

# Topological Defects to One-Loop Order

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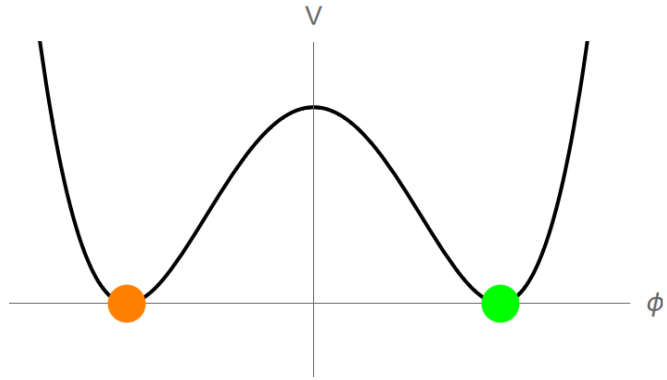
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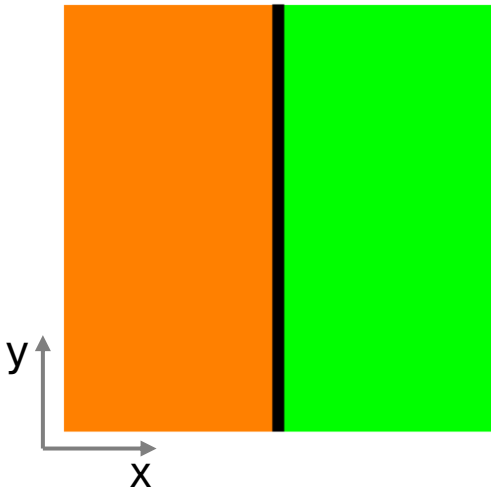
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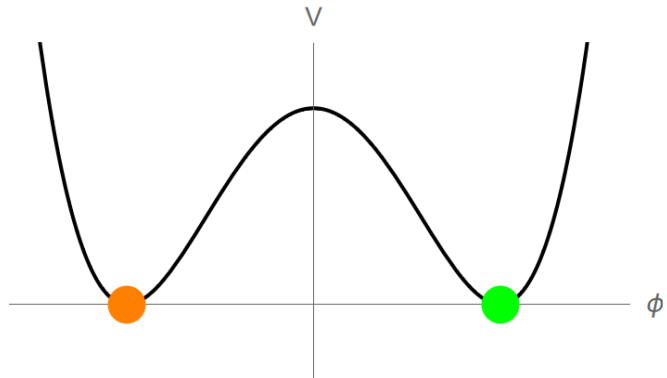
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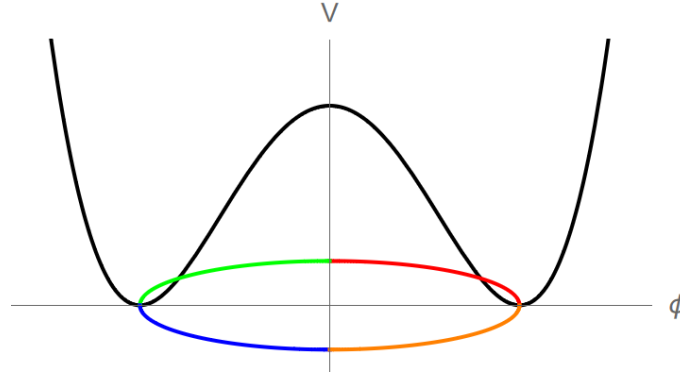
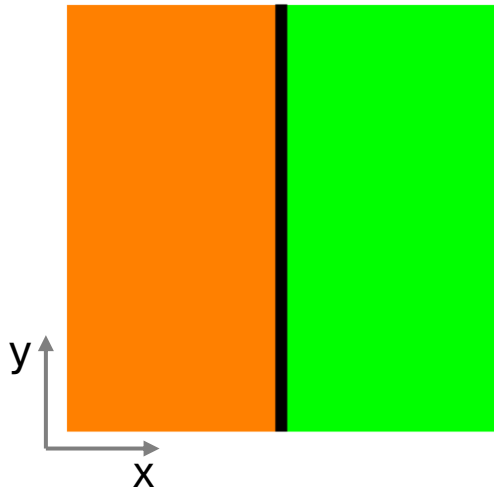
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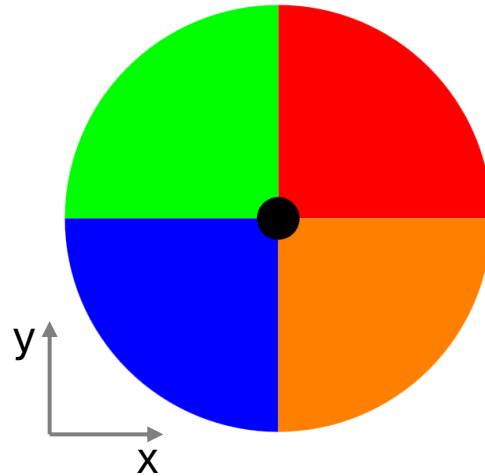
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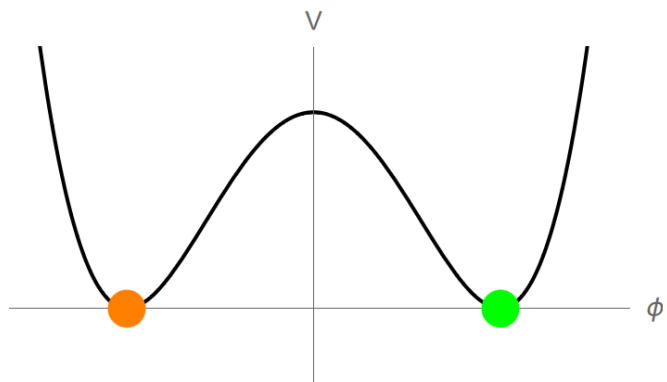


