

# Chiral transport and chiral kinetic theory in supernovae

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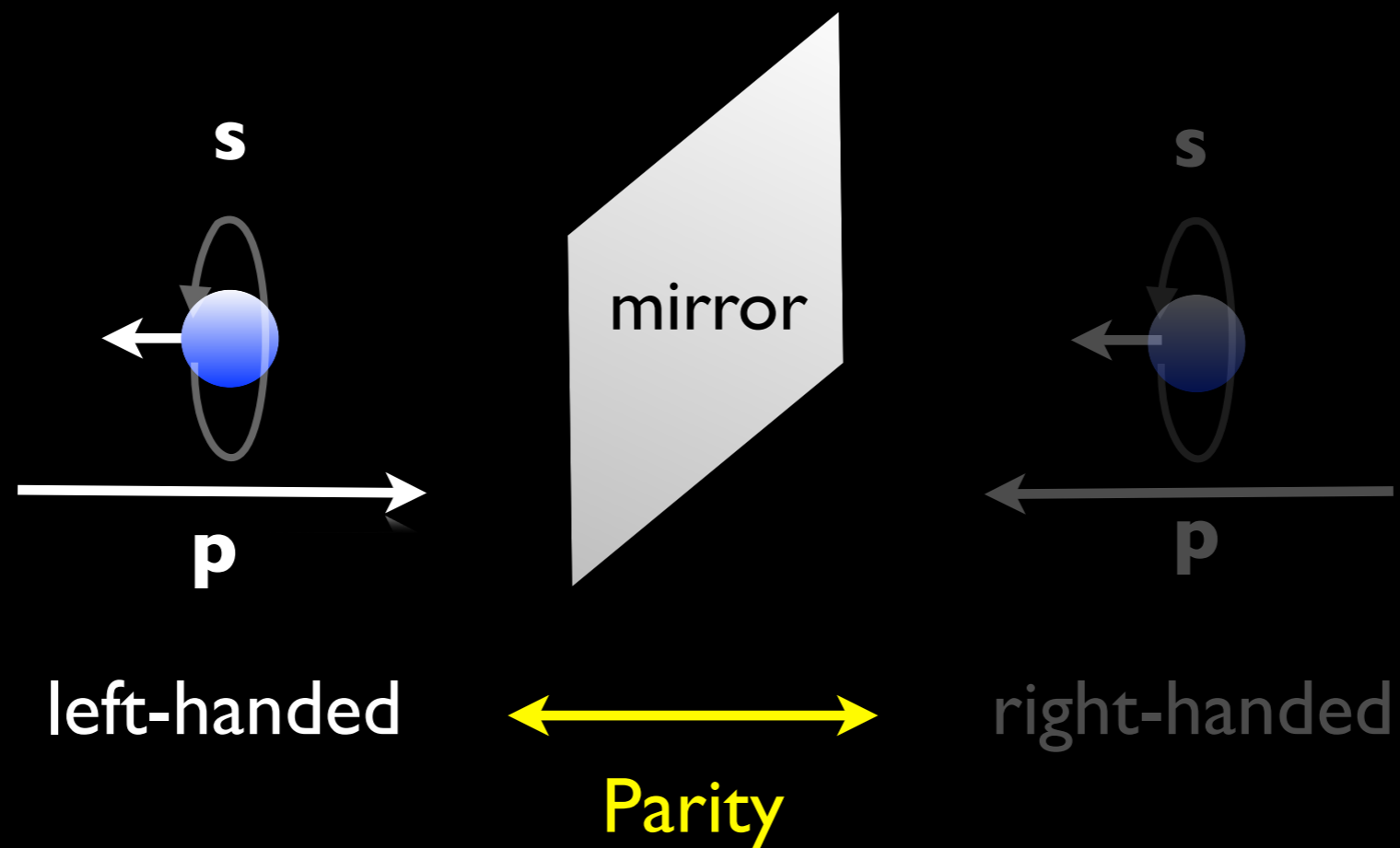
# Neutrinos: Basics



# Neutrino

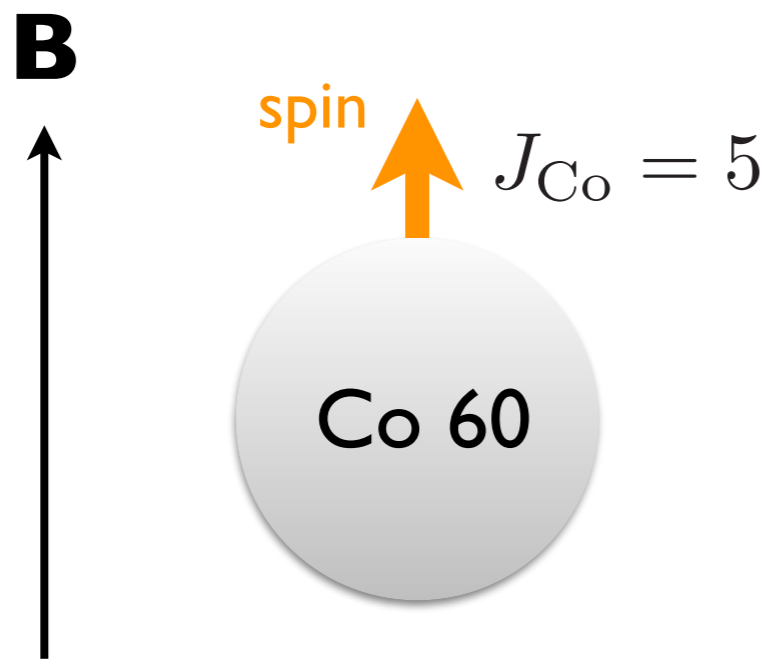
<b>Composition</b>	Elementary particle
<b>Statistics</b>	Fermionic
<b>Family</b>	Leptons, antileptons
<b>Generation</b>	First ( $\nu_e$ ), second ( $\nu_\mu$ ), and third ( $\nu_\tau$ )
<b>Interactions</b>	Weak interaction and gravitation
<b>Symbol</b>	$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\tau$
<b>Particle</b>	spin: $\pm\frac{1}{2}\hbar$ , <b>chirality: Left</b> , weak isospin: $+\frac{1}{2}$ , lepton nr.: +1, "flavour" in { e, $\mu$ , $\tau$ }

