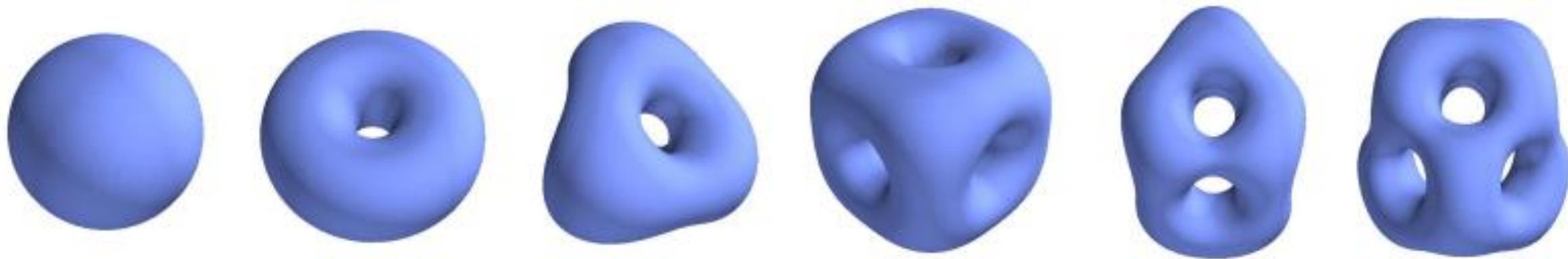


# False vacuum Skrymions revisited

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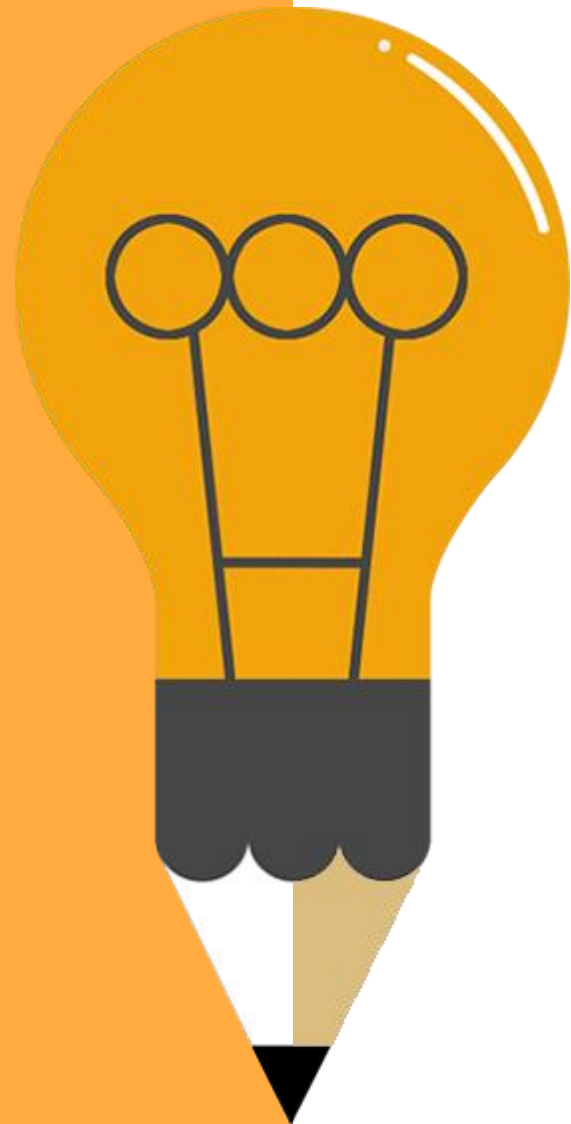
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# Standard Skyrme model

The Skyrme model is a nonlinear effective field theory at the low energy regime for the triplet of pions defined in the 3+1 Minkowski space, defined by the Lagrangian

$$L_{\text{Skyrme}} = \int d^3x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (R_\mu R^\mu) + \frac{1}{16} \text{Tr} ([R_\mu, R_\nu] [R^\mu, R^\nu]) \right]$$

where the energy and length units are  $f_\pi/(4 e)$  and  $2/(e f_\pi)$ , respectively.

**Maur Cartan form**  $R_\mu = \partial_\mu U U^\dagger \in su(2)$

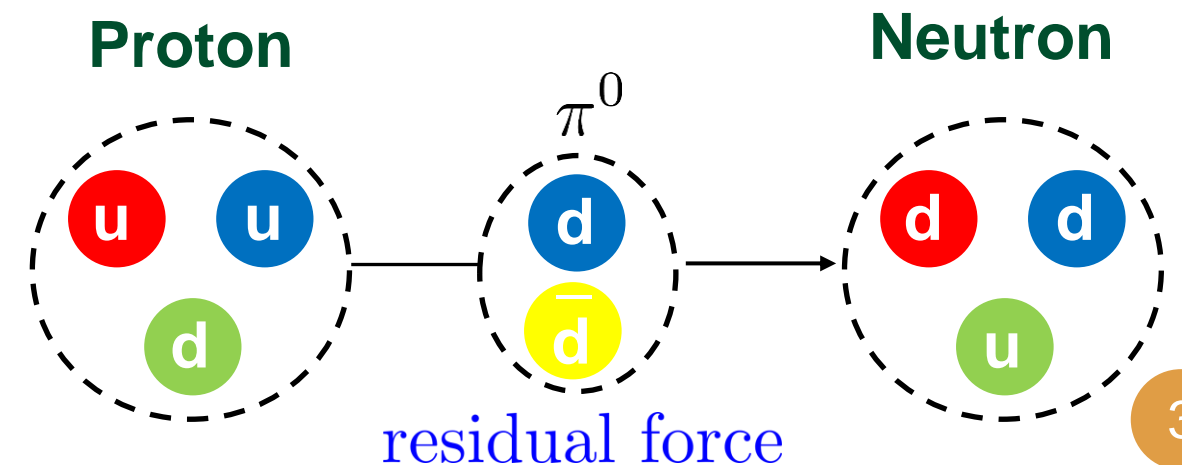
**Skyrme field is an SU(2)-valued scalar field**  $U(\mathbf{x}, t) = \phi_0 + i \vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\tau} \in SU(2)$

↖ triplet of pion fields  
↘ triplet of Pauli matrices  
↙ field constraint ( $\phi_0^2 + \vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\phi} = 1$ )

