

# Vortices in Neutron Superfluids

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## **Topological Science Project**

*Aimed to understand all  
subjects of physics in terms of  
Topology*

**5 years, 11 postdocs**

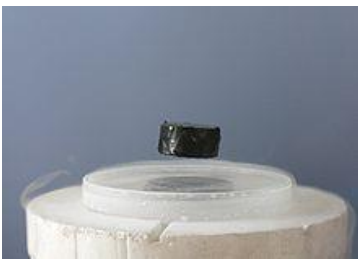
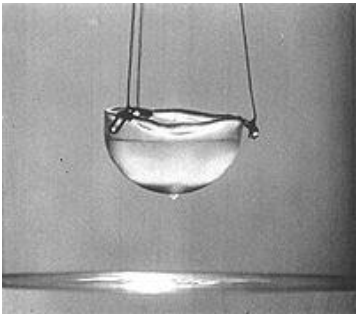
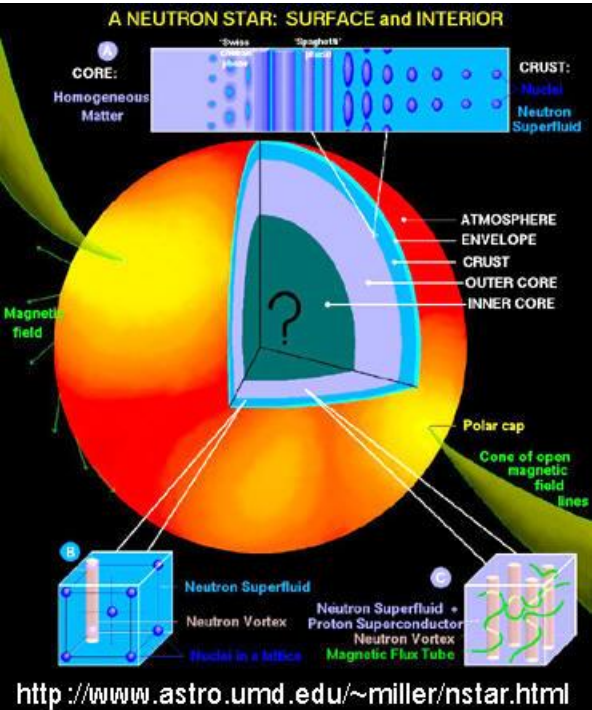
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# Neutron Stars

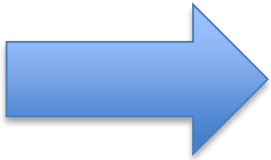
## Core Nuclear matter

## Neutron superfluid

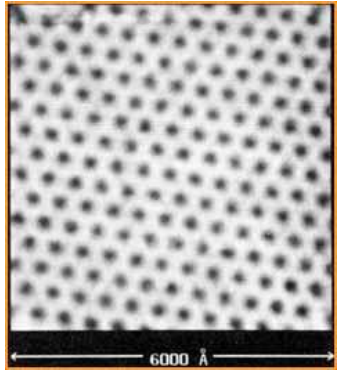
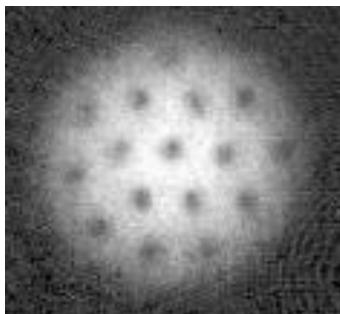
## Superfluid vortices



Rotation



Magnetic field



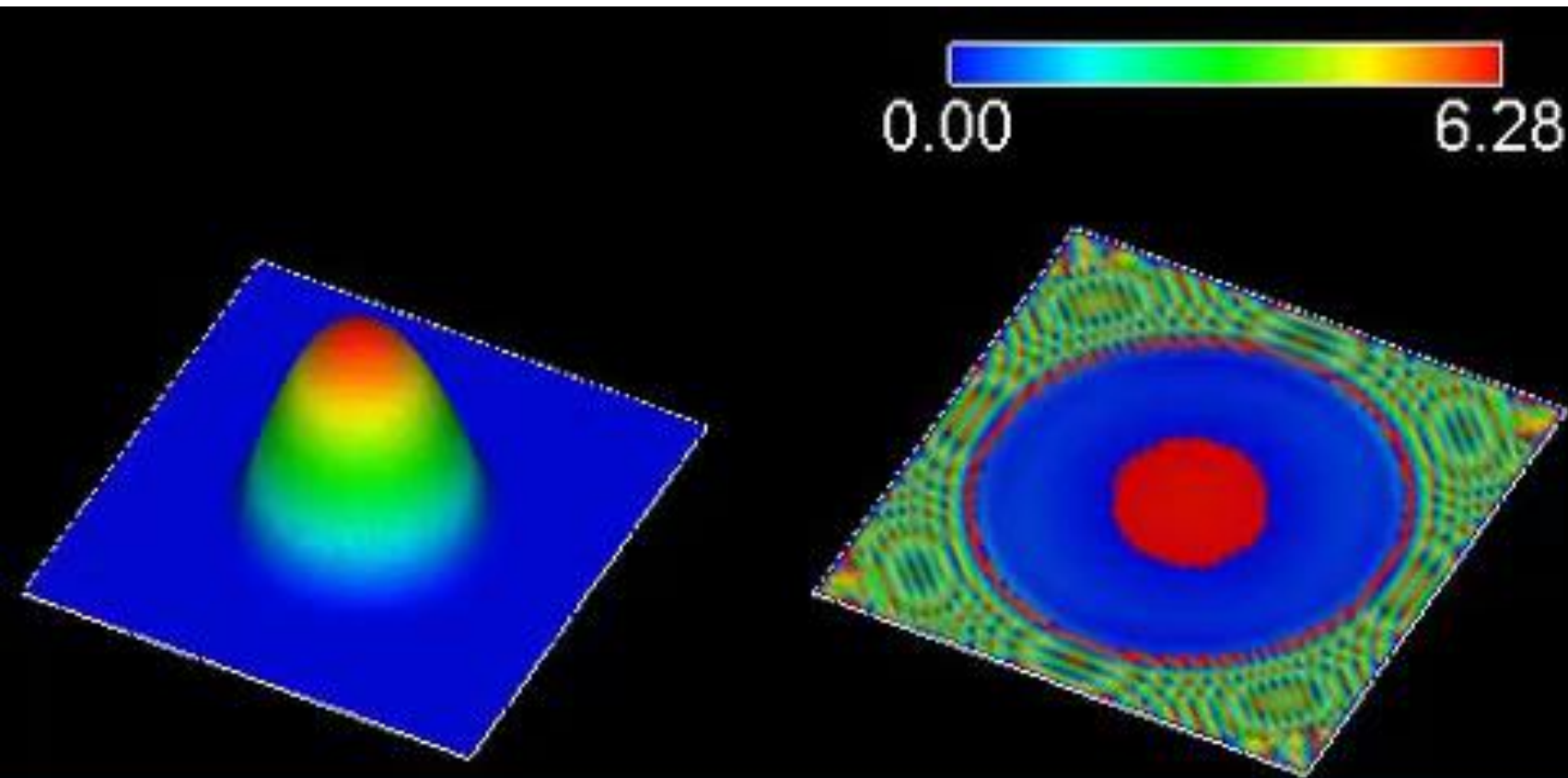
Proton super-conductor

Baym&Pines ('60s)  
Anderson&Itoh ('75)

vortices  
(Flux tubes)

# Vortex lattice in a rotating superfluid (Bose-Einstein condensate)

K.Kasamatsu

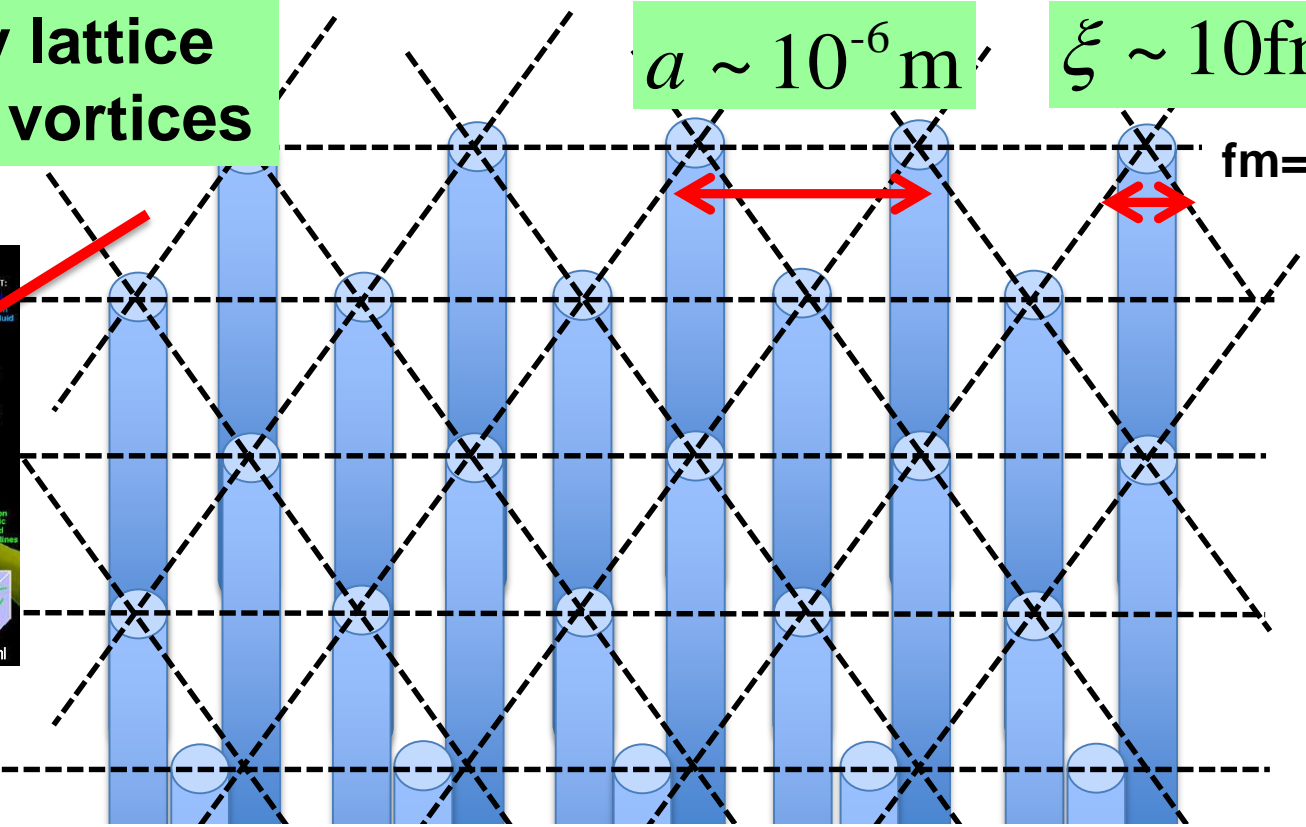
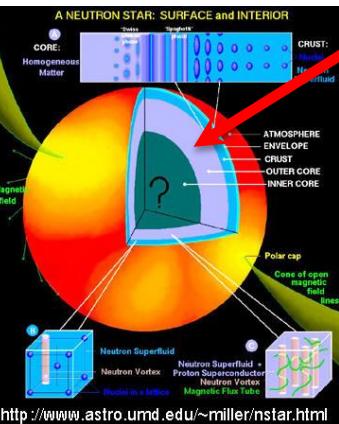


