

## 1 Rotating patterns in $\mathbb{R}^d$

Reaction-diffusion system:

$$u_t(x, t) = A\Delta u(x, t) + f(u(x, t)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t \geq 0, \quad d \geq 2, \quad (1)$$

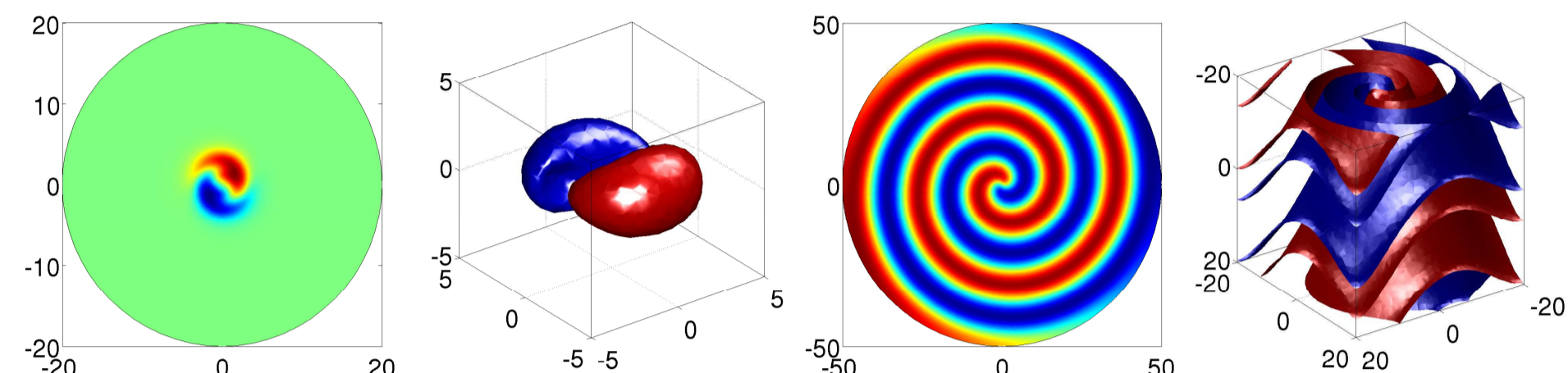
$u: \mathbb{R}^d \times [0, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Rotating wave:** Special solution  $u_*: \mathbb{R}^d \times [0, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  of (1) with

$$u_*(x, t) = v_*(e^{-tS_*}(x - x_*)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$v_*: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  pattern (profile),  $S_* \in \mathbb{R}^{d,d}$ ,  $S_*^T = -S_*$  angular velocity matrix,  $x_* \in \mathbb{R}^d$  center of rotation.

**Rotating patterns in various examples:**



**Co-rotating frame:**  $v_t(x, t) = u(e^{tS_*}x + x_*, t)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , solves

$$v_t(x, t) = A\Delta v(x, t) + \langle S_*x, \nabla v(x, t) \rangle + f(v(x, t)). \quad (2)$$

**Steady state equation:**  $v_*$  stationary solution of (2), i.e.

$$A\Delta v_*(x) + \langle S_*x, \nabla v_*(x) \rangle + f(v_*(x)) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (3)$$

**Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator<sup>2</sup>:**

$$[\mathcal{L}_0 v](x) = A\Delta v_*(x) + \langle S_*x, \nabla v_*(x) \rangle, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{loc}}^p(\mathcal{L}_0) = \left\{ v \in W_{\text{loc}}^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid \mathcal{L}_0 v \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \right\},$$

with **diffusion term** and **drift term**

$$A\Delta v(x) = A \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} v(x), \quad \langle S_*x, \nabla v(x) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d (S_*x)_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} v(x).$$

Drift term is rotational by skew-symmetry of  $S_*$

$$\langle S_*x, \nabla v(x) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^d (S_*)_{ij} \left( x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) v(x).$$

**Ornstein-Uhlenbeck semigroup:**

$$[T(t)v](x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} H(x, \xi, t) v(\xi) d\xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0.$$

with Kolmogorov kernel<sup>3</sup>

$$H(x, \xi, t) = (4\pi t A)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \exp\left(- (4tA)^{-1} \left| e^{tS_*}x - \xi \right|^2\right), \quad x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0.$$

