

**String-wall composites  
from torus knot vacuum  
of an axionlike model  
and  
the cosmological simulations**

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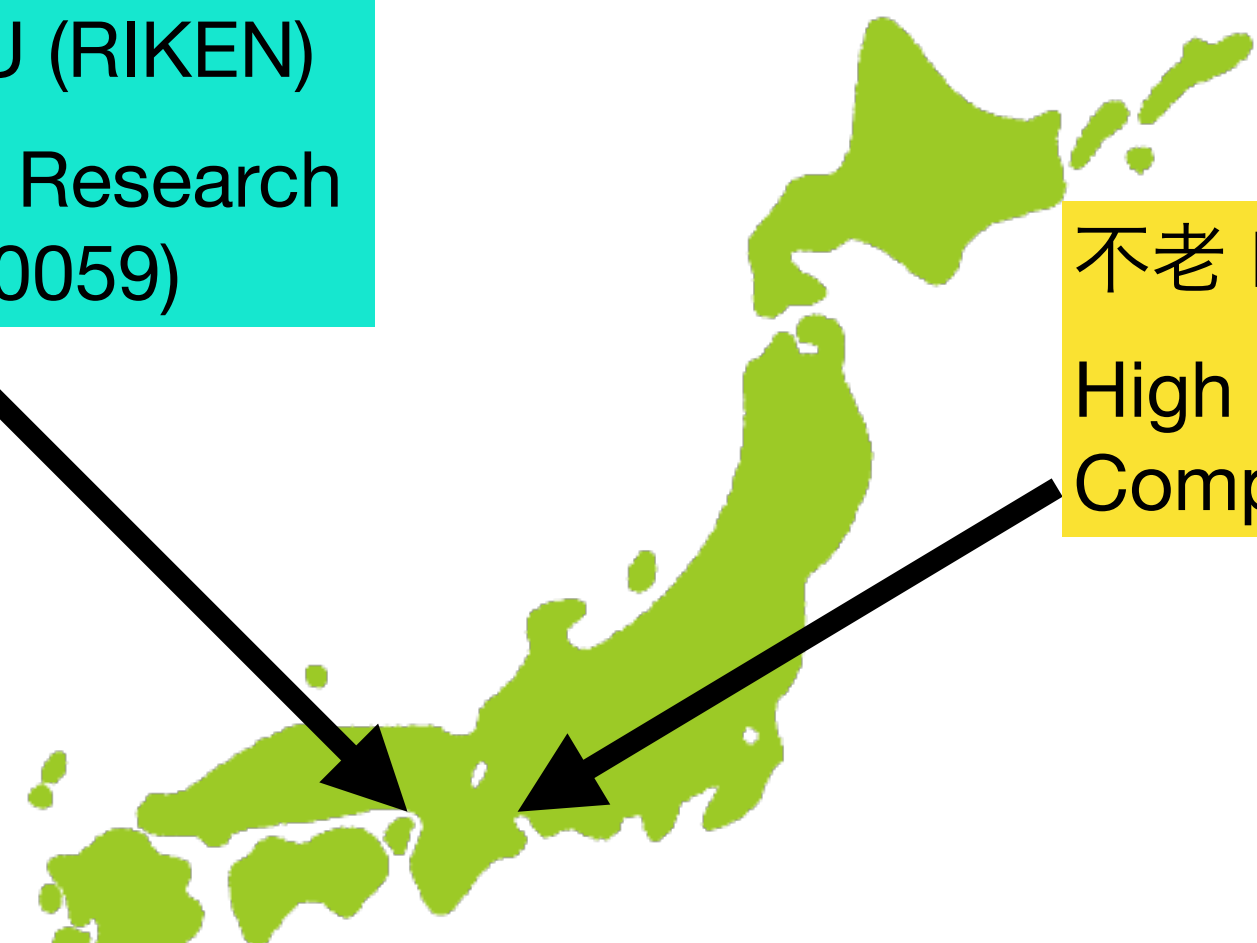


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# This talk is based on ...

■#1 ***“GUTs, hybrid topological defects, and gravitational waves”***, David I. Dunsky, Anish Ghoshal, Hitoshi Murayama, Yuki Sakakihara, Graham White, PhysRevD.106.075030 (2022)

*Modeling composite defects and the gravitational waves from them*

■#2 ***“String-wall composites winding around a torus knot vacuum in an axionlike model”***, Minoru Eto, Takashi Hiramatsu, Izumi Saito, Yuki Sakakihara, PhysRevD.108.116004 (2023)

*Structures of the composite defects in field theoretical ground*

■#3 ***“Three-dimensional simulation of string-wall composites in an axionlike model”***, Minoru Eto, Takashi Hiramatsu, Izumi Saito, Yuki Sakakihara, Number: 86, pp. 154-161, Proceedings of JSST 2024 and AsiaSim 2024.

*A benchmark simulation of the composite defects*

# Search for Ultimate Theory of Matter

Particle Accelerators

SM is well-tested  
experimentally

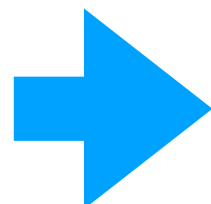
"Standard Model (SM)" describes  
the law of "matter" composing us

What we call "(ordinary) matter"

Hadrons (Protons, ...),  
Leptons (Electrons, Neutrinos, ...),  
Gauge bosons (Photons, ...)

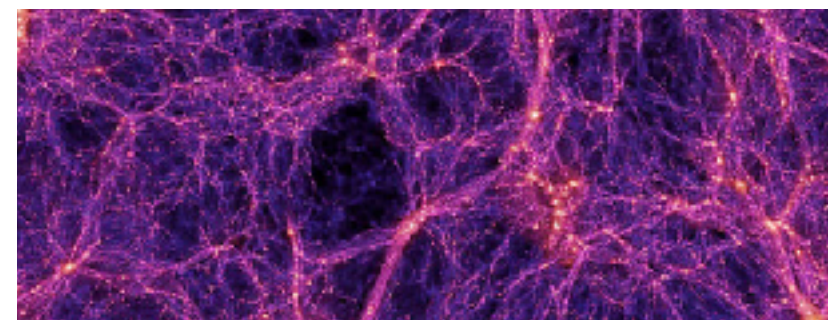
Problem: There is a kind of "matter," not included in SM

Unobservable by lights



Dark matter

Dark matter map estimated  
from galaxy observations





# Dark matter

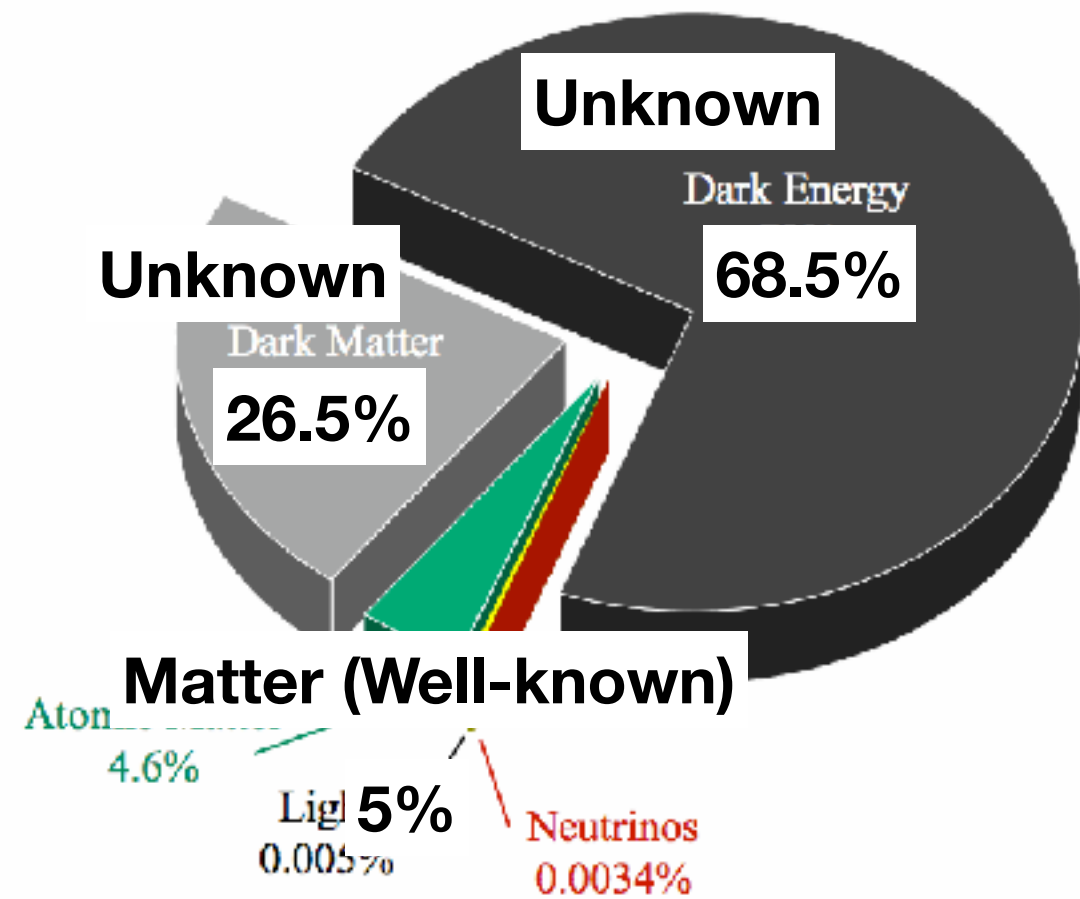
■ The existence is confirmed by various observations

- Galaxies
- Cosmic Microwave Background

*"Without dark matter, the solar system is not formed (we do not exist.)"*

■ Property

- Non-relativistic (with a low velocity  $\ll c$ )
- The amount is 5 times as large as that of ordinary matter
- Interaction with ordinary matter is weak



# Dark matter candidates

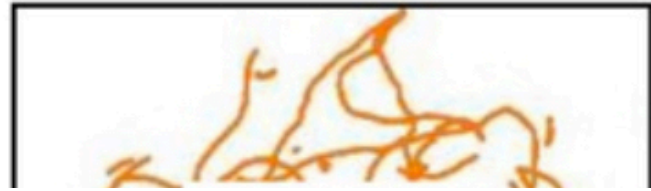
- WIMPs (Weakly interacting massive particles)
  - Cross section with ordinary matter is highly constrained by direct observations
  - Natural range of the cross section to explain the amount of DM is almost excluded
  
- Axions
  - Domain wall (DW) problem
  - A two dimensional topological soliton (domain wall) dominates the universe today
  - Conflicts with the current observations

# Our proposal: a type of scalar dark matter

- Beyond SM by two SM singlet complex scalar fields with global U(1) charges
- The dark matter is a real scalar field
  - Expressed by a phase difference between the new complex scalar fields
- Coincides with the pseudo Nambu-Goldstone dark matter model *Gross, Lebedev, Toma 2017*

# Walls in this model

Composite topological defects appear in the early universe



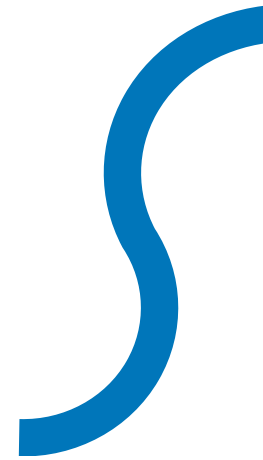
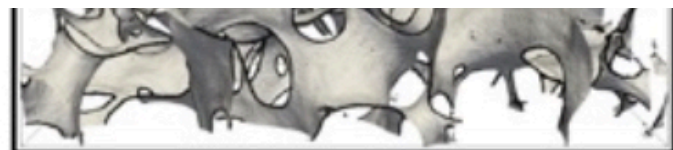
**Condensation of  $\zeta$ -field**

**Formation of strings**

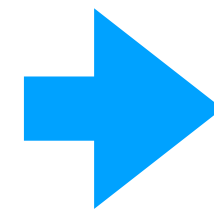


**Condensation of  $\phi$ -field**

**Walls are attached  
to the strings**



**(Cosmic) strings**



**String-walls**



**(Domain) walls**

# Advantages of our scalar dark matter

- The cross section between DM and ordinary matter is highly suppressed *Gross, Lebedev, Toma, 2017*
- DW problem is avoided because of the appearance of the edges of walls made of strings  
*Eto, Hiramatsu, Saito, YS, 2023, 2024*
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# What we did

- We performed three dimensional numerical simulations of string-walls in our model
- Each wall becomes confined in a narrow strip with the two edges made of the strings (a kishimen-like structure)
- Therefore, the walls behave almost like strings, which does not conflict with the current observations
- DW problem is avoided in our model!

**Kishimen is a kind of  
Japanese noodle**

# Our model

- Two SM singlet complex scalar fields  $\zeta$  and  $\phi$  with a  $U(1)_{\text{mix}}$

$$\zeta \rightarrow e^{i2\theta} \zeta ,$$

$$\phi \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \phi ,$$

Interaction potential

$$\frac{m}{2} (\zeta^* \phi^2 + \phi^{*2} \zeta)$$

Explicit breaking

$$U(1)_{\zeta} \times U(1)_{\phi} \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{mix}}$$

- Phase transition happens twice at  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  ( $v_1 \gg v_2$ )

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{4} (|\zeta|^2 - v_1^2)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{4} (|\phi|^2 - v_2^2)^2$$

# Our model

- The condensation of  $\zeta$  causes the symmetry breaking

$$U(1)_{\text{mix}} \rightarrow Z_2$$

Remnant symmetry	$\zeta \rightarrow e^{i2\pi}\zeta = \zeta$
$\theta = \pi$	$\phi \rightarrow e^{i\pi}\phi = -\phi$

