

# How baryons appear in low-energy QCD: Domain-wall Skyrmion phase in strong magnetic fields

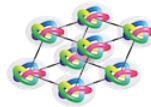
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# QCD is a theory of quarks & gluons



In the vacuum, only hadrons (mesons, baryons).

→ Can one calculate **the nucleon mass  $m_N \sim 939$  MeV** ?  
(Lattice QCD, holographic QCD ?...).

→ Low-energy QCD is described by mesons (pions,  $\eta$ ) or Nambu-Goldstone modes. **Chiral perturbation theory.**  
**How are baryons described?** Cf: *The Skyrme model.*

In this talk, I show the effective nucleon mass (in a certain situation)

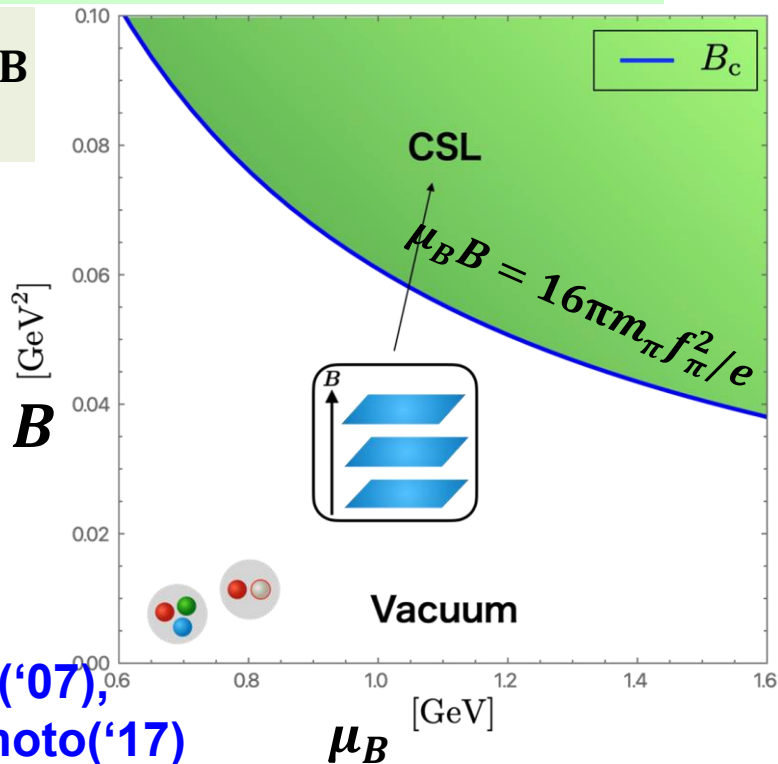
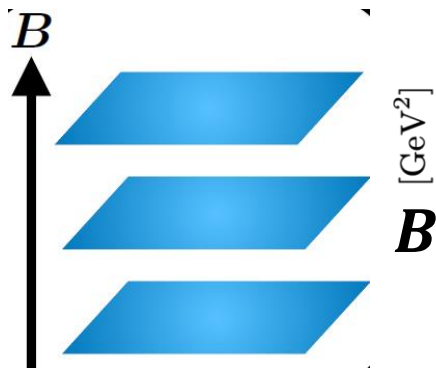
$$"m_N" = \frac{16\pi f_\pi^2}{3m_\pi} \sim 1.03 \text{ GeV}$$

Vacuum values  
 $f_\pi \sim 93$  MeV,  
 $m_\pi \sim 140$  MeV

# Summary of my talk

## Chiral Soliton Lattice(CSL) phase

chemical pot.  $\mu_B$   
magnetic field  $B$



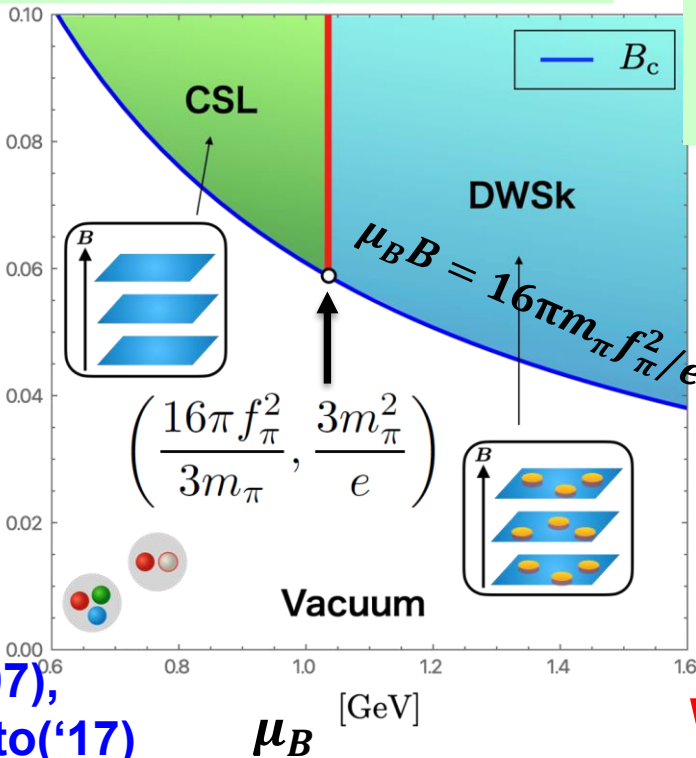
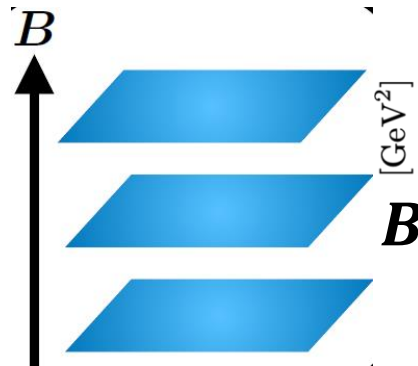
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**Solitons carry baryon #**

# Summary of my talk Our results: New phase in QCD

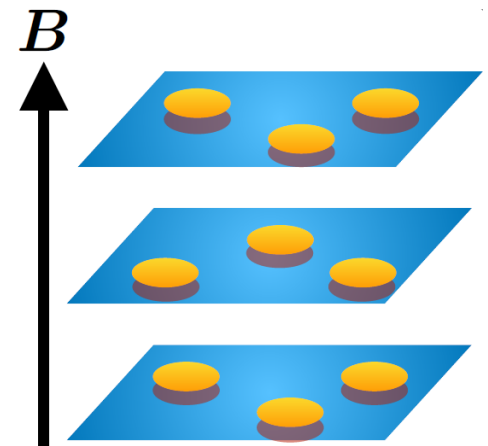
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## Domain-Wall Skymion Crystal (DW-SkX) phase

@  $\mu_B \geq 1.03$  GeV



Son & Stephanov('07),  
Brauner & Yamamoto('17)

Solitons carry baryon #

Walls & Skymions  
carry baryon #

## Remarkable points of our work

(1) We show this in the **chiral perturbation theory** @ the leading order  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  ***without higher derivative (Skyrme) term.*** Thus, it is model independent. (Skyrmions are stable without the Skyrme term.)

(2) The critical  $\mu_B$  coincides with the instability of CSL via **charged pion condensation** (Brauner-Yamamoto '17).

(3) The  $\mu_B$  corresponds to the **nuclear saturation density**

$$\mu_B \geq \mu_c = \frac{16\pi f_\pi^2}{3m_\pi} \sim 1.03 \text{ GeV}$$

remarkably, written in terms of **only pion** information.

