

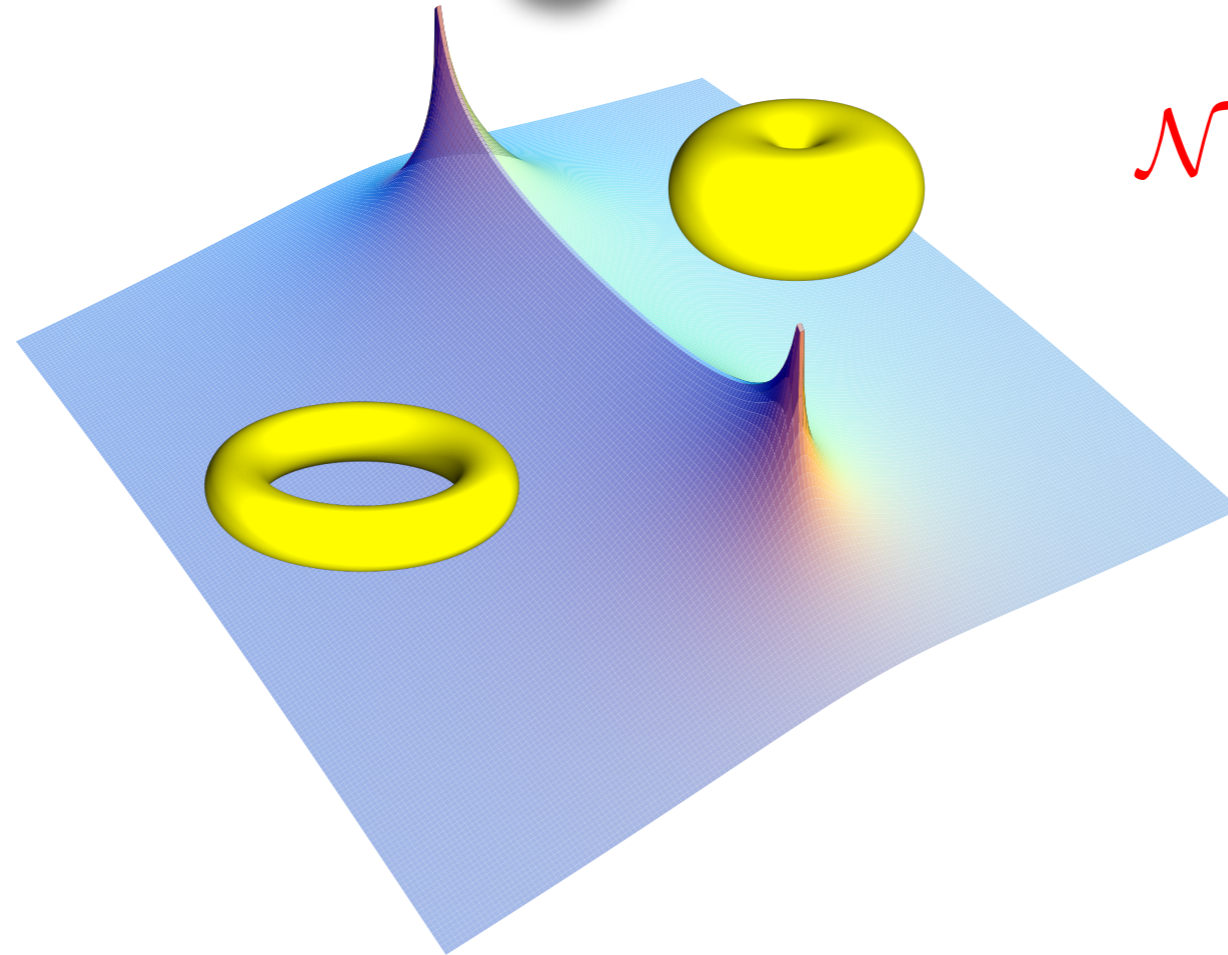
# Seiberg–Witten and Massless Monopoles

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# Outline

- \* Seiberg Duality Warm-up
- \* Monopoles, Dyons, and Triality
- \*  $N=2$  SUSY: Seiberg-Witten
- \*  $SL(2, Z)$  duality
- \* New Anomalies
- \* Conclusions

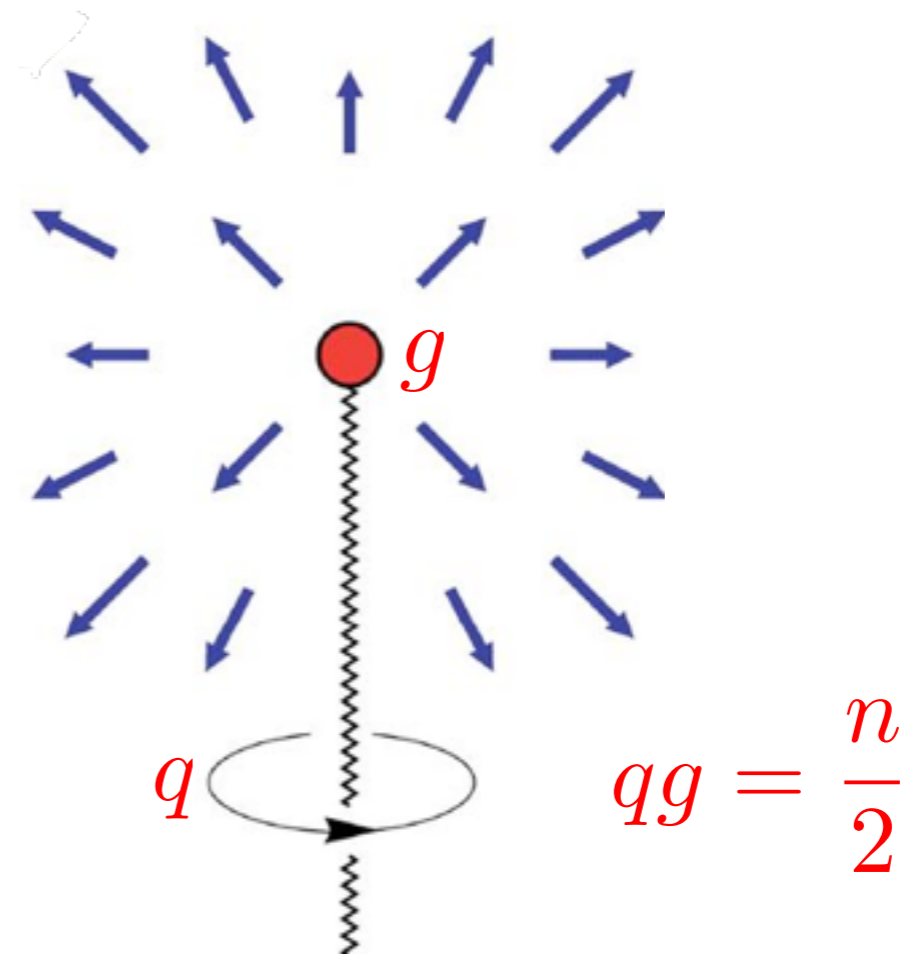
# Seiberg-Witten



$\mathcal{N} = 2$  SUSY

exact results and points with  
massless monopoles and dyons

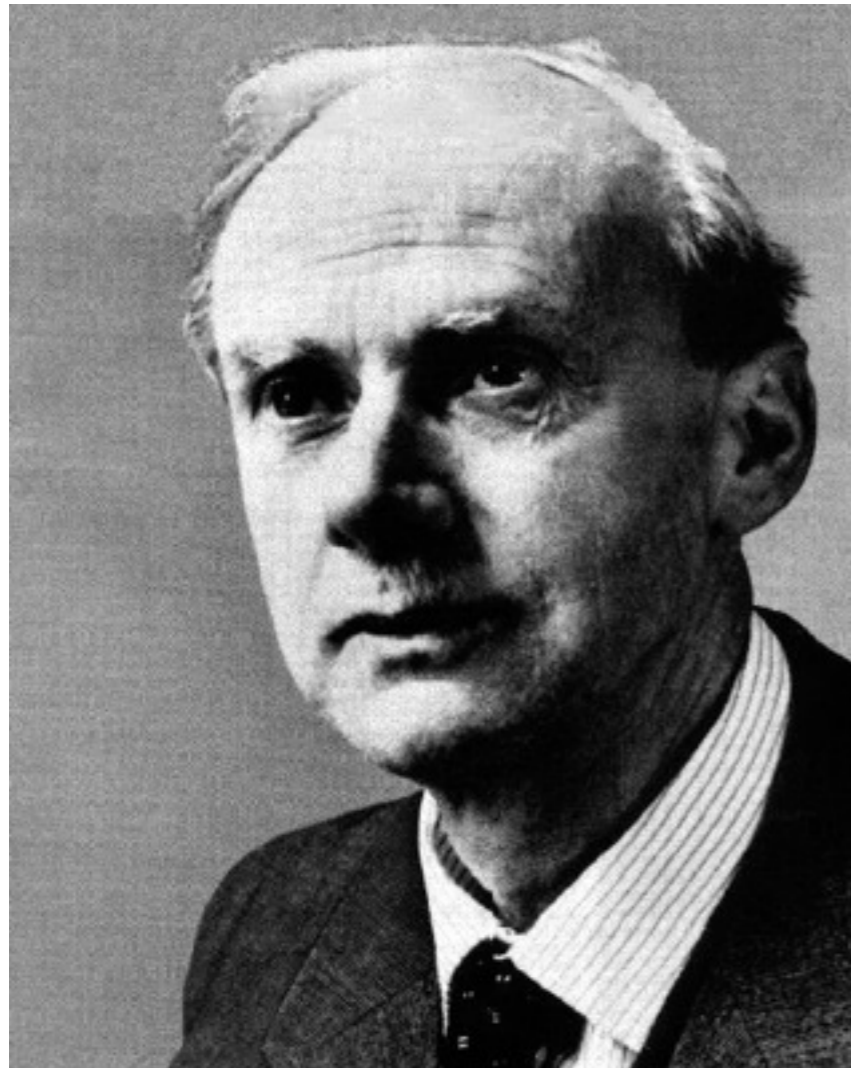
# Dirac



charge quantization

Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. A133 (1931) 60

# Dirac



non-local action?

