

Perturbatively Confined Phase of QCD under Imaginary Rotation

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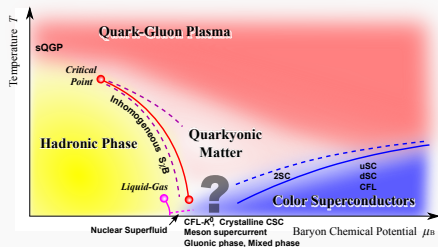
- Introduction: QCD Phase Diagram with Rotation
- Perturbatively Confined Phase under *Imaginary* Rotation
- Characters of the PC Phase
- Toward Real systems (If time remains...)

QCD phase diagram under rotation

QCD mystery:

- **Confinement**
- Spontaneous breaking of **Chiral symmetry**

Phase transitions of QCD matter \rightarrow phase diagram



Sign problem for
finite μ direction



New parameter axis

[Fukushima, Hatsuda (2011)]

QCD phase diagram under rotation

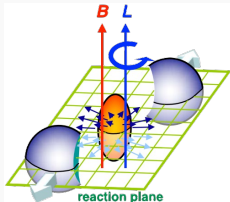
New axes of diagram: **angular velocity ω**

Rotation appears in real world:

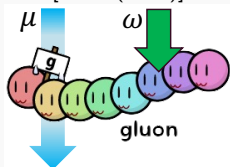
- neutron stars
 $\omega \sim 10^3$ /s
- heavy ion collision
 $\omega \sim 10^{22}$ /s [STAR(2010)]

ω is a good parameter:

- directly interact with gluons
→ confinement can be seen



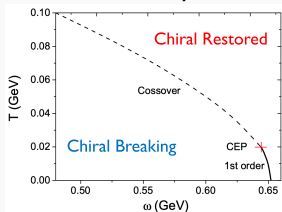
[Niida (2020)]



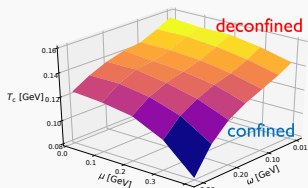
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Previous results for rotation

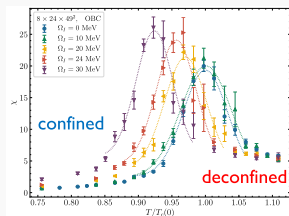
The critical temperature T_c by models and lattice:



[Jiang, Liao (2016)]



[Fujimoto, Fukushima, Hidaka (2021)]



[Braguta, Kotov, Kuznedev, Roenko

(2021)]

Models: $T_c(\omega)$ decreases

Lattice: $T_c(\Omega_I)$ decreases

$\rightarrow T_c(\omega)$ increases

Perturbative calculation with Ω_I 1/2

Perturbative calc. under **imaginary rotation** $\omega = i\Omega_I$.

Real ω has causality problems

Taking a background method

$$A_\mu = A_{B\mu} + \mathcal{A}_\mu, \quad A_{B\mu} = \frac{\delta_{\mu,4}}{g\beta} \phi \cdot \mathbf{H},$$

\mathbf{H} : the vector of Cartan sub-algebra of $\mathfrak{su}(N)$
with gauge fixing as

$$D_B^\mu A_\mu = 0, \quad \text{w/ } D_{B\mu} := \partial_\mu + igA_{B\mu}.$$

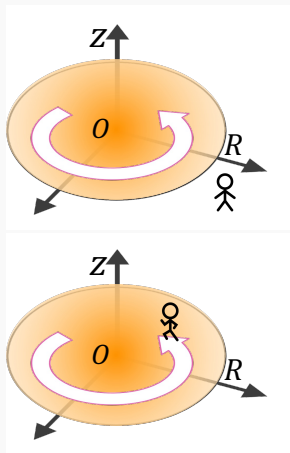
In this gauge condition,

$$\text{tr } F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} 2 \text{tr } \mathcal{A}^\mu (-D_B^2) \mathcal{A}_\mu,$$

and FP determinant is given by $\text{Det}[-(D_B^2)]$.

Perturbative calculation with Ω_I 2/2

We take cylindrical coordinate rotating along the z axis.
Effect of rotation appears in the metric.