# Chiral sine-Gordon model in QCD [Son-Stephanov('07)]

SU(2) Nambu-Goldstone fields  $\Sigma = \exp\left(\frac{i\sigma^a \pi^a}{f_\pi}\right) = \exp(i\sigma^a \chi_a)$

## Chiral Lagrangian with Wess-Zumino-Witten(WZW) term

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr} [D_\mu \Sigma D^\mu \Sigma^\dagger + m_\pi^2 (\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger)] + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}} = - \left( A_\mu^{\text{B}} + \frac{1}{2} A_\mu^{\text{EM}} \right) j_{\text{B}}^\mu \quad D_\mu \Sigma \equiv \partial_\mu \Sigma + ie A_\mu [Q, \Sigma], \quad Q = \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{2} \tau_3$$

$$L_\mu = \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger, \quad R_\mu = \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma$$

$$j_{\text{B}}^\mu = -\frac{1}{24\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \left\{ \text{Tr} L_\nu L_\alpha L_\beta - \frac{3}{2} i \partial_\nu (A_\alpha \sigma^3 (L_\beta + R_\beta)) \right\}$$

A constant magnetic field  $B$

A baryon chemical potential  $A_\mu^{\text{B}} = (\mu_{\text{B}}, \vec{0})$

Ignoring charged pions  $\chi_{1,2} = 0$

$$A_\mu^{\text{B}} j_{\text{B}}^\mu = \mu_{\text{B}} j_{\text{B}}^{\mu=0}$$

↑  
Baryon#  
density

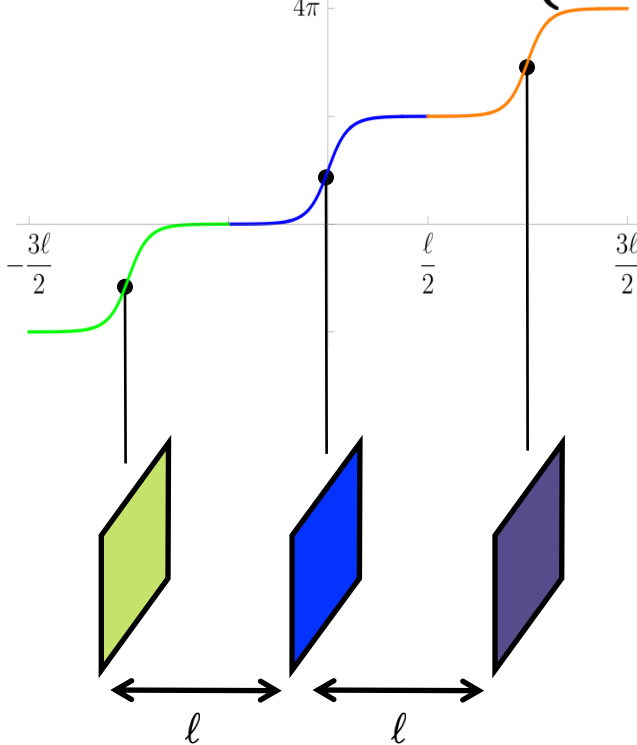
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In **1D**, this part gives

$$\sim \mu_B B \partial_z \chi_3 \quad (\chi_{1,2} = 0)$$

↑ magnetic field  
↑ chemical potential (finite density)



## Chiral soliton lattices

Son & Stephanov('07),

Brauner & Yamamoto('17)



Ignoring charged pions (chiral sine-Gordon model)

= Sine-Gordon model + topological term

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi_3)^2 - f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 (1 - \cos \chi_3) + \frac{e\mu_B}{4\pi^2} \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \chi_3$$

topological term

Cf. The same model appears in chiral magnets in which a topological term is the Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya interaction.

The condition that domain walls appear in the g.s.

$$E = 8m_\pi f_\pi^2 \left[ -\frac{e\mu_B B}{2\pi} \right] \leq 0 !! \Leftrightarrow \mu_B B = 16\pi m_\pi f_\pi^2 / e$$

DW tension of a single soliton Topological term

$$\chi_3 = 4 \tan^{-1} e^{m_\pi(z-Z)}$$

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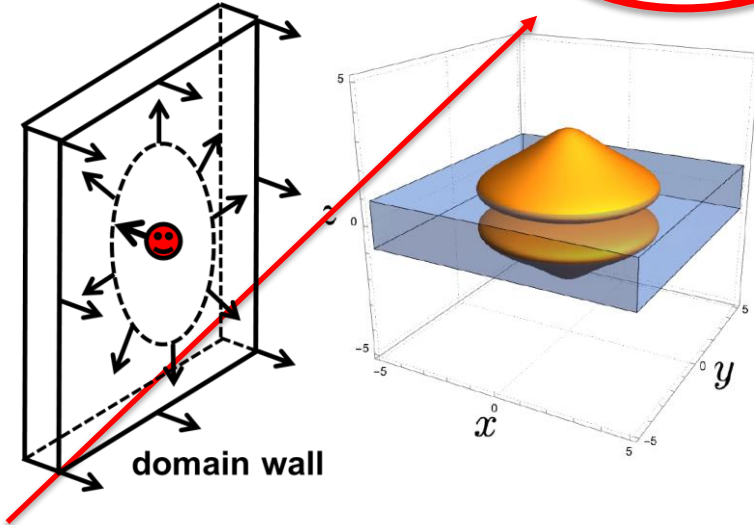
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$$\chi_{1,2} \neq 0$$



Due to this term ( $\neq 0$  with **charged pions**) in full **3D**,  
**DW Skyrmion lattices are true ground state!!**  
(in certain parameter region).

# A history of domain-wall Skyrmion

MN, Kobayashi, Gudnason, Eto, Ross ....

## (1) 2+1d version

[1] MN, *PRD86* ('12) 125004, [1207.6958](#)

[2] M.Kobayashi & MN, *PRD87* ('13)085003 [1302.0989](#)

## (2) 3+1d version

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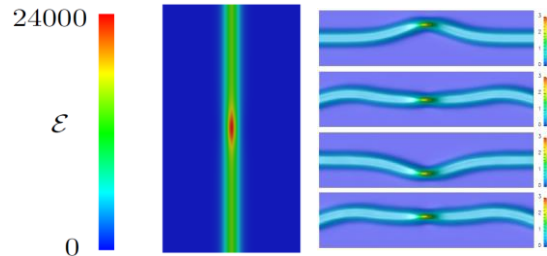
[4] S.B.Gudnason & MN,  
*PRD89* ('14) 085022 [1403.1245](#)

[5] M.Eto & MN, *PRD91* ('15) 085044 [1501.07038](#)

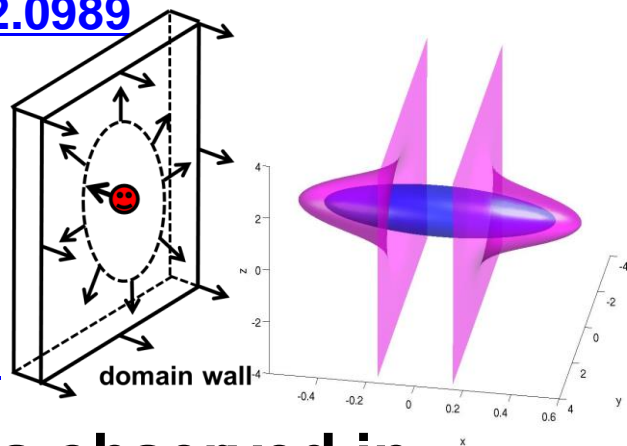
(3) In condensed matter physics, it's observed in

**2+1d chiral magnets.** T.Nagase et.al, *Nature Comm.* ('21)

[6] C.Ross & MN, *PRB107* ('23) 024422 [2205.11417](#)



P. Jennings  
& P. Sutcliffe ('13)



## **§ 2 Derivation & Some more details**

- (1) Considering a single soliton**
- (2) Constructing DW world-volume effective theory**
- (3) Constructing lumps (baby Skyrmons)**

## Technical details

### (1) Considering a single soliton

$$\chi_3^{\text{single}} = 4 \tan^{-1} e^{m_\pi(z-Z)} \quad \Sigma_0 = e^{i\tau_3 \chi_3}$$

