

Topological matter insulators, topological superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$ & relativistic quantum vacuum



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1. Introduction

- * topological matter and topological quantum phase transitions (TQPT)

2. Fully gapped 2D topological media

- * films of superfluid $^3\text{He-A}$ and planar phase, 2D topological insulators
- * topological invariants for gapped 2D topological matter
- * edge states & fermion zero modes

3. Fully gapped 3D topological media

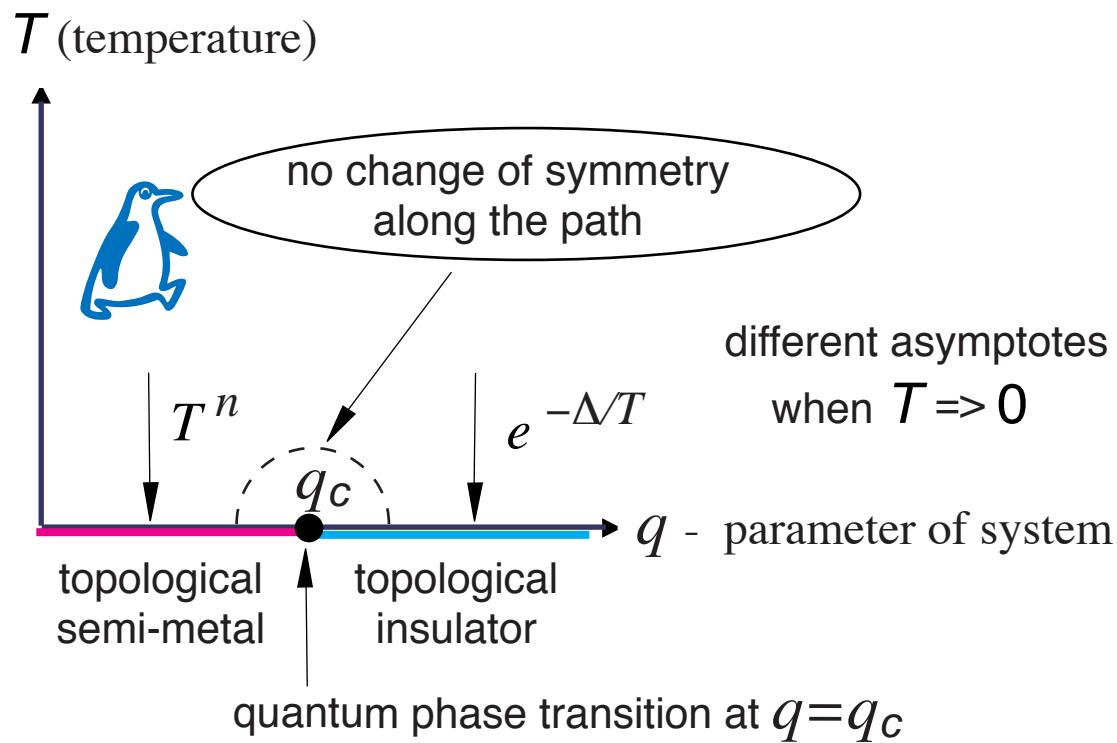
- * superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$, topological insulators, vacuum of Standard Model of particle physics
- * topological invariants for gapped 3D topological matter
- * edge states & Majorana fermions

4. Fermion zero modes on vortices

topological quantum phase transitions

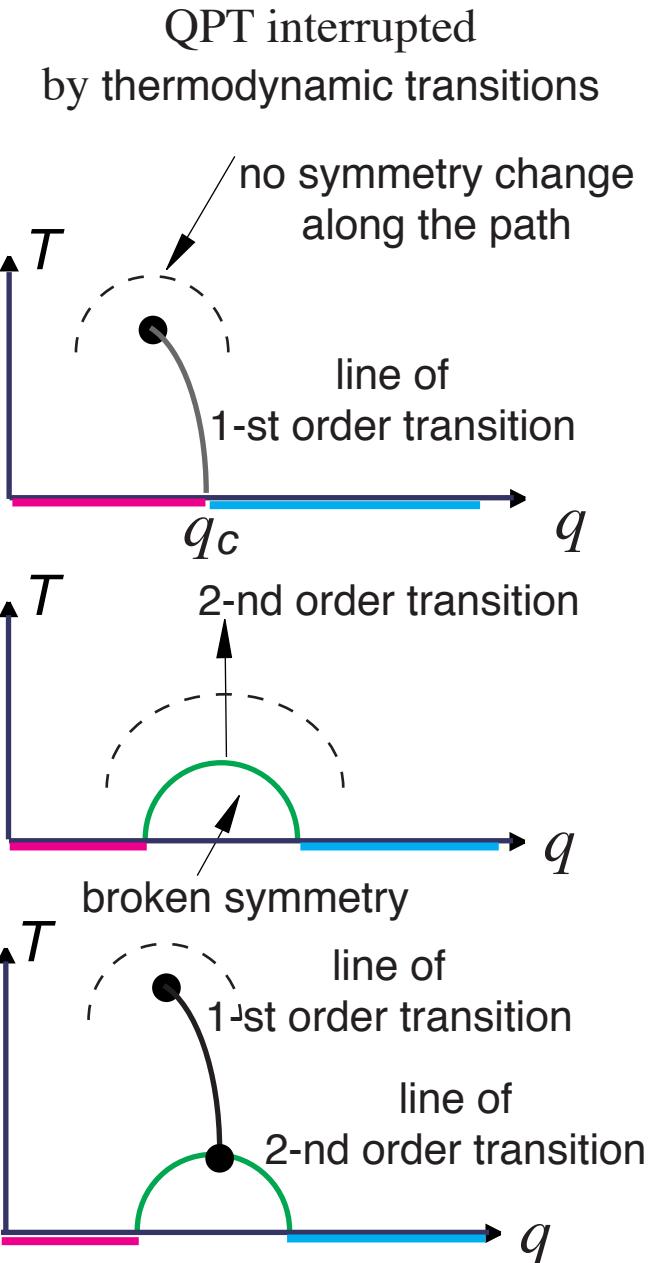
transitions between **ground states (vacua)** of the same **symmetry**,
but **different topology** in momentum space

example: QPT between gapless & gapped matter



other topological QPT:
Lifshitz transition,

transition between topological and nontopological superfluids,
plateau transitions,
confinement-deconfinement transition, ...



topological insulators & superconductors in 2+1

p-wave 2D superconductor, ${}^3\text{He}-\text{A}$ film, HgTe insulator quantum well

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + ip_y) \\ c(p_x - ip_y) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2$$

How to extract useful information on energy states from Hamiltonian
without solving equation

$$\mathbf{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Topological invariant in momentum space

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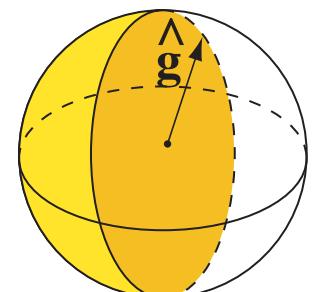
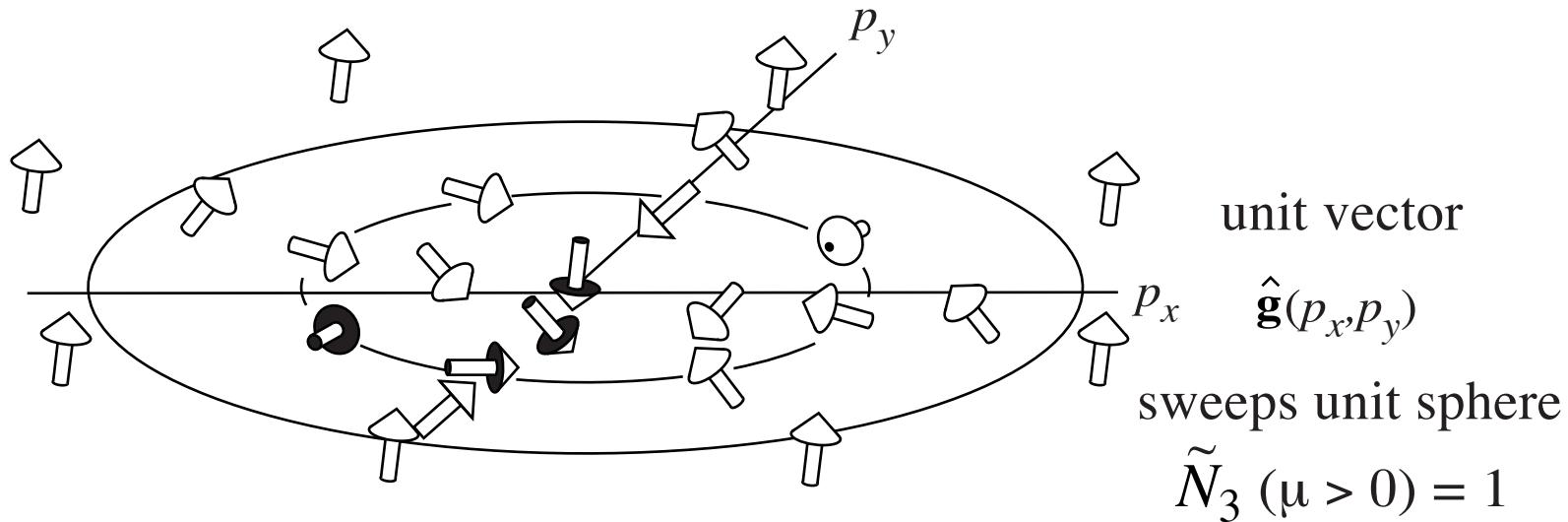
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} g_3(\mathbf{p}) & g_1(\mathbf{p}) + i g_2(\mathbf{p}) \\ g_1(\mathbf{p}) - i g_2(\mathbf{p}) & -g_3(\mathbf{p}) \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{p})$$

fully gapped 2D state at $\mu \neq 0$

$$\tilde{N}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2p \ \hat{\mathbf{g}} \cdot (\partial_{p_x} \hat{\mathbf{g}} \times \partial_{p_y} \hat{\mathbf{g}})$$

GV, JETP **67**, 1804 (1988)

Skyrmion (coreless vortex) in momentum space at $\mu > 0$

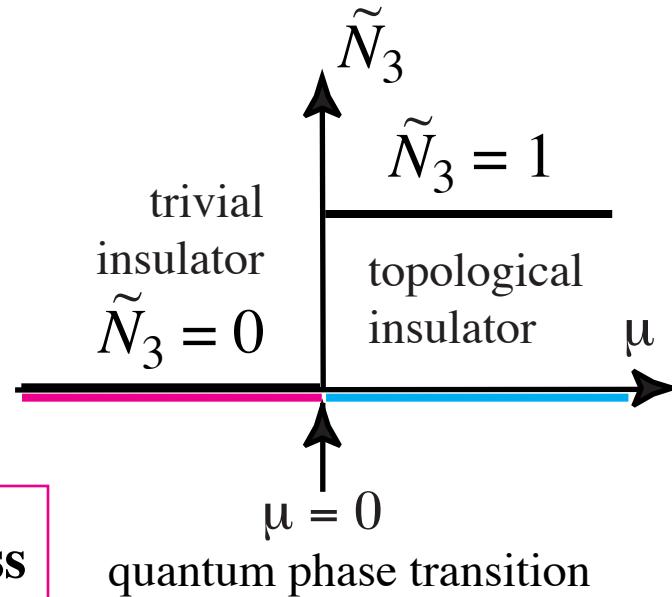


quantum phase transition: from topological to non-topologicval insulator/superconductor

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Topological invariant in momentum space

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intermediate state at $\mu = 0$ must be gapless

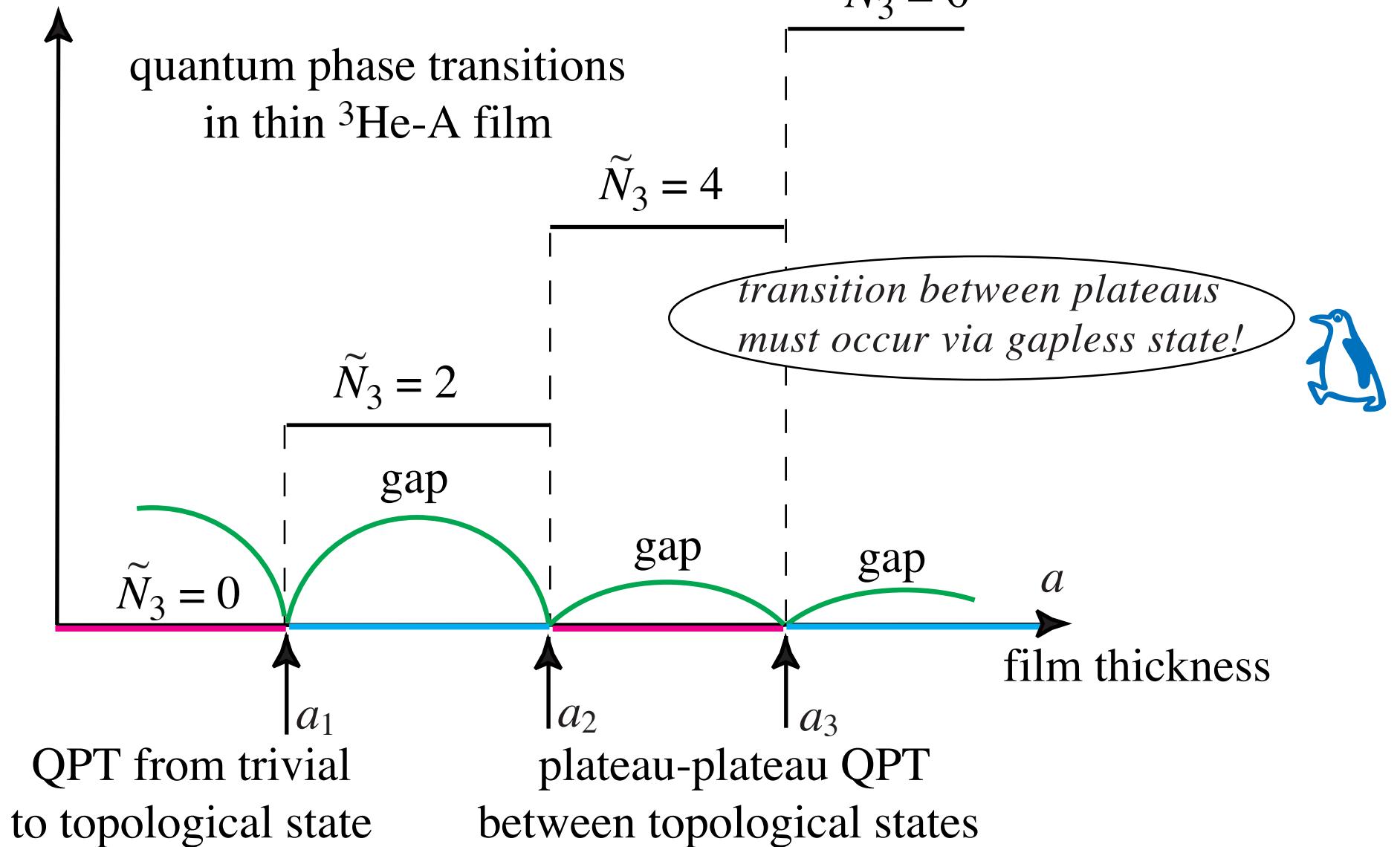
$\Delta \tilde{N}_3 \neq 0$ is origin of fermion zero modes
 at the interface between states with different \tilde{N}_3

p -space invariant in terms of Green's function & topological QPT

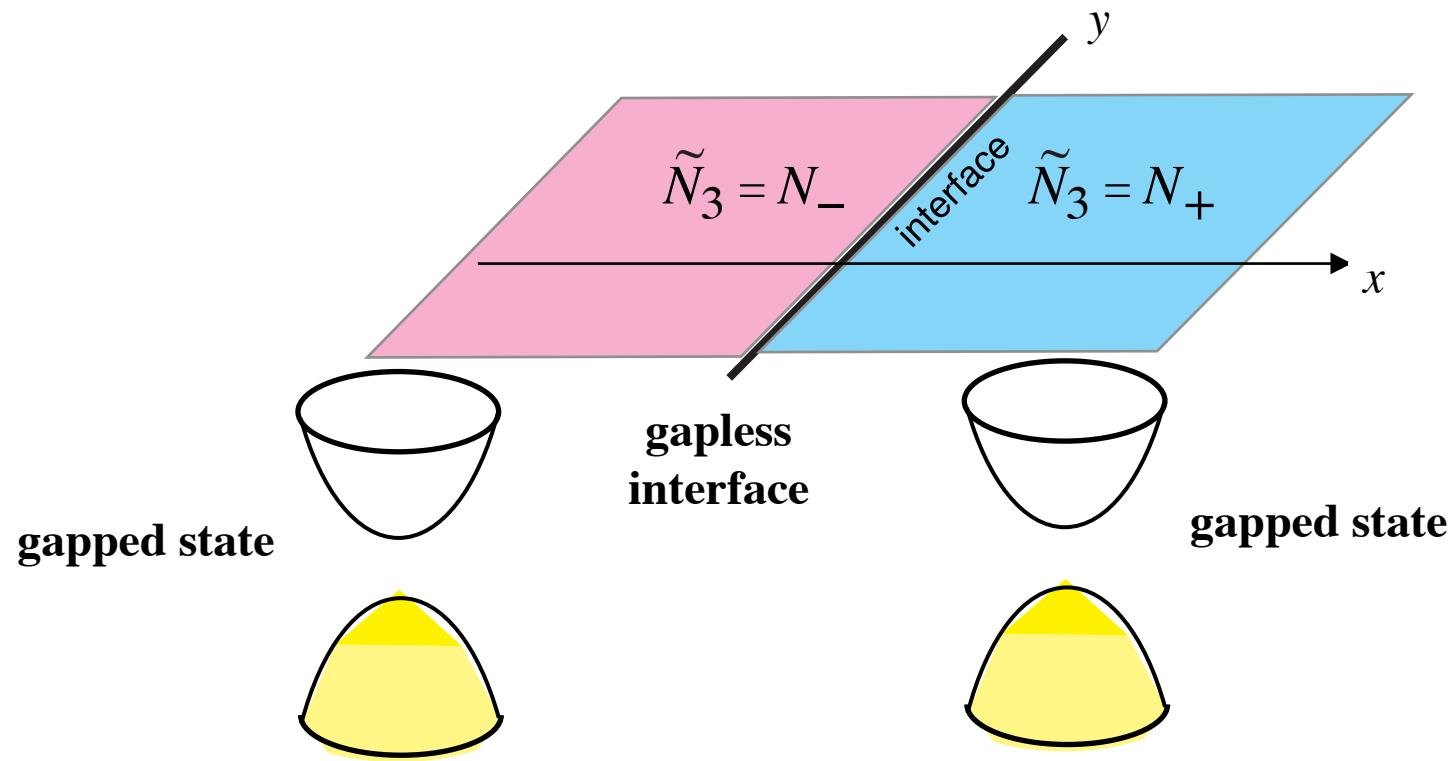
$$\tilde{N}_3 = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \text{tr} \int d^2 p \, d\omega \, G \, \partial^\mu G^{-1} \, G \, \partial^\nu G^{-1} G \, \partial^\lambda G^{-1}$$

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J. Phys. CM 1, 5263 (1989)

