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Non-Abelian strings in supersymmetric Yang-Mills: 4D-2D correspondence

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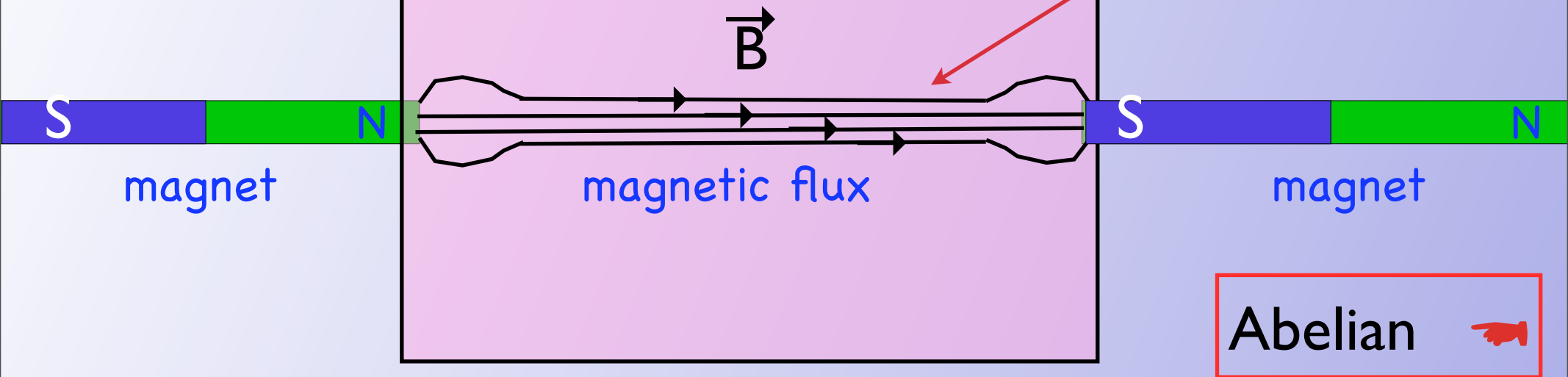
★ Discovery of non-Abelian strings in supersymmetric Yang-Mills and applications

★ ★ Beyond supersymmetry

Superconductor
of the 2nd kind

Cooper pair condensate

Abrikosov (ANO)
vortex (flux tube)