# Chirality of SN neutrinos



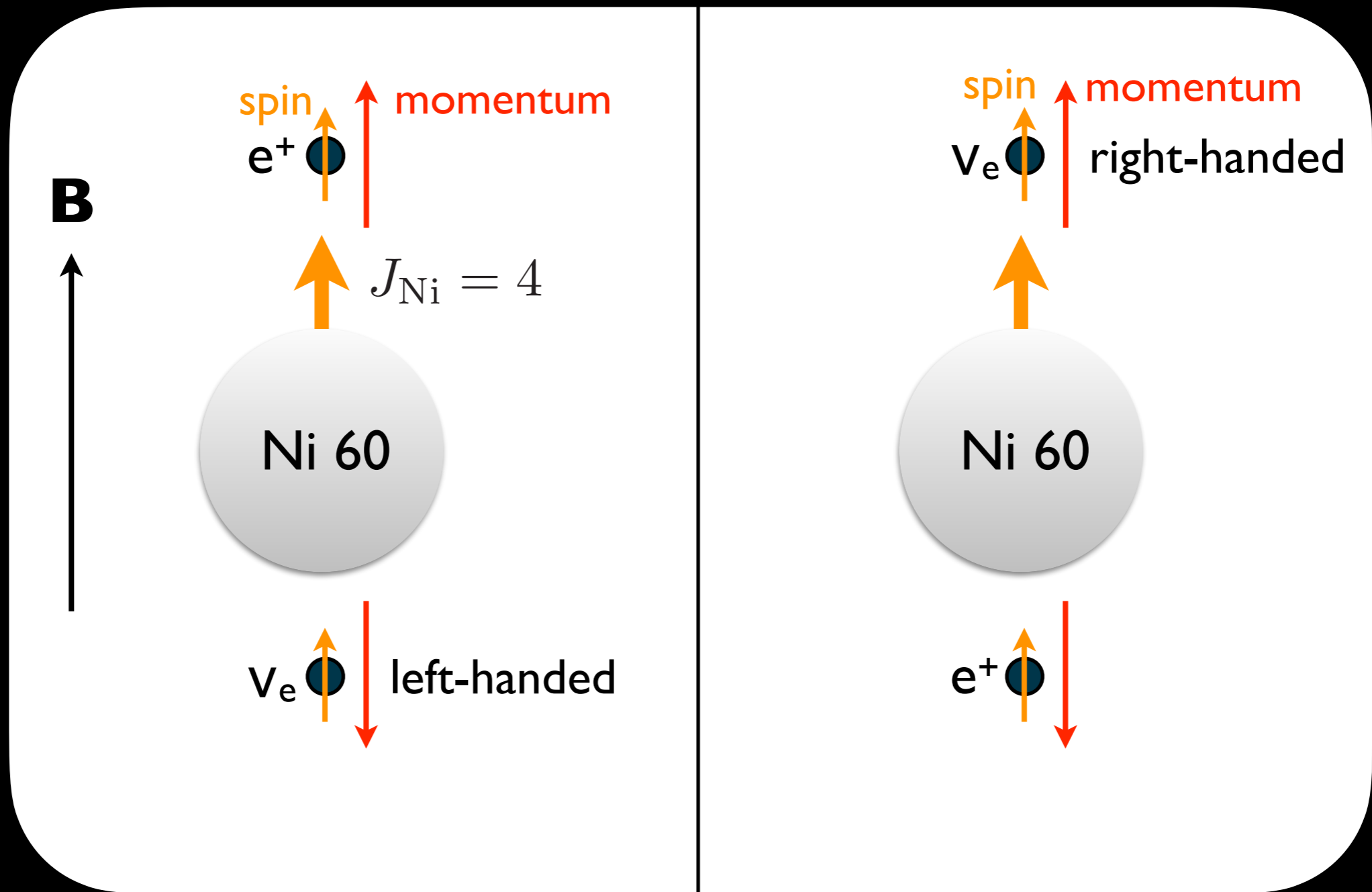


# Wu experiment



Chien-Shiung Wu

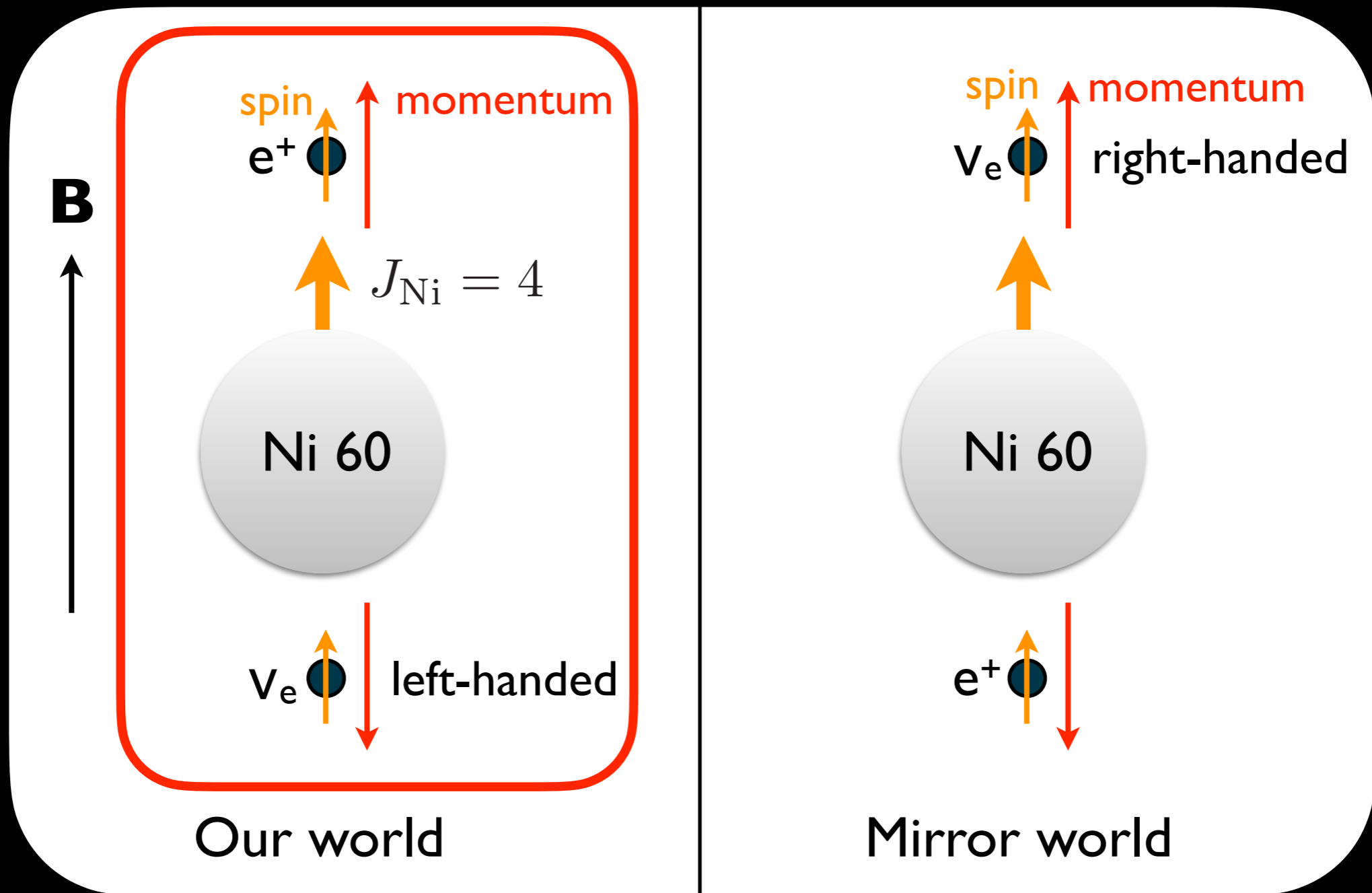
# Wu experiment



$$5 = 4 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

Wu et al., (1957)

# Wu experiment



# Why is “God” left-handed?

- The laws of physics are (almost) left-right symmetric.
- Exception: **weak interaction** acts only on **left-handed particles**.



W. Pauli

“God is just a **weak left-hander**.”

# Contents

- Chiral transport phenomena
- Chiral kinetic theory
- Some applications in core-collapse supernovae:  
chiral plasma instability and inverse cascade

$$\text{Units: } \hbar = c = k_{\text{B}} = e = 1$$

Kohei Kamada, Naoki Yamamoto, and Di-Lun Yang,  
“*Chiral Effects in Astrophysics and Cosmology,*”  
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# Chiral transport phenomena (general perspective)

# Transport phenomena

- Classical and familiar examples:
  - Ohm's law:  $\mathbf{j}_e = \sigma \mathbf{E}$
  - Fourier's law:  $\mathbf{j}_Q = \kappa(-\nabla T)$

$$j_e \sim B?$$

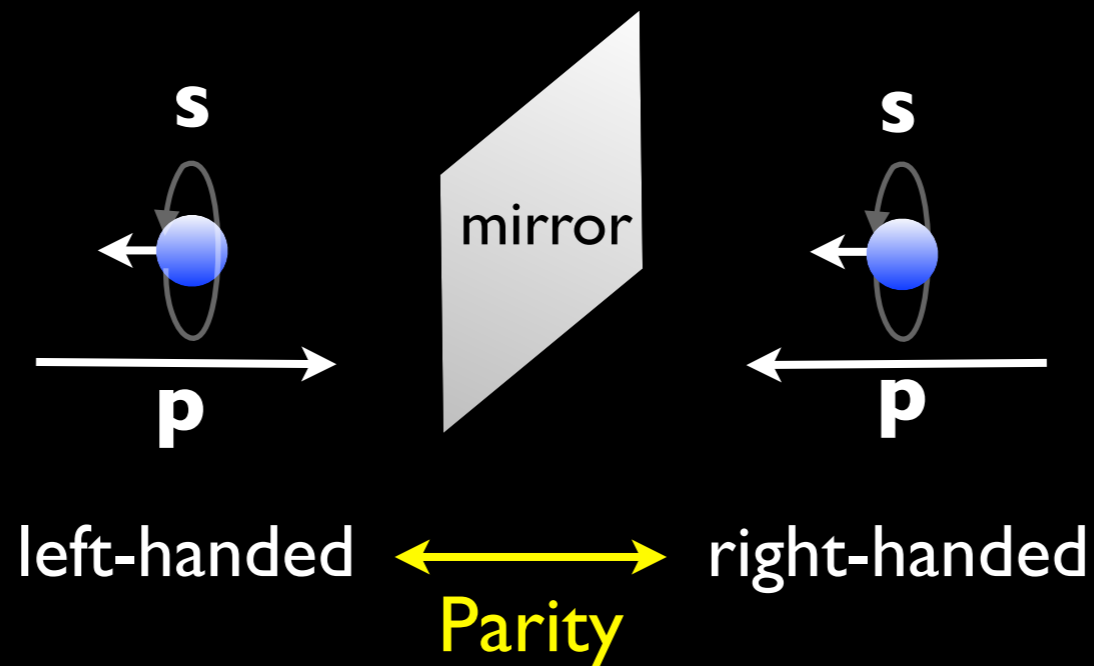


# Parity

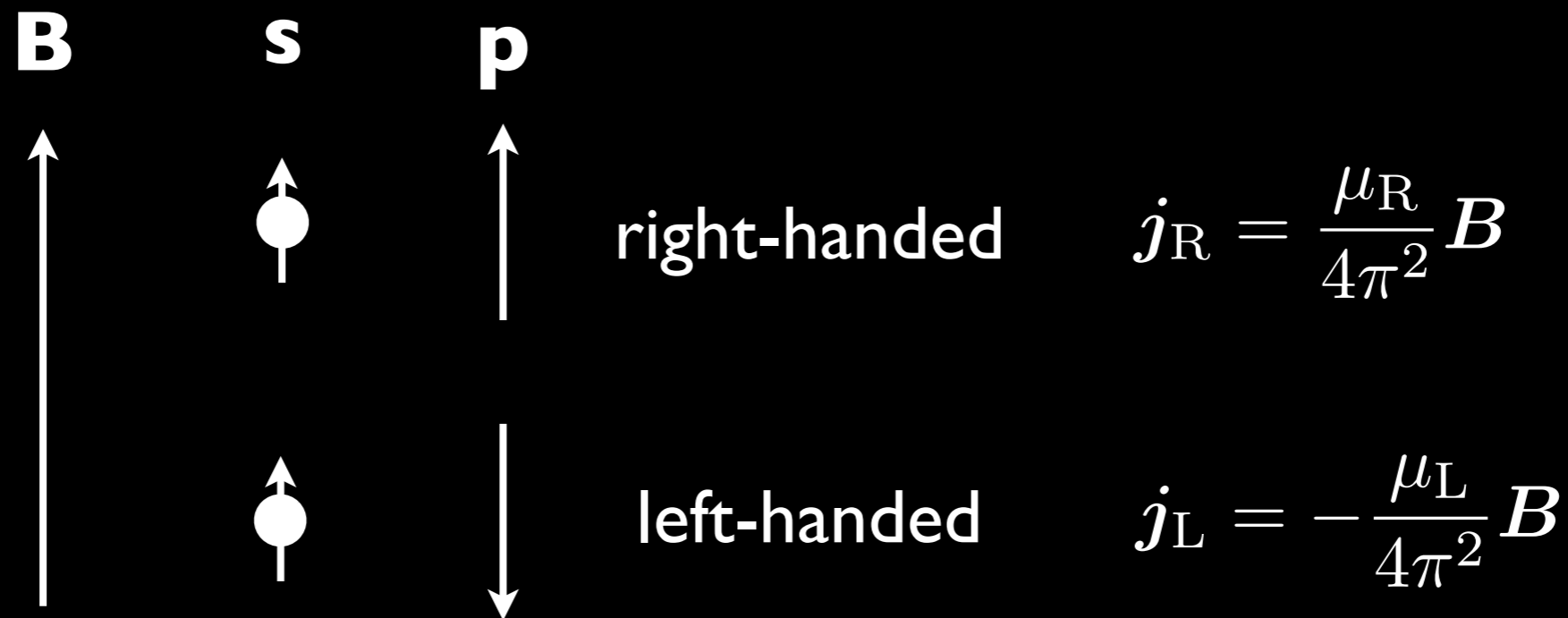
- Assume the relation:  $\mathbf{j}_e = \xi \mathbf{B}$
- Under the parity,  $-\mathbf{j}_e = \xi \mathbf{B}$  ( $\because \mathbf{B}$  is axial-vector)
- It is consistent with parity when  $\xi = 0$ .

# Chirality

- Possible in chiral matter:  $\dot{j}_e \sim (\mu_R - \mu_L)B$
- This is the **chiral magnetic effect (CME)**.



