

Prendiamo  $m=0$

$$T^{\mu\nu\lambda}(k_1, k_2, q) \equiv i \int d^4x d^4y d^4z e^{ik_1x + ik_2y - iqz} \langle j^\mu(x) j^\nu(y) j^\lambda(z) \rangle$$

from  $(2\pi)^4 \delta(q - k_1 - k_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\lambda^z \langle j^\mu(x) j^\nu(y) j^\lambda(z) \rangle &= -i \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{dk_1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{dk_2}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik_1x - ik_2y + iqz} T^{\mu\nu\lambda}(q, k_1, k_2) \\ &= \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{dk_2}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik_2(y-x) + iq(z-x)} \left( -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} i q_\alpha (-i) k_{2\beta} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha^z \delta(z-x) \partial_\beta^y \delta(y-x) \end{aligned}$$

Let's couple the vector current  $j^\mu(x)$  to a gauge boson  $A_\mu(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\lambda^z \langle j_A^\lambda(z) \rangle_A &= \partial_\lambda^z \langle j_A^\lambda(z) \rangle_{\text{free}} + \dots + \text{the only non-trivial} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int d^2x_1 d^2x_2 A_{S_1}(x_1) A_{S_2}(x_2) \partial_\lambda \langle j^{S_1}(x_1) j^{S_2}(x_2) j_A^\lambda(z) \rangle + \dots \\ &= - \int d^2x_1 d^2x_2 A_{S_1}(x_1) A_{S_2}(x_2) \left( -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \right) \epsilon^{S_1 S_2 \alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha^z \delta(z-x_1) \partial_\beta^{x_2} \delta(x_2-z) \\ &= + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{S_1 S_2 \alpha\beta} F_{\alpha S_1} F_{\beta S_2} = \\ &= - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\alpha S_1 \beta S_2} F_{\alpha S_1} F_{\beta S_2} \\ &= - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu_1 \mu_2 \nu_2} F_{\mu\nu_1} F_{\mu_2\nu_2} \end{aligned}$$

# NON-ABELIAN FIELDS

We now consider fields that sit in R of some group G

$\Rightarrow j^\mu, j_5^\nu$  are in the ADJOINT REP:

$$j^{\mu a} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu t_R^a \psi$$

$$j_A^{\mu a} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 t_R^a \psi$$

In this situation several correlators get anomalous w.r.t.

Let's remain on the triangle

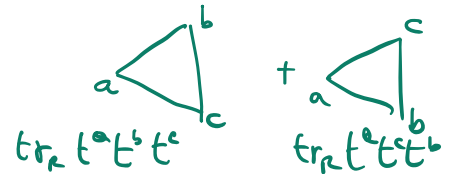
$$T_{\mu\nu}^{abc} (k_1, k_2) = i \int d^4x d^4y e^{ik_1x + ik_2y} \langle j^{\mu a}(x) j^{\nu b}(y) j_5^c(0) \rangle$$

Now WI are modified to:

$$q_\lambda T_{\mu\nu}^{abc} = 2\pi T^{ab\mu\nu} - \frac{c^{abc}}{2\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_{1\alpha} k_{2\beta} + \dots$$

ABJ anomaly for non-abelian

where  $c^{abc} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_R \{ t_R^a, t_R^b \} t_R^c$



If we keep the AXIAL current ABELIAN  $j_A^1$  (colour singlet) but the rest in a simple group, we obtain like above, but with  $t_R^c$  replaced by  $\mathbf{1} \Rightarrow c^{abc} \rightarrow c(R) \delta^{ab}$

$$\text{tr}_R (t_R^a t_R^b) = c(R) \delta^{ab}$$

**SINGLET ANOMALY**

$$q_\lambda T^{\mu\nu} = 2\pi T^{ab\mu\nu} - \frac{c(R) \delta^{ab}}{2\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_{1\alpha} k_{2\beta} + \dots$$

What about gauging  $t_R^a$ -vector? Again this contribution

produces  $(\partial_{[\alpha} A_{\beta]}^a)^2$  term. How do the rest (...) contribute?