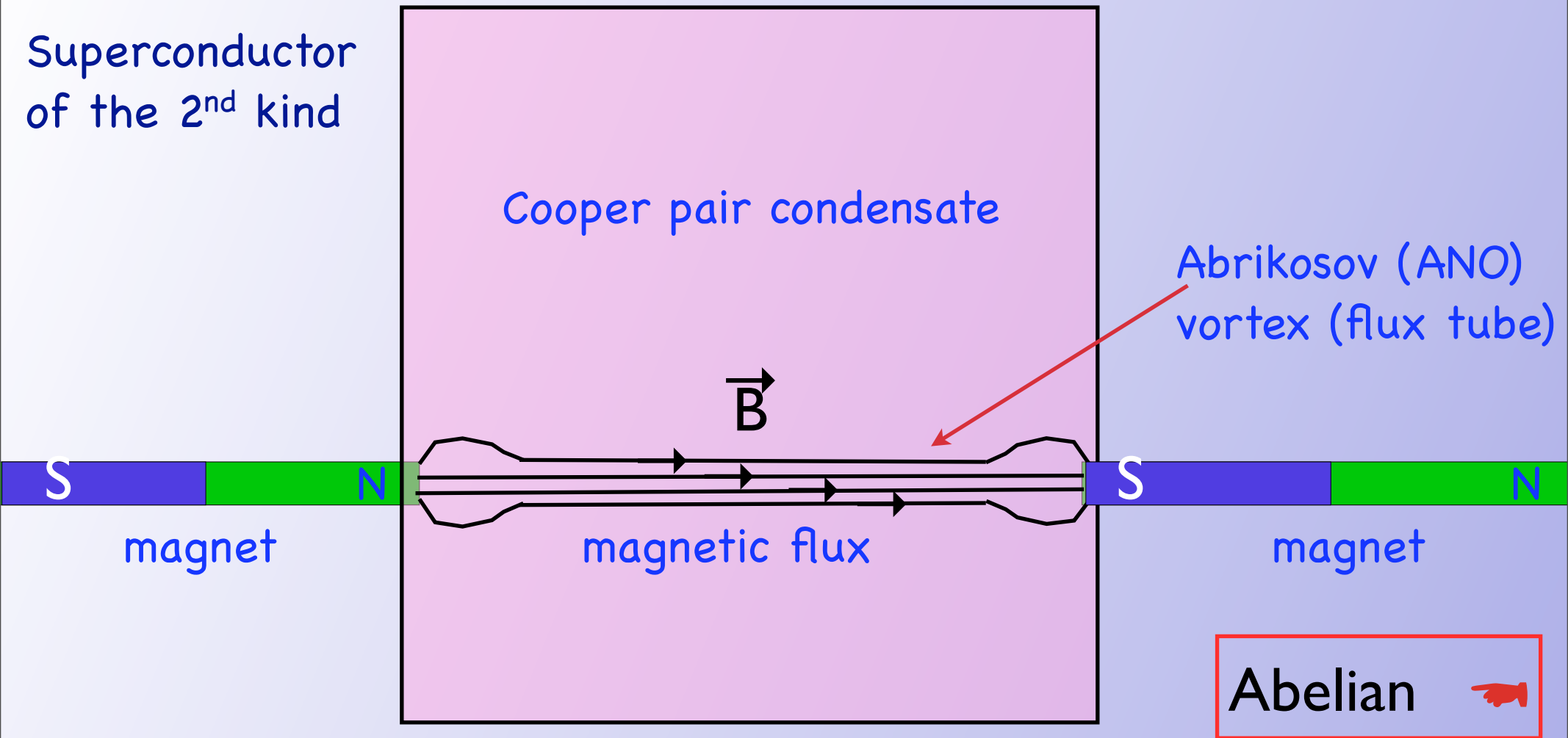


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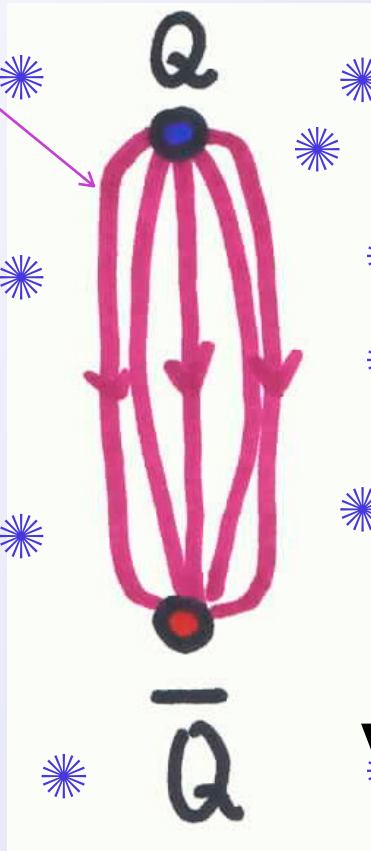
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👉 The Meissner effect: 1930s, 1960s



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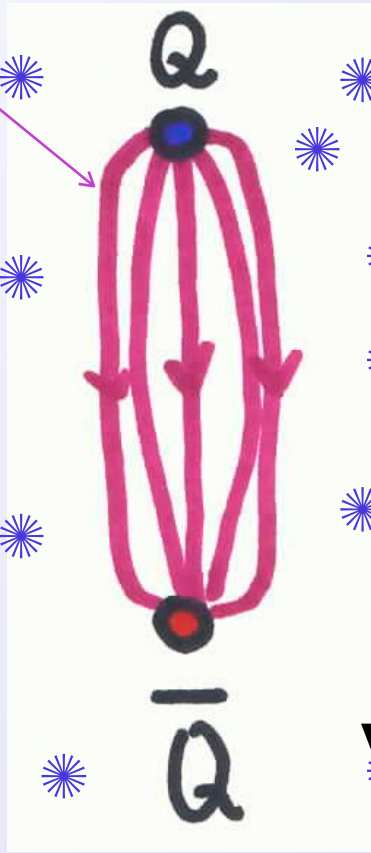
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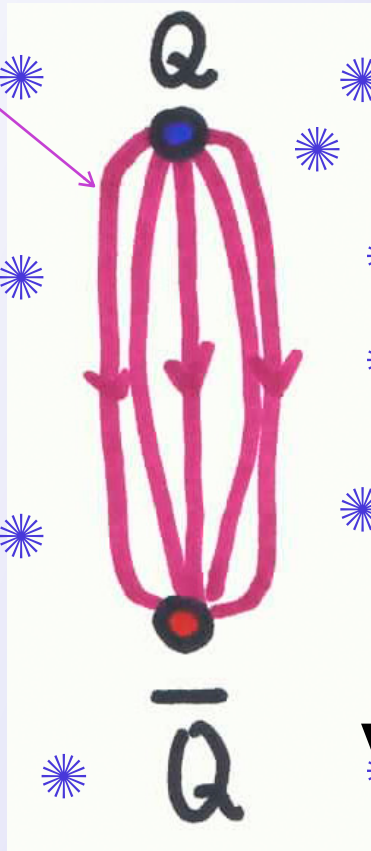
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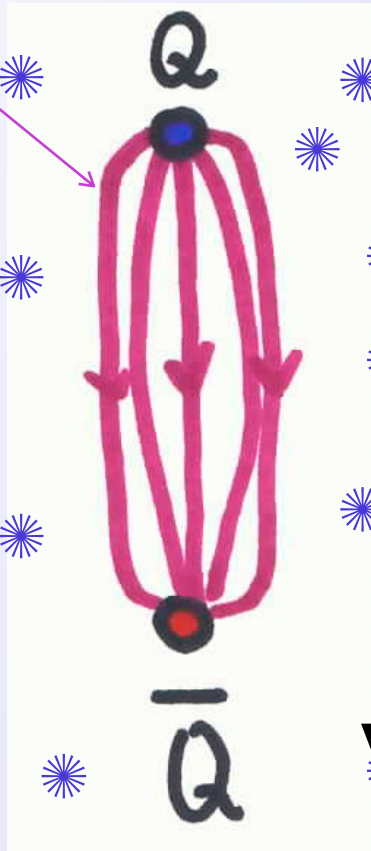
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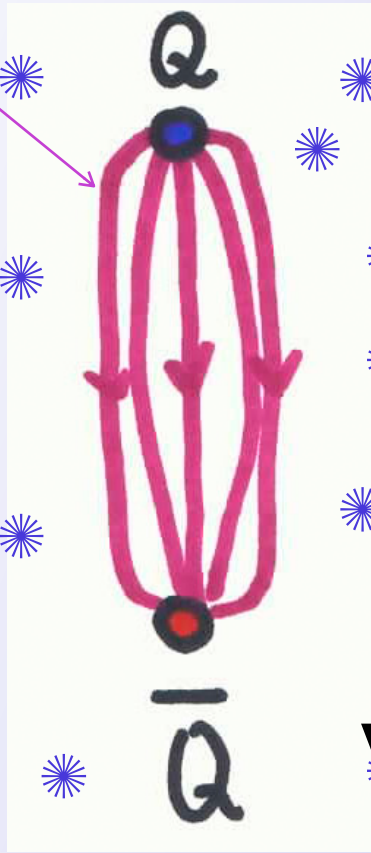
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"...[monopoles] turn to develop a non-zero vacuum expectation value. Since they carry color-magnetic charges, the vacuum will behave like a superconductor for color-magnetic charges. What does that mean? Remember that in ordinary electric superconductors, magnetic charges are connected by magnetic vortex lines ... We now have the opposite: it is the color charges that are connected by color-electric flux tubes."