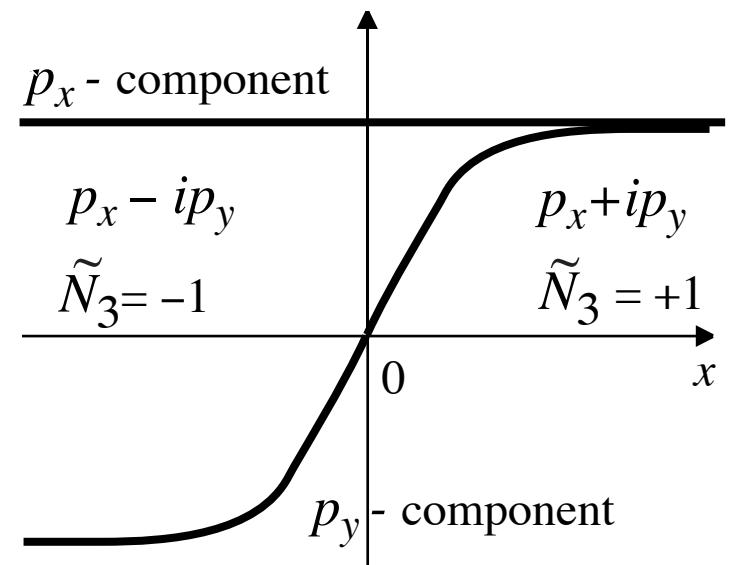


interface between two 2+1 topological insulators or gapped superfluids

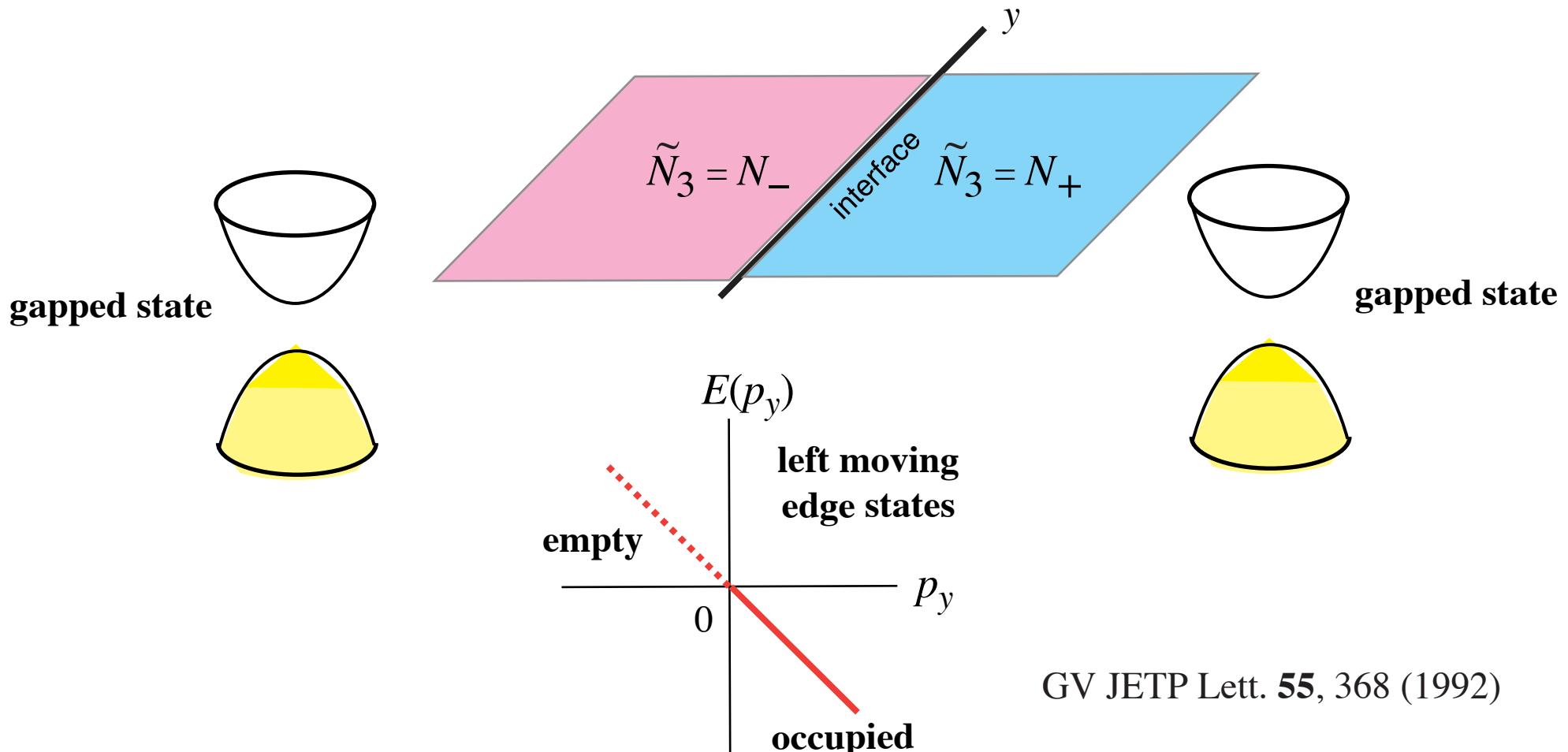


* domain wall in 2D chiral superconductors:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c(p_x + i p_y \tanh x) \\ c(p_x - i p_y \tanh x) & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



Edge states at interface between two 2+1 topological insulators or gapped superfluids

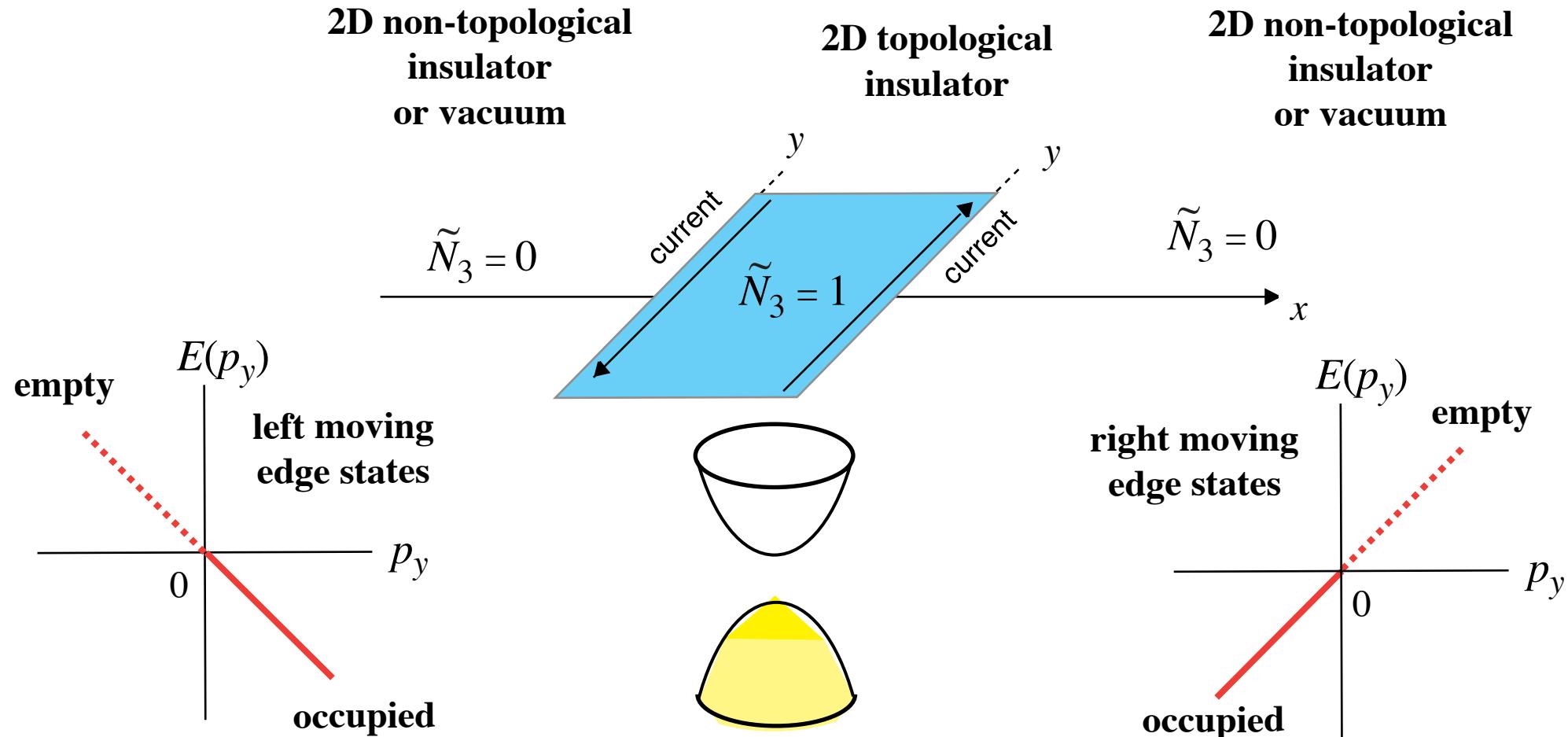


GV JETP Lett. **55**, 368 (1992)

Index theorem:
number of fermion zero modes
at interface:

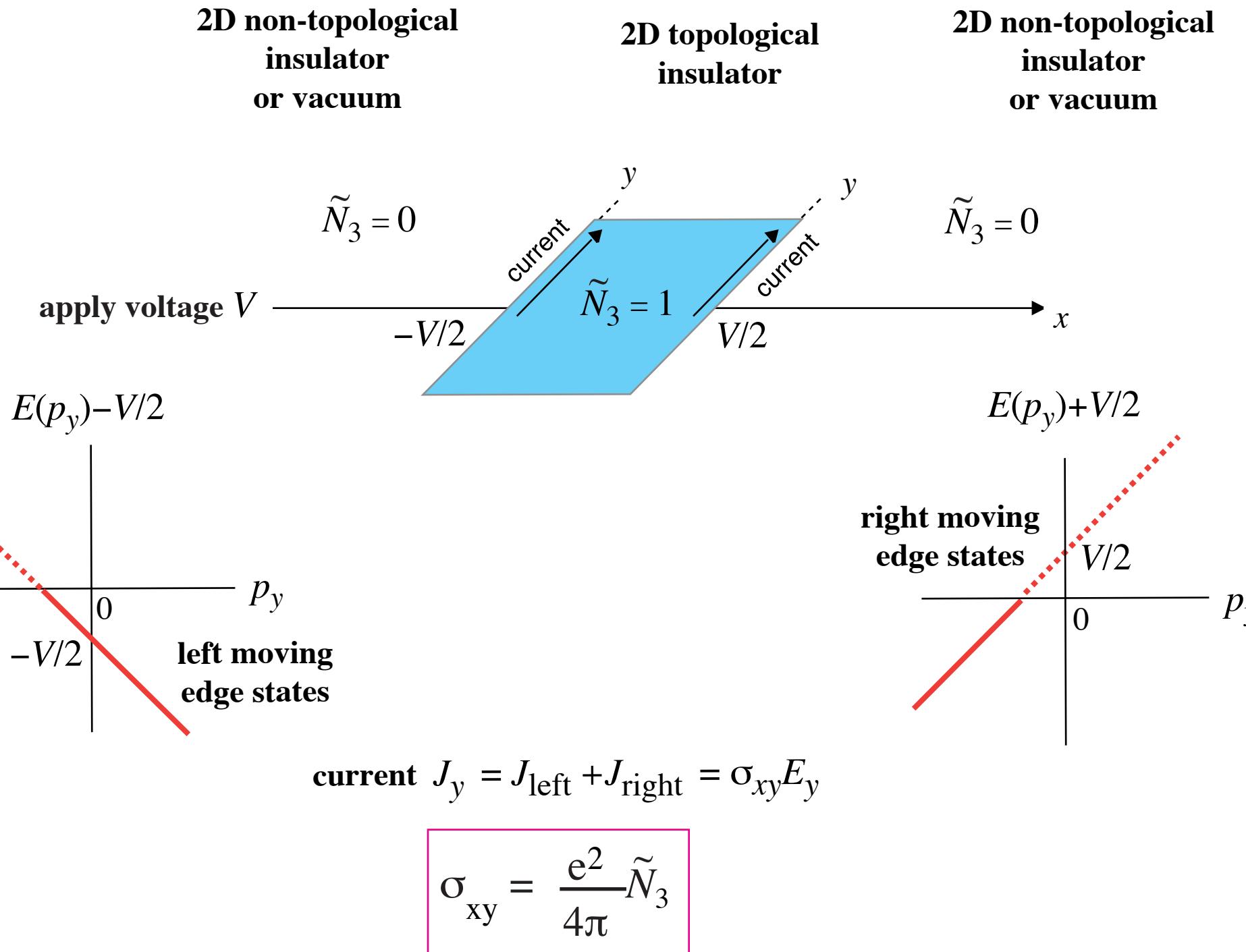
$$v = N_+ - N_-$$

Edge states and currents



$$\text{current } J_y = J_{\text{left}} + J_{\text{right}} = 0$$

Edge states and Quantum Hall effect



Intrinsic quantum Hall effect & momentum-space invariant

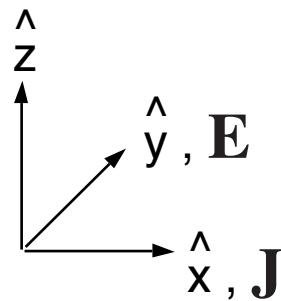
$$S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi} \tilde{N}_3 e^{\mu\nu\lambda} \int d^2x dt A_\mu F_{\nu\lambda}$$

p-space invariant

r-space invariant

A_μ - electromagnetic field

electric current $J_x = \delta S_{\text{CS}} / \delta A_x = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \tilde{N}_3 E_y$

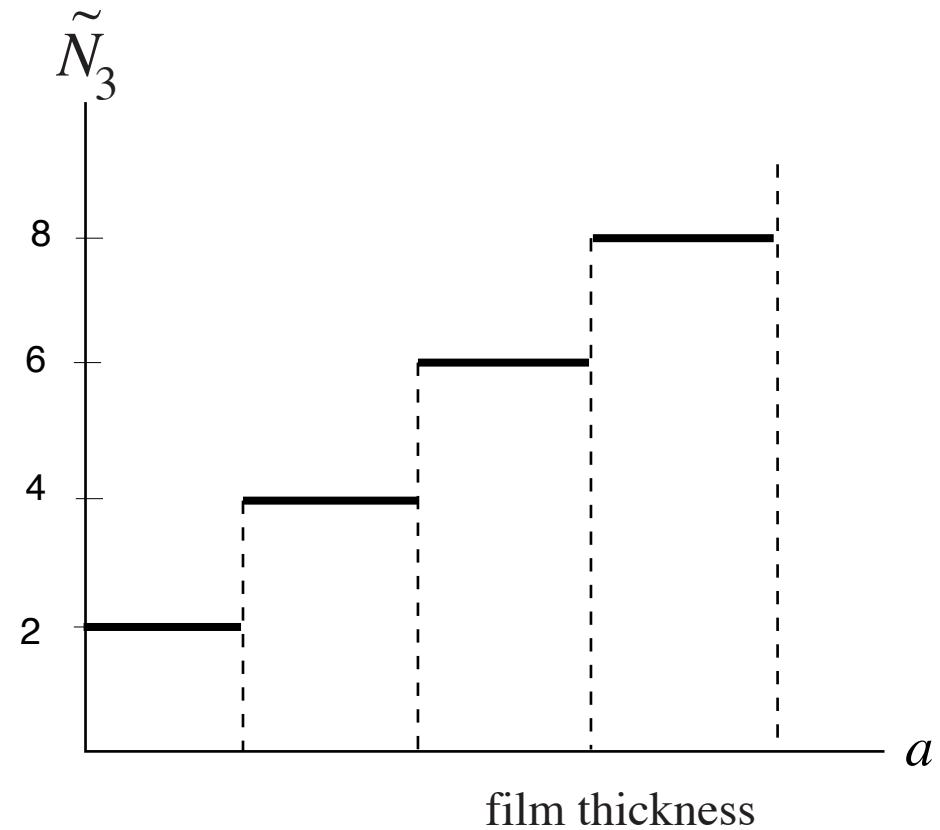


quantized intrinsic Hall conductivity
(without external magnetic field)

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \tilde{N}_3$$

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film of topological quantum liquid



general Chern-Simons terms & momentum-space invariant

(interplay of r -space and p -space topologies)

$$S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{1}{16\pi} N_{IJ} e^{\mu\nu\lambda} \int d^2x dt A_\mu^I F_{\nu\lambda}^J$$

r -space invariant

p -space invariant protected by symmetry

$$N_{IJ} = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \text{tr} \left[\int d^2p d\omega K_I K_J G \partial^\mu G^{-1} G \partial^\nu G^{-1} G \partial^\lambda G^{-1} \right]$$

K_I - charge interacting with gauge field A_μ^I

$K=e$ for electromagnetic field A_μ

$K=\hat{\sigma}_z$ for effective spin-rotation field A_μ^z ($A_0^z = \gamma H^z$)

*gauge fields can be
real, artificial or auxiliary*



$i\dot{d}/dt - \gamma \hat{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{H} = i\dot{d}/dt - \hat{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{A}_0^i$
applied Pauli magnetic field plays the role of components of effective SU(2) gauge field A_μ^i

Intrinsic spin-current quantum Hall effect & momentum-space invariant

$$S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{1}{16\pi} N_{IJ} e^{\mu\nu\lambda} \int d^2x dt A_\mu^I F_{\nu\lambda}^J$$

spin current $J_x^z = \delta S_{\text{CS}} / \delta A_x^z = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\gamma N_{ss} dH^z/dy + N_{se} E_y)$



spin-spin QHE



spin-charge QHE

2D singlet superconductor:

$\sigma_{xy}^{\text{spin/spin}} = \frac{N_{ss}}{4\pi}$	s-wave: $N_{ss} = 0$
	$p_x + ip_y$: $N_{ss} = 2$
	$d_{xx-yy} + id_{xy}$: $N_{ss} = 4$

film of planar phase of superfluid ${}^3\text{He}$

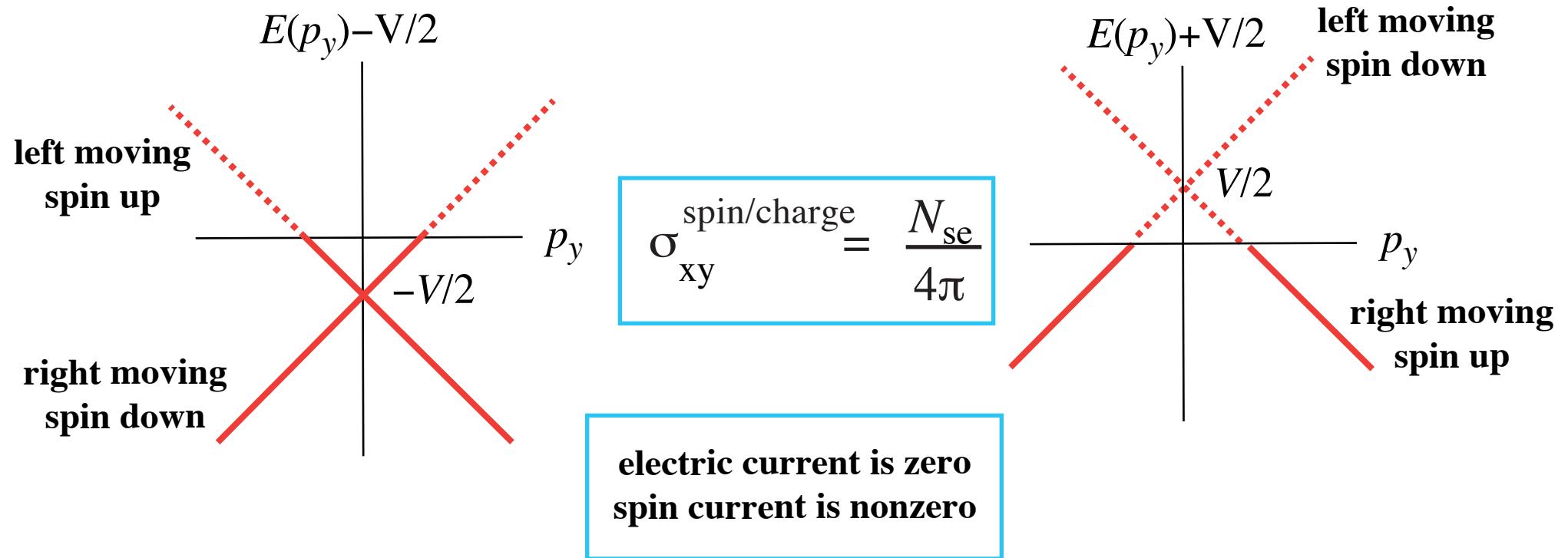
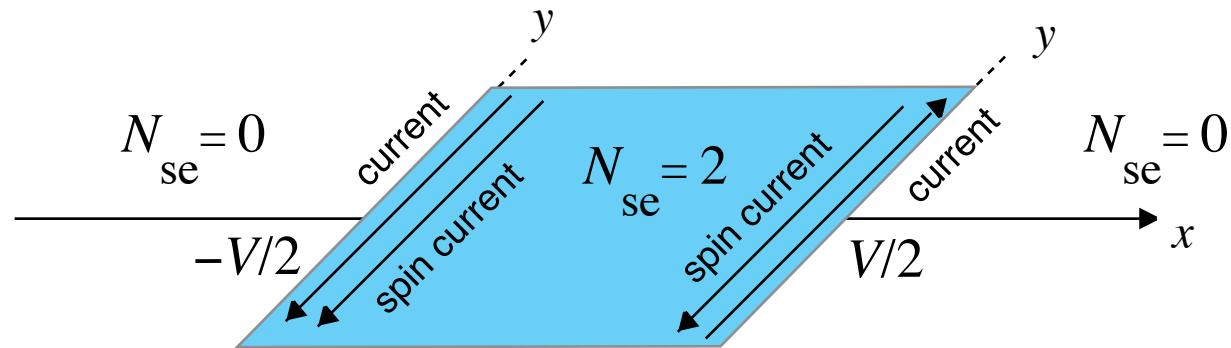
$$\sigma_{xy}^{\text{spin/charge}} = \frac{N_{se}}{4\pi}$$

