

HADRONS AND HADRONIC MATTER IN CHIRAL QUARK MODELS (II)

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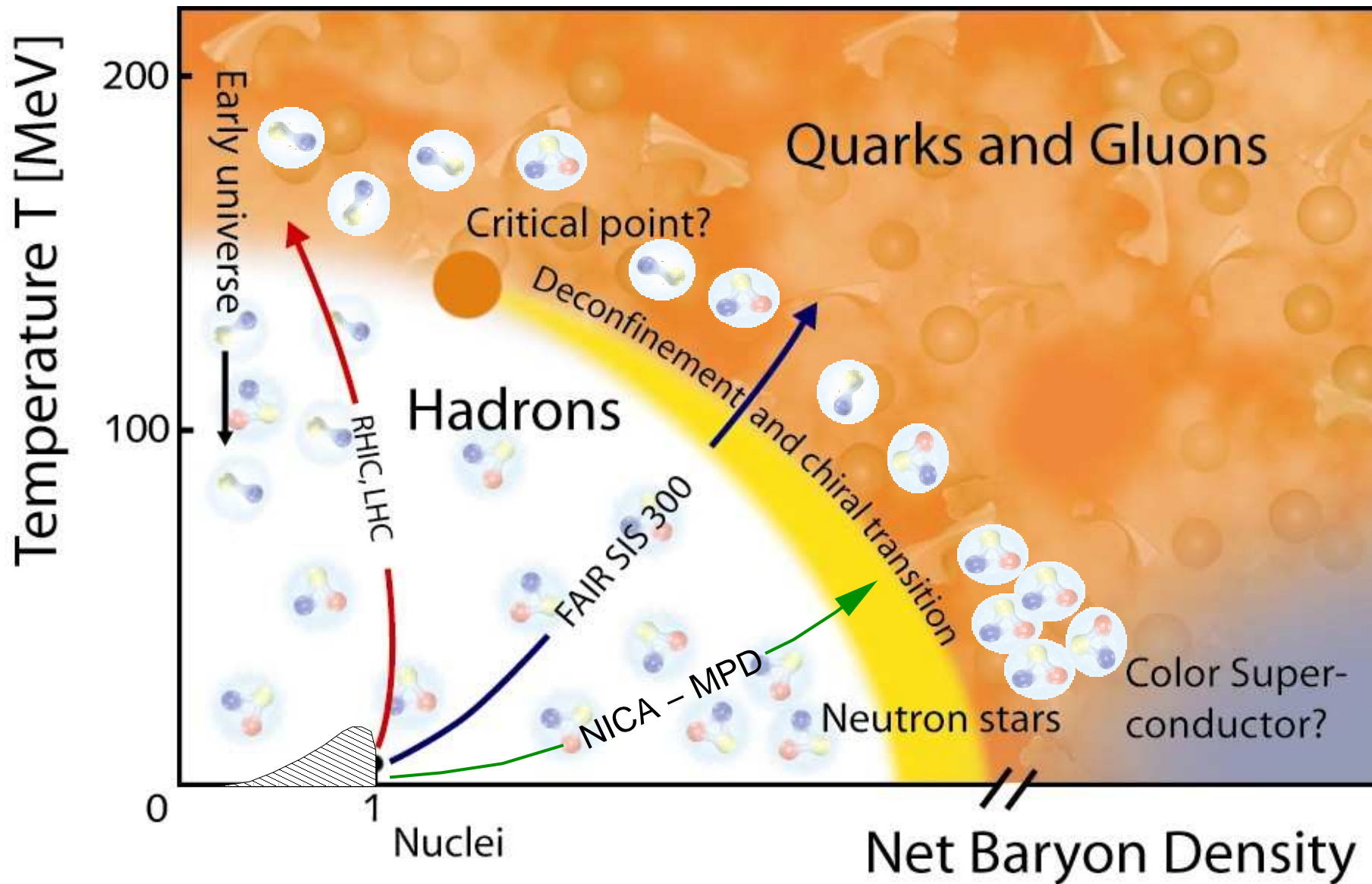
Main motivations for effective chiral quark models of $\text{QCD}|_{T,\mu}$:

- Qualitative and quantitative interpretation and understanding of lattice QCD results
- Extension from finite-T/low- μ to low-T/high- μ region of the QCD phase diagram
- Application to HIC energy scan programs (RHIC, SPS, NICA, CBM) and compact stars
- Calculation of in-medium processes, prediction of QGP signals

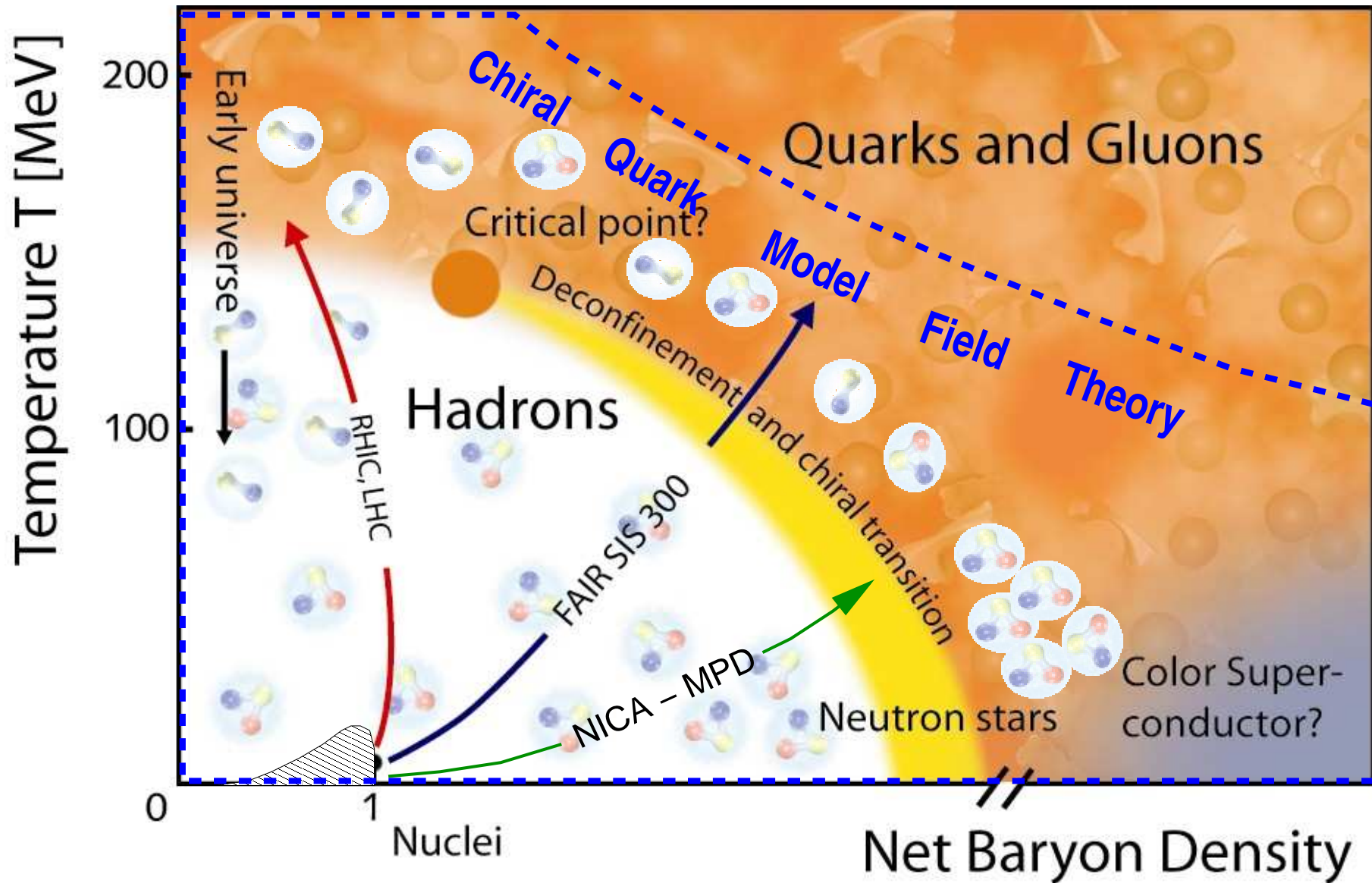


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HADRONIC CORRELATIONS IN THE PHASE DIAGRAM OF QCD



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CHIRAL MODEL FIELD THEORY FOR QUARK MATTER

- Partition function as a Path Integral (imaginary time $\tau = i t$)

$$Z[T, V, \mu] = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \exp \left\{ - \int^{\beta} d\tau \int_V d^3x [\bar{\psi} [i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m - \gamma^0 (\mu + \lambda_8 \mu_8 + i\lambda_3 \phi_3)] \psi - \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + U(\Phi)] \right\}$$

