

# ***Efficient algorithms for the time-dependent Gross-Pitaevskii equation with harmonic potentials***

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External (trapping) potential  $V_{\text{ext}}$  taken to be harmonic

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$$x = \left( \frac{\hbar}{m\omega_x} \right)^{1/2} X$$

$$y = \left( \frac{\hbar}{m\omega_y} \right)^{1/2} Y$$

$$z = \left( \frac{\hbar}{m\omega_z} \right)^{1/2} Z$$

$$t = \frac{1}{\omega_x} \tau$$

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$^4\text{He}^*$  ( $m = 4.0$  a.m.u.,  $a = 302$  a.u.),  $N = 10^3$

highly anisotropic trap:  $\omega_y \omega_z / \omega_x = 2\pi \times 10^{-1}$  Hz

$$\lambda \approx 1.3$$

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at the upper end:

$^{87}\text{Rb}$  ( $m = 86.9$  a.m.u.,  $a = 106$  a.u.),  $N = 10^5$

isotropic trap:  $\omega \sim 2\pi \times 10^2$  Hz

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$$\lambda > 0$$

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with

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$$\tilde{\chi}(R) \equiv R\chi(R)$$

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$$\Psi(X, Y, Z, \tau) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_X} \sum_{j=0}^{N_Y} \sum_{k=0}^{N_Z} c_{ijk}(\tau) \phi_i(X) \phi_j(Y) \phi_k(Z)$$

$$H_0 \phi_n = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \phi_n$$

# Coupled equations

$$i\dot{c}_{ijk} = E_{ijk}c_{ijk} + \lambda\alpha_{ijk}$$

$$E_{ijk} = \left(i + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\omega_y}{\omega_x} \left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\omega_z}{\omega_x} \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{ijk} = \left(\phi_i(X)\phi_j(Y)\phi_k(Z), |\Psi(X, Y, Z)|^2 \Psi(X, Y, Z)\right)$$



# Scalar product

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# Gauss-Hermite quadrature

$$\alpha = 2^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathcal{P}_{4N_x}(\tilde{x}) e^{-\tilde{x}^2} \mathcal{P}_{4N_y}(\tilde{y}) e^{-\tilde{y}^2} \mathcal{P}_{4N_z}(\tilde{z}) e^{-\tilde{z}^2} d\tilde{x} d\tilde{y} d\tilde{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 2^{-3/2} \sum_{l=1}^{2N_x+1} w_{x,l} \mathcal{P}_{4N_x}(\tilde{x}_l) \sum_{m=1}^{2N_y+1} w_{y,m} \mathcal{P}_{4N_y}(\tilde{y}_m) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{n=1}^{2N_z+1} w_{z,n} \mathcal{P}_{4N_z}(\tilde{z}_n) \end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt{2}\tilde{x}_l$  = roots of  $H_{2N_x+1} \implies 2N_x + 1$  points/dimension  
 $w_{x,l}$  = corresponding Gauss weights

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$$g_{lmn} = \lambda |f_{lmn}|^2 f_{lmn} w_{x,l} w_{y,m} w_{z,n}$$

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2. Calculate  $\lambda |\psi|^2 \psi$
3. Transform back to the  $c_{ijk}$  coefficients by successive application of

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$O(N^4)$  method



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- fewer basis functions than grid points  
especially when  $\Psi$  has a definite parity  
(only even or odd harmonic oscillator functions are needed)

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time propagation from an initial  $c_{ijk}(\tau = 0)$  condition  
4th order Runge-Kutta scheme

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Iterative procedure:

0. Set an initial  $\rho_0$
1. Solve  $H(\rho_{i-1})\Psi_i = \mu\Psi_i$   
(find ground state)
2. Construct  $\rho_i$  from  $\Psi_i$
3. Iterate until  $\rho_i \simeq \rho_{i-1}$

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↪ 1D: diagonalize Hamiltonian matrix

↪ 3D: inverse power method + conjugated gradient

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3.  $D = (1 - \gamma)D_{\text{in}} + \gamma D_{\text{out}}$

