

Fermionic zero modes in baby Skyrme models

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Motivation

- The baby Skyrme model is a Skyrme-type model in $2 + 1$ dimensions.
- Static solutions are classified by a winding number.
- Stability of solutions requires a potential term.
- $\mathcal{L}_{bS} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4$.
- It has applications from condensed matter to cosmology.
- SUSY version of the model \rightarrow canonical way of introducing fermions
- We can relate SUSY transformations with the BPS structure of the model (BPS restriction).
- Our goal: how to get some information about the fermionic zero modes in the SUSY model?

without SUSY

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Baby Skyrme Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\lambda_2}{4} \partial_\mu \vec{\phi} \partial^\mu \vec{\phi} - \frac{\lambda_4}{8} \left(\partial_\mu \vec{\phi} \times \partial_\nu \vec{\phi} \right)^2 - \lambda_0 \mathcal{V}(\phi^3)$$

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After stereographic projection and $\lambda_2 = 0$ BPS submodel \rightarrow

$$\mathcal{L}_{BBS} = -\frac{1}{(1+u\bar{u})^4} \left((\partial_\mu u \partial^\mu \bar{u})^2 - (\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2 \right) - \mathcal{V}(u\bar{u})$$

Energy in terms of holomorphic/antiholomorphic derivatives

$$E = \frac{1}{4} \int d^2x \left(\frac{(|\partial u|^2 - |\bar{\partial} u|^2)^2}{(1+u\bar{u})^4} + 4\mathcal{V}(u\bar{u}) \right)$$

where $\partial = \partial_1 + i\partial_2$. Therefore...

$$E \geq \mp 4\pi \int d^2x \sqrt{V(u, \bar{u})} Q, \quad Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{(|\partial u|^2 - |\bar{\partial} u|^2)}{(1 + u\bar{u})^2}$$

Q is the degree of u . The energy bound is saturated if

$$\partial u = e^{i\eta} \sqrt{\sqrt{V(u, \bar{u})} (1 + u\bar{u})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (|\partial u|^2 + |\bar{\partial} u|^2)}$$

and η a free phase (\mathcal{L} invariant under $u \rightarrow e^{i\eta} u$). This is the BPS equation of the model (keep in mind!). Let's move to SUSY BPS baby.

The SUSY baby Skyrme model

$$\mathcal{L}_{BbS}^{\text{SUSY}} = \int d^4\theta K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) + \int d^4\theta H(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) D^\alpha \Phi D_\alpha \Phi \bar{D}^{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger$$

$$\Phi = u + i\theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}\partial_\mu u + \frac{1}{4}\theta\theta\bar{\theta}\bar{\theta}\square u + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta\theta\partial_\mu\psi\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta} + \theta\theta F$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{BbS}^{\text{SUSY}} &= g(u, \bar{u}) (\partial^\mu u \partial_\mu \bar{u} + F\bar{F}) + \\ &+ h(u, \bar{u}) \left((\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2 + 2F\bar{F} \partial^\mu \bar{u} \partial_\mu u + (F\bar{F})^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Solve eom's for F

- $F = 0$

- $F = e^{i\eta} \sqrt{-\partial_\mu u \partial^\mu \bar{u} - \frac{g(u, \bar{u})}{2h(u, \bar{u})}}$

Take the non-zero solution and substitute (with the choice $h = 1/(1 + u\bar{u})^4$) Finally:

$$\mathcal{L}_{BbS}^{\text{SUSY}} = h(u, \bar{u}) ((\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2 - (\partial^\mu \bar{u} \partial_\mu u)^2) - \frac{g(u, \bar{u})^2}{4h(u, \bar{u})}$$

