

# Non-Invertible Naturalness

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## Introduction to Generalized Global Symmetries in QFT and Particle Physics

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**ABSTRACT:** Generalized symmetries (also known as categorical symmetries) is a newly developing technique for studying quantum field theories. It has given us new insights into the structure of QFT and many new powerful tools that can be applied to the study of particle phenomenology. In these notes we give an exposition to the topic of generalized/categorical symmetries for high energy phenomenologists although the topics covered may be useful to the broader physics community. Here we describe generalized symmetries without the use of category theory and pay particular attention to the introduction of discrete symmetries and their gauging.

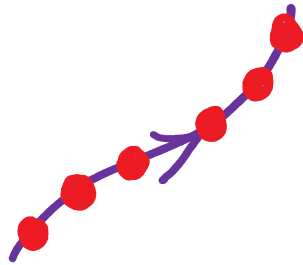
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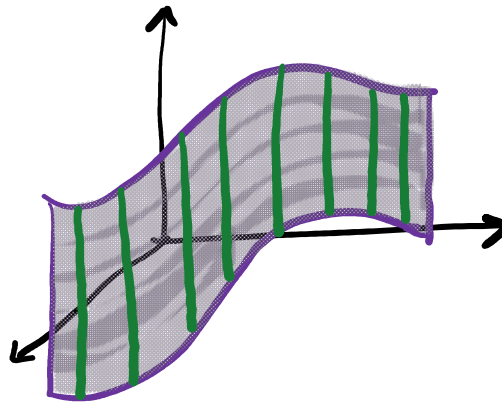
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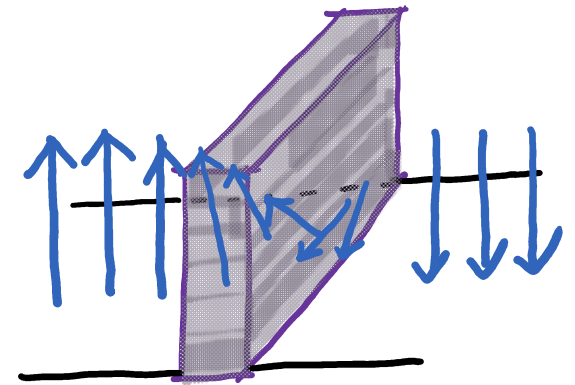
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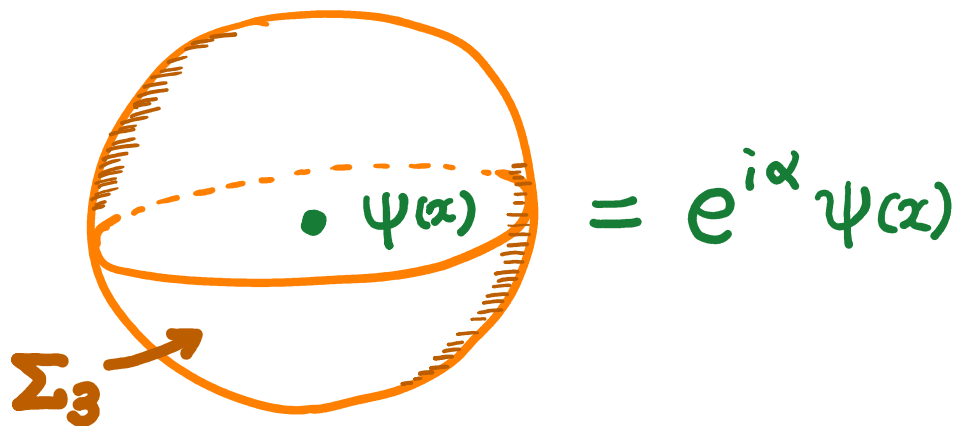
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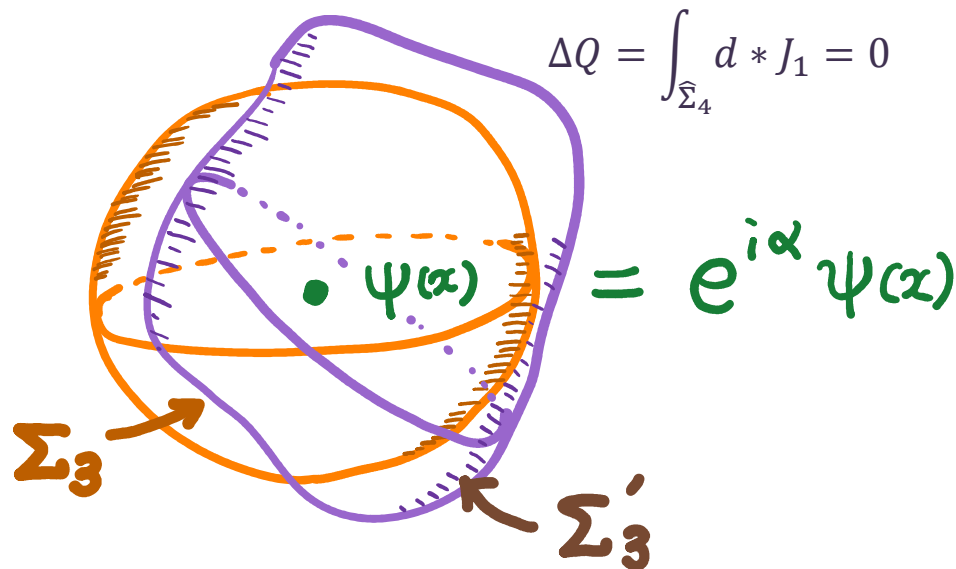
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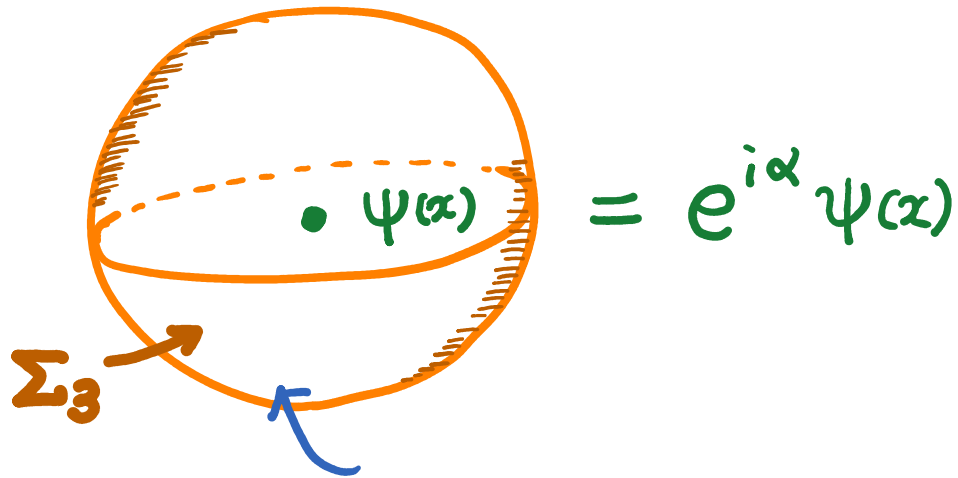
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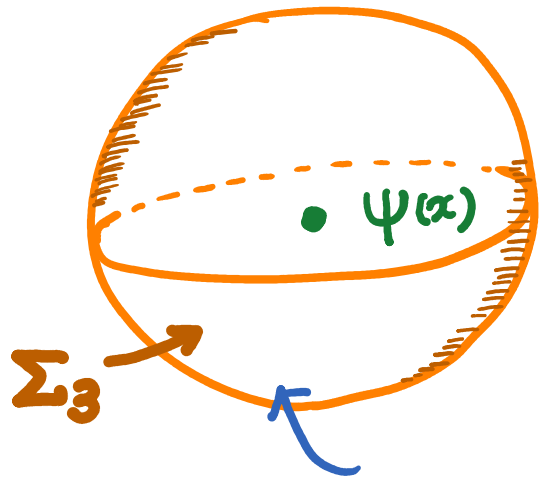
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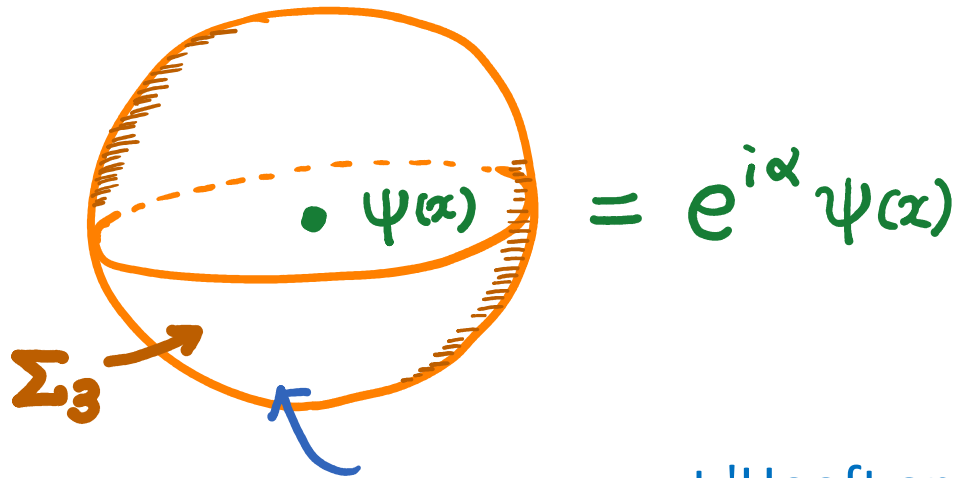
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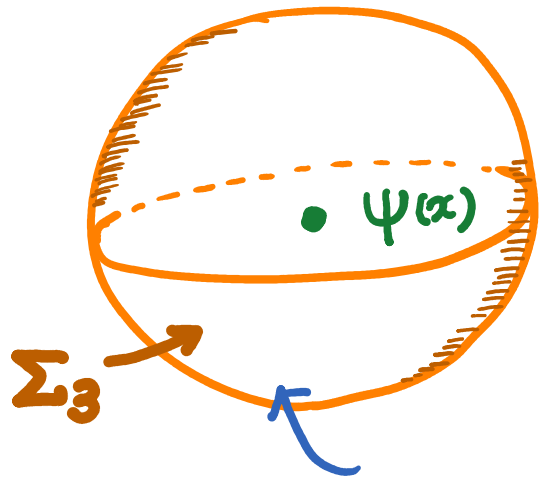
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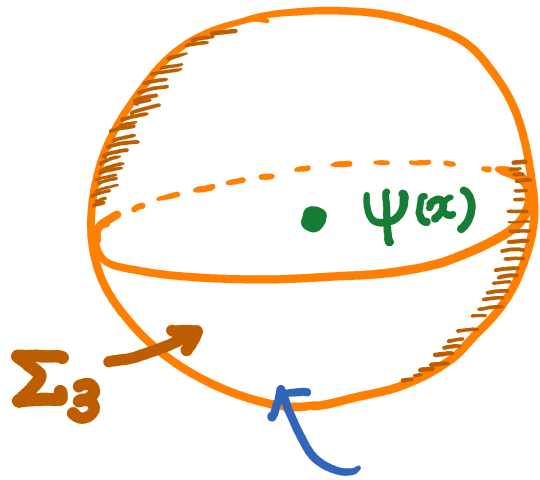
