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# Two-dimensional models on the world sheet of non-Abelian strings

with A. Yung ...

★ Hanany-Tong, 2003

★ ★ Auzzi et al., 2003

★ ★ ★ Shifman-Yung, 2003 - ...

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❖ Gaiotto, 2012 & Gaiotto, Gukov, Seiberg, 2013  
"surface defects"...

**Outline:** a) Non-Abelian BPS strings in SYM  
b) World sheet models from  $\mathcal{N}=2$  bulk  
c) World sheet models from  $\mathcal{N}=1$  bulk

★ ★ ★ ★  $\mathcal{N}=2 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}=(2,2)$

$\mathcal{N}=1 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}=(2,0)$  nonminimal  
(and minimal)

$\mathcal{N}=0 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}=(0,0)$  (no SUSY)



bulk



2D world sheet

Prototype model:  $N_f=N=2$ ;  $\mathcal{N}=2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{4g_2^2} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \frac{1}{4g_1^2} (F_{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{1}{g_2^2} |D_\mu a^a|^2 \right. \\
 & + \text{Tr} (\nabla_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (\nabla^\mu \Phi) + \frac{g_2^2}{2} [\text{Tr} (\Phi^\dagger T^a \Phi)]^2 + \frac{g_1^2}{8} [\text{Tr} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) - N\xi]^2 \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} |a^a T^a \Phi + \Phi \sqrt{2} M|^2 + \frac{i\theta}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu} \right\}, \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^{11} & \varphi^{12} \\ \varphi^{21} & \varphi^{22} \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & -m \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

U(2) gauge group, 2 flavors of (scalar) quarks  
 SU(2) Gluons  $A_\mu^a$  + U(1) photon + gluinos + photino

**Basic idea:**

- Color-flavor locking in the bulk  $\rightarrow$  Global symmetry  $G$ ;
- $G$  is broken down to  $H$  on the given string;
- $G/H$  coset;  $G/H$  sigma model on the world sheet.

$$\Phi = \sqrt{\xi} \times \mathbf{I}$$

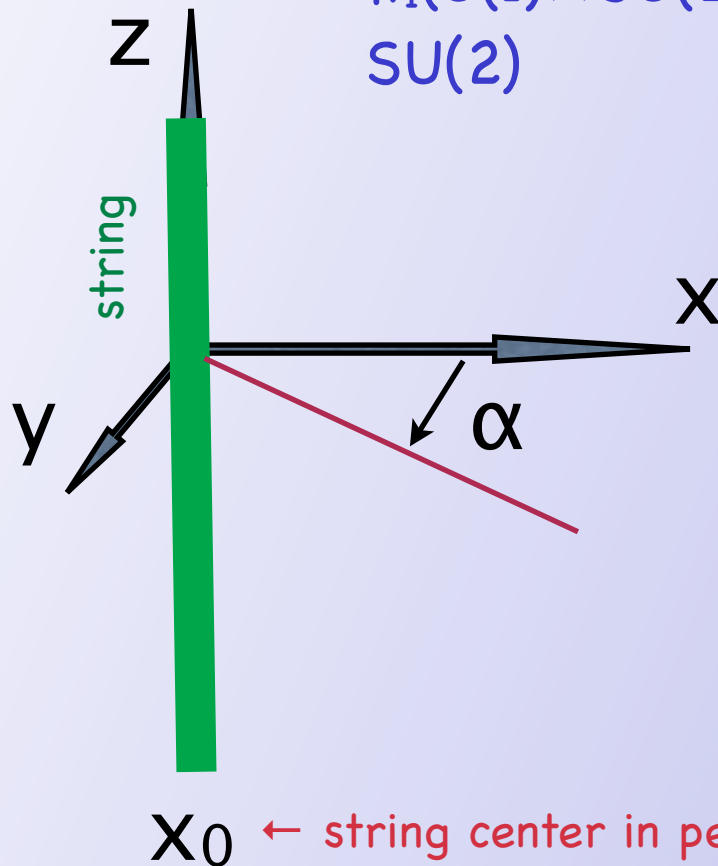
★ ANO strings are there because of U(1)!

★ New strings:

$\pi_1(SU(2) \times U(1)) = Z_2$ : rotate by  $\pi$  around 3-d axis in SU(2)

→ -1; another -1 rotate by  $\pi$  in U(1)

$\pi_1(U(1) \times SU(2))$  nontrivial due to  $Z_2$  center of SU(2)



ANO

$$\sqrt{\xi} e^{i\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = 4\pi\xi$$

