

Numerical simulation of fractional topological charge
in $SU(N)$ gauge theory
coupled with \mathbb{Z}_N 2-form gauge fields

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- work in progress
MA, O. Morikawa (RIKEN)
- Topology of $SU(N)$ lattice gauge theories coupled with \mathbb{Z}_N 2-form gauge fields
MA, O. Morikawa, S. Onoda, H. Suzuki and Y. Tanizaki
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Symmetry and Anomaly I

- Classical Theory : **Symmetry** \longleftrightarrow **Conservation law** (Noether Theorem)
- Quantum Theory : The conservation law may be broken (Anomaly).
 - Focus on **the Partition function**,

$$Z[A] = \int [\mathcal{D}(\text{field})] e^{S[\text{field}, A]}.$$

- How to distinguish the anomaly : Whether the Z is **invariant or not** under a transformation

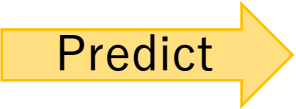
$$Z' \stackrel{?}{=} Z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow Z'[A + \partial\theta] &= \int [\mathcal{D}(\text{field})] e^{S[\text{field}, A + \partial\theta]} \\ &= \underbrace{e^{\mathcal{A}[\theta, A]}}_{\text{'t Hooft anomaly}} \underbrace{\int [\mathcal{D}(\text{field})] e^{S[\text{field}, A]}}_{= Z}. \end{aligned}$$

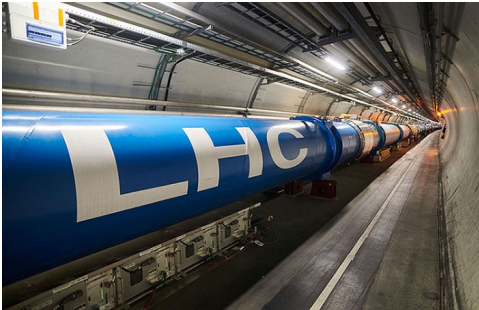
Symmetry and Anomaly II

- We can predict the **low energy dynamics** of the gauge theory.
 - ✂ Gauge theory : A theory which describes the Standard Model of particles
- ✓ e. g., we decided the theory for the strong interaction is the SU(3) gauge theory because **the theory** and **the experiment** are well matched.

Particle Theory



Particle Experiment



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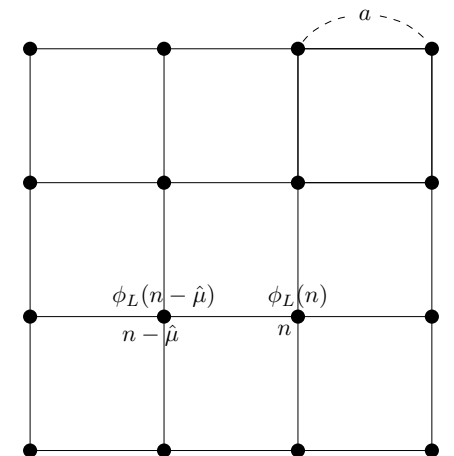
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Recent Developments in Anomalies

- Recently, Gaiotto et al. has extended the concept of symmetry. : Generalized Symmetry
(Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willett, arXiv:1412.5148[hep-th])
 - By anomalies with generalized (and discrete) symmetries, the low energy dynamics of gauge theories has been discussed. (Gaiotto, Kapustin, Komargodski, Seiberg, arXiv:1703.00501[hep-th])
 - Many new anomalies have been discovered and related studies has been done.
 - ✓ Yamaguchi, arXiv:1811.09390[hep-th]
 - ✓ Hidaka, Hirono, Nitta, Tanizaki, Yokokura, arXiv:1903.06389[hep-th]
 - ✓ Honda, Tanizaki, arXiv:2009.10183[hep-th]
 - ✓ etc.

☆ Our Motivation : Understand these anomalies in the **lattice field theory** where we treat the regularization well.

Lattice Gauge Theory



Anomaly of the $SU(N)$ gauge theory with θ term

- The $SU(N)$ gauge theory with the θ term has the time reversal (\mathcal{T}) symmetry at $\theta = \pi$.

