Expansion of vortex clusters in a dissipative two-dimensional superfluid

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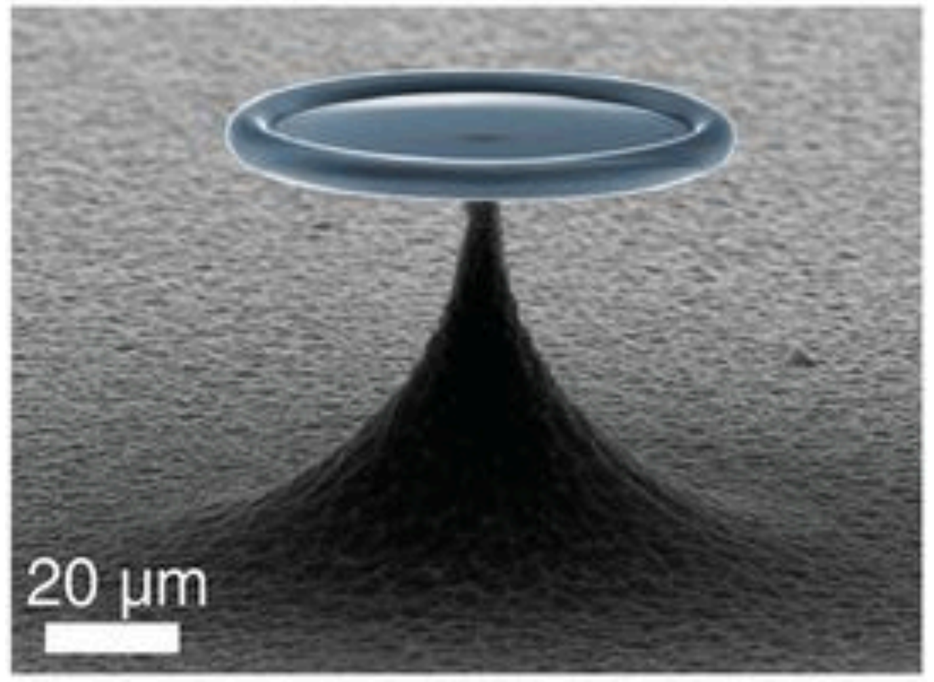

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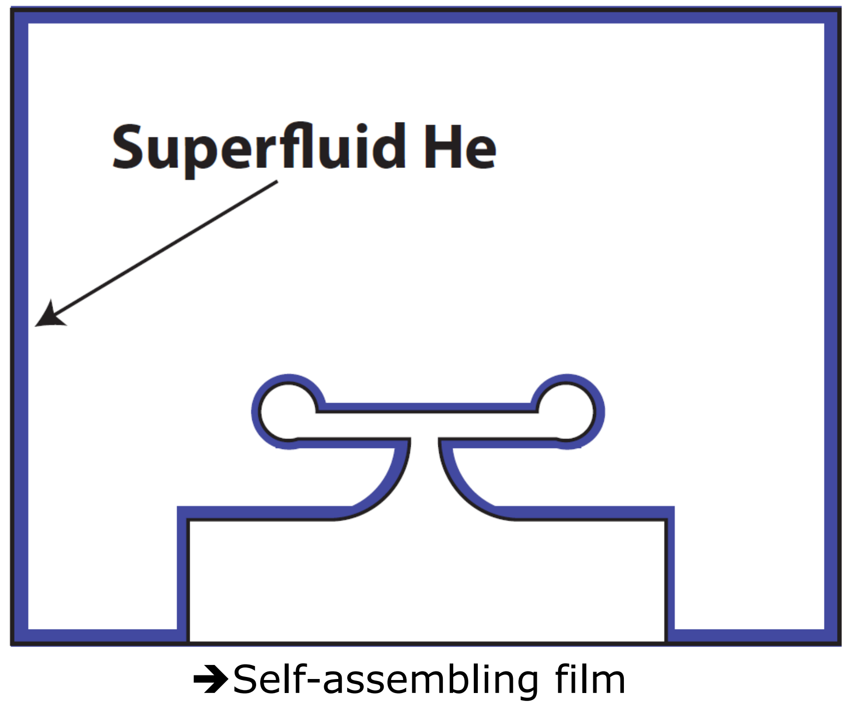

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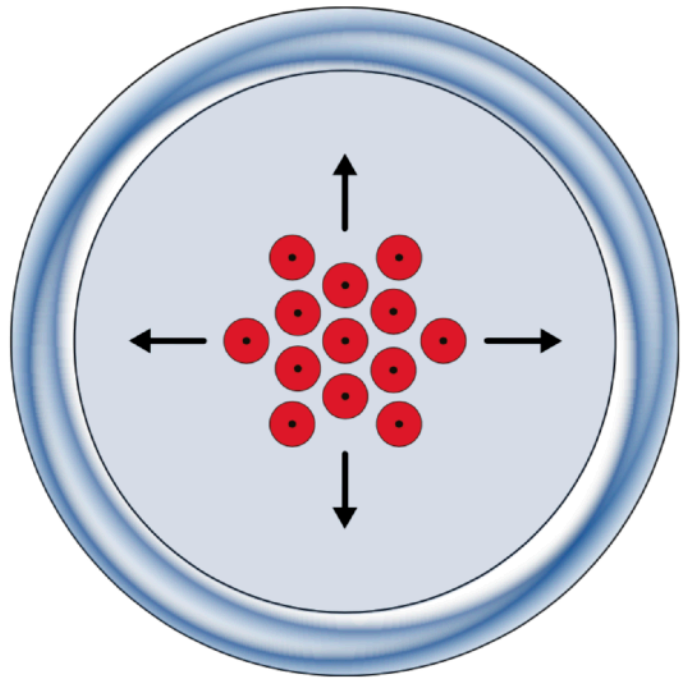

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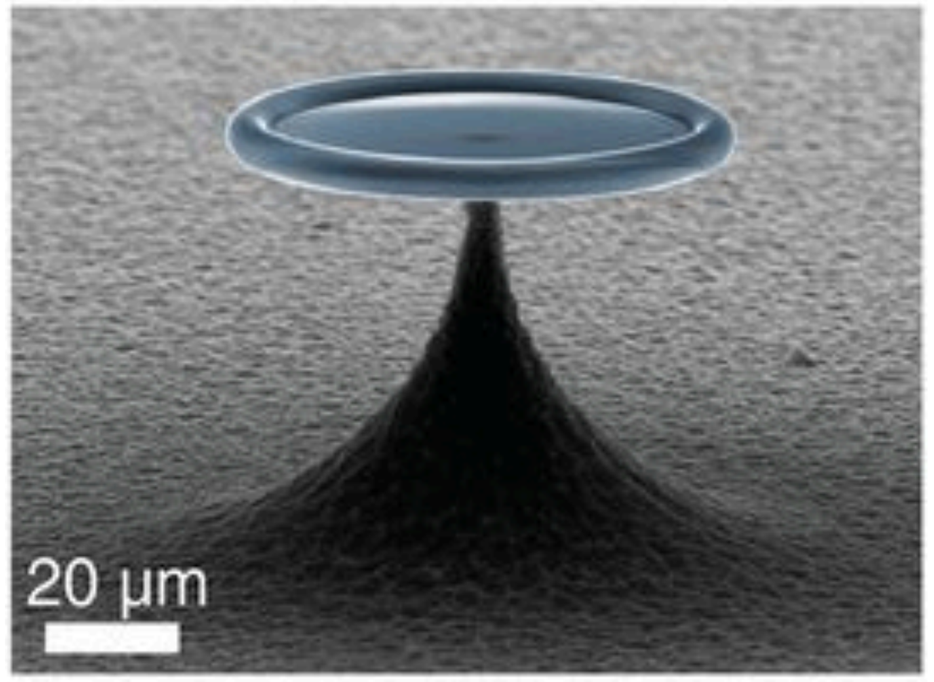

