

QCD matter on a lattice

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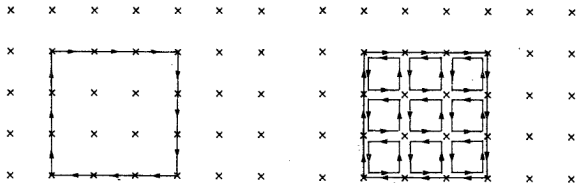
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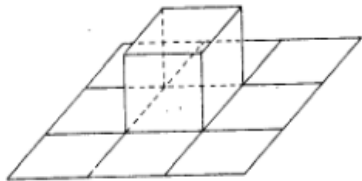
- ▶ Spectroscopy
- ▶ Matrix elements and correlations functions
- ▶ Thermodynamic properties of QCD
- ▶ Transport properties of QCD
- ▶ Phase transitions
- ▶ Nuclear physics
- ▶ Properties of QCD under extreme conditions (magnetic field, baryon density, relativistic rotation,...)
- ▶ Topological properties
- ▶ ...

Wilson loop at strong coupling



- ▶ $S_l = -\sum_p \frac{\beta}{6} (\text{Tr} U_P + \text{Tr} U_P^\dagger)$, $\beta = \frac{6}{g^2}$
- ▶ Strong coupling limit $g \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. $\beta \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ $Z = \int DU e^{-S_l} = \int DU \left(\sum_n \frac{1}{n!} (-S_l)^n \right)$
 $\langle W(C) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DU \prod_C U_\mu(n) \left(\sum_n \frac{1}{n!} (-S_g)^n \right)$
- ▶ $\int dU = 1$, $\int dU U_{ij} = 0$, $\int dU U_{ij} U_{kl}^{-1} = \int dU U_{ij} U_{kl}^+ = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}$
- ▶ $W(C) = \left(\frac{\beta}{18} \right)^{S_l} = e^{-\sigma_l S_l}$, $\sigma_{phys} = \frac{\sigma_l}{a^2} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \log \left(\frac{\beta}{18} \right)$

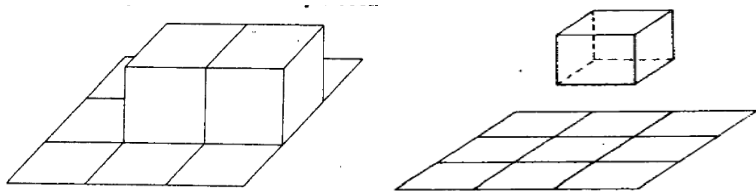
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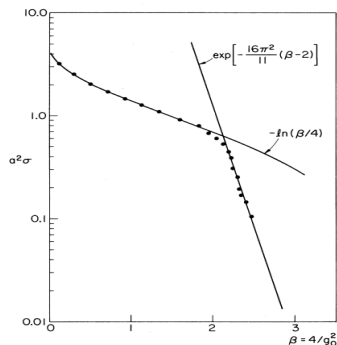


- ▶ $\sigma_{phys} a^2 = -\log u - 4u^4 - 12u^5 + 10u^6 + \dots, \quad u = \frac{\beta}{18}$
- ▶ $V(r) = \sigma_{phys} r$
- ▶ There is confinement at strong coupling

Renormalization group at strong coupling

- ▶ RG: different lattice spacings give the same physics
 $\{\beta_1, a_1\}, \{\beta_2, a_2\}, \{\beta_3, a_3\}, \dots$ but $\sigma_{phys} = \frac{\sigma_l(g(a))}{a^2}$
- ▶ $\sigma_{phys} a^2 = -\log u - 4u^4 - 12u^5 + 10u^6 + \dots, \quad u = \frac{\beta}{18} = \frac{1}{3g^2}$
- ▶ β -функция: $\frac{d\sigma_{phys}}{da} \Big|_{a \rightarrow 0} = 0$
 $\frac{dg^2}{d \ln a^2} = g^2 \ln 3g^2$
- ▶ g decreases in the continuum limit
 $g \Big|_{a \rightarrow 0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Correct continuum limit