- The condensation of  $\phi$  causes the symmetry breaking:

$$Z_2 \rightarrow I$$

- In total, the symmetry breaking chain is

$$SM \times U(1)_{\text{mix}} \rightarrow SM \times Z_2 \rightarrow SM$$

# Structure of the vacuum

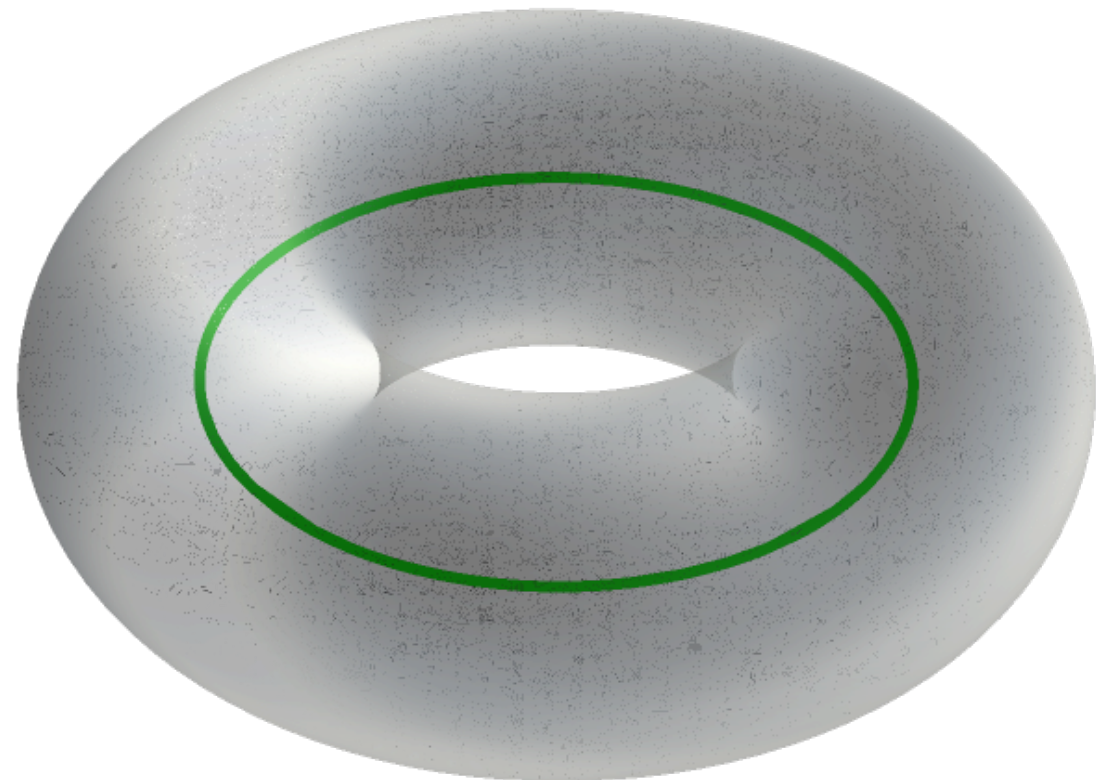
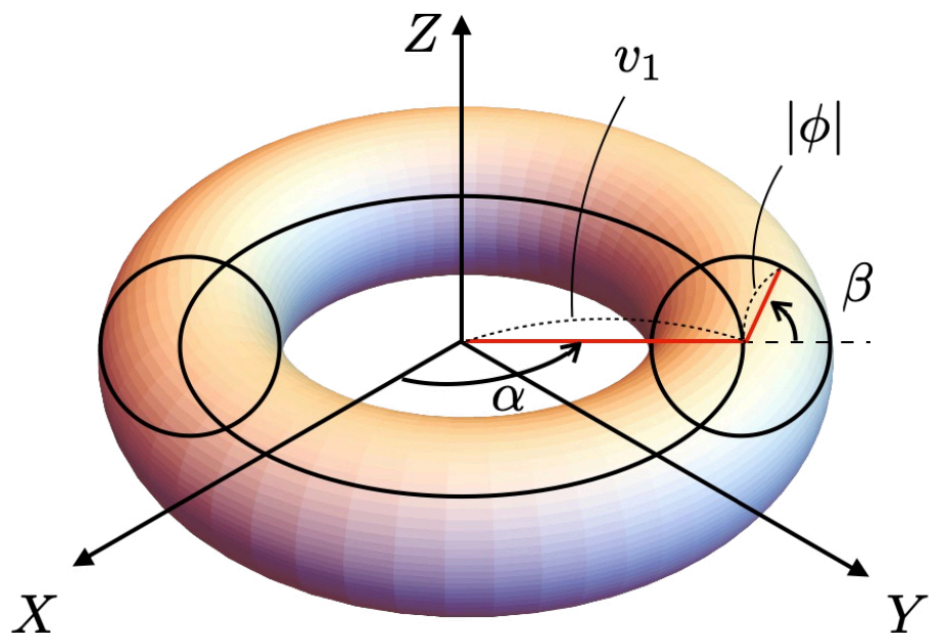
- In high energies as  $v_1 > T > v_2$ , where  $\langle \phi \rangle = 0$

$$\zeta = v_1 e^{i\alpha}, \phi = |\phi| e^{i\beta}$$

The vacuum winds in  $\alpha$ -direction twice ( $\theta : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$ )

The structure is  $U(1) \sim S^1$

Torus coordinate



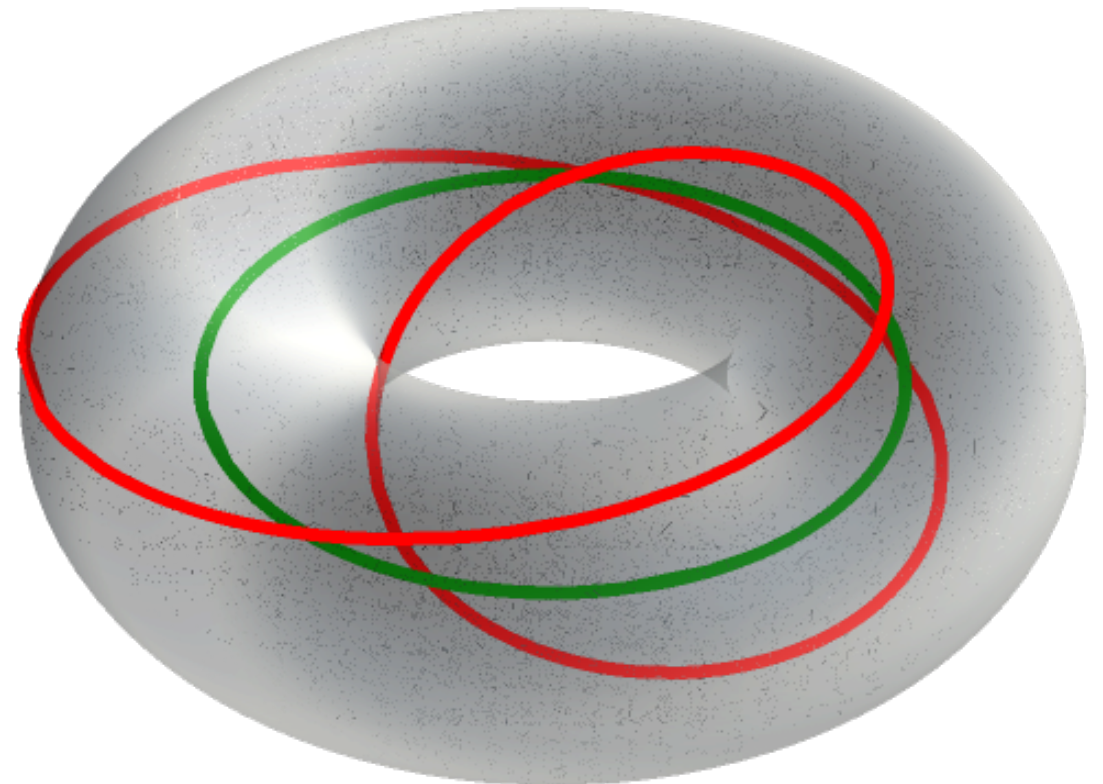
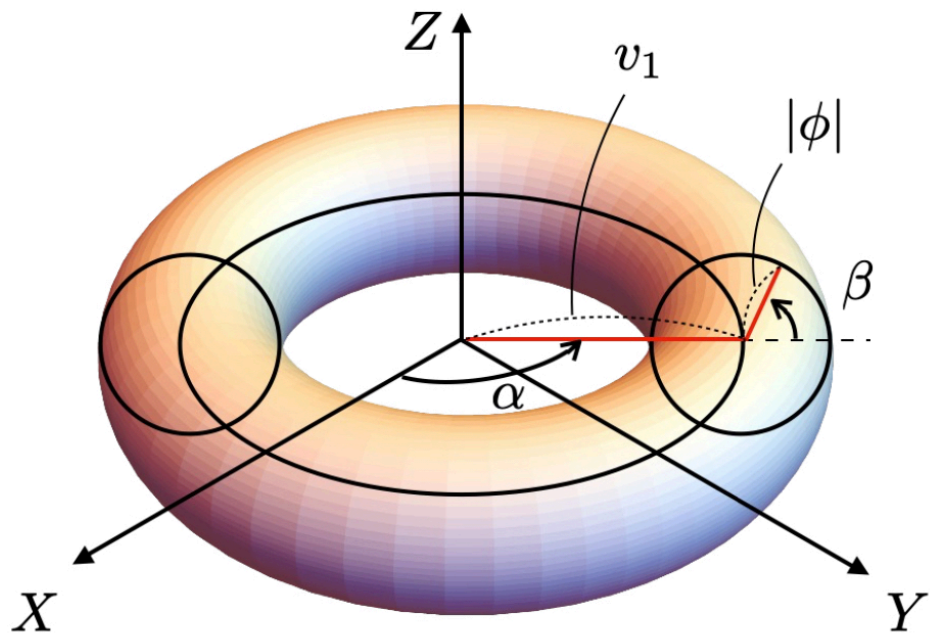
# Structure of the vacuum

- In low energies  $v_2 > T$

$$V_{\text{int}} = mv_1 |\phi|^2 \cos(2\beta - \alpha) \quad \zeta = v_1 e^{i\alpha}, \quad \phi \simeq v_2 e^{i\beta}$$

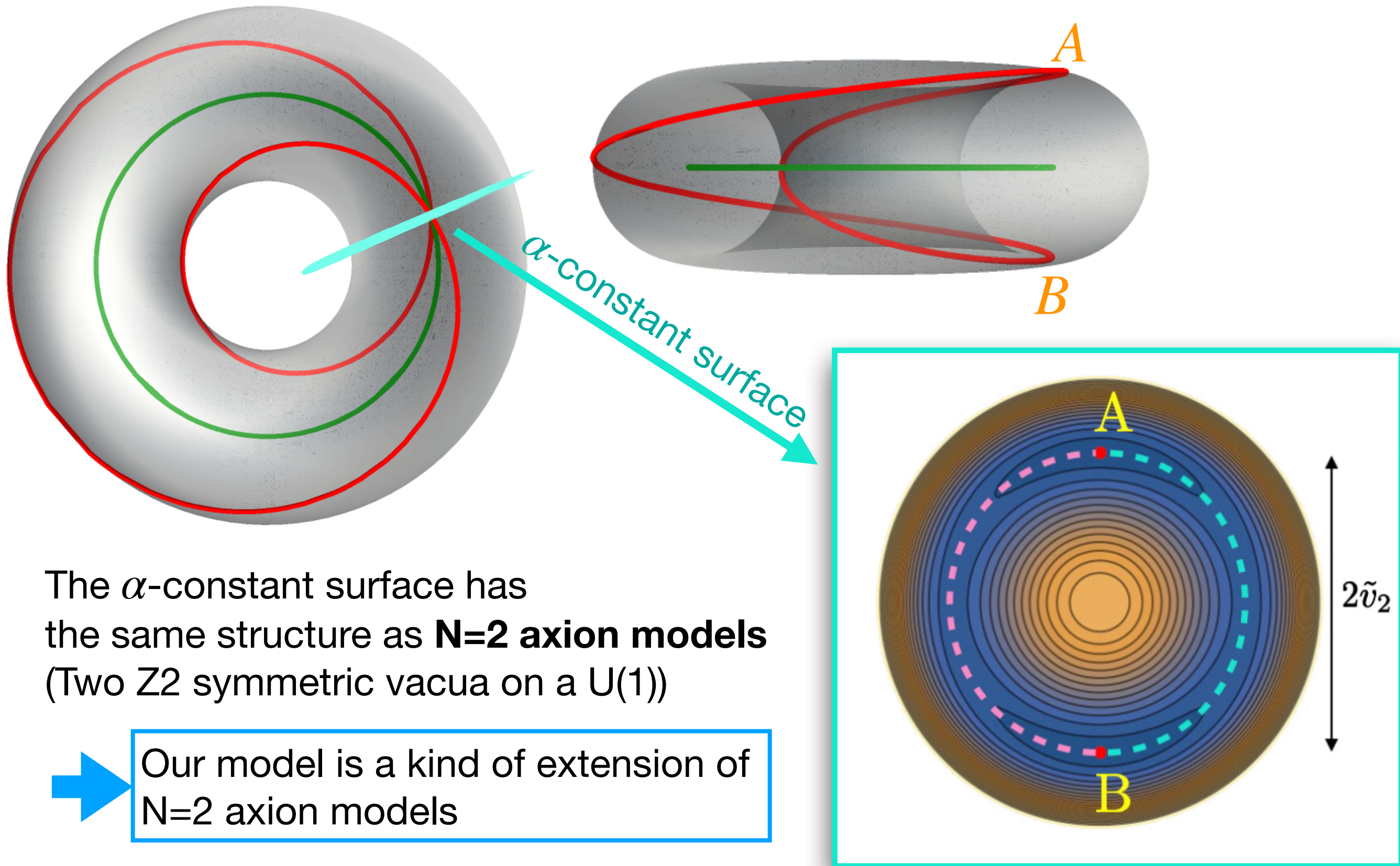
The vacuum is a **type-(2,1) torus knot**  $\sim S^1$ ,  
winding in  $\alpha$ -direction twice and  $\beta$ -direction once.

Torus coordinate





# Structure of the vacuum

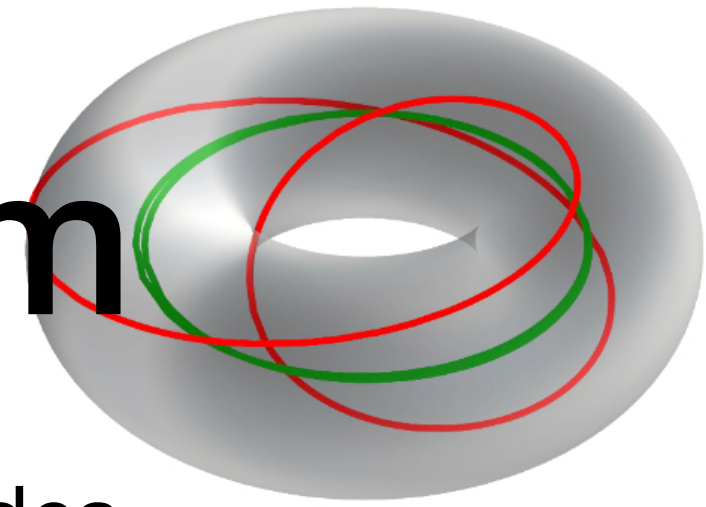


The  $\alpha$ -constant surface has the same structure as **N=2 axion models** (Two  $Z_2$  symmetric vacua on a  $U(1)$ )

➔ Our model is a kind of extension of N=2 axion models



# Mass spectrum



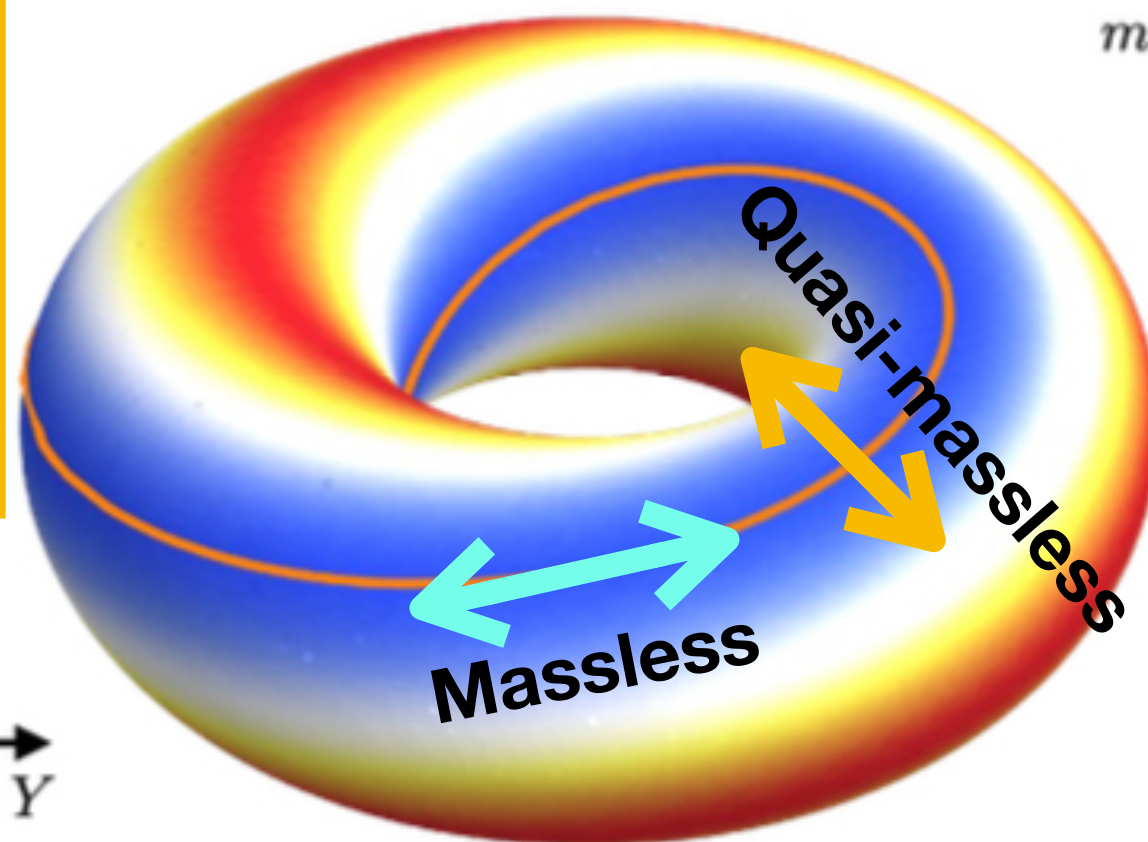
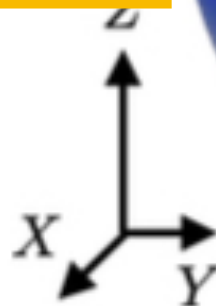
- Radial modes:  $\delta|\zeta|$  and  $\delta|\phi| \Rightarrow$  Massive modes

$$m_{|\zeta|} \sim \sqrt{\lambda_1} v_1 \quad m_{|\phi|} \sim \sqrt{\lambda_2} v_2$$

