

# **Generalized global symmetry and application to Spontaneous symmetry breaking and QCD phase diagram**

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# Outline

## Generalized global symmetries

- ordinary symmetry
- higher form symmetries  
and non-invertible symmetry

## Application

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking
- QCD phase diagram

## Summary

# Ordinary symmetry in $(d + 1)$ dimensions

**Ex)  $U(1)$  symmetry**

$$U(1) \text{ charge: } Q = \int d^d x j^0 = \int_{M^d} j$$

$$\text{Time independence: } \frac{d}{dt} Q = \int d^d x \partial_0 j^0 = - \int d^d x \nabla_i j^i = 0$$

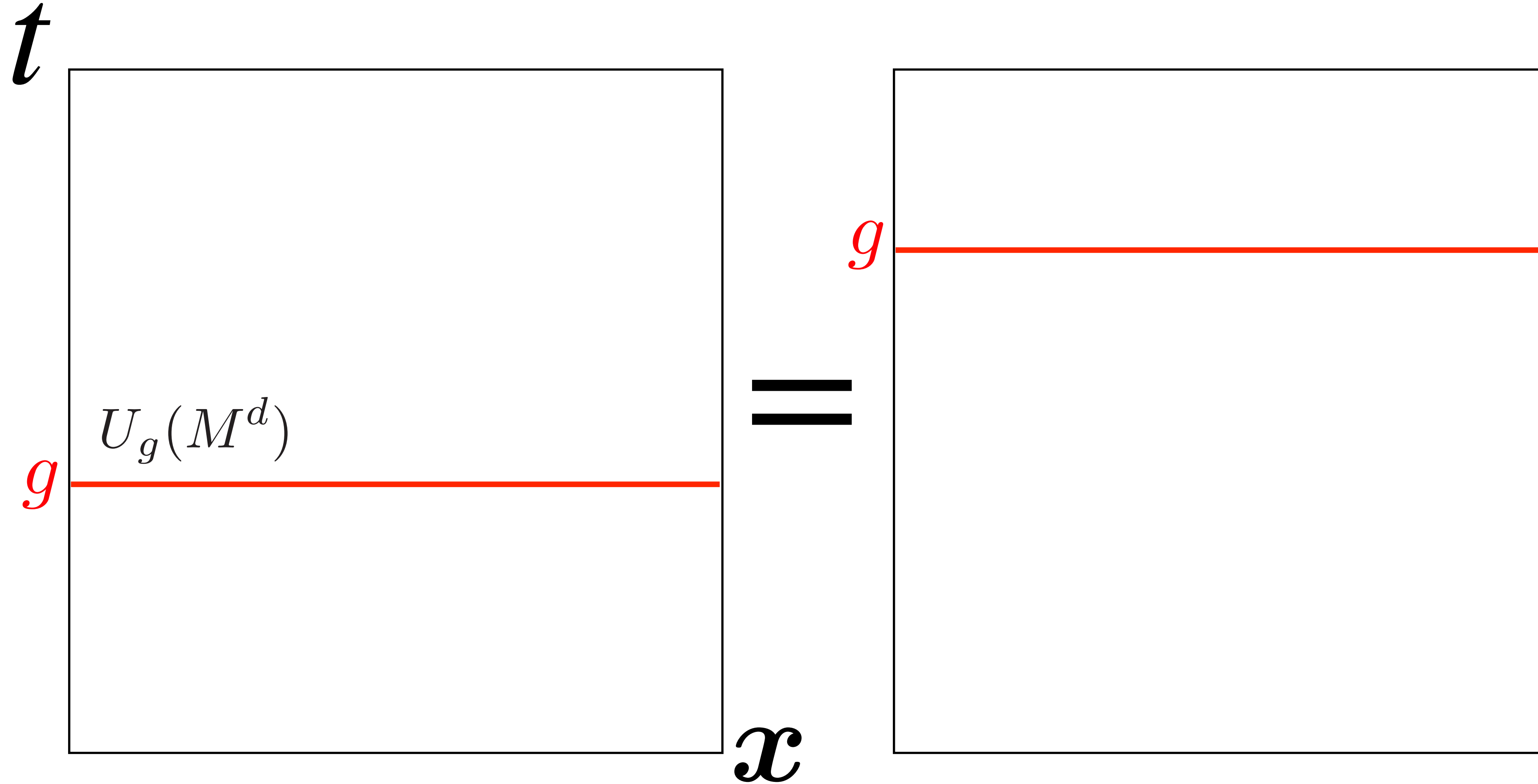
$$\text{Unitary operator: } U_g(M^d) = e^{i\alpha Q} \quad (g = e^{i\alpha})$$

$$\text{Group law: } U_g(M^d) U_{g'}(M^d) = U_{gg'}(M^d)$$

**Charged object :  $\varphi(x)$**

$$\text{Charged object : } U_g(M^d) \varphi(x) U_g^{-1}(M^d) = e^{-i\alpha} \varphi(x) = R(g) \varphi(x)$$

