



Non-Abelian Vortices in Spinor Bose-Einstein Condensates

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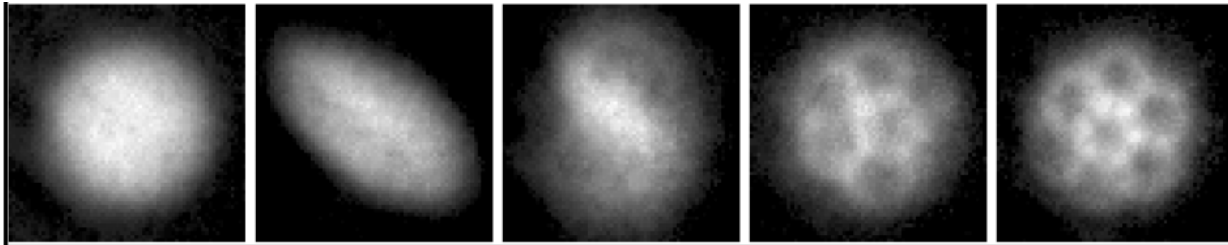




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Vortices in Bose-Einstein Condensates



vortex in ^{87}Rb BEC

K. W. Madison et al.
PRL 86, 4443 (2001)

vortex
in ^4He



G. P. Bewley et al.
Nature 441, 588 (2006)

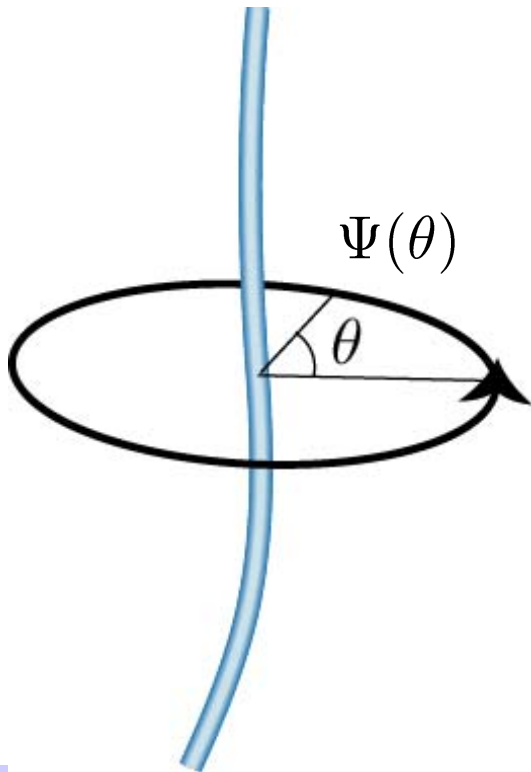
Vortices appears as line defects
when symmetry breaking happens



•Vortices are Abelian for
single-component BEC

Quantized Vortex and Topological Charge

Topological charge of a vortex can be considered how order parameter changes around the vortex core



Single component BEC : $\Psi(\theta) \propto \exp[in\theta]$

Topological charge can be expressed by integer n

Quantized Vortex and Topological Charge

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Topological charge can be expressed by the first homotopy group

single component BEC

$$\pi_1(\mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{Z}$$

\mathbf{G} (= $\mathbf{U}(1)$) : Symmetry of the system

\mathbf{H} (= 1) : Symmetry of the order-parameter

When topological charge can be expressed by non-commutative algebra (π_1 : first homotopy group π_1 is non-Abelian), we define such vortices as “non-Abelian vortices”



Quantized Vortex and Topological Charge

Topological charge of a vortex can be considered how order parameter changes around the vortex core

Non-Abelian vortices can be realized in the cyclic phase of spin-2 Bose Einstein condensates.



Introduction of spinor BEC

Hamiltonian of spinor boson system (without trapping and magnetic field)

$$H = - \int d\mathbf{x} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla \Psi_m^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \Psi_m(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x}_1 \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \Psi_{m_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1) \Psi_{m_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2) V_{m_1 m_2 m'_1 m'_2}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \Psi_{m'_2}(\mathbf{x}_2) \Psi_{m'_1}(\mathbf{x}_1)$$

Contact interaction ($l = 0$)

$$V_{m_1 m_2 m'_1 m'_2}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \delta(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \sum_{F=\text{even}} g_F P_F$$

$$P_F = \sum_{m_1, m_2, m'_1, m'_2, M} O_{m_1 m_2}^{F, M} \left(O_{m'_1 m'_2}^{F, M} \right)^* |F, m'_1\rangle \otimes |F, m'_2\rangle \langle F, m_2| \otimes \langle F, m_1|$$



Mean Field Approximation for BEC at $T = 0$

Case of Spin-2

$$H \simeq \int d\mathbf{x} \left[-\Psi_m^* \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_m + \frac{c_0}{2} n_{\text{tot}}^2 + \frac{c_1}{2} \mathbf{F}^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} |A_{00}|^2 \right]$$

$$c_0 = \frac{4g_2 + 3g_4}{7}, \quad c_1 = \frac{g_4 - g_2}{7}, \quad c_2 = \frac{7g_0 - 10g_2 + 3g_4}{7}$$

$$n_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi_m^*(\mathbf{x}) \Psi_m(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi_m^*(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{mm'}(\mathbf{x}) \Psi_{m'}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$A_{00}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} [2\Psi_2(\mathbf{x})\Psi_{-2}(\mathbf{x}) - 2\Psi_1(\mathbf{x})\Psi_{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \Psi_0(\mathbf{x})^2]$$

n_{tot} : total density

\mathbf{F} : magnetization

A_{00} : singlet pair amplitude



Spin-2 BEC

$$H \simeq \int d\mathbf{x} \left[-\Psi_m^* \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_m + \frac{c_0}{2} n_{\text{tot}}^2 + \frac{c_1}{2} \mathbf{F}^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} |A_{00}|^2 \right]$$

1. $c_1 < 0 \rightarrow$ ferromagnetic phase : $\mathbf{F} \neq 0$
2. $c_1 > 0, c_2 < 0 \rightarrow$ polar phase : $\mathbf{F} = 0, A_{00} \neq 0$
3. $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0 \rightarrow$ cyclic phase : $\mathbf{F} = A_{00} = 0$

ferromagnetic

$$e^{i\phi} e^{-i\mathbf{e} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}} \alpha} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

polar

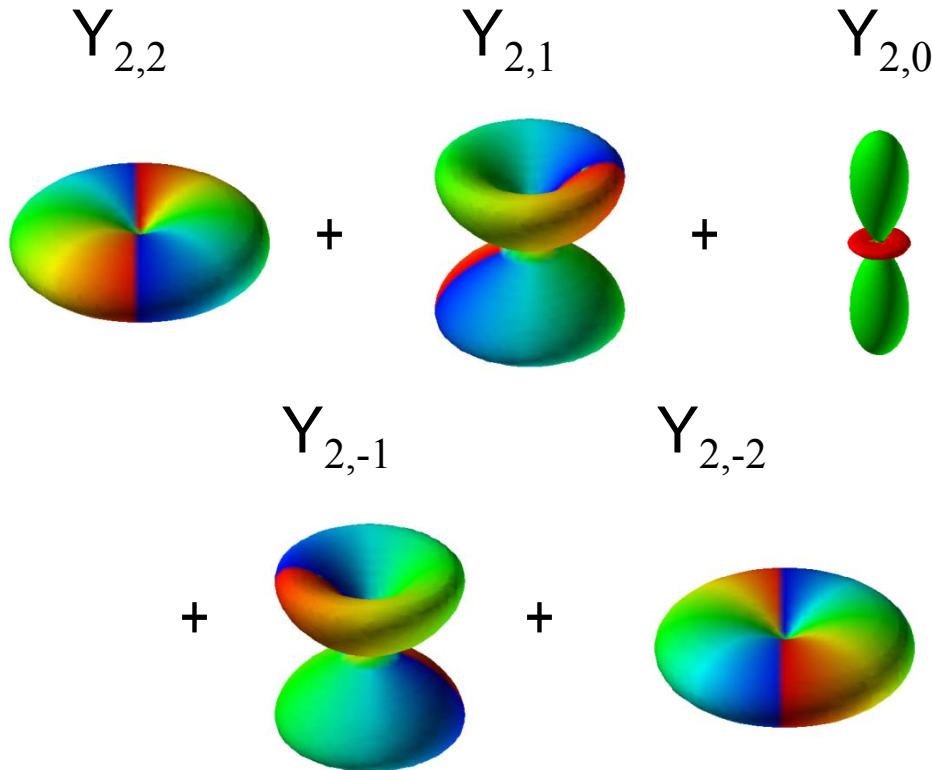
$$e^{i\phi} e^{-i\mathbf{e} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}} \alpha} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

cyclic

$$e^{i\phi} e^{-i\mathbf{e} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}} \alpha} \begin{pmatrix} i/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ i/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