- Mode along the torus knot vacuum of  $\delta\alpha$  and  $\delta\beta \Rightarrow$  Massless mode

- Mode perpendicular to the torus knot vacuum  $\Rightarrow$  Quasi-massless mode  $\Rightarrow$  Dark matter

$$m_{\text{qml}} \sim m v_1$$



$$m v_1 v_2^2 \cos(2\beta - \alpha)$$

0.050

0.025

0

-0.025

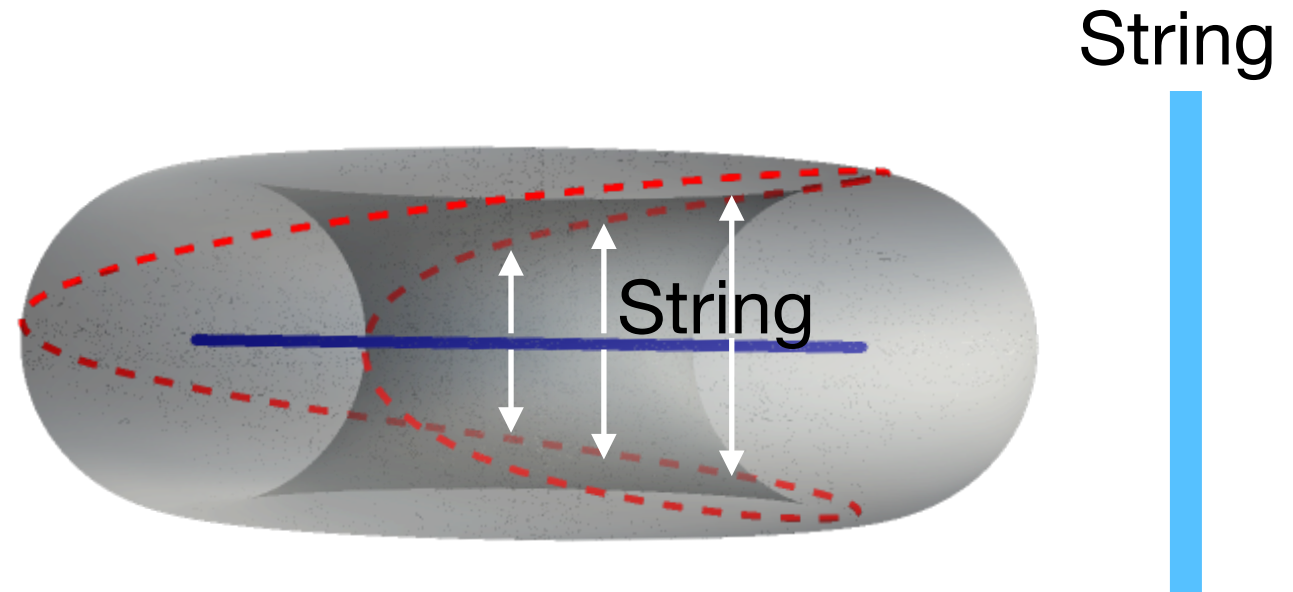
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# Strings

- Strings winding with  $\underline{n_\alpha} = 2n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  are topological winding number in  $\alpha$ -direction
- However, strings with  $n_\alpha \neq \pm 1$  are hard to be formed for cosmological initial condition

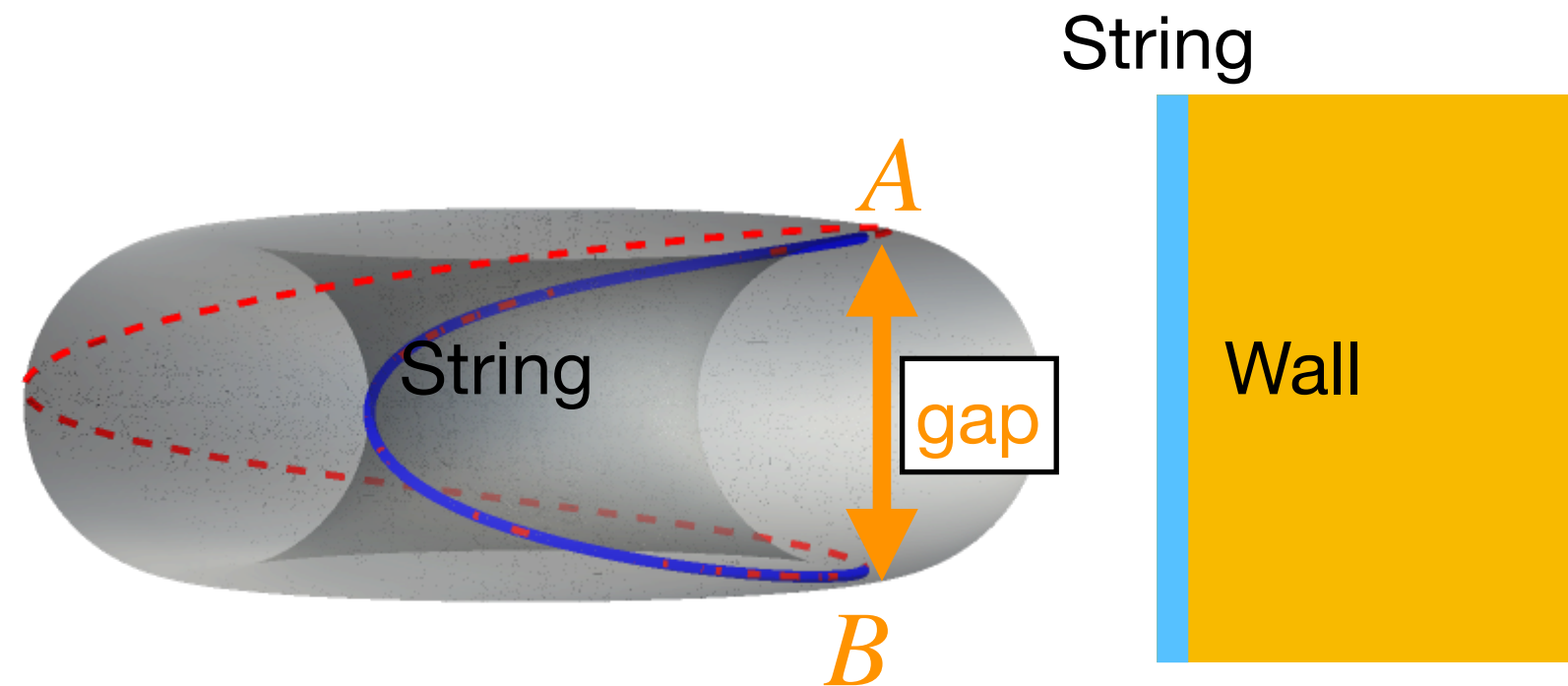
# Formation of string-walls

① At a high energy  $T \sim v_1$ , strings with  $n_\alpha = \pm 1$  are formed



② At a low energy  $T \sim v_2$ , the string tries to follow the torus knot vacuum, and a gap is formed

Wall

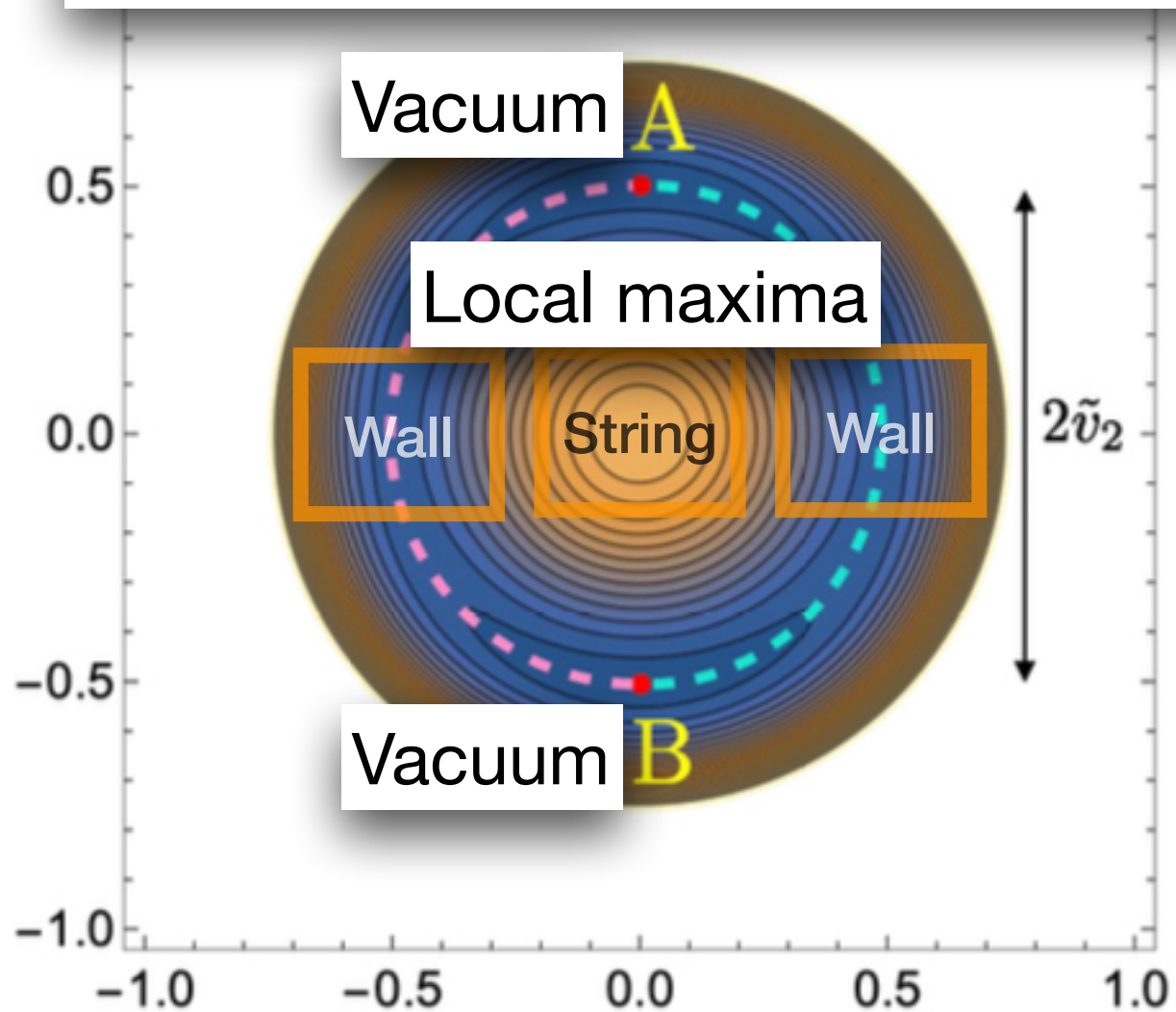


# Two regimes

$$\frac{m}{2}(\zeta^* \phi^2 + \phi^{*2} \zeta)$$

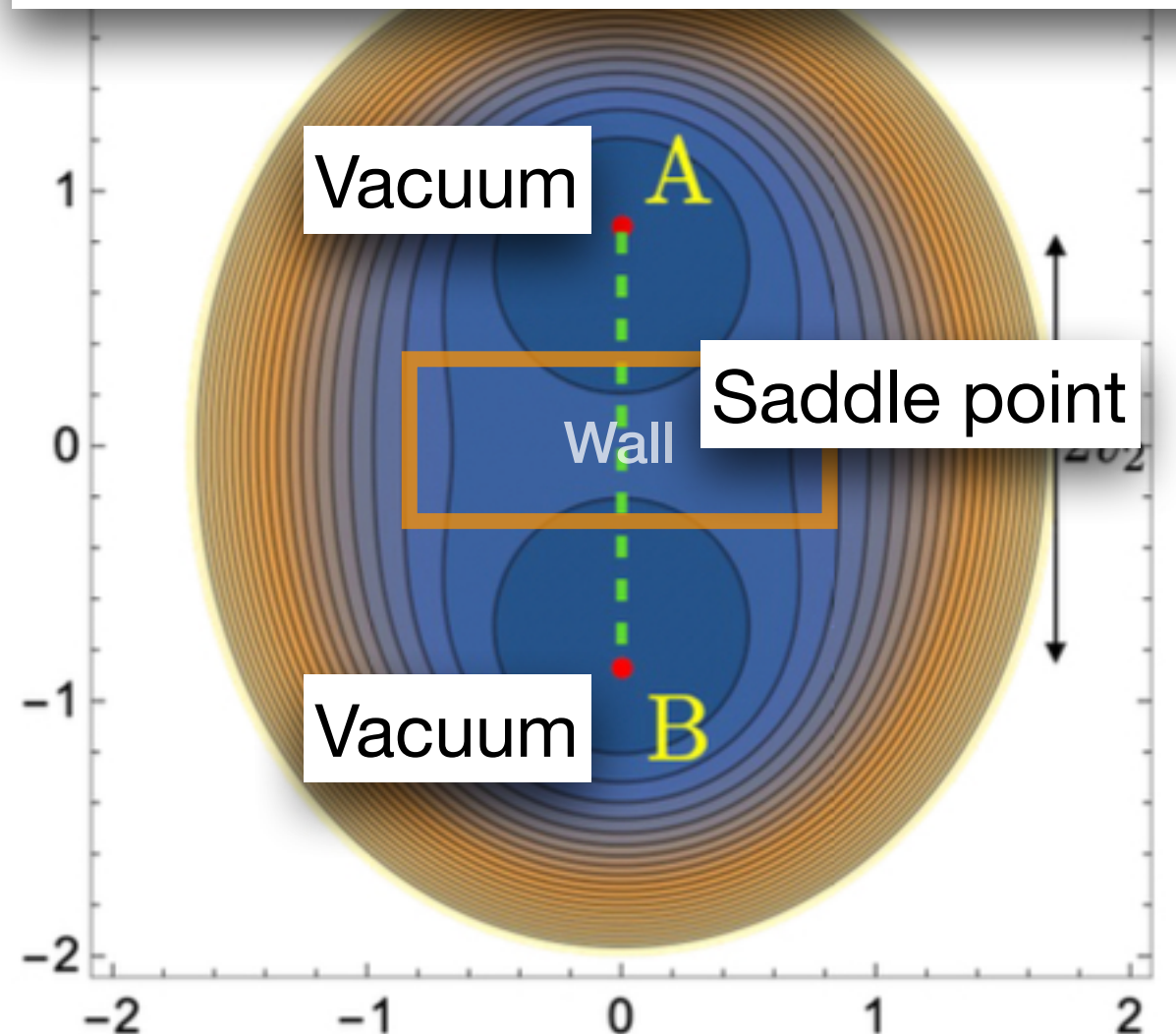
- Two regimes defined by  $m$ , the strength of the interaction between  $\zeta$  and  $\phi$

Weakly interacting regime ( $m$ : small)



Walls are on the surface of the torus.  
 $\phi$ -strings winding in  $\beta$ -direction exist.

