

# Strong correlations in gauge theories

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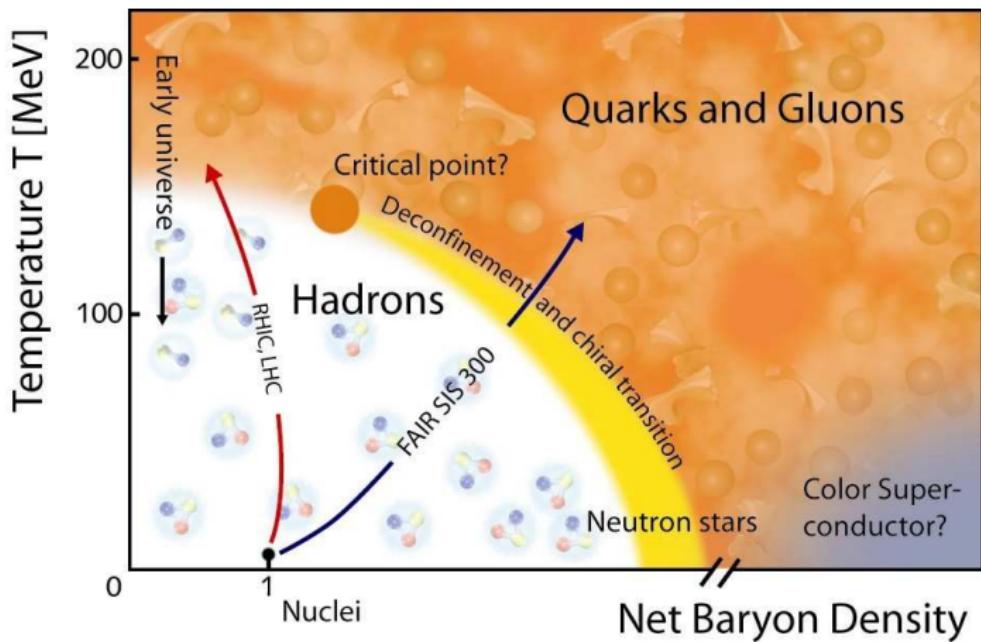
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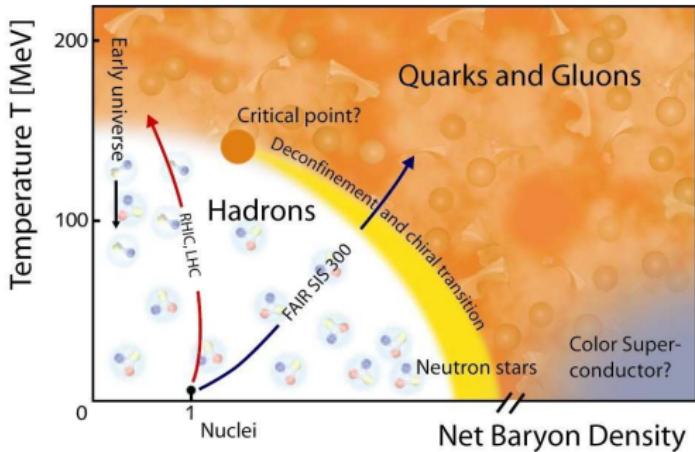
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talks of J. Braun, B.-J. Schaefer



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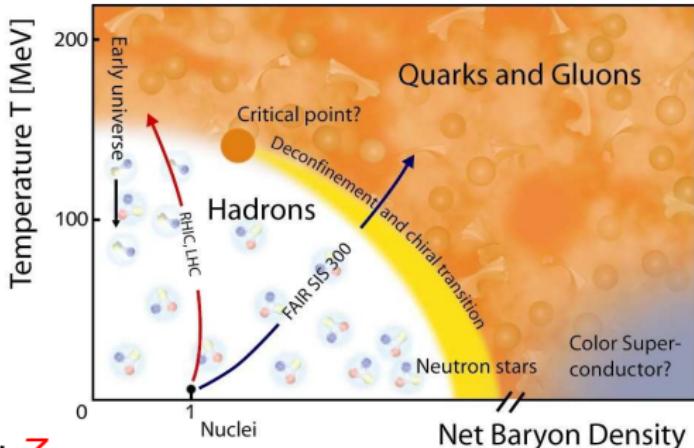
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- confinement-deconfinement:  $\mathbb{Z}_3$

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$$\Phi = \langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_0^\beta dt A_0} \rangle = \begin{cases} > 0, & T > T_{c,\text{conf}} \\ 0, & T < T_{c,\text{conf}} \end{cases}$$

$\Phi = e^{-F_q}$  relates to a static quark state.