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + *G_{\mu\nu}$$

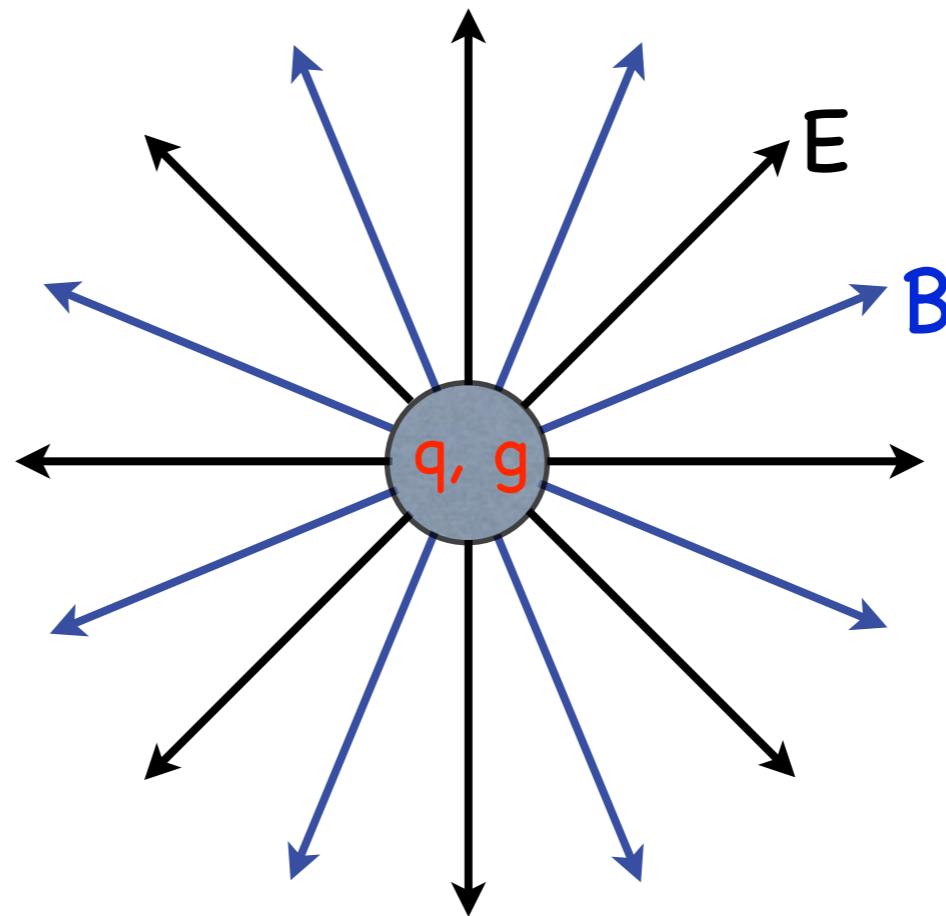
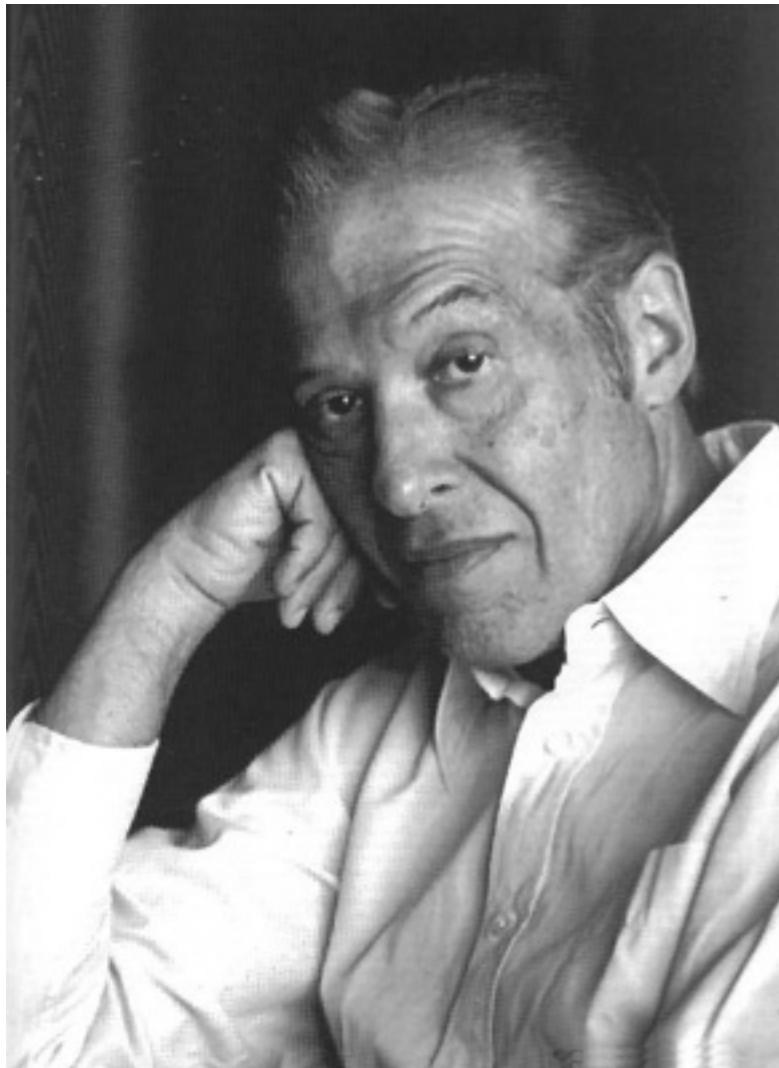
$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu\nu}(x) &= 4\pi(n \cdot \partial)^{-1} [n_\mu K_\nu(x) - n_\nu K_\mu(x)] \\ &= \int d^4y [f_\mu(x-y)K_\nu(y) - f_\nu(x-y)K_\mu(y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_\mu f^\mu(x) = 4\pi\delta(x)$$

$$f^\mu(x) = 4\pi n^\mu (n \cdot \partial)^{-1} \delta(x)$$

Phys. Rev. 74 (1948) 817

# Schwinger

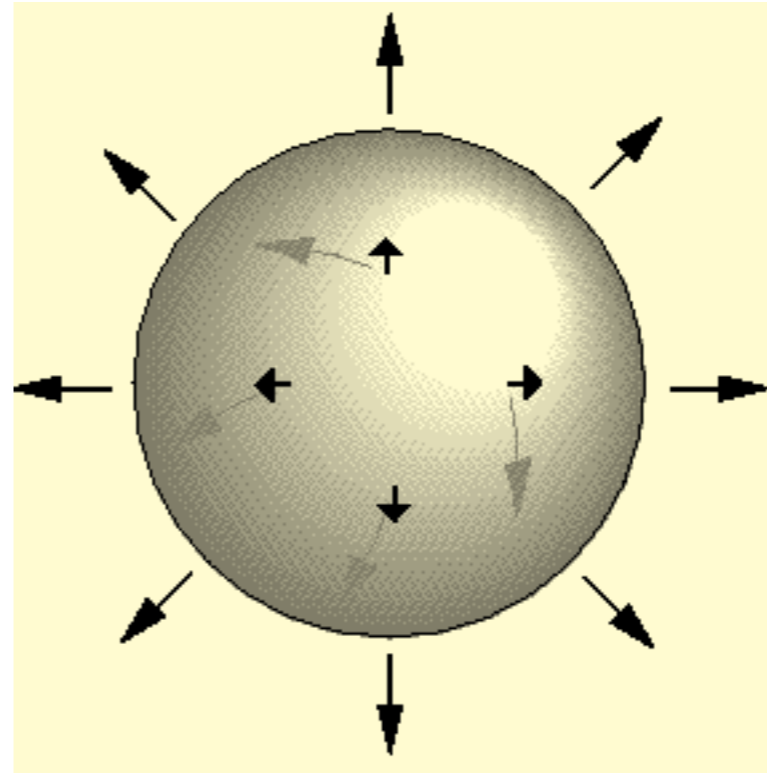
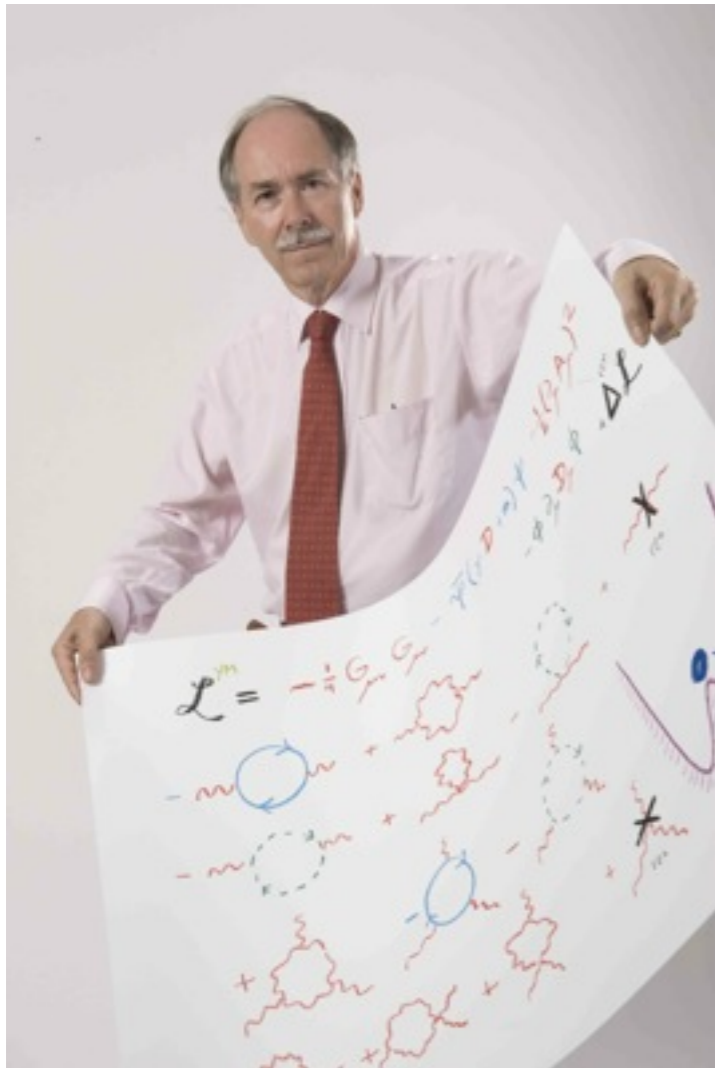


dyons

$$q_1 g_2 - q_2 g_1 = \frac{n}{2}$$

Science 165 (1969) 757

# 't Hooft-Polyakov



topological monopoles

$$SO(3) \sim SU(2) \rightarrow U(1)$$

Nucl. Phys., B79 1974, 276  
JETP Lett., 20 1974, 194

# SO(N) Duality

	$SO(N)$	$SU(F)$	$U(1)_R$
$Q$	$\square$	$\square$	$\frac{F+2-N}{F}$

$$F > N - 2$$

	$SO(F - N + 4)$	$SU(F)$	$U(1)_R$
$q$	$\square$	$\bar{\square}$	$\frac{N-2}{F}$
$M$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\square \square$	$\frac{2(F+2-N)}{F}$

$$F > N - 1 \quad W = \frac{1}{2\mu} M_{ji} q^j q^i$$



# SO(N) Duality

$$F = N$$

$$\tilde{N} = F - N + 4$$

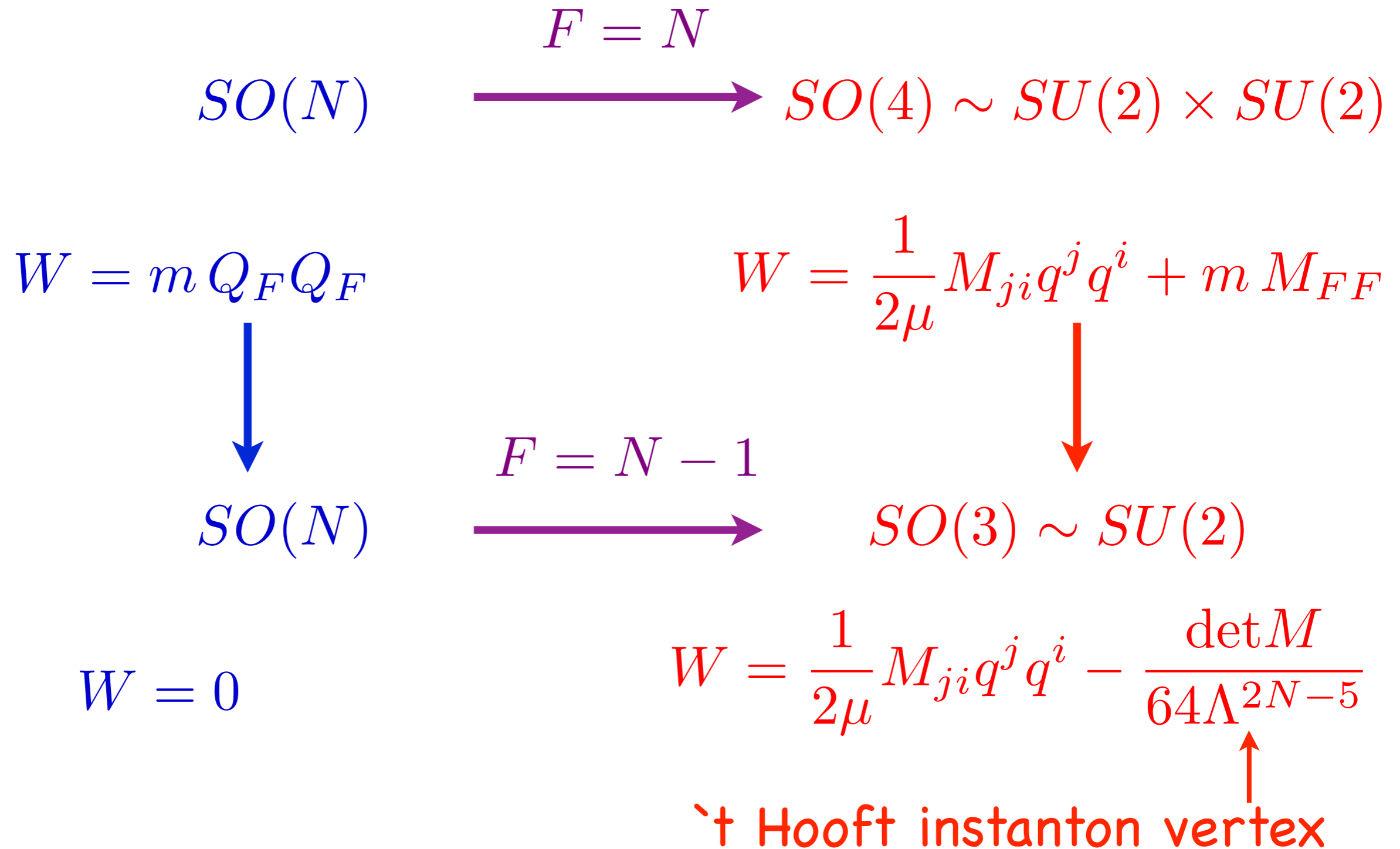
	$SO(4)$	$SU(N)$	$U(1)_R$
$q$	$\square$	$\bar{\square}$	$\frac{N-2}{N}$
$M$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\square \square$	$\frac{4}{N}$

