

Collision Dynamics of Non-Abelian Vortices in Spin-2 Spinor Bose-Einstein Condensates

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Conclusion

- 1. Non-Abelian vortices are realized in the cyclic phase of spin-2 spinor Bose-Einstein condensates.**
- 2. Non-Abelian character becomes remarkable in collision dynamics of two vortices.**
 - I. We numerically show.**
 - II. We algebraically confirm.**

Vortices in Bose-Einstein Condensates

Integer vortex (Scalar BEC or ^4He)

$$\Psi \propto e^{in\theta}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (n_{\text{BEC}}/m)\nabla\theta: \text{superfluid velocity}$$

Non-Abelian vortices are realized in the cyclic phase of spin-2 BEC

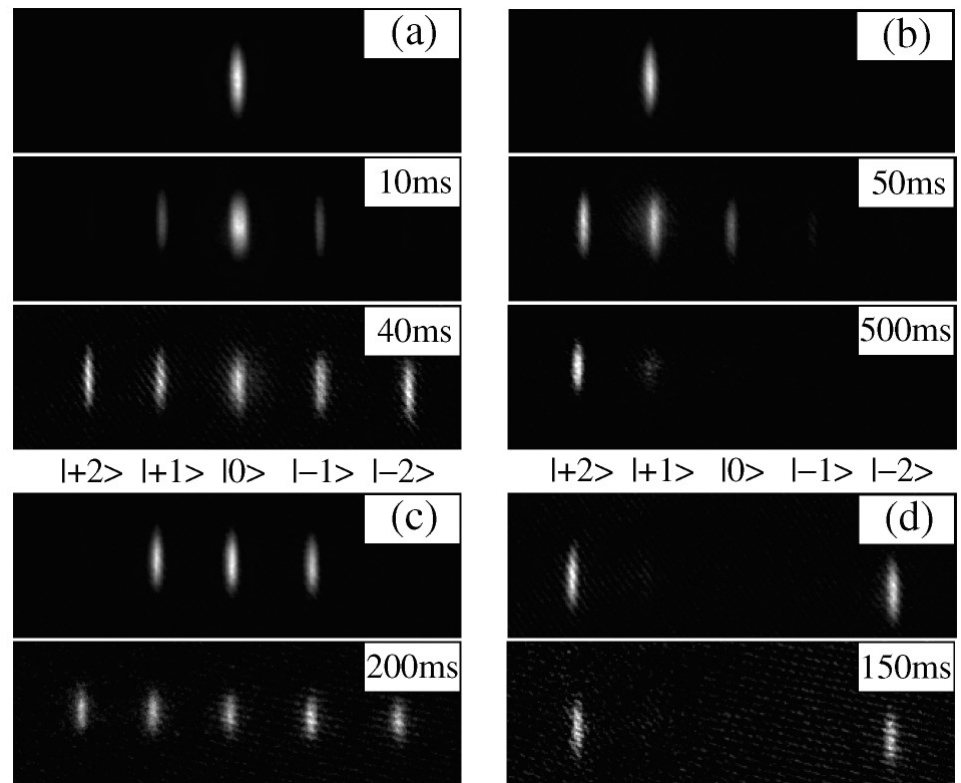
1. Phase changes by integer multiple of 2π .
2. Circulation takes integer multiple of h/m

Topological charge of vortex is characterized by additive group of integers \rightarrow Abelian vortex.

Spin-2 Spinor BEC

5 - component BEC : $\Psi = (\Psi_2, \Psi_1, \Psi_0, \Psi_{-1}, \Psi_{-2})^T$

$F = 2$ ^{87}Rb BEC and its spin dynamics is observed



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

Ground State of Spin-2 Spinor BEC

$$c_0 = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \frac{4a_2 + 3a_4}{7}, \quad c_1 = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \frac{a_4 - a_2}{7}, \quad c_2 = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \frac{7a_0 - 10a_2 + 3a_4}{35}$$

Nematic

$$\Psi_N = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0)^T \text{ or}$$

$$\Psi_N = (1, 0, 0, 0, 1)^T / \sqrt{2}$$

Cyclic

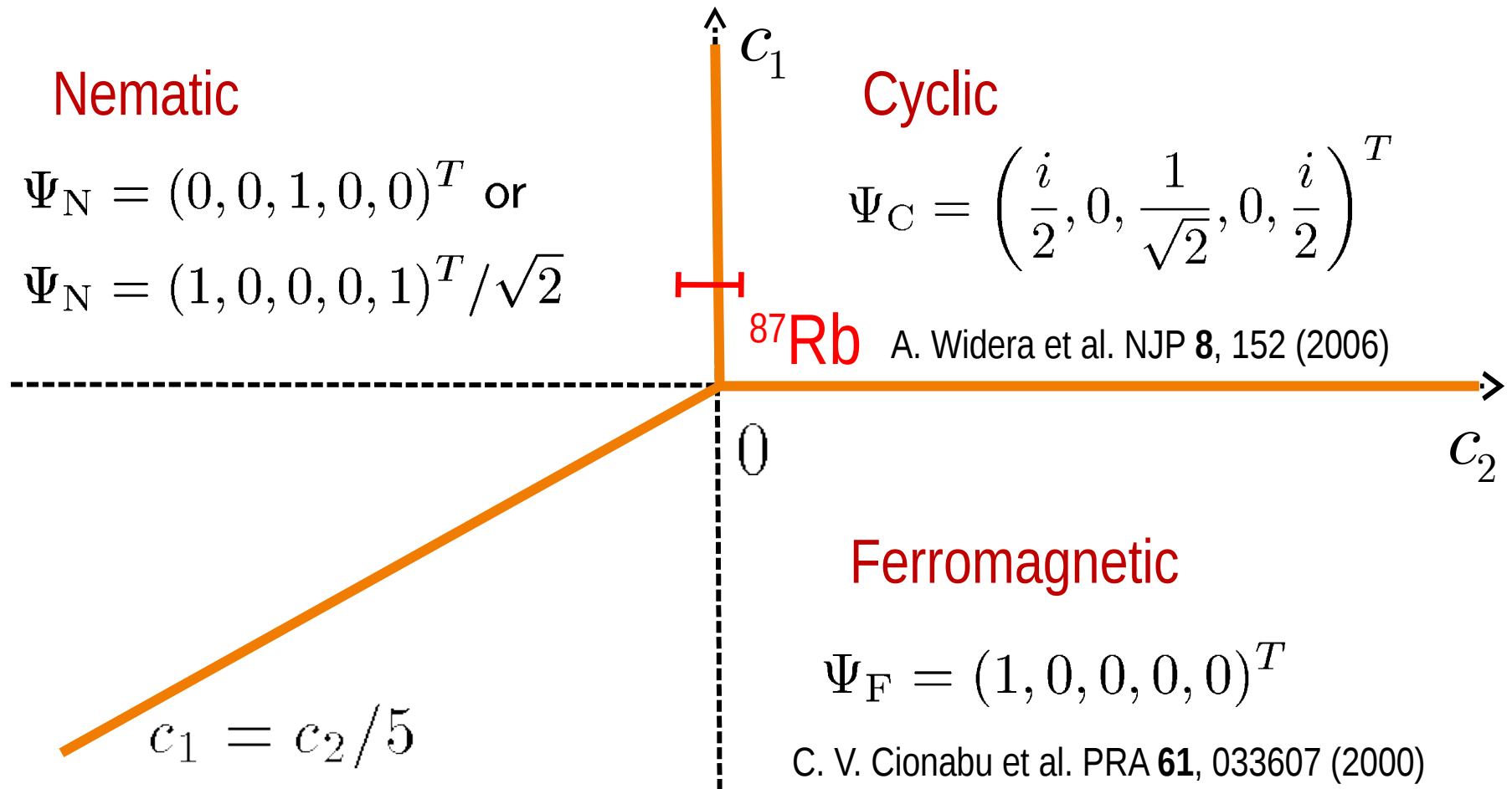
$$\Psi_C = \left(\frac{i}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{i}{2} \right)^T$$

⁸⁷Rb A. Widera et al. NJP **8**, 152 (2006)

Ferromagnetic

$$\Psi_F = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^T$$

C. V. Cionabu et al. PRA **61**, 033607 (2000)

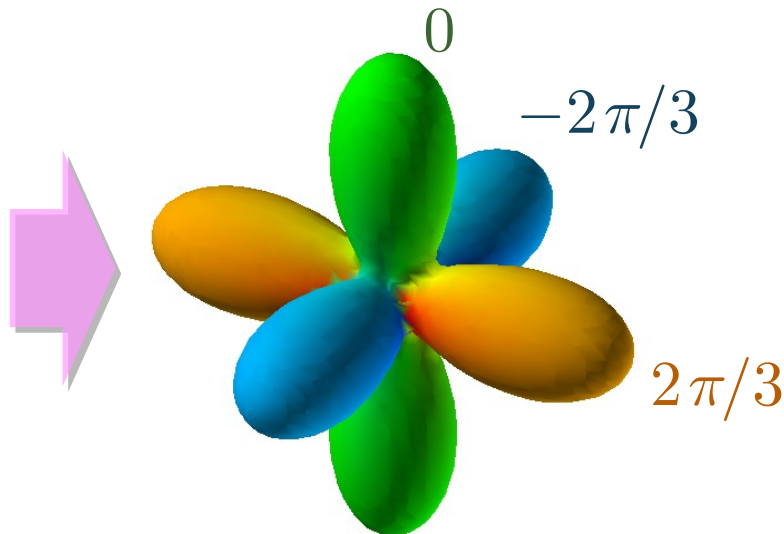
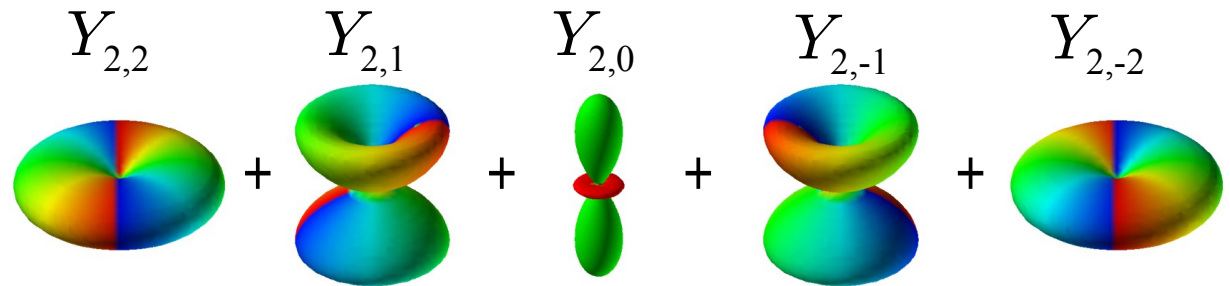


