Skyrmions coupled with the electromagnetic field via the gauged Wess-Zumino term

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In soliton models expressed in terms of the non-linear chiral field, the electric current has an anomalous gauge-field contribution as the baryon current does. We study the spin polarized Skyrmions coupled with the electromagnetic field via the gauged Wess-Zumino term and calculate configurations of the Skyrmion and the gauge field with boundary conditions to ensure the physical charge number for baryons.

Although the electromagnetic field via the gauged Wess-Zumino term affects physical quantities in small amounts, we find that the magnetic field forms a dipole structure owing to a circular electric current around the spin quantization axis of the soliton. This is understood on an analogy with the Meissner effect in the super conductor. The electric charge distributions turn out to have characteristic structures depending on the total charge, which suggests the intrinsic deformation of baryons due to orbital motions of the constituents.

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INTRODUCTION

Of recent years the proton spin puzzle has attracted much attention. As reported in Ref. [1], the quark spin is found to be responsible for only a small amount of the proton spin. The gluon spin contribution is also estimated from the global analysis of the parton distribution function [2], but has yet large uncertainties. The experiment of polarized proton collision at RHIC in progress is expected to give some clue to the gluon spin content. Such being the situation, it is desirable to study the possibility that the orbital angular momentum may contribute to some extent to the proton spin and the orbital motion may induce intrinsic deformations of the baryons. Non-spherical components in baryons have been discussed in the context of the color magnetic interaction [3], the electromagnetic transition [4] and the generalized parton distribution [5].

Deformed baryon states are investigated also in soliton models [6, 7, 8]. Since the topological soliton is quantized to the fixed (iso-)spin states by rotation, the intrinsic deformations directly correlate with orbital motions in this description. Considering that the shape of the charge density is probed via the photon, we study the Skyrme model coupled with the electromagnetic field. Note that there are two kinds of terms which are brought about by the coupling of the gauge field; non-anomalous terms through covariant derivatives and anomalous terms through the gauged Wess-Zumino (WZ) term.

The gauge fields are minimally incorporated through the covariant derivatives. Using variation of an action obtained by the minimal replacement, the authors of Ref. [9] computed configurations of the gauge field as well as the soliton and estimated the magnetic moment. They found that the dipole magnetic field is generated around the soliton and the magnetic moment has reasonable value. However the topological current is not taken into account in their variational equations.

The topological baryon current is naturally incorporated in the Maxwell equation if one considers the gauged WZ term. The gauge fields affect the system not only through the covariant derivatives but also through the gauged WZ term, which is not obtained by the minimal replacement of derivatives in the WZ term. The gauged WZ term is designed to account for the non-conservation of the axial current by the anomaly and to describe correctly anomalous processes like \( \pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma \) in the pion sector. This term possibly influences the system also in the soliton sector. Above all, the gauged WZ term is indispensable to assure the gauge invariance of conserved currents like the baryon current and the electric current as well. Actually, the gauged WZ term provides an anomalous contribution of the magnetic field to the isospin charge of the soliton.

Although the electromagnetic field is usually treated perturbatively owing to the small coupling constant, it is worth estimating the anomalous contribution of the gauge field as the WZ term is essential for the anomalous baryon current. It is possible that the gauged WZ term exerts significant influences on the physical quantities of the isospin fixed solitons.
In this work, we adopt an action including the gauged WZ term and construct spin polarized Skyrmions with a proper electric charge imposing boundary conditions upon the chiral field and the gauge field. We calculate the configuration of these fields and study the properties of the spin polarized Skyrmions, particularly characteristic spatial structure of the electric charge, current and the magnetic field. Through these results, we discuss the intrinsic deformations of the charge density as well as the significance of the effects of the electromagnetic fields from the gauged WZ term in the soliton model.

