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Monopole Black Hole Skyrmions

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Abstract

Charged black hole solutions with pion hair are discussed. These can be used to study monopole black hole catalysis of proton decay. There also exist multi-black hole skyrmion solutions with BPS monopole behaviour.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It is known that baryons can emerge as solitons in an effective meson field theory. In these models the baryon number is identified with a topological charge. Since this identification was originally made by T.H.R.Skyrme 40 years ago [2], the soliton solution is called the skyrmion.

Skyrmion models provide a useful way of analysing the monopole catalysis of proton decay, as originally pointed out by Callan and Witten [3]. The decay process can be allowed because, in the presence of a monopole, the baryon number is no longer equal to the topological charge of the meson field. In fact, there exist non-topological solitons with non-zero baryon number which can decay without topological problems.

Skyrmions have also been used to examine the absorption of baryons by microscopic black holes [4–6]. Solutions representing skyrmions partially absorbed by Schwarzschild black holes provide a semiclassical framework to study the absorption rate of a proton by a black hole of comparable size. However, this process is rather insignificant because black holes of the size of a proton have large fluxes of Hawking radiation which swamp the proton decay.

In this paper we analyse black hole solutions with skyrmion hair and magnetic charge, providing the semiclassical framework in which to study monopole black hole catalysis of proton decay. The flux of Hawking radiation from these holes is less than ordinary holes and even vanishes in extremal cases [7]. The black hole mass for abelian monopoles has the lower bound

$$M = \frac{p}{\sqrt{G}} = pm_{\text{pl}} \approx 2.54 \times 10^{-7} Kg , \quad (1)$$

where e is a rationalised electric charge in gaussian units determined from the Dirac quantisation condition ($ep = 1$) as $p \approx 11.7$ and m_{pl} is the planck mass which is approximately $2.1768 \times 10^{-8} Kg$. This kind of small black hole may be considered to have been created in the early universe and remain as a stable relic today. More complicated monopole solutions are also possible in Grand Unified Theories, depending on the details of the Higgs sector [8], but we will restrict attention to the simplest case.

In the extreme case, $M = pm_{\text{pl}}$, we find the remarkable situation that multiple black hole solutions are possible in which the gravitational, electromagnetic, and strong forces between the monopoles are all in balance. In this respect the solitons behave in an analagous way to BPS monopole solutions in the Yang-Mills-Higgs system [9].

We find that the non-topological skyrmion solutions are stable within the confines of our model. This is, in part, due to the fact that we have not included the electron. The black hole cannot swallow the proton whole because this would tip it over the extremal limit. Light, charged particles are therefore needed to carry away the proton's charge when it decays. We discuss a way of including this effect in the conclusion.

II. THE LAGRANGIAN

We shall consider models with a charged $SU(2)$ meson field U . The Lagrangian is based on a gauged version of the original skyrmion Lagrangian [2]. It should be regarded as a minimal form of the meson effective action, since extra terms could also be included. However,

some of the terms in the Lagrangian which couple the chiral field to electromagnetism can be deduced from current algebra techniques and were constructed by Callan and Witten [3].

The Lagrangian can be divided into four parts,

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 \quad (2)$$

where the meson parts are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1 &= \frac{F^2}{16} \text{tr} \left(U^{-1} D_\mu U U^{-1} D_\mu U \right) + \frac{1}{32a^2} \text{tr} \left([U^{-1} D_\mu U, U^{-1} D_\mu U] \right) \\ \mathcal{L}_2 &= \frac{e}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_\mu \text{tr} \left\{ Q \left(\partial_\nu U U^{-1} \partial_\rho U U^{-1} \partial_\sigma U U^{-1} + U^{-1} \partial_\nu U U^{-1} \partial_\rho U U^{-1} \partial_\sigma U \right) \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{ie^2}{8\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu A_\nu) A_\rho \text{tr} \left(Q^2 \partial_\sigma U U^{-1} + Q^2 U^{-1} \partial_\sigma U + \frac{1}{2} Q \partial_\sigma U Q U^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} Q U Q \partial_\sigma U^{-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and the free actions are

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathcal{L}_4 = \frac{1}{16\pi G} R. \quad (3)$$

The quantity Q is the charge matrix of quarks and D is a covariant derivative defined by

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$D_\mu U = \partial_\mu U - ie A_\mu [Q, U]. \quad (5)$$

The abelian gauge field A_μ and electric charge e are in unrationalised units, and $\hbar = c = 1$.

