

# Flow in BEC past an obstacle

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## Classical Fluids with viscosity

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{continuity}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left\{ \nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \left( \zeta + \frac{\eta}{3} \right) \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right\}$$

momentum conservation

Navier(1827) & Stokes (1845)

with viscosity  $\eta$

2nd viscosity  $\zeta$

Viscous incompressible homogeneous fluid

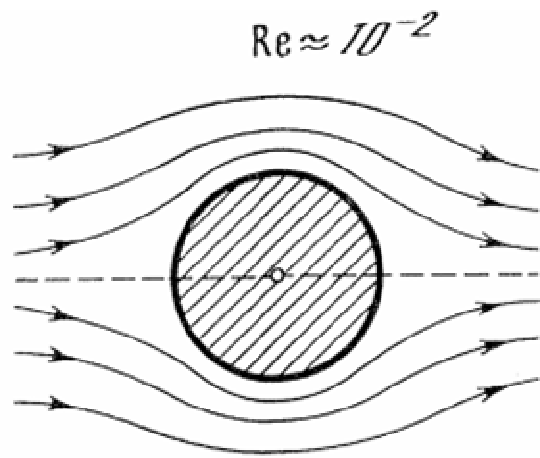
No. de Reynolds

$$Re = Dv_0\rho / \eta$$

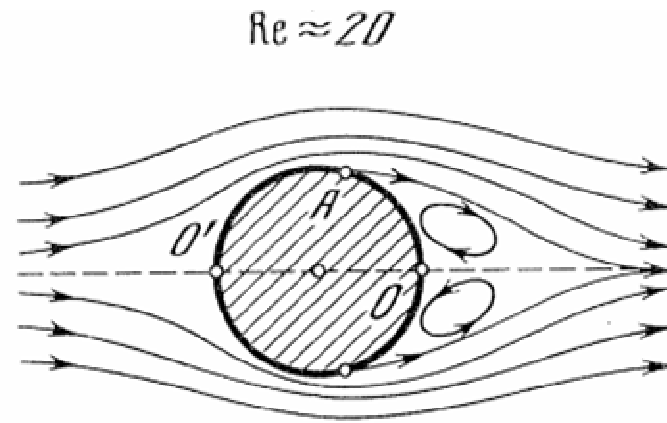
Similarity principle of Reynolds (1883)

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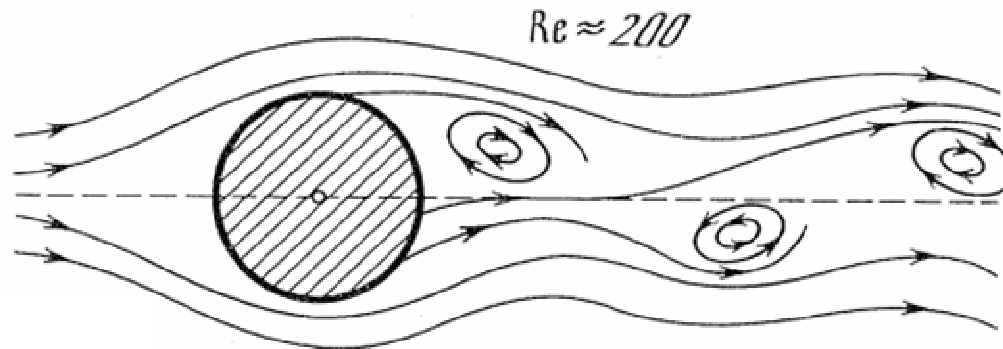
$v_0$  = flux velocity



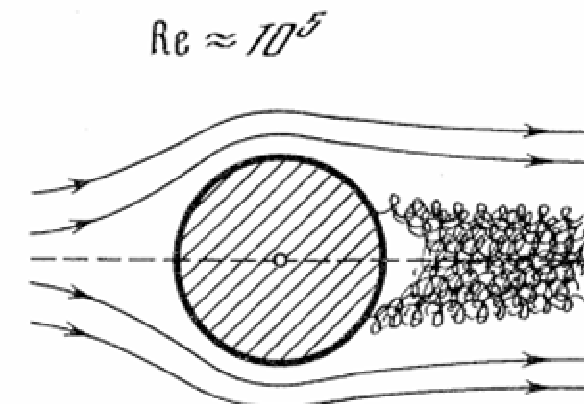
**Fig. 9.1.** Laminar flow around a cylinder for small  $Re$



**Fig. 9.2.** Steady flow past a cylinder with two vortices



**Fig. 9.3.** Illustrating a Karman street

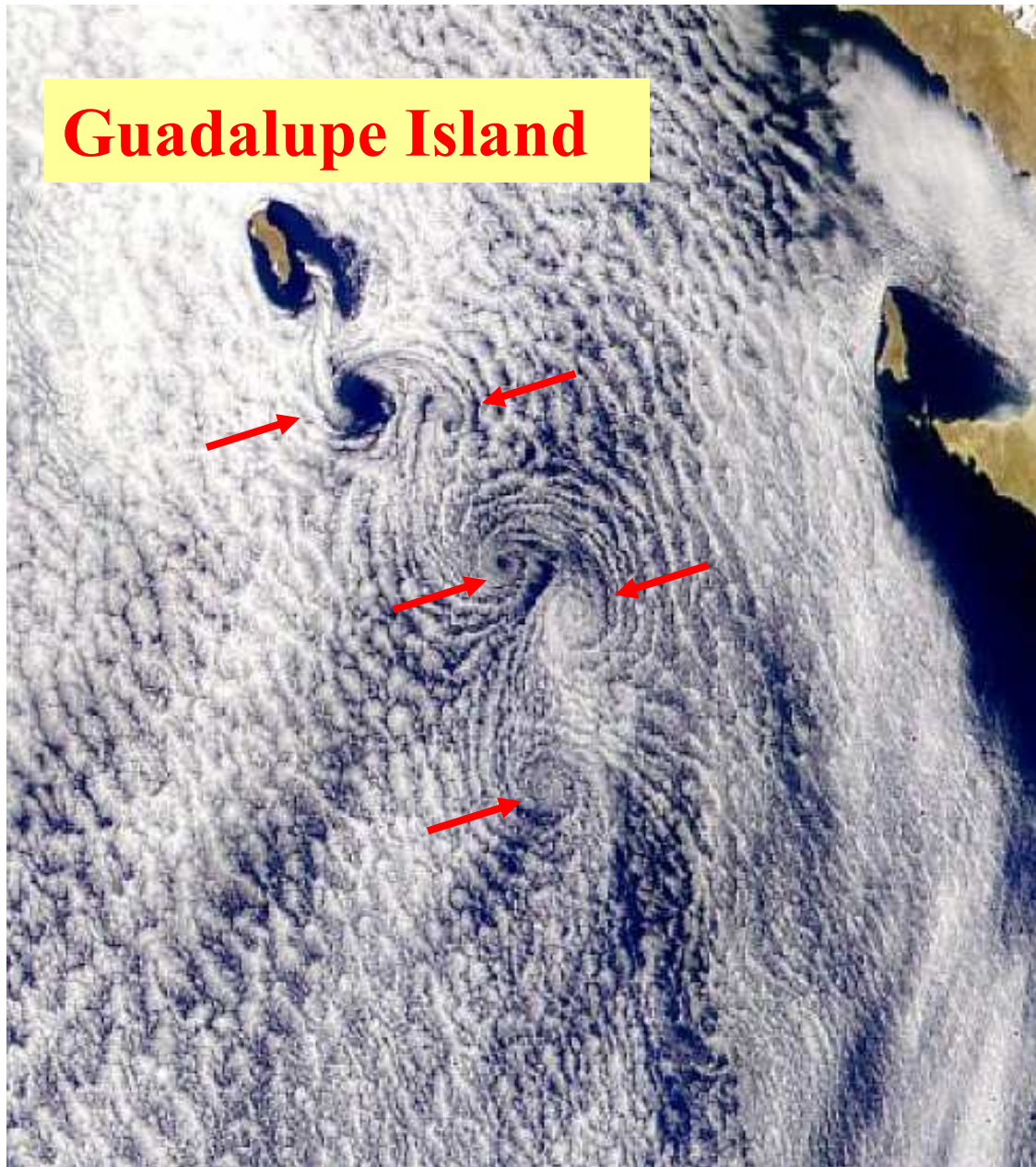


**Fig. 9.4.** The flow with a fully developed turbulent wake

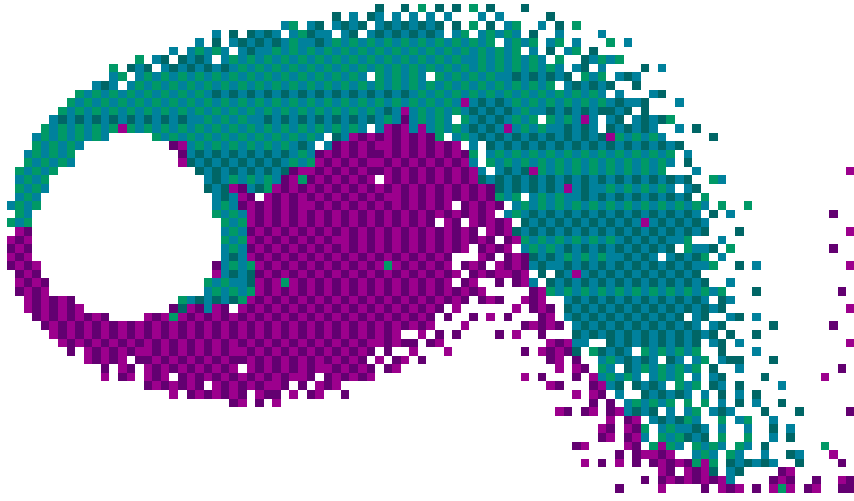
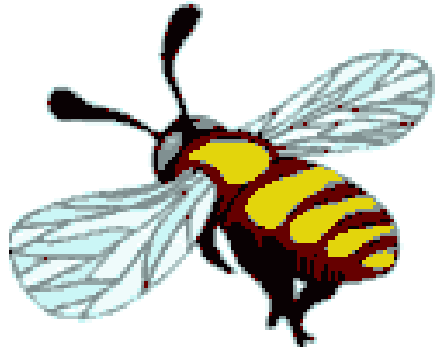


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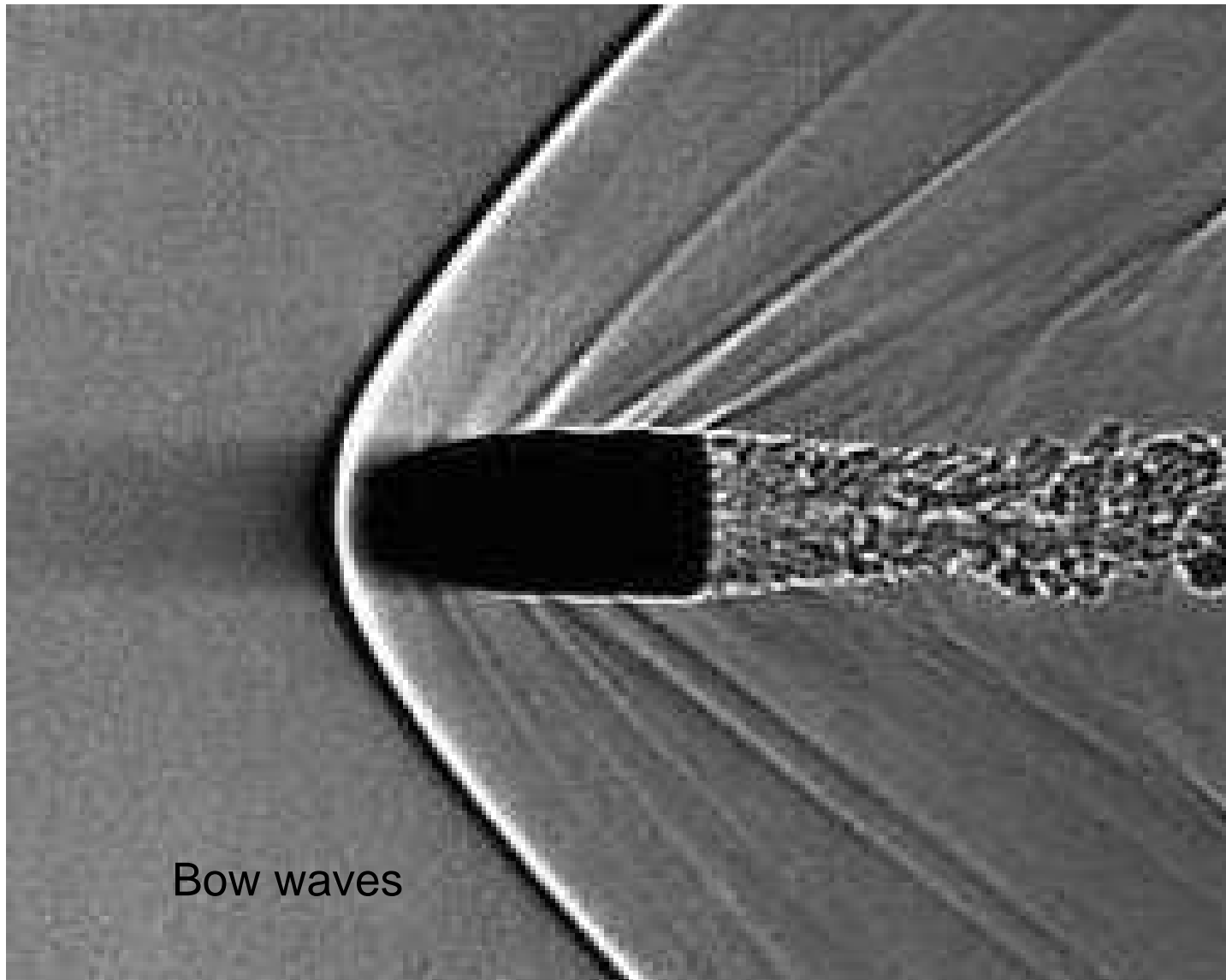
## Vortices behind a cylinder