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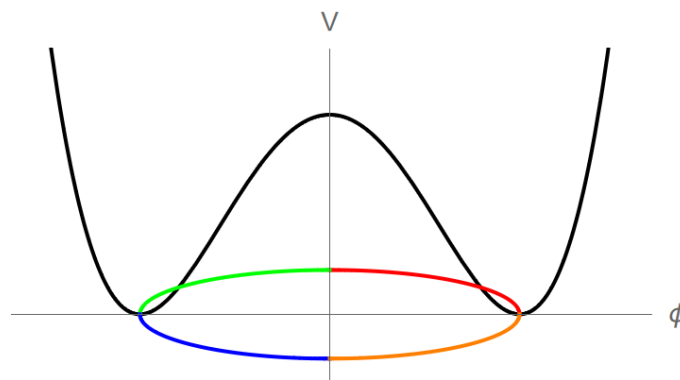
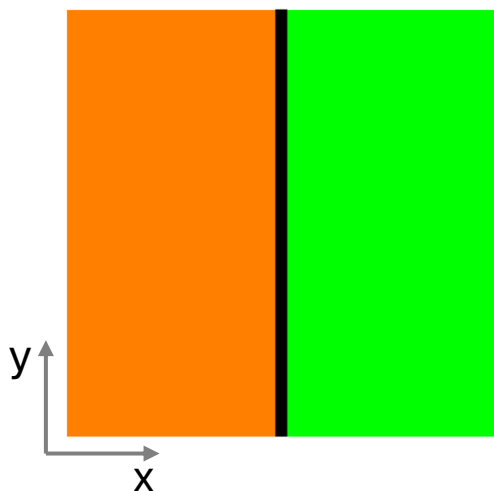


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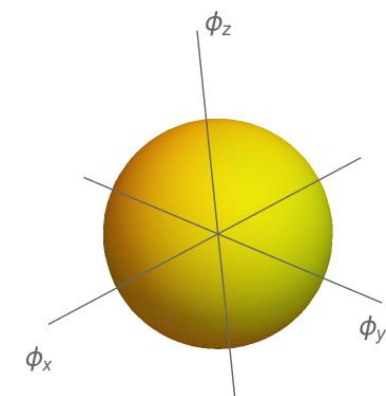
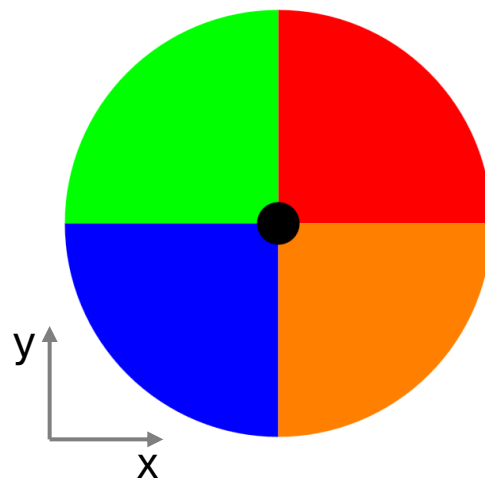
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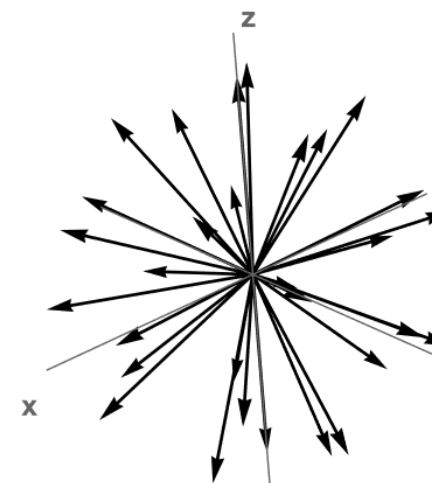
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Monopoles



# 't Hooft-Polyakov Magnetic Monopoles

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Spontaneous symmetry breaking:

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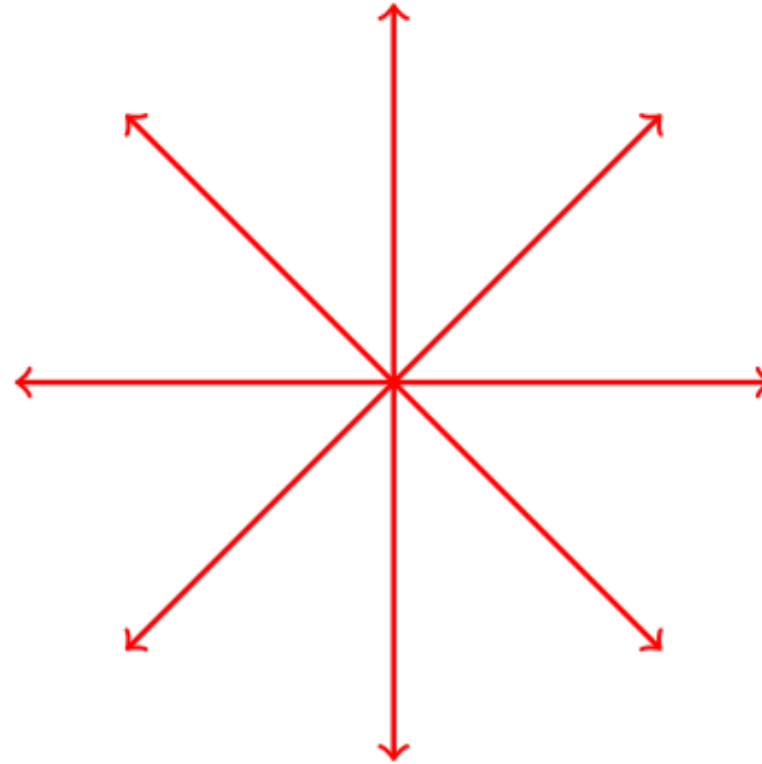
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Monopole configuration:

$$\phi = v \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) \sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

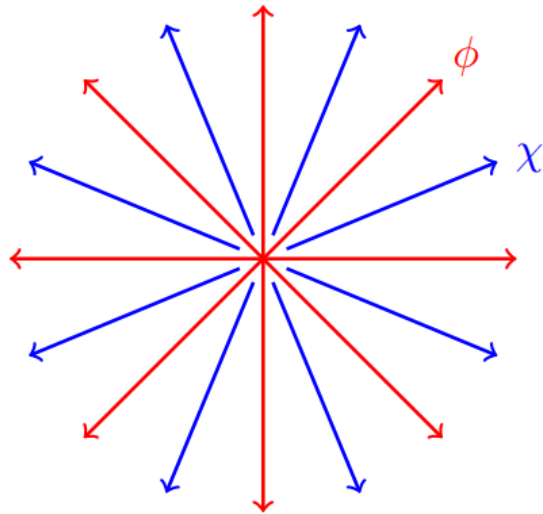
U(1) gauge field yields  
**magnetic charge**



