

# Master Thesis Notes

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**background matrices configuration**  $A_\mu$  appears in the model only through  $\mathfrak{A}_\mu$ .  $A_\mu$  are  $N \times N$  Hermitian;  $\mathfrak{A}_\mu$  are  $N^2 \times N^2$  Hermitian, also antisymmetric. Consider the Cartan directions

$$H \equiv \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Cart.}} H_\alpha T^\alpha, \quad .$$

1. If  $A_\mu$  are diagonal (along the Cartan directions), then  $\mathfrak{A}_\mu H = 0$  because Cartan directions commute.
2. For any  $A_\mu$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}_\mu H$  has no component along the Cartan directions, but has components along the off-diagonal directions.
3. Diagonal  $A_\mu$  gives zero modes, but can be lift by including non-diagonal elements.
4.  $U(N)$  transformation can diagonalize one of  $A_\mu$ , thus generates zero modes along certain spacetime direction.

Extremal configuration:

$$[A^\mu, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] = 0 \quad (1)$$

Or

$$\sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (A_\nu)_{\mathfrak{b}} = 0.$$

Note:  $A_\mu$  along the zero direction of  $\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}_\mu$ . Or

$$([A^\mu, F_{\mu\nu}])^{\mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu)^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (F_{\mu\nu})_{\mathfrak{b}} = - \sum_{\mathfrak{b}} (\mathfrak{F}_{\mu\nu})^{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}} (A^\mu)_{\mathfrak{b}} = 0.$$

The existence of zero modes is quite general. The e.o.m. (1) is  $U(N)$  invariant.

**“RG directions” in the background** Decomposition

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{background}} A + \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\text{RG}} A + (\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2).$$

$\mathcal{A}_1$  is effectively the  $(N-1) \times (N-1)$  Hermitian;  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is the integrated-out part.

The Gaussian term, assume diagonal  $A_\mu$  (ignore zero modes temporarily)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu a}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{ab} \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\mu a}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{ab} \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} + \alpha_{\mu a'}(\mathfrak{A}^2)^{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu} \alpha_{\nu b'}.$$

$$a', b' \in \{(N, i), [N, i] | i = 1, \dots, N-1\}.$$

$$\mathfrak{A}_\mu \alpha_\nu = \sum_{a', b'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a' b'} \alpha_{\nu b'} T^{a'}.$$

The interaction terms, cubic part

$$-\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \rightarrow -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) \quad (2)$$

The direction of  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $a'$  or  $a$ . Commutators, schematically

$$[a', a'] \in a, \quad [a, a] \in a, \quad [a', a] \in a'.$$

Diagonal  $A$ :  $\mathfrak{A}$  keeps the separation  $a' \rightarrow a'$ ,  $a \rightarrow a$ .

Separate the RG direction

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) &\rightarrow -\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) \\ -2\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \alpha_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) &- \alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \end{aligned}$$

Indices notation

$$-\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) = -\alpha \sum_{a', b', c, d} \text{Tr}(T^c [T^{a'}, T^{b'}]) \mathfrak{A}_{[\mu|c|}{}^d \mathcal{A}_{\nu]d} \alpha_{a'}^\mu \alpha_{b'}^\nu$$

$$-2\alpha \text{Tr}(\mathfrak{A}_{[\mu} \alpha_{\nu]}[\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu]) = -2\alpha \sum_{a', b', c, d'} \text{Tr}(T^{a'} [T^{b'}, T^c]) \mathfrak{A}_{[\mu|a'|}{}^{d'} \alpha_{\nu]d'} \alpha_{b'}^\mu \mathcal{A}_c^\nu$$

Some information:  $A$  diagonal  $\rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  has “almost diagonal” structure:  $(N, i), [N, j]$ -elements only for  $i = j$ . Trace of  $T$  depends on the choice of normalization. In both traces, if  $a', b'$  in the same  $2 \times 2$  block:  $i = j$ ,  $c$  must be the Cartan directions  $(i, i)$  or  $(N, N)$ . We ignore the fluctuation along those directions?