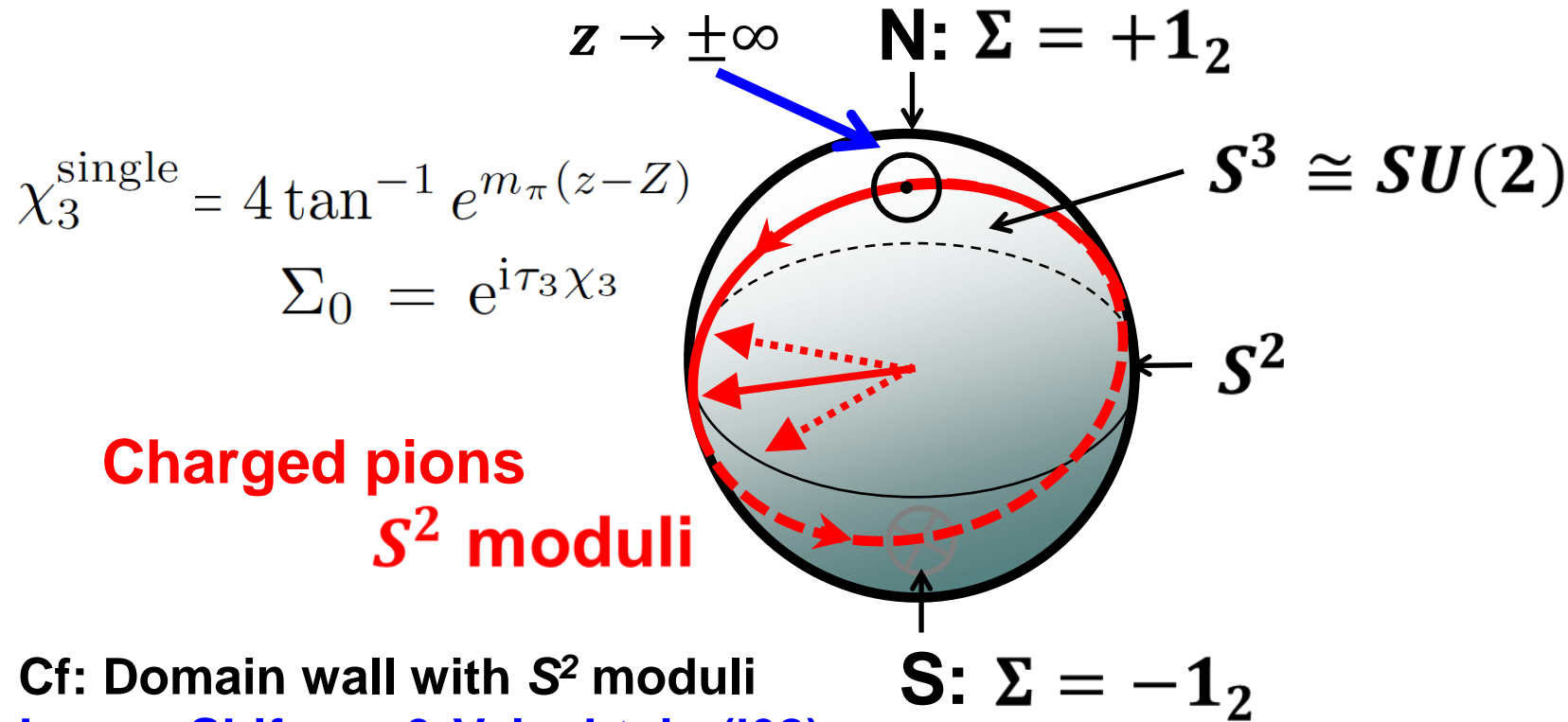
More general solution with  **$S^2$  moduli** (collective coordinates)

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= g \Sigma_0 g^\dagger & g &\in SU(2)_V \\ &= [\mathbf{1}_2 + (u^2 - 1)\phi\phi^\dagger]u^{-1} & u &\equiv e^{i\chi_3^{\text{single}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Non-Abelian soliton} \quad & \phi \in \mathbb{C}^2, \quad \phi^\dagger \phi = \mathbf{1} \\ & g \sigma_3 g^\dagger = 2\phi\phi^\dagger - \mathbf{1}_2 \end{aligned}$$

**Cf:**  $\eta$ -solitons under rotation are also non-Abelian

Eto, Nishimura & MN, *JHEP* 08 (2022) 305, [2112.01381](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.01381) [hep-ph]



**Cf: Domain wall with  $S^2$  moduli**  
**Losev, Shifman & Vainshtein ('02)**  
**Ritz, Shifman & Vainshtein ('04)**

## **(2) Constructing DW world-volume effective theory via the moduli (Manton) approximation**

**(a) Promote moduli to fields on D=2+1 worldvolume**

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi(x^\alpha), \quad (\alpha = 0, 1, 2)$$

**Translational and orientational moduli**

**(b) Integrate over codimension  $x^3$**

 **D=2+1 worldvolume effective theory**

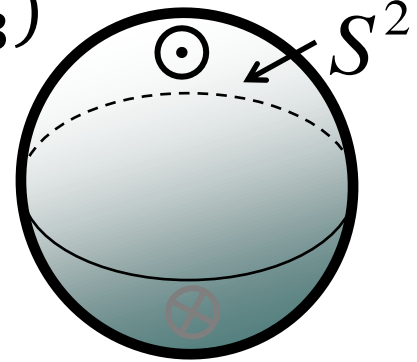
**\*\* A well-defined & established method to construct e.g. monopole or instanton moduli space.**

## A review: O(3) nonlinear sigma model

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu n \partial_\mu n \quad n = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$$

$$n^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Target space } S^2 = \frac{SO(3)}{SO(2)}$$



$$\mathbb{C}P^1 = \frac{SU(2)}{U(1)} \cong S^2$$

### $\mathbb{C}P^1$ model

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial^\mu \phi^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi + \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi \phi^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi$$

$$n \equiv \phi^\dagger \sigma \phi \quad \phi \sim \exp(i\alpha) \phi, \quad |\phi|^2 = 1 \quad \phi \in \mathbb{C}^2$$



# (2) Constructing DW world-volume effective theory via the moduli (Manton) approximation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DW}} = \underbrace{-8m_\pi f_\pi^2}_{\text{DW tension}} + \underbrace{\frac{e\mu_B B}{2\pi}}_{\text{Topological term for DW}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{norm}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}$$

## Gauged $\mathbb{C}P^1$ model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{norm}} = \frac{16f_\pi^2}{3m_\pi} [(\phi^\dagger D_\alpha \phi)^2 + D_\alpha \phi^\dagger D^\alpha \phi] \quad D_\alpha \phi = (\partial_\alpha + i\frac{e}{2}\tau_3 A_\alpha)\phi$$

Background gauge field at  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}} = \boxed{2\mu_B q} + \frac{e\mu_B}{2\pi} \epsilon^{03jk} \partial_j [A_k (1 - n_3)] \quad n_a = \phi^\dagger \tau_a \phi$$

**Topological term for 2D (baby) Skyrmions**  $\pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

$$q \equiv -\frac{i}{2\pi} \epsilon^{ij} \partial_i \phi^\dagger \partial_j \phi = \frac{1}{8\pi} \epsilon^{ij} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\partial_i \mathbf{n} \times \partial_j \mathbf{n})$$

