

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

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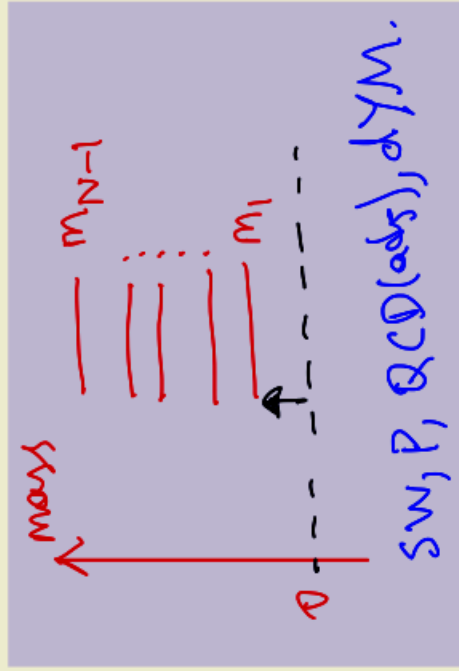
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MOTIVATION

- 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;
on adjoint Higgs vev (algebra valued) or gauge holonomy-(group valued) $SU(N) \rightarrow U(1)^{N-1}$ due to either "Dynamical abelianization"
- In all; $S_N =$ Weyl group of $SU(N)$ is Higgsed.
 \rightarrow permutation group.
- Higgsing of S_N pervades the physics of these systems & renders them quite distinct from pure $\mathcal{N}=4$.

• 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.



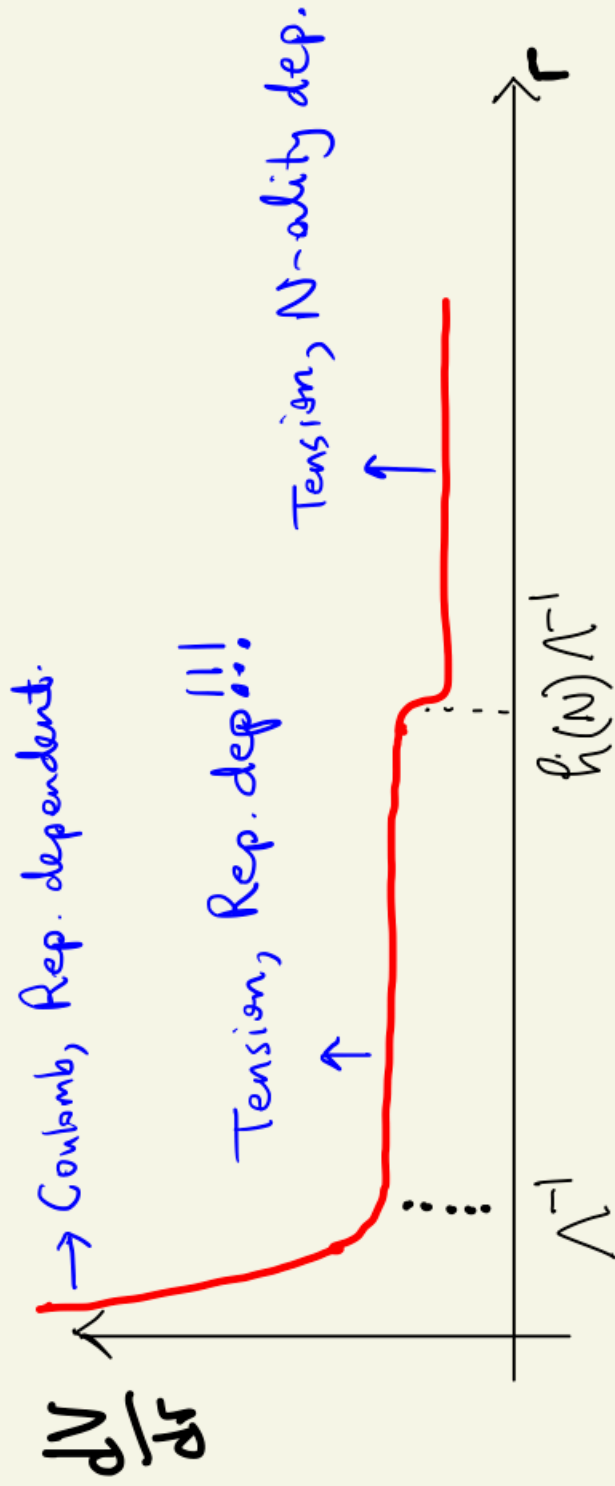
• Splitting to $N-1 \implies$ Imprint of broken SN.

