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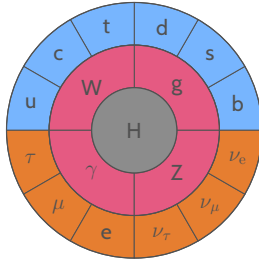
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Color Meets Flavor Symposium, 15.07.26

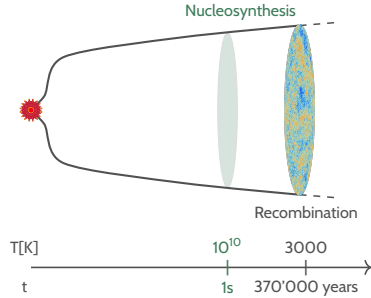


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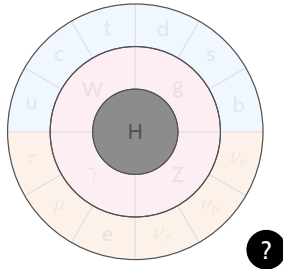


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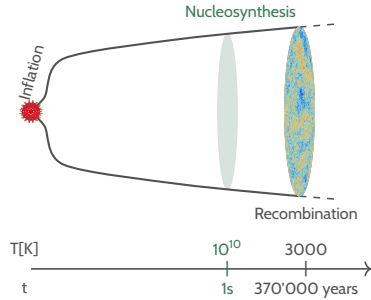


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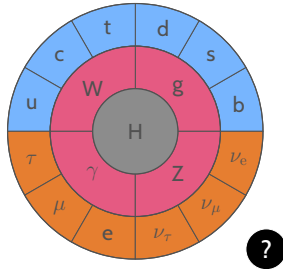


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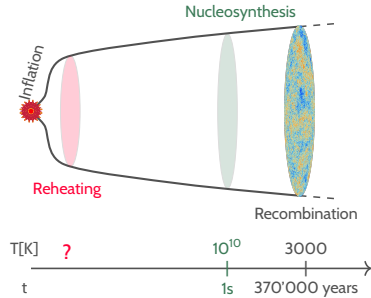


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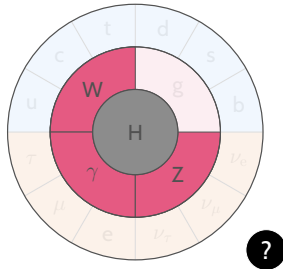


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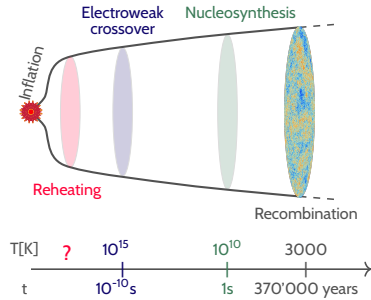


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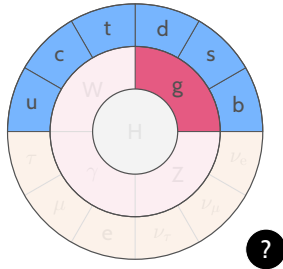


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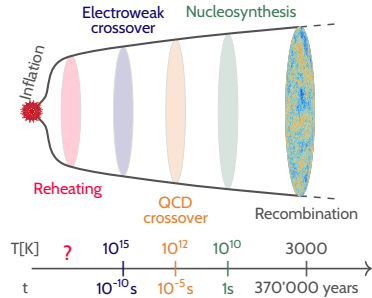


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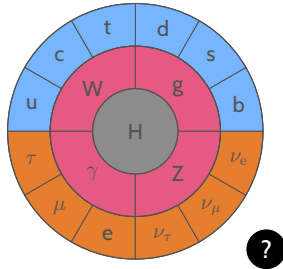


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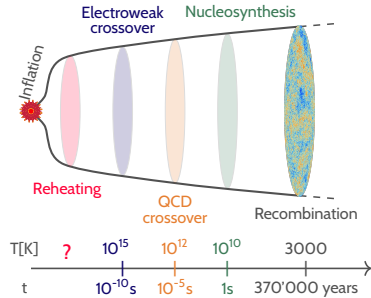


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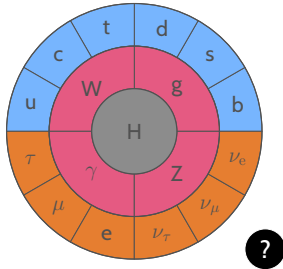


