

$$B'_\rho = (A_z + \rho D_u) dz + (A_{\bar{z}} + \rho^{-1} D_{\bar{u}}) d\bar{z}$$

$$Z = \int_{C_{0+}} \underline{\delta u} \underline{\delta \bar{u}} \delta \mu_{0+} e^{-\frac{N8\pi^2}{g^2} Q - \frac{N4}{g^2} \int T_{2f}(\mu_{0+}, \bar{\mu}_{0+}) d^4x}$$

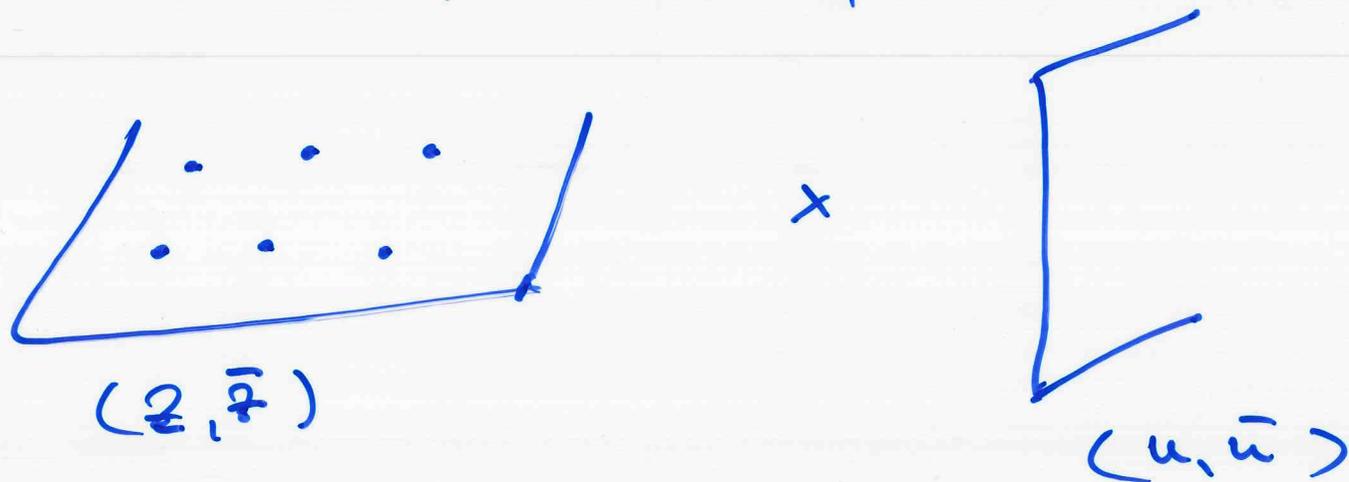
$$\times T_{2f} \rho e^{i \int B'_\rho} \delta(-i F_{B'_\rho} - \Theta^{-1} \mu_{0+}) \underline{\delta u} \delta(\partial_A \bar{D}') \delta A \delta \bar{A} \delta D' \delta \bar{D}'$$

Holomorphic ambiguity

$$\delta \mu_{0+} = \frac{\delta \mu_{0+}}{\delta \mu'_{0+}} \delta \mu'_{0+}$$

# Lattice of surface operators

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$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{-}(A) = \sum_P g_{\alpha\beta}^{-}(P) \delta^{(2)}(z - z_P(u, \bar{u}))$$

Kronheimer Mrowka Topology 32 (1993)

M. B. JHEP 9801 (1998) hep-th/9810015

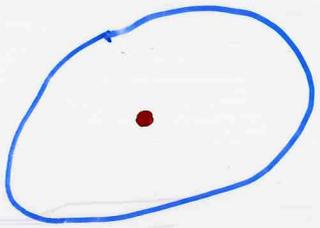
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For vortices  $\mu_p = \hat{u}_p = 0$   $e^{i\gamma p} = e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{N}}$

't Hooft e/m duality

electric charges characters of  $Z_N$

magnetic charges  $\pi_2(SU(N)/Z_N) = \pi_1(Z_N) = Z_N$



$Z_N$  vortex in  $d=2$

$A$  has a pole

$F_A \sim \delta^{(2)}$

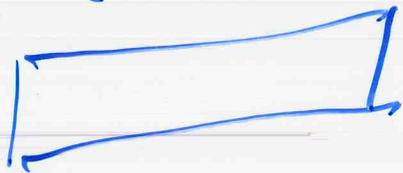
$$P e^{i\int A} = e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{N}}$$

