

Vortex Lattice Formation in a Rotating Bose—Einstein Condensate

This tutorial model solves the Gross-Pitaevskii equation for the vortex lattice formation in a rotating Bose–Einstein condensate bound by a harmonic trap. The equation is essentially a nonlinear single-particle Schrödinger equation, with the interparticle interaction represented by a potential-energy contribution proportional to the local particle density. The time evolution in the rotating frame with phenomenological damping is configured with built-in features of the Schrödinger Equation physics interface. Nucleation of vortices is seen starting at the periphery of the condensate. Subsequently the system goes through a period of spectacular dynamical instability before settling down in the low-energy state of a vortex lattice. The Optimization Module is used for parameter estimation from the numerical results. The time scales of the initial oscillation and the eventual collapse of the ellipticity parameter agree well between simulation and the experimental data published by Madison and others.

Introduction

Madison and others published their experimental work in 2001 (Ref. 1) showing a series of striking images (Fig. 3 in the paper) that vividly demonstrated the nucleation and formation of a vortex lattice in a cloud of Bose-Einstein condensate atoms stirred by a rotating laser field. In the same figure they also plotted the time evolution of the ellipticity, showing an initial oscillation followed by a collapse of the ellipticity to near zero when the system goes through a period of dynamical instability before settling down in the lowenergy state of a vortex lattice.

This model follows the theoretical approach of Tsubota and others (Ref. 2) to simulate this spectacular time evolution process by solving the Gross-Pitaevskii equation in the rotating frame with phenomenological damping (Ref. 3). Particular attention is paid to match the model parameters to the actual experimental conditions in Ref. 1, thus achieving a better agreement of the time evolution of the ellipticity with the published data (see comments throughout the Modeling Instructions section for details).

Model Definition

The parameters used in the model are detailed in the Modeling Instructions section. The equation is easily set up using built-in features of the Schrödinger Equation interface. In particular, the Rotating Frame feature is used to follow the cloud in the rotating frame, and the **Dissipation** feature is used for the phenomenological damping, which is crucial for the system to relax into the low-energy state of a vortex lattice.

First the stationary state of the condensate is solved for using two studies in the same way as the related model example Gross-Pitaevskii Equation for Bose-Einstein Condensation. This produces the initial condition for the subsequent transient study.

Following the approach of Tsubota and others (Ref. 2) for the time dependent study, a chemical potential term is added to the Gross–Pitaevskii equation, and a global equation is used to adjust the chemical potential so as to maintain a constant total number of atoms.

When the time-dependent solution has been obtained, an optimization study is used to analyze the result. At each time point, the computed particle density profile is fitted to the Thomas–Fermi approximation density profile in order to extract the ellipticity parameter to be compared with the experimental data.

Results and Discussion

Figure 1 summarizes the result for the time evolution of the rotating Bose–Einstein condensate by showing the particle density as a function of time. After an initial period of oscillation/rotation of the condensate, its periphery starts to see vortices forming around 300 ms. A period of dynamical instability follows with vortices moving randomly. Eventually the system settles into the low-energy state of a vortex lattice.

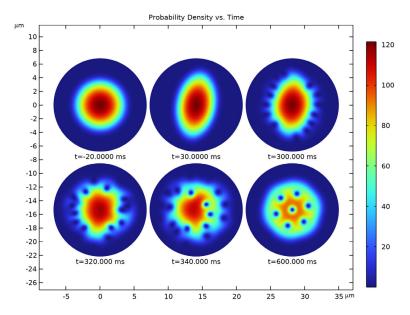


Figure 1: Time evolution of the particle density profile.

In addition to the figure, the model generates a mesmerizing movie of the time evolution of the particle density profile. Make sure to check it out!

Due to practical limitations on the optical imaging system in the experimental setup, it is not possible to obtain the images of the density profile as shown in Figure 1 while the atoms are still being trapped. Instead, in the experiment, the atoms are released from the trap and the cloud is allowed to freely expand for a duration of 25 ms to a size of about 300 µm. The aspect ratio of the cloud also changes dramatically before and after the free expansion — an initial cigar shape becomes a final pancake shape, with the long and short dimensions swapped before and after the expansion. Keep this in mind when comparing the simulated in-trap density profile with the published images of the after-expansion atom cloud.

The stationary solution can be compared with the Thomas-Fermi approximation, where the kinetic energy term in the nonlinear Schrödinger equation is neglected and the particle density profile takes on the shape of the trapping potential (upside down) by a simple algebraic solution of the remaining equation. Figure 2 below compares the computed density with the result from the Thomas–Fermi approximation in the *X* direction.

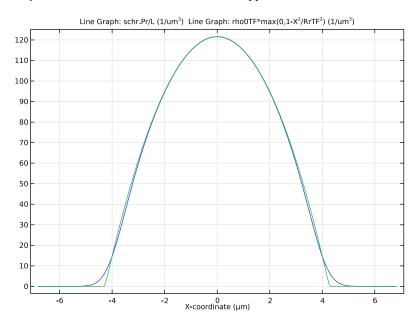


Figure 2: Comparison of computed density with Thomas-Fermi approximation in the X direction.

The time evolution process shown in Figure 1 can be distilled to a single ellipticity parameter, which is obtained by fitting the particle density profile to a simple function to extract the major and minor axes of the ellipse. For the simulated in-trap density profiles shown in Figure 1, the Thomas–Fermi approximation provides a good fit function. By fitting it to the simulated density profile at each time point, the ellipticity parameter can be computed as a function of time. Figure 3 shows the result. The time scales of the initial oscillation and the eventual collapse agree very well with the data shown in Fig. 3 of the experimental paper (Ref. 1). The magnitude is slightly different but this is understandable, given the possible shape change before and after the free expansion as discussed above.