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}a e^{S[a]} = \int \mathcal{D}a e^{S_{SU(N)}[a]} e^{i\theta Q[a]}, \quad Q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\theta=\pi, \mathcal{T} \text{ trans.}} Z' = \int \mathcal{D}a e^{S_{SU(N)}[a]} e^{i\pi(-Q[a])} = \int \mathcal{D}a e^{S_{SU(N)}[a]} e^{i\pi(+Q[a])} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi Q[a]}}_{=1} = Z$$

- Then, we construct the $SU(N)$ gauge theory with the higher form symmetry (\mathbb{Z}_N 1-form symmetry). This means we couple \mathbb{Z}_N 2-form gauge field to the theory.
 - The topological charge (TC) becomes fractional, so it is not invariant under the \mathcal{T} transformation.

Important!!

$$e^{-i2\pi Q} \neq 1$$

- This theory at $\theta = \pi$ has the mixed anomaly between the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form and \mathcal{T} symmetry.

\mathbb{Z}_N 1-form Global Transformation on the Lattice

- Lattice $SU(N)$ gauge theory, the action is

$$S_W[U_l] \equiv \sum \beta [\text{tr}(\mathbb{1} - U_p)].$$

- Center transformation (\mathbb{Z}_N 1-form global transformation) on the lattice acts on the link variables,

$$U_l \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} k} U_l, \quad W(C) \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} k} W(C).$$

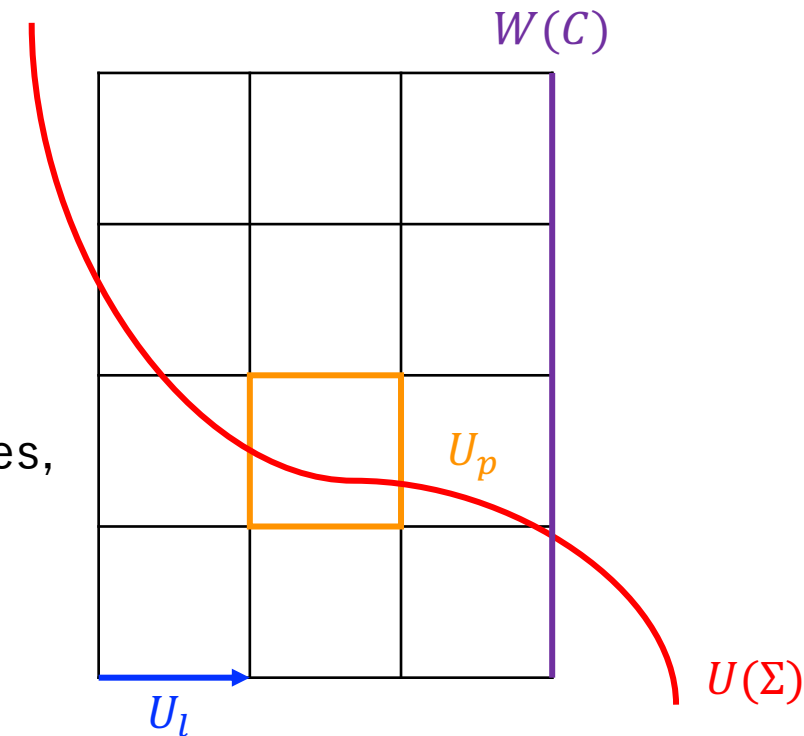
- ✘ Under this 1-form global transformation the Wilson line changes,

$$\langle U_\alpha(\Sigma) W(C) \dots \rangle = e^{-i\alpha} \langle W(C) \dots \rangle$$

- The transition function satisfies the cocycle condition still.

$$v_{n-\hat{\mu},\nu}(x) v_{n,\mu}(x) v_{n,\nu}(x)^{-1} v_{n-\hat{\nu},\mu}(x)^{-1} = \mathbb{1}.$$

transition function



\mathbb{Z}_N 1-form Gauge Transformation on the Lattice

- Gauging the center symmetry, the action becomes

$$S_W[U_\ell, B_p] = \sum_p \beta \left[\text{tr} \left(\mathbb{1} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_p U_p} \right) \right].$$

