

# Vortex Flows in High Voltage AC Power Grids

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Delabays, Coletta, Adagideli and PJ, arXiv:1605.07925  
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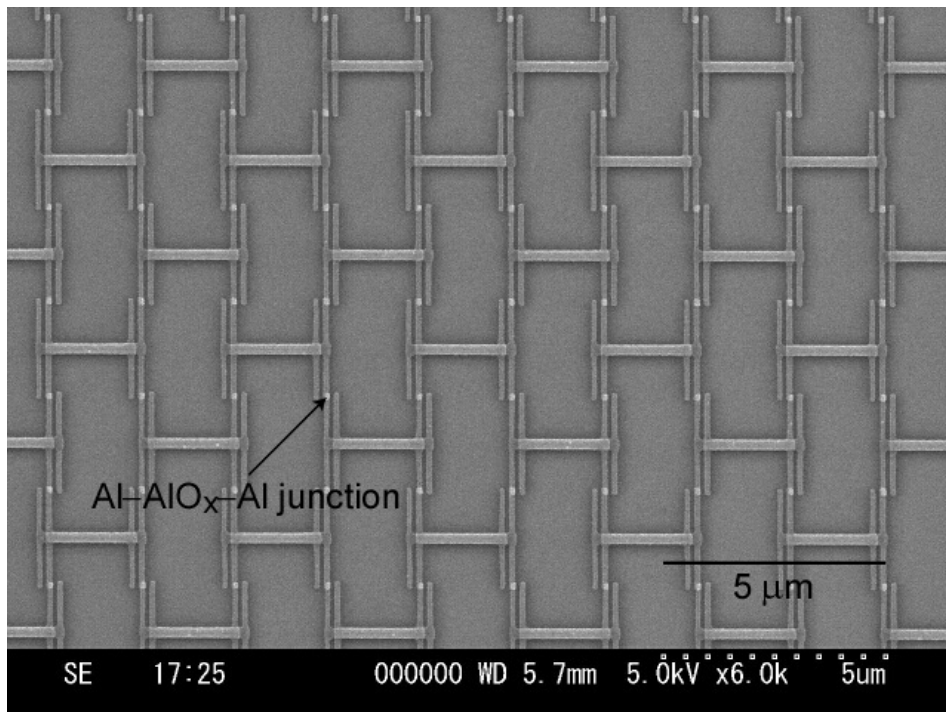
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# Take-home message

Profound, unexpected similarities between  
Josephson junction arrays and  
high voltage AC power grids !



Takahide, Yagi, Kanda, Ootuka, and Kobayashi  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 85, 1974 (2000)