Note that  $\partial_\lambda j_5^\lambda$  is a colour SINGLET. Hence the RHS should also be singlet:

$$\langle \partial_\lambda j_5^\lambda \rangle = - \frac{c(R) \int d^4x}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\alpha\beta}^b \quad (m=0)$$

$$= - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta})$$

From this relation all anomalous WI's follow. Since now we have self-interaction terms, we have additional diagrams contributing to anomaly.

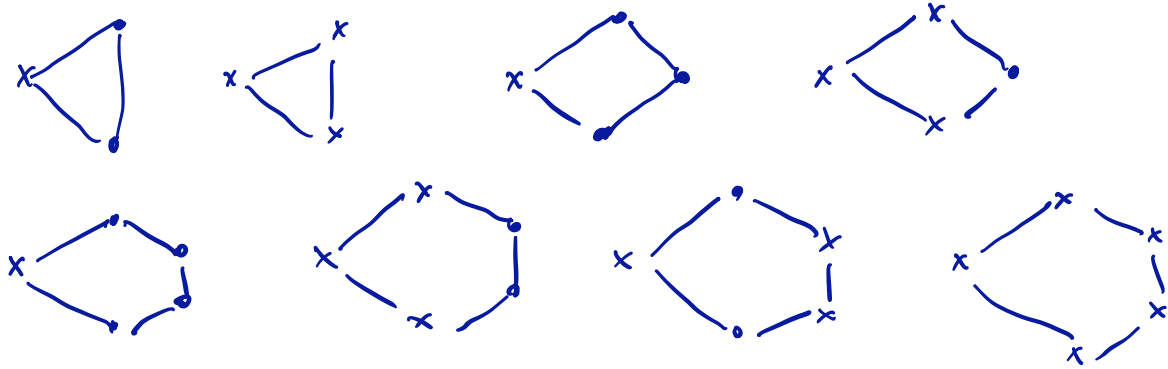
$$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\alpha\beta}^b \rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu A_\nu^a \partial_\alpha A_\beta^b \rightarrow \text{triangle} \\ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu A_\nu^a A_\alpha^c A_\beta^d f^{abcd} \rightarrow \text{quadrangle} \\ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} A_\mu^c A_\nu^d A_\alpha^e A_\beta^f f^{acdf} = 0 \text{ (Jacobi identity)} \end{cases}$$

totally antisym in cdef  $\rightarrow$  it can be replaced by  $*$

$$* \left\{ \begin{aligned} & f^{acd} f^{aef} + f^{aed} f^{afc} + f^{afd} f^{ace} \\ & - f^{acd} f^{afe} - f^{afd} f^{aec} - f^{aed} f^{acf} \end{aligned} \right. = 0 \text{ for Jacobi}$$

+ cyclic perm in cef

When we also take  $j_A$  to be in adj of  $G$ , then several graphs contribute (i.e. several anomalous correlators  $\langle W \rangle$ ):



If we gauge vector sym, the anomaly becomes

$$\langle (D_\mu j_S^\mu)^a \rangle = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \text{tr} T^a F_{\mu\nu} F_{\sigma\rho} \quad (*)$$

This is called the **COVARIANT ANOMALY**

# Chiral fields

One can couple R-handed and L-handed fermion currents to different gauge fields  $A_\mu^L$  and  $A_\mu^R$ .

There exists a type of anomaly, the **COVARIANT ANOMALY** for L, R currents (with a given REGULARIZATION)

$$\langle (D_\mu j^{H\mu})^a \rangle = \eta_H \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \text{tr } T^a F_{\mu\nu}^H F_{\sigma\rho}^H \quad H=L,R$$

Notice that  $A_\mu^{LR} = A_\mu^V \pm A_\mu^A \quad j^{LR\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(j^{V\mu} \pm j^{A\mu})$

if  $A_\mu^A \equiv 0$  (like case above)  $\Rightarrow A_\mu^{LR} = A_\mu^V$

and  $\langle (D_\mu j^{S\mu})^a \rangle = \langle (D_\mu j^{L\mu})^a - (D_\mu j^{R\mu})^a \rangle =$

$$= 2 \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \text{tr } T^a F_{\mu\nu} F_{\sigma\rho} \right)$$

that is (A)

Anomalies are bad for GAUGE theories: if anomaly is in the gauge sym, it spoils the consistency of the theory (remember gauge sym. is redundancy) see Tong

## ANOMALY CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

1) VECTOR-LIKE MODEL.  $A_\mu$  couple to  $j_V^\mu \Rightarrow$  anomaly can be put only into AXIAL sym that is not gauged  $\rightarrow$  fine!