- Invariant under the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form gauge transformation,

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

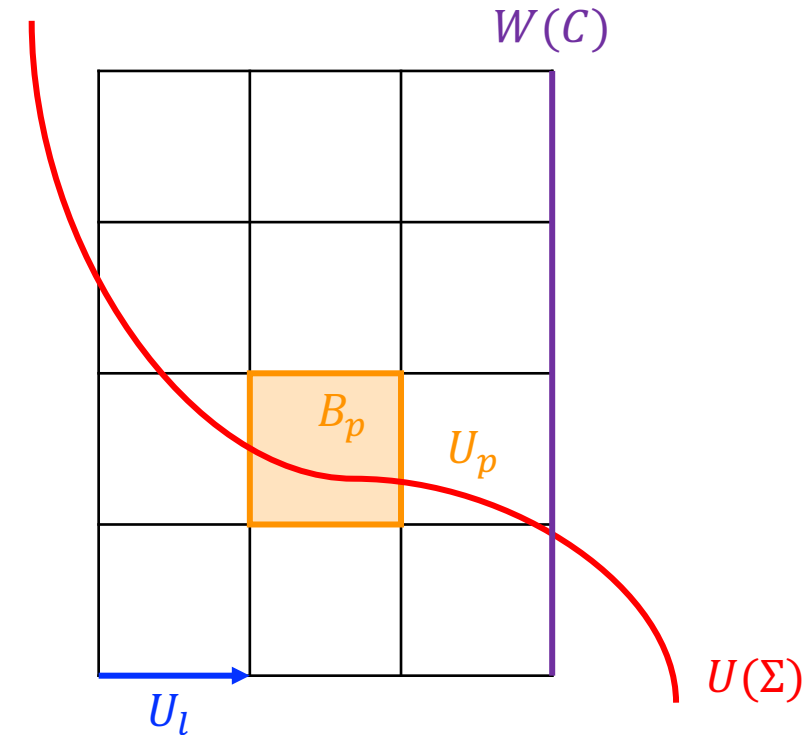
- The cocycle condition is relaxed,

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

- ※ 't Hooft twisted boundary condition

$$U(n + L\hat{\nu}, \mu) = g_{n,\mu}^{-1} U(n, \mu) g_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu}$$

$$g_{n+L\hat{\nu},\mu}^{-1} g_{n,\nu}^{-1} g_{n,\mu} g_{n+L\hat{\mu},\nu} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N} z_{\mu\nu}}, \quad z_{\mu\nu} = \sum_p B_p \text{ mod } N.$$



Topological Charge on the Lattice

- How to calculate the topological charge Q ,

$$Q = -\frac{1}{24\pi^2} \sum_n \sum_{\mu,\nu,\rho,\sigma} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \int_{f(n,\mu)} d^3x \operatorname{tr} \left[(v_{n,\mu}^{-1} \partial_\nu v_{n,\mu}) (v_{n,\mu}^{-1} \partial_\rho v_{n,\mu}) (v_{n,\mu}^{-1} \partial_\sigma v_{n,\mu}) \right] \\ - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_n \sum_{\mu,\nu,\rho,\sigma} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \int_{p(n,\mu,\nu)} d^2x \operatorname{tr} \left[(v_{n,\mu} \partial_\rho v_{n,\mu}^{-1}) (v_{n-\hat{\mu},\nu}^{-1} \partial_\sigma v_{n-\hat{\mu},\nu}) \right].$$

- $v_{n,\mu}(x)$ is the gauge translation function (**transition function**).
- On the lattice, topological values are ill-defined.
 - Restricting the size of plaquette (**admissibility condition**), Lüscher constructed **integral** TC on the lattice (Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 85 (1982)).
 - We aim to construct the **fractional** TC on the $SU(N)$ lattice by extended the Lüscher's topological charge.
 - ✓ Itou, arXiv:1811.05708[hep-th]
 - ✓ Anosova, Gattringer, Göschl, Sulejmanpasic, Törek, arXiv:1912.11685 [hep-lat]

Transition Function for Fractional TC

- Coupling \mathbb{Z}_N 2-form field to the theory, the structure of fiber bundle becomes rich.