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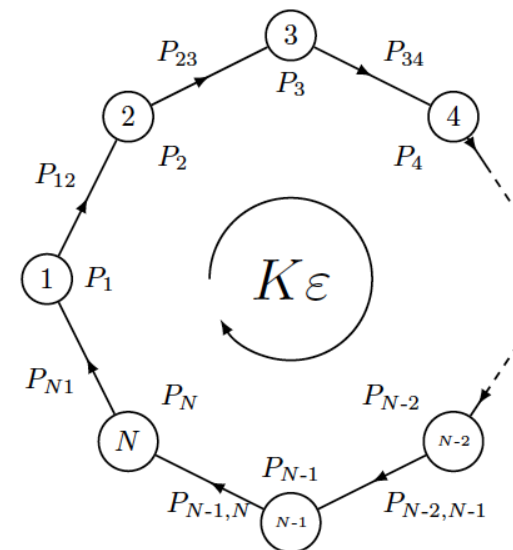
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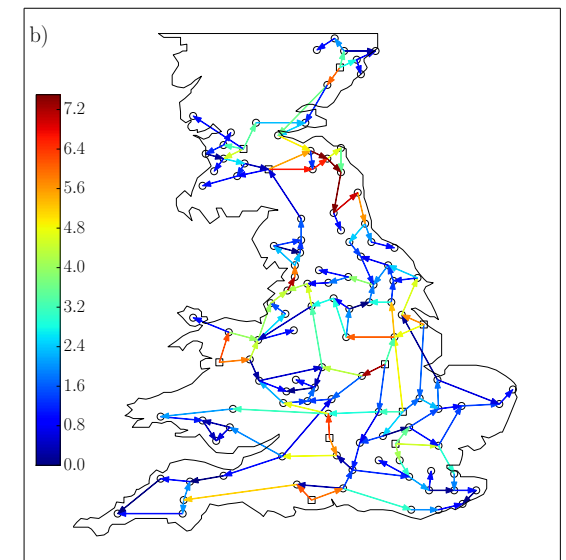
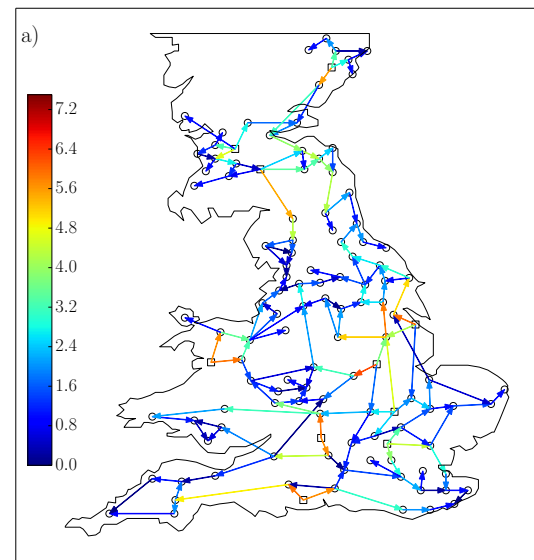
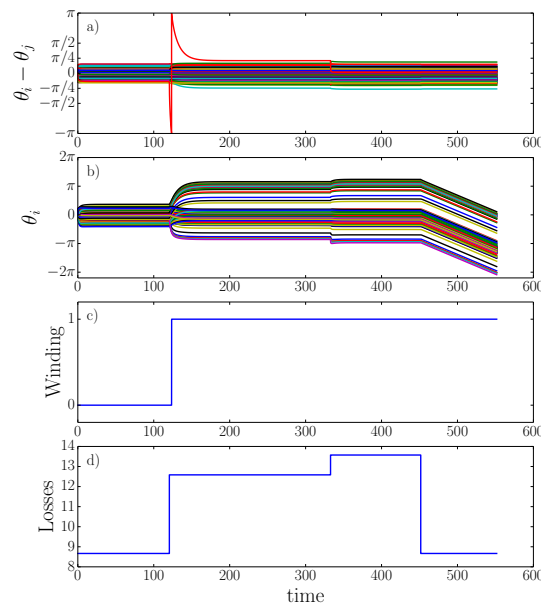
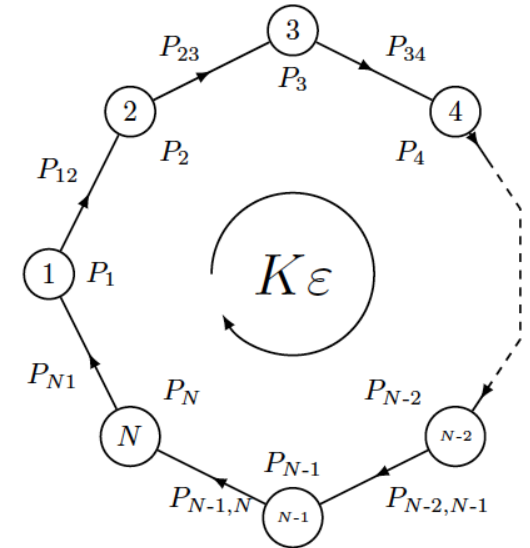
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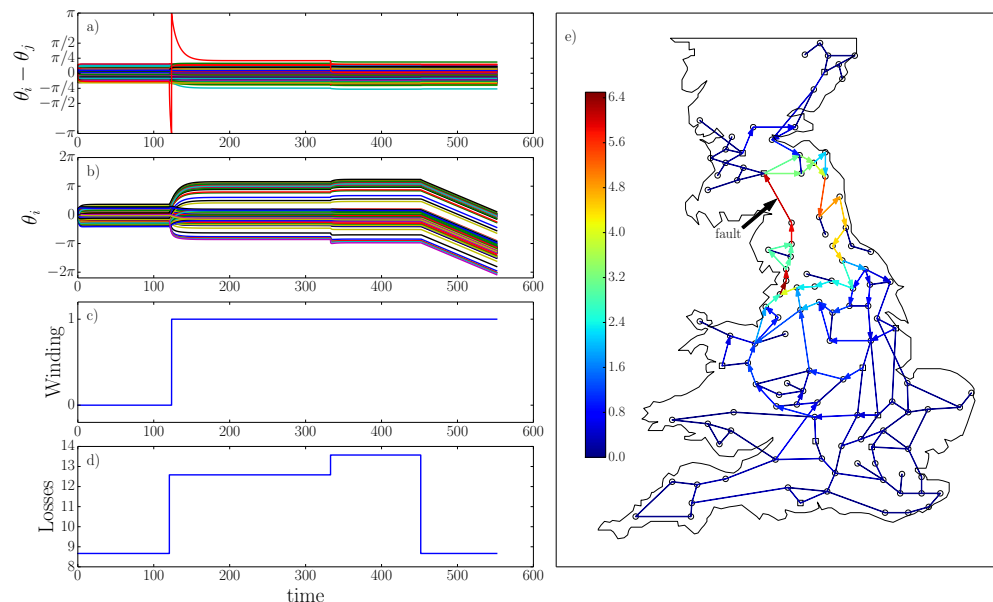
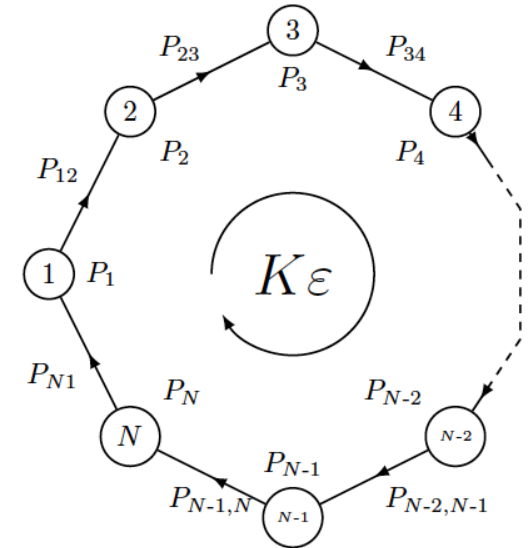
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\*line tripping and reclosure*

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*YES ! They are robust against moderate amounts of dissipation*

# Power flow equations - approximations

- Admittance dominated by its imaginary part for large conductors ~ high voltage

→ neglect conductance  
neglect voltage drops

Power injected  
at bus  $l$

$$P_l = \sum_m \tilde{B}_{lm} \sin(\theta_l - \theta_m)$$

A.k.a. lossless line approximation

Sum of power  
flowing out of  $l$



- Incorporating dissipation to leading order  $\tilde{G}_{lm}/\tilde{B}_{lm} \ll 1$

→

$$P_l = \sum_{m \neq l} \left( \tilde{B}_{lm} \sin(\theta_l - \theta_m) + \tilde{G}_{lm} [1 - \cos(\theta_l - \theta_m)] \right)$$

- Ohmic losses

$$\Delta P = \sum_l P_l = \sum_{l,m} \tilde{G}_{lm} [1 - \cos(\theta_l - \theta_m)] > 0$$