• Tensions dictated by charges $w \in \Gamma_w$ & not Γ_w (glueball lattice) deficiency. Not so, it is a feature.)

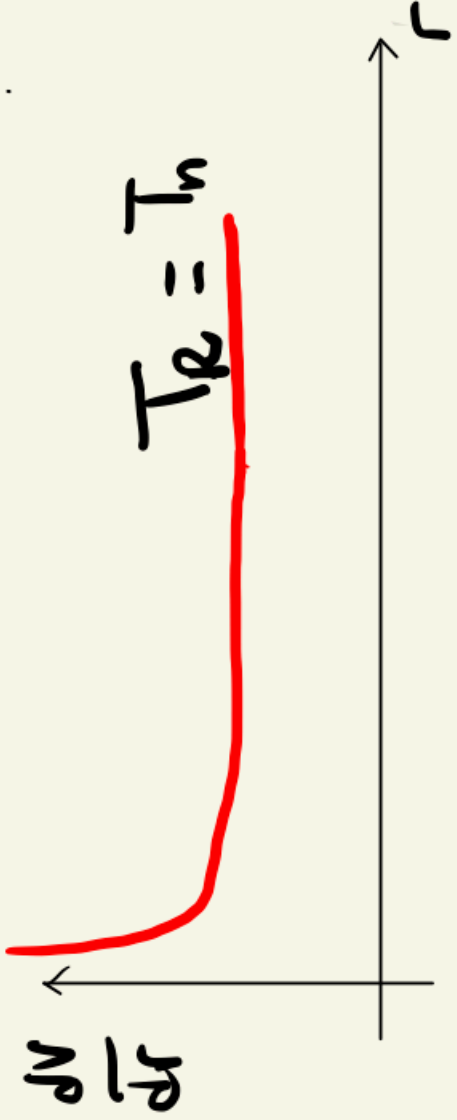
• N-ability! (sometimes presented as deficiency. Not so, it is a feature.)

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.



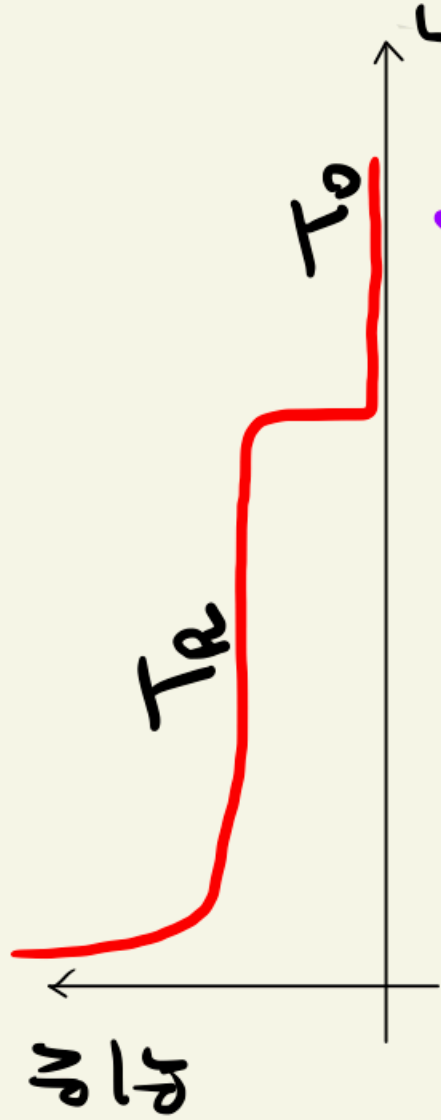
• based on lattice: Bali (93), de Forcrand, Philipsen (99), Wipf et al. (10), Greensite (03), ...
(not widely appreciated)



$$R = F, F \otimes F, \dots, F \otimes \dots \otimes F$$

n

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



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



Rep. dep. : N-ality dep.

$$R = F \otimes \dots \otimes F \otimes \dots \otimes F$$

n

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

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

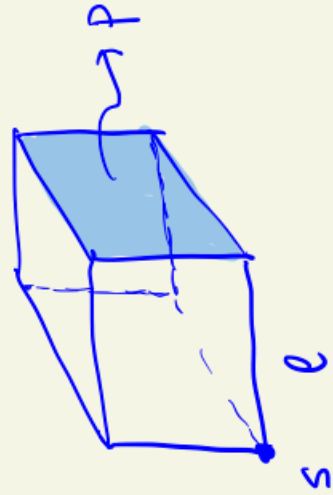
dual lattice. & notation.