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Intrinsic spin-current quantum Hall effect & edge state

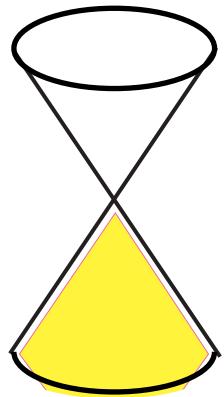
$$\text{spin current } J_x^z = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\gamma N_{ss} dH^z/dy + N_{se} E_y)$$

spin-charge QHE



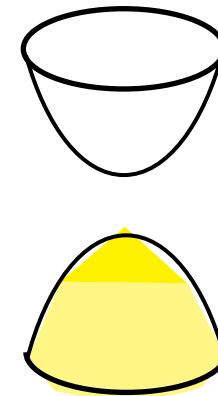
3D topological superfluids/insulators/semiconductors

gapless topologically
nontrivial vacua



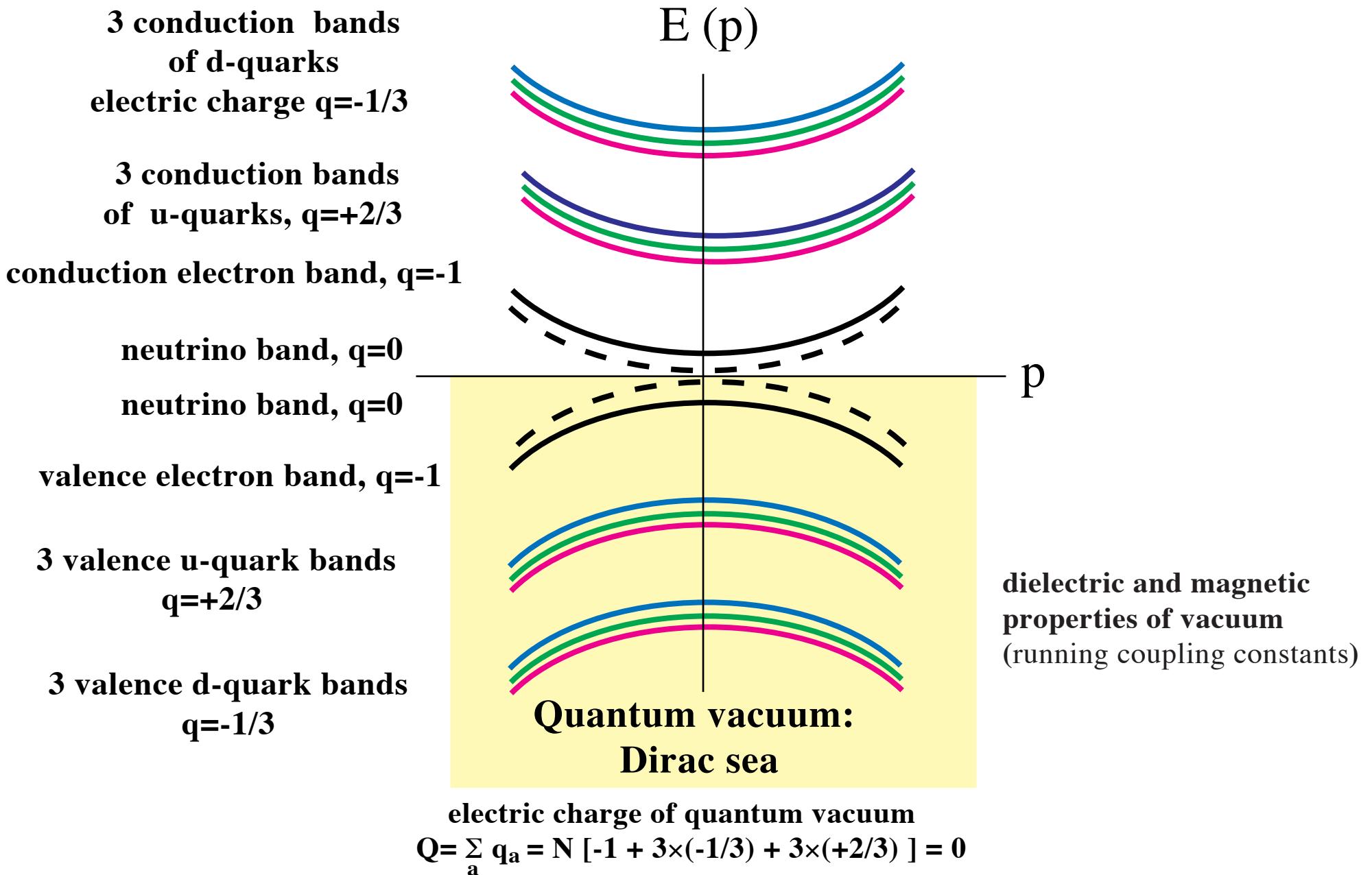
3He-A,
Standard Model above electroweak transition,
semimetals

fully gapped topologically
nontrivial vacua



3He-B,
Standard Model below electroweak transition,
topological insulators (Be_2Se_3 , ...),
triplet & singlet color/chiral superconductors, ...

Present vacuum as semiconductor or insulator



fully gapped 3+1 topological matter

superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$, topological insulator Bi_2Te_3 , present vacuum of Standard Model

* Standard Model vacuum as topological insulator

Topological invariant protected by symmetry

$$N_K = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} e_{\mu\nu\lambda} \text{tr} \int dV K G \partial^\mu G^{-1} G \partial^\nu G^{-1} G \partial^\lambda G^{-1}$$

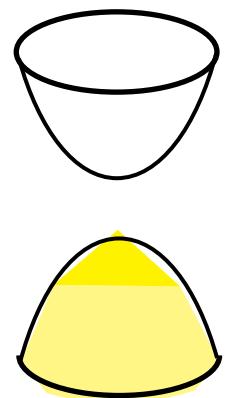
over 3D momentum space

G is Green's function at $\omega=0$, K is symmetry operator $KG = +/- KG$

Standard Model vacuum: $K=\gamma_5$ $G\gamma_5 = -\gamma_5 G$

$$N_K = 8n_g$$

8 massive Dirac particles in one generation



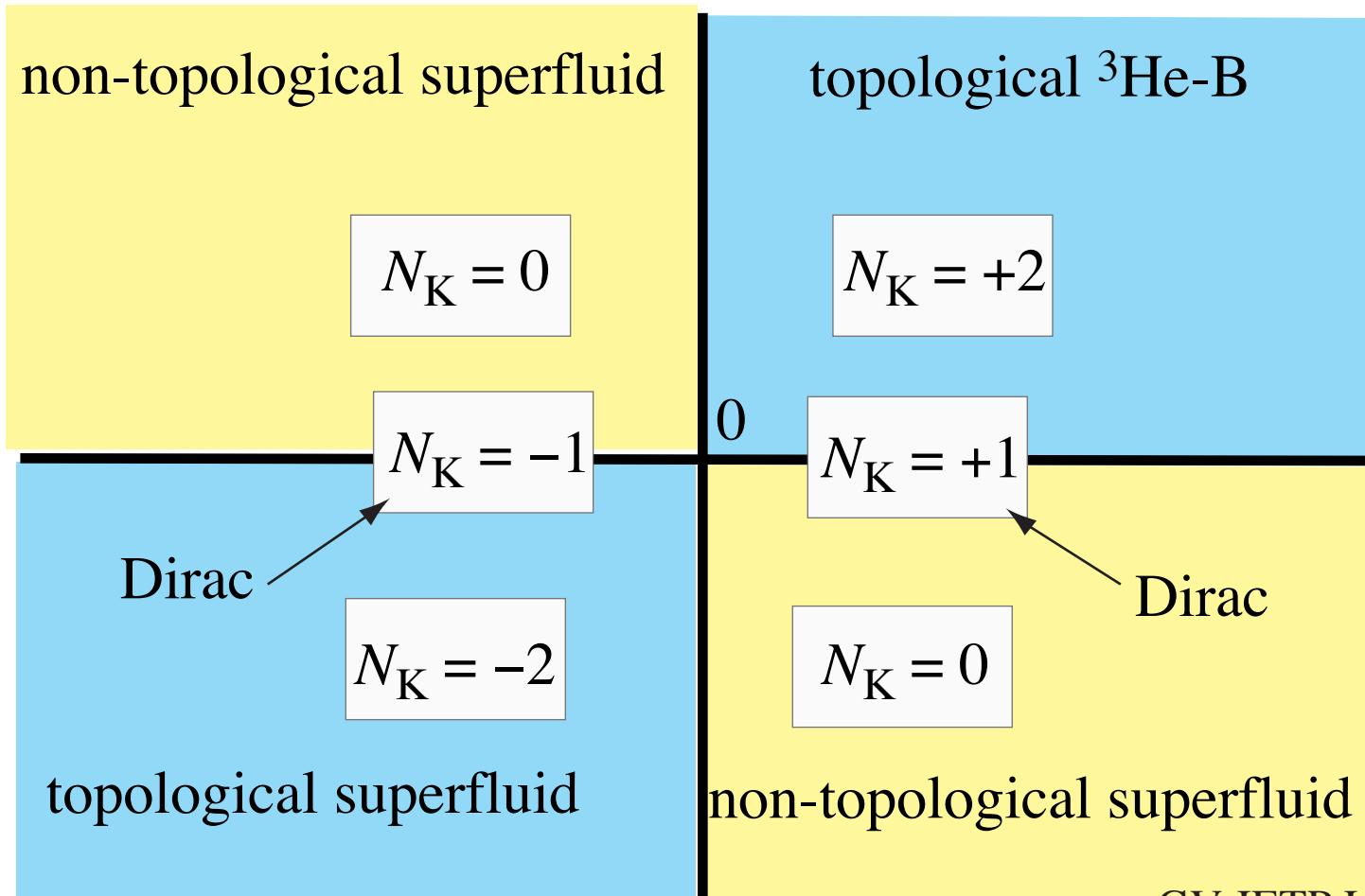
topological superfluid ${}^3\text{He-B}$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu & c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} & -\frac{p^2}{2m^*} + \mu \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu \right) \tau_3 + c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \tau_1$$

$$H\tau_2 = -\tau_2 H$$

$$K = \tau_2$$

$1/m^*$

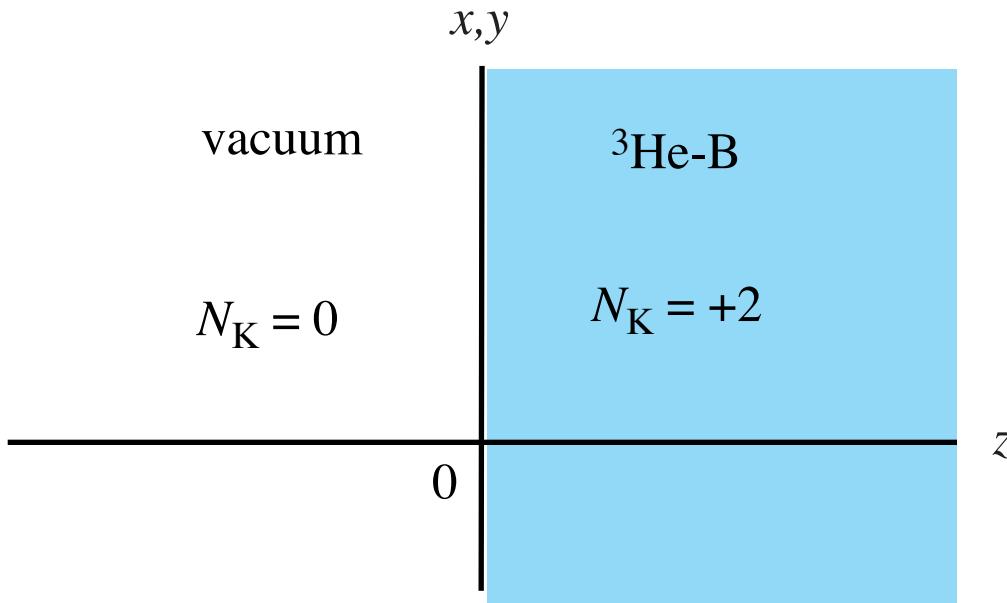


Dirac vacuum

$$1/m^* = 0$$

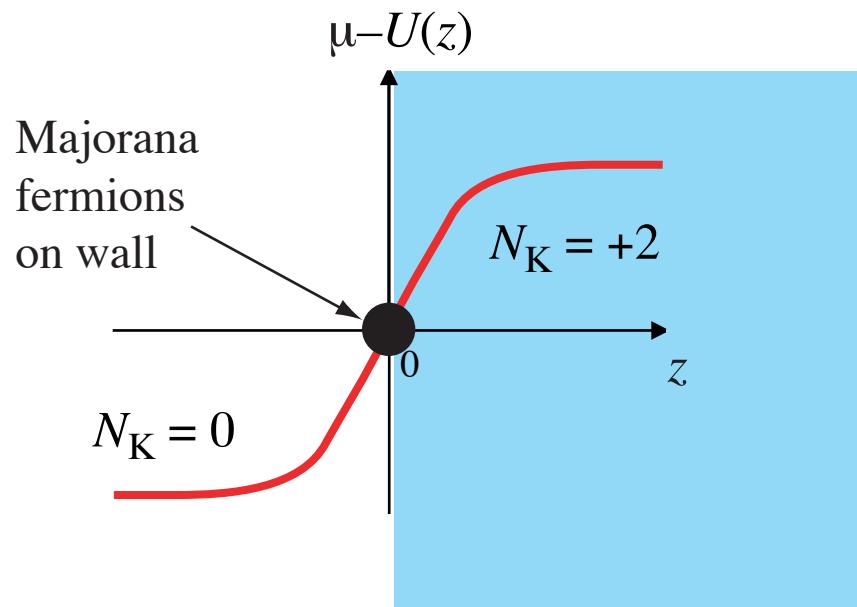
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -M & c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} & +M \end{pmatrix}$$

Boundary of 3D gapped topological superfluid



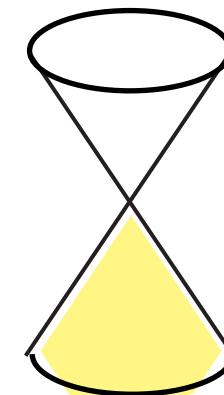
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu + U(z) & c_B \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_B \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} & -\frac{p^2}{2m^*} + \mu - U(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

spectrum of Majorana fermion zero modes

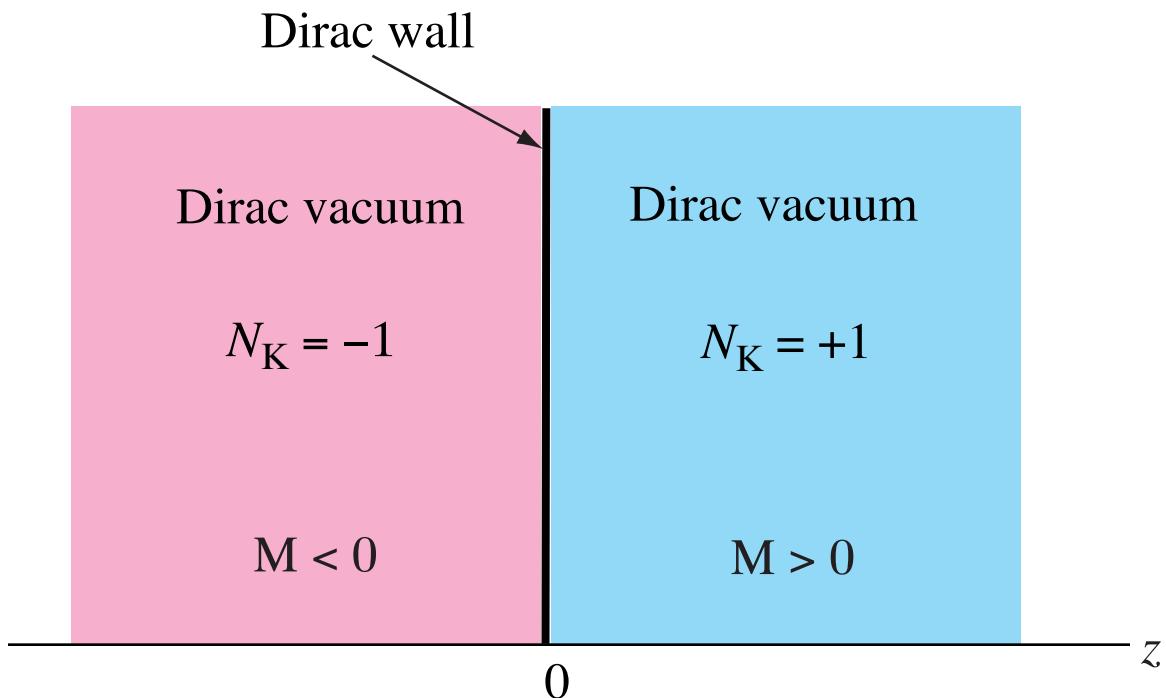


$$H_{\text{zm}} = c_B \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \times \mathbf{p} = c_B (\sigma_x p_y - \sigma_y p_x)$$

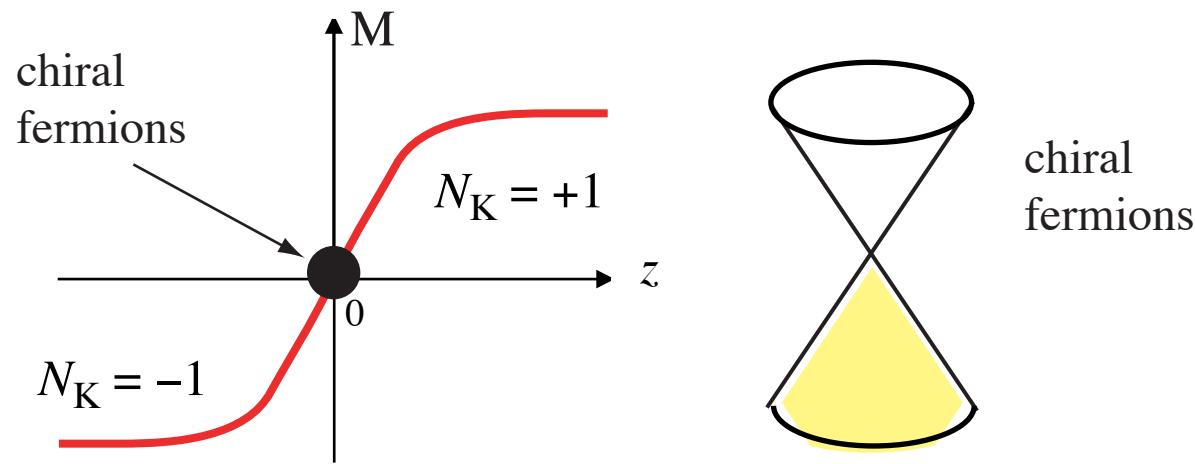
helical fermions



fermion zero modes on Dirac wall



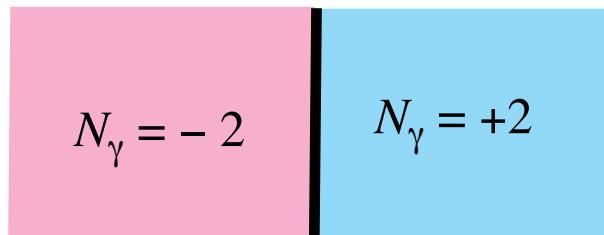
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -M(z) & c\sigma \cdot p \\ c\sigma \cdot p & +M(z) \end{pmatrix}$$