Spherical Harmonics Expression of Cyclic Phase

cyclic phase

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} i/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ i/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

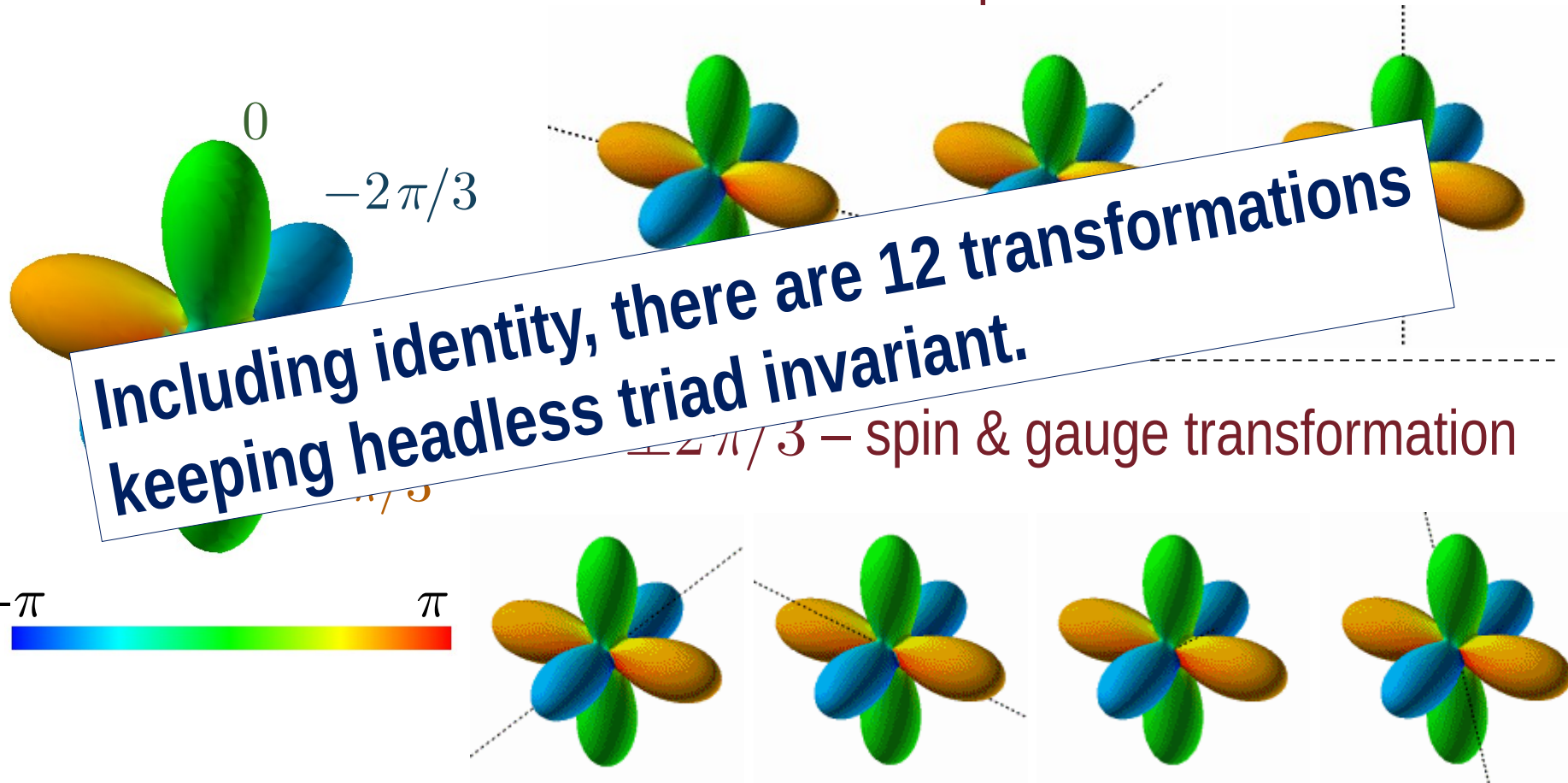


1. Cyclic state can be expressed as a headless triad
2. Phase difference between each lobe is $2\pi/3$



Invariant Spin or Spin – Gauge Transformation

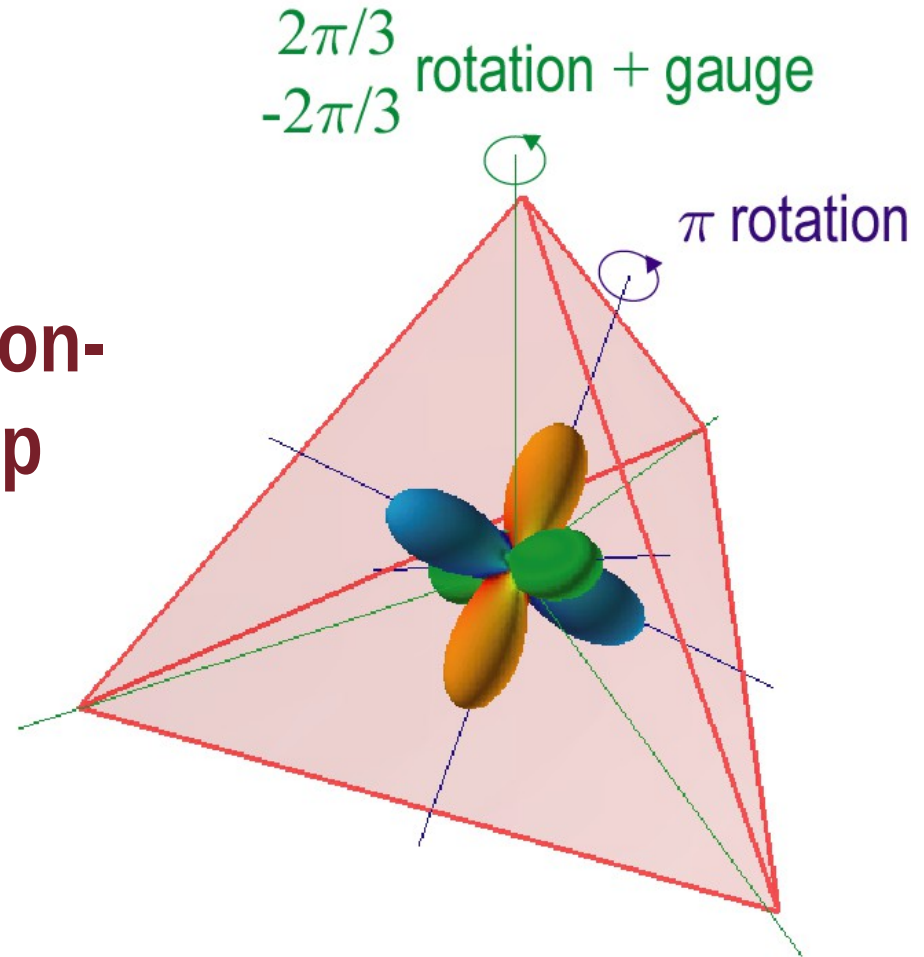
π – spin rotation



H. Mäkelä et al. J. Phys. A **36**, 8555 (2003), G. W. Semenoff et al. PRL **98**, 100401 (2007)

Invariant Spin or Spin – Gauge Transformation

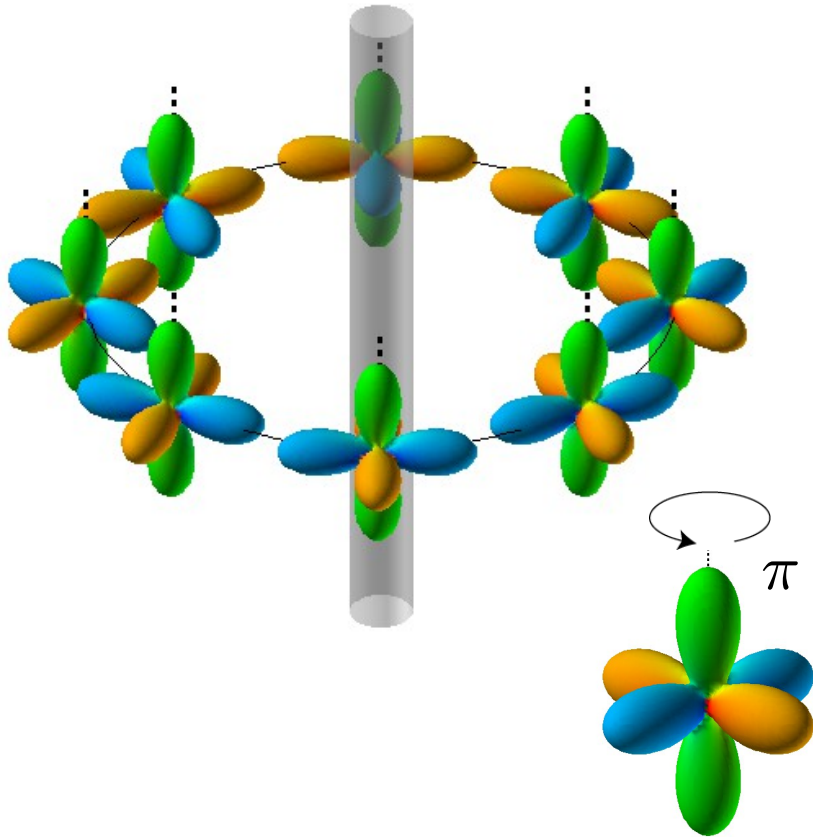
12 transformations form non-Abelian tetrahedral group



