

Mass splitting in the Skyrme model

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- ...and be Lorentz and parity invariant.
- Difficult.

- Holography (Bigazzi and Niro 2018): introduce explicit $m_U - m_D$ difference in Sakai-Sugimoto model.
 - Also get $\pi^\pm - \pi^0$ mass difference
 - But it's not really the Skyrme model
 - U coupled to infinite tower of vector mesons
- Chiral perturbation theory

Neutron-proton mass-splitting puzzle in Skyrme and chiral quark models

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{SB}} = & \text{Tr}[(\alpha\lambda_3 + \alpha'T + \alpha''S)(A_\mu^L U A_\mu^R + A_\mu^R U^\dagger A_\mu^L) \\
 & + (\beta\lambda_3 + \beta'T + \beta''S)(\partial_\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger U + U^\dagger \partial_\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger) \\
 & + (\gamma\lambda_3 + \gamma'T + \gamma''S)(F_{\mu\nu}^L U F_{\mu\nu}^R + F_{\mu\nu}^R U^\dagger F_{\mu\nu}^L) \\
 & + (\delta\lambda_3 + \delta'T + \delta''S)(U + U^\dagger - 2)] , \quad (2.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{-F_\pi^2}{8} \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}^L F_{\mu\nu}^L + F_{\mu\nu}^R F_{\mu\nu}^R) + \gamma \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}^L U F_{\mu\nu}^R U^\dagger)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -m_0^2 \text{Tr}(A_\mu^L A_\mu^L + A_\mu^R A_\mu^R) + B \text{Tr}(A_\mu^L U A_\mu^R U^\dagger)$$

- Adkins and Nappi 1984:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16} \text{tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger) + \frac{m^2}{8} \text{tr}(U - \mathbb{I}_2) - \frac{1}{4} \omega_{\mu\nu} \omega^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_\mu \omega^\mu + \beta \omega_\mu B^\mu$$

- $m = m_\pi / m_\omega = 0.176$
- Coupling constant: $\beta_{AN} = 96.7$, $\beta_{Sutcliffe} = 34.7$.

ω -meson Skyrme model

- More geometric formulation: $M = \mathbb{R}^3$, $N = \mathbb{S}^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$,
 - $\phi : M \rightarrow N$,
 - $\omega_0 \in C^\infty(M)$,
 - $\omega \in \Omega^1(M)$
 - $\Omega = \text{vol}_N / \text{Vol}(N)$ (so $B_0 = \phi^* \Omega$)
- Static field equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{4} \tau(\phi) + \frac{m^2}{4} (\nabla \sigma) \circ \phi - \beta * (d\omega_0 \wedge \Xi_\phi) &= 0 \\ \Delta \omega_0 + \omega_0 + \beta * \phi^* \Omega &= 0 \\ \delta d\omega + \omega &= 0\end{aligned}$$

where $\langle X, \Xi_\phi(Y_1, Y_2) \rangle = \Omega(X, d\phi(Y_1), d\phi(Y_2))$

- E.g. for a hedgehog $\phi(r\mathbf{n}) = (\cos f(r), \sin f(r)\mathbf{n})$

$$\Xi_\phi = -\frac{\sin^2 f}{2\pi^2} \Omega_{\mathbb{S}^3}(-\sin f, \cos f \mathbf{n}) - \frac{f' \sin f}{2\pi^2} dr \wedge (0, \mathbf{n} \times d\mathbf{n})$$

- Coincides with constrained variational problem

$$\begin{aligned}E_{\omega}(\phi, \omega_0) &= \frac{1}{8} \|d\phi\|^2 + \frac{m^2}{4} \int_M (1 - \sigma \circ \phi) + \frac{1}{2} \|d\omega_0\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\omega_0\|^2 \\(\Delta + 1)\omega_0 &= -\beta * \phi^* \Omega\end{aligned}$$