Λ_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.

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

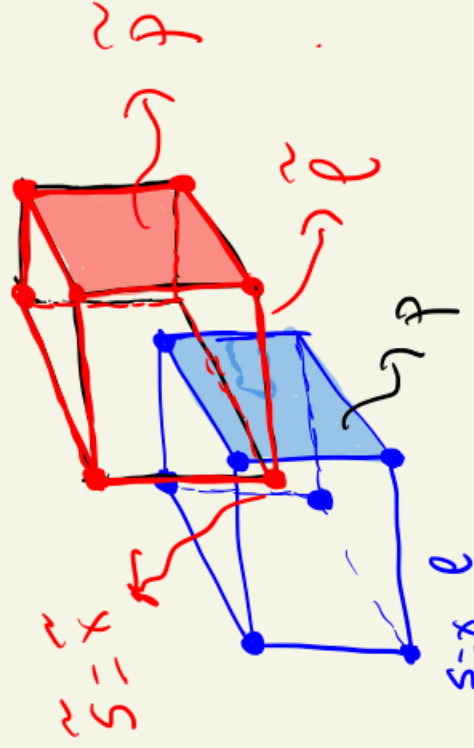
$$*s = \tilde{c}$$

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

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

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

shifted by half.
 $x + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{1} + \hat{2} + \hat{3})$



Wilson formulation

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

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

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.

$$S = \frac{1}{4\pi e^2} \sum_P (F_P + 2\pi n_P)^2, \quad F_P = (dA)_P$$

Γ_r : Root lattice of $SU(N)$.

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

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

0-form gauge invariance: $A_e \rightarrow A_e + (d\lambda)_e \quad \lambda_S \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$

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: $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{existence of topological generators } \cup (M_{d-p-1})$
 (Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willet '14)

- Textbook case ($p=0$)

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

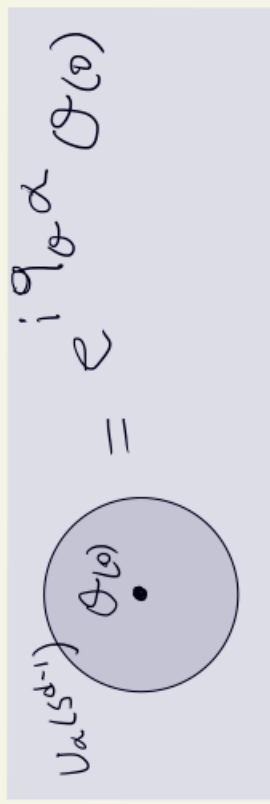
\implies considers

$$Q = \int_{M^{d-1}} *J \equiv Q(M^{d-1})$$

change on any $(d-1)$ manifold M^{d-1} .

Q : Group label.

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



$p=1$ 1-form center sym.

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

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

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

- $|R| = N$ -ality.
Nice explanation of N -ality rule.

Global symmetries

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1} \quad \& \quad (d\theta)_p = 0.$$

• 1-form symmetry: $A_e \rightarrow A_e + \theta e_j$

• Discrete non-abelian 0-form symmetry:

$$A_e \rightarrow \pi A_e ; \quad \eta_p \rightarrow \pi \eta_p$$

that preserve root lattice Γ_r .

II: $O(N-1)$ transformations

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

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

$$\eta_p \rightarrow \eta_p - \alpha(\alpha \cdot \eta_p)$$

$$A_e \rightarrow -A_e$$

$$\eta_p \rightarrow -\eta_p$$

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

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

Observables.

- Wilson lines. $W_w(c) = e^{i \int_c w \cdot A}$

$w \in \Gamma_w$
weight
lattice.

Invariance under 1-form gauge transformation \Rightarrow

- 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.
(exp. fert, Macke)

• Poisson resummation.

$$\sum_{n_p \in \Gamma} e^{-\frac{1}{4ne^2} (F_p + 2\pi n_p)^2} = \sum_{k_p \in \Gamma_w} e^{-\pi e^2 k_p^2 + i k_p \cdot F_p}$$

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

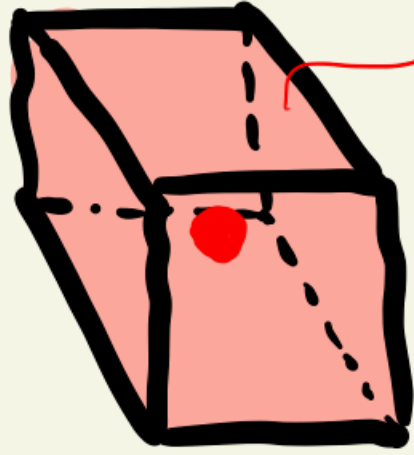
$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\{m_{\tilde{x}} \in \Gamma_w\}} e^{-\pi e^2 \sum_{\tilde{e}} (dm)_{\tilde{e}}^2}$$

Γ_w -ferro.
 Exact dual
 of Villain.

