

More General Axions

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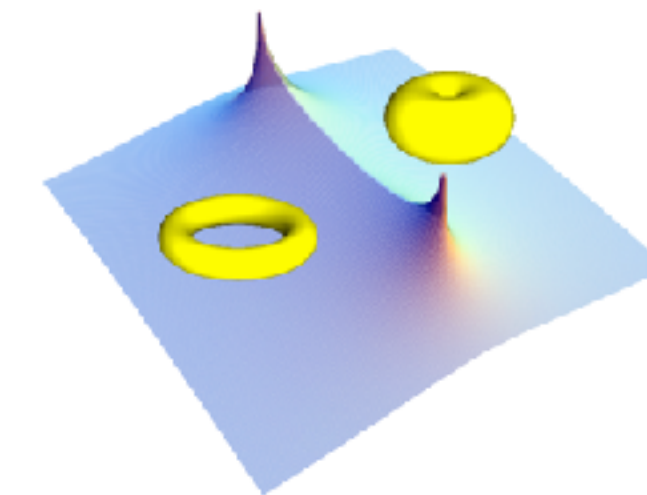


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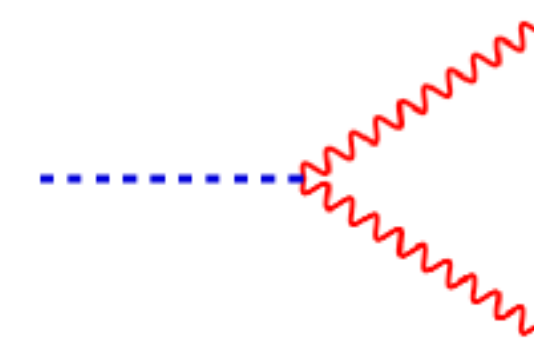
Claims, Counter Claims
and Duality



Seiberg-Witten



Axion Coupling



Conclusions



Axion-gauge coupling quantization with a twist

Matthew Reece

ABSTRACT: The possible couplings of an axion to gauge fields depend on the global structure of the gauge group. If the Standard Model gauge group is minimal, or equivalently if fractionally charged color-singlet particles are forbidden, then the QCD axion's Chern-Simons couplings to photons and gluons obey correlated quantization conditions. Specifically, the photon coupling can have a fractional part which is a multiple of $1/3$, but which is

Photophilic hadronic axion from heavy magnetic monopoles

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ABSTRACT: We propose a model for the QCD axion which is realized through a coupling of the Peccei-Quinn scalar field to magnetically charged fermions at high energies. We show that the axion of this model solves the strong CP problem and then integrate out heavy magnetic monopoles using the Schwinger proper time method. We find that the model discussed yields axion couplings to the Standard Model which are drastically different from the ones calculated within the KSVZ/DFSZ-type models, so that large part of the corre-

Shift Symmetry



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = -\frac{1}{4e^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\theta}{16\pi^2} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

symmetry $T : \theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$

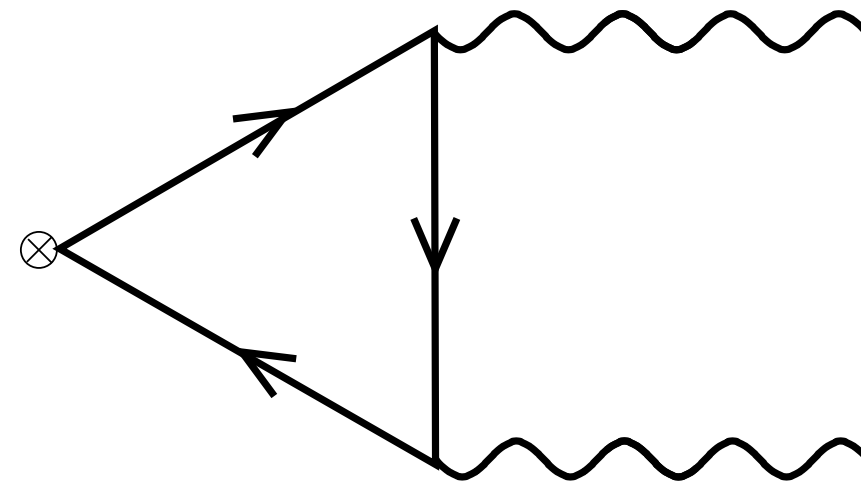
Atiyah-Singer



$$n_L - n_R = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \partial_\mu j_A^\mu(x) = \int d^4x \frac{q^2}{16\pi^2} F \tilde{F} = q^2 Ch_2$$

$$\theta \mapsto \theta + 2\pi : \quad e^{iS[A,\theta]} \rightarrow e^{iS[A,\theta]} \exp \left[-2\pi i \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int F \tilde{F} \right]$$

Axial Anomaly Revisited



$$\partial_\mu j_A^\mu = \sum_i \left(\frac{e^2 q_i^2}{16\pi^2} - \frac{g_i^2}{e^2} \right) F^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$q_i g_j = \frac{n}{2} \quad (e q_i) \left(\frac{4\pi}{e} g_j \right) = 2\pi n$$

Csaki, Shirman, JT [hep-th/1003.0448](#)

E-M Duality



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &\rightarrow \vec{B} \\ \vec{B} &\rightarrow -\vec{E}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Heaviside, Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. A 183 (1893) 423

Shift + Duality



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$$\tau \equiv \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{e^2}$$

EM duality $S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$

SL(2,Z) Duality



$$\tau \equiv \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{4\pi i}{e^2} \quad S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} \quad T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$$

$$\tau' = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$

$$K^\mu \rightarrow aK'^\mu + cJ'^\mu, \quad J^\mu \rightarrow bK'^\mu + dJ'^\mu$$

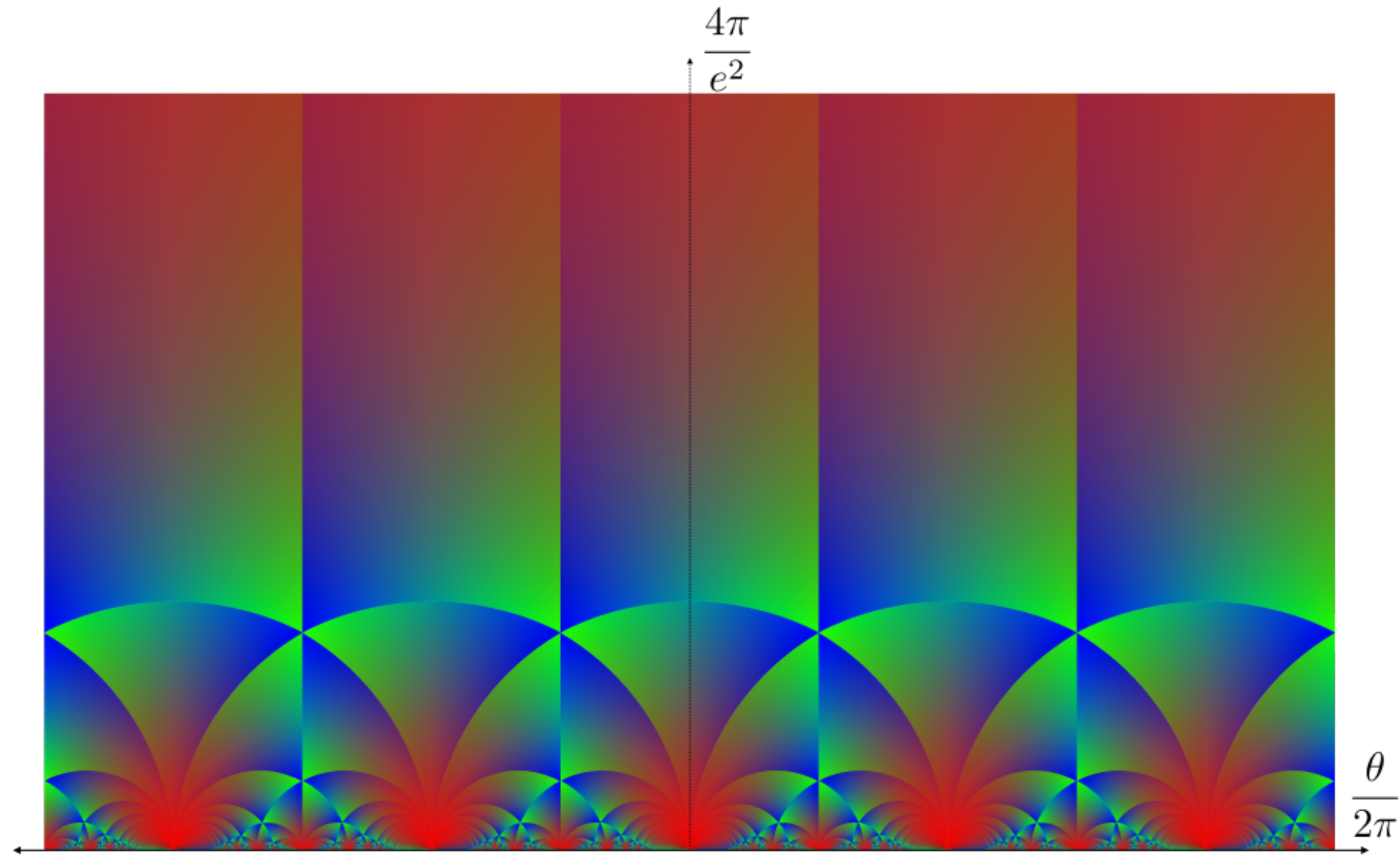
$$ad - bc = 1$$



duality not a symmetry

Cardy and Rabinovici Nucl. Phys. B205 (1982) 1

Tiling the coupling plane



Maxwell Eq.



