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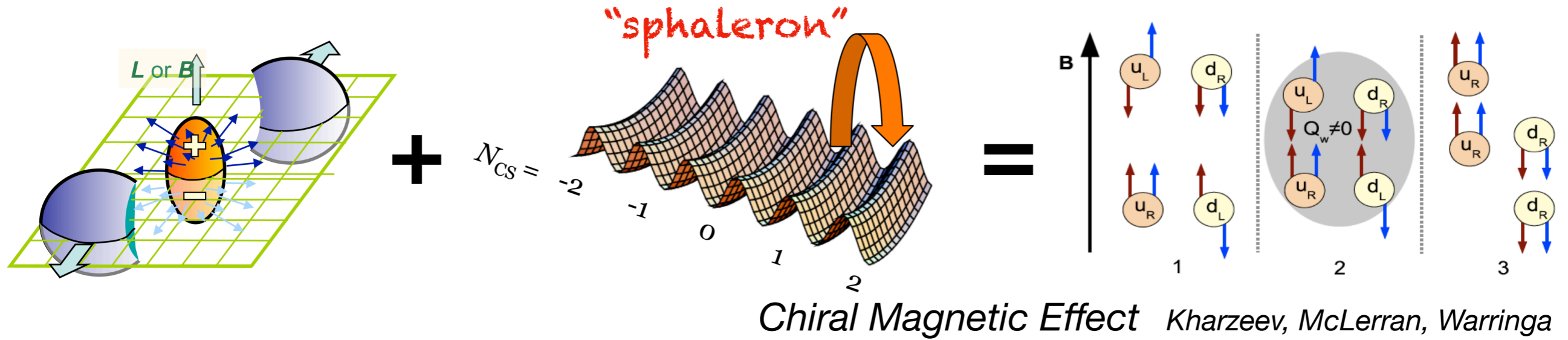
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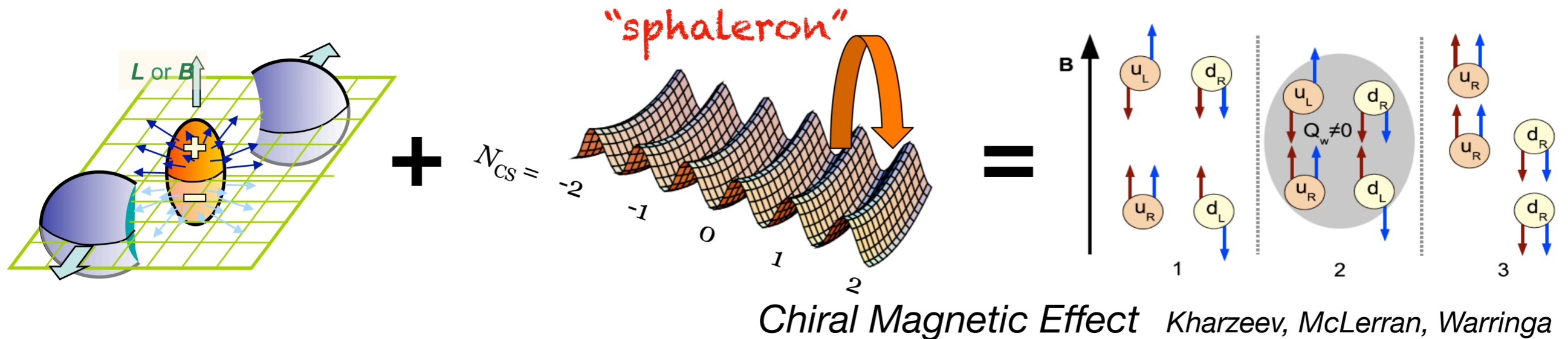
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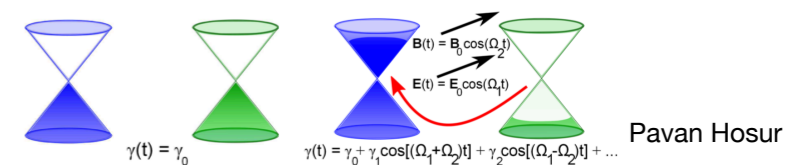
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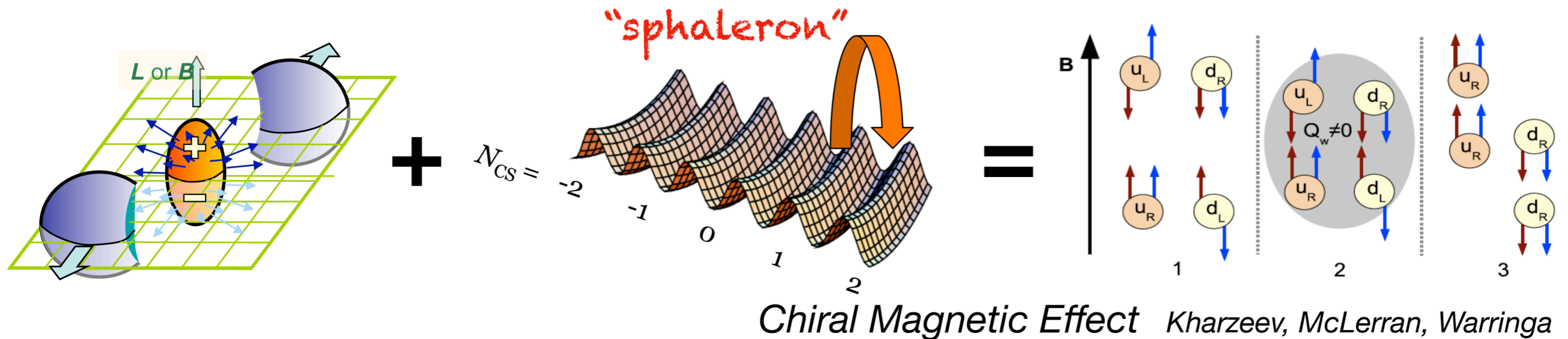
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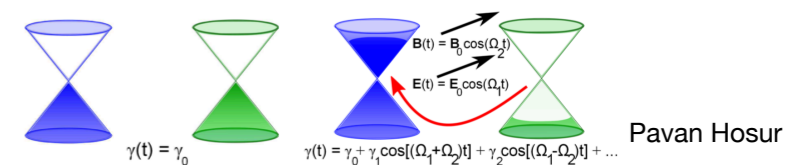
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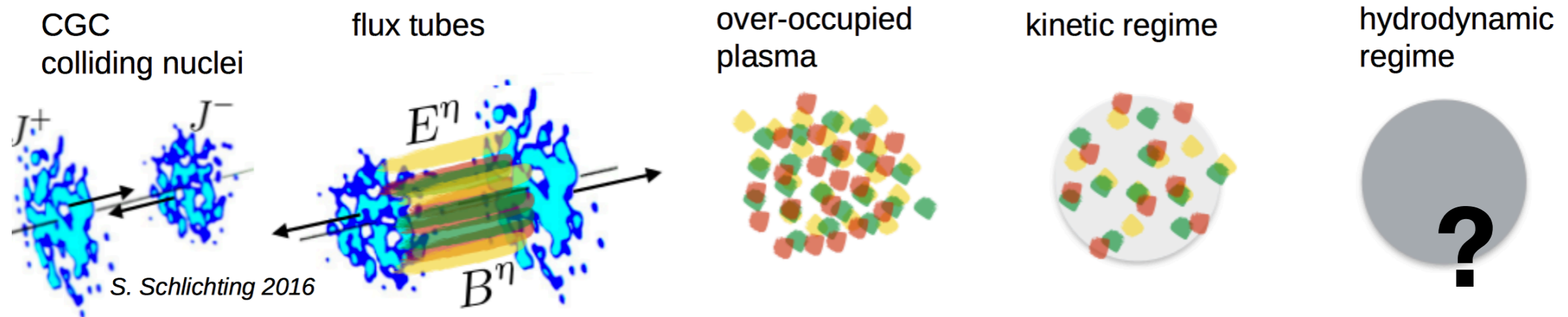
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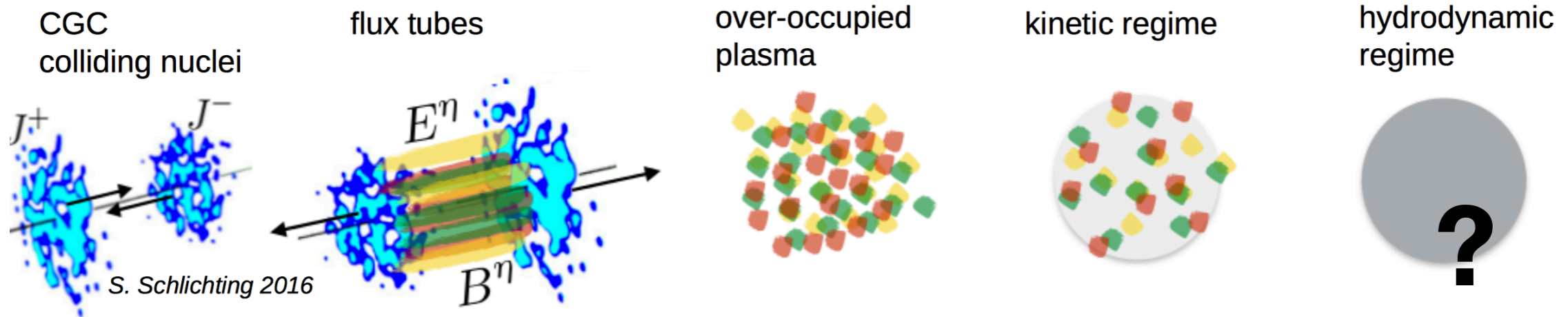
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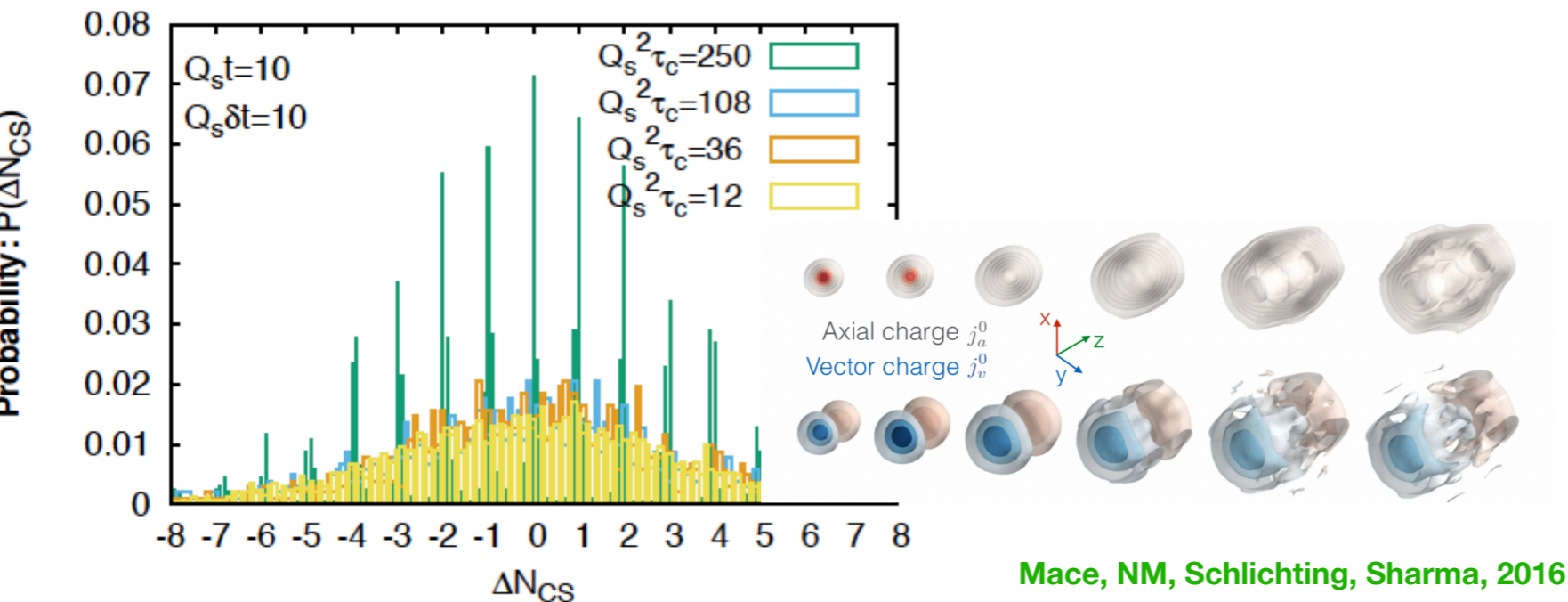


