

# Quarks & mesons at finite chemical potential

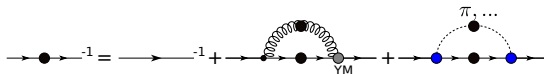
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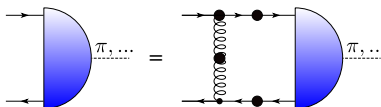
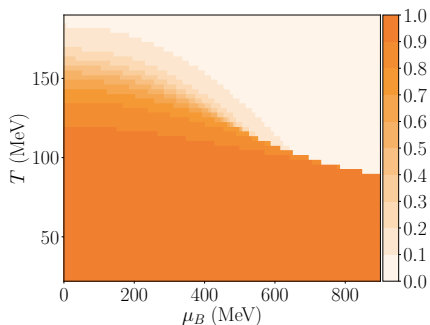
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1. Introduction and motivation
2. QCD phase diagram
3. Mesons at finite chem. pot.



# Phase structure of QCD

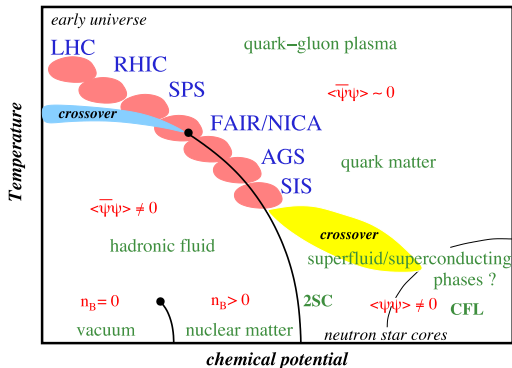


Figure: Schaefer and Wagner, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 62 (2009) 381

## Previous studies of our group:

### QCD phase diagram with $N_f = 2 + 1$ and $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ quark flavors:

- ▶ Luecker and Fischer, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 67(2), 200–205 (2012)
- ▶ Fischer, Luecker and Welzbacher, Phys.Rev. D 90(3), 34022 (2014)

### Baryon effects on the location of QCD's CEP:

- ▶ Eichmann, Fischer and Welzbacher, Phys.Rev. D 93, 034013 (2016)

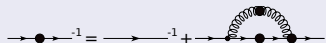
### Mesonic back-coupling effects in vacuum and finite T:

- ▶ Fischer, Nickel and Wambach Phys.Rev. D 76, 094009 (2007)
- ▶ Fischer and Williams Phys.Rev. D 78, 074006 (2008)
- ▶ Fischer and Mueller Phys.Rev. D 84, 054013 (2011)

# Dyson-Schwinger approach

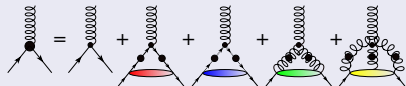
Coupled set of Dyson-Schwinger equations (DSE):

Quark DSE:



The diagram shows the Dyson-Schwinger equation for the quark propagator. On the left, a solid line with a black dot represents the full quark propagator, followed by an equals sign and a superscript -1. On the right, a solid line with a black dot represents the bare quark propagator, followed by a plus sign and a loop diagram consisting of a gluon line (curly) and a quark line (solid) forming a closed loop.

Quark-Gluon-Vertex DSE:

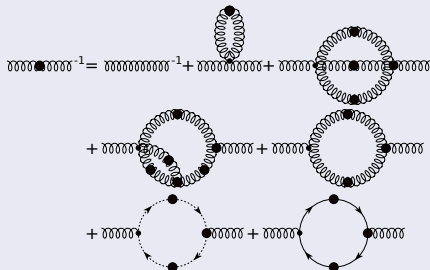


The diagram shows the Dyson-Schwinger equation for the quark-gluon vertex. On the left, a gluon line (curly) meets a quark line (solid) at a vertex, followed by an equals sign. On the right, there are five terms added together: the first is the tree-level vertex; the second has a red loop on the quark line; the third has a blue loop on the quark line; the fourth has a green loop on the quark line; and the fifth has a yellow loop on the quark line.

Further vertex and ghost DSEs:

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Gluon DSE:

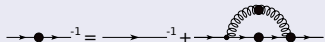


The diagram shows the Dyson-Schwinger equation for the gluon propagator. On the left, a gluon line with a black dot represents the full gluon propagator, followed by an equals sign and a superscript -1. On the right, there are four terms added together: the first is the tree-level gluon propagator; the second is a loop with a quark line and a gluon line; the third is a loop with a gluon line and a ghost line (dashed); and the fourth is a loop with a gluon line and a ghost line.