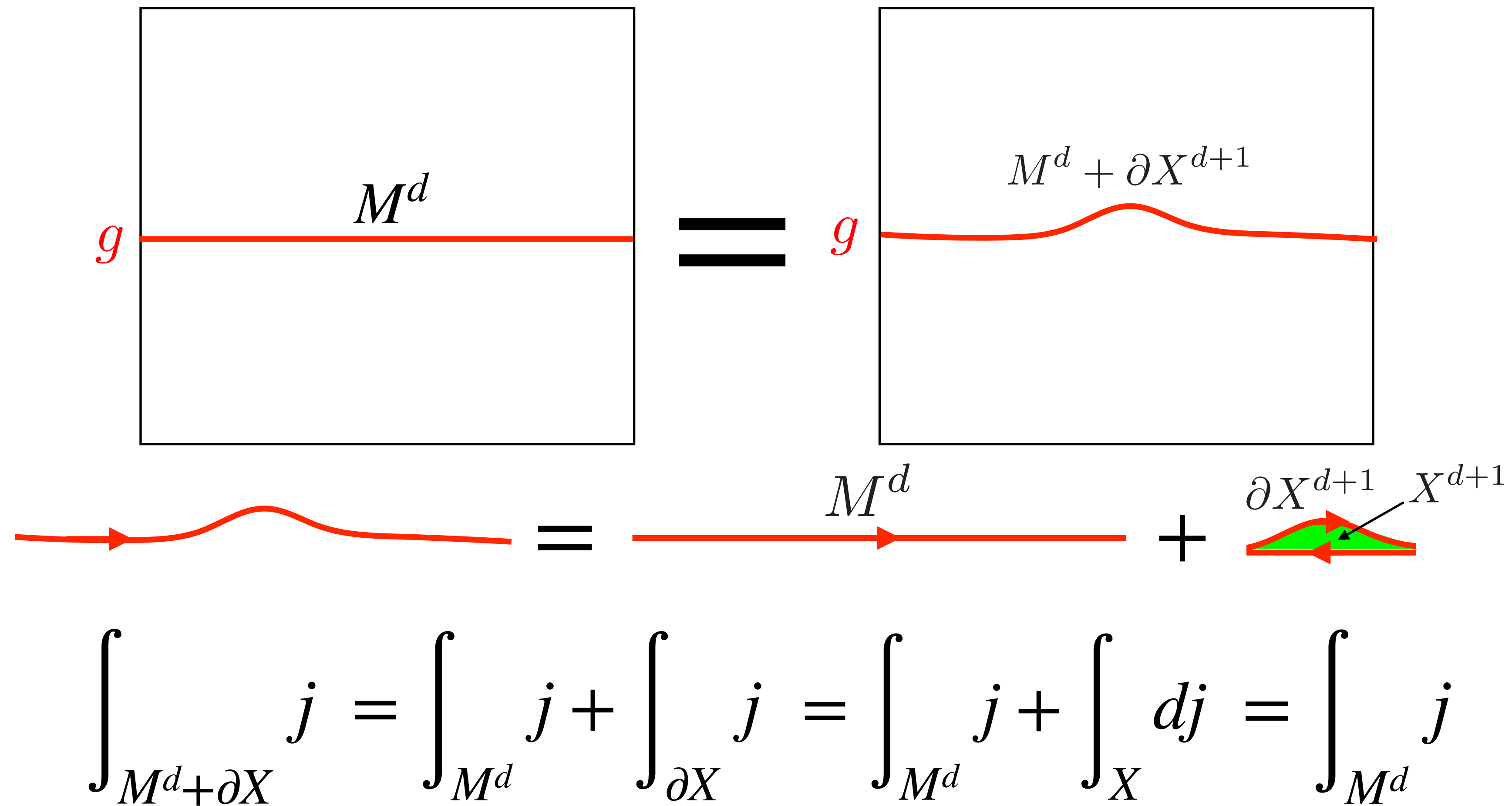
# Graphical representation



**Time independence**

# Graphical representation

## Symmetry generator is topological

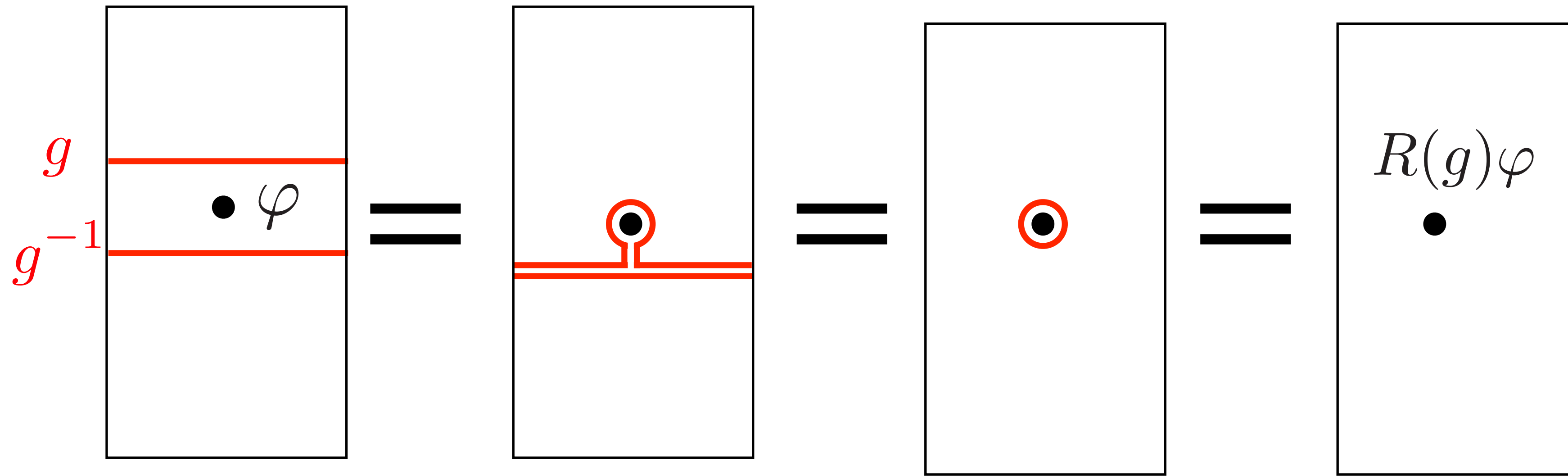


# Graphical representation

## Charged object

$$U_g \varphi(x) U_{g^{-1}} = R(g) \varphi(x)$$

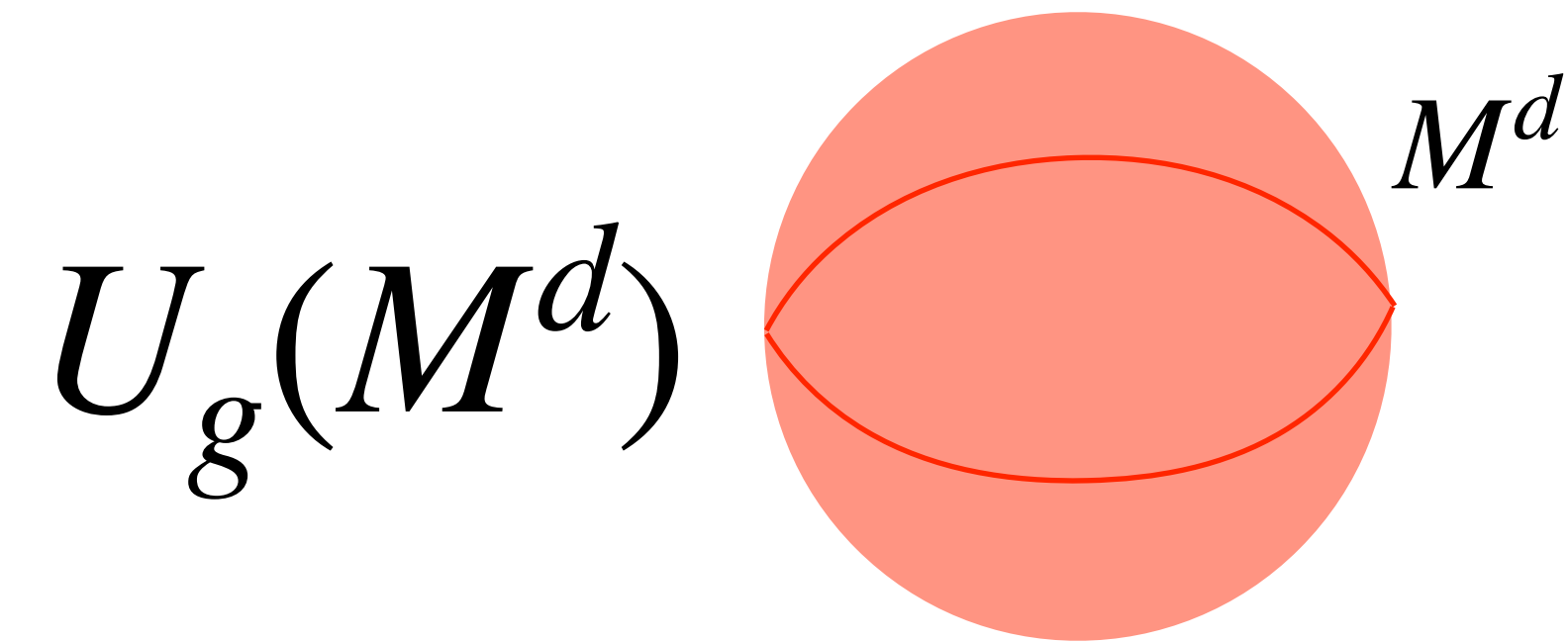
representation  
matrix



# Brief summary

## Symmetry generators

$=d$  dimensional topological objects  
labeled by group elements

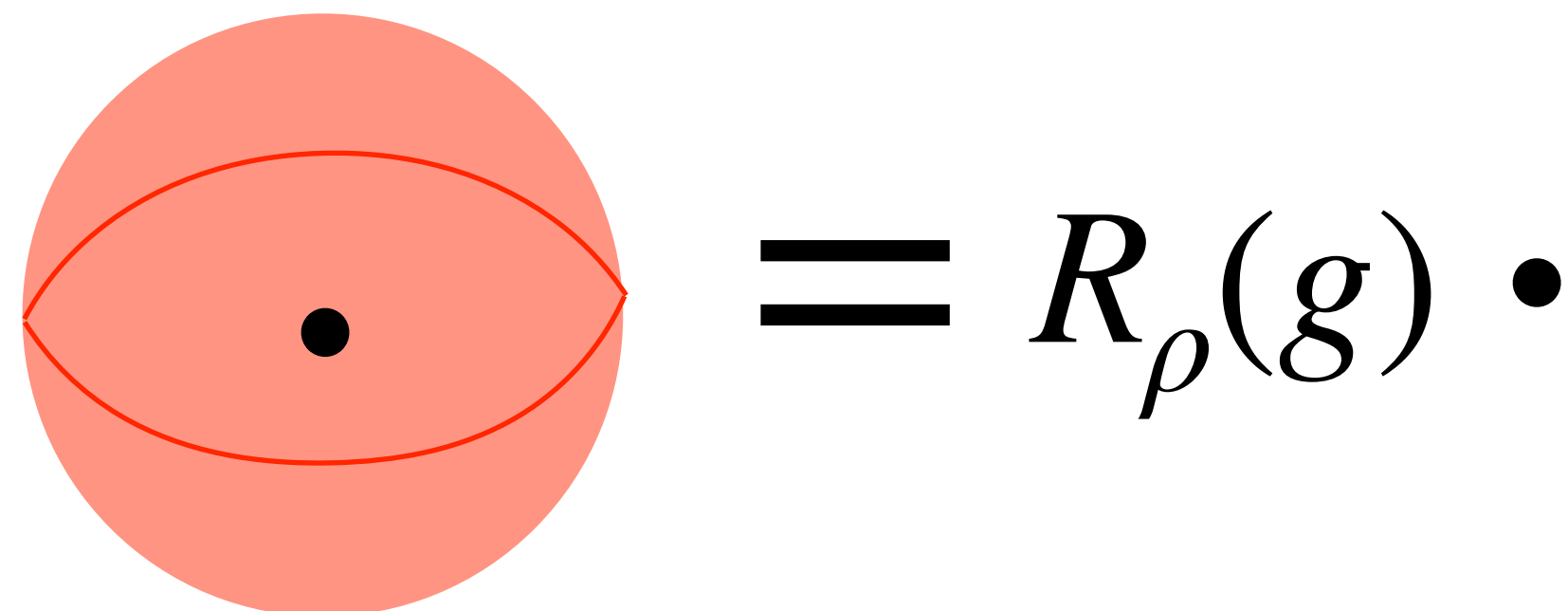


## Charged objects

= 0-dimensional objects  
labeled by representation  
of  $G$

$\bullet \varphi_\rho(x)$

Charged object transforms under  $G$



$= R_\rho(g) \bullet$

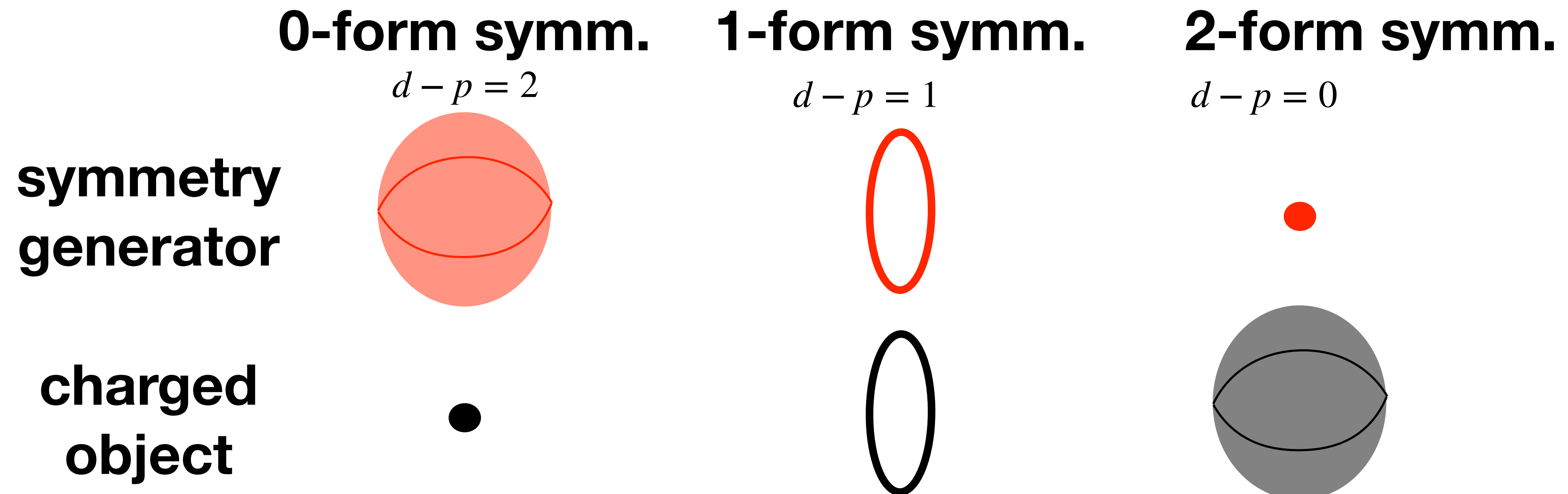
# $p$ -form symmetry

**Charged object:  $p$  dimensional object**

**Symmetry generators:**

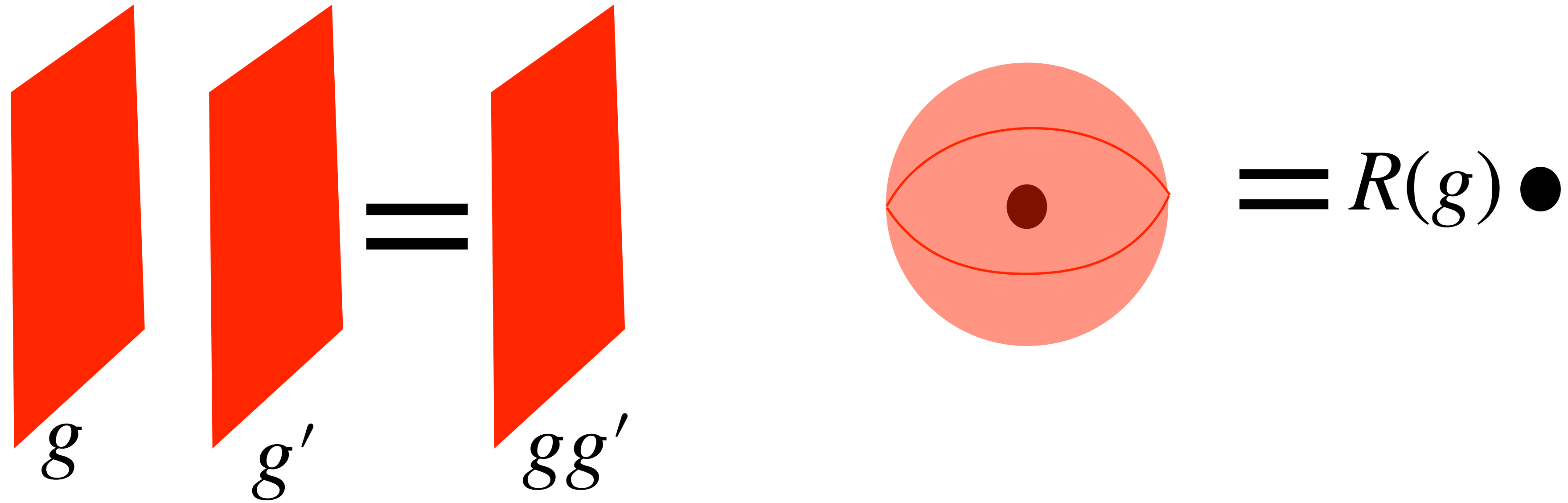
**$(d - p)$  dimensional topological objects labeled by group elements.**

**Ex) In 2+1 dimensions**

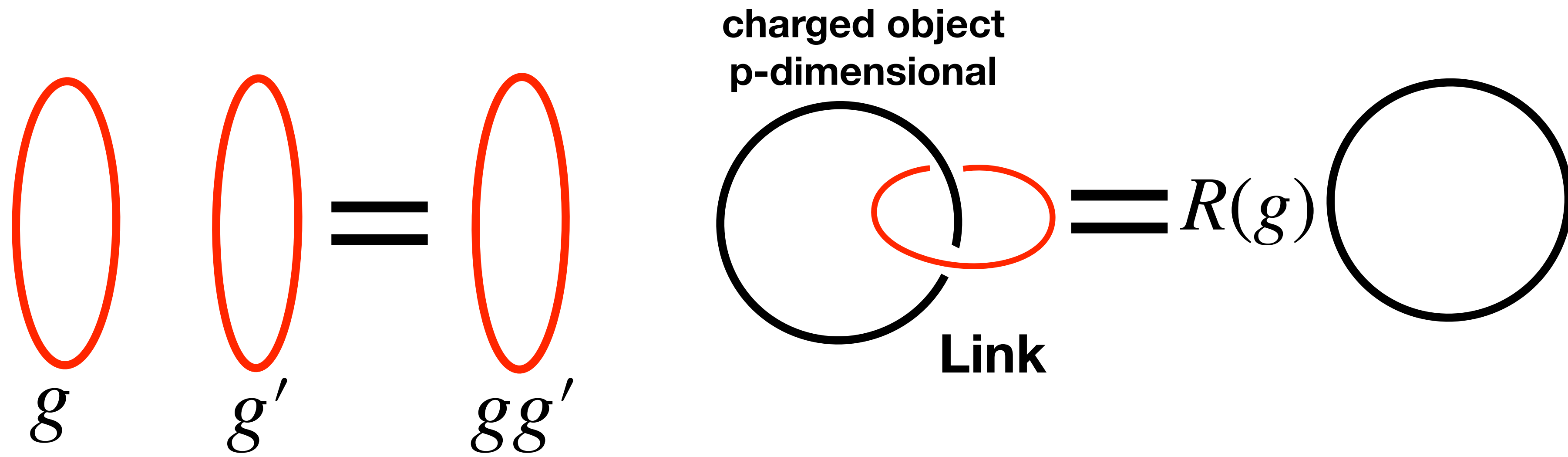




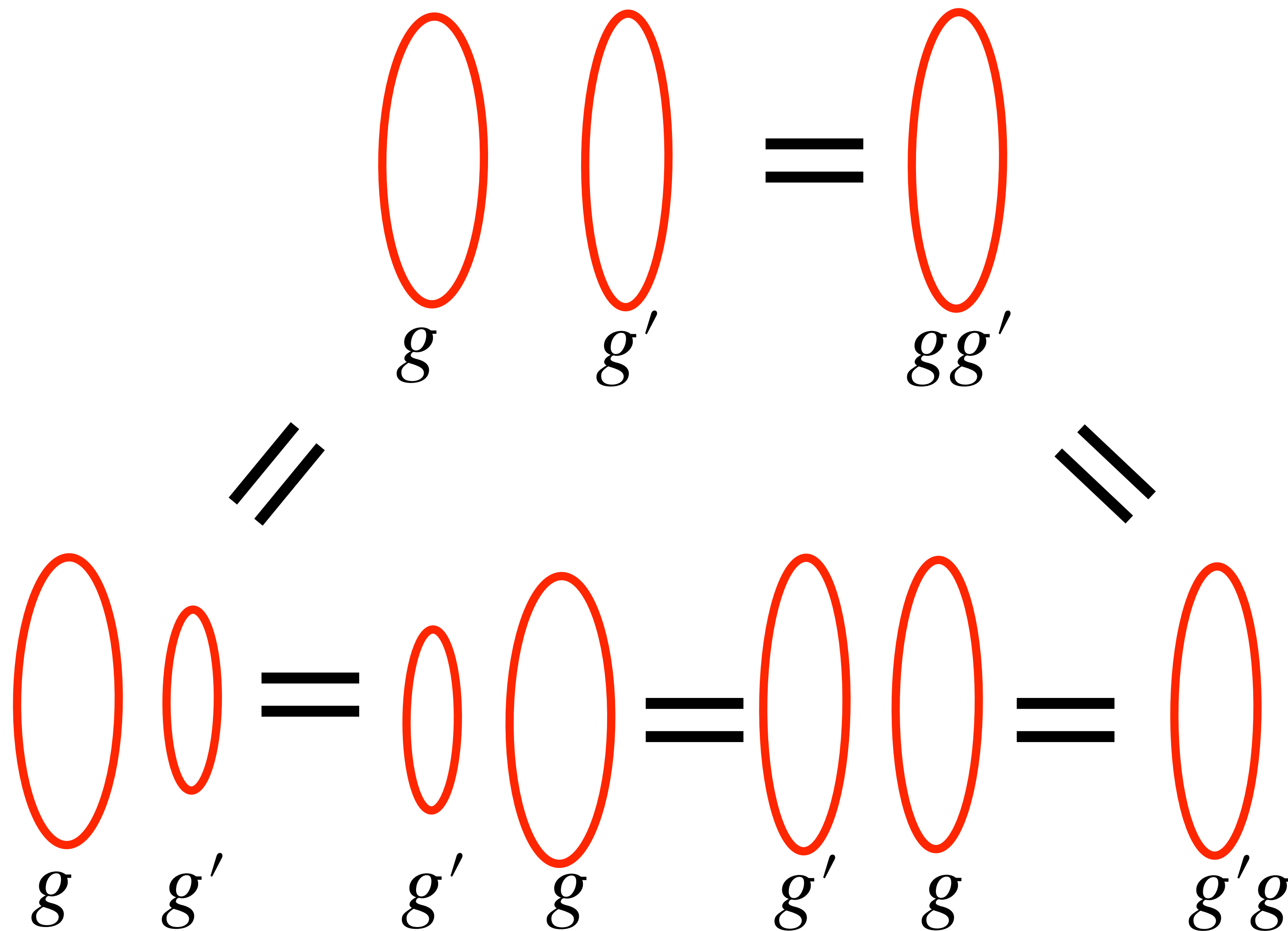
# 0-form symmetry



# $p$ -form symmetry



$p$ -form symmetry ( $p \geq 1$ ) is abelian



# Ex) U(1) gauge theory

$$S = - \int d^4x \frac{1}{4e^2} f_{\mu\nu} f^{\mu\nu} = - \int \frac{1}{2e^2} f \wedge \star f \quad \text{where } f = da$$