$$\frac{\text{Im}(\tau)}{4\pi} \partial_\mu (F^{\mu\nu} + i^* F^{\mu\nu}) = J^\nu - \bar{\tau} K^\nu$$

duality covariant

includes Witten effect

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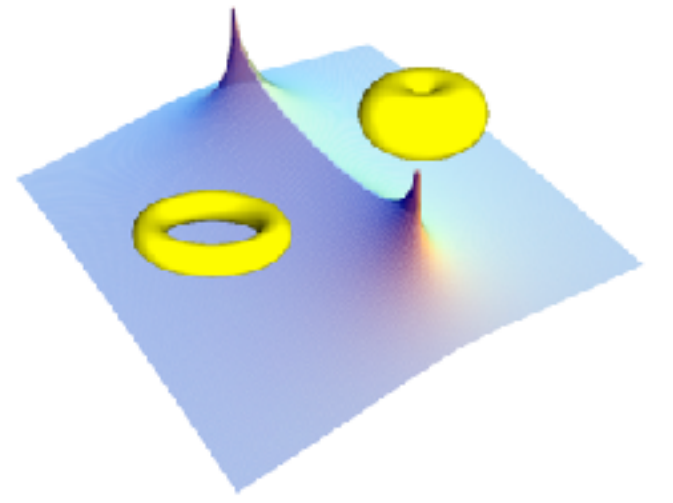
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Sikivie-Maxwell Eq.

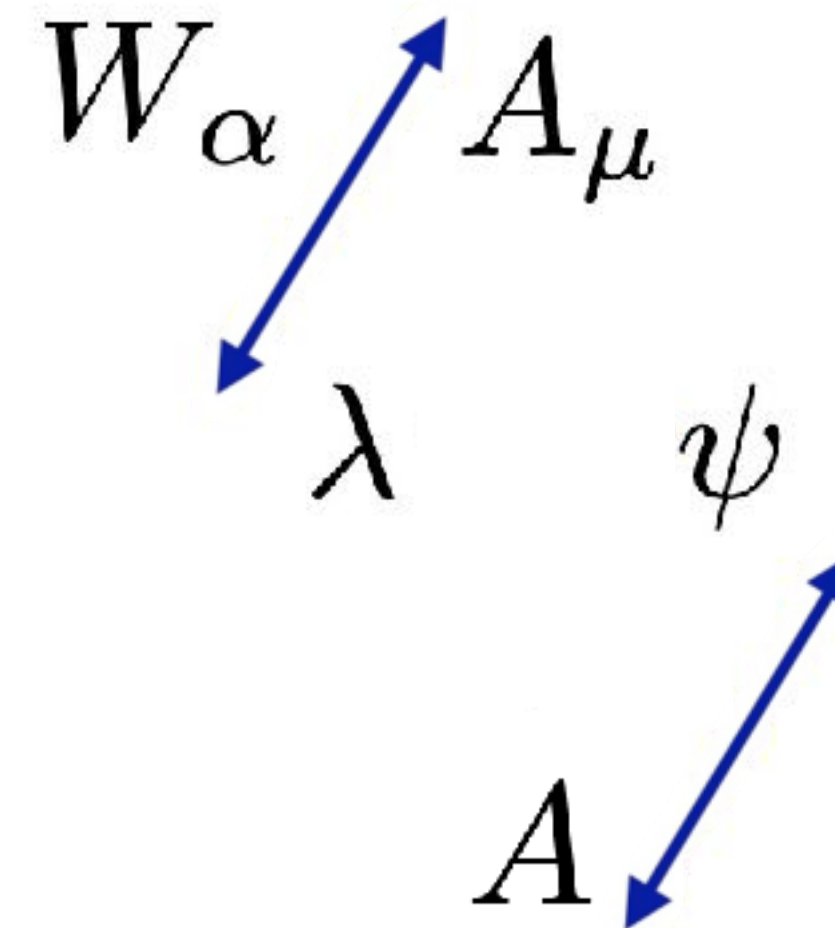
$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = g \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu a, \quad \partial_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

naively duality violating!

Seiberg-Witten

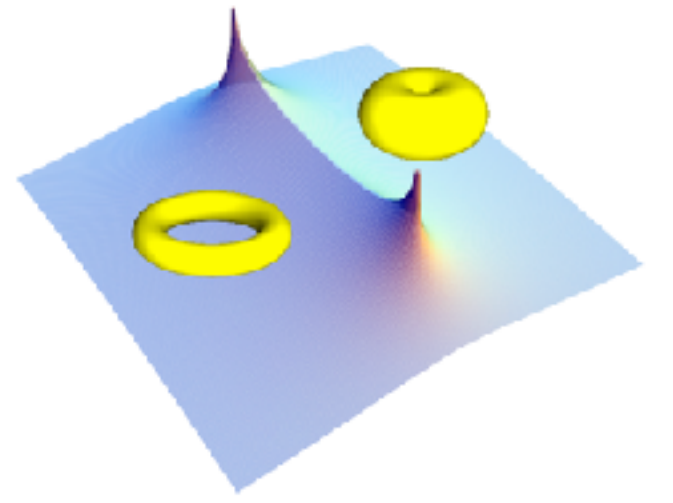


$$\mathcal{N} = 2, \quad SU(2)$$

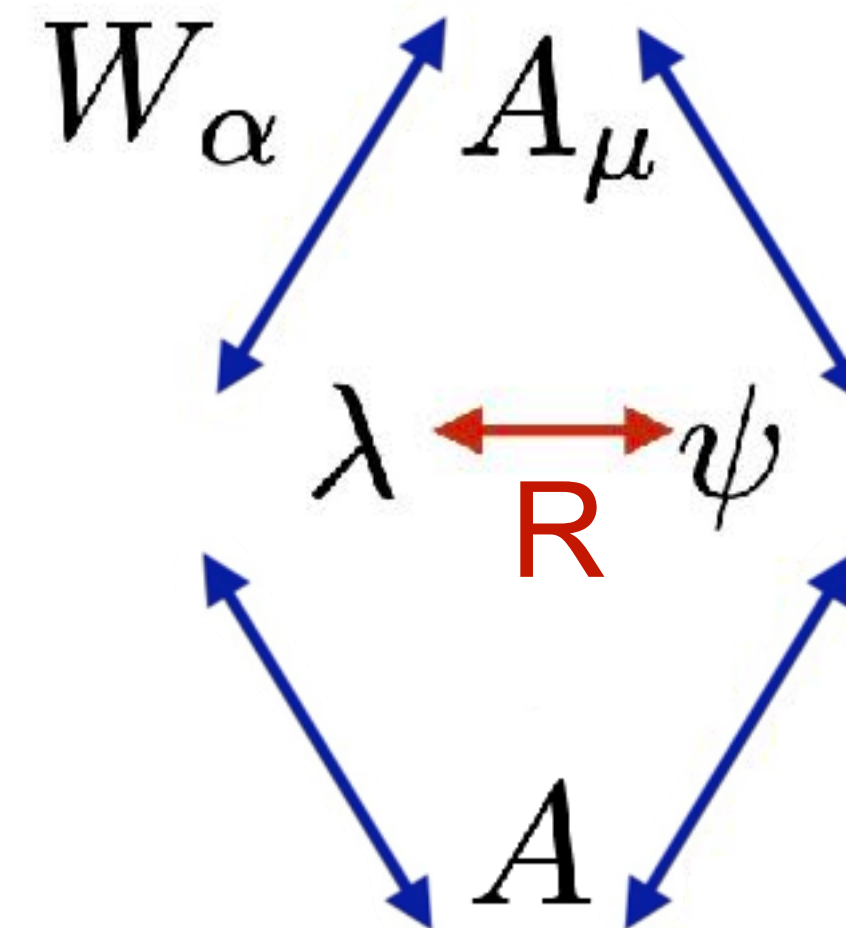


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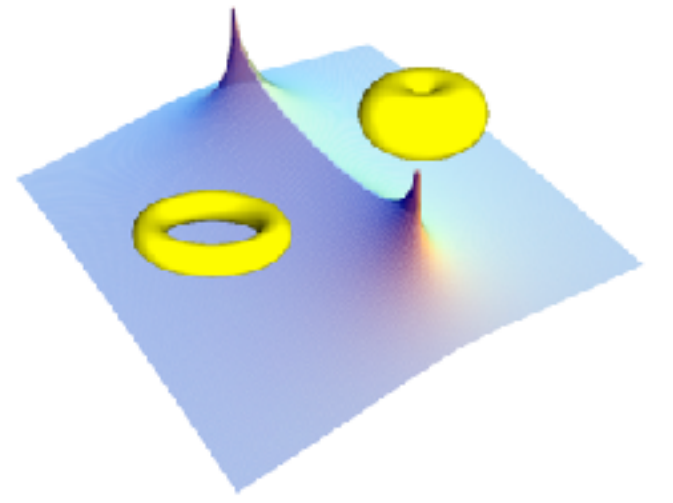