The quartic interaction...

Tue, Apr 16

**quartic interaction** Schematically

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &\rightarrow \text{Tr}[a, a][a, a] \\ + \text{Tr}[a', a'][a, a] &+ \text{Tr}[a', a][a', a] + \text{Tr}[a', a'][a', a'] \end{aligned}$$

the quartic interaction terms

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &- \frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu] \\ -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] &- \frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, A_\nu][\alpha^\mu, A^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \end{aligned}$$

$u(N)$  index  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}'$  structure:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]), \quad \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]), \quad \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{c}'}, T^{\mathbf{d}'}]). \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\nu. \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \\ & = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu) \\ & -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}[\alpha_\mu, \alpha_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \alpha^\nu] = -\frac{\alpha}{4} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}'}][T^{\mathbf{c}'}, T^{\mathbf{d}'}]) \alpha_{\mu\mathbf{a}'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} \alpha_{\mathbf{c}'}^\mu \alpha_{\mathbf{d}'}^\nu \end{aligned}$$

Maybe useful formula:

$$\text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}'}][T^{\mathbf{a}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) = 0.$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}'} \text{Tr}([T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{a}}][T^{\mathbf{a}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \propto \text{Tr} T^{\mathbf{a}} T^{\mathbf{b}}.$$

what's the coefficient?

**susy, Ward identity?, BRST?** Formula

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi] &= [\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma] = \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma \} \\ &\quad + \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \end{aligned}$$

The last term is zero if  $\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \propto \mathbb{1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi]) &= \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma [\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma]) \\ &= \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, \psi^\gamma \} - \bar{\psi}_\delta (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta) \\ &= -\text{Tr}(\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} \bar{\psi}_\delta - \{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \bar{\psi}_\delta) \end{aligned}$$

The first term

$$-\text{Tr}(\bar{\epsilon}_\alpha \{ (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} \bar{\psi}_\delta) = -\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \{ (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta, (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \psi^\gamma \} \psi^\delta).$$

The last term

$$\text{Tr}(\{ \bar{\epsilon}_\alpha, (\Gamma^\mu)^\delta{}_\gamma \psi^\gamma \} (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \bar{\psi}_\delta) = \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [(C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \psi^\gamma, (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta \psi^\delta]).$$

Add them to get

$$\text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, \psi]) = -2(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\gamma} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma).$$

Vanishes if  $\epsilon \propto \mathbb{1}$ . Non-vanishing part

$$3\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) = \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) + (\text{cyclic } \beta, \delta, \gamma) \\ + \text{Tr}(\{\epsilon^\alpha, \psi^\beta\} \psi^\delta \psi^\gamma) - \text{Tr}(\{\epsilon^\alpha, \psi^\gamma\} \psi^\beta \psi^\delta).$$

First part vanishes, second part is symmetrized for  $(\gamma, \delta)$ .

$$\Gamma\text{-matrix } (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta: (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} = C_{\alpha\gamma}(\Gamma_\mu)^\gamma{}_\beta. \text{ Spinor product: } \bar{\psi}_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)^\alpha{}_\beta \psi^\beta \\ = \psi^\alpha (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta.$$

$(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta}$  is symmetric. In our case:

$$(C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\gamma\delta} + (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\gamma} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\delta\beta} + (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\delta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\beta\gamma} = 0$$

Check by looking at the explicit  $C\Gamma^\mu$  in MW basis. Procedure: fix  $\gamma, \delta$  (MW directions). Only one  $\mu$  is non-zero (remarkable). Choose another two directions  $\alpha, \beta$  with that  $\mu$ . Then two vector directions  $\mu, \nu$  in the formula. Locate the matrix elements.

