

# Finite-element tools for the simulation of Bose-Einstein condensates

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The French BECASIM project

# ANR project BECASIM: BEC Advanced SIMulations

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Agence Nationale de la Recherche

## ANR Project BECASIM (Numerical Methods, 2013-2017)

25 French mathematicians from 10 different labs

- develop new methods for real and imaginary time GP,
- mathematical theory, numerical analysis,
- (HPC) parallel codes:: **open source**,
- huge simulations of physical configurations  
(**turbulence in BEC**).

[becasim.math.cnrs.fr](http://becasim.math.cnrs.fr)

# Matlab toolbox: GPELab

## GPELab (Fourier spectral, FFT)

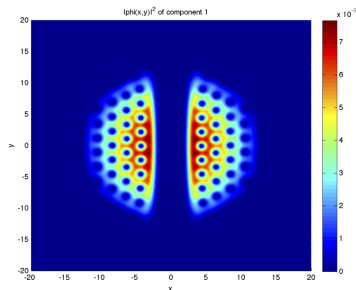
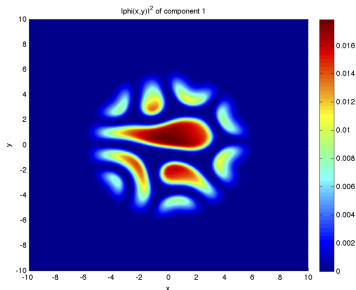
Developers : R. Duboscq, X. Antoine.

- stationary GP: semi-implicit Euler,
- real-time GP: splitting, relaxation,
- stochastic GP: splitting, relaxation.

Great flexibility to deal with new physical models:

multi-component BEC

BEC with double-well potential

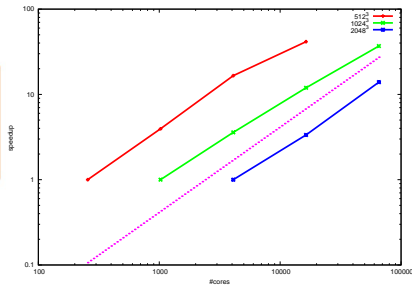
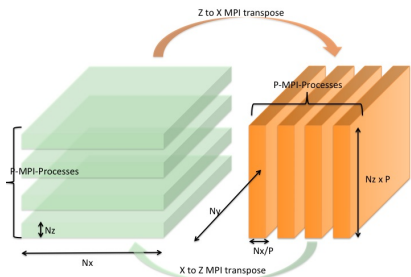


# MPI-OpenMP code (GPS): spectral or 6th order FD

Developers: Ph. Parnaudeau, A. Suzuki, J.-M Sac-Epée.

- stationary GP: backward semi-implicit Euler, Sobolev gradients.
- real-time GP: splitting, relaxation, Crank-Nicolson.

Flexible to run on laptops → clusters: 2D/3D grids up to  $2048^3$ , optimized for OpenMP-MPI, from 4 →  $10^5$  cores.



# FreeFem++ Toolbox ([www.freefem.org](http://www.freefem.org))

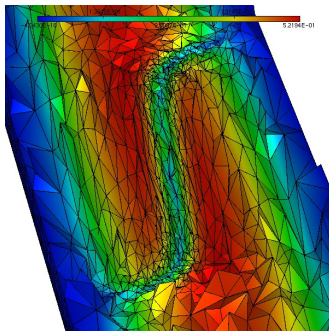
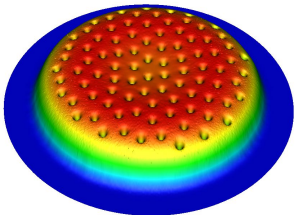
Developers: G. Vergez, I. Danaila, F. Hecht.

Computer Physics Communications, 2016 (with programs)!

## GP FEM: finite element solver

2D/3D anisotropic mesh adaptation, flexibility for boundary conditions,

- stationary GP: different Sobolev gradients.
- instationary GP: splitting, relaxation schemes.