# Chiral magnetic effect

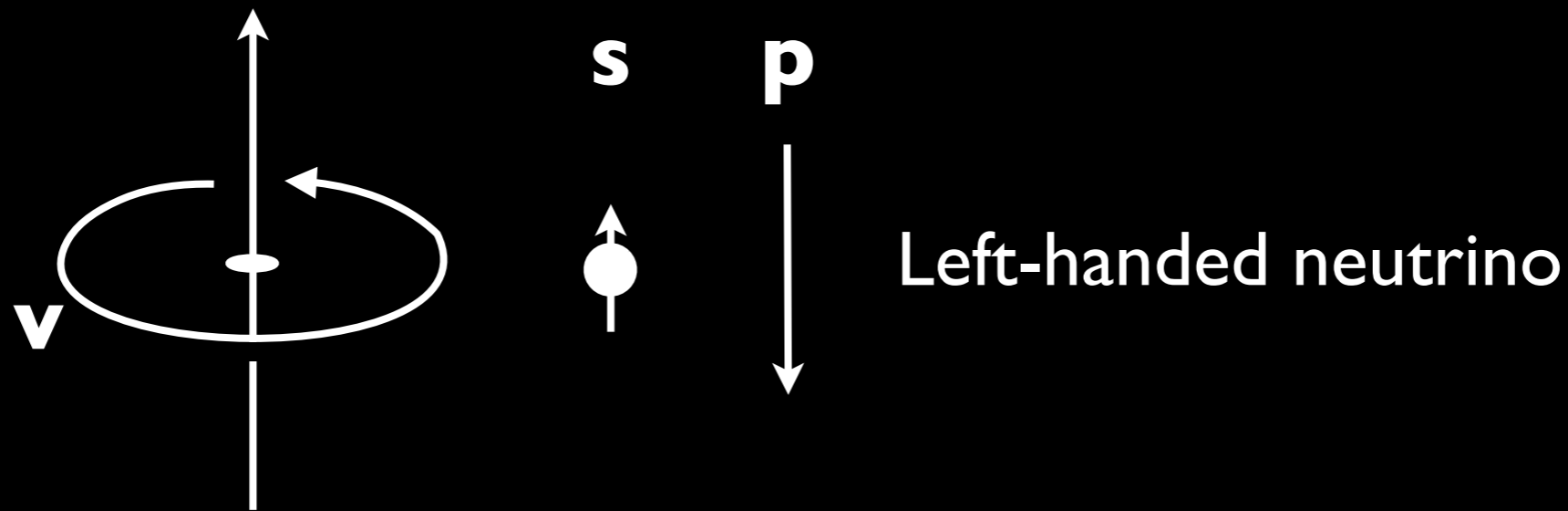


$$\dot{j} = \frac{\mu_R - \mu_L}{4\pi^2} B \equiv \frac{\mu_5}{2\pi^2} B$$

Vilenkin (1980); Nielsen, Ninomiya (1983); Fukushima, Kharzeev, Warringa (2008), ...

# Chiral vortical effect

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \boldsymbol{v}$$



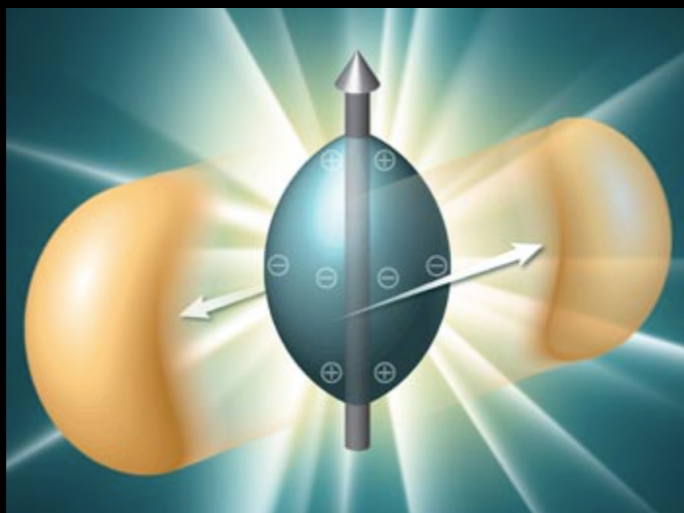
$$\boldsymbol{j} = - \left( \frac{\mu^2}{4\pi^2} + \frac{T^2}{12} \right) \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

Vilenkin (1979); Erdmenger et al. (2009); Banerjee et al. (2011);  
Son, Surowka (2009); Landsteiner et al. (2011)

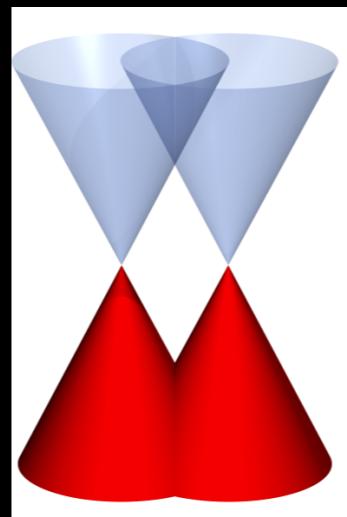
# Chiral matter

See talk by Jennifer Schober

- Electroweak plasma in early Universe [Joyce, Shaposhnikov \(1997\), ...](#)
- Quark-gluon plasma in heavy ion collision [Fukushima, Kharzeev, Warringa \(2008\), ...](#)
- Weyl semimetal (“3D graphene”) [Nielsen, Ninomiya \(1983\), ...](#)
- Neutrino matter in supernovae [Yamamoto \(2016\), ...](#)



Quark-Gluon Plasma



Weyl semimetal



Supernovae

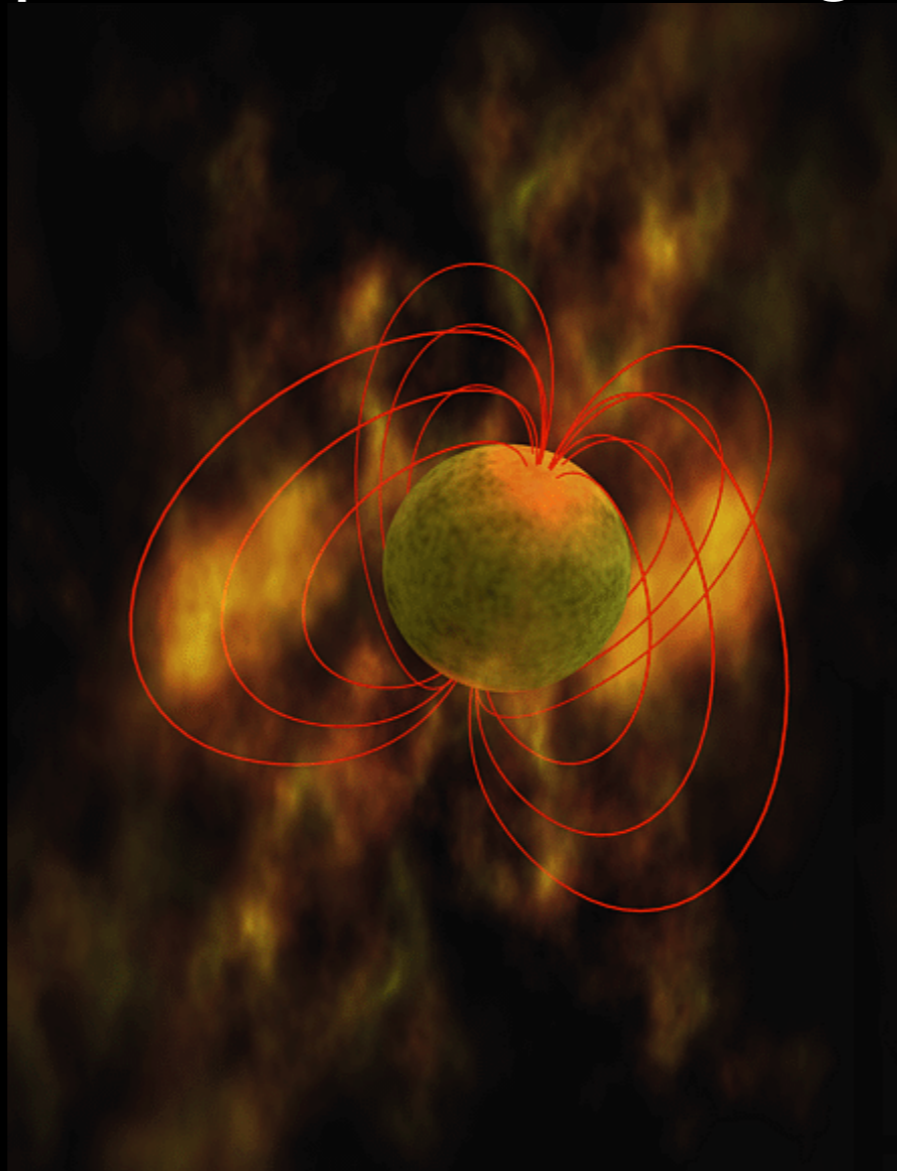
A vibrant, multi-colored explosion or supernova remnant. The central region is bright yellow and orange, radiating outwards into a complex, filamentary structure of green, magenta, and red. The overall appearance is that of a starburst or a large-scale explosion, set against a dark, almost black background.

# Core-collapse supernova explosion



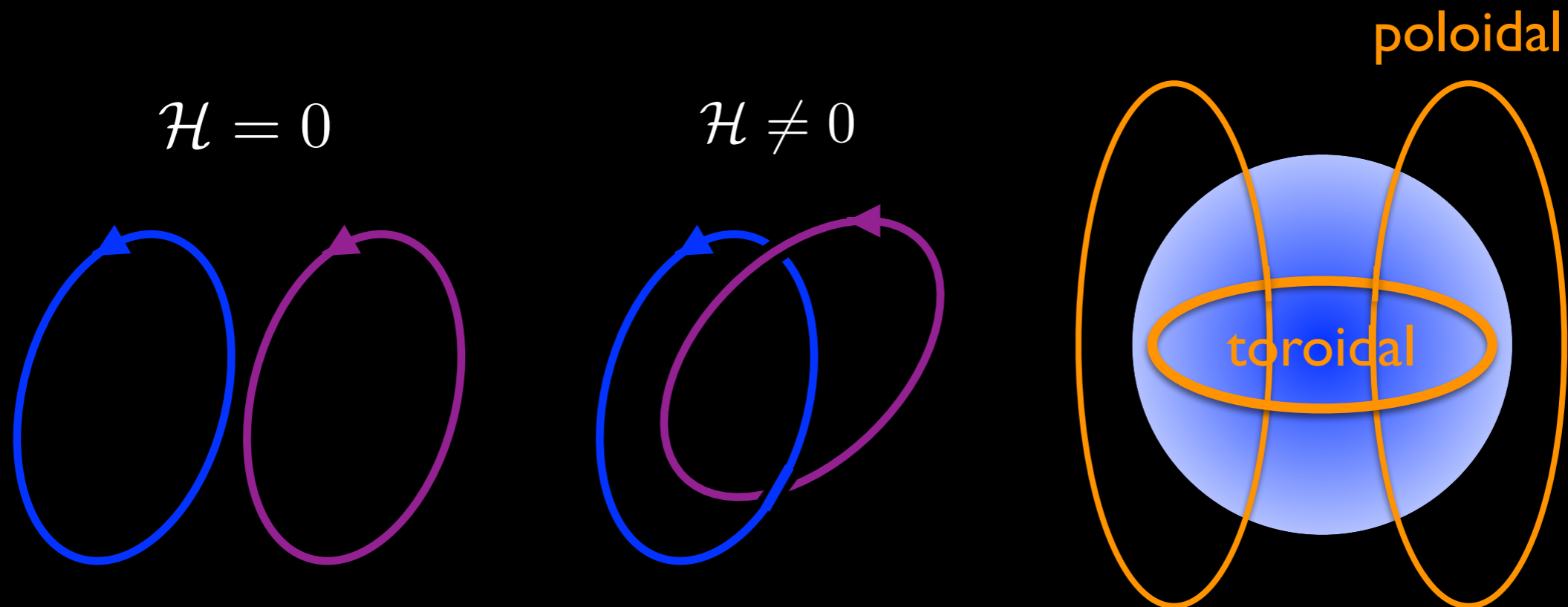
# Puzzle of magnetars

- Surface magnetic field  $\sim 10^{15}$  G (“the strongest magnet”)
- Origin of such a powerful and stable magnetic field?



