

# Semiclassics

*at the Cusp*

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# Outline



Motivation For  
Non-local  
Observables



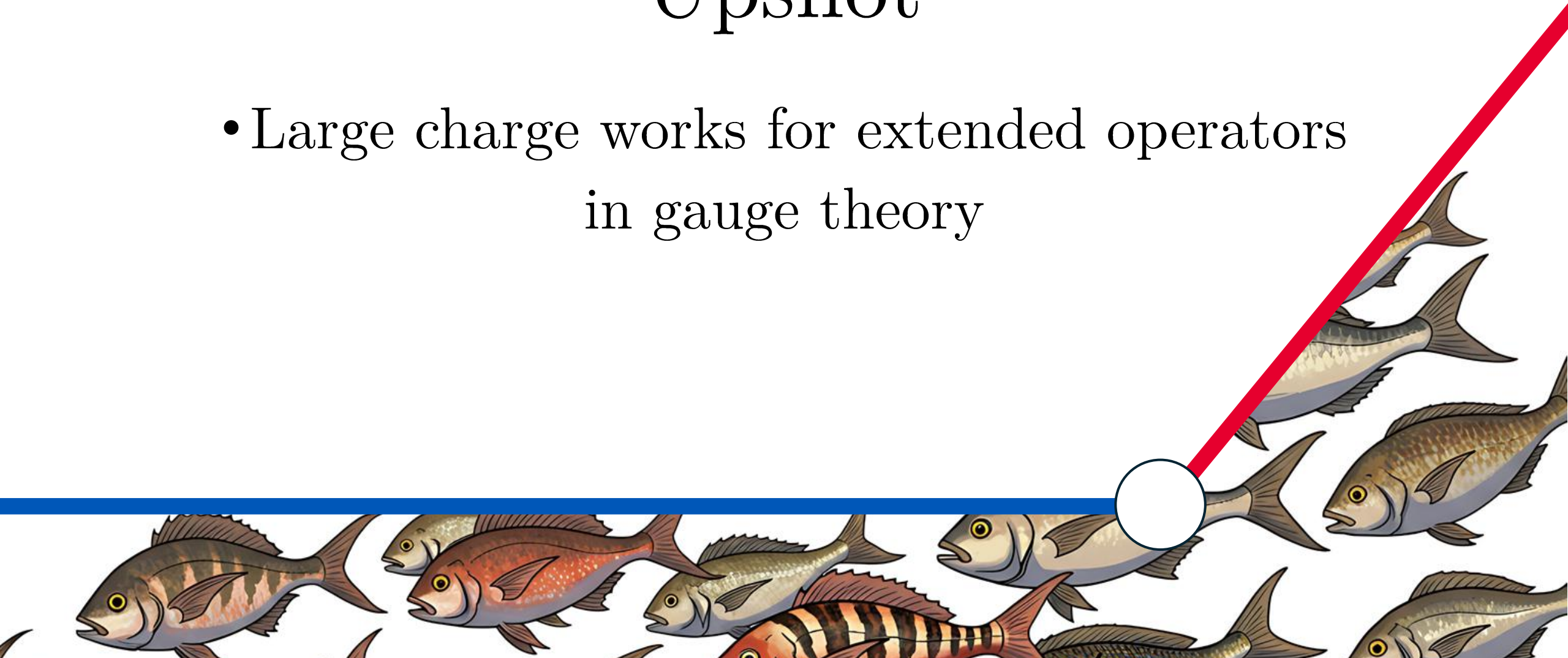
Semiclassical  
Methods



Results and  
Directions

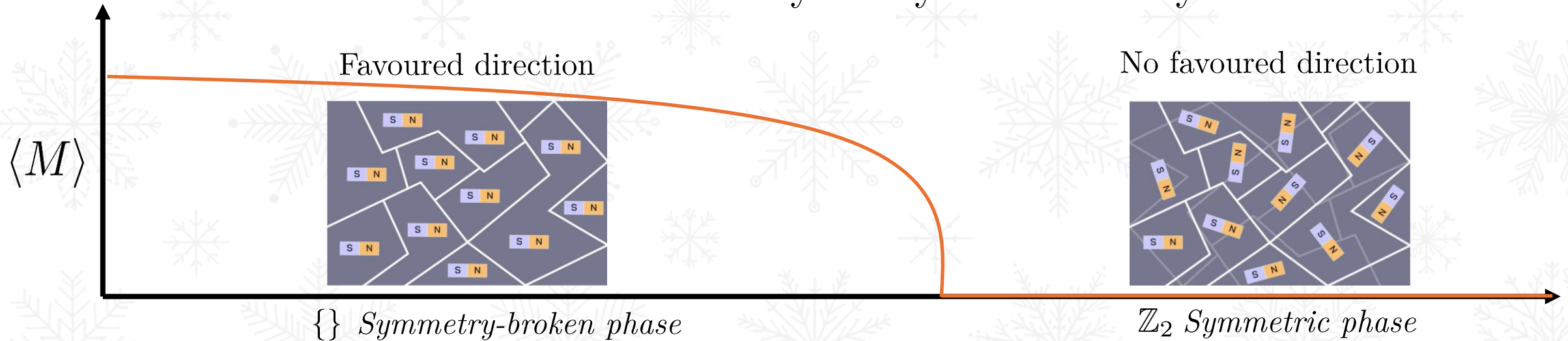
# Upshot

- Large charge works for extended operators in gauge theory



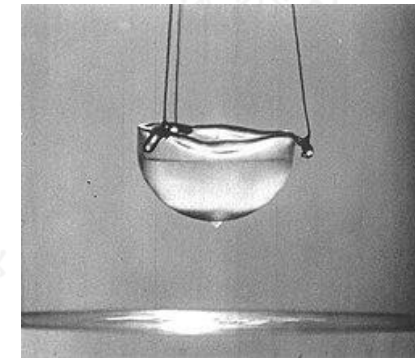
# Order Parameter

- Landau Paradigm:
  - Phases of matter are classified by the symmetries they break



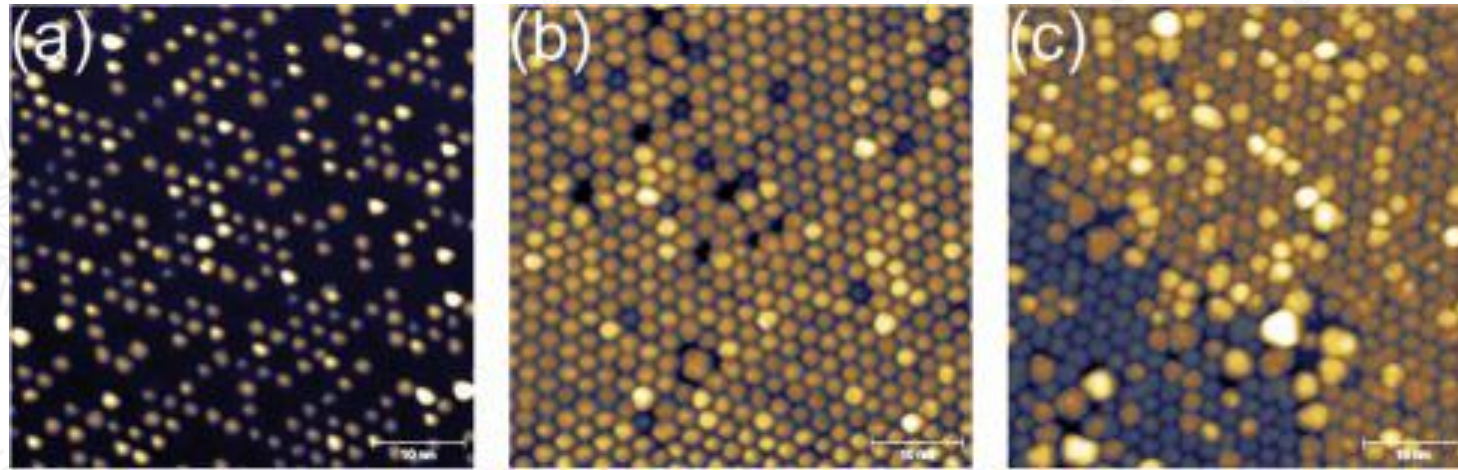
- Superfluid phase
- $U(1)$  symmetry
  - Conserved charge: particle number

$$\langle \phi \rangle$$



# Long range order

- How strongly do correlations persist over long distances?



*Single-layer graphene sheets with long range order, Vesselli et al. (2017).*

$$\langle \phi^*(x_2) \phi(x_1) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x_1 - x_2|^{(D-2)+\gamma/2}}$$

*Anomalous dimension:*  
deviation from classical scaling dimension

A cylindrical object, possibly a piece of wood or a metal rod, is shown against a black background. The object is emitting a thick plume of white smoke or steam that rises and spreads around it. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the object and the wisps of smoke.

# Problem:

In superconductors, we expect the symmetry to be gauged

- Even the humble 2-pt function is not gauge invariant

$$\langle \phi^*(x_2) \phi(x_1) \rangle \rightarrow e^{i(\alpha(x_1) - \alpha(x_2))} \langle \phi^*(x_2) \phi(x_1) \rangle$$

- Elitzur's Theorem:

$$\langle \phi^*(x_2) \phi(x_1) \rangle = 0$$



- Even if we insist, the result explicitly depends on the choice of gauge

$$\langle \phi^*(x_2) \phi(x_1) \rangle |_{\xi} \sim \frac{1}{|x_1 - x_2|^{(D-2)+\gamma(\xi)/2}}$$

- Feynmann diagram arguments say there is dependence only at 1-loop

$$\gamma(\xi) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1(\xi)G + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$



# Dirac's Solution:

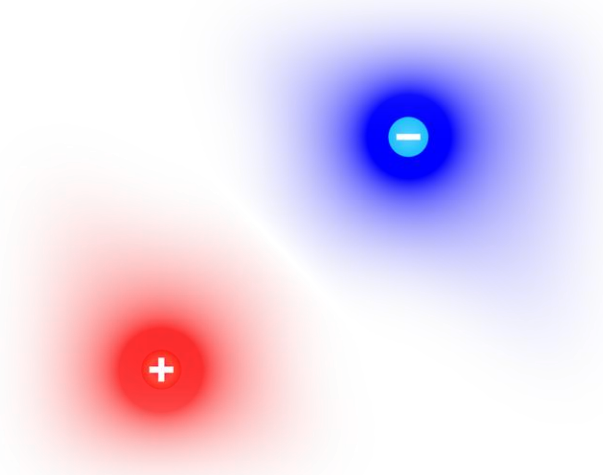
- Dress the fields with some nonlocal functional of the gauge field

$$\phi_J = \exp \left( \int dz J^\mu(z; x) A_\mu(z) \right) \phi(x)$$

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = \delta(z - x)$$

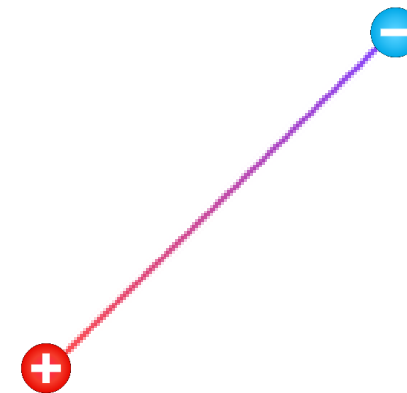
# Two interesting cases of dressings:

Dirac dressing  
(Coulomb field)