**“Von- Karman  
vortex street”**



Classical supersonic flow,  $M=1.5$

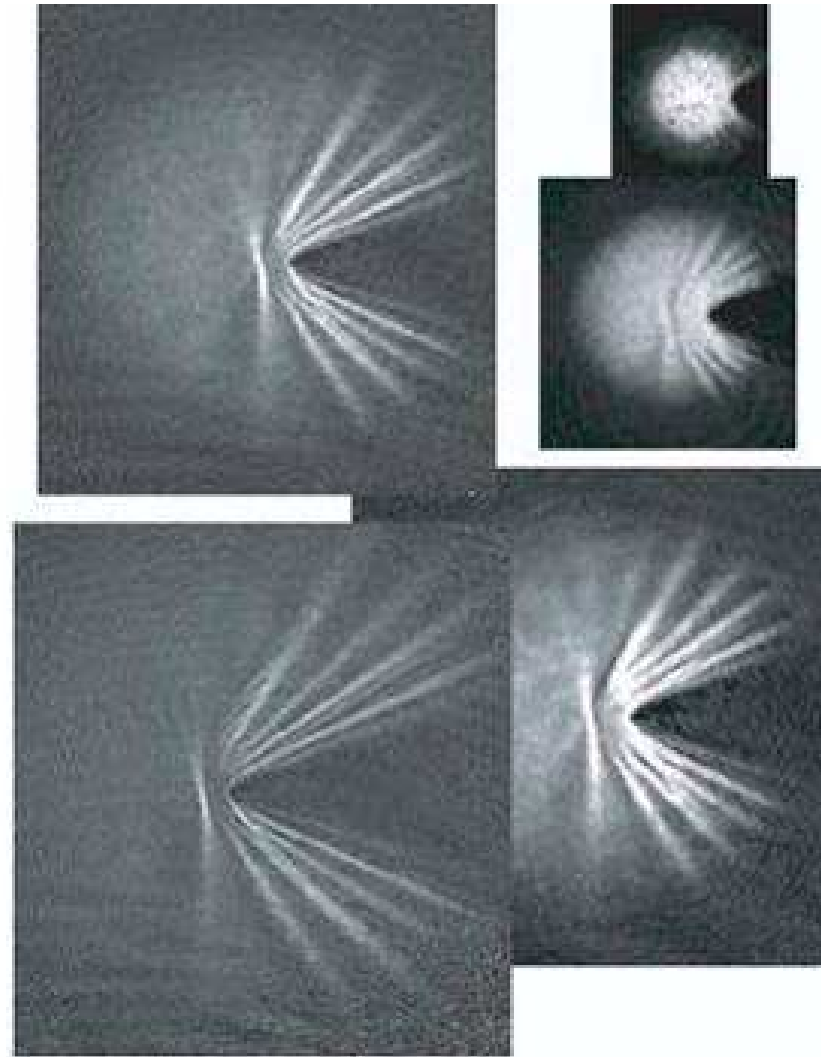


Bow waves

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# Quantum Fluids- BEC

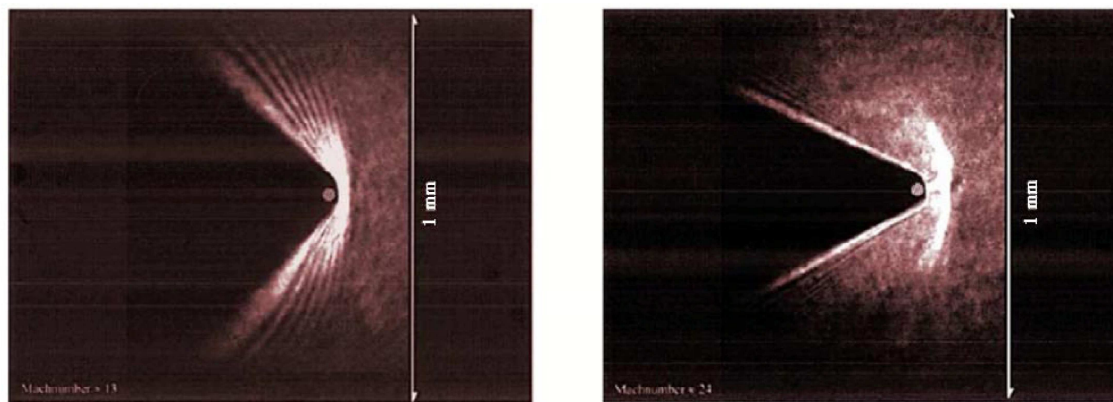
Shocks in the flow of BEC past an obstacle



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# Gross-Pitaevskii equation

Dynamics of a dilute condensate is described by the Gross-Pitaevskii equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \psi + V_{ext}(\mathbf{r})\psi + g |\psi|^2 \psi$$

where

$$V_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{m}{2} (\omega_x^2 x^2 + \omega_y^2 y^2 + \omega_z^2 z^2)$$

$$g = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m},$$

$a_s$  is the atom-atom scattering length,

$$\int |\psi|^2 d\mathbf{r} = N, \quad N \text{ is number of atoms in the trap.}$$

$$l_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega}}$$



# Disc-shaped trap

$$\lambda = \frac{\omega_z}{\omega_{\perp}} \gg 1, \quad \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \phi(z)\Psi(x, y, t),$$

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} a_z^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2a_z^2}\right),$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_{\perp} \Psi + \frac{1}{2} m(\omega_x^2 x^2 + \omega_y^2 y^2) \Psi + g_{2D} |\Psi|^2 \Psi$$

$$g_{2D} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2\pi} a_z} = \frac{2\sqrt{2\pi} \hbar^2 a_s}{m a_z}, \quad \int |\Psi|^2 dx dy = N.$$

## Bose-Einstein Condensates-dimensionless units

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \psi + |\psi|^2 \psi$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{\rho} e^{i\varphi}$$

Madelung  
Transformation (1929)!

$$\mathbf{v} = \nabla \varphi$$

Gross-Pitaevskii Eq. in hydrodynamic form

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \nabla \rho + \nabla \left[ \frac{(\nabla \rho)^2}{8\rho^2} - \frac{\nabla^2 \rho}{4\rho} \right] = 0$$

And sound velocity for uniform solution is

$$c_s = \sqrt{\rho}$$

No viscosity  
quantum pressure term

E. Cornell (2005) From GP to quantum hydrodynamics

How similar is quantum shock to classical shock?  
→ need a hydrodynamic description of the BEC.

BEC: Gross-Pitaevskii equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\vec{r}, t) = \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V_{\text{ext}} + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m} |\psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2 \right) \psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\psi = f(\vec{r}) \cdot e^{i\phi(\vec{r})} \quad \Rightarrow \quad n = f^2 \quad \vec{v} = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \phi$$

Hydrodynamic equation for a BEC

$$m \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{v^2}{2} \right) \right) = -\nabla g n - \nabla V_{\text{ext}} + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m\sqrt{n}} \nabla^2 \sqrt{n} \right)$$

& continuity equation:  $\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (v n) = 0$

E. Cornell (2005)

## Quantum Reynolds Number

**Is the quantum pressure important at all?**

**Classical case:**

Viscosity important when low Reynolds number  $Re$ .

$$Re = \frac{\text{inertial force}}{\text{viscous force}} = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}}{\eta \Delta v} \approx \frac{\rho v L}{\eta}$$

**Quantum case:**

Compare mean field to quantum pressure.

$$Re = \frac{\text{meanfield}}{\text{quantum pressure}} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a / m \cdot n}{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}}} \approx L^2 a n \approx \frac{L^2}{\xi_{\text{heal}}^2}$$

$L$ : characteristic length, e.g. width of shock front

→ QP important when important lengthscale becomes on order of healing length! (e.g. after sufficient self-steepening).

## Numerical simulations

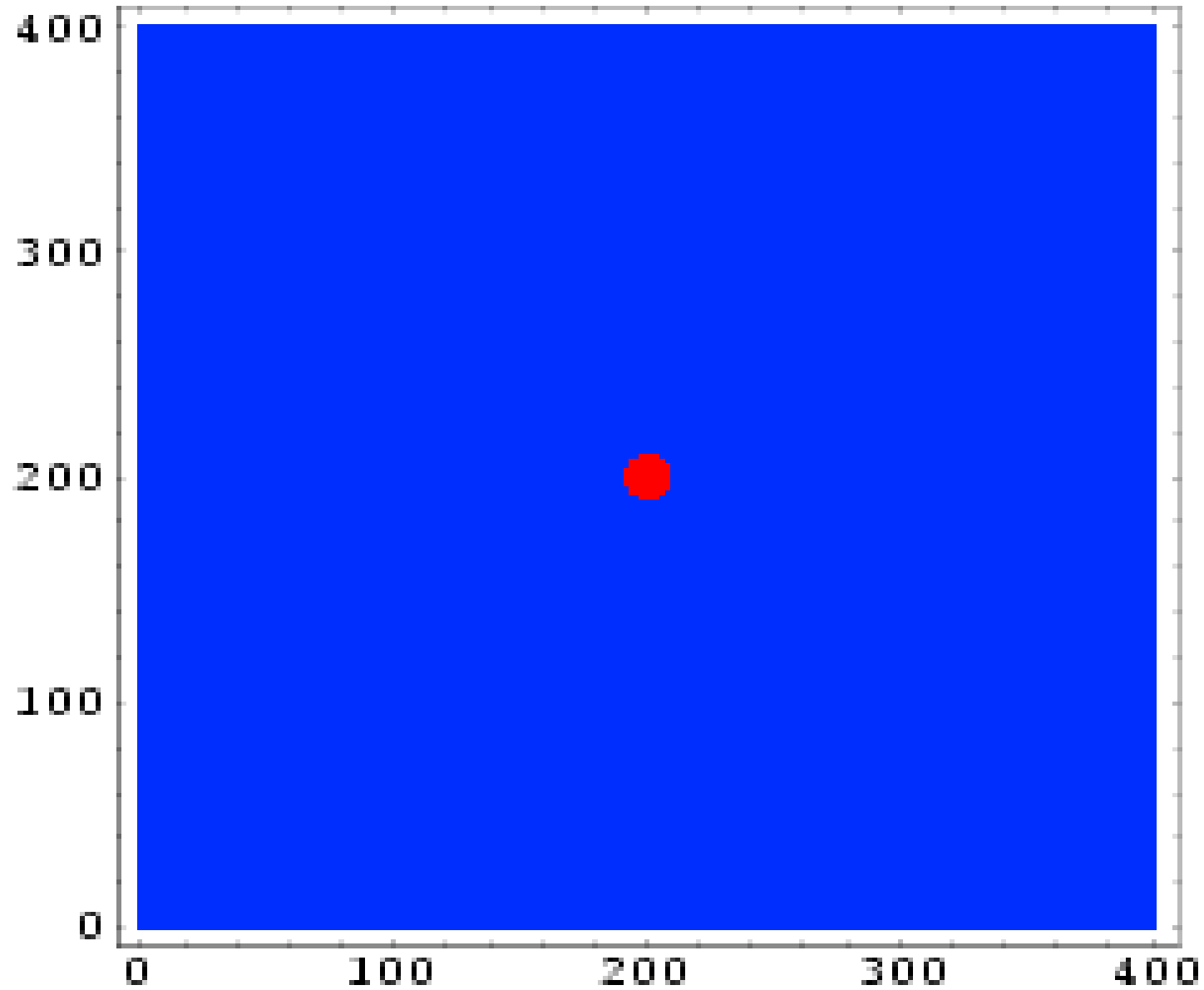
Let the order parameter  $\psi$  satisfies the initial condition

$$\Psi(x, y) |_{t=0} = \exp(iMx)$$

That is the flow with Mach velocity  $M$  is switched on at the moment  $t=0$ . We suppose that the potential  $V(x,y)$  corresponds to interaction of the condensate with the obstacle which is modeled by impenetrable disc with radius  $r$ . Numerical solution given  $M$  yield the evolution of the condensate.