## 2 Spatial decay of rotating waves

**Theorem 1 (Exponential decay of  $v_*$ ).** For every  $0 < \vartheta < 1$  and every positive, radial, nondecreasing weight function  $\theta \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$  of exponential growth rate  $\eta \geq 0$  with

$$0 \leq \eta^2 \leq \vartheta \frac{2 s(-A) s(Df(v_\infty))}{3 (\rho(A))^2 p^2}, \quad \begin{matrix} s(A) \text{ spectral bound,} \\ \rho(A) \text{ spectral radius,} \end{matrix}$$

there exists  $K_1 > 0$  such that:

Every classical solution  $v_*$  of (3) with  $v_* - v_\infty \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m)$  and

$$\sup_{|x| \geq R_0} |v_*(x) - v_\infty| \leq K_1 \text{ for some } R_0 > 0$$

satisfies

$$v_* - v_\infty \in W_\theta^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m).$$

**Weight function of exponential growth rate<sup>4</sup>  $\eta \geq 0$ :**  $\theta \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$  with

$$\exists C_\theta > 0: \theta(x+y) \leq C_\theta \theta(x) e^{\eta|y|} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

**Exponentially weighted Sobolev spaces:**  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$L_\theta^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) = \left\{ v \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid \|\theta v\|_{L^p} < \infty \right\},$$

$$W_\theta^{k,p}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) = \left\{ v \in L_\theta^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid D^\beta v \in L_\theta^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m) \quad \forall |\beta| \leq k \right\}.$$

**General assumptions:**

•  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$  with  $A > 0$  for  $m = 1$  and for  $m > 2$

$$\mu_1(A) = \inf_{\substack{w \neq 0 \\ Aw \neq 0}} \frac{\text{Re} \langle w, Aw \rangle}{|w| |Aw|} > \frac{|p-2|}{p} \text{ for some } 1 < p < \infty$$

( $\mu_1(A)$  first antieigenvalue of  $A$ )

•  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m)$

•  $v_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f(v_\infty) = 0$ ,  $\text{Re} \sigma(Df(v_\infty)) < 0$

•  $A$  and  $Df(v_\infty)$  simultaneously diagonalizable (over  $\mathbb{C}$ )

•  $0 \neq S_* \in \mathbb{R}^{d,d}$ ,  $S_*^T = -S_*$

## 3 Outline of proof (Theorem 1)

1. **Far-field linearization:** In (3) expand  $f(v_*(x))$  into

$$\underbrace{f(v_\infty)}_{=0} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{Df(v_\infty)}{\text{stable part}} + \int_0^1 Df(v_\infty + tw_*(x)) - Df(v_\infty) dt \right)}_{=Q(x), Q \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^{m,m})} w_*(x).$$

The difference  $w_*(x) = v_*(x) - v_\infty$  satisfies

$$[\mathcal{L}_0 w_*](x) + (Df(v_\infty) + Q(x)) w_*(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

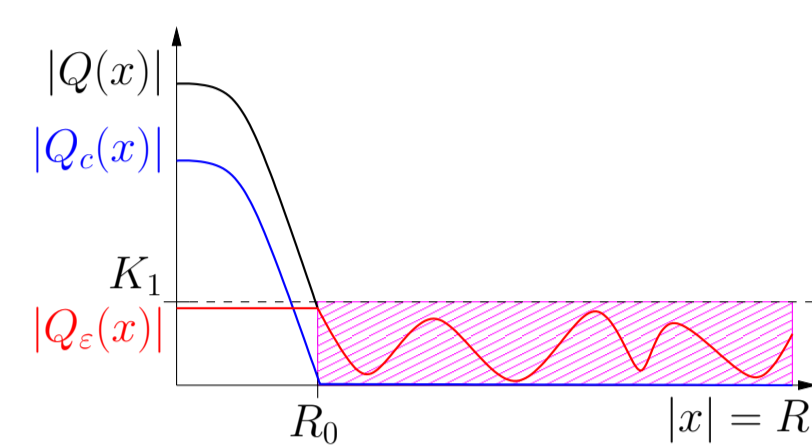
2. **Decomposition of variable coefficient  $Q$ :** Decompose

$$Q(x) = Q_\varepsilon(x) + Q_c(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

with  $Q_\varepsilon, Q_c \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^{m,m})$  such that

$Q_\varepsilon$  small w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_{C_b}$ ,

$Q_c$  compactly supported on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .



