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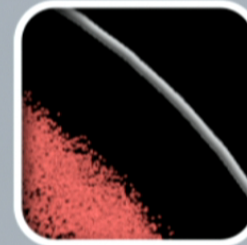
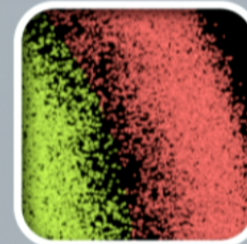
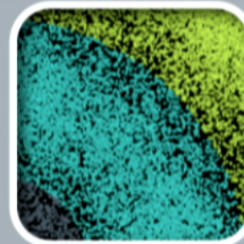
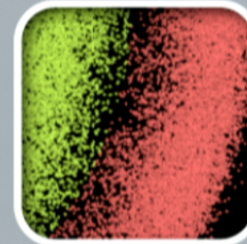
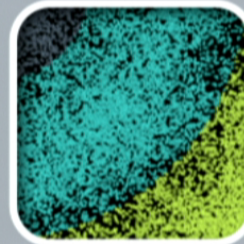
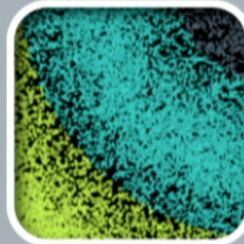
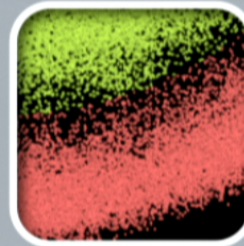
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Abstract: As helium-4 is cooled below 2.17 K it undergoes a phase transition to a state of matter known as a superfluid which supports flow without viscosity. This type of dissipationless transport can be observed by forcing helium to travel through a narrow constriction that the normal liquid could not penetrate. Recent advances in nanofabrication techniques allow for the construction of smooth pores with nanometer radii, that approach the truly one dimensional limit. In one dimension, it is believed that a system of bosons (like helium-4) may have startlingly different behavior than in three dimensions. The one dimensional system is predicted to have a linear hydrodynamic description known as Luttinger liquid theory, where no type of long range order can be sustained. In the limit where the pore radius is small, helium inside the channel would behave as a sort of quasi-supersolid with all correlations decaying as power-laws at zero temperature. We have performed large scale quantum Monte Carlo simulations of helium-4 inside nanopores of varying radii at low temperatures with realistic helium-helium and helium-pore interactions. The results indicate that helium inside the nanopore forms concentric cylindrical layers surrounding a core that can be fully described via Luttinger liquid theory and provides insights towards the exciting possibility of the experimental detection of a Luttinger liquid.

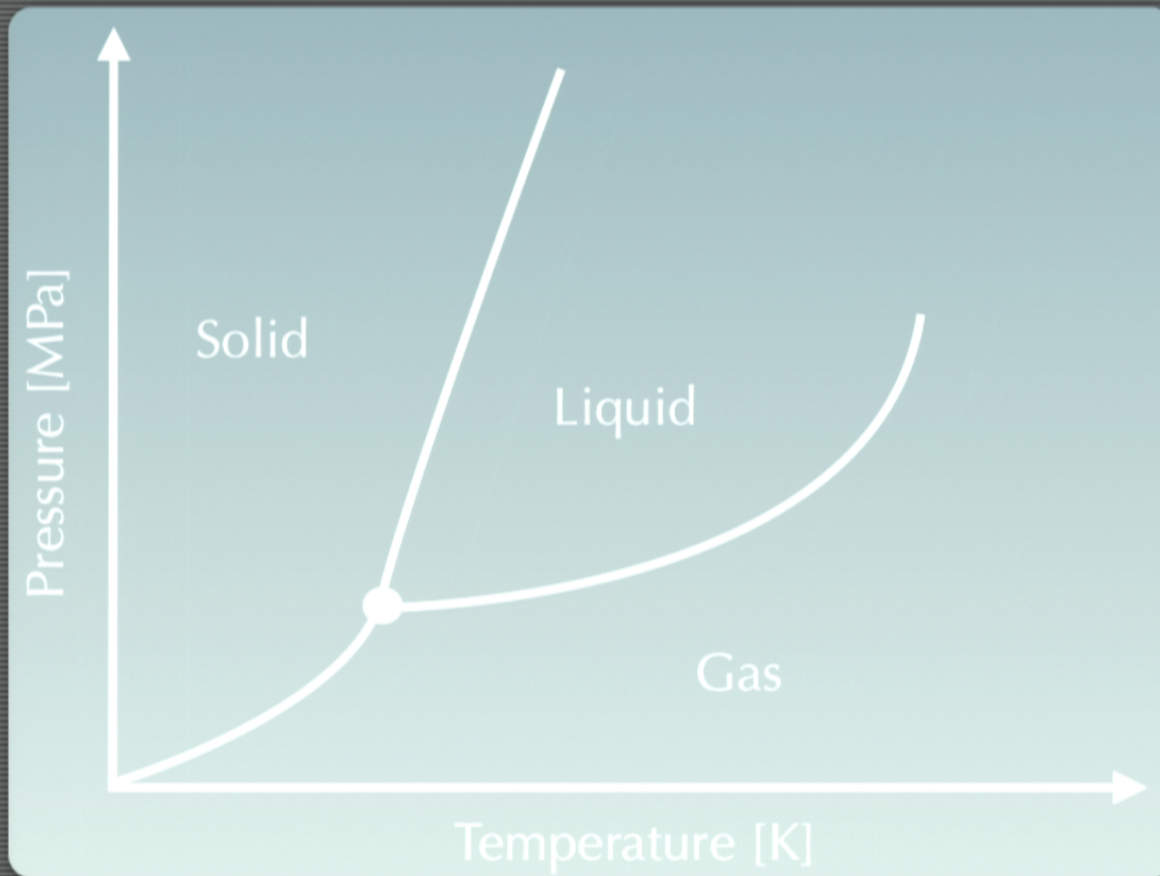
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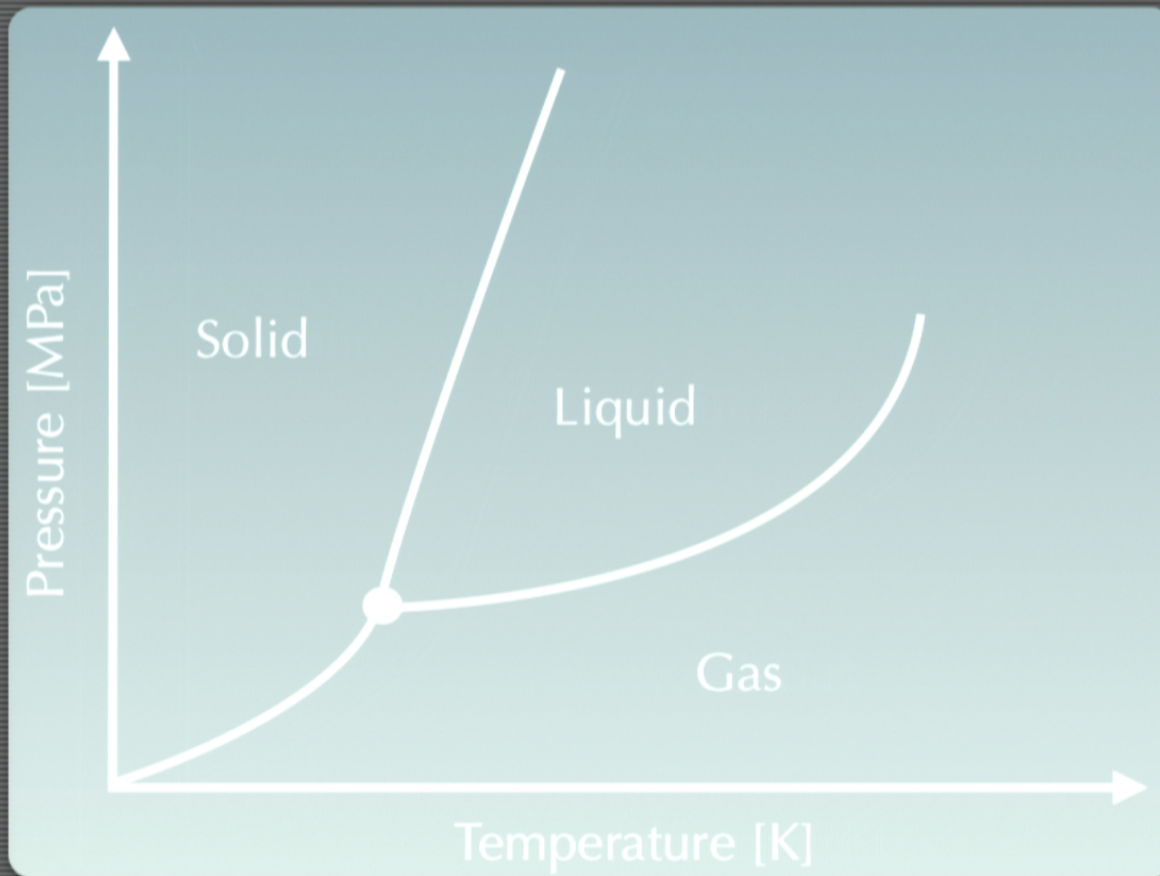
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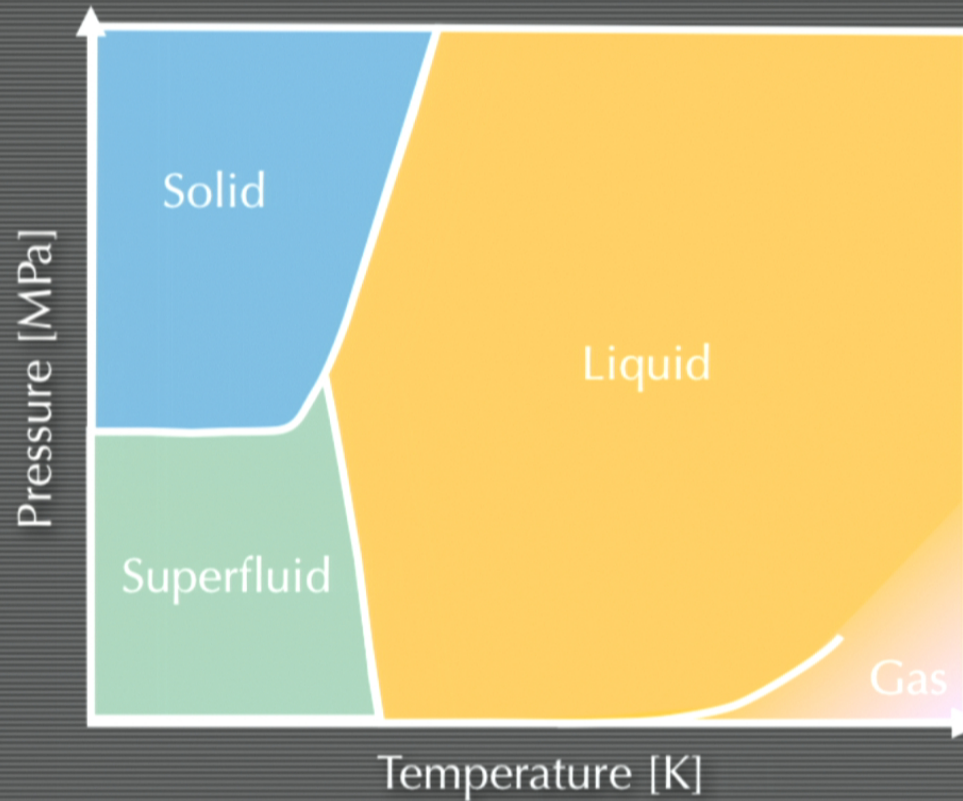
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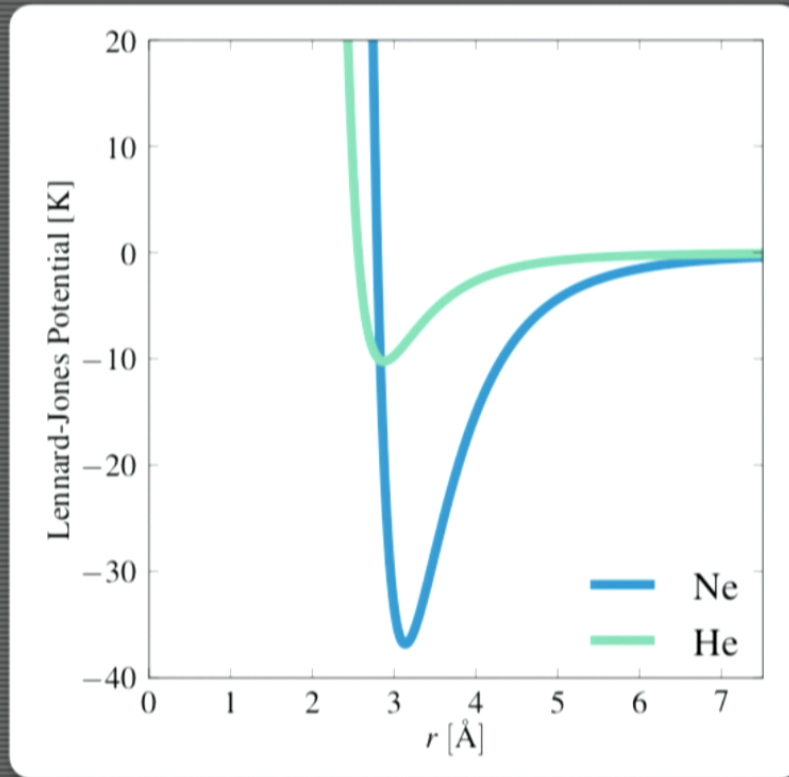
Unconventional Helium-4