# Abrikosov lattice of integer vortices

$a \sim 10^{-6} \text{ m}$

$\xi \sim 10 \text{ fm}$

$\text{fm} = 10^{-15}$



**A huge # of vortices!!**

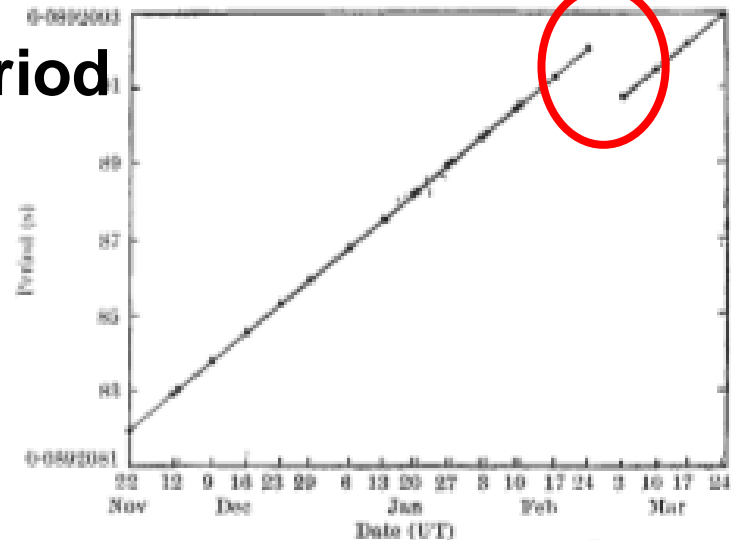
$$N_v \equiv 1.9 \times 10^{19} \left( \frac{1 \text{ ms}}{P} \right) \left( \frac{M}{900 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left( \frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)$$

# Evidences of neutron superfluidity in observation

## Pulsar Glitch

sudden speed up of rotation

period



Reichley et.al. (1969) date

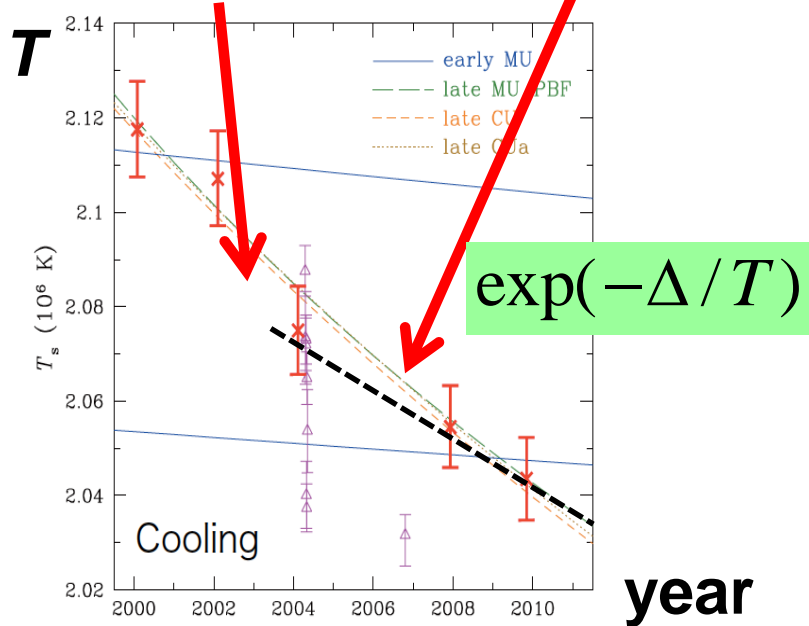
Long relaxation time after glitch implies the existence of superfluid

Baym&Pines ('60s)

## Cooling by neutrino emission

Superconducting Gap  $\Delta$

$\Rightarrow$  rapid cooling  $\Rightarrow$  slow cooling (gap is formed)



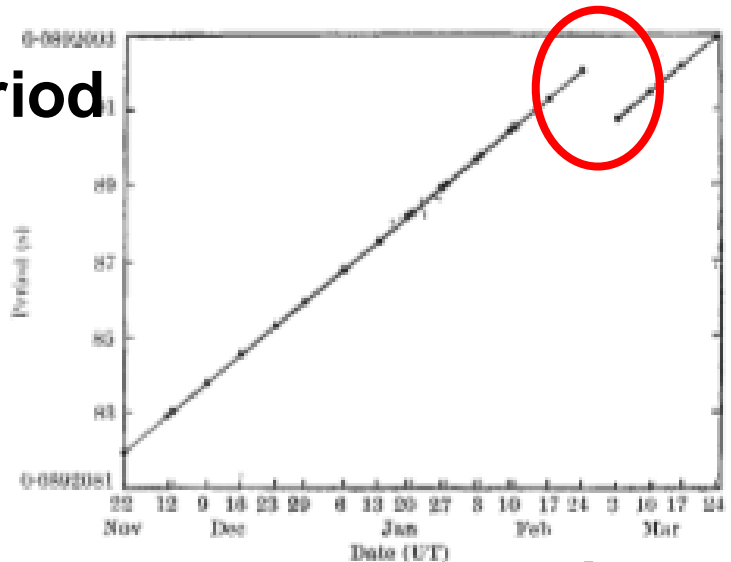
Heinke & Ho (2010)

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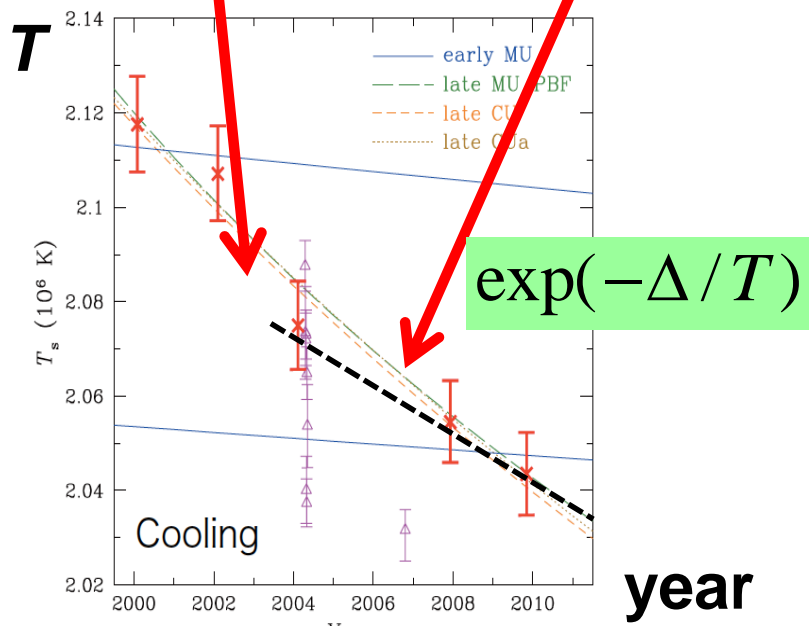
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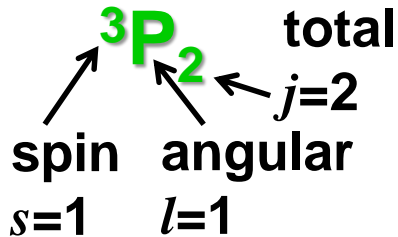
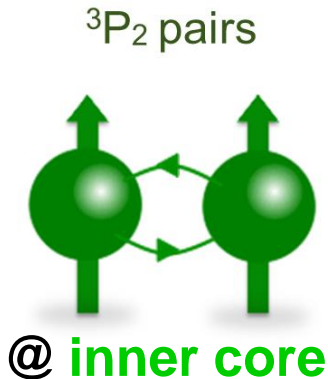
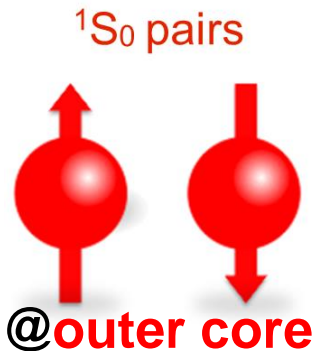
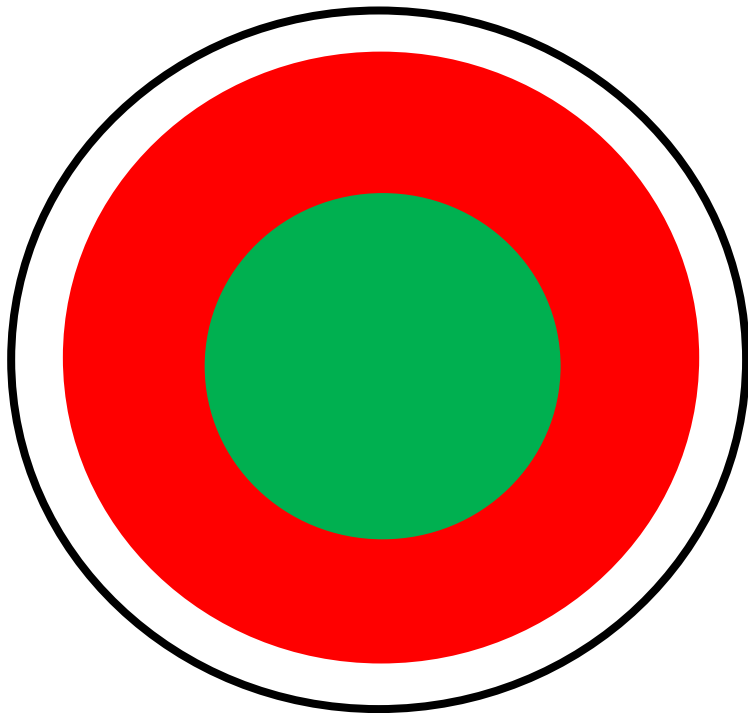
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year

# Neutron star



order  
parameter

$A$

complex scalar  
(Goldstone model,  
Gross-Pitaevskii)

$A_{\mu i}$

spin angular

traceless symmetric  
3x3 complex tensor  
# fields = complex 5  
(of  $SO(3)$ )

Tamagaki & Takatsuka (1970-72)

$\rho \sim \rho_0 (10^{14} \sim 10^{15} \text{ g/cm}^3)$

: Transition from  $^1S_0$  to  $^3P_2$



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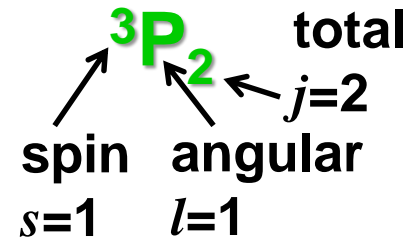
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order parameter  $A_{\mu i}$  traceless symmetric 3x3 complex matrix  
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spin angular

$G = U(1) \times SO(3)_{S+L}$   $A \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} O A O^T$   $O \in SO(3)_{S+L}$   $e^{i\alpha} \in U(1)$

If  $A$  was 5 rep of *internal*  $SO(3)$



gradient  $K(\partial_i A_{\mu\nu} \partial_i A_{\mu\nu}^\dagger)$

interaction  $f_4 = \alpha \text{Tr} A A^\dagger + \beta [(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger)^2 - \text{Tr} A^2 A^{\dagger 2}]$

The same with Gross-Pitaevskii energy functional for spin-2 BECs

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internal

potential  $f_4 = \alpha \text{Tr} A A^\dagger + \beta [(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger)^2 - \text{Tr} A^2 A^{\dagger 2}]$

$$f_6 = \gamma [-3(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger) |\text{Tr} A A| ^2 + 4(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger)^3 + 12(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger)(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger)^2 + 6(\text{Tr} A A^\dagger) \text{Tr}(A^2 A^{\dagger 2}) + 8\text{Tr}(A A^\dagger)^3 + 12\text{Tr}[(A A^\dagger)^2 A^\dagger A] - 12\text{Tr}[A A^\dagger A^\dagger A^\dagger A A] - 12\text{Tr} A A (\text{Tr} A A^\dagger A A)^*]$$

Magnetic field  $H \quad f_B = g' H^2 \text{Tr}(A A^\dagger) + g H_\mu (A A^\dagger)_{\mu\nu} H_\nu$

Fujita&Tsuneto ('72), Richardson('72), Sauls('78)

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specific to  ${}^3\text{P}_2$   
the same as  ${}^3\text{He}$

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## GL parameters in the weak coupling (BCS) limit

TABLE I. Coefficients in BCS limit.

