

Lattice QCD₂ effective action with Bogoliubov transformations

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Keypoints and outline

Summary

- Presentation of the 't Hooft model [tH74, BG78, Li86]: Wilson lattice formulation, Coulomb gauge, transfer matrix.
- From canonical Bogoliubov formalism [Bar88, KN02] to quasiparticle functional representation [CLP07, CPV09].
- Effective action for colourless mesons.

Main results

- Full lattice formulation of a mesonic effective theory, from quarks and gluons to complete bosonization.
- Natural interpretation of the hypothesis of boson dominance as a projection on colourless mesonic states.

Strategy

Adopt tools and intuition from many-body theories in a relativistic setting.

QCD₂ on the lattice ($T = 0, \mu = 0$): motivation

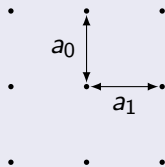
QCD in 2 space-time dimensions and $SU(N_c)$ gauge symmetry.

Toy model for strong interaction

- Quite easy (gauge fixing).
- Solvable for $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ (planar limit, 't Hooft '74).
- Non trivial phase space (confinement, chiral symmetry breaking).

Why on the lattice?

- Usual reasons: regularized from the start, non perturbative.
- The particles space of states can be built explicitly, via the formalism of second quantization and transfer matrix.



⇒ **It's an ideal benchmark for our method!**

Fermionic action

Dirac-Wilson action

$$S_F = a_0 a_1 \sum_{x \in (a_0 \mathbb{Z}) \times (a_1 \mathbb{Z})} \left\{ \left(m + \frac{r_0}{a_0} + \frac{r_1}{a_1} \right) \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \right. \\ \left. - \left[\bar{\psi}(x) \frac{r_1 - \gamma^1}{2a_1} U_1(x) \psi(x + a_1 \hat{1}) + \bar{\psi}(x + a_1 \hat{1}) \frac{r_1 + \gamma^1}{2a_1} U_1^\dagger(x) \psi(x) \right] \right. \\ \left. - \left[\bar{\psi}(x) \frac{r_0 - \gamma^0}{2a_0} U_0(x) \psi(x + a_0 \hat{0}) + \bar{\psi}(x + a_0 \hat{0}) \frac{r_0 + \gamma^0}{2a_0} U_0^\dagger(x) \psi(x) \right] \right\}$$

- $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ fermionic fields (2-component spinors in $SU(N_c)$ fundamental representation);
- γ -matrices terms: lattice discrete derivatives;
- terms with r , Wilson parameter: avoid fermion doubling.

Pure gauge action and weak coupling expansion

U_μ parallel transporter in direction μ . Exponential map:

$$U_\mu(x) = e^{igaA_\mu(x)}$$

Wilson action

$$S_G = \frac{1}{a_0 a_1} \sum_P \frac{1}{g^2} [2N_c - \text{Tr}(U_P + U_P^\dagger)]$$

with U_P plaquette variable. Coulomb gauge in 2 dimensions:

$$U_1(x) = 1 \iff A_1(x) = 0$$

't Hooft limit: large $N_c \iff$ weak coupling

$$N_c \rightarrow \infty, \quad g \rightarrow 0, \quad g^2 N_c \text{ fixed}$$

Free gluon propagator at lowest order in g : (\rightarrow see Zwanziger talk!)

$$\langle A_0^l(x) A_0^m(y) \rangle = \delta_{lm} \frac{\delta_{x^0, y^0}}{a_0} \int_{-\pi/a_1}^{\pi/a_1} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ip(x^1 - y^1)}}{\hat{p}^2}$$

Two equivalent representation for the partition function?

Functional representation

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-S[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]}$$

with $S[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}] = S_G[U] + S_F[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]$ classical action.

\implies correlation functions.

Statistical/canonical representation

$$\mathcal{Z} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} \text{Tr}^F e^{-\beta \hat{H}_F} = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1}$$

with \hat{H}_F fermions Hamiltonian, $\hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1}$ transfer matrix.