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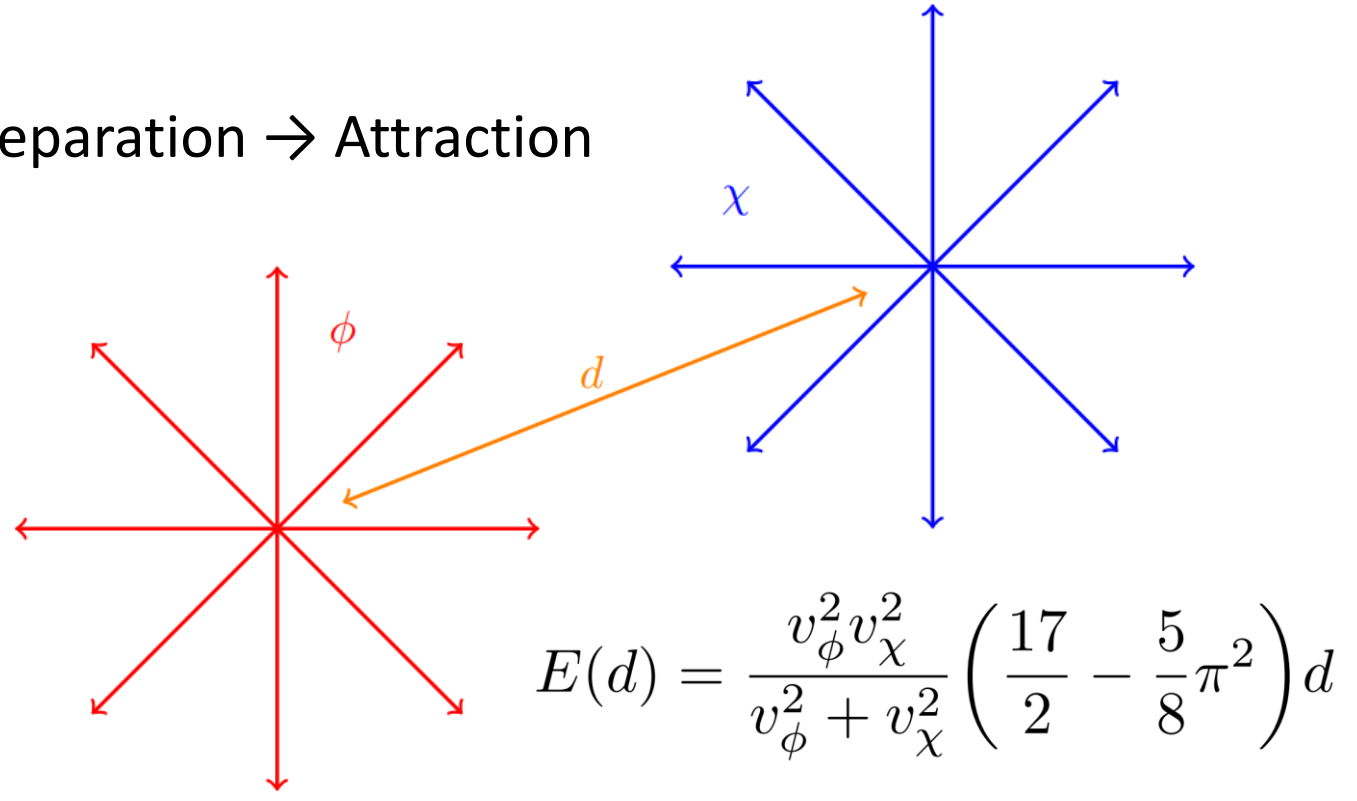
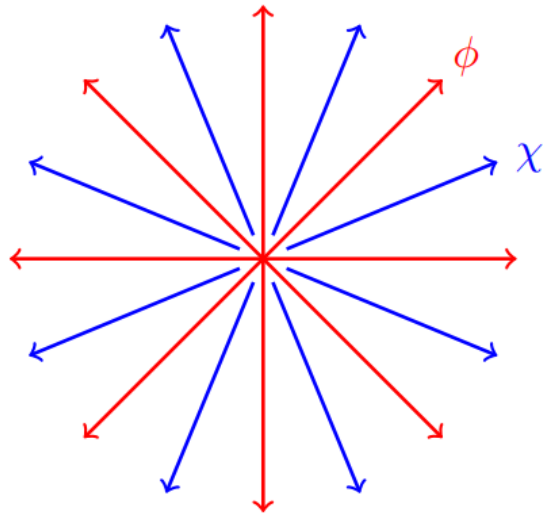
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Separation  $\rightarrow$  Attraction



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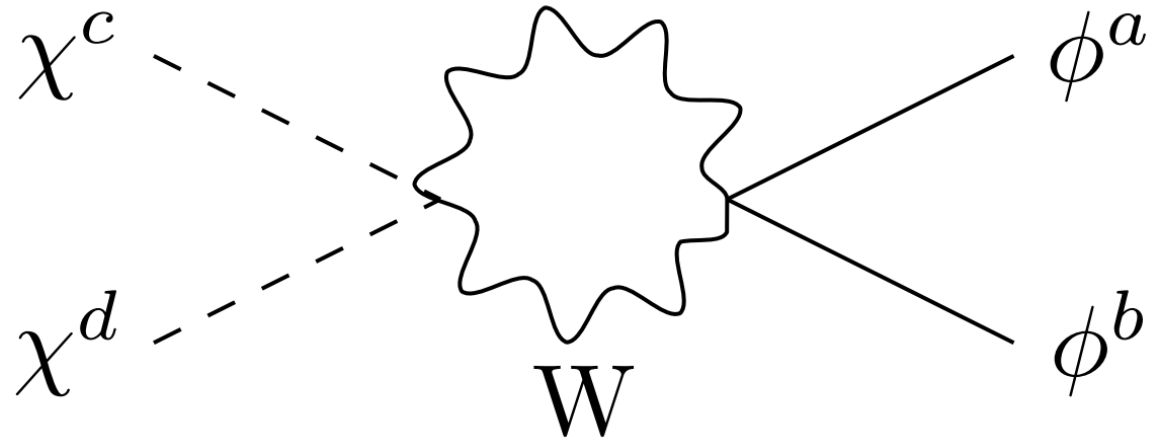
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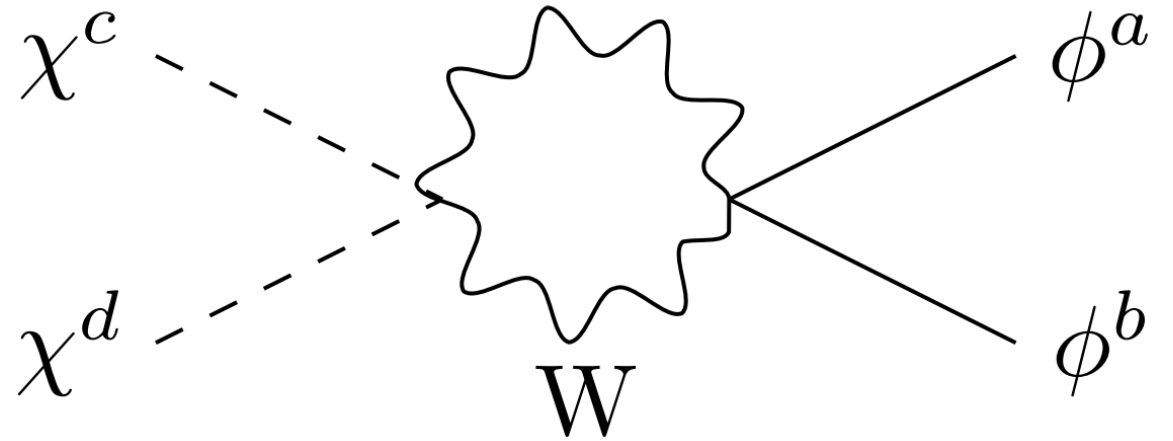


