

A topological realization of spin polarization through vortex formation in collisions of BECs

-----从BEC对撞产生涡旋到自旋极化的拓扑实现

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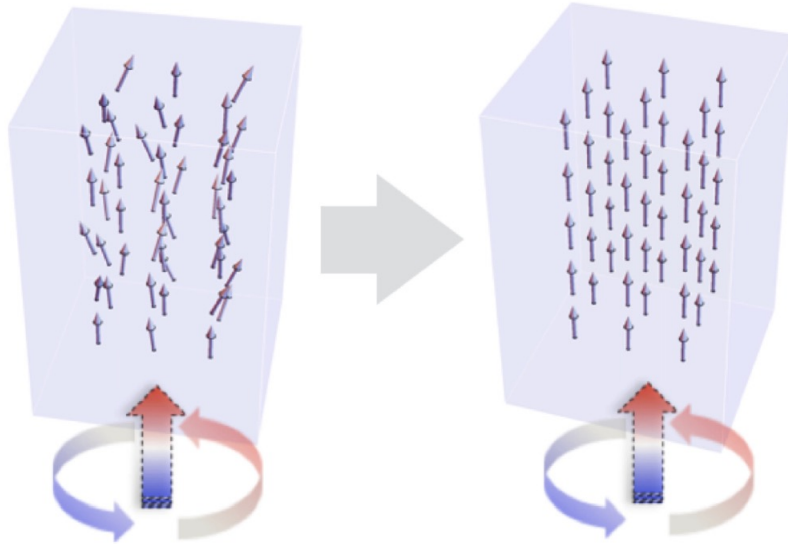
Outlines

1. Motivation and background
2. Global polarization in HICs
3. Vortex Dynamics in cold atoms
4. Vortex formation in BEC collisions
5. Summary and outlook

Polarization/Magnetization and Rotation

Barnett effect

spin-orbital coupling



Magnetization by Rotation,

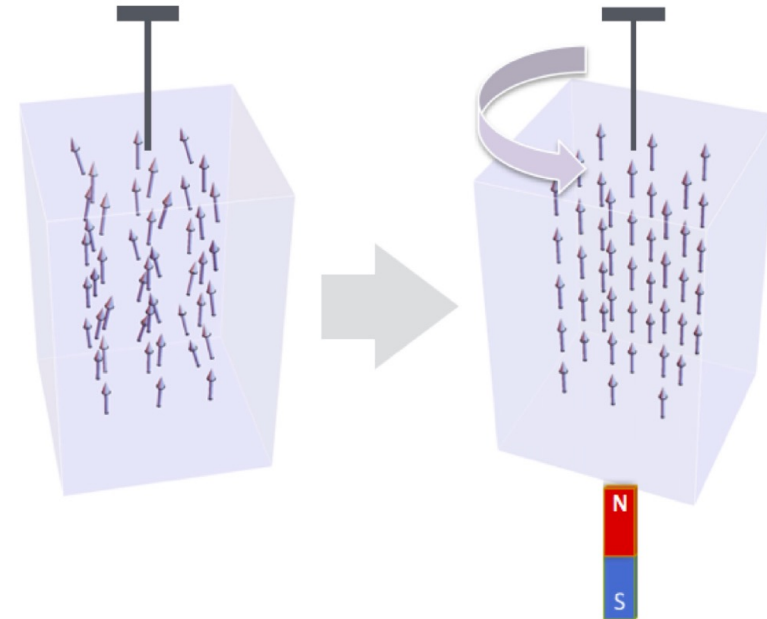
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Gyromagnetic and Electron-Inertia Effect

S. J. Barnett, Rev. Mod. Phys. 7, 129 (1935)

Einstein-de Haas effect

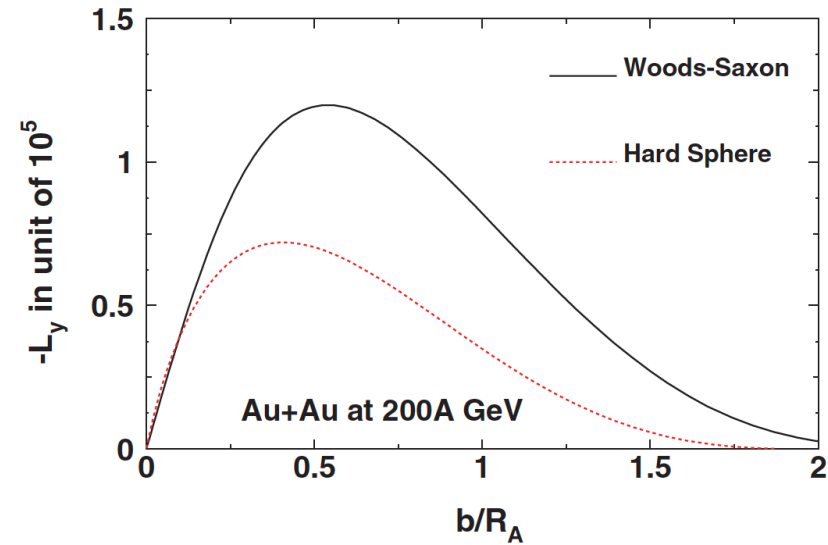
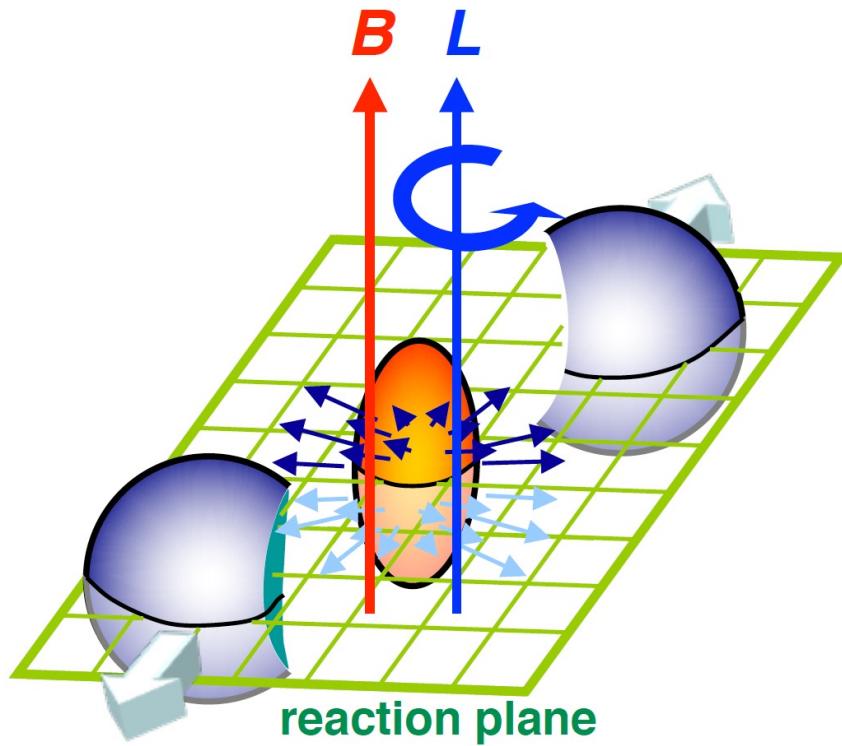
Angular momentum conservation



Experimental Proof of Ampere's Molecular Currents,

A. Einstein and W. J. de Haas, *Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft, Verhandlungen* (in German). **17**: 152–170 (1915)

