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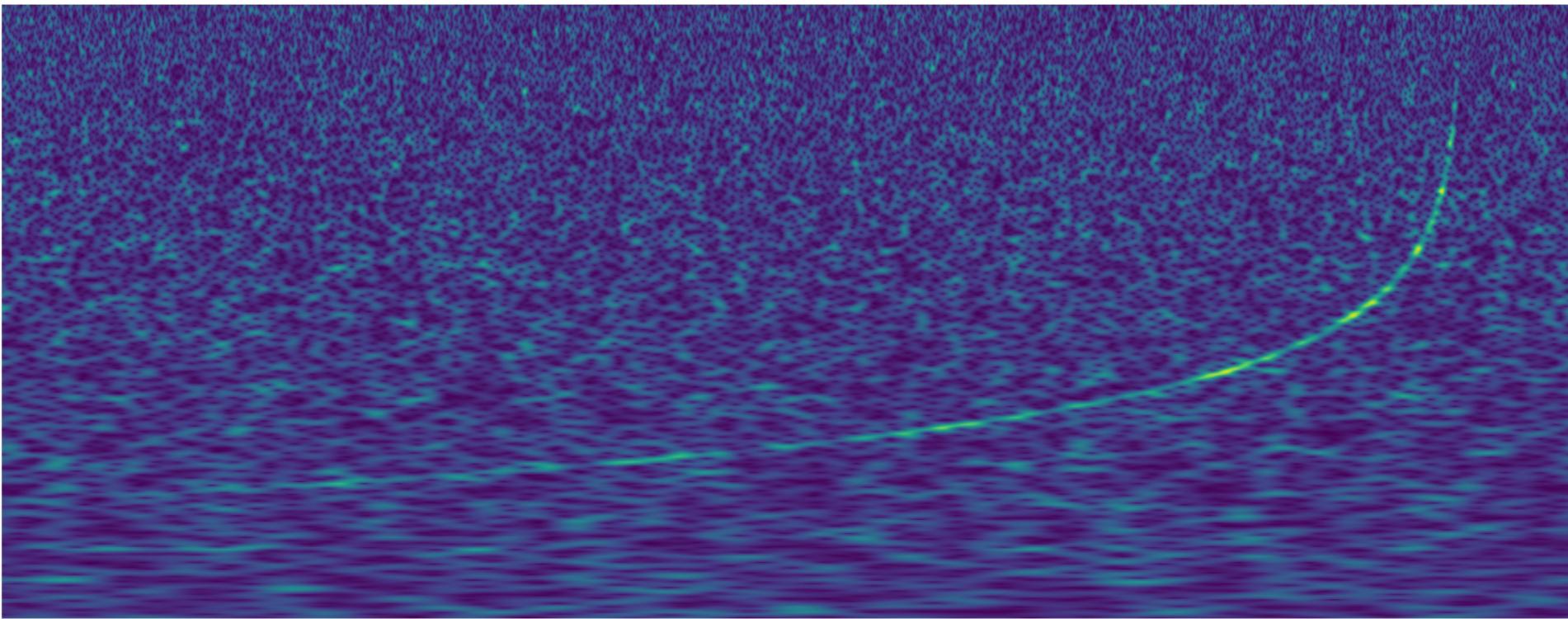
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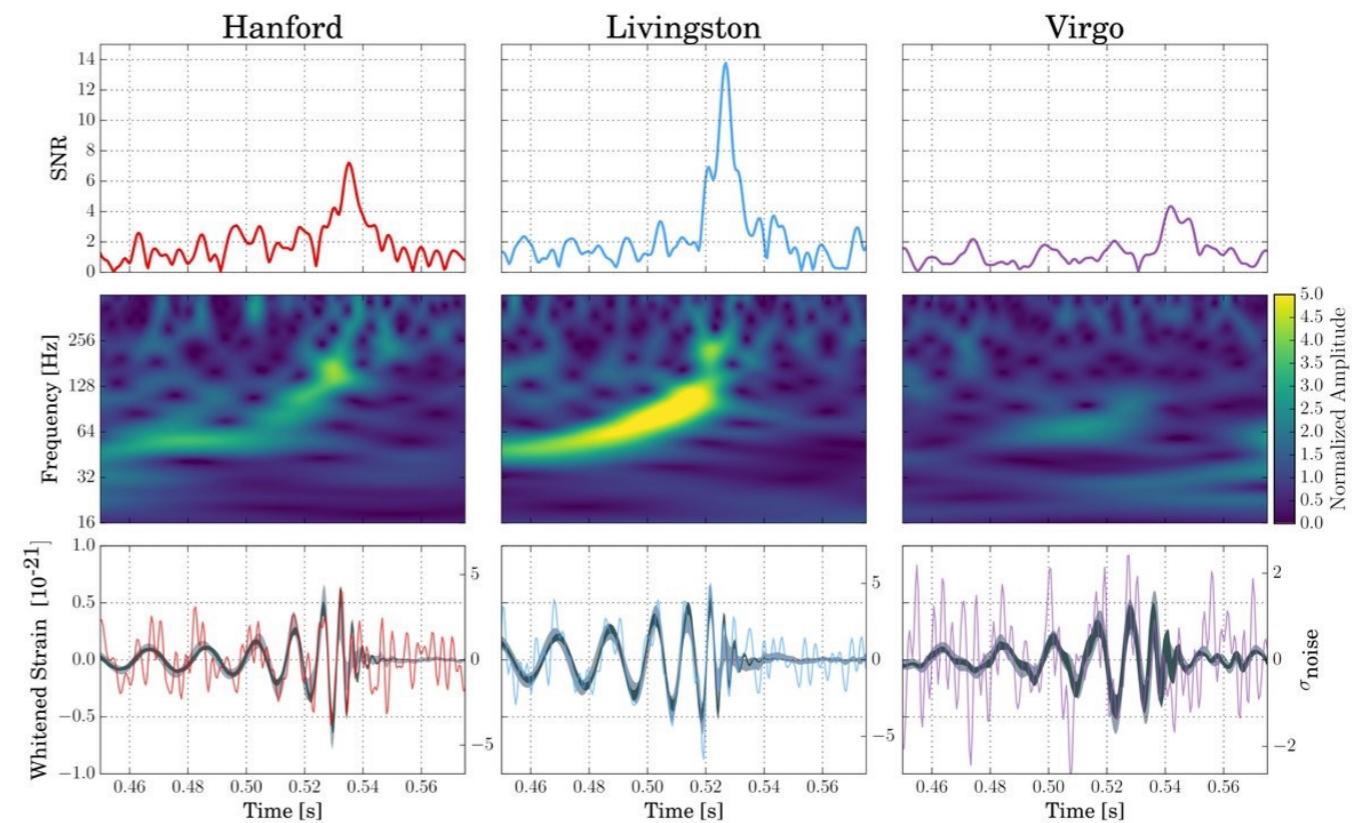
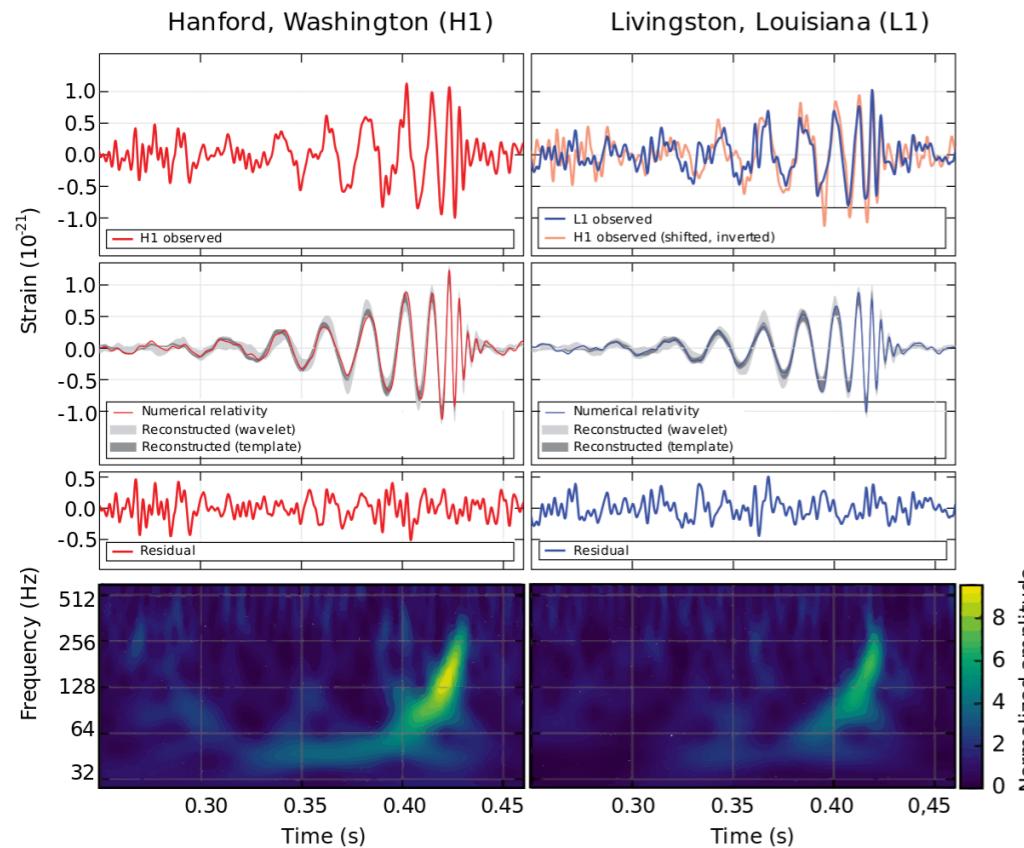
A NUMERICAL-RELATIVITY
GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE CATALOGUE OF
SPINNING PROCA-STAR COLLISIONS

MOTIVATION



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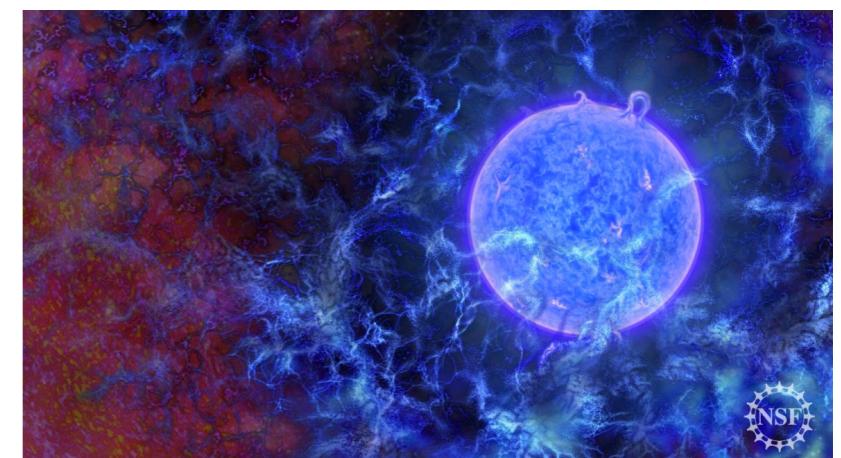
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EXOTIC COMPACT OBJECTS

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- ▶ To what extent are all astrophysical, dark, compact objects
both black holes and described by the Kerr geometry?
- ▶ **ECOs:** Involve strong gravitational fields and may be the key to understand open questions in fundamental physics.
- ▶ From **dark matter to quantum gravity:** Wormholes, dark stars, gravastars, fuzzballs, quark stars, boson stars....
- ▶ In this talk I will focus on **boson stars**.



