

Semi-abelian gauge theories,  
non-invertible symmetry &  
string tension beyond N-ality.

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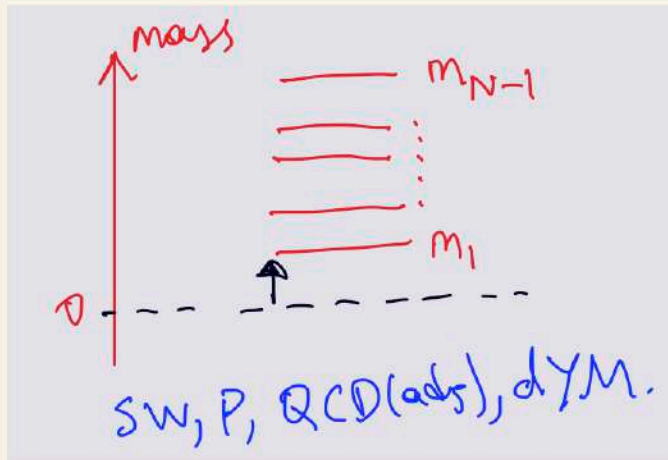
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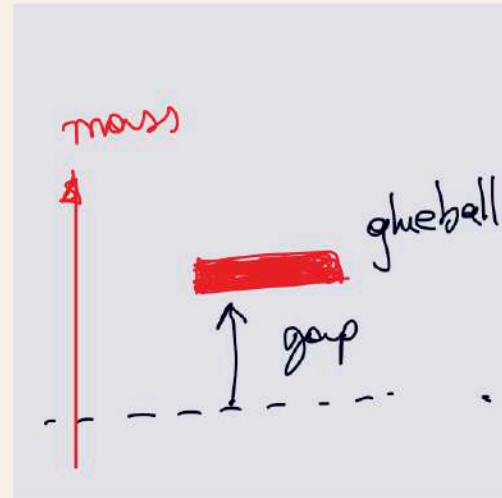
## MOTIVATION

- There are a handful of QFTs in 3d & 4d where confinement and mass gap generation can be understood analytically.
- Polyakov models on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (75)
- Seiberg-Witten on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (94)
- QCD(adj) on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1$
- deformed Yang-Mills on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1$  (08, w/ Yaffe, & w/ Shifman)
- In all of the above;  $SU(N) \rightarrow U(1)^{N-1}$  due to either an adjoint Higgs vev (algebra valued) or gauge holonomy (group valued)  
"Dynamical abelianization"
- In all;  $S_N =$  Weyl group of  $SU(N)$  is Higgsed.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  permutation group.
- Higgsing of  $S_N$  pervades the physics of these systems & renders them quite distinct from pure YM.

- Spectrum of fundamental string tensions.  $N-1$  types in SW & Polyakov. (see Douglas, Shenker 95). instead of one!
- Spectrum of "glueball" masses.  $N-1$  distinct dual photon masses in all abelianizing theories.



while in YM.

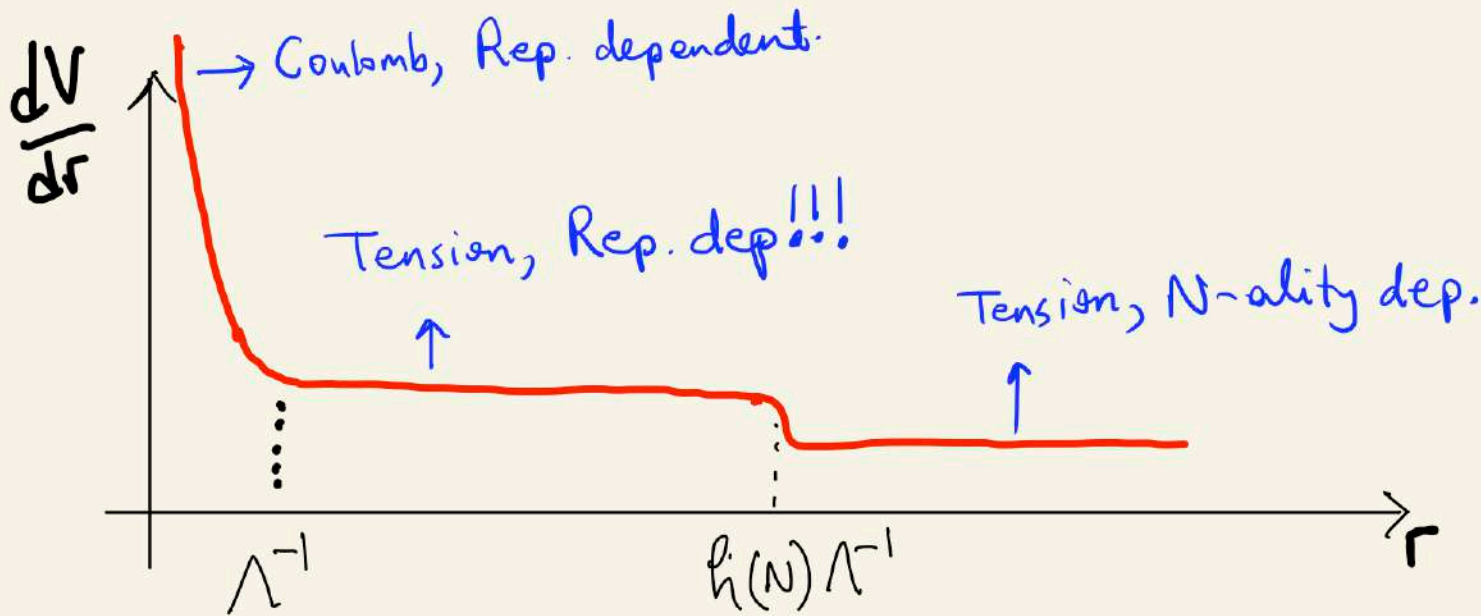
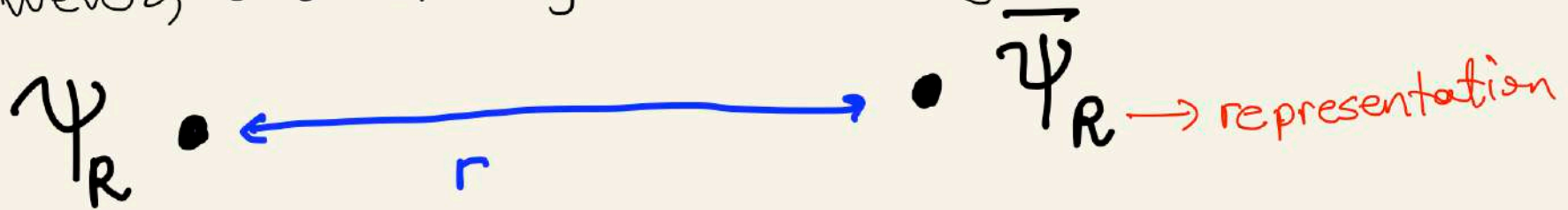


- Splitting to  $N-1 \implies$  Imprint of broken  $S_N$ .
- Tensions dictated by charges  $w \in \Gamma_w$  & not ( $\downarrow$  weight lattice)
- N-ality! (sometimes presented as deficiency. Not so, it is a feature.)