Polyakov loop: $\Phi = N_c^{-1} \text{Tr}_c [\exp(i\beta \lambda_3 \phi_3)]$ Order parameter for **deconfinement**

- Current-current interaction (4-Fermion coupling) and KMT determinant interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{M=\pi,\sigma,\dots} G_M (\bar{\psi} \Gamma_M \psi)^2 + \sum_D G_D (\bar{\psi}^C \Gamma_D \psi)^2 - K [\det_f(\bar{q}(1 + \gamma_5)q) + \det_f(\bar{q}(1 - \gamma_5)q)]$$

- Bosonization (Hubbard-Stratonovich Transformation)

$$Z[T, V, \mu] = \int \mathcal{D}M_M \mathcal{D}\Delta_D^\dagger \mathcal{D}\Delta_D e^{-\sum_{M,D} \frac{M_M^2}{4G_M} - \frac{|\Delta_D|^2}{4G_D} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \ln S^{-1}[\{M_M\}, \{\Delta_D\}, \Phi] + U(\Phi) + V_{\text{KMT}}}$$

- Collective quark fields: Mesons (M_M) and Diquarks (Δ_D); Gluon mean field: Φ
- Systematic evaluation: **Mean fields** + **Fluctuations**
 - Mean-field approximation: **order parameters** for phase transitions (gap equations)
 - Lowest order fluctuations: **hadronic correlations** (bound & scattering states)
 - Higher order fluctuations: hadron-hadron **interactions**

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (I)

$SU(N_c)$ pure gauge sector: Polyakov line

$$L(\vec{x}) \equiv \mathcal{P} \exp \left[i \int_0^\beta d\tau A_4(\vec{x}, \tau) \right] ; \quad A_4 = iA^0 = \lambda_3 \phi_3 + \lambda_8 \phi_8$$

Polyakov loop

$$l(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} L(\vec{x}) , \quad \langle l(\vec{x}) \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta F_Q(\vec{x})} .$$

Z_{N_c} symmetric phase: $\langle l(\vec{x}) \rangle = 0 \implies \Delta F_Q \rightarrow \infty$: **Confinement !**

Polyakov loop field:

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) \equiv \langle\langle l(\vec{x}) \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}_c \langle\langle L(\vec{x}) \rangle\rangle$$

Potential for the PL-meanfield $\Phi(\vec{x}) = \text{const.}$, which fits quenched QCD lattice thermodynamics

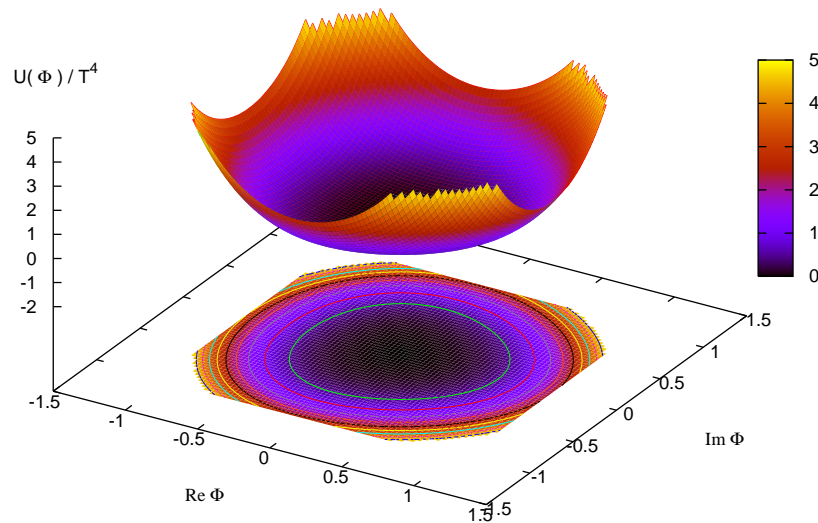
$$\frac{\mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}; T)}{T^4} = -\frac{b_2(T)}{2} \bar{\Phi} \Phi - \frac{b_3}{6} (\Phi^3 + \bar{\Phi}^3) + \frac{b_4}{4} (\bar{\Phi} \Phi)^2 ,$$

$$b_2(T) = a_0 + a_1 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right) + a_2 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^2 + a_3 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^3 .$$

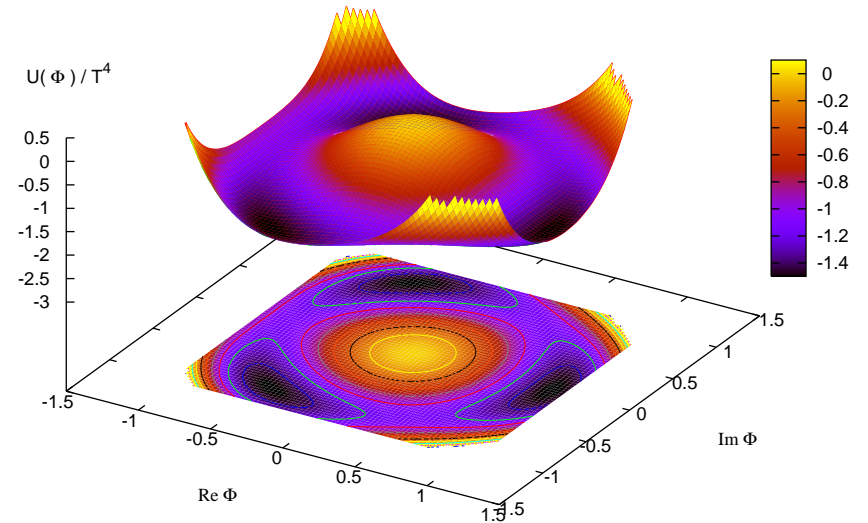
a_0	a_1	a_2	a_3	b_3	b_4
6.75	-1.95	2.625	-7.44	0.75	7.5

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (II)

Temperature dependence of the Polyakov-loop potential $U(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}; T)$



$T = 0.26 \text{ GeV} < T_0$
“Color confinement”



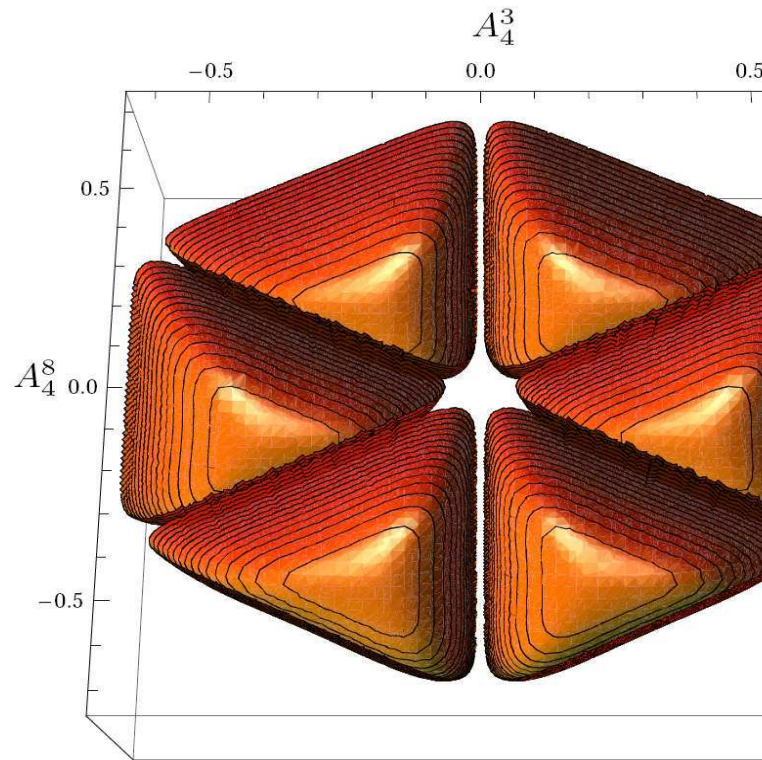
$T = 1.0 \text{ GeV} > T_0$
“Color deconfinement”

Critical temperature for pure gauge $SU_c(3)$ lattice simulations: $T_0 = 270 \text{ MeV}$.

