

# Studying thermal QCD matter on the lattice

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## Study of the strongly interacting matter and its new “phases”

### Theory:

Low T, low density:  
EFT  
(Chiral perturbation  
Theory) ,  
Virial expansion

Lattice  
QCD  
and  
Super-  
computing

High T, high density:  
Weak coupling  
methods,  
Dimensionally  
reduced EFT

### Experiment:

#### Past:

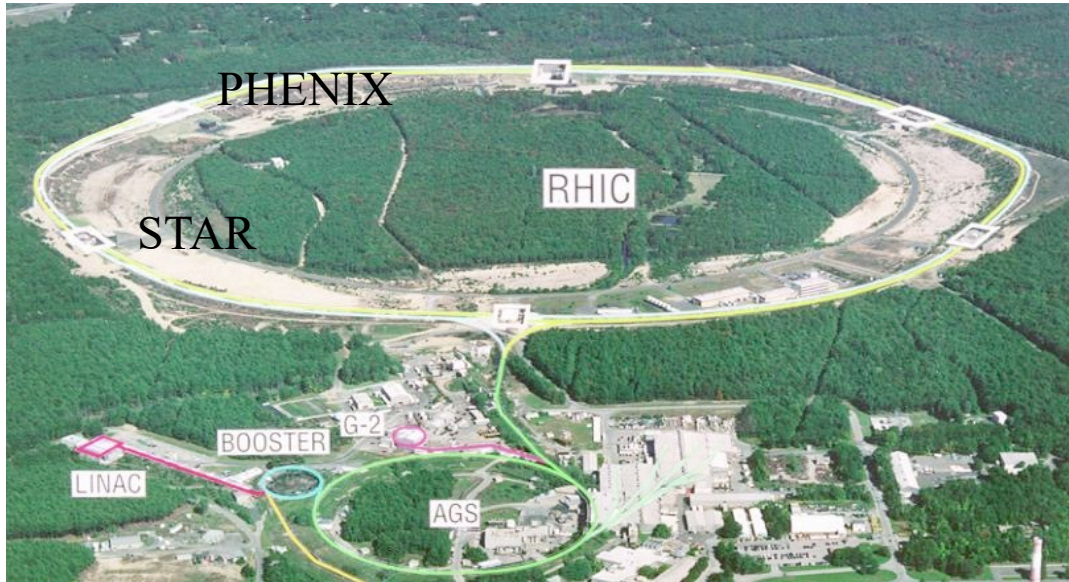
AGS, SPS,  $E_{cm}=(1-17)$  GeV

#### Present :

RHIC,  $E_{cm}=(5.5-200)$  GeV,  
LHC,  $E_{cm}=2.76$  TeV, 5.5 TeV

#### Future:

NICA, CBM@FAIR  
 $E_{cm}=(1-10)$  GeV



## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

RHIC:  $\text{Au} + \text{Au}$ ,  $\text{Cu} + \text{Cu}$ ,  
 $\text{Cu} + \text{Au}$ ,  $\text{U} + \text{U}$

$$\sqrt{s} = 5.5 - 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\epsilon \simeq 15 - 30 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

LHC: ALICE, also HI in  
CMS, ATLAS and LHCb

$\text{Pb} + \text{Pb}$   $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 - 5.5 \text{ TeV}$   
 $\epsilon \simeq 100 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

## Supercomputing and LQCD at $T > 0$ :

2013: TOP500 rank: 3

TOP500 rank: 4

TOP500 rank: 9



Titan, USA



Sequoia, USA



MIRA, USA

# New states of strongly interacting matter ?

I. Ya. Pomeranchuk, Doklady Akad. Nauk. SSSR 78 (1951) 889

Because of finite size of hadrons hadronic matter cannot exist up to arbitrarily high temperature/density, hadron size has to be smaller than  $1/T$

Hagedorn, Nouvo Cim. 35 (65) 395

Exponentially increasing density of hadronic states  $\Rightarrow$  limiting temperature

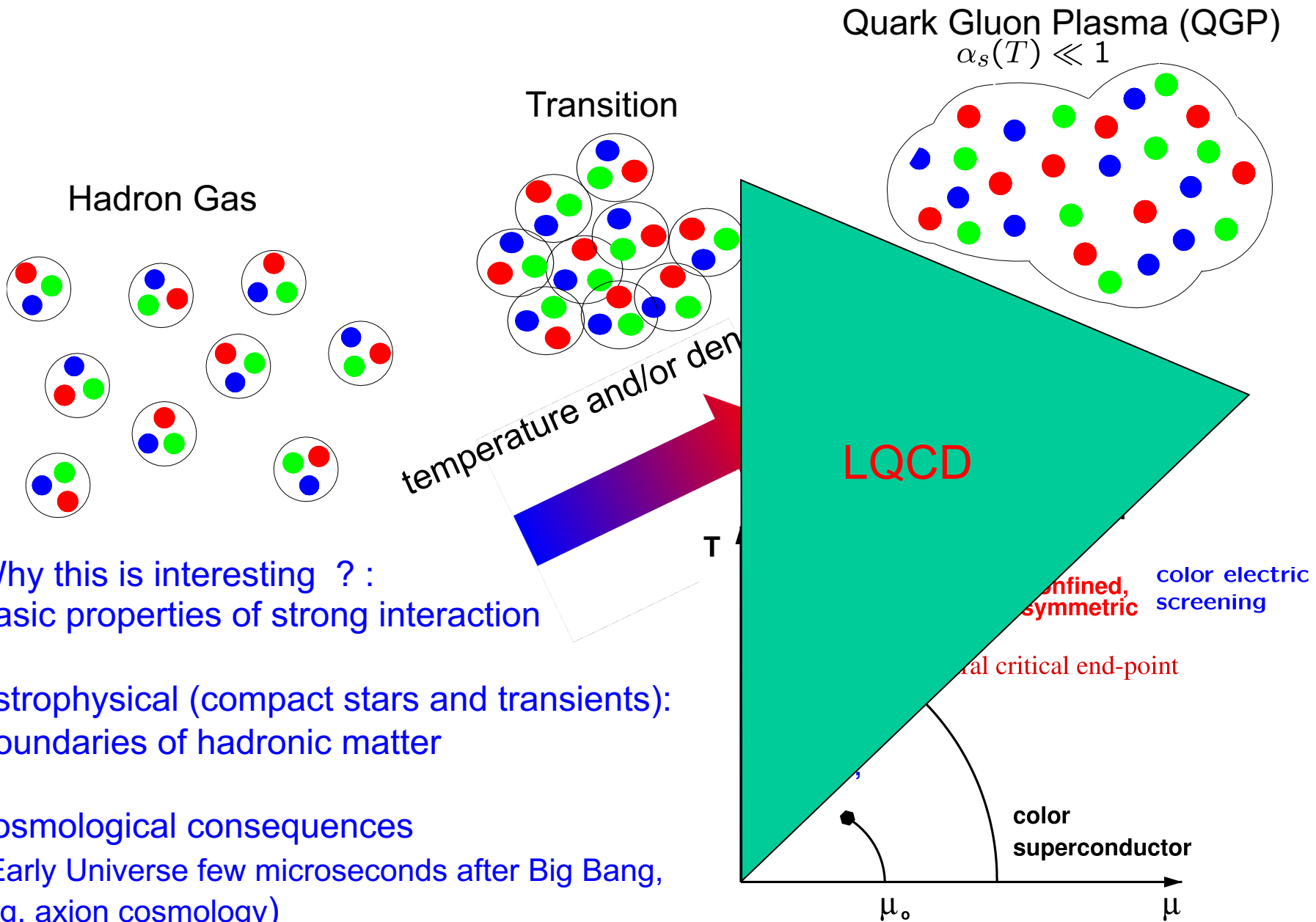
Cabbibo, Parisi, PLB 59 (75) 67

Realization that at high temperature hadronic language is not appropriate and reinterpretation of the limiting temperature as the phase transition temperature to medium consisting of quarks and gluons

