

Free energy of a Holonomous Plasma

Y. Hidaka, C. Korthals-Altes, H. Nishimura, RDP, & V. Skokov 1905....

Holonomous Plasma: $A_0 \neq 0$. Polyakov loop $l < 1$

Necessary to describe the “semi” QGP, near T_c .

Holonomous Potential: *old* story at one and two loop order

@ 2 loop order, *need* a gauge invariant source

For weak holonomy ($g A_0 \sim m_{\text{Debye}}$), *need* a source with an infinite # loops

Free energy $F_3 \sim g^3$ are *not* continuous as $l \rightarrow 1$ for fixed source

Need *dynamical* fields: e.g., two dimensional massless ghosts

Strong constraints on effective theory by computing to $\sim g^3$!

Lattice, matrix models for a Holonomous Plasma

T^2 term in the free energy for pure glue: *deconfined strings*

Polyakov loop's from the lattice: *broad* transition region
from confined to perturbative regime

Matrix models of a Holonomous Plasma: *narrow* transition region

Pure glue: *deconfined* strings above T_d .

$T_d \rightarrow 4 T_d$: for pressure,
leading correction to ideal gas T^4
is *not* a bag constant, but $\sim T^2$

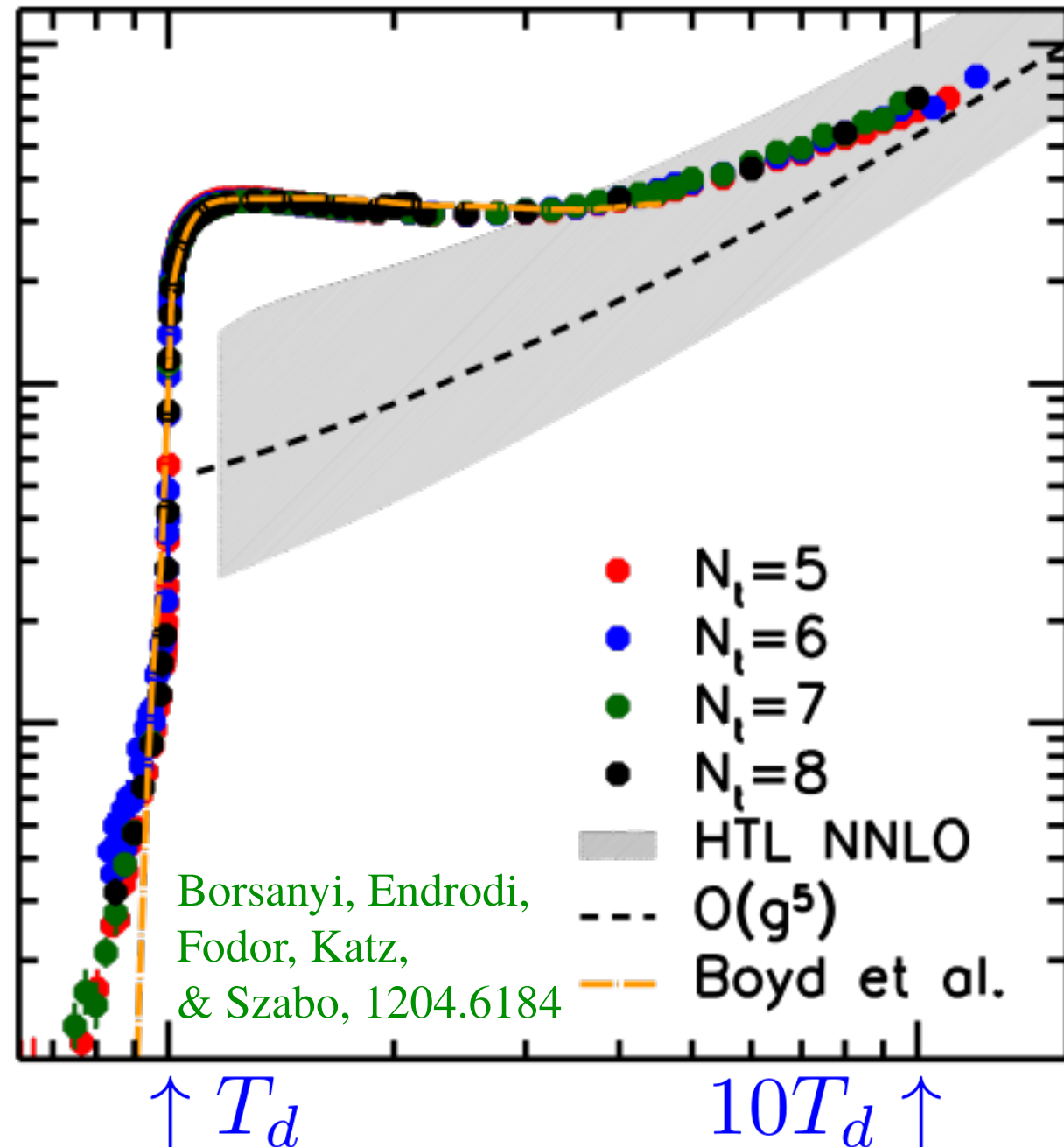
$$\frac{e - 3p}{T^2 T_d^2} \uparrow$$

For T : $1.2 T_d \rightarrow 4 T_d$,

$$p(T) \approx \#(T^4 - T^2 T_d^2)$$

T^2 term: *deconfined* strings?

For T : $T_d \rightarrow 1.2 T_d$, involved
transition. *Narrow region*



Pure glue: deconfined strings in 2+1 dim.'s

In 2+ 1 dimensions, leading correction to ideal gas T^3 is *again* T^2 , $N = 2,3,4,5$

