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What flows in the chirally anomalous transport?

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The chirally anomalous transport including the chiral magnetic effect seems to get established from the theoretical side, but some theorists address serious concerns about the physical interpretation of $\langle \Omega | \boldsymbol{j} | \Omega \rangle$. In my talk I will emphasize how the conventional scenario can be verified from the dynamical process of the particle production.

If $|\Omega\rangle$ is an equilibrated static state, a current which is a real-time phenomenon, cannot flow and $\langle \Omega | \boldsymbol{j} | \Omega \rangle$ is not a current but should be a polarization. Such an interpretation is manifest for the chiral separation effect. Besides, in a quick derivation of the chiral magnetic effect using the Chern-Simons-Maxwell theory, the anomalous current appears in the same way as the Maxwell's displacement current, and we all know that the displacement current is a source of the magnetic field but there is no flow of electric carriers. Logically, it is possible that $\langle \Omega | \boldsymbol{j} | \Omega \rangle$ is also such a current containing no flow of charged particles, which is actually the case if the chiral magnetic current is formulated in the chiral perturbation theory.

I would however, emphasize that the genuine current generation occurs at the same time as the particle production with glasma flux tubes that locally violate P- and CP-symmetries together with an external magnetic field. The distribution function in momentum space is dynamically determined by microscopic processes of the particle production and I will present some results from the numerical simulation. A non-trivial observation found in the numerical simulation includes a quantitative estimate of the response time of the system until the anomalous current starts growing up after the switch-on of the background fields, which has a practically important implication for the detection of the physical observables sensitive to the chirally anomalous transport in experiments.

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