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

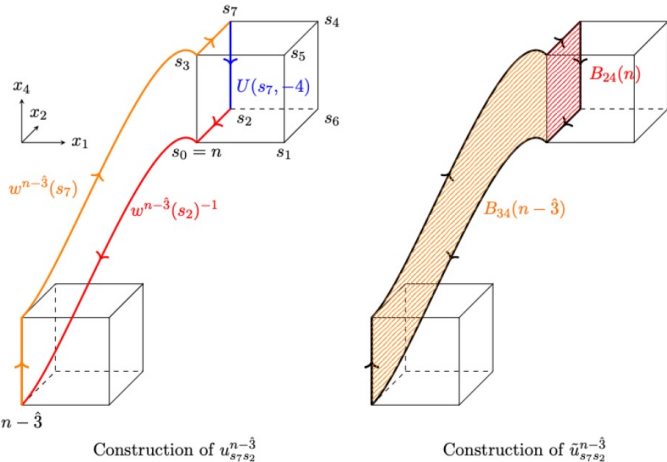
- We find that **the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form gauge invariance** plays the center role.

Admissibility condition

$$\|\mathbb{1} - \tilde{U}_p(n)\| < \varepsilon,$$

$$\tilde{U}_p \equiv e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_{\mu\nu}(n)} U_p.$$

Components of transition function



Fractional Topological charge

- By the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form invariant transition function, we calculate TC,

$$z_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{p \in (T^2)_{\mu\nu}} B_p \quad \text{mod } N,$$

$$Q_{\text{top}} = -\frac{1}{N} \int_{T^4} \frac{1}{2} P_2(B_p) \text{ mod } 1 \in -\frac{1}{N} \frac{\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} z_{\mu\nu} z_{\rho\sigma}}{8} + \mathbb{Z},$$

$$P_2(B_p) = B_p \cup B_p + B_p \cup_1 dB_p.$$

- In the $U(1)$ lattice gauge theory, we make sure that (cf. Abe, Morikawa, Suzuki, arXiv:2210.12967[hep-th])

$$Q_{\text{top}} = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu, \nu, \rho, \sigma} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}(n) \tilde{F}_{\rho\sigma}(n + \hat{\mu} + \hat{\nu}) \in \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}.$$

Numerical Simulation of Topological Charge

- Simulate the topological charge on the lattice
 - ▣ Teper, *Nucl.Phys.B Proc.Suppl.* 83 (2000)
 - ▣ Ali Khan, *et.al*, *Phys. RevD.* 64.114501 (2001)
 - ▣ Itou, *JHEP*, 05, 09 3(2019)
 - ▣ Mon 15:15 (Antonio Gonzalez-Arroyo), Mon 15:35 (Ivan Soler), Tue 14:05 (Benjamin Jaeger)

← To get the “integer” value

- ✓ Improved topological operator

$$Q_{\text{imp}} = \sum_{x_n} \{c_0 Q_L^P(x_n) + c_1 Q_L^R(x_n)\}$$

- ✓ Cooling step

- ▣ Weisz, *Nucl. Phys.* B212,1 (1983)
- ▣ Lüscher, *Commun. Math. Phys.* 97, 59(1985)