# Magnetic helicity

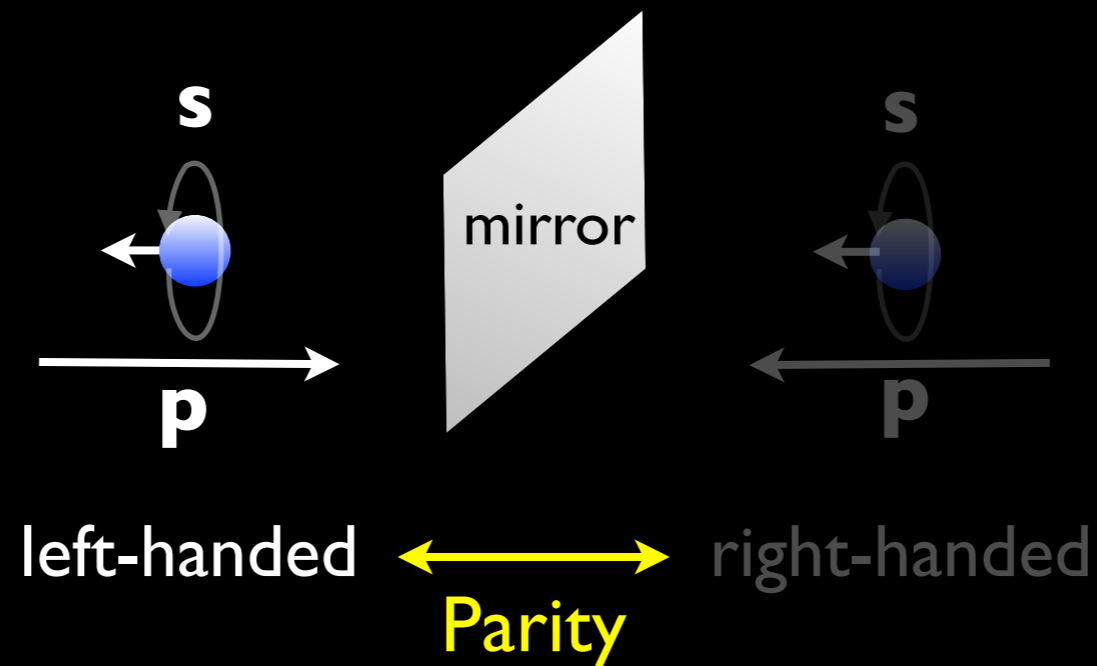
- $\mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ : linking of magnetic fluxes (topological stability)
- Typically assumed as initial conditions, but its origin is unclear (global  $\mathcal{H}$  cannot be generated by parity-even MHD).





# Drawback of the theory

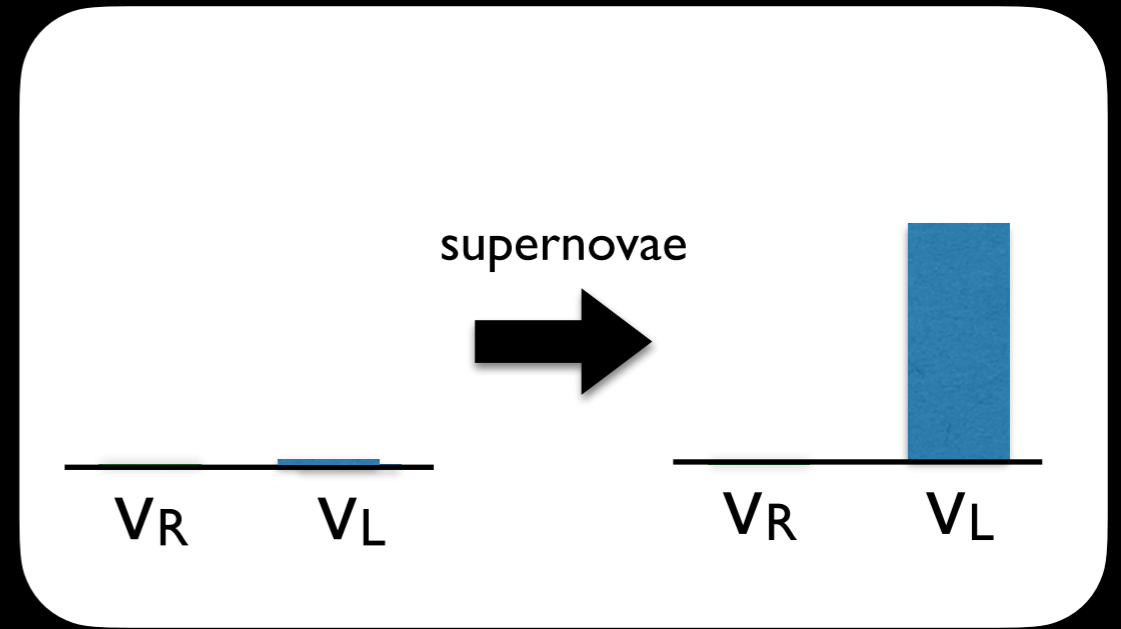
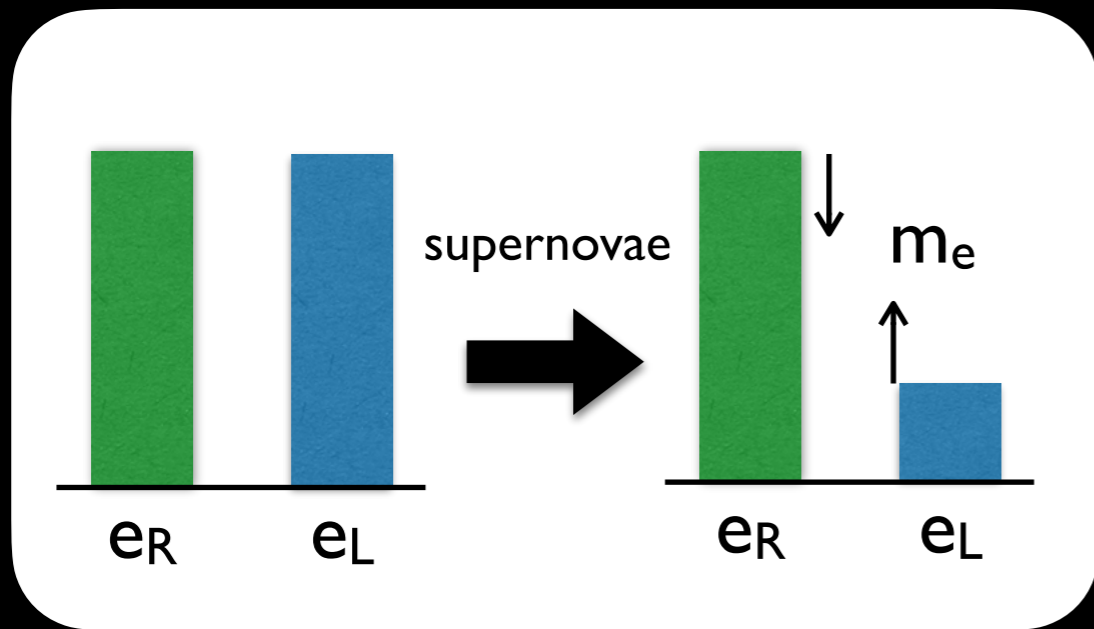
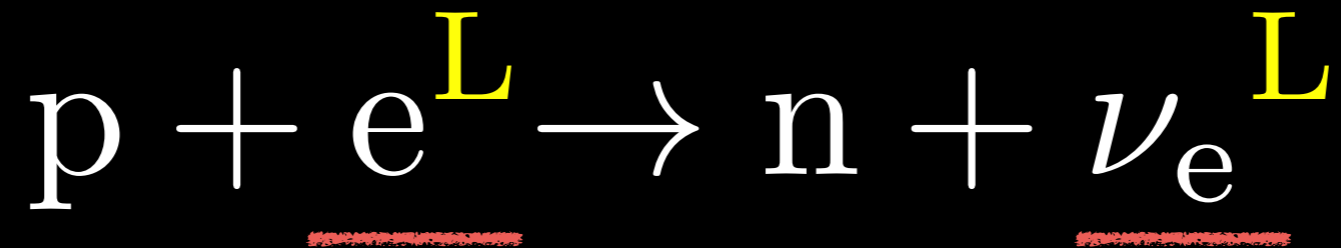
- Conventional transport theory ignores the left-handedness of  $v$ .  
→ *not* qualified as a correct low-energy effective theory



# Why one should care?

- All the laws of physics are based on symmetry principle:
  - Standard Model of particle physics, hydrodynamics for (super)fluids, Ginzburg-Landau theory, ...
- Examples of the importance of chirality:
  - $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$  due to the chirality of quarks
  - Baryon number violation due to the chirality of quarks/leptons

# Supernova = Giant Parity Breaker



Ohnishi, Yamamoto (2014); Grabowska, Kaplan, Reddy (2015); Sigl, Leite (2016), ...

# From **micro** to **macro**

Micro

Standard Model of Particle Physics



Nonequilibrium effective theory for  $\nu$



Macro

Hydrodynamic evolution of core-collapse supernovae

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Standard Model of Particle Physics

← Systematic derivation from SM?