Large OAM in noncentral HICs

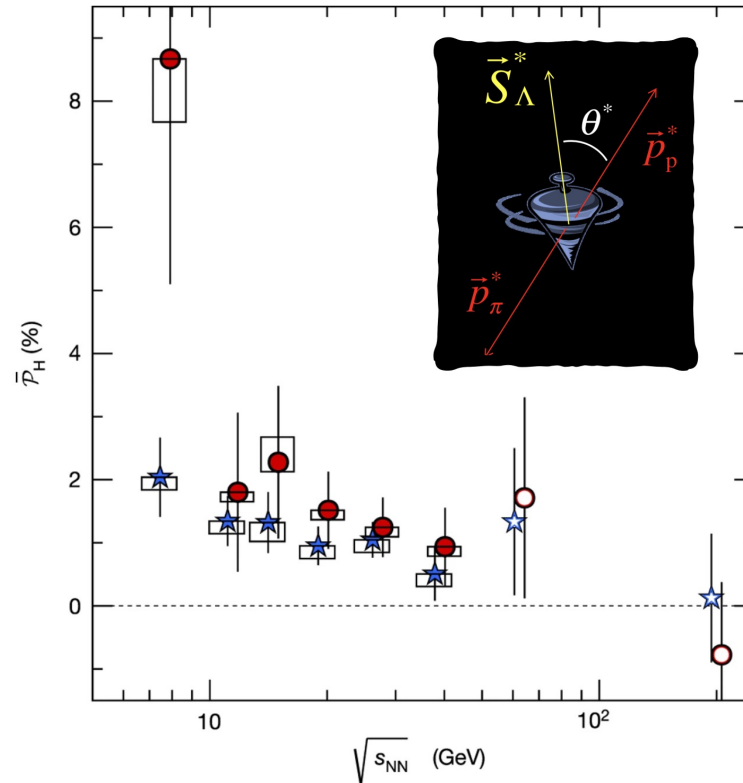
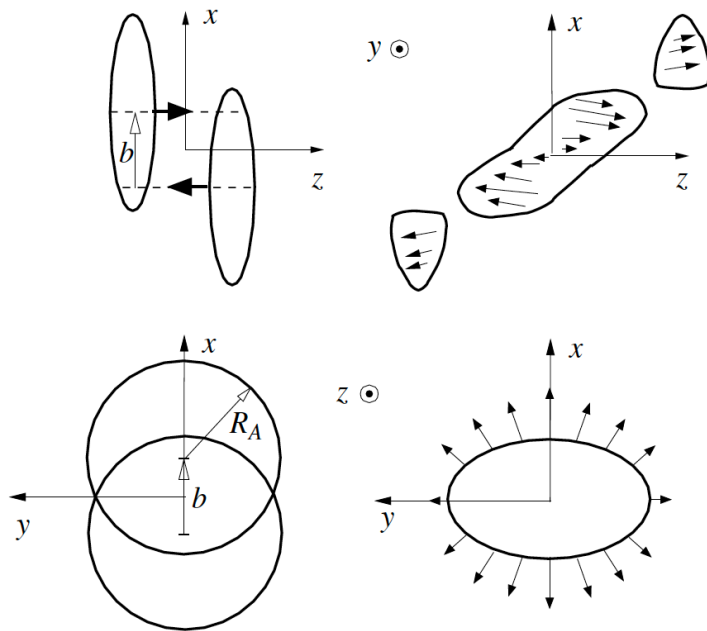


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Global polarization: from prediction to measurements

Globally Polarized Quark-Gluon Plasma in noncentral A-A Collisions

Zuo-Tang Liang and Xin-Nian Wang, PRL 94, 102301(2005)



Spin alignment of vector mesons

Zuo-Tang Liang and Xin-Nian Wang, PLB 629, 20 (2005)

Global Lambda Hyperon Polarization in Nuclear Collisions

STAR collaboration, Nature, 548,62 (2017).

How it happens?

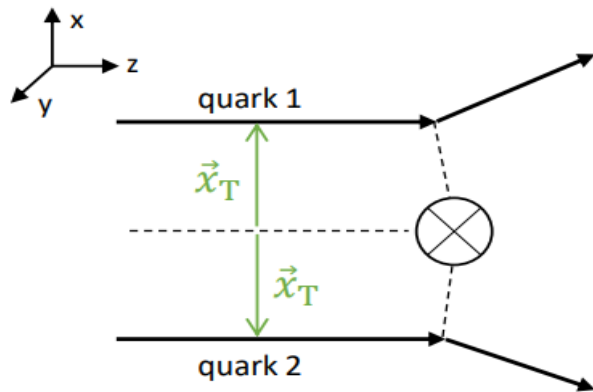
Spin-orbit coupling

$$\frac{d\sigma_\lambda}{d^2x_T} = C_T \int \frac{d^2q_T}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2k_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\vec{k}_T - \vec{q}_T) \cdot \vec{x}_T} I_\lambda(\vec{q}_T, \vec{k}_T, E),$$

$$I_\lambda = \frac{g^2}{2(2E)^2} \bar{u}_\lambda(p_q) \not{A}(\vec{q}_T) (\not{p} + m_q) \not{A}(\vec{k}_T) u_\lambda(p_k)$$

$$P_q = -\frac{\pi\mu p}{4E(E + m_q)} \sim -0.3$$

Zuo-Tang Liang and Xin-Nian Wang, PRL 94, 102301(2005)



X-W Li, Z-F Jiang, S-S Cao, JD, EPJC 83(2023)1,96

Spin-vorticity coupling

$$f(x, p, S) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{p^2}{2mT} + \frac{\omega \cdot S}{T} \right]$$

$$P \approx \frac{S + 1}{3} \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}$$

$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT} \sim 0.08$$

$$\frac{m_q}{T} \sim 0.06$$

F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. D. Zanna, and E. Grossi, Ann. Phys. 338,32 (2013)

**Relativistic distribution function
for particles with spin at local
thermodynamical equilibrium**

Imaging it in a non-relativistic way



Vortex, a topological realization of spin polarization

Spin \leftrightarrow Vortex

quantized angular momentum
basic degree of freedom

How does the spin-orbit/vorticity coupling take place?
How does the orbit angular momentum transfer?
How does the energy of rotation and vorticity nucleate?

What is the dynamics in control?

Hydrodynamics
Transport models
Shear induced Polarization
Nonlocal collisions
...

HICs

BECs

Gross-Pitaevskii equation

Gross-Pitaevskii Equation(GPE)

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{1}{2}[\pi^2 + (\nabla\phi)^2 + m^2\phi^2],$$
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{24}\lambda\phi^4 + J\phi.$$

A non-relativistic effective field theory can be constructed systematically by canonical transformations

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(t,\mathbf{x}) = \left(m - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m}\right)\psi(t,\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\lambda}{8m^2}|\psi(t,\mathbf{x})|^2\psi(t,\mathbf{x}),$$

JD, S. Schlichting, R. Venugopalan and Q. Wang
Phys. Rev. A 97 (2018) 5, 053606.

$$\hat{H} = \int \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r},t) \cdot \nabla\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r},t) d^3\mathbf{r}$$
$$+ \int \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r},t) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}',t) V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r},t) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}',t) d^3\mathbf{r} d^3\mathbf{r}',$$

Large N

$$N = \int d\mathbf{r} \langle \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

s-wave

$$V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \approx \lambda\delta^3(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$$

$$H = \int \mathcal{H} d\mathbf{r} = \int \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla\psi(\mathbf{r},t) \cdot \nabla\psi^*(\mathbf{r},t) + \frac{\lambda}{2} |\psi(\mathbf{r},t)|^4 \right] d^3\mathbf{r},$$

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{\delta H}{\delta\psi^*(\mathbf{r},t)} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi(\mathbf{r},t) + \lambda|\psi(\mathbf{r},t)|^2\psi(\mathbf{r},t).$$

EOM of a classical field for BECs at zero T limit

JD, Q. Wang and H. Zhang, Phys. Fluids 34 (2022) 8, 087118.

