

*Two dimensional supersonic
nonlinear Schrödinger flow past
corner*

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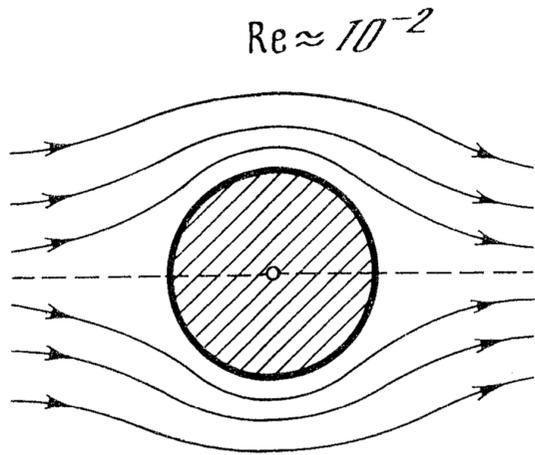


Fig. 9.1. Laminar flow around a cylinder for small Re

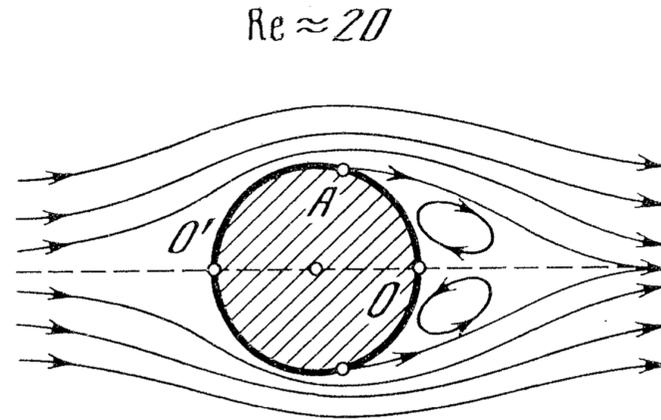


Fig. 9.2. Steady flow past a cylinder with two vortices

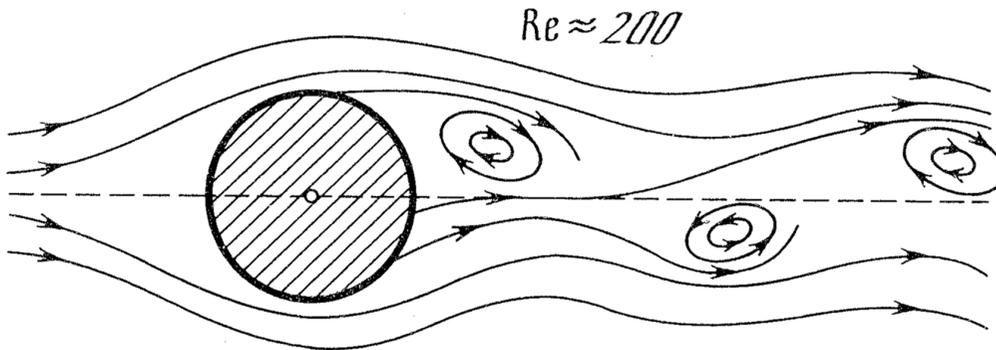


Fig. 9.3. Illustrating a Karman street

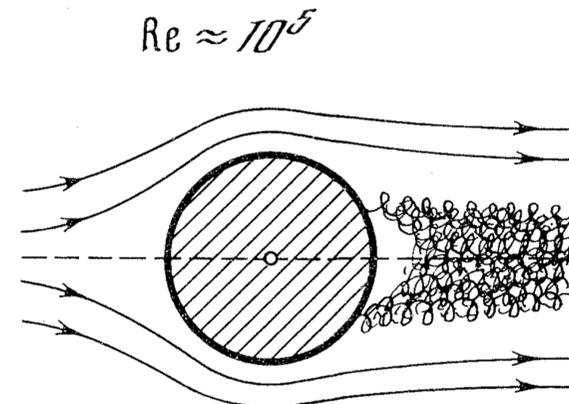


Fig. 9.4. The flow with a fully developed turbulent wake

Classical Fluids with viscosity

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

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

momentum conservation

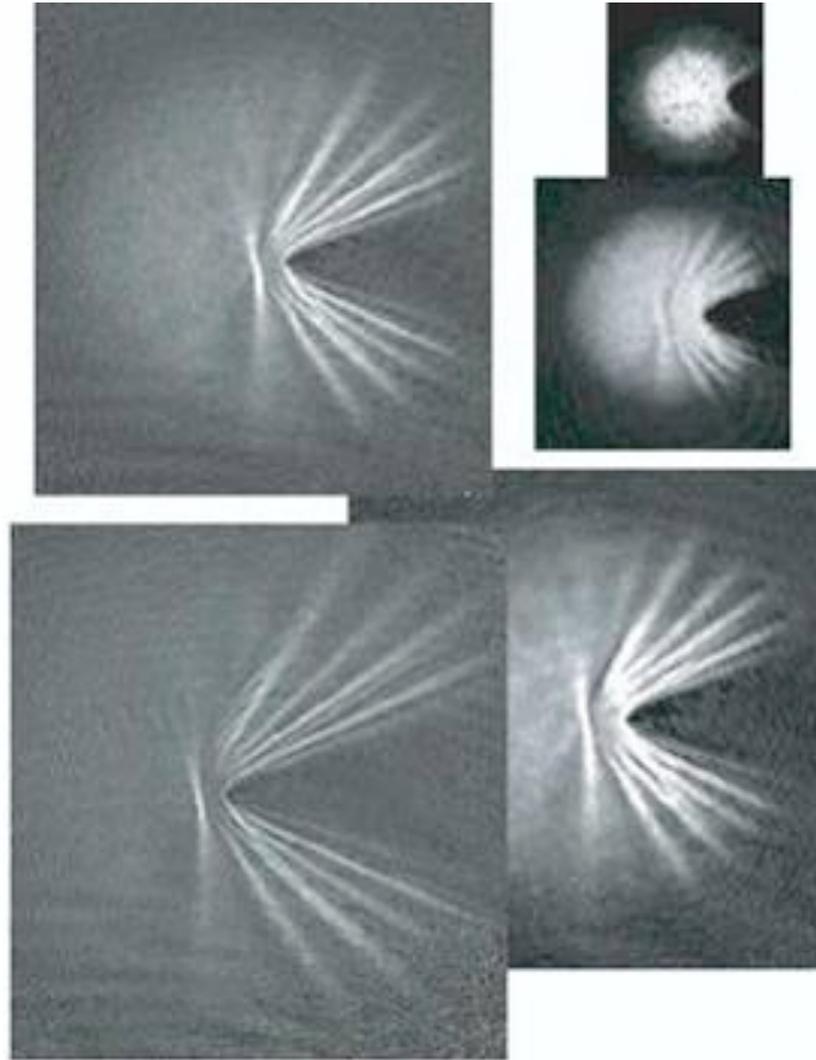
Navier(1827) & Stokes (1845)

