Monopoles and hybrids in Abelian projection of lattice QCD *

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We study topological defects constructed from diagonal and non-diagonal gluons in Abelian projection of zero temperature lattice QCD. We compare results obtained in the quenched and non-quenched vacuum field configurations and show that the density of hybrids is higher than the density of monopoles. The density of some hybrids is sensitive to the presence of the virtual fermions.

1. INTRODUCTION

There are a lot of numerical facts indicating that Abelian monopoles in the Maximal Abelian (MA) projection of lattice gluodynamics play an important role in the confinement scenario (see, e.g., reviews [1]). The monopoles are constructed from diagonal elements of the gluon field matrix, these elements corresponds to the gauge field in the Abelian projection [2]. The off-diagonal gluons play the role of the electrically charged matter fields.

Besides the Abelian monopoles one can construct [3] other topologically stable defects ("hybrids") using both diagonal and off-diagonal gluons in SU(2) lattice gauge theory.

In the present publication we generalize the results of Ref. [3] to the SU(3) gauge group and calculate the density of hybrids in quenched and non-quenched lattice QCD.

2. DEFINITION OF HYBRIDS

The monopole current for SU(2) lattice gauge theory is defined as follows:

\[ j_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} *d(d\theta \mod 2\pi), \]

(1)

here \( \theta \) is the phase of the diagonal element of the link matrix \( U_{ii} = |U_{ii}| \exp i\theta_i \), and we use the notations of lattice differential forms: \( d\theta \) is the standard plaquette angle, "\( d \)" is a differential operator on the lattice and the current \( *j \) is an integer-valued one form (4-vector) on the dual lattice.

The current defined by eq. (1) is

\( a) \) invariant under the \( U(1) \) gauge transformations: \( \theta \rightarrow \theta + d\alpha, j \rightarrow j. \)

\( b) \) topologically stable: a small (but finite) variation of \( \theta \) does not change the current \( j. \)

\( c) \) integer–valued, \( *j_{x,\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}. \)

\( d) \) conserved, \( \delta* j = \delta* d(d\theta \mod 2\pi) = 0, \) due to the identities \( d^2 = 0 \) and \( d = *\delta. \)

The generalization of the above construction to SU(3) gauge group was done in Ref. [4]. Below we construct the hybrid SU(3) currents, satisfying conditions \( a)-d). \)

Condition \( a) \) demands the gauge invariance of the hybrid currents under the \( U(1) \times U(1) \) Abelian gauge transformations, \( U_{x,\mu} \rightarrow T_x U_{x,\mu} T_x^\dagger, \)

where the matrix of the Abelian gauge transformation is defined as follows:

\[ T_x = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\beta_x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i(\alpha_x + \beta_x)} \end{pmatrix}. \]

It is easy to see that under this transformation the phases of the link matrix are transformed as shown in Table 1.

For simplicity we use the "naive" definition of the monopole current for SU(3) gauge group,

\[ j_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} d(d\theta_i \mod 2\pi). \]

(2)
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Here the variables $\theta$ are shown by solid lines with arrows; the variables $\chi$ are shown by arrows; the variables $\chi$ are shown by the solid lines and the variables $-\chi$ are shown by the dashed lines. Different species of $\theta$’s differs from each other by the number of arrows while the species of $\chi$ are distinguished by the width of the lines.

The 3-forms satisfying condition $c)$ can be constructed from the 2-forms $P_m(\theta_i, \chi_{ij})$ attached to six faces of the 3D cube,

$$j_{H1} = \sum_{m=1}^{6} P_m(H1).$$

We construct $J_{H1}$ in such a way that the hybrids disappear in non-compact theory (if we disregard mod $2\pi$ in eq. (3)). Thus the hybrids are topologically stable objects (i.e., condition $b$) is satisfied). In a separate publication we will show that $\delta j_{H1} = 0$. Thus condition $d)$ is satisfied for $j_{H1}$ as well.

There are a lot of types of currents $j_H$ which can be constructed from $\theta_i$ and $\chi_{ij}$. However, in the MA projection one can observe a natural hierarchy of the hybrid currents. Indeed, the MA projection implies the maximization of the modulus of the diagonal elements, $U_{ij}$, of the link matrix $U$. Therefore the modulus of the off-diagonal elements $U_{ij}$ is minimized and, as a result, the diagonal elements are most important for the dynamics. Since the ordinary monopoles are extracted from diagonal elements, $U_{ii}$, they are the most important topological defects.

To construct monopoles we use the plaquette angles,

$$P_m(\theta_i, \chi_{ij}) = p_m(\theta_i) \mod 2\pi = p_m^{(0)}.$$

There are 36 $U(1) \times U(1)$ invariant plaquettes $p_m^{(2)}$ constructed from two variables $\theta_i$ and two variables $\chi_{ij}$; there exist 24 $U(1) \times U(1)$ invariant plaquettes $p_m^{(3)}$ constructed from one $\theta_i$ and three variables $\chi_{ij}$ etc. We expect that hybrids constructed from $p_m^{(k)}$, $k = 3, 4$. It occurs that there are 3 conserved hybrids $H1, H2, H3$ constructed from $p_m^{(0)}$ and $p_m^{(2)}$. The construction of $H1$ is outlined above and the construction of $H2$ and $H3$ hybrids is similar.
3. NUMERICAL RESULTS

We have calculated the density of hybrids $H_1, H_2, H_3$ using vacuum fields [6] generated in quenched and non-quenched lattice $SU(3)$ QCD on the lattice $16^3 \times 32$. The non-quenched configurations are generated for $O(a)$ improved Wilson fermions, the parameters of simulation are: $\beta = 5.26$, $\kappa_{vac} = 0.1345$, the other parameters are given in Ref. [5]. The quenched configurations are generated for $\beta = 6.0$. This value of $\beta$ is chosen in such a way that the force between heavy quark-antiquark pair at the distance $r_0 = 0.52\text{fm}$ is the same in quenched and non-quenched case.

Our numerical results are given in Table 2. The first raw represents the density of monopoles (see talk of T. Streuer on this symposium), the other lines correspond to the density of hybrids $H_1, H_2, H_3$ discussed in the previous section. The last column represents the density of the corresponding hybrids generated in random ensembles of Abelian fields.

One can draw a few conclusions from Table 2. The monopole density is much lower than the corresponding random value, while the hybrids are much more randomized. The density of $H1$ hybrid is sensitive to the presence of the virtual quarks. Note, however, that the difference in the densities of hybrids in quenched and non-quenched vacuum is much smaller than the similar difference for monopoles.

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4. NOT RESOLVED QUESTION

We do not know what magnetic and electric charge carry the hybrids $H_1, H_2$ and $H_3$. It is important to find a linear combination of the hybrid currents which corresponds to a pure electric current. This current can be rather sensitive to the presence of the dynamical fermions.

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