# FreeFem++ Toolbox: Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) models

## Unsteady GP → real time dynamics

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V_{\text{trap}} \psi + g|\psi|^2 \psi - i\hbar \Omega \mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla \psi$$

## Steady GP → ground and meta-stable states

$$\psi = \phi \exp(-i\mu t/\hbar), \quad -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \phi + V_{\text{trap}} \phi + Ng_{3D} |\phi|^2 \phi - \mu \phi = 0$$

## Bogoliubov - de Gennes → stability of stationary states

$$\delta \psi = \left( \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\omega t} + \mathbf{b}^*(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega^* t} \right),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H(\Omega) & g\phi^2 \\ -g(\phi^*)^2 & -H(-\Omega) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = \hbar\omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H(\Omega) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \mu(\phi) + V_{\text{trap}} + 2g|\phi|^2 - i\hbar \Omega \mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla$$



# Identification of a quantized vortex

## Macroscopic description

- $\psi \in \mathbb{C}$  wave function

$$\psi = \sqrt{\rho(r)} e^{i\theta(r)}$$

- **vortex** ::  $\rho = 0$  + rotation
- velocity field

$$v(r) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \theta$$

- **quantified** circulation

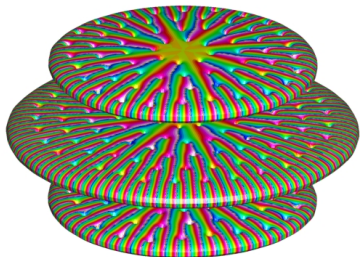
$$\Gamma = \int v(s) ds = n \frac{\hbar}{m}$$



# Identification of a quantized vortex (2)

- phase portraits

optical lattice

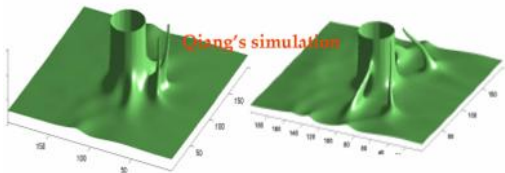


giant vortex



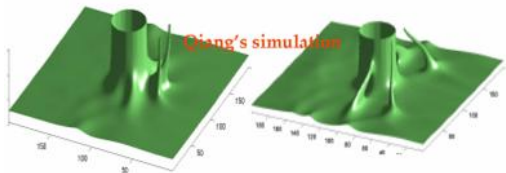
# Creating vortices in BEC

Wake of moving objects Q. Du, Penn State

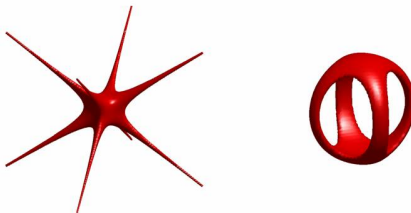


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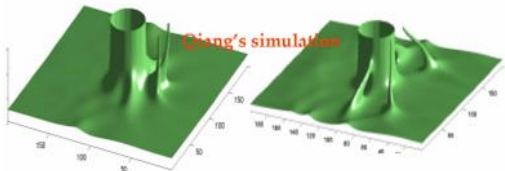
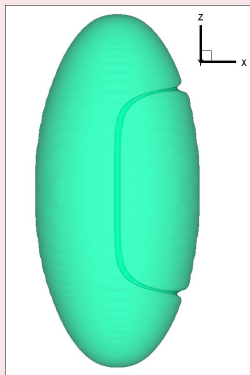
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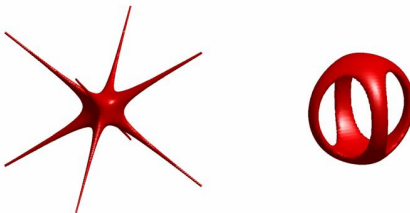
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## Rotation



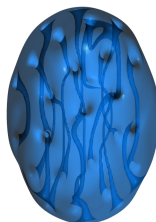
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# Quantum Turbulence (QT) in BEC

BEC = perfect superfluid system for QT

- pure superfluid system,
- highly controllable (phase imprinting),
- larger vortex cores than in He,
- finite size → rotating/oscillating QT.



## Recent experiments/Special volumes

- Henn et al., J. Low Temp. Phys., 2010.
- Seman et al., Laser Phys., 2011.
- (Edts) Tsubota & Halperin, Elsevier, 2009.
- (Edts) Barenghi & Sergeev, Springer, 2008.

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# Implementation of the new method

## FreeFem++ ([www.freefem.org](http://www.freefem.org))

**Free** Generic PDE solver using finite elements (2D and 3D)

- powerful mesh generator,
- easy to implement weak formulations,
- use combined P1, P2 and P4 elements,
- complex matrices available,
- mesh interpolation and **adaptivity**.