WHAT ARE BOSON STARS?

Kaup, D. J. (1968). Klein-gordon geon. *Physical Review*, 172(5), 1331.

Ruffini, R., & Bonazzola, S. (1969). Systems of self-gravitating particles in general relativity and the concept of an equation of state. *Physical Review*, 187(5), 1767.

Brito, R., Cardoso, V., Herdeiro, C. A., & Radu, E. (2016). Proca stars: gravitating Bose–Einstein condensates of massive spin 1 particles. *Physics Letters B*, 752, 291-295.

- ▶ **Scalar boson stars** and its vector “cousins”, known as **Proca stars**, are macroscopic self-gravitating Bose-Einstein condensates described by ultralight bosons.
- ▶ At the lowest energy level state can be classically described by a **wavefunction**, characterized by the particle mass μ .
- ▶ Considering a **complex scalar field** with **harmonic dependence**:

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \phi_{\text{Re}}(\mathbf{r}, t) + i \phi_{\text{Im}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \phi_0 e^{-i \omega t}$$

MOTIVATION

- ▶ **Dark matter** up to 27% of the energy content of the Universe.
- ▶ In a **cosmological** context, **scalar fields** have been proposed as constituents of **dark matter halos** in galaxies.
- ▶ Compton wavelength:
$$\lambda = h/(mc)$$

$$\hbar\mu \sim 10^{-22} - 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$$
- ▶ Astrophysical BHs could have **scalar or Proca hair** (Herdeiro & Radu 2014).
- ▶ **Axiverse**: from 10^{-33} to 10^{-10} eV this implies masses from 1 to $10^{23} M_\odot$

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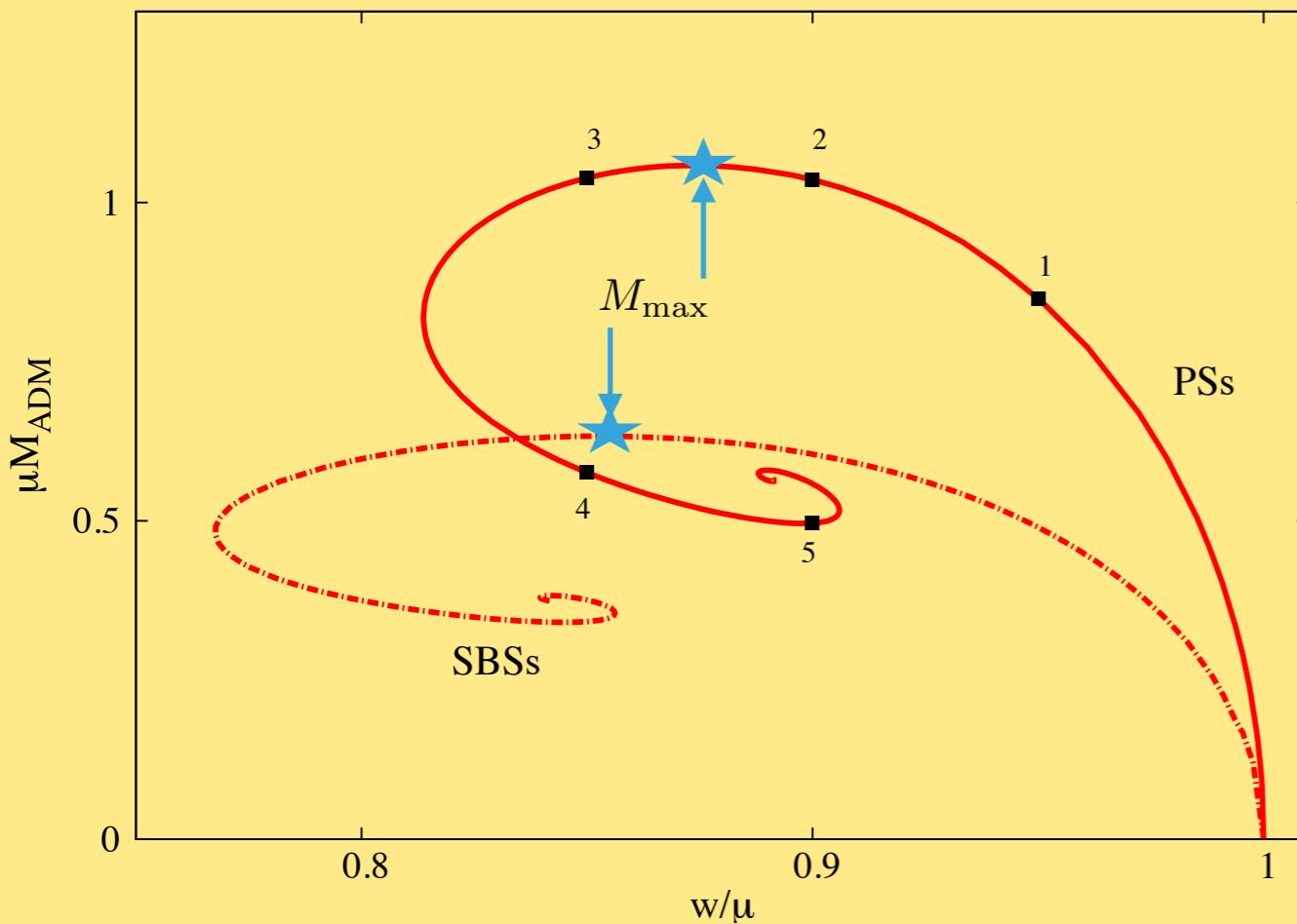
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ON THE STABILITY OF BOSON AND PROCA STARS

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Lensing and dynamics of ultracompact bosonic stars. Physical Review D, 96(10), 104040.
- Escorihuela-Tomàs, A., **Sanchis-Gual, N.**, Degollado, J. C., & Font, J. A. (2017).
Quasistationary solutions of scalar fields around collapsing self-interacting boson stars. Physical Review D, 96(2), 024015.
- **Sanchis-Gual, N.**, Herdeiro, C., Radu, E., Degollado, J. C., & Font, J. A. (2017).
Numerical evolutions of spherical Proca stars. Physical Review D, 95(10), 104028.

BOSON AND PROCA STARS

Equilibrium solutions in spherical symmetry.



$$M_{\max} \sim 0.633 M_{\text{Planck}}^2 / \mu$$

Liebling, S. L., & Palenzuela, C. (2017).
Dynamical boson stars. Living Reviews in Relativity, 20(1), 5.