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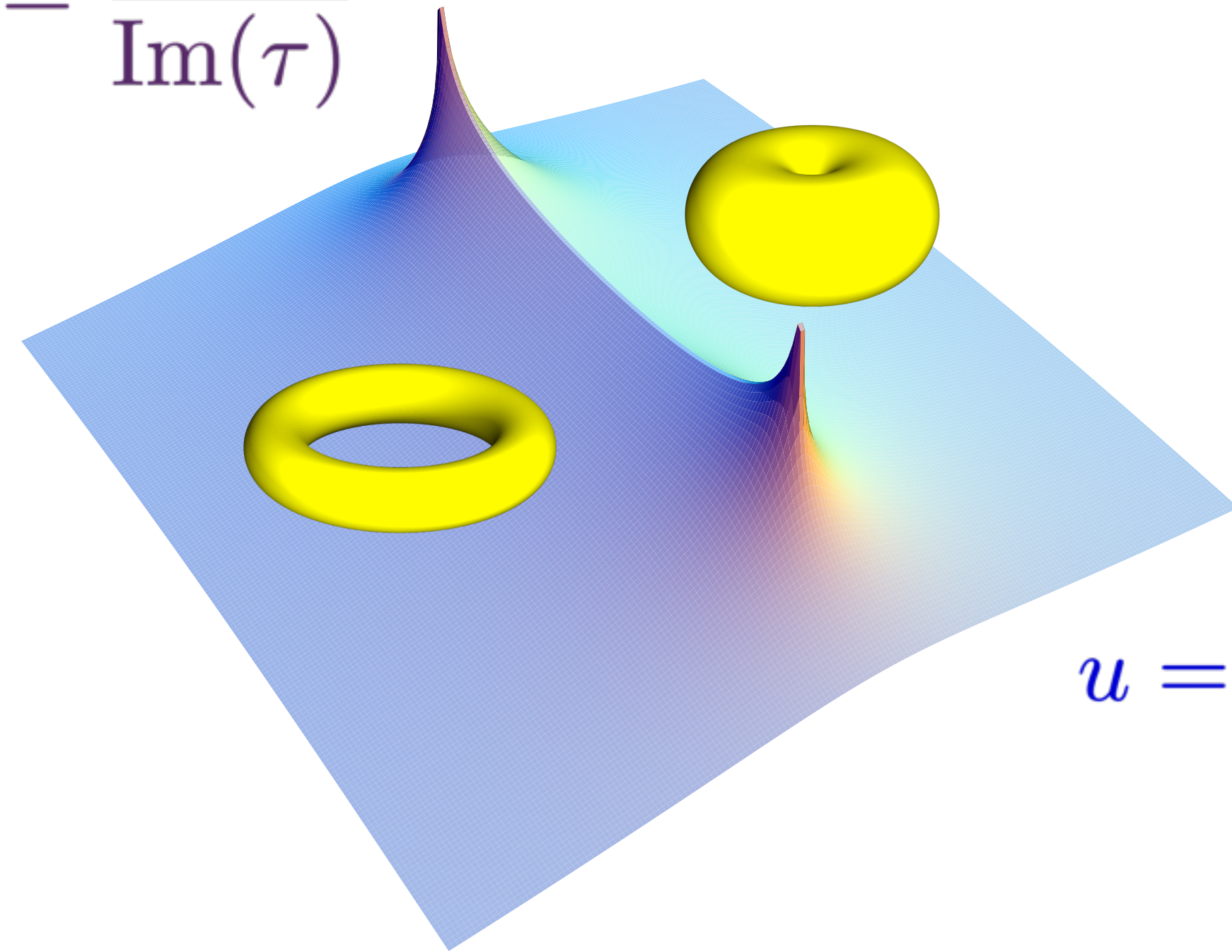


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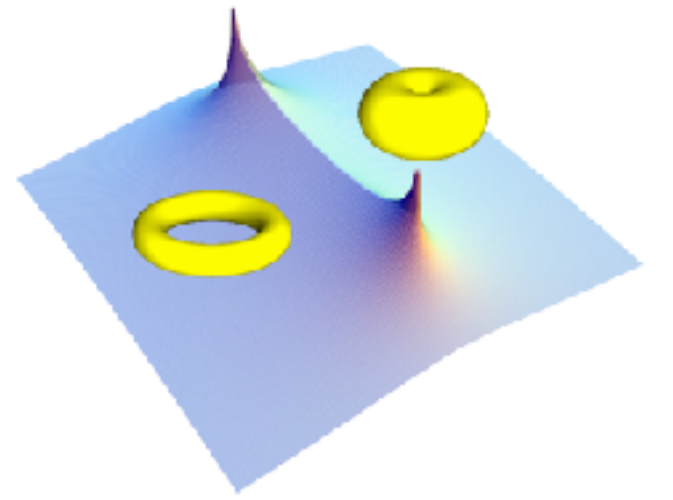
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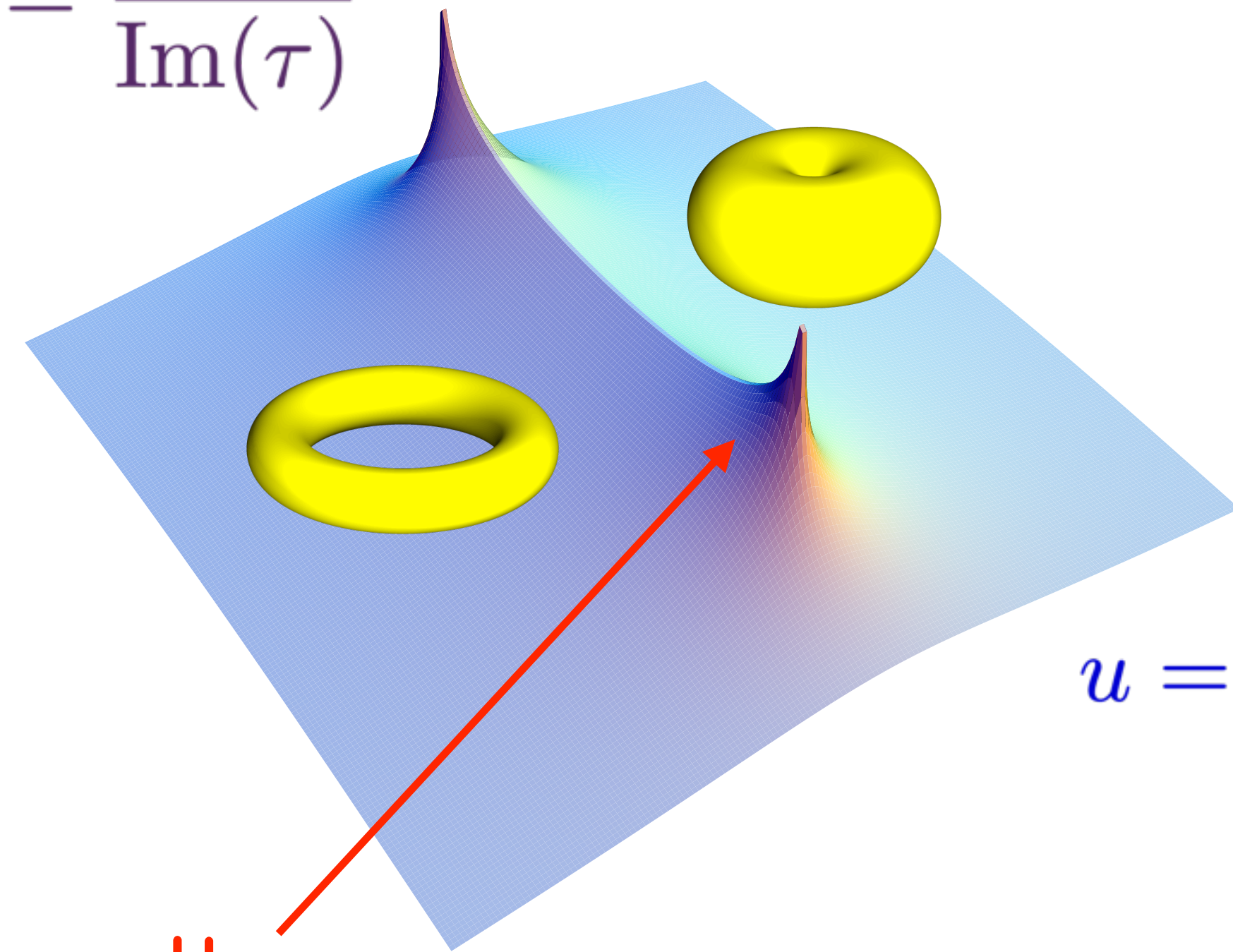
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Seiberg-Witten



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massless monopoles
size smaller than Compton wavelength

