

Quark confinement in the Yang-Mills theory with a gauge-invariant gluon mass in view of the gauge-invariant BEH mechanism

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What is the mechanism of quark confinement?

- A promising scenario is the **dual superconductor picture** of the QCD vacuum. [Nambu,1974][’t Hooft,1975][Mandelstam,1976]
- One of the remarkable facts on this picture found in the preceding studies is *Infrared Abelian dominance* : The Abelian part (or diagonal component) of the gauge field becomes dominant for quark confinement in the low-energy or long-distance region [Ezawa & Iwazaki,1982].

This hypothesis was confirmed by:

Abelian dominance of the string tension: The string tension of the linear potential in the static quark-antiquark potential can be reproduced by the Abelian part alone [Suzuki & Yotsuyanagi,1990].

Dynamical generation of the off-diagonal gluon mass: The off-diagonal gluon propagator exhibits the exponential fall-off in the distance [Amemiya & Suganuma,1999].

- However, these results were obtained only in the specific gauge called the **maximal Abelian (MA) gauge** based on the idea of **Abelian projection method** proposed by [’t Hooft,1981].

The gauge invariance or independence was not clear in the Abelian projection method

The decomposition method:

- We have succeeded to demonstrate the **Abelian dominance of the string tension in the gauge-invariant way** based on the novel reformulation of the Yang-Mills theory in terms of the new field variables obtained from the **gauge covariant decomposition method** and the **non-Abelian Stokes theorem for the Wilson loop operator** .

*For more details, see the review: K.-I. Kondo, S. Kato, T. Shinohara and A. Shibata, Phys. Rept **579**, 1–226 (2015). arXiv:1409.1599 [hep-th]*

- How about the **Abelian dominance of the diagonal propagator?**

The propagator can be obtained only after the gauge fixing. Therefore, Abelian dominance of the diagonal propagator cannot be extended in the gauge invariant way.

- Instead, however, we can give a gauge-invariant definition for the **off-diagonal gluon mass**.
- Therefore, we can study the mass generation of the off-diagonal gluon mass in the gauge-invariant way.

Introduction (cont')

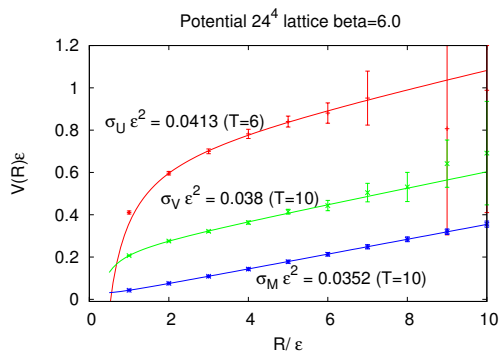
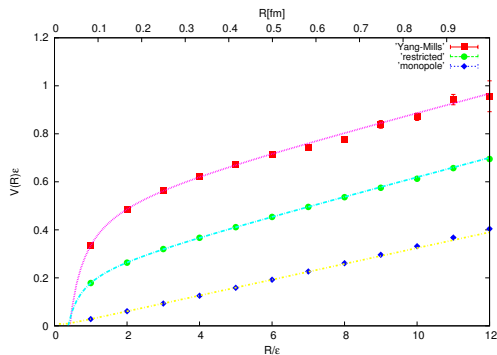
- This is based on the **gauge-independent description of the Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) mechanism** proposed recently by [Kondo, 2016, 2018], which needs neither the **spontaneous breaking of gauge symmetry** $G \rightarrow H$, nor the **non-vanishing vacuum expectation value of the scalar field** $\langle 0|\phi(x)|0\rangle := v \neq 0$.
- To explain it, we need to introduce a specific gauge-scalar model (**complementary gauge-scalar model**) which reduces to the **Yang-Mills theory with a gauge-invariant gluon mass term (massive Yang-Mills theory)** .
- The gauge-invariant gluon mass term simulates the dynamically generated mass to be extracted in the low-energy effective theory of the Yang-Mills theory and plays the role of a new probe to study confinement mechanism through the phase structure (Confinement phase, Higgs phase, deconfinement phase) in the gauge-invariant way.

In this talk we give preliminary studies on the lattice in this direction.

Lattice result for pure Yang-Mills theory

The followings are the results by the decomposition method.