# Generation of vortex flow by line tripping

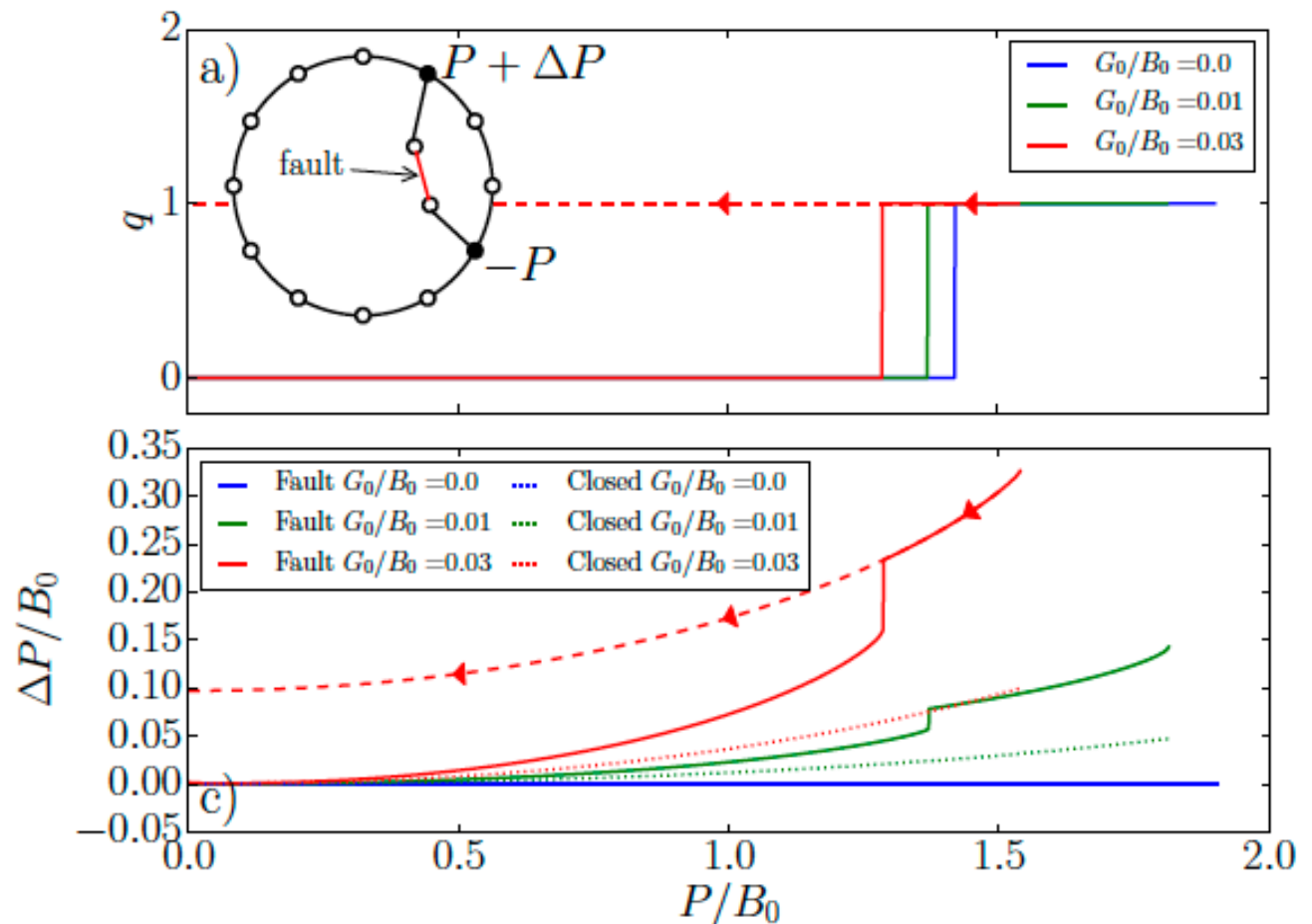
- \*Power grids are meshed - path redundancy
- \*Power is still supplied after one line trips
- \*Consider line tripping in an asymmetric, three-path circuit
- \*all winding numbers vanish initially

Power redistribution can lead to vortex flow with  $q = \sum_i |\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i| / 2\pi > 0$

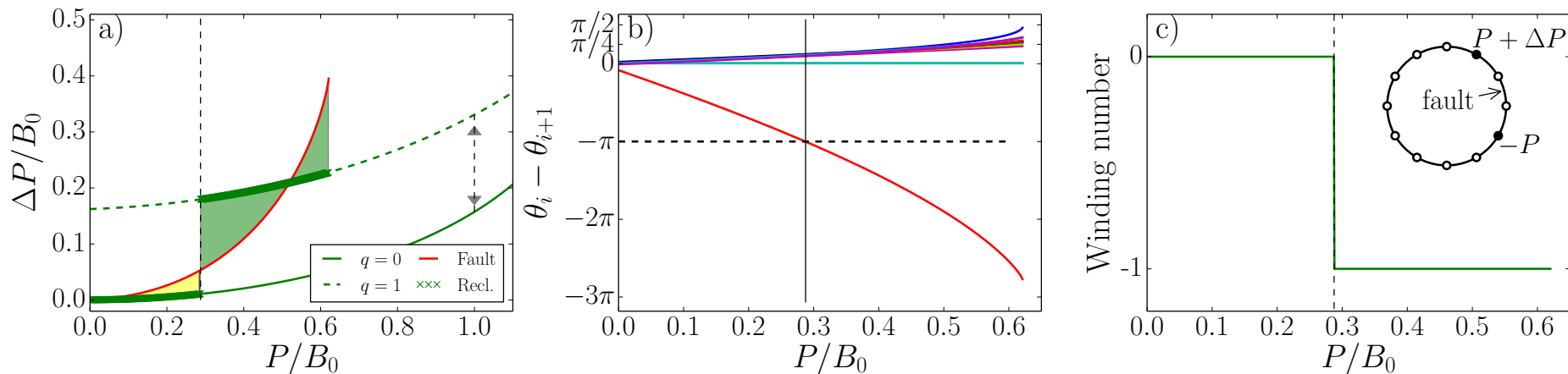
Line tripping at  $P/B_0 > 1.3$

→  $q=1$

Vortex state characterized by  
 -hysteresis  
 = **topological protection**  
 -higher losses



