

# Hamiltonian approach to QCD in Coulomb gauge: from the vacuum to finite temperatures

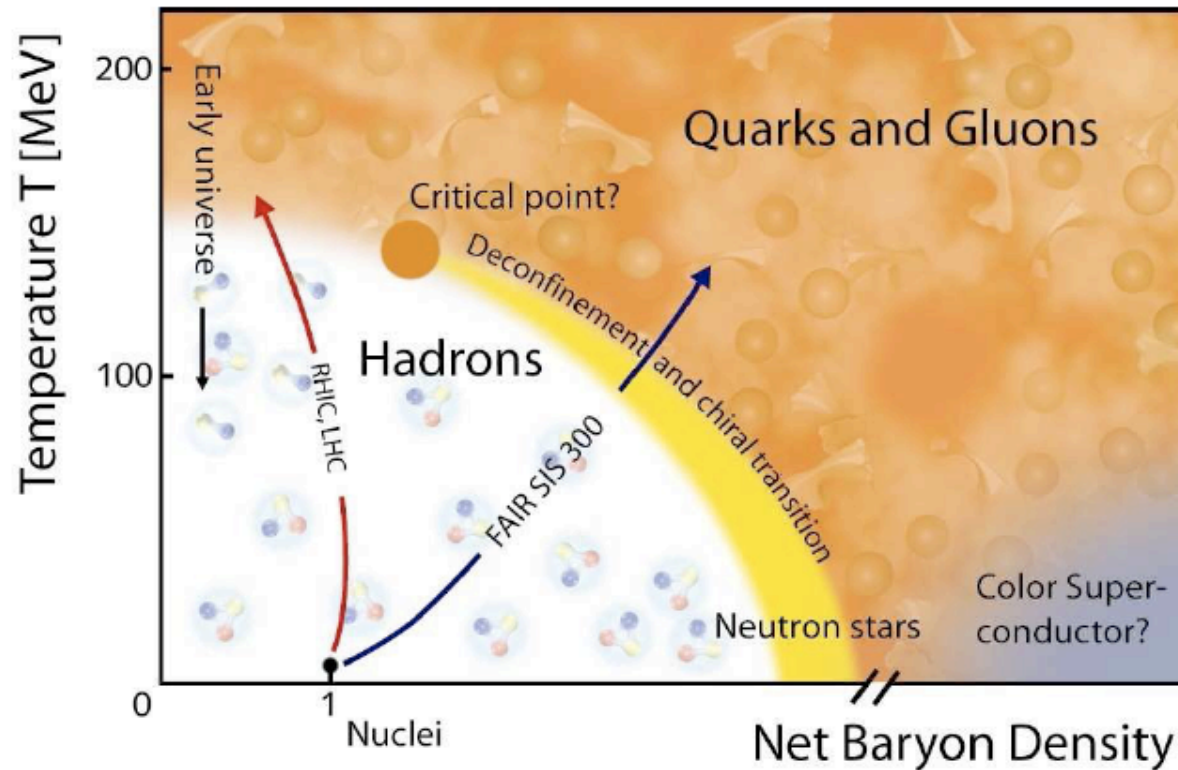
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# Phase diagram of QCD



- lattice:  $SU(3)$  at finite chemical potential
- complex quark determinant
  - continuum approaches required

# Outline

- introduction:
  - Hamiltonian approach to QCD in Coulomb gauge
- novel Hamiltonian approach to finite temperature QFT:  
compactification of a spatial dimension
- YMT at finite temperature in Coulomb gauge
- effective potential for the Polyakov loop
- conclusions

# Hamiltonian approach to YMT in Coulomb gauge $\partial A = 0$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int (J^{-1} \Pi^\perp J \Pi^\perp + B^2) + H_C \quad \Pi^\perp = \delta / i \delta A^\perp$$

Christ and Lee

$$J(A^\perp) = \text{Det}(-D\partial) \quad D = \partial + gA$$

$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} \int J^{-1} \rho J (-D\partial)^{-1} (-\partial^2) (-D\partial)^{-1} \rho \quad \text{Coulomb term}$$

color charge density:  $\rho = -A^\perp \Pi^\perp + \rho_m$

$$\langle \Phi | \dots | \Psi \rangle = \int_{\mathcal{A}} D A J(A) \Phi^*(A) \dots \Psi(A)$$

$$H \Psi[A] = E \Psi[A]$$

# Variational approach

## ■ trial ansatz

C. Feuchter & H. R. PRD70(2004)

$$\Psi(A) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}(-D\partial)}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \int dx dy A(x) \omega(x, y) A(y)\right]$$

gluon propagator

$$\langle A(x) A(y) \rangle = (2\omega(x, y))^{-1}$$

variational kernel

$\omega(x, x')$

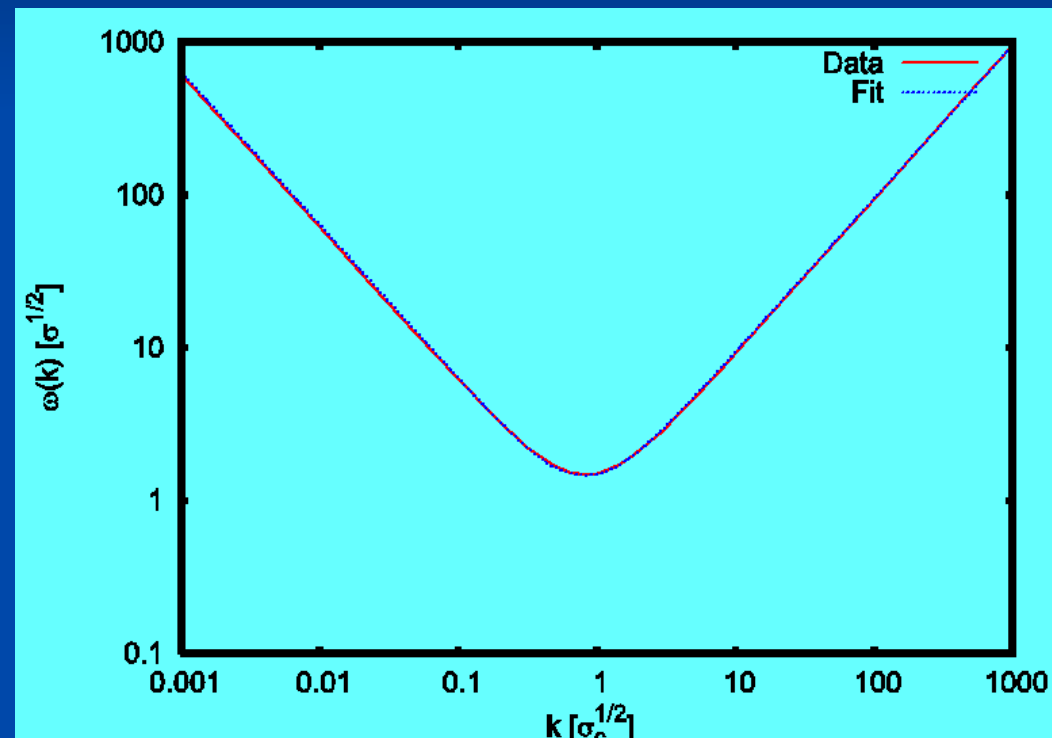
determined from

$$\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \rightarrow \min$$

# Numerical results

gluon energy

D. Epple, H. R., W.Schleifenbaum, PRD  
75 (2007)



*IR*:  $\omega(k) \sim 1/k$       *UV*:  $\omega(k) \sim k$

# Static gluon propagator in D=3+1

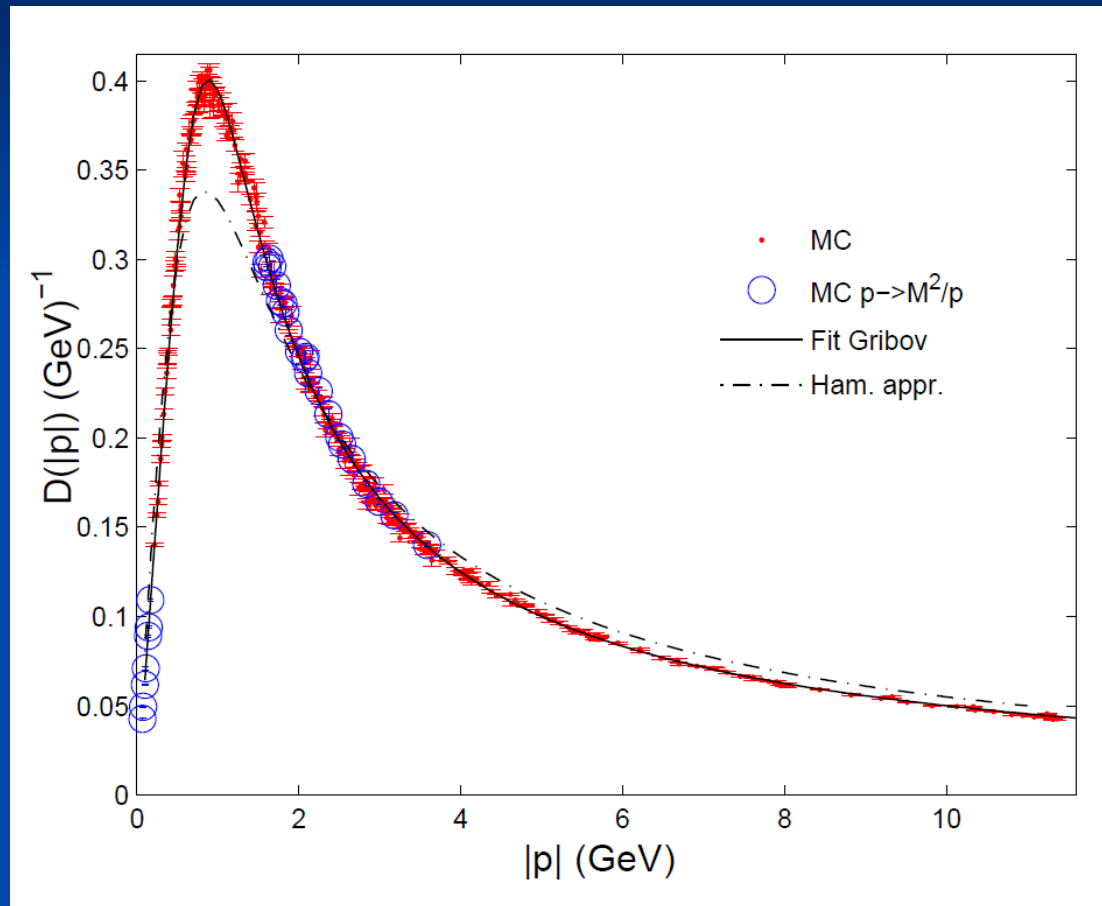
$$D(k) = (2\omega(k))^{-1}$$

*Gribov's formula*

$$\omega(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{M^4}{k^2}}$$

$$M = 0.88 \text{ GeV}$$

missing strength in  
mid momentum regime:  
missing gluon loop



G. Burgio, M.Quandt , H.R., **PRL102(2009)**

# Hamiltonian approach to YMT at finite T

Reinhardt, Campagnari, Szczepaniak, PRD84(2011)  
Heffner, Reinhardt, Campagnari, Phys. Rev D85(2012)

