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Strongly interacting rotating bosons via complex stochastic quantization

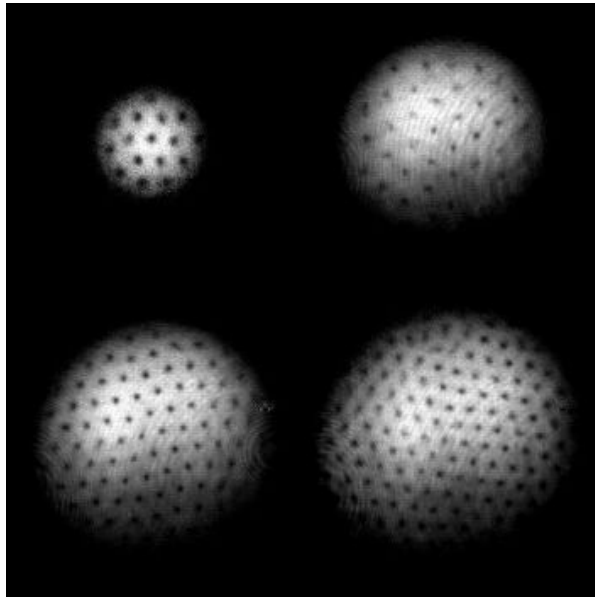
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Rotating Bose-Einstein condensates

1949: Onsager predicts rotating superfluids will form vortices

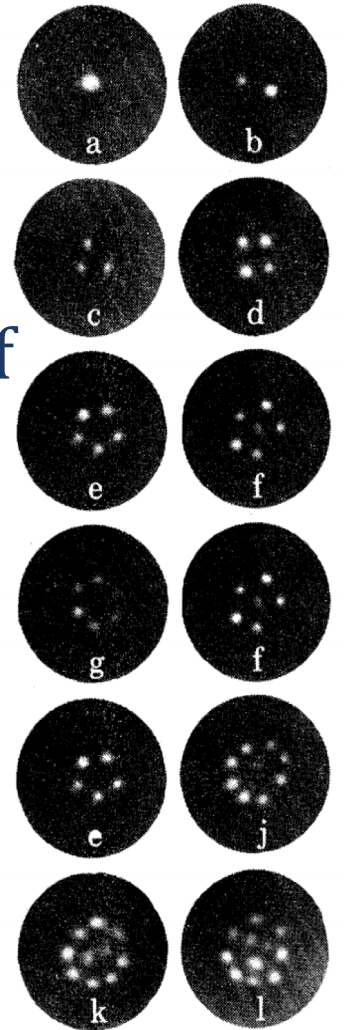


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1990s-2000s:
rotating BECs in
 ^4He and dilute
atomic gases

Advances in theory

1979: First observation of
vortices in rotating ^4He



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Theoretical advancements in study of rotating superfluids since 1950s





- Why are we stuck?
- Many-body quantum systems \rightarrow Quantum Monte Carlo

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]} \mathcal{O}[\phi] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{P}[\phi] \mathcal{O}[\phi]$$

- Evaluate stochastically, with $\mathcal{P}[\phi] = \frac{e^{-S[\phi]}}{\mathcal{Z}}$



The sign problem

- Action for non-relativistic rotating bosons:

$$S = \int \phi^* (\mathcal{H} - \mu - \omega_z L_z) \phi + \lambda \int (\phi^* \phi)^2$$
$$\omega_z L_z = i\omega_z (x\partial_y - y\partial_x)$$

- Complex action
- Usual Quantum Monte Carlo methods do not work
- Proposed solution: Complex Langevin Method



The Complex Langevin method

- Generalization of stochastic quantization to complex dynamical variables

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &\rightarrow \phi^R + i\phi^I \\ S[\phi^R + i\phi^I] &= u[\phi^R + i\phi^I] + iv[\phi^R + i\phi^I]\end{aligned}$$

- Leads to two coupled SDEs:

$$\begin{aligned}d\phi^R &= \text{Re}[K]dt + \eta\sqrt{dt} \\ d\phi^I &= \text{Im}[K]dt \\ K &= -\nabla S[\phi^R + i\phi^I]\end{aligned}$$



- Relativistic Bose gas at finite chemical potential

$$S = \int d^4x \left[|\partial_\nu \phi|^2 + (m^2 - \mu^2) |\phi|^2 + \mu (\phi^* \partial_t \phi - \partial_t \phi^* \phi) + \lambda (\phi^* \phi)^2 \right]$$
$$S[\mu]^* = S[-\mu]$$

