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# Advent of non-Abelian Vortices

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# Plan

## I. Non-Abelian vortices in 3+1 dim gauge theories

- Topology and duality in non-Abelian gauge theories
- Supersymmetry
- Vortex solutions with non-Abelian moduli
  - SU(2)×U(1) models with  $N_f = 2$  flavors:
  - U(N) vortices, higher-winding vortices, non-BPS, etc.
- Vortex-monopole connection  
(homotopy sequence and symmetry)

## II. Non-Abelian vortices: generalizations

- Vortices in general gauge systems
- Vortices with product moduli space
- Fractional vortices
- Monopole-vortex complex



# Lecture I

# Electromagnetic duality and topological solitons

- Vacuum Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E} + i \mathbf{B}) = 0; \quad \nabla \times (\mathbf{E} + i \mathbf{B}) = i \partial_t (\mathbf{E} + i \mathbf{B})$$

inv under  $\mathbf{E} + i \mathbf{B} \rightarrow e^{i\phi} (\mathbf{E} + i \mathbf{B})$  (broken by charges)

- Magnetic monopole possible (Dirac 1931) in quantum field theory if

$$g \cdot g_m = n/2, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots \quad \text{quantization of electric charges}$$

't Hooft, Polyakov

- Soliton monopoles in spont. broken gauge theories (1974)

GUT (grand-unified models) monopoles?

- Soliton vortices (Abrikosov '57, Nielsen-Olesen '74)

(superconductor, Landau-Ginzburg model, Abelian Higgs model)

- Other applications in condensed matter physics / cosmology, etc

- Confinement  $\sim$  dual superconductor ?

Nambu, 't Hooft, Mandelstam '80



Quark Confinement in QCD =  
Dual superconductor

.... of Non-Abelian variety ?

? How to generalize  
to H non-Abelian

$$\begin{aligned} G \rightarrow H \quad \quad \quad \Pi_2(G/H) \neq 1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{'t Hooft-Polyakov monopole} & ('74) \\ \text{ANO vortex} & ('73) \end{array} \right. \quad H=U(1) \\ \Pi_1(H) \neq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Key developments:

- Quantum behavior of Abelian and non-Abelian monopoles

('94 -'05)

Seiberg-Witten,  
Argyres, Douglas, Shenker  
Carlino, Konishi, Murayama

- Discovery of non-Abelian vortices ('03-)

Hanany-Tong,  
Auzzi, Bolognesi, Evslin, Konishi, Yung

⇒ Rich variety of new results

Konishi, a review **hep-th/0702102**

('04-'10) Pisa, Tokyo, Minnesota, Cambridge ...

# Non-Abelian Vortices



# Abelian Higgs model and ANO vortex

Abrikosov '56  
Nielsen-Olesen '73

$$L = - (1/4 g^2) (F_{\mu\nu})^2 + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V,$$

$$V = \lambda (|\phi|^2 - v^2)^2 / 2$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i A_\mu$$

$$D\phi \rightarrow 0; \quad |\phi|^2 \rightarrow v^2$$

$$\phi \sim v e^{i\phi} \quad \text{far from the vortex core}$$

$$\Pi_1(U(1)) = \mathbb{Z}$$

“ANO” vortex

$$\bullet \lambda > g^2/2 \quad \text{type I}$$

$$\bullet \lambda < g^2/2 \quad \text{type II}$$

$$\bullet \lambda = g^2/2 \quad \text{BPS}^*$$

\* **BPS-saturated**  
(Bogomolnyi-Prasad-Sommerfield)  
= **Self dual case**

## Extended Abelian Higgs (EAH) model

Vachaspati, Achúcarro, ...

$$|\phi|^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum_i |\phi_i|^2$$

$$\Pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^{N-1}) = 1$$

$$\text{but } \Pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^{N-1}) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\bullet \lambda > g^2/2 \quad \text{type I: ANO stable}$$

$$\bullet \lambda < g^2/2 \quad \text{type II: ANO unstable}$$

$$\bullet \lambda = g^2/2 \quad \text{BPS: semi-local vortices}$$

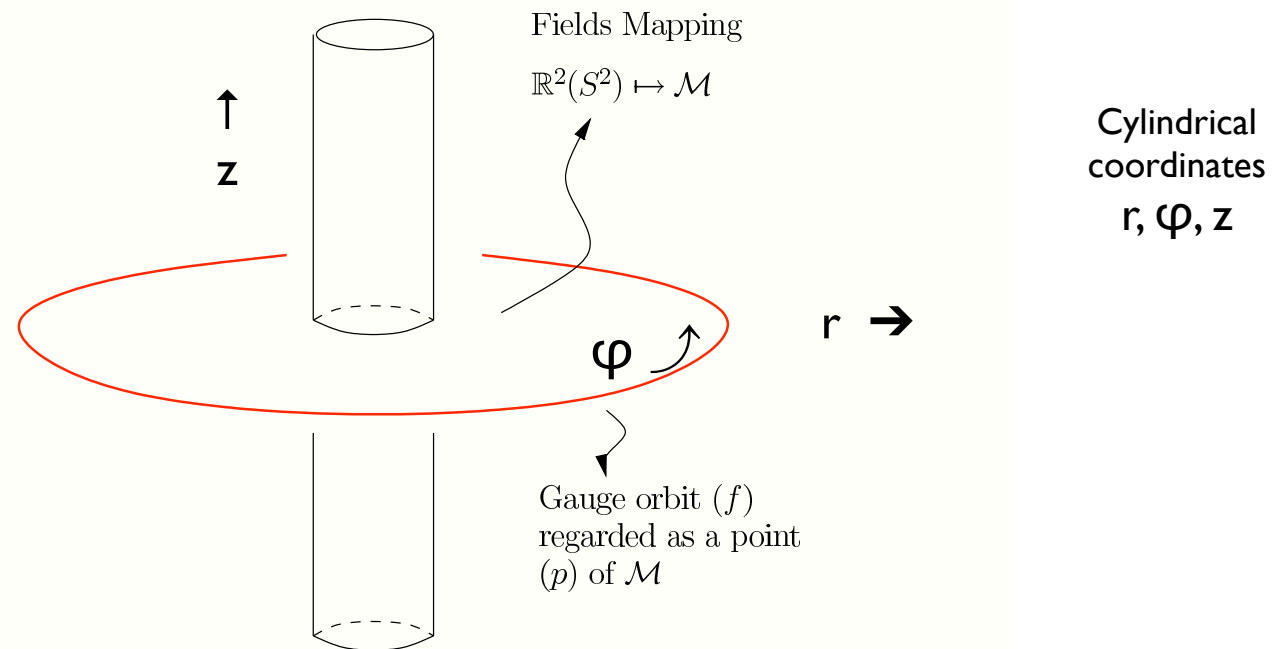


Fig. 2:

$M$  = vacuum configurations  $\{\phi\}$ ;  $F$  = gauge orbits

$f, p$  = point of  $F, \mathcal{M}$ , respectively

$\mathcal{M}$  = vacuum moduli space =  $M/F$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &= S/S = 1, \quad \text{AH} \\ &= S^{2N-1}/S = \mathbb{CP}^{N-1}, \quad \text{EAH} \end{aligned}$$

- A vortex defined at each point  $p$  of the base space  $\mathcal{M}$  (vacuum degeneracy)
- Vortex solutions possess in general nontrivial **vortex moduli**  $\mathcal{V}$   
A symmetry broken by the individual soln (e.g.  $\mathbf{R}^2$  for AH); or due to  $\mathcal{M}$
- Semilocal Vortex  $\sim$  sigma model lump (  $\Pi_2(\mathcal{M})$  )



# Non-Abelian vortex \*

Hanany-Tong, '03

Auzzi-Bolognesi-Evslin-Konishi-Yung. '03

- $\Phi_2 \neq 0$   
 $H \Rightarrow 1$  with  $\Pi_1(H) \neq 1$   
 $H$ : non-Abelian (\*\*)

Shifman-Yung, ... (Minnesota).

Eto-Nitta-Ohashi-Sakai- ... (TiTech, Tokyo).

Tong, (Cambridge).

Pisa group,

'03-'09

- \*\* not sufficient.

**N.B.**  $H = \text{SU}(N)/\mathbb{Z}_N \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$  vortex ! ( $\Pi_1(H) = \mathbb{Z}_N$ )

- Need a global (flavor) symmetry:  
 $U(N)$  theory with  $N_f = N$  squarks in the fundamental repres. of  $\text{SU}(N)$

- Color-flavor locked vacuum

$$\langle q \rangle \propto 1_{N \times N}$$

$$(q)_\alpha^i = \begin{pmatrix} q_1^{(1)} & q_1^{(2)} & \cdots & q_1^{(N)} \\ q_2^{(1)} & q_2^{(2)} & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ q_N^{(1)} & q_N^{(2)} & \cdots & q_N^{(N)} \end{pmatrix}$$

\* Vortex solutions with continuous non-Abelian moduli

# U(N) model (with $N_f = N$ “flavors” of complex scalar fields -- squarks )

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr} \left[ -\frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2}{g^2} \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi^\dagger \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi - \mathcal{D}_\mu H \mathcal{D}^\mu H^\dagger - \lambda (c 1_N - H H^\dagger)^2 \right] \\ + \text{Tr} [ (H^\dagger \phi - M H^\dagger)(\phi H - H M) ]$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu W_\nu - \partial_\nu W_\mu + i [W_\mu, W_\nu] \text{ and } \mathcal{D}_\mu H = (\partial_\mu + i W_\mu) H,$$

$(H)_\alpha^i \equiv q_\alpha^i$  : **N complex scalar fields in the fundamental representation** of SU(N),  
written in color-flavor mixed matrix form

$\phi$  A complex scalar field in the adjoint representation of SU(N)

$M = \text{diag} (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N)$  is the mass matrix for the squarks  $q$

- For a critical coupling constant  $\lambda = \frac{g^2}{4}$  \*) **BPS (self-dual) (automatic in Susy)**

the model can be regarded as a truncation of the bosonic sector of a N=2 supersymmetric model, with  $(H)_\alpha^i \equiv q_\alpha^i$ ,  $\tilde{q}_i^\alpha \equiv 0$

- In this case  $c$  comes from the Fayet-Iliopoulos term  $\mathcal{L} = c V|_D$

- For unequal masses  $\langle \phi \rangle = M = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_N \end{pmatrix}$  breaks  $U(N) \rightarrow U(1)^N$   
 $U(1)$ 's broken by the squark  
vac. exp. value  $\rightarrow$  ANO vortex  
nothing really new



# Equal mass case: Non-Abelian Vortices:

Auzzi-Bolognesi-Evslin-Konishi-Yung,  
Hanany-Tong, Shifman-Yung, Eto, et. al.

$$\langle \phi \rangle = m \mathbf{1}_N, \quad \langle H \rangle = \sqrt{c} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Color-flavor locked phase

- The  $SU(N) \times U(1)$  gauge group broken completely;

- The  $SU(N)_{C+F}$  flavor symmetry intact  $\underset{\text{color}}{U} \langle H \rangle \underset{\text{flavor}}{U}^{-1} = \langle H \rangle$

- The BPS (self-dual) vortex equations

$$(\mathcal{D}_1 + i\mathcal{D}_2) H = 0, \quad F_{12} + \frac{g^2}{2} (c \mathbf{1}_N - H H^\dagger) = 0.$$

$$z = x + i y$$

$$\partial_z = (\partial_x - i \partial_y)/2$$

- The solutions

holomorphic

$$H = S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) H_0(z), \quad W_1 + i W_2 = -2 i S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) \bar{\partial}_z S(z, \bar{z}).$$

Eto-Nitta-Ohashi-Sakai...

- $\Omega = S S^\dagger$  satisfies the master equation

$$\partial_z (\Omega^{-1} \partial_{\bar{z}} \Omega) = \frac{g^2}{4} (c \mathbf{1}_N - \Omega^{-1} H_0 H_0^\dagger).$$

S: complex extension of  $U(N) \sim GL(N, \mathbb{C})$

any non-singular holomorphic  
NxN matrix

- The moduli matrix  $H_0$  defined up to  $V$  equivalence relations

$$H_0(z) \rightarrow V(z) H_0(z), \quad S(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow V(z) S(z, \bar{z}),$$

# The problem : Master (gauge field) equation

$$\Omega = S S^\dagger \quad S: \text{ complex extension of } U(N) \sim GL(N, \mathbb{C}): \text{ any regular } N \times N \text{ matrix } **$$

(i) Solve for the Hermitian  $N \times N$  matrix  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega^\dagger = \Omega$

$$\partial_z (\Omega^{-1} \partial_{\bar{z}} \Omega) = \frac{g^2}{4} (c 1_N - \Omega^{-1} H_0 H_0^\dagger).$$

( $g, c$  are constants, set to 1), given a holomorphic moduli matrix  $H_0(z)$ , with the boundary condition

$$\Omega \rightarrow (1/c) H_0 H_0^\dagger, \quad |z| \rightarrow \infty$$

$\det H_0(z) \sim z^k + \dots$   
 $k = \text{the winding number}$

(ii) Show the existence and uniqueness of the solution for each  $H_0$

$$\text{e.g., } H_0^{(1,0,\dots,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} z - z_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_2 & 0 & \ddots & & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ b_{N-1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

( $z_0, b_i$  are complex moduli parameters)

(\*\*) for other gauge groups see later



# U(2) ~ SU(2)xU(1) model as the low-energy effective theory from SU(3) theory

Auzzi-Bolognesi-Evslin-Konishi-Yung,

Adjoint scalar VEV  $\phi = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2m \end{pmatrix}$   $SU(3) \rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1)/Z_2$

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{4g_2^2} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \frac{1}{4g_1^2} (F_{\mu\nu}^8)^2 + |\nabla_\mu q^A|^2 + \frac{g_2^2}{8} (\bar{q}_A \tau^a q^A)^2 + \frac{g_1^2}{24} (\bar{q}_A q^A - 2\xi)^2 \right],$$

Bogomolnyi completion for static vortex soln

$$T = \int d^2x \left( \sum_{a=1}^3 \left[ \frac{1}{2g_2} F_{ij}^{(a)} \pm \frac{g_2}{4} (\bar{q}_A \tau^a q^A) \epsilon_{ij} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{1}{2g_1} F_{ij}^{(8)} \pm \frac{g_1}{4\sqrt{3}} (|q^A|^2 - 2\xi) \epsilon_{ij} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla_i q^A \pm i\epsilon_{ij} \nabla_j q^A|^2 \pm \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{3}} \tilde{F}^{(8)} \right)$$

$\tilde{F}^{(8)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ij} F_{ij}^{(8)}$

Non-Abelian BPS  
(self-dual) equations

$$\frac{1}{2g_2} F_{ij}^{(a)} + \frac{g_2}{4} \epsilon (\bar{q}_A \tau^a q^A) \epsilon_{ij} = 0, \quad a = 1, 2, 3;$$

$$\frac{1}{2g_1} F_{ij}^{(8)} + \frac{g_1}{4\sqrt{3}} \epsilon (|q^A|^2 - 2\xi) \epsilon_{ij} = 0; \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

$$\nabla_i q^A + i\epsilon \epsilon_{ij} \nabla_j q^A = 0, \quad A = 1, 2, \dots, N_f.$$

# Vortex Ansatz and profile fns (SU(2)xU(1) case)

$$(A^8 = A^0)$$

$$q(r, \varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i n \varphi} \phi_1(r) & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i k \varphi} \phi_2(r) \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} A_i^3(x) &= -\varepsilon \varepsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} ((n - k) - f_3(r)), \\ A_i^8(x) &= -\sqrt{3} \varepsilon \varepsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} ((n + k) - f_8(r)) \end{aligned}$$

Self-dual  
equations:

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_1(r) - \frac{1}{2} (f_8(r) + f_3(r)) \phi_1(r) &= 0, \\ r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_2(r) - \frac{1}{2} (f_8(r) - f_3(r)) \phi_2(r) &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_8(r) + \frac{g_1^2}{6} (\phi_1(r)^2 + \phi_2(r)^2 - 2\xi) &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_3(r) + \frac{g_2^2}{2} (\phi_1(r)^2 - \phi_2(r)^2) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Boundary  
conditions:

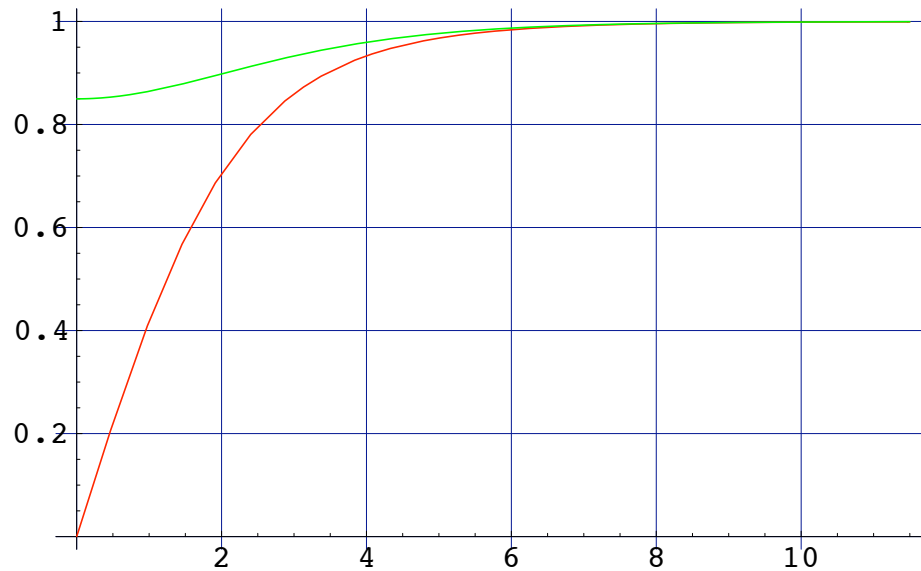
$$\begin{aligned} f_3(0) &= \varepsilon_{n,k} (n - k), \quad f_8(0) = \varepsilon_{n,k} (n + k), \\ f_3(\infty) &= 0, \quad f_8(\infty) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_1(\infty) = \sqrt{\xi}, \quad \phi_2(\infty) = \sqrt{\xi}$$

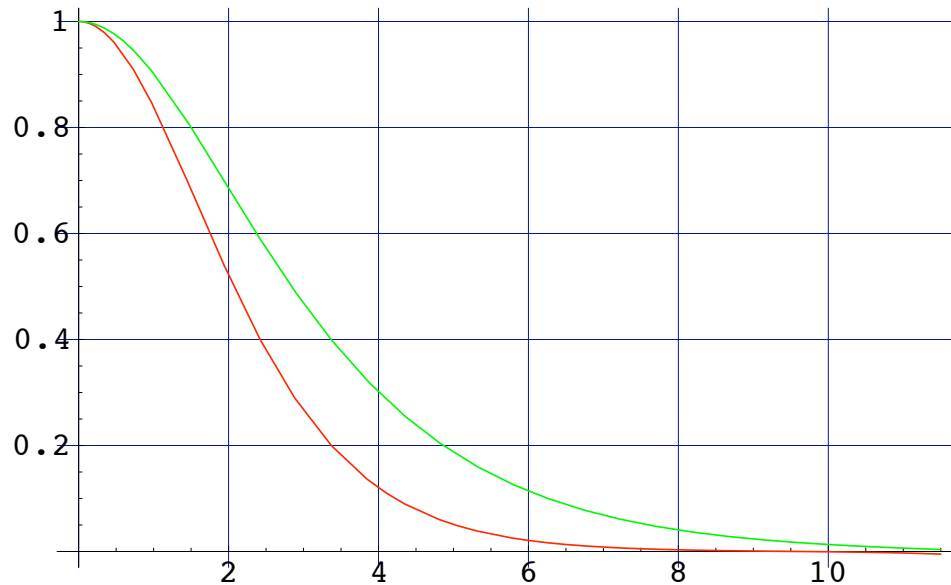
$\phi$  regular everywhere (e.g.,  $\phi_1(0) = 0$ , if  $n \neq 0$ ,  $k = 0$ )

A minimal vortex:  
 $n=1; k=0$

$\phi_1(r)$ ,  $\phi_2(r)$



$f_3(r)$ ,  $f_8(r)$ ,





# Vortex tension and degeneracy

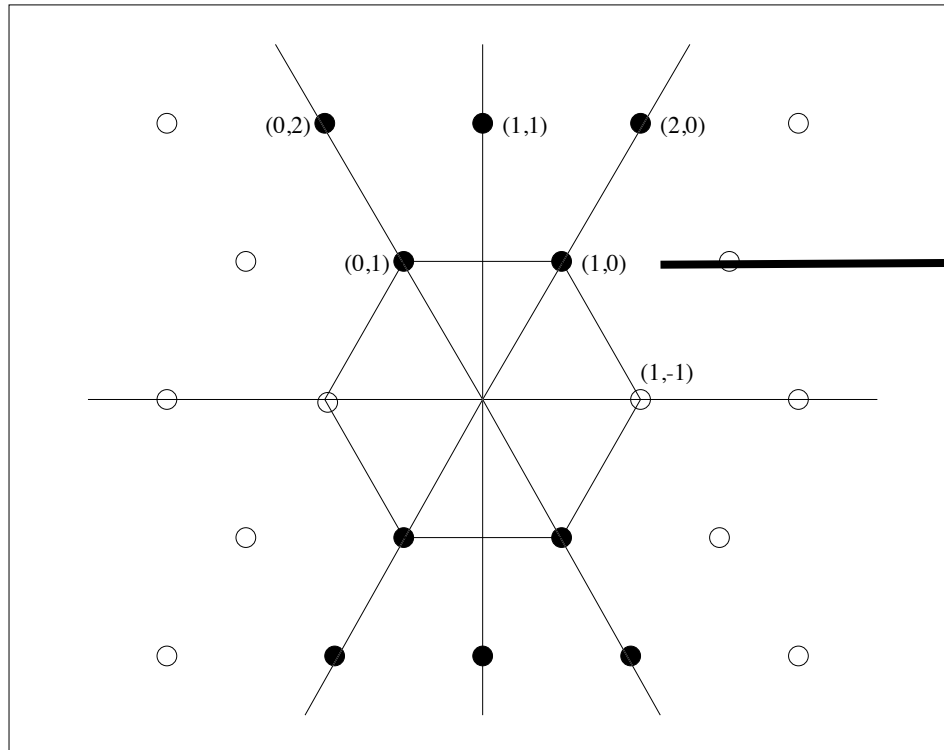
$$T = \int d^2x \left( \sum_{a=1}^3 \left[ \frac{1}{2g_2} F_{ij}^{(a)} \pm \frac{g_2}{4} (\bar{q}_A \tau^a q^A) \epsilon_{ij} \right]^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left[ \frac{1}{2g_1} F_{ij}^{(8)} \pm \frac{g_1}{4\sqrt{3}} (|q^A|^2 - 2\xi) \epsilon_{ij} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla_i q^A \pm i\epsilon_{ij} \nabla_j q^A|^2 \pm \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{3}} \tilde{F}^{(8)} \right)$$

where

$$\tilde{F}^{(8)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ij} F_{ij}^{(8)}$$



Tension:



$$T_{n,k} = 2\pi \xi |n + k|.$$

e.g., (1,0) and (0,1)  
vortices have the same  
tension

Actually, the vortex degeneracy  
is actually larger

$$S = s S', \quad \omega = s s^\dagger$$

$$T = 2\xi \int d^2x \partial \bar{\partial} \log \omega$$

# Orientational zero modes

Exact  $SU(2)_{C+F}$  symmetry of the system (eq. of motion and the vacuum)  
broken by individual vortex solution:

$$SU(2)_{C+F} \rightarrow U(1)$$

Orientational zeromodes  $U \subset SU(2)/U(1) \sim CP^1 \sim S^2$

$$q^{kA} = U \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\varphi} \phi_1(r) & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2(r) \end{pmatrix} U^{-1} = e^{\frac{i}{2} \varphi (1+n^a \tau^a)} U \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(r) & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2(r) \end{pmatrix} U^{-1}$$

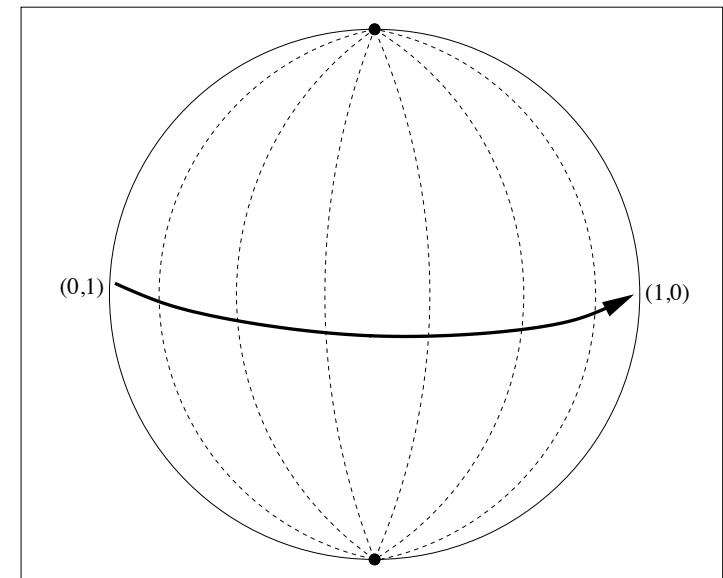
$$A_i(x) = U \left[ -\frac{\tau^3}{2} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} [1 - f_3(r)] \right] U^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} n^a \tau^a \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} [1 - f_3(r)],$$

(Tension invariant)

$$A_i^8(x) = -\sqrt{3} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} [1 - f_8(r)],$$

$$U \tau^3 U^{-1} = n^a \tau^a, \quad A_\mu = A_\mu^a \tau^a / 2.$$

$$n^2 = 1, \quad \swarrow \text{parametrizes } S^2$$



# Moduli-matrix formalism

Vortex of minimum winding ( $k=1$ ):

2x2 matrix holomorphic in  $z = x + iy$

$$H = S^{-1} H_0(z), \quad A_1 + iA_2 = -2i S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) \bar{\partial}_z S(z, \bar{z})$$

$$\det H_0 \sim z$$

vortex center

vortex orientation

$$\Rightarrow H_0^{(1,0)}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} z - z_0 & 0 \\ -b' & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_0^{(0,1)}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -b \\ 0 & z - z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

change of the local patches by

$$H^{(1,0)} \rightarrow H^{(0,1)} = V H^{(1,0)}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/b' \\ b' & z - z_0 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{C}). \quad \text{except at } b' = 0$$

$$b = \frac{1}{b'}$$

the inhomogeneous coordinate of the Riemann sphere  $S^2 = \mathbb{CP}^1$

- In general, the vortex moduli space is a complex manifold.  $V$  transformations provide the transition functions among the local coordinates



- $U(2)$  with  $N_f = 2$  ( $a_0 = 1/b_0$ ;  $CP^1 \sim SU(2)/U(1)$ ),  $H_0(z) \sim V(z) H_0(z)$

$$H_0^{(1,0)} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} z - z_0 & 0 \\ -b_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad H_0^{(0,1)} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a_0 \\ 0 & z - z_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- ( $U(2)$  with  $N_f = 2$ )

$$H_0 \rightarrow U H_0 U^{-1} \sim H'_0, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta^* & \alpha^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha a_0 + \beta}{\alpha^* + \beta^* a_0}.$$

- OK with

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta^* & \alpha^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{a_1}{a_2} = a_0.$$

- Precisely the  $SU(2)$  transformation of a two-state quantum mechanical system

$$a_1 |1\rangle + a_2 |2\rangle.$$

# Vortices in $U(N) = SU(N) \times U(1)/Z_N$ theory

$$U(3) \quad q^{kA} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{in\varphi} \phi_1(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{ik\varphi} \phi_2(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{ip\varphi} \phi_3(r) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 \rightarrow \sqrt{\xi}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$A_i^3(x) = -\epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n - k) - f_3(r) \right),$$

$$A_i^8(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n + k - 2p) - f_8(r) \right), \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

$$A_i(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n + k + p) - f_0(r) \right).$$

Self-dual equations  
in terms of the profile  
functions

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_1(r) - \left( \frac{1}{2} f_3(r) + \frac{1}{6} f_8(r) + \frac{1}{3} f_0(r) \right) \phi_1(r) = 0,$$

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_2(r) - \left( -\frac{1}{2} f_3(r) + \frac{1}{6} f_8(r) + \frac{1}{3} f_0(r) \right) \phi_2(r) = 0,$$

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_3(r) - \left( -\frac{1}{3} f_8(r) + \frac{1}{3} f_0(r) \right) \phi_3(r) = 0,$$

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_3(r) + g^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_1(r)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \phi_2(r)^2 \right) = 0.$$

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_8(r) + g^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_1(r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \phi_2(r)^2 - \phi_3(r)^2 \right) = 0,$$

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_0(r) + 3e^2 \left( \phi_1(r)^2 + \phi_2(r)^2 + \phi_3(r)^2 - 3\xi \right) = 0.$$

the tension is given by

$$T_{n,k,p} = 2\pi\xi |n + k + p|.$$

But for  $k=1$  e.g.,  $(1,0,0)$  vortex in  $U(3)$  theory,

can set  $\phi_2 = \phi_3 = \phi, \quad f_3 = f_8 = f_{NA}$

the vortex equations  
simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{d}{dr} \phi_1(r) - \left( \frac{2}{3} f_{NA}(r) + \frac{1}{3} f(r) \right) \phi_1(r) &= 0, \\ r \frac{d}{dr} \phi(r) - \left( -\frac{1}{3} f_{NA}(r) + \frac{1}{3} f(r) \right) \phi(r) &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f_{NA}(r) + g^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_1(r)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \phi(r)^2 \right) &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} f(r) + 3e^2 \left( \phi_1(r)^2 + 2\phi(r)^2 - 3\xi \right) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

An individual vortex respects  $SU(2) \times U(1)$ , yielding  
a four-parameter family of vortex solutions of equal tension

$$q^{kA} = U \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\varphi} \phi_1(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \phi_2(r) \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger,$$

$$A_i = U A_i^{(1,0,0)} U^\dagger,$$

living on  $\frac{SU(3)}{SU(2) \times U(1)} \sim \mathbb{CP}^2.$

Orientational zero modes



Generalization to U(N) theory straightforward:

A priori need 2N profile functions

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N, \quad f_3, \dots, f_{N^2-1}, \quad f,$$

$$q^{kA} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i n_1 \alpha} \phi_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i n_N \alpha} \phi_N \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_i^3(x) = -\epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n_1 - n_2) - f_3 \right),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$A_i^{N^2-1}(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{N(N-1)}} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n_1 + \dots + n_{N-1} - (N-1)n_N) - f_{N^2-1} \right),$$

$$A_i(x) = -\frac{1}{N} \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{r^2} \left( (n_1 + \dots + n_N) - f \right).$$

But for k=1 e.g. (0,0,...,1), vortex, can reduce to four profile functions by

$$\phi_1 = \dots = \phi_{N-1} = \phi,$$

$$f_3 = \dots = f_{(N-1)^2-1} = 0, \quad f_{N^2-1} = -(N-1)f_N$$

Each vortex solution respects U(N-1)

⇒ 2N-parameter family of degenerate vortices on

$$\frac{SU(N)}{SU(N-1) \times U(1)} \sim CP^{N-1}$$

In terms of the moduli-matrix:

$$H = S^{-1} H_0(z), \quad A_1 + iA_2 = -2i S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) \bar{\partial}_z S(z, \bar{z})$$

$H_0 = N \times N$  matrix, holomorphic in  $z$

$k=1$  vortex in the  $(1,0,\dots,0)$  patch

$$H_0^{(1,0,\dots,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} z - z_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_2 & 0 & \ddots & & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ b_{N-1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{N-1}) \sim$  local coordinates of  $\mathbb{CP}^{N-1}$

# Non-Abelian orientational modes of U(N) vortices

$$\langle q \rangle = \langle \tilde{q}^\dagger \rangle = v_2 \mathbb{1} = v_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Color-flavor locked vacuum}} \text{vortices}$$

$$U \subset SU(N)$$

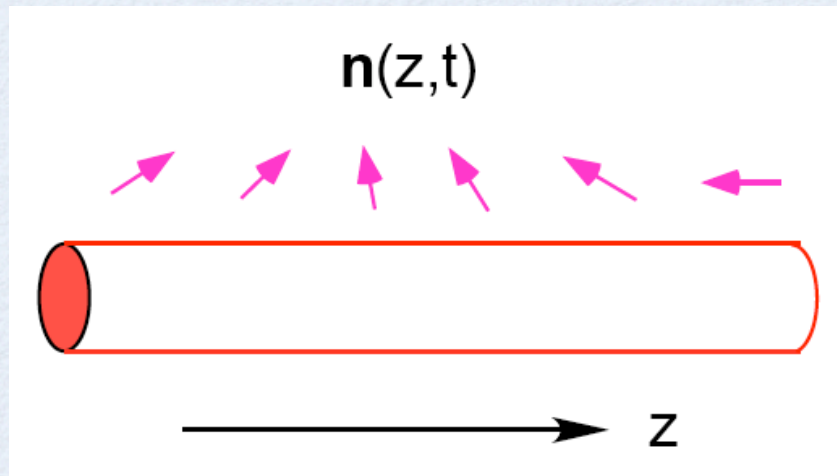
Exact  $SU(N)_{C+F}$  group

$$q = U_{\text{color}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} \phi(r) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \chi(r) & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \chi(r) & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[r=0]{\text{flavor } U^\dagger} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & w & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & w \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger$$