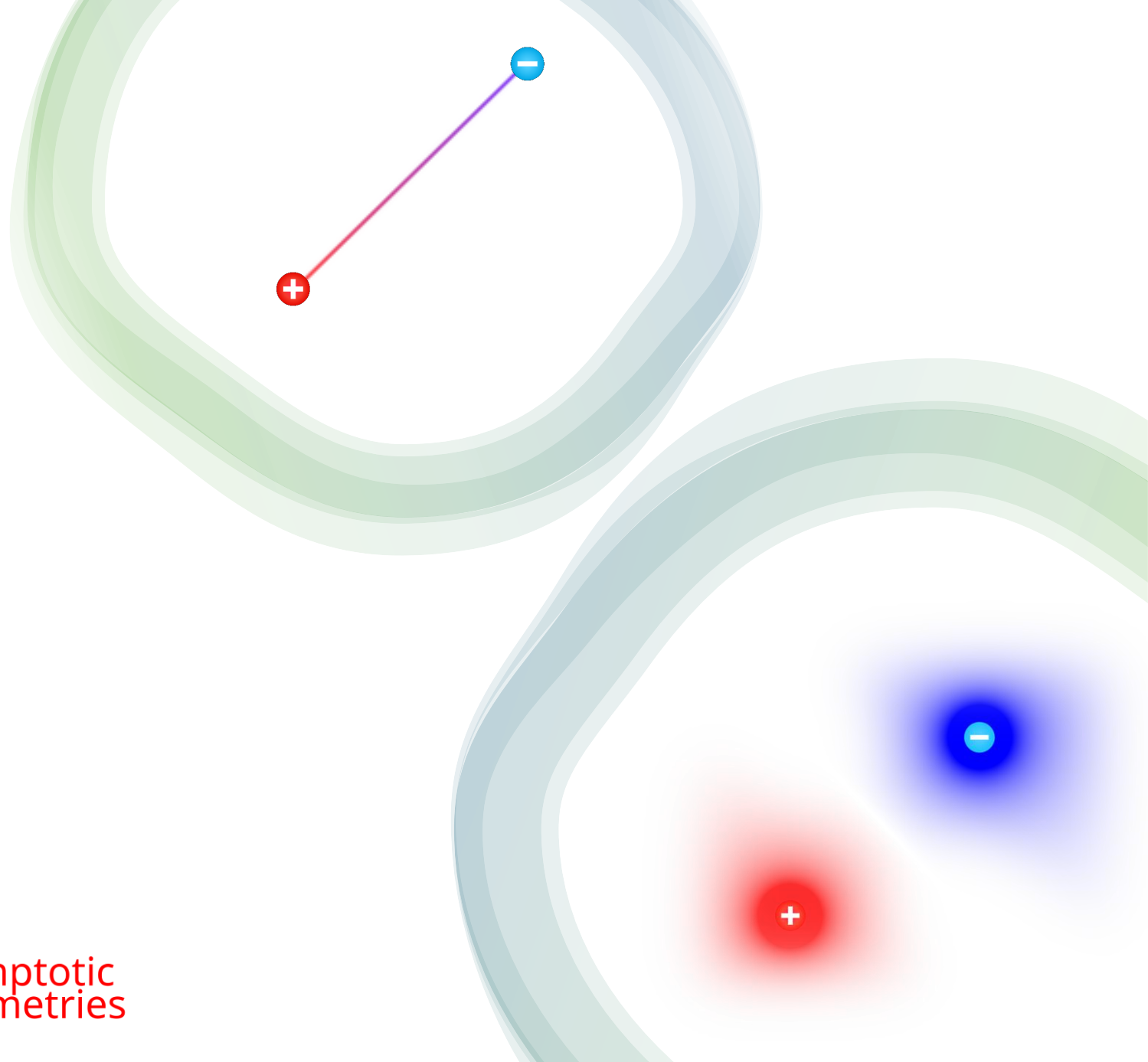
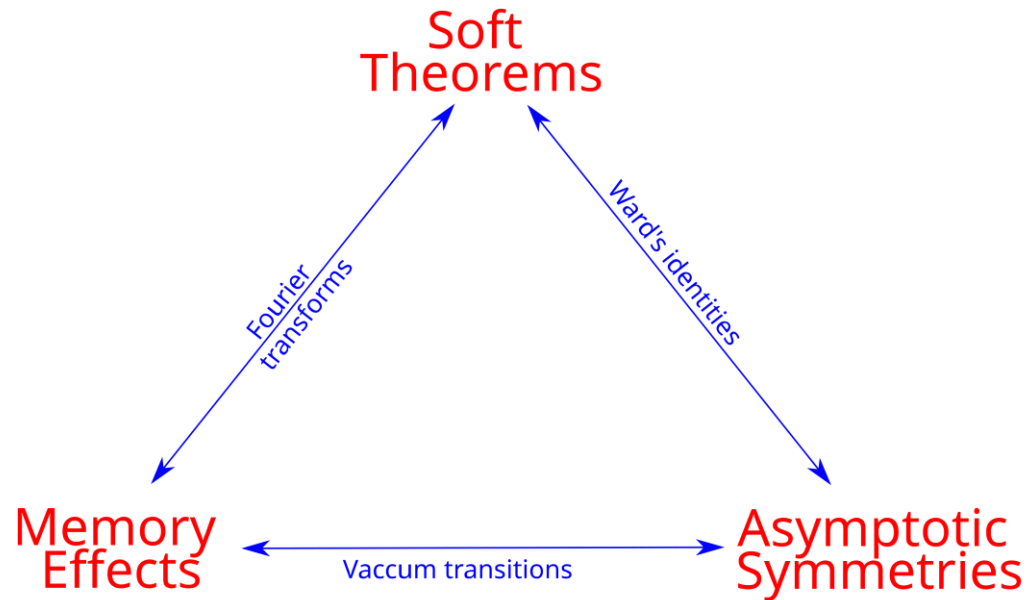
$$J_D^\mu(x; x_1, x_2) = \partial^\mu [G_0(y - x_2) - G_0(y - x_1)]$$

Mandelstam-Schwinger  
dressing (Wilson line)



$$J_{\text{MS}}^\mu(x; \gamma) = \int_0^1 ds \delta(x - \gamma(s)) \frac{d\gamma^\mu(s)}{ds}$$

- Gauge-invariant
- Highly symmetric
- Interesting links to asymptotic symmetries and memory effect



# Literature Claim:

- Dressing corresponds to a gauge choice.

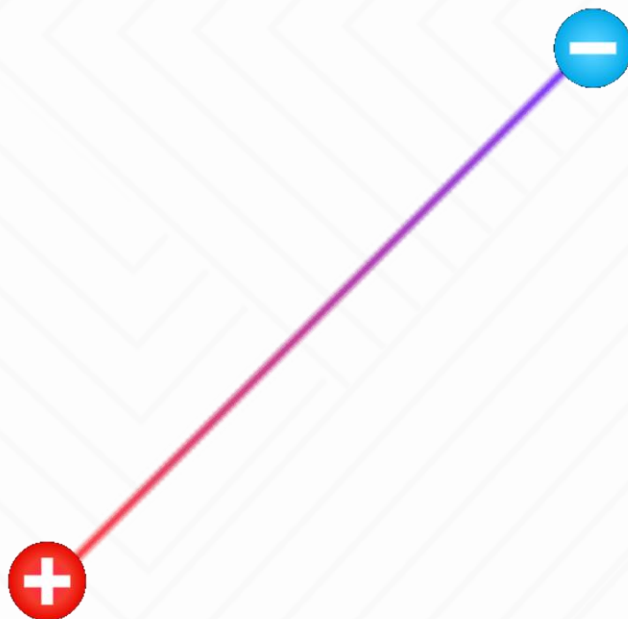
$$\gamma_{\xi=0} = \gamma_D$$

$$\gamma_{\xi=1-d} = \gamma_{MS}$$

[Kleinert, Schakel (2003)]