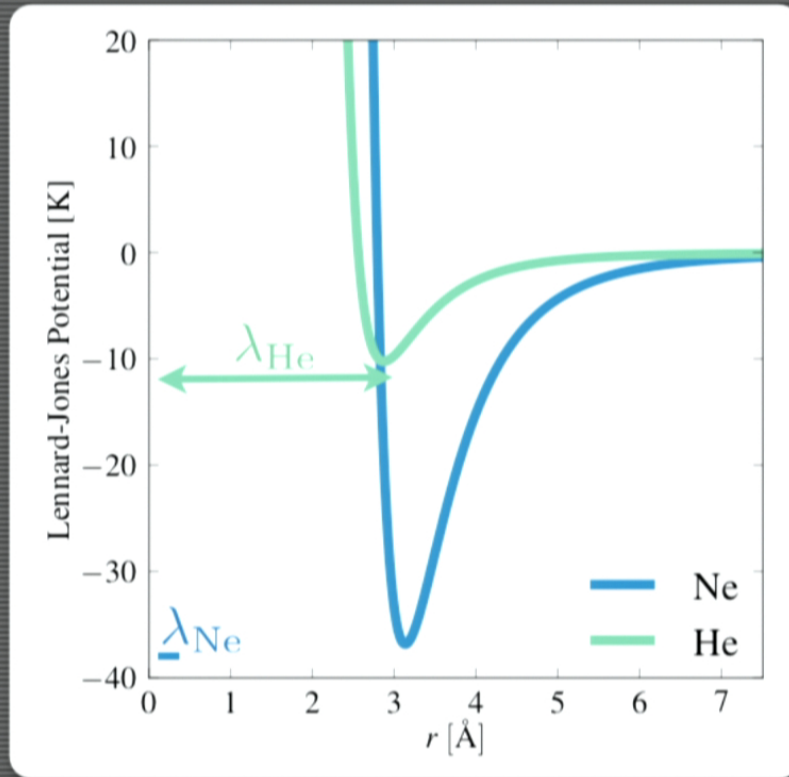
- Superfluid is a fundamentally quantum state of matter
- Flow without viscosity allows superfluid to pass through narrow channels (superleaks)

P. Kapitsa; J. Allen and A.D. Misener (1938)

Why is Helium-4 a Quantum Fluid?

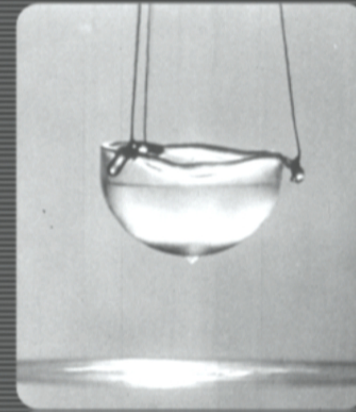


Why is Helium-4 a Quantum Fluid?



$$\lambda_{dB} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{mk_B T}}$$

- Helium-4 is the only bosonic system with $\lambda \sim r_s$ at low temperature



What happens inside a ^4He superleak that approaches the one dimensional limit?

Enhancement of Fluctuations

- A stable long-range-ordered solid **cannot** exist in one dimension (even at $T = 0$).



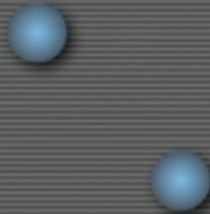
- For a 1d harmonic system, the **intensity of order** can be described by the Debye-Waller factor: e^{-W}

$$W \sim \frac{\hbar}{2m\rho} \int \frac{d^d k}{2\pi} \frac{n(\omega_{\vec{k}}) + 1/2}{\omega_{\vec{k}}}$$

Particle Statistics

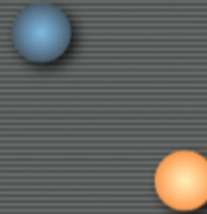
- Normally, we classify **bosons** and **fermions** by the effect of particle **permutations** on the wave function.

Bosons



$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \Psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)$$

Fermions



$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = -\Psi(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)$$

- In **strictly 1d**, we do not have the **phase space** to permute and **particle statistics become unimportant at low densities**

Exact and Effective Solutions

- Exact solutions available at:

$T = 0$, $L \rightarrow \infty$ E. Lieb and W. Liniger, PR **130**, 1616 (1963)

$T > 0$, $L \rightarrow \infty$ C.N. Yang and C.P. Yang, J. Math. Phys. **10**, 1115 (1969)

- Effective low energy description in terms of the Luttinger liquid theory of harmonic density fluctuations where **interactions** can be included **non-perturbatively**.

J.M. Luttinger, J. Math. Phys. **4**, 1154 (1963)

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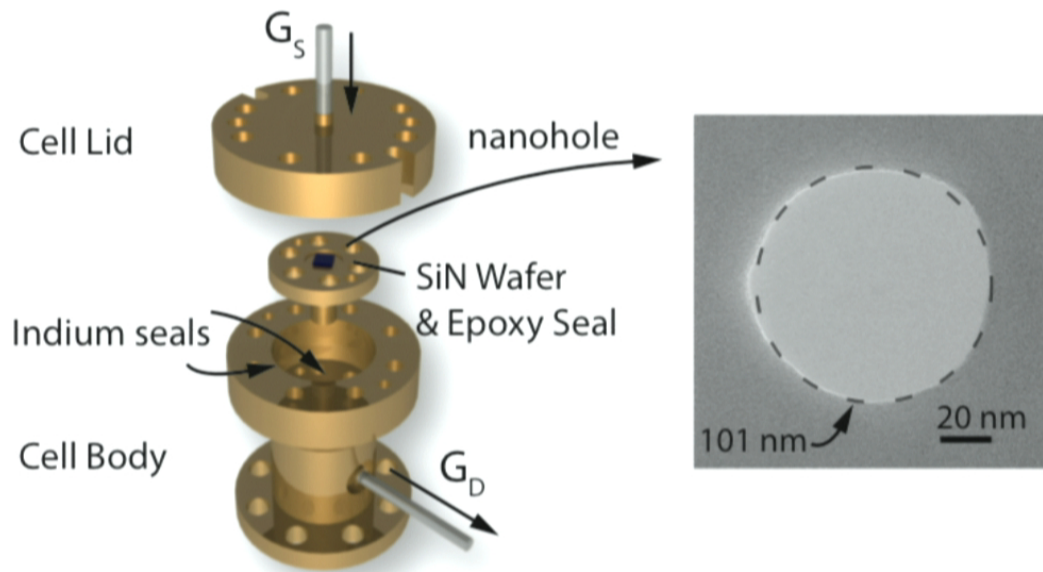
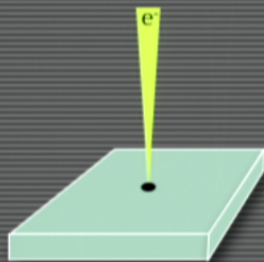
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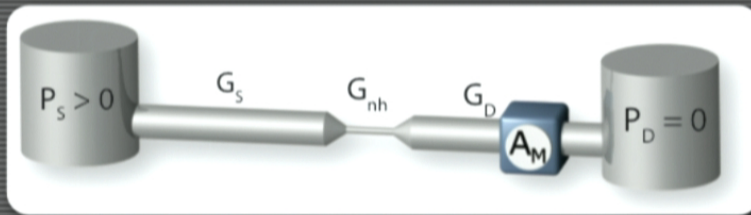


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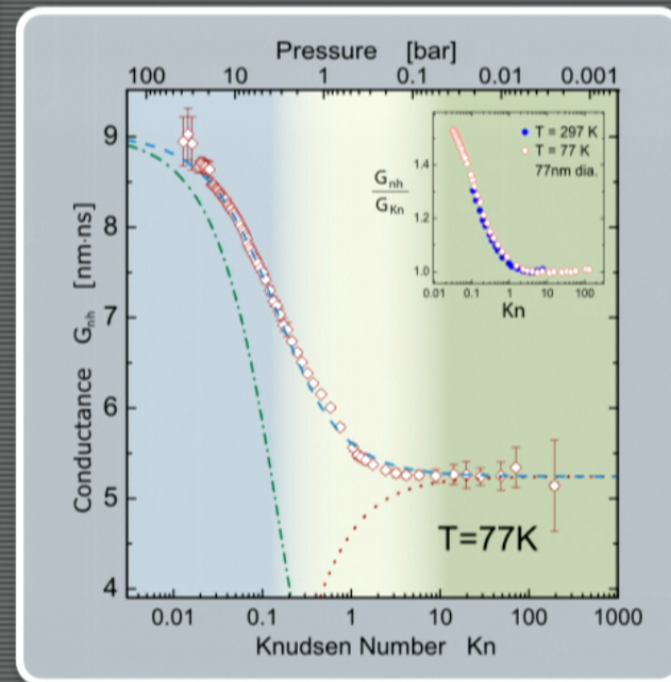
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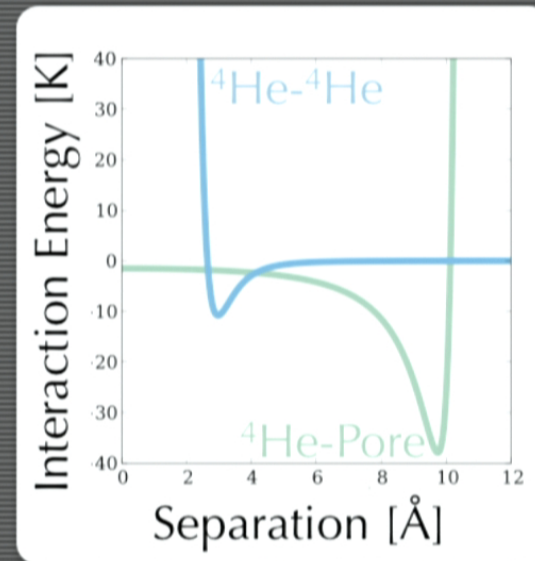
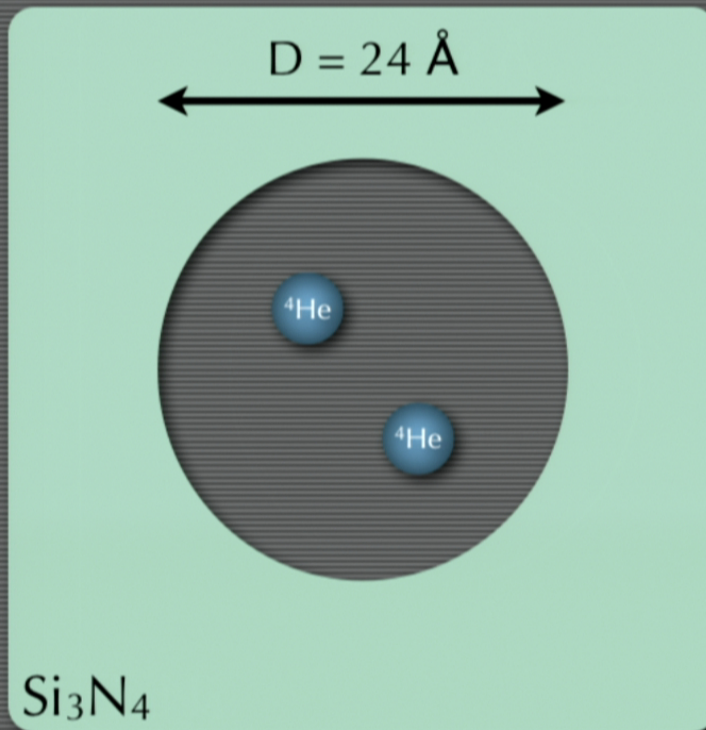