- Grand canonical ensemble with  $\mu = 0$ 
  - quasi-particle variational ansatz for the density matrix

$$D = \exp(-\tilde{H} / T)$$

- minimization of the free energy

$$F = \langle H \rangle_T - TS \rightarrow \min \quad \langle \dots \rangle_T = \frac{\text{Tr}(D \dots)}{\text{Tr} D}$$

- entropy

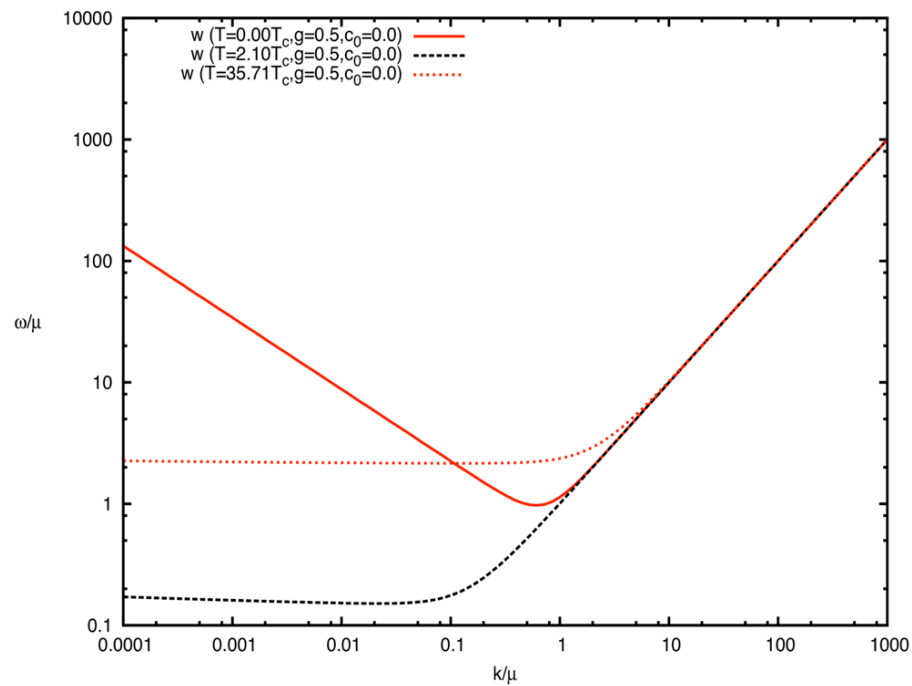
$$S = -\text{Tr}(D \ln D)$$



$$\langle AA \rangle_T = (1 + 2n) / (2\omega)$$

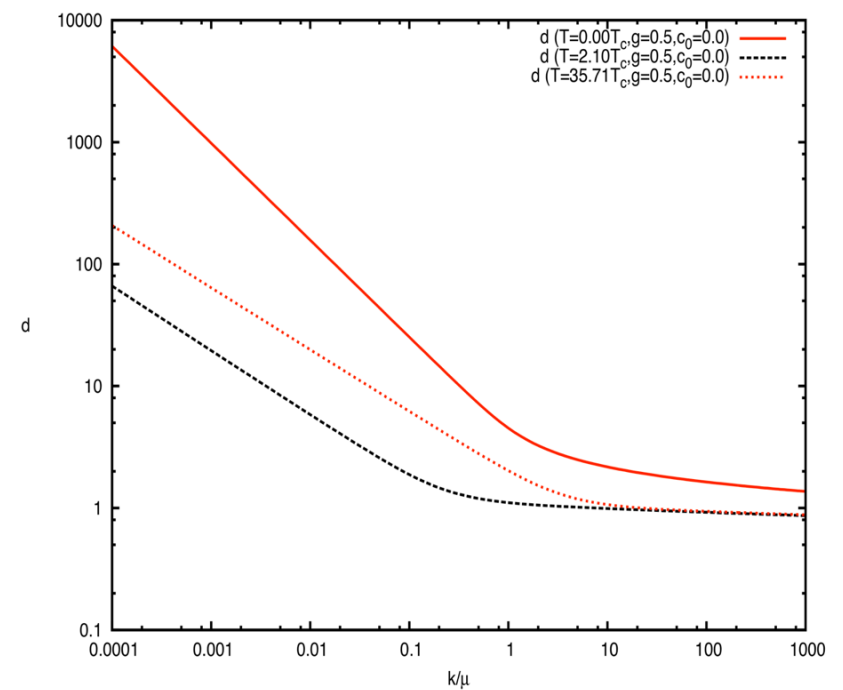
$$n(k) = [\exp(\omega(k)/T) - 1]^{-1}$$

gluon energy



$$\langle (-D\partial)^{-1} \rangle = d / (-\Delta)$$

ghost form factor



# IR-exponent of ghost

Heffner, H.R., Campagnari  
Phys. Rev D85(2012)

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$$d(p) \sim p^{-\beta} \quad p \rightarrow 0$$

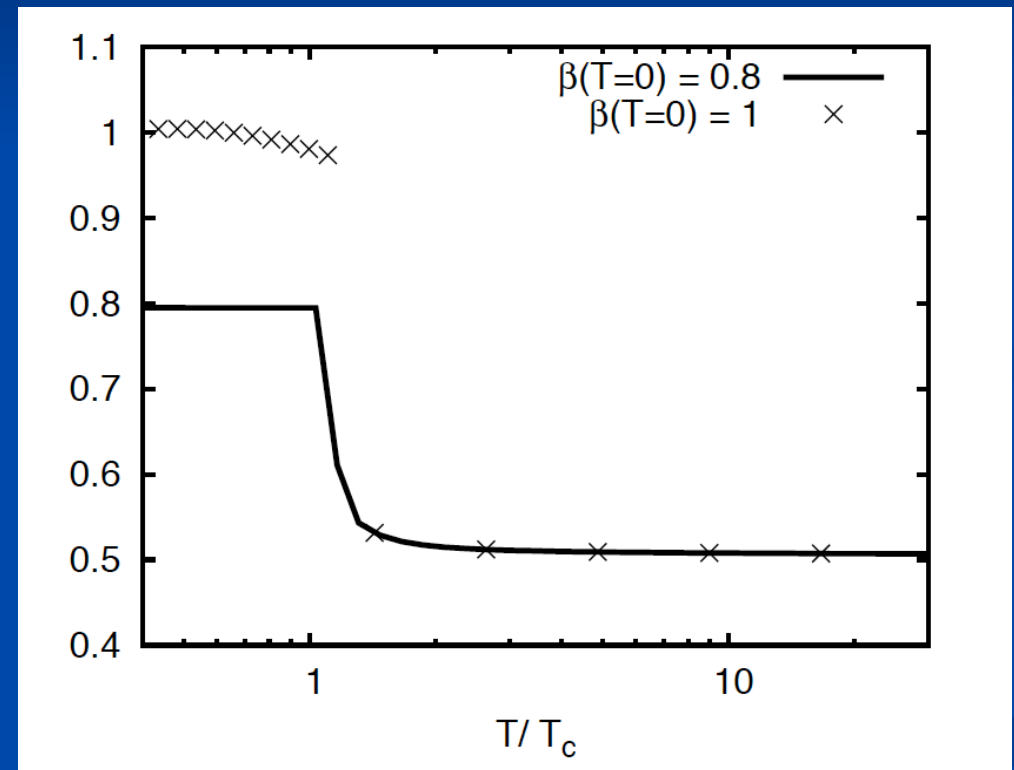
input :  $SU(2)$ -lattice :

$$\omega(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + M^4 / k^2}$$

Gribov mass  $M = 860 \dots 880 \text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow T_c = 275 \dots 290 \text{ MeV}$

lattice :  $T_c = 295 \text{ MeV}$



# Alternative Hamiltonian approach to finite temperature QFT

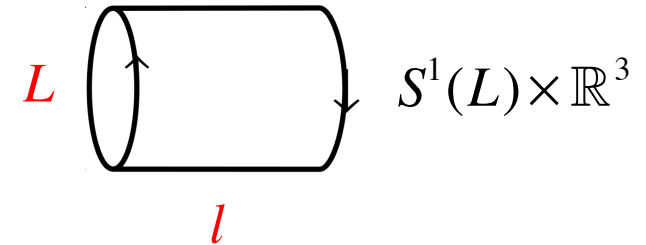
- no ansatz for the density matrix required H. Reinhardt & J. Heffner,  
Phys.Rev.D88(2013)  
and to be published
- motivation: Polyakov loop

$$P[A_0](\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{d_r} \text{tr} P \exp \left[ i \int_0^L dx_0 A_0(x_0, \vec{x}) \right]$$

- $\langle P[A_0] \rangle$  order parameter of confinement
- Hamiltonian approach
- Weyl gauge  $A_0=0$
- How to calculate the Polyakov loop in the Hamiltonian approach?