- No σ -model term.
- The potential term comes from the Kähler metric g .
- No $N = 2$ baby model (with quadratic term)?
- The BPS equation in the SUSY model is simply

$$\partial u = F$$

Fermions

Taking into account the fermions we get

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \int d^4\theta K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) = g(u, \bar{u}) \left(\partial^\mu u \partial_\mu \bar{u} - \frac{i}{2} \psi \sigma^\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu \bar{\psi} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{i}{2} \mathcal{D}^\mu \psi \sigma_\mu \bar{\psi} + F \bar{F} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\psi \bar{\psi})^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_4^0 &= \int d^4\theta H(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) D^\alpha \Phi D_\alpha \Phi \bar{D}^{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger |_{0\text{-der}} = \\ &h(u, \bar{u}) ((\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2 + 2F \bar{F} \partial^\mu u \partial_\nu \bar{u} + (F \bar{F})^2) \\ &+ \frac{i}{2} \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} (\bar{u}_{,\mu} \square u - u_{,\mu} \square \bar{u}) \\ &- \frac{i}{2} \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi}{}^{\nu} u_{,\mu} \bar{u}_{,\nu} - i \psi{}^\mu \sigma^\nu \bar{\psi} u_{,\mu} \bar{u}_{,\nu} - \frac{i}{2} \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\rho \sigma^\nu \bar{\psi}{}_{,\nu} u_{,\mu} \bar{u}_{,\rho} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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& + \frac{3i}{2} F \bar{F} (\psi_{,\mu} \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} - \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi}_{,\mu}) + \frac{i}{2} \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} (F \bar{F}_{,\mu} - \bar{F} F_{,\mu}) \\
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\mathcal{L}_4^1 &= \partial_u h(u, \bar{u}) \left(\frac{1}{2} F \bar{F}^2 \psi^2 - \frac{1}{2} F \psi^2 (\bar{u}_{,\nu})^2 + i \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} \partial_\mu \psi \right. \\
& \quad - i \sqrt{2} (\bar{u}_{,\mu})^2 \bar{\sigma}^\nu \psi^2 u_{,\nu} \\
& \quad - 2i F \bar{F} \bar{u}_{,\mu} \psi \sigma^\mu \psi - 2 F \bar{u}_{,\mu} \psi \bar{\psi} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma_\nu u_{,\nu} + 2i \psi \bar{\psi} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\rho u_{,\mu} \bar{u}_{,\nu} u_{,\rho} \\
& \quad \left. + 2 F \bar{F} \psi \sigma^\mu \bar{\psi} u_{,\mu} - F \bar{\psi}^2 \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu u_{,\mu} u_{,\mu} + \bar{F} \psi^2 \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \bar{u}_{,\mu} u_{,\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\psi)^3 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

+ 19 terms more.

- The auxiliary field F becomes dynamical.
- No trivial solution for F (due to linear terms).
- Even at quadratic order in fermions it is difficult to obtain information from eom's.
- We can use SUSY transformations to obtain fermionic zero modes from bosonic solutions.

$$\delta\psi^\alpha = \partial^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} u \bar{\xi}_{\dot{\alpha}} + F\xi^\alpha$$

Preservation of (a fraction of SUSY) $\Rightarrow \delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{on-shell}} = 0$. In terms holomorphic/antiholomorphic derivatives

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where

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Therefore

$$\delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{on-shell}} = \rho^\alpha \partial u + \eta^\alpha \bar{\partial} u$$

- If $\partial u \neq e^{i\eta} F$, $\delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{on-shell}} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho^\alpha = \eta^\alpha = \xi^\alpha = 0$ and SUSY is not generically preserved.
- If $\partial u = e^{i\eta} F$, $\delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{on-shell}} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho^\alpha = \eta^\alpha = 0$, η^α has 1 d.o.f. and ρ^α has 2 d.o.f. \Rightarrow 3 SUSY generators are broken \Rightarrow solutions are 1/4 SUSY (equiv. $\dim \text{Ker} \delta = 1$).
- 3 generators broken \Rightarrow 3 goldstone fermions (fermionic zero modes).

In the background of the BPS solutions we have obtained:

$\delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{on-shell}} = \rho^\alpha \partial u + \eta^\alpha \bar{\partial} u$ and 3 Grassmann parameters leads to three fermionic d.o.f.