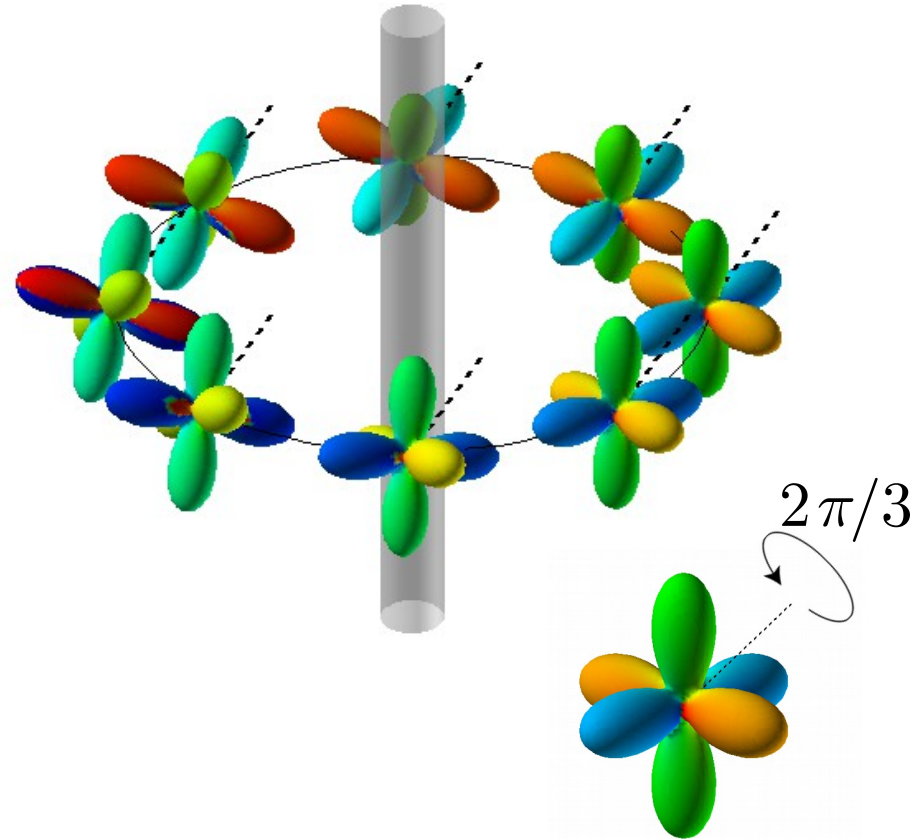
Vortices

Invariant transformations define vortices

1/2 spin vortex



1/3 vortex



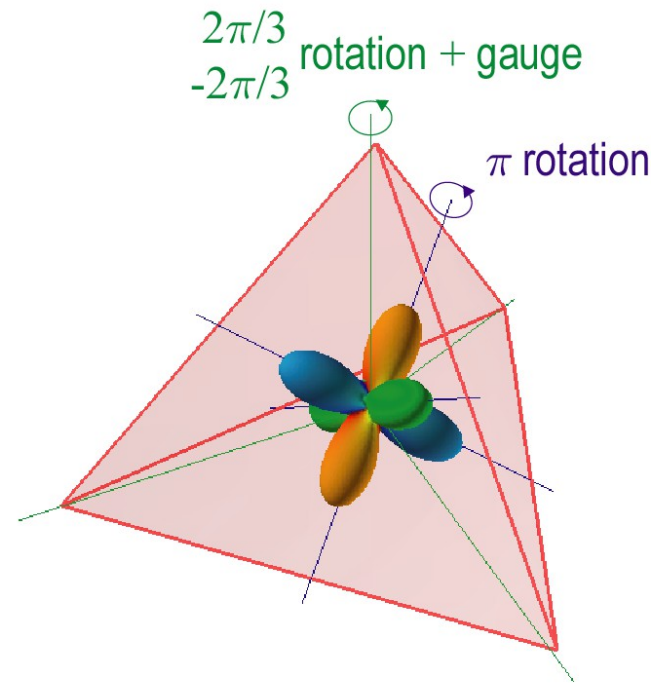
Topological Charge of Vortices

Scalar BEC

$$\Psi \propto e^{in\theta}$$

Topological charge :
Additive group of integer n
→ **Abelian vortices**

Cyclic phase in spin-2 spinor BEC



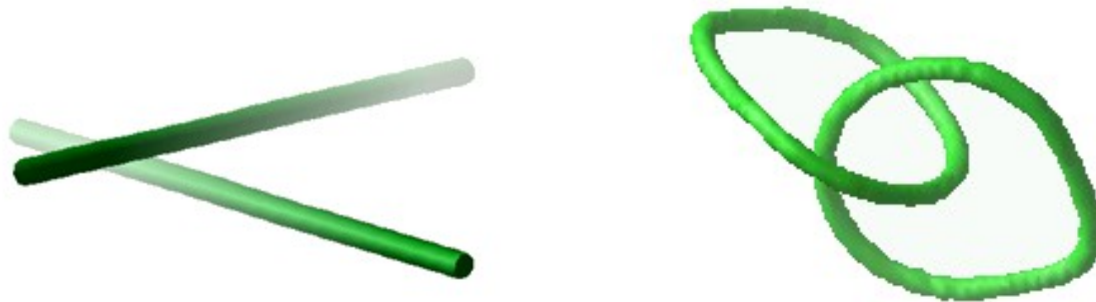
Topological charge : Tetrahedral group
→ **Non-Abelian vortices**

Collision Dynamics of Non-Abelian Vortices

Non-Abelian property of vortices becomes remarkable in their collision dynamics

→ Numerical simulation of Gross-Pitaevskii equation

Initial state : two straight vortices, linked vortex rings



Hamiltonian of Spin-2 Spinor BEC

$$\langle H \rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \sum_m |\nabla \Psi_m|^2 + \frac{c_0}{2} \rho^2 + \frac{c_1}{2} \mathbf{F}^2 + \frac{c_2}{2} |A_{20}|^2 \right]$$

↑ density ↑ spin density ↑ singlet – pair amplitude

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_m \Psi_m^*(\mathbf{x}) \Psi_m(\mathbf{x})$$

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

$$A_{20}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_m (-1)^m \Psi_m(\mathbf{x}) \Psi_{-m}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$c_0 = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \frac{4a_2 + 3a_4}{7},$$

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Gross-Pitaevskii Equation

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

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_2 + c_0 \rho \Psi_2 + c_1 (F_- \Psi_1 + 2F_z \Psi_2) + c_2 A_{20} \Psi_{-2}^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_1 + c_0 \rho \Psi_1 + c_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} F_- \Psi_0 + F_+ \Psi_2 + F_z \Psi_1 \right) - c_2 A_{20} \Psi_{-1}^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_0 + c_0 \rho \Psi_0 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} c_1 (F_- \Psi_{-1} + F_+ \Psi_1) + c_2 A_{20} \Psi_0^*$$

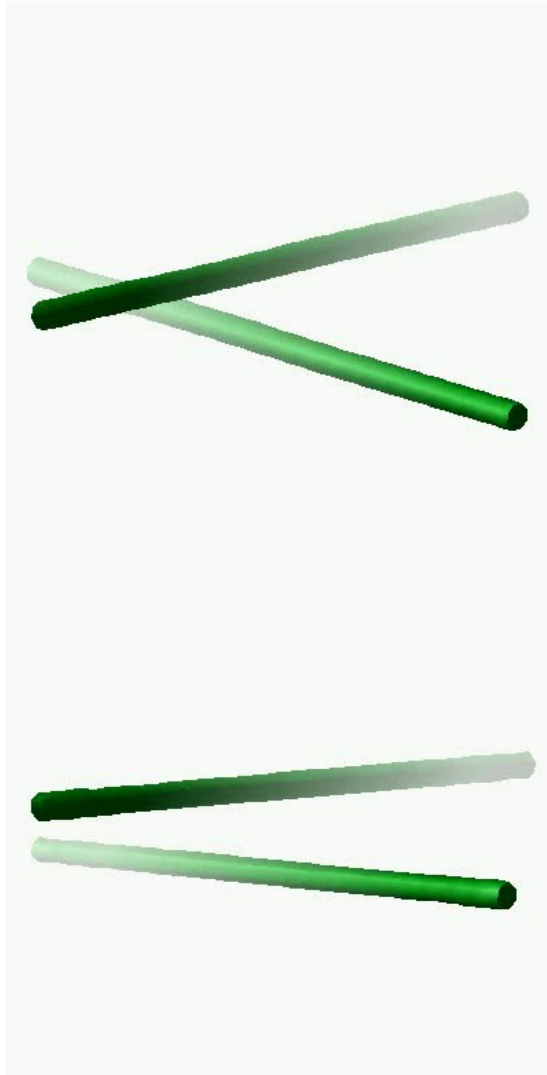
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{-1}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_{-1} + c_0 \rho \Psi_{-1} + c_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} F_+ \Psi_0 + F_- \Psi_{-2} - F_z \Psi_{-1} \right) - c_2 A_{20} \Psi_1^*$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{-2}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \Psi_{-2} + c_0 \rho \Psi_{-2} + c_1 (F_+ \Psi_{-1} - 2F_z \Psi_{-2}) + c_2 A_{20} \Psi_2^*$$

C Collision of vortices with non-commutative charge forms a new “**rung**” vortex connecting two vortices

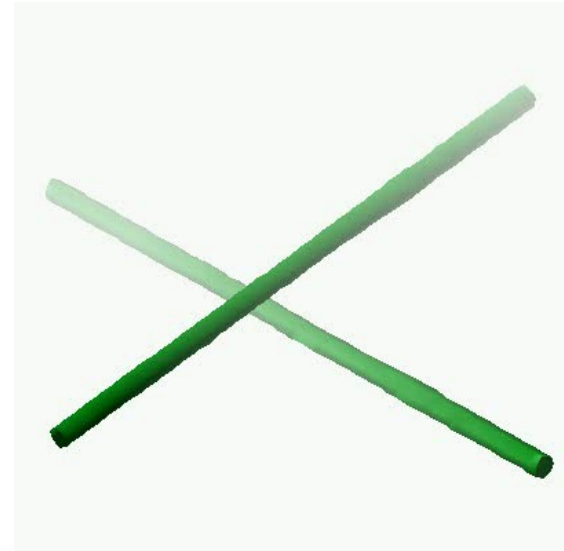
Same charge

Reconnection



Commutative charges

Passing



Non-commutative charges

Rung vortex

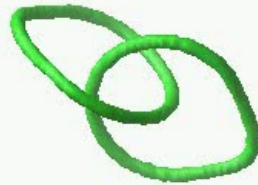
Collision Dynamics of Non-Abelian Vortices