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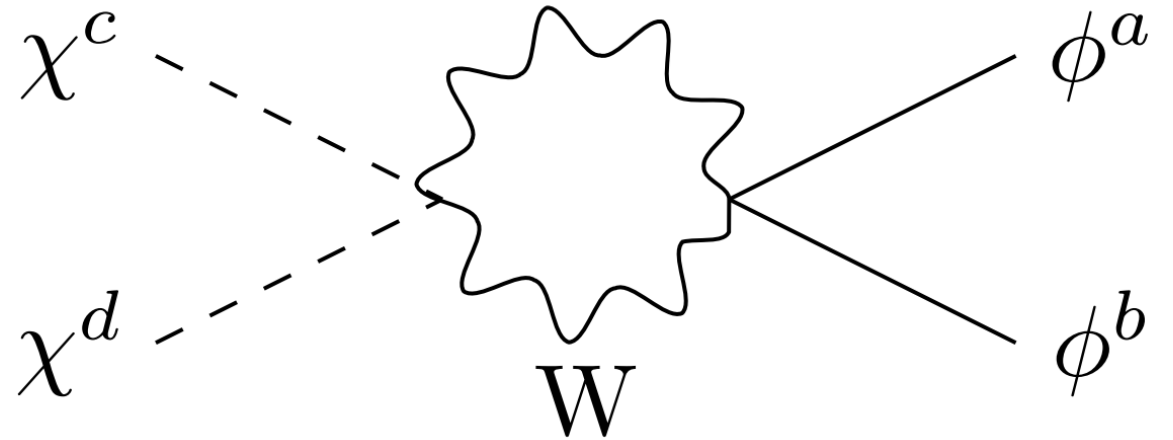
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**Angle dependence!**

# Effective Potential to One-Loop Order

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{eff} = & \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2 + \frac{n^2}{2}\chi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 + \frac{\gamma}{4!}\chi^4 \\
 & + \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \left[ (\lambda m^2 \phi^2 + m^4) \ln \left( \frac{\lambda \phi^2}{2m^2} + 1 \right) + \left( \frac{2}{3} \lambda m^2 \phi^2 + 2m^4 \right) \ln \left( \frac{\lambda \phi^2}{6m^2} + 1 \right) - \frac{5}{6} \lambda m^2 \phi^2 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \phi^4 \left( 5640g^4 + \lambda^2 \left( \frac{11}{72} + \frac{4752m^8 + 14688\lambda m^6 M^2 + 8728\lambda^2 m^4 M^4 + 1816\lambda^3 m^2 M^6 + 121\lambda^4 M^8}{(12m^4 + 8\lambda m^2 M^2 + \lambda^2 M^4)^2} \right) \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \phi^4 \left( \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{\lambda \phi^2 + 2m^2}{\lambda M^2 + 2m^2} \right) + \frac{1}{18} \ln \left( \frac{\lambda \phi^2 + 6m^2}{\lambda M^2 + 6m^2} \right) \right) + (\phi \leftrightarrow \chi, \lambda \leftrightarrow \gamma, m \leftrightarrow n) \right] \\
 & + \frac{3g^4}{16\pi^2} \left[ (\phi^4 + \chi^4 + \frac{1}{2}\phi^2\chi^2) \ln \left( \frac{\phi^2 + \chi^2}{M^2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2}\phi^4 + \frac{1}{2}\chi^4 + (\phi\chi)^2 \right) \ln \left( \frac{\phi^2\chi^2 - (\phi\chi)^2}{M^4} \right) \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Angle dependent terms

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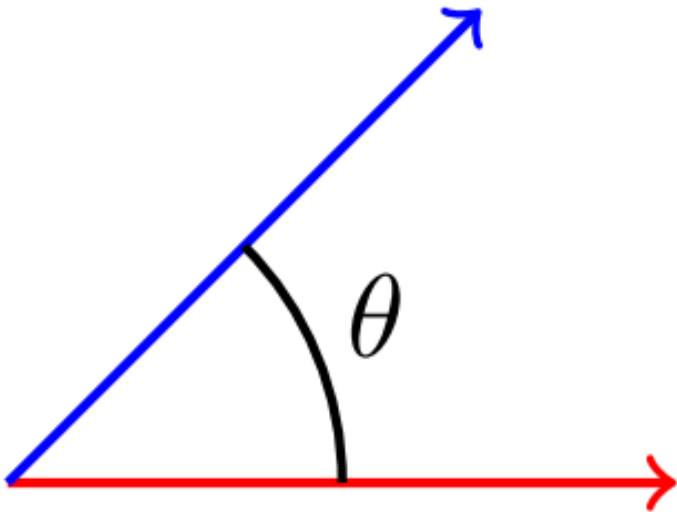
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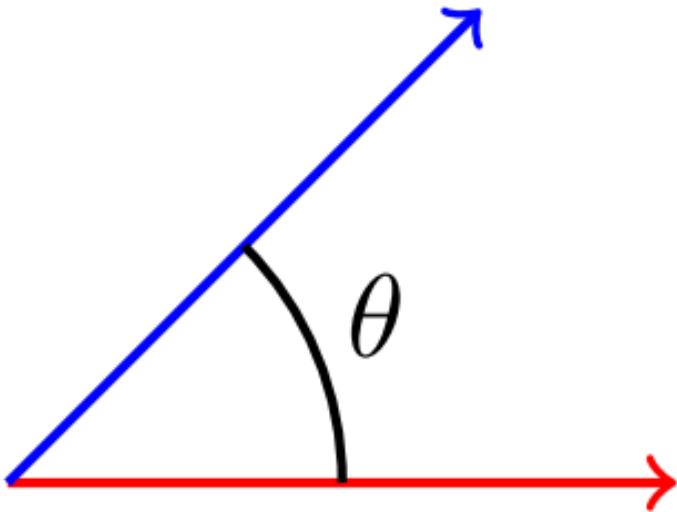