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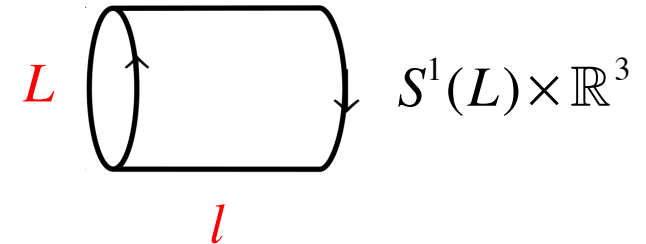
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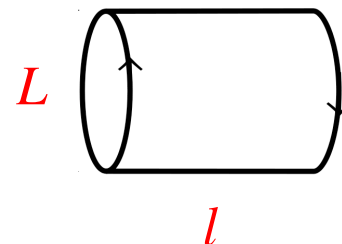
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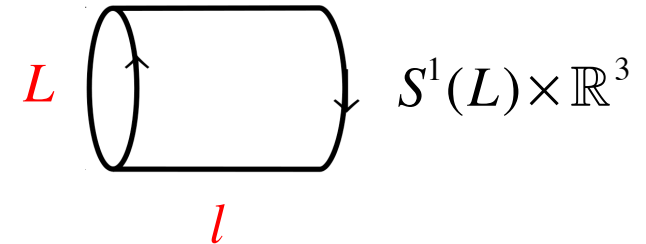
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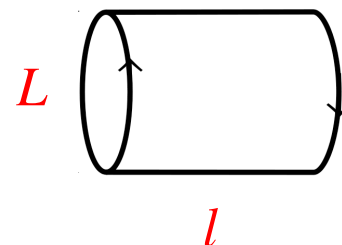
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- *temperature is now encoded in one „spatial“ dimension while „time“ has infinite extension independent of the temperature*

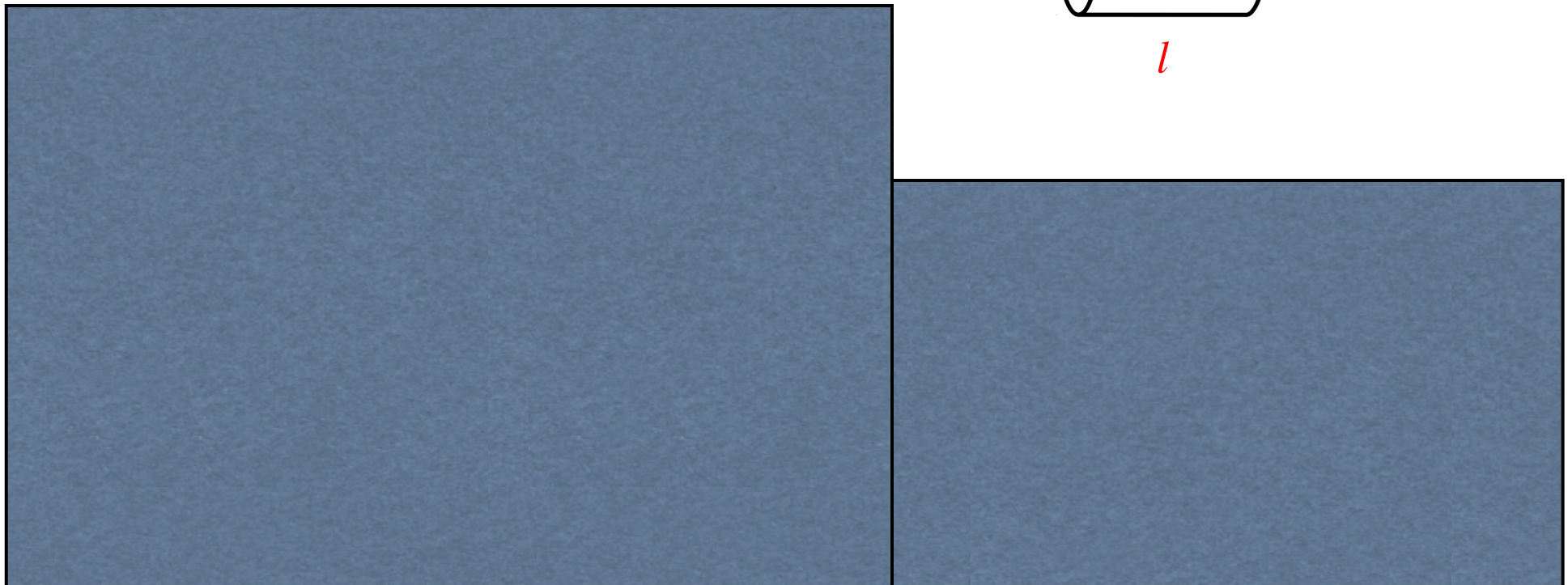
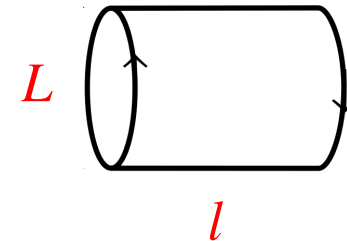
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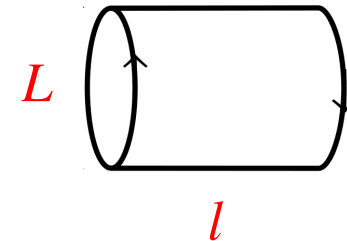
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- pressure:

$$p = -e(L)$$

- energy density:

$$\varepsilon = \partial[Le(L)] / \partial L$$

- Dirac fermions with finite chemical potential

$$h = \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m \rightarrow h + i\mu\alpha^3$$



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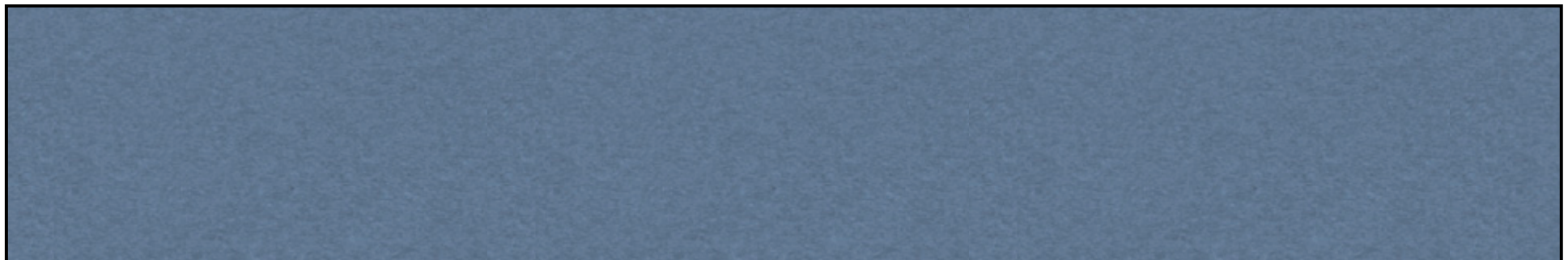
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- massless bosons:  $m=0$

*Stephan – Boltzmann – law*

$$P = \frac{\zeta(4)}{\pi^2} T^4 = \frac{\pi^2}{90} T^4$$

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$$P = \frac{2}{3} \int d^3 p \frac{p^2}{\omega(p)} (n_+(p) + n_-(p)) \quad n_{\pm}(p) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\omega(p) \mp \mu)} + 1} \quad \omega(p) = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$



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$$e(L) = -2 \int d^2 p_{\perp} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{m^2 + p_{\perp}^2 + (\omega_n + i\mu)^2} \quad \omega_n = \frac{2n+1}{L} \pi$$

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- massless Dirac fermions:  $m=0$

$$P = \frac{1}{12\pi^2} \left[ \frac{7}{15} \pi^4 T^4 + 2\pi^2 T^2 \mu^2 + \mu^4 \right]$$

# Hamiltonian approach to YMT in Coulomb gauge on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1(L)$

- trial ansatz  $\Psi(A) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}(-D\partial)}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \int dx dy A(x) \omega(x, y) A(y)\right]$

transversal projector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  :  $t_{kl}(x) = \delta_{kl} - \frac{\partial_k^x \partial_l^x}{\partial_x^2}$

$$t_{kl}(x) = t_{kl}^\perp(x) + t_{kl}^\parallel(x),$$

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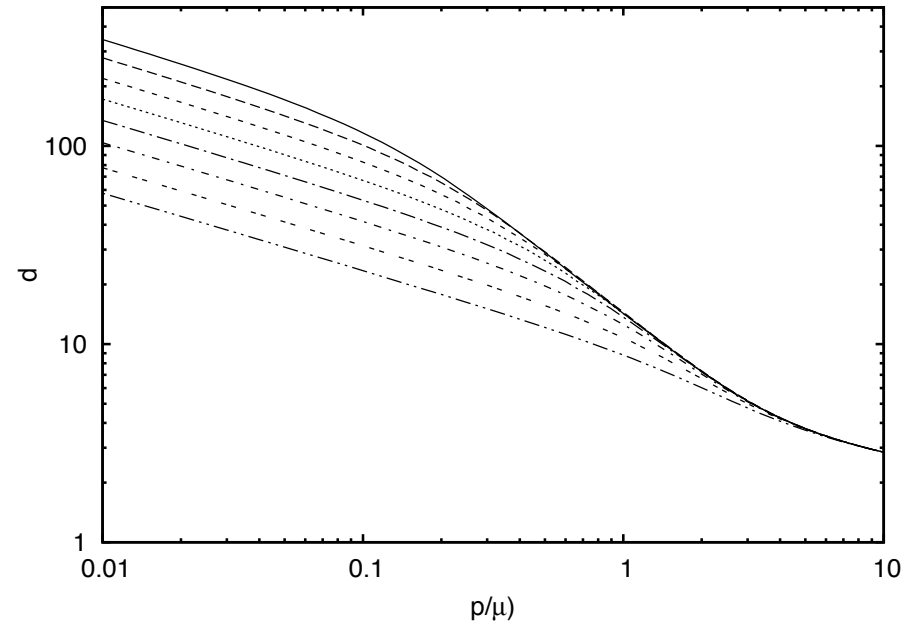
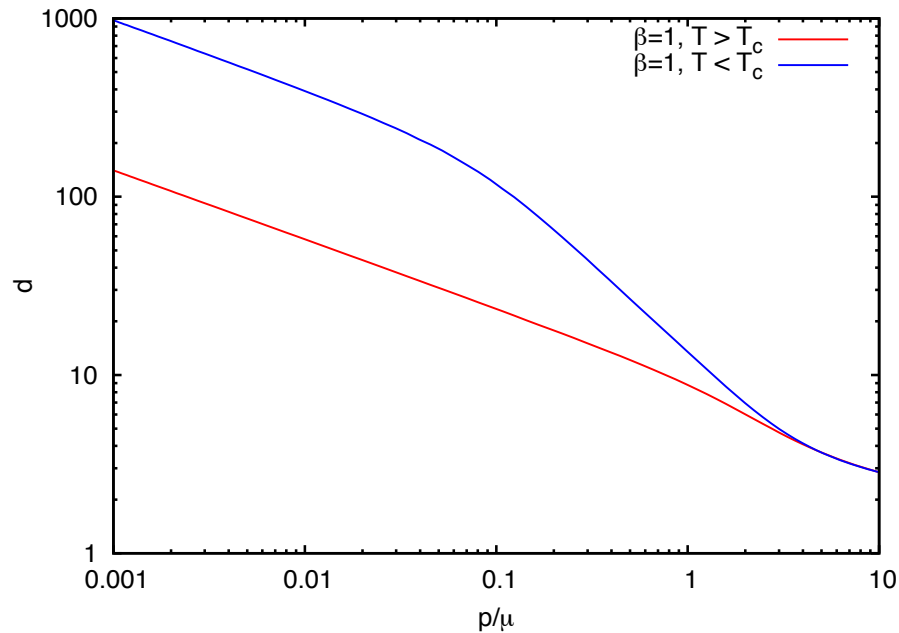
- gluon propagator  $\langle A(x) A(y) \rangle = t_{kl}^\perp(x) (2\omega_\perp(x, y))^{-1} + t_{kl}^\parallel(x) (2\omega_\parallel(x, y))^{-1}$