$$W = \frac{1}{2\mu} M_{ji} q^j q^i$$

# Integrating Out

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & F = N \\
 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \\
 SO(N) & & SO(4) \sim SU(2) \times SU(2) \\
 \\
 W = m Q_F Q_F & & W = \frac{1}{2\mu} M_{ji} q^j q^i + m M_{FF} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & F = N - 1 \\
 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \\
 SO(N) & & SO(3) \sim SU(2) \\
 \\
 W = 0 & & W = \frac{1}{2\mu} M_{ji} q^j q^i - \frac{\det M}{64\Lambda^{2N-5}}
 \end{array}$$

# Integrating Out



# SO(N)

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$M$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\square \square$	$\frac{2}{N-1}$

$$W = \frac{1}{2\mu} M_{ji} q^j q^i - \frac{1}{64\Lambda^{2N-5}} \det M$$

↑  
`t Hooft instanton vertex

# Dual of the Dual

	$SO(N)$	$SU(F = N - 1)$	$U(1)_R$
$d$	□	□	$\frac{1}{N-1}$

$$W = \frac{M_{ji} N^{ij}}{2\mu} - \frac{N^{ij}}{2\mu} d_j d_i - \frac{\det M}{64\Lambda^{2N-5}} \pm \frac{\det d_j d_i}{64\Lambda^{2N-5}}$$

$$M_{ji} = d_j d_i$$

↑  
extra discrete axial symmetry  
of  $SO(3)$

# Triality

	$SO(N)$	$SU(N-1)$	$U(1)_R$
$Q$	$\square$	$\square$	$\frac{1}{N-1}$

$$W = 0$$

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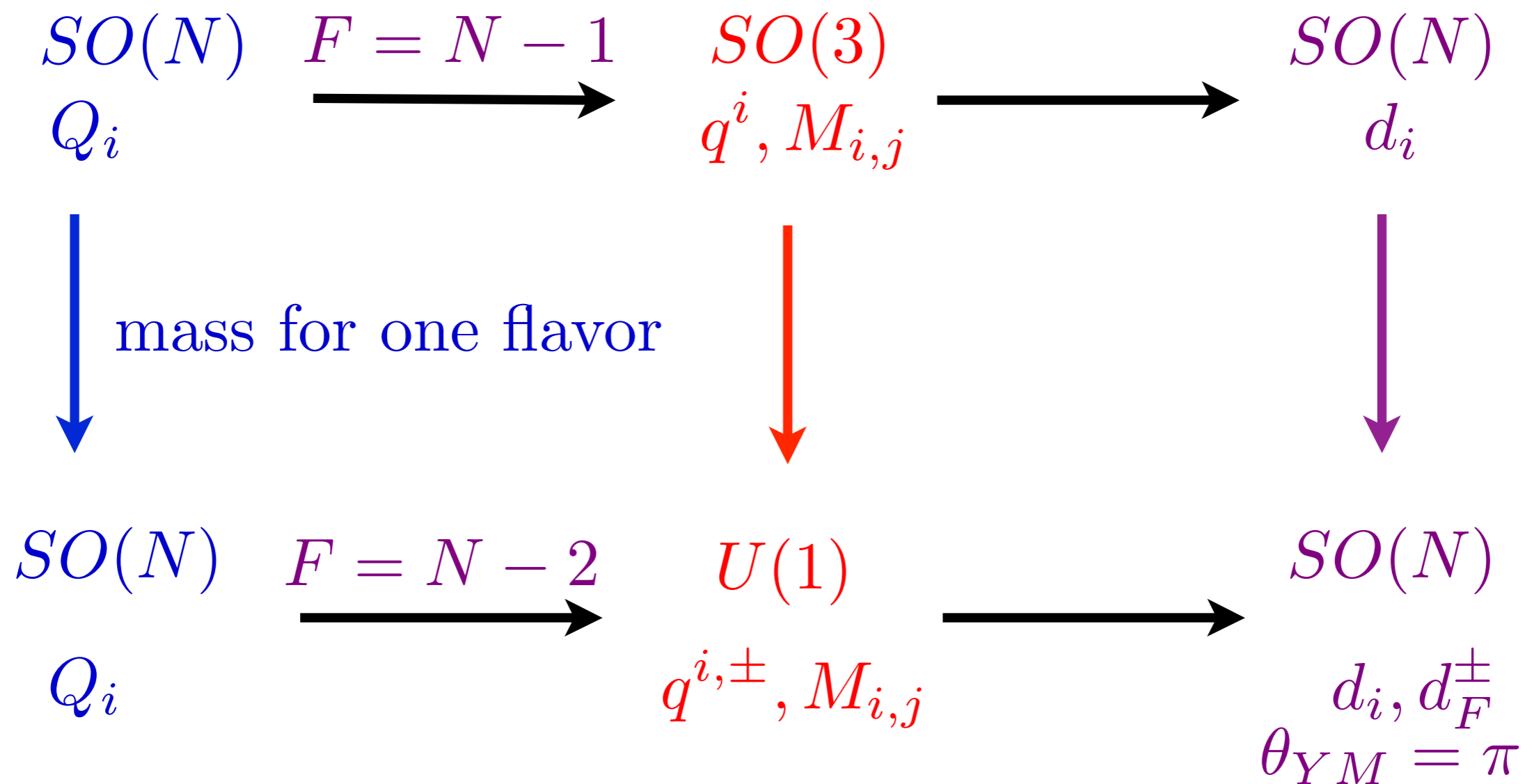
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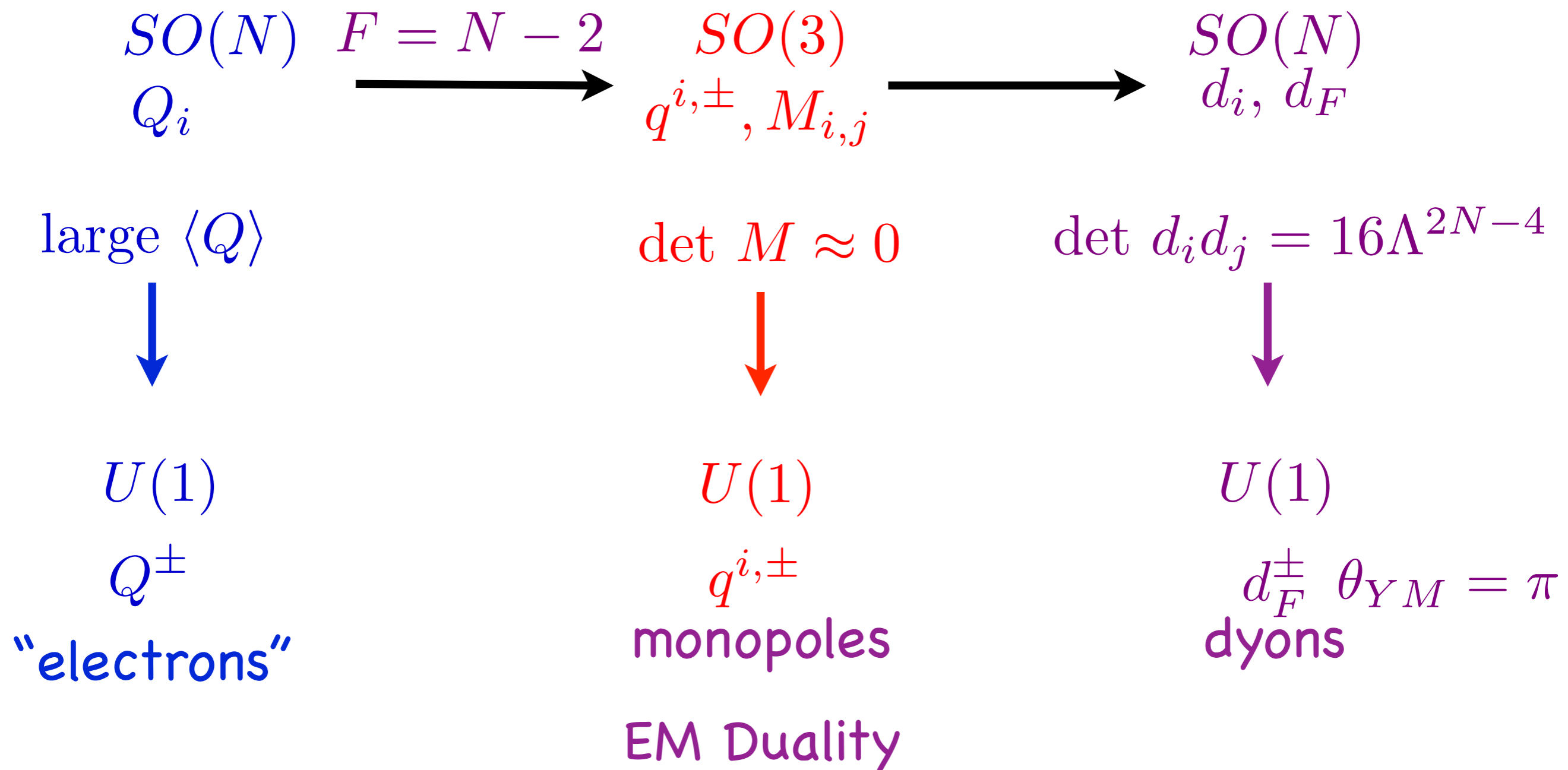
$$W = -\frac{\det(d_i d_j)}{32\Lambda^{2N-5}}$$

$$\theta_{YM} = \pi$$

# Integrating Out



# Weak Coupling





# Witten Charge



effective charge shifted

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4e^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\theta_{YM}}{32\pi^2} F^{\mu\nu} * F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$q_{\text{eff}} = q + g \frac{\theta_{YM}}{2\pi}$$

Phys. Lett. B86 (1979) 283

# E-M Duality

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\theta_{YM}}{32\pi^2} F^{\mu\nu} * F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\text{Im} \frac{\tau}{32\pi} (F^{\mu\nu} + i * F^{\mu\nu})^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \frac{1}{4\pi} A_D^\mu \partial^\nu * F_{\mu\nu}$$

**Bianchi**

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \text{Im} \frac{1}{32\pi\tau} (F_D^{\mu\nu} + i * F_D^{\mu\nu})^2$$

$$F_D^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A_D^\nu - \partial^\nu A_D^\mu$$

$$S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

# Monodromy

$$F = N - 2$$

$$\tau = \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2}$$

$$z = \det(QQ)$$

large  $\langle Q \rangle$

$$\tau \approx \frac{i}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{z}{\Lambda^b} \right)$$

$$b = 3(N - 2) - F = 2(N - 2)$$

loop in  $z$  around  $\infty$ :  $z \rightarrow e^{2\pi i} z$

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$$T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$$

$$\mathcal{M}_\infty = T^{-2}$$

# Monodromy

$\tau = \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2}$  is not a single valued function

