



Dynamical Generation of Fermion Mixing

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Motivations

- Flavor mixing is a central ingredient in the Standard Model;
- Mixing transformations for fields have been shown to be non-trivial since they induce a condensate structure in the vacuum¹;
- This suggests the idea of dynamical generation of mixing in a similar way as it happens for the masses².

¹M. Blasone, G. Vitiello, *Ann. Phys.*, **244**,(1995), 283.

²M. Blasone, P. Jizba, N. E. Mavromatos, L. S., in preparation (2018).

Neutrino Mixing in QFT

Massive neutrinos

- Two-flavor neutrino mixing Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\sigma=e,\mu} \bar{\nu}_\sigma(x) (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_\sigma) \nu(x) - m_{e\mu} (\bar{\nu}_e(x)\nu_\mu(x) + \bar{\nu}_\mu(x)\nu_e(x))$$

- Mixing transformations define fields with definite mass ν_1, ν_2 :

$$\nu_e(x) = \cos\theta \nu_1(x) + \sin\theta \nu_2(x)$$

$$\nu_\mu(x) = -\sin\theta \nu_1(x) + \cos\theta \nu_2(x)$$

with

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2m_{e\mu}}{m_e - m_\mu}$$

Mass eigenstates

Fields with definite masses can be expanded as:

$$\nu_i(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, r} \left[u_{\mathbf{k}, i}^r(t) \alpha_{\mathbf{k}, i}^r + v_{-\mathbf{k}, i}^r(t) \beta_{-\mathbf{k}, i}^{r\dagger} \right] e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

- A mass-eigenstate neutrino is defined as:

$$|\nu_{\mathbf{k}, i}^r\rangle = \alpha_{\mathbf{k}, i}^{r\dagger} |0\rangle_{1,2}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

where the **mass vacuum** satisfies:

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{k}, i}^r |0\rangle_{1,2} = \beta_{\mathbf{k}, i}^r |0\rangle_{1,2}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Flavor Charges

- Flavor charges³:

$$Q_{\nu_e}(t) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nu_e^\dagger(x) \nu_e(x), \quad Q_{\nu_\mu}(t) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \nu_\mu^\dagger(x) \nu_\mu(x)$$

- Total flavor charge:

$$Q = Q_{\nu_e}(t) + Q_{\nu_\mu}(t)$$

Because of mixing, only this last is conserved!!

³M.Blasone, P.Jizba, G.Vitiello, Phys. Lett. B, **517**, (2001), 471.

Standard Flavor eigenstates

Flavor eigenstates, are usually taken as a simple combination of mass eigenstates:

$$|\nu_{\mathbf{k},e}^r\rangle_P = \cos\theta |\nu_{\mathbf{k},1}^r\rangle + \sin\theta |\nu_{\mathbf{k},2}^r\rangle$$

$$|\nu_{\mathbf{k},\mu}^r\rangle_P = -\sin\theta |\nu_{\mathbf{k},1}^r\rangle + \cos\theta |\nu_{\mathbf{k},2}^r\rangle$$

ACHTUNG! These are NOT eigenstates of the flavor charges:

$${}_P\langle\nu_{\mathbf{k},e}^r| : Q_{\nu_e} : |\nu_{\mathbf{k},e}^r\rangle_P = \cos^4\theta + \sin^4\theta + 2|U_{\mathbf{k}}|\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta < 1$$

$${}_P\langle\nu_{\mathbf{k},e}^r| : Q_{\nu_\mu} : |\nu_{\mathbf{k},e}^r\rangle_P = 2(1 - |U_{\mathbf{k}}|)\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta > 0$$

with $U_{\mathbf{k}} = u_{2,\mathbf{k}}^{r\dagger} u_{1,\mathbf{k}}^r$.

Mixing generator

- At finite volume, mixing relations are rewritten as

$$\nu_e^\alpha(x) = G_\theta^{-1}(t) \nu_1^\alpha(x) G_\theta(t)$$

$$\nu_\mu^\alpha(x) = G_\theta^{-1}(t) \nu_2^\alpha(x) G_\theta(t)$$

Mixing generator:

$$G_\theta(t) = \exp \left[\theta \int d^3 \mathbf{x} (\nu_1^\dagger(x) \nu_2(x) - \nu_2^\dagger(x) \nu_1(x)) \right]$$