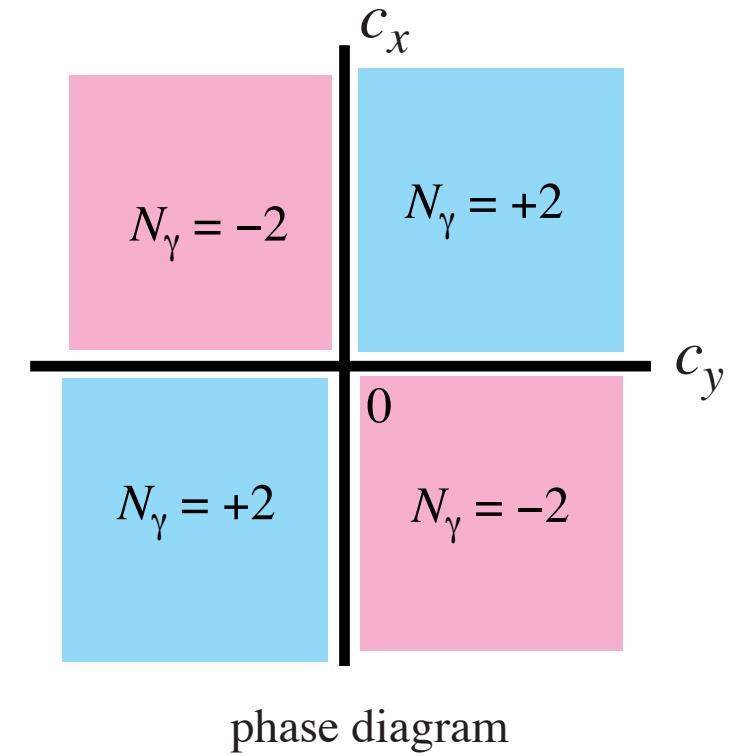
Volkov-Pankratov,
2D massless fermions
in inverted contacts
JETP Lett. **42**, 178 (1985)

Majorana fermions on interface in topological superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \mu & \sigma_x c_x p_x + \sigma_y c_y p_y + \sigma_z c_z p_z \\ \sigma_x c_x p_x + \sigma_y c_y p_y + \sigma_z c_z p_z & -\frac{p^2}{2m^*} + \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

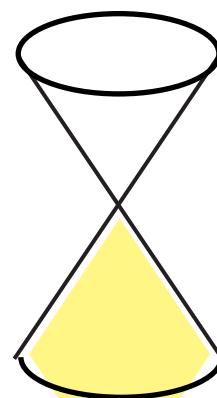
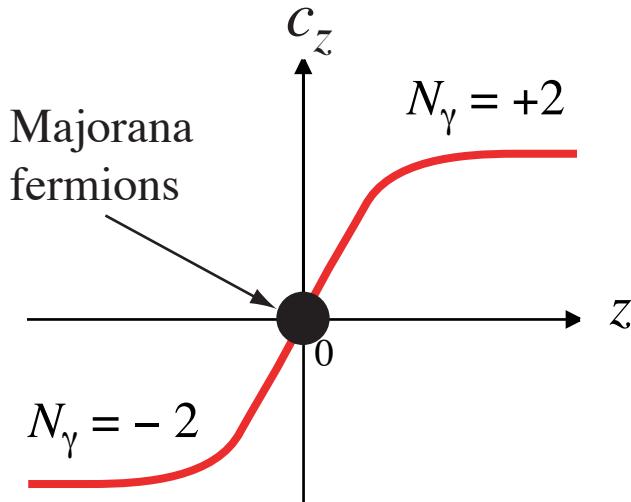


domain wall



phase diagram

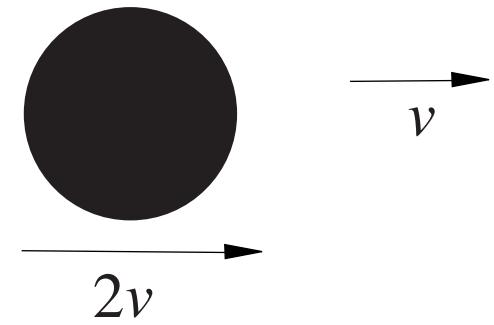
one of 3 "speeds of light" changes sign across wall



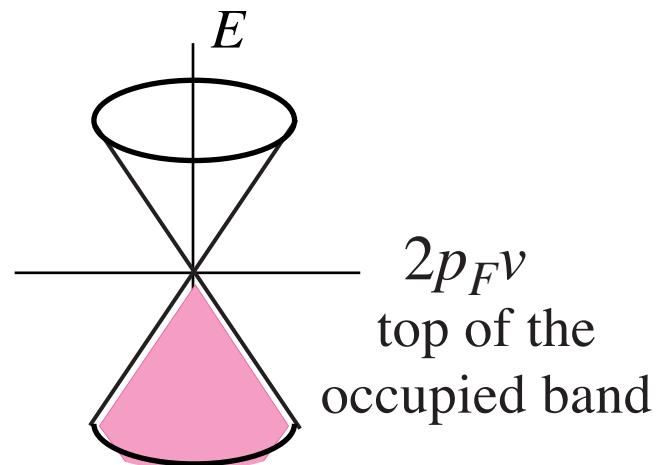
spectrum of fermion zero modes

$$H_{zm} = c (\sigma_x p_y - \sigma_y p_x)$$

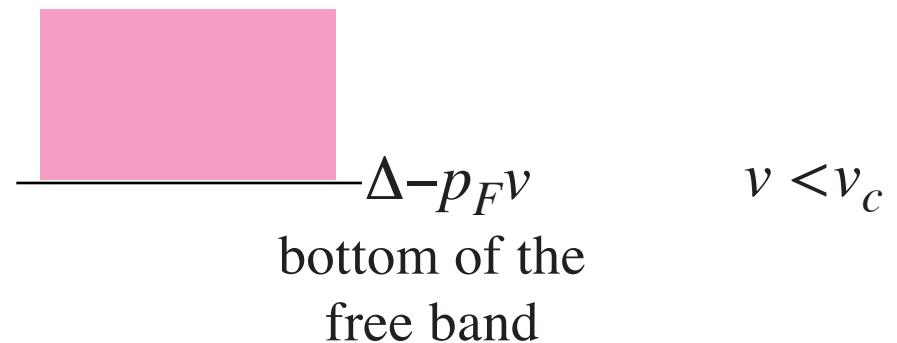
Lancaster experiments: probing edge states of 3He-B with vibrating wire



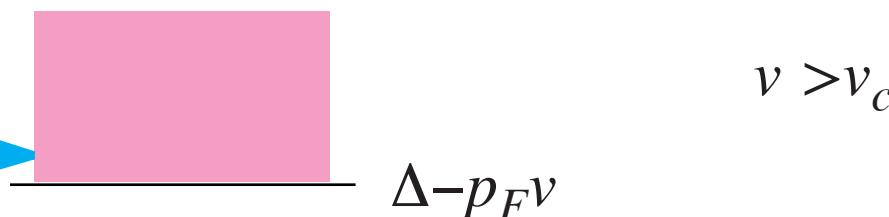
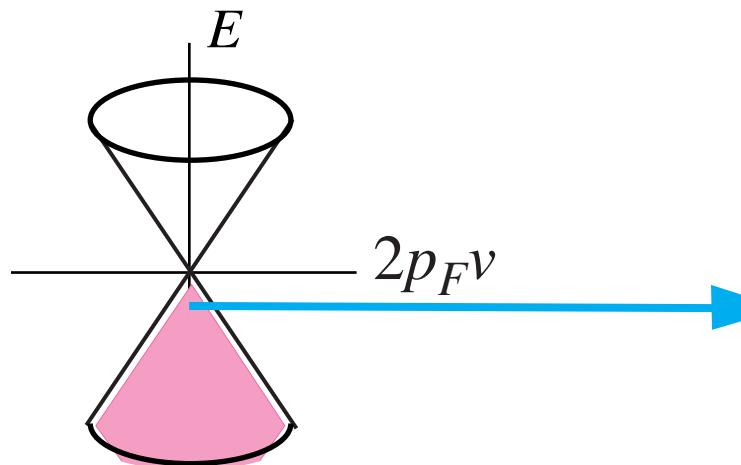
spectrum of surface states



continuous spectrum



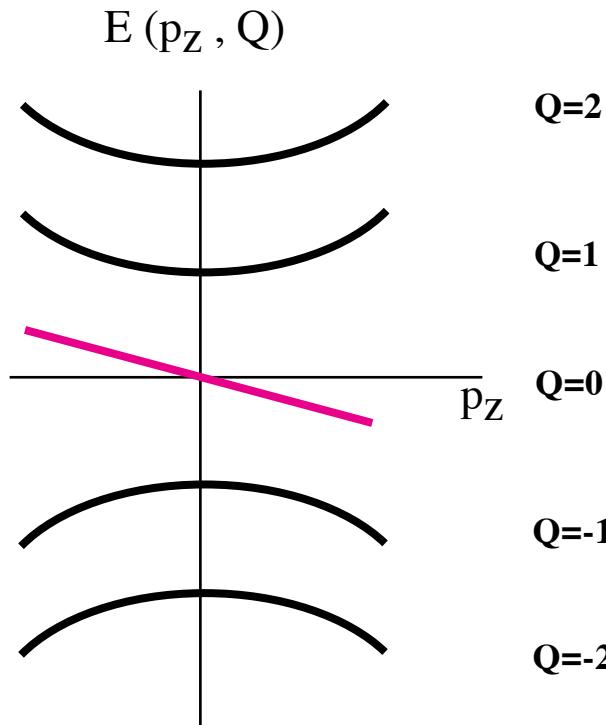
$$v_c = \Delta / 3p_F$$



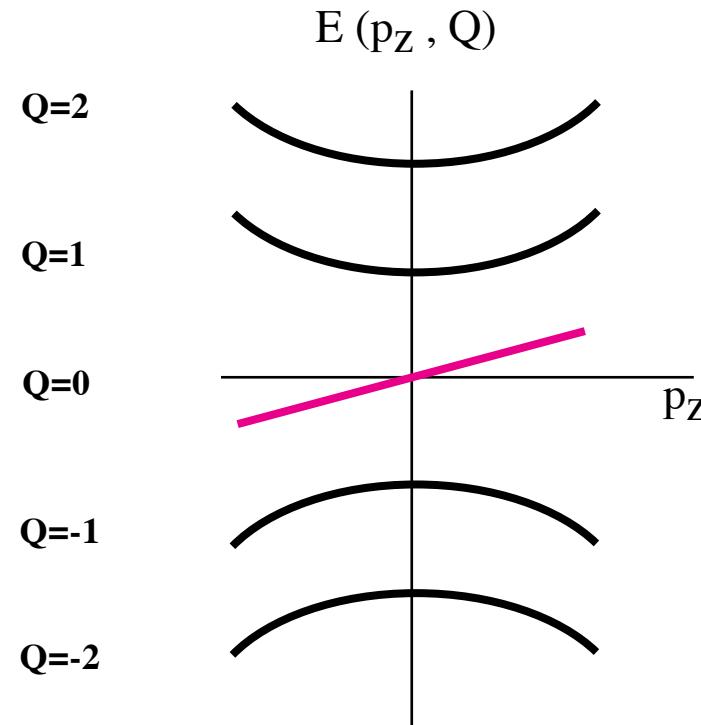
Bound states of fermions on cosmic strings and vortices

Spectrum of quarks in core of electroweak cosmic string

quantum numbers: Q - angular momentum & p_z - linear momentum



$$E(p_z) = -cp_z \text{ for d quarks}$$



$$E(p_z) = cp_z \text{ for u quark}$$

asymmetric branches cross zero energy

Index theorem:

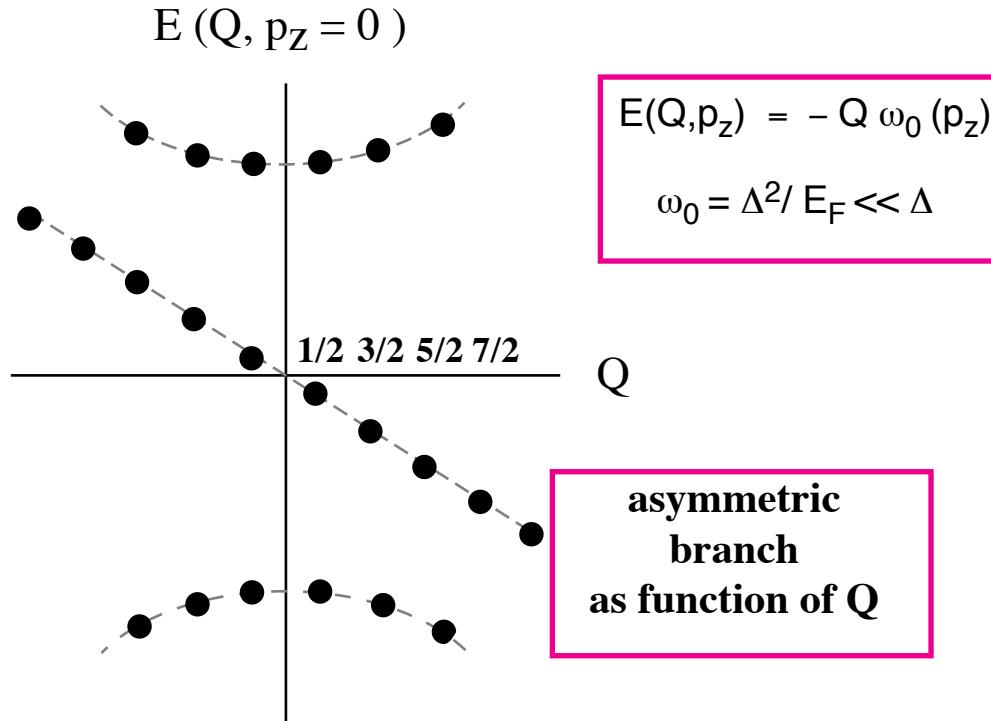
Number of asymmetric branches = N
 N is vortex winding number

Jackiw & Rossi
Nucl. Phys. B190, 681 (1981)

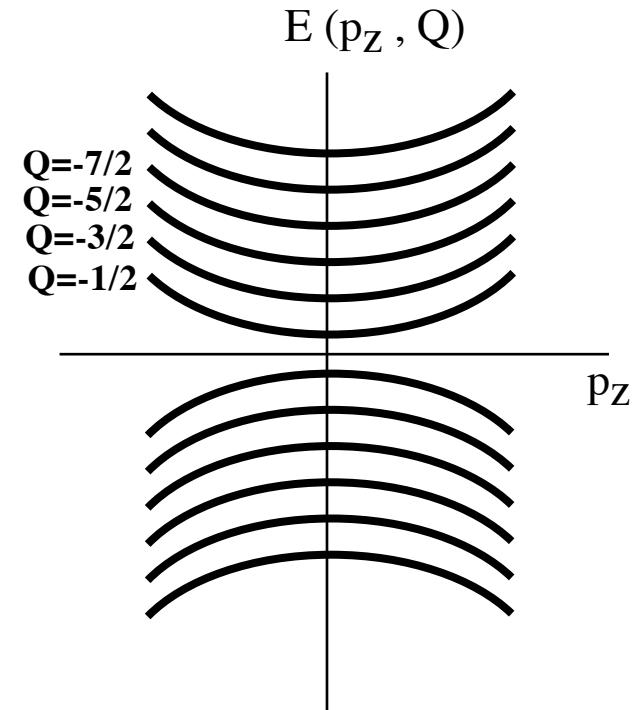
Bound states of fermions on vortex in s-wave superconductor

Caroli, de Gennes & J. Matricon, Phys. Lett. **9** (1964) 307

$$N_K = 0$$



Angular momentum Q is half-odd integer
in s-wave superconductor



no true fermion zero modes:
no asymmetric branch as function of p_z

Index theorem for approximate fermion zero modes:

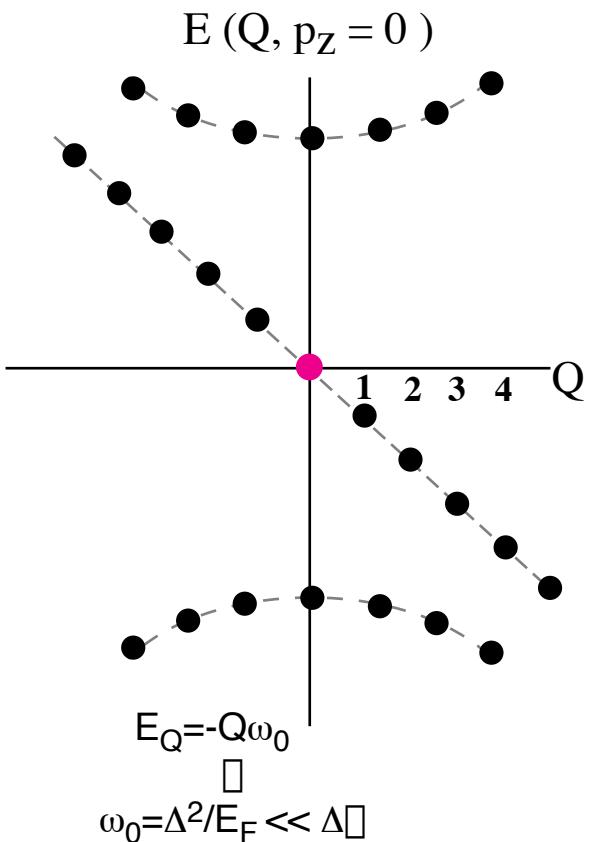
Number of asymmetric Q -branches = $2N$
 N is vortex winding number

Index theorem for true fermion zero modes?