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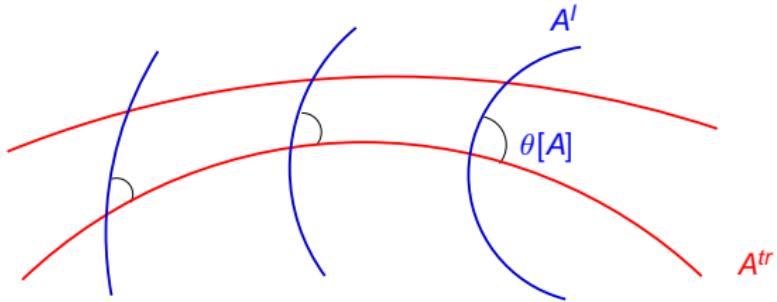
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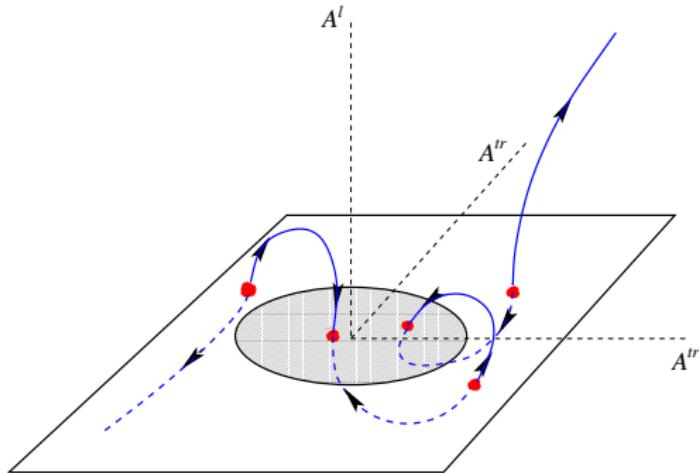
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$$S_{YM} = \frac{1}{2} \int \text{tr } F^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int A_\mu^a \left( p^2 \delta_{\mu\nu} - p_\mu p_\nu \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\xi} \right) \right) A_\nu^a + \dots$$

gauge fixing ensures the existence of the gauge field propagator



Landau gauge  $\xi = 0$  :  $A^I = \partial_\mu A_\mu = 0$



## Gribov problem

- Observables in Yang-Mills theory:  $\mathcal{O}[A^g] = \mathcal{O}[A]$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}[A] \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \int dA \mathcal{O}[A] e^{-S_{YM}[A]}$$

with  $S_{YM} = \frac{1}{2} \int \text{tr } F^2$  and  $F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

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physical Hilbert space  $\leftrightarrow$  nilpotency of BRST transformation  $s$ .

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## Remedies:

# confinement scenario

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- entropy

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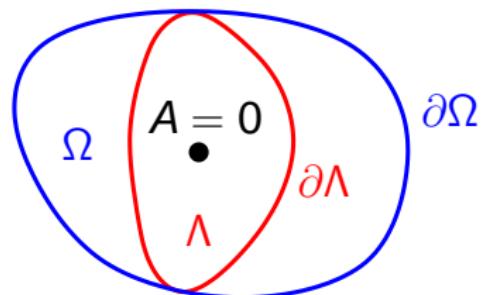
- entropy ( $\int dA$ )

- $\partial\Omega \cap \partial\Lambda$  dominates IR

- ghost IR-enhanced

- gluonic mass-gap: confined gluons

- violation of reflection positivity



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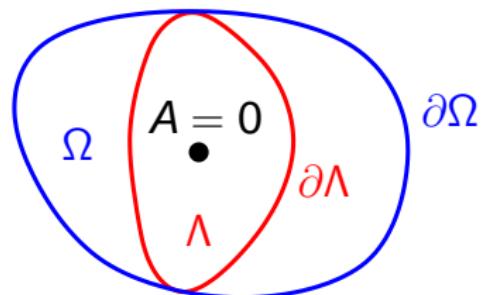
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- Kugo-Ojima (in BRST-extended configuration space)

- gluonic mass-gap + no Higgs mechanism

$$k\partial_k \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\phi] + R_k(p^2)} k\partial_k R_k(p^2)$$

- in Yang-Mills theory:  $\phi = (A, C, \bar{C})$

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (Diagram A)} - \text{ (Diagram B)}$$

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- self-similarity, reparameterisation & projections
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  - no sign problem numerics as in scalar theories!
  - chiral fermions reminder: Ginsparg-Wilson fermions from RG argument!
  - bound states via (re-)bosonisation effective field theory techniques applicable!

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  - loss of BRST-nilpotency
  - flow of modified Slavnov-Taylor identity  $\mathcal{W}_k$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{W}_k = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \partial_t R \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta \phi^2} \right) \mathcal{W}_k$$

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Ellwanger, Hirsch, Weber '96

Bergerhoff, Wetterich '97

Pawlowski, Litim, Nedelko, von Smekal '03

Kato '04

Gies, Fischer '04

Pawlowski '05

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- functional methods in Landau gauge QCD (IR)
  - Dyson-Schwinger equations von Smekal, Hauck, Alkofer '97
  - stochastic quantisation Zwanziger '02
  - flows in Landau gauge QCD Pawłowski, Litim, Nedelko, von Smekal '03
  - quark confinement from Landau gauge propagators Braun, Gies, Pawłowski '07
  - analytic perturbation theory (fixed point for coupling) Shirkov, Solovtsov '96

## functional RG

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (solid loop with } \otimes \text{ symbol)} - \text{ (dashed loop with } \otimes \text{ symbol)}$$

## functional DSE

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\phi]}{\delta A} = \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta A} + \text{ (dashed loop with } \phi \text{ symbol)} + \text{ (solid loop with } \phi \text{ symbol)} + \text{ (solid loop with } \phi \text{ symbol and internal solid loop)}, \quad \frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\phi]}{\delta C} = \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta C} + \text{ (dashed loop with } \phi \text{ symbol)}$$