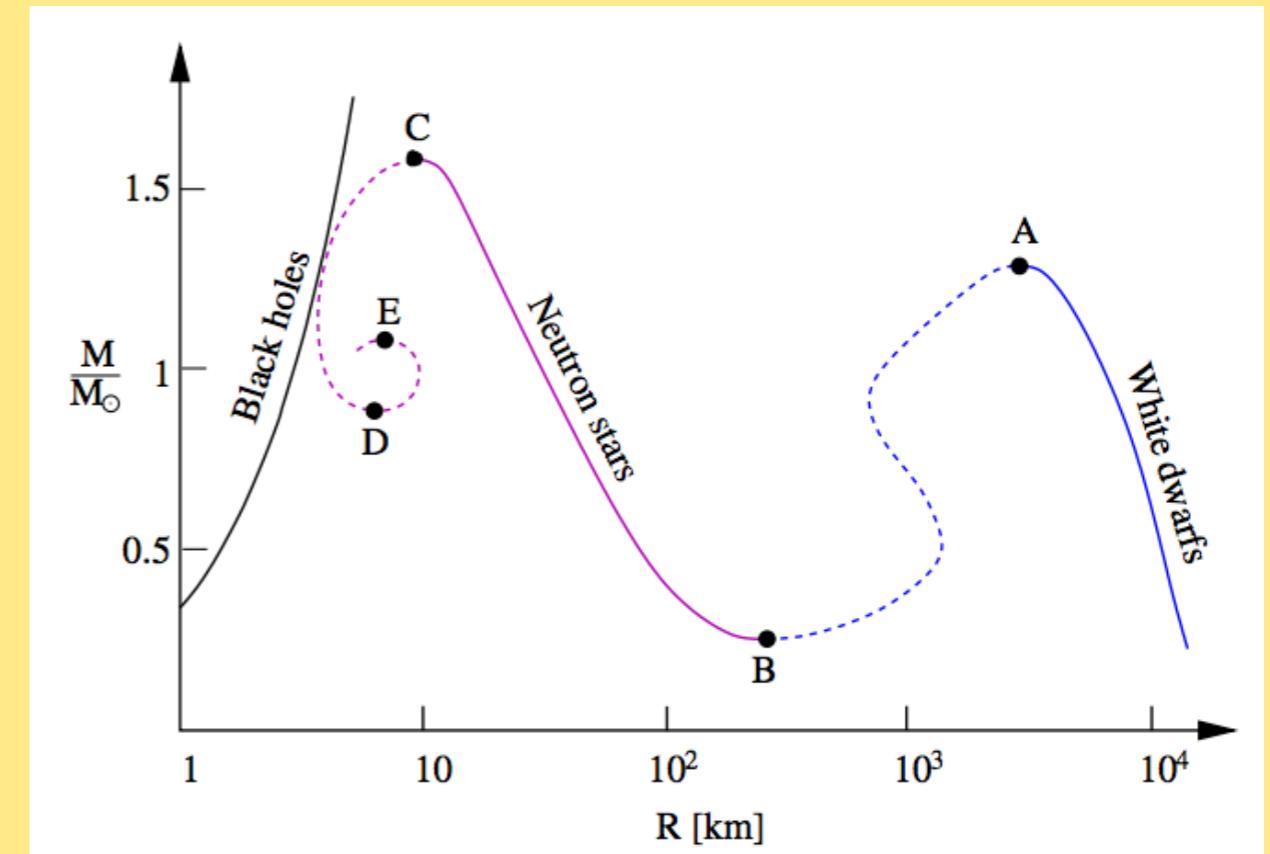


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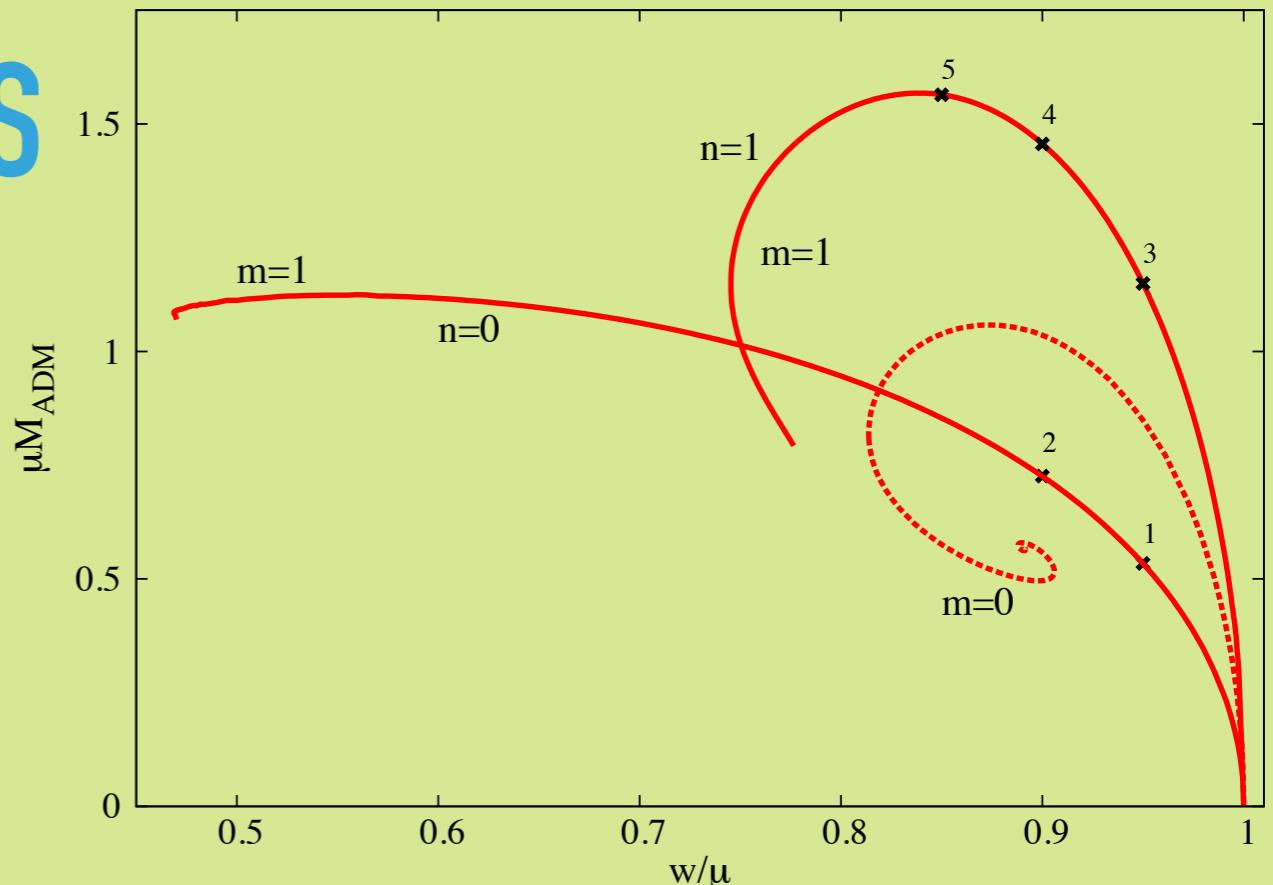
SPINNING BOSONIC STARS

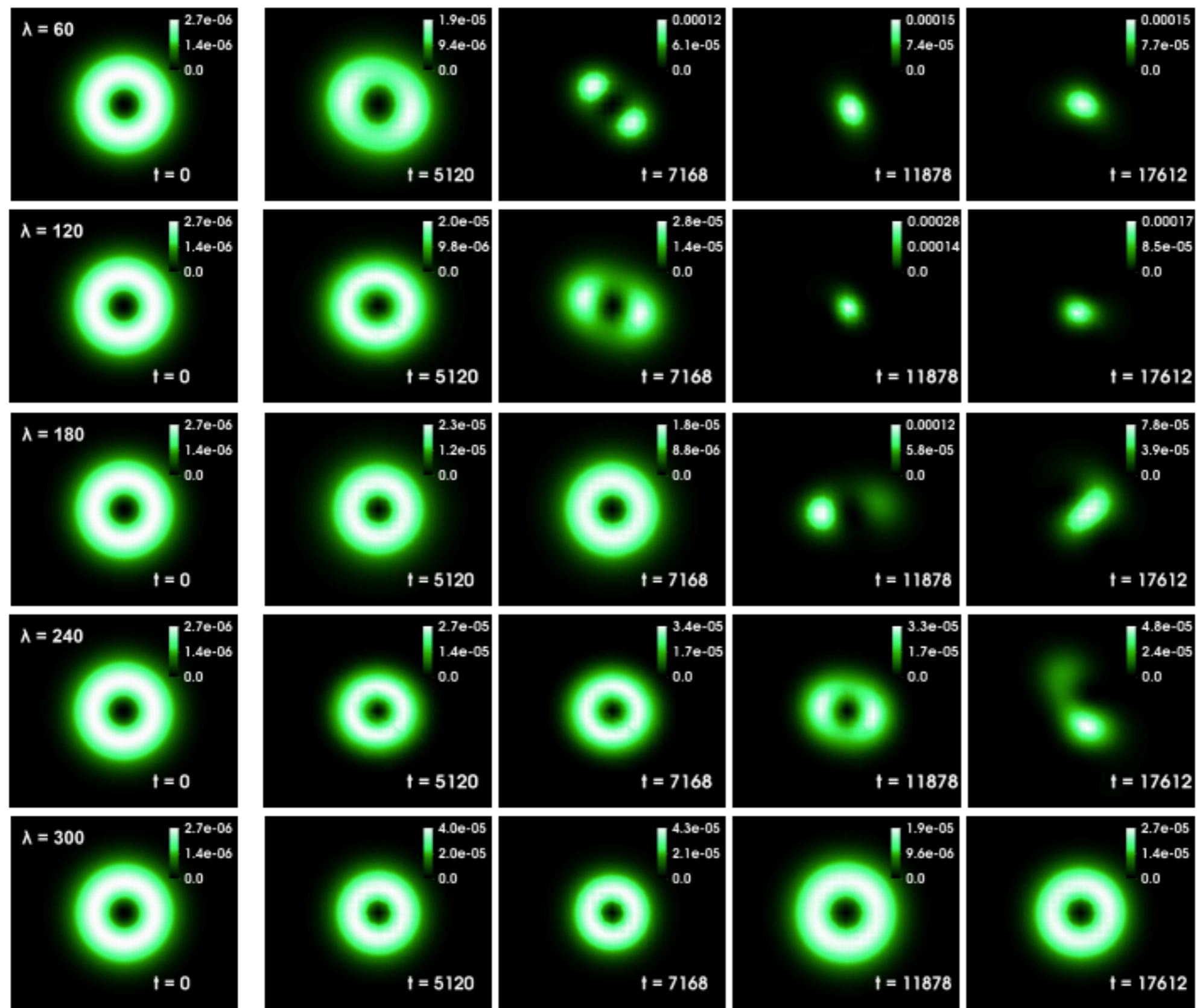
- ▶ The Proca field **ansatz**:

$$A = \left(\frac{H_1}{r} dr + H_2 d\theta + iH_3 \sin \theta d\varphi + iV dt \right) e^{i(m\varphi - \omega t)}$$

- ▶ and the scalar field **ansatz**:

$$\phi(t, r, \theta, \varphi) = R(r)Y_{11}(\theta, \varphi) e^{i(m\varphi - \omega t)}$$





Sanchis-Gual, N., Di
Giovanni, F., Zilhão, M.,
Herdeiro, C., Cerdá-
Durán, P., Font, J. A., &
Radu, E. (2019). Nonlinear dynamics of
spinning bosonic stars: Formation and
stability. *Physical Review Letters*, 123(22), 221101.