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

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

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



$$q(\vec{x}) = \oint \cap p \in \Gamma_r$$

faces, center \vec{x}

↳ Magnetic charge.

↳ Gauss surface.

Coulomb gas representation.

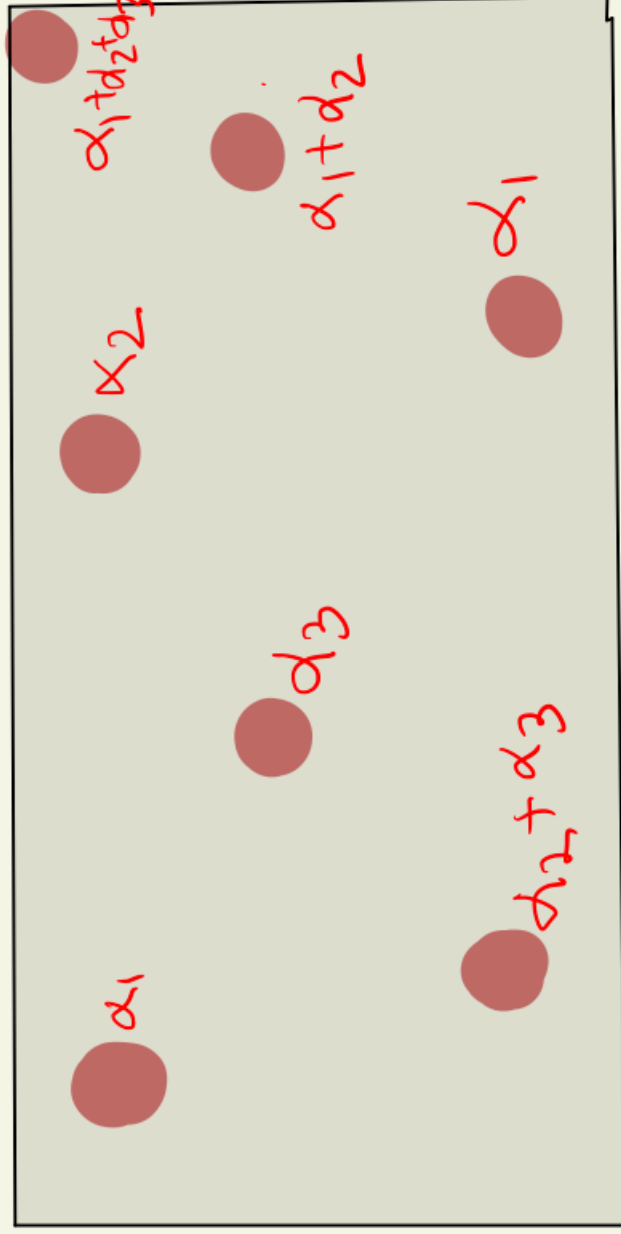
- Integrating out $\sigma(\vec{x})$ exactly; we reach to Coulomb gas representation.

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

• Euclidean

Vacuum: Proliferation of

monopoles, but very different from Polyakov model & deformed YM due to unbroken SU .



Effective Field Theory.

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

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

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

Hierarchical (Polyakov)

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

Egalitarian (Semi-abelian)