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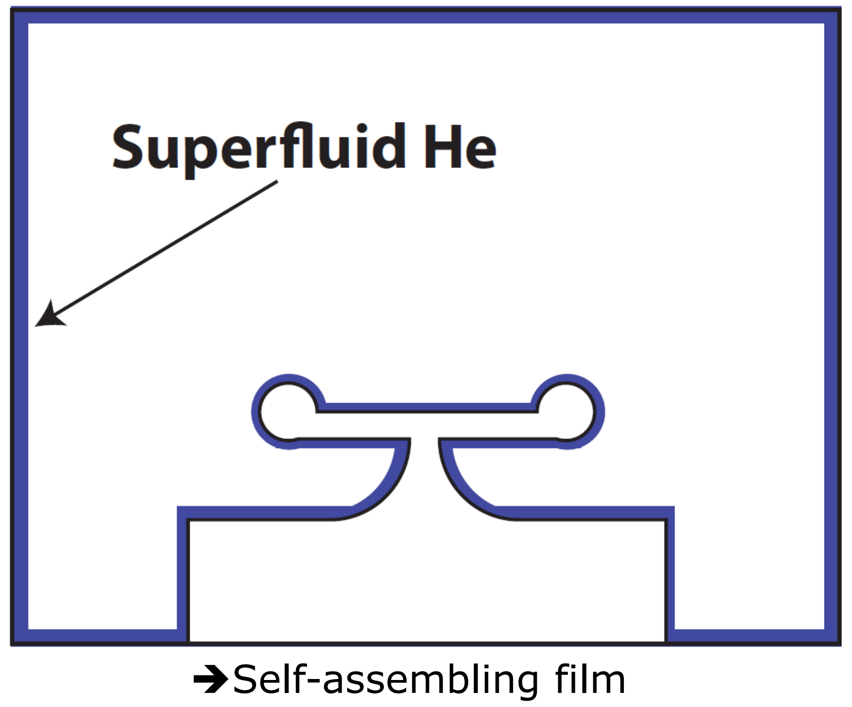

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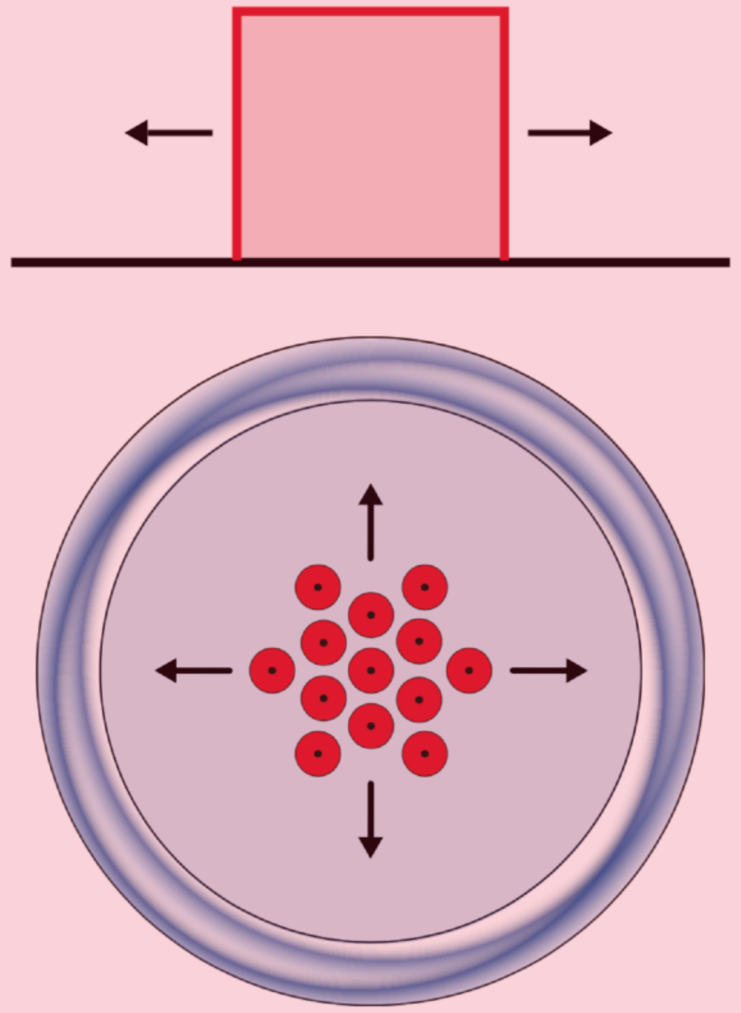


