

# Complete implementation of generalized symmetries on the lattice

What is lattice gauge field topology?

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# Symmetry

- **Symmetry**: fundamental tool in physics
  - ▶ Universal applications to high energy physics, condensed matter physics and mathematics
- Noether theorem and conservation law

$$\text{Sym} : \phi \mapsto \phi'; S(\phi) = S(\phi'), \quad \partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$$

$$\text{Charge } Q \equiv \int j^0 d^{D-1}x$$

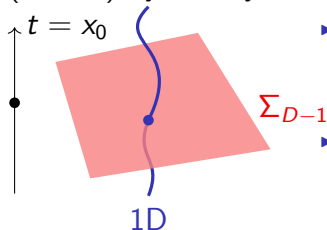
- ▶ Or, a unitary operator commutes with Hamiltonian
- More aspects of Symmetry
  - ▶ Landau theory: phase transition (or vacuum structure) from viewpoint of symmetry
  - ▶ Symmetry breaking: quantum anomaly, spontaneous breaking

# Recent generalization of symmetry

- Generalized the notion of symmetry [Gaiotto–Kapustin–Seiberg–Willet '14]
  - ▶ Local description of symmetry is better
- Symmetry described as topological operator
  - ▶ Coupled with topological field theory
    - ★ Changing topological structure without changing local dynamics [Kapustin–Seiberg '14]:
    - ★ Nontrivial information from this new kind of symmetry
  - ▶ There are some types
    - 1 Higher-form symmetry (see next slide)
    - 2 Higher-group symmetry
    - 3 Non-invertible symmetry
- See reviews, surveys and lectures [Sharpe, Kong–Lan–Wen–Zhang–Zheng, Córdova–Dumitrescu–Intriligator–Shao, McGreevy, Gomes, Schäfer-Nameki, Brennan–Hong, Bhardwaj–Bottini–Fraser–Talente–Gladden–Gould–Platschorre–Tillim, Luo–Wang–Wang, Shao, Carqueville–Del Zotto–Runkel, Iqbal]

# Generalization: higher-form symmetry

- (0-form) Symmetry



- ▶ Charge (codim 1)

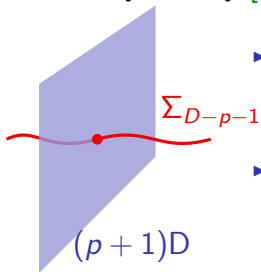
$$Q \equiv \int_{\Sigma_{D-1}} j_0 dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{D-1}$$

- ▶ Symmetry operator

$$U_\alpha(\Sigma_{D-1}) = e^{i\alpha Q}$$

Topological under deformation of  $\Sigma_{D-1}$

- Higher-form symmetry [Gaiotto–Kapustin–Seiberg–Willet '14]



- ▶  $p$ -form symmetry  $G^{[p]}$  (codim  $p+1$ )

$$Q \equiv \int_{\Sigma_{D-p-1}} \star j^{(p+1)}, \quad U_\alpha(\Sigma) = e^{i\alpha Q}$$

- ▶ Transforming a “loop” operator  $W(C)$   
 $W(C) \mapsto U(\Sigma)W(C)$

$$= e^{i\alpha \#(\Sigma, C)} W(C) \quad \text{w/ linking } \#$$

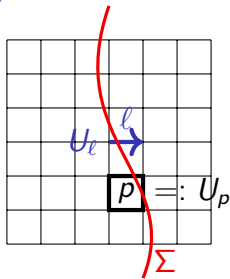
# E.g., center symmetry in YM theory

- Lattice  $SU(N)$  YM theory
  - ▶ link variable  $U_\ell \in SU(N)$

- Center symmetry:  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$

$$e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}k} \in \mathbb{Z}_N \subset SU(N); \quad U_\ell \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}k \#(\Sigma, \ell)} U_\ell$$