# Generation of vortex flow by line tripping and reclosure



- Single-loop network
- One producer, one consumer
- One line trips, is later reclosed

Vortex formation for  $P/B_0 > 0.26$

Vortex formation for  $|\theta_{i+1} - \theta_i| > \pi$  (two ends of faulted line)



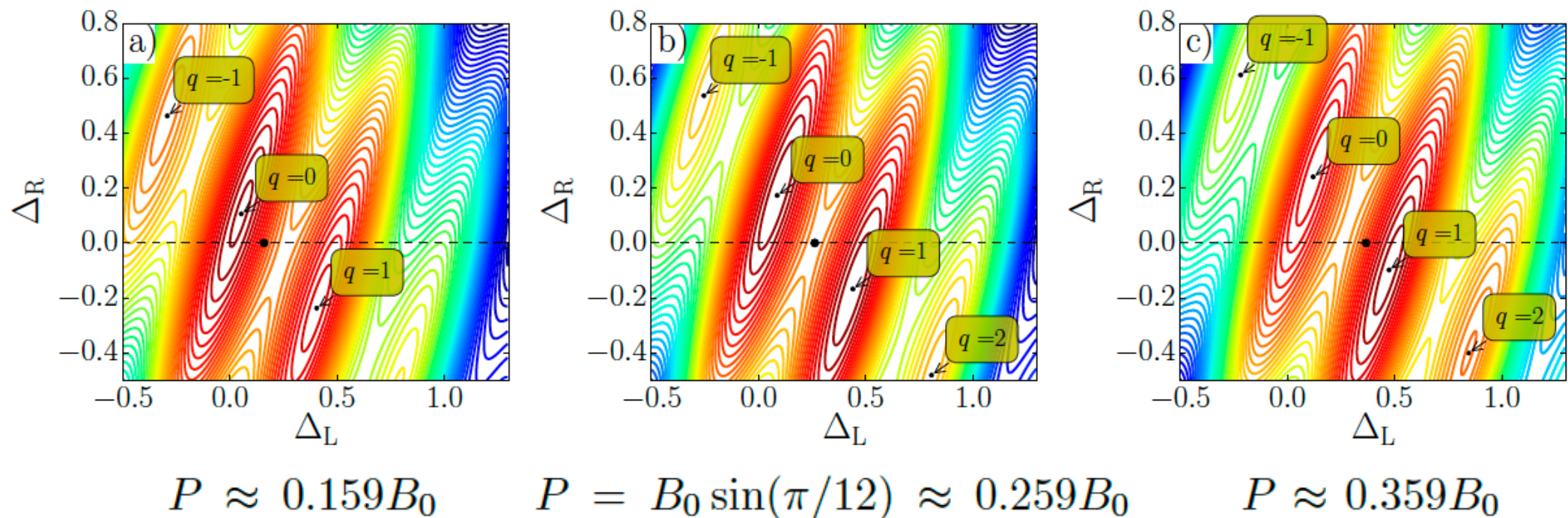
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van Hemmen and Wreskinski '93

\*Steady-state solutions have  $\nabla \mathcal{V} = 0$



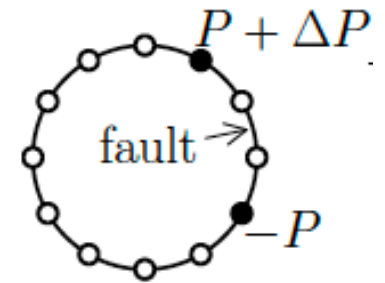
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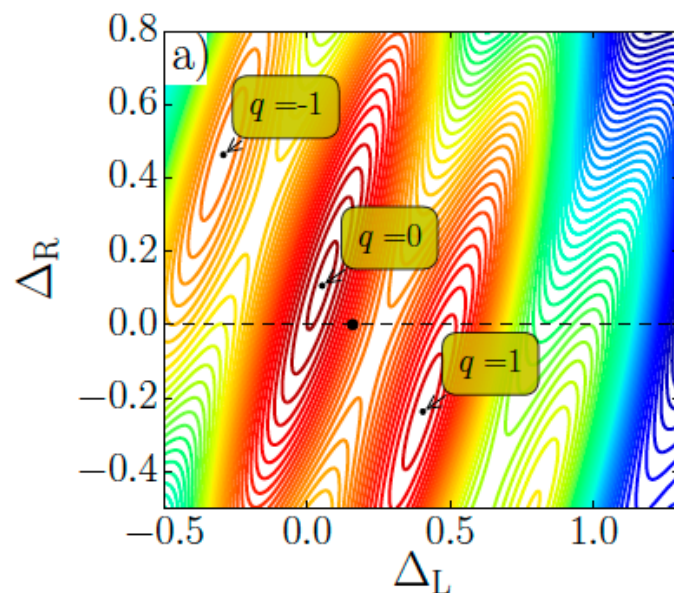
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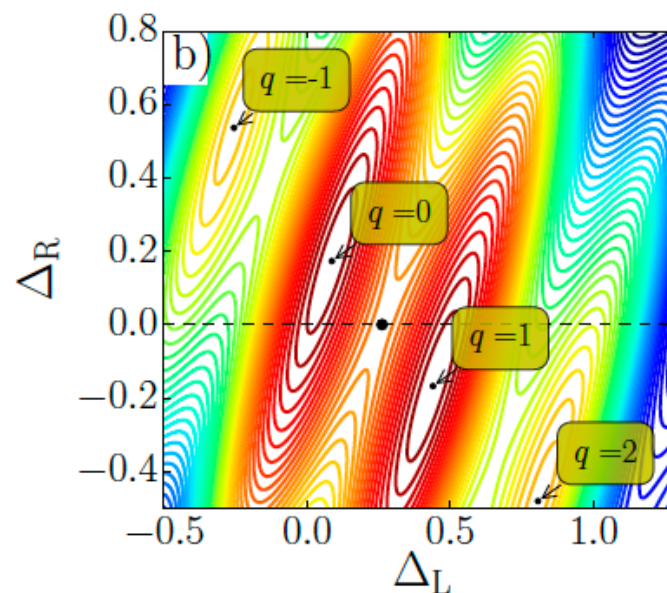
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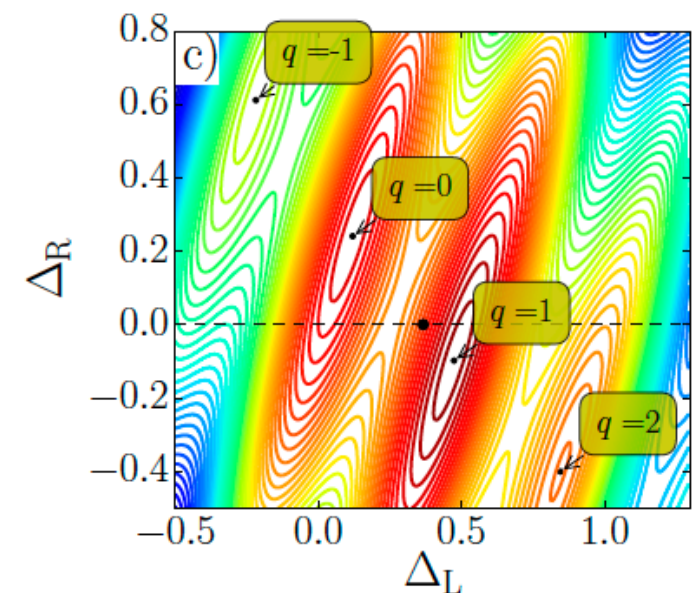
$$\mathcal{V}(\Delta_L, \Delta_R) = -N_L P \Delta_L - N_L B_0 \cos \Delta_L - (N_R - 1) B_0 \cos \Delta_R - B_0 \cos(N_L \Delta_L - (N_R - 1) \Delta_R)$$