Rotating systems are equivalent to static systems w/ the metric:

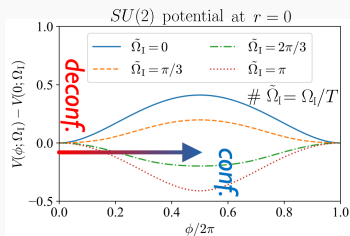
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 & 0 & r^2\Omega_I \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2\Omega_I & 0 & 1 + r^2\Omega_I^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$-D_{B\mu}$ for vectors changes into
 $G_{B\mu}A_\nu = D_{B\mu}A_\nu - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda A_\lambda.$

Perturbative Confinement

The Polyakov loop potential under imaginary rotation is

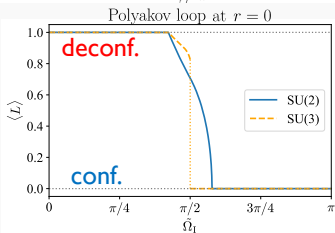
$$V_g = \frac{1}{4\pi^2\beta} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{\infty} k_{\perp} dk_{\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_z [J_{l-1}^2(k_{\perp}r) + J_{l+1}^2(k_{\perp}r)] \\ \times \text{Re} \log \left[1 - e^{i\phi \cdot \alpha - il\beta\Omega_I} e^{-\beta\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + k_z^2}} \right].$$



With $\tilde{\Omega}_I \gtrsim \pi/2$, V_g flips.

→ minimum moves into $\phi = \pi$:

$$L = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_0^{\beta} d\tau A_{B4}} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \exp \left[\frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \phi & \\ & -\phi \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 0.$$



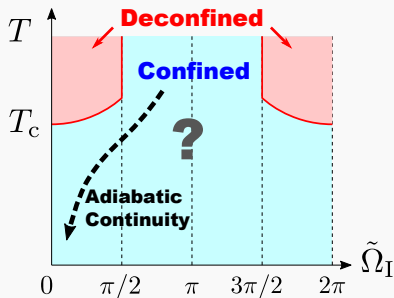
Perturbative Confinement!

Phase diagram of $(T, \tilde{\Omega}_I)$

What occurs at low T ?

→ The ghost contributions are enhanced. (KOGZ mechanism)

$$V_{\text{ghost}} \sim \sum_{\alpha} \sum_l \int dk_{\perp}^2 \int dk_z J_l^2(0) \times \text{Re} \log \left[1 - e^{i\phi \cdot \alpha - i l \tilde{\Omega}_I} e^{-\beta k} \right]$$



At $r = 0$, only $l = 0$ is taken.
→ ghost do **NOT** couple with ω .

- $\tilde{\Omega}_I$ induces confinement.
- At low T , conf. is induced.
- High $\tilde{\Omega}_I$ phase is always confined! (suggestion)

Perturbatively confined phase can be *connected* to the hadronic phase.

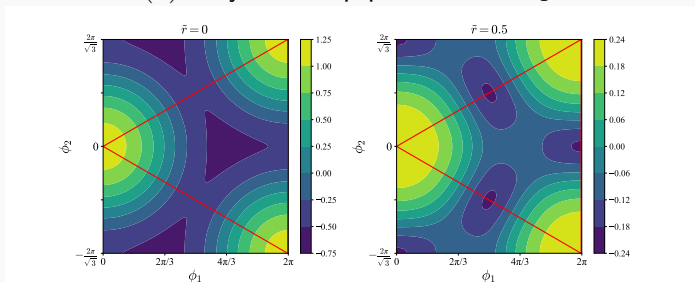
Inhomogeneity of PC phase

Perturbative calculation is r dependent.

For $SU(3)$, $A_{B4} = \frac{1}{g\beta}(\phi_1 T^3 + \phi_2 T^8)$, so $V_g = V_g(\phi_1, \phi_2)$.

$V_g(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ pattern is periodic and minimum patterns show Z_3 center symmetry \rightarrow confinement.