Non-Abelian

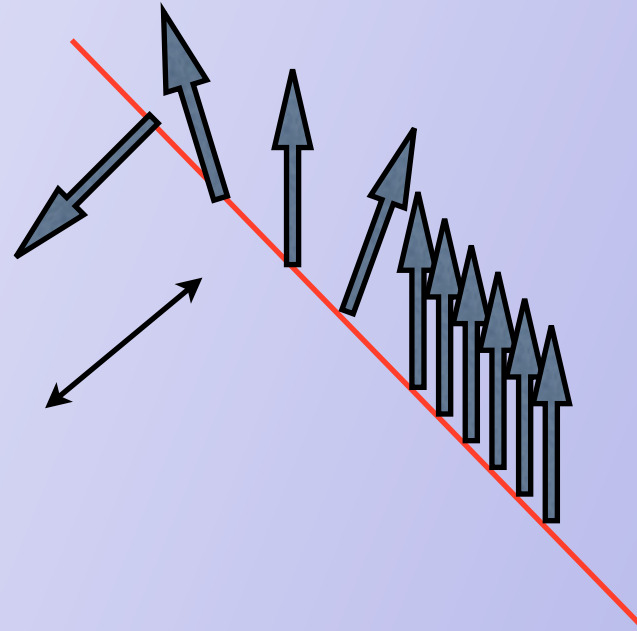
$$\sqrt{\xi} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_{U(1)} \pm T^3_{SU(2)}$$

$$T = 2\pi\xi$$

$SU(2)/U(1)$  ← orientational moduli;  $O(3)$   $\sigma$  model

“Non-Abelian” string is formed if all non-Abelian degrees of freedom participate in dynamics at the scale of string formation



classically gapless excitation

$SU(2)/U(1) = CP(1) \sim O(3)$  sigma model



Versions of  $CP(N-1)$  models in 2D: nonsupersymmetric and supersymmetric - with twisted mass and  $Z_N$  symmetry

$$\mathcal{N} = (2,2) \text{ and } (0,2) \text{ (2.2)}$$

★ Gauged formulation ★ (Witten, 1979)

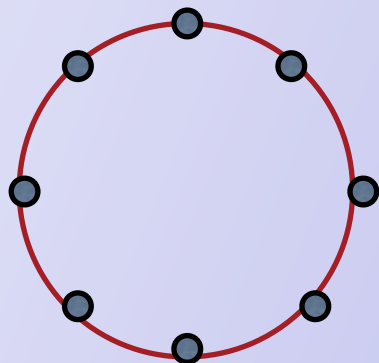
1. Non-SUSY bulk  $\rightarrow$  no SUSY in 2D

$$S^{(1+1)} = \int dt dz \left\{ 2\beta |\nabla_\alpha n|^2 + \frac{1}{4e^2} F_{\alpha\gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{e^2} |\partial_\alpha \sigma|^2 \right. \\ \left. + 4\beta \left| \left( \sigma - \frac{m_\ell}{\sqrt{2}} \right) n^\ell \right|^2 + 2e^2 \beta^2 (|n^\ell|^2 - 1)^2 \right\}$$