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Seiberg-Witten

Higgs $SU(2) \rightarrow \text{EM}$

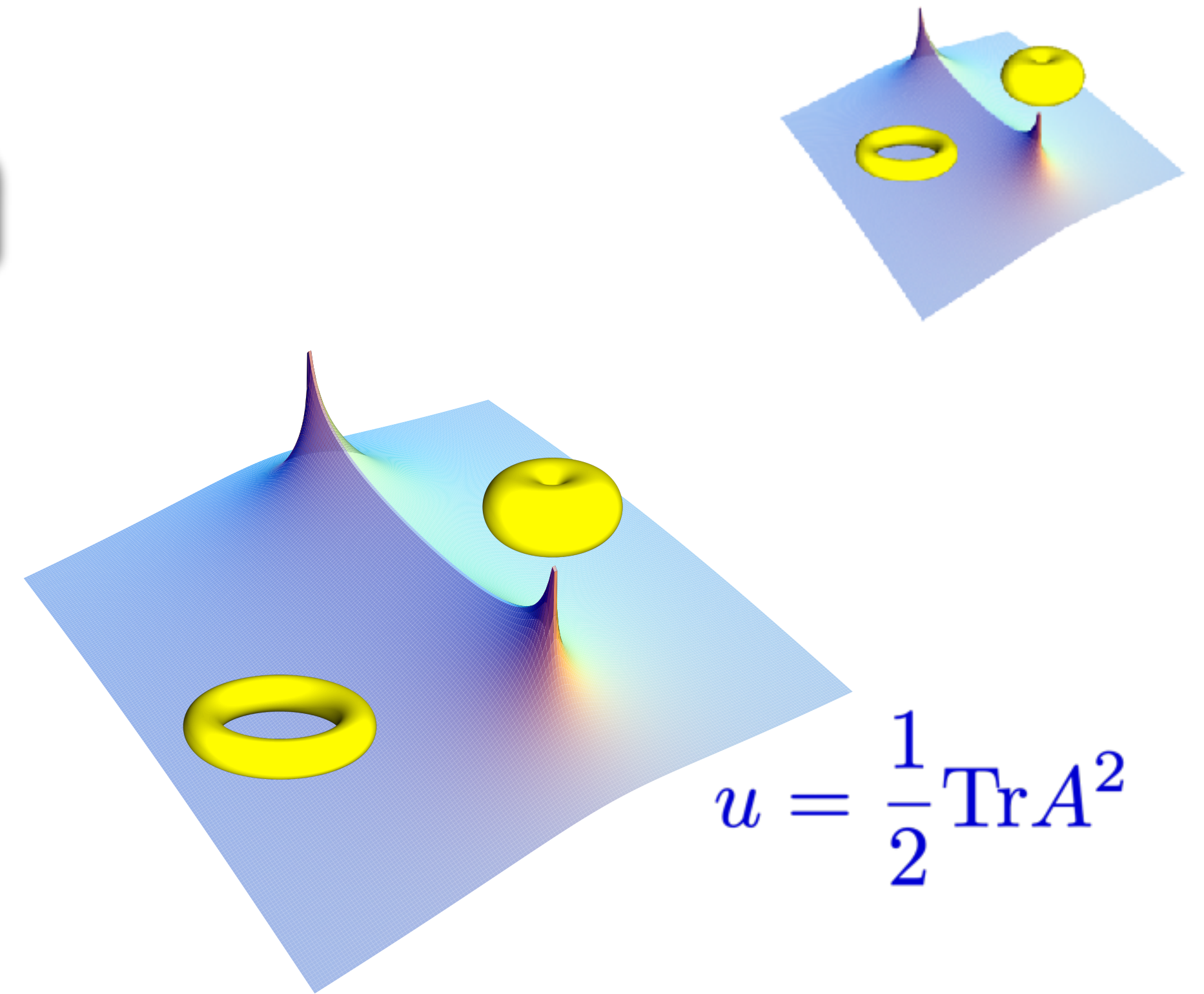
possible vacua parameterized by u

$$m(e, g; u) = \sqrt{2} |e A(u) + g A_D(u)|$$

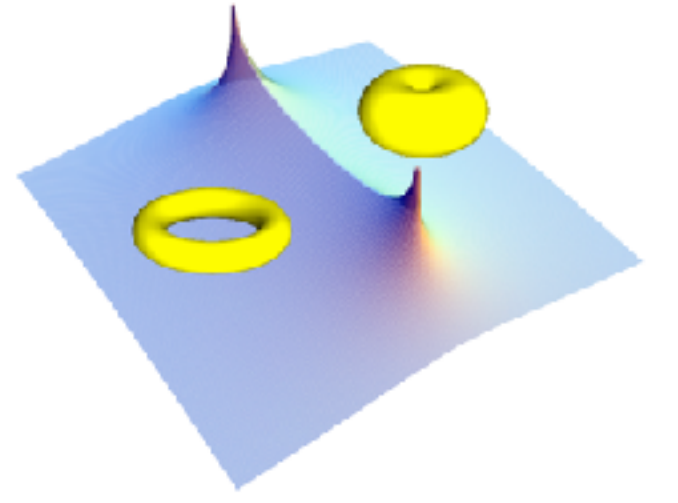
$$A(u) = -\sqrt{2(\Lambda^2 + u)} F\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{2}{1 + \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}}\right)$$

$$A_D(u) = -i \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u}{\Lambda} - \Lambda\right) F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 2; \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{u}{\Lambda^2}\right)\right)$$

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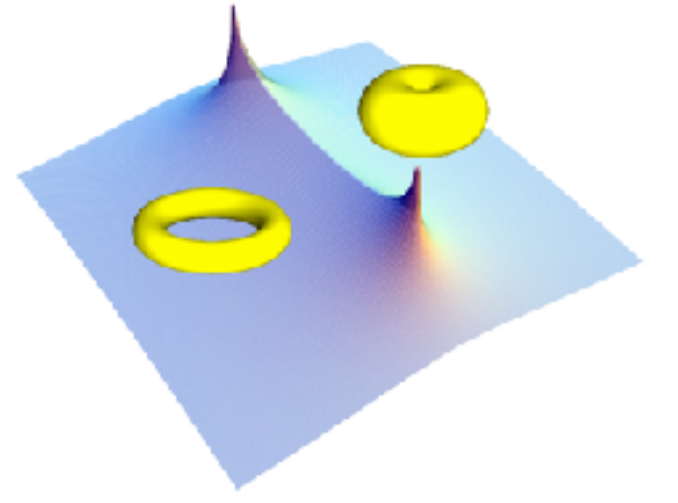
Low Energy EFT



$$\mathcal{F}(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left\{ -4A^2 \left(\ln \frac{2A}{\Lambda} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + A^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k \left(\frac{\Lambda}{A} \right)^{4k} \right\}$$

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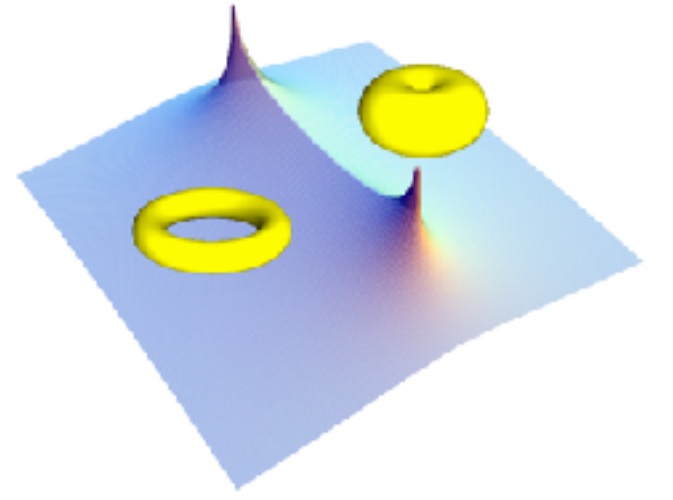


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perturbative β function

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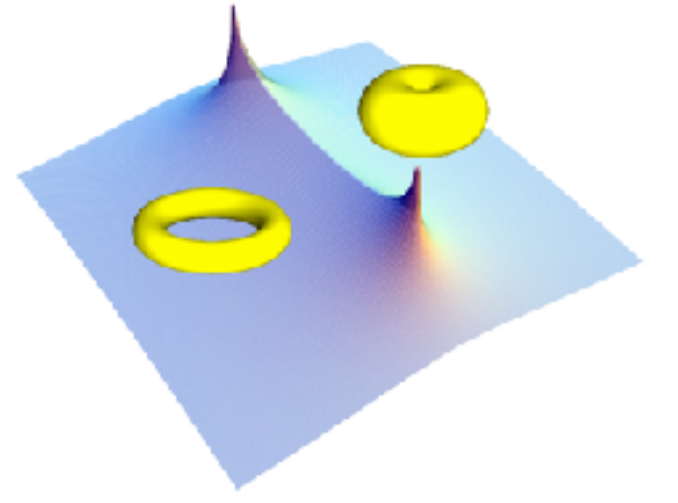


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instantons

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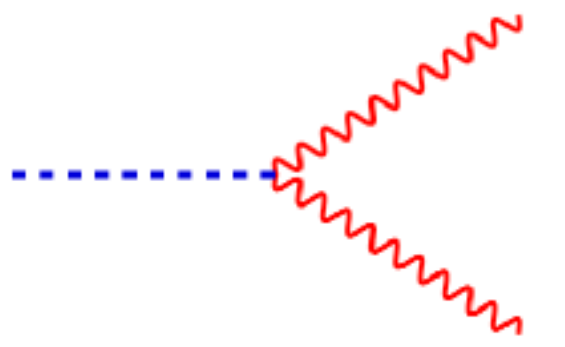


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$$\mathcal{F}_D(A_D) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \left\{ A_D^2 \left(\ln \frac{-iA_D}{32\Lambda} - \frac{3}{2} \right) - 16iA_D + A_D^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k^D \left(\frac{A_D}{\Lambda} \right)^k \right\}$$

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Seiberg-Witten Axion



large $u = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} A^2$ perturbative