Result:

$$[\mathcal{L}_0 w_*](x) + (Df(v_\infty) + Q_\varepsilon(x) + Q_c(x)) w_*(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

**Perturbed Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operators:**

$$[\mathcal{L}_{Q_\varepsilon} v](x) = [\mathcal{L}_0 v](x) + Df(v_\infty)v(x) + Q_\varepsilon(x)v(x) + Q_c(x)v(x)$$

$$[\mathcal{L}_{Q_c} v](x) = [\mathcal{L}_0 v](x) + Df(v_\infty)v(x) + Q_c(x)v(x)$$

$$[\mathcal{L}_\infty v](x) = [\mathcal{L}_0 v](x) + Df(v_\infty)v(x)$$

**Exponential estimates in space**

- Characterization of domain for  $\mathcal{L}_0$
- Explicit heat kernel estimates for  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$
- Small perturbation argument for  $\mathcal{L}_{Q_\varepsilon}$
- $Q_c v$  treated as exponentially decaying right hand side of  $\mathcal{L}_{Q_\varepsilon}$

## 4 Spectral properties of rotating waves

**Linearized operator:**

$$[\mathcal{L}v](x) = [\mathcal{L}_0 v](x) + Df(v_*(x))v(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad d \geq 2.$$

**Eigenvalue problem:**

$$[\mathcal{L}v](x) = \lambda v(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (4)$$

**Spectrum of  $\mathcal{L}$ :**  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}) = \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L}) \cup \sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L})$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L}) &= \{ \lambda \in \sigma(\mathcal{L}) \mid \lambda \text{ isolated with finite multiplicity} \}, \\ \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L}) &= \sigma(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L}), \end{aligned}$$

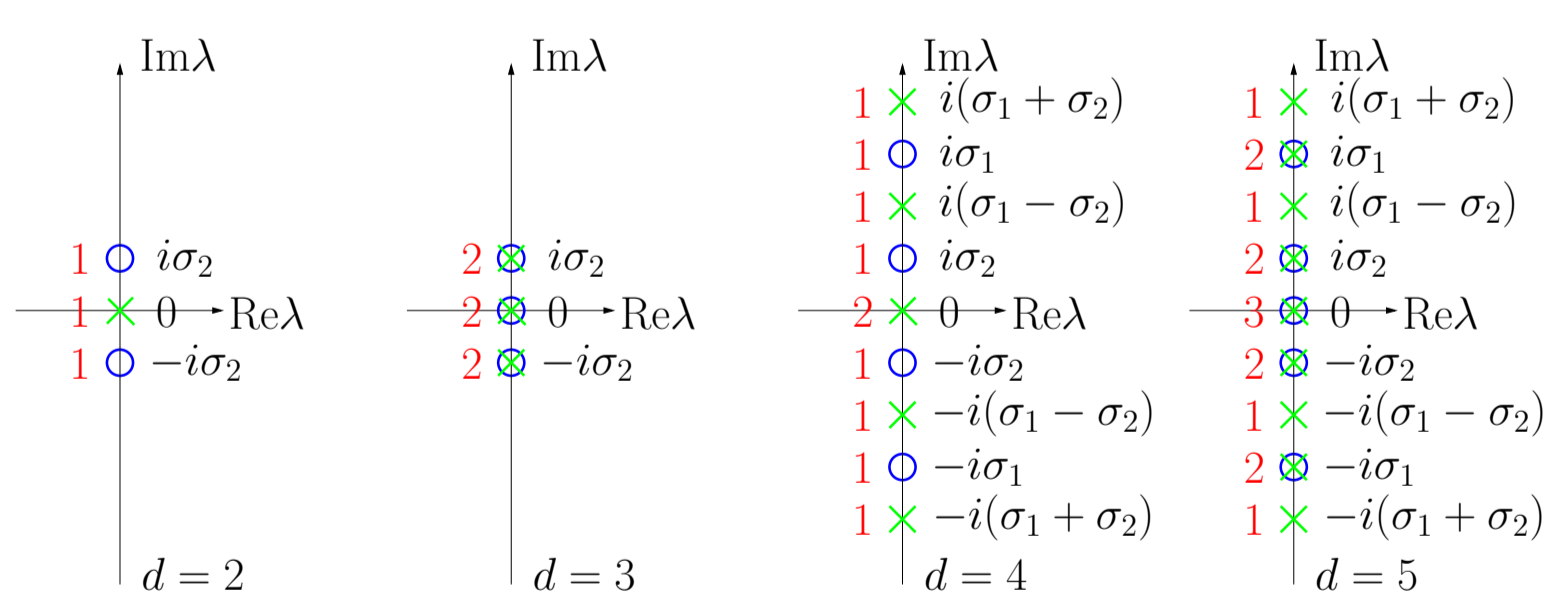
$\sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L})$  point spectrum,  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L})$  essential spectrum.

