

1 Rotating patterns in \mathbb{R}^d

Reaction-diffusion system:

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

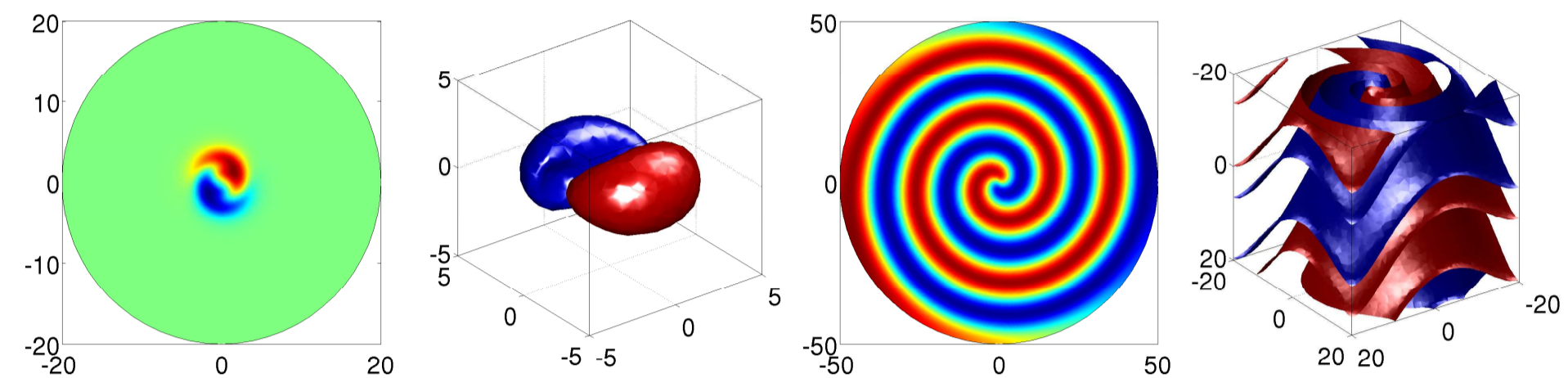
$u: \mathbb{R}^d \times [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$, $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

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: $v(x, t) = u(e^{tS_*}x + x_*, t)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $t \geq 0$, 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 operator²:

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

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

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 kernel³

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

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

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

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 rate⁴ $\eta \geq 0$: $\theta \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ 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 $m > 1$

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

($\mu_1(A)$ 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_ε 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}_∞
- 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

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

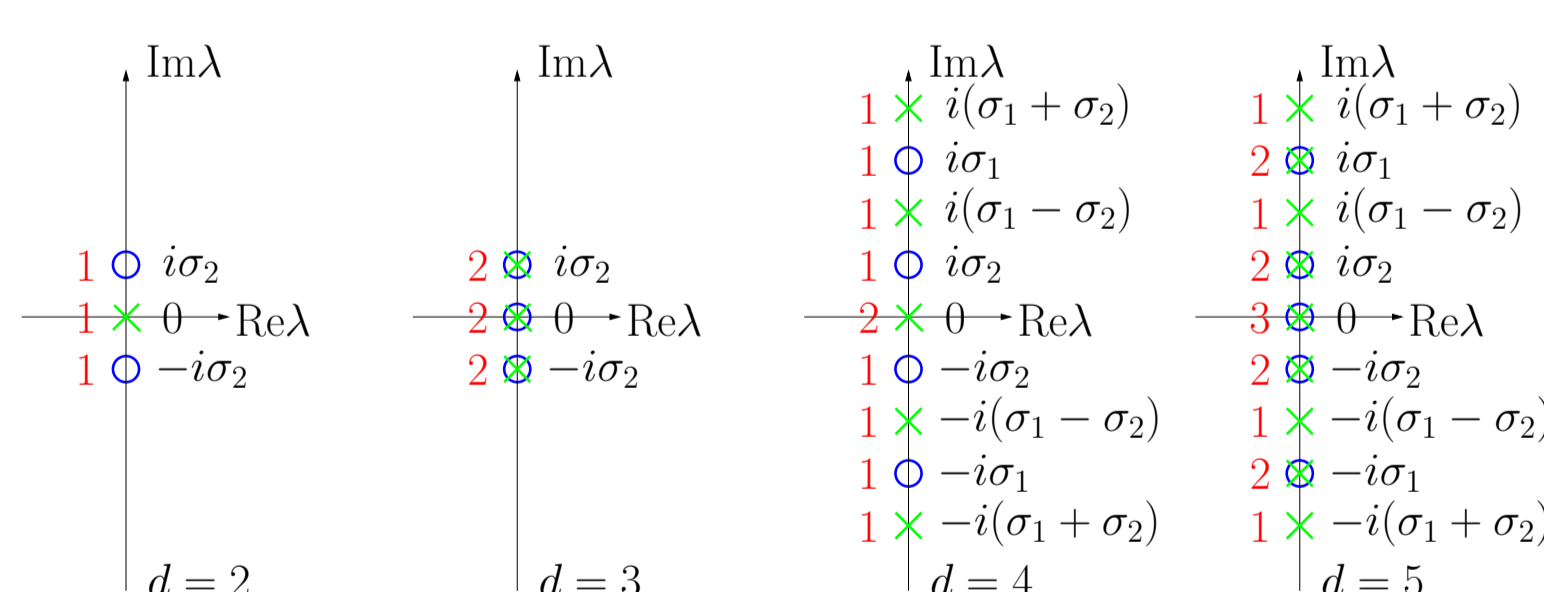
$\sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L})$ point spectrum, $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L})$ essential spectrum.