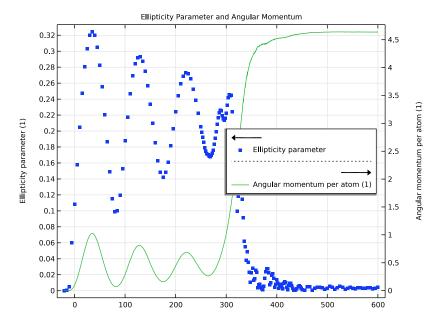


Figure 3: Ellipticity parameter and angular momentum per atom as functions of time.

Another important parameter that characterizes the transition from an oscillating/rotating full cloud to a vortex lattice is the angular momentum, which is also plotted in Figure 3. The general behavior of initial oscillation and eventual gaining of a certain angular momentum in proportional to the number of vortices is consistent with the simulation result by Tsubota and others (Fig. 3 in Ref. 2). However here the time scale of our result is much closer to the experimental data.

As mentioned before, the Optimization Module is used for the fitting. The quality of the fit can be checked by plotting the contours of the fit data (simulated density profile) and

the contours of the fit function (Thomas-Fermi density profile) together and comparing them, as shown in Figure 4.

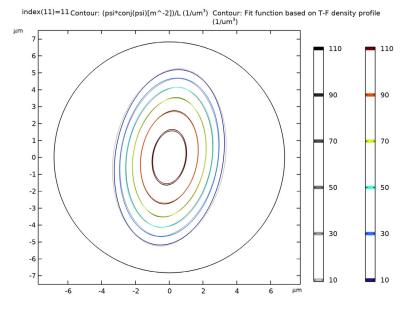


Figure 4: Fit data (simulated density profile; grayscale) and fit function (Thomas-Fermi density profile; color).

References

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- 2. M. Tsubota, K. Kasamatsu, and M. Ueda, "Vortex lattice formation in a rotating Bose-Einstein condensate," Phys. Rev. A, vol. 65, p. 023603, 2002.
- 3. S. Choi, S.A. Morgan, and K. Burnett, "Phenomenological damping in trapped atomic Bose-Einstein condensates," Phys. Rev. A, vol. 57, p. 4057, 1998.

Application Library path: Semiconductor Module/Quantum Systems/ vortex_lattice_formation_in_a_rotating_bose_einstein_condensate From the File menu, choose New.

NEW

In the New window, click Model Wizard.

MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click **Q** 2D.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Semiconductor>Schrödinger Equation (schr).
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click Study.
- 5 In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces>Eigenvalue.
- 6 Click M Done.

GEOMETRY I

Select a convenient length unit.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.
- 3 From the Length unit list, choose μm .

Define a step function to smoothly ramp up and down the ellipticity parameter ε for the time-dependent study.

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Step I (step I)

- I In the Home toolbar, click f(x) Functions and choose Global>Step.
- 2 In the Settings window for Step, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 In the Location text field, type 0.5.
- 4 Click to expand the Smoothing section. In the Size of transition zone text field, type 0.95.

Following the experimental paper Ref. 1, enter the model parameters.

Parameters 1

- I In the Model Builder window, click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, locate the Parameters section.

Name	Expression	Value	Description
а	5.5[nm]	5.5E-9 m	Scattering length
m	86.909[g/mol]/ N_A_const	1.4432E-25 kg	Atomic mass
g	4*pi*hbar_const^2* a/m	5.3261E-51 J·m³	Coupling constant

According to Bretin's thesis, the stirring laser field was turned on instantaneously, with the ellipticity parameter ε ramped up in 20 ms. Therefore in the model we can make the stirring laser field always on, and make the ellipticity parameter ε time dependent. To share the same formulas between time-dependent and stationary studies, define a time parameter using the same name t as the built-in time parameter for time-dependent studies. Then use the step function defined earlier to ramp up and down the ellipticity parameter ε , assuming the same ramp down time period of 20 ms. The formula is set up such that the ramp up starts at -20 ms and finishes at time t=0. The magnitude of ε is set to 0.032, which is based on the text in both the experimental paper and Bretin's thesis, even though the caption of Fig. 3 in the paper gave an inconsistent value of 0.025, which presumably is a typo.

4 In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
tau	20[ms]	0.02 s	Ramp duration
t	-tau	-0.02 s	Time parameter
t_off	300[ms]	0.3 s	Off time
epst	0.032*step1((t+tau)/ tau)*(1-step1((t- t_off)/tau))	0	Ellipticity parameter

It is not clear from the paper how exactly the semimajor and semiminor axes vary with the ellipticity parameter ε . However it seems reasonable to assume that the area of the ellipse remains constant during the ramp. Thus we obtain the following formulas for the ε_X and ε_Y parameters for the optical potential from the stirring laser field. The reference values of 0.03 and 0.09 are based on an earlier experimental paper by the same group as cited by the theoretical paper Ref. 2.

Name	Expression	Value	Description
epsX	(epst+sqrt(0.03*0.09+ epst^2-0.03*0.09* epst^2))/(1-epst)	0.051962	Optical potential parameter
epsY	(-epst+sqrt(0.03* 0.09+epst^2-0.03* 0.09*epst^2))/(1+ epst)	0.051962	Optical potential parameter

With the ellipticity related parameters ε_X and ε_Y ready, we can now enter the trap parameters. The aspect ratio parameter λ is set to 9.2 as shown in the caption of Fig. 3 in the experimental paper. For the trap frequencies, ω_t is without the stirring laser field, while ω_X and ω_Y are with the laser on.