In the spherically symmetric case with a magnetic charge the gauge field has the form

$$A = p(1 - \cos \theta) d\phi + \Phi dt \quad (6)$$

where p is a magnetic charge and the Dirac quantisation condition is $pe = 1$. The usual Skyrmion has a magnetic moment which would interact with a magnetic monopole and break the spherical symmetry. We use instead a non-topological ansatz for the chiral field,

$$U = e^{if(r,t)\sigma_3}. \quad (7)$$

Despite the fact that this field is made up of neutral pions and commutes with the charge matrix Q , it has a non-zero total electric and baryonic charge due to the effects of anomalies, as we shall see in the next section.

III. BARYON NUMBER AND ELECTRIC CHARGE

The gauge invariant baryon current was constructed by Callan and Witten

$$j_B^\mu = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{48\pi^2} \left[\text{tr} U^{-1} \partial_\nu U U^{-1} \partial_\alpha U U^{-1} \partial_\beta U \right. \quad (8)$$

$$\left. + 3ie A_\nu \text{tr} Q (U^{-1} \partial_\alpha U U^{-1} \partial_\beta U - \partial_\alpha U U^{-1} \partial_\beta U U^{-1}) \right] \quad (9)$$

$$\left. + 3ie \partial_\nu A_\alpha \text{tr} Q (U^{-1} \partial_\beta U + \partial_\beta U U^{-1}) \right]. \quad (10)$$

Only the third term survives for the chiral field ansatz (7), with a resulting baryon charge

$$n_B = \frac{ep}{2\pi} [f(\infty) - f(0)] . \quad (11)$$

The solution with the boundary conditions $f(0) = 0$ and $f(\infty) = 2\pi$ possesses unit baryon number and hence it can be interpreted as a baryon surrounding the monopole.

If the field ansatz (7) is substituted into the meson and electromagnetic interaction terms in the Lagrangian, they become

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = -\frac{F_\pi^2}{8}(\partial f)^2, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{e^2}{8\pi^2}E_i B^i f, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = \frac{1}{8\pi} (E^2 - B^2), \quad (14)$$

where the index $i = 1, 2, 3$ and the electromagnetic fields E_i and B_i are defined by $F_{0i} = (-g_{tt})^{1/2}E_i$ and $F_{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk}B^k$. When combined,

$$\mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(E - \frac{e^2}{2\pi} B f \right)^2 - \frac{1}{8\pi} B^2 \left(1 - \frac{e^4}{4\pi^2} f^2 \right) \quad (15)$$

The extrema of the action occur when the electric field is given by

$$E = \frac{e^2}{2\pi} B f \quad (16)$$

This situation is reminiscent of the factorisation of the Lagrangian that occurs for a BPS monopole [9].

The electric field implies a total charge

$$q = \frac{e^2 p}{2\pi} f \quad (17)$$

or asymptotically

$$q_\infty = n_B e \quad (18)$$

and the $n_B = 1$ solution can therefore be interpreted as a proton.

If a black hole appears in the background, the inner boundary condition for the field f should be imposed not at the origin but at the event horizon $r = r_+$. Thus the baryon number in the presence of an event horizon will be defined as

$$n_B = \frac{ep}{2\pi} [f(\infty) - f(r_+)] . \quad (19)$$

If $f(r_+) = 0$ the baryon number is still an integer and conserved. This configuration represents a proton tightly bound to the black hole. On the other hand if f takes some positive value at the horizon the baryon number is not an integer and the skyrmion carries fractional

baryon number and electric charge. This configuration will be interpreted as a proton partially swallowed by the black hole. In particular, $f(r_+) = 2\pi$ means that the black hole has swallowed a whole proton leaving nothing outside the horizon.

It is interesting to observe that, while the baryon number disappears inside the horizon, the electric charge of the black hole can still be measured outside, turning the monopole black hole into a dyon black hole. Therefore, while the baryon number conservation is violated, charge conservation is not violated.