G. 't Hooft (1976)

$\mathcal{N}=2 \Rightarrow$ add the second gluino + add a scalar gluon φ^a (a complex scalar field in the adjoint)

$$V(\varphi^a) = |\varepsilon^{abc} \varphi^b \varphi^c|^2$$

In the vacuum $\varphi^3 \neq 0$ while $\varphi^1 = \varphi^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$SU(2)_{\text{gauge}} \rightarrow U(1) \Rightarrow$$

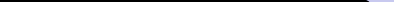
Georgi-Glashow model

$\Rightarrow$ 't Hooft-Polyakov monopoles

If $|\varphi^3| \gg \Lambda$, then monopoles are very heavy!



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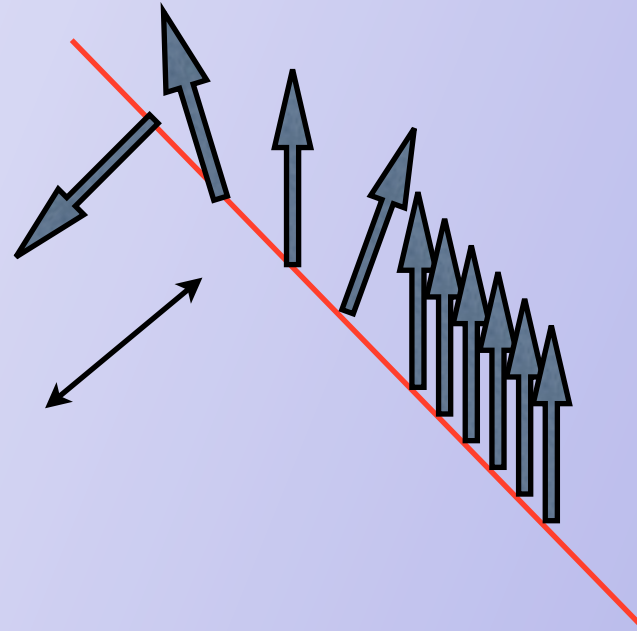
😞 😞 Dynamical Abelianization ... dual Abrikosov string

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Non-Abelian Strings, 2003 → Now

“Non-Abelian” string is formed if all non-Abelian degrees of freedom participate in dynamics at the scale of string formation

2003: Hanany, Tong
Auzzi et al.
Yung + M.S.



classically gapless excitation

$SU(2)/U(1) = CP(1) \sim O(3)$ sigma model

Prototype model

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U(2) gauge group, 2 flavors of (scalar) quarks
 SU(2) Gluons A_μ^a + U(1) photon + gluinos + photino

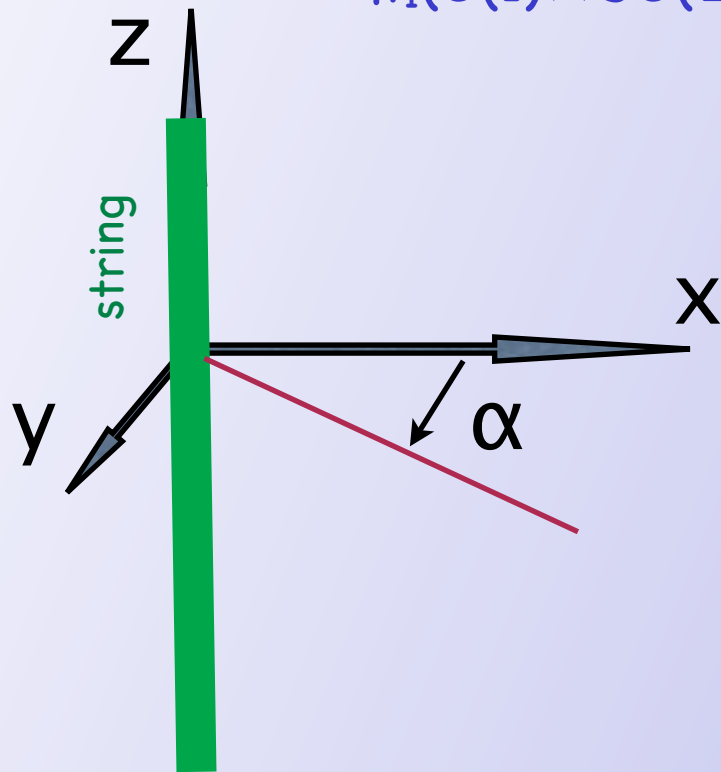
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Non-Abelian