Broken to  $U(N-1)$  by the soliton vortex (“Nambu-Goldstone modes”)

$$\text{Vortex moduli} = SU(N)/U(N-1) = CP^{N-1} \quad (= CP^1 \sim S^2 \text{ for } U(2)) \searrow$$

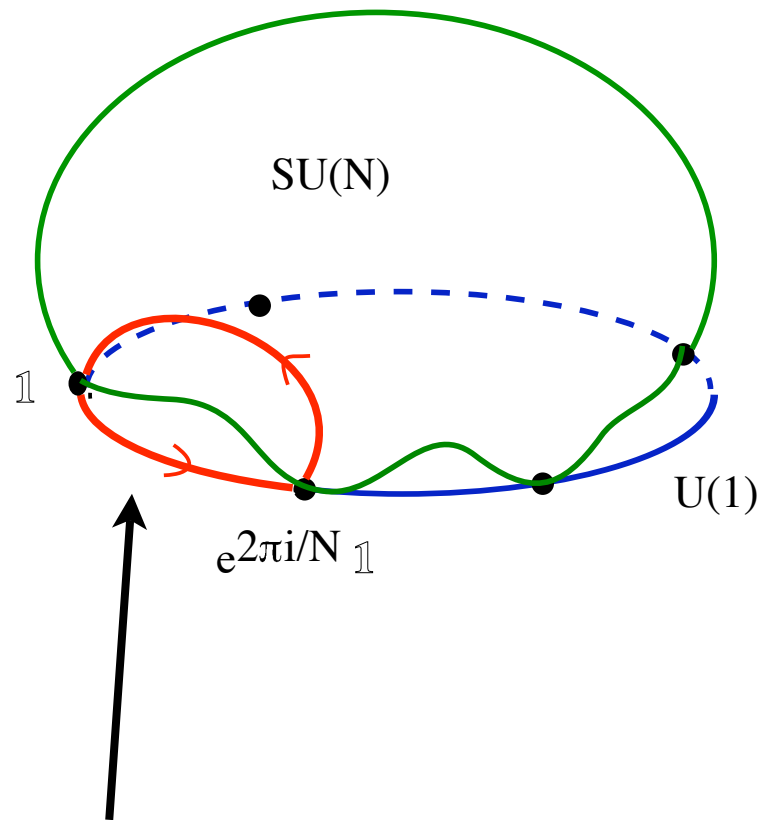
living only inside the vortex  
(orientational zero modes)



Auzzi-Bolognesi-  
Evslin-Konishi-Yung,  
Hanany-Tong,  
Shifman-Yung



# Topological stability of non-Abelian vortices



Minimum noncontractible loop in the group (color) space  $SU(N) \times U(1) / \mathbb{Z}_N$

$$\prod_1 (SU(N) \times U(1) / \mathbb{Z}_N) = \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{but the } U(1) \text{ "charge" is } 1/N$$

# Intermezzo: supersymmetry

- Models with color-flavor locked vacuum natural (N=2 susy QCD)
- Supersymmetry  $\Leftrightarrow$  self-dual vortices (  $\lambda = g^2/2$  )
- Non-renormalization theorem: the form of the potential protected from renormalization
- Dynamics under better control
- Physics depends on the parameter (e.g. masses) analytically (vortex vs monopoles)

$$\delta\psi_\alpha = i\sqrt{2}(\sigma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\epsilon}^{\dot{\alpha}}D^\mu q + \sqrt{2}(\sigma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\xi}^{\dot{\alpha}}D^\mu \bar{q}$$

$$\delta\lambda^\alpha = i(\sigma^{\mu\nu})^\alpha_\beta\epsilon^\beta F_{\mu\nu} + iD\epsilon^\alpha + \dots \quad \left( D = \sqrt{2}(\bar{q}q - c) \right)$$

$\epsilon^\alpha$  ,  $\xi^\alpha$  ,  $\alpha=1,2$ , and c.c are the parameters of  $\mathcal{N}=2$  susy

By setting  $i\tau_3 \xi = \epsilon$ , the above becomes

$$F_{12} = \sqrt{2}(\bar{q}q - c)$$

self-dual vortex equations ( $\mathcal{N} = (2,2)$  supersymmetric)

$$(D_1 + iD_2)q = 0$$

- half of supersymmetry broken by vortex  $\Leftrightarrow$  fermion zero modes



# Effective 2D sigma model

dt dz

- Allow for the dependence  $U = U(z, t)$  : the orientation fluctuates
- Vortex 2D dynamics in Higgs phase ( $U(2)$ )

$$S_{\sigma}^{(1+1)} = \beta \int d^2x \frac{1}{2} (\partial n^a)^2 + \text{fermionic terms}$$

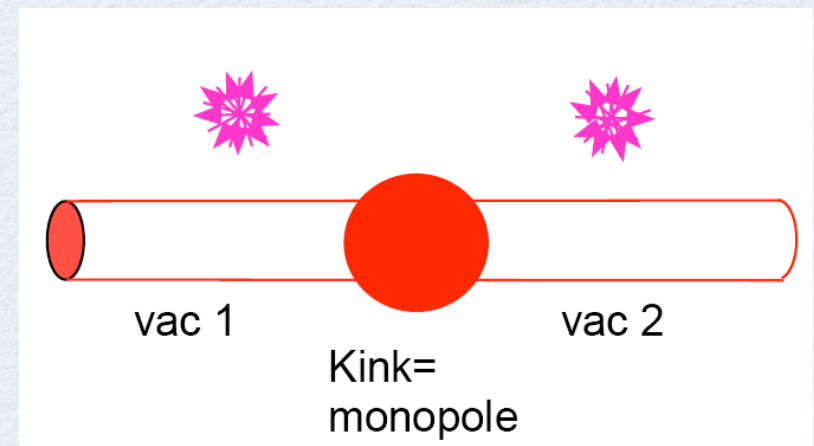
$N=(2,2)$  supersymmetric  $CP^1$  sigma model :  
strongly coupled at low-energies  
2 vacua  $\rightarrow$  kinks = (Abelian) monopoles !

Vafa, Hori  
ABEKY, Shifman-Yung

- $\equiv$  Gauge dynamics in 4D in Coulomb phase  
(Seiberg-Witten)

Tong, Shifman-Yung

- 2D - 4D duality Dorey
- Global  $SU(2)$  unbroken (Coleman)
- Vortex dynamically Abelianizes



# Summary (up to this point):

$U(N)$  gauge theory with  $N_f = N$  squarks fields:

- $SU(N) \times U(1)$  gauge group broken completely
- $\prod_i (SU(N) \times U(1) / Z_N) = Z \Rightarrow$  vortex
- $SU(N)_{C+F}$  flavor symmetry unbroken  $U \langle H \rangle U^{-1} = \langle H \rangle *$
- Each vortex breaks the  $SU(N)_{C+F}$  - flavor symmetry to  $U(N-1)$

Higgs mechanism

topological  
stability

exact symmetry

symmetry broken  
by soliton and  
vortex moduli

$\Rightarrow$  The orientational zero modes on  $CP^{N-1} = SU(N)/U(N-1)$

- The moduli-matrix formalism: tool for studying the vortex Moduli Space
- The orientational zero modes may fluctuate along  $(z, t)$ : effective 2D supersymmetric  $CP^{N-1}$  sigma model. Dynamically Abelianize to  $U(1)^N$

techniques

vortex quantum dynamics

$\Rightarrow$  • Search for systems with non-Abelian vortices of a more general types

\*) System with “color-flavor locked phase” appears naturally and automatically in  $\mathcal{N}=2$  supersymmetric Quantum Chromodynamics (SQCD), in the equal mass case

supersymmetry

## Generalizations ('04-'09)

- Higher-winding vortices ( $k > 1$ ), the vortex moduli space
  - $N_f > N$  systems: semi-local vortices; the vortex moduli space
  - Systems with a non BPS (non self-dual) term : vortex interactions
  - Stability of non BPS (non self-dual) semi-local vortices
  - Non-Abelian vortices in Chern-Simons and Chern-Simons-YM systems in  $2+1$  D (S.B.Gudnason, 2009, 2010)
- } below
- } no time
- Non-Abelian vortices in  $U(N)$  gauge theory, with product moduli space e.g.,  $CP^n \times CP^r$ ,  $N = n+r$
  - Non-Abelian vortices in more general class of gauge theory,  $G = G' \times U(1)$ ,  $G' = SO(N), USp(2N), \dots$
  - Fractional vortices
- } next lecture

Relevance to the non-Abelian monopoles

} below



# Generalizations '06-'07

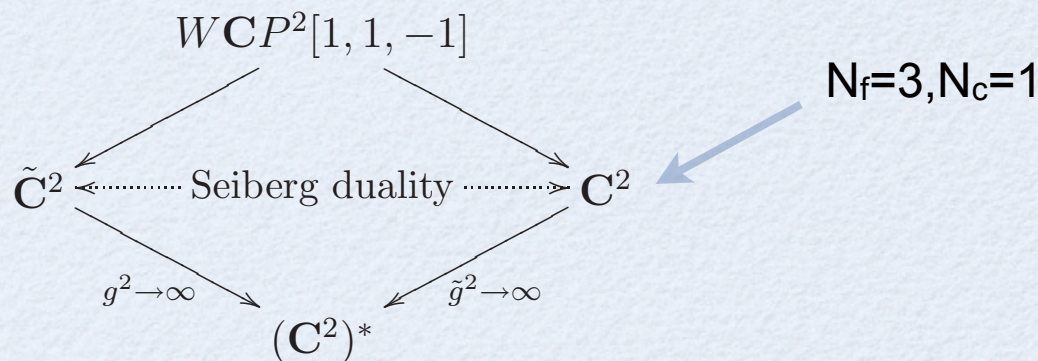
EAH model  
Vachaspati-Achucarro,  
Hindmarsh

- Semilocal vortices ( $U(N)$  with  $N < N_f$ )

Tong, Shifman-Yung,  
Eto-Evslin-KK-Marmorini-Nitta-Ohashi-Vinci-Yokoi

New (Seiberg-like) duality

$N_f=3, N_c=2$



- Non-BPS vortices

Nontrivial interactions among the vortices

Shifman-Yung;  
Auzzi-Eto-Vinci;  
Gudnason-Bolognesi

- Vortices in  $SO(N) \times U(1)$  theories

GNO duality :

$$SO(2N+1) \Leftrightarrow USp(2N);$$

$$SO(2N) \Leftrightarrow \widetilde{SO(2N)}, \text{ etc}$$

Ferretti-Gudnason-KK  
'07  
Eto-Fujimori-Gudnason-KK-  
Nagashima-Nitta-Ohashi  
'08



# Further generalizations: '08-'09

- Non-BPS Non-Abelian vortices: stability

Auzzi-Eto-Gudnason-KK-Vinci  
'08

- Non-Abelian vortices with product moduli (no dynamical Abelianization)

Dorigoni-KK-Ohashi  
'08

- General gauge groups

Vortex for  $G = G' \times U(1)$ : arbitrary  $G'$

Eto-Fujimori-Gudnason-KK-  
Nagashima-Nitta-Ohashi  
'08

- Fractional vortices

# Vortices with higher winding numbers '06 -

Detailed study of  $k=2$  (axially symmetric) vortices of  $U(N)$  theory

$$\square \otimes \square = \square \square \oplus \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{under } SU(N)_{C+F}$$

Hashimoto-Tong;  
Auzzi-Shifman-Yung;  
Pisa-TiTech '06-07

For  $U(2)$ ,  $k=2$  case: the vortex moduli space =  $WCP_{(2,1,1)}$  ( $\rightarrow$  next pages)

Vortices for generic  $k$  in  $U(N)$  theory  
transform as

$$\underbrace{\square \otimes \square \otimes \square \otimes \dots}_k = \sum \oplus \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \end{array} & k_1 \\ \vdots & k_2 \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} & k_n \end{array}$$

Pisa-Tokyo-Kyoto '09  
(preliminary)

Sum of the Young tableaux  $\sim$  Irreps of  $SU(N)$

Points in classical vortex moduli space transform as **quantum mechanical states in various (in general reducible) representations** of  $SU(N)$

# Higher-winding vortices

k=2 vortex moduli    SU(2)  
(z = x + i y)

$$H_0^{(1,0)}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} z - z_0 & 0 \\ -b' & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_0^{(0,1)}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -b \\ 0 & z - z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$b = \frac{1}{b'}$     CP<sup>1</sup>

k=1 vortex

Moduli matrix in three local patches (related by V transf.)

$$H_0^{(2,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} z^2 & 0 \\ -a'z - b' & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_0^{(1,1)} = \begin{pmatrix} z - \phi & -\eta \\ -\tilde{\eta} & z + \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_0^{(0,2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -az - b \\ 0 & z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$XY \equiv -\phi, \quad X^2 \equiv \eta, \quad Y^2 \equiv -\tilde{\eta}. \quad \phi^2 + \eta \tilde{\eta} = 0.$$

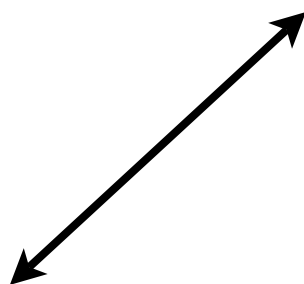
$$\det H = z^2$$

co-axial

$$\begin{pmatrix} a' \\ 1 \\ b' \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{N=2,k=2} &\simeq WCP_{(2,1,1)}^2 \simeq \\ &\simeq CP^2/Z_2 \simeq CP^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$WCP_{(2,1,1)} : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \sim (\lambda^2 z_1, \lambda z_2, \lambda z_3), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$$

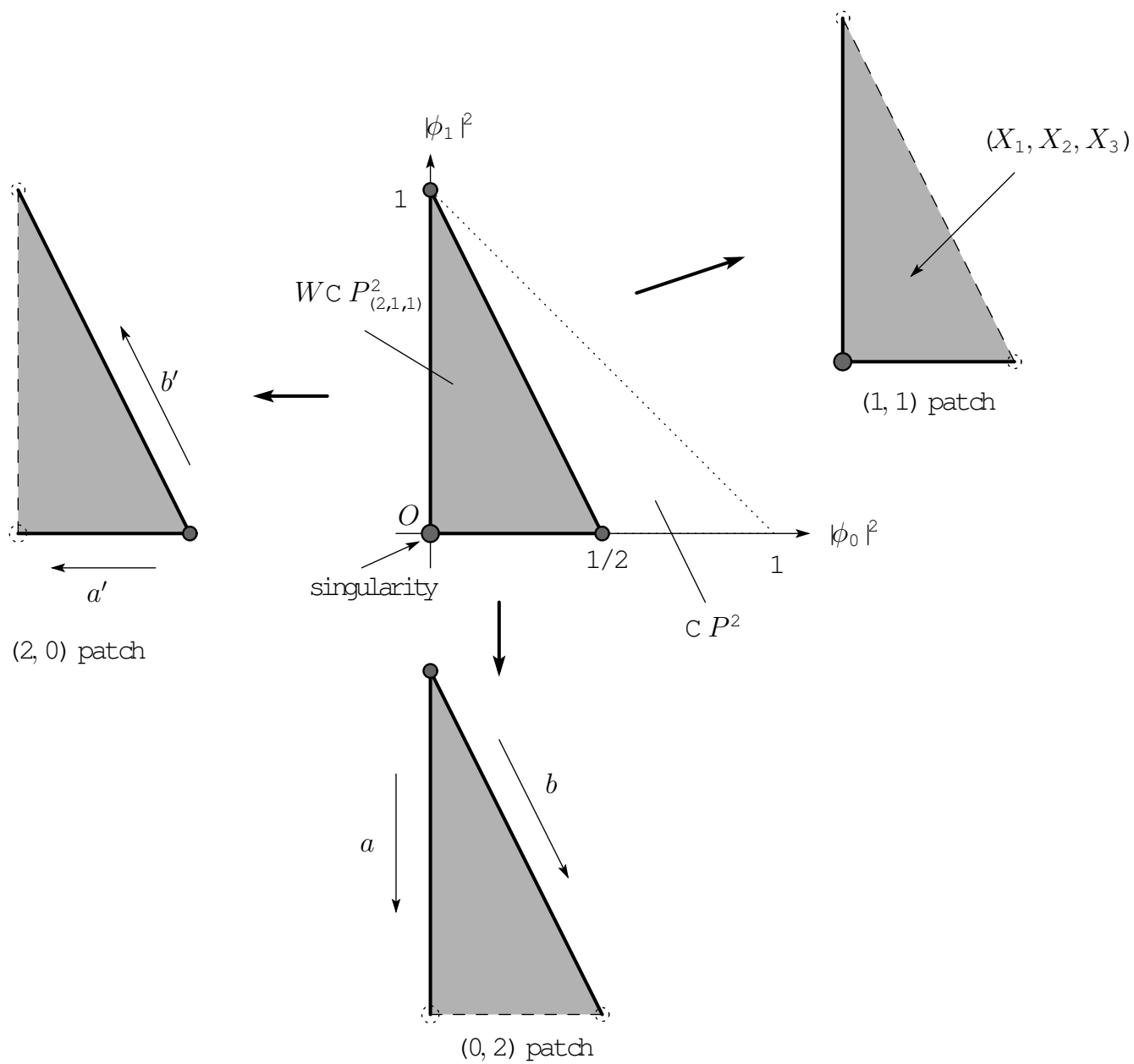


$$\mathcal{M}_{k=2,N=2}^{\text{separated}} \simeq (\mathbb{C} \times CP^1)^2 / \mathfrak{S}_2,$$

Eto, Konishi, Marmorini, Nitta, Ohashi,  
Vinci, Yokoi '06

Hashimoto-Tong,  
Shifman-Yung '06

SO(5)  $\Rightarrow$  U(2)  $\Rightarrow$  1 : k=2 vortices are in  $\underline{3} + \underline{1}$  of SU(2)  $\Rightarrow$   
Monopoles (E.Weinberg)  $\sim \underline{3}$  or  $\underline{1}$  of SU(2)!