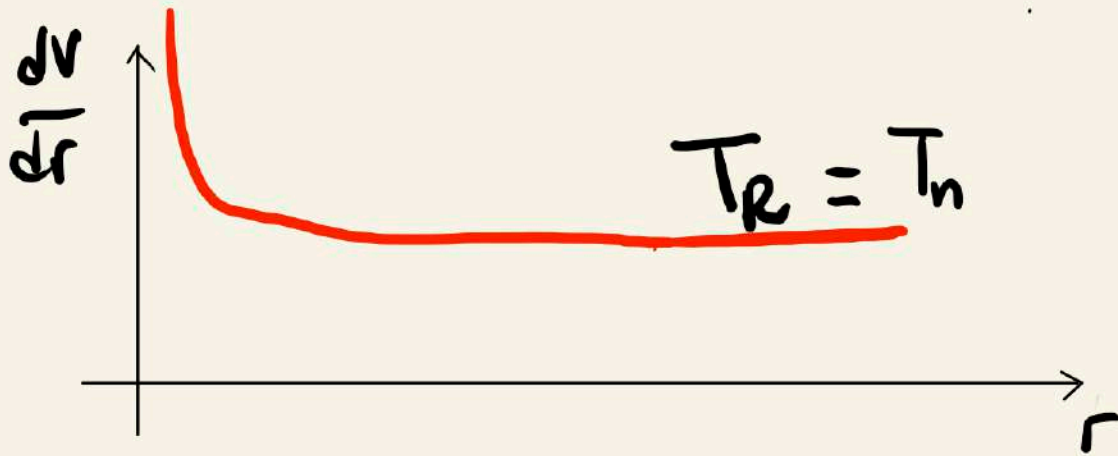


# CURIOUS FACT ABOUT STRING TENSION IN YM.

- In YM or QCD with adjoint matter, we are usually told that tensions are dictated by  $N$ -ality. This is true.
- However, the real story is actually more interesting.

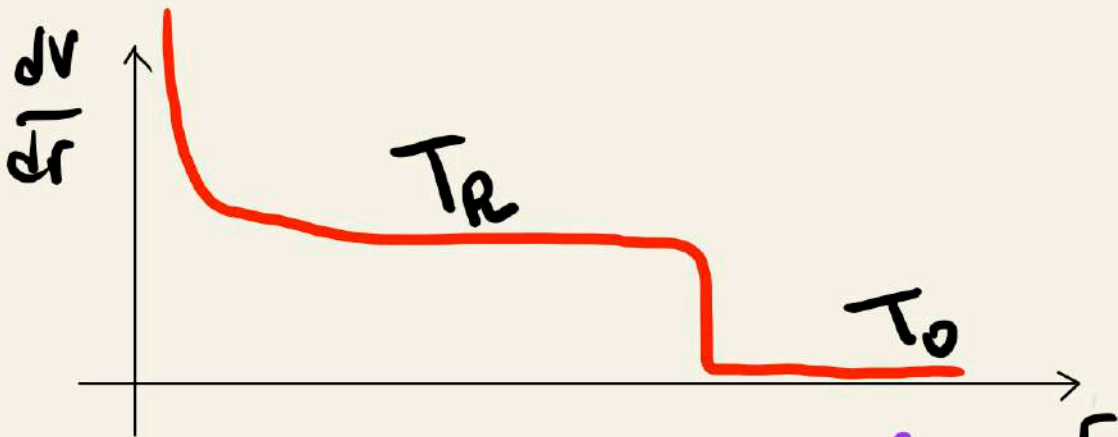


• based on lattice: Bali (93), de Forcrand, Philipsen (99), Wipf et al. (10), Greensite (03), ...  
 (not widely appreciated)

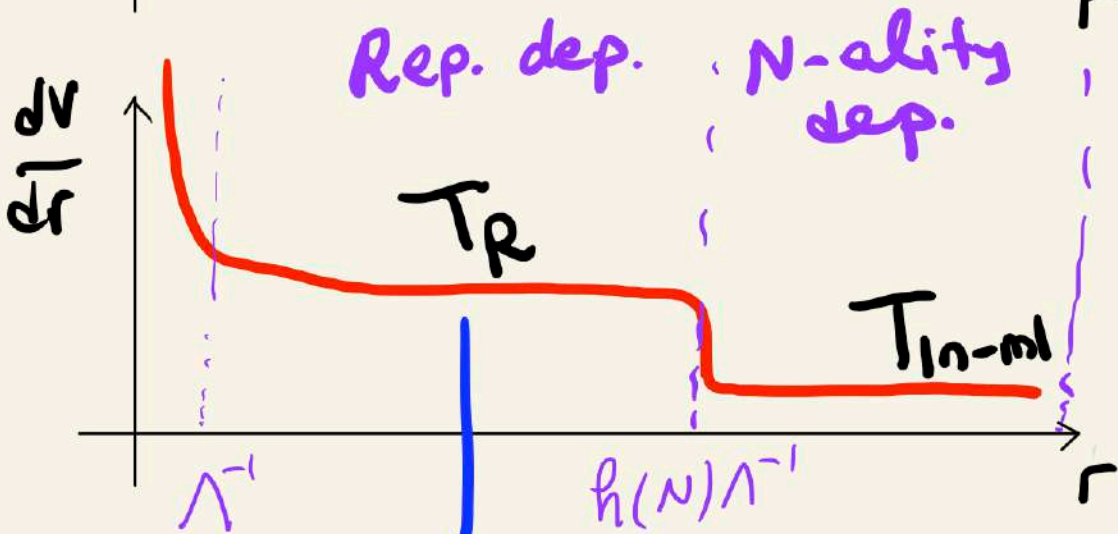


$$R = F, F \otimes F, \dots, \underbrace{F \otimes \dots \otimes F}_n$$

$$n \leq \lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor$$



$$R = \text{adj}, \text{adj} \otimes \text{adj}, \dots$$



$$R = \underbrace{F \otimes \dots \otimes F}_n \otimes \underbrace{F \otimes \dots \otimes F}_m$$

WHY?

# DEFINITION OF SEMI-ABELIAN THEORY.

- We construct two interesting gauge theories.
  - $U(1)^{N-1}$  theory with global non-abelian discrete sym.  $S_N$
  - $U(1)^{N-1} \rtimes S_N$  semi-abelian g.t. obtained by gauging  $S_N$ . (coupling to  $S_N$  TQFT)
- Semi-direct product.

Abelianizing theories  
 $SU(N) \rightarrow U(1)^{N-1}$   
 $S_N$ : Higgsed

Semi-abelian  
 $U(1)^{N-1} \rtimes S_N$   
 $S_N$ : not Higgsed

Non-abelian  
 $SU(N)$  theories.

$S_N$ : not Higgsed

- Many properties of semi-abelian theory are much closer to pure YM than abelianizing theories.



## 3d LGT

- Wilson formulation
  - Villain formulation
- } of 3d  $U(1)^{N-1}$  Lattice g.t. (LGT)
- Equivalent at weak coupling.
  - Villain more convenient for exact dualities.
  - Wilson better for gauging  $S_N$ .
- We work with 3d LGT; very concrete and simple illustration of some general ideas.

# dual lattice & notation.

$\Lambda_3$ : Original lattice

$C^{(r)}$ :  $r$ -cells,  $r=0,1,2,3$

site, link, plaquette, cube.