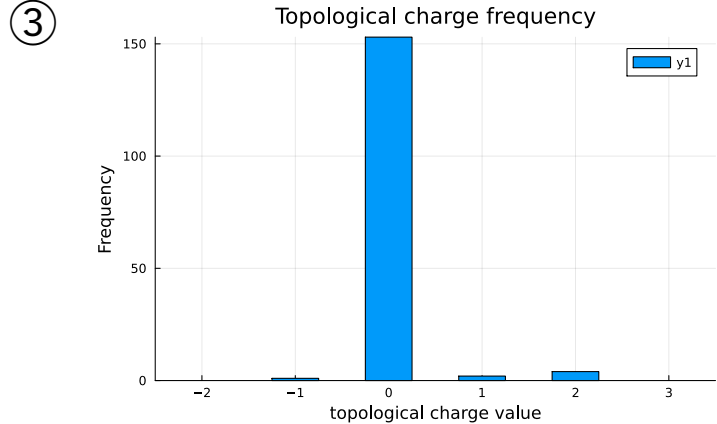
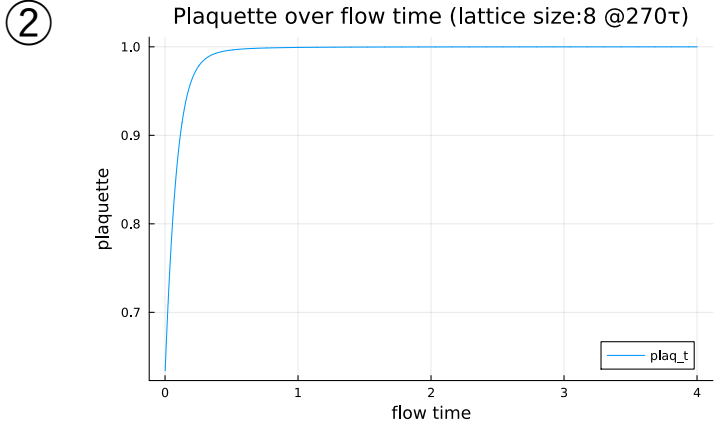
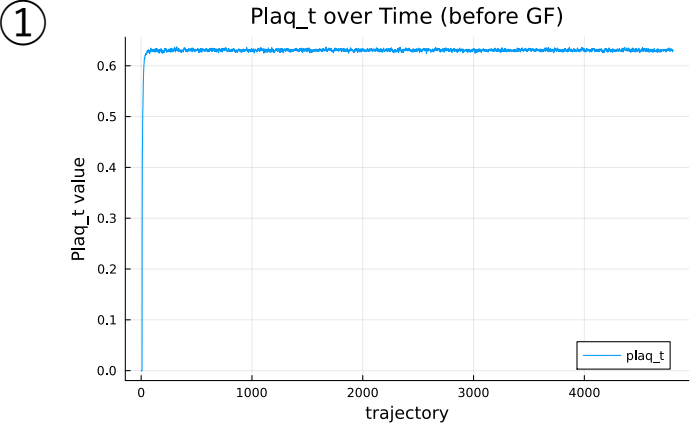
$$C_{\mu\nu}^P = \text{Im} \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}$$

$$C_{\mu\nu}^R = \text{Im} \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}$$

Integer topological charge

✓ Using LatticeQCD.jl (<https://github.com/akio-tomiya/LatticeQCD.jl>)

- ① Get gauge configurations by Hybrid Monte Carlo method ($\beta = 6.0$, lattice size 8) (Schaefer, Sommer, Virota, arXiv:1009.5228 [hep-lat])
- ② Take smooth configurations by gradient flow
- ③ Calculate topological charge at each trajectory