Property of GPE: Conservation laws and length scales

Madelung representation

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sqrt{\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)} e^{i\theta(\mathbf{r}, t)}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\hbar}{\rho m} \text{Im}(\psi^* \nabla \psi) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \theta,$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{\hbar}{\rho m} \text{Re}(\psi^* \nabla \psi) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \ln \sqrt{\rho}.$$

Number:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0,$$

$$\rho = |\psi|^2 \quad \mathbf{j} = \rho \mathbf{v}$$

Energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{H} + \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathcal{P}} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} m \rho (|\mathbf{v}|^2 + |\mathbf{K}|^2) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \rho^2,$$

Momentum:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} m \mathbf{j}_i + \partial_k \Pi_{ki} = 0,$$

$$\Pi_{ij} = m \rho K_i K_j + m \rho v_i v_j + \delta_{ij} \frac{\lambda}{2} \rho^2 - \delta_{ij} \frac{\hbar}{2} \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{K}),$$

Wave function: interference

More complicated than a compressible hydrodynamics

OAM: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} M_{0j} + \partial_i M_{ij} = 0,$

$$M_{0i} = (\mathbf{r} \times m \rho \mathbf{v})_i = m (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{j})_i,$$

Vorticity: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{M}_{0j} + \partial_i \mathcal{M}_{ij} = 0,$

$$\mathcal{M}_{0j} = (\nabla \times \mathbf{j})_j,$$

key observables

Healing length: $\xi = \hbar / \sqrt{2m\lambda\rho_0}$ Interference length: $\lambda_D \sim 2\sqrt{2}\pi\xi$. Speed of sound: $c_s = \hbar / (\sqrt{2}m\xi)$

$$\lambda_D \gg \xi \gg d \gg a_s$$

for dilute Boson gas in weakly interacting limit

Vortex, a basic degree of freedom in rotating BECs

Stationary rotating solution with GPE

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \lambda |\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\psi(r, \phi, t) = \sqrt{\rho(r)} e^{is\phi} e^{-i\mu t/\hbar},$$

Winding number $s = \text{integer}$,
Vortices are quantum soliton excitations

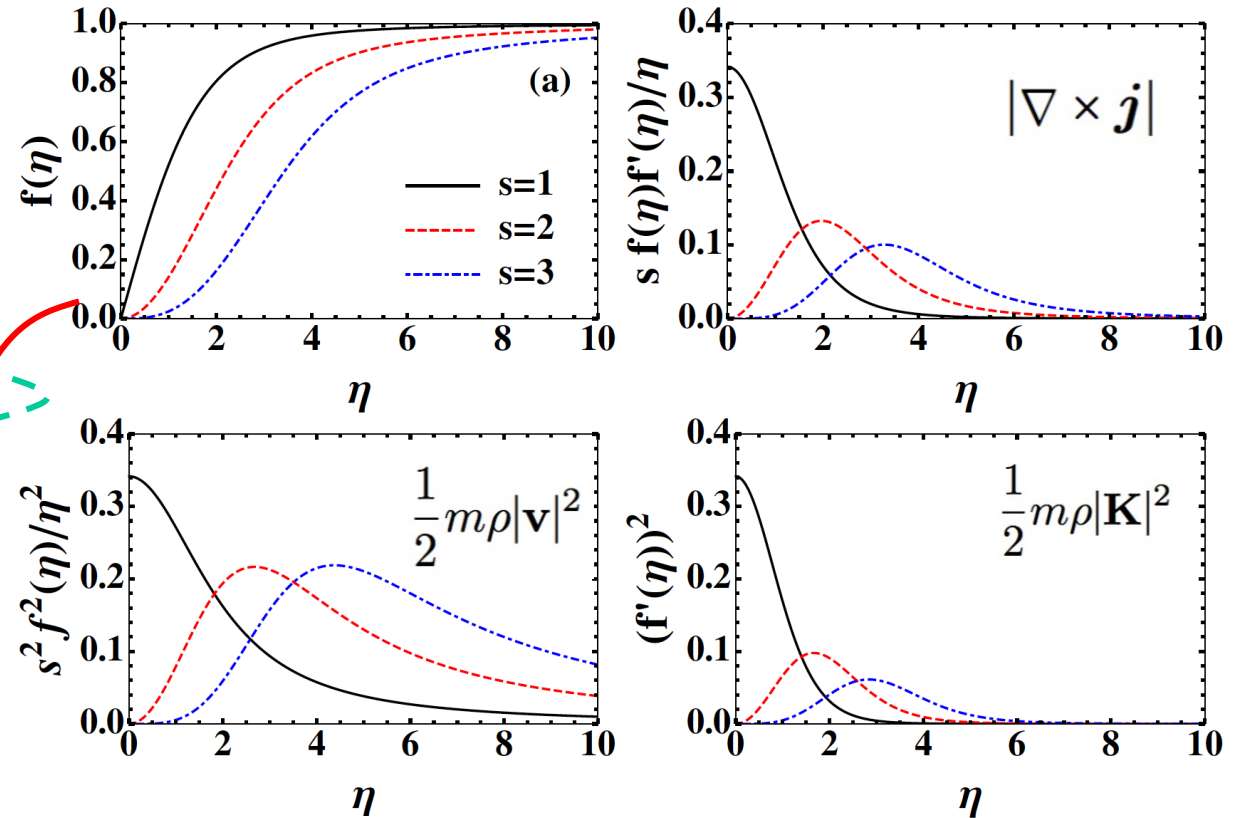
$$\mathbf{v} = (\hbar s)/(mr) \hat{\phi} \quad \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{r} \times \rho \mathbf{v} = \rho(r) s \hbar \hat{z}$$

$$f''(\eta) + \frac{1}{\eta} f'(\eta) + \left(1 - \frac{s^2}{\eta^2}\right) f(\eta) - f(\eta)^3 = 0,$$