- $\phi \Rightarrow \omega_0$, nonlocal functional $E_{\omega}(\phi)$
- Cf sextic model

$$\begin{aligned}E_6(\phi) &= \frac{1}{8} \|d\phi\|^2 + \frac{m^2}{4} \int_M (1 - \sigma \circ \phi) + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \|\phi^* \Omega\|^2 \\ \frac{1}{4} \tau(\phi) + \frac{m^2}{4} (\nabla \sigma) \circ \phi - \beta^2 * (d * \phi^* \Omega) \wedge \Xi_{\phi} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Energy bounds: compact M

$$E_\omega(\phi), E_6(\phi) \geq \frac{C}{\text{Vol}(M)} B^2$$

- $M = \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$E_6(\phi) \geq C' B$$

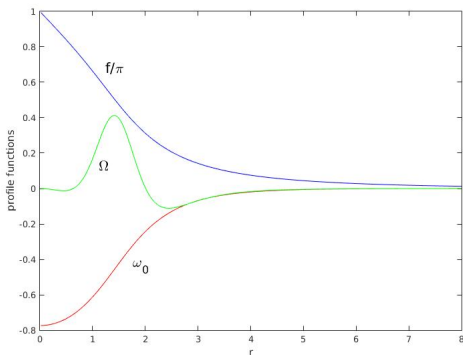
- Unfortunately $E_\omega(\phi) \leq E_6(\phi)$, so doesn't imply bound on E_ω
- **Thm** For all $\beta^2 \geq 1/4$, $\text{Id} : N \rightarrow N$ is E_6 stable
- **Thm** If N is Einstein, there exists $\beta_0 \geq 0$ s.t. for all $\beta^2 \geq \beta_0^2$, $\text{Id} : N \rightarrow N$ is E_ω stable

The E_ω skyrmion

- Supports hedgehog solution $\phi(\mathbf{rn}) = (\cos f, \sin fn)$, $\omega_0(r)$

$$f'' + \frac{2}{r}f' - \frac{\sin 2f}{r^2} - m^2 \sin f + \frac{2\beta}{\pi^2 r^2} \omega_0' \sin^2 f = 0$$

$$\omega_0'' + \frac{2}{r}\omega_0' - \omega_0 + \frac{\beta}{2\pi^2 r^2} f' \sin^2 f = 0$$



The perturbation

$$\mathcal{L} = \{\dots\} - \frac{\kappa}{4} \omega^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{\mu\nu}$$

where $\Pi_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \pi_1 \partial_\nu \pi_2 - \partial_\nu \pi_1 \partial_\mu \pi_2$

- Has terms linear in ∂_t . E.g. for isospinning hedgehog

$$\kappa \partial_r \omega_0 (\partial_t \pi_1 \partial_r \pi_2 - \partial_t \pi_2 \partial_r \pi_1)$$

- Lorentz and parity invariant
- Static field equations

$$\frac{1}{4} \tau(\phi) + \frac{m^2}{4} (\nabla \sigma) \circ \phi - \beta * (d\omega_0 \wedge \Xi_\phi) + \frac{\kappa}{2} * (d\omega \wedge \phi^* d\pi_1 \nabla \pi_2 \circ \phi - d\omega \wedge \phi^* d\pi_2 \nabla \pi_1 \circ \phi) = 0$$

$$\Delta \omega_0 + \omega_0 + \beta^* \Omega = 0$$

$$\delta d\omega + \omega + \frac{\kappa}{2} \delta(\phi^* d\pi_1 \wedge d\pi_2) = 0$$

- Bad news: no longer supports hedgehog ansatz. The $B=1$ skyrmion is only axially symmetric. PDEs!!