$\gamma$  is optimized at each step by  $\gamma = \max(-s/2c, 1)$

$$s = \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{in}}) \cdot D_{\text{out}}] - \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{in}}) \cdot D_{\text{in}}]$$

$$c = \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{in}}) \cdot D_{\text{in}}] + \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{out}}) \cdot D_{\text{out}}] - \\ \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{in}}) \cdot D_{\text{out}}] - \text{Tr} [H(\rho_{\text{out}}) \cdot D_{\text{in}}]$$

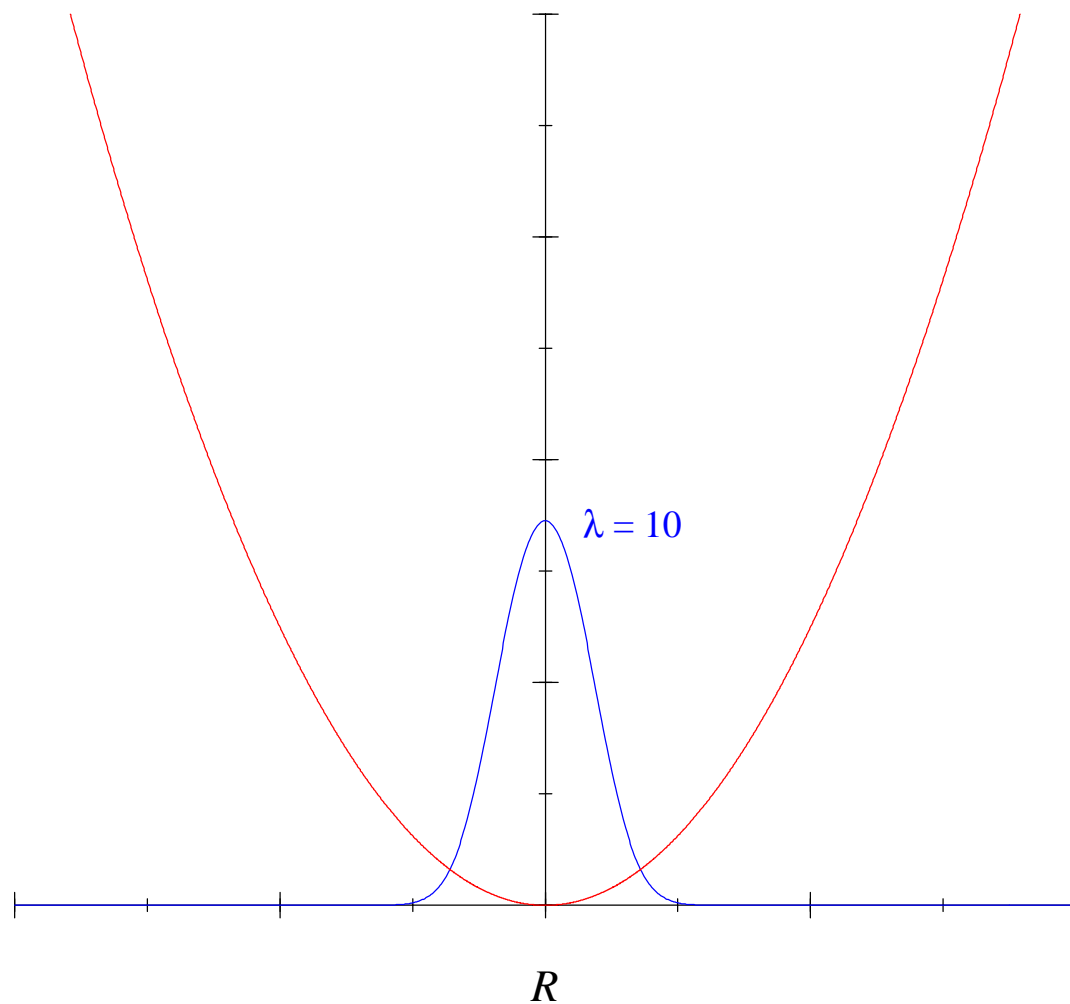
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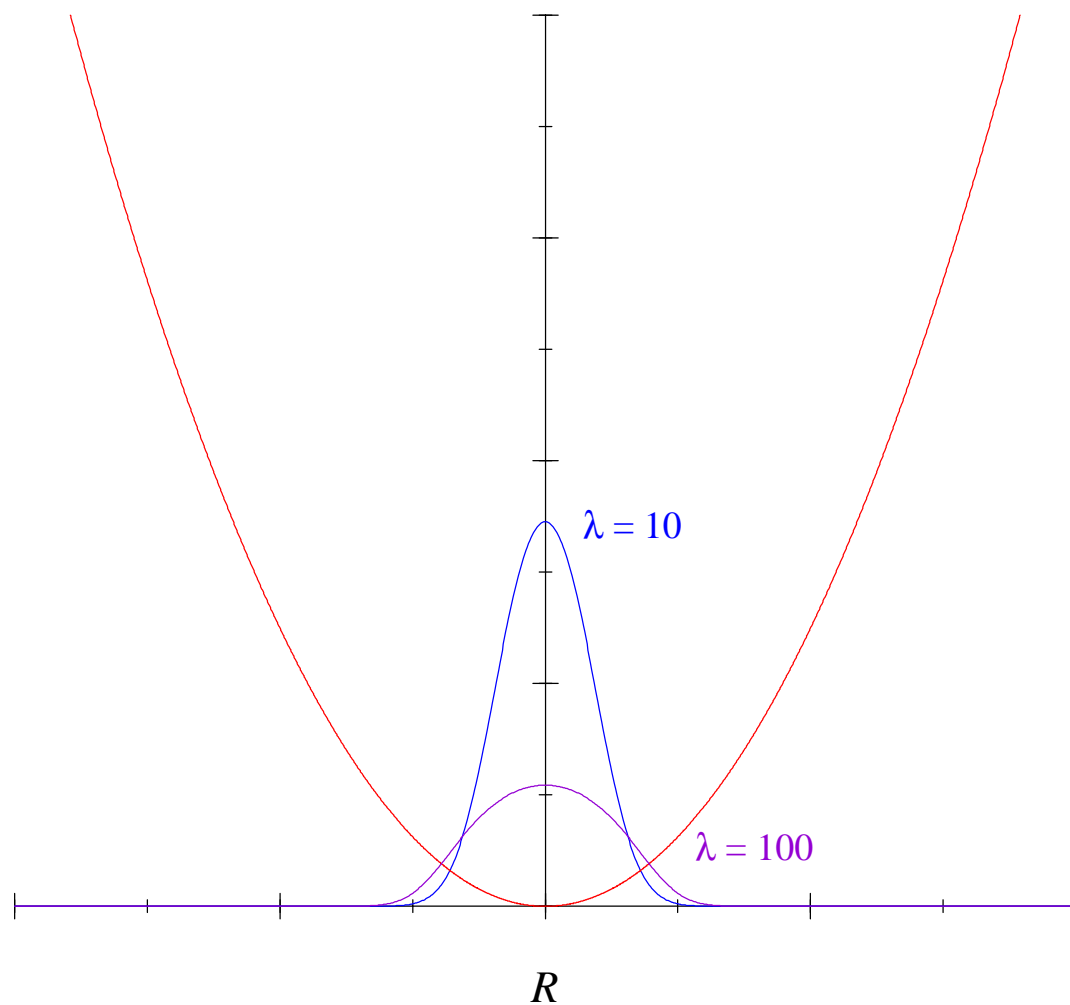
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4.  $D \longrightarrow D_{\text{in}} \longrightarrow \rho_{\text{in}}$ , iterate