6 In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
WZ	2*pi*11.8[Hz]	74.142 Hz	Longitudinal trap frequency
lambda	9.2	9.2	Trap aspect ratio
wt	lambda*wz	682.1 Hz	Transverse trap frequency
wX2	wt^2*(1+epsX)	4.8944E5 1/s ²	Transverse trap frequency squared
wY2	wt^2*(1+epsY)	4.8944E5 1/s ²	Transverse trap frequency squared
wbar	wt*sqrt((1.03+ 1.09)/2)	702.27 Hz	Average transverse trap frequency

The stirring frequency Ω is scaled with the average transverse trap frequency $\overline{\omega}$ by a constant factor of 0.7 in the experiment. To keep Ω constant (independent of the timevarying ellipticity parameter ε), the average transverse trap frequency $\overline{\omega}$ has been fixed at a constant value using the reference values of 0.03 and 0.09 in the formula above, instead of using the time-varying $\omega_{\mathbf{Y}}$ and $\omega_{\mathbf{Y}}$ as in the experimental paper which would have caused a slight change in Ω when ε is ramped up and down.

Name	Expression	Value	Description
Omega	0.7*wbar	491.59 Hz	Stirring frequency

The ellipticity parameter α is expressed in terms of the stirring frequency and the condensate size parameters R_X and R_Y , which will be computed as fitting parameters to the time-dependent simulation result. For the initial stationary solution, we can compute the Thomas-Fermi values for comparison. The number of atoms in the condensate is chosen to be 1.5e5, which is within the range of the experiment and fits best the number of vortices in the experiment.

8 In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
N	1.5e5	1.5E5	Number of atoms
RrTF	(15*g*wz*N/(4*pi* m*wbar^3))^0.2	4.267E-6 m	Transverse size of condensate (T-F)
RzTF	(15*g*wbar^2*N/(4* pi*m*wz^4))^0.2	4.0417E-5 m	Longitudinal size of condensate (T-F)
rhoOTF	15*N/(8*pi*RrTF^2* RzTF)	1.2165E20 1/m³	Peak density of condensate (T-F)

The Thomas-Fermi approximation also helps to compute a reasonable out-of-plane thickness for the 2D model. If the criterion for the out-of-plane thickness is such that the peak density in the 2D model matches the Thomas-Fermi peak density in 3D, the following formula applies:

9 In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
L	N/rhoOTF/(pi*RrTF^2/ 2)	4.3112E-5 m	Out-of-plane thickness

Finally, to estimate the parameter γ for the phenomenological damping, the Thomas-Fermi approximation can also help. The formula below is based on the theoretical paper Ref. 3 as cited by Ref. 2. The experimental paper only gives a rough indication of the temperature of 100 nK, which will be used here.

Name	Expression	Value	Description
kT	k_B_const*100[nK]	1.3806E-30 J	Thermal energy
muTF	rho0TF*g	6.4795E-31 J	Chemical potential (T-F)
gamma	4*m*(a*kT)^2/pi/ hbar_const^3*exp(2* muTF/kT)*muTF/kT* besselk(1,muTF/kT)/ wt	0.028521 rad	Damping parameter
t_damp	(1+gamma^2)/gamma/ wt	0.051444 s	Damping time scale
t_trap	2*pi*(1+gamma^2)/wt	0.009219 s	Transverse trap time scale

Draw a circle for the modeling domain, using the condensate radius from the Thomas-Fermi approximation as a guide for the domain size.

GEOMETRY I

Circle I (c1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Circle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Circle, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 3 In the Radius text field, type 1.6*RrTF.
- 4 Click Build All Objects.

Set up the physics, first for the eigenvalue study for the ground state of noninteracting atoms, to be used as the initial condition of the subsequent stationary study. Use the transverse trap energy for the eigenvalue scale.

SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION (SCHR)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Schrödinger Equation (schr).
- 2 In the Settings window for Schrödinger Equation, locate the Model Properties section.
- 3 Find the **Eigenvalue study** subsection. In the λ_{scale} text field, type hbar_const*wt.

Enter the atomic mass, the trap potential energy, and the optical potential energy from the stirring laser field.

Atomic Mass

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr) click Effective Mass 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Effective Mass, type Atomic Mass in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Effective Mass** section. In the $\mathbf{m}_{\text{eff.e.}11}$ text field, type m.

Trap Potential Energy

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr) click Electron Potential Energy I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Electron Potential Energy, type Trap Potential Energy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Electron Potential Energy section. From the V_e list, choose User defined. In the associated text field, type $m*wt^2*(X^2+Y^2)/2$.

Optical Potential Energy

- In the Physics toolbar, click Domains and choose Electron Potential Energy.
- 2 In the Settings window for Electron Potential Energy, type Optical Potential Energy in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Domain Selection section. From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- 4 Locate the Electron Potential Energy section. From the V_{ρ} list, choose User defined. In the associated text field, type m*wt^2*(epsX*X^2+epsY*Y^2)/2.

The Electron Potential Energy feature is accumulative, so this term will be added to the **Trap Potential Energy** term above in the equation to be solved.

Create a mesh with finer elements at the central part of the domain, using the condensate radius from the Thomas-Fermi approximation as a guide for the element size.

MESH I

Size Expression 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) right-click Mesh I and choose Size Expression.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size Expression, locate the Element Size Expression section.
- 3 In the Size expression text field, type if(X^2+Y^2<(RrTF*1.3)^2,RrTF/10,RrTF/7).

Free Triangular 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click Free Triangular.
- 2 In the Settings window for Free Triangular, click to expand the Tessellation section.

- 3 From the Method list, choose Delaunay.
- 4 Click Build All.

