

**Correction**

In the News & Views 'Ultracold gases: Shock cooling a universe' (*Nature Physics* **9**, 605–606; 2013) by Martin W. Zwierlein the first sentence of the seventh paragraph should have read 'A topological defect can only form where at least three regions of different  $\langle \Psi \rangle$  meet on a line, and only if the angle of  $\langle \Psi \rangle$  changes by a non-zero multiple of  $2\pi$  as one goes around that line — the marble makes a non-zero number of round trips around the Mexican hat'. This error was unfortunately introduced during the editorial process. Corrected after print 7 November 2013.