

# **Generalized Global Symmetries** **in** **Particle Physics**

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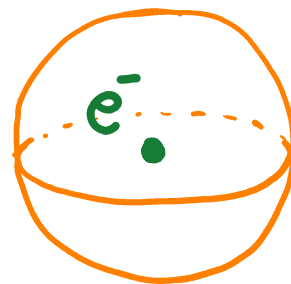
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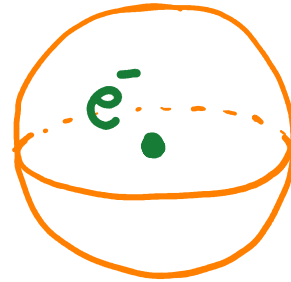
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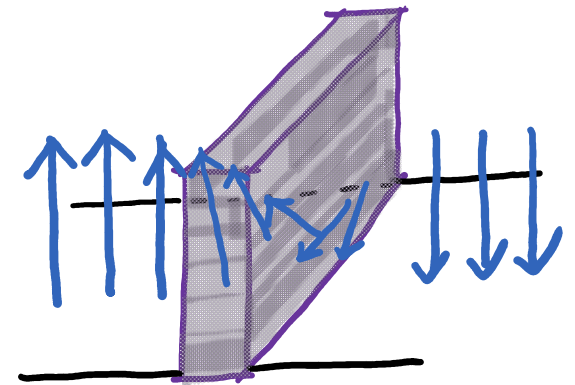
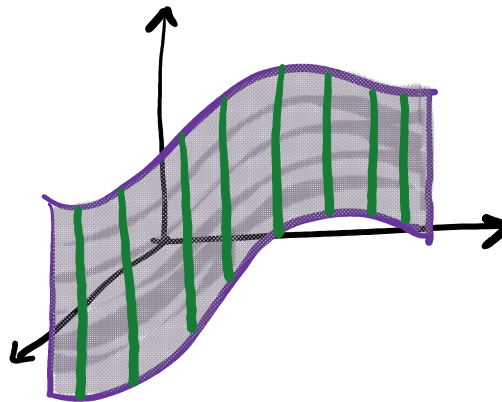
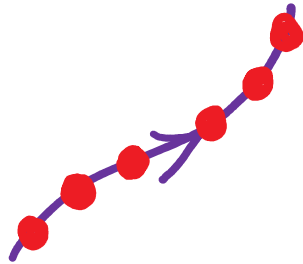
Recently, concept of **symmetry** has gone through explosive generalizations!

**"Generalized Global Symmetries (GGS)"**

# Generalized Global Symmetries!

## I. Higher-form symmetries

Various **extended objects** appear in broad class of theories.



Local operator  
e.g. particle  
**0-form  
symmetry**

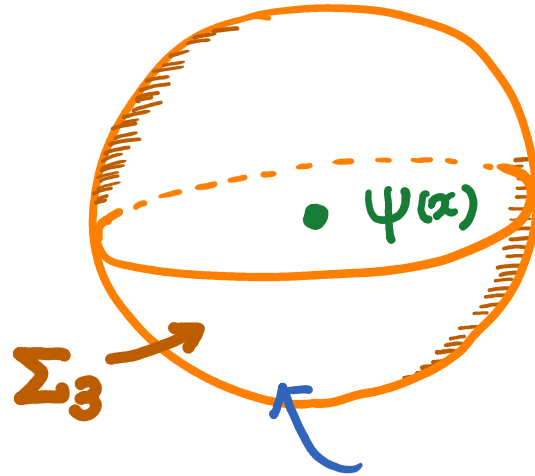
Line operator  
e.g. Wilson loop  
't Hooft loop  
**1-form  
symmetry**

Surface operator  
e.g. Cosmic string  
**2-form symmetry**

Volume operator  
e.g. Domain Wall  
**3-form symmetry**

# Generalized Global Symmetries!

## II. Non-Invertible Symmetries



$$S_{defect} = \frac{iN}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma_3} C \wedge dC$$

$$C \rightarrow C + \frac{1}{N} \epsilon_1, \int \frac{\epsilon_1}{2\pi} \in Z$$

$$U\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}, \Sigma_3\right) \rightarrow D_k = U\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}, \Sigma_3\right) \times \mathcal{A}^{N,p}\left(\frac{F}{2\pi}\right) \text{ with } \frac{p}{N} = \frac{N_f}{k}$$

# Generalized Global Symmetries!

✿ **Generalized Global Symmetries (GGS)** have shown to be extremely powerful in deepening our understanding of QFT

- Aharony, Seiberg, Tachikawa '13
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- Cordova, Ohmori '19
- .... Anber, **Hong**, Son '21 ....
- Kaidi, Ohmori, Zheng '21
- Choi, Cordova, Po-Shen Hsin, Ho Tat Lam, Shu-Heng Shao '21
- Many many more

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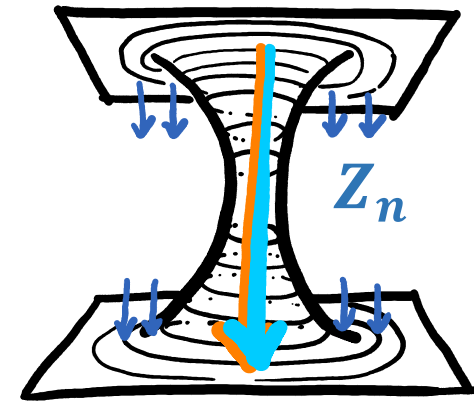
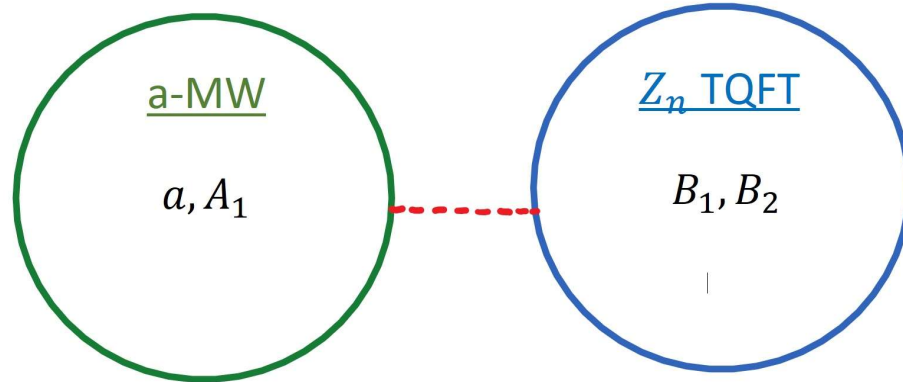
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- (Q3) Can **generalized symmetry** provide **novel or meaningful solutions** to problems in **particle physics**?

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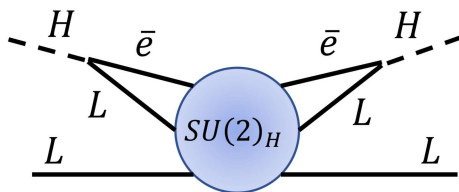
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## Neutrino Masses from

## Generalized Symmetry Breaking

(with Clay Córdova, Seth Koren, and Kantaro Ohmori)

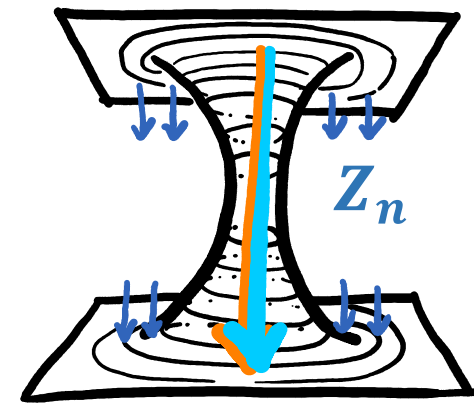
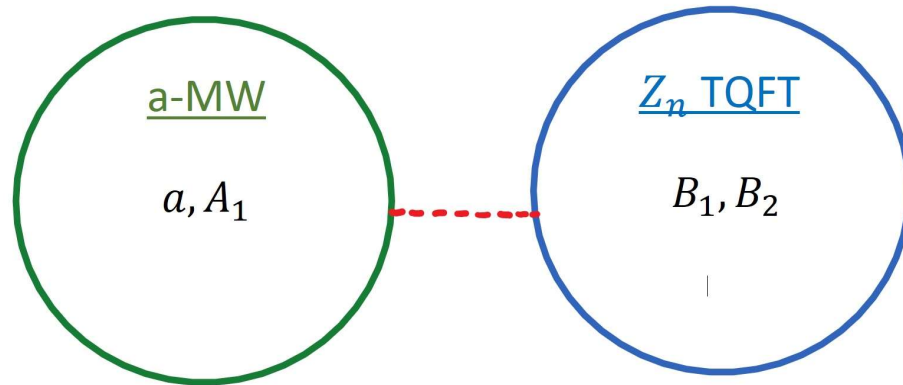


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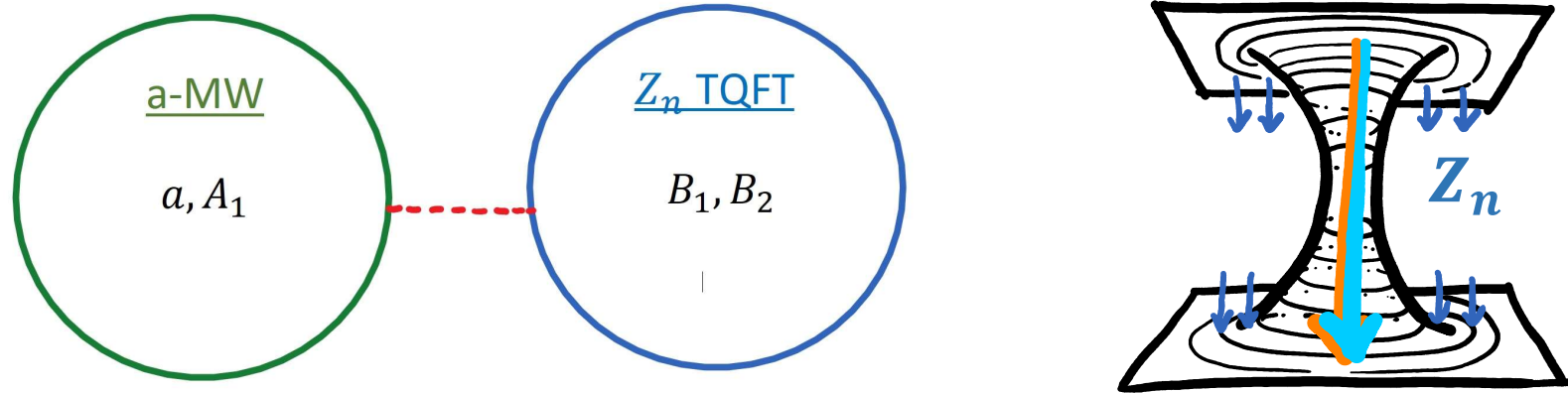
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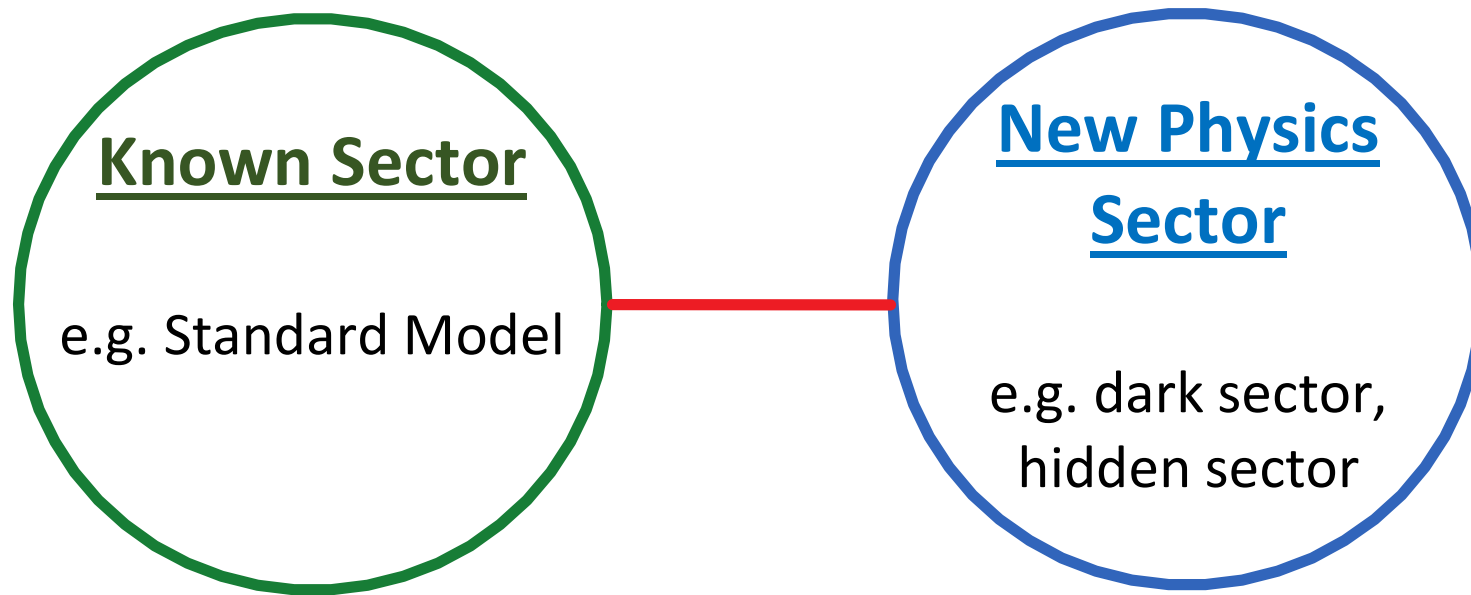
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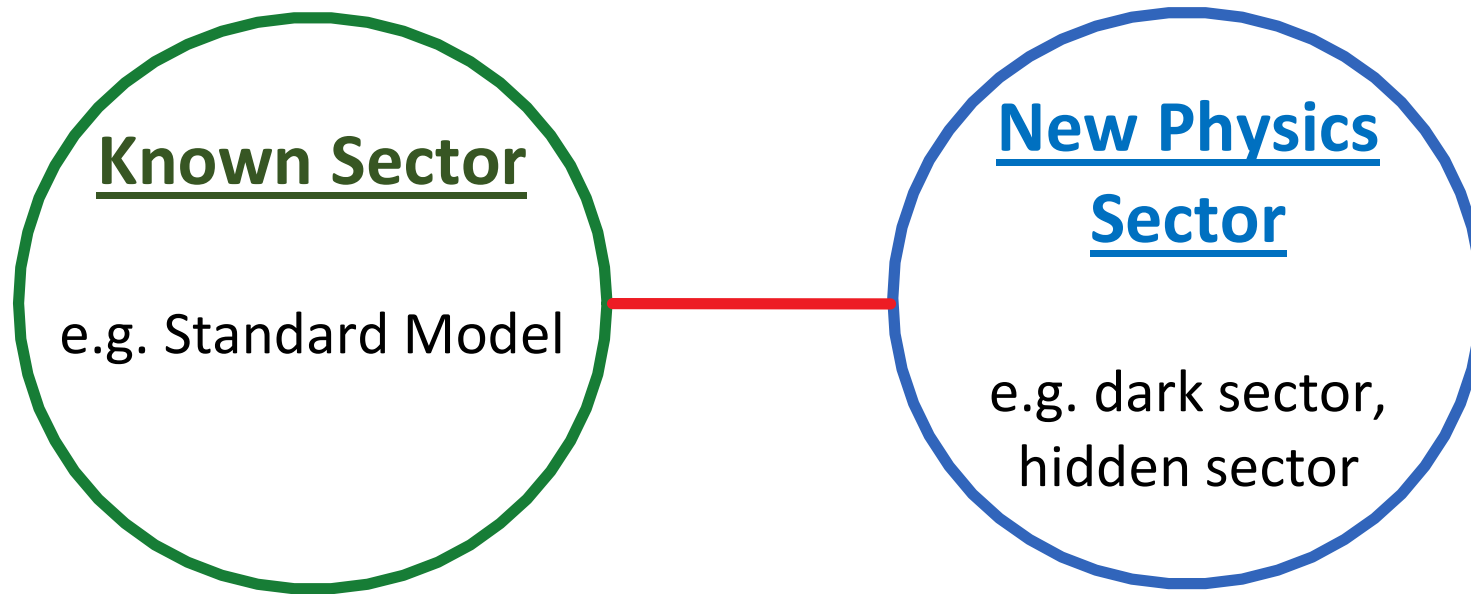
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# A General Setup in Particle Physics