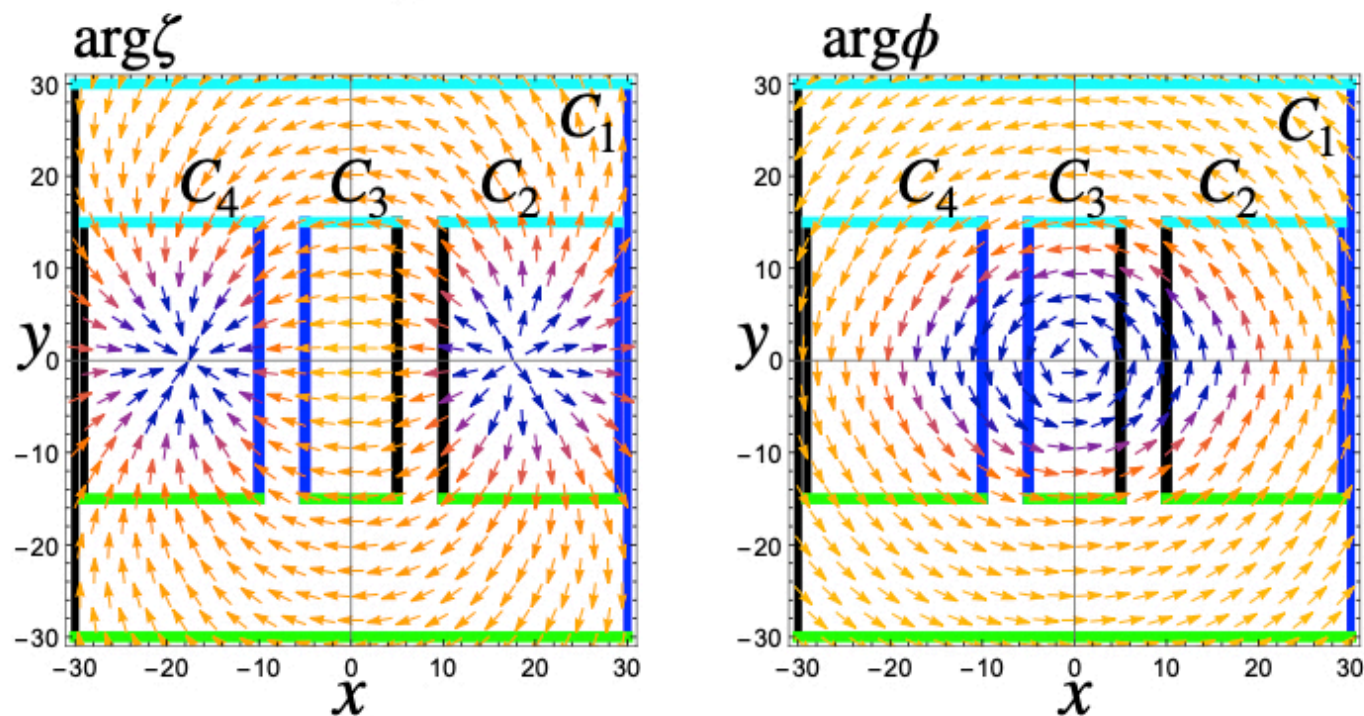
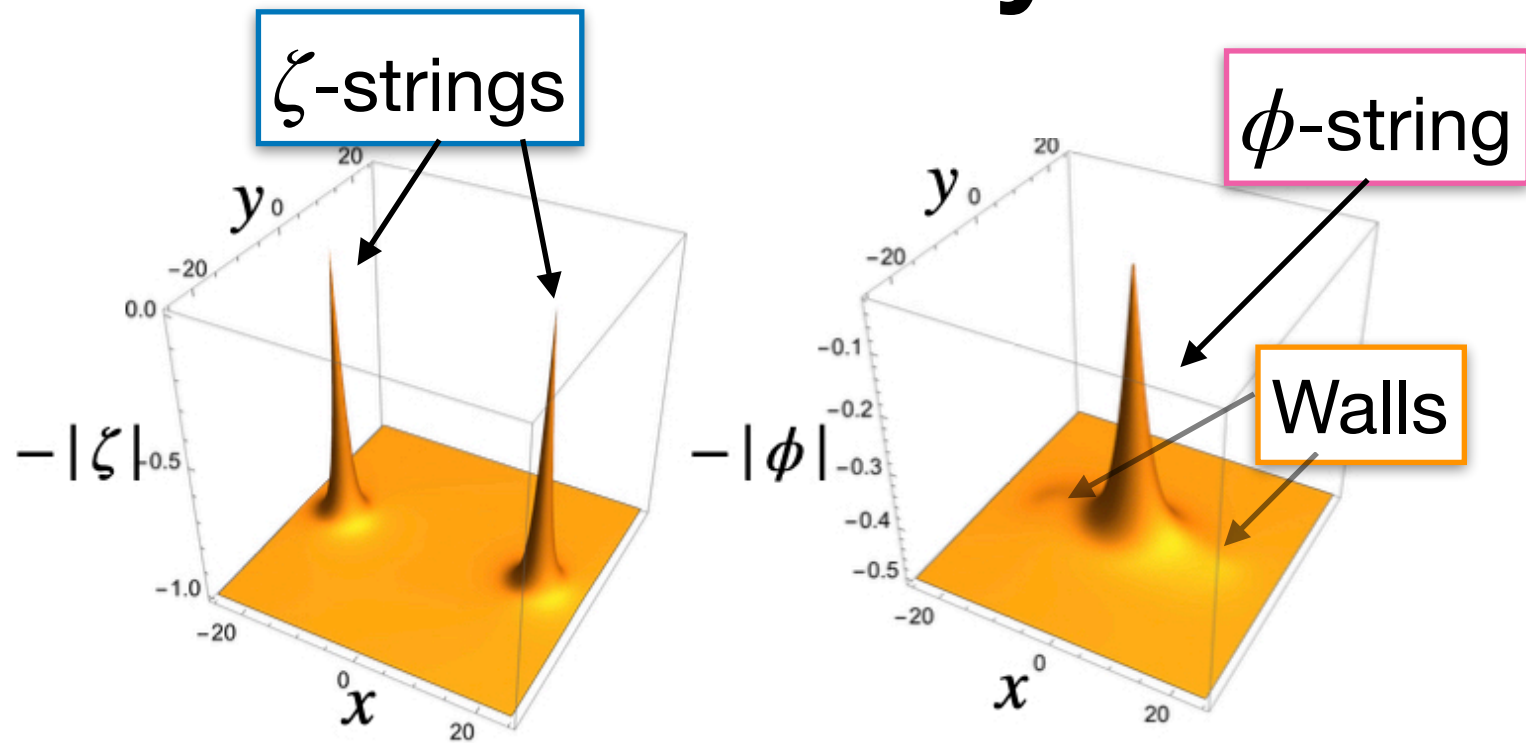
Strongly interacting regime ( $m$ : large)



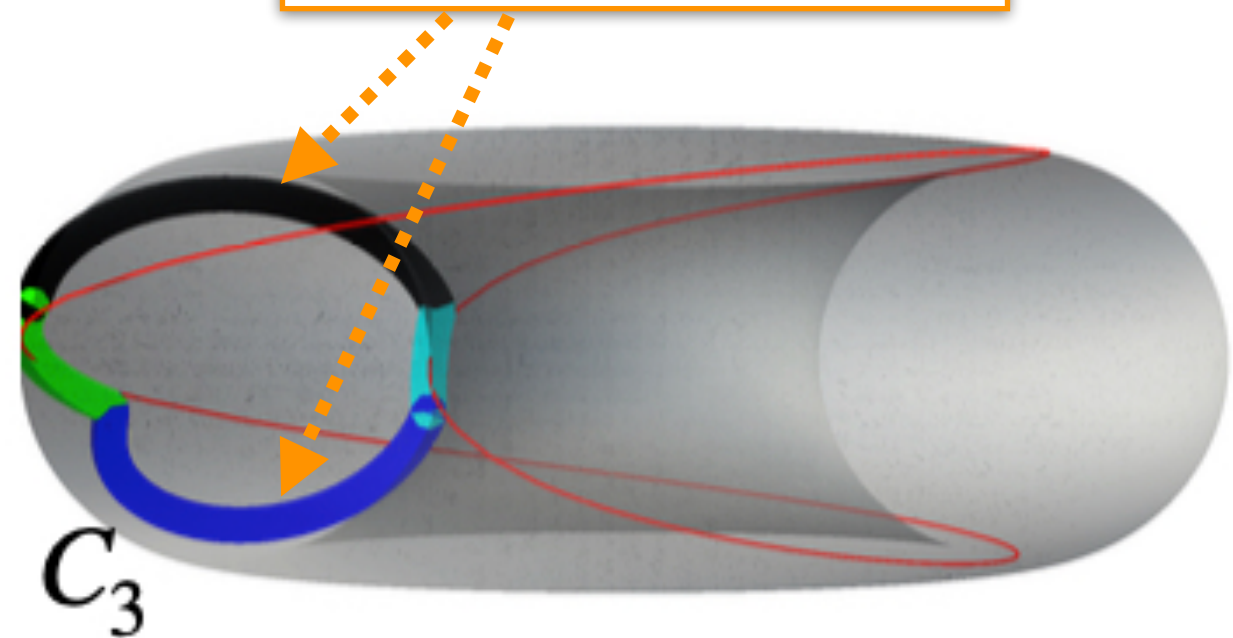
Wall is at the core of the torus.  
 No  $\phi$ -strings.



# Two dimensional numerical solution in weakly interacting regime

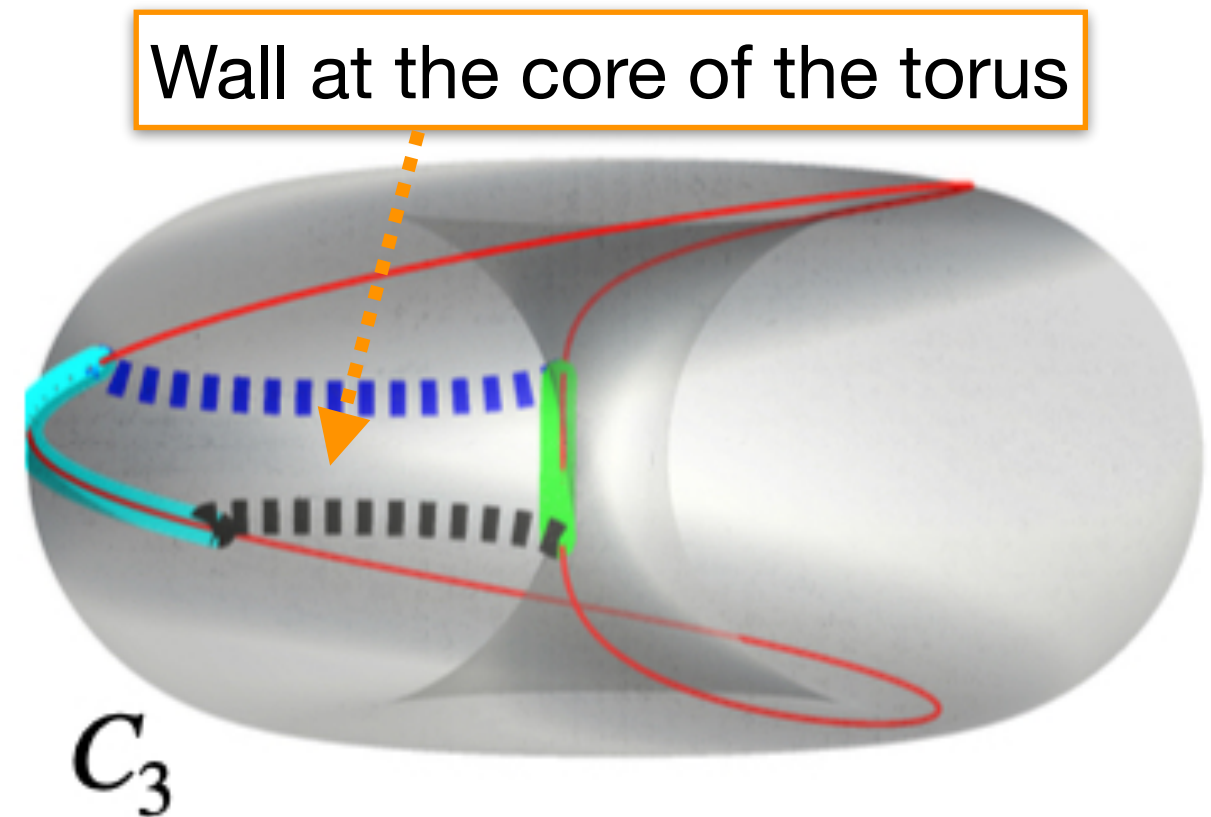
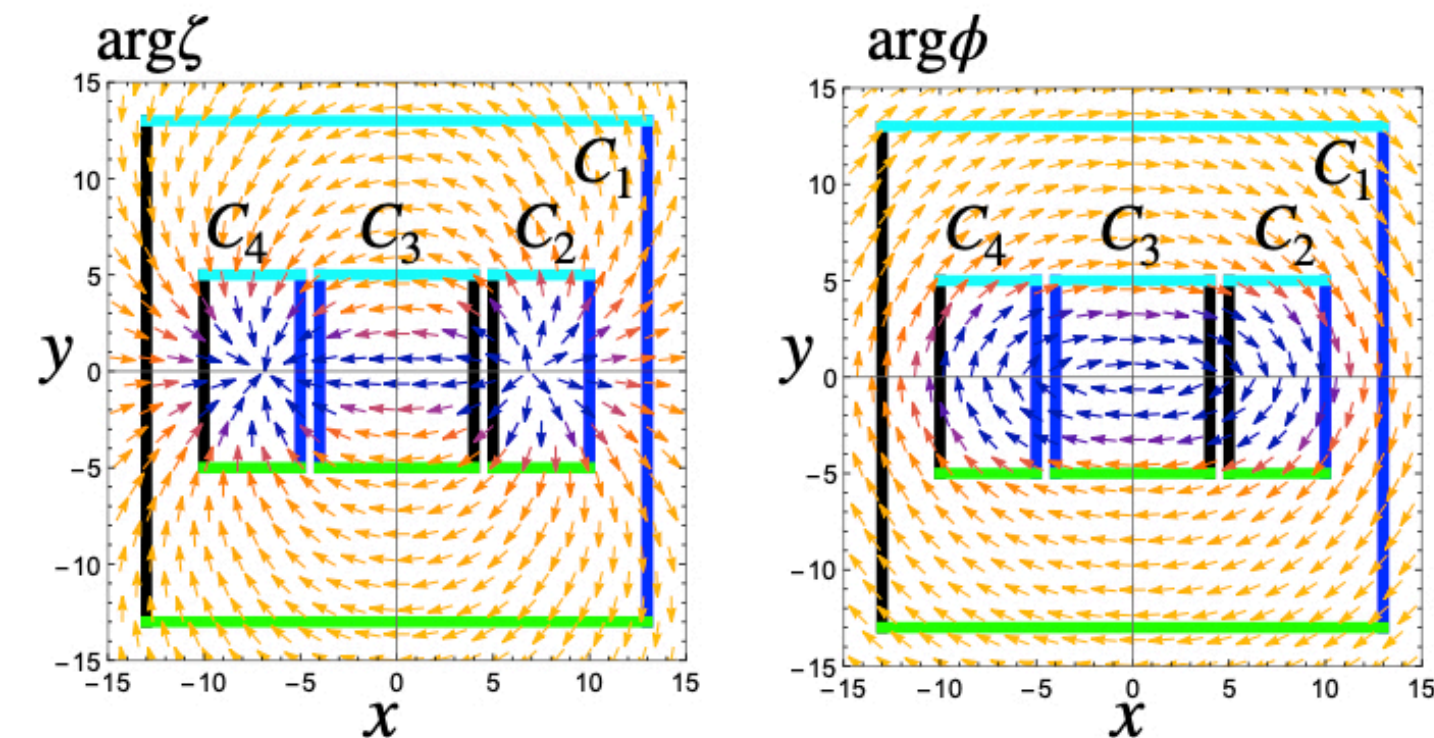
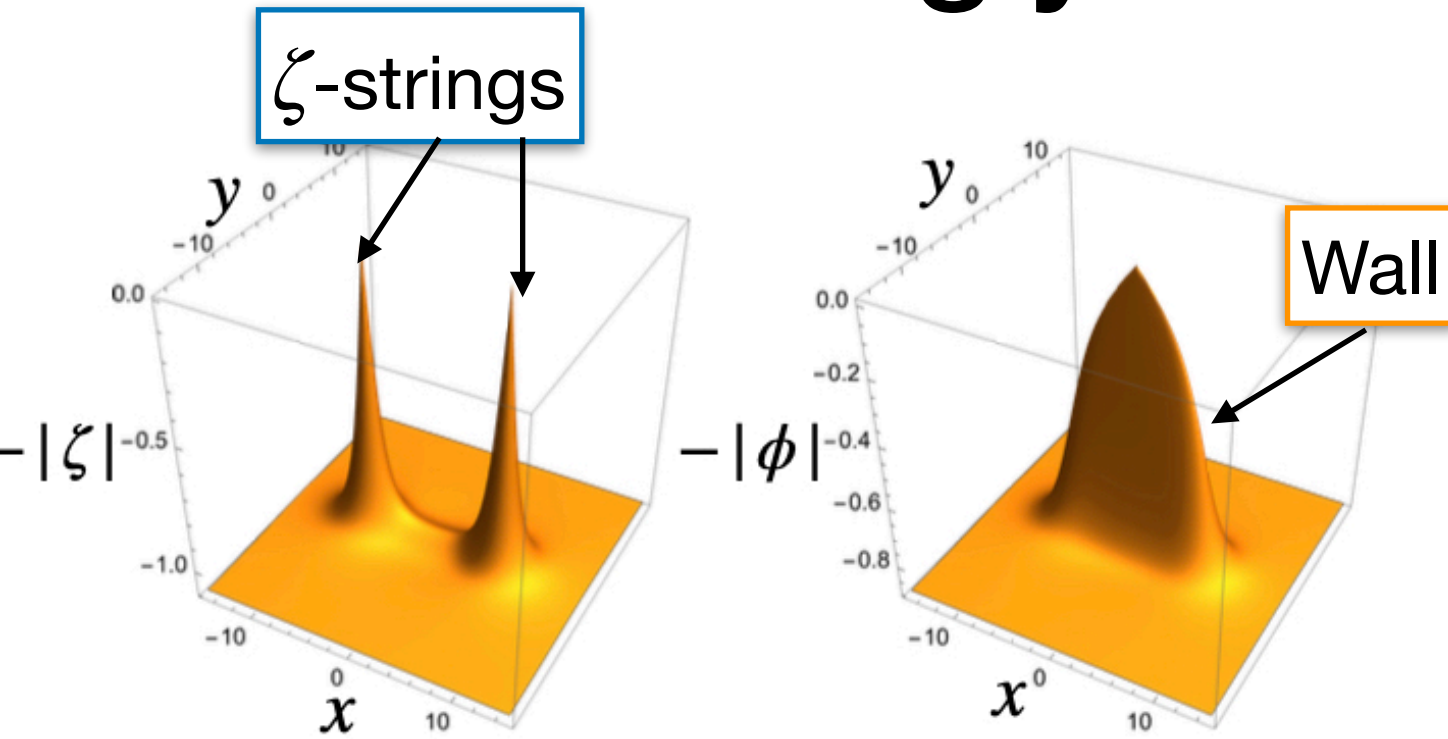