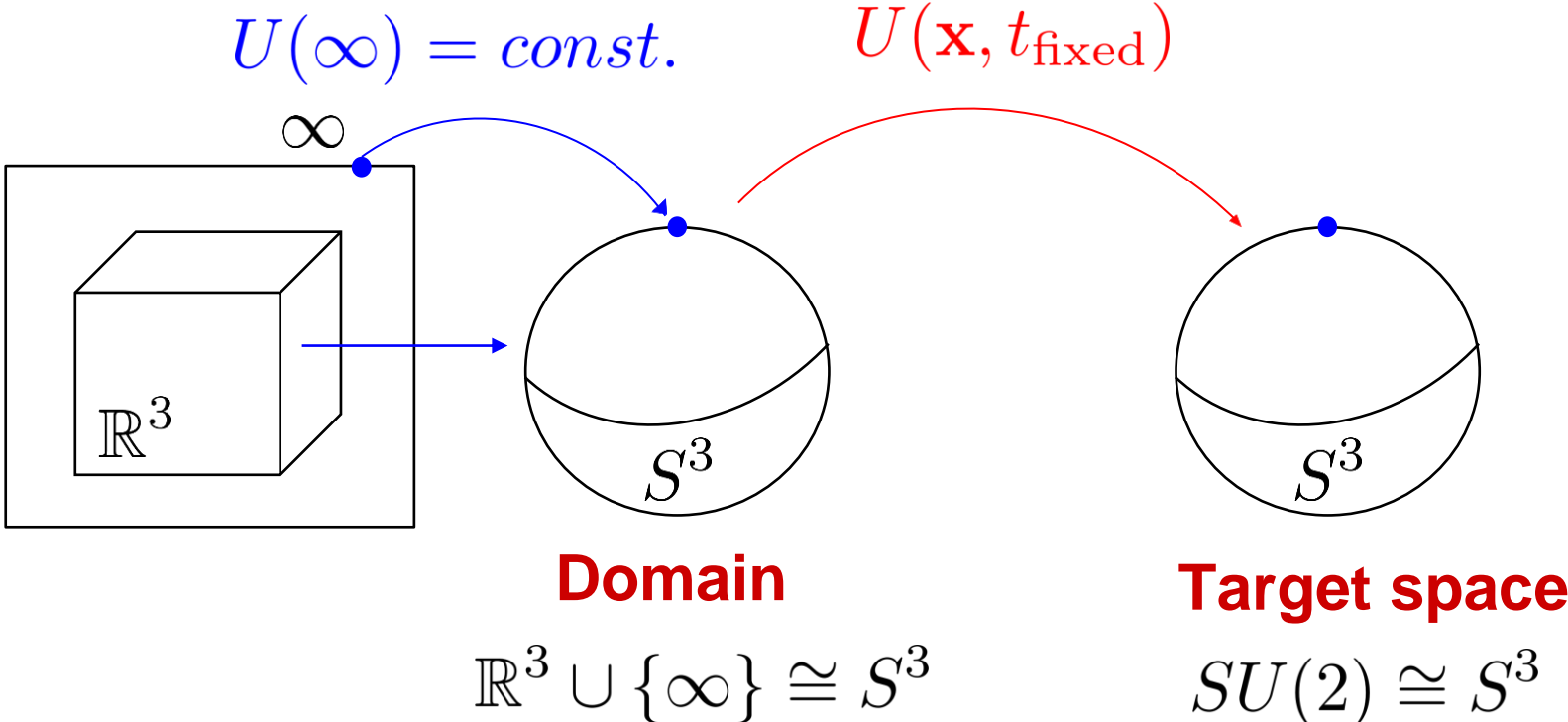
## Internal symmetries

Global  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  chiral symmetry

$$U \rightarrow g_L U g_R, \quad \forall g_L, g_R \in SU(2)$$



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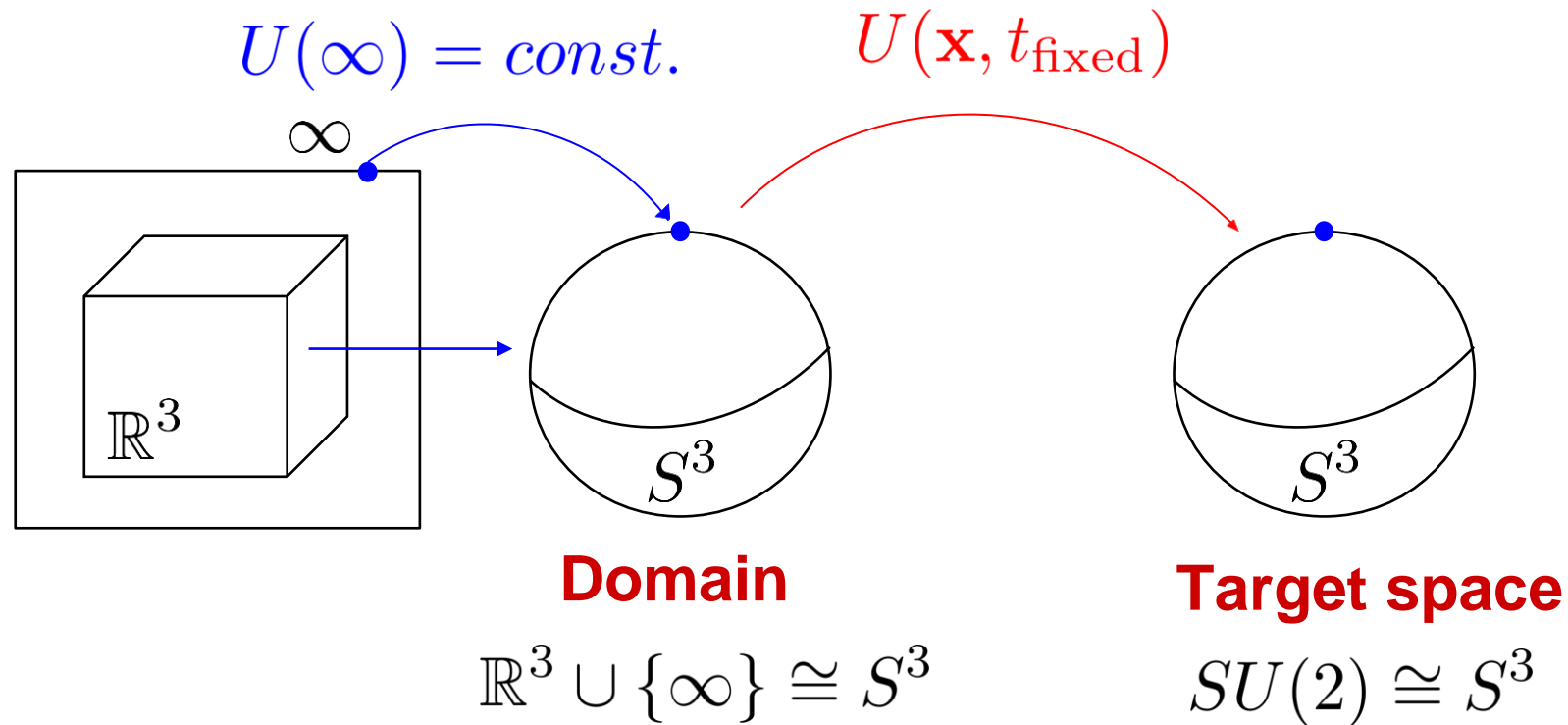
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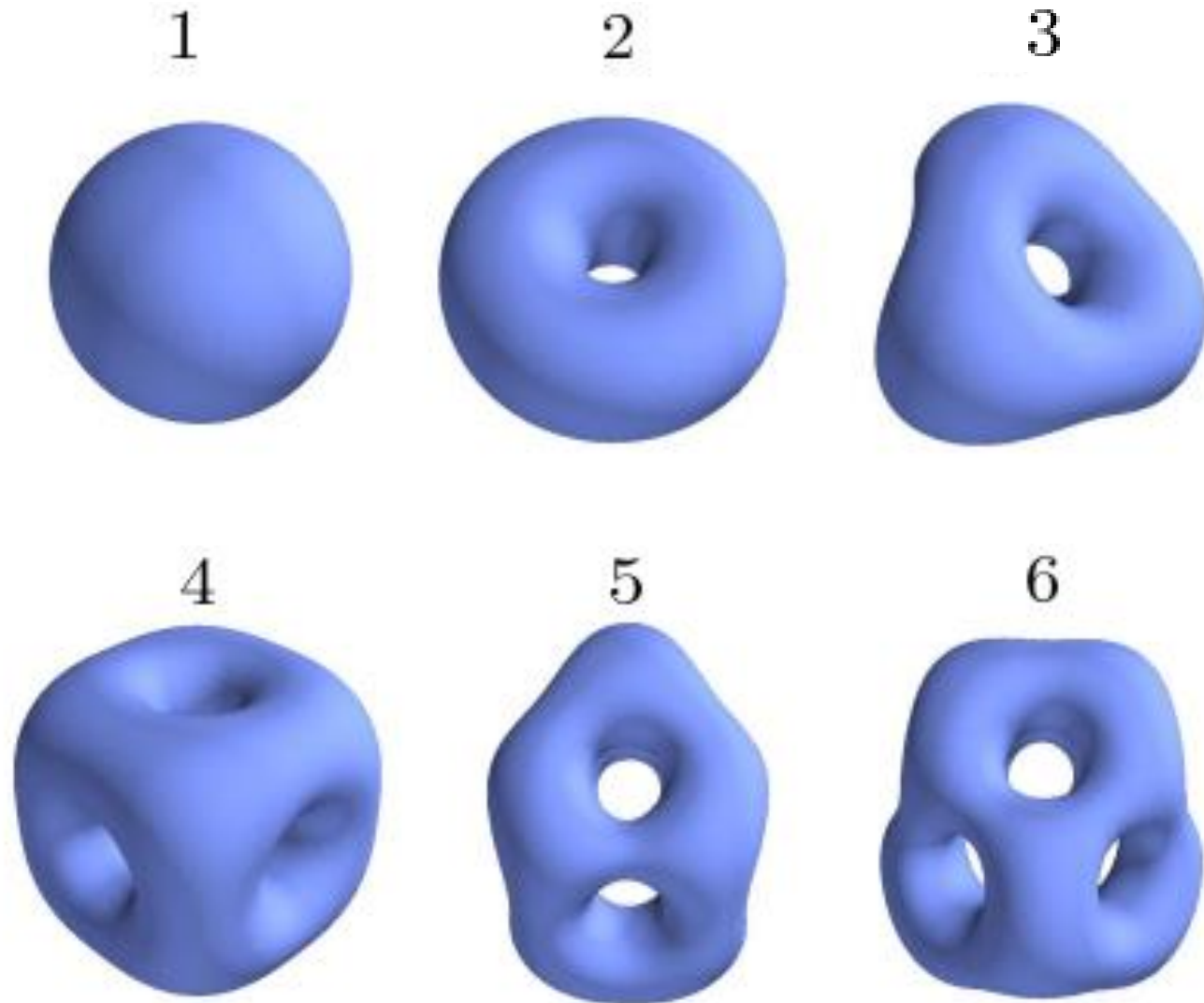
Usual pion mass potential  $V(U) = m^2 \text{Tr}(\mathbb{1} - U) \geq 0 \implies$  Vacuum conf.  $U = \mathbb{1}$

The  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry breaks to its  $SU(2)$  diagonal subgroup  $U \rightarrow g U g^{-1}, \quad \forall g \in SU(2)$

# Standard Skyrmions

By convenience, let us denote the static energy in topological charge units, i.e.  $E \rightarrow E/(12\pi^2)$ .

## Isosurfaces of topological charge density



$Q$	Sym.	$E/Q$	$E_{\text{rational}}/Q$	$E_B$
1	$O(3)$	1.232	1.232	0
2	$D_{\infty h}$	1.1791	1.208	0.0531
3	$T_d$	1.1462	1.184	0.0860
4	$O_h$	1.1201	1.137	0.1121
5	$O_{2d}$	1.1172	1.147	0.1150
6	$D_{4d}$	1.1079	1.137	0.1243