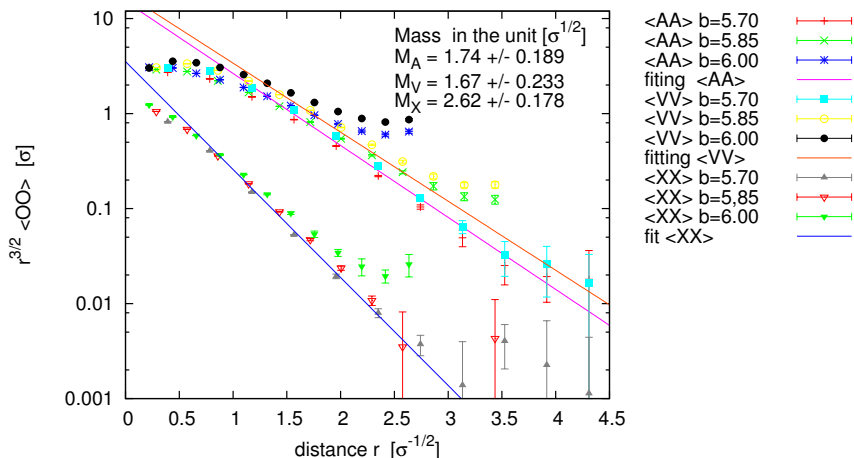
Abelian dominance of the string tension:



The static quark-antiquark potentials as functions of the quark-antiquark distance R :
(from above to below) full $V_{\text{full}}(R)$, restricted part $V_{\text{rest}}(R)$ and magnetic-monopole part $V_{\text{mono}}(R)$.
(Left) $SU(2)$ at $\beta = 2.5$ on 24^4 lattice, [Kato, Kondo and Shibata, PRD**91**, 034506 (2015)]
(Right) $SU(3)$ at $\beta = 6.0$ on 24^4 lattice. [Kondo, Shibata, Shinohara & Kato, PRD**83**, 114016 (2011)]

Lattice result for pure Yang-Mills theory (cont')

Dynamical generation of the off-diagonal gluon mass:



The rescaled correlation functions $r^{3/2} \langle O(r)O(0) \rangle$ for $O = \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{X}$ for 24^4 lattice with $\beta =$, 5.7, 5.85, 6.0. The physical scale is set in units of the string tension $\sigma_{\text{phys}}^{1/2}$.

[A. Shibata et al., PRD**87**, 054011 (2013)]

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BEH mechanism for the gauge-scalar model

We consider $G = SU(2)$ gauge-scalar model with a single **adjoint scalar field** characterized by the gauge-invariant Lagrangian (no potential term):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GS}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = -\frac{1}{2}\text{tr}\{\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}(x)\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}(x)\} + \text{tr}\{(\mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}]\boldsymbol{\phi}(x))(\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\boldsymbol{\phi}(x))\},$$

where the Lie algebra valued Yang-Mills field $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x) = \mathcal{A}_\mu^A(x)T_A$ ($A = 1, 2, 3$) obey the gauge transformation:

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu(x) \rightarrow U(x)\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)U^{-1}(x) + ig^{-1}U(x)\partial_\mu U^{-1}(x), \quad U(x) \in G = SU(2)$$

and the Lie algebra valued scalar field $\boldsymbol{\phi}(x) = \phi^A(x)T_A$ ($A = 1, 2, 3$) has the fixed radial length (modulus) $v > 0$:

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}(x) \equiv 2\text{tr}\{\boldsymbol{\phi}(x)\boldsymbol{\phi}(x)\} = \phi^A(x)\phi^A(x) = v^2.$$

and transforms according to the adjoint representation under the gauge transformation:

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(x) \rightarrow U(x)\boldsymbol{\phi}(x)U^{-1}(x), \quad U(x) \in G = SU(2),$$

The covariant derivative $\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}] := \partial_\mu - ig[\mathcal{A}_\mu, \cdot]$ transforms according to the adjoint representation under the gauge transformation: $\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}] \rightarrow U(x)\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]U^{-1}(x)$.