2) "SAFE GROUPS". Take models with several fermions, L and R, coupled differently to gauge fields. Then we have necessary anomalies on currents coupled to gauge fields. However anomaly itself may vanish. Remember that anomaly is proportional to

$$C^{abc} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \{T^a, T^b\} T^c$$

If this vanish, both triangle and higher pt. functions after contracted with  $g_a$ .

The simple safe groups in 4d are:


$$SU(2), \quad SO(2N+1), \quad SO(4N) \quad N \geq 2, \quad E_6, \quad E_8$$

(In particular  $SU(N)$  with  $N \geq 3$  are not safe).

3) STANDARD MODEL :  $SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$  This gauge field couple different to L and R. It's better to take all fields L and complex L even.

$R$  sotto  $SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$   $\times SU(3)_c$   
 $C^{abc} = 0$  when all  $a, b, c$  are in  $SU(2)$

$l_L$  2<sub>-3</sub>  
 $e_R$  1<sub>-6</sub>  $\rightarrow$  1<sub>+6</sub>  
 $q_L^i$  2<sub>1</sub>  $\rightarrow \psi$  in  $R = (2, 1)_{-3} \oplus (1, 1)_{+6} \oplus (2, 3)_1 \oplus (1, 3)_{-4} \oplus (1, 3)_{+2}$   
 $u_R^i$  1<sub>4</sub>  $\rightarrow$  1<sub>-4</sub>  
 $d_R^i$  1<sub>-2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  1<sub>+2</sub>  $i = 1, 2, 3$

Per  $SU(2)$   $C^{abc} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c) = 0$  per. di  $SU(2)$    $\hookrightarrow$   $SU(3)$   $C^{abc} \neq 0$  ma spettro vector-like

$\rightarrow$  consideriamo  $\text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^c)$  e  $\text{tr}(T_Y^3)$

$T_R^a = 0$  quando  $R=1$   
 $\text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c) = \text{tr} \left( \begin{matrix} t_{R_1}^a t_{R_1}^b q_Y^{R_1} \frac{1}{\dim R_1} & & \\ & t_{R_2}^a t_{R_2}^b q_Y^{R_2} \frac{1}{\dim R_2} & \\ & & \dots \end{matrix} \right) =$   
 per rap non triviali

$= \sum_i q_Y^{R_i} \delta^{abc} c(R_i) = q_Y^{l_L} \delta^{abc} c(R_{l_L}) + 3 \times q_Y^{q_L} \delta^{abc} c(R_{q_L}) =$   
 $= -3 \cdot \delta^{abc} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \delta^{abc} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0$

Per  $SU(3)$

$\text{tr}(T^a T^b T^c) = 2 q_Y^{q_L} \delta^{abc} c(R_{q_L}) + q_Y^{u_R} \delta^{abc} c(R_{u_R}) + q_Y^{d_R} \delta^{abc} c(R_{d_R}) =$   
 $= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \delta^{abc} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-4) \cdot \delta^{abc} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \delta^{abc} \cdot \frac{1}{2} =$   
 $= \frac{\delta^{abc}}{2} (2 - 4 + 2) = 0$

Ora solo  $U(1)_Y$

$\text{Tr}(T_Y^3) = -27 \cdot 2 + 216 + 3 \cdot (1 \cdot 2 - 64 + 8)$   
 $= 162 + 3 \cdot (-54) = 0$

$\#$  di colori  $\rightarrow$   $6$  è essenziale per la cancellazione delle ANOMALIE

$\leftarrow$  qta cancellazione di evidenze all'esistenza del quark TOP prima che venisse rilevato