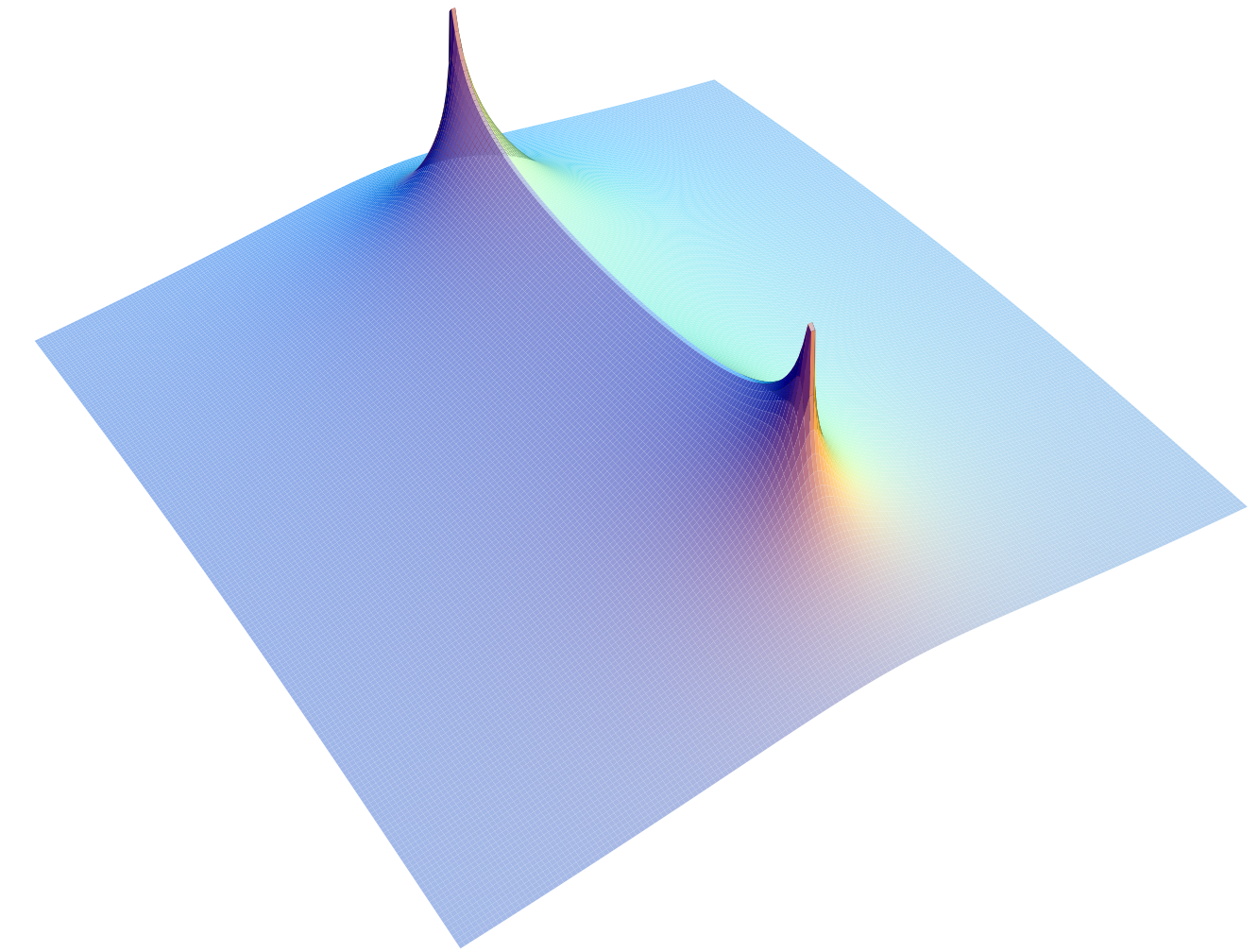
small $u = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} A^2$ strongly coupled

$SU(2) \rightarrow U(1)$ everywhere

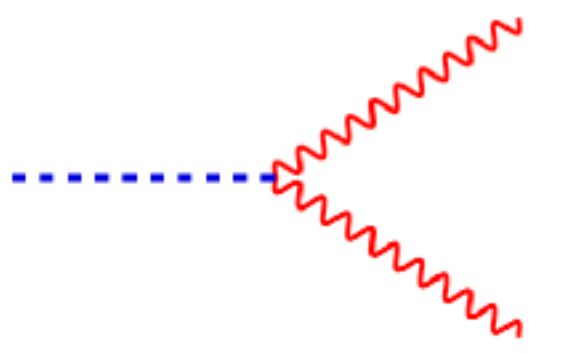
A has R-charge=2

R-charge is anomalous and spontaneously broken

$\Rightarrow$ axion



Low Energy EFT



expand around VEV:

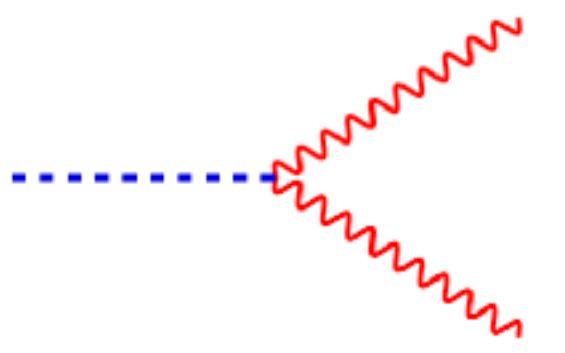
$$A(x) = A^v(u) e^{i \frac{a(x)}{f(u)}}$$

decay constant:

$$f(u) = \sqrt{2} |A^v(u)| / e(u)$$

$$-\frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 f} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \left\{ N_a a - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[b_k \sin \left(\frac{4ka}{f} \right) + c_k \cos \left(\frac{4ka}{f} \right) \right] \right\}$$

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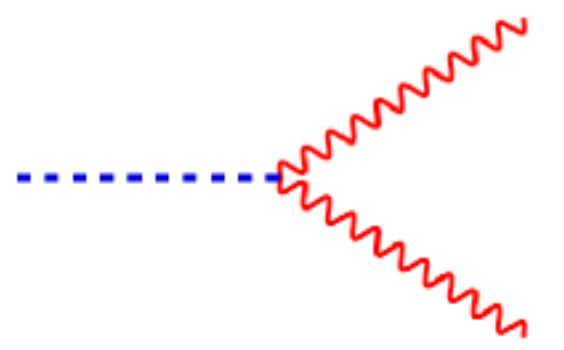
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perturbative anomaly

Low Energy EFT



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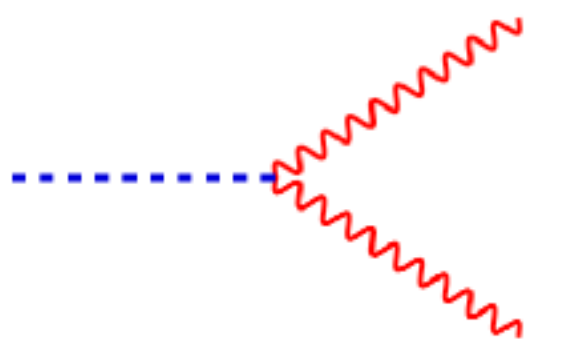
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non-perturbative instanton/monopole effects

Low Energy EFT



expand to linear order in axion:

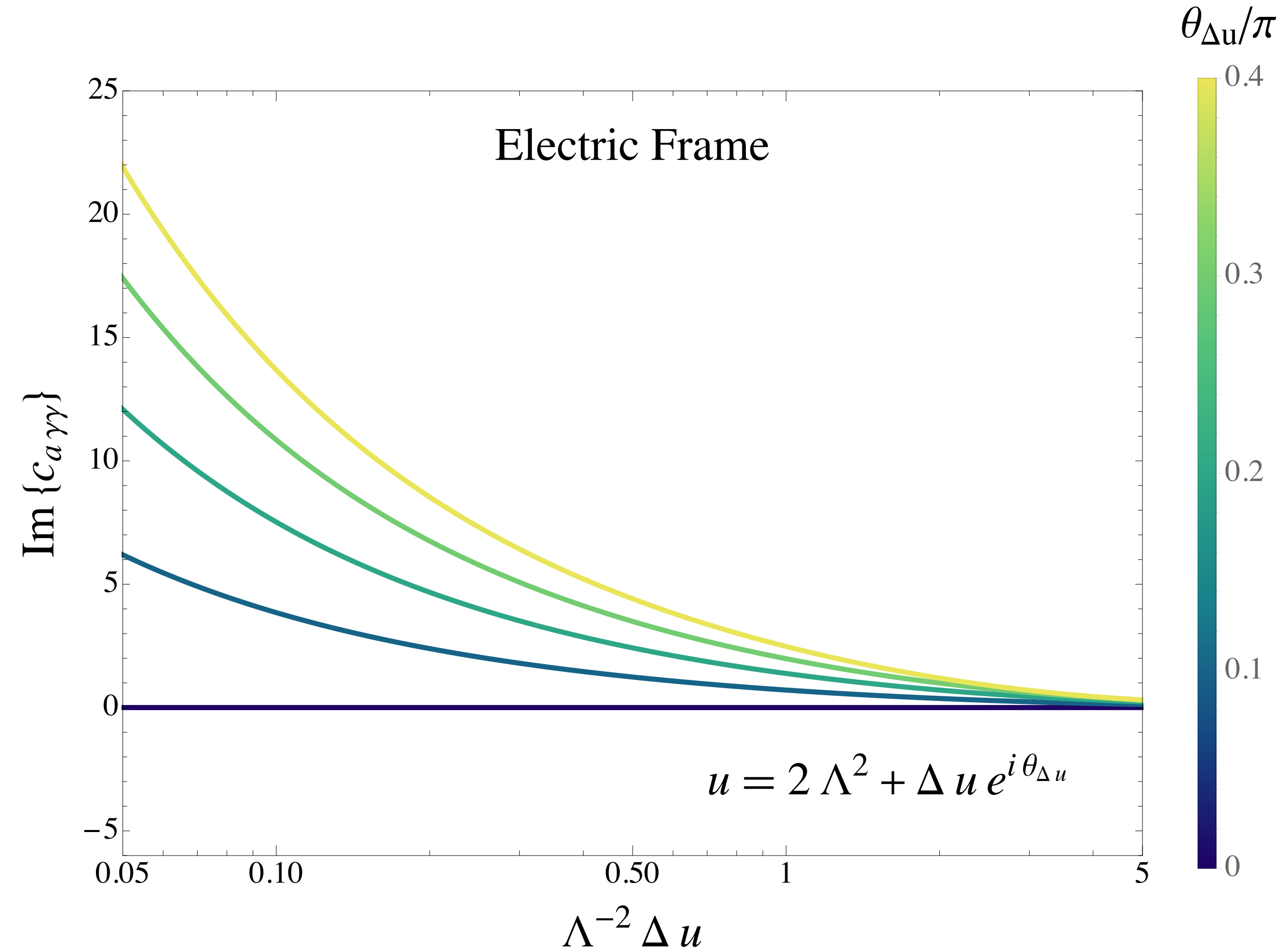
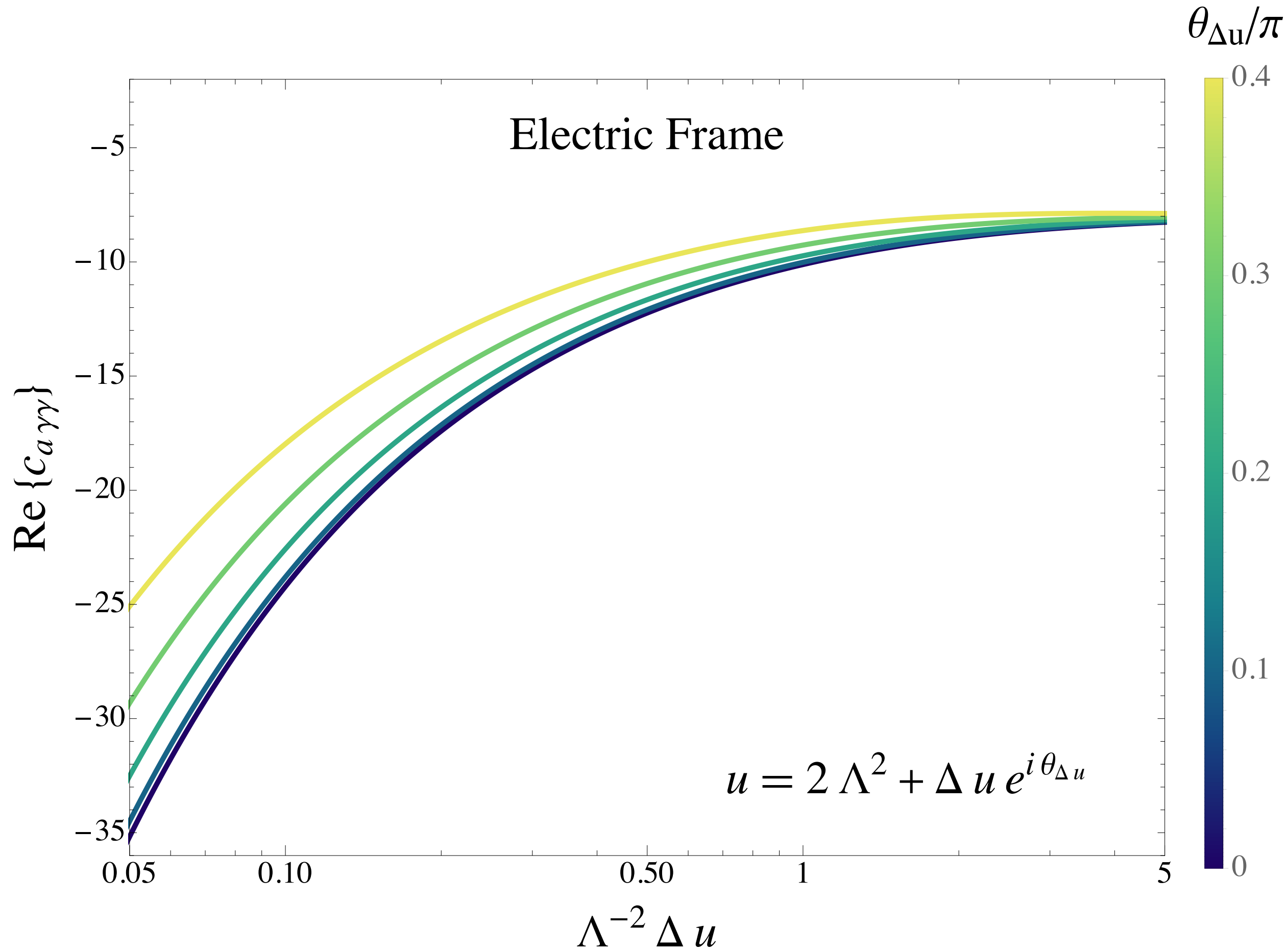
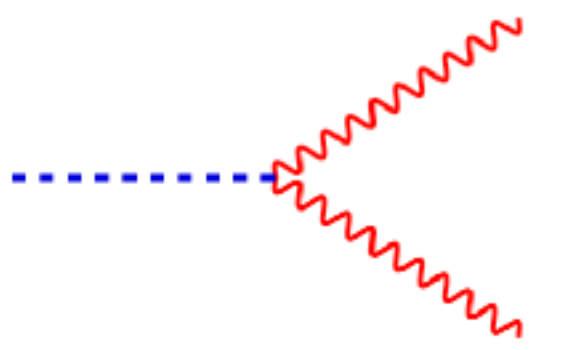
$$-\frac{a}{16\pi} \text{Im} \left\{ \left[i \frac{e^3}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial A} \right]_{a=0} (F^{\mu\nu} + i\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})^2 \right\}$$

$$\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 f} \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{one-loop chargino contribution}}}{-8} - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 4k(\tilde{b}_k - i\tilde{c}_k) \left(\frac{\Lambda}{A^v} \right)^{4k}}_{\substack{\text{non-perturbative instanton effects}}} \right)$$