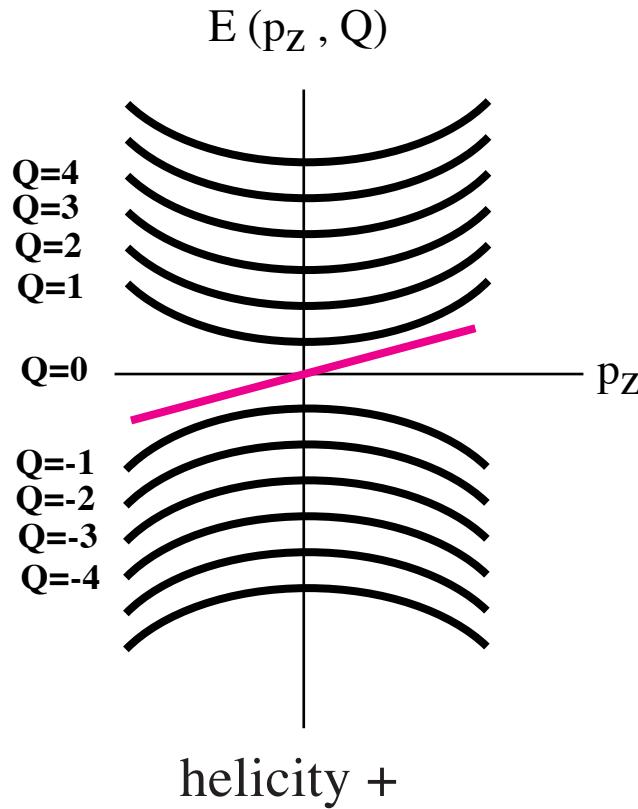
is the existence of fermion zero modes
related to topology in bulk?

fermions zero modes on symmetric vortex in $^3\text{He-B}$

topological $^3\text{He-B}$ at $\mu > 0$: $N_\gamma = 2$

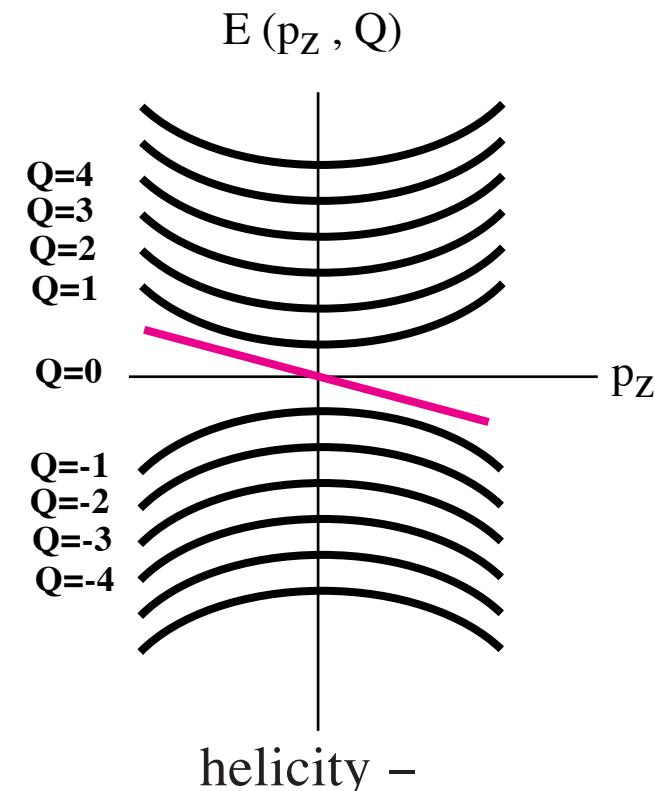


Q is integer
for p-wave superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$



gapless fermions on $Q=0$ branch form

1D Fermi-liquid

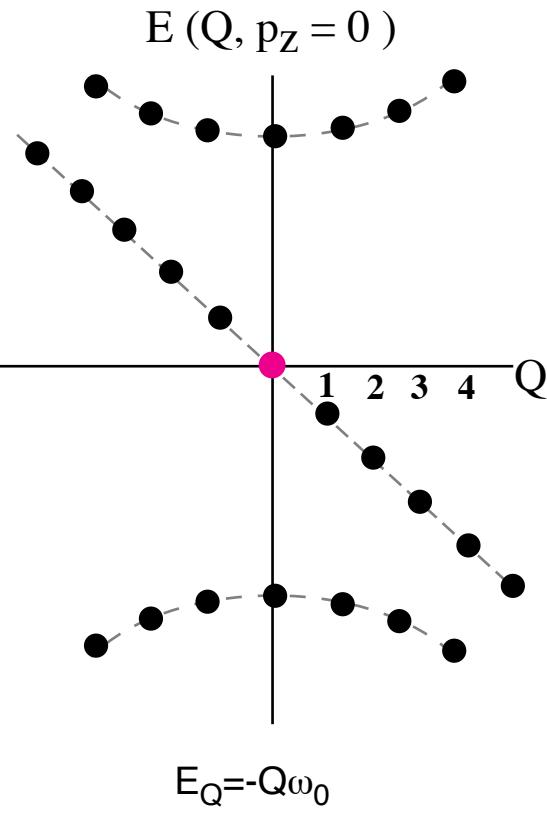


Misirpashaev & GV
Fermion zero modes in symmetric vortices in superfluid ^3He ,
Physica B **210**, 338 (1995)

fermions zero modes on symmetric vortex in ${}^3\text{He-B}$

topological ${}^3\text{He-B}$ at $\mu > 0$:

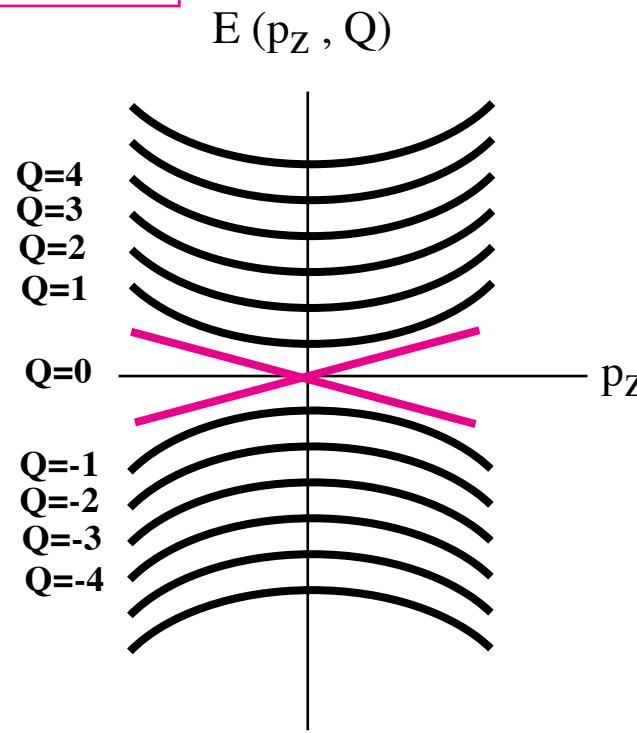
$$N_K = 2$$



$$E_Q = -Q\omega_0$$

$$\omega_0 = \Delta^2/E_F \ll \Delta$$

Q is integer
for p-wave superfluid ${}^3\text{He-B}$



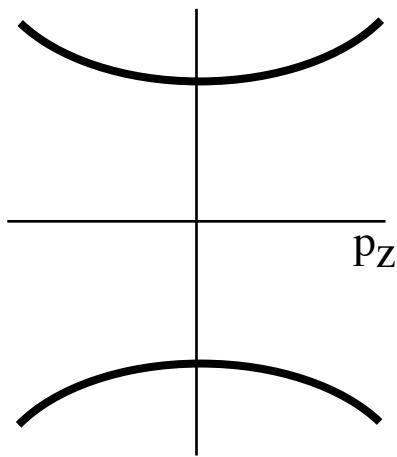
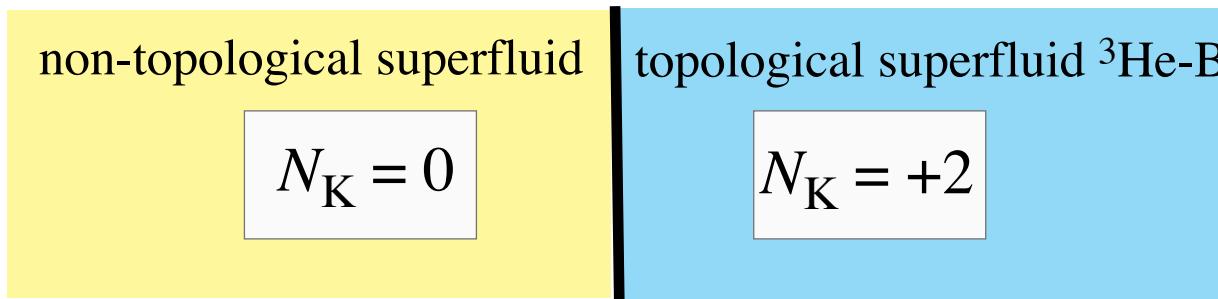
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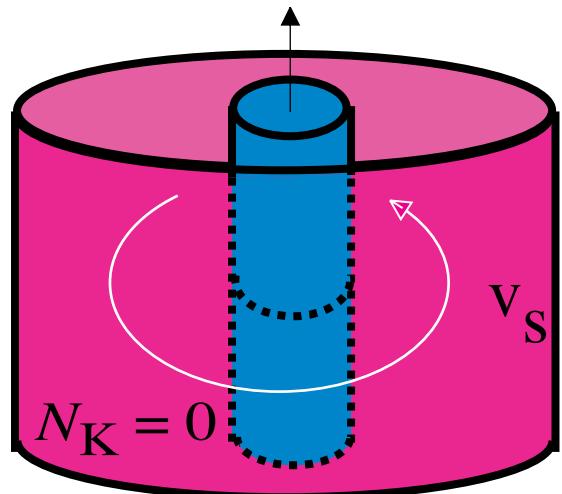
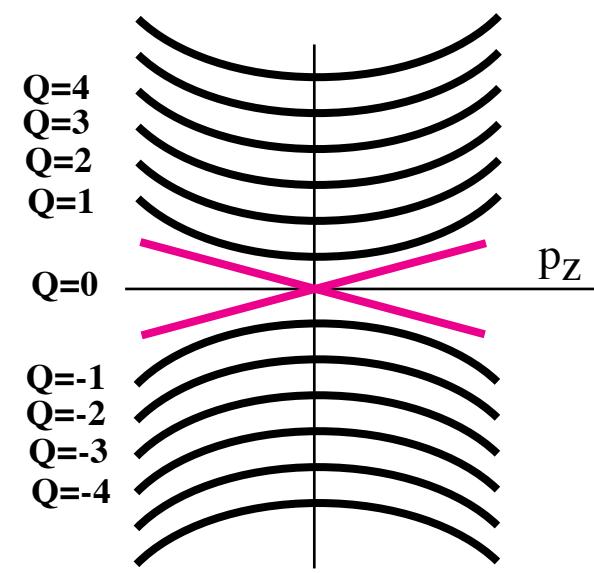
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topological quantum phase transition in bulk & in vortex core

$1/m^*$

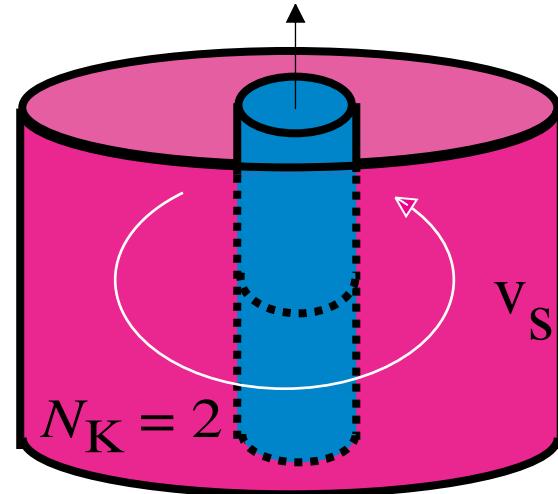


$E(p_z, Q)$



$\mu < 0$

$\mu > 0$



superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$ as non-relativistic limit of relativistic triplet superconductor

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} + \beta M - \mu_R & \gamma_5 \Delta \\ \gamma_5 \Delta & -c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} - \beta M + \mu_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{relativistic triplet superconductor}$$

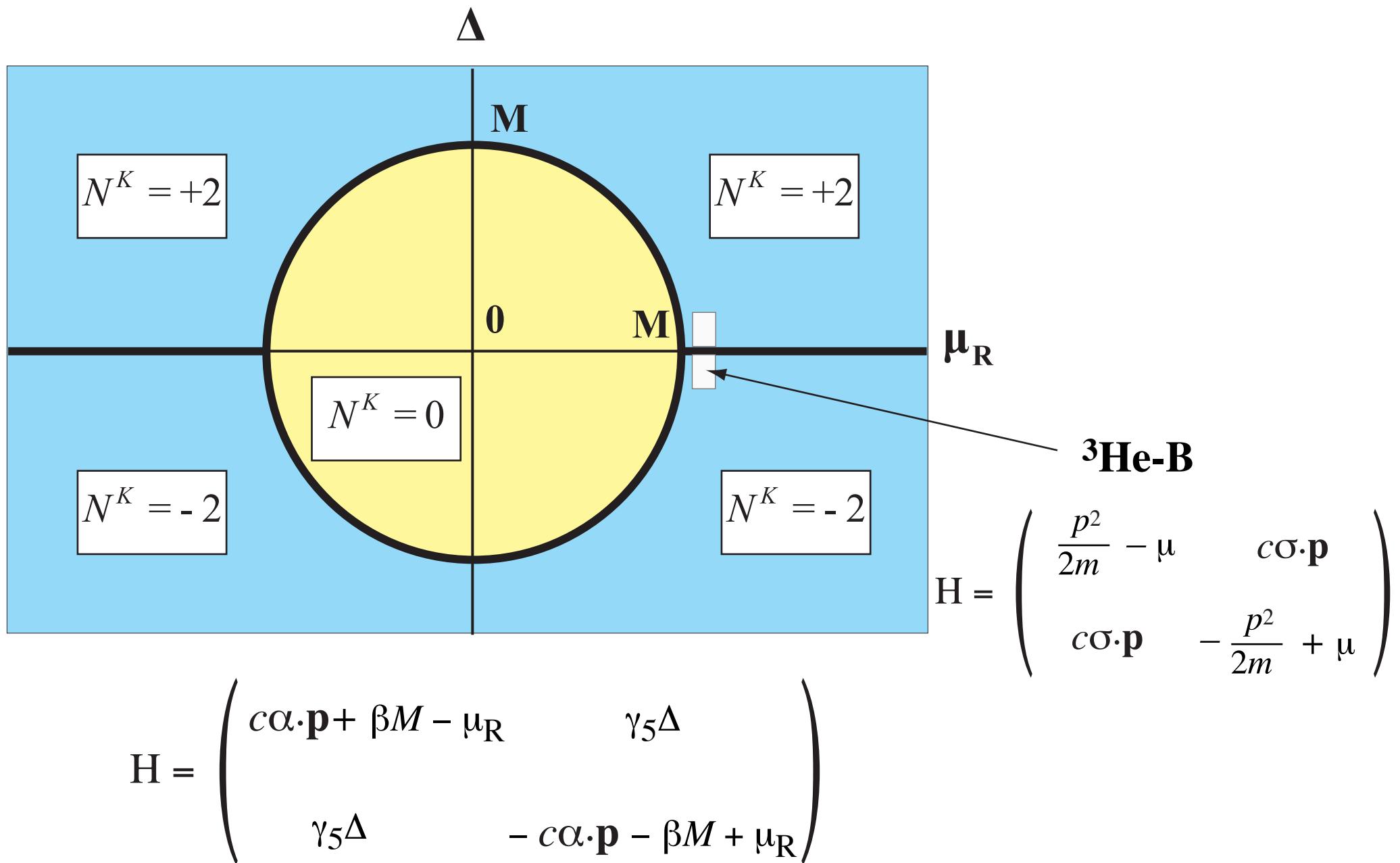
$$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} cp \ll M \\ \mu \ll M \end{array}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu & c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c_B \sigma \cdot \mathbf{p} & -\frac{p^2}{2m} + \mu \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{superfluid } ^3\text{He-B}$$

$$c_B = c \Delta / M \quad m = M / c^2$$

$$(\mu + M)^2 = \mu_R^2 + \Delta^2$$

phase diagram of topological states of relativistic triplet superconductor



energy spectrum in relativistic triplet superconductor

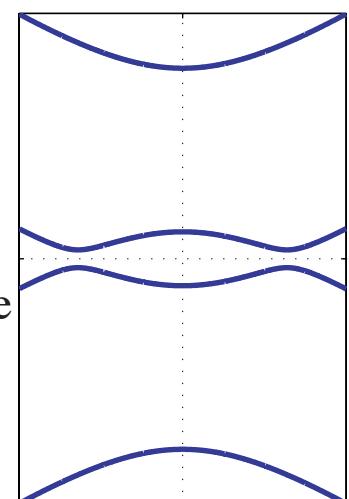
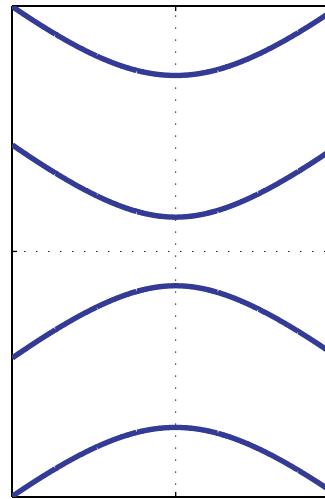
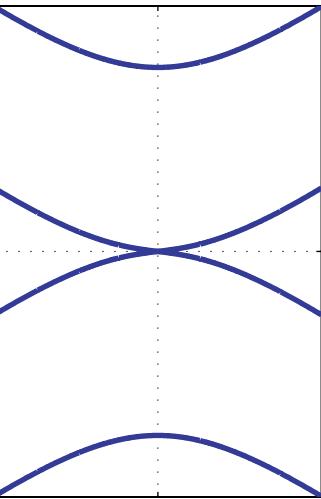
$$\mu_R^2 = M^2 - \Delta^2$$