- $T \rightarrow 0$   $\omega_\perp(p) = \omega_\parallel(p)$   $\chi_\perp(p) = \chi_\parallel(p)$   $p_3 = \frac{2n\pi}{L}$

- $T \rightarrow \infty$   $\omega_\perp(p) = \omega(p)_{d=2}$   $\chi_\parallel(p) = 0$   $\omega_\parallel(p) = p$

# The ghost form factor on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1(\beta)$

$$d(p_{\perp}, n=0)$$

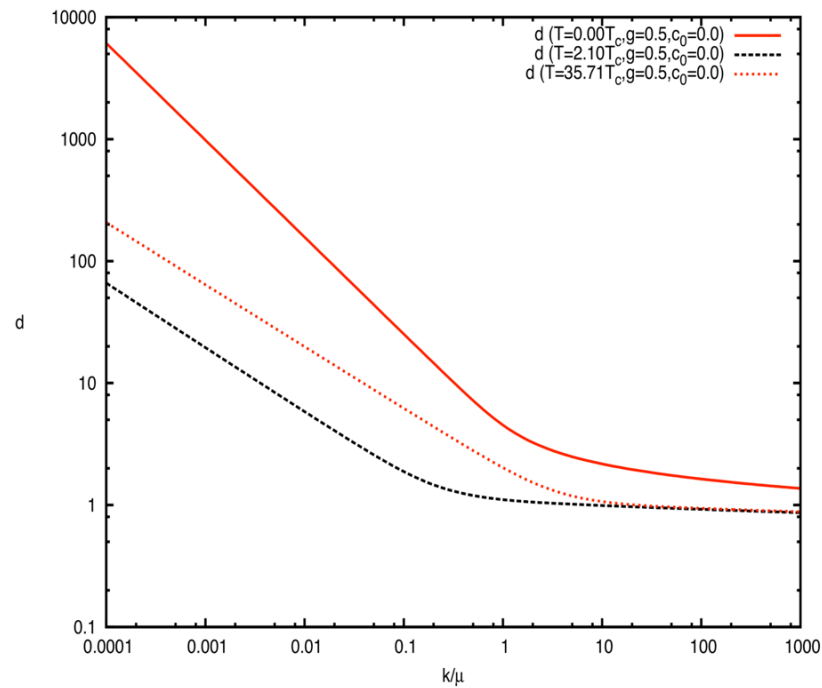


$T \rightarrow \infty$  : dimensional reduction

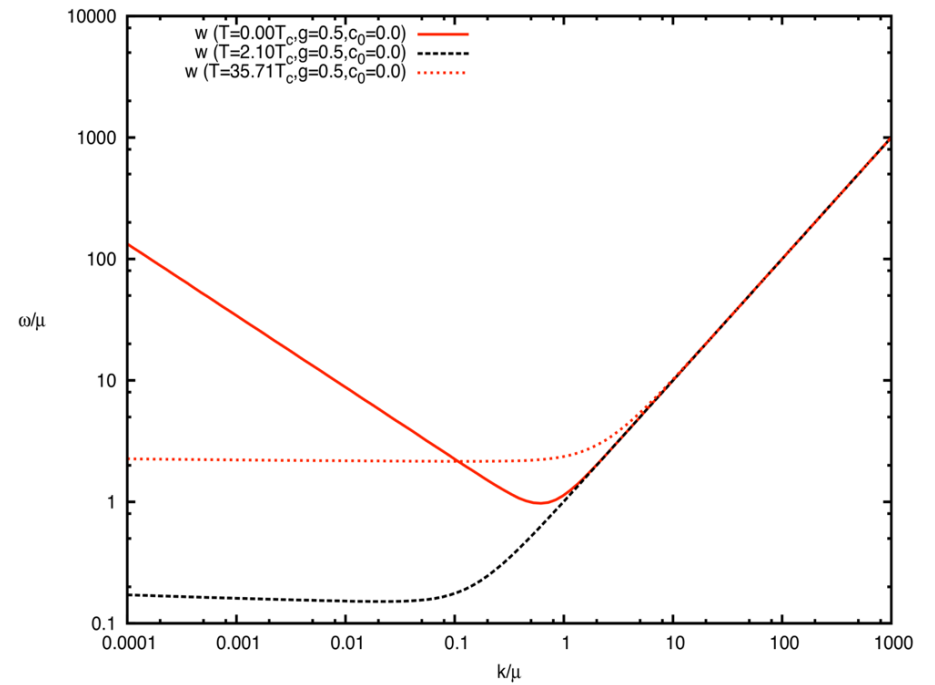


# Grand canonical ensemble

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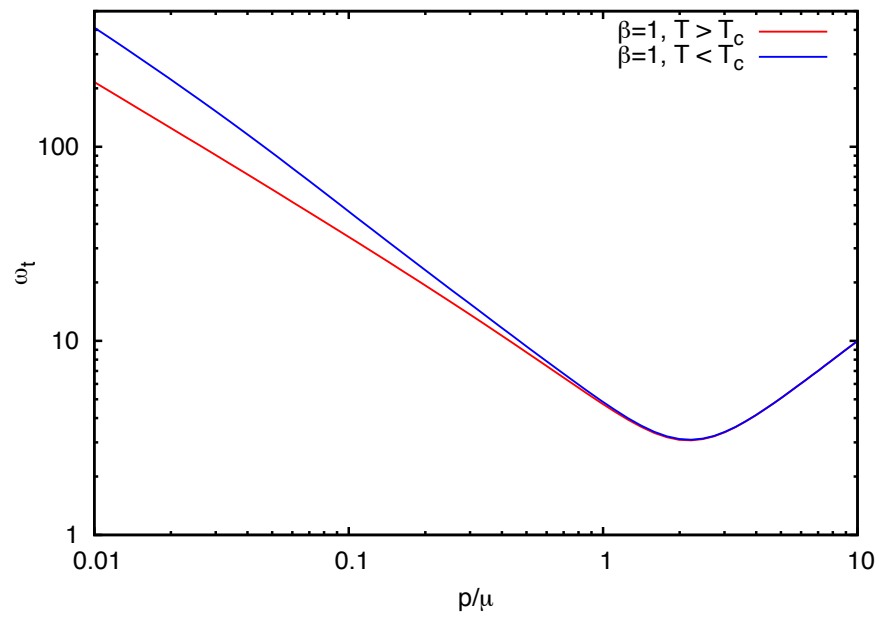


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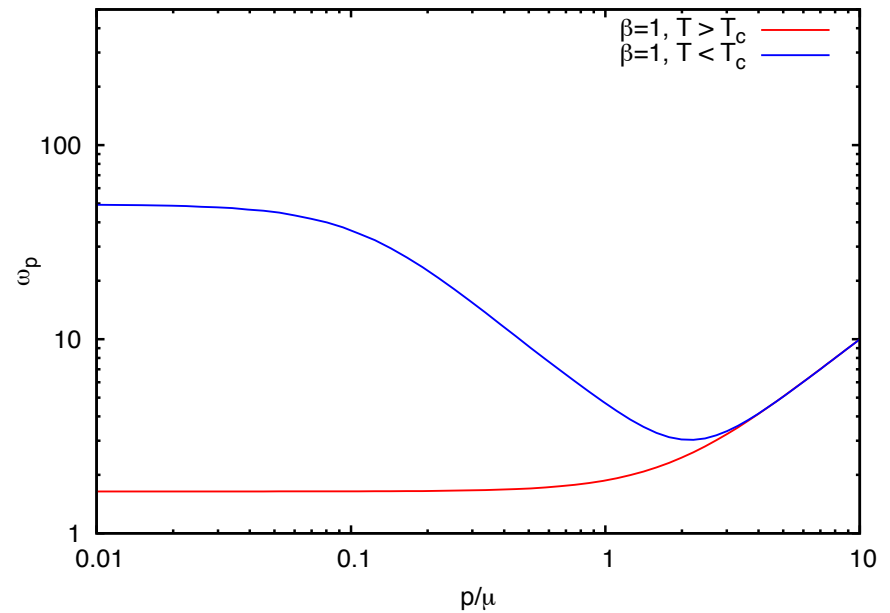


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transverse  $\omega_{\perp}(p_{\perp}, n=0)$



parallel  $\omega_{\parallel}(p_{\perp}, n=0)$

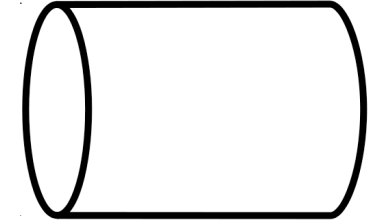


# Polyakov loop

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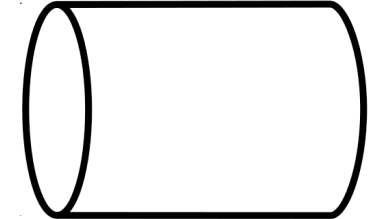
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- Polyakov gauge  $\partial_0 A_0 = 0$ ,  $A_0 = \text{diagonal}$   $SU(2): P[A_0](\vec{x}) = \cos\left(\frac{A_0(\vec{x})L}{2}\right)$

- fundamental modular region  $0 < A_0 L / 2 < \pi$   $P[A_0]$  – unique function of  $A_0$
- Jensen's inequality:  $\langle P[A_0](\vec{x}) \rangle \leq P[\langle A_0(\vec{x}) \rangle]$

- alternative order parameters:  $\langle P[A_0](\vec{x}) \rangle$   $P[\langle A_0(\vec{x}) \rangle]$   $\langle A_0(\vec{x}) \rangle$