$$\nabla_\alpha = \partial_\alpha - iA_\alpha$$



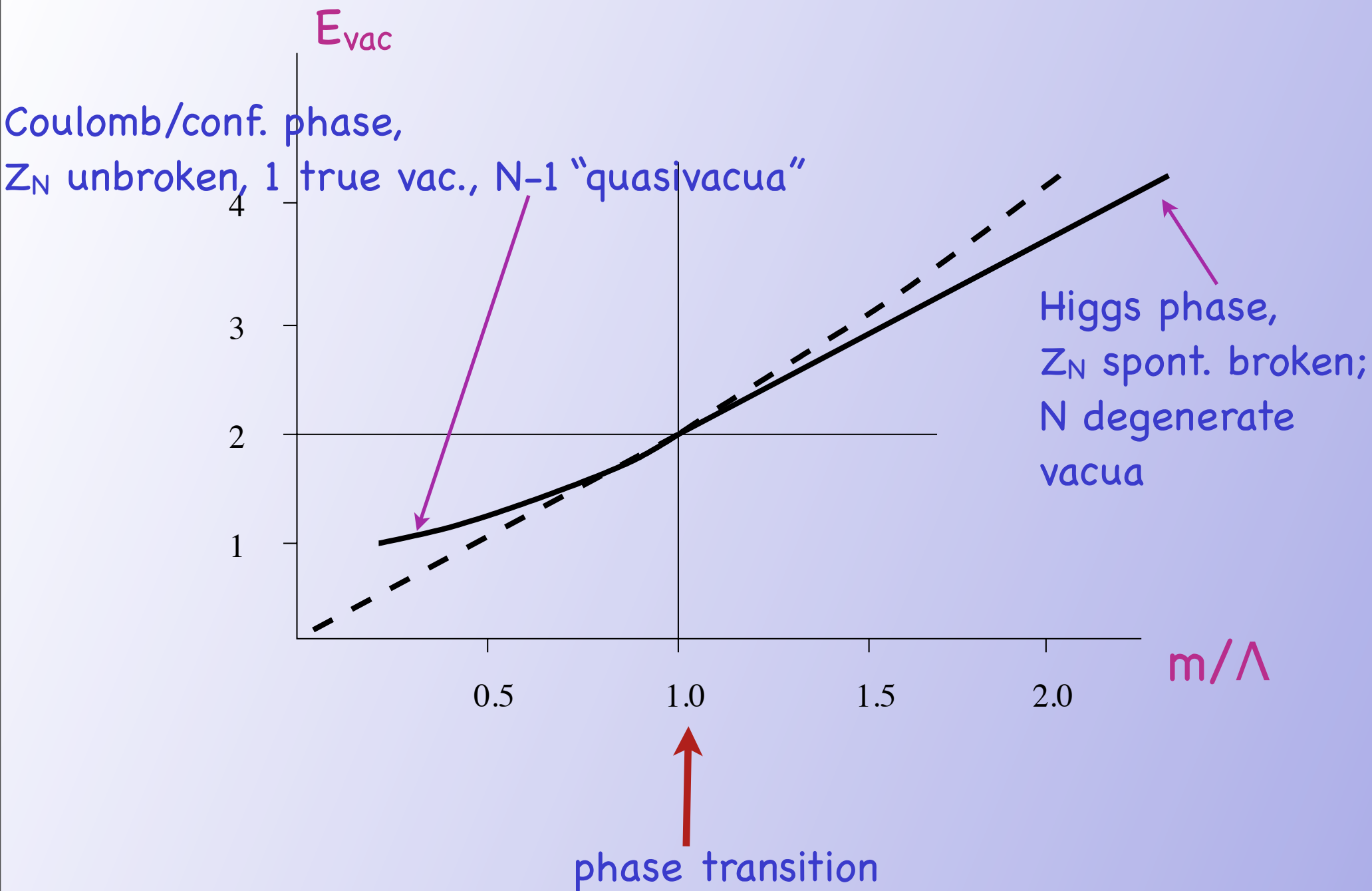
$m/\Lambda$



$$m \sim e^{2\pi i/N}, e^{4\pi i/N}, \dots, e^{2(N-1)\pi i/N}, 1$$

$Z_N$  symmetry





## 2. Introduction of 2D axion restores $Z_N$ and eliminates Coulomb/confinement phase

$$\mathcal{L}_a = f_a^2 (\partial_\mu a)^2 + \frac{a}{2\pi} \varepsilon_{\alpha\gamma} \partial^\alpha A^\gamma$$

Photon is (2D) Higgsed

### 3. $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY bulk



**$\mathbf{N} = (2,2)$  CP(N-1) model**

[Hanany-Tong 2004](#)