**Theorem 2 (Exponential decay of eigenfunctions  $v$ ).** Classical solutions  $v \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^m)$  of (4) for  $\text{Re} \lambda \geq -s(Df(v_\infty)) + \varepsilon$  satisfy

$$v \in W_\theta^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}^m).$$

**Theorem 3 (Point spectrum in  $L^p$  on  $i\mathbb{R}$ ).**  $\sigma_{\text{pt}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L})$ ,

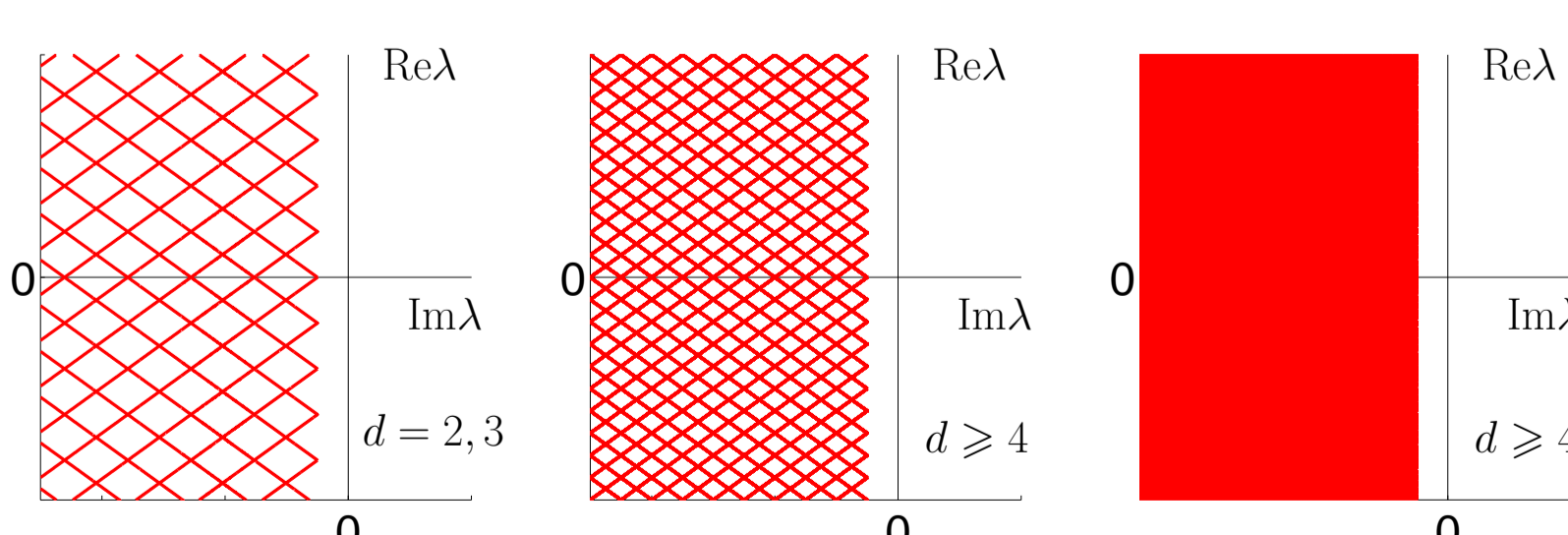
$$\sigma_{\text{pt}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) = \sigma(S_*) \cup \{ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \mid \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \sigma(S_*), \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \}.$$



Eigenfunctions:  $v(x) = \langle Sx + \tau, \nabla v_*(x) \rangle$  with  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{d,d}$ ,  $S^T = -S$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}^d$ . A total of  $\frac{d(d+1)}{2}$  eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.