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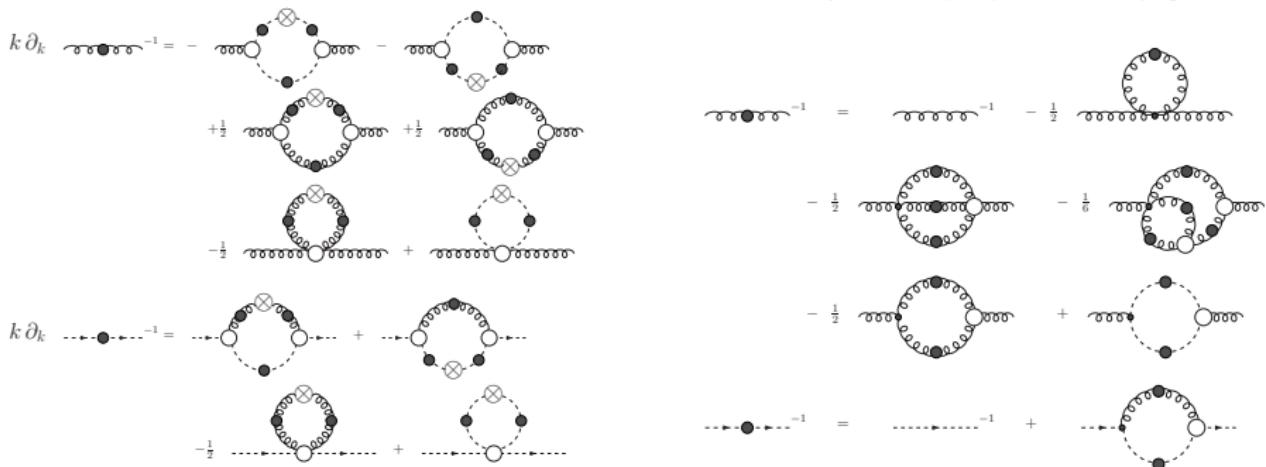
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- decoupling:  $\kappa_{2n,m} = 0$  & massive gluon

**no confinement!?**



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confirms Alkofer, Fischer, Llanes-Estrada, Phys. Lett. B611 (2005) 279–288  
see also Alkofer, Huber, Schwenzer '08

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$$\Gamma(2n,m,\text{quarks}) \sim p^{2(n-m)\kappa_C + \text{quarks}}$$

QCD: work in progress;  $QED_3$ : Nedelko,Pawłowski, in preparation

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Litim '00, Pawłowski '05

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J. M. Pawłowski, Annals Phys. 322 (2007) 2831

- RG-invariance:  $D_\mu \Gamma_k = 0$  from  $D_\mu \Gamma = 0$  Pawłowski '00,'02

$$(D_\mu + 2\gamma_\phi) R_k \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad R_k = \Gamma_k^{(2)} r(x/k^2)$$

with  $D_\mu x = 0$ , e.g.  $x = p^2$ ,  $x = \Gamma_k^{(2)}/Z$ .

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$$R_{\text{opt}} \simeq (\Gamma_0^{(2)} - \Gamma_k^{(2)})\theta(\Gamma_0^{(2)} - \Gamma_k^{(2)})$$

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- functional relations between diagrams: **Flow=Flow(DSE)**

$$\Rightarrow k \partial_k \Gamma_{k,A/C}^{(2)}(p^2) = \text{Flow}_k[\Gamma_{k,A/C}^{(2)}, \Gamma_k^{(3)}, \Gamma_k^{(4)}]$$