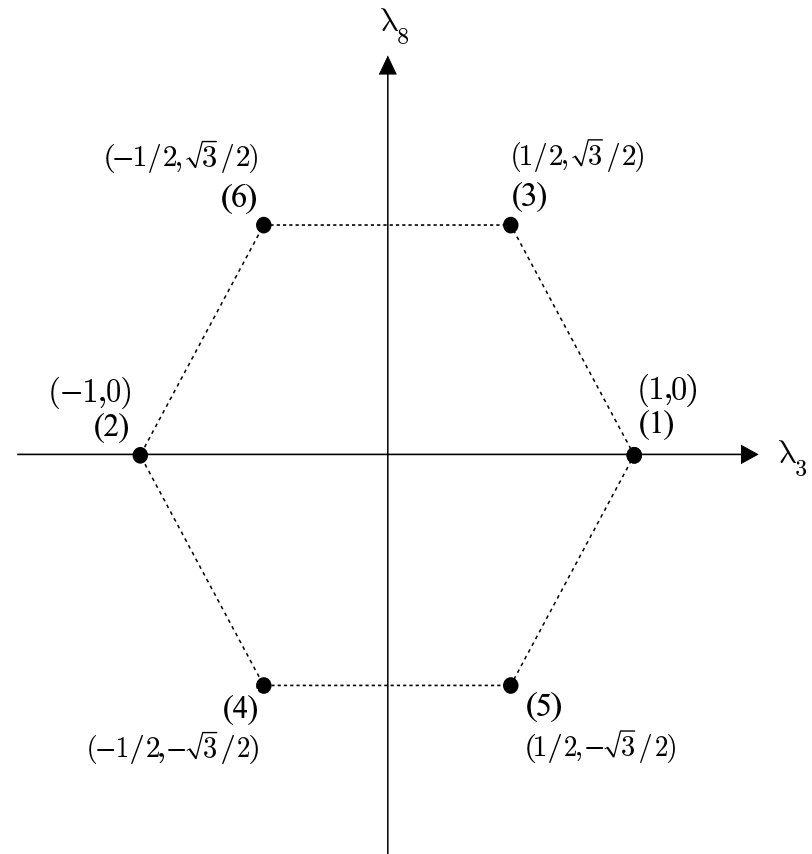
Hansen et al., Phys.Rev. D75, 065004 (2007)

POLYAKOV-LOOP VARIABLE Φ

Degeneracy in $\Phi = \text{Tr}_c \{ \exp[i\beta A_4] \} / N_c$; $A_4 = \lambda_3 \phi_3 + \lambda_8 \phi_8$; Internal $Z(3)$ Symmetry



Hell et al., 0810.1099 [hep-ph]



Abuki et al., 0811.1512 [hep-ph]

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (III)

Lagrangian for $N_f = 2$, $N_c = 3$ quark matter, coupled to the gauge sector

$$\mathcal{L}_{PNJL} = \bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - \hat{m} + \gamma_0\mu)q + G_1 \left[(\bar{q}q)^2 + (\bar{q}i\gamma_5\vec{\tau}q)^2 \right] - \mathcal{U}(\Phi[A], \bar{\Phi}[A]; T),$$

$D^\mu = \partial^\mu - iA^\mu$; $A^\mu = \delta_0^\mu A^0$ (Polyakov gauge), with $A^0 = -iA_4$

Diagrammatic Hartree equation: 

$$S_0(p) = \text{---} = -(\not{p} - m_0 + \gamma^0(\mu - iA_4))^{-1}; \quad S(p) = \text{---} = -(\not{p} - m + \gamma^0(\mu - iA_4))^{-1}$$

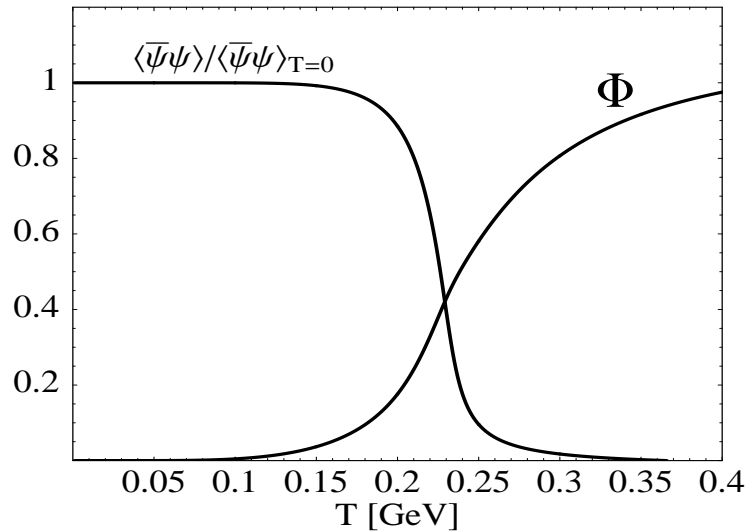
Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking $\sigma = m - m_0 \neq 0$? Solve Gap Equation! ($E = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$)

$$\begin{aligned} m - m_0 &= 2G_1 T \text{Tr} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{-1}{\not{p} - m + \gamma^0(\mu - iA_4)} \\ &= 2G_1 N_f N_c \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{2m}{E} [1 - f_{\Phi}^+(E) - f_{\Phi}^-(E)] \end{aligned}$$

Modified quark distribution functions ($\Phi = \bar{\Phi} = 0$: “poor man’s nucleon”: $E_N = 3E$, $\mu_N = 3\mu$)

$$f_{\Phi}^{\pm}(E) = \frac{\left(\Phi + 2\bar{\Phi}e^{-\beta(E_p \mp \mu)} \right) e^{-\beta(E_p \mp \mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p \mp \mu)}}{1 + 3 \left(\Phi + \bar{\Phi}e^{-\beta(E_p \mp \mu)} \right) e^{-\beta(E_p \mp \mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p \mp \mu)}} \longrightarrow f_0^{\pm}(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(E_N \mp \mu_N)}}$$

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (IV)



Grand canonical thermodynamical potential

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(T, \mu; \Phi, m) = & \frac{\sigma^2}{2G} - 6N_f \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} E \theta(\Lambda^2 - \vec{p}^2) \\ & - 2N_f T \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \text{Tr}_c \ln \left[1 + L e^{-(E-\mu)/T} \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \text{Tr}_c \ln \left[1 + L^\dagger e^{-(E+\mu)/T} \right] \right\} + \mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}, T) \end{aligned}$$

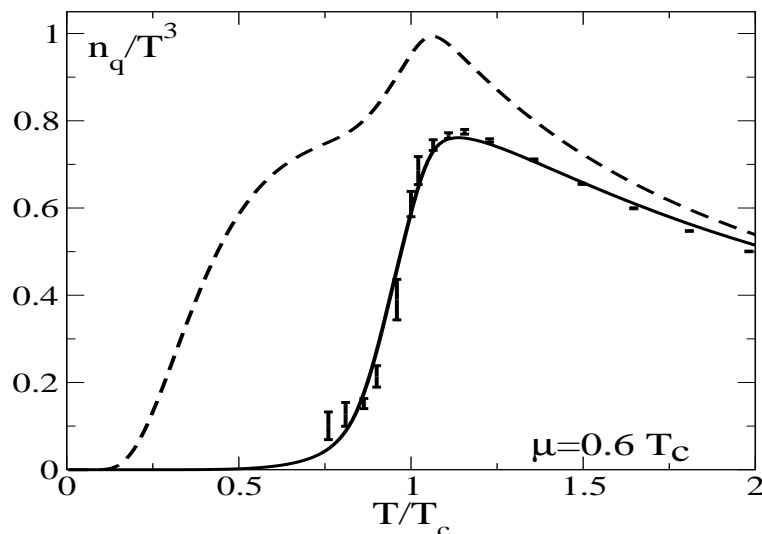
Appearance of quarks below T_c largely suppressed:

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln \det \left[1 + L e^{-(E-\mu)/T} \right] + \ln \det \left[1 + L^\dagger e^{-(E+\mu)/T} \right] \\ = & \ln \left[1 + 3 \left(\Phi + \bar{\Phi} e^{-(E-\mu)/T} \right) e^{-(E-\mu)/T} + e^{-3(E-\mu)/T} \right] \\ & + \ln \left[1 + 3 \left(\bar{\Phi} + \Phi e^{-(E+\mu)/T} \right) e^{-(E+\mu)/T} + e^{-3(E+\mu)/T} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