Expanding cluster

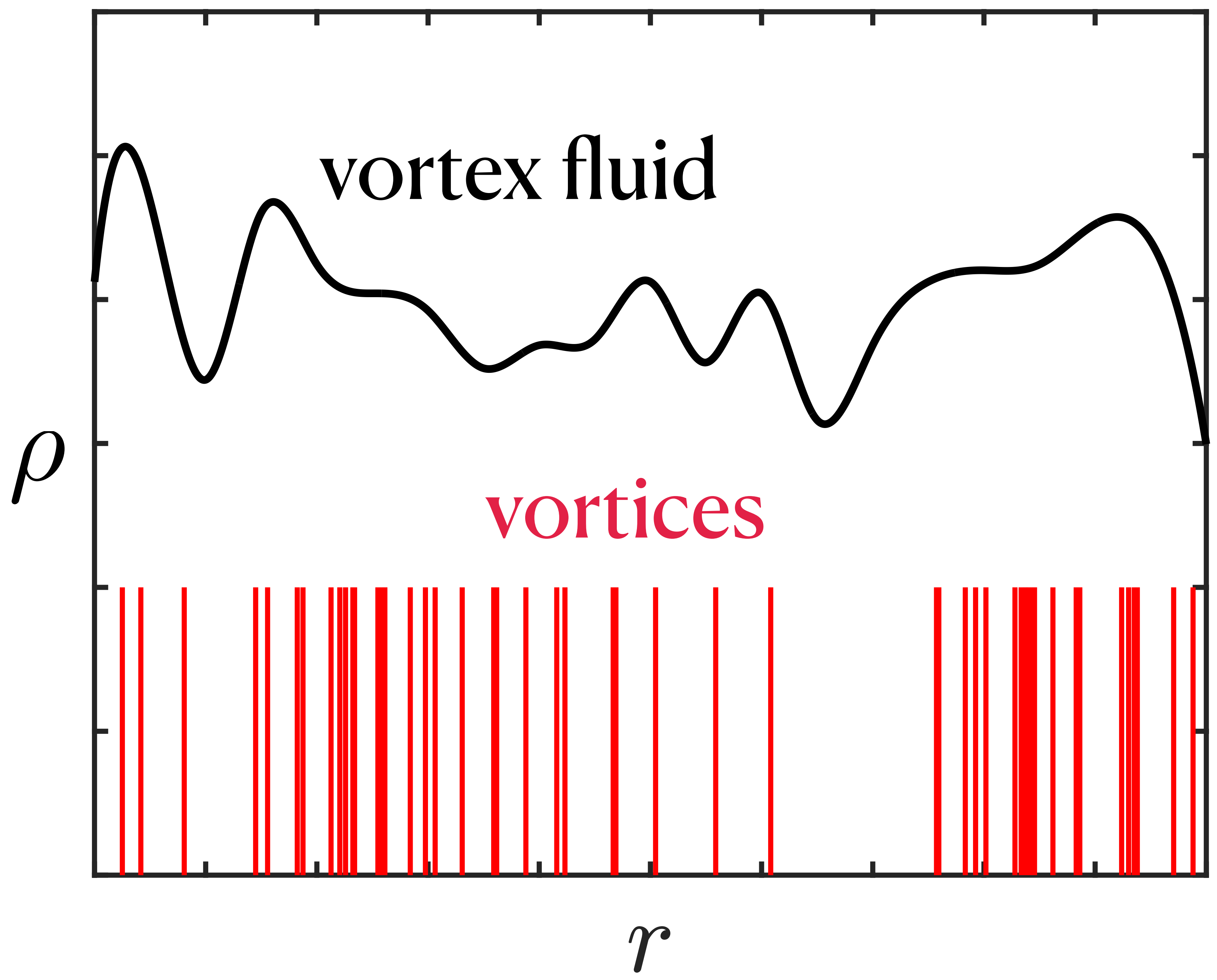
Modelling a chiral vortex cluster

Modelling the system: *anomalous* hydrodynamics

Large ($N \gg 1$) collections of vortices can be modelled as a **fluid**

$$\rho \equiv \sum_i \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \longrightarrow \rho \approx f(\mathbf{r})$$

(Where f is smooth)



'*Vortex fluid*' dynamics = Euler equation + anomalous stresses

Conservative density evolution:

$$(\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\rho = 0$$

Modelling hydrodynamics of *vortex fluid*, NOT *superfluid* hydrodynamics

Wiegmann & Abanov, PRL **113**, 034501 (2014).
Yu & Bradley, PRL **119**, 18501 (2017).

Dissipative anomalous hydrodynamics

Real systems are **dissipative** — how do **dissipative vortex fluids** behave?

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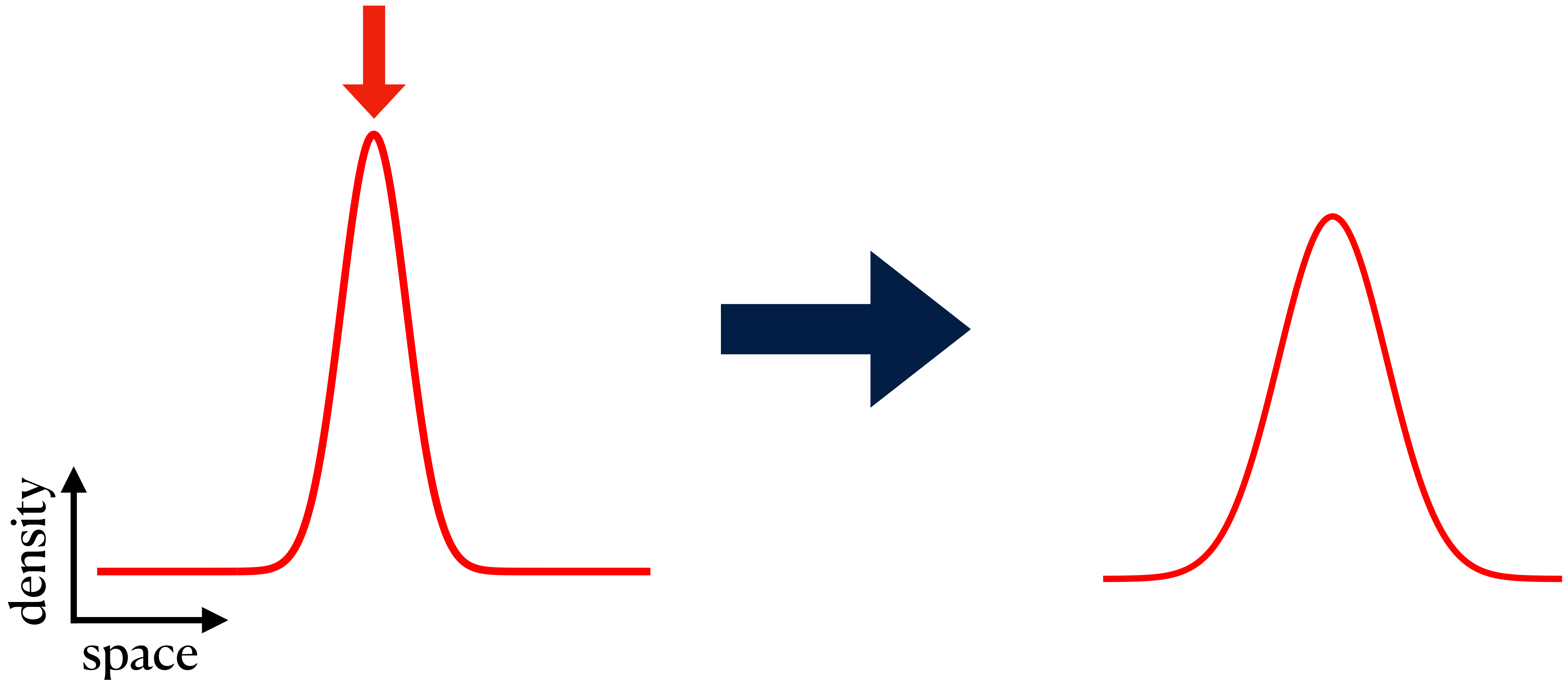
Suppresses high density regions → flattens distribution



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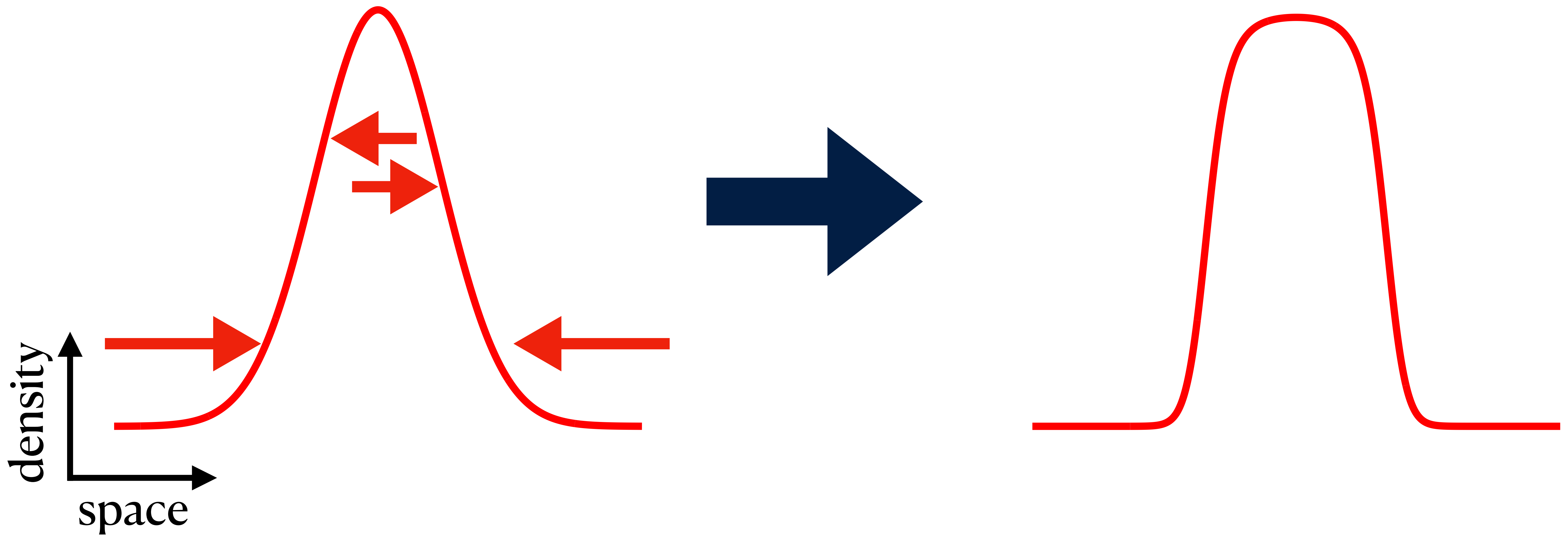
Negative viscosity, i.e., **steepens** density gradients