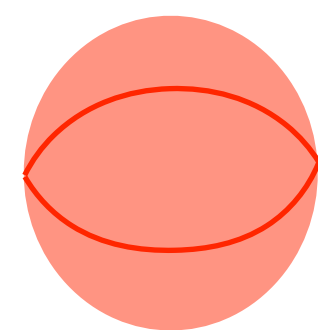
## Maxwell equations

$$\partial_\mu f^{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow d \star f = 0$$

$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu f_{\nu\rho} = 0 \Rightarrow df = 0$$

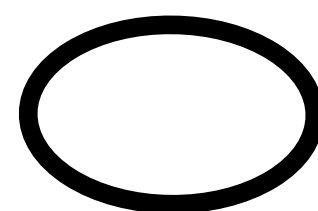
## Conservation of electric and magnetic fluxes

$U(1)_E^{[1]} \times U(1)_M^{[1]}$  symmetries



$$U_E = e^{i \frac{\theta_E}{e^2} \int_S \star f}$$

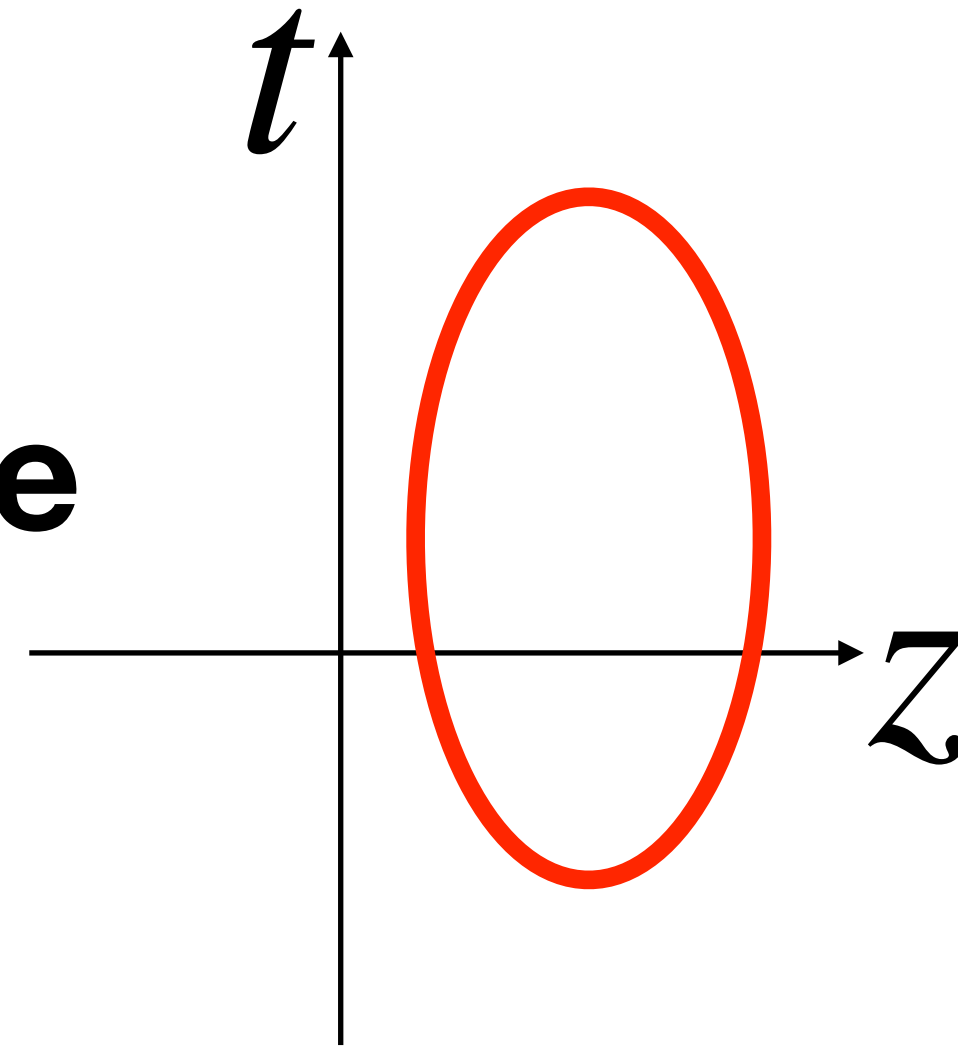
$$U_M = e^{i \frac{\theta_M}{2\pi} \int_S f}$$



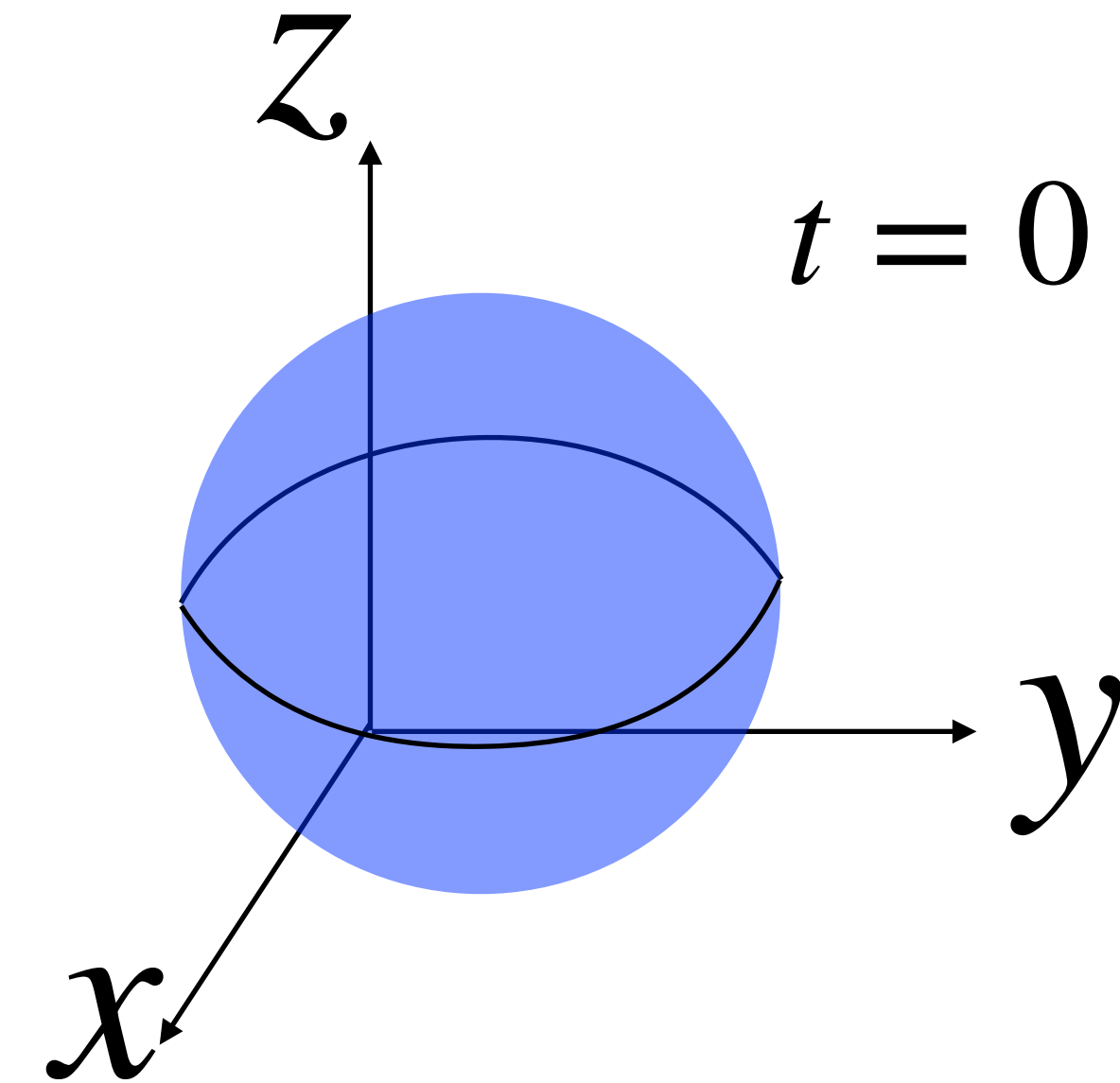
$$W = e^{i \int_C a}$$

$$H = e^{i \int_C \tilde{a}}$$

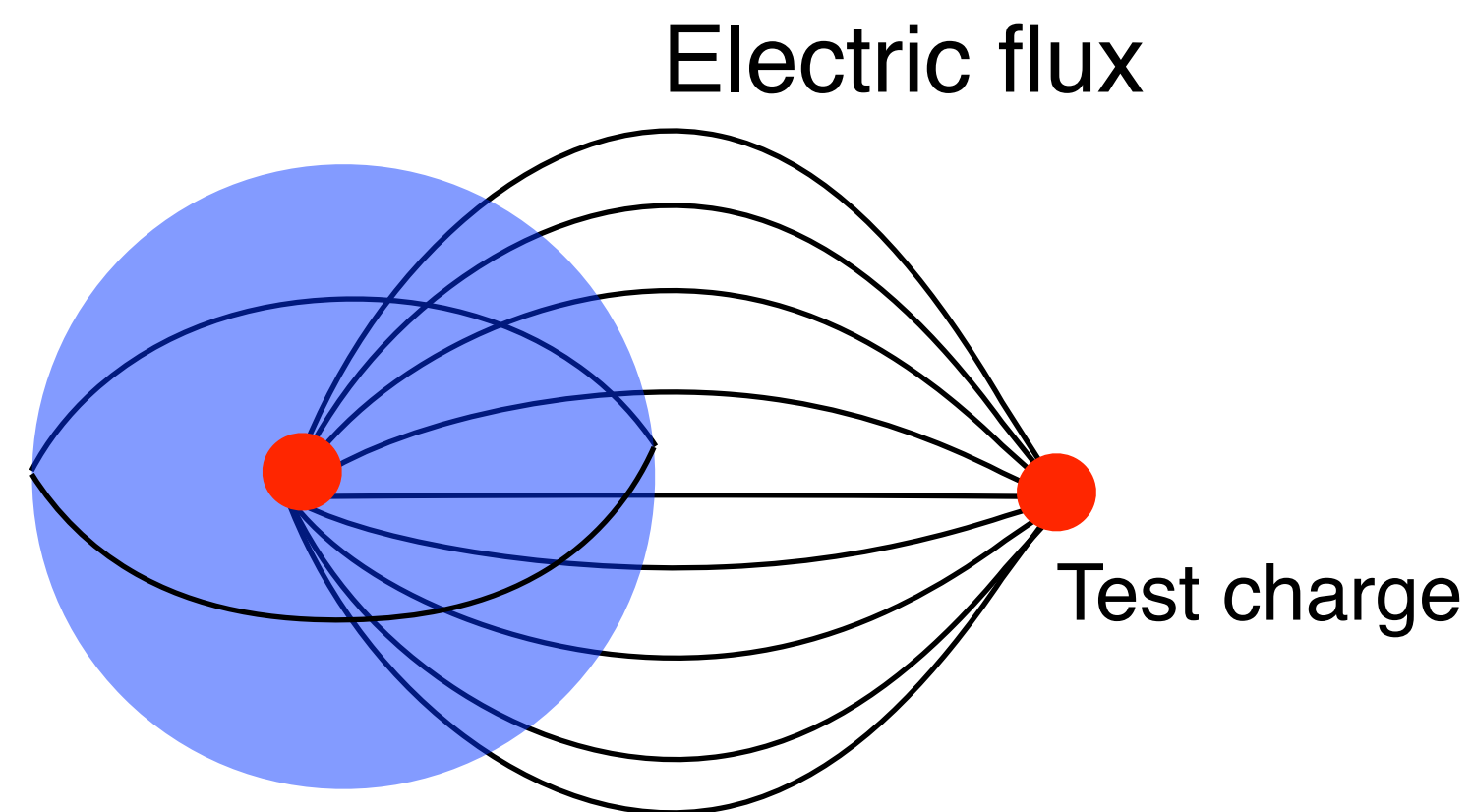
Let's choose



and



At  $t = 0$

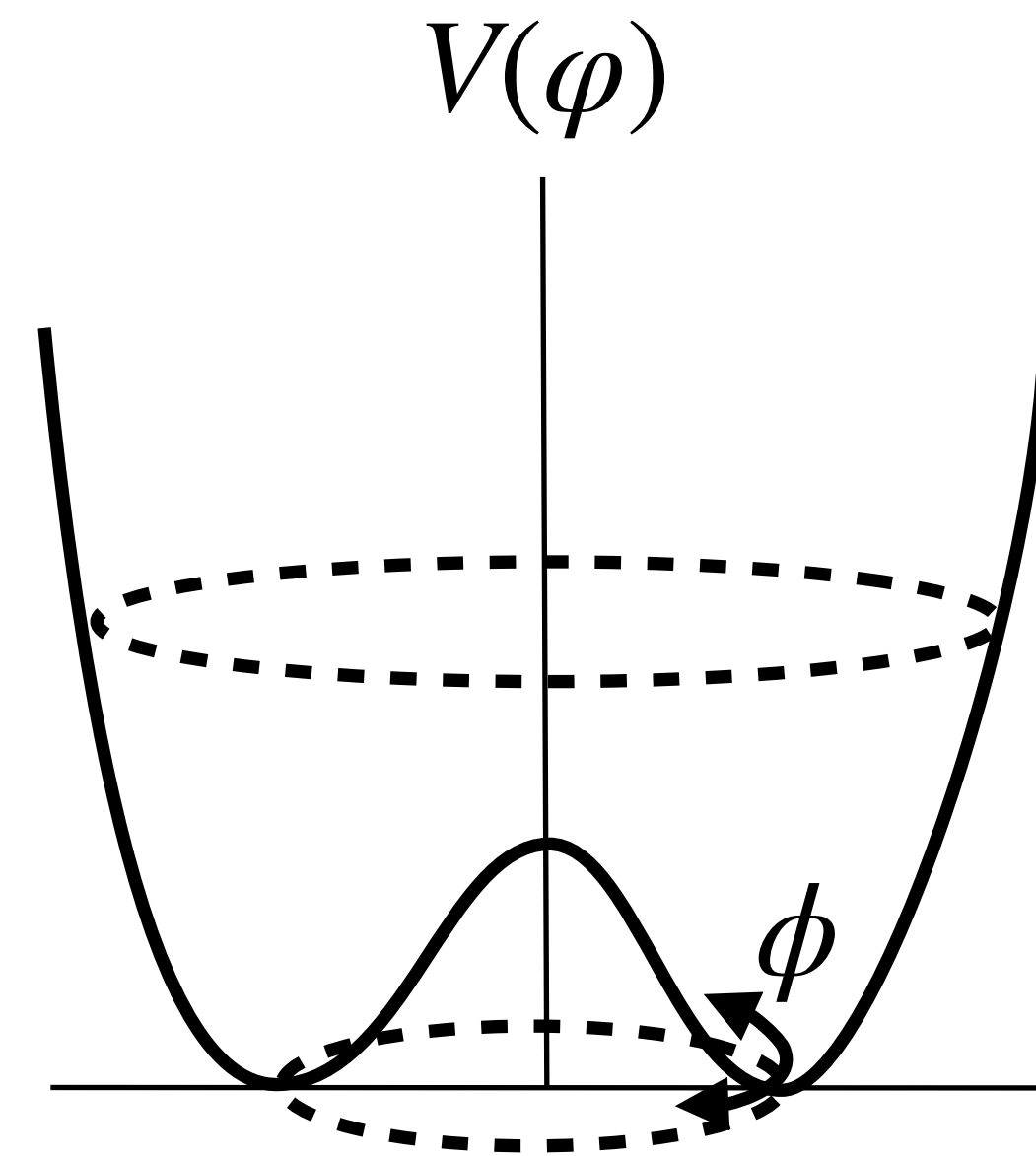


**1-form symmetry  
= flux conservation,  
which is broken  
if there is a dynamical  
electric field  
because of screening**