- Lattice action

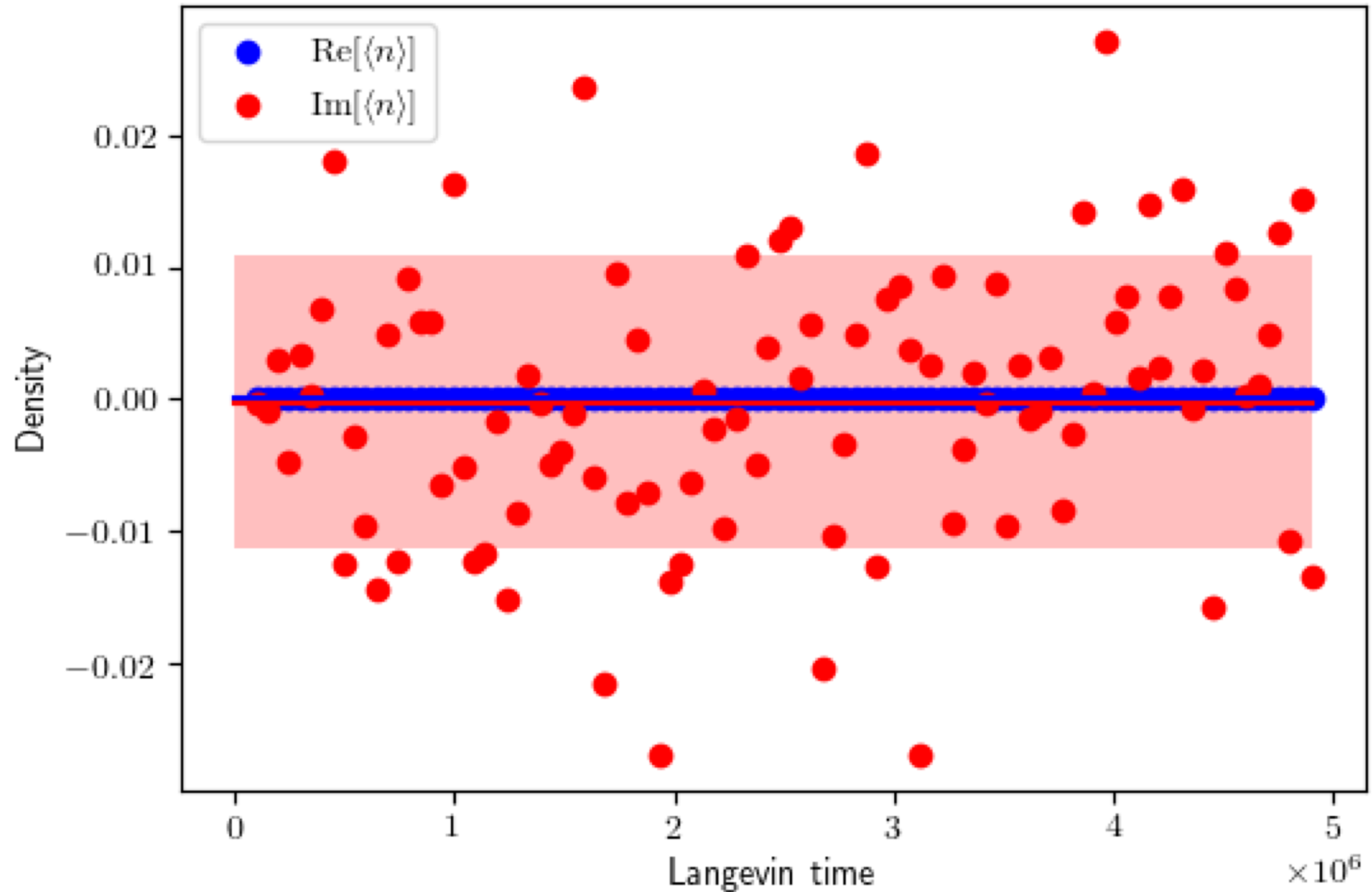
$$S = \sum_x \left[(2d + m^2) \phi_x^* \phi_x + \lambda (\phi_x^* \phi_x)^2 - \sum_{\nu=1}^4 (\phi_x^* e^{-\mu \delta_{\nu,4}} \phi_{x+\hat{\nu}} + \phi_{x+\hat{\nu}}^* e^{\mu \delta_{\nu,4}} \phi_x) \right]$$

