

# $U_A(1)$ symmetry breaking quark-antiquark interactions mediated by gluons

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# Talk based on:

- \* FLB,  $U_A(1)$  symmetry breaking quark interactions from vacuum polarization, EPJA 60 (2024)
- \* FLB, Charged pions asymmetry from the decay of light neutral axial mesons due to interference, JPG. 52 (2024)
- \* A.P.Jr.+F.L.B., [NJL](#) Vacuum polarization corrections to low energy quark effective couplings PRD90 (2014)
- \* FLB, Constituent quark axial current couplings to light vector mesons..., PRD105 (2022)
- \* FLB,  $SU(2)$  Higher-order effective quark interactions from polarization, PLB761 (2016).



The number of works in the field is very large  
Relevant works may not be quoted

# Presentation Overview

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# Motivations/context

$U_A(1)$  symmetry is exact at the tree level (QED and QCD)

Axial anomaly (ABJ): (l.h.) - (r.h.) fermion currents not conserved  
topological charge - 't Hooft

Axial anomaly  $\rightarrow \eta - \eta'$  puzzle solved - Witten  
 $\rightarrow$  't Hooft interaction for NJL-type models

Recently: the behavior of this symmetry at high  $T \rightarrow$  instantons  
\* is it restored with Chiral Symmetry? Flavor? Are they related?...

Several recent works

Here: gluon-exchange interactions break  $U_A(1)$

# Quark-antiquark interaction $\rightarrow$ dynamics



quark-gluon interaction

Leading term for quark - QCD effective action

$$Z[\eta, \bar{\eta}] = N \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp i \int d^4x \left[ \bar{\psi} (i\not{D} - m) \psi - \frac{g^2}{2} \int_y j_\mu^\beta(x) \tilde{R}_{\beta\alpha}^{\mu\nu}(x-y) j_\nu^\alpha(y) + \bar{\psi}\eta + \bar{\eta}\psi \right]$$

color quark current  $j_\alpha^\mu = \bar{\psi} \lambda_\alpha \gamma^\mu \psi$ ,

Fierz transformation  $\rightarrow$  all flavor-Dirac channels (mesons)

By introducing quark background currents  $J_\phi$

By integrating out quark field  $\rightarrow$  Quark determinant

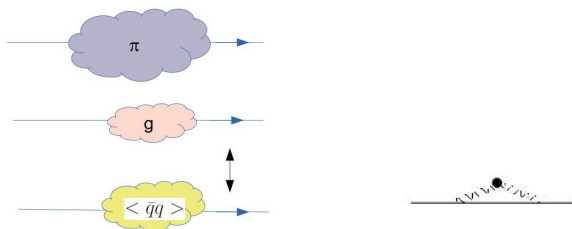
# Constituent quarks: quark-antiquark and meson-quark interactions

Quark determinant  $\rightarrow$  constituent quark' Gluon cloud

\* Gluon cloud:

It dresses background quark currents  $\rightarrow$  constituent quarks

\* By including meson states  $\rightarrow$  Pion cloud from the *Goldstone boson* couplings (FLB, EPJA-2016, PRD-2018, PRD-2019)



# Expansion of the quark determinant: 4<sup>th</sup>-order

LARGE quark and gluon effective masses  $\rightarrow$  local limit

Second order (quark currents):

$$\mathcal{L}_{eNJL} = \bar{\psi} \mathcal{S}_0^{-1} \psi + (G_{ij} + \Delta G_{s,ij})(\bar{\psi} \lambda_i \psi)(\bar{\psi} \lambda_j \psi) + G_{ij}(\bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \lambda_i \psi)(\bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \lambda_j \psi)$$

Pseudoscalar and scalar (and vector, axial etc) channels with different interactions

\* There are (FSB) mixing interactions (adj. rep)  $G_{i \neq j}$  ( $i, j=0, 3, 8$ )

$$G_{i \neq j} \propto (M_{f_1} - M_{f_2})^{n=1,2}$$

\* Mechanism FSB lead to mixing is know for long time.