# Ex) Superfluid

$$S = - \int d^4x \frac{v^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 = - \int \frac{v^2}{2} d\phi \star d\phi$$

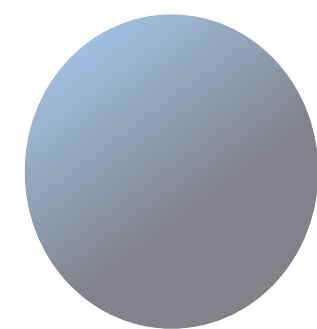
**Compact scalar:**  $\phi \sim \phi + 2\pi$



**conservation law**

$$d \star d\phi = 0 \quad d(d\phi) = 0$$

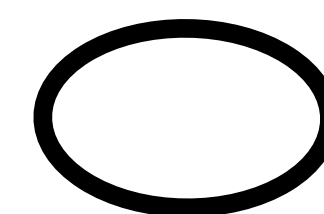
$U(1)_E^{[0]} \times U(1)_M^{[2]}$  **symmetries**



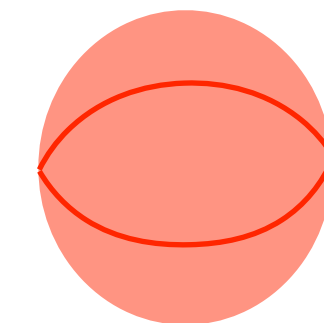
$$U_E = e^{i\theta v^2 \int_V \star d\phi}$$



$$e^{i\phi}$$



$$U_M = e^{i\frac{\theta_M}{2\pi} \int_C d\phi}$$



$V$  **world surface of vortex**

# **Non-invertible symmetry (Categorical symmetry)**

Bhardwaj, Tachikawa( 2017), Chang, Lin, Shao, Wang, Yin (2018), Ji, Wen (2019),  
Komargodski, Ohmori, Roumpedakis, Seifnashri (2020), Nguyen, Tanizaki, Ünsal (2021), Koide, Nagoya, Yamaguchi ('21)

# Ex) $O(2)$ gauge theory

cf. Heidenreich, McNamara, Montero, Reece, Rudelius, Valenzuela, 2104.07036

$$O(2) \simeq U(1) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

rotation

charge conjugation

**Three types of representation, 1, det,  $2q$**

**Corresponding Wilson-loops**

$$W_{\text{det}}(C) = \text{tr}_{\text{det}} e^{i \int_C a}$$

$$W_{2q}(C) = e^{iq \int_C a} + e^{-iq \int_C a}$$

## Corresponding symmetry generator

$$T_{\theta}(S) = e^{i\theta \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f} + e^{-i\theta \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f}$$

$$T_{\pi}(S) = e^{i\pi \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f}$$

**These are topological, but not invertible**

$$T_{\theta}(S)T_{\theta'}(S) = T_{\theta+\theta'}(S) + T_{\theta-\theta'}(S)$$

$$T_{\theta}(S)T_{-\theta}(S) \approx 1 + T_{2\theta}(S)$$

**Fusion rule:**  $T_a(S)T_b(S) = \sum_c N_{ab}^c T_c(S)$

cf. Product-to-sum identity

$$2 \cos(\theta)\cos(\theta') = \cos(\theta + \theta') + \cos(\theta - \theta')$$

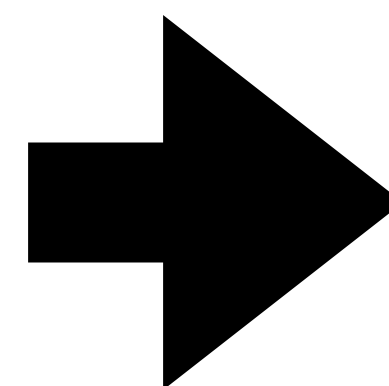


# Link between $T$ and $W$

$$T_{\theta}(S) = e^{i\theta \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f} + e^{-i\theta \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f}$$

$$W_{2_q}(C) = e^{iq \int_C a} + e^{-iq \int_C a}$$

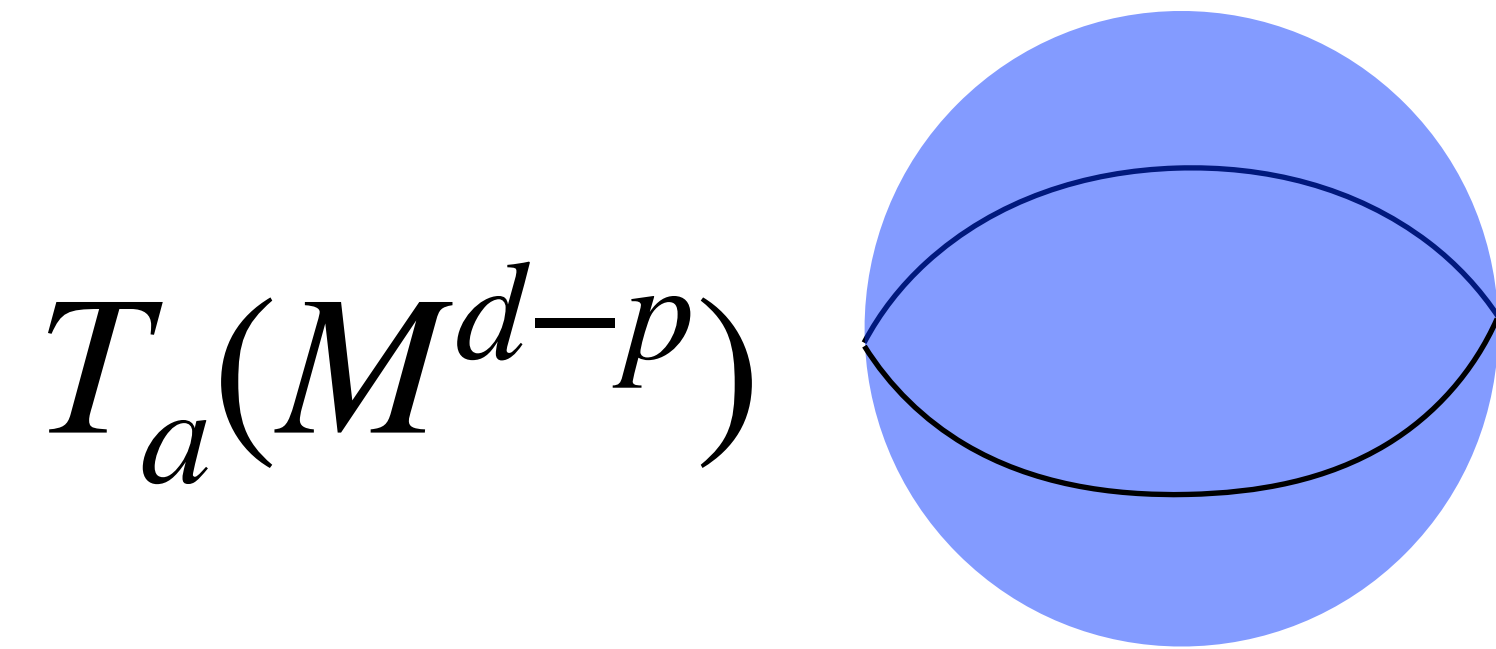
$$e^{i\theta \frac{1}{e^2} \int_S \star f} e^{iq \int_C a} = e^{iq\theta} e^{iq \int_C a}$$

  $T_{\theta}(S)W_{2_q}(C) = (e^{iq\theta} + e^{-iq\theta})W_{2_q}(C)$   
**not a phase**

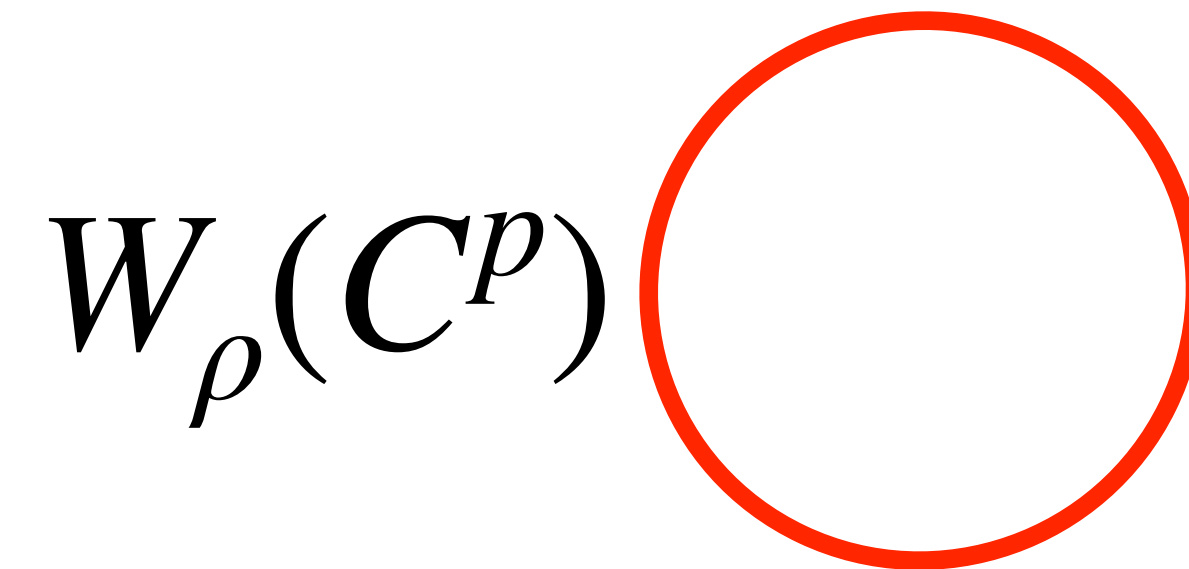
**Linking law:**  $T_{\theta}(S)W_{2_q}(C) = B_{2_q}(\theta)W_{2_q}(C)$   
 $B_{2_q}(\theta) = 2 \cos q\theta$

# Noninvertible symmetry in $(d + 1)$ dimensions

**symmetry generator      charged object**



$(d - p)$  dimensional  
topological object  
labelled by something  
e.g., a simple object of  
fusion category



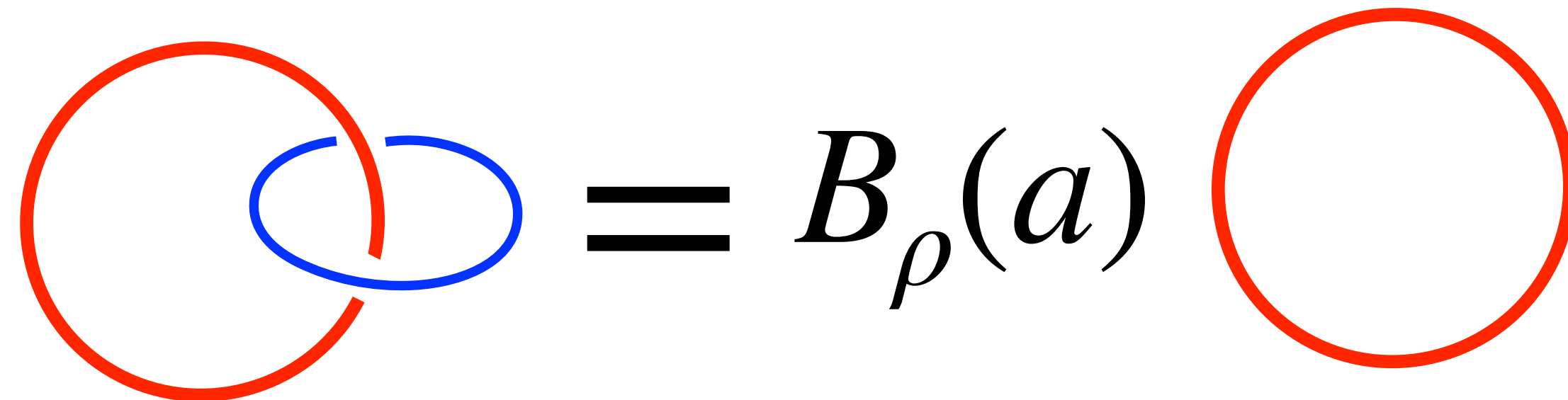
$p$  dimensional object  
labeled by  
representation  $\rho$

# Noninvertible symmetry in $(d + 1)$ dimensions

**Fusion rule :**  $T_a(M)T_b(M) = \sum_c N_{ab}^c T_c(M)$

**Associativity:**  $T_a(M)(T_b(M)T_c(M)) = (T_a(M)T_b(M))T_c(M)$

**Link:**  $T_a(M)W_\rho(C) = B_\rho(a)W_\rho(C)$



The diagram shows a red circle on the left with a blue loop passing through its center. This is followed by an equals sign and a red circle on the right. The coefficient  $B_\rho(a)$  is placed between the equals sign and the second red circle.