**Theorem 4 (Essential spectrum<sup>2,5</sup> in  $L^p$ ).**  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L})$ ,

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) = \left\{ -\lambda(\omega) + i \sum_{l=1}^k n_l \sigma_l \mid \lambda(\omega) \in \sigma(\omega^2 A - Df(v_\infty)), n_l \in \mathbb{Z}, \omega \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$



**Density:**  $0 \neq \pm i \sigma_l \in \sigma(S_*)$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, k \leq \frac{d}{2}$ , then

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{dense}}{\subseteq} \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Re} \lambda \leq s(Df(v_\infty)) \} \Leftrightarrow \exists \sigma_n, \sigma_m : \sigma_n \sigma_m^{-1} \notin \mathbb{Q}.$$

**Dispersion relation<sup>6</sup>:**  $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L})$  if for some  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n_l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\det \left( \lambda I_N + \omega^2 A + i \sum_{l=1}^k n_l \sigma_l I_N - Df(v_\infty) \right) = 0.$$

## 5 Numerical computations of rotating waves, their spectra and eigenfunctions

**Quintic-cubic Ginzburg-Landau equation:**

$$u_t = \alpha \Delta u + \delta u + \beta |u|^2 u + \gamma |u|^4 u, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad u(x, t) \in \mathbb{C},$$

with  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\text{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\delta < 0$ .

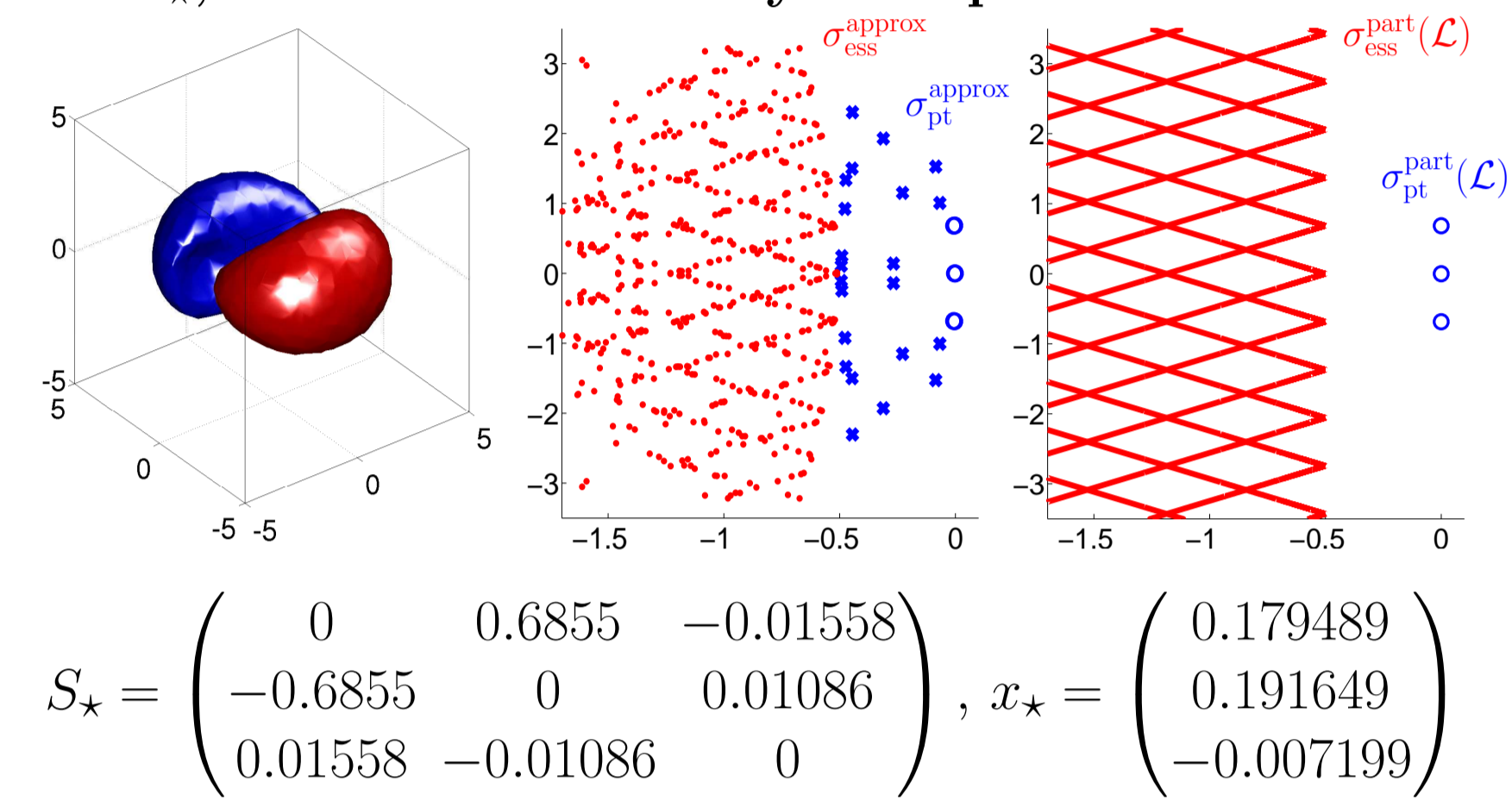
**3D Spinning solitons:** For parameters<sup>7</sup>

