

New quantum effects in relativistic magnetohydrodynamics

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Quantum hydrodynamics of QCD plasma

A striking finding of RHIC and LHC heavy ion experiments is the quantum fluid behavior of QCD plasma.

Two ways in which quantum physics affects hydrodynamics:

1. Quantum effects on “conventional” transport coefficients (KSS bound on shear viscosity-to-entropy ratio, bulk viscosity from conformal anomaly, ...)
2. New transport coefficients of entirely quantum nature (Chiral magnetic conductivity, chiral vortical conductivity, ..)

Chiral Magnetohydrodynamics (CMHD)

To establish the role played by quantum effects in heavy ion collisions, we need to develop relativistic Magneto-hydrodynamics taking account of anomalies –

Chiral Magnetohydrodynamics (CMHD)

[XXI century development in hydrodynamics!]

This effort has already begun, and is one of the major thrusts of the BEST Theory Collaboration

Plenary talks by Y. Hirono, Q. Wang



Chiral Magnetic Effect Task Force Report

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arxiv:1608.00982

The unique identification of the chiral magnetic effect in heavy-ion collisions would represent one of the highlights of the RHIC physics program and would provide a lasting legacy for the field. The current plan for completing the RHIC mission envisions a second phase of RHIC. We have specifically investigated the case for colliding nuclear isobars (nuclei with the same mass but different charge) and find the case compelling. We recommend that a program of nuclear isobar collisions to isolate the chiral magnetic effect from background sources be placed as a high priority item in the strategy for completing the RHIC mission.

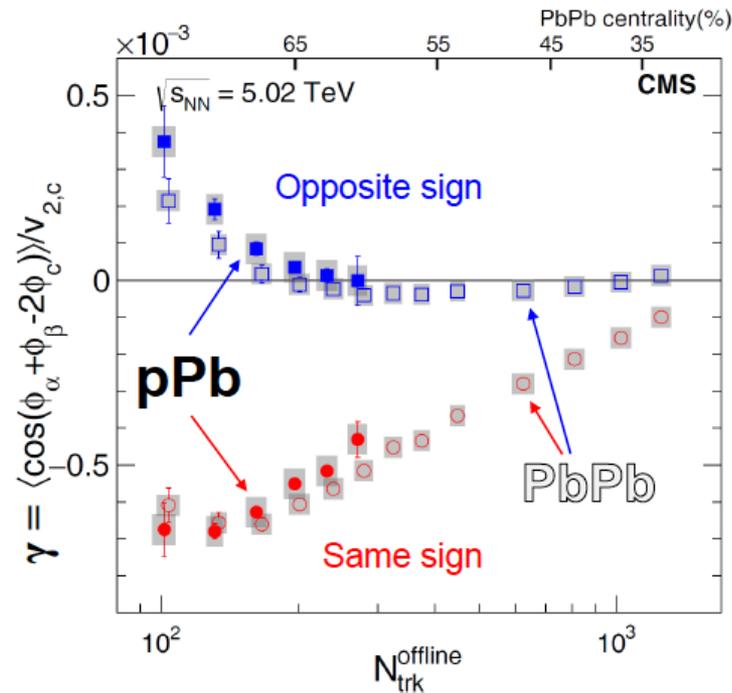
See also: DK, J.Liao, S.Voloshin, G.Wang, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.88(2016)1