Nonequilibrium effective theory for  $\nu$

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Hydrodynamic evolution of core-collapse supernovae

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = C[f]$$



# Conventional derivation

for neutral massless scalar field (spin 0)

- Green's function:  $S^<(x, y) = \langle \phi^\dagger(y)\phi(x) \rangle$ ,  $S^>(x, y) = \langle \phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y) \rangle$
- Equation of motion:  $\square_x S^<(x, y) = 0$
- Wigner function:  $S^<(q, X) = \int_s e^{-iq \cdot s} S^<\left(X + \frac{s}{2}, X - \frac{s}{2}\right) \sim f(q, X)$
- Derivative expansion:  $\partial_X \ll q \longrightarrow q \cdot \partial_X f(q, X) = 0$   
collisionless Boltzmann equation

# Chiral radiation transport theory for neutrinos

# From QFT to chiral kinetic theory

see, e.g., Hidaka, Pu, Yang, PRD (2017)

- Wigner function:  $S^<(q, x) = \int_y e^{-iq \cdot y} \langle \psi^\dagger(x + y/2) \psi(x - y/2) \rangle \equiv \sigma^\mu \mathcal{L}_\mu^<$

- Equations of motion:  $\mathcal{D}_\mu \mathcal{L}^<\mu = 0, \quad \dots (1)$

$$q_\mu \mathcal{L}^<\mu = 0, \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu \mathcal{L}_\nu^< - \mathcal{D}_\nu \mathcal{L}_\mu^< = -2\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q^\rho \mathcal{L}^<\sigma \quad \dots (3)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_\mu \mathcal{L}_\nu^< \equiv \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}_\nu^< - \Sigma_\mu^< \mathcal{L}_\nu^> + \Sigma_\mu^> \mathcal{L}_\nu^<$

- Solution of (2), (3):  $\mathcal{L}^<\mu = 2\pi\delta(q^2)(q^\mu - S^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_\nu) f^<$  frame vector

where  $S^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2q \cdot n}$

- Inserting it into (1)  $\rightarrow$  transport equation with collisions

$$J^\mu = 2 \int_q \mathcal{L}^<\mu, \quad T^{\mu\nu} = \int_q (\mathcal{L}^<\mu q^\nu + \mathcal{L}^<\nu q^\mu)$$



# Chiral radiation transport theory

Yamamoto, Yang, ApJ (2020)

General Relativity + Standard Model + Nonequilibrium Field Theory

$$\left[ q^\mu D_\mu - (D_\mu S^{\mu\nu}) \partial_\nu + S^{\mu\nu} q^\rho R_{\rho\mu\nu}^\lambda \partial_{q\lambda} \right] f = (1-f) \overset{\text{emission}}{\Gamma^<} - f \overset{\text{absorption}}{\Gamma^>}$$

$$D_\mu = \nabla_\mu - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda q^\nu \partial_{q\lambda}, \quad \Gamma^{\lessgtr} = (q^\nu - D_\mu S^{\mu\nu}) \Sigma_\nu^{\lessgtr}, \quad S^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2q \cdot n}$$

- Systematic derivation from the underlying Standard Model
- New terms explicitly break spherical and axi-symmetries

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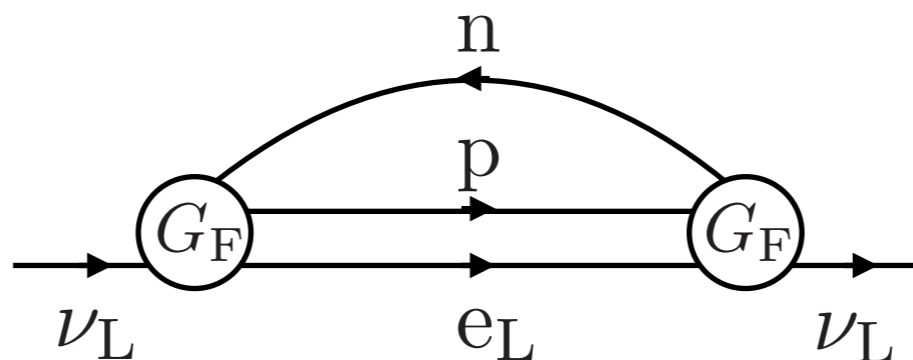
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A practical version (with  $n^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$  ignoring curvature)

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Neutrino self-energy



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$$\omega^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu \partial_\alpha u_\beta, \quad B^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu F_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Gamma^{(0)>} \approx \frac{G_F^2}{\pi} (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2) E_\nu^3 (1 - f^{(e)}) \left(1 - \frac{3E_\nu}{M_N}\right) \frac{n_p - n_n}{1 - e^{\beta(\mu_n - \mu_p)}}$$

$$\Gamma^{(B)>} \approx \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi M_N} (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2) E_\nu (1 - f^{(e)}) \left(1 - \frac{8E_\nu}{3M_N}\right) \frac{n_p - n_n}{1 - e^{\beta(\mu_n - \mu_p)}}$$

$$\Gamma^{(\omega)>} \approx \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2) E_\nu (1 - f^{(e)}) \left(2 + \beta E_\nu f^{(e)}\right) \frac{n_p - n_n}{1 - e^{\beta(\mu_n - \mu_p)}}$$

$\Gamma^{(0)}$  was computed in Reddy, Prakash, Lattimer, PRD (1998)

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Neutrino current and energy-momentum tensor (ignoring nonlinear in  $f$ )

$$J^\mu = \int_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|} (q^\mu - S^{\mu\nu} D_\nu) f, \quad T^{\mu\nu} = \int_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|} \left[ q^\mu q^\nu - \frac{1}{2} (q^\mu S^{\nu\rho} + q^\nu S^{\mu\rho}) D_\rho \right] f$$

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& corresponding chiral corrections in matter sector (back reaction)

# Nonequilibrium chiral effects by $\mathbf{B}$

Yamamoto, Yang, PRD (2021), arXiv:2211.14465

- Neutrino current near equilibrium:

$$T_\nu^{i0} \approx \mu_\nu j_\nu^i \approx -\frac{1}{72\pi M_N G_F^2 (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2)} \frac{e^{2\beta(\mu_n - \mu_p)}}{n_n - n_p} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mu_\nu B^i$$

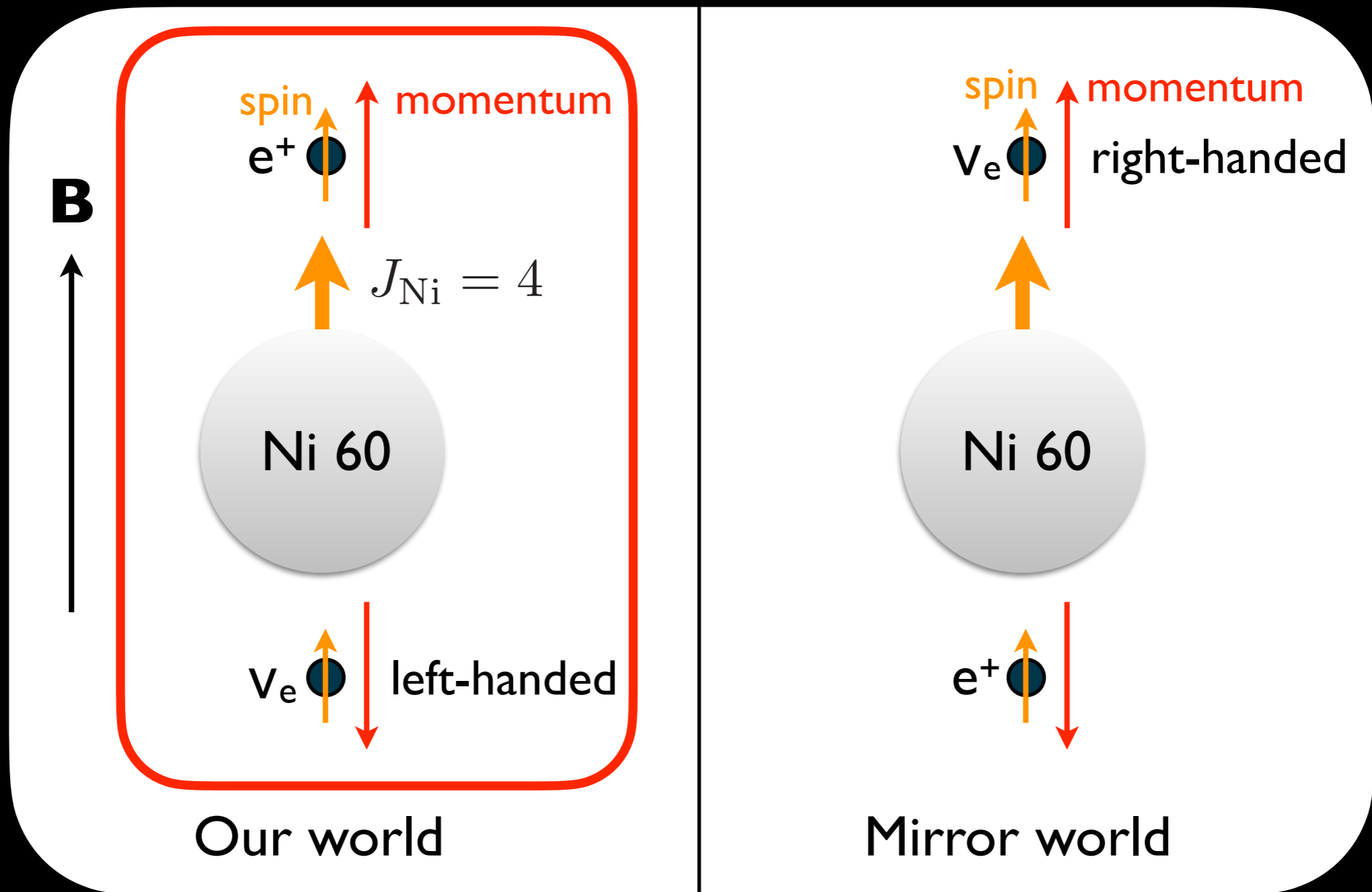
- Electric current induced by generic nonequilibrium neutrinos:

$$\mathbf{j}_e = \xi_B \mathbf{B}$$

$$\dot{\xi}_B = \frac{1}{4\pi^3} (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2) G_F^2 (n_p - n_n) \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \left[ \frac{\bar{f}_e (1 - f_\nu)}{1 - e^{\beta(\mu_n - \mu_p)}} + \frac{(1 - \bar{f}_e) f_\nu}{1 - e^{\beta(\mu_p - \mu_n)}} \right]$$

Effective chiral magnetic effect (without  $\mu_5$ )

# Wu experiment



$\mathbf{J}_{e,\nu} \propto \mathbf{B}$  : nonequilibrium many-body manifestation of the chiral effect

# Effective chiral magnetic effect

$$\mathbf{j}_e = [\# \mu_5 + \# \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} + \xi_B(f_\nu) + \dots] \mathbf{B}$$

- $\mu_5$  generated by the electron capture  $p + e^L \leftrightarrow n + \nu_e^L$   
→ may be erased by chirality flipping ( $e_R \leftrightarrow e_L$ ) due to finite  $m_e$   
[Ohnishi, Yamamoto \(2014\)](#); [Grabowska, Kaplan, Reddy \(2015\)](#); [Sigl, Leite \(2016\)](#), ...
- Kinetic helicity generated by hydro evolution with CVE  
→ *globally* present unlike turbulent generation ( $\alpha$  effect)  
[Yamamoto \(2016\)](#)      For the conventional  $\alpha$  effect, see talk by Matsumoto
- $\xi_B(f_\nu)$  due to scattering with nonequilibrium neutrinos  
[Yamamoto, Yang, arXiv:2211.14465](#)

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$\sim 0.1\text{-}1 \text{ MeV}$  in the gain region

$$Y_e \simeq 0.4, \quad \rho \sim 10^{10} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}, \quad T \sim 10^{11} \text{ K}, \quad \mu_n - \mu_p \simeq 3 \text{ MeV}, \quad t \sim 0.1 \text{ s}$$

**Matter sector gains not only energy but also helicity**



# Local simulation for supernovae

Masada et al., [arXiv:1805.10419](#); Matsumoto et al., [arXiv:2202.09205](#)

Chiral magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) equations

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}) = -\nabla P + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} + (\text{dissipation})$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} + \eta \nabla \times (\xi_B \mathbf{B})$$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{H}(\xi_B) = \frac{\eta}{2\pi^2} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \xi_B \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

see also Rogachevskii et al. (2017), Brandenburg et al. (2017), Schober et al. (2018)

See talks by Schober and Matsumoto

# Chiral plasma instability



Consider a perturbation of a seed magnetic field.