$$p(T) \sim \#(T^3 - T^2 T_d)$$

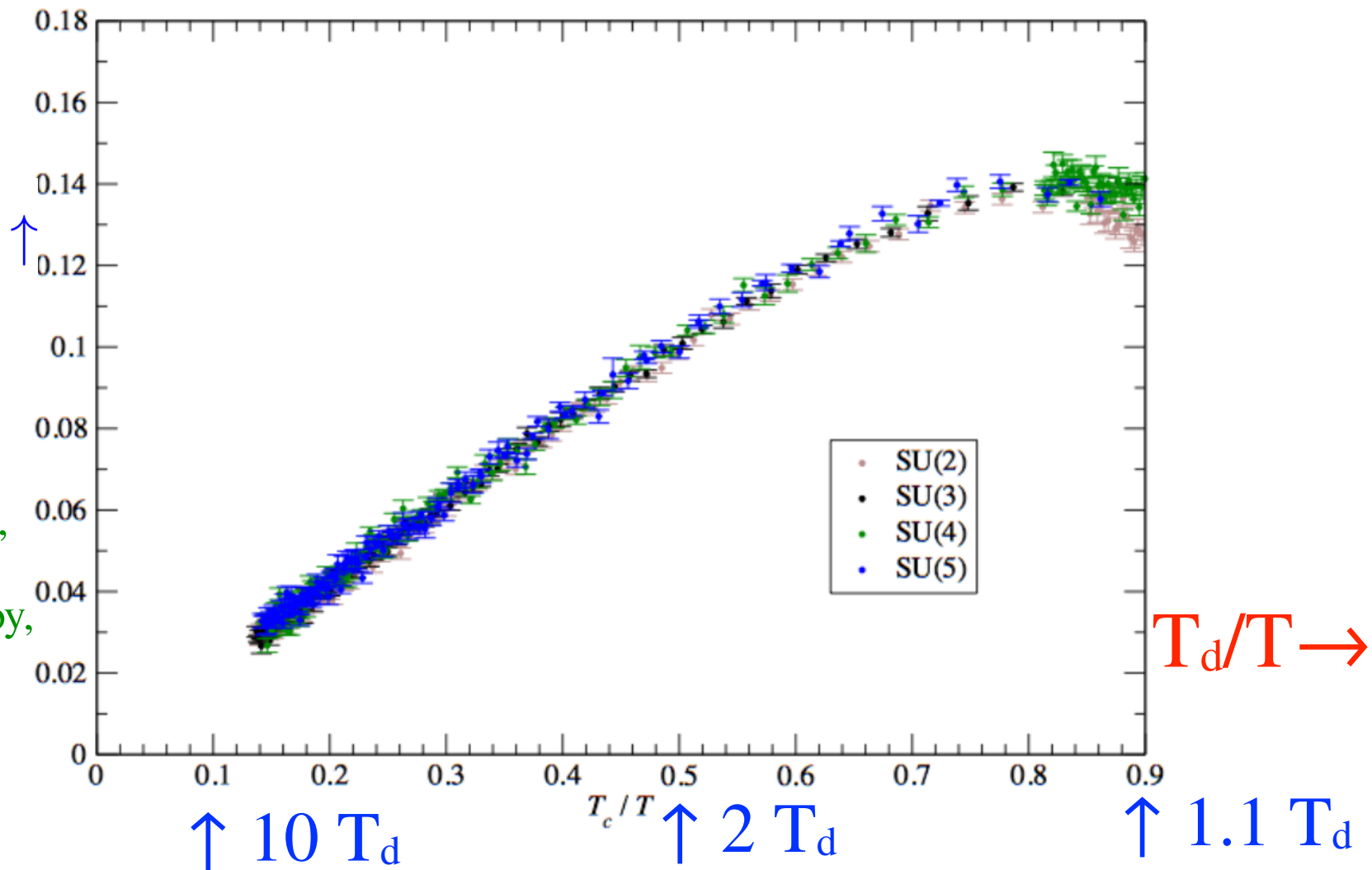
$$\frac{1}{N^2 - 1} \frac{e - 2p}{T^3} \uparrow$$

Caselle, Castagnini,

Feo, Gliozzi, Gursoy,

Panero, Schafer,

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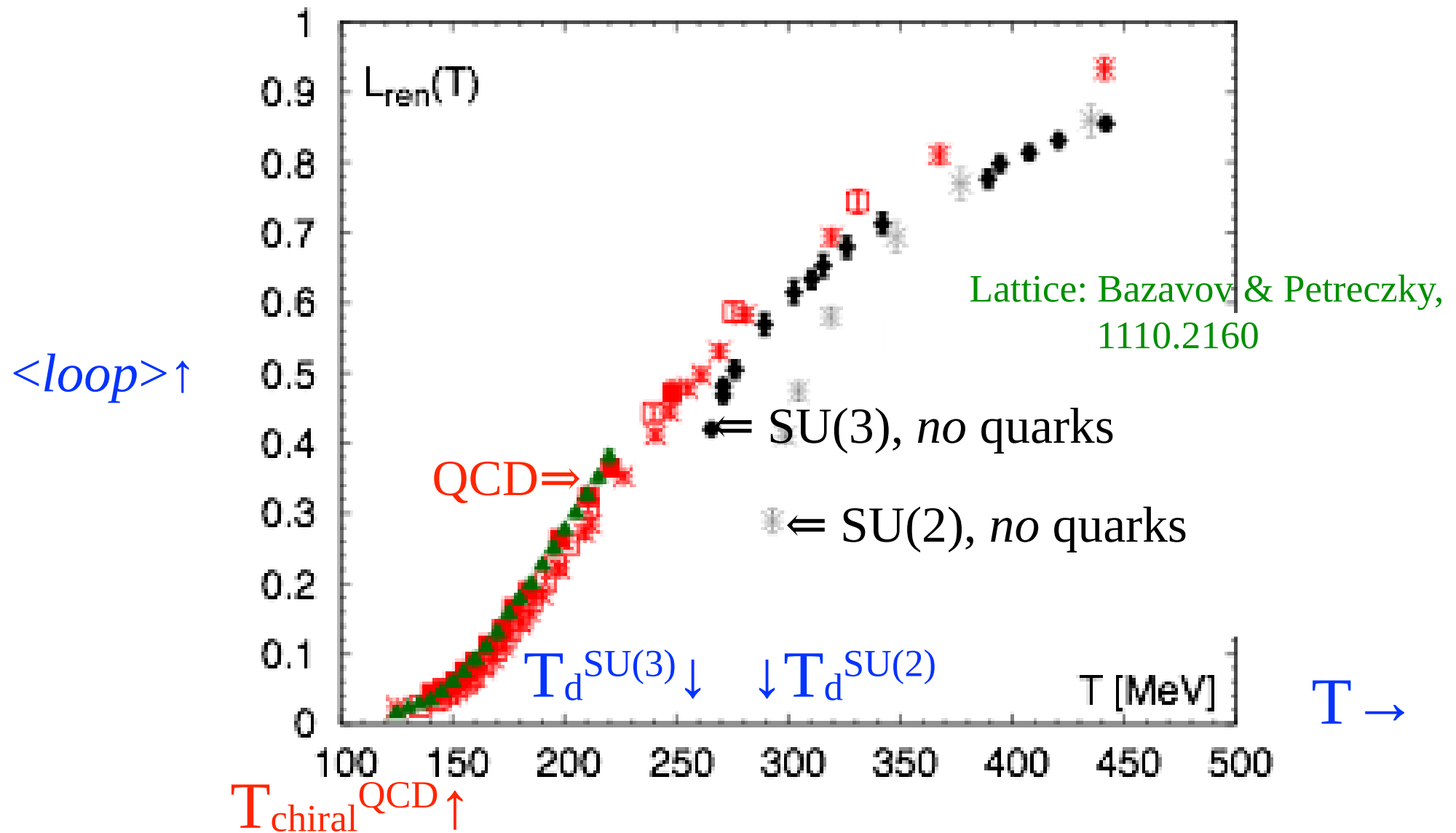


Lattice: Polyakov Loop without and *with* quarks

Without quarks: *exact* order parameter for global $Z(3)$ = Polyakov loop

Dynamical quarks *always* break $Z(3)$. But in QCD, loop *small* at T_χ , ~ 0.1 ?