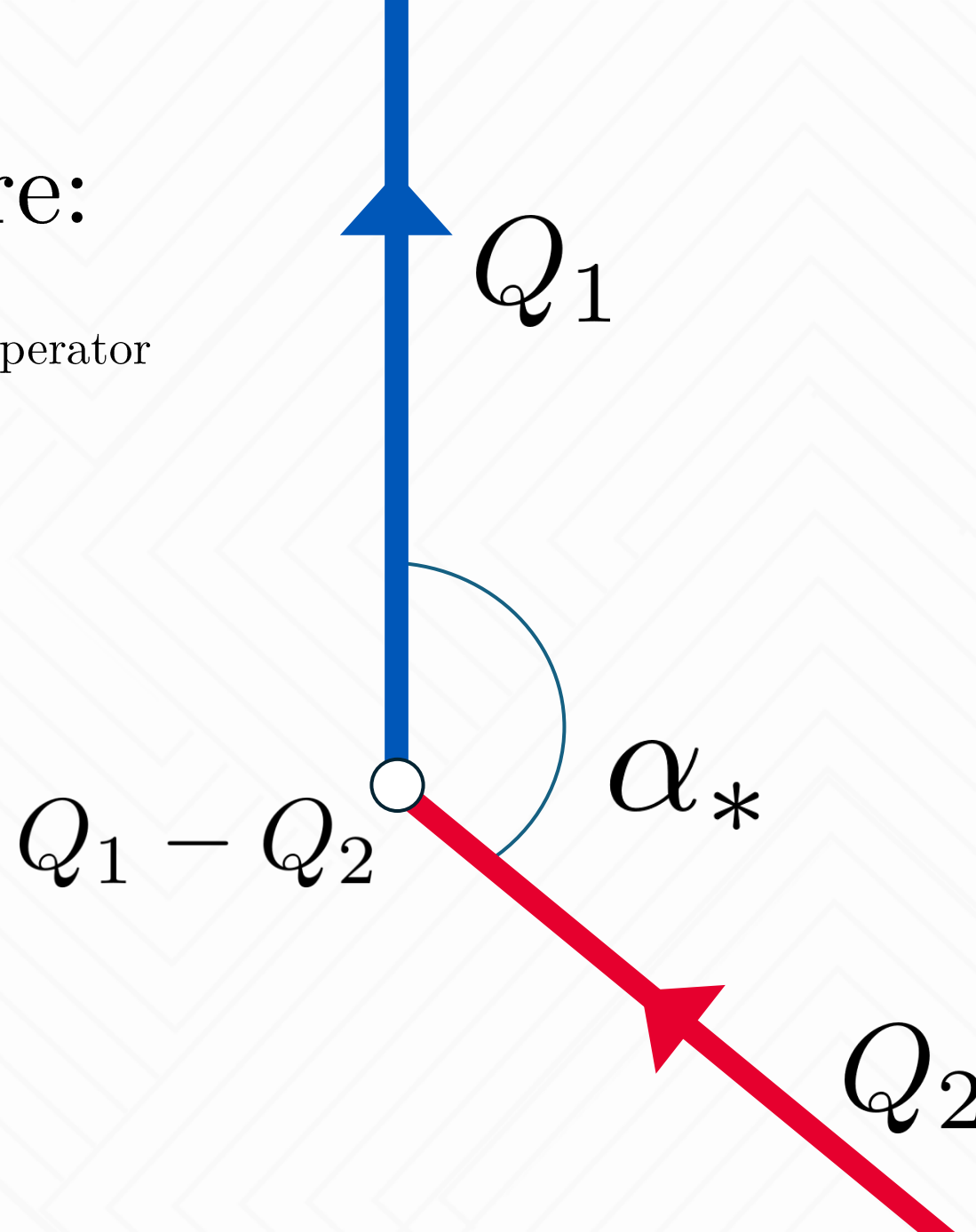
# Beyond dressings

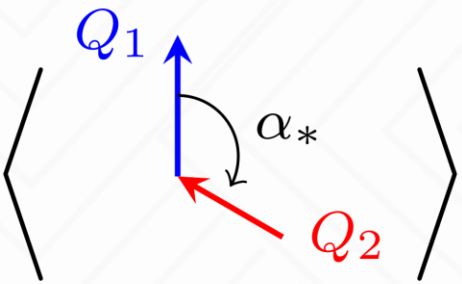
Lines are objects in their own right



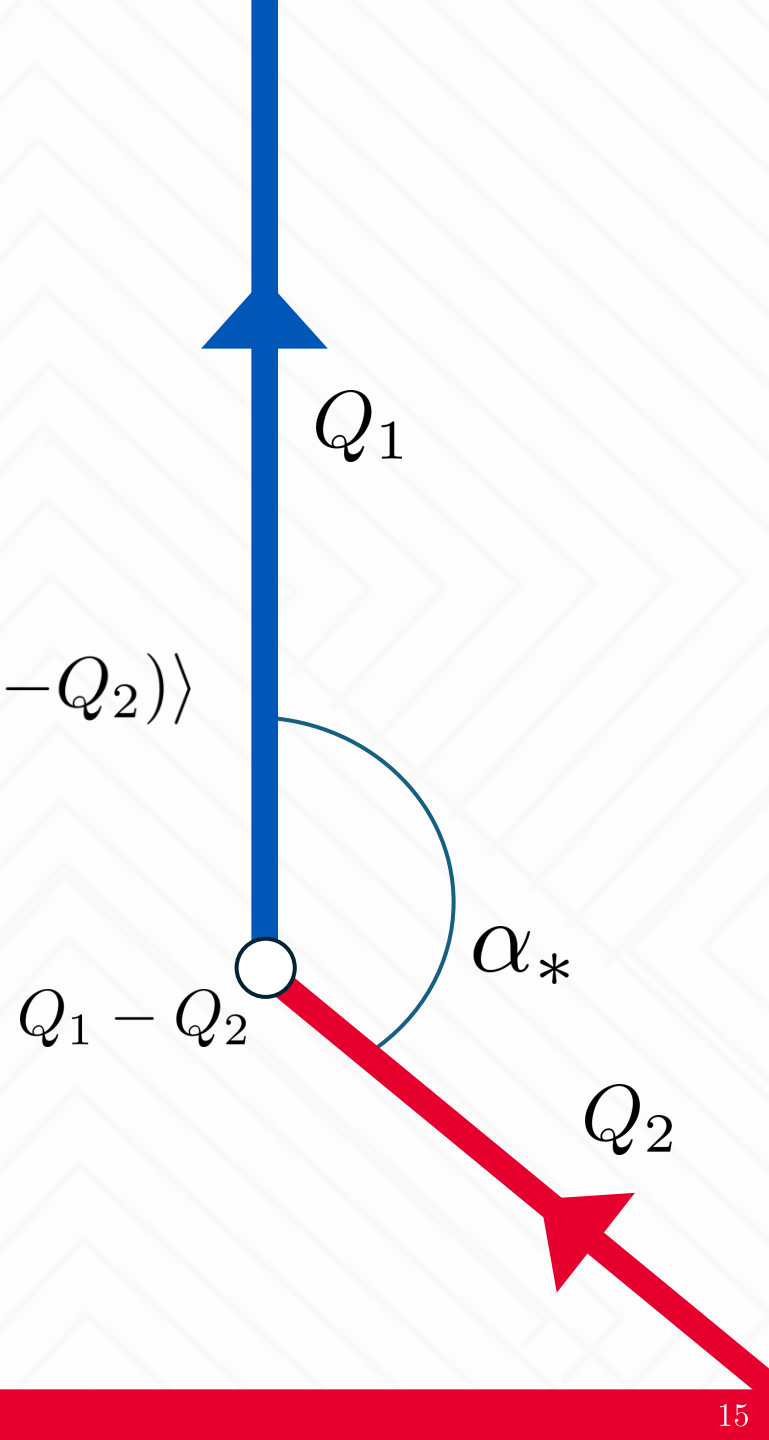
# General picture:

“Cusp” with defect-changing operator





$$= \langle \phi^*(x_\infty)^{Q_1 - Q_2} W_{\gamma_1}(Q_1) \phi(0)^{Q_1 - Q_2} W_{\gamma_2}(-Q_2) \rangle$$



# Cusp anomalous dimension

- Natural observable is the coefficient that describes the divergence

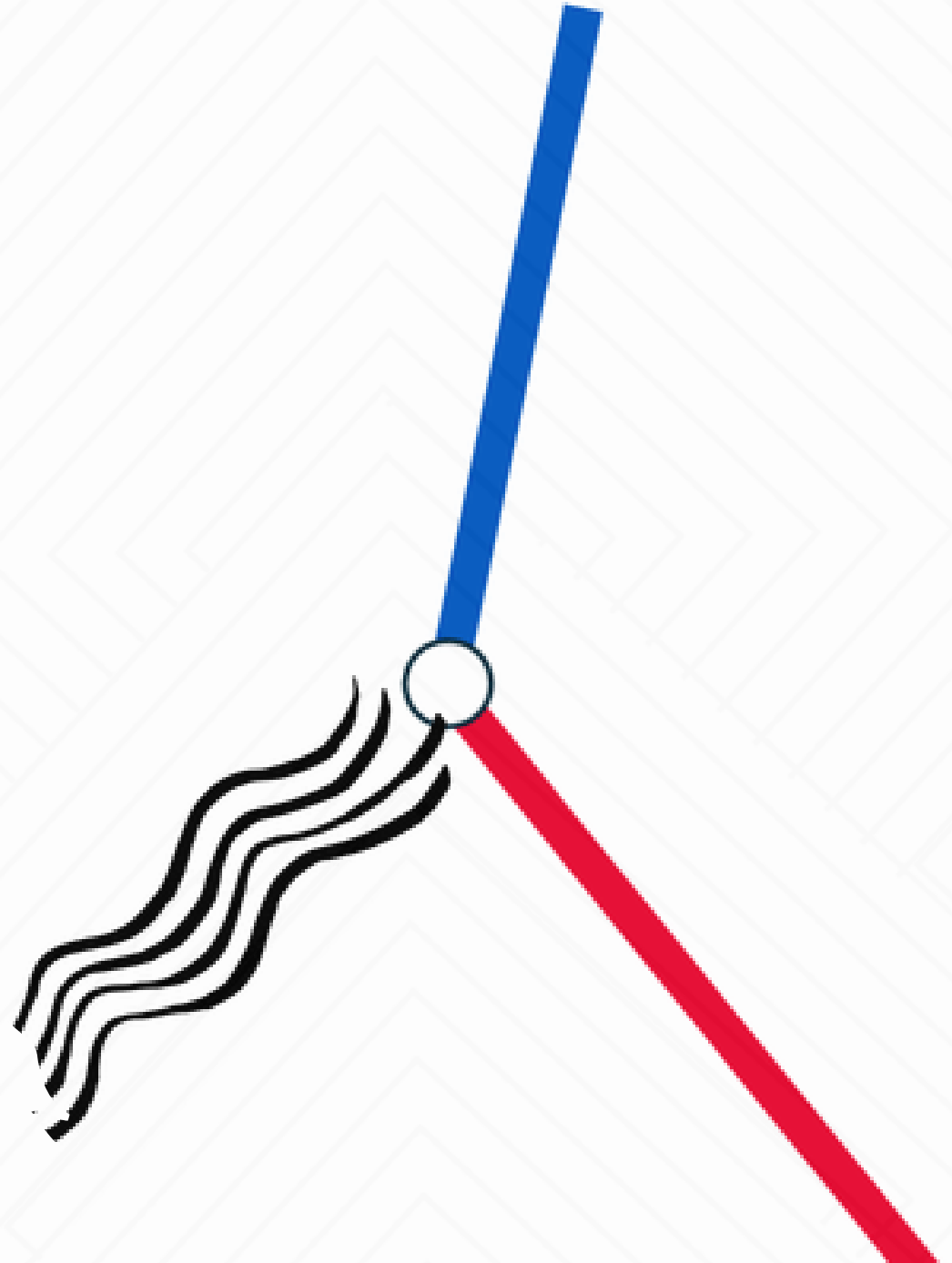
$$\log \left\langle \begin{array}{c} Q_1 \\ \uparrow \\ \alpha_* \\ \downarrow \\ Q_2 \end{array} \right\rangle = -\Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*) \log \frac{L_{IR}}{a_{UV}} + \dots,$$

- What does this tell us?

# *Bremsstrahlung*

Change of velocity  $\rightarrow$  radiation emitted

$$\frac{1}{2}\beta_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_* - \pi)^2 \subset \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*)$$



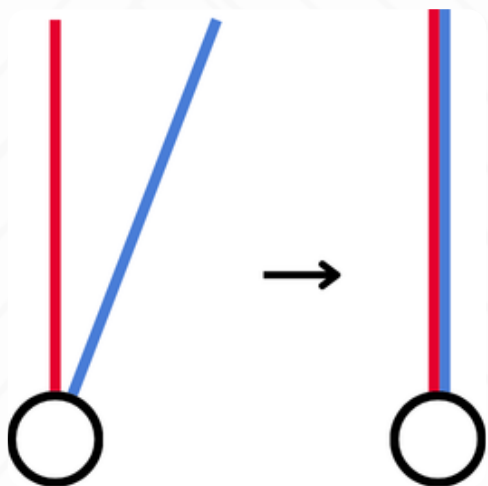
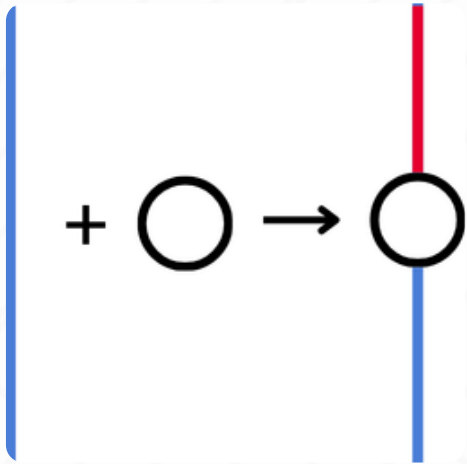
# Defects

- Information about defect-changing operators (impurities)

$$\Delta_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_* - \pi)^0 \subset \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*)$$

- Encodes the self-fusion behaviour of the line

$$\frac{C_{Q_1 Q_2}}{\alpha_*} \subset \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*)$$