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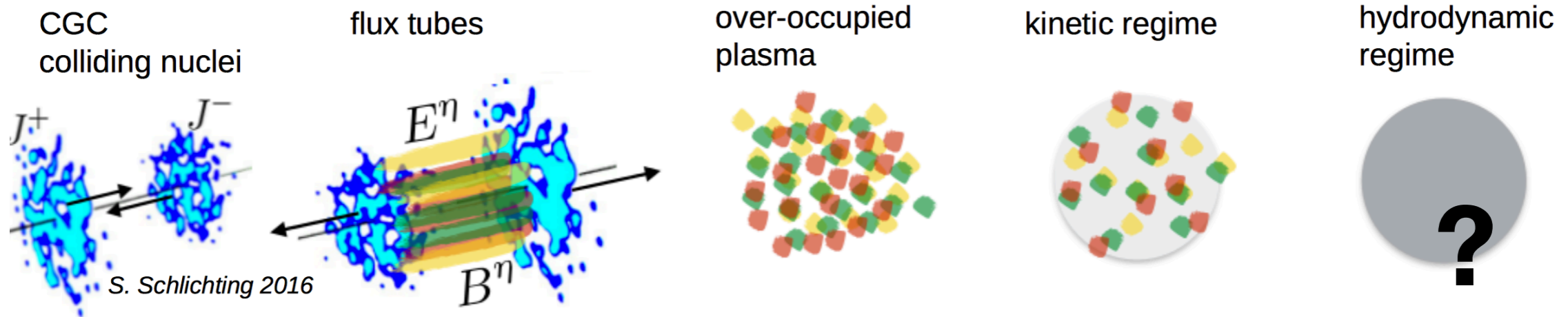