$SU(3)$ Polyakov loop potential at $\tilde{\Omega}_I = \pi$

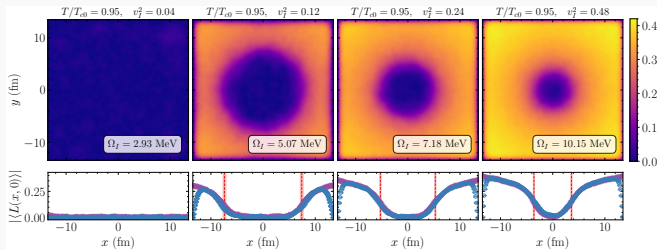


$$L = 0$$

$$|L| = 1/3$$

Previous result about inhomogeneity

Lattice QCD calculation also shows the inhomogeneity.



[Braguta, Chernodub, Roenko (2024)]

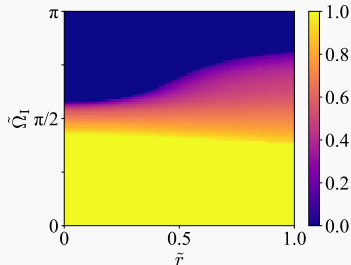
- $T < T_c$, pure gluonic SU(3)
w/ periodic & open BC
- center/edge is confined/deconfined
finite r gives deconfinement

Phase diagram of $(\tilde{\Omega}_I, \tilde{r})$

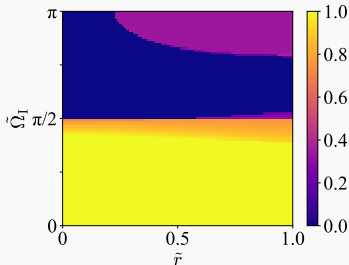
Polyakov loop values for pure YM.

Blue region w/ $L = 0$ is confined.

SU(2)



SU(3)



At large $\tilde{\Omega}_I$, center is **confined** and edge (large \tilde{r}) is **deconfined** as the lattice.

In SU(3), *another deconfined phase* appears.

Chiral symmetry breaking in PC phase 1/3

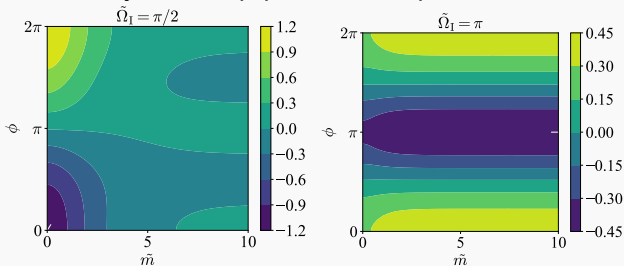
Introduce $N_f = 2$ fermion contribution in the action as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \bar{\psi}(\not{G} + m)\psi, \quad G_\mu = D_\mu - \Gamma_\mu.$$

The dynamical mass m gives the chiral condensate.

Polyakov loop $L = \cos(\phi/2)$ for $SU(2)$.

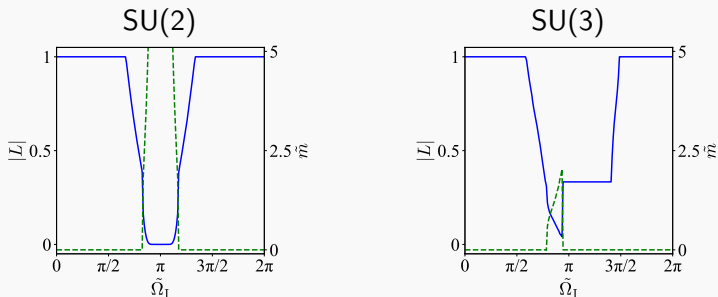
Polyakov loop potential map at $r = 0$



At $\tilde{\Omega}_I = \pi$, perturbative confined & chiral broken

Chiral symmetry breaking in PC phase 2/3

The Polyakov loop (blue) and the dynamical mass (green) for $N_f = 2$ QCD at $r = 0$.



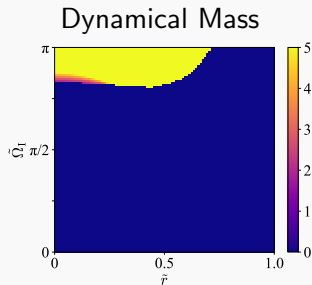
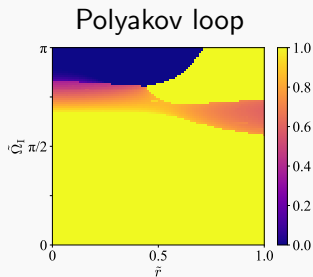
As the system becomes **confined**,
the dynamical mass m **increases** \rightarrow chiral **broken**.