You are welcome to participate in the:

**FreeFem++ Days, Paris, December, every year.**  
**Graduate course at the Fields Institute, March 2016.**



# FreeFem++: syntax close to mathematics

Switch from one finite-element ( $P^1$ ) to another ( $P^4$ ) in one line !

- create a mesh and a finite element space

```
border circle(t=0,2*pi)
{label=1;x=Rmax*cos(t);y=Rmax*sin(t)};
mesh Th=buildmesh(circle(nbseg));
fespace Vh(Th,P1);    fespace Vh4(Th,P4);
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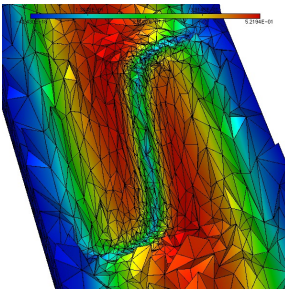
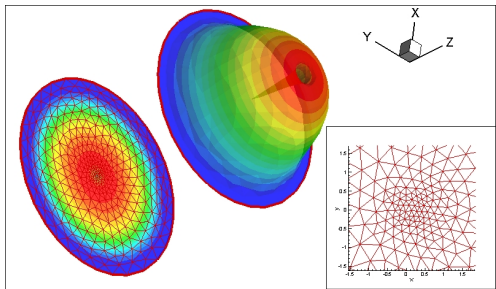
- compute the gradient for  $X = H^1$

```
Vh<complex> ug,v ;
problem AGRAD(ug,v) =
int2d(Th) (ug*v + dx(ug)*dx(v)+dy(ug)*dy(v))
- int2d(Th) (Ctrap*un*v)
- int2d(Th) (CN*real(un*conj(un))*un*v)
+ ...
+ on(1,ug=0);
```