$\frac{4\pi}{g^2} = \text{Im } \tau$  is single-valued at weak coupling

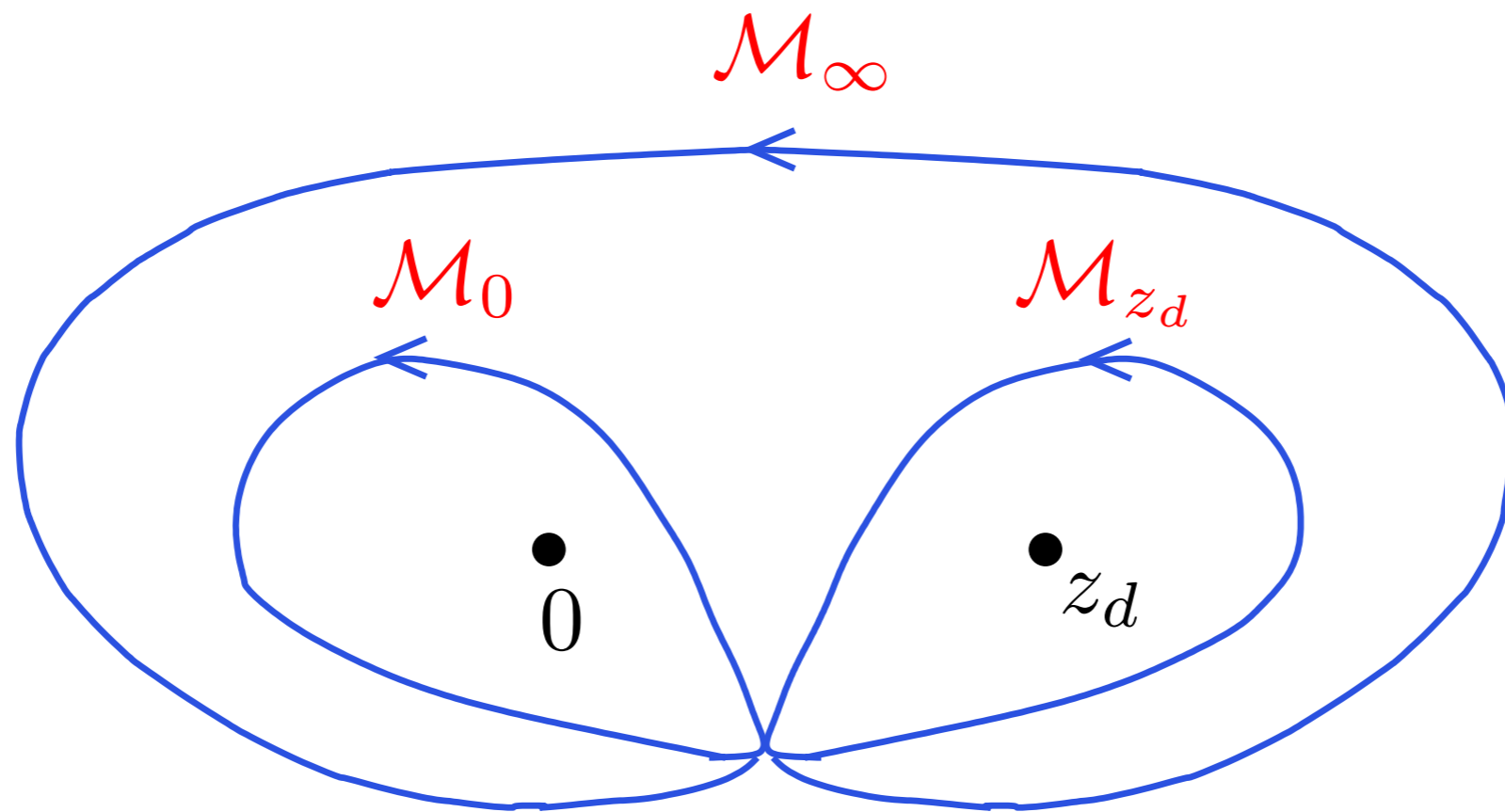
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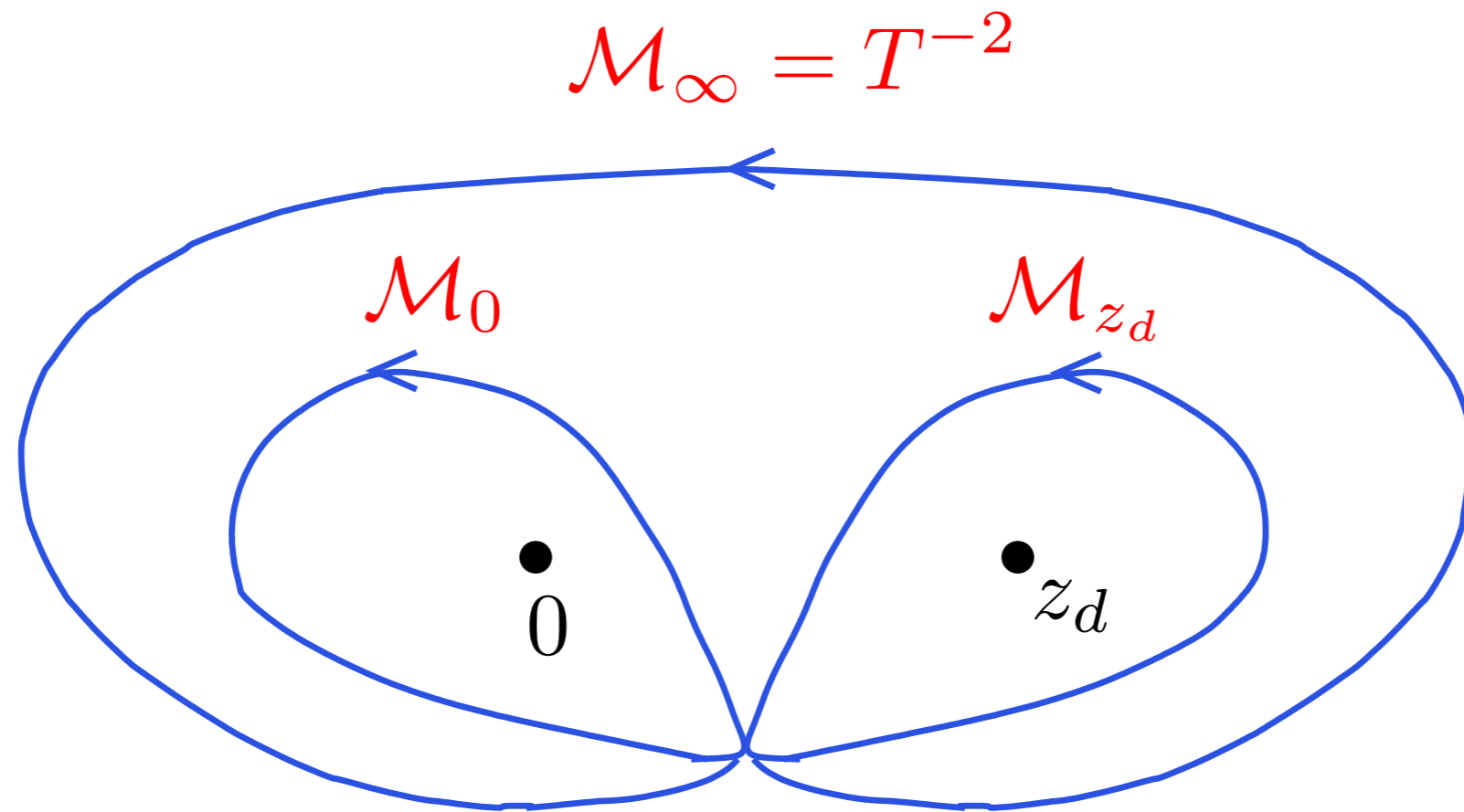


$$z_d \equiv 16\Lambda^{2N-4}$$

$$M_0 M_{z_d} = M_\infty$$

non-commuting

# Monodromy



$$\mathcal{M}_0 = D_0^{-1} T^2 D_0$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{z_d} = D_{z_d}^{-1} T^2 D_{z_d}$$