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

Dramatic differences

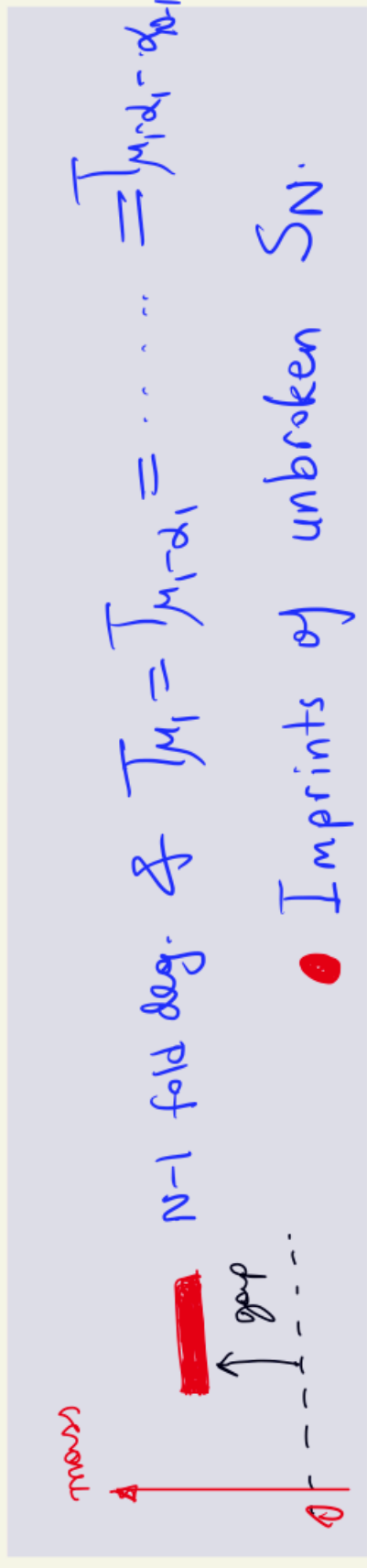
- In Polyakov; there are $N-1$ dual photon masses & $N-1$ fundamental string tension. (same in SW $N=2$)



$$T_{\mu_1} \neq T_{\mu_1 - \alpha_1} \neq T_{\mu_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2} \neq \dots \neq T_{\mu_1 - \alpha_1 - \dots - \alpha_{N-1}}$$

SW, P, QCD(adj), dYM. • Imprints of broken (Higgsed) S_N .

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



$$T_{\mu_1} = T_{\mu_1 - \alpha_1} = \dots = T_{\mu_1 - \alpha_1 - \dots - \alpha_{N-1}}$$

$N-1$ fold deg. • Imprints of unbroken S_N .

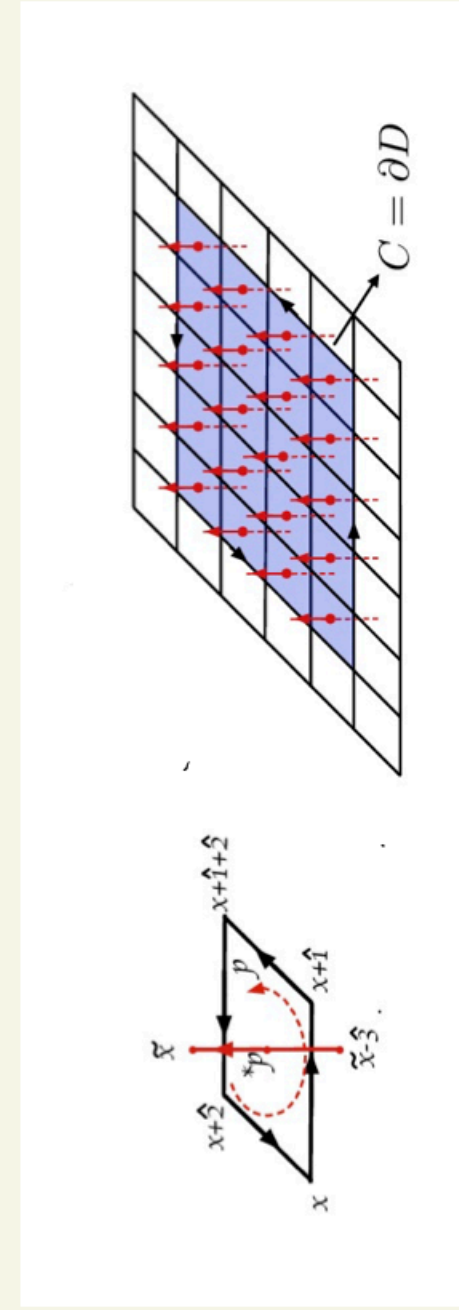
Wilson loops & string tensions.

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

$W_\omega(C) = e^{i \oint \omega \cdot A} \rightarrow$ Line integral.

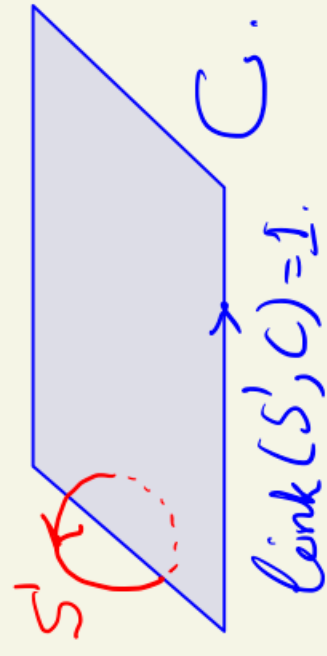
$$= e^{i \int_D \omega \cdot F} = e^{i \sum_{P \in \Lambda_3} [D]_{\#P}(\omega F_P)}$$

surface int
Volume integrand.



