

Domain walls, anomalies, and deconfinement

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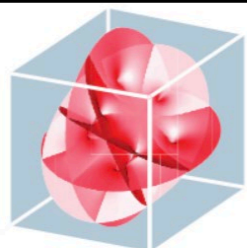
pre-anomaly work with Mohamed Anber, Tin Sulejmanpašić

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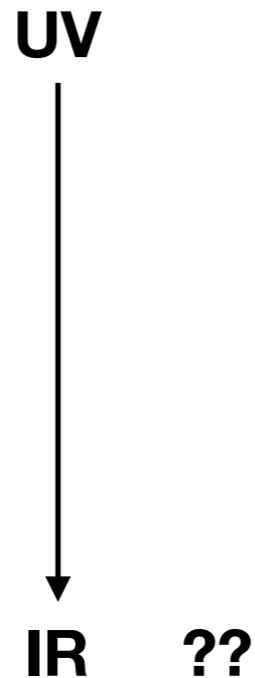


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anomaly matching

limits fantasies about IR!



thought anomaly matching was set in stone since ca. 1980
“0-form” anomalies played major role in, say, “preon” models
(1980’s), Seiberg dualities (1990’s)

new “generalized ’t Hooft anomaly matching”

Gaiotto, Kapustin, Komargodski, Seiberg, Willett ... 2014-

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related (to the subject of talk) important recent work

J. Wang, Y.-Z. You and Y. Zheng,

1910.14664

I. Hason, Z. Komargodski and R. Thorngren,

1910.14039

narrow this talk's subject to:

theories with a broken $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(0)}$ global symmetry
and unbroken $\mathbb{Z}_{N'}^{(1)}$ center symmetry

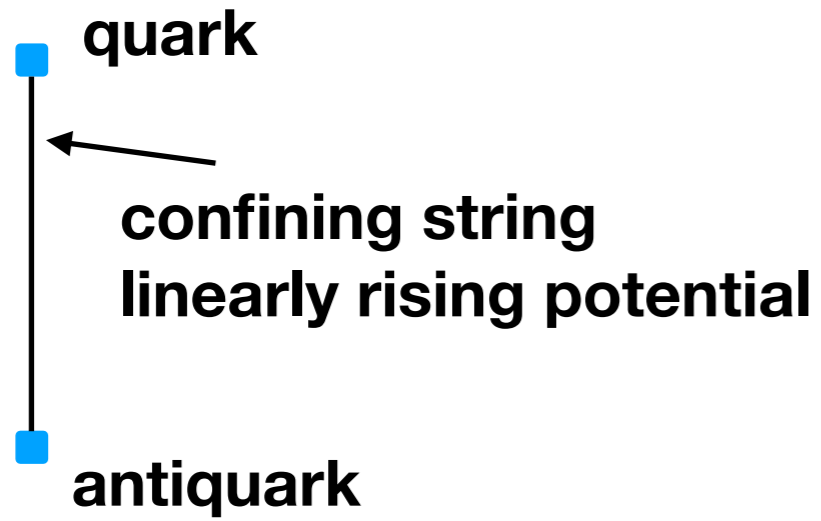
“confining theories with domain walls” (DW)

e.g.: YM (QCD) at $\theta = \pi$

QCD(adjoint) with n_f ($= 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5$) massless Weyl, if...

QCD-like (vectorlike) coupled to axion

bulk, vacuum 2

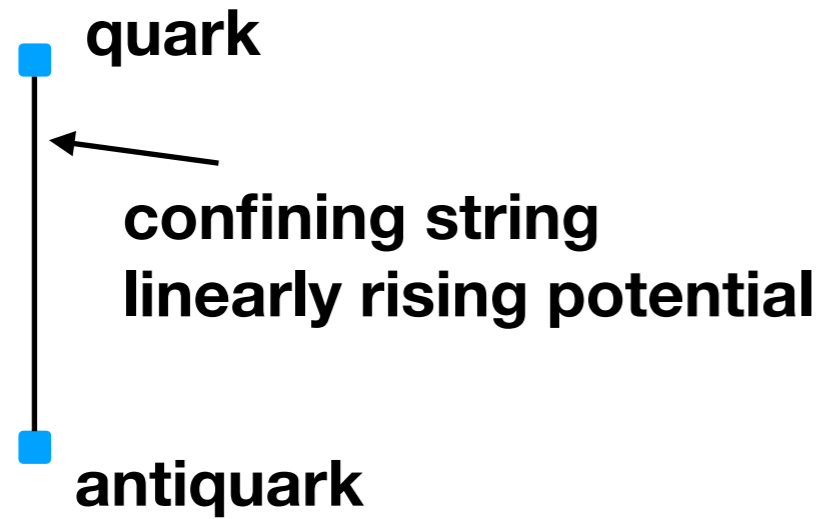


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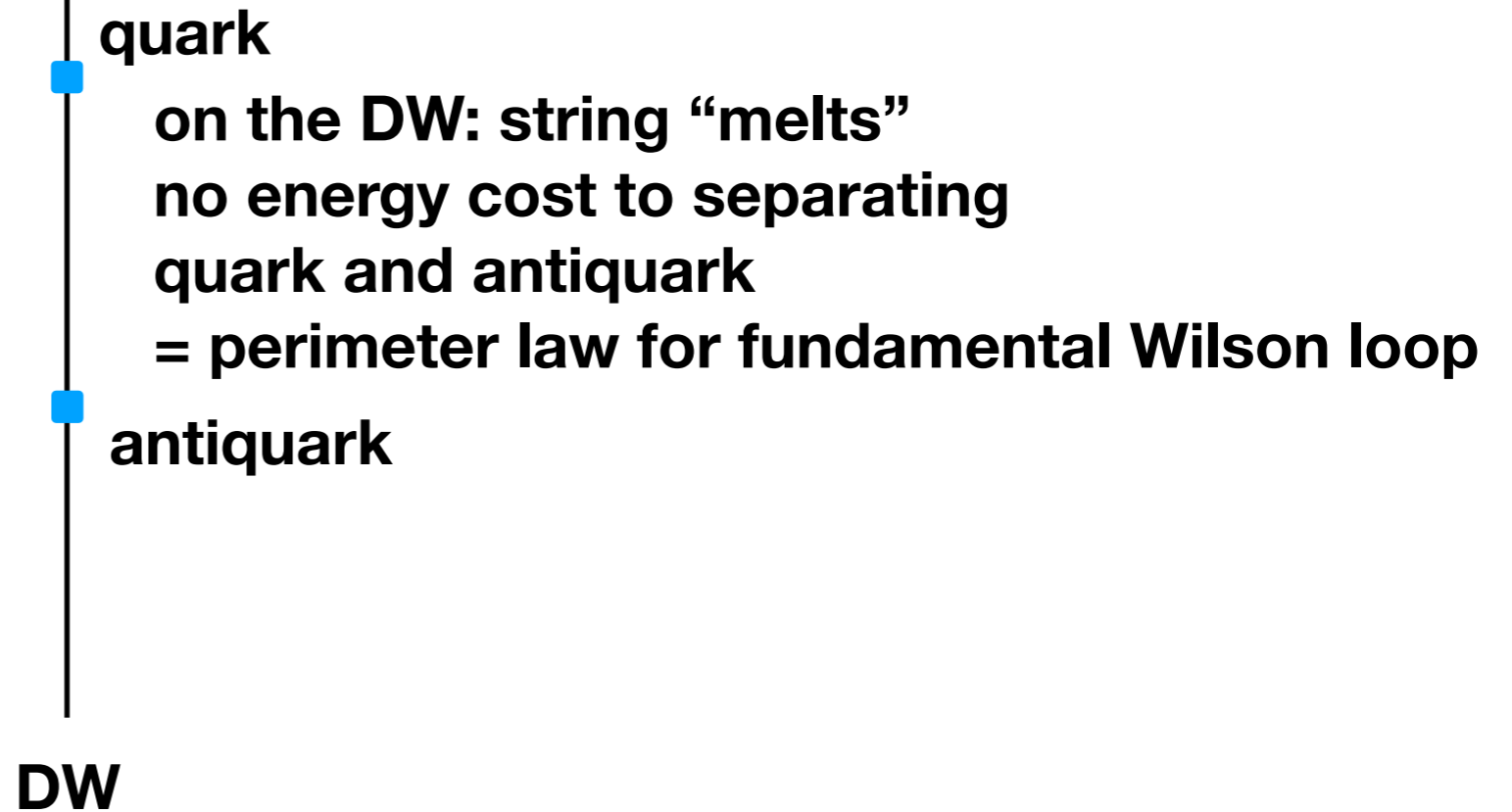


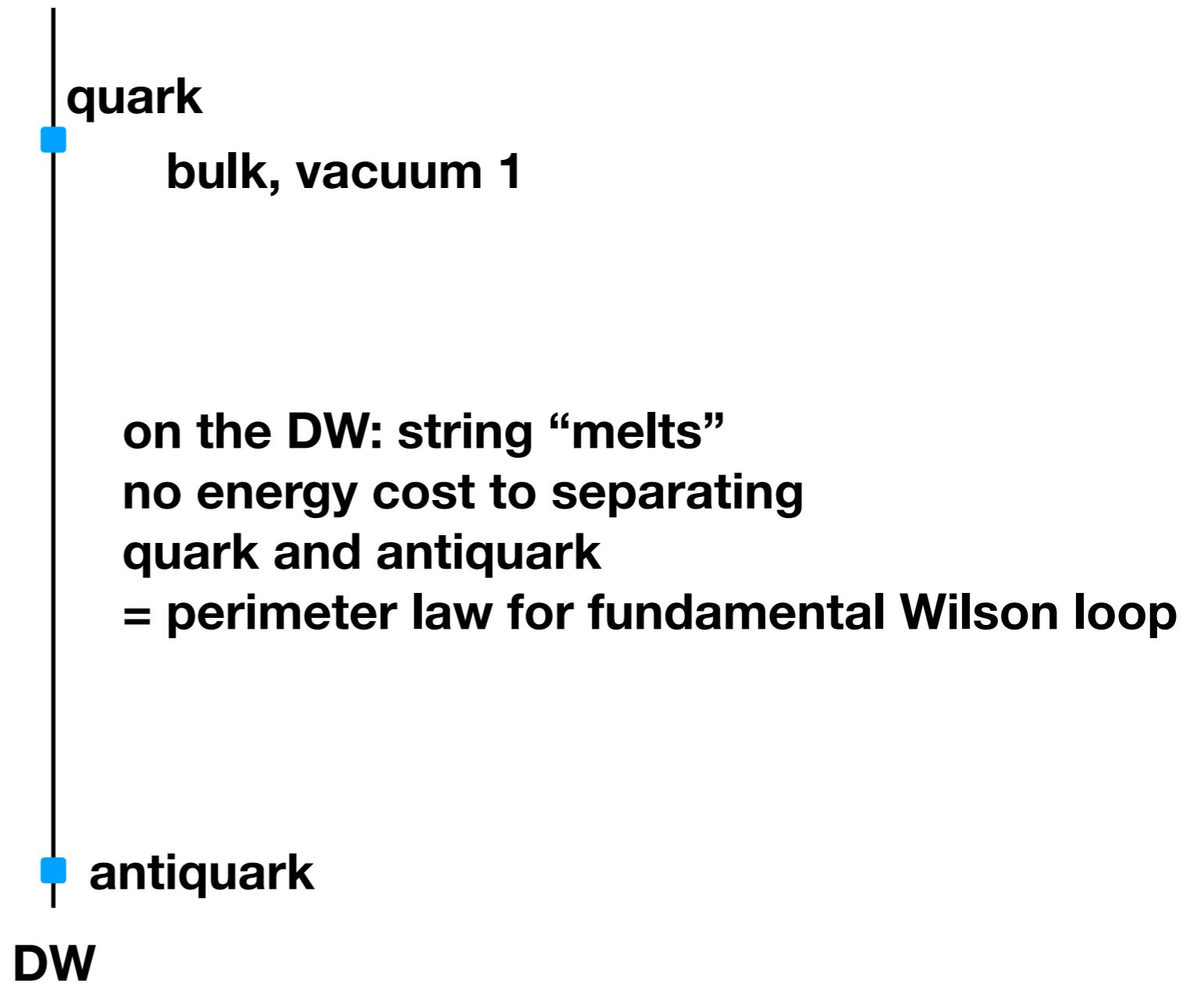
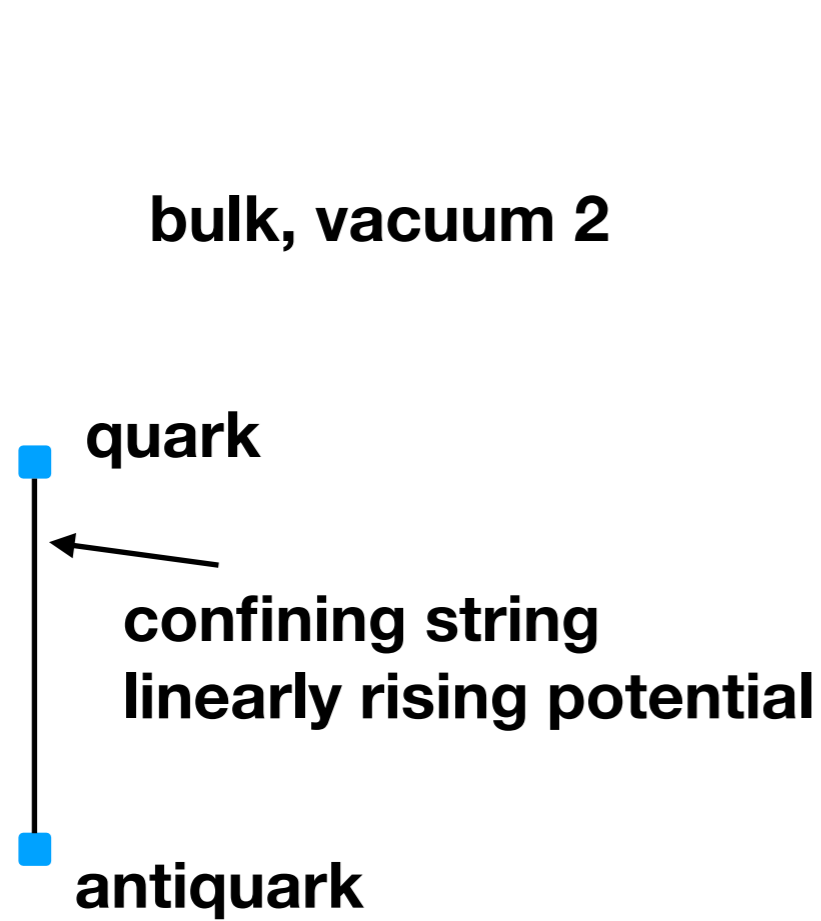
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- **3d CS theory (TQFT) ‘lives’ on DW - of SYM via M-theory**