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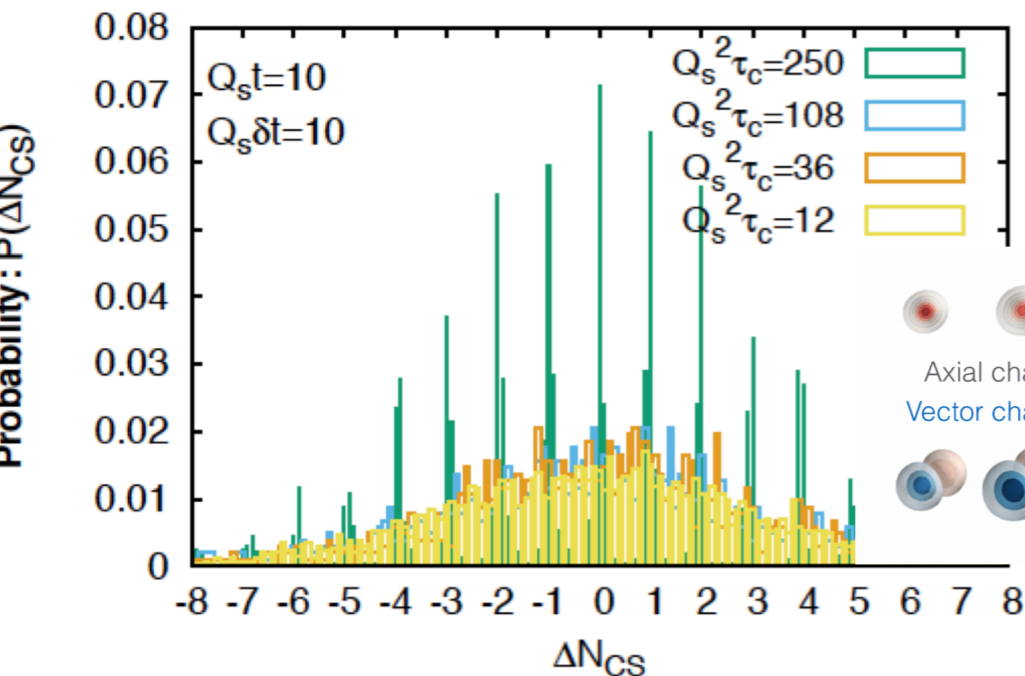
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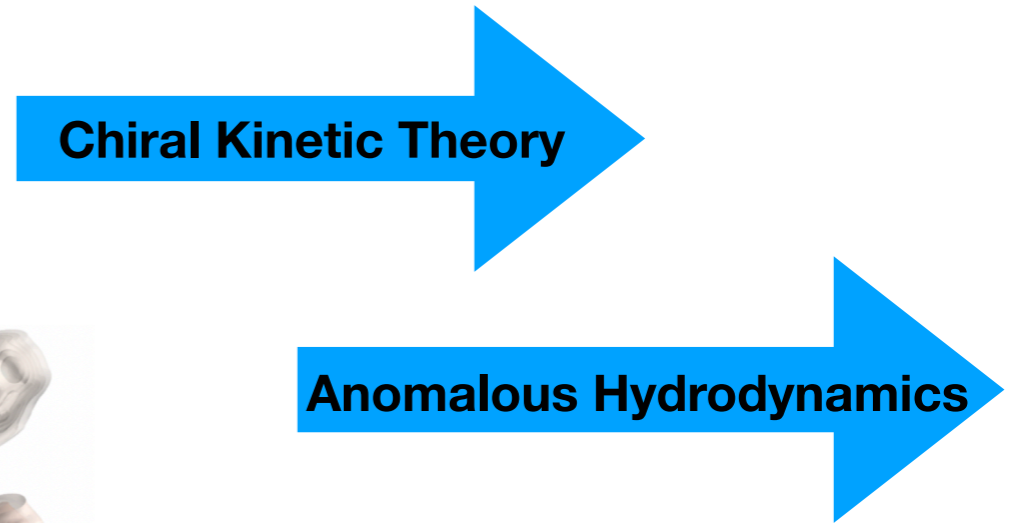