Walls on the surface  
of the torus



Wall tension  $\sigma \sim \sqrt{mv_1 v_2^2}$

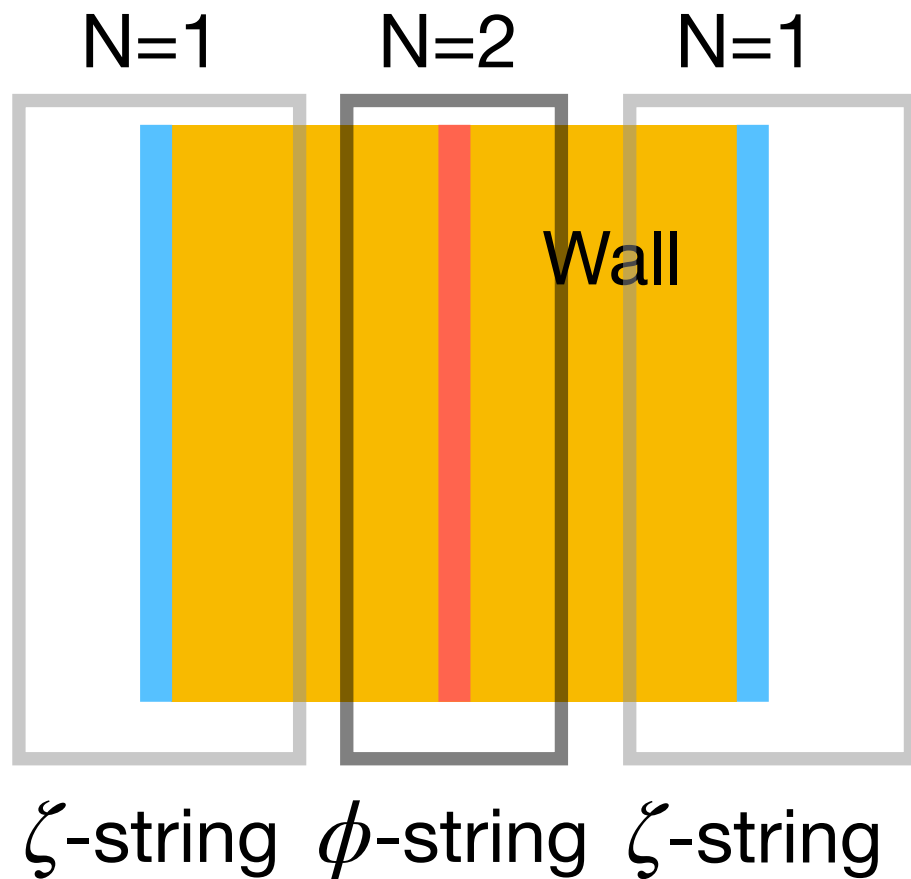
# Two dimensional numerical solution in strongly interacting regime



$$\text{Wall tension } \sigma \sim \sqrt{\lambda_2} v_2^3 (1 + m/m_*)^{3/2} \quad m_* = \frac{\lambda_2 v_2}{2v_1}$$



# Properties



$$\frac{m}{2} (\phi^2 \zeta^* + \phi^{*2} \zeta)$$

$\phi \sim$  N=2 axion model

$$\frac{m}{2} (\phi^2 \zeta^* + \phi^{*2} \zeta)$$

$\zeta \sim$  N=1 axion model

- Our model has structures of N=1 and N=2 axion models  
 $\Rightarrow$  An extension of axion models

- Walls have the edges of  $\zeta$ -strings  
 $\Rightarrow$  Wall property is different from axions'

Note: For  $(q_\zeta, q_\phi) = (1, n)$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , the edges always appear

# Domain wall problem

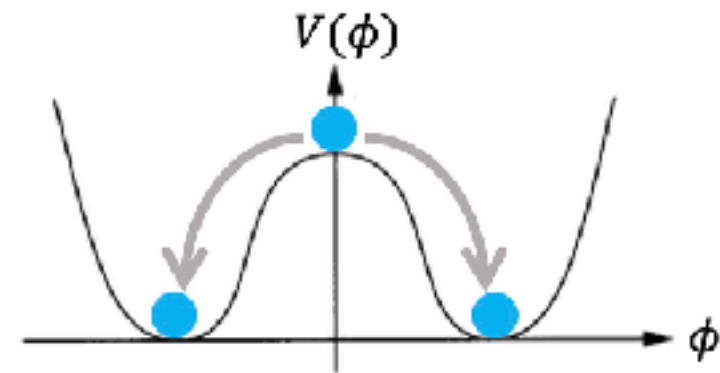
- Walls found in a simplest model (One real scalar field)

"Two degenerate separated vacua"

⇒ Wall is topological

- Walls do not have the edges (infinite size)

⇒ No mechanism to reduce the wall area

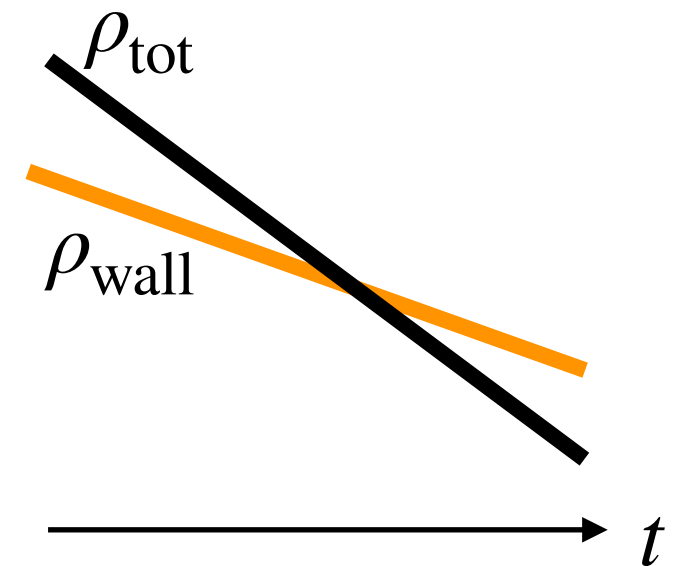


Correlation length  $L \propto t$

Hubble expansion  $H \propto t^{-1}$

Wall energy density  $\rho_{\text{wall}} \sim \frac{\sigma L^2}{H^{-3}} \propto \frac{t^2}{t^3} = \frac{1}{t}$

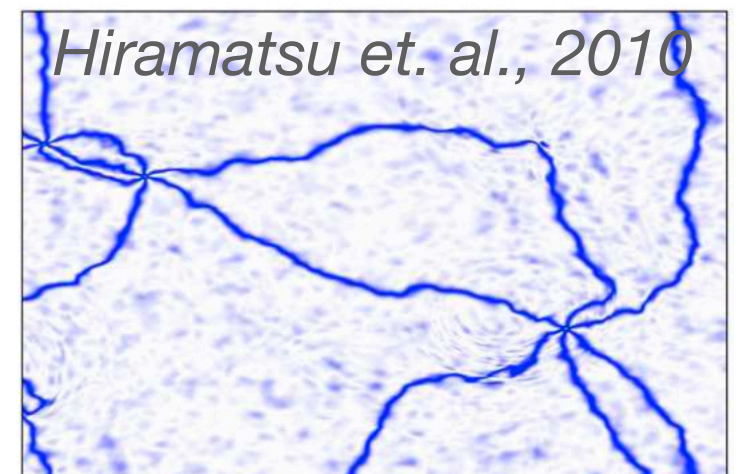
Total energy density  $\rho_{\text{tot}} \propto \frac{1}{t^2}$



⇒ Walls dominate the universe today ⇒ DW problem appears

# Domain wall problem

- For axion models with  $N \geq 2$ , DW problem appears
  - "Two or more degenerate separated vacua"
    - $\Rightarrow$  Wall is topological
- Walls does not have the edges (infinite network of string-walls)
  - $\Rightarrow$  No mechanism to reduce the wall area
  - $\Rightarrow$  Walls dominate the universe today  $\Rightarrow$  DW problem appears



# Domain wall problem

- Our model

"Two vacua are connected"

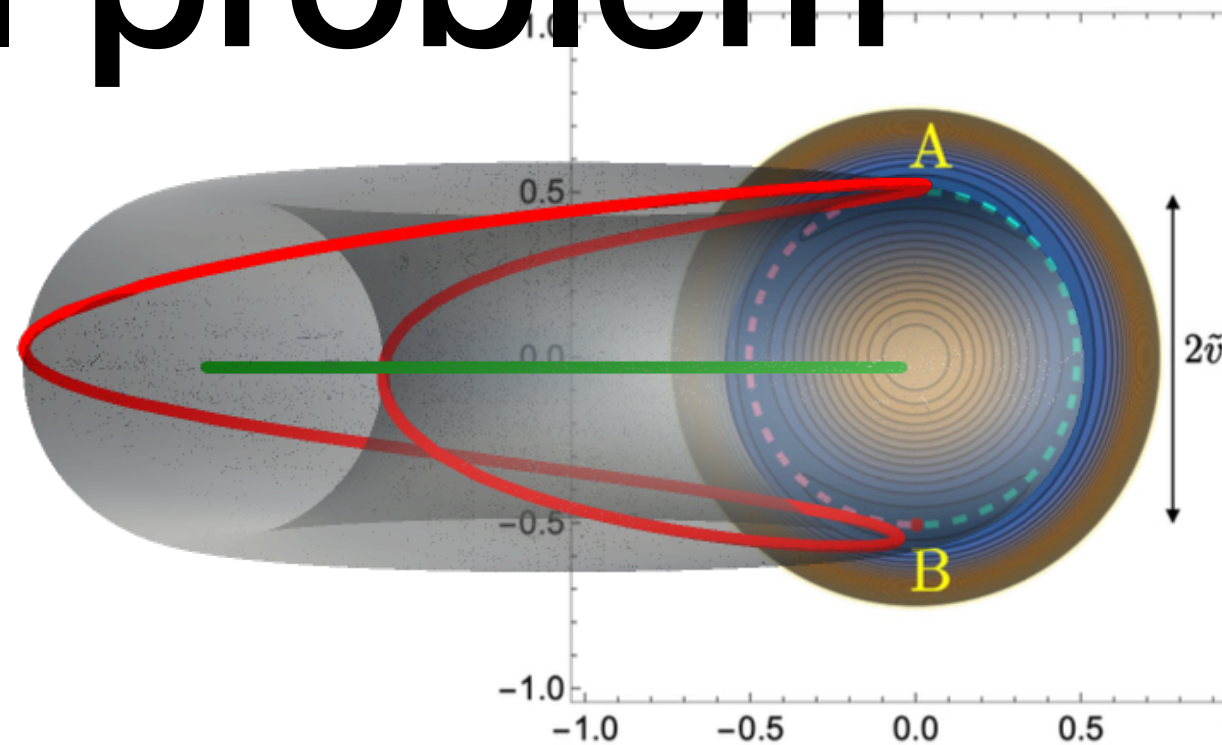
⇒ Wall is non-topological

⇒ Walls are accompanied by strings as the edges  
and becomes topological

- Walls does have the edges made of strings

⇒ Walls seems to be able to reduce their area by their tension

⇒ DW problem seems to be avoided for our model



# Governing equations for cosmological simulations

- Two complex scalar fields  $\zeta$ ,  $\phi$  interacting with each other

$$\ddot{\zeta} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{\zeta} - \delta^{ij}\partial_i\partial_j\zeta = -a^2\left(\lambda_1\zeta(|\zeta|^2 - v_1^2) + m\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{3}T^2\zeta\right)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{\phi} - \delta^{ij}\partial_i\partial_j\phi = -a^2\left(\lambda_2\phi(|\phi|^2 - v_2^2) + 2m^*\zeta\phi^* + \frac{\lambda_2}{3}T^2\phi\right)$$