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- Bezares, M., Palenzuela, C., & Bona, C. (2017). Final fate of compact boson star mergers. *Physical Review D*, 95(12), 124005.
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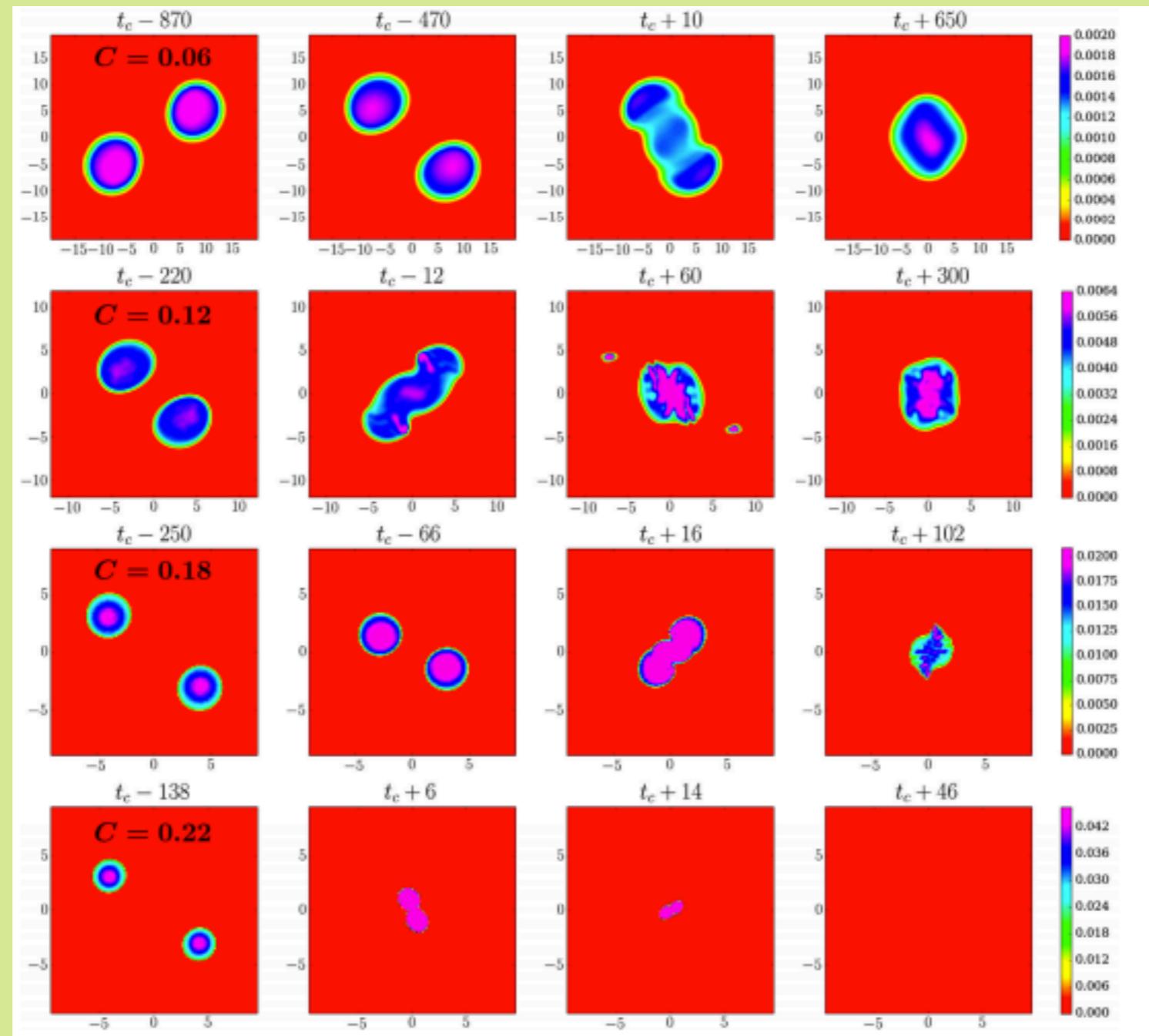
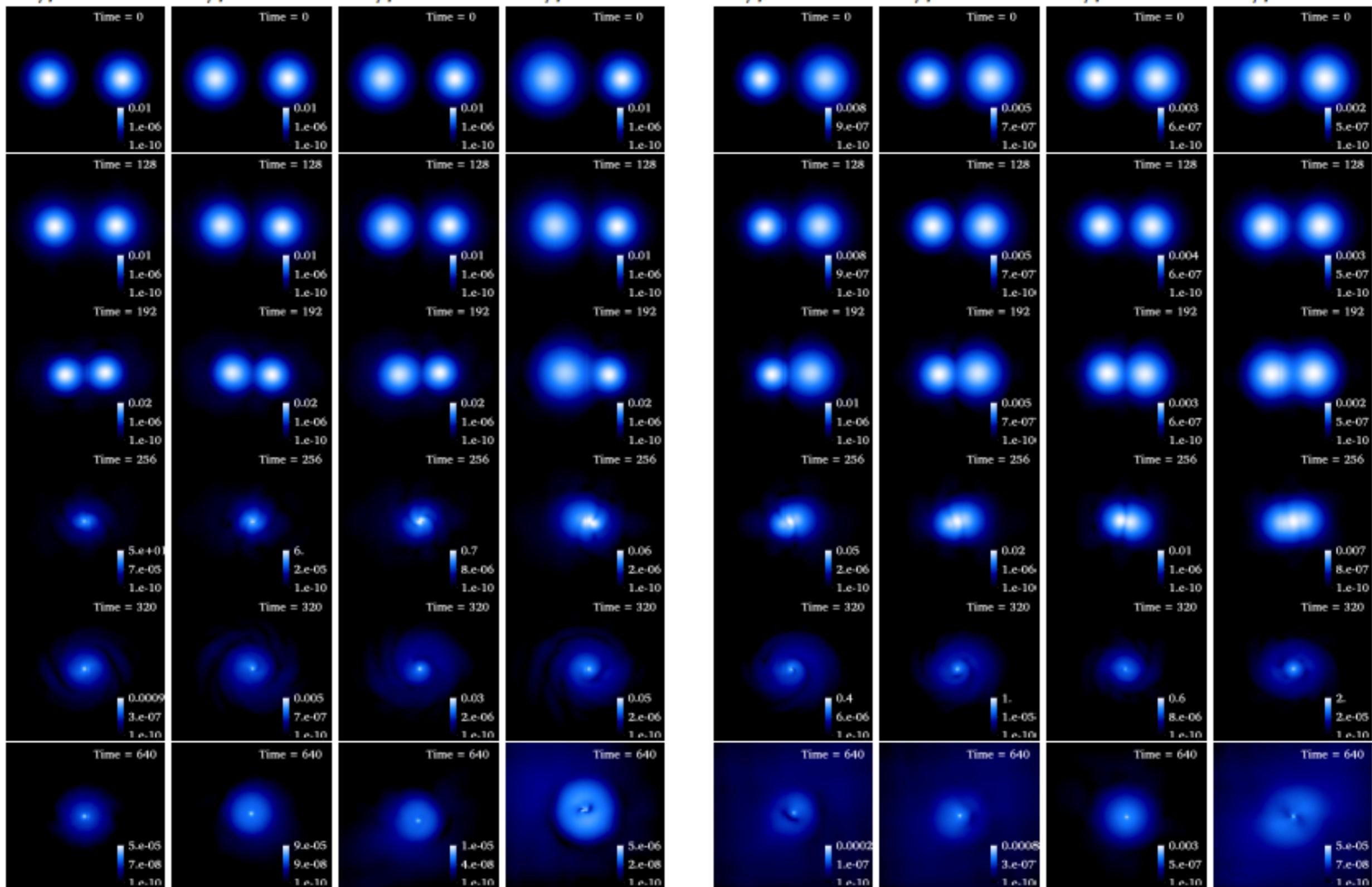
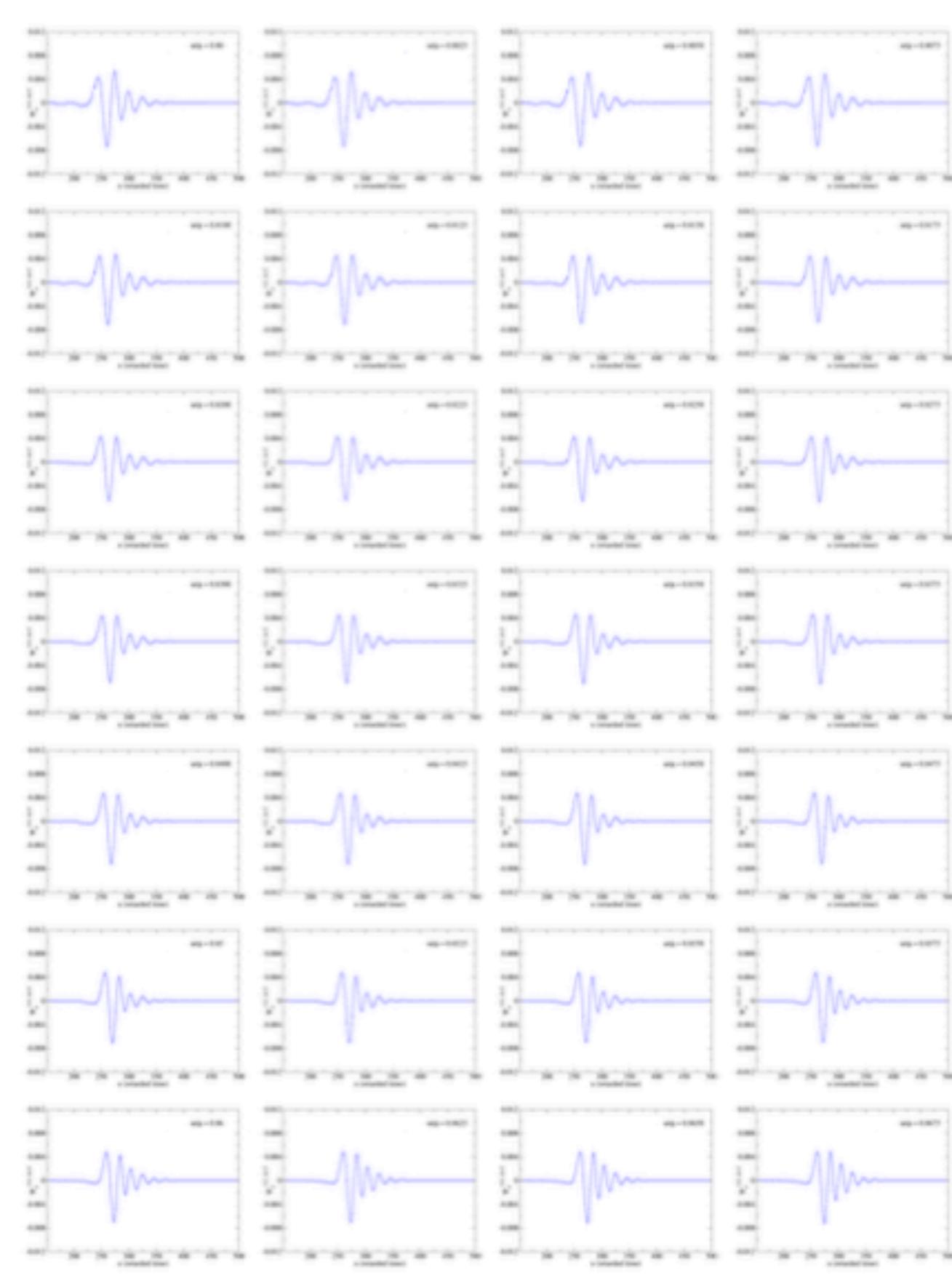
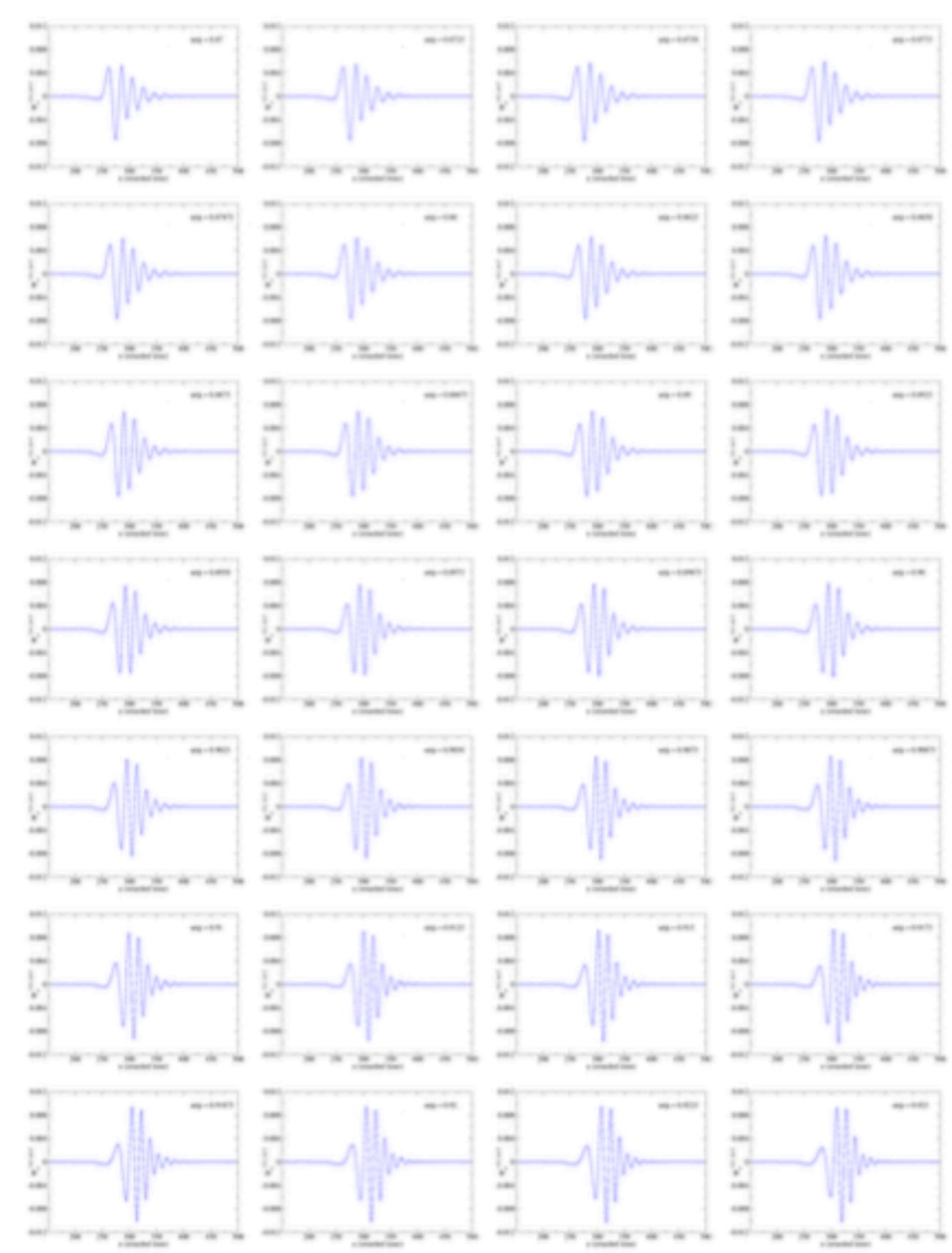