Decomposition of the mixing generator

- The mixing generator can be decomposed as⁴:

$$G_\theta = B(\Theta_1, \Theta_2) R(\theta) B^{-1}(\Theta_1, \Theta_2)$$

where $B(\Theta_1, \Theta) \equiv B_1(\Theta_1) B_2(\Theta_2)$,

$$R(\theta) \equiv \exp \left\{ \theta \sum_{\mathbf{k}, r} \left[\left(\alpha_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{k},2}^r + \beta_{-\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},2}^r \right) e^{i\psi_{\mathbf{k}}} - h.c. \right] \right\}$$

$$B_i(\Theta_i) \equiv \exp \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{k}, r} \Theta_{\mathbf{k},i} \epsilon^r \left[\alpha_{\mathbf{k},i}^r \beta_{-\mathbf{k},i}^r e^{-i\phi_{\mathbf{k}i}} - \beta_{-\mathbf{k},i}^{r\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{k},i}^{r\dagger} e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{k},i}} \right] \right\}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

and $\Theta_{\mathbf{k},i} = 1/2 \cot^{-1}(|\mathbf{k}|/m_i)$, $\psi_{\mathbf{k}} = (\omega_{\mathbf{k},1} - \omega_{\mathbf{k},2})t$, $\phi_{\mathbf{k},i} = 2\omega_{\mathbf{k},i}t$.

⁴M.Blasone, M.V.Gargiulo, G.Vitiello, Phys. Lett.B, **761**, (2016),104.

$B_i(\Theta_{\mathbf{k},i})$, $i = 1, 2$ are **Bogoliubov transformations** which induces a mass shift and $R(\theta)$ is a **rotation**.

Their action on the mass vacuum is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{0}\rangle_{1,2} &\equiv B^{-1}(\Theta_1, \Theta_2)|0\rangle_{1,2} \\ &= \prod_{\mathbf{k}, r} \left[\cos \Theta_{\mathbf{k},i} + \epsilon^r \sin \Theta_{\mathbf{k},i} \alpha_{\mathbf{k},i}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},i}^{r\dagger} \right] |0\rangle_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$

$$R^{-1}(\theta)|0\rangle_{1,2} = |0\rangle_{1,2}$$

- **A rotation of fields is not a rotation at the level of creation and annihilation operators!**

Flavor Vacuum

- The flavor vacuum is defined by⁵:

$$|0(t)\rangle_{e,\mu} \equiv G_\theta^{-1}(t) |0\rangle_{1,2}$$

In the infinite volume limit:

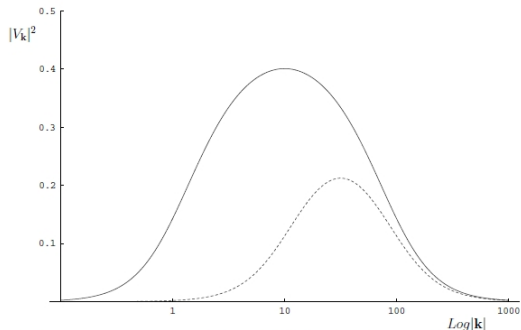
$$\lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} {}_{1,2} \langle 0 | 0(t) \rangle_{e,\mu} = \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} e^{V \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \ln(1 - \sin^2 \theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2)^2} = 0$$

where

$$|V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \equiv \sum_{r,s} |v_{-\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} u_{\mathbf{k},2}^s|^2 \neq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad m_1 \neq m_2$$

⁵M. Blasone, G. Vitiello, Ann. Phys., **244**, (1995), 283.

Vacuum condensate



Solid line: $m_1 = 1, m_2 = 100$; Dashed line: $m_1 = 10, m_2 = 100$.

- Condensation density: ${}_{e,\mu}\langle 0|\alpha_{\mathbf{k},i}^{r\dagger}\alpha_{\mathbf{k},i}|0\rangle_{e,\mu} = \sin^2\theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$, with $i = 1, 2$. Same result for antiparticles.
- $|V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \simeq \frac{(m_2 - m_1)^2}{4k^2}$ for $k \gg \sqrt{m_1 m_2}$.