high temperature mass conductance completely understood in terms of **Knudsen number**

$$K_n = \frac{\text{mean free path}}{\text{pore diameter}}$$



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Observation of superfluid flow through a wide pore!

Mass flow (ng/s)

Temperature (K)

bulk

1.45 bar
0.483
0.345
0.241
0.145
0.069

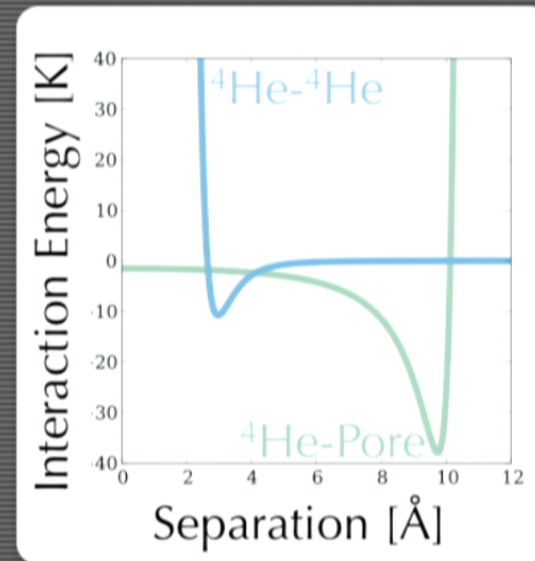
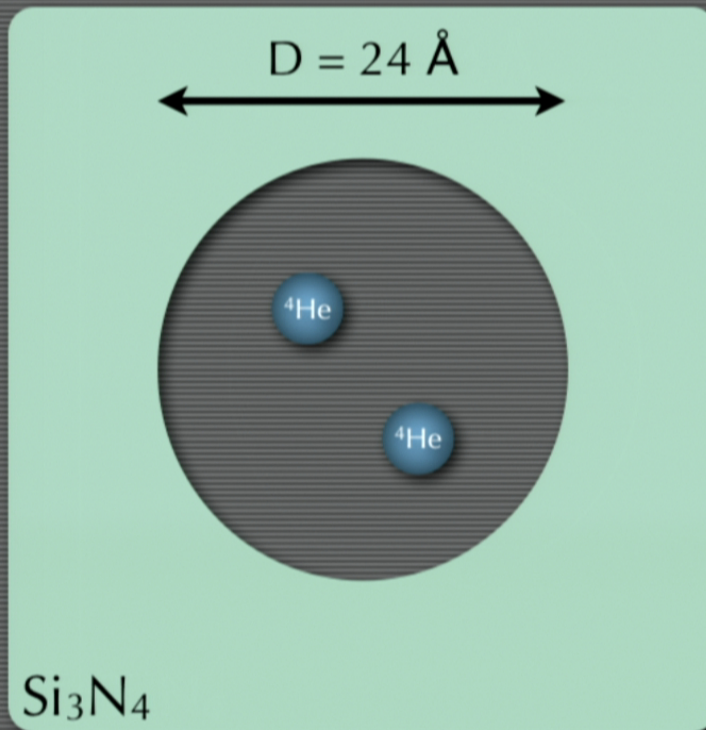
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- Detailed analysis in terms of a **two-fluid** picture
- Implications for the definition of a **superleak**

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Outline

- Why is one dimension special and interesting?
- Helium-4 confined inside nanopores
- Worm algorithm path integral quantum Monte Carlo
- Evidence for a Luttinger liquid core

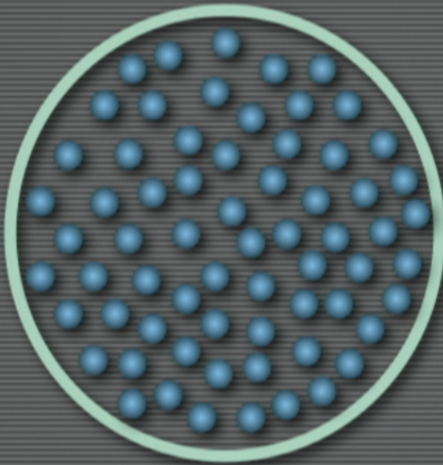
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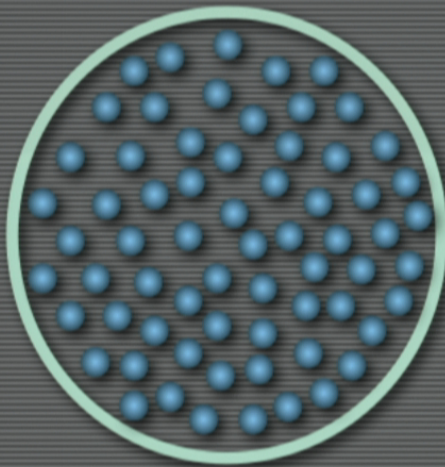
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- Compute the **quantum partition function**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} &= \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \\ &= \int dr_1 \cdots \int dr_N \langle r_1, \dots, r_N | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | r_1, \dots, r_N \rangle \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}R \langle R | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | R \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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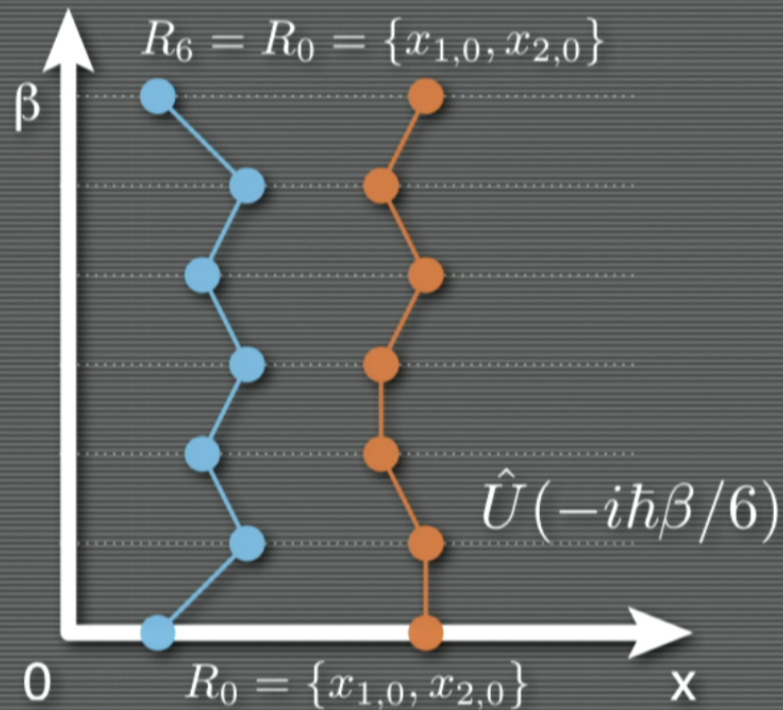
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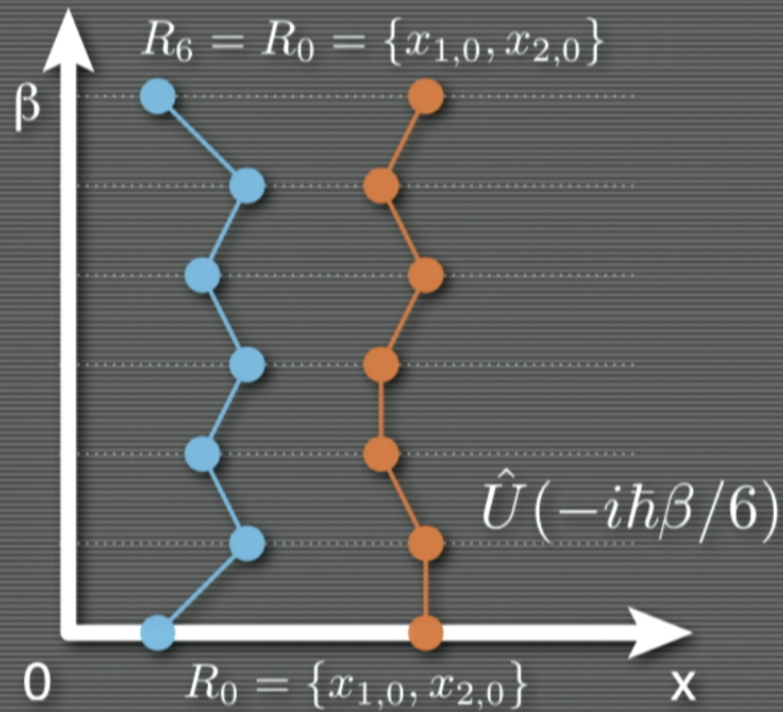


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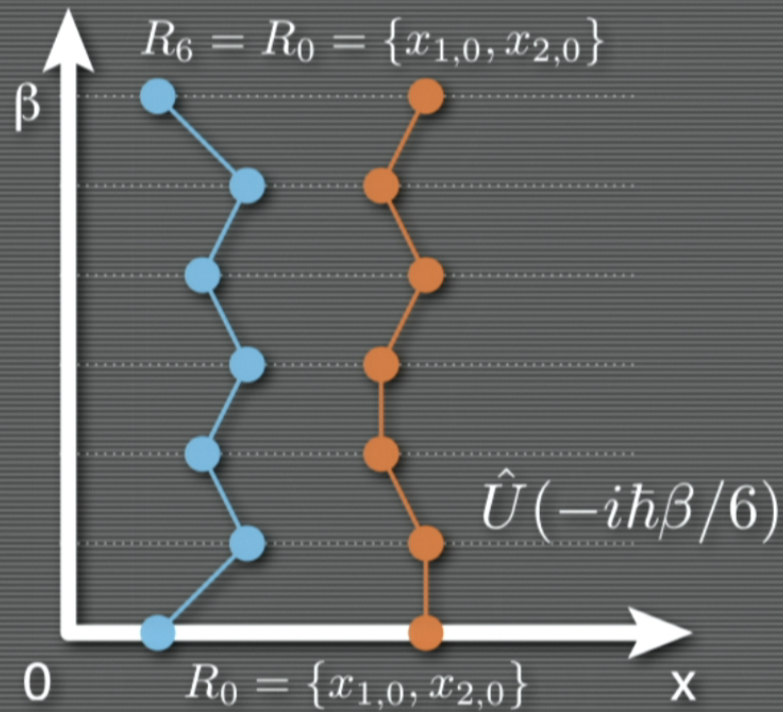