Collins and Perry, PRL 34 (1975) 1353

At very high density strongly interacting matter should consist of quarks due to asymptotic freedom

# Deconfinement at high temperature and density



Why this is interesting ? :  
basic properties of strong interaction

astrophysical (compact stars and transients):  
boundaries of hadronic matter

cosmological consequences  
(Early Universe few microseconds after Big Bang,  
e.g. axion cosmology)



# Symmetries of QCD in the vacuum at high T

$$T \gg \Lambda_{QCD} :$$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = 0$$

restored

- Chiral symmetry :  $m_{u,d} \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$

$$SU_A(2) \text{ rotation } \psi \rightarrow e^{i\phi T^a \gamma_5} \psi \quad \psi_{L,R} \rightarrow e^{i\phi_{L,R} T^a} \psi_{L,R}$$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \langle \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R \rangle + \langle \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \rangle \neq 0$$

spontaneous symmetry breaking or Nambu-Goldstone symmetry realization

2008

hadrons with opposite parity have very different masses,  
interactions between hadrons are weak at low E



- Axial or  $U_A(1)$  symmetry: invariance  $\psi \rightarrow e^{i\phi \gamma_5} \psi$

$$\text{is broken by anomaly (ABJ)} : \langle \partial^\mu j_\mu^A \rangle = -\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \langle \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} F_{\alpha\beta}^a F_{\gamma\delta}^a \rangle$$

topology

$\eta'$  meson mass,  $\pi$ - $a_0$  mass difference

Effectively  
restored ?

- Center ( $Z_3$ ) symmetry : invariance under global gauge transformation

$$A_\mu(0, \mathbf{x}) = e^{i2\pi N/3} A_\mu(1/T, \mathbf{x}), \quad N = 1, 2, 3$$

Exact symmetry for infinitely heavy quarks and the order parameter is the  
Expectation value of the Polyakov loop:

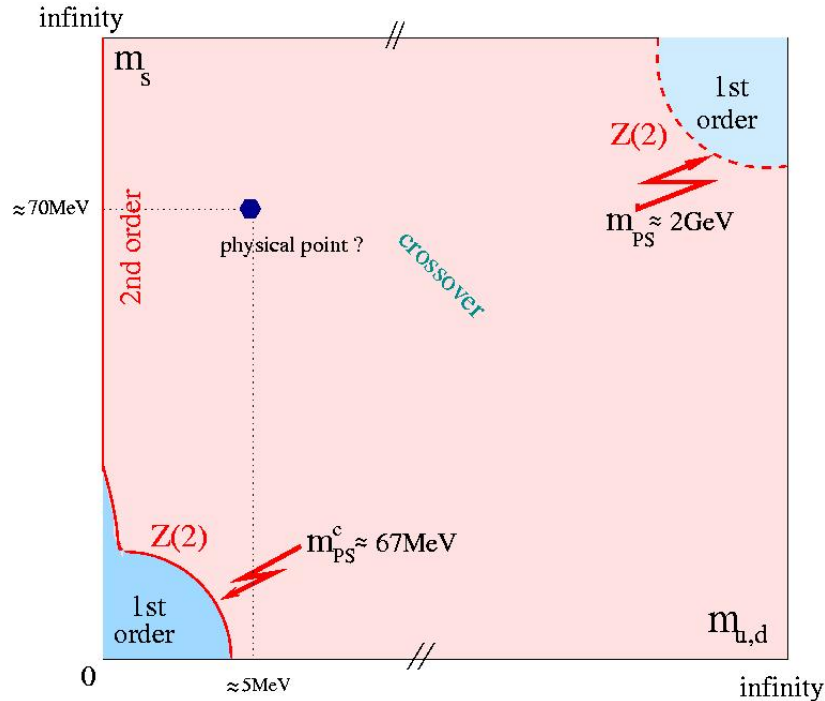
$$L = \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} d\tau A_0(\tau, \vec{x})} \quad \langle L \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle L \rangle \neq 0$$

broken

# QCD phase diagram as function of the quark mass

Pisarski, Wilczek, PD29 (1984) 338



For very large quark masses there is a 1<sup>st</sup> order **deconfining phase transition**

## Chiral transition:

- For vanishing  $u, d$ -quark masses the Chiral transition is either 1<sup>st</sup> order or 2<sup>nd</sup> order phase transition
- For physical quark masses there could be a 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition or crossover

Evidence for 2<sup>nd</sup> order transition in the chiral limit  
=> universal properties of QCD transition:

$SU_A(2) \sim O(4)$   
relation to spin models

transition is a crossover  
for physical quark masses

## In these lectures:

1. Basics of field theory at  $T>0$  and weak coupling expansion
2. Dimensionally reduced EFT (EQCD)
3. EFT at low  $T$  and virial expansion
4. Lattice QCD at  $T>0$  basics
5. Deconfinement transition in absence of quarks (SU(N) gauge theories)
6. Chiral transition in QCD
7. Equation of State in QCD
8. Deconfinement and color electric screening in QCD
9. Magnetic screening and testing EQCD non-perturbatively
10. QCD at non-zero chemical potentials and Taylor expansion
11. Spectral function and heavy quark diffusion constant

# Quantum Statistical mechanics

Transition amplitude in QM and its path integral representation

$$F(q', t'; q, t) = \langle q' | e^{-i\hat{H}(t'-t)} | q \rangle$$

$t \rightarrow -i\tau, \quad t' \rightarrow -i\tau$  (imaginary time)

$$F(q' - i\tau'; q, -i\tau) = \langle q' | e^{-\hat{H}(\tau'-\tau)} | q \rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + V(q)$$

$$F(q', -i\tau'; q, -i\tau) = \int \mathcal{D}q \exp \left[ - \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} d\tau'' \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2(\tau'') + V(q(\tau'')) \right) \right]$$

$$q(\tau) = q, \quad q(\tau') = q'$$

Partition function in statistical mechanics:

$$Z(\beta) = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}}, \quad \beta = 1/T$$

$$Z(\beta) = \sum e^{-\beta E_n}, \quad \hat{H}|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$$

$$Z(\beta) = \int dq \langle q | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | q \rangle$$

$$Z(\beta) = \int dq F(q, -i\beta; q, 0)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$Z(\beta) = \int \mathcal{D}q(\tau) \exp \left[ - \int_0^\beta d\tau \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2(\tau) + V(q(\tau)) \right) \right],$$

$$q(\beta) = q(0)$$

Euclidean action  $S_E(\beta) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2(\tau) + V(q(\tau)) \right)$