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i, \quad \beta = \frac{5}{2} + i, \quad \gamma = -1 - \frac{1}{10}i, \quad \delta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

solitons are exponentially localized by Theorem 1 with bound

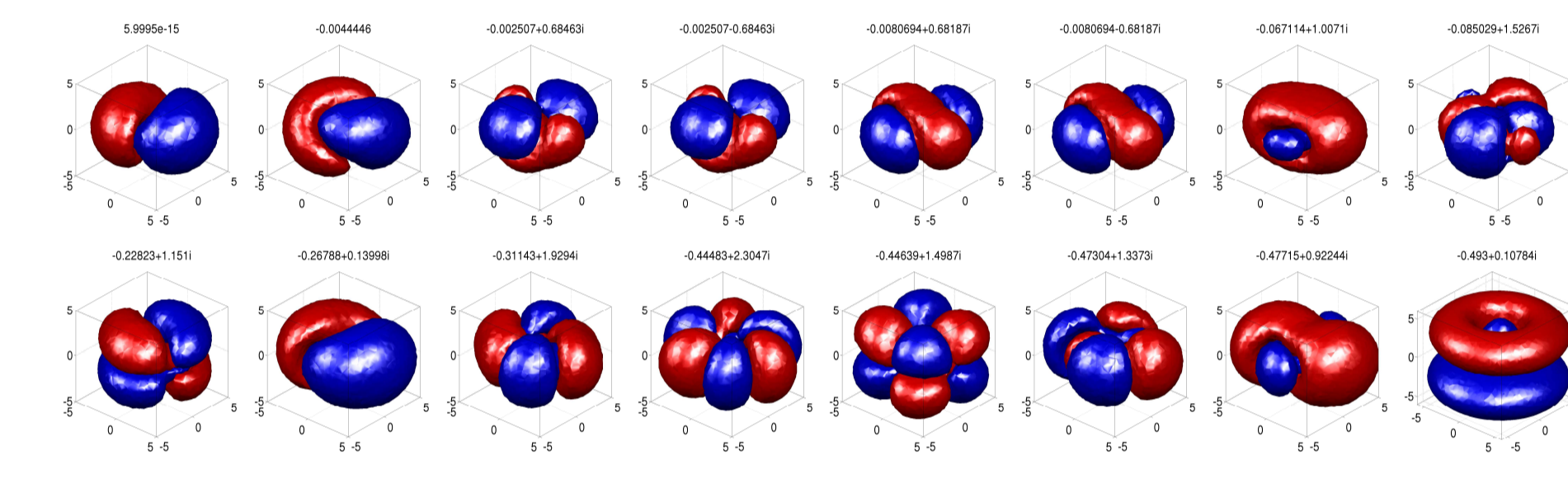
$$0 \leq \eta^2 \leq \vartheta \frac{1}{3p^2} < \frac{1}{3p^2} \text{ for } p \in [4 - 2\sqrt{2}, 4 + 2\sqrt{2}].$$