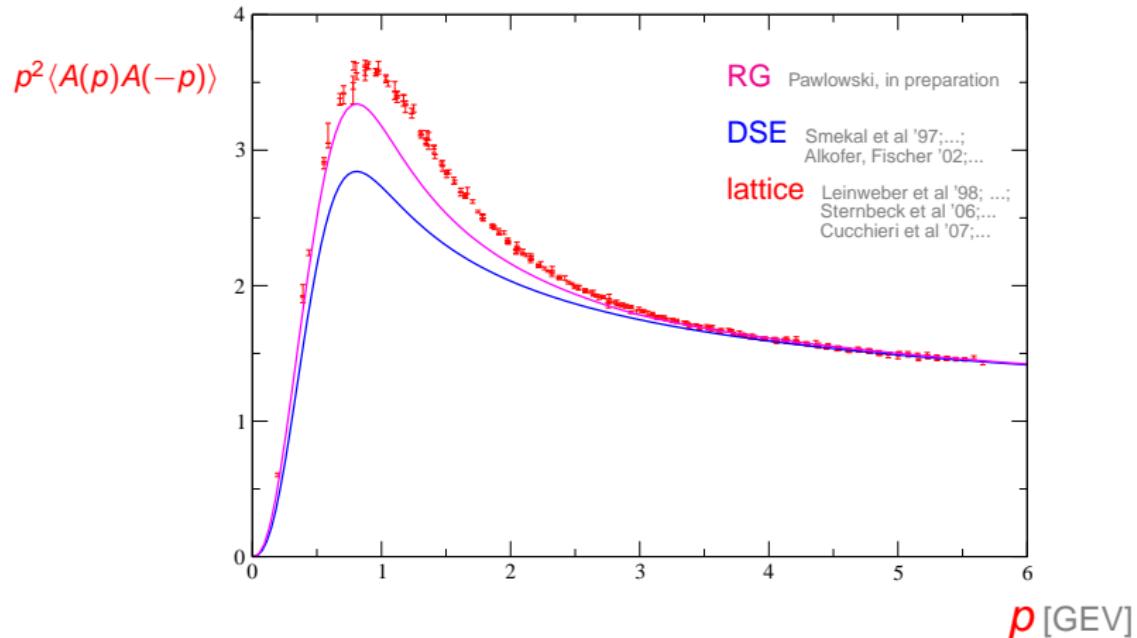
# UV-IR flow

$$k \partial_k \left( \text{wavy line with dot} \right)^{-1} = - \text{ (top diagram)} - \text{ (middle diagram)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (bottom left diagram)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (bottom right diagram)} - \frac{1}{2} \text{ (bottom middle diagram)} + \text{ (bottom dashed diagram)}$$

$$k \partial_k \cdots \bullet \cdots^{-1} = \cdots \circlearrowleft \otimes \bullet \circlearrowright \cdots + \cdots \circlearrowleft \bullet \otimes \bullet \circlearrowright \cdots$$

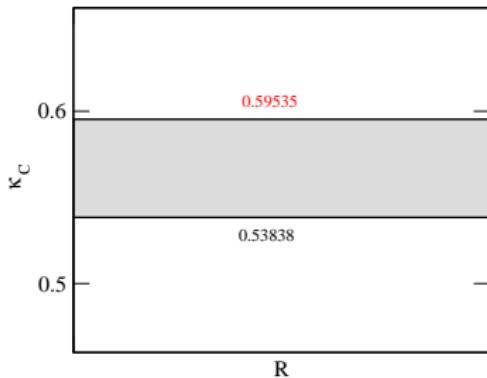
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Improvement on FRG & DSE results: J. M. Pawłowski '08, Fischer '08

$$p^2 \langle A(p)A(-p) \rangle = \frac{p^2}{\Gamma_A^{(2)}(p)} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow 0} (p^2)^{-2\kappa_c} \stackrel{\text{DSE}}{=} \frac{D(p^2)}{p^2}$$

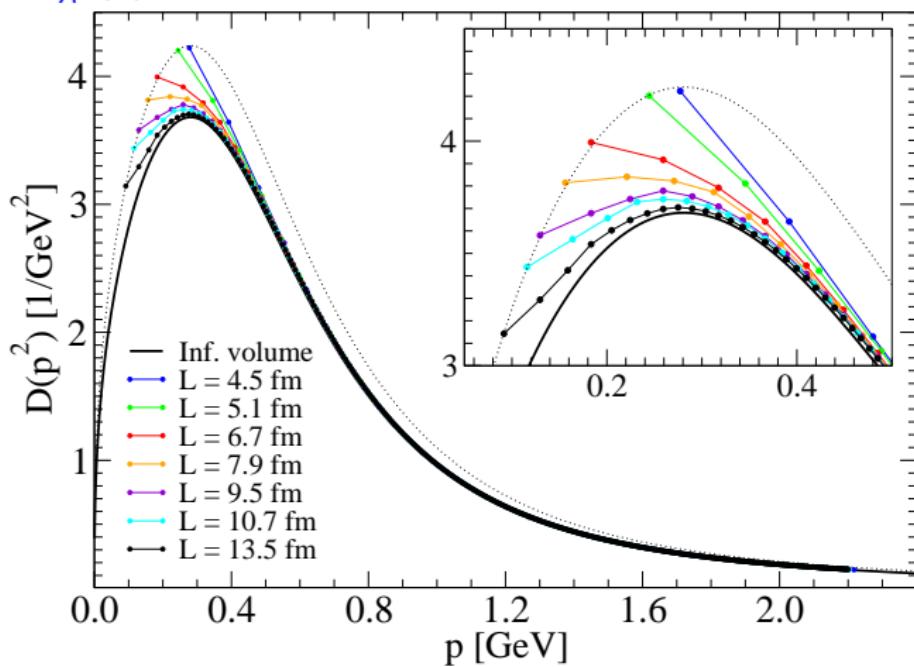


Pawlowski, Litim, Nedelko, von Smekal, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 152002