We can also calculate the generating functional

$$Z(\beta; j) = \int \mathcal{D}q \exp \left[ -S_E(\beta) + \int_0^\beta j(\tau) q(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

$$\Delta(\tau_1, \tau_2) = \frac{1}{Z(\beta)} \frac{\delta^2 Z(\beta; j)}{\delta j(\tau_1) \delta j(\tau_2)} \Big|_{j=0} = \frac{1}{Z(\beta)} \int \mathcal{D}q q(\tau_1) q(\tau_2) e^{-S_E(\beta)}$$



## Thermodynamics of scalar field theory

Straightforward generalization to infinite number of degrees of freedom  $q(t) \rightarrow \phi_x(t) \equiv \phi(t, x)$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 - \frac{g^2}{4!}\phi^4$$

$\Downarrow$

$$S_E(\beta) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \left( \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\tau \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{g^2}{4!}\phi^4 \right)$$

$$Z(\beta; j) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp(-S_E(\beta) + \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x j(\tau, x)\phi(\tau, x))$$

$$\phi(0, x) = \phi(\beta, x)$$

Free field limit (  $g = 0$ ):

$$Z(\beta; j) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp \left[ - \int d^4x_E \frac{1}{2}\phi(-\partial_\tau^2 - \nabla^2 + m^2)\phi + \int_0^\beta d^4x_E j(x_E)\phi(x_E) \right]$$

$$x_E = (\tau, x)$$

Gaussian integration:

$$Z_0(\beta; j) = Z(\beta) \exp \left[ \int_0^\beta d^4 x_E dy_E j(x_E) \Delta_0(x_E - y_E) j(y_E) \right]$$

$$Z(\beta) = (\det \Delta_0)^{1/2} = \text{Tr} \ln \Delta_0$$

$$[-\partial_\tau^2 - \nabla^2 + m^2] \Delta_0(x_E - y_E) = \delta(\tau_x - \tau_y) \delta(x - y)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$(\omega_n^2 + k^2 + m^2) \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) = (\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2) \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) = 1$$

$$\omega_n = 2\pi T n, \quad \omega_k^2 = k^2 + m^2$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) = \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2} \quad \text{-Matsubara propagator}$$

Mixed (Saclay) representation:

$$\Delta_0(\tau, k) = T \sum_n e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k)$$

$$[-\partial_\tau^2 + \omega_k^2] \Delta_0(\tau, k) = \delta(\tau_x - \tau_y), \quad \Delta_0(\tau - \beta) = \Delta_0(\tau)$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta_0(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\omega_k} ((1 + f(\omega_k)) e^{-\omega_k \tau} + f(\omega_k) e^{\omega_k \tau}), \quad f(\omega_k) = (e^{\beta \omega_k} - 1)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln Z(\beta) &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \Delta_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_k \ln \beta^2 \Delta(i\omega_n, k) = \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} V \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \beta^2 [\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2] = \\
\sum_n \frac{d}{d\omega_k^2} \ln [\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2] &= \sum_n \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2} = \beta \Delta_0(\tau=0, k) = \frac{\beta}{2\omega_k} (1 + 2f(\omega_k)) \\
&\Downarrow \\
\sum_n \ln \beta^2 (\omega_n^2 + \omega_k^2) &= \beta \omega_k + 2 \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \omega_k}) + \text{const} \\
\ln Z(\beta) &= -V \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \beta \omega_k + \ln(1 - e^{-\beta \omega_k}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$F(T, V) = T \ln Z(\beta), \quad p = -\partial F(T, V) / \partial V, \quad S = -\frac{\partial F(T, V)}{\partial T}, \quad U = F + TS$$

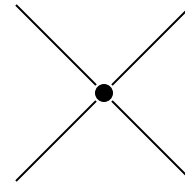
Massless case ( $m = 0 \rightarrow \omega_k = k$ ):

$$p = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} k + T \ln(1 - e^{-\beta k}) \right] = \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90}$$

$$\epsilon(T) = U(T, V) / V = 3p, \quad s(T) = S(T, V) / V = 4/3 \epsilon(T)$$

Perturbative expansion:

$$e^{-S_E(\beta)} \simeq e^{-S_E^0(\beta)} \left( 1 - \frac{g^2}{4!} \int d^4x_E \phi^4(x_E) \right)$$



$$= \frac{g^2}{2} T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k)$$

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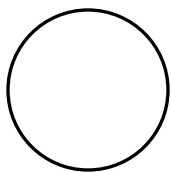
$$= \frac{g^2}{2} T \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{1}{2} \omega_k + n(\omega_k) \right)$$

$$\Pi = \text{diagram of a loop on a line}$$

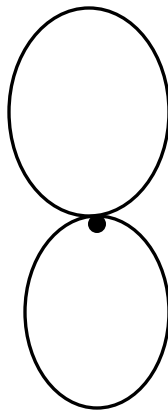
UV divergent part renormalized as at T=0

Massless case ( $\omega_k = k$ ):  $\Pi = \frac{g^2 T^2}{24}$

Particles acquire a thermal mass !



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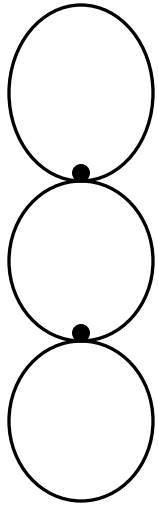
$$T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) + \frac{g^2}{8} \left( T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) \right)^2$$

Massless case:

$$P = \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90} \left( 1 - \frac{5g^2}{64\pi^2} \right)$$



**Infrared problems at finite temperature:** the next-to-leading correction to the pressure is not of order  $\lambda^2$  but  $\lambda^{3/2}$  from  $m = 0$  !



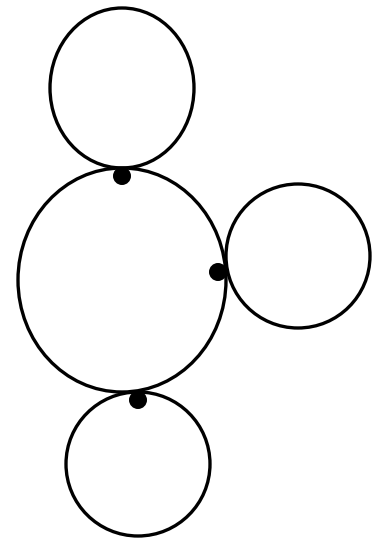
$$\frac{g^4}{16} \left( T \sum_l \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(p^2 + \omega_l^2)^2} \right) \left( T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) \right)^2$$

the  $l = 0$  term is IR divergent as  $\int d^3 p / p^4$

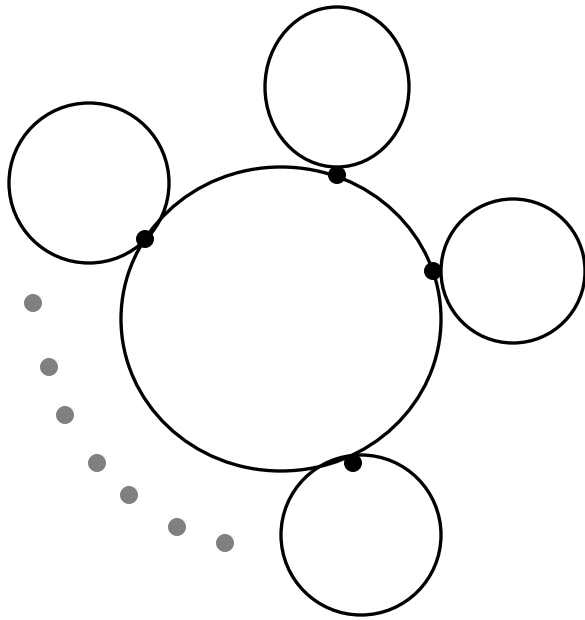
In the 4-loop diagram

$$\sim g^6 \left( T \sum_l \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(p^2 + \omega_l^2)^3} \right) \left( T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \Delta_0(i\omega_n, k) \right)^3$$