$\alpha$	$K$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$g$
$\frac{N(0)}{3} \frac{T-T_c}{T} k_F^2$	$\frac{7\xi(3)}{240m^2} \frac{N(0)}{(\pi T_c)^2} k_F^4$	$\frac{7\xi(3)}{60} \frac{N(0)}{(\pi T_c)^2} k_F^4$	$-\frac{31}{16} \frac{\xi(5)}{840} \frac{N(0)}{(\pi T_c)^4} k_F^6$	$\frac{7\xi(3)}{24} \frac{N(0)}{(\pi T_c)^2} \frac{(\gamma\hbar)^2}{2(1+F)^2} H^2 k_F^2$

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# Ground state of ${}^3P_2$ GL up to 4<sup>th</sup> with no magnetic field $H$

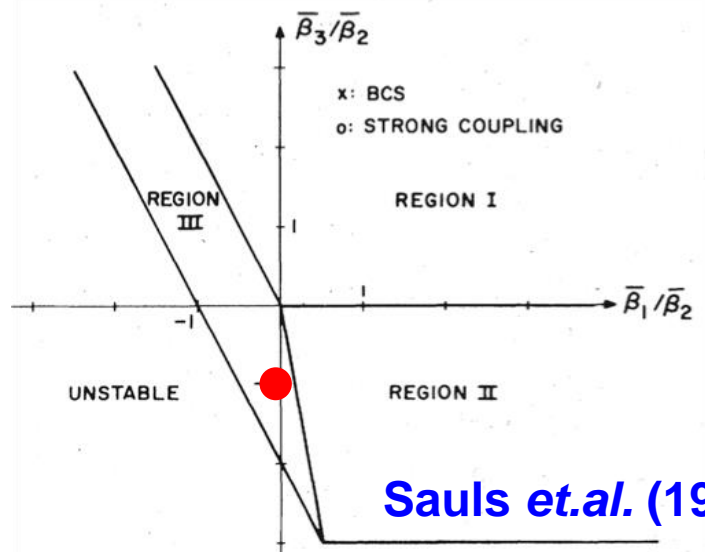
$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-1 \leq r \leq -1/2$$

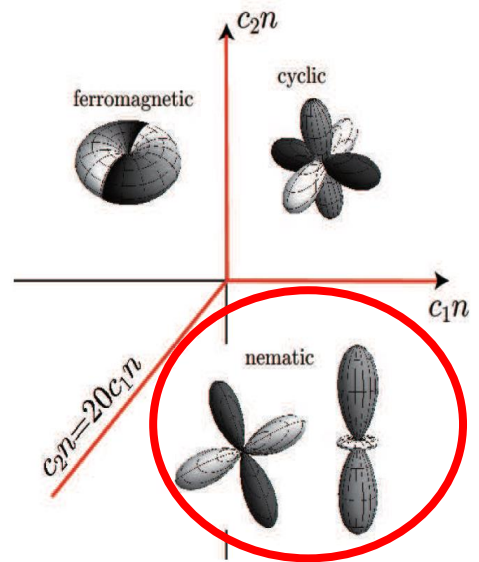
*continuous degeneracy*  $r$

**nematic phase @ BCS limit**

Ultracold atomic Spin-2  
Bose-Einstein condensate



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Kawaguchi and Ueda (2010)

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$H$

$G/H$

Order Parameter Manifold (OPM)

$r = -1/2$   
Uniaxial

$O(2)$



$$U(1) \times \frac{SO(3)}{O(2)} = U(1) \times \mathbf{RP}^2$$

$-1 < r < -1/2$   
 $D_2$  biaxial  
~ biaxial nematic liquid

$D_2$

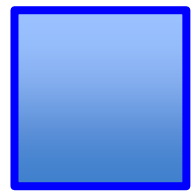


$$U(1) \times \frac{SO(3)}{D_2}$$

The whole mfd is  $\frac{U(1) \times S^4}{\mathbf{Z}_2}$

$r = -1$   
 $D_4$  biaxial

$D_4$



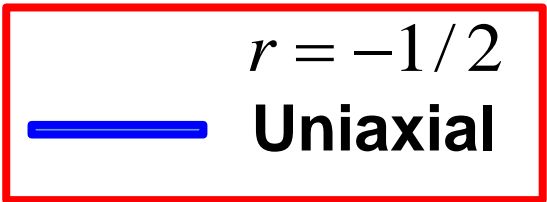

$$\frac{U(1) \times SO(3)}{D_4}$$


Cf) quasi-NG modes  
Uchino-Kobayashi-MN-Ueda  
PRL105,230406 ('10)




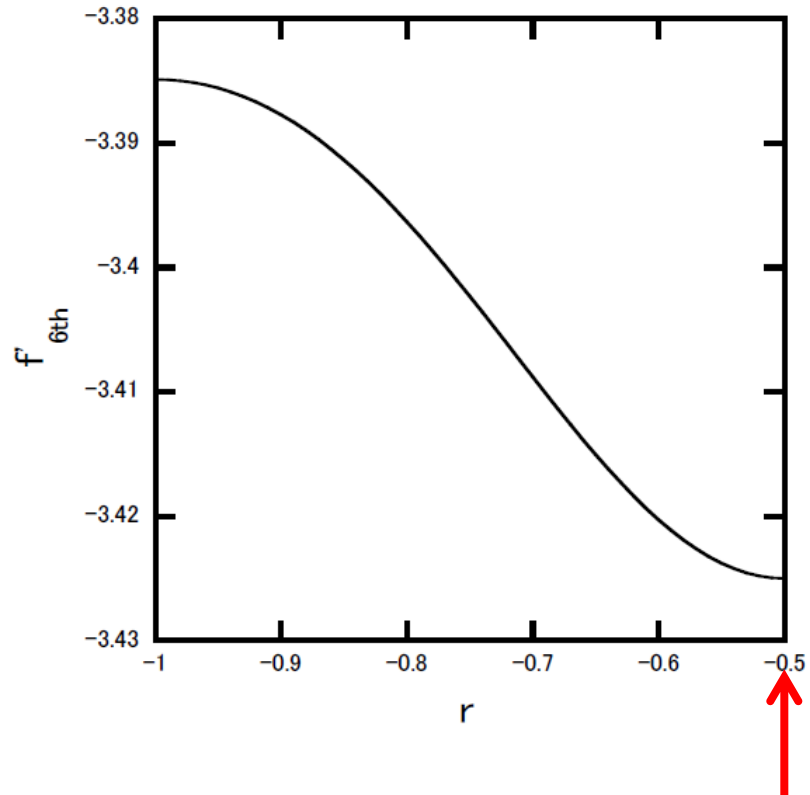
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[arXiv:1512.01946](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.01946)  
[nucl-th]

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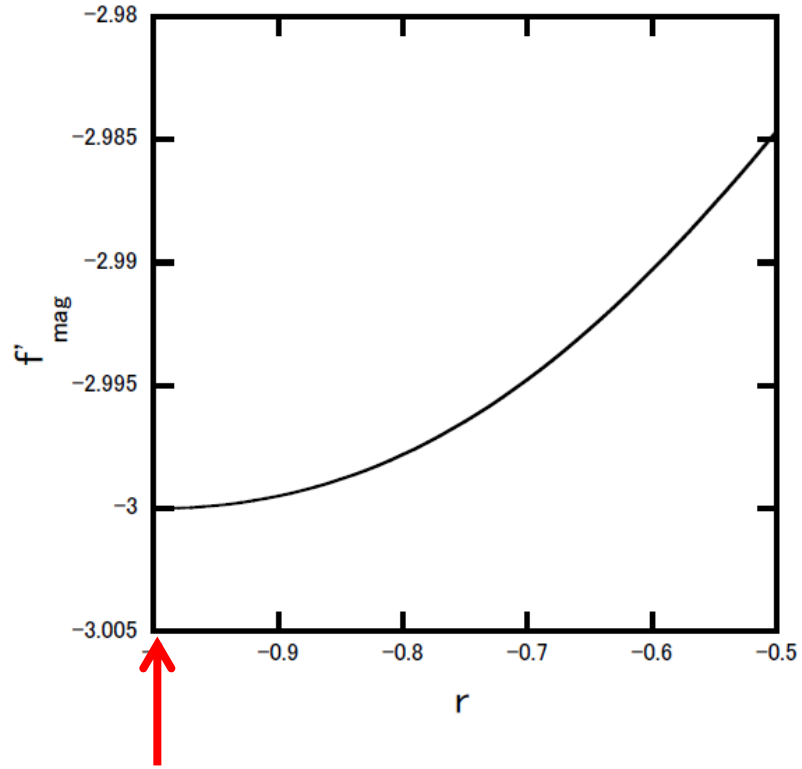
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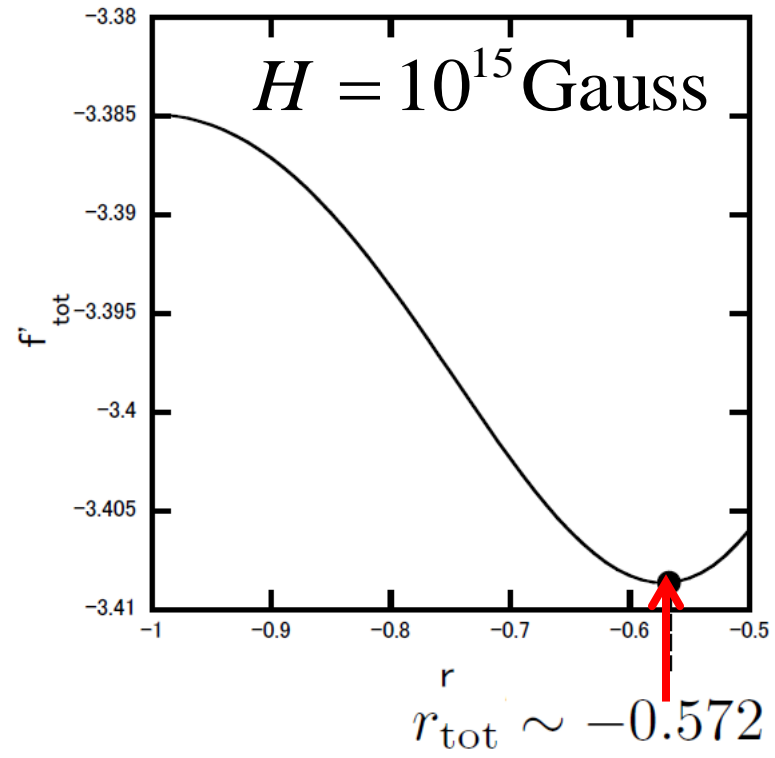
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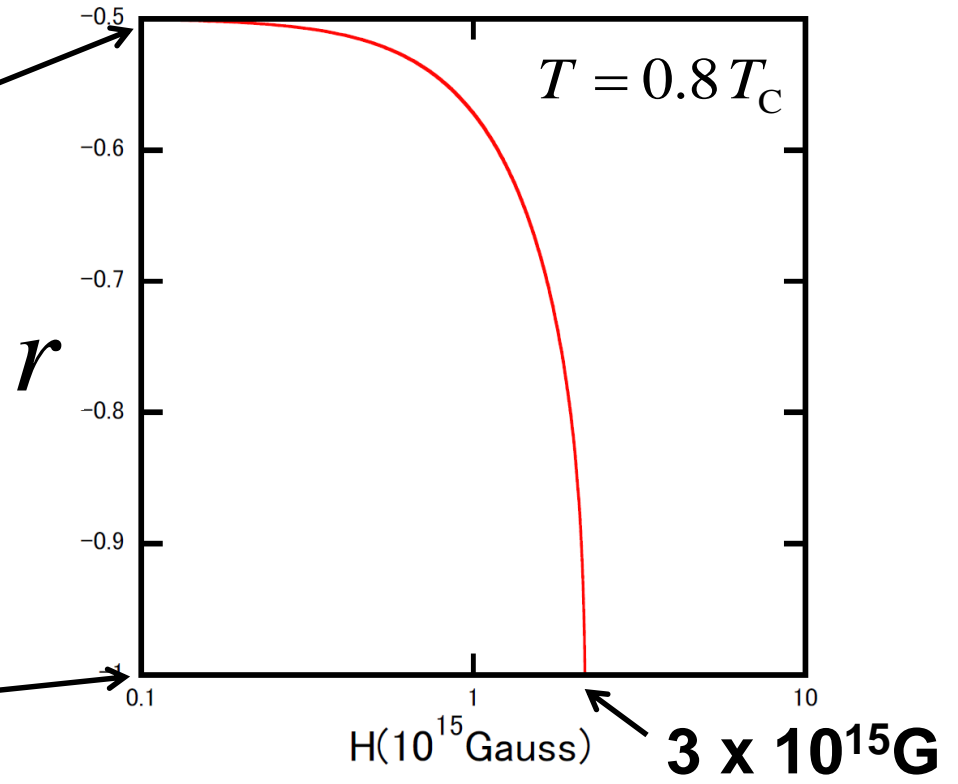
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magnetic field