IV. EXTREMAL BLACK HOLE SOLUTIONS

In the extremal case we can obtain a general solution based on the Papapetrou-Majumbar metrics [10,11]. We begin with the background metric fixed and later generalise to solve the full Einstein equations with chiral matter. The Papapetrou Majumbar metrics have the form

$$ds^2 = -U^{-2}dt^2 + U^2(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) \quad (20)$$

where

$$U = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{n_M} \frac{GM_n}{R_n} \quad (21)$$

and R_n is the ordinary Euclidean distance from the point mass M_n located in three dimensional space. We also associate these point masses with magnetic charges $P_n = G^{1/2}M_n$, and the magnetic field

$$B = G^{-1/2}U^{-1}\partial U. \quad (22)$$

The matter lagrangian obtained earlier (12) has the form

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{8}F_\pi^2(\partial f)^2 - \frac{1}{8\pi}B^2(1 + \alpha^2 f^2) \quad (23)$$

where we will set

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{2\pi}, \quad \mu^2 = \pi GF_\pi^2 \quad (24)$$

The skyrme field equation obtained from the Lagrangian on this background becomes

$$-\mu^2\partial^2 f + \alpha^2 U^{-2}(\partial U)^2 f = 0 \quad (25)$$

We loose no generality by taking equal charges $P_n = p$. The solution with baryon number $n_B = n_M$ is then

$$f = 2\pi U^{-s} \quad (26)$$

where

$$s = -\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha^2}{\mu^2}} \quad (27)$$

Since $F_\pi \ll m_{pl}$, we can use $s \approx \alpha/\mu$ for the pion model.

For a single black hole, the Reissner-Nordstrom coordinate r is related to R by $R = r - r_+$ and we obtain

$$f = 2\pi \left(1 - \frac{r_+}{r}\right)^s. \quad (28)$$

The field is effectively expelled by the black hole and vanishes on the horizon $r = r_+$.

The mass of the chiral field configuration can be obtained by integrating the Lagrangian (23),

$$m_f = \frac{1}{8} F_\pi^2 \int_\Sigma f \partial_i f dS^i \quad (29)$$

where Σ is a large surface containing all of the masses. This gives

$$m_f = 2\pi^3 s F_\pi^2 G \sum_n M_n \approx \pi^{3/2} n_B e F_\pi \quad (30)$$

The total mass in the chiral field is much less than one baryon mass per mass point. We can see how it is energetically favourable for a free skyrmion to change its internal configuration from the original Skyrme form to the simpler form used here when it comes into contact with a black hole monopole. The topological description of this transformation for a single monopole is exactly as described in reference [3].

It is interesting to see that the electrostatic energy cancels due to the factorisation occurring in the lagrangian (15). The chiral field mass is independent of the separation of the holes and therefore there are no forces between them. This is similar to situation for BPS monopole solutions [9], and suggests that there is a solution of the full Einstein-matter system. This existence of this solution will now be demonstrated.

The spatial part of the Einstein tensor for the metric (20) is

$$G_{ij} = -2U^{-2}(\partial_i U)(\partial_j U) + U^{-2}(\partial U)^2 g_{ij} \quad (31)$$

and the Ricci scalar is

$$R = -2U^{-1} \partial^2 U \quad (32)$$

Substituting the Einstein tensor for the Lagrangian (23) into the Einstein equations gives

$$U^{-1} \partial^2 U = -\mu^2 (\partial f)^2 \quad (33)$$

$$U^{-2} (\partial_i U)(\partial_j U) = -\mu^2 (\partial_i f)(\partial_j f) + G B_i B_j (1 + \alpha^2 f^2) \quad (34)$$

These make up a complete system of equations when we include the Maxwell equation

$$\partial(U B) = 0 \quad (35)$$

The second Einstein equation implies that ∂f , ∂U and B are all parallel. We therefore impose a condition $f \equiv f(u)$, $B = b(u)U^{-1}\partial U$, where

$$u = -\mu^{-1} \log U \quad (36)$$

The system of equations becomes equivalent to an ordinary differential equation with independent parameter u ,

$$f'' + \mu (1 + f'^2) f' - \alpha^2 b^2 f = 0 \quad (37)$$

where

$$b^2 = \frac{1 + f'^2}{1 + \alpha^2 f^2}. \quad (38)$$

The horizon corresponds to $u \rightarrow -\infty$ and the far region to $u \rightarrow 0$. The horizon must therefore be at a critical point of the first order system corresponding to (37). There is only one critical point, $(f, f') = (0, 0)$, hence

$$(f, f') \rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ as } u \rightarrow -\infty. \quad (39)$$

Since the critical point is a saddle, the solution is unique and exists for all values of μ . Having obtained the unique solution to (37), we then define

$$V(u) = 1 + \mu \int_u^0 b(x) e^{-\mu x} dx. \quad (40)$$

It is easily seen from (36) that

$$\partial_i V = V' \partial_i u = UB \quad (41)$$

Hence the Maxwell equation implies $\partial^2 V = 0$ and we can write

$$V = 1 + \sum_n \frac{GM_n}{R_n} \quad (42)$$

Inverting (40) gives $u(V)$.