$d=3$



vortex line

$d=4$



vortex sheet

Holomorphic loop equation in the Nijai variables

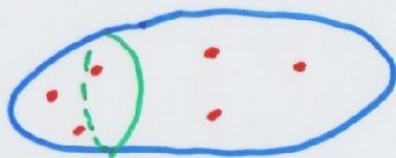
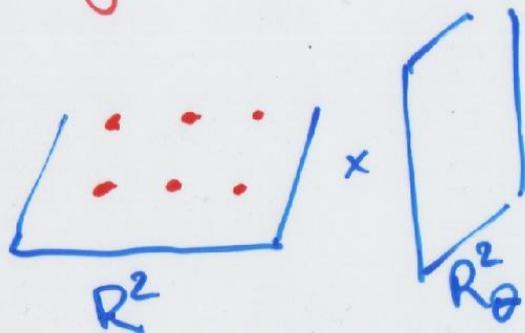
$$Z = \int e^{-\frac{N}{2g^2} \int T_2 F_{\text{exp}}^2} DA = \int e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 QN}{g^2} - \frac{N}{4g^2} \int T_2 F_{\text{exp}}^{-2}} DA$$

$$1 = \int \delta(F_{\text{exp}}^- - \bar{\mu}_{\text{exp}}^-) D\bar{\mu}_{\text{exp}}^- \quad (\text{Nijai map})$$

$$Z = \int e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 QN}{g^2} - \frac{N}{4g^2} \int T_2 (\bar{\mu}_{\text{exp}}^-)^2} \text{Det}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-\Delta_A \delta_{\text{exp}} + D_\alpha D_\rho + i \text{ad} F_{\text{exp}}^-) D\bar{\mu}_{\text{exp}}^- = \int e^{-M} D\mu$$

Nijai map on a lattice of surface operators

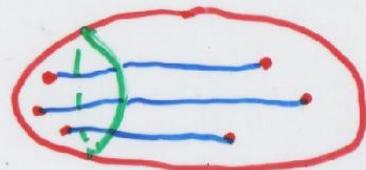
$$Z = \int e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 QN}{g^2} - \frac{N}{4g^2} \int T_2 F_{\text{exp}}^{-2}} \delta(F_{\text{exp}}^- - \sum_P \mu_{\text{exp}}^-(P) \delta^{(2)}(z - z_P(\mu, \bar{\mu}))) \prod_P \mu_{\text{exp}}^-(P)$$



$$\left\langle \frac{\delta M}{\delta \mu_P} \psi_{z_P \bar{z}_P} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dz'}{z_P - z'} \langle \psi_{z_P} \rangle \langle \psi_{\bar{z}_P} \rangle$$

$$\psi(B)_{z\bar{w}} = e^{i \int (A_z + D_w) dz + (A_{\bar{z}} + D_{\bar{w}}) d\bar{z}} \quad ; \quad D_{\bar{w}} = \partial_{\bar{w}} + i A_{\bar{w}}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta M}{\delta \mu_P} \psi_{z_P \bar{z}_P}(\text{cut}) \right\rangle = 0$$



Holomorphic loop equation

$$\Psi(L_{z\bar{z}}) = P e^{i \int_{L_{z\bar{z}}} (A_z + D_u) dz + (A_{\bar{z}} + D_{\bar{u}}) d\bar{z}}$$

$$B_z = A_z + D_u; \quad A_{\bar{z}} + D_{\bar{u}} = B_{\bar{z}}$$

$$-i F_{z\bar{z}}(B) = \mu + \theta^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

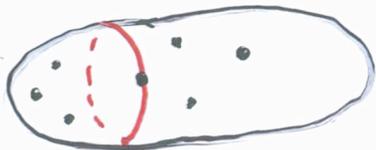
$$F_{z\bar{z}} = \partial_z B_{\bar{z}} - \partial_{\bar{z}} B_z + i [B_z, B_{\bar{z}}]$$

There is a holomorphic gauge  $B_{\bar{z}} = 0$  ;  $\Psi' = P e^{i \int_L B'_z dz}$

$$i \bar{\partial} B' = \mu' + \theta^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

Loop equation

$$\int \frac{\delta}{\delta \mu'} \Psi e^{-\Gamma} D\mu' = 0$$



lattice  
version

$$\langle T_2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mu'(z)} \Psi'(L_{z\bar{z}}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L_{z\bar{z}}} \frac{dw}{z-w} \langle T_2 \Psi'(L_{z\bar{w}}) \rangle$$

$$\langle T_2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \mu'(z_p)} \Psi'(L_{z_p \bar{z}_p}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L_{z_p \bar{z}_p}} \frac{dw}{z_p - w} \langle T_2 \Psi'(L_{z_p \bar{w}}) \rangle$$

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By the Stokes theorem cohomology is  
dual to homology

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

Can we get localization of functional integrals  
by homological rather than cohomological deformations?