Large m weaken the explicit breaking of center symmetry.

Result is 4π periodic & $\tilde{\Omega}_I \sim 4\pi - \tilde{\Omega}_I$.

Chiral symmetry breaking in PC phase 3/3

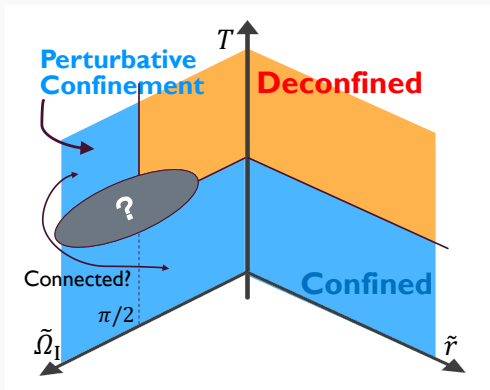
Inhomogeneous behavior of Polyakov loop and dynamical mass for $N_f = N_c = 2$ QCD.



- The chiral broken phase and the perturbatively confined phase are related.
- PT behavior has changed.
- Spatial PT also appears.

Phase diagram of $(T, \tilde{\Omega}_I, \tilde{r})$ 1/3

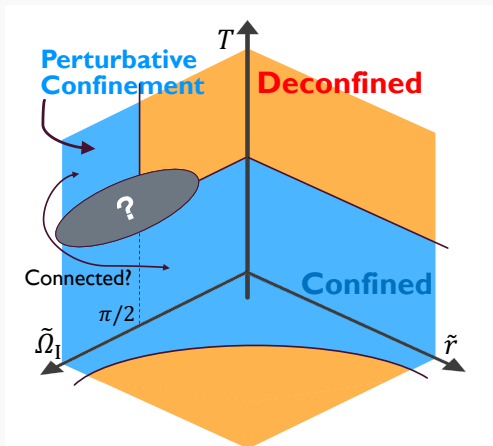
Summarize the phase diagram along T , $\tilde{\Omega}_I$ and \tilde{r} .



At large $\tilde{\Omega}_I$, the perturbatively confined phase exists.
 $T_c(\tilde{\Omega}_I)$ behavior is NOT clear.

Phase diagram of $(T, \tilde{\Omega}_I, \tilde{r})$ 2/3

Summarize the phase diagram along T , $\tilde{\Omega}_I$ and \tilde{r} .

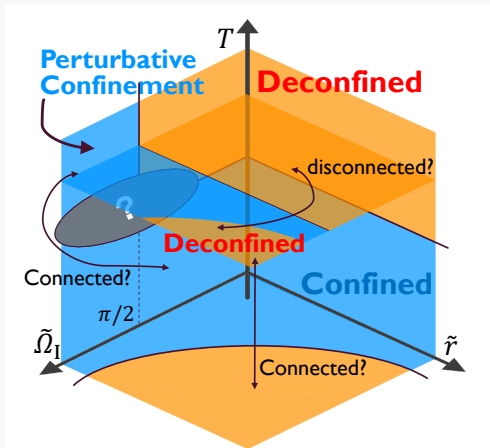


$T_c(\tilde{\Omega}_I, \tilde{r})$ should be considered.

Lattice shows that inhomogeneous phase appears.

Phase diagram of $(T, \tilde{\Omega}_I, \tilde{r})$ 3/3

Summarize the phase diagram along T , $\tilde{\Omega}_I$ and \tilde{r} .



At high T , another deconfined phase appears.
How these phases connect?

Summary and Future prospects

Our research discovered

- **Perturbative confinement** with **imaginary** rotation

Confined phase at high T

→ connected to the hadronic phase?

- **Spatial phase transition**

Mixture of confined/deconfined matter

- **Chiral symmetry breaking**

Dynamical mass increases as Polyakov loop disappears

Further researches are needed to

- solve the **discrepancy** in $T_c(\omega)$
- reveal what the *imaginary* rotation is
- achieve the prediction of real phenomena

Thank you!

