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# Making Confining Strings out of Mesons

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# 1. Introduction

Quark Confinement in QCD ← Most Challenging Problem in QFT

A PHYSICAL Quantity for Describing Confinement

→ Potential Energy between (Heavy) Quarks

- From Quarkonium Energy Spectrum in Hadron Experiments
- From Wilson Loop Calc. in Lattice QCD

★ Cornell Potential

$\sigma$ : String Tension

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r) = -\frac{A}{r} + \sigma r (+V_0)$$

Coulomb Potential

Linear Potential

This Potential Strongly Indicates **STRING-LIKE Flux between Quarks.**

1<sup>st</sup> Route: (Dual) String Model → AdS/CFT, Holographic QCD.

(Nambu, Nielsen, Susskind ...)

(Maldacena, Son-Stephanov, Sakai-Sugimoto, ...)

2<sup>nd</sup> Route: Solitonic Vortex for Squeezed Flux (Nielsen-Olesen)

Electric-Magnetic (EM) Duality

(Nambu, 't Hooft, Mandelstam, ...)



Vortex in EM-Dual Theory is Confining Flux !

We Have Learned Much About the Dualities from SUSY Gauge Theories :  
(Since Mid 90's)

1. Exact Montonen-Olive Duality in  $N=4$  SYM.
2. EM-Duality in  $N=2$  SUSY Gauge Theory (Seiberg-Witten)
3. Seiberg-Duality in  $N=1$  SUSY QCD

From New (?) Understanding of the Duality,

Possible to Obtain A New Effective Description for QCD ?

Today, We Propose A Possible Dual Theory for QCD Based on Seiberg-Duality and Discuss the Relation to the Hidden Local Sym. & Confining Strings.

- Guiding Principle : **Chiral Symmetry Breaking** in QCD

$$SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_B$$

$$\longrightarrow SU(N_f)_V \times U(1)_B$$

Construct Seiberg-Dual Theory Realizing the SAME Breaking Pattern.

If the Seiberg-Dual Description for QCD Exists,

Dual Gauge Bosons Must Appear as Eff. Degrees of Freedom.

**Hidden Local Symmetry** Implies  $\rho$  &  $\omega$  Mesons are  
 $U(N_f)$  Massive Gauge Boson after **Higgsing**.

(Bando, Kugo, Uehara, Yamawaki, Yanagida)

- ★ Actually, **Soft SUSY Breaking** Plays A Crucial Role for the Correct Chiral Sym. Breaking.

## 2. Seiberg-Dual of Softly-Broken SUSY QCD (arXiv: 1109.6158 by R. Kitano)

Seiberg-Duality: For  $N_c + 1 < N_f < 3N_c$

$\mathcal{N} = 1$   $SU(N_c)$  QCD with  $N_f$ -Flavors



$\mathcal{N} = 1$   $SU(N_f - N_c)$  QCD with  
 $N_f$  Flavors and A Meson  $+ W = qM\tilde{q}$

In Real QCD,  $N_c = 3$  and  $N_f = 2$  or  $N_f = 3$ ,

**Seiberg-Dual Theory Does NOT Exist.**

Earlier Analysis on Softly-Broken SUSY QCD with  $N_f \leq N_c$



NON QCD-Like Behavior (Aharony et al., Martin et al.)

● A Seiberg-Dual for QCD :

Electric Theory :

$SU(N_c)$  QCD with Massless  $N_f$  Quarks + Massive  $N_c$  (Quark)'s

& Soft SUSY Breaking Mass for Squarks and Gauginos.

Quantum Numbers in Ele. Theory

	$SU(N_c)$	$SU(N_f)_L$	$SU(N_f)_R$	$U(1)_B$	$SU(N_c)_V$	$U(1)_{B'}$	$U(1)_R$
$Q$	$N_c$	$N_f$	1	1	1	0	$(N_f - N_c)/N_f$
$\bar{Q}$	$\bar{N}_c$	1	$\bar{N}_f$	-1	1	0	$(N_f - N_c)/N_f$
$Q'$	$N_c$	1	1	0	$\bar{N}_c$	1	1
$\bar{Q}'$	$\bar{N}_c$	1	1	0	$N_c$	-1	1

Gauged

Soft SUSY Breaking :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = -\tilde{m}^2 (|Q|^2 + |\bar{Q}|^2 + |Q'|^2 + |\bar{Q}'|^2) - \left( \frac{m_\lambda}{2} \lambda\lambda + \text{h.c.} \right) - (BmQ'\bar{Q}' + \text{h.c.})$$