- F. Marhauser and J. M. Pawłowski, arXiv:0812.11144
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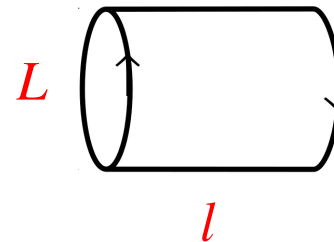
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- ordinary Hamiltonian approach assumes Weyl gauge  $A_0 = 0$
- $O(4)$ -invariance

▪ compactify (instead of time) one spatial axis to a circle of circumference  $L$  and interpret  $L^{-1}$  as temperature

▪ Hamiltonian approach on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1(L)$



▪ compactify  $x_3$  - axis  $\vec{a} = a\vec{e}_3$

▪ calculate the effective potential

$e[a]$

# The effective potential in the Hamiltonian approach

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- effective potential  $e(\vec{a})$  of a spatial background field  $\vec{a}$

$$\langle H \rangle_{\vec{a}} = \min \langle H \rangle \quad \langle \vec{A} \rangle = \vec{a}$$

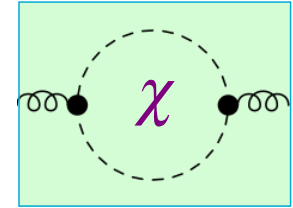
$$\langle H \rangle_{\vec{a}} = (\textit{spatial volume}) \times e(\vec{a})$$

$e(\vec{a})$  – *effective potential*

# The gluon effective potential

▪ energy density

$$e(a, L) = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \int d^2 p_{\perp} (\omega(p^{\sigma}) - \chi(p^{\sigma}))$$



▪ background field

$$\vec{p}^{\sigma} = \vec{p}_{\perp} + (p_n - \sigma a) \vec{e}_3 \quad p_n = 2\pi n / L \quad \sigma - \text{roots}$$

▪ roots

$$SU(2): \quad H_1 = T_3 \quad \sigma_1 = 0, \pm 1 \quad \text{positive roots}$$

$$SU(3): \quad H_1 = T_3 \quad H_2 = T_8 \quad \sigma = (1, 0), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)$$

▪ periodicity

$$e(a, L) = e(a + \mu_k / L, L) \quad \exp(i\mu_k) = z_k \in Z(N)$$

$\mu_k$  - coweights

▪ input:

$\omega(p), \chi(p)$  from the variational calculation  
in Coulomb gauge at T=0

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# The gluon UV-effective potential

$$\chi(p) = 0$$

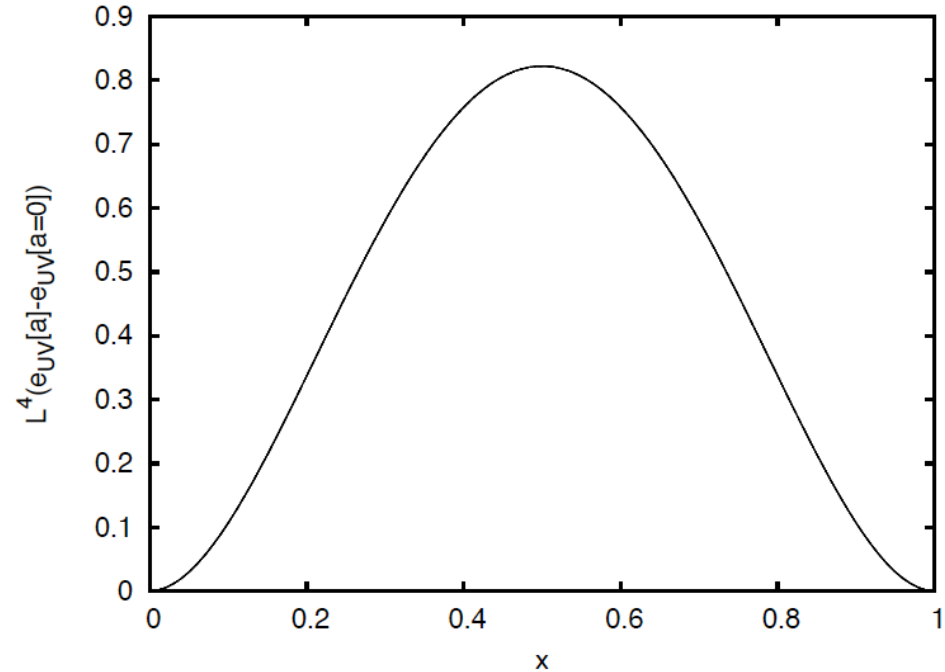
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$$e(a, L) = \frac{8}{\pi^2 L^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(naL/2)}{n^4}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi^2}{3L^4} \underbrace{\left(\frac{aL}{2\pi}\right)^2}_x \left[\frac{aL}{2\pi} - 1\right]^2$$

**N.Weiss 1-loop PT**



*Polyakov* – loop  $\langle P \rangle \simeq P[a_{\min} = 0] = 1$  *deconfining phase*

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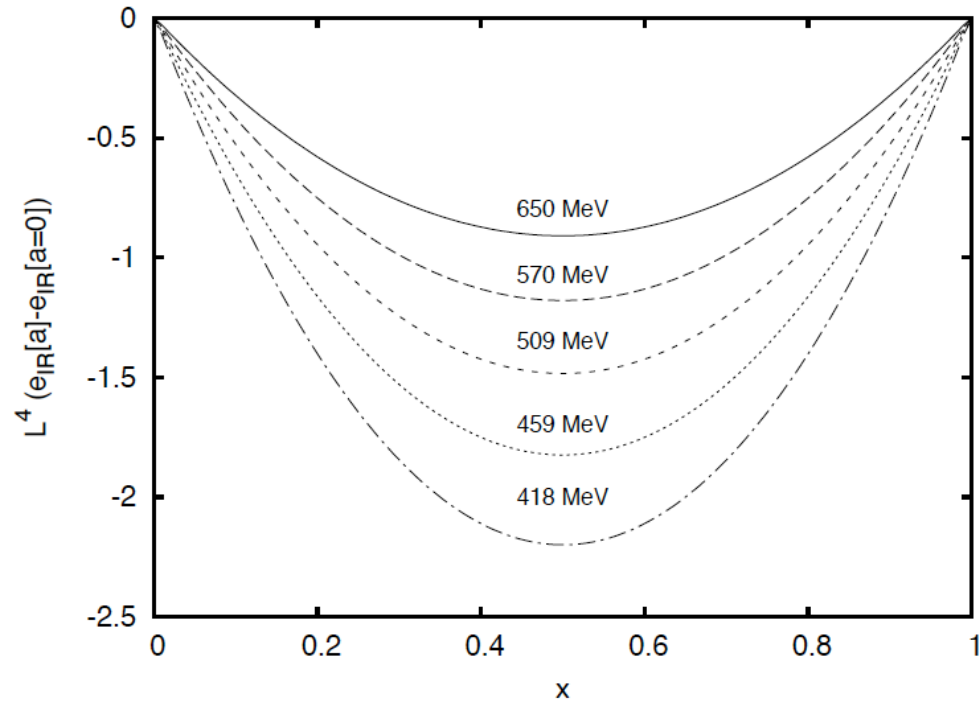
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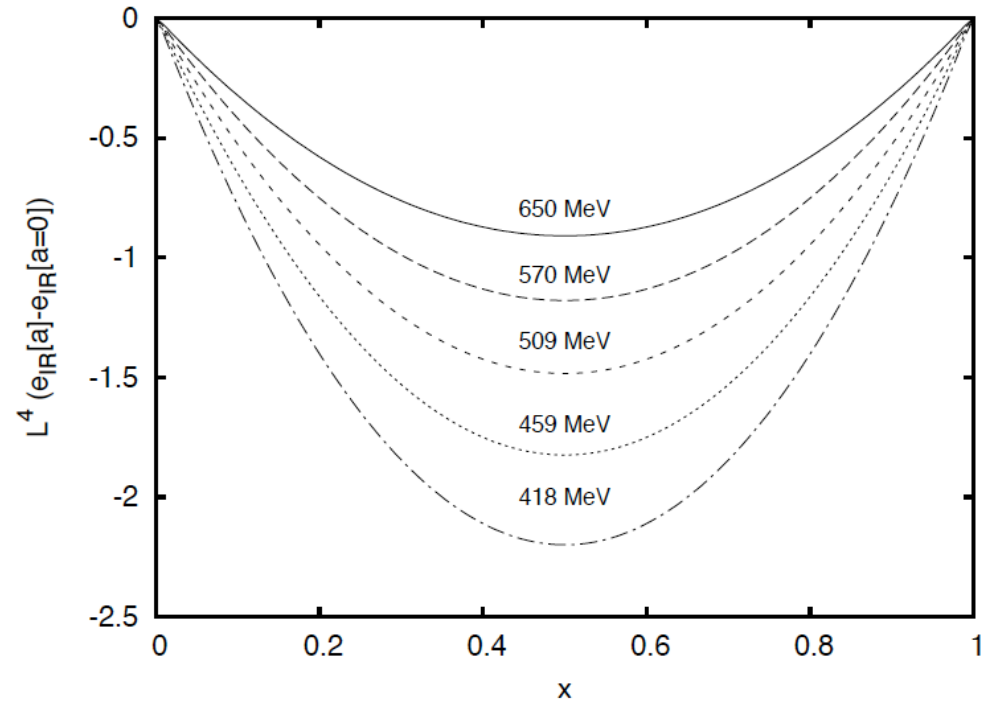
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deconfinement phase transition results from the interplay between the confining IR-potential and deconfining UV-potential