[Acharya, Vafa, late 1990s]

- **MQCD picture of confining (F-) strings ending on D-(M-) walls**

[Soo-Jong Rey, 1997; Witten, 1997;... more recently, e.g. Hsin, Lam, Seiberg 2018]

- **connection to mixed “CP (or $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(0)}$ - $\mathbb{Z}_{N'}^{(1)}$ ” anomaly**

NEW: QFT, not string

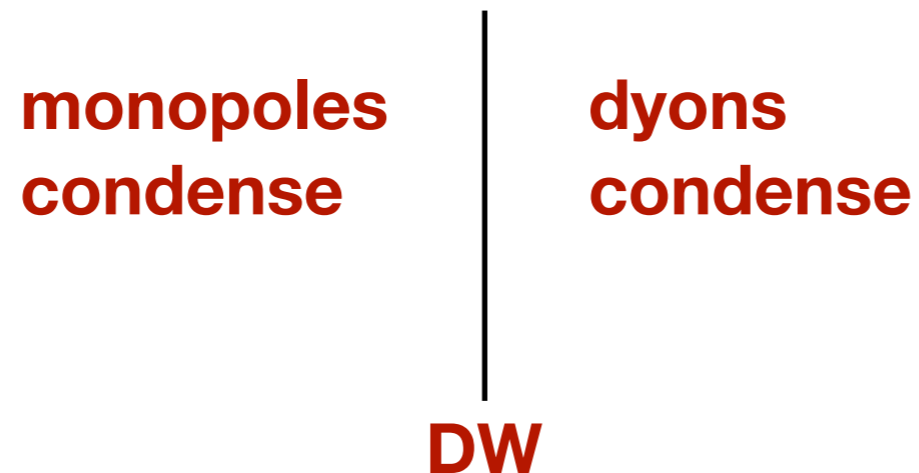
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Witten

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“ the QCD monopoles themselves, are somewhat elusive ”

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deconfinement on DWs was found in 2015 (Anber, Sulejmanpašić, EP) via honest semiclassical analysis of QFT - before relation to anomaly inflow understood - **explain and extend** in this talk

for brevity - and elegance - narrow further talk's subject:

$SU(N)$ QCD(adjoint) with $n_f = 1$ massless Weyl = SYM

- a broken $\mathbb{Z}_{2N}^{(0)}$ global symmetry
 - unbroken $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)}$ center symmetry
- with a mixed
0-form/1-form anomaly

stress that story I will tell does not require SUSY

... adjoint QCD, deformed YM, axion ...

however, SUSY will help streamline the presentation...

OUTLINE

~~1. Introduction~~

2. SYM: *brief* reminder of symmetries and 't Hooft anomaly

3. Compactification on $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1$ - scales, and semiclassics

- EFT and symmetries

- EFT vacua and DWs

- (de)confinement and DWs

4. Conclusions

A. what I told you about

B. wish list

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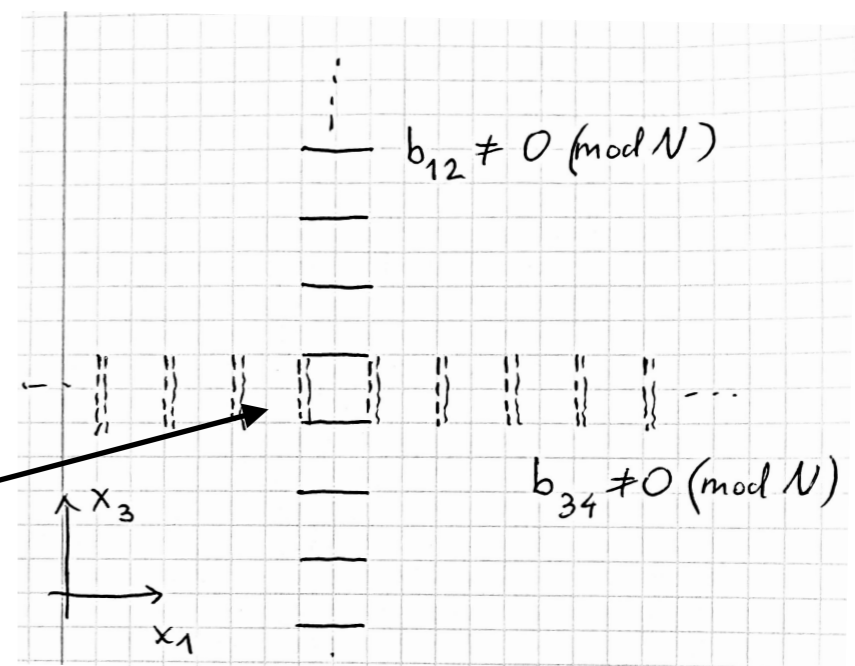
't Hooft anomaly revealed by gauging

$\mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)}$ using a 2-form \mathbb{Z}_N gauge field

= 't Hooft fluxes in 1-2 and 3-4

= intersecting thin center vortices

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rest of talk - reveal deconfinement on DW + DW CS - semiclassically...

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small- L **semiclassical** limit $NL\Lambda \ll 1$

$g_{4d}^2\left(\frac{1}{NL}\right) \ll 1$ and L fixed (**NOT 3d** $g_{3d}^2 = \frac{g_{4d}^2}{L}$ -fixed as $L \rightarrow 0$)

holonomy: higgsing at $m_W = \frac{1}{NL}$: $SU(N) \rightarrow U(1)^{N-1}$

Cartan $U(1)^{N-1}$ weak (no charges!) at energy $\ll m_W$ ($m_W \gg \Lambda$)

weak coupling + nonperturbative: confinement, χSB , etc...

[Unsal 2007-, +...]

(generic, large class of non-SUSY theories at small-L; here: SYM)

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due to $NL\Lambda \ll 1$ locally 4d

“remembers” 4d properties: anomalies, symmetries...

mass gap & confinement due to the proliferation of instanton-like objects - magnetic bions in SYM/QCD(adj)

- a **locally-4d nontrivial** generalization of Polyakov confinement!
[Unsal]

describe using a 3d EFT valid at length scales $\gg NL$

(using EFT+SUSY will help avoid many interesting details)

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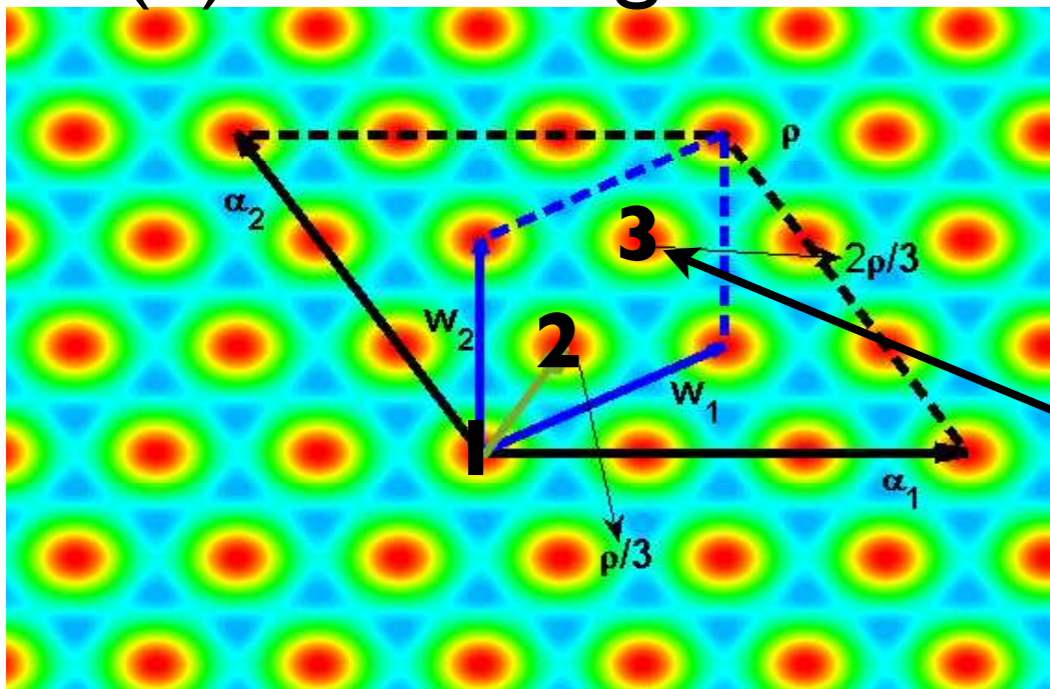
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weight = Cartan charges inside C

SU(3) root/weight lattices



A diagram showing a circle representing a unit cell. Inside the circle is a small grey dot labeled Q_e . Below the circle is the equation $\oint d\sigma = Q_e$.

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$$\Omega_F \rightarrow e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}} \Omega_F \quad \Omega_F = P e^{\int_{S^1} A_4 dx^4}$$

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chiral intertwined with $U(1)^{N-1}$ would-be magnetic center of dual photons, broken by monopole-instantons

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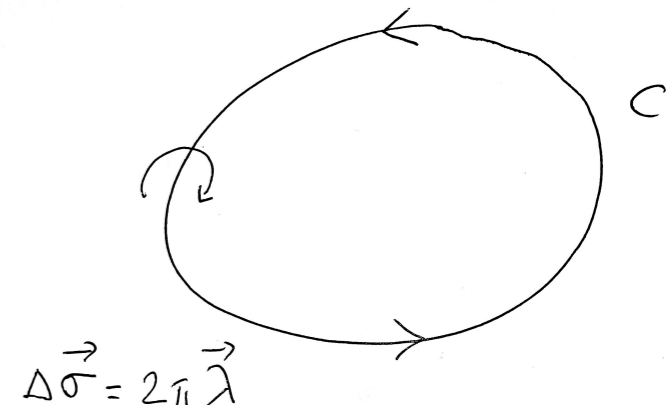
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insertion in path integral
imposes $\vec{\sigma}$ monodromy
 $2\pi \vec{\lambda}$ around C