Set up and compute the eigenvalue study for the noninteracting particle ground state.

STUDY I - EIGENVALUE FOR INITIAL CONDITION

- I In the Model Builder window, click Study I.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, type Study 1 Eigenvalue for Initial Condition in the **Label** text field.
- ${f 3}$ Locate the Study Settings section. Clear the Generate default plots check box.

Steb 1: Eigenvalue

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study I Eigenvalue for Initial Condition click Step I: Eigenvalue.
- 2 In the Settings window for Eigenvalue, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 In the Desired number of eigenvalues text field, type 1.
- 4 In the Search for eigenvalues around shift text field, type 1.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click **Compute**.

Now we can add the interaction term using the coupling constant g multiplied by the particle density. In this model we use the normalization convention that the probability density schr.Pr integrates to the total number of atoms N. Thus the number of atoms N does not appear in the formula. Since this is a 2D model, the probability density schr.Pr is divided by the out-of-plane thickness L to give the correct density in 3D.

SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION (SCHR)

Interaction Energy

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Electron Potential Energy**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Electron Potential Energy, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- 4 Locate the Electron Potential Energy section. From the V_e list, choose User defined. In the associated text field, type g*schr.Pr/L.
- 5 In the Label text field, type Interaction Energy.
 - In order for the stationary study to solve the nonlinear eigenvalue problem, we need to set up a global normalization equation for the wave function. First enable the equation-based options if you have not done so. Then set up a global equation to enforce the normalization that the probability density schr.Pr integrates to the total number of

atoms N by adjusting a unitless number E0. The number E0 is then used to scale the total energy of the system with the Thomas-Fermi chemical potential muTF, which is a convenient constant to use with the appropriate magnitude to make E0 close to unity for the global equation. The eigenenergy is found when E0 is such that the global equation for normalization is satisfied.

- 6 Click the Show More Options button in the Model Builder toolbar.
- 7 In the Show More Options dialog box, in the tree, select the check box for the node Physics>Equation-Based Contributions.
- 8 Click OK.

Global Equations - Normalization for Stationary Study

- I In the Physics toolbar, click A Global and choose Global Equations.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global Equations, type Global Equations -Normalization for Stationary Study in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Global Equations** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	f(u,ut,utt,t) (1)	Initial value (u_0) (1)	Initial value (u_t0) (1/s)	Description
E0	<pre>schr.int(schr.Pr)/ N-1</pre>	0	0	

- 4 In the Model Builder window, click Schrödinger Equation (schr).
- 5 In the Settings window for Schrödinger Equation, locate the Model Properties section.
- **6** Find the **Stationary study** subsection. In the E text field, type E0*muTF.

Create a node group for the physics features that are only used in the Stationary study. Set up an initial condition node to inherit the normalized wave function schr.Psi of the noninteracting particle ground state from the eigenvalue study. Note that this has to be combined with the **Initial expression** option in the study settings as detailed below.

7 In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr) right-click Global Equations - Normalization for Stationary Study (ODEI) and choose Group.

Stationary Study

In the Settings window for Group, type Stationary Study in the Label text field.

Initial Values 2

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Initial Values**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Initial Values, locate the Domain Selection section.

- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- 4 Locate the Initial Values section. In the psi text field, type schr.Psi.

Now we can set up a stationary study to solve for the condensate. Use the **Initial expression** option to enable the Initial Values 2 node that we just configured. Use the Auxiliary sweep to ramp the number of atoms from 1 up to N.

ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select General Studies>Stationary.
- 4 Click Add Study in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to close the Add Study window.

STUDY 2

Step 1: Stationary

- I In the Settings window for Stationary, click to expand the Results While Solving section.
- 2 From the Probes list, choose None.
- 3 Click to expand the Values of Dependent Variables section. Find the Initial values of variables solved for subsection. From the Settings list, choose User controlled.
- 4 From the Study list, choose Study I Eigenvalue for Initial Condition, Eigenvalue.
- 5 Click to expand the **Study Extensions** section. Select the **Auxiliary sweep** check box.
- 6 Click + Add.
- 7 In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
N (Number of atoms)	1 10 N	

- 8 In the Model Builder window, click Study 2.
- 9 In the Settings window for Study, type Study 2 Stationary for Condensate in the Label text field.
- 10 Locate the Study Settings section. Clear the Generate default plots check box.
- II In the **Home** toolbar, click **Compute**.

Plot the particle density profile along the X direction to compare with the Thomas–Fermi approximation. Again the probability density schr. Pr is divided by the out-of-plane thickness L to give the correct density in 3D to compare with the Thomas-Fermi result.

RESULTS

Cut Line 2D L

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Results node.
- 2 Right-click Results>Datasets and choose Cut Line 2D.
- 3 In the Settings window for Cut Line 2D, locate the Data section.
- 4 From the Dataset list, choose Study 2 Stationary for Condensate/Solution 2 (sol2).
- **5** Locate the **Line Data** section. Clear the **Bounded by points** check box.

Stationary Profile - Compare with T-F Approx.

- I In the Results toolbar, click \to ID Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, type Stationary Profile Compare with T-F Approx. in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Cut Line 2D 1.
- 4 From the Parameter selection (N) list, choose Last.

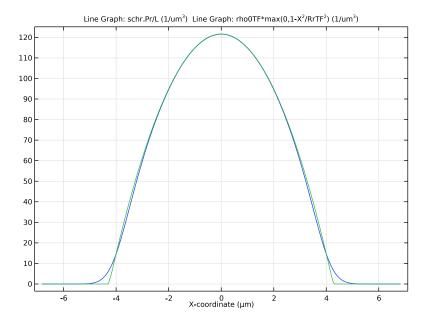
Numerical Solution

- I Right-click Stationary Profile Compare with T-F Approx. and choose Line Graph.
- 2 In the Settings window for Line Graph, type Numerical Solution in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the y-Axis Data section. In the Expression text field, type schr.Pr/L.
- 4 In the Unit field, type 1/um³.
- 5 Locate the x-Axis Data section. From the Parameter list, choose Expression.
- **6** In the **Expression** text field, type X.
- 7 Right-click Numerical Solution and choose Duplicate.