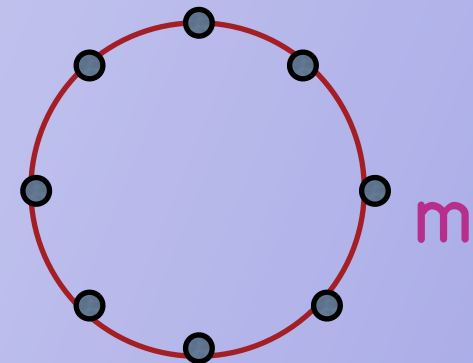
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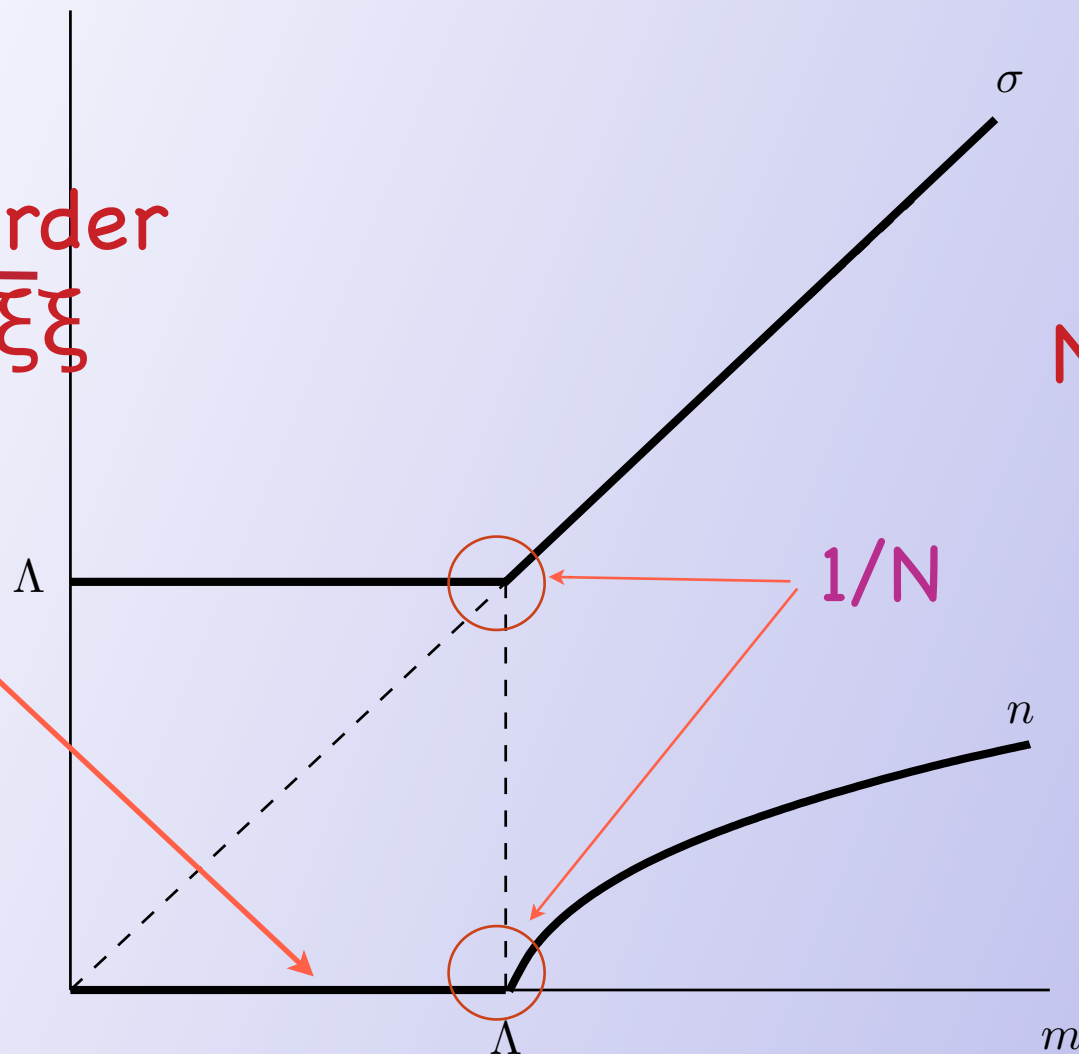
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{e_0^2} \left( \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + |\partial_\mu \sigma|^2 + \frac{1}{2} D^2 \right) + i D (\bar{n}_i n^i - 2\beta)$$
$$+ |\nabla_\mu n^i|^2 + 2 \sum_i \left| \sigma - \frac{m_i}{\sqrt{2}} \right|^2 |n^i|^2$$

+ fermions



Bifermion order  
parameter  $\overline{\xi\xi}$

No confinement



$E_{\text{vac}}=0$  always, SUSY unbroken,  
 $Z_N$  always broken, (N degenerate vacua)

Crossover instead of phase transition  
Strong-coupling  $\leftrightarrow$  weak coupling Higgs regime

★ An interesting not yet fully resolved question  
( SY + S. Gukov, in progress)

Direct (exact) large-N one-loop calculation:

[SY arXiv:0803/0698](#)

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \int d^2x \frac{N}{4\pi} \left\{ - \left( iD + 2|\sigma|^2 \right) \ln \frac{iD + 2|\sigma|^2}{\Lambda^2} + iD \right. \\ \left. + 2|\sigma|^2 \ln \frac{2|\sigma|^2}{\Lambda^2} + 2|\sigma|^2 u \right\},$$