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 $\sim m$

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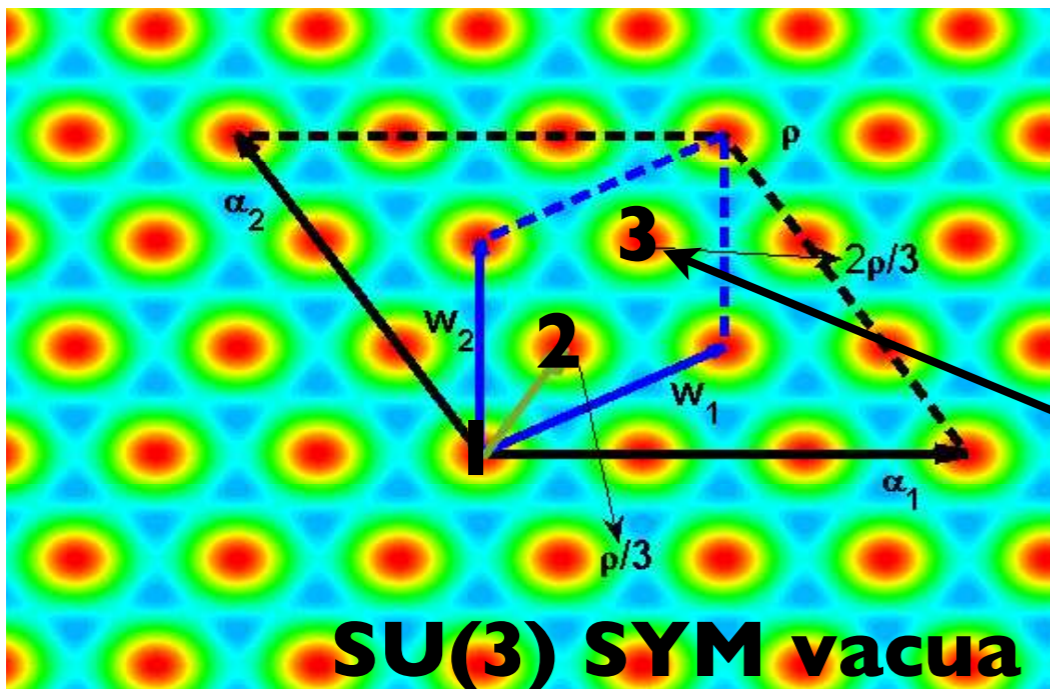
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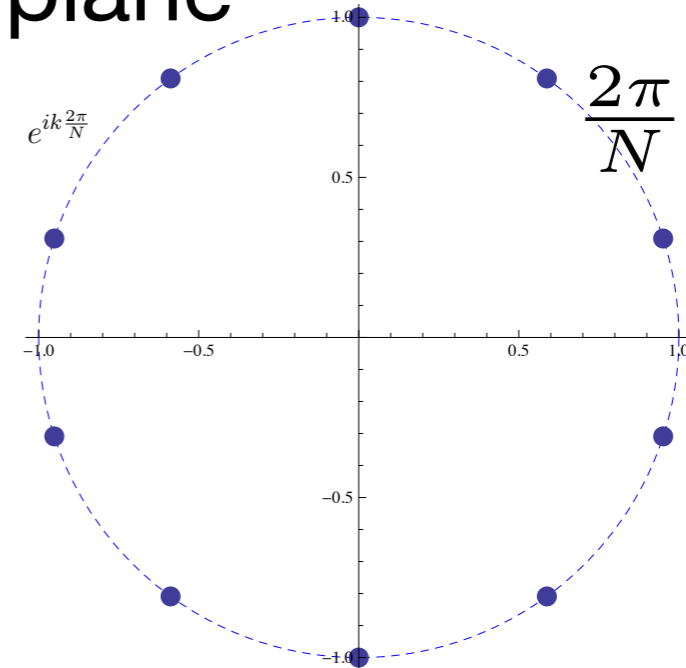
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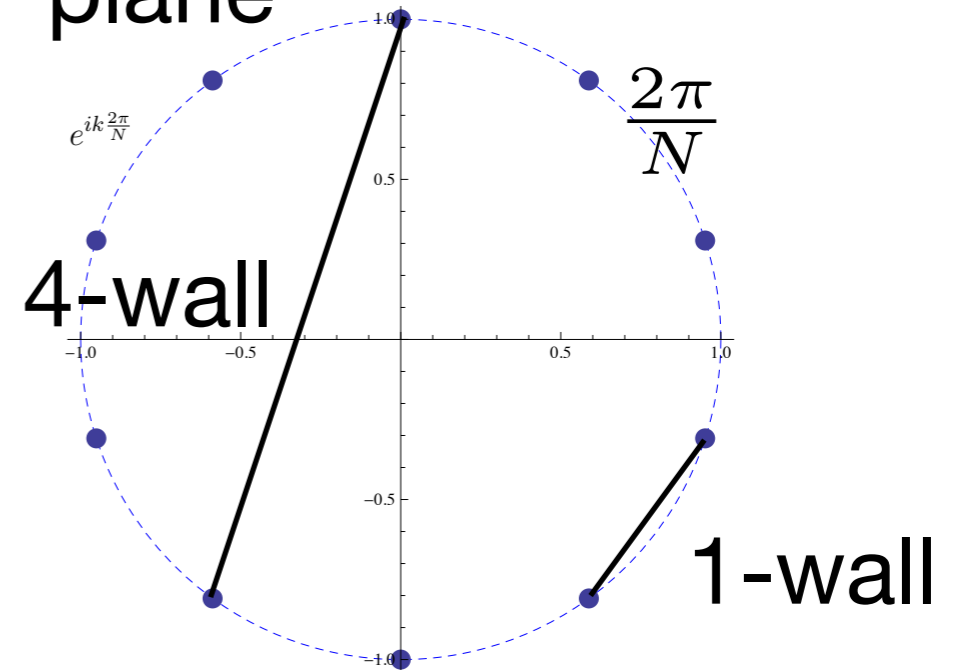
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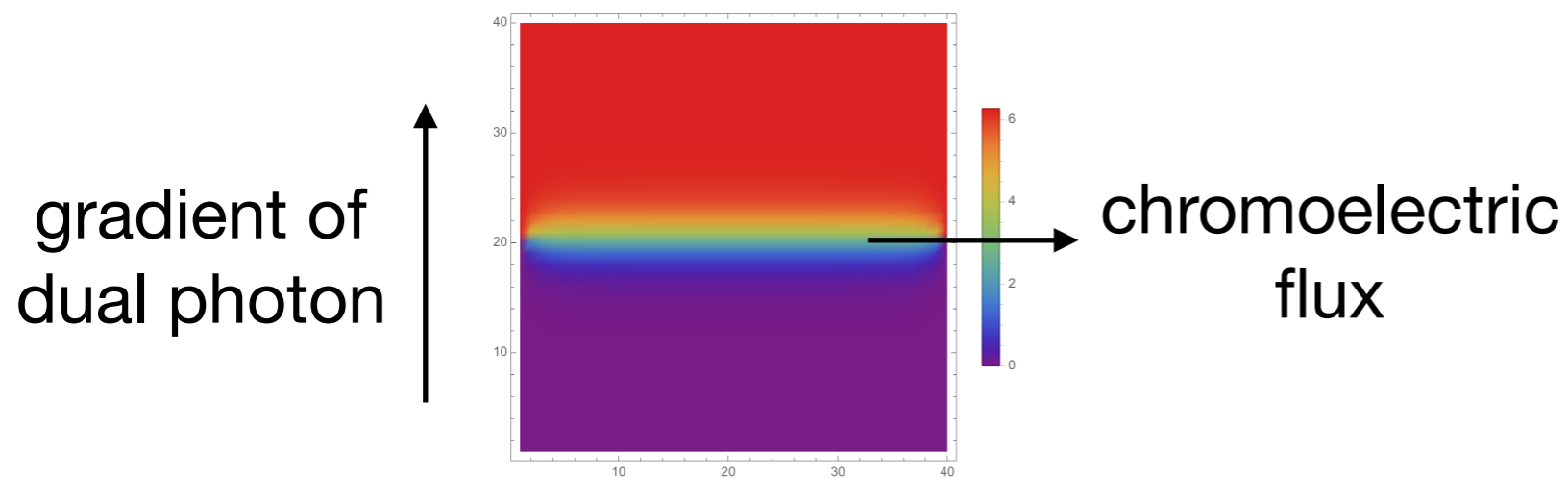
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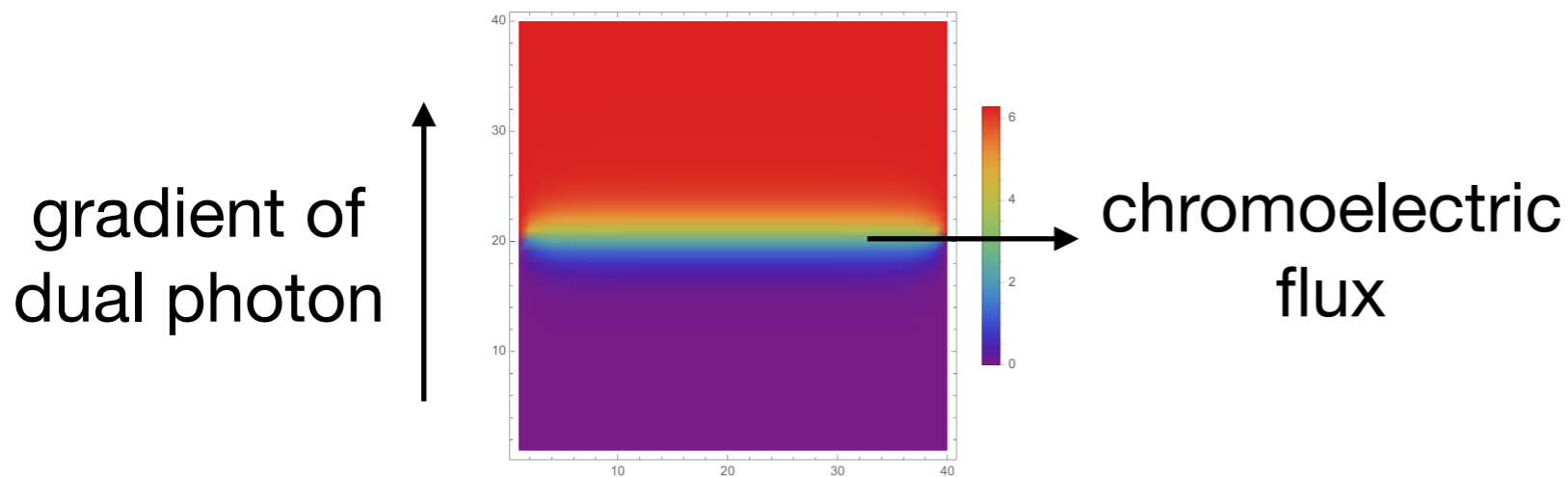
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the flux, $\frac{2\pi}{N} \vec{\rho}$, does not correspond to the flux of any quark (too “small”!)
ultimately, due to the “composite” nature of magnetic bions!

“DWs” are not confining strings here (unlike Polyakov or dYM)

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“dual photons” are compact scalars, can have extra $2\pi \vec{w}_k$ monodromies across walls

important for understanding confining strings -
as electric flux in the vacuum “collimates” on DW (lines)

