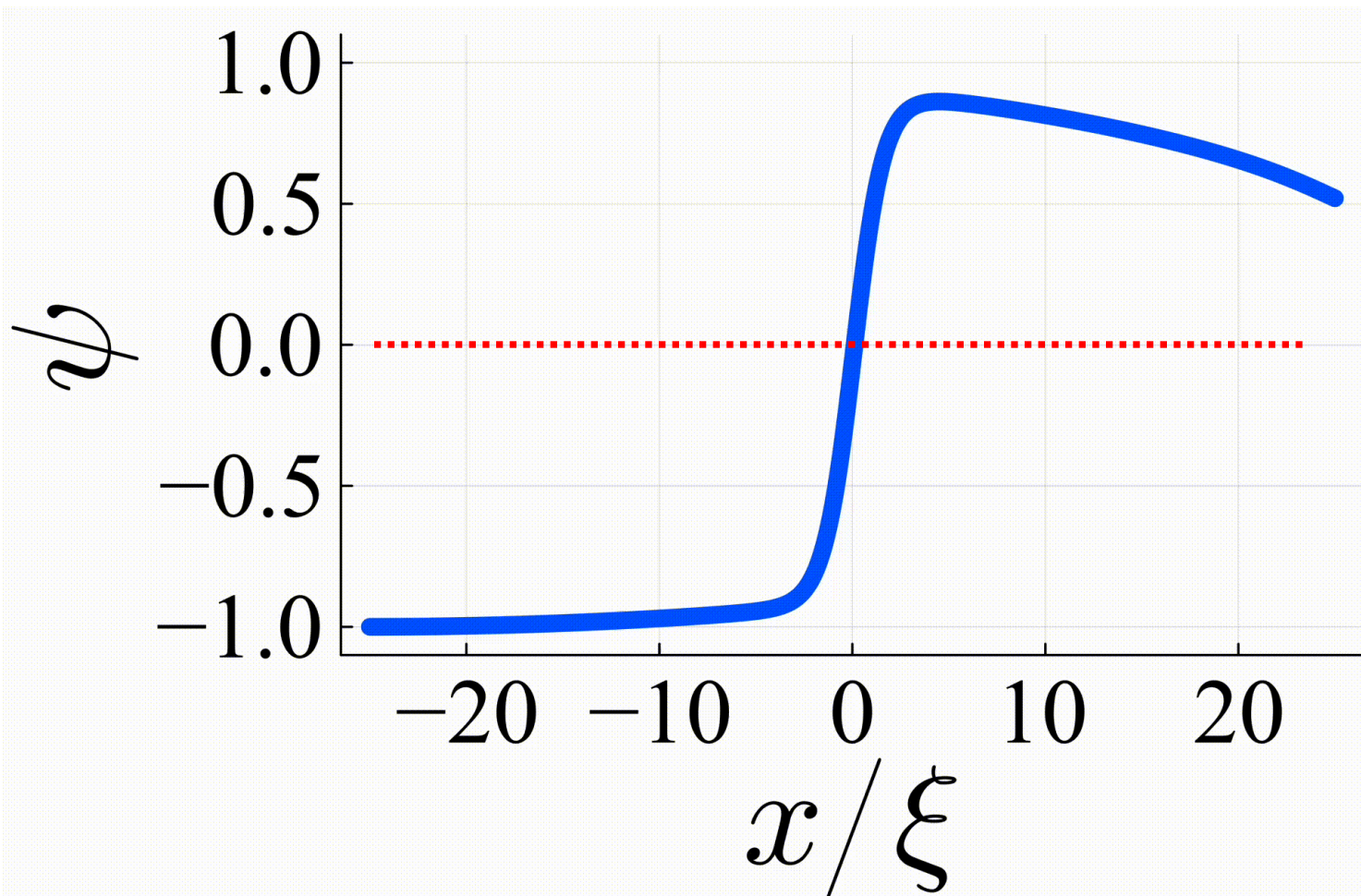
• T_C depends on $\mu^2(x, t)$

→ The linearization method is insufficient



Boundary Conditions

$$\begin{cases} \mu(x_L, t) = 0 \\ \mu(x_R, t) = \mu_R \end{cases}$$



parameters

$$T < T_c(\mu_R^2) < T_c(0)$$

$$T = 0.990T_c(\mu_R^2)$$

$$T_c(\mu_R^2) \simeq 0.973T_c(0)$$

$$\sigma_s/\sigma_n = \tau_s/\tau_n = 2$$



DW moves to the region
with larger spin accumulation

- Linearized local momentum balance relation

$$b \equiv \frac{T}{T_c(0)(T_c(0) - T)} \left. \frac{dT_c(\mu^2)}{d\mu^2} \right|_{\mu^2=0} < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\xi^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \frac{d\psi_1(x)}{dx} - \frac{d^2\psi_0(x)}{dx^2} \psi_1(x) \right] \\
 & \text{driving force} \\
 & - \tilde{\gamma}v \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{b}{2} \mu_1^2(x) \frac{d}{dx} \psi_0^2(x) = 0 \\
 & \text{viscous force} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{"spin density gradient force"}
 \end{aligned}$$