Broad transition from confined to deconfined phase



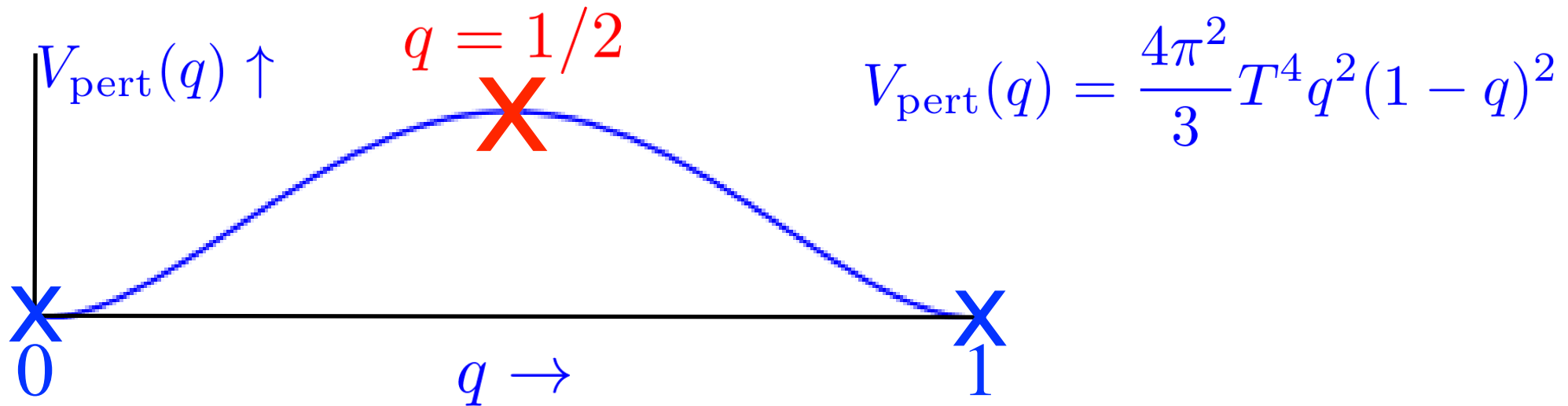
Holonomous Potential @ 1 loop order

Holonomy = constant A_0 , . No potential classically, nonzero at 1 loop order.

Gross, RDP, Yaffe, '81; Weiss '82 For two colors:

$$A_0^{\text{cl}} = \frac{\pi T}{g} \textcolor{red}{q} \sigma_3$$

$$\ell = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} A_0} = \cos(\pi q)$$



$Z(2)$ degenerate vacua: $q = 0, 1$.

Confining vacuum, $q = 1/2$, is *maximum* of perturbative potential.

Non-perturbative Holonomous Potential

To model deconfinement, add - *by hand* - a non-perturbative potential for q :
Dumitru, Guo, Hidaka, Korthals-Altes & RDP 1011.3820; 1205.0137.

$$V_{\text{non}}(q) = \frac{4\pi^2}{3} T^2 T_d^2 \left(-\frac{c_1}{5} q(1-q) - c_2 q^2 (1-q)^2 + \frac{c_3}{15} \right)$$

$V_{\text{tot}}(q) = V_{\text{pert}}(q) + V_{\text{non}}(q)$, determine $\langle q \rangle$ from minima, fit to $p(T) = -V_{\text{tot}}(\langle q \rangle)$.

Find: $\langle q \rangle \neq 0$ in *narrow* region, T : $T_d \rightarrow 1.2 T_d$.

Constant term, c_3 , gives $p(T) \sim T^2$ for T : $1.2 T_d \rightarrow 4 T_d$.

Linear term at small q , $\sim c_1 q$, is *crucial* to ensure holonomy turns on *smoothly*.

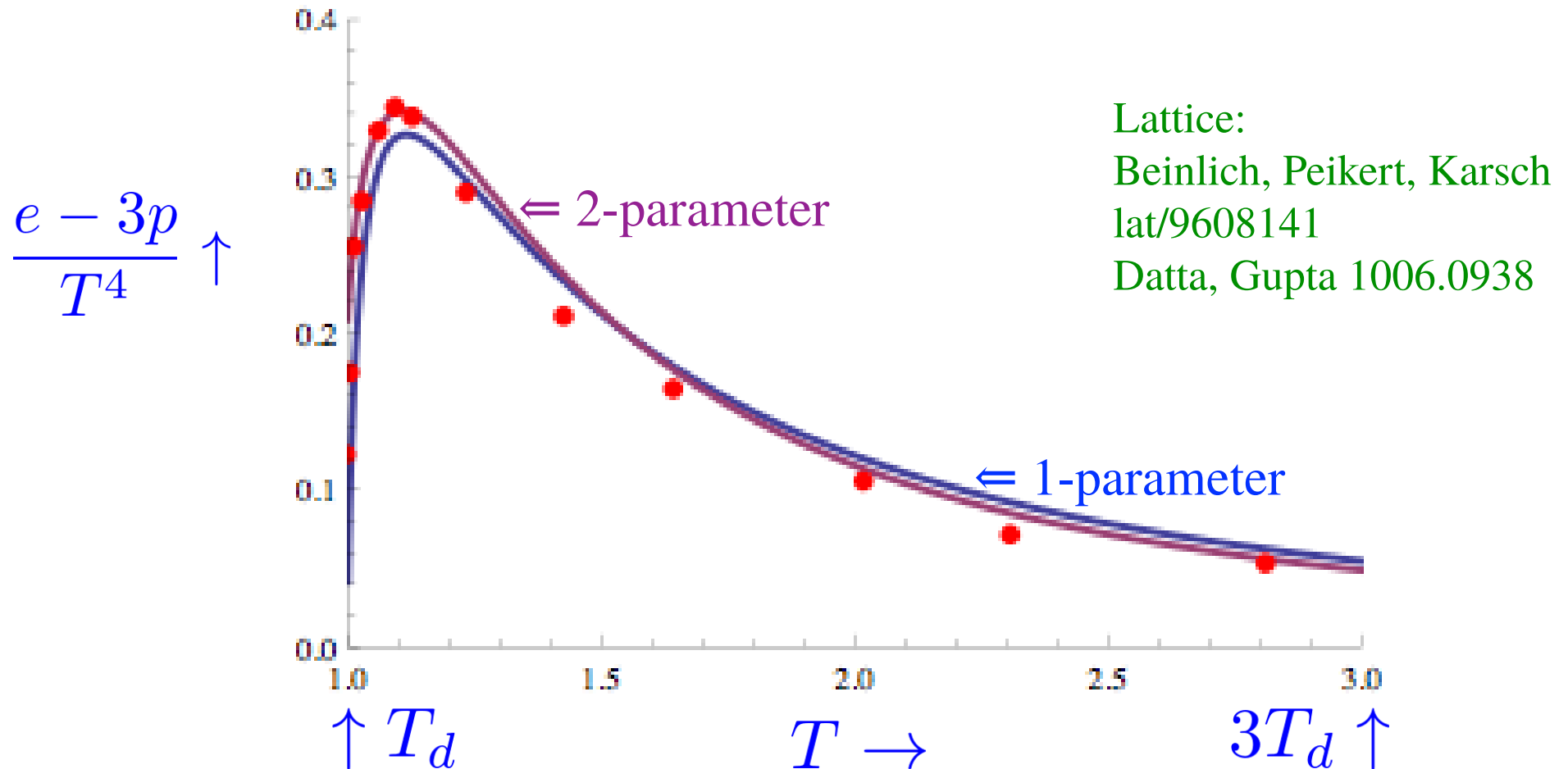
c_2 is like the $V_{\text{pert}}(q)$.