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We need to resum all diagrams of the following type (ring diagrams)



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{2}VT \sum_n \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{N=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{(-\Pi)}{(\omega_n^2 + p^2)} \right)^N \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}VT \sum_n \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \ln \left( 1 + \frac{\Pi}{p^2 + \omega_n^2} \right) - \frac{\Pi}{p^2 + \omega_n^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

keeping only the contribution from (IR sensitive)  $n = 0$  and using  $\Pi = g^2 T^2 / 24$  we get

$$F_{ring} = \frac{VT^4}{12\pi} \left( \frac{g^2}{24} \right)^{3/2}$$

Collective effects in the medium have to be taken into account at all orders !

$$P = \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90} \left( 1 - \frac{15}{8} \left( \frac{g^2}{24\pi^2} \right) + \frac{15}{2} \left( \frac{g^2}{24\pi^2} \right)^{3/2} + \dots \right)$$

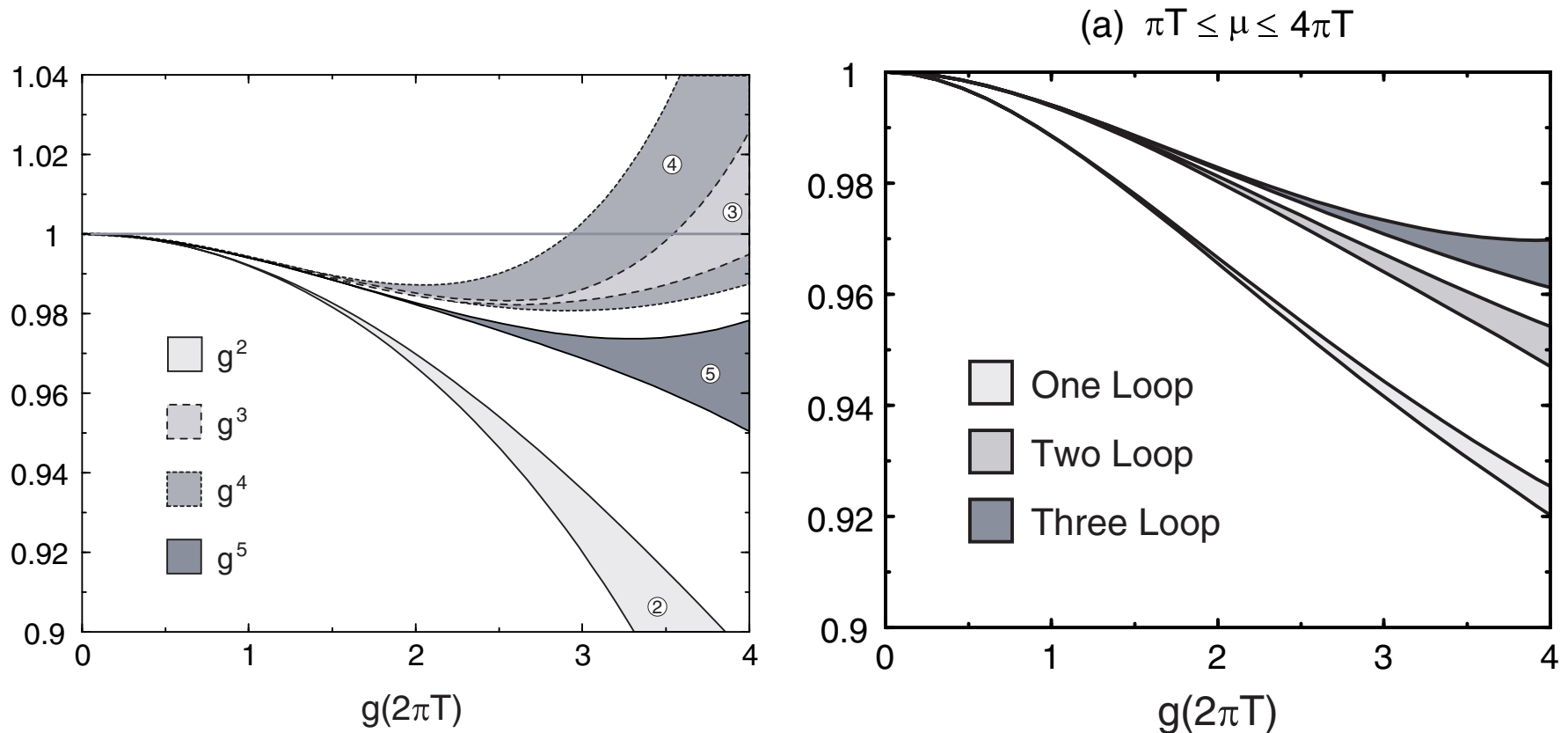
Resummation of ring diagrams corresponds to using massive propagators in  $n=0$  modes

# Resummation and screened perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{ideal}} \left[ 1 - \frac{5}{4}\alpha + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{3}\alpha^{3/2} + \frac{15}{4} \left( \log \frac{\mu}{2\pi T} + 0.40 \right) \alpha^2 - \frac{15\sqrt{6}}{2} \left( \log \frac{\mu}{2\pi T} - \frac{2}{3} \log \alpha - 0.72 \right) \alpha^{5/2} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3 \log \alpha) \right]$$

Arnold, Zhai, PRD50 (94) 7603

$\alpha = g^2/(16\pi^2)$



# Dirac Fields at finite temperature

Free Dirac Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3x \psi^\dagger \gamma_0 (-i\gamma \cdot \nabla + m) \psi(x)$$

$$\hat{Q} = \int d^3x \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \psi \text{ -conserved charge}$$

Canonical and grand canonical partition functions

$$Z_{can} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}}, \quad Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H} - \mu \hat{Q}}$$

$$\text{Tr} A = \int \eta^* \eta e^{-\eta^* \eta} \langle -\eta | A | \eta \rangle$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}(\psi_\alpha^*, \psi_\alpha) \exp \left( - \int_0^\beta d\tau [\psi_\alpha (\partial_\tau - \mu) \psi_\alpha + H(\psi_\alpha^*, \psi_\alpha)] \right)$$

fermion fields anticommute  $\Rightarrow \psi_\alpha(\beta) = -\psi_\alpha(0)$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_n = (2n+1)\pi T, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots \quad \prod_{i=1}^N \int \eta_i^* \eta_i e^{-\eta_j^* D_{ij} \eta_i} = \det D$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \text{Tr} \ln \left[ -i\beta ((-i\omega_n + \mu) - \gamma^0 \gamma \cdot k - m\gamma_0) \right] \\ &= 2 \sum_n \sum_k \ln \left[ \beta^2 (\omega_n + i\mu)^2 + \omega_k^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$2V \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \beta \omega_k + \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\omega_k - \mu)}) + \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\omega_k + \mu)}) \right]$$