Conventional description for the BEH mechanism

- Suppose that the scalar field $\phi(x)$ acquires a non-vanishing vacuum expectation value (VEV): $\langle \phi(x) \rangle = \langle \phi \rangle = \langle \phi^A \rangle T_A$. Then the covariant derivative of the scalar field is

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x) := \partial_\mu \phi(x) - ig[\mathcal{A}_\mu(x), \phi(x)] \rightarrow -ig[\mathcal{A}_\mu(x), \langle \phi \rangle] + \dots$$

Consequently, the kinetic term of the scalar field is modified into

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}\{(\mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x))(\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x))\} &\rightarrow -g^2 \text{tr}_G\{[\mathcal{A}^\mu(x), \langle \phi \rangle][\mathcal{A}_\mu(x), \langle \phi \rangle]\} + \dots \\ &= -g^2 \text{tr}_G\{[T_A, \langle \phi \rangle][T_B, \langle \phi \rangle]\} \mathcal{A}^{\mu A}(x) \mathcal{A}_\mu^B(x) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

If the **non-vanishing VEV** $\langle \phi \rangle = \langle \phi^A \rangle T_A$ of the scalar field ϕ is chosen to a specific direction, e.g., $\langle \phi \rangle_\infty = \langle \phi^3 \rangle T_3$, [**unitary gauge**] uniformly over the spacetime, then the original local continuous gauge symmetry $G = SU(2)$ is spontaneously broken to a subgroup $H = U(1)$.

- Thus the kinetic term of the scalar field generates the mass term of the gauge field:

$$-g^2 \text{tr}_G\{[T_A, vT_3][T_B, vT_3]\} \mathcal{A}^{\mu A} \mathcal{A}_\mu^B = \frac{1}{2}(gv)^2(\mathcal{A}^{\mu 1} \mathcal{A}_\mu^1 + \mathcal{A}^{\mu 2} \mathcal{A}_\mu^2), \quad v := \langle \phi^3 \rangle.$$

- The off-diagonal gluons $\mathcal{A}_\mu^1, \mathcal{A}_\mu^2$ acquire the same mass $M_W := gv = g\langle \phi \rangle_\infty$,
- The diagonal gluon \mathcal{A}_μ^3 remains massless.

This description of the BEH mechanism **depends on the specific gauge** and **is not gauge independent**. Indeed, VEV $\langle \phi \rangle_\infty$ is not a gauge invariant quantity.

Gauge-independent description for the BEH mechanism

We explain a **gauge-independent description for the BEH mechanism**, which does not rely on the SSB. [K.-I. Kondo, Phys. Lett. B**762**, 219–224 (2016). arXiv:1606.06194 [hep-th]].

- We construct a composite vector field $\mathcal{W}_\mu(x)$ which consists of $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)$ and $\phi(x)$:

$$\mathcal{W}_\mu(x) := -ig^{-1}[\hat{\phi}(x), \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\hat{\phi}(x)], \quad \hat{\phi}(x) := \phi(x)/v.$$

We find that the kinetic term of the scalar field ϕ is identical to the **“mass term”** of the vector field \mathcal{W}_μ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x) \cdot \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2} M_W^2 \mathcal{W}^\mu(x) \cdot \mathcal{W}_\mu(x), \quad M_W := gv,$$

as far as the constraint $(\hat{\phi}(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}(x) = 1)$ is satisfied.

- This **“mass term”** of \mathcal{W}_μ is **gauge invariant**, since \mathcal{W}_μ obeys the adjoint gauge transformation:

$$\mathcal{W}_\mu(x) \rightarrow U(x)\mathcal{W}_\mu(x)U^{-1}(x).$$

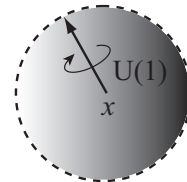
The \mathcal{W}_μ gives a **gauge-independent definition of the massive gluon mode in the operator level**. The massive mode \mathcal{W}_μ can be described without breaking the original gauge symmetry. (We do not need to choose a specific vacuum from all possible degenerate ground states distinguished by the direction of ϕ .)

Gauge-independent description for the BEH mechanism(2)

- Despite its appearance of \mathcal{W}_μ , the independent internal degrees of freedom in $\mathcal{W}_\mu = (\mathcal{W}_\mu^A)$ ($A = 1, 2, 3$) is equal to $\dim(G/H) = 2$, since $\mathcal{W}_\mu(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}(x) = 0$. Notice that this is a gauge-invariant statement.
- Thus, $\mathcal{W}_\mu(x)$ represent the massive modes corresponding to the coset space G/H components as expected.