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understood for $k=1$ walls

Anber, Sulejmanpašić, EP

already in 1501.06773

all $k>1$ walls understood

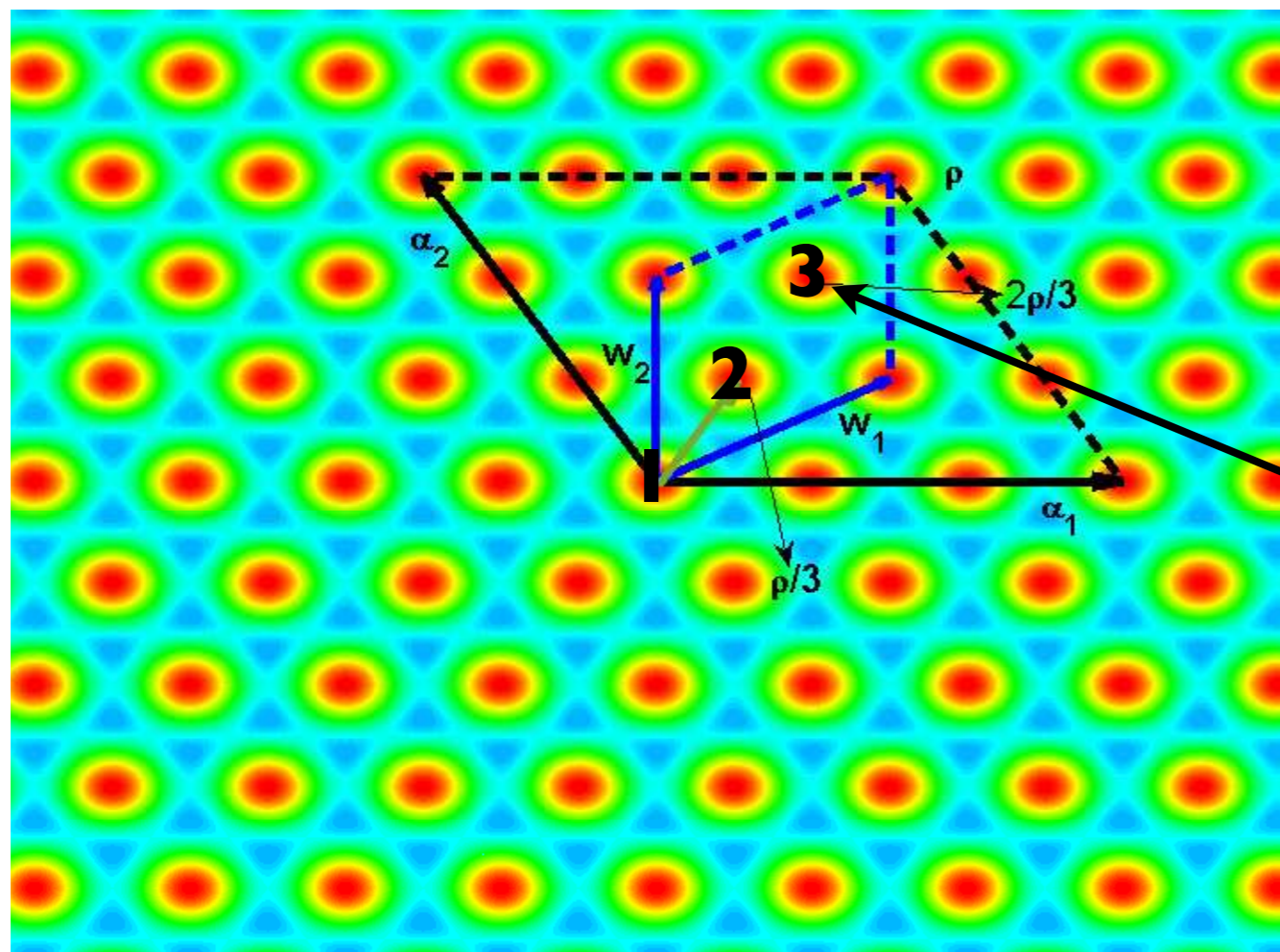
+ anomaly angle

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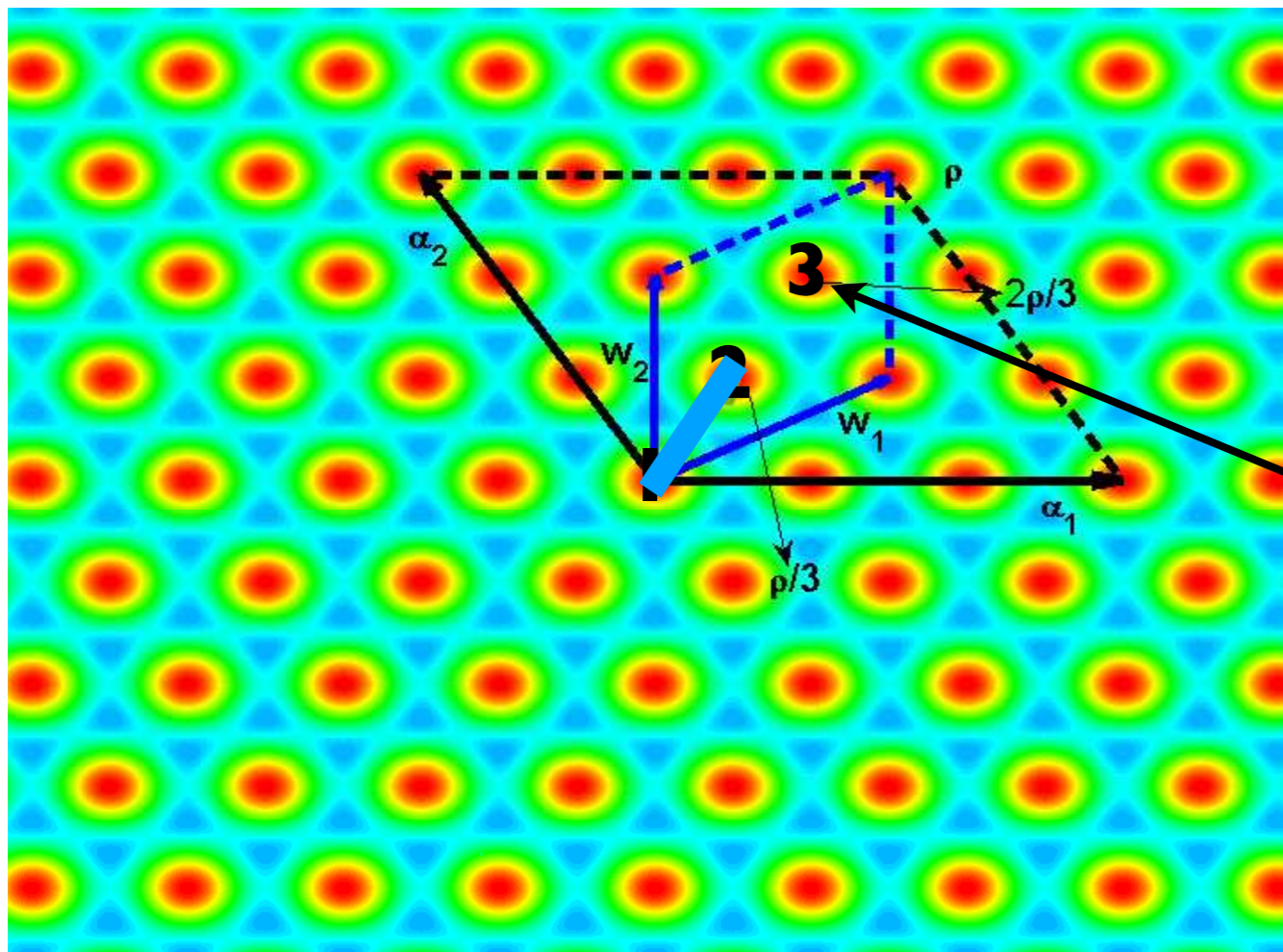
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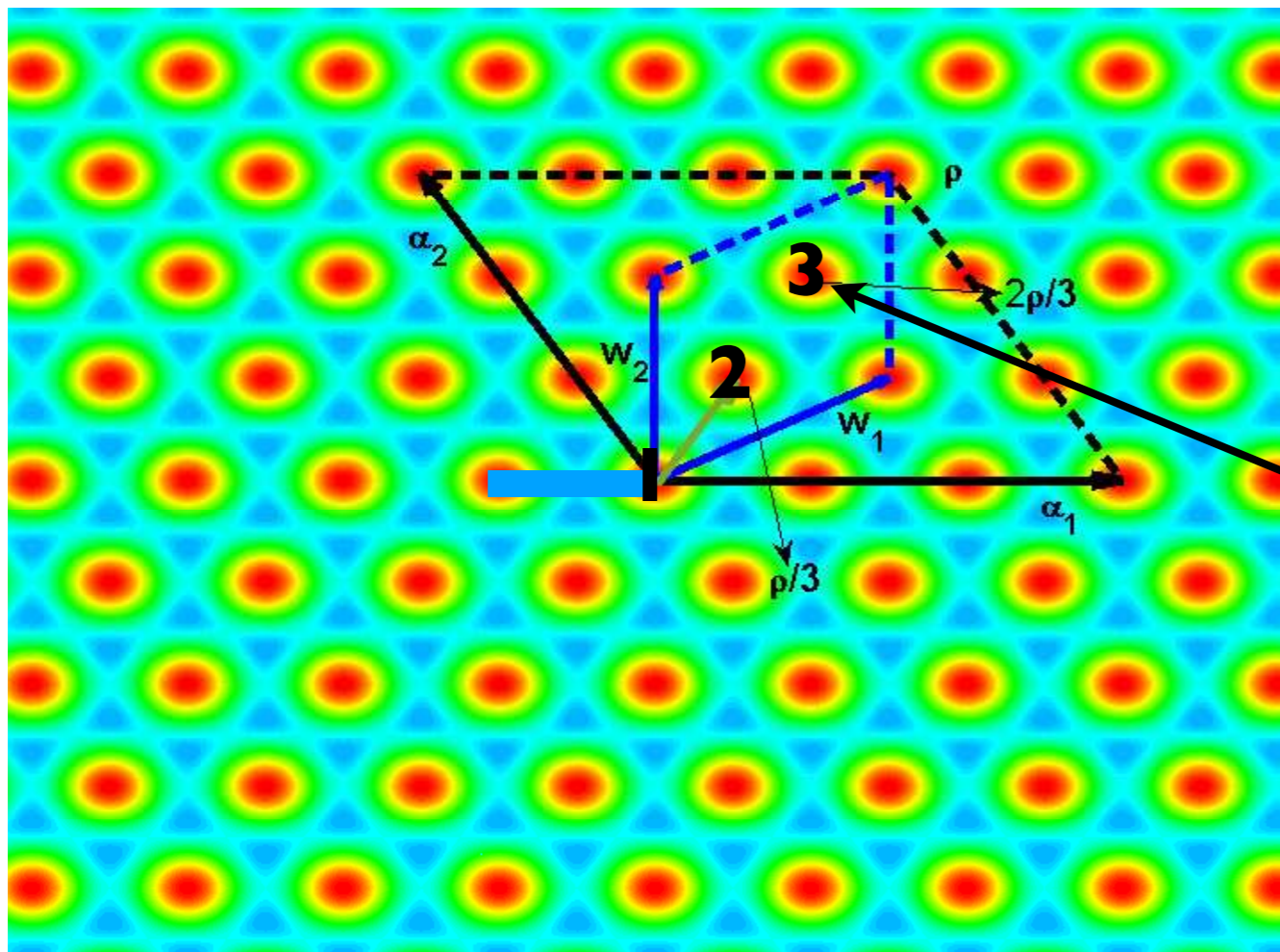
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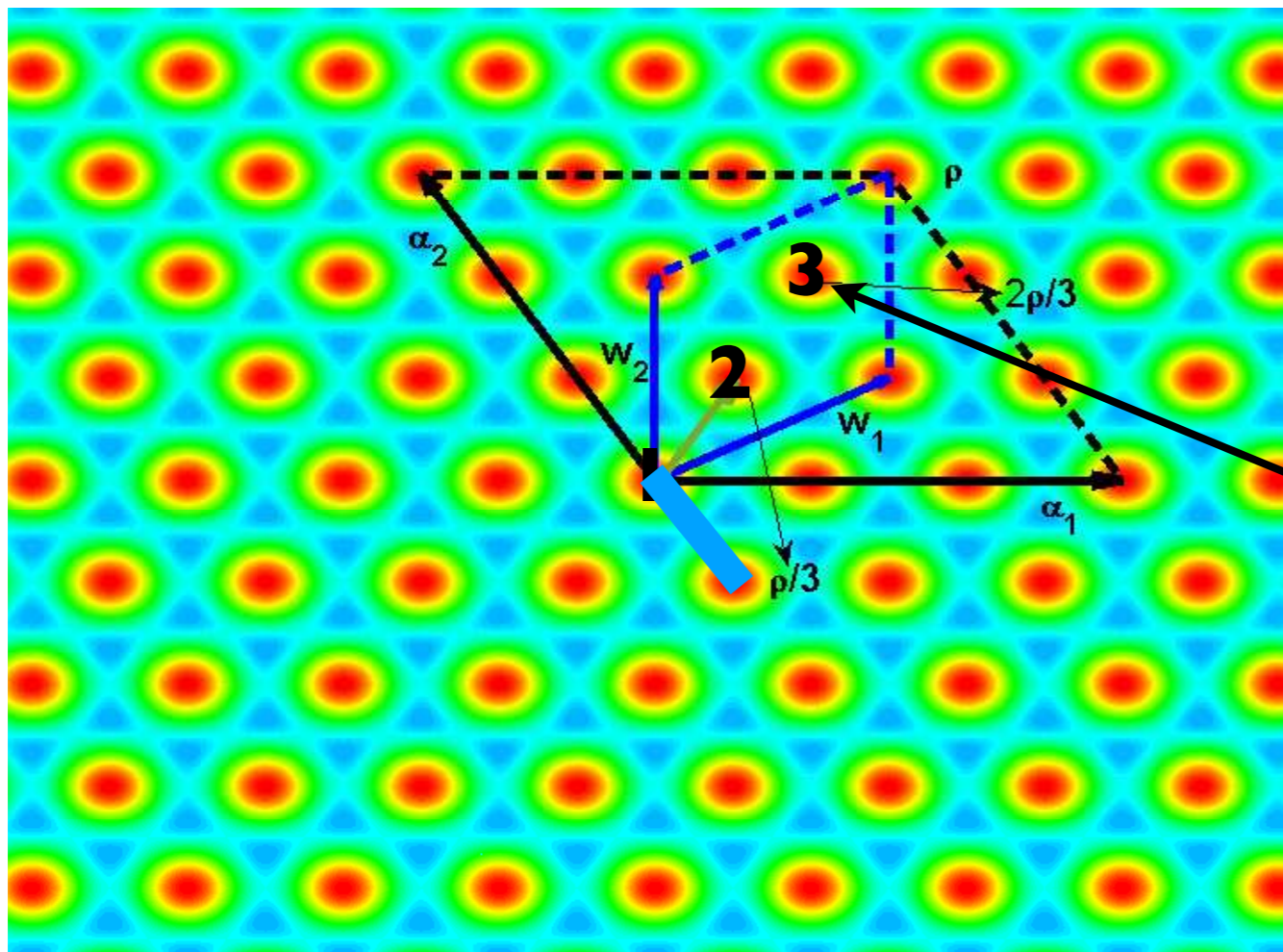
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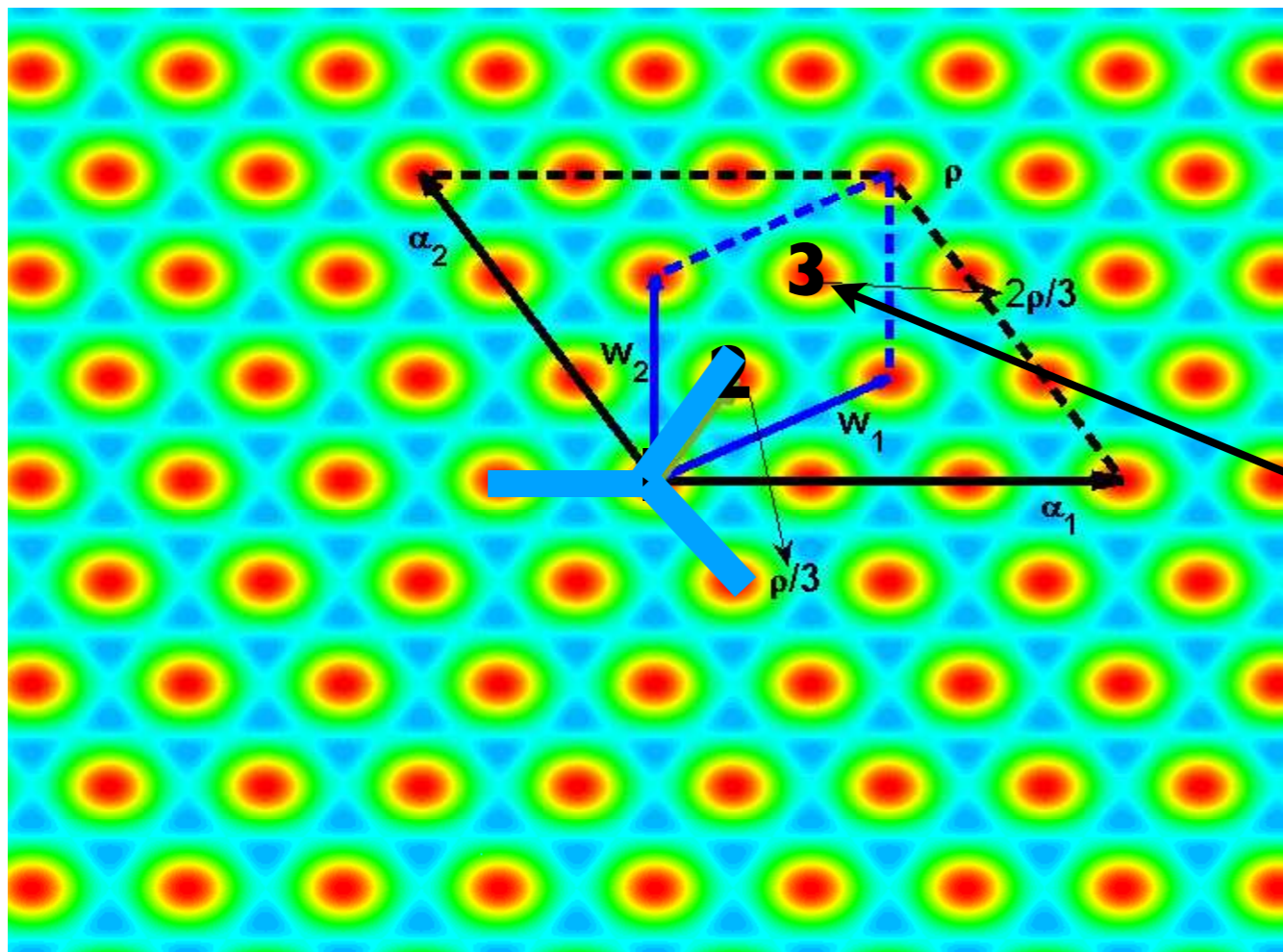
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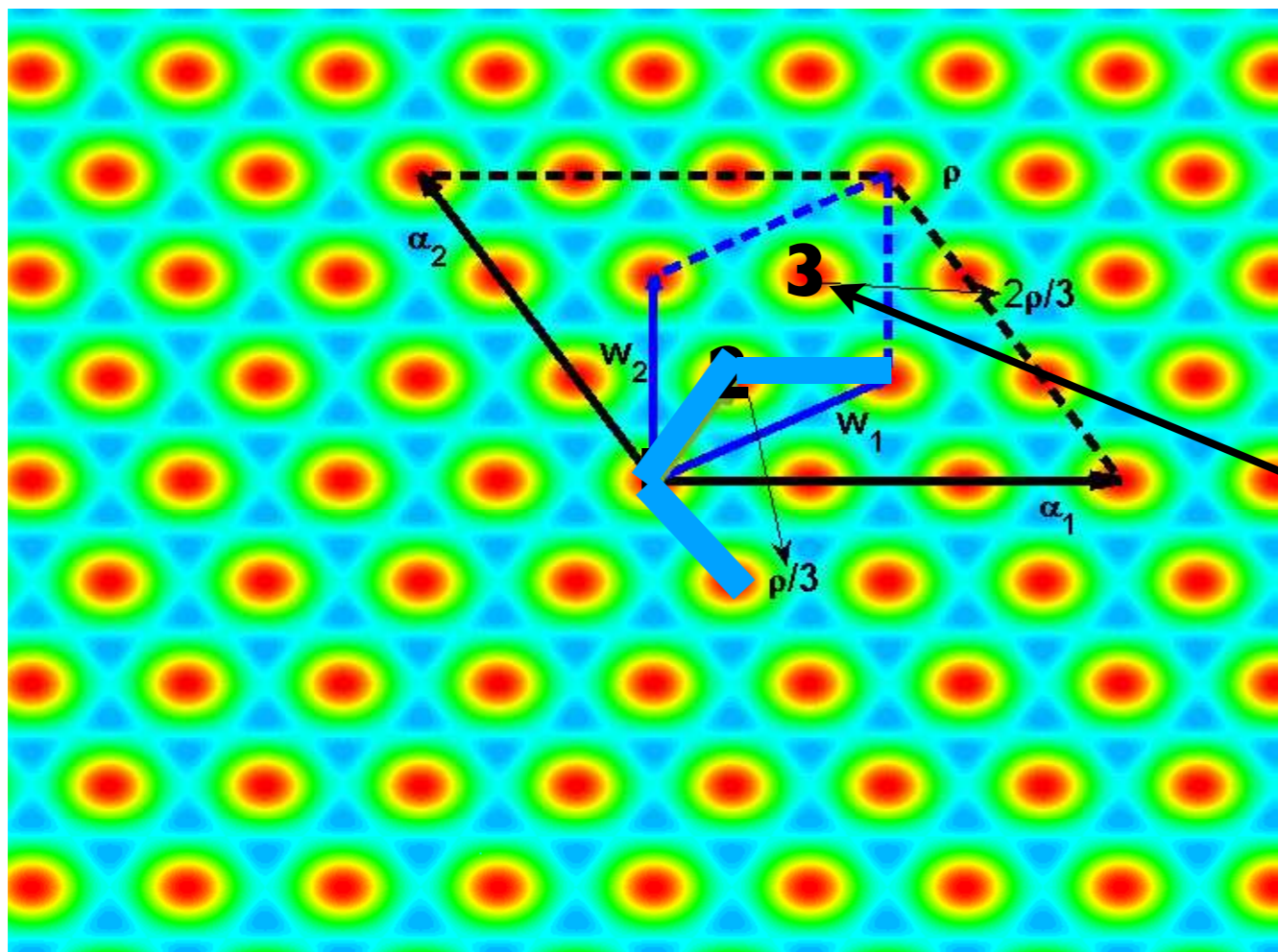
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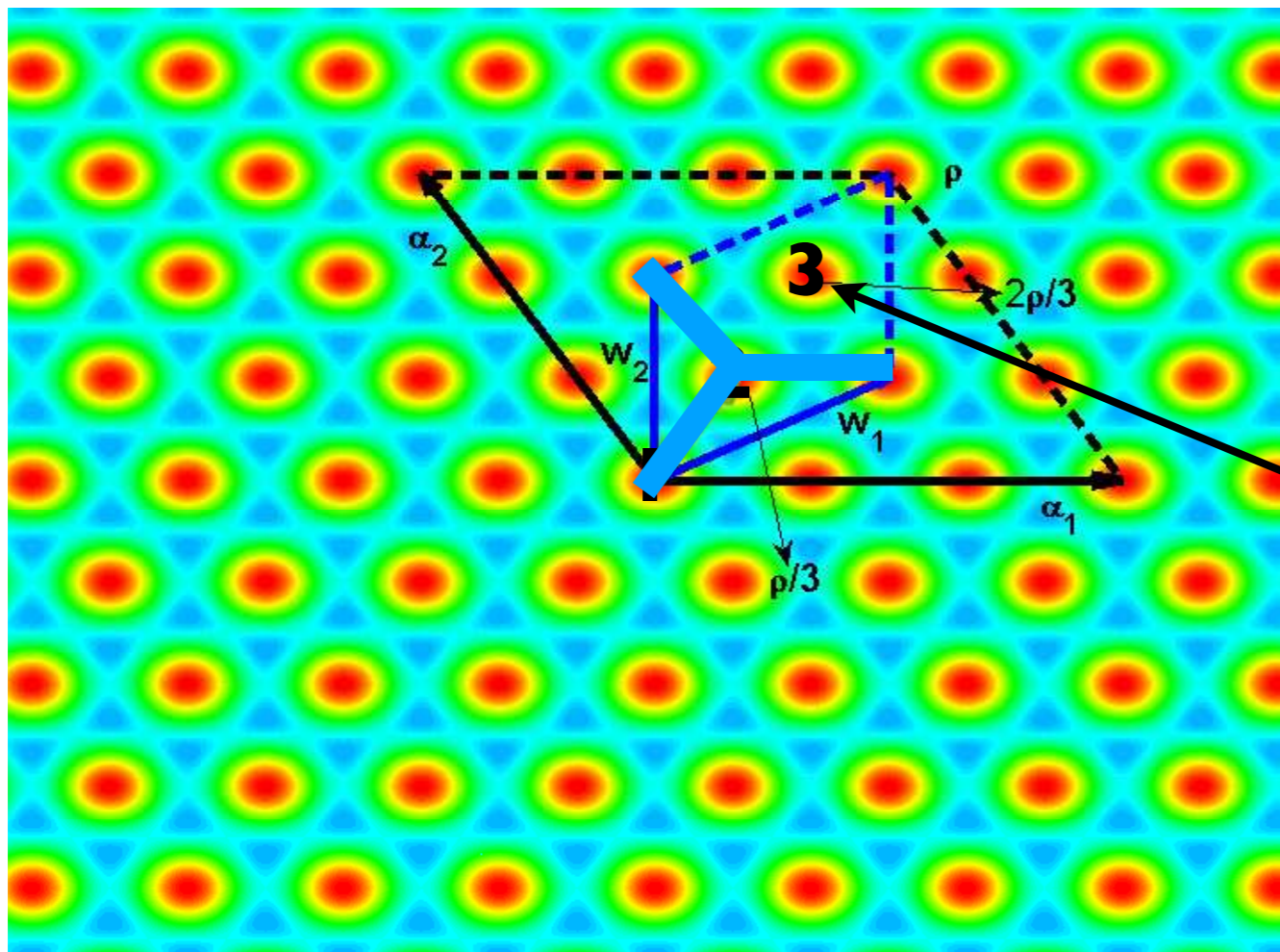
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these are **all** BPS 1-walls