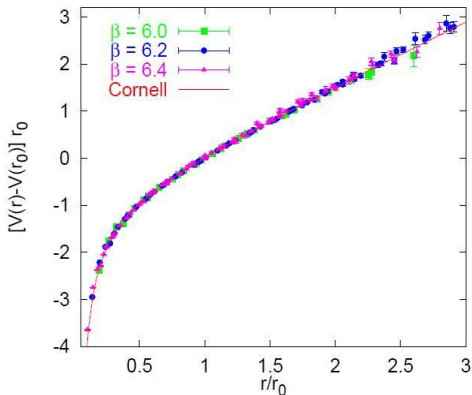
► Weak coupling limit $g \rightarrow 0$

► $\sigma_{phys} = \frac{1}{a^2} f(g), \quad \left. \frac{d\sigma_{phys}}{d \log a^2} \right|_{a \rightarrow 0} = 0$

► $-f(g) + \frac{df}{dg} \frac{dg}{d \log a^2} = 0, \quad \frac{dg}{d \log a^2} = \frac{11}{6} \frac{N}{16\pi^2} g^3$

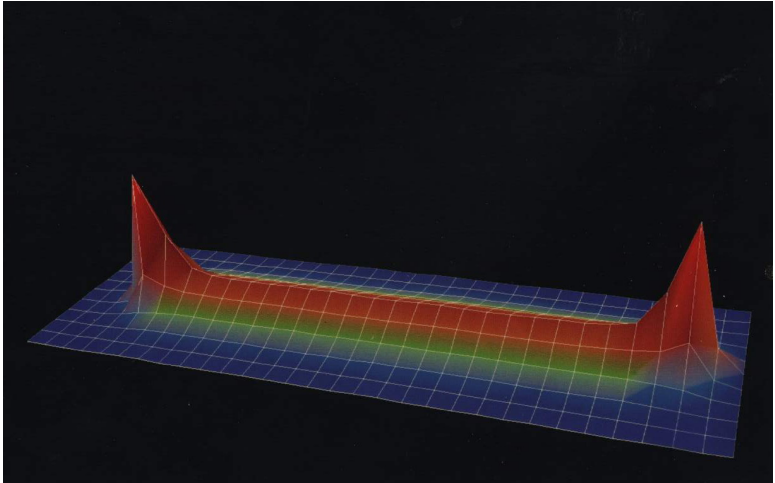
► $\sigma \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \exp\left(-\frac{6\pi^2}{11}\beta\right), \quad \beta = \frac{4}{g^2}$

Confinement in lattice simulation

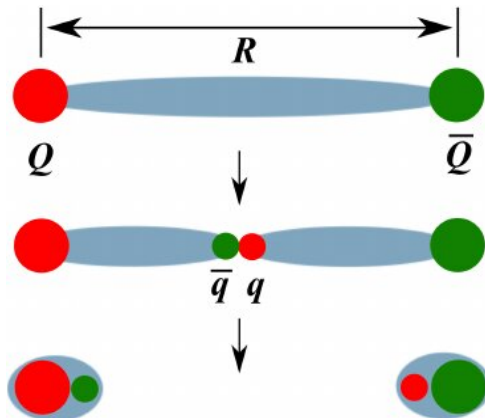


- ▶ Small distances: $V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s(r)}{r}$
Asymptotic freedom $\alpha_s(r) \sim -\frac{1}{\log \Lambda r} \Big|_{r \rightarrow 0} \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Large distances $V(r) = \sigma_{phys} r$ - Confinement
 $F = \sigma \simeq 160000 \text{ N}$
- ▶ To separate quarks one needs infinite energy

Confinement in lattice simulation

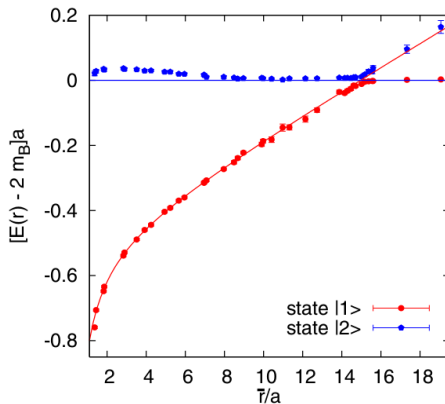


String breaking



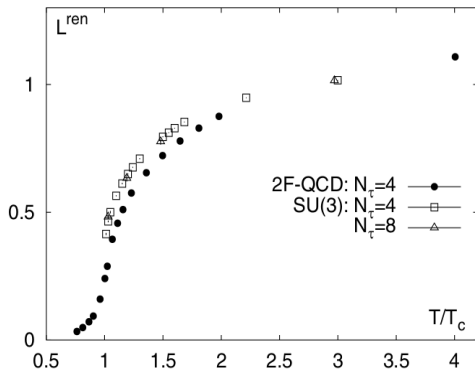
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String breaking