$\sim 10\% E/Q$

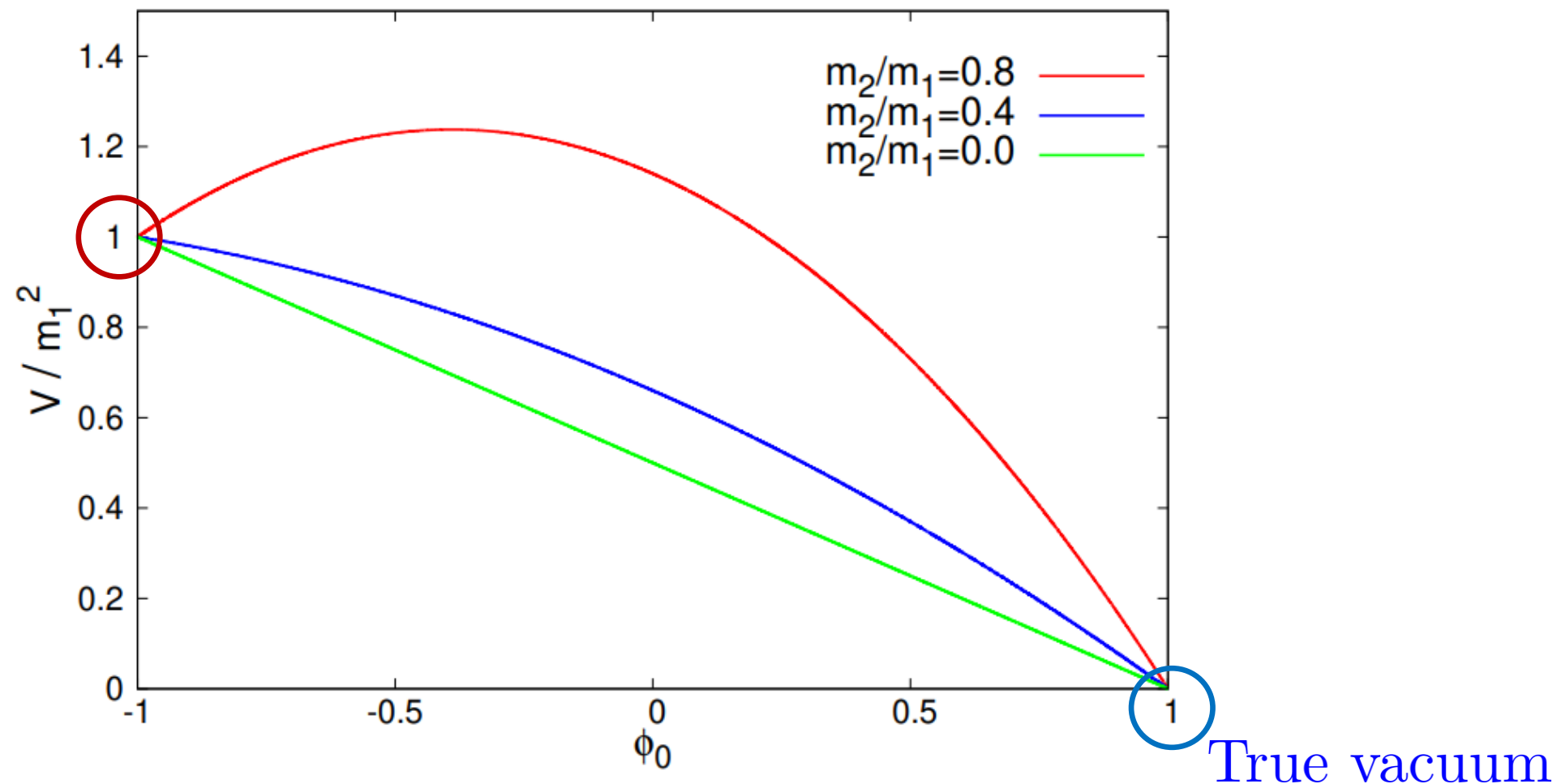
\*Binding energy per topological charge unit:  $E_B \equiv E_{Q=1} - E/Q$

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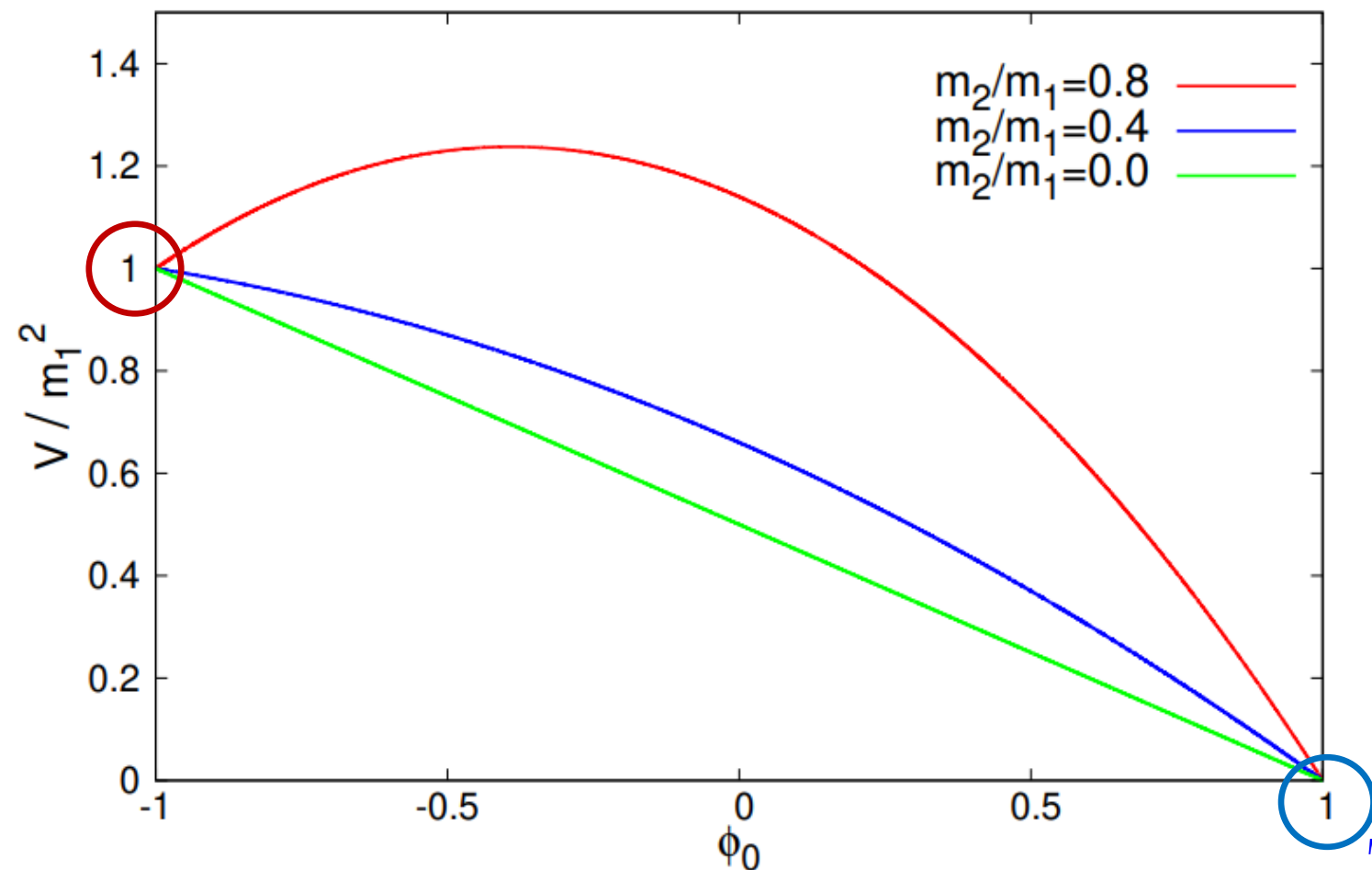


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Fate of the false monopoles: Induced vacuum decay,  
Phys. Rev. D 82, 025022 (2010).