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Gauging 1-form  $Z_N^{(1)}$  of 3d TQFT through the dynamical gauge field  $F = dA$   
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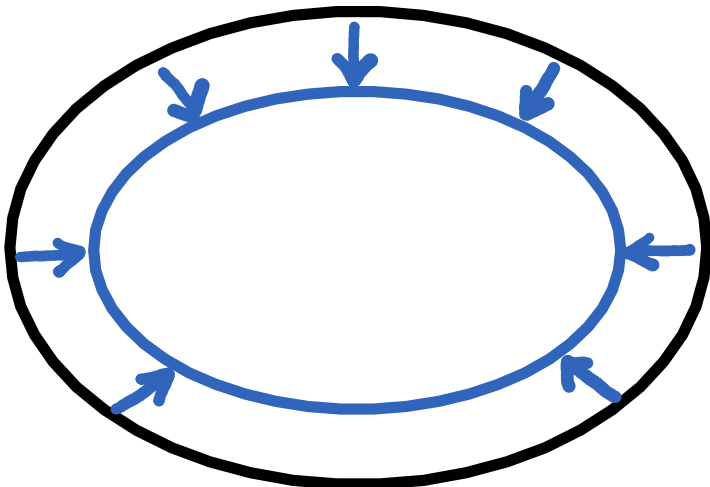
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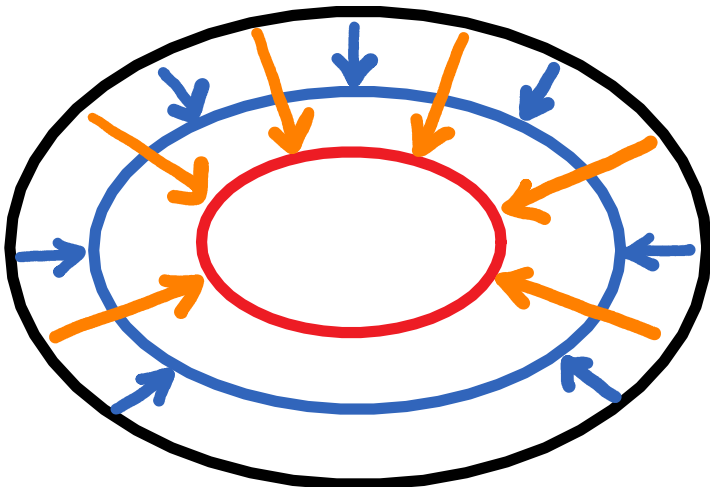
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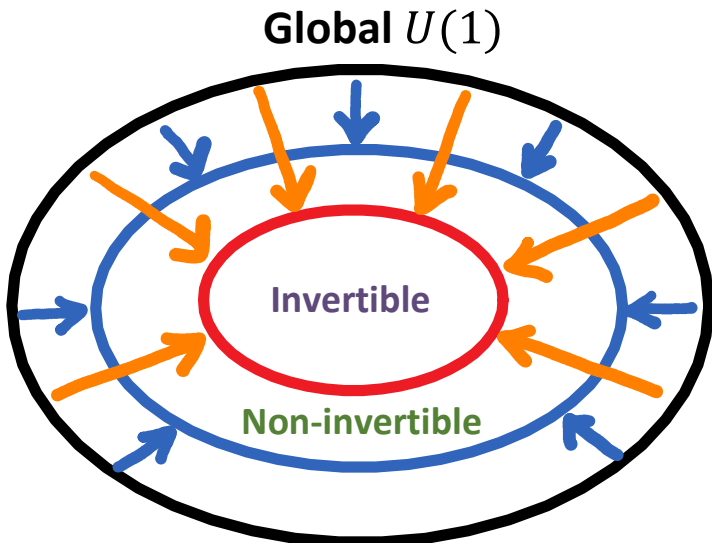
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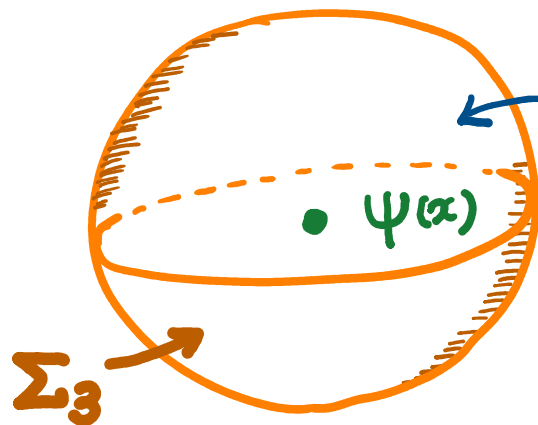
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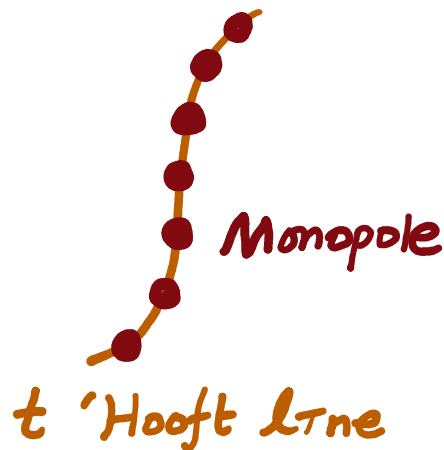
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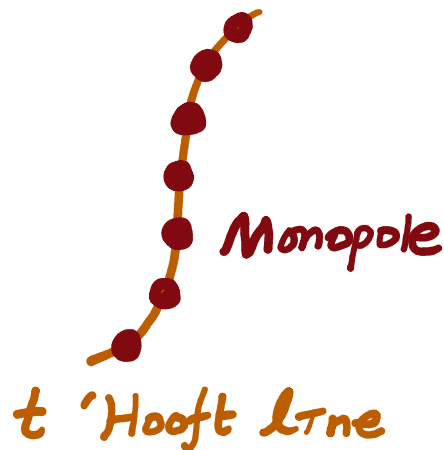
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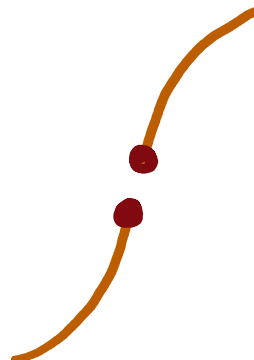
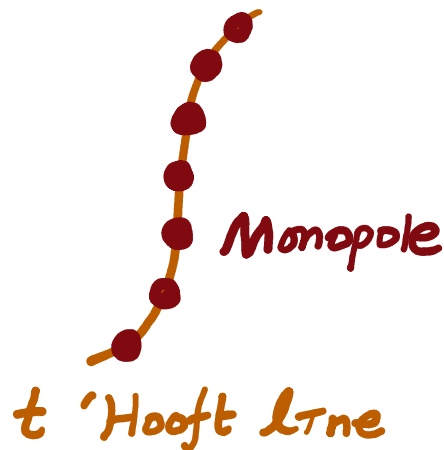
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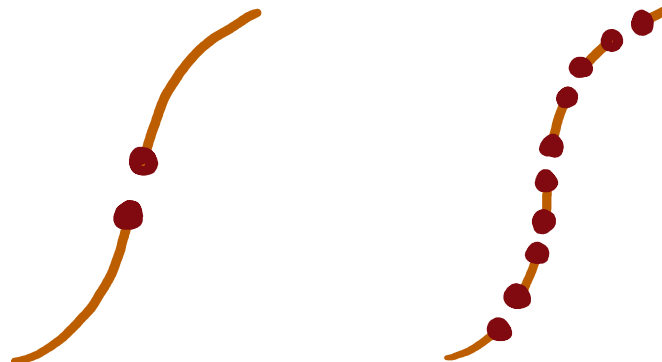
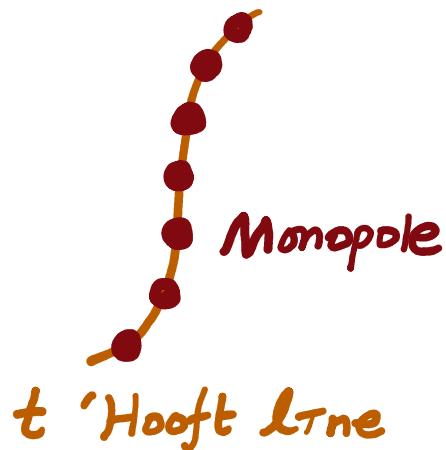
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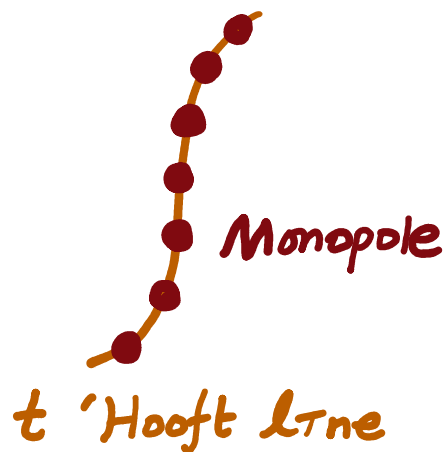
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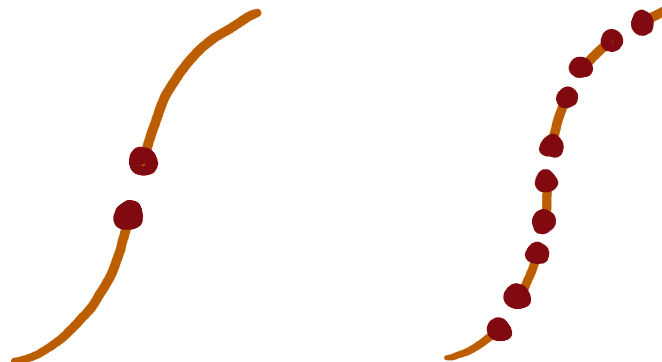
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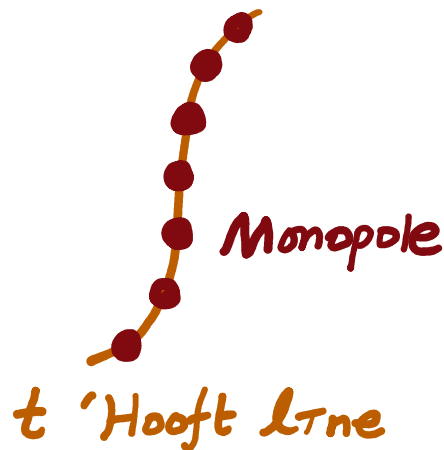
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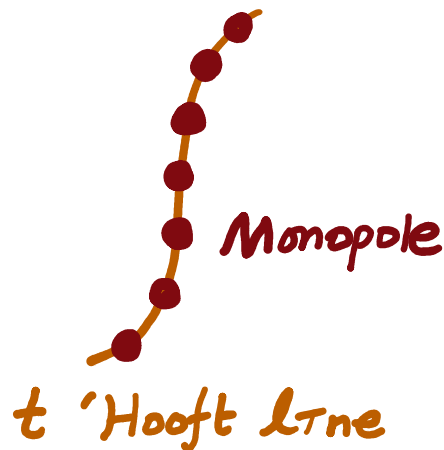
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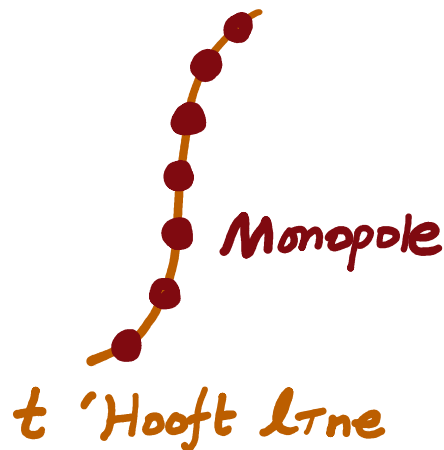
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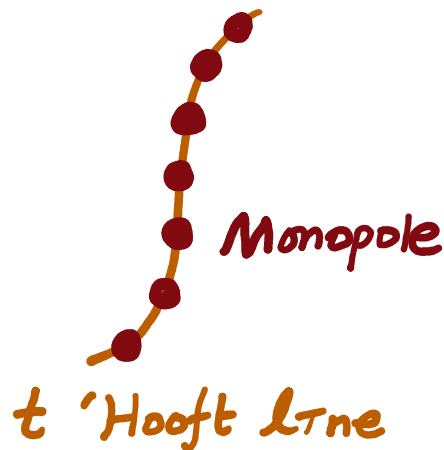
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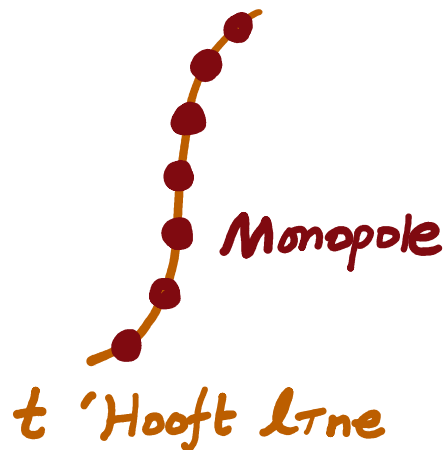
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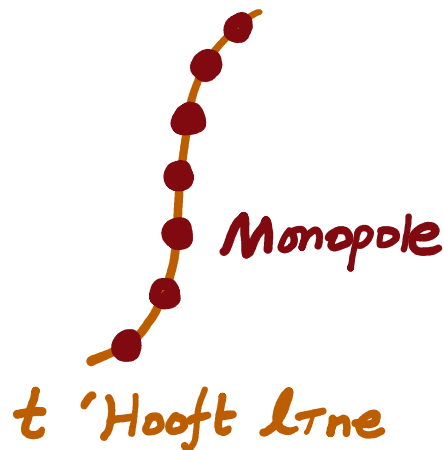
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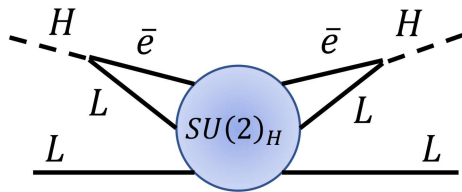