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

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



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

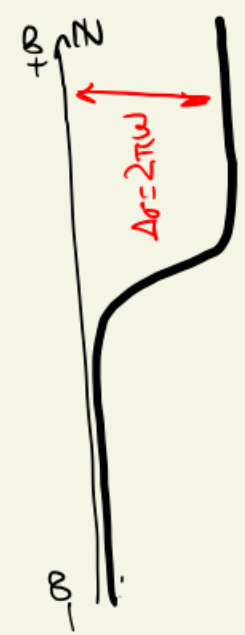
$$= e^{-T_\omega \text{Area}(D)}$$

- Area law of confinement.
- $T_\omega \neq 0$ string tension

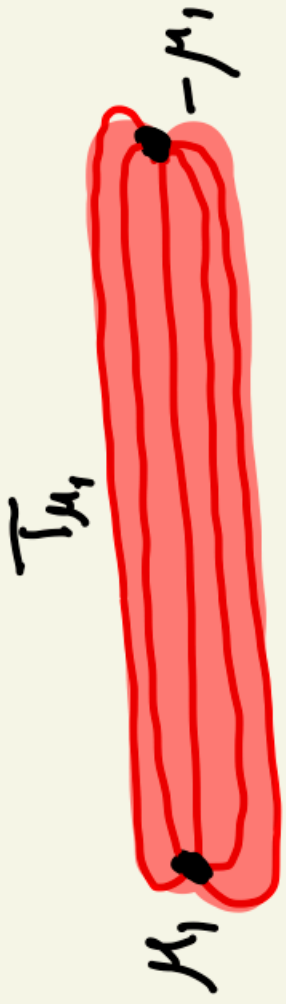


- Action of $\sigma(z) = S = \text{Area}[D] \times T_\omega$ where T_ω is instanton action in reduced QM system.
- $A[D]$ is area.

• 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 $\{F, S, A, S\}$ reps of $SU(N)$.

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

- If $w_1 \neq Tw_2$ generically; $T_{w_1} \neq Tw_2$. This
- There is no $w \in \Gamma_w$ for which T_w 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.

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

\rightarrow charge conj.

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

$$\frac{SU(N) \text{ YM}}{G^{[0]} : \mathbb{Z}_2}$$

\rightarrow charge conj.

$$G^{[1]} : \mathbb{Z}_N^N$$

and construct $U(1)^{N-1} \times S_N$

Let us gauge S_N . Then, we will show that theory.

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

$$G^{[1]} : \mathbb{Z}_N^N$$

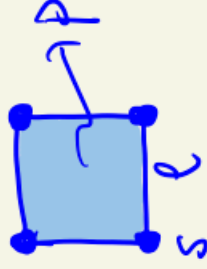
Semi-abelian gauge theory.

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

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

$P \in S_N$: $N \times N$ 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.

$$S = \sum_P \beta_1 \left(\text{tr} \left(\prod_{(\text{loop})} (P_e \cdot C_e) \right) \right) + \sum_P \beta_2 \cdot \text{tr} \left(\prod_{(\text{loop})} P \right)$$

S_N

Coupling to S_N TQFT.

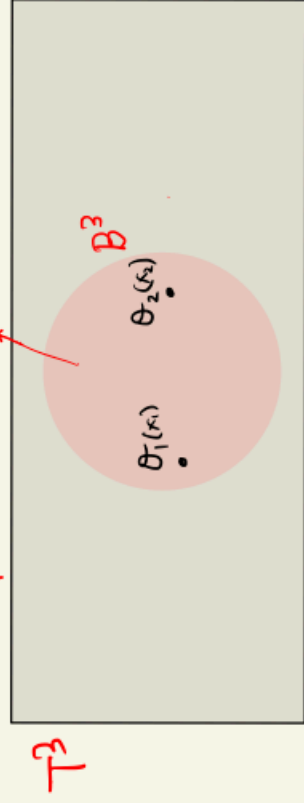
- $B_2 \rightarrow \infty$ { imposes flatness condition on S_N gauge field. $\{ S_N$ monopoles are energetically forbidden.