- Use CL to compute density, field modulus squared



CL: success stories

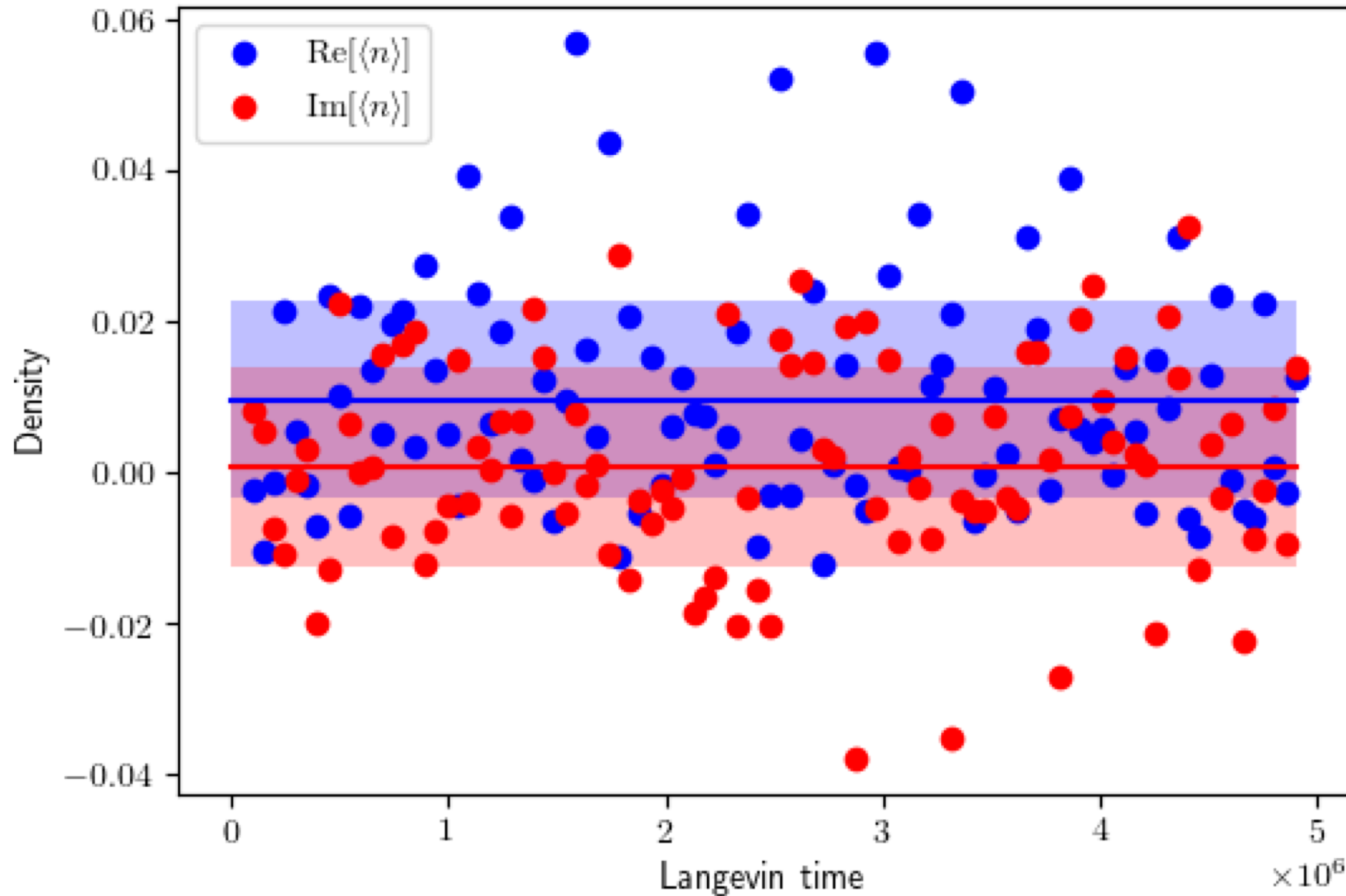
$$\mu = 0.0$$





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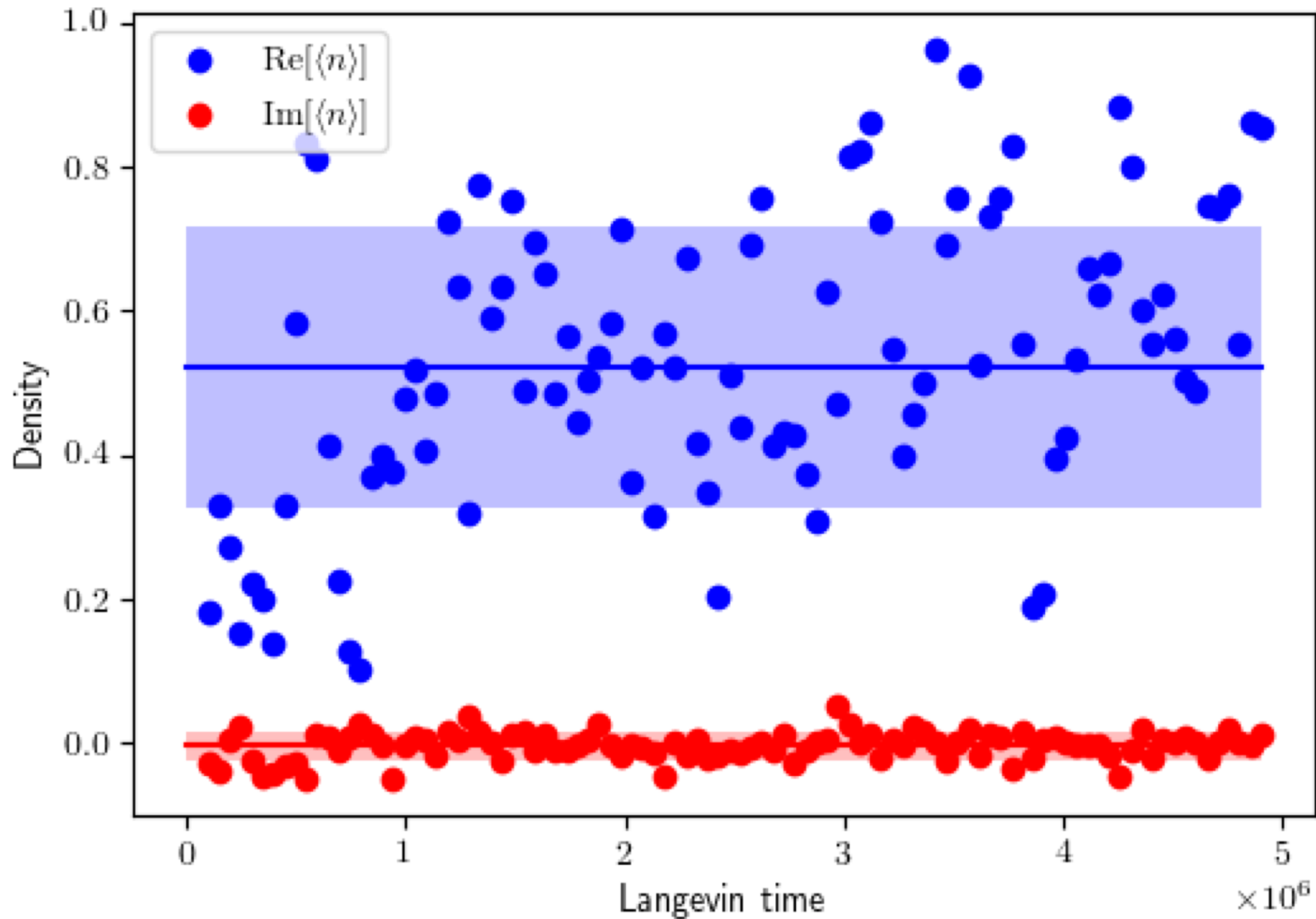
$$\mu = 0.7$$