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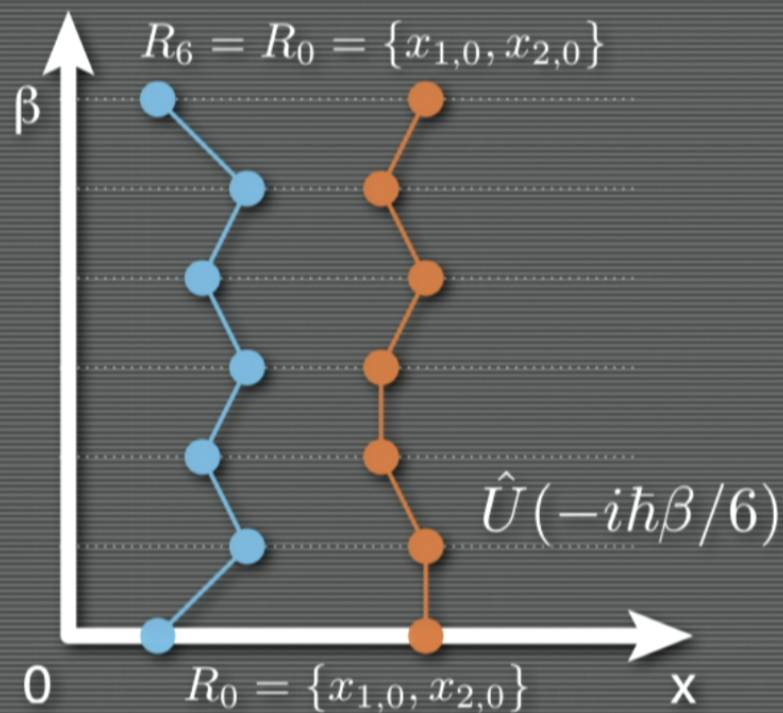


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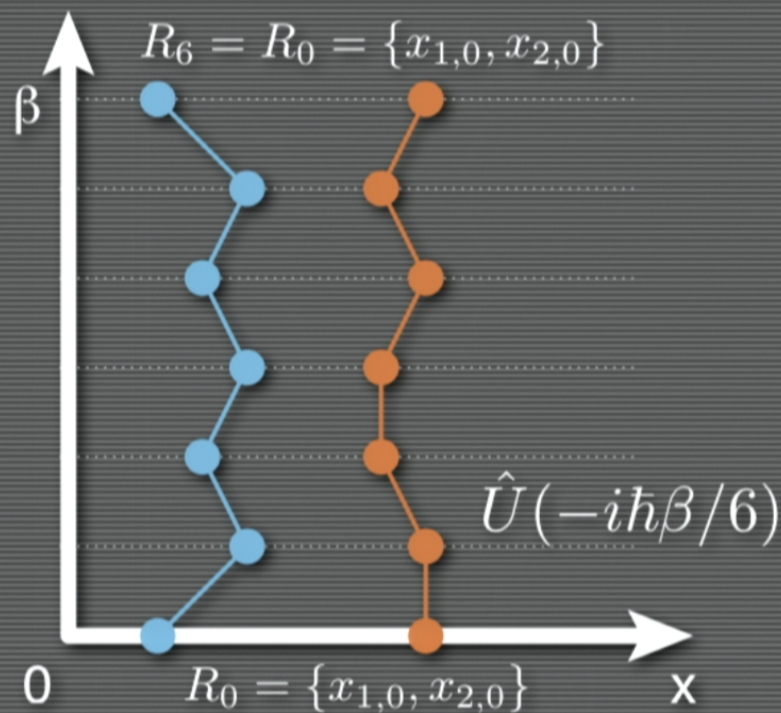


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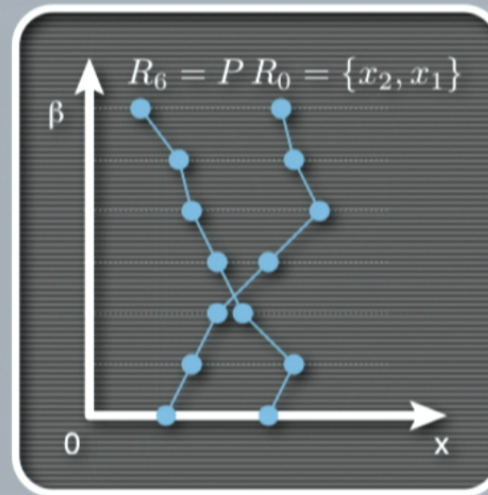


mapping between
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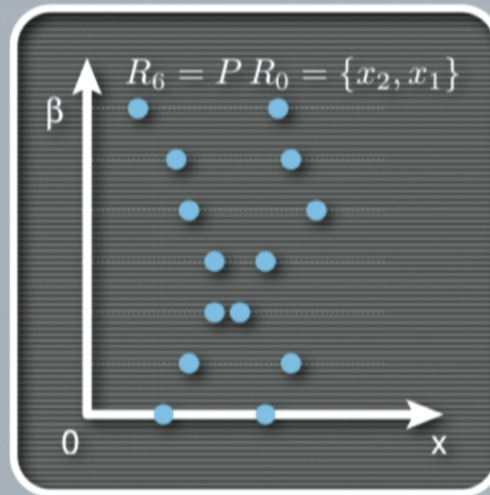
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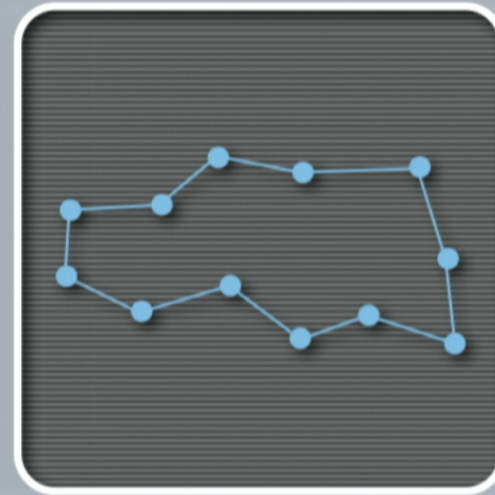
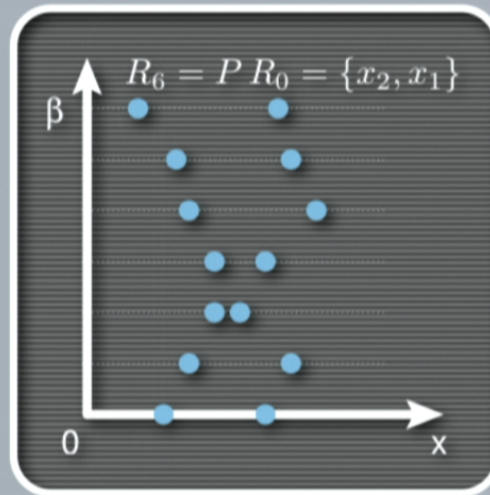
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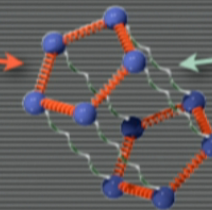
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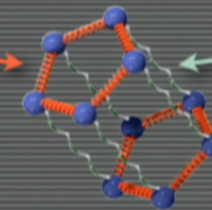