$\prod_{e \in \text{loop}} P_e = 1_N \implies S_N$ 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.

Open ball with trivial top.

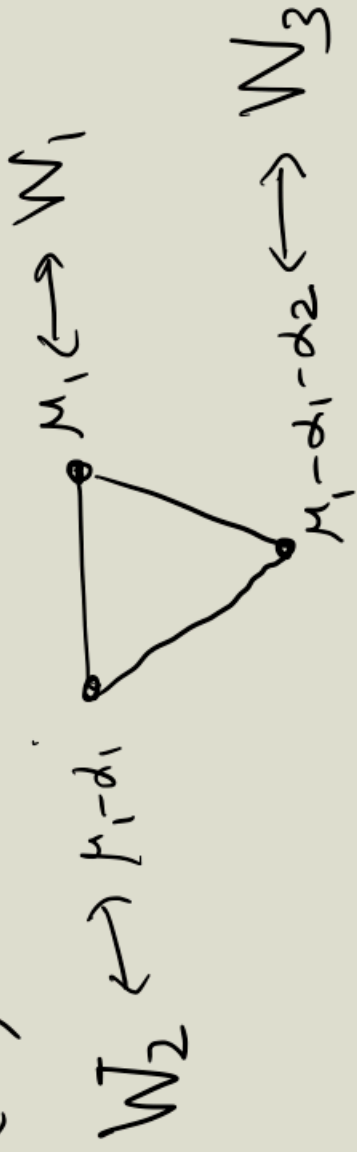


$$\langle \theta_1(x_1) W_{U(1) \times S_N}^{S_N}(x_1, x_2) \theta_2(x_2) \rangle_{U(1) \times S_N} = \langle \theta_1(x_1) \theta_2(x_2) \rangle_{U(1)}^{N-1}$$

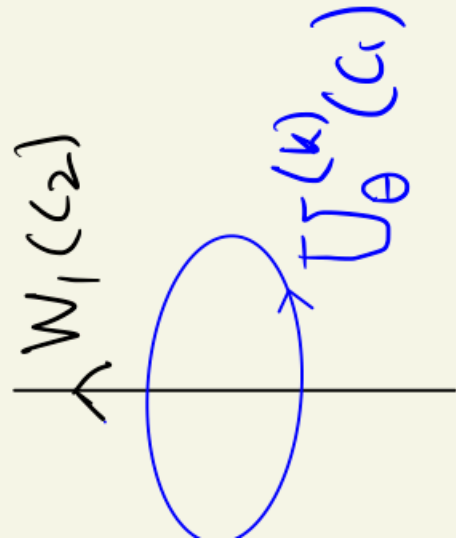
- Globally different theories, e.g. correlators involving non-contractible cycles know about S_N TQFT.

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

Wilson loops: $W_k(c) = e^{i(\mu_1 - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha_j)} \int_c^A$ $k=1, \dots, N$.



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



Eigenvalue eq.

$W_1(c_2)$

$= e^{i\theta \delta_{k_1}}$

$W_1(c_2)$: Eigen-operator.

$U_\theta(c_1)$: Topological line operator, (generator).

Gauging S_N

• After gauging S_{N_i} generators & Wilson operators are no longer gauge invariant.

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

Wilson loops in $U(1) \times S_N$ theory.

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

\mathbb{Z}_N generators.

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

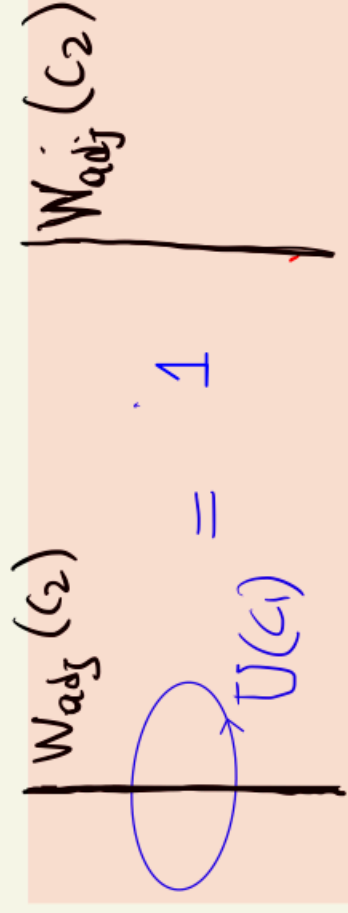
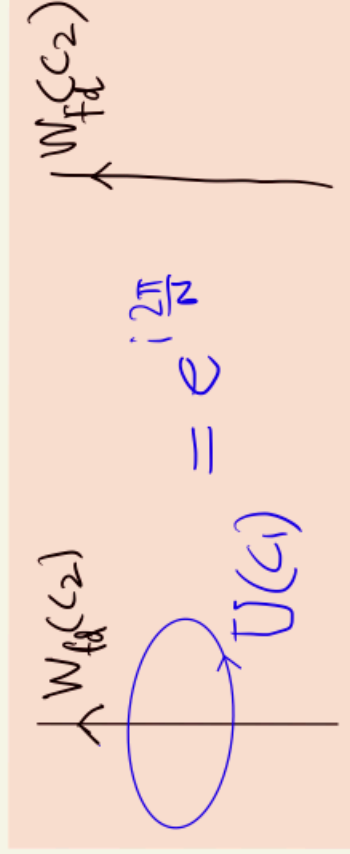
$$U_n(c) U_m(c) = U_{n+m \bmod N}(c)$$