Use to compute Polyakov and 't Hooft loops.

Matrix model for three colors

Start with three parameters. Require transition occurs at T_d , and $p(T_d) \sim 0$.
Leave one free parameter, adjust to agree with $(e-3p)/T^4$.

$$T_d = 270 \text{ MeV} , \quad c_1 = 0.315 , \quad c_2 = 0.83 , \quad c_3 = 1.13$$

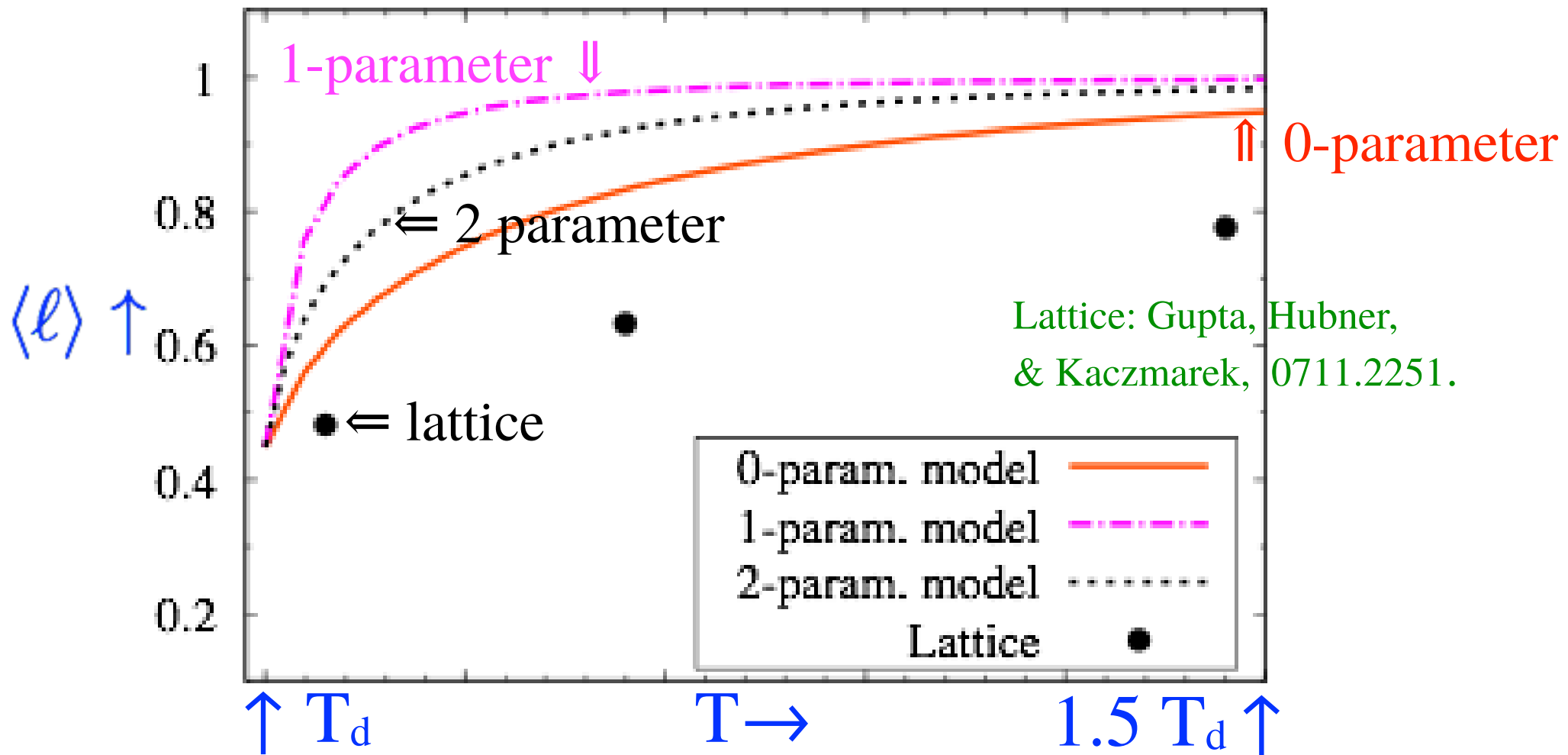


Polyakov loop: model vs lattice?

Polyakov loop *much* smaller than the matrix model

Transition region: **matrix model** *narrow*, to $\sim 1.2 T_d$. **Lattice** *wide*, to $\sim 4.0 T_d$.

But: if one fits to lattice loop, 't Hooft loop is *much* too small.