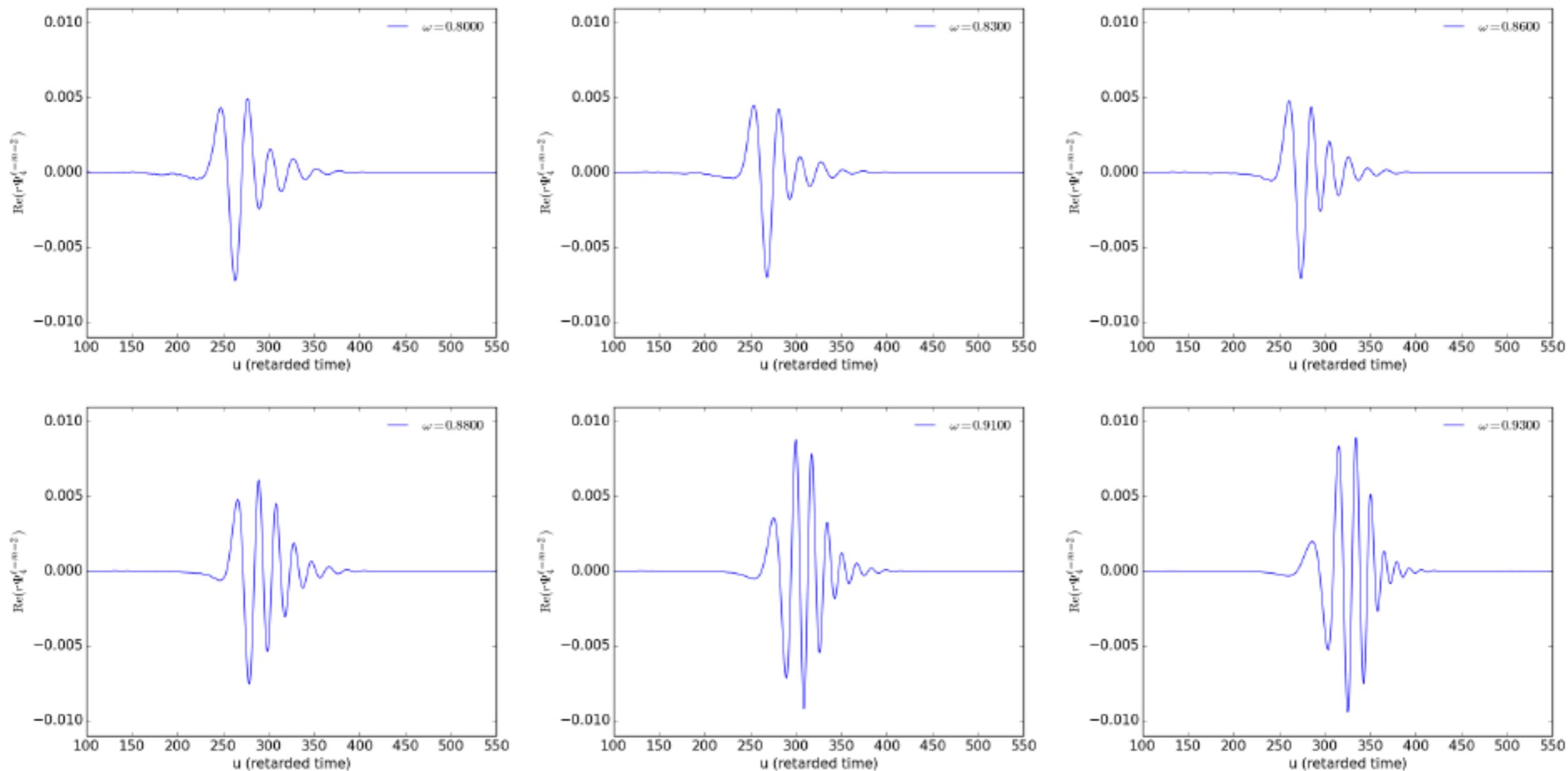
FIG. 2. Coalescence of binary BSs: Snapshots in time of the Noether charge density in the orbital plane. Each row corresponds to a different compactness (from top to bottom: 0.06, 0.12, 0.18, and 0.22). The collision of the stars happens at different times due to the different initial conditions and compactness of each case. Note the emission of two scalar blobs in the third panel of the $C = 0.12$ case.