with viscosity η

2nd viscosity ξ

Quantum Fluids- BEC

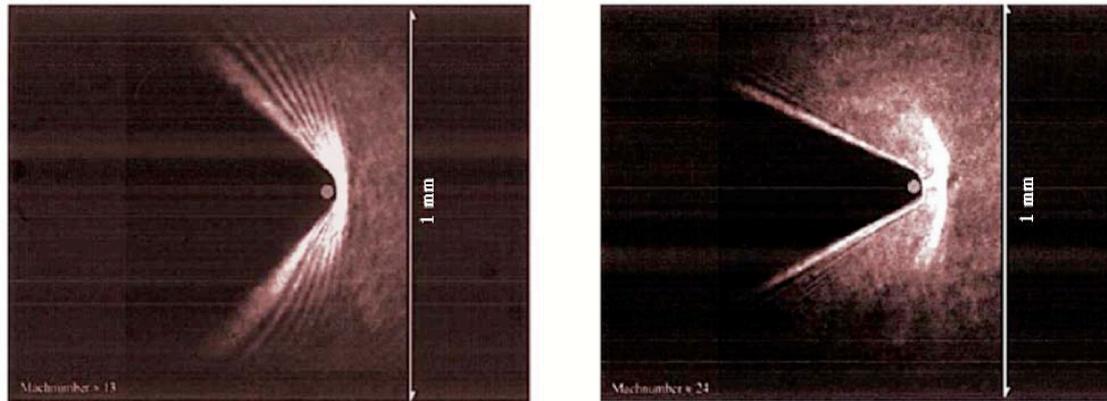
Shocks in the flow of BEC past an obstacle



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moving through a medium faster than the phase velocity to which the source is subjected. This phenomenon is investigated in this Letter by means of surface acoustic waves emitted from a defect in a medium [6,7], to the flow of a Bose-Einstein condensate moving at supersonic velocities [8], and in the wake of a moving object [9]. In this Letter we study the density perturbation (BEC) which flows in the experimental setup of the JILA Modulo a Galilean frame. A stationary source in a stationary medium is the one of a uni-directional flow of a BEC with a stationary obstacle formed by letting a condensate flow against the localized

and placed in the vicinity of the trapped condensate, and remains in this position during the experiment. Images of the BEC density profile after different expansion times t_{exp} are then taken by means of destructive absorption imaging. Two examples are shown in Fig. 1. The field of view is centered in the region around the defect in order to observe



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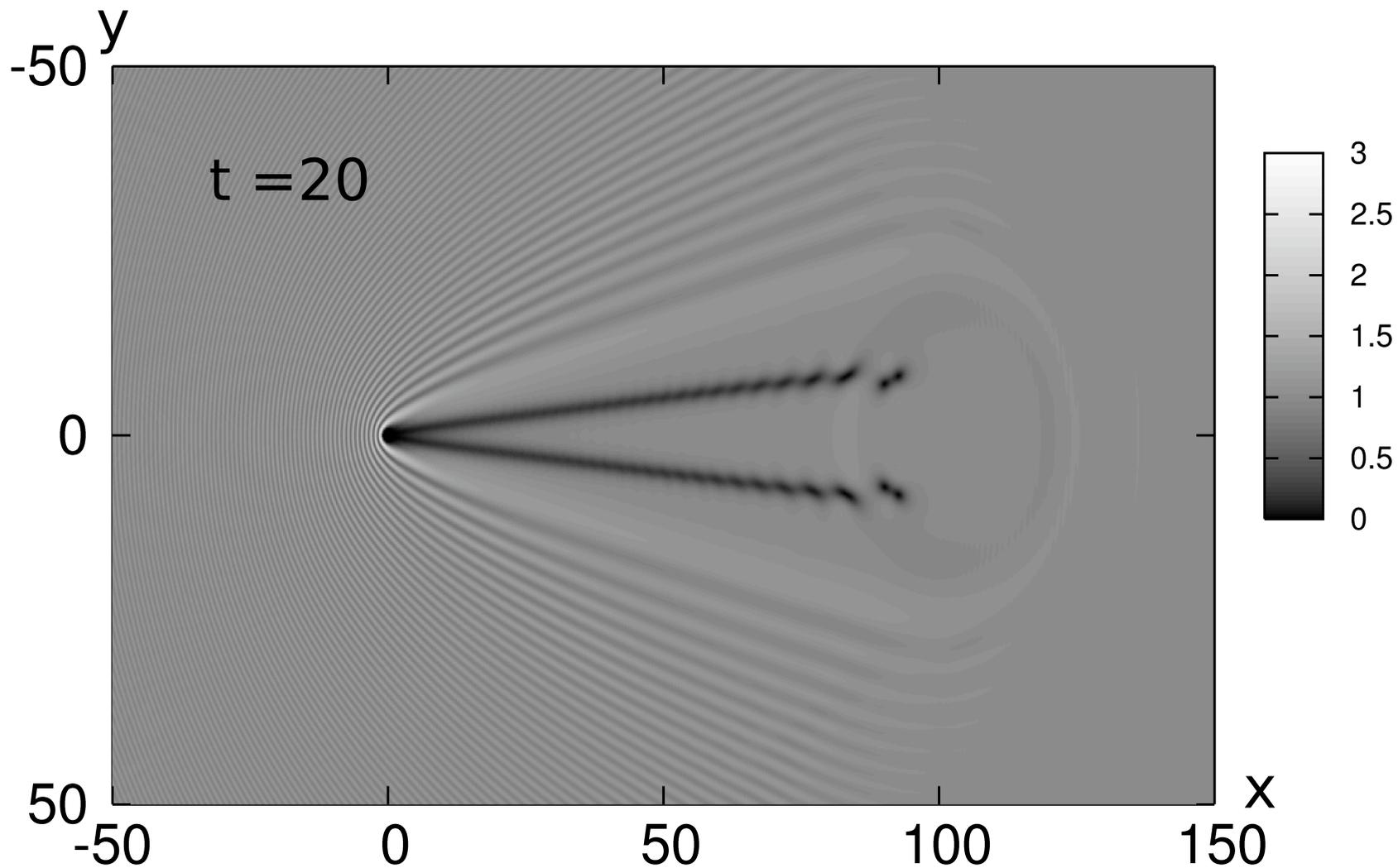
FIG. 1 (color online). Experimental [10] density profiles (integrated along z) of a BEC hitting an obstacle at supersonic velocities $v/c_s = 13$ (a) and 24 (b). The angles of the conical wave fronts are $\sin(\theta) = 0.73$ and $\sin(\theta) = 0.43$, respectively. The condensate flow is from the right to the left.