**Profile  $v_*$ , numerical and analytical spectrum:**



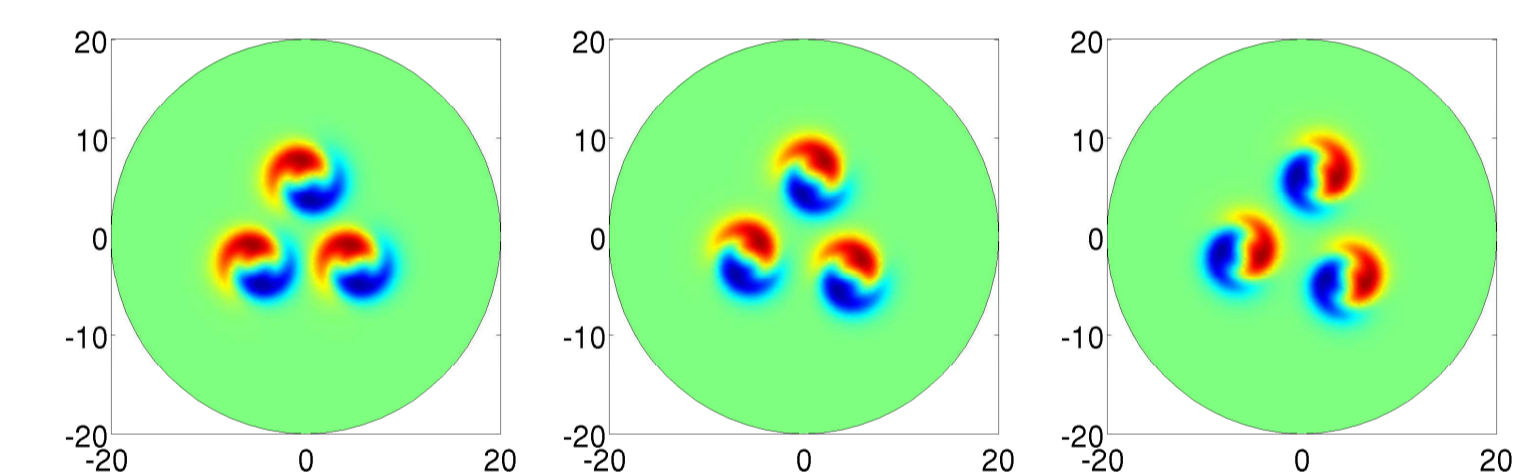
$$S_* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.6855 & -0.01558 \\ -0.6855 & 0 & 0.01086 \\ 0.01558 & -0.01086 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_* = \begin{pmatrix} 0.179489 \\ 0.191649 \\ -0.007199 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Eigenfunctions:** (isosurfaces)