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 $i\mathbb{R}$). $\sigma_{\text{pt}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{pt}}(\mathcal{L})$,

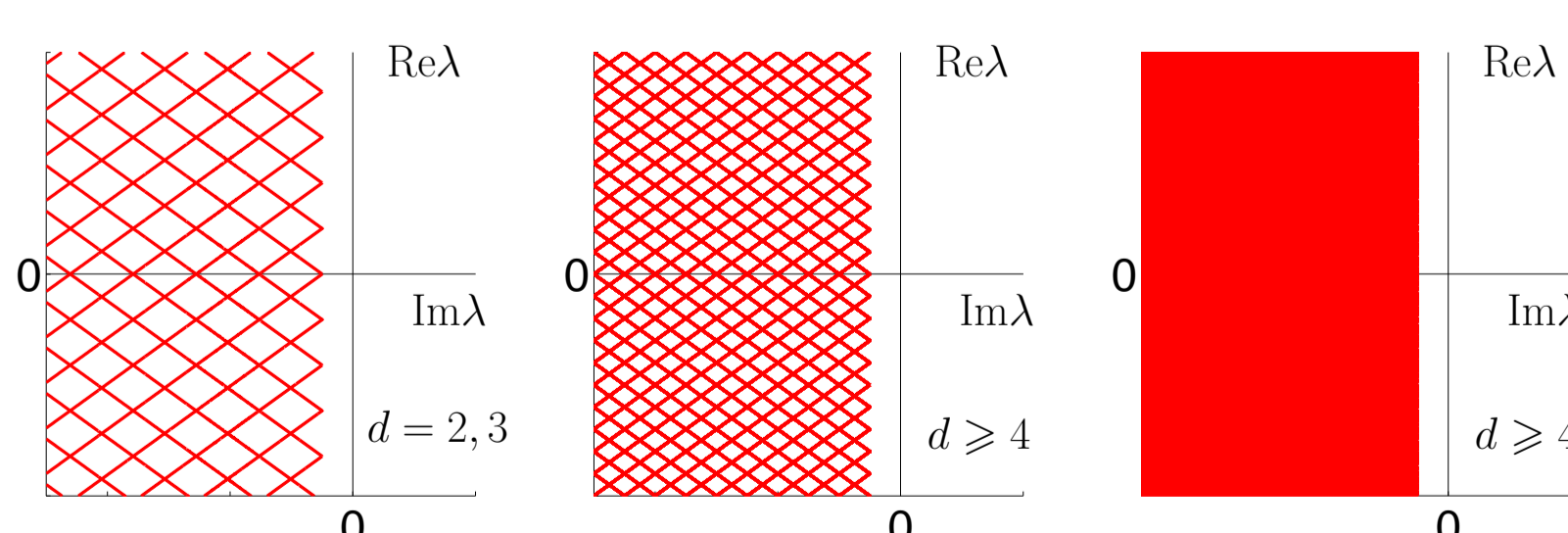
$$\sigma_{\text{pt}}^{\text{part}}(\mathcal{L}) = \sigma(S_*) \cup \{ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \mid \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \sigma(S_*), \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \}.$$



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^{2,5} 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 relation⁶: $\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{L})$ 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 $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, $\text{Re} \alpha > 0$, $\delta < 0$.