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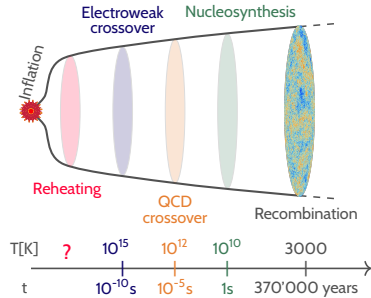


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Out-of-equilibrium dynamics is key

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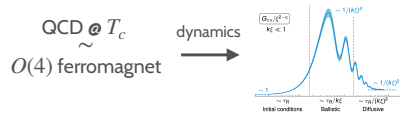
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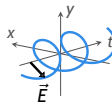
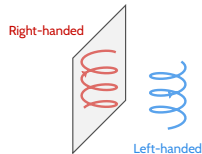
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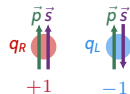


Circularly polarized light

$$h_B \propto \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Massless fermions

$$h_F \propto \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{s}}{|\vec{p}|} =$$



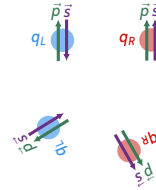
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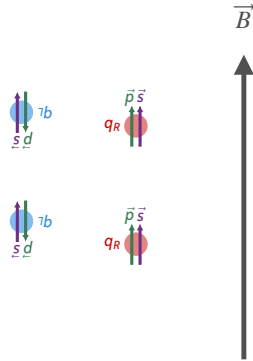
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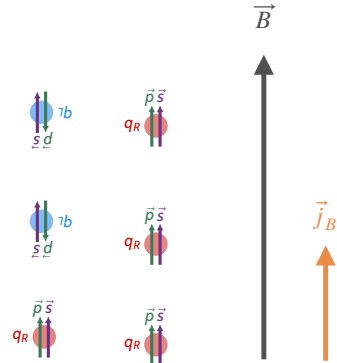
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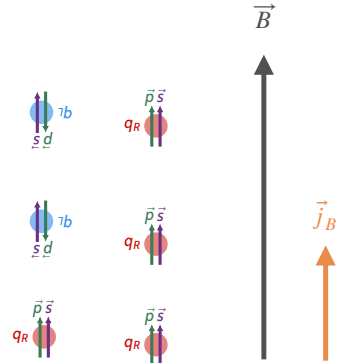
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Anomalous transport: $\vec{j}_B \propto \sigma_5 \vec{B}$ not $\vec{j}_B \propto \sigma \vec{E}$
 "Chiral magnetic effect"

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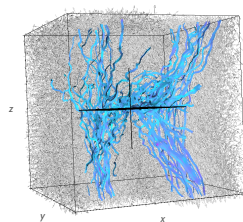
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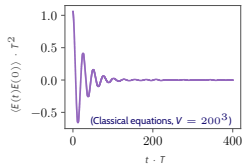
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Generate large scale magnetic fields



First observation from microscopic simulations
(3D classical dynamics)

[Figueroa, AF, Shaposhnikov, JHEP 19]



Consistent
hydrodynamics
based on magnetic
flux conservation

Electric response and first principle extraction of resistivity

[Das, AF, Iqbal, Poovutikul, SciPost Phys. 24]

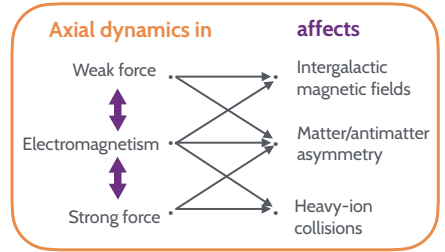
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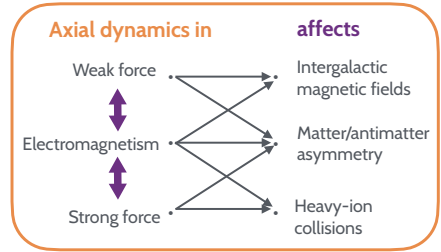
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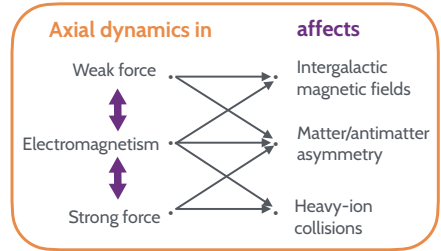
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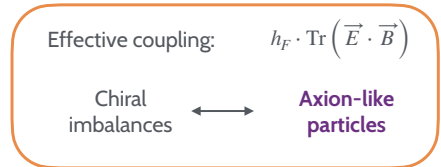
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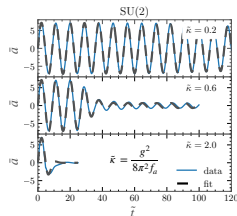
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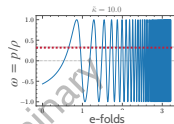