# Problem

Interesting systems are strongly coupled

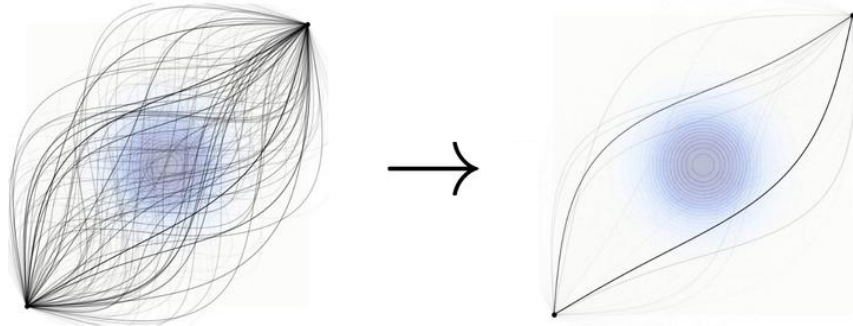
# Solution

Semiclassical methods



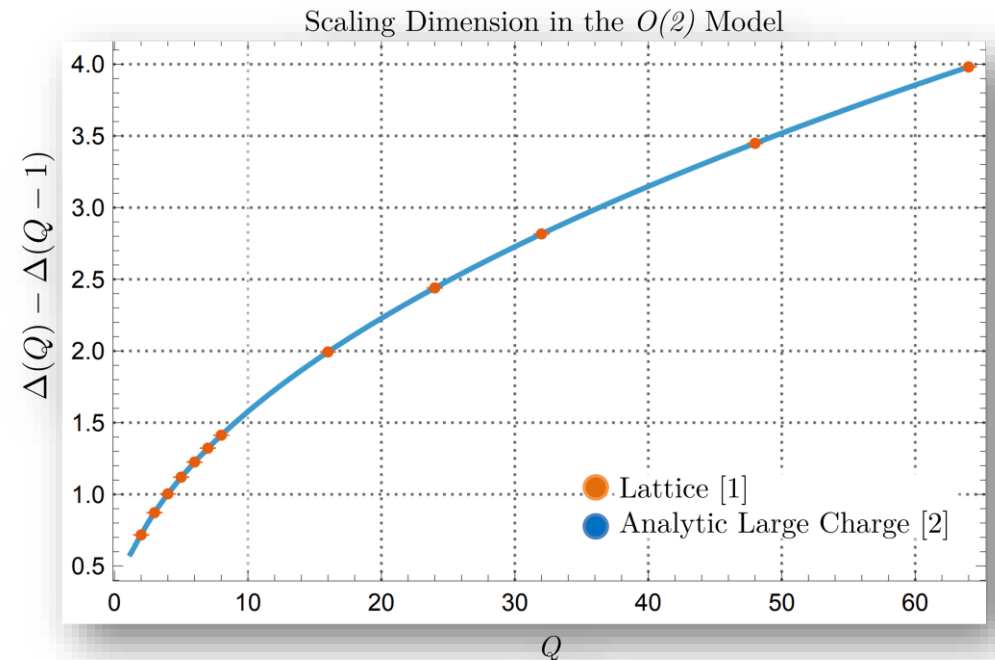
# Semiclassical Methods

Idea: introduce a large parameter  $x$  to localise the path integral



$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S} \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-x\bar{S}} \approx e^{-xS_0}$$

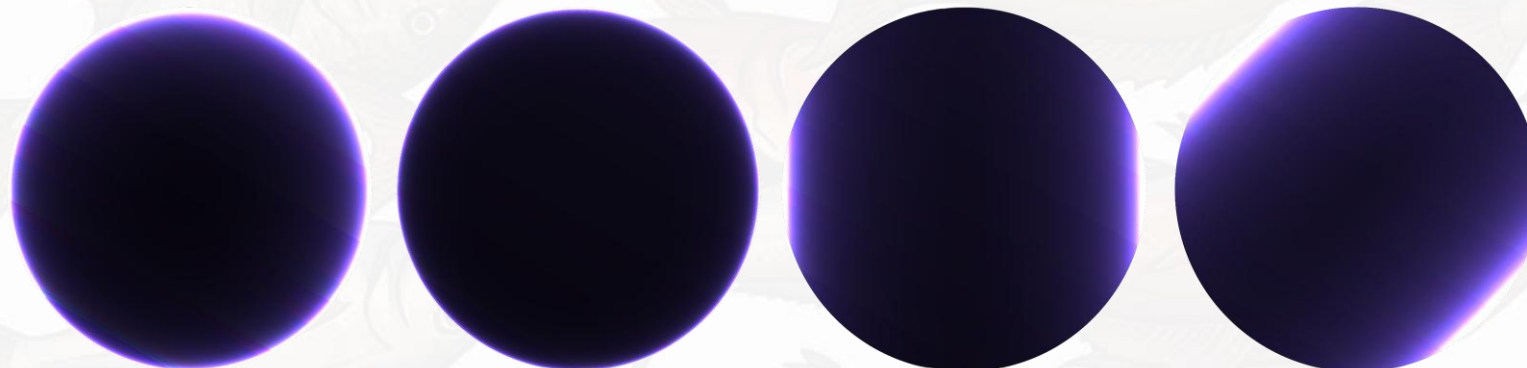
- Restrict to a sector of large quantum number: spin, charge, etc
- Works very well...



[1] Hasenbusch, M. (2026). [2] Banerjee, D., Chandrasekharan, S., & Orlando, D. (2018).

# What about in Gauge Theory?

- Quantum numbers for global symmetries
- Gauge invariance?
- EFT picture: SSB vs Higgs Mechanism?



# Abelian Higgs model

- Superconductivity

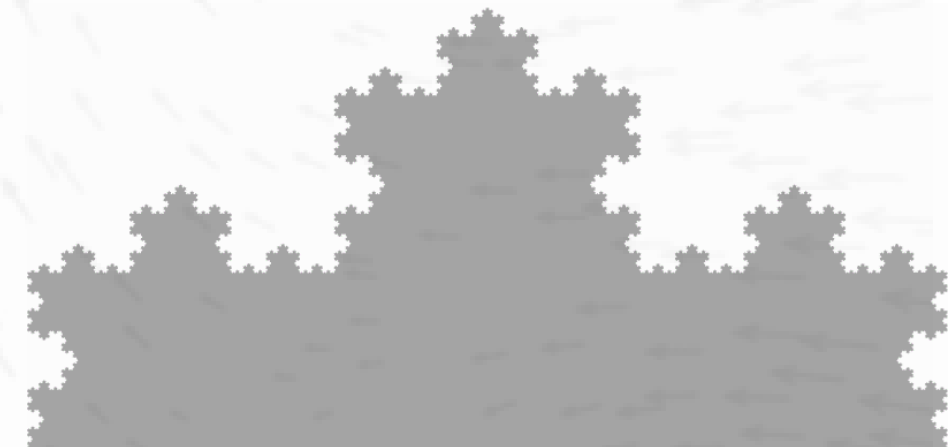
$$S_{\text{AH}}[A, \phi] = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (D^\mu \phi_a)^* D_\mu \phi_a + \frac{(4\pi)^2}{6} \lambda (\phi_a^* \phi_a)^2 \right]$$

- $\lambda$  controls superconductor rigidity and Cooper pair repulsion

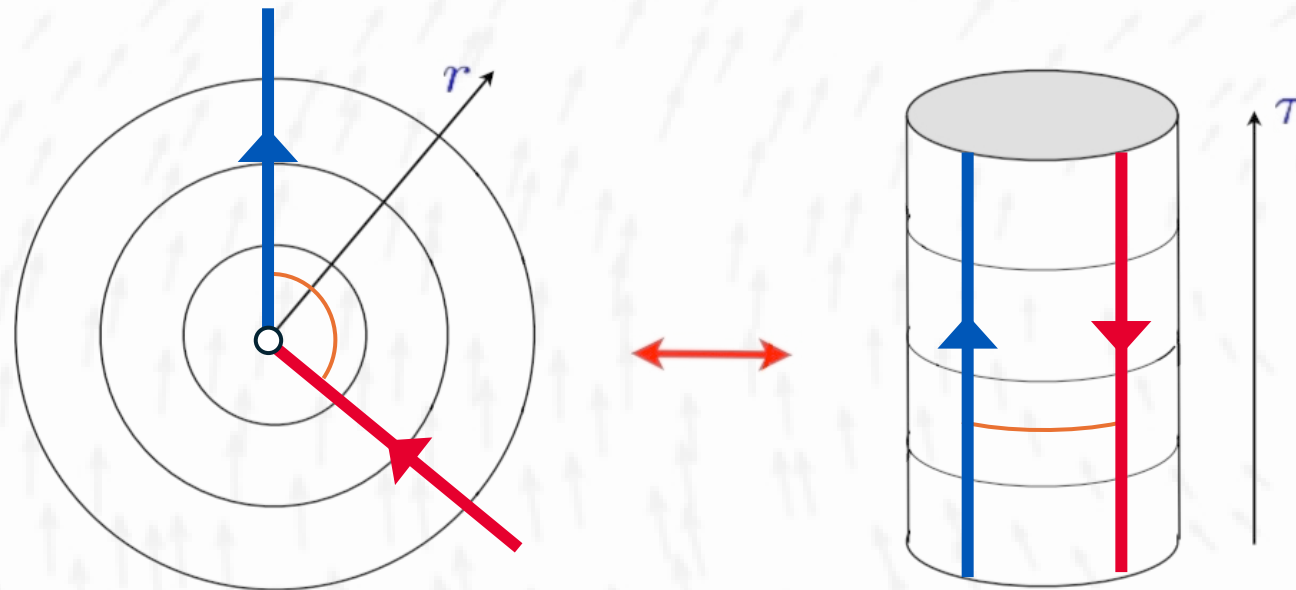
# Abelian Higgs model

- Can tune to a CFT!
- For sufficiently large (finite)  $N$ , in  $d = 4 - \epsilon$ :

$$\lambda^* = \frac{3\left(N+18 \pm \sqrt{(N-180)N-540}\right)}{4N(N+4)}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad e^{*2} = \frac{24\pi^2}{N}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$



# State Operator Correspondence



$$\Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*) = R \cdot E_{Q_1 Q_2, \alpha_*}$$

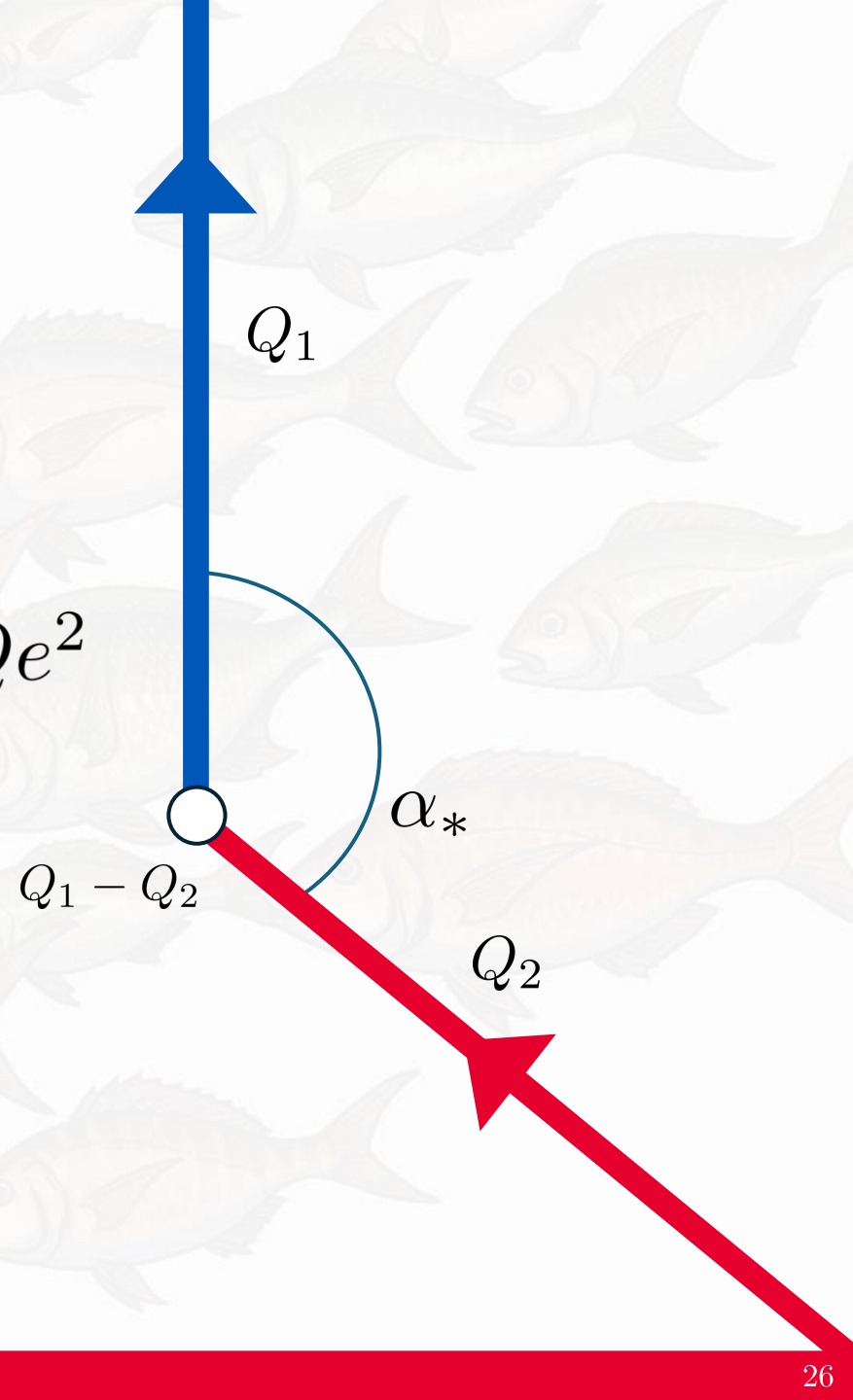
# Semiclassical limit:

We take

$$Q_1 = q_1 Q, \quad Q_2 = q_2 Q, \quad \kappa = Q\lambda, \quad G = Qe^2$$

And the limit

$$Q \rightarrow \infty, \quad e \rightarrow 0, \quad G = Qe^2 \text{ fixed.}$$



# Abelian Higgs model

- Write the insertions as a term in the action

$$S_{\text{ins}} = (Q_2 - Q_1) \int dx (\log(\phi)\delta(x) + \log(\phi^*)\delta(x - x_\infty)) \\ - ieQ_1 \int_{\gamma_1} A + ieQ_2 \int_{\gamma_2} A$$

- Rescaling fields gives the total action

$$S + S_{\text{ins}} \equiv Q\bar{S} = Q \left[ \int dx \left( \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (\partial_\mu + i\sqrt{G}A_\mu)\phi^* (\partial_\mu - i\sqrt{G}A_\mu)\phi + \kappa(\phi^*\phi)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + (q_2 - q_1) (\log(\phi_1)\delta(x) + \log(\phi_1^*)\delta(x - x_\infty)) \right) - iq_1\sqrt{G} \int_{\gamma_1} A + iq_2\sqrt{G} \int_{\gamma_2} A \right]$$

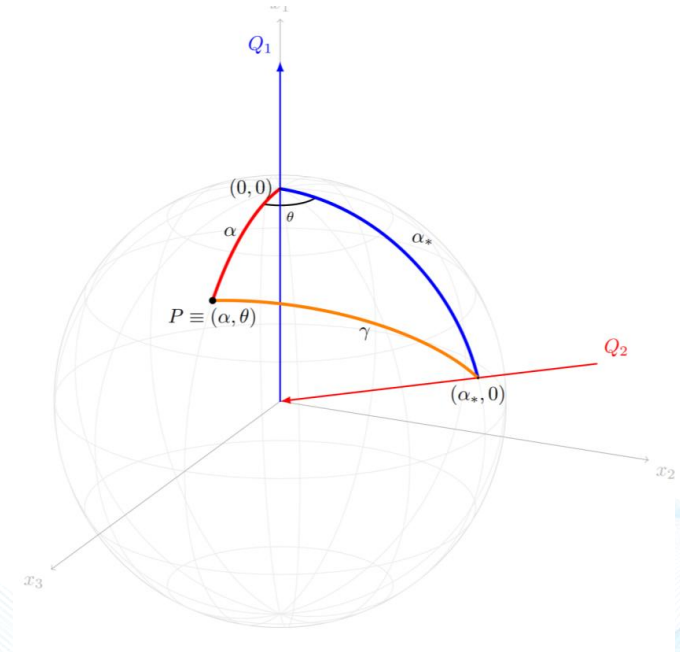
- Controlled by semiclassics!

# Semiclassical limit exists!

- Can compute quantities via large charge



# Degrees of Freedom



$$\phi = \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\chi}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_c(\theta, \alpha)}{r}$$

$$B(\theta, \alpha) = i \left( \sqrt{G} A + d\chi \right)$$

Manifestly gauge invariant

# Saddle Point Equations

Matter  
Maxwell  
Gauss

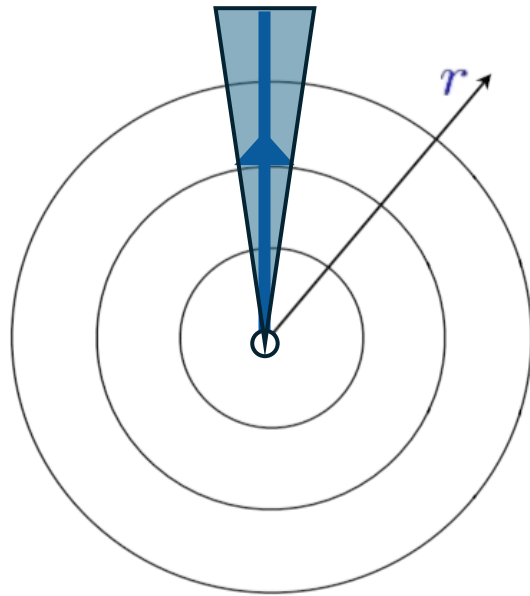
$$\Delta_{S^3} \rho_c(\alpha, \theta) = (1 - (RB(\alpha, \theta))^2 + \kappa(R\rho_c(\alpha, \theta))^2) \rho_c(\alpha, \theta)$$

$$\Delta_{S^3} B(\alpha, \theta) = G \left( (R\rho_c(\alpha, \theta))^2 B(\alpha, \theta) - \frac{q_1 \delta(\alpha) - q_2 \delta(\alpha - \alpha_*) \delta(\theta)}{2\pi R \sin^2 \alpha \sin \theta} \right)$$

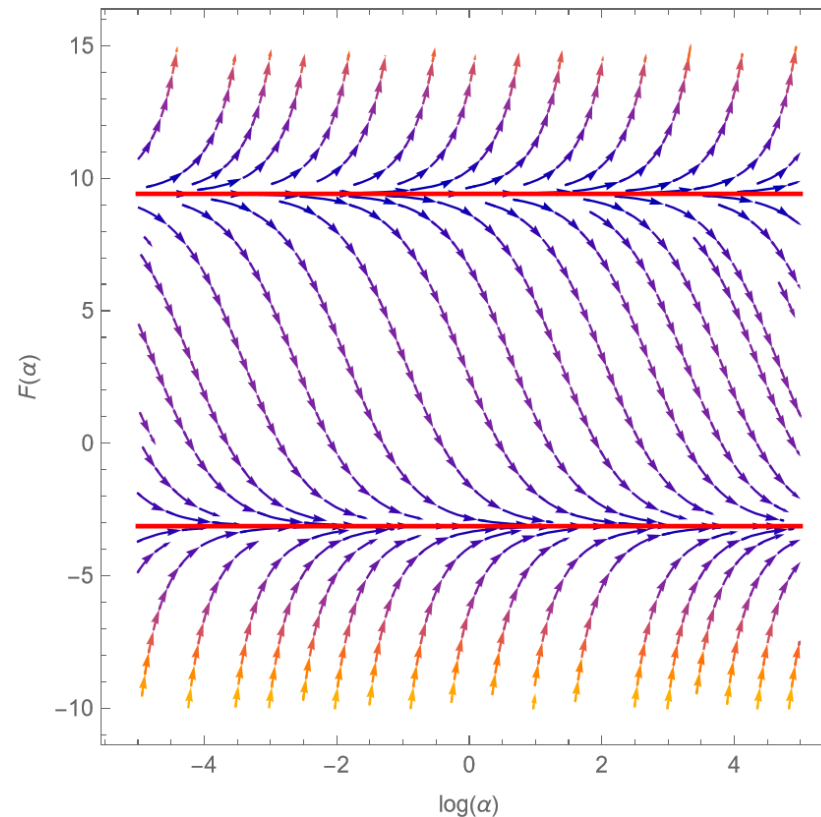
$$\int d\Omega_2 \rho_c^2(\alpha, \theta) B(\alpha, \theta) = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2\pi R^3}$$

# Boundary Conditions?

- If we treat the line as a genuine defect, potential non-trivial boundary conditions



$$F(\alpha) \int \alpha \rho_c^2 d\tau \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha_0}$$



$$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{G^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{\log \alpha}{\alpha} + \dots$$

$$\rho \sim 1 - \frac{G^2}{16\pi^2} \log \alpha + \dots$$

See also [Aharony, Cuomo, Komargodski, Mezei, Raviv-Moshe (2023)]

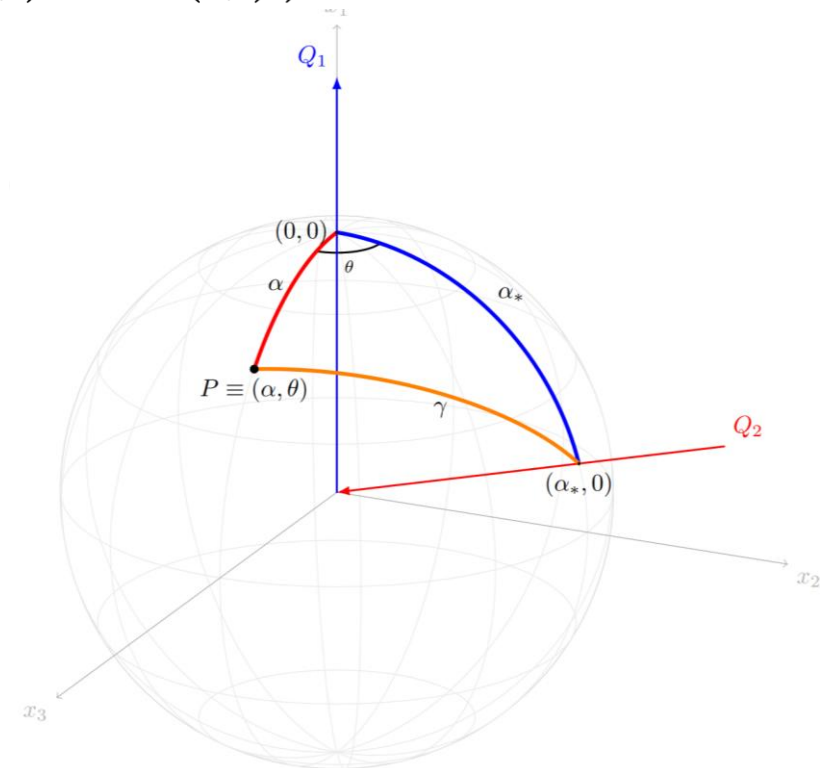
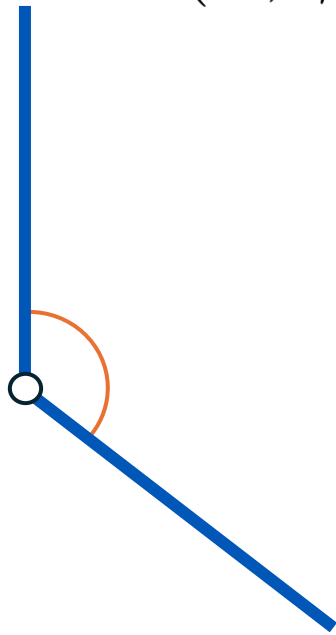
# Trivial Defect-Change ( $Q_1 = Q_2$ )