All Mass Parameters (incl. Soft-Mass) are Large  $\longrightarrow$  Massless QCD with  $N_f$  Flavor

$N_f < N_c$  : Dual Theory is More Weakly-Coupled

★ Seiberg-Dual Theory :

$SU(N_f)$  QCD with Dual quarks and Dual (quark)'s & Singlet Mesons

Fields and Quantum Numbers in Mag. Theory

Gauged

	$SU(N_f)$	$SU(N_f)_L$	$SU(N_f)_R$	$U(1)_B$	$SU(N_c)_V$	$U(1)_{B'}$	$U(1)_R$
$q$	$N_f$	$\overline{N_f}$	1	0	1	$N_c/N_f$	$N_c/N_f$
$\bar{q}$	$\overline{N_f}$	1	$N_f$	0	1	$-N_c/N_f$	$N_c/N_f$
$\Phi$	1	$N_f$	$\overline{N_f}$	0	1	0	$2(N_f - N_c)/N_f$
$q'$	$N_f$	1	1	1	$N_c$	$-(N_f - N_c)/N_f$	0
$\bar{q}'$	$\overline{N_f}$	1	1	-1	$\overline{N_c}$	$(N_f - N_c)/N_f$	0
$Y$	1	1	1	0	1 + Adj.	0	2
$Z$	1	1	$\overline{N_f}$	-1	$\overline{N_c}$	1	$(2N_f - N_c)/N_f$
$\bar{Z}$	1	$N_f$	1	1	$N_c$	-1	$(2N_f - N_c)/N_f$

Soft SUSY Breaking :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = -\tilde{m}_q^2 (|q|^2 + |\bar{q}|^2 + |q'|^2 + |\bar{q}'|^2) - \tilde{m}_M^2 (|Y|^2 + |Z|^2 + |\bar{Z}|^2 + |\Phi|^2) - \left( \frac{m\tilde{\lambda}}{2} \tilde{\lambda}\tilde{\lambda} + \tilde{B}m\Lambda Y + Ah (q'Y\bar{q}' + q'Z\bar{q} + q\bar{Z}\bar{q}' + q\Phi\bar{q}) + \text{h.c.} \right).$$

● Dynamics of Dual Theory

Add the Soft-Masses for Squarks  $(\tilde{m}_Q^2 > 0)$  (Arkani-Hamed-Rattazzi, ...)

➔ Soft-Mass for Dual Squarks Become Tachyonic,  $\tilde{m}_q^2 < 0$

The Vacuum of Dual (Magnetic) Theory

$$q = \bar{q} = v\mathbf{1} \neq 0, \quad \Phi = v_\Phi\mathbf{1} \neq 0$$

Chiral Sym. Breaking & Color-Flavor Locking with Higgsing

$$SU(N_f)_L \times \boxed{SU(N_f)_g} \times SU(N_f)_R \longrightarrow SU(N_f)_V$$

★ Hidden Local Symmetry is Realized as Dual Gauge Symmetry

Note:

- All other Matter Fields  $(q', Y, Z)$  Become Massive and Decouple.
- Fermionic Partners of  $(q, \Phi)$  Also Become Massive.
- Extra Gauged  $U(1)_{B'}$  is Also Broken and Higgsed.

### 3. Confining Strings in the Dual Theory

(arXiv: 1202.3260)

The Dual Theory at Low-Energy by  $U(N_f)$  Gauge Theory with  $N_f$  Squarks

Low-Energy Eff. Action :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^{(\omega)}F^{(\omega)\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^{(\rho)a}F^{(\rho)\mu\nu a} \\ & + \frac{f_\pi^2}{2}\text{Tr} [ |D_\mu H_L|^2 + |D_\mu H_R|^2 ] \\ & - V(H_L, H_R).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V(H_L, H_R) = & f_\pi^4 \left[ \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_A}{8N_f} \left( \text{Tr}(H_L H_L^\dagger) + \text{Tr}(H_R^\dagger H_R) - 2N_f \right)^2 \right. \\ & + \frac{\lambda_A}{8} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ (H_L^\dagger H_L + H_R H_R^\dagger)^2 \right] - 4 \left( \text{Tr}(H_L H_L^\dagger) + \text{Tr}(H_R^\dagger H_R) \right) \right\} \\ & + \frac{\lambda' - \lambda''}{8N_f} \left( \text{Tr}(H_L H_L^\dagger) - \text{Tr}(H_R^\dagger H_R) \right)^2 \\ & \left. + \frac{\lambda''}{8} \text{Tr} \left[ (H_L^\dagger H_L - H_R H_R^\dagger)^2 \right] \right].\end{aligned}$$