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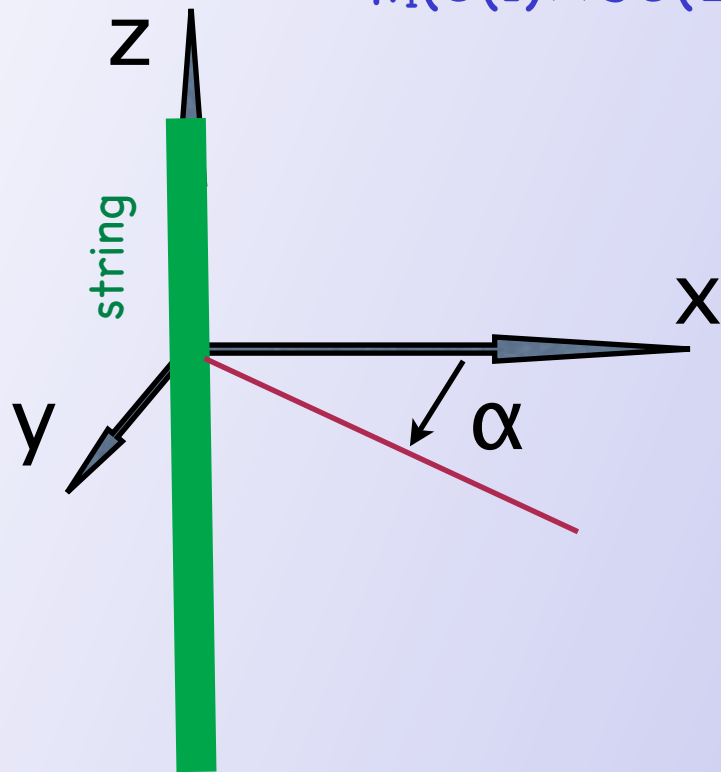
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$\pi_1(\text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$: rotate by π around 3-d axis in SU(2)

→ -1; another -1 rotate by π in U(1)

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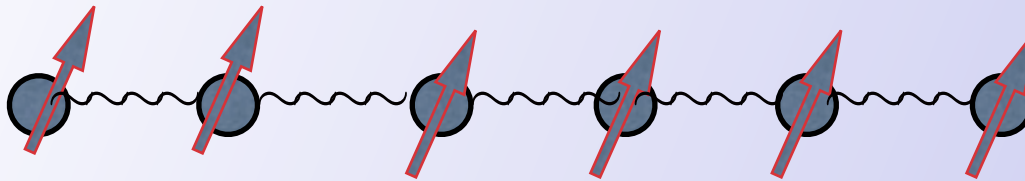
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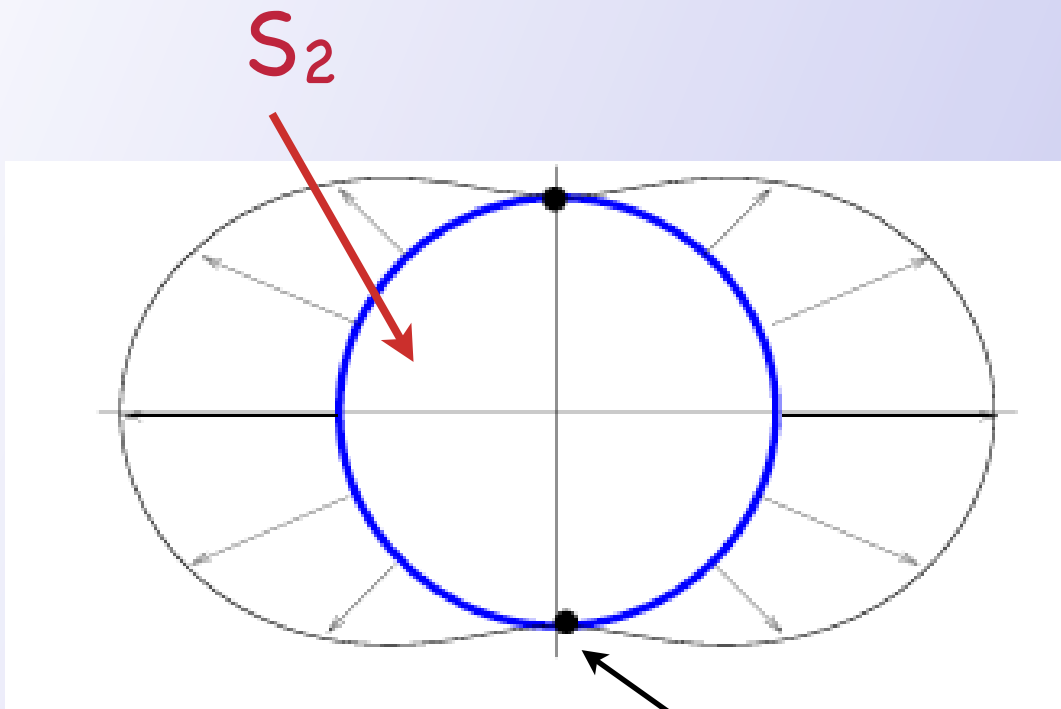
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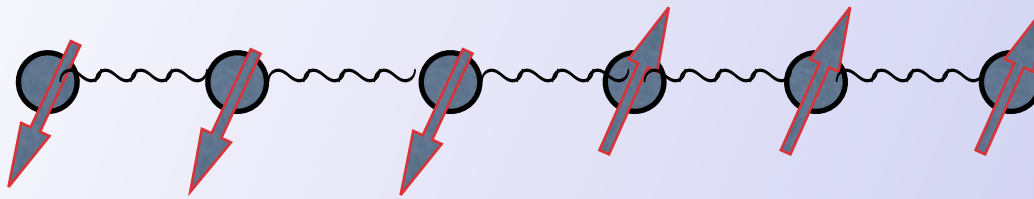
Global $SU(2)$ is gone!
 $U(1)$ remains intact