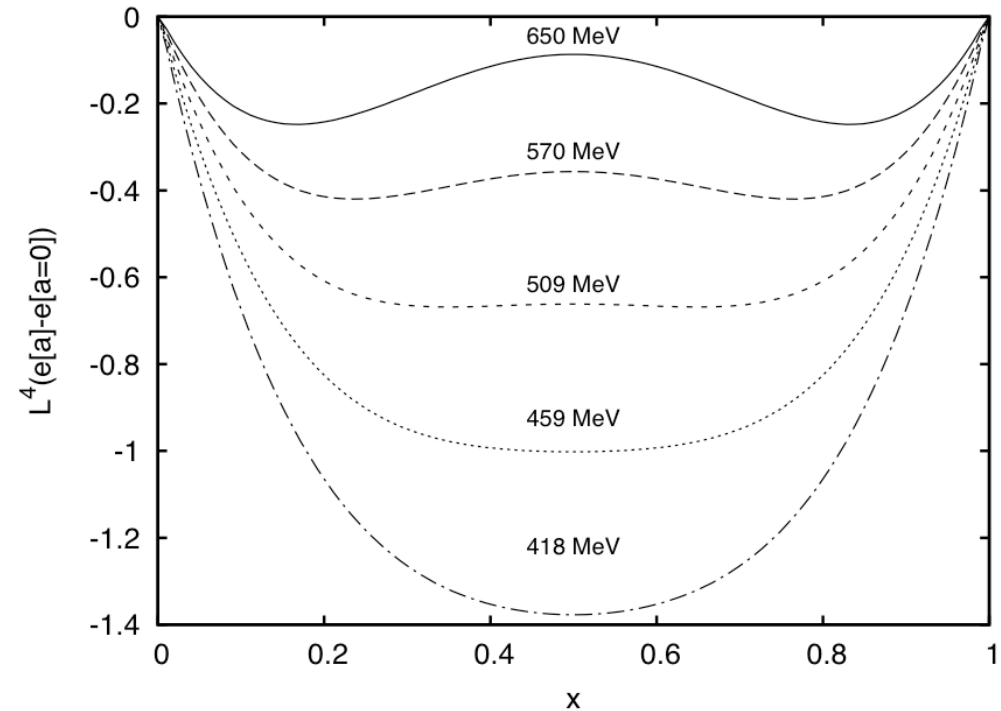
# The gluon IR+UV effective potential:

$$\chi(p) = 0 \quad \omega(p) = p + M^2 / p \quad e(a, L) = e_{UV}(a, L) + e_{IR}(a, L)$$

phase transition

critical temperature:

$$T_C = \sqrt{3}M / \pi$$



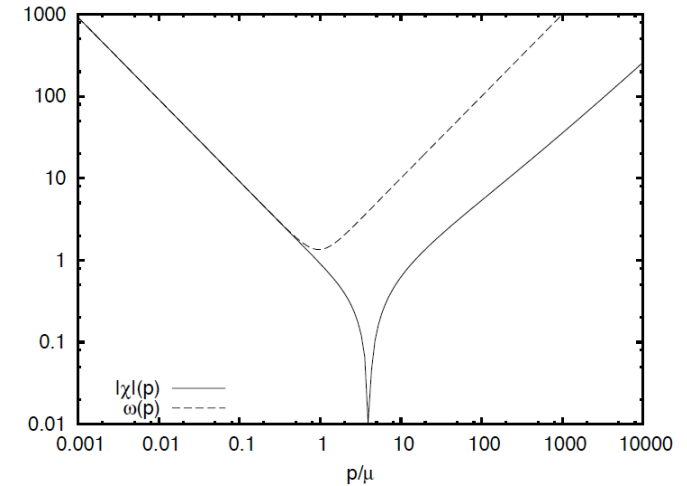
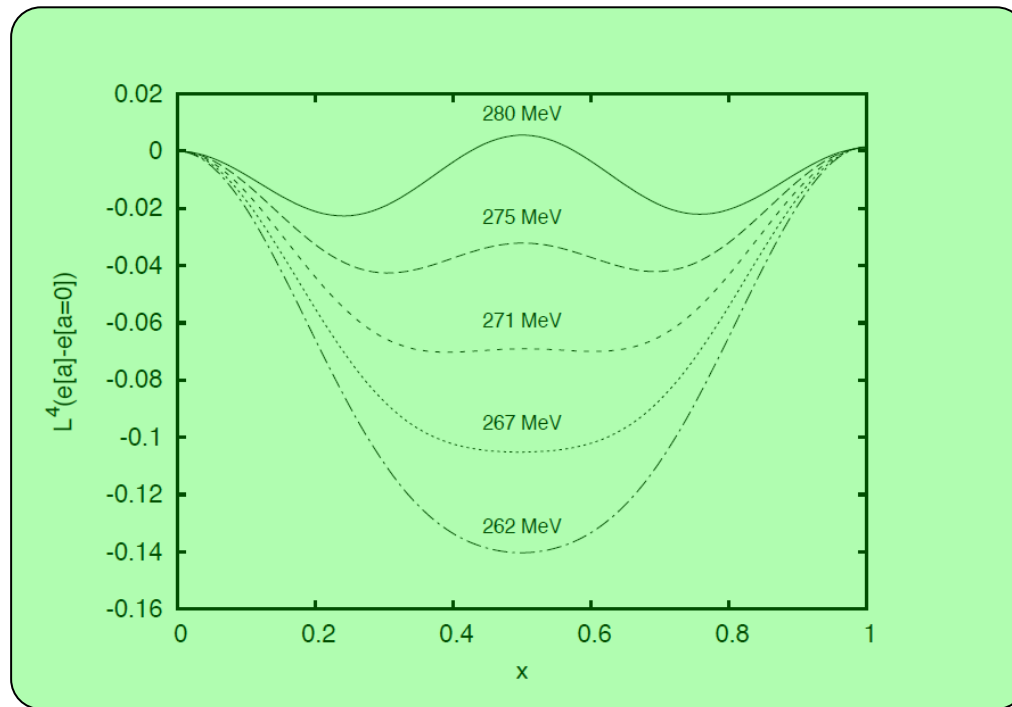
$$\text{lattice} : M \simeq 880 \text{ MeV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_C \simeq 485 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\chi(p) = 0 \quad \omega(p) = \sqrt{p^2 + M^4} / p^2 \quad T_C \simeq 432 \text{ MeV}$$

# The full gluon effective potential

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variational calculation in Coulomb gauge



SU(2)

critical temperature:

$$T_c \approx 270 \text{ MeV}$$

## The effective potential for SU(3)

**SU(3)-algebra consists of 3 SU(2)-subalgebras characterized by the 3 non-zero positive roots**

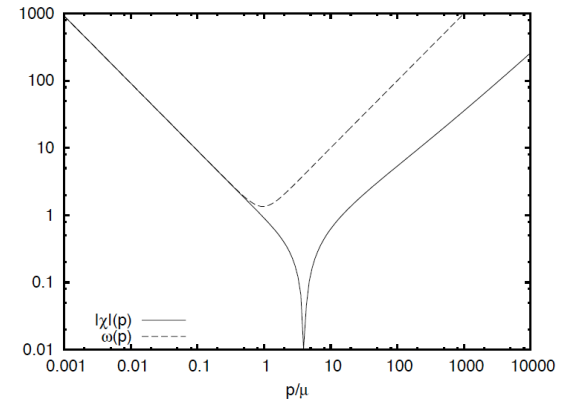
$$\sigma = (1, 0), \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right), \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)$$

$$e_{SU(3)}[a] = \sum_{\sigma > 0} e_{SU(2)(\sigma)}[a]$$

# The full effective potential for SU(3)

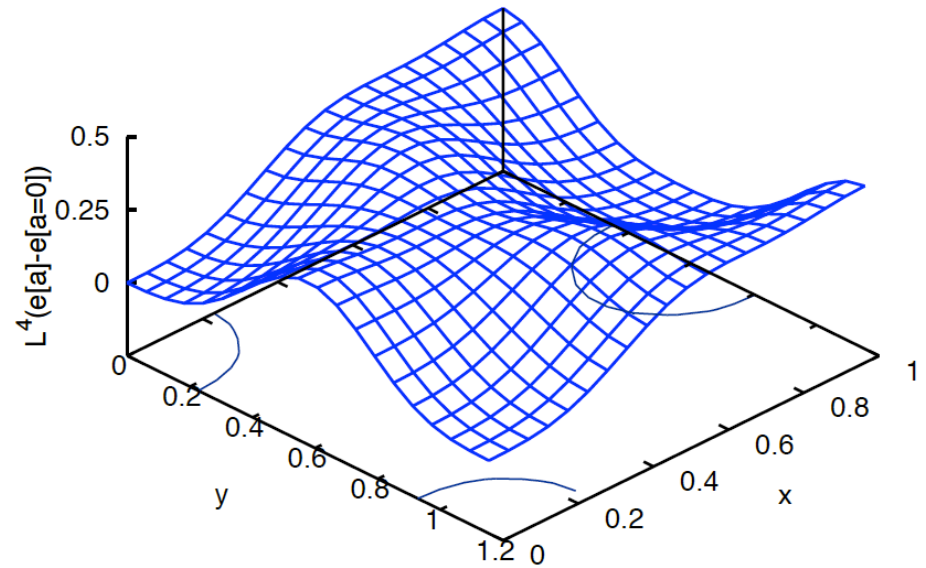
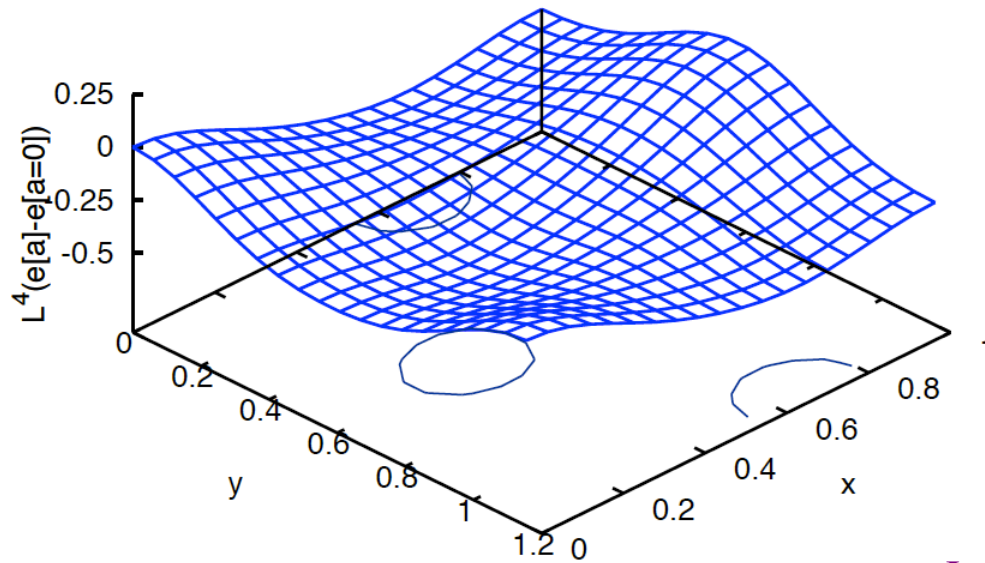
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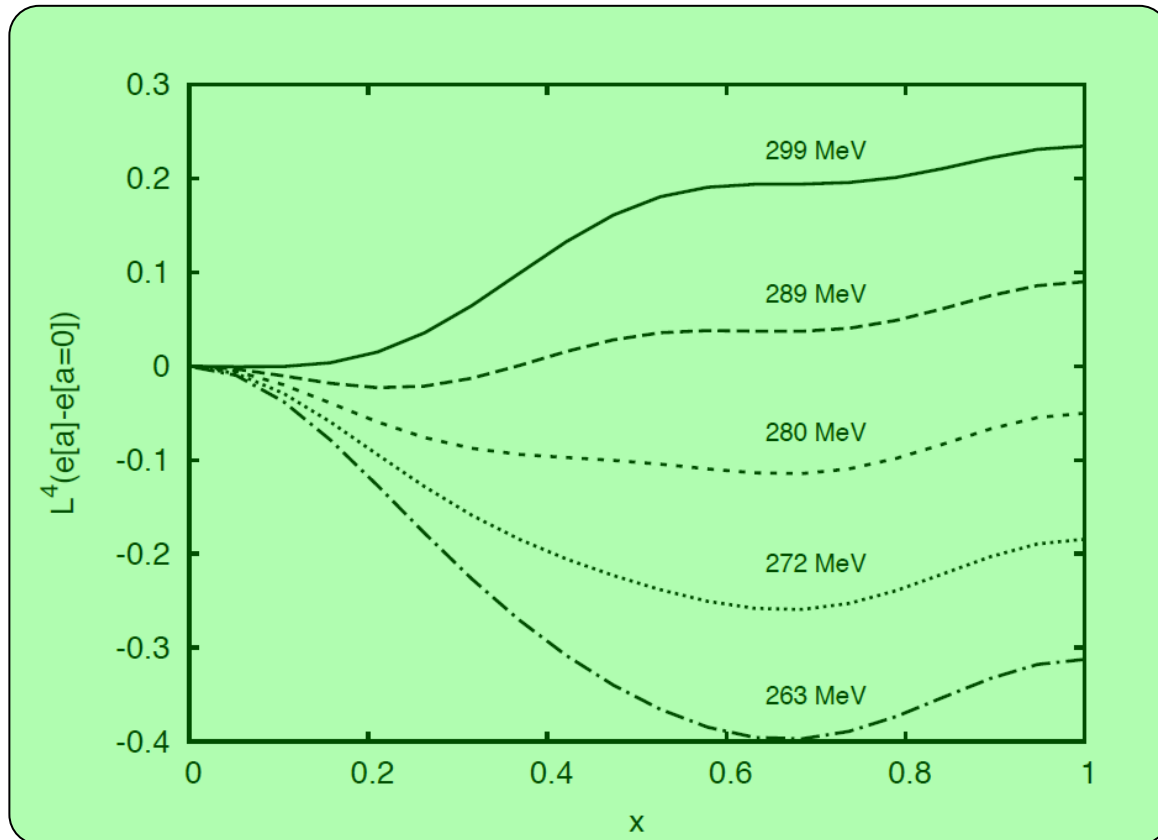
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$$x = \frac{a_3 L}{2\pi}, \quad y = \frac{a_8 L}{2\pi}$$