THE SKYRME MODEL WITH THE GAUGED WESS-ZUMINO TERM

We present a model written in terms of the chiral field and the gauge fields. To make it manifest how the gauge fields are incorporated in the system, we consider a chirally gauged model first in a general context and then restrict ourselves to a model coupled with the electromagnetic field only. The action of the chiral field consists of the non-linear sigma term, the Skyrmie term with pion mass term and the Wess-Zumino term as

\[ S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{F_2^2}{16} \text{Tr}(D_\mu U D^\mu U^\dagger) + \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \text{Tr}[D_\mu U U^\dagger, D_\nu U U^\dagger]^2 + \frac{1}{8} m^2_\pi F_2^2 (\text{Tr} U - 2) \right) + \Gamma_{\text{WZ}}. \]

The Wess-Zumino term, \( \Gamma_{\text{WZ}} \), is expressed compactly by the use of differential forms as

\[ \Gamma_{\text{WZ}} = \frac{iN_c}{240\pi^2} \int \text{Tr}(U^\dagger dU)^5 \]

\[ + \frac{iN_c}{48\pi^2} \int \text{Tr} \left( (U^\dagger dU)^3 A_L - (U^\dagger dU)(A_L dA_L + dA_L A_L + A_L^2) - \frac{1}{2} (U^\dagger dU A_L)^2 - (U^\dagger dU)^2 A_R U A_L \right. \]

\[ \left. - dA_L (U^\dagger dU) U A_R U - (U^\dagger dU) A_L U A_R U A_L - (U^\dagger U A_R) (A_L dA_L + dA_L A_L + A_L^2) - \frac{1}{4} (U^\dagger A_R U A_L)^2 \right) \]

with the abbreviation p.c. for parity conjugate: \( U \leftrightarrow U^\dagger, A_L \leftrightarrow A_R \). The covariant derivative for the chiral field is defined as \( dx^\mu D_\mu U = dU + A_U U - U A_L \).

This action except the Wess-Zumino term and the pion mass term has the gauge symmetry and is invariant under the gauge transformation:

\[ U \rightarrow g_R U g_L^{-1}, \quad A_L \rightarrow g_L (A_L + d) g_L^{-1}, \quad A_R \rightarrow g_R (A_R + d) g_R^{-1}. \] (1)

The Wess-Zumino term is constructed so as to reproduce the chiral anomaly attended by this transformation and hence cannot be obtained by the minimal replacement of differential operators which makes an action gauge-invariant. The Noether current associated with the vector symmetry, i.e. \( g_L = g_R \), generated by \( Q \) is

\[ J^\mu = -\frac{F_2^2}{8} \text{Tr} iQ(U D^\mu U^\dagger + (p.c.)) + \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \text{Tr} \left[ (iQ, UD_\mu U^\dagger)(U D^\nu U^\dagger, U D^\rho U^\dagger) + (p.c.) \right) \]

\[ - \frac{iN_c}{48\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \text{Tr} \left( iQ [(U D U^\dagger)_{\nu\lambda\rho} - \{ UD_\nu U^\dagger, F_{R\lambda\rho} + \frac{1}{2} UF_{L\lambda\rho} U^\dagger \} - (p.c.)] \right), \] (2)

where \( F_R, F_L \) are the field strengths for the gauge fields \( A_R, A_L \) respectively. If we set \( Q = 1/N_c \) to get the baryon number, only the last term — the contribution from the WZ term — survives and we find the baryon number is realized in the hedgehog form:

\[ U = \exp(i(\pi \cdot \hat{r}F(r))) \] with the boundary conditions \( F(r = 0) = \pi, F(r = \infty) = 0 \). The electric potential is assumed to be spherical

\[ eA^0 = V(r) \]

for simplicity, and the angular dependence of the vector potential is fixed as

\[ eA = h(r) \sin^2 \theta \nabla \phi \]

to match the Ampère law. Here, \( \theta \) and \( \phi \) are the polar and azimuthal angle respectively. All these do not depend on time and such a static configuration is always taken by the gauge transformation. Even a (time-dependent)
The total Lagrangian density including the kinetic term of the electromagnetic field is written in terms of $F(r), V(r)$ and $h(r)$ as