- This Action is Nothing But **A Linear-Realization of**

$\rho$  and  $\omega$  Effective Theory with Hidden Local Symmetry.

$$H_L : (N_f, \bar{N}_f, \mathbf{1}), \quad H_R : (\bar{N}_f, \mathbf{1}, N_f) \quad \text{under } SU(N_f)^3$$

**Working Hypothesis :**

We Identify the Dual Theory and  $\rho - \omega$  Effective Theory

Immediate Consequence:

★ VEV of the Higgs Fields  $\langle H_L \rangle = \langle H_R \rangle = \mathbf{1}$

➡ **Chiral Sym. Breaking AND Dual Meissner Effect !**

∴ Higgs Fields in Magnetic Dual Theory is “Monopole”s in Electric Theory.

$\langle \bar{m}m \rangle \neq 0$  ➡ Confinement & Chiral Sym. Breaking

(Konishi-Marmorini-NY, ...)

Under This Hypothesis, Particle Spectrum and Parameters Can Be Identified :

$$\text{singlet vector } (\omega): \quad m_\omega^2 = g_1^2 f_\pi^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \omega(782)$$

$$\text{adjoint vector } (\rho): \quad m_\rho^2 = g_2^2 f_\pi^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \rho(770)$$

$$\text{singlet scalar } (f_0): \quad m_{f_0}^2 = 2\lambda_0 f_\pi^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_0(980)$$

$$\text{adjoint scalar } (a_0): \quad m_{a_0}^2 = 2\lambda_A f_\pi^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad a_0(980)$$

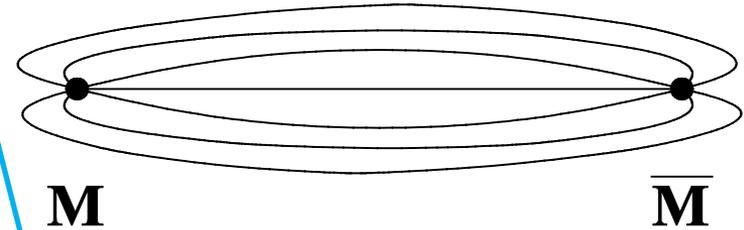
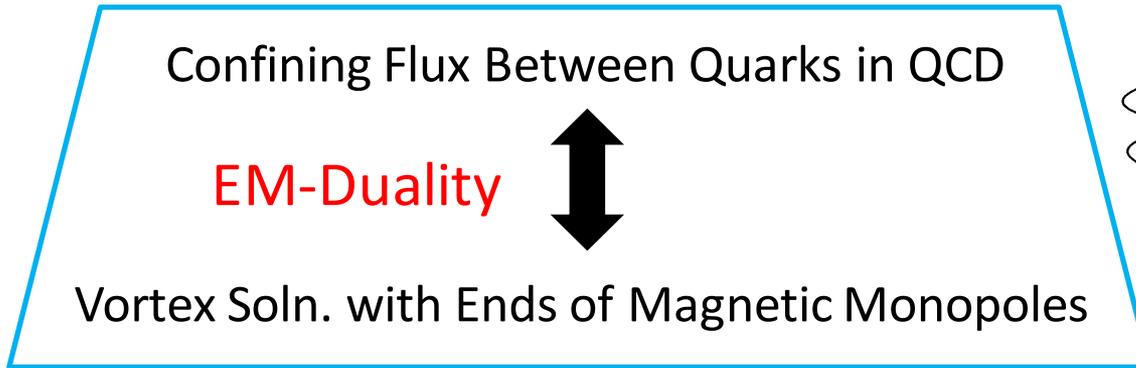
From Vector Meson Data :  $g \equiv g_1 = g_2$

$$g = \frac{m_\rho^2}{g_\rho} = 5.0, \quad f_\pi = \frac{g_\rho}{m_\rho} = 150 \text{ MeV}$$

From Scalar Meson Data :

$$\sqrt{\lambda_0} = \sqrt{\lambda_A} = 4.6$$

- Confining Potential from Vortex Solution



- Topological Properties of Vortex Solution

Breaking of Extra  $U(1)_{B'}$  Gauge Sym.  $\longrightarrow$   $\pi_1(U(1)) = \mathbf{Z}$

Existence of  $\omega$ -Meson is Responsible for STABLE Confining String !