The perturbation

- Perturbative calculation: $\omega = O(\kappa)$
- ϕ , ω_0 unperturbed to leading order
- Hedgehog has

$$\delta(\phi^* d\pi_1 \wedge d\pi_2) = P_f(r) \sin^2 \theta d\phi$$

Nice fact: $\delta d(P(r) \sin^2 \theta d\phi) = [-P''(r) + 2r^{-1}P(r)] \sin^2 \theta d\phi$

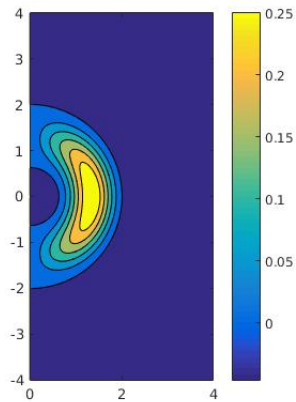
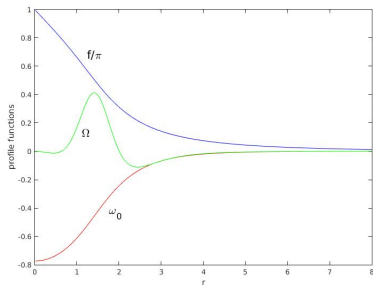
- To leading order, still an ODE problem! $\omega = \kappa W(r) \sin^2 \theta d\phi$,

$$f'' + \frac{2}{r}f' - \frac{\sin 2f}{r^2} - m^2 \sin f + \frac{2\beta}{\pi^2 r^2} \omega'_0 \sin^2 f = 0$$

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$$W'' - \left(1 + \frac{2}{r^2}\right) W - \frac{1}{8} \left(F'' - \frac{1}{r^2}F + \frac{1}{r^2}\right) = 0, \quad F := \cos 2f$$

The perturbed skyrmion



Rigid body quantization

- Classical static solution $(\phi_H, \omega_0, \omega)$
- Spin-isospin symmetry group: $G = SU(2) \times U(1)$

$$(g, \lambda) : (\phi_H, \omega_0, \omega) \mapsto (h(\lambda)(\phi_H \circ \mathcal{R}_{g^{-1}})h(\lambda)^\dagger, \omega_0 \circ \mathcal{R}_{g^{-1}}, \mathcal{R}_{g^{-1}}^* \omega)$$

where $h(\lambda) = \text{diag}(\lambda, \bar{\lambda})$ and $\mathcal{R}_g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ denotes the orthogonal linear map defined so that

$$(\mathcal{R}_g \mathbf{x}) \cdot i\tau = g(\mathbf{x} \cdot i\tau)g^{-1}$$

- Isotropy group $H = \{(\pm h(\lambda), \lambda) : \lambda \in U(1)\} = U(1) \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- Orbit of static solution $\mathcal{M} \equiv G/H \equiv SU(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\{\pm g\} \mapsto (U_H, \omega_0, \omega)_{(g,1)}$$

Induced action of G on $SU(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$$(g, \lambda) : \{\pm g'\} \mapsto \{\pm h(\lambda)^\dagger g' g\}$$

Rigid body quantization

- Restrict field theory Lagrangian $L = \int_M \mathcal{L}$ to \mathcal{M} , i.e. compute for $(U_H, \omega_0, \omega)_{(g(t), 1)}$
- \mathcal{L} a quadratic polynomial in time derivatives

$$L(g, \dot{g}) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma(\dot{g}, \dot{g}) + A(\dot{g}) - M_0$$

where γ , A , M_0 are a metric, one form and function on \mathcal{M}

- L invariant under induced G action:

$$\gamma = \Lambda_1(\Sigma_1^2 + \Sigma_2^2) + \Lambda_3 \Sigma_3^2, \quad A = C \Sigma_3, \quad M_0 = \text{const}$$

where Σ_a are **right** invariant one forms on $SU(2)$ dual to $-i\tau_a/2$

- Up to here: true for exact axial solution also

Explicit computation (perturbed hedgehog)

$$\Lambda_1 = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^\infty r^2 \sin^2 f \, dr + O(\kappa^2)$$

$$\Lambda_3 = \Lambda_1 + O(\kappa^2)$$

$$C = \kappa C_* + O(\kappa^2)$$

$$C_* = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^\infty \text{complicated}(f, \omega_0, W) \, dr + O(\kappa)$$

$$M_0 = \int_0^\infty \text{complicated}(f, \omega_0) \, dr + O(\kappa^2).$$

M_0 = static energy of hedgehog

$$L = \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\dot{g}, \dot{g}) + A(\dot{g}) - M_0$$