Understand the property of  $\Gamma^\mu \otimes \Gamma_\mu \dots$

The susy transformation of  $\text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu]$ , consider

$$\text{Tr}[\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] = \text{Tr} \epsilon^\alpha (C\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi^\beta [A_\nu, [A^\mu, A^\nu]].$$

Susy vary  $\psi$  in  $\text{Tr} \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]$

$$\text{Tr}(\psi^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \psi^\beta]) \rightarrow \text{Tr}([A_\mu, A_\nu] (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \epsilon^\alpha (C\Gamma^\rho)_{\gamma\beta} [A_\rho, \psi^\beta]) \\ + \text{Tr}(\psi^\beta (C\Gamma^\rho)_{\beta\gamma} [A_\rho, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \epsilon^\alpha) \\ = 2(C\Gamma^\rho)_{\beta\gamma} (\Gamma^{\mu\nu})^\gamma{}_\alpha \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu]) \\ = 2(C\Gamma^\rho \Gamma^{\mu\nu})_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu])$$

$$2(C\Gamma^\rho \Gamma^{\mu\nu})_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu]) = [2(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho})_{\beta\alpha} + 4\eta^{\rho[\mu} (C\Gamma^{\nu]}{}_{\beta\alpha})] \\ \cdot [\text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha [A_\rho, \psi^\beta] [A_\mu, A_\nu])] + \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]])]$$

Use the Jacobi identity

$$[A_\rho, [A_\mu, A_\nu]] + (\text{cyclic } \rho, \mu, \nu) = 0$$

to prove

$$(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho}) \text{Tr}(\dots [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]]) = 0.$$

The last term

$$4\eta^{\rho[\mu} (C\Gamma^{\nu]}{}_{\beta\alpha} \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha \psi^\beta [A_\rho, [A_\nu, A_\mu]])$$

will cancel with  $\text{Tr}[\bar{\epsilon} \Gamma_\mu \psi, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu]$ .

Left with (vanish when  $\epsilon \propto \mathbb{1}$ )

$$\left[ 2(C\Gamma^{\mu\nu\rho})_{\beta\alpha} + 4\eta^{\rho[\mu}(C\Gamma^{\nu]})_{\beta\alpha} \right] \cdot \text{Tr}(\epsilon^\alpha[A_\rho, \psi^\beta[A_\mu, A_\nu]]).$$

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Thu, Apr 18

**Gaussian with interaction** Canonical generator basis (Apr. 10).  $\mathbf{a} = (k, l)$ ,  $[k, l]$  or  $(k, k)$ . Fix  $k < l$ .  $\mathbf{a}' = (k, N)$ ,  $[k, N]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N-1$ . Normalize such that  $\text{Tr} T^{\mathbf{a}} T^{\mathbf{b}} = \delta^{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$ .

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a}'} (T^{\mathbf{a}'} )_{iN} (T^{\mathbf{a}'} )_{Nj} = \delta_{ij}.$$

$\mathbf{a}' = (i, N)$ ,  $[i, N]$  contributes to the sum. Gaussian from bosonic action (Apr. 10)

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} [\mathcal{A}_\mu (\mathfrak{A}^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + \mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}^\nu - 2\mathfrak{F}^{\mu\nu}) \mathcal{A}_\nu].$$

The simplest case  $\mathfrak{F} = 0$  because  $[A, A] = 0$ .  $\mathfrak{A}^2$  is diagonal because  $A$  is diagonal. Consider  $A \oplus a$ ,  $a$  is a number, the  $(N, N)$  matrix element;  $A$  is a general  $(N-1) \times (N-1)$  matrix. Calculate the adjoint

$$\mathfrak{A} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} (A \oplus a)_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathbf{a}} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]).$$

$\mathbf{c} \in \{(N, N), (i, i), (k, l), [k, l]\}$ . First consider  $\mathbf{c} = (N, N)$ . This contributes to the matrix element  $(\mathbf{a} = (i, N), \mathbf{b} = [i, N])$  or  $(\mathbf{a} = [i, N], \mathbf{b} = (i, N))$ .