\[
\mathcal{L} = \frac{F^2}{8} \left[ S_F^2 V^2 \sin^2 \theta - F'^2 - S_F^2 \frac{1 + (1 + h \sin^2 \theta)^2}{r^2} \right] + \frac{S_F^2}{2r^2} \left[ (F'^2 + \frac{S_F^2}{r^2}) \left( V^2 \sin^2 \theta - \frac{(1 + h \sin^2 \theta)^2}{r^2} \right) - F'^2 \right] \\
- \frac{1}{4}m_\pi^2 F^2 (1 - C_F) + \frac{1}{4\pi^2 r^2} \left[ S_F^2 F'^2 V + \frac{1}{2} S_F C_F h V' \sin^2 \theta \right. \\
\left. - V \left( F'h \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} C_F S_F h' \sin^2 \theta \right) \right] \\
+ \frac{1}{2e^2} \left( V'^2 - 4h^2 \cos^2 \theta - h'^2 \right. \\
\left. + \frac{1}{2e^2} \frac{F'^2}{r^4} \sin^2 \theta \right),
\]

where $S_F = \sin F(r)$ and $C_F = \cos F(r)$. After the angular integration and scaling $r, V, m_\pi$ by $eF_\pi$ to be dimensionless, we are led to the variational equations;

\[
F'' + \frac{2}{r} F' + \frac{2}{r^2} \left( 4S_F^2 F'' - S_F C_F + 4S_F C_F F'^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3}h + \frac{4}{15}h^2 \right) - \frac{8}{r^4} S_F^2 C_F \left( 1 + \frac{4}{3}h + \frac{8}{15}h^2 \right) \\
+ \frac{16S_F^2}{3r^2} h' F' \left( 1 + \frac{4}{5}h \right) - m_\pi^2 S_F + \frac{2}{3} S_F C_F V^2 \left( 1 - 4F'^2 + \frac{8S_F^2}{r^2} \right) - \frac{8}{3} S_F^2 V \left( F'' V + 2F' V' + \frac{2}{r} F' V \right)
\]

(3)

the Gauss law $\nabla \cdot E = \epsilon^0_{EM}$ with the angular averaged charge density,

\[
V'' + \frac{2}{r} V' = \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{\pi r^2} S_F^2 F'' - \frac{2}{3\pi r^2} \left( C_F' F'h + S_F C_F h' \right) + \frac{2\pi}{3e^2} S_F^2 V \left( 1 + 4F'^2 + \frac{4S_F^2}{r^2} \right) \right],
\]

(4)

and an equation deduced from the Ampère law $\nabla \times B = \epsilon_{EM}$:

\[
h'' - \frac{2}{r^2} h = \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \left( S_F^2 F'h - S_F C_F V' \right) + \frac{\pi}{\epsilon^2} S_F^2 \left( 1 + 4F'^2 + \frac{4S_F^2}{r^2} \right) \right],
\]

(5)

with the fine structure constant $\alpha = e^2/4\pi$.

Note that the magnetic field $\mathbf{B}$ (or $h$ in r.h.s of Eq. 4) is instrumental in producing partly the electric charge $\epsilon^0_{EM}$ as a source of the electric field $E$ and that $E$ contributes the electric current $\epsilon_{EM}$ as a source of $B$. This complementarity comes from the gauged WZ term in the action which provides the anomalous couplings between electromagnetic field and the chiral field like $E \cdot B \ c/\pi/\epsilon$. The term brings to $\epsilon_{EM}$ an anomalous current of the dual field strength as $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \partial_\lambda A_\rho \partial_\nu \pi^0 / F_\pi$ with the non-vanishing pion field $\partial_\nu \pi^0 / F_\pi \sim i \mathrm{Tr} \tau^3 \left( U \partial_\nu U^\dagger - U^\dagger \partial_\nu U \right)$ in the soliton sector. In addition to this, here we emphasize that the topological term of the baryon density is correctly incorporated in the charge density due to the gauged WZ term, as one can see the first term in r. h. s. of Eq. 4.

We solve the coupled equations (3)-(5) imposing boundary conditions for the fields,

\[
F(0) = \pi, \quad F(r \to \infty) \propto \frac{1 + \mu \pi r}{r^2} \exp(-\mu \pi r),
\]

\[
V'(0) = 0, \quad V(r \to \infty) = \frac{Z}{r} + V_\infty (: \mathrm{const}.),
\]

\[
h(r \to 0) \propto r^2, \quad h(r \to \infty) \propto \frac{1}{r},
\]

where $Z$ is the charge number of the soliton (to be set at 1 or 0) and $\mu^2 = m_\pi^2 - 2V_\infty^2/3$ is a modified pion mass caused by ‘rotation’ of the soliton. The angular velocity is turned to an asymptotic constant $V_\infty$ by a gauge transformation as mentioned previously and thus non-zero $V_\infty$ corresponds to a ‘rotation’ of the soliton. In practical computing, we impose a boundary condition on $V'(r)$ instead of $V(r)$ without any tuning of $V_\infty$ and confirm finite values, actually.