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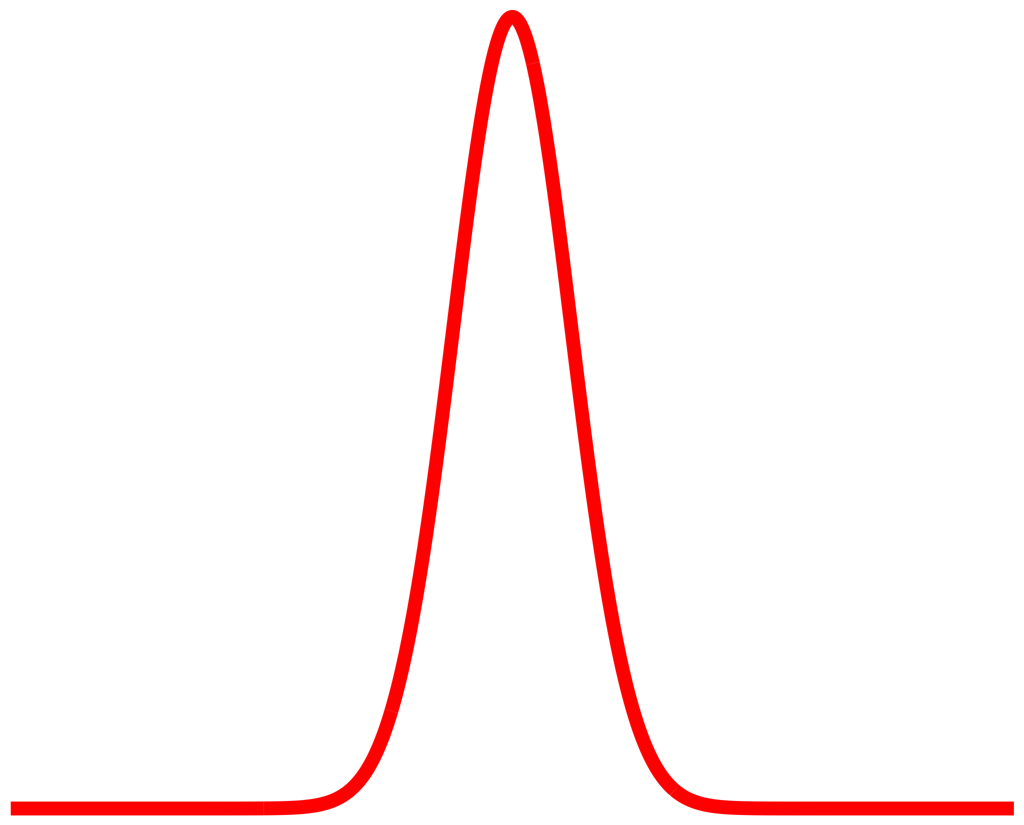
Let's (perhaps naively) assume:

Dissipation (γ) is essential!



Expansion

The '*Rankine vortex*'

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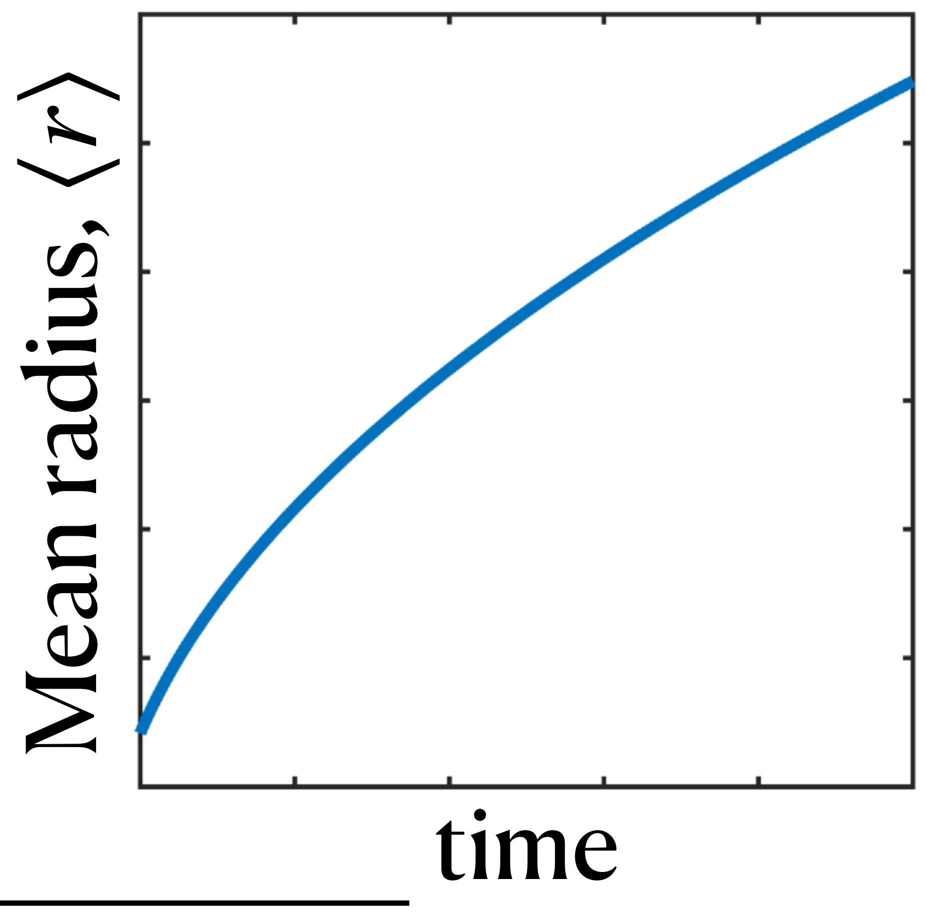
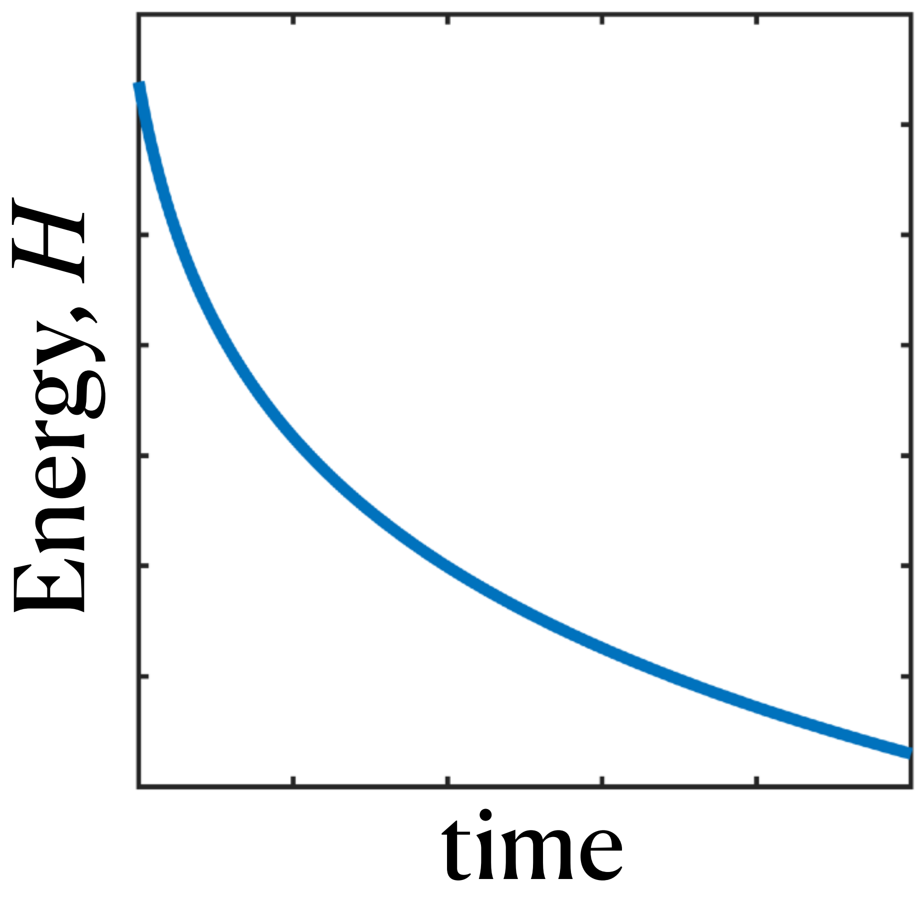
Enter a **universal scaling** regime