If Yes we could get localization without SUSY

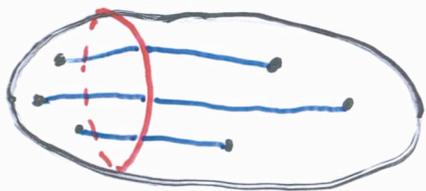
The answer is No in local field theory but  
it is Yes in loop equations

# Localization of the holomorphic loop equation by homology

$$\langle \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \mu'(z_p)} \psi'(L_{z_p}) \right) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L_{z_p}} \frac{dw}{z_p - w} \langle \text{Tr} \psi'(L_{z_p, w}) \rangle$$


 $\langle \text{Tr} \psi'(L_{z_p}) \rangle = \langle \text{Tr} \psi'(L_{z_p} \cup vB) \rangle$ 
 cfz  $\int w = \int w + dx$

$$\frac{dw}{z_p - w} \rightarrow \frac{dy_+}{x_+(p) - y_+ + i\epsilon} = \pi \delta(x_+ - y_+) + P \frac{1}{x_+ - y_+}$$



$$\langle \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \mu'(z_p)} \psi'(L_{z_p} \cup vB) \right) \rangle = 0$$

The loop equation gets localized by adding to the loop vanishing boundaries (vB) in homology ending with cusps

$$\int dy(s) \delta^{(1)}(x(s_{\text{cusp}}) - y(s)) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\dot{x}(s_{\text{cusp}}^+)}{|\dot{x}(s_{\text{cusp}}^+)|} + \frac{\dot{x}(s_{\text{cusp}}^-)}{|\dot{x}(s_{\text{cusp}}^-)|} \right)$$

$= 0$  if the cusp backtracks



# Cohomology

$$\langle w \rangle = \int w = \int w + dx$$

$$Q S_{\text{SUSY}} = 0 \sim dw = 0$$

the co-boundary  $Q$  is the generator of the (super) symmetry

$$Z(t) = \int e^{-S_{\text{SUSY}} + t Q} dx$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

localization on critical points of the co-boundary  $Qx$

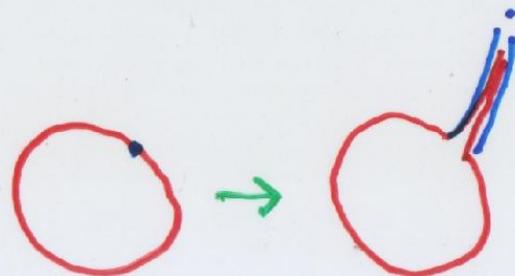
# Homology

vanishing boundary

$$\text{circle with vanishing boundary} = \text{circle}$$

$$\langle w \rangle \sim e^{P\Lambda + r \log \Lambda}$$

$$\langle \psi_c \rangle = \langle \psi_{\text{CUG}} \rangle$$



the vanishing boundary is generated by a conformal transformation = symmetry of the RG flow

cusp at  $\infty$

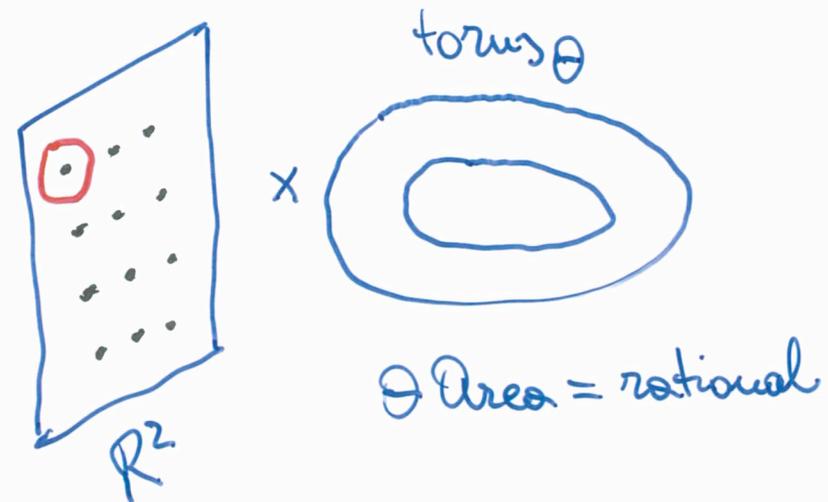
$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\delta H}{\delta \mu(z)} \psi_{\text{CUG}} \right\rangle &= \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{CUG}} \frac{dw}{z-w} \langle \psi_{\text{CUG}} \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \langle T_{2, Adj} \psi (L_{UVW}) \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-M(\mathbf{k})}$$