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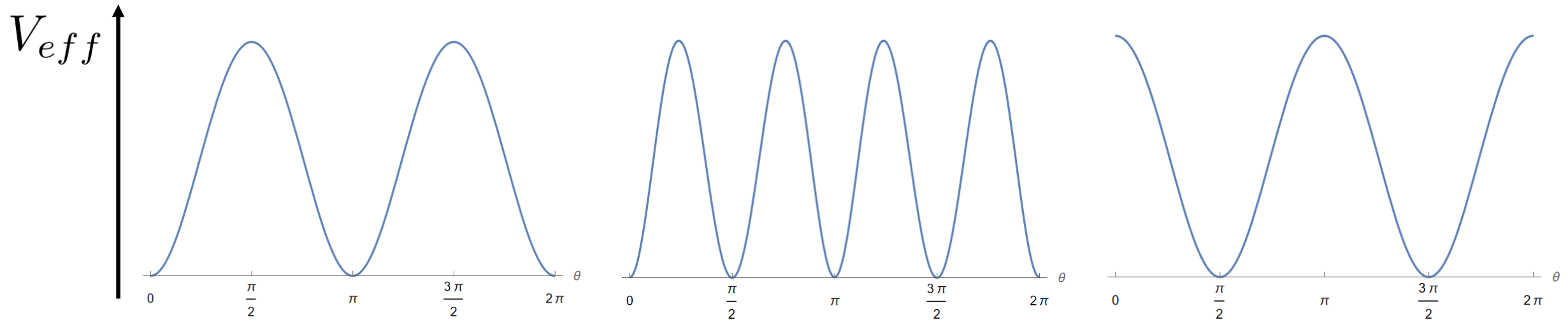
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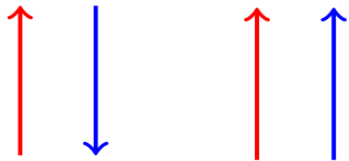
$$V_{eff} = F(\cos^2(\theta)) + \text{const}$$

Which angle minimizes the potential?