$$[T^{(N,N)}, T^{(i,N)}] = iT^{[i,N]}, \quad [T^{(N,N)}, T^{[i,N]}] = -iT^{(i,N)}$$

$\mathbf{c} = (N, N), (i, i)$  will generate the matrix element

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),[i,N]} = -(\mathfrak{A})_{[i,N],(i,N)} = i(a - A_{ii}).$$

There are matrix elements between different  $(i, N), (j, N)$  (also  $(i, N), [j, N]$  and  $[i, N], [j, N]$ )

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),(j,N)} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{(i,N)} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{(j,N)}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{[i,j]}.$$

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{(i,N),[j,N]} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{(i,N)} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{[j,N]}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{(i,j)}.$$

$$(\mathfrak{A})_{[i,N],[j,N]} = \sum_{\mathbf{c}} A_{\mathbf{c}} \text{Tr}(T^{[i,N]} [T^{\mathbf{c}}, T^{[j,N]}]) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_{[i,j]}.$$

The matrix elements  $((i, j), (i, N))$  vanish because  $A_{[i,N]} = 0$ .

The matrix elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$ :

square

	$(i, N)$	$[i, N]$	$(j, N)$	$[j, N]$
$(i, N)$	0	$i(a - A_{ii})$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$
$[i, N]$	$-i(a - A_{ii})$	0	$-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	$\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$
$(j, N)$	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	0	$i(a - A_{jj})$
$[j, N]$	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{(ij)}$	$-\frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}A_{[ij]}$	$-i(a - A_{jj})$	0

	$(i, N)$	$[i, N]$	$(j, N)$	$[j, N]$
$(i, N)$	$(a - A_{ii})^2$	0	?	?
$[i, N]$	0	$(a - A_{ii})^2$	?	?
$(j, N)$	?	?	$(a - A_{jj})^2$	0
$[j, N]$	?	?	0	$(a - A_{jj})^2$

The simplest approximation  $a - A_{ii} \approx a - A_{jj} \equiv d$ ,  $A_{(ij)} \approx 0$ ,  $A_{[ij]} \approx 0$  (classical background). The Gaussian from bosonic action for  $\alpha_{\mu\alpha'}$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{\alpha'} [\alpha_{\mu\alpha'} (d^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} + d^\mu d^\nu) \alpha_{\nu\alpha'}] \quad (3)$$

We ignore  $d$  depending on  $\alpha'$  in the approximation.

Consider the interaction

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}([T^{\alpha'}, T^a][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) = \sum_{ijkl} T_{ij}^{[a'} T_{jk}^a] T_{kl}^{[b'} T_{li}^{\mathbf{b}}].$$

Because one of the index of  $T^{\alpha'}$  must be  $N$ , while no index of  $T^a$  is  $N$ , only the following terms non-vanishing

$$-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijk} \left( T_{iN}^{\alpha'} T_{Nj}^{\mathbf{b}'} T_{ki}^a T_{jk}^{\mathbf{b}} + T_{Ni}^{\alpha'} T_{ik}^a T_{kj}^{\mathbf{b}} T_{jN}^{\mathbf{b}'} \right).$$

Contraction between  $\alpha'$ ,  $\mathbf{b}'$  gives

$$\sum_{\alpha'\mathbf{b}'} \delta_{\alpha',\mathbf{b}'}(\dots) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(T^a T^{\mathbf{b}}).$$

This result is applied to

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\alpha^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu] + [\alpha_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \alpha^\nu]) \\ & = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([T^{\alpha'}, T^a][T^{\mathbf{b}'}, T^{\mathbf{b}}]) \alpha_{\mu\alpha'} \alpha_{\nu\mathbf{b}'} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu). \end{aligned}$$

Contract  $\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \text{Tr}(T^a T^{\mathbf{b}})(\Delta^{-1})_{\mu\nu} (\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_{\rho\mathbf{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\rho + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{a}}^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b}}^\mu) \\ & = \alpha (\Delta^{-1})_{\mu\nu} \text{Tr}(\eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho + \mathcal{A}^\mu \mathcal{A}^\nu). \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $\eta^{\mu\nu} d^2 + d^\mu d^\nu$ .