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(use Hori, Iqbal, Vafa 2000's)



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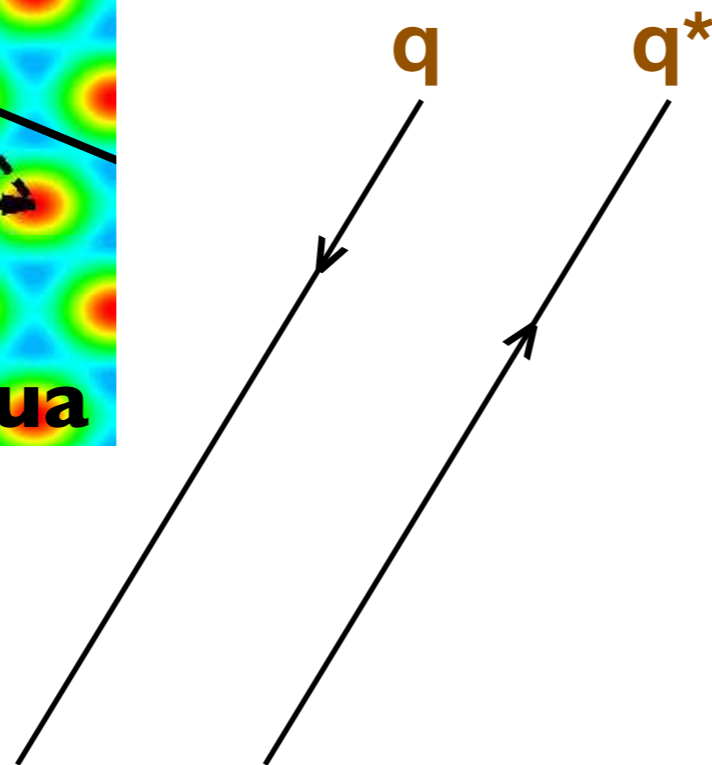
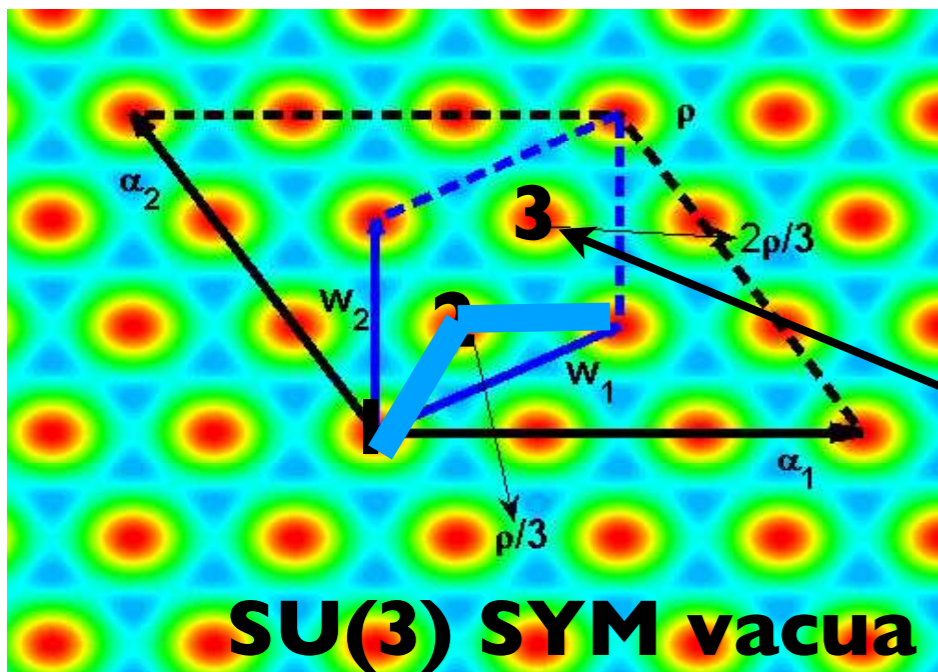
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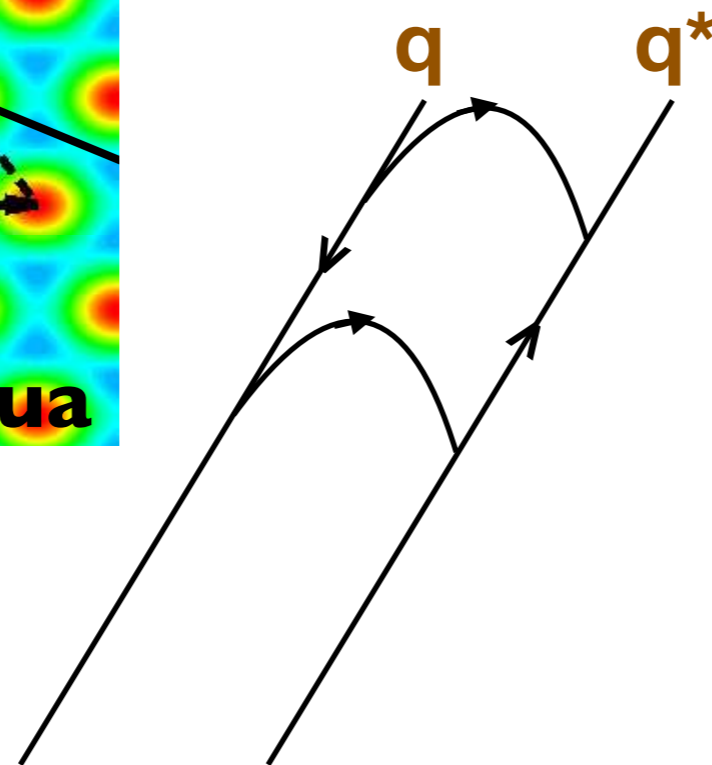
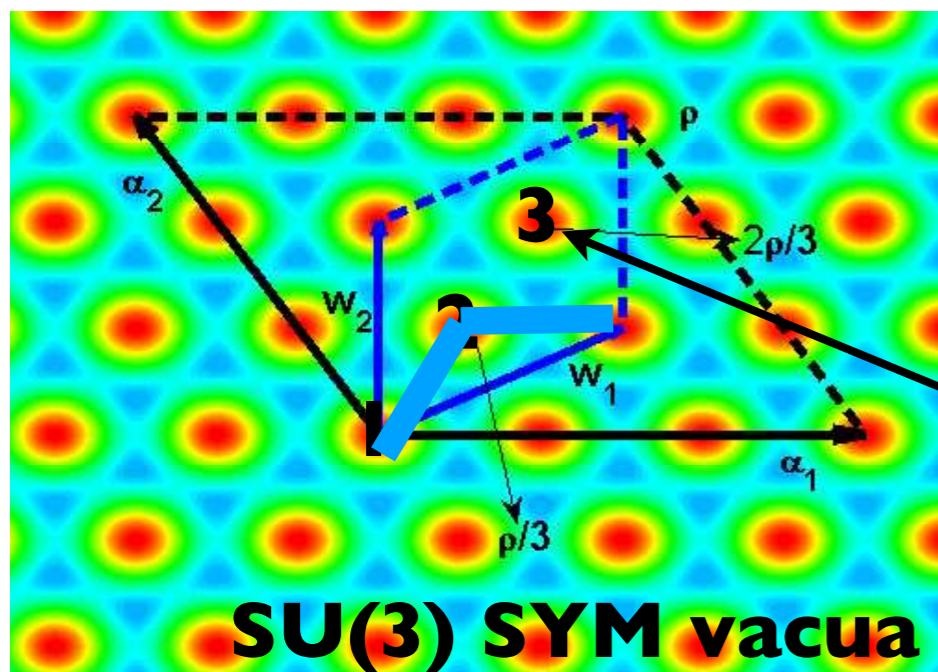