```
AGRAD;
```

Appealing FreeFem++ features to compute BEC

# FreeFem++: mesh adaptivity (2D and 3D)



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# Mesh adaptivity with FreeFem++

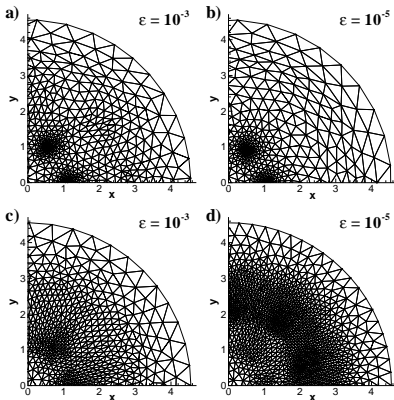
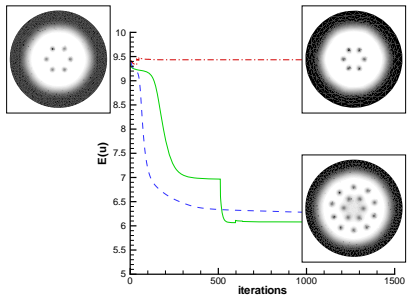
I. Danaila, F. Hecht, J. Computational Physics, 2010.

G. Vergez, I. Danaila, S. Auliac, F. Hecht, Comput. Phys. Comm., 2016.

- Good refinement strategy  $\chi = [u_r, u_i]$  ;

$$V_{trap} = \frac{1}{2}r^2 + \frac{1}{4}r^4,$$

$$\Omega = 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \Omega = 2.5.$$

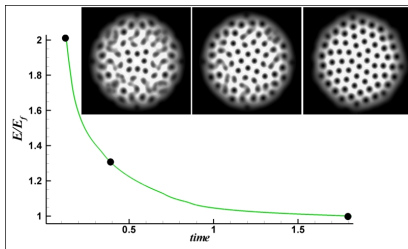
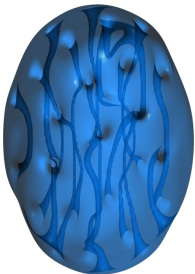


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# Computation of stationary states

- used as initial conditions for time-dependent simulations,
- analyse meta-stable states observed in experiments,
- used for stability analysis (Bogoliubov-de Gennes).



# Minimisation of the GP energy

$\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  et  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\mathcal{D}$

$$E(u) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + C_{trap}(\mathbf{r}) |u|^2 + \frac{C_g}{2} |u|^4 - iC_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{D}} u^* \mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla u$$

under the unitary norm constraint

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} |u|^2 = 1$$

(meta-)stable states :: local minima of the  
energy  $\min E(u)$

## Numerical methods for the stationary GP equation

- Imaginary time propagation.
- Direct minimization of the energy  $\rightarrow$  Sobolev gradients.

# Imaginary time propagation (1)

## Normalized gradient flow (Bao and Du, 2004)

Aftalion & Du, 2001; Bao & Tang, 2003; Bao & Zhang, 2005; Bao & Shen, 2008. (review paper).

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{L^2} E(u)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta u + C_{trap} u + C_g |u|^2 u - i C_\Omega \mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla u = 0$$

## Remark on the associated numerical method

- Conserve the gradient flow structure  $\implies$  explicit Euler method (very poor convergence)!

$$\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{\delta t} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{L^2} E(u_n)$$

## Imaginary time propagation (2)

### Backward-Euler (BE) method (Bao and Du, 2004)

- Use semi-implicit integration methods  $\implies$  pseudo-time integration (or imaginary-time methods)!

$$\frac{\tilde{u} - u_n}{\delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\tilde{u} - C_{\text{trap}}\tilde{u} - C_g|u_n|^2\tilde{u} + iC_\Omega\mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla\tilde{u}$$

- Impose the constraint :  $\|u\|_2 = \int_{\mathcal{D}} |u|^2 = 1 \implies$  normalization

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{\tilde{u}(t_{n+1})}{\|\tilde{u}(t_{n+1})\|_2}$$

### Remarks: implemented in FreeFem++!

- The gradient flow structure is lost at the discrete level!