First fully dynamical non-Abelian axion dynamics

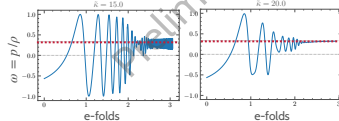
[Berghaus, AF, Laine, Sattler, JHEP 26]

SU(2) axion preheating dynamics

[Berghaus, AF, Laine, Sattler, wip]



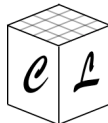
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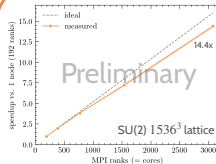
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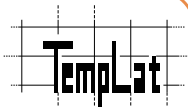
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Coming this month!



Strong scaling speed-up

[AF, Sattler, 2607.????]



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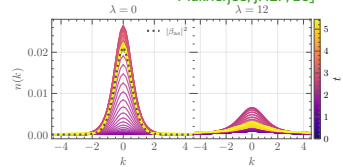
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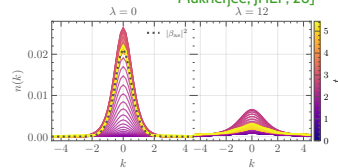


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Matrix Product State: physically motivated, systematically improvable compression for quantum states

Singular value decomposition (SVD)



Schwinger model: electromagnetism in 1+1 dimensions

$$H = \int dx \left[\frac{1}{2} \overset{\text{Electric field}}{E^2} + \bar{\psi} \left(-i\gamma^1 \partial_1 + g \overset{\text{Vector potential}}{A} \gamma_1 + m \right) \psi \right]$$

Fermion

Confines! $\partial_x E = \delta(x) \leftrightarrow E(x) = \Theta(x)$

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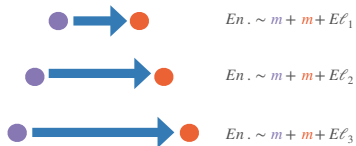
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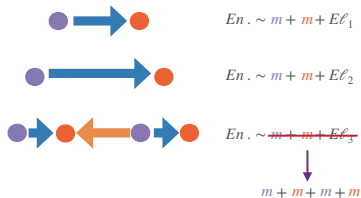
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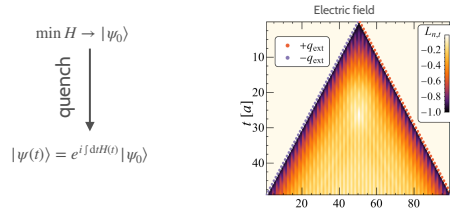


Screen field by creating particles!

Goal: study its quantum dynamics

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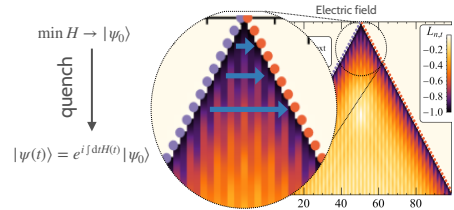
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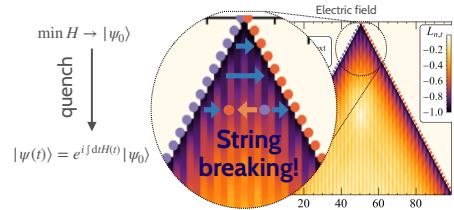
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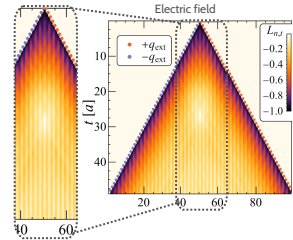


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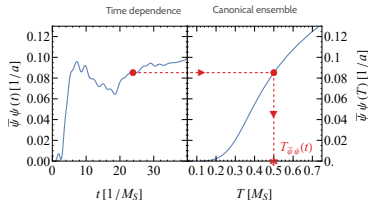
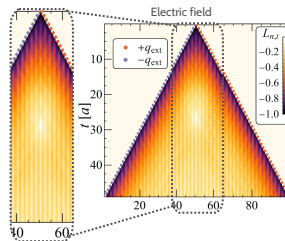