\implies thermodynamics.

Which connection?

Building up the fermionic space of states: Fock space

Defined at each time-slice.

Canonical creation and annihilation operators:

$$\{\hat{u}_J^\dagger, \hat{u}_K\} = \{\hat{v}_J^\dagger, \hat{v}_K\} = \delta_{JK}, \quad \{\hat{u}_J, \hat{u}_K\} = \{\hat{v}_J, \hat{v}_K\} = \dots = 0$$

with J, K multi-indices: internal (colour, flavour), Dirac and spatial.

Vacuum state:

$$|0\rangle = \bigotimes_K |0\rangle_K \quad \hat{u}_K |0\rangle_K = 0, \quad \hat{v}_K |0\rangle_K = 0$$

Basis of coherent states:

$$|\rho, \sigma\rangle = \exp\left(-\sum_K \rho_K \hat{u}_K^\dagger - \sum_K \sigma_K \hat{v}_K^\dagger\right) |0\rangle$$

with ρ_K, σ_K anticommuting symbols (Grassmann).

Operatorial \iff functional representation of \mathcal{Z}_F

Resolution of unity:

$$\hat{\mathbb{1}} = \int \prod_K d\rho_K^\dagger d\rho_K d\sigma_K^\dagger d\sigma_K e^{-\sum_J \rho_J^\dagger \rho_J - \sum_J \sigma_J^\dagger \sigma_J} |\rho, \sigma\rangle \langle \rho, \sigma|$$

In the partition function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_F &= \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1} \\ &= \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \hat{\mathbb{1}}_t \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1} \\ &= \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \int [d\rho_t^\dagger d\rho_t d\sigma_t^\dagger d\sigma_t] e^{-\rho_t^\dagger \rho_t - \sigma_t^\dagger \sigma_t} \langle \rho_t, \sigma_t | \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1} | \rho_{t+1}, \sigma_{t+1} \rangle \\ &= \int \prod_t [d\rho_t^\dagger d\rho_t d\sigma_t^\dagger d\sigma_t] e^{-S_F[\rho, \sigma]} \end{aligned}$$

A theory of quasiparticles? Bogoliubov transformations

Unitary transformations of the algebra of canonical operators

Quasiparticle operators

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_J &= \mathcal{R}_{JK}^{1/2} (\hat{u}_K - \mathcal{F}_{KI}^\dagger \hat{v}_I^\dagger) & \hat{b}_J &= (\hat{v}_K + \hat{u}_I^\dagger \mathcal{F}_{IK}^\dagger) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{KJ}^{1/2} \\ \hat{a}_J^\dagger &= (\hat{u}_K^\dagger - \hat{v}_I \mathcal{F}_{IK}) \mathcal{R}_{KJ}^{1/2} & \hat{b}_J^\dagger &= \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{JK}^{1/2} (\hat{v}_K^\dagger + \mathcal{F}_{KI} \hat{u}_I)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathcal{R} = (1 + \mathcal{F}^\dagger \mathcal{F})^{-1} \quad \hat{\mathcal{R}} = (1 + \mathcal{F} \mathcal{F}^\dagger)^{-1}$$

Mixing of creation and annihilation operators \implies new vacuum state:

$$|\mathcal{F}_t\rangle = \exp(\hat{u}_t^\dagger \mathcal{F}_t^\dagger \hat{v}_t^\dagger) |0\rangle$$

(\rightarrow see Reinhardt and Campagnari talks!)