We consider point obstacles

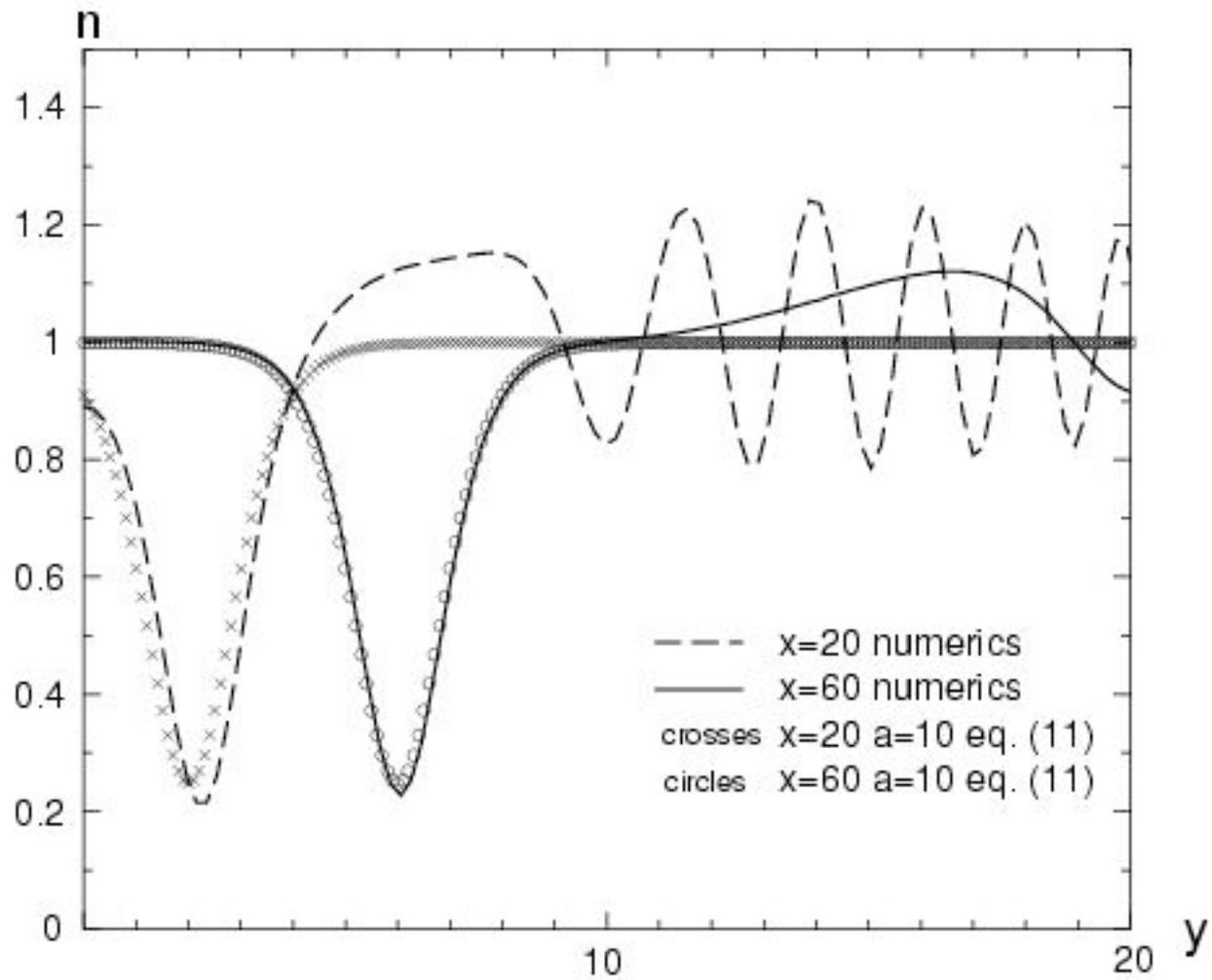
Frisch et al PRL 1992, subsonic

Winiński et al, PRL 1999 supersonic-> “vortex street”

M=5, r=1



Cutting in x we see dark solitons



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We consider now extended
obstacles like a corner
(wedge)

Gross-Pitaevskii equation

Dynamics of a dilute condensate is described by the Gross-Pitaevskii equation ~1961

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

in dimensionless units.

Gross-Pitaevskii Eq. in hydrodynamic form for potential flow $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

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

And sound velocity for uniform solution is

$$c_s = \sqrt{n}$$

No viscosity
quantum pressure term

With boundary conditions at infinity

$$n \rightarrow 1, \quad \mathbf{u} \rightarrow (M, 0) \quad \text{as } |\mathbf{r}| \rightarrow \infty$$

and impenetrability condition at body surface S

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{N}|_S = 0,$$

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 $\mathbf{u} = (u(x,y), v(x,y))$