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Mace, NM, Schlichting, Sharma, 2016



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based on **world-line formulation** of QCD**

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- **Working it out yields ...**

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(seen before) SUSY QM & spinning particles:

Berezin & Marinov, Barducci, Balachandran, Casalbuoni, Brink, Howe, DiVecchia (70s-80s)

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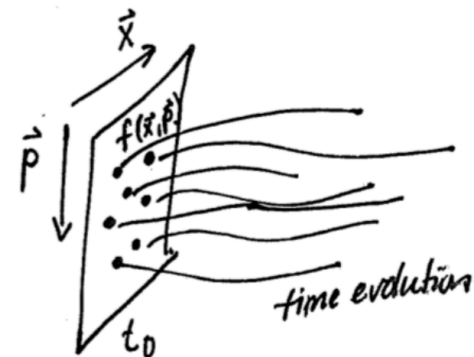
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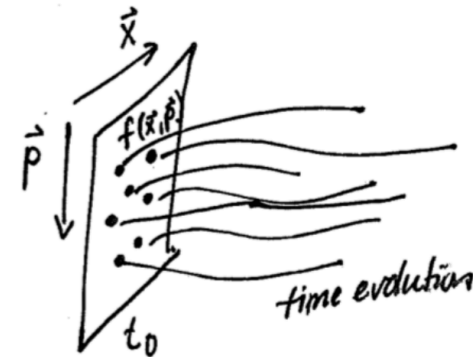
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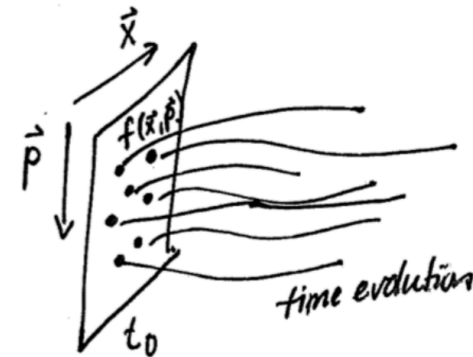