# Application

- **Spontaneous symmetry breaking**
- **QCD phase diagram**

# Nambu-Goldstone Bosons

## Spontaneous symmetry breaking

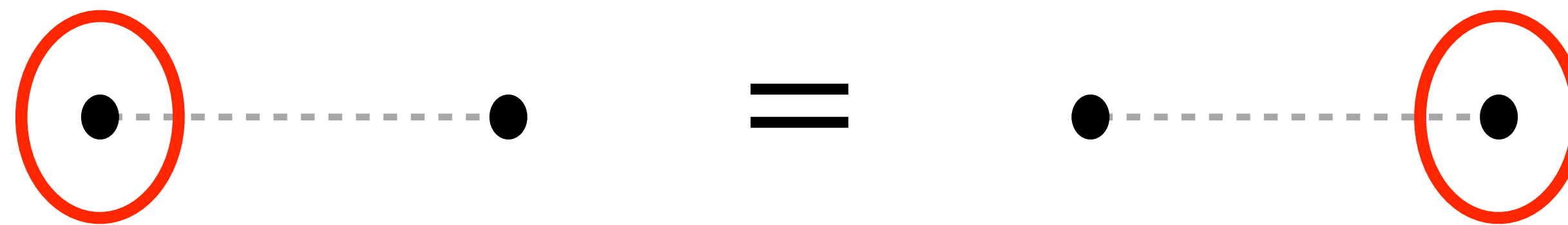
### 0 form symmetry

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \langle \phi^\dagger(x) \phi(0) \rangle \simeq \langle \phi^\dagger(x) \rangle \langle \phi(0) \rangle \neq 0$$

### Off diagonal long range order



two points = boundary of a line



$$\langle e^{i\theta} \phi^\dagger(x) \phi(y) \rangle = \langle \phi^\dagger(x) e^{i\theta} \phi(y) \rangle$$

long range correlation

# Order parameter

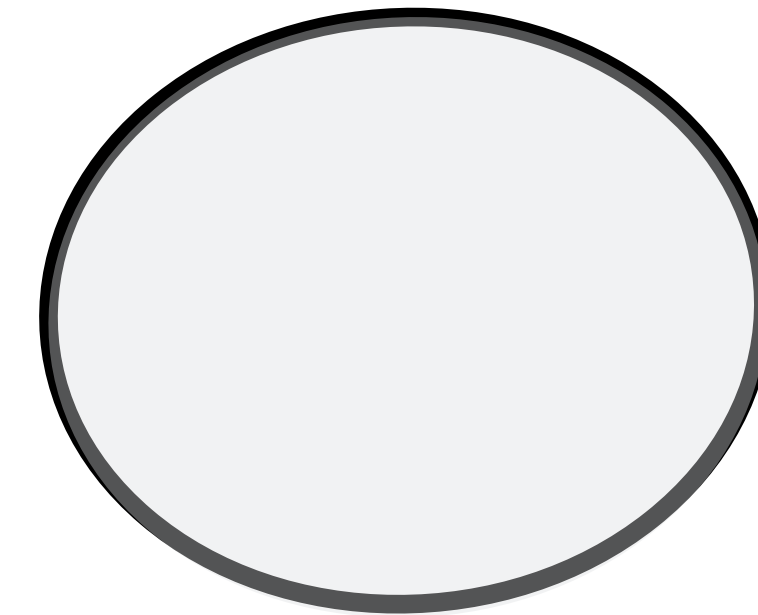
**0-form symmetry breaking**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \langle \phi^\dagger(x) \phi(0) \rangle \neq 0$$



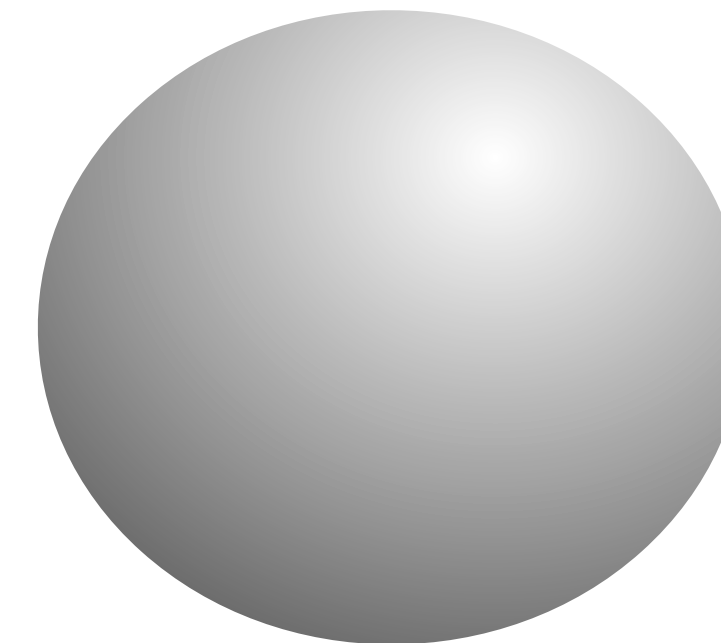
**1-form symmetry breaking**

$$\lim_{C \rightarrow \infty} \langle W(C) \rangle \neq 0$$



**p-form symmetry breaking**

$$\lim_{M^p \rightarrow \infty} \langle W(M^p) \rangle \neq 0$$



# Nambu-Goldstone theorem

## $p$ form symmetry version

Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willett ('14), Lake ('18), Hofman, Iqbal ('18)

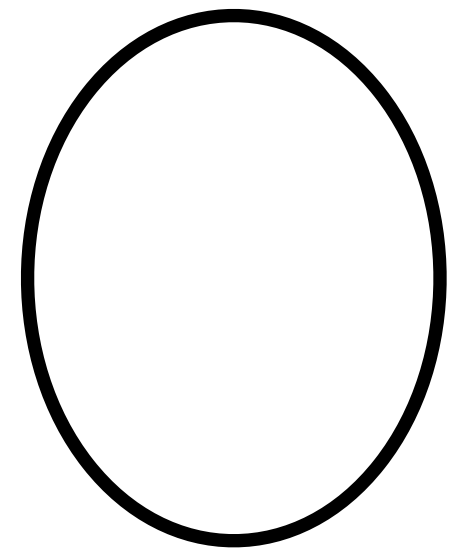
**When a continuous  $p$  form symmetry is spontaneously broken, a gapless mode appears.**

# Example) Photons

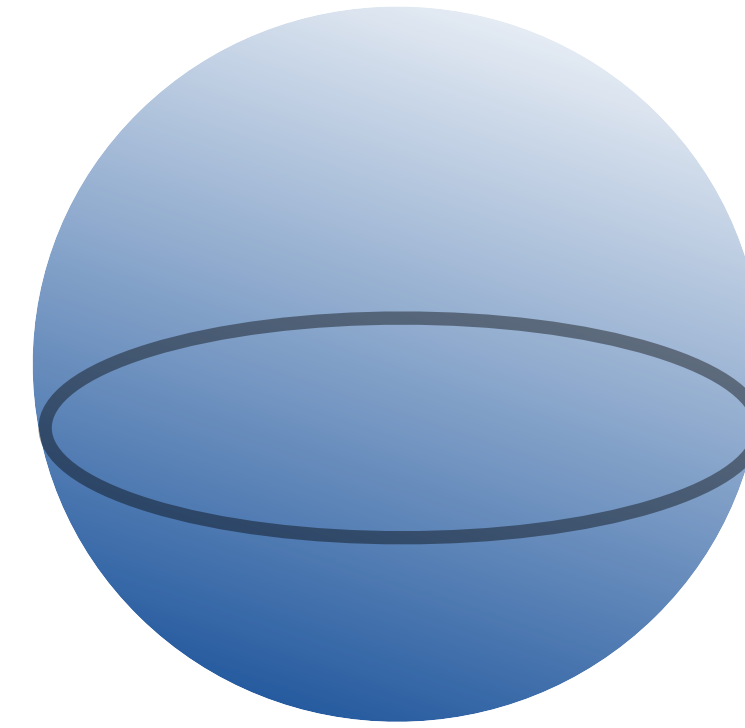
Gaiotto et al. ('15)

cf. Ferrari, Picasso ('71), Hata ('82), Kugo, Terao, Uehara ('85)

**Charged objects**



**Symmetry generator**



**Wilson ('t Hooft) loop**

$$W = \exp i \int a$$

$$H = \exp i \int \tilde{a}$$

**Surface operator**

**Electric:**  $U_\theta = \exp \frac{i\theta}{e^2} \int \star f$

**Magnetic:**  $U_\eta = \exp \frac{i\eta}{2\pi} \int f$

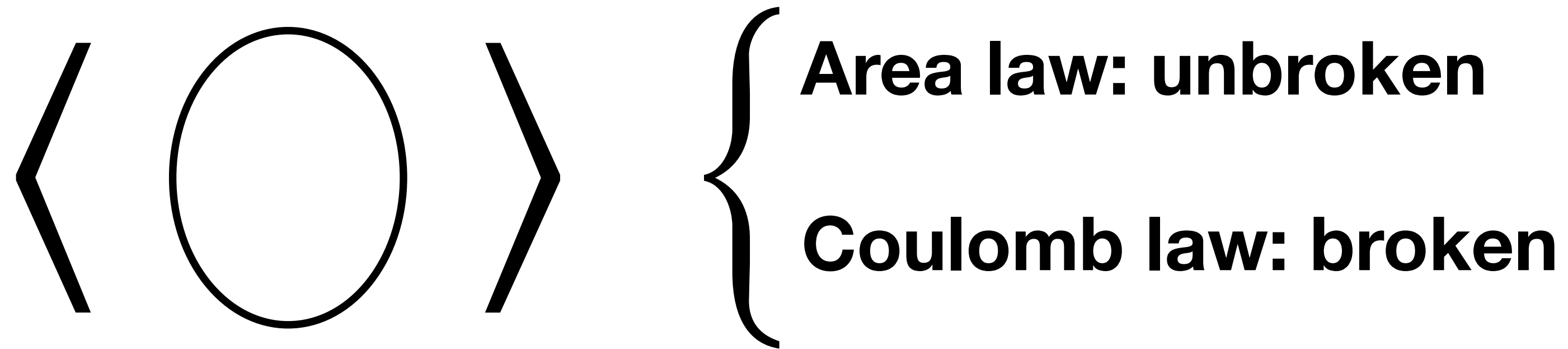
**Conservation of electric and magnetic flux**



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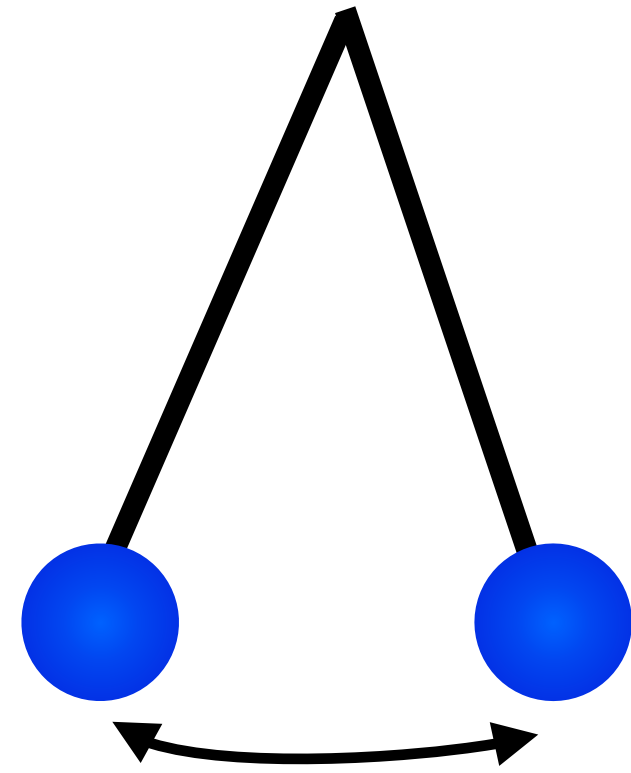
**Photons=NG bosons**

**Three electric fields  
but two photons**

**What is the counting rule?**

# For 0 form symmetry, there are two types of NG modes

Watanabe, Murayama ('12)