cf. temperature gradient case

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\xi^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \frac{d\psi_1(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{d^2\psi_0(x)}{dx^2} \psi_1(x) \right] \\
 & - \tilde{\gamma}v \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{\tau_1(x)}{2(1 - \tau_L)} \frac{d}{dx} \psi_0^2(x) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- When the system size is much larger than ξ , we have the force balance relation as

$$F_{\text{vis}} + F_{\text{spin}} = 0,$$

* We can prove $0 \leq \frac{d\mu_1^2(x)}{dx}$

where

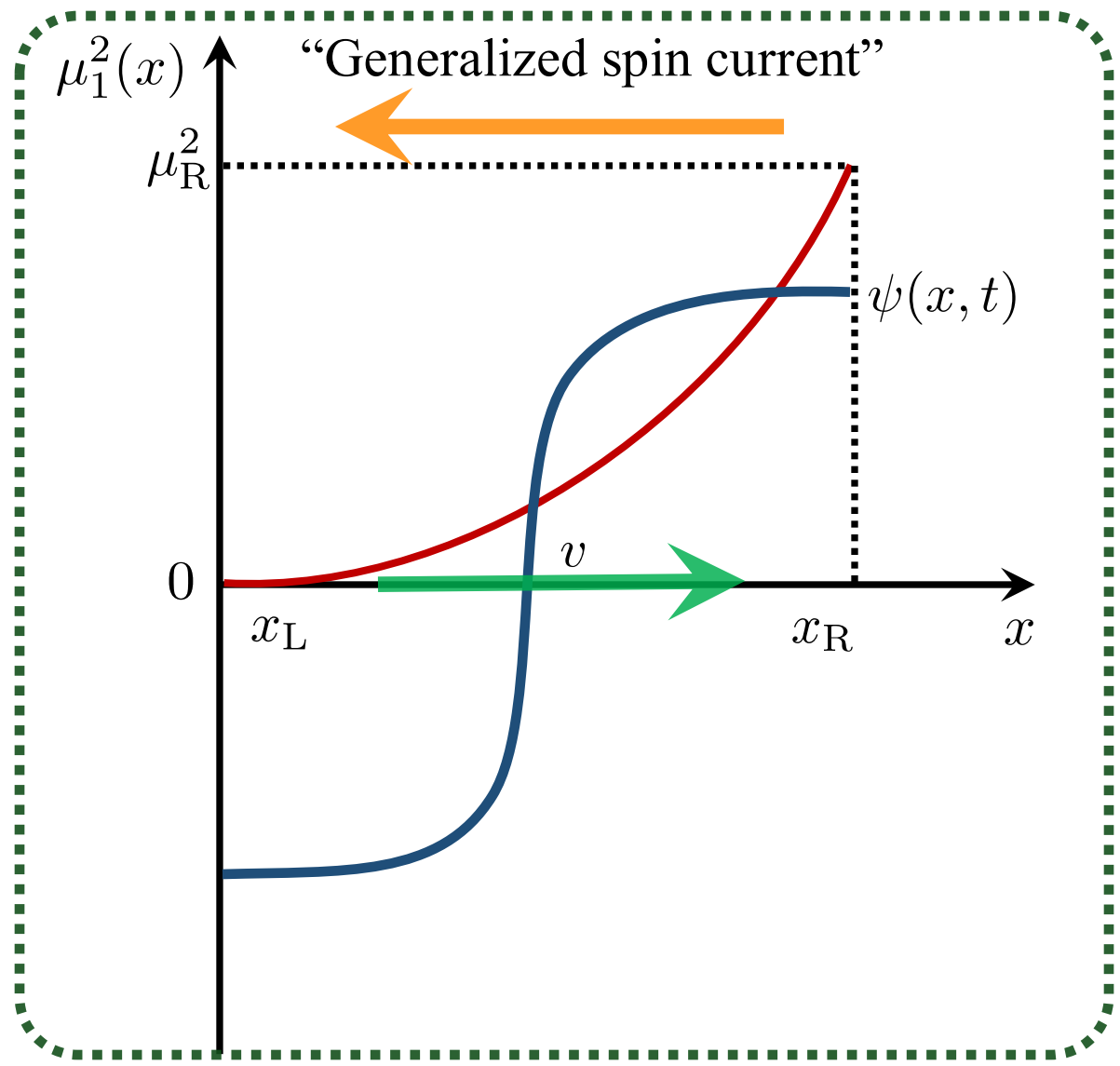
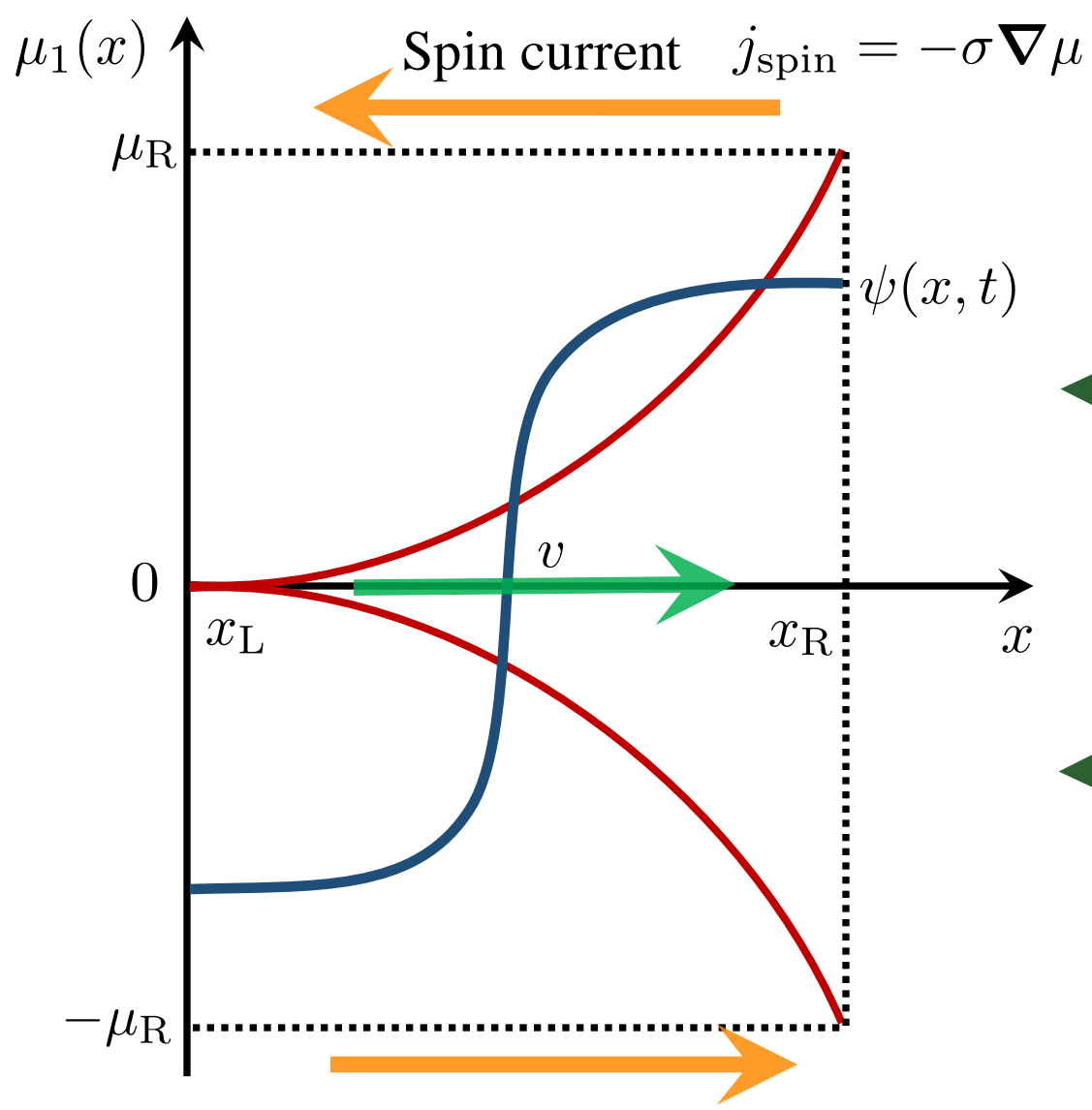
$$F_{\text{vis}} \equiv -\tilde{\gamma}v \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2 \quad F_{\text{spin}} = -\frac{b}{2} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x)) \frac{d\mu_1^2(x)}{dx}$$