- Can actually solve exactly

$$B(\alpha, \gamma) = \frac{G}{4\pi^2 R} ((\pi - \alpha) \cot(\alpha) - (\pi - \gamma) \cot(\gamma))$$

$$\Gamma_{qq}^{-1,1}(\alpha_*) = -Q \frac{1 + (\pi - \alpha_*) \cot(\alpha_*)}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{qq}^{-1,i} = 0 \quad i > 1.$$



# Perturbation theory in $G$

$$\rho \rightarrow r = r_0 + r_1 G + r_2 G^2 + \dots$$

$$B \rightarrow \mu = \mu_0 + \mu_1 G + \mu_2 G^2 + \dots$$

$$\Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}(\alpha_*) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{G^j}{Q^i} \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(i,j)}(\alpha_*)$$

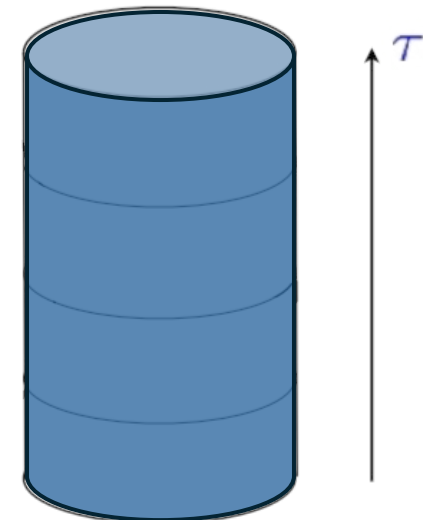
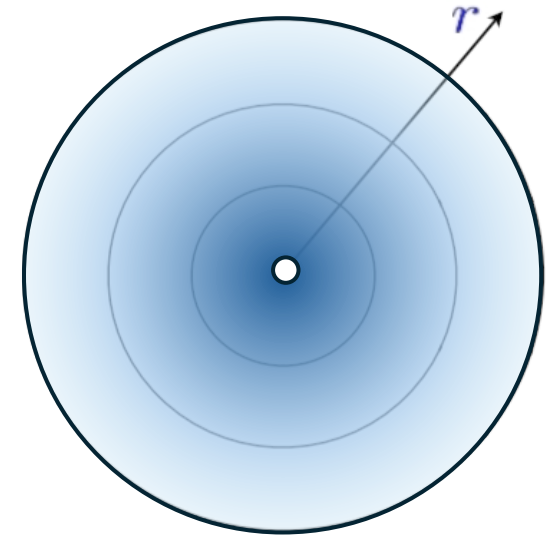
# Leading Order Solution

- Reproduces the result of the ungauged model [Badel, Cuomo, Monin, Rattazzi (2019)], and the Dirac dressed case [Antipin, Bednyakov, Bersini, Panopoulos, Pikelner (2022)]

$$\mu_0 = \frac{2(6\pi^4)^{1/3} + \left( \sqrt{81\kappa^2(q_1 - q_2)^2 - 48\pi^4} + 9\kappa(q_1 - q_2) \right)^{2/3}}{(6\pi)^{2/3} \left( \sqrt{81\kappa^2(q_1 - q_2)^2 - 48\pi^4} + 9\kappa(q_1 - q_2) \right)^{1/3}} .$$

$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(-1,0)} = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{4} \left( 3R\mu_0 + \frac{1}{R\mu_0} \right) .$$

- Resummation of perturbation theory in  $\kappa$ !

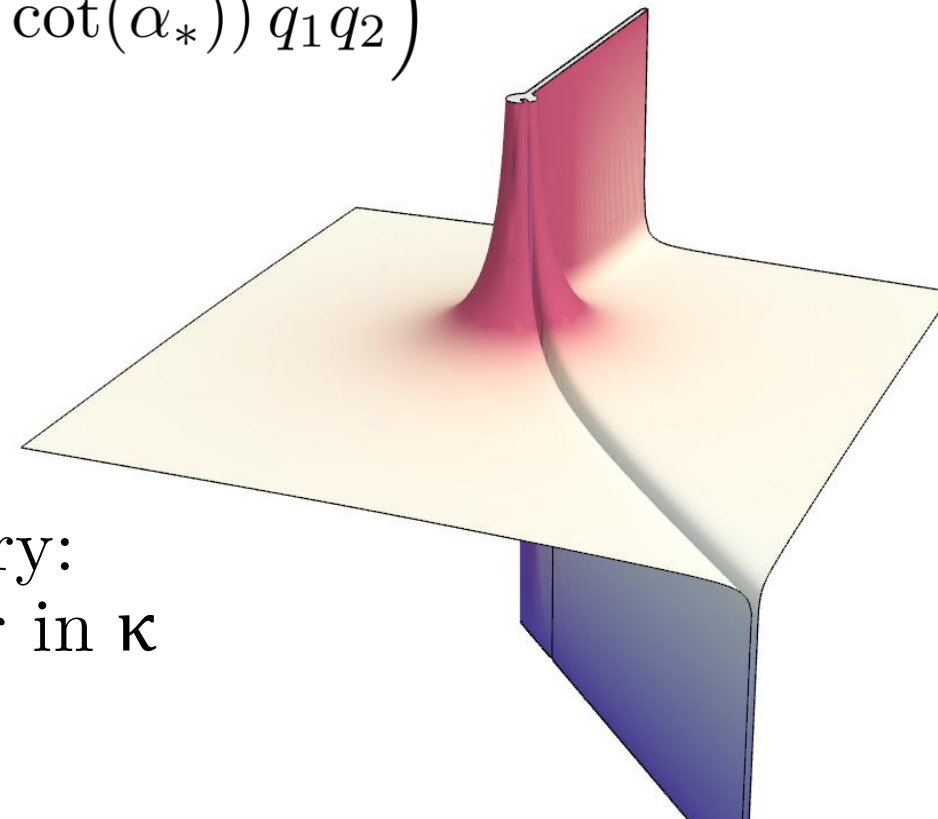


# Next-to-Leading Order Solution

- Independent of  $\kappa!$

$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(-1,1)} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( 3 (q_1 - q_2)^2 + 4 (1 + (\pi - \alpha_*) \cot(\alpha_*)) q_1 q_2 \right)$$

- All orders statement in perturbation theory: contributions from diagrams at each order in  $\kappa$  vanish



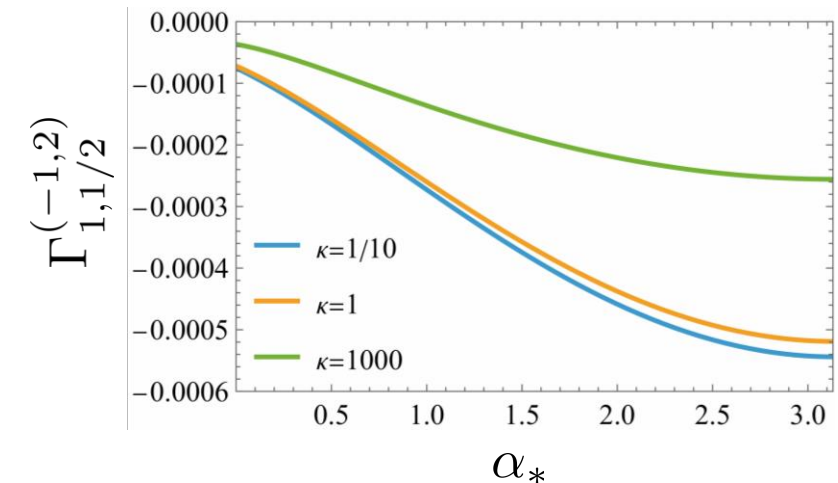
# Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order Solution

- Non-trivial... and non-zero

$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(-1,2)} = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{384\pi^4 R\mu_0 (1 - (R\mu_0)^2)^3} (H_1(R\mu_0) (q_1 - q_2)^2 + q_1 q_2 H_2(R\mu_0, \alpha_*)),$$

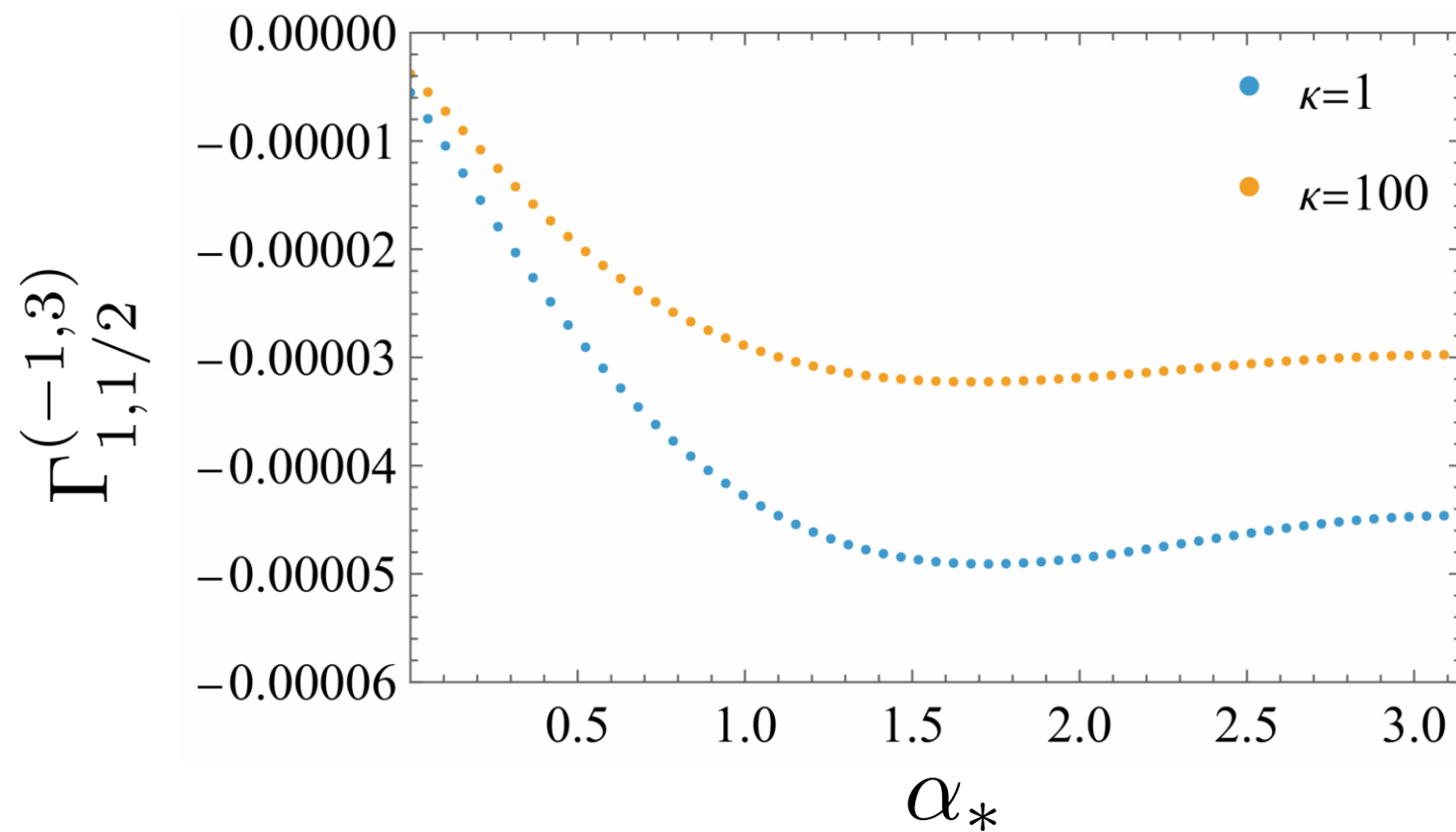
$$H_1 = -9(R\mu_0)^6 - 15(R\mu_0)^4 + 45(R\mu_0)^2 + 3 + 4\pi^2 ((R\mu_0)^2 - 1)^2 (1 - 3(R\mu_0)^2) + 24\pi ((R\mu_0)^2 - 1) \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3} (R\mu_0)^2 \coth\left(\pi \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3}\right),$$

$$H_2 = 12 (1 - (R\mu_0)^2) \left( 4(R\mu_0)^2 (1 + (\pi - \alpha_*) \cot(\alpha_*)) + (2\pi - \alpha_*) \alpha_* (3(R\mu_0)^4 - 4(R\mu_0)^2 + 1) - 4\pi (R\mu_0)^2 \left( \csc(\alpha_*) \operatorname{csch}\left(\pi \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3}\right) \sinh\left((\pi - \alpha_*) \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3}\right) + \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3} \coth\left(\pi \sqrt{2(R\mu_0)^2 - 3}\right) \right) \right),$$



