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Abstract: <pre>The orbital angular momentum in a chiral superfluid has posed a paradox</pre>

<pre>for several decades. For example, for the $p+ip$ -wave superfluid of N </pre>

<pre>fermions, the total orbital angular momentum should be $N/2$ if</pre>

<pre>all the fermions form Cooper pairs. On the other hand, it appears to</pre>

<pre>be substantially suppressed from $N/2$, considering that only the fermions</pre>

<pre>near the Fermi surface would be affected by the pairing interaction.</pre>

<pre>To resolve the long-standing question, we studied chiral superfluids</pre>

<pre>in a two-dimensional circular well, in terms of a conserved charge and</pre>

<pre>spectral flows.</pre>

<pre>We find that the total orbital angular momentum takes the full value $N/2$ </pre>

<pre>in the chiral $p+ip$ -wave superfluid, while it is strongly suppressed</pre>

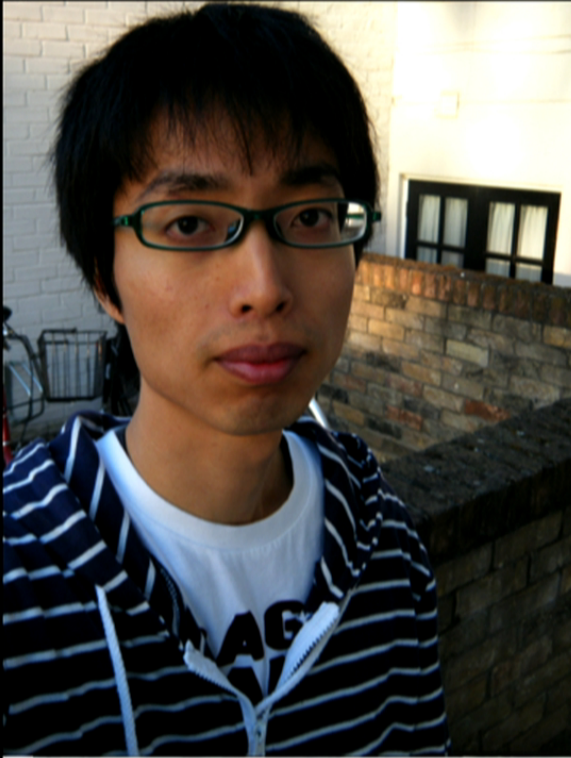
<pre>in higher-order ($d+id$ etc.) chiral superfluids. This surprising difference</pre>

<pre>is elucidated in terms of edge states.</pre>

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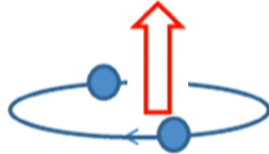
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Topological Quantum Phenomena in
Condensed Matter with Broken Symmetries

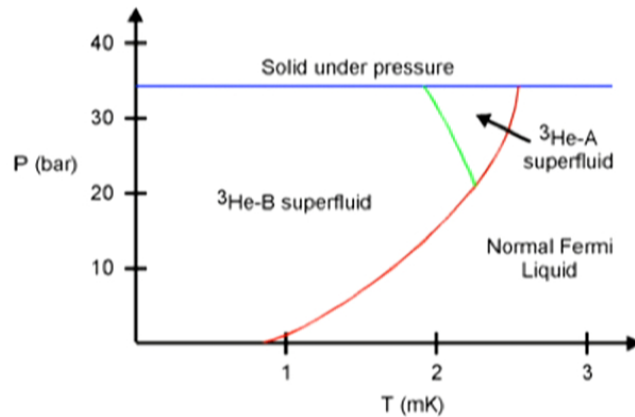
Chiral Superfluid



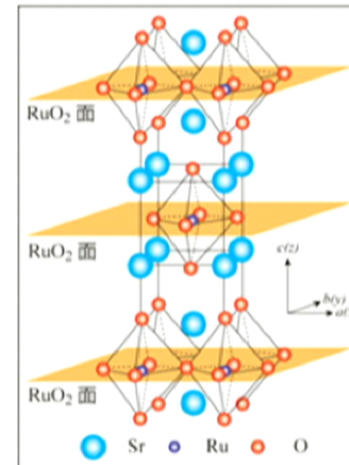
Cooper pair with
definite angular momentum $l_z = \nu$

pairing amplitude $\Delta \sim (p_x + ip_y)^\nu$

A-phase of superfluid ^3He



Superconducting phase
of Sr_2RuO_4 ?



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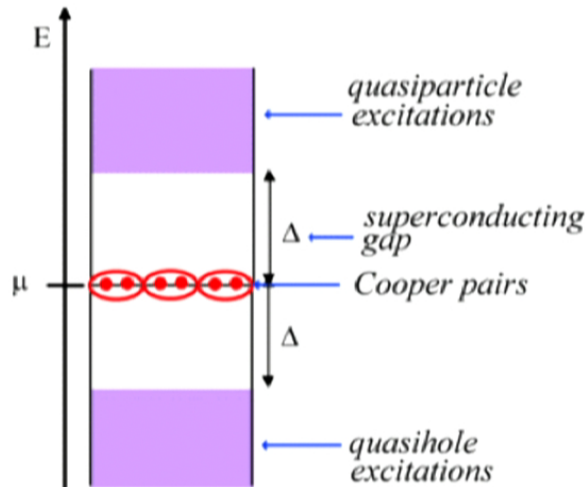
Intrinsic Angular Momentum

Consider a chiral superfluid in 2D

Q: What is the total angular momentum L of the superfluid consisting of N fermions?