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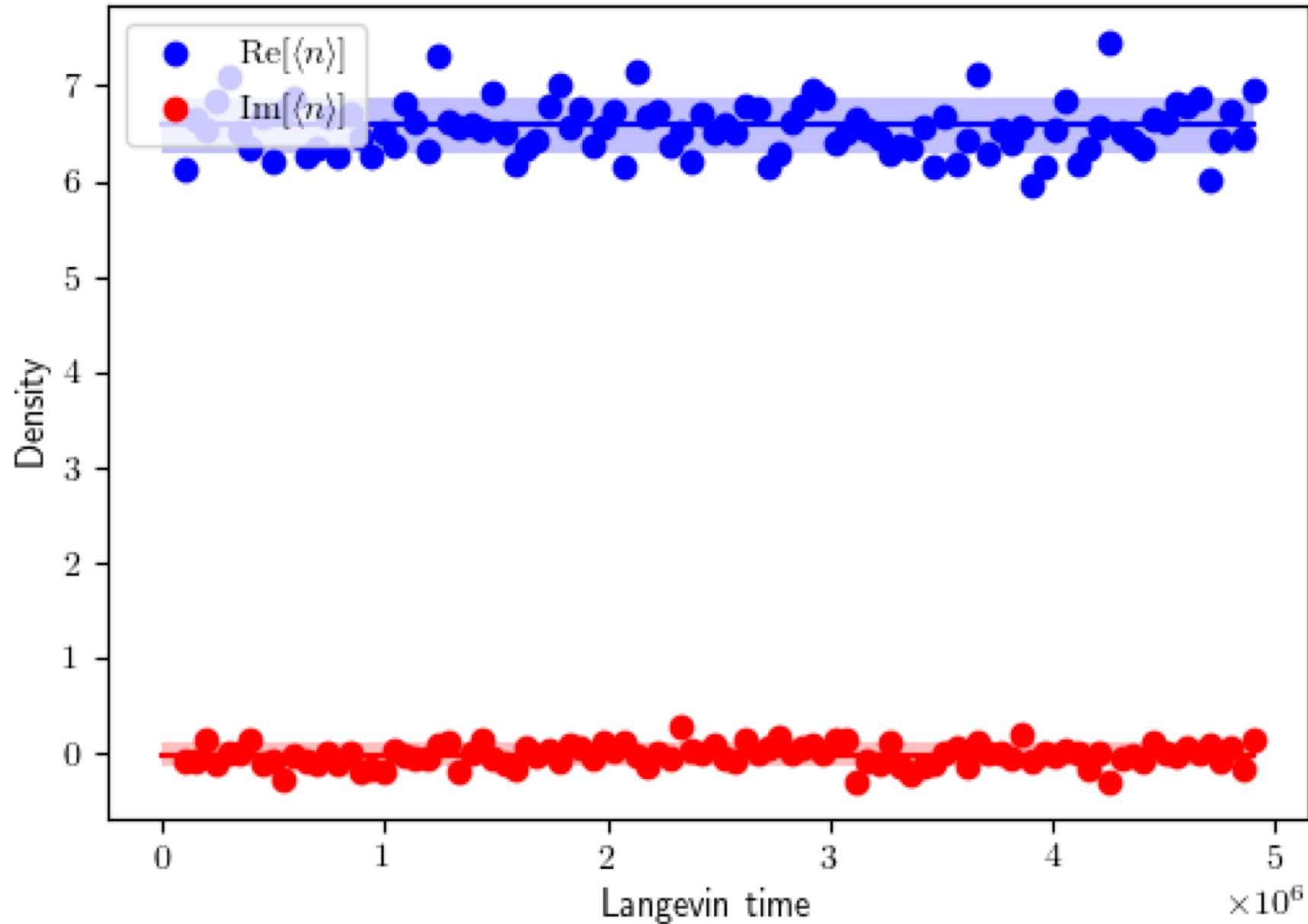
$$\mu = 1.125$$





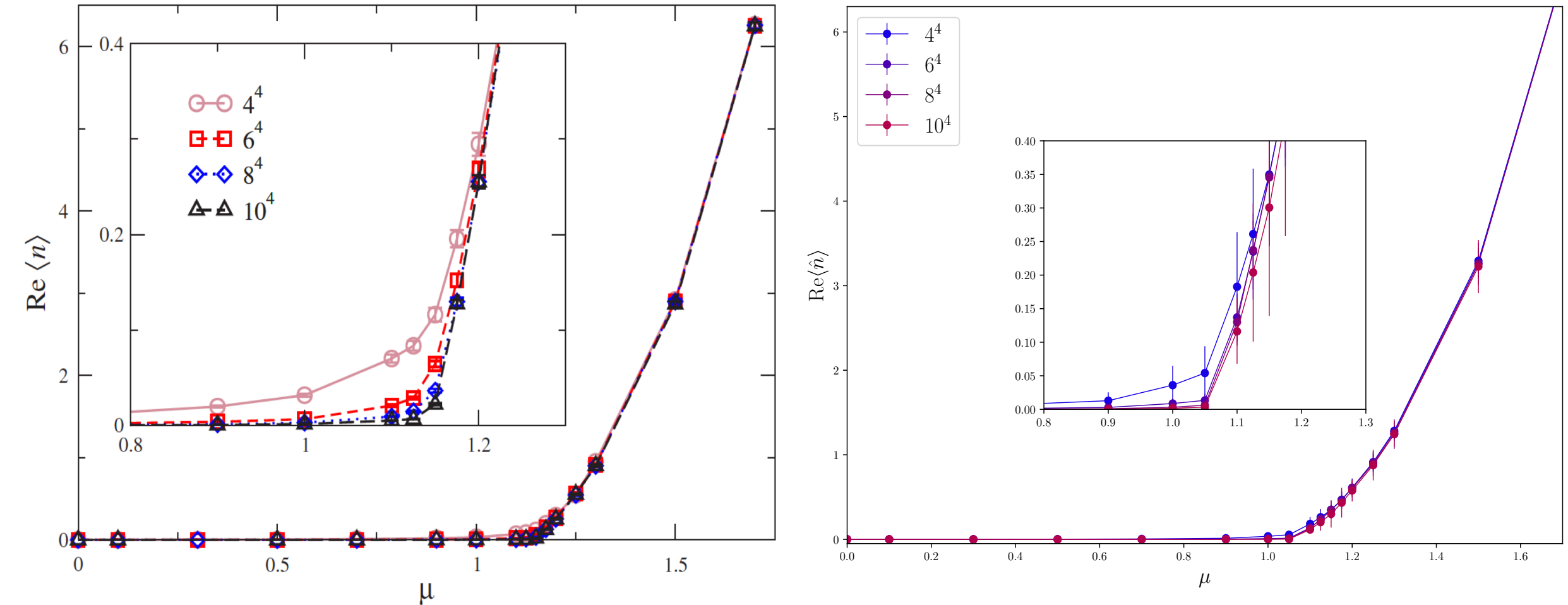
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$$\mu = 1.5$$