$D_i$  must contain odd power of  $S$

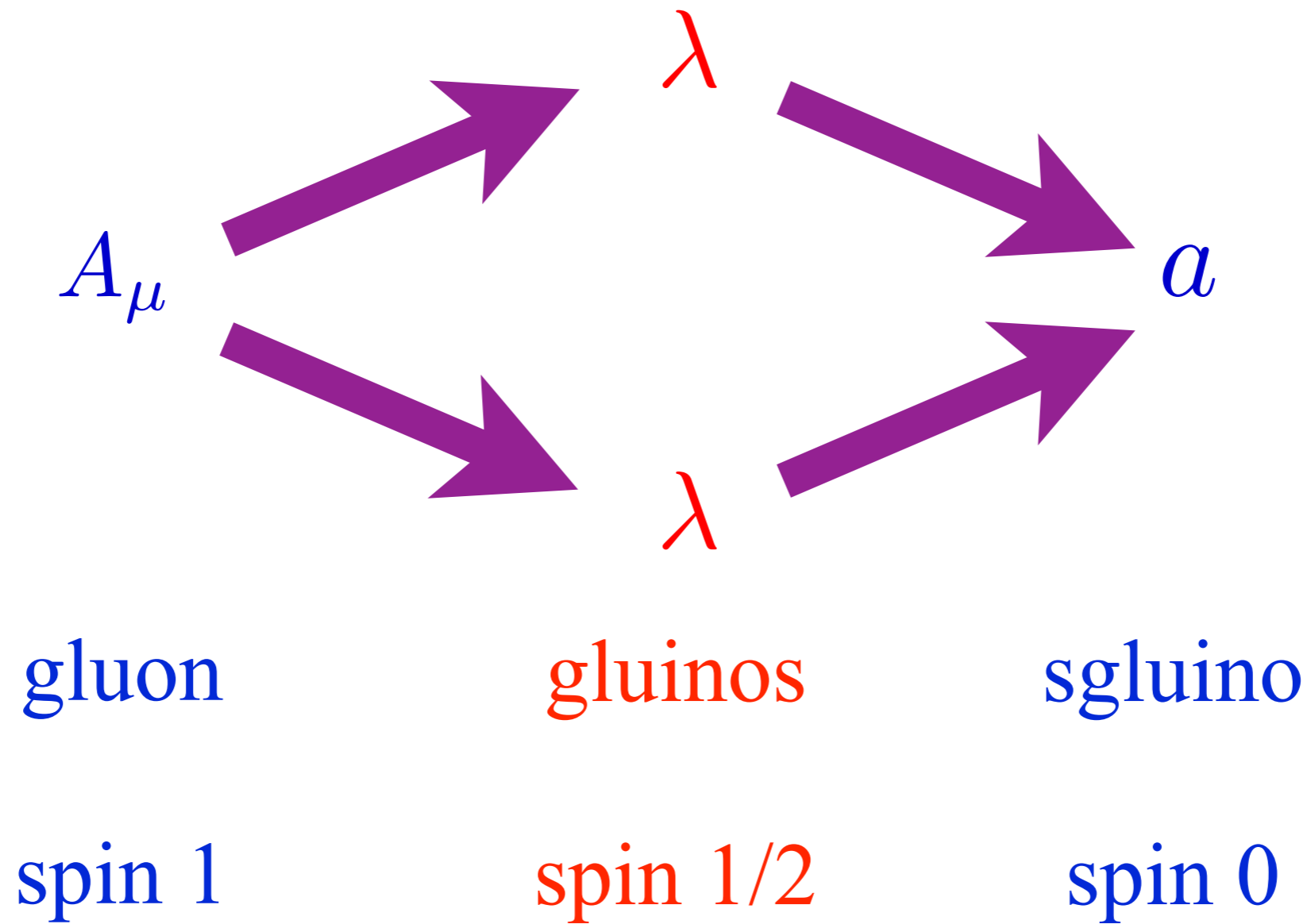
# Seiberg-Witten



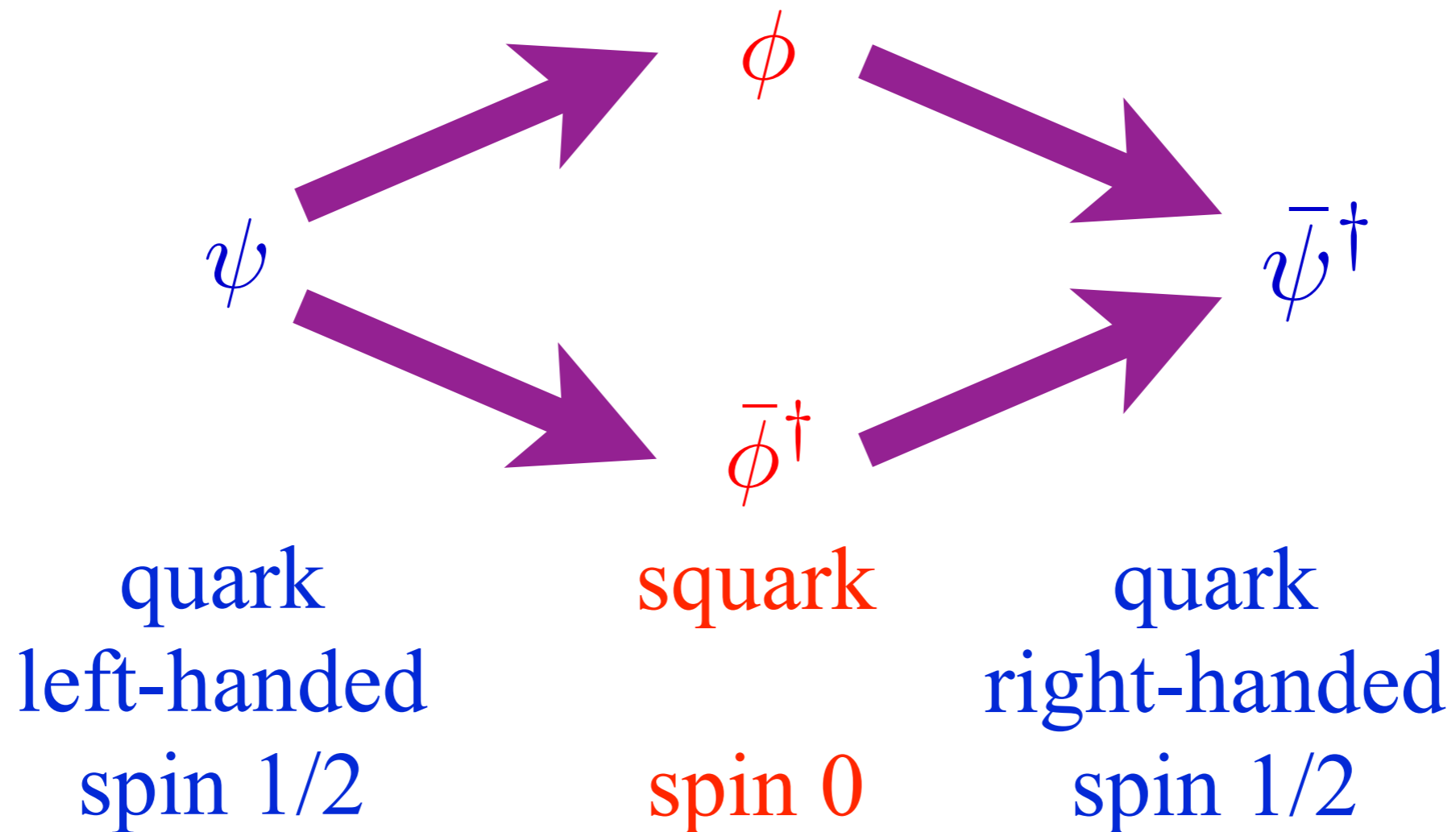
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# N=2 SUSY



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$N=1, SO(3), F=1$   
aka  $N=2 SO(3)$

$$u = \text{Tr } a^2 = \text{Tr } a^b a^c T^b T^c$$

$Z_2$  takes  $u \rightarrow -u$

$$\langle u \rangle \neq 0$$

$U(1)$

# Low-Energy N=2

leading terms determined by pre-potential

$$P(a) = \frac{i}{2\pi} a^2 \ln \frac{a^2}{\Lambda^2} + a^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \left( \frac{\Lambda}{a} \right)^{4k}$$

perturbative

non-perturbative

$$\tau = \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2} = \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial a \partial a}$$

Seiberg Phys. Lett. B206 (1988) 75

# SL(2,Z) Duality

$$\tau = \frac{\theta_{\text{YM}}}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{g^2}$$

$$S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} \quad T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$$

$$\tau' = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$

$$ad - bc = 1$$

not a symmetry

# SL(2,Z)

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# SL(2,Z)

$$\frac{\text{Im}(\tau)}{4\pi} \partial_\mu (F^{\mu\nu} + i^* F^{\mu\nu}) = J^\nu + \tau K^\nu$$

$$K^\mu \rightarrow aK'^\mu + cJ'^\mu, \quad J^\mu \rightarrow bK'^\mu + dJ'^\mu$$
$$(F^{\mu\nu} + i^* F^{\mu\nu}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{c\tau^* + d} (F'^{\mu\nu} + i^* F'^{\mu\nu})$$

$$\frac{\text{Im}(\tau')}{4\pi} \partial_\nu (F'^{\mu\nu} + i^* F'^{\mu\nu}) = J'^\mu + \tau' K'^\mu$$



# N=2 and $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$$a_D \equiv \frac{\partial P}{\partial a} \quad \tau = \frac{\partial a_D}{\partial a}$$

$$\frac{-1}{\tau(a)} = \frac{-1}{\frac{\partial a_D}{\partial a}} = -\frac{\partial a}{\partial a_D} = \tau_D(a_D)$$

on vector  $(a_D, a)$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# N=2 and SL(2,Z)

state with charge  $n_e$

$$N=2: \quad W_{\text{hyper}} = \sqrt{2} n_e a Q \bar{Q}$$

$$M = \sqrt{2} |n_e a|$$

monopole

$$SL(2,Z): \quad M = \sqrt{2} |n_m a_D|$$

in general:

$$M = \sqrt{2} |n_e a + n_m a_D|$$

# Weak Coupling

$$\text{large } |a|: \quad a = \sqrt{2u}$$

$$a_D = \frac{\partial P}{\partial a} = \frac{2ia}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{a}{\Lambda} \right) + \frac{2ia}{\pi}$$

loop in  $u$  around  $\infty$

$$\ln u \rightarrow \ln u + 2\pi i$$

$$\ln a \rightarrow \ln a + i\pi$$

$$a \rightarrow -a$$

$$a_D \rightarrow -a_D + 2a$$

$$\text{monodromy:} \quad \mathcal{M}_\infty = -T^{-2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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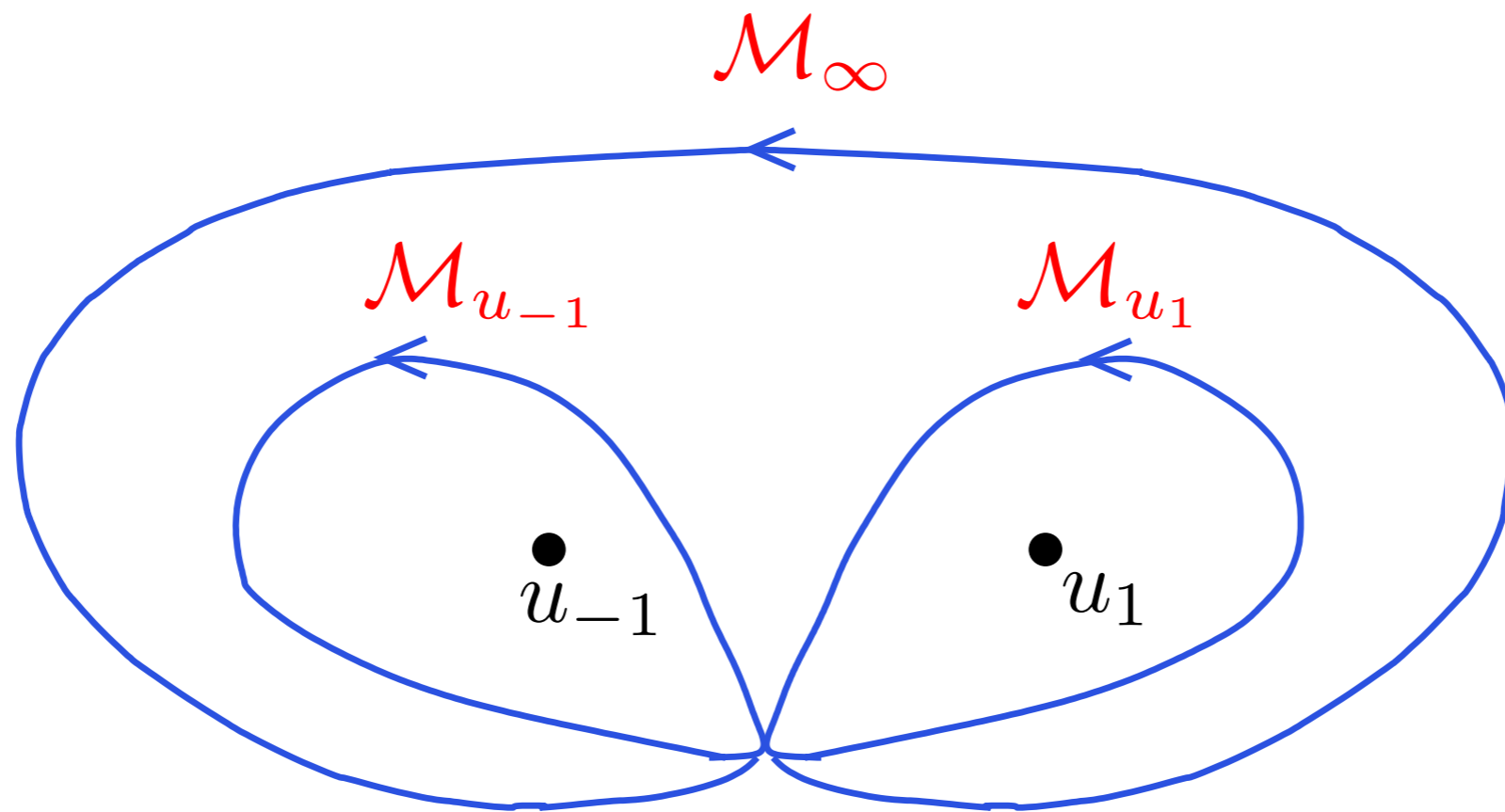
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# Monodromy



$$\mathcal{M}_{u_1} \mathcal{M}_{u_{-1}} = \mathcal{M}_\infty$$

# Monodromy Example

singular point  $u_j$  where a state with  $(n_m, n_e) = (0, 1)$  becomes massless

$$a(u) \approx c_j(u - u_j)$$

$$\tau(a(u)) \approx \frac{-i}{\pi} \ln \frac{a(u)}{\Lambda}$$

$$(u - u_j) \rightarrow e^{2\pi i}(u - u_j)$$

$$a_D(u) \rightarrow a_D(u) + 2a(u) , \quad a(u) \rightarrow a(u)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{u_j} = T^2$$

# Monodromy

dyon with charge  $(n_m, n_e)$  which becomes massless at  $u = u_k$

find  $D_{u_k}$  that maps this to charge  $(0, 1)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_D(u) \\ a(u) \end{pmatrix} = D_{u_k} \begin{pmatrix} a_D \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha a_D + \beta a \\ \gamma a_D + \delta a \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = D_{u_k}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} n_m \\ n_e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta n_m - \gamma n_e \\ -\beta n_m + \alpha n_e \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{u_k} = D_{u_k}^{-1} T^2 D_{u_k} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2n_e n_m & 2n_e^2 \\ -2n_m^2 & 1 - 2n_e n_m \end{pmatrix}$$