A1: Each Cooper pair has angular momentum ν
Therefore $L = \nu \times N/2 = \nu N/2$

Alternative View

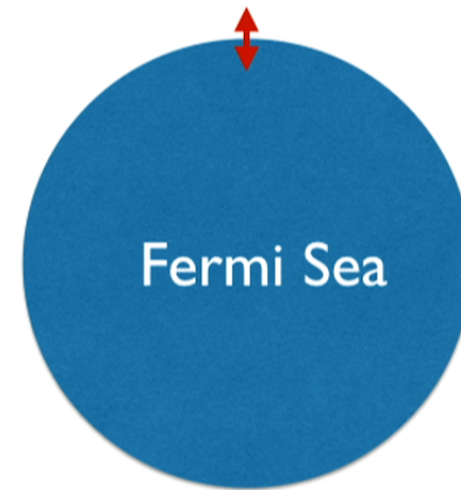


In BCS superconductor, usually $\Delta \ll E_F$ only the fermions near the Fermi surface would be affected?

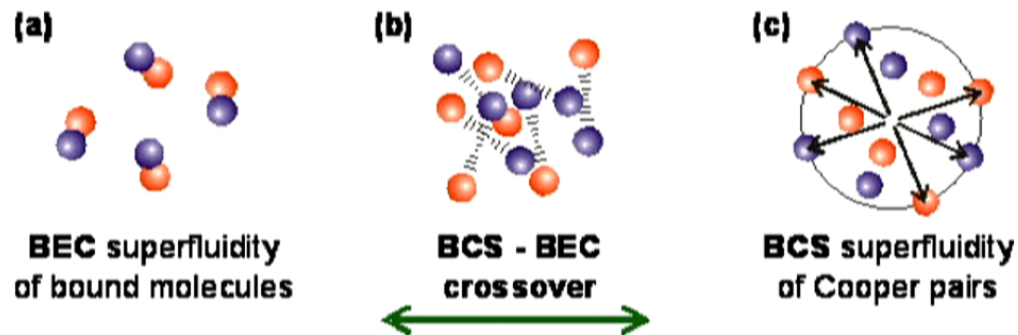
A2: Only the fermions near the Fermi surface contribute to L , so

$$L = \nu \frac{N}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta}{E_F} \right)^\gamma \quad \gamma > 0$$

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BEC vs BCS limits



[taken from Greiner Lab@Harvard web page]

“BEC” limit: each “molecule” has angular momentum v
total angular momentum $L=vN/2$ naturally expected

“BCS” limit: less clear

Potential Energy of a ^{40}K Fermi Gas in the BCS-BEC Crossover

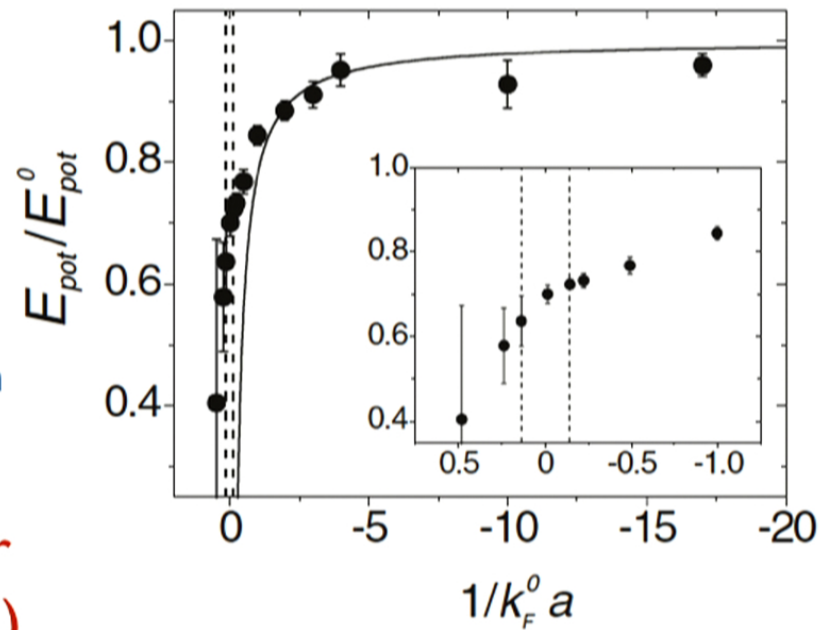
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s-wave case:
(zero angular momentum
Cooper pairs)

BCS-BEC crossover
(no phase transition)



BCS vs BEC in Chiral SFs

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**Paired states of fermions in two dimensions with breaking of parity
and time-reversal symmetries and the fractional quantum Hall effect**

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chiral $p+ip$ ($d+id, f+if, \dots$) superfluid in 2D:
quantum phase transition between
BEC (“strong-pairing”, non-topological) and
BCS (“weak-pairing”, topological) phases

L could be different in two phases!