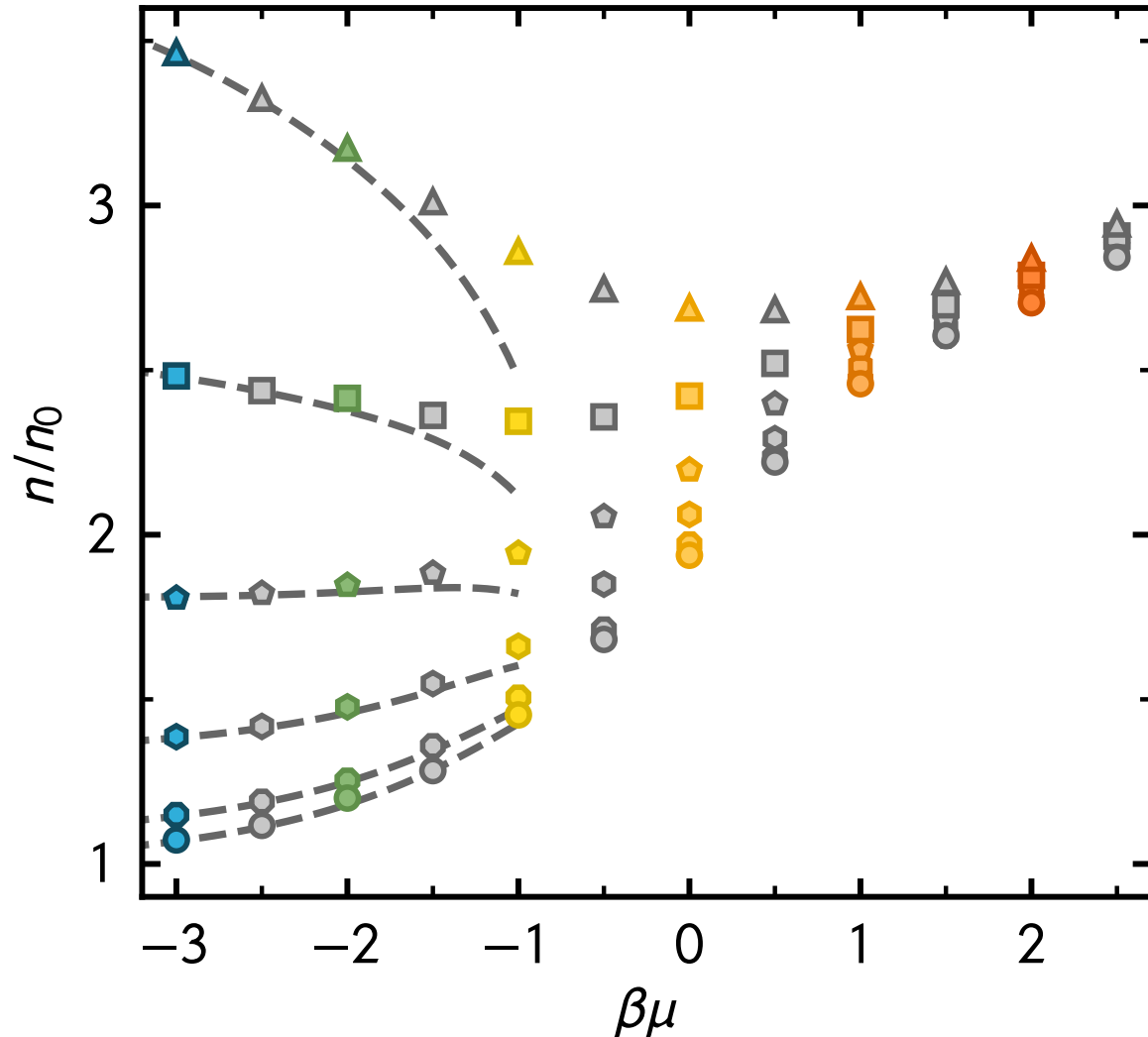


Relativistic Bose gas at finite chemical potential





Density EOS of spin polarized unitary Fermi gas



- βh from 0 to 2.0 (bottom to top)
- Dashed lines: 3rd order virial expansion
- 3+1 dimensional lattice
 - $N_x = 11, N_t = 160$