- ▶ The string is not broken
- ▶ The string is broken

Polyakov line



- Fermions violate Z_3 symmetry

QCD vacuum

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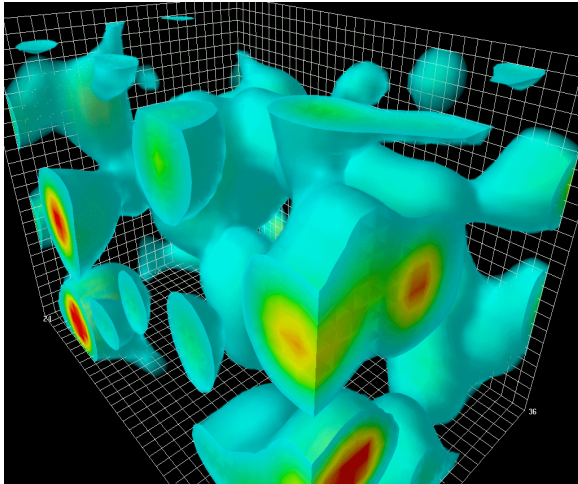
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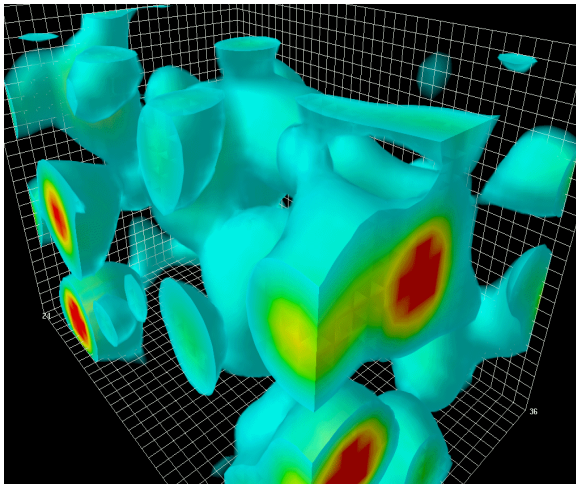
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- ▶ Is vacuum an empty space ($\epsilon = 0$)?
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- ▶ QCD vacuum: $\epsilon \simeq -(265 \text{ MeV})^4$, $\langle H^2 + E^2 \rangle \neq 0$