Field conf. obtained **inside the rational map ansatz**

**Q = 1** : Solutions of the E.L. were obtained inside the rational map ansatz.

**Q ≥ 2** : Approx. of the false vacuum Skyrmions were constructed by minimizing the Hamiltonian inside the rational map ansatz.

True vacuum



# Effective potential

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$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \vec{v} + m_{\text{eff}}^2(l) \vec{v} = 0, \quad m_{\text{eff}}(l) \equiv \sqrt{m_2^2 + (-1)^l \frac{m_1^2}{4}} > 0 \text{ iff } \begin{cases} l = 0 \text{ and } m_1^2 \neq 0 \neq m_2^2 \\ l = 1 \text{ and } \underline{m_1^2 < 4 m_2^2} \end{cases}$$

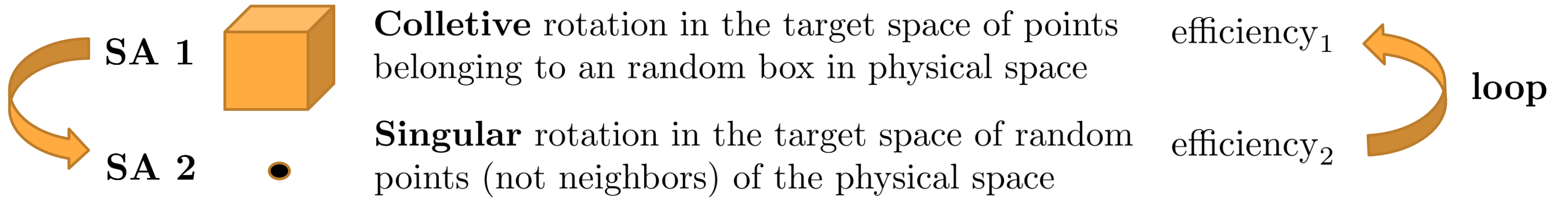
If  $m_1^2 > 4 m_2^2$ , then  $m_{\text{eff}}$  is a pure imaginary number.

$U = -\mathbb{1}$  is local minima of  $V$  

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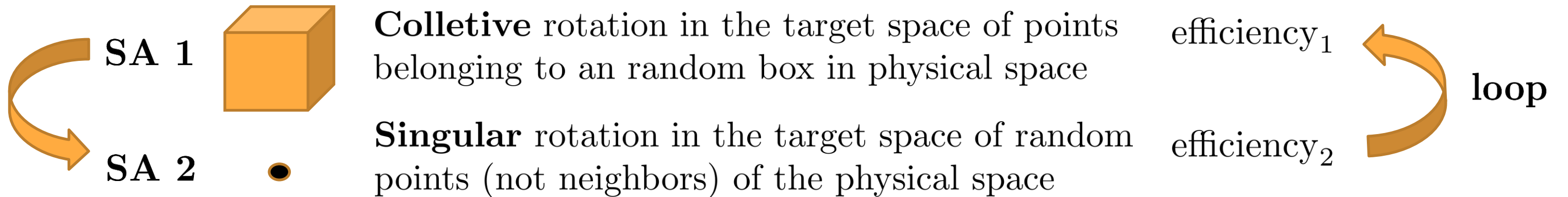
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**RMS radius**

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{Q} \int d^3 x r^2 Q}$$

**Derrick's factor**

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{E_4 - E_2 - 3E_0}{E_4 + E_2 + E_0}$$

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Standard $Q = 3$ Skymion	0.0	0.0	0.0000	-3.50	0.245
Massive $Q = 3$ Skymion	0.5	0.0	0.2500	-3.65	0.255
False vac. $Q = 3$ Skymion	0.5	0.5	0.4330	-3.56	0.262
False vac. $Q = 3$ Skymion	0.5	2.5	2.4875	-6.99	0.790
False vac. $Q = 3$ Skymion	0.5	10.0	9.9969	-15.22	4.036