However, the rotation matrix does not cover the whole SU(2) group because the generator $Q_{EM}$ of $U_{EM}(1)$ gauge group includes only the $z$ component of the isospin matrix. Accordingly, $\Delta$ cannot be excluded from nucleon states without the Casimir projection as performed in Ref. 12. In this sense, our treatment is not equivalent to the
collective quantization of rotation fully, but to one-dimensional cranking. Nonetheless, the \( z \) component of isospin (as the electric charge minus one half of the baryon number) is assured of a quantized value \( \pm 1/2 \) for the charged and neutral soliton \( (Z = 1, 0) \) only by the boundary conditions for \( F \) and \( V \), though this does not mean a topological quantization of isospin in contrast to that of the baryon number. Since the asymptotic value \( V_\infty \) affects the boundary condition of \( F(r) \), the self-consistent approach we took to solve the differential equations corresponds to the variation after projection. Furthermore, the \( z \)-component of the spin takes \( \pm 1/2 \) for the charged and neutral solitons, since the spatial rotation means the inverse iso-rotation for the hedgehog configuration and the photon contribution to the spin is negligible which we confirm numerically. Therefore we regard the soliton as a spin polarized nucleon with possible admixture of the \( \Delta \) component.

FIELD CONFIGURATIONS AND CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

We solve the differential equations with the boundary conditions for proton \((Z = 1)\) and neutron \((Z = 0)\) using the relaxation method. Three sets of parameters \( F_\pi \) and \( \epsilon \) are chosen while \( m_\pi \) is fixed at the physical pion mass. Set I: \((\epsilon = 5.37, F_\pi = 185 \text{ MeV})\) is determined so that the charge radius of the proton is reproduced with physical pion decay constant. Set II: \((\epsilon = 5.45, F_\pi = 129 \text{ MeV})\) and Set III: \((\epsilon = 4.84, F_\pi = 108 \text{ MeV})\) are taken from Refs. [12] and [13], respectively. We find that for Set I, \( r_0 \) such that \( F(r_0) = \pi/2 \) decreases by a few % compared with that of Set II. While this means \( F(r) \) for Set I is squeezed, \( F(r) \) for Set III, on the contrary, swells compared to Set II. Although the boundary condition constrains the fields to have the different asymptotic behavior, profiles of \( F(r) \) with Sets II and III are almost the same as that obtained in Refs. [12] and [13] respectively. The configurations of the electromagnetic field are also determined simultaneously, as shown in FIG. 1. The electric potentials display correctly the Coulombic behavior for large \( r \), and the smeared peak near the origin means finite structures of soliton’s charge unlike a point particle. The function \( h(r) \) gives the magnetic field as

\[
eB = \frac{\hbar}{r^2} 2 \cos \theta \frac{r}{2} - \frac{h'}{r} \sin \theta e_\theta ,
\]

and the radial distance of their peak determines the size of the dipole magnetic field. The spatial distribution of the fields discussed in detail later. Physical quantities with these parameter sets are shown in TABLE I.

For Sets I and III, the mass of solitons deviates from the experimental values, but these receive corrections of meson loop and higher chiral-order terms [14]. Mass differences between proton and neutron are of proper magnitude for all sets of parameters but show the opposite sign. This is because the spherical ansats for the electric field is oversimple to give the correct sign, though we take the electric field into account even for the neutron. In fact, the energy of the electric field contributes about 0.2% to the proton mass which is reasonable for the mass difference, while it almost vanishes for the neutron case.
This setting is also reflected in the charge radius defined as \( (r^2)_{ch} = \int d^3x \frac{r^2}{e} j_{EM}^0 \) with the charge density,

\[
j_{EM}^0 = \frac{e}{4\pi^2 \cdot r^2} \left( -S_F^2 F' - S_F^2 F'h \sin^2 \theta + S_F C_F h' \sin^2 \theta + 2F'h \cos^2 \theta \right) - \frac{e}{4\epsilon^2} \left( 1 + 4F'^2 + 4\frac{S_F^2}{r^2} \right) S_F^2 V \sin^2 \theta, \tag{8}\]

which is obtained with assignment \( Q = Q_{EM} \) in Eq. (2) and scaling to the dimensionless variables. For the proton, the positive charge density is piled up and the charge radius is well reproduced comparatively. For the neutron, however, the positive and negative charge densities compete with each other and the charge radius of neutron is overestimated several times as much.