$$P \approx 0.159B_0$$

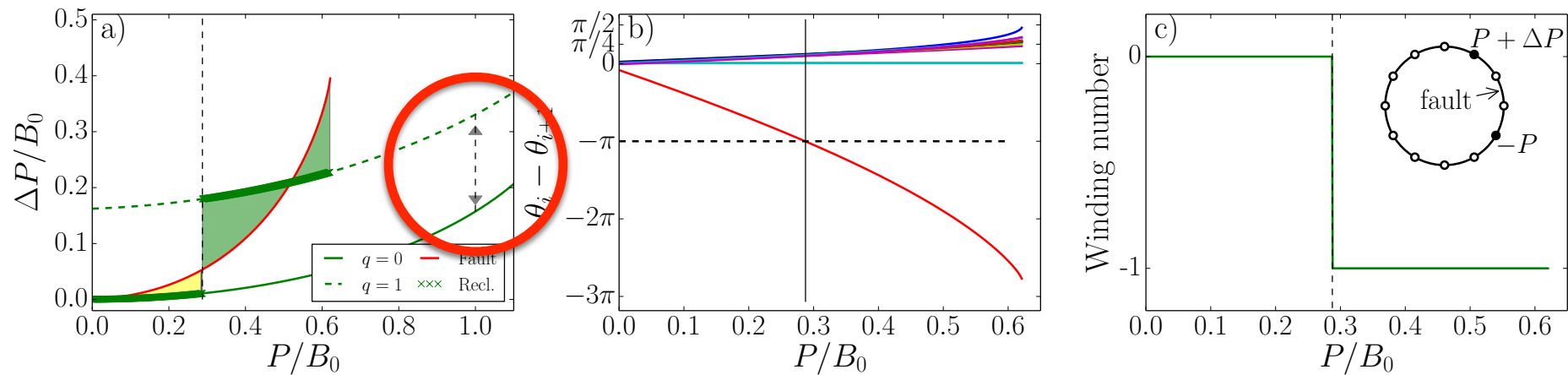


$$P = B_0 \sin(\pi/12) \approx 0.259B_0$$



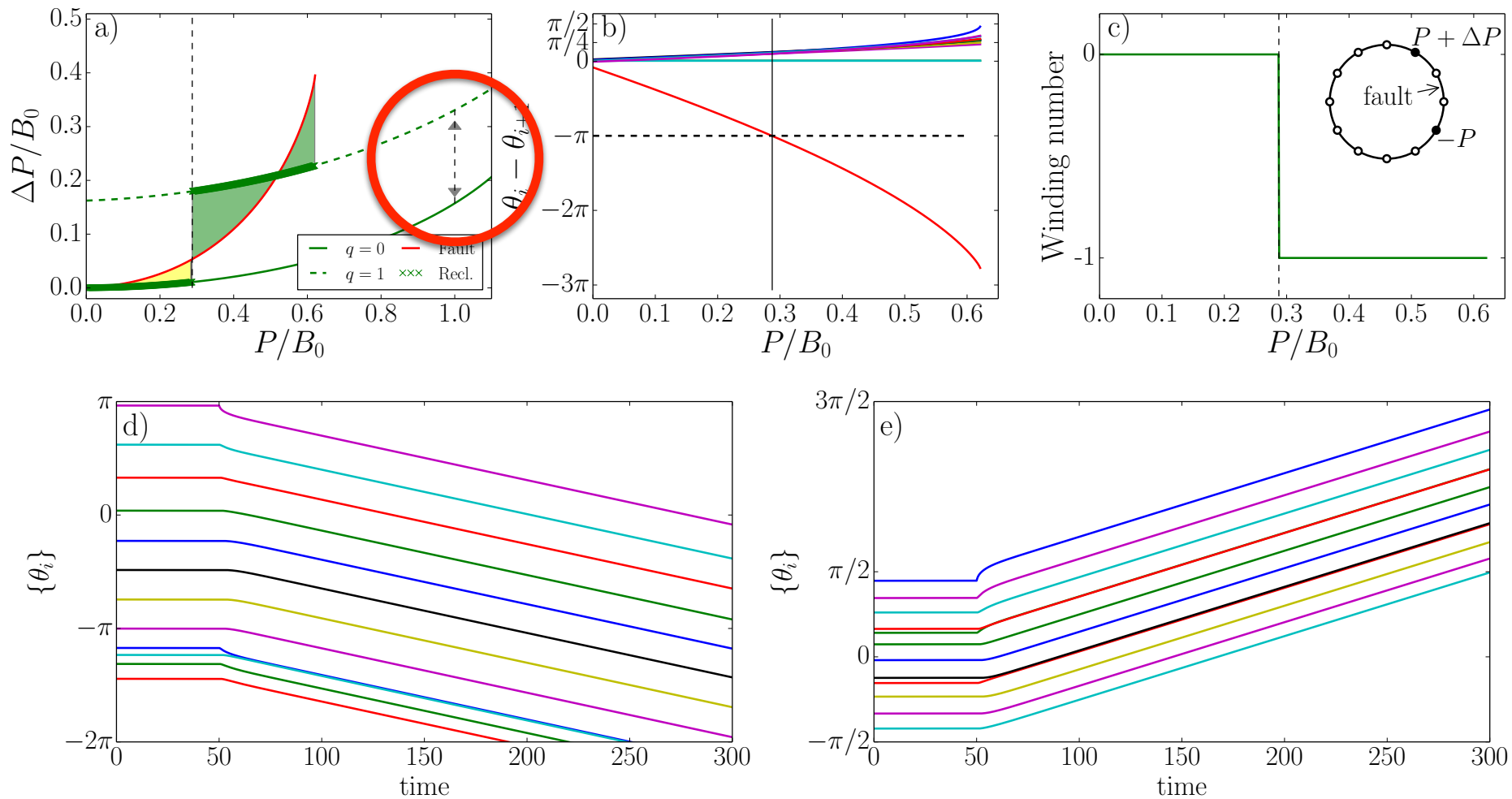