Appendix

Periodicity of imaginary rotation

When we are in the *rest* frame and seeing rotating matter.

At finite T , $\tau \sim \tau + \beta$.

+ After τ , polar coordinate moves θ to $\theta + \Omega_I \tau$.

$$\rightarrow (r, \theta, z, \tau) \sim (r, \theta + \beta \Omega_I, z, \tau + \beta)$$

imaginary rotating \sim spatial periodicity

In fact, $Z(\Omega_I)$ is given by the flat space-time w/ above new periodicity: if the eigenfunctions are periodic as

$$\Psi \propto E_{\alpha} e^{i[(2\pi n \beta^{-1} - m \Omega_I)\tau + m\theta + k_z z]} J_m(k_{\perp} r),$$

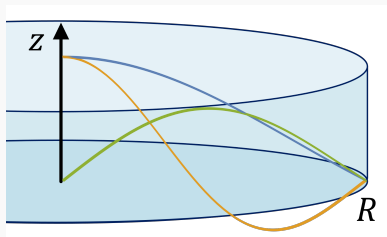
the same spectra with the rotating frame are given by the flat covariant derivative square $-D_{B_s}^2 = -D_{B_{\tau}}^2 - r^{-1} \partial_r (r \partial_r) - r^{-2} \partial_{\theta}^2 - \partial_z^2$.

Real rotation 1/2

Can we do analytical continuation toward real ω ?

$$V_g = \frac{1}{4\pi^2\beta} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{\infty} k_{\perp} dk_{\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_z [J_{l-1}^2(k_{\perp}r) + J_{l+1}^2(k_{\perp}r)] \\ \times \operatorname{Re} \log \left[1 - e^{\pm i\phi\alpha - il\beta\Omega_I} e^{-\beta\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + k_z^2}} \right].$$

→ Integration of $\log \left[1 - e^{l\beta\omega} e^{-\beta\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + k_z^2}} \right]$ diverge.



To avoid the problem,
BC is needed.

e.g.)

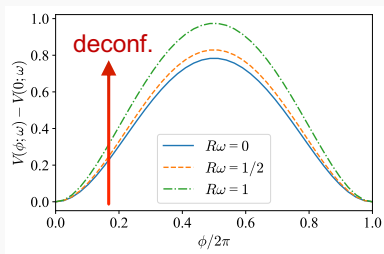
$$A_{\mu}(r = R) = 0$$

by discretized momentum

$$J_{\nu}(k_{\nu}^i R) = 0$$

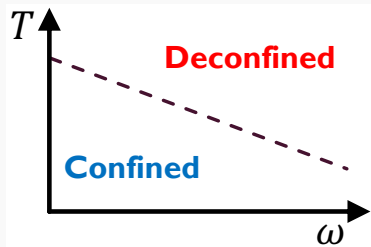
Real rotation 2/2

Larger real ω sharpen the potential.



[Chen, Fukushima,
Shimada (2022)]

→ more deconfined
 T_c decreases by ω .



This agrees with models, but disagrees with lattice.

Perturbative calculation 1/3

Our new attempt is **perturbative calculation**.

As Weiss (1981), Weiss (1982), Gross, Pisarski, Yaffe (1981)

To achieve the results, separate the gauge configuration into diagonal **background** and **dynamical**:

$$A_\mu = A_{B\mu} + \mathcal{A}_\mu, \quad A_{B\mu} = \frac{\delta_{\mu,4}}{g\beta} \phi \cdot \mathbf{H},$$

where \mathbf{H} is a vector of Cartan sub-algebra of $\mathfrak{su}(N)$.

Gauge fixing is

$$D_B^\mu A_\mu = 0$$

w/ $D_{B\mu} := \partial_\mu + igA_{B\mu}$

Perturbative calculation 2/3

In this gauge condition,

$$\text{tr } F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} -2 \text{tr } \mathcal{A}^\mu (D_B^2) \mathcal{A}_\mu,$$

and FP determinant is given by $\text{Det}[-(D_B^2)]$.

So the partition function is

$$Z = \underbrace{\text{Det}(-D_B^2)}_{\text{ghost part}} \underbrace{\text{Det}^{-1/2}(-D_B^2)}_{\text{gluon part}}$$

The ghost part cancels non-physical modes of the gluon part

This gives the energy $F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z = \int dv V(r, \phi)$.