→ Uniaxial

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Masud MN 2.01045

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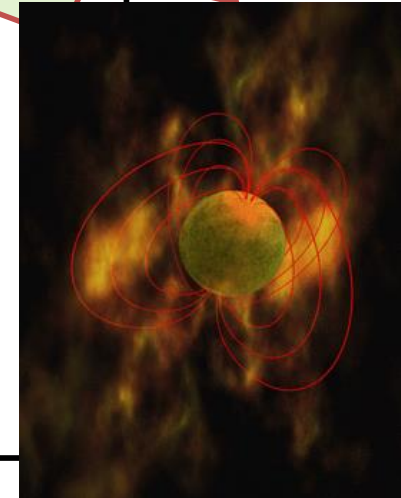
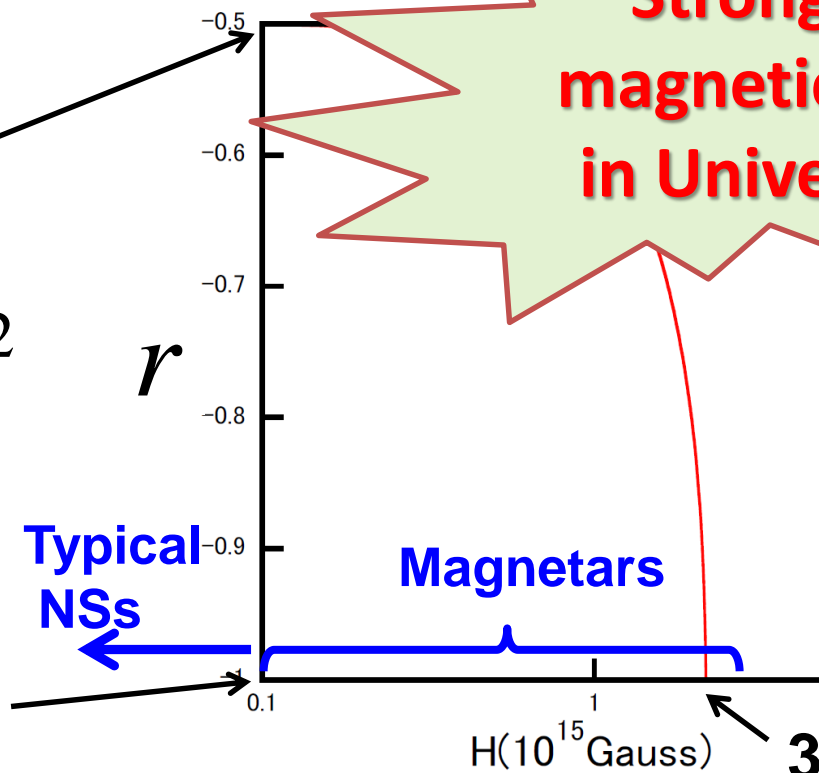
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Typical NSs

Magnetars

Strongest magnetic field in Universe!!



$3 \times 10^{15} \text{ G}$

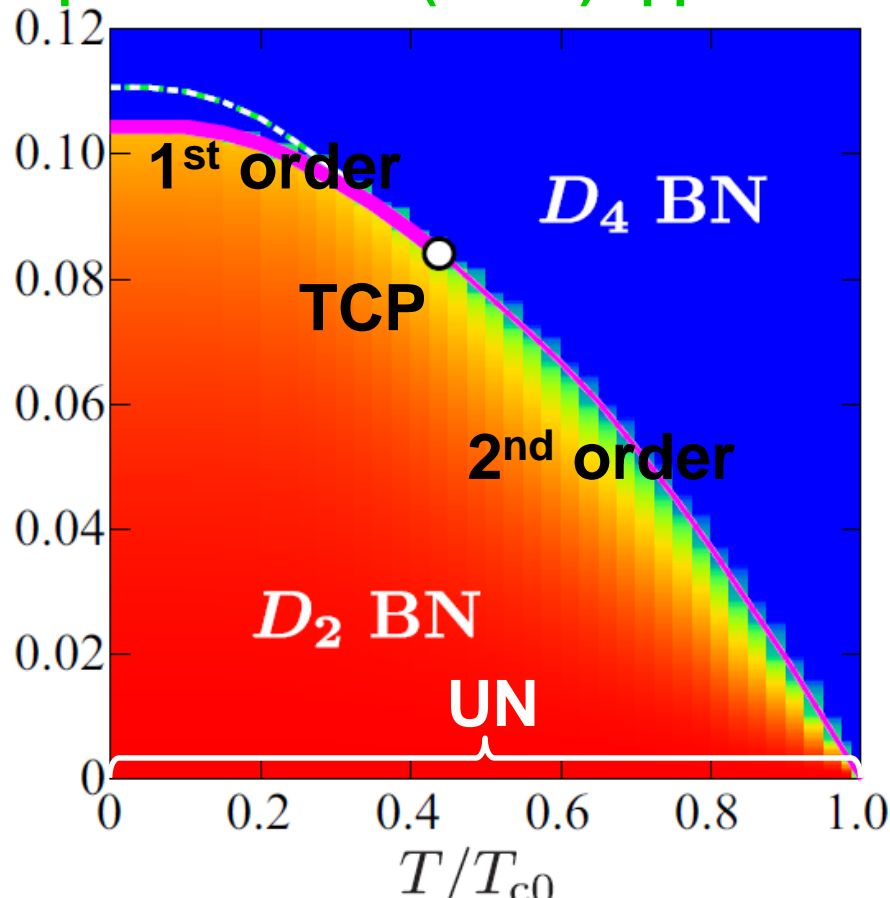
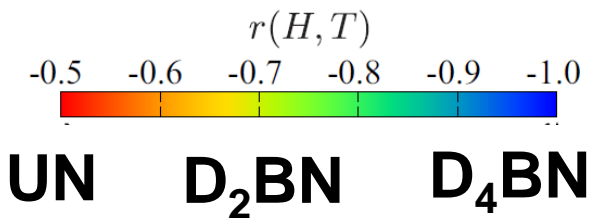
# $(T, H)$ phase diagram *beyond GL*

Mizushima, Masuda & MN

Bogoliubov-de Gennes + quasi-classical(linear) approx

(in prep)

$$\gamma H / \pi k_B T_{c0}$$



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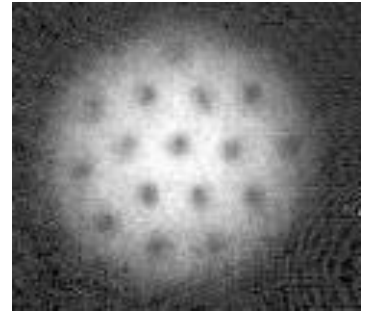
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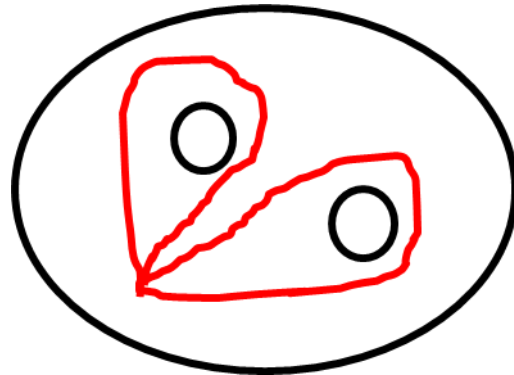
# How are vortices created?