New coherent states:

$$|\alpha, \beta; \mathcal{F}_t\rangle = \exp(-\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \beta \hat{b}^\dagger) |\mathcal{F}_t\rangle$$

Quasiparticles in functional representation

Original theory $\xrightarrow{\text{Bogoliubov}}$ Quasiparticles theory unitarily equivalent:

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} e^{-S_0[\mathcal{F}]} \int \prod_t [d\alpha_t^\dagger d\alpha_t d\beta_t^\dagger d\beta_t] e^{-S_Q[\alpha, \beta; \mathcal{F}]}$$

Quasiparticles action

$$S_Q[\alpha, \beta; \mathcal{F}] = - \sum_t \left[\beta_t \mathcal{I}_t^{(2,1)} \alpha_t + \alpha_t^\dagger \mathcal{I}_t^{(1,2)} \beta_t^\dagger \right. \\ \left. + \alpha_t^\dagger (\nabla_t - \mathcal{H}_t) \alpha_{t+1} - \beta_{t+1} (\dot{\nabla}_t - \dot{\mathcal{H}}_t) \beta_t^\dagger \right]$$

- $\mathcal{I}^{(2,1)}$, $\mathcal{I}^{(1,2)}$ mixing terms;
- \mathcal{H} , $\dot{\mathcal{H}}$ quasiparticles energies;
- ∇ , $\dot{\nabla}$ covariant derivatives.

Vacuum contribution: variational principle

Vacuum action

$S_0[\mathcal{F}]$:

- does not contains quasiparticles excitations;
- depends on the parameters \mathcal{F} ;
- depends on the gauge fields U_μ .

\implies it is a “vacuum contribution”.

The physical vacuum must be the state of minimal energy

$\implies \mathcal{F}$ can be fixed via a variational principle

\implies **saddle point equations** for $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}^\dagger$.

But the equations depend on the gauge fields configuration!

In weak coupling, can be solved after **averaging over gauge fields**:

- expand to second order in A_0 ,
- use $\langle A_0 \rangle = 0$ and substitute $\langle A_0 A_0 \rangle$ with the free gluon propagator.

Vacuum contribution in continuum limit

Bogoliubov-Valatin angle: $\mathcal{F}(q) = \tan \frac{\theta_q}{2}$.

Vacuum contribution

In continuum limit, we get

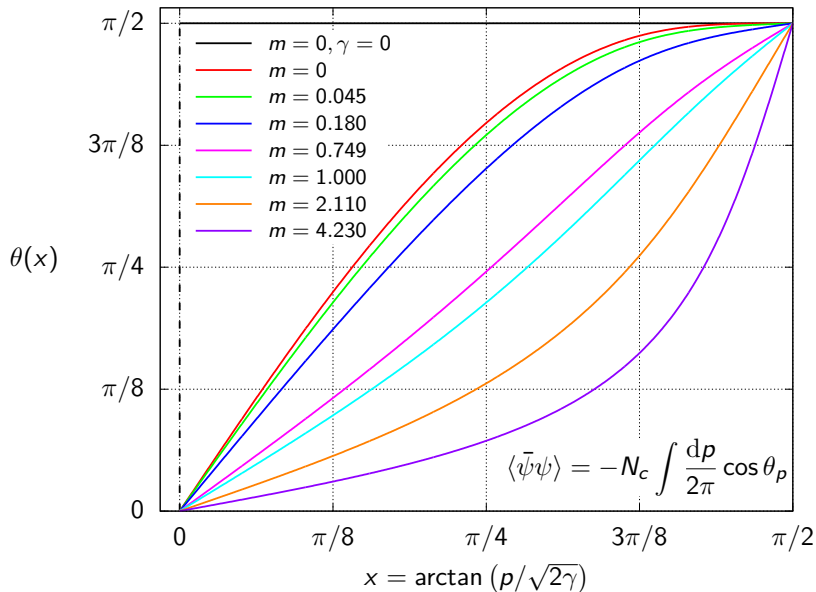
$$S_0[\theta] = -\frac{VN_c}{2\pi} \left[\int dq (m \cos \theta_q + q \sin \theta_q) - \frac{g^2 (N_c^2 - 1)}{4\pi N_c} \int dq \int dk \frac{1}{(q - k)^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta_q - \theta_k}{2} \right]$$

$$\omega_q^0 = m \cos \theta_q + q \sin \theta_q - \gamma \int dk \frac{1}{(q - k)^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta_q - \theta_k}{2}$$