Studies on $p+ip$

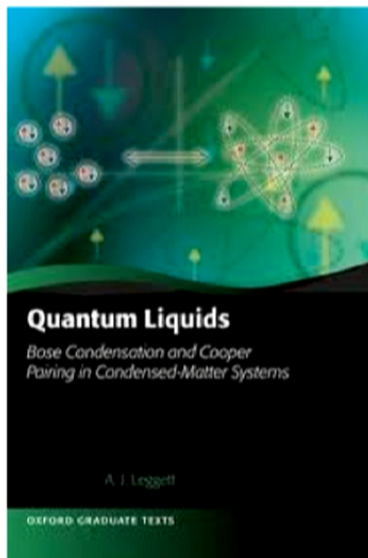
- one particle density matrix
(M. Ishikawa 1977, T. Kita 1996, 1998) $\gamma=0$
- two particle correlation, density-current correlation function
(P. W. Anderson, P. Morel, 1961) $\gamma=1$
- gradient expansion of the Green's function,
Eilenberger equation
(M. Cross, 1975 $\gamma=2$;
Y. Tsutsumi, K. Machida, 2011, 2012 $\gamma=0$)
- NMR experiments (O. Ishikawa group, $\gamma=0$)

Various approaches give different results, but recent results seem to support $\gamma=0$ (i.e. full IAM $L=N/2$)

But why? how general is it? validity of approximations?

Anthony J. Leggett says.....

The question of what is the true expectation value of the angular momentum of superfluid $^3\text{He-A}$ in a given container geometry is one which is more than 30 years old and still has apparently not attained a universally agreed resolution,...

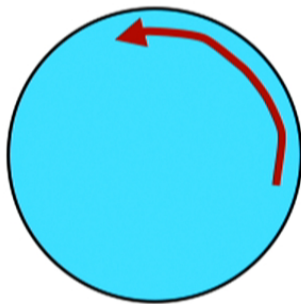


in “Quantum Liquids”
(Oxford University Press, 2006)

Why difficult?

Infinite system: $N=\infty$ $L=\infty$
comparison not well-defined

Finite system on torus (periodic b.c.):
 N and L are finite, but L is not conserved
(torus lacks rotational invariance)



Finite system in a circular potential

- ✓ N and L are finite
- ✓ L is conserved

inhomogeneous system with boundary
edge states

Goal of our work

First we would like to clarify IAM of chiral superfluid
in an ideal setting:

Bogoliubov Hamiltonian in rotationally invariant potential
without any further approximation or assumptions

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Volovik's observation

Angular momentum L and fermion number N are NOT conserved in Bogoliubov Hamiltonian

However, the combination $Q = L - N/2$ is conserved!

$$Q = 0 \Leftrightarrow L = N/2 \quad (\text{for } p+ip)$$

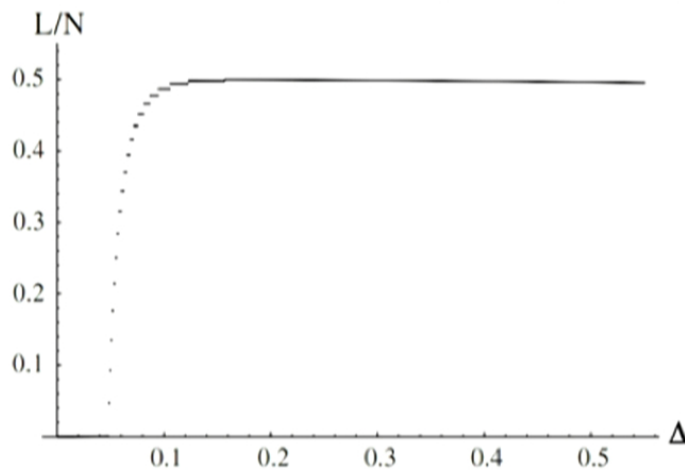
$$(Q = L - \nu N/2 \quad \text{for general chiral SF})$$

But when do we have $Q = 0$?

Not always the case, for example in the normal limit $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

Stone-Anduaga 2008

Chiral $p+ip$ superfluid in 2D harmonic potential
Bogoliubov Hamiltonian \Leftrightarrow tridiagonal matrix
(easily diagonalized numerically)



Found a quick
convergence to $L=N/2$
Reason unclear...

There is no simple identity lying behind this fact, and mathematically it results from a quite non trivial rearrangement of spectral weight between the positive and negative E

Our approach

We explicitly solve Bogoliubov Hamiltonian in 2D circular potentials, following Stone-Anduaga, but with a reformulation to respect Volovik's conserved charge Q explicitly