$\langle r \rangle \propto \sqrt{\rho_0^{-1} + \gamma \Gamma t}$

Diffusive growth





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Logarithmic decay

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Perturbation analysis (with all terms)
in universal regime

$$\rho + \delta\rho \to \rho$$

Rankine vortex is a ***stable attractor*** for
every initial condition

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Diffusive growth

Numerical modelling of vortex
dynamics in *excellent agreement*

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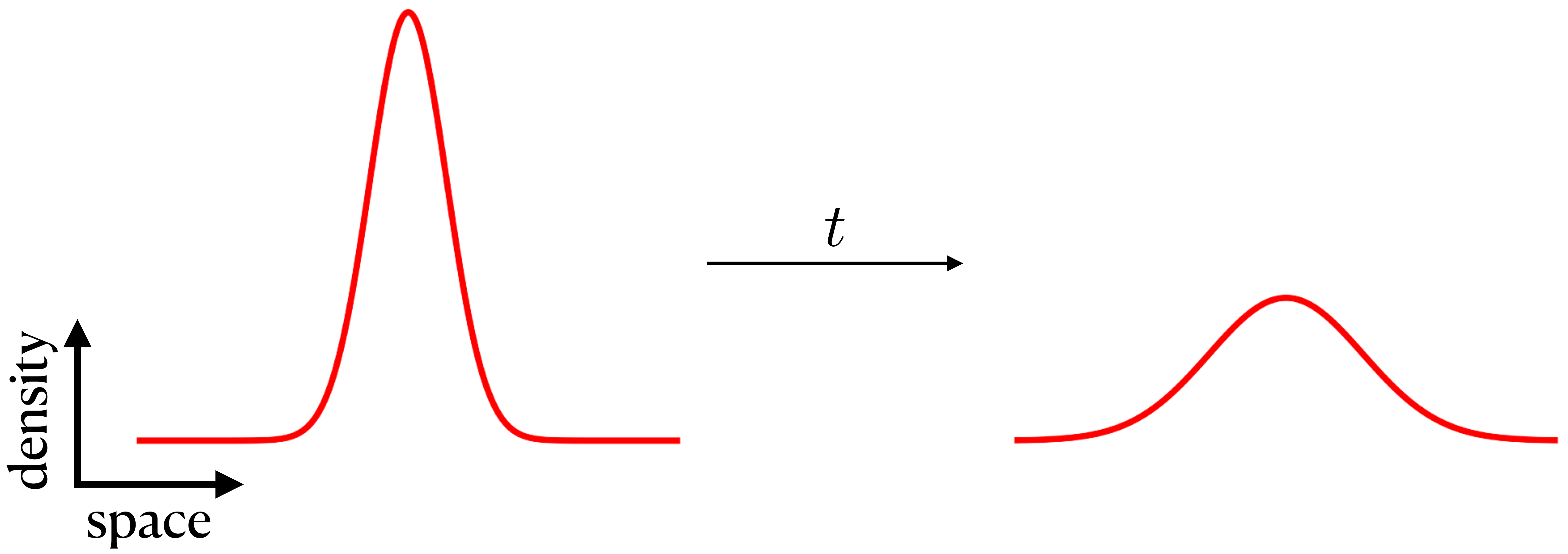
Why is this significant?

Classical fluids are ***viscous*** — they **dissipate energy differently**



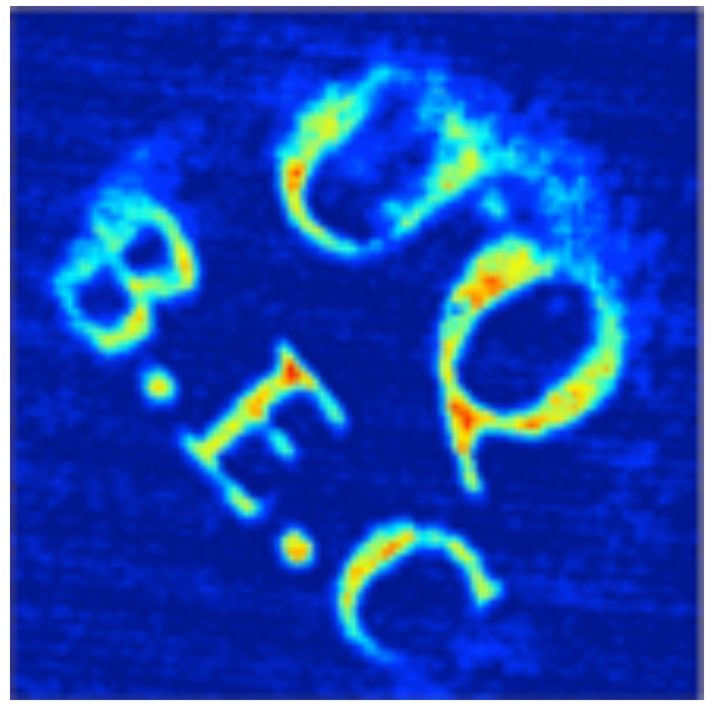
Symmetric vortices in classical fluids expand to form a *Lamb-Oseen* vortex (Gaussian profile)

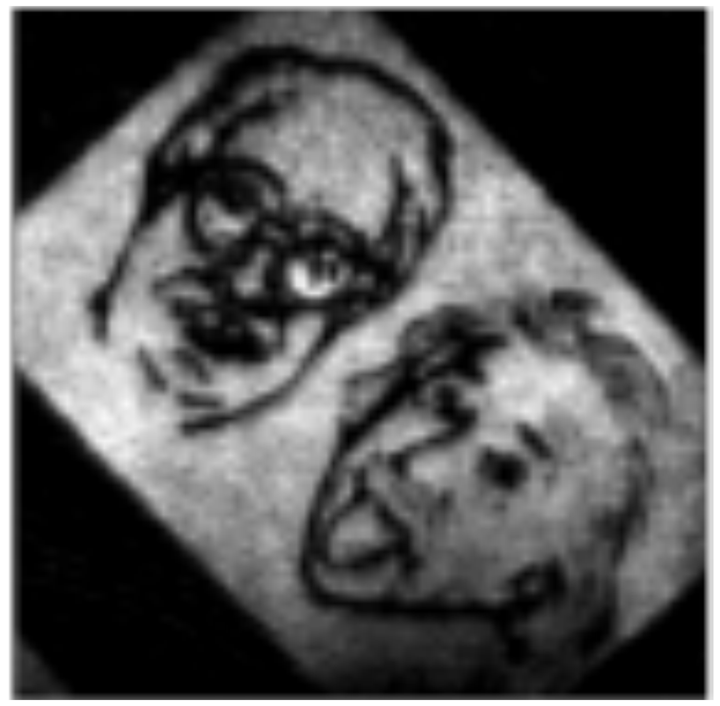
Rankine vortex is forbidden in classical fluids!