Fusion obeys group multiplication laws.

$Z_N^{[1]}$ center & failure of N -ality rule.

$$Z_N^{[1]} : W_{fd} \longmapsto e^{2\pi i/N} W_{fd} \quad \text{or}$$

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



Q: Does 1-form $Z_N^{[1]}$ center sym. control string tensions?

No. $T_{\mu_4} \neq 0$, 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-lity rule.
- \implies 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 $\omega \in \Gamma_w$.
 e.g. $W_R = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{P \in S_N} P W_\omega P^{-1}$ etc.
 electric charge in weight lattice.

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

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



$$= \lambda_{\theta,R}$$

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

2d QFTs: cf Bhardwaj, Tachikawa (17), Bui van, 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 $Z_N^{C(1)}$;

$(1) C_1) W_{adj}(C_2) = \mathbb{1} W_{adj}(C_2)$; 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_θ .

- T_θ 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. two reps.

- Consider two N -ality 2- reps, W_{sym} & W_{asym} .
- Eigen-operators of non-invertible generators $T_{\theta}(G_1)$ are

$$W_{\text{asym}} \quad \& \quad (W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}}).$$

$$T_{\theta}(G_1) (W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}})(G_2) = \frac{N-2+2\omega\epsilon\theta}{N} (W_{\text{sym}} - W_{\text{asym}})$$

$$T_{\theta}(G_1) W_{\text{asym}}(G_2) = \frac{(N-2)(N-3)+2+4(N-2)\omega\epsilon\theta}{N(N-1)} W_{\text{asym}}(G_2)$$

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

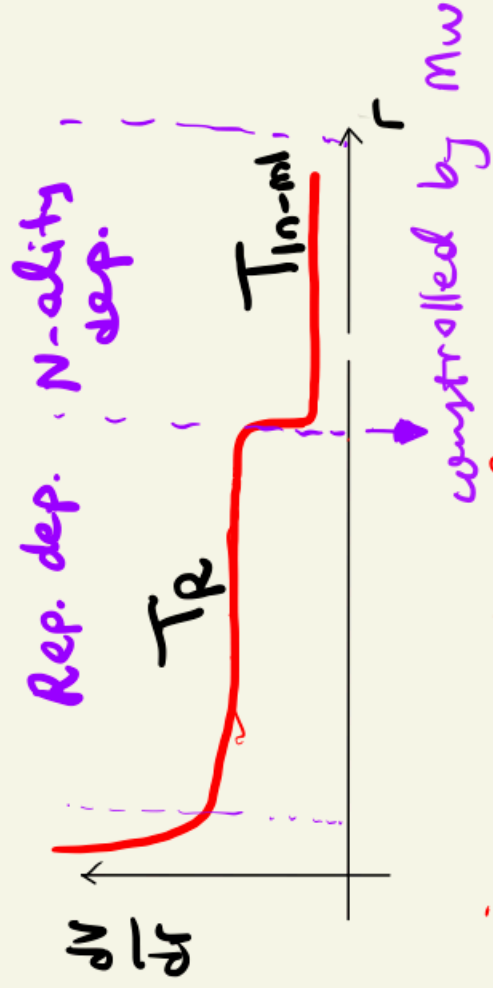
Dynamical electric charges & breaking, non-invertible sym.

- 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 wrong, isn't it?

Conclusions - Speculations

- Abelian and semi-abelian dynamics are quite different from other solvable, abelianizing theories: Pohorov, $N=2$ 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.