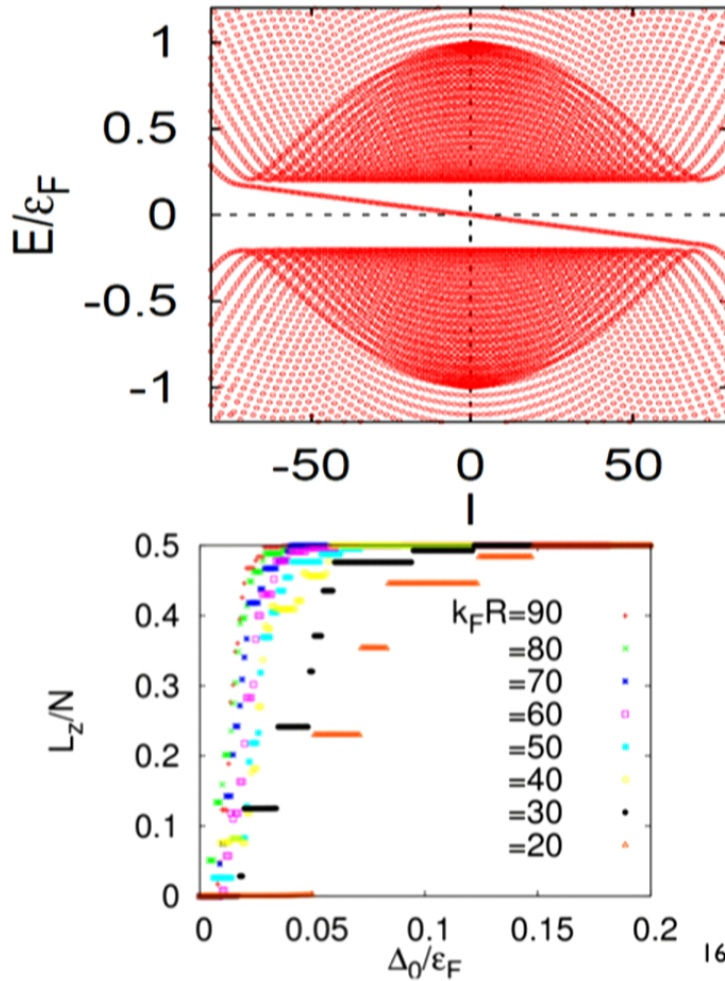
$$H_{\text{Bogoliubov}} = \sum_{l \geq 0} \sum_{\mu \mu'} (\hat{a}_{l+1, \mu}^\dagger \quad \hat{a}_{-l, \mu}) \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{l+1, \mu} \delta_{\mu \mu'} & \Delta_{\mu \mu'}^{(l)} \\ \Delta_{\mu' \mu}^{(l)*} & -\varepsilon_{-l, \mu} \delta_{\mu \mu'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_{l+1, \mu'} \\ \hat{a}_{-l, \mu'}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

$H_{\text{BdG}}^{(l)}$

$$\langle Q \rangle = \langle GS | \hat{Q} | GS \rangle = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left[\left(\sum_{m | E_m < 0} 1 \right) - M \right] = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{l+1/2}{2} \sum_m \text{sgn} E_m^{(l)} \right]$$

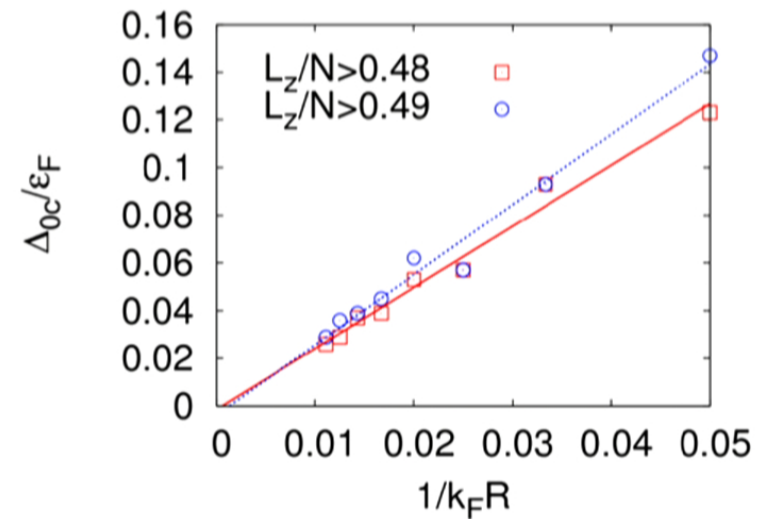
explicitly given as a **conserved quantity**, which can vary only when $E_m^{(l)}$ changes sign

Result for $p+ip$ in circular well



$$Q=0 \text{ (exact)} \Leftrightarrow L=N/2$$

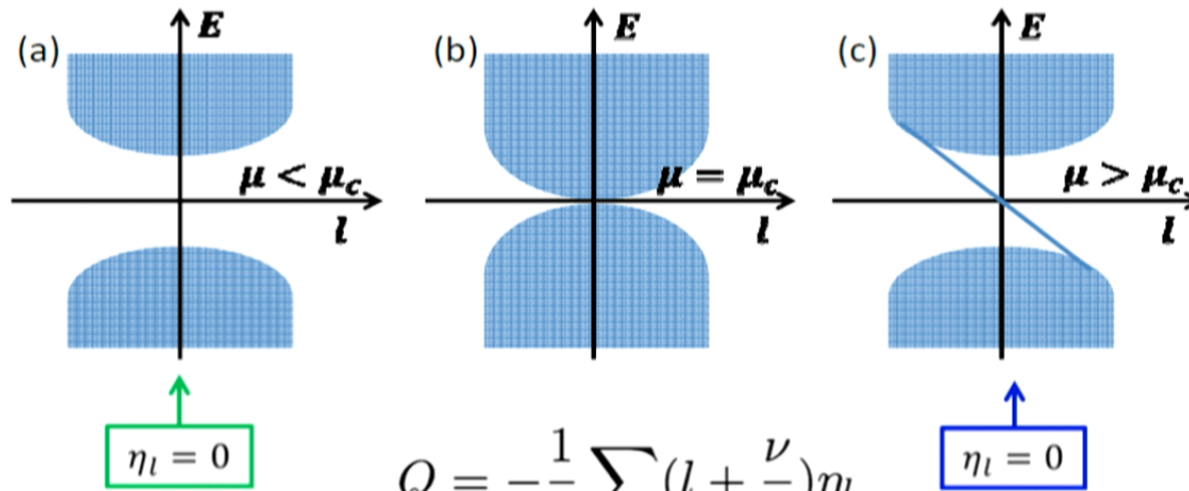
for $\Delta > \Delta_c$
in a finite well