**Approved dedicated 2018 CME run at RHIC with
Zr (Z=40), Ru (Z=44) isobars**

Implications of pA and dA data for the CME studies in AA collisions

arXiv: 1610.00263
Submitted to PRL

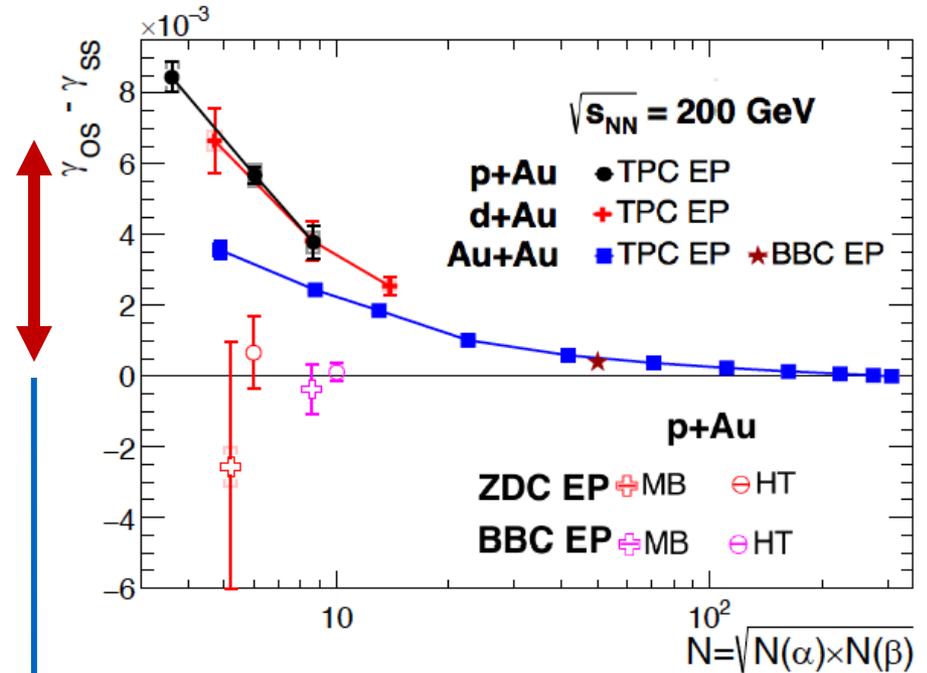
Charge Separation Signal γ



PbPb and pPb with the same event multiplicity are **similar...!**
Challenge to CME interpretation!

Zhoudunming Tu (Talk)

CMS talks: Y.J.Lee, S.Park, Z.Tu



STAR talks: A.Schmah, P.Tribedy, L.Wen

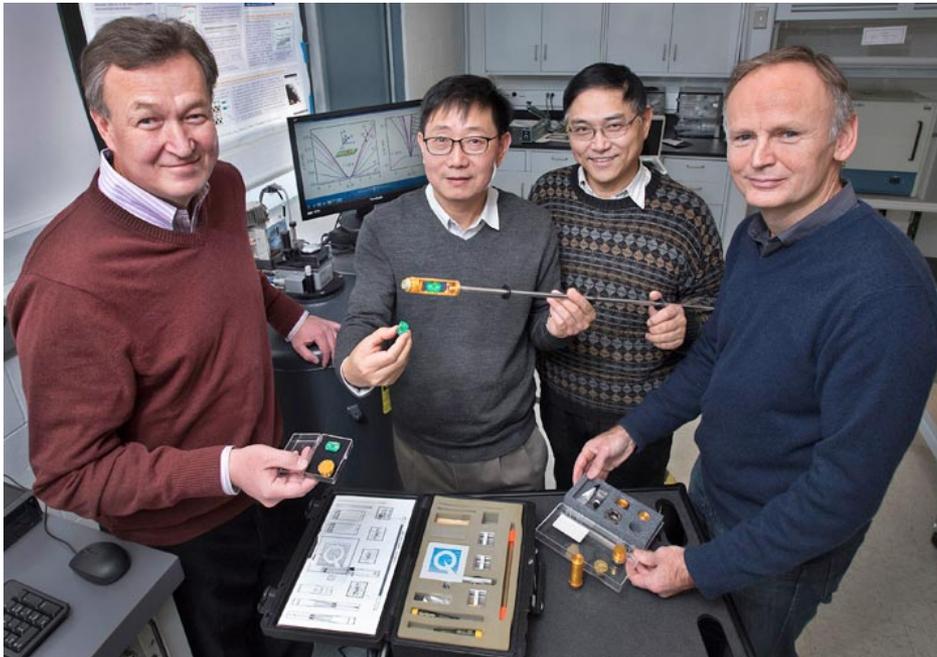
Rapidity separation can dramatically reduce background!

Broader implications

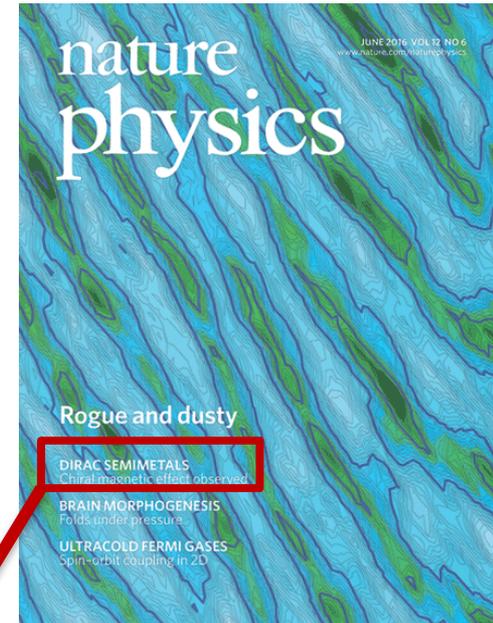
Observation of the chiral magnetic effect in ZrTe_5

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A. V. Fedorov,⁶ R. D. Zhong,¹ J. A. Schneeloch,¹ G. D. Gu,¹ and T. Valla¹

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Nature Phys.
12 (2016) 550



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Chiral magnetic effect observed

arXiv:1412.6543 [cond-mat.str-el]

Broader implications of CME

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A magnetotransport study of zirconium pentatelluride now reveals evidence for a chiral magnetic effect, a striking macroscopic manifestation of the quantum and relativistic nature of Weyl semimetals.