# PATH INTEGRAL and ANOMALY

Take  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} (i \not{D} - m) \Psi$        $\not{D} = \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + i A_\mu)$

→ Dirac fermions whose vector current coupled to a gauge field, abelian or non-ab. ( $A_\mu = A_\mu^a t_R^a$ )

We now want to consider the generating functional

$$Z[A] = \int \mathcal{D}\Psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\Psi} e^{i \int dx \bar{\Psi} (i \not{D} - m) \Psi}$$

↖  $\mathcal{L}$  is INVARIANT under axial transform. if  $m=0$

## CHIRAL ANOMALY

To work out  $W_1$ , one make a local axial transf.

$$\Psi \mapsto \Psi' = e^{i\beta(x)\gamma_5} \Psi \quad \bar{\Psi} \mapsto \bar{\Psi}' = \bar{\Psi} e^{i\beta(x)\gamma_5}$$

↖ It is not the sym that is gauged by  $A_\mu$  (that is vector transform.)

For infinitesimal  $\beta$

$$\bar{\Psi} (i \not{D} - m) \Psi \mapsto \bar{\Psi}' (i \not{D} - m) \Psi' = \bar{\Psi} (i \not{D} - m) \Psi' - (\partial_\mu \beta) \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi - 2i \text{im} \beta \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \Psi$$

$$S' = S - \int dx \beta(x) \left[ \partial_\mu j_A^\mu(x) - 2i \text{im} P(x) \right]$$



Let's apply such transf. inside the P.I., by using it to change integration variables, let's also introduce sources for  $\psi, \bar{\psi}$

$$Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, A] = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{iS[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A] + i\int dx (\bar{\eta}\psi + \bar{\psi}\eta)}$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\psi' \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}' e^{iS[\psi', \bar{\psi}', A] + i\int dx (\bar{\eta}\psi' + \bar{\psi}'\eta)}$$

$\uparrow$  change name of intep. var.  $\delta\psi = i\beta\gamma_5\psi$   $\delta\bar{\psi} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\beta$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} J[\beta, A] e^{+iS + i\int dx (\bar{\eta}\psi + \bar{\psi}\eta) + i\int dx \beta(x) (\partial_\mu j_5^\mu - 2imP + i\bar{\eta}\gamma_5\psi + i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\eta)}$$

$\uparrow$  typically this Jacobian is assumed to be 1 when one derives the W.I. However, in this case we will see that  $J \neq 1$ , this will lead to violation of expected W.I., i.e. to an ANOMALY.

$\uparrow$  change variables from  $\psi'$  to  $\psi$

One can see that the Jacobian takes the following form

$$J[\beta, A] = e^{-\int dx \beta(x) A[A](x)} \quad (\text{see QFT 3})$$

Let's derive the anomalous W.I. Take into account  $\beta \ll 1$

$$Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, A] = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{+iS + i\int dx (\bar{\eta}\psi + \bar{\psi}\eta)} \left( 1 + i\int dx \beta(x) \left[ \partial_\mu j_5^\mu - 2imP - A[A] + i\bar{\eta}\gamma_5\psi + i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\eta \right] \right)$$

$$= Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}, A] + i\int dx \beta(x) \langle \partial_\mu j_5^\mu - 2imP - A[A] + i\bar{\eta}\gamma_5\psi + i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\eta \rangle_{\eta, \bar{\eta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \partial_\mu j_5^\mu - 2imP - A[A] + i\bar{\eta}\gamma_5\psi + i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\eta \rangle_{\eta, \bar{\eta}} = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$(\star) \Rightarrow \partial_\mu \langle j_5^\mu \rangle = 2 \text{im} \langle P \rangle + A[A] \quad (\text{setting } \eta = \bar{\eta} = 0)$$

$A[A]$  depends by the spacetime dimension.

In 4d,  $A$  is quadratic in  $A$ , hence it contributes to 3pt func.

In 2d,  $A$  " linear " " , " " " " 2pt " .

By performing the computation in 4d one obtains:

$$A[A] = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} \quad (\text{for the singlet anomaly})$$