$\{s, l, p, c\}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $x$

$\tilde{\Lambda}_3$ : Dual lattice.

$$*C^{(r)} = \tilde{C}^{(d-r)}$$

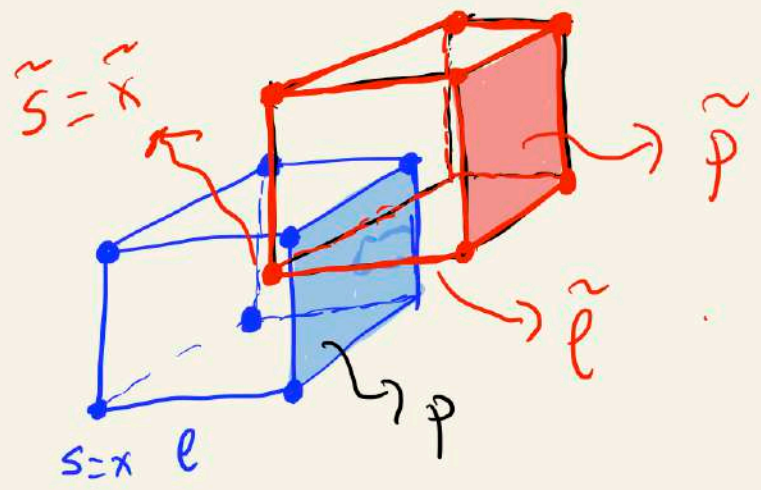
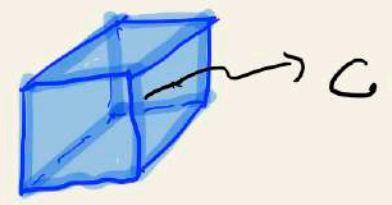
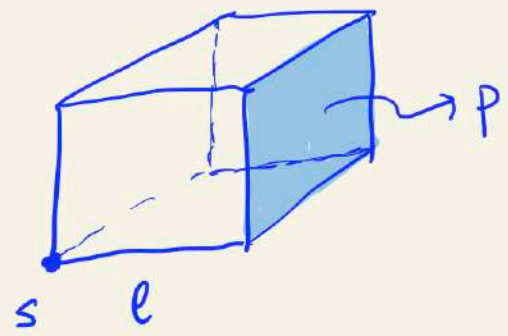
$$*s = \tilde{c}$$

$$*l = \tilde{p}$$

$$*p = \tilde{l}$$

$$*c = \tilde{s} = \tilde{x} = x + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{1} + \hat{2} + \hat{3})$$

shifted by half.





# Wilson formulation

$$S_W = \beta \sum_P \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - \cos f_P^i) - i \sum_e v_e \sum_{i=1}^N a_e^i ;$$

$$f_P^i = (da^i)_P ; \quad a_e^i \in [0, 2\pi)$$

↳ Lagrange multiplier.  
produce constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^N a_e^i = 0$ .

- Constraint tells us that only  $N-1$  photons are physical.

- Global  $S_N$  permutation symmetry manifest.

$$(a_e^1 \dots a_e^N) \xrightarrow{P \in S_N} (a_e^{P(1)}, \dots, a_e^{P(N)})$$

- This is the first example of a pure gauge theory that is equipped with non-abelian global symmetry. (up to my knowledge.)

# Villain formulation.

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi e^2} \sum_p (F_p + 2\pi n_p)^2, \quad F_p = (dA)_p$$

$A_e$  valued in  $\mathbb{R}^{N-1}$

$n_p$  valued in  $\Gamma_r \subset \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$

$\Gamma_r$ : Root lattice of  $SU(N)$ .

0-form gauge invariance:  $A_e \rightarrow A_e + (d\lambda)_e$   $\lambda_s \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$   
1-form gauge inv.  $A_e \rightarrow A_e + 2\pi\beta_e$ ;  $n_p \rightarrow n_p - (d\beta)_p$ ,  $\beta_e \in \Gamma_r$ .

• Since  $\mathbb{R}^{N-1} / 2\pi\Gamma_r \simeq U(1)^{N-1}$ ; this also defines  
a  $U(1)^{N-1}$  LGT.

$$Z = \sum_{\{n_p \in \Gamma_r\}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N-1}} [dA_e] e^{-S}$$

• Action in Villain form; can be exactly dualized.

# Global symmetries (formal)

- Improved recent understanding of p-form symmetries.

Symmetry:  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$  existence of topological generators  $U[M_{d-p}]$   
(Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willet '14)

- Textbook case ( $p=0$ )

$$Q = \int_{\text{space}} J_0$$

$\implies$

considers  $Q = \int_{M^{d-1}} *J \equiv Q(M^{d-1})$   
 charge on any  $(d-1)$  manifold  $M^{d-1}$ .

$$U_\alpha(M^{d-1}) = e^{i\alpha Q(M^{d-1})}$$

$\alpha$ : Group label.

$$U_\alpha(S^{d-1}) = e^{i\alpha Q(o)}$$

- $U_\alpha(M^{d-1})$  implements symmetry action on charged operators.

## $p=1$ 1-form center sym.

- Center sym. is a 1-form symmetry (acting on lines) generated by co-dim 2 defect.

$$W_R(C) \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} |R|} W_R(C)$$

- $|R| = N$ -ality.

Nice explanation of N-ality rule.



# Global symmetries

- 1-form symmetry:  $A_e \rightarrow A_e + \theta_e$ ;  $\theta_e \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$  &  $(d\theta)_p = 0$ .
- Discrete non-abelian 0-form symmetry:

$$A_e \rightarrow \pi A_e \quad ; \quad n_p \rightarrow \pi n_p$$

II:  $O(N-1)$  transformations that preserve root lattice  $\Gamma$ .

Weyl group of  $SU(N)$ ,  $S_N$  &  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  charge conj.

$$A_e \rightarrow A_e - d(\alpha \cdot A_e)$$

$$A_e \rightarrow -A_e$$

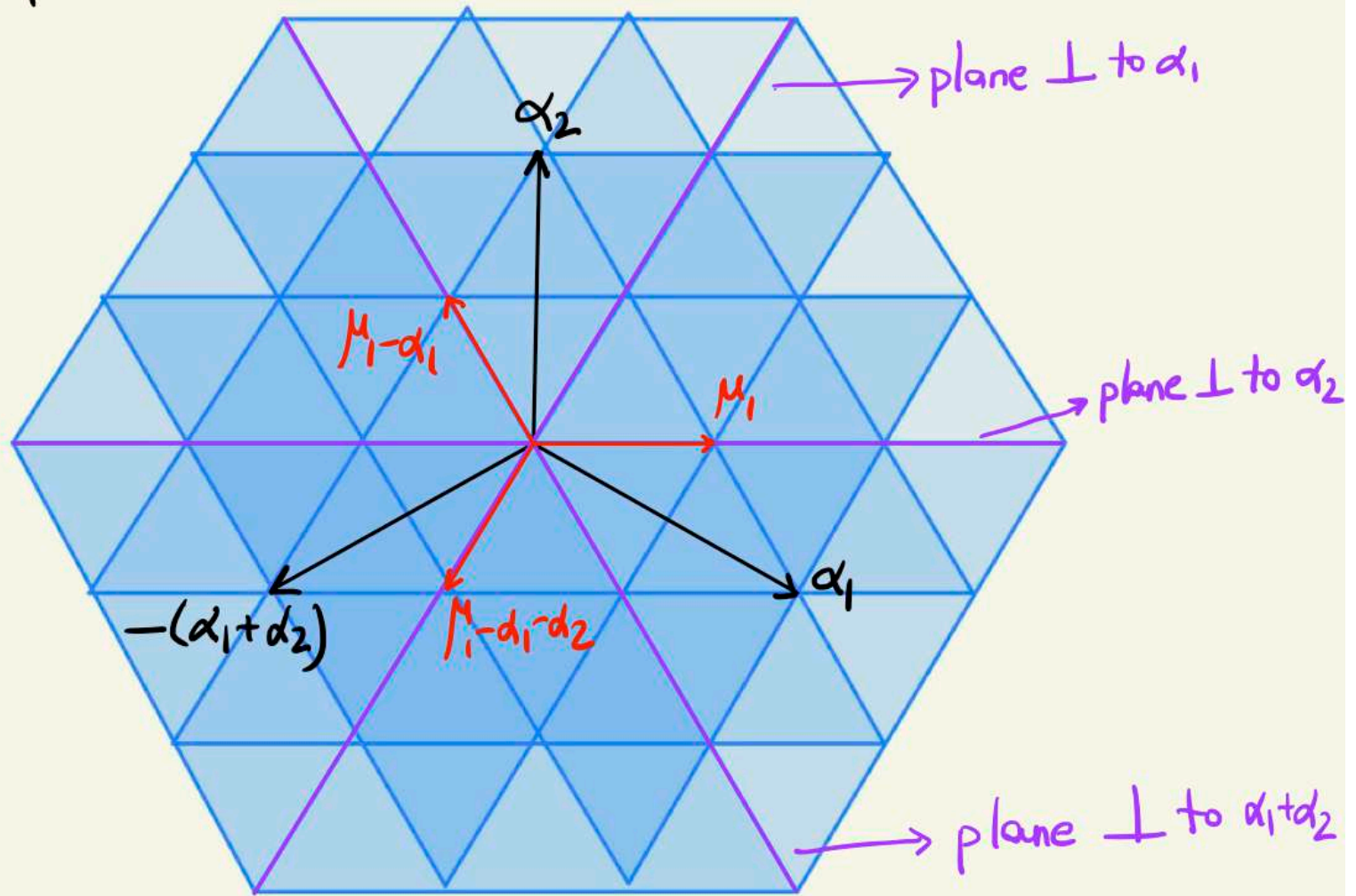
$$n_p \rightarrow n_p - d(\alpha \cdot n_p)$$