## Remark: chiral perturbation theory

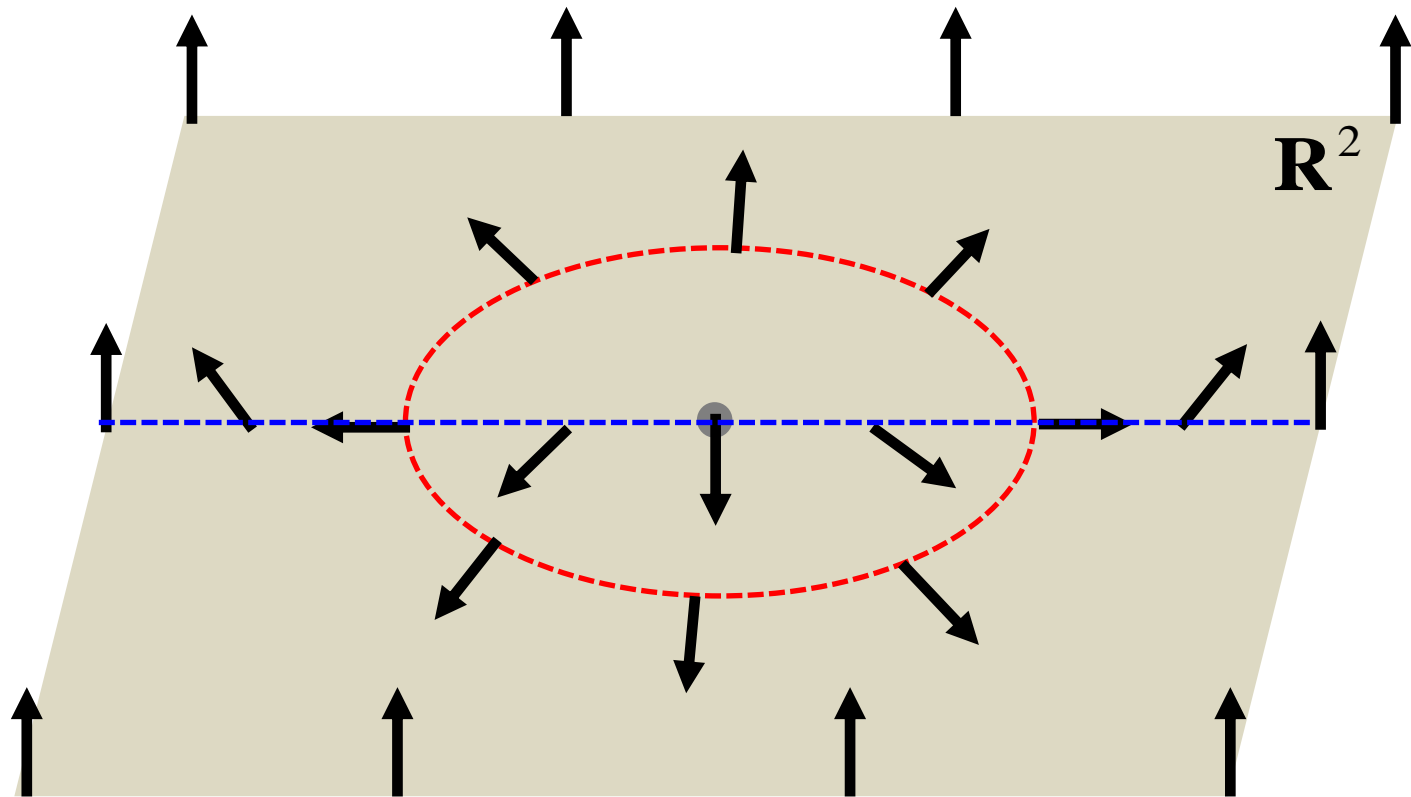
$$\partial_\mu, m_\pi, A_\mu = \mathcal{O}(p^1), \quad A_\mu^B = \mathcal{O}(p^{-1})$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^2 \in \mathcal{O}(p^4)$$

Gauge field is **nondynamical** at the leading  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$

# 2D (baby) Skyrmion (or lump)

$$\pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$



### (3) Constructing lumps (baby Skyrmions).

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{DW}} = \frac{4f_\pi^2}{3m_\pi} (\partial_i \mathbf{n})^2 - 2\mu_B q - \frac{e\mu_B}{2\pi} \epsilon^{03jk} \partial_j [A_k (1 - n_3)]$$

$$\partial_i \mathbf{n} \cdot \partial_i \mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(\partial_i \mathbf{n} \pm \epsilon_{ij} \mathbf{n} \times \partial_j \mathbf{n})^2}_{= 0} \pm 8\pi q$$

**Bogomol'nyi bound**

**BPS equation** (the same as usual)

$$E_{\text{DW}} \geq \underbrace{\frac{32f_\pi^2 \pi |k|}{3m_\pi} - 2\mu_B k}_{\text{Can become } < 0 ?} + \frac{e\mu_B B}{4\pi} \oint dS_i x^i (n_3 - 1)$$

→ nontrivial constraint

**Can become < 0 ?**

$$k = \int d^2x q \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{lump number}$$

# BPS lumps (the same with Belavin & Polyakov)

**$k$  lump solutions**

$$n_3 = \frac{1 - |f|^2}{1 + |f|^2}, \quad f = \frac{b_{k-1}w^{k-1} + \dots + b_0}{w^k + a_{k-1}w^{k-1} + \dots + a_0} \quad w \equiv x + iy$$

**Baryons appear pairwise**

$$N_B = \int d^3x \mathcal{B} = 2 \int d^2x q = 2k$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{on a wall} \\ \quad \quad \quad \updownarrow \\ \quad \quad \quad \mathbb{Z} \\ \quad \quad \quad \updownarrow \\ \pi_3(S^3) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{in the bulk} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(in D=2+1)} \\ \\ \text{(in D=3+1)} \end{array}$$

However, it's not the end of the story.

There are **two nontrivial constraints** as follows.

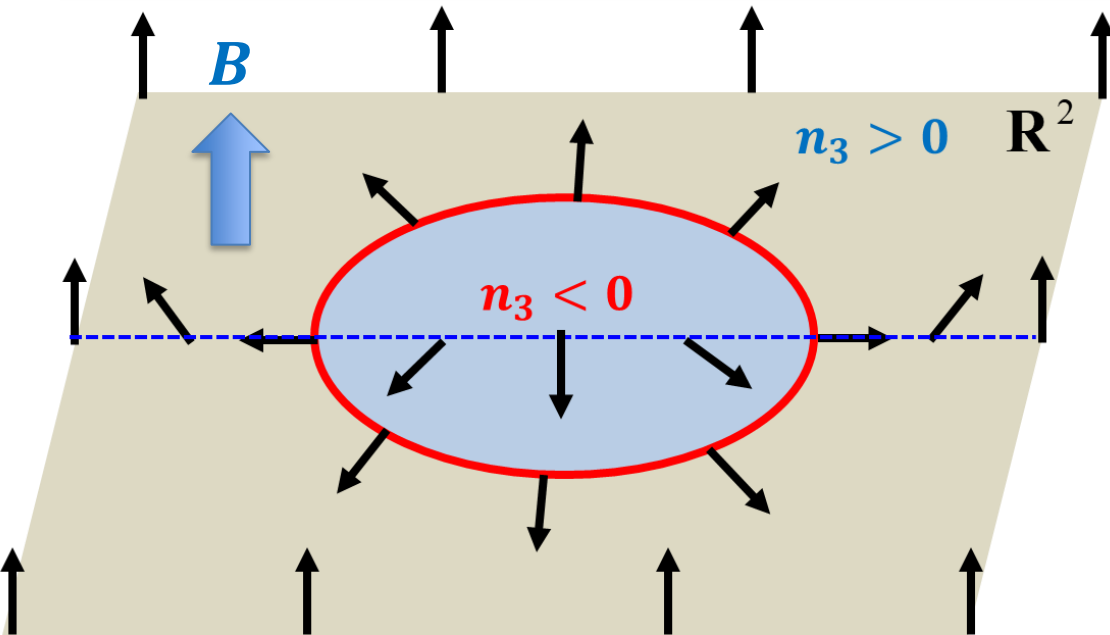
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## Area quantization

$$n_1 + in_2 \rightarrow e^{-i\lambda}(n_1 + in_2)$$

$n_3$  is neutral in  $U(1)_{EM}$

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$$n_1 + in_2 = e^{i\psi}$$
$$|D_\alpha(n_1 + in_2)|^2 = 0$$
$$\partial_\alpha \psi = eA_\alpha$$