# Gauge field at finite temperature

$$Z(\beta) = \int \mathcal{D}(A_\mu^a, \eta_b, \eta_c) \exp \left[ - \int_0^\beta d^4x_E \mathcal{L}_{eff}(x) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff}(x) = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) + \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu^a)^2 + \bar{\eta}_a(x) \left[ \partial^2 \delta_{ab} + f_{abc} A_\mu^c \partial_\mu \right] \eta_b(x)$$

$$A_\mu(0, x) = A_\mu(\beta, x), \quad \eta_a(0, x) = -\eta_a(\beta, x)$$

$$\ln Z(\beta) = -\frac{1}{2} \times 4(N_c^2 - 1) \sum_n \sum_k \ln[\beta^2(\omega_n^2 + k^2)] +$$

4 gluons

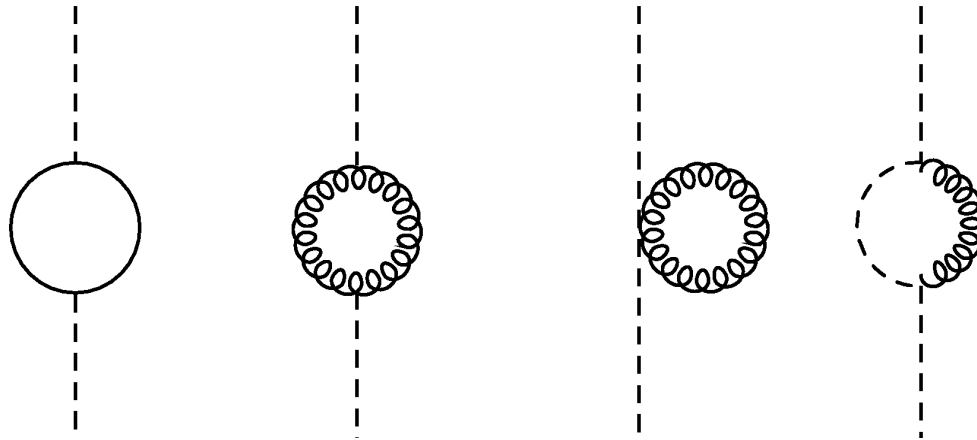
$$(N_c^2 - 1) \sum_n \sum_k \ln[\beta^2(\omega_n^2 + k^2)]$$

ghosts

$$p(T) = 2(N_c^2 - 1) \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90}$$



# Gluon self energy and color screening in perturbation theory



Gluon self energy in the static limit:

$$\Pi_{00}(\omega_n = 0, k \rightarrow 0) = m_D^2 = \left(\frac{N_c}{3} + \frac{N_f}{6}\right)g^2 T^2$$

$$\Pi_{ii}(\omega_n = 0, k \rightarrow 0) = 0$$

$$V(r) \simeq -\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} g^2 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \frac{1}{k^2 + \Pi_{00}(k)} = -\frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \alpha_s \frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r}$$

chromo-electric fields are screened but chromo-magnetic fields are not screened (at least in perturbation theory)

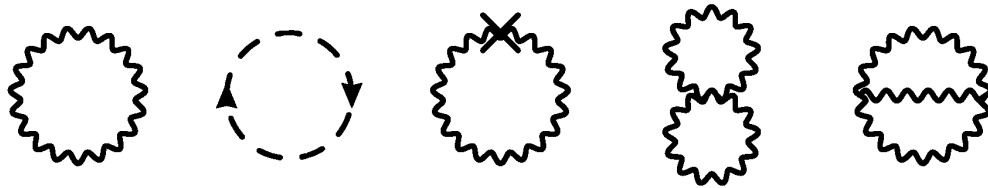
# QCD at high temperatures

Because of asymptotic freedom thermodynamics quantities can be calculated in perturbation theory if  $T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$ , at least in principle

Pressure has been calculated to 3-loop order

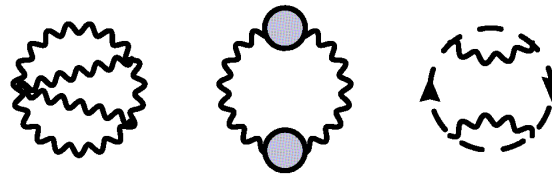
Arnold, Zhai, Phys.Rev. D51 (1995) 1906, Kastening, Zhai, Phys.Rev. D52 (1995) 7232

Bosonic contribution:

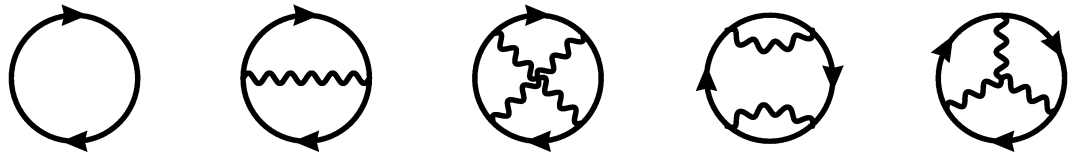


Static resummation:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_D^2 A_0^2 \delta_{\omega_n,0}$$



Fermionic contribution:



$$\begin{aligned}
F = d_A T^4 \frac{\pi^2}{9} \Big\{ & -\frac{1}{5} \left( 1 + \frac{7d_F}{4d_A} \right) + \left( \frac{g(\bar{\mu})}{4\pi} \right)^2 (C_A + \frac{5}{2}S_F) \\
& -48 \left( \frac{g(\bar{\mu})}{4\pi} \right)^3 \left( \frac{C_A + S_F}{3} \right)^{3/2} - 48 \left( \frac{g}{4\pi} \right)^4 C_A (C_A + S_F) \ln \left( \frac{g}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{C_A + S_F}{3}} \right) \\
& + \left( \frac{g}{4\pi} \right)^4 \left[ C_A^2 \left( \frac{22}{3} \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} + \frac{38\zeta'(-3)}{3\zeta(-3)} - \frac{148\zeta'(-1)}{3\zeta(-1)} - 4\gamma_E + \frac{64}{5} \right) \right. \\
& \quad + C_A S_F \left( \frac{47}{3} \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} + \frac{1\zeta'(-3)}{3\zeta(-3)} - \frac{74\zeta'(-1)}{3\zeta(-1)} - 8\gamma_E + \frac{1759}{60} + \frac{37}{5} \ln 2 \right) \\
& \quad + S_F^2 \left( -\frac{20}{3} \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} + \frac{8\zeta'(-3)}{3\zeta(-3)} - \frac{16\zeta'(-1)}{3\zeta(-1)} - 4\gamma_E - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{88}{5} \ln 2 \right) \\
& \quad \left. + S_{2F} \left( -\frac{105}{4} + 24 \ln 2 \right) \right] \\
& - \left( \frac{g}{4\pi} \right)^5 \left( \frac{C_A + S_F}{3} \right)^{1/2} \left[ C_A^2 \left( 176 \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} + 176\gamma_E - 24\pi^2 - 494 + 264 \ln 2 \right) \right. \\
& \quad + C_A S_F \left( 112 \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} + 112\gamma_E + 72 - 128 \ln 2 \right) \\
& \quad + S_F^2 \left( -64 \ln \frac{\bar{\mu}}{4\pi T} - 64\gamma_E + 32 - 128 \ln 2 \right) \\
& \quad \left. - 144 S_{2F} \right] + O(g^6) \Big\},
\end{aligned}$$