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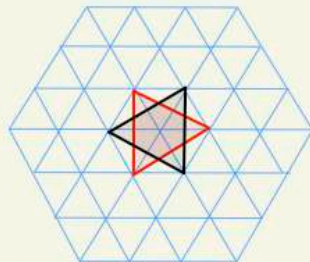
$$G^{[0]} = \begin{cases} S_N \times \mathbb{Z}_2 & N \geq 3 \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & N = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$G^{[1]} = \{U(1)^{N-1}\}$$

- Weyl reflections:  $S_\alpha(v) = v - \alpha(\alpha \cdot v)$   
 $S_3$  permutation group. ( $S_N$  sym of  $N-1$  simplex.)



- $\mathbb{Z}_2$  charge conjugation:



$$G^{[0]} = S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

## Observables.

- Wilson lines.  $W_w(c) = e^{i \int_c w \cdot A}$   
Invariance under 1-form gauge transformation  $\Rightarrow w \in \Gamma_w$   
weight lattice.

- Transformation under global symmetries.

$$G^{[0]} : W_w(c) \mapsto W_{\pi^{-1}w}(c).$$

$$G^{[1]} : W_w(c) \mapsto W_w(c) e^{i \int_c w \cdot \theta}$$

- Contractible loops are invariant under  $G^{[1]}$ .  
Non-contractible loops transform.



# Villain $\Rightarrow \Gamma_w$ -ferromagnet $\Rightarrow$ Magnetic Coulomb gas

- Poisson resummation.

$$\sum_{np \in \Gamma_r} e^{-\frac{1}{4\pi e^2} (F_p + 2\pi n p)^2} = \sum_{k_p \in \Gamma_w} e^{-\pi e^2 k_p^2 + i k_p \cdot F_p}$$

$Z^{N-r}$  ferro. (L. Goulet, Mack.)

- Integrate out  $A_e$  exactly.  $\Rightarrow (d^\top k)_e = 0. \Rightarrow$   
 $(\star k)_e = (dm)_e$  where  $m_{\tilde{x}}$  is  $\Gamma_w$ -valued  
 scalar on the dual lattice  $\tilde{\Lambda}_3$ .

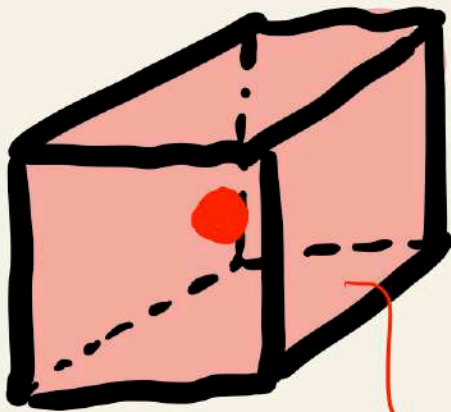
$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\{m_{\tilde{x}} \in \Gamma_w\}} e^{-\pi e^2 \sum_{\tilde{e}} (dm)_{\tilde{e}}^2}$$

$\Gamma_w$ -ferro.  
Exact dual  
of Villain.

- Let us replace  $m(\tilde{x})$  with a continuous field. Using another Poisson resummation;

$$\sum_{m(\tilde{x}) \in \Gamma_w} \delta(\sigma(\tilde{x}) - 2\pi m(\tilde{x})) = \sum_{q(\tilde{x}) \in \Gamma_r} e^{i q(\tilde{x}) \cdot \sigma(\tilde{x})}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \int [d\sigma(\tilde{x})] \sum_{\{q(\tilde{x}) \in \Gamma_r\}} e^{-\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sum_{\tilde{x}} (\partial_\mu \sigma(\tilde{x}))^2 + i \sum_{\tilde{x}} q(\tilde{x}) \sigma(\tilde{x})}$$



$$q(\tilde{x}) = \oint n_p \in \Gamma_r$$

faces, center  $\tilde{x}$

↳ Magnetic charge.

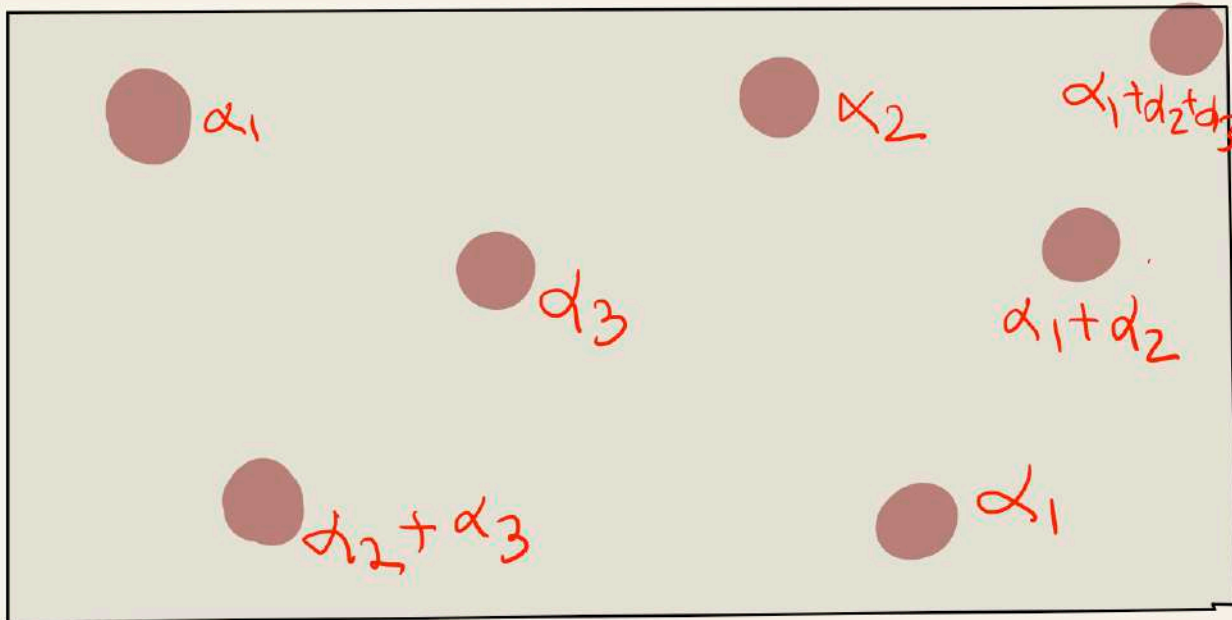
↳ Gauss surface.