T-F Approx.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results>Stationary Profile Compare with T-F Approx. click Numerical Solution 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Line Graph, type T-F Approx. in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the y-Axis Data section. In the Expression text field, type rho0TF*max(0,1-X^2/ RrTF^2).

4 In the Stationary Profile - Compare with T-F Approx. toolbar, click Plot.



With the stationary condensate solution ready, we can now set up the physics for time evolution under the influence of the stirring laser field. First add a Rotating Frame feature to solve the model in the rotating frame. Put it under a node group for the time-dependent study.

SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION (SCHR)

Rotating Frame 1

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Rotating Frame**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotating Frame, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- **4** Locate the **Rotating Frame** section. In the Ω text field, type Omega.
- 5 Right-click Rotating Frame I and choose Group.

Transient Study

In the Settings window for Group, type Transient Study in the Label text field.

Add phenomenological damping, which is crucial for the system to relax into the lowenergy state of vortex lattices.

Dissipation I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Dissipation**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Dissipation, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- **4** Locate the **Dissipation** section. In the γ text field, type gamma.

Following the theoretical paper by Ref. 2, use a global equation to adjust the chemical potential in order to maintain the same number of condensate atoms N. As in the global equation for the Stationary study, here we also use a unitless number mu multiplied by the Thomas-Fermi energy muTF, with the latter having the appropriate magnitude such that the scale of mu is close to unity for the global equation. Use the solution for E0 from the Stationary study as the initial condition for mu.

Chemical Potential

- In the Physics toolbar, click Domains and choose Electron Potential Energy.
- 2 In the Settings window for Electron Potential Energy, type Chemical Potential in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Domain Selection section. From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- 4 Locate the Electron Potential Energy section. From the V_e list, choose User defined. In the associated text field, type -mu*muTF.

Global Equations 2 (ODE2)

- I In the Physics toolbar, click A Global and choose Global Equations.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global Equations, locate the Global Equations section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	f(u,ut,utt,t) (1)	Initial value (u_0) (I)	Initial value (u_t0) (1/s)	Description
mu	schr.int(schr.Pr)/ N-1	<pre>withsol(' sol2',EO, setind(N, -1))</pre>	0	

Finally set up the initial value to use the solution for the dependent variable psi from the Stationary study. Note that this has to be combined with the Initial expression option in the study settings as detailed below.

Initial Values 3

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Initial Values**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Initial Values, locate the Domain Selection section.

- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.
- 4 Locate the **Initial Values** section. In the *psi* text field, type psi.

Now set up a time-dependent study to simulate the transient behavior. To save time, choose a slightly loose relative tolerance. Disable the physics node group for the Stationary study. Use the Initial expression option to enable the Initial Values 3 node that we just configured.

ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select General Studies> Time Dependent.
- 4 Click Add Study in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to close the Add Study window.

STUDY 3

Step 1: Time Dependent

- I In the Settings window for Time Dependent, locate the Study Settings section.
- **2** From the **Time unit** list, choose **ms**.
- 3 In the Output times text field, type range(-tau,5[ms],250[ms]) range(252[ms], 2[ms],450[ms]) range(455[ms],5[ms],600[ms]).
- 4 From the Tolerance list, choose User controlled.
- 5 In the Relative tolerance text field, type 5e-4.
- 6 Locate the Physics and Variables Selection section. Select the Modify model configuration for study step check box.
- 7 In the tree, select Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr)>Stationary Study.
- 8 Click O Disable.
- 9 Click to expand the Values of Dependent Variables section. Find the Initial values of variables solved for subsection. From the Settings list, choose User controlled.
- 10 From the Study list, choose Study 2 Stationary for Condensate, Stationary.
- II From the Parameter value (N) list, choose Last.
- 12 In the Model Builder window, click Study 3.

13 In the Settings window for Study, type Study 3 - Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation in the **Label** text field.

The system goes through a time period of dynamical instability before settling down to the low-energy vortex lattice state. The stochastic nature of this physical process leads to a significant variation in the simulated time history from run to run. To improve numerical convergence, some adjustments to the solver settings are made. Since the initial condition is a physical solution from the stationary study, consistent initialization can be turned off. It often helps to exclude algebraic states from the error control. The automatic Newton method with large number of iterations helps go through the unstable period when the nonlinearity is severe.

Solution 3 (sol3)

- 2 In the Model Builder window, expand the Solution 3 (sol3) node, then click Time-Dependent Solver I.
- 3 In the Settings window for Time-Dependent Solver, click to expand the Time Stepping section.
- 4 From the Maximum step constraint list, choose Expression.
- 5 In the Maximum step text field, type t trap/9.
- 6 Find the Algebraic variable settings subsection. From the Consistent initialization list, choose Off.
- 7 From the Error estimation list, choose Exclude algebraic.
- 8 In the Model Builder window, expand the Study 3 -Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation>Solver Configurations>Solution 3 (sol3)>Time-Dependent Solver I node, then click Fully Coupled I.
- 9 In the Settings window for Fully Coupled, click to expand the Method and Termination section.
- 10 From the Nonlinear method list, choose Automatic (Newton).
- II In the Maximum number of iterations text field, type 100.