Twistor Wilson loops are localized on the fixed points of the semigroup that rescales  $\lambda$

$M =$  effective action

The fixed points are a lattice of surface operators with no moduli and  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  holonomy



$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} F_{01}^- &= \sum_p \lambda_p^{(1)} \delta^{(3)}(z - z_p(u, \bar{u})) + 1 \Theta^{-1} \\ F_{02}^- &= 0 \\ F_{03}^- &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$z_p(u, \bar{u}) = z_p$$

$$F_{\alpha p}^- = F_{\alpha p} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha p \delta \delta} F_{\delta \delta}$$

$$e^{i \chi_p} = e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{N}} 1$$

$$\langle T_{2, Adj} \psi \rangle = \langle T_{2, f} \psi \rangle \langle T_{2, f} \psi \rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{gf} = \left[ \frac{N^4}{g^2} \int T_2^f(\mu_0 + \bar{\mu}_0) d^4x - \log(\text{Det}^{+\frac{1}{2}}(-\Delta_{A_{fp}}^+ i \text{adj}_{A_{fp}}^-) \Delta_{FP}) \right. \\ \left. - n_f \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{2a}\right) - \log\left(\text{Det}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\delta \mu_0^+}{\delta \mu_0'^+}\right) + \text{c.c.} \right]_{n=\bar{n}=0}$$

We must understand regularization and renormalization of  $\Gamma_{gf}$  on surface operators!

$$\int d^4x \text{Tr}_2 (F_{ap}^2) \sim \int d^4x \delta^{(2)}(z-z_p) \delta^{(2)}(\bar{z}-\bar{z}_p) \sim \delta^{(2)}(0) \int d^4x \delta^{(2)}(z-z_p) \sim \left(\frac{\Lambda}{2a}\right)^2 \text{Area} = N_2 \quad 25$$

Large  $N$  non-commutative Gubini-Kawai reduction

$$Z_{EK} = \int e^{-\frac{N}{2g^2} \left(\frac{2a}{\Lambda}\right)^d \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \text{Tr} \left( -i [C_\alpha, C_\beta] - (\Theta^{-1})_{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{1} \right)^2} \delta C_\alpha$$

$$C_\alpha \rightarrow D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha + i A_\alpha$$

$$N_d = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{2a}\right)^d V_d$$

$$\left(\frac{2a}{\Lambda}\right)^d = \frac{V_d}{N_d} = \frac{1}{N_d} \int d^d x \quad ; \quad \text{SYM} \rightarrow \frac{1}{N_2} \text{SYM} = S_{EK}$$

Regularization of logarithmic divergences

$$\frac{1}{(4a)^2} \sum_{P \neq P'} \int |du| |dv| \frac{N \text{Tr}_2 (\mu_P \bar{\mu}_{P'})}{(|z_P - z_{P'}|^2 + |u-v|^2)^2} \quad \mu \times \text{circle} \times \bar{\mu}$$

$$\int T_2(F_{\alpha\beta}^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int T_2(F_{\alpha\beta}^-)^2 + \int \underset{\uparrow}{F_{\alpha\beta}} \tilde{F}_{\alpha\beta} = 2 \int T_2\left(\frac{F_{\alpha\beta}^-}{2}\right)^2 + \int F_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{F}_{\alpha\beta}$$

↑  
topological term

Background field  $F_{\alpha\beta} = \mu_{\alpha\beta}$ ,  $\tilde{F}_{\alpha\beta}$  fermion gauge

$$\int T_2(F_{\alpha\beta}^2) \rightarrow -\Delta_A \mathbb{1}_4 + 2i \operatorname{ad} \mu_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow \beta_0 = \frac{1}{(4d)^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{3} + 4 \right]$$

$$\int T_2(F_{\alpha\beta}^-)^2 \rightarrow -\Delta_A \mathbb{1}_4 + 2i \operatorname{ad} \frac{\mu_{\alpha\beta}^-}{2} + 2i \operatorname{ad} \frac{a_{\alpha\beta}^+}{2}$$

$$\delta(F_{\alpha\beta}^- - \mu_{\alpha\beta}^-) \rightarrow \int T_2(F_{\alpha\beta}^- - \mu_{\alpha\beta}^-)^2 \rightarrow -\Delta_A \mathbb{1}_4 + 2i \operatorname{ad} \frac{a_{\alpha\beta}^+}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{Det}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( -\Delta_A \mathbb{1}_4 + 2i \operatorname{ad} \frac{a_{\alpha\beta}^+}{2} \right) \rightarrow (2) \operatorname{Det}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( -\Delta_A \mathbb{1}_4 + 2i \operatorname{ad} \frac{a_{\alpha\beta}^-}{2} \right) \operatorname{Det}(\text{zero modes})$$