Feature | 01 December 2016

The quasiparticle zoo

Liesbeth Venema, Bart Verberck, Iulia Georgescu, Giacomo Prando, Elsa Couderc, Silvia Milana, Maria Maragkou, Lina Persechini, Giulia Pacchioni & Luke Fleet

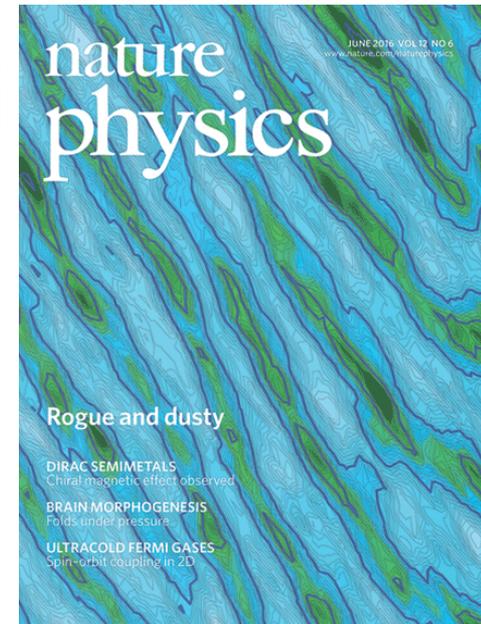
Quasiparticles are an extremely useful concept that provides a more intuitive understanding of complex phenomena in many-body physics. As such, they appear in various contexts, linking ideas across different fields and supplying a common language.

Review | 09 December 2012

Quantum biology

Neill Lambert, Yueh-Nan Chen, Yuan-Chung Cheng, Che-Ming Li, Guang-Yin Chen & Franco Nori

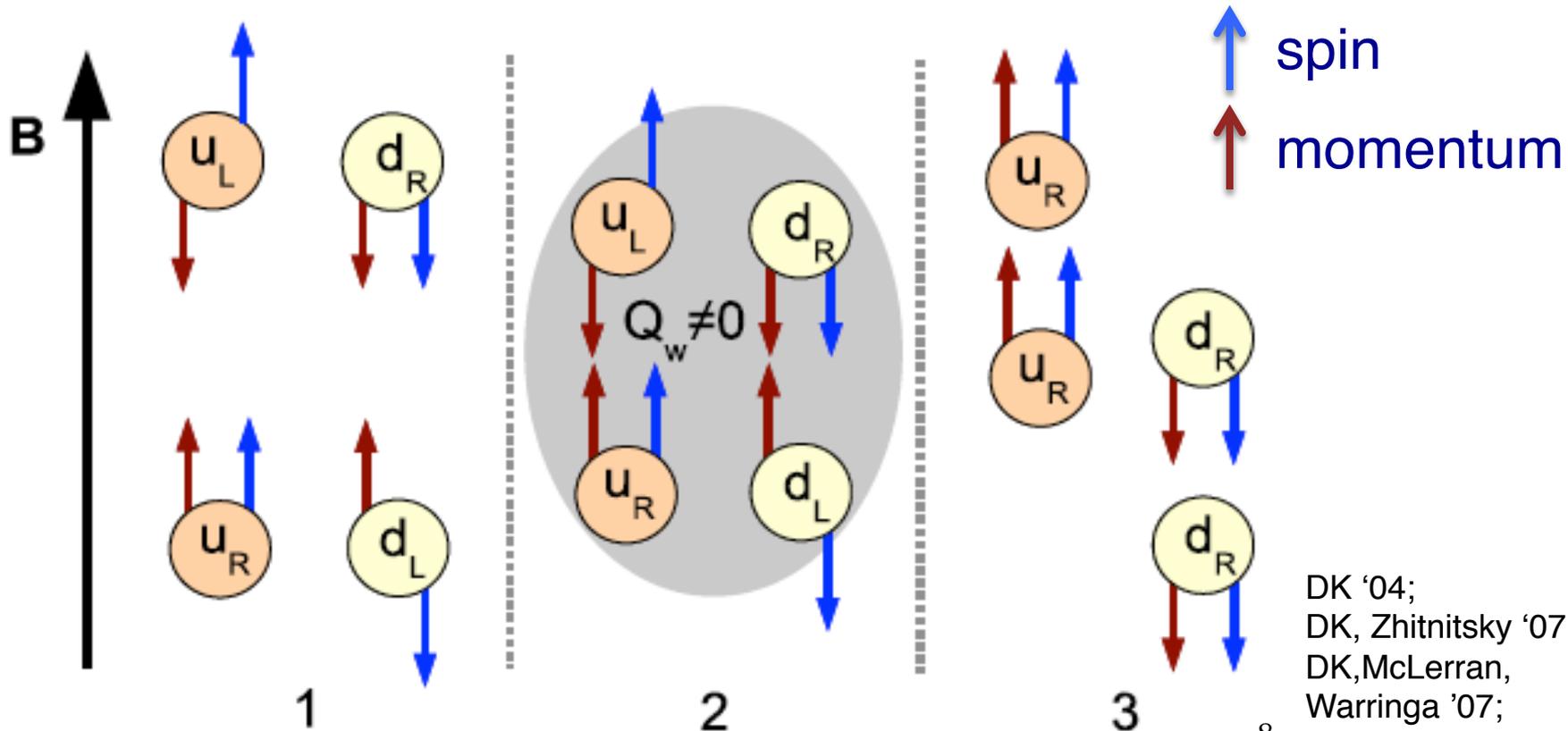
Could biological systems have evolved to find the optimal quantum solutions to the problems thrown at them by nature? This Review presents an overview of the possible quantum effects seen in photosynthesis, olfaction and enzyme catalysis.