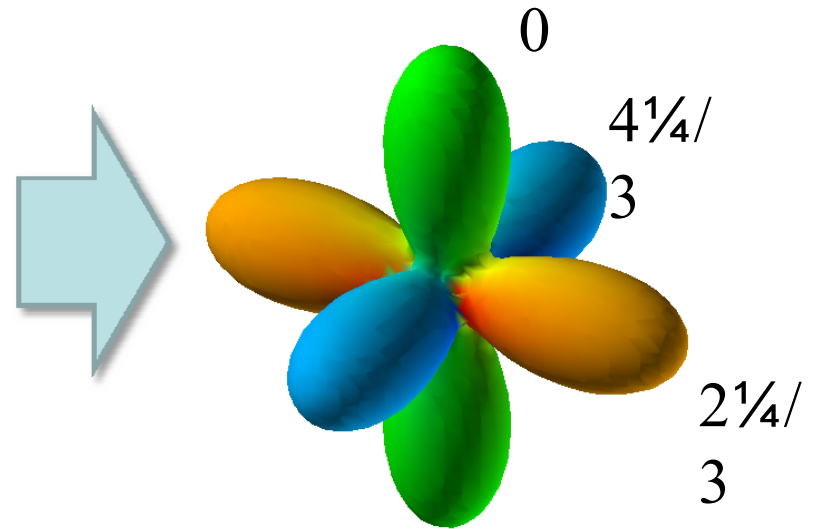
Spin-2 BEC

$$\sum_{m=-2}^2 \Psi_m Y_{2,m}$$



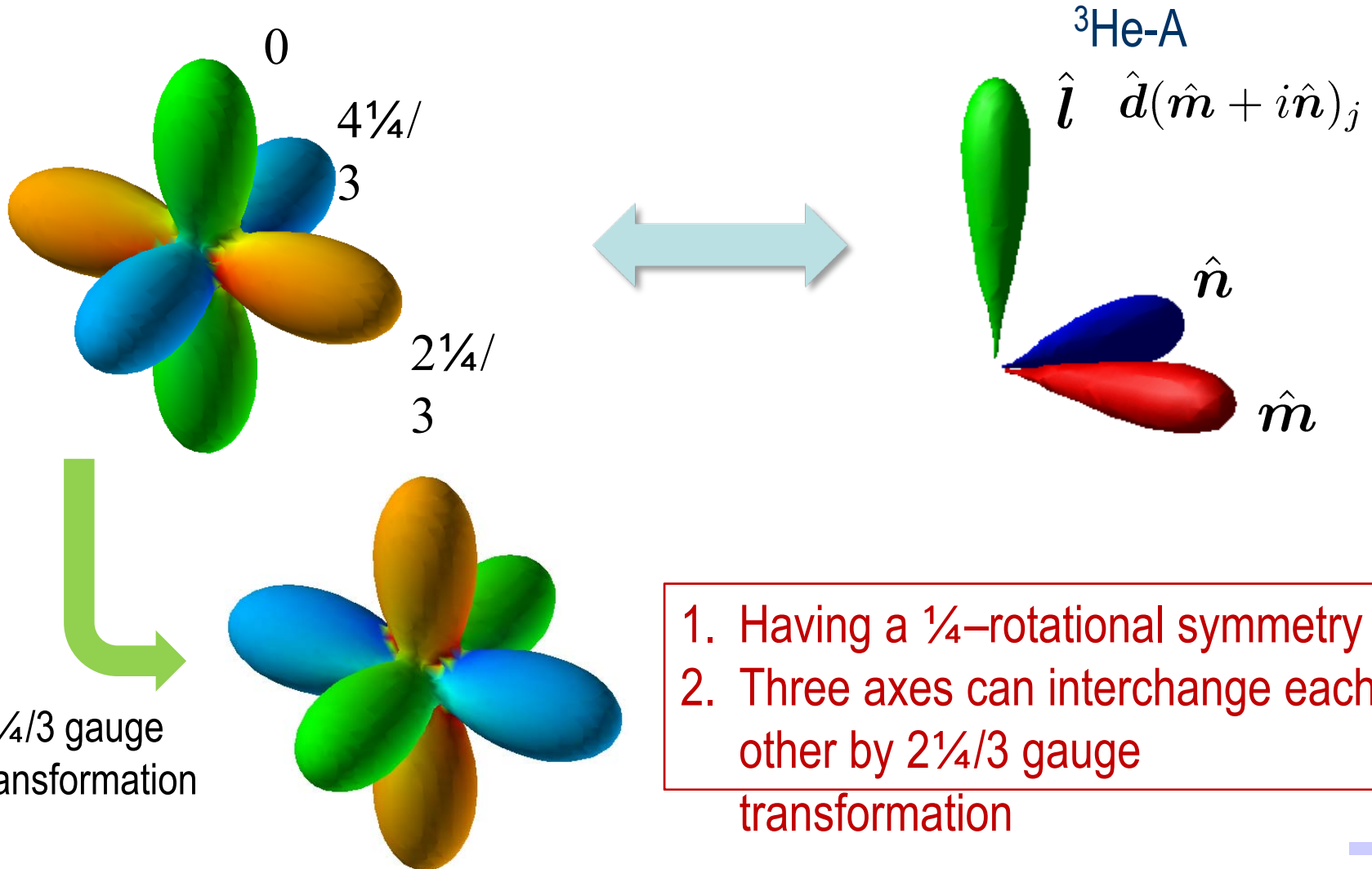
Cyclic phase

$$e^{i\phi} (3 \cos^2 \theta + \sqrt{3}i \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\varphi - 1)$$



headless triad

Triad of ${}^3\text{He-A}$ and cyclic phase

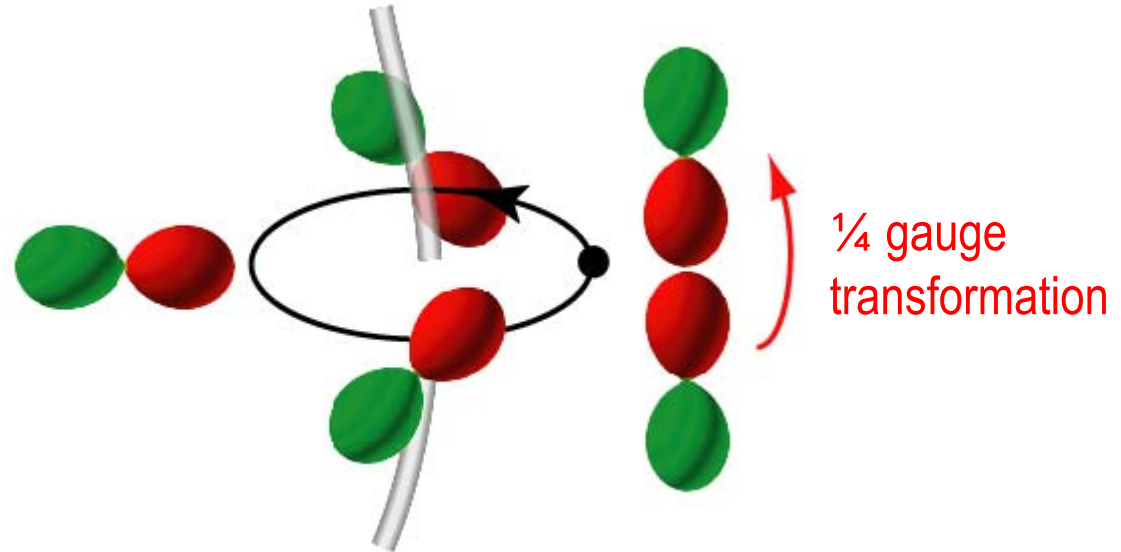
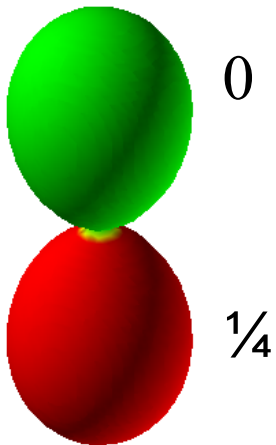


Vortices in Spinor BEC

$S = 1$ Polar phase

$$e^{i\phi} e^{-ie \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}} \alpha} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

headless vector



Half quantized vortex : spin & gauge rotate by $\frac{1}{4}$ around vortex core

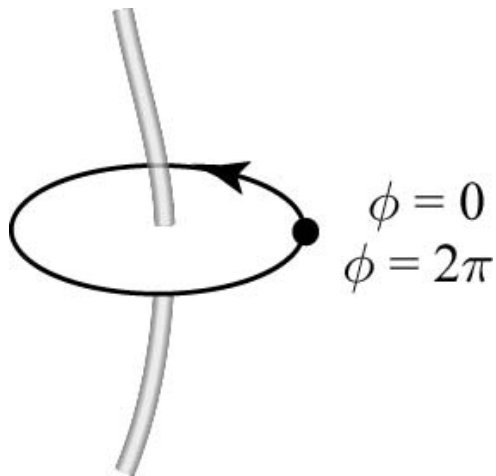
Topological charge can be expressed by integer and half integer (Abelian vortex)

