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The Hadronic Spectrum and Confined Phase in (1+1)-Dimensional Massive Yang-Mills Theory

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Massive Yang-Mills theory is known to be renormalizable in 1+1 dimensions. The gluon mass is introduced by coupling the gauge field to an $SU(N)$ principal chiral nonlinear sigma model. The proof of renormalizability relies on the asymptotic freedom of the sigma model. However, renormalization forces the gluon mass to infinity. The continuum theory is in a confined phase rather than a Higgs phase. The physical excitations of the system are hadron-like bound states of sigma model particles. We calculate the massive spectrum of meson-like bound states analytically, using the exact S-matrix of the sigma model. The baryon-like spectrum can be found in principle by solving a quantum mechanical N-body problem. We remark on the evidence for the confined phase found for $SU(2)$ in recent lattice simulations by Gongyo and Zwanziger. Their simulations show evidence for a Higgs-like phase which seems to disappear with increasing volume, finding agreement with our analysis in the continuum.

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