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Chirality in 3D: the Chiral Magnetic Effect

chirality + magnetic field = current



Review: DK, arxiv:1312.3348 (Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys'14)

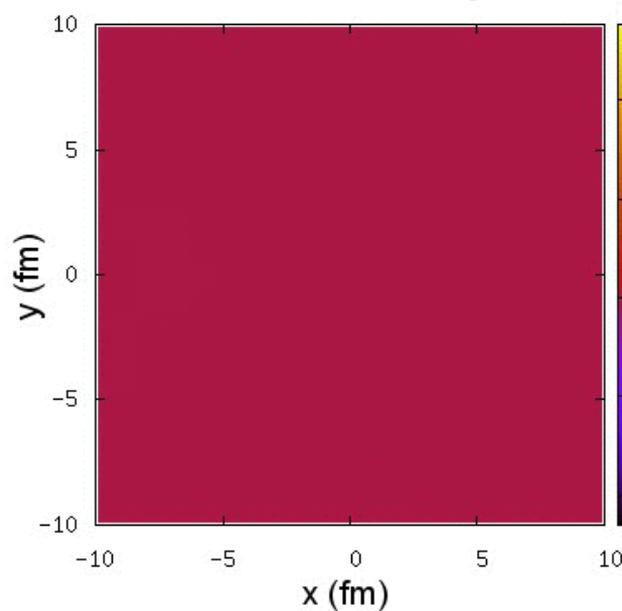
DK '04;
 DK, Zhitnitsky '07
 DK, McLerran,
 Warringa '07;
 Fukushima,
 DK, Warringa '08

Hydrodynamics and symmetries

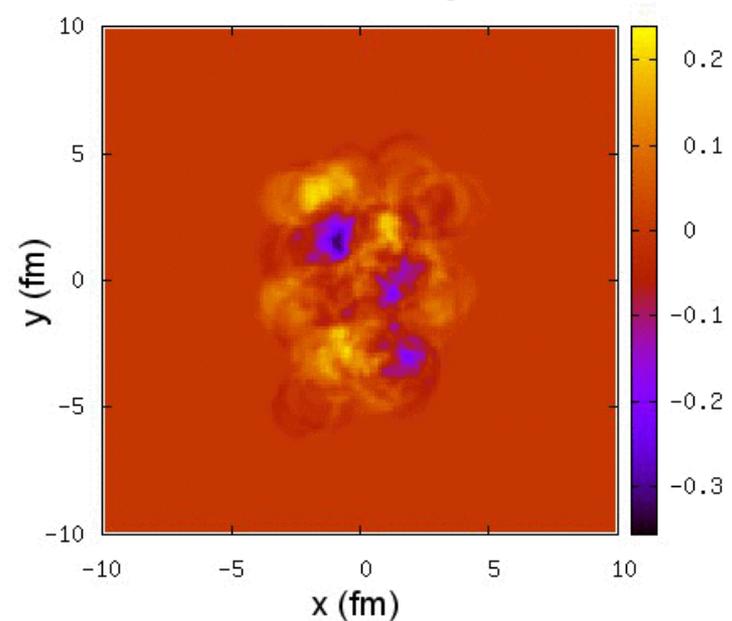
- Hydrodynamics: an effective low-energy TOE. States that the response of the fluid to slowly varying perturbations is completely determined by conservation laws (energy, momentum, charge, ...)
- Conservation laws are a consequence of symmetries of the underlying theory
- What happens to hydrodynamics when these symmetries are broken by quantum effects (anomalies of QCD and QED)?