$$\pi_1(G/H) = Z_2 \times Z$$

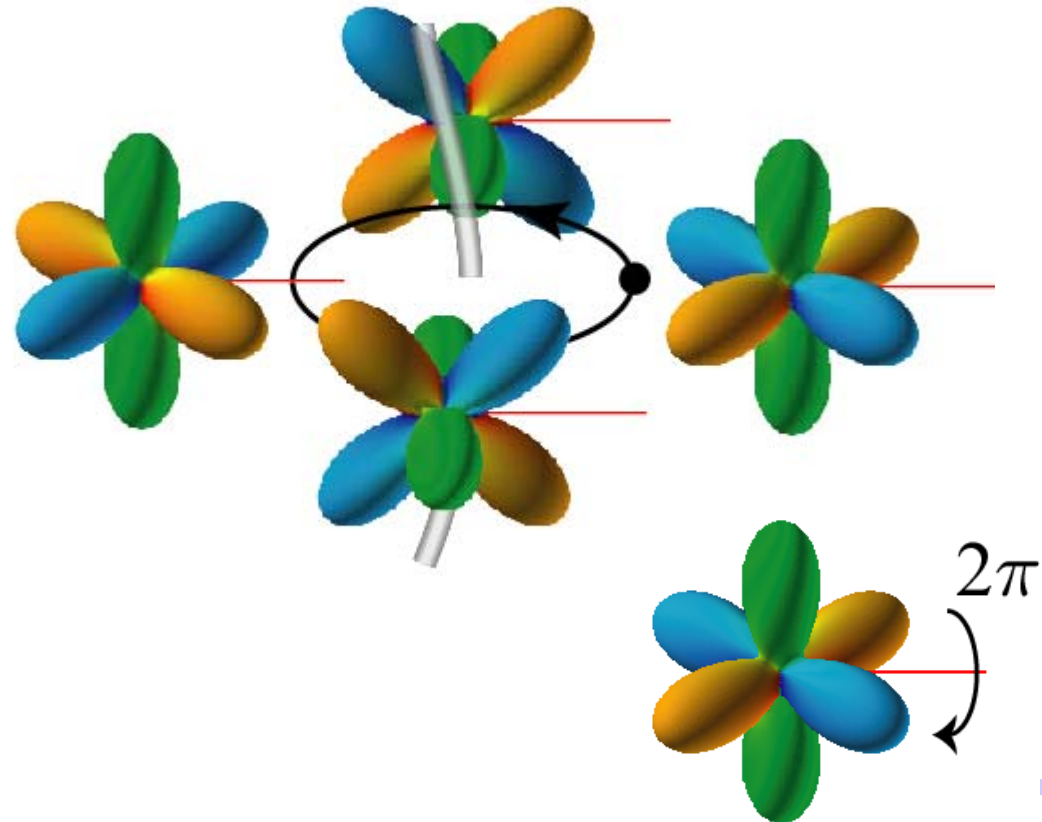
Vortices in Spin-2 BEC

There are 5 types of vortices in the cyclic phase

gauge vortex

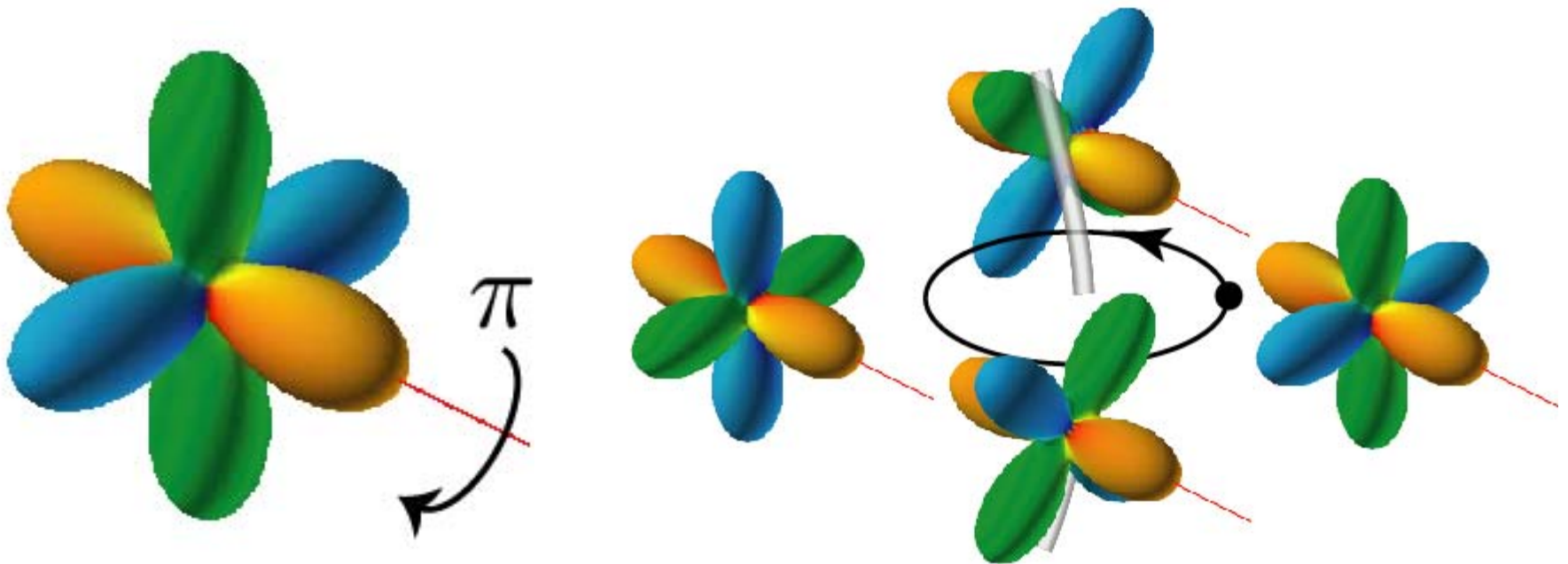


integer spin vortex



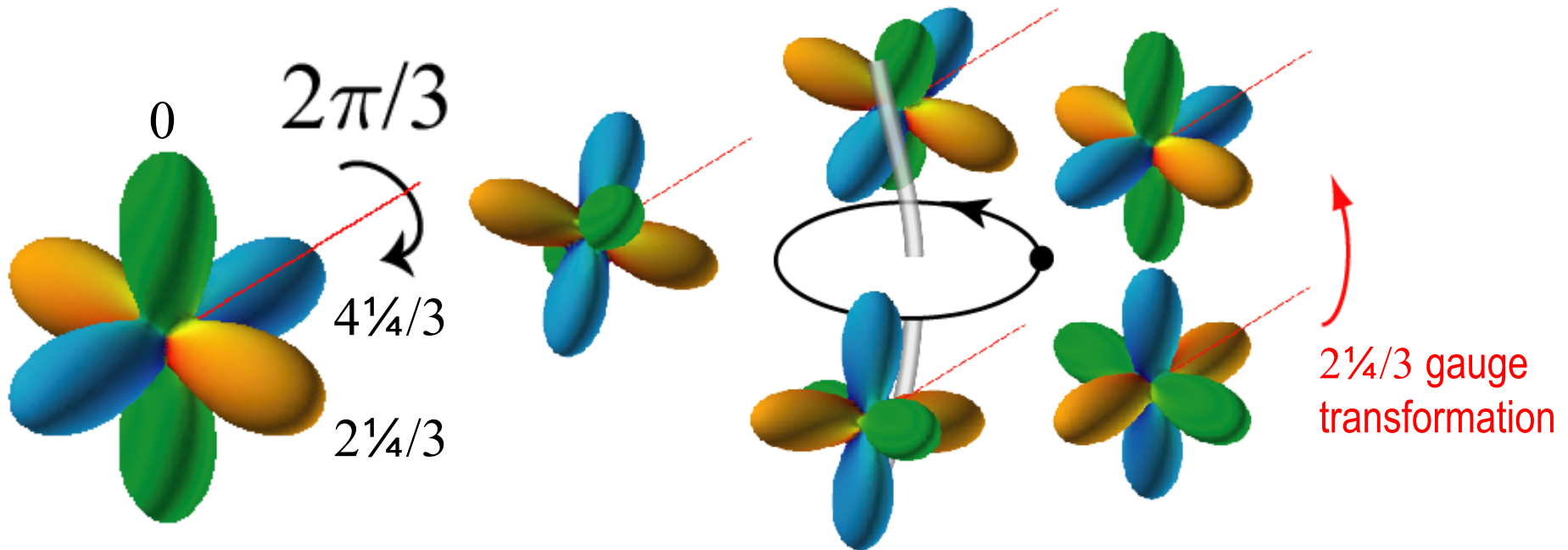
Vortices in Spin-2 BEC

1/2-spin vortex : triad rotate by $\frac{1}{4}$ around three axis e_x , e_y , e_z



Vortices in Spin-2 BEC

1/3 vortex : triad rotate by $2\pi/3$ around four axis e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 and $2\pi/3$ gauge transformation

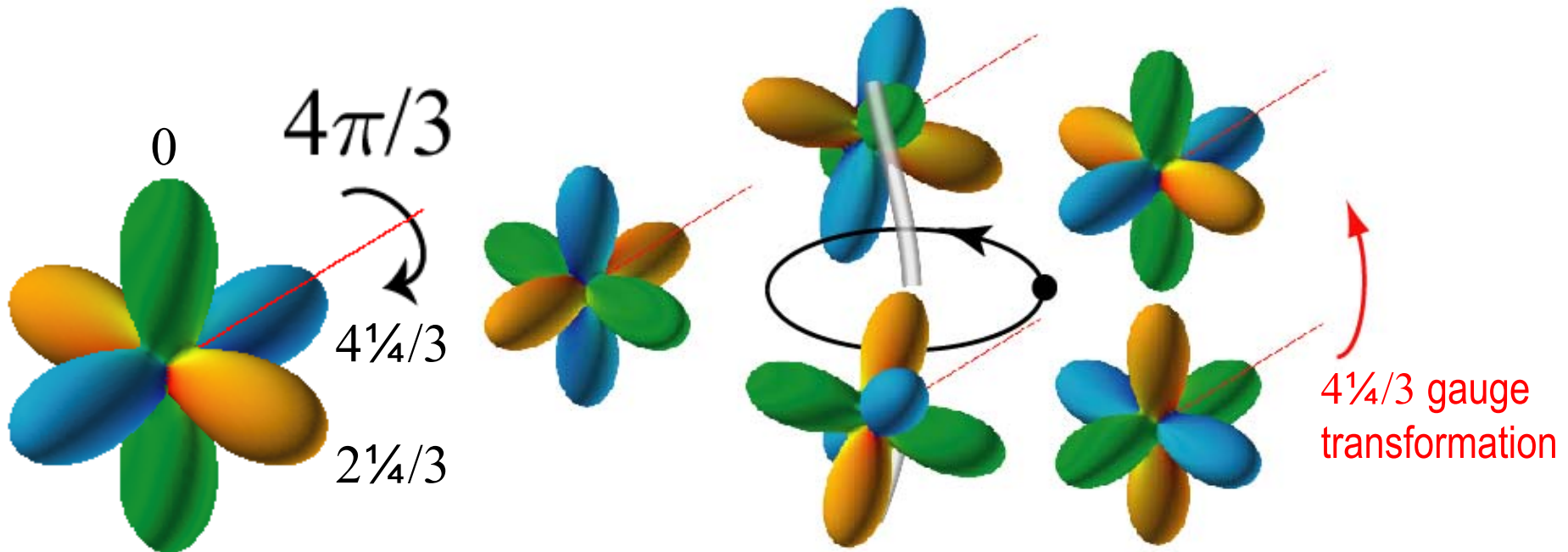


$$e_1 = (1, 1, 1)/\sqrt{3}, \quad e_2 = (1, -1, -1)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$e_3 = (-1, 1, -1)/\sqrt{3}, \quad e_4 = (-1, -1, 1)/\sqrt{3}$$

Vortices in Spin-2 BEC

4, 2/3 vortex : triad rotate by $4\pi/3$ around four axis e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 and $4\pi/3$ gauge transformation



$$e_1 = (1, 1, 1)/\sqrt{3}, \quad e_2 = (1, -1, -1)/\sqrt{3}$$

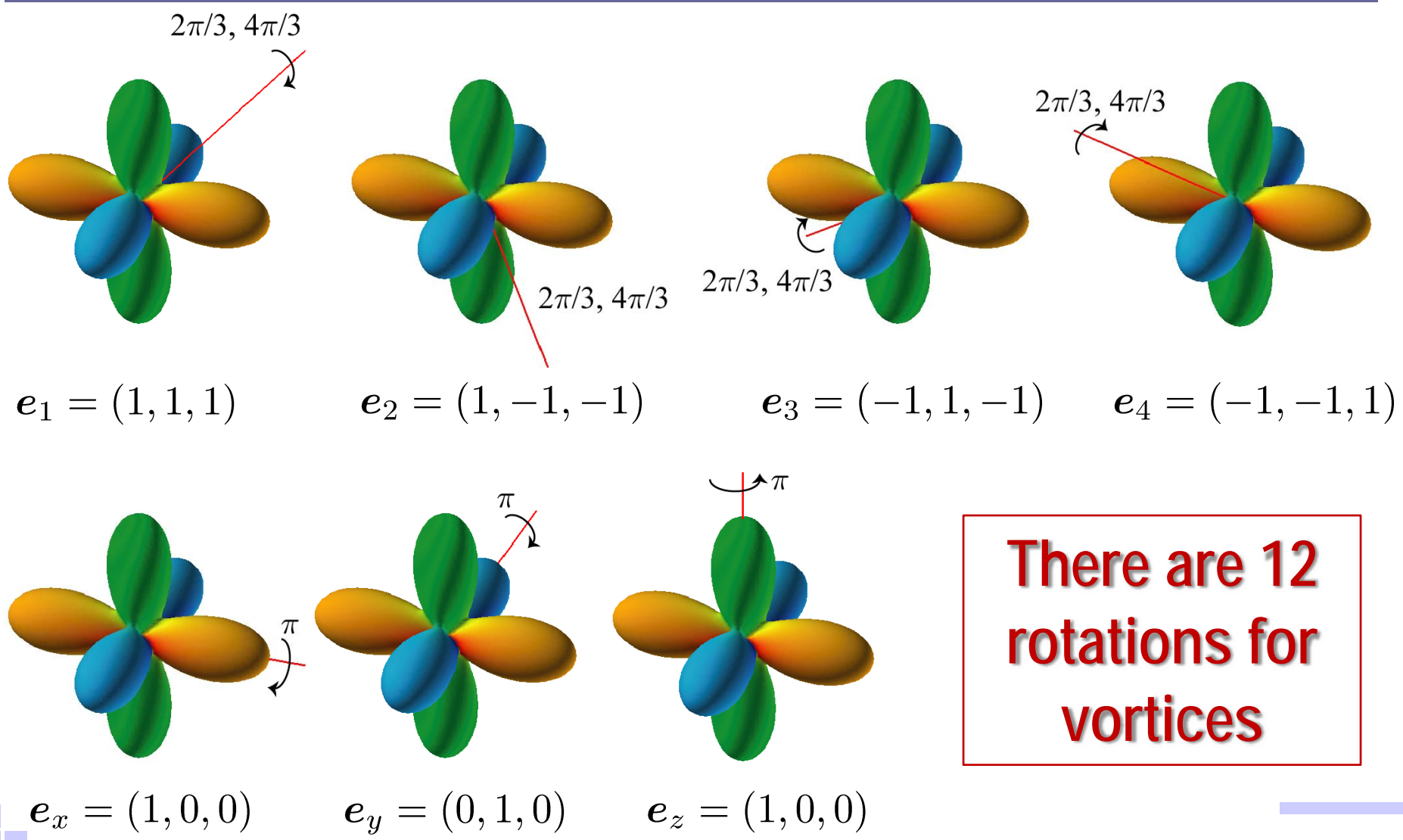
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Vortices in Spin-2 BEC