Numerical calculations were made in the stationary frame with respect to the obstacle after making frame transformations so as the obstacle remained at rest

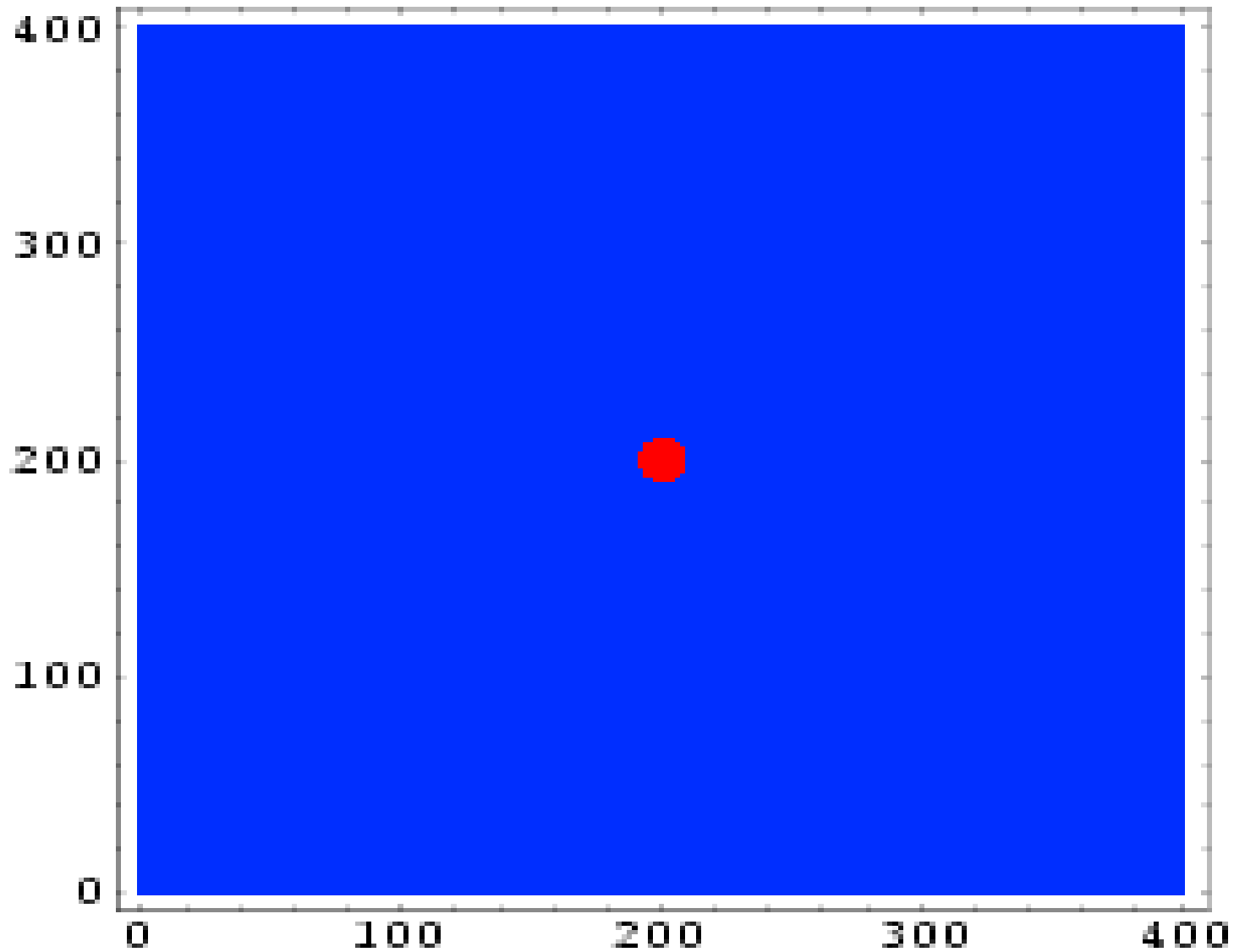
M=0.5, r=5



Low velocities  $\rightarrow$  vortex generation see Frisch et al PRL (1992)

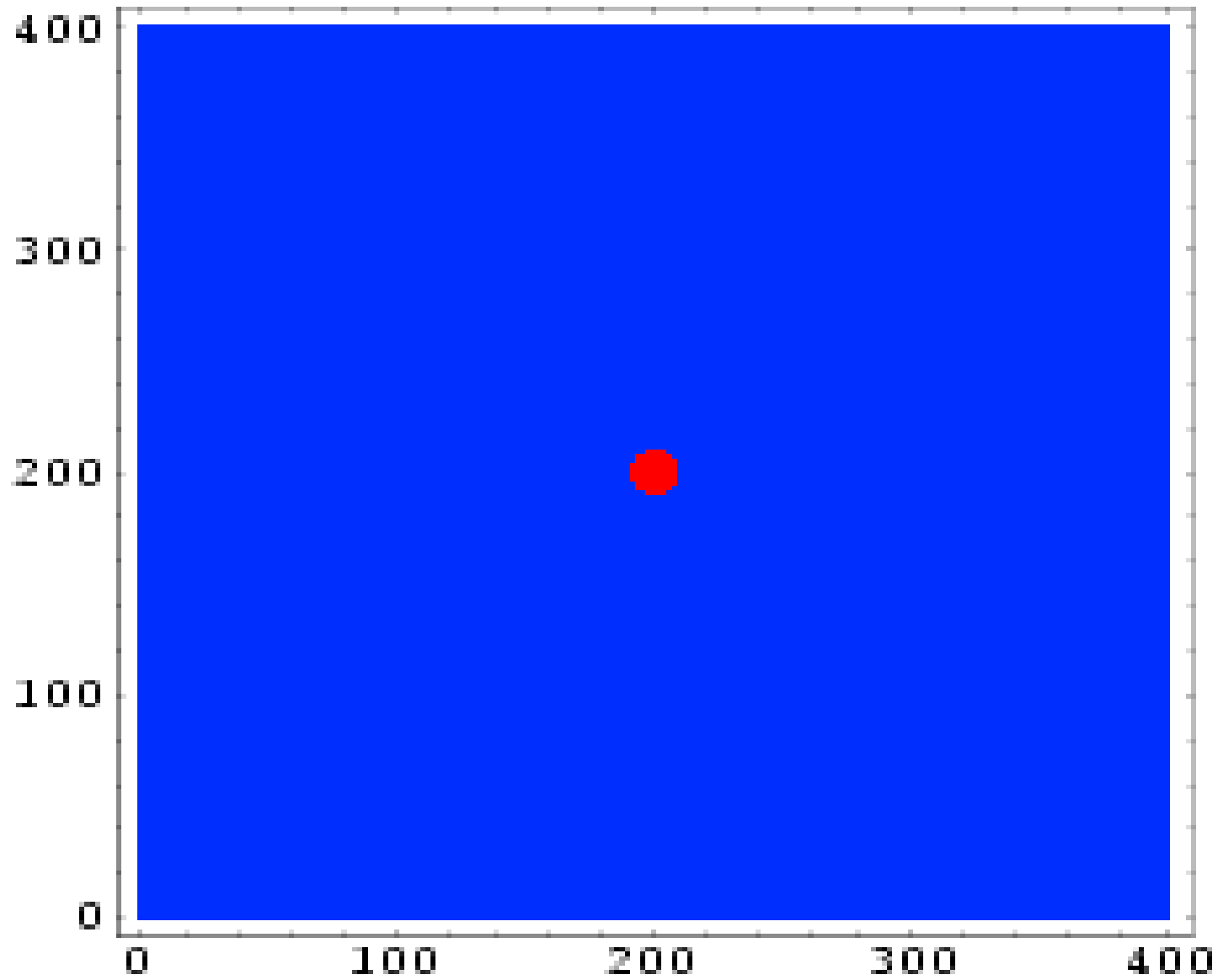


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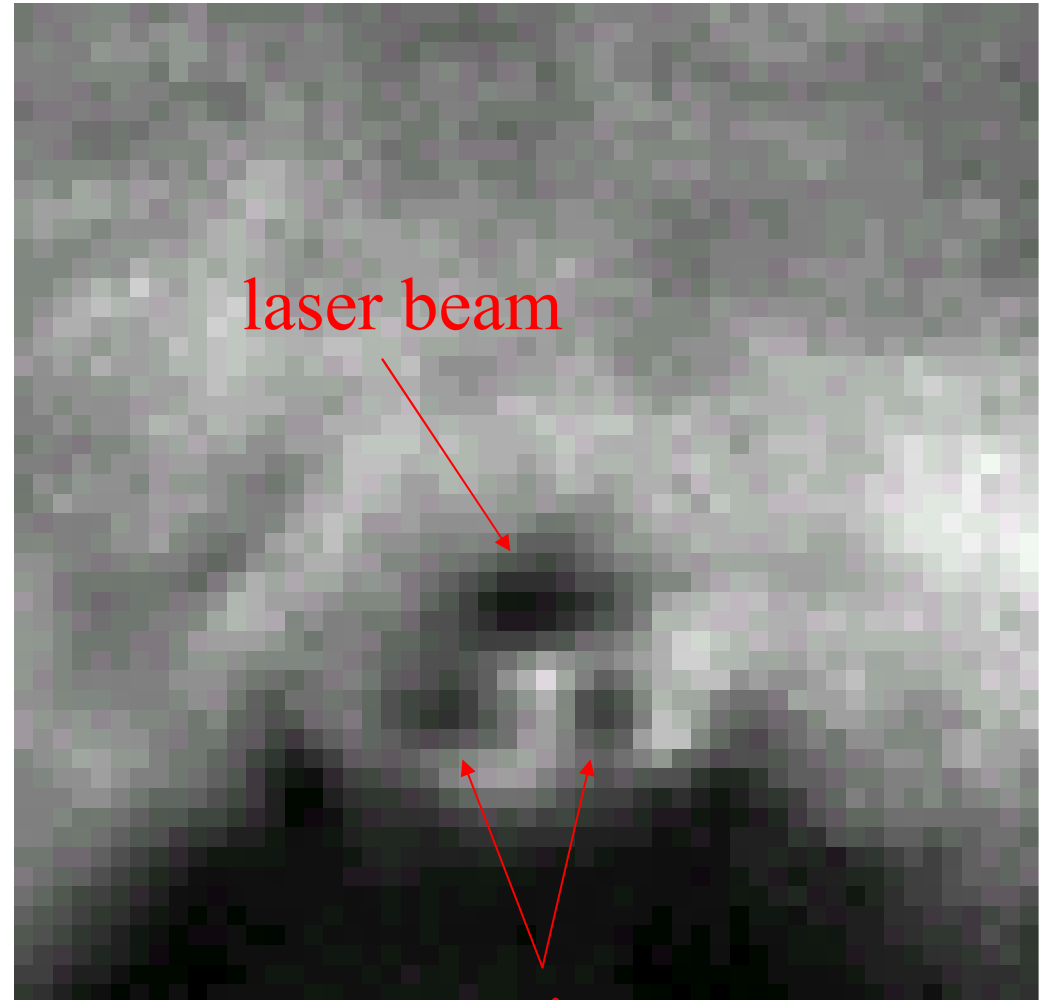
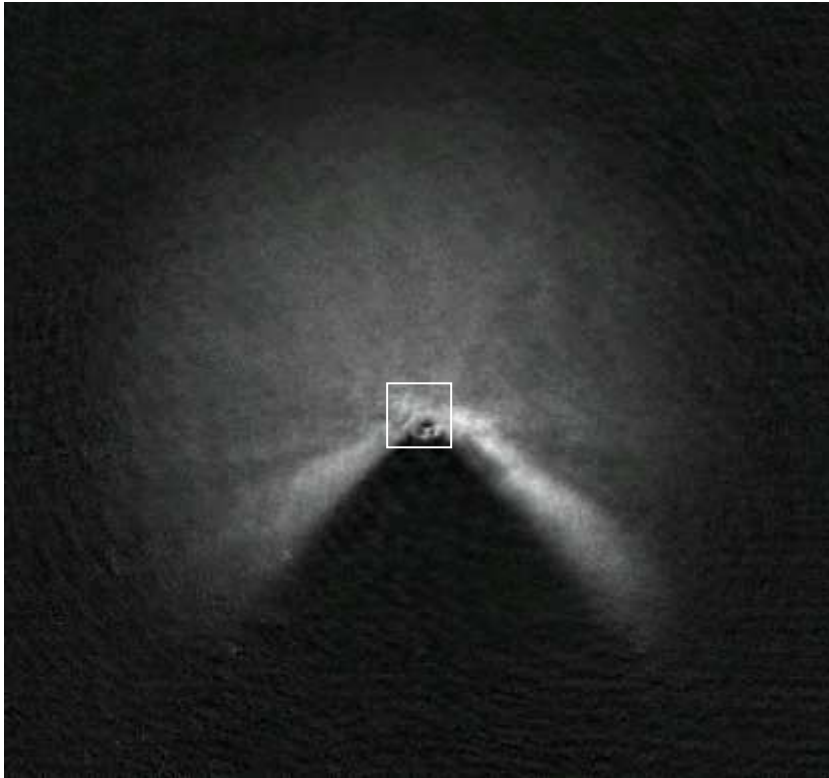
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## Vortices behind a small cylinder