(1) Rotation of superfluid  $\Rightarrow$  vortex **lattice**



(2) Phase transition (Kibble-Zurek mechanism)  
 $\Rightarrow$  vortex **network**

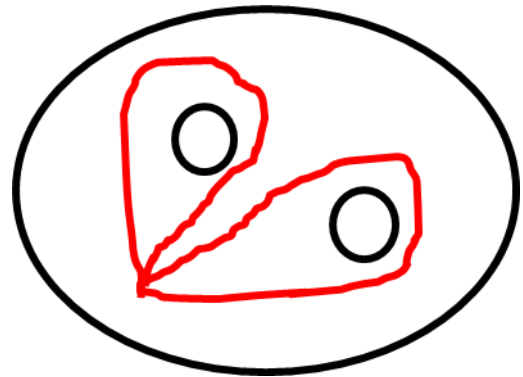
Possible vortices can be determined by topology (1<sup>st</sup> homotopy) of order parameter space





# Elements of 1<sup>st</sup> homotopy groups

$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad -1 \leq r \leq -1/2$$



1<sup>st</sup> homotopy

**$G/H$  OPM**

$\pi_1(G/H)$

$r = -1/2$   
**Uniaxial**

$U(1) \times \mathbf{RP}^2$

$\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$

↖ ↙

**Integer vortex,  
 $\mathbf{Z}_2$  Spin vortex**

$-1 < r < -1/2$   
 **$D_2$  Biaxial**

$U(1) \times \frac{SO(3)}{D_2}$

$\mathbf{Z} \oplus D_2^*$   
 $= \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Q}$

↖ ↙

**Integer vortex,  
Quaternionic spin  
non-Abelian vortex**

$r = -1$   
 **$D_4$  Biaxial**

$U(1) \times \frac{SO(3)}{D_4}$

$\mathbf{Z} \oplus_h D_4^*$

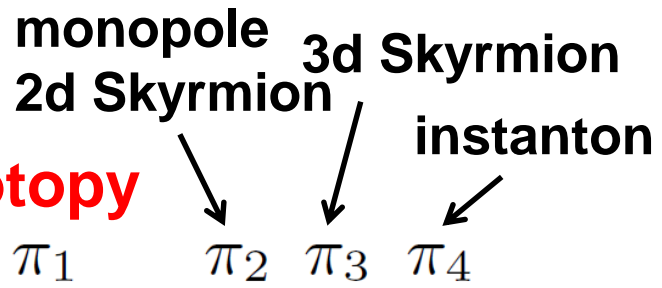
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**Half-integer (quantized)  
non-Abelian vortex**

# Elements of homotopy groups

$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad -1 \leq r \leq -1/2$$

**higher homotopy**



**$G/H$  OPM**

$r = -1/2$   
**Uniaxial**

$U(1) \times \mathbf{RP}^2$

$0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z}_2$

$-1 < r < -1/2$   
 **$D_2$  Biaxial**

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 **$D_4$  Biaxial**

$\frac{U(1) \times SO(3)}{D_4}$

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# Integer vortex without $H$

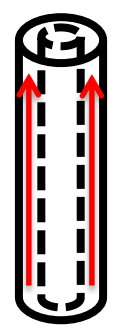
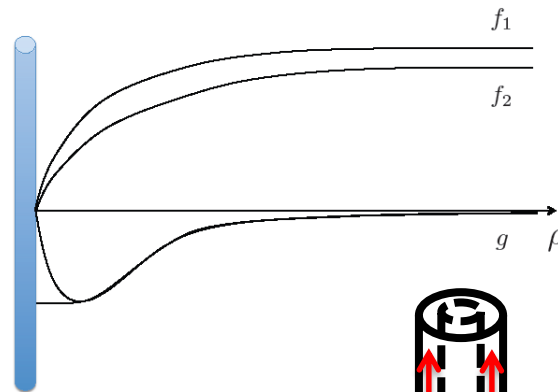
$$A = e^{i\theta} R(n\theta) \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\rho) & ig(\rho) & 0 \\ ig(\rho) & f_2(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -f_1 - f_2 \end{pmatrix} R(n\theta)^T$$

$$\rightarrow e^{i\theta} R \begin{pmatrix} r & x & 0 \\ 0 & -1-r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R^T$$

$$R(n\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos n\theta & -\sin n\theta & 0 \\ \sin n\theta & \cos n\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \in \mathbf{Z}$

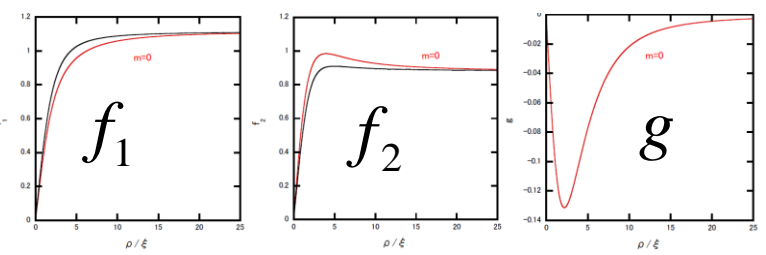
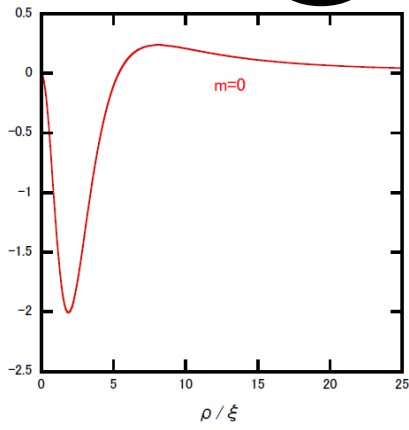
$n=0$   $x$   $y$   $z$   
 $n=1$   $\rho$   $\theta$   $z$



**magnetization @ vortex core**

$$\propto g(f_1 - f_2) \sim 10^8 \text{ Gauss}$$

neutron anomalous magnetic moment  $\gamma \hbar$



# Integer vortex without $H$

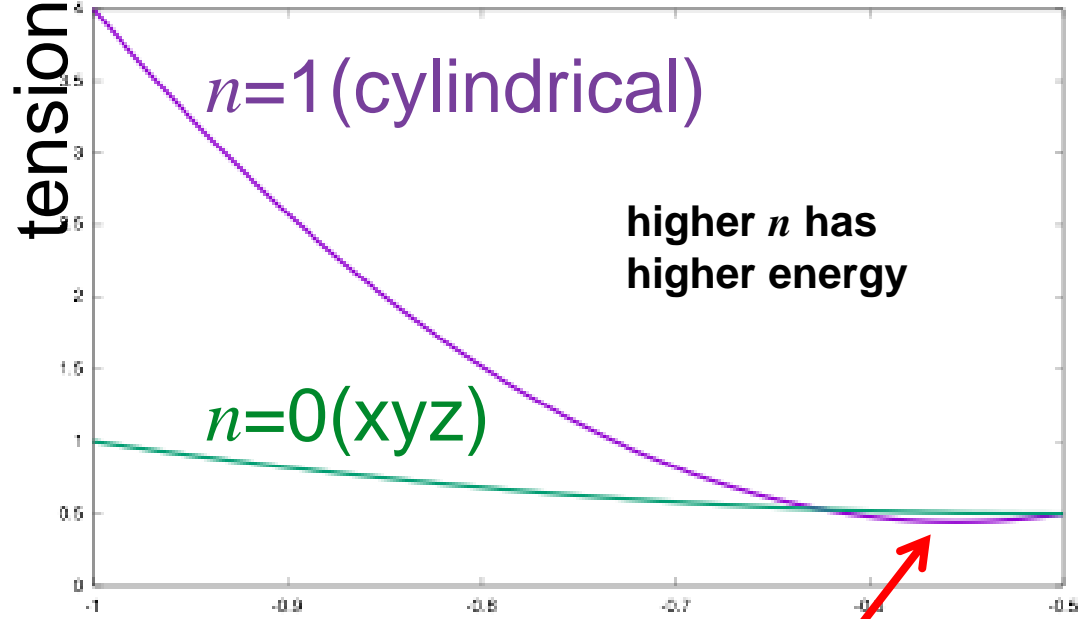
## Tension

$$T = c \log \Lambda / \xi$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x \quad y \quad z \quad n=0$$

$$\rho \quad \theta \quad z \quad n=1$$



higher  $n$  has higher energy

In which coordinate basis, the matrix is diagonalized.

$r = -1$   
 $D_4$  Biaxial

$r$  **minimum**  $r = -1/2$   
 $r_{\text{grad}} = 6 - \sqrt{43}$  Uniaxial

Characteristic feature of tensor order parameter

$$K (\partial_i A_{\mu\nu} \partial_i A_{\mu\nu}^\dagger + \partial_i A_{\mu i} \partial_j A_{\mu j}^\dagger + \partial_i A_{\mu j} \partial_j A_{\mu i}^\dagger)$$

# $D_4$ BN: Half-quantized non-Abelian vortices @magnetars

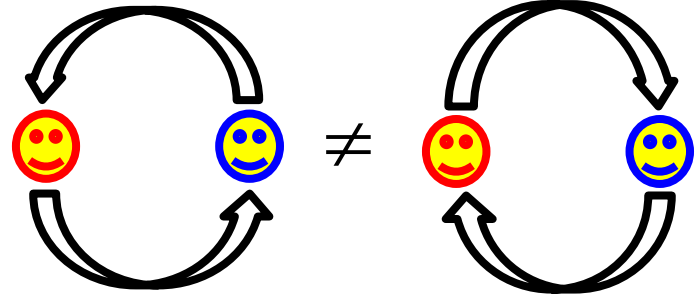
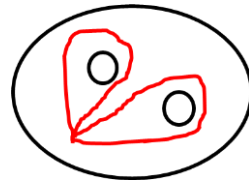
Circulation is quantized by **half** quanta

$$\int d^2x \text{rot} \mathbf{v}_{\text{eff}} = \oint d\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\hbar}{M} k$$

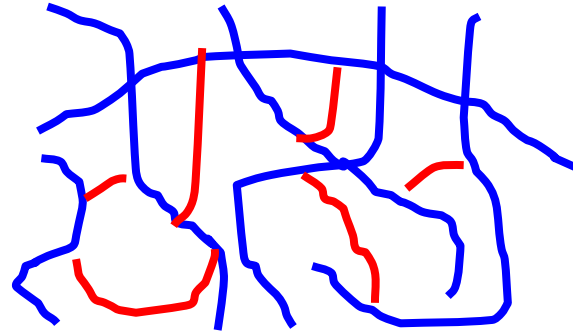
$\pi_1 \sim D_4$  non-Abelian

*What consequence of non-Abelianity?*

2 dim **Non-commutativity**

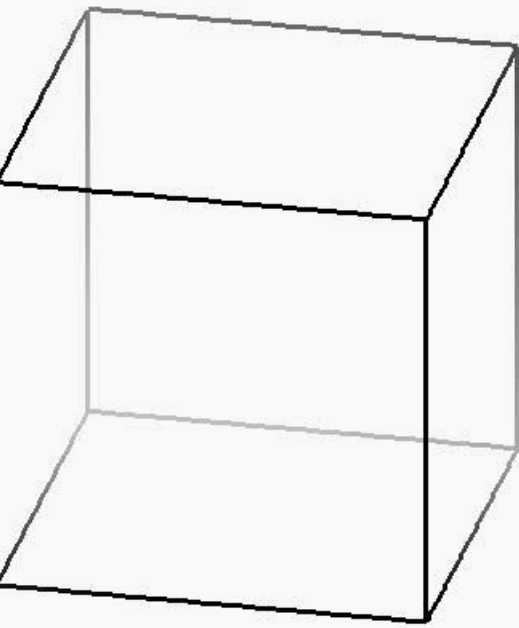


3 dim vortex **network** are **entangled**



# Non-Abelian vortex collision in spin-2 BEC (cyclic phase)

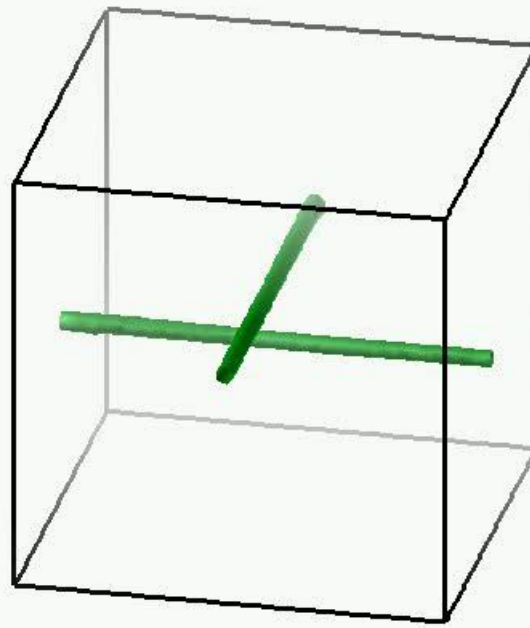
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**reconnection**