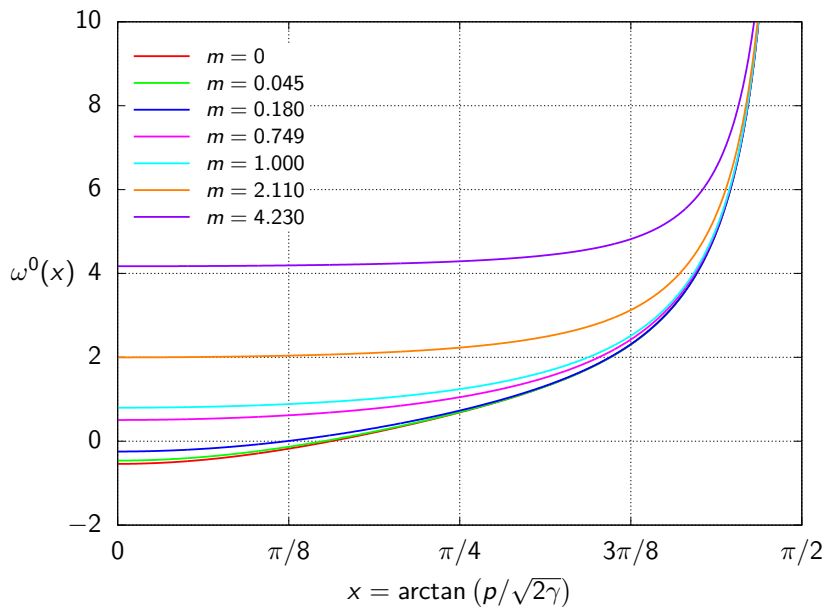
Saddle point equation

$$-m \sin \theta_q + q \cos \theta_q - \frac{\gamma}{2} \int dk \frac{\sin(\theta_q - \theta_k)}{(q - k)^2} = 0$$

θ and chiral symmetry breaking^[LWB87, JLLX17]



Vacuum dispersion relation



Quasiparticles on the saddle point

Mixing term

$$\int \frac{dq}{2\pi} \mathcal{I}_q [\beta(q)\alpha(-q) + \alpha^\dagger(q)\beta(-q)]$$

$$\mathcal{I}_q = -m \sin \theta_q + q \cos \theta_q - \gamma \int dk \frac{1}{(q-k)^2} \cos \frac{\theta_q - \theta_k}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_q - \theta_k}{2}$$

\implies null on the saddle point!

Energy term

$$\int \frac{dq}{2\pi} [\omega_q^\alpha \alpha^\dagger(q)\alpha(-q) + \omega_q^\beta \beta(q)\beta^\dagger(-q)]$$

$$\omega_q^{\alpha,\beta} = m \cos \theta_q + q \sin \theta_q + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{\cos(\theta_q - \theta_k)}{(q-k)^2}$$

IR divergent on the saddle point \implies quasiparticles confinement.

How to build a theory of mesons?

The average over gauge fields produces a quartic fermionic theory:

$$S_Q \simeq S_Q^{(0)} + gS_Q^{(1)} + g^2S_Q^{(2)}$$
$$\implies \exp(-S_Q) \simeq \exp\left(-S_Q^{(0)} - g^2S_Q^{(2)}\right) \left[1 - gS_Q^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}g^2\left(S_Q^{(1)}\right)^2\right]$$

Possible interpretation as a quadratic theory for the composite fields

$$\Gamma_n = \sum_{J,K} \Phi_{n;JK} \beta_J \alpha_K \quad \Gamma_n^\dagger = \sum_{J,K} \Phi_{n;JK}^\dagger \alpha_J^\dagger \beta_K^\dagger$$

Not so easy!

- Bilinears in Grassmann fields are not proper complex fields:

$$(\alpha_J)^2 = 0 \implies (\Gamma_n)^\Omega = 0 \quad \text{for a certain } \Omega \in \mathbb{N}$$

\implies functional measure $\mathcal{D}\Gamma \mathcal{D}\Gamma^\dagger$ not well defined.