Fractional topological charge

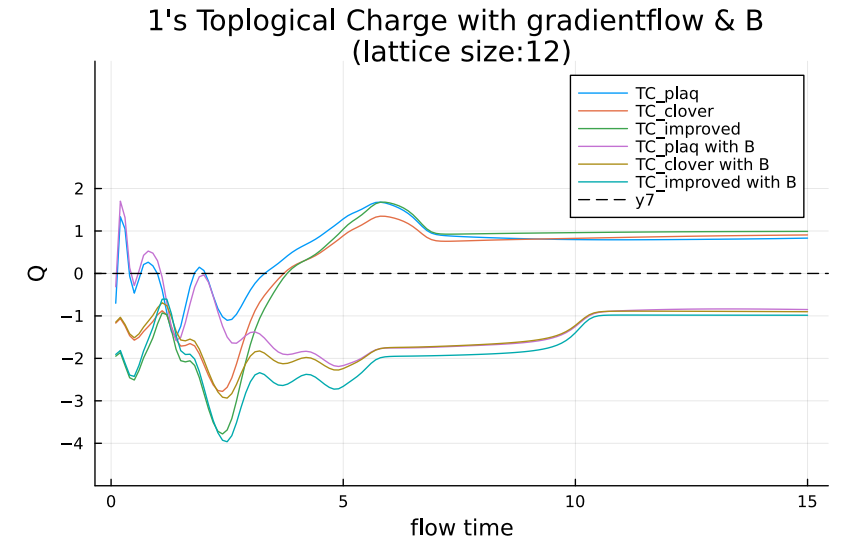
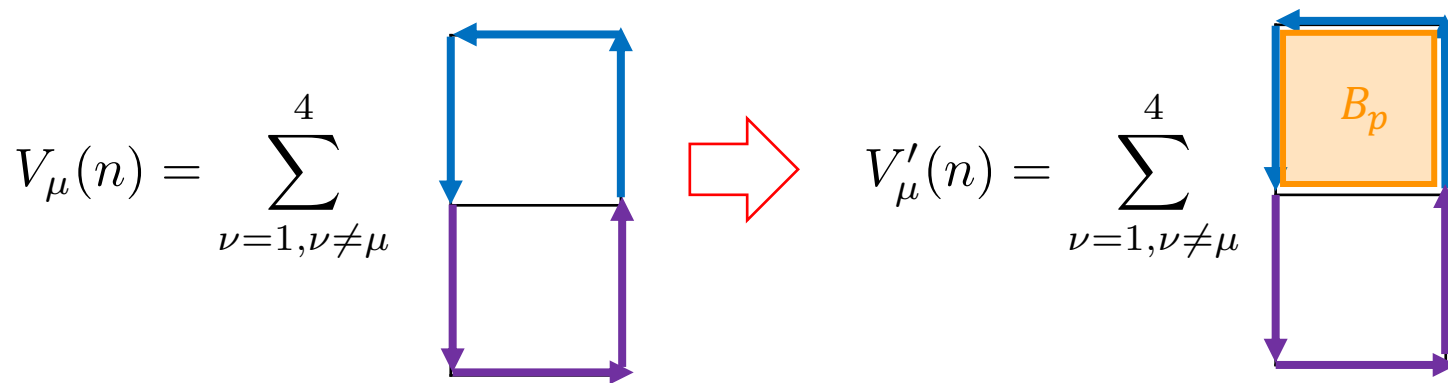
$$S_W[U_l] \equiv \sum_p \beta [\text{tr}(\mathbb{1} - U_p) + \text{c.c.}]$$

$$S_W[U_\ell, B_p] = \sum_p \beta \left[\text{tr} \left(\mathbb{1} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} B_p} U_p \right) + \text{c.c.} \right],$$

$$\sum_{p \in \partial f} B_p = 0 \text{ mod } N$$

➤ By this action, do ①~③ step

✂ Step ①, ② includes staples,
so we also couple \mathbb{Z}_N 2-form gauge fields with staples.



Conclusion & Future Work

☆ Conclusion

- Construct the fractional topological charge on the lattice
- Simulate the fractional topological charge