$$[a, a] = 0$$

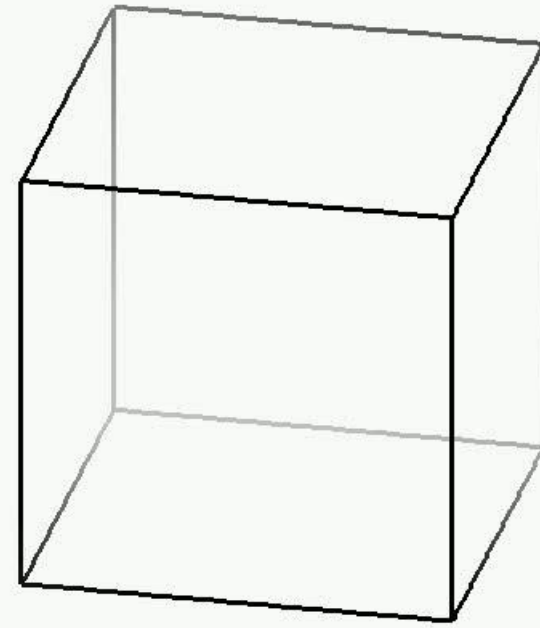
**Abelian**



**passing**

$$[a, b] = 0$$

**Abelian**



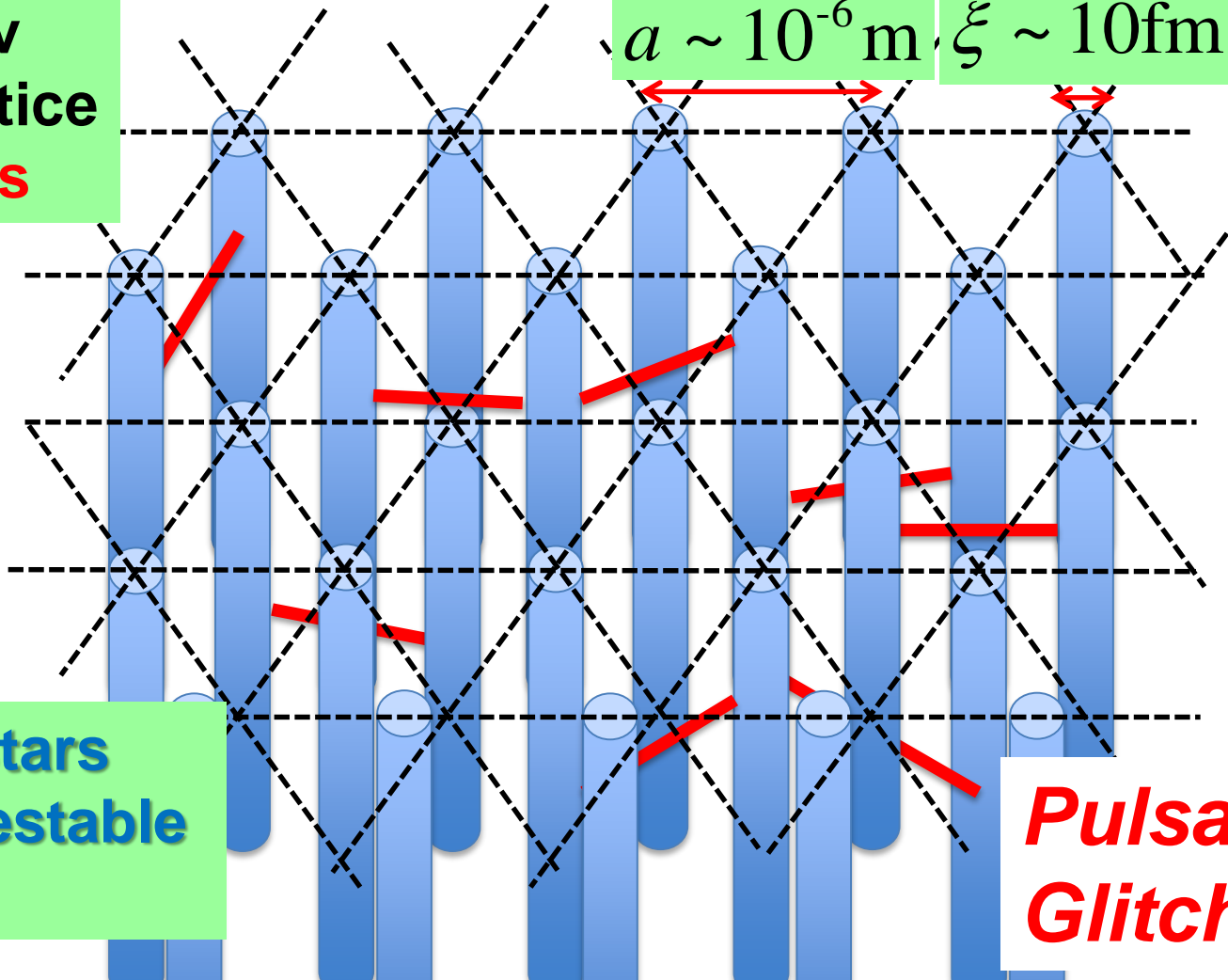
**rung formation**

$$[a, b] = c \neq 0$$

**Non-Abelian**

Abrikosov  
vortex lattice  
with rungs

$a \sim 10^{-6} \text{ m}$   $\xi \sim 10 \text{ fm}$

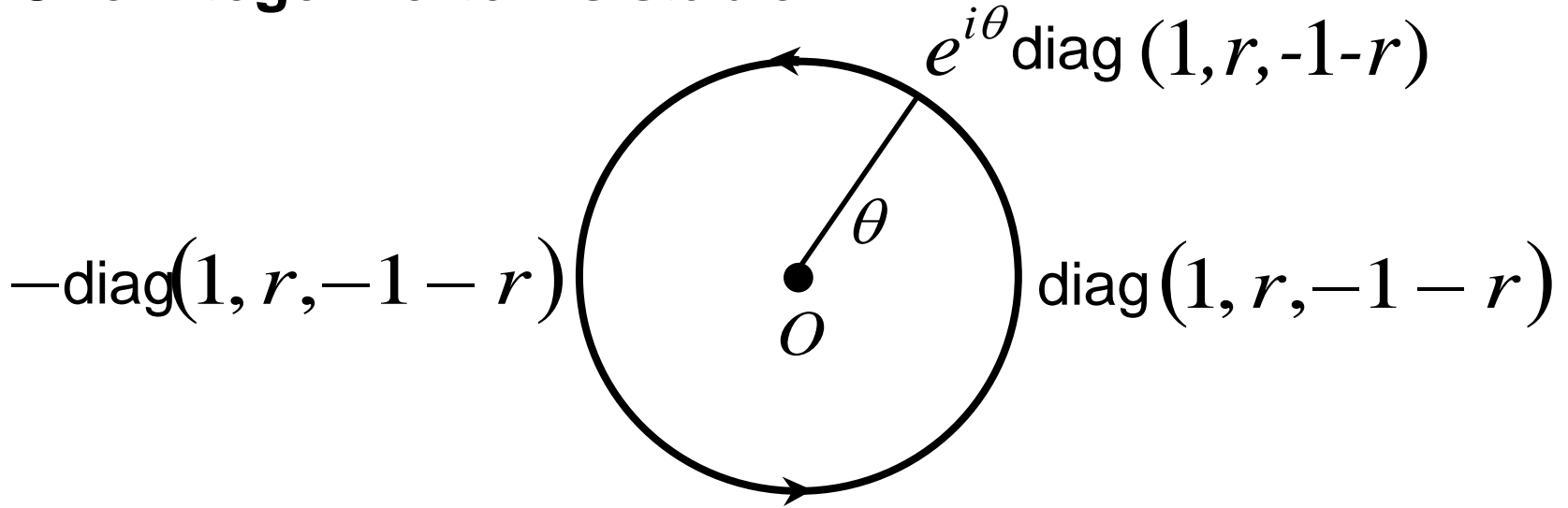


Neutron stars  
physics testable  
by BEC

*Pulsar  
Glitch!?*

For  $H < 3 \times 10^{15} \text{G}$  (Ordinary neutron stars)

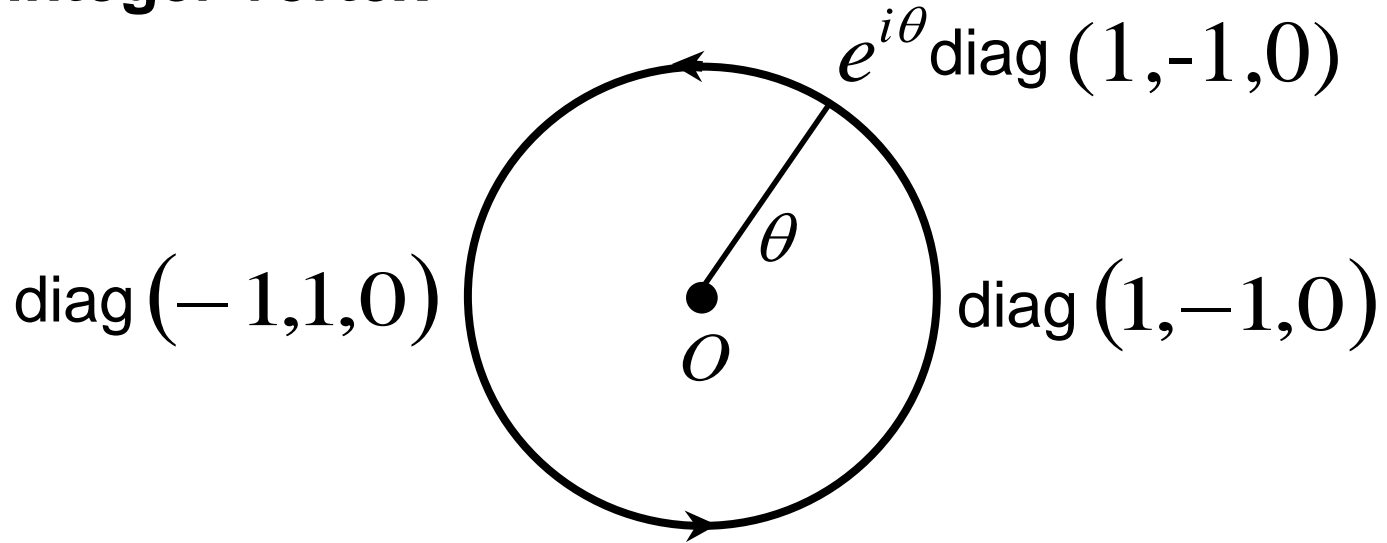
One integer vortex is stable





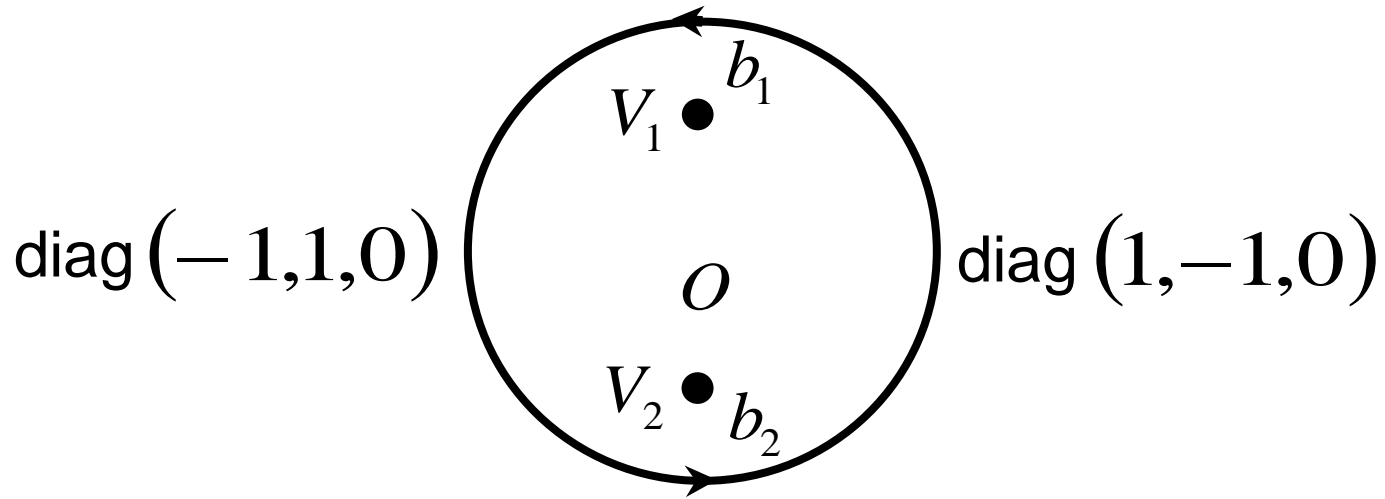
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One integer vortex