# Monopole-vortex connection

Consider hierarchical symmetry breaking

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{v_1} & H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1} \\ \downarrow & & \searrow \\ \text{monopole} & & \text{vortex} \end{array} \quad v_1 \gg v_2,$$

- Apparent paradox (no monopoles, no vortices)  $\Rightarrow$
- Topology and symmetry connect monopoles and vortices
- Non-Abelian vortices  $\Rightarrow$  non-Abelian **monopoles**

A 30-years old problem,  
possibly relevant to  
quark confinement

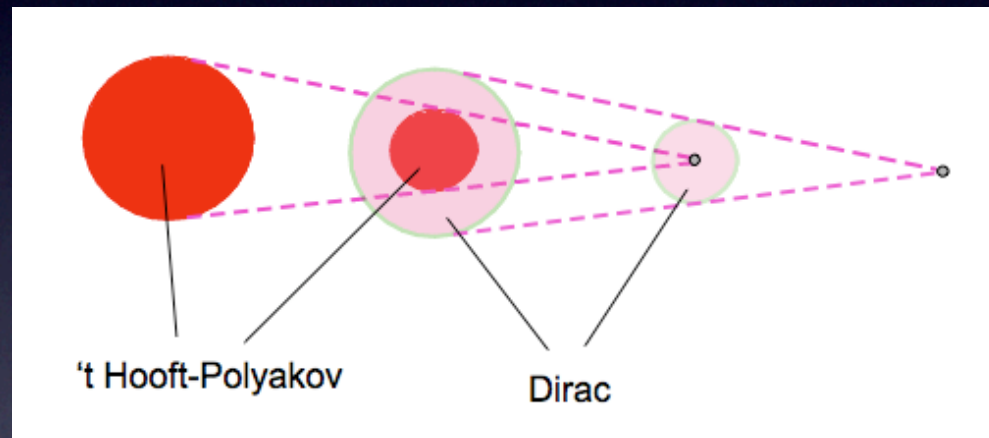
# Homotopy-group map

$$G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1} \quad v_1 \gg v_2,$$

Homotopy-group exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_2(G) \rightarrow \pi_2(G/H) \rightarrow \pi_1(H) \rightarrow \pi_1(G) \rightarrow \cdots$$

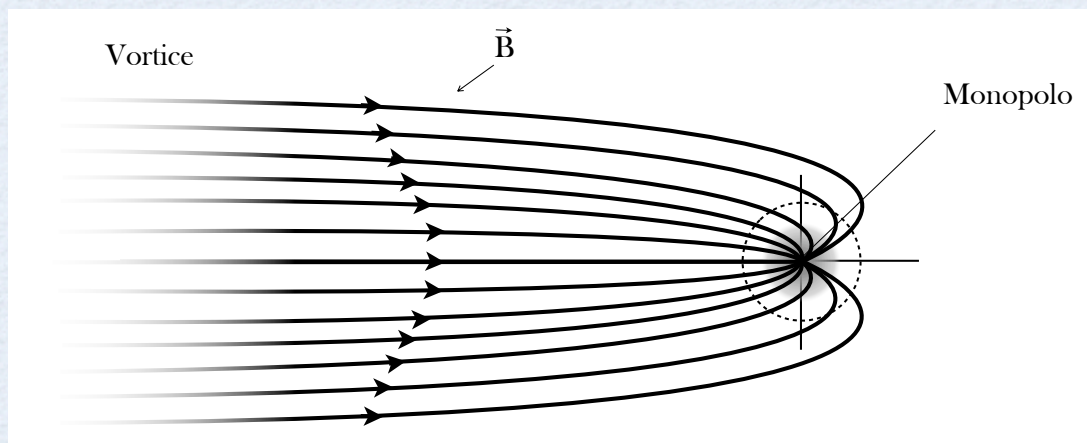
Vortex ! (but also  
monopole)



- $\pi_2(G) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow$  Regular monopoles confined by vortices
  - $\pi_1(G) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow$  All vortices “end” at regular monopoles e.g.  $SU(N)$
  - $\pi_1(G) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \Rightarrow$   $k=2$  vortices “end” at regular monopoles!  $\text{'t Hooft } SO(3)/U(1)$
- cfr.,  $SO(N)$   $k=1$  vortices are there: confine Dirac monopoles



Non-Abelian monopole moduli from vortex moduli  
in the system  $G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1}$



**Flux matching**  
(Auzzi-Bolognesi-Evslin-KK; Kneipp)

$$SU(N+1) \Rightarrow SU(N) \times U(1) \\ \Rightarrow 1$$

Exact  $H_{C+F}$  induces  
continuous transformation of  
vortex --  
**and monopole**

Study in more detail this!



# A tricky point



- Vortices of the low-energy theory ( $v_1 = \infty$ ) are BPS
- Monopoles of the high-energy theory ( $v_2 = 0$ ) are stable by  $\prod_2 (G/H)$
- Together, they are **not** BPS, only approximately BPS
  - bad: the monopole-vortex complex is not a solution (not stable)
  - **good**: Non-Abelian vortices  $\Rightarrow$  non-Abelian **monopoles**; **good**: real mesons

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= \int d^3x \left[ \frac{1}{4} F_{ij}^a{}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (D_i \phi^a)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{8} (\phi^a{}^2 - F^2)^2 \right] \\
 &= \int d^3x \left[ \frac{1}{4} (F_{ij}^a - \epsilon_{ijk} D_k \phi^a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} F_{ij}^a D_k \phi^a + \frac{\lambda}{8} (\phi^a{}^2 - F^2)^2 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{ij}^a = \epsilon_{ijk} D_k \phi^a, \quad \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} F_{ij}^a D_k \phi^a = \partial_k B_k, \quad B_k = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} F_{ij}^a \phi^a.$$



# Non-Abelian monopoles

Goddard-Nuyts-Olive, E. Weinberg, Lee, Yi,  
Bais, Schroer, .... '77-80

$$G \xrightarrow{\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0} H$$

H: non-Abelian

$$F_{ij} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{r_k}{r^3} (\beta \cdot \mathbf{T}), \quad 2\beta \cdot \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$$

cfr. (Dirac)

$$2m \cdot e \in \mathbb{Z}$$

“Monopoles are multiplets of  $\tilde{H}$  (GNOW)”

$\beta$  = weight  
vector of the group  $\tilde{H}$  generated by  $\alpha^* \equiv \frac{\alpha}{\alpha \cdot \alpha}$ .

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = v_i = h \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

H	$\tilde{H}$
U(N)	U(N)
SU(N)	SU(N)/ $\mathbb{Z}_N$
SO(2N)/ $\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\widehat{\text{SO}}(2N)$
SO(2N+1)	USp(2N)

$$SU(3) \xrightarrow{\langle \phi \rangle} \frac{SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}, \quad \langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2v \end{pmatrix}$$

# Difficulties

## ① Topological obstructions

(Abouelsaad et.al. '83)

e.g.,  $SU(3) \rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1)$ ,  
 $\nexists$  monopoles  $\sim (2, 1^*)$

$$\Phi = \text{diag}(v, v, -2v)$$



“No colored dyons exist” (Coleman, et.al. '84)

## ② Non-normalizable gauge zero modes:

(Dorey, et.al. '96)

Monopoles not multiplets of  $H$

cfr.  
Jackiw-Rebbi  
Flavor Q.N. of monopoles  
via  
fermion zero modes

The real issue:

how do they transform under  $\tilde{H}$  ?

- $H$  and  $\tilde{H}$  relatively nonlocal
- $\tilde{H}$  theory in confinement phase  $\Leftrightarrow H$  theory in Higgs phase

# Light non-Abelian monopoles ('94-'00)

Fully quantum-mechanical non-Abelian monopoles in  $N=2$  supersymmetric theories (also  $N=1, N=4$ )

Seiberg-Witten '94  
Argyres, Plesser, Seiberg, '96  
Hanany-Oz, '96  
Carlino-KK-Murayama '00

Table

- Colored dyon  $\sim (2^*, 1^*)$  in  $SU(3) \rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1)$  do exist !
- Non-Abelian dual groups (monopoles) only in theories with flavors
  - Renormalization-Group effect: the dual  $SU(r)$  group only for  $r < N_f / 2$
  - Only Abelian monopoles in pure  $N=2$  YM or with  $SU(2)$  group



# Softly broken N=2 supersymmetric SU, SO, USp

$$G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1} \quad v_1 \gg v_2,$$

mass  
parameters

$$G = \text{SU}(N+1); H = \text{U}(N)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \text{Im } S_{cl} \left[ \int d^4\theta \Phi^\dagger e^V \Phi + \int d^2\theta \frac{1}{2} W W \right] + \mathcal{L}^{(quarks)} + \int d^2\theta \mu \text{Tr} \Phi^2;$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(quarks)} = \sum_i \left[ \int d^4\theta \{ Q_i^\dagger e^V Q_i + \tilde{Q}_i e^{-V} \tilde{Q}_i^\dagger \} + \int d^2\theta \{ \sqrt{2} \tilde{Q}_i \Phi Q^i + m \tilde{Q}_i Q^i \} \right]$$

$$m \gg \mu \gg \Lambda :$$

semi-classical

Bosonic Lagrangean

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{1}{g^2} |D_\mu \Phi|^2 + |D_\mu Q|^2 + |D_\mu \tilde{Q}|^2 - V_1 - V_2,$$

$$m \sim \mu \sim \Lambda :$$

fully quant. mech.

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & m & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -Nm \end{pmatrix};$$

$$v_1 = m$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{\mu m}$$

$$\text{SU}(N+1) \Rightarrow \text{U}(N)$$

$$Q = \tilde{Q}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & d & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -Nd & 0 & \dots \end{pmatrix},$$

$$d = \sqrt{(N+1)\mu m} \ll m.$$



## Phases of Softly Broken $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Gauge Theories

label ( $r$ )	Deg.Freed.	Eff. Gauge Group	Phase	Global Symmetry
0	monopoles	$U(1)^{n_c-1}$	Confinement	$U(n_f)$
1	monopoles	$U(1)^{n_c-1}$	Confinement	$U(n_f - 1) \times U(1)$
$\leq [\frac{n_f-1}{2}]$	NA monopoles	$SU(r) \times U(1)^{n_c-r}$	Confinement	$U(n_f - r) \times U(r)$
$n_f/2$	rel. nonloc.	-	Confinement	$U(n_f/2) \times U(n_f/2)$
BR	NA monopoles	$SU(\tilde{n}_c) \times U(1)^{n_c-\tilde{n}_c}$	Free Magnetic	$U(n_f)$

**Table 1:** Phases of  $SU(n_c)$  gauge theory with  $n_f$  flavors.  $\tilde{n}_c \equiv n_f - n_c$ .

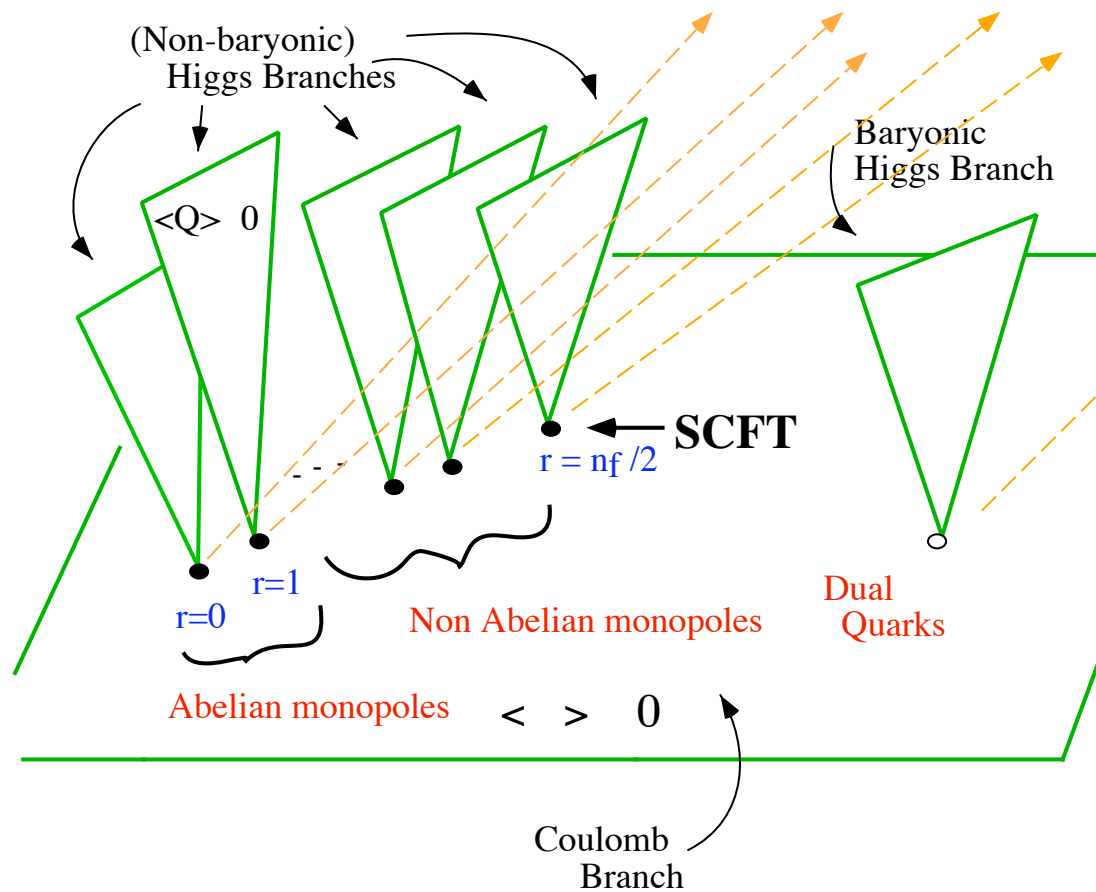
	Deg.Freed.	Eff. Gauge Group	Phase	Global Symmetry
1st Group	rel. nonloc.	-	Confinement	$U(n_f)$
2nd Group	dual quarks	$USp(2\tilde{n}_c) \times U(1)^{n_c-\tilde{n}_c}$	Free Magnetic	$SO(2n_f)$

**Table 2:** Phases of  $USp(2n_c)$  gauge theory with  $n_f$  flavors with  $m_i \rightarrow 0$ .  $\tilde{n}_c \equiv n_f - n_c - 2$ .

$$\mathcal{W}(\phi, Q, \tilde{Q}) = \mu \text{Tr} \Phi^2 + m_i \tilde{Q}_i Q^i, \quad m_i \rightarrow 0$$