gapless spectrum
at topological
quantum phase
transition

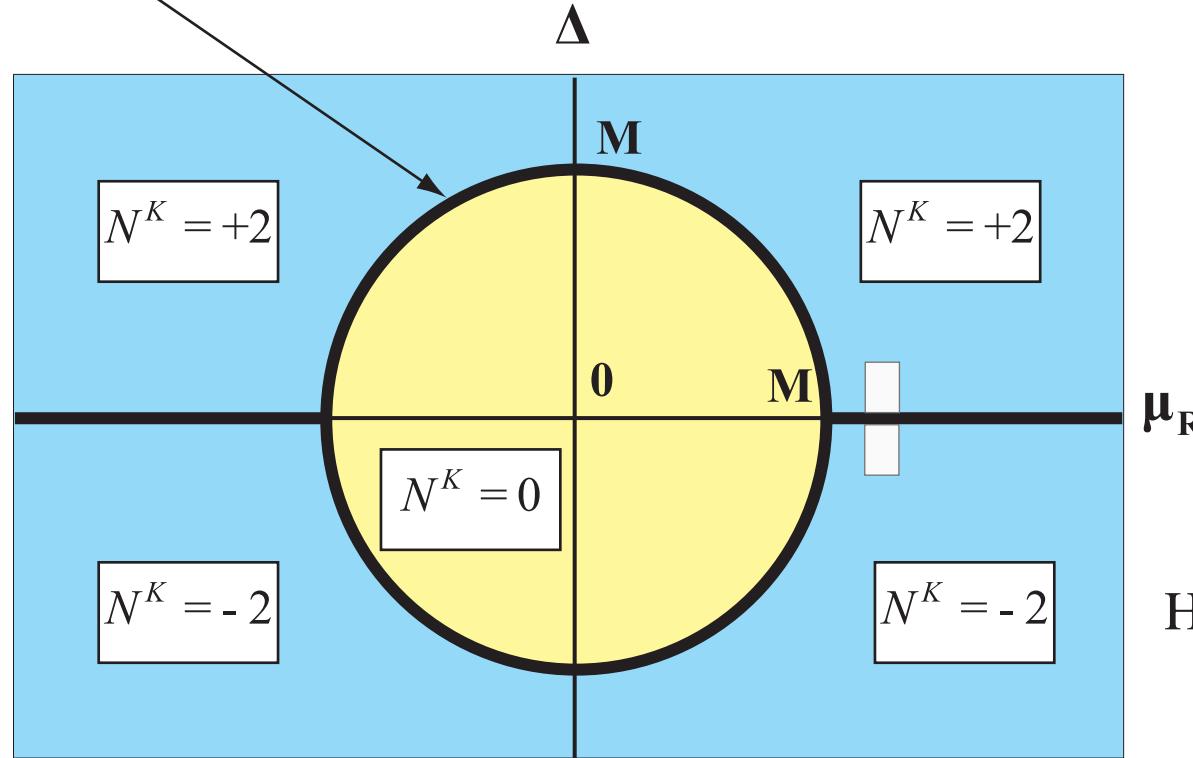
$$|\mu_R| < \mu_R^*$$

soft quantum phase
transition:
Higgs transition
in p-space

$$|\mu_R| > \mu_R^*$$

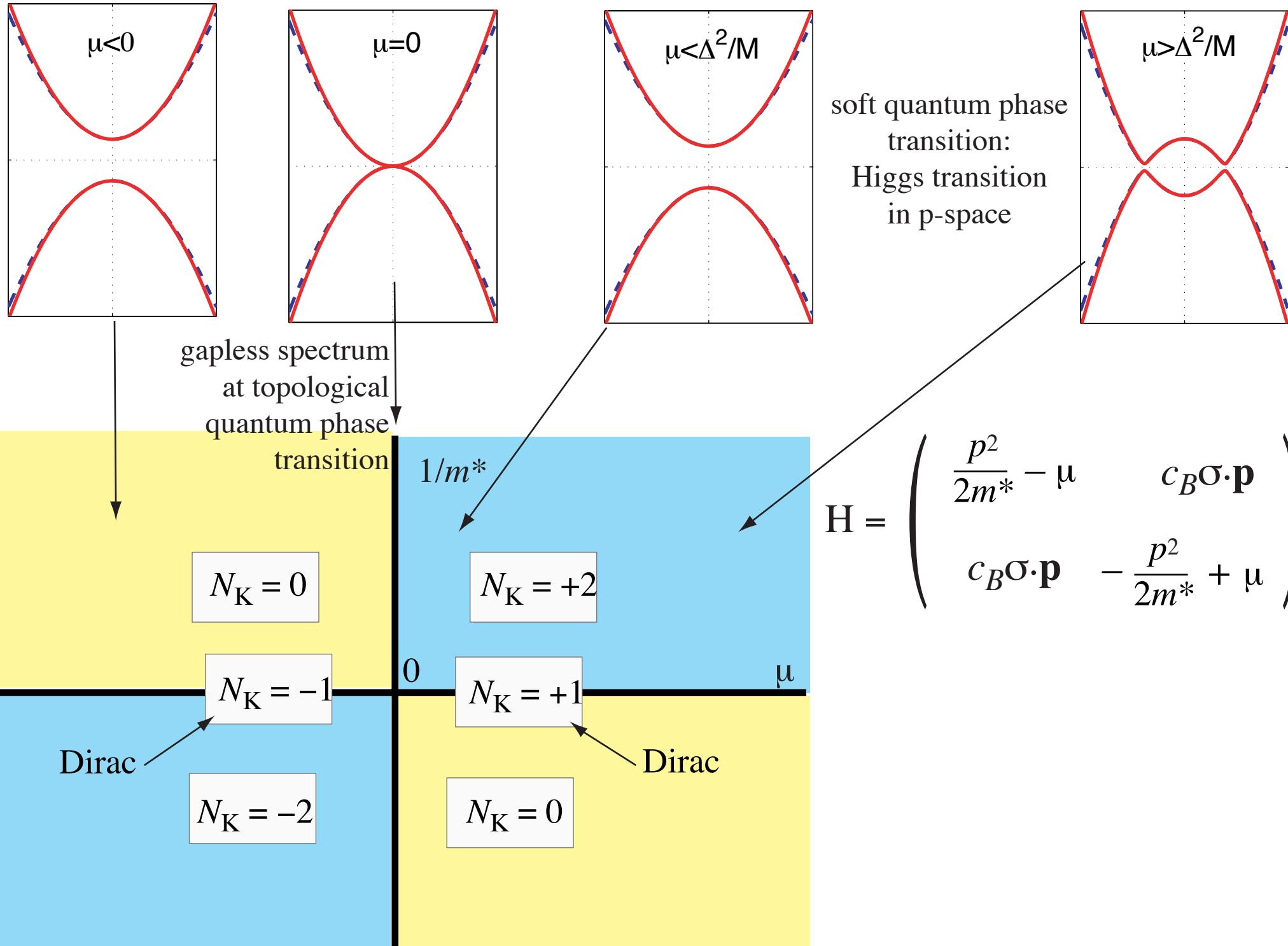


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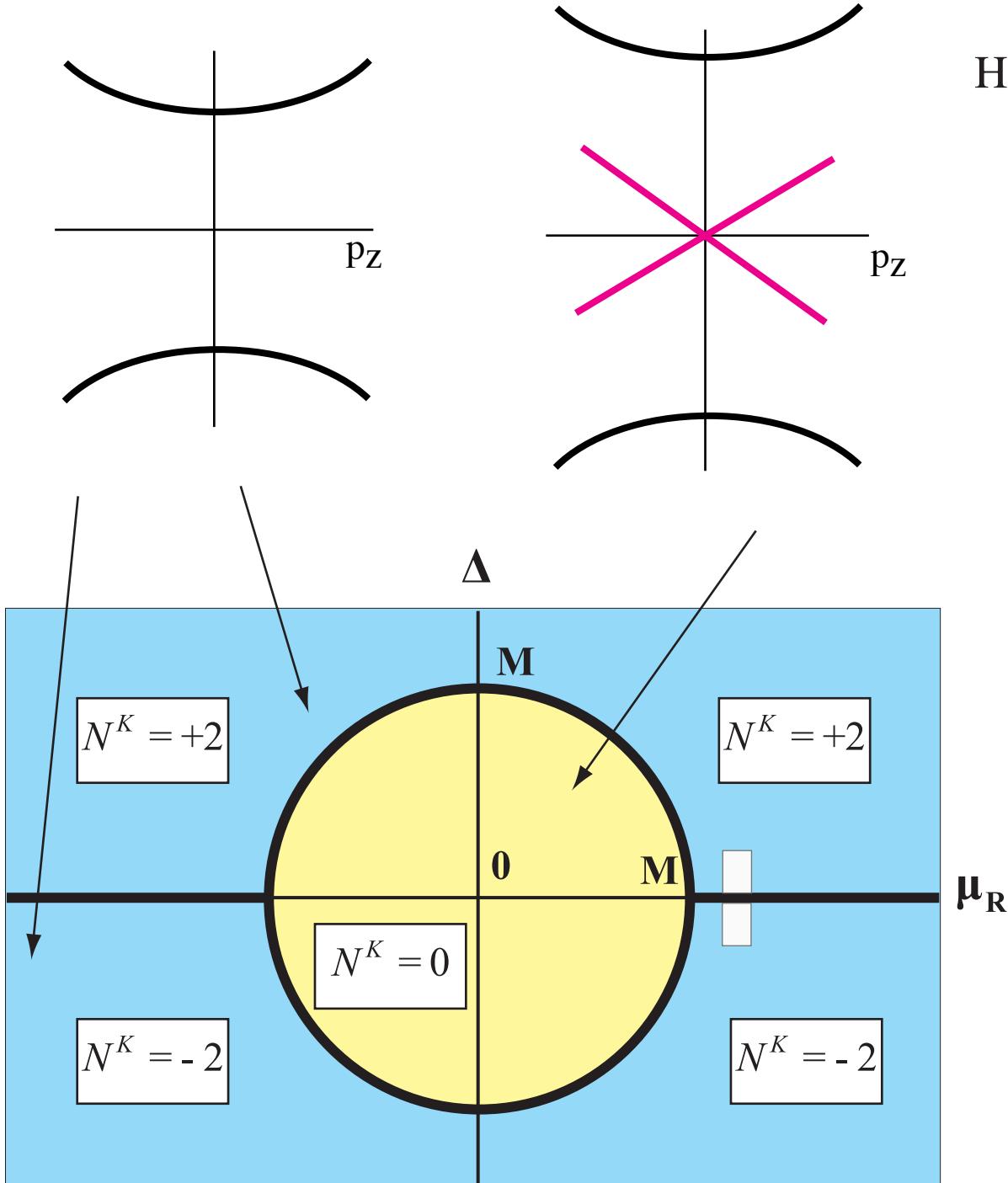


$$H = \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} + \beta M - \mu_R & \gamma_5 \Delta \\ \gamma_5 \Delta & -c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} - \beta M + \mu_R \end{pmatrix}$$

spectrum of non-relativistic ${}^3\text{He-B}$



fermion zero modes in relativistic triplet superconductor



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vortices in
topological superconductors
have fermion zero modes

generalized index theorem ?

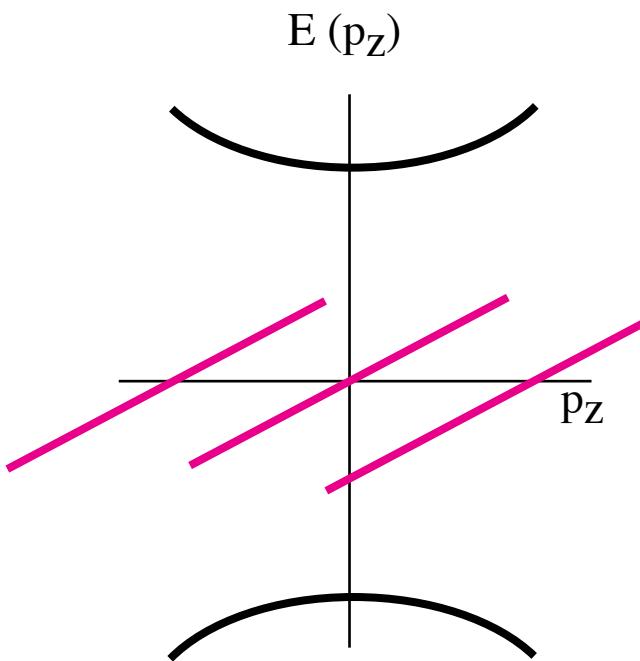
possible index theorem for fermion zero modes on vortices

(interplay of r -space and p -space topologies)

$$N_5 = \frac{1}{4\pi^3 i} \text{tr} \left[\int d^3 p \, d\omega \, d\phi \, G \partial_\omega G^{-1} G \partial_\phi G^{-1} G \partial_{p_x} G^{-1} G \partial_{p_y} G^{-1} G \partial_{p_z} G^{-1} \right]$$

for vortices in Dirac vacuum

$$N_5 = N \quad \text{winding number}$$



Conclusion

Momentum-space topology determines:

universality classes of quantum vacua

effective field theories in these quantum vacua



topological quantum phase transitions (Lifshitz, plateau, etc.)

quantization of Hall and spin-Hall conductivity

topological Chern-Simons & Wess-Zumino terms

quantum statistics of topological objects

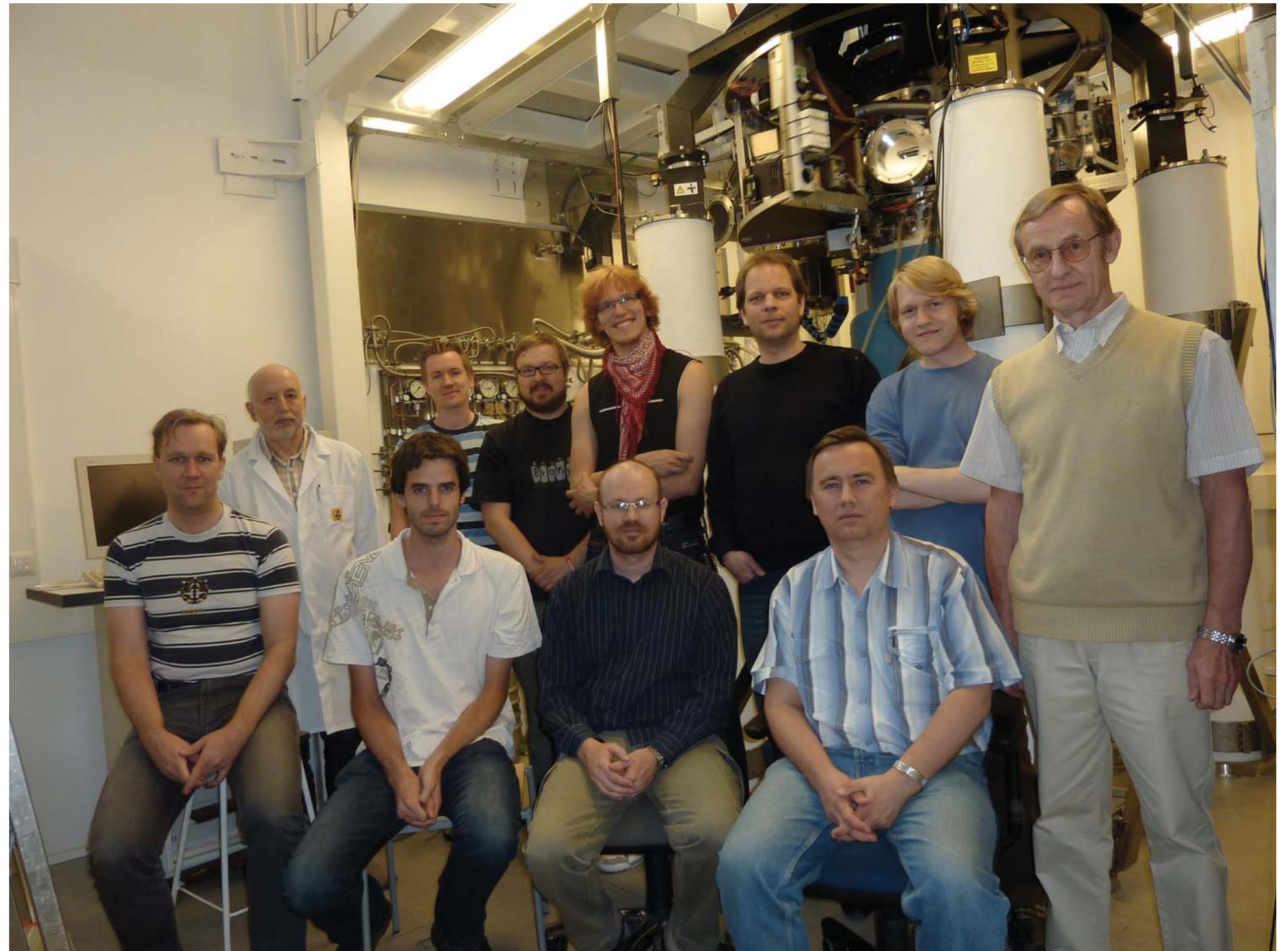


spectrum of edge states & fermion zero modes on walls & quantum vortices

chiral anomaly & vortex dynamics, etc.

**problem:
generalized index theorem
(from combined p-r topology ?)**

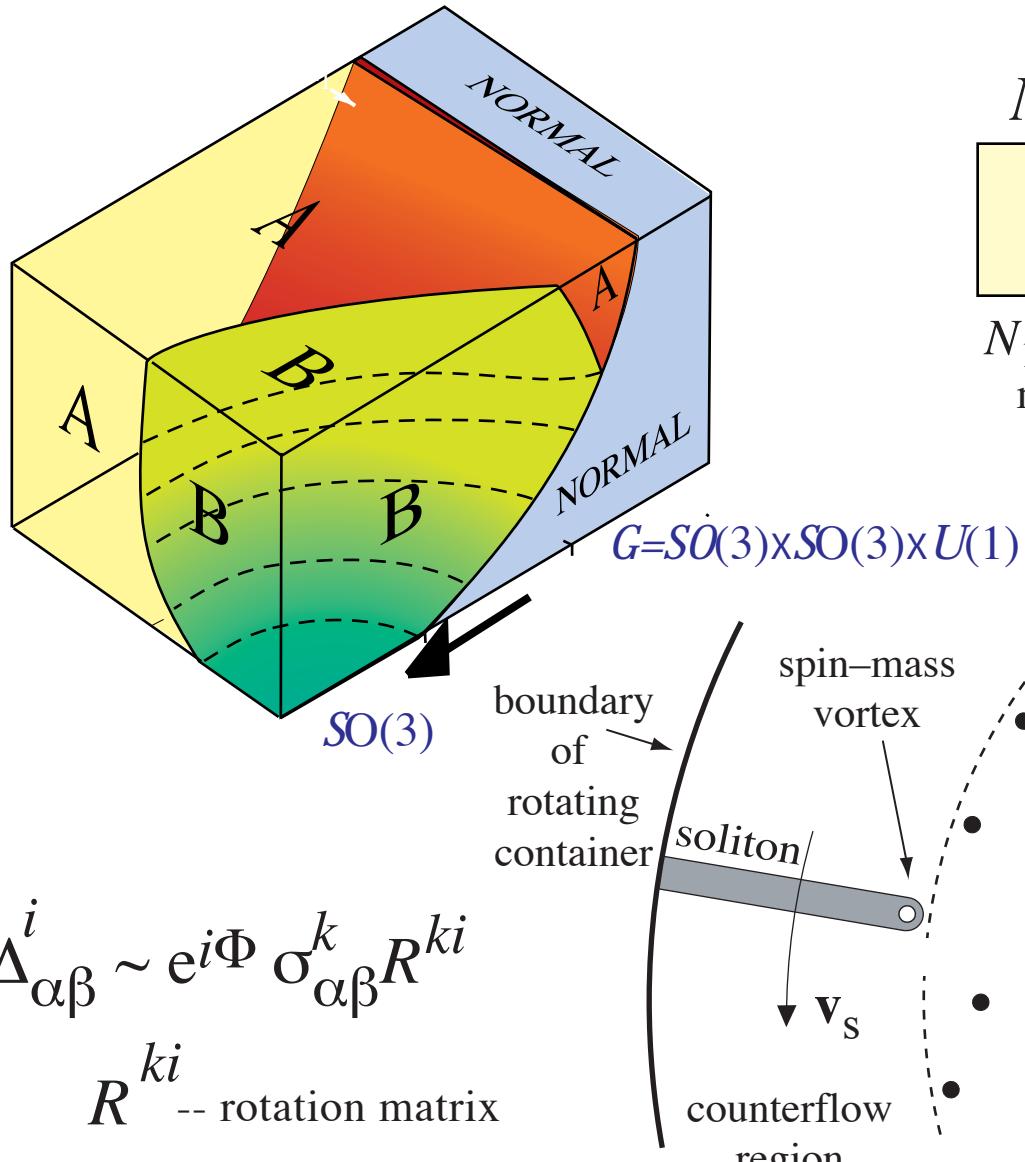
vortices in superfluid ^3He -B



vortices in superfluid $^3\text{He-B}$

symmetry breaking phase transitions

$$SO(3) \times SO(3) \times U(1) \rightarrow SO(3)$$



homotopy group

$$\pi_1(G/H) = \pi_1(U(1) \times SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

winding numbers

$$N_1 = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \text{ and } v = 0, 1$$