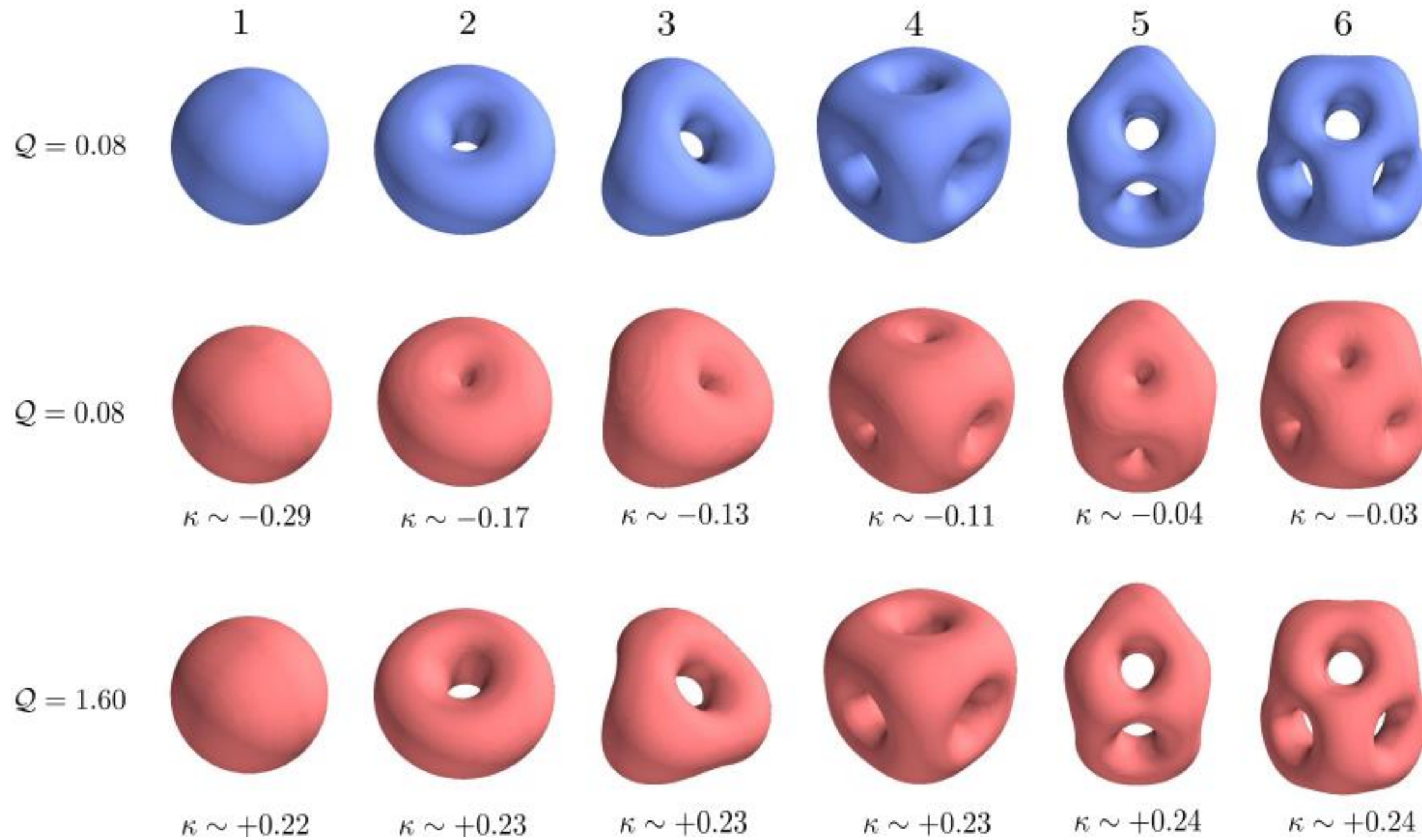
**max**                      **min**

$Q_+ = \max_{\mathbb{R}^3} (Q), Q_- = \min_{\mathbb{R}^3} (Q)$

For both cases:  $m_{\text{eff}}$  increases

$Q_+$  and  $|Q_-|$  increases

# Skyrmions and false vacuum Skyrmions



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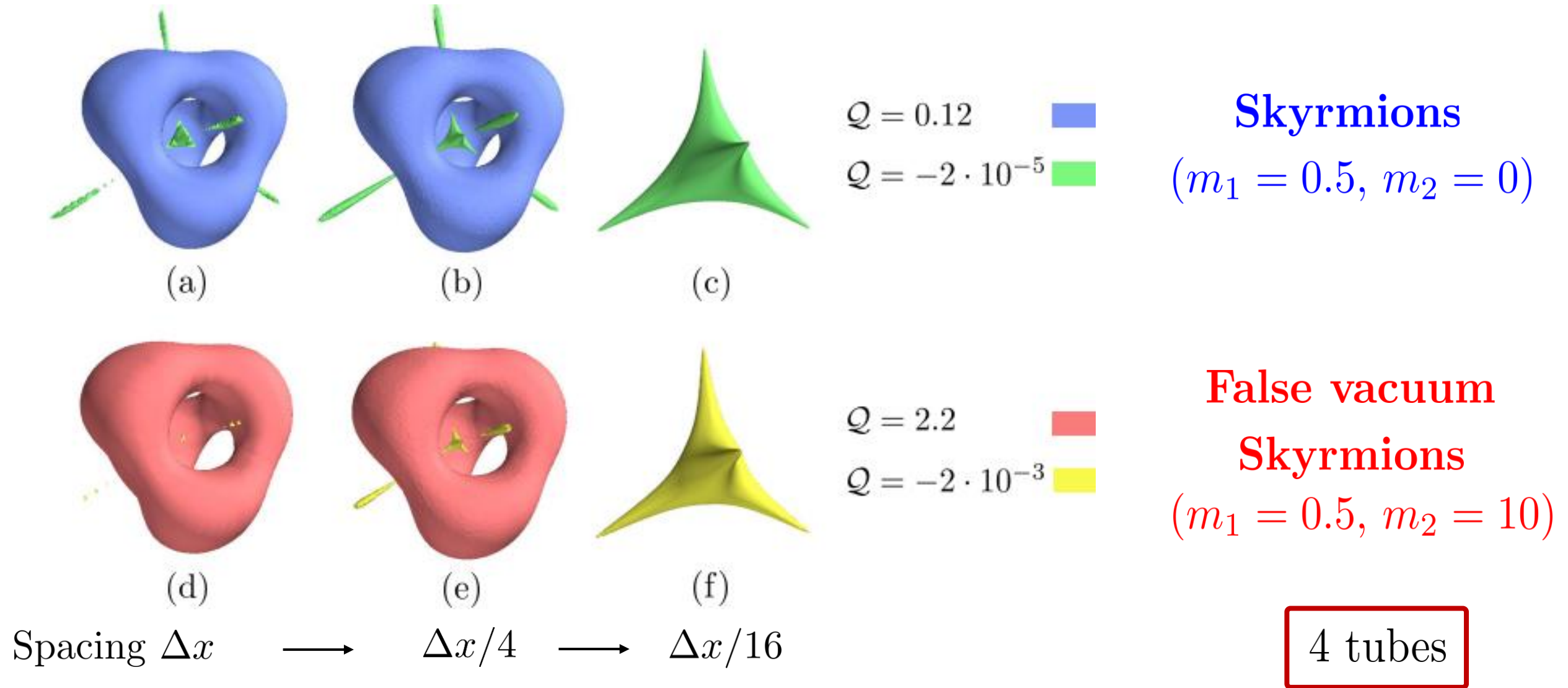
**False vacuum Skyrmions**  
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\* $\kappa$  is a zoom factor between the Skyrmions (in blue) and the false vacuum Skyrmions (in red).  
 For  $\kappa > 0$  ( $\kappa < 0$ ) we are more close (distant) of the center of the soliton.