# Angle Dependence

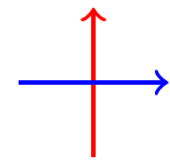


$$\frac{v_\phi}{v_\chi} \sim 1$$



$$\frac{v_\phi}{v_\chi} = r_{crit} > 1$$

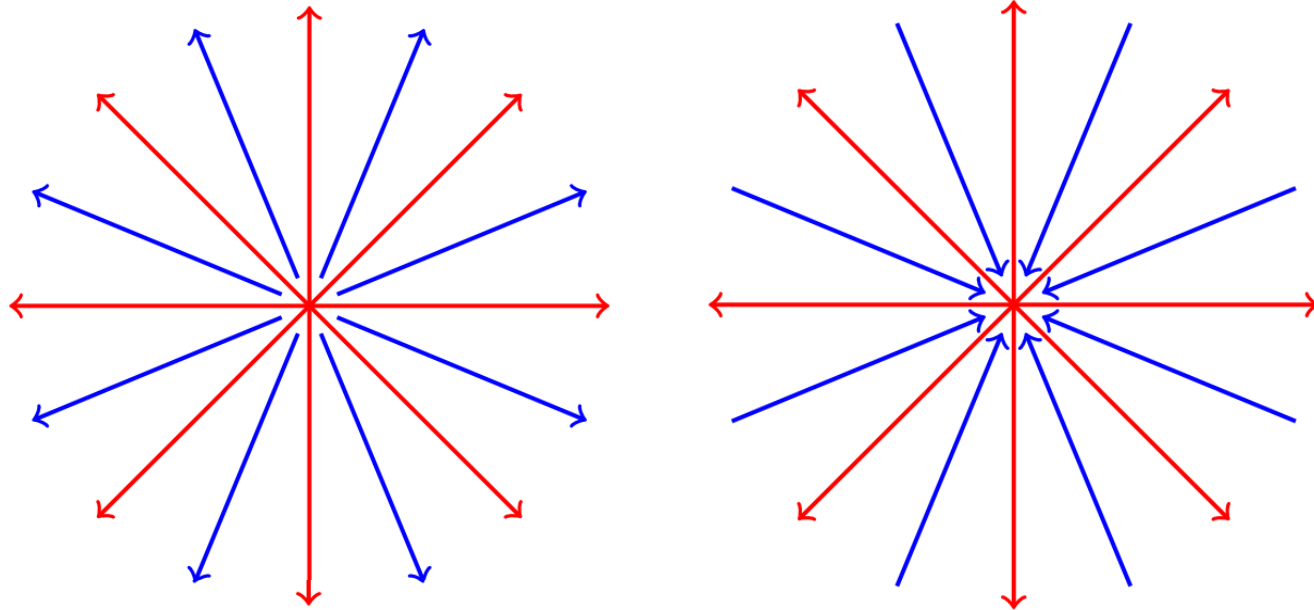
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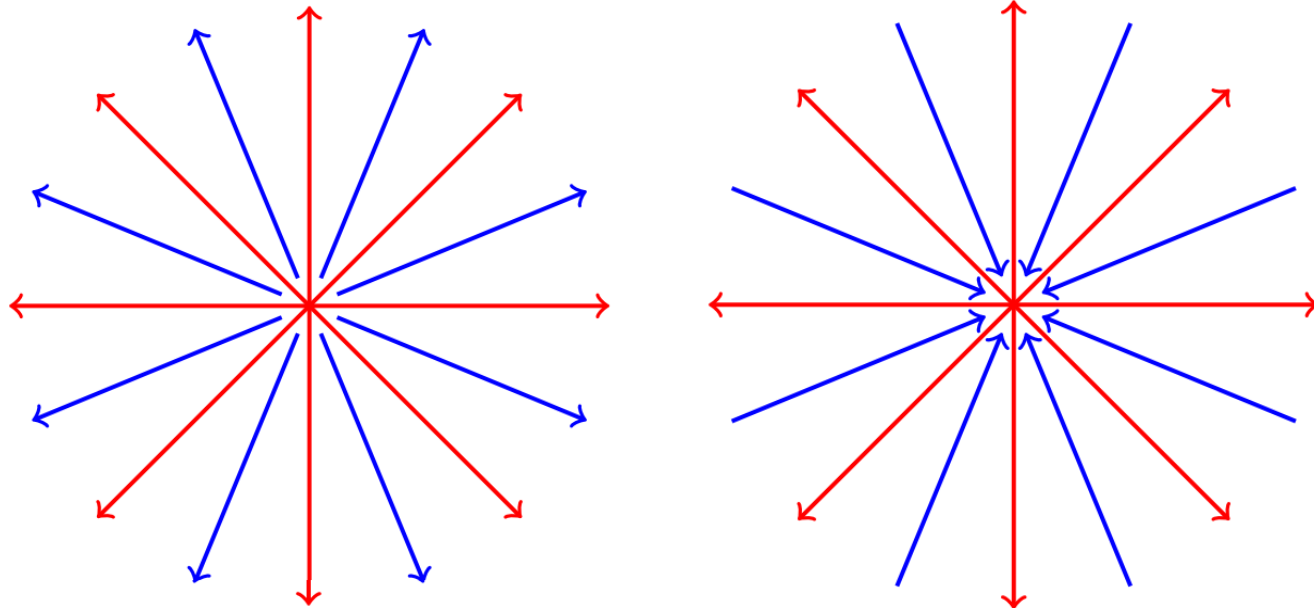
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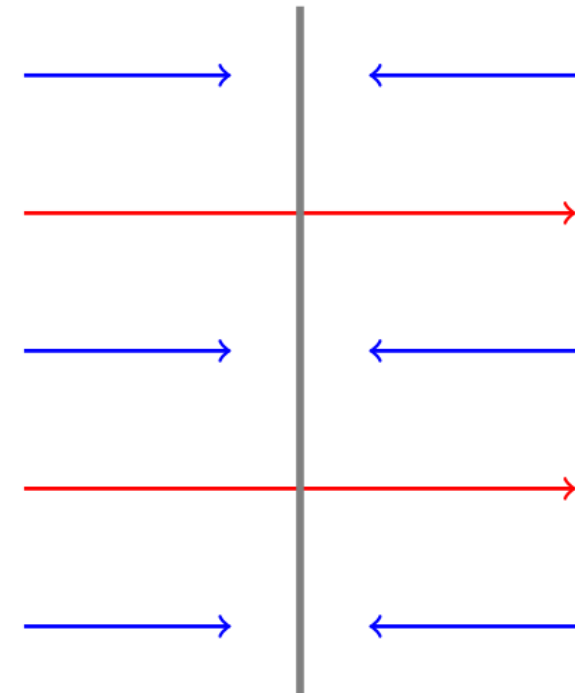
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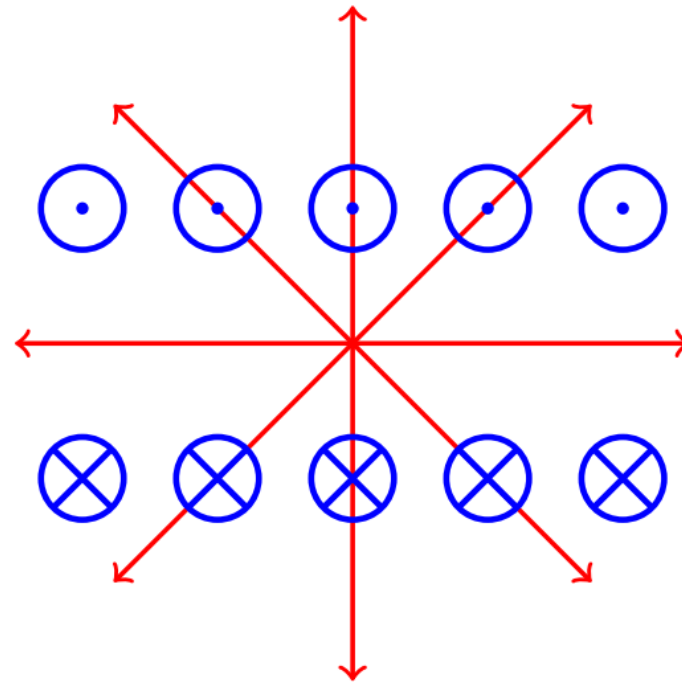
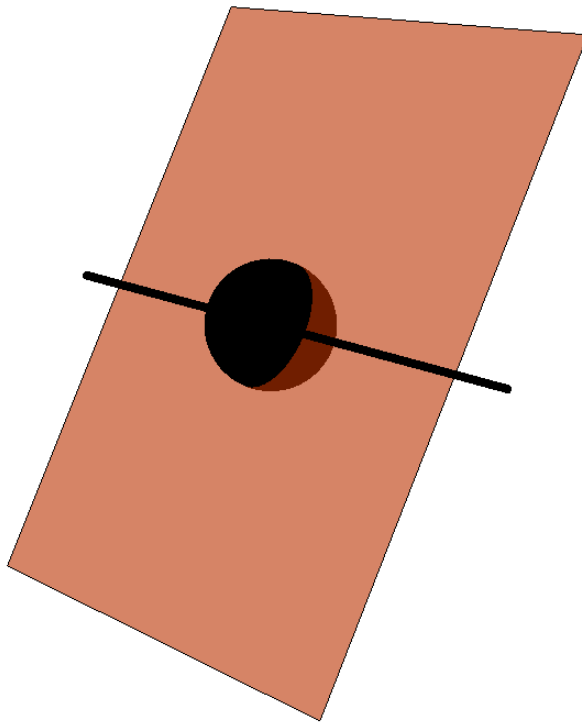
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**Domain walls** between the parallel and antiparallel regimes can form