# NNNLO Numerics

- Energy integral too hard to evaluate analytically



# Order $Q$ Expansion ( $\kappa \ll 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 & Q[\Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,0)} + \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,1)} G + \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,0)} G^2 + \dots] + \dots = \\
 & Q \left[ \left( (q_1 - q_2) + \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2 \kappa}{8\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2) \right) G^0 - \frac{3(q_1 - q_2)^2 + 4q_1 q_2 (1 + (\pi - \alpha_*) \cot(\alpha_*))}{16\pi^2} G \right. \\
 & + \left( \frac{q_1 - q_2}{384\pi^4} \left( 8q_1 q_2 (\alpha_* (\alpha_* - 2\pi)(\alpha_* - \pi) \cot(\alpha_*) - 2\pi^2) + (3 - 8\pi^2)(q_1 - q_2)^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \mathcal{O}(\kappa) \right) \right) G^2 + \mathcal{O}(G^3) \left. \right] + \mathcal{O}(Q^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Reproduces perturbative Feynman diagram expansion at each order

# Order $Q$ Expansion ( $\kappa \gg 1$ )

$$Q[\Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,0)} + \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,1)} G + \Gamma_{Q_1 Q_2}^{(-1,0)} G^2 + \dots] + \dots =$$

Characteristic large-charge scaling behaviour

$$Q \left[ \left( \frac{3(q_1 - q_2)^{4/3} \kappa^{1/3}}{2^{7/3} \pi^{2/3}} + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2/3} (q_1 - q_2)^{2/3} \kappa^{-1/3} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^{-1}) \right) G^0 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3(q_1 - q_2)^2 + 4q_1 q_2 (1 + (\pi - \alpha_*) \cot(\alpha_*))}{16\pi^2} G \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{1}{64} \left( (3 + 4\pi^2) (q_1 - q_2)^2 + 12q_1 q_2 (2\pi - \alpha_*) \alpha_* \right) \left( \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2}{4\pi^{10} \kappa} \right)^{1/3} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^{-1}) \right) G^2 + \mathcal{O}(G^3) \right] + \mathcal{O}(Q^0)$$

- New results beyond perturbation theory!
- Full formula interpolates between both regimes

# Fluctuations

- Want  $\mathcal{O}(Q^0)$  contributions to the anomalous dimension

$$Q\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(-1)} + Q^0\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(0)} + \dots$$

- Obtained from spectrum of fluctuations around classical solution

# Dispersion Relations

- Need eigenvalues of each block of inverse propagator matrix, eg:

$$\mathcal{D}_S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\omega^2 + \Delta_{S^{d-1}} + m_d^2 - \mu^2 + 3\kappa r^2 & -2i\mu\omega & -2i\sqrt{G}\mu r \\ 2i\mu\omega & -\omega^2 + \Delta_{S^{d-1}} + Gr^2 & 0 \\ -2i\sqrt{G}\mu r & 0 & -\omega^2 + \Delta_{S^{d-1}} + Gr^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= V_0 + \sqrt{G}V_1 + GV_2 + \mathcal{O}(G^{3/2}),$$

- Function of position-dependant fields. Use matrix element pert. Theory:

$$\lambda_{S,i} = \lambda_{S,i}^{(0)} + G \left( \langle v_{S,i} | V_2 | v_{S,i} \rangle + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{|\langle v_{S,i} | V_1 | v_{S,j} \rangle|^2}{\lambda_{S,i}^{(0)} - \lambda_{S,j}^{(0)}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

# Mass Spectrum

$$m_{S,-}^2 = G \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2\pi^2 R^3 \mu_0} + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_{S,+}^2 = G \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2\pi^2 R^3 \mu_0} + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_{S,3}^2 = 6\mu_0^2 - 2m_d^2 + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_T^2 = (d - 2) + G \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2\pi^2 R^3 \mu_0} + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

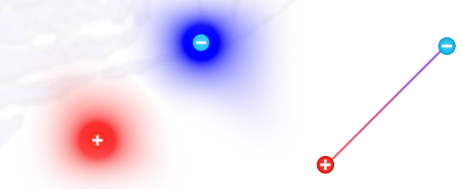
$$m_h^2 = 6\mu_0^2 - 2m_d^2 + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_{\text{gh}}^2 = G \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2\pi^2 R^3 \mu_0} + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_{II,1}^2 = \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$m_{II,2}^2 = \mu_0^2 + \mathcal{O}(G^2).$$

- Expectation: line breaks  $SO(d, 1) \times \frac{SU(N)}{\mathbb{Z}_N} \rightarrow SO(d - 2) \times \mathcal{D} \times \frac{SU(N-1)}{\mathbb{Z}_{N-1}}$
- No Type-I Goldstone (Higgs),  $S$ - and gauge field massive



# Contribution to Anom. Dim.

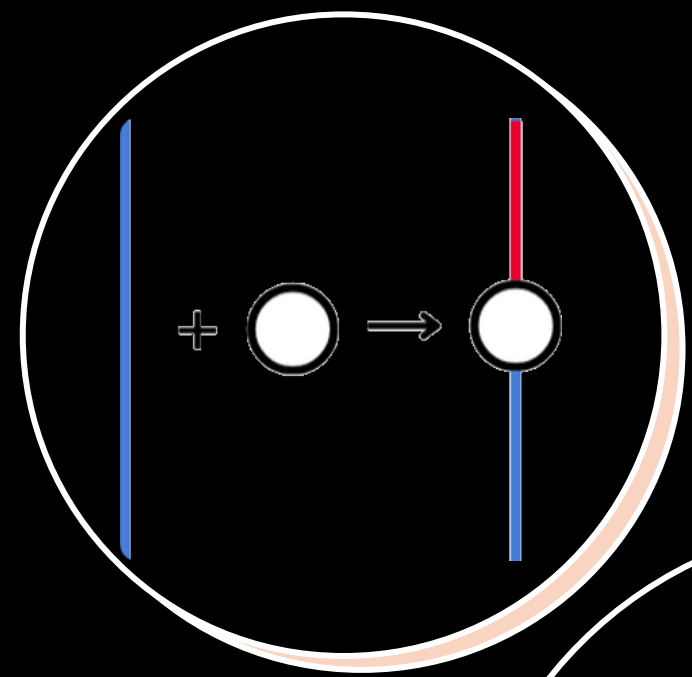
$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(0,0)} = \frac{8\sqrt{6(R\mu_0)^2 - 2} - 3(R\mu_0)^4(N+4) - 6(R\mu_0)^2 N + 16R\mu_0(N-1) - 7N + 12}{16} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sigma(\ell)$$

- Complicated but known
- Reproduces usual LO fluctuations
- Can sum eigenvalues for NLO corrections

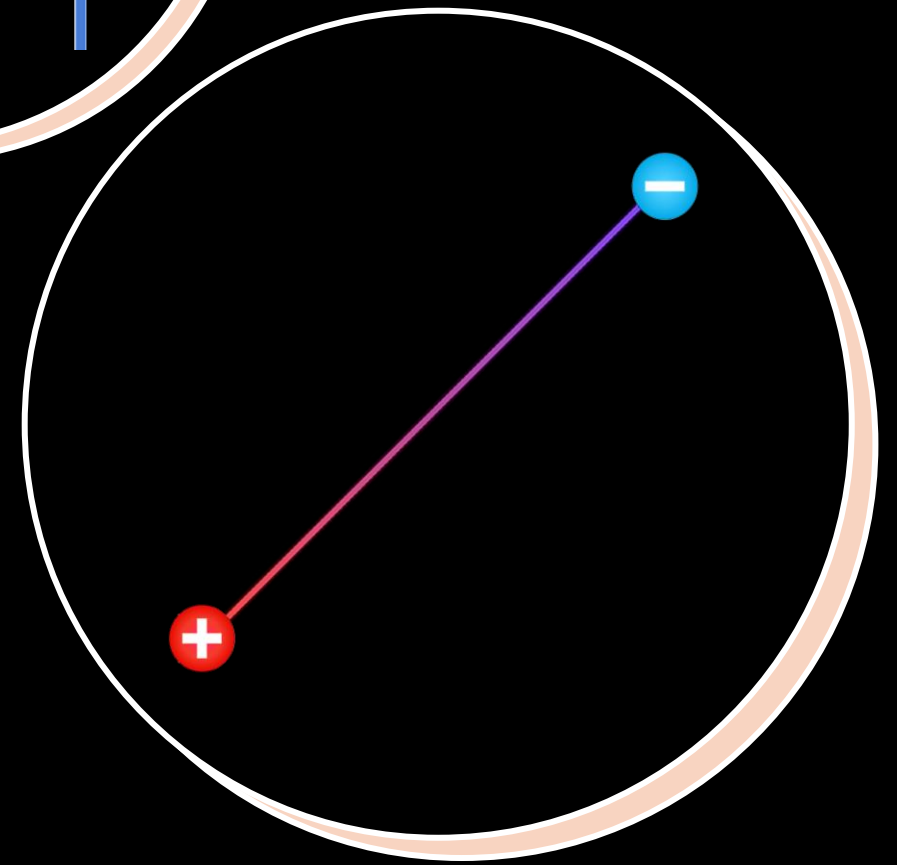
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$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}^{(0,0)} &= -\frac{N+5}{3} \frac{6\kappa}{(4\pi)^2} (q_1 - q_2) + \frac{3-N}{9} \left( \frac{6\kappa}{(4\pi)^2} (q_1 - q_2) \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{27} (2(N+7)\zeta(3) + N - 18) \left( \frac{6\kappa}{(4\pi)^2} (q_1 - q_2) \right)^3 \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{81} ((12N+65)\zeta(3) + 5(N+15)\zeta(5) + 4N - 146) \left( \frac{6\kappa}{(4\pi)^2} (q_1 - q_2) \right)^4 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

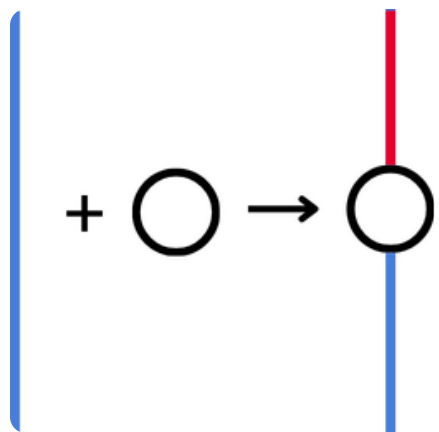
- Each order is again a resummation of perturbation theory in  $\kappa$