V. SPHERICALLY SYMMETRIC SOLUTIONS

In the non-extremal case we shall consider spherically symmetric metrics which can be parameterised in the form

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{r^2} e^{2\delta} dt^2 + \frac{r^2}{\Delta} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \quad (43)$$

where Δ and δ are functions of r and t . After inserting the metric and the other field ansatz (6)-(7) into the Einstein field equations, one obtains

$$\left(\Delta e^\delta f'\right)' - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} e^\delta f = -\frac{2r^4}{\Delta^3} e^{-\delta} \dot{\Delta} \dot{f} - \frac{r^4}{\Delta} e^{-\delta} \dot{\delta} \dot{f} + \frac{r^4}{\Delta^2} e^{-\delta} \ddot{f} \quad (44)$$

$$\delta' = \mu^2 r \left(\frac{r^4}{\Delta} e^{-2\delta} \dot{f}^2 + f'^2 \right) \quad (45)$$

$$e^{-\delta} \left(\frac{\Delta e^\delta}{r} \right)' = 1 - \frac{\mu^2 \lambda^2}{r^2} f^2 - \frac{Gp^2}{r^2} \quad (46)$$

where μ and λ are constants,

$$\mu^2 = \pi F_\pi^2 G, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{e^4 p^2}{4\pi^3 F_\pi^2} \quad (47)$$

The electric charge within a sphere of radius r is given by equation (17).

For very small μ , which is the case for pions, the chiral field has little effect on the background metric and we may take $\delta = 0$ and express Δ in terms of the mass M , electric charge Q and magnetic charge p of the black hole as

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2GMr + G(Q^2 + p^2). \quad (48)$$

The skyrme field equation (44) on this background is therefore

$$(\Delta f')' - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} f = 0, \quad (49)$$

This should be solved subject to the boundary condition on f_∞ which fixes the total charge,

$$q_\infty = \frac{e^2 p}{2\pi} f_\infty = n_B e. \quad (50)$$

The non-extremal black hole possesses two horizons at $r = r_-$ and $r = r_+$ ($r_+ > r_-$), related to the mass and charge by

$$GM = \frac{1}{2}(r_- + r_+), \quad GQ^2 = r_- r_+ - Gp^2. \quad (51)$$

The solution to equation (49) can be obtained analytically,

$$f = 2\pi n_B \frac{P_q \left(\frac{r_+ + r_-}{r_+ - r_-} - \frac{2r_+ r_- - 1}{r_+ - r_- r} \right)}{P_s \left(\frac{r_+ + r_-}{r_+ - r_-} \right)} \quad (52)$$

where $P_s(z)$ is a Legendre function and

$$s = -\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\lambda^2}{r_+ r_-}} \quad (53)$$

The black hole becomes a dyon with electric charge related to the value of f at the event horizon,

$$Q = \frac{n_B e}{P_s \left(\frac{r_+ + r_-}{r_+ - r_-} \right)}. \quad (54)$$

This relation can be solved, together with (51), to obtain $Q \equiv Q(M)$, showing the existence of a one parameter family of solutions (n_B and p being regarded as fixed). In particular, $Q \rightarrow 0$ as M approaches the extremal limit pm_{pl} and the meson field is expelled from the hole.

Larger values of μ may be realised for a hypothetical model where U is unrelated to pions and this is discussed below. We will consider a static solution. We can replace Δ by a mass function $m(r)$, defined implicitly by the relation

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2Gmr + G(p^2 + q^2) \quad (55)$$

where the charge is given by equation (17). The equations become

$$m' = \frac{\Delta}{2Gr} \delta' + \mu^2 \lambda^2 f f' \quad (56)$$

$$\delta' = \mu^2 r (f')^2 \quad (57)$$

$$f'' + \left(\frac{\Delta'}{\Delta} + \delta' \right) f' - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2 \Delta} f = 0 \quad (58)$$

Suitable boundary conditions are $f \rightarrow 2\pi$ and $\delta \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

In the numerical results the fields are scaled to the horizon size,

$$\hat{r} = \frac{r}{r_+}, \quad \hat{m} = \frac{Gm}{r_+} \quad (59)$$

The solutions are parameterised by a parameter \hat{p} , defined by

$$\hat{p}^2 = \frac{Gp^2}{r_+^2} \quad (60)$$

which is restricted to $\hat{p} \leq 1$.