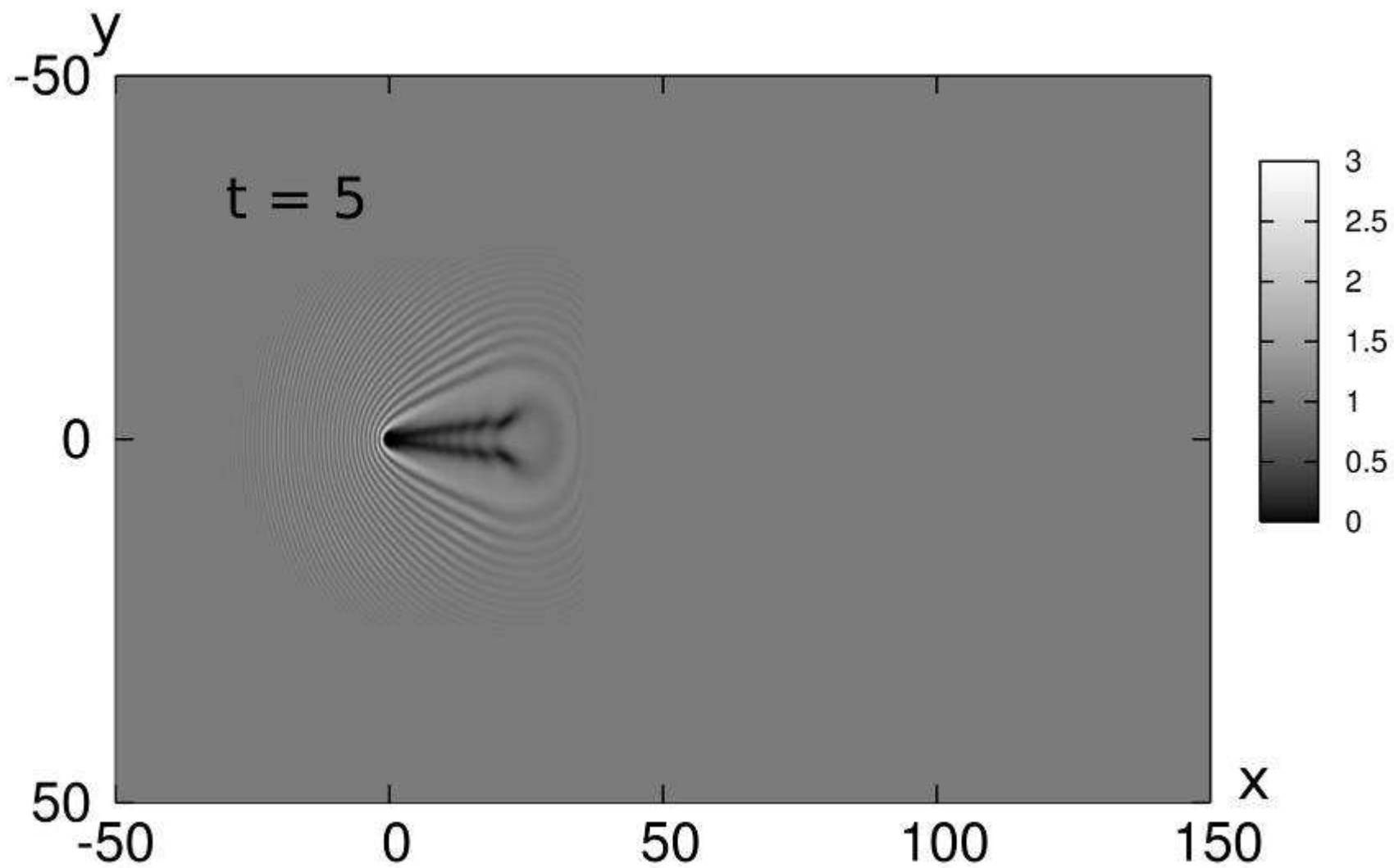
vortices

What happens  
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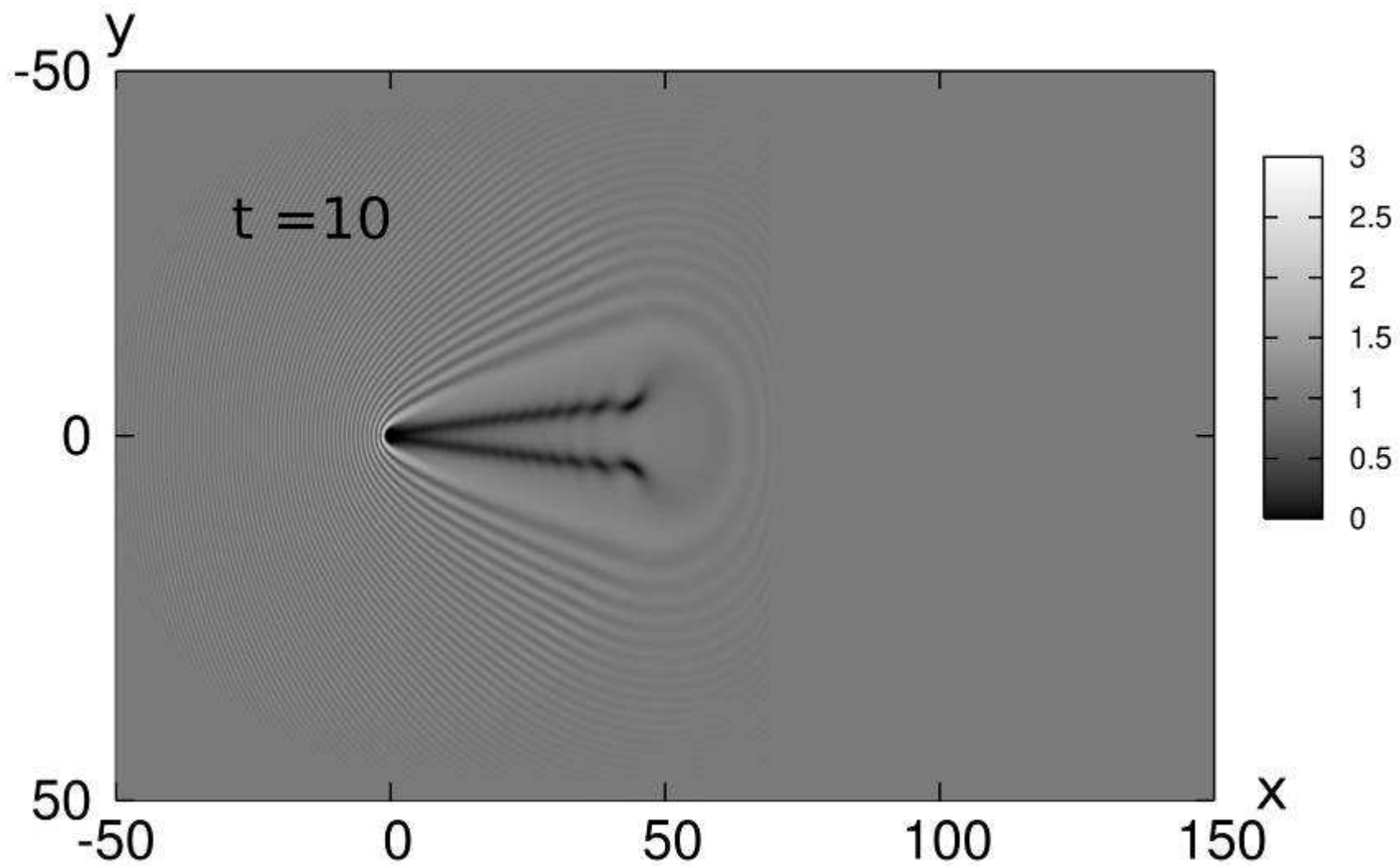
Winiecki, et 1999 reported vortex street...

M=5, r=1

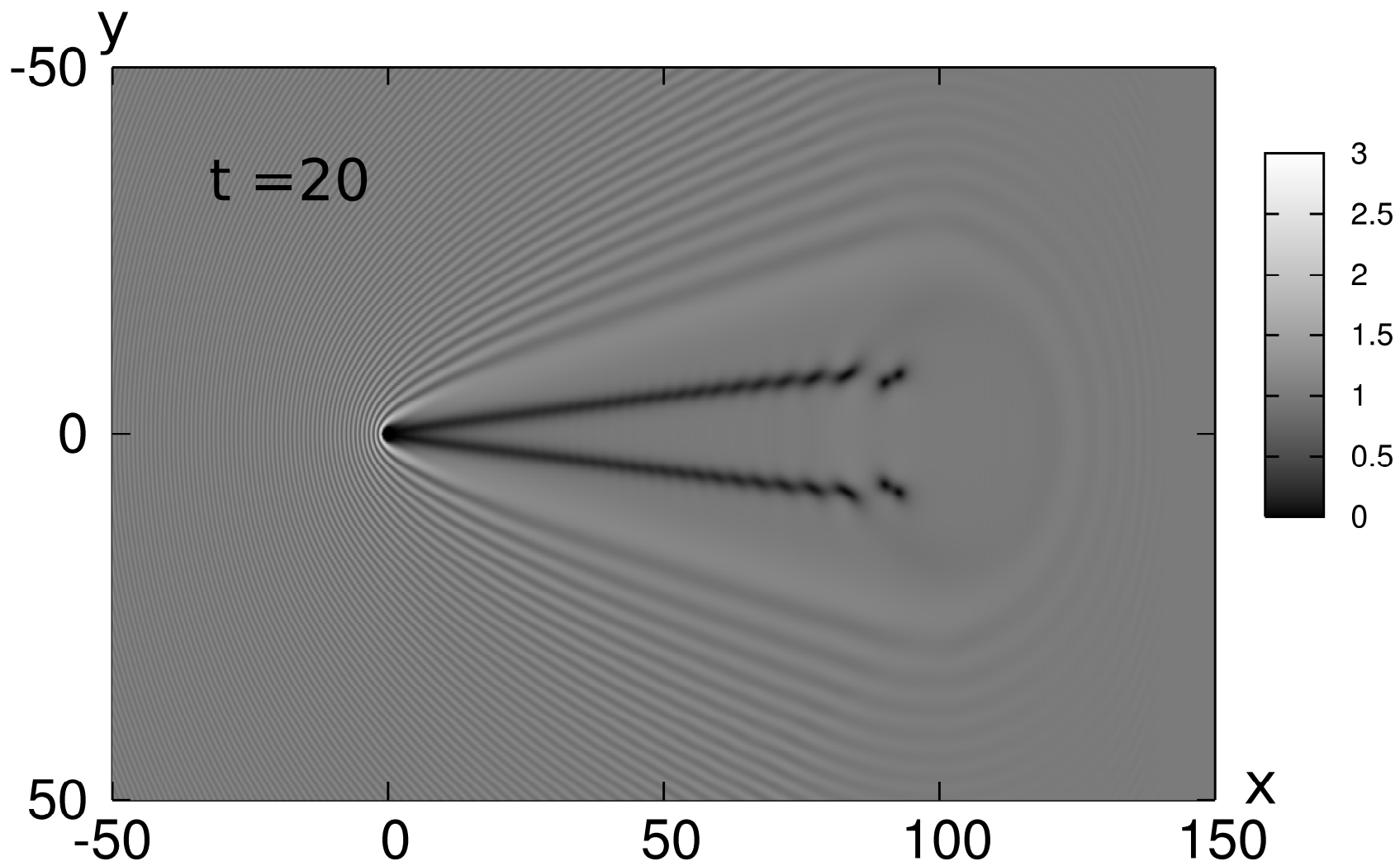
Supersonic velocities



M=5, r=1



M=5, r=1





Now we consider in the hydrodynamic form a stationary system of equations for the density  $n(x,y)$  and two components of the velocity field  $\mathbf{u} = (u(x,y), v(x,y))$

$$(nu)_x + (nv)_y = 0$$

$$uu_x + vu_y + n_x + \left( \frac{n_x^2 + n_y^2}{8n^2} - \frac{n_{xx} + n_{yy}}{4n} \right)_x = 0$$

$$uv_x + vv_y + n_y + \left( \frac{n_x^2 + n_y^2}{8n^2} - \frac{n_{xx} + n_{yy}}{4n} \right)_y = 0$$

Far enough from the end points of the oblique soliton we can restrict our consideration to potential flows using the condition  $U_y = V_x$ .

Then the above equations can be integrated once to give

$$\frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) + n + \frac{1}{8n^2}(n_x^2 + n_y^2) - \frac{1}{4}(n_{xx} + n_{yy}) = const$$

We look for the solution in the form

$$n = n(\theta), \quad u = u(\theta), \quad v = v(\theta), \quad \text{where } \theta = x - ay$$

and  $a$  denotes a slope of the soliton with respect to  $y$  axis.