[We understand the **residual gauge symmetry** left in the partial SSB:
 $G = SU(2) \rightarrow H = U(1).$]

$$\phi(x) \in SU(2)/U(1) \cong S^2$$



Gauge-independent description v.s. conventional one

- In fact, by taking the unitary gauge $\hat{\phi}^A(x) \rightarrow \hat{\phi}_\infty^A$, \mathcal{W}_μ reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_\mu(x) &\rightarrow -ig^{-1}[\hat{\phi}_\infty, \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\hat{\phi}_\infty] = [\hat{\phi}_\infty, [\hat{\phi}_\infty, \mathcal{A}_\mu(x)]] \\ &= \mathcal{A}_\mu(x) - (\mathcal{A}_\mu(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}_\infty)\hat{\phi}_\infty.\end{aligned}$$

Then \mathcal{W}_μ agrees with the off-diagonal components for the specific choice $\hat{\phi}_\infty^A = \delta^{A3}$:

$$\mathcal{W}_\mu^A(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\mu^a(x) \text{ (for } A = a = 1, 2), \quad 0 \text{ (for } A = 3)$$

This implies that the original gauge field \mathcal{A}_μ is separated into two pieces \mathcal{V}_μ and \mathcal{W}_μ :

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu(x) = \mathcal{V}_\mu(x) + \mathcal{W}_\mu(x), \quad \mathcal{W}_\mu(x) := -ig^{-1}[\hat{\phi}(x), \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\hat{\phi}(x)].$$

- We find that \mathcal{V}_μ is constructed from \mathcal{A}_μ and ϕ as

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu(x) = c_\mu(x)\hat{\phi}(x) + ig^{-1}[\hat{\phi}(x), \partial_\mu\hat{\phi}(x)], \quad c_\mu(x) := \mathcal{A}_\mu(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}(x),$$

and by definition transforms under the gauge transformation just like \mathcal{A}_μ :

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu(x) \rightarrow U(x)\mathcal{V}_\mu(x)U^{-1}(x) + ig^{-1}U(x)\partial_\mu U^{-1}(x).$$

In the unitary gauge $\hat{\phi}^A(x) \rightarrow \hat{\phi}_\infty^A = \delta^{A3}$, \mathcal{V}_μ agrees with the diagonal component

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu(x) \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_\mu(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}_\infty)\hat{\phi}_\infty \rightarrow 0 \text{ (} A = a = 1, 2), \quad \mathcal{A}_\mu^3(x) \text{ (} A = 3)$$

So far, so good for a gauge-scalar model.

Complementary gauge-scalar model for the Yang-Mills theory

- In the gauge-scalar model, $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)$ and $\phi(x)$ are independent field variables.
- However, the Yang-Mills theory should be described by the Yang-Mills field $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)$ alone and hence ϕ must be supplied as a composite field made from the gauge field $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)$ due to the strong interactions.

[the scalar field ϕ is to be given as a (complicated) functional of the gauge field $\mathcal{A}_\mu(x)$.]

- This is achieved by imposing the constraint which we call the **reduction condition**:

$$\chi(x) := [\hat{\phi}(x), \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\hat{\phi}(x)] = \mathbf{0} \iff \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{V}]\mathcal{W}_\mu(x) = 0.$$

This condition is gauge covariant, $\chi(x) \rightarrow U(x)\chi(x)U^{-1}(x)$.

- The **reduction condition** plays the role of eliminating the extra degrees of freedom introduced by the radially fixed adjoint scalar field into the Yang-Mills theory, since χ represents two conditions due to

$$\chi(x) \cdot \hat{\phi}(x) = 0.$$

- The “complementary” gauge-scalar model is defined by taking into account the Faddeev-Popov determinant $\tilde{\Delta}^{\text{red}}$ associated with the reduction condition $\chi = 0$ as

$$\tilde{Z}_{\text{RF}} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} \mathcal{D}\hat{\phi} \delta(\chi) \Delta^{\text{red}} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[\mathcal{A}] - S_{\text{kin}}[\mathcal{A}, v\hat{\phi}]}.$$

Complementary gauge-scalar model for the Yang-Mills theory(2)