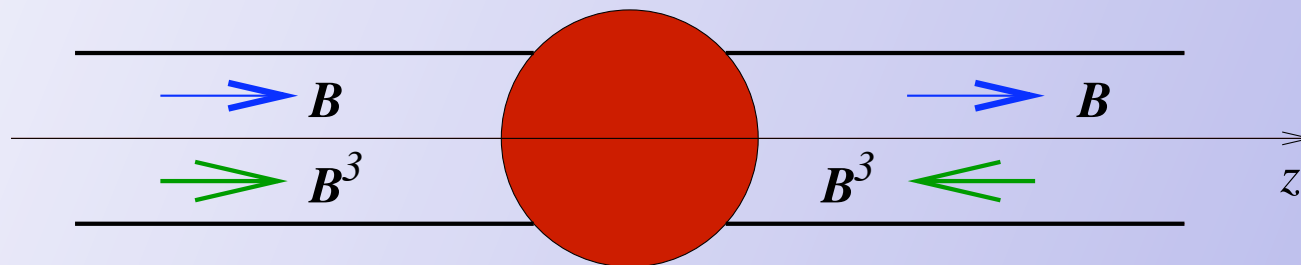
Two vacua = 2 degenerate strings

CP(1) model with
 twisted mass

$$S = \int d^2x \left\{ \frac{2}{g^2} \frac{\partial_\mu \bar{\phi} \partial^\mu \phi - (\Delta m)^2 \bar{\phi} \phi}{(1 + \bar{\phi} \phi)^2} + \text{fermions} \right\}$$