CMHD

Electric charge



Chiral charge



Y.Hirono, T.Hirano, DK, (Stony Brook – Tokyo), arxiv:1412.0311
(3+1) ideal CMHD (Chiral MagnetoHydroDynamics)

BEST Theory Collaboration (DOE)



Two new effects in CMHD:

1. Generation of quantized CME current due to magnetic reconnections in the hydrodynamical evolution - this mechanism does not require any external chirality source

Y. Hirono, DK, Y. Yin,
PRL 117(2016) 172301

2. Chiral magnetic turbulence – a new kind of self-similar turbulent cascade in hydrodynamics driven entirely by the chiral anomaly

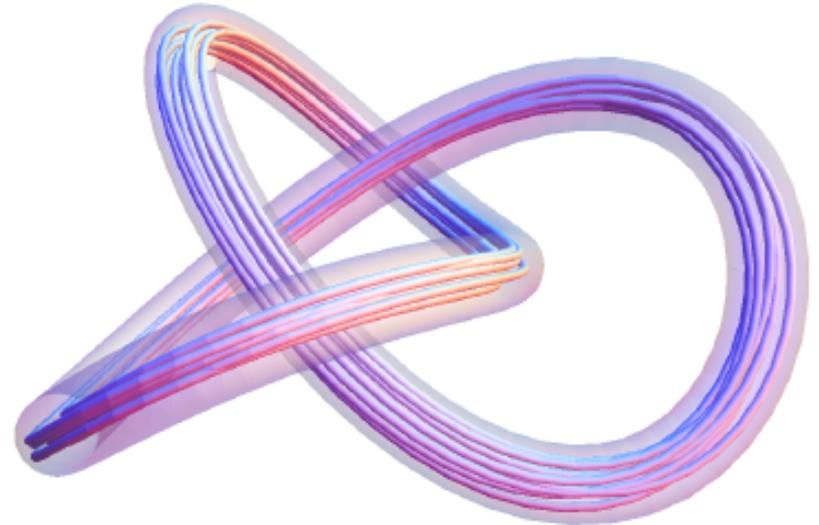
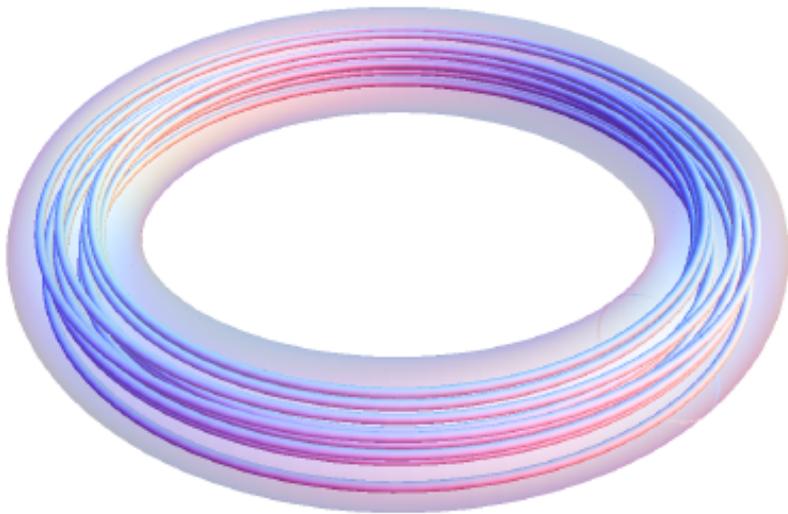
Y. Hirono, DK, Y. Yin,
PRD 92(2015) 125031

Quantized CME from knot reconnections

Magnetic helicity is the measure of “knottedness” of magnetic flux
- Chern-Simons 3-form