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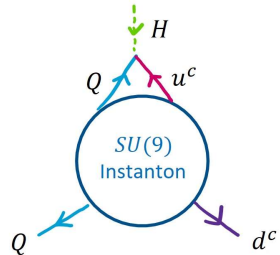
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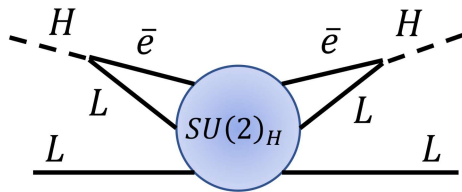


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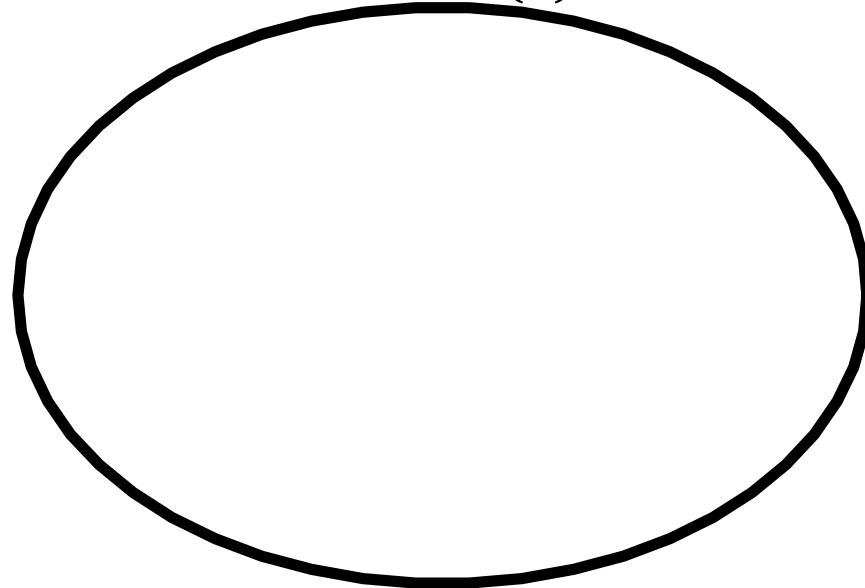