Create a global variable probe to monitor the time evolution of the angular momentum per atom during the solution process.

DEFINITIONS

Global Variable Probe I - Lz

I In the Definitions toolbar, click Probes and choose Global Variable Probe.

- 2 In the Settings window for Global Variable Probe, type Global Variable Probe 1 Lz in the Label text field.
- 3 In the Variable name text field, type Lz_probe.
- 4 Locate the **Expression** section. In the **Expression** text field, type schr.L_avZ/hbar_const/N.
- **5** Select the **Description** check box. In the associated text field, type Angular momentum per atom.

STUDY 3 - TRANSIENT FOR VORTEX LATTICE FORMATION

In the **Home** toolbar, click **Compute**.

Modify the color scheme of the default plot for the particle density to compare with Fig. 3 of Ref. 1 and Fig. 1 of the theoretical paper Ref. 2.

RESULTS

Wave Function (schr)

In the Model Builder window, expand the Results>Wave Function (schr) node.

Height Expression 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Results>Wave Function (schr)>Real Part node.
- 2 Right-click Height Expression I and choose Disable.

Real Part

- I In the Model Builder window, click Real Part.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- 3 Click Change Color Table.
- 4 In the Color Table dialog box, select Linear>GrayScale in the tree.
- 5 Click OK.

Make a movie to savor the rich transitions shown in the time evolution of the particle density profile.

Animation I

- I In the Results toolbar, click Animation and choose Player.
- 2 In the Settings window for Animation, locate the Scene section.
- 3 From the Subject list, choose Wave Function (schr).
- 4 Locate the Frames section. From the Frame selection list, choose All.
- **5** Click the Play button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

Next we use the optimization functionality to compute the ellipticity parameter α and compare with the experimental paper. Define the fitting parameters and an index parameter to point to each time step of the time-dependent solution. Define the final output of the ellipticity parameter $|\alpha|$ as a function of the fit major and minor axes according to the experimental paper.

GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Parameters 2 - Optimization

- I In the Home toolbar, click Pi Parameters and choose Add>Parameters.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 2 Optimization in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Parameters** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
index	1	1	Solution index
RXfit	RrTF	4.267E-6 m	First major/minor axis to fit
RYfit	RrTF	4.267E-6 m	Second major/minor axis to fit
thetafit	0[rad]	0 rad	Tilt angle to fit
rhoOfit	rho0TF	1.2165E20 1/m³	Peak density to fit
alphafit	<pre>abs(Omega* (RXfit^2-RYfit^2)/ (RXfit^2+RYfit^2)/ wbar)</pre>	0	Ellipticity parameter

Use the Thomas-Fermi density profile as the fit function, and define a variable for the difference between the computed data and the fit function to serve as the objective to be minimized by the optimization study. Define an average operator to average the difference over the simulation domain. Scale the difference by the Thomas–Fermi peak density so that the magnitude of the objective does not become too large for the optimizer to handle.

DEFINITIONS

Average I (aveob I)

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click // Nonlocal Couplings and choose Average.
- 2 In the Settings window for Average, locate the Source Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose All domains.

Variables 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Definitions and choose Variables.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, locate the Variables section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Unit	Description
fit_fn	<pre>max(0,1-(cos(thetafit)*X+ sin(thetafit)*Y)^2/RXfit^2- (cos(thetafit)*Y-sin(thetafit)* X)^2/RYfit^2)*rhoOfit</pre>	I/m³	Fit function based on T-F density profile
residual	<pre>realdot(psi,psi)[m^-2]/L-fit_fn</pre>	I/m³	Difference between fit function and computed data
q0	<pre>aveop1(realdot(residual, residual)/rhoOTF^2)</pre>		Objective - scaled and averaged difference between fit function and computed data

Now set up the Optimization study to fit the computed density profiles at each time point, using Parametric Sweep and the index parameter to pick out the solution at each time step. Use a dummy Stationary study step to pick out the solution by setting up the Values of variables not solved for section.

ADD STUDY

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to open the Add Study window.
- 2 Go to the Add Study window.
- 3 Find the Studies subsection. In the Select Study tree, select General Studies>Stationary.
- **4** Find the **Physics interfaces in study** subsection. In the table, clear the **Solve** check box for Schrödinger Equation (schr).
- 5 Click Add Study in the window toolbar.
- 6 In the Home toolbar, click Add Study to close the Add Study window.

STUDY 4

Step 1: Stationary

- I In the Settings window for Stationary, locate the Values of Dependent Variables section.
- 2 Find the Values of variables not solved for subsection. From the Settings list, choose User controlled.
- **3** From the **Method** list, choose **Solution**.
- 4 From the Study list, choose Study 3 Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation, Time Dependent.
- 5 From the Time (ms) list, choose Manual.
- 6 In the Index text field, type index.
- 7 In the Model Builder window, click Study 4.
- 8 In the Settings window for Study, type Study 4 Optimization for Parameter Estimation in the Label text field.

Parametric Sweep

- I In the Study toolbar, click Parametric Sweep.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parametric Sweep, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 Click + Add.
- **4** In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
index (Solution index)	range(1,185)	

5 In the table, click to select the cell at row number 1 and column number 3.

Use the variable and parameters defined earlier to set up the objective and the fitting parameters for the optimization study step. The objective variable is already scaled appropriately by its definition. For the fitting parameters, use the Thomas–Fermi approximation values to provide good initial guesses and scales. Turn off the angular momentum probe.

STUDY 3 - TRANSIENT FOR VORTEX LATTICE FORMATION

In the Model Builder window, collapse the Study 3 - Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation node.