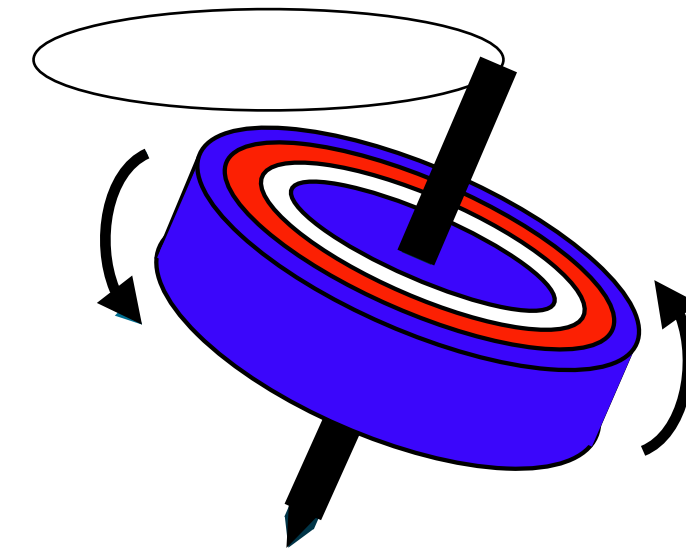


**Type-A**  
oscillation

ex) superfluid phonon

Typically,  $\omega \sim k$

$$N_A = N_{BS} - \text{rank}\langle i[Q_a, Q_b] \rangle$$



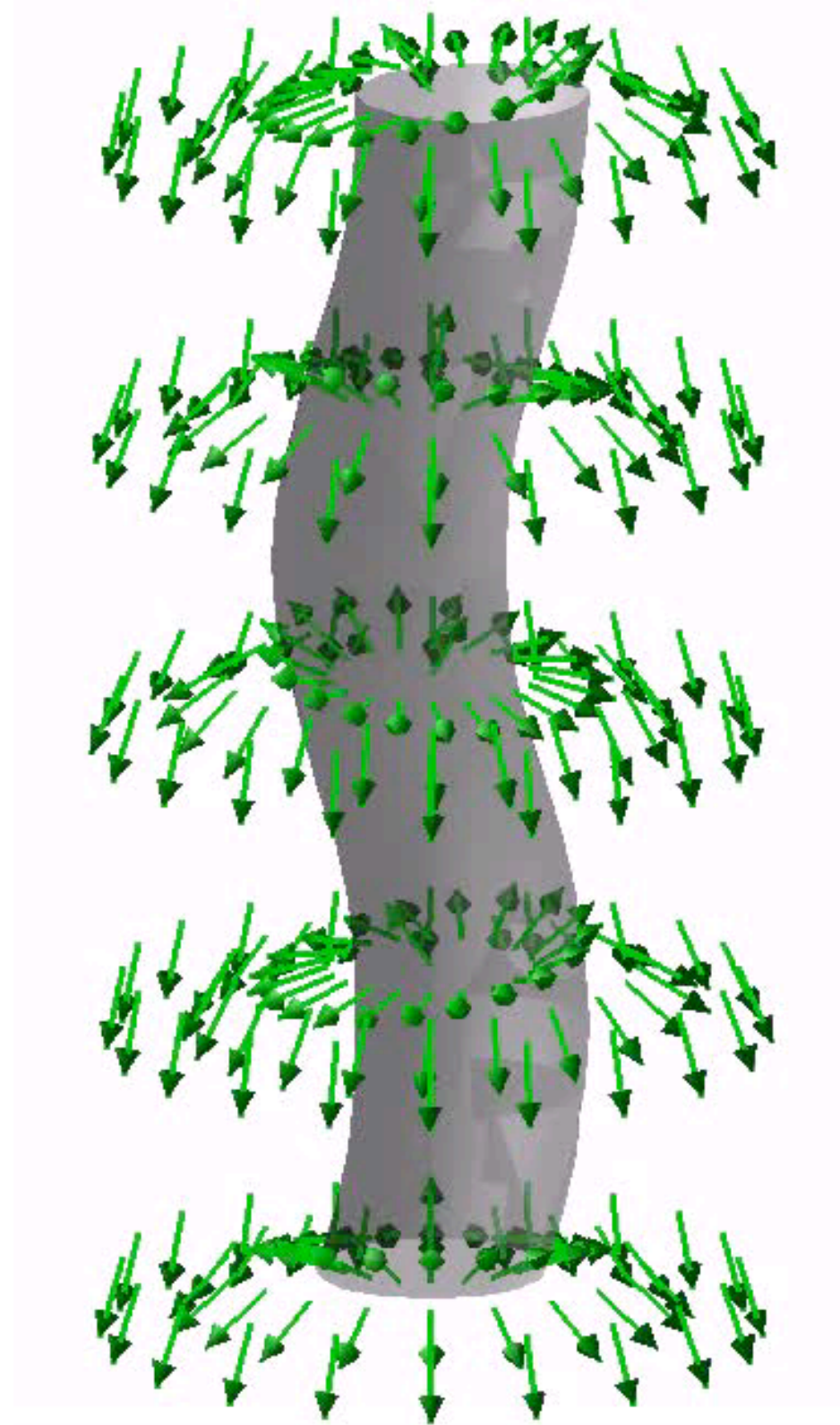
**Type-B**  
precession

ex) magnon

$$\omega \sim k^2$$

$$N_B = \frac{1}{2} \text{rank}\langle i[Q_a, Q_b] \rangle$$

# Ex.) Nonrelativistic $\mathbb{C}P^1$ model

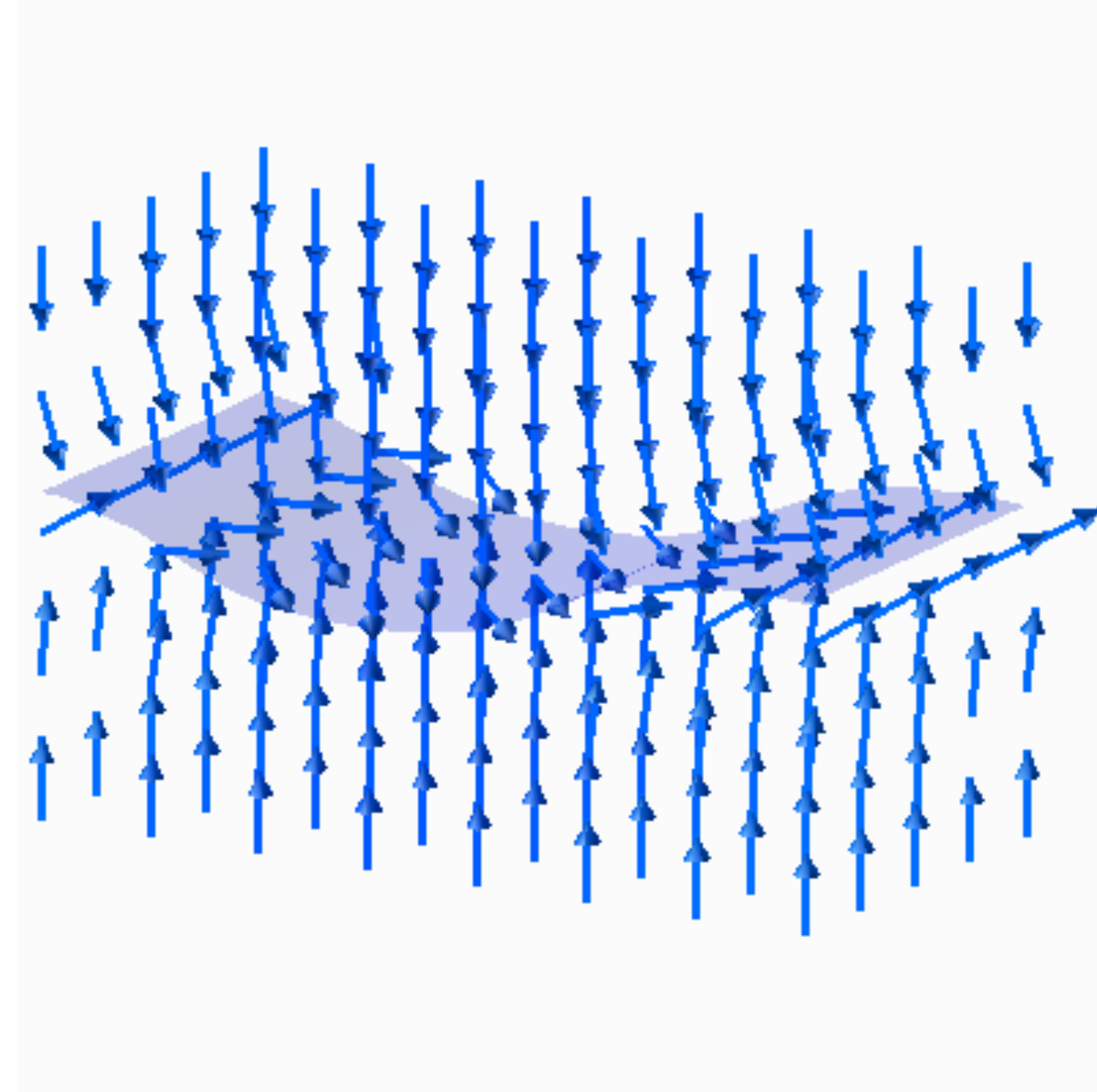


## Type-B Kelvinon

$$[P_x, P_y] \propto N$$

x translation y translation 1 form symm.

Kobayashi, Nitta, 1403.4031  
c.f. Watanabe, Murayama 1401.8139



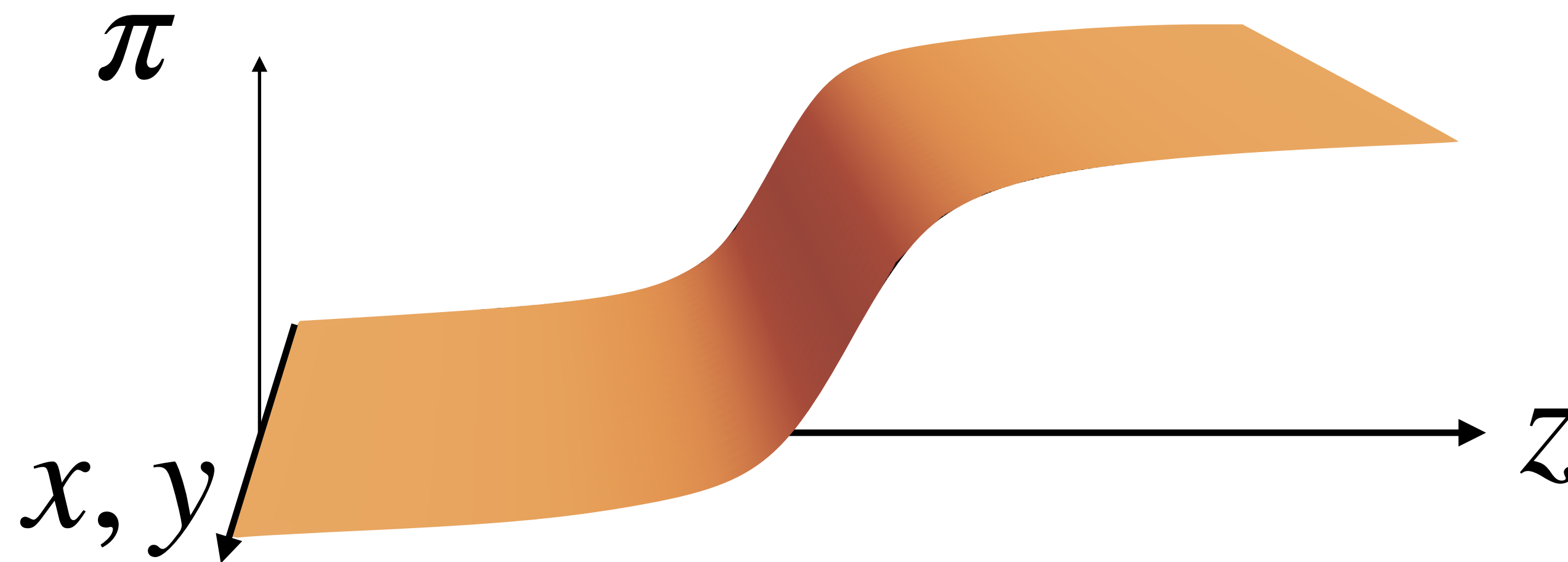
## Type-B Ripplon-Magnon

$$[P_z, Q] \propto N$$

z translation U(1) 2 form symm.

Kobayashi, Nitta, 1402.6826

# Ex.) Non-relativistic photons



Yamamoto ('15)  
cf. Sogabe Yamamoto ('19)

Consider a system of interacting photons and domain walls.

$$S = -\frac{1}{2e^2} \int d^4x \left( \mathbf{E}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2 \right) + C \int d^4x \pi \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

If  $\partial_z \pi = \text{const}$   $\rightarrow$   $\omega_k \sim k^2$  single photon  
 $\langle [Q_e(M_{xz}), Q_e(M_{yz})] \rangle \sim \int dz \partial_z \pi$  **Type-B**

# Generalization to non-relativistic systems

*Y. Hidaka, Y. Hirono, R. Yokokura 2007.15901*

## Assumptions:

No translational symmetry breaking

Existence of low-energy effective theory describe by Maurer-Cartan form

## Method:

Write down possible terms

Counting degrees of freedom using the equations of motion

**For 0-form symmetry breaking  $G \rightarrow H$**

**DOF:**  $\xi(P) = e^{i\pi(P)} \in G/H$

**“Gauge symmetry”:**  $\pi(P) \rightarrow \pi(P) + 2\pi$

**Maurer-Cartan 1 form :**  $j = \xi^\dagger d\xi$

**Effective Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{tr } \Omega \wedge j + \text{tr } F^2 j \wedge \star j + \dots$$

# $p$ form symmetry

**DOF:**  $W(M) = e^{i \int_M a_A} \in G/H$

$M$ :  $p_A$  dimensional submanifold,  $a_A$ :  $p_A$  form

**Gauge symmetry:**  $a_A \rightarrow a_A + d\lambda^{(p_A-1)}$

**Maurer-Cartan**  $(p_A + 1)$  form  $f_A$

$$e^{i \int_X f_i} = W(M')^\dagger W(M) \quad \partial X = \bar{M}' \cup M$$

## Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} f_A \wedge a_B \Omega^{AB} - \frac{F_{AB}^2}{2} f_A \wedge \star f_B + \dots$$

# Ex:U(1) gauge theory ( $\Omega = 0$ )

$f: E, B$  six components

Maxwell equations :  $df = 0 \quad d \star f = 0$

Two constraint :  $\nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot E = 0$

$6 - 2 = 4 \Rightarrow 2$  modes

In general  $D = (d + 1)$  dimension,  $p$  form:

$f: {}_D C_{p+1}$  components

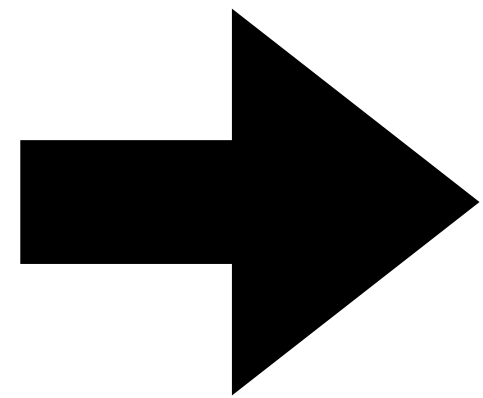
Constraint:  ${}_{D-2} C_{p+1}, {}_{D-2} C_{p-1}$

# of modes:  $\mathcal{N}_{D,p} = \frac{1}{2} ({}_D C_{p+1} - {}_{D-2} C_{p+1} - {}_{D-2} C_{p-1}) = {}_{D-2} C_p$



**Degree of freedom changes due to  $\Omega \neq 0$**

**Similar to 0-form symmetry,  
the first-order derivative is  
determined by  $\Omega_{AB} \propto \langle [iQ_A, Q_B] \rangle = M_{AB}$ .**



**# of NG modes change**

# For a non relativistic system

## Relation between broken symmetry and # of NG modes for 0-form symmetries

Watanabe, Murayama ('12), YH ('12)

$$N_{\text{NG}} = N_{\text{BS}} - \frac{1}{2} \text{rank} \langle [iQ_a, Q_b] \rangle$$

## Generalization to higher form symmetries

Hidaka, Hirono, Yokokura ('20)

$$N_{\text{NG}} = \sum_A d-1 C_{p_A} - \frac{1}{2} \text{rank} \langle [iQ_a, Q_b] \rangle$$