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}([\alpha_\rho, \mathcal{A}_\mu][\alpha_\sigma, \mathcal{A}_\nu]) \rightarrow \alpha (\Delta^{-1})_{\rho\sigma} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) \quad (4)$$

Note. there is no  $\mathfrak{A}_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$  dependence. What is  $d$ ?

**fermionic contribution** the action

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \psi_a^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \psi_b^\beta \quad (5)$$

$$\int [d\psi] e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi])} = \text{Pf} \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \right).$$

The matrix elements are labeled by  $(\alpha, \mathfrak{a}), (\beta, \mathfrak{b})$ .

The RG setting, background  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{A}_2$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  in the directions  $\mathfrak{a}', \mathfrak{b}'$ .

$$\text{Pf} \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)^{ab} \right) \approx \text{Pf} \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu})^{ab} \right) \text{Pf} \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^{a'b'} \right)$$

Factorization only works for background, not for fluctuation.

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{A}} = \sum_c \alpha_c \text{Tr}(T^a [T^c, T^b])$$

No simple relation between  $\text{Pf}(A \otimes B)$  and  $\text{Pf}(A), \text{Pf}(B)$ .

Write

$$M_{(\alpha, \mathfrak{a}), (\beta, \mathfrak{b})} \equiv (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}}.$$

Use

$$\text{Pf} \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2} M \right) = \pm \exp \left[ \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left( -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} M^2 \right) \right].$$

$$M = C\Gamma^\mu \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu} \oplus \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu}).$$

$$M^2 = (C\Gamma^\mu C\Gamma^\nu) \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_{1\mu} \mathfrak{A}_{1\nu} \oplus \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu} \mathfrak{A}_{2\nu}).$$

$\mathfrak{A}_2$  for the RG directions. Factor out

$$\exp \left[ \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left( -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 \right) \right].$$

Background  $(\mathfrak{A}_2)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}^2 = d^2 \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}$  (the approximation).

$$(C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 = \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^9 (d_\mu)^2 \right) \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + (\dots?).$$

$\log(\dots)?$  For simplicity, assume  $d_0 = 0$ ,

$$(C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 = \left( \sum_{\mu=1}^9 (d_\mu)^2 \right) \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \equiv d^2 \mathbb{1}.$$

$\text{Tr} = 16 \cdot 2(N-1)$ , for  $\mathfrak{a}' \in \{(i, N), [i, N]\}$ .

$$\exp \left[ \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \log \left( -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (C\Gamma^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_{2\mu})^2 \right) \right] = \left( -\frac{\alpha^2}{4} d^2 \right)^{8(N-1)}.$$

**Question 1.** where is the scaling?

Clarify  $M$

$$M_{(\alpha, a), (\beta, b)} \equiv (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a, b}.$$

The inverse of  $M$ :  $M^{-1}$ ? Diagonal background

$$\sum_c (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{ac} (\mathfrak{A}_\nu)_{cb} = \delta_{a, b} d_{a\mu} d_{a\nu}.$$

Spinor part is not easy, but easy if  $d_0 = 0$ .

$$\{(C\Gamma^i), (C\Gamma^j)\} = 2\delta^{ij}\mathbb{1}, \quad C\Gamma^0 = -\mathbb{1}$$

$$\{(C\Gamma^0), (C\Gamma^i)\} = -2(C\Gamma^i).$$

Define  $\overline{C\Gamma}^\mu$

$$\overline{C\Gamma}^0 = -C\Gamma^0, \quad \overline{C\Gamma}^i = C\Gamma^i.$$

Reminiscent of Pauli 4-vector? If  $d_0 = 0$ ,  $M^{-1} \propto M$ .  $M^{-1} \propto \overline{C\Gamma}^\mu \otimes \mathfrak{A}_\mu$ ?