E.g. Dark (matter) sector,  
SUSY breaking sector and SUSY breaking mediation,  
Composite-Elementary sector, ...

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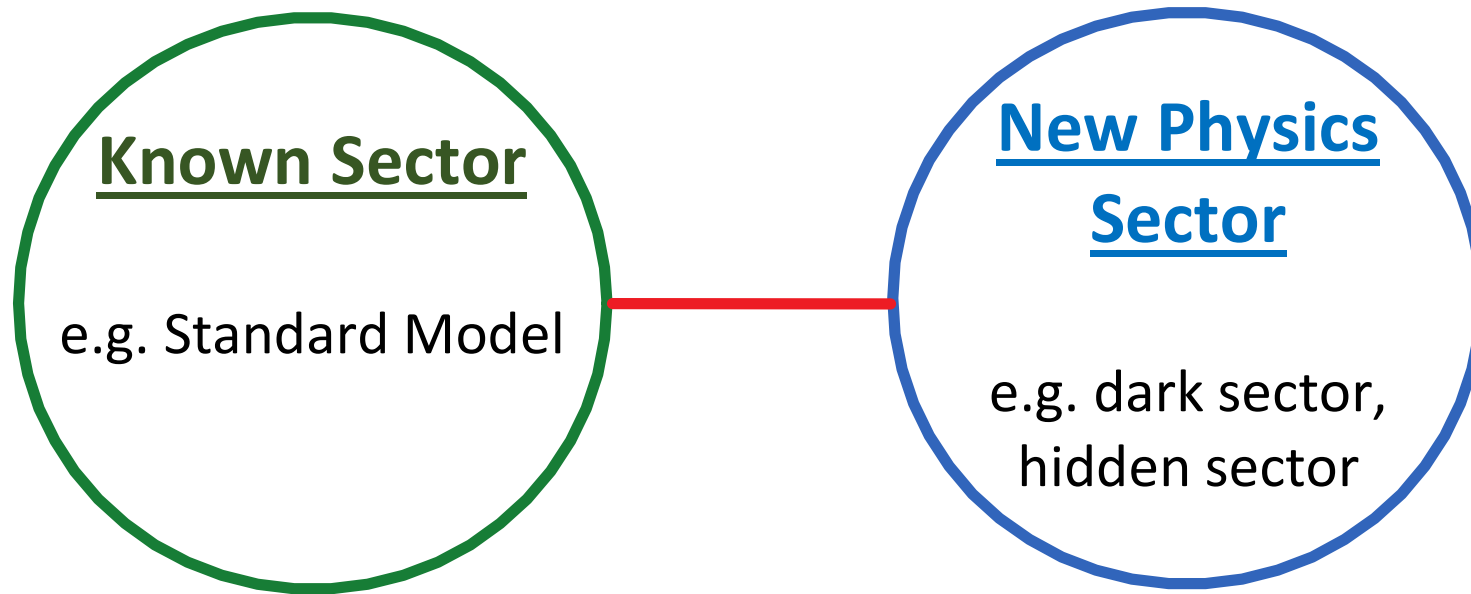
**New Physics Sector** described by a local QFT

new particles + new interactions

⇒ new/novel dynamics

⇒ solutions to problems in particle physics

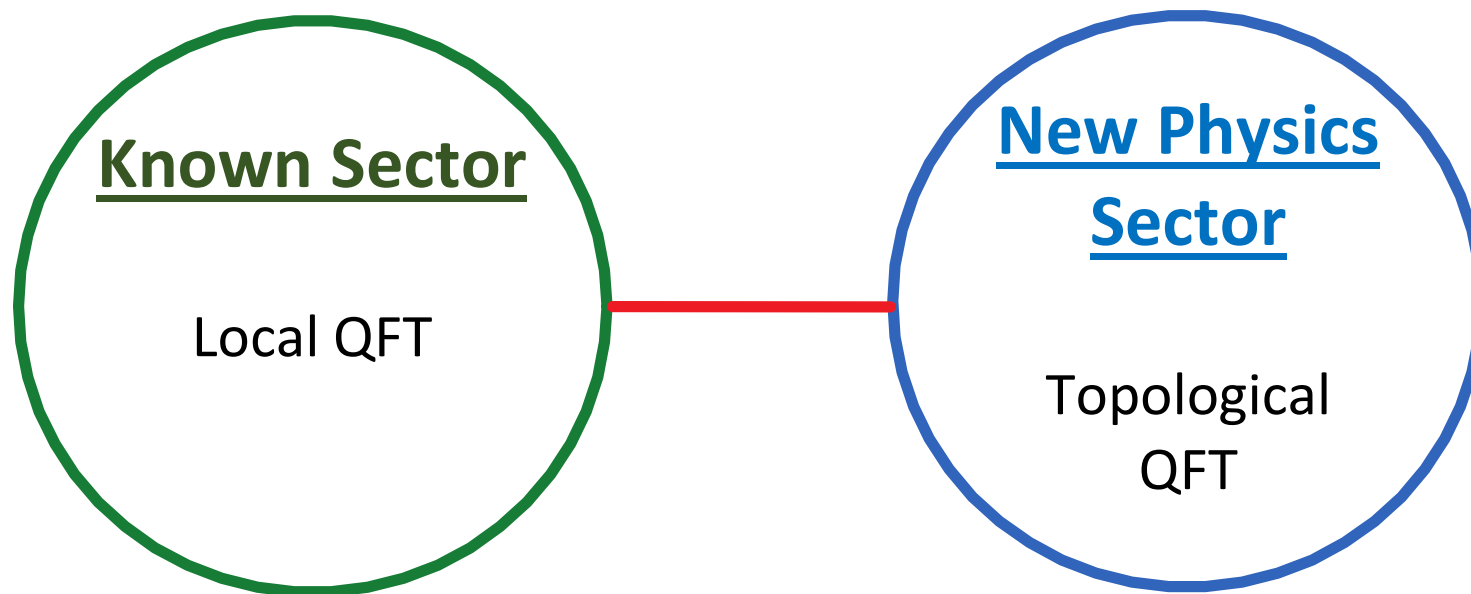
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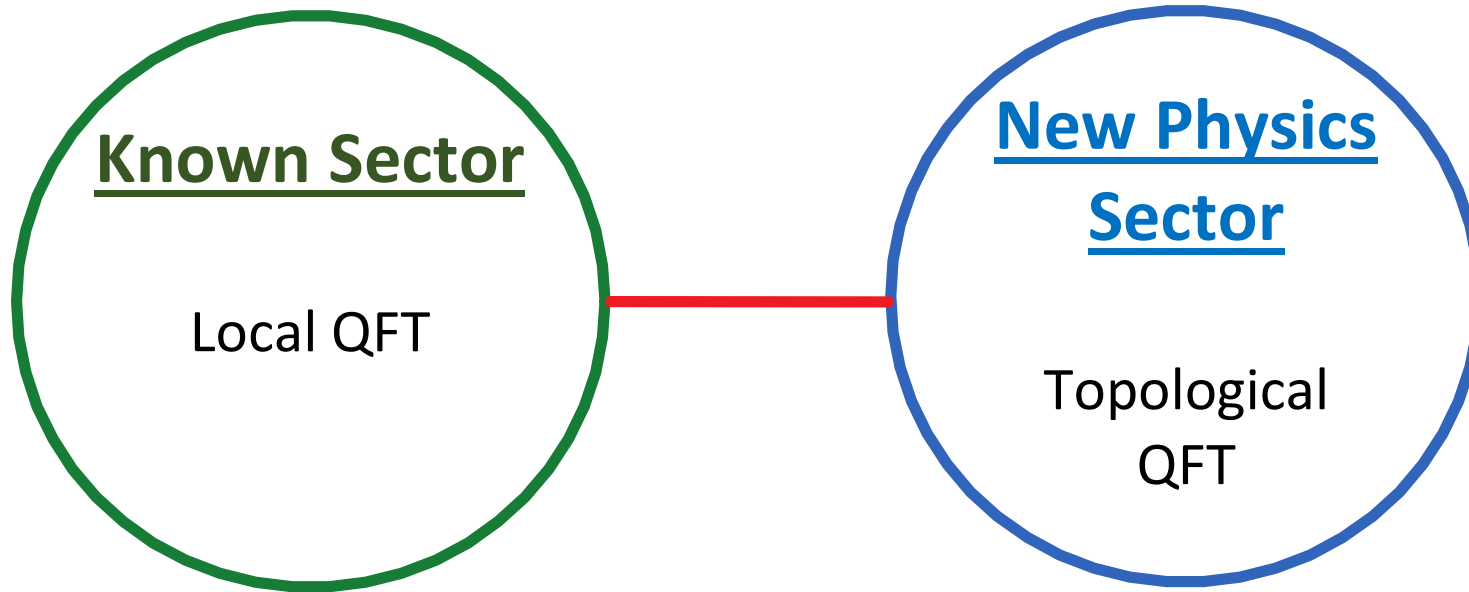
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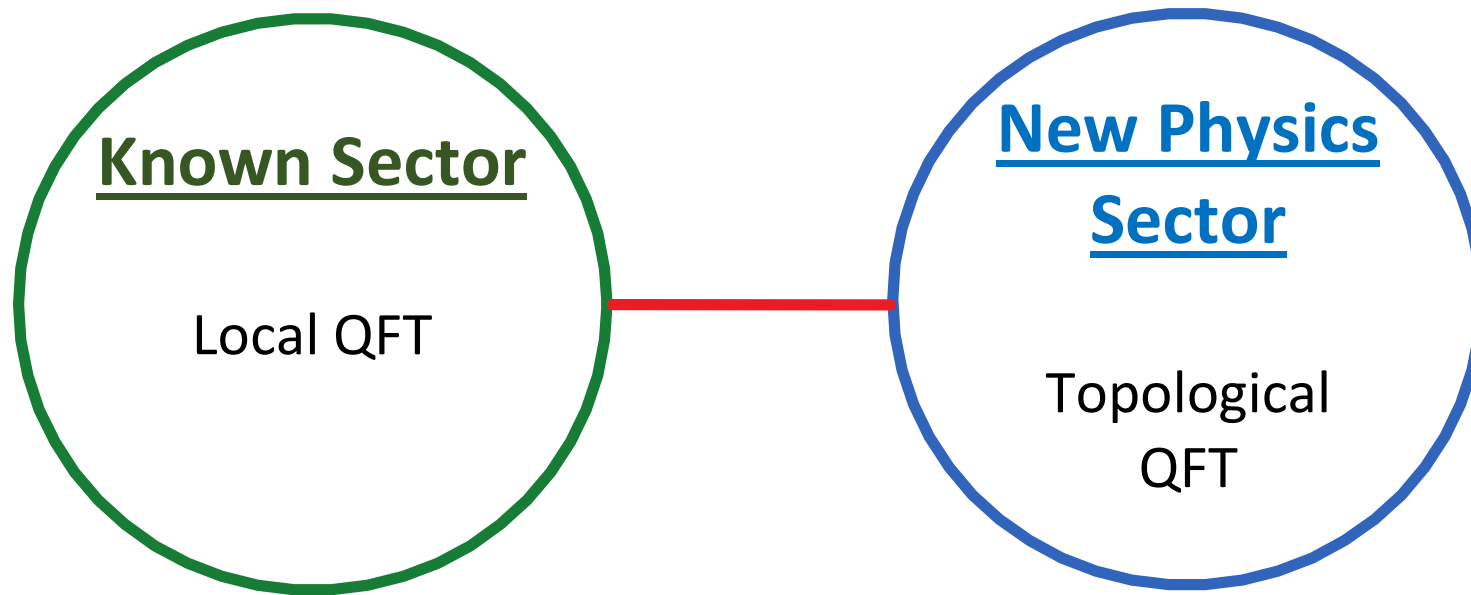


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- (Q2) Observable consequences (even in principle)
- (Q3) show that TQFT-couplings can exist rather ubiquitously.