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

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

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

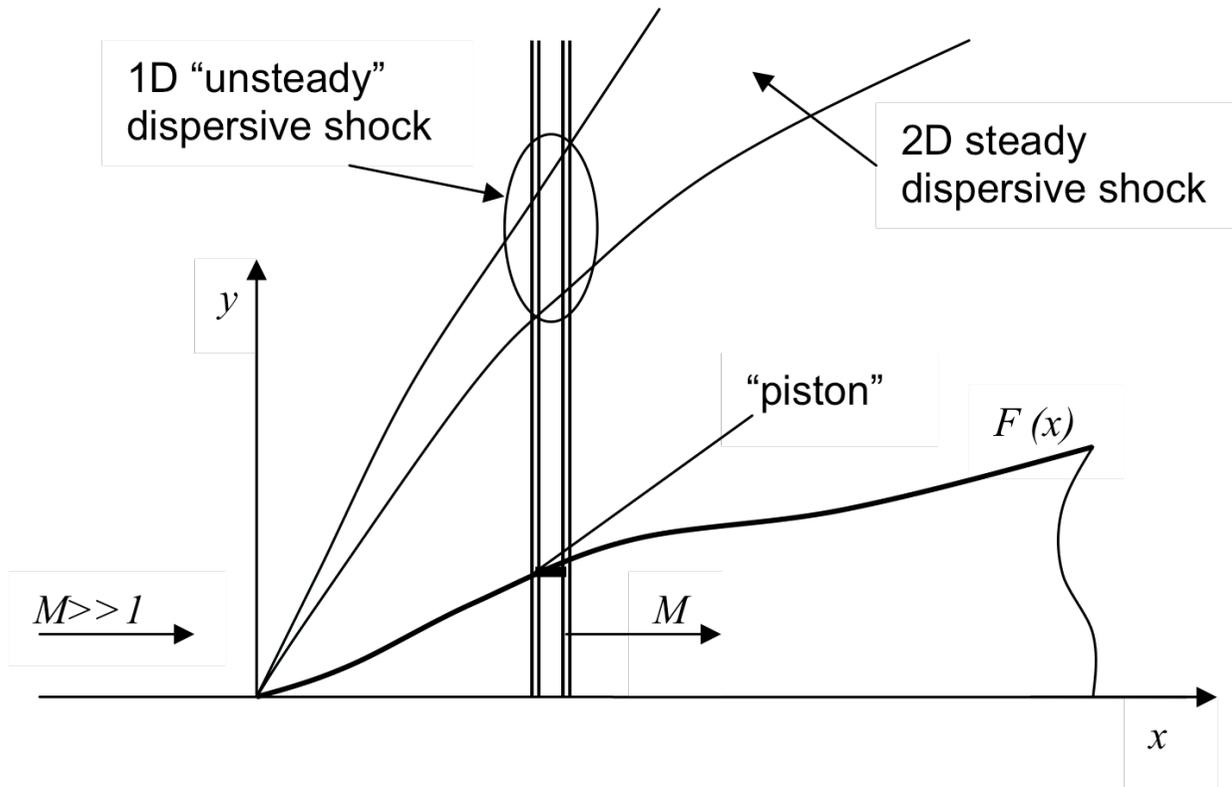
$$u_y - v_x = 0$$

Supersonic flow $M \gg 1$

Stationary 2D NLS can be shown to asymptotically reduce to a 1D NLS

$$i\Psi_T + \frac{1}{2}\Psi_{YY} - |\Psi|^2\Psi = 0$$

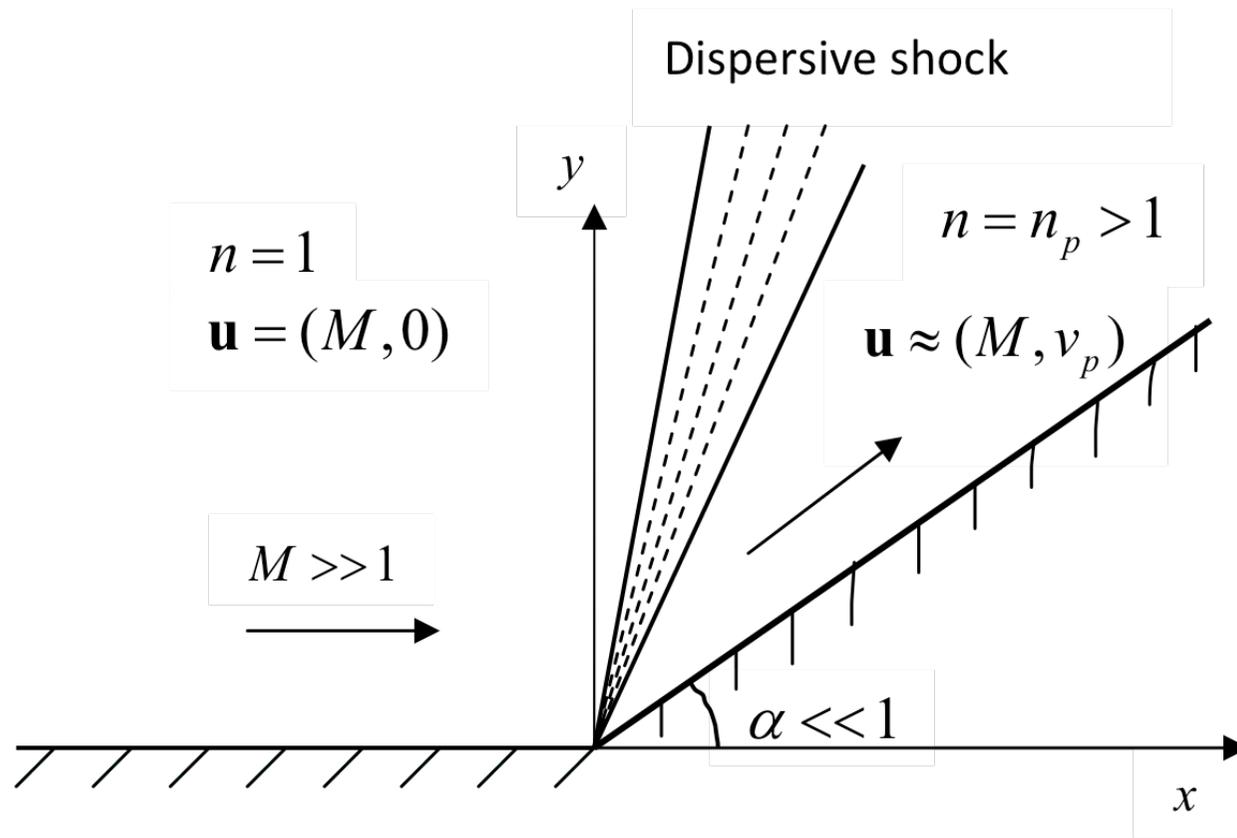
Where $T=x/M$ and $Y=y$



Piston analogy in the problem of flow in dispersive shock
 flow of dispersive fluid past body

The theory of DSWs is based on the study of a certain nonlinear free-boundary problem for the modulation (Whitham) equations—the so-called Gurevich-Pitaevskii problem (1973).

A.V. Gurevich and L.P. Pitaevskii, Sov. Phys. JETP, 38,291 (1974)



Analytical theory of shocks

The region of oscillations is presented as a modulated periodic wave:

$$n(Y, T) = \frac{1}{4}(\lambda_4 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_4 - \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \operatorname{sn}^2(\sqrt{(\lambda_4 - \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)}\theta, m)$$

where

$$\theta = Y - UT - \theta_0 \quad m = \frac{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_4)}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum \lambda_i \quad (\text{phase velocity})$$

The parameters $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(Y, T)$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ change slowly along the shock. Their evolution is described by the Whitham modulational equations

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial T} + V_i(\lambda) \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial Y} = 0$$

With characteristic velocities

$$V_i(\lambda) = \left(1 - \frac{L}{\partial_i L} \partial_i \right) U \quad \partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i},$$

and wavelength $L = \frac{2K(m)}{\sqrt{(\lambda_4 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1)}}$

For the corner, the relevant modulation solution has the form of a centered characteristic fan with