- We perform change of variables from the original variables to the new variables:

$$\{\mathcal{A}_\mu^A(x), \hat{\phi}^a(x)\} \rightarrow \{c_\mu(x), \mathcal{W}_\nu^B(x), \hat{\phi}^b(x)\}.$$

Then we have

$$\tilde{Z}_{\text{RF}} = \int \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}\mathcal{W} \mathcal{D}\hat{\phi} J\delta(\tilde{\chi}) \tilde{\Delta}^{\text{red}} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[\mathcal{V}+\mathcal{W}] - iS_{\text{m}}[\mathcal{W}]},$$

$$S_{\text{m}}[\mathcal{W}] := \int d^D x \frac{1}{2} M_{\mathcal{W}}^2 \mathcal{W}_\mu \cdot \mathcal{W}_\mu,$$

- We can reproduce the well-known preceding cases by taking the special limit or choosing the gauge. For instance, by taking the unitary gauge,

$$\phi^A(x) = v \hat{\phi}^A(x), \quad \hat{\phi}^A(x) \rightarrow \delta^{A3},$$

the new variables reduce to

$$c_\mu = \mathcal{A}_\mu \cdot \hat{\phi} \rightarrow A_\mu^3, \quad \mathcal{V}_\mu^A \rightarrow A_\mu^3 \delta^{A3}, \quad \mathcal{W}_\mu^A \rightarrow A_\mu^a \delta^{Aa},$$

which means

$$\tilde{Z}_{\text{RF}} \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}A^3 \mathcal{D}A^a \delta(\mathcal{D}^\mu[A^3]A_\mu^a) \Delta_{\text{FP}} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[A^a+A^3] - S_{\text{m}}[A^a]},$$

$$S_{\text{m}}[A^a] := \int d^D x \frac{1}{2} M_{\mathcal{W}}^2 A_\mu^a A_\mu^a.$$

Complementary gauge-scalar model for the Yang-Mills theory(3)

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$$\tilde{Z}_{\text{RF}} = \int \mathcal{D}c \mathcal{D}\mathcal{W} \mathcal{D}\hat{\phi} J\delta(\tilde{\chi}) \tilde{\Delta}^{\text{red}} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[\mathcal{V}+\mathcal{W}] - iS_{\text{m}}[\mathcal{W}]},$$

$$S_{\text{m}}[\mathcal{W}] := \int d^D x \frac{1}{2} M_{\mathcal{W}}^2 \mathcal{W}_\mu \cdot \mathcal{W}_\mu,$$

- In the limit, the gauge-scalar model with the radially fixed adjoint scalar field is reduced to the Yang-Mills theory with the gauge-fixing term of the Maximal Abelian gauge $\mathcal{D}^\mu[A^3]A_\mu^a = 0$ and the associated Faddeev-Popov determinant Δ_{FP} , plus a mass term $S_{\text{m}}[A^a]$ for the off-diagonal gluons.

$$\tilde{Z}_{\text{RF}} \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}A^3 \mathcal{D}A^a \delta\left(\mathcal{D}^\mu[A^3]A_\mu^a\right) \Delta_{\text{FP}} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[A^a+A^3] - S_{\text{m}}[A^a]},$$

$$S_{\text{m}}[A^a] := \int d^D x \frac{1}{2} M_{\mathcal{W}}^2 A_\mu^a A_\mu^a,$$

- In other words, the pure Yang-Mills theory in the MA gauge with the off-diagonal gluon mass term has the gauge-invariant extension which is identical to the gauge-scalar model with the radially-fixed adjoint scalar field subject to the reduction condition, which we call the “complementary” gauge-scalar model.

Confined massive phase

The field strength $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{V}](x)$ of $\mathcal{V}_\mu(x)$ is shown to be proportional to $\hat{\phi}(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{V}](x) &= \hat{\phi}(x) \{ \partial_\mu c_\nu(x) - \partial_\nu c_\mu(x) + H_{\mu\nu}(x) \}, \\ H_{\mu\nu}(x) &:= ig^{-1} \hat{\phi}(x) \cdot [\partial_\mu \hat{\phi}(x), \partial_\nu \hat{\phi}(x)].\end{aligned}$$