Confining String out of Mesons

Our Dual Theory is  $U(N_f)$  Gauge Theory with  $N_f$  Fund. Higgs

$\longrightarrow$  **Non-Abelian Vortex for Minimum Flux** (Hanany-Tong, Auzzi et. al.)

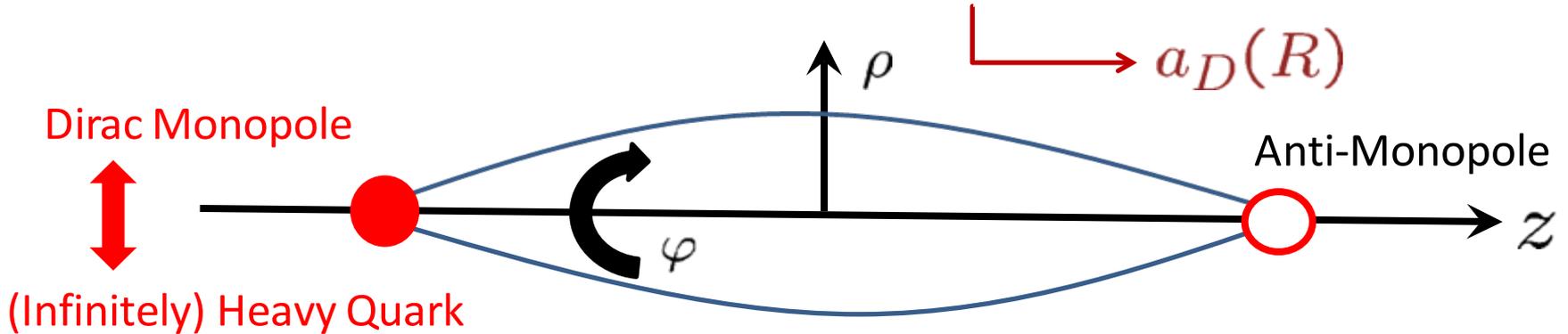
We Construct Non-Abelian Vortex with the Ends of Non-Abelian Monopoles.

● Numerical Construction of Vortex Solution

(Ball-Caticha, Phys. Rev. D37 ('88))

In Our Case, **Partial Differential Eq. Should be Solved Numerically.**

1. Ansatz for Gauge Field with **Dirac-Type Monopoles** at  $z = \pm R/2$  :



2. Vortex Eq. with  $\sqrt{2}f_\pi = 1$  and  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_A$  :

$$\nabla^2 \phi_1 - \frac{g^2}{2} (a^1 + a_D)^2 \phi_1 = \frac{\lambda_0}{2} (\phi_1^2 - 1) \phi_1,$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \right) a^1 = \frac{g^2}{2} (a^1 + a_D) \phi_1^2.$$

For  $A_\mu^{11} = a^1(\rho, z) + a_D(R)$ ,  $\phi_{11} = \phi_1(\rho, z)$ ,  
 $A_\mu^{ij} \equiv 0$ ,  $\phi_{ii} \equiv 1$   $(i, j \neq 1)$