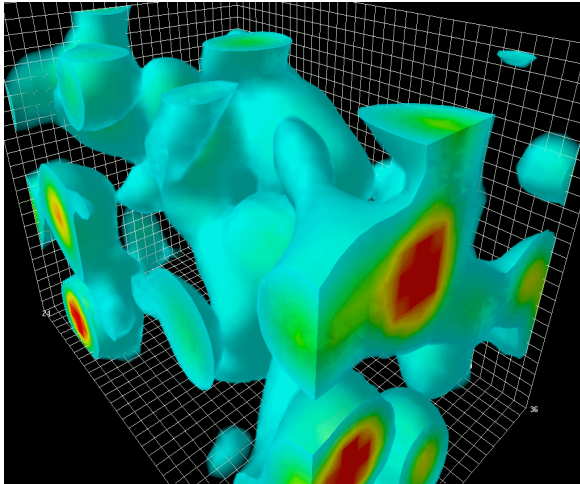
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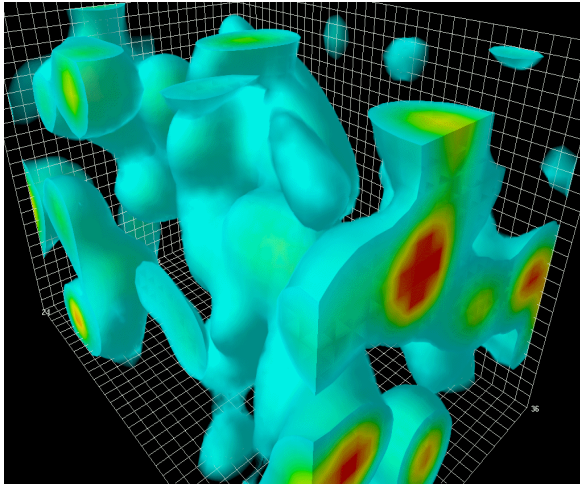
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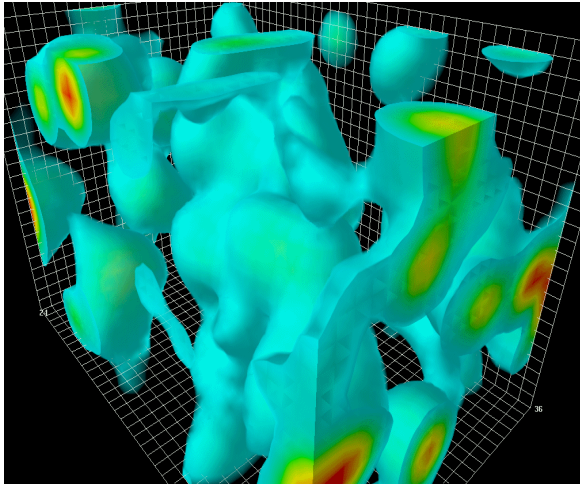
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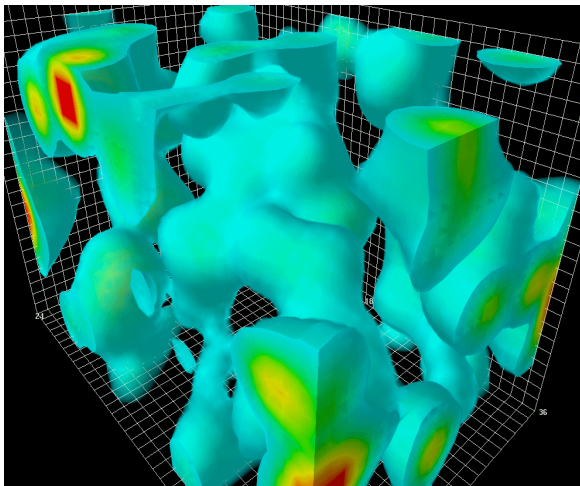
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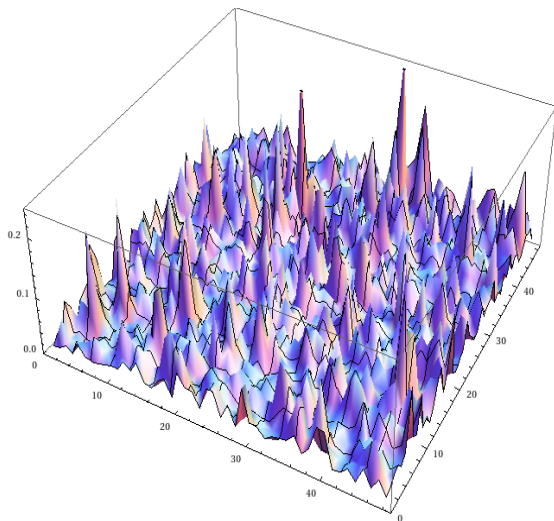
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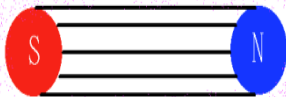


Quantum (ultraviolet) fluctuations in QCD vacuum

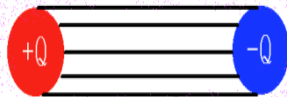


- ▶ Classical vacuum is distorted by UV fluctuations
- ▶ The fluctuations take place at distances $\sim a$

Model of dual superconductor



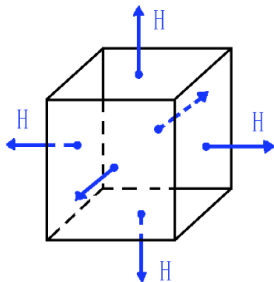
Condensate of the Cooper pairs



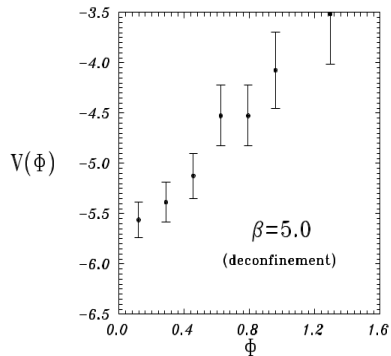
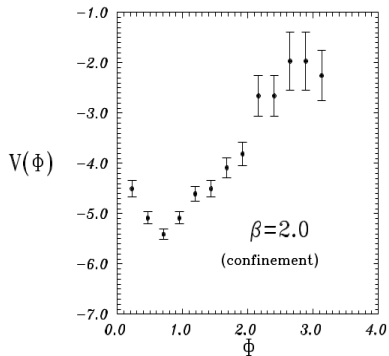
Condensate of MONOPOLES

What is a monopole in SU(N)?