- Hyperbolic partial differential equations  $\sim$  wave equations
- Dark matter is expressed by  $2\arg(\phi) - \arg(\zeta)$



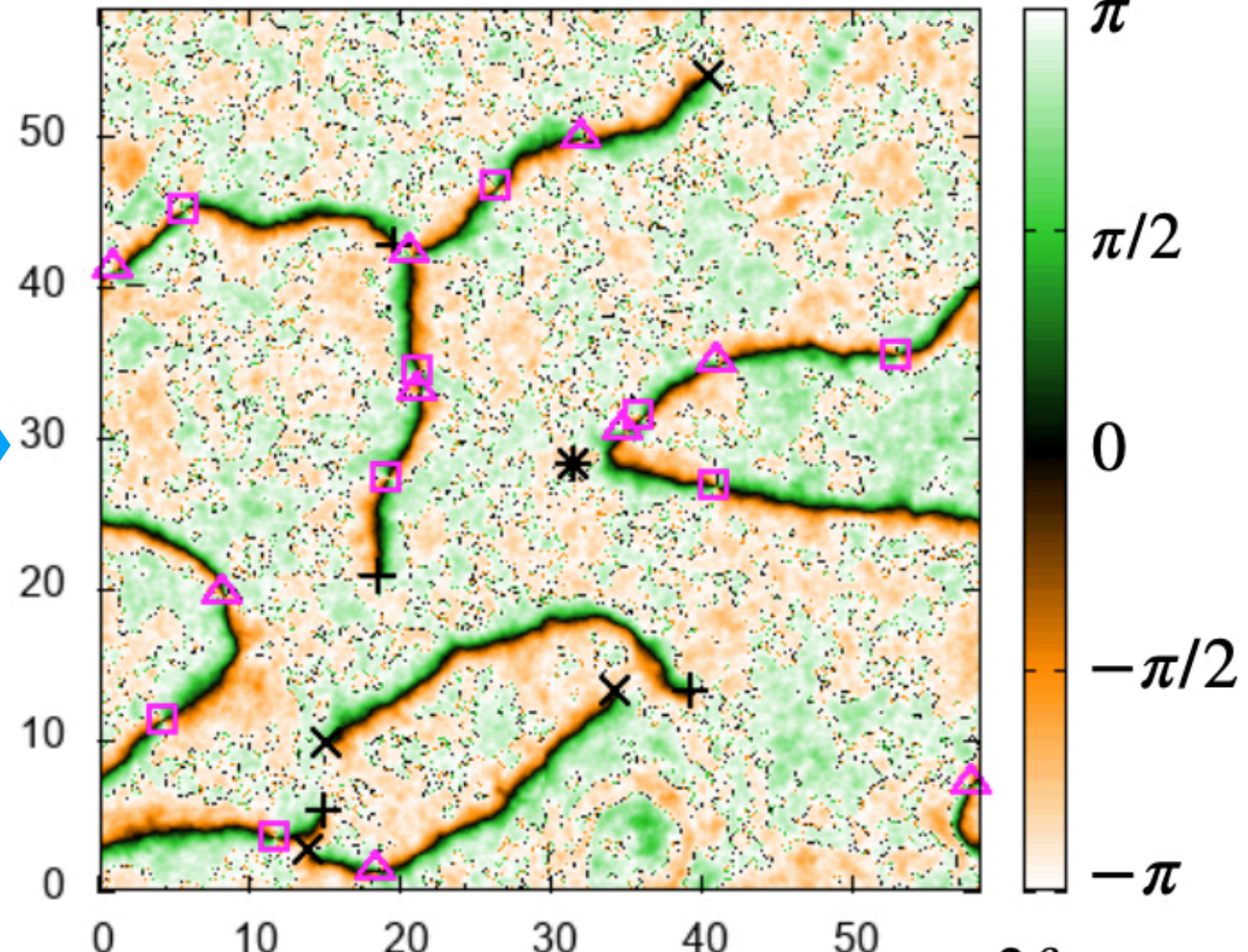
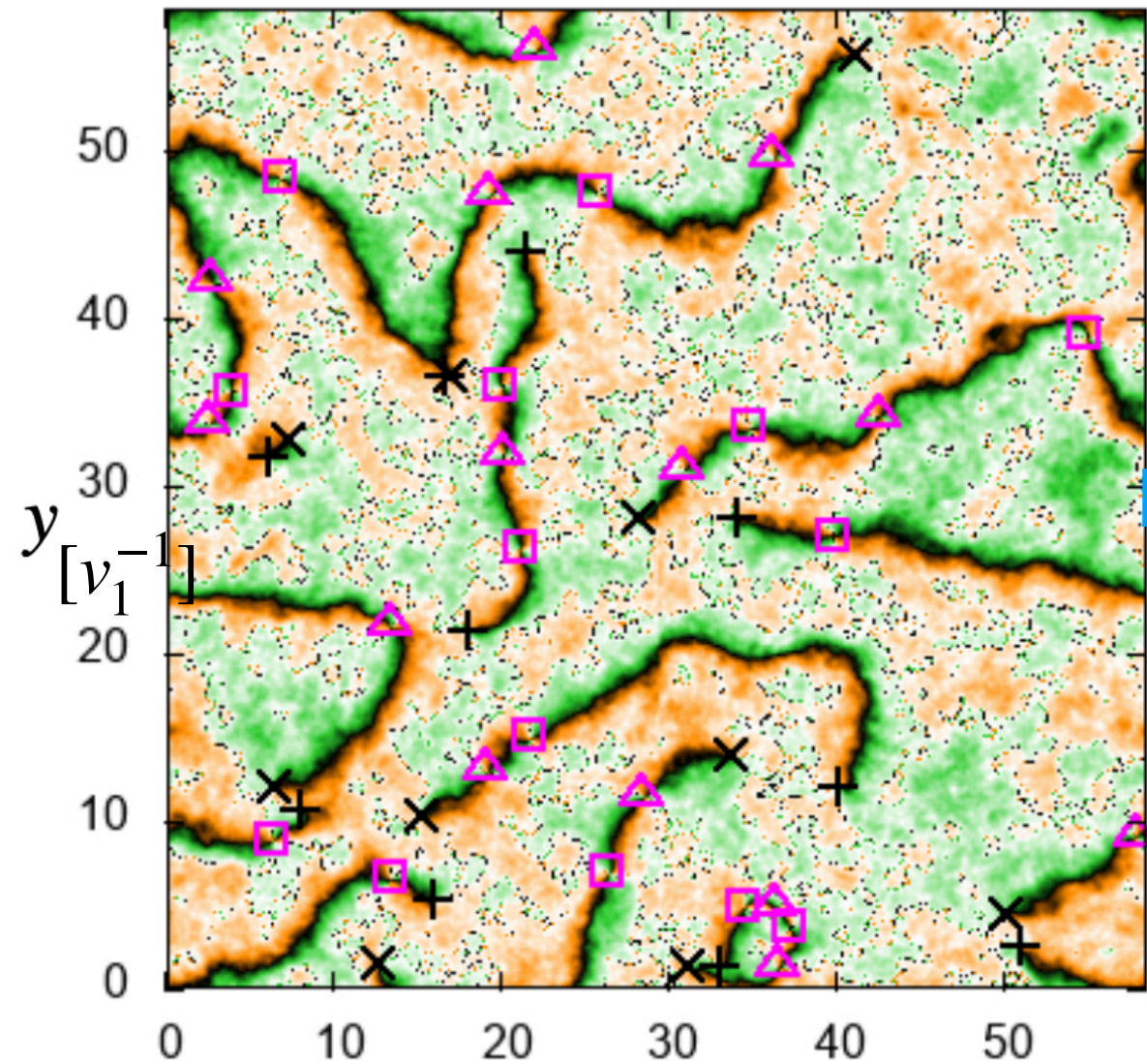
# Two dimensional cosmological simulations

Weakly interacting regime

$+$ ,  $\times$  ...  $\zeta$ -strings     $\triangle$ ,  $\square$  ...  $\phi$ -strings

$$\eta = 19.54v_1^{-1}$$

$$\eta = 29.17v_1^{-1}$$



$$x [v_1^{-1}]$$

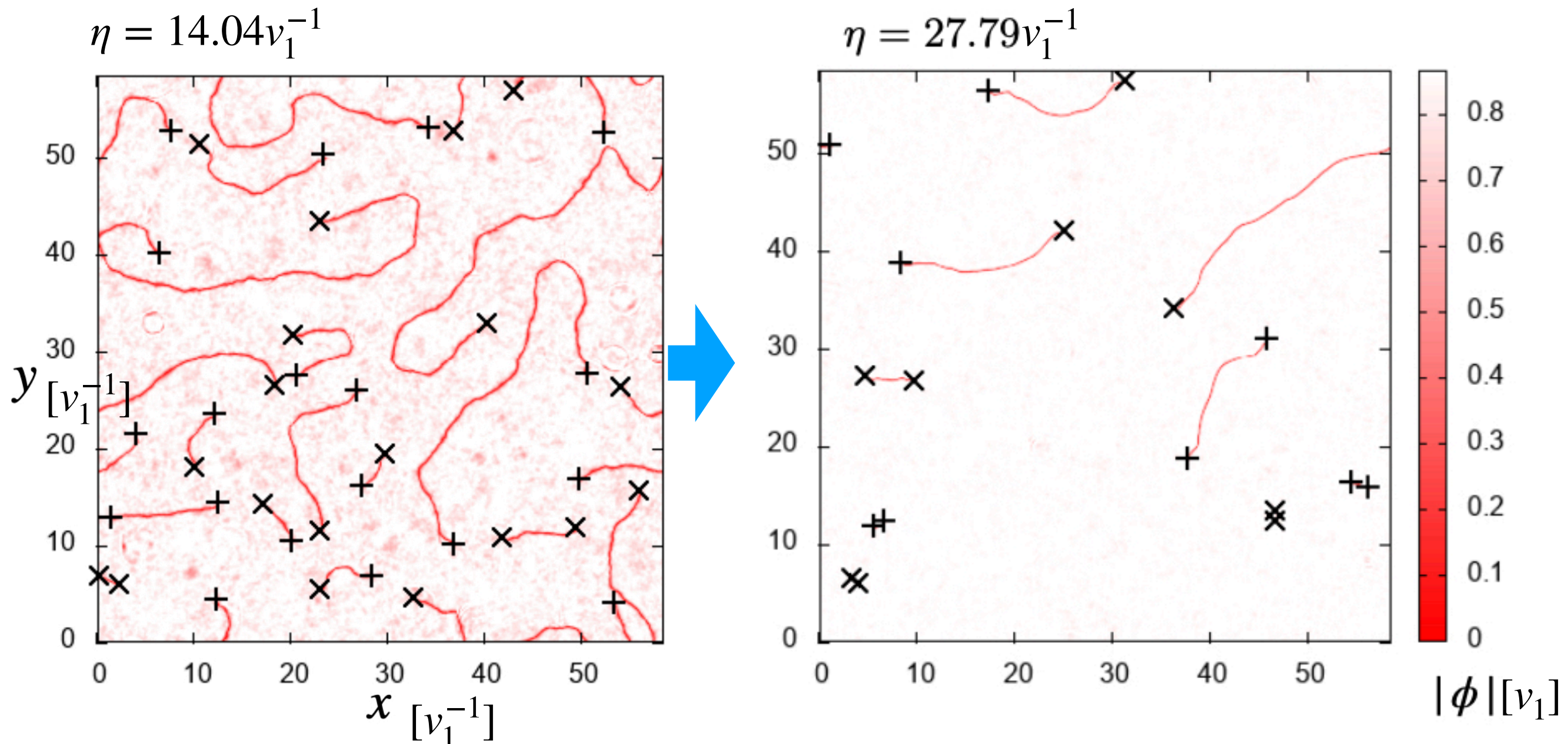
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# Two dimensional cosmological simulations

Strongly interacting regime

+ , × ... ζ-strings

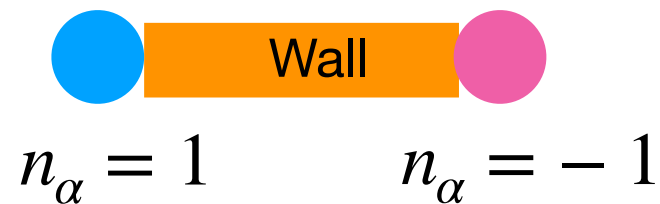


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# Late time behavior

String-walls made of  $\zeta$ -strings with the different winding numbers  
 $\Rightarrow$  non-topological

$\Rightarrow$  vanish



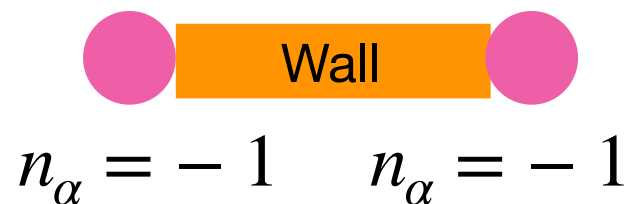
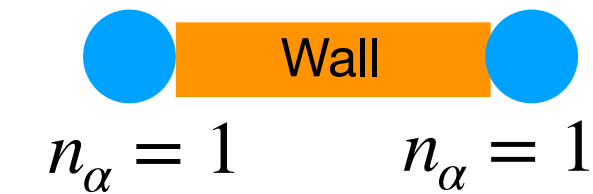
+ ...  $\zeta$ -strings with  $n_\alpha = 1$