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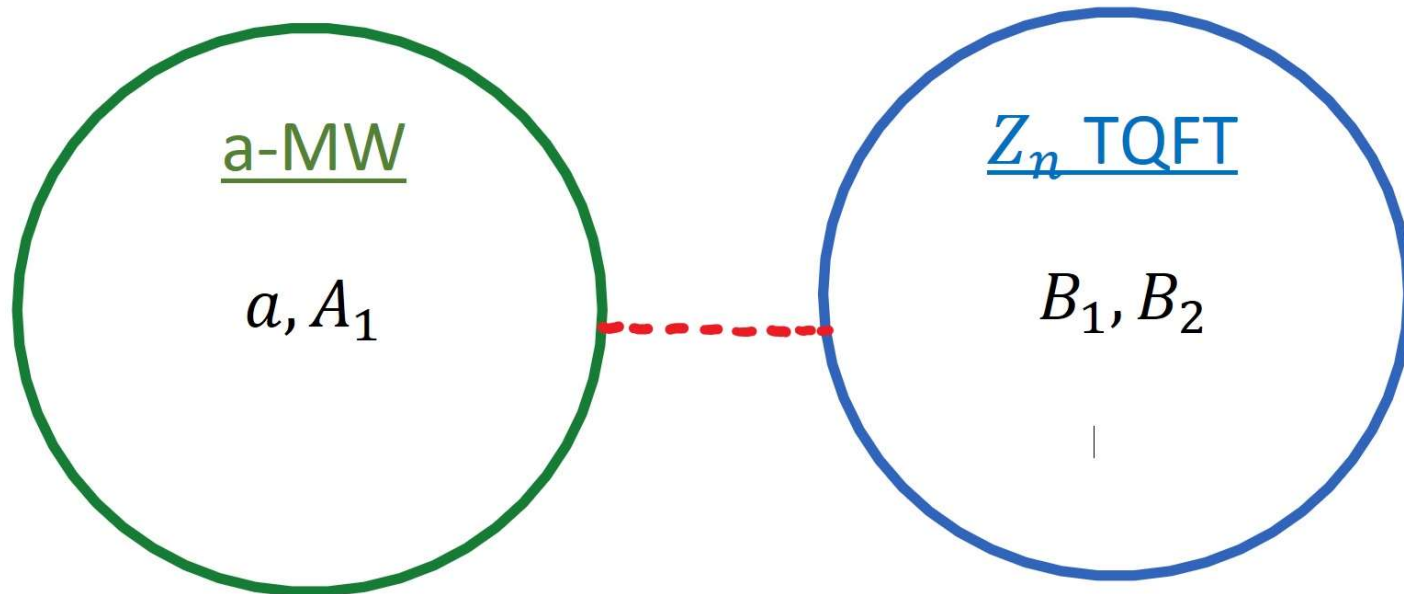
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- ◆ This very familiar theory enjoys a large set of **GGS**:
  - 0-form axion shift
  - 2-form axion winding
  - 1-form electric
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  - ★ 3-group
  - ★ Non-invertible symmetries (Cordova, Ohmori '22)

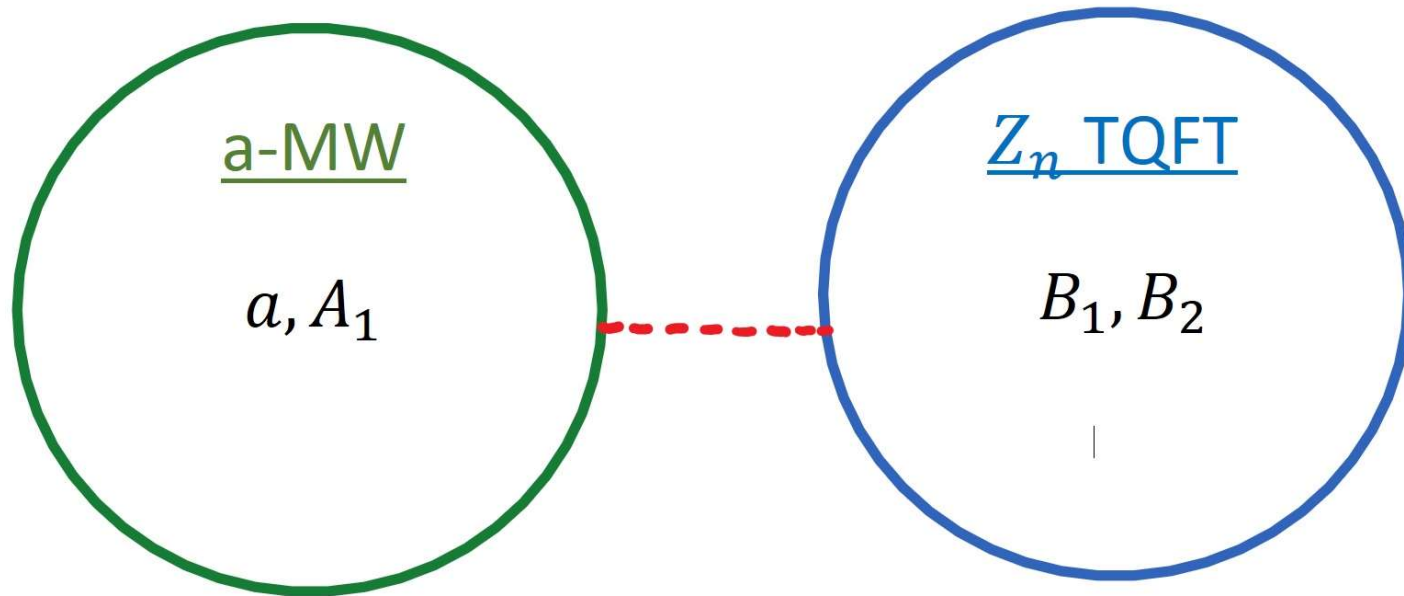
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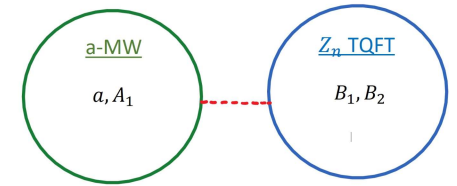


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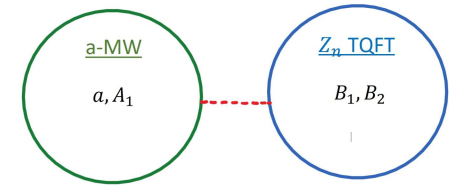
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- ✓ Illustrate **importance** of studying carefully the effects of remnant **TQFT-couplings** (GGs = essential tools)



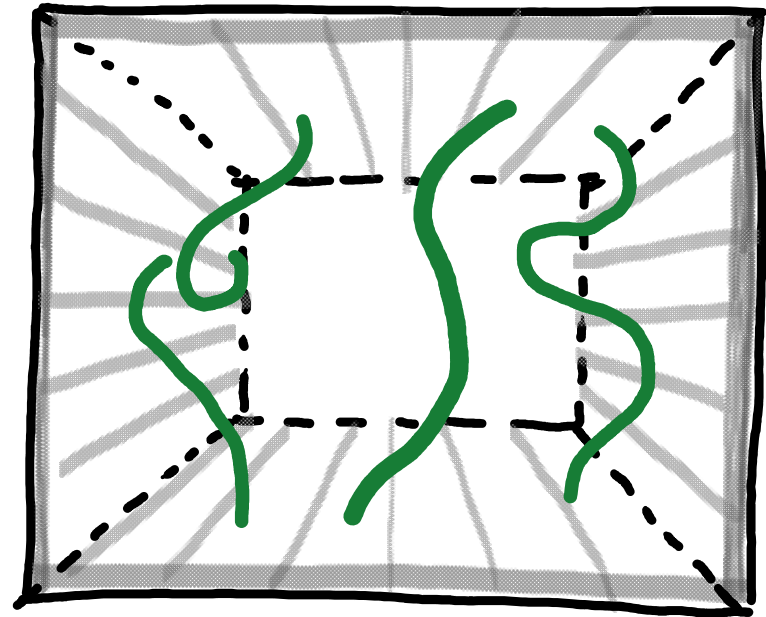
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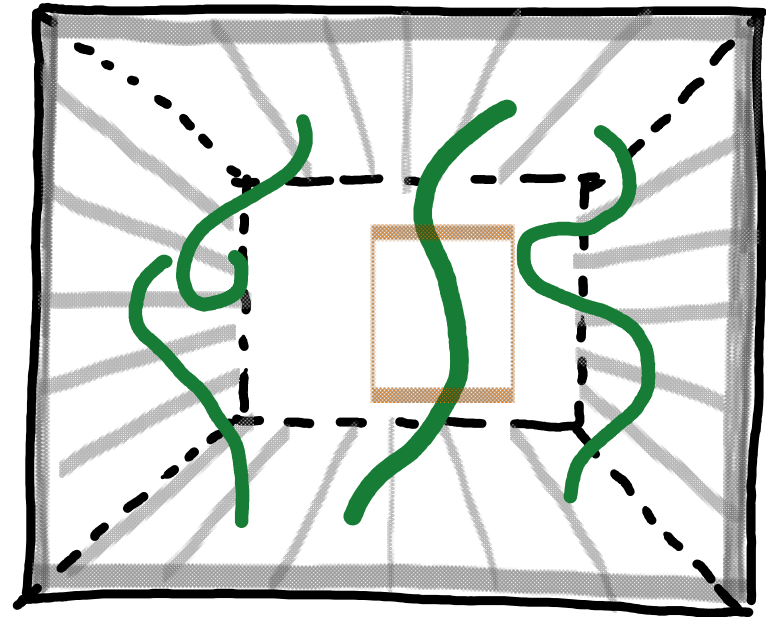
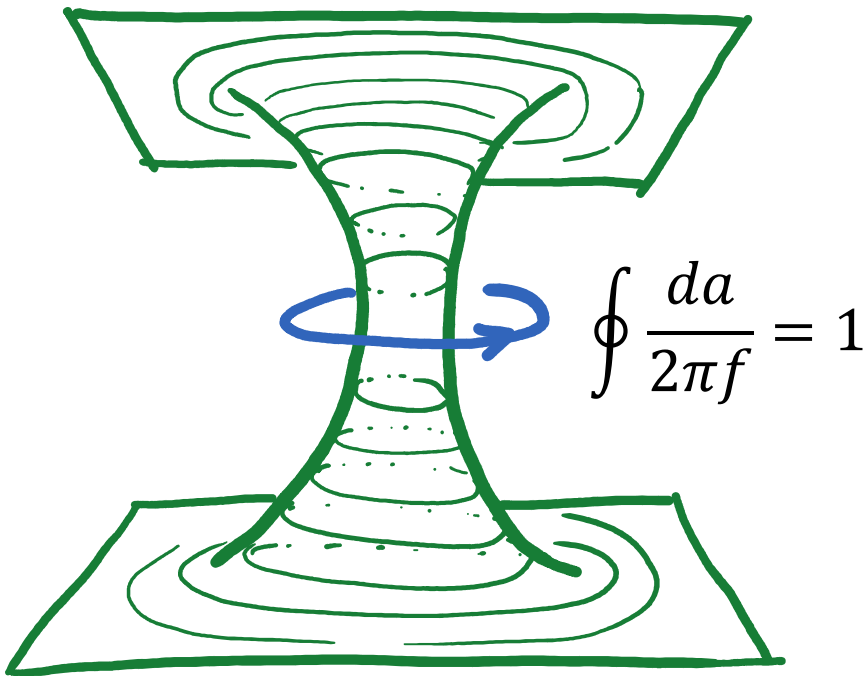
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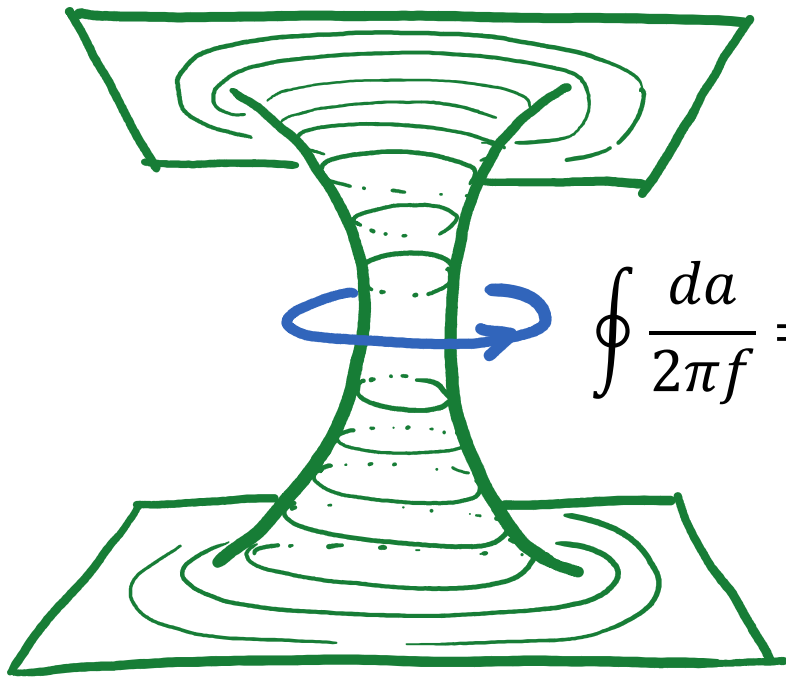
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○ Consistency with  $U(1)_A$  invariance :  
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○  $S \supset \frac{iK_A}{8\pi^2} \int da \wedge A_1 \wedge F_A$