$$\not{D} = \not{G}_\mu D_\mu ; \quad \bar{\not{D}} = \bar{G}_\mu D_\mu ; \quad -\not{D} \bar{\not{D}} \mathbb{1}_2 = (-\Delta_A - \not{G}_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}) \mathbb{1}_2 \quad (1)$$

$$-\bar{\not{D}} \not{D} \mathbb{1}_2 = (-\Delta_A - \bar{G}_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}) \mathbb{1}_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\delta F_{\rho\sigma}^- \sim \bar{\not{D}}^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} \delta A_{\alpha\rho\sigma}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu} \frac{F_{\mu\nu}^+}{2} ; \quad \bar{G}_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = \bar{G}_{\mu\nu} \frac{F_{\mu\nu}^-}{2}$$

Vortices

$$[D_{\bar{z}} D_{\bar{z}}] - [D_u D_{\bar{u}}] = i \left( \sum_p g_p d_p g_p^{-1} g_p^{(cs)} - \Theta^{-1} \mathbb{1} \right)$$

$$[D_{\bar{z}} D_{\bar{u}}] = 0$$

$$[D_{\bar{z}} D_u] = 0$$

$$\lambda_p \quad [N-k] \quad \frac{2ak}{N} \quad [k] \quad - \frac{2a(N-k)}{N}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda^2 = (N-k) \left( \frac{2ak}{N} \right)^2 + k \left( \frac{2a(N-k)}{N} \right)^2 = (2a)^2 \frac{k(N-k)}{N}$$

number of vortex zero modes (complex) =  $\frac{1}{2} (N^2 - \sum e_i^2)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (N^2 - k^2 - (N-k)^2) = k(N-k)$$

Vortex action  $\frac{8\bar{a}^2}{2g^2} k(N-k) + \frac{8\bar{u}^2}{2g^2} k(N-k) = \frac{16\bar{a}^2}{2g^2} k(N-k)$

$$\Gamma(k) = \frac{N}{2g_w^2} S_{YM} - \log \text{Det}' - \log \Lambda^{n_B(\text{zero modes})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k(N-k)}{2g_w^2} 16\pi^2 - k(N-k) \frac{5}{3} \log \Lambda - k(N-k) 2 \log \Lambda + \text{c.c.} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \log \Lambda} = -\beta_0 g_w^3 \quad ; \quad \beta_0 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{11}{3}$$

Problems 1) and 2) of Clay Math. Inst. have a much simpler form at large  $N$  in the Wilsonian scheme since:

$$\Lambda_W = \Lambda e^{-\frac{1}{2\beta_0 g_w^2}}$$

# Beta function from localization

$N=1$  SUSY YM

$$Z_{\text{instantons}} = \int e^{-\frac{(4\pi)^2 Q}{2g^2}} \Lambda^{\mu_B - \frac{\mu_F}{2}} \frac{\text{Det } W_B}{\text{Det } W_F};$$

$SU(N)$  YM  $N=\infty$

$$Z_{\text{vortices}} = \int e^{-\frac{N}{2g^2} \text{SYM}(\text{vortices})} \Delta_{\text{FP}} \text{Det}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\text{non-zero modes})$$

$$\times \Lambda^{\mu_B} \text{Det } W_B$$

$$\frac{(4\pi)^2 Q}{2g^2(\mu)} = \frac{(4\pi)^2 Q}{2g^2(\Lambda)} - (\mu_B - \frac{\mu_F}{2}) \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right);$$

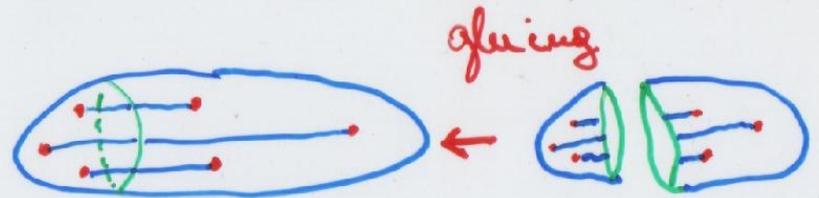
$$A \rightarrow g A_c \quad \frac{\text{Det } W_B}{\text{Det } W_F} \rightarrow g^{\mu_B - \mu_F};$$

$$\frac{\text{SYM}}{2g^2(\mu)} = \frac{Z^{-1} \text{SYM}}{2g^2(\Lambda)} - \mu_B \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right)$$

$$A \rightarrow g Z^{\frac{1}{2}} A_c$$

$$-\frac{1}{2g^2} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} + \frac{\mu_B - \mu_F}{(4\pi)^2 Q} \log g;$$

$$-\frac{1}{2g^2} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} + \frac{\mu_B}{\text{SYM}} \log g + \frac{\mu_B}{4\text{SYM}} \log Z$$