Intersection  $\#$  of  $\Sigma$  & link  $\ell$ ;  $U_p \mapsto U_p$



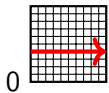
- Gauging the center symmetry

$$S \sim \sum \text{Tr} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_p} U_p \quad B_p: \text{2-form gauge field assoc. } \mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$$

invariant under  $U_\ell \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}\lambda_\ell} U_\ell, B_p \mapsto B_p + (d\lambda)_p$

global desc.  
 $\Rightarrow$

Recall 't Hooft twisted b.c. [79]:  $U_{n+L\hat{\nu}, \mu} = g_{n, \nu}^{-1} U_{n, \mu} g_{n+\hat{\mu}, \nu}$



gauge transf

$$g_{n+L\hat{\nu}, \mu}^{-1} g_{n, \nu}^{-1} g_{n, \mu} g_{n+L\hat{\mu}, \nu} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} z_{\mu\nu}} \in \mathbb{Z}_N$$

$$\text{'t Hooft flux } z_{\mu\nu} = \sum B_p \text{ mod } N$$

# Numerical simulation of higher-form gauge fields

Public repository: <https://github.com/o-morikawa/Gaugefields.jl>

- Implementation of higher-form gauge fields:

Gaugefields.jl on GitHub

- ▶ External/dynamical  $B$
- ▶ HMC and gradient flow (MPI)

based on [LatticeQCD.jl, Gaugefields.jl]



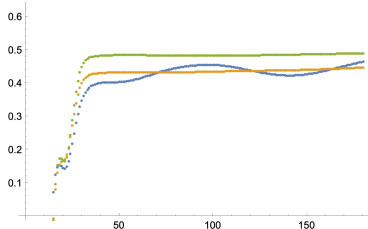
- Under 't Hooft twisted b.c.,

$$Q = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int \text{tr} F \wedge F \in -\frac{\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} Z_{\mu\nu} Z_{\rho\sigma}}{8N} + \mathbb{Z} \text{ [van Baal '82]}$$

- Fractional topological charge for  $SU(2)$

- ▶  $Q \sim \frac{1}{8\pi^2 N} \int B \wedge B \in \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ Compute “ $Q$ ” with smeared  $U$

[OM–Suzuki in progress]





# What is topology on the lattice?

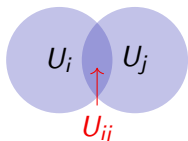
- Practically, we observed topology as “ $Q$ ”  $\cong 0.5\dots$ 
  - ▶ Construction of  $\theta$  term suffers from failure of odd-ness under time reversal and/or reflection positivity
  - ▶ cf. a manifest quantization of winding number [Shiozaki '24]
- Generalized symmetry in continuum
  - ('t Hooft) Anomaly between 1-form symmetry &  $\theta \sim \theta + 2\pi$   
[Kapustin–Thorngren '13, Gaiotto–Kapustin–Komargodski–Seiberg '17]
- *I believe (all those who join this workshop)*

You must want to understand it in an ultra-local way,  
that is, within lattice gauge theory.
- **Proof:**
  - ▶ Integer  $Q$   
(4D  $SU(N)$ ) [Lüscher '84], general case [Phillips–Stone '86, '90]
  - ▶ Fractional  $Q$  for 4D  $SU(N)$  coupled with  $B$   
[Abe–OM–Onoda–Suzuki–Tanizaki '23]

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# Principal fiber bundle

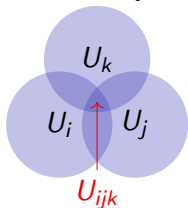
- Recall Dirac's discussion
  - ▶ Gauge fields cannot be defined globally in spacetime
  - ▶ Defined on each subspace: northern/southern hemisphere
- Manifold (spacetime)  $X$ ; open covering (patches)  $\{U_i\}$ 
  - ▶ Gauge group  $G$ , gauge field  $a_i$  on  $U_i$
  - ▶ Relation between  $a_i$  and  $a_j$ ?