The extremal black hole solutions have $\Delta_+ = \Delta'_+ = 0$. The regular solution to equation (58) has,

$$f_+ = 0, \quad Q = \frac{e}{2\pi} f_+ = 0, \quad \hat{p} = 1. \quad (61)$$

Hence the proton lies fully outside the black hole, as we saw before. The numerical solution for f is shown in fig.(1). This agrees well with the result (28) of the previous section, because the value of μ used here is still quite small. The results are still qualitatively similar for chiral models with μ of order one.

FIGURES

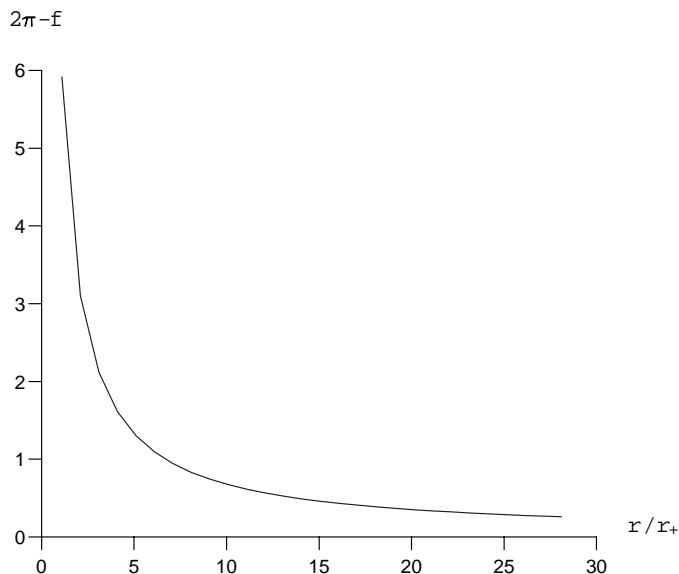


FIG. 1. Skyrme field f as a function of $\hat{r} = r/r_+$ for an extremal hole and $\mu = 10^{-4}$.

For the non-extremal solution, we begin the integration of the field equations close to the horizon, with

$$\hat{m} = \hat{m}_0 + \hat{m}_1(\hat{r} - 1) + \hat{m}_2(\hat{r} - 1)^2 + \dots \quad (62)$$

$$\delta = \delta_+ + \delta_1(\hat{r} - 1) + \dots \quad (63)$$

$$f = f_+ + f_1(\hat{r} - 1) + \dots \quad (64)$$

where δ_+ and f_+ are shooting parameters determined so as to satisfy the boundary conditions at infinity.

As can be seen from the above expansion, the skyrme field must have a nonzero value at the horizon otherwise the only allowed solution is the trivial one. Consequently the nonextremal black hole acquires an electric charge

$$Q = \frac{e}{2\pi} f_+, \quad (65)$$

and allows the skyrmion to have fractional electric charge. The numerical results for this solution are shown in fig.(2)-(3). Again, these agree well with the fixed background for small values of μ .

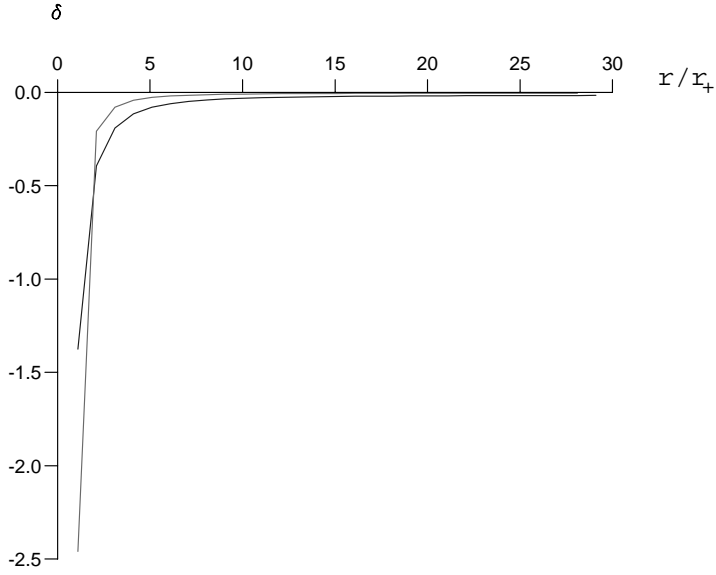


FIG. 2. Backreaction δ ($\times 10^3$) as a function of $\hat{r} = r/r_+$ for a non-extremal black hole, $\hat{p} = pm_{pl}/r_+ = 0.9$. Results for $\mu = 10^{-3}$ and $\mu = 10^{-4}$ are shown.