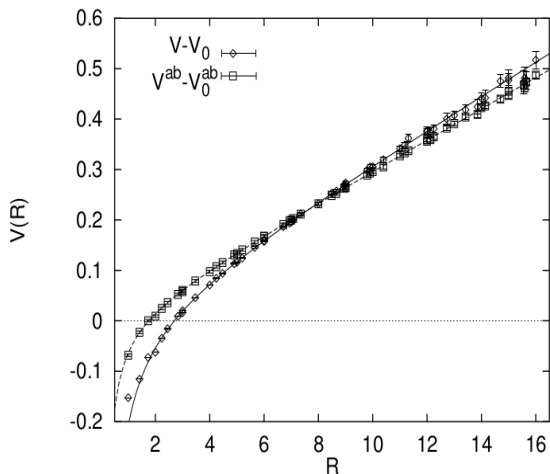
- ▶ Consider SU(2) as an example
- ▶ $2\hat{A}_\mu = \sigma^1 A_\mu^1 + \sigma^2 A_\mu^2 + \sigma^3 A_\mu^3 = \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^3 & A_\mu^1 - iA_\mu^2 \\ A_\mu^1 + iA_\mu^2 & -A_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ▶ SU(2) \rightarrow U(1)
- ▶ $2\hat{A}_\mu = \sigma^3 A_\mu^3 = \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^3 & 0 \\ 0 & -A_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ▶ One can introduce: \vec{E}^3, \vec{H}^3
- ▶ Diagonalization in the whole space is impossible
- ▶ **Maximal Abelian gauge**: $\min_S \int d^4x [(A_\mu^1)^2 + (A_\mu^2)^2]$



Condensation of monopoles



Abelian dominance



► $W(C) = Tr P \exp(i \int_C dx^\mu \hat{A}_\mu) \rightarrow \exp(i \int_C dx^\mu A_\mu^3)$

The other variants of QCD vacuum

- ▶ Spaghetti vacuum
- ▶ Fluctuation of topology
- ▶ Self-dual fields ([Sergey Nedelko](#))
- ▶ ...

Chiral symmetry breaking

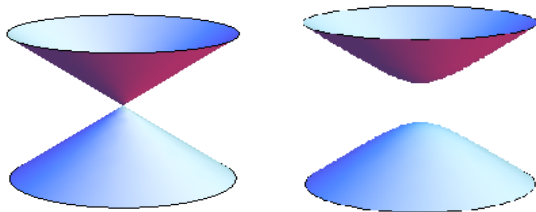
- ▶ Left and right sectors of the theory do not interact

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} i \hat{D} \Psi = \bar{\Psi} i \hat{D} \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} + \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \right) \Psi = \bar{\Psi} i \hat{D} \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \Psi + \bar{\Psi} i \hat{D} \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \Psi = \bar{\Psi}_R i \hat{D} \Psi_R + \bar{\Psi}_L i \hat{D} \Psi_L$$

- ▶ For N_f quarks chiral symmetry is $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f) \times U_V(1) \times U_A(1)$
- ▶ Chiral condensate $\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle = \langle \bar{\Psi}_L \Psi_R \rangle + \langle \bar{\Psi}_R \Psi_L \rangle$ breaks chiral symmetry
- ▶ Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f) \rightarrow SU_V(N_f)$
- ▶ **The mechanism of chiral symmetry breaking is unknown**
- ▶ Some ideas can be gained from NJL model

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \bar{\Psi} [i \not{\partial} + g (\sigma + i \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \gamma_5)] \Psi + \frac{1}{2} [(\partial \boldsymbol{\pi})^2 + (\partial \sigma)^2] - \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\sigma^2 + \boldsymbol{\pi}^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \boldsymbol{\pi}^2)^2.$$

Chiral symmetry breaking



- ▶ NJL models are based on BCS theory
- ▶ The interaction term $(\bar{\psi}\psi)^4$
- ▶ $\alpha_{NJL} < 1$ no solutions, $M = 0$, $E^2 = \vec{p}^2$
- ▶ $\alpha_{NJL} > 1$ there is solution $M \neq 0$, $E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + M^2$
- ▶ Gap equation for the dynamical mass
- ▶ Dynamical symmetry breaking
- ▶ The condensate of Cooper pairs: $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \neq 0$
- ▶ Too simple model: no confinement

What is matter composed of?