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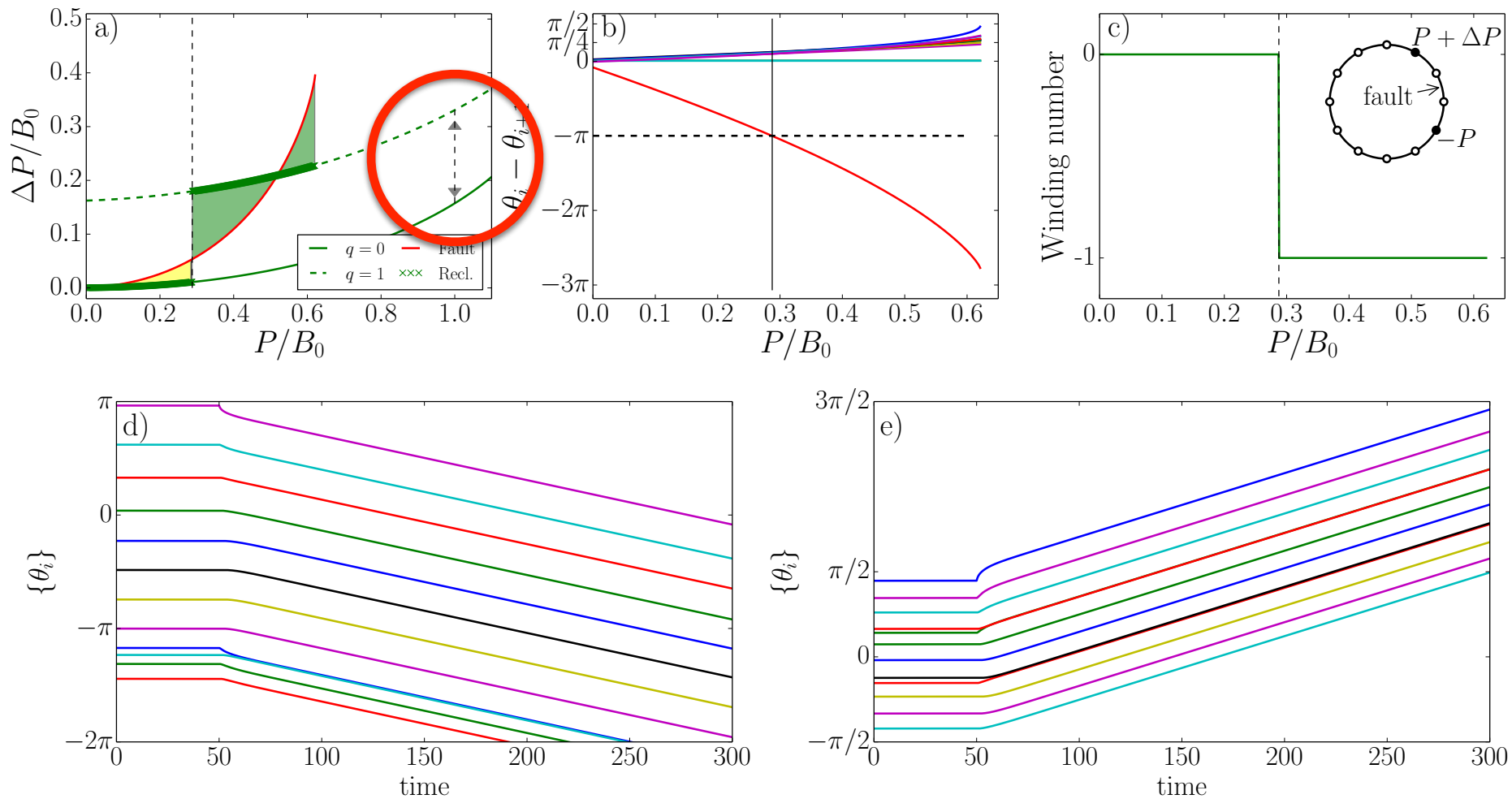
Try to kill / create vortex by adapting  $\Delta P$  ?