- Fermionic quantization: lift dynamics to double cover $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} \equiv SU(2)$

$$\psi : SU(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \psi(-g) = -\psi(g)$$

- Unit mass particle moving on mfd $(SU(2), \gamma)$ under influence of “magnetic field” $B = dA$:

$$H\psi = -\frac{1}{2} * d_A * d_A \psi + M_0 \psi$$

$$d_A = d - iA.$$

$$H\psi = -\frac{1}{2\Lambda_1} (\Theta_1^2 + \Theta_2^2 + \Theta_3^2 - 2i\kappa C_* \Theta_3) \psi + M_0 \psi + O(\kappa^2)$$

- Reexpress in terms of angular momentum operators.
 - Spatial rotation about j axis \leftrightarrow **right** multiplication by $\exp(i\alpha\tau_j/2)$, generated by **left** invariant vector field $-\theta_j$.

$$S_j = -i(-\theta_j)$$

- Isorotation about 3 axis \leftrightarrow **left** multiplication by $\exp(-i\alpha\tau_3/2)$, generated by **right** invariant vector field Θ_3 .

$$I_3 = -i\Theta_3$$

- $\Theta_1^2 + \Theta_2^2 + \Theta_3^2 = \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \theta_3^2$, so

$$H = \frac{1}{2\Lambda_1} |\mathbf{S}|^2 - \frac{\kappa C_*}{\Lambda_1} I_3 + M_0$$

- Spectrum $H|S, I_3\rangle = \left(\frac{S(S+1)}{2\Lambda_1} - \frac{\kappa C_* I_3}{\Lambda_1} + M_0 \right) |S, I_3\rangle$
 - Proton $|1/2, 1/2\rangle$,

$$m_p = M_0 + \frac{1}{2\Lambda_1} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \kappa C_* \right)$$

- Neutron $|1/2, -1/2\rangle$,

$$m_p = M_0 + \frac{1}{2\Lambda_1} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \kappa C_* \right)$$

- For $\beta_{Sutcliffe}$, $\kappa = -0.08075$ gives correct mass splitting

Electric charge density

- Noether current associated to isospin symmetry

$$\mathbf{J}^\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \pi_a)} \Delta \pi_a, \quad \Delta \pi = (\pi_2, -\pi_1, 0)$$

- Electric charge density?

$$\rho_e(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} B_0(\mathbf{x}) + l_3 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{J}_0$$

where \mathbf{J}_0 is the Noether charge density of a classical isospinning hedgehog.

- Problem: $\exp(-iv\tau_3/2) U_H \exp(iv\tau_3/2)$ has

$$\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{v}{4} \sin^2 f + \frac{\beta \kappa}{2\pi^2 r^2} W f' \sin f + \frac{\kappa}{4} \omega'_0 (\sin 2f)' \right) \sin^2 \theta$$

Not homogeneous in v ! How should v be chosen?

- $J_0 = v\rho_1 + \rho_2$

$$\rho_e(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}B_0(\mathbf{x}) + [v\rho_1(\mathbf{x}) + \rho_2(\mathbf{x})]$$