$$f(\eta \rightarrow 0) = 0 \quad f(\eta \rightarrow \infty) = 1.$$

High precision solution to quantized vortices

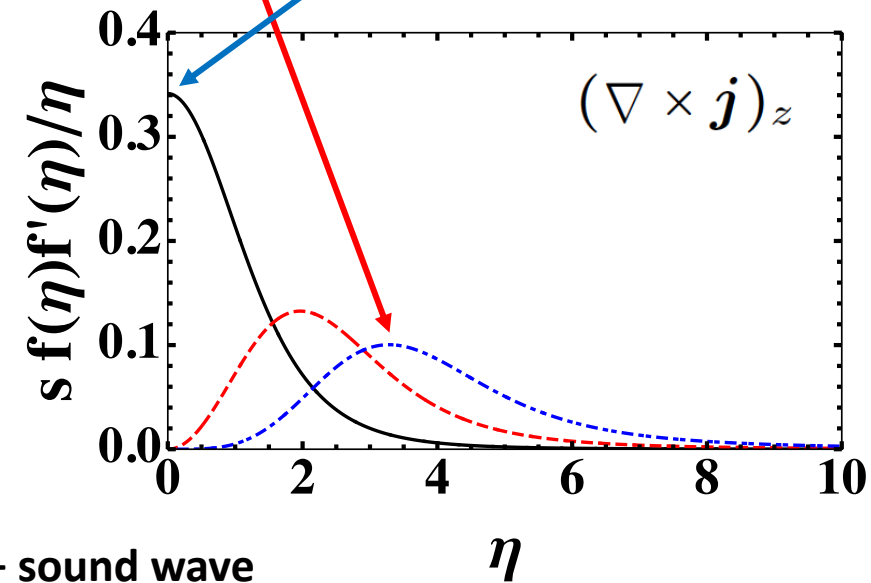
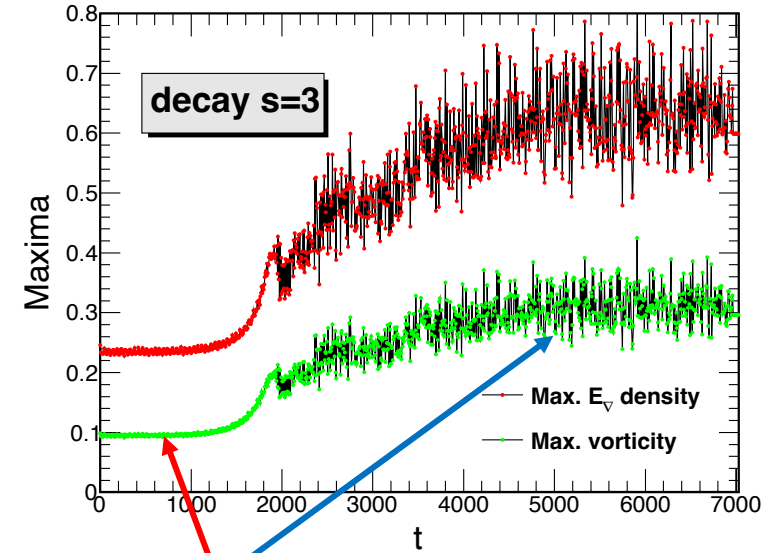
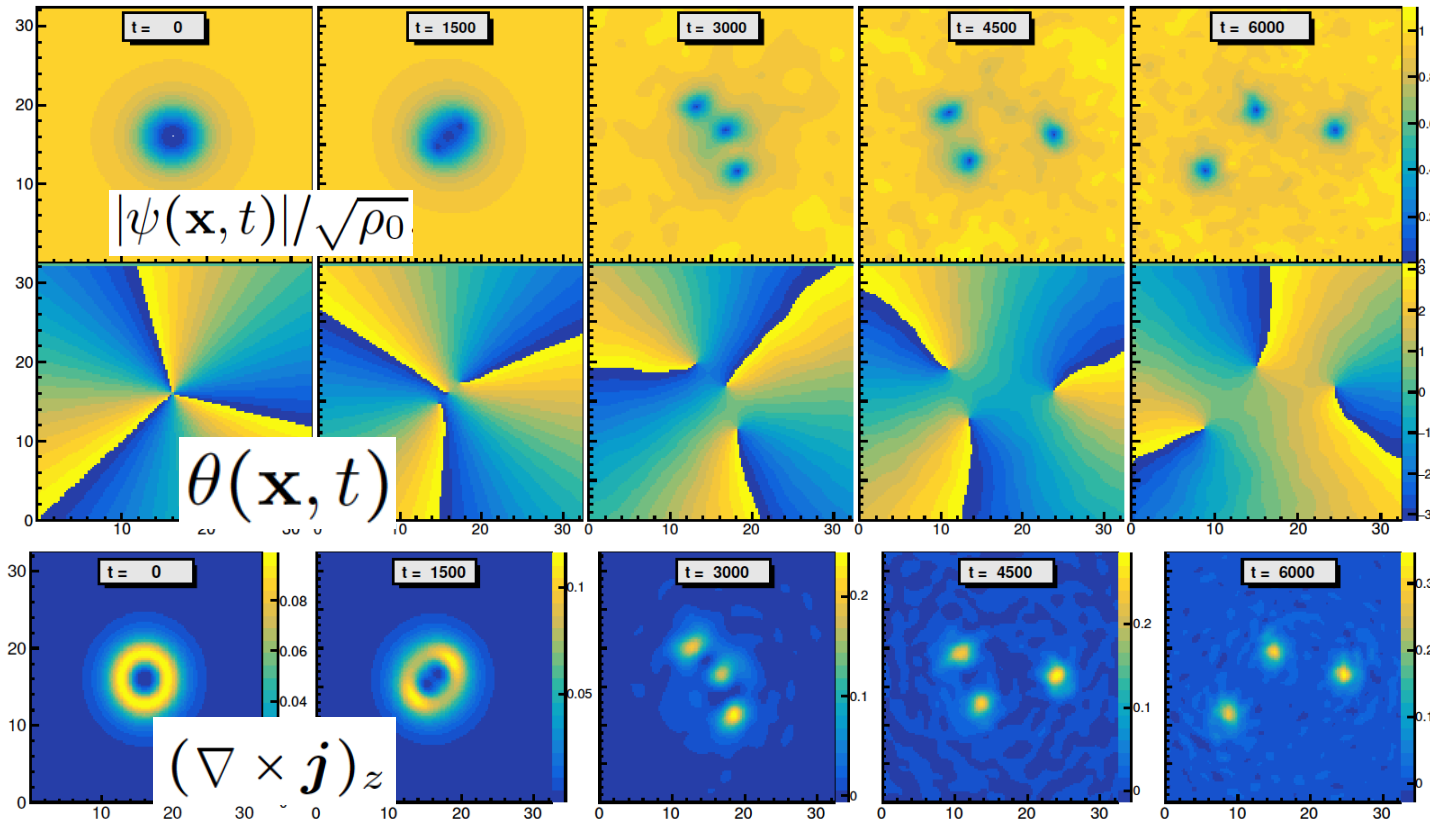
H-H Peng, [JD](#), S-Y Lou and Q Wang, Commun. Theory. Phys. 74 (2022) 9, 095002.



$$\Delta E \propto s^2 \quad \Delta L \propto s$$

$s > 1$ unstable in energy,
 $s=1$ basic dof in case of rotation

Decay to primary vortices, the basic DOF



Metastable states ($s > 1$) decay process:

Singular point splitting \rightarrow coupled vortices \rightarrow decoupled \rightarrow rotating + interacting + sound wave

Primary vortex ($s=1$) is stable, which is the fundamental DOF in rotating BECs

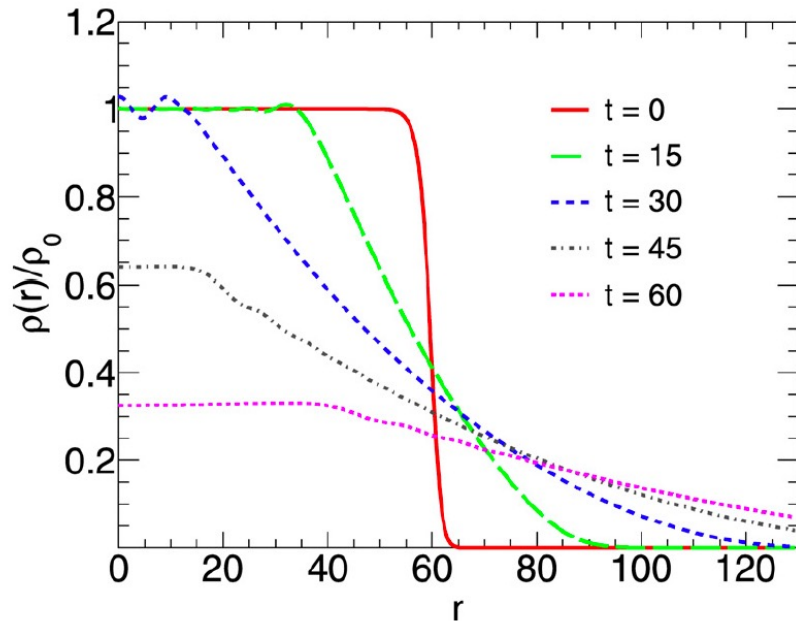
Prepare for the collision with BECs

$$\frac{\psi(t=0, \mathbf{r})}{\sqrt{\rho_0}} = w(r) = \frac{1}{\exp[(r - R_0)/a] + 1},$$

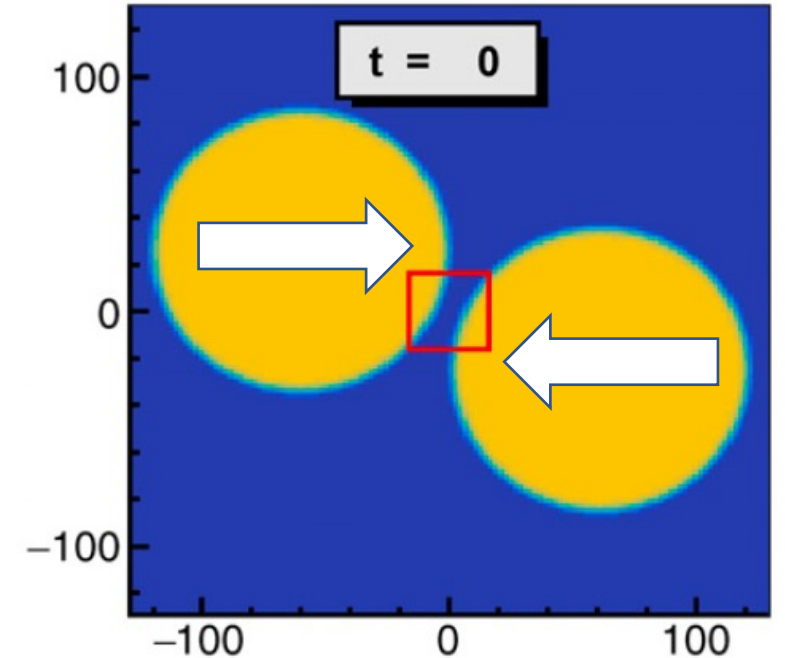
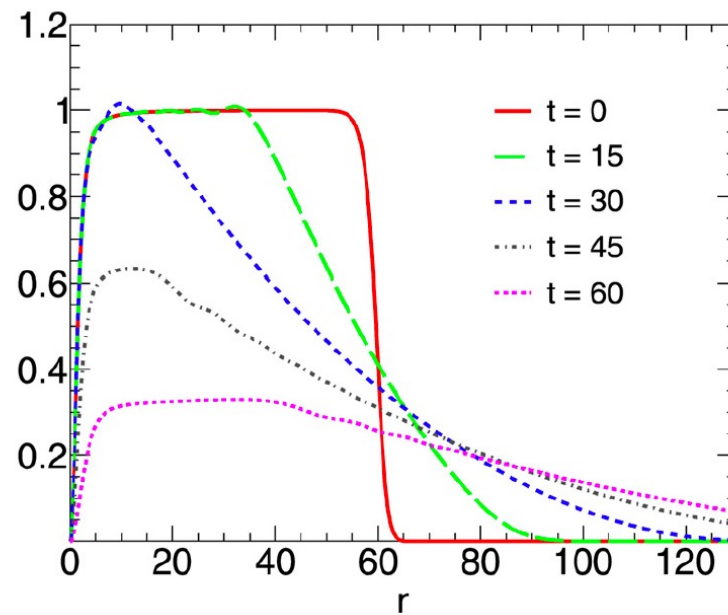
$$\frac{\psi(t=0, \mathbf{r})}{\sqrt{\rho_0}} = w(r) \times \psi_V(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\psi(t=0, \mathbf{r})}{\sqrt{\rho_0}} &= w(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|) \exp\left(\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{v_0}{c_s} \frac{x + R_0}{\xi}\right) \\ &+ w(|\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_0|) \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{v_0}{c_s} \frac{x - R_0}{\xi}\right) \end{aligned}$$