We can introduce the Abelian-like $SU(2)$ gauge-invariant field strength $f_{\mu\nu}$ by

$$f_{\mu\nu}(x) := \hat{\phi}(x) \cdot \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{V}](x) = \partial_\mu c_\nu(x) - \partial_\nu c_\mu(x) + H_{\mu\nu}(x).$$

In the low-energy $E \ll M_W$ or the long-distance $r \gg M_W^{-1}$ region, we can neglect \mathcal{W}_μ . Then the dominant low-energy modes are described by the restricted Yang-Mills theory:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{\text{rest}} = -\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{V}] \cdot \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}[\mathcal{V}] = -\frac{1}{4} f^{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu}.$$

In the low-energy $E \ll M_W$ or the long-distance $r \gg M_W^{-1}$ region, the massive components $\mathcal{W}_\mu(x)$ become negligible and the other restricted (residual) fields become dominant. This is a phenomenon called the “Abelian” dominance in quark confinement. [’tHooft 81, Ezawa-Iwazaki 82]

The “Abelian” dominance in quark confinement is understood as a consequence of the BEH mechanism for the “complementary” gauge-scalar model in the gauge-invariant way.

From field equations to the reduction condition

If the fields \mathcal{A} and ϕ are a set of “solutions” of the field equations for the gauge-scalar model with a radially fixed scalar field, they are automatically field configurations satisfying the reduction condition for the pure Yang-Mills theory.

We introduce a Lagrange multiplier field $u(x)$ to incorporate the constraint

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\text{RF}}(x) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{GS}}(x) + u(x) (\phi(x) \cdot \phi(x) - v^2).$$

Then the field equations are obtained as

$$\frac{\delta S'_{\text{RF}}}{\delta u(x)} = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(x) - v^2 = 0,$$

$$\frac{\delta S'_{\text{RF}}}{\delta \mathcal{A}^\mu(x)} = \mathcal{D}^\nu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{F}_{\nu\mu}(x) - ig[\phi(x), \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x)] = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\delta S'_{\text{RF}}}{\delta \phi(x)} = -\mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi(x) + 2u(x)\phi(x) = 0. \quad (2)$$

The reduction condition is automatically satisfied:

- $\mathcal{D}^\mu(1) \implies 0 = \mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{D}^\nu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{F}_{\nu\mu} = ig \mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}] [\phi, \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi] = ig[\phi, \mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi]$
- $[\phi, (2)] \implies [\phi, \mathcal{D}^\mu[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{D}_\mu[\mathcal{A}]\phi] = [\phi, 2u\phi] = 0$

Massive Yang-Mills theory on the lattice

Then, we discuss the numerical simulations for the proposed massive Yang-Mills theory on the lattice. By taking into account the reduction condition in the complementary gauge-scalar model, the gauge-invariant mass term is introduced:

$$Z_L = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{n}] \delta(\mathbf{n} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}) e^{-\beta S_g - \gamma S_m}$$

$$S_g[U] := \sum_x \sum_{\mu > \nu} 2 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{tr} \left(\mathbf{1} - U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\mu,\nu} U_{x+\nu,\mu}^\dagger U_{x,\nu}^\dagger \right)$$

$$S_m[U, \mathbf{n}] := \sum_{x,\mu} \operatorname{tr} \left((D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x)^\dagger (D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x) \right), \quad D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x := U_{x,\mu} \mathbf{n}_{x+\mu} - \mathbf{n}_x U_{x,\mu}$$

where $U_{x,\mu} \in SU(2)$ is the link variable, $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_A T^A \in su(2)$ is the color field (scalar field ϕ) with $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 1$, and $D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x$ is the covariant derivative.

$\delta(\mathbf{n} - \hat{\mathbf{n}})$ represents the reduction condition in the complementary gauge-scalar model, and $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the solution of the reduction condition for given gauge configuration, which is obtained by minimizing the functional:

$$F_{\text{red}}[\mathbf{n}; U] := \sum_{x,\mu} \operatorname{tr} \left((D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x)^\dagger (D_\mu^\epsilon[U] \mathbf{n}_x) \right)$$

Now, we perform the umerical simulation to generate the gauge configuration:

$$\rho[U, \mathbf{n}] := \frac{\delta(\mathbf{n} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}) e^{-\beta S_g - \gamma S_m}}{Z_L}, \quad Z_L = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \mathcal{D}[\mathbf{n}] \delta(\mathbf{n} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}) e^{-\beta S_g - \gamma S_m}$$