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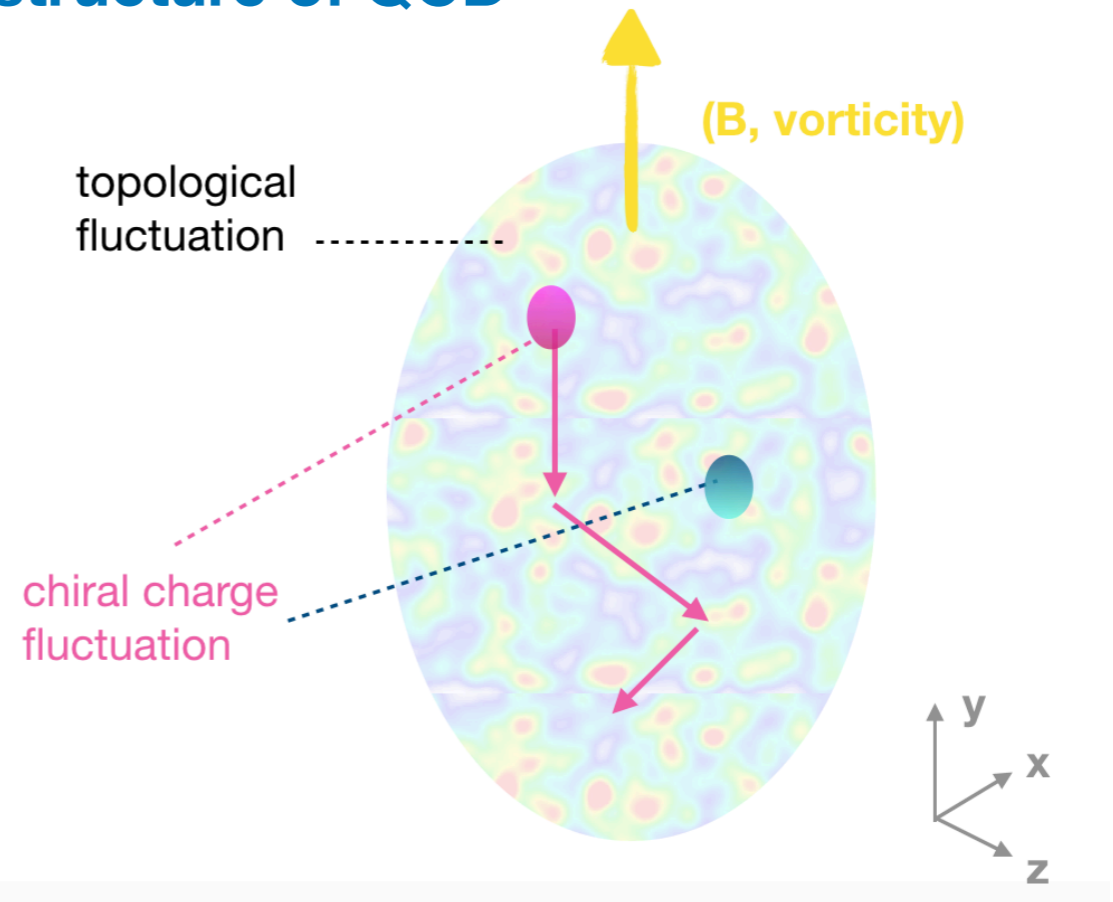
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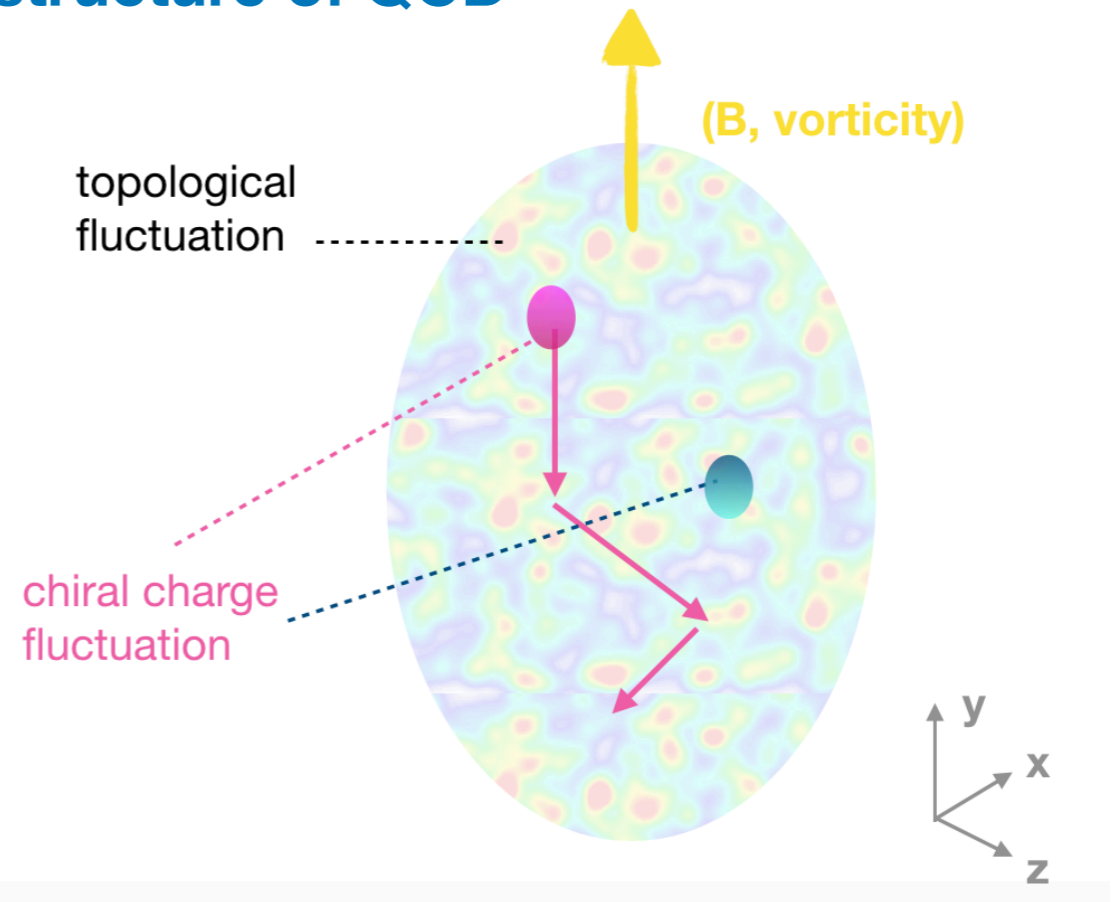