# Exact beta function

$N=1$  SUSY YM

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \log \Lambda} = -\frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} g^3$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \log \Lambda} = \frac{-\frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} g^3}{1 - \frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} g^2}$$

gluino condensate  $= T_2 \lambda^2$

localized on instantons

$$F_{ap}^- = 0; F_{ap}^- = \tilde{F}_{ap} - \tilde{F}_{ap}$$

Localization = one-loop is exact

Surface operators  $\rightarrow Z_N$  vortices



$$Pe^{i\int A} = e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{N}}$$

$d=2$

$d=3$



$d=4$

$SU(N)$  pure YM  $N=\infty$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \log \Lambda} = -\beta_0 g^3; \beta_0 = \frac{11}{3} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

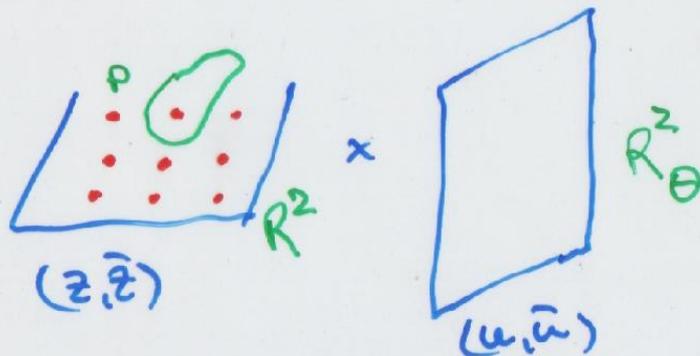
$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \log \Lambda} = \frac{-\beta_0 g^3 + \frac{g^3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial \log \Lambda}}{1 - \frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} g^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial \log \Lambda} = \frac{\delta g^2}{1 + c g^2}; \delta = \frac{10}{3} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

Special Wilson loop =  $P \exp i \int (A_2 + D_u) dz + cc.$

localized on surface operators

$$F_{ap}^- = \sum_p \mu_{ap}^- \delta^{(2)}(z - z_p(u, \bar{u})) + \Theta_{ap}^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$



# Large $N$ effective action $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma = \frac{16\pi^2}{2g^2} QN + \frac{N}{4g^2} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \int \text{Tr} (\mu_{\alpha\beta}^-)^2 d^4x \quad \text{(I)}$$

(I) classical YM action

$$+ \log \left[ \text{Det}'^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-\Delta_A \delta_{\alpha\beta} + i \text{ad} \mu_{\alpha\beta}^-) \Delta_{\text{FP}} \right] \quad \text{(II)}$$

Jacobian of Nicolai map + gauge fixing

$$- \log \uparrow^{m_B(\text{zero-modes})} \quad \text{(III)}$$

divergent contribution of zero modes via Pauli-Villars regularization

$$+ \text{Tr} \log |\Delta(\mu)|^2 \quad \text{(IV)}$$

(IV) modes via Pauli-Villars regularization

$$+ \text{Tr} \log \left| \frac{\text{Det} \left( \frac{\delta \omega_{MC}}{\delta \mu} \right)}{\text{Det}^{\frac{1}{2}} \omega_{\text{zero-modes}}} \right|^2 \quad \text{(V)}$$

(IV) + (V)

Jacobian to the holomorphic gauge + finite contribution of zero modes

It is convenient to introduce the density of vortices

$$\rho = N_0^{-1} \sum_P \delta^{(2)}(z - z_P)$$

$\rho$  is determined in terms of  $\Lambda_w^2$  by the critical equation

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \rho} = 0$$

Then we can compute the glueball propagator  $\langle T_{2\mu}^2 T_{2\bar{\mu}}^2 \rangle$  in the  $\mu/\bar{\mu}$  sector by small fluctuations around the vortex condensate

$$e^{-\mathcal{L}(\rho)} = \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}(\rho)}{\delta \mu \delta \bar{\mu}} \delta \mu \delta \bar{\mu}$$

at the critical point of the effective action

$\mathcal{M}$  is computed on a background of surface operators

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$$F_{\text{sp}}^{\bar{}}(A) = \sum_p \mu_{\text{sp}}^{\bar{}}(p) \delta^{(2)}(z - z_p(u, \bar{u})) + 1(\Theta^{-1})_{\text{sp}}$$

at large  $N$  the background of surface operators has the structure

$$F(B) = \mu + 1\Theta^{-1} ; \text{ in a singular gauge}$$

$$\mu = \sum_p \lambda_p \delta^{(2)}(z - z_p) + \sum_p \delta \mu_p \delta^{(2)}(z - z_p(u, \bar{u}))$$

$$\text{with } z_p(u, \bar{u}) = u, \quad \bar{z}_p(u, \bar{u}) = \bar{u}$$

$$= \sum_p \lambda_p \delta^{(2)}(z - z_p) + \sum_p \delta \mu_p(u, \bar{u}) \delta^{(2)}(z - u)$$