Joyce, Shaposhnikov (1997); Akamatsu, Yamamoto (2013)

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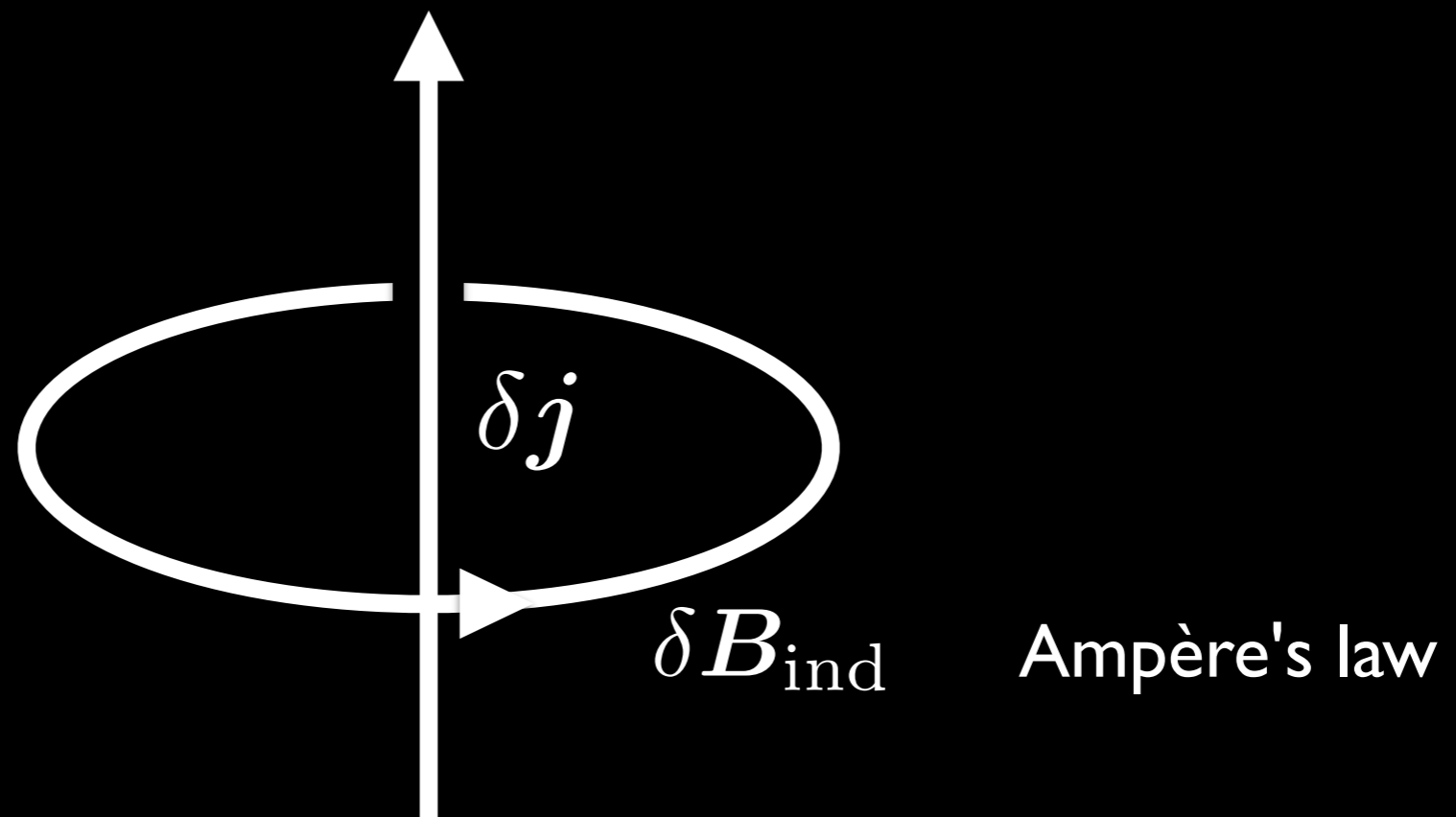