Fri, Apr 19

**summarize the ingredients** General assumptions: diagonal background  $A_\mu$ ; imagine  $(A_\mu)_{ii}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N-1$  are small while  $(A_\mu)_{NN}$  is large:

$$(A_\mu)_{NN} - (A_\mu)_{ii} \approx d_\mu, \quad (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \equiv (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{(i, N)[j, N]} = -(\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{[j, N](i, N)} = i d_\mu \delta_{ij}.$$

The idea is just to make the Gaussian term simple.

The bosonic part of IKKT gives

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{a', b'} \alpha_{\mu a'} [(\mathfrak{A}^\rho \mathfrak{A}_\rho)_{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu} + (\mathfrak{A}^\mu \mathfrak{A}^\nu)_{a'b'}] \alpha_{\nu b'} \quad (6)$$

Define the quadratic matrix

$$(\Delta_B)_{a'b'; \mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2} (d^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} + d_\mu d_\nu) \delta_{a'b'} \quad (7)$$

A simplification: gauge fixing

$$\sum_{b'} (\mathfrak{A}^\mu)_{a'b'} \alpha_{\mu b'} = 0, \quad \delta_t \alpha_{\mu a'} = i \sum_{b'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} t_{b'}.$$

In gauge fixing action, the bosonic part

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{a', b'} \alpha_{\mu a'} [(\mathfrak{A}^\rho \mathfrak{A}_\rho)_{a'b'} \eta^{\mu\nu}] \alpha_{\nu b'} \quad (8)$$

$$(\Delta_B)_{a'b'; \mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2} d^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{a'b'} \quad (9)$$

Then it's easy to inverse

$$(\Delta_B^{-1})_{a'b'}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\alpha d^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{a'b'} \quad (10)$$



The fermionic part of IKKT gives

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}', \alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \quad (11)$$

$$(\Delta_F)_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'; \alpha\beta} \equiv -\frac{\alpha}{2} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} d_\mu J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \quad (12)$$

$J$  forms a block diagonal form, each block reads

$$J_{(i,N),[i,N]} = -J_{[i,N],(i,N)} = i, \quad J_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = J_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus J_{N-1}.$$

The inverse

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{2}{\alpha d^2} (\overline{C\Gamma}^\mu)^{\alpha\beta} d_\mu J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \\ \overline{C\Gamma}^0 &= -C\Gamma^0, \quad \overline{C\Gamma}^i = C\Gamma^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 9. \\ (C\Gamma^\mu)(\overline{C\Gamma}^\nu) &= \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{1}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Contractions

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{ij} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{kl})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}). \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0, \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} \delta_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 2\delta_{ij}. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{ij} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{kl})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'}). \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0, \quad \sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 0. \\ &\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{iN} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{Nj})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = -\sum_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} (T^{\mathfrak{a}'}_{Ni} (T^{\mathfrak{b}'}_{jN})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} J_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{b}'} = 2\delta_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

fermionic interaction

$$-\frac{\alpha}{2} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}])$$

square

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{4} \psi_{\mathfrak{a}'}^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\mathfrak{b}'}^\beta \psi_{\mathfrak{c}'}^\gamma (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \psi_{\mathfrak{d}'}^\delta \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}]) \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{c}'}[T^{\mathfrak{b}}, T^{\mathfrak{d}'}])$$

Contraction 1.  $\mathfrak{a}' - \mathfrak{d}'$  and  $\mathfrak{b}' - \mathfrak{c}'$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\alpha^2}{4} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{a}'\mathfrak{d}'}^{\alpha\delta} (\Delta_F^{-1})_{\mathfrak{b}'\mathfrak{c}'}^{\beta\gamma} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}'}[T^{\mathfrak{a}}, T^{\mathfrak{b}'}]) \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{c}'}[T^{\mathfrak{b}}, T^{\mathfrak{d}'}]). \\ &= -\frac{4 \times 16}{d^4} \text{Tr}(T^{\mathfrak{a}} T^{\mathfrak{b}}) d^\mu d^\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mu\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{\nu\mathfrak{b}} = -\frac{64}{d^4} d^\mu d^\nu \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu). \end{aligned}$$

Contraction 2  $\mathfrak{a}' - \mathfrak{c}'$  and  $\mathfrak{b}' - \mathfrak{d}'$  gives the same.