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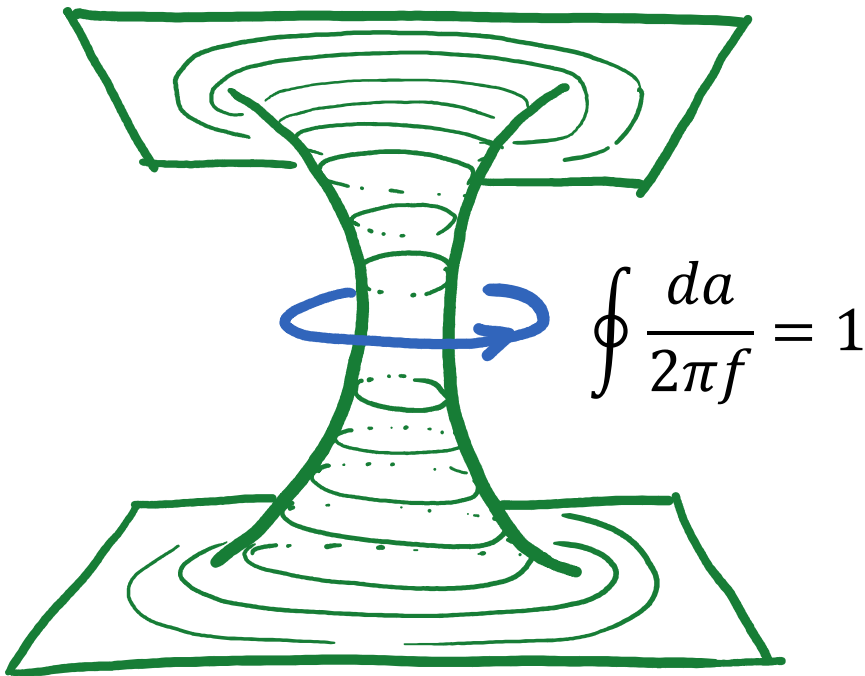
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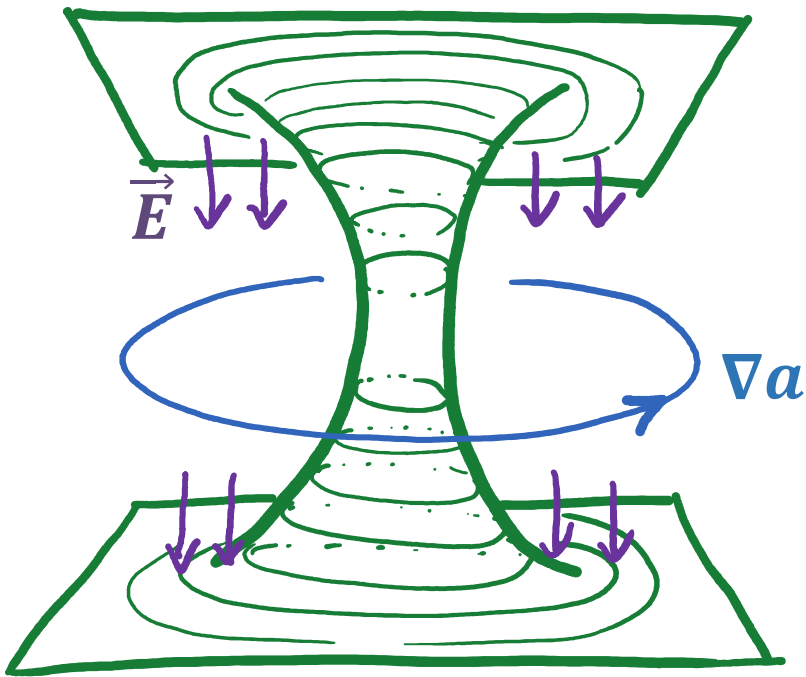


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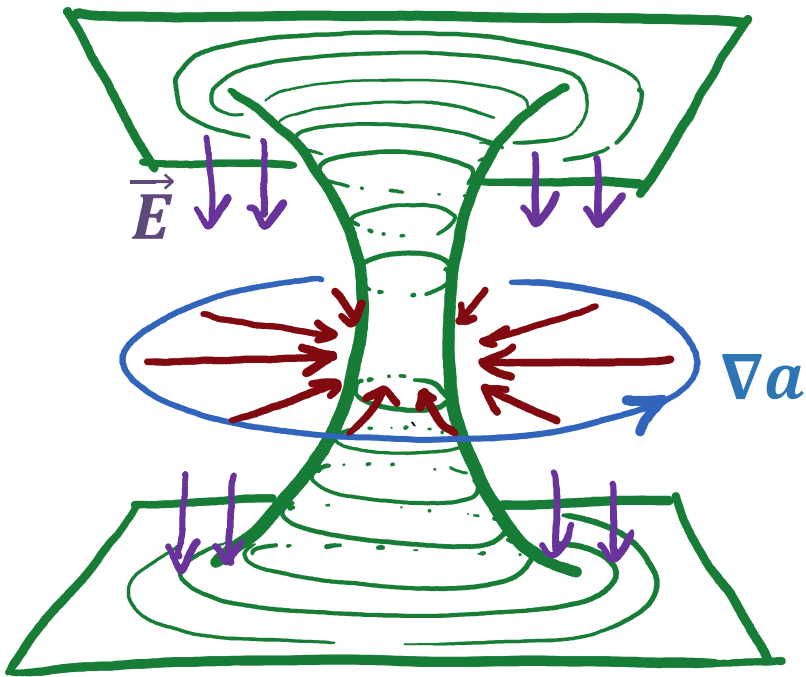


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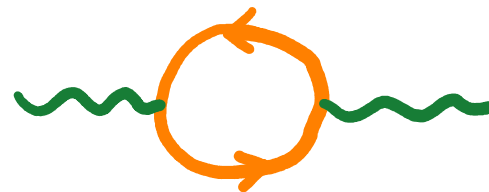
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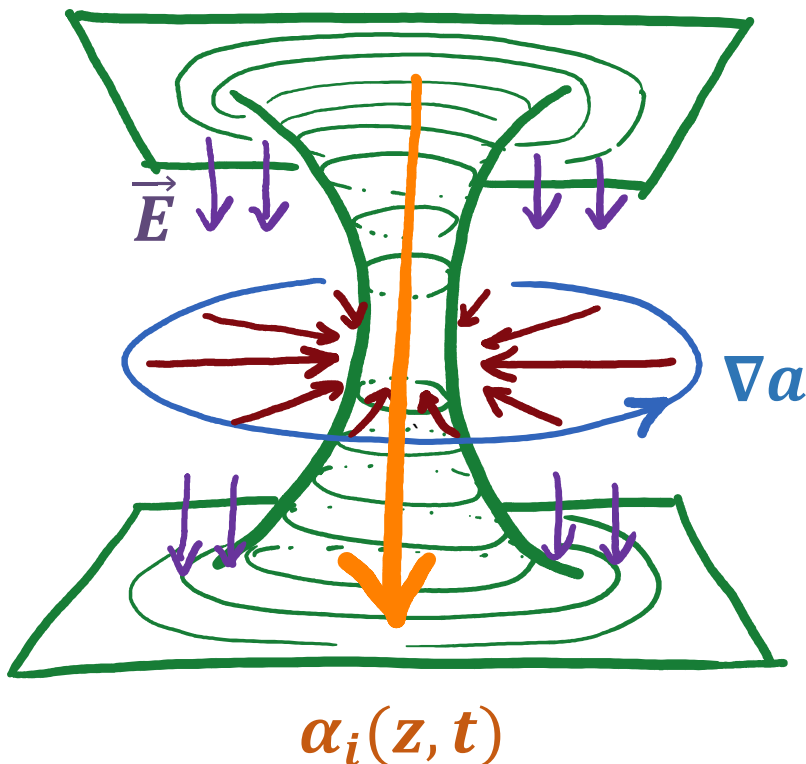
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- 2d chiral fermions  $\{\alpha_i(z, t)\}$

$$d * J_1(2d) = -\frac{K_A}{4\pi} F_A$$



$$\sum_i Q_i^2 = K_A$$





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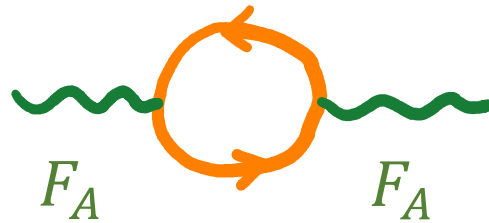
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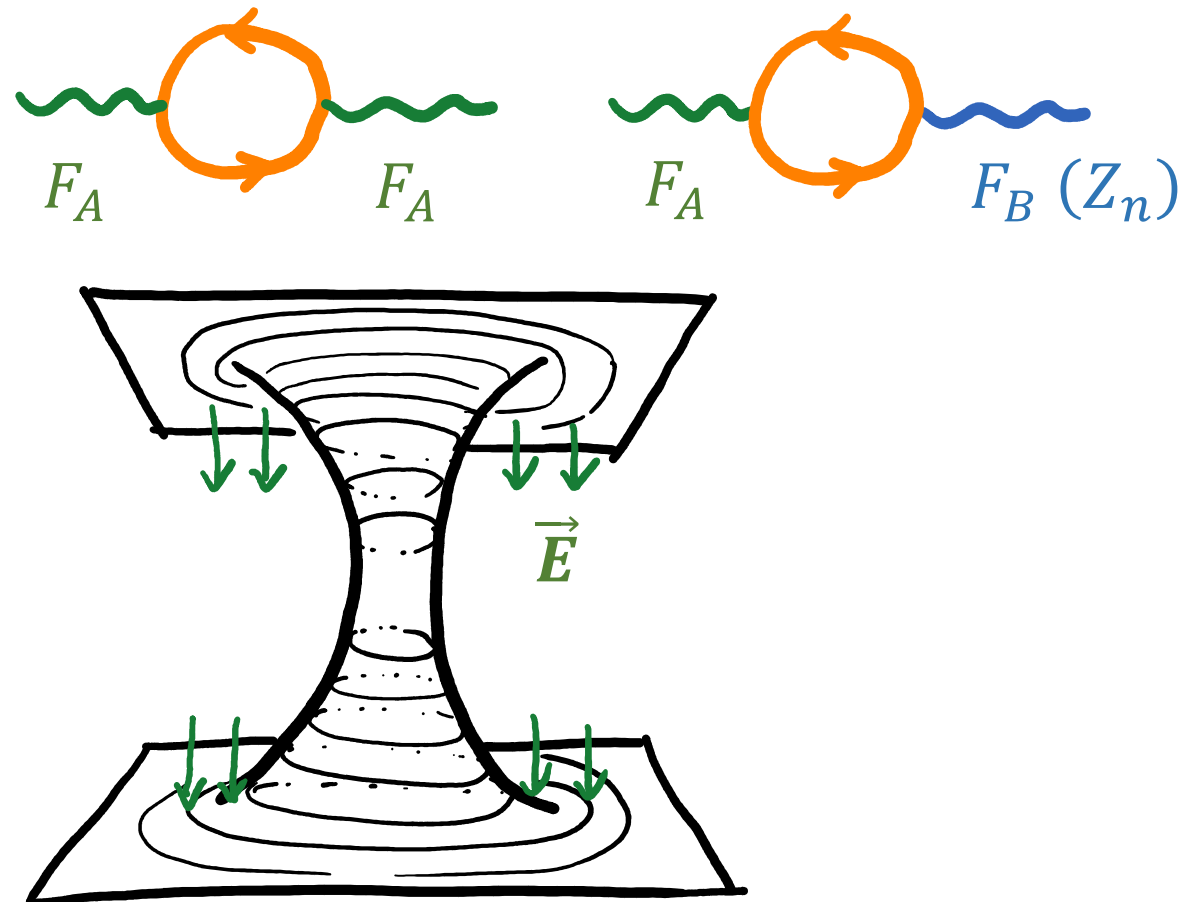
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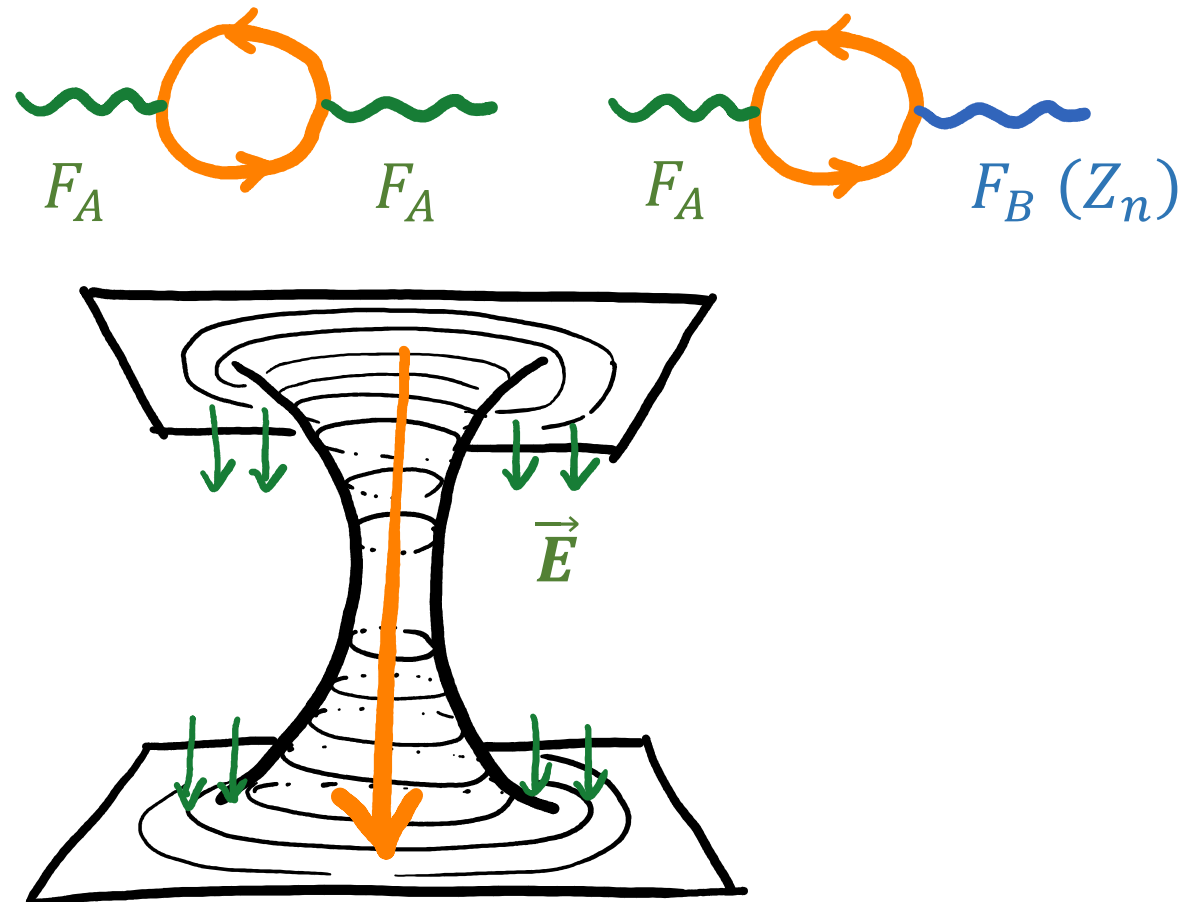
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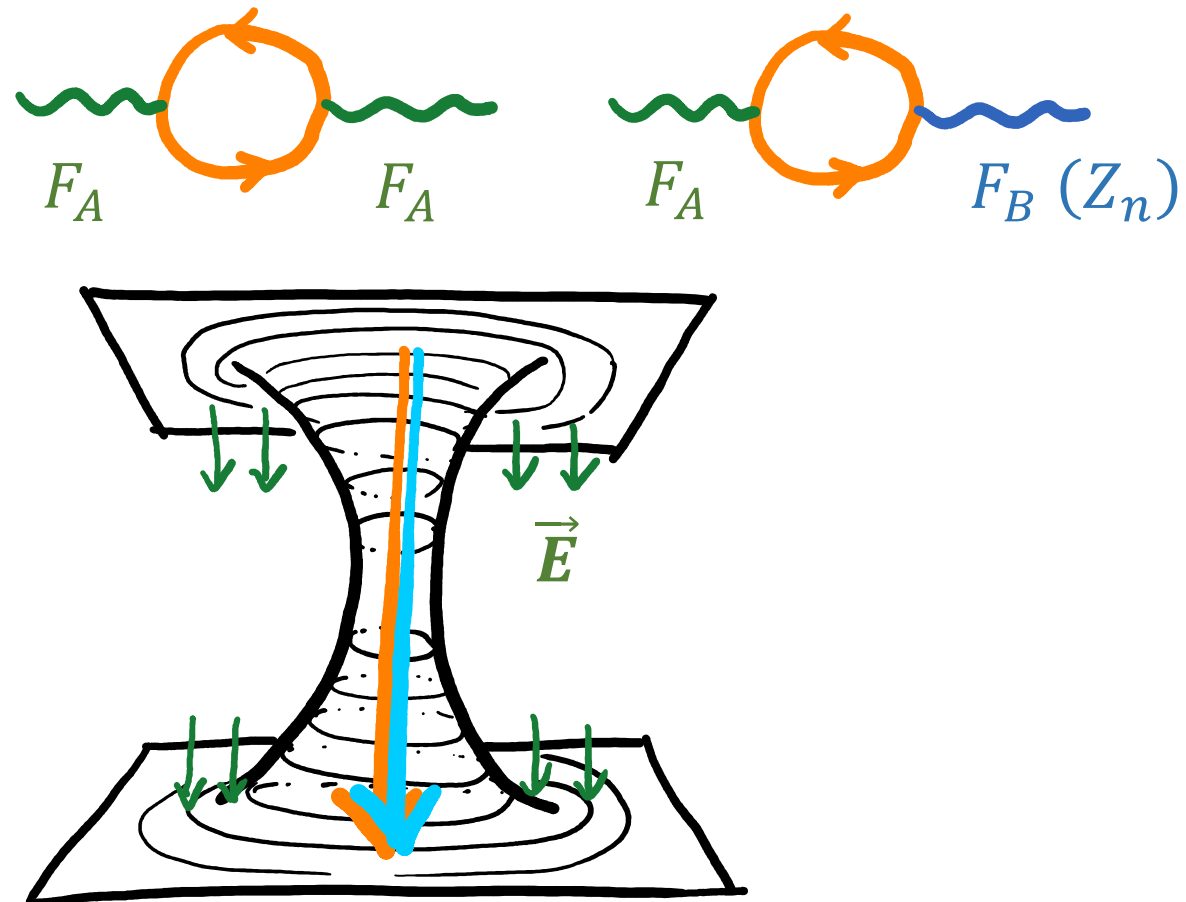