All the resulting  $G_{ij}$  are 1-loop integrals of quark (and gluon) effective propagators

# Quark sector-polarization 4-point GF

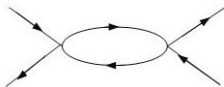


Figure: Polarization in the NJL model, solid lines are quarks,  $P = 0$

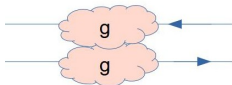


Figure: One loop Two gluon exchange - Fierz transformation in quark det



Figure: CQM and QCD-Two gluon exchange



# 6<sup>th</sup> order quark interactions $\rightarrow U_A(1)$ breaking

Third order expansion in the quark currents:

$U_A(1)$ -breaking interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = G_{sb,ps} T^{ijk} (J_i^S J_j^{PS} J_k^{PS} + J_i^{PS} J_j^{PS} S_k + J_i^{PS} J_j^S J_k^{PS}) + G_{sb,s} T^{ijk} J_i^S J_j^S J_k^S,$$

$$T_{ijk} \equiv d_{ijk} + if_{ijk}$$

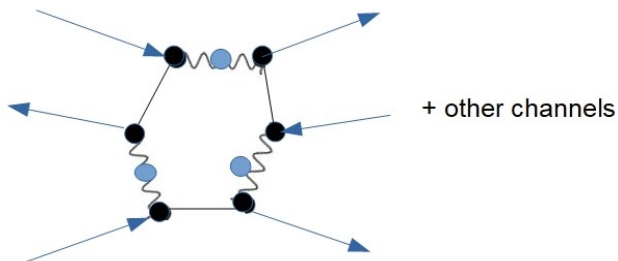
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Comparable to 't Hooft (determinant) interaction:  $SU(3) = 6^{\text{th}}$  order

$$\mathcal{L}'_{tHooft} = K d_{ijk} \left[ (J_i^S J_j^{PS} J_k^{PS} + J_i^{PS} J_j^{PS} S_k + J_i^{PS} J_j^S J_k^{PS}) - J_i^S J_j^S J_k^S \right]$$

# 6<sup>th</sup> order vacuum polarization constituent quarks or gluon exchange

\* Diagrammatic interpretation



The calculated loop so far: in terms of constituent quark vertices

Mixed interactions

vector and axial currents (V-A), with a scalar or pseudoscalar (S-PS)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{6, sb, SVV} = & T^{ijk} \left[ 3 G_{sb1} J_i^{V, \mu} J_{V, \mu}^j J_k^S + 3 G_{sb2} J_i^{A, \mu} J_{A, \mu}^j J_k^S \right. \\ & \left. + 3i G_{sb1} \left( J_i^{V, \mu} J_{A, \mu}^j J_k^{PS} - J_i^{A, \mu} J_{V, \mu}^j J_k^{PS} \right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Last term antisymmetric structure

\* And many other momentum dependent interactions

For example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{6d,SSV} = & 3 T^{ijk} \left\{ \left( \partial_\mu J_i^{PS} \right) \left[ -G_{d1} J_j^S J_k^{A,\mu} + G_{d2} J_j^{A,\mu} J_k^S \right] \right. \\
 & - G_{d2} (\partial_\mu J_i^S) \left[ J_j^{A,\mu} J_k^{PS} + J_j^{PS} J_k^{A,\mu} \right] \\
 & + (\partial_\mu A_i^\mu) \left[ G_{d1} J_j^S J_k^{PS} + G_{d2} J_j^{PS} J_k^S \right] \\
 & + i \left[ (G_{d1} - G_{d2}) J_i^{V,\mu} J_j^P \left( \partial_\mu J_{PS}^k \right) \right. \\
 & \left. - 2G_{d2} J_i^{V,\mu} \left( \partial_\mu J_{PS}^j \right) J_k^P, \right] \left. \right\} \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

1) And terms with unusual parity structure

$$\mathcal{L}_{6,SVA,sb} = -3 G_{sva,sb} T^{ijk} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \quad (3)$$
$$\left\{ 2(\partial^\mu J_i^{V,\nu})(\partial^\rho J_j^{A,\sigma}) J_S^k + (\partial^\mu J_i^{V,\nu}) J_S^j (\partial^\rho J_k^{A,\sigma}) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\partial\partial),$$

(topological) properties akin to Wess-Zumino-Witten interactions  
PRD105 (2022)

2) Flavor-dependencies  $G_{sp,ps}^{ijk}$

\* Mixing interactions also appear  $G_{ijk}^{mix} \propto (M_{f_1} - M_{f_2})^n$

# Few phenomenological consequences

Up and down quark dynamics  $T_{118}$

FLB, EPJA (2024)