The main contribution to the charge density, \( Q \), comes from the first term of the baryon-number density near the origin and from the last term of the isospin charge for the medium range. Since the latter has a remarkable polar-angle dependence, the spatial distribution of the electric-charge density presents a deformed or a toric structure with a core according to the isospin, as shown in FIG. 2.

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The baryon number density depends also on the polar angle through the gauge field,

\[
b^0 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 r^2} \left( -S_F^2 F' - S_F^2 F'h \sin^2 \theta + \frac{S_F C_F h'}{2} \sin^2 \theta + F'h \cos^2 \theta \right),
\]

but it is almost spherical because the small fine structure constant suppresses the magnitude of field \( h \). On the other hand, the isospin charge is mainly contributed from the non-linear sigma term proportional to \( S_F^2 \) for the medium range. Since the latter has a remarkable polar-angle dependence, the spatial distribution of the electric-charge density presents a deformed or a toric structure with a core according to the isospin, as shown in FIG. 2.

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which is equivalent to the estimation from asymptotic behavior of the magnetic field, \( \lim_{r \to \infty} rh(r)/a \), owing to the Ampère law. Our results in unit of the nuclear magneton are comparable to the experimental values including their sign.

The reasonable estimation of the magnetic moment results from the dipole magnetic field generated by the current of soliton. Actually, the magnetic field expressed by Eq. (7) has a dipole structure induced by the circular current Eq. (6), as shown in FIG. 4. These field configurations are the same for both of the charged and neutral cases, while the

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
\text{mass} & (r^2)_{ch} & (r^2)^{1/2}_b & (r^2)^{1/2}_M & \mu & g_A & g_{\pi NN} & \sigma \\
[\text{MeV}] & [\text{fm}^2] & [\text{fm}] & [\text{fm}] & [\mu_N] & & & [\text{MeV}] \\
\hline
\text{Set I} & p & 1326 & 0.757 & 0.416 & 1.128 & 3.27 & 0.616 & 6.08 & 31.4 \\
& n & 1325 & -0.556 & 0.415 & 1.164 & -2.84 & 0.616 & 6.25 & 31.3 \\
\text{Set II} & p & 933 & 0.773 & 0.563 & 1.118 & 3.95 & 0.572 & 8.20 & 34.1 \\
& n & 931 & -0.446 & 0.563 & 1.136 & -3.28 & 0.571 & 8.35 & 34.0 \\
\text{Set III} & p & 899 & 0.890 & 0.708 & 1.086 & 5.53 & 0.672 & 11.9 & 42.8 \\
& n & 887 & -0.385 & 0.707 & 1.124 & -4.79 & 0.671 & 12.1 & 42.7 \\
\text{exp} & p & 938 & 0.757 & 0.801 & 0.81 & 2.79 & 1.26 & 13.5 & \sim30 \\
& n & 940 & -0.116 & & & & -1.91 & & \\
\end{array}
\]

TABLE I: Static properties of the nucleon described by the soliton with several sets of parameters. \( (r^2)_{ch} \), \( (r^2)_b \) and \( (r^2)_M \) are the mean square charge, baryon number and magnetic radii.
spin of the neutral (charged) soliton is polarized (anti-)parallel to the \( z \) axis. The radius of the circular current is also controlled by the scale \( r_0 \) satisfying \( F(r_0) \sim \pi/2 \). The spatial distribution of the magnetic field is understood also on an analogy with the Meissner effect in the super conductor. The coefficient of the vector potential in the current, \( (\frac{F^2}{4} - \frac{1}{\pi}((\partial_\mu F)^2 + \sin^2 F(\partial_\mu F)^2)) \) \( F \sin^2 \theta \), plays a role of a square ‘mass’ of the gauge field, because this factor can be read as the coefficient of \((eA_\mu)^2\) in the action. In case of the hedgehog configuration, the large ‘mass’ region forms a torus whose core, as one can see from the factor \( \sin^2 F \sin^2 \theta \), is located at the circle around the \( z \)-axis such that \( F(r) = \pi/2 \) and \( \theta = \pi/2 \). The configuration of the magnetic field is determined so as to avoid the large ‘Meissner mass’ region to save the total energy. As a consequence of this fact, the magnetic field coils around a genus of the torus.