## Coulomb gas representation.

- Integrating out  $\Gamma(\tilde{x})$  exactly; we reach to Coulomb gas representation.

$$Z = \sum_{\{q(\tilde{x}) \in \Gamma_r\}} e^{-\frac{\pi}{e^2} \sum_{\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}'} v(\tilde{x} - \tilde{x}') q(\tilde{x}) \cdot q(\tilde{x}')}$$

- Euclidean Vacuum: Proliferation of monopoles, but very different from Polyakov model & deformed YM due to unbroken  $S_N$ .





# Effective Field Theory.

- $$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sum_{\tilde{x}} \sigma(\tilde{x}) \Delta \sigma(\tilde{x}) + 2e^{-I} \sum_{\tilde{x}} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi} \cos(\alpha \cdot \sigma(\tilde{x}))$$

$\Phi$ : all  $N^2 - N$  roots of  $SU(N)$  algebra.  $\alpha \in \text{Adj}(SU(N))$   
 All on the same footing due to unbroken  $S_N$ .

- In Polyakov model where  $SU(N) \rightarrow U(1)^{N-1}$ , actions are hierarchical.

Hierarchical (Polyakov)

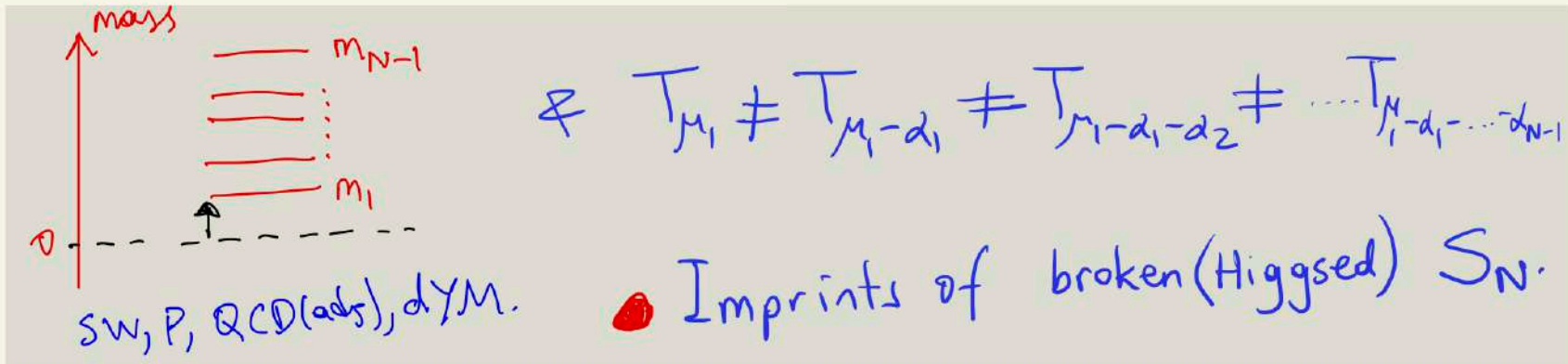
$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{N-1} & : e^{-S_0} \\
 \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_{N-1} + \alpha_N & : e^{-2S_0} \\
 & : e^{-3S_0} \\
 & \vdots \\
 \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{N-1} & : e^{-(N-1)S_0}
 \end{array}$$

Egalitarian (Semi-abelian)

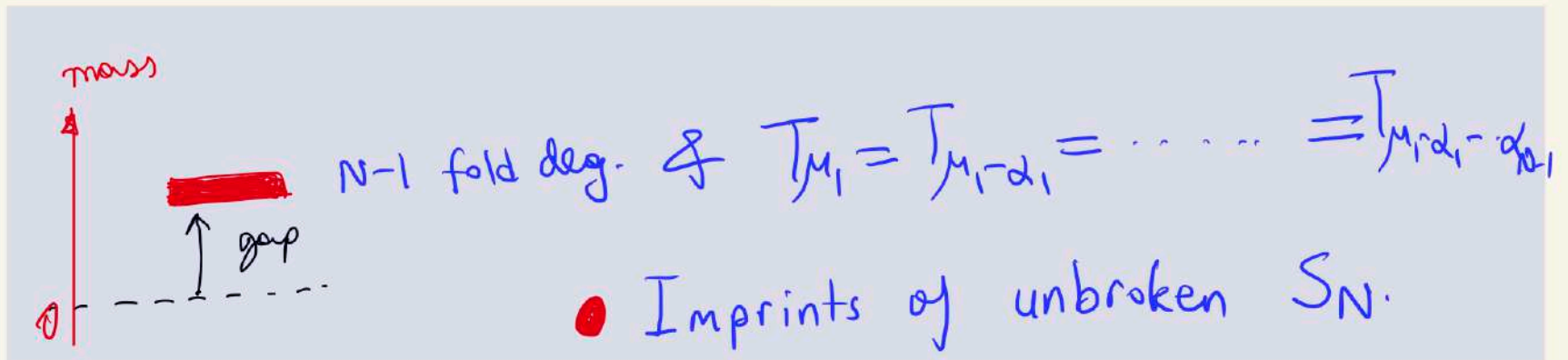
All  $N^2 - N$  roots  $\alpha \in \Phi$   
 have the same action.  
 $\text{Adj}(SU(N))$

# Dramatic differences

- In Polyakov; there are  $N-1$  dual photon mass &  $N-1$  fundamental string tension. (same in SW  $N=2$ )



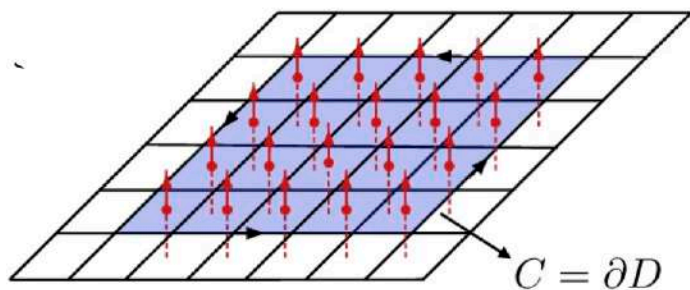
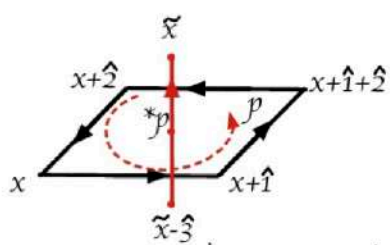
- In  $U(1)^{N-1}$  LGT with  $S_N$ .