→ The minimal energy states of rotating systems.

Perturbative calculation 3/3

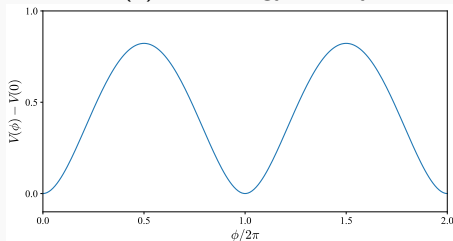
The system is confined if the Polyakov loop

$$L = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \mathcal{P} \exp \left(ig \int_0^\beta d\tau A_{B4} \right)$$

is zero. For $SU(2)$, $L = \cos(\phi/2)$; for $SU(3)$,

$$L = \frac{1}{3} \left(2 \cos(\phi_1/2) e^{i\sqrt{3}\phi_2/6} + e^{-i\sqrt{3}\phi_2/3} \right).$$

SU(2) free energy density



$$\phi = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$$

gives deconfinement;

$$\phi = \pi, 3\pi, \dots$$

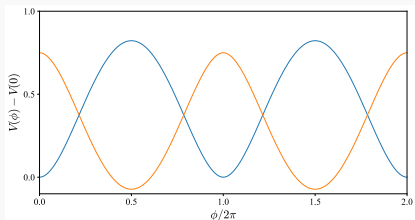
gives confinement;

re-plotting of [Weiss (1981)]

Approach to low T

What would occur to the perturbative matter at low T ?

KOGZ mechanism^{*1}: ghost contribution is enhanced.



Since $V_{\text{gluon}} = -V_{\text{ghost}}$,
the potential flips.

Minima are $\pi, 3\pi, \dots$,
→ **confined!**

^{*1}[Gribov (1978)], [Kugo, Ojima (1979)], [Zwanziger (1994)], [Kugo (1995)]

Definition of G_μ

Covariant derivative in the curved space G_μ is

For scalars $G_\mu \theta = D_\mu \theta$,

For vectors $G_\mu A_\nu = D_\mu A_\nu - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda A_\lambda$,

and $F_{\mu\nu} = [D_\mu, D_\nu] = [G_\mu, G_\nu]$, so

$$Z = \text{Det}(-G_B^2) \text{Det}^{-1/2}(-G_B^2).$$

Z is obtained by calculating eigenfunctions and eigenspectra of $-G_B^2$

$-G_B^2$ is different for the scalars and the vectors.

$-G_B^2$ spectrum of ghosts

$-G_B^2$ for the scalars (ghosts) is

$$\begin{aligned} -G_{B_s}^2 &:= -G_B^\mu D_{B\mu} = -g^{\mu\nu} [D_{B\mu} D_{B\nu} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda D_{B\lambda}] \\ &= - (D_{B\tau} - \Omega_I \partial_\theta)^2 - \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r) - \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 - \partial_z^2. \end{aligned}$$

Eigenfunctions and eigenspectra are (in rotating frame)

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &\propto E_\alpha \exp \{ i(2\pi n \beta^{-1} \tau + m\theta + k_z z) \} J_m(k_\perp r), \\ \lambda &= (2\pi n \beta^{-1} + \beta^{-1} \phi \cdot \alpha - m\Omega_I)^2 + k_\perp^2 + k_z^2. \end{aligned}$$

So the ghost contribution is

$$\text{Tr} \ln (-G_{B_s}^2) \propto \int k_\perp dk_\perp \int dk_z J_m^2 \ln \left[1 + e^{i\phi\alpha - im\tilde{\Omega}_I - \beta k} \right].$$

$-G_B^2$ spectrum of gluons

For gluons, $-G_{Bv}^2$ is

$$(-G_{Bv}^2)_\mu^\nu = \begin{pmatrix} -G_{Bs}^2 + r^{-2} & 2r^{-3} \partial_\theta & 0 & 0 \\ -2r^{-1} \partial_\theta & -r G_{Bs}^2 r^{-1} + r^{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -G_{Bs}^2 & 0 \\ -2\Omega_I r^{-1} \partial_\theta & 2\Omega_I r^{-1} \partial_r & 0 & -G_{Bs}^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Corresponding eigenspectra are the same.