- Without the reduction condition (or $\delta(\mathbf{n} - \hat{\mathbf{n}})$), this model is the usual gauge-scalar model with a radially fixed scalar field.
- If $\gamma = 0$, the model is reduced into the usual Yang-Mills theory with the standard Wilson action.
- In the massive Yang-Mills theory, $U_{x,\mu}$ and \mathbf{n} are no more independent field variables.
- The theory should be described by the Yang-Mills gauge field $U_{x,\mu}$ alone, and hence the color field \mathbf{n} must be supplied as a composite field made from the gauge field. This is achieved by imposing the reduction condition.
- Thus, the gauge configurations must be updated by solving the reduction condition simultaneously.
- As the first step, we investigate the reagon, $\gamma \sim 0$ by using the reawaiting technique.

- We perform the numerical simulation for 32^4 lattice for the standard Willson action ($\beta = 2.5$, $\gamma = 0$) with over-relaxation algorithm.
- After 80000 sweeps thurmalization we generate 4000 configurations every 400 sweeps.
- To obtain the color field (scalar field) configuration, we solve the reduction condition for each gauge configuration:

$$F_{\text{red}}[\mathbf{n}; U] := \sum_{x, \mu} \text{tr} \left((D_{\mu}^{\epsilon}[U] \mathbf{n}_x)^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}^{\epsilon}[U] \mathbf{n}_x) \right)$$

The color field $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is obtained as function of the gauge configuration. $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}[U]$

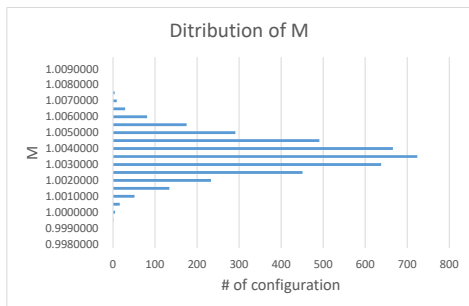
- The observable \mathcal{O} is measured by reweiting method.

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle := \frac{\sum \mathcal{O}[U, \hat{\mathbf{n}}] e^{-\gamma S_m[U, \hat{\mathbf{n}}]}}{\sum e^{-\gamma S_m[U, \hat{\mathbf{n}}]}}$$

- We study the Wilson loops $W[R, T]$ of size $R \times T$ and the mass term M:

$$M := \frac{1}{N_{\text{site}}} \sum_{x, \mu} \text{tr} \left((D_{\mu}^{\epsilon}[U] \mathbf{n}_x)^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}^{\epsilon}[U] \mathbf{n}_x) \right)$$

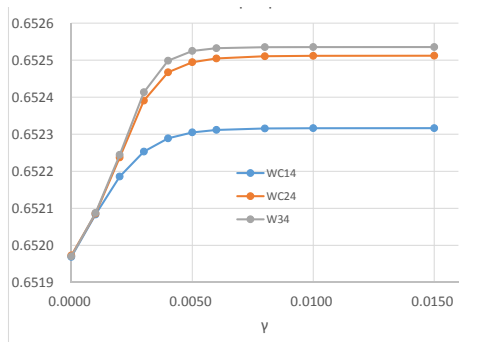
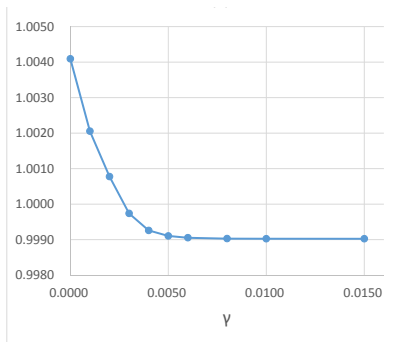
Numerical result (1)



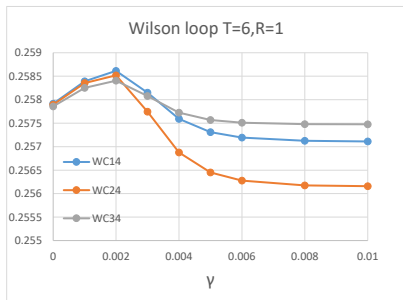
Preliminary

No error bars are plotted because they are very large for finite γ .