$\Delta_c \rightarrow 0$ in the ∞ size limit:
 $L \rightarrow N/2$ for arbitrary $\Delta > 0$

From BEC to BCS

Tuning chemical potential
 $Q=0$ BEC regime \longrightarrow BCS regime $Q=0$



$$Q = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_l \left(l + \frac{\nu}{2}\right) \eta_l$$

$$\eta_l = \sum_m \text{sgn} E_m^{(l)}$$

No spectral flow occurs

\longrightarrow In the disc geometries, "BEC" and "BCS" are adiabatically connected

Chiral $d+id$ -wave superfluid

$$v=2$$

Same question on the intrinsic angular momentum
as in $p+ip$: (now full IAM is N , instead of $N/2$)

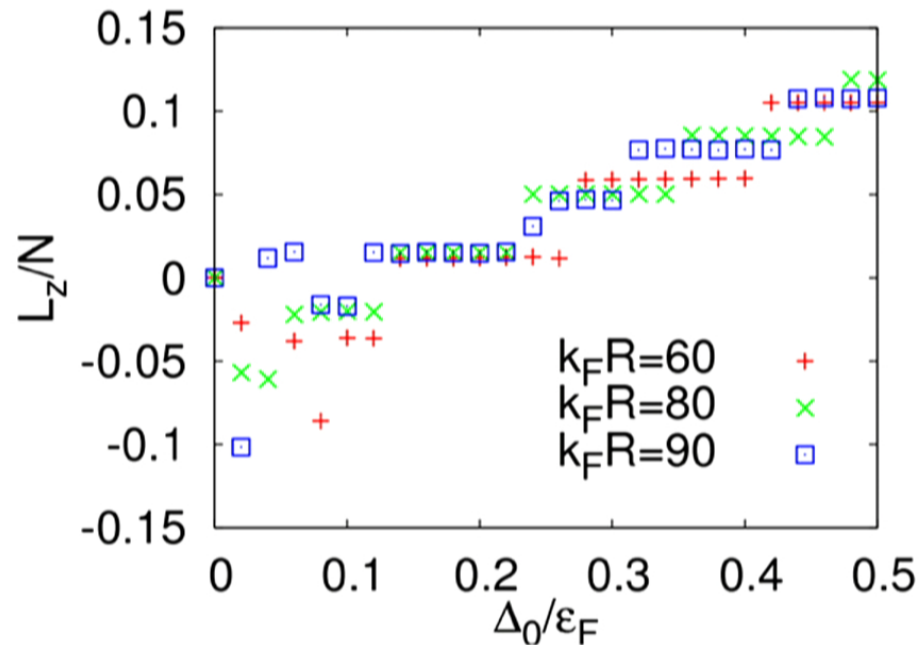
Same answer ($L \rightarrow N$) ?

Let's see the results.....

Results for $d+id$ in circular well

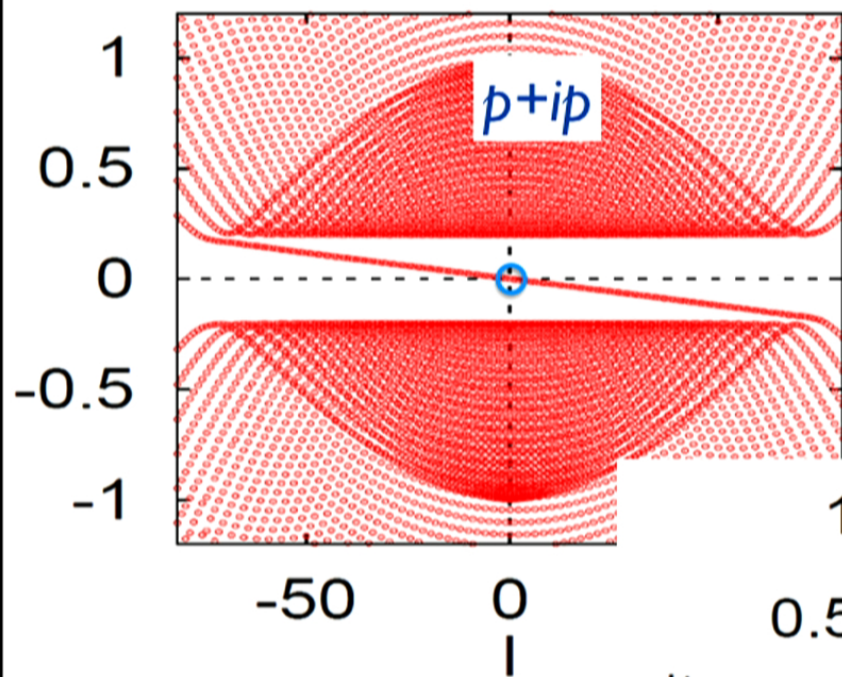
$Q \neq 0$ in general

$Q \rightarrow -vN/2$, $L/N \rightarrow 0$ in the thermodynamic limit?!