Same



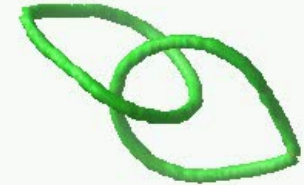
Large ring

Commutative



Unraveling of link

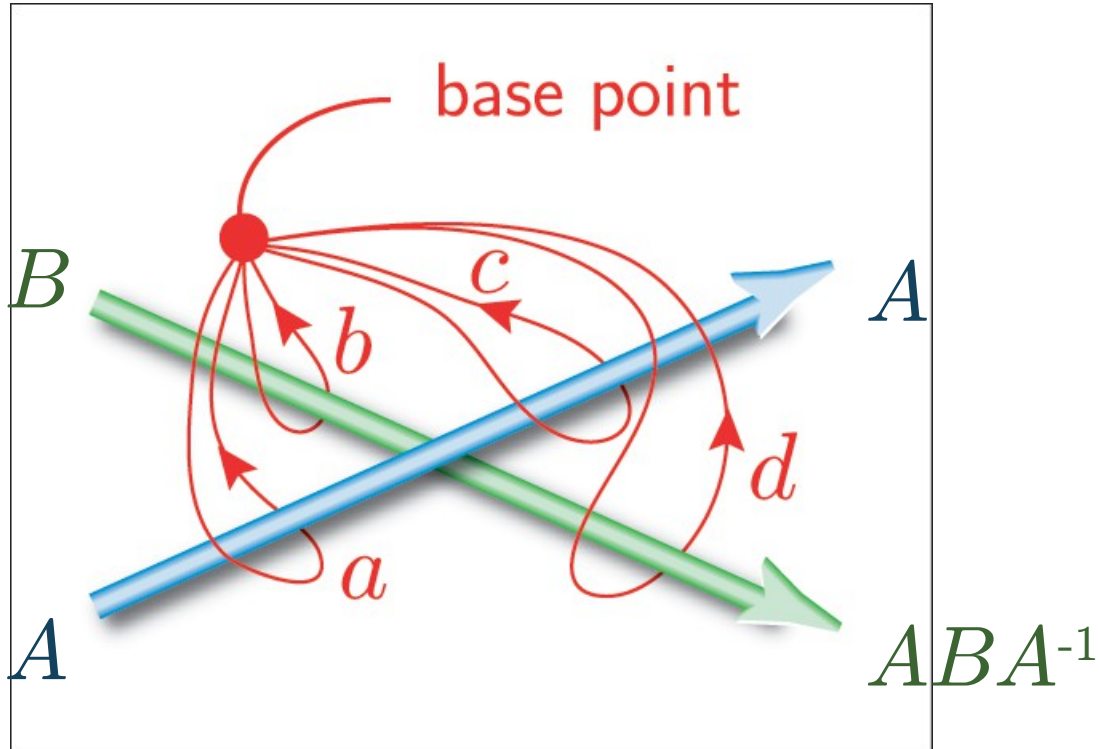
Non-commutative



Rung vortex

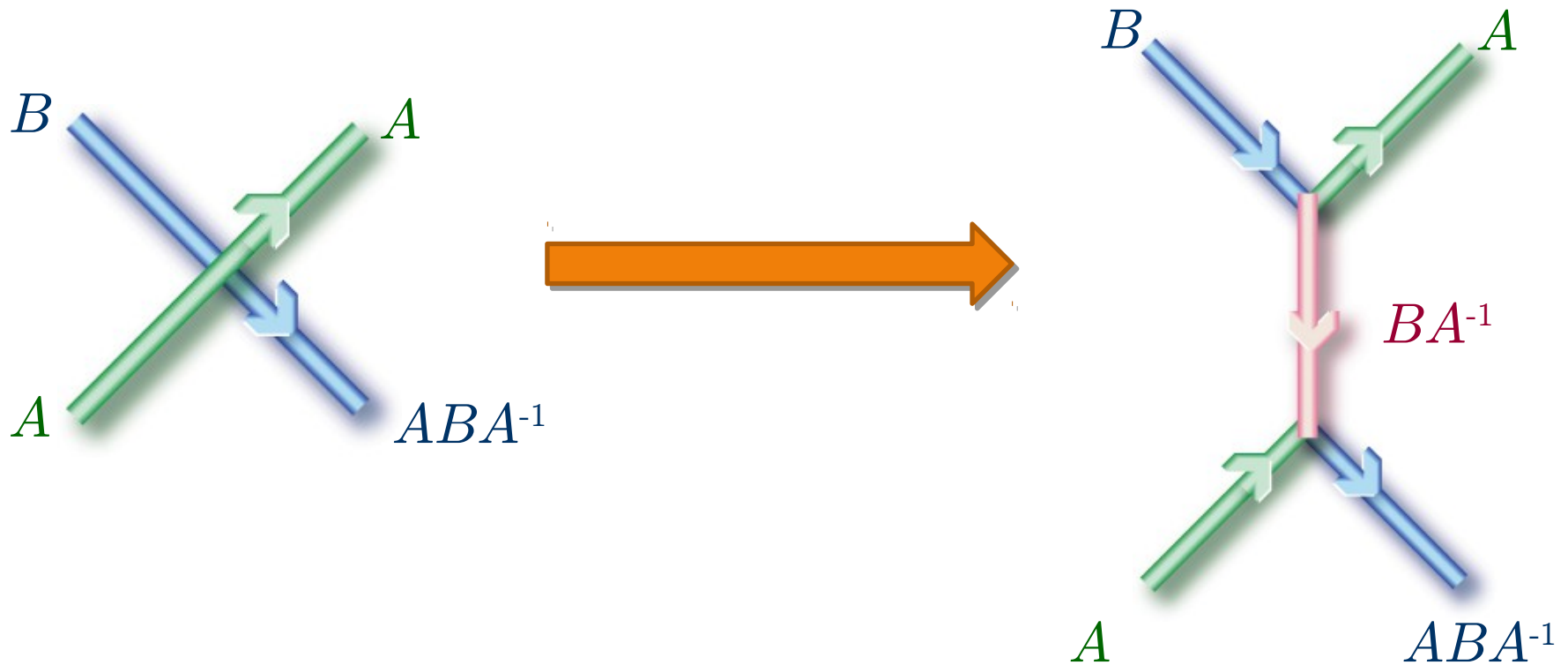
Linked vortices with non-commutative charges cannot unravel because of the formation of the rung vortex.

Algebra



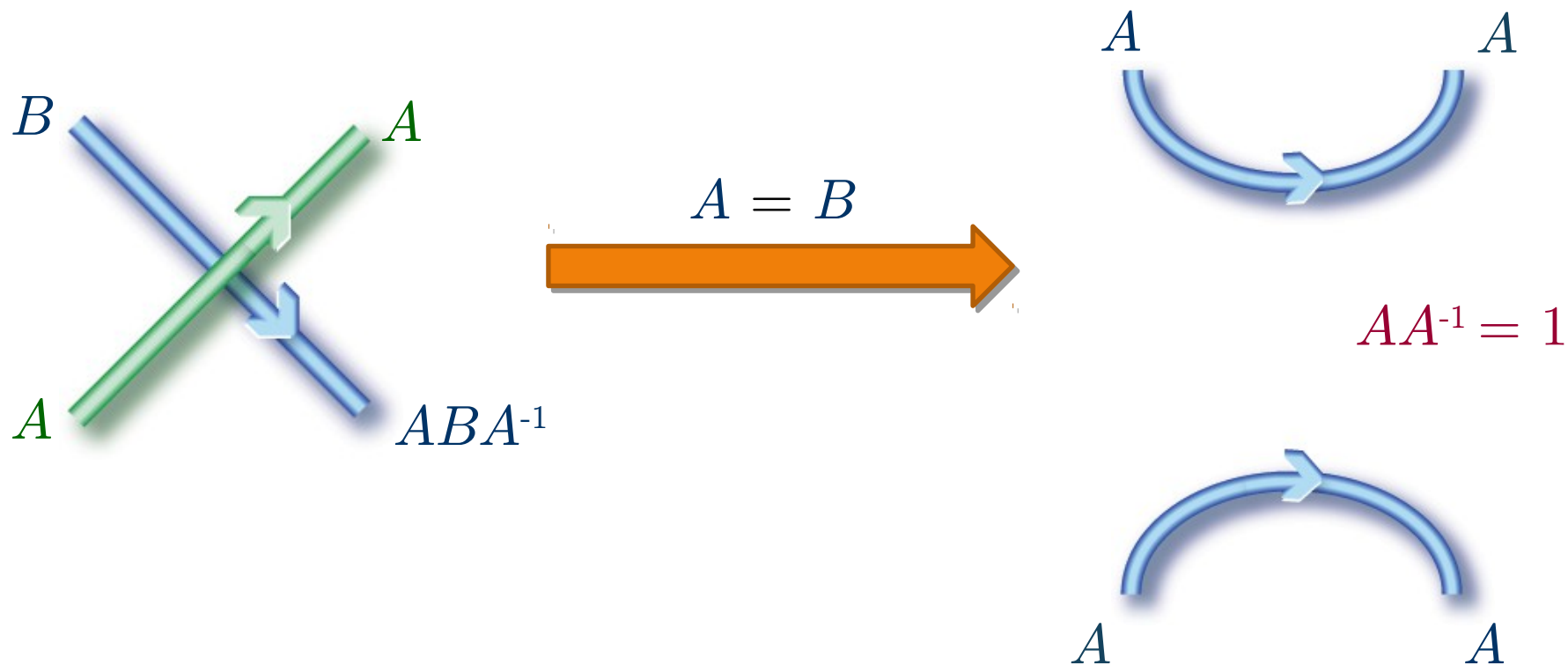
Topological charge of vortex can be fixed by a closed path encircling the vortex