Gauge transformation:

$$a_j = g_{ij}^{-1} a_i g_{ij} + g_{ij}^{-1} d g_{ij} \quad \text{at } U_{ij}$$

- ▶ Consistency condition for transition function  $g_{ij}$ :

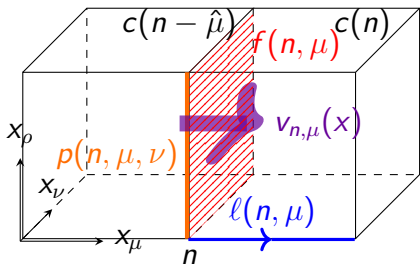


$$g_{ii} = \text{id}, \quad g_{ji} = g_{ij}^{-1}$$

Cocycle condition:  $g_{ij} g_{jk} g_{ki} = 1 \quad \text{at } U_{ijk}$

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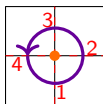


edge

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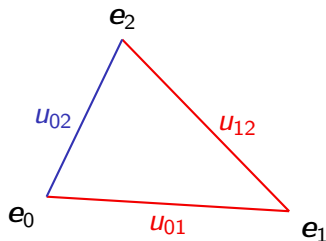
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# Definition of parallel transport function

- At first, let's illustrate an iterative method on  $nD$   $GL(p, \mathbb{C})$  **simplicial** lattice (triangle) [Phillips–Stone '86, '90]
- Let  $\Delta^r$  be a  $r$ -simplex in  $X$ ; parallel transport function  $V$  as

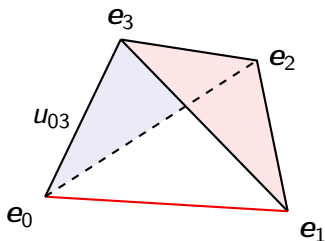
$$\begin{aligned}
 &V_{\langle 0\dots r \rangle}(s_1, \dots, s_p = 1, \dots, s_{r-1}) \\
 &= V_{\langle 0\dots p \rangle}(s_1, \dots, s_{p-1}) \\
 &\quad \cdot V_{\langle p\dots r \rangle}(s_{p+1}, \dots, s_{r-1}),
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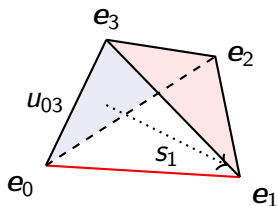
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# Reconstruction of principal $G$ -bundle

- Successive linear interpolation

$$V_{\langle 0\dots r \rangle}(\dots, s_{r-1}) = (1 - s_{r-1})V_{\langle 0\dots r-2, r \rangle} + s_{r-1}V_{\langle 0\dots, r-1 \rangle}u_{r-1, r}$$



- ▶ This is for  $GL(p, \mathbb{C})$
- ▶ For other  $G$ , we need a projection or geodesic approach
  - ★ Recall  $SU(3)$  projection in conf generation in lattice simulation
- (Math) Theorem
  - ▶ Projection  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$ , section  $H : M \rightarrow E$  s.t.  $\pi \circ H = \text{id}_M$
  - ▶ Definition of  $H$ 
    - 1 if  $\sigma = \langle i \rangle$ ,  $H_\sigma : \mathbf{0} \mapsto \mathbf{e}_i$
    - 2  $H_{\langle 0\dots r \rangle}(\dots, s_r) = (1 - s_r)H_{\langle 0\dots r-1 \rangle} + s_r V_{\langle 0\dots r \rangle} \mathbf{e}_r$
  - ▶ Define  $\Sigma_q = \{A | \text{rank}(A^1, \dots, A^{p-q+1}) \leq p - q\}$
  - ▶  $q$ th Chern class is represented by “intersection” of  $H_\sigma$  and  $\Sigma_q$

# Is $V_\sigma(\forall s)$ compatible with $u_\sigma$ ?

- How different are  $V_\sigma(\forall s)$  and  $u_\sigma$ ?

- ▶  $u_\sigma = u_{ij}$  where  $\sigma = \langle i \dots j \rangle$

- For simplicity, e.g., in the  $U(1)$  case,

- $\exists V(s)$  s.t.  $\|V_\sigma - u_\sigma\| < \delta\varphi(K, n)$  for  $\forall s$

- ▶  $\delta$ : a parameter

- ▶  $K$  is maximum of operator norm

- ▶  $n$  dimensions

- ▶  $\varphi(K, n)$  is determined by  $\sim K^r, r \leq n$

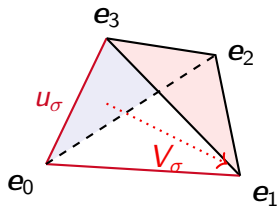
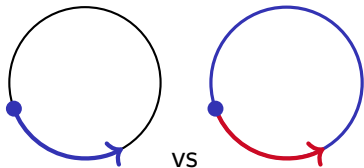
- Then,  $\exists \epsilon$  s.t. if  $\|u - u_0\| < \epsilon$

$u$  determines the same bundle as  $u_0$

- [NOTE]  $GL$  group makes the above statement simpler.