Eigenfunctions are 4-vectors, and two are proportional to that of ghosts, remaining two are

$$\Psi \propto E_\alpha \exp\{i(2\pi n \beta^{-1} \tau + m\theta + k_z z)\} J_{m\pm 1}(k_\perp r).$$

So the gluon contribution is as the ghost one but with $J_{m\pm 1}(k_\perp r)$.

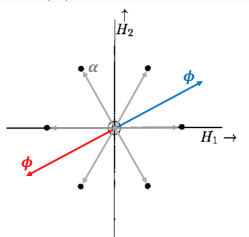
Weyl symmetry

Eigenvalues of $D_{B\mu} = \partial_\mu + i\beta^{-1}\phi \cdot \mathbf{H}$ are that of \mathbf{H} : roots α or weights μ of the $\mathfrak{su}(N)$ Lie algebra.

& The potential contains the coupling $\phi \cdot \alpha$ or $\phi \cdot \mu$.

For $\mathfrak{su}(2)$, $H = \sigma_3/2 = \hat{S}_z$; the weights are spin singlet eigenvalue $\pm 1/2$ and the roots are triplet eigenvalue $\pm 1, 0$.

$\mathfrak{su}(3)$ root diagram

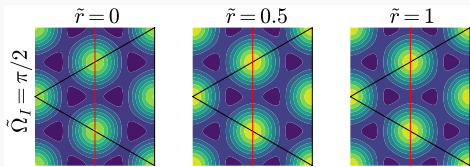
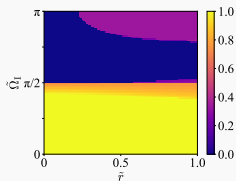


The sum of $\sum_{\alpha} \phi \cdot \alpha$ is taken.
From the Weyl symmetry of $\{\alpha\}$ s,
some ϕ gives the same sum.

e.g.)

Red & blue ϕ gives the same sum.

Emergent symmetry



At $\tilde{\Omega}_I = \pi/2$, the system is always confined & an emergent Z_2 symmetry $\phi_1 \leftrightarrow 2\pi - \phi_1$ (reflection by the red line) appears.

This comes from the vanishing of odd- n terms in the analytic form of the one-loop potential,

$$V_g(\phi; \tilde{\Omega}_I) = -\frac{2T^4}{\pi^2} \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\phi \cdot \alpha) \cos(n\tilde{\Omega}_I)}{\left\{n^2 + 2\tilde{r}^2 [1 - \cos(n\tilde{\Omega}_I)]\right\}^2}.$$

It could be either a one-loop artifact or a genuine symmetry.

Quark action for imaginary rotating systems

Let us consider $N_f = 2$ QCD.

Introduce fermion contribution by the action

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \bar{\psi}(G + m)\psi, \quad G_{\mu} = D_{\mu} - \Gamma_{\mu},$$

where $\Gamma_{\mu} = -\frac{i}{4}\sigma^{ij}\omega_{\mu ij}$ is the effect of the curved space-time:

$$\sigma^{ij} = \frac{i}{2}[\hat{\gamma}^i, \hat{\gamma}^j], \quad \omega_{\mu ij} = g_{\rho\sigma} e_i^{\rho} (\partial_{\mu} e_j^{\sigma} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\sigma} e_j^{\nu}),$$

and m is quark dynamical mass.

In our case, m is equal to the chiral condensate value.

$\not{G} + m$ spectrum of quarks

After a little calculation, we obtain

$$\gamma^\mu G_{B\mu} = \hat{\gamma}^1 \left(\partial_r + \frac{1}{2r} \right) + \hat{\gamma}^2 \frac{\partial_\theta}{r} + \hat{\gamma}^3 \partial_z + \hat{\gamma}^4 (\partial_\tau + igA_{B4} - \Omega_I \partial_\theta).$$

Then eigenfunctions and eigenspectra of $\text{Det}[\not{G} + m]$ are

$$\xi_{n,l,s,k_\perp,k_z,\mu}(x) \propto u_s |\mu\rangle e^{i \left[\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta} \tau + (l + \frac{1}{2}) \theta + k_z z \right]} J_{l+1/2-s}(k_\perp r),$$
$$\lambda_{n,l,s,k_\perp,k_z,\mu} = \left[\frac{(2n+1)\pi + \phi \cdot \mu}{\beta} - \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right) \Omega_I \right]^2 + k_\perp^2 + k_z^2 + m^2.$$

Perturbative quark potential

Z_{quark} is obtained by $\text{Det}(\not{G}_B + m)$.