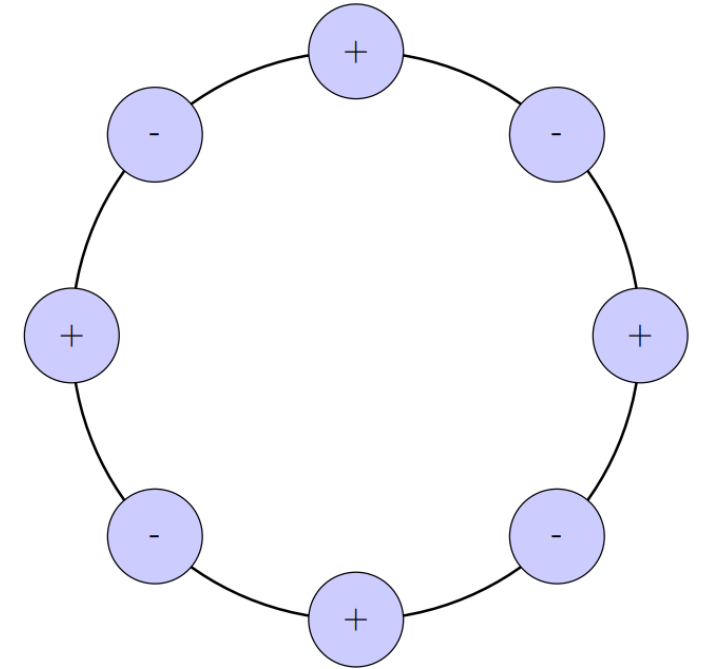
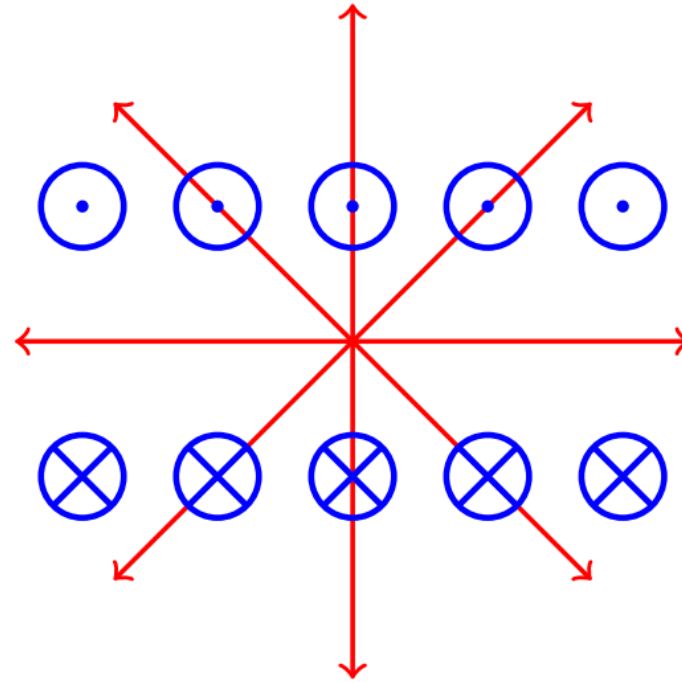
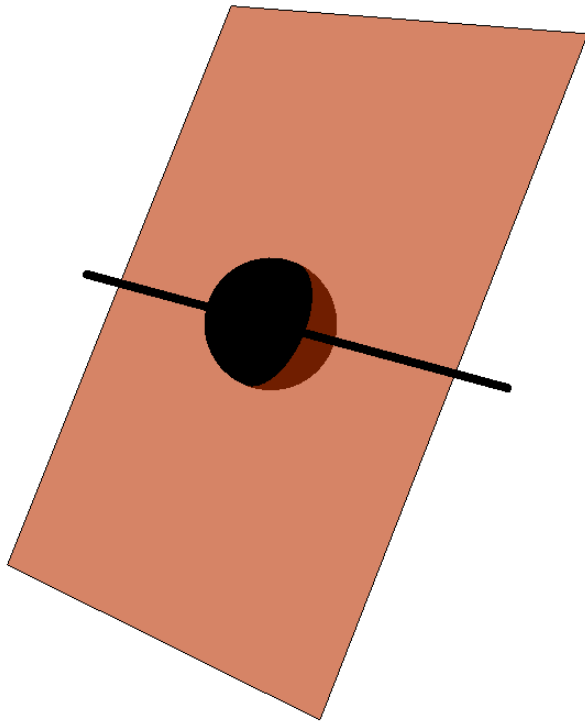
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**Monopole Necklace:**  
Monopoles connected  
by strings

# Summary

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- Quantum corrections introduce new interactions
  - Non-trivial angle dependence
  - New types of topological defects
- Similar effect in other models:
  - 2x fundamental
  - fundamental + adjoint
  - Fermions instead of gauge fields