- ▶ These expressions were given by Phillips–Stone

- ▶ In general, *explicitly* gauge invariant forms are suitable

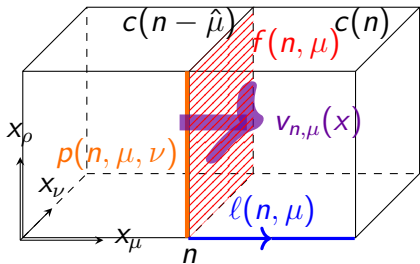




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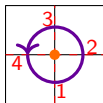
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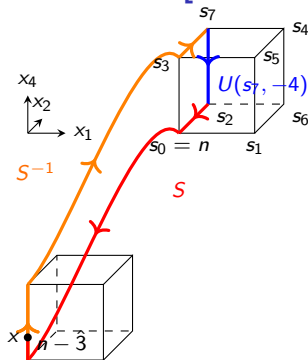
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- Topo. sectors on lattice so that  $[Q \text{ in terms of } v_f(x)] \in \mathbb{Z}$

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$$f_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma) = (u_{s_3 s_0}^m)^{y_\gamma} (u_{s_0 s_3}^m u_{s_3 s_7}^m u_{s_7 s_2}^m u_{s_2 s_0}^m)^{y_\gamma} u_{s_0 s_2}^m (u_{s_2 s_7}^m)^{y_\gamma},$$

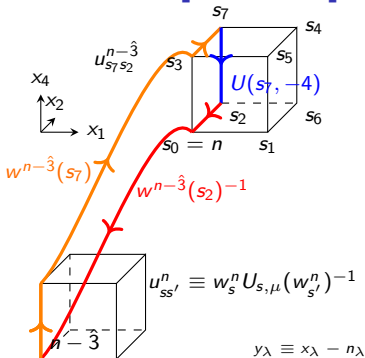
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$$h_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma) = (u_{s_3 s_0}^m)^{y_\gamma} (u_{s_0 s_3}^m u_{s_3 s_5}^m u_{s_5 s_1}^m u_{s_1 s_0}^m)^{y_\gamma} u_{s_0 s_1}^m (u_{s_1 s_5}^m)^{y_\gamma},$$

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$$l_{n,\mu}^m(x_\beta, x_\gamma) = [f_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma)]^{-1 y_\beta} [f_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma) k_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma) g_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma)^{-1} h_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma)^{-1}]^{y_\beta} h_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma) [g_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma)]^{y_\beta},$$

$$S_{n,\mu}^m(x_\alpha, x_\beta, x_\gamma) = (u_{s_0 s_3}^m)^{y_\gamma} [f_{n,\mu}^m(x_\gamma)]^{y_\beta} [l_{n,\mu}^m(x_\beta, x_\gamma)]^{y_\alpha}.$$

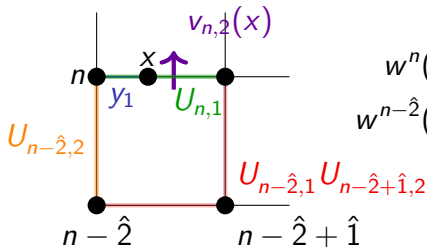


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# Exercise: Lattice 2D $U(1)$ gauge theory

- $v_{n,\mu}(x) = w^{n-\hat{\mu}}(x)w^n(x)^{-1}$  [Lüscher '98, Fujiwara et al. '00]



$$w^n(x) = U_{n,1}^{y_1}$$

$$w^{n-\hat{2}}(x) = [U_{n-\hat{2},1} U_{n-\hat{2}+\hat{1},2}]^{y_1} U_{n-\hat{2},2}^{1-y_1}$$

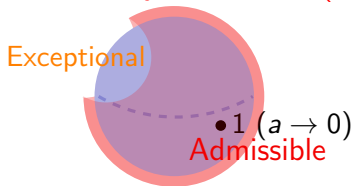
- Explicit expression of  $v$ :