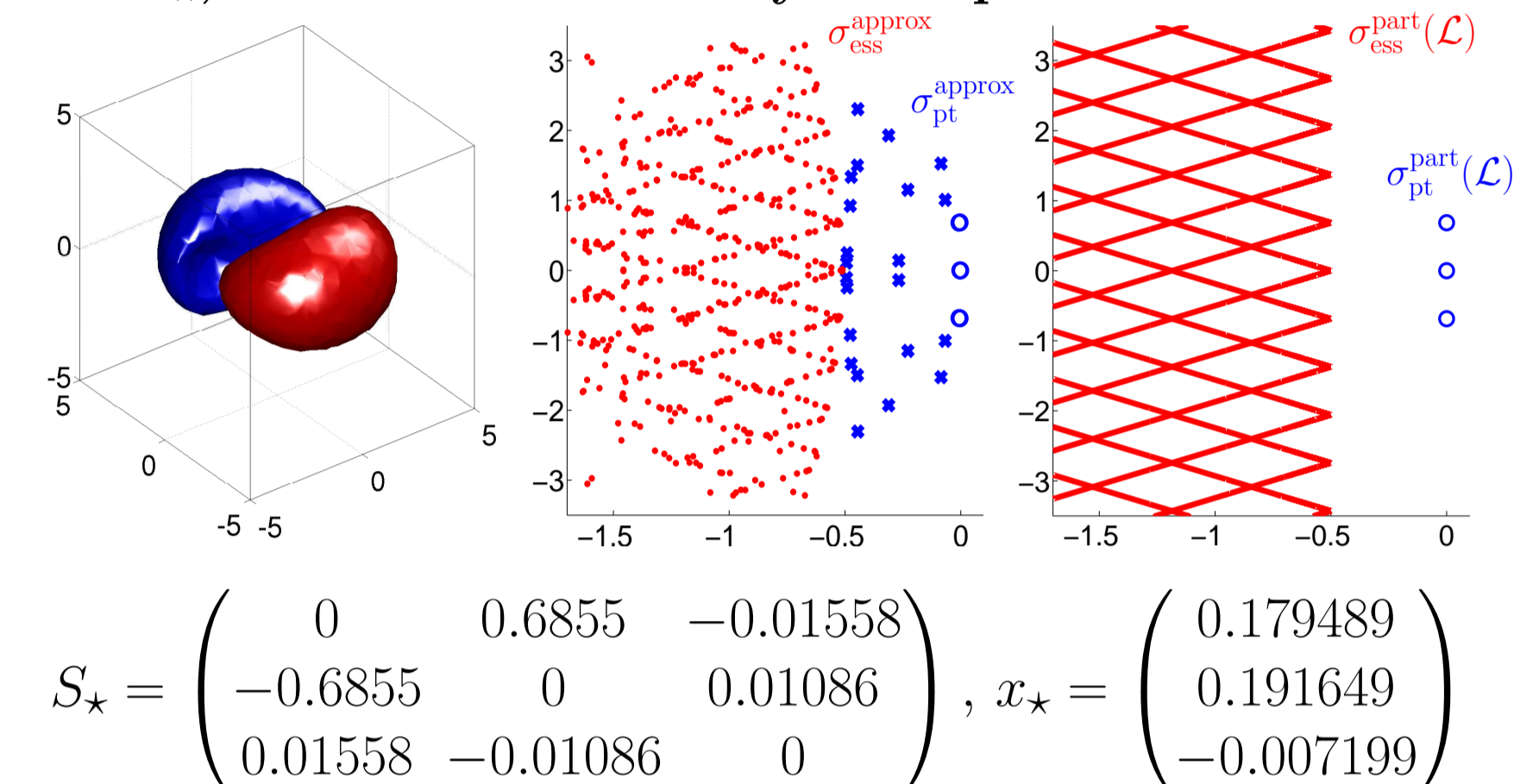
3D Spinning solitons: For parameters⁷

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

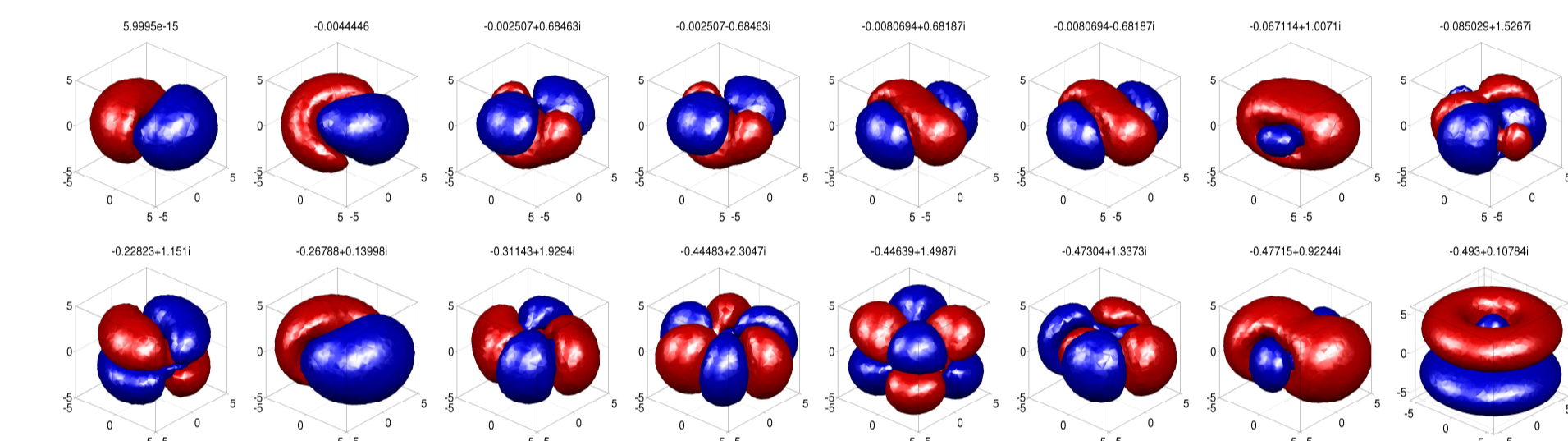
solitons are exponentially localized by Theorem 1 with bound