Collision of Vortex



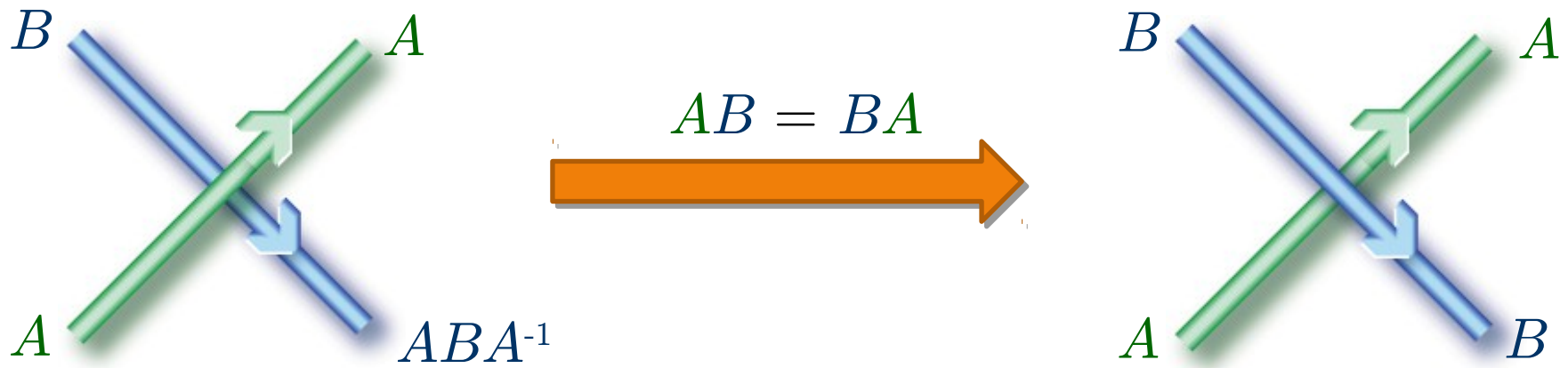
Rung BA^{-1} is formed through the
collision.

Collision of Vortex



Rung disappears for the same charge resulting
reconnection.

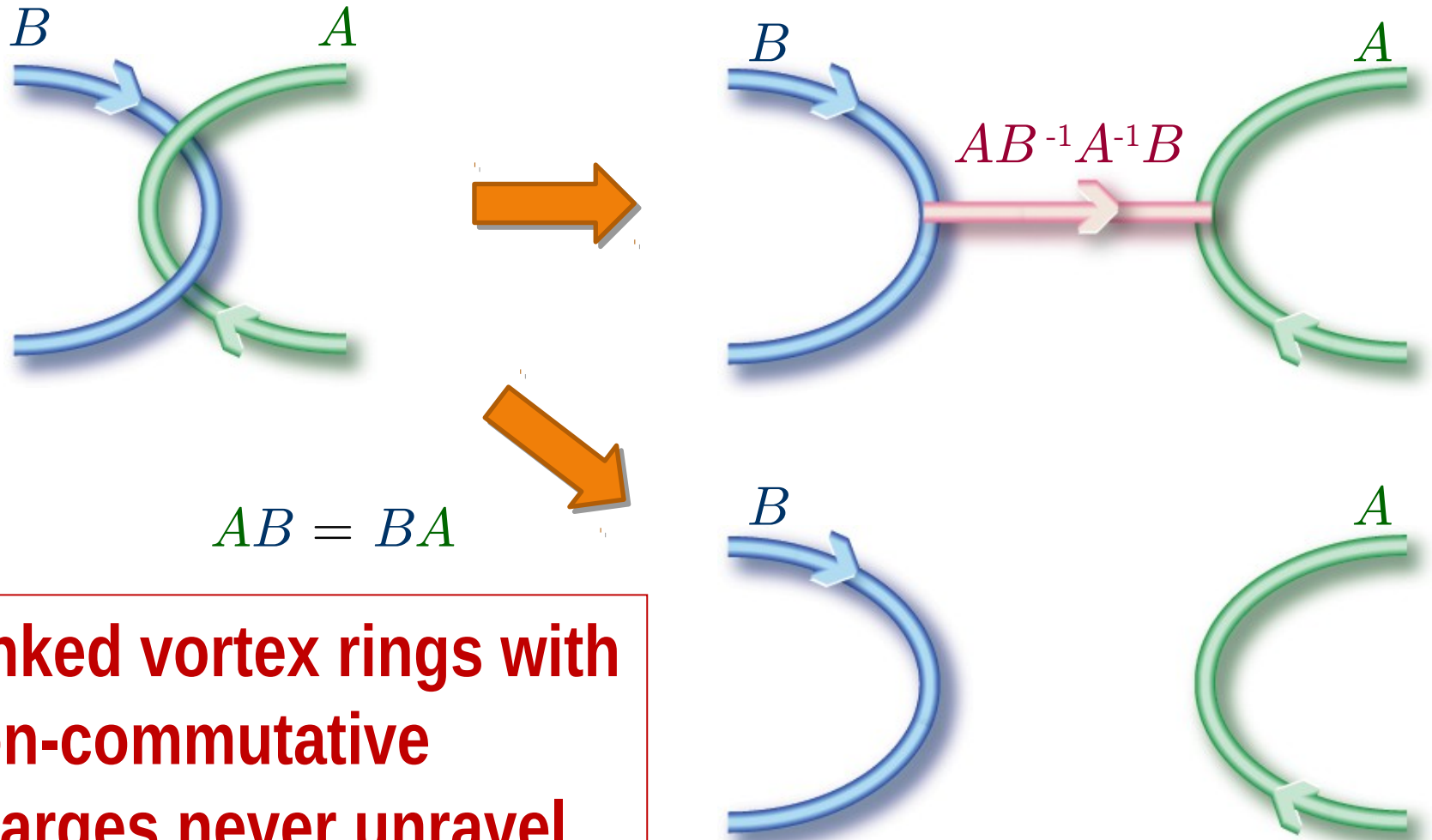
Collision of Vortex



Passing dynamics is also possible for commutative

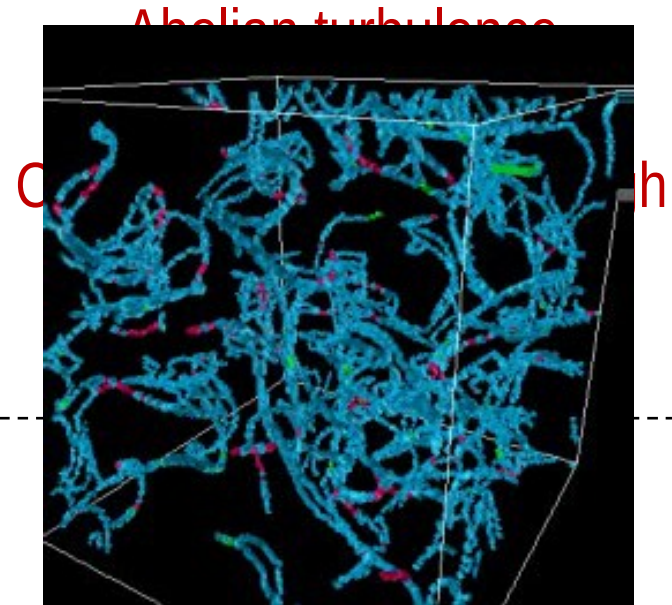
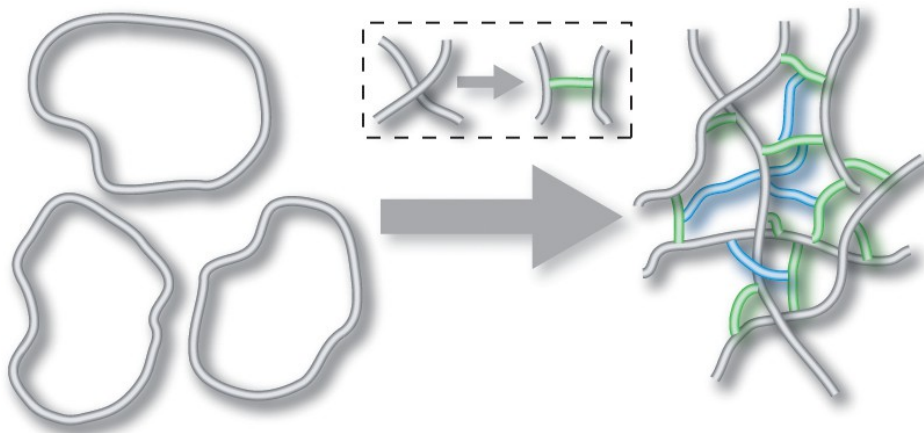
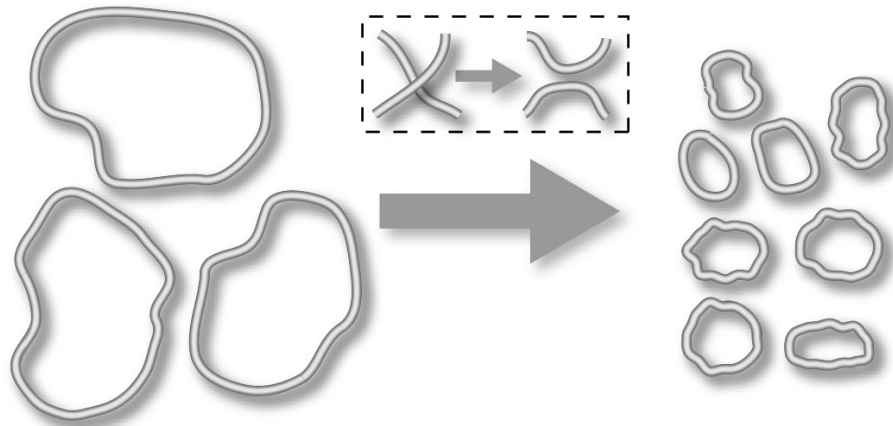
case

Linked Vortex Rings



Linked vortex rings with non-commutative charges never unravel.