Dual quarks of  $r$  vacua are GNO monopoles

# QMS of N=2 SQCD (SU(n) with $n_f$ quarks)



- N=1 Confining vacua (with  $\Phi^2$  perturbation)
- N=1 vacua (with  $\Phi^2$  perturbation) in free magnetic pha

# Summary: Lecture I

- Non-Abelian vortices in  $U(N)$  gauge theory with  $N_f = N$  matter fields
- Color-flavor locked vacuum
- Vortex moduli in  $CP^{N-1}$
- Supersymmetry: marginal role classically, but more important in the dynamics. Self-dual equations

## Generalization:

- Vortices in general gauge systems
- Vortices with product moduli space
- Fractional vortices
- Monopole-vortex complex

⇒ Lecture II



# Lecture II

- Vortices in **general** gauge systems
- Vortices with **product moduli** space
- **Fractional** vortices
- Monopole-vortex complex



# § I. Vortex in general gauge theories

- $G = U(1) \times G'$
- $G' = SU(N), SO(N), USp(N), \dots$
- FI term for the  $U(1)$  factor (vortex)
- Color-flavor locked phase with exact, unbroken  $G'_{C+F}$  symmetry

('08,'09) M. Eto, M. Nitta, S.B. Gudnason, W. Vinci,  
K.K. T. Fujimori, T. Nagashima, K. Ohashi  
(Pisa, Tokyo, Cambridge)

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}_c \left[ -\frac{1}{2e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2g^2} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{D}_\mu H (\mathcal{D}^\mu H)^\dagger - \frac{e^2}{4} |X^0 t^0 - 2\xi t^0|^2 - \frac{g^2}{4} |X^a t^a|^2 \right]$$

$$X = HH^\dagger = X^0 t^0 + X^a t^a + X^\alpha t^\alpha,$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{N}} 1_N, \quad \xi = \frac{v^2}{\sqrt{2N}}$$

$$H = S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) H_0(z), \quad \bar{A} = -i S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) \bar{\partial} S(z, \bar{z})$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{D}} H = \bar{\partial} H + i \bar{A} H = 0,$$

$$F_{12}^0 = e^2 \left[ \text{Tr}_c (H H^\dagger t^0) - \xi \right],$$

$$F_{12}^a = g^2 \text{Tr}_c (H H^\dagger t^a).$$

$$H_0(z) \quad \text{moduli matrix}$$

# General Procedure (SO(2M), USp(2M), SO(2M+1))

$$\mathcal{D}_{\bar{z}} H = 0, \quad (*)$$

Self-dual equations

$$F_{12}^0 - \frac{e^2}{\sqrt{2N}} (\text{tr} (H H^\dagger) - v^2) = 0,$$

$$F_{12}^a t^a - \frac{g^2}{4} (H H^\dagger - J^\dagger (H H^\dagger)^T J) = 0, \quad (**)$$

Matter equation (\*)  
solved by the Ansatz

$$W_1 + iW_2 = -2iS^{-1}(z, \bar{z})\bar{\partial}S(z, \bar{z})$$

$$H = S^{-1}H_0(z) = S_e^{-1}S'^{-1}H_0(z)$$

$$S(z, \bar{z}) = S_e(z, \bar{z})S'(z, \bar{z}) \quad S_e \in U(1)^\mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{C}^*$$

$H_0, S$  defined up to

$$(H_0, S) \sim V_e V'(z)(H_0, S), \quad V'(z)^T J V'(z) = J.$$

Define now

$$\Omega_e \equiv S_e S_e^\dagger \equiv e^{\psi 1_{2N}} \in U(1)^\mathbb{C}, \quad \Omega' \equiv S' S'^\dagger \in G'^\mathbb{C},$$

$$\Omega_0 \equiv H_0 H_0^\dagger$$

Gauge-field equations  
become (master eq.)  
given  $H_0(z)$ ,

$$\bar{\partial}\partial\psi = -\frac{e^2}{4N} (\text{tr} (\Omega_0 \Omega'^{-1}) e^{-\psi} - v^2),$$

$$\bar{\partial}(\Omega' \partial \Omega'^{-1}) = \frac{g^2}{8} (\Omega_0 \Omega'^{-1} - J^\dagger (\Omega_0 \Omega'^{-1})^T J) e^{-\psi},$$

$$(**) \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0_M & 1_M \\ \epsilon 1_M & 0_M \end{pmatrix} \quad \epsilon = \pm 1, \quad SO(2M), USp(2M)$$



# Holomorphic Invariants

$$I_{G'}^i(H) = I_{G'}^i \left( s^{-1} S'^{-1} H_0 \right) = s^{-n_i} I_{G'}^i(H_0(z))$$



$G'$  - invariants made of  $H$

$n_i$  U(1) charge

$$I_{G'}^i(H) \Big|_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} = I_{\text{vev}}^i e^{i\nu n_i \theta}$$

$$I_{G'}^i(H_0) = s^{n_i} I_{G'}^i(H) \xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} I_{\text{vev}}^i z^{\nu n_i}.$$

$$\nu n_i \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \quad \rightarrow \quad \nu = \frac{k}{n_0}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

$$n_0 \equiv \gcd \{ n_i \mid I_{\text{vev}}^i \neq 0 \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \quad (\text{SO}(2N), \text{USp}(2N)) \\ &= 1 \quad \text{SO}(2N+1); \quad = N \quad \text{for SU}(N) \end{aligned}$$

$$G = [U(1) \times G'] / \mathbb{Z}_{n_0}$$

U(1) winding #

$$I(H) = \det H \quad \text{for } U(N)$$

$$\text{Also } I(H) = H^T J H$$

for  $\text{SO}(2M), \text{USp}(2M)$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0_M & 1_M \\ \epsilon 1_M & 0_M \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow H_0(z)$

# GNOW (Goddard-Nuyts-Olive-E.Weinberg) quantization

Representative (vortex) solutions

$$H_0(z) = z^{\nu 1_N + \nu_a \mathcal{H}_a} \in U(1)^{\mathbb{C}} \times G'^{\mathbb{C}},$$

$$(\nu 1_N + \nu_a \mathcal{H}_a)_{ll} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \quad \forall l$$

$\mathcal{H}_a$  = Cartan subalgebra of  $G'$

$$\longrightarrow \nu + \nu_a \mu_a^{(i)} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \quad \forall i \quad \vec{\mu}^{(i)} = \mu_a^{(i)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{weight vectors} \\ \text{of } G' \end{array}$$

$$\longrightarrow \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \heartsuit \\ \bullet \end{array} \right) \quad \vec{\alpha} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{root vectors} \\ \text{of } G' \end{array}$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{Solution: } \tilde{\vec{\mu}} \equiv \vec{\nu}/2 \quad \text{is a weight vector of } \tilde{G}'$$



## Remarks :

- (♥) formally identical to the GNOW “quantization” for the monopoles (Goddard-Nuyts-Olive, E. Weinberg)
- (♥) formally identical to that found for “non-Abelian vortices” for YM (Spanu-Konishi)
- The latter are actually  $Z_N$  vortices
- The former has the well-known difficulties
- Our vortices have continuous (orientational) moduli
- Their transformation  $\sim$  various irred. representations of the dual  $G'$  group,  $\tilde{G}'$
- Explicitly checked with  $G' = SU(N), SO(2N)$ ; Other groups under study

# Vortex in $SO(2N) \times U(1)/Z_2$ models

Gudnason-Ferretti-KK

$$q(r, \vartheta) = \begin{pmatrix} M_1(r, \vartheta) & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & M_2(r, \vartheta) & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & M_3(r, \vartheta) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad M_i \sim 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices}$$

$$H^{(a)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2a+1, 2a+2}$$

Squark fields at large  $r$  =  $SO(2N) \times U(1)/Z_2$   
closed (non-contractible) gauge orbits

$$q(\varphi) \sim e^{i[\frac{1}{2}T_0 + \sum_i (\pm \frac{1}{2})T_i]} \varphi$$

Minimum vortices classified by the  
 $U_0(1)$  and Cartan  $U(1)$  charges

$$\mathcal{V} \sim SO(2N)/U(N)$$

$\sim 2^{N-1}$  dim spinor representations  
of an  $SO(2N)$

Each of them leaves an  $U(N) \subset$   
 $SO(2N)_{C+F}$  unbroken

Vortex moduli space  $\sim$  quantum states of a particle in  
 $2^{N-1}$  dim spinor repr.

Examples:  $k=1$  vortices for  $G' = \text{SO}(2N)$  and  $\text{USp}(2N)$

Moduli matrices

$$H_0(z) = \begin{pmatrix} z \mathbf{1}_{N \times N} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{1}_{N \times N} \end{pmatrix}$$

skew-diagonal basis

$$Q^T J Q = \text{inv},$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Complex matrix  $B$ , are symmetric or antisymmetric

$$B^T = B, -B \quad \text{for } \text{USp}(2N), \text{SO}(2N), \text{ respectively}$$

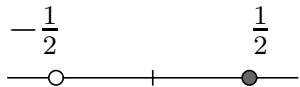
Complex matrix  $B$  contain

$$\frac{N(N+1)}{2} \quad \text{free (complex) parameters labeling the coset } \text{USp}(2N)/\text{U}(N)$$

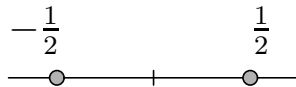
$$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} \quad \text{free (complex) parameters labeling the coset } \text{SO}(2N)/\text{U}(N)$$

Elements of  $B$  are the local coordinates

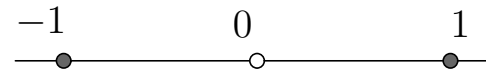




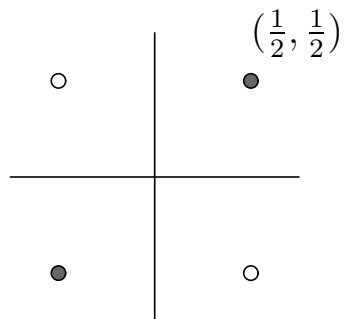
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$USp(2)$

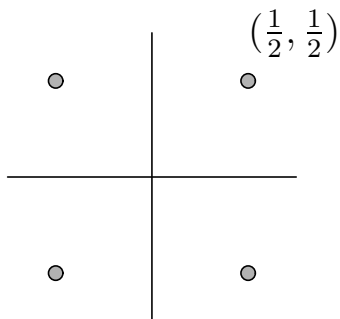


$SO(3)$



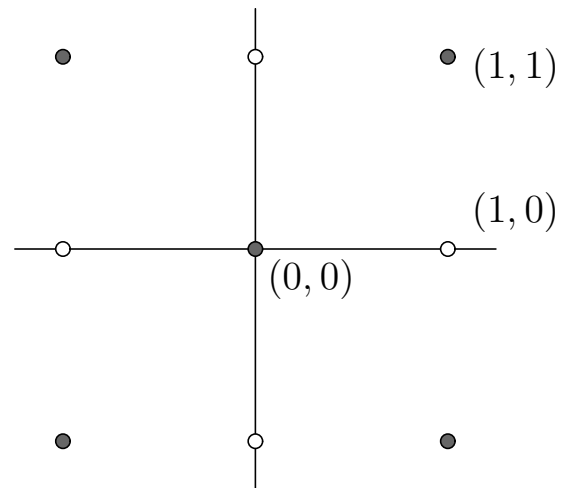
$SO(4)$

$(\leftrightarrow \widetilde{SO}(4) \sim SU(2) \times SU(2))$

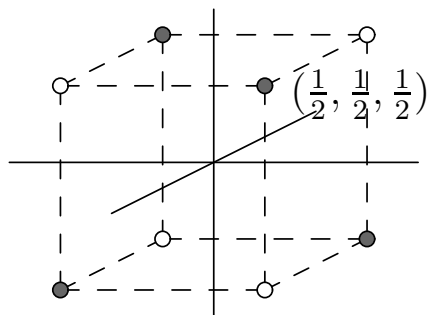


$USp(4)$

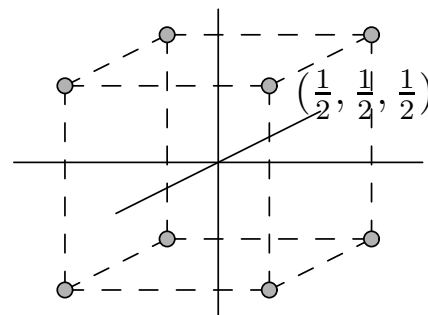
$(\leftrightarrow \widetilde{SO}(5))$



$SO(5) \quad (\leftrightarrow USp(4))$



$SO(6) \quad (\leftrightarrow \widetilde{SO}(6))$



$USp(6) \quad (\leftrightarrow \widetilde{SO}(7))$

**k=l  
vortices**

## § 2. Vortex with product moduli

Dorigoni-Ohashi-Konishi '09

- The non-Abelian vortex in  $U(N)$  theory with  $N_f = N$  (\*) dynamically Abelianizes
- Correspondence classical-quantum vacua in fact suggests that the original “non-Abelian vortex” (\*) is related to the quantum  $r=0$  vacuum (with Abelian monopoles)
- In 4D  $\mathcal{N}=2$  Supersymmetric QCD, there are vacua with light non-Abelian monopoles
- There must be, in semi-classical region, corresponding vortices which do not completely Abelianize

4D: • U(N) low-energy model from  $SU(N+1) \Rightarrow SU(N) \times U(1)/Z$

•  $r = N_f$  vacuum (classical)

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & m & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -Nm \end{pmatrix};$$

• quantum mechanically only  $r < N_f / 2$

• classical (r)  $\Leftrightarrow$  quantum ( $N_f - r$ ) vacua

$m \gg \mu \gg \Lambda : \Leftrightarrow m \sim \mu \sim \Lambda :$

(Vacuum counting; symmetry)

• U(N) model : quantum  $r = 0$  vacua ! (Abelian monopoles only)

N.B.

$r$	Deg. Freed.	Eff. Gauge Group	Phase	Global Symmetry
0	monopoles	$U(1)^{N-1}$	Confinement	$U(n_f)$
1	monopoles	$U(1)^{N-1}$	Confinement	$U(N_f - 1) \times U(1)$
$2, \dots, [\frac{N_f-1}{2}]$	NA monopoles	$SU(r) \times U(1)^{N-r}$	Confinement	$U(N_f - r) \times U(r)$
$N_f/2$	rel. nonloc.	-	Almost SCFT	$U(N_f/2) \times U(N_f/2)$

Q: Non-Abelian vortices which do not dynamically Abelianize ?