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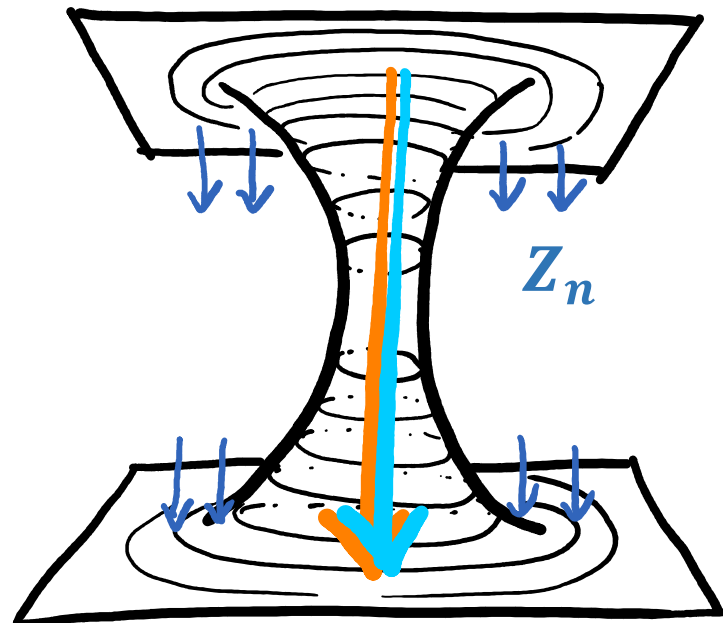
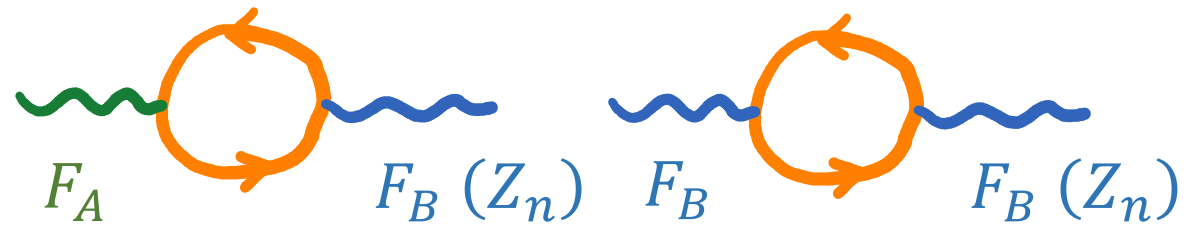
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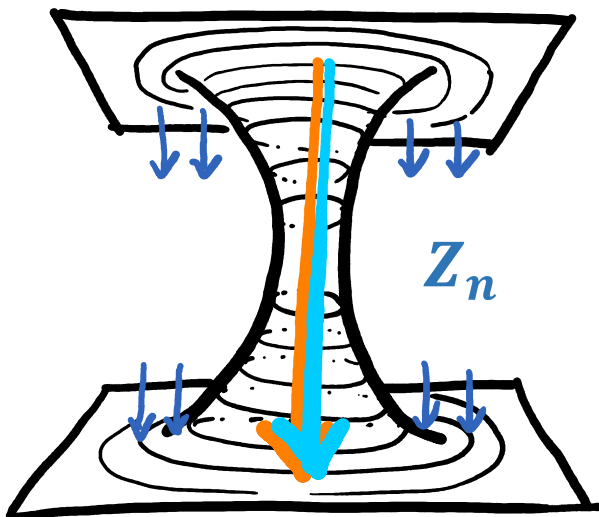
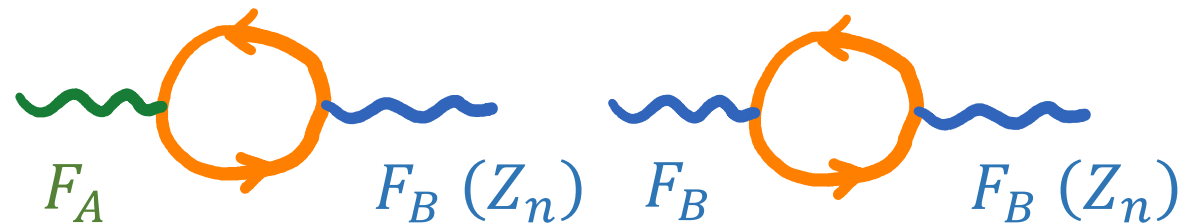
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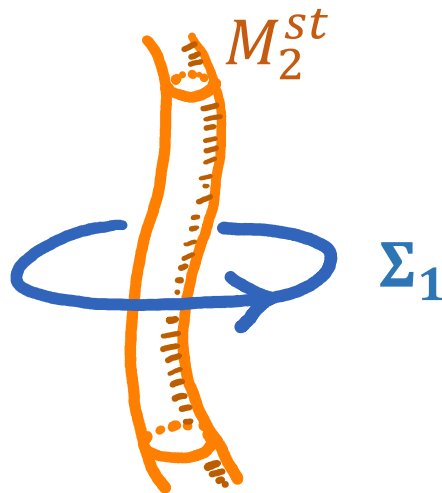


- ◇  $O(1)$  change of local physics from TQFT-coupling (via  $4D \rightarrow 2D$  dimensional reduction)
- ◇ Charge and SC current very different : vorton stability, cosmic string network evolution, cosmological plasma collider signals
- ◇ Solving axion DW problem from TQFT-coupling ?

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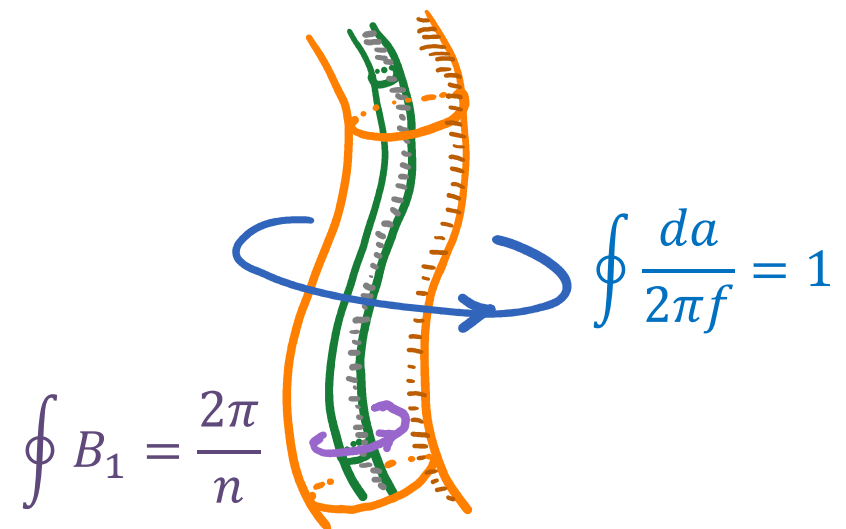
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Local or (Quasi) Aharonov-Bohm
- ▶ Coaxial Hybrid strings ?