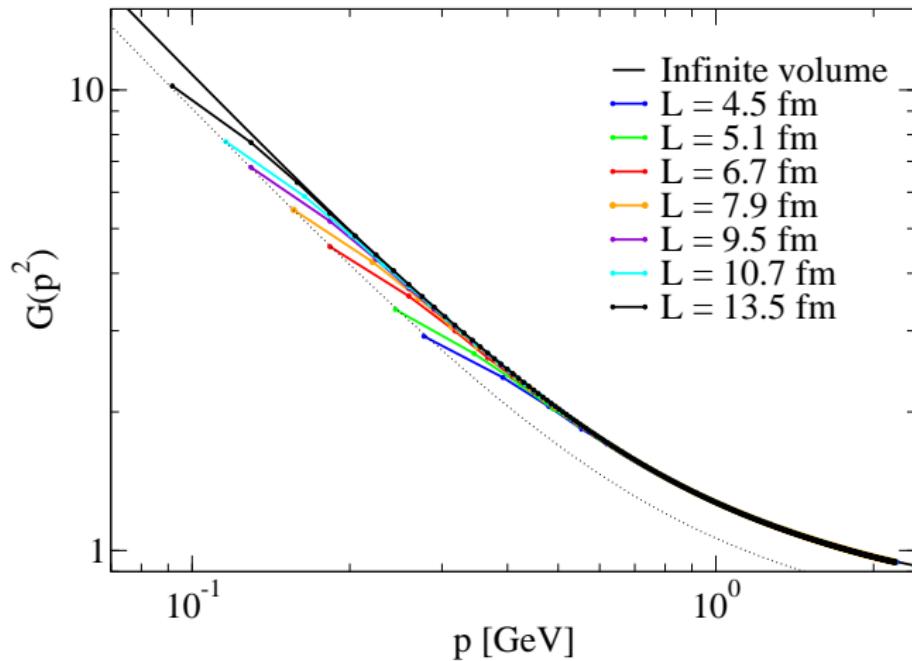
- functional optimisation:  $\kappa_C = 0.59535\dots$ ,  $\alpha_s = 2.9717\dots$

equals DS/StochQuant-result: Lerche, von Smekal, Phys. Rev. D **65** (2002) '02  
D. Zwanziger, Phys. Rev. D **65** (2002)  
RG-confirmation: C. S. Fischer and H. Gies, JHEP **0410** (2004)

$$D(p^2) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_A^{(2)}(p)}$$



$$G(p^2) = \frac{p^2}{\Gamma_C^{(2)}(p)}$$



# Functional methods–lattice puzzle

- lower dimensions
  - quantitative agreement in  $d = 2$  Maas '07
  - qualitative agreement in  $d = 3$  A. Maas (St Goar '08)
- large volumes on the lattice
  - in  $d = 4$  up to  $128^4$  at  $\beta = 2.2$  Cucchieri et al '07
- gauge fixings
  - improved gauge fixings Bogolubsky et al '07, von Smekal et al '07, Maas (St Goar '08)
  - stochastic quantisation with D. Spielmann, I.O. Stamatescu
- $SU(2)$  versus  $SU(3)$  Cucchieri et al '07, Sternbeck et al '07
- $\beta = 0$ : evidence for gauge fixing/finite size problems von Smekal (St Goar '08)

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# Order parameter

- Polyakov loop  $\Phi(\vec{x}) = \langle L[A_0] \rangle$

$$L[A_0](\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_0^\beta dt A_0}$$

with  $\Phi \simeq e^{-F_q}$

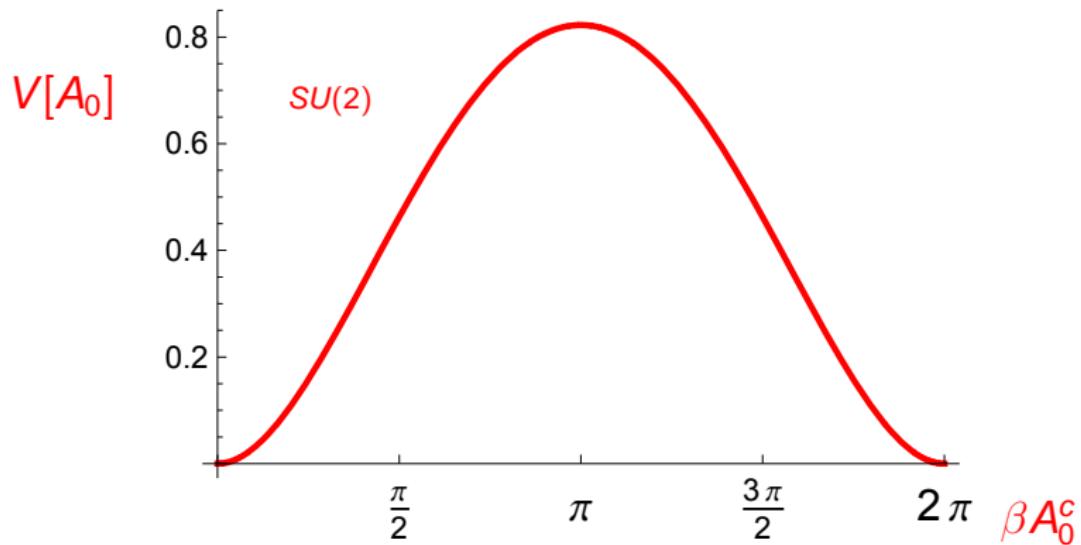
- confinement:  $F_q = \infty$
- deconfinement:  $F_q$  finite
- string tension

$$\langle L(\vec{x}) L^\dagger(\vec{y}) \rangle \simeq e^{-F_{q\bar{q}}(\vec{x}-\vec{y})}$$

- $\lim_{|\vec{x}-\vec{y}| \rightarrow \infty} F_{q\bar{q}}(\vec{x}-\vec{y}) \simeq \beta \sigma |\vec{x}-\vec{y}|$