## (&) U(N) model (with $N_f = N$ “flavors” of complex scalar fields -- squarks)

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr} \left[ -\frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2}{g^2} \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi^\dagger \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi - \mathcal{D}_\mu H \mathcal{D}^\mu H^\dagger - \lambda (c 1_N - H H^\dagger)^2 \right] \\ + \text{Tr} [ (H^\dagger \phi - M H^\dagger)(\phi H - H M) ]$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu W_\nu - \partial_\nu W_\mu + i [W_\mu, W_\nu] \text{ and } \mathcal{D}_\mu H = (\partial_\mu + i W_\mu) H,$$

$(H)_\alpha^i \equiv q_\alpha^i$  : **N complex scalar fields in the fundamental representation** of SU(N),  
written in color-flavor mixed matrix form

$\phi$  A complex scalar field in the adjoint representation of SU(N)

$M = \text{diag} (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N)$  is the mass matrix for the squarks  $q$

- For a critical coupling constant  $\lambda = \frac{g^2}{4}$  \*) **BPS (self-dual) (automatic in Susy)**

the model can be regarded as a truncation of the bosonic sector of a N=2 supersymmetric model, with  $(H)_\alpha^i \equiv q_\alpha^i$ ,  $\tilde{q}_i^\alpha \equiv 0$

- In this case  $c$  comes from the Fayet-Iliopoulos term  $\mathcal{L} = c V|_D$

- For unequal masses  $\langle \phi \rangle = M = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_N \end{pmatrix}$  breaks  $U(N) \rightarrow U(1)^N$   
 $U(1)$ 's broken by the squark  
vac. exp. value  $\rightarrow$  ANO vortex  
nothing really new

The Model: the same  $SU(N)$ ,  $N = N_f$ , softly broken  
 $N=2$  SQCD (&) but with appropriately tuned masses

$N=1$  SQCD

$QMS \Leftrightarrow m_i$ ,  
 $m_i \Rightarrow 0$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m^{(1)} \mathbb{1}_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & m^{(2)} \mathbb{1}_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix} \quad N = n + r ;$$

i.e.,

$$n m^{(1)} + r m^{(2)} = 0$$

or

$$m^{(1)} = \frac{r m_0}{\sqrt{r^2 + n^2}}, \quad m^{(2)} = -\frac{n m_0}{\sqrt{r^2 + n^2}},$$

$$|m_0| \gg |\mu| \gg \Lambda.$$

Adjoint scalar VEV

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} m^{(1)} \mathbb{1}_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & m^{(2)} \mathbb{1}_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$SU(N)|_{C+F} \Rightarrow G = \frac{SU(n) \times SU(r) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_K}, \quad K = \text{LCM}\{n, r\}$$



$$Q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} q^{(1)}(x)_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & q^{(2)}(x)_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix},$$

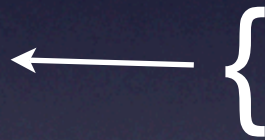
$$\tilde{Q}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{q}^{(1)}(x)_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{q}^{(2)}(x)_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix}$$

fields	$U(1)$	$SU(n)$	$SU(r)$
$q^{(1)}$	$\lambda_1$	$\underline{n}$	$\underline{1}$
$\tilde{q}^{(1)}$	$-\lambda_1$	$\underline{n}^*$	$\underline{1}$
$q^{(2)}$	$-\lambda_2$	$\underline{1}$	$\underline{r}$
$\tilde{q}^{(2)}$	$\lambda_2$	$\underline{1}$	$\underline{r}^*$

$$\lambda_1 \equiv \frac{r}{\sqrt{2nr(r+n)}}; \quad \lambda_2 \equiv \frac{n}{\sqrt{2nr(r+n)}}$$

vortex Ansatz:

$$V_D=0$$



$$\tilde{q}^{(1)} = (q^{(1)})^\dagger, \quad q^{(2)} = -(\tilde{q}^{(2)})^\dagger;$$

$$q^{(1)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q^{(1)}, \quad \tilde{q}^{(2)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{q}^{(2)}$$

$$\langle Q \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v^{(1)} \mathbb{1}_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & -v^{(2)*} \mathbb{1}_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \tilde{Q} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v^{(1)*} \mathbb{1}_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & v^{(2)} \mathbb{1}_{r \times r} \end{pmatrix},$$

breaks G completely

$$|v^{(1)}|^2 + |v^{(2)}|^2 = \sqrt{\frac{n+r}{nr}} \mu m_0$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4g_0^2}F_{\mu\nu}^{0\,2}-\frac{1}{4g_n^2}F_{\mu\nu}^{n\,2}-\frac{1}{4g_r^2}F_{\mu\nu}^{r\,2}+\frac{1}{g_0^2}|\mathcal{D}_\mu\Phi^{(0)}|^2+\frac{1}{g_n^2}|\mathcal{D}_\mu\Phi^{(n)}|^2+\frac{1}{g_r^2}|\mathcal{D}_\mu\Phi^{(r)}|^2 \\ & +|\mathcal{D}_\mu q^{(1)}|^2+\left|\mathcal{D}_\mu\bar{\tilde{q}}^{(1)}\right|^2+|\mathcal{D}_\mu q^{(2)}|^2+\left|\mathcal{D}_\mu\bar{\tilde{q}}^{(2)}\right|^2-V_D-V_F, \end{aligned}\tag{2.11}$$

$$V_D=\frac{1}{8}\sum_A\left(\mathrm{Tr}\,t^A\left[\frac{2}{g^2}\left[\Phi,\Phi^\dagger\right]+\sum_i\left(Q_iQ_i^\dagger-\tilde{Q}_i^\dagger\tilde{Q}_i\right)\right]\right)^2;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_{\rm F} = & g_0^2\,|\mu\,\Phi^{(0)}+\sqrt{2}\,\tilde{Q}\,t^{(0)}\,Q|^2+g_n^2\,|\mu\,\Phi^{(a)}+\sqrt{2}\,\tilde{Q}\,t_{su(n)}^{(a)}\,Q|^2+g_r^2\,|\mu\,\Phi^{(b)}+\sqrt{2}\,\tilde{Q}\,t_{su(r)}^{(b)}\,Q|^2 \\ & +\tilde{Q}\,[M+\sqrt{2}\Phi]\,[M+\sqrt{2}\Phi]^\dagger\,\tilde{Q}^\dagger+Q^\dagger\,[M+\sqrt{2}\Phi]^\dagger\,[M+\sqrt{2}\Phi]\,Q, \end{aligned}\tag{2.13}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{U}_l & \text{Minimum loop} & \text{SU}_n \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^{i\alpha r}\mathbb{1}_{n\times n} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha n}\mathbb{1}_{r\times r} \end{array}\right), & \alpha:0\rightarrow\frac{2\pi}{n\,r}, & \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^{i\beta(n-1)/n} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\beta/n}\,\mathbb{1}_{(n-1)\times(n-1)} \end{array}\right) \\ & & \text{SU}_r \\ & & \left(\begin{array}{cc} e^{i\gamma(r-1)/r} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\gamma/r}\,\mathbb{1}_{(r-1)\times(r-1)} \end{array}\right) \end{array}$$

Global (color-flavor diagonal) symmetry:

$$U(1) \times [SU(n) \times SU(r) \times U(1)]_{C+F}$$

$$\sim U(n) \times U(r)$$

Minimum vortex:

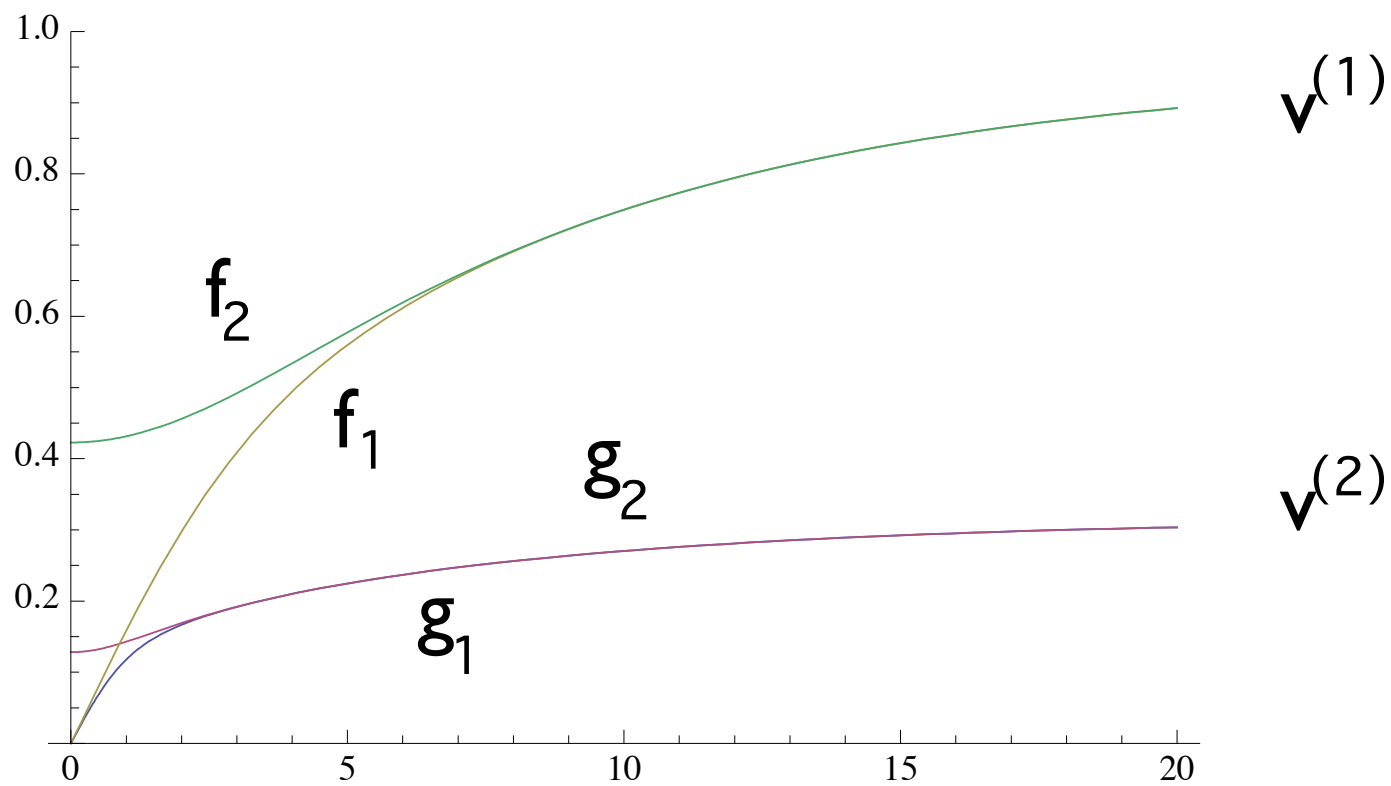
$$\prod_1 \left( \frac{SU(n) \times SU(r) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_K} \right) = \mathbf{Z}$$

$$q^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} f_1(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & f_2(\rho) \mathbb{1}_{(n-1) \times (n-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{q}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} g_1(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & g_2(\rho) \mathbb{1}_{(r-1) \times (r-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$$f_{1,2}, g_{1,2}$$





Global symmetry “broken” by the vortex:

$$[SU(n) \times SU(r) \times U(1)]_{C+F} \rightarrow SU(n-1) \times SU(r-1) \times U(1)^3,$$

Nambu-Goldstone modes propagating only inside the vortex:

$\Rightarrow$  vortex moduli:

$$CP^{n-1} \times CP^{r-1}$$

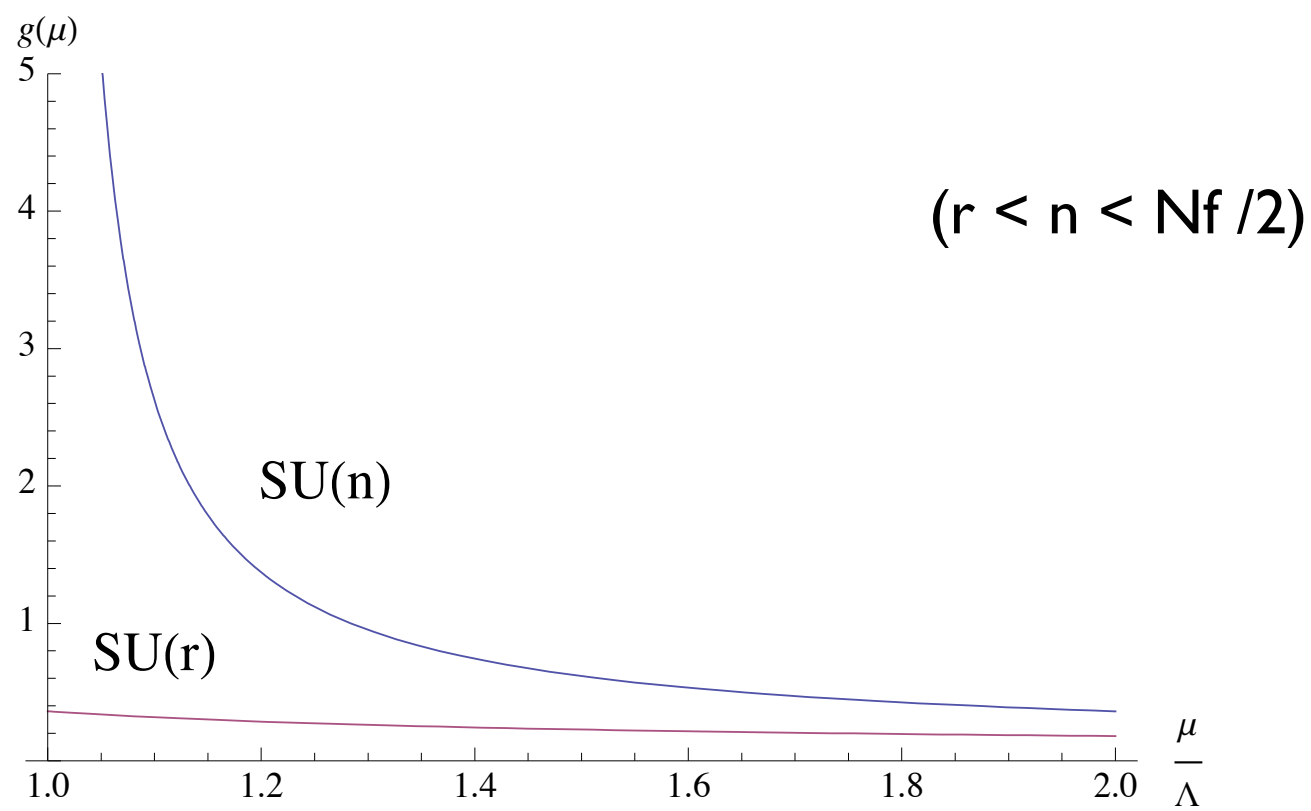
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{b}^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbb{b} & 0_{(n-1) \times (n-1)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{c}^\dagger \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{c} & 0_{(r-1) \times (r-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

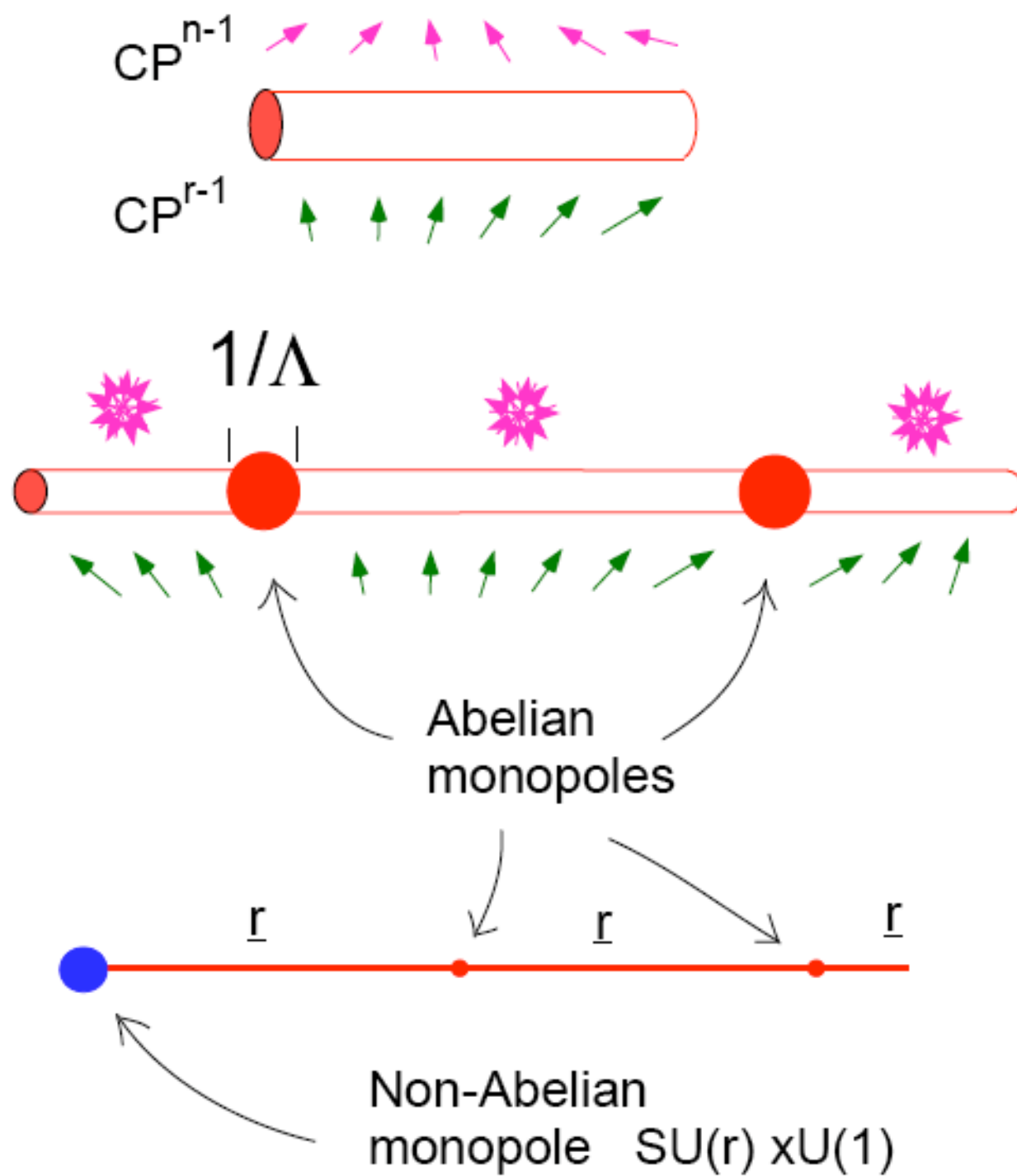
Vortex orientation can fluctuate along  $(z, t) \Rightarrow$

2 D vortex dynamics =  $CP^{n-1} \times CP^{r-1}$  sigma model

For  $n > r$ ,  $CP^{n-1}$  interactions become strong and Abelianize, but  $CP^{r-1}$  fluctuate still weakly

Monopoles at the end of the vortex carry  
 $SU(r) \times U(1)$  quantum number







# 4D-2D duality

Vortex dynamics in 2D in 4D (H) theory in **Higgs** phase

$\Leftrightarrow$

4D gauge dynamics in G/H theory in **Coulomb** phase (no H breaking)

Why ?