- Energy terms still quadratic, and not quartic, in fermion fields.

Mesons as two-particle states in the Fock space

In canonical formalism: mesons as *quasiparticles condensates*

$$|\Phi_t; \mathcal{F}_t\rangle = \exp(\hat{a}^\dagger \Phi_t^\dagger \hat{b}^\dagger) |\mathcal{F}_t\rangle$$

Physical assumption: **boson dominance** \implies the partition function is “well approximated” by its **projection on composites subspace**:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_F &= \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1} \\ &\simeq \text{Tr}^F \prod_t \hat{\mathcal{P}}_t \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{t,t+1} := \mathcal{Z}_C \end{aligned}$$

Projection operator:

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}_t[\mathcal{F}_t] = \int \frac{[d\Phi_t^\dagger d\Phi_t]}{\langle \Phi_t; \mathcal{F}_t | \Phi_t; \mathcal{F}_t \rangle} |\Phi_t; \mathcal{F}_t\rangle \langle \mathcal{F}_t; \Phi_t|$$

A lattice theory of mesons

After projection

$$\mathcal{Z}_c = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi^\dagger \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{-S_0[U; \mathcal{F}] - S_M[\Phi, \Phi^\dagger, U; \mathcal{F}]}$$

Meson effective action

$$S_M[\Phi, \Phi^\dagger, U; \mathcal{F}] = \sum_t \text{Tr} \left\{ \log \left(1 + \Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_t \right) - \log \left(\mathcal{D}_{t,t+1}[\Phi, \Phi^\dagger] \right) \right\}$$

$\mathcal{D}_{t,t+1}$ is a term linear and quartic in the Φ fields.

The action is still not a polynomial in Φ, Φ^\dagger !

A way out:

- choose Φ to describe colourless mesons;
- take the large N_c limit;
- average over gauge and evaluate the result on the saddle point.

Colourless mesons in the large N_c limit

Structure of a colourless meson

- specialize multi-index $J = (p, i)$: space, colour;
- define a suitable creator operator: $\hat{\Gamma}^\dagger(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \frac{\hat{a}_i^\dagger(p) \hat{b}_i^\dagger(q)}{\sqrt{N_c}}$
- define suitable structure matrices: $\Phi_t^\dagger(p, q) = \mathbb{I}_{N_c} \frac{\phi_t^\dagger(p, q)}{\sqrt{N_c}}$

Quadratic mesonic action:

$$S_M \xrightarrow{N_c \rightarrow \infty} \sum_t \text{tr}_{\text{space}} \left\{ -\phi_t (\phi_{t+1}^\dagger - \phi_t^\dagger) + (\mathring{\mathcal{H}}'_t \phi_t \phi_{t+1}^\dagger + \mathcal{H}'_t \phi_{t+1}^\dagger \phi_t) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(-2\phi_{t+1}^\dagger \mathring{\mathcal{H}}'_t \phi_t \mathcal{H}'_t + \phi_t \mathcal{I}_t^{(1,2)} \phi_t \mathcal{I}_t^{(1,2)} + \phi_t^\dagger \mathcal{I}_t^{(2,1)} \phi_t^\dagger \mathcal{I}_t^{(2,1)} \right) \right\}$$

To put it in an usual form of the type $\phi^\dagger \phi$, diagonalize it with respect to the doublets $(\phi^\dagger, \phi) \implies$ Bars-Green equations for colourless mesons [BG78, KN02].

Results

Starting from the fundamental theory of quarks and gluons (QCD₂), we obtained

- an effective theory for mesons on the lattice which reproduces, in the continuum limit, results well known from Hamiltonian canonical approach;
- a remarkable physical insight about boson dominance, interpreted as a projection on composite states.

Future perspectives

- application to more realistic models of strong interaction;
- study of models at finite temperature and chemical potential (projection on diquarks states? colour superconductivity? deconfinement?).

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