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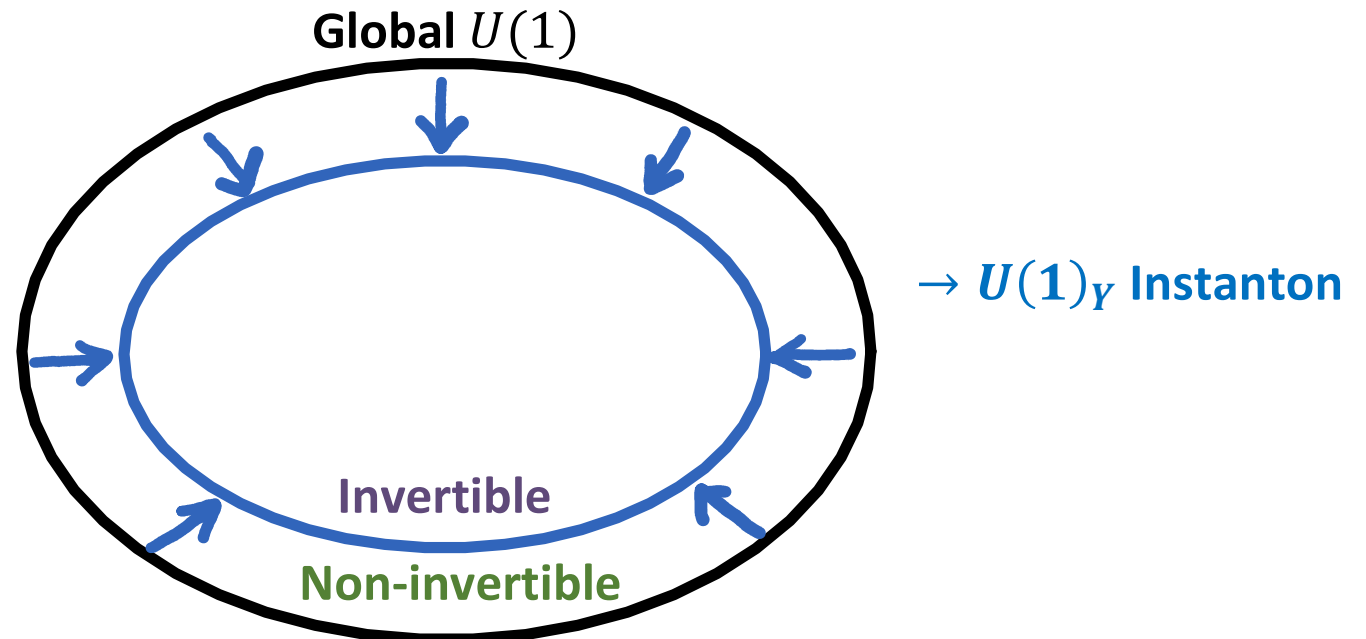
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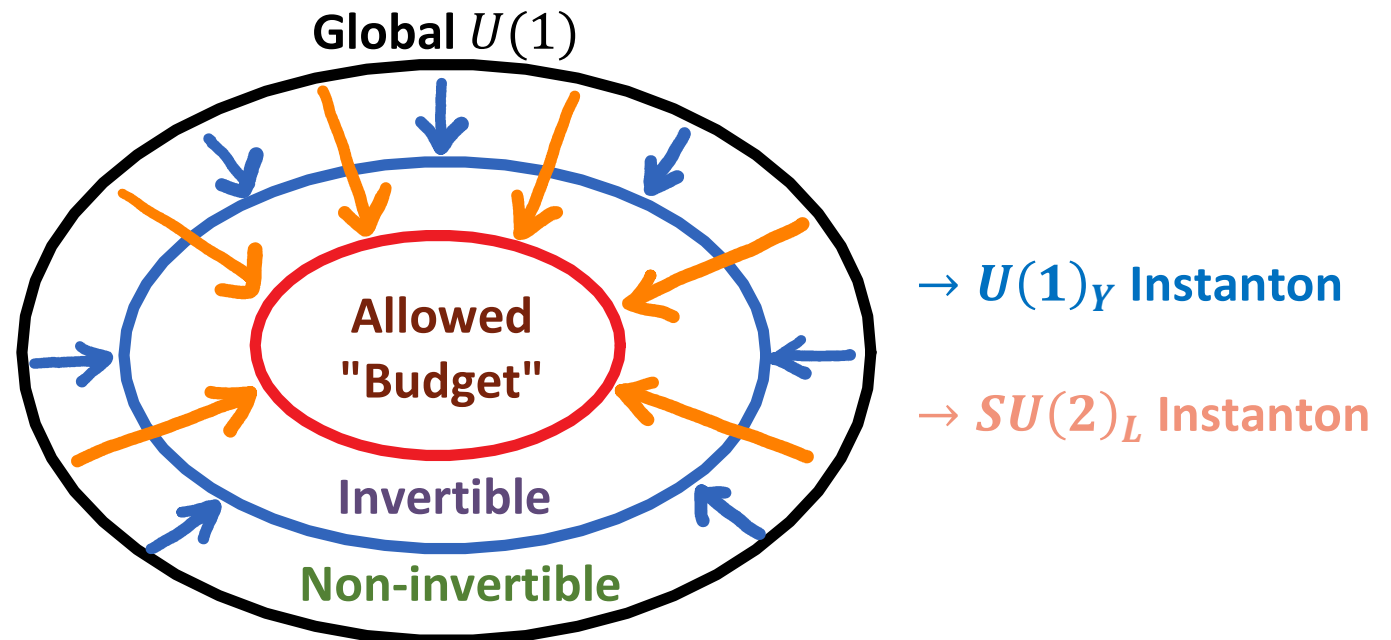
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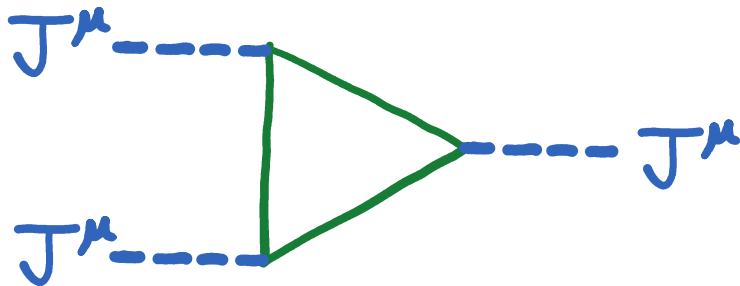
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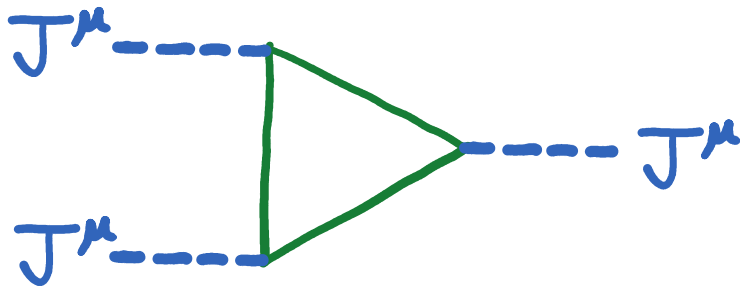


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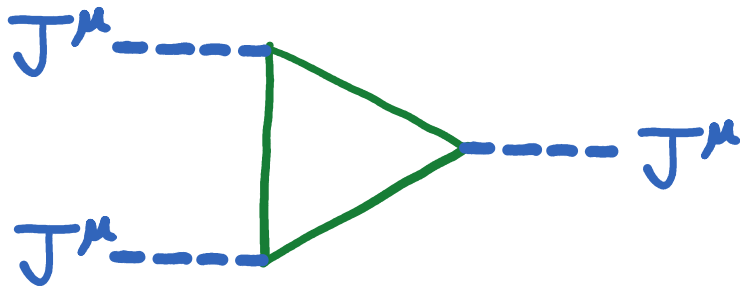
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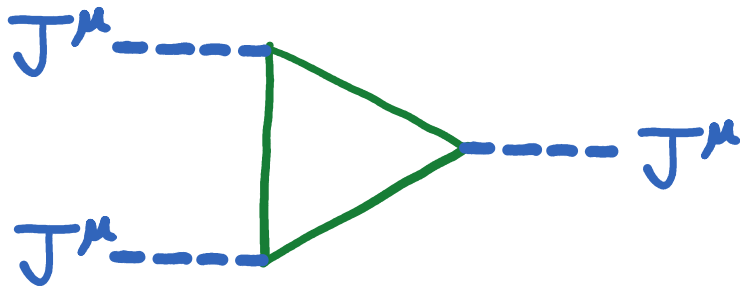
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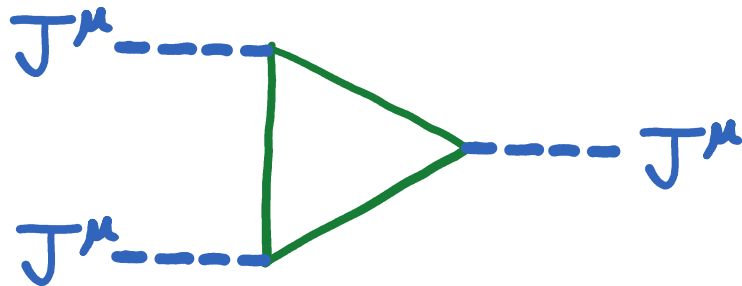