“Ans : H gauge group restored in the vortex center” ?

**No.**

$$q = U \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} \phi(r) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \chi(r) & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \chi(r) & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger \quad \xrightarrow{\rho=0} \quad U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & w & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & w \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger$$

Actually, **gauge group** restored only partially to U(1) in the core

On the other hand, **global group smaller** inside the vortex  
NG modes propagating inside the vortex core

# § 3. Fractional Vortices

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**Def. (here):** Vortices with minimum vorticity but with non-trivial tension substructures

(Known examples in EAH; also torons, calorons ...)

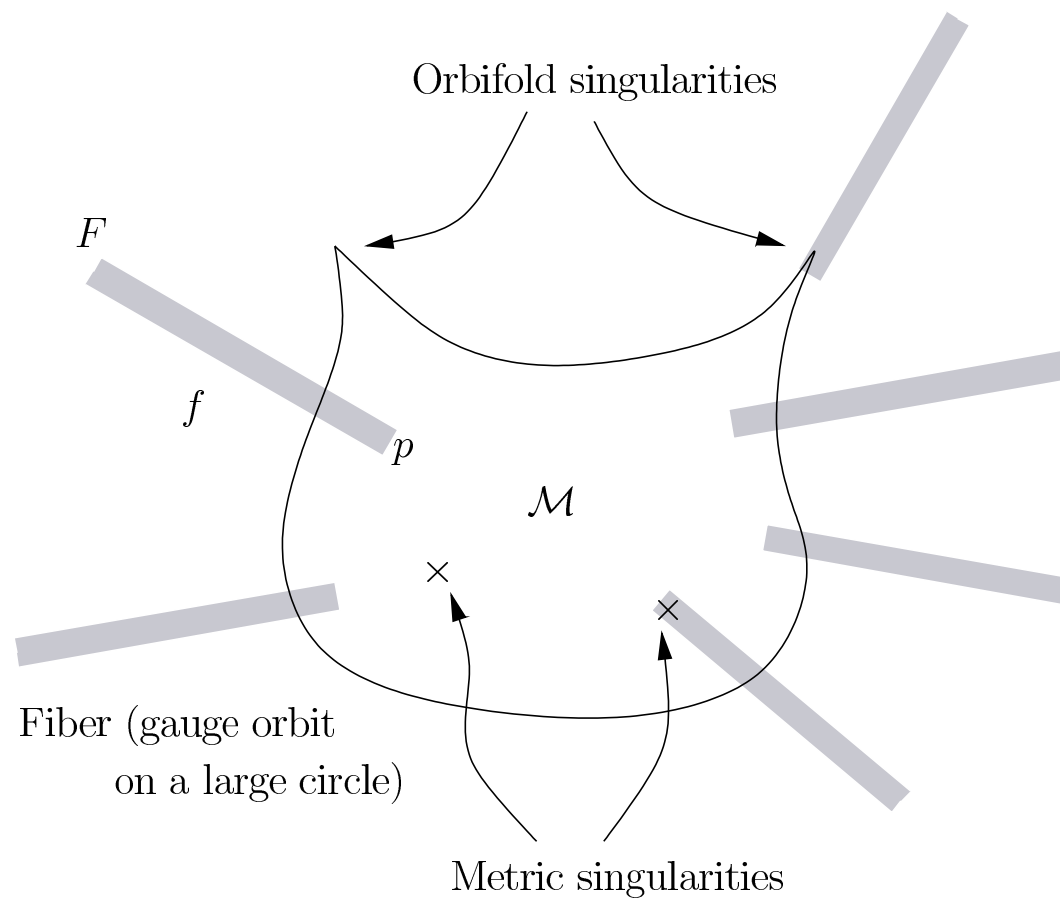
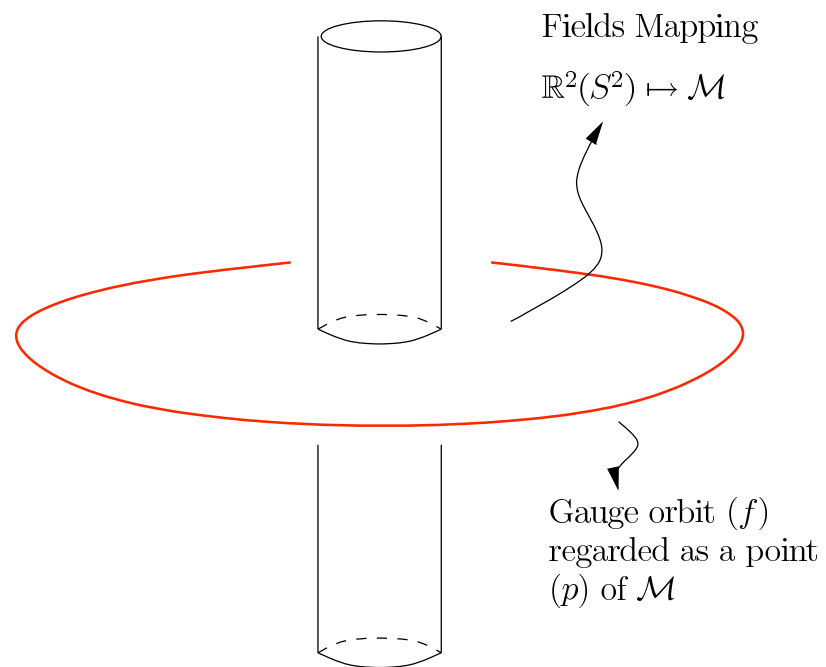
- Various Abelian and non-Abelian generalizations of Abelian Higgs model

- BPS (self-dual) nature
- Vacuum degeneracy ( $\mathcal{M}$ )



- ♦ All vortices  $\mathcal{V}$  defined at various points of  $\mathcal{M}$  simultaneously
- ♦  $\mathcal{M}$  a singular manifold:  $\Rightarrow$  “fiber bundles over a singular manifold”

- Two distinct mechanisms for fractional peaks





## Exact sequences of fiber bundles

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_2 (M, f) \rightarrow \pi_2 (\mathcal{M}, p) \rightarrow \pi_1 (F, f) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \pi_1 (M, f) \rightarrow \pi_1 (\mathcal{M}, p) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

$$p = \pi(f)$$

projection

M= vac. config., F= gauge orbits

f, p = point of F,  $\mathcal{M}$

$\mathcal{M}$  = vacuum moduli space = M/F

EAH model :

$$\sum_i |\phi_i|^2 \sim v^2$$

$$M = S^{2N-1}, \quad F = S^1, \quad \mathcal{M} = S^{2N-1}/S = \mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_2 (S^{2N-1}) & \rightarrow & \pi_2 (\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}) & \rightarrow & \pi_1 (S^1) & \rightarrow & \pi_1 (S^{2N-1}) \rightarrow \cdots \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & \mathbb{1} & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{1} \end{array}$$

The minimum vortex corresponds to a minimum  $\mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$  lump

## Two types of fractional vortices (lumps)

- (I) When  $p = p_0$  (a  $Z_N$  orbifold point) both  $\pi_1(F, f)$  and  $\pi_2(\mathcal{M}, p)$  make a discontinuous change.

Vortex defined near  $p = p_0$  feels the presence of  $p_0$  and look like a  $k=N$  vortex

- (II) Even when  $p$  is a regular point (not near any singularity), the fields  $\{q\}$  inside  $S^1$  (a disk  $D^2$ )  $\sim \mathcal{M}$  : may hit either one of the singularities or simply pass the region of a large scalar curvature. (Deformed geometry of the sigma model)

cfr. Collie-Tong

Fractional vortex substructures caused either by one of these or by a collaboration of the two  $\rightarrow$  examples



# Models based on $\mathbb{CP}^1$ (I)

Abelian Higgs model with (A,B), with charges (2,1)

Vacuum config.  $2|A|^2 + |B|^2 = \xi$ ,

Gauge transf:  $A \sim e^{2i\alpha(x)} A, \quad B \sim e^{i\alpha(x)} B.$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{M} = W\mathbb{CP}_{2,1}^1 \sim \frac{\mathbb{CP}^1}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$  (Fig.)

$H = S^{-1}(z, \bar{z}) H_0(z)$

The coordinate of  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\varphi = 2A/B^2$

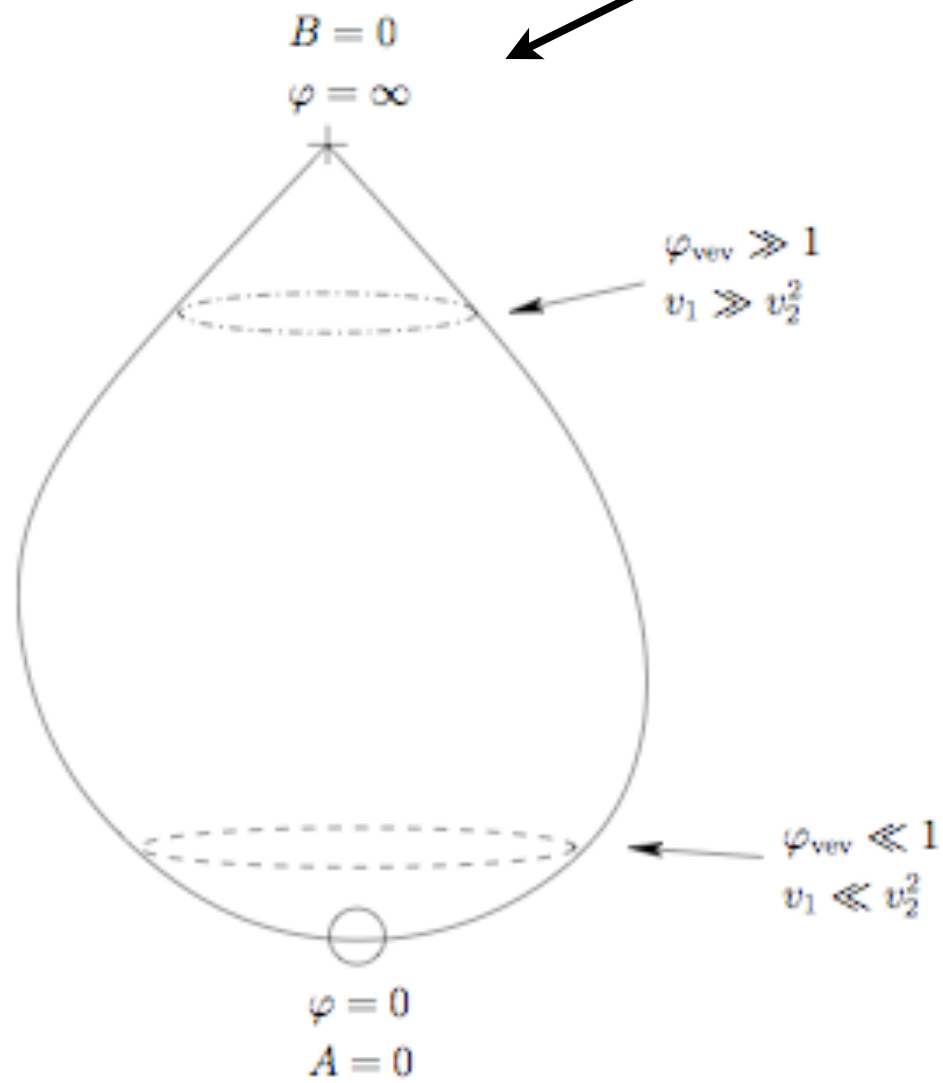
p generic  $H_0^{[11]} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{2}}(z - z_1)(z - z_2) & 0 \\ 0 & v_2(z - z_3) \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1^2 + v_2^2 = \xi$

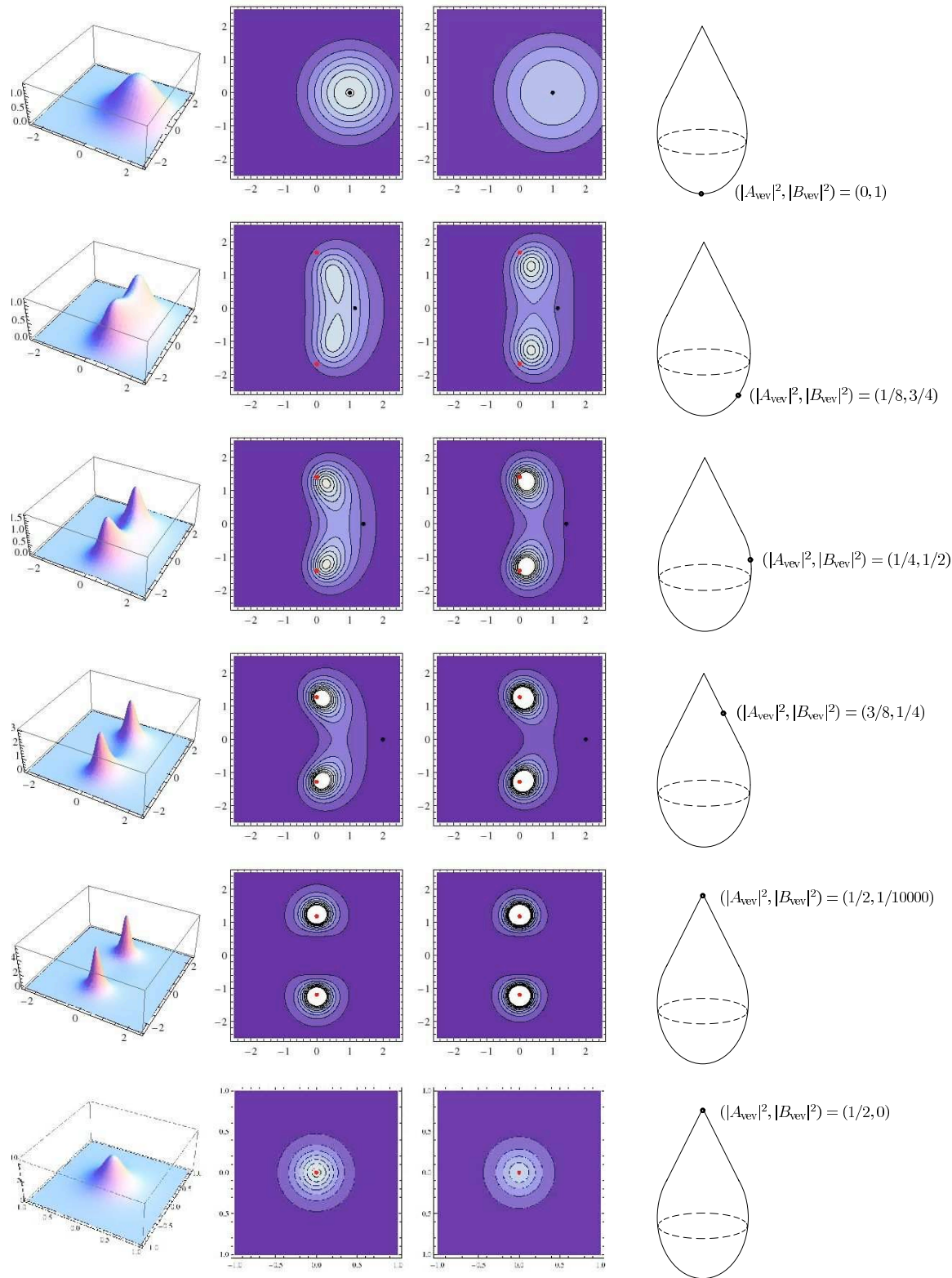
p =  $\infty$   
(B=0)  $H_0^{[10]} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\xi}(z - z_1) & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta_1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\frac{\pi_2(\mathcal{M}, p)}{\pi_2(\mathcal{M}, \infty)} = \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \frac{\pi_1(F, f)}{\pi_1(F, f_0)} = \mathbb{Z}_2$