No internal structure



Rotating with a vortex

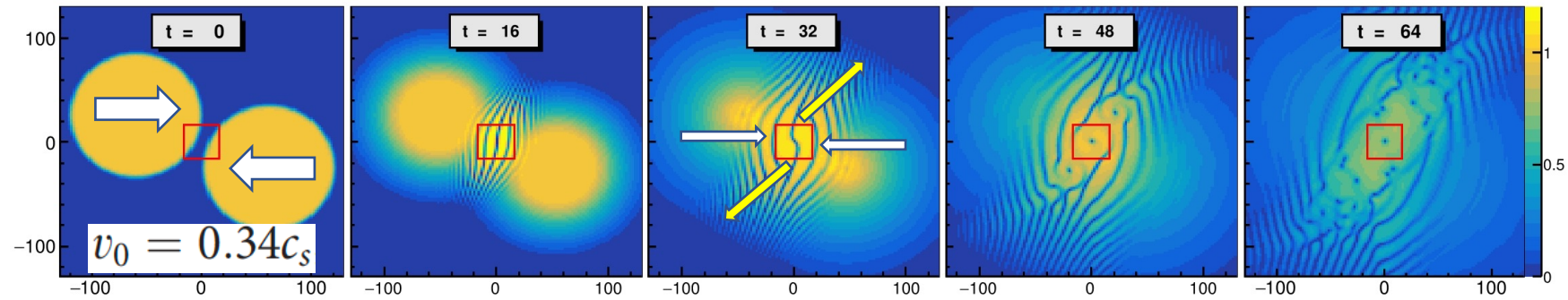


Isolated disk is not stable due to the repulsive quantum pressure and self-interaction. The inner region is inertial confined, it can maintain the density for a longer time with a larger size disk.

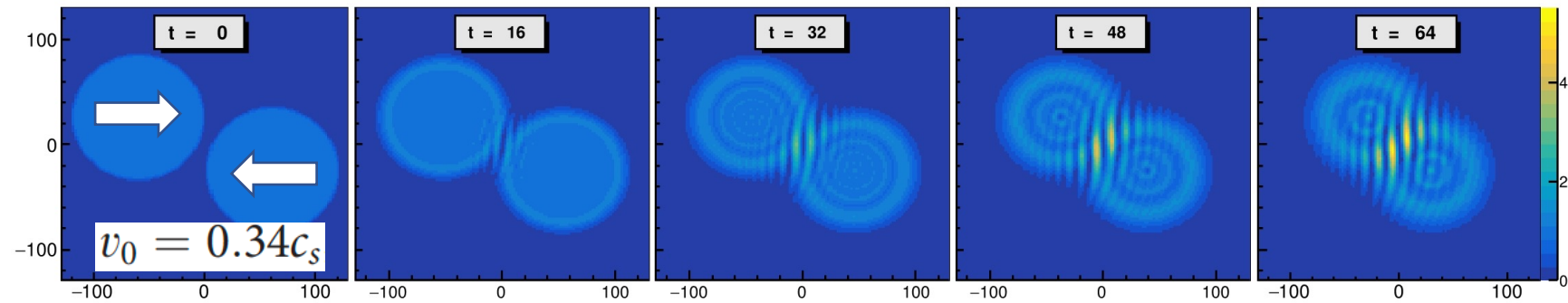
Larger size, closer distance, collision takes place before a significant expansion of the central region.

Vortex formation in collision of BECs

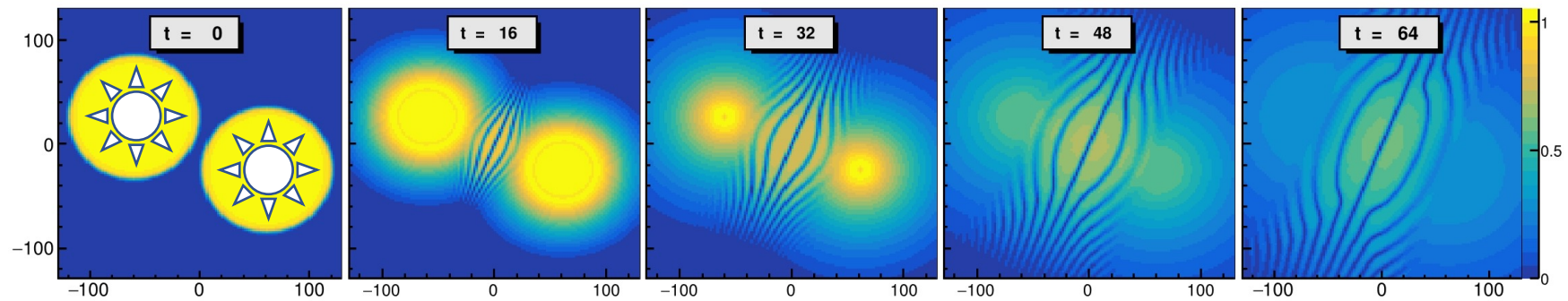
- With OAM & interaction.



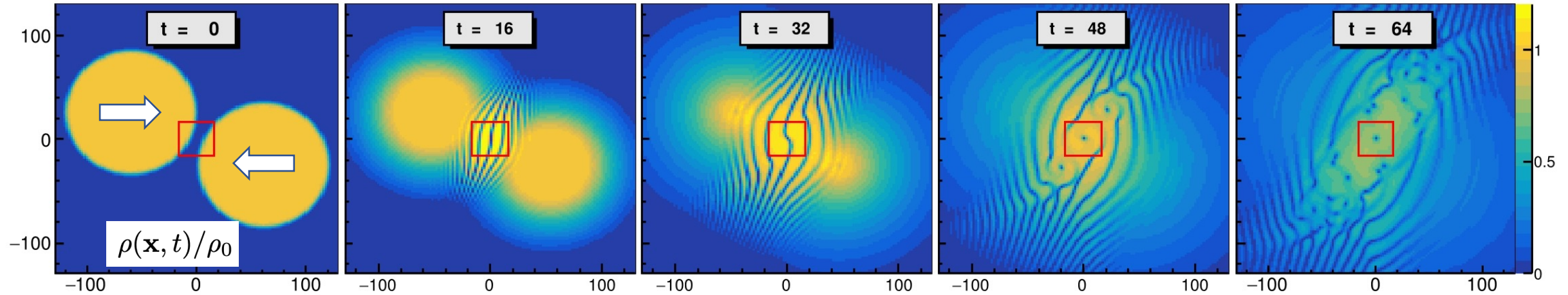
- With OAM, no interaction.