The terms (I) + (II) + (III) contribute to the renormalization 38  
of the local part of the effective action; the subtraction scale is  $\sqrt{e_{\text{eff}}}$

$$e_{\text{eff}}^2 \equiv e^2 T_2(\lambda^2) = e^2 \frac{k(N-k)}{N}$$

The term II is the log of the square of a holomorphic  
function of  $\mu$  and thus does not contribute to  $\int \delta^2 \mu$   
in the  $\mu/\bar{\mu}$  sector

$$\text{IV} = T_2 \log |\Delta(\mu)|^2 \propto \sum_{i \neq j} \log |\mu_i - \mu_j|^2 \text{ is holomorphic}$$

but at coinciding eigenvalues, thus it contributes  
to  $\int \delta^2 \mu$  by a term proportional to  $\delta^{(2)}(\mu_i - \mu_j)$   
that is non-trivial on the vortex condensate

because of Bose condensation of the vortices  
eigenvalues

$$\lambda_p = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{2\pi k}{N} & \\ \hline & \frac{2\pi(k-N)}{N} \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} N-k \\ k \end{array}$$

The local divergent part of  $\Gamma$  gets renormalized in the following way

$$N_0^2 \left[ \frac{N}{2g^2} (4\pi)^2 \int e^2 T_2(\mu\bar{\mu}) - N(4\pi)^2 \gamma_0 \int e^2 T_2(\mu\bar{\mu}) \log \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{l_{\text{eff}}}} - \frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} (4\pi)^2 k(N-k) \int e^2 \log \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{l_{\text{eff}}}} \right] = N_0^2 \left[ -\beta_0 (4\pi)^2 \int e^2 \underset{e_{\text{eff}}^2 N}{k(N-k)} \log \frac{\Lambda_w}{\sqrt{l_{\text{eff}}}} \right]$$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{5}{3}; \quad T_2(\mu\bar{\mu}) = T_2(d^2) = \frac{k(N-k)}{N} \text{ for vertices}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mu}{\delta l} = 0 \rightarrow \log \frac{\Lambda_w}{\sqrt{l_{\text{eff}}}} = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow l_{\text{eff}} \sim \Lambda_w^2 \rightarrow e^2 \sim \frac{N}{k(N-k)} \Lambda_w^4 \sim \frac{1}{k} \Lambda_w^4$$

$$\mu \text{ contains a term of the form } -\gamma_0 N(4\pi)^2 \int \frac{\Lambda_w^2}{k} T_2(d\bar{e}d\bar{e}) d^2x \rightarrow$$

$\rightarrow$  instability due to AF

However there is a non-perturbative contribution to the local part of the effective action from  $\mathbb{IV} = \text{Tr} \log |\Delta(\mu)|^2$

$$\rightarrow N_v^2 \int e^2 \log |\Delta(\mu)|^2$$

$$\sum_{ik} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\mu_i \delta\bar{\mu}_k} \log \left| \prod_{\ell j} (\mu_\ell - \mu_j) \right|^2 \delta\mu_i \delta\bar{\mu}_k \propto$$

$$\propto \left[ \sum_{j \neq k} \delta^{(2)}(\mu_j - \mu_k) \delta_{ik} - \delta^{(2)}(\mu_i - \mu_k) \right] \delta\mu_i \delta\bar{\mu}_k$$