vortices	mass circulation	core structure
gauge	1	density core
Integer spin	0	polar core
1/2 spin	0	polar core
1/3	1/3	ferromagnetic core
2/3	2/3	ferromagnetic core

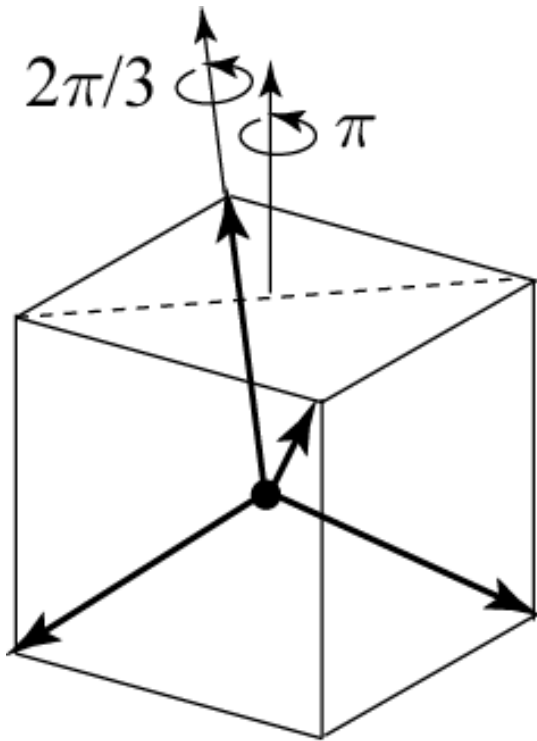


Topological Charge of Vortices is Non-Abelian



Non-Abelian Vortices

12 rotations makes non-Abelian tetrahedral group T



Topological charge can be expressed by non-Abelian algebra which includes tetrahedral symmetry
→ non-Abelian vortex

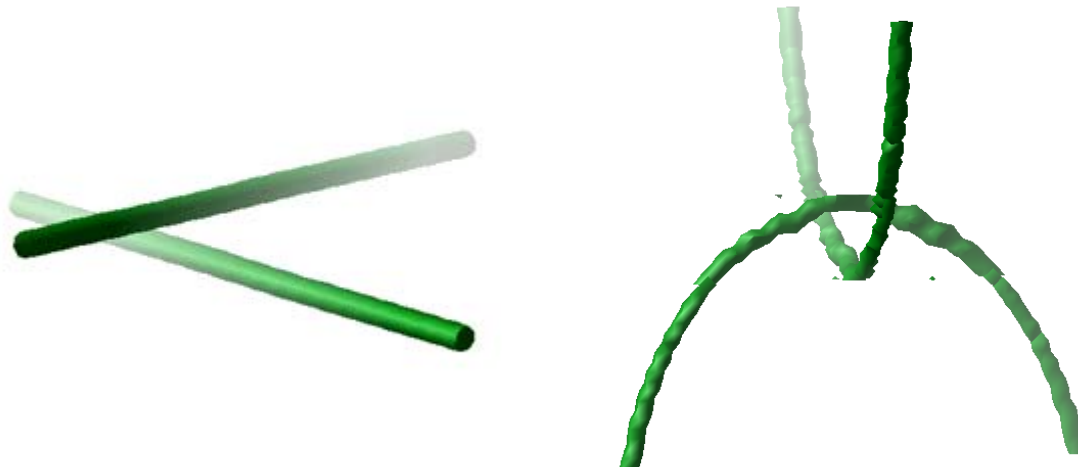
$$\pi_1(G/H) = (Z_2 \times T) \times Z$$

Collision Dynamics of Vortices

“**Non-Abelian**” character becomes remarkable when two vortices collide with each other

→ Numerical simulation of the Gross-Pitaevskii equation

Initial state : two straight vortices in oblique angle, linked vortices



Gross-Pitaevskii Equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_m}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \Psi_m^*}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_2 + c_0 n_{\text{tot}} \Psi_2 + c_1 (F_- \Psi_1 + 2F_z \Psi_2) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{5}} A_{00} \Psi_{-2}^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_1 + c_0 n_{\text{tot}} \Psi_1 + c_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} F_- \Psi_0 + F_+ \Psi_2 + F_z \Psi_1 \right) - \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{5}} A_{00} \Psi_{-1}^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_0 + c_0 n_{\text{tot}} \Psi_0 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} c_1 (F_- \Psi_{-1} + F_+ \Psi_1) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{5}} A_{00} \Psi_0^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{-1}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_{-1} + c_0 n_{\text{tot}} \Psi_{-1} + c_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} F_+ \Psi_0 + F_- \Psi_{-2} - F_z \Psi_{-1} \right) - \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{5}} A_{00} \Psi_1^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{-2}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_{-2} + c_0 n_{\text{tot}} \Psi_{-2} + c_1 (F_+ \Psi_{-1} - 2F_z \Psi_{-2}) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{5}} A_{00} \Psi_2^*$$



Used Pair of Vortices

1, same vortices

1/3 vortex (e_1)

1/3 vortex (e_1)

2, different commutative vortices

1/3 vortex (e_1)

2/3 vortex (e_1)

3, different non-commutative vortices

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1/3 \text{ vortex } (e_1) \\ 1/3 \text{ vortex } (e_1) \end{array} \right.$

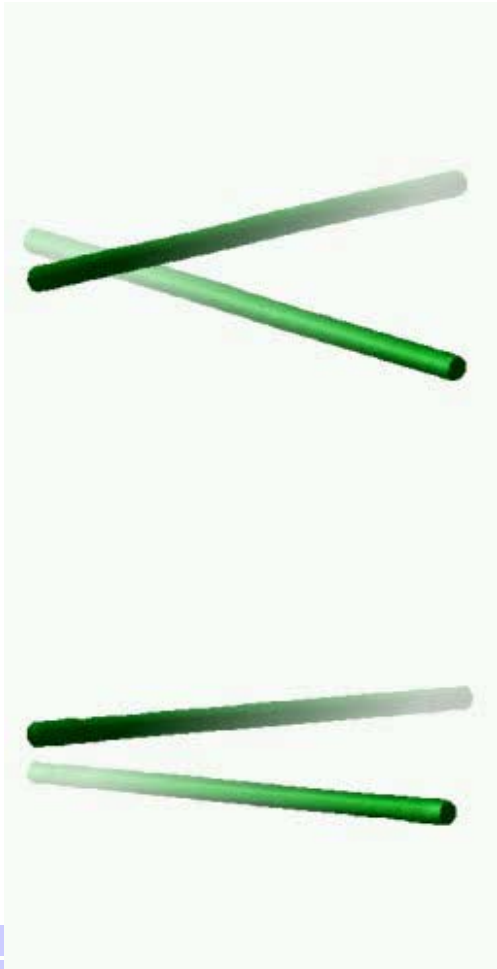
2/3 vortex (e_2)

1/3 vortex (e_2)