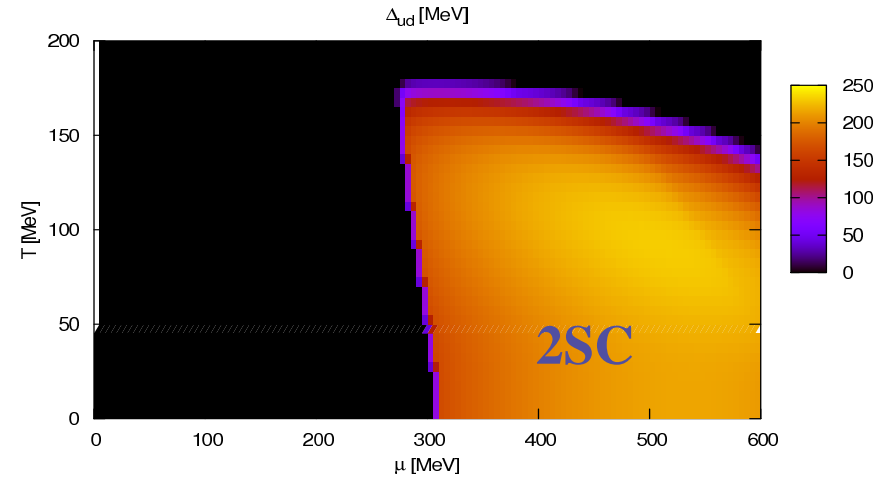
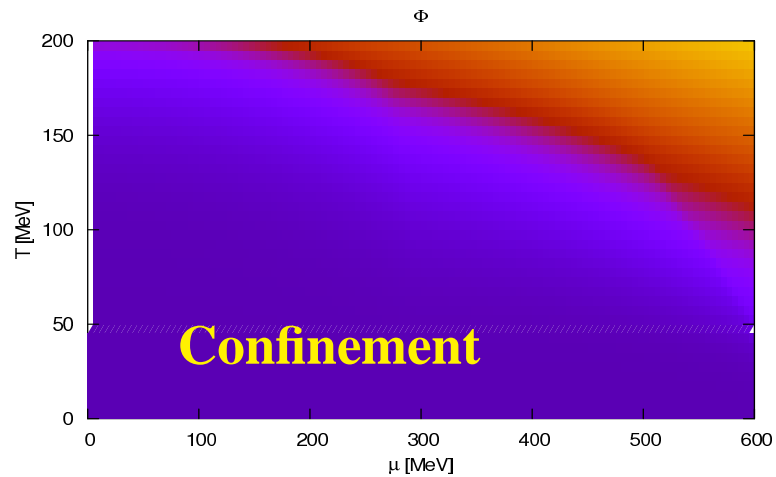
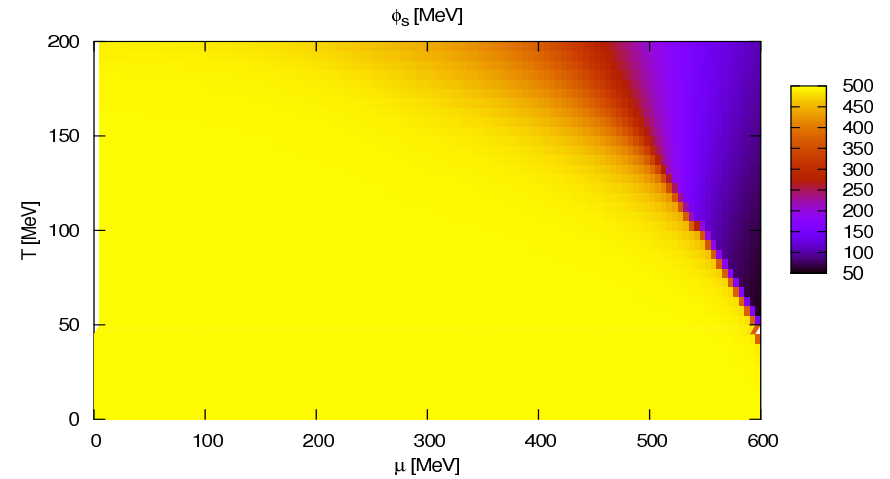
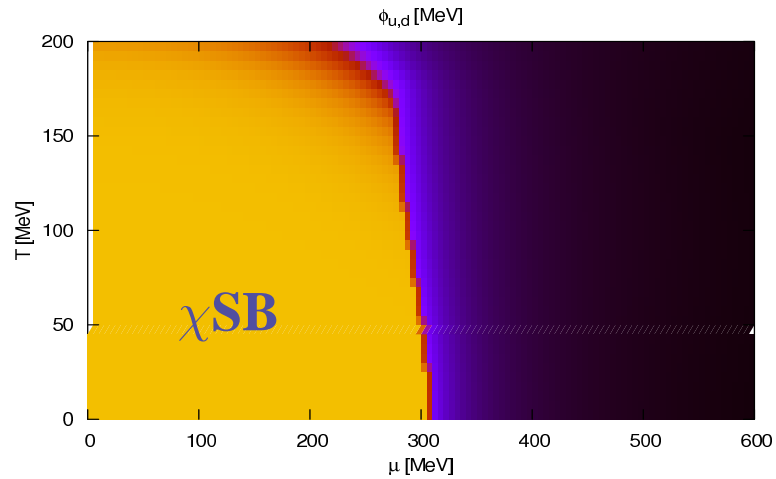
Accordance with QCD lattice susceptibilities! Example:

$$\frac{n_q(T, \mu)}{T^3} = -\frac{1}{T^3} \frac{\partial \Omega(T, \mu)}{\partial \mu},$$

Ratti, Thaler, Weise, PRD 73 (2006) 014019.



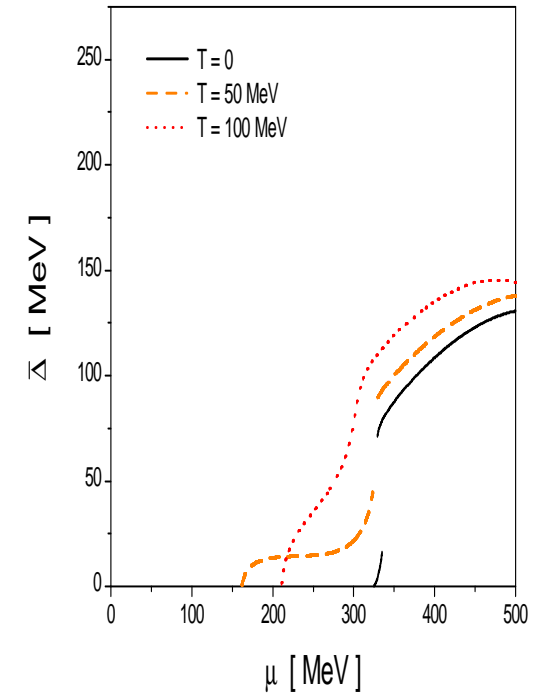
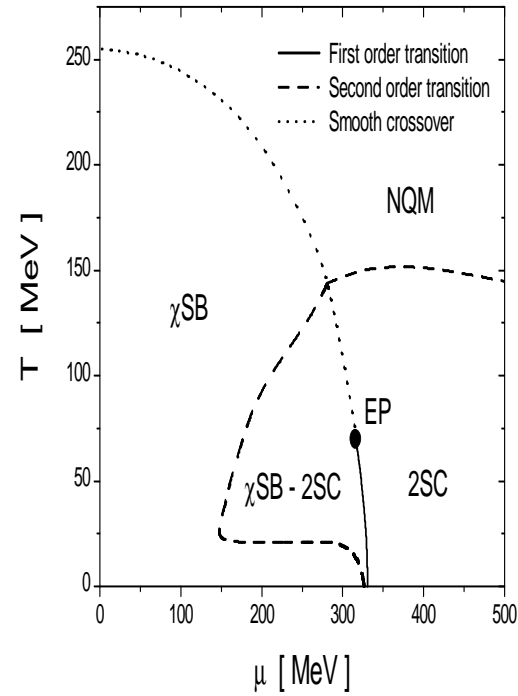
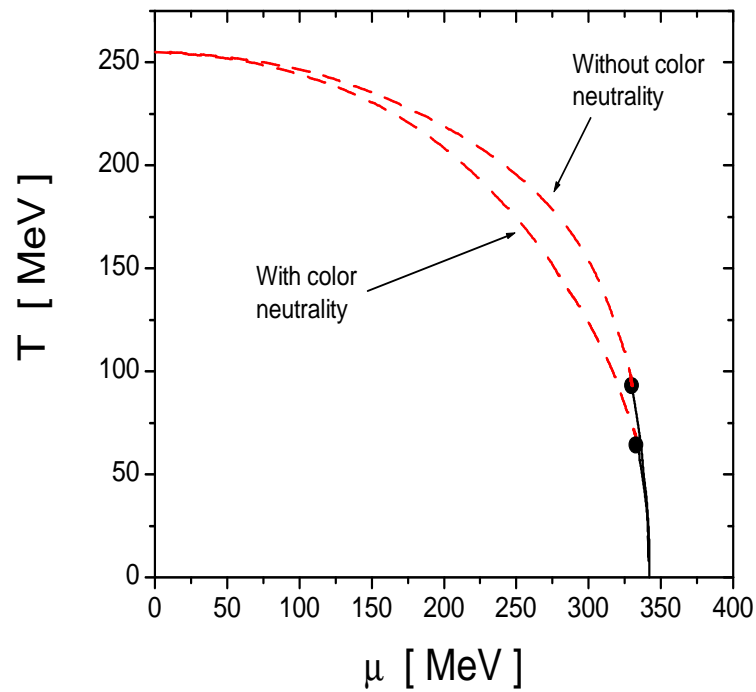
PHASES OF QCD @ EXTREMES: NO COLOR NEUTRALITY