# Monodromy

Assuming a monopole with charge  $(1, 0)$  becomes massless at the point  $u_1$

$$\mathcal{M}_{u_1} \mathcal{M}_{u_{-1}} = \mathcal{M}_\infty$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{u_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{u_{-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{u_1} = S^{-1}T^2S, \text{ and } \mathcal{M}_{u_{-1}} = (ST^{-1})^{-1}T^2ST^{-1}$$

state at  $u_{-1}$  is a dyon with charge  $(-1, 1)$  or  $(1, -1)$



# Check

near  $u_1$ , where  $a_D$  vanishes

break to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  by adding  $m \text{Tr} a^2$

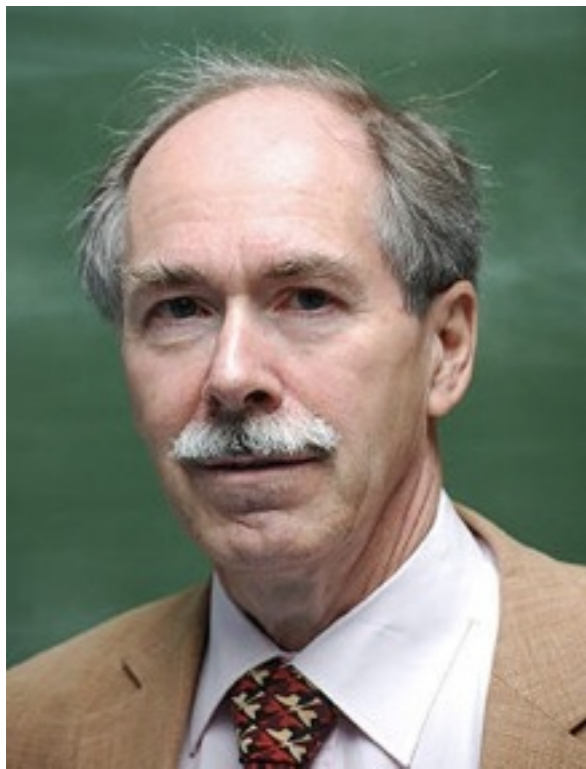
$$W_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{2}a_D M \bar{M} + m f(a_D)$$

$$\sqrt{2}M \bar{M} + m f'(a_D) = 0, \quad a_D M = 0, \quad a_D \bar{M} = 0$$

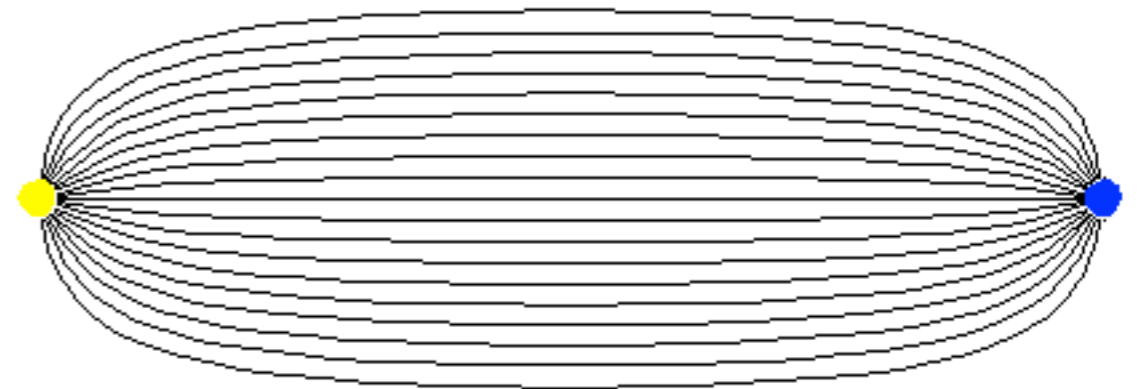
electric charge confinement  
through dual Meissner effect

in agreement with Seiberg duality

# 't Hooft-Mandelstam



magnetic condensate  
confines electric charge



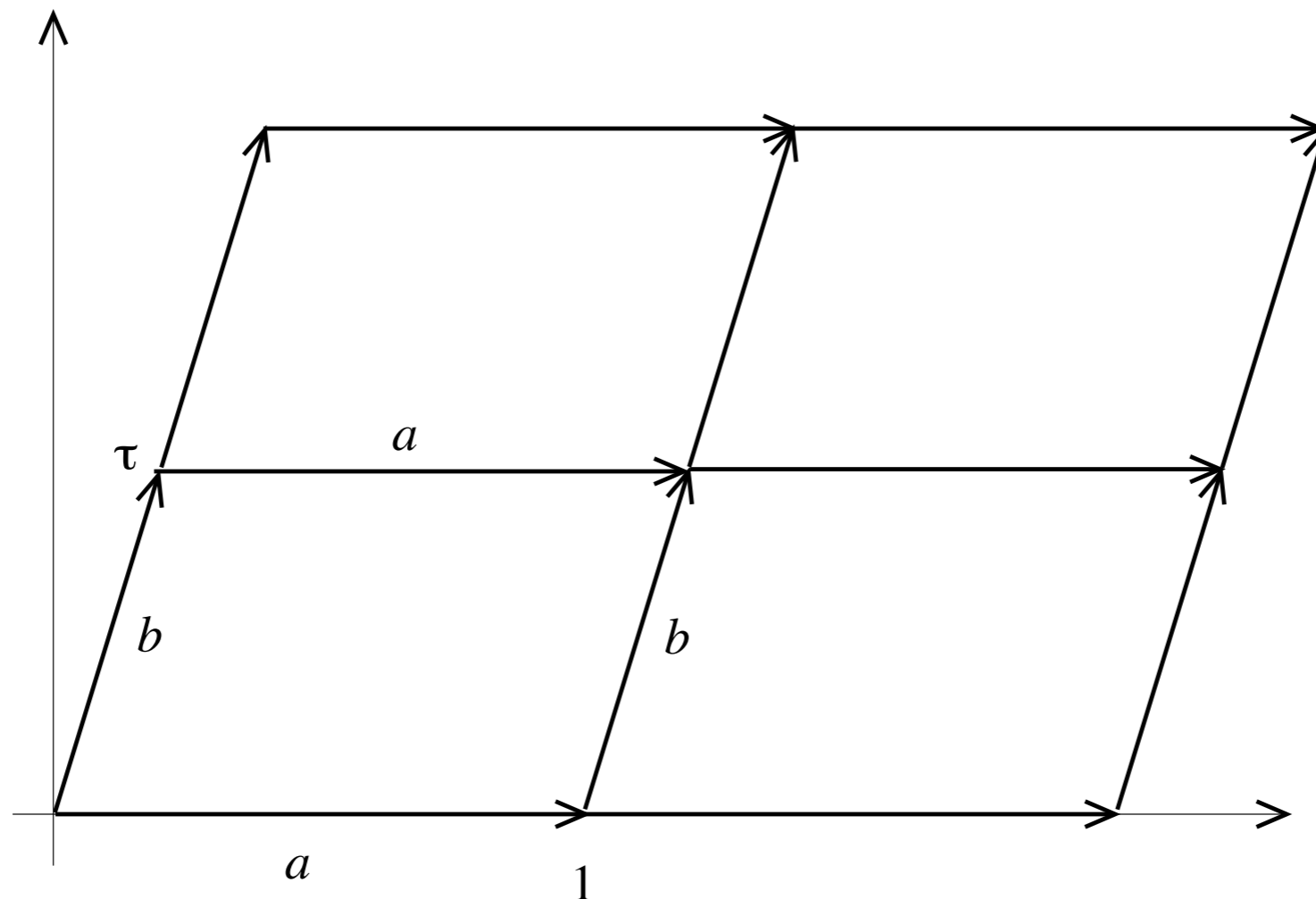
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# Torus and $SL(2, Z)$

$\tau$  is a section of an  $SL(2, Z)$  bundle

$SL(2, Z)$  is the *modular symmetry* group of a torus

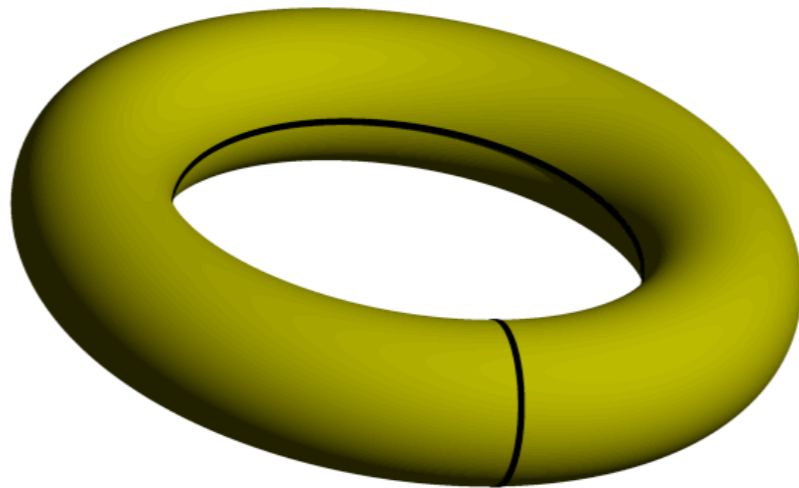
$\tau$  represents the *modular parameter* of a torus



# Elliptic Curves

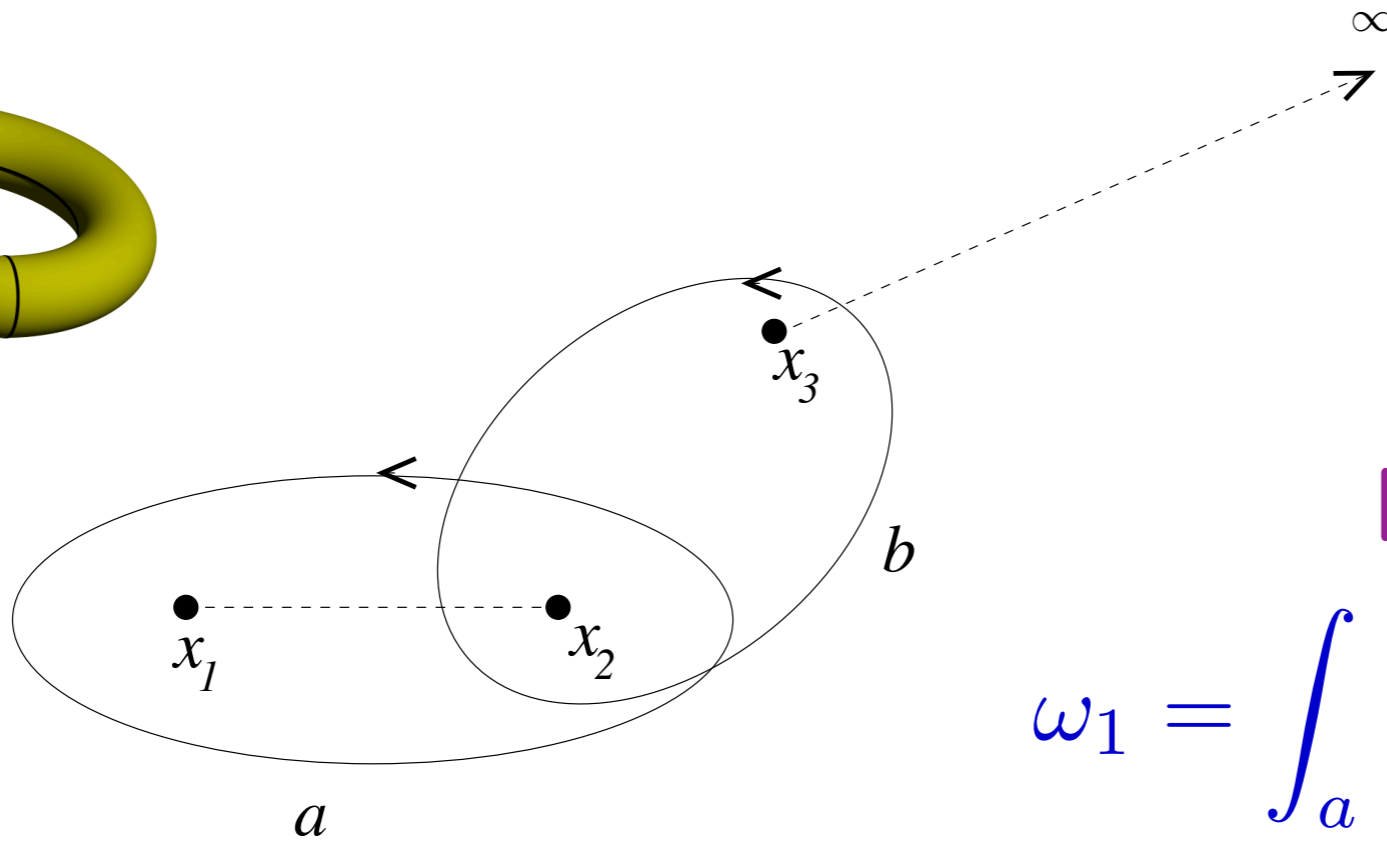
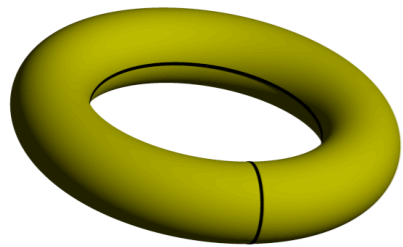
a torus is the solution of an *elliptic curve*  
in two complex dimensions