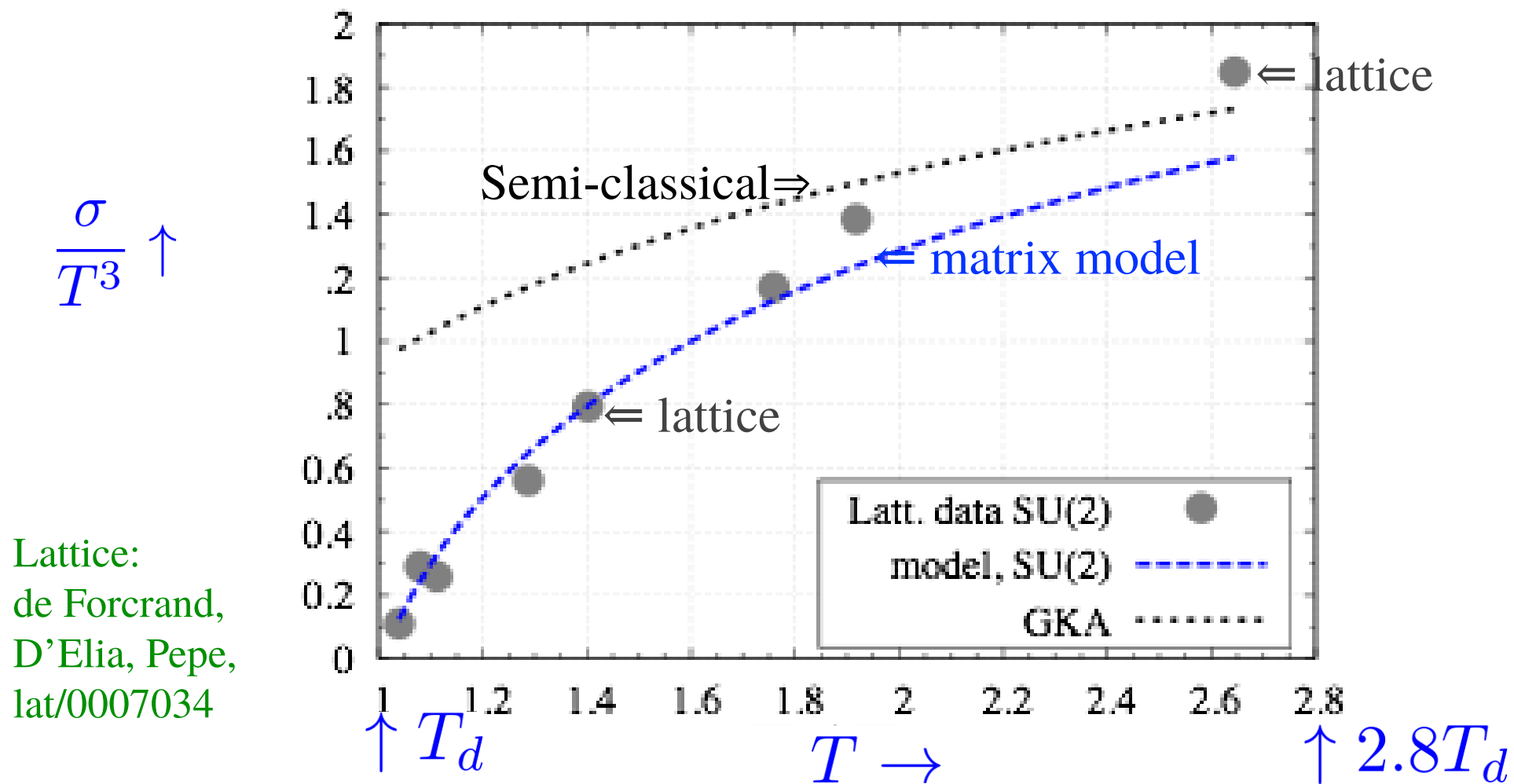
't Hooft loop from Holonomous Potential

For pure gauge, 't Hooft loop $\sigma = Z(N_c)$ interface tension.

Compute σ as tunneling problem in $V_{\text{tot}}(q)$, from $q = 0$ to 1.

Using $V_{\text{pert}}(q)$: [Bhattacharya, Gocksch, Korthals-Altes, RDP, ph/9205231](#).

With loop as in matrix model, *excellent* agreement with lattice data.



Holonomous Model with quarks

RDP & Skokov, 1604.00022. Add linear sigma model + quarks.