Experimental comparison

Experiment

We use a quasi-2D ^{87}Rb Bose-Einstein condensate

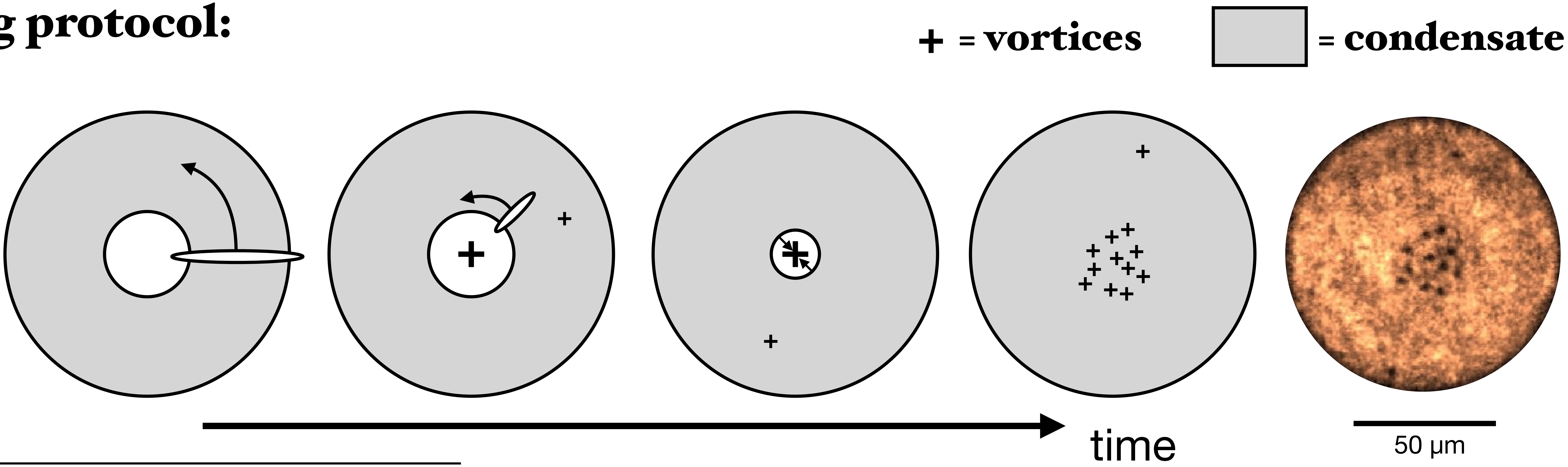




On average, the vortex cluster has N~11 vortices

We take ~40 samples for each hold time

Stirring protocol:



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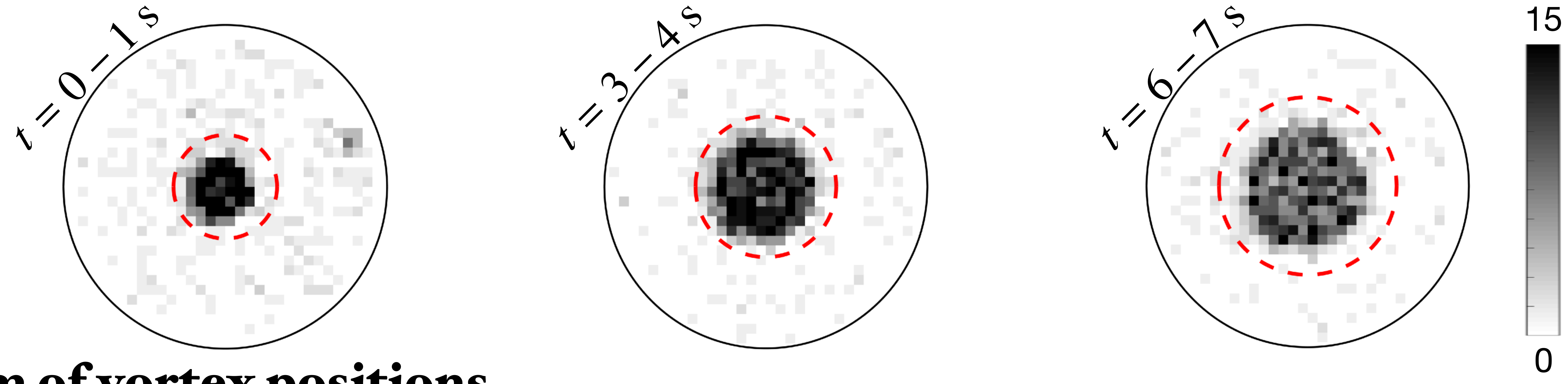
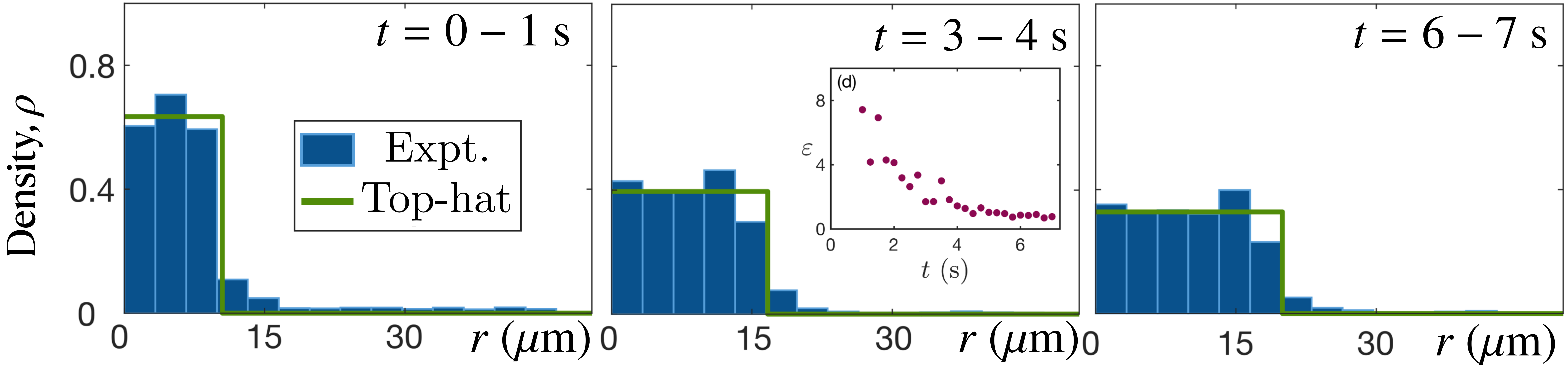
Experimental expansion

