

# Infravacuum representations and velocity superselection in QED

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**Question:** Can this be done without locality?



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Claim: **second conjugate classes** are meaningful candidates for 'charge classes' in the absence of locality.

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**Background is important:** For trivial background e.g.  $a := e$  second conjugate classes are sensitive to any ‘perturbation’ of the vacuum:

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**Proof.**  $(x_0 \cdot a) \cdot s = x_0 \cdot \underbrace{(a \cdot s \cdot a^{-1})}_r \cdot a = x_0 \cdot a. \quad \square$

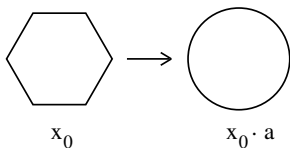
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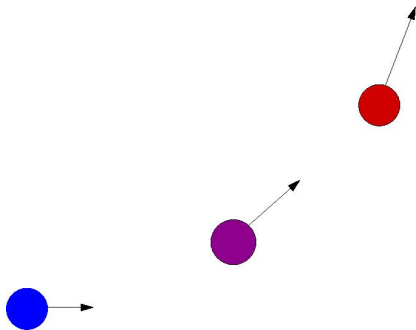
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