CL results show good agreement with the virial expansion in the virial region



CL: cautionary tales

- CL is not always successful
 - The Excursion Problem
 - The probability distribution is not suppressed enough for large values of the complexified variables
 - Causes the imaginary drift term to “run away”
 - The Singular Drift Problem
 - The probability distribution is not suppressed enough near singularities in the drift term
- We don't yet know how to prove when CL will work
 - Important to have checks to ensure validity
 - Comparisons with existing theoretical benchmarks, experimental measurements



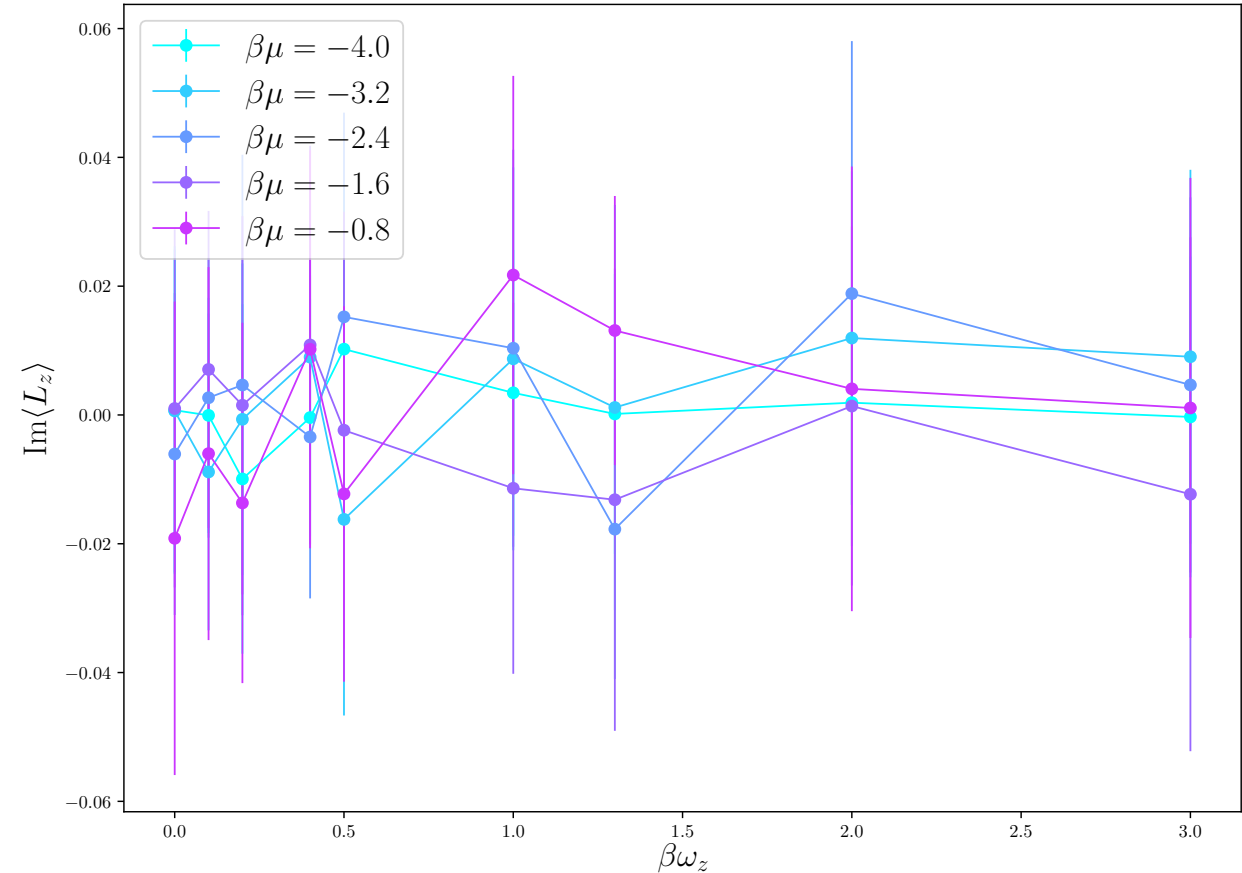
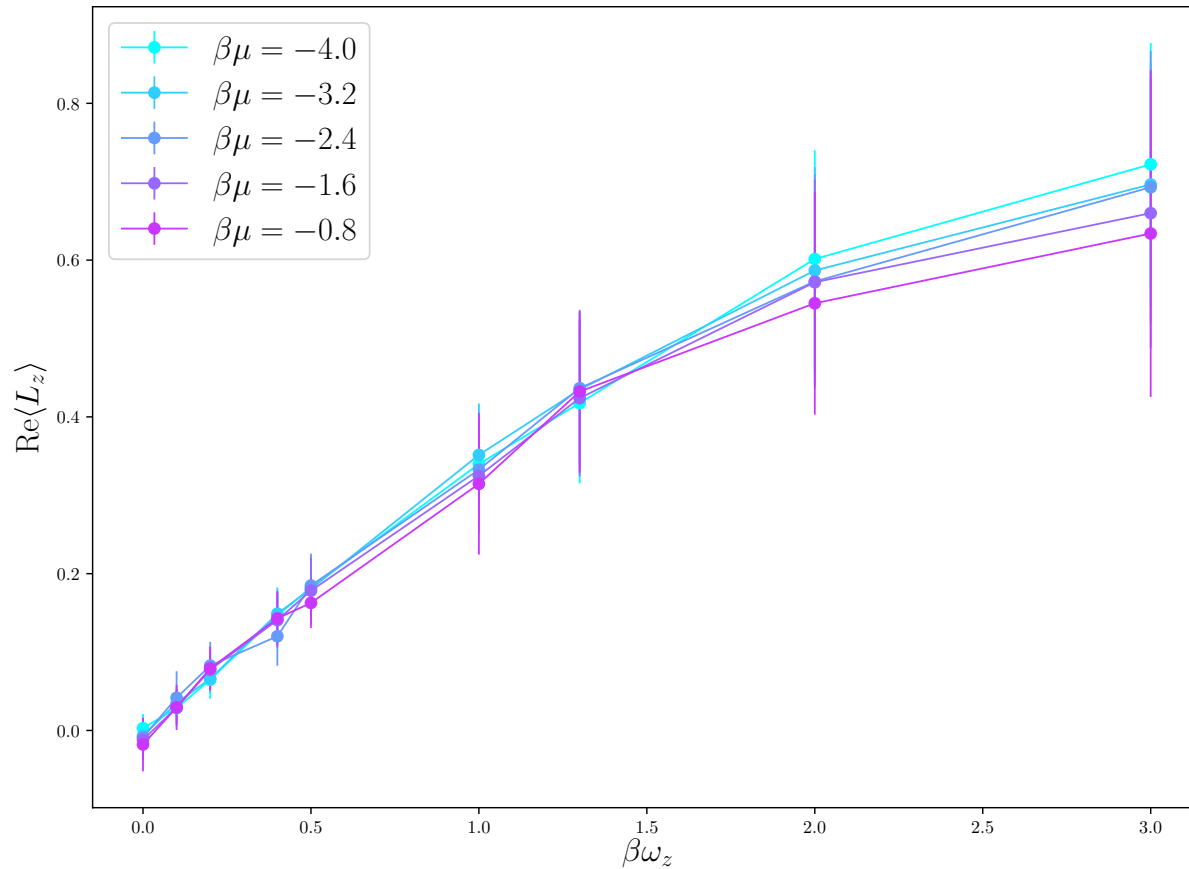
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CL in non-relativistic rotating bosons