Flavor eigenstates

- A neutrino flavor-state can be defined:

$$|\nu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^r(t)\rangle = \alpha_{\sigma,\mathbf{k}}^{r\dagger} |0(t)\rangle_{e,\mu}, \quad \sigma = e, \mu$$

- At any time these are eigenstates of the flavor charges:

$$Q_\sigma(t) |\nu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^r(t)\rangle = |\nu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^r(t)\rangle$$

Note that $|\nu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^r(t)\rangle \neq |\nu_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^r\rangle_P$ because

$$[B(m_1, m_2), R^{-1}(\theta)] \neq 0$$

Bogoliubov vs Pontecorvo

- Bogoliubov and Pontecorvo do not commute!!


$$[\text{Bogoliubov}, \text{Pontecorvo}] \neq 0$$

As a result, flavor vacuum gets a non-trivial term:

$$|0\rangle_{e,\mu} \equiv G_\theta^{-1} |0\rangle_{1,2} = |0\rangle_{1,2} + [B(m_1, m_2), R^{-1}(\theta)] |\tilde{0}\rangle_{1,2}$$

Flavor Vacuum and Condensate Structure

The flavor vacuum is characterized by a condensate structure:

$$|0\rangle_{e,\mu} = \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \prod_r \left[(1 - \sin^2 \theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2) - \epsilon^r \sin \theta \cos \theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}| (\alpha_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} + \alpha_{\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger}) \right. \\ \left. + \epsilon^r \sin^2 \theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}| |U_{\mathbf{k}}| (\alpha_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} - \alpha_{\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger}) + \sin^2 \theta |V_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \alpha_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \beta_{-\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \right] |0\rangle_{1,2}$$

- SU(2) (Perelomov) coherent state.
- Condensate structure on vacuum as in systems with SSB (e.g. superfluids, superconductors).
- Exotic condensates: mixed pairs due to a non-diagonal Bogoliubov transformation.
- Note that $|0\rangle_{e\mu} \neq |a\rangle_1 \otimes |b\rangle_2 \Rightarrow$ entanglement.

Patterns of Dynamical Symmetry Breaking

Chiral symmetry

Let us consider a Lagrangian \mathcal{L} , invariant under the *chiral-flavor* group $SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V$. Consider a flavor fermion-doublet:

$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_1 \\ \tilde{\psi}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The chiral transformations act on it as

$$\mathbf{g}\psi = \exp \left[i \left(\phi + \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2} + \omega_5 \cdot \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2} \gamma_5 \right) \right] \psi,$$

where $\sigma_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ are the Pauli matrices, ϕ is a real number and $\boldsymbol{\omega}$, ω_5 are vectors with real components.

Charges and Currents

- The vector and axial Noether currents are:

$$J^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$$

$$\mathbf{J}^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}\psi$$

$$\mathbf{J}_5^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}\psi$$

and the conserved Noether charges:

$$Q = \psi^\dagger\psi$$

$$Q = \int d^3\mathbf{x}\psi^\dagger\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}\psi$$

$$Q_5 = \int d^3\mathbf{x}\psi^\dagger\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}\gamma_5\psi$$

Explicit Symmetry Breaking

- Chiral symmetry is explicitly broken by a mass term:

$$\mathcal{L}_M = -\bar{\psi} M \psi$$

In fact

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0,$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{J}^\mu = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} [M, \boldsymbol{\sigma}] \psi,$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{J}_5^\mu = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \{M, \boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \psi$$

Explicit Breaking of Axial Symmetry

- If the mass matrix is proportional to the identity

$$M = m_0 \mathbb{I}$$

the axial symmetry is explicitly broken:

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = \partial_\mu \mathbf{J}^\mu = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{J}_5^\mu = i m_0 \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi$$

Isospin Symmetry Breaking

- Adding a mass-shift:

$$M = m_0 \mathbb{1} + m_3 \sigma_3$$

the isospin symmetry is broken to $U(1)_V \times U(1)_V^3$ (the subscript index indicates the generator)

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu J^\mu &= \partial_\mu J_3^\mu = 0 \\ \partial_\mu J_1^\mu &= \frac{m_3}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma_2 \psi, \\ \partial_\mu J_2^\mu &= -\frac{m_3}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma_1 \psi\end{aligned}$$

Total Flavor Charge Conservation

- Adding an off-diagonal component:

$$M = m_0 \mathbb{1} + m_3 \sigma_3 + m_1 \sigma_1$$

A residual phase symmetry survives:

$$\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu J_1^\mu = \frac{m_3}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma_2 \psi$$

$$\partial_\mu J_2^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} [m_1 \sigma_3 + m_3 \sigma_1] \psi$$

$$\partial_\mu J_3^\mu = \frac{m_1}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma_2 \psi$$

Conservation of the total flavor charge Q .

Dynamical Generation of Fermion Mixing

- Dynamical generation of mixing occurs if⁶

$$SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V \longrightarrow U(1)_V$$

at the ground state level.