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \chi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \bar{\partial} u, \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial u, \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \zeta_2 \end{pmatrix} \partial u \right\}$$

In the symmetric *ansatz* $u = f(r)e^{in\varphi}$ with boundary conditions

$$f(r=0) = \infty, \quad f(r=R) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'(r=R) = 0$$

$R = \text{finite}, \infty$ for a compact or non-compact solution respect. The fermionic zero modes can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\chi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{i(n-1)\theta}(rf'(r)+nf(r))}{r} \\ \frac{1}{2}\zeta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{i(n+1)\varphi}(rf'(r)-nf(r))}{r} \\ \frac{1}{2}\zeta_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{i(n+1)\varphi}(rf'(r)-nf(r))}{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $R = \infty$ (non compact solution), $\delta\psi^\alpha|_{\text{BPS}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho^\alpha = \eta^\alpha = 0$, 1/4 SUSY in \mathbb{R}^2 .
- if $R = \text{finite}$, we have $f'(r) = f(r) = 0$ for $r \geq R \Rightarrow$ 1/4 SUSY inside the compacton, but 1 SUSY outside.
 - \Rightarrow fermionic zero modes only exist inside the compacton

Let us take the following potential:

$$\mathcal{V}(u, \bar{u}) = \left(\frac{u\bar{u}}{1+u\bar{u}} \right)^s, \quad s \in (1, 2)$$

The corresponding Kähler potential in the SUSY model is given by

$$K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) = 8 \frac{(\Phi\Phi^\dagger)^{\frac{s+2}{2}}}{(s+2)^2} {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{s+2}{2}, \frac{s+2}{2}, \frac{s+4}{2}, -\Phi^\dagger\Phi \right).$$

For the $n = 1$ charge solution we get the following profile function:

$$f(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2-s}}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)^{-\frac{2}{s-2}}}}, & 0 \leq r \leq R \\ 0, & r \geq R \end{cases}$$

Compacton radius $R^2 = 4/(2-s)$.

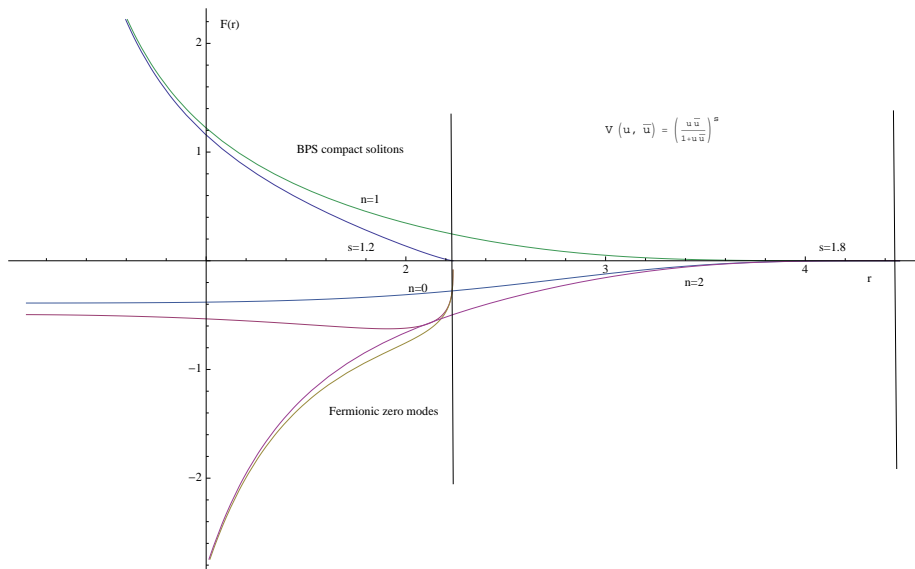


Figure: BPS compact solitons and fermionic zero modes

- Non-compact BPS solutions \Rightarrow fermion zero modes are spread throughout space.
- Compact BPS solutions \Rightarrow fermion zero modes are confined to the compacton.

How general is this statement?