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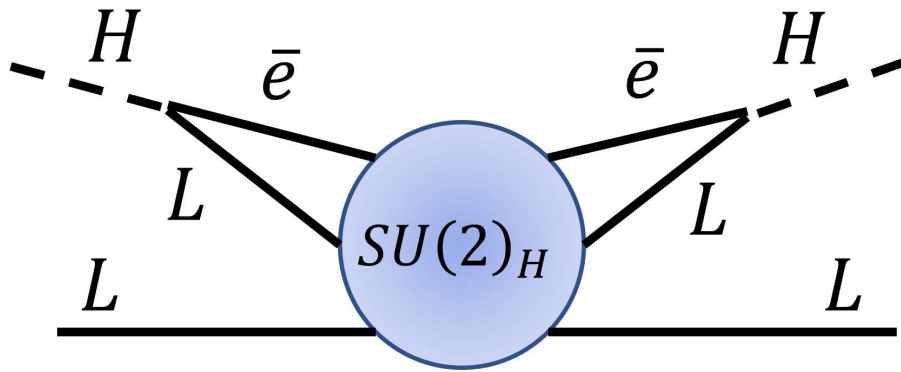
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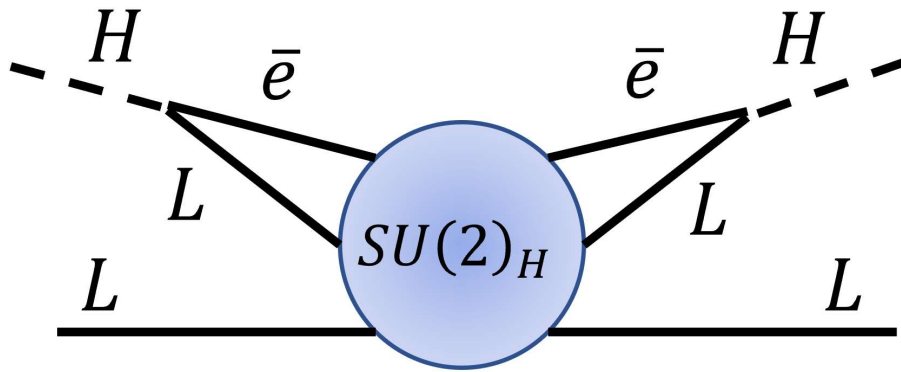


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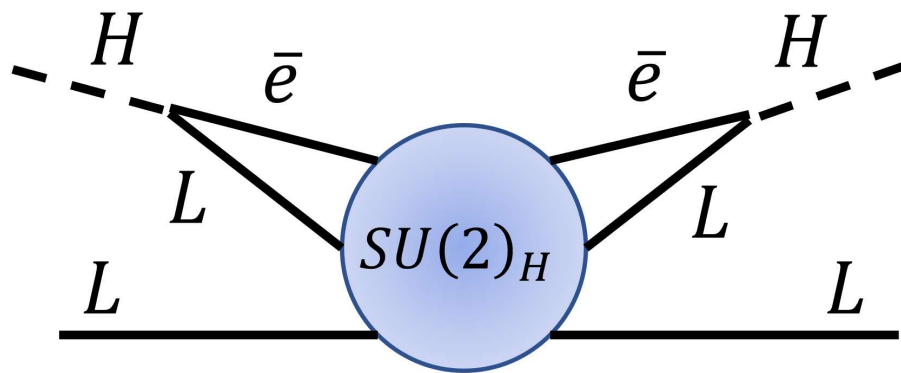
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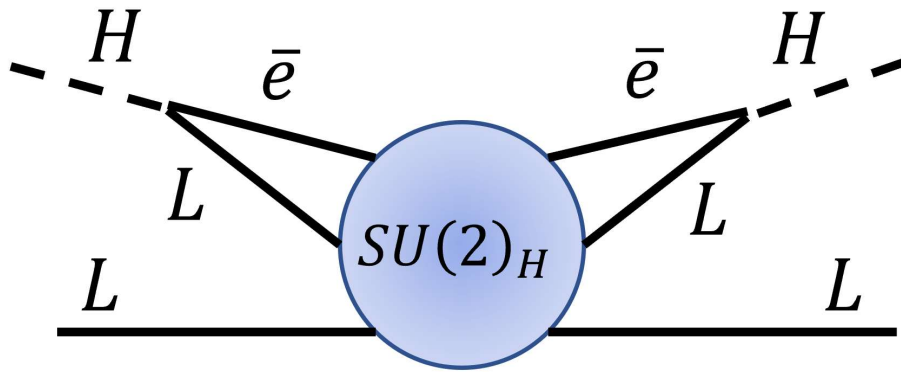


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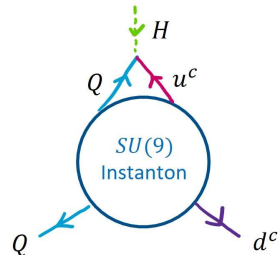
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e.g. Chiral-PT + observed hadron mass :  $m_u/m_d \sim 0.6$

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2. **No non-invertible symmetry** in quark sector of SM

$$(\tilde{B}_i = Q_i - u_i^c)$$

	$U(1)_{\tilde{B}_1}$	$U(1)_{\tilde{B}_2}$	$U(1)_{\tilde{B}_3}$	$U(1)_{d_1}$	$U(1)_{d_2}$	$U(1)_{d_3}$
$[SU(3)_c]^2$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$[SU(2)_L]^2$	$N_c$	$N_c$	$N_c$	0	0	0
$[U(1)_Y]^2$	$-14N_c$	$-14N_c$	$-14N_c$	$4N_c$	$4N_c$	$4N_c$

3. This is true regardless of "global structure" of  $G_{SM}$

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y / \Gamma , \quad \Gamma = 1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_6$$

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- $Z_3$  (CFU) Fractional Instantons  $\Rightarrow$  NIS from  $U(1)_{d_3-d_1}$  and  $U(1)_{d_3-d_2}$

$$(U(1)_{d_3-d_1} [CFU]^2 = 1, U(1)_{d_3-d_2} [CFU]^2 = 1)$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{y_d} = y_d^{ij} H Q_i d_j^c$