It must also satisfy the boundary condition that BEC flow is uniform

At  $|x| \rightarrow \text{infinity}$   $n = 1, u = M, v = 0$

The velocity components can be easily expressed in terms of the density

$$u = \frac{M(1 + a^2 n)}{(1 + a^2)n}, \quad v = -\frac{aM(1 - n)}{(1 + a^2)n},$$

So that the system is reduced to the equation

$$\frac{1}{4}(1 + a^2)(n_\theta^2 - 2nn_{\theta\theta}) + 2n^3 - (2 + p)n^2 + p = 0,$$

where

$$p = \frac{M^2}{1 + a^2}$$

The above equation has the integral

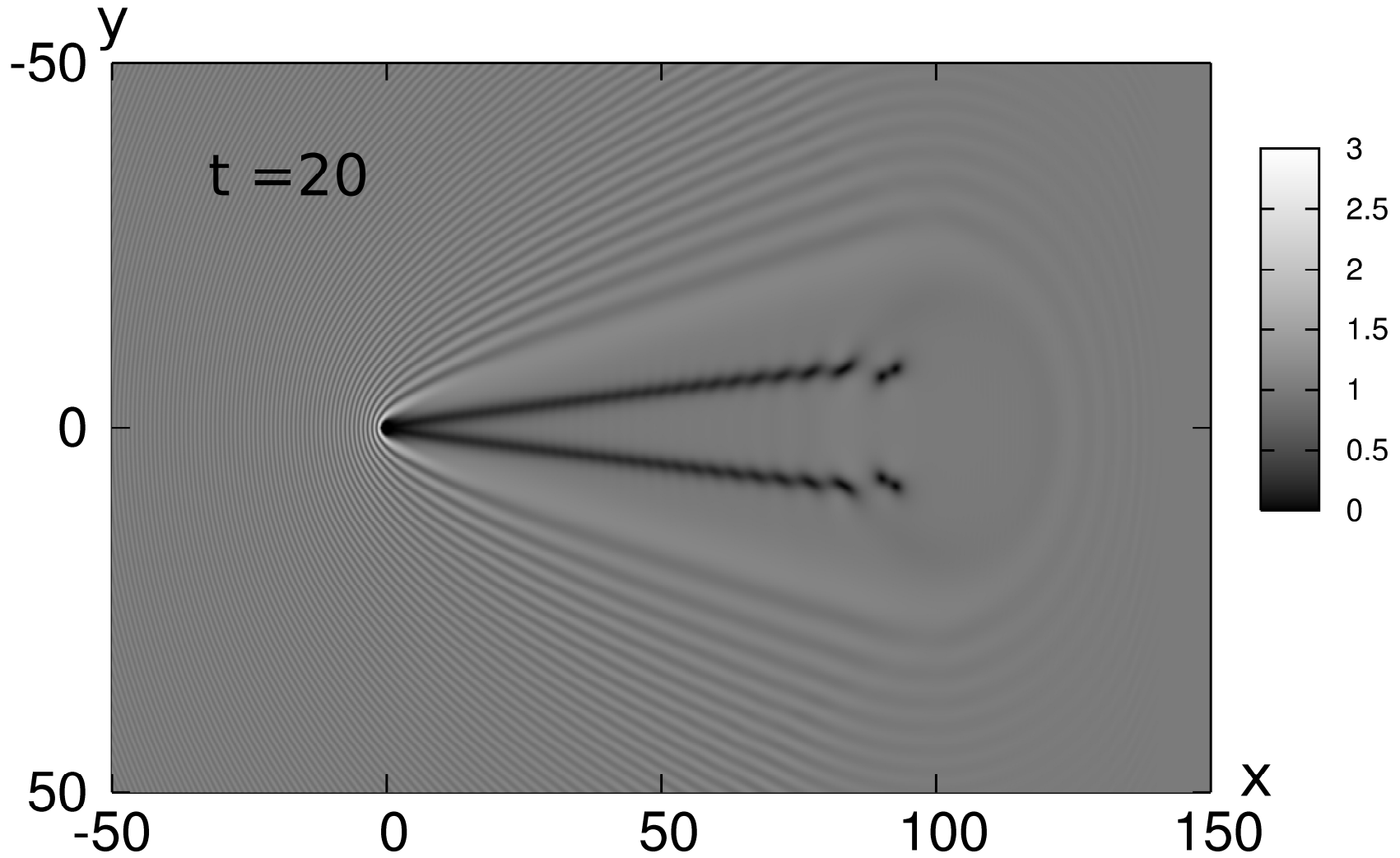
$$\frac{1}{4} (1 + a^2) n_{\theta}^2 = (1 - n)^2 (n - p)$$

Simple integration of this equation yields the soliton solution in the form

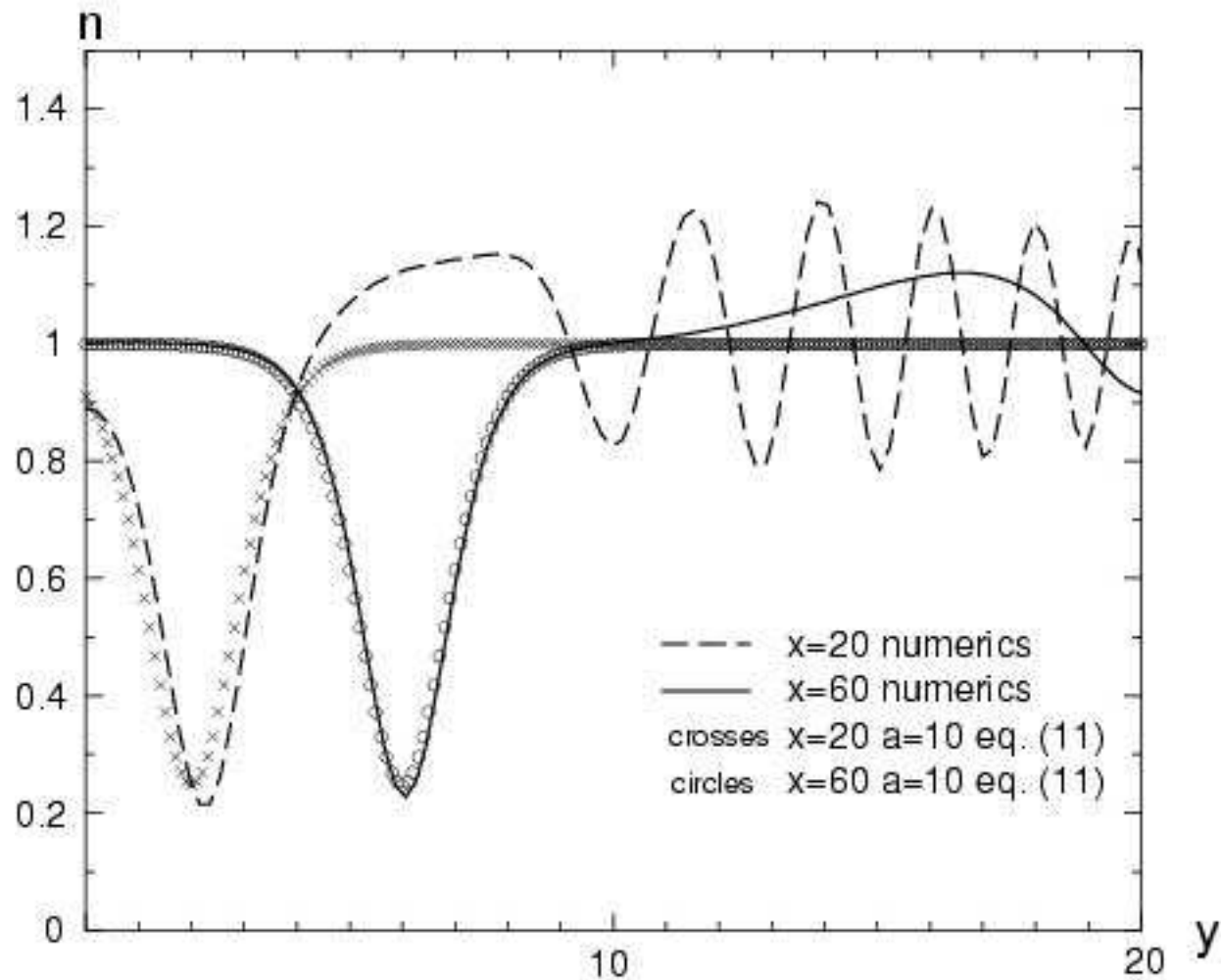
$$n(\theta) = 1 - \frac{1 - p}{\cosh^2 \left[ \sqrt{1 - p} \theta / \sqrt{1 + a^2} \right]}$$

This formula give the exact dark spatial soliton solution of the 2D Gross-Pitaevskii equation. If the parameter  $a$  is determined from a numerically found slope of the oblique soliton then  $n(\theta)$  describes the profile of the density of the condensate.

M=5, r=1



Cutting in x we see dark solitons

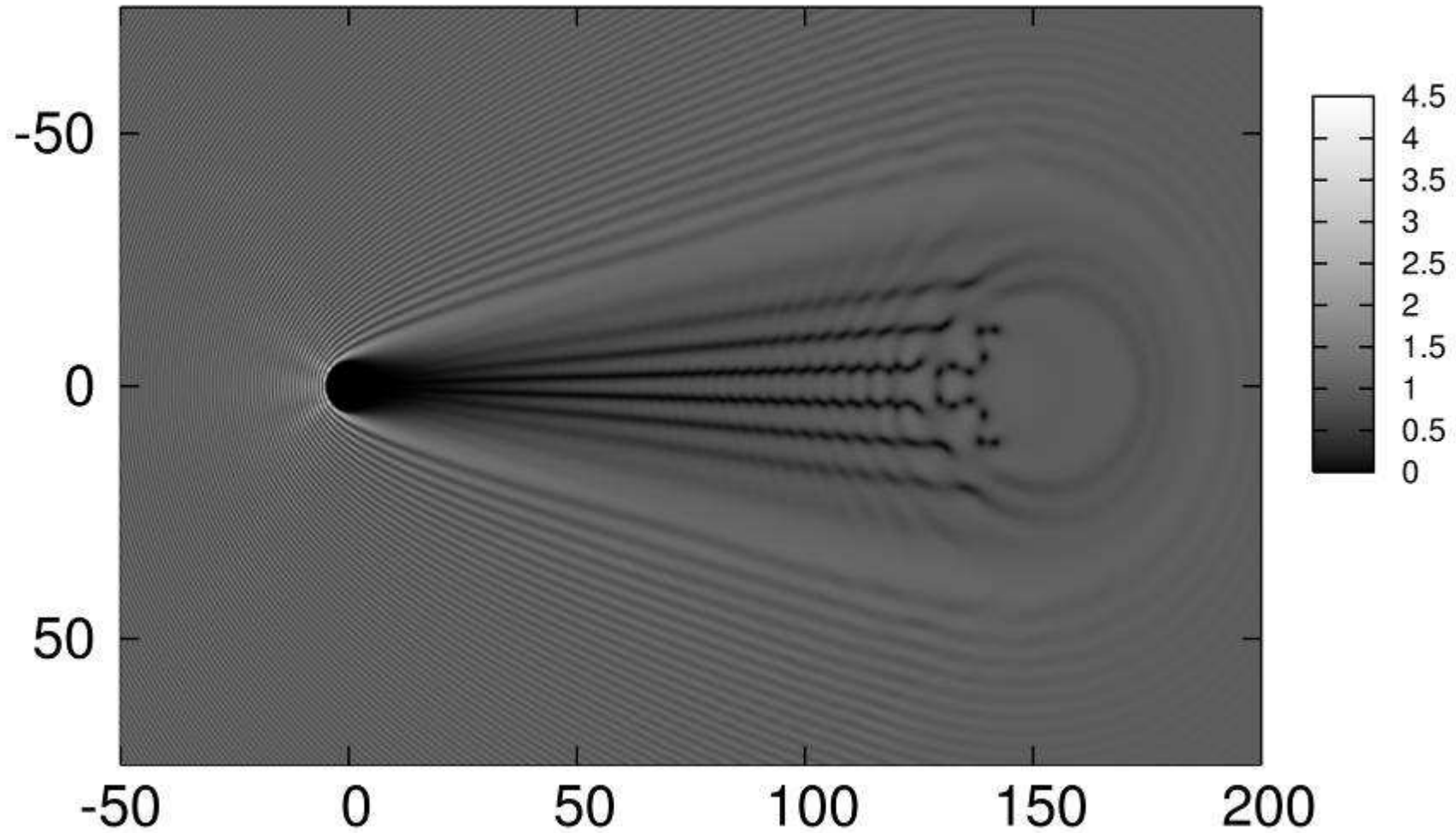


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Differently from Navier-Stokes, that predicts turbulence for sufficient high velocities, the potential flow in GP-2D at simple case showed to be *integrable*, which seems a remarkable result!