Let us consider the following action:

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^4\theta K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) + \int d^4\theta H(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) D^\alpha \Phi D_\alpha \Phi \bar{D}^{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger + \left(\lambda \int d^2\theta W(\Phi) + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

Expanding for small λ

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{(1)} &= g(u, \bar{u}) u_{,\mu} \bar{u}^{,\mu} + h(u, \bar{u}) (u_{,\mu}^2) (\bar{u}_{,\nu})^2 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \\ \mathcal{L}^{(2)} &= h(u, \bar{u}) \left((u_{,\mu})^2 (\bar{u}_{,\nu})^2 - (u_{,\mu} \bar{u}^{,\mu})^2 \right) - \frac{g(u, \bar{u})^2}{4h(u, \bar{u})} \\ &\quad + 2\lambda |W'| \sqrt{-\frac{g(u, \bar{u})}{2h(u, \bar{u})}} - u_{,\mu} \bar{u}^{,\mu} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \\ \mathcal{L}^{(3)} &= h(u, \bar{u}) \left((u_{,\mu})^2 (\bar{u}_{,\nu})^2 - (u_{,\mu} \bar{u}^{,\mu})^2 \right) - \frac{g(u, \bar{u})^2}{4h(u, \bar{u})} \\ &\quad - 2\lambda |W'| \sqrt{-\frac{g(u, \bar{u})}{2h(u, \bar{u})}} - u_{,\mu} \bar{u}^{,\mu} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \end{aligned}$$

Let us choose $W'(\bar{u}) = m\bar{u}^l + \text{higher powers}$. In a compacton configuration the profile function must behave close to the boundary as

$$f(r) = \beta \left(\frac{r - R}{R} \right)^\epsilon$$

Table: SUSY transformation at the boundary

	$\lim_{r \rightarrow R} \delta\psi^\alpha$
$l > \min(2 - \frac{2}{\epsilon}, s)$	0
$l < \min(2 - \frac{2}{\epsilon}, s)$	∞
$l = \min(2 - \frac{2}{\epsilon}, s)$	$C\xi^\alpha$

In the third case the fermionic zero modes exist beyond the compacton support!

SUSY baby Skyrme with quadratic term

We will use a trick (M. Nitta, S. Sasaki, Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) no.10, 105001) to construct the $N = 2$ version of the full baby Skyrme model. SUSY Lagrangian again

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) + \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} \Lambda D^\alpha \Phi D_\alpha \Phi \bar{D}^{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger$$

where Λ is an unknown function of superfields and derivatives. Solving for F

$$F = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F\bar{F} = -\frac{g}{2\Lambda_0} - \partial_\mu u \partial^\mu \bar{u}$$

Substituting the trivial solution (this procedure works also for the non-trivial one)

$$\mathcal{L}|_{\text{on-shell}} = g \partial_\mu u \partial^\mu \bar{u} + \Lambda_0 (\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2$$

Now force this Lagrangian to be the one corresponding to the full baby Skyrme model and solve for Λ_0 .

$$\Lambda_0 = - \frac{V(u, \bar{u}) + h(u, \bar{u}) (\partial_\mu u \partial^\mu \bar{u})^2 - h(u, \bar{u}) (\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2}{(\partial_\mu u)^2 (\partial_\nu \bar{u})^2}$$

promoting to superfields

$$\Lambda = - \frac{V(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) + h(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) (\partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^\dagger)^2 - h(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) (\partial_\mu \Phi)^2 (\partial_\nu \Phi^\dagger)^2}{(\partial_\mu \Phi)^2 (\partial_\nu \Phi^\dagger)^2}$$

(the term with four superderivatives saturates the Grassmannian integration for the bosonic sector). So, with this choice of Λ

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} K(\Phi, \Phi^\dagger) + \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} \Lambda D^\alpha \Phi D_\alpha \Phi \bar{D}^{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \Phi^\dagger$$

generates the SUSY baby Skyrme model with quadratic term in the canonical branch ($F = 0$).

Conclusions

- We have studied the SUSY BPS baby Skyrme model.
- Generic BPS solutions preserve 1/4 SUSY.
- We have determined the fermion zero modes in the background of BPS solutions
 - Non-compact BPS solutions \Rightarrow fermion zero modes exist throughout space.
 - Compact BPS solutions \Rightarrow fermion zero modes are confined to the compacton support \Rightarrow restoration of SUSY outside the compacton.
- This behavior was observed for SUSY cosmic strings with higher derivative terms: Phys.Lett. B755 (2016) 498-503.
- The addition of a D-term allows for the "deconfinement" of fermion zero modes even in the background of a compact solution.

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