- Analytical expression for DW velocity

$$v = \frac{-b \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \frac{d\mu_1^2(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x))}{2\tilde{\gamma} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2}$$

cf. temperature gradient case

$$v = \frac{\int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x))}{2(1 - \tau_L)\tilde{\gamma} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2}$$



Spin current does not interact with DW

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(3) Vortex motion under Temperature Gradient

- Comparison between the expression of the velocity for the vortex and DW

$$v = \frac{\int_S d\mathbf{r} \frac{\partial \tau_1(\mathbf{r})}{\partial x} (f_0^2(\mathbf{R}) - f_0^2(\mathbf{r}))}{2(1 - \tau_L) \int_S d\mathbf{r} \left(\gamma_1 \left(\frac{\partial f_0(\mathbf{r})}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \sigma_n \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{Q}_0(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 \right)}$$

$$v_{\text{DW}} = \frac{\int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \frac{d\tau_1(x)}{dx} (\psi_0^2(x_R) - \psi_0^2(x))}{2(1 - \tau_L) \tilde{\gamma} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} dx \left(\frac{d\psi_0(x)}{dx} \right)^2}$$

- Model: TDGL Eq. and thermal/spin diffusion Eq.
- Analytical expression of the velocity and the thermal force was derived.
- DW moves to the higher temperature/spin-accumulation region.
- Physical picture: pinning phenomenon.