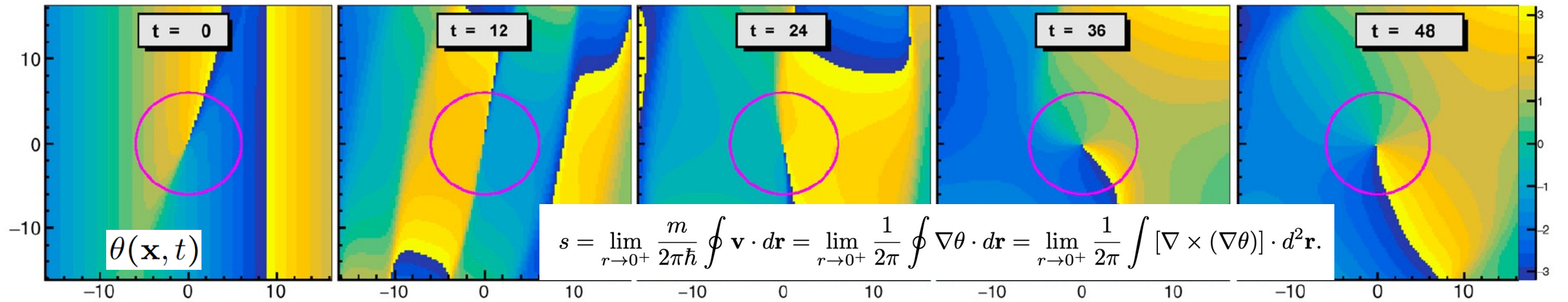
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Wave function in collision of BECs

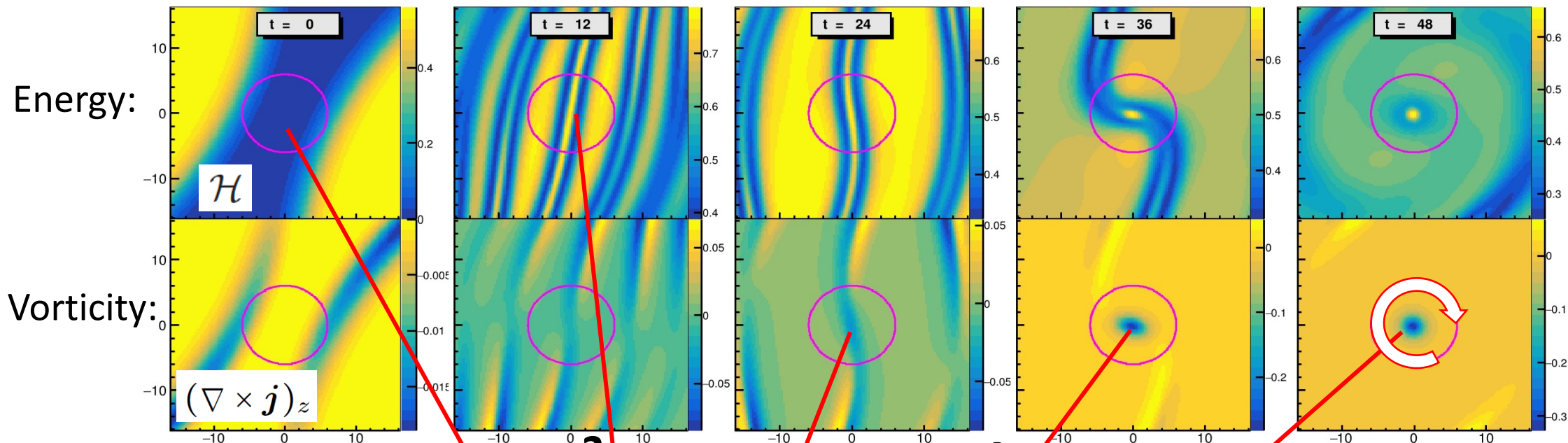


interference fringes spiral \rightarrow constructive fringes merge and destructive fringes breaks \rightarrow quantized vortices created

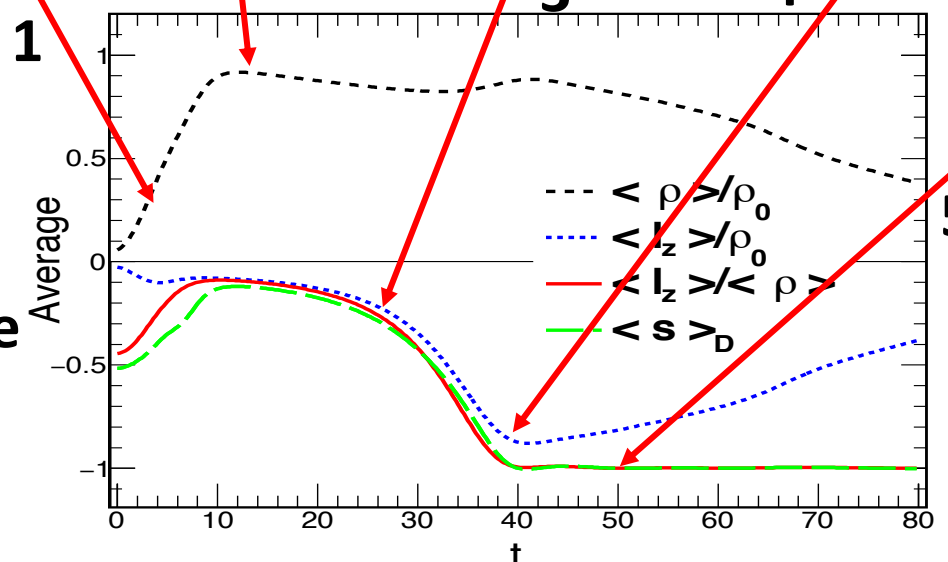


Winding number, Topological defect is conserved \rightarrow quantized vortices created around original defects
The smaller the initial OAM density \rightarrow the longer distance for OAM transfer \rightarrow the longer formation time

Energy density and vorticity evolution



1. Particle injection
2. Density balance
3. OAM injection
4. OAM&density balance
5. Vortex formed



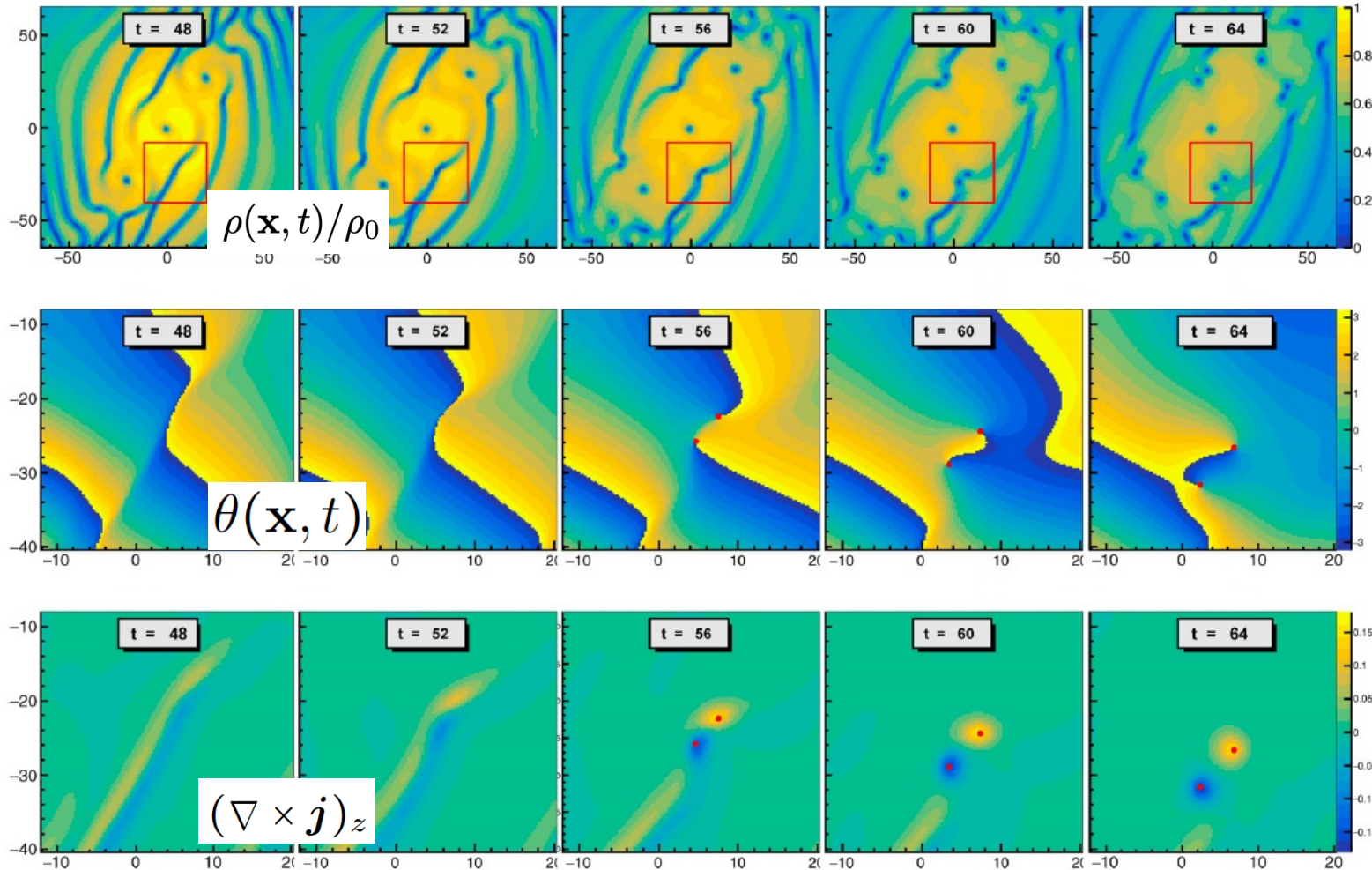
$$\langle \rho \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int d^2 \mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\langle l_z \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int d^2 \mathbf{r} (\mathbf{r} \times m \mathbf{j})_z,$$