# Wilson loops & string tensions.

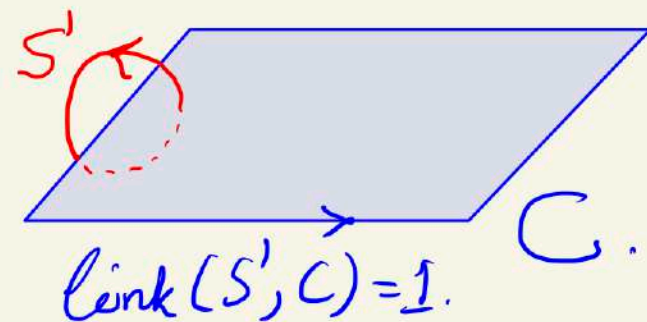
- Let  $\omega \in \Gamma_w$  electric charge  $\neq$   $C = \partial D$  contractible loop.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_\omega(C) &= e^{i \oint \omega \cdot A} \rightarrow \text{Line integral.} \\
 &= \underbrace{e^{i \int_D \omega \cdot F}}_{\text{surface int}} = \underbrace{e^{i \sum_{P \in \Lambda_3} [D]_{*p} (\omega F_p)}}_{\text{volume integral.}}
 \end{aligned}$$



$[D]$ : Poincaré dual,  
bump one form function  
equal to  $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } \hat{p} * p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

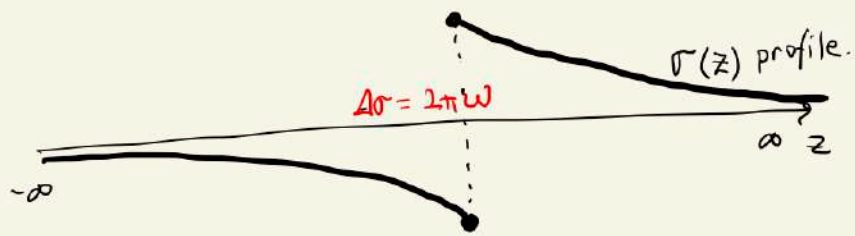
- $W_\omega(C)$ : Defect operator in dual formulation. Delete  $C$  & restrict path integral to config.  $\oint_{S'} d\sigma = 2\pi\omega \in 2\pi\Gamma_w$ .





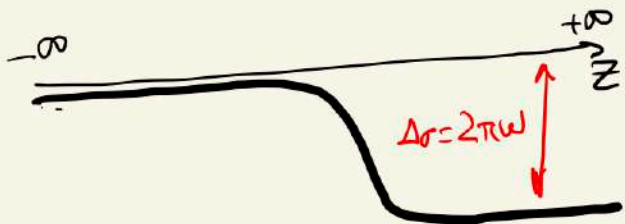
- $$\langle W_\omega(c) \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\sigma \ e^{-\frac{e^2}{2\pi} \int d^3x \left( \frac{1}{2} |d\sigma - 2\pi\omega[D]|^2 + M^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} (1 - \cos(\alpha \cdot \sigma)) \right)}$$

$$= e^{-T_\omega \text{Area}(D)}$$
  - Area law of confinement.
  - $T_\omega \neq 0$  string tension

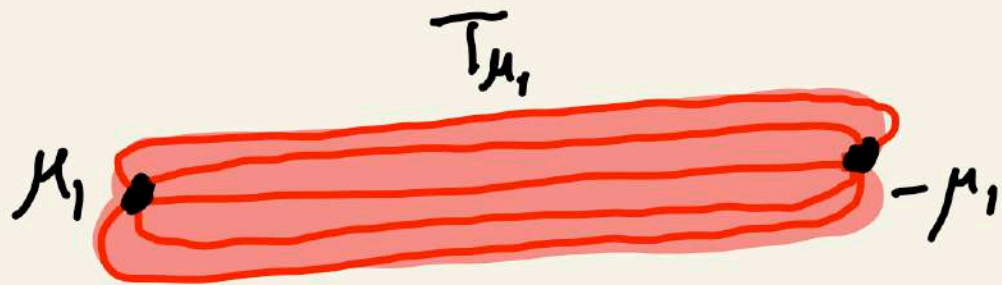


- Action of  $\sigma(z) =$   
 $S = \text{Area}[D] \times T_\omega$   
 where  $T_\omega$  is instanton action  
 in reduced QM system.
  - $A[D]$  is area.

- Equivalent to instanton calculation in QM



$$T_\omega = \min_{\sigma(z)} \frac{e^2}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dz} \right)^2 + M^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi_+} (1 - \cos(\alpha \cdot \sigma)) \right)$$



- $\{\mu_1, 2\mu_1, \mu_2, \alpha\} \in \Gamma_w$  highest weights of  $\{F, S, AS \text{ adj}\}$  reps of  $SU(N)$ .

$$T_{\mu_1} ; \quad T_{2\mu_1} = 2T_{\mu_1}, \quad T_{\mu_2} = \frac{2(N-2)}{N-1} T_{\mu_1}, \quad T_{\alpha} = 2T_{\mu_1}$$

- If  $\omega_1 \neq \Pi\omega_2$  generically;  $T_{\omega_1} \neq T_{\omega_2}$ .
- There is no  $\omega \in \Gamma_w$  for which  $T_{\omega}$  vanishes. This simple fact will be important later.

# Gauging $S_N$ is good.

- Clearly, properties of our abelian theory with  $S_N$  global symmetry resembles to YM more than dynamically abelianizing theories.
- But global symmetries are different from YM.

$$\frac{U(1)^{N-1} \text{ with global } S_N}{G^{[0]} : S^N \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{charge conj.}}$$
$$G^{[1]} : U(1)^{N-1}$$

$$\frac{SU(N) \text{ YM}}{G^{[0]} : \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{charge conj.}}$$
$$G^{[1]} = \mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$$

- Let us gauge  $S_N$  and construct  $U(1)^{N-1} \rtimes S_N$  theory. Then, we will show that

$$\frac{U(1)^{N-1} \rtimes S_N}{G^{[0]} : \mathbb{Z}_2}$$
$$G^{[1]} : \mathbb{Z}_N$$



# Semi-abelian gauge theory.

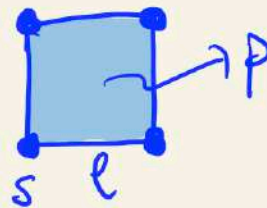
- Start with Wilson formulation, and gauge  $S_N$ .
- Embed elements of  $U(1)^{N-1} \times S_N$  inside  $SU(N)$  as

$$P, C \in SU(N); \quad C = (e^{ia_1}, \dots, e^{ia_N})$$

$P \in S_N$ :  $N \times N$  matrix rep. of Weyl reflection.

$$(P_1 \cdot C_1) (P_2 \cdot C_2) = \underbrace{P_1 P_2}_{\in S_N} \cdot \underbrace{(P_2^{-1} C_1 P_2 C_2)}_{\in U(1)^{N-1}}$$

- Let  $(P_e \cdot C_e) \in SU(N)$  denote link variable.



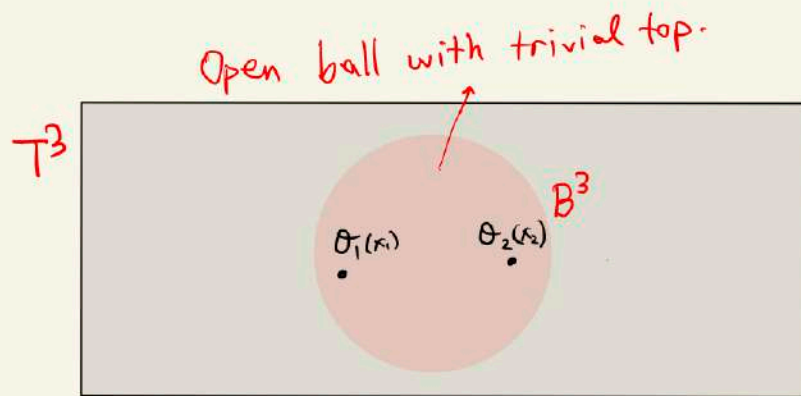
$$S = \sum_P \beta_1 \left( \text{tr} \left( 1_N - \prod_{\ell \in \partial P} (P_\ell \cdot C_\ell) \right) \right) + \underbrace{\sum_P \beta_2 \text{tr} \left( 1_N - \prod_{\ell \in \partial P} P_\ell \right)}_{S_N}$$