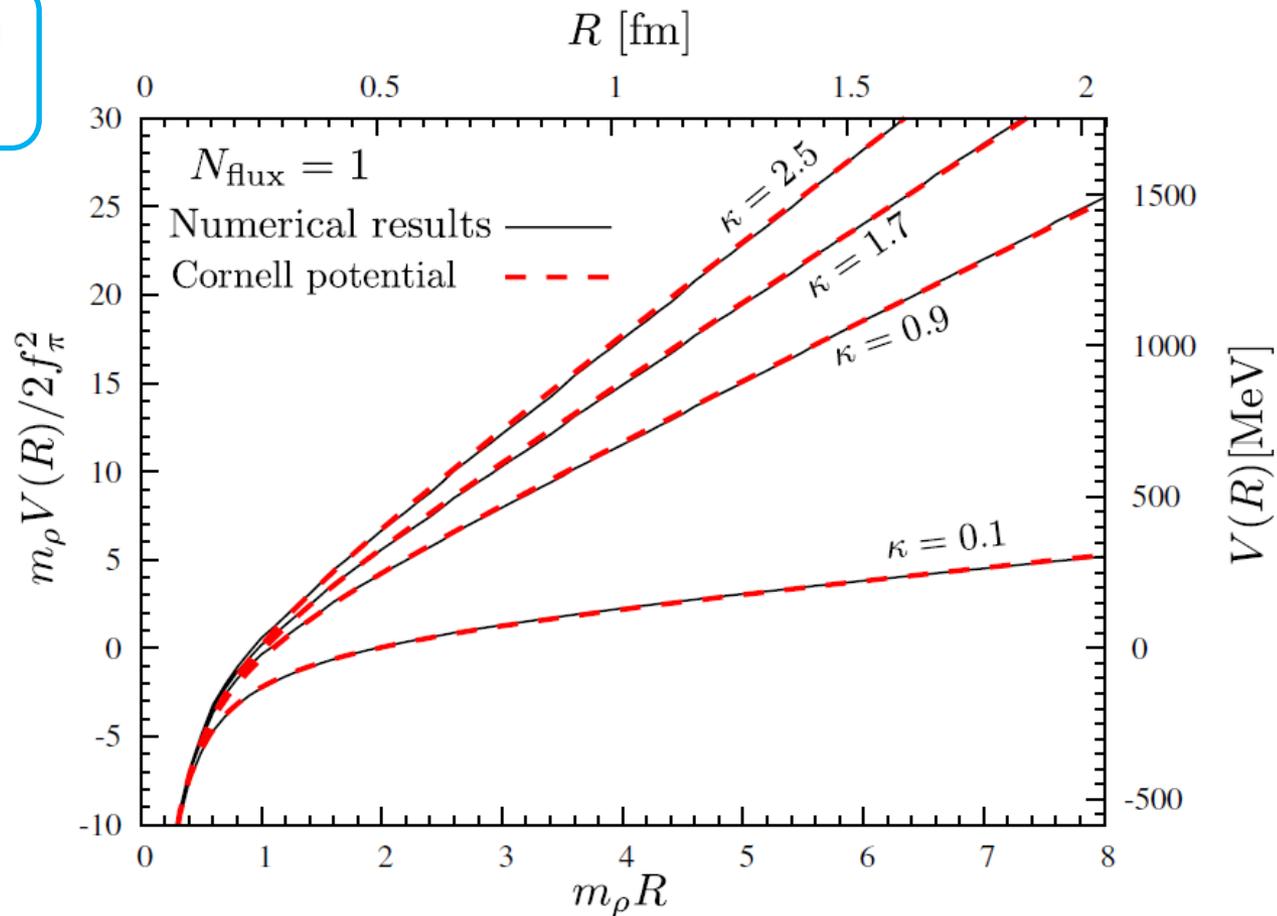
● Numerical Results for  $V(R)$ :

GL Parameter

$$\kappa = \frac{m_S}{\sqrt{2}m_\rho} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_0}}{g}$$

$$V(R) = -\frac{2\pi N_{\text{flux}}^2}{g^2 R} + \int d^3x \left[ -\frac{g^2}{4} \phi_1^2 (a^1 + a_D) a^1 - \frac{\lambda_0}{8} (\phi_1^4 - 1) \right].$$

Potential Formula  
is Indep. of  $N_f$



★ Cornell Potential Fits Very Well

● Comparison with Lattice Results:

Cornell Potential

$$V(R) = -\frac{A}{R} + \sigma R$$

1. Coulomb Force Coefficient

From Lattice QCD,  $A \sim 0.25 - 0.5$

This is Effect of One-Gluon Exchange  $\sim A = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$

Our Calculation from Dirac Monopoles :

$$A = \frac{q_m^2}{4\pi} = \frac{2\pi}{g^2} \longrightarrow A \sim 0.25$$

Dirac Condition

Consistent !

Note: Loop Corrections  $\sim \frac{g^2 N_f}{16\pi^2}$  Always Exist.