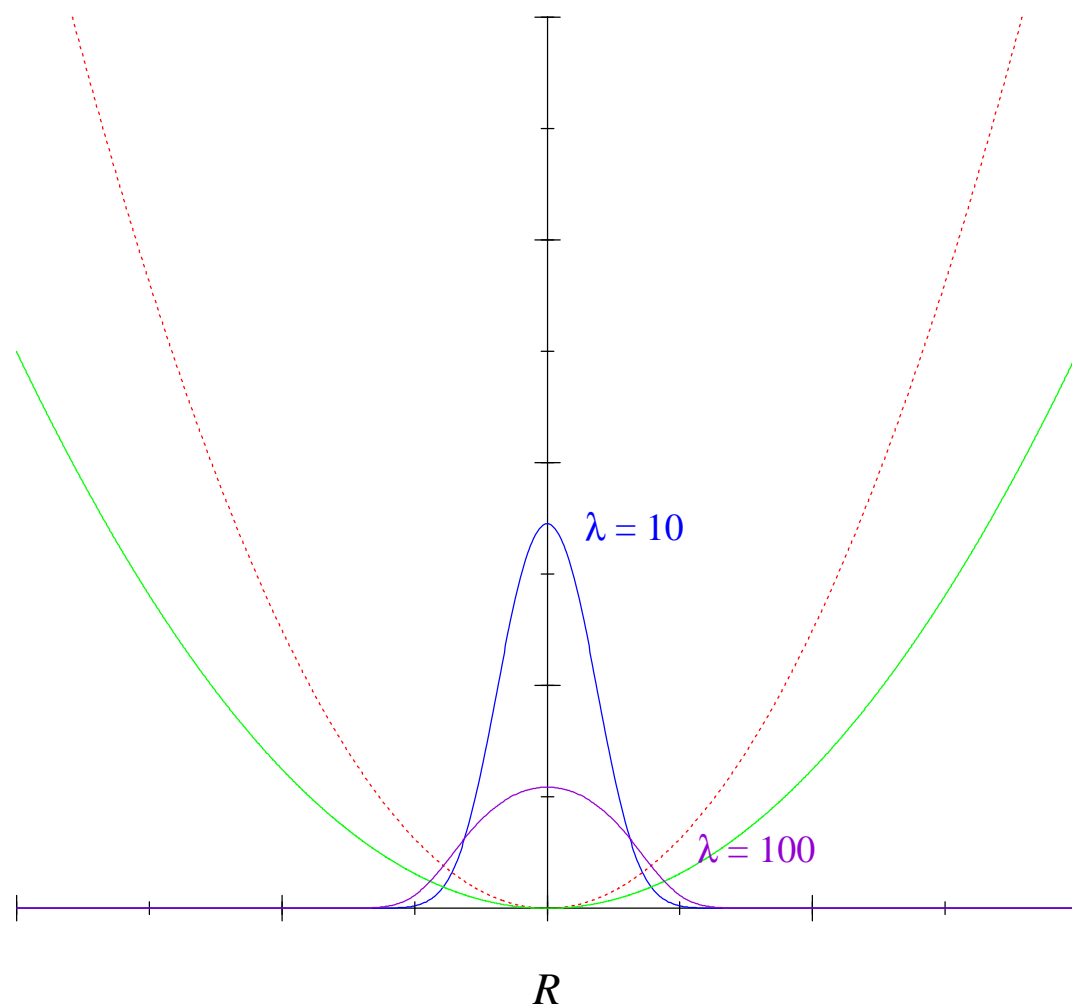
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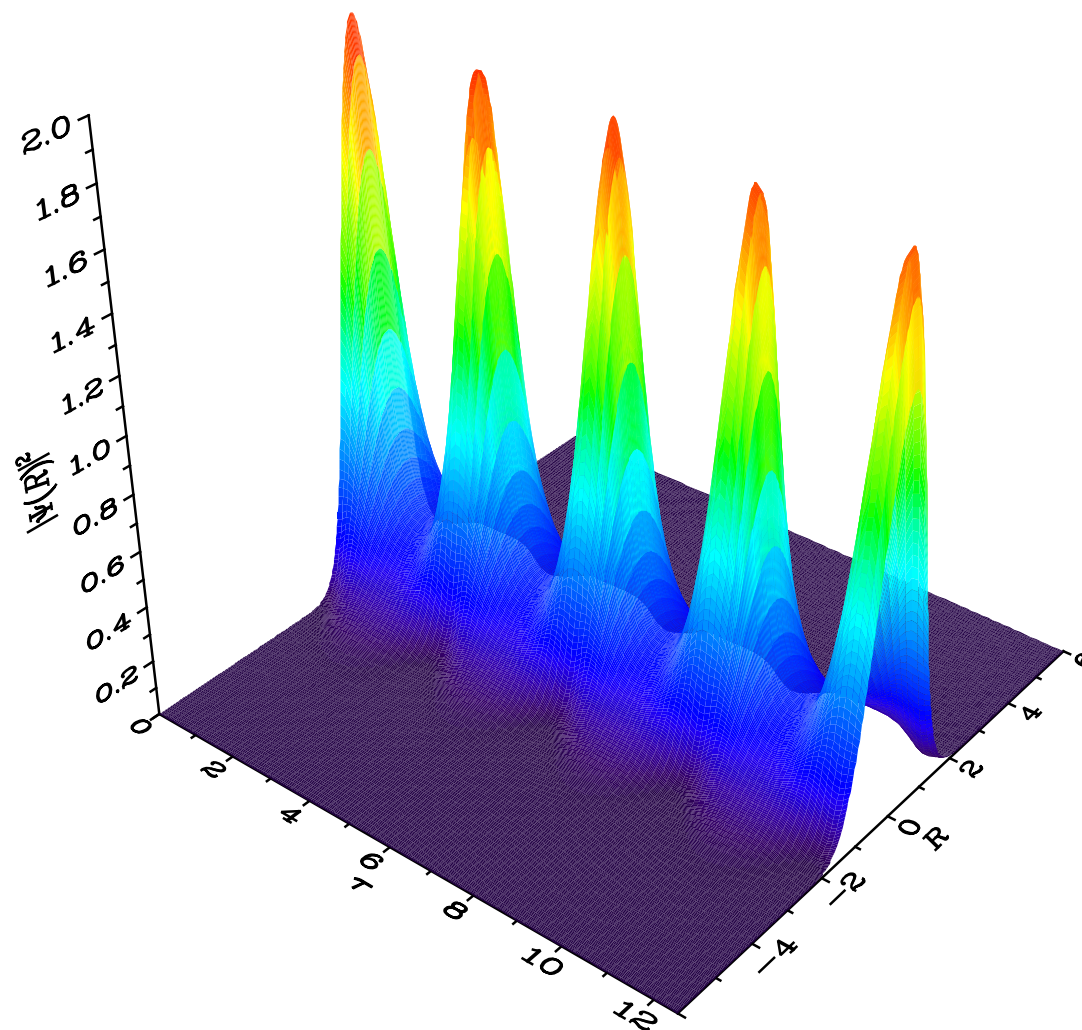