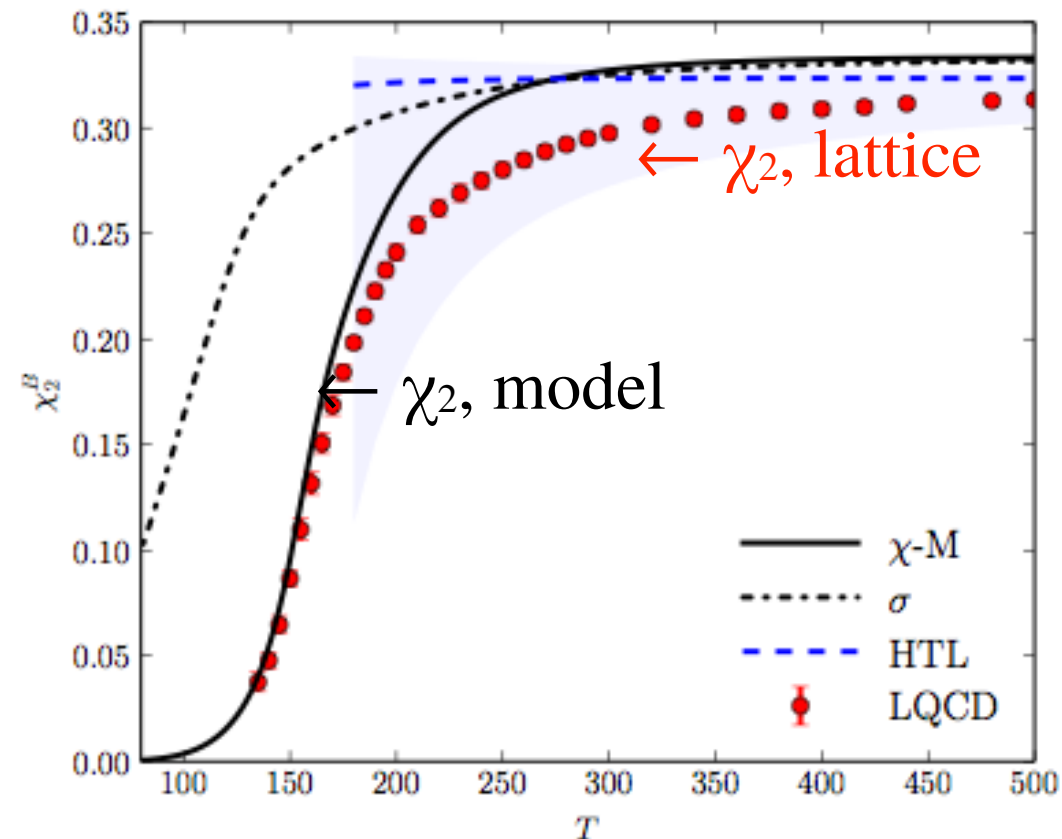
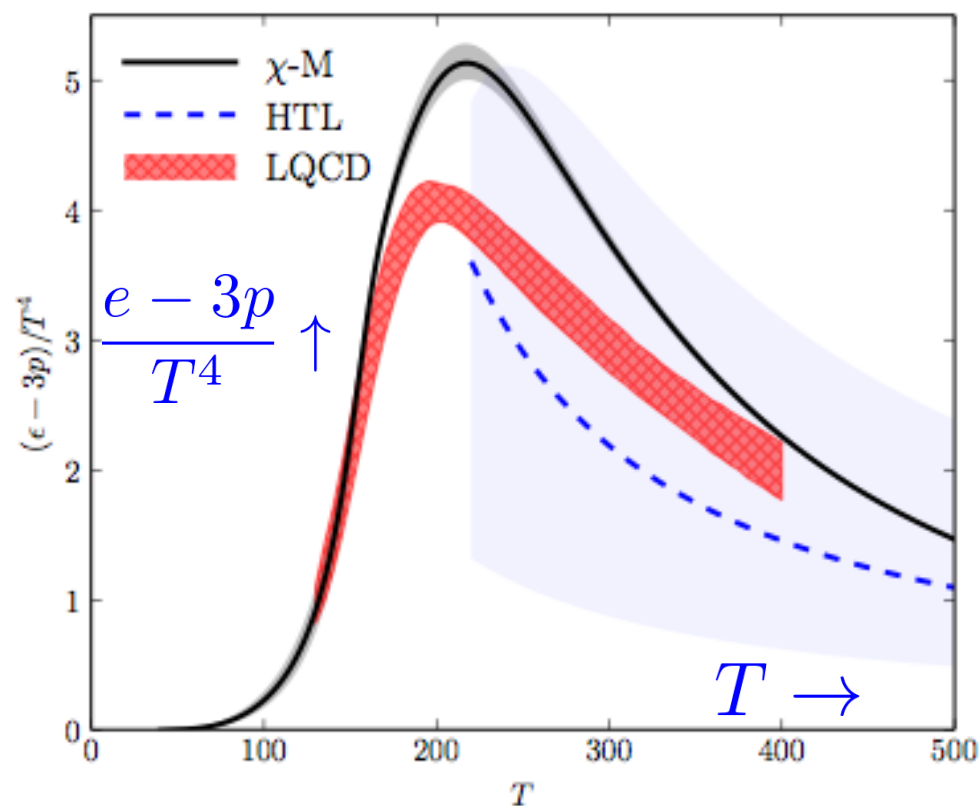
Quarks generate contributions to Holonomous Potential, break $Z(3)$ symmetry.

Keep $T_d = 270$ MeV, tune Yukawa interaction to get $T_{\text{chiral}} = 154$ MeV.

Non-trivial: pressure remains positive for $T < T_d$.

Polyakov loop *much* narrower than lattice, but: baryon suscep.'s \sim agree.

How broad is the transition regime with quarks? What's up c Polyakov loop?



Perturbative computations in a Holonomous Plasma

One loop order, ~ 1 in free energy: easy peasy

Two loop order, $\sim g^2$ in free energy:

gauge dependent source \Rightarrow gauge variant free energy

gauge invariant source \Rightarrow gauge invariant potential

\Rightarrow *transverse* gluon self energy

$\sim g^3$ in free energy for soft Q

need gauge invariant source with infinite sum over loops

free energy for off-diagonal gluons *discontinuous* as $Q \rightarrow 0$?!

generating Holonomous Plasma with *dynamical* fields

massless, 2D ghosts (\sim deconfined strings)

free energy for off-diagonal gluons continuous as $Q \rightarrow 0$

Holonomous potential to one loop order

For SU(N), take: $A_\mu = A_\mu^{\text{cl}} + A_\mu^{\text{qu}}$, $A_0^{\text{cl}} = \frac{2\pi T}{g} q$ ($q^{ab} = q^a \delta^{ab}$ $\sum_{a=1}^N q^a = 0$)

Work in background field gauge. In momentum space, $n = 0, \pm 1 \dots$

$$D_\mu^{\text{cl}} = \partial_\mu - ig[A_\mu^{\text{cl}}, *], \quad iD_0^{\text{cl}} \rightarrow p_0^{ab} = -i2\pi T(n + q_a - q_b)$$

Easy to compute, just $p_0 \rightarrow p_0^{ab}$. Result independent of gauge fixing:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{pert},1} &= -2 \text{tr} \log((p_0^{ab})^2 + p^2) = -\frac{T^4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} |\text{tr} \mathbf{L}^n|^2 \\ &= \frac{2\pi^2 T^4}{3} \sum_{a,b=1} B_4(q_a - q_b), \quad B_4(x) = -\frac{1}{30} + x^2(1 - |x|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The q_a respect Z(N) symmetry: Weyl chamber. Term $\sim q_a^2 = \text{Debye mass sq'd}$

Holonomous Potential, two loop order

Add gauge variant source $\sim \text{tr } J_0 A_0$. Enqvist & Kajantie '90 .

Use background field gauge with gauge fixing parameter ξ

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{pert},2}(q) = \frac{g^2 T^3}{4} \sum_{a,b,c=1}^N B_2(q_a - q_c) B_2(q_b - q_c) + (1 - \xi) B_1(q_a - q_c) B_3(q_b - q_c)$$

Bernoulli polynomials B_1, \dots , $B_1(x) = -s(x)/2 + x$; $B_2(x) = 1/6 - |x| + x^2$
 $s(x) = \text{sign}(x)$

$$B_3(x) = x/2 - 3s(x)x^2/2 + x^3$$

Holonomous Potential is ξ -dependent!

Can also show that apparently $\langle q_a \rangle \sim \xi$: spontaneously breaks CP!?

But the source is gauge variant, so....

Holonomous potential, two loop order, redux

Belyaev '91 Under a gauge transformation Ω ,

$$\mathbf{L}(x) = \mathcal{P} \exp(ig \int_0^{1/T} A_0(\tau, x) d\tau) \rightarrow \Omega(1/T, x)^\dagger \mathbf{L}(x) \Omega(0, x)$$

Thermal Wilson line \mathbf{L} is gauge dependent; eigenvalues, q_a , are gauge *invariant*.