# Weiss potential

$$V^{\text{UV}}[A_0] = \frac{1}{2\Omega} \text{Tr} \ln S_{AA}^{(2)}[A_0] - \frac{1}{\Omega} \text{Tr} \ln S_{CC}^{(2)}[A_0]$$



$$SU(2): \quad L[A_0] = \cos \frac{1}{2} \beta A_0^c \quad \text{with} \quad A_0 = A_0^c \sigma_3$$

- background field flow for effective potential  $V_{\text{eff}}[A_0] = \Gamma_k[A_0]/\Omega$

$$k\partial_k V_{\text{eff}}[A_0] = \frac{1}{2\Omega} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)}[A_0] + R_k(\Gamma_k^{(2)}[A_0])} k\partial_k R_k(\Gamma_k^{(2)}[A_0])$$

- determination of **fluctuation** propagator in Landau-DeWitt gauge

$$\Gamma_k^{(2)}[A] = \Gamma_{k,\text{Landau}}^{(2)}(\cancel{p^2} \rightarrow -\cancel{D^2}) + O(F)$$

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no confinement with **background** field propagators

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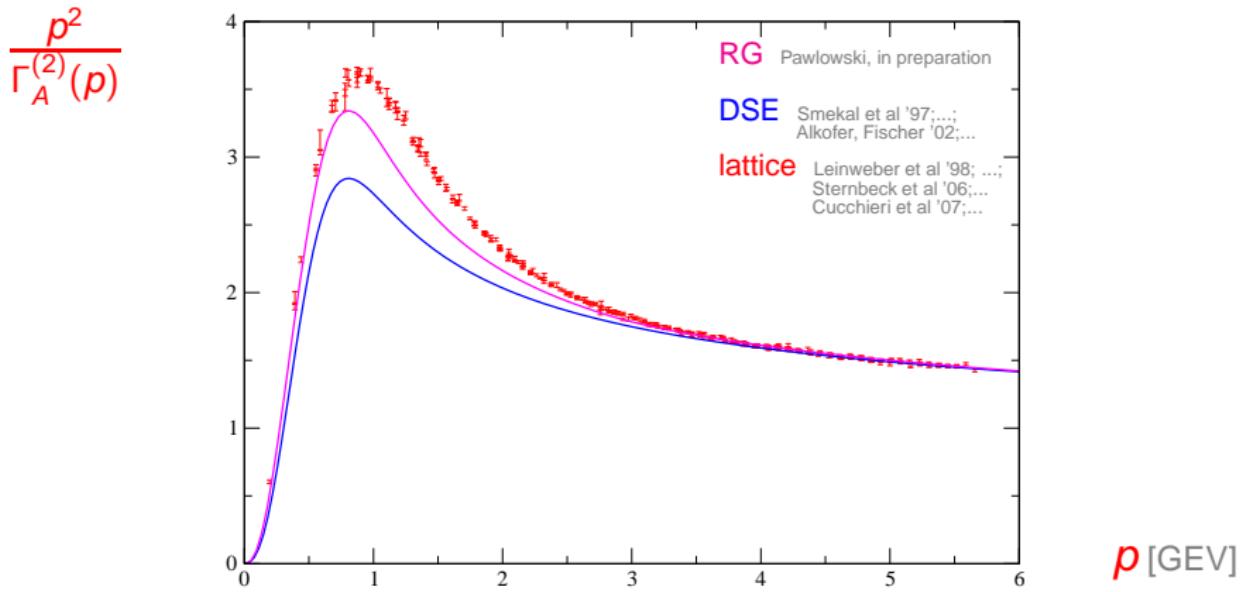
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- bounds on  $\kappa_C$  in  $d=4$  Eichhorn, Gies, Pawłowski, poster