2D histogram of vortex positions



1D histogram of vortex positions



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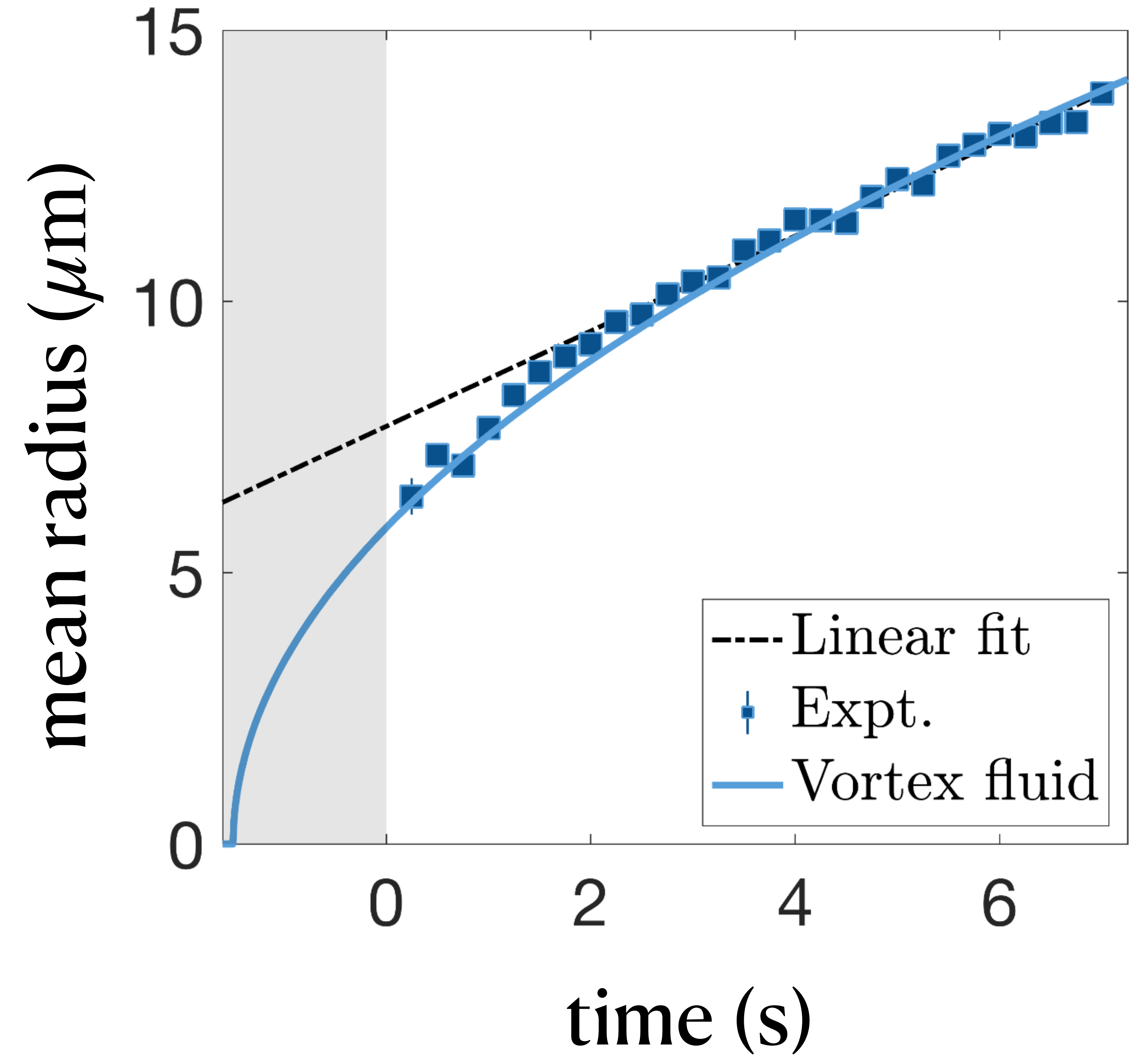
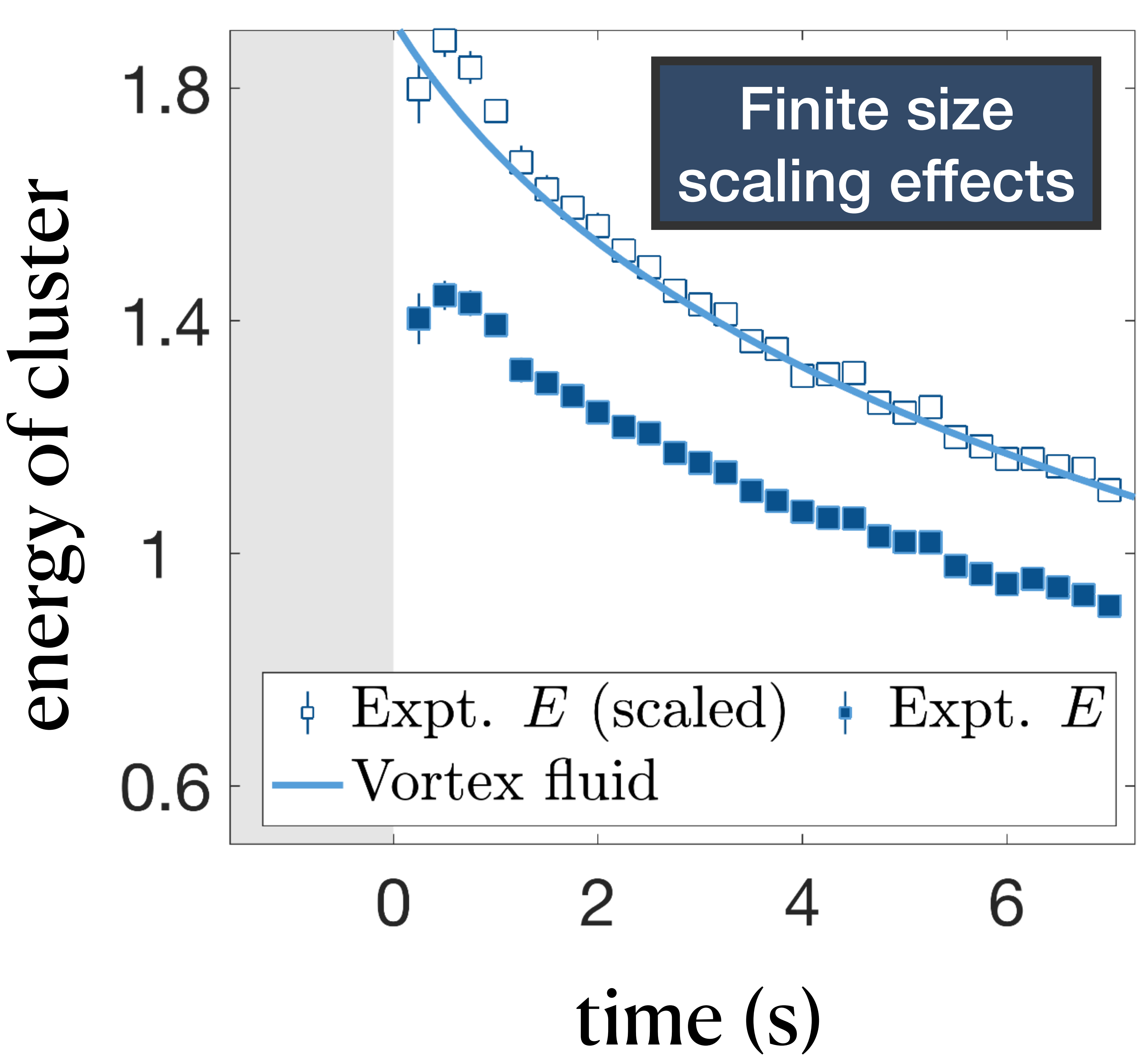
Experimental parameters