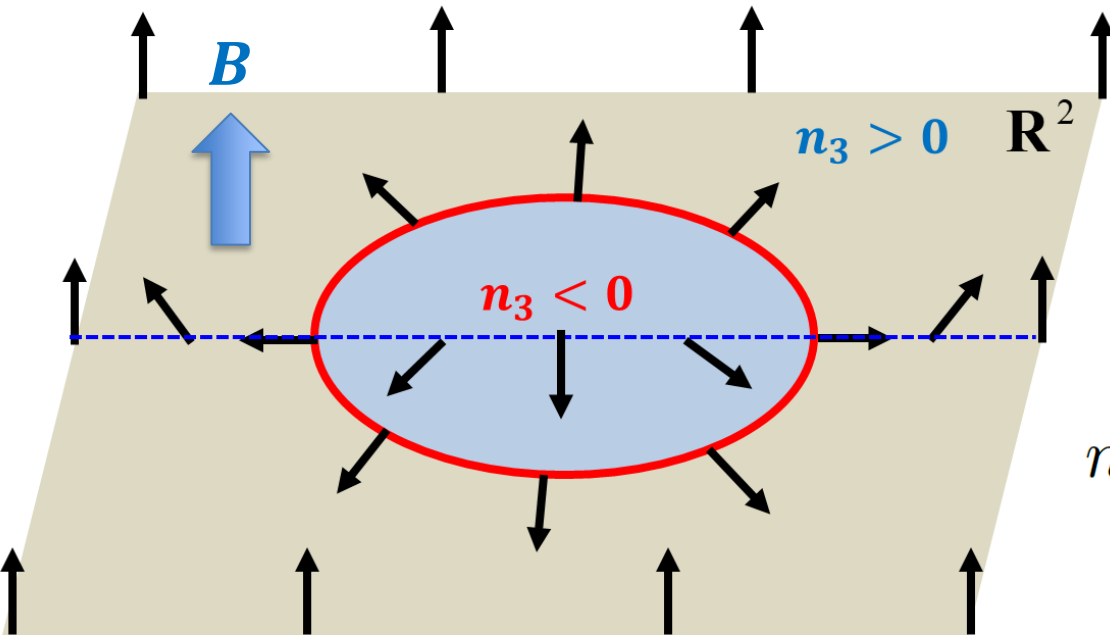
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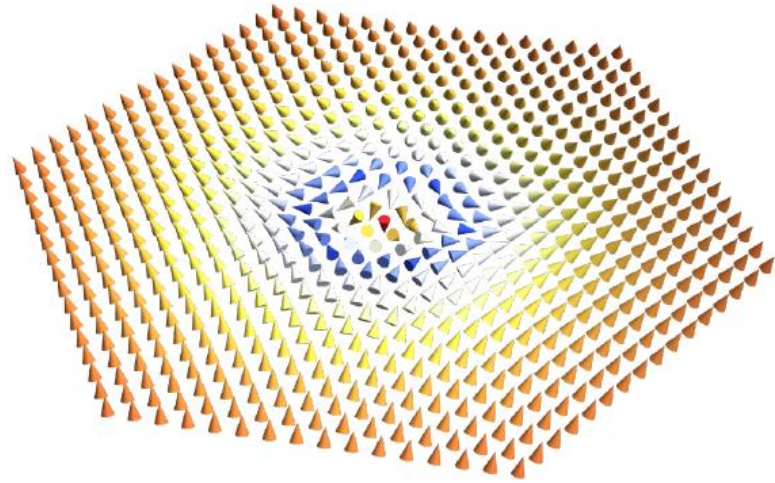
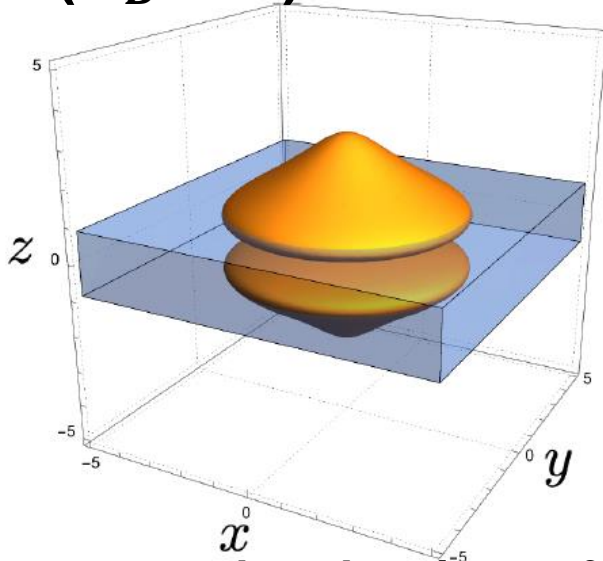
$$k = 1 \quad f = b_0/w$$

$$n_3 = \frac{|w|^2 - |b_0|^2}{|w|^2 + |b_0|^2}$$

$$n_3 = 0 \quad @ \quad |w| = |b_0|$$

$$|b_0| = \sqrt{2/eB}$$

# $k = 1$ ( $N_B = 2$ ) domain-wall Skyrmion



Iso-baryon number density surface

**Macaron**



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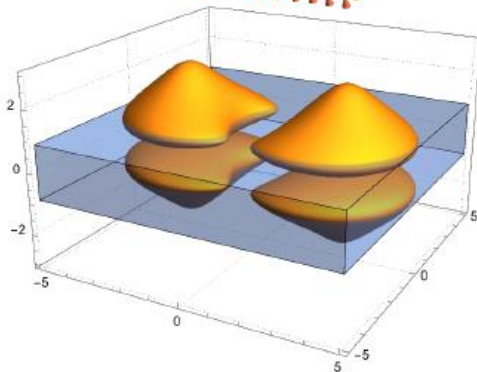
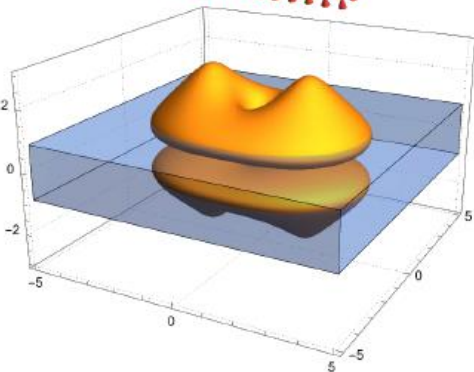
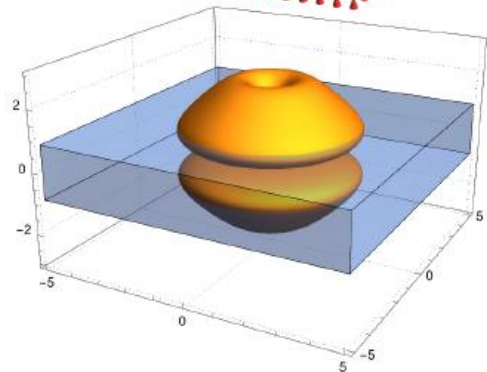
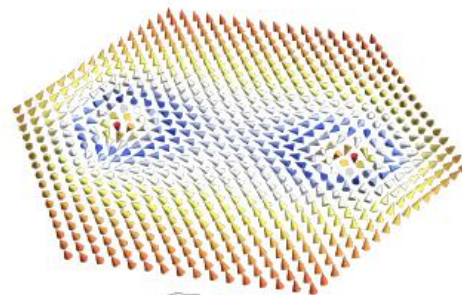
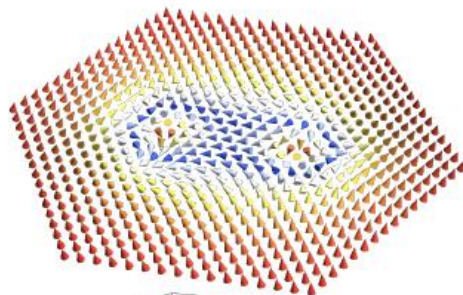
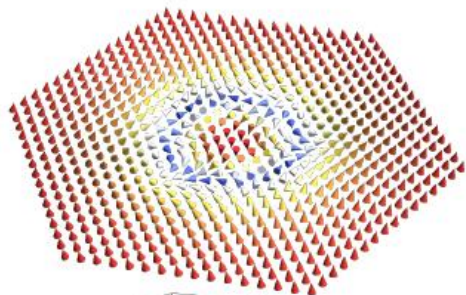
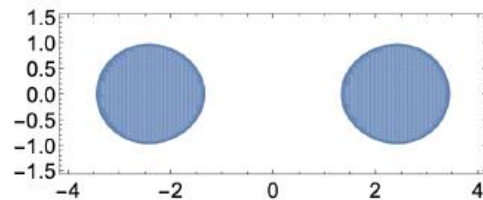
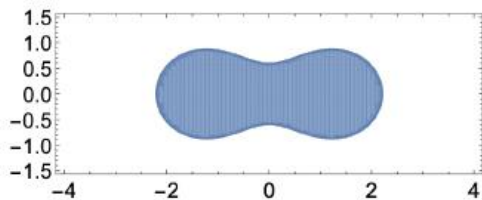
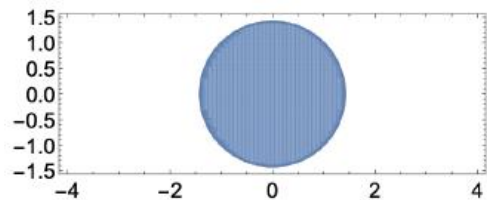
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# $k = 2$ ( $N_B = 4$ ) DW Skyrmion: Area preserving deformation