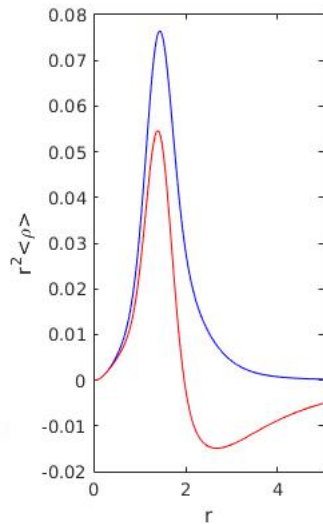
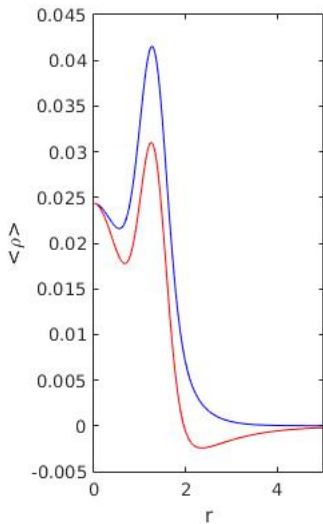
Choose v such that $\int \rho_e = 1$ (proton) or $\int \rho_e = 0$ (neutron)

- $\int \rho_1 = \Lambda_1$, $\int \rho_2 = \kappa C_*$ (of course)

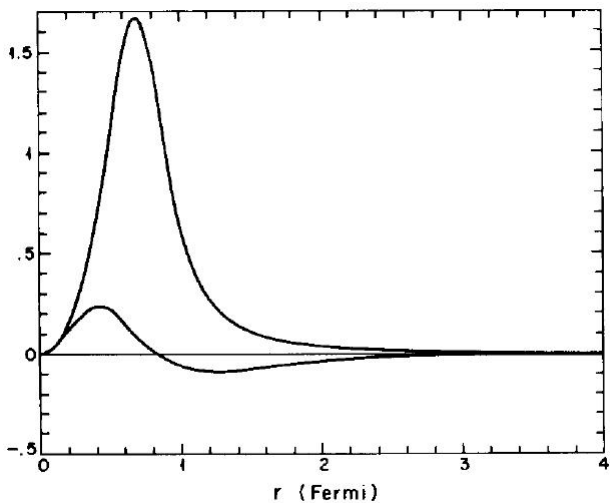
$$v_p = \frac{1}{\Lambda_1} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \kappa C_* \right)$$

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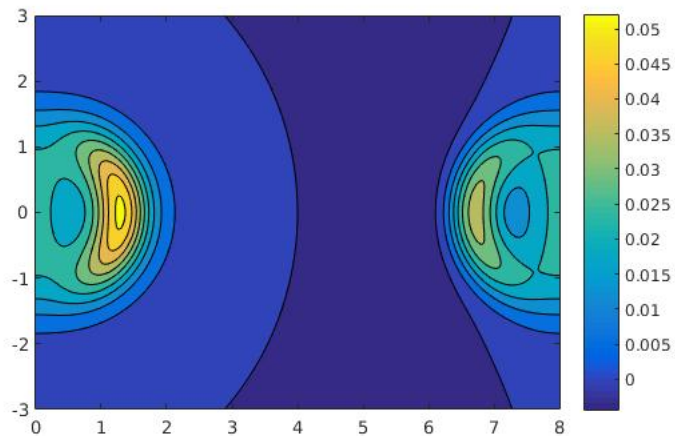
Electric charge density $\beta_{\text{Sutcliffe}}, \kappa_{\text{tuned}}$



Electric charge density β_{AN} , $\kappa = 0$



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Conclusion

- Very simple perturbation of \mathcal{L}_ω can produce p-n mass splitting
- Beyond perturbative calculation: (U, ω_0, ω) axially symmetric, $\Lambda_3 \neq \Lambda_1$

$$E(s, l_3) = \frac{s(s+1)}{2\Lambda_1} - \frac{Cl_3}{\Lambda_3} + M_0 + \frac{C^2}{2\Lambda_3} + \frac{\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_3}{2\Lambda_1\Lambda_3} l_3^2.$$

- Isospin only softly broken: quantize motion on whole $G' = SU(2) \times SU(2)$ orbit.
 - \mathcal{M}' 5 dimensional
 - γ, A, M_0 only G invariant ($M_0 = \text{potential}$)
- Higher B : would like proper solutions of *unperturbed* model...