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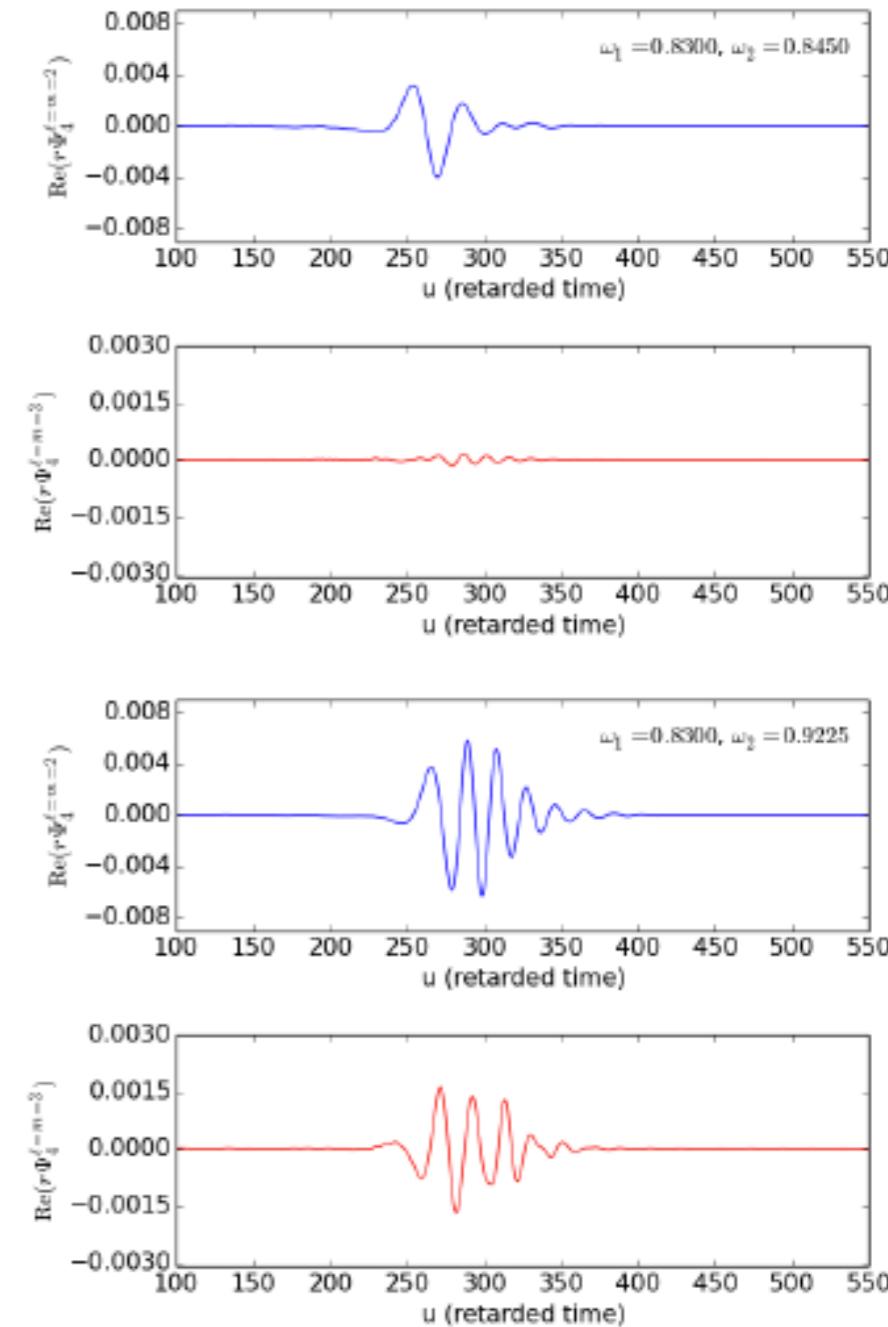
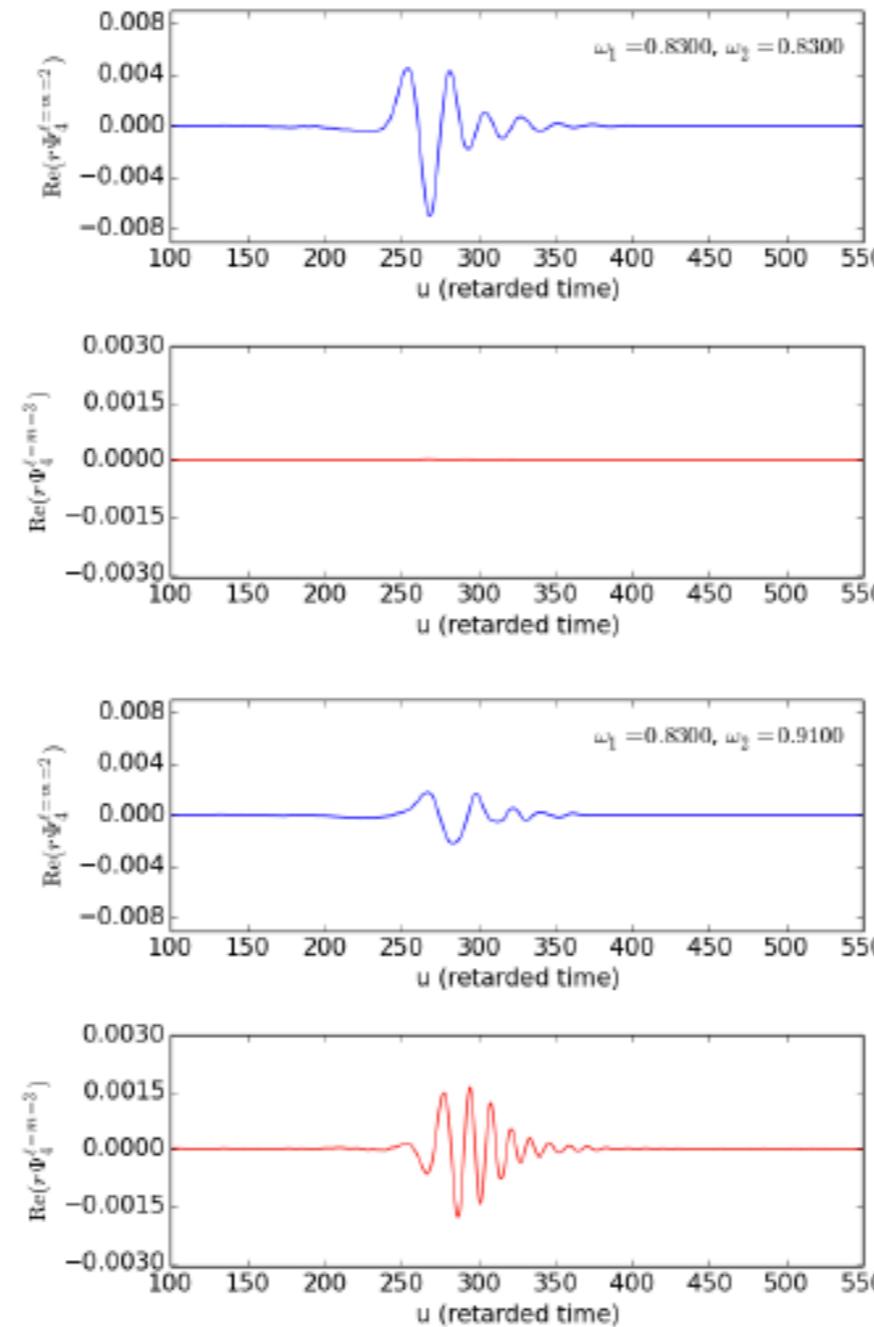
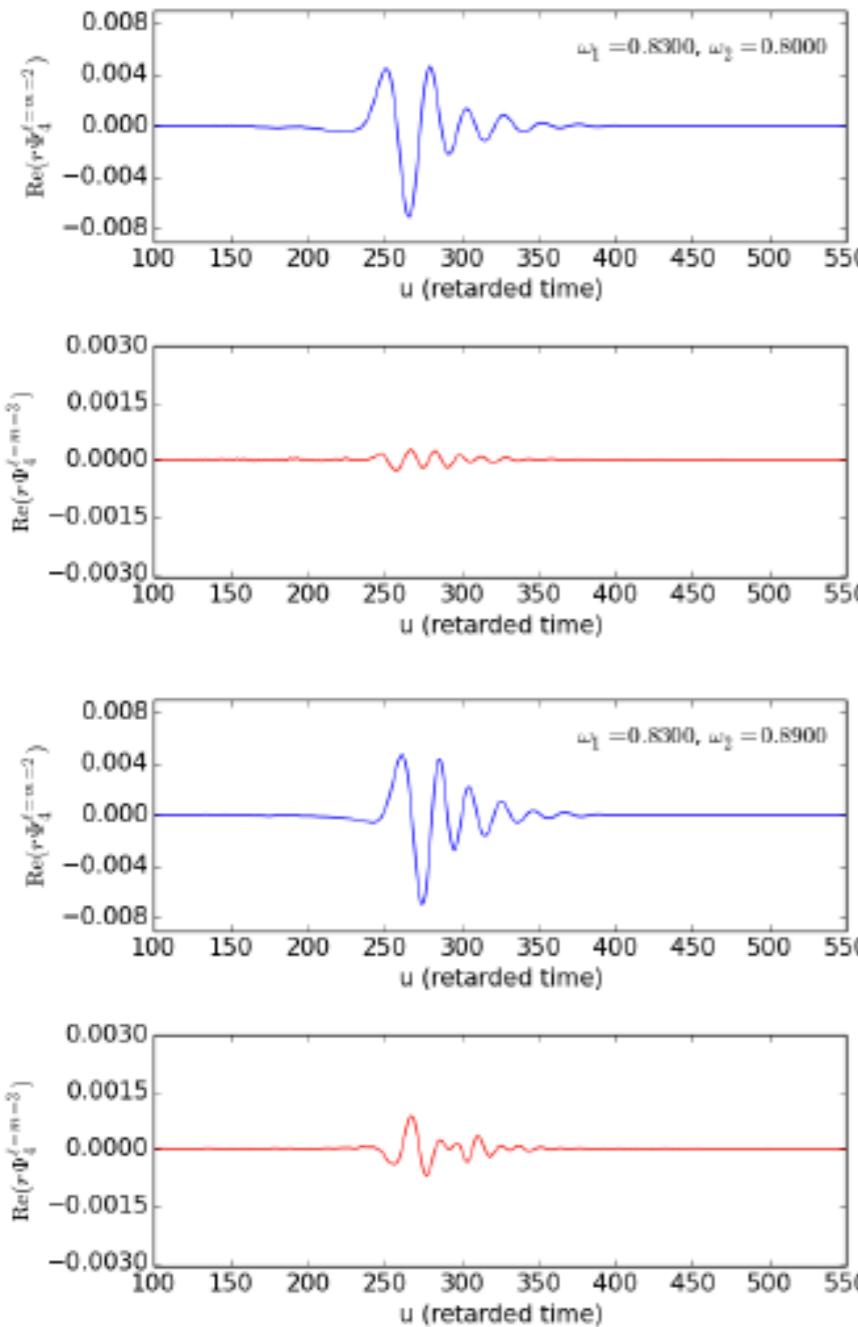
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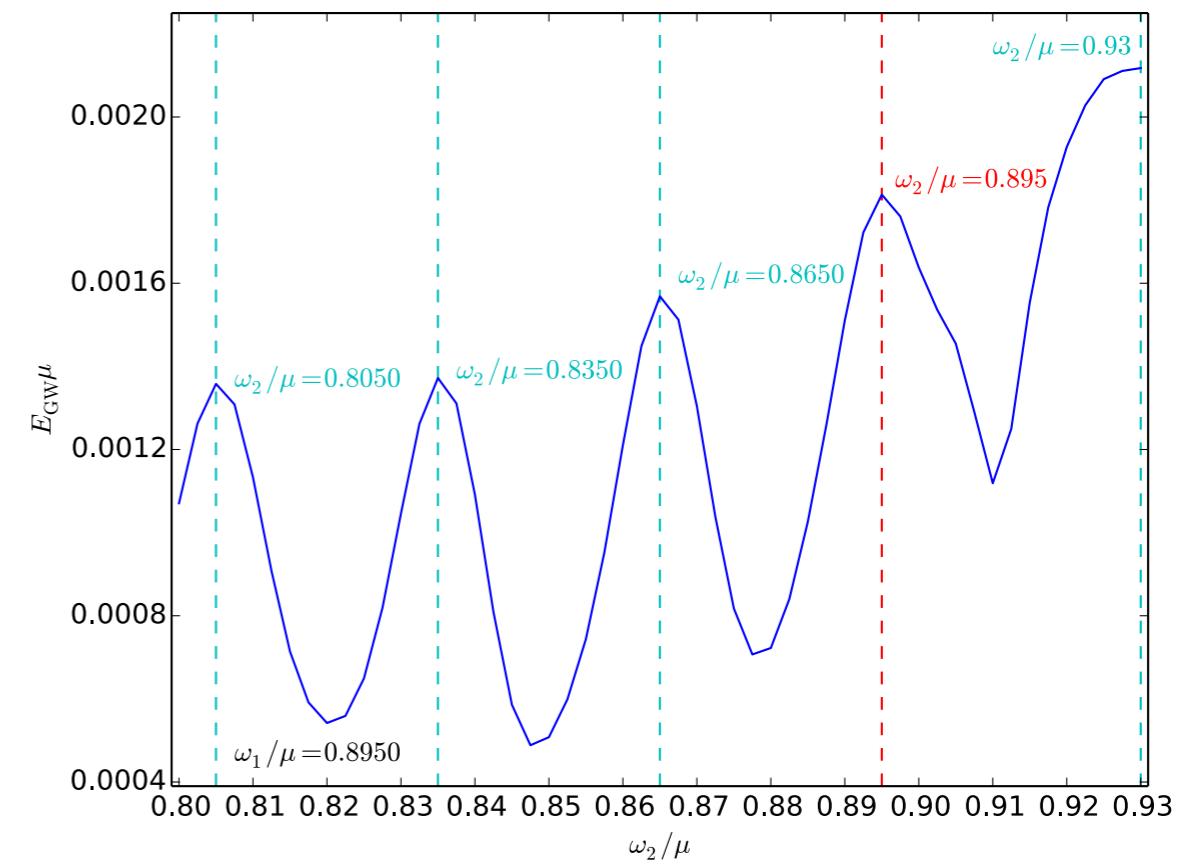
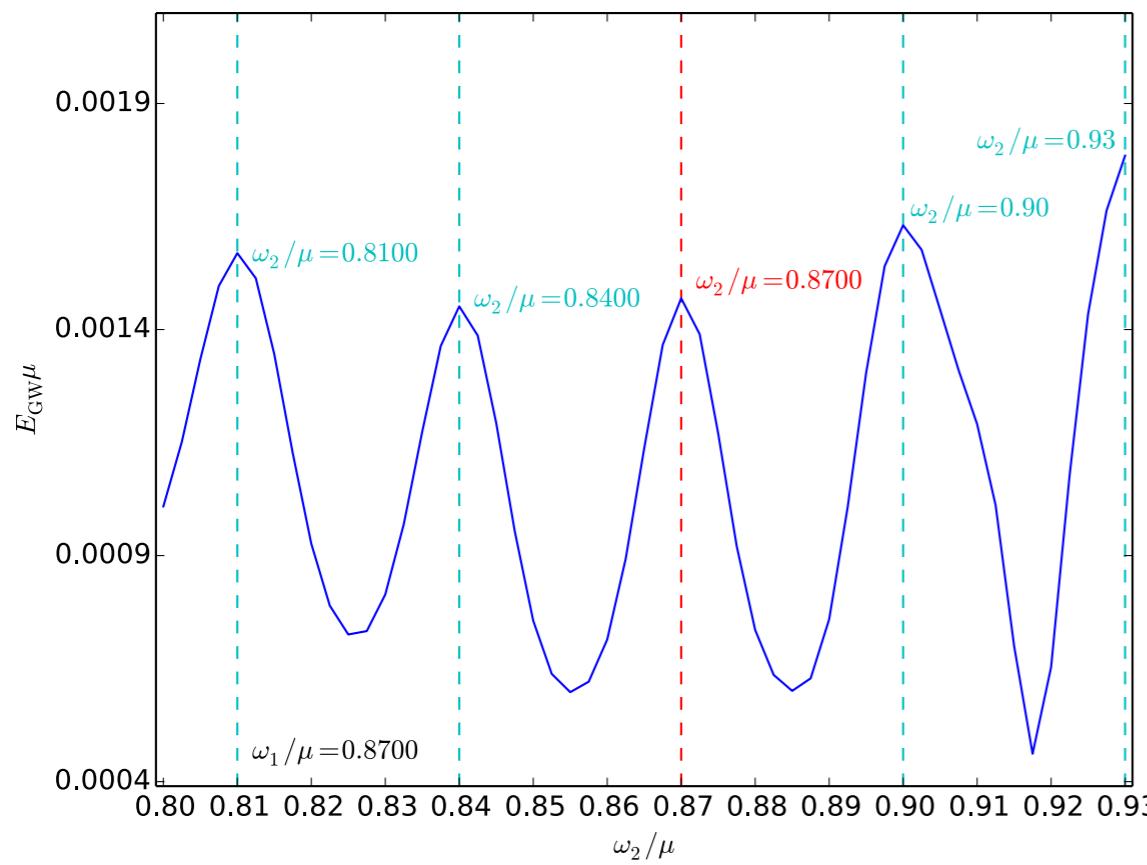
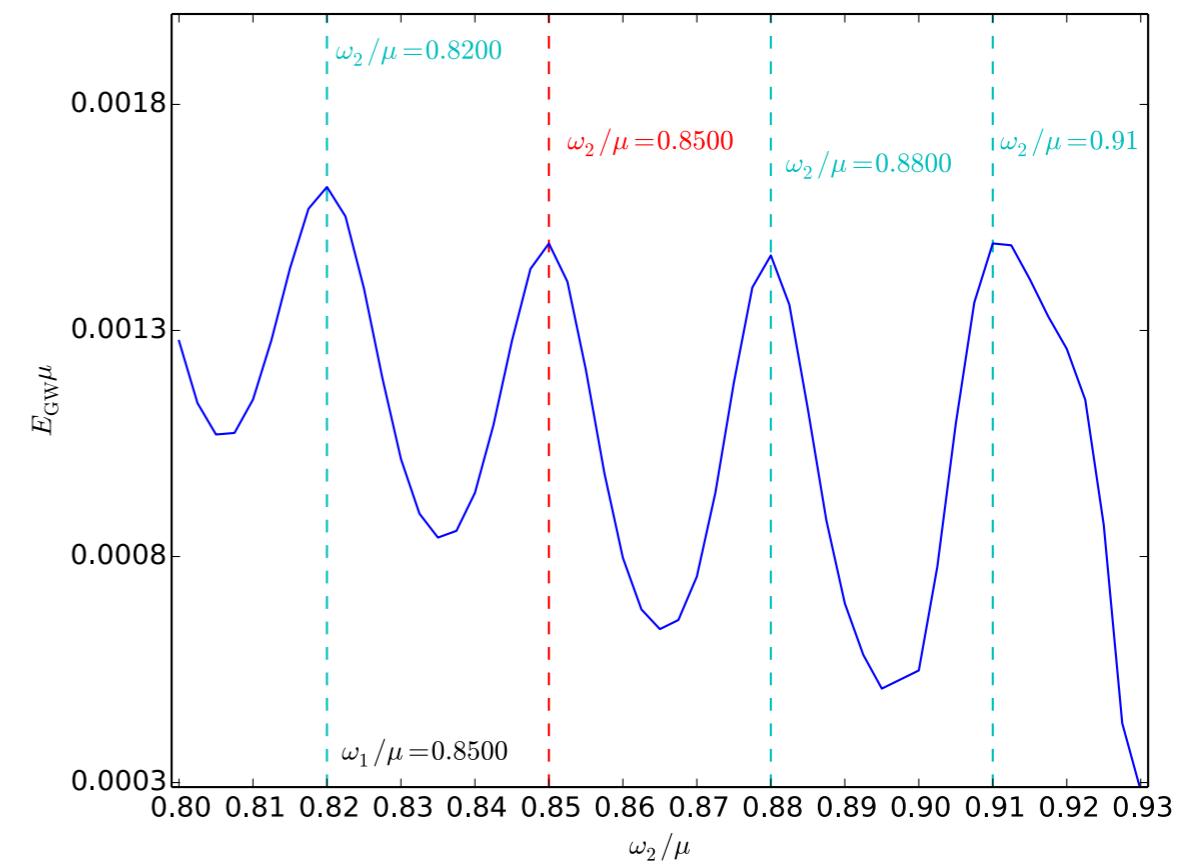
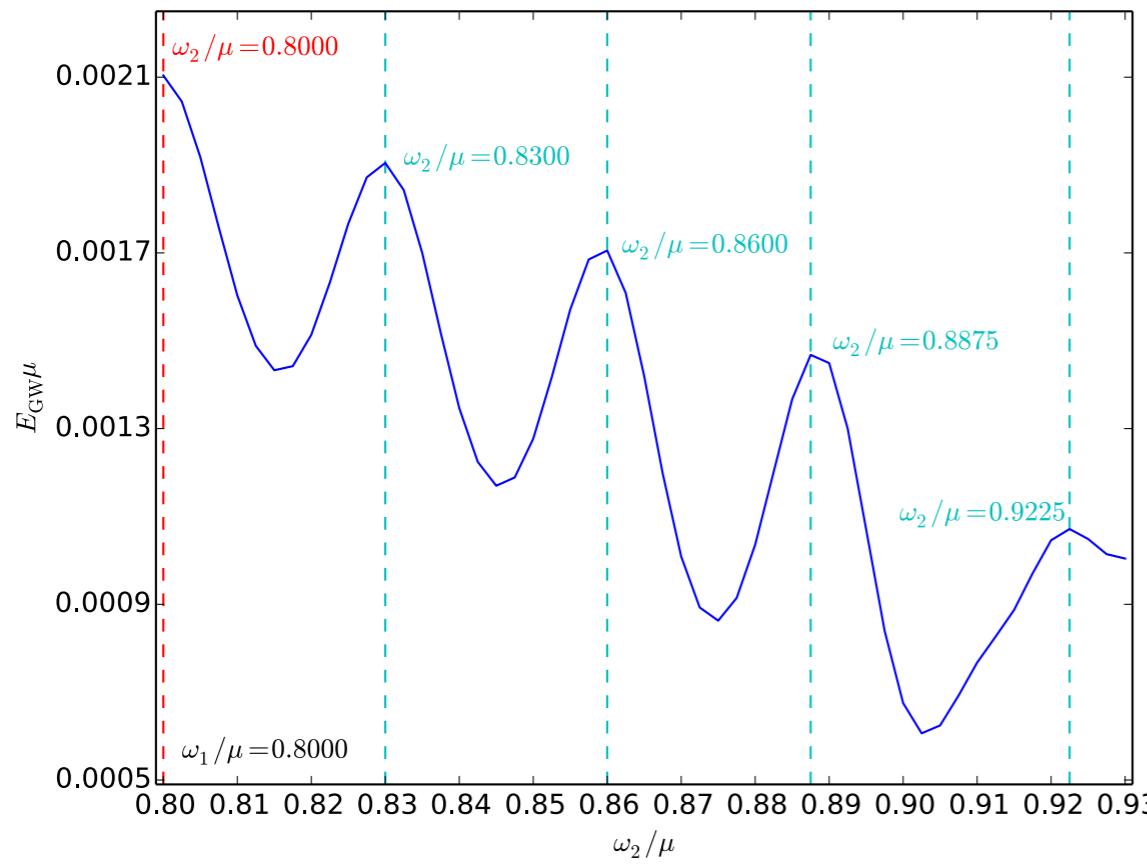