$Z_2$  orbifold point





black dots = zeros of  $A$ ;  
red dots = zeros of  $B$

Good example of  
the first mechanism

# Models based on $CP^1$ (2)

---  $U(1) \times U(1)$  Higgs model with  $(A, B, C)$  with charges:

$$Q_1 = (2, 1, 1) \quad Q_2 = (0, 1, -1)$$

$$(A, B, C) \rightarrow (e^{i2\alpha(x)} A, e^{i\alpha(x)+i\beta(x)} B, e^{i\alpha(x)-i\beta(x)} C)$$

$$U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2 / \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

$$M = \{A, B, C \mid 2|A|^2 + |B|^2 + |C|^2 = \xi_1, |B|^2 - |C|^2 = \xi_2\}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = M / [(U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2) / \mathbb{Z}_2] .$$

No orbifold singularity

No doubling of  $\pi_1(F, f)$  or  $\pi_2(\mathcal{M}, p)$

An extra peak at  $\sim z=z_0$ , where  $B(z_0) = 0$



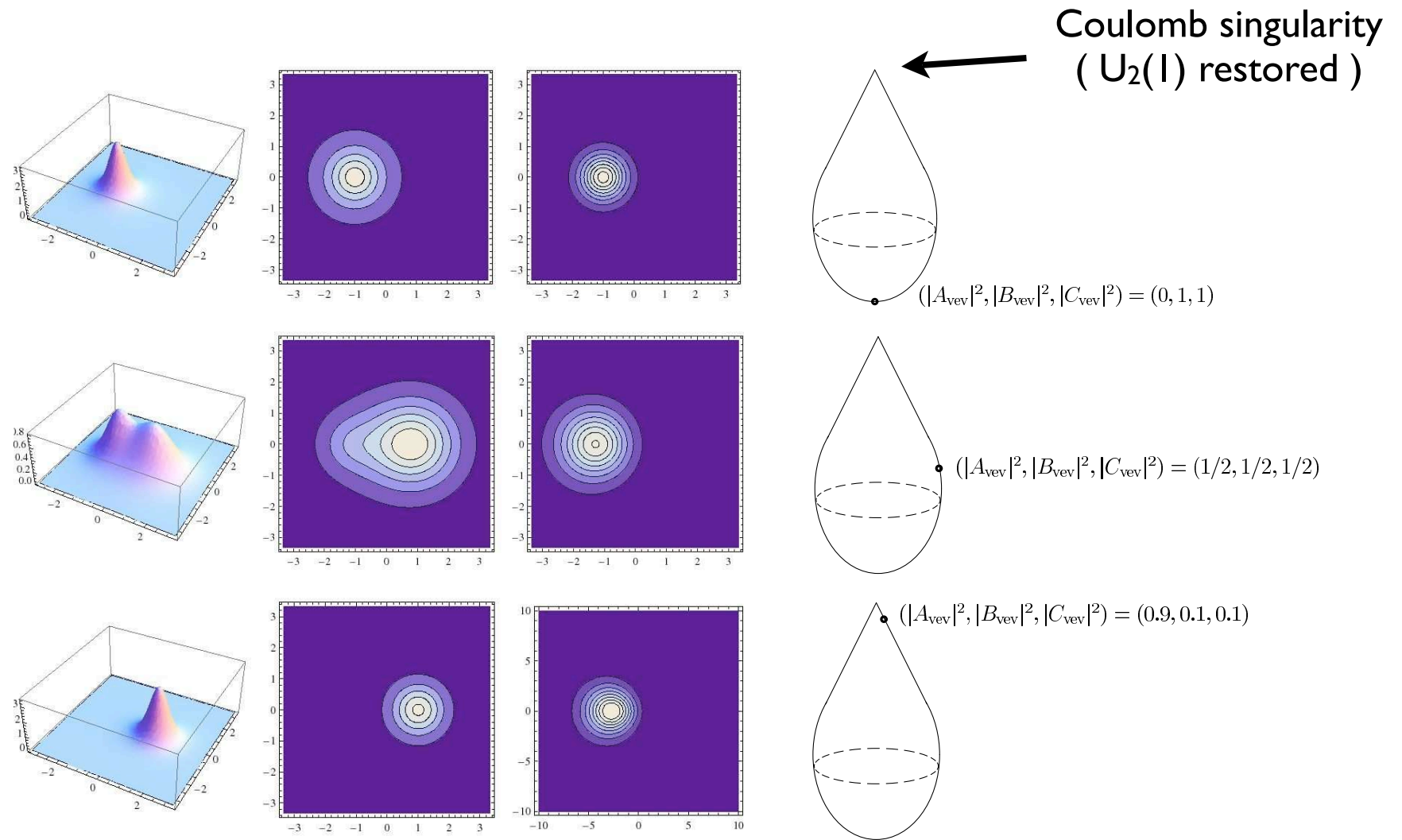


Fig. 6: The energy density (left-most) and the magnetic flux density  $F_{12}^{(1)}$  (2nd from the left),  $F_{12}^{(2)}$  (2nd from the right) and the boundary condition (right-most). We have chosen  $\xi_1 = 2$ ,  $\xi_2 = 0$ ,  $e_1 = 1$ ,  $e_2 = 2$  and  $a = -1, b = 1$  in Eq. (4.34).

Good example of the second  
mechanism

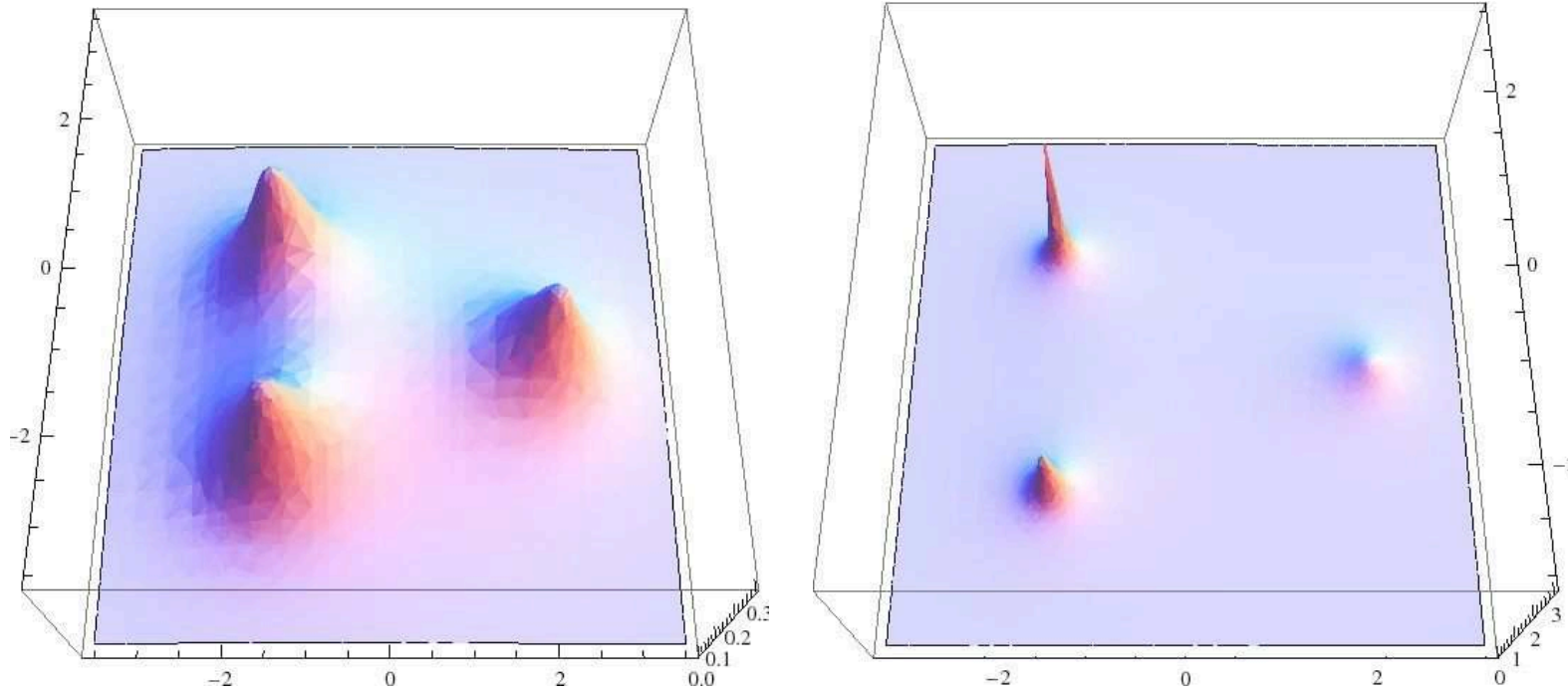


Fig. 11: The energy density of three fractional vortices (lumps) in the  $U(1) \times SO(6)$  model in the strong coupling approximation. The positions are  $z_1 = -\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}$ ,  $z_2 = -\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}$ ,  $z_3 = 2$ . *Left panel:* the size parameters are chosen as  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1/2$ . *Right panel:* the size parameters are chosen as  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0.1, c_3 = 0.3$ . Notice that one peak is singular ( $z_1$ ) and the other two are regularized by the finite (non-zero) parameters  $c_{2,3}$ .

## § 4 Monopole - Vortex complex

--- Why the non-Abelian vortices imply  
non-Abelian **monopoles** ---



# Hierarchical symmetry breaking

$$G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1} \qquad v_1 \gg v_2,$$



- Apparent paradox (no monopoles, no vortices)  $\Rightarrow$
- Topology and symmetry connect monopoles and vortices

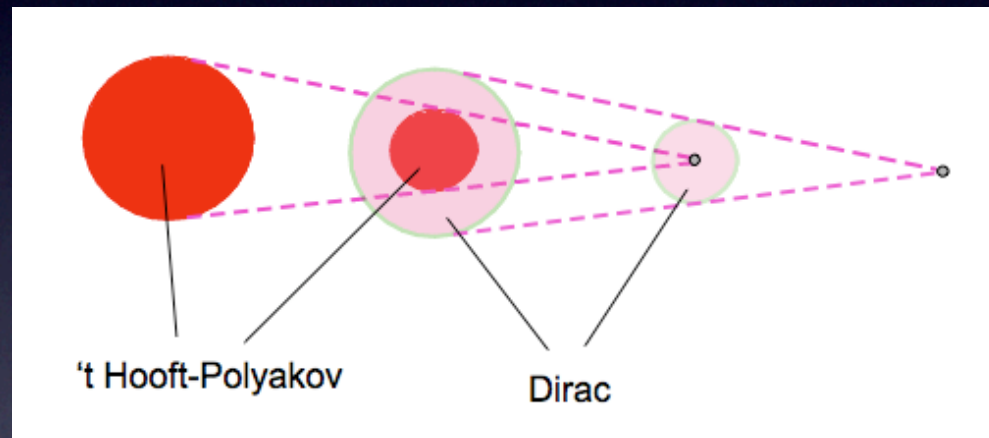
# Homotopy-group map

$$G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1} \quad v_1 \gg v_2,$$

Homotopy exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_2(G) \rightarrow \pi_2(G/H) \rightarrow \pi_1(H) \rightarrow \pi_1(G) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Vortex ! (but also  
monopole)



•  $\pi_1(G) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow$  Regular monopoles confined by vortices

•  $\pi_1(G) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow$  All vortices “end” at regular monopoles e.g.  $SU(N)$

•  $\pi_1(G) = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$   $k=2$  vortices “end” at regular monopoles!

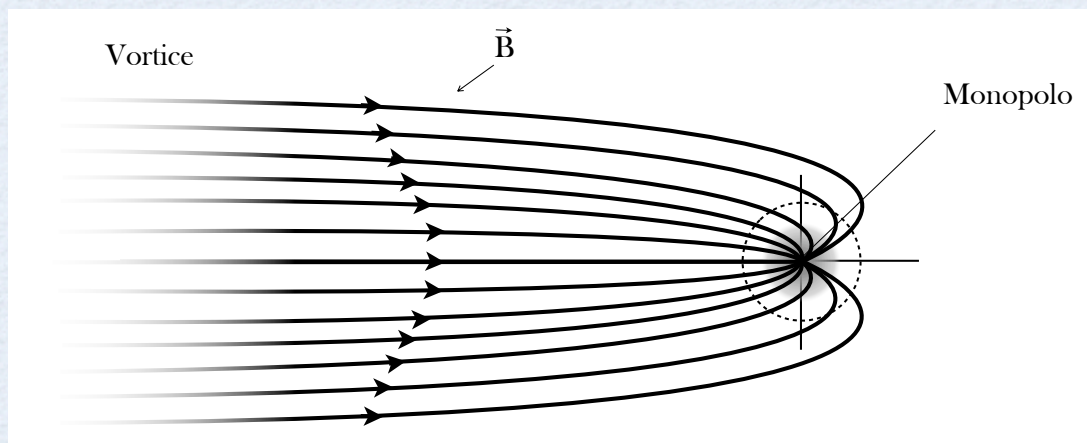
't Hooft  
 $SO(3)/U(1)$

cfr.,  $SO(N)$

$k=1$  vortices are there: confine Dirac monopoles



Non-Abelian monopole moduli from vortex moduli  
in the system  $G \xrightarrow{v_1} H \xrightarrow{v_2} \mathbb{1}$



**Flux matching**  
(Auzzi-Bolognesi-Evslin-KK; Kneipp)

$$SU(N+1) \Rightarrow SU(N) \times U(1) \\ \Rightarrow 1$$

Exact  $H_{C+F}$  induces  
continuous transformation of  
vortex --  
**and monopole**

Study in more detail this!



$$SU(3) \rightarrow \frac{SU(2) \times U(1)}{Z_2} \rightarrow 1.$$

Embedding of 't Hooft-Polyakov soln in  $S_i = U$  or  $V$  spin

$$\phi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}v \end{pmatrix} + 3v \vec{S} \cdot \hat{r} \phi(r),$$

Monopole of the HE theory

$$\vec{A}(r) = \vec{S} \wedge \hat{r} \frac{A(r)}{r};$$

BPS equation

$$B_k^A = -(\mathcal{D}_k \phi)^A$$

Vortex of the LE theory

$$(BPS) \quad q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} w_1(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & w_2(\rho) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2v \end{pmatrix};$$

$$A_i^3(x) = \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{\rho^2} (1 - f_3(\rho)), \quad A_\phi^3(\rho) = \frac{1}{\rho} (1 - f_3(\rho)),$$

$$A_i^8(x) = \sqrt{3} \epsilon \epsilon_{ij} \frac{x_j}{\rho^2} (1 - f_8(\rho)), \quad A_\phi^8(\rho) = \sqrt{3} \frac{1}{\rho} (1 - f_8(\rho)).$$

Interpolating solutions ? Need to take into account a non BPS terms

(Actually both monopole and vortex must be set in the singular gauge)

# Ansätze

$$A_\phi = t_3 A_\phi^3(\rho, z) + t_8 A_\phi^8(\rho, z);$$

$$A_\phi^3 = -\frac{1}{\rho} f_3(\rho, z), \quad A_\phi^8 = -\sqrt{3} \frac{1}{\rho} f_8(\rho, z),$$

Keep this term

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2v \end{pmatrix} + \lambda(\rho, z), \quad \lambda(\rho, z) = t_3 \lambda_3(\rho, z) + t_8 \lambda_8(\rho, z)$$

$$q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} w_1(\rho, z) & 0 \\ 0 & w_2(\rho, z) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Coupled (quadratic) equations for 6 profile functions  
which reduce to the linear BPS equations for  $\lambda = 0$





- The Dirac string of the monopole hidden deep in the vortex core
- The whole monopole-vortex complex breaks  $SU(2)_{C+F}$  :  
orientational zeromodes of  $SU(2)/U(1) \sim CP^1$
- The degeneracy between the monopole solution living in  
(13)  $SU(2)$  subgroup and that in (23)  $SU(2)$  subgroup  
is **explicitly broken** by the vortex -- failure of the naïve  
“non-Abelian monopole” concept (multiplet of H)
- An exact  $SU(2)_{C+F}$  symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  Degeneracy (and indeed continuous  $CP^1$  degeneracy)  
under the simultaneous color-flavor rotations for the monopole -- vortex complex
- It is a magnetic symmetry, i.e., symmetry of magnetic-flux orientation
- **A new exact symmetry for the monopole**: the origin of the dual  $SU(2)$  group  
(multiplet of  $\tilde{H}$ )



# Conclusion

- Non-Abelian vortices and generalizations -- a vast variety of phenomena implied by such solutions: true reach of these equations and solutions yet to be seen
- Many intriguing results encompassing physics of strong gauge dynamics, confinement and symmetry breaking, and perhaps, interesting mathematics
- Non-Abelian monopoles (GNO duality) from the monopole-vortex complex

$$\tilde{H} \sim H_{C+F}$$

- (Dual) confinement mechanism of non-Abelian variety

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