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + C$$



# Elliptic Curve

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + C \equiv (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

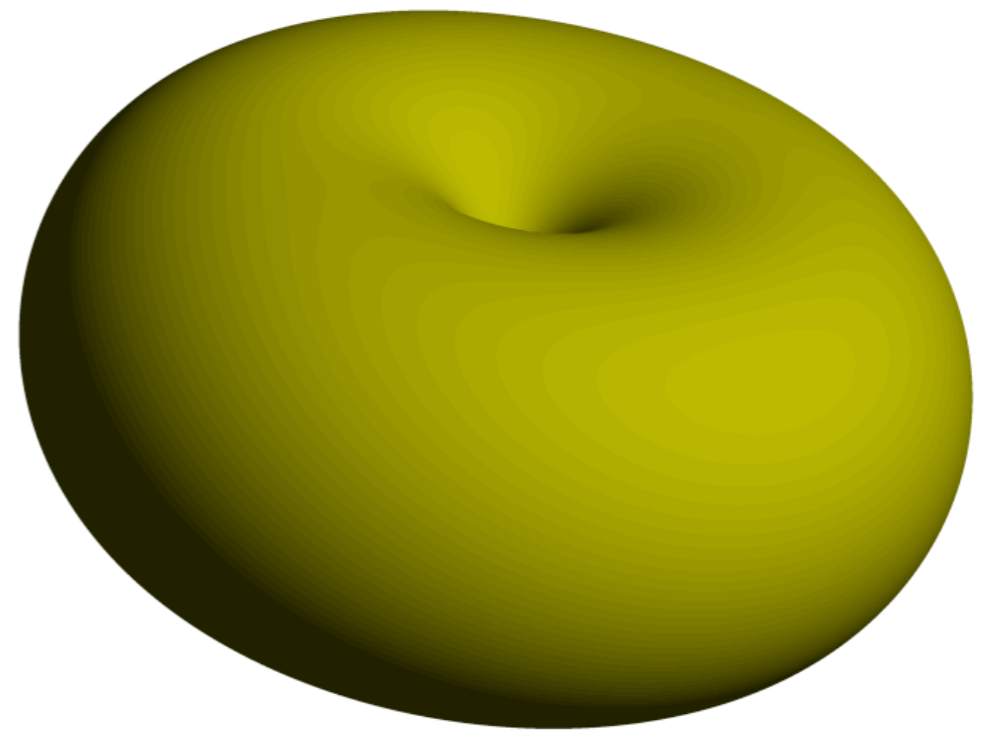
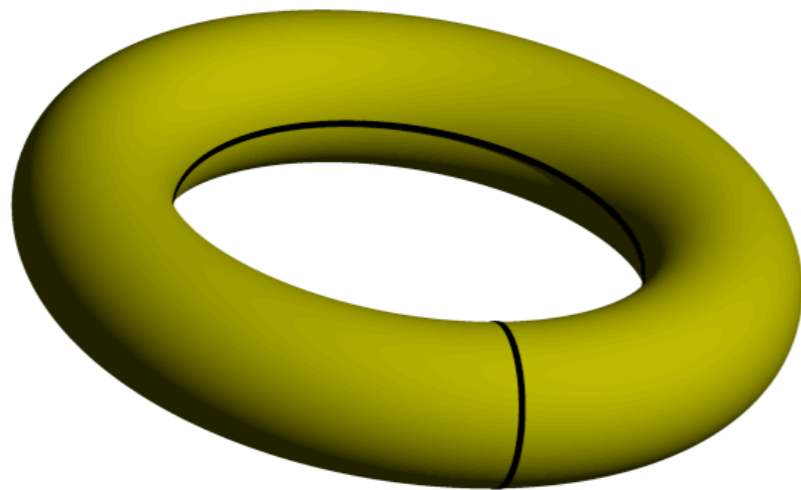


periods:

$$\omega_1 = \int_a \frac{dx}{y}, \quad \omega_2 = \int_b \frac{dx}{y}$$

$$\tau(A, B, C) = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}$$

# Degenerate Torus



$$\tau(A, B, C) = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}$$

# Seiberg-Witten Curve

$$y^2 = (x - \Lambda^2)(x + \Lambda^2)(x - u)$$

torus degenerates at  $u = \Lambda^2, -\Lambda^2, \infty$

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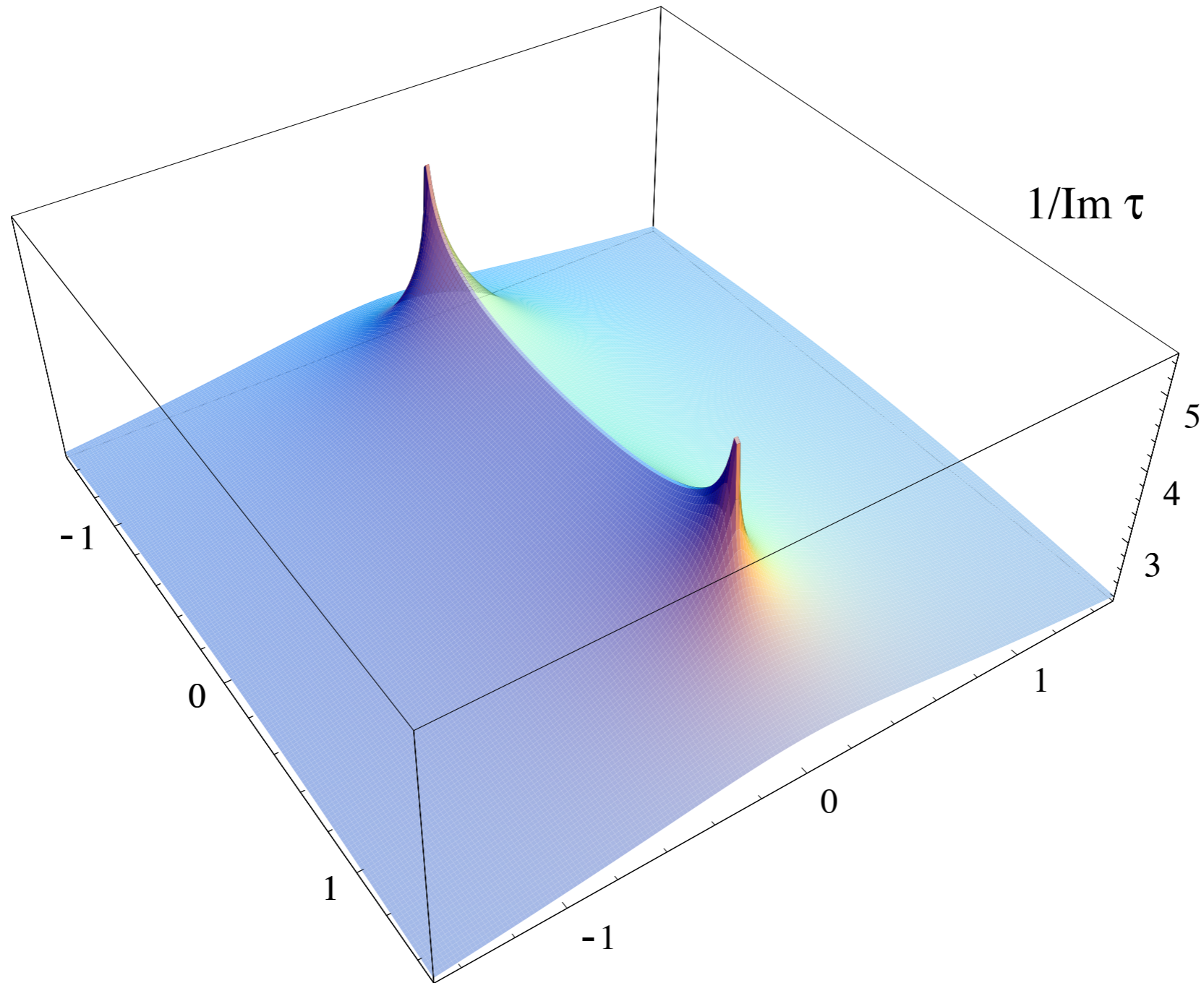
$$y^2 = (x - \Lambda^2)(x + \Lambda^2)(x - u)$$

$$\omega_1 = 2 \int_{-\Lambda^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{2\pi}{\Lambda \sqrt{1 + \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}}} F \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{2}{1 + \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}} \right)$$

$$\omega_2 = 2 \int_u^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{-\pi i}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda} F \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{u}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right)$$



# Gauge coupling



# Seiberg-Witten Curve

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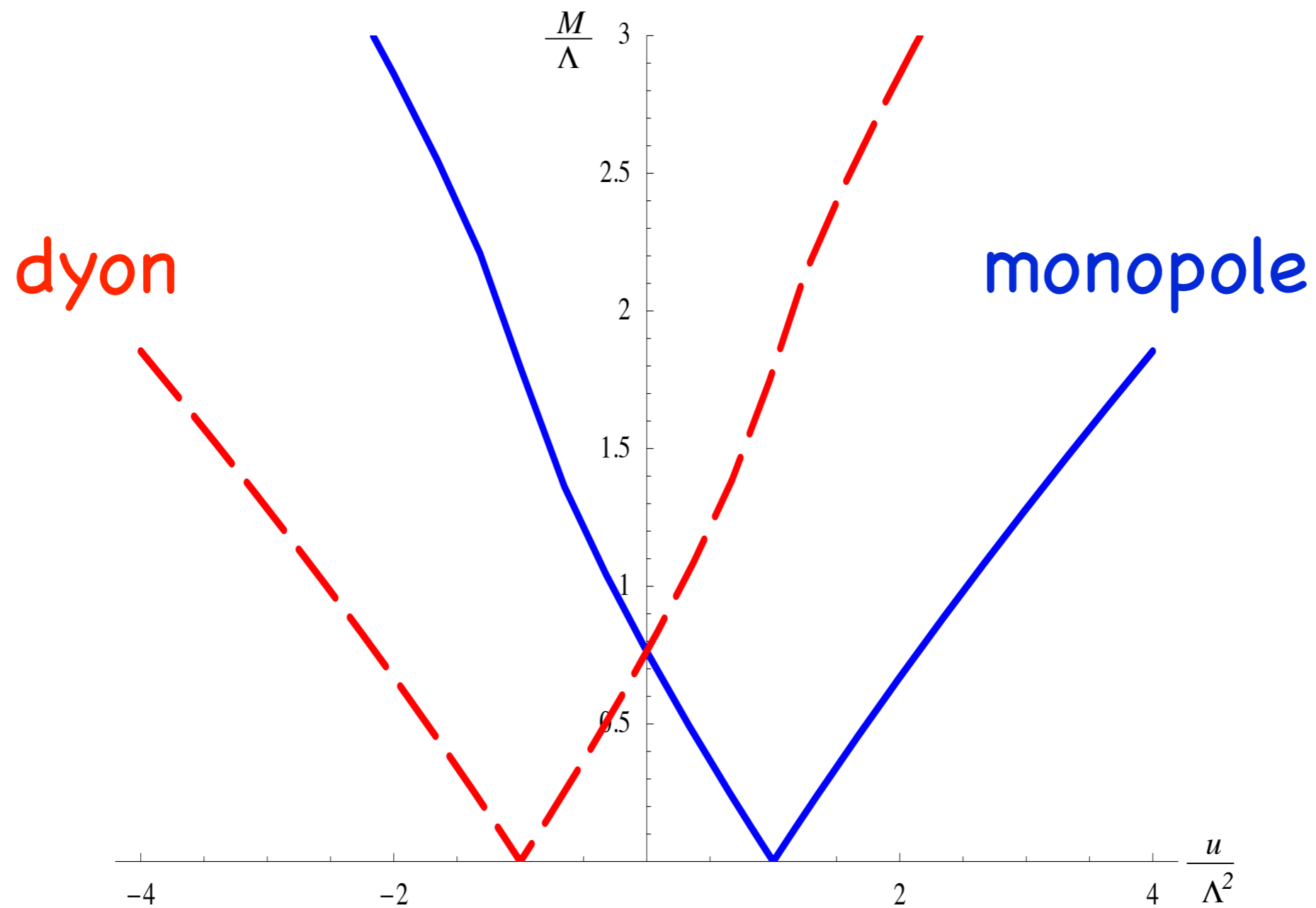
$$a(u) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int_{-\Lambda^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dx \sqrt{x - u}}{\sqrt{(x - \Lambda^2)(x + \Lambda^2)}}$$

$$= -\sqrt{2(\Lambda^2 + u)} F\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{2}{1 + \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}}\right)$$