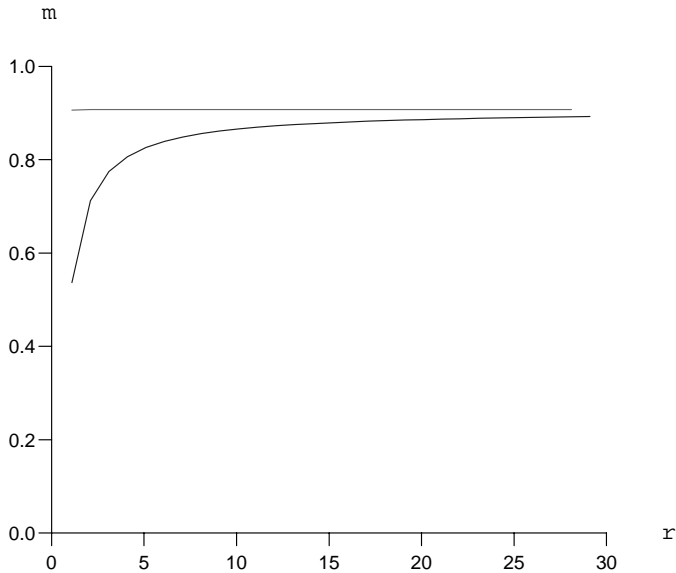


FIG. 3. Mass function m as a function of \hat{r} for $\hat{p} = 0.9$. Results for $\mu = 10^{-3}$ and $\mu = 10^{-4}$ are shown

We have a single one parameter family of solutions with $\hat{p} \leq 1$. In fig.(4)-(5), we plot the horizon radius r_+ and skyrmion mass m_f as functions of black hole mass M . Figure (4) is related to the entropy of the black hole ($4\pi r_+^2$). The other figure shows how the proportion of the skyrmion which is swallowed by the black hole increases with the black hole mass.

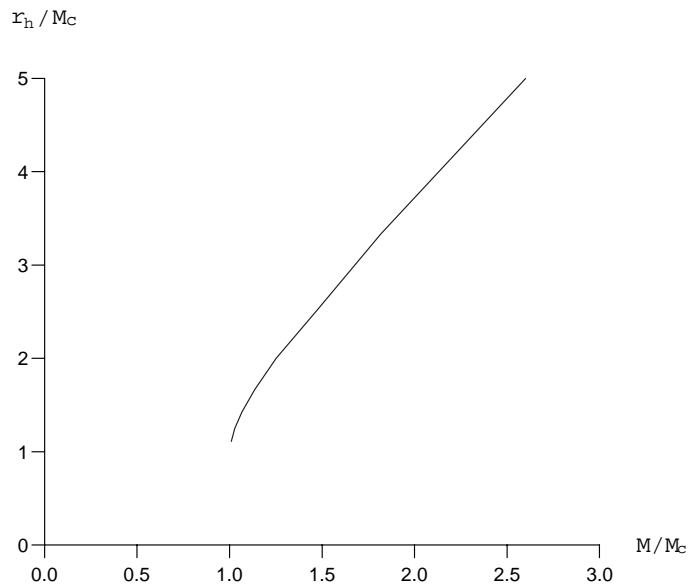


FIG. 4. Horizon radius r_+/M_c as a function of the black hole mass M/M_c for $\mu = 10^{-4}$.