$$\frac{1}{4} < \kappa_C < \frac{41}{42}$$

- determination of  $L(\langle A_0 \rangle)$



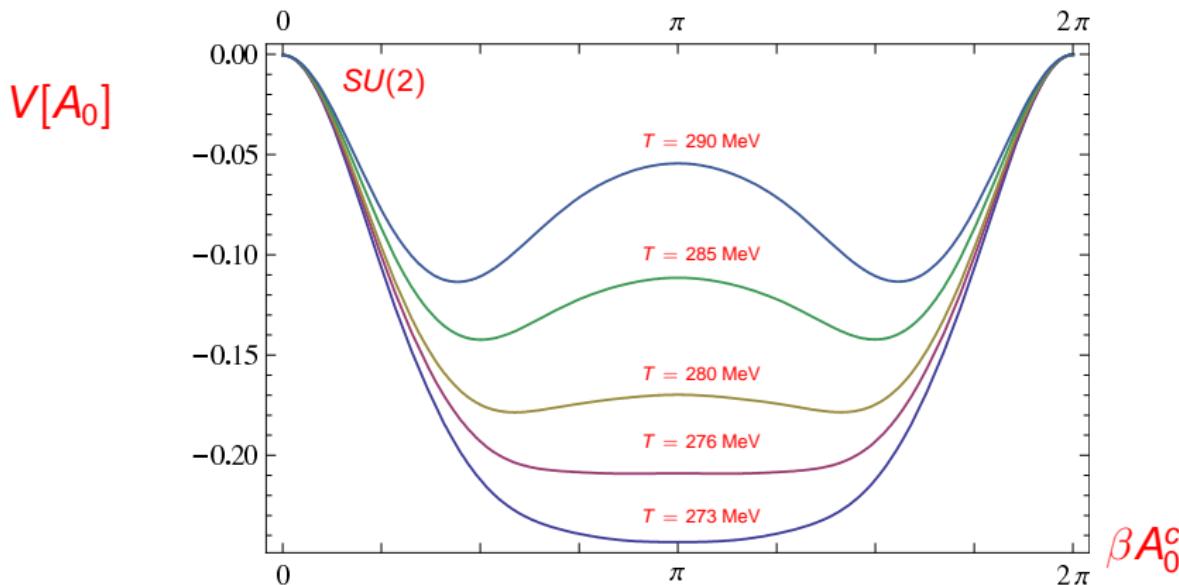
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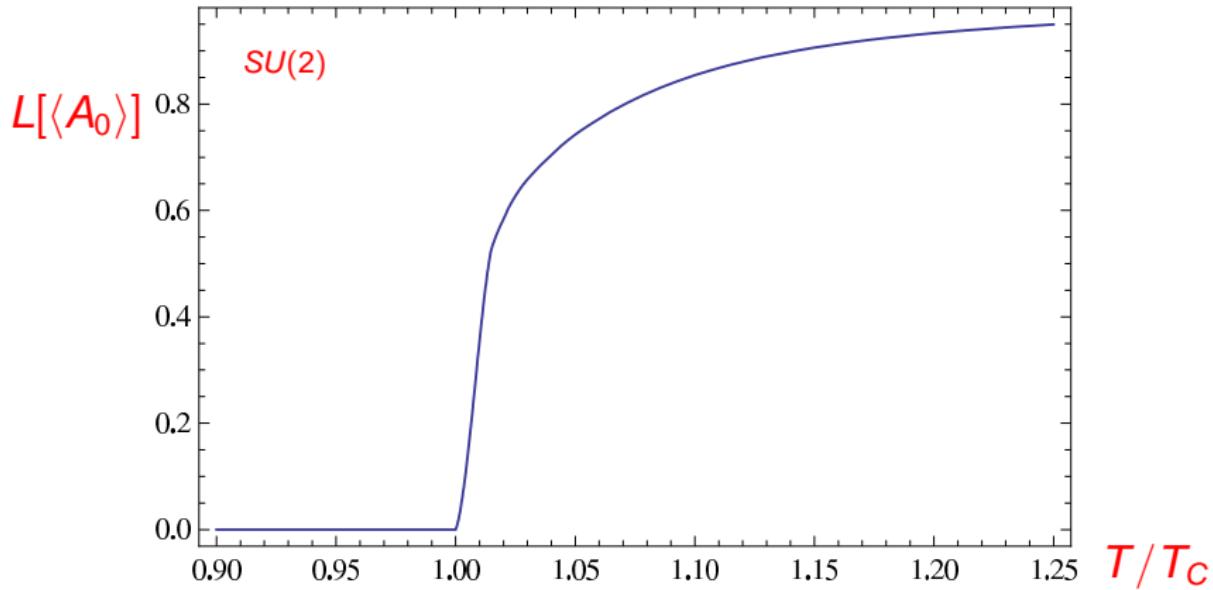