- ▶ The following law is well satisfied in nature

$$M \simeq \sum_i M_i$$

- ▶ In QCD

$$p(uud) \quad M_p c^2 = 938 \text{ MeV} \gg (m_u + m_u + m_d) c^2 = 12 \text{ MeV}$$

$$n(udd) \quad M_n c^2 = 940 \text{ MeV} \gg (m_u + m_d + m_d) c^2 = 15 \text{ MeV}$$

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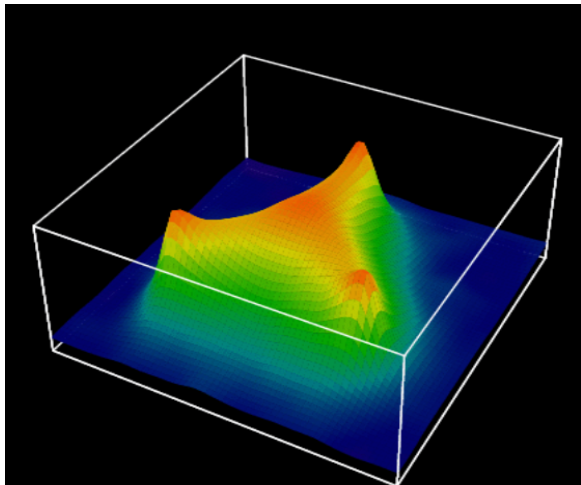
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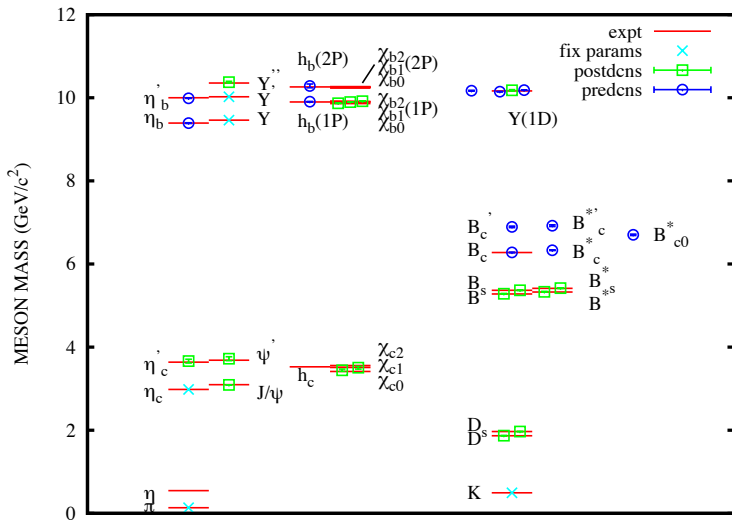
- ▶ Where is the rest of mass?

Chromoelectric fields in proton

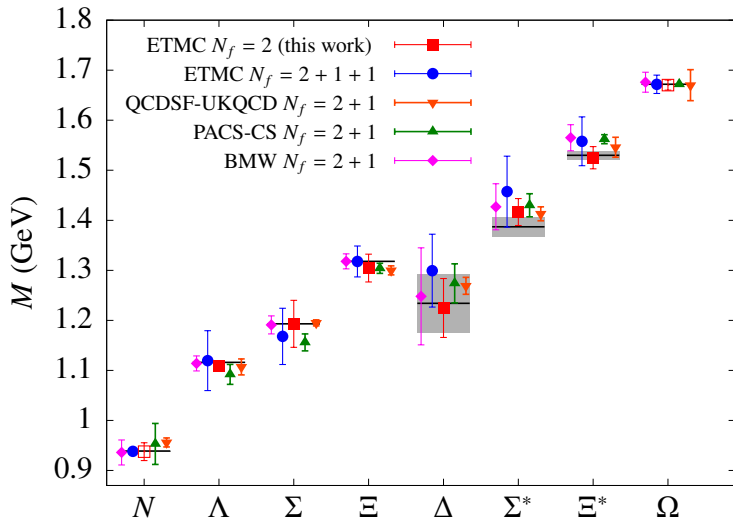


- ▶ We are composed of gluons to 98%!