## Coupling to $S_N$ TQFT.

- $\beta_2 \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - imposes flatness condition on  $S_N$  gauge field.
  - $S_N$  monopoles are energetically forbidden.

$$\prod_{e \in \partial p} P_e = \mathbb{1}_N \implies S_N \text{ gauge fields become topological.}$$

- As long as correlators do not involve non-contractible cycles on  $M_3$ ; local dynamics must be the same as abelian model



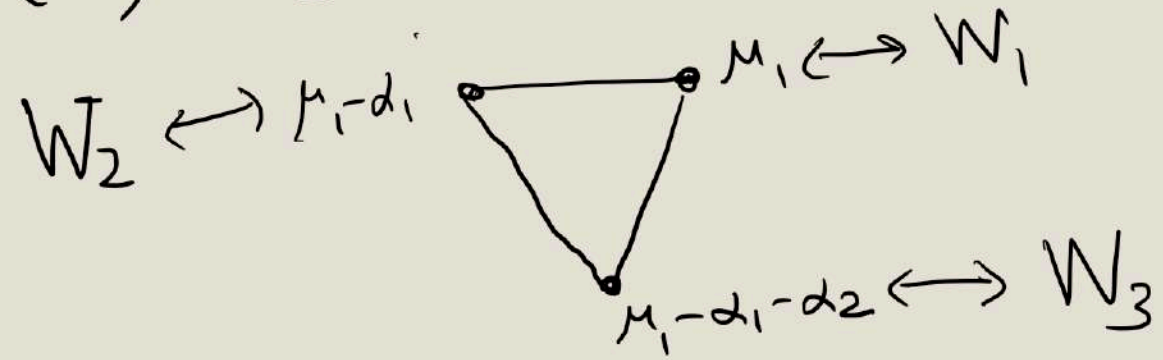
- $P_e$  can be fixed to 1 inside  $B^3$ .  
Local dynamics same as abelian model.

$$\langle \sigma_1(x_1) W_{U(i) \times S_N}^{S_N}(x_1, x_2) \sigma_2(x_2) \rangle = \langle \sigma_1(x_1) \sigma_2(x_2) \rangle_{U(i)^{N-1}}$$

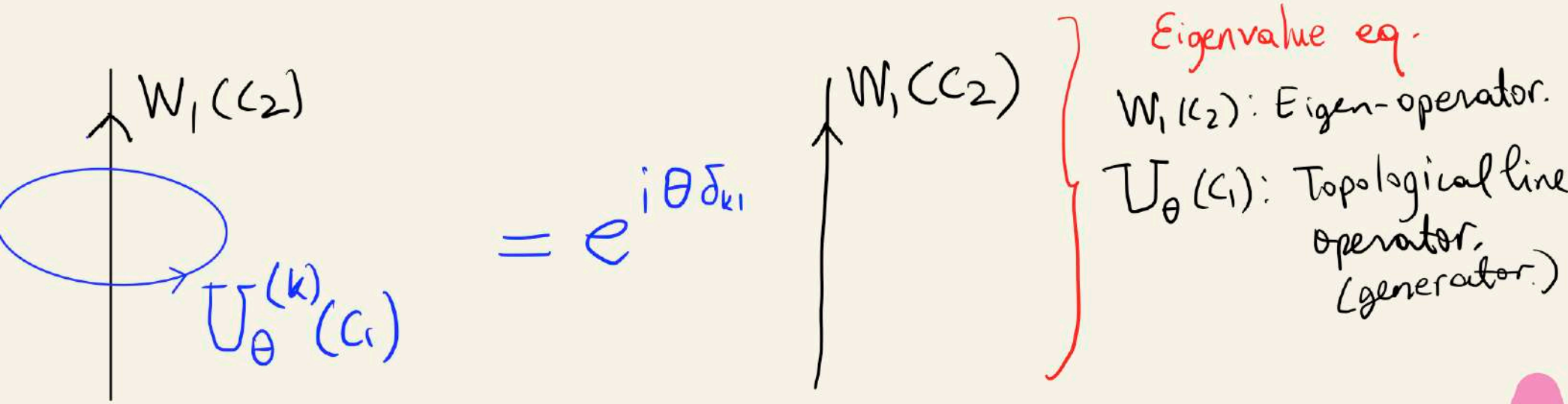
- Globally different theories, e.g. correlators involving non-contractible cycles know about  $S_N$  TQFT.

# Wilson Loops & symmetry generators in abelian $U(1)^{N-1}$ model. (original)

Wilson loops :  $W_k(C) = e^{i(\mu_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha_j) \int_C A}$   $k=1, \dots, N.$



$[U(1)^{(1)}]^{N-1}$  generators:  $U_\theta^{(k)}(C) = e^{i \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \int_C \alpha_k \cdot d\sigma}$   $k=1, \dots, N-1.$   
 $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1} / 2\pi \Gamma_w$





# Gauging $S_N$

• After gauging  $S_N$ , generators & Wilson operators are no longer gauge invariant.

• We must **symmetrize** Wilson loops & topological operators to build gauge invariant objects.

• Wilson loops in  $U(1)^{N-1} \times S_N$  theory.

$$W_{fd}(C) = W_1(C) + W_2(C) + \dots + W_N(C)$$

•  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  generators.

$$U_n(C) = \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} U_{\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}^{(k)}(C) = e^{i\frac{n}{N} \int_C (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + \dots + (N-1)\alpha_{N-1}) \cdot d\tau}$$

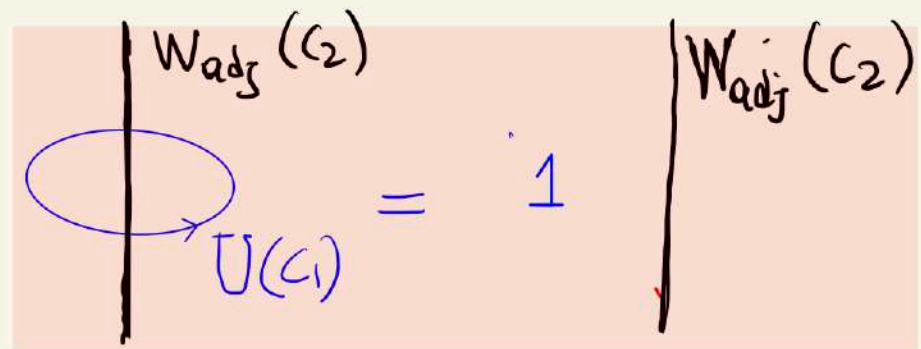
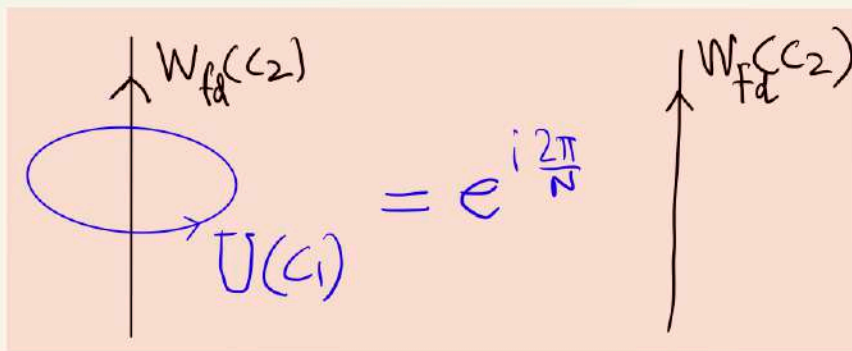
$$U_n(C) U_m(C) = U_{n+m \bmod N}(C)$$

Fusion obeys group multiplication laws.