In the contraction 1.

$$\text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^a, T^{b'}])\text{Tr}(T^{c'}[T^b, T^{d'}]) \rightarrow -4\text{Tr}(T^a T^b)$$

Cubic interaction

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$$\text{Tr}[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \rightarrow 4\text{Tr}[A_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu][\mathcal{A}^\mu, \mathcal{A}^\nu].$$

$$4 \sum_{a,b,c,d} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{ab} \mathcal{A}_{\nu b} \mathcal{A}_c^\mu \mathcal{A}_d^\nu \text{Tr}(T^a[T^c, T^d]).$$

$$4 \sum_{a',b',c',d'} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \alpha_{\nu b'} \alpha_{c'}^\mu \alpha_{d'}^\nu \text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^{c'}, T^{d'}]).$$

Fermionic action

$$\text{Tr}(\bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu [A_\mu, \psi]) = \text{Tr}(\psi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \psi^\beta]).$$

fermionic background

$$\psi + \varphi.$$

with the direct sum bosonic background

$$\sum_{a'b'} \varphi_{a'}^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} (\mathfrak{A}_\mu)_{a'b'} \varphi_{b'}^\beta + \sum_{a'b'c'} \varphi_{a'}^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \alpha_{\mu b'} \varphi_{c'}^\beta \text{Tr}(T^{a'}[T^{b'}, T^{c'}]).$$

Also consider

$$\sum_{ab'c} \psi_a^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \alpha_{\mu b'} \psi_{c'}^\beta \text{Tr}(T^a[T^{b'}, T^{c'}]).$$

Show that it's vanish. Also consider

$$\text{Tr} \psi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\alpha_\mu, \varphi^\beta] + \text{Tr} \varphi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\alpha_\mu, \psi^\beta] = -2\text{Tr} \varphi^\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [\psi^\beta, \alpha_\mu].$$

Similarly, define the adjoint matrix

$$\Psi_{ab} \equiv \sum_c \psi_c \text{Tr}(T^a[T^c, T^b]).$$

The product and trace of the  $C \Gamma^\mu$  matrices

Mon, Apr 22

$$\text{Tr}(C \Gamma^\mu \overline{C \Gamma^\nu}) = \eta^{\mu\nu} \text{Tr} \mathbb{1}.$$

This is checked by considering three cases separately:  $\mu = i, \nu = j$ ;  $\mu = 0, \nu = i$  or  $\mu = i, \nu = 0$ ;  $\mu = 0, \nu = 0$ . Also use  $\text{Tr}(C \Gamma^i) = 0$ .

Use  $\{C \Gamma^i, C \Gamma^j\} = 2\delta^{ij} \mathbb{1}$ , we can prove that (cyclic property of trace)

$$\text{Tr}(C \Gamma^1 C \Gamma^2) = 0, \quad \text{Tr}(C \Gamma^1 C \Gamma^2 C \Gamma^3 C \Gamma^4) = 0.$$

Is it the case?  $\text{Tr}(C \Gamma^1 C \Gamma^2 C \Gamma^3) = 0$ .