COLOR NEUTRALITY IN THE PNJL PHASE DIAGRAM

Color neutrality constraint: $\tilde{\mu} = \mu\mathbf{1} + \mu_8\lambda_8 + i\phi_3\lambda_3$; $\partial\Omega_{MF}/\partial\mu_8 = n_8 = n_r + n_g - 2n_b = 0$

Gap equations: $\partial\Omega_{MF}/(\partial\sigma, \partial\Delta, \partial\phi_3) = 0$



Gomez-Dumm, D.B., Grunfeld, Scoccola, PRD 78, 114021 (2008) [arXiv:0807.1660]

NONLOCAL POLYAKOV-LOOP CHIRAL QUARK MODEL

$$\Omega(T) = \mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) - T \text{Tr}_{\vec{p}, n, \alpha, f, D} \left[\ln \{ S_f^{-1}(p_n^\alpha, T) \} - \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_f(p_n^\alpha, T) \cdot S_f(p_n^\alpha, T) \right] ,$$

where the full quark propagator for the flavor $f = u, d, s$,

$$\begin{aligned} S_f^{-1}(p_n^\alpha, T) &= S_{f,0}^{-1}(p_n^\alpha, T) - \Sigma_f^{-1}(p_n^\alpha, T) \\ &= i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} A_f((p_n^\alpha)^2, T) + i\gamma_4 \omega_n C_f((p_n^\alpha)^2, T) + B_f((p_n^\alpha)^2, T) , \end{aligned}$$

is defined by the DSE for the quark selfenergy Σ , see below. The Polyakov-loop potential is:

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2} a(T) \Phi^* \Phi + b(T) \ln [1 - 6\Phi^* \Phi + 4(\Phi^{*3} + \Phi^3) - 3(\Phi^* \Phi)^2] .$$

The Matsubara 4-momenta are defined as $(p_n^\alpha)^2 = (\omega_n^\alpha)^2 + \vec{p}^2$, $\omega_n^\alpha = \omega_n + \alpha\phi_3$, $\alpha = -1, 0, +1$, and are coupled to the Polyakov-loop variable $\Phi = \bar{\Phi} = \frac{1}{N_c} \left(1 + e^{i\frac{\phi_3}{T}} + e^{-i\frac{\phi_3}{T}} \right) = \frac{1}{N_c} \left(1 + 2 \cos \left(\frac{\phi_3}{T} \right) \right)$. via the parameter ϕ_3 .

Employing for the effective gluon propagator in a Feynman-like gauge, $g^2 D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}}(p - q) = \delta_{\mu\nu} D(p^2, q^2, p \cdot q)$, a rank-2 separable ansatz

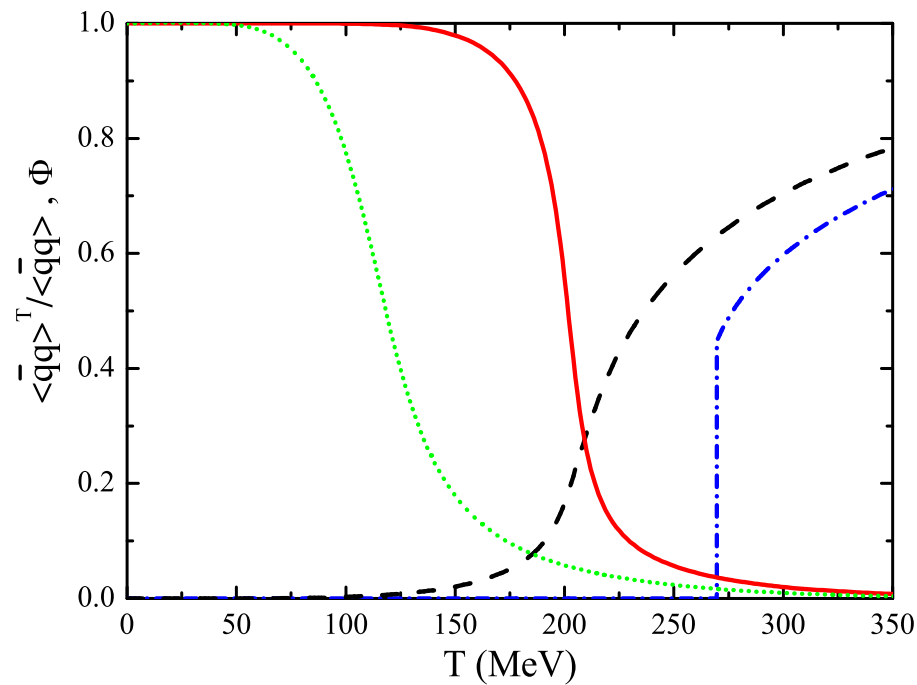
$$D(p^2, q^2, p \cdot q) = D_0 \mathcal{F}_0(p^2) \mathcal{F}_0(q^2) + D_1 \mathcal{F}_1(p^2) (p \cdot q) \mathcal{F}_1(q^2) ,$$

the propagator amplitudes are given by

$$\begin{aligned} B_f(p_n^2, T) &= \tilde{m}_f + b_f(T) \mathcal{F}_0(p_n^2) , \\ A_f(p_n^2, T) &= 1 + a_f(T) \mathcal{F}_1(p_n^2) , \\ C_f(p_n^2, T) &= 1 + c_f(T) \mathcal{F}_1(p_n^2) , \end{aligned}$$

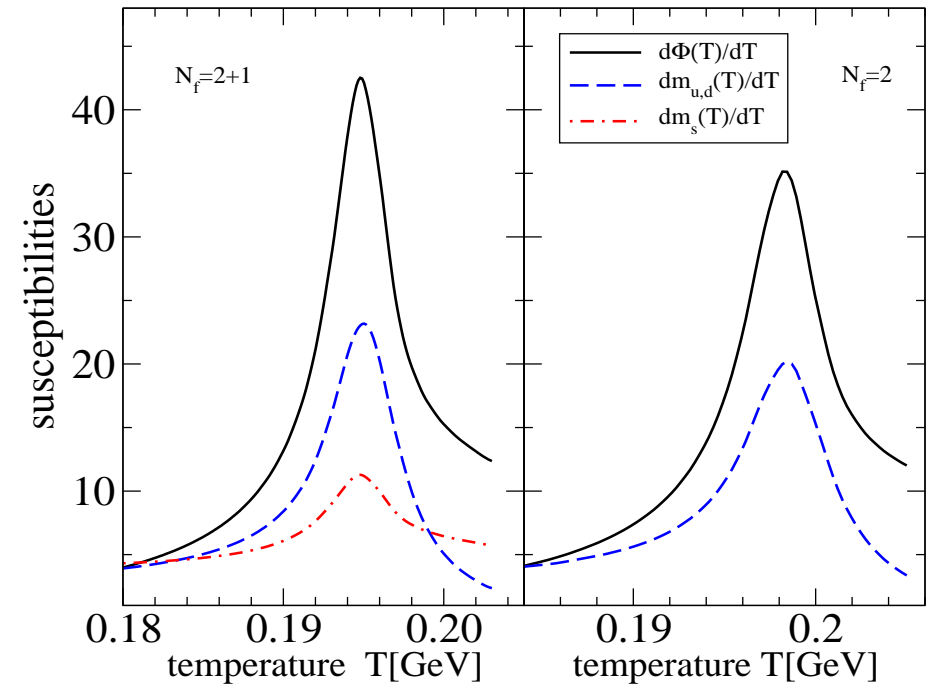
NONLOCAL POLYAKOV LOOP CHIRAL QUARK MODEL