$$\sim \delta^{(2)}(\mu) \ll \text{Tr}(\delta\mu \delta\bar{\mu}) + o(1)$$

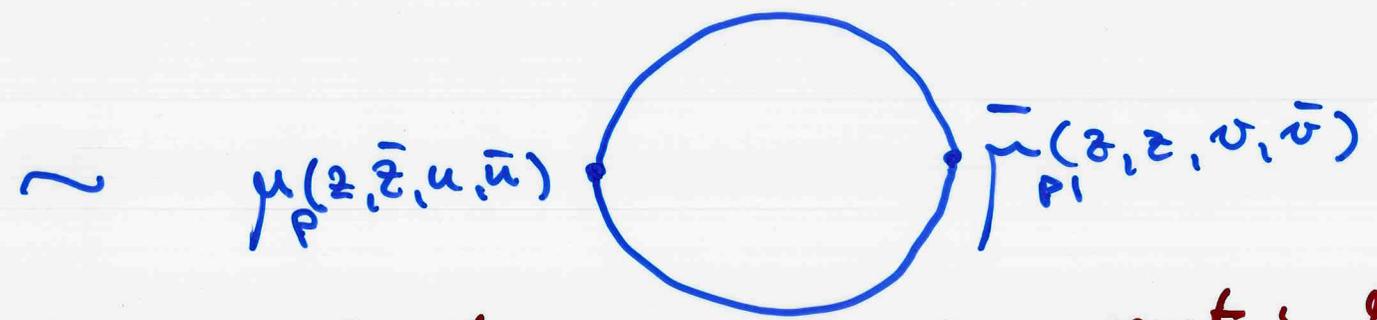
$$\text{Thus } \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\mu \delta\bar{\mu}} \sim \int (\delta - \frac{\delta_0}{K}) N \text{Tr}(\delta\mu \delta\bar{\mu}) \Lambda_\omega^2 dX$$

that is stable at least for large  $K$

What about the kinetic term?

A typical contribution from  $\mathbb{II}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$  in the background of surface operators is:

$$\frac{1}{(4\pi^2)^2} \sum_{P \neq P'} \int d^2u d^2v \frac{N \text{Tr}(\mu_P \bar{\mu}_{P'})}{(|z_P(u, \bar{u}) - z_{P'}(v, \bar{v})|^2 + |u - v|^2)^2} \sim$$



For example for  $z_P(u, \bar{u}) = z_P = \text{const}$ ;  $\mu_P = \lambda = \text{const}$

$$\sim \sum_{P \neq P'} \int d^2u d^2v \frac{N \text{Tr}(\lambda^2)}{(|z_P - z_{P'}|^2 + |u - v|^2)^2} \sim \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{a^{-1}}\right) \log\left(\frac{a^{-1}}{\mu}\right)$$

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 For the fluctuations of diagonally supported surface operators, after introducing the density  $\rho$  we get

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \int du^2 dv^2 \frac{N \text{Tr}(\delta\mu(u, \bar{u}) \delta\bar{\mu}(v, \bar{v}))}{(|u-v|^2 + |u-\bar{v}|^2)^2}$$

and by analytic continuation to Minkowski

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \int du_+ du_- dv_+ dv_- \frac{N \text{Tr}(\delta\mu(u_+, u_-) \delta\bar{\mu}(v_+, v_-))}{(u_+ - v_+)^2 (u_- - v_-)^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\kappa} \int N \text{Tr}(\delta\mu \delta_+ \delta_- \delta\bar{\mu}) du_+ du_-$$

where we are using the Cauchy formula  $\partial_+ \delta\mu \propto \int \frac{\delta\mu(v_+) dv_+}{(u_+ - v_+ + i\epsilon)^2}$

The final result for the glueball propagator in the  $\mu/\bar{\mu}$  sector is thus:

$$\int \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(\mu^2)(x_+, x_-) \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(\bar{\mu}^2)(0) \right\rangle_{\text{conn}} e^{i(P_+ x_- + P_- x_+)} d^2 x$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa \Lambda_w^6}{\frac{1}{\kappa} \alpha' P_+ P_- + (\delta - \frac{1}{\kappa} \delta) \Lambda_w^2}$$

asymptotically for large  $\kappa$

Corollary of localization on pure large  $N$  YM

$$\int e^{-S_{\text{YM}}} \delta(F_{\alpha\beta}^- - \mu_{\alpha\beta}^-) \delta \mu_{\alpha\beta}^- \delta A \rightarrow \int e^{-S_{\text{YM}}} \delta(F_{\alpha\beta}^- - \mu_{\alpha\beta}^-) \text{Det}(\not{D} + m) \prod_{\alpha\beta} \delta \mu_{\alpha\beta}^- \delta A$$

Pure YM

QCD with  $N_f$  flavours

$$Z^{-1} = \left( 1 - \frac{5}{3} g_0^2 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right) \frac{1}{\mu^2} \right) \rightarrow Z^{-1} = \left( 1 - \left( \frac{5}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{N_f}{N} \right) g_0^2 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right) \frac{1}{\mu^2} \right)$$

$$m \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \alpha' \propto \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{5}{3} N - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right)$$

one loop  $N=1$  SUSY QCD with  $N_f$  flavours

$$\int e^{-S_{\text{SUSY}}} \prod_{\alpha\beta} \text{Det}(\not{D} + m) \prod_{\alpha\beta} \text{Det}(\square + m); \quad m \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \alpha' \propto \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{3}{3} N - \left( \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) N_f \right)$$

$$\frac{N_f}{N} = 1$$