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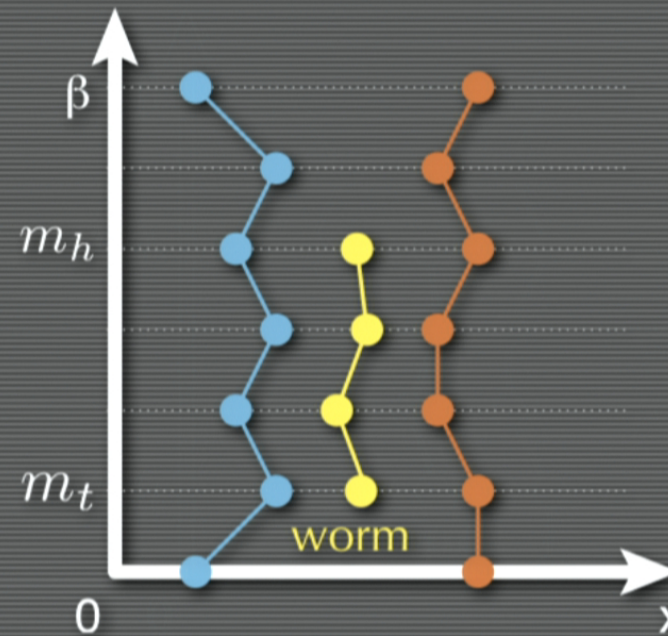
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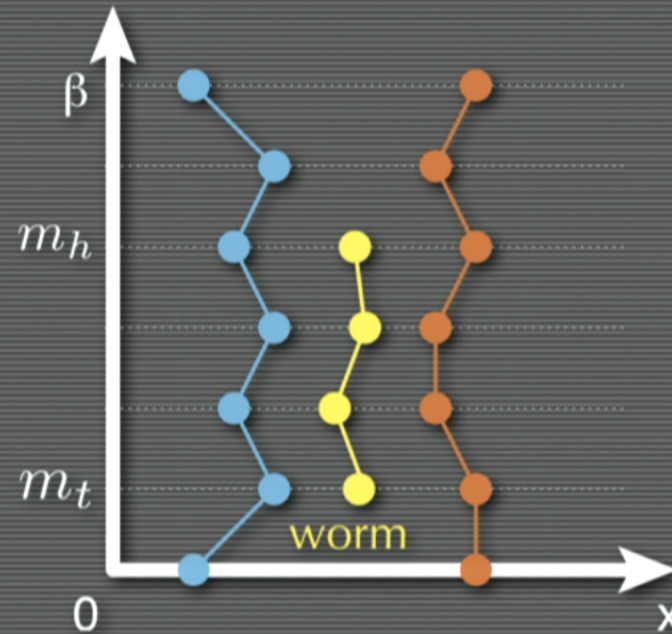
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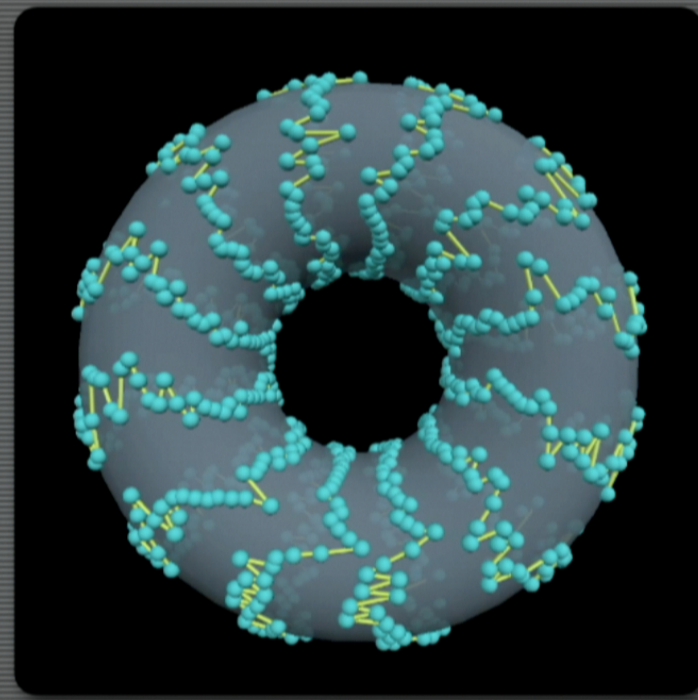
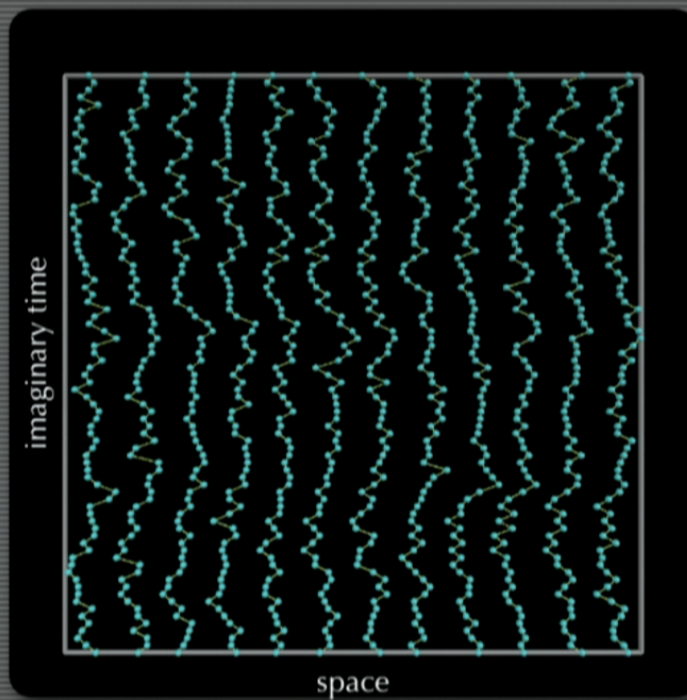
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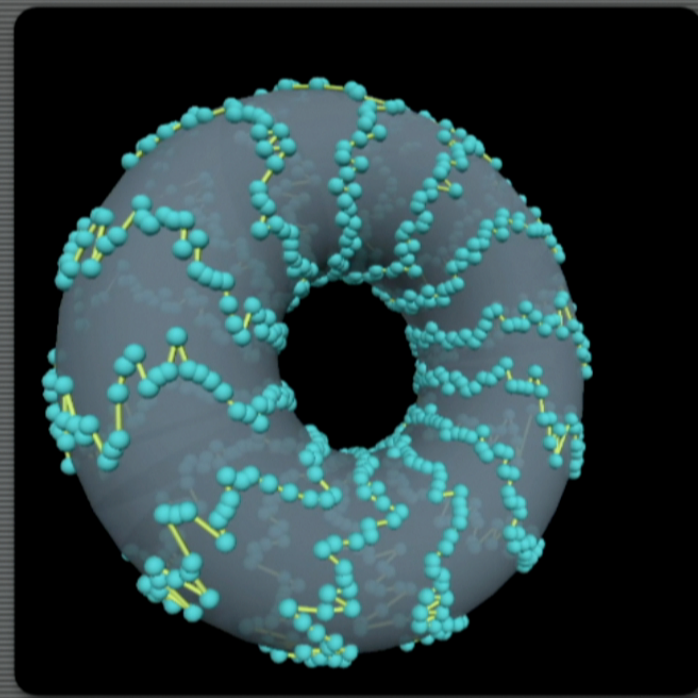
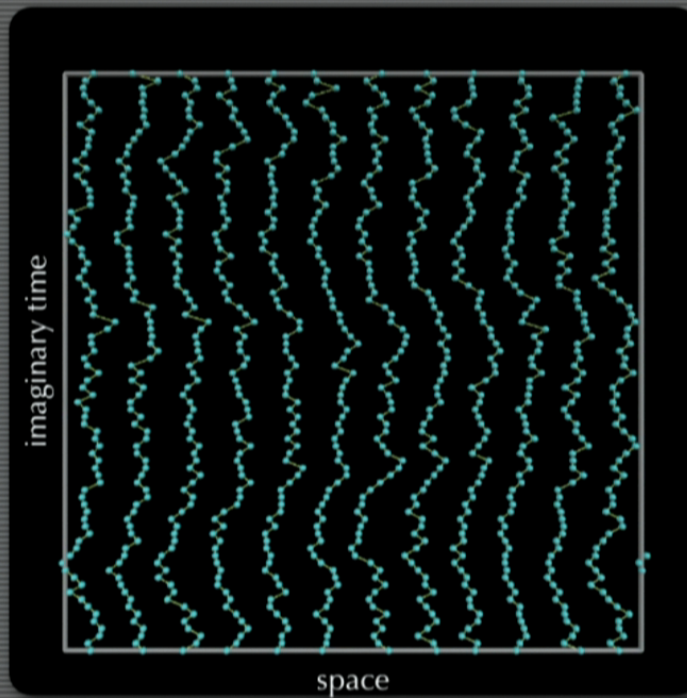
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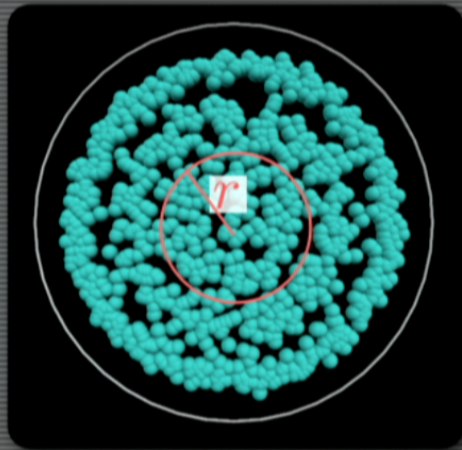
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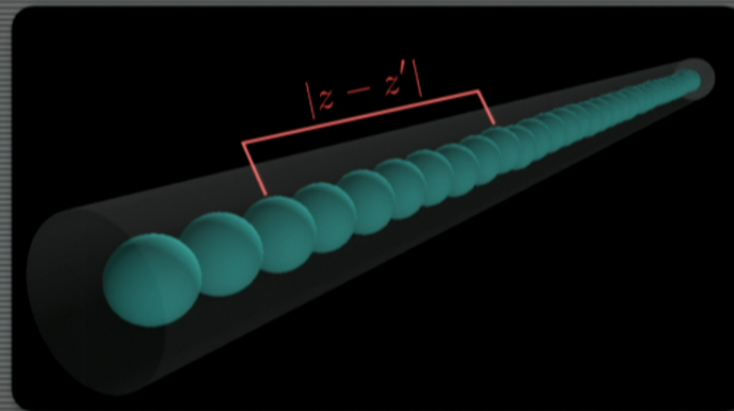
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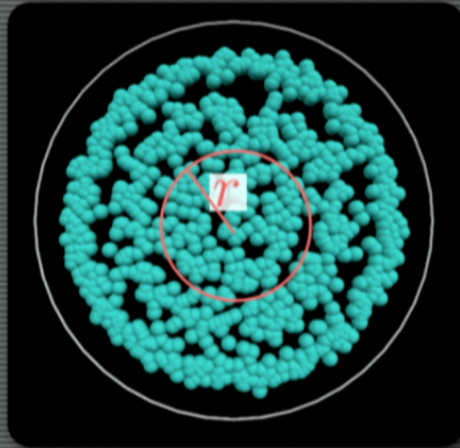


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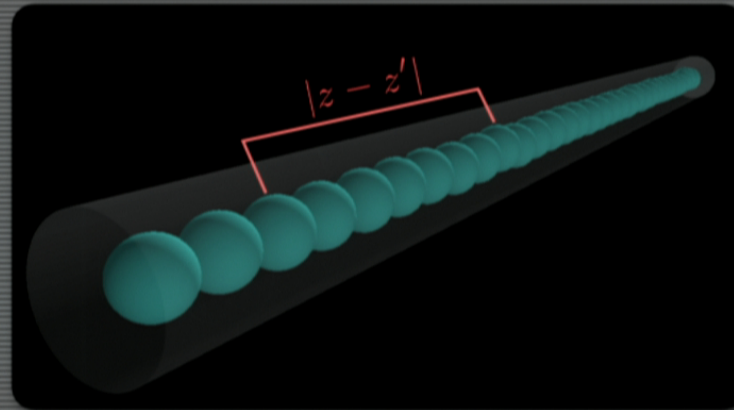
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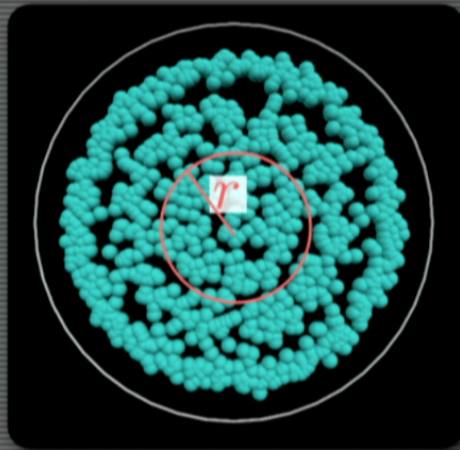


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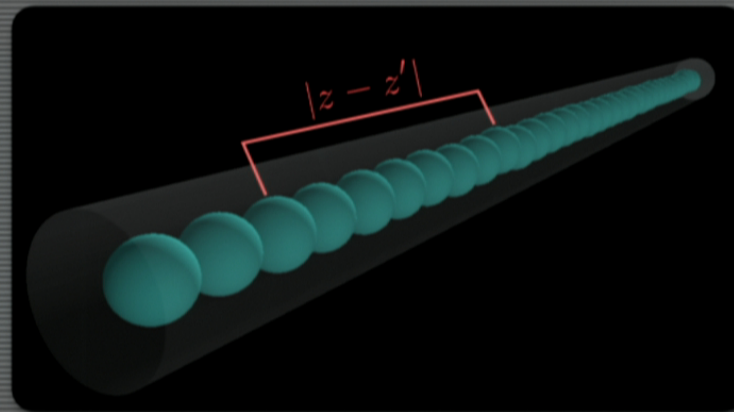
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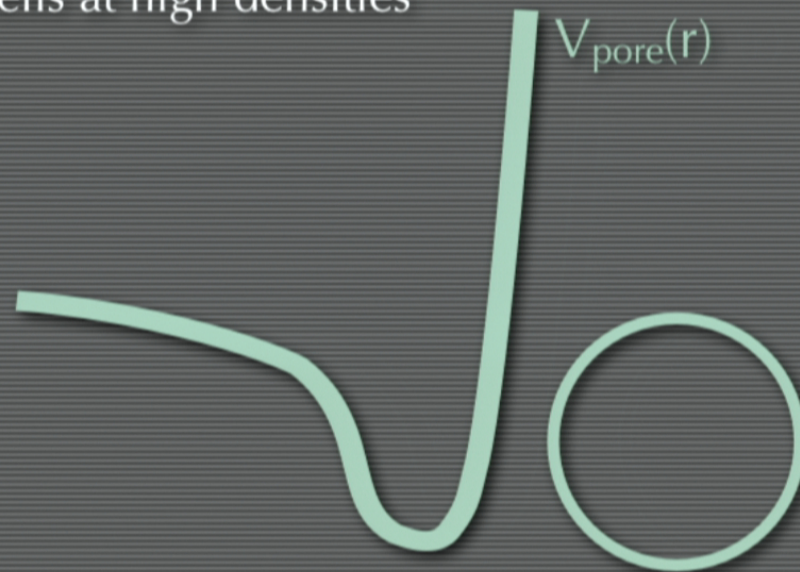
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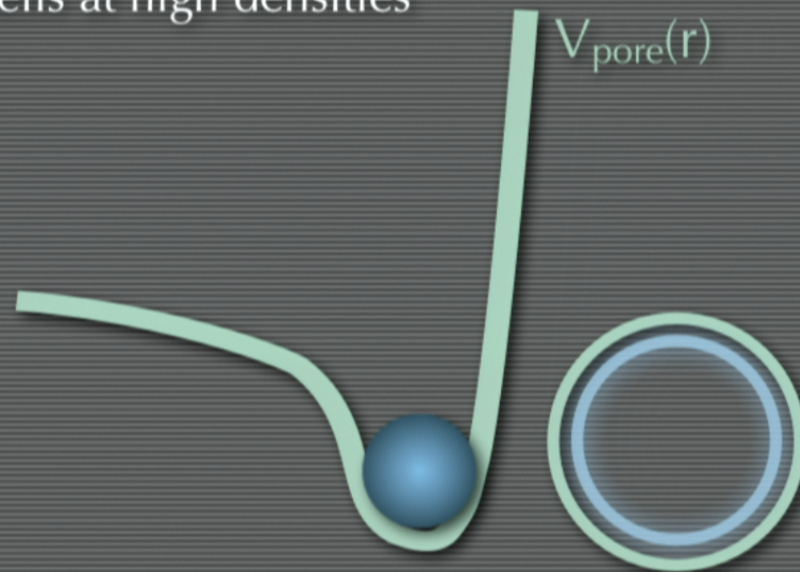