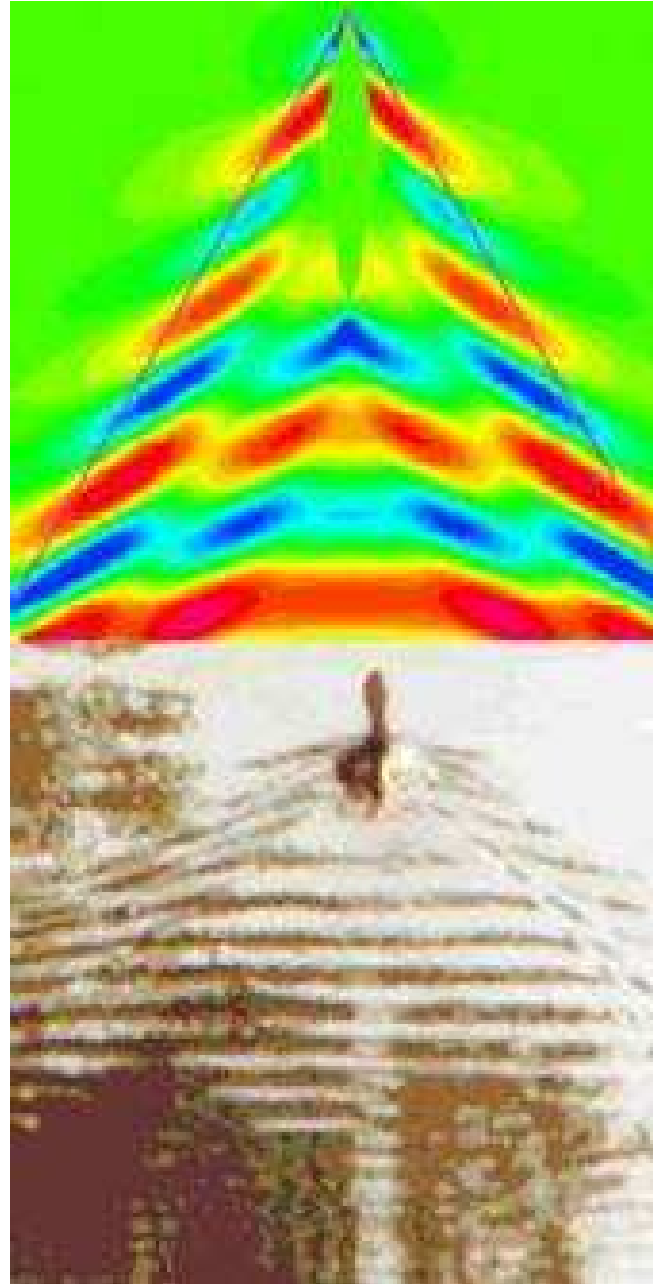
Increasing the radius -> more solitons!

$M=5, r=5$



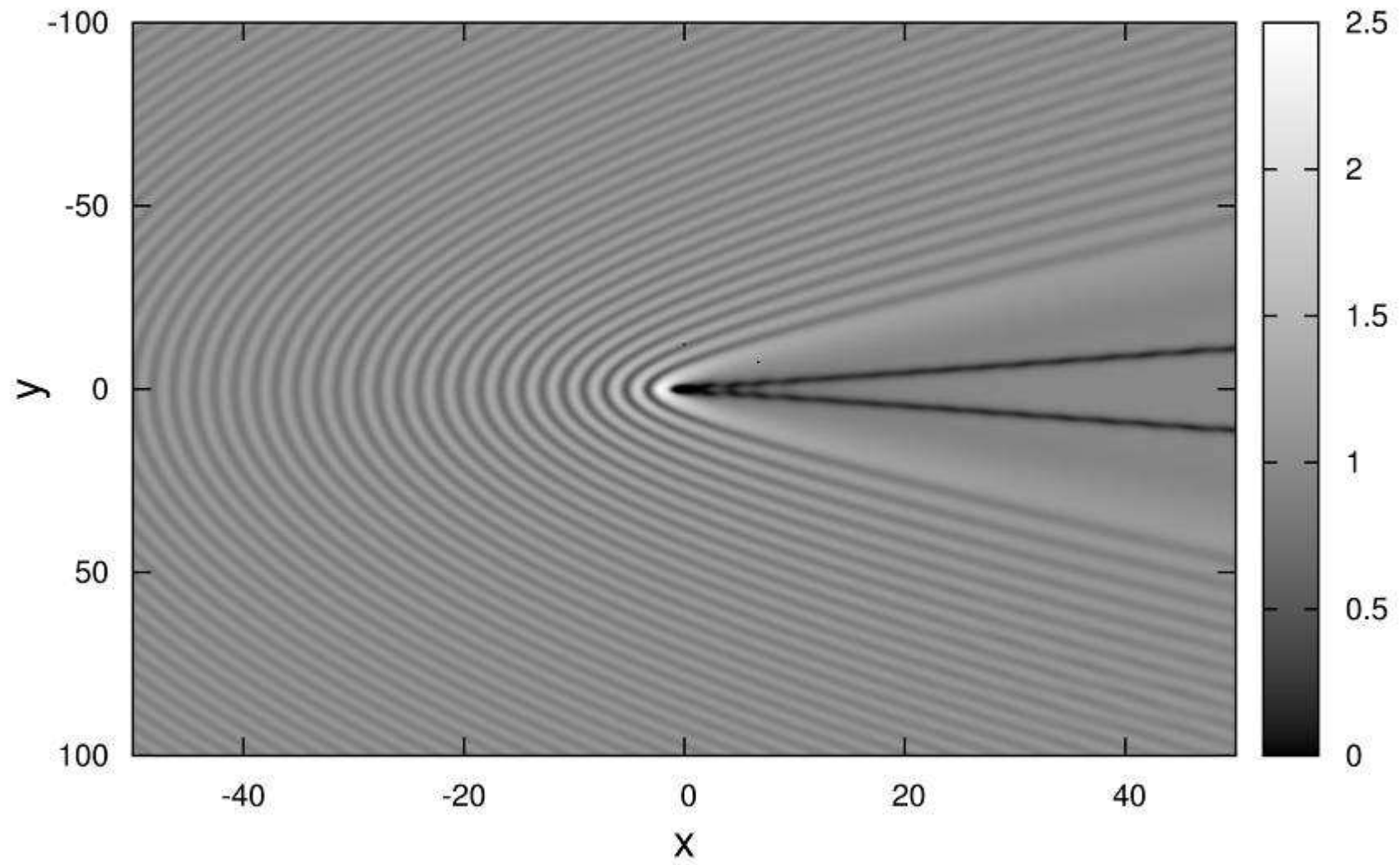
Increasing radius generate more dark solitons!

# Kelvin Ship waves



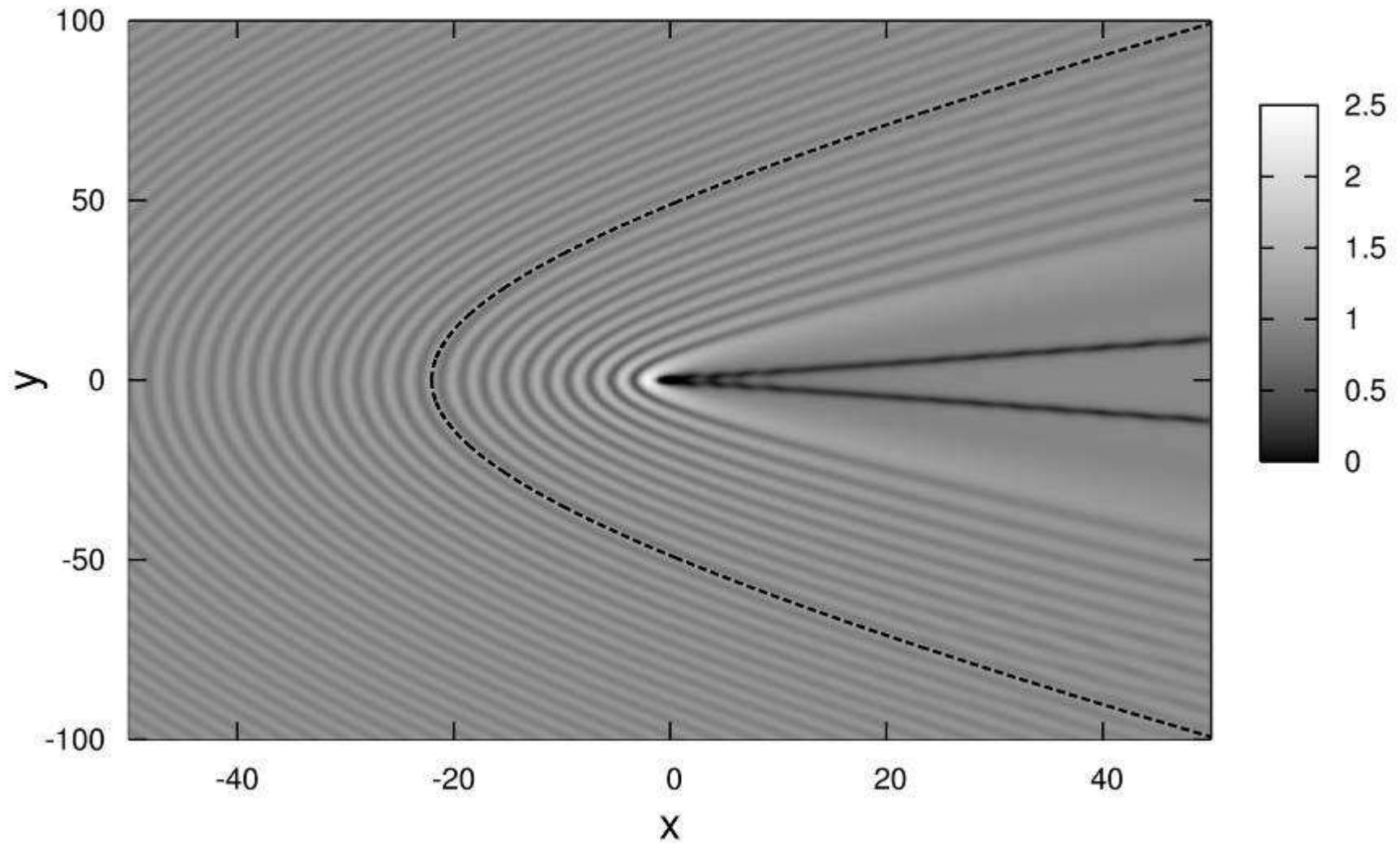


$r=1, M=2$



Using the same techniques developed by  
by Lord Kelvin applied to the GP equation  
were able to derive analytical shape of the  
“Ship waves” profile

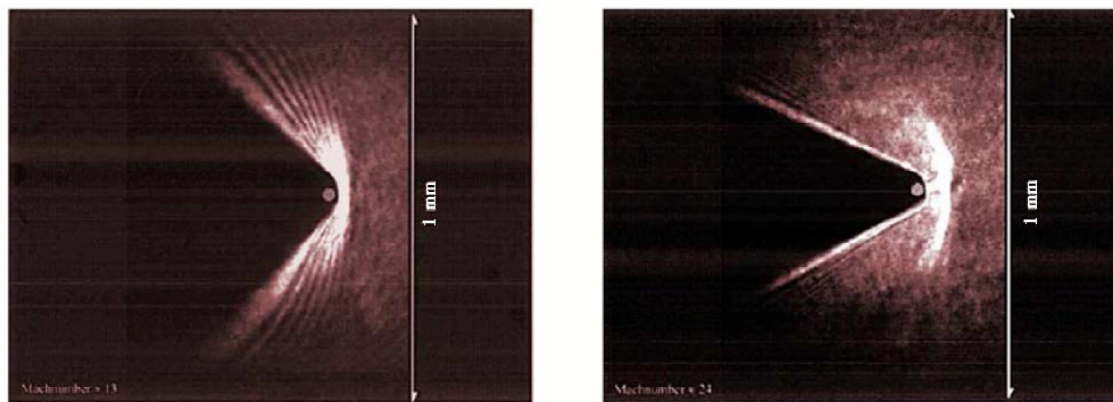
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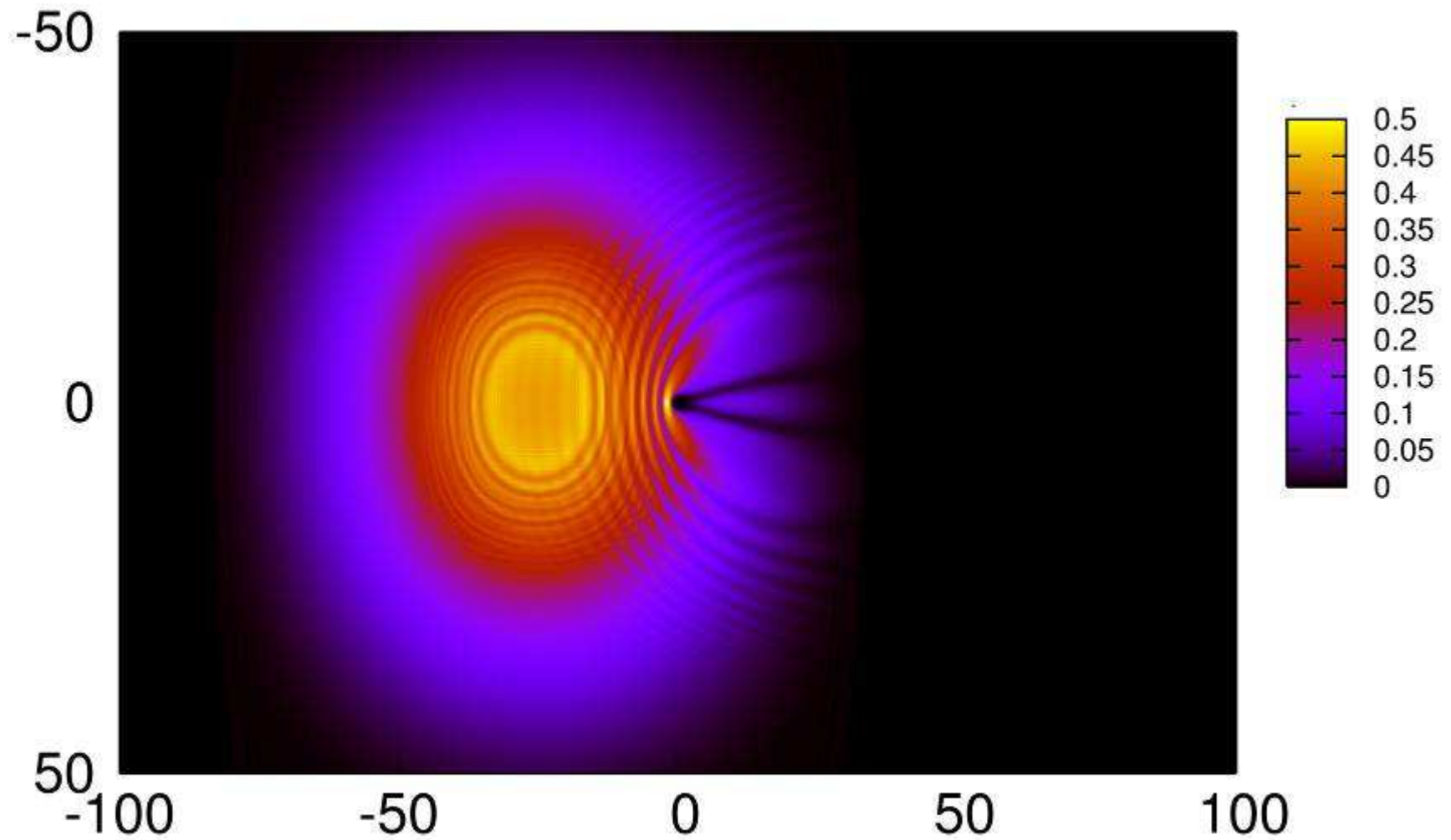
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Expansion in 2D,  $r=1$