Running coupling:

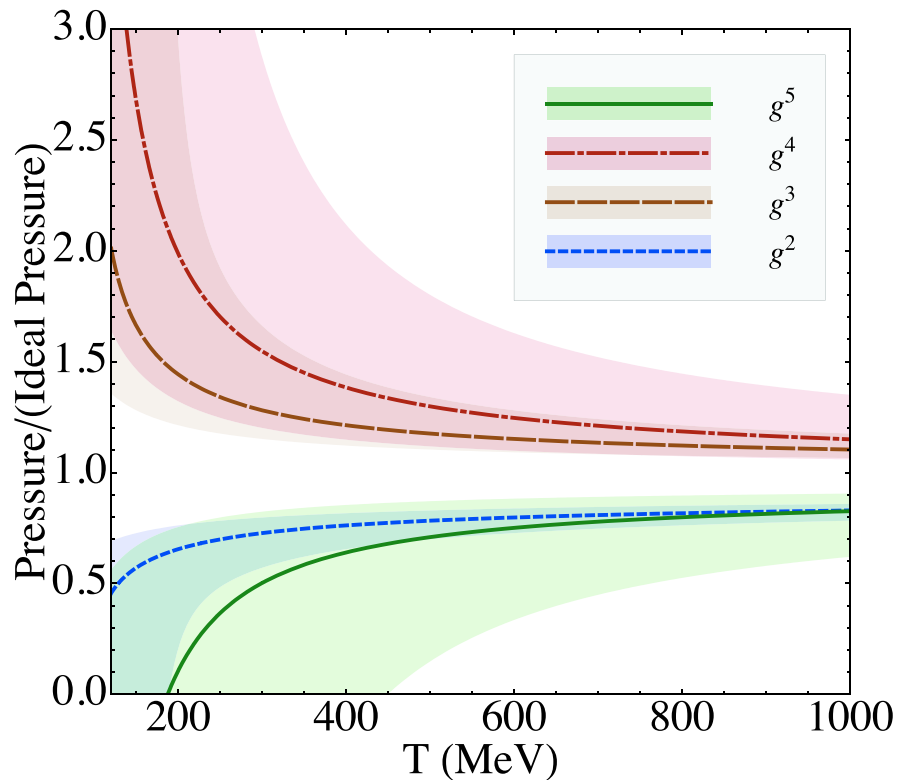
$$g^2(\mu) = g^2(1 - \beta_0 \ln(\mu/\mu_0))$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{1}{3(4\pi)^2} (11C_A - 2N_f)$$

$$d_A = N_c^2 - 1, \quad C_A = N_c, \quad d_F = N_c N_f, \quad S_F = \frac{1}{2} N_f, \quad S_{2F} = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{4N_c} N_f.$$

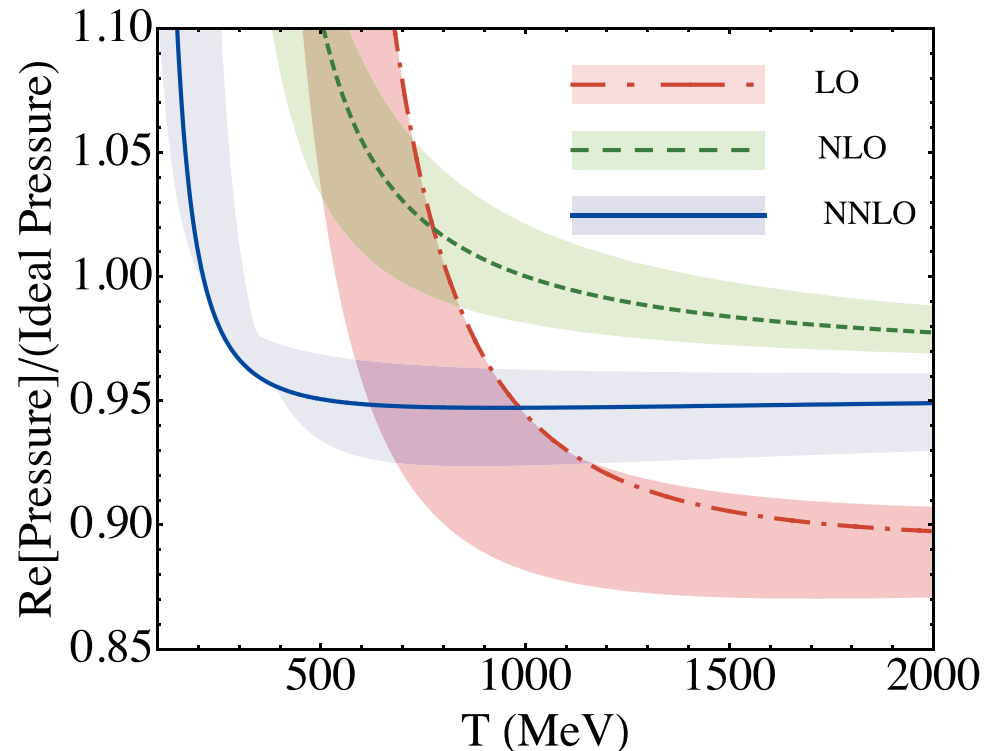
Arnold, Zhai, Phys.Rev. D51 (1995) 1906, Kastening, Zhai, Phys.Rev. D52 (1995) 7232

# Convergence of perturbation theory and HTL



Andersen, Leganger, Strickland, Su, JHEP 1108 (2011) 053

The same poor convergence of perturbative series for the pressure as in scalar field theory, the problem is largely due to odd powers in  $g$



Hard Thermal Loop (HTL) resummed perturbation theory absorbs odd powers in  $g$  to lower order contributions

See lectures of Anton Rebhan for more details

# Pressure at order $g^6$ and magnetic mass



Infrared sensitive contribution to the partition function at  $l + 1$ -loop order:

$$g^{2l} \left( T \int d^3p \right)^{l+1} p^{2l} (p^2 + m_{mag}^2)^{-3l}$$

$$g^{2l} T^4, \quad l = 1, 2$$

$$g^6 T^4 \ln(T/m_{mag}), \quad l = 3$$

$$g^6 T^4 (g^2 T/m_{mag})^{l-3}, \quad l > 3$$

$m_{mag} \sim g^2 T \Rightarrow$  infinitely many diagrams contribute at  $g^6$  order !



Confining nature of static chromomagnetic fields at high T

In practice  $g$  is not

very small :  $g(\mu = 10^2 \text{ GeV}) = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_s(\mu = 10^2 \text{ GeV})} \simeq 1$   $g(\mu = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}) \simeq 1/2$



# Dimensional reduction at high temperatures

Decomposition in Matsubara modes

$$\phi(\tau, x) = \sum_n e^{i\omega_n \tau} \phi_n(x)$$

$$S_E = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x [(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi)] \rightarrow \int d^3x \left( \sum_n (\partial_i \phi_n(x))^2 + (2\pi T n)^2 \phi_n(x)^2 + V(\phi_n) \right)$$

integrate out all  $n \neq 0$  modes  mass term for n=0 mode

$$F_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu A_\nu - D_\nu A_\mu$$

Effective high T theory for QCD  $2\pi T \gg gT \gg g^2 T$  :

$$A_\mu \rightarrow \beta^{1/2} A_\mu$$

$$S_{eff} = \int d^3x \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{ij}^2 + \text{Tr} (D_i A_0)^2 + m_D^2 \text{Tr} A_0^2 + \lambda_3 (\text{Tr} A_0^2)^2 \right)$$

$$F_{ij} = \partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i + ig_3 [A_i, A_j], \quad D_i A_0 = \partial_i A_0 + ig_3 [A_i, A_0]$$

EQCD

the parameters  $g_3^2 \sim g^2 T$ ,  $m_D \sim gT$  and  $\lambda_3 \sim g^4 T$  can be computed perturbatively to any order.