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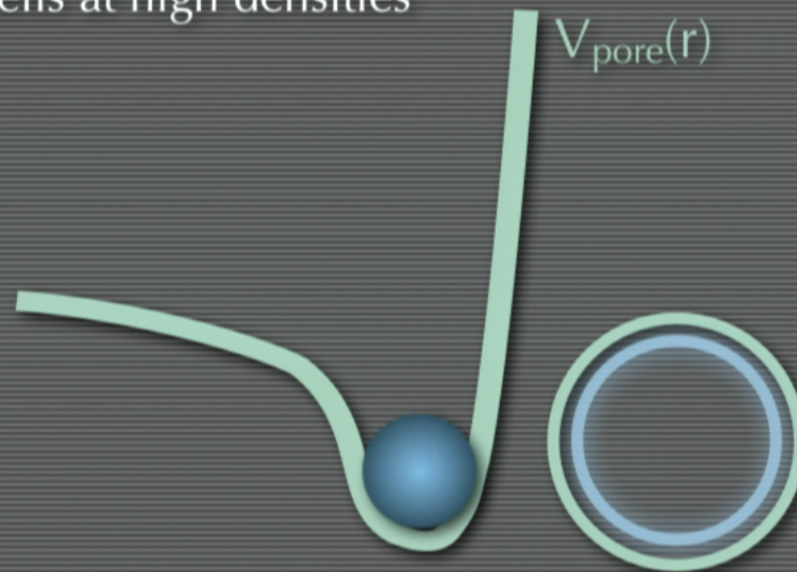


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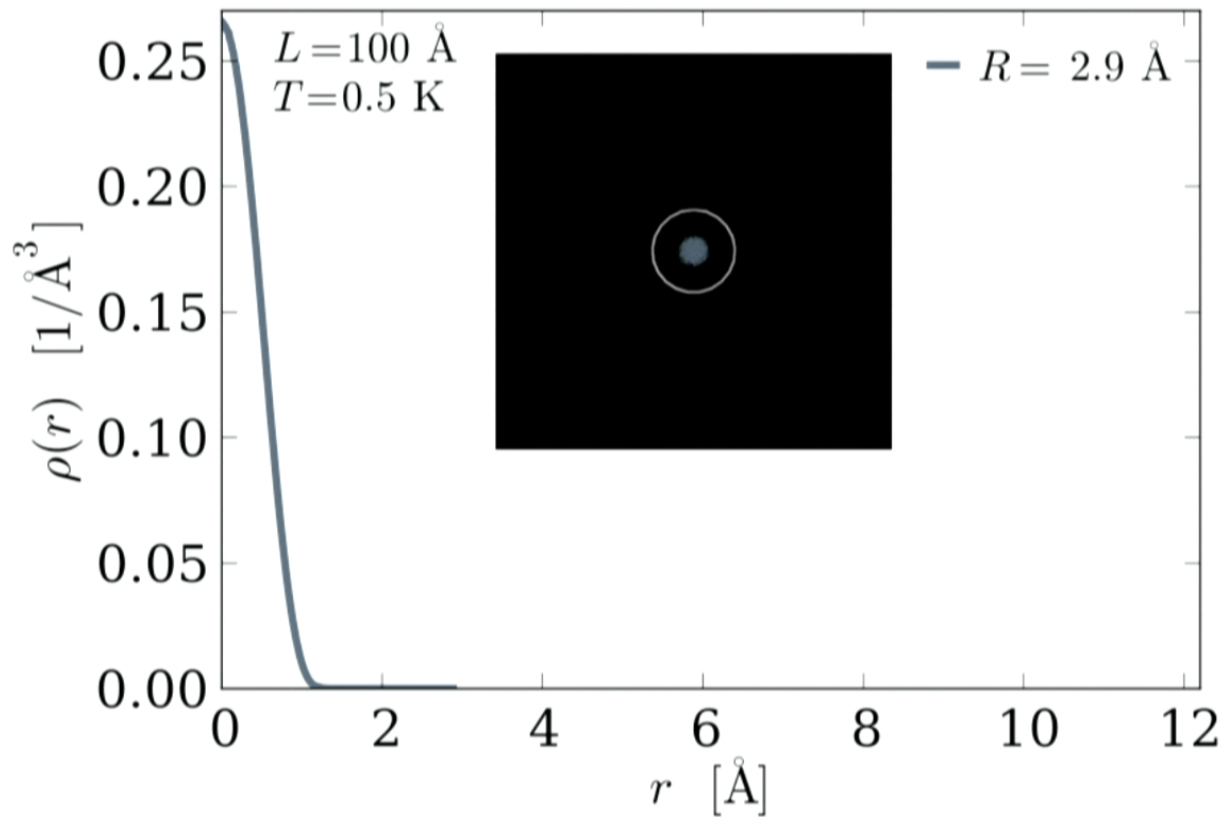
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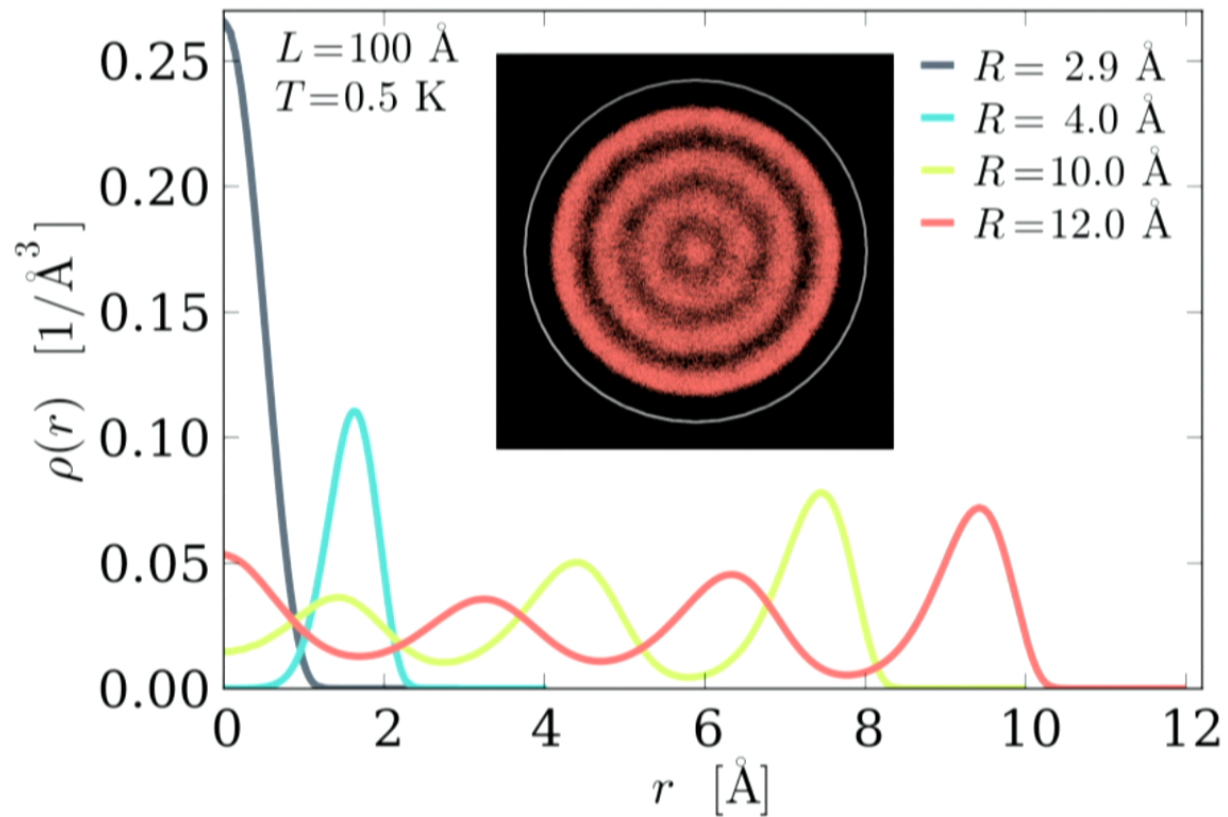