# Classification of phases of matter

If the symmetry is different, the phase is different

- **Coulomb phase of QED (vacuum)**

$$U(1)_E^{[1]} \times U(1)_M^{[1]} \text{ symmetry}$$

- **Super conductor**

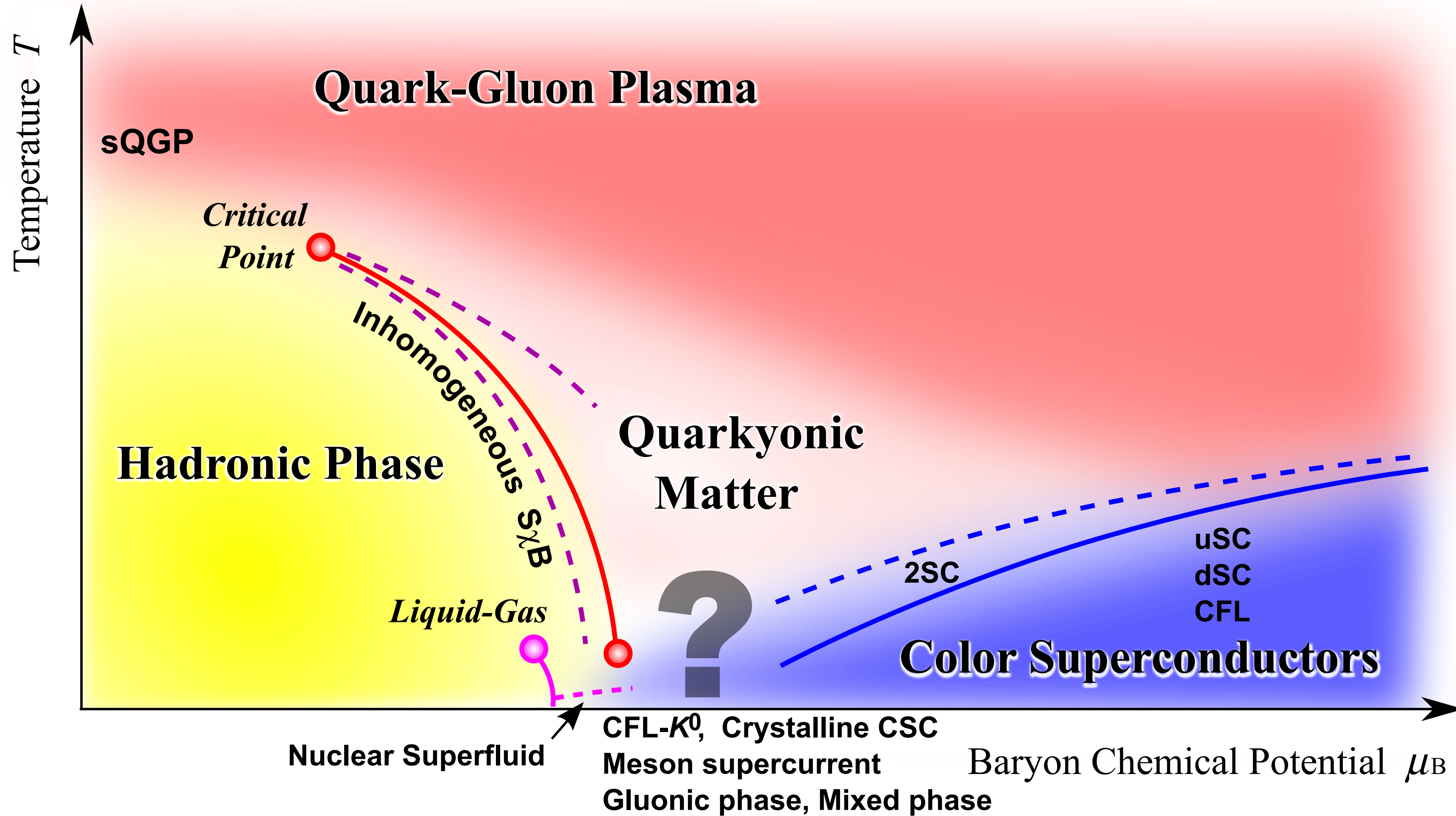
$$\mathbb{Z}_2^{[1]} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^{[2]} \text{ symmetry}$$

- **fractional quantum Hall system**

$$\mathbb{Z}_q^{[1]} \text{ symmetry}$$

# QCD phase diagram

Fukushima, Hatsuda, Rept. Prog. Phys. 74 (2011) 014001



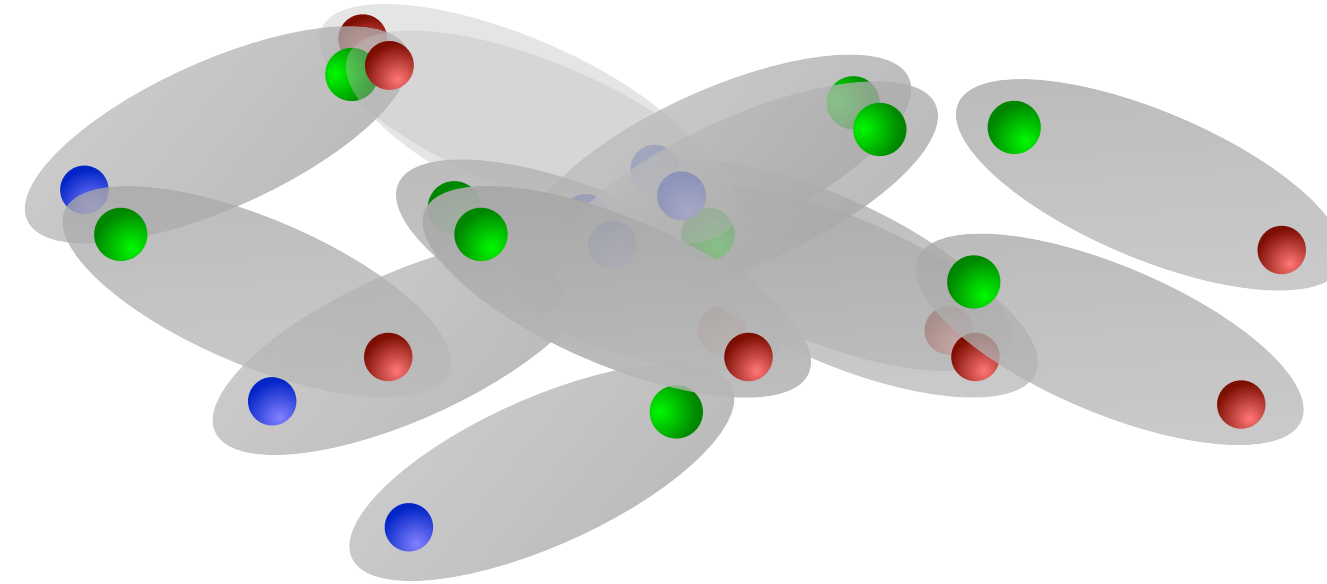
**The high-density phase is not well understood.**

# What we know?

**For 3-flavor QCD :  $G = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_B$**

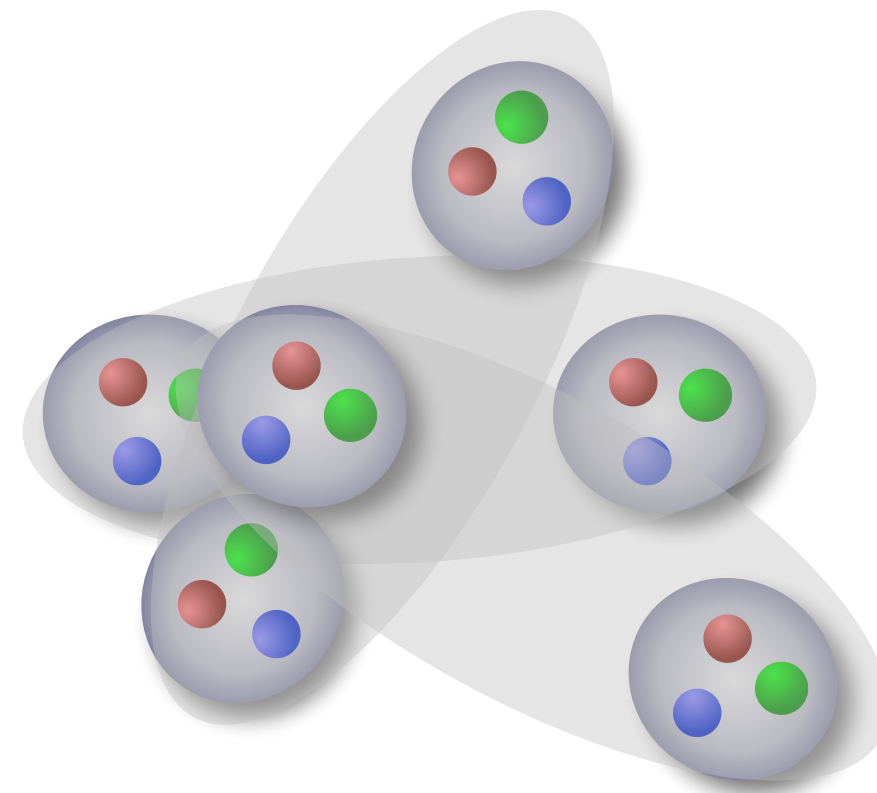
**High density:**

**Color flavor locking phase (CFL phase)**

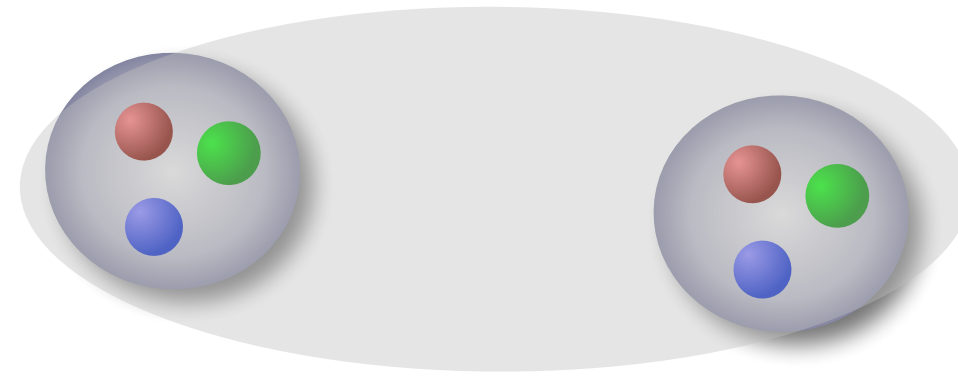


**Low density:**

**Superfluid phase of nuclear matter**



# Hadronic superfluid phase di-baryons condense

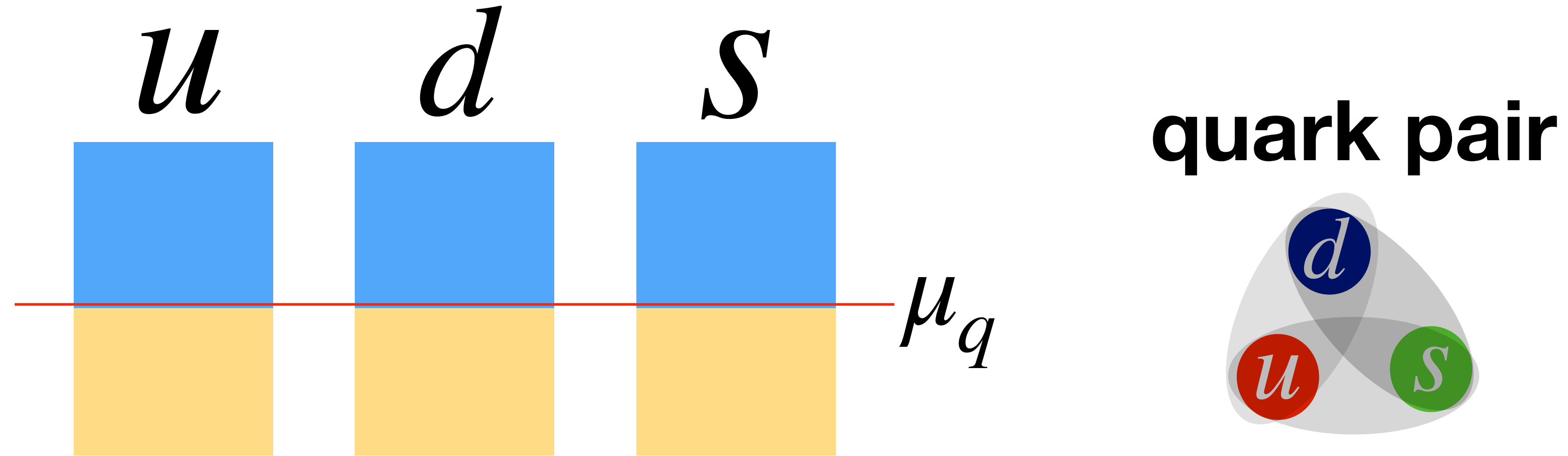


$$\Delta = \langle \Lambda \Lambda \rangle \neq 0 \quad \Lambda \sim uds$$

**Symmetry breaking pattern**

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_B \rightarrow SU(3)_V$$

# CFL phase



$$(\Phi_L)_a^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon_{abc} \langle (q_L)_j^b (Cq_L)_k^c \rangle \quad (\Phi_R)_a^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon_{abc} \langle (q_R)_j^b (Cq_R)_k^c \rangle$$

$$\Phi := \Phi_L = -\Phi_R = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{\text{CFL}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta_{\text{CFL}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta_{\text{CFL}} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Chiral symmetry breaking

**Symmetry breaking pattern of global symmetry**

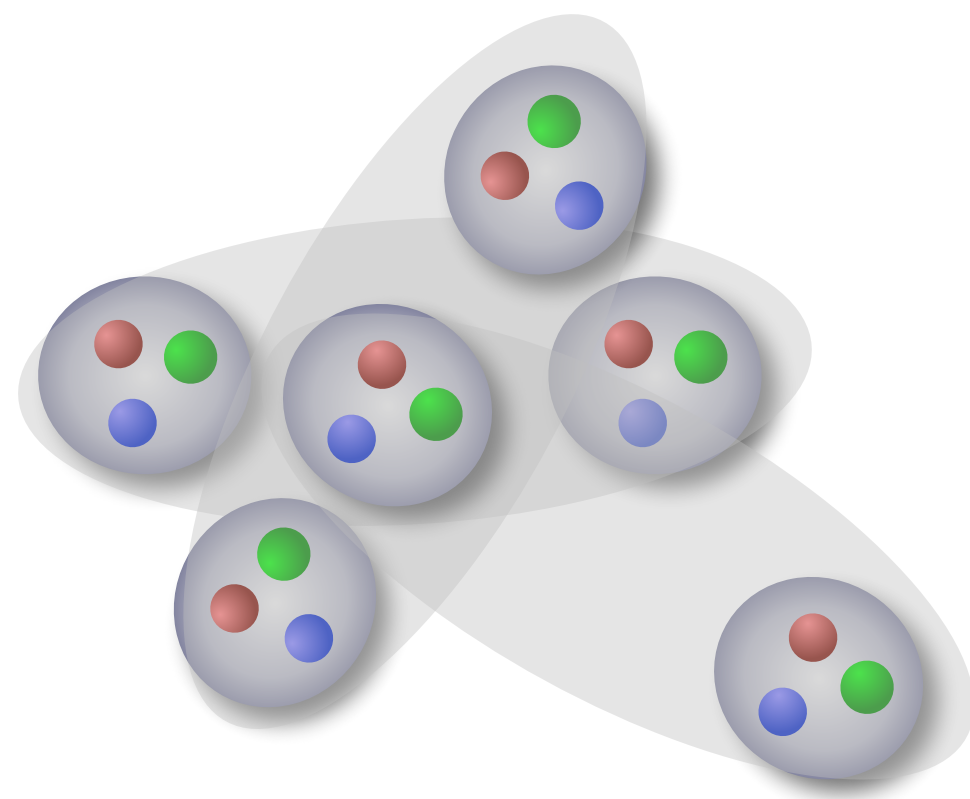
$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_B \rightarrow SU(3)_V$$