Application of Non-Abelian Vortices : Non-Abelian Turbulence



Large-scale networking structure of vortices through formation of rungs
New type of turbulence

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 - I. Rung vortex is formed after the collision.**
 - II. Linked vortex rings never unravel**

M. Kobayashi, Y. Kawaguchi, M. Nitta, and M. Ueda. PRL **103**, 115301(2009)

Cyclic State vs. Singlet-trio Condensed State

For $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$

M. Koashi, and M. Ueda. PRL **84**, 1066 (2000)

Singlet-trio condensed state (only $U(1)$ is broken)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[e^{i\varphi} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{a}_0(\hat{a}_0^{\dagger 2} - 3a_1^\dagger a_{-1}^\dagger - 6a_2^\dagger a_{-2}^\dagger) + 3\sqrt{3}(a_1^{\dagger 2} a_{-2}^\dagger + a_{-1}^{\dagger 2} a_2^\dagger)}{\sqrt{35}} \right) \right]^{N/3} |0\rangle$$

Transition occurs under $\sim 1\mu\text{G}$

Cyclic state ($U(1) \times SO(3)$ is broken)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[\sum_m \Psi_m a_m^\dagger \right]^N |0\rangle$$

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

Nematic State vs. Singlet-pair Condensed State

For $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 < 0$

M. Koashi, and M. Ueda. PRL **84**, 1066 (2000)

Singlet-pair condensed state (only $U(1)$ is broken)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[e^{i\varphi} \left(\frac{\hat{a}_0^{\dagger 2} - 2a_1^\dagger a_{-1}^\dagger + a_2^\dagger a_{-2}^\dagger}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \right]^{N/2} |0\rangle$$

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Hamiltonian of Spin-2 Spinor BEC

Bose system with spin degrees of freedom

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

Low energy contact interaction ($l = 0$)

$$V_{m_1 m_2}^{m'_1 m'_2}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) = \delta(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \sum_{F=\text{even}} g_F \sum_M \langle m_1, m_2 | F, M \rangle \langle F, M | m'_1 m'_2 \rangle$$

$\langle m_1 m_2 | F, M \rangle$: Clebsch-Gordan coefficient

Hamiltonian of Spin-2 Spinor BEC

Mean-field approximation

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[\sum_m \Psi_m a_m^\dagger \right]^N |0\rangle$$

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singlet – pair amplitude

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Breaking of $U(1)_G \times SO(3)_S$

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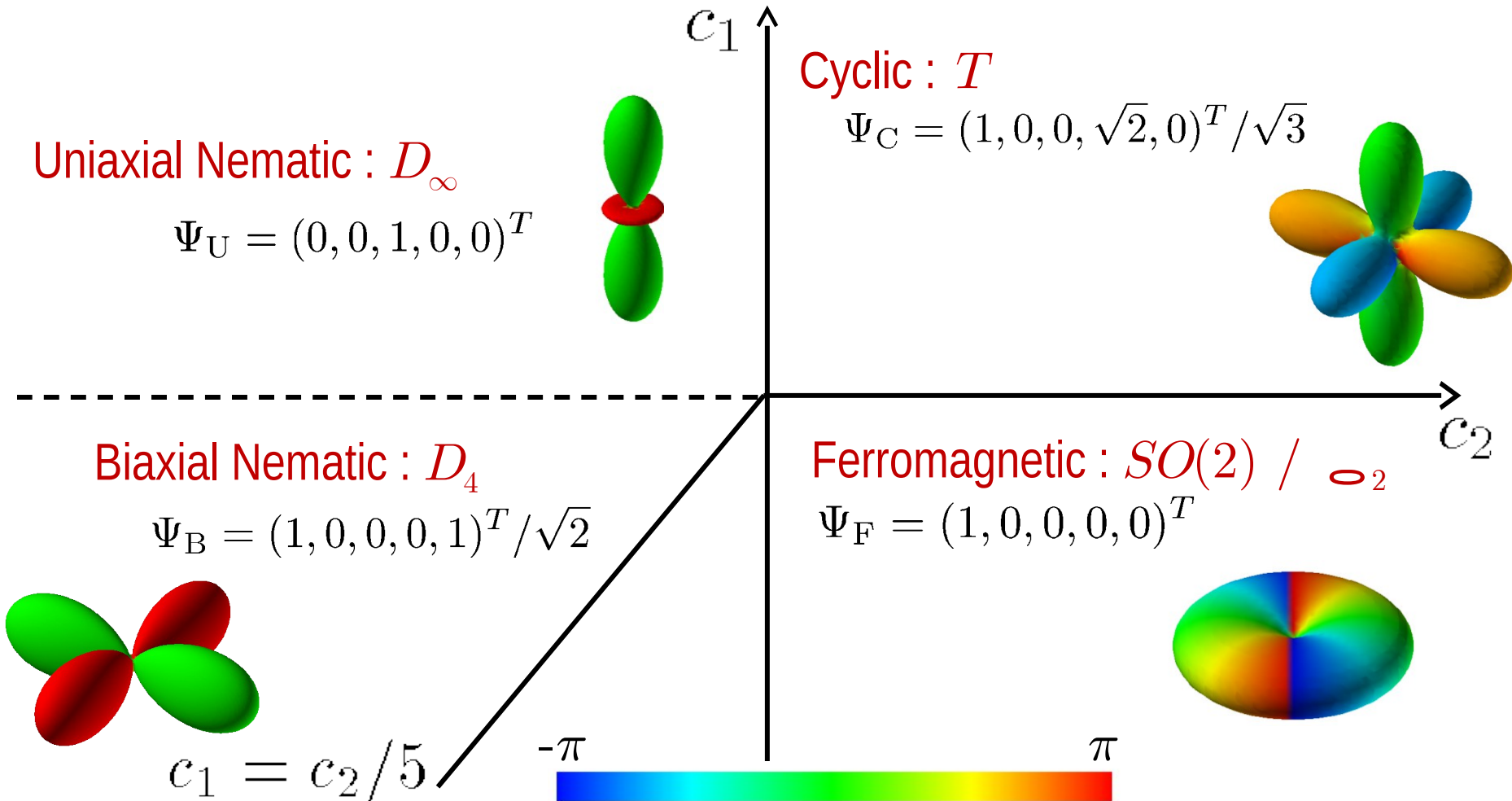
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Psi_2 \\ \Psi_1 \\ \Psi_0 \\ \Psi_{-1} \\ \Psi_{-2} \end{pmatrix} = e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \Psi_{\text{Base}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Fixed from Hamiltonian}$$

Gauge transformation :
 $U(1)_G$

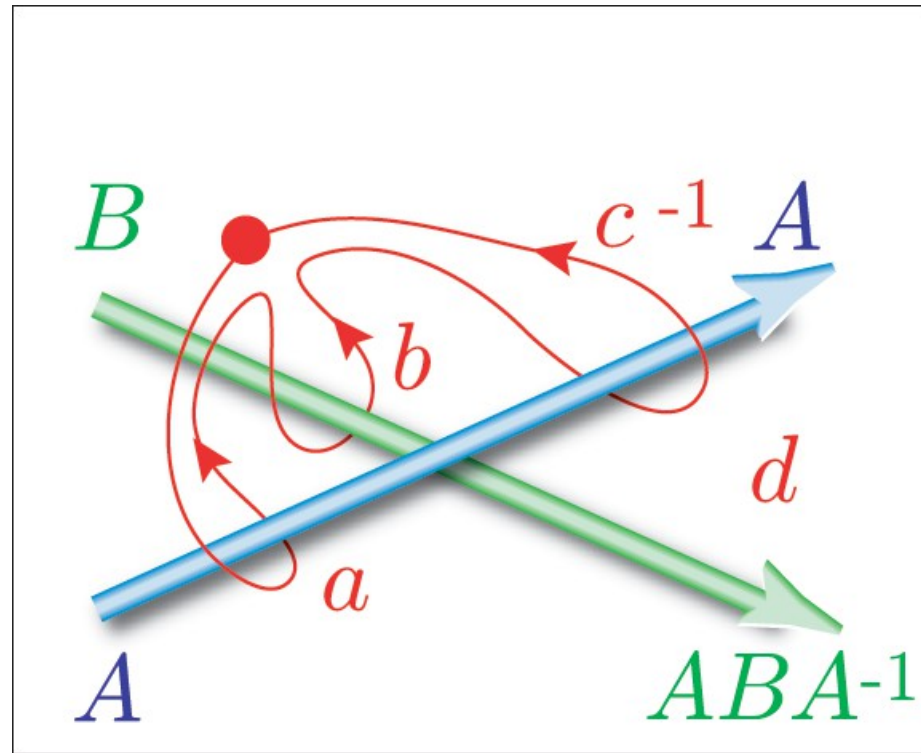
Spin rotation : $SO(3)_S$

Ground State Phase Diagram

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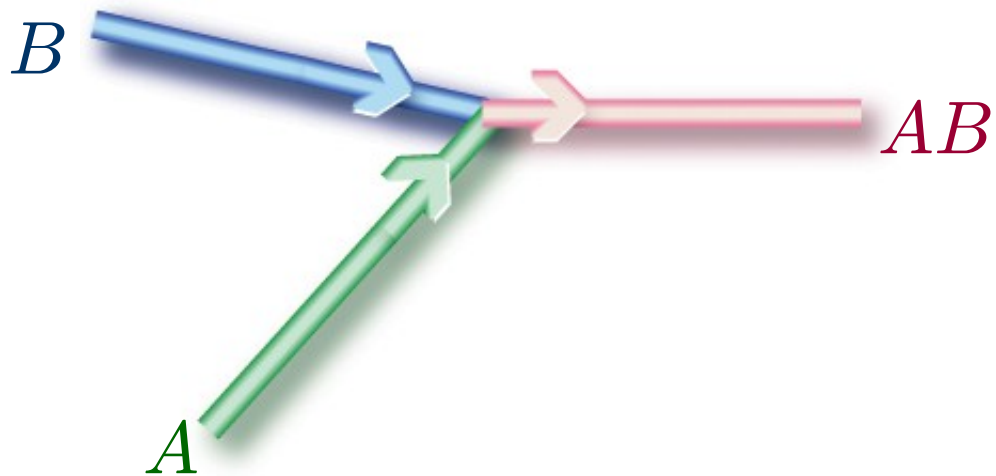