# Polyakov loop potential for SU(3)



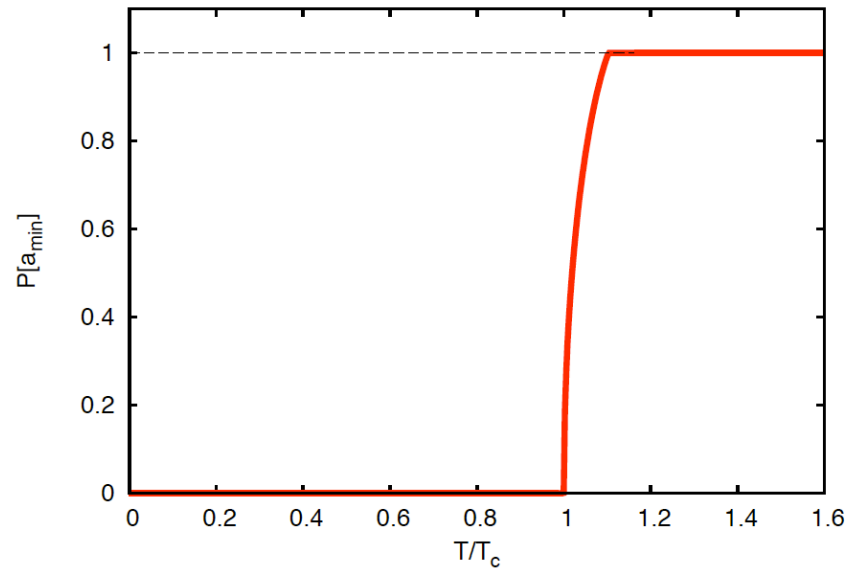
$$x = \frac{a_3 L}{2\pi}, \quad y = \frac{a_8 L}{2\pi} = 0$$

*input : SU(2) – data :*  
*M = 880 MeV*

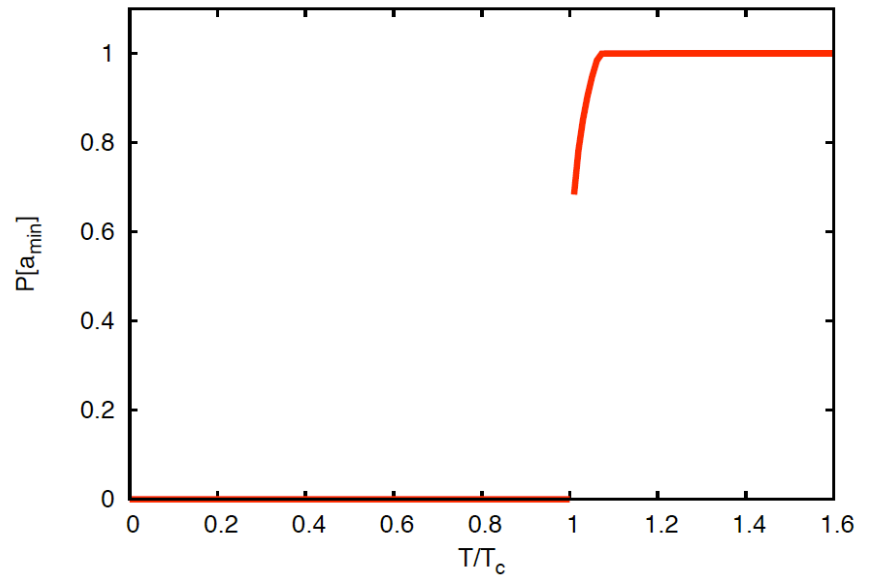
$$T_c = 283 \text{ MeV}$$



# The Polyakov loop



SU(2)



SU(3)

# critical temperature

*lattice* :  $T_C^{SU(2)} = 295 \text{ MeV}$        $T_C^{SU(3)} = 270 \text{ MeV}$

*this work* :  $T_C^{SU(2)} = 267 \text{ MeV}$        $T_C^{SU(3)} = 277 \text{ MeV}$

*FRG(Fister & Pawlowski)* :  $T_C^{SU(2)} = 230 \text{ MeV}$        $T_C^{SU(3)} = 275 \text{ MeV}$

# Hamiltonian approach to QCD in Coulomb gauge

M. Pak & H. R., Phys.Lett.B707 (2012)  
Phys. Rev. D88(2013)

*quark wave functional*

$$\langle A | \Phi \rangle_q = \exp \left[ \int \Psi^\dagger (\mathbf{s}\beta + \mathbf{v}\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{A}) \Psi \right] | 0 \rangle$$

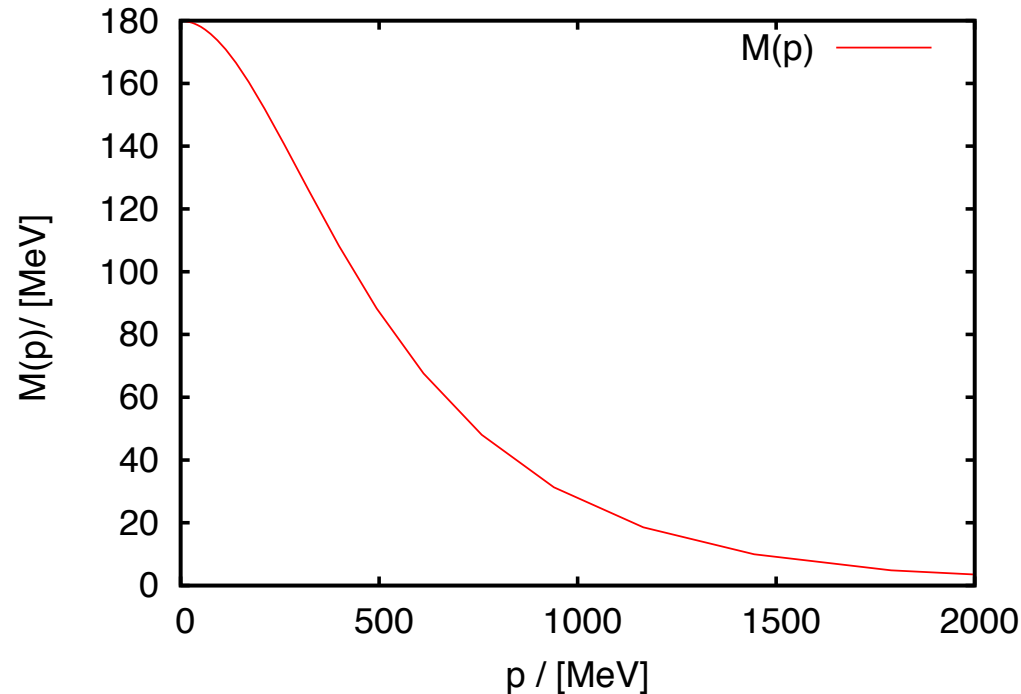
$\mathbf{v} = 0$ : *BCS – wave function (Adler & Davis)*

$\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ : *quark – gluon coupling*

# The quark quasi-particles

*effective quark energy*

$$\varepsilon(p) = \sqrt{M^2(p) + p^2}$$



-in the quark sector the Coulomb string tension was adjusted to produce a quark condensate of  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = (-230 \text{ MeV})^2$

# The quark effective potential

▪ energy density

$$e(a, L) = -N_f \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \int d^2 p_{\perp} \varepsilon(p^{\sigma})$$

▪ quasi quark energy  $\varepsilon(p) = \sqrt{M^2(p) + p^2}$

▪ background field  $\vec{p}^{\sigma} = \vec{p}_{\perp} + (p_n - \sigma a + i\mu)\vec{e}_3$   $p_n = (2n+1)\pi / L$   $\sigma$  - weights

$$SU(2): H_1 = T_3$$

$$\sigma_1 = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$SU(3): H_1 = T_3 \quad H_2 = T_8$$