(Left) The histogram of the mass term M
(Lower left) The measurement of the $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$
(Lower right) The measurement of the 1×1 plaquet: for $X - T$, $Y - T$, $Z - T$.



Numerical result (2)



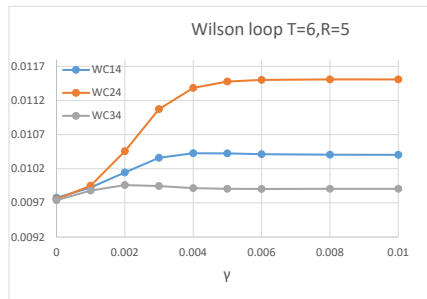
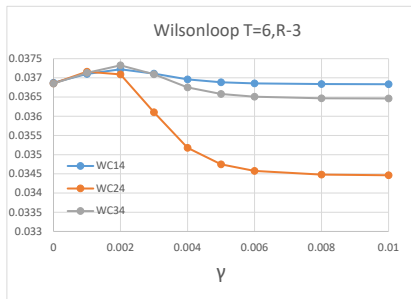
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The measurement for the Wilson loop for $X - T, Y - T, Z - T$ plane.

(Left) $R = 1, T = 6$

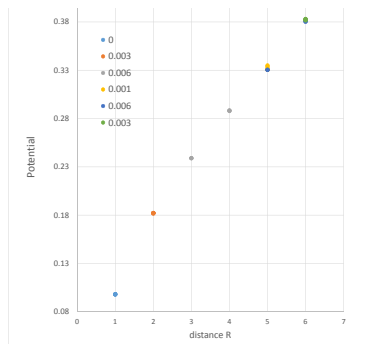
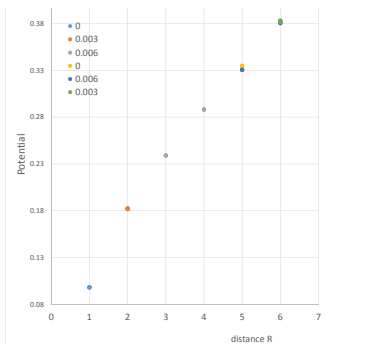
(Lower Left) $R = 3, T = 6$

(Lower Right) $R = 5, T = 6$



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We finally show results of the static potential.
(left panel) for the $X-T$ plane (right panel) for the $Z-T$ plane



Summary

- In order to clarify the mechanism of quark confinement in the Yang-Mills theory with mass gap, we propose to investigate the massive Yang-Mills model, namely, Yang-Mills theory with a gauge-invariant gluon mass term to be deduced from a specific gauge-scalar model with a single radially-fixed scalar field under a suitable constraint called the reduction condition.
- The gluon mass term simulates the dynamically generated mass to be extracted in the low-energy effective theory of the Yang-Mills theory and plays the role of a new probe to study the phase structure and confinement mechanism.
- We first explain why such a gauge-scalar model is constructed without breaking the gauge symmetry through the gauge-independent description of the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism which does not rely on the spontaneous breaking of gauge symmetry.
- Then we discuss how the numerical simulations for the proposed massive Yang-Mills theory can be performed by taking into account the reduction condition in the complementary gauge-scalar model on a lattice.
- By using the reweiyng method, we investigate the effect of the gluon mass term to Wilson loops (the static potential) and the dynamically generated mass. These are very preliminary results.
- This gives an alternative understanding for the physical meaning of the gauge-covariant decomposition for the Yang-Mills field known as the Cho-Duan-Ge-Faddeev-Niemi decomposition.

- In this study, we give the first lattice calculation of Yang-Mills theory with a gauge-invariant gluon mass term for small mass parameter γ by using the reweighting technique.
- It has been found the full simulation with gluon mass term to investigate the whole parameter space of the gauge coupling β and the mass term γ .
- We should take care of the fact that massive Yang-Mills models of distinct type are obtained depending on representations of the scalar field.
- For the fundamental representation, the massive Yang-Mills model is expected to have a single confining phase with continuously connecting confining and Higgs regions as suggested by the Fradkin-Shenker continuity.
- For the adjoint representation, the two regions will be separated by the phase transition and become two different phases showing confinement and deconfinement even at zero temperature.