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

Profile v_* , numerical and analytical spectrum:

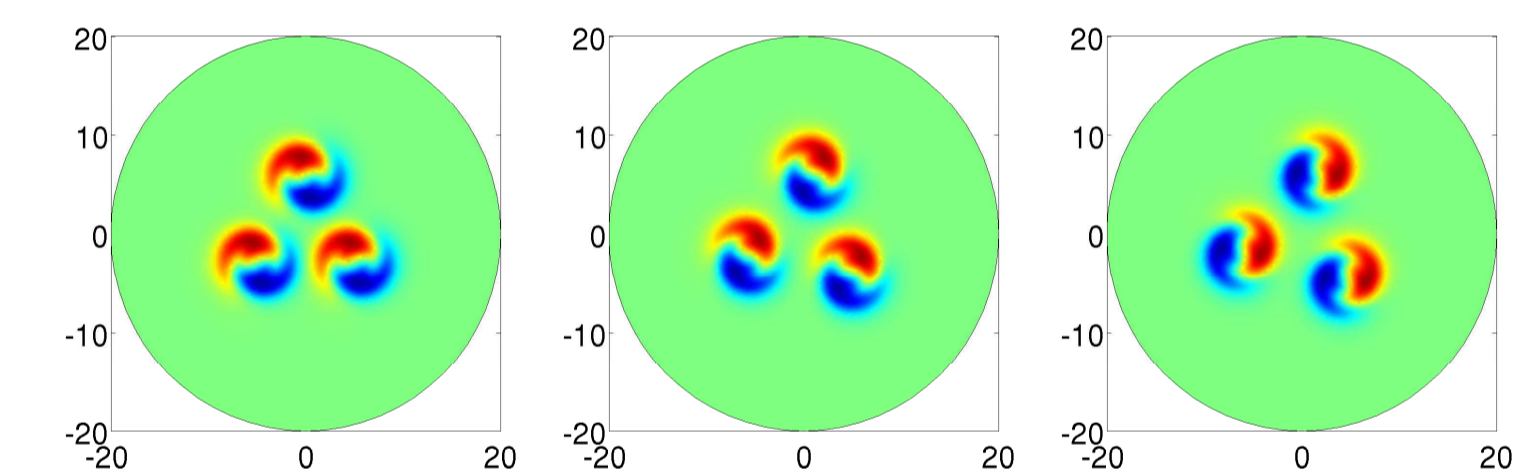


Eigenfunctions: (isosurfaces)

