Noether $\Rightarrow \alpha$ (clean route, UBT-only)

One-page derivation

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Setup

Let Θ carry a global U(1) phase symmetry generated by Q. The 5D background is $M^4 \times S^1_{\psi}$ with metric $ds^2 = e^{2A(\psi)}\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} + e^{2B(\psi)}d\psi^2$. Noether's theorem gives a conserved current J^M ; gauging the symmetry amounts to

$$\partial_M \to D_M \equiv \partial_M + i g_5 Q A_M,$$
 (1)

and (either fundamental or emergent) gauge dynamics produces $-\frac{1}{4g_{\pi}^2}\int\sqrt{|g_5|}F_{MN}F^{MN}$.

Dimensional reduction

Expand the photon in 4D zero-mode $A_{\mu}^{(0)}(x)$ with profile $\xi_0(\psi)$:

$$A_{\mu}(x,\psi) = \xi_0(\psi) A_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) + \cdots, \qquad Z^* \equiv \int_0^{L_{\psi}^*} e^{B-2A} |\xi_0(\psi)|^2 d\psi.$$
 (2)

Canonical normalization gives

$$\frac{1}{g_4^2} = \frac{Z^*}{g_5^2}, \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{g_4^2}{4\pi} = \frac{g_5^2}{4\pi Z^*}.$$
 (3)

Holonomy fixes g_5

The vacuum background $A_{\psi}(\psi)$ is characterized by the gauge-invariant holonomy

$$\theta_H = g_5 \oint_{S_{\psi}^1} A_{\psi} d\psi = g_5 \mathcal{I}_{\psi}, \qquad \mathcal{I}_{\psi} \equiv \int_0^{L_{\psi}} A_{\psi}(\psi) d\psi.$$
 (4)

Large gauge invariance implies $\theta_H \sim \theta_H + 2\pi n$. Minimizing $V_{\rm eff}(L_\psi, \theta_H)$ in UBT picks a stationary value θ_H^{\star} and a vacuum length L_ψ^{\star} together with $A_\psi(\psi)$. Hence

$$g_5 = \frac{\theta_H^{\star}}{\mathcal{I}_{\psi}^{\star}}, \qquad \mathcal{I}_{\psi}^{\star} = \int_0^{L_{\psi}^{\star}} A_{\psi}(\psi) \, d\psi .$$
 (5)

Final relation

Combining the pieces,

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$$\alpha(\mu_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\theta_H^{\star 2}}{(\mathcal{I}_{\psi}^{\star})^2 Z^{\star}}.$$

All quantities are determined by the same UBT vacuum (Θ, A_{ψ}, A, B) —no external field list or tunable input.

Notes and special cases

- Flat zero-mode: A = B = 0, $\xi_0 = \text{const} \Rightarrow Z^* = L_{\psi}^*$.
- Mild warp: $A(\psi) = \varepsilon \cos(2\pi\psi/L)$ gives $Z^* = L I_0(2\varepsilon)$ (modified Bessel), a purely geometric factor.
- Constant A_{ψ} : $A_{\psi} = A_0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\psi}^{\star} = A_0 L_{\psi}^{\star}$.
- Discreteness: $\theta_H^{\star} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ (large gauge). Nontrivial vacua often select $\theta_H^{\star} = \pi$.

How UBT fixes the inputs (no tuning)

- 1. Solve vacuum EOM $\Rightarrow (L_{\psi}^{\star}, \theta_{H}^{\star}, A(\psi), B(\psi), A_{\psi}(\psi)).$
- 2. Compute $Z^* = \int e^{B-2A} |\xi_0|^2 d\psi$ from the Maxwell zero-mode equation on that background.
- 3. Compute $\mathcal{I}_{\psi}^{\star} = \int_{0}^{L_{\psi}^{\star}} A_{\psi} d\psi$ from the same vacuum $A_{\psi}(\psi)$.
- 4. Insert into the boxed formula to get α .

Comment. Pokud má UBT fraktální strukturu ve směru ψ , promítne se jen do Z^* a/nebo \mathcal{I}_{ψ}^* . Rovnice pro α zůstává stejná; fraktálnost nahradí konstantní profil vhodnou efektivní mírou v integrálech výše.

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