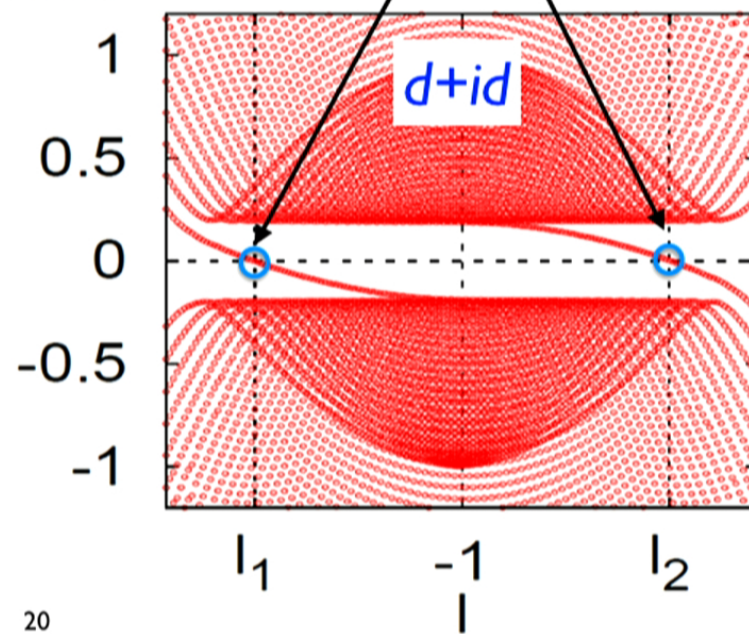
VERY different
from $p+ip$!!

Why?



E/ϵ_F

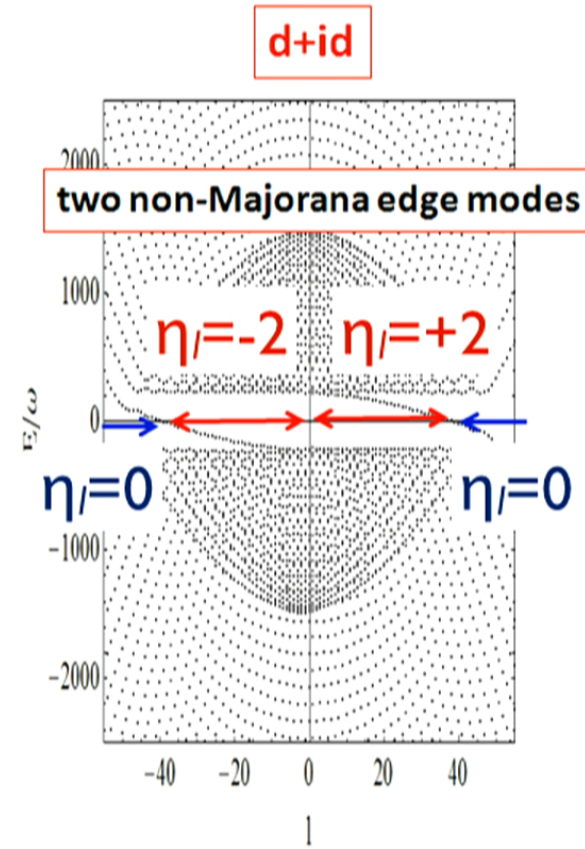
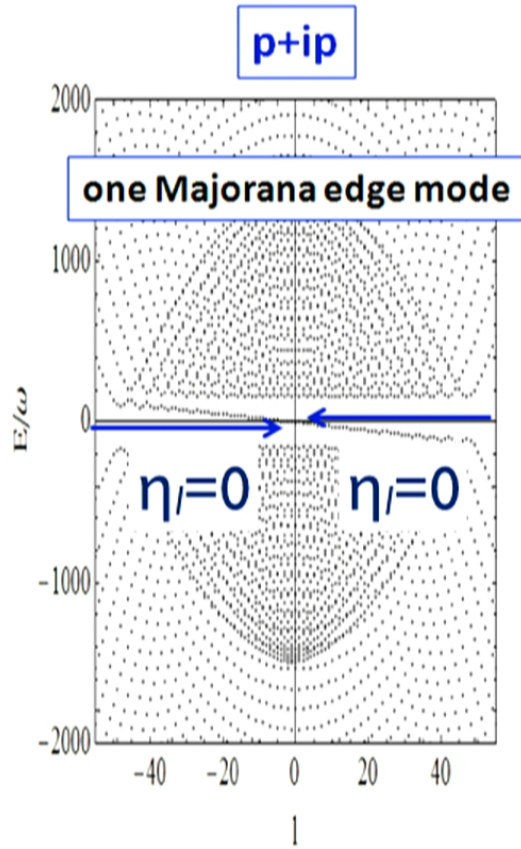
crossing $E=0$
at non-zero l !