$$\langle s \rangle_D = \frac{1}{2\pi \hbar} \frac{\int d^2 \mathbf{r} [\nabla \times m \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r})]_z}{\langle \rho(R) \rangle},$$

Primary vortex is a quantum soliton excitation, which is a fundamental degree of freedom in rotating BECs.

Vortex-antivortex pair production



1. Colliding between the internal flows, destructive fringes break further.
2. Positive and negative winding number created simultaneously.
3. Followed by the formation of vortex-antivortex pairs.
4. Pair production depends on the collision energy, not the initial OAM.
5. Pair production can take place in central collision.

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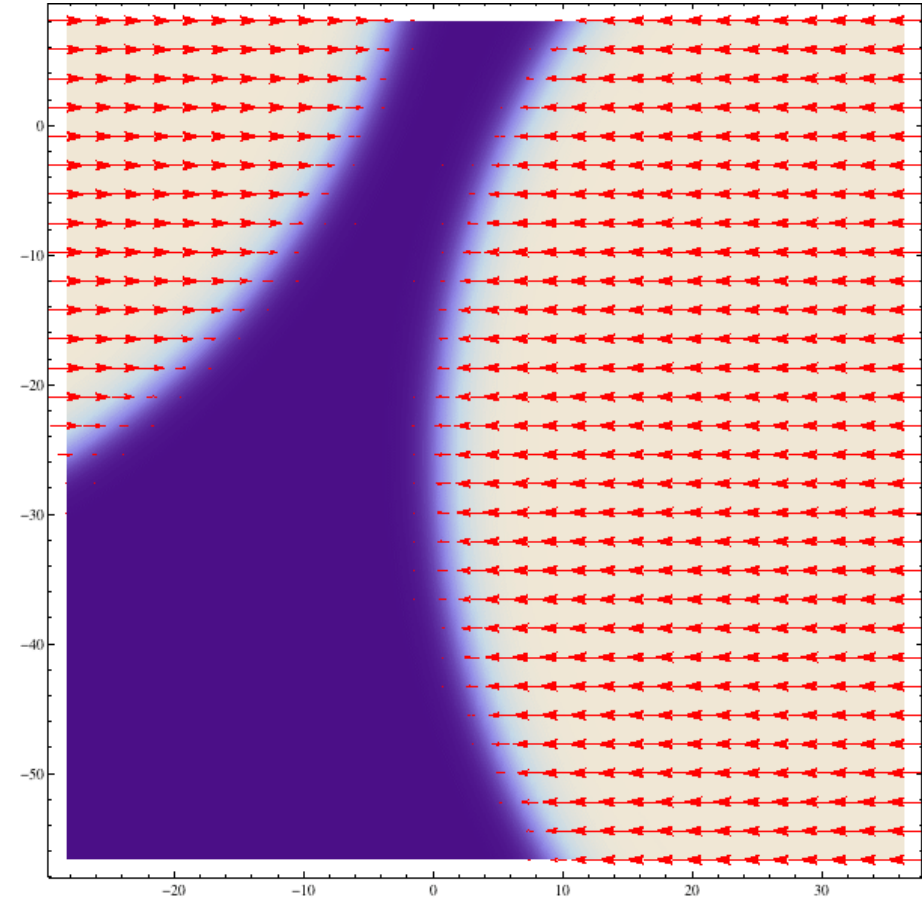
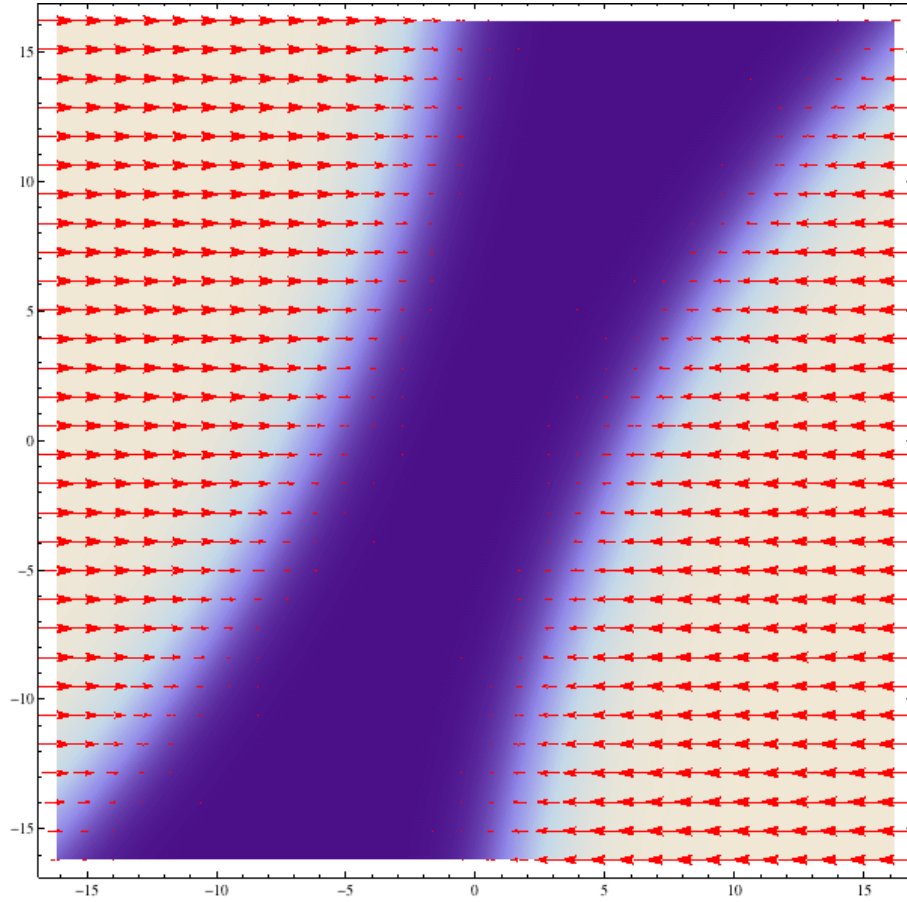
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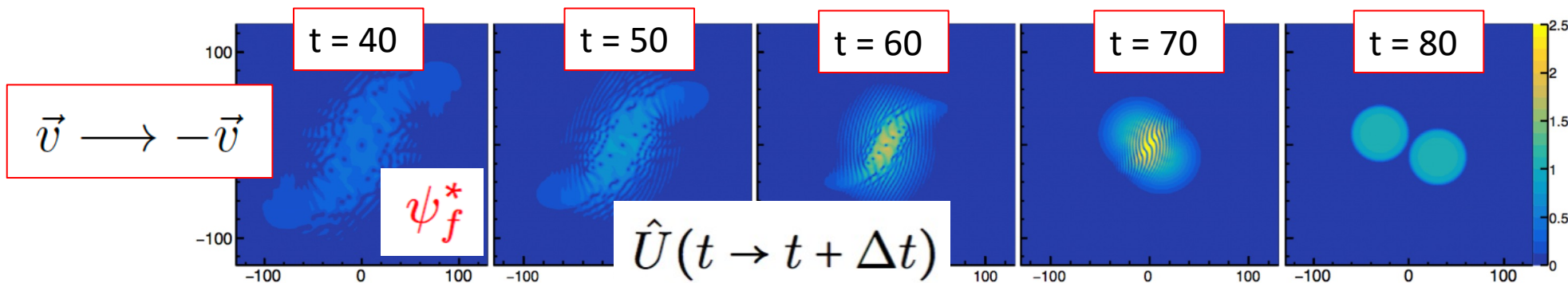
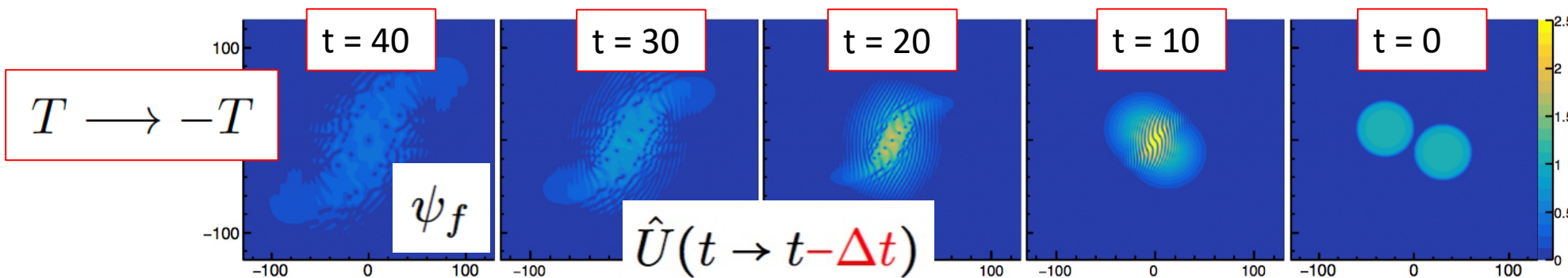
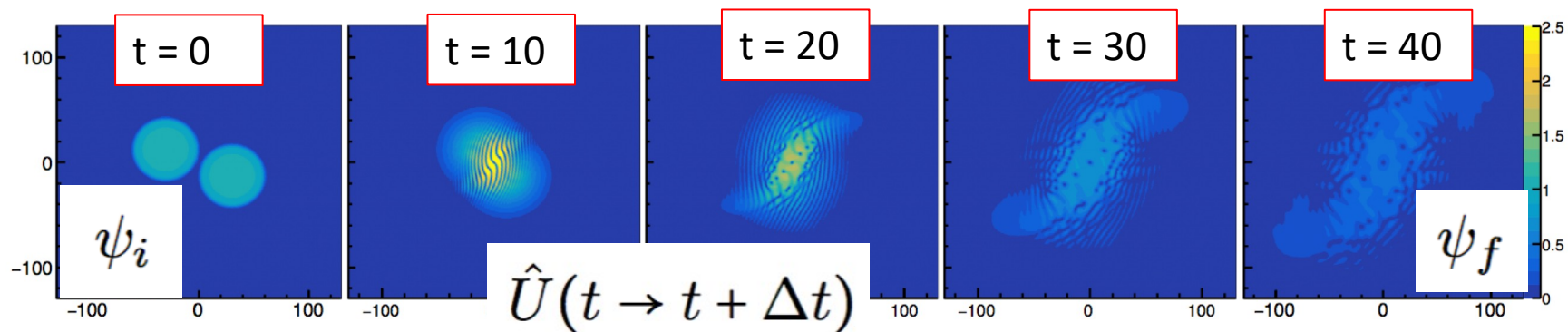
Time reversibility vs. Chaos; Vortex dynamics; Relativistic simulation.....