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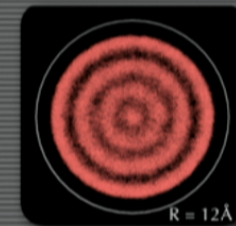
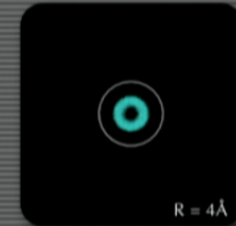
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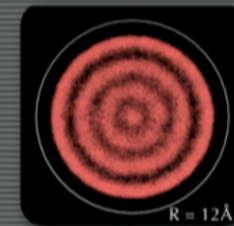
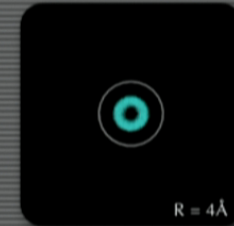
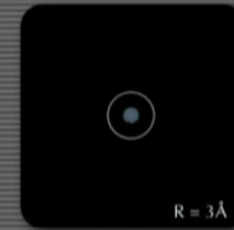
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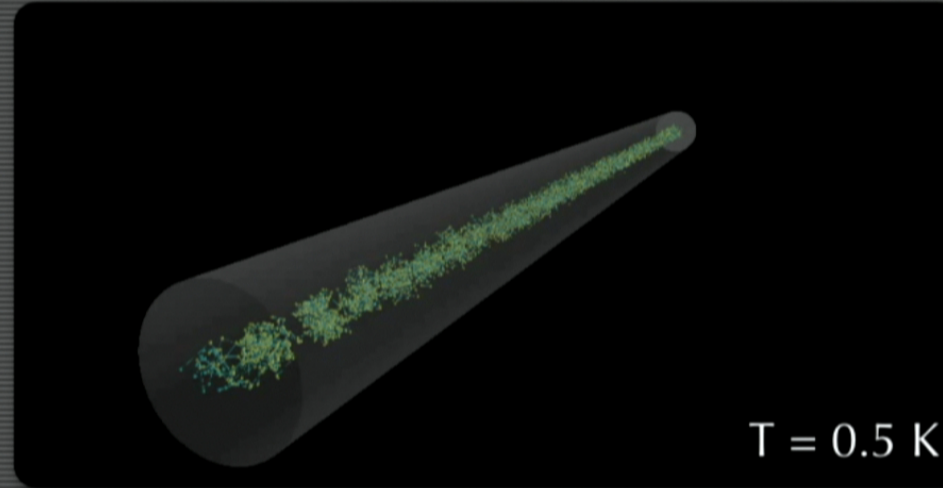
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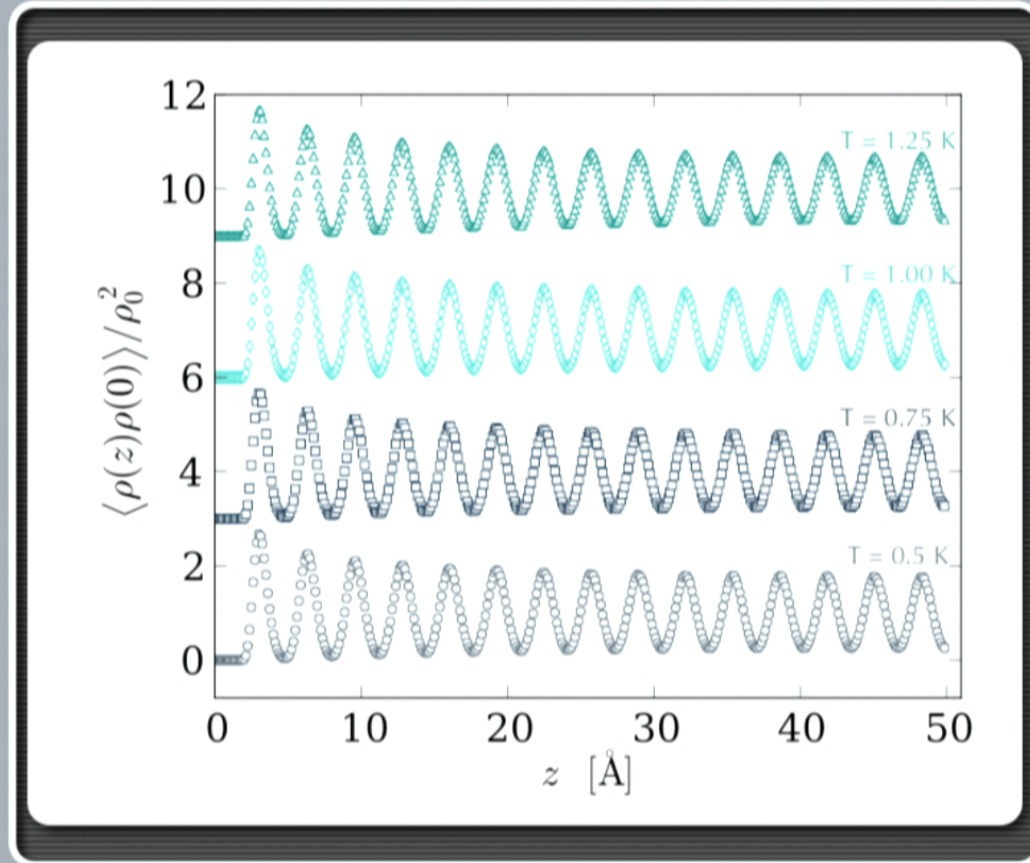
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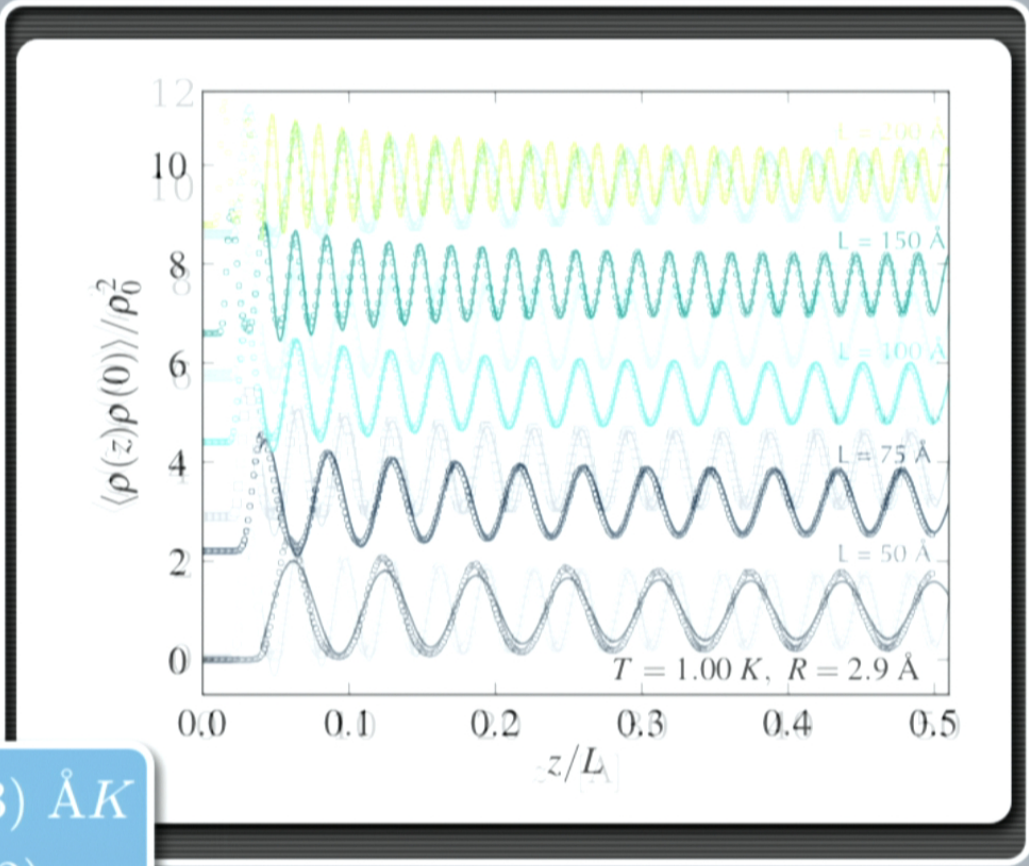


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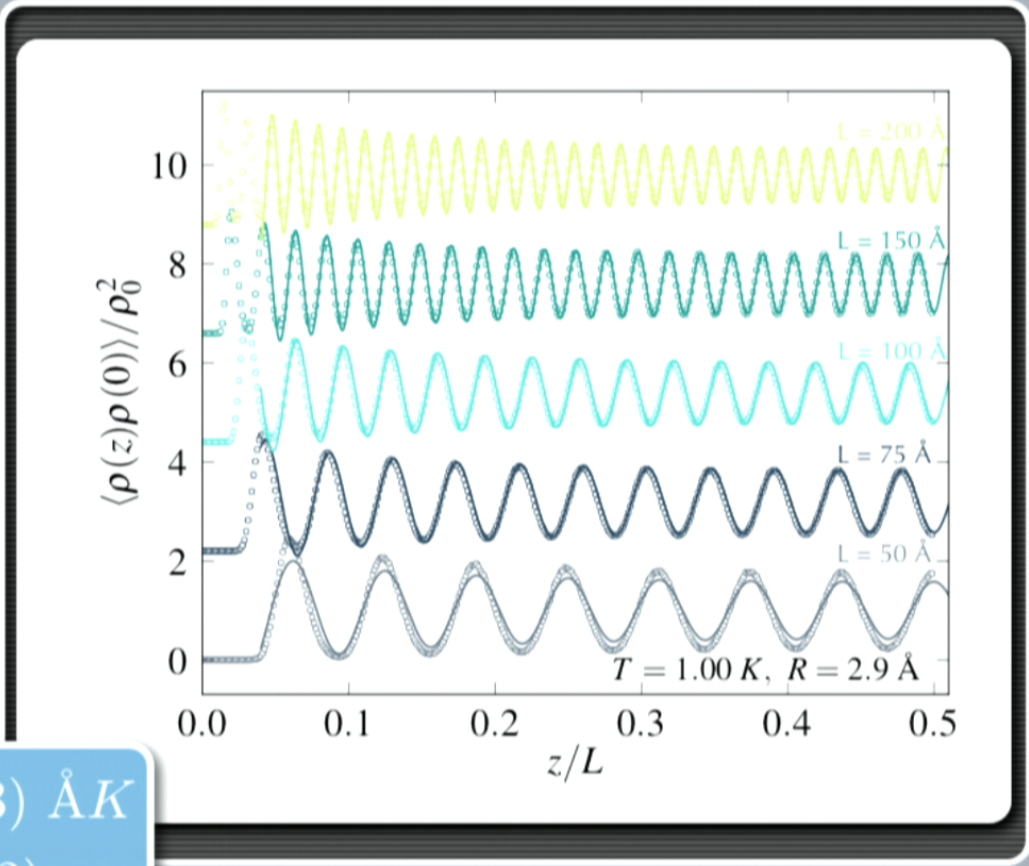


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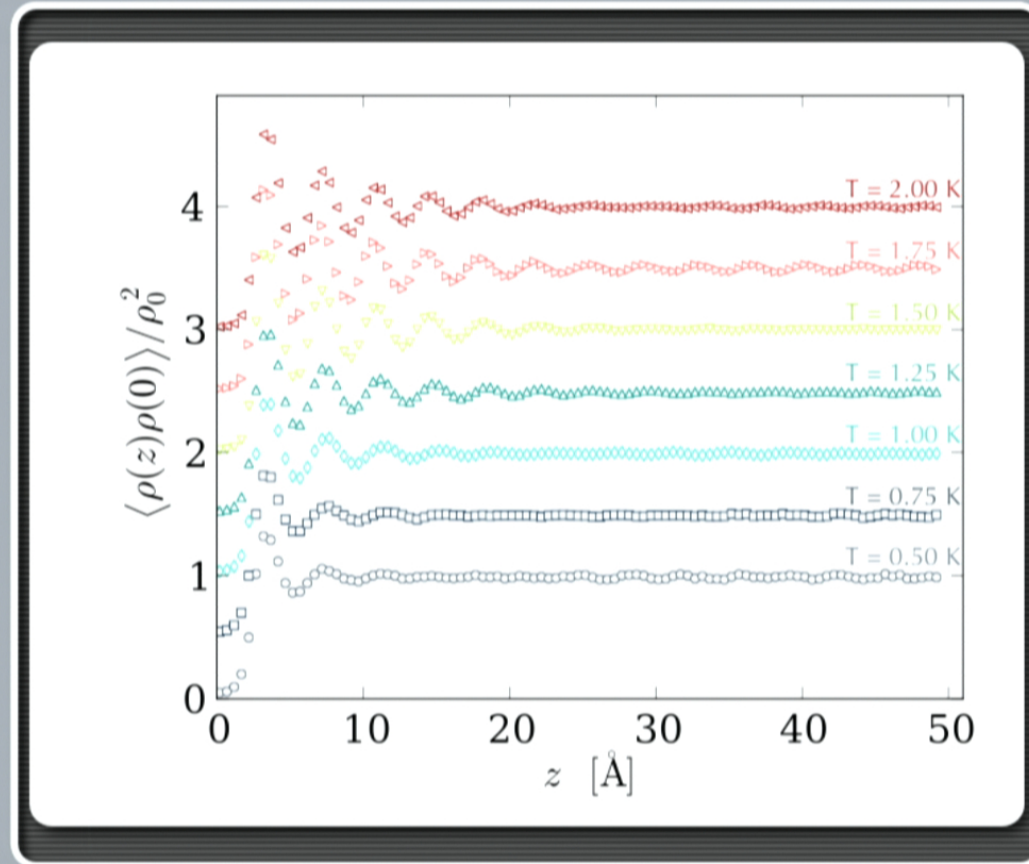
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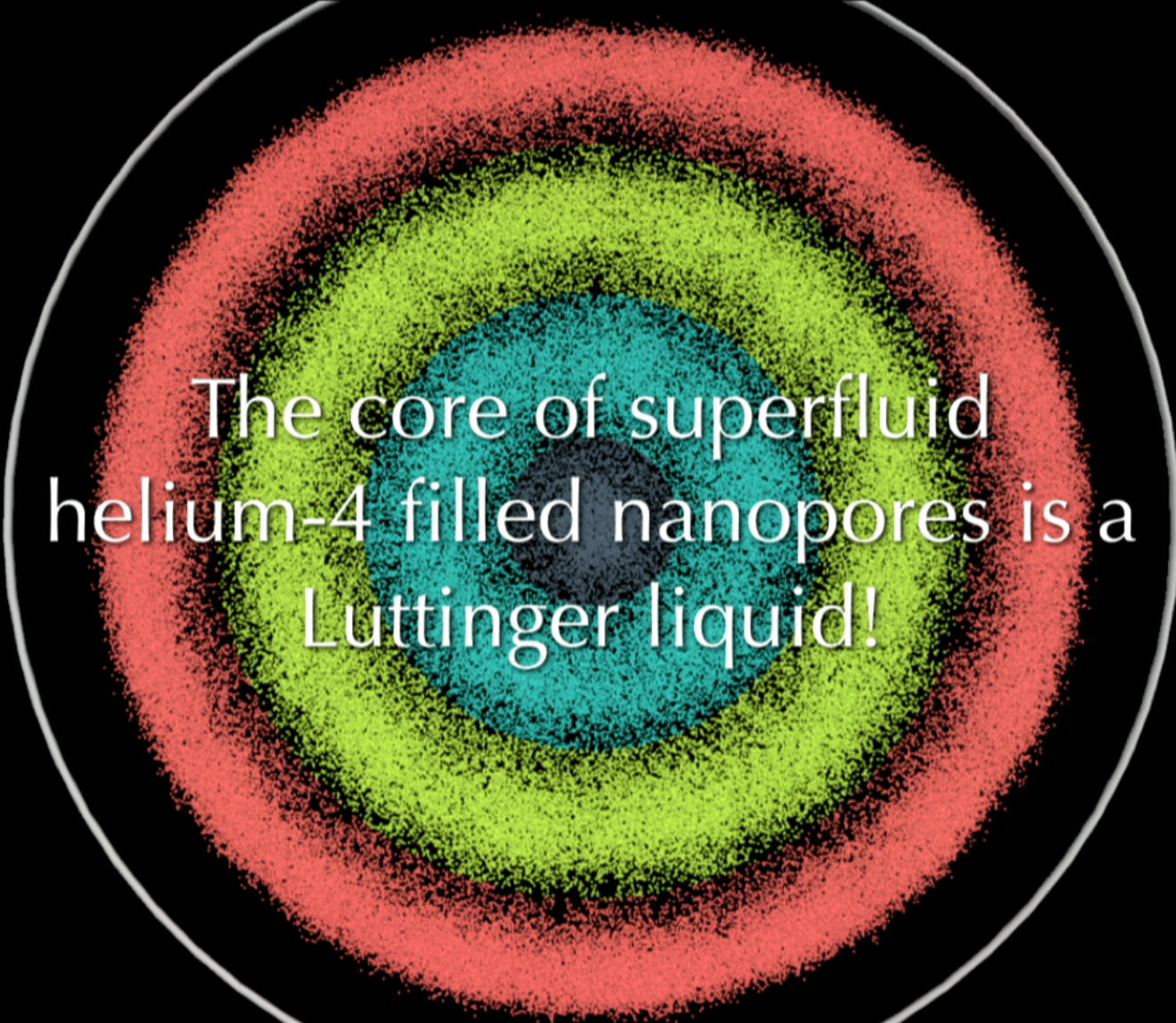