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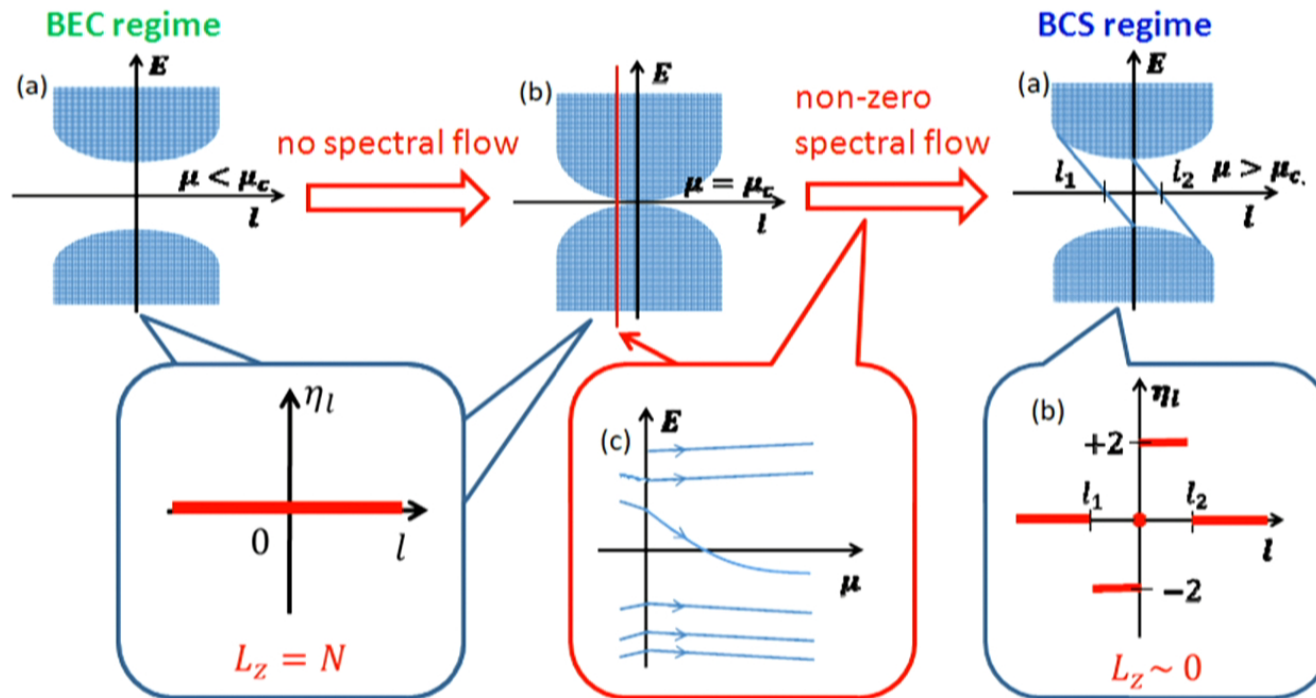
Structure of edge states directly linked to the conserved charge

$$Q = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_l (l + \frac{\nu}{2}) \eta_l$$



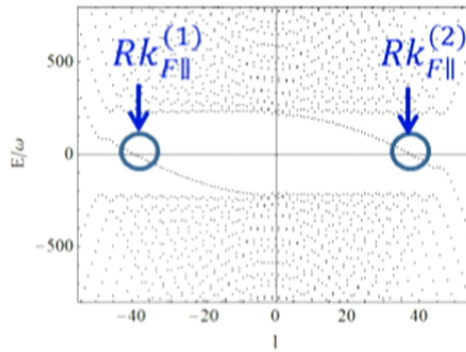
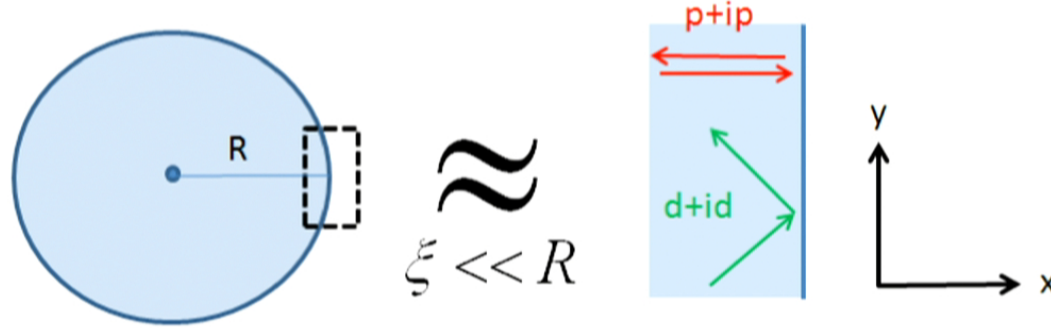
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From BEC to BCS: $d+id$ case



two non-degenerate edge modes
 \rightarrow non-zero spectral flow between BEC and BCS
 \rightarrow change in L_z

Quasi-classical evaluation in BCS



$$k_{\parallel} = \frac{2\pi l}{2\pi R} = \frac{l}{R} \quad \text{edge mode momentum}$$

$$\frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} (k_{F\parallel}^{(j)})^2 = \frac{k_F^2}{2} \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 2 \quad \text{"isotropic"}$$

$$\frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} (k_{F\perp}^{(j)})^2 = k_F^2/2$$

$$Q \simeq - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} (Rk_{F\parallel}^{(j)})^2 / 2$$

$$= -\nu N / 2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_0 / \epsilon_F)$$

$$L_z \simeq \mathcal{O}(\Delta / \epsilon_F)$$

$$Q = L - \nu \frac{N}{2}$$

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Note added—As this manuscript was being prepared for submission, a preprint⁴⁸ appeared which has some overlap. Focussing on the problem of the total angular momentum in the continuum limit, the authors of Ref. 48 find that the total angular momentum vanishes to order Δ_0/E_F in the weak-coupling BCS limit for all states with $m > 1$, consistent with our results. They also extend these results to the BEC limit of the crossover, where they derive the result given by (12) for all m .