For SU(2), eigenvalue q renormalizes at one loop order:

$$q_{\text{ren}} = -(3 - \xi)g^2 / (8\pi^2)(q - 1/2)$$

Including this, for SU(N)

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{pert},2}(q_a) = -5g^2 T^3 / 24 \sum_{a,b=1}^N B_4(q_a - q_b)$$

Manifestly gauge invariant, perturbative vacuum $q_a = 0$ stable

Bhattacharya, Gocksch, Korthals-Altes, RDP '90, '92 : Z(N) interface tension at NLO

Dumitru, Guo, Korthals-Altes, 1305.6846; Guo 1409.6539. General result in SU(N)

Consistent analysis of Holonomous Potential

Korthals-Altes '93 Compute gluon self energy perturbatively to 1 loop:

$$P_{\mu}^{ab} \Pi_{\text{pert}}^{ab;\mu\nu} = +\delta^{\nu 0} 4\pi g^2 T^3 / 3 \sum_{a,b,c=1}^N (B_3(q_a - q_c) + B_3(q_c - q_b))$$

With gauge *invariant* sources; consistent with BRST identities

Severe problem in computing to higher loop order, esp. $\sim g^3$ in free energy.

Resolution: $B_3 = 4 \, d/dx \, B_4(x) \sim$ derivative of the Holonomous Potential.

We show: expanding about a *consistent* stationary point,
the gluon self energy *is* transverse.

Gauge invariant sources

SU(N) sources for first N Polyakov loops:

$$\mathcal{S}_J = 1/V \int d^3x \sum_{r=1}^N J_r \text{tr} \mathbf{L}^r(x)$$

Terms linear in $A_\mu^{\text{qu}} = 0$

=> equations of motion

$$1/V \sum_{r=1}^N 2\pi i J_r r e^{2\pi i r q_a} + 16\pi^2 T^3 / 3 \sum_{b=1}^N B_3(q_a - q_b) = 0$$

Only N-1 independent sources:

$$\sum_{a=1}^N \sum_{r=1}^N r J_r e^{2\pi i r q_a} = 0$$

Sources ~ Polyakov loops *nonlinear* in A_μ^{qu} , so terms *quadratic* in A_μ^{qu} :

$$\Pi_J^{ab;00} = -(1/p_0^{ab}) 4\pi g^2 T^3 / 3 \sum_{a,b,c=1}^N (B_3(q_a - q_c) + B_3(q_c - q_b))$$

Using equations of motion. **Valid for *arbitrary* sources. Self energy transverse**

$$P_\mu^{ab} \left(\Pi_{\text{pert}}^{ab;\mu\nu} + \Pi_J^{ab;\mu\nu} \right) = 0$$

Gives same, gauge invariant free energy, to g^2 .

Weak Holonomous Potential to g^3 .

Consider small $q_a \sim g$. Then for A^{qu} , $q_a^2 T^2 \sim m_{\text{Debye}}^2$. Weak Holonomous plasma

Perturbatively, need to resum “ring” diagrams. In Holonomous Plasma,

$$\mathcal{F}_3 = -T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} \log \left((P_\mu^{ab})^2 + (\xi^{-1} - 1) P_\mu^{ab} P_\nu^{ab} - \delta \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{ab} \right)$$

Only the static mode, $p_0 = 0$, contributes. Typical momenta are $p \sim g T$.

To be independent of ξ , gluon self energy *must* be transverse.

In Holonomous Plasma, diagonal and off-diagonal gluons contributions.

Find: mass^2 of diagonal gluons are *negative* with sources linear in loops!

Holonomous Plasma for two colors

Consider two colors, add to the perturbative HP two non-perturbative terms:
Nishimura & Ogilvie, 1111.6101; DGHKP, 1205.0137; HKNPS, 1905...

$$\mathcal{V}(q) = (4\pi^2 T^3/3) (q^2 - |q|^3 + q^4) + 4j_1 \ell^2 + 16j_2 \ell^4, \quad \ell = \cos(\pi q)$$

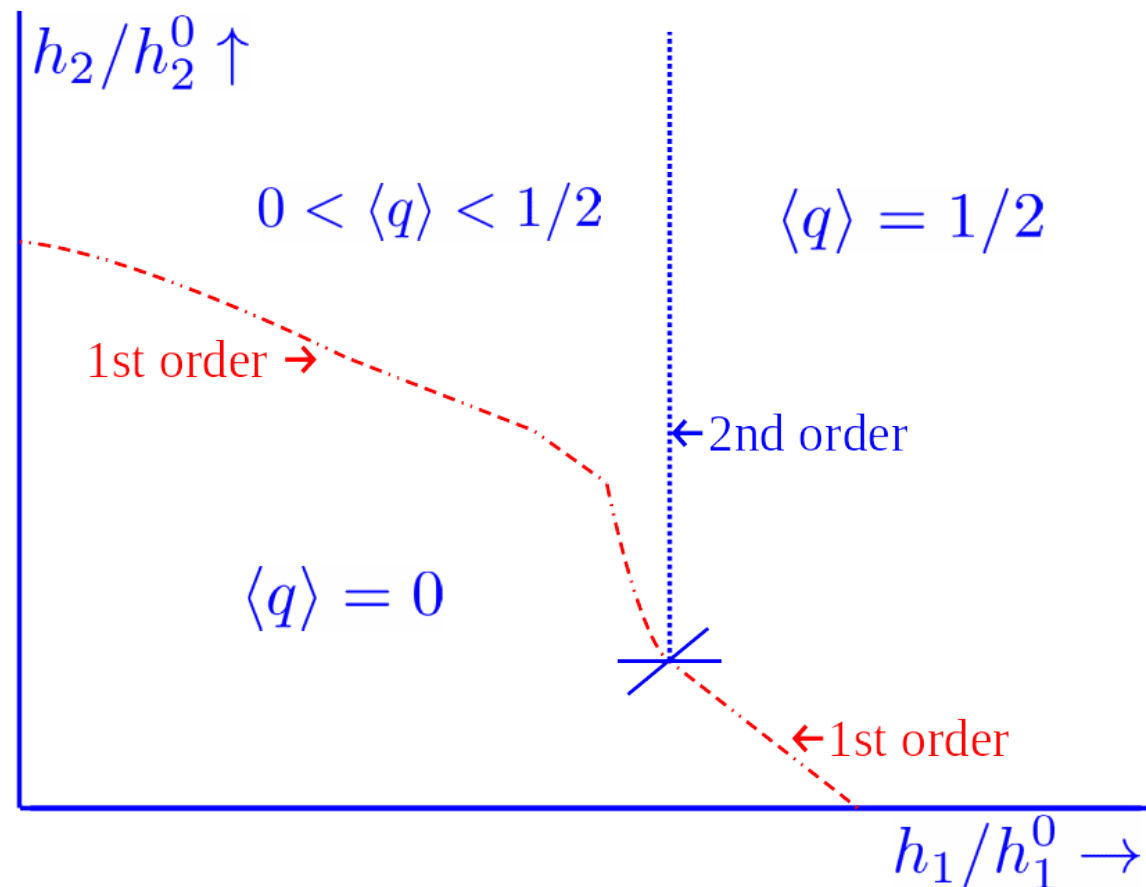
Add two non-pert. terms, $\sim j_1$ & j_2 .