Algebra

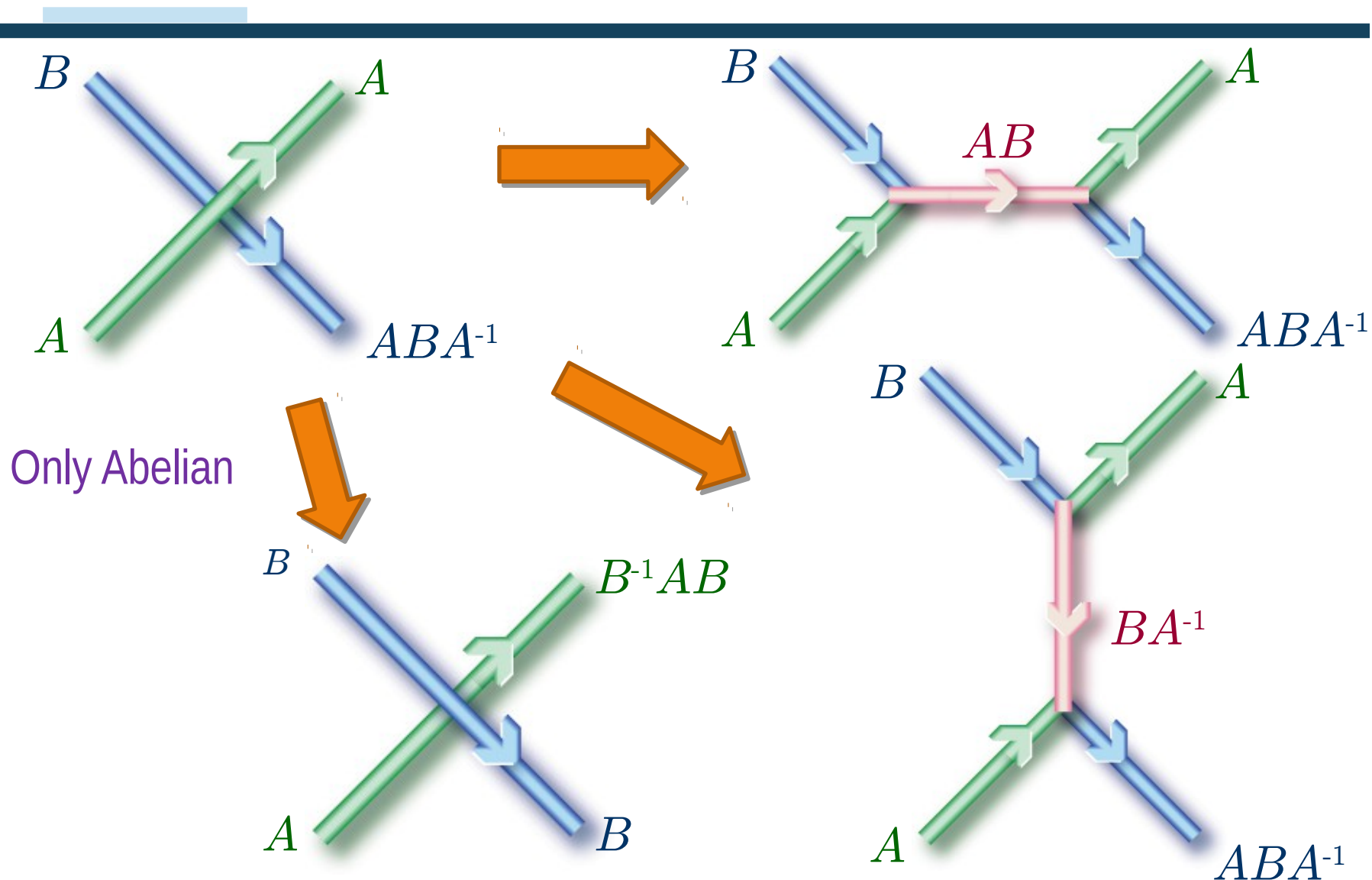


Path d defines vortex B as ABA^{-1}
(same conjugacy class)

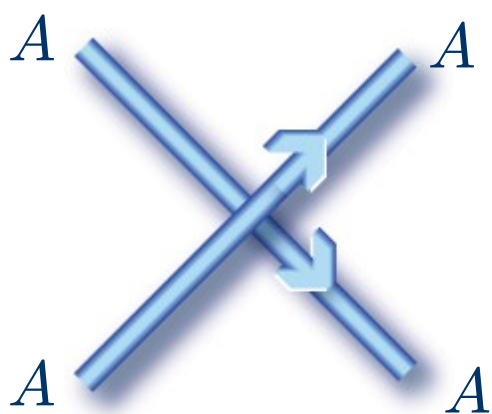
Y – Shaped Structure



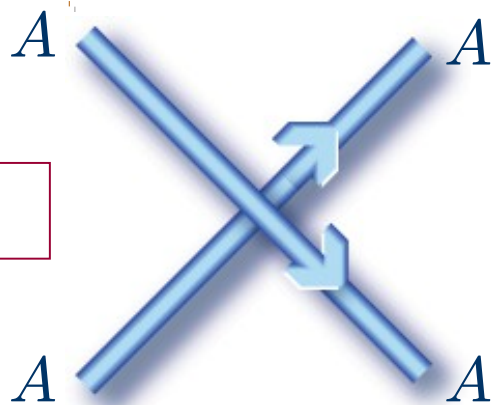
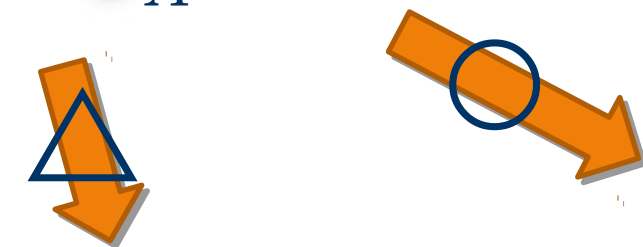
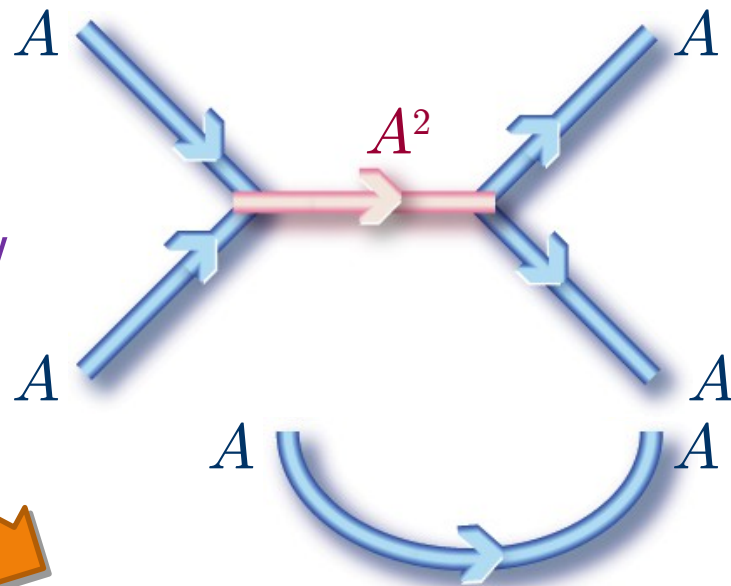
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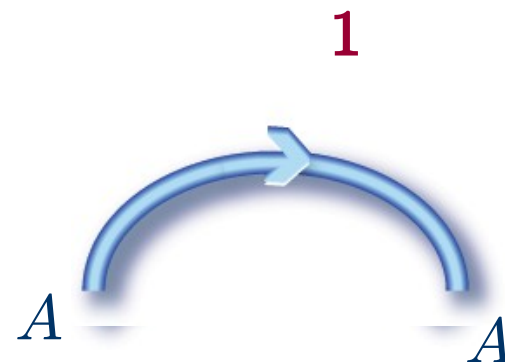
Same Charge