# $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$ center & failure of N-ality rule.

$$\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]} : W_{fd} \mapsto e^{2\pi i/N} W_{fd}. \quad \text{or}$$

$$\langle U(C_1) W_{fd}(C_2) \rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \text{Link}(C_1, C_2)} \langle W_{fd}(C_2) \rangle$$



**Q:** Does 1-form  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$  center sym. control string tensions?  
 No.  $T_{\mu_1} \neq 0$ , but  $T_{\alpha} \neq 0$  as well. (zero N-ality).  $T_{2\mu_1} \neq T_{\mu_2}$   
 (both N-ality 2).

- Infinitely many string tensions, instead of just N.

**Puzzle:** How is the presence of infinitely many string tensions compatible with finite center symmetry?



# Non-invertible topological lines & symmetry.

- Need to explain the failure of the N-ality rule.
- $\Rightarrow$  Non-invertible top. symmetry. Generalization of 1-form  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$  center symmetry.
- Symmetrizing center generators  $U_\theta^{(1)}(C)$  in abelian theory:

$$\begin{aligned} T_\theta(C) &= \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{P \in S_N} P U_\theta^{(1)}(C) P^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi} e^{i \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \int_C \alpha \cdot d\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

- Satisfies all features of 1-form symmetry, **except group multiplication law.**

$$T_\theta(C) T_{\theta'}(C) \neq T_{\theta+\theta'}(C).$$

Symmetry, but not a group.



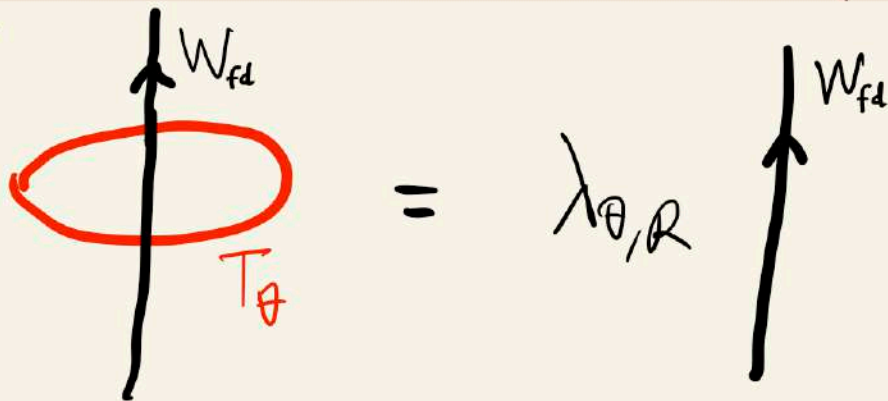
• Consider Wilson loop that corresponds to  $\underline{\omega} \in \Gamma_w$ .

e.g.  $W_R = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{P \in S_N} P W_\omega P^{-1}$  etc.

electric charge in weight lattice.

$$T_\theta(c) W_R(c') = \lambda_{\theta,R} W_R(c')$$

$$\lambda_{\theta,R} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi} e^{i\theta \alpha \cdot w}$$



$$T_\theta(c) W_{fd}(c') = \frac{1}{N} (N-2+2\cos\theta) W_{fd}(c')$$

2d QFTs: cf Bhardwaj, Tachikawa (17), Buiwan, Gromov (17), Thorngren, Wang (19), ...  
K-margodski et al. (20).

## Tension for $N$ -ality zero rep.

- Here is the main point concerning non-invertible sym. Despite the fact that  $W_{adj}$  is trivial under  $Z_N^{[1]}$ ;  $(1) (C_1) W_{adj}(C_2) = \mathbb{1} W_{adj}(C_2)$ ; it obeys

$$T_\theta(C_1) W_{adj}(C_2) = \frac{(N-2)(N-3) + 4(N-2)\cos\theta + 2\cos(2\theta)}{N(N-1)} W_{adj}(C_2)$$

non-trivial, eigenvalue.

- String tension beyond  $N$ -ality is characterized by non-invertible topological line operators  $T_\theta$ .
- $T_\theta$  is a 1-form sym. But it does not have an inverse.  $T_{-\theta} = T_\theta$ . Fusion rule does not conform with group law. Fusion category???

# Distinguishing two N-ality two reps.

- Consider two N-ality 2-reps,  $W_{\text{sym}}$  &  $W_{\text{asym}}$ .
- Eigen-operators of non-invertible generators  $T_{\theta}(C_1)$  are  $W_{\text{asym}}$  &  $(W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}})$ .

$$T_{\theta}(C_1) (W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}})(C_2) = \frac{N-2 + 2\cos 2\theta}{N} (W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}})$$

$$T_{\theta}(C_1) W_{\text{asym}}(C_2) = \frac{(N-2)(N-3) + 2 + 4(N-2)\cos\theta}{N(N-1)} W_{\text{asym}}(C_2)$$

- consistent with  $T_{\mu_2} \neq T_{2\mu_1}$ .



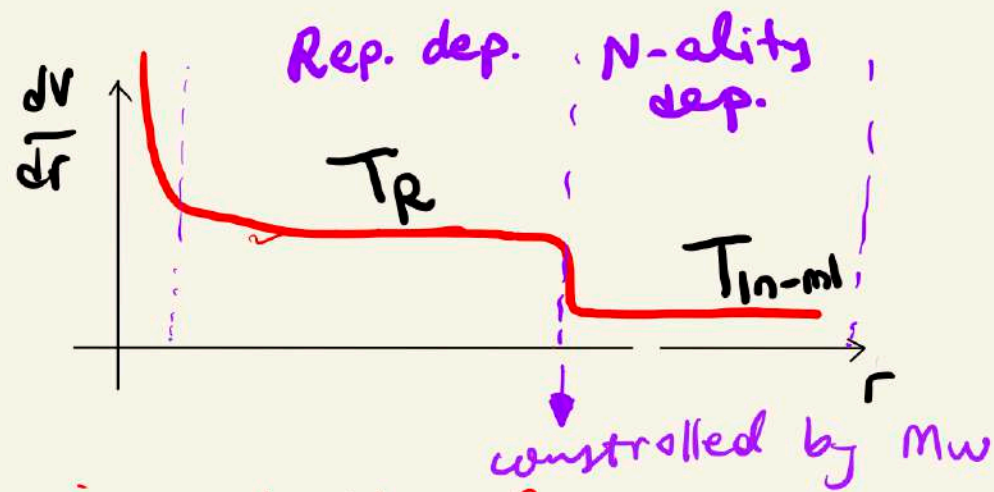
# Dynamical electric charges & breaking non-invertible sym.

- Add  $W$ -bosons. Since eigenvalue of  $W_{adj}$  must be one, (perimeter law or adjoint string breaking);

$$T_{\theta}(C_1) W_{adj}(C_2) = \lambda_{\theta, adj} W_{adj}(C_2)$$

the only solution is for  $\theta = 0$ , and we lose non-inv. symmetry. (cf. Rudelius, Shao 20, discrete gauge theories.)

- If  $W$  is heavy; then;



- suspiciously curious, isn't it?

## Conclusions - speculations

- Abelian and semi-abelian dynamics are quite different from other solvable, abelianizing theories: Polyakov,  $N=2$  SW,  $QCD(adj)$ , deformed YM. Provides new insights.
- Non-invertible sym. is very likely also present in pure YM as an approximate sym. We believe that it becomes exact at  $N=\infty$  limit and string tensions are not controlled by  $N$ -ality.
- Non-inv. sym can very likely provide a meaning to confinement in theories such as  $QCD(F)$  and YM with  $G_2$  group etc. It also gives a meaning to confinement of adjoint probes in  $SU(N)$  YM.