- The solution evolves far from the manifold of the constraint!



# Sobolev gradient descent method (1)

## Normalized gradient flow

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\nabla E(u)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}\nabla_{L^2}E(u) = \frac{1}{2}\Delta u - C_{trap}u - C_g|u|^2u + iC_\Omega\mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla u$$

## New ideas

- 1 Define a "better gradient" for the descent method.
- 2 Evolve the iterates close to the spherical manifold.
- 3 Use Riemannian Optimization for the conjugate-gradient.

# (1) Sobolev gradient: a better gradient

I. Danaila and P. Kazemi, SIAM J. Sci Computing, 2010.

- physical insight from another form of the energy

$$E(u) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u + iC_{\Omega} \mathbf{A} u|^2 + \left( C_{trap} - \frac{C_{\Omega}^2 r^2}{2} \right) |u|^2 + \frac{C_g}{2} |u|^4$$

- mathematical proof for a new inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{H_A} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \langle u, v \rangle + \langle \nabla_A u, \nabla_A v \rangle, \quad \nabla_A = \nabla + iC_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}$$

- equivalence

$$H_A(\mathcal{D}, \mathbb{C}) = H^1(\mathcal{D}, \mathbb{C}) \subset L^2(\mathcal{D}, \mathbb{C})$$

- provides a better preconditioner.

## (2) Stay closed to the manifold: projected gradient

### I. Danaila and P. Kazemi, SIAM J. Sci Computing, 2010.

- Spherical manifold  $\mathcal{M} := \{u \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}) : \|u\|_2 = 1\}$ .
- Gradient method

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \tau_n G_n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$$\|u_{n+1}\|_2^2 = \|u_n - \tau_n G_n\|_2^2 = \|u_n\|_2^2 - 2\tau_n \Re \langle u_n, G_n \rangle_{L^2} + \tau_n^2 \|G_n\|_2^2,$$

- Projected gradient

$$P_{u_n, X} G_n \in \mathcal{T}_{u_n} \mathcal{M} = \{v \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}) : \langle u_n, v \rangle_{L^2} = 0\}$$

$$P_{u_n, X} G_n = G_n - \lambda v_X, \quad \lambda = \frac{\Re \langle u_n, G_n \rangle_{L^2}}{\Re \langle u_n, v_X \rangle_{L^2}},$$

$$\langle v_X, v \rangle_X = \langle u_n, v \rangle_{L^2}, \quad \forall v \in X$$

## (3) Riemannian gradient method

P.-A. Absil, R. Mahony and R. Sepulchre, Optimization Algorithms on Matrix Manifolds, Princeton (2008).

Retraction operator:  $\mathcal{R}_u : \mathcal{T}_u\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$   $\mathcal{R}_u(\xi) = \frac{u+\xi}{\|u+\xi\|_2}$

Riemannian gradient method

$$(RG) \quad u_{n+1} = \mathcal{R}_{u_n}(-\tau_n P_{u_n, H_A} G_n), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\tau_n = \underset{\tau > 0}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathcal{R}_{u_n}(-\tau P_{u_n, H_A} G_n)). \quad (2)$$

Constrained minimization  $\implies$  Unconstrained minimization on  $\mathcal{M}$  !!!

## (3) Riemannian conjugate-gradient method

I. Danaila, B. Protas, SIAM J. Sci. Computing, 2017.