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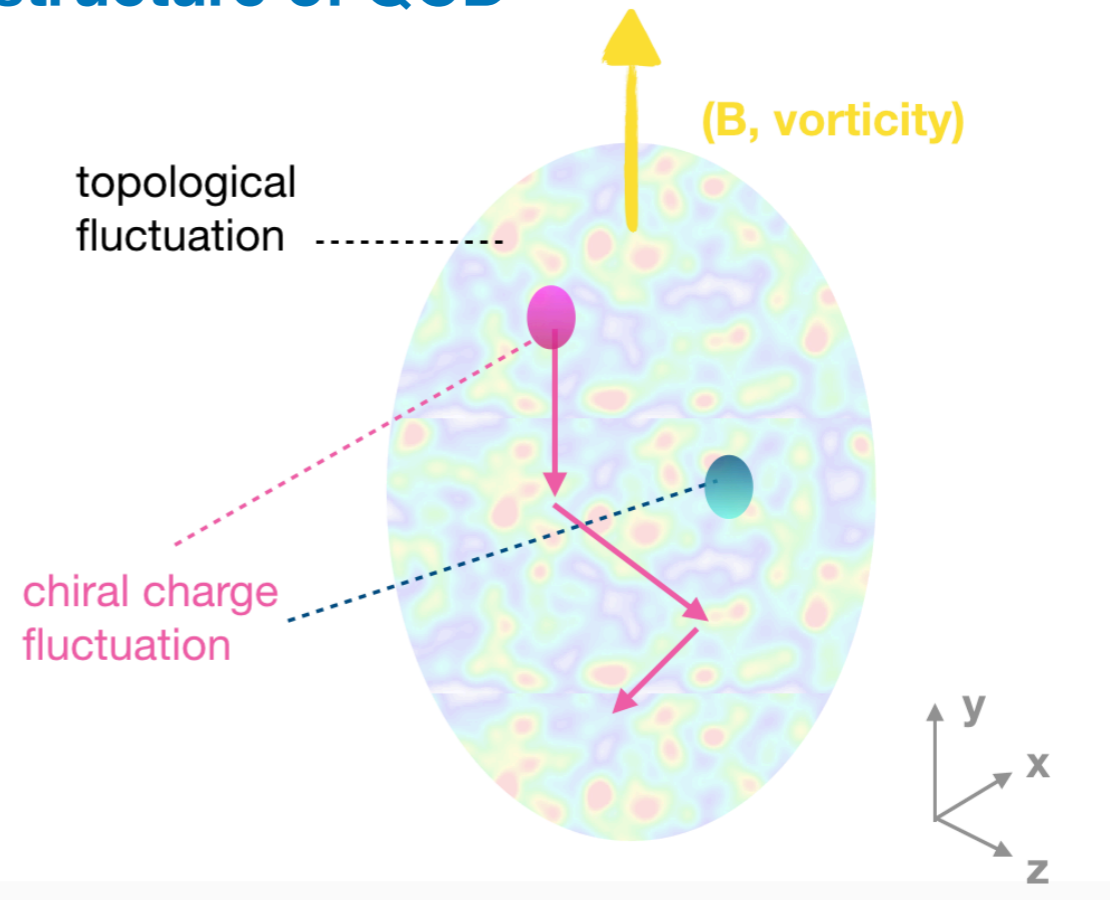