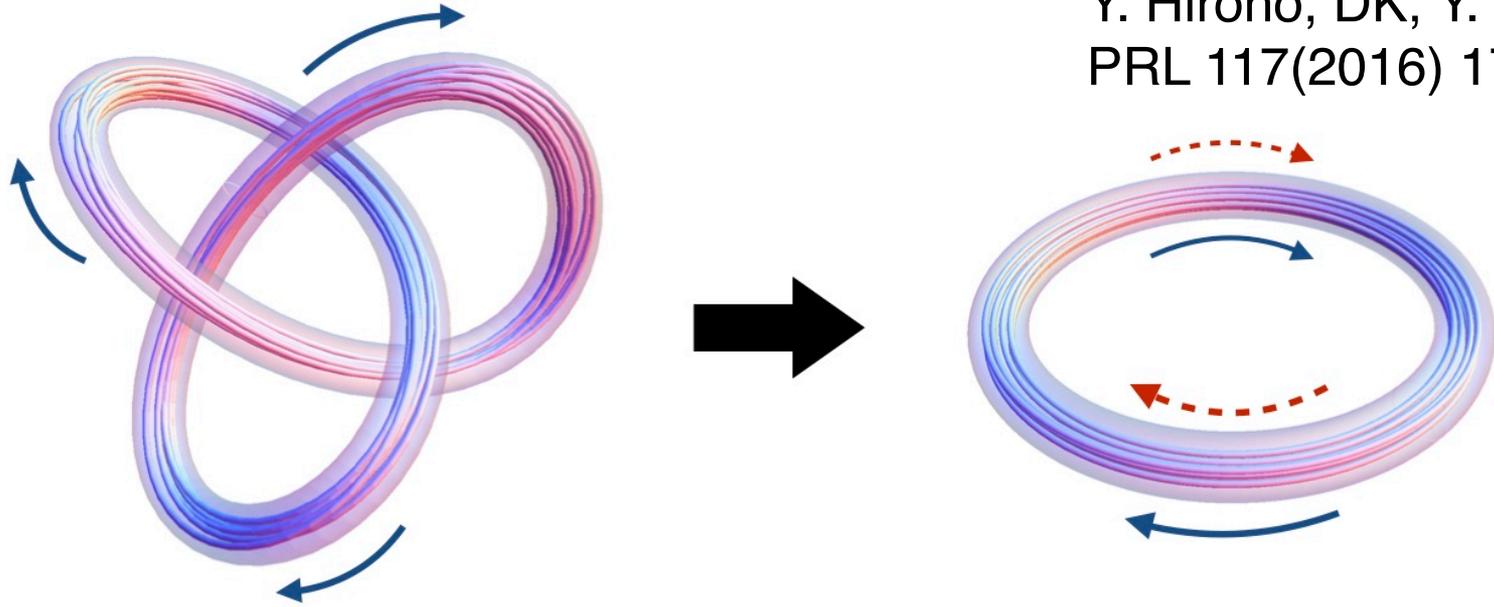
$$h_m \equiv \int d^3x \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

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Consider a tube (unknot) of magnetic flux, with chiral fermions localized on it.

To turn it into a (chiral) knot, we need a magnetic reconnection.
What happens to the fermions during the reconnection?

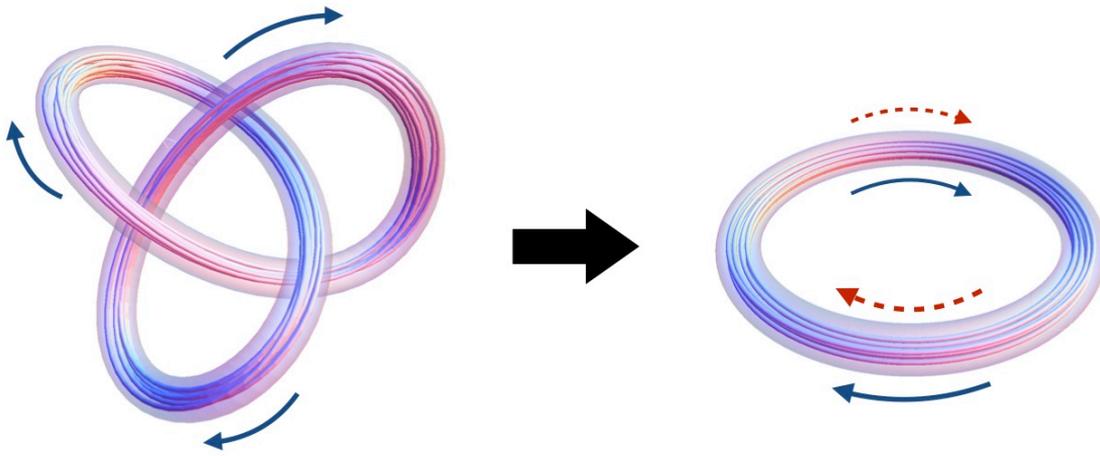


Changing magnetic flux through the area spanned by the tube will generate the electric field (Faraday's induction):

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Phi_B = - \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

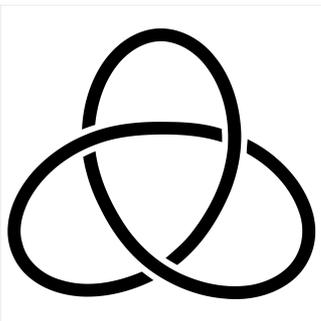
The electric field will generate electric current of fermions (chiral anomaly in 1+1 D):

$$\Delta J = \Delta J_R + \Delta J_L = \frac{q^3 \Phi^2}{2\pi^2 L}$$



Helicity change per magnetic reconnection is $\Delta\mathcal{H} = 2\Phi^2$.