## Extended KSVZ with TQFT-Coupling [Brennan,Hong,Wang '23]

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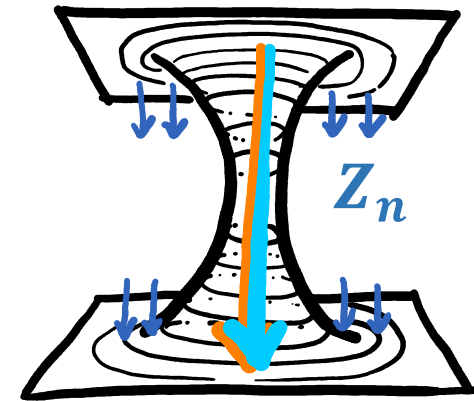
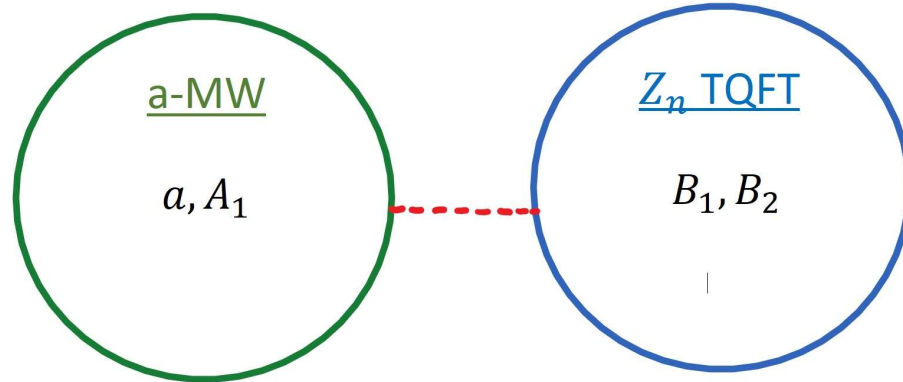
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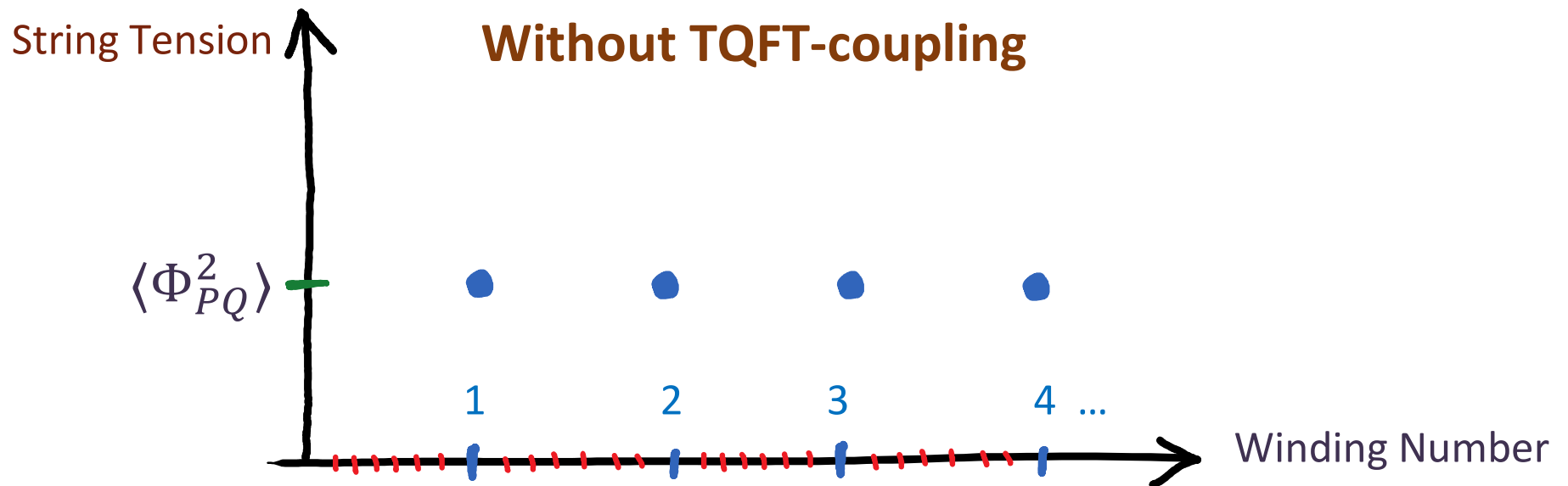
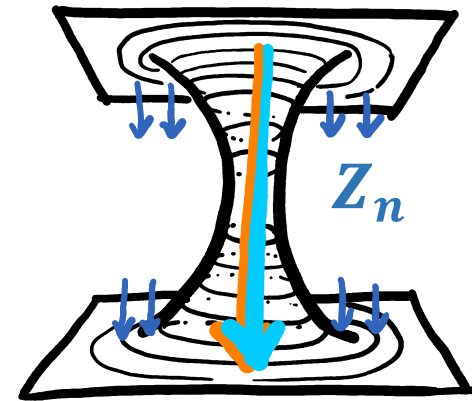
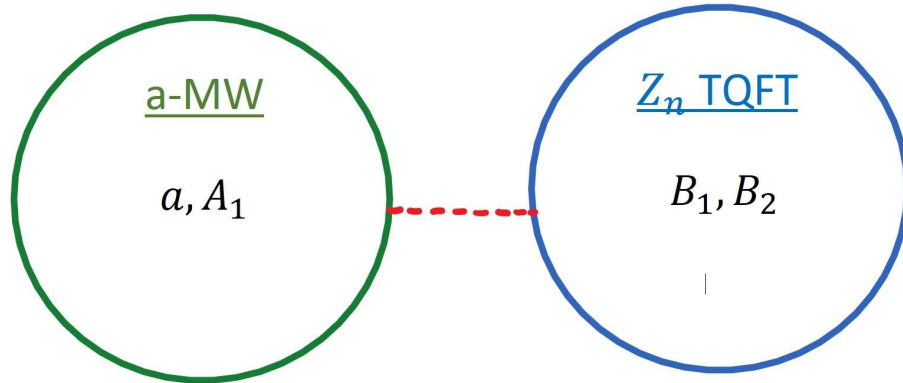
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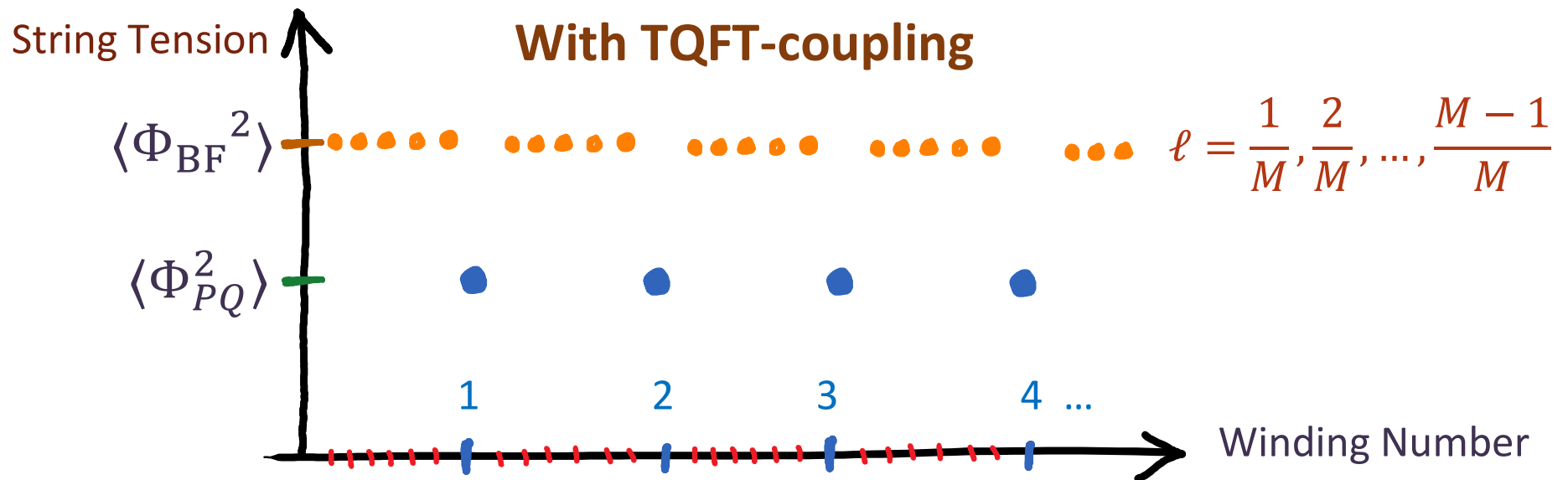
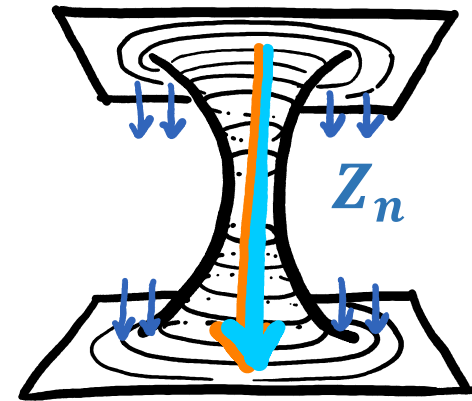
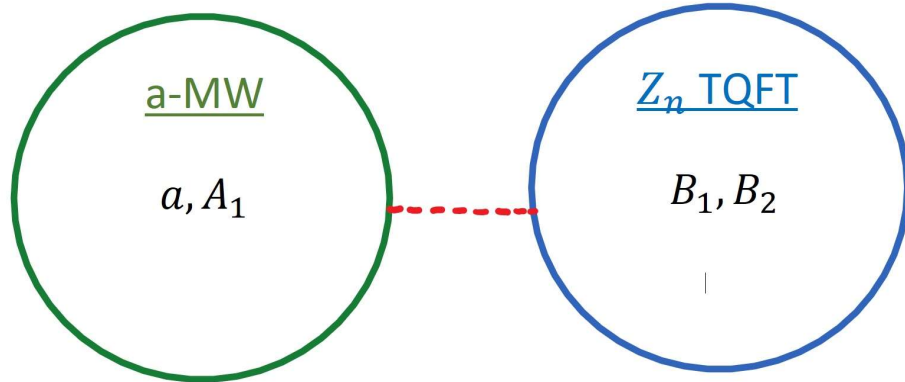
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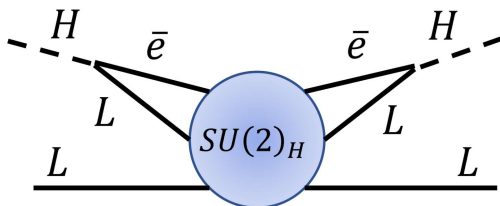


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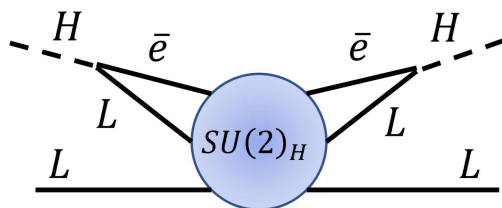
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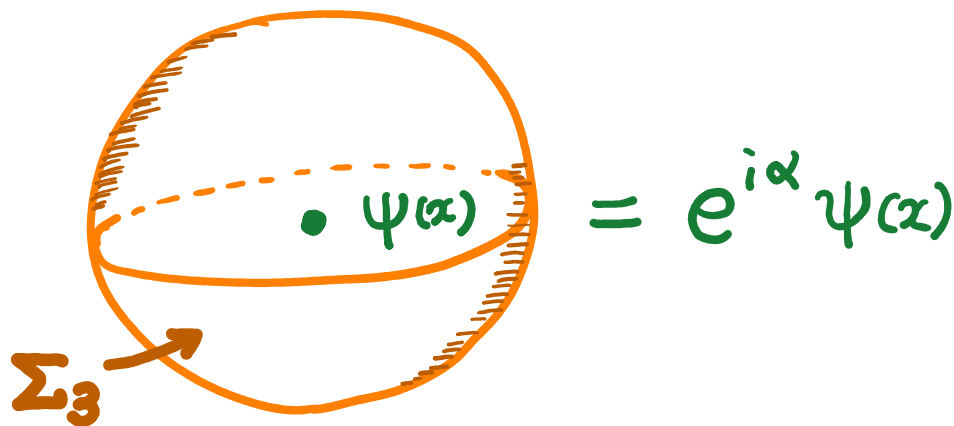
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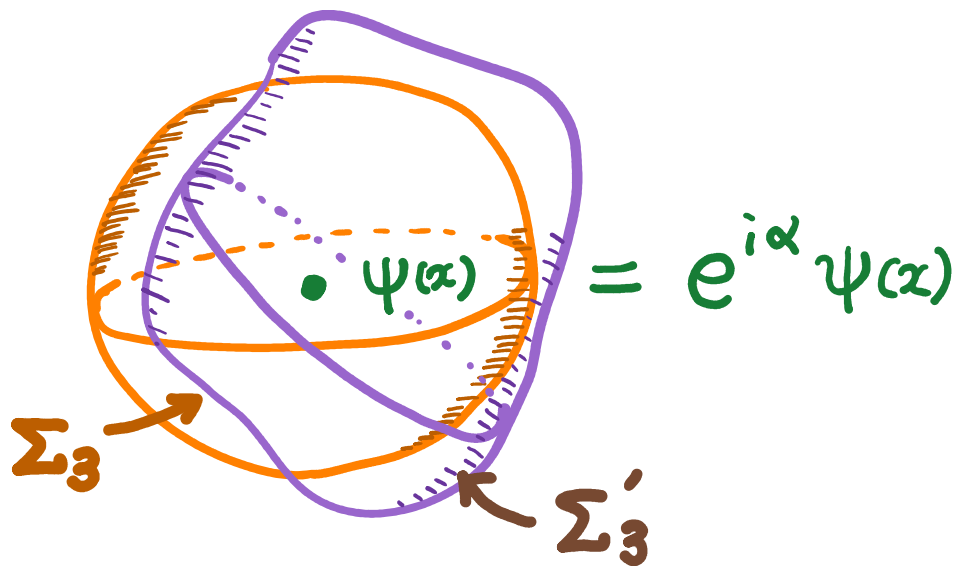
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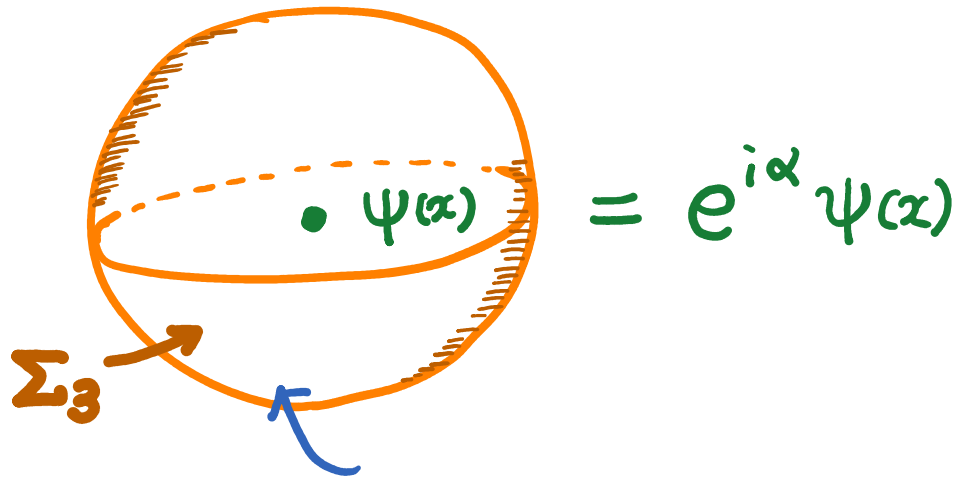
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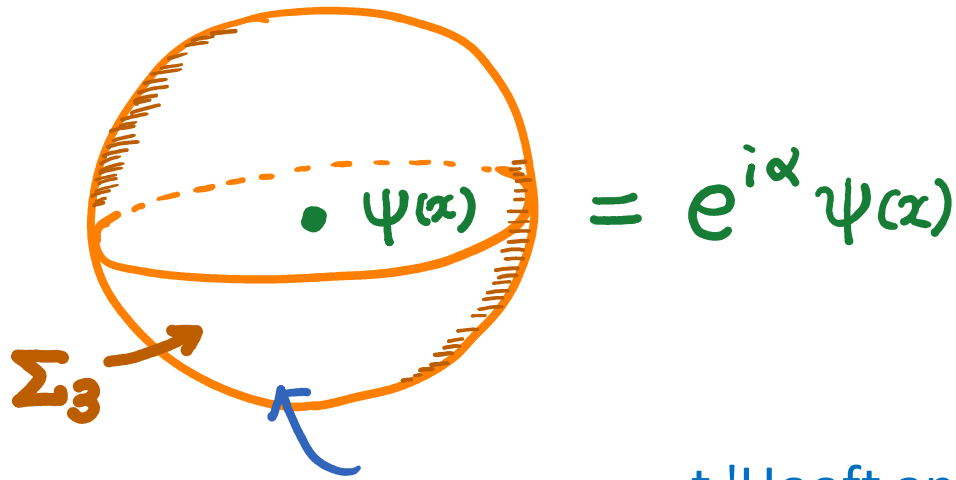
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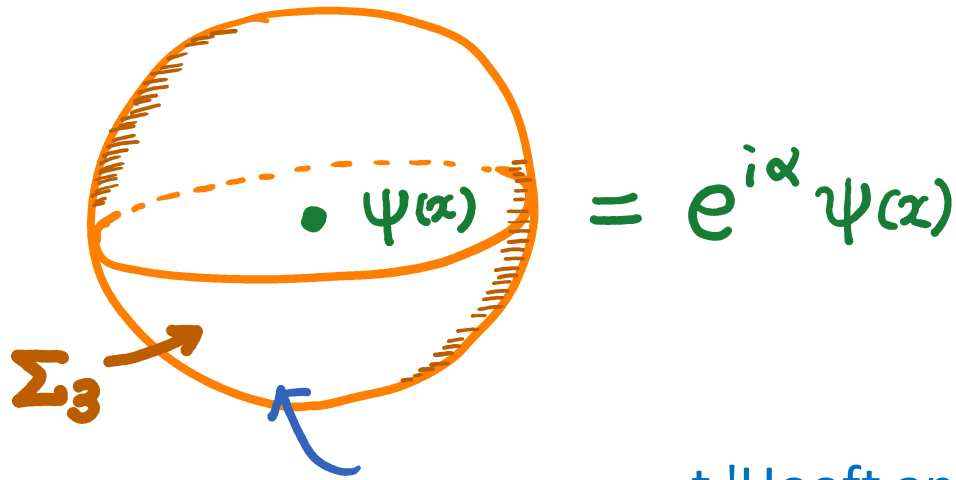
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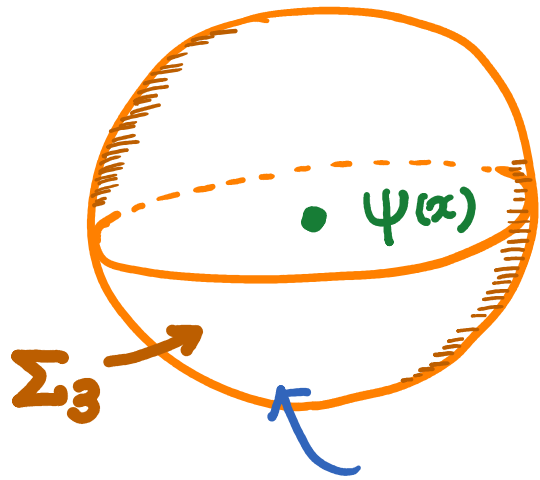
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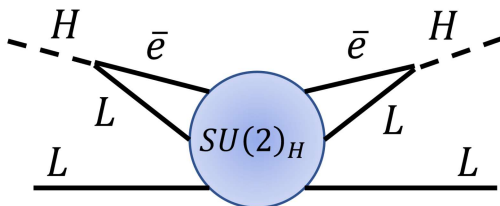
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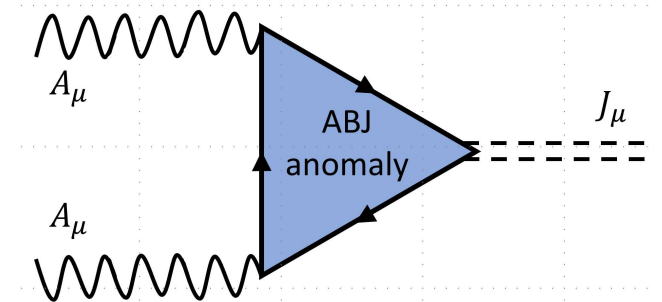