Thank You

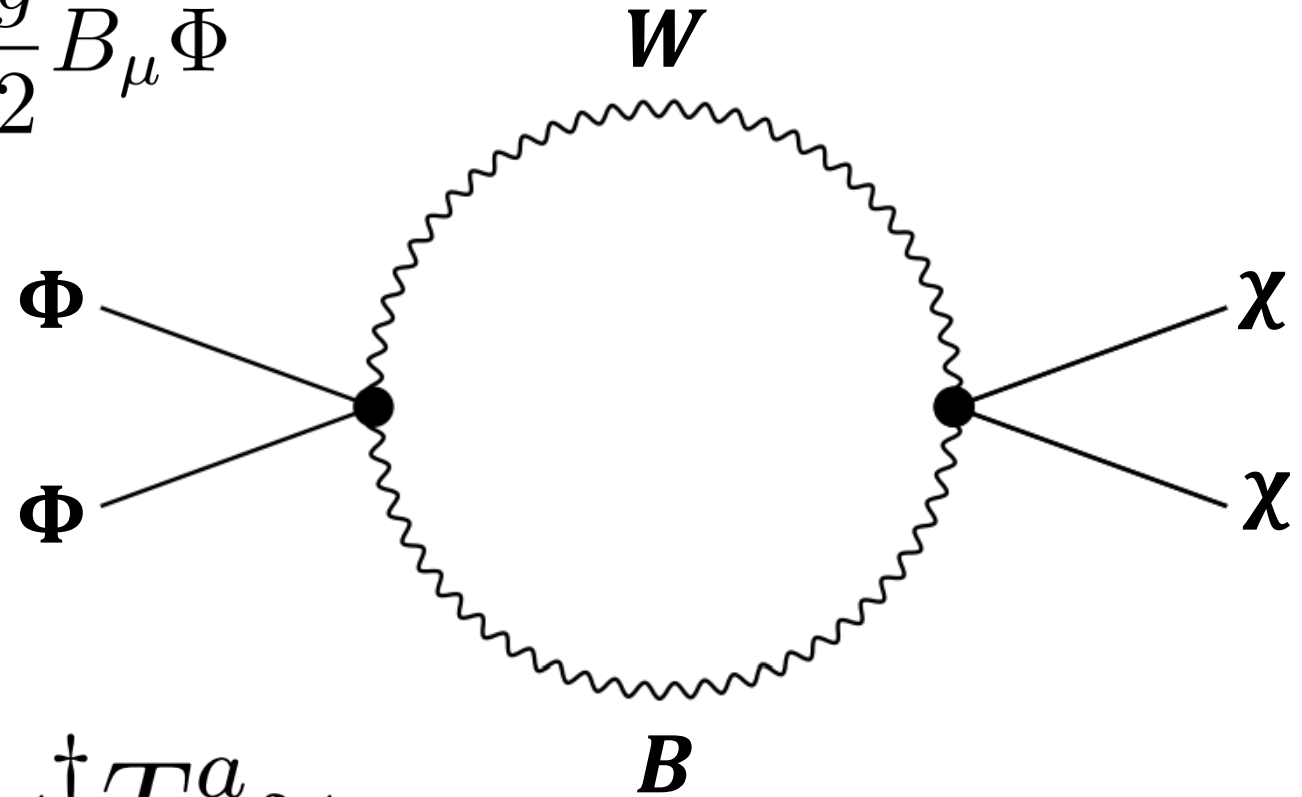
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# 2x Fundamental

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$$\sim \Phi^\dagger T^a \Phi \chi^\dagger T^a \chi$$



# Adjoint + Fundamental

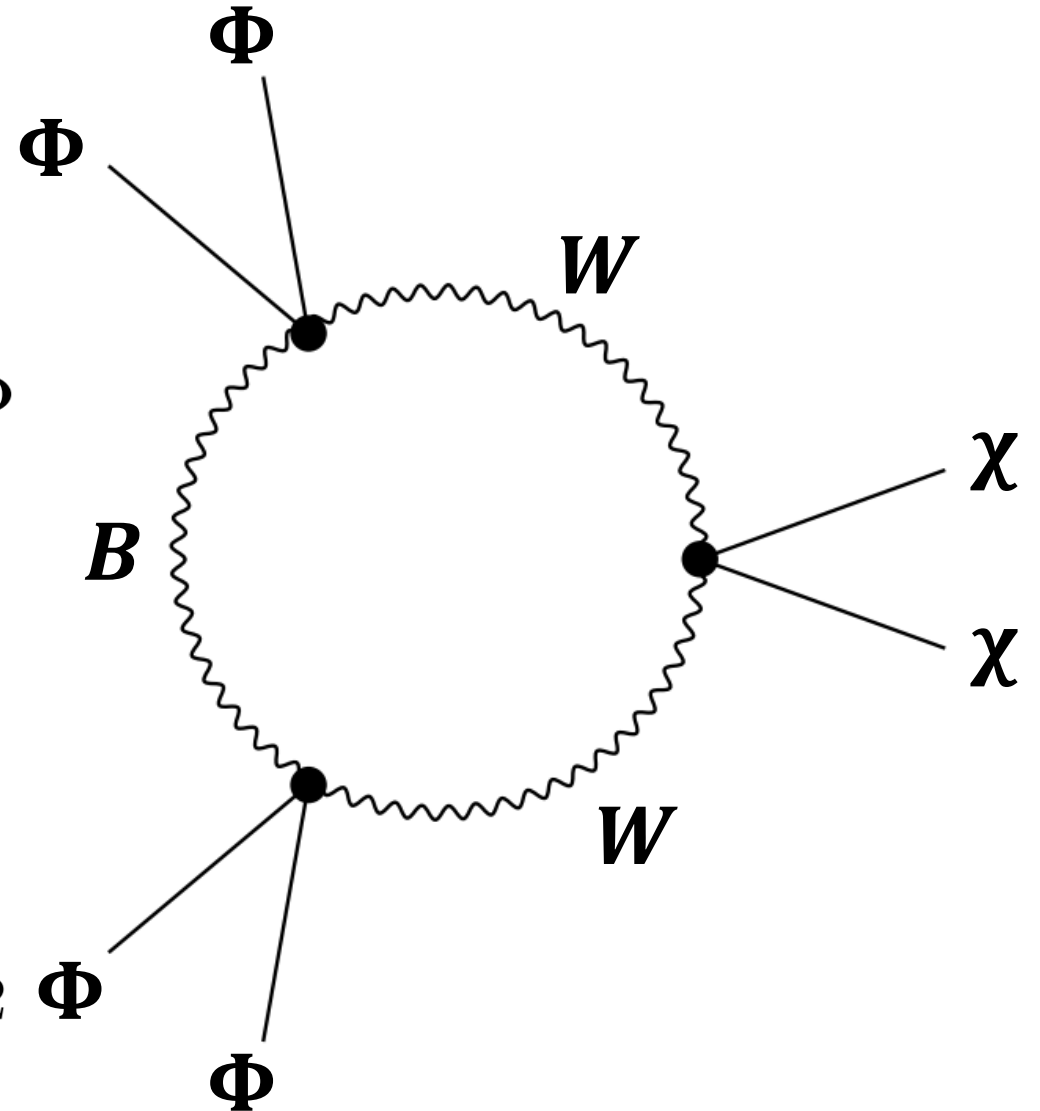
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$$\mathcal{L} \supset g^2 W_\mu^a W^{\mu b} \chi^a \chi^b$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g \tilde{g} W_\mu^a B^\mu \Phi^\dagger T^a \Phi$$

$$\sim \Phi^\dagger T^a \Phi \chi^a \chi^b \Phi^\dagger T^b \Phi = (\Phi^\dagger \chi \Phi)^2$$



# Fermions Instead of Gauge Fields

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{\psi}_1^a \chi^a \psi_2$$

$$\sim \phi^a \chi^a$$