Equal-mass collisions



Unequal-mass collisions





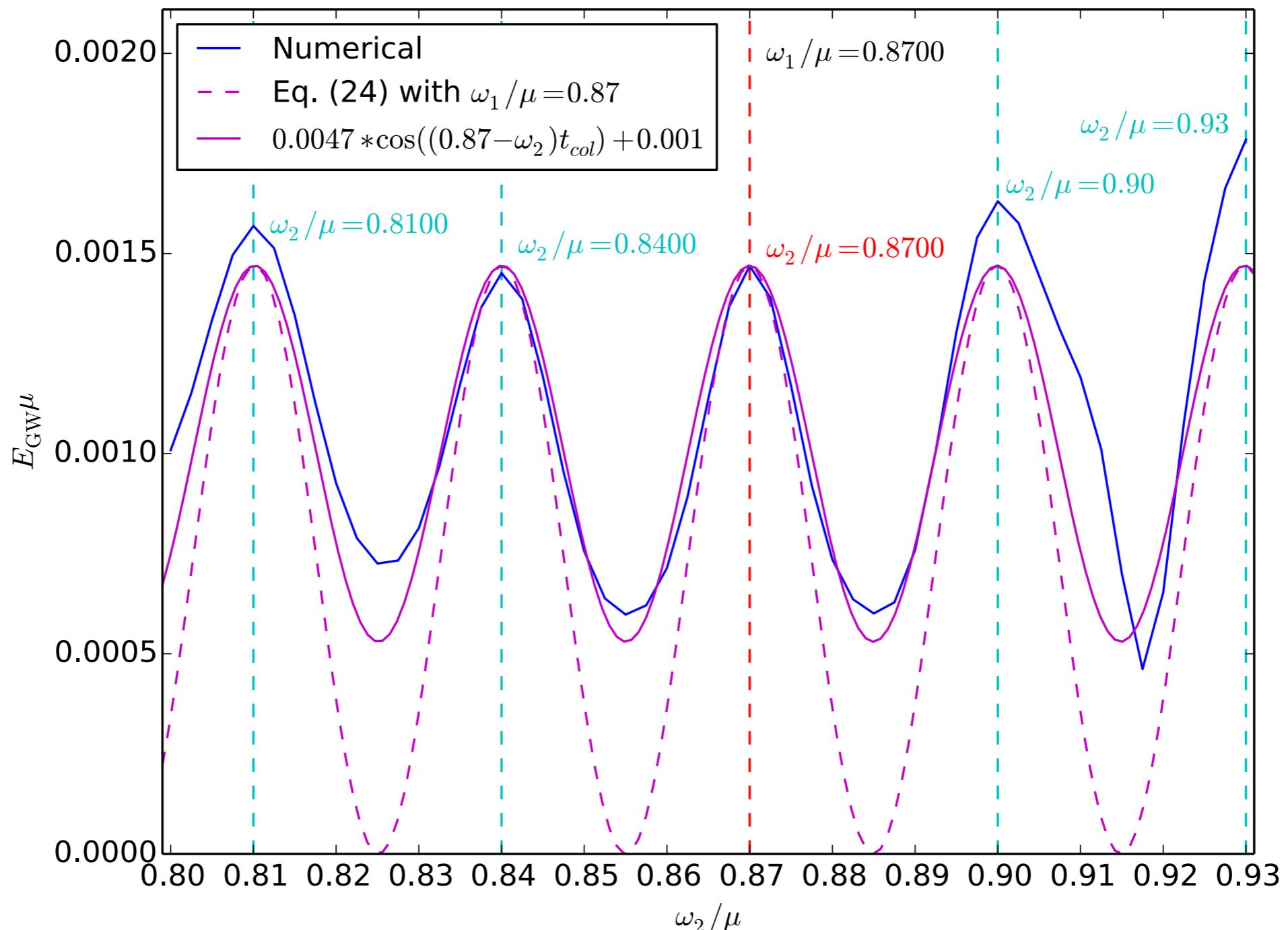
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$$\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}) \sim \cos(\omega_1 t) + \cos(\omega_2 t) = \\ 2 \cos\left(\frac{(\omega_1 + \omega_2)}{2}t\right) \cos\left(\frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{2}t\right)$$