- $U(1)_H$  gauge-inv:  $Q_1 d_1, Q_2 d_2, Q_3 d_3, Q_1 d_2, Q_2 d_1$

- All these components are forbidden by non-invertible symmetries



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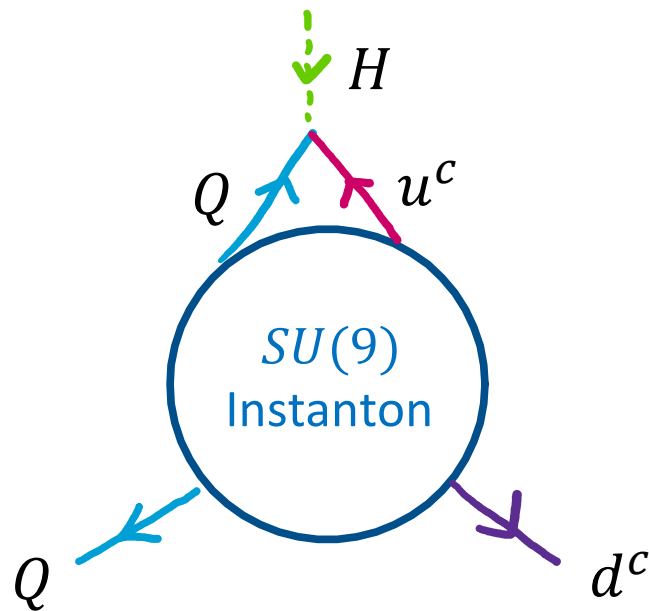
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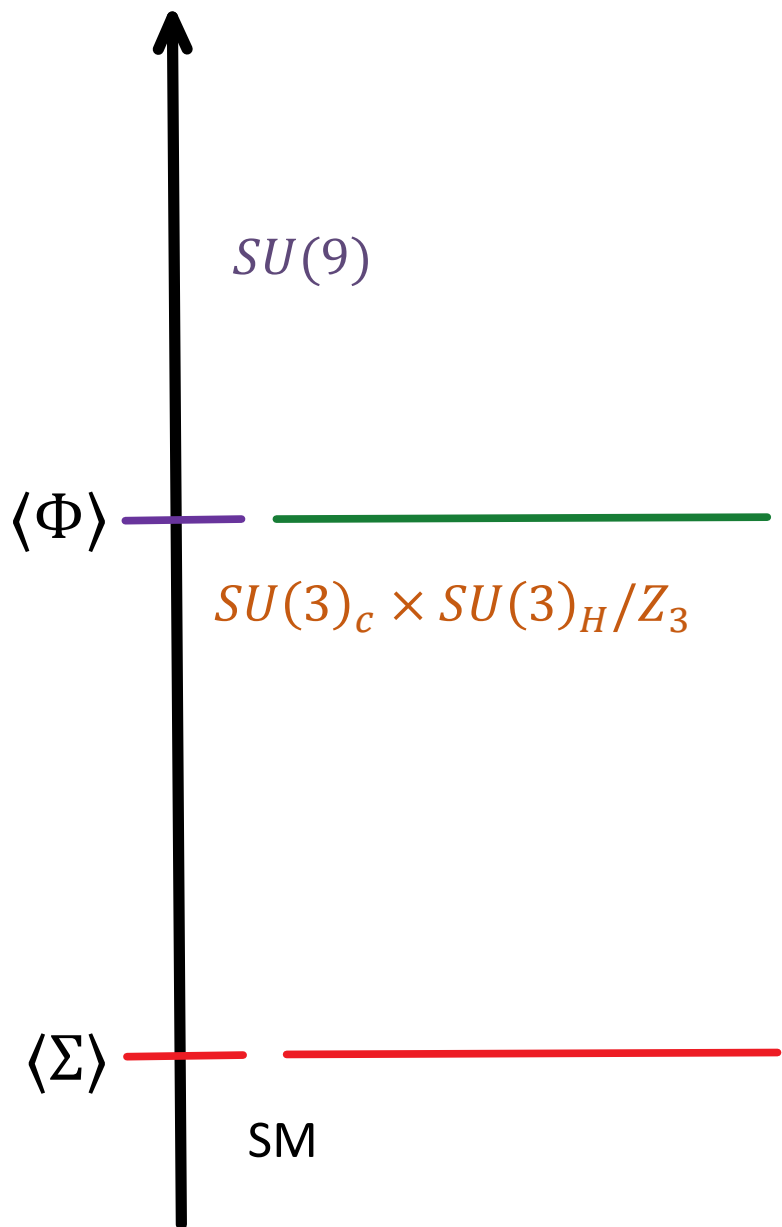
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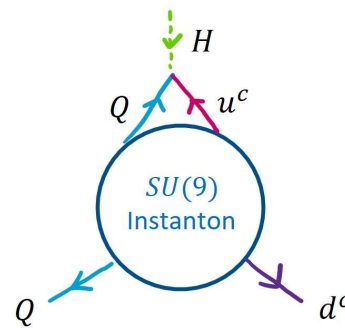
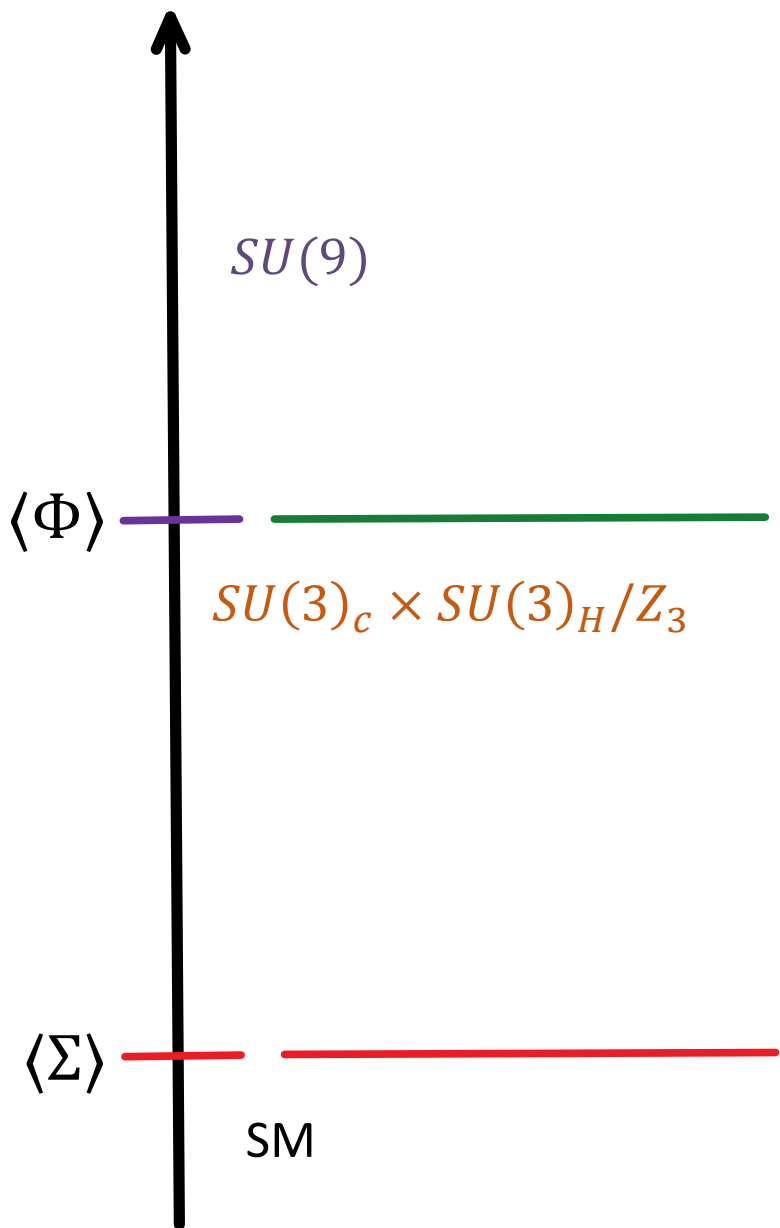