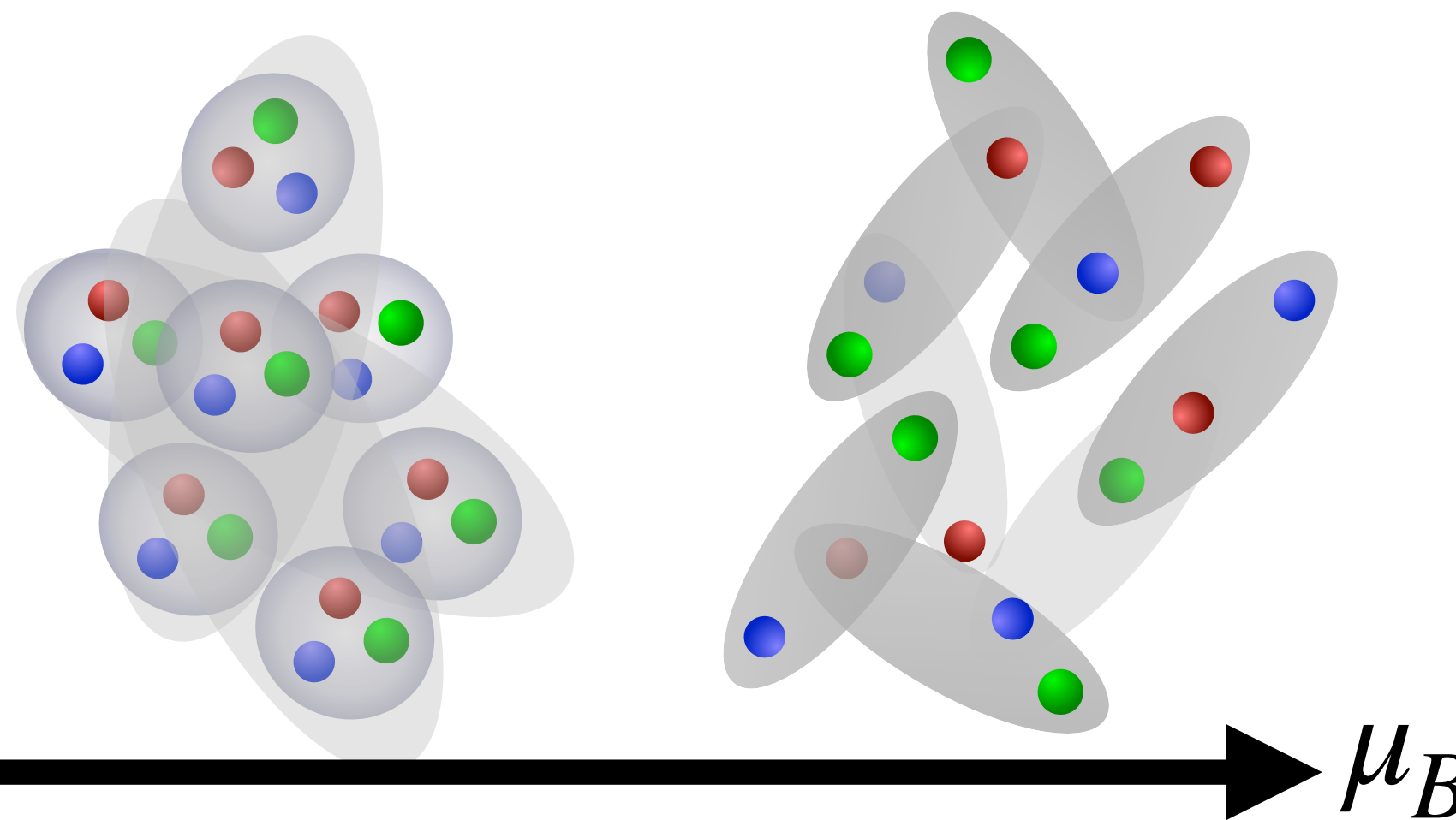
# What characterizes the CFL phase?

**Franks-Shenker theorem:  
Confined and Higgs phases are the same phase**

**Hadron phase**



**CFL phase**



**quark-hadron continuity (hypothesis)**



# Topological excitations

cf. Eto, Hirono, Nitta & Yasui, PTEP 2014, 012D01 (2014)

order parameter space  $G/H \simeq \frac{SU(3) \times U(1)_B}{\mathbb{Z}_3} \simeq U(3)$

## U(1) vortex

$$\Phi := \Delta_{\text{CFL}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta} f(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta} f(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\theta} f(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Non-abelian vortex

Balachandran, Digal, Matsuura, PRD73, 074009 (2006)

$$\Phi := \Delta_{\text{CFL}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta} f(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g(r) \end{pmatrix} = \Delta_{\text{CFL}} e^{i\frac{\theta}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{2\theta}{3}} f(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} g(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\frac{\theta}{3}} g(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

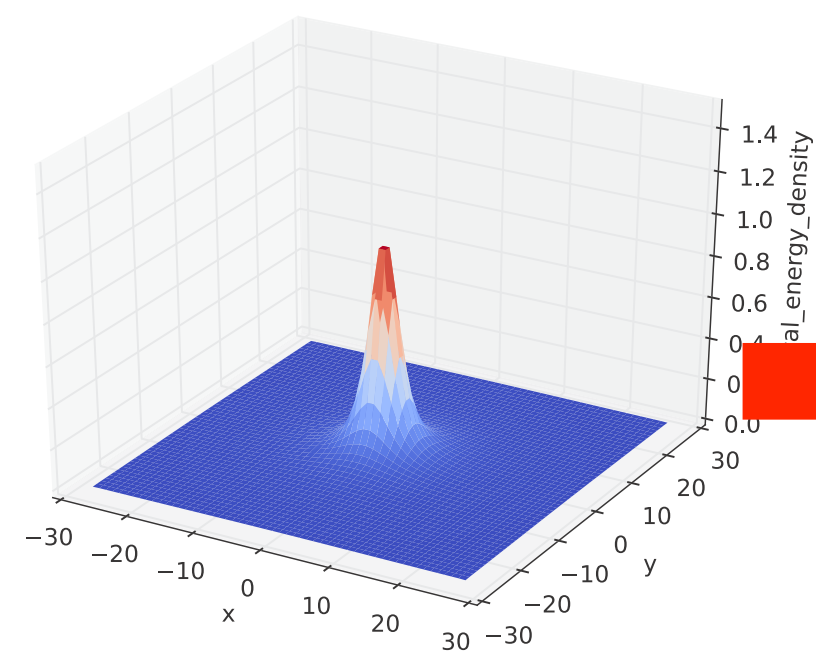
$$A_i = -\frac{\epsilon_{ij} x^j}{g_s^2 r^2} (1 - h(r)) \text{diag} \left( -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

# CFL = emergence of $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -2 symmetry

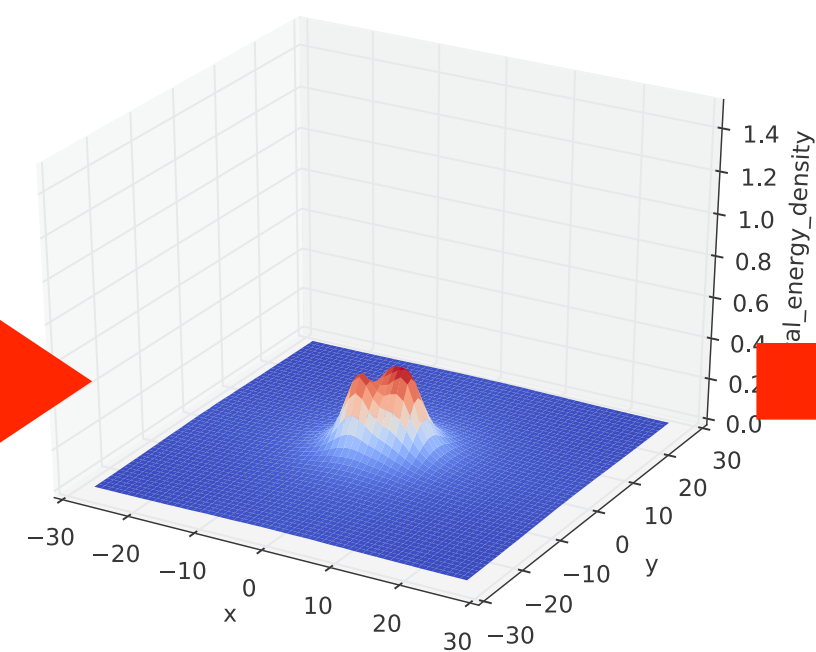
Hirono, Tanizaki, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 212001 (2019)

cf. Cherman, Sen, Yaffe, Phys. Rev. D 100, 034015 (2019)

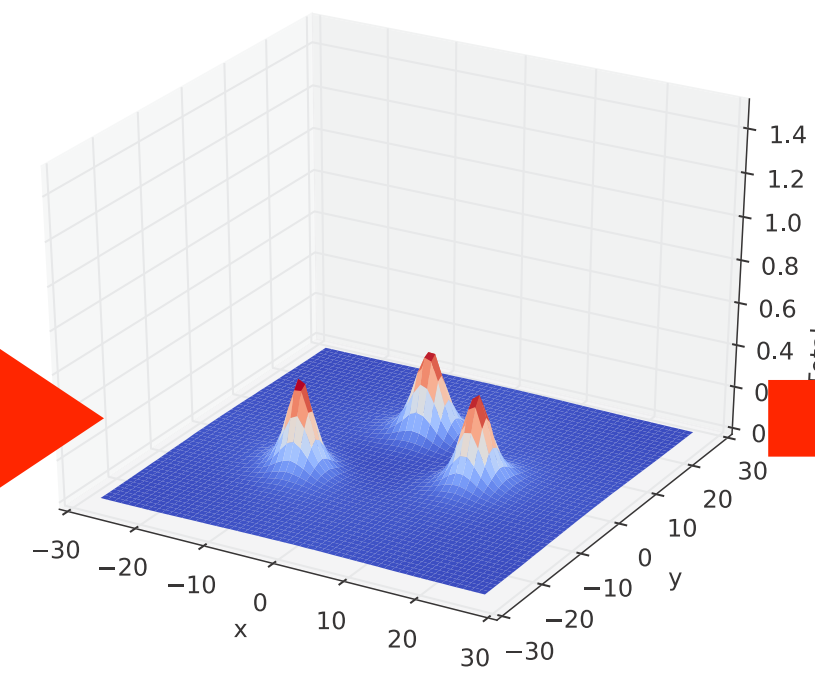
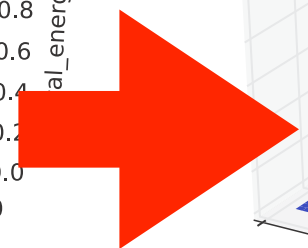
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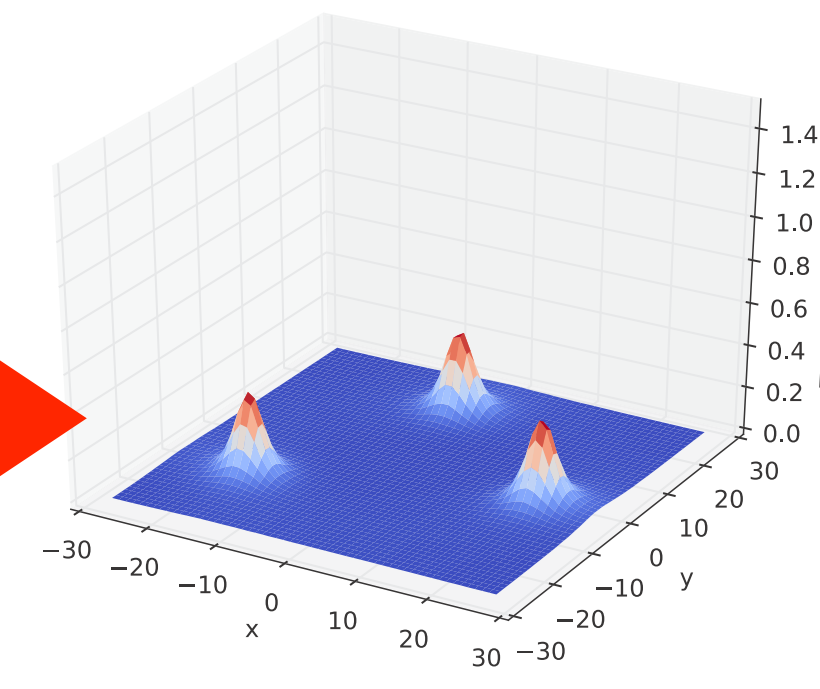
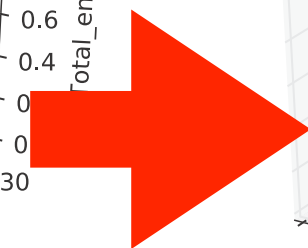
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

non-abelian vortices

Alford, Mallavarapu, Vachaspati, Windisch, PRC 93, 045801 (2016)

If no this symmetry in the hadronic phase

⇒ phase transition

cf. Boojum scenario: Chatterjee, Nitta, Yasui ('19)

Cherman, Jacobson, Sen, Yaffe, Phys. Rev. D 102, 105021 (2020)

cf. Hirono-Tanizaki: unbroken  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -2 form symmetry

⇒ not a topological ordered phase

# 2 flavor QCD

Hadronic phase :  ${}^3P_2$  superfluid

Dense phase: siglet (ud) +  ${}^3P_2$  (dd) diquark condensate

Fujimoto, Fukushima, Weise Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 094009

$$G_{\text{QCD}} \supset SU(3)_C \times U(1)_B \xrightarrow{\langle dd \rangle} SO(3) \rtimes (\mathbb{Z}_6)_{C+B} \xrightarrow{\langle ud \rangle} (\mathbb{Z}_3)_{C+B}$$

or  $SO(2)_C \times (\mathbb{Z}_6)_{C+B}$

As a vortices “Alice string”

Fujimoto, Nitta, Phys. Rev.D 103 (2021), 114003; 054002; 2103.15185

$\Rightarrow$  Emergent 2-form  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  symmetry?

or non-invertible symmetry?

If no this symmetry in the hadronic phase

$\Rightarrow$  phase transition

# Summary

**Symmetry: Topological object labeled with something.**



**As useful as ordinary symmetry**

**In particular, useful for classification  
of gauge theory**