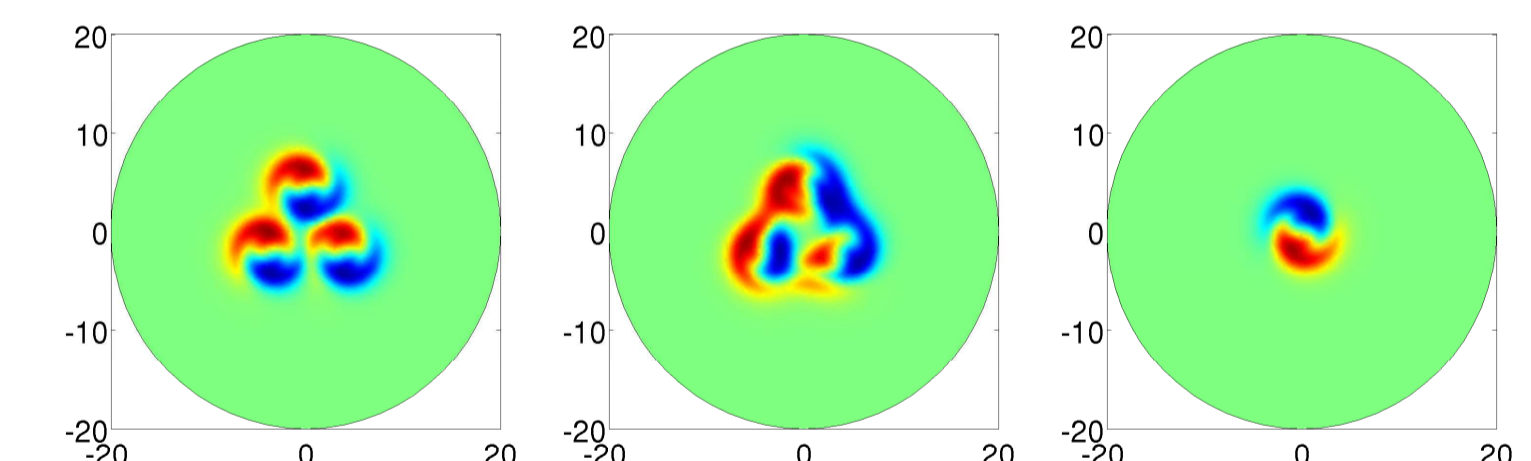


## 6 Interaction of rotating waves

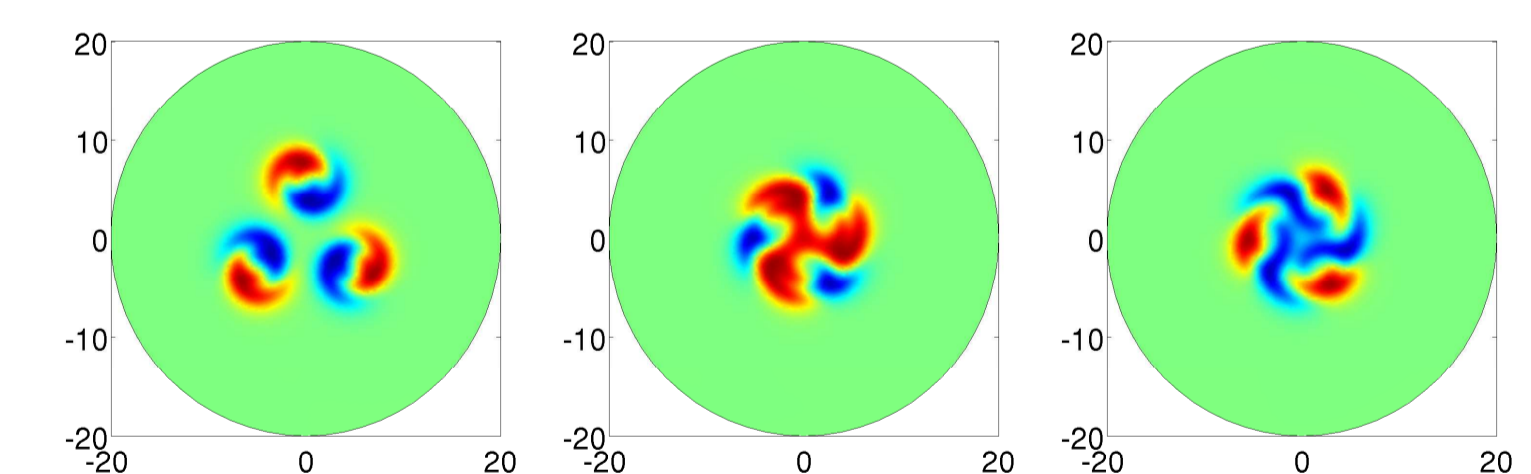
**Weak interaction:** solitons repel each other



**Strong interaction (without phaseshift):** solitons collide



**Strong interaction (with phaseshift):**



**Aims**

- Nonlinear stability of rotating waves<sup>5</sup> for  $d \geq 3$
- Approximation theorem for rotating waves (on bounded domains)
- Discard assumption  $v_* - v_\infty \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^m)$  in Theorem 1
- Exponential decay in space of bounded continuous functions
- Stability of freezing method<sup>8</sup> and decompose and freeze method<sup>8</sup>

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