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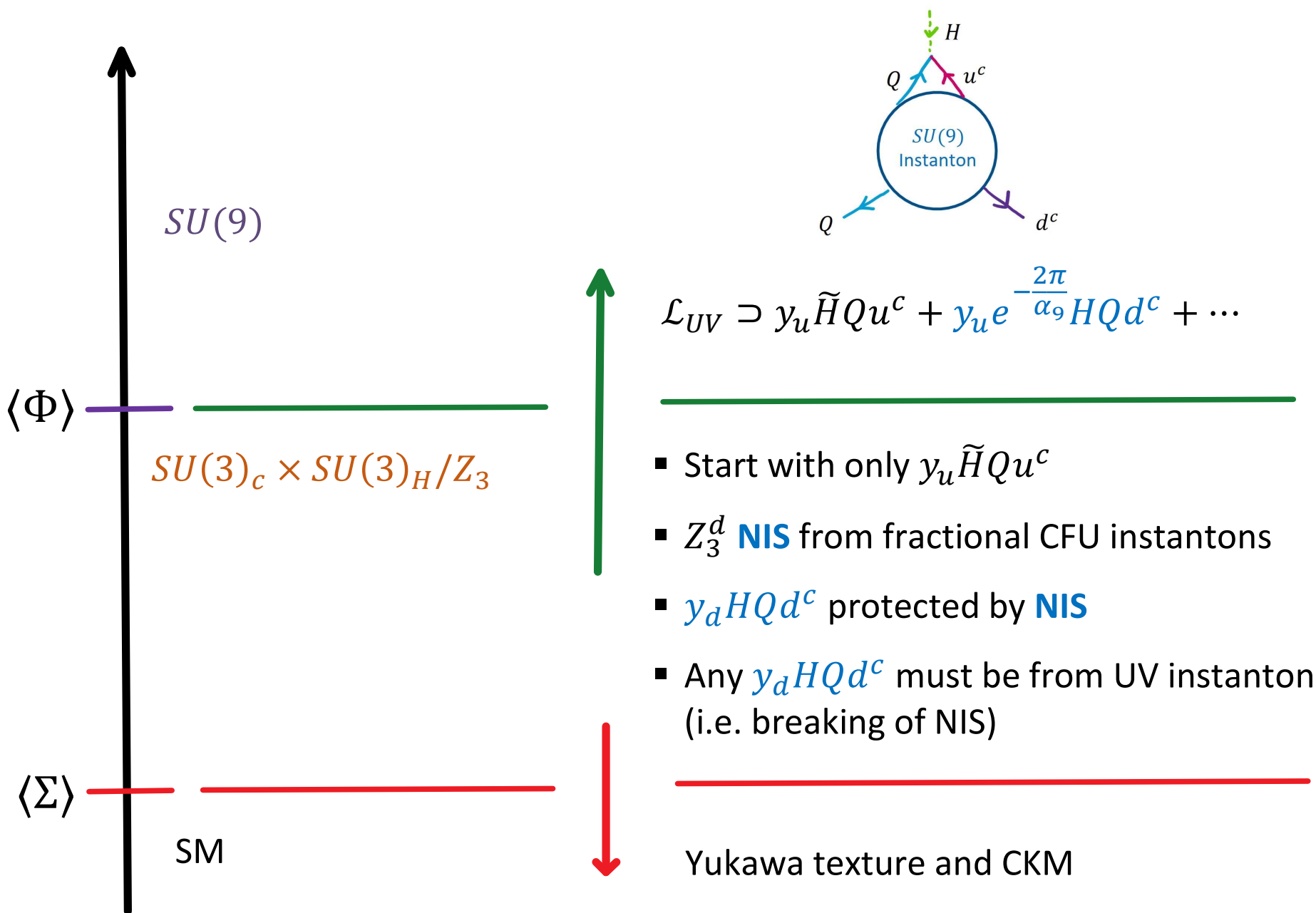
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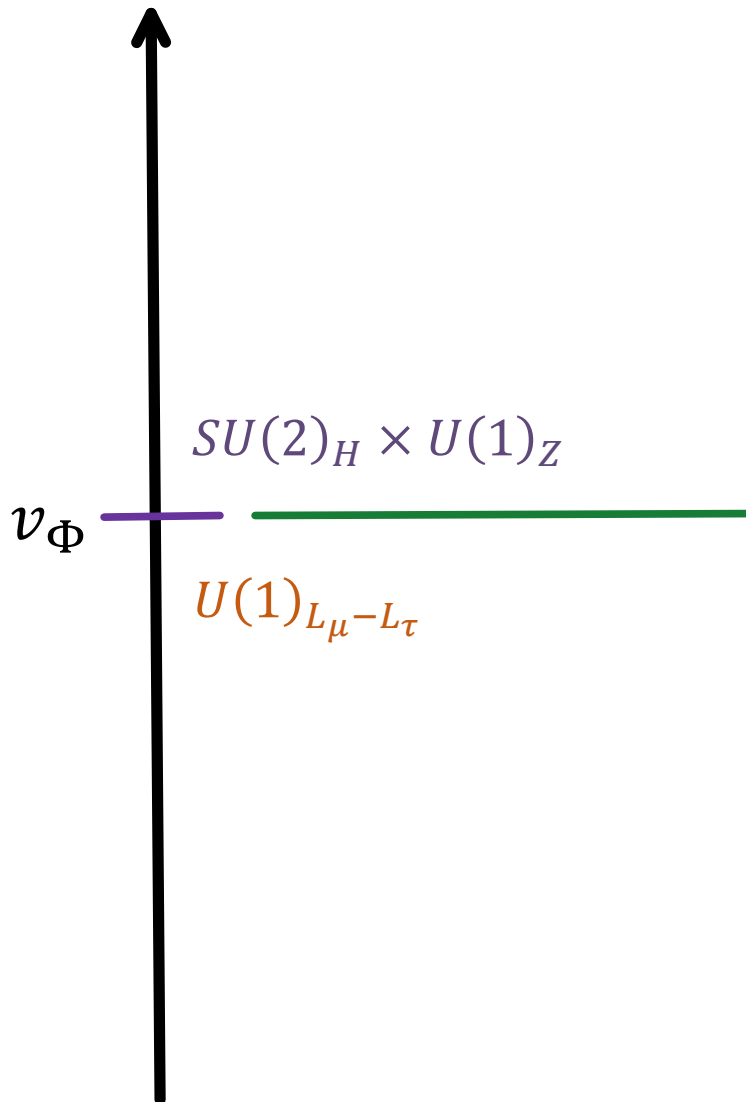
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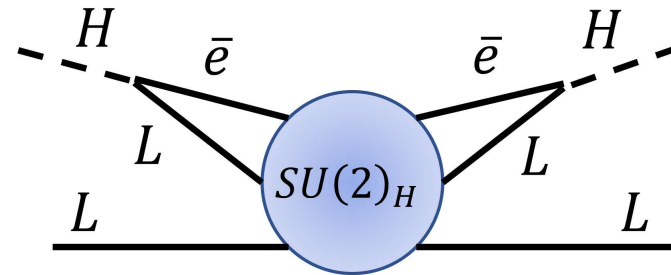
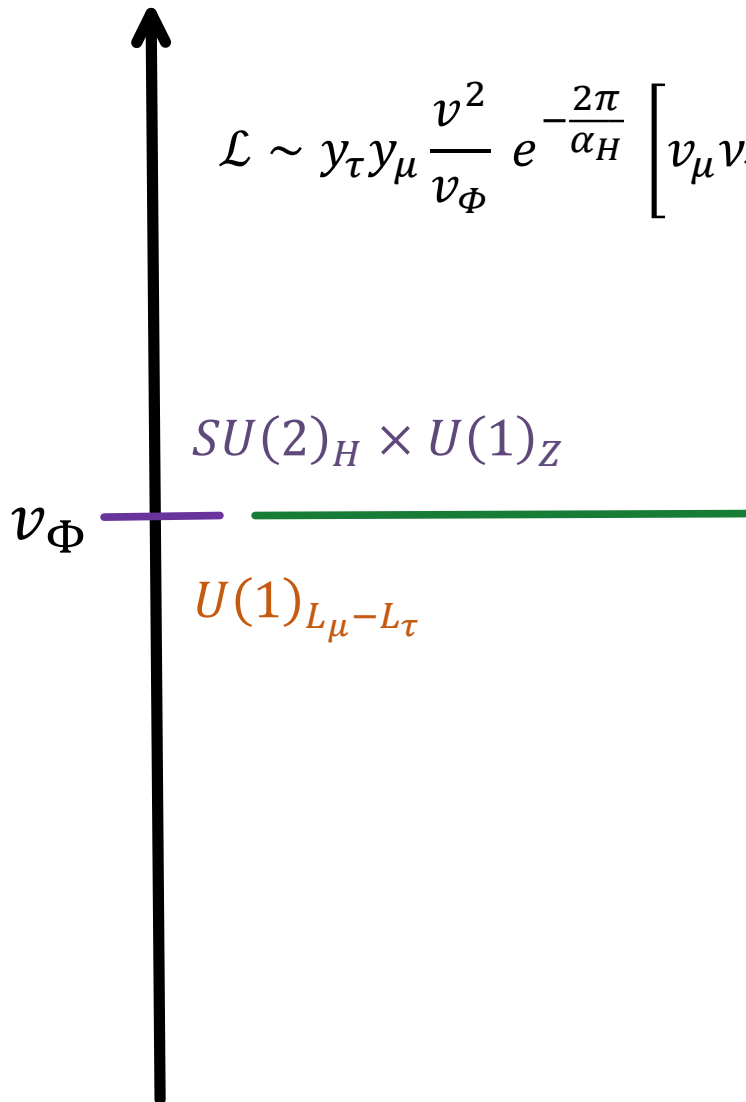
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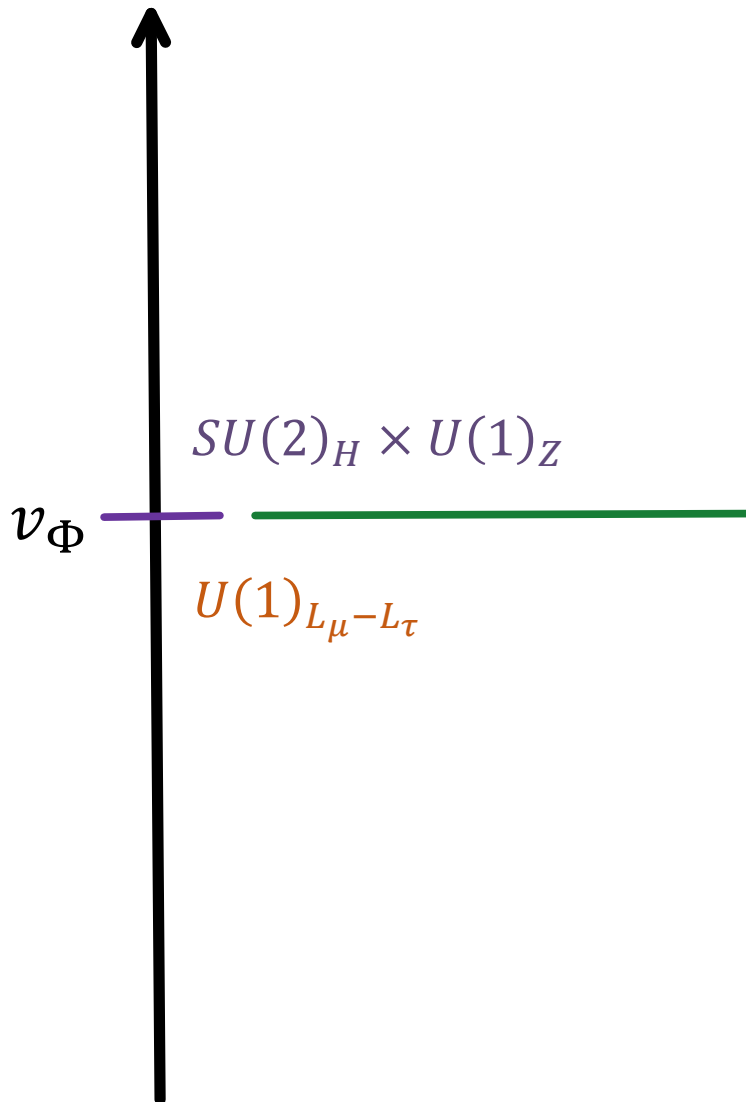
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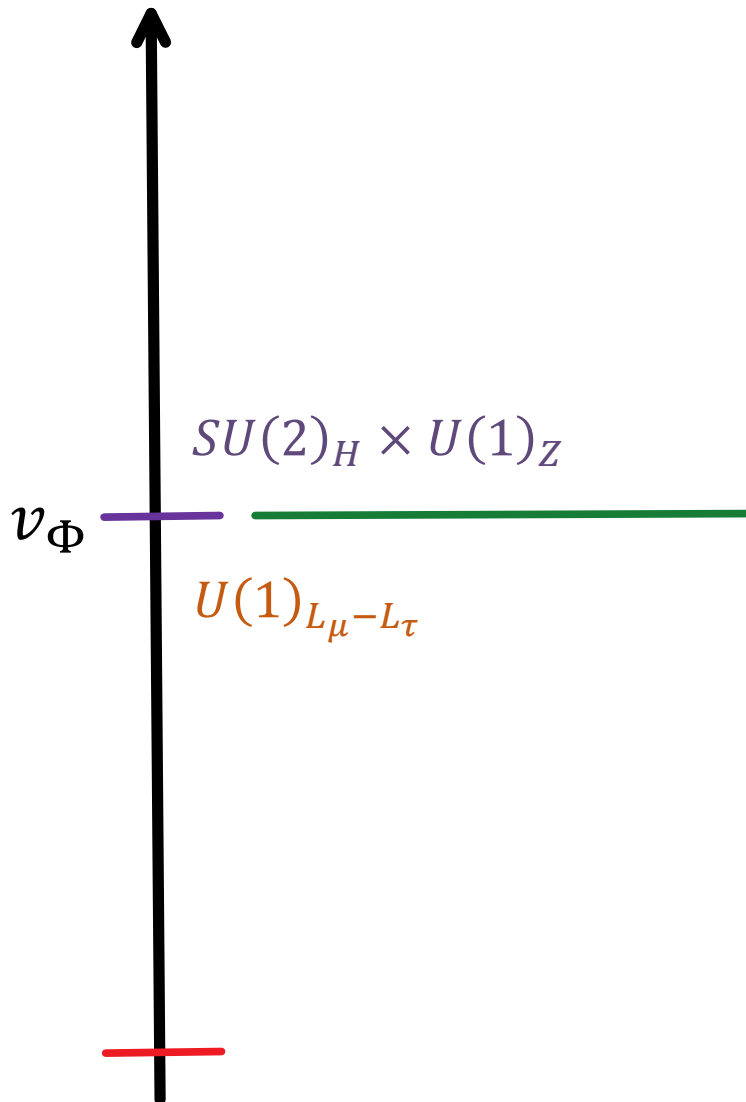