SSB is characterized by the existence of some (quasi)-local operators Φ_i so that

$$\langle \Omega | [Q_{j,(5)}(0), \Phi_\alpha(0)] | \Omega \rangle = \langle \Omega | \varphi_{(5),\alpha}(0) | \Omega \rangle \neq 0$$

on some *dressed* vacuum.

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Order parameters

We introduce the fermion bilinears

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_0 &= \bar{\psi}\psi \\ \Phi_\alpha &= \bar{\psi}\sigma_\alpha\psi, \\ \Phi_\alpha^5 &= \bar{\psi}\sigma_\alpha\gamma_5\psi, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3.\end{aligned}$$

and the scalar order parameters:

$$v_\alpha = \langle \Omega | \Phi_\alpha(0) | \Omega \rangle, \quad \alpha = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

The condition

$$\langle \Omega | \Phi_\alpha^5 | \Omega \rangle = 0, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3$$

is imposed.

Dynamical Mass Generation

- Dynamical mass generation:

$$SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V \longrightarrow SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V$$

when $v_0 \neq 0$. We add ε -term:

$$\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \Phi_0$$

Ward-Takahashi identities are derived:

$$i v_0 = \lim_{\varepsilon_0 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_0 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [\Phi_\alpha^5(y) \Phi_\alpha^5(0)] | \Omega \rangle, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3$$

The r.h.s. contains a pole at zero mass: **Goldstone theorem**

Dynamical Generation of Different Masses

- Dynamical generation of different masses:

$$SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V \longrightarrow U(1)_V^3 \times U(1)_V$$

when $v_0, v_3 \neq 0$. We add ε -term:

$$\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \Phi_0 + \varepsilon_3 \Phi_3$$

Ward-Takahashi identities are derived:

$$i v_3 = - \lim_{\varepsilon_3 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_3 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [\Phi_\alpha(y) \Phi_\alpha(0)] | \Omega \rangle, \quad \alpha = 1, 2$$

Dynamical Generation of Mixing

- Dynamical generation of mixing:

$$SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_V \times U(1)_V \longrightarrow U(1)_V$$

when $v_0, v_3, v_1 \neq 0$. We add ε -term:

$$\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \Phi_0 + \varepsilon_3 \Phi_3 + \varepsilon_1 \Phi_1$$

One of the previous Ward-Takahashi identities remains the same:

$$iv_3 = - \lim_{\varepsilon_3 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_3 \int d^4y \langle \Omega | T [\Phi_2(y) \Phi_2(0)] | \Omega \rangle$$

A NG boson appears in the spectrum.

Anomalous WT relations

- We get two anomalous WT identities:

$$\begin{aligned} i v_1 &= - \lim_{\varepsilon_1 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_1 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [(\Phi_3(y) - v_3) (\Phi_3(0) - v_3)] | \Omega \rangle \\ &+ \lim_{\varepsilon_3 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_3 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [(\Phi_1(y) - v_1) (\Phi_3(0) - v_3)] | \Omega \rangle \\ i v_3 &= - \lim_{\varepsilon_3 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_3 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [(\Phi_1(y) - v_1) (\Phi_1(0) - v_1)] | \Omega \rangle \\ &+ \lim_{\varepsilon_1 \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_1 \int d^4 y \langle \Omega | T [(\Phi_3(y) - v_3) (\Phi_1(0) - v_1)] | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Patterns of SSB

Here we have a summary of different patterns:

Symmetry Group	Mass Term	Order Parameters	Broken Charges
$U(2)_V \times SU(2)_A$			
$U(2)_V$	$m_0 \bar{\psi} \psi$	v_0	$Q_\alpha^5, \alpha = 1, 2, 3$
$U(1)_V^3 \times U(1)_V$	$m_0 \bar{\psi} \psi + m_3 \bar{\psi} \sigma_3 \psi$	v_0, v_3	$Q_\alpha^5, \alpha = 1, 2, 3$ $Q_\alpha, \alpha = 1, 2$
$U(1)_V$	$m_0 \bar{\psi} \psi + m_3 \bar{\psi} \sigma_3 \psi$ $+ m_1 \bar{\psi} \sigma_1 \psi$	v_0, v_3, v_1	$Q_\alpha^5, \alpha = 1, 2, 3$ $Q_\alpha, \alpha = 1, 2, 3$

Vacuum Structure in Mean-Field Approximation

Mass vacuum: Equal Masses (1)