Multiple magnetic reconnections leading to non-chiral knots do not induce net current (need to break left-right symmetry).



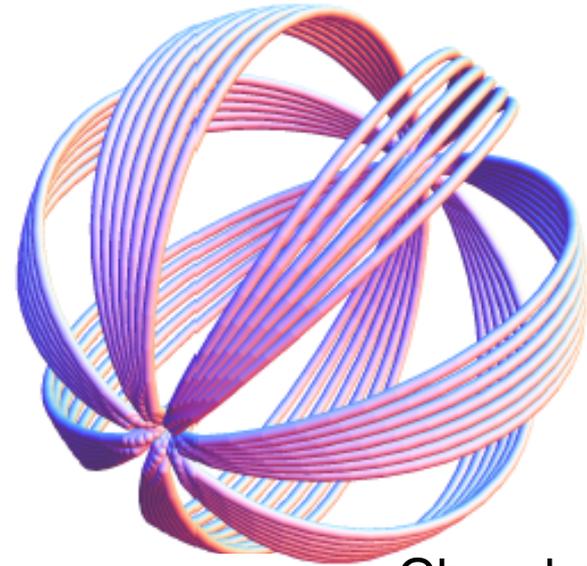
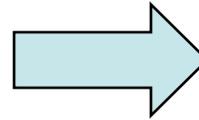
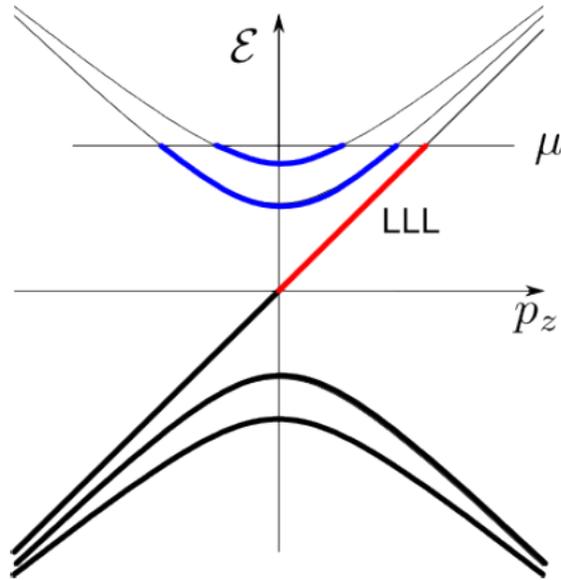
For N_+ positive and N_- negative crossings on a planar knot diagram, the total magnetic helicity is:

$$\mathcal{H} = 2(N_+ - N_-)\Phi^2$$

The total current induced by reconnections to a chiral knot:

$$J = \frac{q^3\mathcal{H}}{4\pi^2 L}$$

Chirality transfer from fermions to magnetic helicity



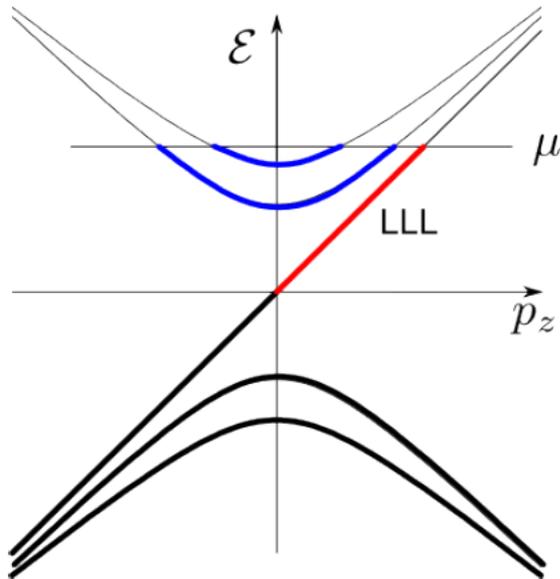
Chandrasekhar-Kendall states
(ApJ, 1957)

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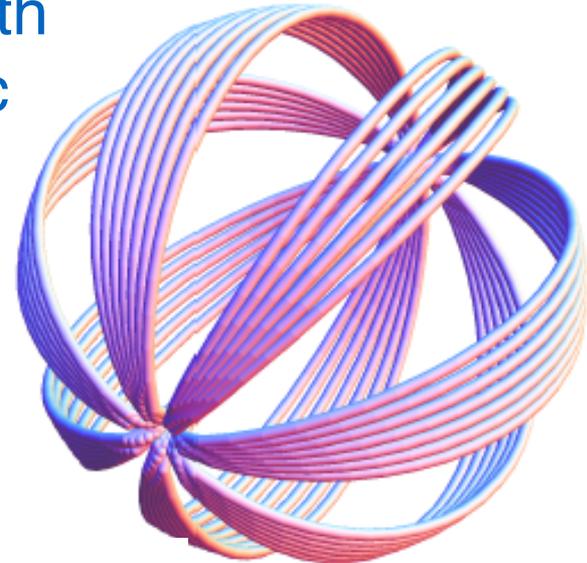
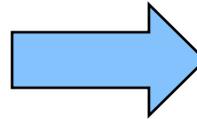
$$\partial_\mu j_A^\mu = C_A \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$h_0 \equiv h_m + h_F = \text{const} \quad \int d^3x \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_m}{\partial t}$$