**versus** exact Veneziano-Yankielowicz superpotential  
of  $\sigma \log \sigma$  type

## 4. BPS Spectrum of SUSY CP(N-1) with $Z_N$ twisted masses (curves of marginal stability)

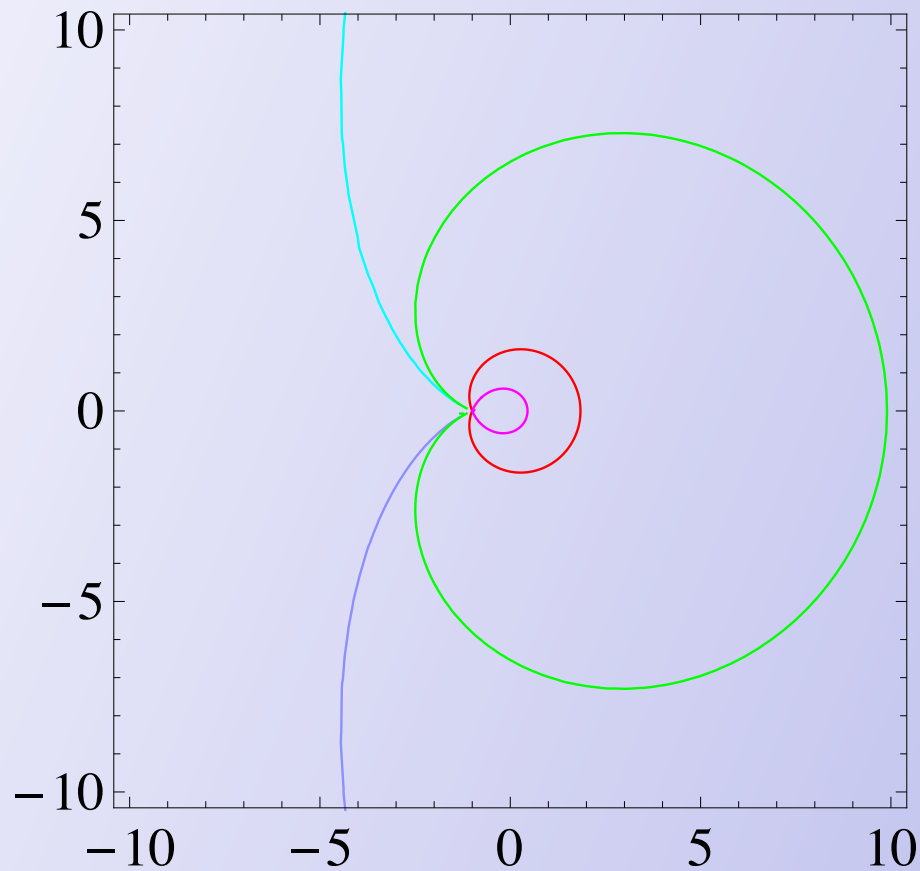


Figure 10: The decay curves of  $CP^2$  in  $m_0^3$  plane. The primary curve is shown in red. The two vertical whiskers are the initial coils of the two spirals

## 5. $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY bulk



$\mathcal{N} = (0,2)$  CP(N-1) model

[Edalati-Tong](#)

[SY arXiv:0803/0158](#)

[SY arXiv:0803/0698](#)

[BSY arXiv:0901/4603](#)

[BSY arXiv:0907/2715](#)

[SY arXiv:1005/5264](#)

[BSY arXiv:1001/1757](#)

Supersymmetry is broken, generally speaking !!!

Phase transitions possible and do occur \* \* \*

All phase transitions are of the second kind!

Break  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  down to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  in the bulk

Deformation of the bulk: ADD  $W = \mu(A^a)^2 + \mu' A^2$

Heterotic deformation the of the World-sheet theory:

(2,2) supersymmetry is broken down to (0,2)

$$L_{heterotic} = \zeta_R^\dagger i\partial_L \zeta_R + [\gamma \zeta_R R (i\partial_L \phi^\dagger) \psi_R + H.c.] - g_0^2 |\gamma|^2 (\zeta_R^\dagger \zeta_R) (R \psi_L^\dagger \psi_L)$$

at small  $\gamma$   
 $\zeta_R$  is Goldstino

$$\mathcal{E}_{vac} = |\gamma|^2 \left| \langle R \psi_R^\dagger \psi_L \rangle \right|^2$$

(0,2) supersymmetry is spontaneously broken!