$$\delta j \propto \delta B$$

effective CME

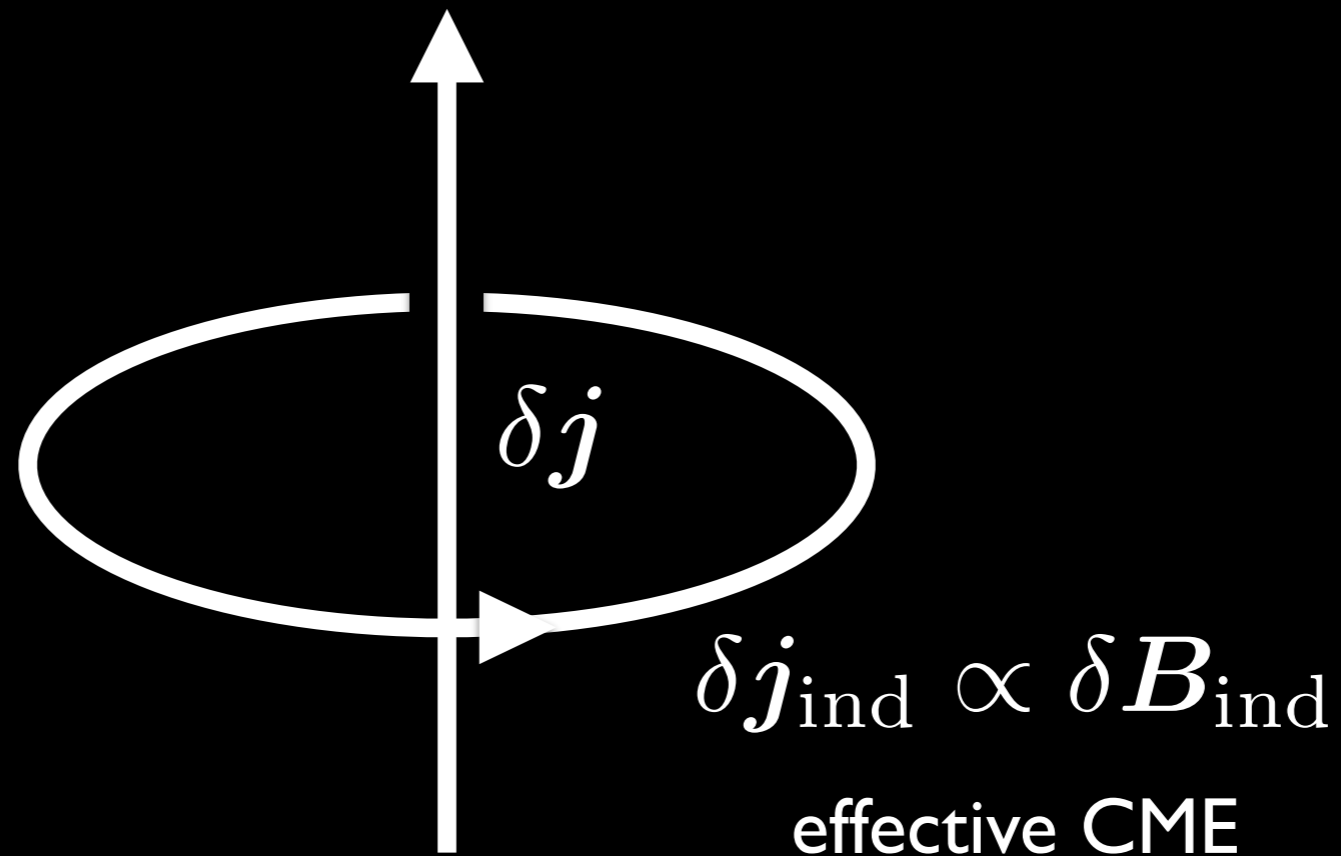
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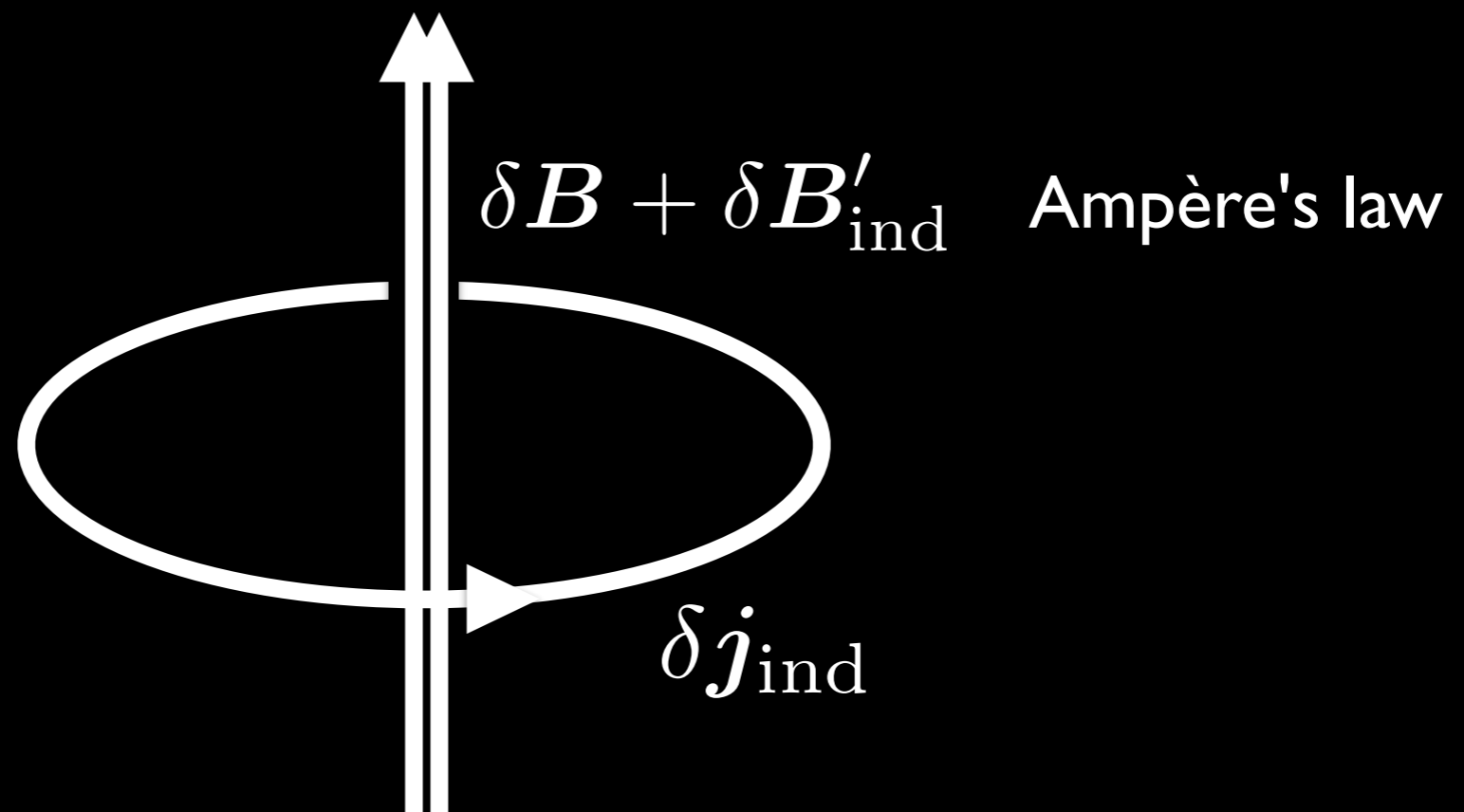
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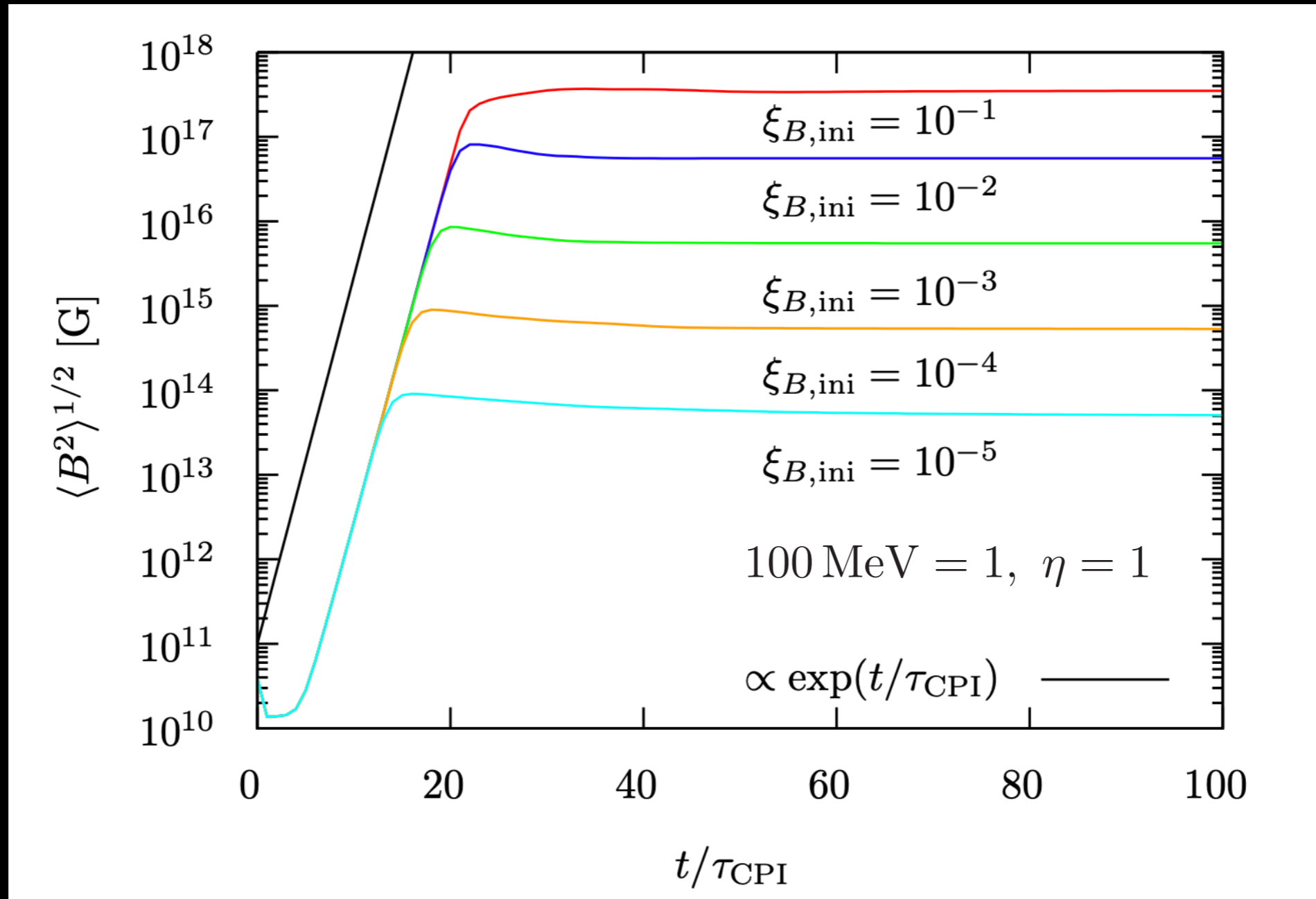


Positive feedback: instability  $\rightarrow$  generation of magnetic field with  $\mathcal{H} \neq 0$

Joyce, Shaposhnikov (1997); Akamatsu, Yamamoto (2013)

# Time evolution of $B$

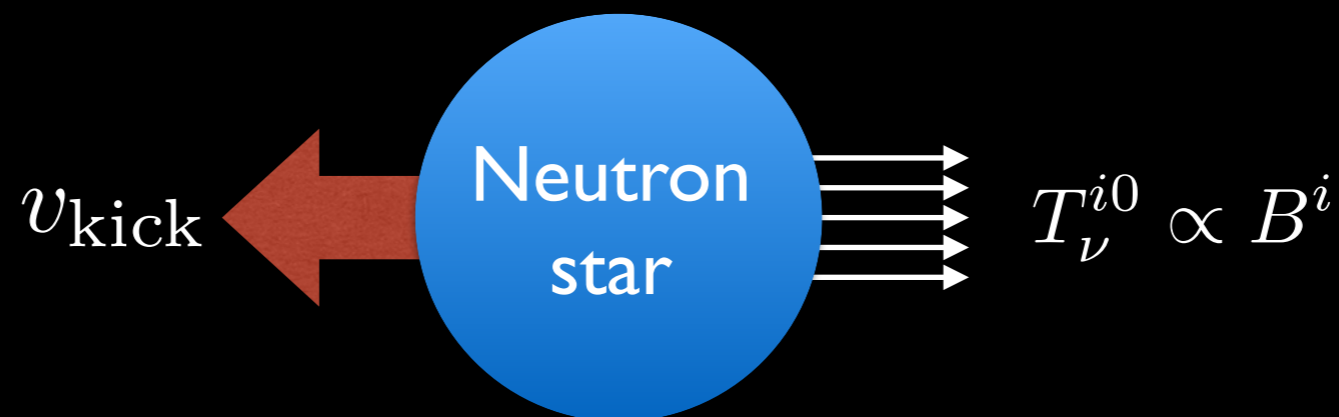
Matsumoto, Yamamoto, Yang, [arXiv:2202.09205](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.09205)



Possible new mechanism for magnetars?

# Contribution to pulsar kicks

Neutrino energy current provides a “kick” to neutron stars.



$$v_{\text{kick}} \sim 100 \left( \frac{B}{10^{15} \text{ G}} \right) \text{ km/s}$$

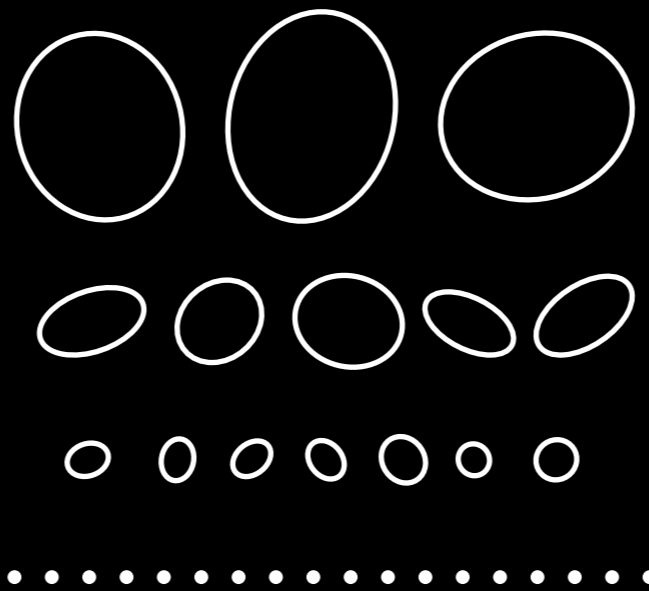
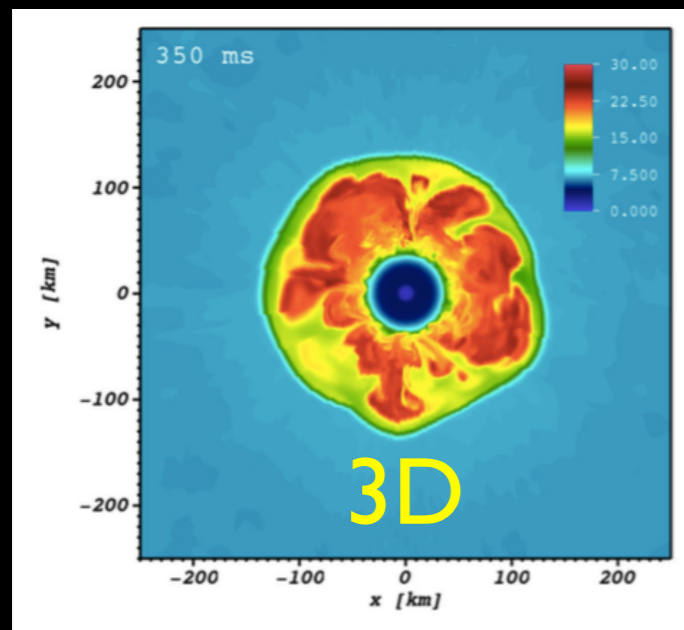
This can be comparable to the observed magnitude for  $B \sim 10^{15} \text{ G}$ .