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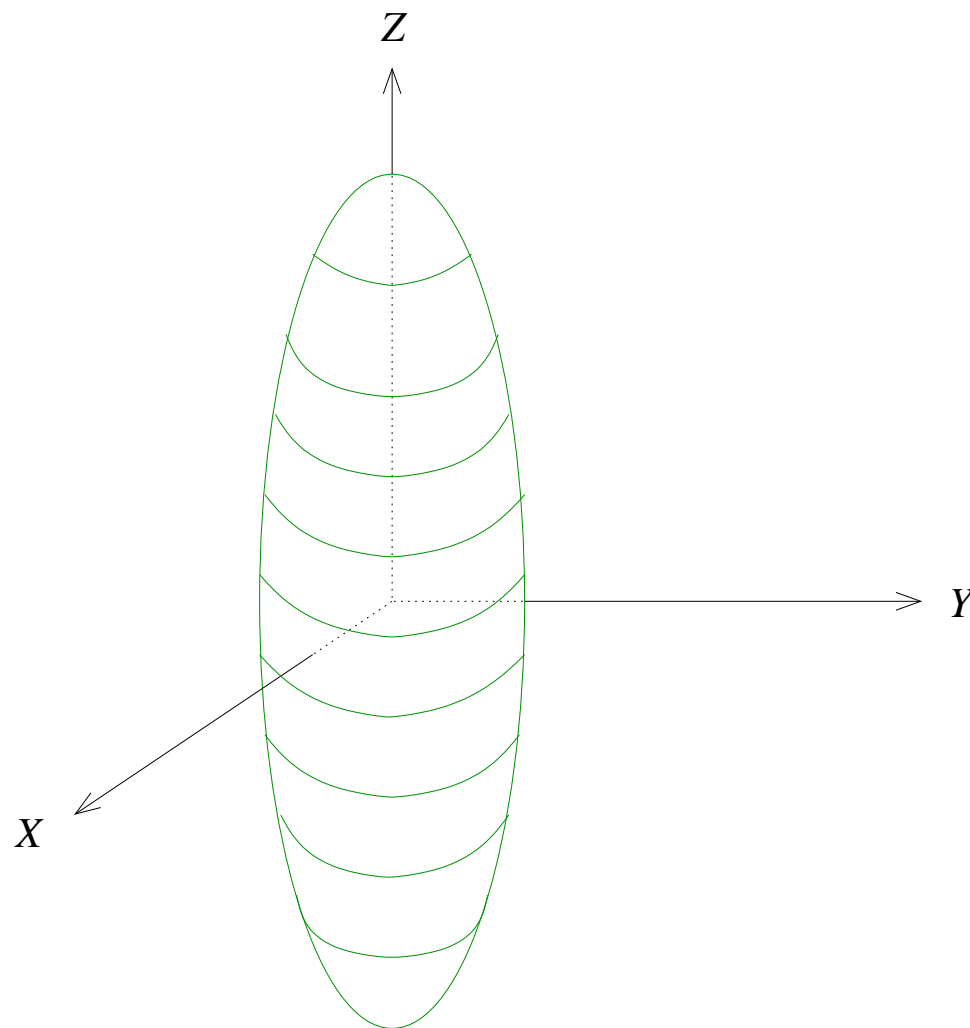