# At large $N$ heterotic $CP(N-1)$ is also solvable (à la Witten) and presents a wealth of various phases

We have two parameters,  $\gamma$  and  $m$ , and a nontrivial phase diagram

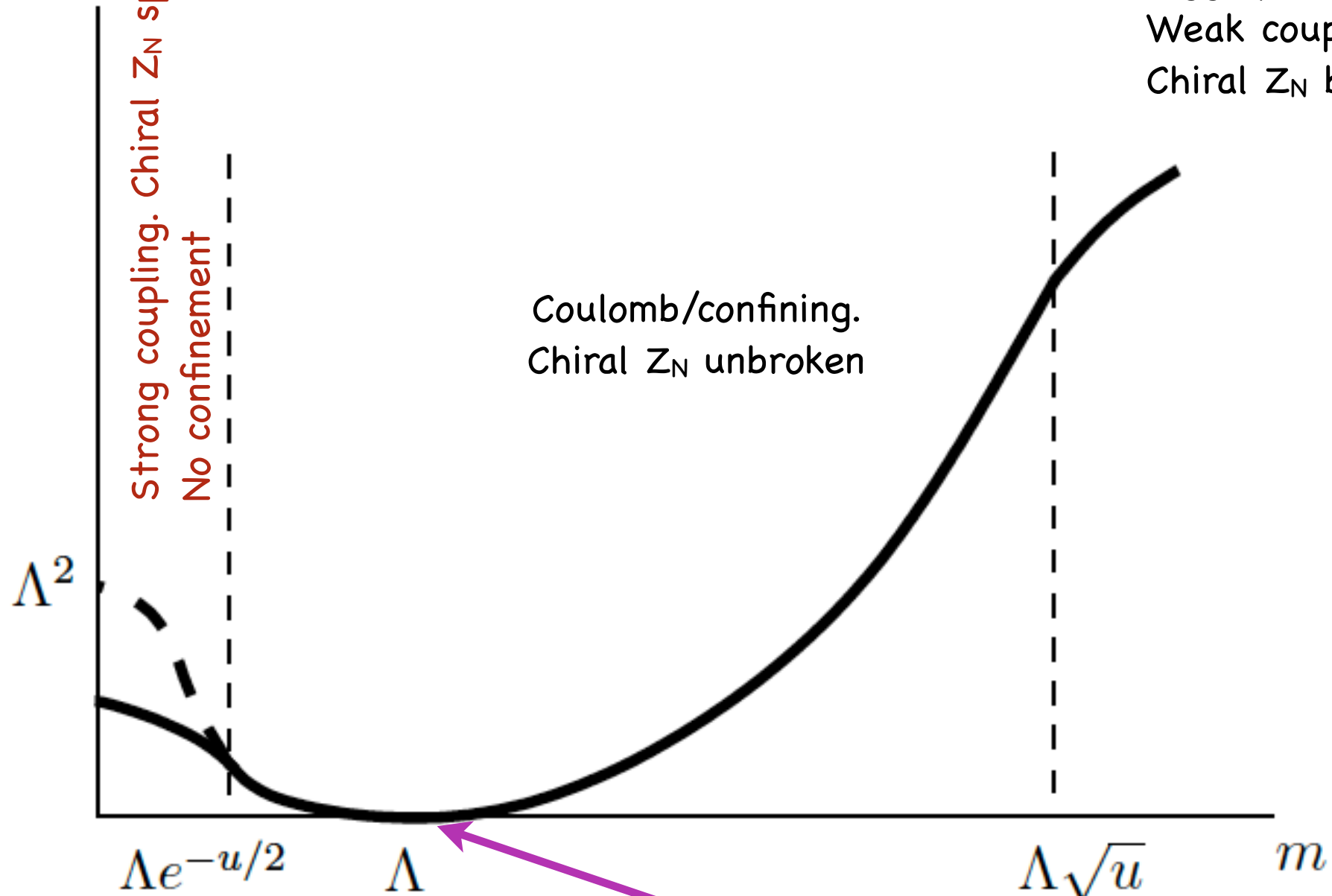
With this choice of mass parameters we have  $Z_N$  symmetry, and phases with broken/unbroken  $Z_N$ .

SUSY is spontaneously broken

$$\gamma \gg 1 \quad (u \gg 1)$$

Large deformation

$E_{\text{vac}}$



SUSY restored here

$u$

# Phase Diagram

$Z_N$  unbroken

Coulomb/Confining Phase

Strongly Coupled  
Phase

Higgs Phase

$m/\Lambda$



Witten's point

6.  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  or 2 SUSY bulk,

@ Semilocal Strings

★ Hanani-Tong model → Obtained from string/D brane consideration

★ ★ From field theory we get  $zn$  model: DIFFERENT

★ ★ ★ Large-N limit the same!!!

[SY hep-th/0603134](#)

[SVY arXiv:1104/2077](#)

[KSVY arXiv:1107/3779](#)

# Hanani-Tong model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WCP}^{N_F-1}}^{\text{het}} = |\nabla_{\mu} n_i|^2 + |\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \rho_j|^2.$$

$$- \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |\sigma - m_i|^2 |n_i|^2 - \sum_{j=0}^{\tilde{N}-1} |\sigma - \mu_j|^2 |\rho_j|^2 - D (|n_i|^2 - |\rho_j|^2 - r_0)$$

$$- 2|\omega|^2 |\sigma|^2$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} n_i = (\partial_{\mu} - iA_{\mu})n_i, \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \rho_j = (\partial_{\mu} + iA_{\mu})\rho_j$$

$$N_F = N + \tilde{N}$$

$$m_k = m e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{N}}, \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1$$

$$\mu_l = \mu e^{2\pi i \frac{l}{\tilde{N}}}, \quad l = 0, \dots, \tilde{N}-1.$$

## zn Model (MS+Vinci+Yung)

$$S_{\text{exact}} = \int d^2x \left\{ |\partial_k(z_j n_i)|^2 + |\nabla_k n_i|^2 + \frac{1}{4e^2} F_{kl}^2 + \frac{1}{e^2} |\partial_k \sigma|^2 \right. \\ \left. + |m_i - \tilde{m}_j|^2 |z_j|^2 |n_i|^2 + \left| \sqrt{2}\sigma + m_i \right|^2 |n_i|^2 + \frac{e^2}{2} (|n_i|^2 - r)^2 \right\},$$

$$i = 1, \dots, N, \quad j = 1, \dots, \tilde{N}, \quad \nabla_k = \partial_k - iA_k.$$