STUDY 4 - OPTIMIZATION FOR PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Optimization

- I In the Study toolbar, click optimization and choose Optimization.
- 2 In the Settings window for Optimization, locate the Optimization Solver section.
- **3** From the **Method** list, choose **IPOPT**.
- 4 Click Add Expression in the upper-right corner of the Objective Function section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)>Definitions>Variables>compl.q0 - Objective scaled and averaged difference between fit function and computed data - I.
- 5 Locate the Control Variables and Parameters section. Click + Add four times.
- **6** In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Initial value	Scale	Lower bound	Upper bound
RXfit (First major/ minor axis to fit)	RrTF	RrTF	RrTF/4	RrTF*4
RYfit (Second major/minor axis to fit)	RrTF	RrTF	RrTF/4	RrTF*4
thetafit (Tilt angle to fit)	0[rad]	pi	-pi	pi
rho0fit (Peak density to fit)	rhoOTF	rhoOTF	rhoOTF/8	rhoOTF*3

- 7 Locate the Output While Solving section. From the Probes list, choose None.
- 8 In the Study toolbar, click **Compute**.

Make a plot of the final output of the ellipticity parameter $|\tilde{\alpha}|$ to compare with Fig. 3 in the experimental paper. For the horizontal axis, use the withsol operator to pick out the time point from the transient solution. The time scale of the initial oscillation of $|\alpha|$ compares well with the experimental data. Due to the stochastic nature of the physical process, the time scale of the collapse of $|\alpha|$ can vary, both physically and numerically. Nevertheless the match between simulation and experiment in this case is reasonably good.

RESULTS

Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum

- I In the Home toolbar, click In Add Plot Group and choose ID Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, type Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum in the Label text field.

- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Study 4 -Optimization for Parameter Estimation/Parametric Solutions I (sol5).
- 4 Locate the Legend section. From the Position list, choose Middle right.

Global I

- I Right-click Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum and choose Global.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
alphafit	1	Ellipticity parameter

- 4 Locate the x-Axis Data section. From the Parameter list, choose Expression.
- 5 In the Expression text field, type withsol('sol3',t,setind(t,index)).
- **6** From the **Unit** list, choose **ms**.
- 7 Click to expand the Coloring and Style section. Find the Line style subsection. From the Line list, choose None.
- 8 Find the Line markers subsection. From the Marker list, choose Point.
- 9 In the Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum toolbar, click **1** Plot.

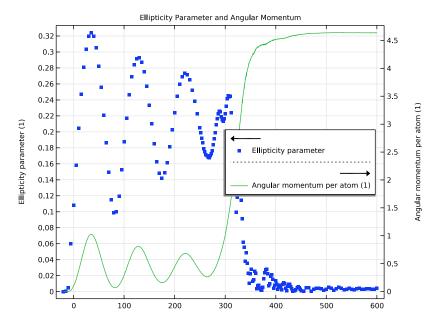
Add the plot of angular momentum to compare with Fig. 3 in the theoretical paper Ref. 2. The general trend agrees well: an initial oscillation followed by the buildup of an angular momentum plateau corresponding to the formation process of the vortex lattice. The time scales in this model agree better with the experiment, because the choice of simulation parameters is more consistent with the experimental condition.

Probe Table Graph 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Results>Probe Plot Group 2 node.
- 2 Right-click Probe Table Graph I and choose Copy.

Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results right-click Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum and choose Paste Table Graph.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Ellipticity Parameter and Angular Momentum.
- 3 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, click to expand the Title section.
- 4 From the Title type list, choose Label.
- 5 Locate the Plot Settings section. Select the Two y-axes check box.
- 6 In the table, select the Plot on secondary y-axis check box for Probe Table Graph 1.



Create a combo plot to show the time evolution of the particle density profile. Due to the stochastic nature of the physical process, the simulation result may vary from run to run.

Probability Density (schr)

In the Model Builder window, right-click Probability Density (schr) and choose Duplicate.

Probability Density vs. Time

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results click Probability Density (schr) I.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Probability Density vs. Time in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose None.
- 4 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Label**.
- 5 In the Model Builder window, expand the Probability Density vs. Time node.

Height Expression I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Results>Probability Density vs. Time>Surface I node.
- 2 Right-click Height Expression I and choose Delete.

Surface I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time click Surface I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Dataset list, choose Study 3 Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation/ Solution 3 (sol3).
- 4 From the Time (ms) list, choose -20.
- 5 Locate the Expression section. In the Expression text field, type schr.Pr/L.
- 6 In the Unit field, type 1/um³.

Annotation I

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Probability Density vs. Time and choose Annotation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Dataset list, choose Study 3 Transient for Vortex Lattice Formation/ Solution 3 (sol3).
- 4 From the Time (ms) list, choose -20.
- 5 Locate the Annotation section. In the Text text field, type t=eval(t,ms) ms.
- 6 Locate the Position section. In the Y text field, type -1.59*RrTF.
- 7 Locate the Coloring and Style section. Clear the Show point check box.
- 8 From the Anchor point list, choose Upper middle.

Surface I

In the Model Builder window, right-click Surface I and choose Duplicate.

Surface 2

- I In the Model Builder window, click Surface 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 30.
- 4 Click to expand the Inherit Style section. From the Plot list, choose Surface 1.

Deformation I

- I Right-click Surface 2 and choose Deformation.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **X-component** text field, type **3.3*RrTF**.
- **4** In the **Y-component** text field, type **0**.
- **5** Locate the **Scale** section.

6 Select the Scale factor check box. In the associated text field, type 1.

Annotation I

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click **Annotation I** and choose **Duplicate**.

Annotation 2

- I In the Model Builder window, click Annotation 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- **3** From the **Time (ms)** list, choose **30**.