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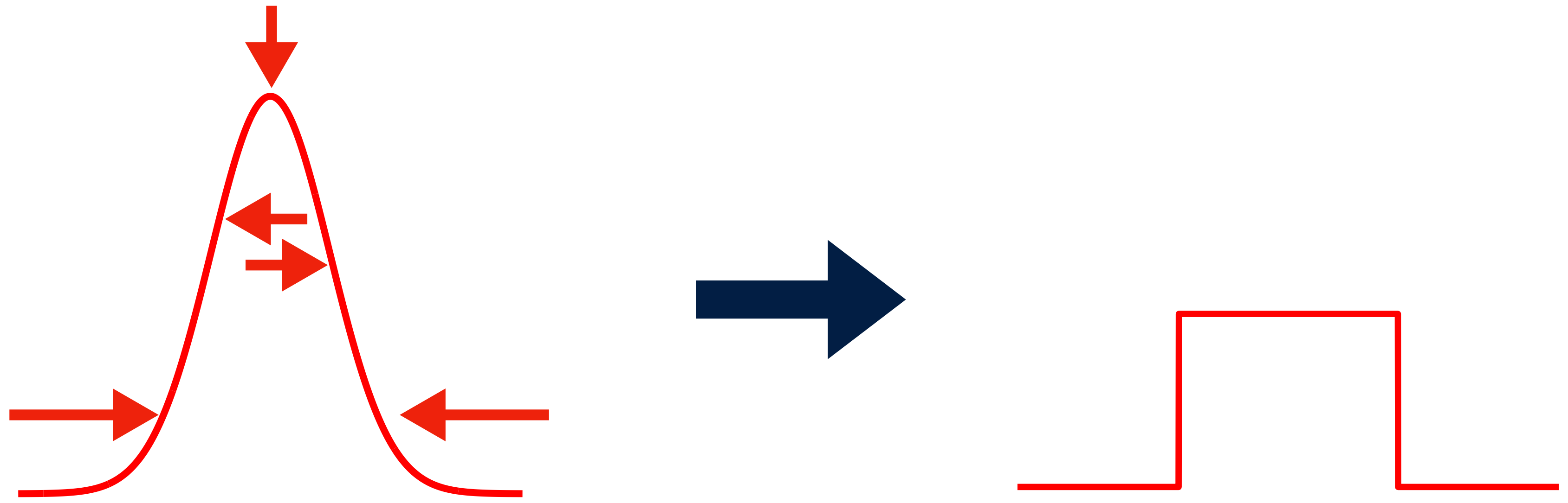
Conclusions

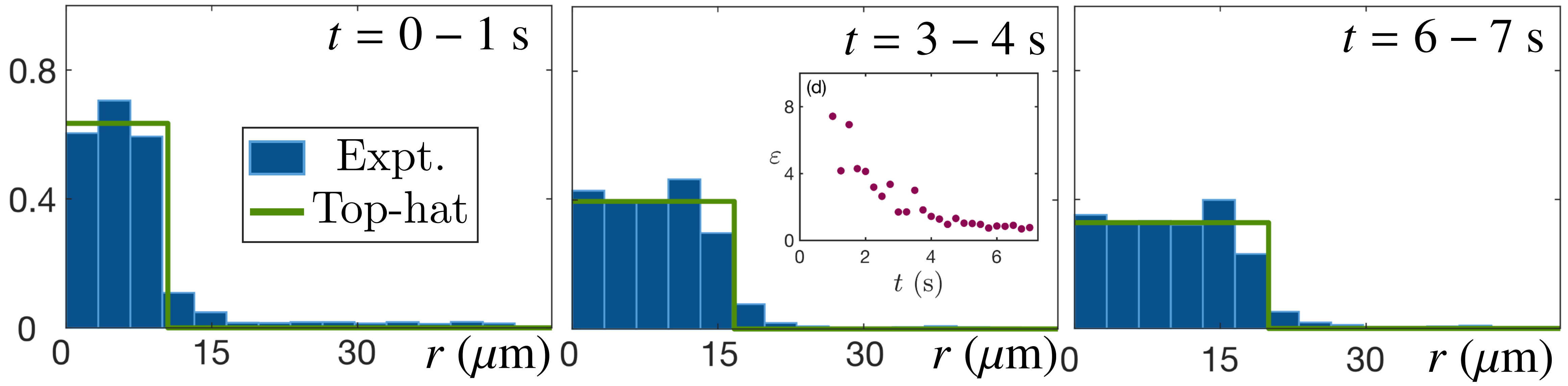
Theory predicts universal expanding regime

$$\mathcal{D}_t^v \rho = -\gamma\left(\Gamma\rho^2 + \frac{\Gamma}{8\pi}\nabla^2\rho - \mathbf{v}\times\nabla\rho\right)$$
$$\mathcal{D}_t^v = \partial_t + \left(\mathbf{v} - \frac{\gamma\Gamma}{8\pi}\nabla\rho\right)\cdot\nabla$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \partial_t\rho = -\gamma\Gamma\rho^2$$

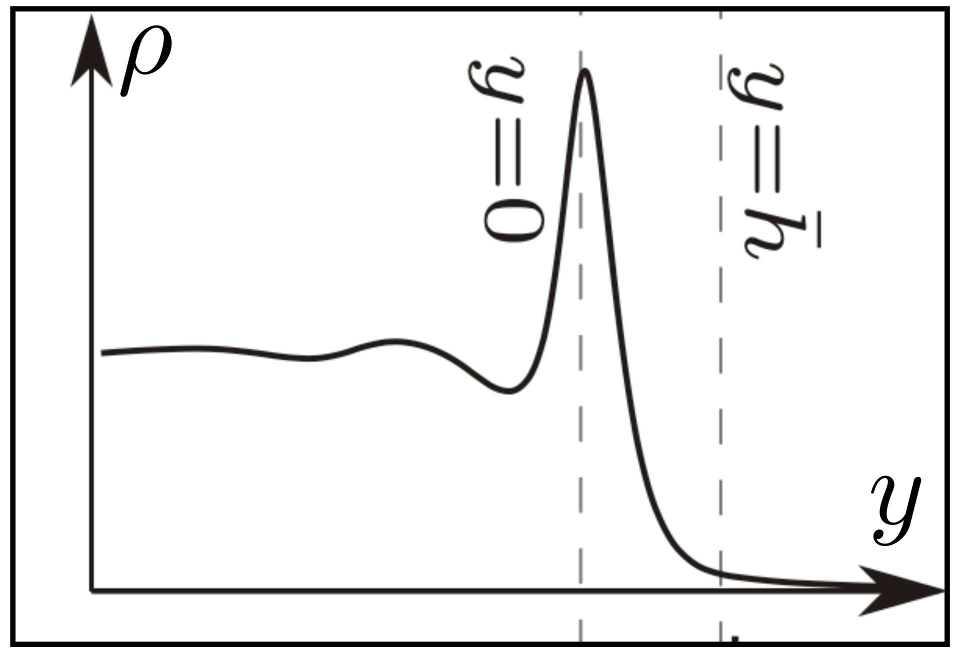


Experimental evidence to support



Outlook

Edge waves



Edge solitons in Rankine vortex

Bogatskiy & Wiegmann PRL **122**, 214505 (2019).

Further Experiments

Fermi Gas
$N \sim 50$

Seoul, South Korea

SF Helium
$N \sim 1000$

UQ, Australia

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