non-perturbative instanton effects

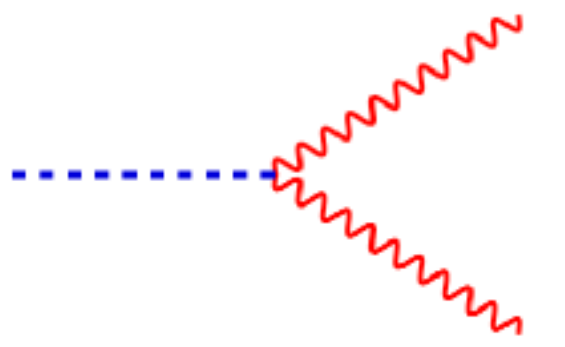
one-loop chargino contribution

Axion Coupling



$$\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 f} c_{a\gamma\gamma}$$

Dual Low Energy EFT



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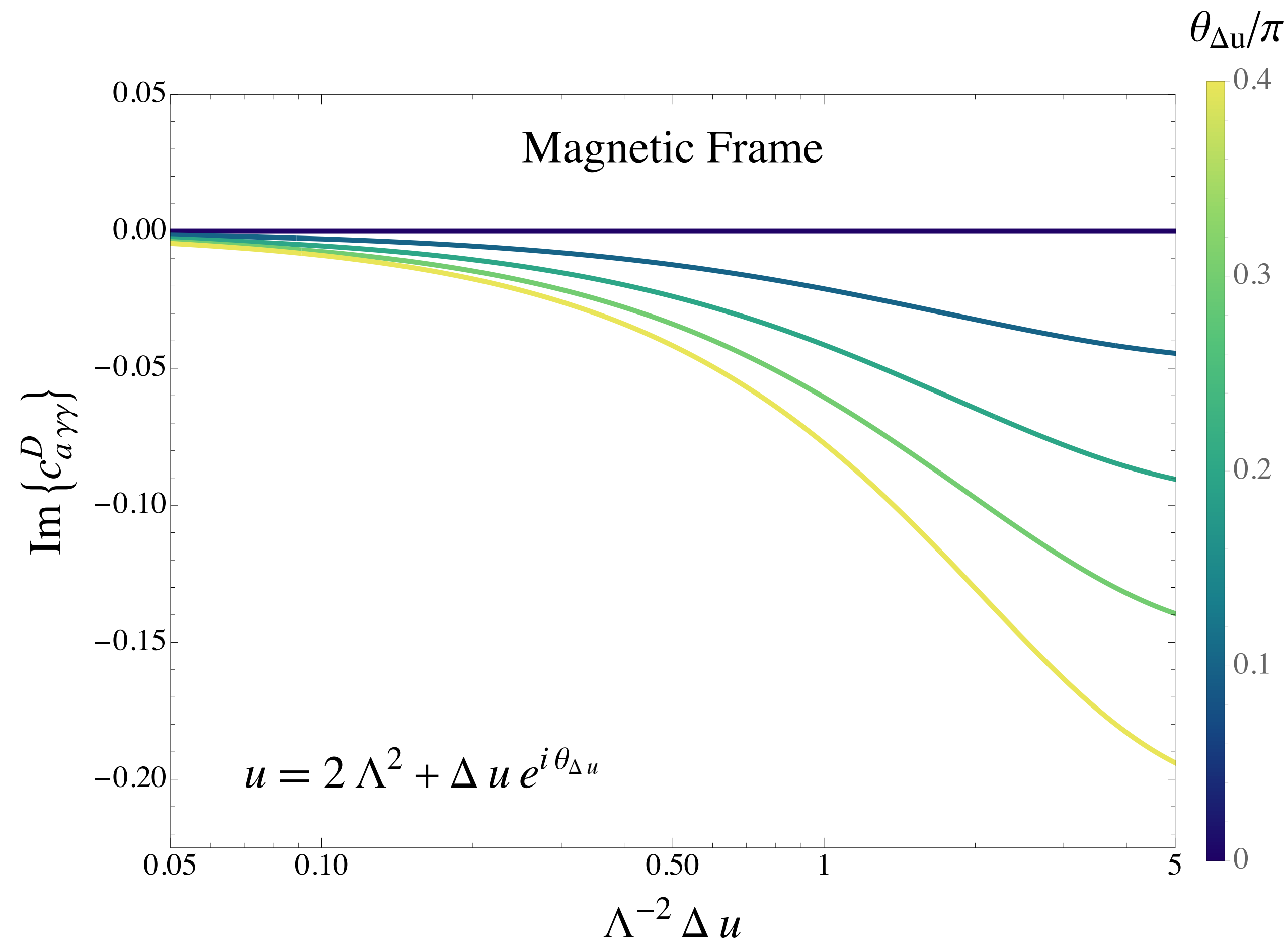
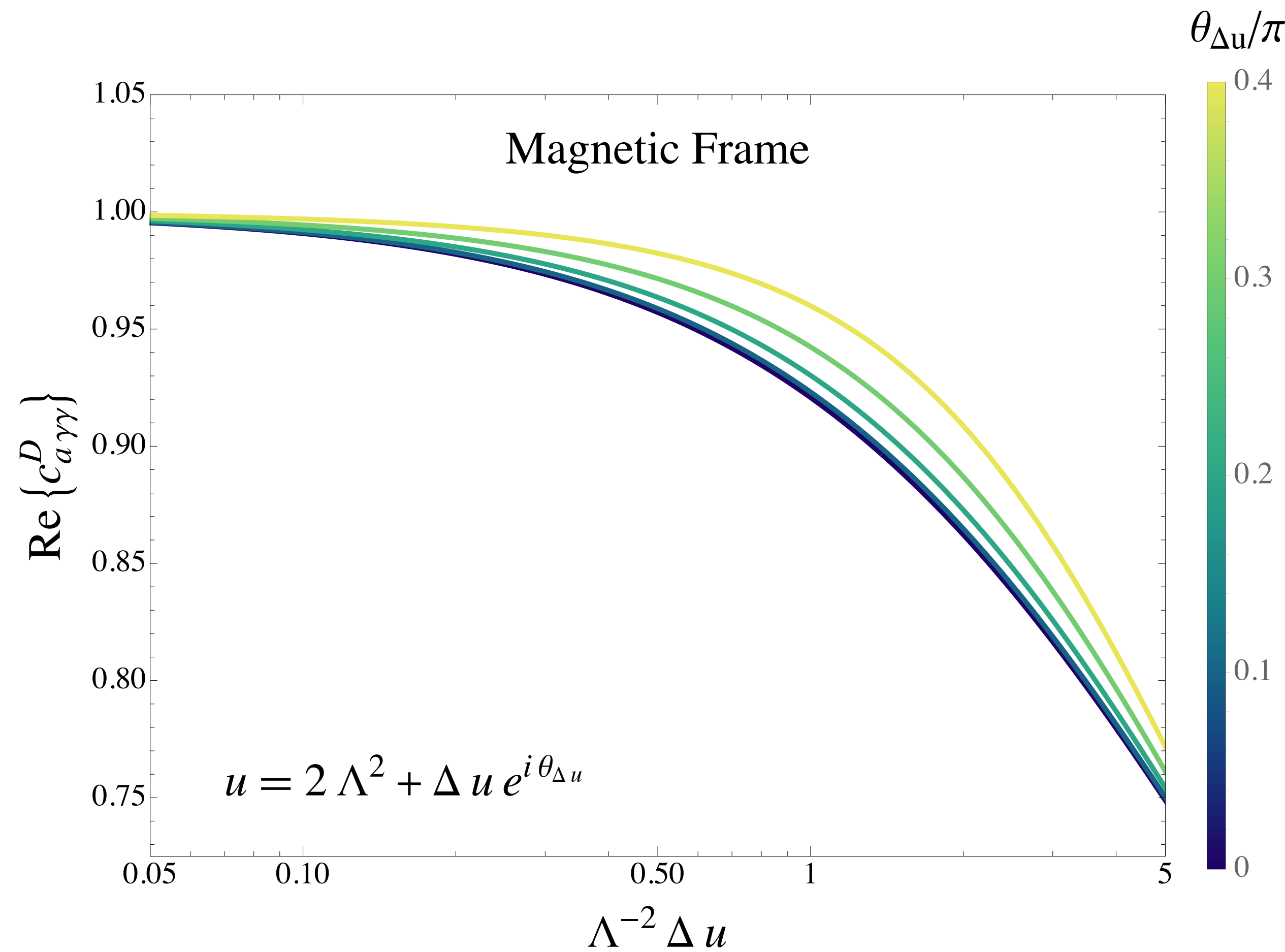
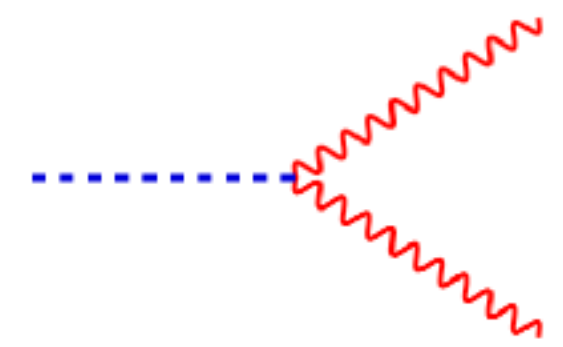
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non-perturbative electric charge effects

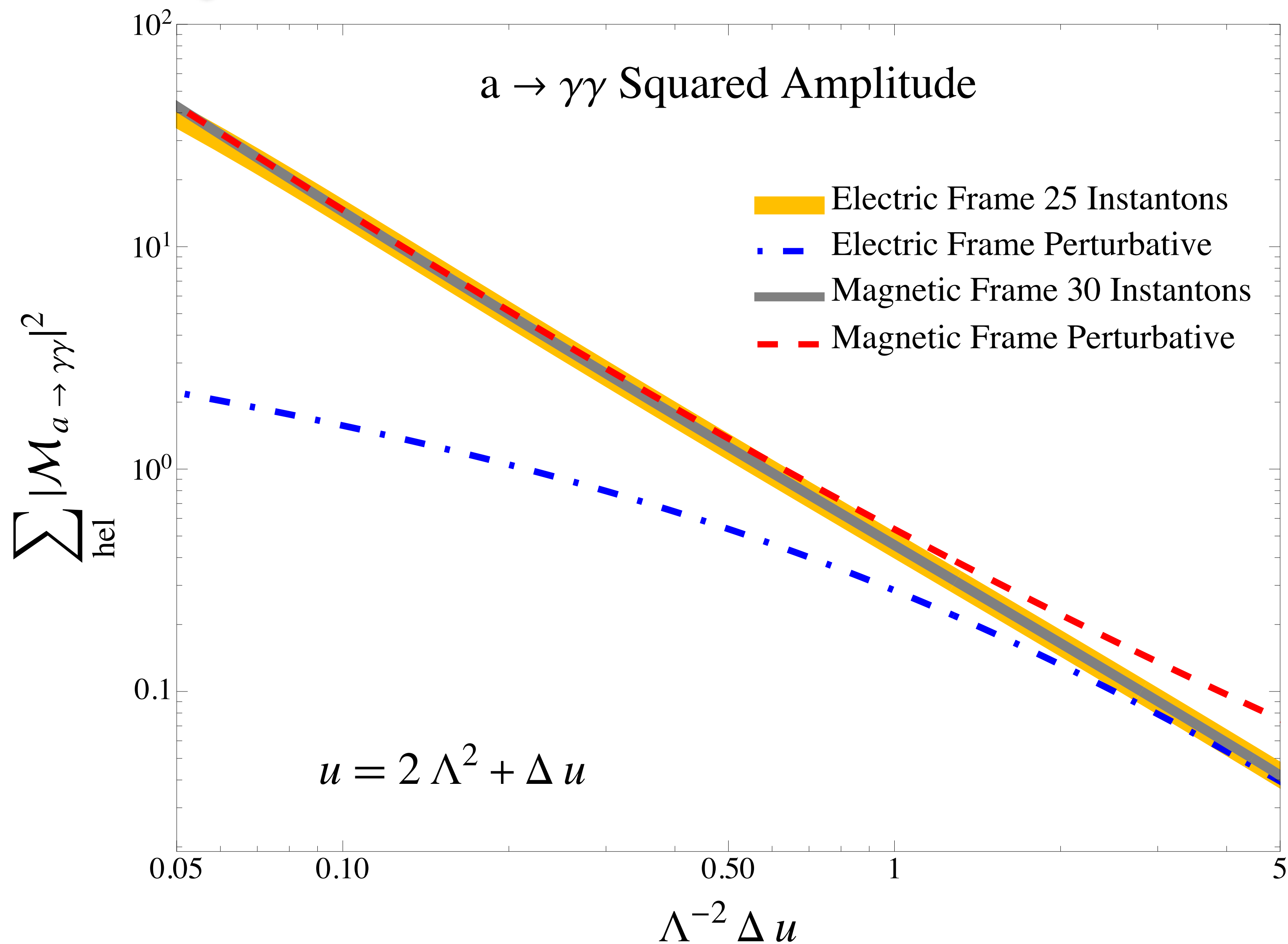
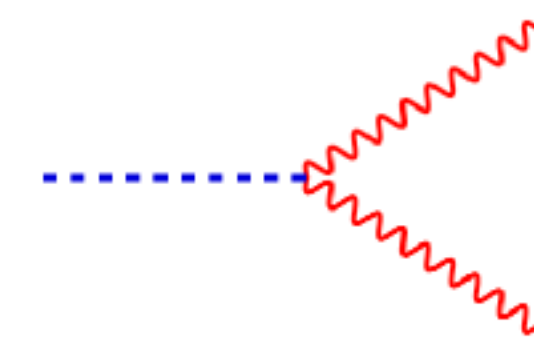
one-loop monopole contribution