Deformation I

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time>Surface 2 rightclick **Deformation I** and choose **Copy**.

Annotation 2

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click Annotation 2 and choose Paste Deformation.

Surface 2

In the Model Builder window, right-click Surface 2 and choose Duplicate.

Surface 3

- I In the Model Builder window, click Surface 3.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 300.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Surface 3 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **X-component** text field, type **6.6*RrTF**.

Annotation 2

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click **Annotation 2** and choose **Duplicate**.

Annotation 3

- I In the Model Builder window, click Annotation 3.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 300.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Annotation 3 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **X-component** text field, type **6.6*RrTF**.

Surface 3

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click **Surface 3** and choose **Duplicate**.

Surface 4

- I In the Model Builder window, click Surface 4.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 320.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Surface 4 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **X-component** text field, type **0**.
- **4** In the **Y-component** text field, type -3.6*RrTF.

Annotation 3

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click Annotation 3 and choose Duplicate.

Annotation 4

- I In the Model Builder window, click Annotation 4.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 320.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Annotation 4 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the X-component text field, type 0.
- **4** In the **Y-component** text field, type -3.6*RrTF.

Surface 2

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click **Surface 2** and choose **Duplicate**.

Surface 5

- I In the Model Builder window, click Surface 5.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 340.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Surface 5 node, then click Deformation 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the Y-component text field, type -3.6*RrTF.

Annotation 2

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click Annotation 2 and choose Duplicate.

Annotation 5

- I In the Model Builder window, click Annotation 5.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- **3** From the **Time (ms)** list, choose **340**.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Annotation 5 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **Y-component** text field, type -3.6*RrTF.

Surface 3

In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click **Surface 3** and choose **Duplicate**.

Surface 6

- I In the Model Builder window, click Surface 6.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 600.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Surface 6 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **Y-component** text field, type -3.6*RrTF.

Annotation 3

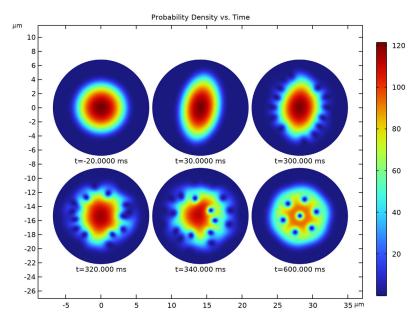
In the Model Builder window, under Results>Probability Density vs. Time right-click Annotation 3 and choose Duplicate.

Annotation 6

- I In the Model Builder window, click Annotation 6.
- 2 In the Settings window for Annotation, locate the Data section.
- 3 From the Time (ms) list, choose 600.

Deformation I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Annotation 6 node, then click Deformation I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deformation, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the Y-component text field, type -3.6*RrTF.
- 4 In the Probability Density vs. Time toolbar, click Plot.



Optionally use contour plots to check the fit.

Check the Fit

- I In the Home toolbar, click Add Plot Group and choose 2D Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Check the Fit in the Label text field.

- 3 Locate the Data section. From the Dataset list, choose Study 4 -Optimization for Parameter Estimation/Parametric Solutions I (sol5).
- 4 From the Parameter value (index) list, choose 11.

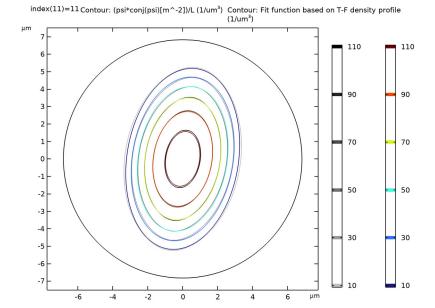
Contour I - Data

- I Right-click Check the Fit and choose Contour.
- 2 In the Settings window for Contour, type Contour 1 Data in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Expression section. In the Expression text field, type (psi*conj(psi)[m^-2])/L.
- 4 In the Unit field, type 1/um³.
- **5** Locate the **Levels** section. From the **Entry method** list, choose **Levels**.
- 6 In the Levels text field, type range (10, 20, 110).
- 7 Locate the Coloring and Style section. From the Coloring list, choose Gradient.
- 8 From the **Top color** list, choose **Black**.
- 9 From the Bottom color list, choose Gray.
- **10** Right-click **Contour I Data** and choose **Duplicate**.

Contour 2 - Fit

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results>Check the Fit click Contour I Data I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Contour, type Contour 2 Fit in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Expression** section. In the **Expression** text field, type fit fn.
- 4 Locate the Coloring and Style section. From the Coloring list, choose Color table.

5 In the Check the Fit toolbar, click Plot.



Finally disable unused nodes for the eigenvalue and stationary studies, so that in the future they can be recomputed with their intended setup.

STUDY I - EIGENVALUE FOR INITIAL CONDITION

Step 1: Eigenvalue

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study I Eigenvalue for Initial Condition click Step 1: Eigenvalue.
- 2 In the Settings window for Eigenvalue, locate the Physics and Variables Selection section.
- 3 Select the Modify model configuration for study step check box.
- 4 In the tree, select Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr)>Interaction Energy.
- 5 Click ODisable.
- 6 In the tree, select Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr)>Stationary Study.
- 7 Click 🕖 Disable.
- 8 In the tree, select Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr)>Transient Study.
- 9 Click (/) Disable.

STUDY 2 - STATIONARY FOR CONDENSATE

Step 1: Stationary

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study 2 Stationary for Condensate click Step 1: Stationary.
- 2 In the Settings window for Stationary, locate the Physics and Variables Selection section.
- 3 Select the Modify model configuration for study step check box.
- 4 In the tree, select Component I (compl)>Schrödinger Equation (schr)>Transient Study.
- 5 Click O Disable.