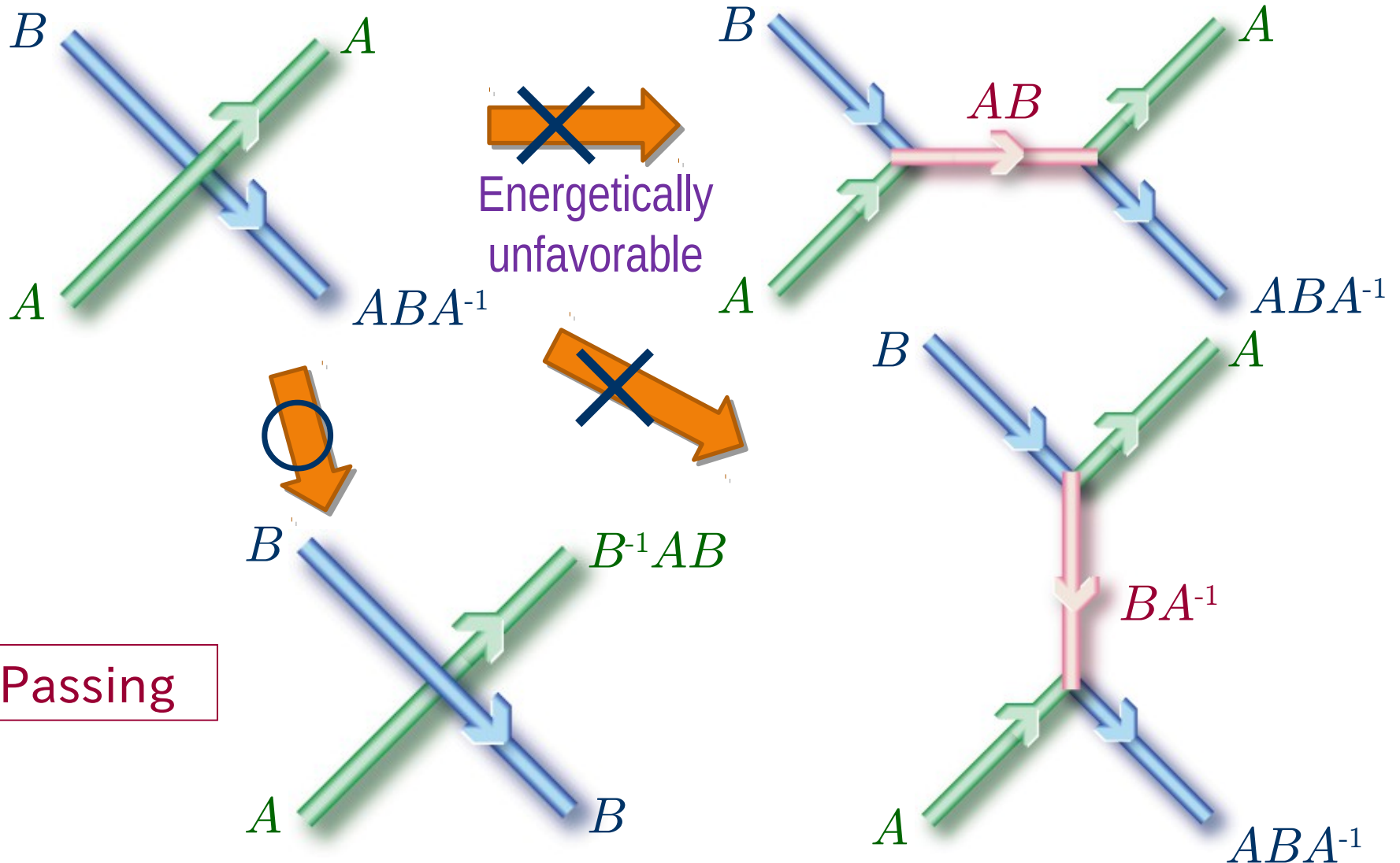

Energetically unfavorable



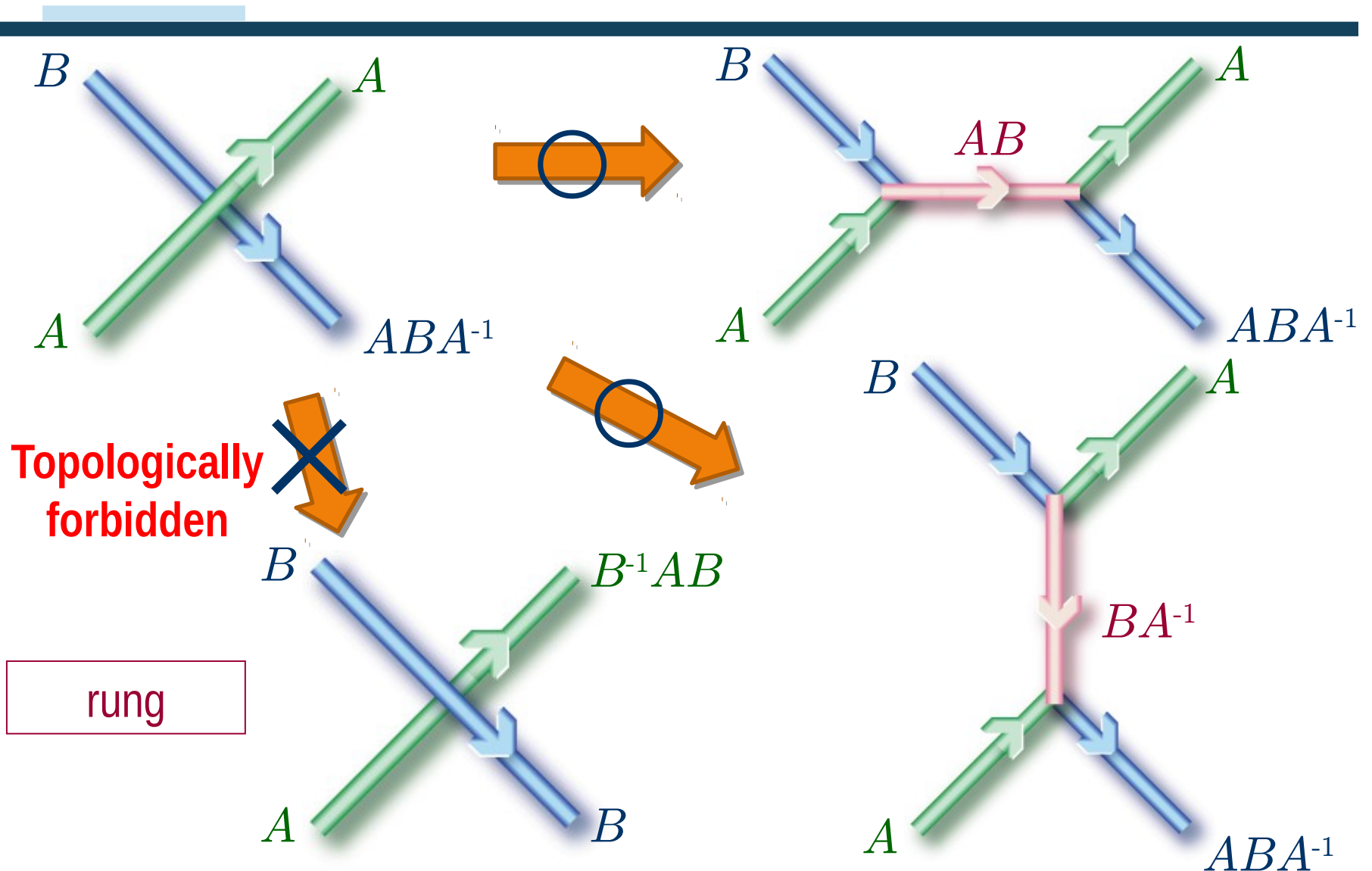
reconnection



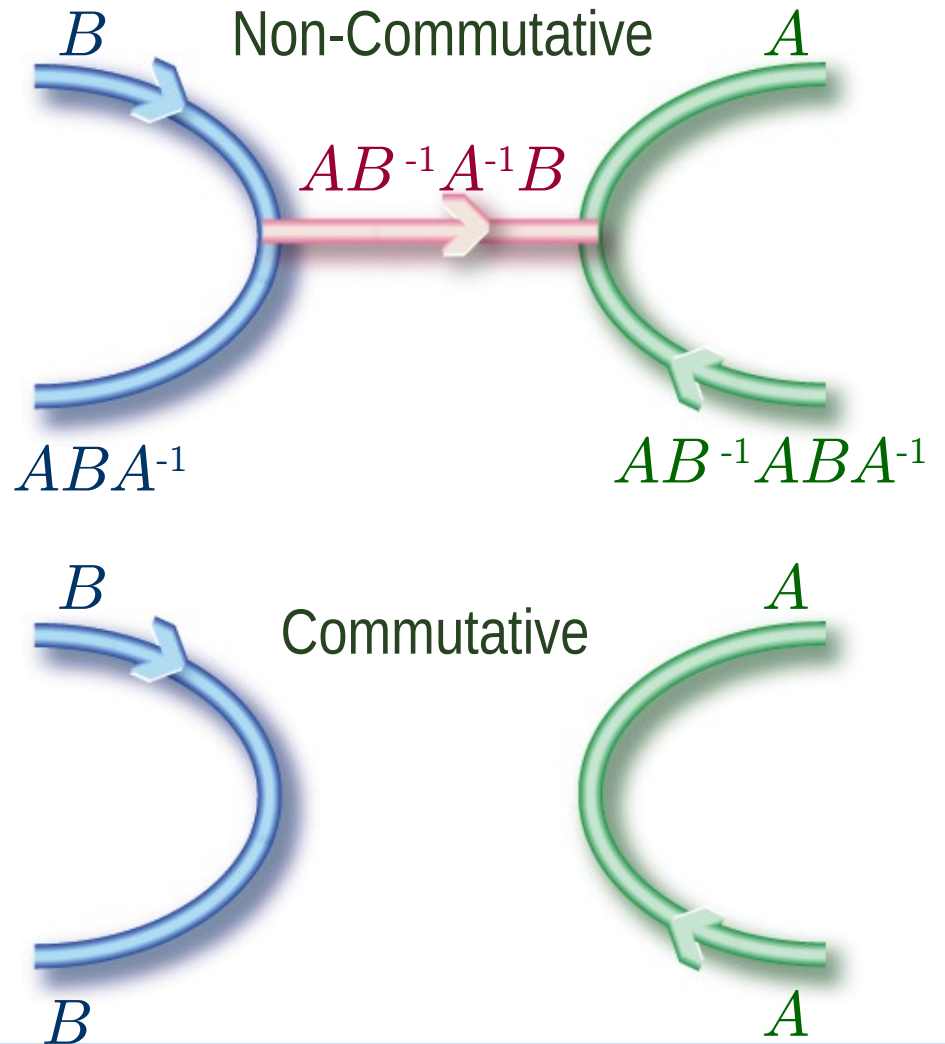
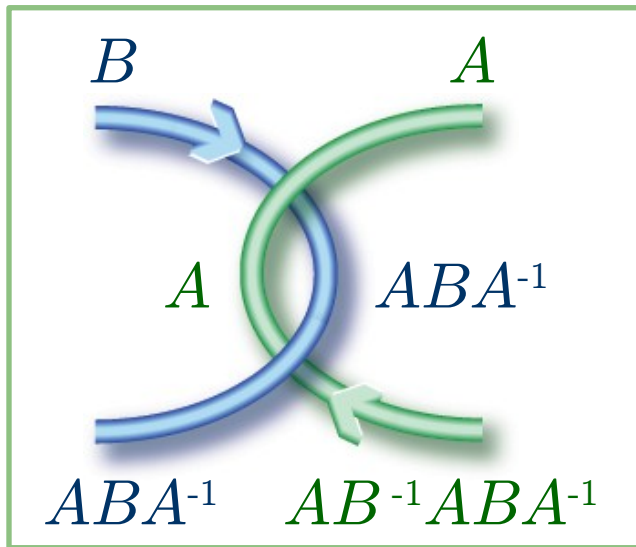
Commutative Charge



Non-Commutative Charge



Linked Rings



Characteristic Form of Wave Function

1/2 – spin vortex

$$\frac{\hat{S}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} i \exp[i\theta] \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ i \exp[-i\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

1/3 vortex

$$\frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \exp[i\theta] \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{S} = e^{i\varphi} e^{-i\hat{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}}$$

Vortex	Mass circulation (h/m)	Spin circulation (h/m)	Core
1/2 – spin	0	1/2	Nematic
1/3	1/3	1/3	Ferromagnetic

Homotopy Group of Cyclic State

Order-parameter manifold

$$\frac{G}{H} \simeq \frac{U(1)_G \times SO(3)_S}{T_{S+G}} \simeq \frac{U(1)_G \times SU(2)_S}{T_{S+G}^*}$$

T^* : binary tetrahedral group

First homotopy group (vortex)

$$\pi_1 \left(\frac{G}{H} \right) \simeq (\mathbb{Z} \times T^*)_{S+G}$$