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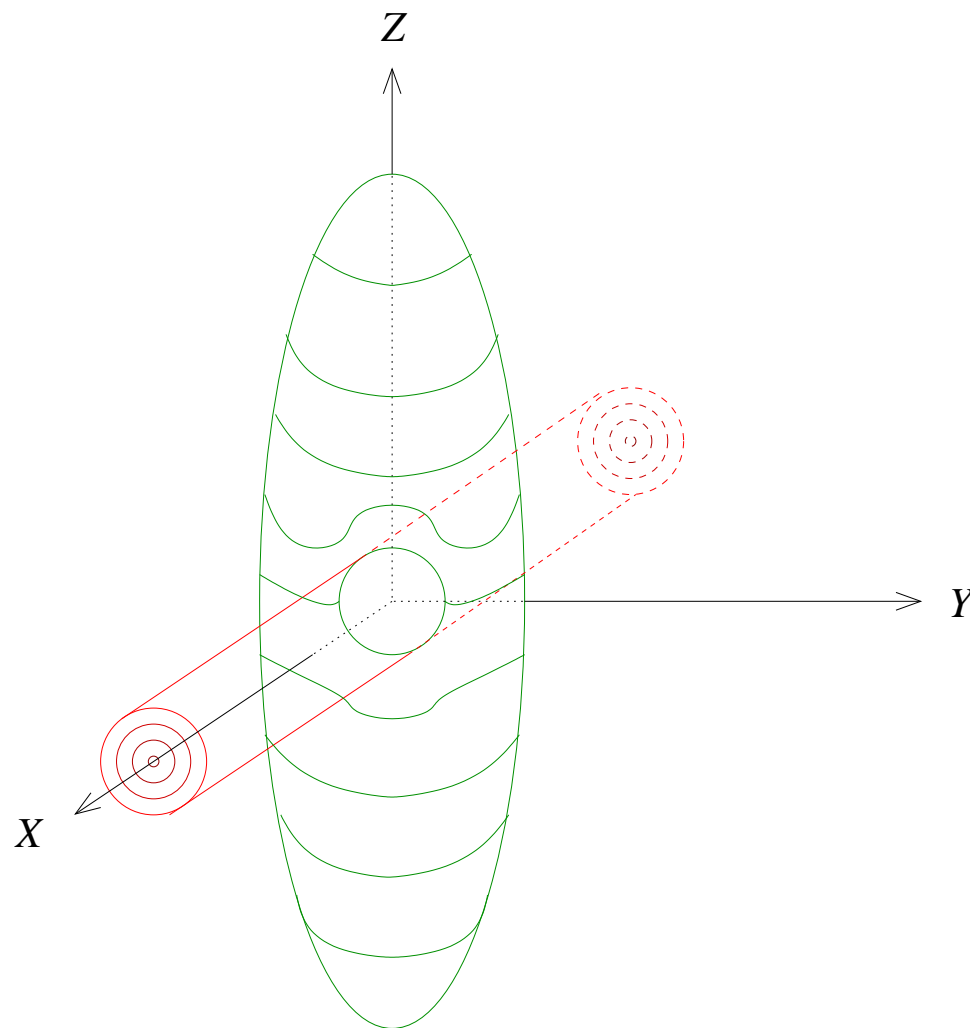