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!! Cannot kill nor create vortex by adapting  $\Delta P$  !!  
Instead one changes the grid's frequency

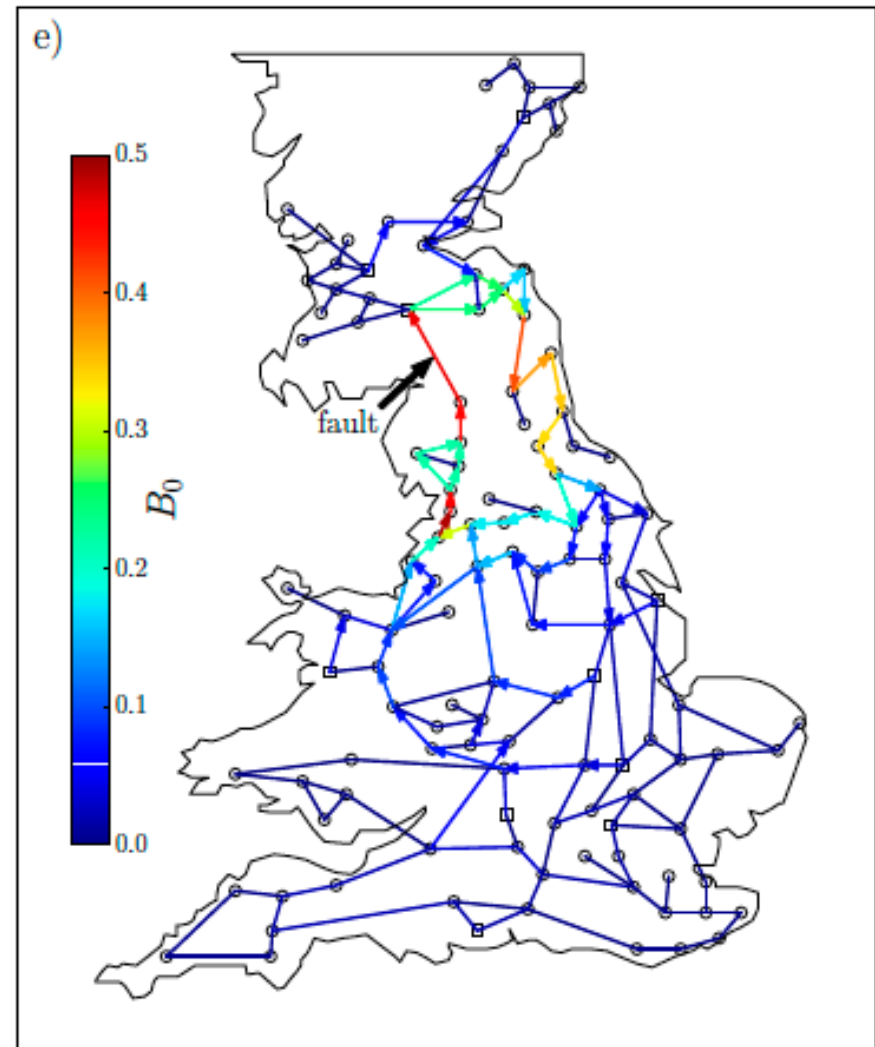
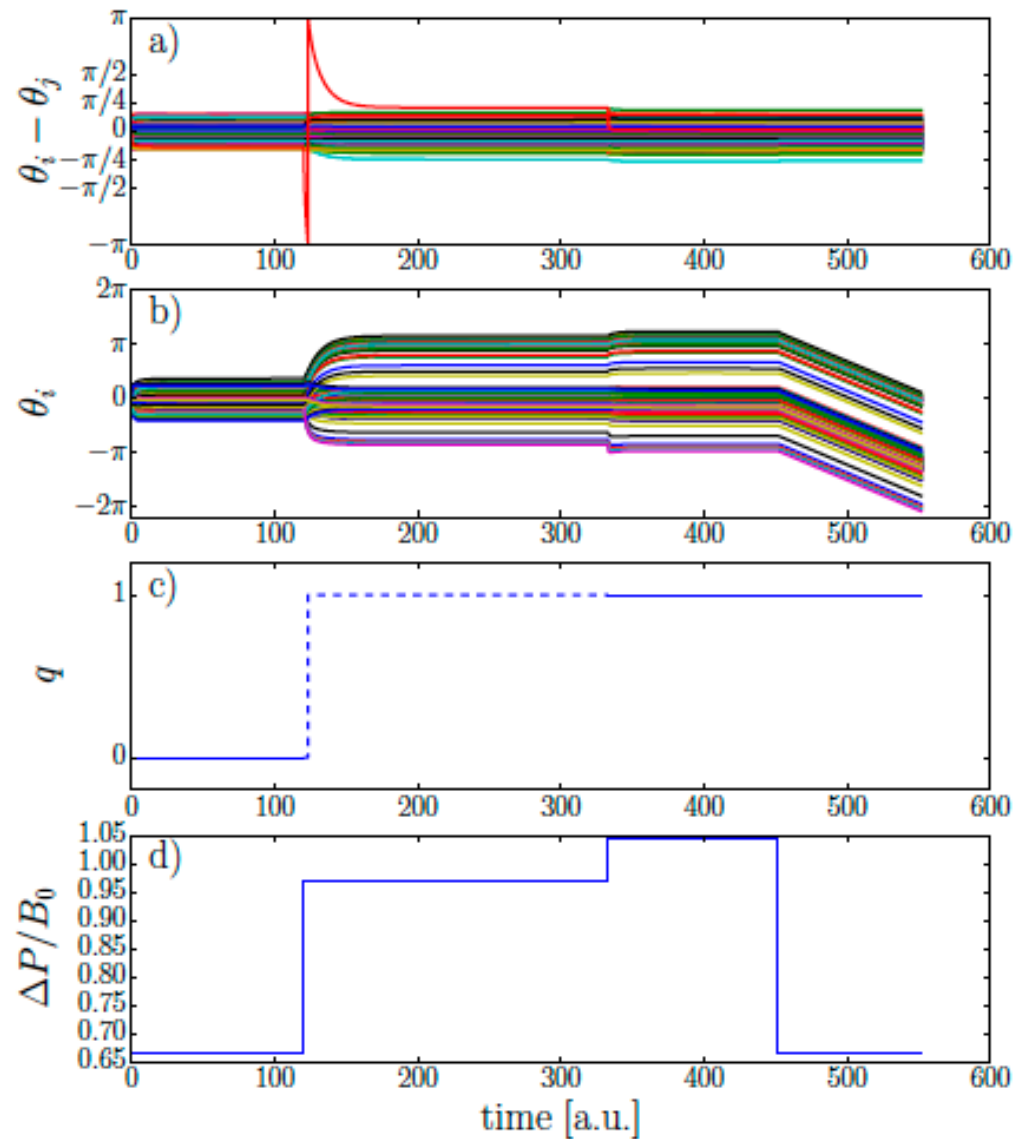
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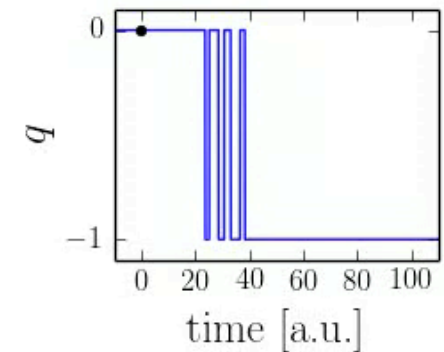
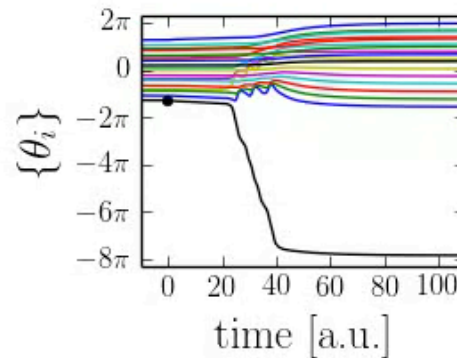