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

$$1 + 1 = 0$$

$$N_1 = 1, v = 0$$

mass vortex

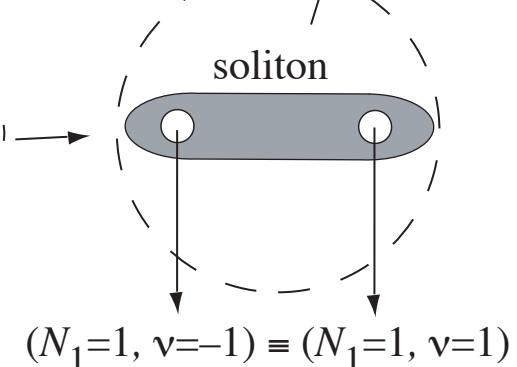
$$N_1 = v = 1$$

spin-mass vortex

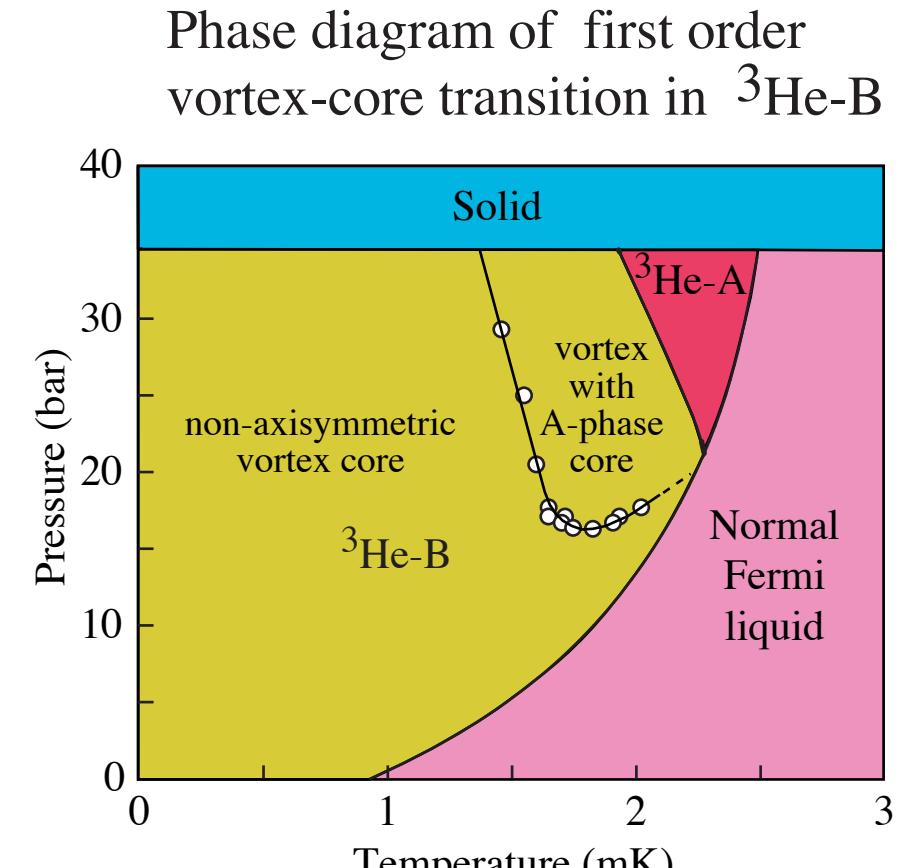
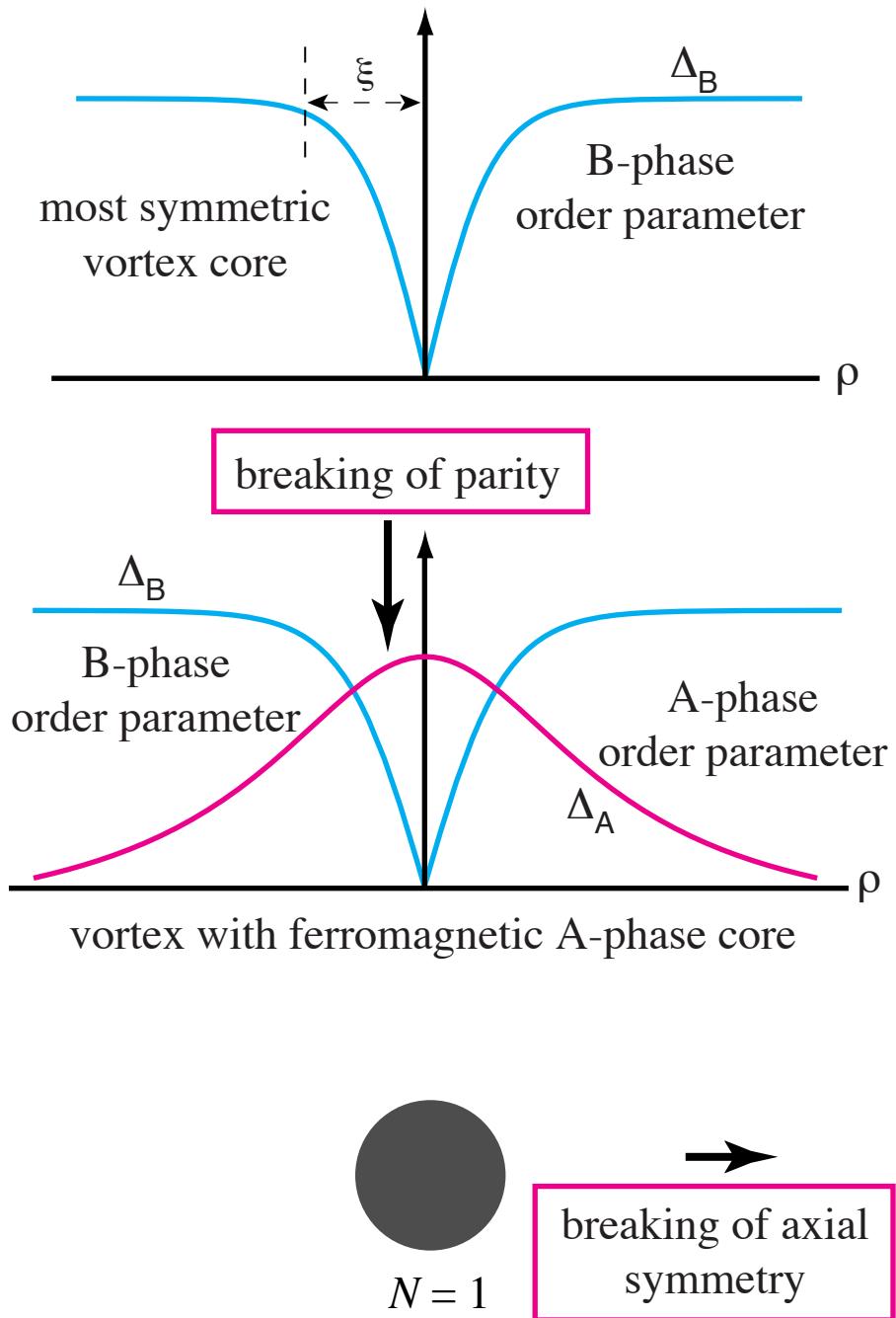
$$N_1 = 0, v = 1$$

spin vortex

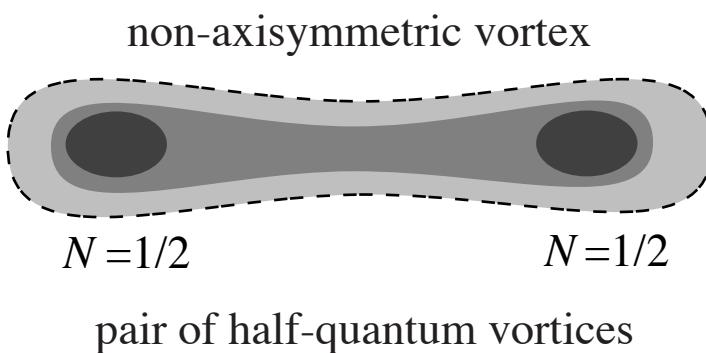
doubly quantized
vortex as pair
of spin-mass vortices
confined by soliton
($N_1=2, v=0$)



symmetry breaking in the $^3\text{He-B}$ vortex core

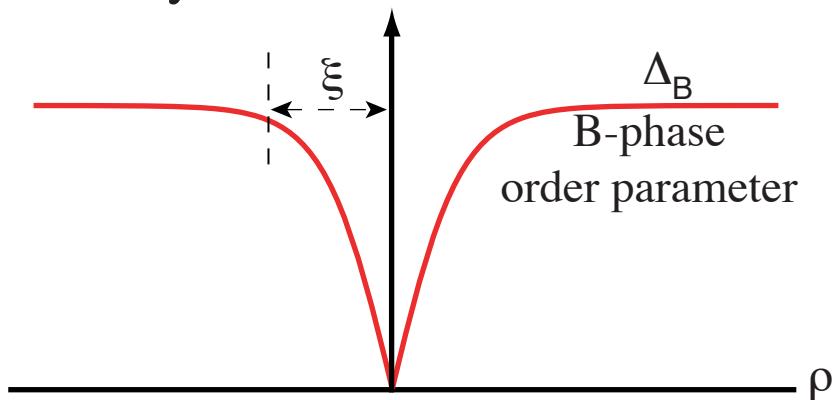


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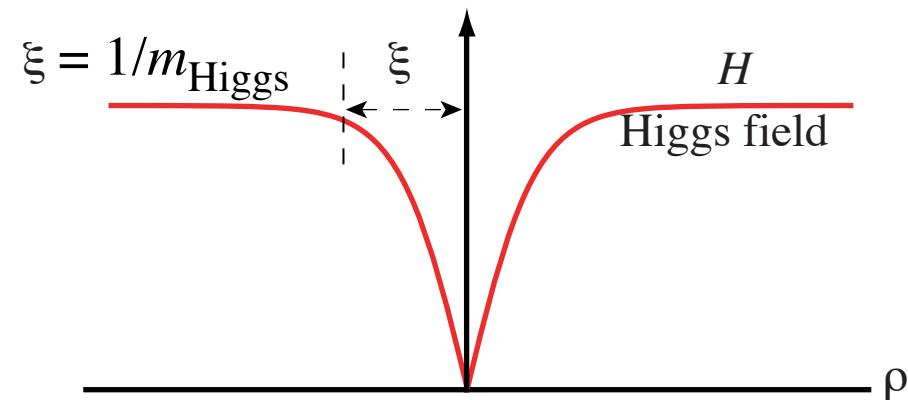


Witten superconducting cosmic string & v-vortex

most symmetric ^3He -B vortex

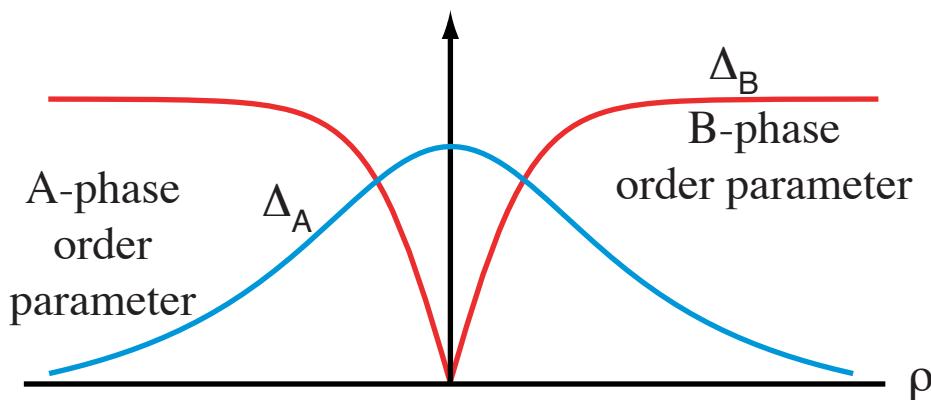


most symmetric cosmic string



additional breaking of symmetry in the core

v-vortex:
breaking of parity



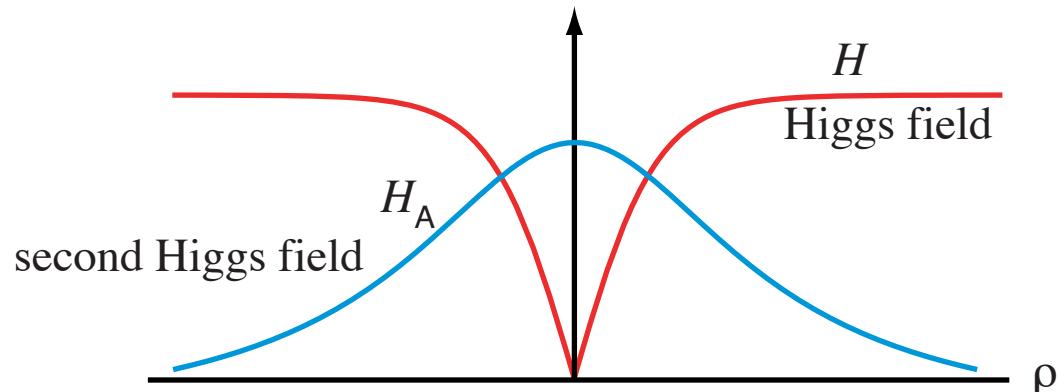
Salomaa & Volovik, PRL **51**, 2040 (1983)



experiment: magnetic core

Hakonen, Krusius, Salomaa, et al., PRL **51**, 1362 (1983)

Witten string:
breaking of electromagnetic symmetry

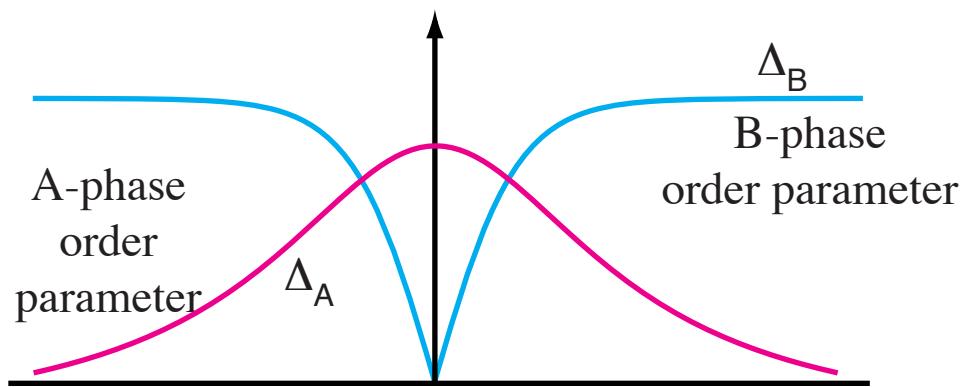
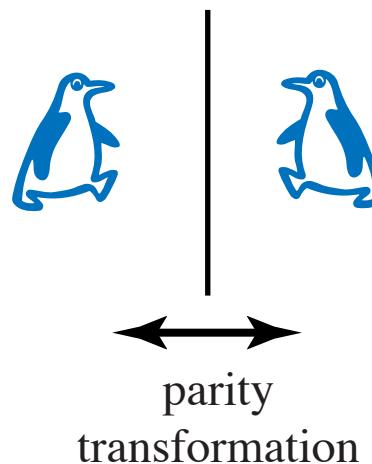


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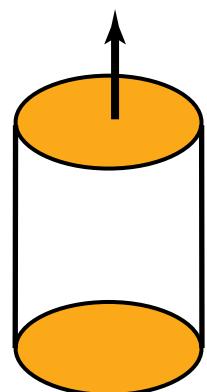
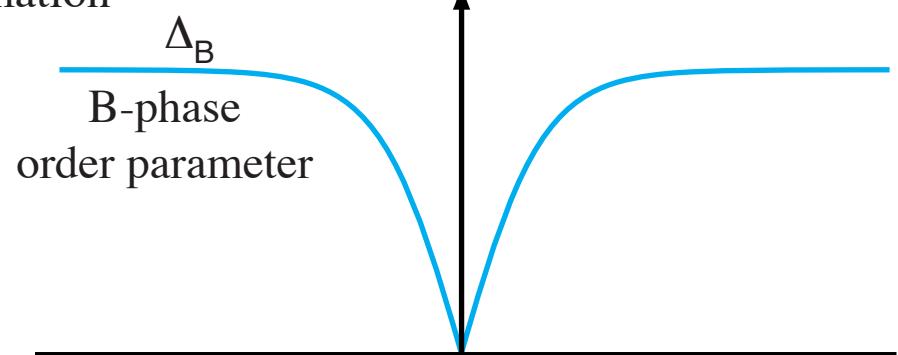
superconductivity along the core



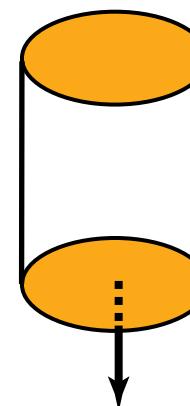
broken parity in the 3He-B vortex core



parity
transformation



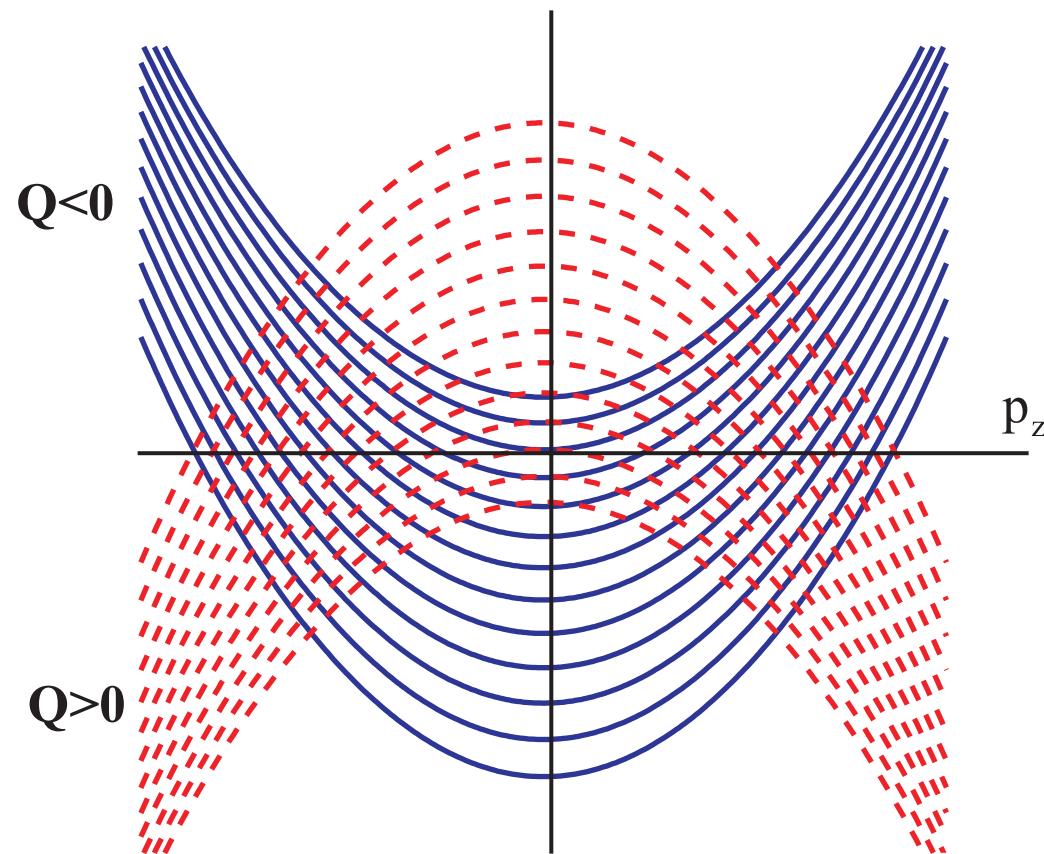
electric polarization in the core



Bound states of fermions on v-vortex in ${}^3\text{He-B}$

axisymmetric v -vortex in ${}^3\text{He-B}$

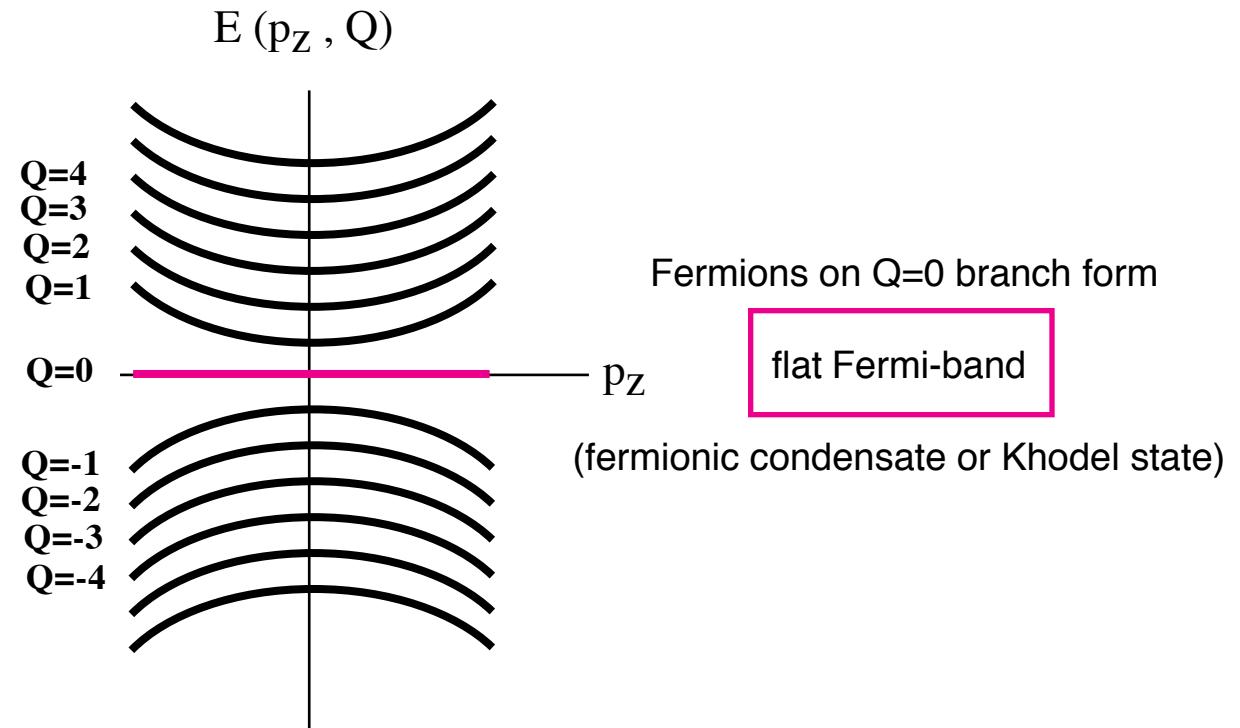
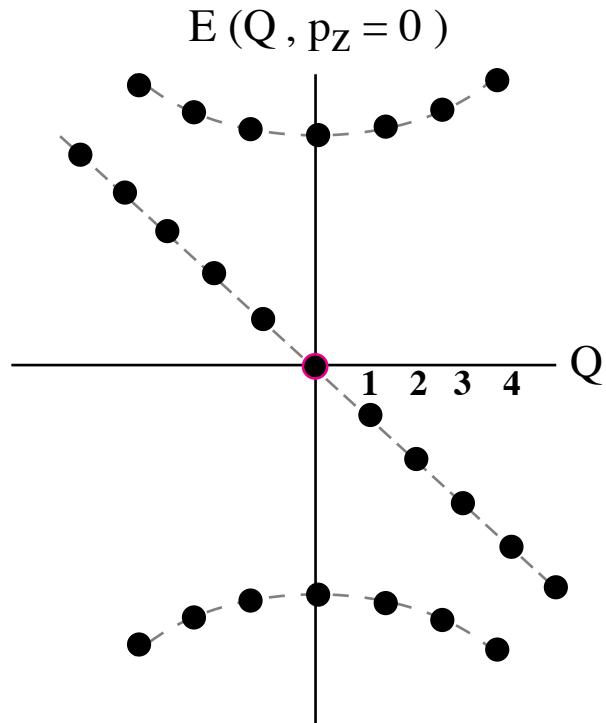
$$E(p_z, Q)$$