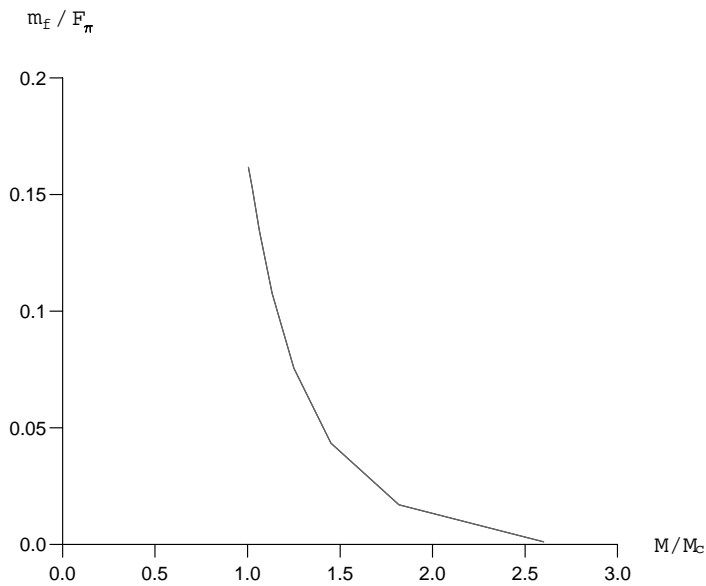


FIG. 5. Skyrion mass m_f as a function of the black hole mass M/M_c for $\mu = 10^{-4}$.

The last figure (6) shows how the horizon value of f changes as the coupling constant μ changes. Since μ characterises the mass scale of the chiral model, this amounts to a comparison of different models. As can be seen from the figure, for small μ the electromagnetic interaction is dominant so that the skyrmion is absorbed by the black hole to a lesser

extent. On the other hand for large μ the gravitational interaction is dominant so that most of the skyrmion is absorbed by the black hole.

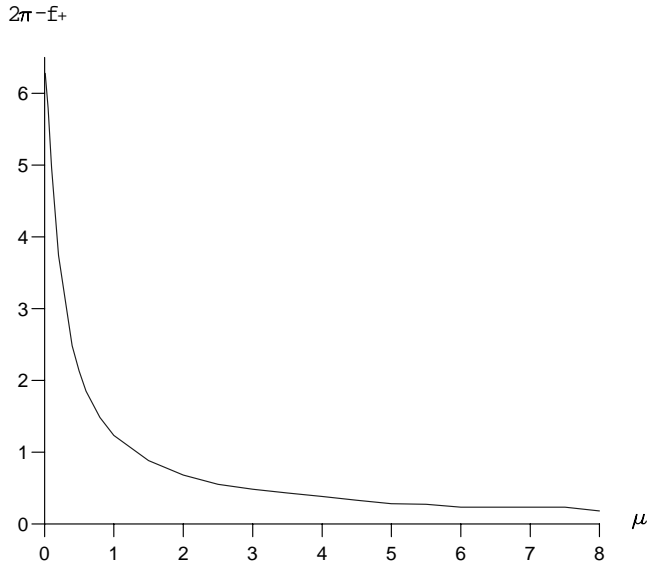


FIG. 6. The value of f at the horizon for various values of μ .

VI. STABILITY ANALYSIS

In this section we show that the skyrmion solutions which we have obtained are stable under spherically symmetric linear perturbations. We shall begin with the analysis of a skyrmion on the fixed background.

In the fixed background case the skyrmion field is the only perturbed field and can be expanded about the skyrmion solution f_0 by writing

$$f(r, t) = f_0(r) + e^{i\omega t} \xi(r). \quad (66)$$

Equation (66) is inserted into equation (49) to obtain the eigenvalue equation

$$-(\Delta_0 \xi')' + \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} \xi = \frac{r^4}{\Delta_0} \omega^2 \xi, \quad (67)$$

where the background equation has been used.

If ω is real and $\omega^2 > 0$ the solution is stable, and if ω is imaginary and $\omega^2 < 0$ it is unstable since the mode can grow or decay exponentially under the small perturbation. To show which is the case we multiply both sides of equation (67) by ξ and integrate in r from the horizon to infinity

$$\int_{r_+}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\Delta_0}{2} \xi'^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} \xi^2 \right] dr = \omega^2 \int_{r_+}^{\infty} \frac{r^4}{\Delta_0} \xi^2 dr, \quad (68)$$

where integration by parts and boundary conditions have been used. It can be seen that the integrands of both sides are positive definite, which means that $\omega^2 > 0$. Hence the skyrmion on the fixed background is linearly stable .