Collision Dynamics of Vortices

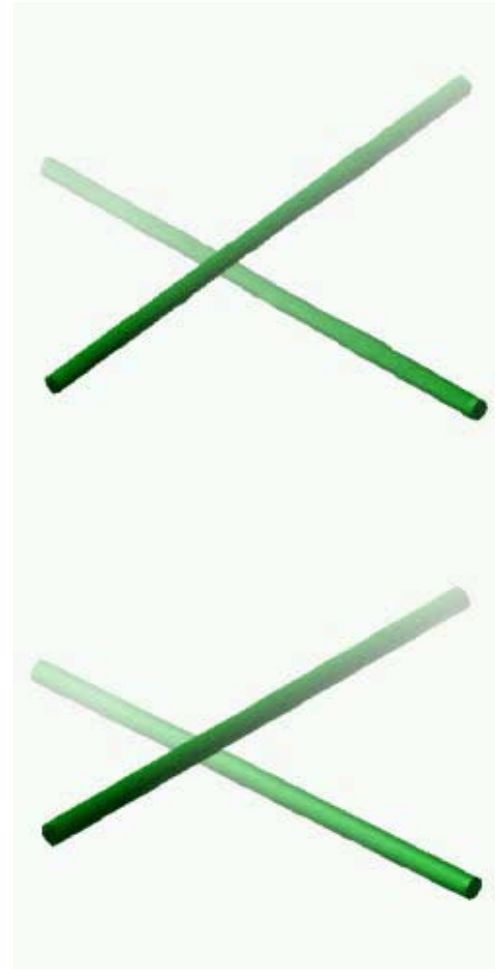
Commutative topological charge



reconnection

passing through

Non-commutative topological charge



polar rung

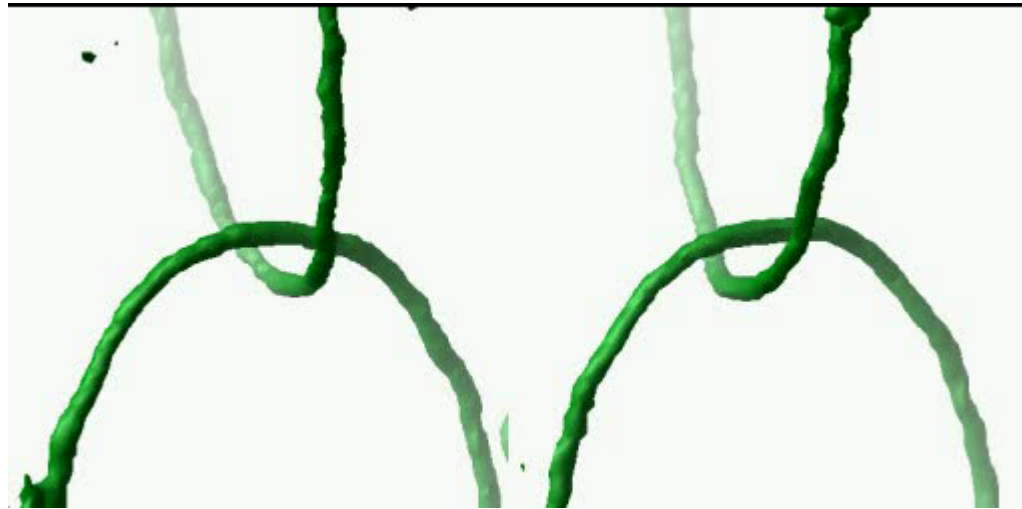
ferromagnetic rung



Collision Dynamics of Linked Vortices

Commutative

Non-commutative



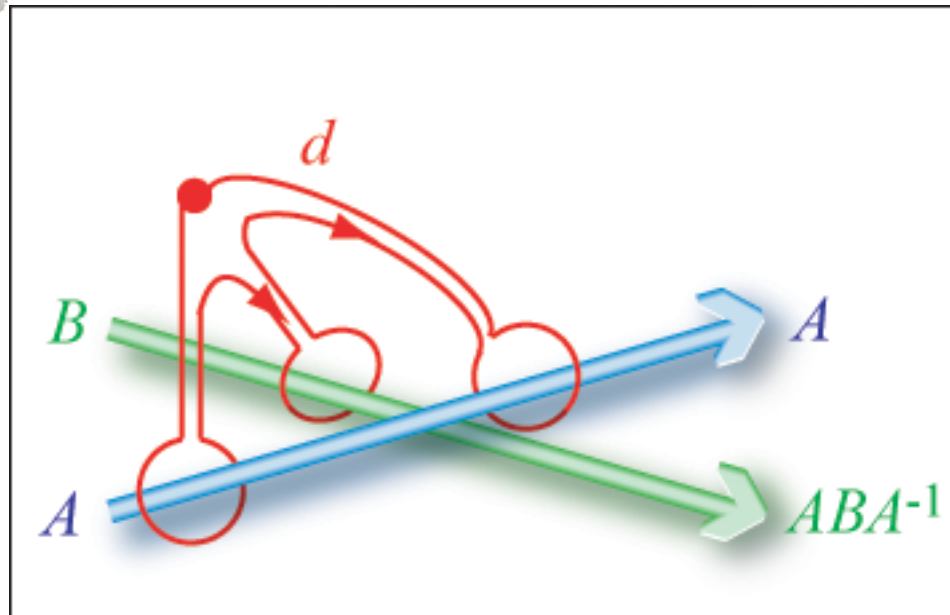
untangle

not untangle



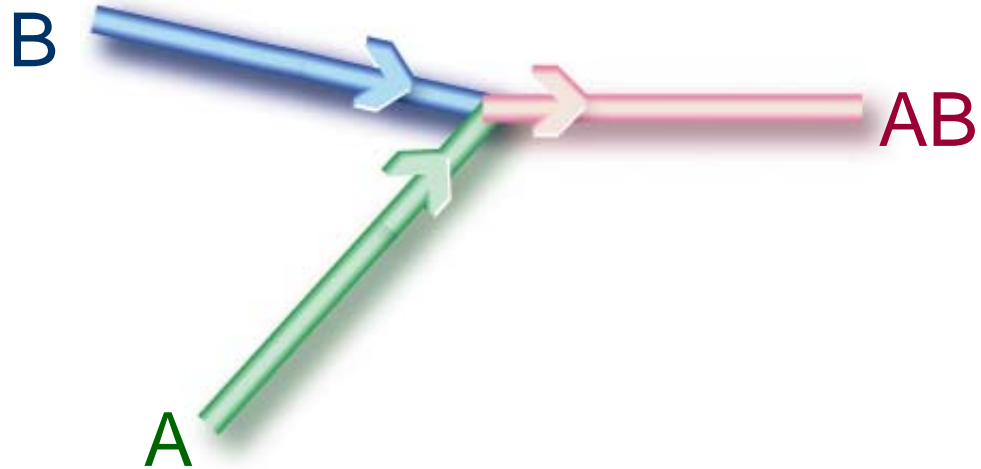
Algebraic Approach

Consider 4 closed paths encircling two vortices

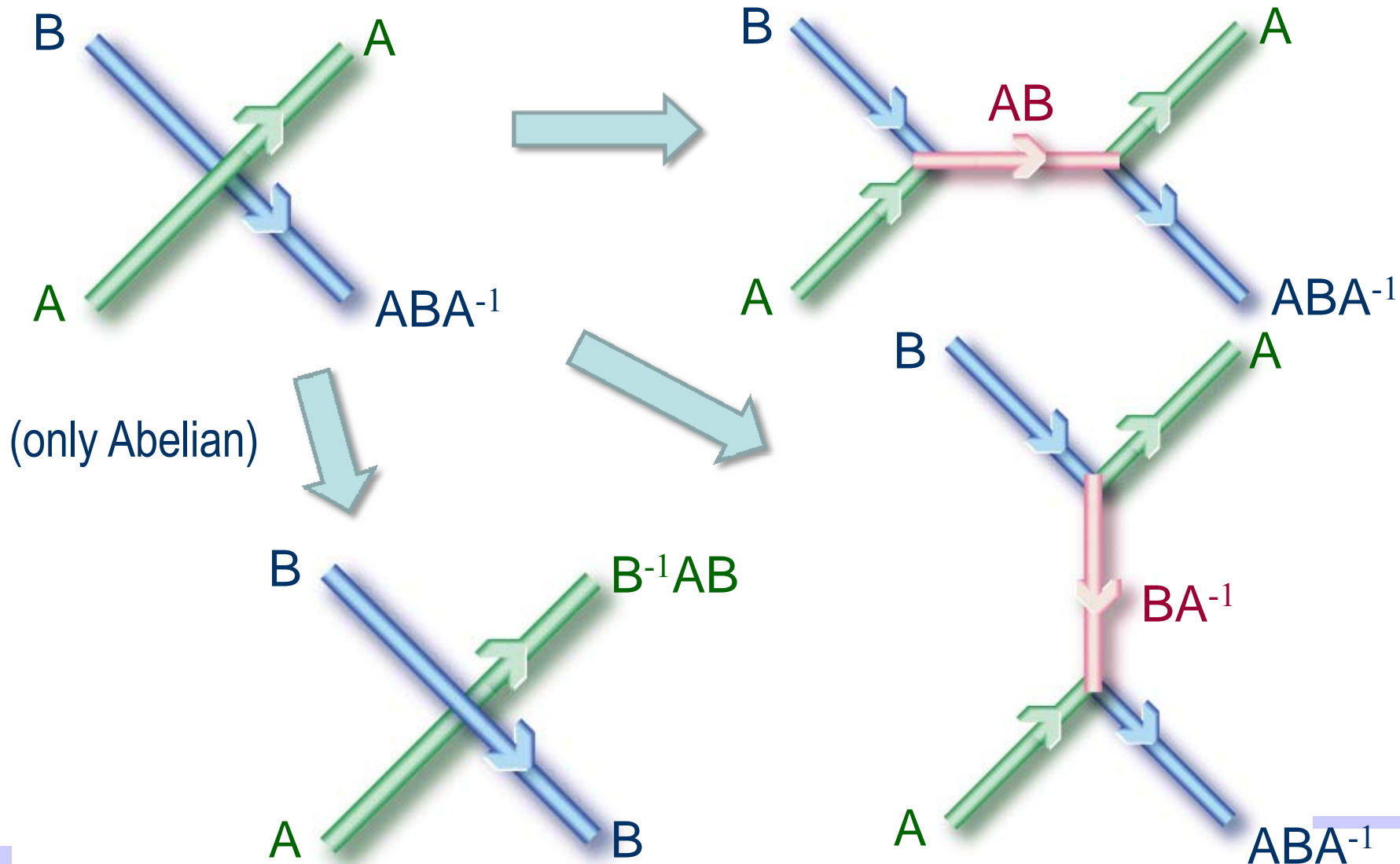


Path d defines vortex B as ABA^{-1} (same conjugacy class)