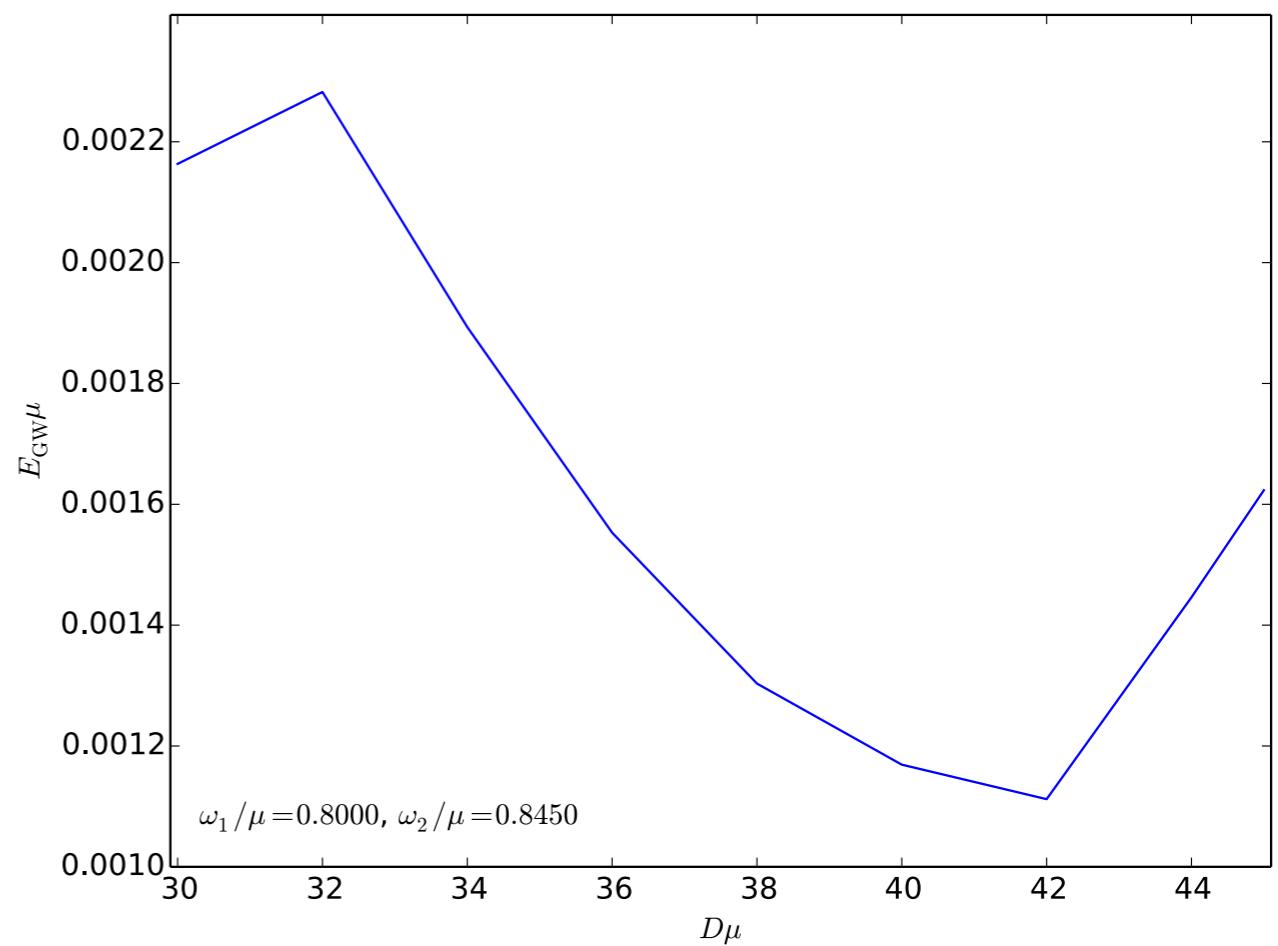
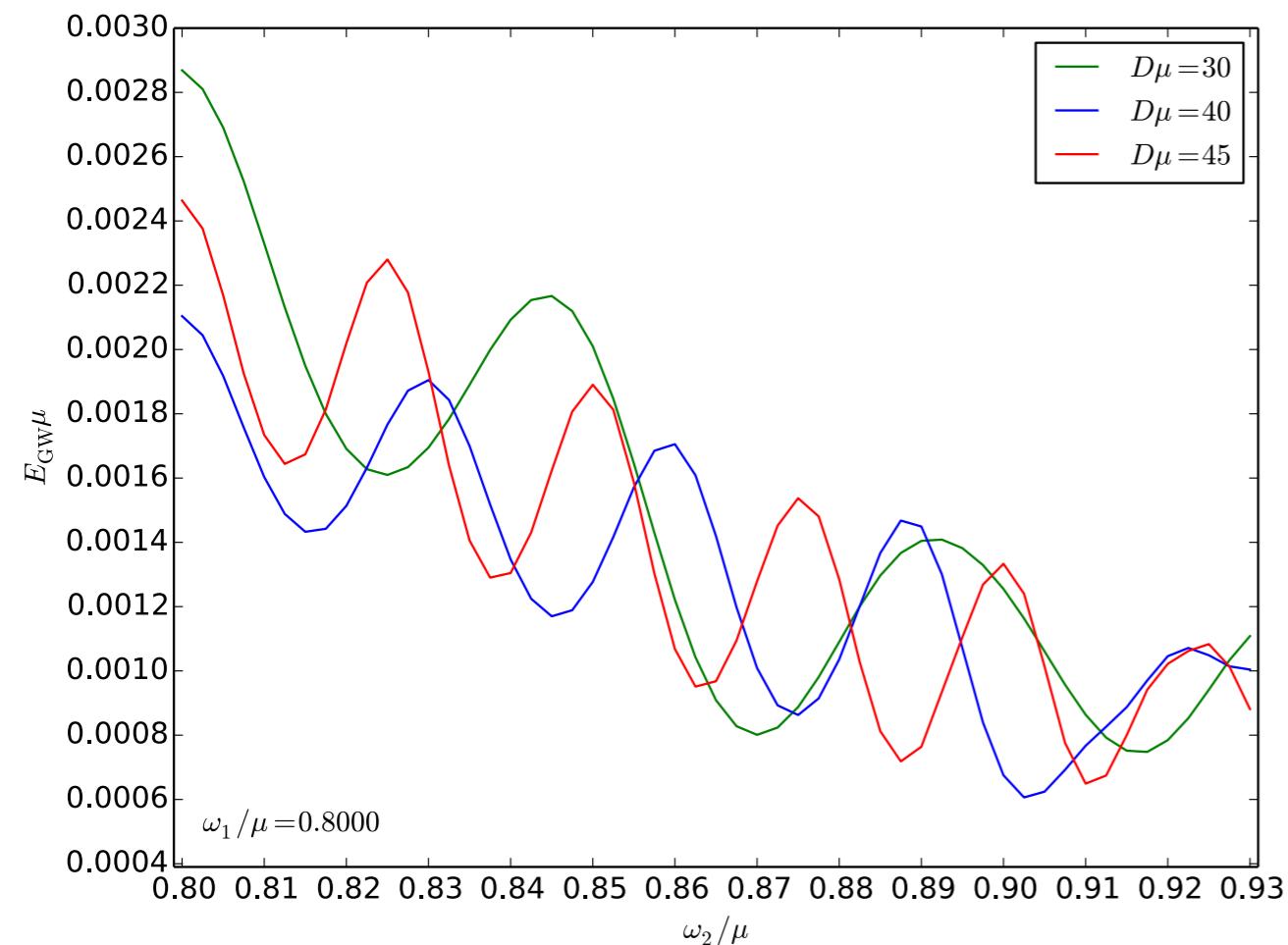
$$\text{Im}(\mathcal{A}) \sim \sin(\omega_1 t) + \sin(\omega_2 t) = \\ 2 \sin\left(\frac{(\omega_1 + \omega_2)}{2}t\right) \cos\left(\frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{2}t\right).$$

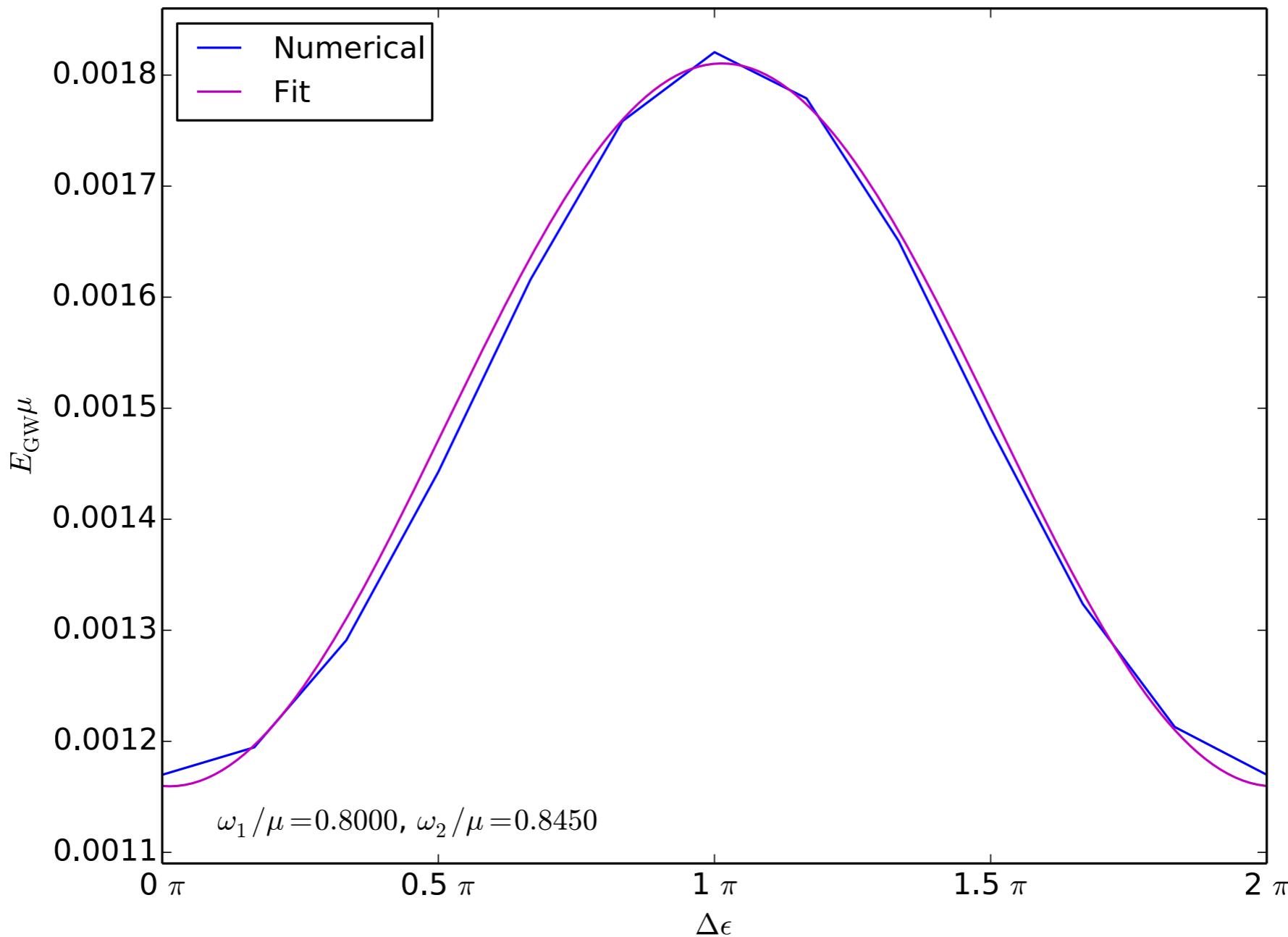
$$|\mathcal{A}|^2 = \text{Re}(\mathcal{A})^2 + \text{Im}(\mathcal{A})^2 \sim 4 \cos^2\left(\frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{2}t\right) = \\ 2[1 + \cos((\omega_1 - \omega_2)t)].$$

$$1 + \cos((\omega_1 - \omega_2)t_{\text{col}})_{\text{max}} = 2 \\ \rightarrow (\omega_1 - \omega_2)_{\text{max}} t_{\text{col}} = 2k\pi,$$



$$\begin{aligned}
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 &2 [1 + \cos((\omega_1 - \omega_2)t)].
 \end{aligned}$$





$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(t, r, \theta) e^{i(\bar{m}\varphi - wt + \epsilon)} \quad |\mathcal{A}|^2 = \text{Re}(\mathcal{A})^2 + \text{Im}(\mathcal{A})^2 \sim 4 \cos^2\left(\frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{2}t\right) = 2[1 + \cos((\omega_1 - \omega_2)t)].$$

CONCLUSIONS

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- ▶ **Gravitational waves from BS binaries could be used to detect ultra-light boson particles (GW190521 and others).**
- ▶ **GW190521 has brought us in the realm of ¿what are we observing.**
- ▶ **The wave-like nature of the BSs has an important impact.**
- ▶ **Is there (ultra-)light in the dark?**



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