

QCD BASED STATIC POTENTIAL BETWEEN HEAVY QUARKS

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ABSTRACT

We calculate the static potential between a quark-anti quark pair using dual potentials to describe long-distance Yang-Mills theory.

1. Introduction

In this talk we show how the dual superconducting picture of confinement arises out of the long-distance dynamics of Yang-Mills theory and we calculate the resulting quark anti-quark potential. Our method involves the use of dual potentials C_μ to describe long-distance Yang-Mills theory.

In the case of the electrodynamics of a source free relativistic dielectric medium having a dielectric constant $\epsilon(q)$ and magnetic permeability $\mu(q) = \frac{1}{\epsilon(q)}$, the electric displacement vector \vec{D} and the magnetic \vec{H} vector are expressed in terms of the dual potentials by the equations:

$$\vec{D} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{C} \quad , \quad \vec{H} = -\frac{\partial \vec{C}}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} C_0. \quad (1)$$

Maxwell's equations then become differential equations for C_μ that are generated by the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{H}\mu(q)\vec{H} - \vec{D}\mu(q)\vec{D}) \equiv -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}\mu(q)G^{\mu\nu}. \quad (2)$$

where $G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu C_\nu - \partial_\nu C_\mu$. The C_μ propagator is $\Delta_C = \frac{1}{q^2\mu(q)}$.

In the non-Abelian case dual potentials can be defined,¹ but the explicit form of the Lagrangian expressed in terms of dual potentials is not known. We only know

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that it must be invariant under non-Abelian gauge transformations, so in order to construct this Lagrangian in the long-distance regime we must use some information about long-distance Yang-Mills dynamics.

Our choice is motivated by the work of many authors who have obtained a solution of a set of truncated Dyson equations of Yang-Mills theory for the A_μ propagator, Δ_A , which has the behavior $\Delta_A \sim -M^2/(q^2)^2$ as $q^2 \rightarrow 0$. (M is an undetermined mass scale.). It follows that $\epsilon \rightarrow -q^2/M^2$ as $q^2 \rightarrow 0$, and consequently $\mu \rightarrow -M^2/q^2$ as $q^2 \rightarrow 0$. By choice of normalization we can write $\mu = -\frac{M^2}{q^2} + 1$ and hence, $\Delta_C \rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2}$. Thus in the dual language the truncated Dyson equations give rise to a mass for the C_μ field: that is, for the dual gluon.

Since $\mu = -\frac{M^2}{q^2} + 1$, the Lagrangian, $\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(C)$, describing this solution is

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(C) = -\frac{1}{4}G^{\mu\nu} \left(\frac{M^2}{\partial^2} + 1 \right) G_{\mu\nu}. \quad (3)$$

$\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(C)$ can be written in the following local form:

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)} = \frac{M}{2}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\partial^2\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}G^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}, \quad (4)$$

where $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{F}_{\nu\mu}$ is a set of auxiliary anti-symmetric tensor fields. The original form, Eq. (3), of $\mathcal{L}^{(0)}$ obtains after eliminating $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$ from Eq. (4) via the equations of motion.

We assume² that the Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(C)$, describing long-distance Yang-Mills theory in terms of dual potentials, is the minimal extension of $\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(C)$ which is invariant under non-Abelian gauge transformations of the dual potentials C_μ . Thus we obtain $\mathcal{L}(C)$ by making the following substitutions in $\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(C)$:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu - ig[C_\mu, \cdot] \equiv \mathcal{D}_\mu, \quad G_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \partial_\mu C_\nu - \partial_\nu C_\mu - ig[C_\mu, C_\nu] \equiv G_{\mu\nu}, \quad (5)$$

where $g \equiv \frac{\epsilon^2}{4}$ and where ϵ is the usual Yang-Mills coupling constant: i.e. $\alpha_s = \frac{\epsilon^2}{4\pi}$. The Lagrangian \mathcal{L} then contains interaction terms of the form $\tilde{F}\tilde{F}C$ and $\tilde{F}\tilde{F}CC$. These give rise to divergences in \tilde{F} self energy graphs and in $\tilde{F}\tilde{F}$ scattering. We then add a counter term $-W$ to \mathcal{L} , where