$$(RCG) \quad u_{n+1} = \mathcal{R}_{u_n}(-\tau_n d_n), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (3)$$

$$d_0 = -P_{u_0, H_A} G_0, \quad (4)$$

$$d_n = -P_{u_n, H_A} G_n + \beta_n \mathcal{T}_{-\tau_{n-1}} d_{n-1}(d_{n-1}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Polak-Ribière momentum term

$$\beta_n = \beta_n^{PR} := \frac{\left\langle P_{u_n, H_A} G_n, (P_{u_n, H_A} G_n - \mathcal{T}_{-\tau_{n-1}} d_{n-1} P_{u_{n-1}, H_A} G_{n-1}) \right\rangle_{H_A}}{\left\langle P_{u_{n-1}, H_A} G_{n-1}, P_{u_{n-1}, H_A} G_{n-1} \right\rangle_{H_A}}. \quad (5)$$

- optimal descent step (Brent's method)

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**Implementation in the FreeFem++ toolbox ... in progress!**

- looks horrible, but ...
- easy and elegant implementation (like the math formulation)!

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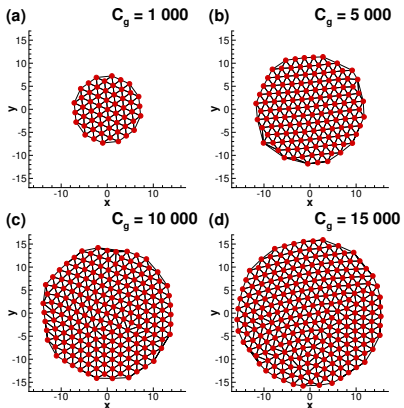
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## BEC with dense Abrikosov lattice (2)

Harmonic potential and high angular velocities:

$$C_{\text{trap}} = r^2/2, C_g = 1000, C_{\Omega} = 0.9.$$

# BEC with dense Abrikosov lattice (3)



Harmonic potential and high angular velocities:

$$C_{\text{trap}} = r^2/2, \quad C_g = 1000, 5000, 10000, 15000, \quad C_\Omega = 0.9.$$

- Identification of vortices with FreeFem++.
- Post-processing measuring  $r_V$  and  $b_V$ .
- **Can be used with experimental data.**



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# Bogoliubov-de Gennes modes: linearisation of the GP time-dependent equation

Two-component condensate:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial t} = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{trap}}(\mathbf{x}) + g_{11} |\psi_1|^2 + g_{12} |\psi_2|^2 \right] \psi_1,$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t} = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_{\text{trap}}(\mathbf{x}) + g_{21} |\psi_1|^2 + g_{22} |\psi_2|^2 \right] \psi_2.$$

The Bogoliubov-de Gennes model is based on the linearisation:

$$\psi_1(\mathbf{x}, t) = \exp(-i\mu_1 t/\hbar) \left( \phi_1 + a(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\omega t} + b^*(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega^* t} \right)$$

$$\psi_2(\mathbf{x}, t) = \exp(-i\mu_2 t/\hbar) \left( \phi_2 + c(\mathbf{x}) e^{-i\omega t} + d^*(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega^* t} \right)$$

# BdG equations: linear eigenvalue problem

$$[A_1 A_2] \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \hbar\omega \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H - \mu_1 + 2g_{11}|\phi_1|^2 + g_{12}|\phi_2|^2 & g_{11}\phi_1^2 & & \\ & -g_{11}(\phi_1^*)^2 & - (H - \mu_1 + 2g_{11}|\phi_1|^2 + g_{12}|\phi_2|^2) & \\ & g_{21}\phi_1^*\phi_2 & & g_{21}\phi_1\phi_2\phi_2^2 \\ & -g_{21}\phi_1^*\phi_2^* & & -g_{21}\phi_1\phi_2^* \end{pmatrix}$$

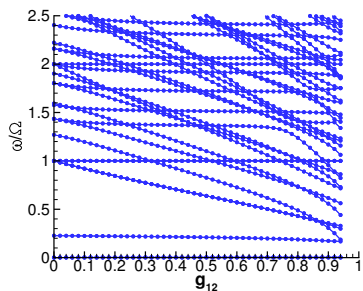
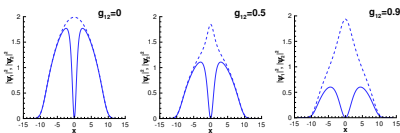