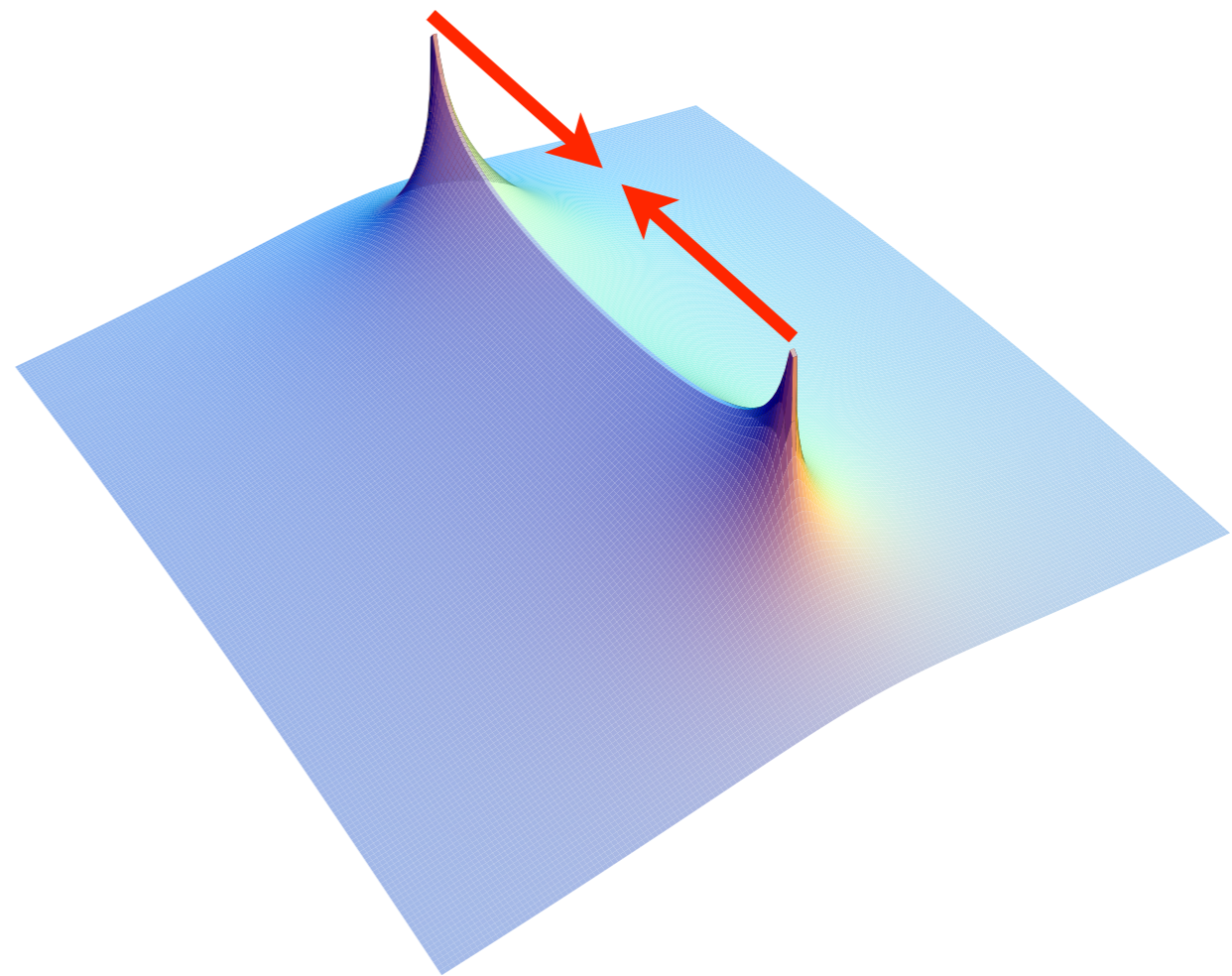
$$a_D(u) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int_u^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dx \sqrt{x - u}}{\sqrt{(x - \Lambda^2)(x + \Lambda^2)}}$$

$$= -i \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u}{\Lambda} - \Lambda\right) F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 2; \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}\right)\right)$$

# Monopole Mass



# Argyres-Douglas



CFT with massless electric and magnetic charges

[hep-th/9505062](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9505062)

# N=2, SU(2), F=1

mass

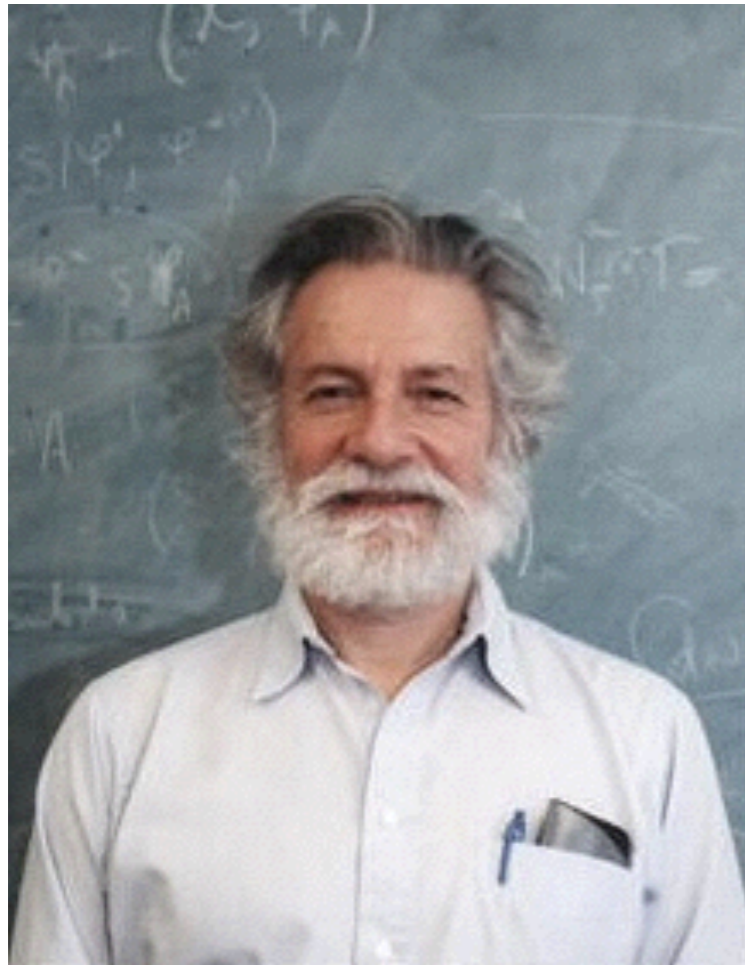
$$y^2 = x^3 - ux^2 + \frac{m}{4}\Lambda_1^3 x - \frac{1}{64}\Lambda_1^6$$

$$m = 3\Lambda_1/4 \quad u = 3\Lambda_1^2/4$$

$$y^2 = \left(x - \frac{\Lambda_1^2}{4}\right)^3$$

massless monopoles and dyons

# Zwanziger



non-Lorentz invariant, local action?

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2n^2e^2} \{ [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A)] \cdot [n \cdot *(\partial \wedge B)] - [n \cdot (\partial \wedge B)] \cdot [n \cdot *(\partial \wedge A)] \\ + [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A)]^2 + [n \cdot (\partial \wedge B)]^2 \} - J \cdot A - \frac{4\pi}{e^2} K \cdot B.$$

electric      magnetic

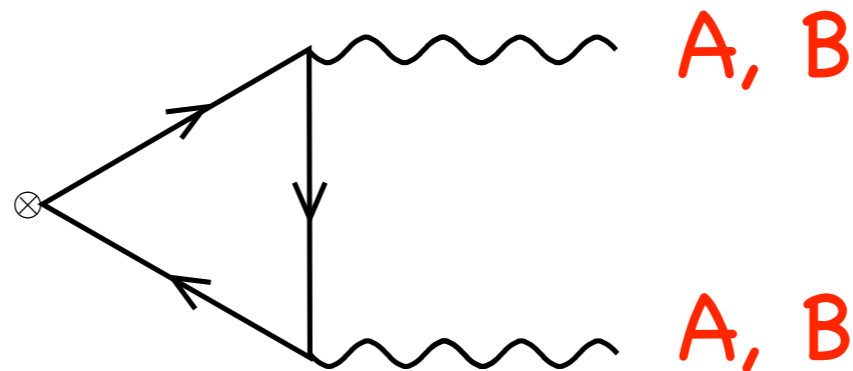
$$F = \frac{1}{n^2} (\{ n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A)] \} - * \{ n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge B)] \})$$

two propagating polarizations

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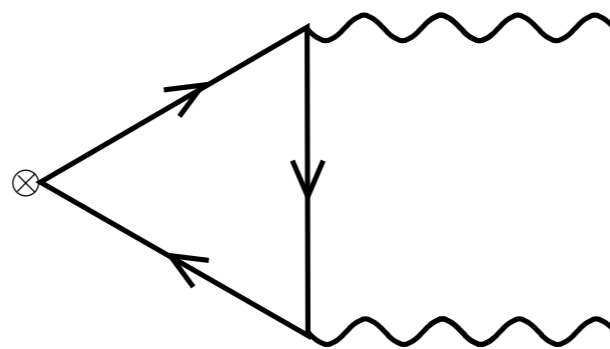
# Anomalies

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# Axial Anomaly from $SL(2, Z)$

$$(q, g) \rightarrow (n, 0)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu j_A^\mu(x) &= \frac{n^2}{16\pi^2} F'^{\mu\nu} * F'_{\mu\nu} \\ &= \frac{n^2}{32\pi^2} \text{Im} (F'^{\mu\nu} + i * F'^{\mu\nu})^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Axial Anomaly

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu j_A^\mu(x) &= \frac{n^2}{32\pi^2} \text{Im}(c\tau^* + d)^2 (F^{\mu\nu} + i^* F^{\mu\nu})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \text{Re}(q + \tau^* g)^2 F^{\mu\nu} * F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \text{Im}(q + \tau^* g)^2 F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \left[ \left( q + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} g \right)^2 - g^2 \frac{16\pi^2}{e^4} \right] F^{\mu\nu} * F_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[ qg + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} g^2 \right] F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

# $U(1)^3$ Anomaly

$$\sum_j q_j^3 = 0$$

$$\sum_j q_j g_j^2 = 0$$

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# Conclusions

the Seiberg-Witten analysis  
gives exact results in  
strongly coupled theories with  
monopoles and dyons

there are theories with  
massless monopoles interacting  
with massless dyons