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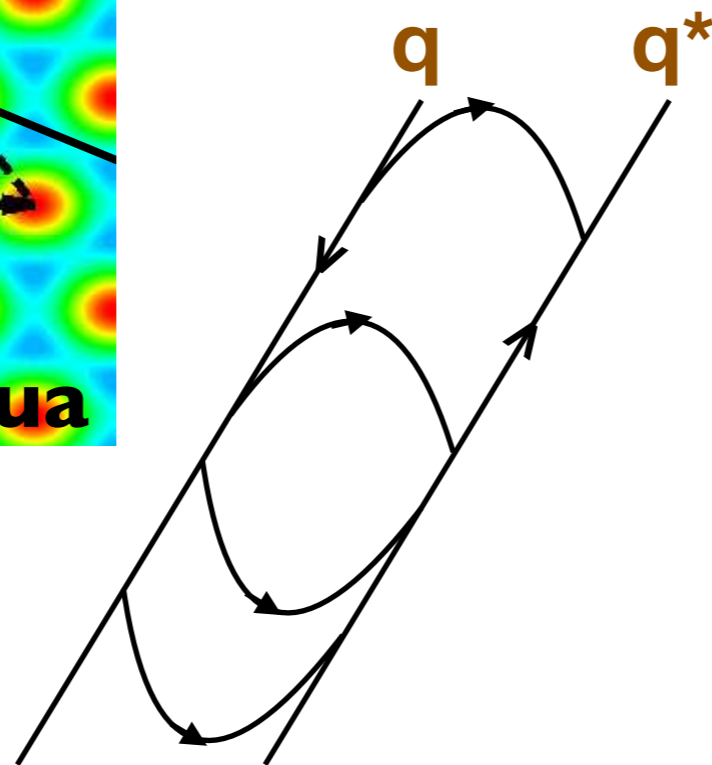
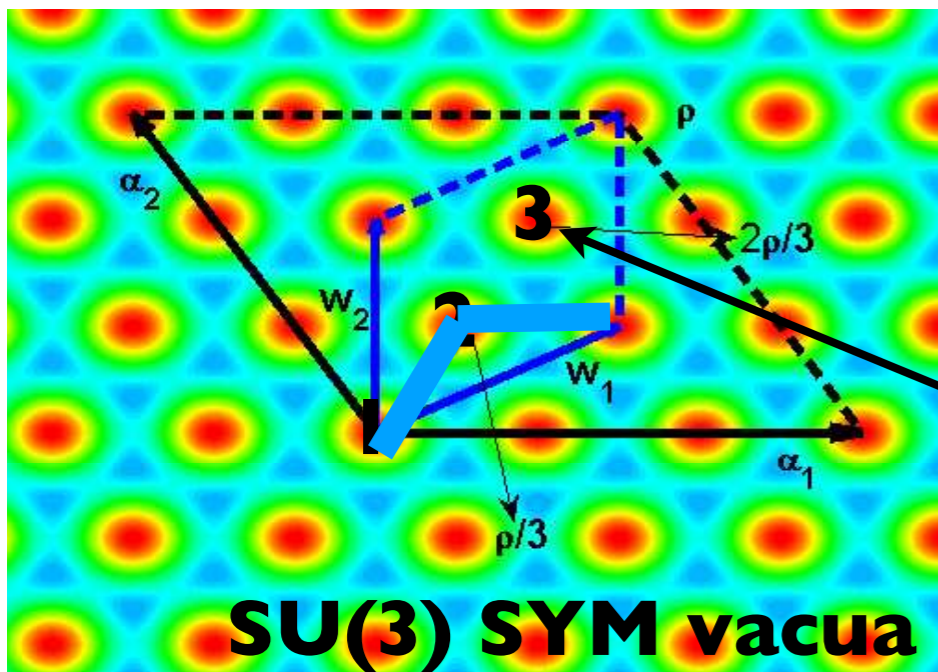


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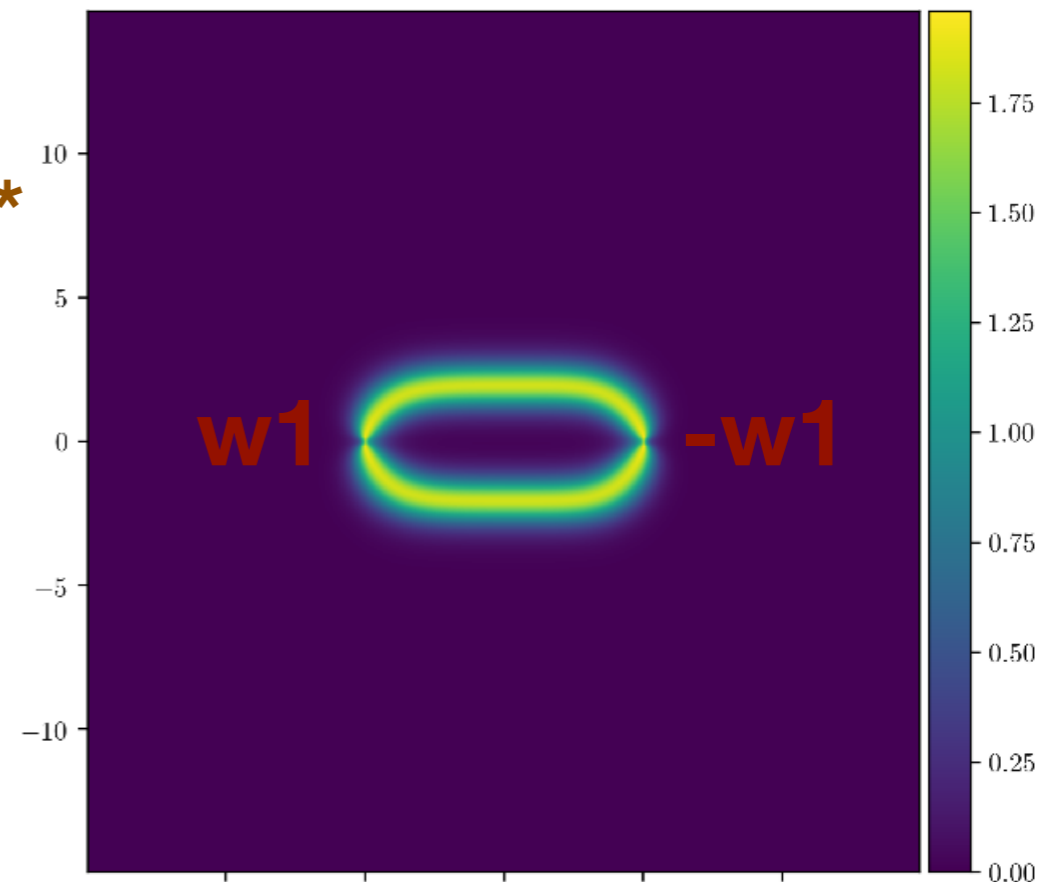
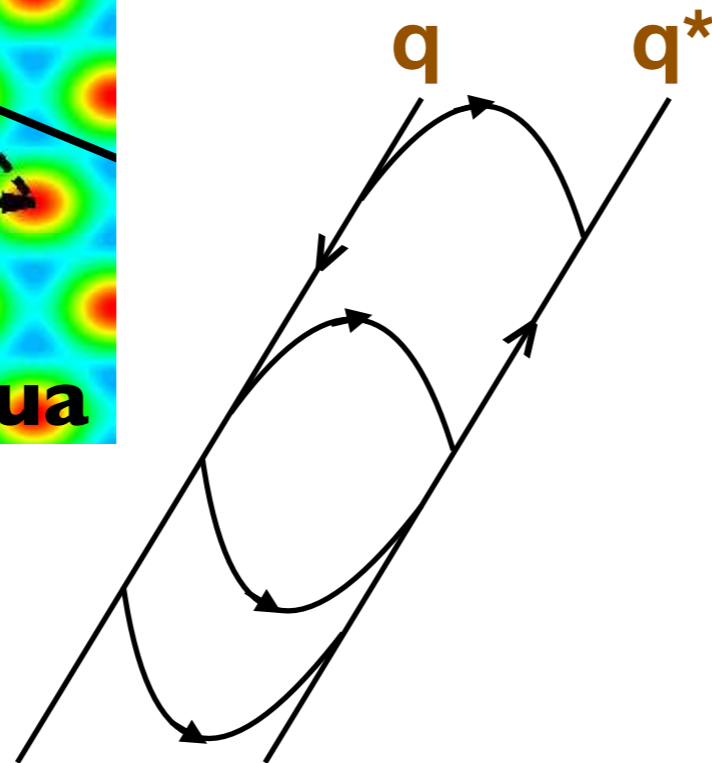
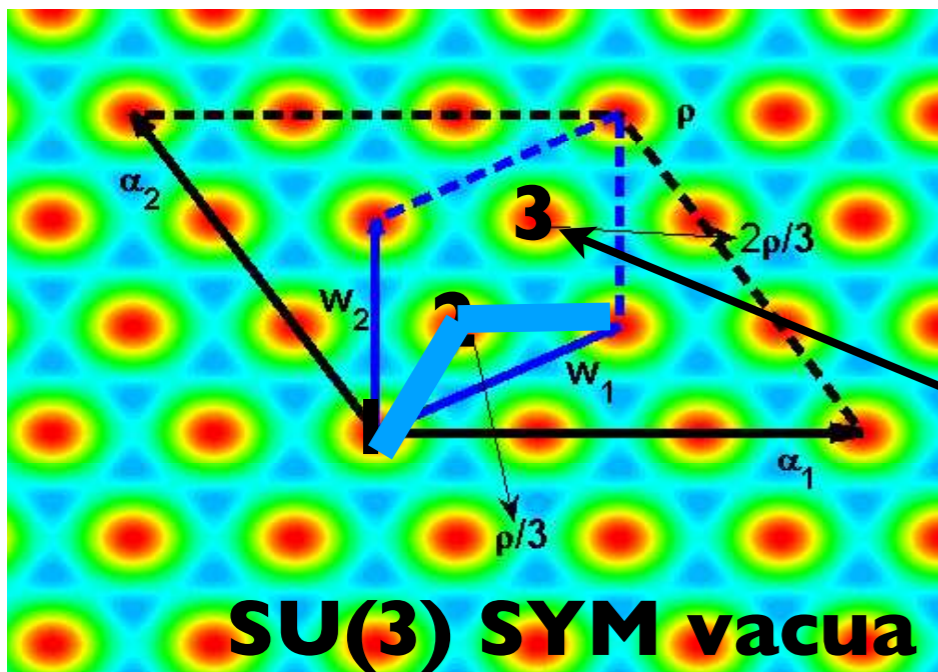
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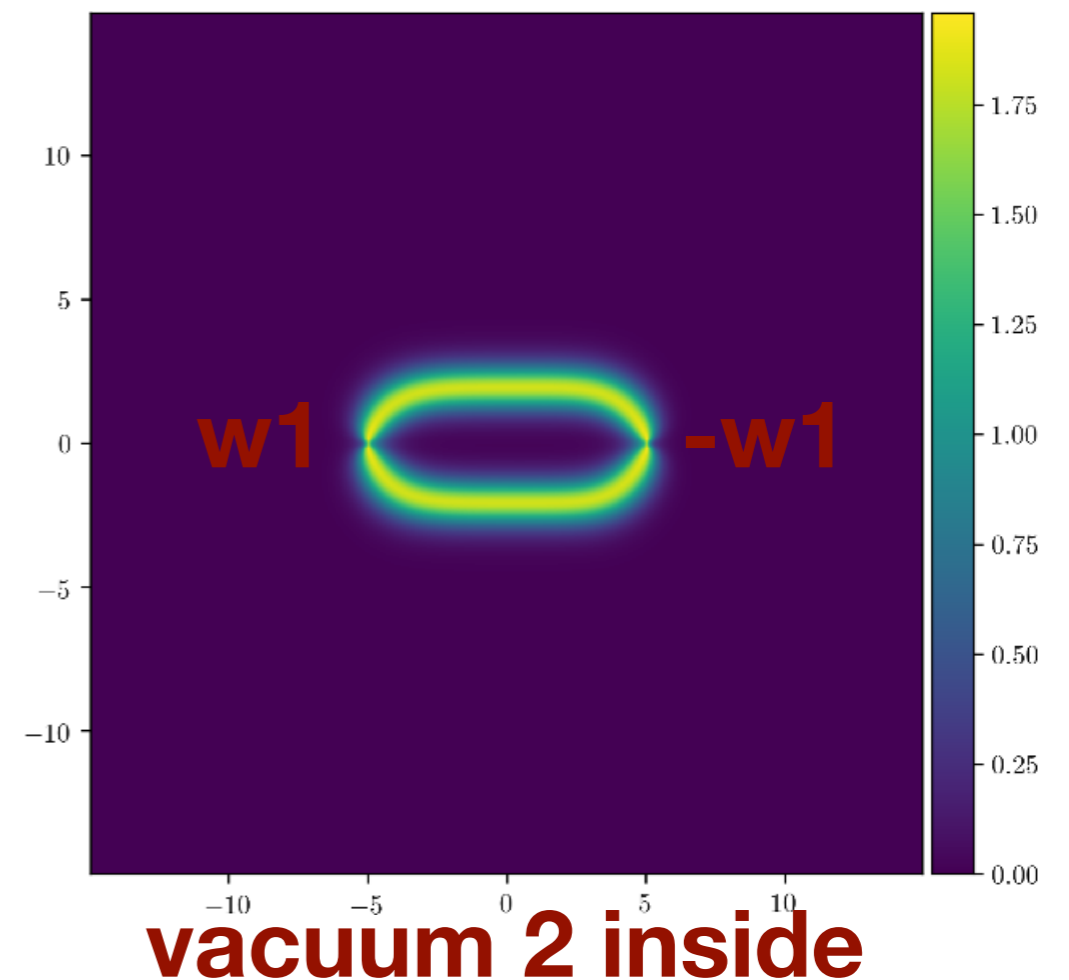
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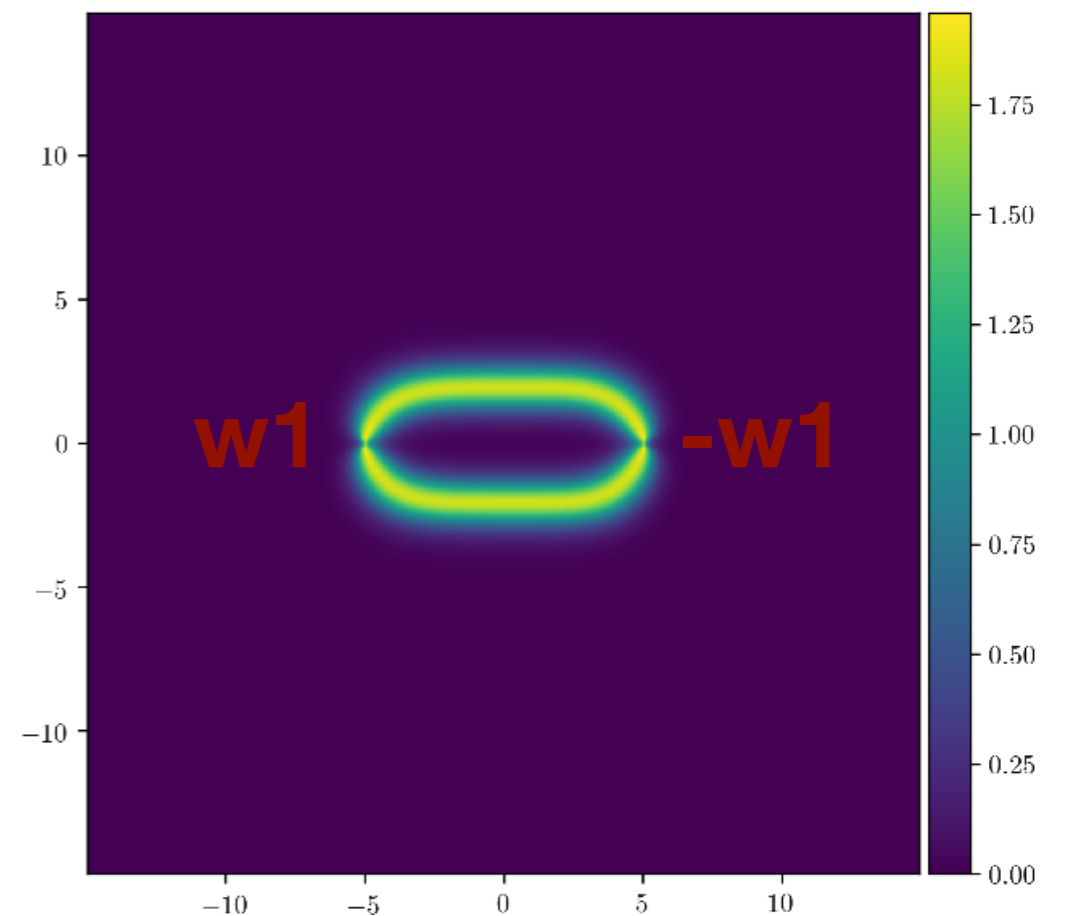
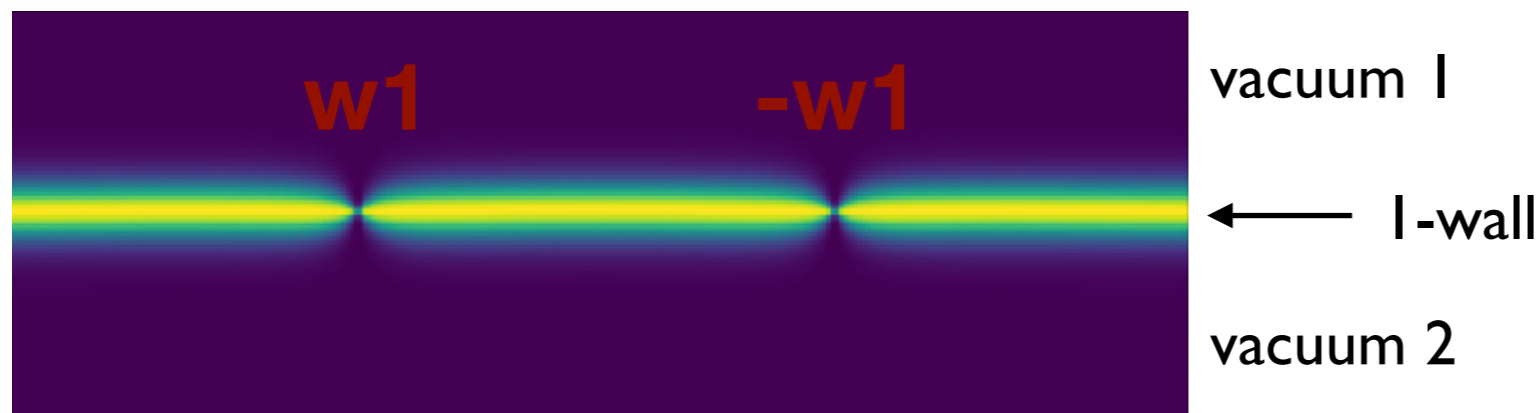
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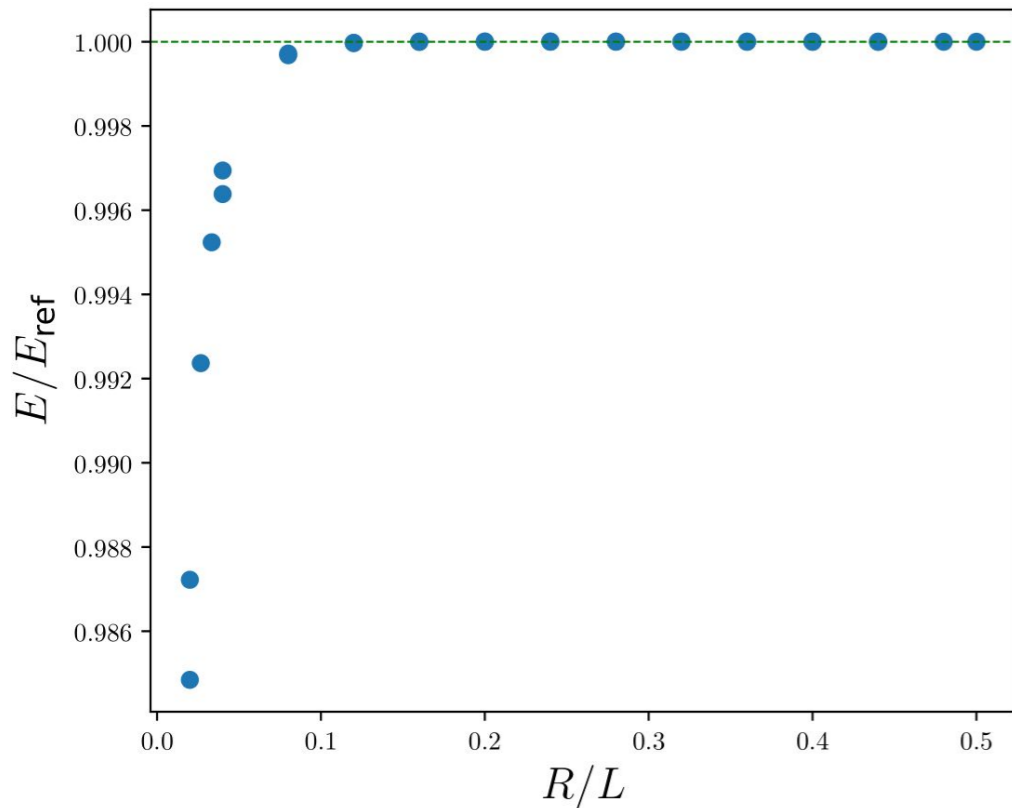
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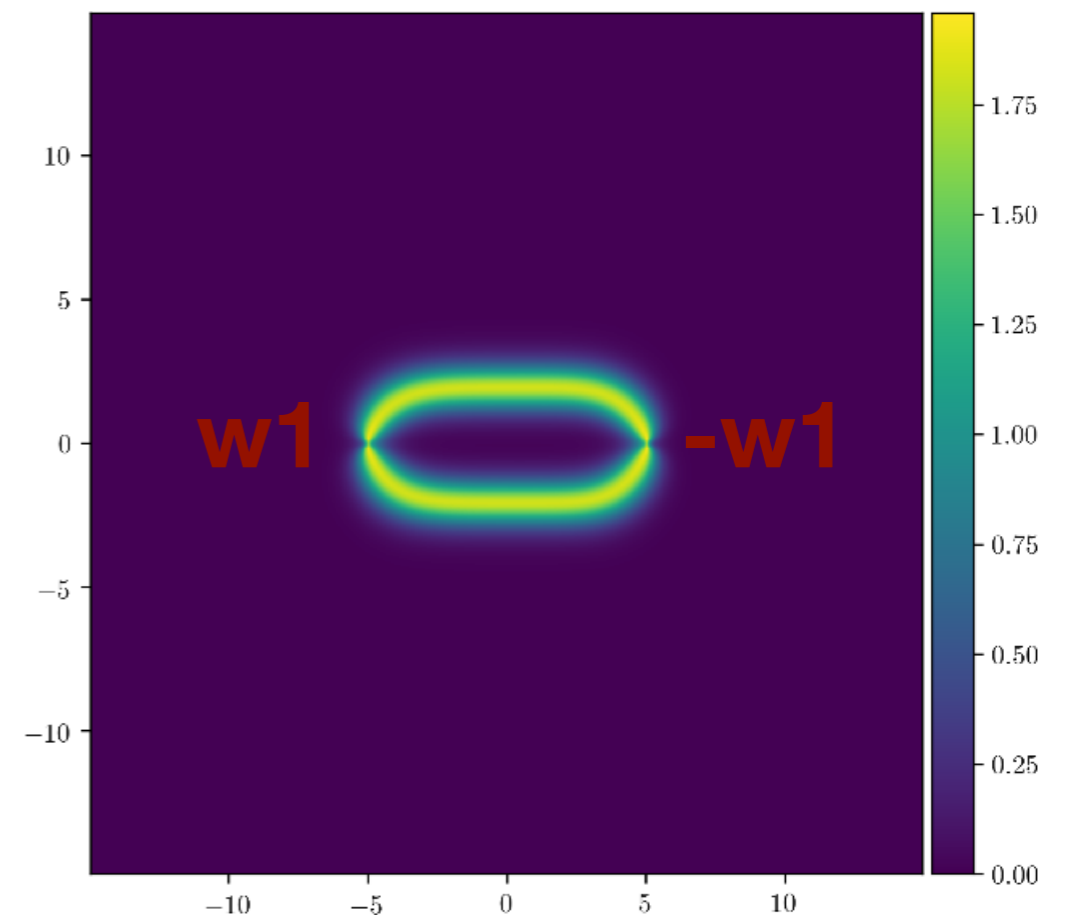
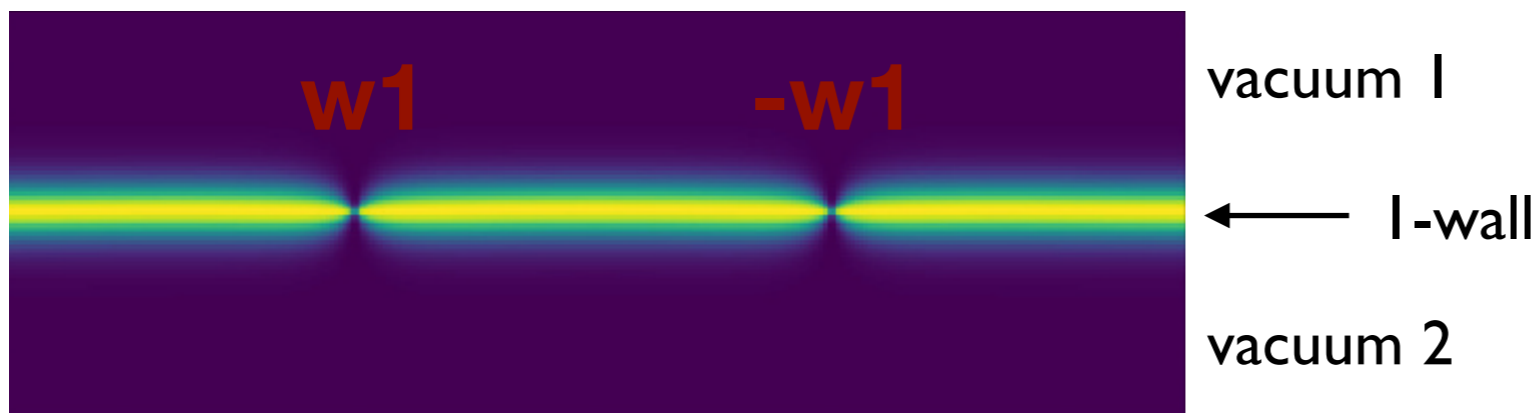
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there are N degenerate 1-walls, related by $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(0),c}$ (unbroken in bulk)
interpret each 1-wall as a state in a worldvolume TQFT (oblivious to electric fluxes) - a 2d \mathbb{Z}_N TQFT:

$$S_{k=1DW} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \int_{DW} \phi^{(0)} da^{(1)} \quad \mathbb{Z}_N^{(0),c} : \phi^{(0)} \rightarrow \phi^{(0)} + \frac{2\pi}{N}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_N^{(1),c} : a^{(1)} \rightarrow a^{(1)} + \frac{1}{N} \epsilon^{(1)}, \oint \epsilon^{(1)} = 2\pi \mathbb{Z}$$

- upon gauging of 0- and 1-form centers, reproduces anomaly

(as in Anber, EP 1811.10642)

- dimensional reduction of 3d $U(1)_N$ CS

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the BPS k-walls' electric fluxes are:

these are ALL BPS k-walls;
arguments (*initially, numerics!*)
in 1909.10979 w/ Cox,Wong

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$$\binom{N-1}{k-1} + \binom{N-1}{k} = \binom{N}{k} \quad \text{distinct BPS k-walls}$$

and
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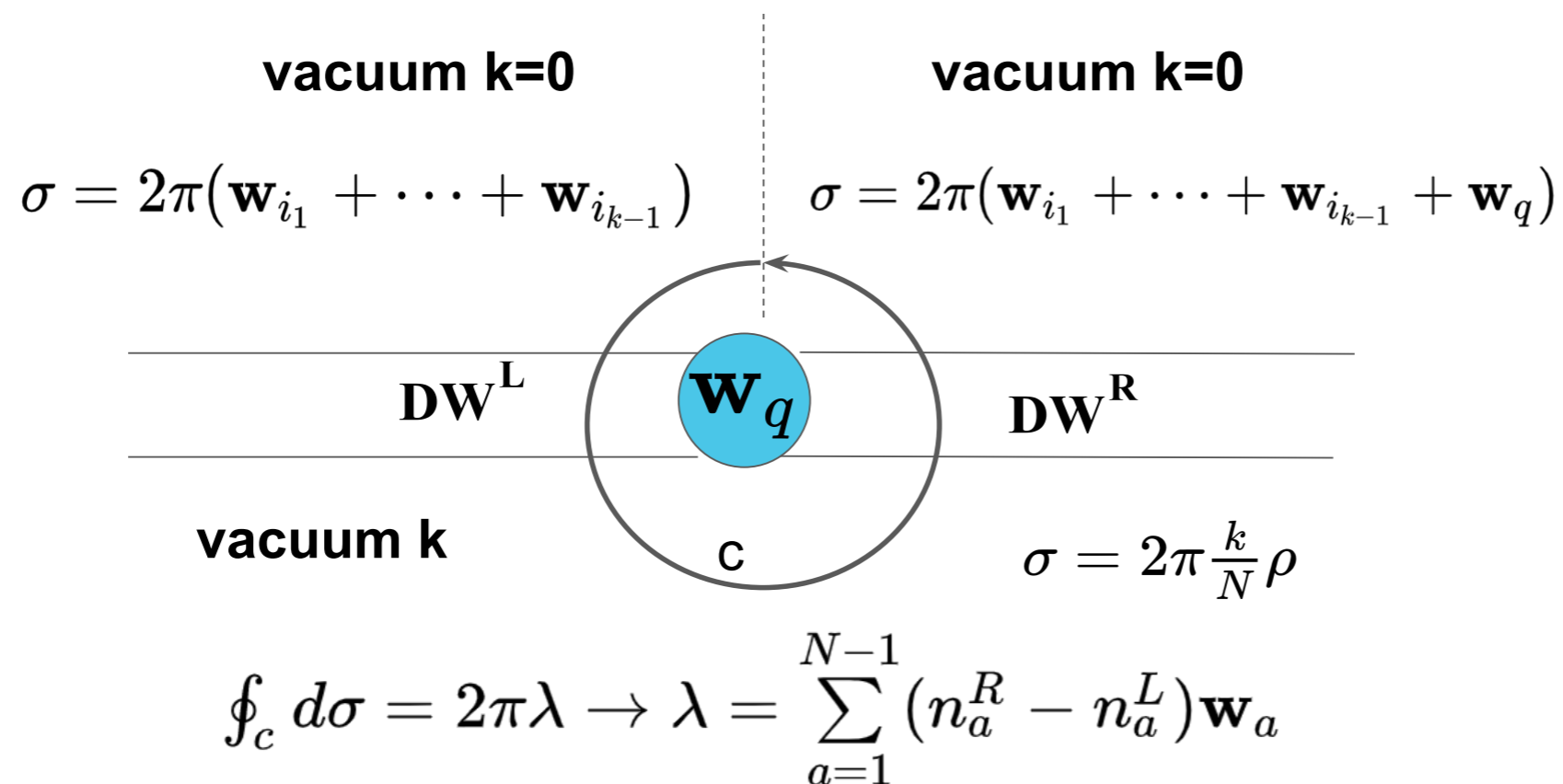
old story: number of BPS k-walls in LG models = $\frac{N!}{k!(N-k)!}$

Ceccoti-Vafa; Acharya-Vafa; Hori-Iqbal-Vafa...1990s-2000s

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any representation of N-ality $q=1, \dots, N-1$ has \vec{w}_q as a weight
 there exist BPS k -walls of fluxes appropriate to absorb charge \vec{w}_q

-> perimeter law on k -walls for any representation quarks
 (deconfined weight due to BPS walls “wins”)

Conclusion I:

Anomalies, vacuum structure, confinement and deconfinement on DWs are intertwined, in intricate ways.