M. A. Silaev, Spectrum of bound fermion states on vortices in ${}^3\text{He-B}$, JETP Lett. 2009

flat band

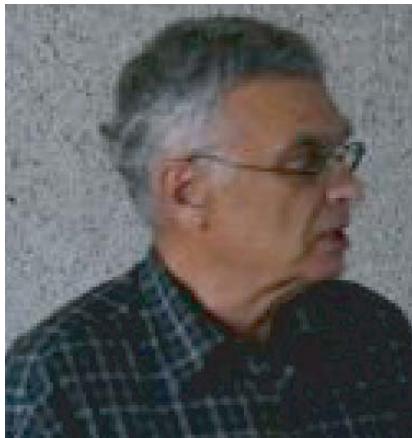
zero energy states in symmetric N=1 $^3\text{He-A}$ vortex



Kopnin & Salomaa, PRB **44**, 9667 (1991)

forces on vortices:

three nondissipative forces + friction force acting on a vortex line



Iordanskii force
Gravitational Aharanov-Bohm effect

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Iordanskii}} = \kappa \times \rho_n (\mathbf{v}_s - \mathbf{v}_n)$$

Aharanov-Bohm scattering of quasiparticles on a vortex

vacuum velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_s$$

heat bath velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_n$$



Kopnin force
Axial anomaly

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Kopnin}} = \kappa \times \mathbf{C}(T) (\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_L)$$

momentum transfer from negative energy states in the core to heat bath analog of baryogenesis



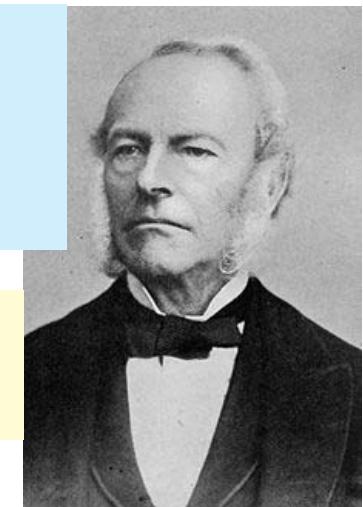
Magnus-Joukowski lifting force in classical hydrodynamics

vortex velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_L$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Magnus}} = \kappa \times \rho (\mathbf{v}_L - \mathbf{v}_s)$$

momentum transfer between vortex and superfluid vacuum



Stokes friction force

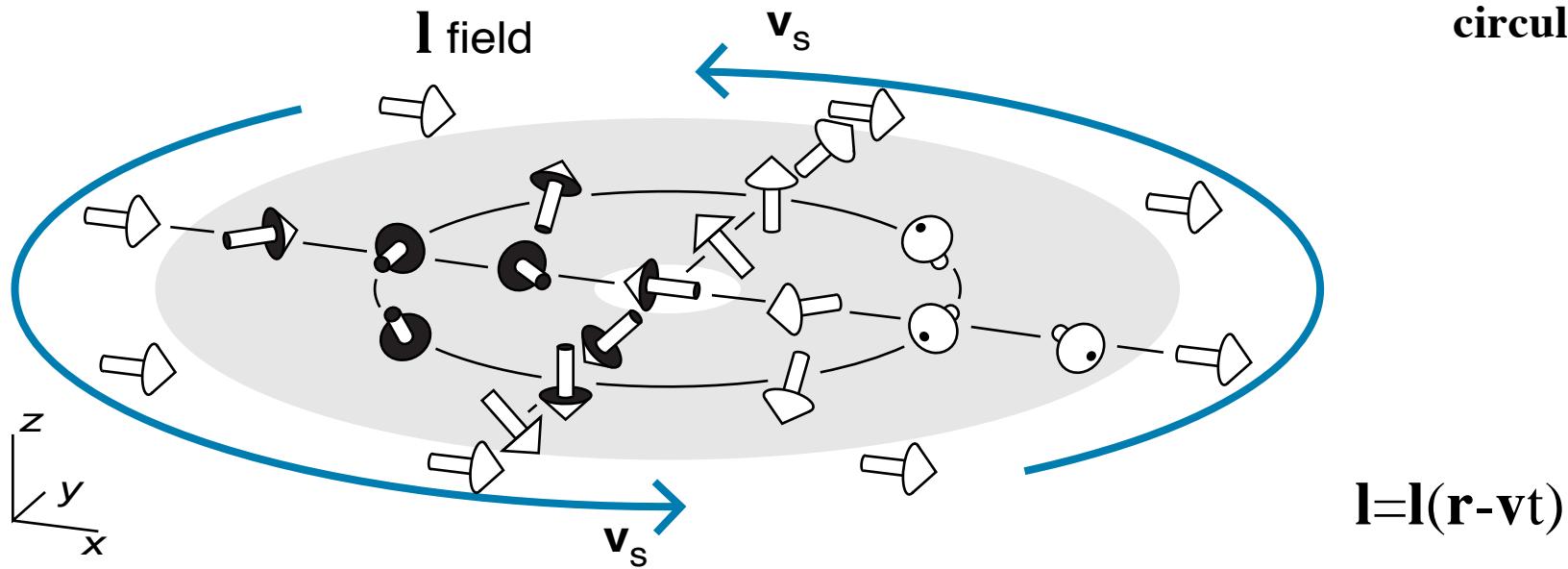
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Stokes}} = -\gamma (\mathbf{v}_L - \mathbf{v}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Magnus}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{Iordanskii}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{Kopnin}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{Stokes}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Momentogenesis by N=2 vortex-skyrmion

$$m = (1/4\pi) \iint dx dy (\mathbf{l} \cdot (\partial \mathbf{l} / \partial x \times \partial \mathbf{l} / \partial y)) = 1$$

vortex-skyrmion
with $N=2 m=2$
circulation quanta

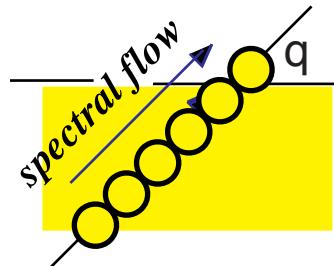


Momentum transfer from vacuum to the heat bath (matter)
gives extra topological force on skyrmion (spectral-flow force)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \int d^3r \dot{\mathbf{P}} = (1/2\pi^2) \int d^3r (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E}) p_F \mathbf{l} = (1/2\pi^2) \hbar p_F^3 \int d^3r (\nabla \times \mathbf{l} \cdot d\mathbf{l}/dt) \mathbf{l} \\ &= 2\pi \hbar (1/3\pi^2) p_F^3 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times (\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_L) \end{aligned}$$

Chiral anomaly:

matter-antimatter asymmetry of Universe (*baryon asymmetry*) and *Kopnin force*



*momentum from vacuum
of fermion zero modes*

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}} = \sum_a \mathbf{P}_a \dot{n}_a$$

\mathbf{P}_a -- momentum (fermionic charge)
 e_a -- effective electric charge

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}} = (1/4\pi^2) \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E} \sum_a \mathbf{P}_a C_a e_a^2$$

applied to ${}^3He-A$

$C_a = +1$ for right
-1 for left

spectral flow produces

$$\dot{\mathbf{B}} = \sum_a \mathbf{B}_a \dot{n}_a$$

\mathbf{B}_a -- baryonic charge
 Y_a -- hypercharge

$$\dot{\mathbf{B}} = (1/4\pi^2) \mathbf{B}_Y \cdot \mathbf{E}_Y \sum_a \mathbf{B}_a C_a Y_a^2$$

applied to Standard Model

$C_a = +1$ for right
-1 for left

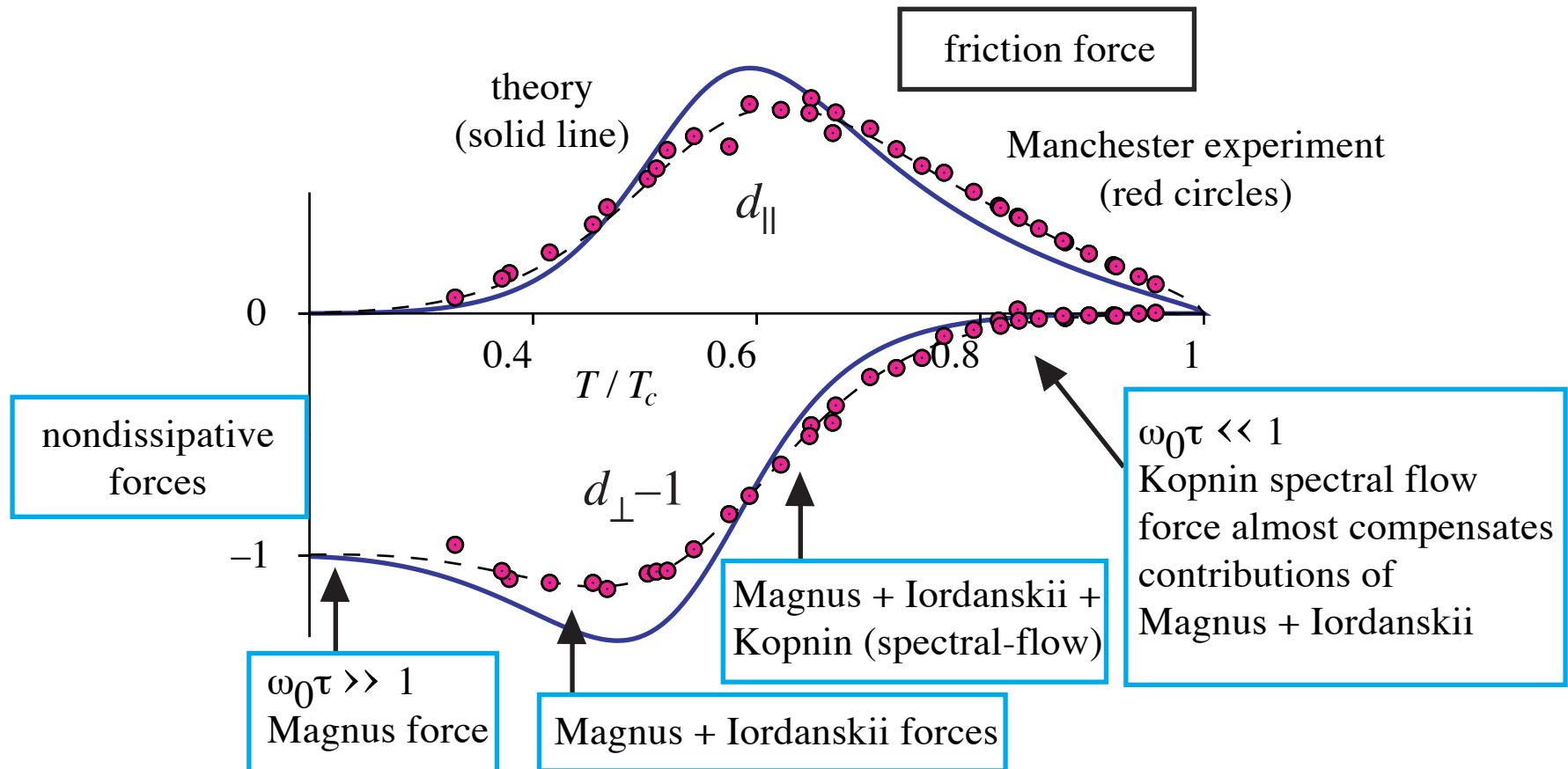
*chiral
anomaly
equation*

(Adler, Bell, Jackiw)

*quasiparticles move from vacuum to the positive energy world,
where they are scattered by quasiparticles in bulk
and transfer momentum from vortex to normal component*

this is the source of Kopnin spectral flow force

Experimental and theoretical forces on a vortex



superfluid Reynolds number

$$\text{Re}_{\alpha}(T) = \frac{1 - d_{\perp}}{d_{\parallel}} \approx \omega_0\tau$$

$$\text{Re}_{\alpha}(T_c) = 0$$

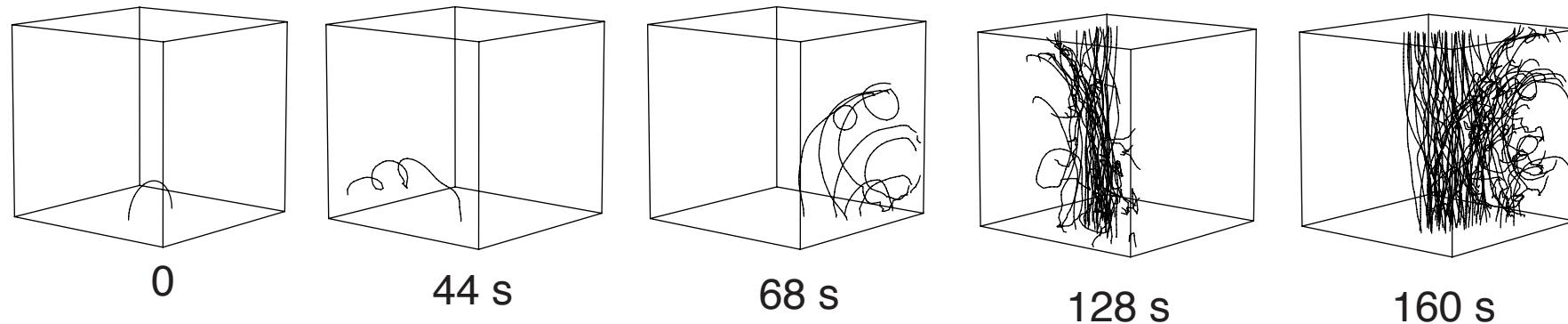
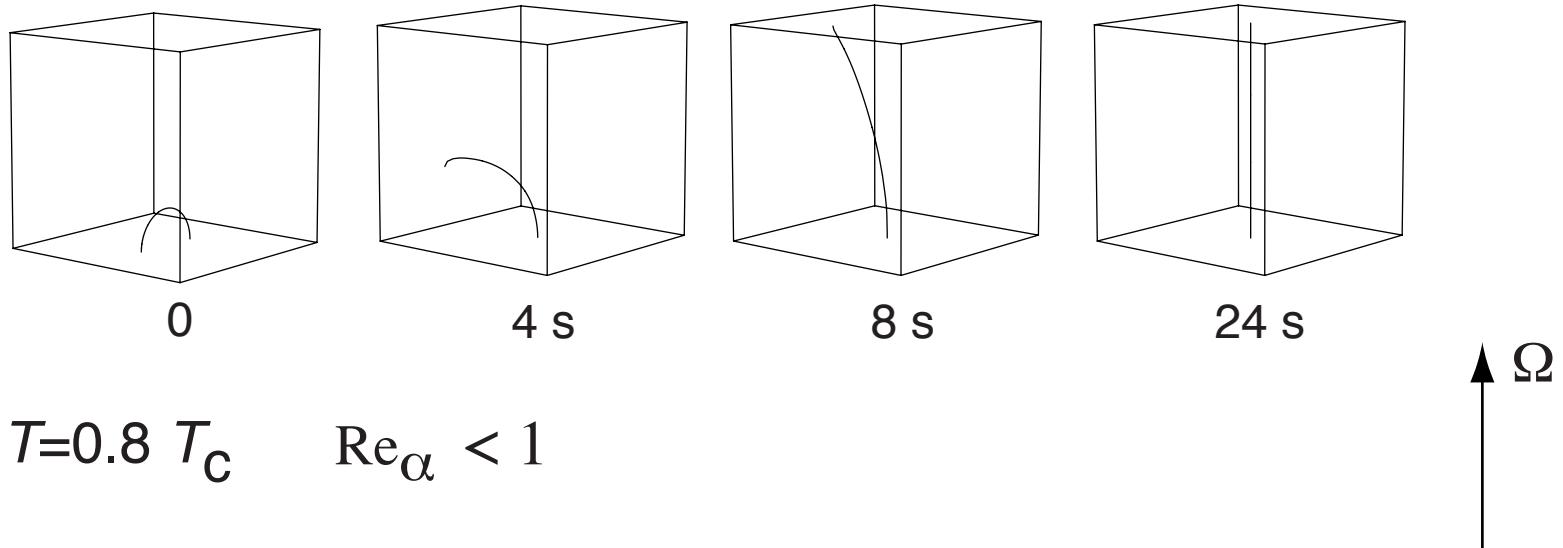
laminar vortex flow

$$\text{Re}_{\alpha}(T \sim 0.6 T_c) \sim 1$$

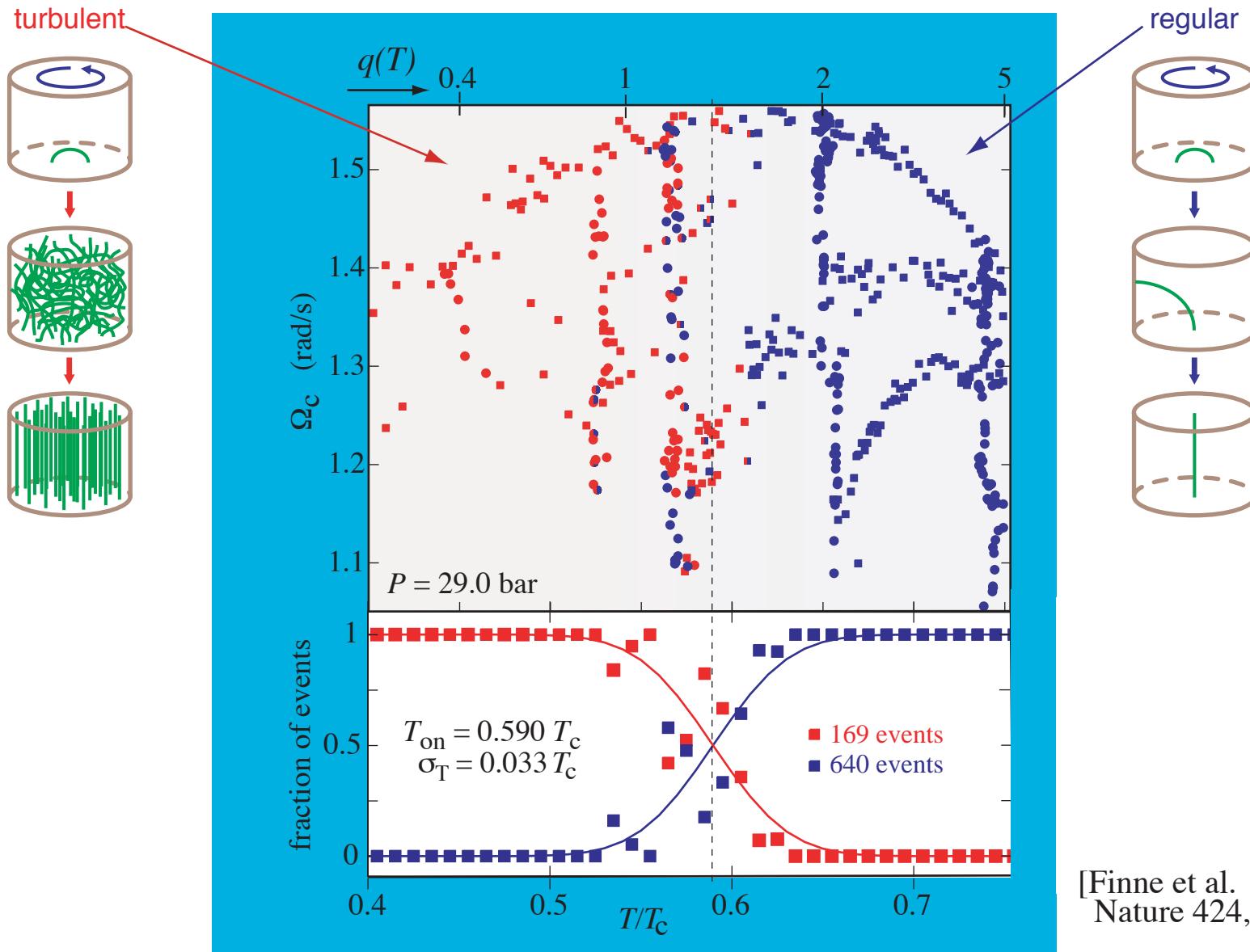
turbulent vortex flow

$$\text{Re}_{\alpha}(0) = \infty$$

turbulent and laminar vortex evolution



TURBULENT VORTEX GENERATION



[Finne et al.
Nature 424, 1022 (2003)]