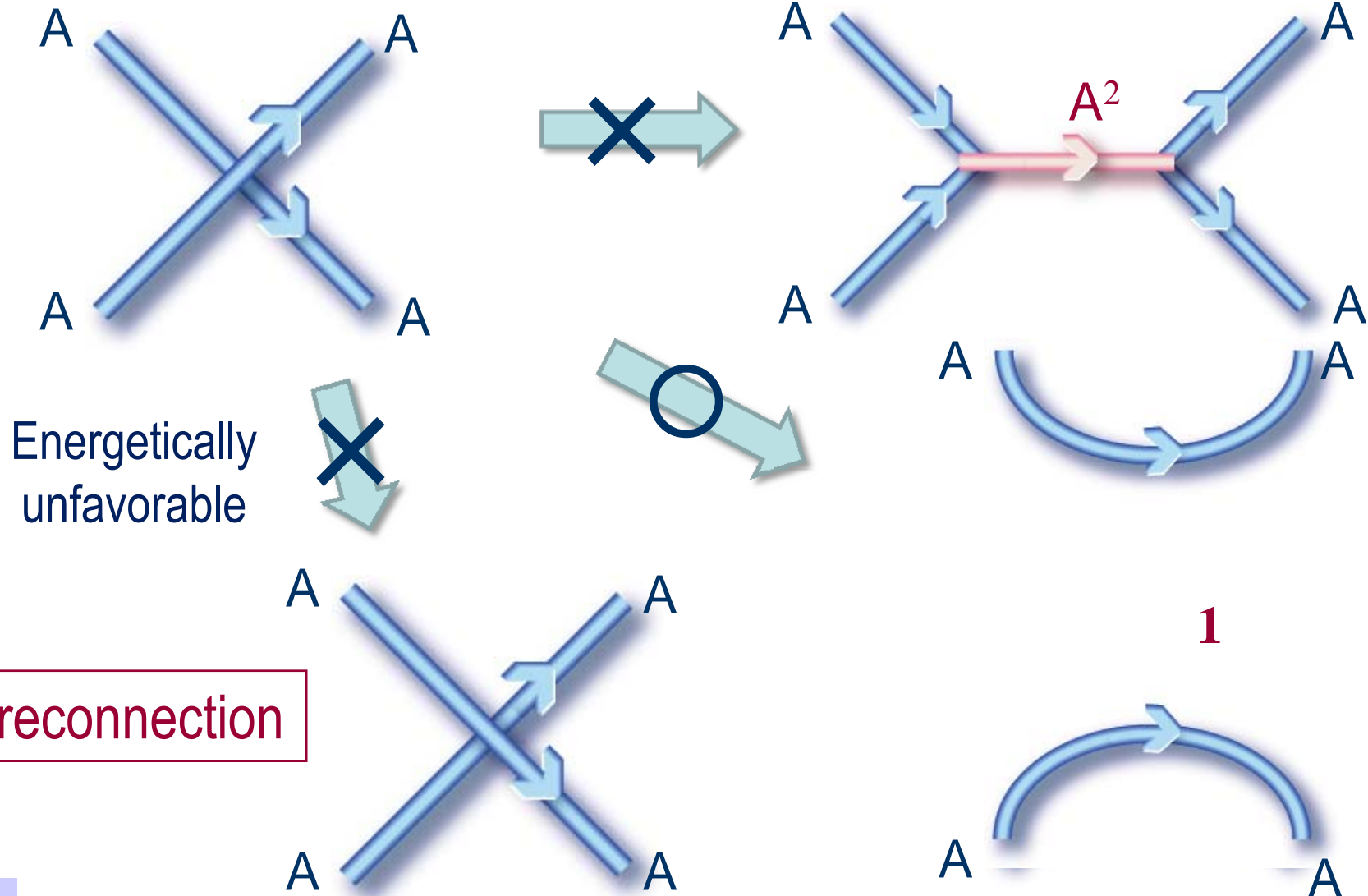
Y-shape Junction



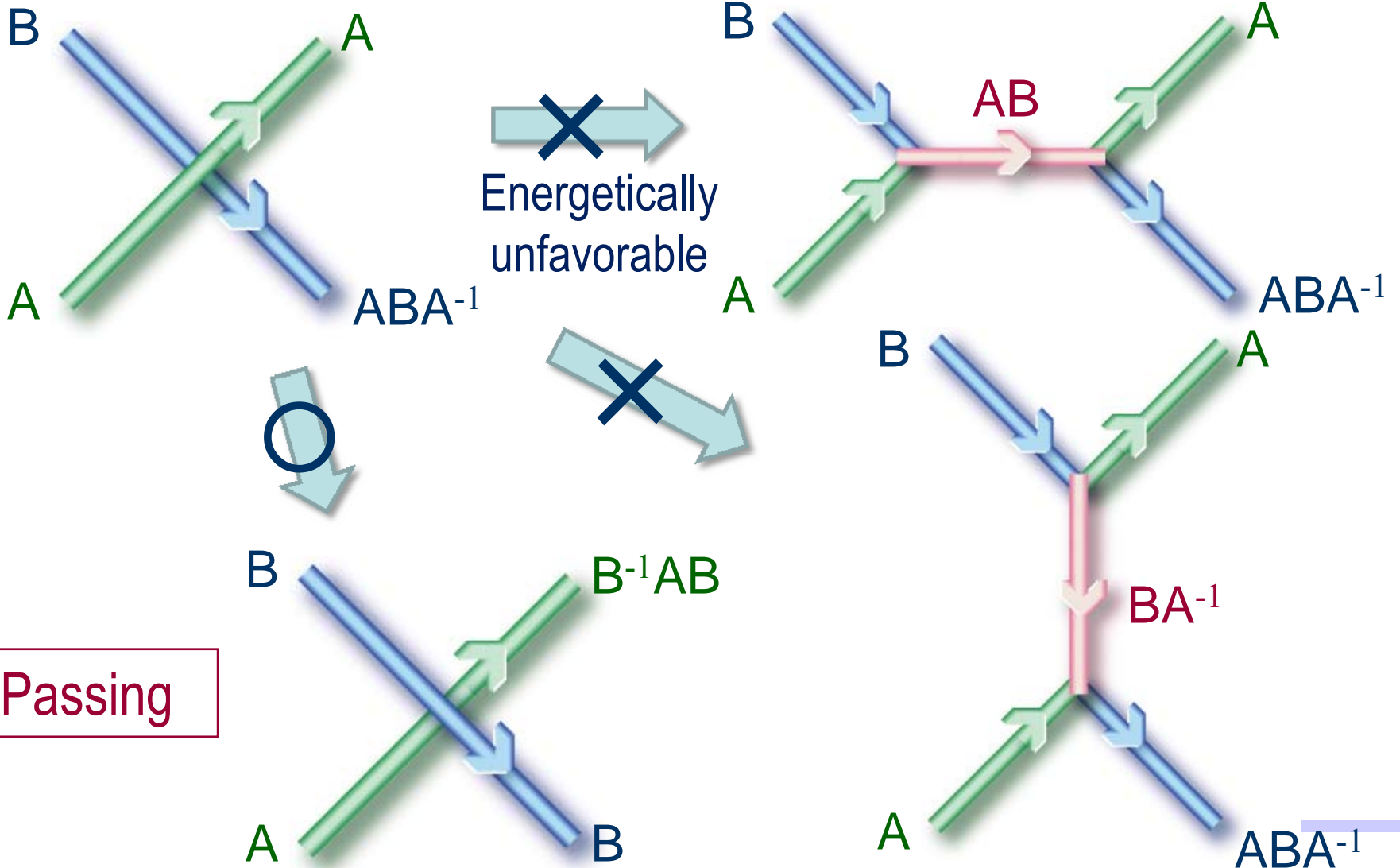
Collision of Vortices



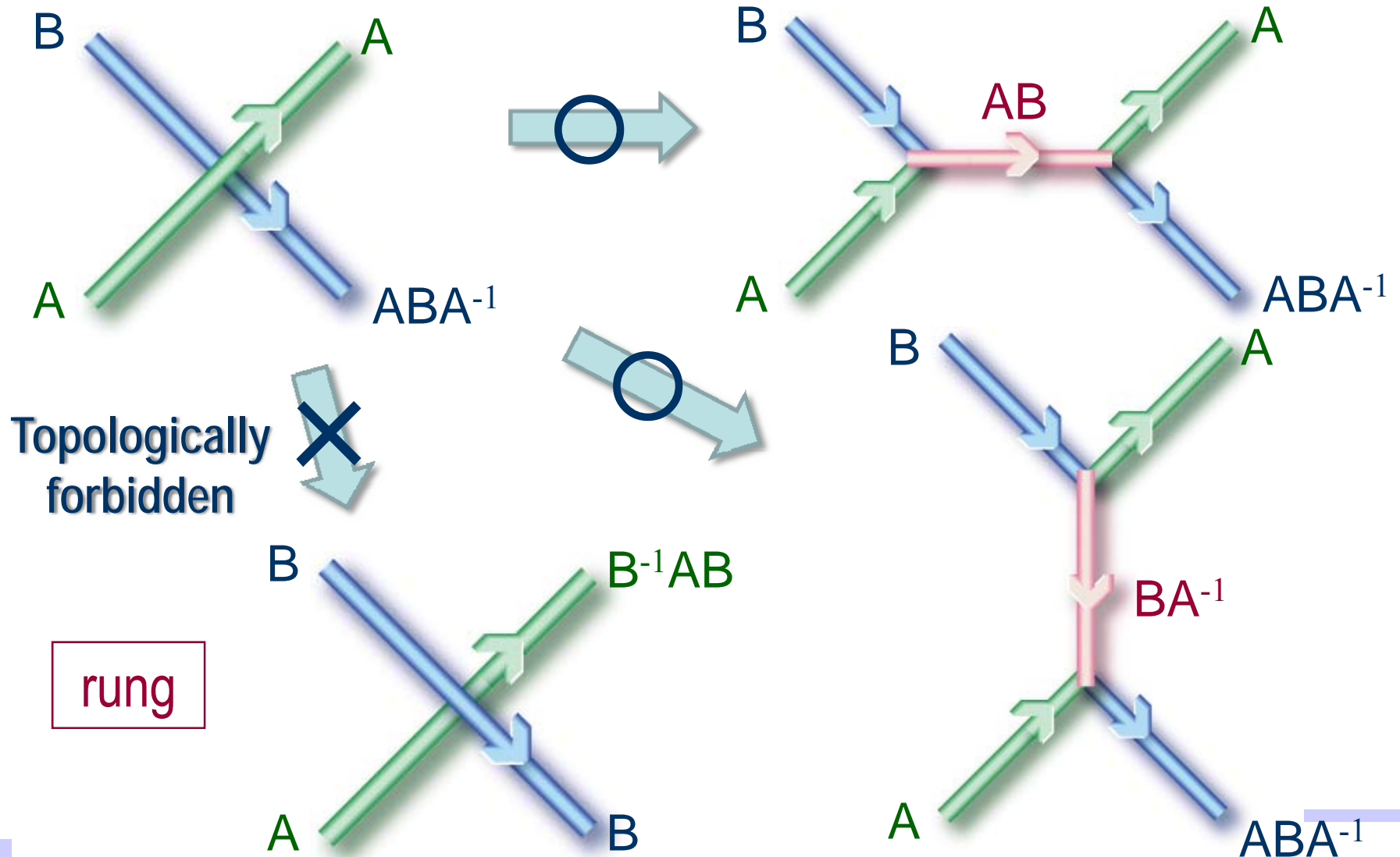
Collision of Same Vortices



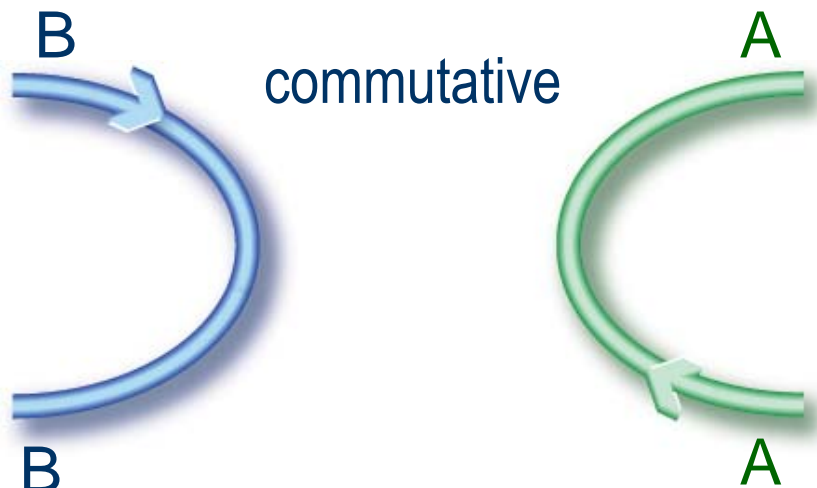
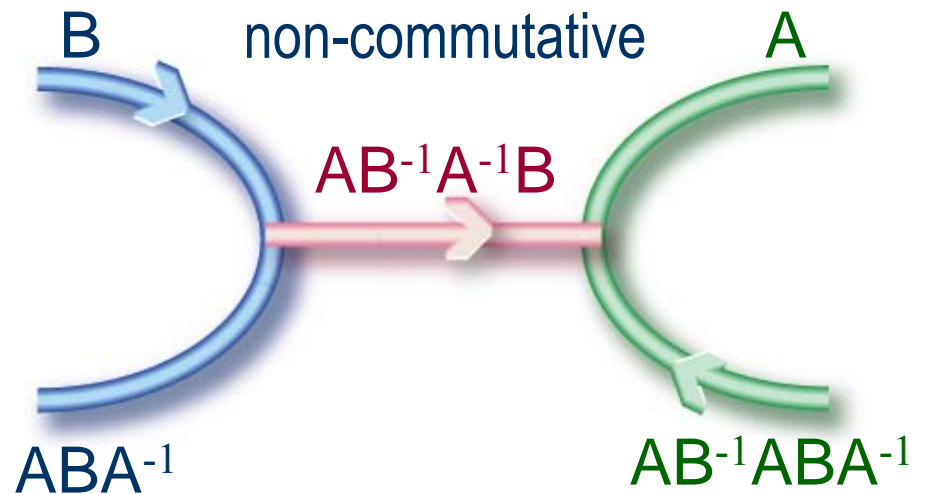
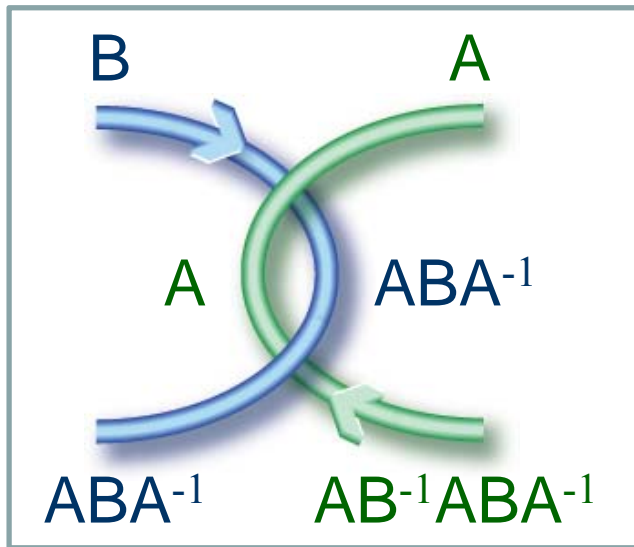
Collision of Different Commutative Vortices



Collision of Different Non-commutative Vortices





Linked Vortices



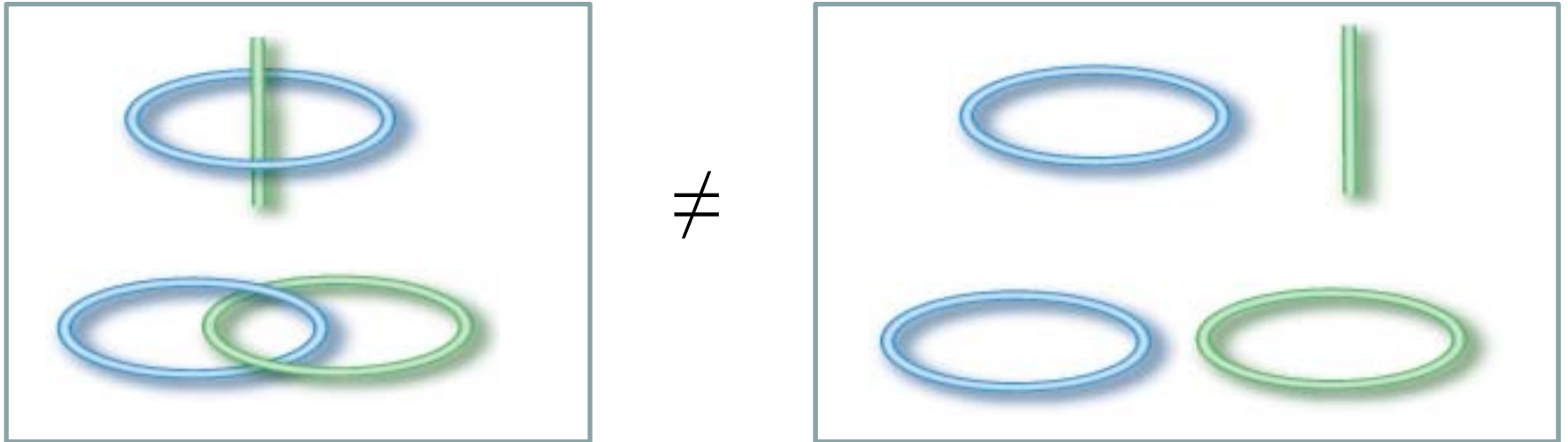
Linked vortices cannot untangle



Summary

1. Vortices with non-commutative circulations are defined as non-Abelian vortices.
 2. Non-Abelian vortices can be realized in the cyclic phase of spin-2 BEC
 3. Collision of two non-Abelian vortices create a new vortex between them as a rung (networking structure).