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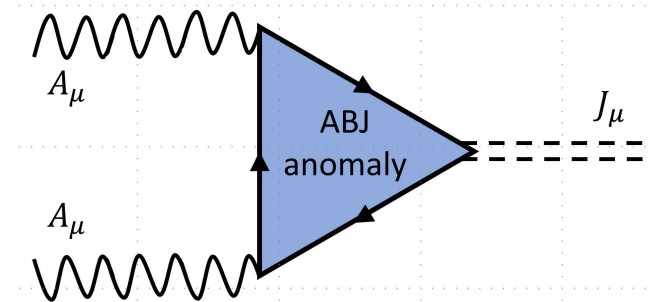
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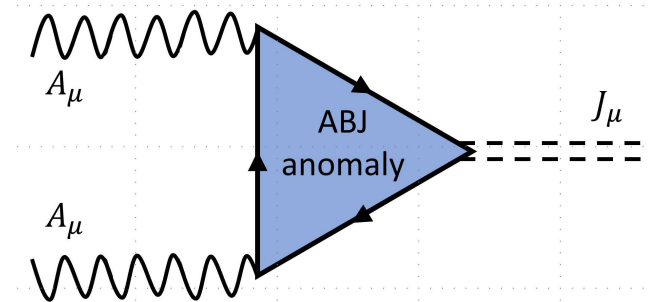
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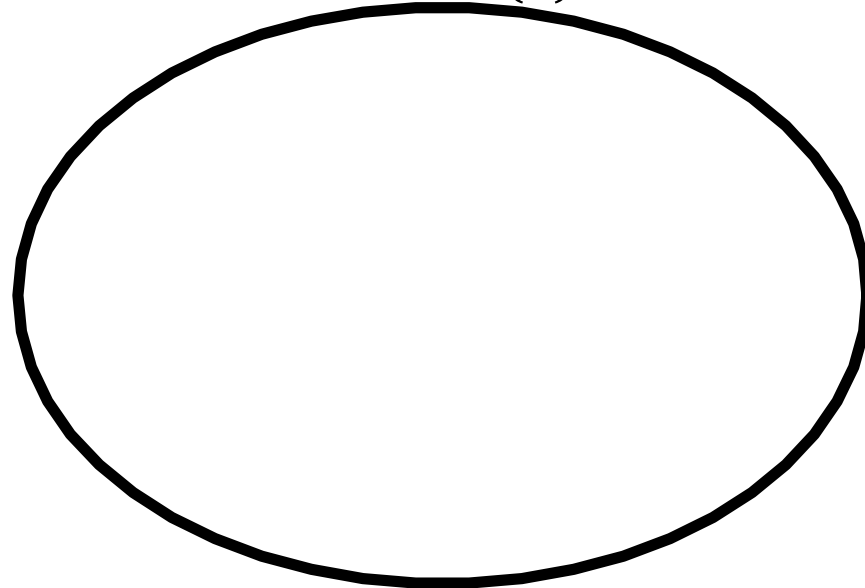


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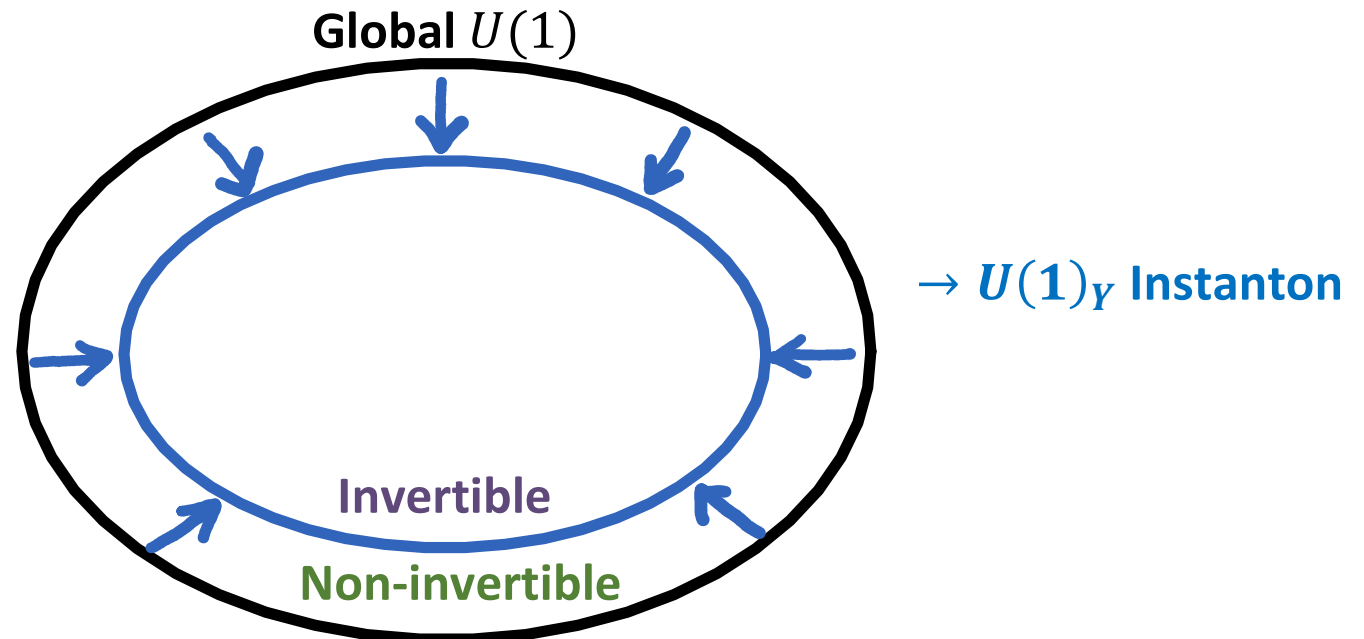
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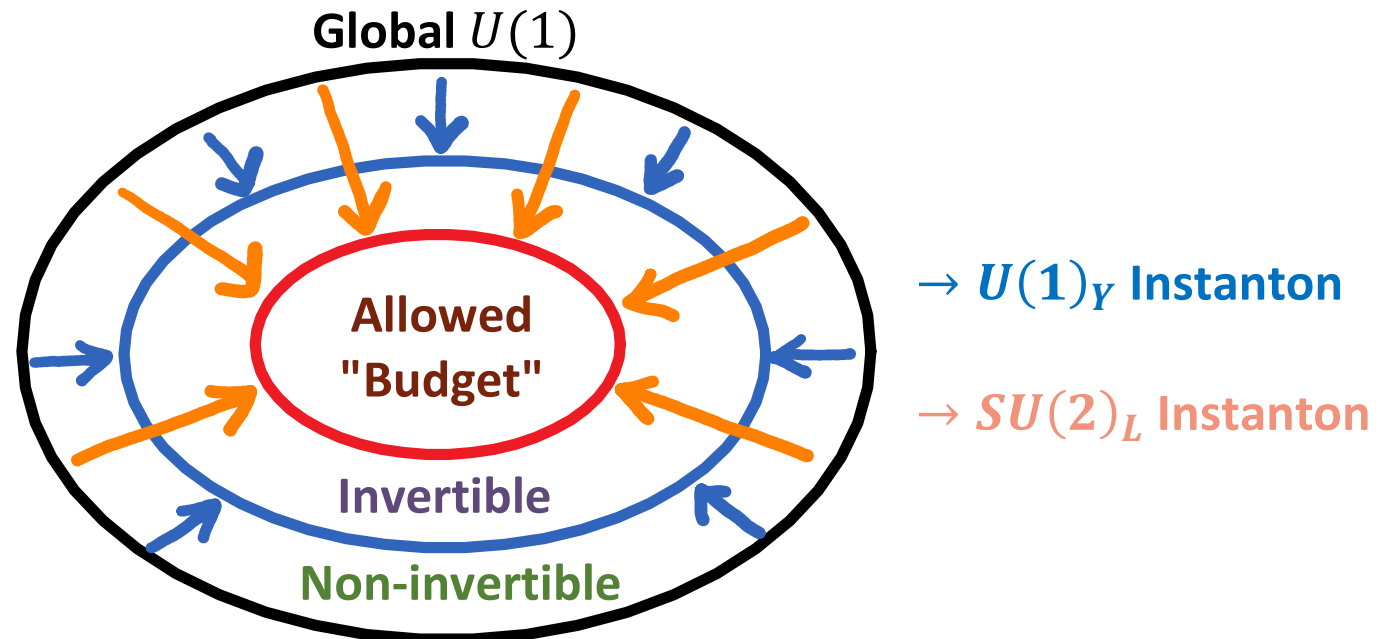
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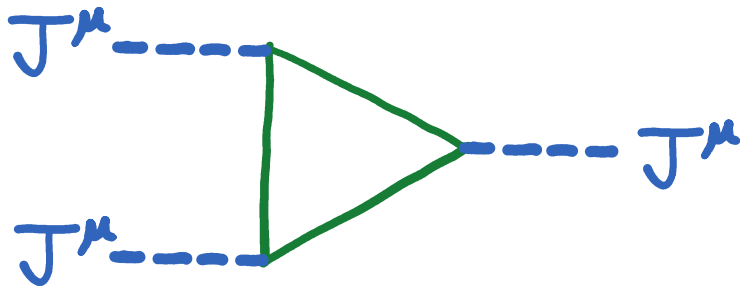
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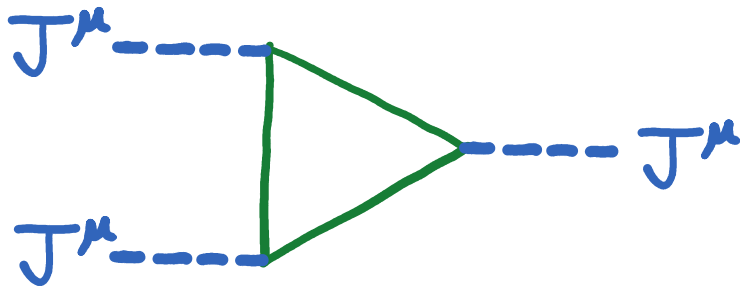