$$W = -\mu^2\tilde{F}^2 + \lambda(\tilde{F}^2)^2. \quad (6)$$

W has a minimum at a non-vanishing value \tilde{F}_0 of \tilde{F} . We take $\mu^2 < 0$ so that $-\tilde{F}_0^2 > 0$. This non-vanishing value of \tilde{F}_0^2 produces (via the $\frac{1}{4}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{D}^2\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ term in \mathcal{L}) a dual gluon mass term, $-g^2\tilde{F}_0^2\frac{C^\mu C_\mu}{2}$. We do not then need the $M\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$ term in \mathcal{L} in order to generate a dual gluon mass. We then set $M = 0$ in \mathcal{L} and write $-\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{H}^2 - \tilde{D}^2)$ to end up with the following form for the dual QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{D}^2\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{H}^2 - \tilde{D}^2) - W. \quad (7)$$

The components of $\vec{F}_{\mu\nu}$ are independent dynamical variables which can be interpreted as magnetic and electric fields, \vec{B} and \vec{E} respectively ($-\vec{F}^2/2 = \vec{B}^2 - \vec{E}^2$). Since $-\vec{F}_0^2 > 0$ we can choose $\vec{E}_0 = 0$, so that the symmetry breaking vacuum is purely magnetic. Furthermore, we can take $\vec{E} = 0$ also for non-vacuum solutions.

2. The Static Potential Between Heavy Quarks

We now determine the color fields surrounding a heavy quark-anti quark pair on the z axis and separated by a distance R . We choose a gauge in which \vec{C} lies in the o direction and is proportional to the hypercharge matrix $Y \equiv \lambda_8/\sqrt{3}$, and in which the components of \vec{B} lie along the 2, 5 and 7 directions in color space respectively.

The quark charge density $\rho(\vec{x})$, must also lie along the Y direction in order to absorb the flux of \vec{D} . Thus,

$$\rho(\vec{x}) = eY\delta(x)\delta(y)[\delta(z - R/2) - \delta(z + R/2)] . \quad (8)$$

We couple the dual potentials to $\rho(\vec{x})$ by inserting into \mathcal{L} , Eq. (7), the expression

$$\vec{D} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{C} + D_s , \quad (9)$$

where

$$\vec{D}_s = eY\delta(x)\delta(y)[\theta(z - R/2) - \theta(z + R/2)] \hat{e}_z , \quad (10)$$

so that

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot D_s = \rho . \quad (11)$$

and then solve the resulting classical equations for \vec{C} and \vec{B} . We find that for $R \rightarrow 0$, $\vec{C} \rightarrow \vec{C}_D$, the usual Dirac monopole potential, and Eq. (9) yields a pure Coulomb field for \vec{D} . The field \vec{D} evolves from a squashed dipole at small R to a flux tube for large separations. The integrated energy density then yields a potential $V(R)$ which changes rapidly from a Coulomb potential to a linear potential as R increases. This is similar to the potential between magnetic monopoles in a relativistic superconductor.³

Next we calculate the spin dependent contribution to the potential assuming that the quarks have Dirac magnetic moments. We obtain an explicit form for the tensor force and the $\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$ interaction. For small R these interactions have their usual electromagnetic form, while for $R \rightarrow \infty$ they vanish exponentially. We are not yet able to calculate the spin orbit force from the fundamental parameters, λ and \vec{F}_0^2 , of dual QCD, so we use the Breit-Fermi spin orbit potential. Then, choosing $\lambda = 1.78$, $\sqrt{-\vec{F}_0^2} = 434$ MeV in our static potential, we fit the sixteen lowest lying states of $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ system to an accuracy of 1 percent.

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