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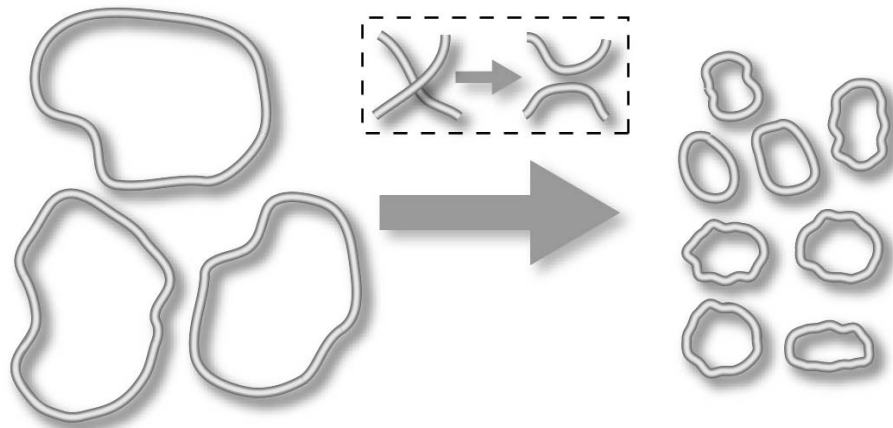
Future: Topological Charge of Linked Vortices



Linked vortex itself has another topological charge
→ Searching and applying new homotopy theories

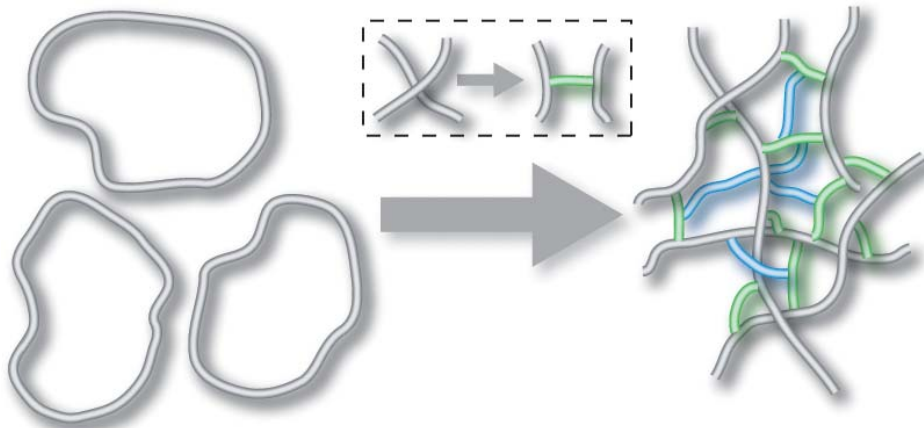
Poster-11, S. Kobayashi “Classification of topological defects by Fox homotopy group”

Future: Network Structure in Quantum Turbulence



Turbulence with Abelian vortices

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- Cascade of vortices



Turbulence with non-Abelian vortices

- ↓
- Large-scale networking structures among vortices with rungs
 - Non-cascading turbulence
- New turbulence!**



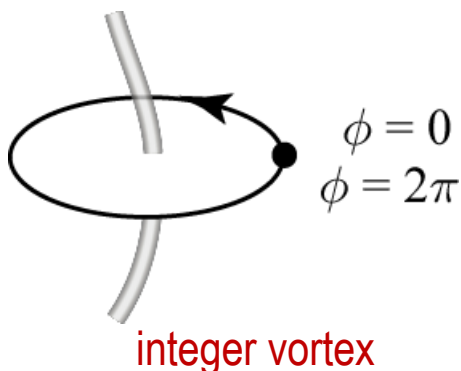
Quantized Vortices in Multi-component BEC