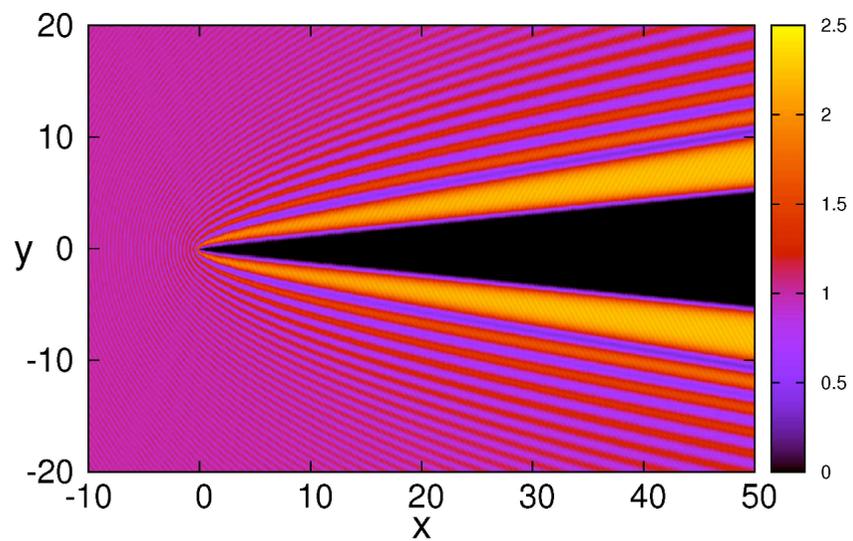
$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1, \quad \lambda_4 = 1 + \alpha M$$

$$\frac{Y}{T} = V_3(-1, 1, \lambda_3, 1 + \alpha M)$$

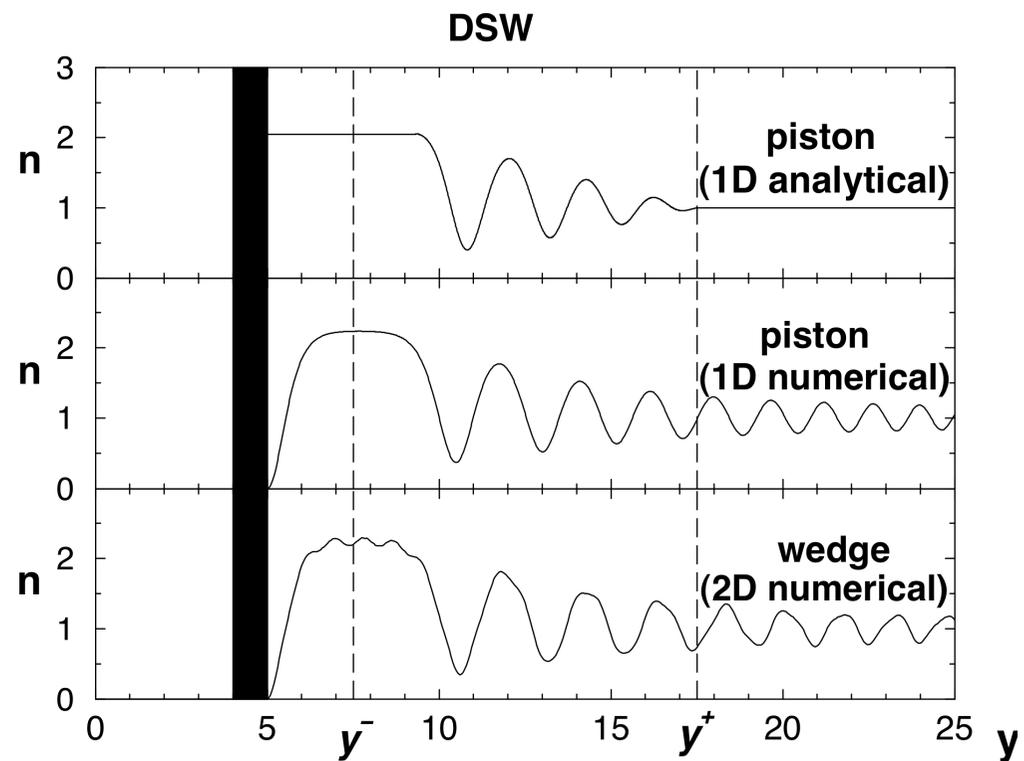
which explicitly takes the form

$$\frac{Y}{T} = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_3 + 1 + \alpha M) - \frac{(1 + \alpha M - \lambda_3)(\lambda_3 - 1)K(m)}{(\lambda_3 - 1)K(m) - \alpha M E(m)}$$

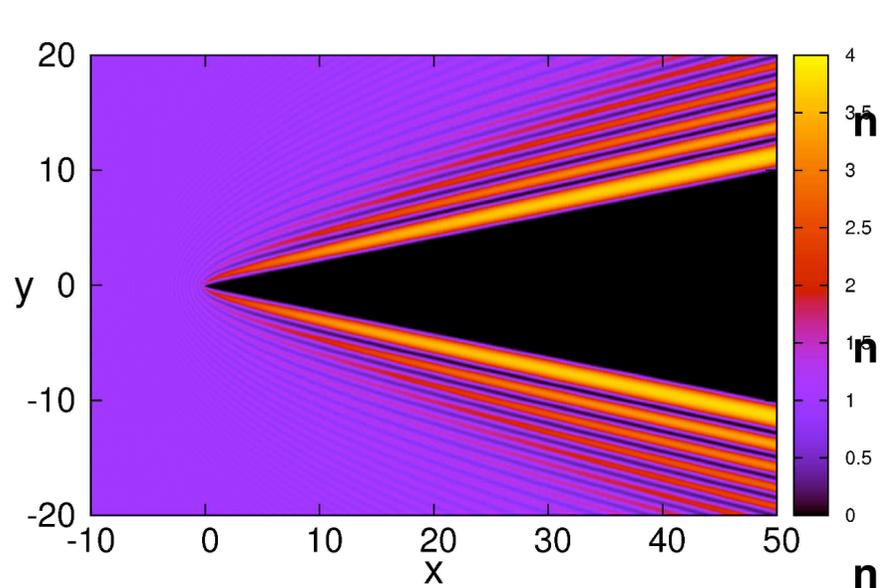
$$m = \frac{2(1 + \alpha M - \lambda_3)}{\alpha M(\lambda_3 + 1)}$$