Thanks to referee...

Nonlinear optics “Hidrodynamics”

Within paraxial approximation luminous flow inside nonlinear Kerr medium (crystal) can be well described by

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{2k_0} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \psi - \frac{k_0}{n_0} \Delta n_2 (|\psi|^2) \psi$$

where

$$\Delta n_2 (|\psi|^2) = -\frac{1}{2} n_0^3 r_{33} E_p \frac{\rho}{\rho + \rho_d}, \quad \rho = |\psi|^2$$

$\psi$  = envelope field strength of EM wave

$n_0$  = linear refracting index

$E_p$  = applied electric field

$r_{33}$  = electro optical index

$k_0 = 2\pi n_0 / \lambda$  wave number

$\rho_d$  = saturation parameter

# Gross-Pitaevskii 2D equation

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# Nonlinear optics 2D equation

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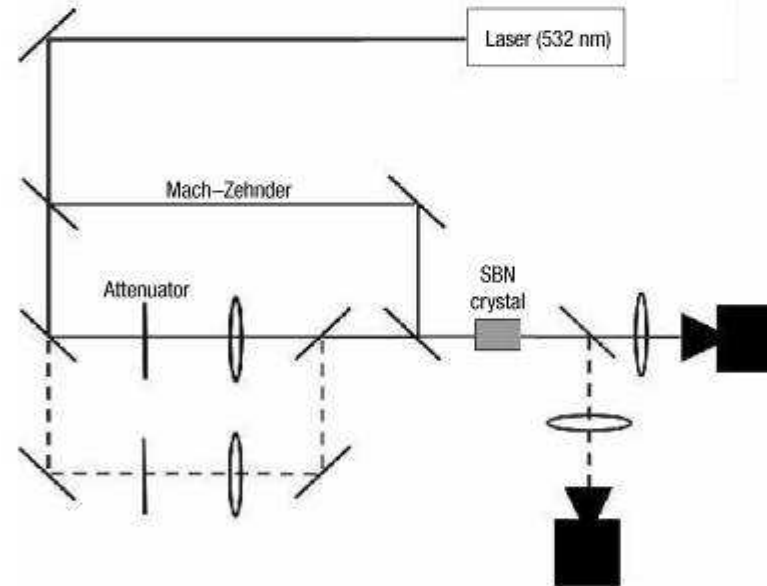
different type of shock wave can emerge whose behaviour is dominated by dispersion rather than dissipation. Dispersive shock waves are difficult to study experimentally, and analytical solutions to the equations that govern them have only been found in one dimension (1D). By exploiting a well-known, but little appreciated, correspondence between the behaviour of superfluids and nonlinear optical materials, we demonstrate an all-optical experimental platform for studying the dynamics of dispersive shock waves. This enables us to observe the propagation and nonlinear response of dispersive shock waves, including the interaction of colliding shock waves, in 1D and 2D. Our system offers a versatile and more accessible means for exploring superfluid-like and related dispersive phenomena.

Unlike dissipative shock waves in ordinary gases/fluids, which have a well-defined shock front due to viscosity, dispersive superfluid-like shock waves have an oscillatory front. These oscillations result from two basic, and related, properties of the superfluid state: nonlinearity and coherence. Coherence results from cooling the fluid, so that the constituent particles of the condensate are perfectly correlated, whereas nonlinearity refers to the interparticle interactions that make this correlation possible. For different reasons, these two properties also occur in nonlinear optics. Although the relationship is well known in the condensate community (for example, nonlinear ‘atom optics’ studies in Bose–Einstein condensates (BEC)<sup>1–3</sup>), the relationship has been underappreciated from the opposite perspective. Here, we build on previous theoretical<sup>4,5</sup> and experimental<sup>6,7</sup> work on superfluid behaviour in BEC to examine the optical equivalent of condensate shock waves. We demonstrate basic dispersive, dissipationless shock waves in one and two transverse dimensions, characterize their nonlinear properties and reveal the non-trivial interactions when two such shocks collide.

Although dispersive shock waves in optics have been studied previously for temporal pulses in fibres<sup>8–16</sup>, they have not yet been considered in the spatial domain. In this case, the extra dimensional freedom allows consideration of wavefront geometry, which is shown to significantly affect shock propagation and interaction. The particular system considered here is a spatial one in which a continuous optical wave propagates in a nonlinear Kerr-like medium, mainly along the  $z$  axis. To an excellent approximation, the slowly varying amplitude  $\psi$  of such a field can be described by the nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2k_0} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \psi + \Delta n(|\psi|^2) \psi = 0 \quad (1)$$

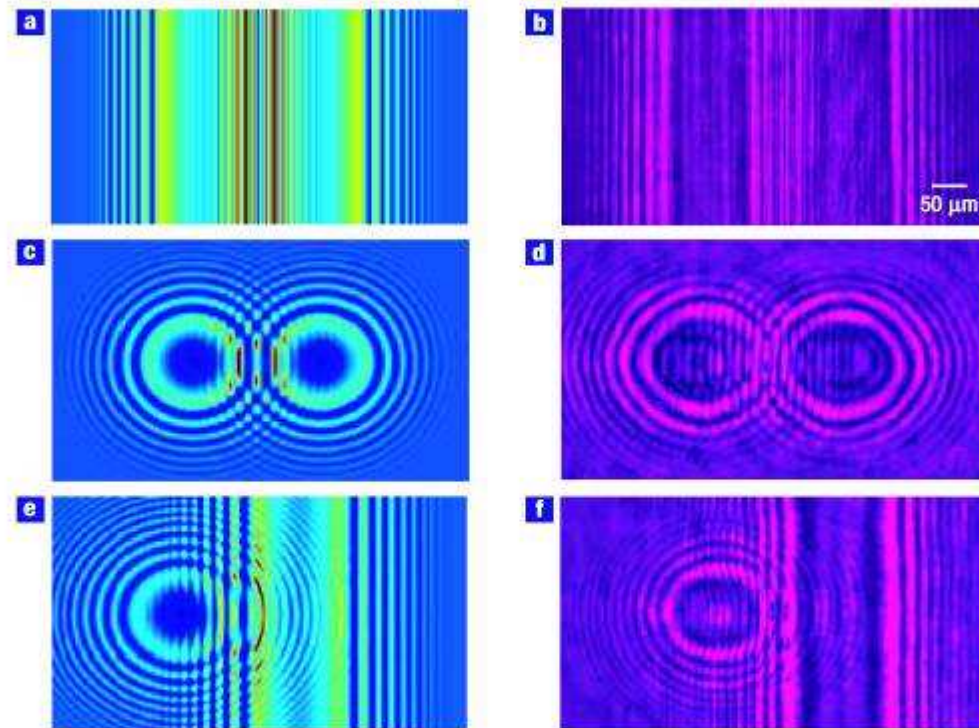
where  $k_0 = 2\pi n_0/\lambda$  is the wavenumber,  $\lambda/n_0$  is the wavelength in a homogeneous medium of refractive index  $n_0$  and



**Figure 1 Experimental set-up.** Light from a laser is split using a Mach–Zehnder interferometer. A cylindrical/circular lens placed in one of the arms focuses a beam onto the input face of an SBN:75 photorefractive crystal. For the nonlinear experiments, a constant voltage of  $-500$  V is applied across the crystalline  $c$  axis to set the photorefractive screening effect, whereas the shock strength is controlled by varying the hump:background intensity ratio with an attenuator. Light exiting the crystal is then imaged into a charge-coupled-device camera. Both position ( $x$ ) space and momentum ( $k$ ) space are imaged. For the collision experiments, a second lensing arm in the interferometer is added.

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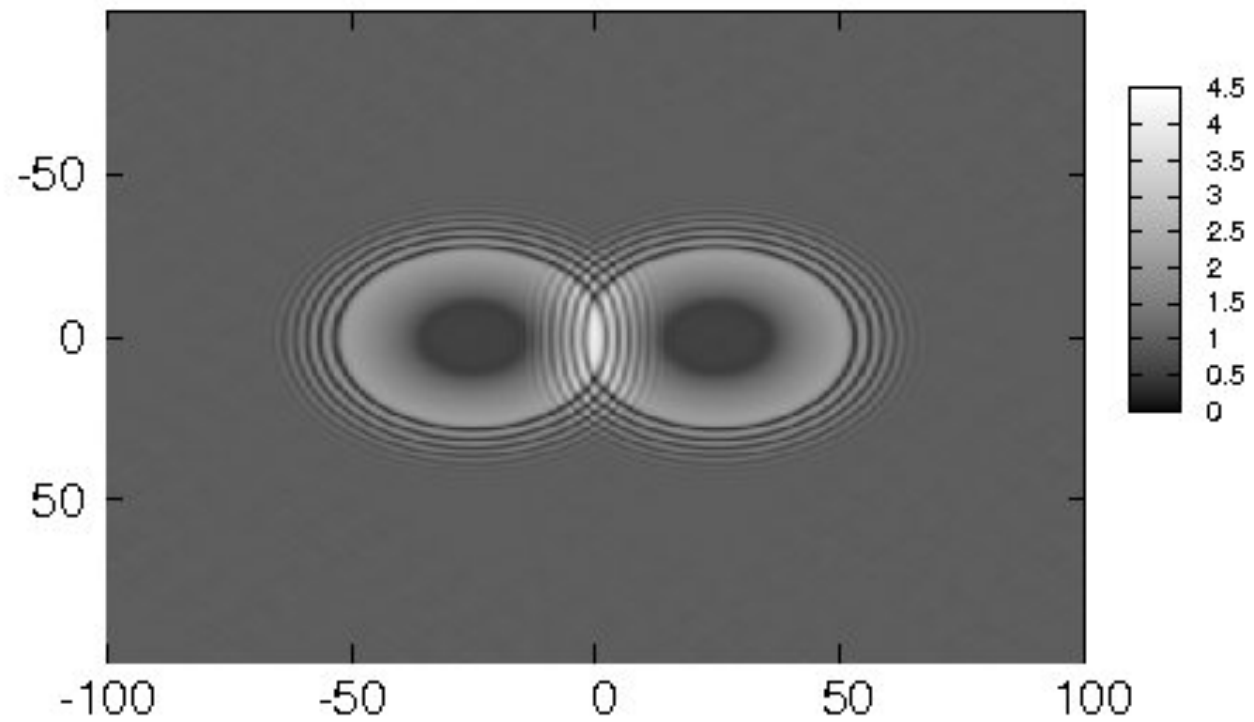


**Figure 6 Shock wave collisions.** Left column: Beam-propagation simulations. Right column: Experimental output pictures. **a,b**, 1D collision. **c,d**, 2D collision. **e,f**, 1D-on-2D shock collision. The outer regions show undisturbed shock behaviour, whereas the inner regions reveal the non-trivial interaction of nonlinear, dispersive waves. In particular, the wavefronts penetrating each circle in **c** and **d** are straight, the right-going wavefronts in **e** and **f** are flattened and the left-going wavefronts in **e** and **f** become concave.