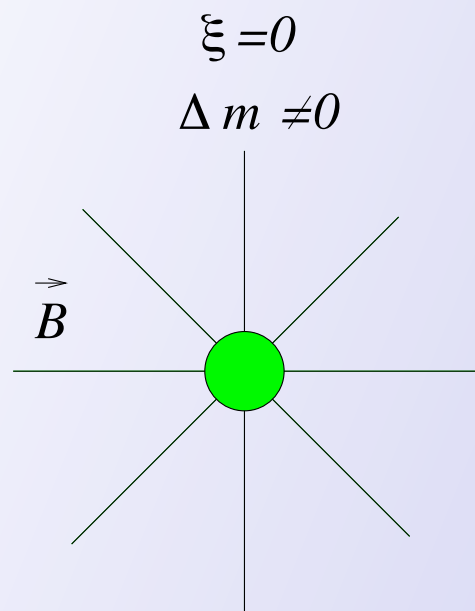


Z_2 string junction = kink



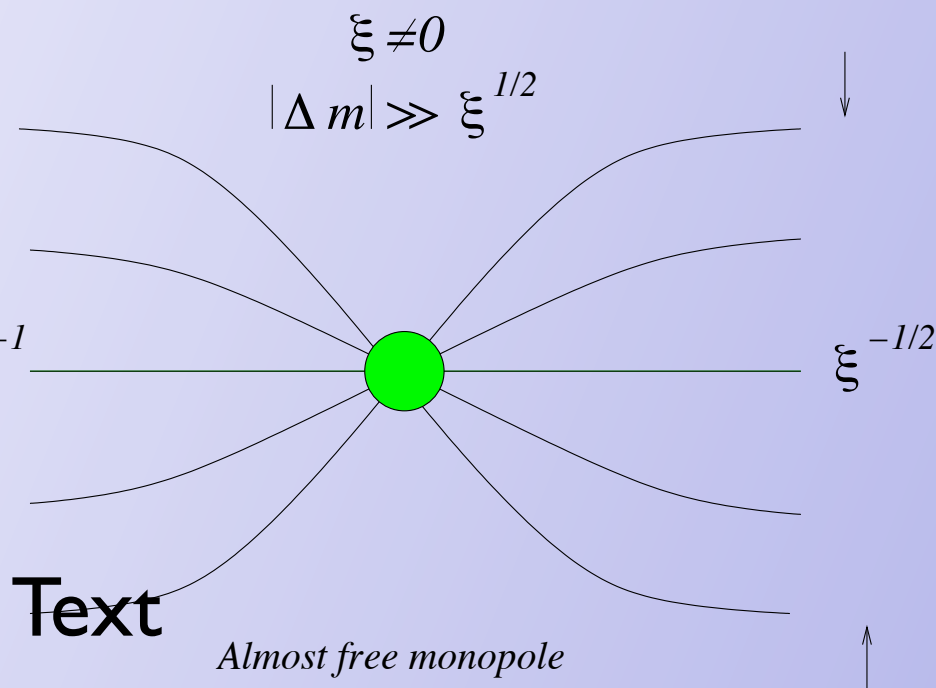
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Evolution in dimensionless parameter m^2/ξ



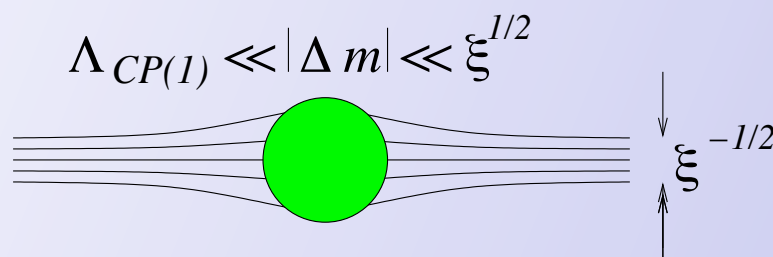
*The 't Hooft-Polyakov
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$|\Delta m|^{-1}$

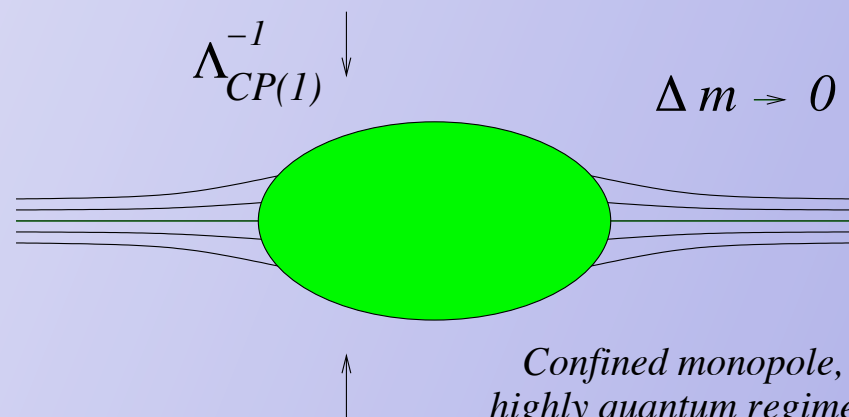


Almost free monopole

Text



*Confined monopole,
quasiclassical regime*



*Confined monopole,
highly quantum regime*

- * Kinks are confined in 4D (attached to strings).
- * * Kinks are confined in 2D:

Kink = Confined Monopole

4D $\leftrightarrow$ 2D Correspondence

☞ World-sheet theory $\leftrightarrow$ strongly coupled bulk theory inside



Dewar flask

1) Confined monopoles in dense QCD

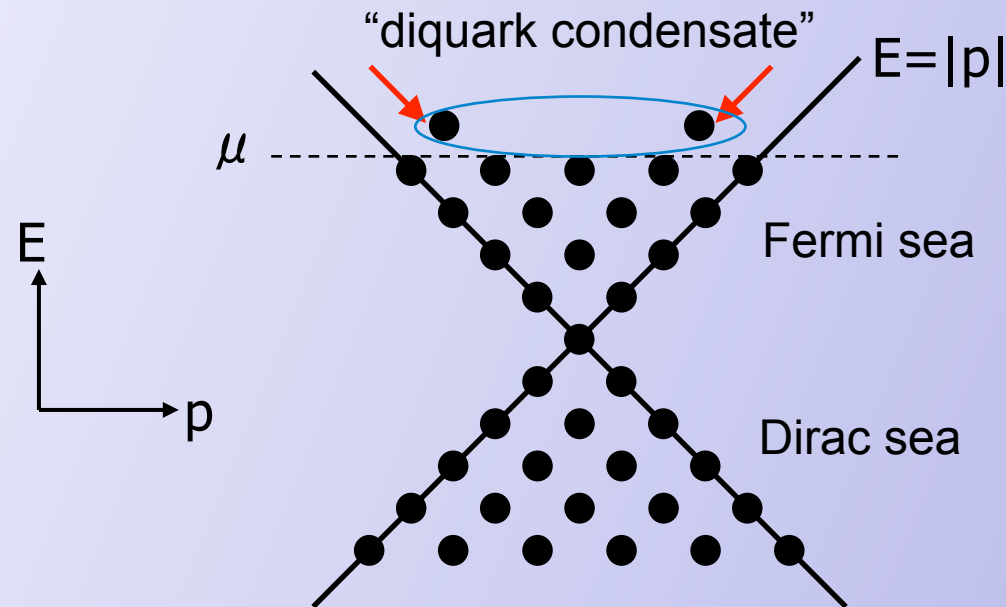
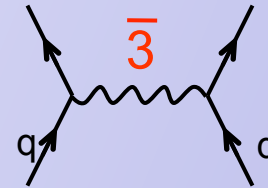
Color Superconductivity (CSC)