× ...  $\zeta$ -strings with  $n_\alpha = -1$

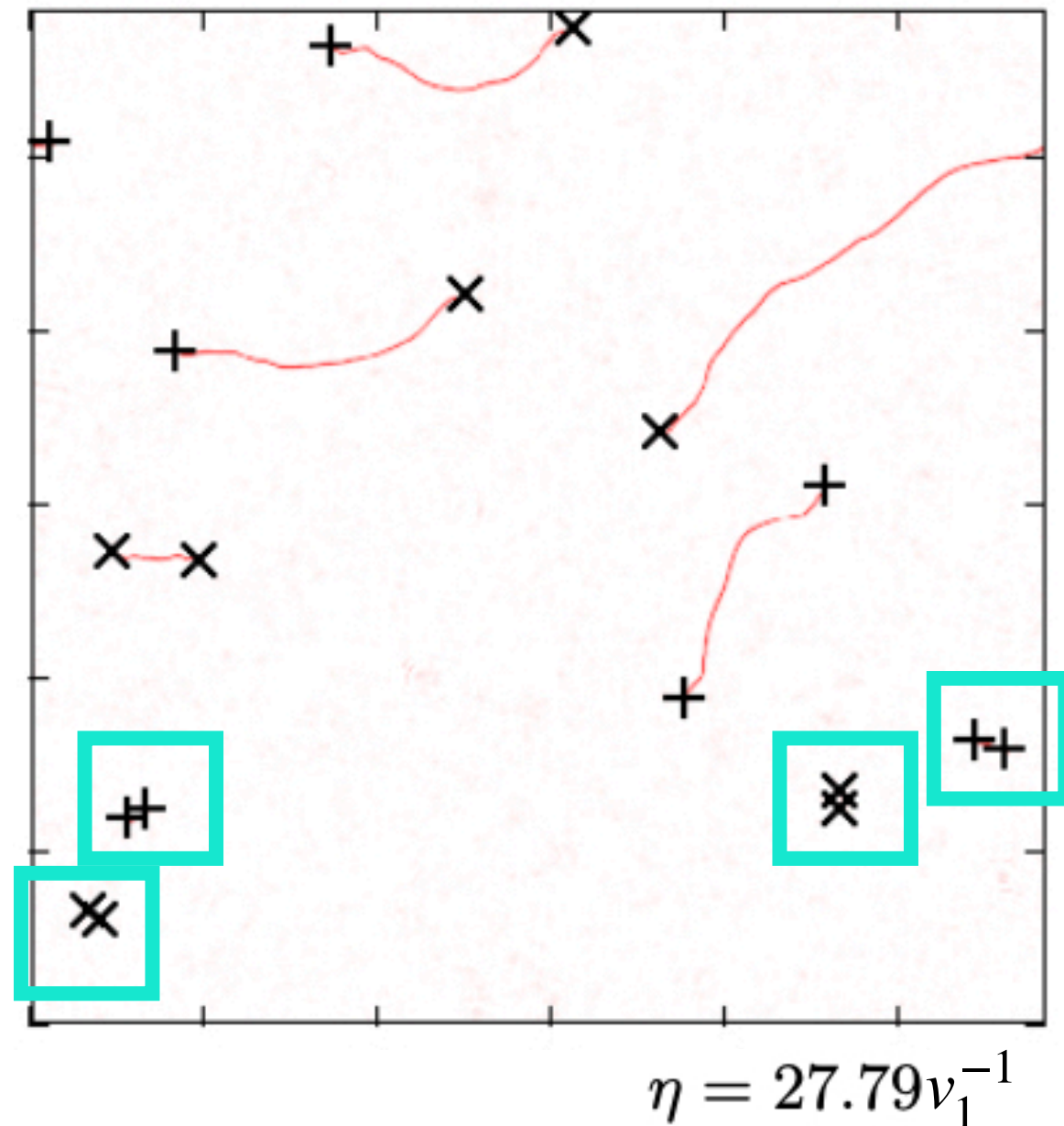
String-walls made of  $\zeta$ -strings with the same winding number

$\Rightarrow$  topological

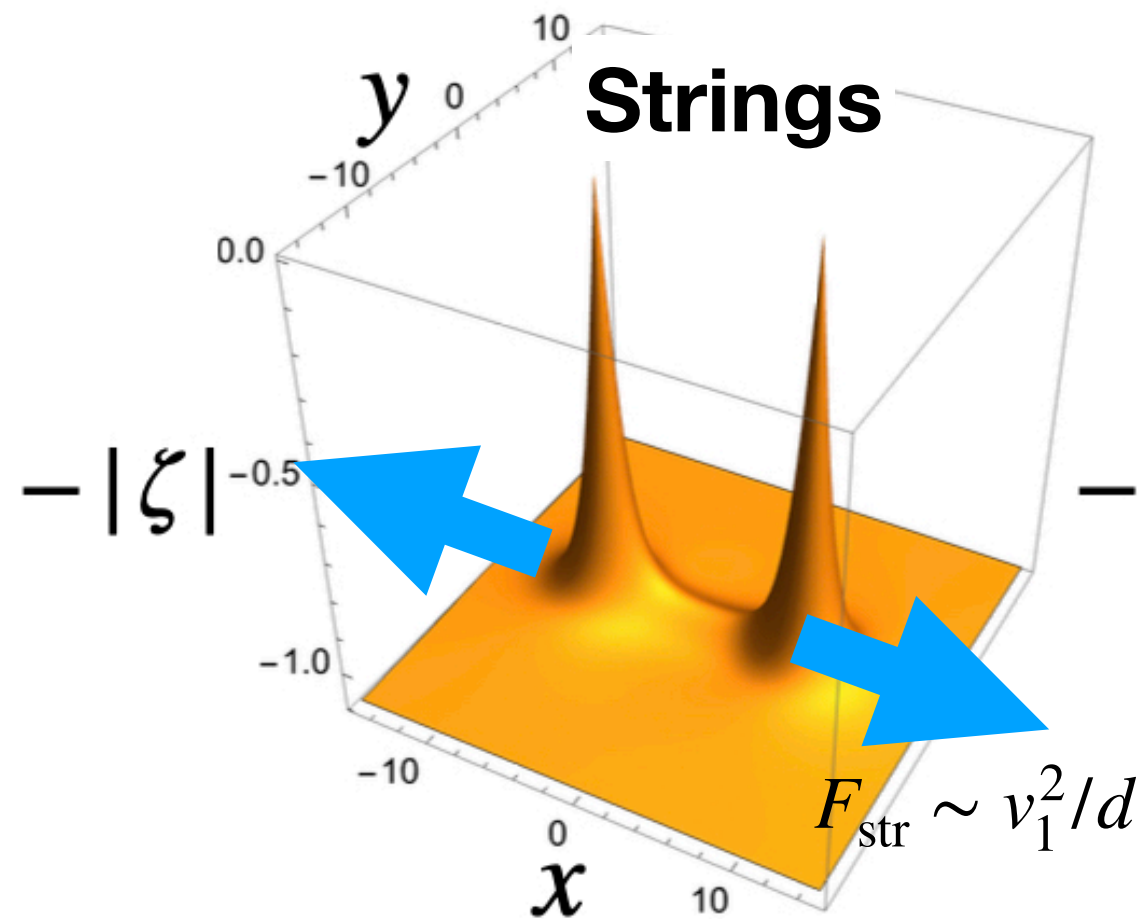
$\Rightarrow$  do not vanish



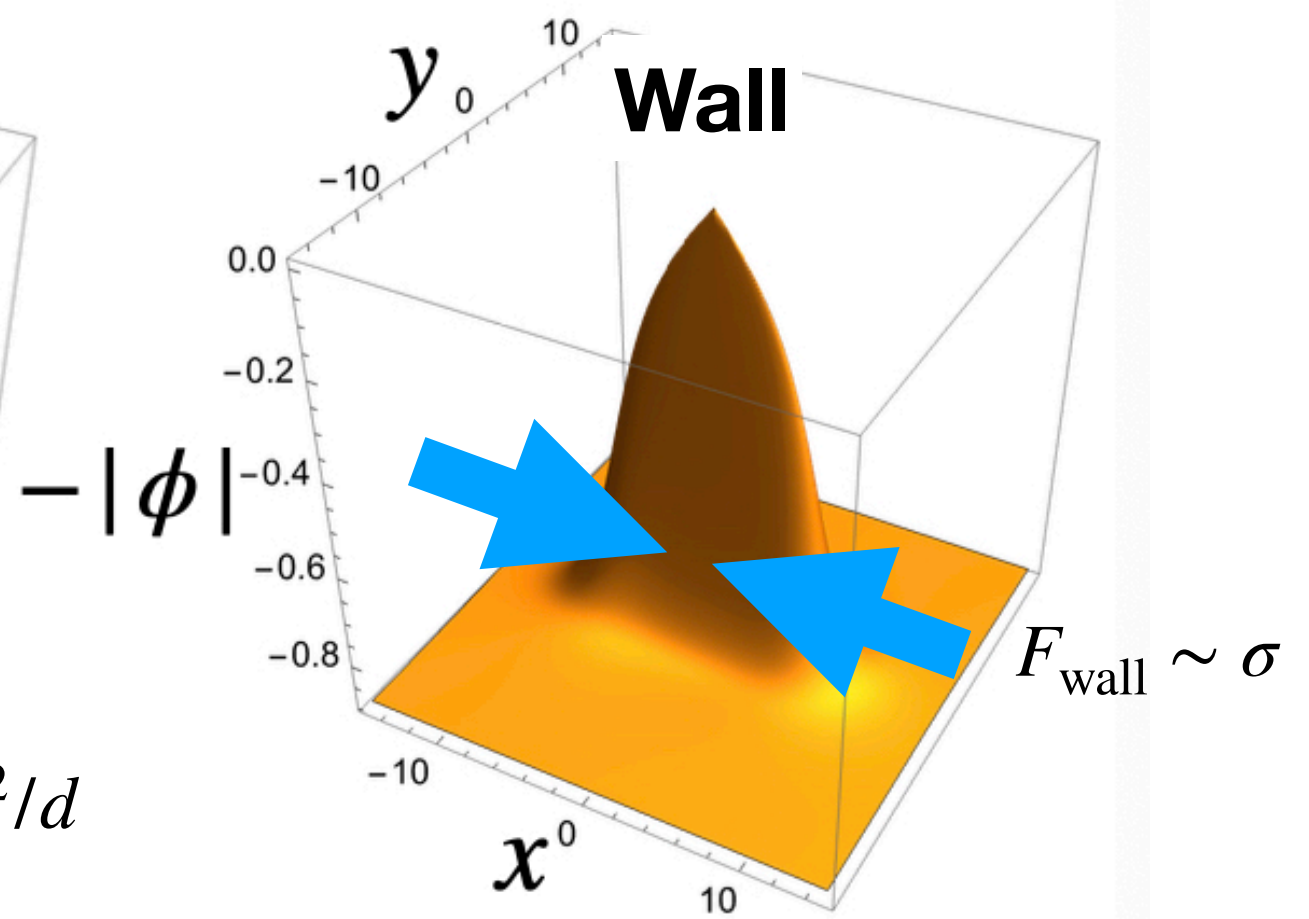
**Two strings connected by a wall rotate around each other**