Dual Axion Coupling



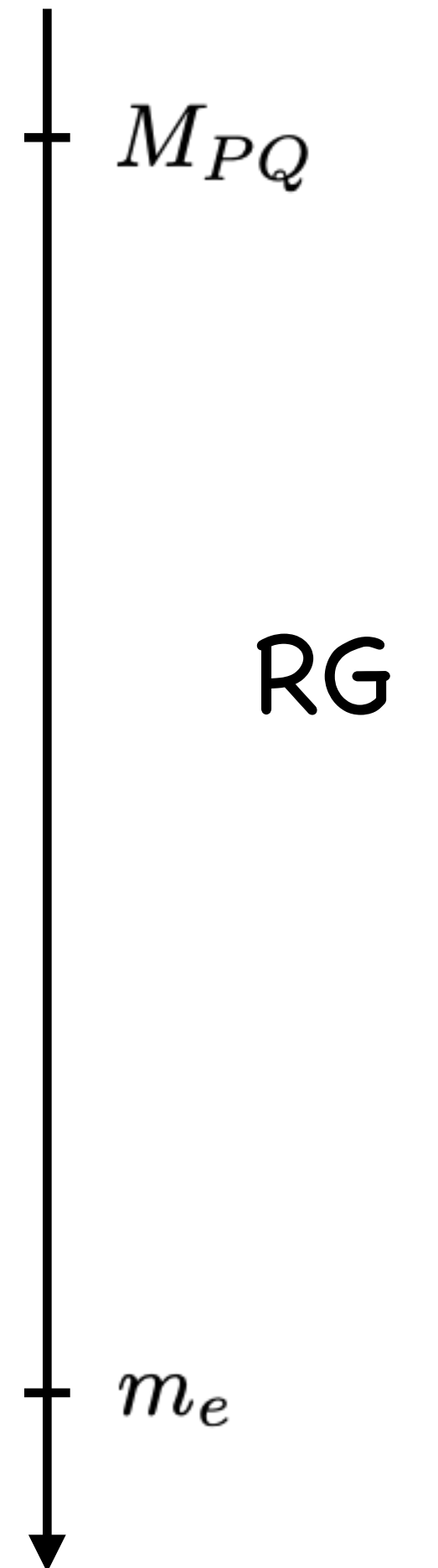
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Duality



Without SUSY

PQ magnetic fermion
light electron



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duality



PQ electric fermion
light magnetic "electron"

M_{PQ}

RG

m_e

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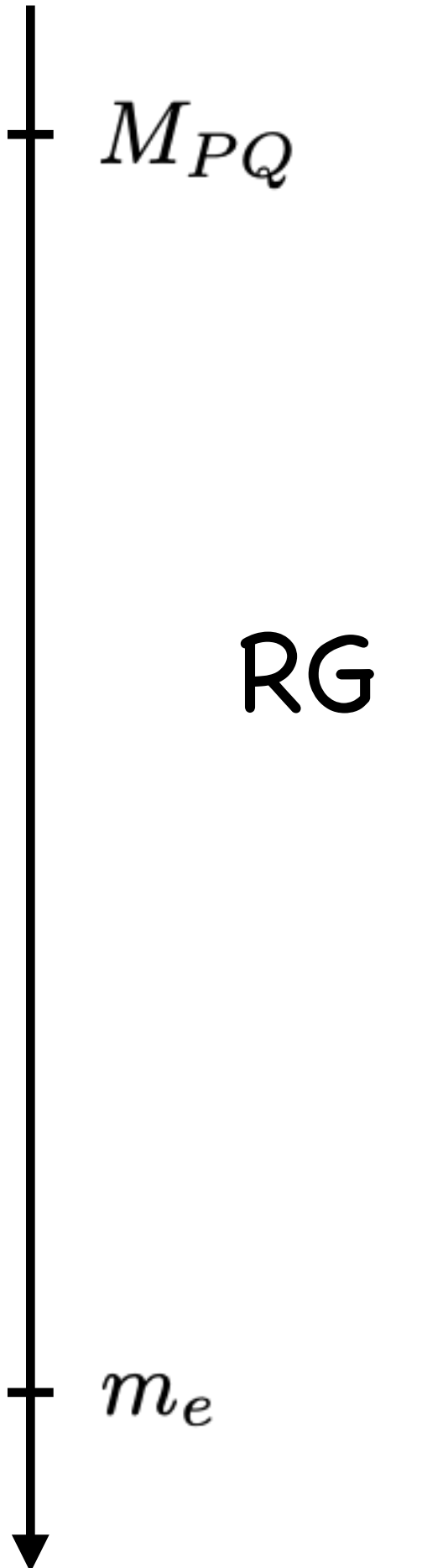


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Witten effect

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$$\alpha_d(\theta(a))$$



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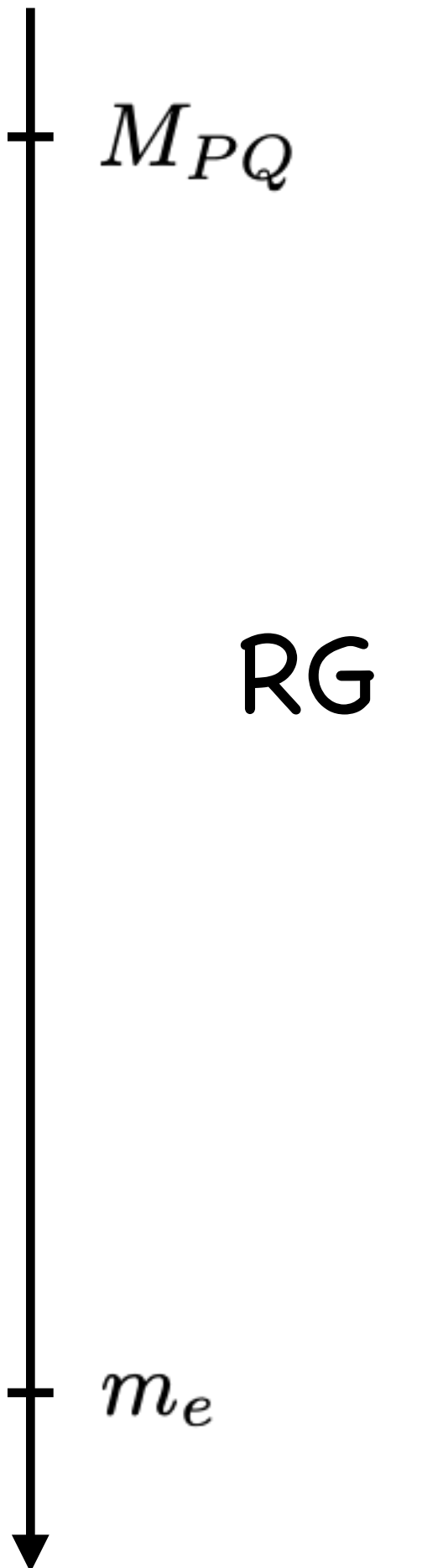
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duality



$\alpha(\theta(a))$ CP violating
axion couplings

$\alpha_d(\theta(a))$



SL(2,Z) Covariance

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SL(2,Z) doublets



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SL(2,Z) invariant

Linearized EOM

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Challenge for Model Builders

this class of theories has two CP problems: θ_{QCD} , θ_{EM}
enhance g while keeping θ_{EM} small

Conclusions

axion couplings are not quantized

additional monopole/instanton terms can be large

generically leads to CP violation