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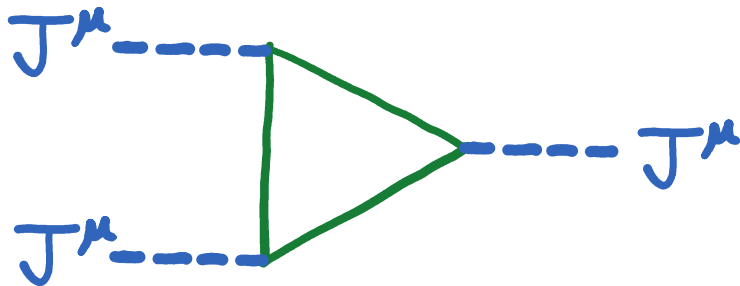
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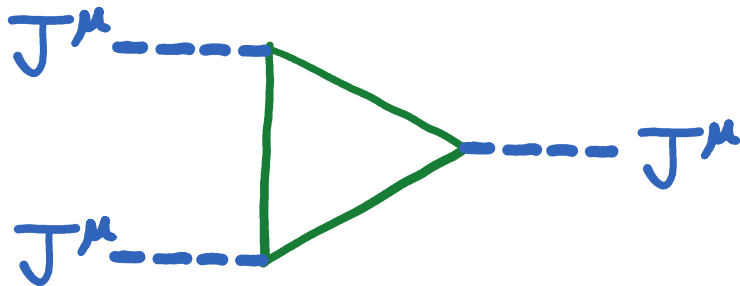
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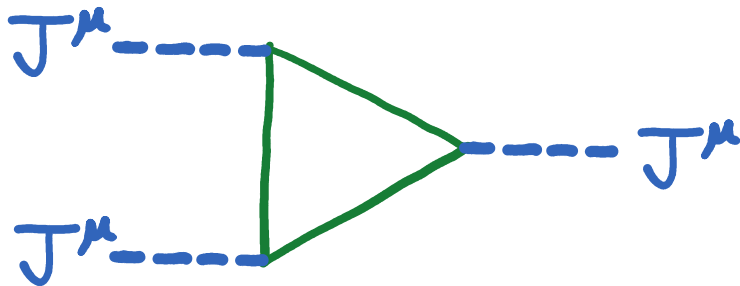


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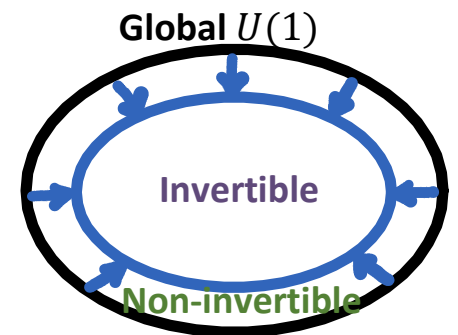
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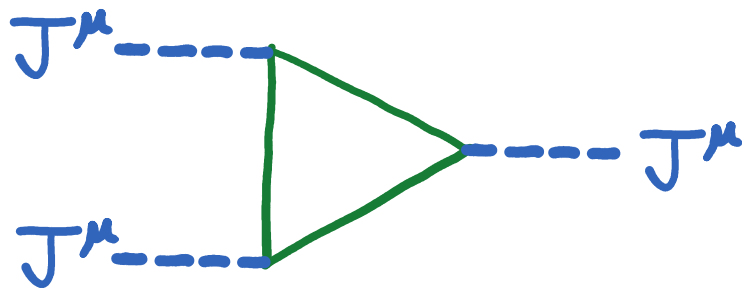


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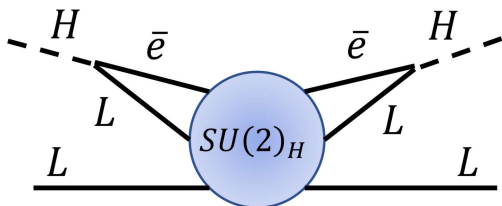
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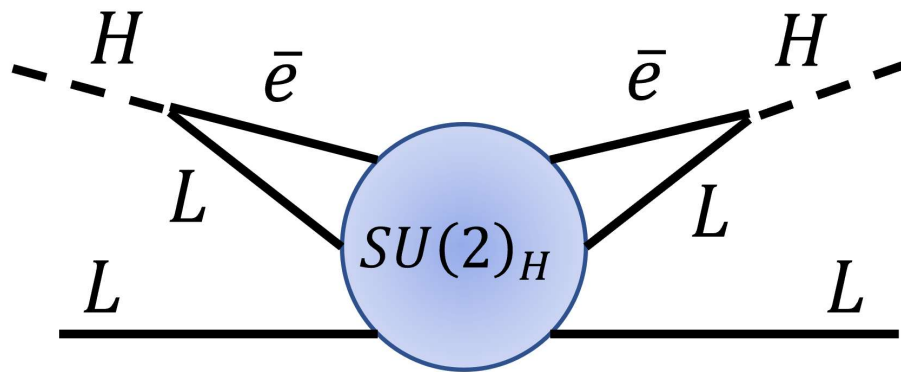
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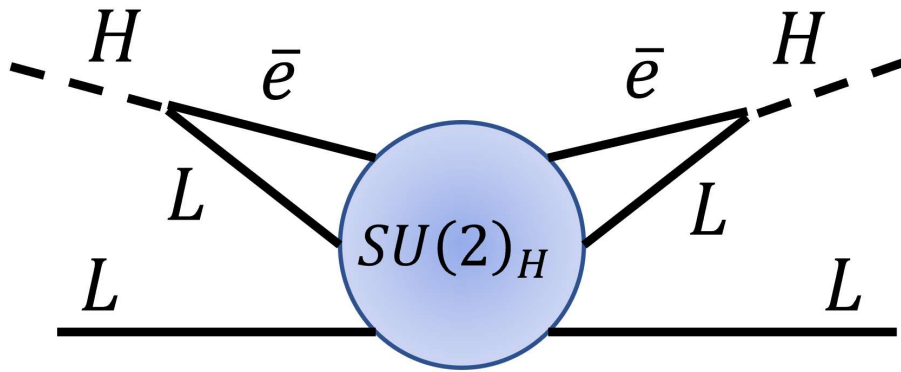


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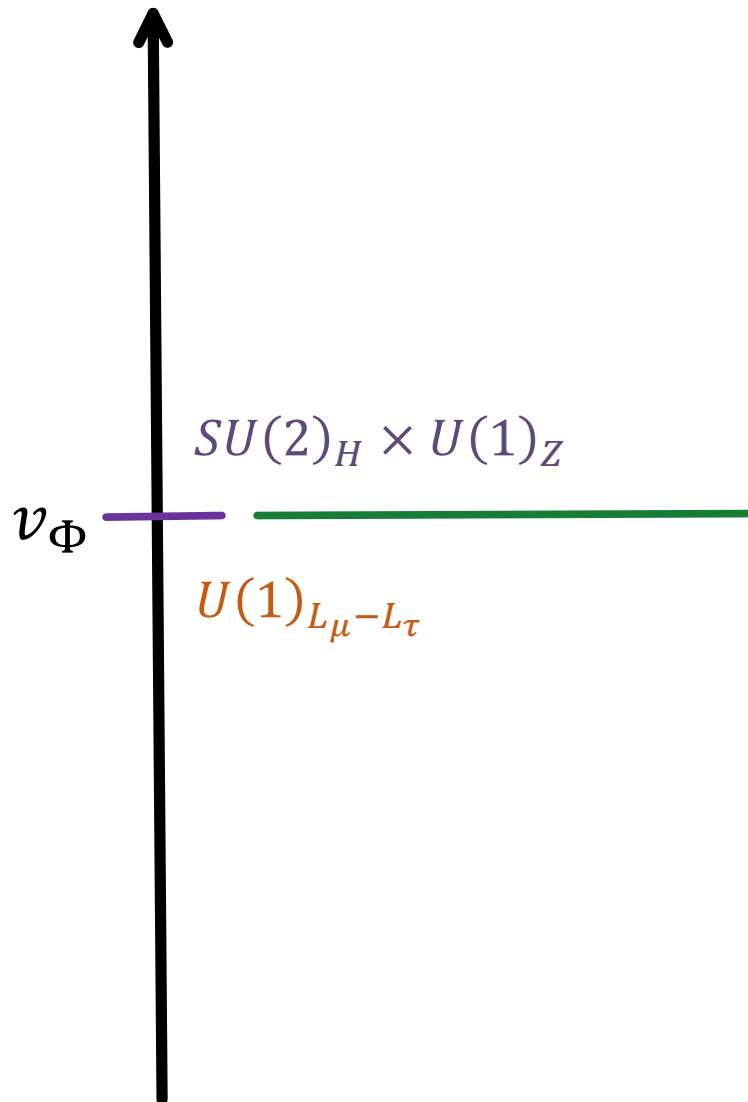
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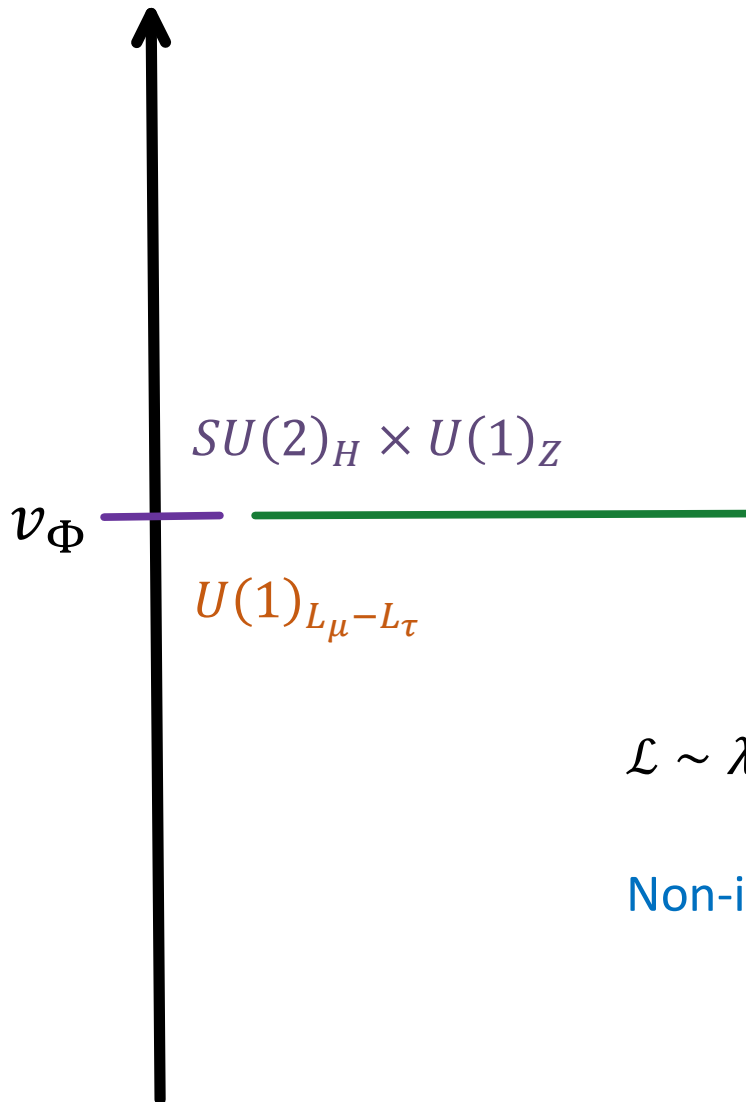
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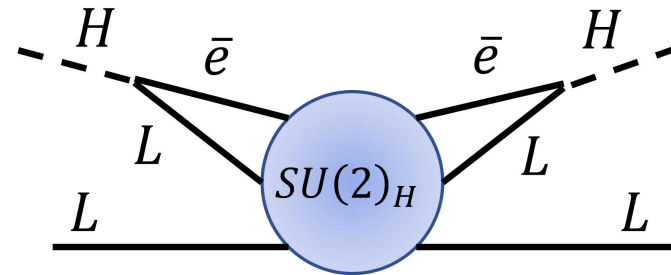
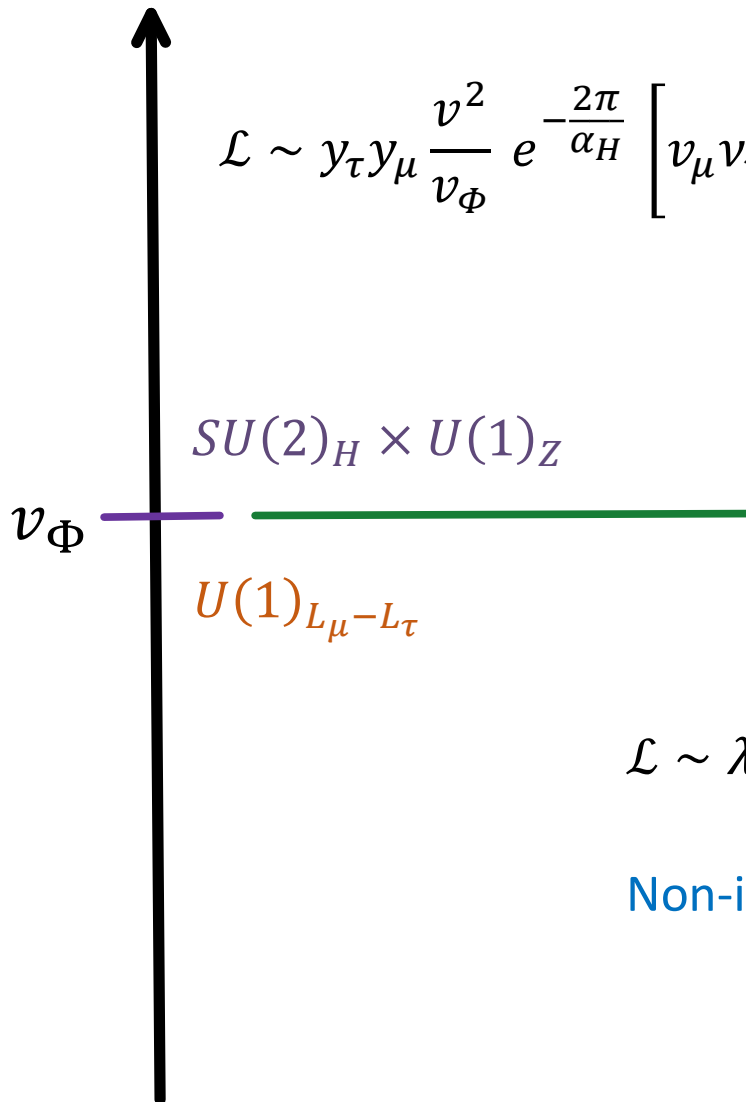
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