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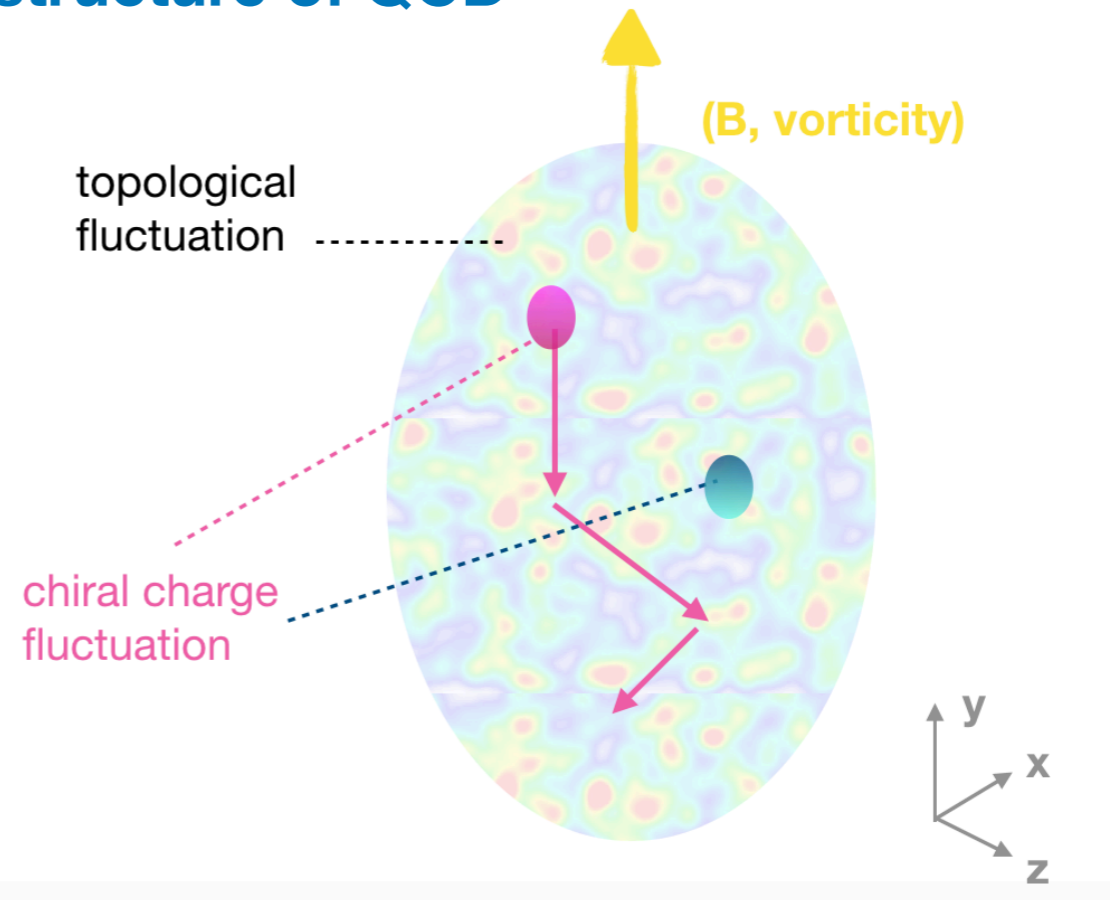
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Summary

- **Effective descriptions of ‘quantum’ phenomena, such as chiral anomalies, topological transitions and spin transport challenging**
- **Possible *ab-initio* approach: World-line representation of QFT**
- **Origin of anomaly clear in world-line framework: clarification of role of Berry’s phase**
- **Saddle-Point limit (real-time SK!): generalized Grassmann extended semi-classical phase space**
- **Lorentz-covariant, Gauge covariant**
- **Fluctuations from initial density matrix, naturally understood**

Backup

More details on Schwinger Keldysh formulation of World-lines

- **Important work by S. Mathur 1993: SK world-line representation for scalar propagator in thermal equilibrium**

$$G(X_2, X_1) \equiv N \int \frac{D[X]D[P]D[\lambda]}{\text{Vol}[\text{Diff}]} e^{i \int_0^1 d\tau [P_\mu(\tau) X^{\mu, \tau}(\tau) - \lambda/2(\tau)(p^2(\tau) - m^2)]}$$