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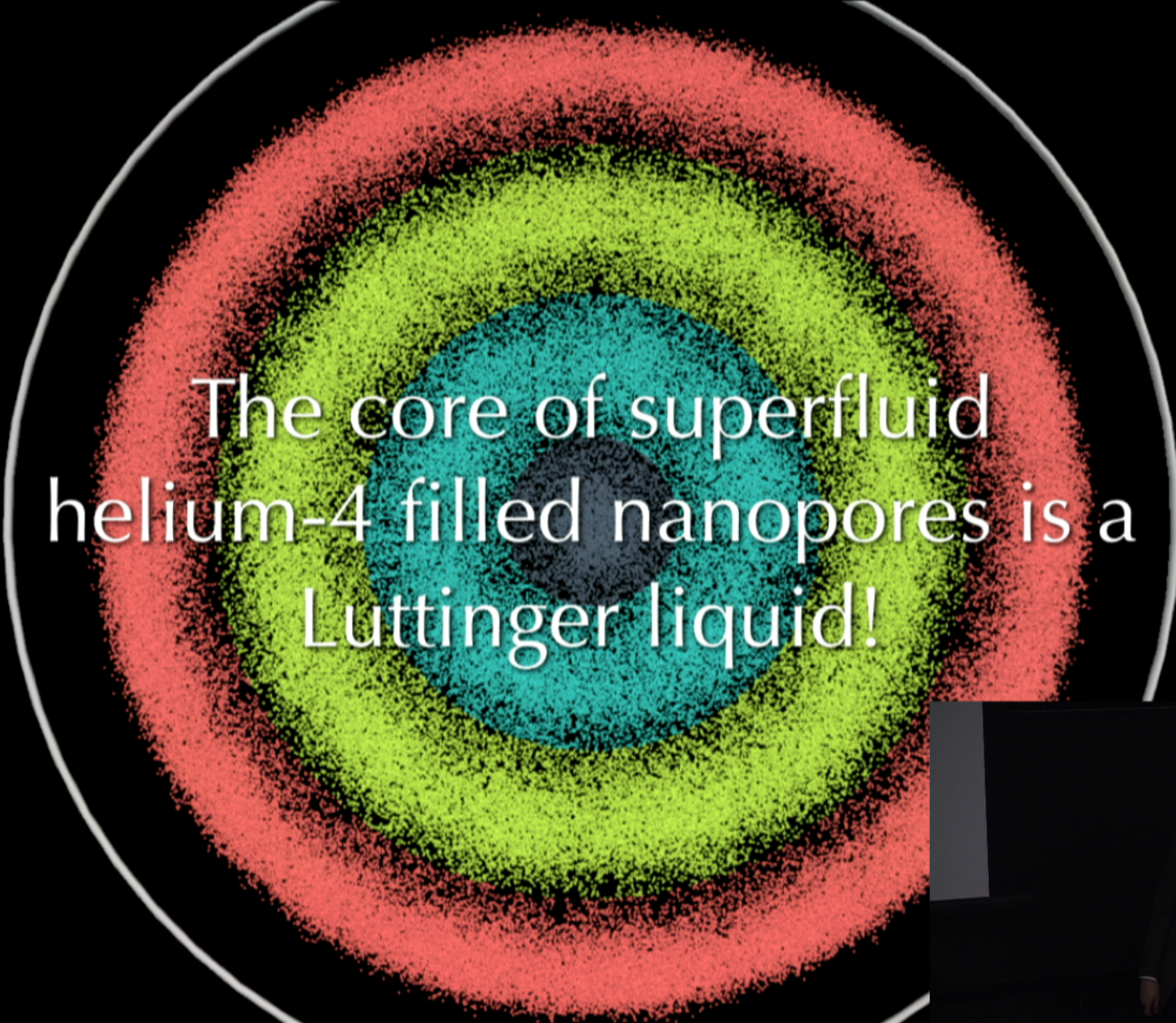
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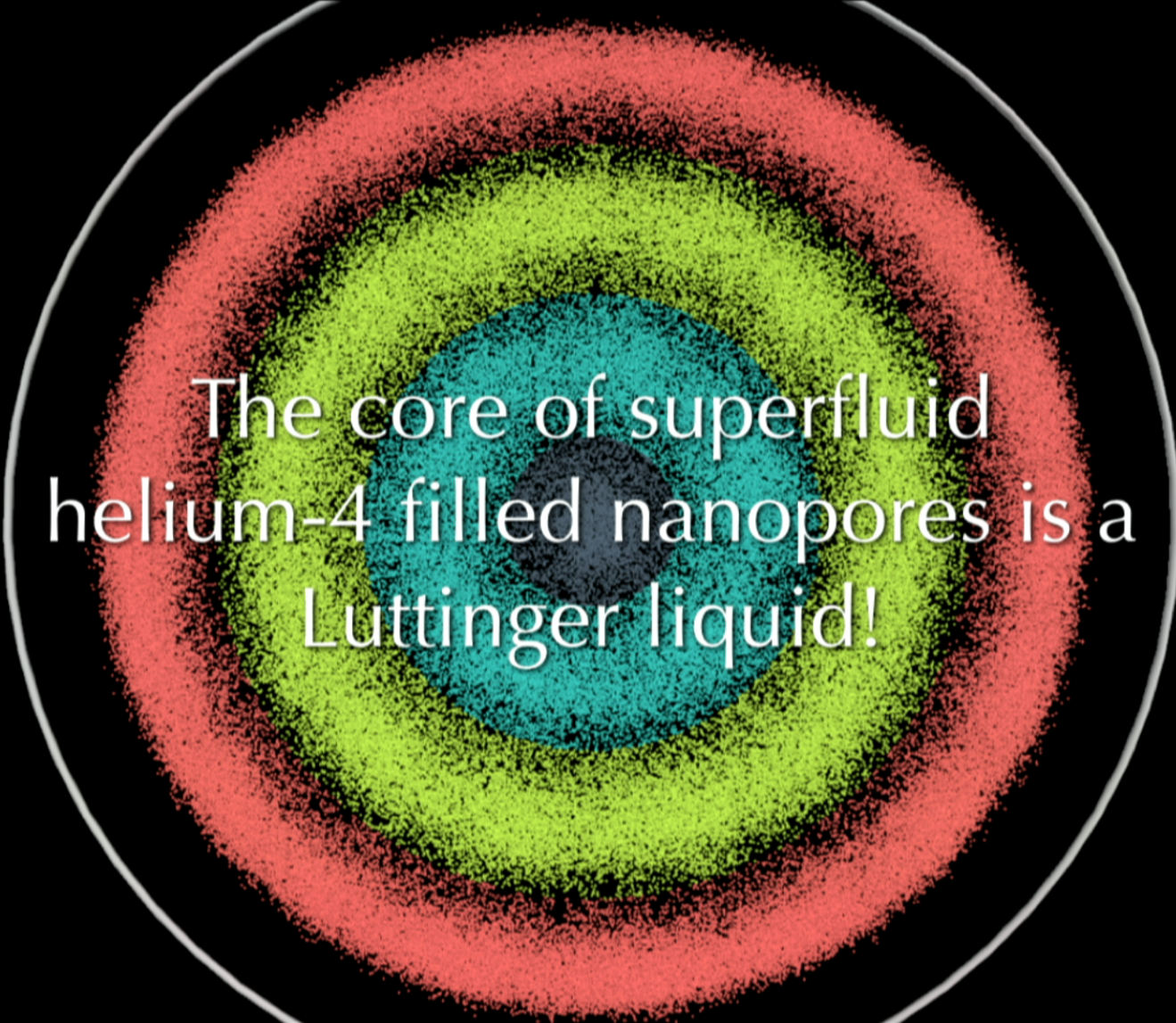


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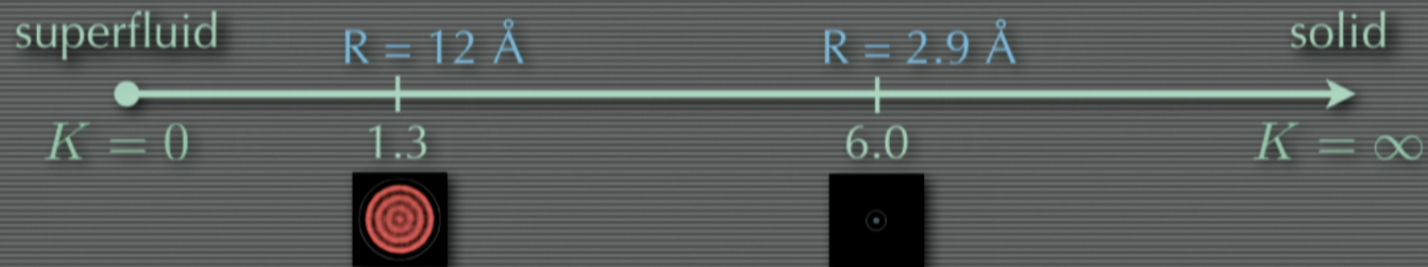


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