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*Conditional global regularity of Schrödinger maps: sub-threshold dispersed energy.*

In 2008, Bejenaru, Ionescu, Kenig, and Tataru jointly proved global-wellposedness in dimensions  $d \geq 2$  for the Schrödinger maps initial-value problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \phi &= \phi \times \Delta \phi \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(0) &= \phi_0, \end{cases}$$

$\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , under the assumption that  $\phi_0$  is sufficiently small in  $\dot{H}^{d/2}$ . Working in the  $d = 2$  energy-critical setting, we prove a conditional global regularity result valid for a class of  $\phi_0$  with energy up to the ground-state  $4\pi$  threshold. Developing the caloric gauge in the sub-threshold setting sets the groundwork for this extended result, though the key improvements come from a tailored local smoothing estimate for a magnetic Schrödinger equation and from a closely-related bilinear Strichartz estimate. (Received August 29, 2011)