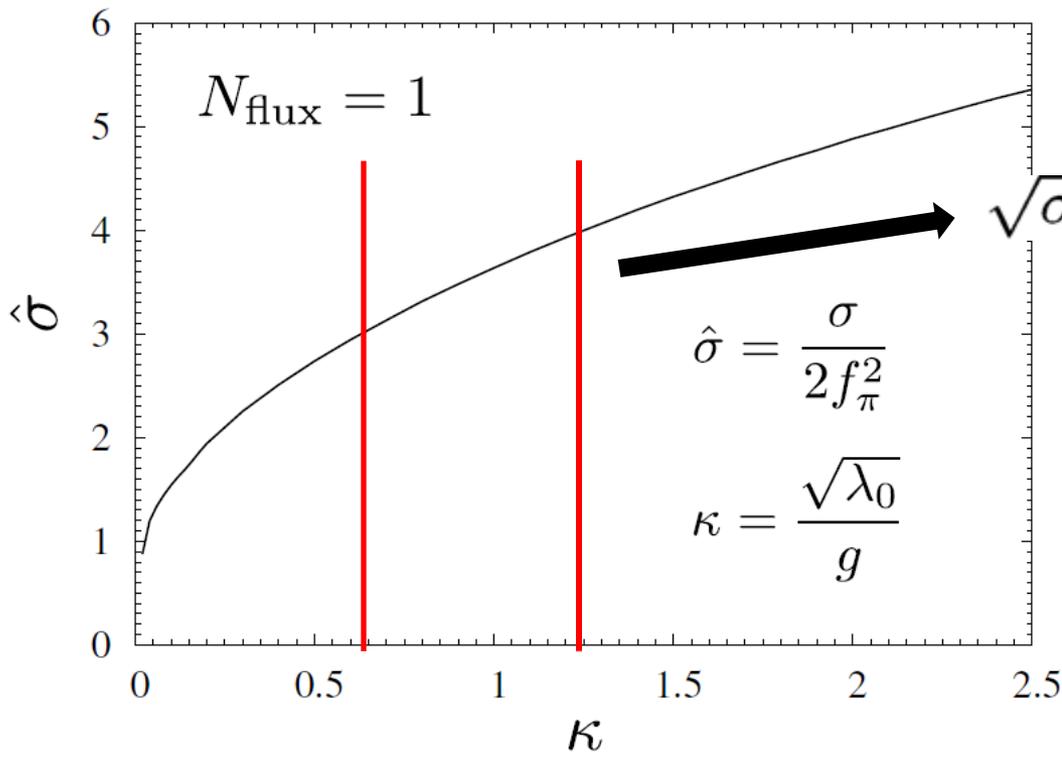
Tension of Confining String :

From Quarkonium Spectra and Lattice QCD,

$$\sqrt{\sigma} \sim 430 \text{ MeV.}$$

Our Calculation from Vortex Soln.

→  $\sqrt{\sigma} = 400 \text{ MeV.}$  ( $\kappa = 0.9$ )



→  $\sqrt{\sigma} \sim 360 - 420 \text{ MeV}$

( $f_\pi = 150 \text{ MeV}$ )

● Another Trial : **QCD Phase Transition**

Our Effective Theory is A Kind of Standard Higgs Model.  
&  
Our Dual Theory is Weakly-Coupled .

➔ Analysis of Chiral Sym. Restoration in Finite Temp. is Possible.

(1-Loop) Finite Temp. Effect for Mass-Squared Can be Evaluated. (Dolan-Jackiw)

Temp. Corrected Mass-Squared is Vanishing at Transition Temp.

$$T_c = \sqrt{\frac{8}{\eta N_f}} f_\pi, \quad \eta = 1 + \frac{m_\rho^2}{m_S^2} + \frac{2m_{PS}^2 + m_S^2}{3m_S^2}$$

Numerically,

$$T_c = \begin{cases} 170 \text{ MeV} \times \left(\frac{\eta}{3}\right)^{-1/2}, & (N_f = 2) \\ 140 \text{ MeV} \times \left(\frac{\eta}{3}\right)^{-1/2}, & (N_f = 3) \end{cases}$$

● These Numerical Values are (Roughly) Consistent with Lattice QCD Results.

## 4. Summary and Discussions

- We Have Discussed A Possible (Seiberg) Dual Description for Real QCD. Our Dual Theory is Closely Related to  $\rho - \omega$  Meson Effective Theory with Hidden Local Symmetry.
- Using the Identification between Our Dual Theory and Meson Eff. Theory, Inter-Quark Potential (incl. String Tension) is Calculated from the Vortex Soln. in the Dual Theory.
- Trans. Temp. of Chiral Sym. Restoration is Also Estimated in the Dual Theory.

So Far, Our Numerical Results are Consistent with Lattice QCD and Hadron Data !

## ● Discussions

1. Confining String in Pure Yang-Mills ?

2. Is Seiberg-Duality Really Electric-Magnetic Duality ?

➡ Analysis Embedded into  $N=2$  SUSY QCD or  $N=4$  SYM

3. Relation to Dynamics of NA-Vortex and NA-Monopole

- Kink on the Vortex as Monopole ➡ Light Quark ?
- Luscher Term on the Vortex as Coulomb Coefficient ?

4. EW-Higgs as Dual Squark ?