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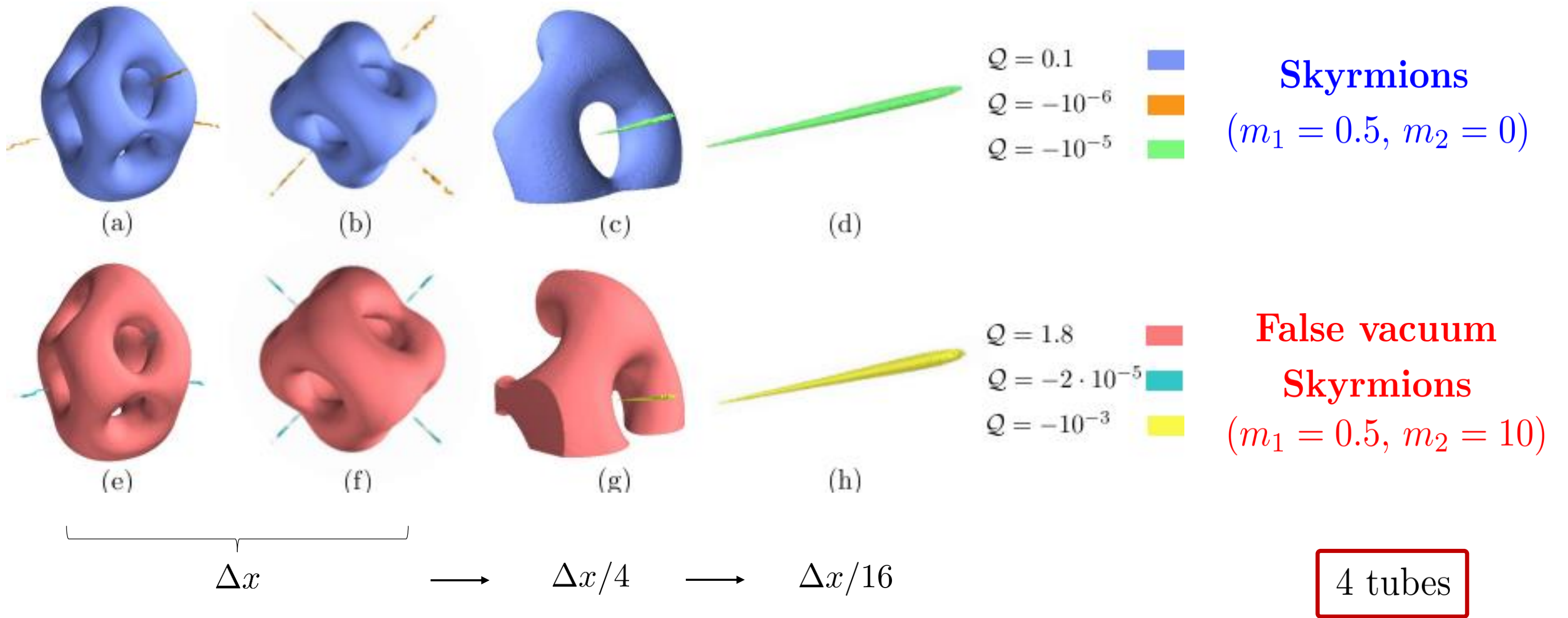
Obtain the Skyrmion  $\rightarrow$  select a lattice region  $\rightarrow$  3D interpolation  $\rightarrow$  SA



For the  $Q = 3$ -Skyrmions such structure were previously observed in: J. Phys. A 46, 265401 (2013)

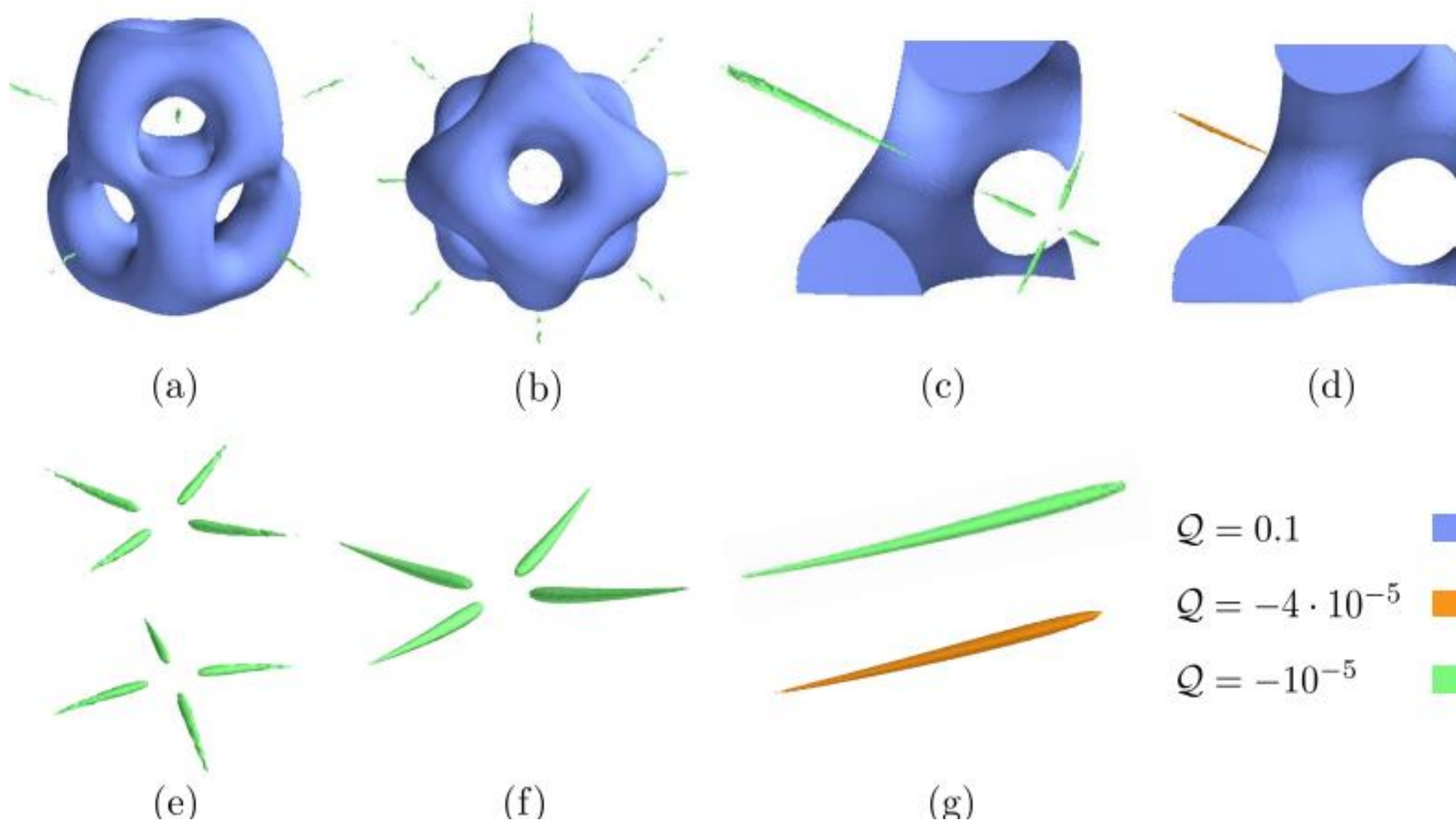
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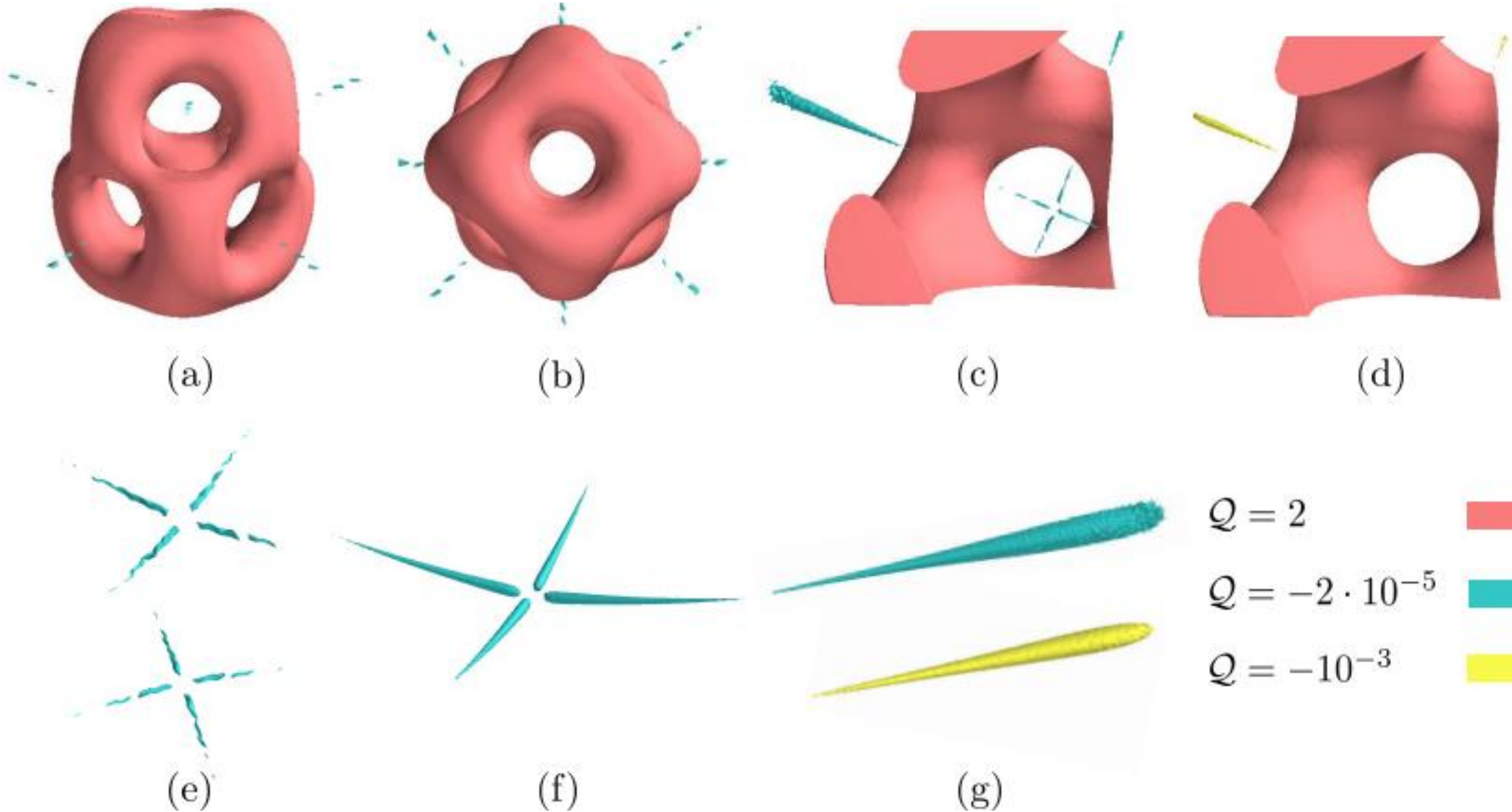