Yamamoto, Yang, PRD (2021); see also Vilenkin, ApJ (1995)



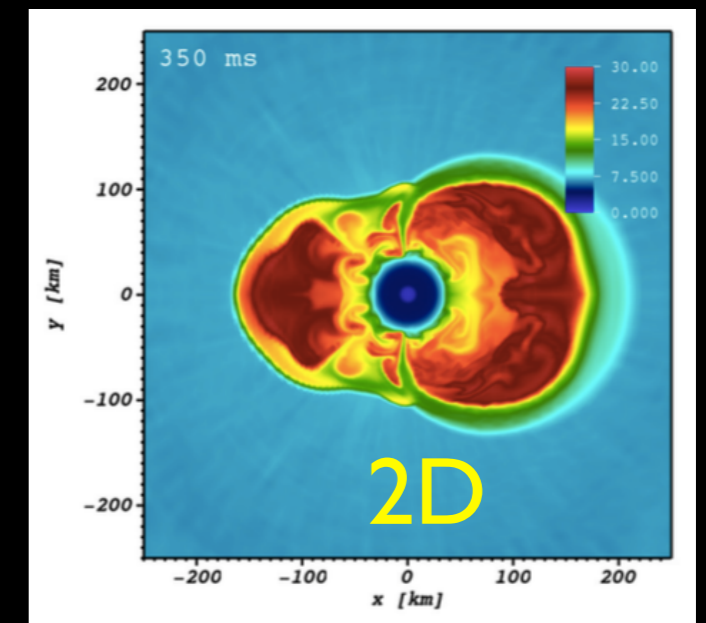
# Turbulent cascade

Direct cascade (3D):  
**energy**



Hanke (2014)

Inverse cascade (2D):  
**energy & enstrophy**

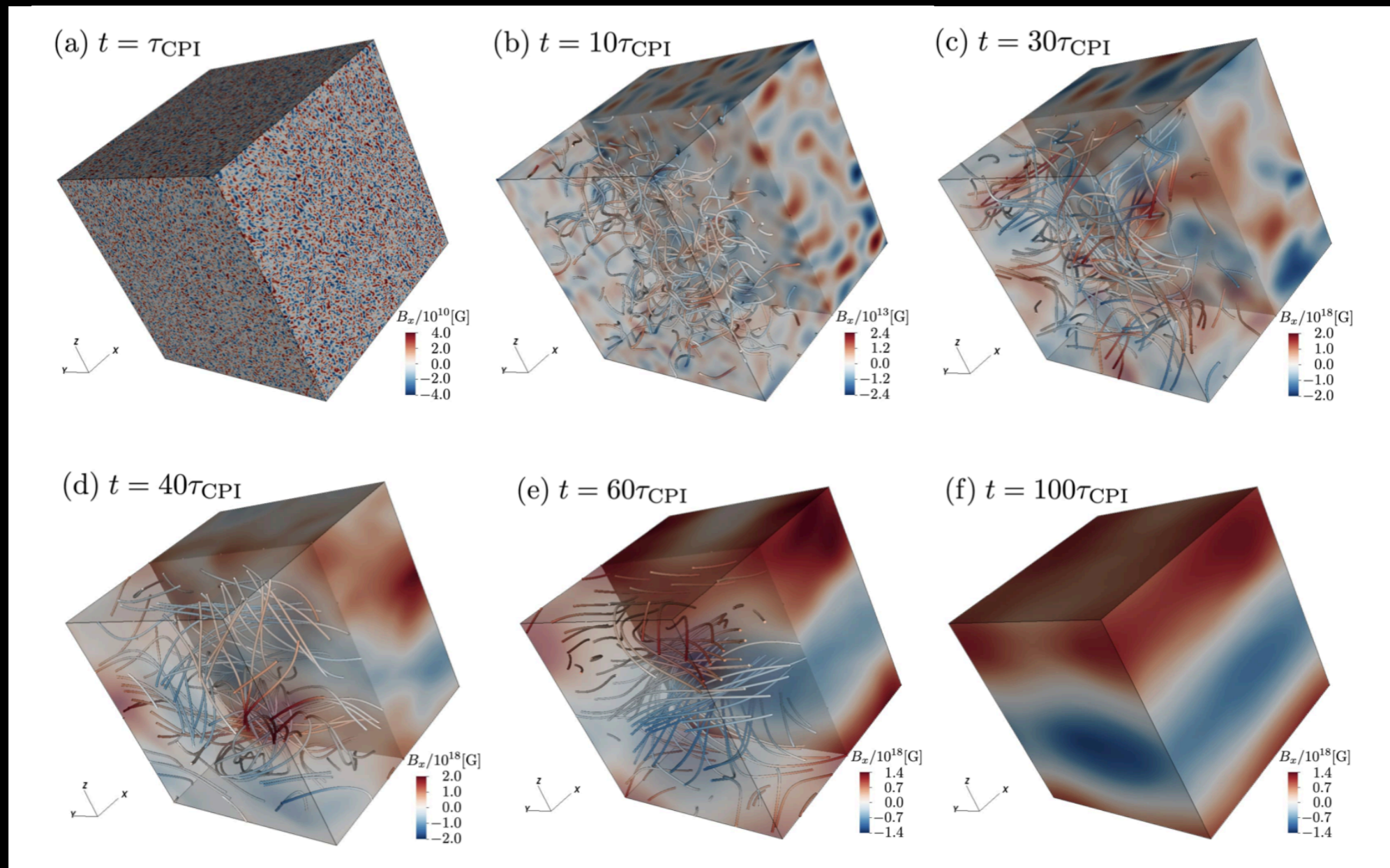


What about 3D chiral matter?: **energy & helicity**

# Time evolution of $B$

$$\xi_{B,\text{ini}} = 10^{-1}$$

Matsumoto, Yamamoto, Yang, [arXiv:2202.09205](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.09205)

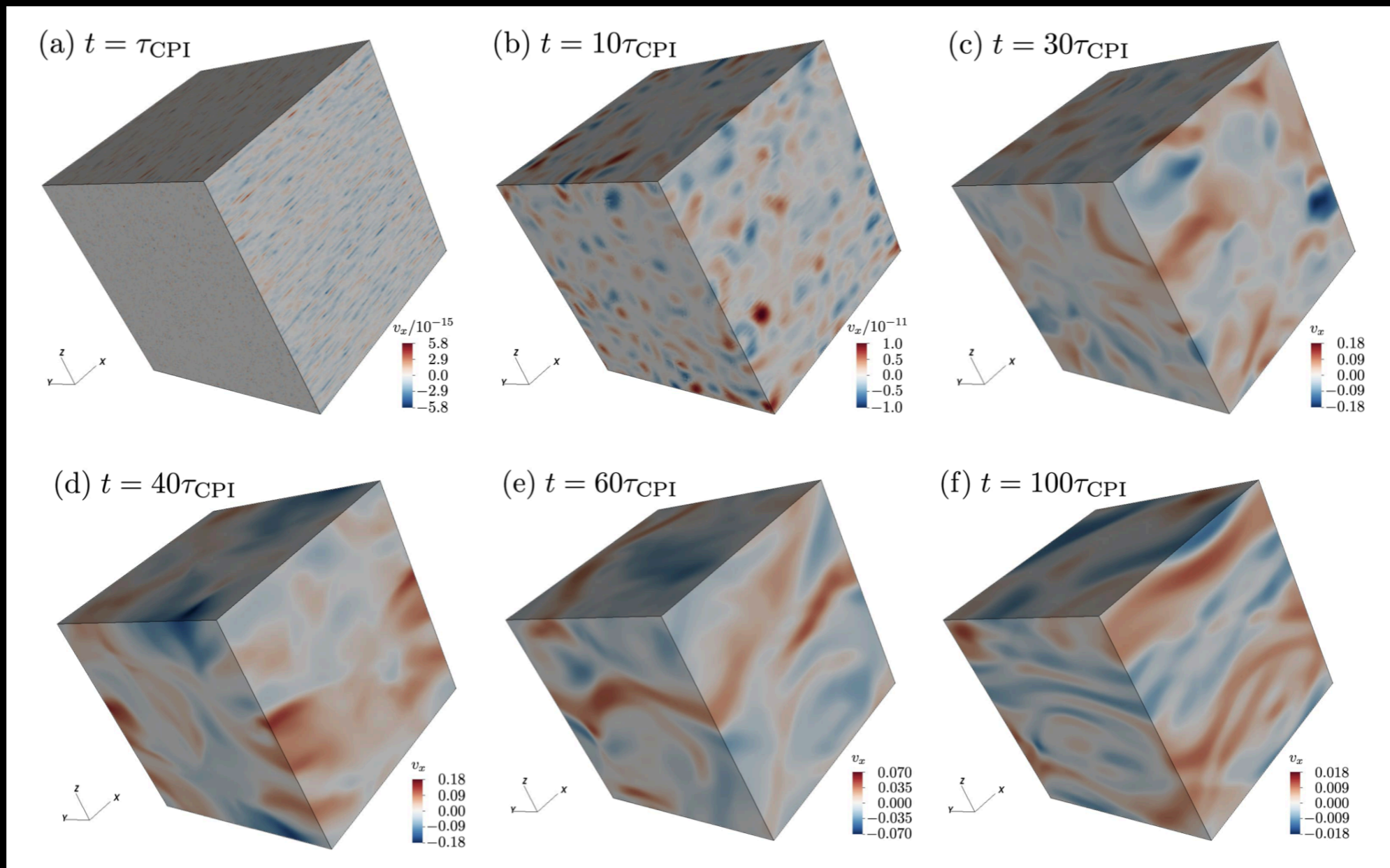


see also Brandenburg et al., [arXiv:1707.03385](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.03385); Masada et al., [arXiv:1805.10419](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.10419)

# Time evolution of $\mathbf{v}$

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Chiral effects lead to **inverse cascade**, which may affect explosion dynamics



# Summary & Outlook

- **Parity violation** in the weak theory is fundamental, yet ignored in the conventional supernova computations.
- Nonequilibrium chiral effects modify hydrodynamic behaviors: **chiral plasma instability, inverse cascade, ...**
- Possible contributions to magnetars and pulsar kicks
- Relevance of other effects? (**chiral vortical, spin Hall effects, ...**)
- Future global simulations would be important.