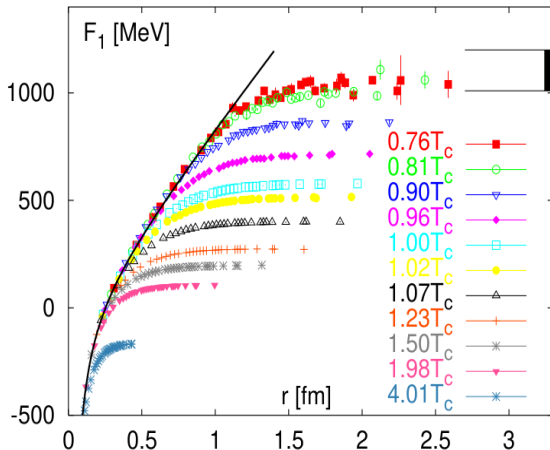
Spectroscopy: Mesons



Spectroscopy: Baryons

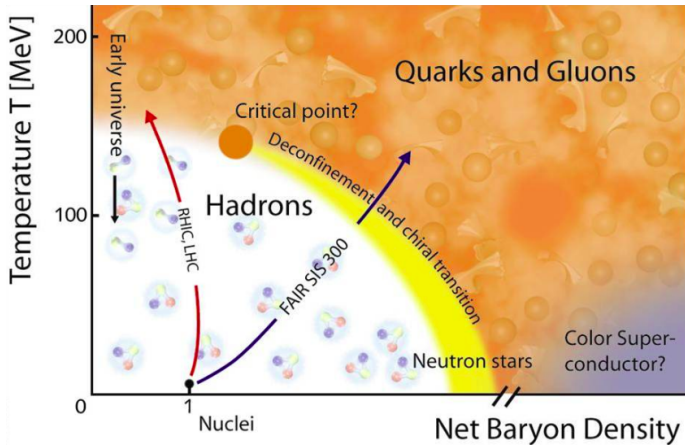


Static potential at finite temperature



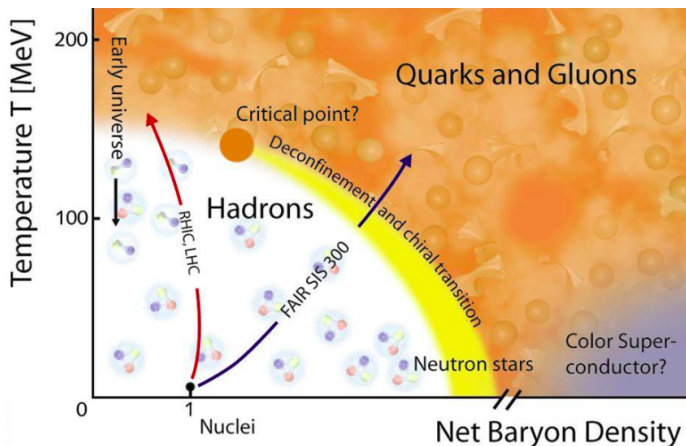
- ▶ One needs the temperature $T \sim 150 \text{ MeV} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{12}$ degrees

QCD under extreme conditions



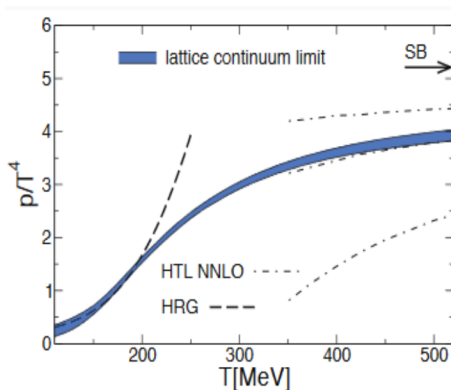
- ▶ Modern experiments: **LHC**(Switzerland), **RHIC**(USA), **FAIR**(Germany), **NICA**(Russia, Dubna, JINR)

QCD under extreme conditions



- ▶ Temperature $T \sim 150 \text{ MeV} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{12}$ degrees
- ▶ Baryon density $n > n_0$
- ▶ Magnetic fields $eB \sim 10^{13} \text{ T}$
- ▶ Rotation with angular velocity $\omega \sim 10^{22} \text{ c}^{-1}$
- ▶ ...

QCD equation of state



- ▶ Low temperature: HRG
- ▶ High temperature: SB - Stefan Boltzmann: $p = \sigma T^4$
- ▶ At very high temperature QGP is gas of quarks and gluons?