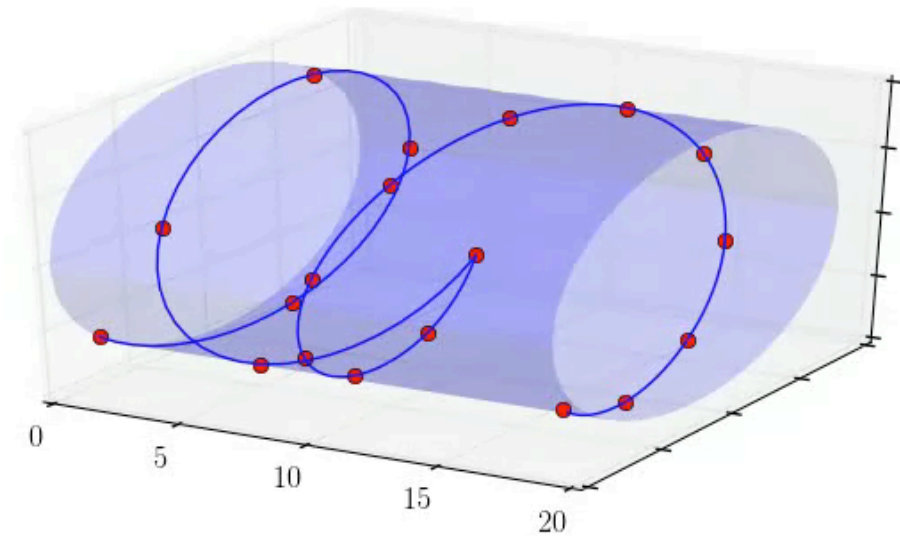
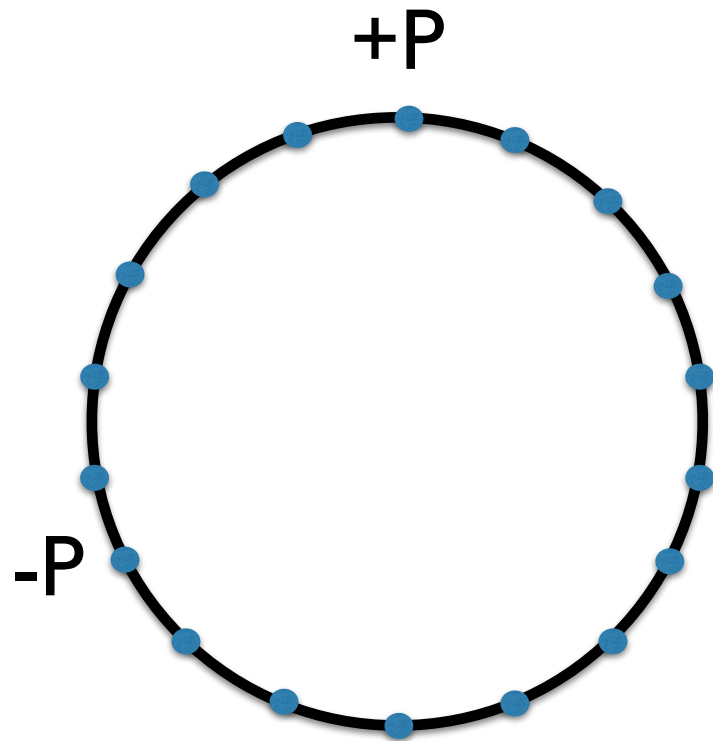
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**!! Topological protection !!**



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# Dynamical generation of vortex flows



Similar to quantum phase slips in JJ arrays

Lau, Markovic, Bockrath, Bezryadin and Tinkham '01

Matveev, Larkin and Glazman '02