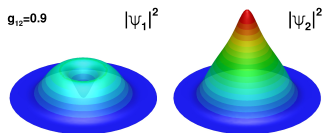
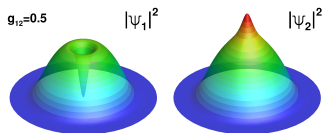
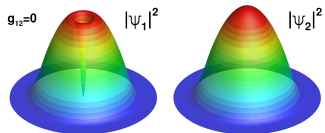
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$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V_{\text{trap}}$$

- Interface with ARPACK to solve this problem!

# BdG 2d: Vortex-Antidark Solitary Waves

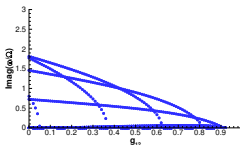
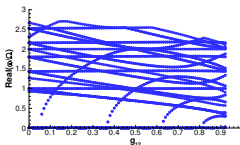
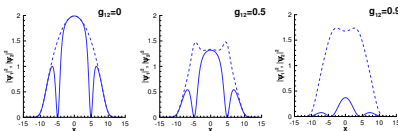
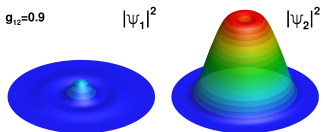
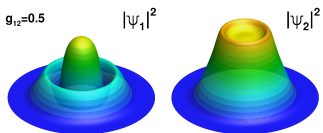
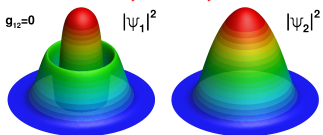
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Computation of Dark-Antidark Solitary Waves

# BdG 2d: Ring-Antidark-Ring Solitary Waves

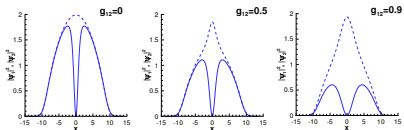
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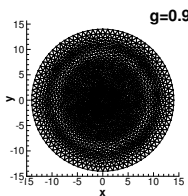
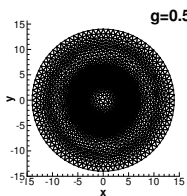
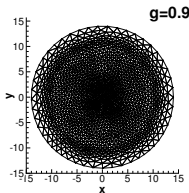
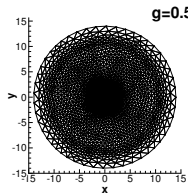
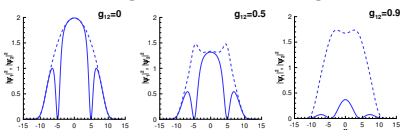
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### Vortex-Antidark



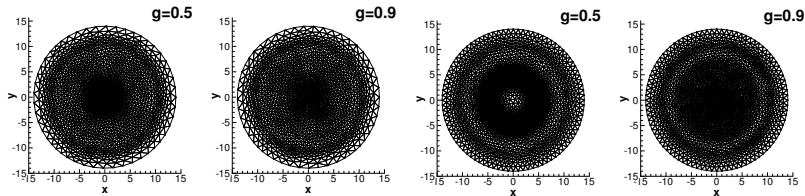
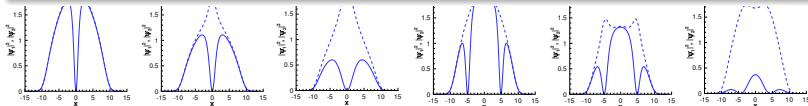
### Ring-Antidark-Ring



# BdG 2d: mesh adaptivity

The BdG FreeFem++ toolbox ... to be submitted to CPC!

- looks horrible, but ...
- easy and elegant implementation (like the math formulation)!



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# Time-dependent GP equation (with rotation)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V_{\text{trap}} \psi + g|\psi|^2 \psi - i\hbar \Omega \mathbf{A}^t \cdot \nabla \psi$$

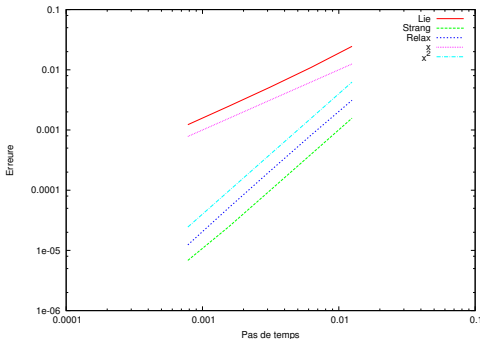
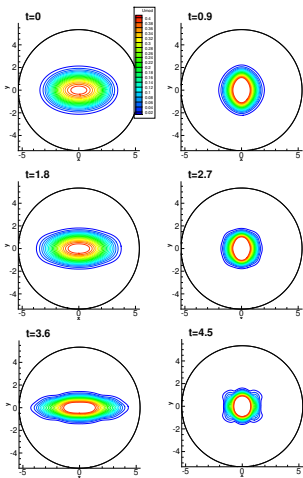
## Different numerical schemes

- Splitting schemes: Lie and Strang.
- Relaxation scheme  
(C. Besse, *SIAM J. Num. Analysis*, 2004).
- Crank-Nicolson.

$P^1$  or  $P^2$  finite elements.

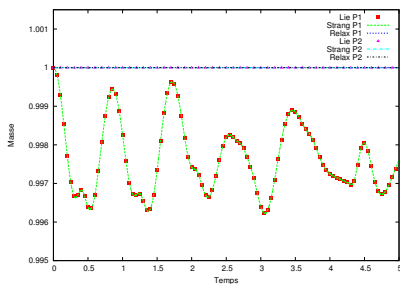
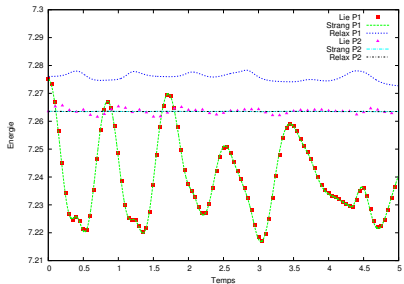
# Validation on academic cases (no rotation) (1)

$a_x = 1, a_y = 4, \beta = 20 \implies (t = 0)$  we set  $a_x = 4$  and  $a_y = 16$



Validation on academic cases

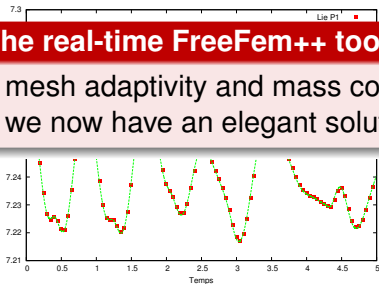
# Validation on academic cases (no rotation) (2)



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## The real-time FreeFem++ toolbox ... in progress!

- mesh adaptivity and mass conservation: difficult task but ...
- we now have an elegant solution!



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# FreeFem++ Toolbox ([www.freefem.org](http://www.freefem.org))

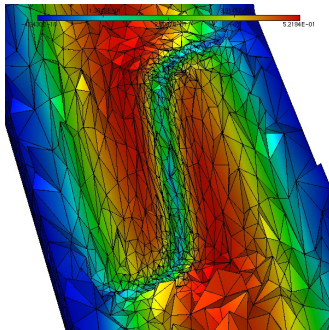
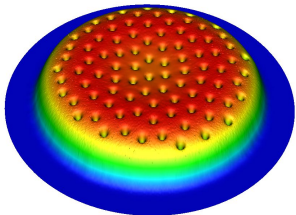
Developers: G. Vergez, I. Danaila, F. Hecht.

Computer Physics Communications, 2016 (with programs)!

## GPFEM: finite element solver

2D/3D anisotropic mesh adaptation, flexibility for boundary conditions,

- stationary GP: different Sobolev gradients.
- instationary GP: splitting, relaxation schemes.



# BEC with vortices: GPS + ADIOS

Thanks to A. Mouton.

a psychedelic walk inside a BEC