# Equilibrium configuration



**Repulsive force  
between the strings**



**Wall tension  
= pull the strings**

**At  $d \sim v_1^2/\sigma$ , the repulsive/attracting forces balance**

**$\Rightarrow$  Remaining string-walls are expected to become narrow strips**



# Equilibrium configuration

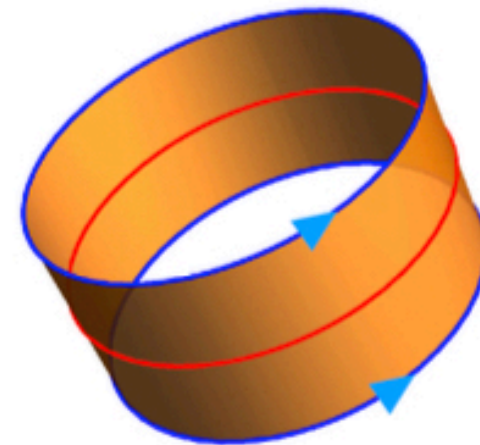
In three dimensional space,

Equilibrium configuration

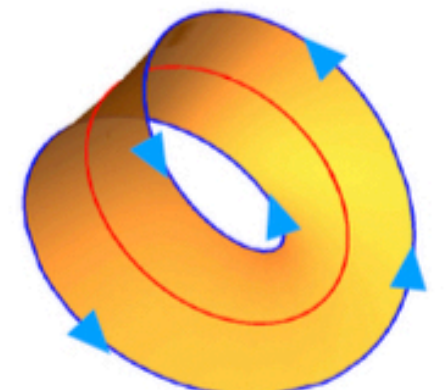


If a string-wall is unclosed,  
narrow strips  
*Kishimen-like structure*

If a string-wall is closed,  
cylinders and moebius strips



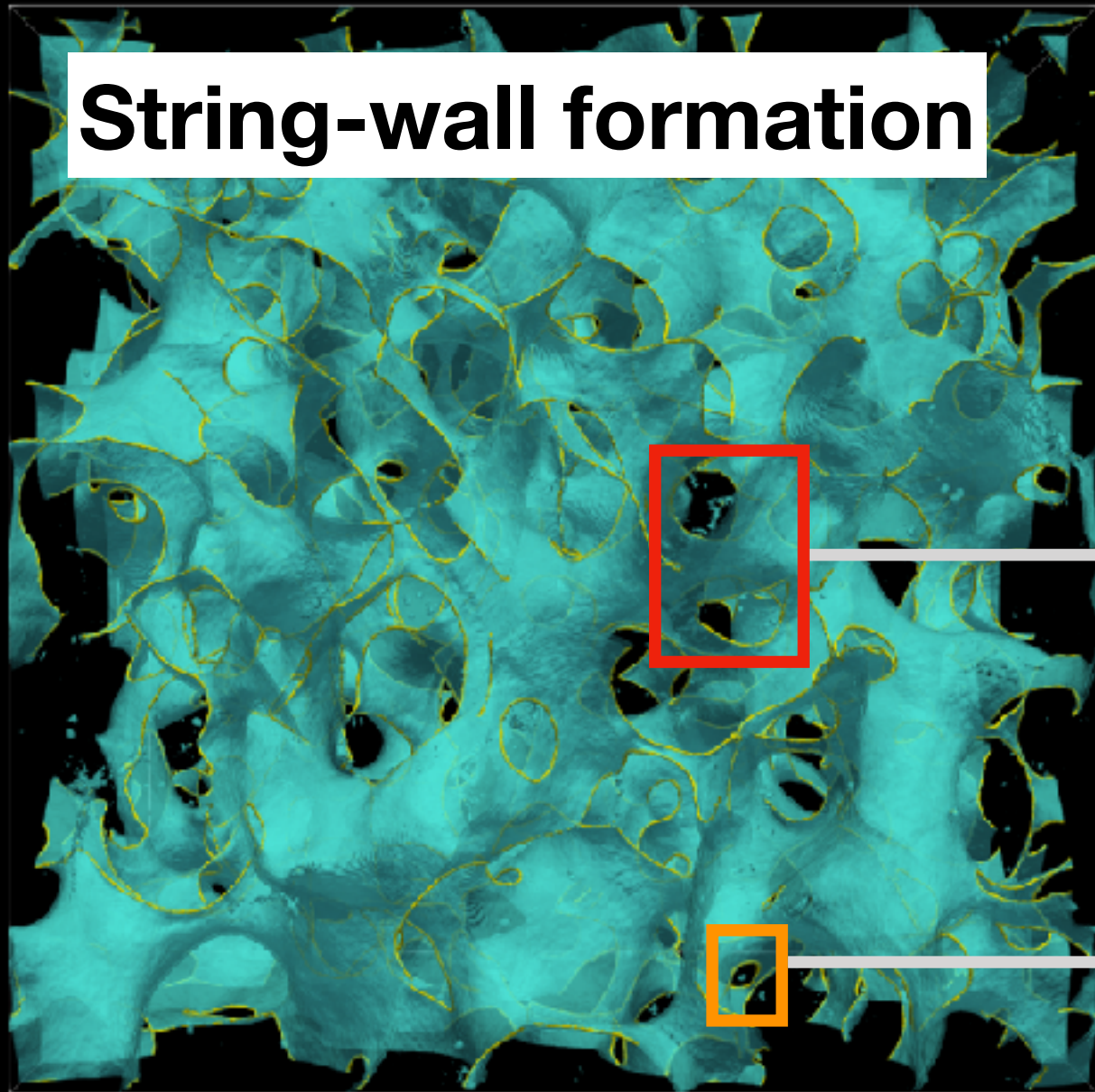
Cylinder



Moebius strip

# Three dimensional simulation

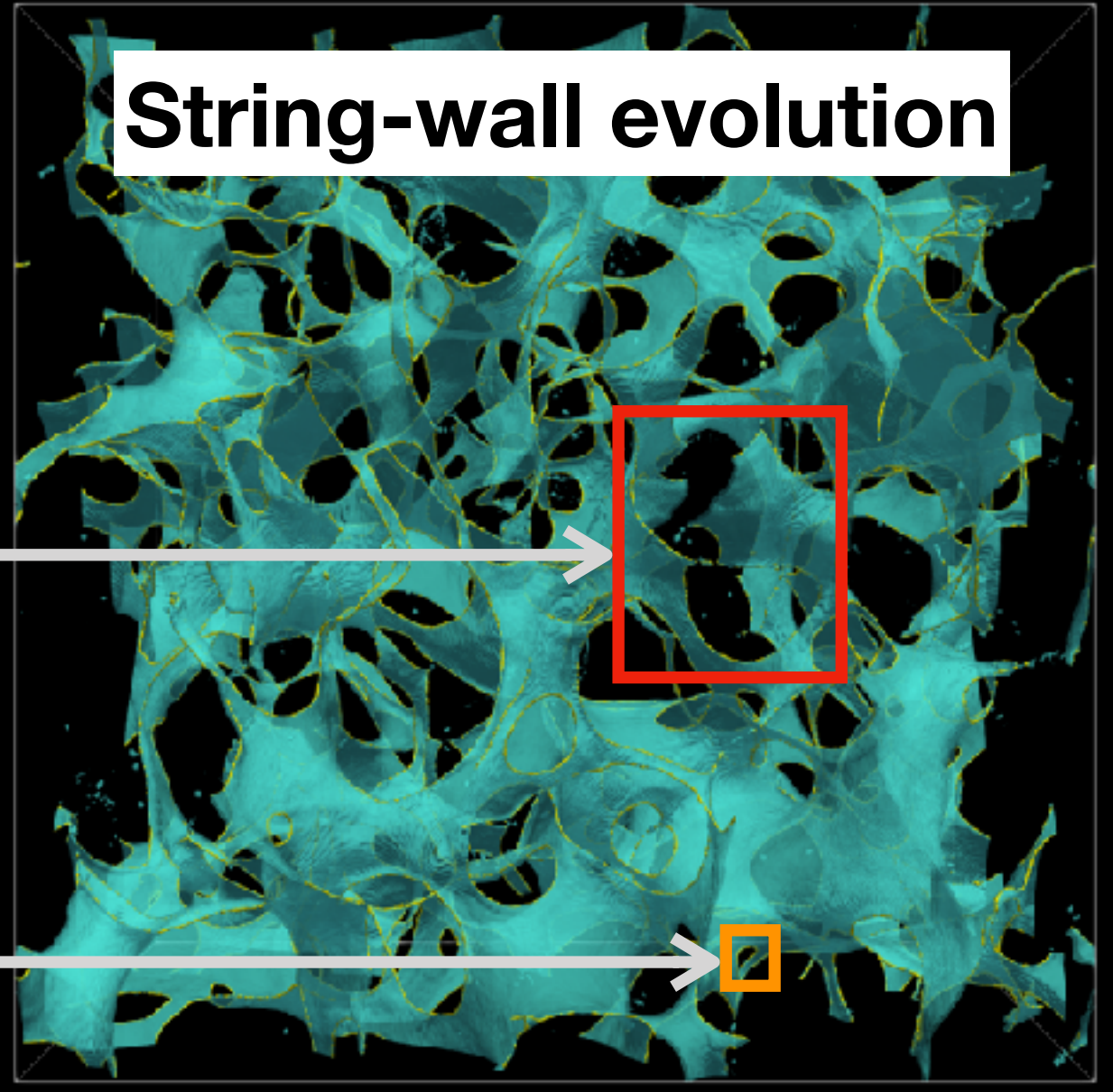
String-wall formation



$$t = 21.49v_1^{-1}$$

**Yellow: Strings**  
**Green: Walls**

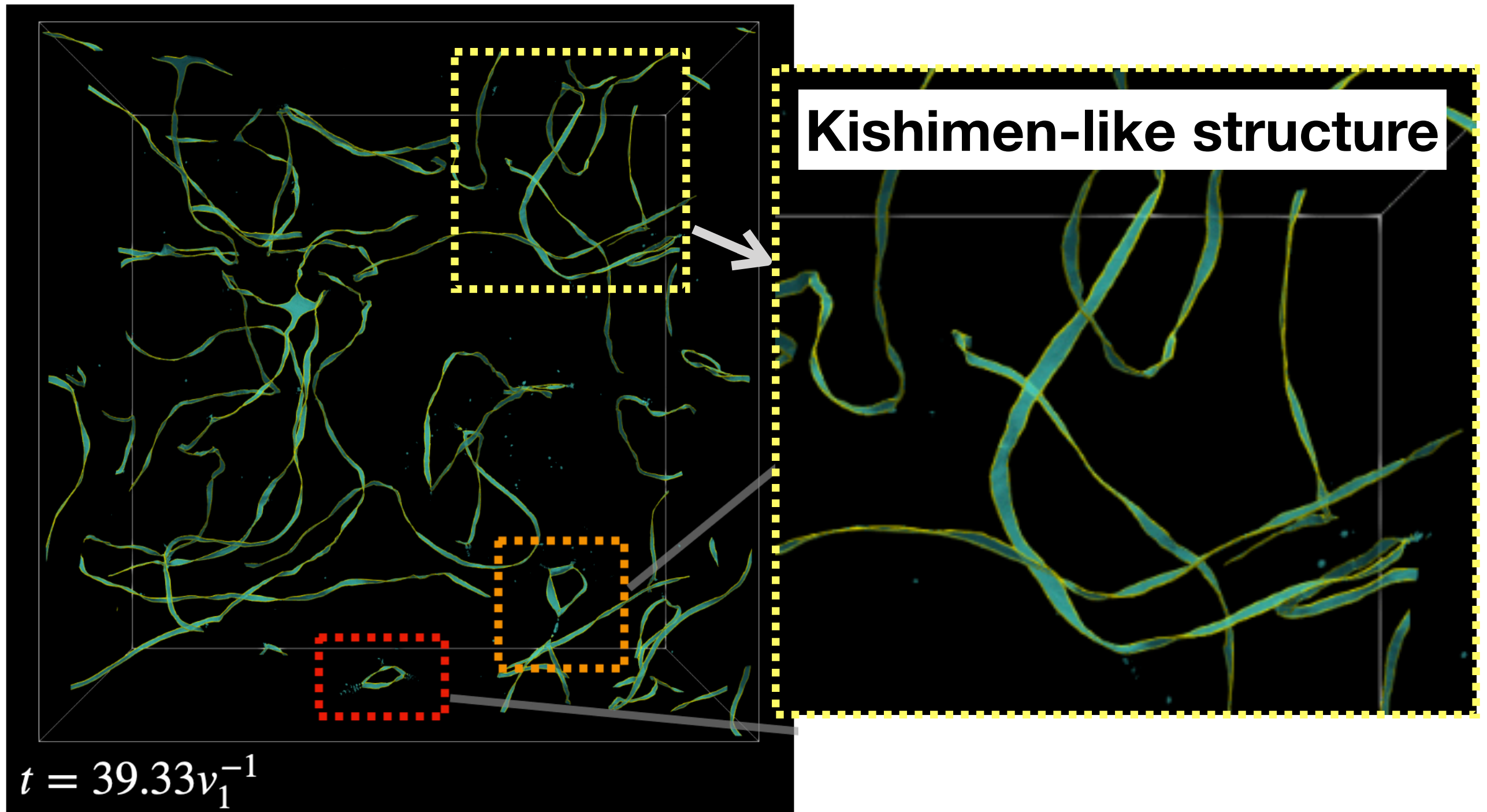
String-wall evolution



$$t = 25.45v_1^{-1}$$

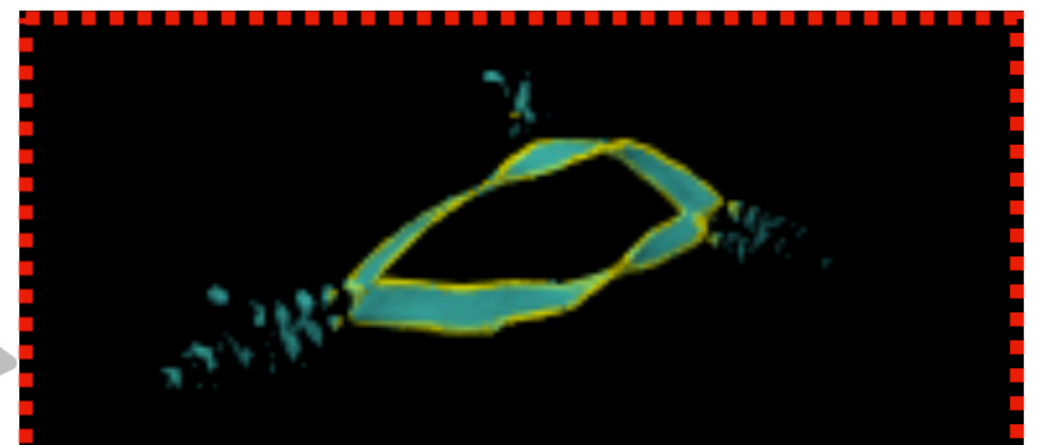
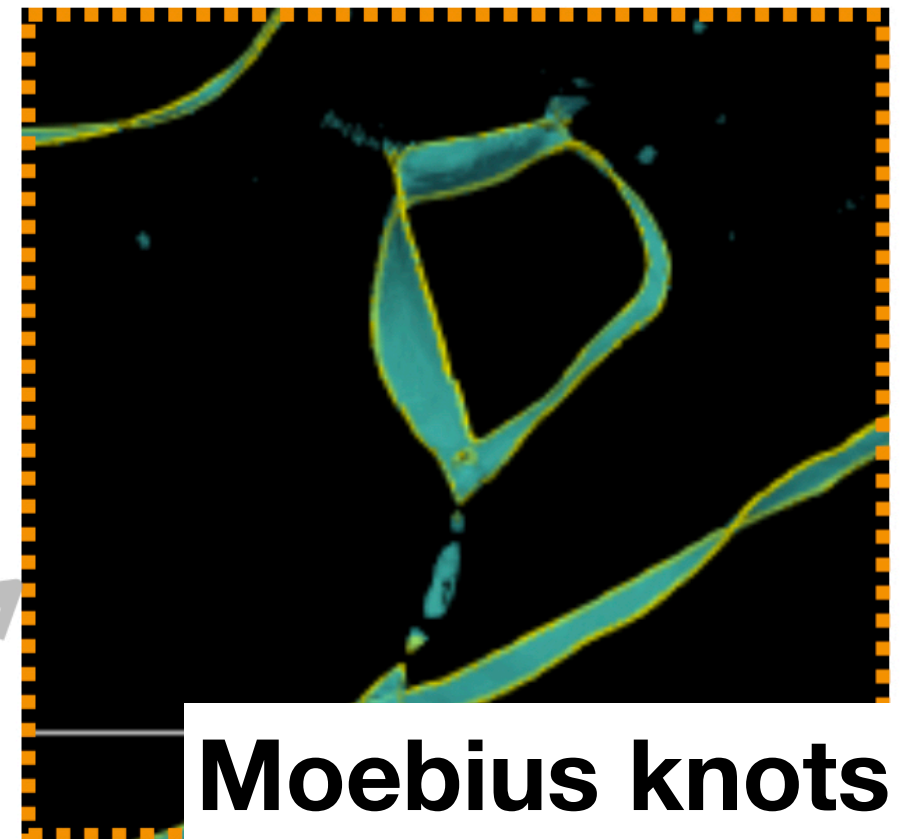
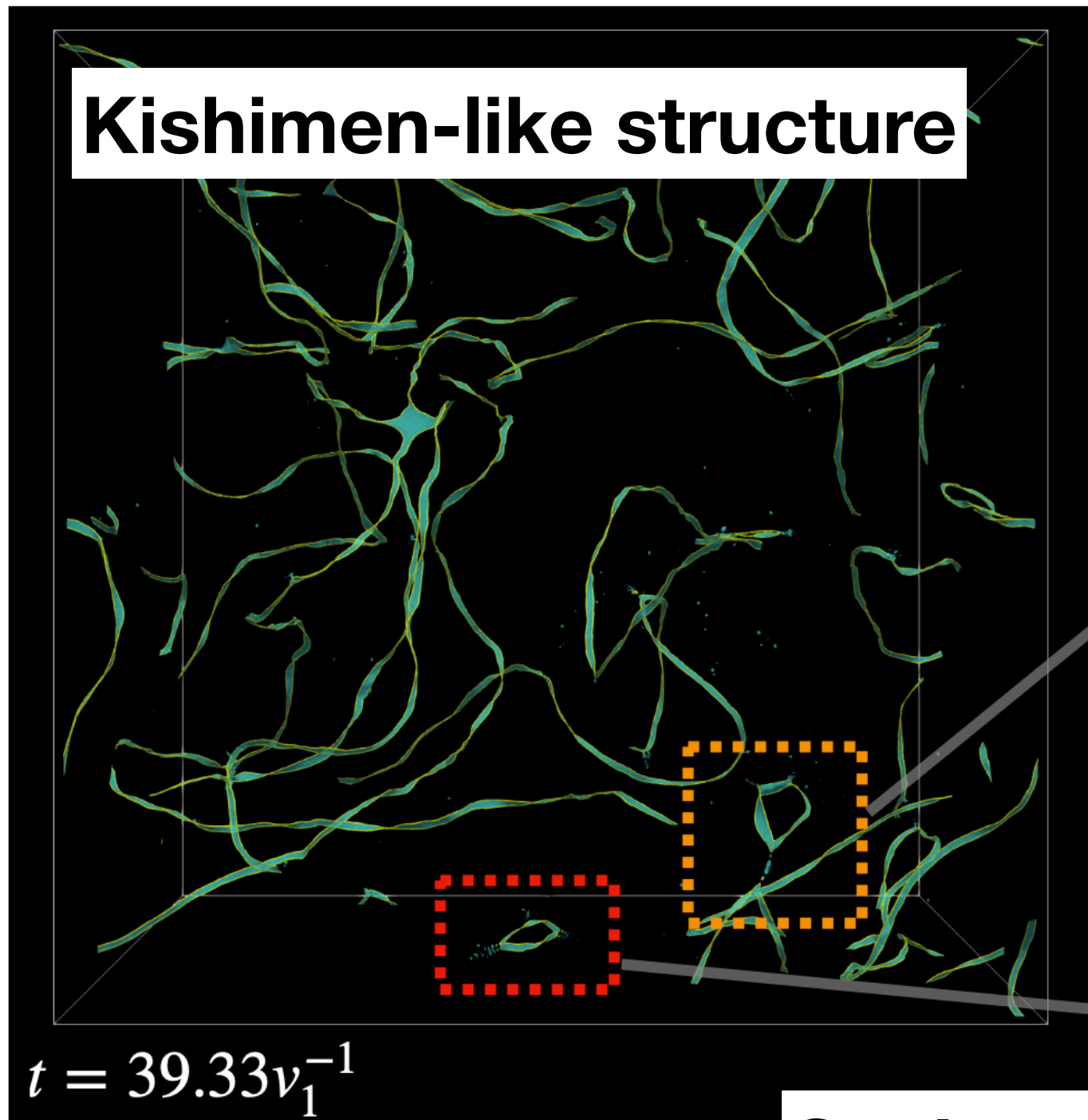
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**64 nodes on Flow@Nagoya**  
**30 mins**

# Late time behavior





# Late time behavior



# Conclusion

- Proposed a dark matter model based on a global U(1)
  - Understood as an extension of N=2 axion models
- Examined the formation and the time evolution of the string-walls in our dark matter model
  - Walls get confined in narrow strips
- Performed a large scale cosmological simulation for longer time integration
  - Wall energy density evolves as  $t^{-2}$  at late time