2-flavor, rank-1, 4D separable
order parameters:



D.B., Buballa, Radzhabov, Volkov,
Yad. Fiz. 71 (2008); arXiv:0705.0384

3-flavor, rank-2, 4D separable
susceptibilities:



Horvatic, D.B., Klabucar, Kaczmarek, PRD
84 (2011)

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (V)

Mesonic currents

$$J_P^a(x) = \bar{q}(x)i\gamma_5\tau^a q(x) \quad (\text{pion}) ; \quad J_S(x) = \bar{q}(x)q(x) - \langle \bar{q}(x)q(x) \rangle \quad (\text{sigma})$$

... and correlation functions

$$C_{ab}^{PP}(q^2) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \left(J_P^a(x) J_P^{b\dagger}(0) \right) | 0 \rangle = C^{PP}(q^2) \delta_{ab}$$

$$C_{ab}^{SS}(q^2) \equiv i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \left(J_S(x) J_S^\dagger(0) \right) | 0 \rangle$$

Schwinger-Dyson Equations, $T = \mu = 0$

$$C^{MM}(q^2) = \Pi^{MM}(q^2) + \sum_{M'} \Pi^{MM'}(q^2) (2G_1) C^{M'M}(q^2)$$

One-loop polarization functions

$$\Pi^{MM'}(q^2) \equiv \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} (\Gamma_M S(p+q) \Gamma_{M'} S(q))$$

Hartree quark propagator $S(p)$

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (VI)

Example of the pion channel:

$$\Pi^{PP}(q^2) = -4iN_cN_f \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{m^2 - p^2 + q^2/4}{[(p + q/2)^2 - m^2][(p - q/2)^2 - m^2]} = 4iN_cN_f I_1 - 2iN_cN_f q^2 I_2(q^2)$$

Loop Integrals:

$$I_1 = \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2} ; \quad I_2(q^2) = \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[(p + q)^2 - m^2][p^2 - m^2]}$$

With pseudoscalar decay constant (f_P) and gap equation for I_1

$$f_P^2(q^2) = -4iN_c m^2 I_2(q^2) ; \quad I_1 = \frac{m - m_0}{8iG_1 m N_c N_f},$$

One obtains $\Pi^{PP}(q^2) = \frac{m-m_0}{2G_1 m} + f_P^2(q^2) \frac{q^2}{m^2}$; $\Pi^{SS}(q^2) = \frac{m-m_0}{2G_1 m} + f_P^2(q^2) \frac{q^2-4m^2}{m^2}$. In the chiral limit ($m_0 = 0$), the correlation functions

$$C^{MM}(q^2) = \Pi^{MM}(q^2) + \Pi^{MM}(q^2)(2G_1)C^{MM}(q^2) = \frac{\Pi^{MM}(q^2)}{1 - 2G_1 \Pi^{MM}(q^2)} , \quad M = P, S ,$$

have poles at $q^2 = M_P^2 = 0$ (Pion) and $q^2 = M_S^2 = (2m)^2$ (Sigma meson) \implies Check !

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (VII)

Finite T, μ : $p = (p_0, \vec{p}) \rightarrow (i\omega_n + \mu - iA_4, \vec{p})$; $i \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow -T \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}_c \sum_n \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3}$

$$I_1 = -i \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1 - f(E_p - \mu) - f(E_p + \mu)}{2E_p}$$

$$I_2(\omega, \vec{q}) = i \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_p 2E_{p+q}} \frac{f(E_p + \mu) + f(E_p - \mu) - f(E_{p+q} + \mu) - f(E_{p+q} - \mu)}{\omega - E_{p+q} + E_p}$$

$$+ i \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1 - f(E_p - \mu) - f(E_{p+q} + \mu)}{2E_p 2E_{p+q}} \left(\frac{1}{\omega + E_{p+q} + E_p} - \frac{1}{\omega - E_{p+q} - E_p} \right)$$

For a meson at rest in the medium ($\vec{q} = 0$)

$$I_2(\omega, \vec{0}) = -i \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1 - f(E_p + \mu) - f(E_p - \mu)}{E_p (\omega^2 - 4E_p^2)}$$

which develops an imaginary part

$$\Im (-i I_2(\omega, 0)) = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left(1 - f\left(\frac{\omega}{2} - \mu\right) - f\left(\frac{\omega}{2} + \mu\right) \right) \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2 - 4m^2}{\omega^2}} \times \Theta(\omega^2 - 4m^2) \Theta(4(\Lambda^2 + m^2) - \omega^2)$$

with the Pauli-blocking factor: $N(\omega, \mu) = \left(1 - f\left(\frac{\omega}{2} - \mu\right) - f\left(\frac{\omega}{2} + \mu\right) \right)$

POLYAKOV-LOOP NAMBU–JONA-LASINIO MODEL (VIII)

Spectral function

$$F^{MM}(\omega, \vec{q}) \equiv \Im m C^{MM}(\omega + i\eta, \vec{q}) = \Im m \frac{\Pi^{MM}(\omega + i\eta, \vec{q})}{1 - 2G_1 \Pi^{MM}(\omega + i\eta, \vec{q})}.$$

$$F^{MM}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2G_1} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2G_1 \Im m \Pi^{MM}(\omega + i\eta)}{(1 - 2G_1 \Re e \Pi^{MM}(\omega))^2 + (2G_1 \Im m \Pi^{MM}(\omega + i\eta))^2}.$$

For $\omega < 2m(T, \mu)$, $\Im m \Pi = 0$: decay channel closed \rightarrow bound state!

$$F^{MM}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2G_1} \delta(1 - 2G_1 \Re e \Pi^{MM}(\omega)) = \frac{\pi}{4G_1^2 \left| \frac{\partial \Re e \Pi^{MM}}{\partial \omega} \right|_{\omega=m_M}} \delta(\omega - m_M).$$