The effective theory is confining and non-perturbative at momentum scales  $< g_3^2$  but can be solved on the lattice to calculate the weak coupling expansion of the pressure and other quantities

Braaten, Nieto, PRD 51 (95) 6990, PRD 53 (96) 3421

Kajantie et al, NPB 503 (97) 357, PRD 67 (03) 105008

even powers in  $g$  

odd powers in  $g$  

$$F = F(\text{non-static}) + T F^{3d}$$

Integrate out  $A_0$



3d YM theory

MQCD

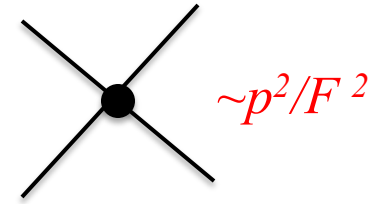
$$F^{3d} \sim g_3^6$$

# Chiral perturbation theory at $T > 0$

At sufficiently low  $T$  ( $T \ll 4 \pi F$ ) the dominant degrees of freedom are pions and QCD thermodynamics can be described by in terms of chiral perturbation theory. Similar to the  $\phi^4$  theory but the coupling  $\sim p^2/F^2$

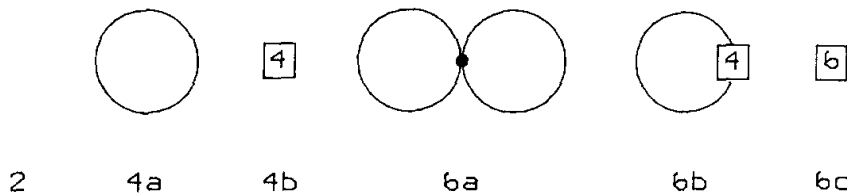
$\Rightarrow$  no IR divergences

Gerber, Leutwyler, NPB321 (1989) 387



Next-to-leading  $\sim p^4/F^4$  order:

Counter-term:



for massless pions

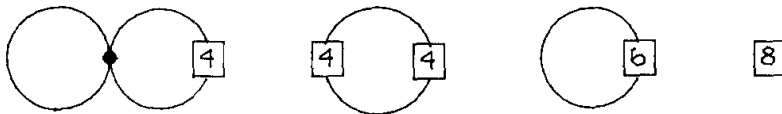
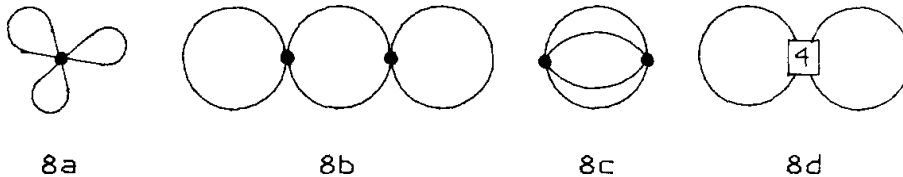
$$p(T) = \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{30} \left( 1 + \frac{T^4}{36 F^4} \ln \frac{\Lambda_p}{T} \right),$$

$$\Lambda_p \simeq 270 \text{ MeV}$$

Hadronic interactions are weak at low  $T$ ,  $T < F$  but increase with Increasing temperature

Is the expansion applicable in practice ?

$$F \simeq F_\pi \simeq 90 \text{ MeV}$$



# Relativistic Virial Expansion and Hadron Resonance Gas

Chiral perturbation theory is limited to pion gas. Other hadrons, resonances ?

Relativistic virial expansion : compute thermodynamic quantities in terms as a gas of non-interacting particles and  $S$  – matrix

Dashen, Ma, Bernstein, Phys. Rev. 187 (1969) 345

Free gas of stable hadrons:  $\pi, K, N$  interactions

$$\ln Z = \ln Z_0 + \sum_{i_1, i_2} e^{\mu_{i_1}/T} e^{\mu_{i_2}/T} b(i_1, i_2)$$

$$b(i_1, i_2) = \frac{V}{4\pi i} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \int dE e^{-(p^2 + E^2)^{1/2}/T} \sum_{final} \left[ AS(S^{-1} \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} - \frac{\partial S^{-1}}{\partial E} S) \right]$$

(anti) symmetrization (spin-statistics)

Elastic scattering only (final state = initial state)