Three-meson interactions from 6-quark interactions

Longwavelength limit

$$M_u = M_d = 0.391 \text{ GeV}, M_s = 0.600 \text{ GeV}$$

$G_{sb,s}/G_{sb,ps}$	$G_{sb1}/G_{sb2}$	$G_{d1}/G_{d2}$	$G_{v1}/G_{v2}$	$G_{sva, sb}$
$\text{GeV}^{-5}$	$\text{GeV}^{-5}$	$\text{GeV}^{-6}$	$\text{GeV}^{-6}$	$\text{GeV}^{-7}$
2.9/86.7	2.9/-86.7	59.3/221.7	118.7/443.5	-459.7
M.f.	$G_{03}^{ps}/G_{03}^s$	$G_{08}^{ps}/G_{08}^s$	$G_{38}^{ps}/G_{38}^s$	$G_{03}^v/G_{03}^a$
	$\text{GeV}^{-2}$	$\text{GeV}^{-2}$	$\text{GeV}^{-2}$	$\text{GeV}^{-2}$
	-0.08/-0.40	-0.79/-3.85	-0.05/-0.23	-0.06/0.28

Small values and  $\text{GeV}^{-n}$

However at mean field  $\rightarrow$  sizeable 4th order NJL

Mean field for

$$J_s^k \sim \langle \psi \lambda^k \psi \rangle .$$

# Interference in meson decays

Example  $\rho - \pi - \pi$  vertex

With  $T^{ijk} = d^{ijk} + if^{ijk}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{VPP}^{mes} &= i 3 T^{ijk} G_{d2} \left( \left\{ (\partial^\mu V_\mu^i) P_j^* P_k \right\} - \left\{ V_\mu^i (\partial^\mu P_j^*) P_k \right\} \right) \\ &+ i 3 T^{ijk} G_{d1} \left\{ V_\mu^i P_j^* (\partial^\mu P_k) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

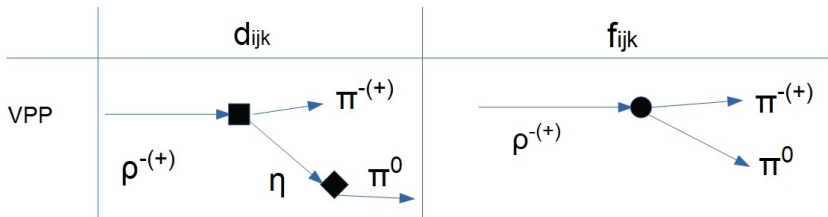


Figure: Three leg meson decays of rho into two pions  $\rho^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$ .

**Extremely Simplified** prescription for rho-polarization  
Momentum independent limit of interactions/form factors

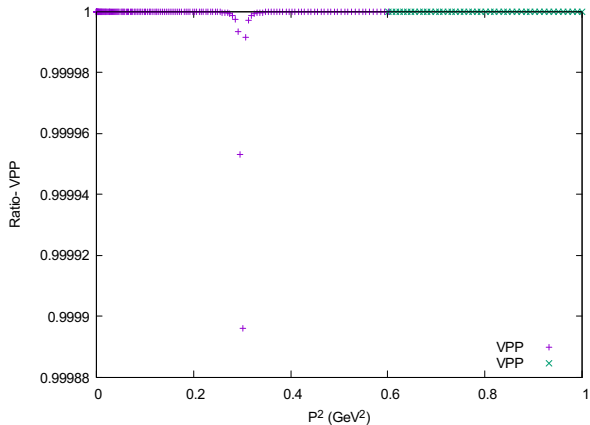
Effective gluon propagator from SDE (C.Roberts, et al)

$$R_T(k) = \frac{8\pi^2}{\omega^4} D e^{-k^2/\omega^2} + \frac{8\pi^2 \gamma_m E(k^2)}{\ln [\tau + (1 + k^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2)^2]}, \quad (5)$$

The set of parameters  $X - 20 - D_{l,2}$  of FLB, PRD 2021,

$$M_u = 0.392 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_d = 0.396 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_s = 0.600 \text{ GeV}, \quad (6)$$





$$A^\rho = \frac{\Gamma_{\pi^+}^V - \Gamma_{\pi^-}^V}{\Gamma_{\pi^+}^V + \Gamma_{\pi^-}^V} \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-4}, \quad (7)$$

# Summary

- Vacuum polarization leads to  $U_A(1)$  breaking dynamics
- In S-PS channel: 't Hooft-like interactions ( $G_s \neq G_{ps}$ )
- Part of their effects: mean field level in NJL
- Momentum dependent corrections  
→ interference in meson decays ?

Looking forward:

- Behavior at high temperatures and densities?
- To compare with strict 2 gluon exchange
- Effects in topological charges?
- Looking for further consequences/tests, etc

Thank you for your attention!

Network of researchers Strong Interactions:  
Hadrons, QCD, Fís. Nuclear

(..)=not confirmed

Others?