## DW-Skyrmion energy

*Different physics between*

*$k = 1 (N_B = 2)$  &  $k \geq 2 (N_B \geq 4)$*

$$E_{\text{DWS}_k} = \frac{32\pi f_\pi^2}{3m_\pi} |k| - 2\mu_B k + e\mu_B B |b_{k-1}|^2$$

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$k = 1 (N_B = 2)$      $|b_0| = \sqrt{2/eB}$

**A miracle cancellation** between the last two terms!  
**Always positive energy.**

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**Can become  $< 0$**

$k \geq 2 (N_B \geq 4)$

**Further constraint**

$$b_{k-1} = 0$$

The condition that 2D Skyrmions appear on a wall in the ground state

$$E_{\text{DWSk}} = \frac{32\pi f_{\pi}^2}{3m_{\pi}} |k| - 2\mu_B k \leq 0$$

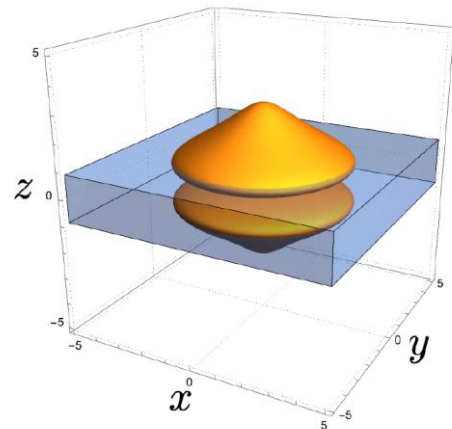
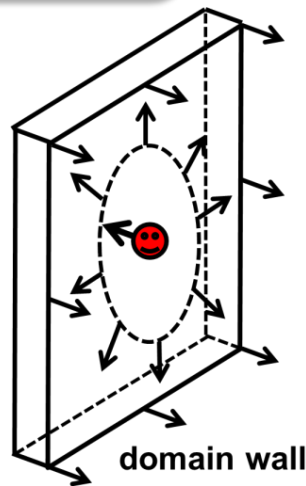
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Nucleon mass  
in terms of pions'  
constants

$$(\mu_B, B) = \left( \frac{16\pi f_{\pi}^2}{3m_{\pi}}, \frac{3m_{\pi}^2}{e} \right)$$

$0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$   
 $\sim 1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ G}$

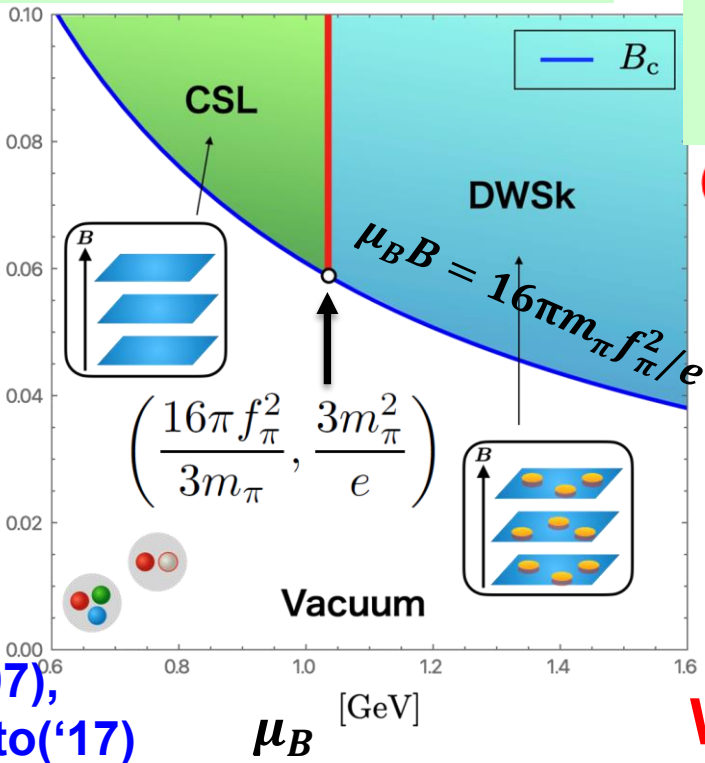
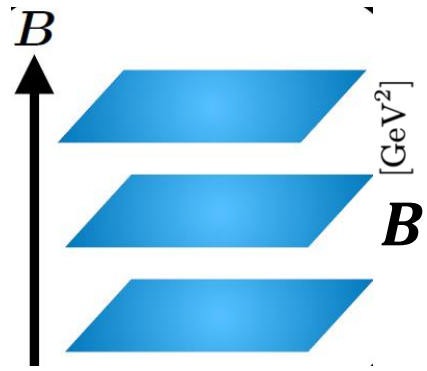
Future heavy-ion collider



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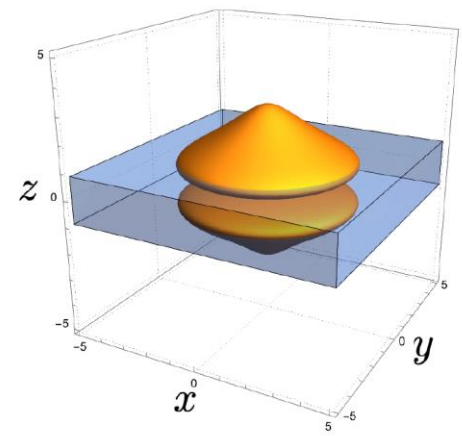
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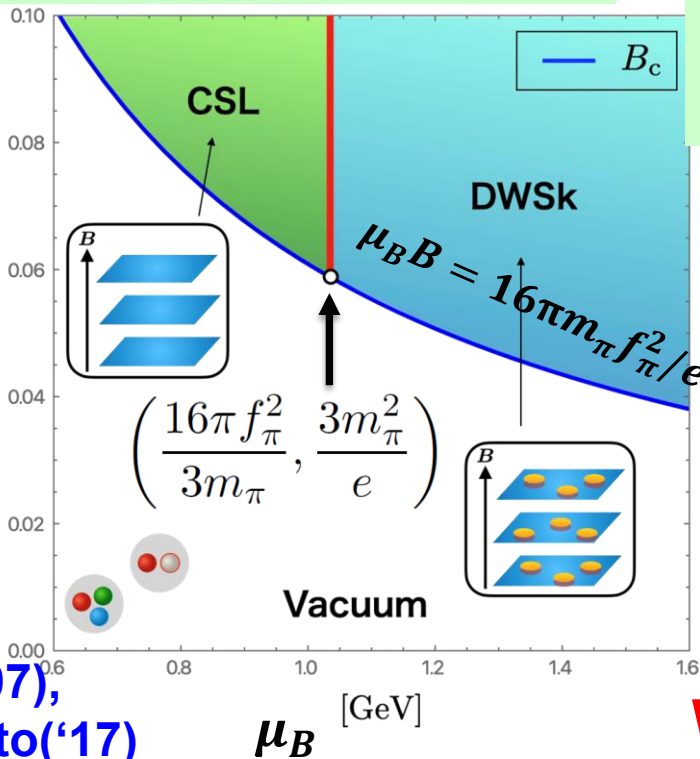
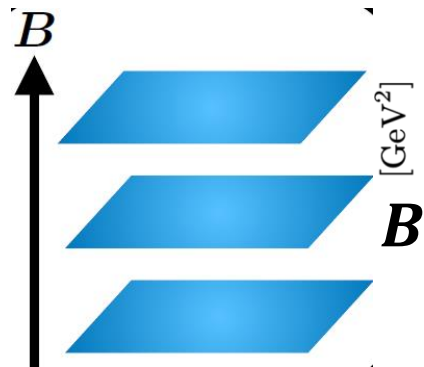