➤ QCD at high **density** → Fermi surface, weak-coupling

➤ Attractive channel → Cooper instability

$$[3]_C \times [3]_C = [6]_S + [\bar{3}]_A$$

$$(\tau_a)_{ij}(\tau_a)_{kl} = \frac{2}{3}(\tau_S)_{ik}(\tau_S)_{lj} - \frac{4}{3}(\tau_A)_{ik}(\tau_A)_{lj}$$



Neutron stars?

2 Ginsburg–Landau effective description

At large μ QCD is in the CFL phase. Diquark condensate

3 colors and 3 flavors

$$\Phi^{kC} \sim \varepsilon_{ijk} \varepsilon_{ABC} \left(\psi_{\alpha}^{iA} \psi^{jB\alpha} + \bar{\psi}^{iA\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{jB} \right)$$

At $T \rightarrow T_c$ gap fluctuations become important.

Chiral fluctuations (π -mesons) are considered less important

$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{4g^2} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + 3 \operatorname{Tr} (\mathcal{D}_0 \Phi)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}_0 \Phi) \right. \\ \left. + \operatorname{Tr} (\mathcal{D}_i \Phi)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}_i \Phi) + V(\Phi) \right\}$$

with the potential

$$V(\Phi) = -m_0^2 \operatorname{Tr} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) + \lambda \left(\left[\operatorname{Tr} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \right]^2 + \operatorname{Tr} \left[(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \right] \right)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{vac}} = v \text{diag} \{1, 1, 1\}$$

where

$$v^2 = \frac{m_0^2}{8\lambda} = \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \frac{T_c - T}{T_c} \mu^2$$

The symmetry breaking pattern

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_F \times U(1)_B \rightarrow SU(3)_{C+F}$$

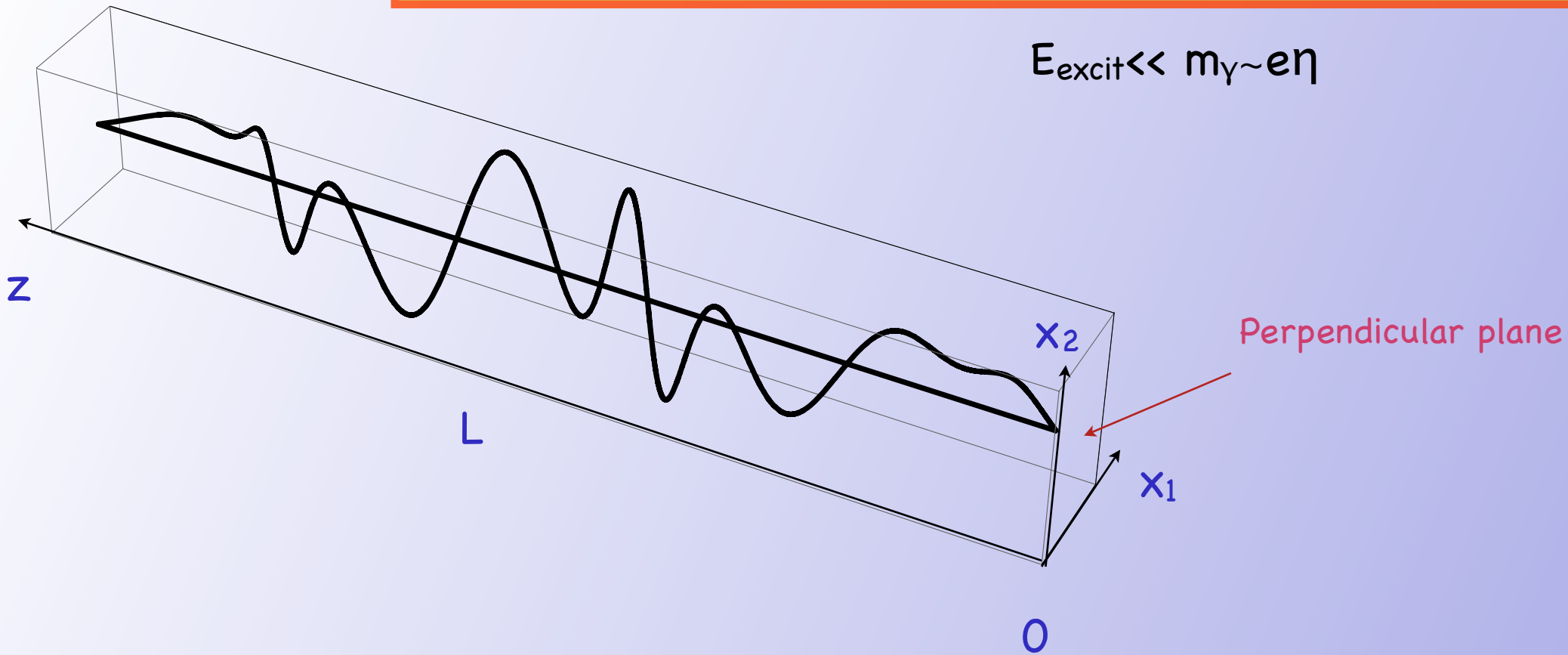
9 symmetries are broken.