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n,1}(x) &= U_{n-\hat{1},1} & v_{n,2}(x) &= U_{n-\hat{2},2} [U_{n-\hat{2},1} U_{n-\hat{2}+\hat{1},2} U_{n,1}^{-1} U_{n-\hat{2},2}^{-1}]^{y_1} \\ & & &= U_{n-\hat{2},2} \exp[iy_1 F_{12}(n-\hat{2})] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Field strength:  $F_p \equiv \frac{1}{i} \ln U_p$  for  $-\pi < F_p \leq \pi$
- ▶ ( $nD$ ) To ensure Bianchi identity  $dF_p = 0$ , we should impose  $\sup_p |F_p| < \epsilon$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{\pi}{3} \rightarrow$  **Admissibility condition**

# Admissibility condition

- In general, admissibility = well-defined-ness of  $u^y$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ )
  - ★  $U(1)$ :  $F_p = \frac{1}{i} \ln U_p$  for plaquette  $U_p$
  - ★  $S_{n,\mu}^m(x)$  is written in terms of  $(u_{ss'}^n)^y$  where  $u$  is a loop  
 $n \rightarrow s \rightarrow s' \rightarrow n$
- ▶ E.g.,  $u^y$  is ill-defined at  $u = -1$ ; ill-def regions separate **sectors**
- Admissibility condition**  $\text{tr}(1 - U_p) < \epsilon$  [Lüscher '84]



- ▶ Admissible lattice gauge fields: well-defined conf space  $\sim$  disk
- ▶ Exceptional region
  - ★ Topological freezing
  - ★ Monopole as lattice artifact

- Under the admissibility condition, we can prove that  $Q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; we observe topo. sectors even on lattice!
- How about index theorem for finite  $a$ ?

$$\text{Index}(D) = \underbrace{-\frac{a}{2} \text{Tr} \gamma_5 D_{\text{ov}}}_{\text{Admissibility } \epsilon_{\text{ov}}} = \underbrace{n_+ - n_-}_{\in \mathbb{Z}} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int_x \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr}[F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma}]$$

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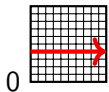
# Cocycle condition relaxed by higher-form sym

- Lüscher's construction *Coupled* with higher-form gauge fields
  - ▶  $SU(N)$  YM theory coupled with  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  2-form gauge field

$$S \sim \sum \text{Tr} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_p} U_p \quad B_p: \text{2-form gauge field assoc. } \mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$$

invariant under  $U_\ell \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \lambda_\ell} U_\ell$ ,  $B_p \mapsto B_p + (d\lambda)_p$

- ▶ 't Hooft twisted b.c. ['79]:  $U_{n+L\hat{\nu},\mu} = g_{n,\nu}^{-1} U_{n,\mu} g_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu}$



$$g_{n+L\hat{\nu},\mu}^{-1} g_{n,\nu}^{-1} g_{n,\mu} g_{n+L\hat{\mu},\nu} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} z_{\mu\nu}} \in \mathbb{Z}_N$$

't Hooft flux  $z_{\mu\nu} = \sum B_p \text{ mod } N$

- Cocycle condition can take a  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  value:

$$\tilde{v}_{n-\hat{\nu},\mu}(x) \tilde{v}_{n,\nu}(x) \tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x)^{-1} \tilde{v}_{n-\hat{\mu},\nu}(x)^{-1} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_{\mu\nu}(n-\hat{\mu}-\hat{\nu})}$$

- ▶  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  blind matters: adjoint repr.
- ▶  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$  gauge inv. if  $\tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x) \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \lambda_{n-\hat{\mu},\mu}} \tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x)$
- What is definition of  $\tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x)$ ?