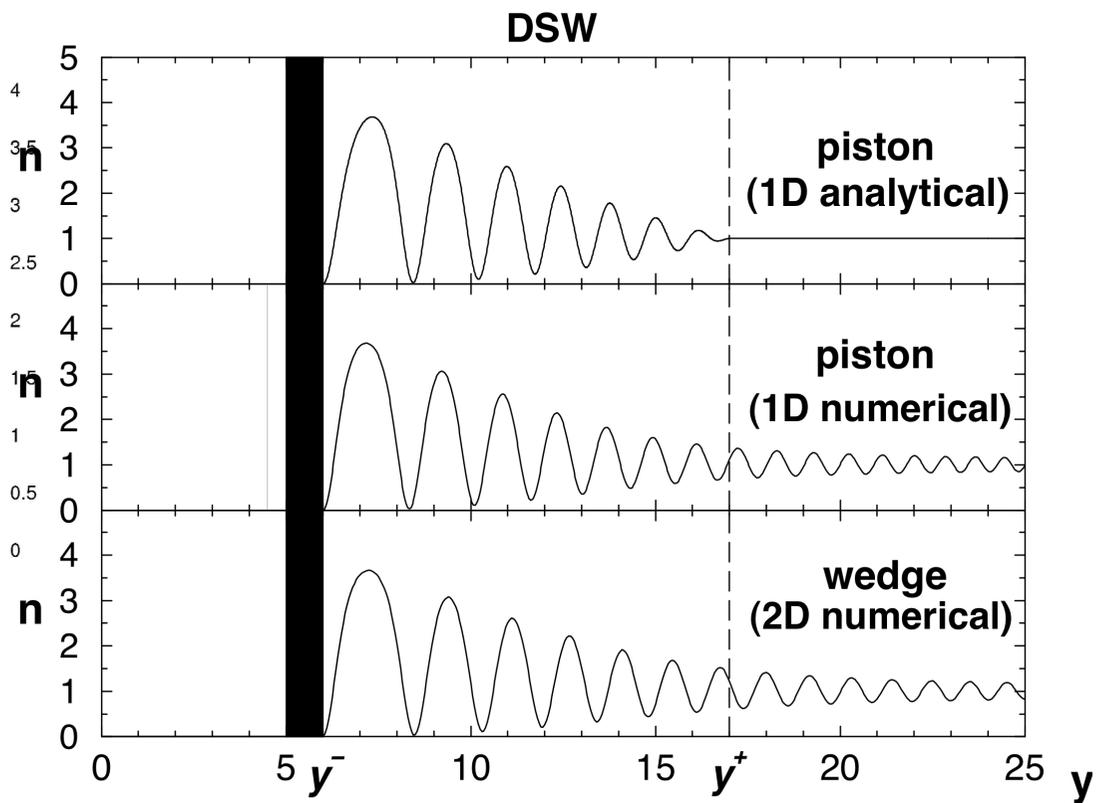
$M=10, \alpha=0.1$

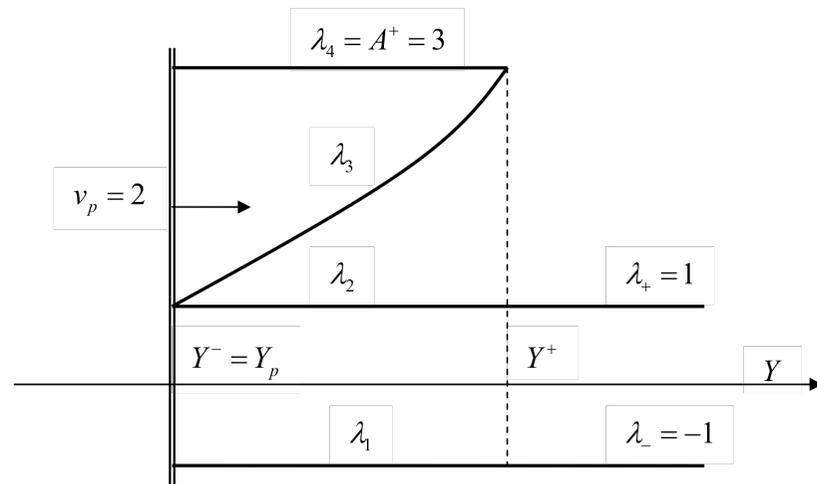
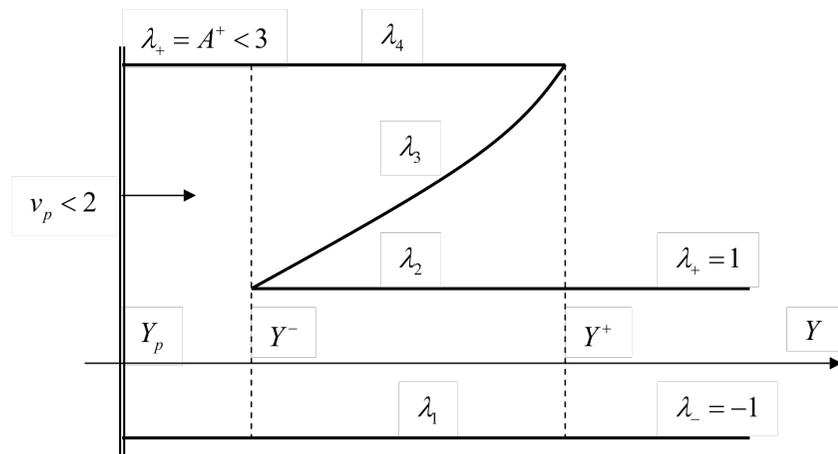