+ deform. + fermions

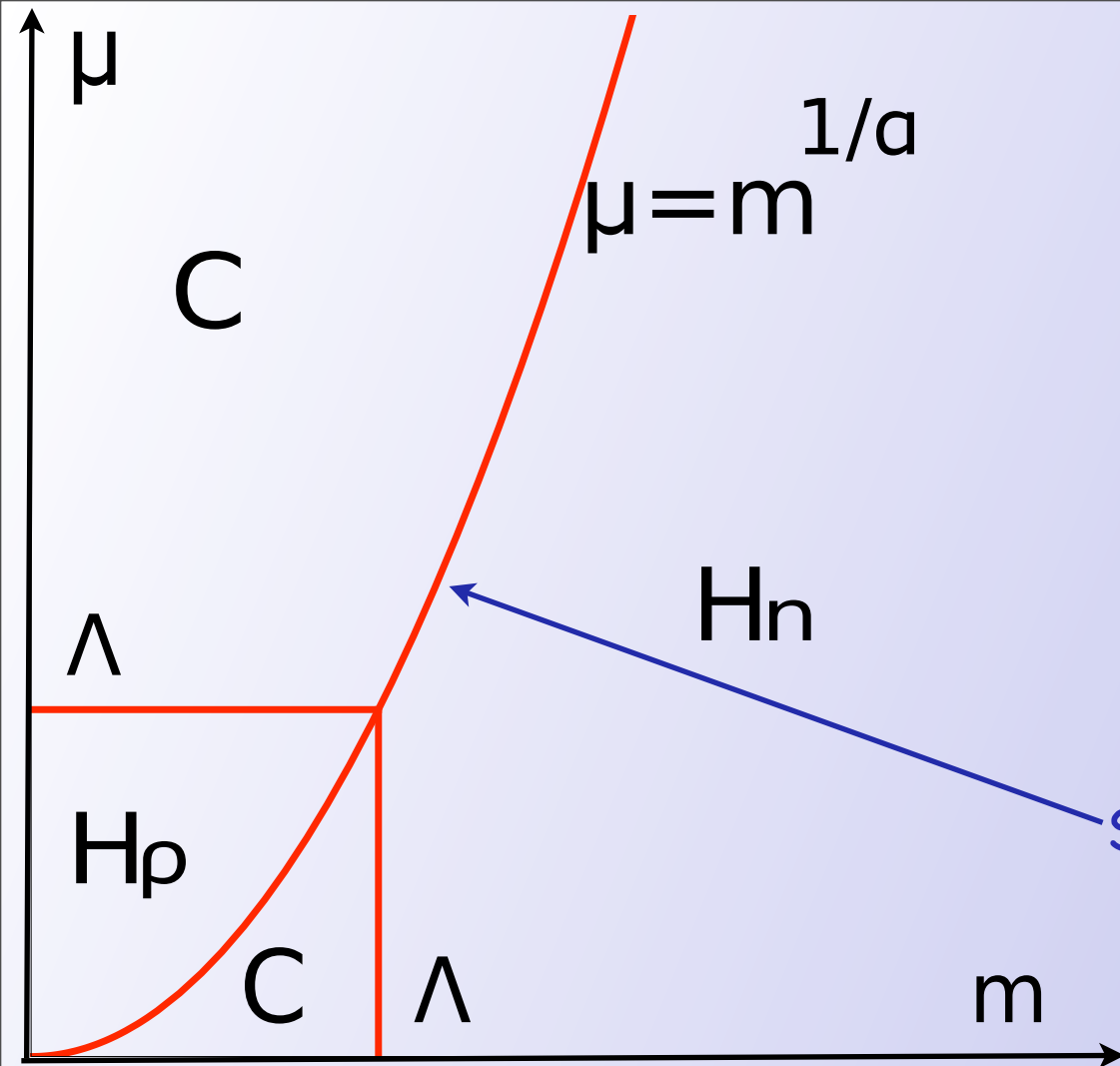
$z_j$  of the opposite charge compared to  $n_i$  and unconstrained

Derived from the bulk theory in the limit  $\ln(\xi L^2) \gg 1$

➡ At  $N \rightarrow \infty$  HT = zn

➡ BPS sectors the same at any N

➡ New type of renormalizability



Phase Diagram in the large- $N$  solution of weighted  $CP(N-1)$  or, which is the same,  $zn$  model

From Koroteev-Monin-Vinci, 2010

Superconformality line

Figure 4: Phase Diagram of the weighted  $(2, 2) \mathbb{C}P^{N-1}$  model in the large- $N$  approach. There are four domains with different VEVs for  $\sigma$ : two Higgs branches  $\mathbf{H}_\rho$  and  $\mathbf{H}_n$ , and two Coulomb branches  $\mathbf{C}$ . In the Coulomb phase  $\mathbf{C}$   $r = 0$ . The curve  $\mu/\Lambda = (m/\Lambda)^{1/\alpha}$  together with horizontal and vertical lines starting from  $\mu = \Lambda$  and  $m = \Lambda$  respectively separates the  $\mathbf{C}$  phases from the Higgs phases. In  $\mathbf{H}_n$   $r > 0$  and in  $\mathbf{H}_\rho$   $r < 0$ . On the super-conformal line  $\mu/\Lambda = (m/\Lambda)^{1/\alpha}$  a new branch described by a super-conformal theory opens up.