Structure of the ground state

General Bogoliubov transformation (Lanbote'74)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\text{GS}\rangle &\equiv \hat{\mathcal{N}} \otimes_l |\text{GS}\rangle_l \\
 |\text{GS}\rangle_l &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{\uparrow}^{(l)}} \tilde{c}_{j,l+\nu,\uparrow}^{\dagger} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{\downarrow}^{(l)}} \tilde{c}_{j,-l,\downarrow}^{\dagger} \right) \left. \vphantom{\prod} \right] \leftarrow \text{additional factors} \\
 &\quad \times \exp \left(\sum_{j>n_{\uparrow}^{(l)}} \sum_{j'>n_{\downarrow}^{(l)}} \tilde{c}_{j,l+\nu,\uparrow}^{\dagger} F_{jj'}^{(l)} \tilde{c}_{j',-l,\downarrow}^{\dagger} \right) |0\rangle \left. \vphantom{\prod} \right] \leftarrow \text{usual BCS form}
 \end{aligned}$$

*non-paired creation operators correspond to **pair breaking***

$$Q = \sum_l (l + \nu/2) (n_{\uparrow}^{(l)} - n_{\downarrow}^{(l)})$$

finite $Q \Leftrightarrow$ finite $n_{\uparrow}, n_{\downarrow}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_c \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c_{nl+\nu\bar{s}} \\ c_{n-l\bar{s}}^+ \end{pmatrix} \right\} &= \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ M_3 & M_4 \end{pmatrix}^+ \begin{pmatrix} b_m^{(l)} \\ d_m^{(l)+} \end{pmatrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} c \\ c^+ \end{pmatrix}} \right\} n_+ = \# \text{ of positive eigenvalues} \\
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$$n_{\uparrow} = \# \text{ of zero eigenvalues of } M_1^+ M_1$$

$$n_{\downarrow} = \# \text{ of zero eigenvalues of } M_4^+ M_4$$

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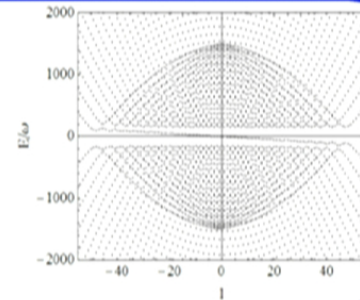
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p+ip

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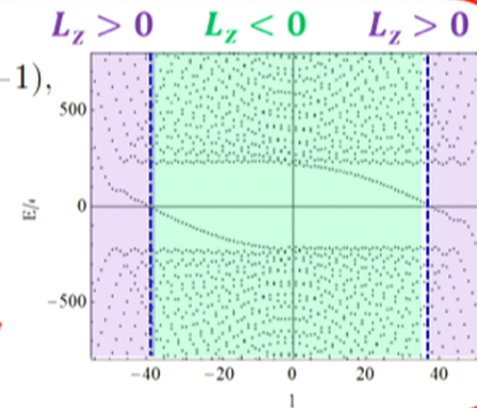
GS wf has same structure as well known BCS form



d+id

$$|d\text{GS}\rangle_l = \begin{cases} \exp[\tilde{c}_{l+2}^\dagger F^{(l)} \tilde{c}_{-l}^\dagger] |0\rangle & (|l| > |l_{1,2}|, l = -1), \\ \tilde{c}_{l+2}^\dagger \exp[\tilde{c}_{l+2}^\dagger F^{(l)} \tilde{c}_{-l}^\dagger] |0\rangle & (l_1 < l < -1), \\ \tilde{c}_{-l}^\dagger \exp[\tilde{c}_{l+2}^\dagger F^{(l)} \tilde{c}_{-l}^\dagger] |0\rangle & (-1 < l < l_2). \end{cases}$$

depaird fermions have
angular momentum *opposite* to the chirality



Summary

- (Numerically) exact solution of Bogoliubov model in rotationally invariant confining potentials
- Formulation respecting Volovik's quantum number Q .
 $Q=0 \Leftrightarrow$ Full "Intrinsic Angular Momentum" $L=vN/2$
- $p+ip$: $Q \rightarrow 0$ in the thermodynamic limit: full IAM
- $d+id$: $Q \neq 0$ $L \rightarrow O(\Delta/E_F)$ cf. semiclassical analysis
reduced L in the thermodynamic limit

The difference is related to the structure of the edge states. $p+ip$ is special due to symmetry-constrained dispersion relation. Generic chiral superfluids are expected to have nonzero Q (reduced L)