Find that there is *always* a
1st order transition from pert. vac.
to Holonomous Plasma, $\langle q \rangle \neq 0$

Trivial reason: loop is always
even in q about $q = 0$

1-loop HP has cubic term $-q^3$!

- cubic \Rightarrow 1st order transition



Non-perturbative potentials for HP

Usual source $\sim J\varphi$: for *any* J , even infinitesimal, $\varphi \neq 0$.

Here: need gauge invariant sources: any *finite* number of loops $\sim q_a^2$, $q_a \ll 1$

For HP @ 1 loop, term *cubic* in q_a because sum over ∞ number of loops.

Source linear in q_a , $q_a \ll 1$, *need* sum over ∞ number of loops. We choose

$$S_{2D} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} |\text{tr} \mathbf{L}^n|^2 = \sum_{a,b=1}^N B_2(q_a - q_b), \quad B_2(x) = 1/6 - |x| + x^2$$

Like the free energy of a massless boson in 1+1 dimensions...

Many others possible: B_3 , B_5 ...

With a source $\sim J_2 S_{2D}$, $q_a \neq 0$ for *any* infinitesimal J_2 .

For diagonal gluons, this source gives positive mass²,

free energy $\sim g^3$ that is smooth as $J_2 \rightarrow 0$

Off-diagonal gluons for free energy $\sim g^3$.

Need: self energy for off-diagonal gluons, $p_0 = 0$, $q_a \sim g$.

Can use Holonomous Hard Thermal Loop: [Hidaka & RDP 0906.1751](#)

$$\delta\Pi^{ab;ij} \sim \int_0^\infty d^3k \frac{k^i k^j}{E_k E_{p-k}} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \mathcal{I}, \quad \mathcal{I} = \frac{n(E_k - iQ_a) - n(E_{p-k} + iQ_b)}{ip_0^{ab} - E_k + E_{p-k}}$$

Usual HTL valid for soft $\omega = -ip_0 \sim p \sim gT$; Holonomous HTL for soft $\omega = -ip_0^{ab}$
 $p_0^{ab} = p_0 - (Q_a - Q_b) = p_0 - 2\pi T (q_a - q_b)$: soft when $p_0 = 0$, $q_a \sim g$.

Dominated by hard $k \sim T$. Then

$$\mathcal{I} \approx \frac{1}{-\hat{k} \cdot \vec{p} + i(Q_a - Q_b)} \left(n(k) - n(k - \hat{k} \cdot \vec{p} + i(Q_a - Q_b)) \right) \approx -\frac{d}{dk} n(k)$$

So independent of Q ! \Rightarrow constant. Could have been function of p/Q .

Implies (off-diagonal) self energy *vanishes*!

Free energy from off-diag $\sim g^3$ *discontinuous*: $\neq 0$ when $q_a = 0$; $= 0$ when $q_a \sim g$.

Makes *no* sense.

Two dimensional fields

Introduce 2-dimensional fields:

$$x^\mu = (\hat{x}, x_\perp), \quad \hat{x} = (x_0, \vec{x} \cdot \hat{n}); \quad \hat{n}^2 = 1, \quad x_\perp \cdot \hat{n} = 0$$

Embed isotropically by integrating over all directions of unit vector \mathbf{n} .

Anisotropic between along \mathbf{n} and perp. to \mathbf{n} .

$$\mathcal{S}_{2D} = \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int \frac{d\Omega_{\hat{n}}}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty d\hat{x} \int_{1/T_d}^\infty d^2 x_\perp \text{tr} \left((\hat{D}\phi)^2 + (D_\perp \phi)^2 \right)$$

Adjoint scalar ϕ is two dimensional at short distances, $< 1/T_d$, but four dimensional over large distances.

At one loop order, gluon self energy gauge invariant; scalar not, will patch up.

Two dimensional ghosts

Assume $T_d \ll T$: then momentum integral trivially reduces to 2D

$$\mathcal{S}_{2D} = \text{tr} \log (-\hat{D}^2 - D_\perp^2) \approx T_d^2 \text{tr} \log (-\hat{D}^2) = -T^2 T_d^2 \sum_{a,b=1}^N B_2(q_a - q_b)$$

The ϕ field must be a *ghost* field for B_2 to have the proper sign.

Natural: one wants to decrease the pressure from physical gluons.

Find Holonomous HTL's in Euclidean space: $Q_{ab} = 2 \pi T (q_a - q_b)$

$$\delta \Pi_{\text{long}}^{ab} = -1 + \frac{Q_{ab}}{p} \arctan \left(\frac{p}{Q_{ab}} \right),$$

$$\delta \Pi_{\text{tr}}^{ab} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\left(\frac{Q_{ab}^2}{p^2} + 1 \right) \frac{Q_{ab}}{p} \arctan \left(\frac{p}{Q_{ab}} \right) + \frac{Q_{ab}^2}{p^2} \right)$$

Can show: if holonomy generated by 2D ghosts, then free energy $\sim g^3$ is smooth as $q_a \rightarrow 0$.

Using two dimensional ghosts

Previously: constructed effective theory with B_2 to fit Euclidean pressure, etc.

Now: Generate B_2 dynamically from massless, 2D ghosts

To do: compute transport coefficients using gluons + 2D ghosts
in Holonomous Plasma in perturbation theory

Severe constraint: ghosts could drive pressure, transport coefficients negative!
Doesn't happen for the pressure.

Shear viscosity *suppressed* by loop² in Holonomous Plasma:
including *only* gluons, Hidaka & RDP, 0803.0453, 0912.0940

$$\eta \sim \frac{T^3}{g^4 \log(1/g)} |\ell|^2$$

Need to include 2D ghosts...