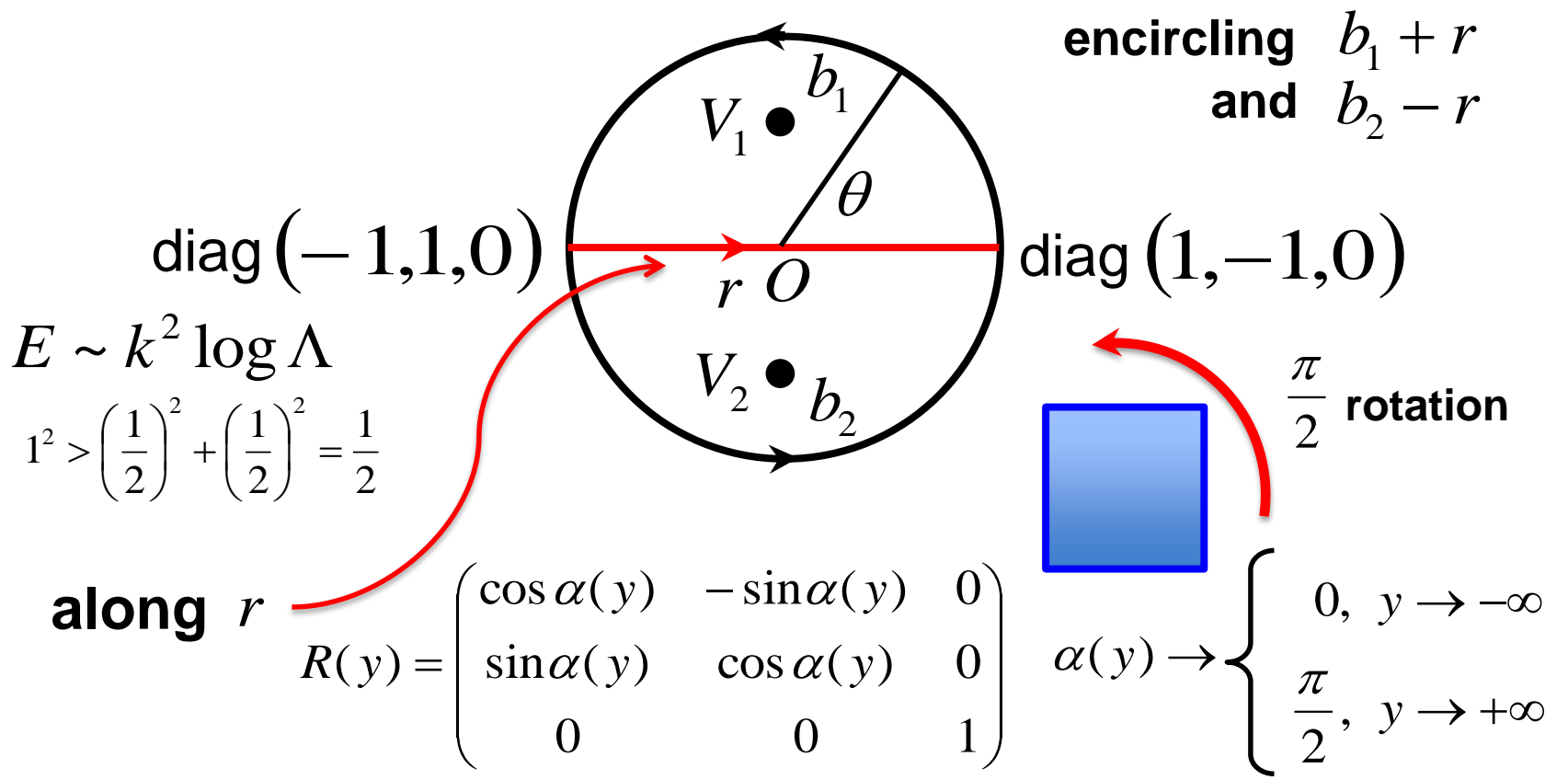
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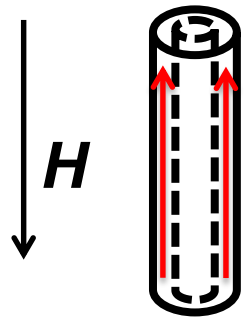


# Half-quantized vortex with $H > 3 \times 10^{15} \text{G}$

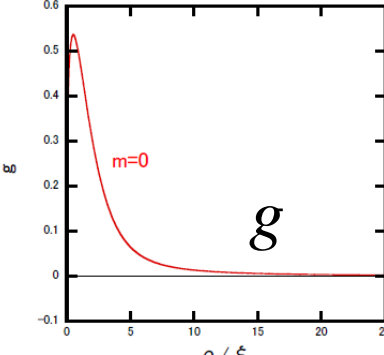
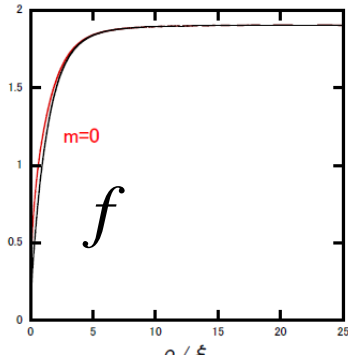
$$A = e^{i\theta/2} R(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} f(\rho) & ig(\rho) & 0 \\ ig(\rho) & -f(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R(\theta)^T$$

$$\rightarrow e^{i\theta} R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R^T \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta/4 & -\sin \theta/4 & 0 \\ \sin \theta/4 & \cos \theta/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

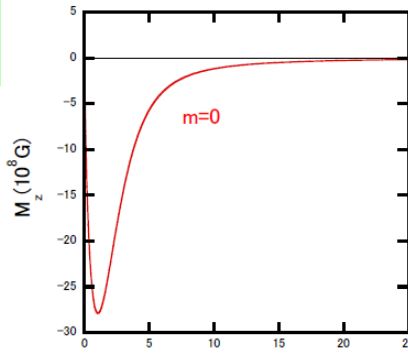
$x$                        $y$                        $z$



**Anti-ferro magnetization @ vortex core**



$\propto gf$   
 $\sim 10^9 \text{ Gauss}$   
 neutron anomalous magnetic moment  $\gamma \hbar$



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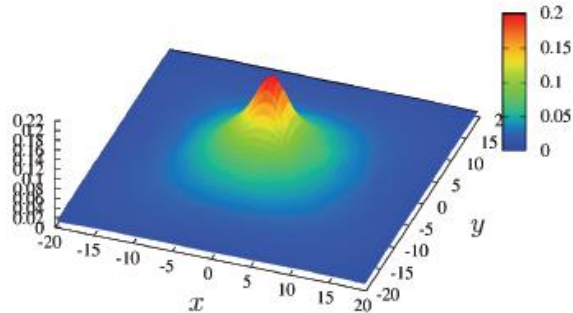
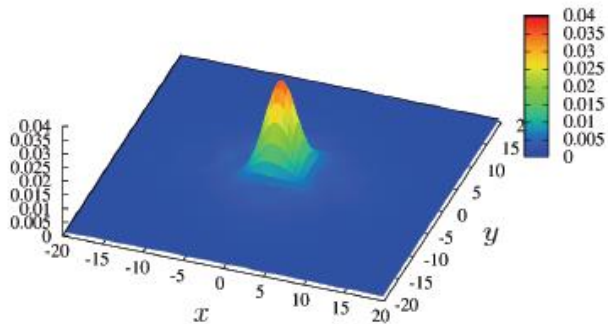
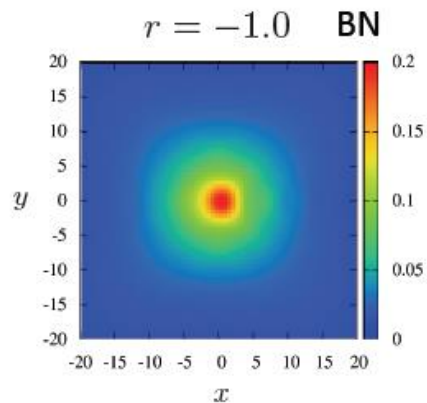
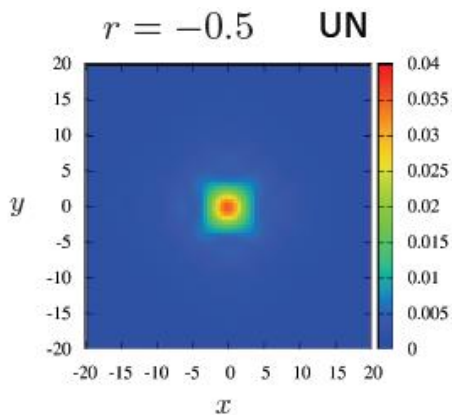
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# Topological Superfluidity

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## Majorana zero mode in a vortex core



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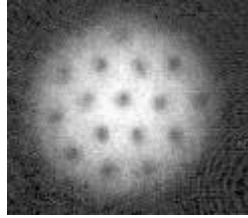
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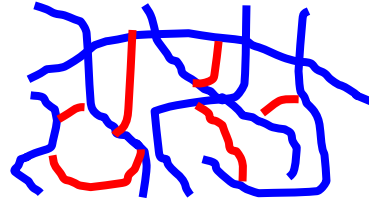
## Neutron ${}^3\text{P}_2$ superfluid in a neutron star

- Ground state Uniaxial nematic  $H \leq 10^{14} \text{ G}$   
 $D_2$  Biaxial nematic  $10^{14} \text{ G} \leq H \leq 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ G}$   
 $D_4$  Biaxial nematic  $H \geq 3 \times 10^{15} \text{ G}$