8 are eaten by Higgs mechanism.

One Goldstone boson associated with broken $U(1)_B$.

Broken $\rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1) \Rightarrow CP(2)$ model on the string w.-s. !

Low-energy excitations (gapless modes)



$$E_{\text{excit}} \ll m_Y \sim e\eta$$

◇◇ $\Delta H_{\text{GL}} = (T/2)(\partial_z x_{\text{perp}} \partial_z x_{\text{perp}}) + \text{h.d.}$
 non-relat.

time derivatives can be rel. or

Nambu-Goto → String Theory

Kelvin modes or Kelvons

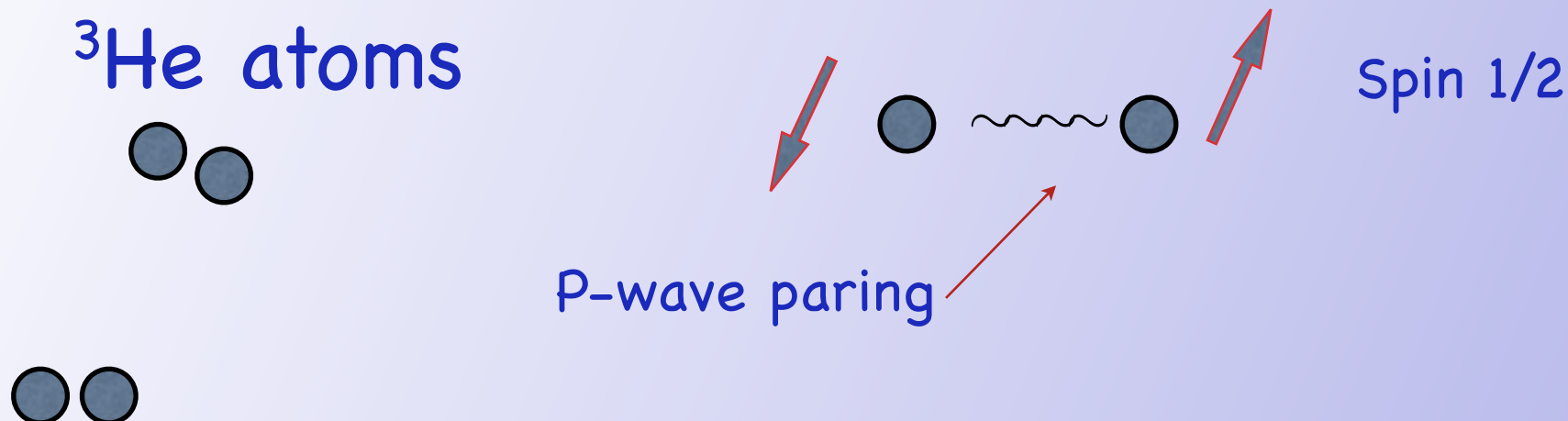
2 NG gapless modes in relat.

1 NG gapless mode in non-rel.

$$E_{\text{str}} = TL + C/L$$

Counts # of gapless modes !

$^3\text{He-B}$ example?



$L=1, S=1 \Rightarrow$ Cooper pair order parameter $e_{\mu i} \leftarrow 3 \times 3$ matrix

Spin-orbit small, symmetry of H is $G = U(1)_p \times SO_S(3) \times SO_L(3)$

In the ground state $U_p(1) \times SO_S(3) \times SO_L(3) \rightarrow H_B = SO(3)_{S+L}$

Hence, contrived NG modes in the bulk!

Amending Abrikosov to non-Abelian

◇ $\Delta H_{GL} = D_k \phi^\dagger D_k \phi + \lambda(\phi^\dagger \phi - \eta^2)^2 \Rightarrow$ time derivatives can be rel. or non-relat.

◇◇ $\Delta H_{NA} = \partial_k n^i \partial_k n^i + (-\mu^2 + \phi^\dagger \phi) n^i n^i + \beta (n^i n^i)^2 +$ time derivatives

with $\eta^2 > \mu^2$



★ In ground state $\phi^\dagger \phi_{gr.st} = \eta^2$, hence the mass term of $n^i = \eta^2 - \mu^2 > 0$ and $O(3)$ is unbroken

★★ Inside Abrikosov $\phi^\dagger \phi_{gr.st} = 0$ hence the mass term of $n^i = -\mu^2 < 0$ and $O(3)$ is broken down to $O(2)$, while $n^i n^i = \mu^2 / 2\beta$



★★★ Classically $O(3)$ sigma model on vortex, 2 gapless interacting modes

Conclisions

- ★ Non-Abelian strings in $N=1$ SUSY → heterotic $CP(n-1)$ models on string; poorly explored.
- ★ ★ Unexpected applications in condensed matter (not explored).