# $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$ gauge invariant construction

- Gauge invariant plaquette

$$\tilde{U}_p \equiv e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_p} U_p$$

- ▶ Recall  $U_\ell \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \lambda_\ell} U_\ell$
- ▶ Admissibility  $\text{tr}(1 - \tilde{U}_p) < \epsilon$

- $u$ : product of plaquettes  $\rightarrow \tilde{u}$

$$\tilde{u}_{s_7 s_2}^{n-\hat{3}} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_{34}(n-\hat{3})} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_{24}(n)} u_{s_7 s_2}^{n-\hat{3}}$$

- Similarly,  $\tilde{v}$  is defined in terms of  $\tilde{u}$

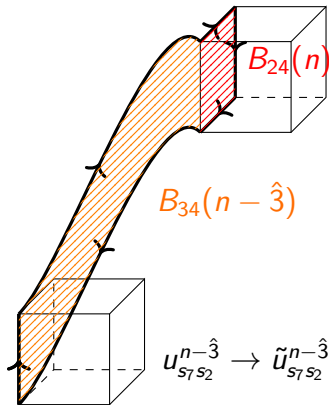
- ▶ Gauge covariance

$$\tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x) \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} \lambda_\mu(n-\hat{\mu})} \tilde{v}_{n,\mu}(x)$$

- Fractional topological charge  $Q = \sum_n q(n) \in -\frac{\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} Z_{\mu\nu} Z_{\rho\sigma}}{8N} + \mathbb{Z}$

- Implementation of  $B_p$  is clear now!

- ▶ <https://github.com/o-morikawa/Gaugefields.jl>

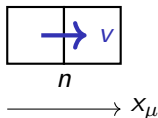


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# Summary

- Generalized symmetries have been developed in this decade
  - ▶ Higher-form sym, higher-group sym, noninvertible sym, subsystem sym, . . .
  - ▶ Through the use of 't Hooft anomaly matching, new insights about *nontrivial dynamics & classification of phases*
- Standing on a **fully regularized framework: lattice gauge theory**
  - ▶ Generalization of Lüscher's construction of topology on lattice
  - ▶ Maintaining **locality,  $SU(N)$  gauge inv & higher-form gauge inv**
  - ▶ There exists interpolation to smooth enough bundle structure

- ★ Transition function  $v_f(n) \rightarrow v_f(x)$
- ★  $Q$  is written in terms of  $v_f(x)^{-1} \partial_\nu v_f(x)$



$$Q \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauging } \mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}} \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{Z}$$

- ▶ Mixed 't Hooft anomaly between  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[1]}$  &  $\theta$  periodicity

## 7 't Hooft anomaly

# Backup: 't Hooft anomaly matching

- Problem: Nontrivial dynamics of strongly coupled theories
- Global symmetry may tell us about something [**'t Hooft '79**]
  - ▶ Assume global symmetry  $G$  in system
  - ▶ Introduce background gauge field  $A$  assoc.  $G$  (by gauging  $G$ )

$$\mathcal{Z}[A] = \int \mathcal{D}\{\phi\} e^{-S(\{\phi\}, A)}$$
$$\stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{Z}[A^g] = \dots = e^{\mathcal{A}[A, g]} \mathcal{Z}[A]$$

$e^{\mathcal{A}} \neq 1$  **Anomalous**  $\longrightarrow$  This is called 't Hooft anomaly

- 't Hooft anomaly is invariant at any energy scale (**renormalization group inv.**)
- Restriction on low-energy dynamics: SSB, phase structure, SPT

# Backup: 't Hooft anomaly (1-form sym & $\theta$ )

- Topological objects from **lattice** viewpoint as center sym
- Formal discussion in **continuum** theory
  - ▶  $\mathbb{Z}_N^{[q]}$  gauge field:  $U(1)$  fields  $B^{(q)}, B^{(q-1)}$
  - ▶ Constraint:  $NB^{(q)} = dB^{(q-1)}$
  - ▶ This implies charge- $N$  Higgs; breaking as  $U(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$
- $Q \sim \frac{1}{N} \int B \wedge B$ ?  $\xrightarrow[\text{cohomology op}]{\text{Swapping } \wedge \text{ w/}}$   $\frac{1}{N} \int P_2(B) \sim -\frac{\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} z_{\mu\nu} z_{\rho\sigma}}{8N}$ 
  - ▶ Global nature described by Čech cohomology (discrete group!)
- Indicating mixed 't Hooft anomaly with chiral sym/ $\theta$ -periodicity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_{\theta+2\pi}[B_p] &= e^{-2\pi i Q} \mathcal{Z}_{\theta}[B_p] \\ &\neq \mathcal{Z}_{\theta}[B_p] \quad \text{not } 2\pi \text{ periodic} \end{aligned}$$