## 2. Integer vortices -- ordinary neutron stars

Half-quantized non-Abelian vortices -- magnetars

Magnetization  $10^{8-9} \text{ G}$  @core



## 3. Topological Superfluidity

Majorana fermion on a surface – anisotropic magnetization

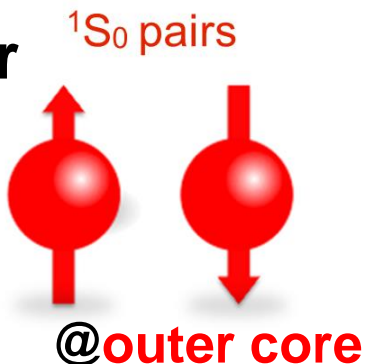
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future: a novel non-Abelian anyon: two origins of non-commutativity



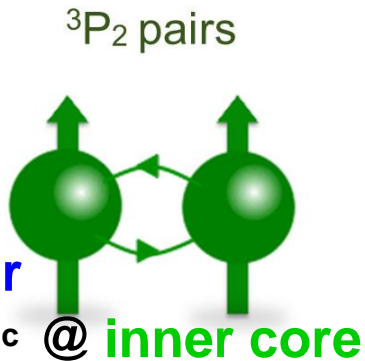
order parameter

$$A_{\mu i}$$

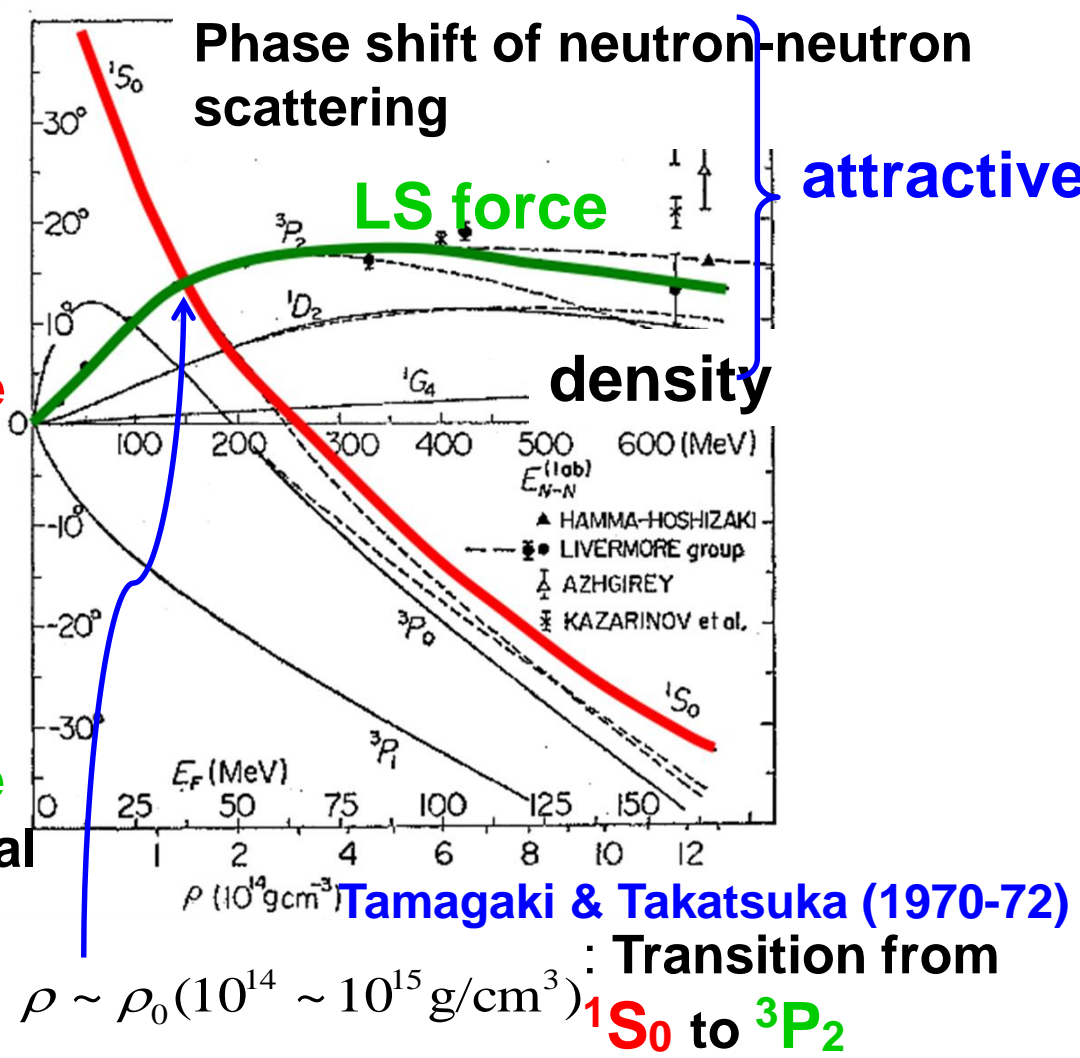
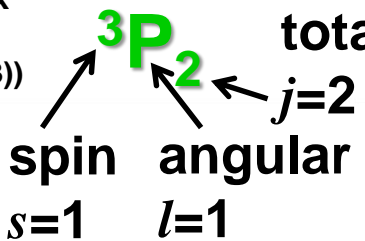


$$A_{\mu i}$$

spin angular

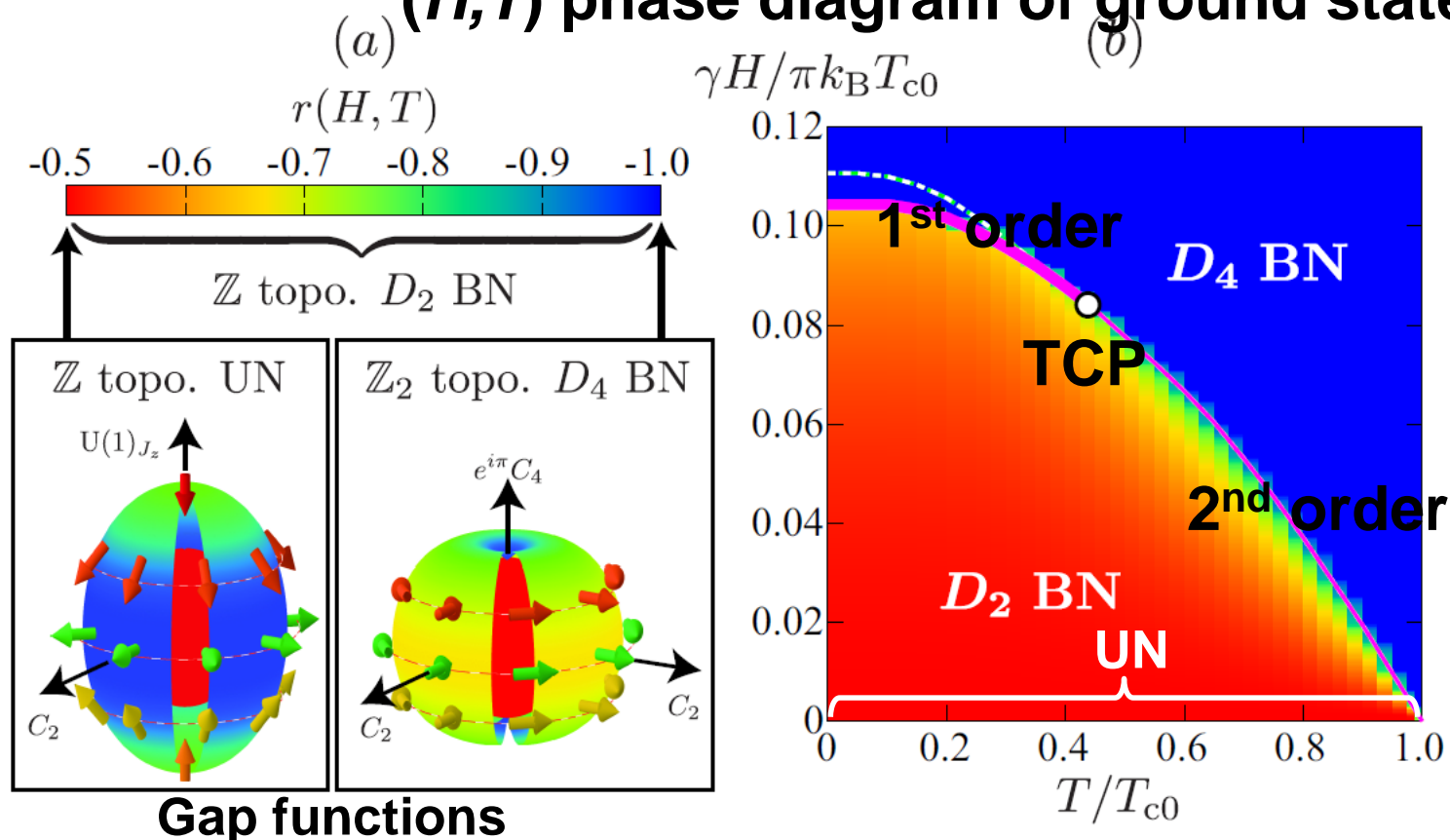


traceless symmetric  
3x3 complex matrix  
# fields  
= complex 5 (of SO(3))



# Topological Superfluidity Mizushima, Masuda & MN, in prep

Bogoliubov-de Gennes equation + quasi-classical (linear) approx  
**(H, T) phase diagram of ground states**



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$^3\text{P}_2$  superfluids are **topological**: cf: planar phase of  $^3\text{He}$

**no  $H$** , **DIII** 3d topology **UN &  $D_2$  BN:  $\mathbb{Z}$**   **$D_4$  BN:  $\mathbb{Z}_2$**

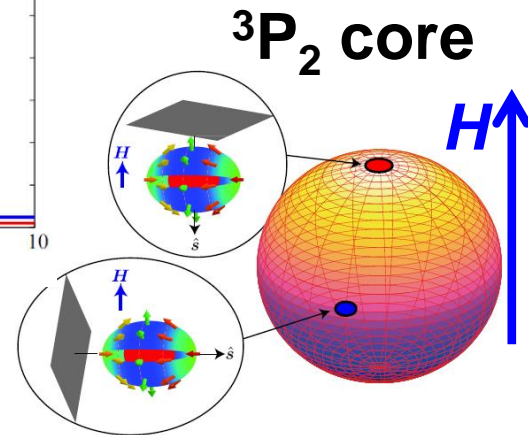
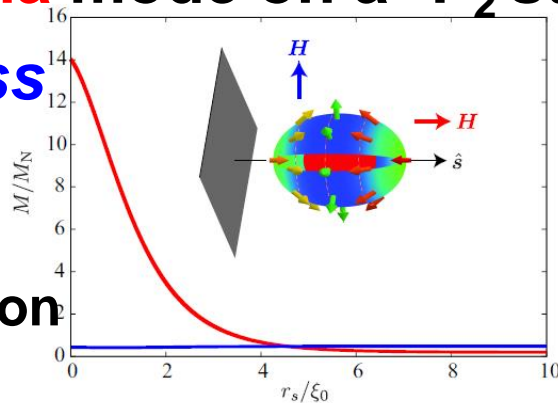
$$w_{3d} = \int \frac{d^3k}{12\pi^3} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\eta} \epsilon_{ijkl} \hat{m}_i \partial_{k\mu} \hat{m}_j \partial_{k\nu} \hat{m}_k \partial_{k\eta} \hat{m}_l = -1 \quad \nu = (-1)^{w_{3d}} = -1$$

→ **gapless Majorana** mode on a  $^3\text{P}_2$  surface

**$H \parallel$  surface** → **gapless**

**$H \perp$  surface** → **gapful**

↓  
magnetization



In a neutron star core,  
**anisotropic magnetization** on surface