- In mean field approximation, the mass vacuum, in terms of bare vacuum $|0\rangle$, is

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle_m &= \prod_{j=1,2} \prod_{\mathbf{k}, r} (\cos \Theta_{\mathbf{k}} - \epsilon^r \sin \Theta_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}, j}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k}, j}^{r\dagger}) |0\rangle \\ &= B(m) |0\rangle, \quad \Theta_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{k}|}{m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with $\epsilon^r = (-1)^r$. Here m is the physical mass and

$$B(m) = B_1(m) B_2(m)$$

Mass vacuum: Equal Masses (2)

where:

$$B_j(m) = \exp \left[\sum_r \int d^3\mathbf{k} \Theta_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon^r \left(\tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^r \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^r - \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger} \right) \right]$$

is the generator of a Bogoliubov transformation.

The order parameter is:

$$v_0 = 2 \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Mass vacuum: Different Masses (1)

- The mass vacuum is:

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle_{1,2} &= \prod_{j=1,2} \prod_{\mathbf{k},r} (\cos \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} - \epsilon^r \sin \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger}) |0\rangle \\ &= B(m_1, m_2) |0\rangle, \quad \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} = \frac{1}{2} \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{k}|}{m_j} \right), j = 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

$B(m_1, m_2)$ factorizes as the product of Bogoliubov transformations:

$$B(m_1, m_2) = B_1(m_1) B_2(m_2)$$

Mass vacuum: Different Masses (2)

The ladder operators of massive fields are:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{\mathbf{k},j}^r &= B(m) \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^r B^{-1}(m) = \cos \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^r + \epsilon^r \sin \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger} \\ \beta_{-\mathbf{k},j}^r &= B(m) \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger} B^{-1}(m) = \cos \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \tilde{\beta}_{-\mathbf{k},j}^r - \epsilon^r \sin \Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},j}^{r\dagger}\end{aligned}$$

The non-zero order parameters are

$$\begin{aligned}v_0 &= \sum_{j=1,2} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \\ v_3 &= \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},1} - \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},2}\end{aligned}$$

Rotation Operator

Consider the chiral charge

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 &= -\frac{i}{2} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \left(\tilde{\psi}_1^\dagger(x) \tilde{\psi}_2(x) - \tilde{\psi}_2^\dagger(x) \tilde{\psi}_1(x) \right) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \left(\tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},2}^r + \tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{k},1}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{k},2}^r - \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k},1}^r - \tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{k},2}^{r\dagger} \tilde{\beta}_{\mathbf{k},1}^r \right) \end{aligned}$$

Exponentiating it, we obtain the generator of a rotation:

$$\tilde{R}(\theta) = \exp(2i\theta Q_2)$$

In terms of mass fields:

$$\tilde{R}(\theta) = \exp \left[\theta \int d^3\mathbf{x} \left(\psi_1^\dagger(x) \psi_2(x) - \psi_2^\dagger(x) \psi_1(x) \right) \right] \Big|_{t=0} \equiv G_\theta(0)$$

- This is the mixing generator at $t = 0$.

Flavor Vacuum and Massless Modes

- Because, classically, $\partial_\mu J_2^\mu(x) = 0$, it is natural to consider the state:

$$|0\rangle_{e,\mu} = \tilde{R}^{-1}(\theta)B(m_1, m_2)|0\rangle$$

that is formally like flavor vacuum at $t = 0$. The order parameters are:

$$\begin{aligned}v_0 &= \sum_{j=1,2} \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},j} \\v_3 &= \cos 2\theta \left(\int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},1} - \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},2} \right) \\v_1 &= \sin 2\theta \left(\int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},1} - \int d^3\mathbf{k} \sin 2\Theta_{\mathbf{k},2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Conclusions and Perspectives

Conclusions

Conclusions:

- The non-trivial condensate structure of the flavor vacuum suggests a dynamical origin of mixing. The same structure has been proved to be a mark of this phenomenon, in models which present chiral symmetry.
- Anomalous Ward-Takahashi identities characterizes dynamical generation of mixing
- The flavor vacuum structure naturally arises when studying vacuum properties in mean field approximation.

Perspectives:

- The application of FI methods has suggested the study of appearance of inequivalent representations in this framework⁷.
- More general situations, eventually including Lorentz-Poincaré symmetry breaking were only slightly touched⁸. The use of FI's in studying these situations requires a generalization of the QM and QFT partition function⁹.

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Thank you for the attention!