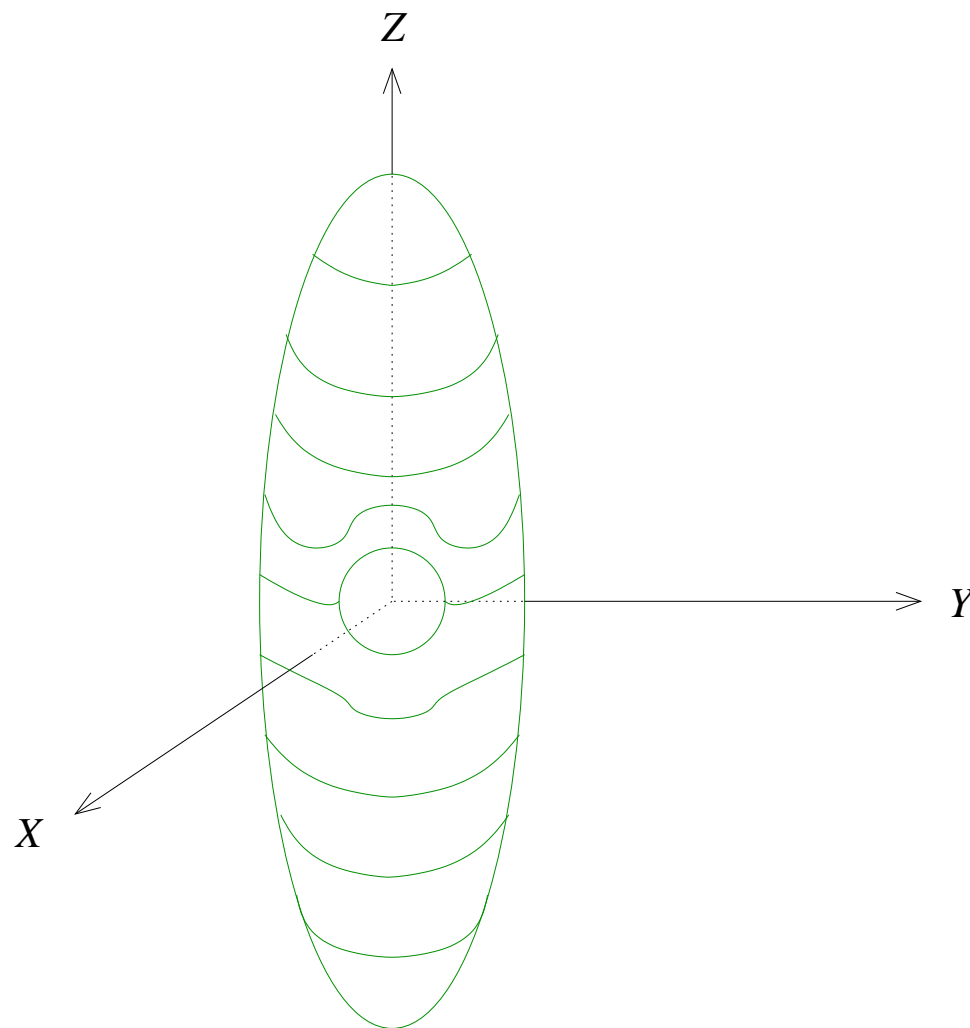
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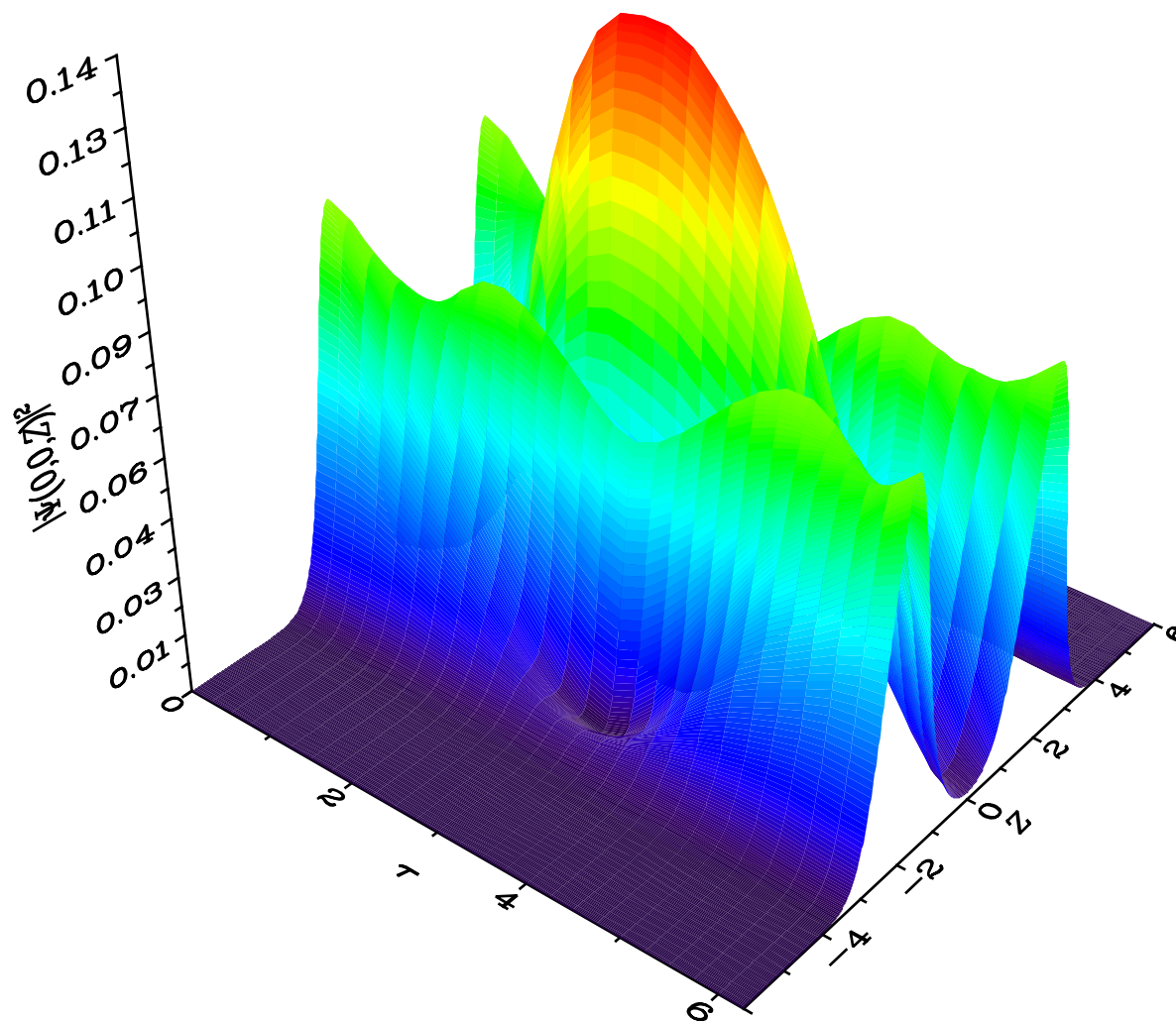
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- We can observe the time evolution of the condensate wave function



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# *Number of basis functions*

Gross–Pitaevskii

1D stationary states