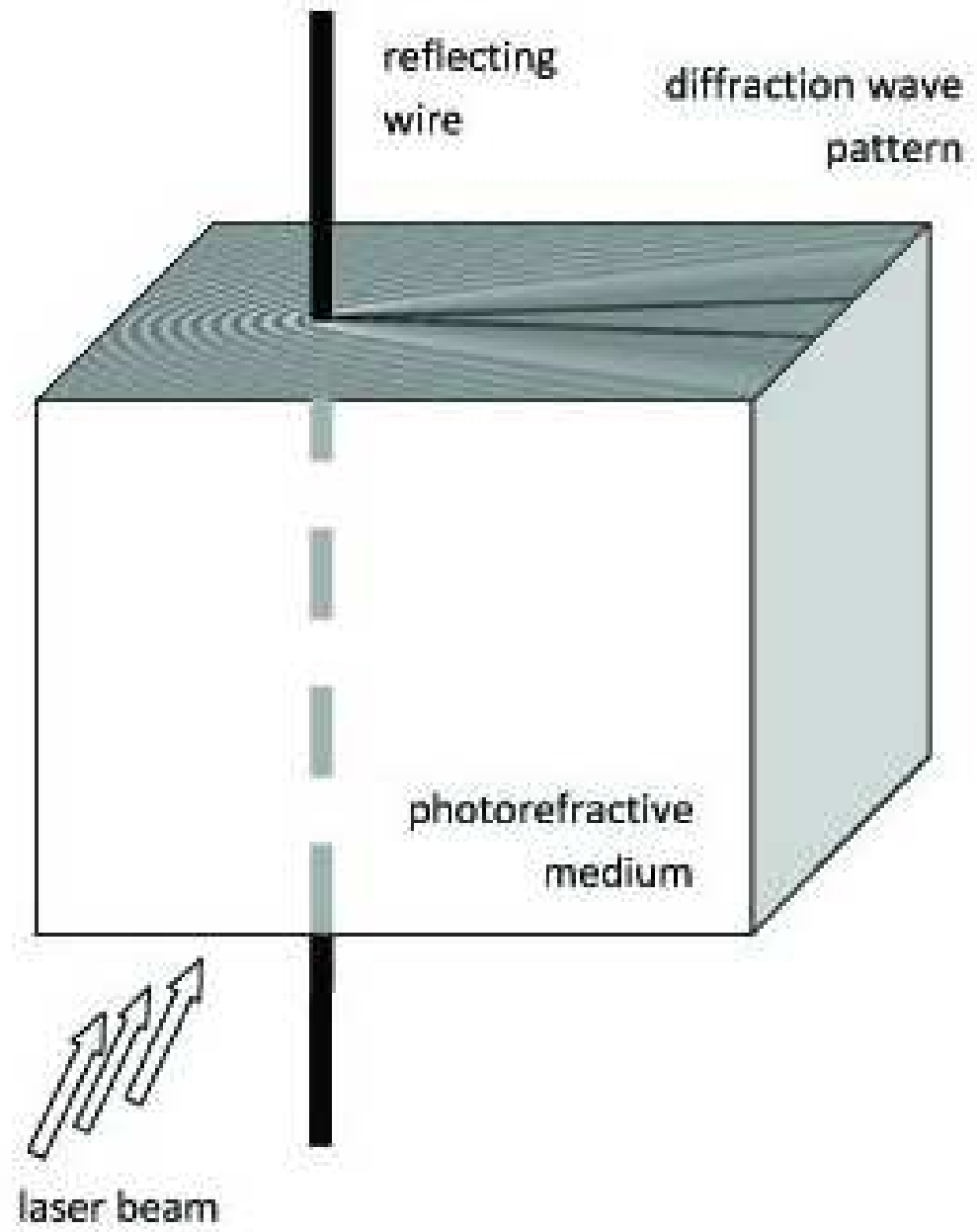
therefore show individual profiles), whereas in Fig. 4b the initial condition is chosen so that the waves do not intersect in the linear case but do overlap in the nonlinear case. Despite the low intensity in the leading edges, the profile shows that shock collision is an inherently nonlinear process. As shown in Fig. 4b, the collision region has (1) a lower maximum intensity than the expected  $4\times$  gain of linear superposition, (2) an internal period of  $7\mu\text{m}$ , significantly more than the  $5\mu\text{m}$  expected from a linear sum of

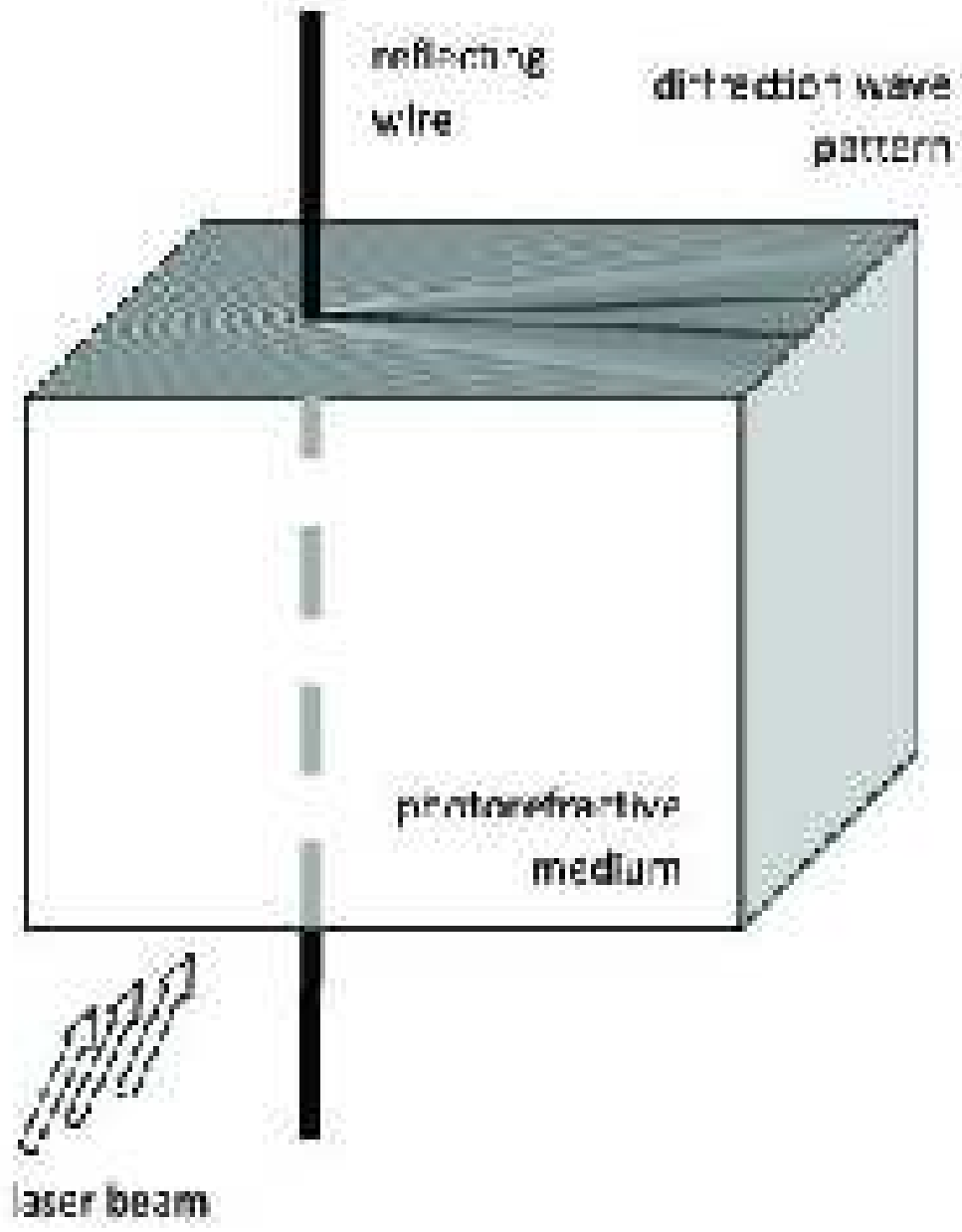
fronts are stable during propagation and do not generate vortices even after (head-on) collision. We conjecture that the array-like structure of the front is responsible for this, as individual 1D dark solitons suffer a snake instability (leading to vortices) in two transverse dimensions<sup>46,47</sup> but 1D arrays are stable<sup>48,49</sup>.

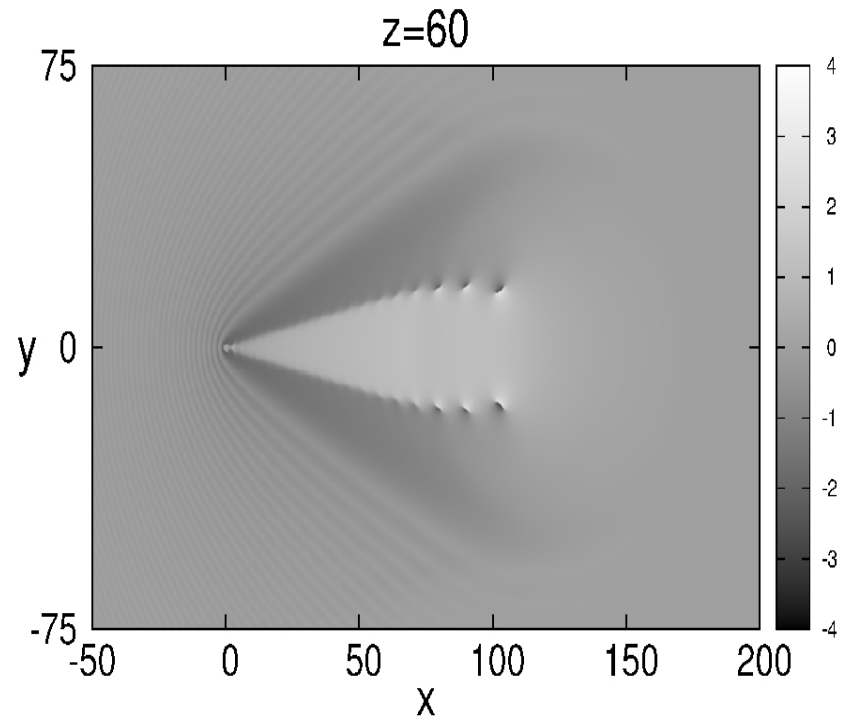
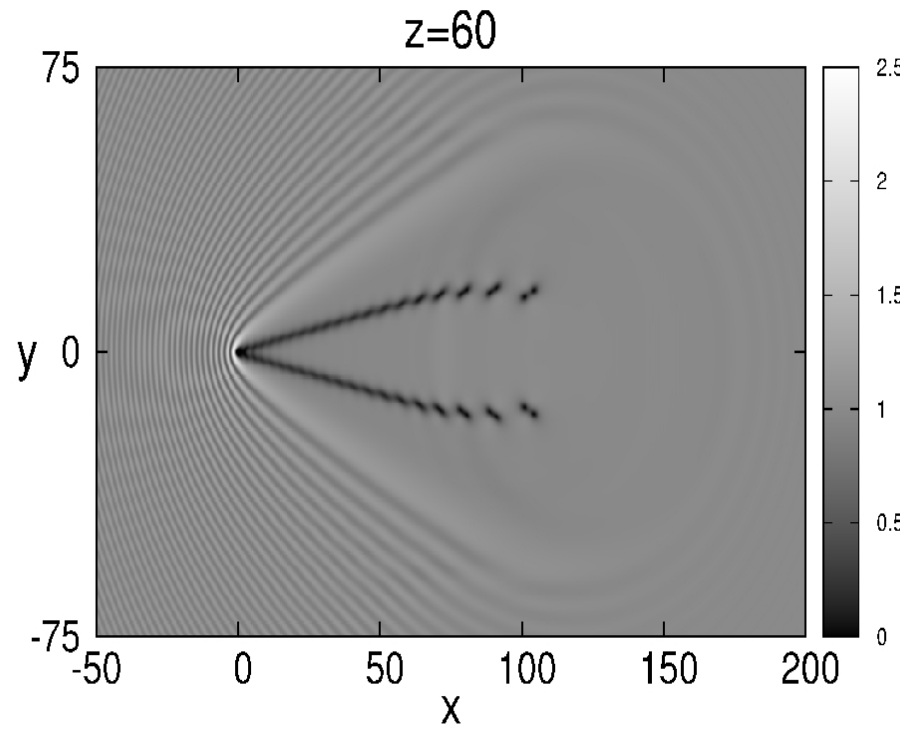
Power spectra of 1D shock interactions, obtained by carrying out an optical Fourier transform on the output profiles in Fig. 4, are shown in Fig. 5. The linear reference case, that of two



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## Conclusions

- As we increase the velocity to supersonic velocities the vortex generation turns to a ***continuum***
- This “vortex street” can be shown **analytically** and numerically to be an oblique dark soliton. **REMARKABLE RESULT**
- Complex multi-soliton formations arise when we increase the obstacle radius
- Hope that experimentalists in BEC and in Nonlinear crystals can detect these dark solitons!

## Outros projetos

-Dinâmica de condensados em redes óticas não lineares  
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-Condensados densos e férmions ultrafrios (DAAD) c/  
Prof. Klaus Ziegler (Alemanha)



To finish I recall someone that well understand  
Fluid Dynamics ...



Thank You !

Sound in gas  
de Bose  
MIT (1997)