The axial coupling tends to be one half of experiments, which agrees with Refs. [12, 13]. The pion-nucleon sigma term evaluated from the symmetry breaking term results in the adequate value as shown in TABLE I.

In any case, contributions of the electromagnetic field via the gauged Wess-Zumino term are controlled by the fine structure constant and hence amount to 1% of the physical quantities, at most. Therefore the complementary dynamics of the electromagnetic field is not conspicuous in the present situation. However, this anomalous contribution might be influential in high dense matter.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

We have studied the effects of the electromagnetic field coupling to the soliton configuration via the gauged Wess-Zumino term. We pointed out that the gauged Wess-Zumino term provides the Maxwell equation with anomalous terms in the presence of the soliton. Unless this term is considered, the topological baryon current cannot correctly be incorporated in the charge density of variational equations. Furthermore non-vanishing pion fields make the anomalous coupling \( \pi^0 E \cdot B \) effective in the soliton sector, and the electric and magnetic fields contribute complementarily to the source current of each other. Such a current from the dual field strength is interesting theoretically, but in reality these effects are suppressed by the small coupling constant.

Because the anomalous contribution of the electric field is small, the spatial distribution of the electric current is mainly determined by the non-anomalous term of the isospin current. From this, it is concluded that the electric current has the toric configuration, and accordingly that the magnetic field has a poloidal structure coiling around the circular current according to the Ampère law. This dipole magnetic field is understood as a consequence of the Meissner-like effect. Actually, the Meissner ‘mass’ of the gauge field is estimated from the chiral angle \( F \) as \( \sin^2 F \sin^2 \theta \), corresponding to the condensate of the Cooper pairs. Contrast to the superconductor, the large mass region does not

FIG. 2: The charge distribution of the charged soliton in the \( xx \) plane (left) and the neutral soliton in the \( xyz \) space (right) calculated with the parameter Set II. Note that the soliton spin is polarized along the \( z \) axis. Gray and black dots are positive and negative charges. The charge density of the charged soliton is deformed to an oblate shape and that of the neutral soliton has a Saturnian structure.
extend uniformly but forms a finite torus, and hence the magnetic flux quantization cannot be achieved in our case.

As discussed above, the symmetric axis of the torus of the field configuration is to be interpreted physically as a spin-quantization axis of the soliton. This leads us to a reasonable consequence that the magnetic moments evaluated from the asymptotic form of the poloidal magnetic fields are (anti-)aligned with the spin of the charged (neutral) soliton. The theoretical value of the magnetic moment derived from the variational solution is of the same order as the experimental value of the nucleon.

We have found that the electric charge distributions are distinctive for their polar angle dependence. The equatorial swelling of the isospin charge makes the difference while the spherical core of baryon number density is common to charged and neutral solitons. Our results show that the charged soliton has the oblate shape of the charge density and the neutral soliton has the toric negative charge surrounding the prolate shape of positive charge. These distributions are consistent with the pion cloud rounding the nucleon or may imply a u-d diquark core accompanied by the other valence quark. In any case, the characteristic distributions of the charge density suggest the intrinsic deformation of baryons and the isospin-dependent quadrupole moment, which might be observed in the \( N\Delta \) transition.

As in the dynamo theory for the planetary magnetic field, a poloidal magnetic field may induce a toroidal magnetic field through the rotation of the soliton, and vice versa, even though the physical scale is quite different. It is our future work to take account of this effect by extending the variational space of the magnetic field. The non-radial electric field is also important to estimate the mass of the proton and the neutron and to discuss a correlation between the orbital motion and the intrinsic deformation.

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