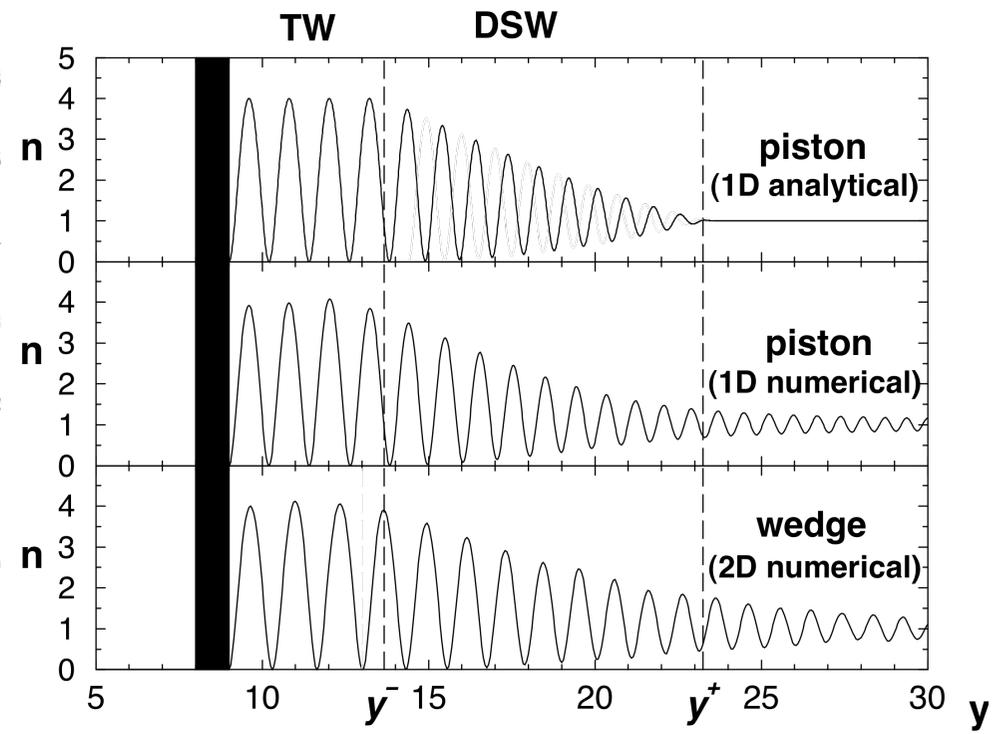
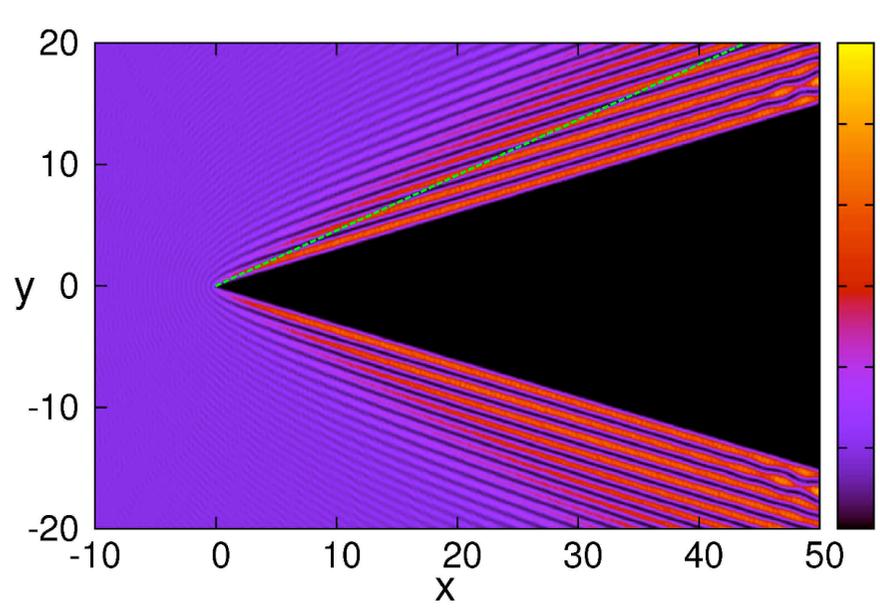
Piston 1D see M. Ablowitz et al, PRL 2008.