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right), \quad \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right), \quad \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

▪ periodicity  $e(a, L) = e(a + 2\mu_k / L, L)$   $\exp(i\mu_k) = z_k \in Z(N)$

# The quark UV-effective potential

$$\varepsilon(p) = p \quad e(\mathbf{a}, L) = -N_f \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \int d^2 p_{\perp} \varepsilon(p^{\sigma})$$

$$e(\mathbf{a}, L) = \frac{N_f}{24\pi^2 L^4} \sum_{\sigma} \left[ \frac{7}{15} \pi^4 + 2\pi^2 L^2 (\mu + i\sigma \cdot \mathbf{a})^2 + L^4 (\mu + i\sigma \cdot \mathbf{a})^4 \right]$$

$SU(2)$ :  $\sigma \cdot \mathbf{a} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  real potential

complex for  $SU(N > 2)$

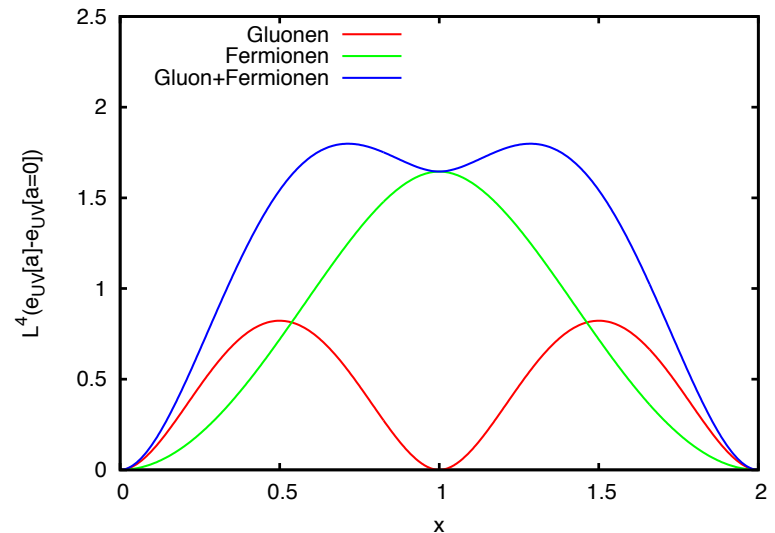
$$e(\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}, L) = \frac{N_f}{24\pi^2 L^4} \left[ \frac{7}{15} \pi^4 + 2\pi^2 L^2 \mu^2 + L^4 \mu^4 \right] \quad \text{pressure of massless fermions}$$

$$\bar{e}(\mathbf{a}, L) = \frac{N_f \pi^2}{6L^4} \underbrace{\left( \frac{aL}{2\pi} \right)^2}_x \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{aL}{2\pi} \right)^2 + 12 \left( \frac{\mu L}{2\pi} \right)^2 \right]$$

$\mu = 0$  **N.Weiss 1-loop PT**

*Polyakov-loop*  $\langle P \rangle \simeq P[a_{\min} = 0] = 1$

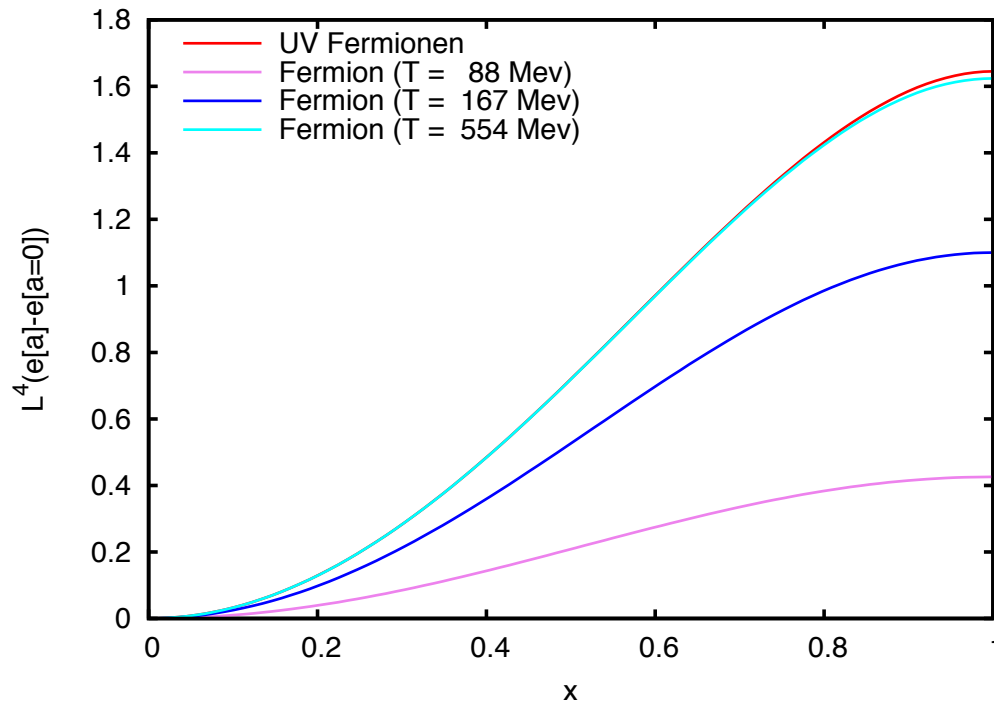
*deconfining phase*



# The SU(2) quark Polyakov loop potential

$$e(\mathbf{a}, L) = -N_f \sum_{\sigma} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} \int d^2 p_{\perp} \varepsilon(p^{\sigma}) \quad \varepsilon(p) = \sqrt{M^2(p) + p^2}$$

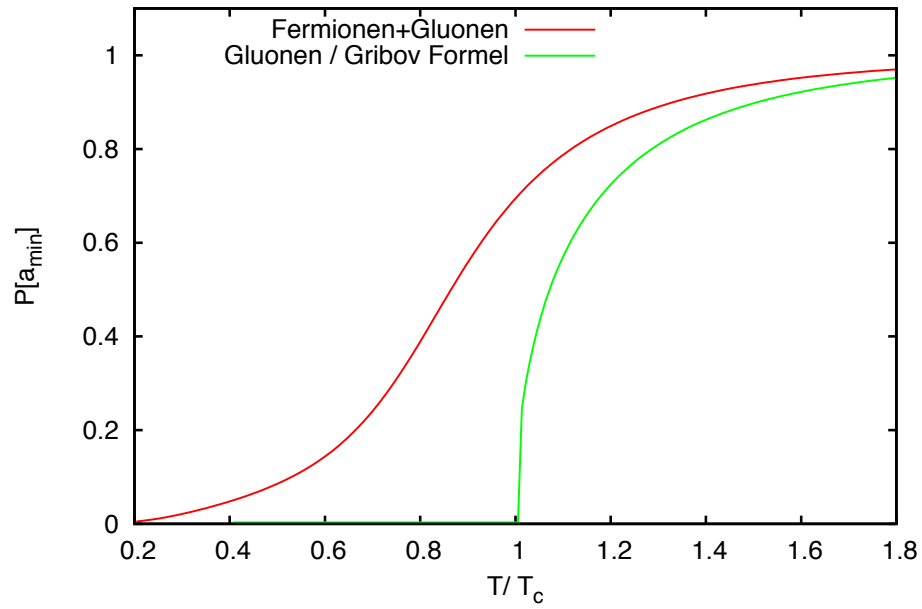
$$\vec{p}^{\sigma} = \vec{p}_{\perp} + (p_n - \sigma a + i\mu) \vec{e}_3 \quad p_n = (2n+1)\pi / L \quad \sigma - \text{weights}$$



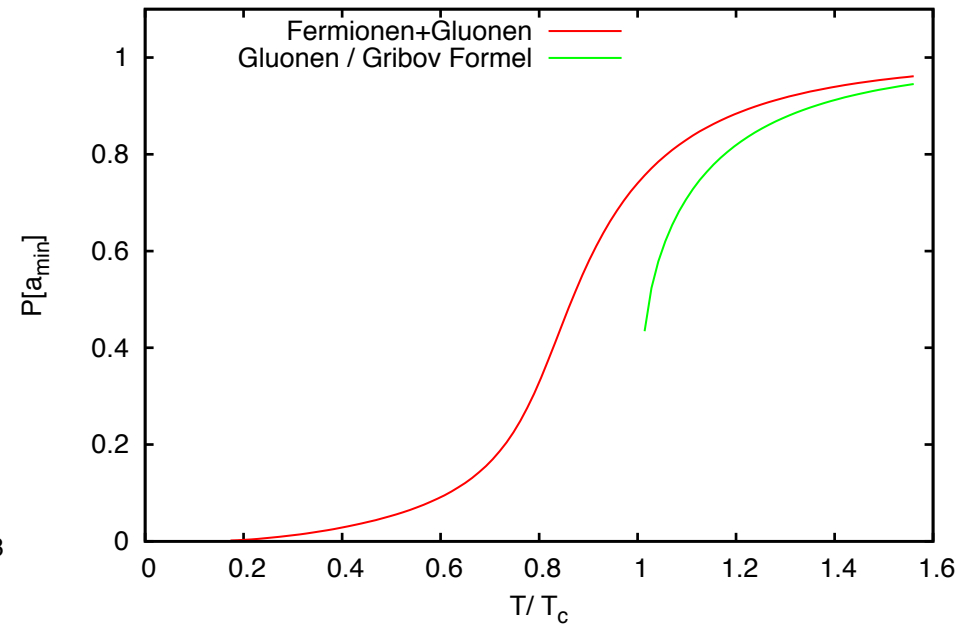
$$\mu = 0$$

- quarks are „deconfining“, i.e. lower the critical temperature

# The Polyakov loop



SU(2)



SU(3)



# Conclusions

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- novel Hamiltonian approach to finite temperature QFT
- compactification of a spatial dimension
- requires calculation of the ground on the spatial manifold  $R^2 \times S^1$
- reproduces results of the grand canonical ensemble
  
- effective potential of the Polyakov loop:
- input: static vacuum propagators obtained in the variational calculation in Coulomb gauge
  
- gluon potential:
  - deconfinement phase transition
    - $SU(2)$ : 2.order
    - $SU(3)$ : 1.order
  
- inclusion of quarks:
  - lower the transition temperature
  - at small chemical potential:
    - the deconfinement phase transition is turned into a crossover

**Thanks for your attention**