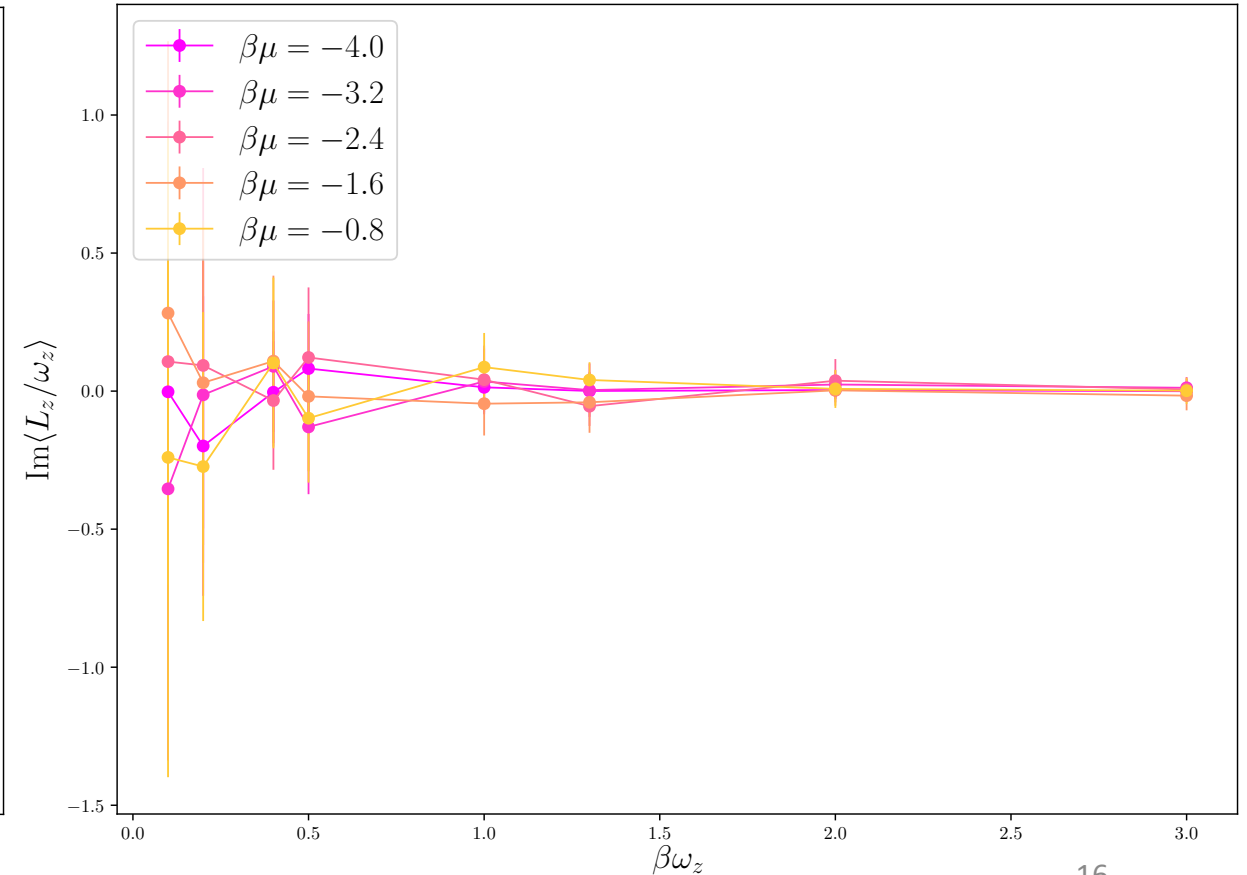
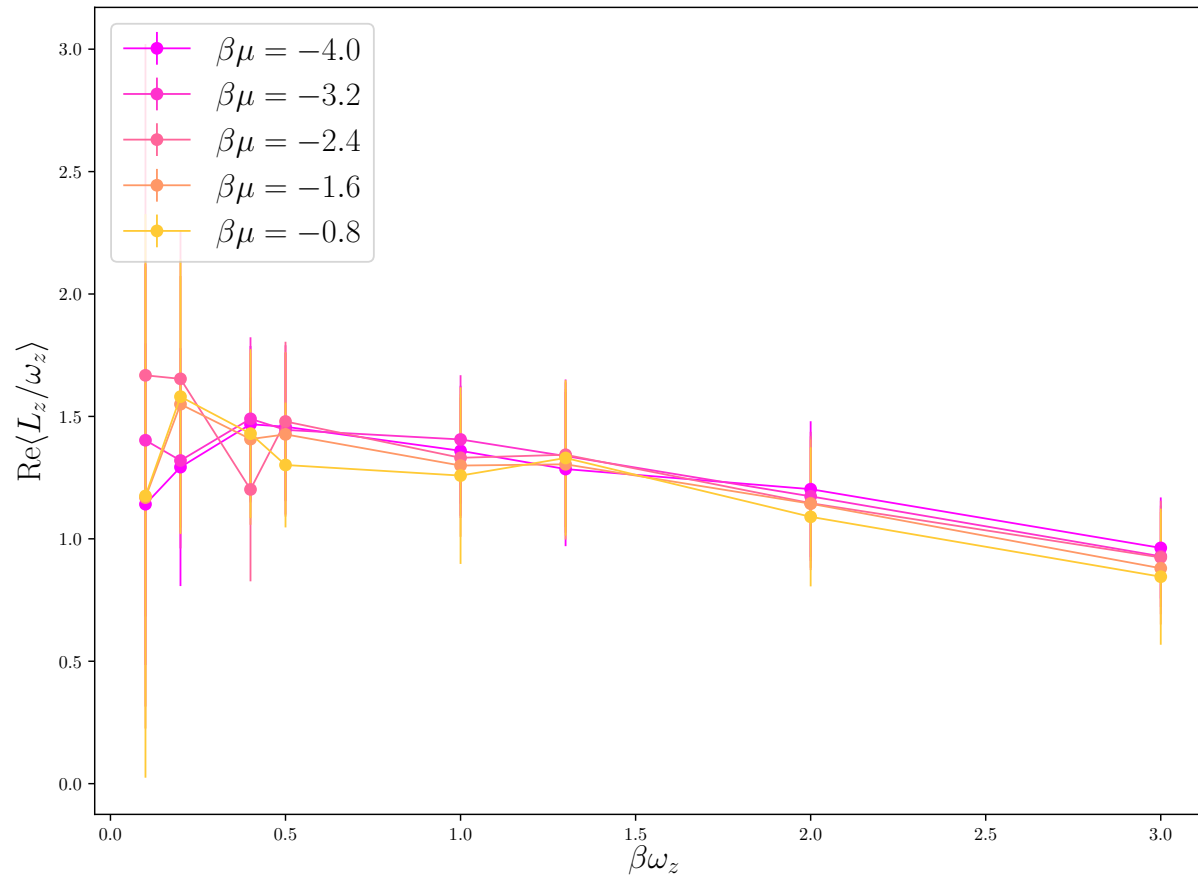
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 - Average Angular Momentum dependence on rotation frequency
 - $N_x = 12, N_\tau = 20, \tau = 0.2$