Next we analyse the stability of the skyrmion with backreaction. In this case we have to expand the metric as well as the skyrme field around the classical solutions f_0 , δ_0 and Δ_0

$$\begin{aligned} f(r, t) &= f_0(r) + f_1(r, t) \\ \delta(r, t) &= \delta_0 + \delta_1(r, t) \\ \Delta(r, t) &= \Delta_0 + \Delta_1(r, t) . \end{aligned}$$

These are substituted into eq.(44)-(46) to obtain the following coupled equations up to first order

$$\left[(\Delta_0 \delta_1 f_0' + \Delta_0 f_1' + \Delta_1 f_0') e^{\delta_0} \right]' - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} (\delta_1 f_0 + f_1) e^{\delta_0} = \frac{r^4}{\Delta_0} e^{-\delta_0} \ddot{f}_1 \quad (69)$$

$$\delta_1' = 2\mu^2 r f_0' f_1' \quad (70)$$

$$\left(\frac{2\mu^2 \lambda^2}{r^2} f_0 f_1 + \frac{\Delta_0}{r} \delta_1' \right) e^{\delta_0} = - \left(\frac{\Delta_1}{r} e^{\delta_0} \right)' . \quad (71)$$

Equation (71) can be integrated with the help of the static field equation,

$$\Delta_1 = -2\mu^2 r \Delta_0 f_0' f_1 . \quad (72)$$

Substituting equation (70) and equation (72) into equation (69) one obtains the first order equation for f_1

$$\left(\Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} f_1' \right)' - \left[2\mu^2 \left(r \Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} f_0'^2 \right)' + \frac{\lambda^2 (M_c)^2}{r^2} e^{\delta_0} \right] f_1 = \frac{r^4}{\Delta_0} e^{-\delta_0} \ddot{f}_1 . \quad (73)$$

Setting $f_1(r, t) = \xi(r) e^{i\omega t}$ one obtains an eigenvalue equation for ξ ,

$$- \left(\Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} \xi' \right)' + \left[2\mu^2 \left(r \Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} f_0'^2 \right)' + \frac{\lambda^2 (M_c)^2}{r^2} e^{\delta_0} \right] \xi = \omega^2 \frac{r^4}{\Delta_0} e^{-\delta_0} \xi . \quad (74)$$

We introduce the tortoise coordinate r^* such that

$$\frac{dr^*}{dr} = \frac{1}{\Delta_0 e^{\delta_0}} \quad (75)$$

and r^* runs from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ as r runs from r_+ to $+\infty$. Then eq.(74) is reduced to the Sturm-Liouville equation

$$- \frac{d^2 \xi}{dr^{*2}} + U \xi = \omega^2 r^4 \xi , \quad (76)$$

where

$$U = \left[2\mu^2 \left(r \Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} f_0'^2 \right)' + \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} e^{\delta_0} \right] \Delta_0 e^{\delta_0} . \quad (77)$$

On the left-hand side we have r^4 , which makes the equation different from the previous eigenvalue equation. However, since r^4 remains positive through the whole space, the same conditions for stability as the ordinary eigenvalue equation can be applied. As can be seen by examining U , $U \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow r_+$, (i.e. $r^* \rightarrow -\infty$), $U \rightarrow U_\infty > 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, and $U > 0$ in between. In addition the solution does not change its shape for any value of the coupling constant μ . Therefore we can safely conclude that a skyrmion with backreaction is also linearly stable.

VII. CONCLUSION

We are now able to describe some of the features of the interaction between a slowly moving proton and a black hole monopole. The free skyrmion has a magnetic moment and, if it has the correct orientation, it will be attracted to the monopole. When the proton approaches the black hole monopole, the fields rearrange themselves into the energetically preferred configuration of skyrmion hair solution described in this paper.

The skyrmion solution on the fixed black hole background was obtained analytically in both extremal and nonextremal cases. In the extremal case, the baryon number and electric charge are expelled by the horizon and the system represents protons bound to monopole black holes. We found a general solution on the Einstein equations in the extremal case with many similarities to the BPS monopole system.

In the nonextremal case, the monopole black hole partially swallows the proton and transforms to a dyon black hole, leaving fractional electric charge and baryon number outside the horizon. However, Hawking radiation cannot be ignored in this case.

We have also obtained numerical skyrmion solutions in the nonextremal case with gravitational backreaction. The effect of the backreaction is important only for very massive skyrmions i.e. very large coupling constant. The results are qualitatively similar to the solutions without backreaction.

Since the solutions are stable, baryon decay can only take place when extra particle fields are included in the model. If we introduce a charged field ϕ on the fixed background, then following the procedure described in reference [3], the equations become (approximately)

$$(\Delta f')' - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2}(f - \phi) = -\frac{r^4}{\Delta} \ddot{f}, \quad (78)$$

$$(\Delta \phi')' + \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2}(f - \phi) = -\frac{r^4}{\Delta} \ddot{\phi}, \quad (79)$$

The stability arguments no longer apply. The dynamical process of a black hole swallowing a proton can be examined by solving these time-dependent field equations numerically.

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