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- **Generalization:**

$$Z = \int [d\xi] \exp(-G[\xi]) \int_{\mathcal{C}} [dA] \exp(iS_{\text{eff}}),$$

where

$$S_{\text{eff}}[A, \xi] = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^4x F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma[A, \xi].$$

in preparation

Backup

Chiral Phase Space

Weyl equation $\frac{1}{2}(\gamma \cdot p)(1 \pm \gamma^5)\Psi = 0.$

Weyl Hamiltonian $H = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}[P^2 + i\psi^\mu F_{\mu\nu}(x)\psi^\nu] + \frac{i}{2}c_+\chi_+ - \frac{i}{2}c_-\chi_- ,$
 $c_\pm \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\pm P_\mu \psi^\mu + \frac{i}{3}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P_\mu \psi_\nu \psi_\alpha \psi_\beta).$

Phase space measure $d^4\psi = (-i/(\sqrt{2})^4)d\psi^3 d\psi^2 d\psi^1 d\psi^0$

$$\varepsilon \tilde{f}_\pm = 2i(\pm P_\mu \psi^\mu + \frac{i}{3}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P_\mu \psi_\nu \psi_\alpha \psi_\beta)\epsilon^{ijk}\psi^i \psi^j \psi^k . \quad (22)$$

The above expression can be quantized by identifying $\psi^\mu \rightarrow \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu / \sqrt{2}$. This gives

$$\{x^\mu, p_\nu\} = \delta^\mu_\nu , \quad \varepsilon \tilde{f}_\pm \rightarrow \rho_\pm = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma \cdot P)(1 \pm \gamma^5)\gamma^0 , \quad (23)$$

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$$\{\psi^\mu, \psi_5\} = 0 .$$

$$\{Q, Q\} = -2i \mathcal{H}$$

Backup

Non-relativistic limit

Large fermion mass or chemical potential

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_{RC} z}{2} \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{m_R^2}\right) + \frac{i}{2} (\psi_\mu \dot{\psi}^\mu + \psi_5 \dot{\psi}_5) - \frac{im_{RC}}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{x}_\mu \psi^\mu}{z} \left[1 - \frac{m^2}{2m_R^2}\right] + \frac{m}{m_R} \psi_5 \right) \chi$$

$$+ \frac{\dot{x}_\mu A^\mu(x)}{c} - \frac{i}{2m_{RC}} z \psi^\mu F_{\mu\nu} \psi^\nu.$$

$$m_R^2 = m^2 + i\psi^\mu F_{\mu\nu} \psi^\nu$$

We'll know Weyl Hamiltonian is recovered.

$$\mathcal{L}_{NR} = -mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}^2 + \frac{i}{2} (\boldsymbol{\psi} \dot{\boldsymbol{\psi}} - \psi_0 \dot{\psi}_0) - A^0 + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \cdot \mathbf{A} + \frac{\mathbf{S} \cdot ([\mathbf{v}/c - \mathbf{A}/(mc^2)] \times \mathbf{E})}{mc} + \frac{\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{m}.$$

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Son, Yamamoto; Stephanov, Yin: Berry phase

Adiabatic limit, large chemical potential has a Berry phase

$$S = \int dt [p^i \dot{x}^i + A_i(x) \dot{x}^i - \mathcal{A}_i(p) \dot{p}^i - H(p, x)]$$

$$i\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{p}} \equiv u_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} u_{\mathbf{p}},$$

and a nonzero Berry curvature,

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{p}} \equiv \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \times \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{p}} = \pm \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}}{2|\mathbf{p}|^2},$$

$$\{p_i, p_j\} = -\frac{\epsilon_{ijk} B_k}{1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}}$$

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$$\dot{n}_{\mathbf{p}} + \frac{1}{1 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}} \left[\left(\tilde{\mathbf{E}} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}} \times \mathbf{B} + (\tilde{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} + \left(\tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} + (\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}}) \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right] = 0.$$

$$\partial_t n + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = - \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left(\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right) \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

What happens away from that limit?

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Fujikawa's lament...

hep-ph/0501166

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and...

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What we have shown in the present paper is that this expectation is not realized, and the similarity between the two is superficial.

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Color

Jalilian-Marian, Jeon, Venugopalan, Wirstam, Phys.Rev. D62 (2000) 045020

$$\int \mathcal{D}\lambda^\dagger \mathcal{D}\lambda \mathcal{J}(\lambda^\dagger \lambda) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^T d\tau \left(\frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\mathcal{E}} + \frac{1}{2} \psi_a \dot{\psi}_a + \lambda^\dagger \dot{\lambda} - \lambda^\dagger \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \lambda \right) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(\lambda^\dagger \lambda) = \left(\frac{\pi}{T} \right)^N \sum_\phi \exp[i\phi(\lambda^\dagger \lambda + N/2 - 1)].$$

Phase space and color: Wong's equations from world-lines

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^\mu &= v^\mu, \\ \dot{P}^\mu &= g F^{a,\mu\nu} Q^a v_\nu, \\ \dot{Q}^a &= -g f^{abc} A_\mu^b Q^c v^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$P^\mu D_\mu f(x, P, Q) = g P^\mu Q^a F_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial P_\nu} f(x, P, Q)$$

See also Litim and Manuel: Bodeker's effective theory is recovered!