**a contraction** Consider the following contraction

$$\left\langle \varphi_a^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu ab} \varphi_b^\beta \varphi_c^\gamma (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu cd} \varphi_d^\delta \right\rangle.$$

There are three possible contractions

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Delta^{-1})_{ab}^{\alpha\beta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu ab} (\Delta^{-1})_{cd}^{\gamma\delta} (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\nu cd} \\ & + (\Delta^{-1})_{ad}^{\alpha\delta} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu ab} (\Delta^{-1})_{bc}^{\beta\gamma} (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\nu cd} \\ & - (\Delta^{-1})_{ac}^{\alpha\gamma} (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_{\mu ab} (\Delta^{-1})_{bd}^{\beta\delta} (C\Gamma^\nu)_{\gamma\delta} \mathcal{A}_{\nu cd} \end{aligned}$$

The sign is obtained by comparing the “reverse order of  $\Delta^{-1}$ ”:  $\mathfrak{dcb}\mathfrak{a}$  for the first line to the order in  $\langle \dots \rangle$ :  $\mathfrak{abc}\mathfrak{d}$ . First deal with  $\mathfrak{a}$ -indices:  $(\Delta^{-1})_{ab}$  include  $J_{ab}$ . The first term gives  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu J) \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\nu J)$ ; the second and third terms give  $-2\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu)$ . The spinor part: the first term

$$\text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\mu \overline{C\Gamma}^\rho) \text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\nu \overline{C\Gamma}^\sigma).$$

The second term and the third term are the same

$$\text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\mu \overline{C\Gamma}^\rho C\Gamma^\nu \overline{C\Gamma}^\sigma).$$

(Note that  $C\Gamma^\mu$  is symmetric) The contraction reads then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\mu \overline{C\Gamma}^\rho) \text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\nu \overline{C\Gamma}^\sigma) \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu J) \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\nu J) a_\rho a_\sigma. \\ & -2\text{Tr}(C\Gamma^\mu \overline{C\Gamma}^\rho C\Gamma^\nu \overline{C\Gamma}^\sigma) \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) a_\rho a_\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

Don't forget to multiply  $\frac{g^4}{a^4}$  from propagator and  $\frac{1}{8g^4}$  from expansion of the interaction.

It's possible to obtain the following terms

$$32\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}^2) a^2, \quad -64\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) a^\mu a^\nu, \quad (16\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu) a^\mu)^2.$$

Multiply the  $\frac{1}{8a^4}$

$$\frac{4}{a^2} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}^2), \quad -\frac{8}{a^4} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) a^\mu a^\nu, \quad \frac{32}{a^4} (\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu J) a^\mu)^2.$$

tech remark. Because  $C\Gamma^0 = -\mathbb{1}$ ,  $\text{Tr}(C\Gamma^0 C\Gamma^0) = \text{Tr}\mathbb{1}$ . This seems to lead the wrong sign in the time direction (compare to  $\text{Tr}(C\Gamma^i C\Gamma^j) = \delta^{ij} \mathbb{1}$ ). However, an extra minus is provided by  $C\Gamma^0 C\Gamma^i = C\Gamma^i C\Gamma^0$  (compare to  $C\Gamma^i C\Gamma^j = -C\Gamma^j C\Gamma^i, i \neq j$ ).

Simpler contractions

$$-\frac{1}{2g^2} \langle \alpha_\mu (2a_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho J \eta^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{A}^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - 2\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}) \alpha_\nu \rangle = -\frac{5}{a^2} \text{Tr}(2a_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho J + \mathcal{A}^2).$$

$$\frac{1}{2g^2} \langle \varphi^\alpha (C\Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_\mu \varphi^\beta \rangle = \frac{8}{a^2} a^\rho \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\rho J).$$

use  $\text{Tr}(\overline{C\Gamma}^\mu C\Gamma^\nu) = 16\eta^{\mu\nu}$ .

$$\frac{1}{g^2} \langle b(2a_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho J + \mathcal{A}^2) \rangle = \frac{1}{a^2} \text{Tr}(2a_\rho \mathcal{A}^\rho J + \mathcal{A}^2).$$

Some cancellations... Also the  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu) a^\mu a^\nu$  is canceled from the bosonic and ghost quadratic term expansion.