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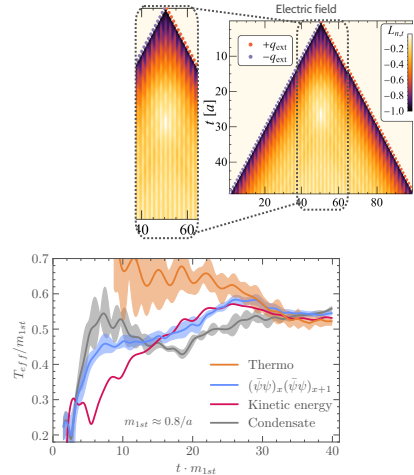
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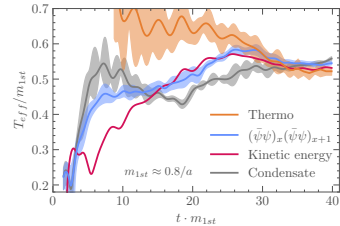
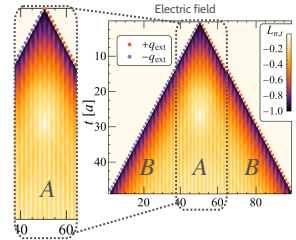
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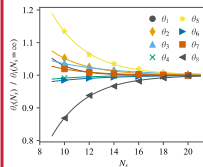
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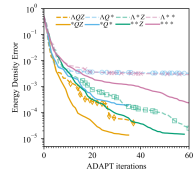
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SC2-ADAPT-VQE: Co-designed ground
state preparation for Schwinger model



Smooth infinite volume
limit

[Gustafson, Sherbert, AF,
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Symmetry restricted pools
of operators

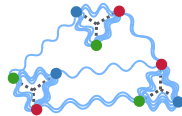
[Shirali, Sherbert, Chen, AF,
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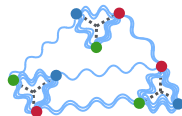
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The diagram shows a horizontal blue wavy line with a small black dot at each end, representing a single entanglement bit.

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- Outlook: compute it in higher dimensions

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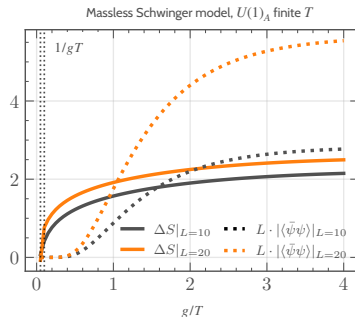
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$$\Delta S = S_\rho - S_{\rho_{\text{sym}}}$$

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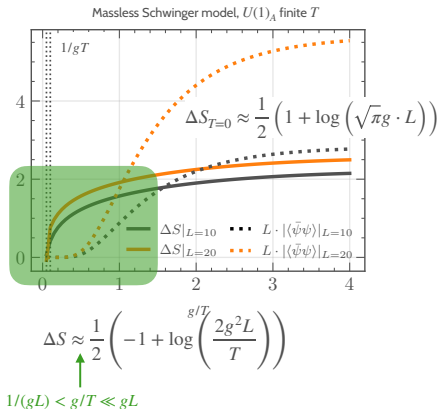
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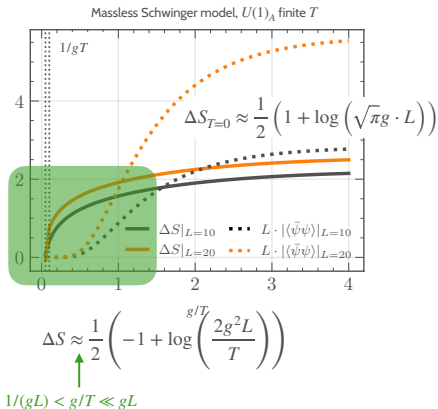


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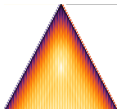


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Take-home

Full non-linear non-Abelian axion dynamics

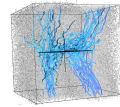


Entanglement asymmetry as an efficient order parameter

Classical dynamics

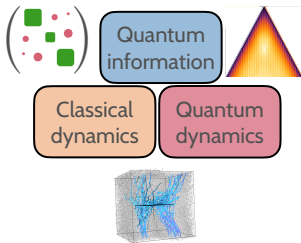
Quantum dynamics

Quantum information



Thermalization from first principles





Perfect time to further explore strongly coupled dynamics and their quantum origin

Thank you!