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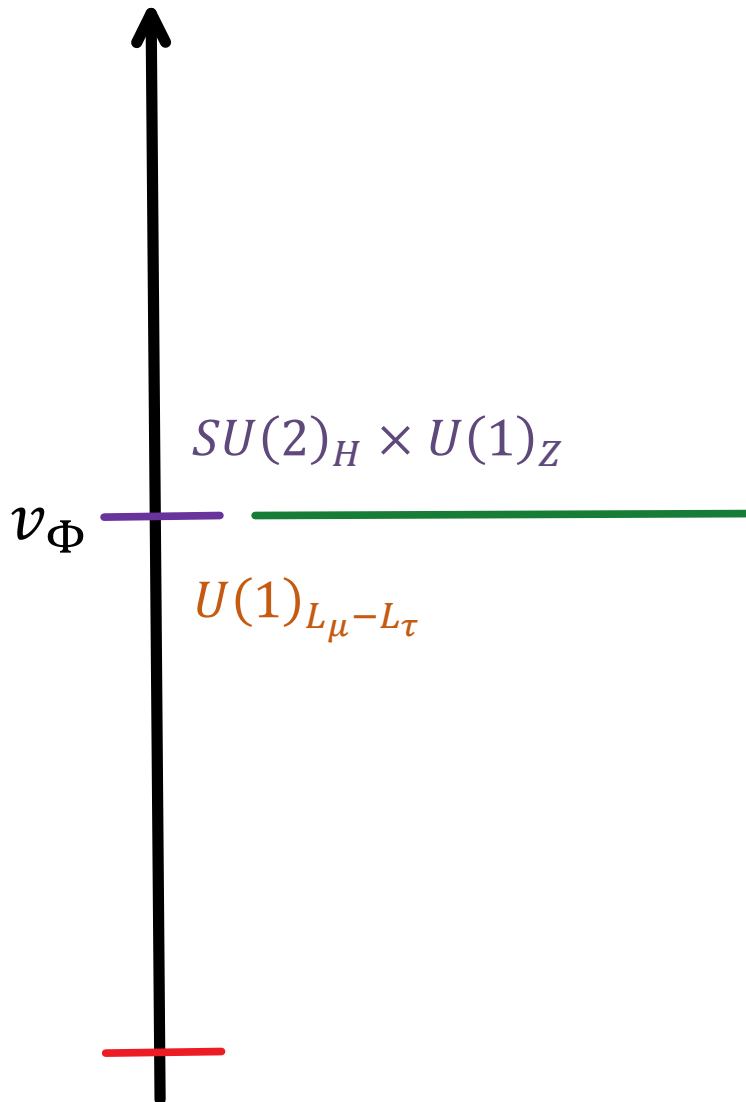
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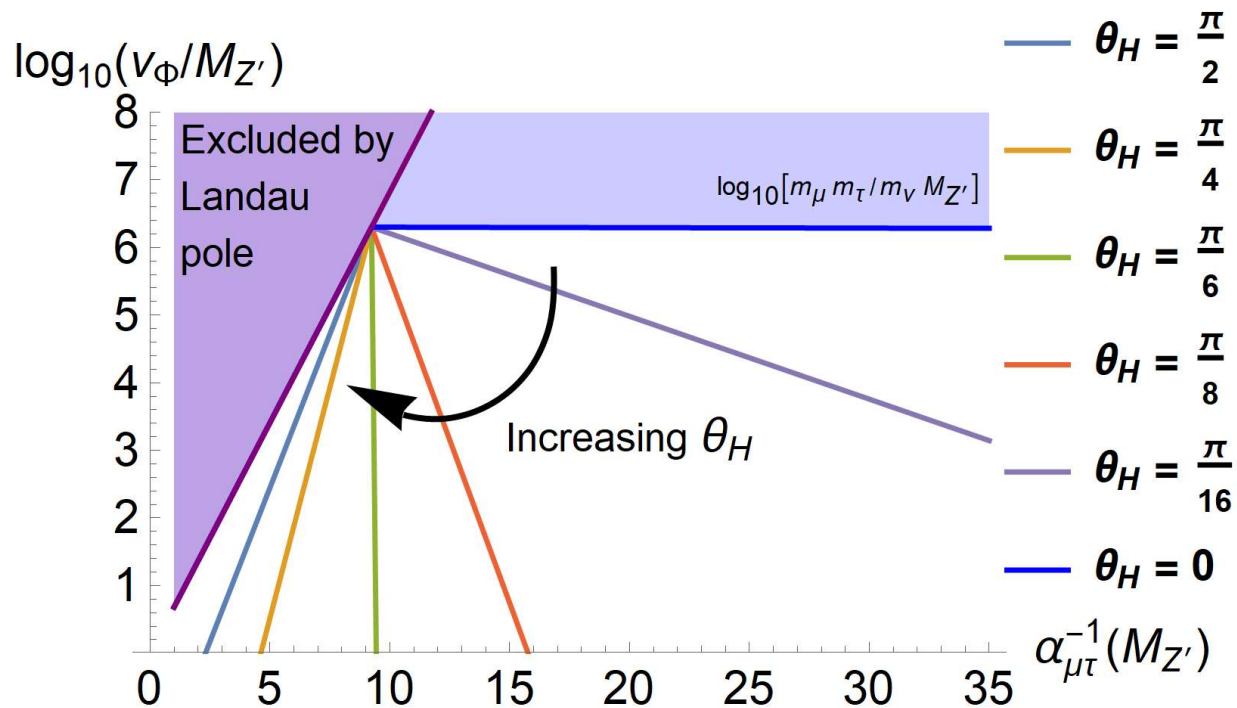
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Cf) For Dirac mass case

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- Let  $\varphi$  be the (charge 1) scalar that Higgses  $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$
- RG-flow below  $E < v_\Phi$  generates textures

$$\mathcal{L} \sim y_\tau y_\mu \frac{v^2}{v_\Phi} e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\alpha_H}} \left[ v_e v_\tau \frac{\varphi}{v_\Phi} + v_e v_\mu \frac{\varphi^\dagger}{v_\Phi} + v_\tau \frac{\varphi}{v_\Phi} v_\tau \frac{\varphi}{v_\Phi} + v_\mu \frac{\varphi^\dagger}{v_\Phi} v_\mu \frac{\varphi^\dagger}{v_\Phi} \right]$$