$$S(E) = \sum'_{l, I} (2l + 1)(2I + 1) \exp(2i\delta_l^I(E))$$

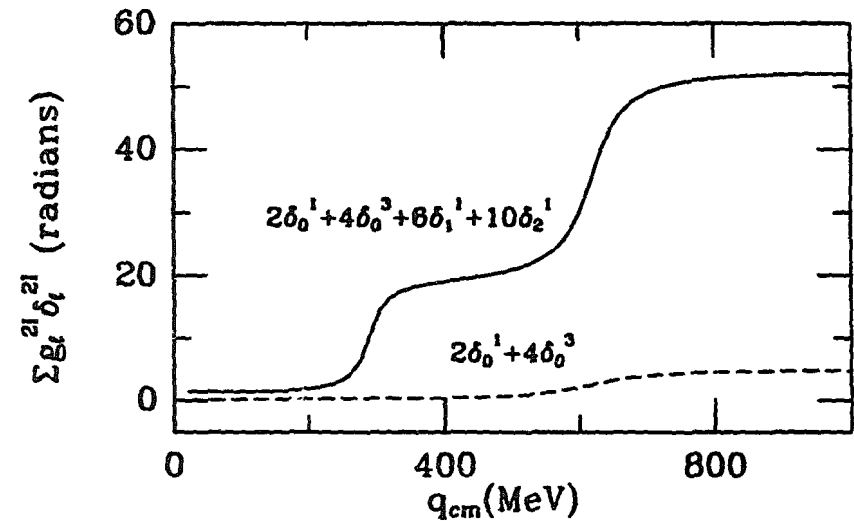
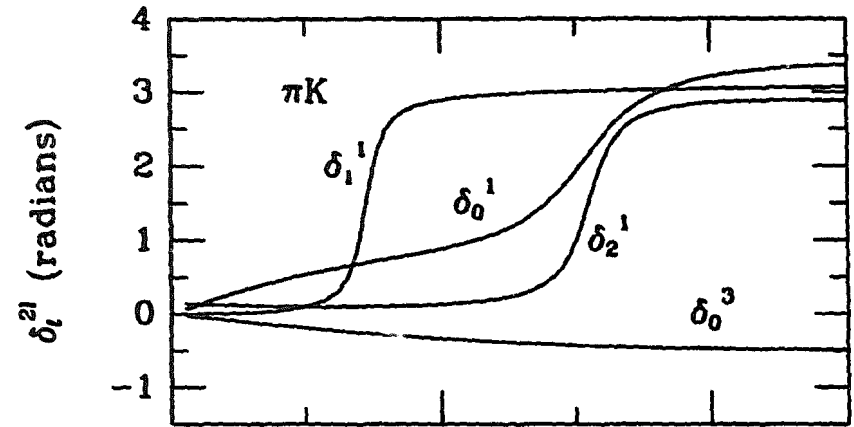
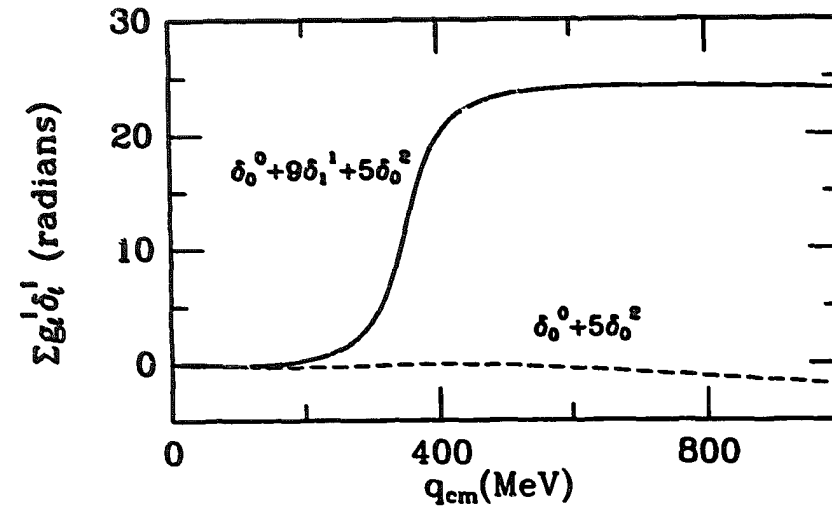
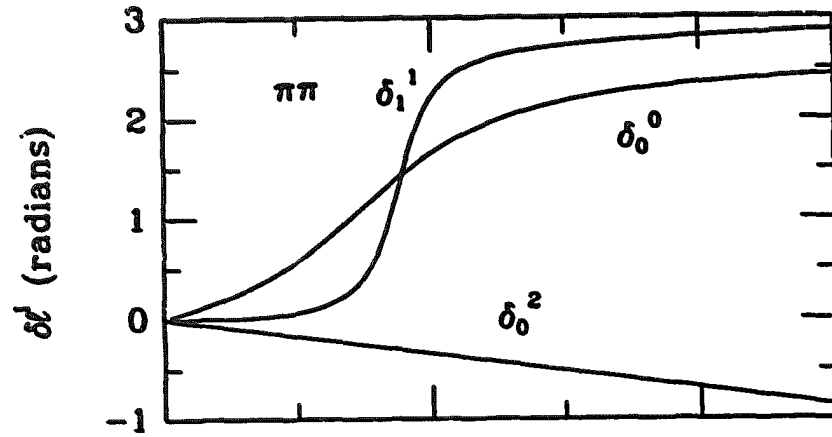
Partial wave decomposition

perform the integral over the 3-momentum

$$b_2 = \frac{T}{2\pi^3} \int_M^\infty dE E^2 K_2(E/T) \sum'_{l, I} (2l + 1)(2I + 1) \frac{\partial \delta_l^I(E)}{\partial E}$$

↖ of the pair at threshold invariant mass

Use experimental phase shifts to determine  $b_2$  , Venugopalan, Prakash, NPA546 (1992) 718



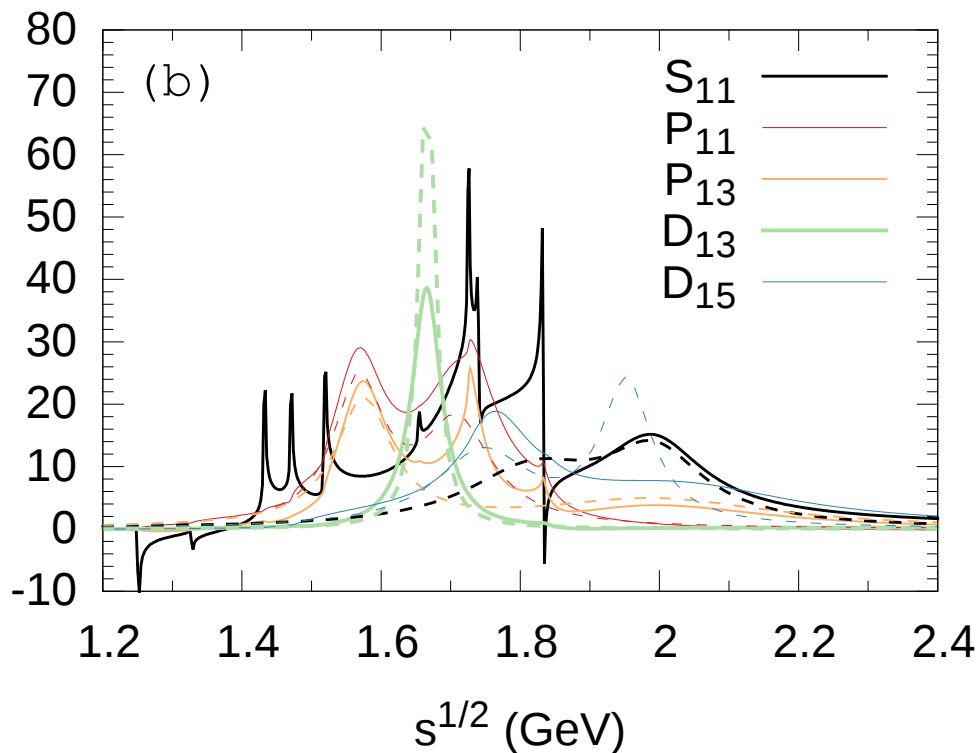
After summing all the channels only resonance contributions survives in

$$\sum_{l,I} (2l+1)(2I+1) \frac{\partial \delta_l^I(E)}{\partial E}$$

Interacting hadron gas = non-interacting gas of hadrons and resonances

# Problems with Hadron Resonance Gas

- There are problems with hadron resonance gas when baryons are included: nucleon-nucleon interactions are non-resonant and dominantly repulsive which makes HRG problematic at larger baryon density, [Huovinen, PP, PLB 777 \(2018\) 125](#)
- There are significant non-resonant meson-baryon interactions and overlapping resonances  
For example in the strange baryon sector  
[Fernandez-Ramirez, Lo, PP, PRC98 \(2018\) 044910](#)



Partial pressures of  
 $I=1$  strange baryons in  $10^{-3} T^4$

	$I = 1$		
	S-mat.	HRG	B-W
$S_{11}$	<u>1.018</u>	<u>0.282</u>	<u>0.532</u>
$P_{11}$	1.681	1.275	1.465
$P_{13}$	1.868	1.857	2.406
$D_{13}$	0.964	0.995	1.052
$D_{15}$	1.478	1.219	1.793
$F_{15}$	0.514	0.503	1.119
$F_{17}$	0.556	0.238	0.603
$G_{17}$	<u>0.169</u>	<u>0.095</u>	<u>0.310</u>

Yet the total strange baryon pressure  
is well approximated by HRG

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