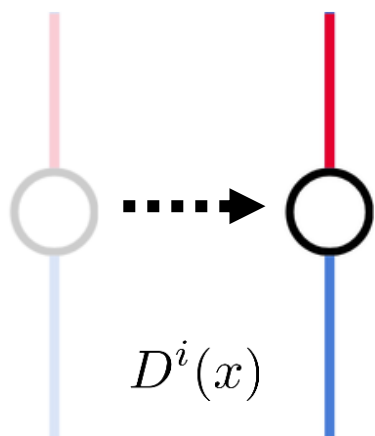
# Observables



# Observables: Defect Changing Operator



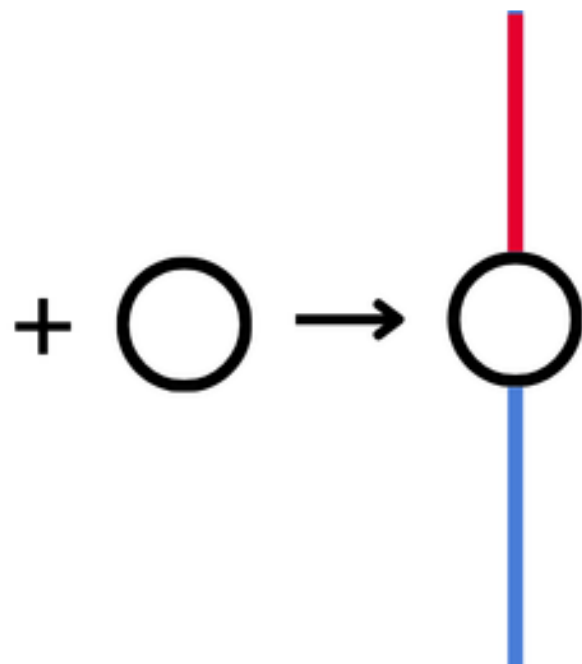
$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2}(\alpha_*) = \Delta_{q_1 q_2} + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{q_1 q_2} (\alpha_* - \pi)^2 + \mathcal{O}((\alpha_* - \pi)^3)$$



$\beta$  related to displacement operator:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu i} = \delta(x_\perp) D^i(x_\parallel)$$

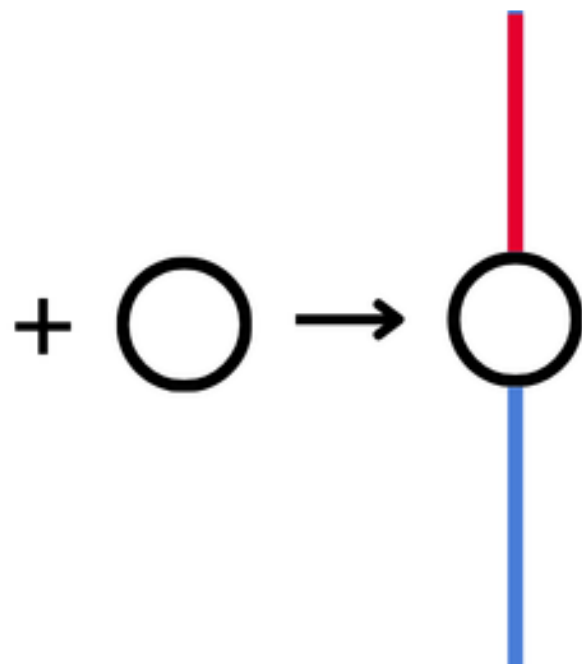
# Defect Changing Operator: Small Limit



$$\Delta_{q_1 q_2} = Q \left[ \left( (q_1 - q_2) + \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2 \kappa}{8\pi^2} - \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^3 \kappa^2}{32\pi^4} + \dots \right) - \frac{3(q_1 - q_2)^2}{16\pi^2} G \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{(3 - 8\pi^2)(q_1 - q_2)^3 - 24\pi^2 q_1 q_2 (q_1 - q_2)}{384\pi^4} + \frac{\kappa(15\pi^2(\pi^2 - 6)q_1 q_2 (q_1 - q_2)^2 + 2(45 - 15\pi^2 + 2\pi^4)(q_1 - q_2)^4)}{5760\pi^6} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{\kappa^2(120\pi^2(\pi^2 - 18)q_1 q_2 (q_1 - q_2)^3 + (765 - 720\pi^2 + 32\pi^4)(q_1 - q_2)^5)}{184320\pi^8} + \dots \right) G^2 + \dots \right] \\ - \left[ \frac{(N+5)(q_1 - q_2)\kappa}{8\pi^2} + \frac{(N-3)(q_1 - q_2)^2 \kappa^2}{64\pi^4} + \dots \right] + \mathcal{O}(Q^0 G),$$

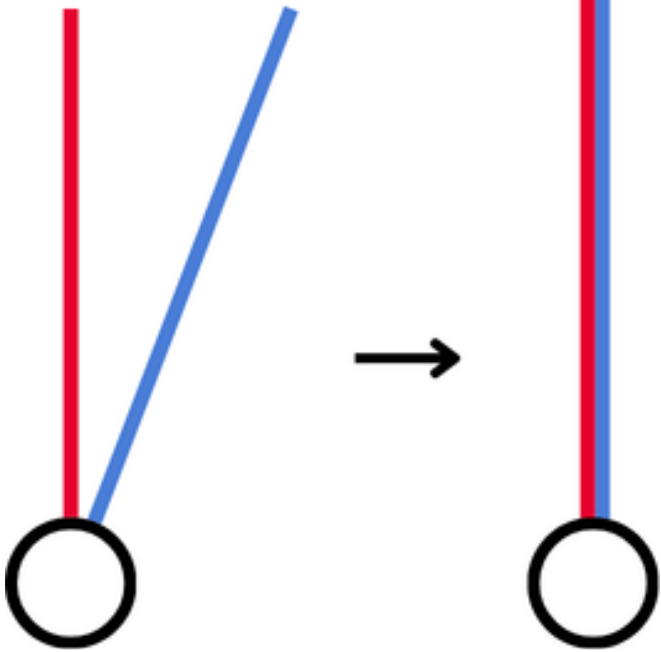
$$\beta_{q_1 q_2} = -\frac{QG}{6\pi^2} + \left( \frac{(3 + \pi^2)(q_1 - q_2)}{72\pi^4} - \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2 \kappa}{32\pi^6} + \frac{(180 - 105\pi^2 + 14\pi^4)(q_1 - q_2)^3 \kappa^2}{34560\pi^8} + \dots \right) q_1 q_2 QG^2 \\ + \mathcal{O}(QG^3, Q^0 G),$$

# Defect Changing Operator: Large Limit



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{q_1 q_2} = & Q \left[ \left( \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\kappa(q_1 - q_2)^4}{2\pi^2} \right)^{1/3} + \dots \right) - \frac{3(q_1 - q_2)^2}{16\pi^2} G \right. \\
 & \left. - \left( \frac{1}{64} \left( (3 + 4\pi^2)(q_1 - q_2)^2 + 12\pi^2 q_1 q_2 \right) \left( \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2}{4\pi^{10} \kappa} \right)^{1/3} + \dots \right) G^2 + \dots \right] \\
 & + \left[ \frac{1}{192} \left( 4(N + 4) \log((q_1 - q_2)\kappa) - 4(3\sqrt{3} + 13 + 8 \log(4\pi)) - 15 \coth^{-1} \sqrt{3} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. - N(15 + 8 \log(4\pi)) + 12\gamma_E(N + 4) \right] \left( \frac{\kappa^4(q_1 - q_2)^4}{2\pi^8} \right)^{1/3} + \dots \Big] + \mathcal{O}(Q^0 G), \\
 \beta_{q_1 q_2} = & - \frac{QG}{6\pi^2} + \left( \frac{3}{16} \left( \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^2}{4\pi^{10} \kappa} \right)^{1/3} + \dots \right) q_1 q_2 QG^2 + \mathcal{O}(QG^3, Q^0 G).
 \end{aligned}$$

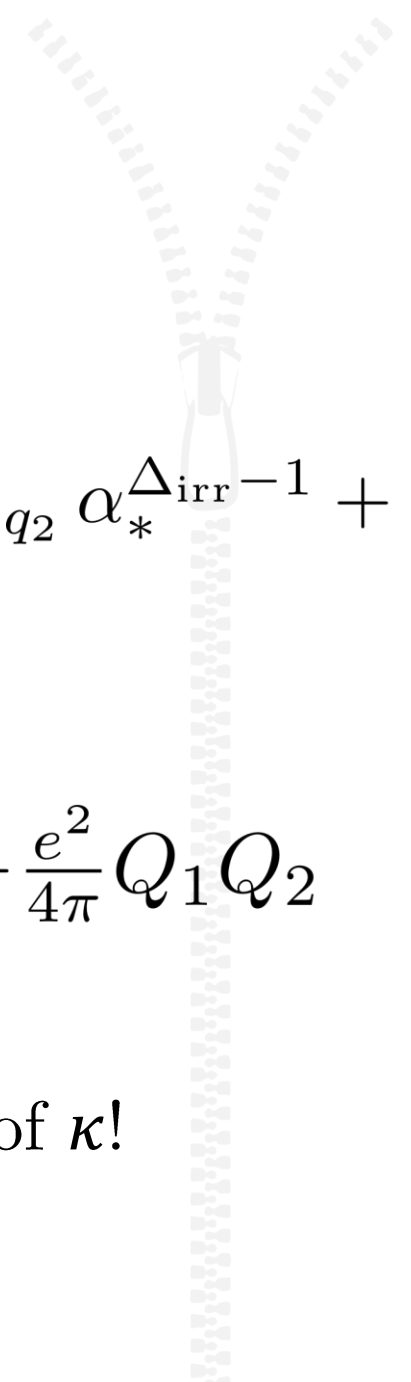
# Observables: Defect Fusion



$$\Gamma_{q_1 q_2} = \frac{C_{q_1(-q_2)(\overline{q_1-q_2})}}{\alpha_*} + \Delta_{(q_1-q_2)0} + \alpha_{q_1 q_2} \alpha_*^{\Delta_{\text{irr}}-1} + \dots$$

$$C_{q_1(-q_2)(\overline{q_1-q_2})} = -\frac{GQ}{4\pi} q_1 q_2 = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi} Q_1 Q_2$$

- Casimir energy is independent of  $\kappa$ !



# Observables: Order Parameter


$$\langle \phi^*(x_2) \exp \left( \int dz J_{MS}^\mu(z; x) A_\mu(z) \right) \phi(x_1) \rangle$$

$$\gamma_{\xi=0} = \gamma_D$$

$$\gamma_{\xi=1-d} \neq \gamma_{MS}!$$

- Dirac dressing differs from MS dressing at all loops, not just 1-loop

# To summarise:

- Large charge works in gauge theory
  - Semiclassical expansion in  $Q$
  - Elucidation of SC order parameter
- Gauge redundancy  $\Rightarrow$  no I-Goldstone
  - Non-perturbative results





# Further directions

- Large  $G$  regime
- Nonabelian lines
- Supersymmetric Extensions
- Junctions
- Multiple defect changes

A school of various fish swimming in the background. The fish are depicted in various colors and patterns, including silver, brown, and orange. They are swimming in different directions, creating a sense of movement. In the top left corner, there is a blue horizontal line, a red diagonal line, and a white circle with a black outline.

Thankyou!