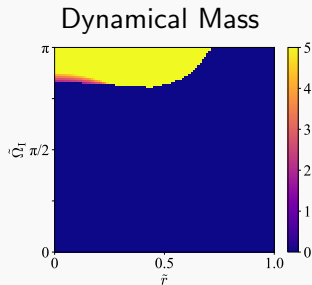
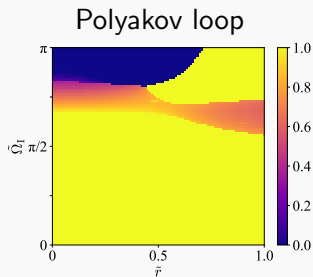
For $N_c = N_f = 2$,

$$V_f = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2\beta} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1/2} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^\infty k_\perp dk_\perp \int_{-\infty}^\infty dk_z [J_l^2(k_\perp r) + J_{l+1}^2(k_\perp r)] \\ \times \text{Re log} \left[1 + e^{i\phi \cdot \mu - i(l+1/2)\beta\Omega_I} e^{-\beta\sqrt{k_\perp^2 + k_z^2 + m^2}} \right].$$

Since the quark is a spin 1/2 spinor, V_f is 4π periodic for θ or $\tilde{\Omega}_I = \beta\Omega_I$.

Chiral symmetry phase diagram (copy)

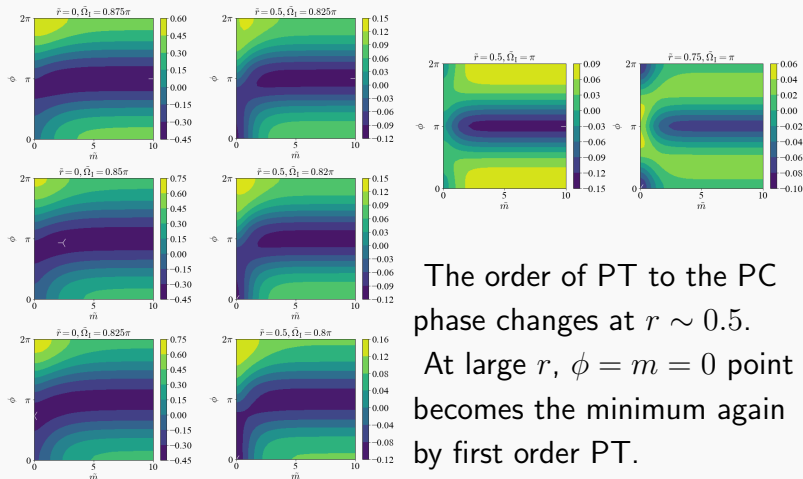
Inhomogeneous behavior of Polyakov loop and dynamical mass for $N_f = N_c = 2$ QCD.



- The chiral broken phase and the perturbatively confined phase are related.
- PT behavior has changed.
- Spatial PT also appears.

PT order of $N_f = N_c = 2$ QCD

About the phase transition of $SU(2)_f$ QCD



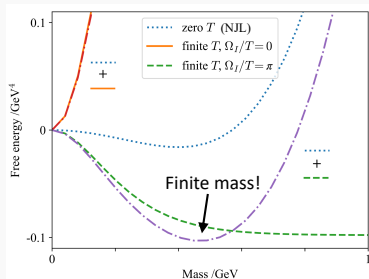
The order of PT to the PC phase changes at $r \sim 0.5$.

At large r , $\phi = m = 0$ point becomes the minimum again by first order PT.

Polyakov loop potential against m

Perturbative calculation gives the decreasing behavior of the potential.

With NJL quark-quark interaction model, the potential increases at large m .



Above the critical m , the sign of $\partial^2 V / \partial m^2$ changes.

→ The minimum m becomes infinite.

With adding the NJL potential, finite minimum m is obtained.