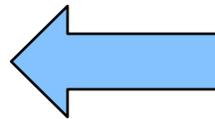
Inverse cascade of magnetic helicity



Instability at $k < C_A \mu_A$ leads to the growth of magnetic helicity



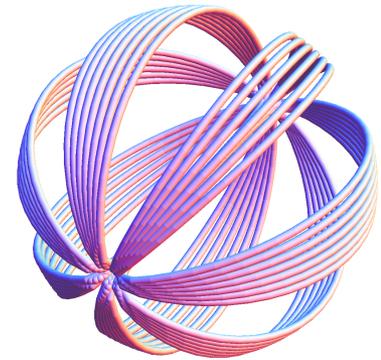
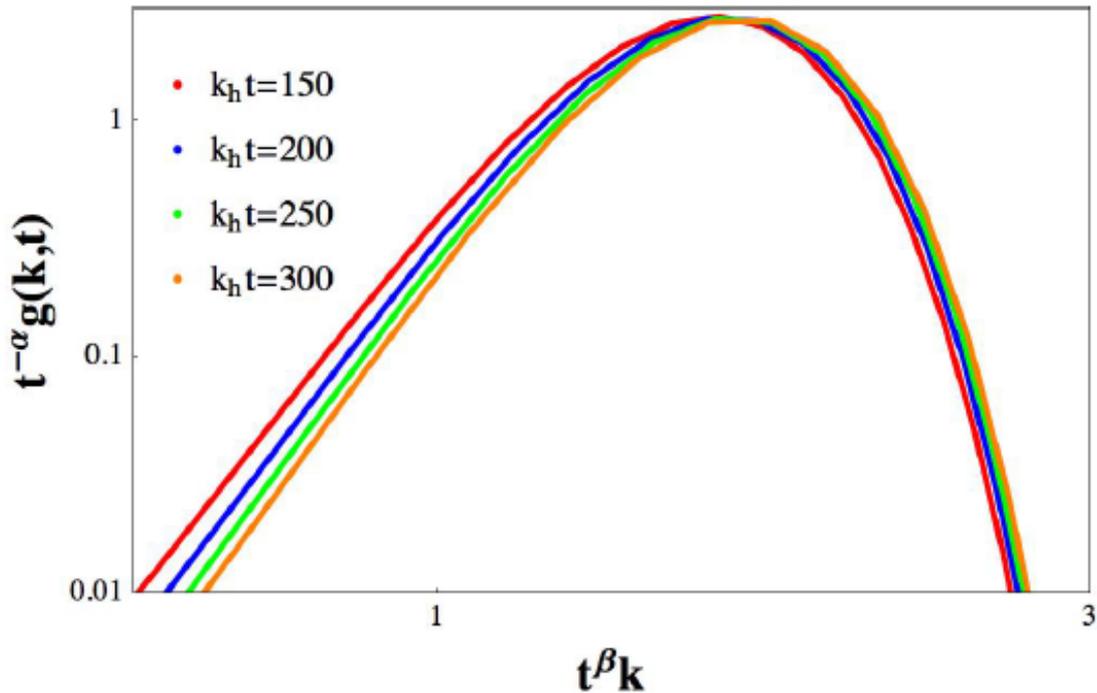
Increase of magnetic helicity reduces μ_A



Inverse cascade:

M.Joyce and M.Shaposhnikov, PRL 79 (1997) 1193;
R.Jackiw and S.Pi, PRD 61 (2000) 105015; ...

Self-similar cascade of magnetic helicity driven by CME



$$g(k, t) \sim t^\alpha \tilde{g}(t^\beta k) \quad \alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 1/2$$

Y. Hirono, DK, Y. Yin, Phys.Rev.D92 (2015) 125031;
N. Yamamoto, Phys.Rev.D93 (2016) 125016

Summary

1. Magnetic reconnections in the hydrodynamical evolution induce a quantized chiral magnetic current
2. Chiral anomaly leads to a new kind of self-similar turbulent cascade in hydrodynamics – “chiral magnetic turbulence”
3. Chiral magnetohydrodynamics is a very rich theory with the behavior that still has to be understood – a lot of work to be done in theory and experiment!