Studied a weakly-coupled semiclassically tractable example of the implications of anomaly inflow for the 0-form/1-form anomalies.

Physical picture appealing, comforting, based on our detailed understanding of the “double-string” confinement mechanism on $R^3 \times S^1$.

Applies also to various non-SUSY YM ($\theta = \pi$), QCD(adj),...

No time to go into detail, but whenever there is an anomaly, confinement due to a double-strings (DWs of same tension, as in SYM).

(e.g. axion domain walls w/ Anber 2001.03631)

Conclusion II (wish list):

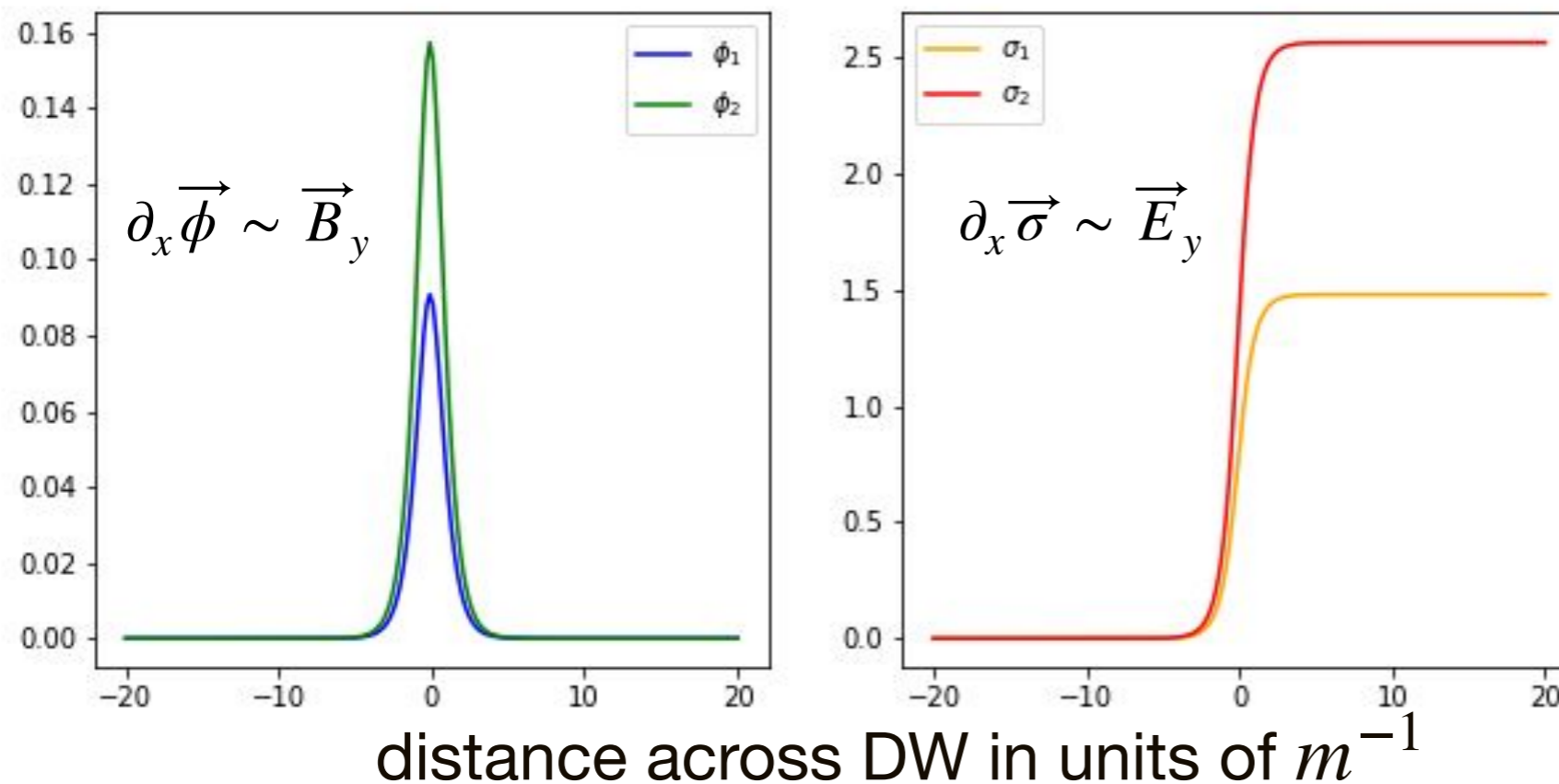
1. Symmetry/anomaly often not enough to fix the DW “worldvolume TQFT”. In the case at hand (we) only understand the TQFT on the $k=1$ walls. For $k>1$ DWs on $R^3 \times S^1$ open... related to combinatorics of fluxes?

2. All other gauge groups - with or without center - also tractable at small-L. Repeat... worldvolume TQFTs?

Conclusion III (wish list):

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After running algorithm: $SU(3)$ example, $k=1$



numerically, then analytically found:

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**begs for
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J. Wang, Y.-Z. You and Y. Zheng, 1910.14664

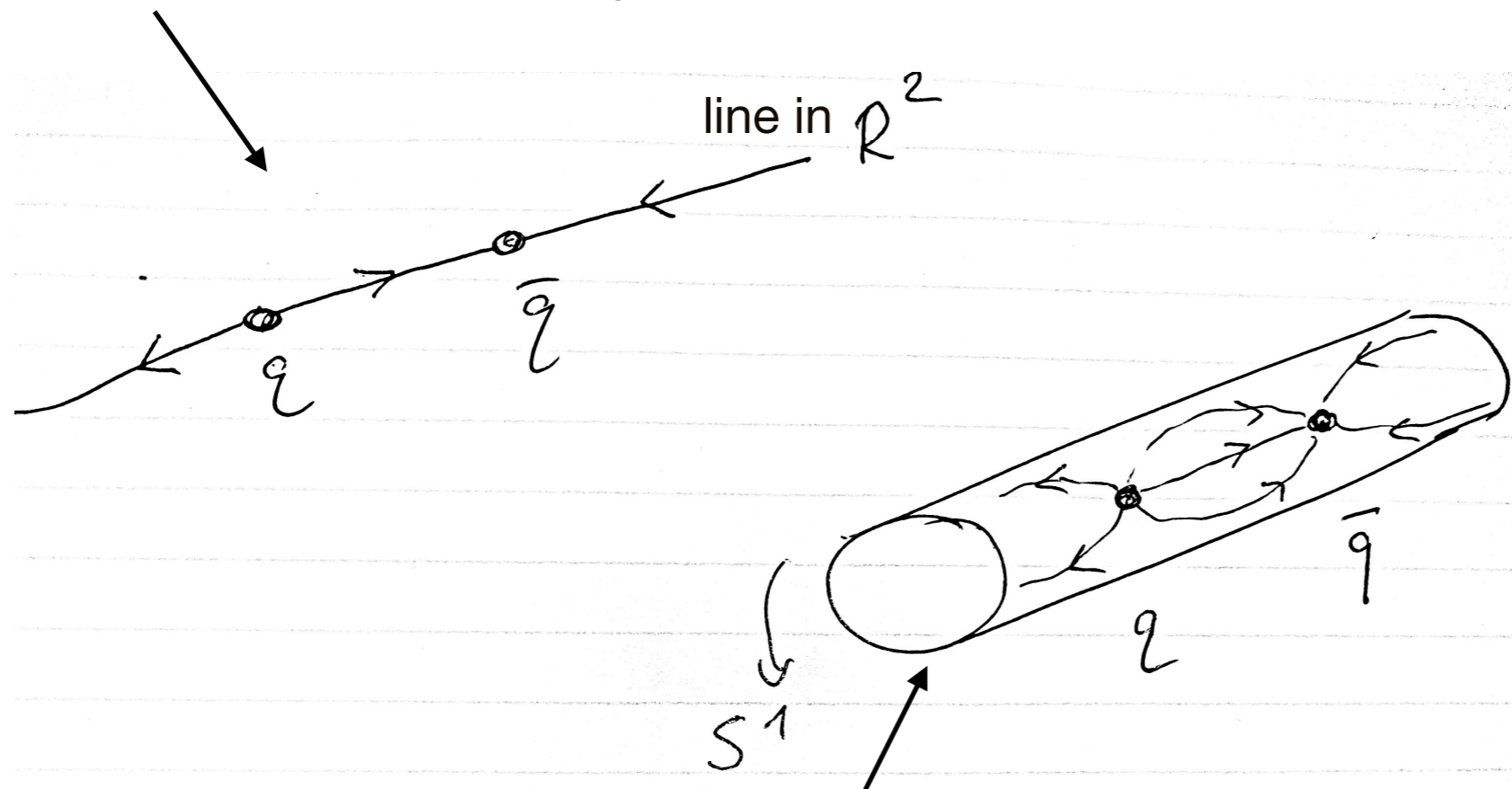
I. Hason, Z. Komargodski and R. Thorngren 1910.14039

Conclusion V (wish list):

4. An excursion to \mathbb{R}^4 ?

CS and other arguments (eg Hsin, Lam, Seiberg 2018) imply “anyonic” nature of deconfined quarks on DWs (braiding). In our 2d DW worldvolume setup braiding not visible, as quarks have to pass through each other.

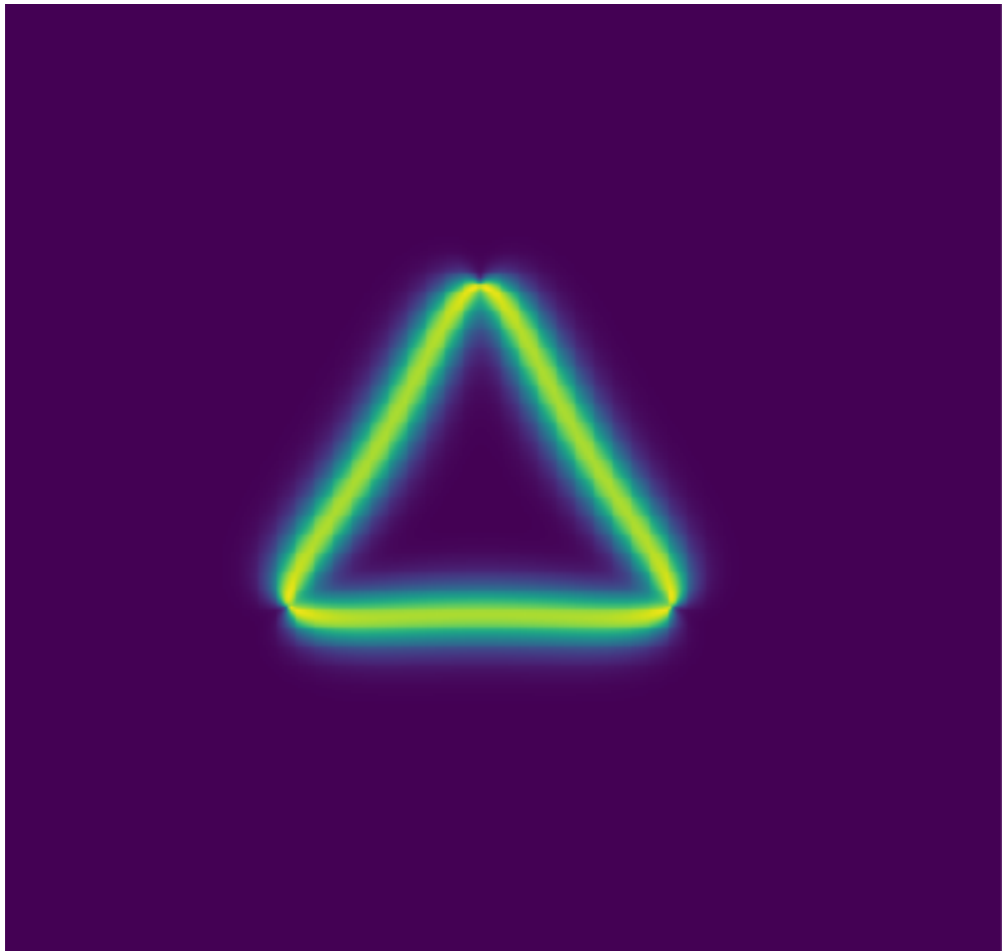
our discussion, ignoring x_4 , S^1 -coordinate dependence



in reality, our DWs are wrapped and our q 's localized on S^1

our S^1 is small but finite, and theory weakly coupled at all scales: hope?

... describe without 3d duality!



heavy “baryon” in $SU(3)$ SYM



“*Color field,*” Mark Rothko