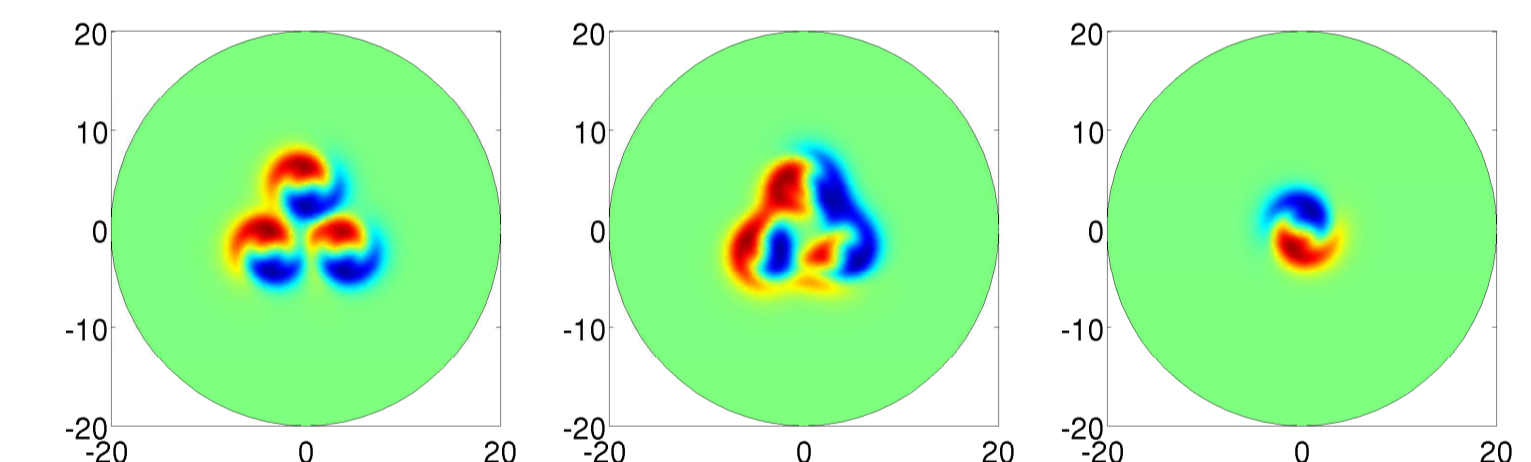


6 Interaction of rotating waves

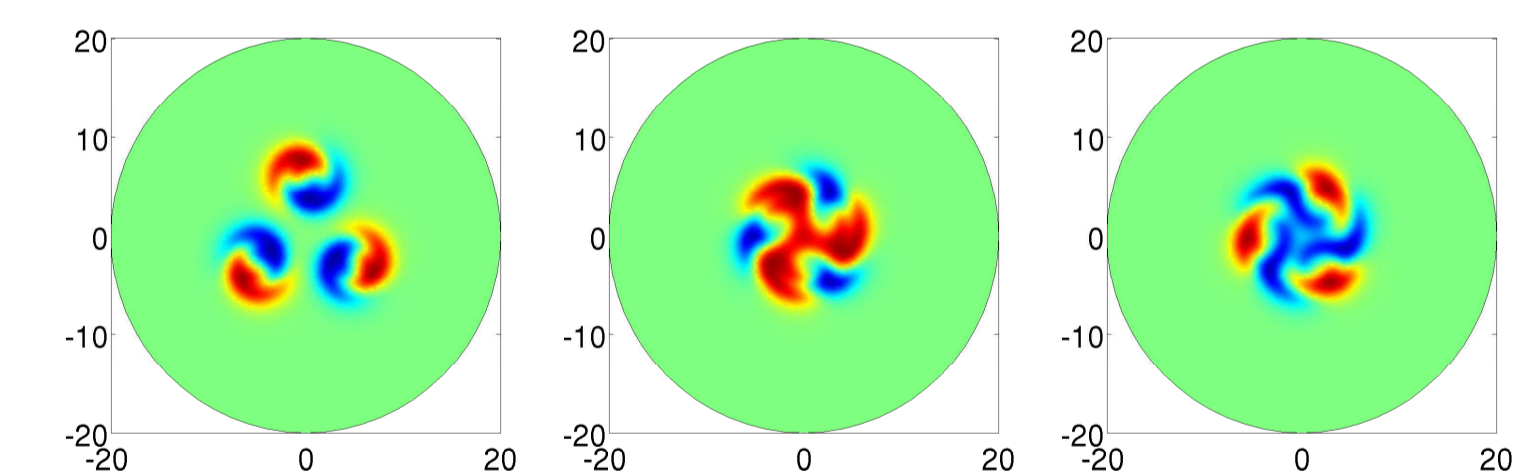
Weak interaction: solitons repel each other



Strong interaction (without phaseshift): solitons collide



Strong interaction (with phaseshift):



Aims

- Nonlinear stability of rotating waves⁵ 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 method⁸ and decompose and freeze method⁸

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