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 - Moment of Inertia dependence on rotation frequency
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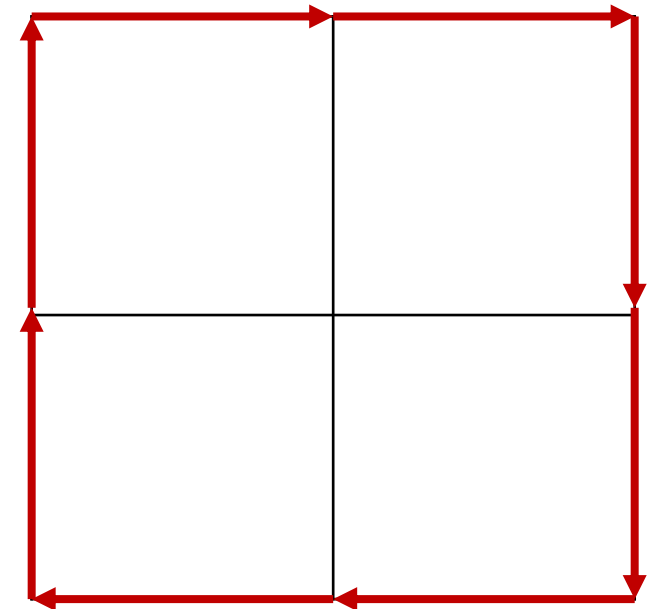


Future directions

- Decrease $|\beta\mu|$ to study superfluid regime
- Density should show triangular vortex lattice structure
- We expect to see discontinuities in the circulation observable

$$\Gamma[l] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{l \times l} dx \left(\theta_{t,x+\hat{j}} - \theta_{t,x} \right)$$

$$\theta_{t,x} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{Im}[\phi_{t,x}]}{\text{Re}[\phi_{t,x}]} \right)$$





Summary and Conclusions

- Many systems of interest inaccessible to QMC due to sign problem
- CL allows us to circumvent the sign problem
- Under some circumstances, CL fails
- Preliminary results for rotating non-relativistic bosons are promising
- More work still to come



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