High temperatures

- ▶ Consider a limit $T \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ $g(T) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ QGP is a free gas of quarks and gluons?
- ▶ Matsubara frequency:
 - ▶ For bosons: $p_0 = 2\pi T n$
 - ▶ For fermions: $p_0 = \pi T(2n + 1)$
- ▶ The propagator at nonzero temperature
$$G_0(x, y) = T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{ip(x-y)}}{(2\pi T n)^2 + \vec{p}^2 + m^2}$$
- ▶ Fermions and $n \neq 0$ bosons can be integrated out

High temperatures

- ▶ We are left with A_4, A_i at $n = 0$

- ▶ Propagator

$$G_0(x, y) = T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{ip(x-y)}}{(2\pi T n)^2 + \vec{p}^2 + m^2} \Bigg|_{T \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow$$
$$\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{p}(\vec{x}-\vec{y})}}{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$$

- ▶ Modes with $n = 0$ becomes tree dimensional

- ▶ Dimensional reduction $D = 4 \rightarrow 3$

- ▶ Effective action for A_4, A_i

$$S = \int d^3 x \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(F_{ij}^2) + \text{Tr}((D_i A_4)^2) + m_D^2 \text{Tr}(A_4^2) + \dots \right)$$

- ▶ $\langle P(\vec{x}) \rangle = \text{Tr} P \exp \left(i \int_0^T dx^4 \hat{A}_4(\vec{x}, x^4) \right) \neq 0$

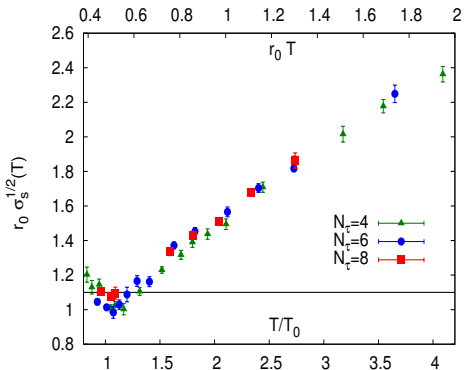
- ▶ A_4 is like a Higgs: $\langle A_4 \rangle \neq 0$

High temperatures

- ▶ Debye mass $m_D \sim g(T)T$ is a scale for A_4
- ▶ In the limit $T \rightarrow \infty$ magnetic scale $g^2(T)T$
- ▶ A_4 can be integrated out
- ▶ 4D QCD is equivalent to 3D Yang-Mills with chromo-magnetic degrees of freedom

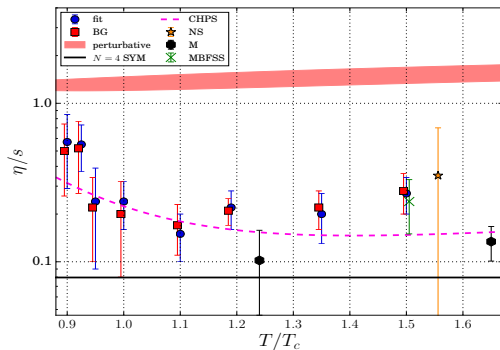
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- ▶ Nonperturbative theory with spatial confinement
- ▶ The scale is determined by spatial string tension σ_s
- ▶ QCD in nonperturbative at any temperature! It never becomes a gas of quarks and gluons!



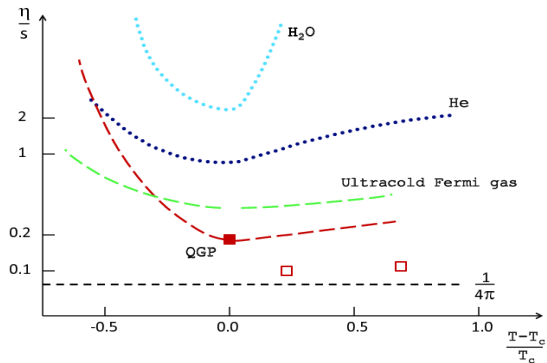
- ▶ Spatial string tension $W(C) \sim e^{-\sigma_s S}$
- ▶ Confinement of magnetic field
- ▶ In the region $T > T_c$, σ_s rises as $\sim T$

Shear viscosity of QGP



- ▶ QGP is close to the ideal liquid ($\frac{\eta}{s} = (1 - 3)\frac{1}{4\pi}$)
- ▶ Considerable deviation from gas of quarks and gluons
- ▶ The result is close to the N=4 SYM $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$

Shear viscosity of QGP



- QGP is the most superfluid liquid

THANK YOU!