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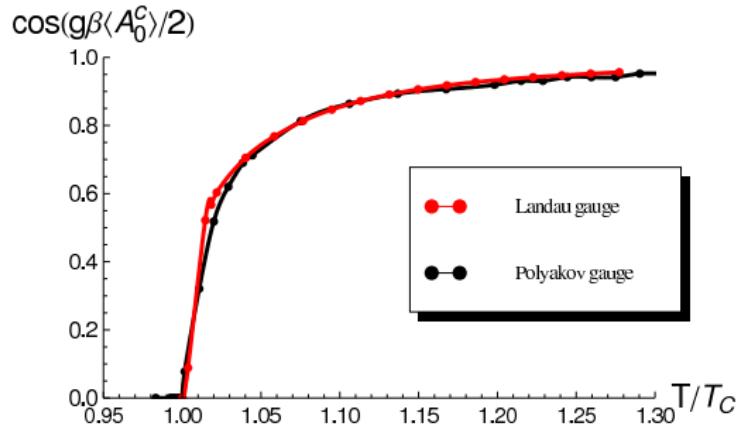
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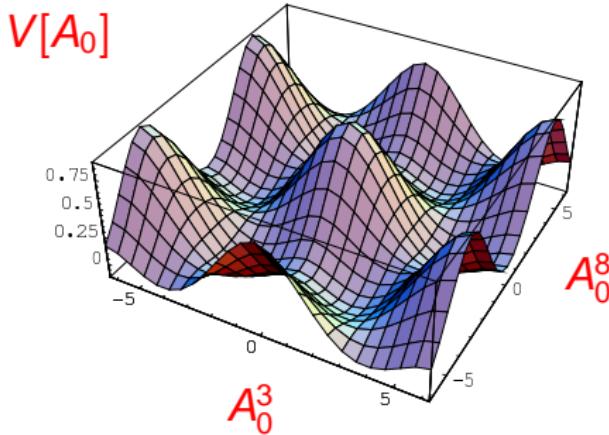
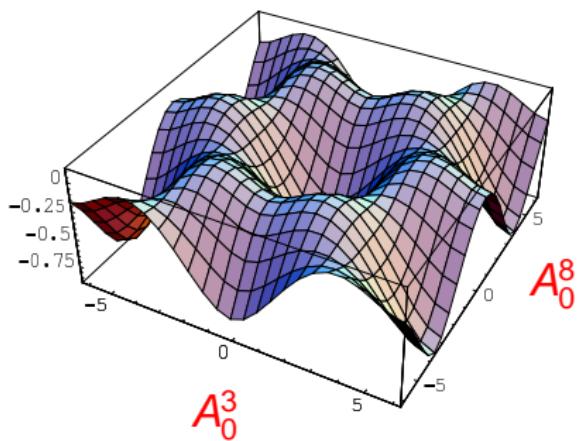
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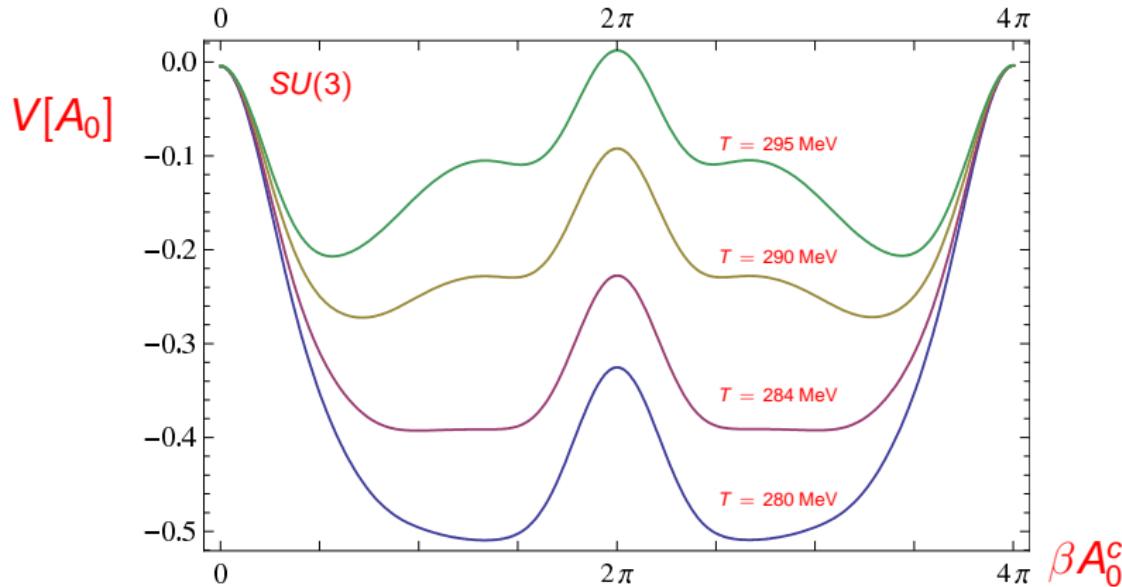
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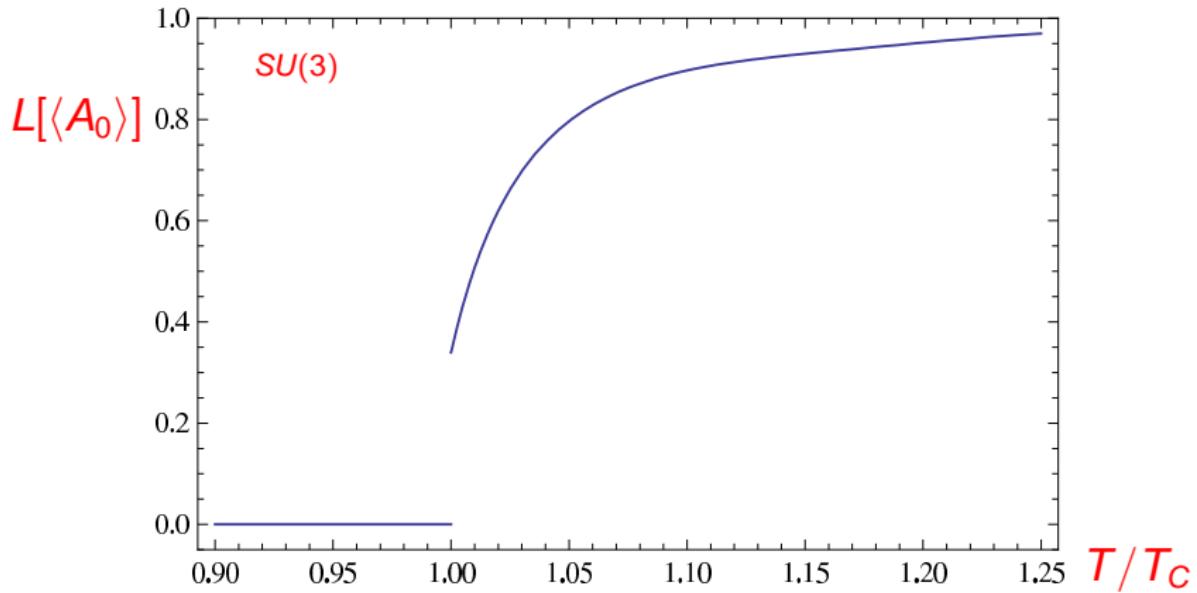


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