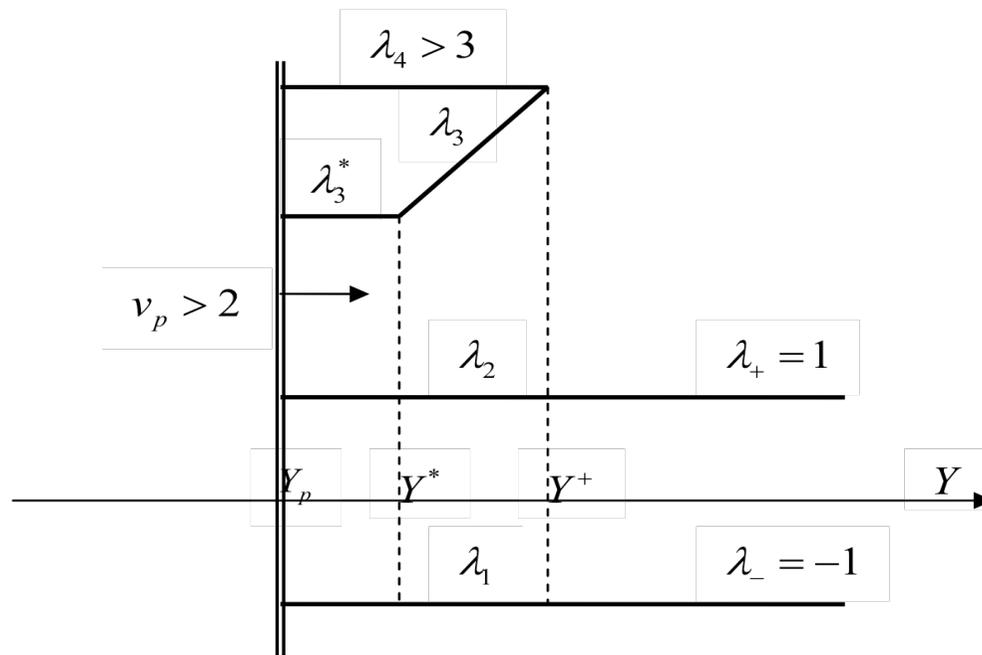
$M=10, \alpha=0.2$

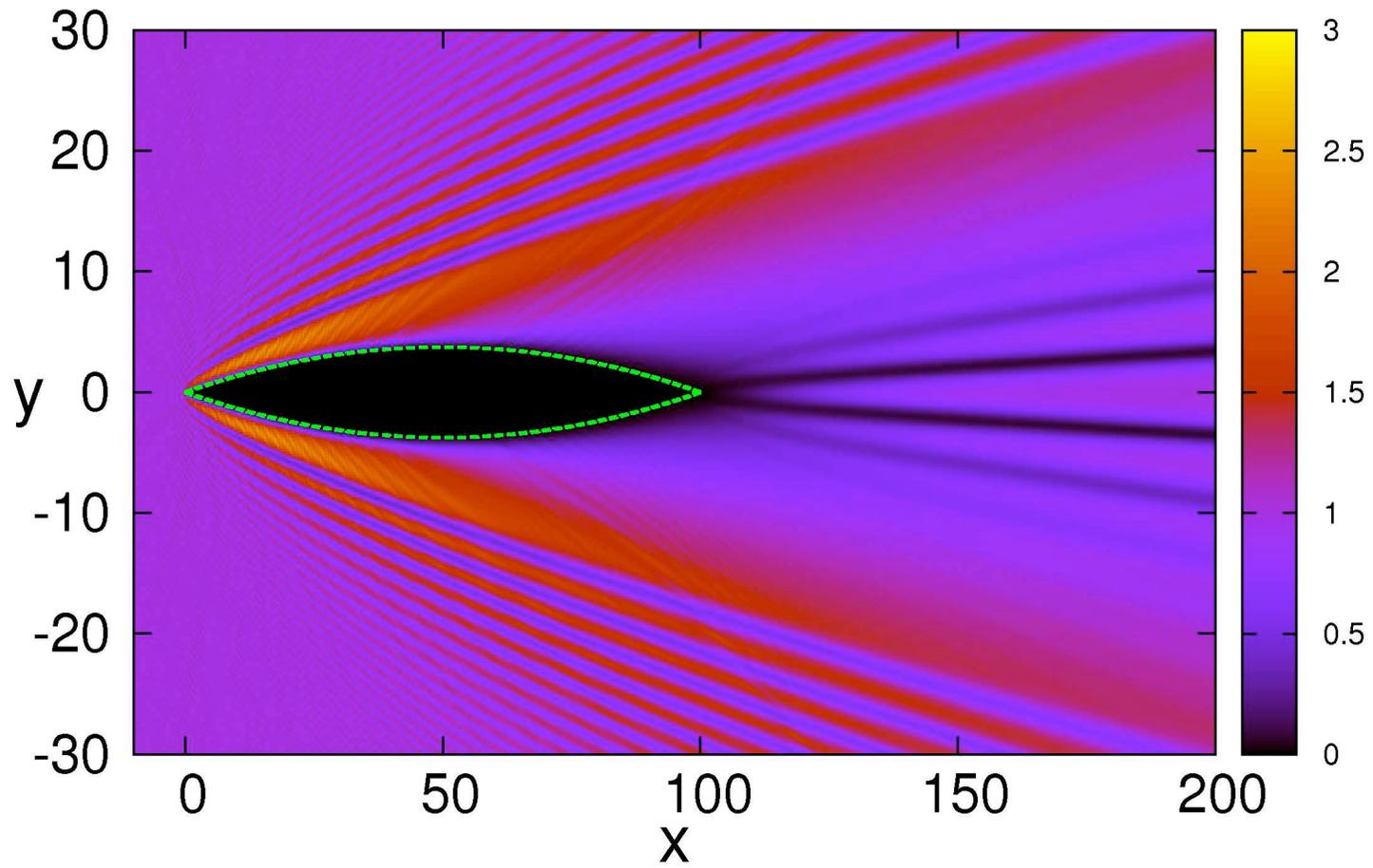






$M=10, \alpha=0.3$





Extended wing

See *arXiv:0906.2394*

Conclusions

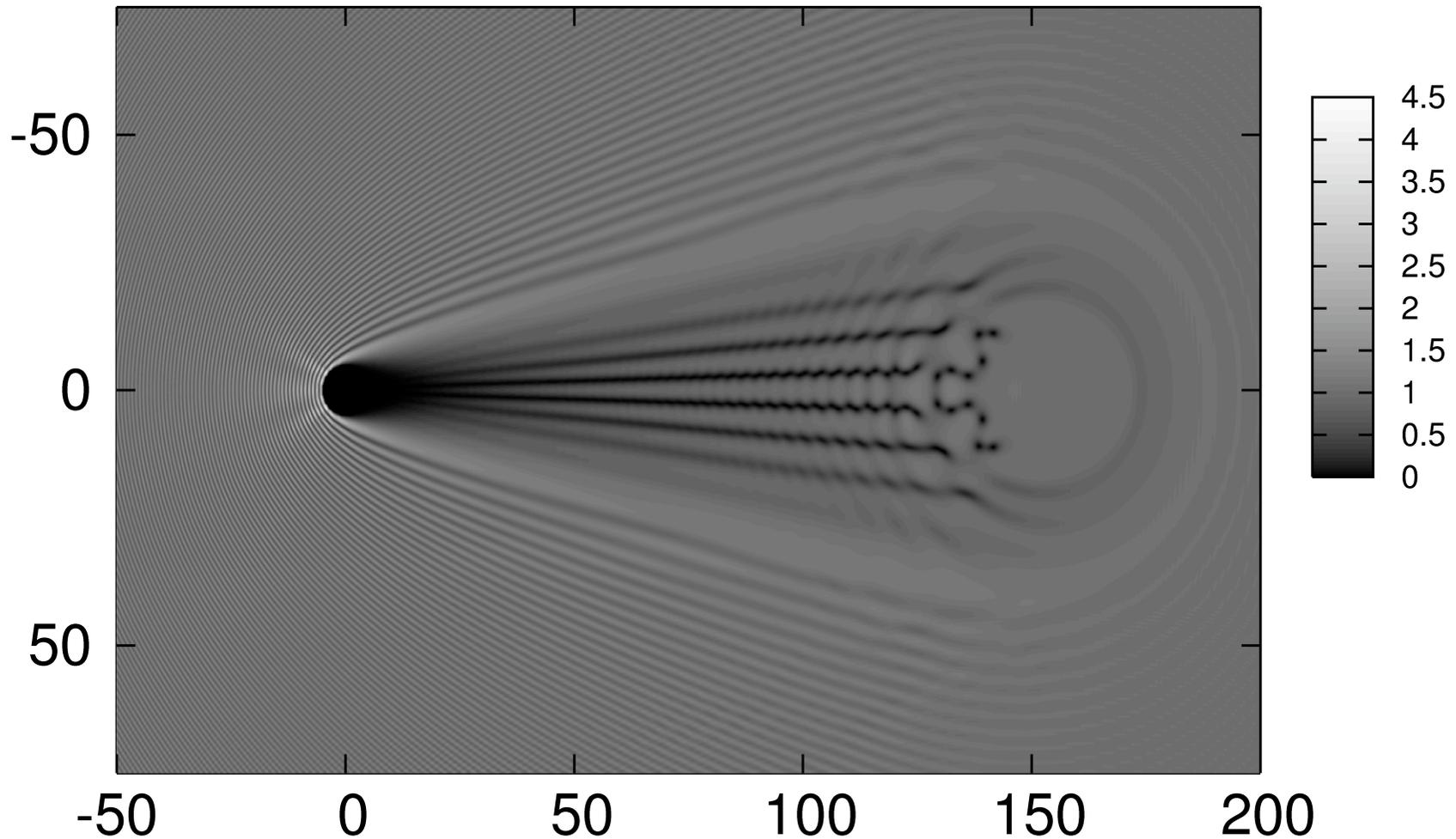
- Depending on corner aperture different patterns arise for supersonic flow past a corner.
- Problem can be viewed as a Gurevich-Pitaevskii problem and is tractable through Whitham modulation theory
- Remarkable agreement of theory and numerical simulations of 1D NLS stationary 2D NLS
- Transition wave appearance for $\alpha M > 2$.
- Results can also be applicable to more general forms of slender obstacles as a wing.



Thank You !

Increasing the radius -> more solitons!

$M=5, r=5$



Increasing radius generate more dark solitons!