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# False vacuum Q=6-Skyrmion



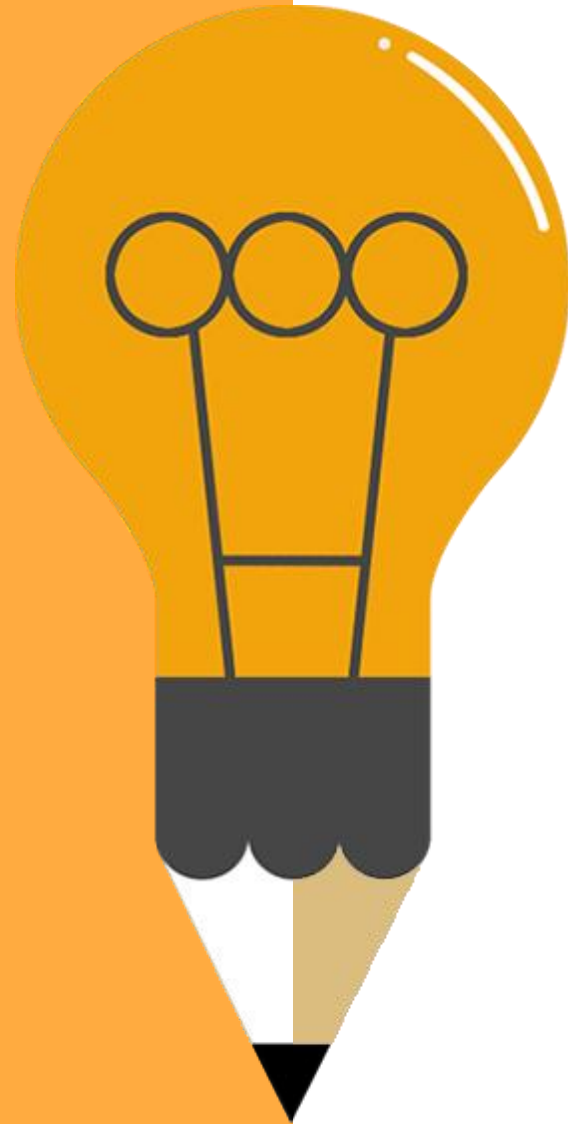
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# Conclusion



1

We have obtained false vacuum Skyrmons with  $Q=1-6$  using 3D simulated annealing method.

2

As the effective mass remains positive, the shapes of the soliton solutions for both the Skyrmons and false vacuum Skyrmons are qualitative similar.

3

We explored numerically very small regions of negative topological density which appear for the solutions with degrees  $Q = 3, 5, 6$ . For  $Q=1, 2, 4$  such structures were not found.

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## Interesting ways to proceed

- False vacuum Skyrmons of higher degrees.
- Introduction of the sextic term in the space-time derivatives.
- Study false vacuum Skyrmons stability.
- The  $U(1)$  gauged Skyrme model + false vacuum potential.



Thank you