# Two-dimensional Analog of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ Yang-Mills Theory in Four Dimensions

In the (0,2) literature known as the heterotic minimal model at level k

with X. Cui

[arXiv:1009.4421](#)

[arXiv:1105.5107](#)

[arXiv:1111.6350](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^2\theta_R \frac{A^\dagger i \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_{RR} A}{1 + A^\dagger A}$$

$$= G \left\{ \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi^\dagger + i \psi_L^\dagger \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_{RR} \psi_L - 2i \frac{1}{\chi} \psi_L^\dagger \psi_L \phi^\dagger \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_{RR} \phi \right\}$$

$$G = \frac{2}{g^2 \chi^2},$$

$$\chi \equiv 1 + \phi \phi^\dagger.$$

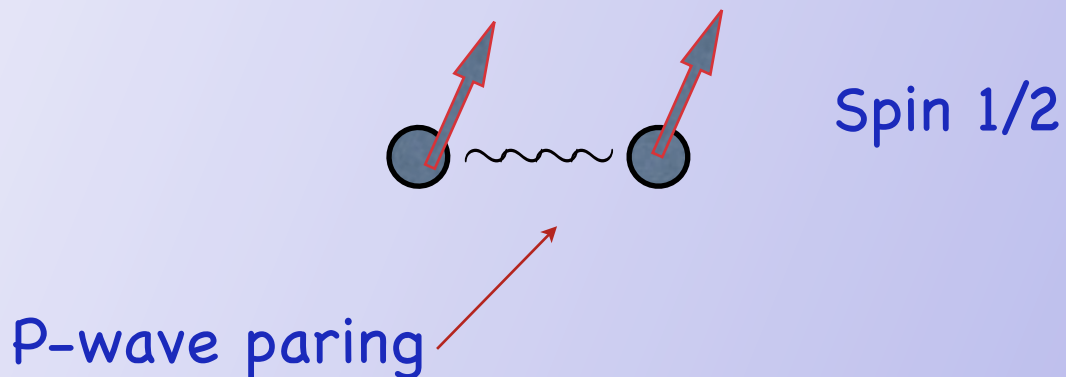
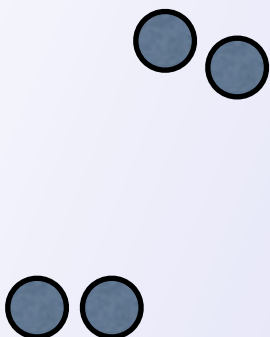
NR theorems

$$\beta(g^2) = -\frac{g^4}{2\pi} \frac{1 + \frac{N_f}{2} \gamma(B_i)}{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi} g^2}$$



Full analog of NSVZ  $\beta$  function in 4D SYM

<sup>3</sup>He atoms



$L=1, S=1 \Rightarrow$  Cooper pair order parameter  $e_{\mu i} \leftarrow 3 \times 3$  matrix

Spin-orbit small, symmetry of H is  $G = U(1)_p \times SO_S(3) \times SO_L(3)$

In the ground state  $U_p(1) \times SO_S(3) \times SO_L(3) \rightarrow H_B = SO(3)_{S+L}$

Vectorial order parameter broken on the vortex

$$S_{\text{world sheet}} = (\mu^2/2\beta) \int d^2x (\partial_\mu S^i) (\partial_\mu S^i)$$

$$S^i S^i = 1$$

Classically two "rotational" zero modes.

QMechanically may be lifted

- ◇ Assume  $\chi^i$  is spin field!
- ◇◇ Add  $\Delta L = \varepsilon (\partial_i \chi^i) (\partial_k \chi^k)$

If  $\varepsilon \neq 0$  but small  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Delta_{\text{CP}(1)S_{\text{world sheet}}} = \varepsilon \int d^2x \{(\partial_z S^3)^2 - M^2[1-(S^3)^2]\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{x_{\perp}} = \frac{T}{2} (\partial_a \vec{x}_{\perp})^2 - \tilde{M}^2 (S^3)^2 (\partial_z \vec{x}_{\perp})^2,$$

★ EXTRA (quasi)gapless modes ★

★ ★ Translational (Kelvon) and

orientational (spin) modes mix with

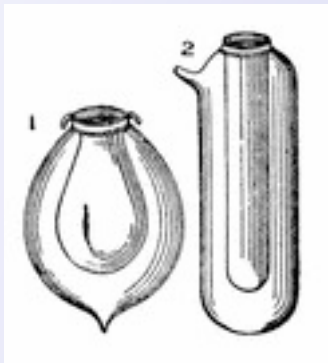
each other ★ ★

## Instead of conclusions

★ A treasure trove of novel 2D models with intriguing dynamics!

★ 4D  $\leftrightarrow$  2D Correspondence

☞ World-sheet theory  $\leftrightarrow$  strongly coupled bulk theory inside



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