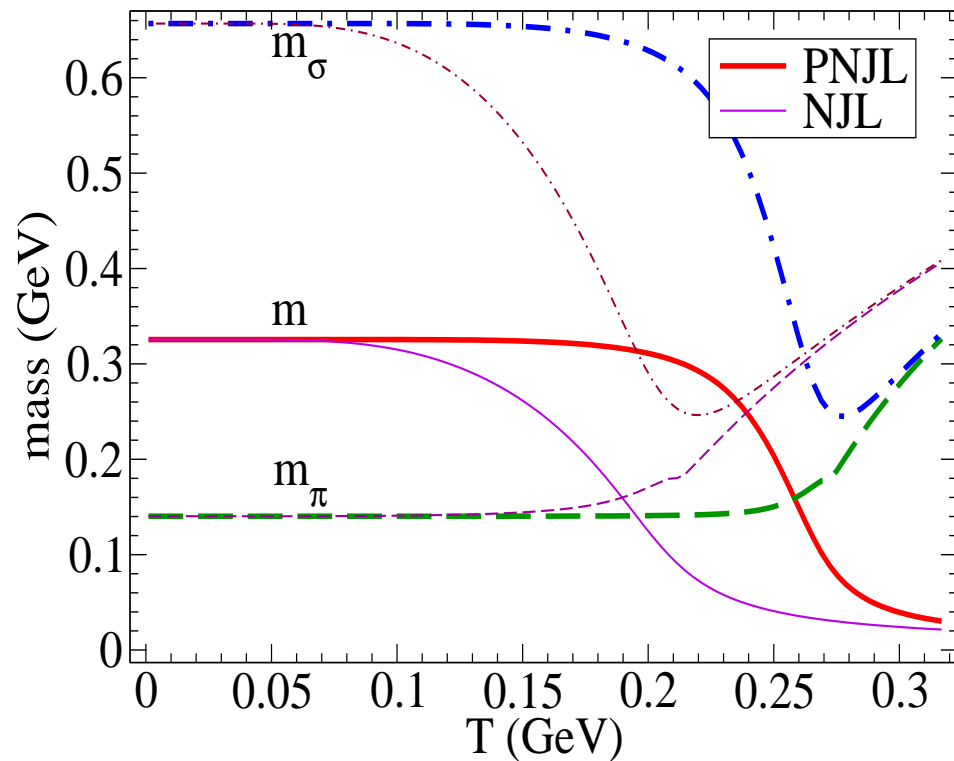
The meson mass m_M is the solution of

$$1 - 2G_1 \Re e \Pi^{MM}(m_M) = 0$$

The decay width (inverse lifetime) is

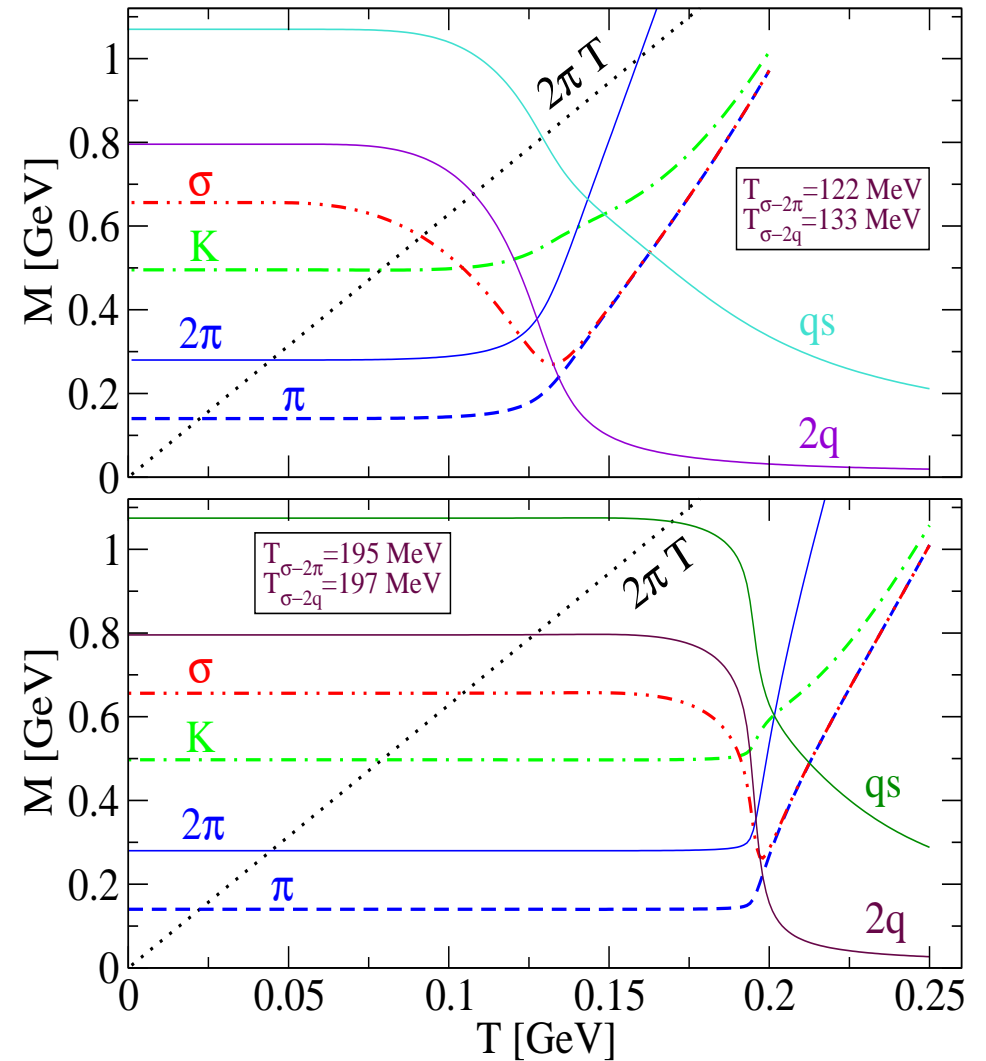
$$\Gamma_M = 2G_1 \Im m \Pi^{MM}(m_M)$$

PNJL vs. NJL MODEL: MASS SPECTRUM



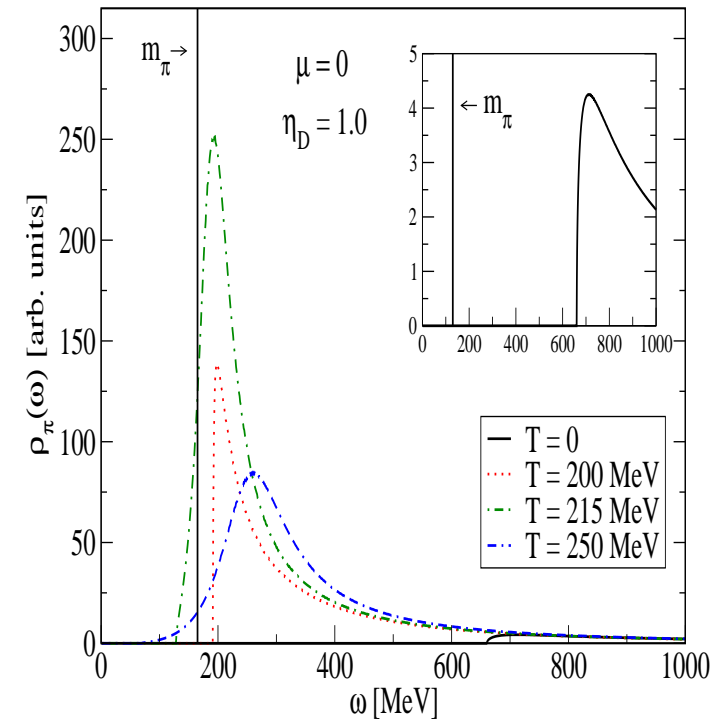
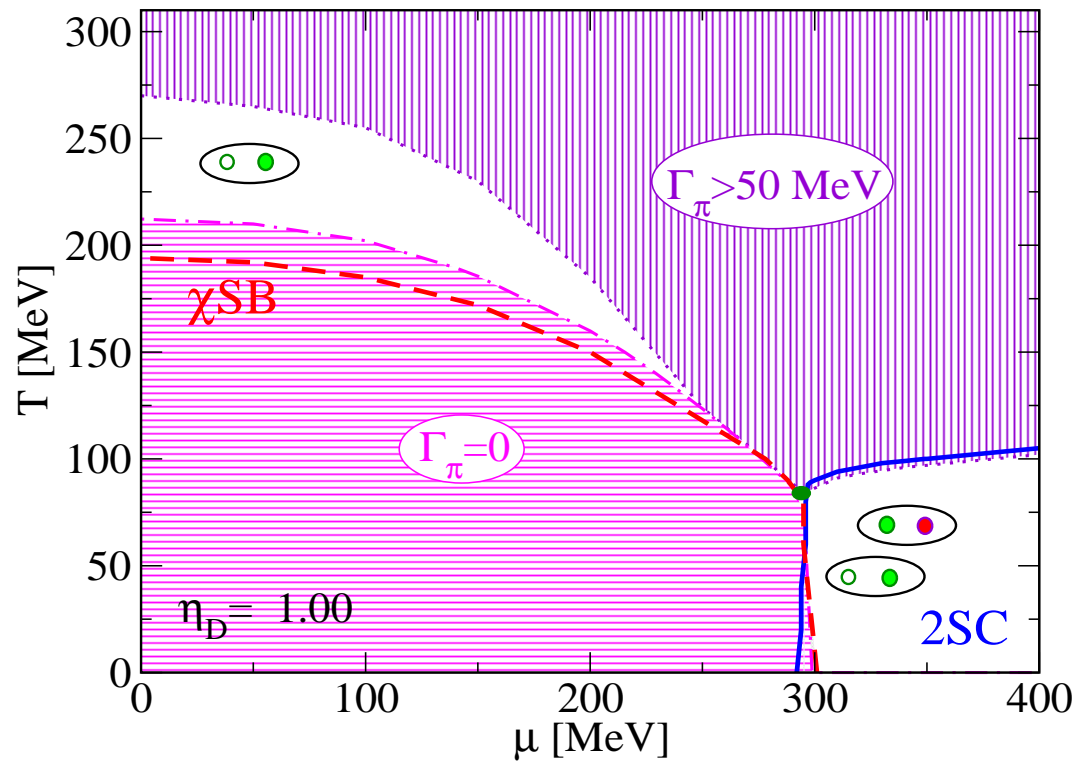
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D. Horvatic et al., PRD 84, 016005 (2011) \rightarrow