Walls & Skymions  
carry baryon #

# Summary of my talk Our results: New phase in QCD

## Chiral Soliton Lattice(CSL) phase

chemical pot.  $\mu_B$   
magnetic field  $B$

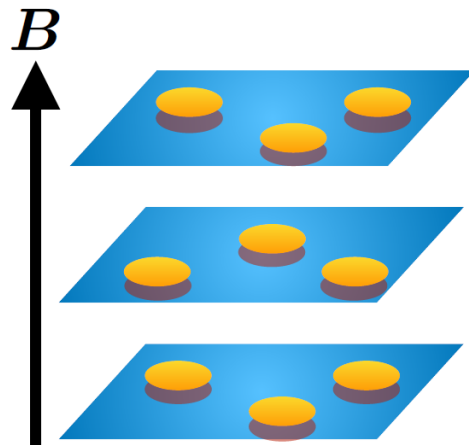


Son & Stephanov('07),  
Brauner & Yamamoto('17)

Solitons carry baryon #

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## (1) Quasicrystals in QCD

Z.Qiu & MN, *JHEP* 05 (2023) 170, [2304.05089](#) [hep-ph]

$$\phi_0 \equiv \frac{\eta}{f_\eta}, \quad \phi_3 \equiv \frac{\pi_3}{f_\pi}$$

**WZW**  $\mathcal{L}_B = \frac{\mu}{4\pi^2} B \cdot \left( \nabla \phi_3 + \frac{1}{3} \nabla \phi_0 \right) \rightarrow$  both  $\eta$  and  $\pi$  modulate

If  $\alpha \equiv \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_\eta^2}$  is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rational} \rightarrow \text{lattice(crystal)} \\ \text{irrational} \rightarrow \text{quasicrystal} \end{array} \right.$

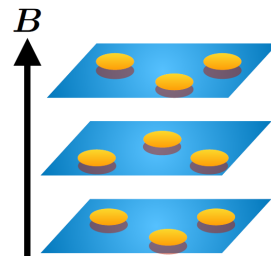
## (2) Rotation (instead of magnetic field)

Eto, Nishimura & MN, *JHEP* 08 (2022) 305 [2112.01381](#) [hep-ph]

**WZW**  $\frac{\Omega \mu_B^2}{2\pi^2 N_c} \partial_z \frac{\eta}{f_\eta} \rightarrow \eta$  **CSL** (Nishimura & Yamamoto), **Non-Abelian CSL**



# A lot of future directions!!



(1) Structure of SkX depending on  $\mu_B$  &  $B$

Interaction, triangular or square lattice

(2) Multi-solitons  $\leftrightarrow$  instability curve of Brauner & Yamamoto

(3) CPT @  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$   $\rightarrow$  dynamical gauge field

(4)  $\rightarrow$  Bulk SkX (Chen, Fukushima & Qiu  $B \neq 0$ . Klebanov  $B = 0$ )

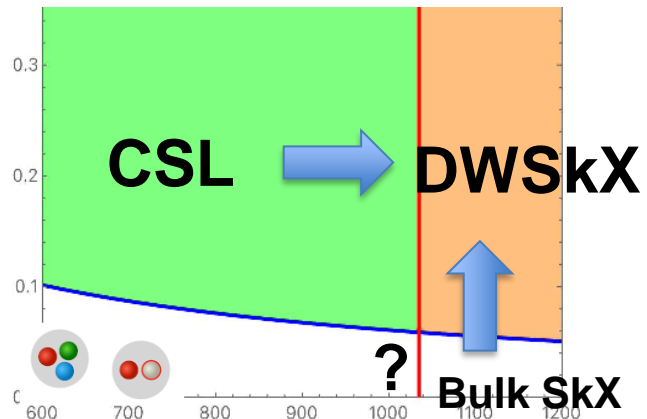
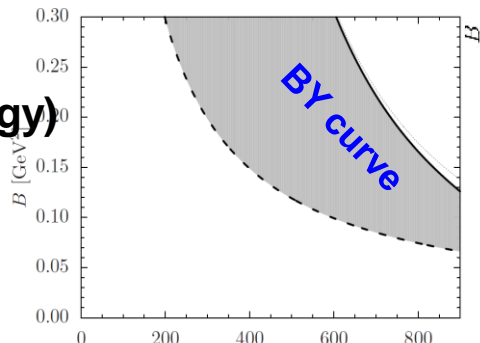
(5) Quantization  $\rightarrow$  proton/neutron (or anyon?)