Scalar BEC

^4He

$$e^{i\phi}$$

gauge

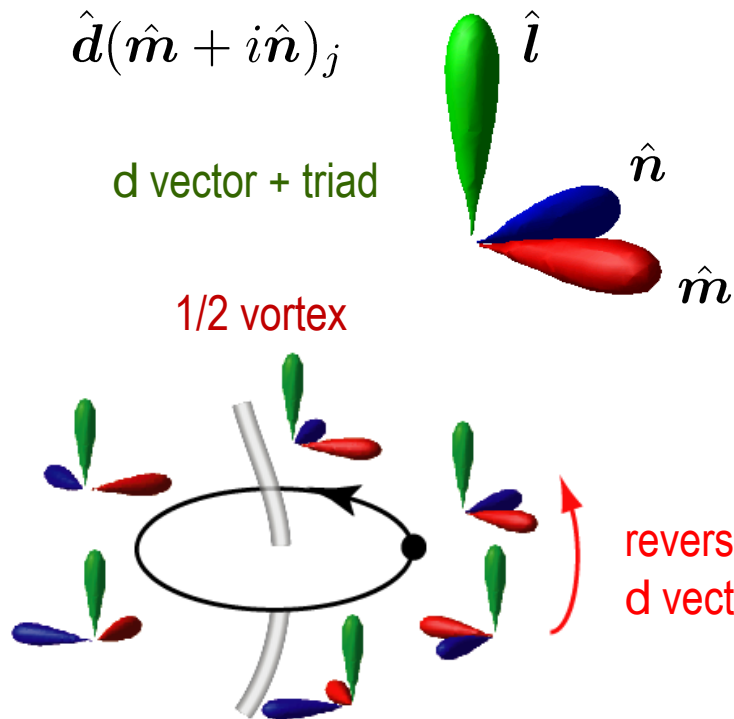


$^3\text{He-A}$

$$\hat{d}(\hat{m} + i\hat{n})_j$$

d vector + triad

1/2 vortex

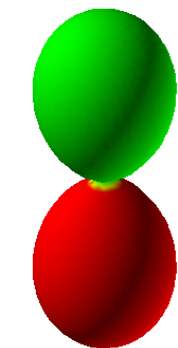


Polar in $S = 1$ BEC

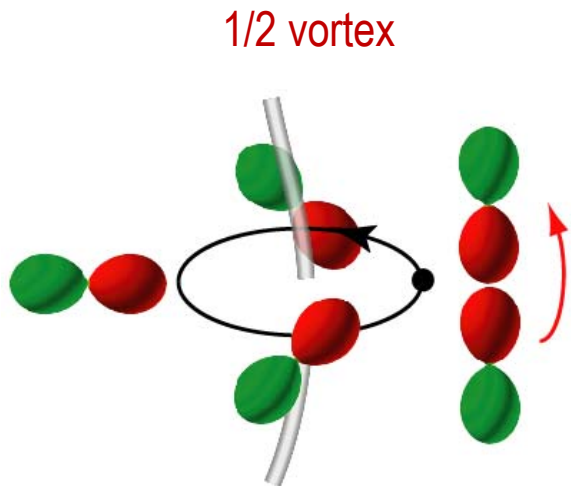
$$e^{i\phi} \cos \theta$$

$$\phi = 0$$

$$\phi = \pi$$



gauge + headless vector



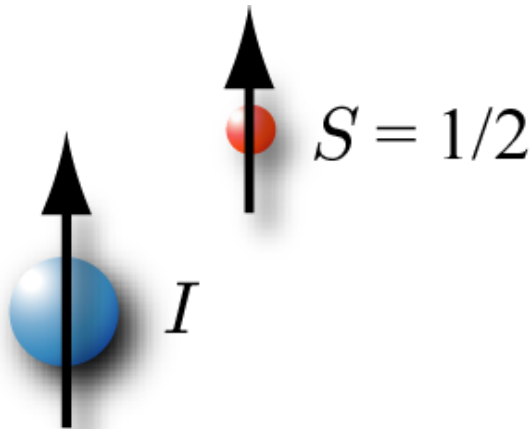
1/4 gauge transformation



Spin-2 BEC

Bose-Einstein condensate in optical trap
(spin degrees of freedom is alive)

Hyperfine coupling
($F = I + S$)



^{87}Rb ($I = 3/2$)

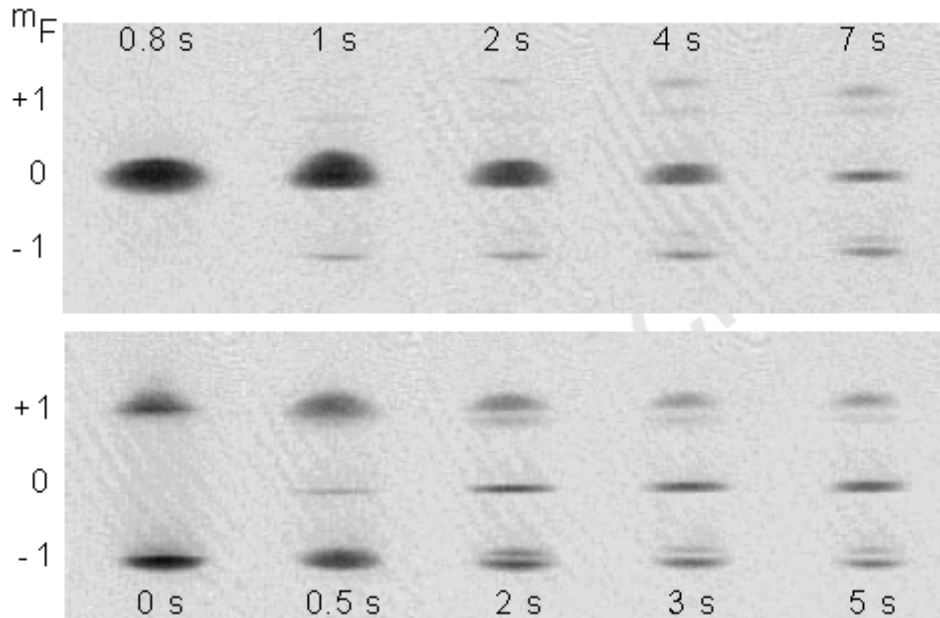
$$F = 2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_F = 2 \\ m_F = 1 \\ m_F = 0 \\ m_F = -1 \\ m_F = -2 \end{array} \right. \quad F = 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_F = 1 \\ m_F = 0 \\ m_F = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

BEC characterized by m_F

Spin dynamics of BEC

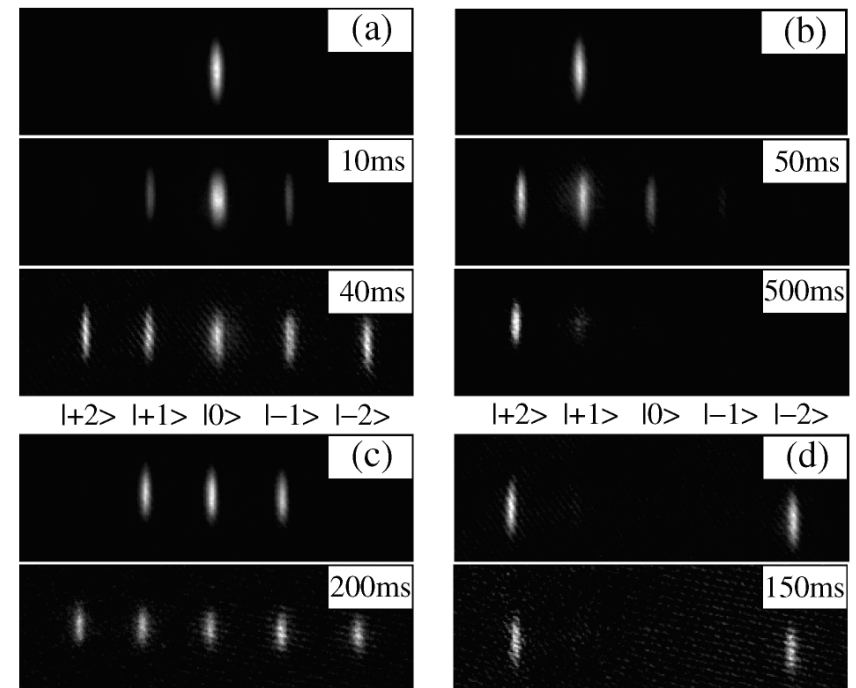
Stern-Gerlach experiment

$F = 1$



J. Stenger et al. Nature 396, 345 (1998)

$F = 2$



H. Schmaljohann et al. PRL 92, 040402 (2004)

Spin-2 BEC

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ferromagnetic

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polar

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cyclic

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Experimental observation for ^{87}Rb

$$c_1 / (4\frac{1}{4}\hbar^2 / M) = (0.99 \pm 0.06) a_B$$

$$c_2 / (4\frac{1}{4}\hbar^2 / M) = (-0.53 \pm 0.58) a_B$$

Whether the system is in polar or cyclic has not decided yet

Phase Diagram

$$H \simeq \int dx \left[-\Psi_m^* \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_m + (mp + m^2q)n_{\text{tot}} + \frac{c_0}{2} n_{\text{tot}}^2 + \frac{c_1}{2} \mathbf{F}^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} |A_{00}|^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{E_f}{N} = 2p + 4q + \frac{c_0 n_{\text{tot}}}{2} + 2c_1 n_{\text{tot}}$$

$$\frac{E_{\text{pu}}}{N} = \frac{c_0 n_{\text{tot}}}{2} + \frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{10}$$

$$\frac{E_{\text{pb}}}{N} = 4q + \frac{c_0 n_{\text{tot}}}{2} + \frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{10}$$

$$\frac{E_c}{N} = 2q + \frac{c_0 n_{\text{tot}}}{2}$$

Phase diagram with neglecting linear Zeeman

$$B_{f-\text{pu}} : q = -\frac{c_1 n_{\text{tot}}}{2} + \frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{40}$$

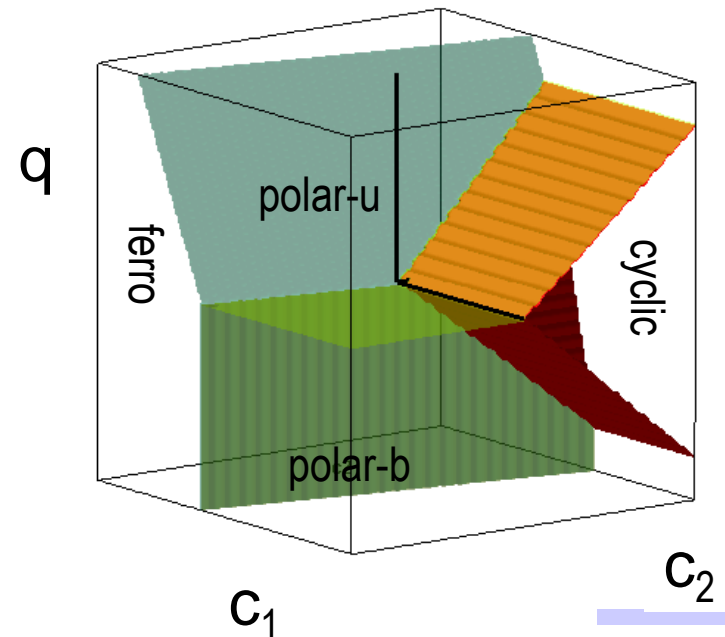
$$B_{f-\text{pb}} : c_1 n_{\text{tot}} = \frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{20}$$

$$B_{f-c} : q = -c_1 n_{\text{tot}}$$

$$B_{\text{pu-pb}} : q = 0$$

$$B_{\text{pu-c}} : q = \frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{20}$$

$$B_{\text{pb-c}} : q = -\frac{c_2 n_{\text{tot}}}{20}$$



Phase Diagram

$$H \simeq \int dx \left[-\Psi_m^* \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_m + (mp + m^2q)n_{\text{tot}} + \frac{c_0}{2} n_{\text{tot}}^2 + \frac{c_1}{2} \mathbf{F}^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} |A_{00}|^2 \right]$$