Back up

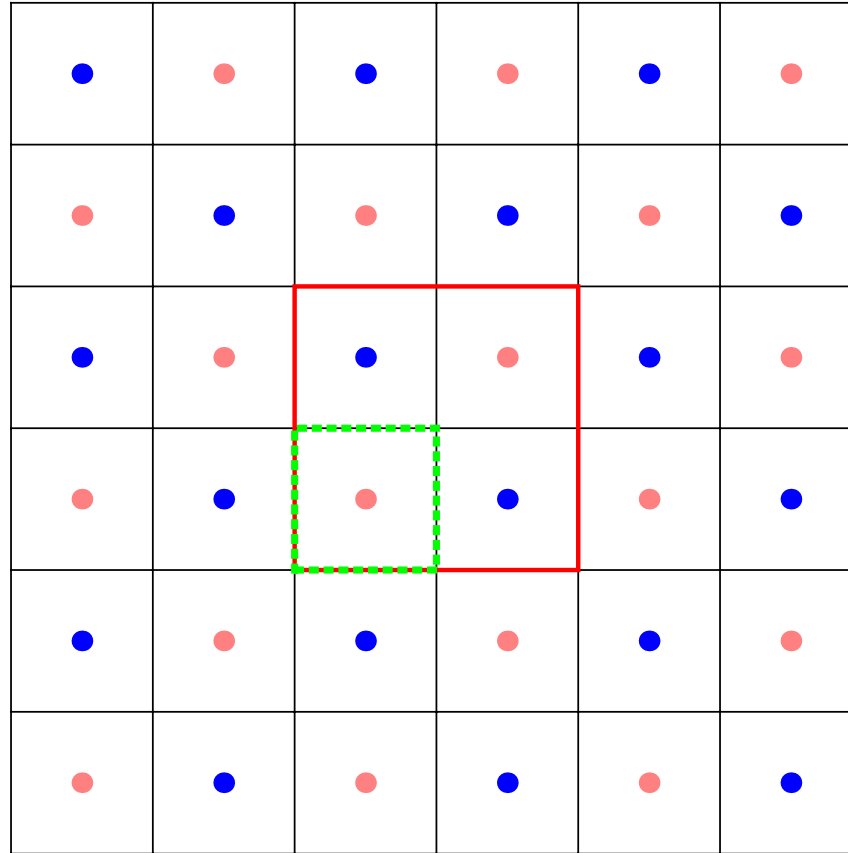
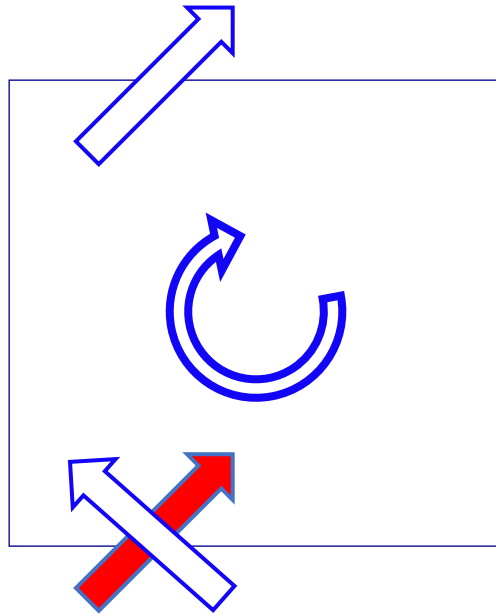
Vortex and pair production



Time reversibility, any subtlety?



Periodic boundary condition VS. rotation



$$\psi(t = 0, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\rho_0} \prod_{n=-N_0}^{N_0-1} \prod_{m=-N_0}^{N_0-1} g \left(\frac{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{n+\frac{1}{2}, m+\frac{1}{2}}|}{\xi} \right) \exp \left[i s_{n+\frac{1}{2}, m+\frac{1}{2}} \phi(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{n+\frac{1}{2}, m+\frac{1}{2}}) \right].$$