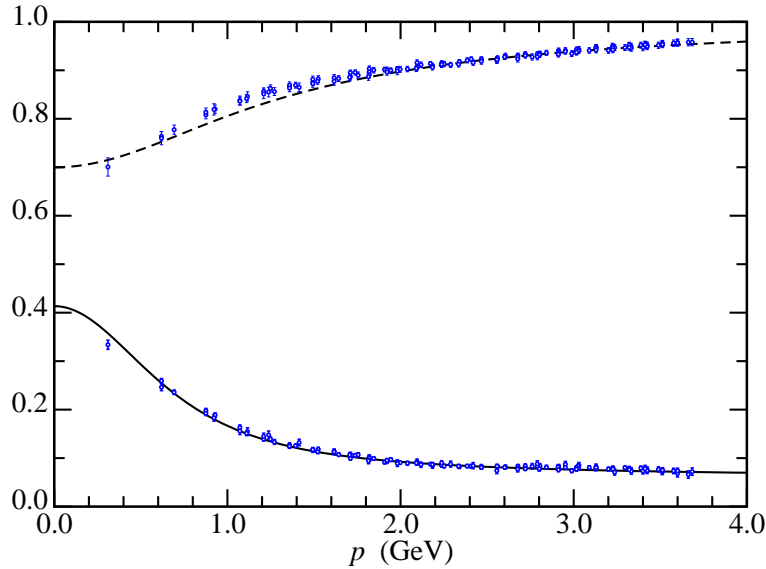
PION CORRELATIONS IN THE PHASE DIAGRAM

Stable pions for a HIC fireball lifetime $\tau_{\text{fireball}} < 4 \text{ fm}/c$



Zablocki, D.B., Anglani, AIP Conf. Proc. 1038, 159 (2008); arXiv:0805.2687 [hep-ph]

COMPLEX MASS POLE FIT TO LATTICE PROPAGATOR



BHAGWAT, PICHOWSKY, ROBERTS,
TANDY, PHYS. REV. **C68** (2003)
015203

$$S(p)^{-1} = i\not{p}A(p^2) + B(p^2),$$

$$M(p^2) = B(p^2)/A(p^2)$$

$$Z(p^2) = 1/A(p^2)$$

$S(p)$ sum of N pairs of complex conj. mass poles

$$S(p) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{Z_2} \left\{ \frac{z_i}{i\not{p} + m_i} + \frac{z_i^*}{i\not{p} + m_i^*} \right\} = -i\not{p}\sigma_V(p^2) + \sigma_S(p^2)$$

Representation of the scalar amplitude

$$\sigma_S(p^2) = \sum_{i=1}^N Z_2^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z_i m_i}{p^2 + m_i^2} + \frac{z_i^* m_i^*}{p^2 + m_i^{*2}} \right\}$$

“Derivation” of the equivalent separable model (in Feynman-like gauge) $D_{\mu\nu}(p - q) = \delta_{\mu\nu} D(p, q)$ and

$$D(p, q) = f_0(p^2) f_0(q^2) + f_1(p^2) p \cdot q f_1(q^2)$$

$$f_1(p^2) = \frac{A(p^2) - 1}{a} \quad ; \quad f_0(p^2) = \frac{B(p^2) - m_c}{b}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{16}{3} \int_q^\Lambda [B(q^2) - m_c] \sigma_s(q^2)$$

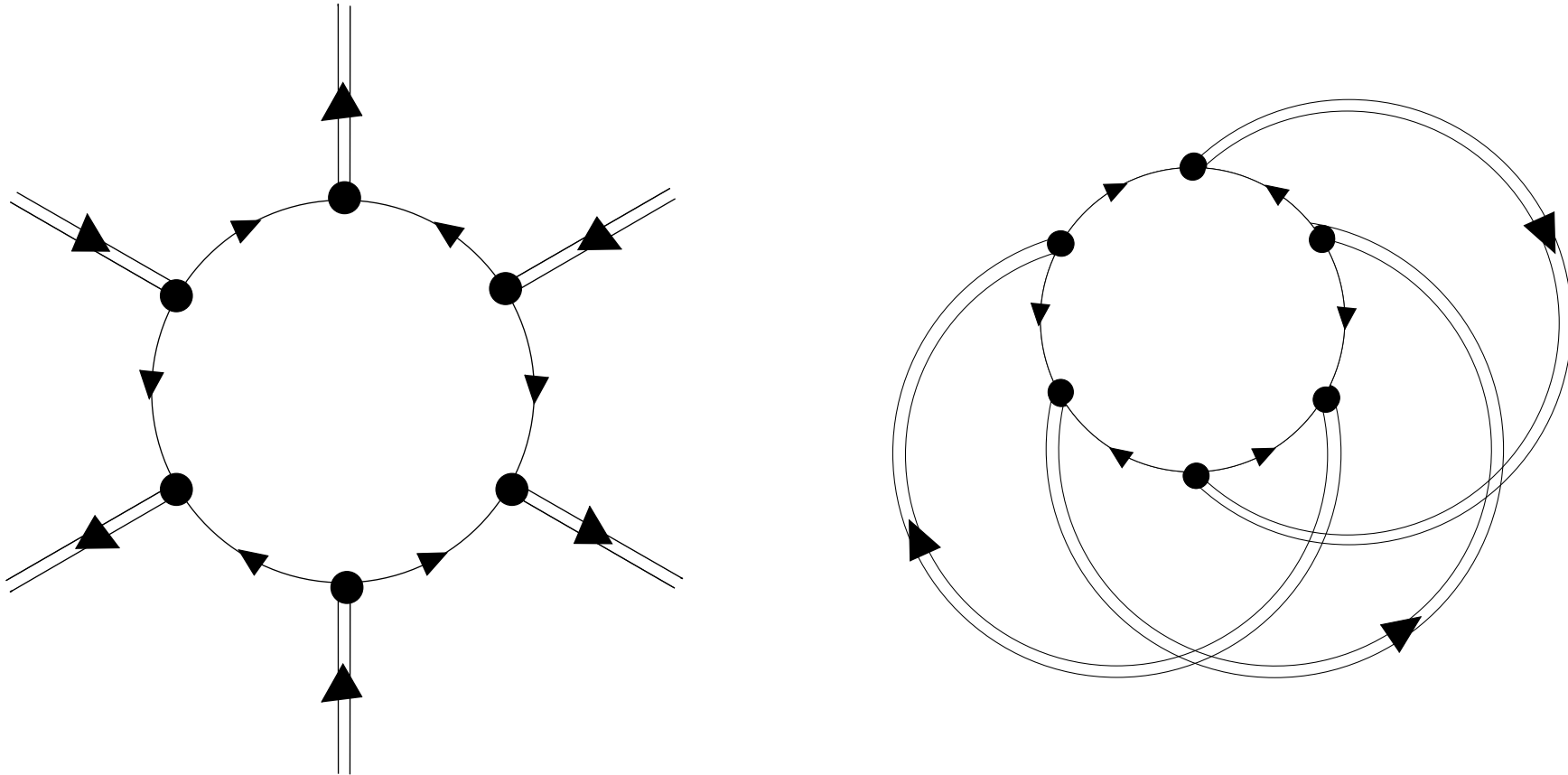
$$a^2 = \frac{8}{3} \int_q^\Lambda [A(q^2) - 1] \frac{q^2}{4} \sigma_v(q^2)$$

NUCLEONS IN THE NONLOCAL CHIRAL QUARK MODEL

$$Z_{\text{fluct}} = \int D\Delta^\dagger D\Delta \exp\left\{-\frac{|\Delta|^2}{4G_D} - \text{Tr} \ln S^{-1}[\Delta, \Delta^\dagger]\right\}$$

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Quark sextett (diquark triplett): bound by exchange forces? sextett condensate?

SUMMARY

- Compressed nuclear matter: **quarkyonic phase (QP)**! Coexisting chiral symm. + conf.
- Similarities: Mott-Hagedorn picture, string-flip model, confining DSE
- Here: PNJL model as microscopic formulation of the QP
- Color singlet quark triplets in chiral phase for $\mu > \mu_c$ (approx. massless baryons)
- Color neutrality by singlet projection = sum over color hexagon
- Prospects for CBM & NICA: dilepton enhancement (peak?) from diquark-antidiquark annih.
- Preparatory step to **compact stars**: single flavor CSL phase - OK with structure & cooling

OUTLOOK: NEXT STEPS ...

- Walecka model as limit of PNJL model: chiral transition effects in nuclear EoS
- Beyond meanfield: mesons and baryons in the PNJL, higher clusters: sextetting
- Astrophysics: Maximum mass & cooling of quarkyonic stars; quarkyonic supernovae