(6)  $SU(3)_F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2$  model

(7) DWSkX under Rotation

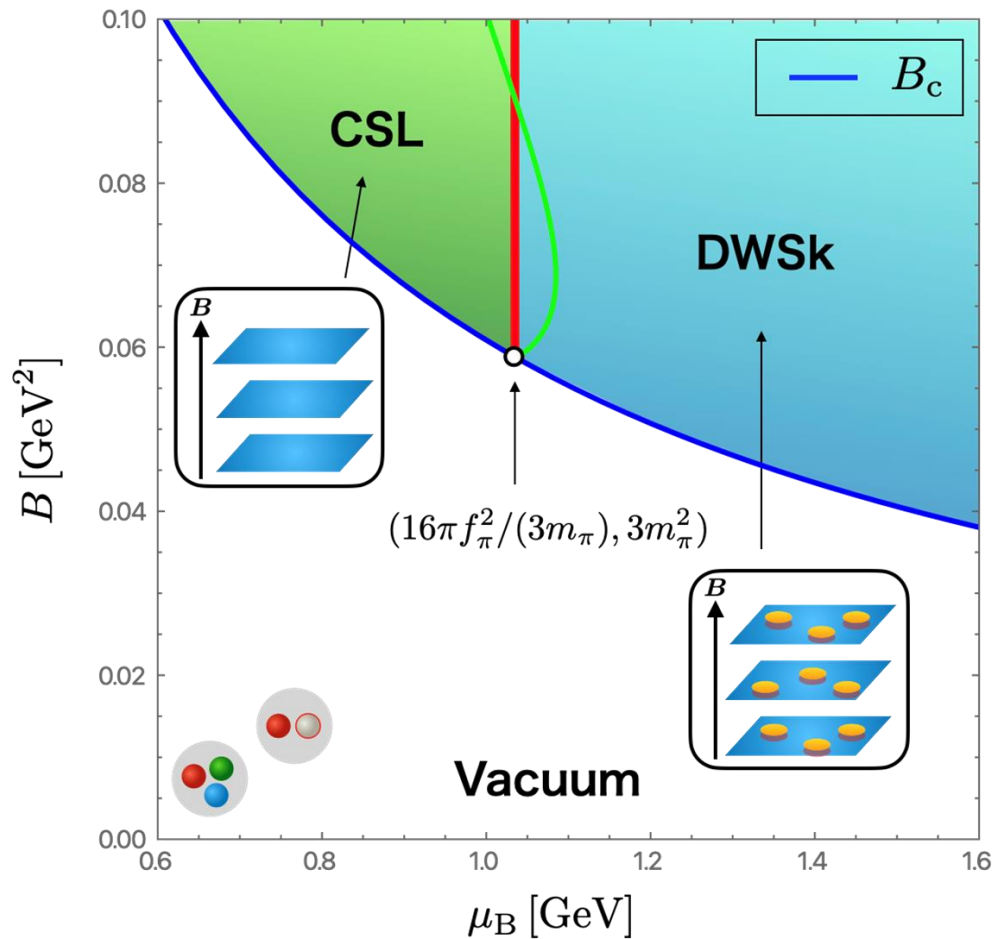
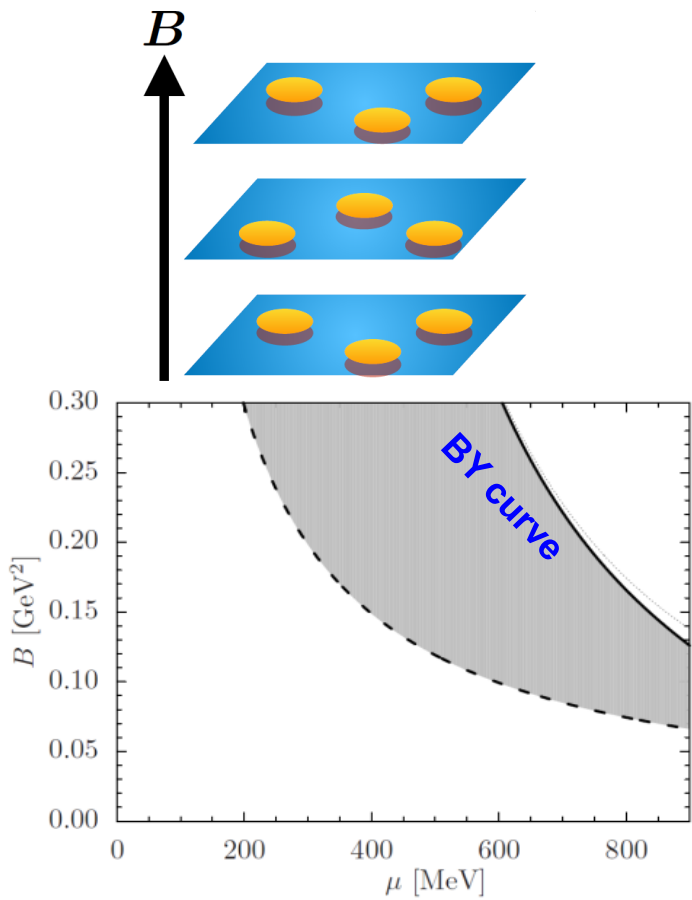
(8) Nucleon mass?

(medium effect, binding energy)



**Welcome to join to  
Collaboration !!**

## (2) Multi-solitons $\Leftrightarrow$ instability curve of Brauner & Yamamoto



# Chiral soliton lattice

$$\chi_3(z) = 2am \left( \frac{mz}{k}, k \right) + \pi$$

Jacobi amplitude function

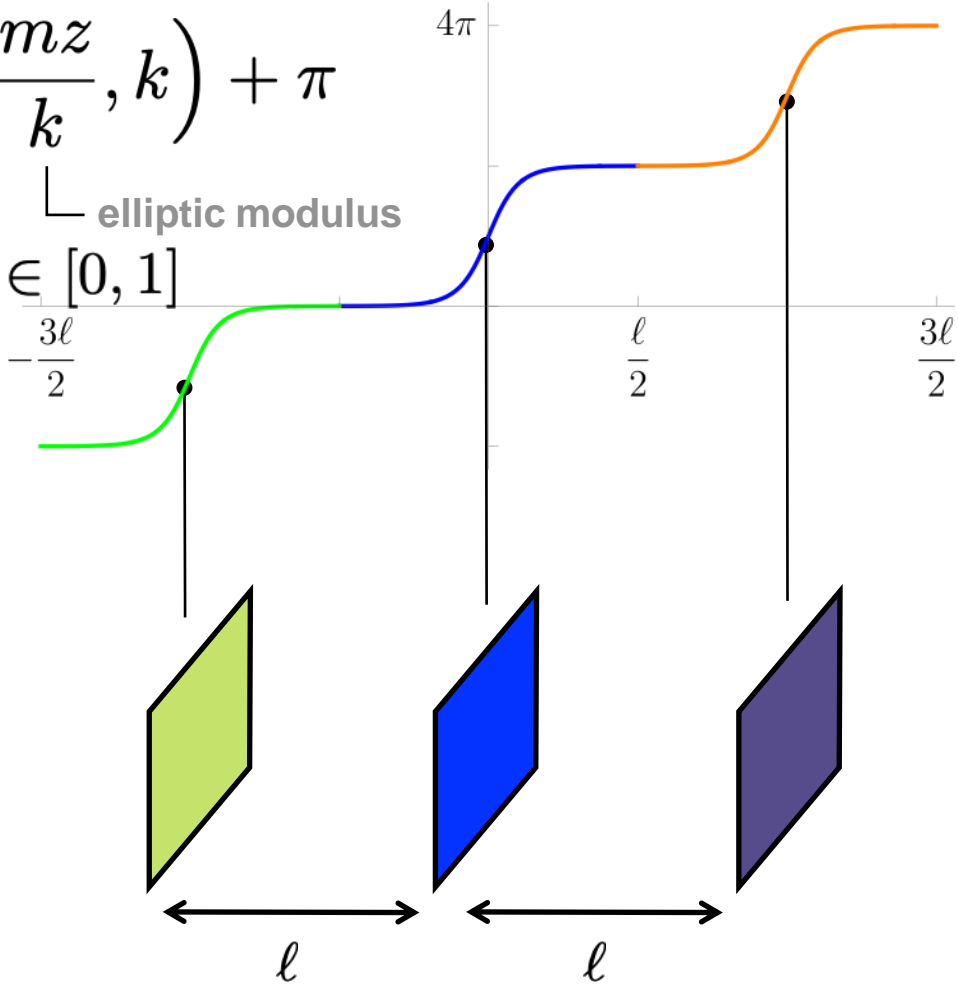
elliptic modulus

$$k \in [0, 1]$$

lattice spacing

$$\ell(k) = 2kK(k)/m$$

elliptic integral of 1st kind

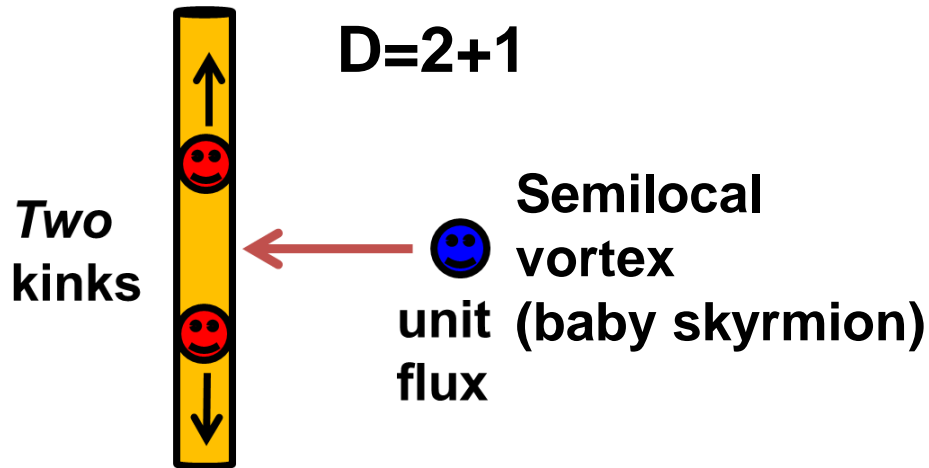


# Comments on supersymmetry

## (1) $D=2+1$ version

### $N=1$ supersymmetry

Auzzi, Shifman & Yung ('06)



## (2) Baryons on domain wall in supersymmetric QCD

Armoni & Shifman ('03)