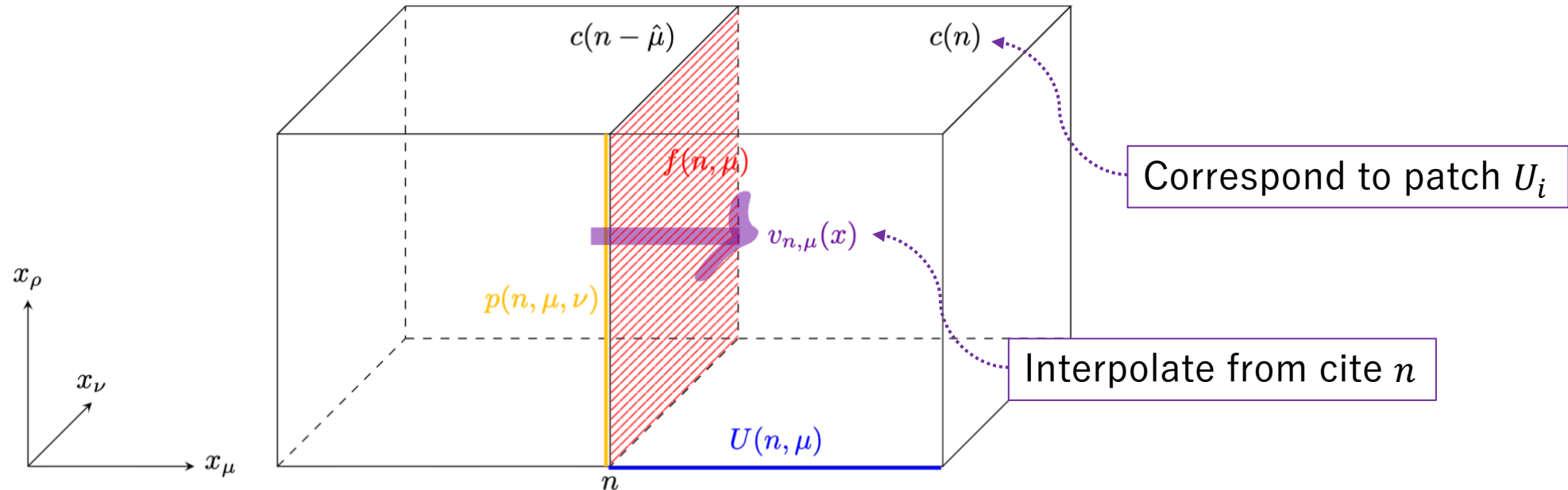
☆ Future Work

- Application to Berry phase
(Fukui, *et.al*, *JPSJ*.74.1674(2005))
- Phase structure vs Sign problem
 - Gaiotto, *et.al*, *JHEP*, 05, 091 (2017)
- Numerical simulation to other lattice
 - Phillips, Stone, *Commun. Math. Phys.* 103, 599, 636 (1986)
 - Budich, Ardonne, *Phys. Rev. B* **88**, 035139 (2013)

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To Construct Topological Charge on the Lattice

- The manifold is divided by hyper cubes $c(n)$.
- e. g., in the 3d,



Anomaly I

- Again, the action on the lattice is

$$S[U_l, B_p] \equiv -S_W[U_l, B_p] + i\theta Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p].$$

- The topological charge is

$$Q_{\text{top}} = -\frac{1}{N} \int_{T^4} \frac{1}{2} P_2(B_p) + \mathbb{Z} \equiv \text{frac}[B_p] + \text{int}[U_l, B_p].$$

- ✧ Manifestly invariant under the \mathbb{Z}_N one-form gauge transformation
- We discuss the anomaly at $\theta = \pi$ between the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form gauge and θ shift.

Anomaly II

- At $\theta = \pi$, the partition function is, under \mathcal{T} transformation,

$$Z[B_p] = \int \mathcal{D}U_l e^{S[U_l, B_p]} = \int \mathcal{D}U_l e^{-S_W[U_l, B_p]} e^{i\theta Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p]}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\theta=\pi, \theta \text{ shift.}} Z'[B_p] = \int \mathcal{D}U_l e^{-S_W[U_l, B_p]} e^{i\pi(-Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p])} = \int \mathcal{D}U_l e^{-S_W[U_l, B_p]} e^{i\pi Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p]} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p]}}_{=e^{-i2\pi \text{int}[U_l, B_p]} e^{-i2\pi \text{frac}[B_p]}}$$

$$= e^{-i2\pi \text{frac}[B_p]} \underbrace{\int \mathcal{D}U_l e^{-S_W[U_l, B_p]} e^{i\pi Q_{\text{top}}[U_l, B_p]}}_{=Z} \neq Z[B_p]$$

- This means that there is the anomaly at $\theta = \pi$ between the \mathbb{Z}_N 1-form gauge and θ shift.

Topological Charge with gradientflow & B (lattice size:12)