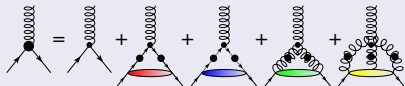
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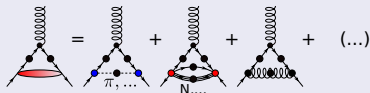
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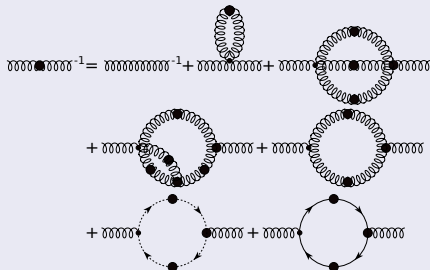
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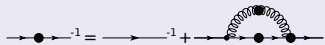
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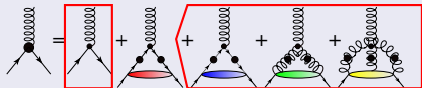
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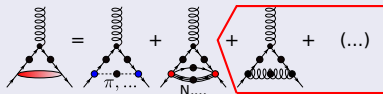
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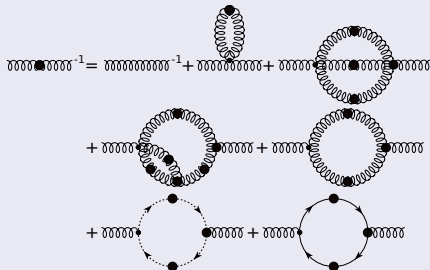
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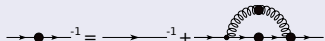
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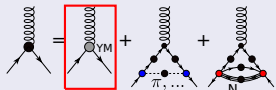
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Quark DSE:



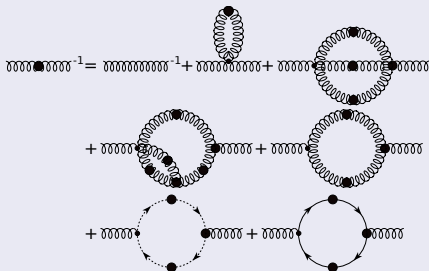
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Quark-Gluon-Vertex DSE:



The diagram shows the truncated Dyson-Schwinger equation for the quark-gluon vertex. On the left, a vertex with a gluon line and two quark lines is shown. This is equal to the sum of three terms: a vertex with a gluon loop (labeled 'YM'), a vertex with a pion loop (labeled  $\pi, \dots$ ), and a vertex with a nucleon loop (labeled  $N, \dots$ ). The 'YM' term is highlighted with a red box.

Gluon DSE:



The diagram shows the truncated Dyson-Schwinger equation for a gluon. On the left, a gluon line with a self-energy insertion is labeled with  $-1$ . This is equal to the sum of several terms: a bare gluon line labeled with  $-1$ , a gluon line with a ghost loop self-energy insertion, a gluon line with a ghost loop and a quark loop self-energy insertion, a gluon line with a quark loop self-energy insertion, a gluon line with a ghost loop and a quark loop self-energy insertion, and a gluon line with a quark loop self-energy insertion.

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$$\rightarrow \bullet \xrightarrow{-1} = \rightarrow \bullet \xrightarrow{-1} + \text{loop}$$

Quark-Gluon-Vertex DSE:

$$\text{vertex} = \text{YM} + \text{meson} + \text{ghost}$$

Gluon DSE:

$$\text{gluon}^{-1} = \text{gluon}^{-1} + \text{self-energy terms}$$



# Truncation

Coupled set of **truncated** Dyson-Schwinger equations (Step III):

Quark DSE:

$$\text{quark}^{-1} = \text{quark}^{-1} + \text{quark}^{-1} \text{ gluon loop}$$

Gluon DSE:

$$\text{gluon}^{-1} = \text{gluon}^{-1} \text{ ghost loop} + \text{gluon loop}$$

Quark-Gluon-Vertex DSE:

$$\text{quark-gluon vertex} = \text{bare vertex} + \text{ghost loop (YM)} + \text{pion loop (\pi, \dots)}$$

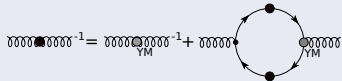
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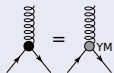
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**Lattice data for quenched gluon:**

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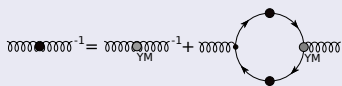
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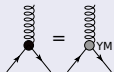
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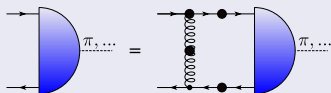
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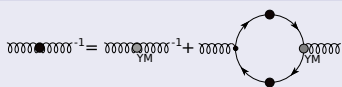
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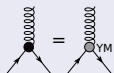
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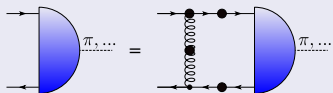
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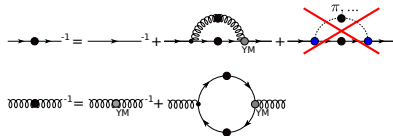
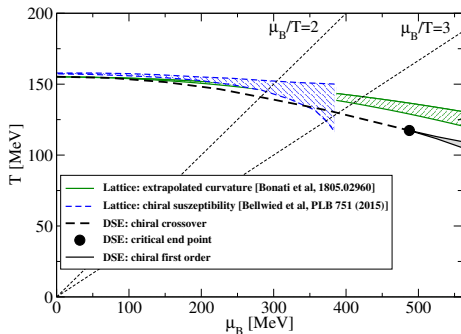


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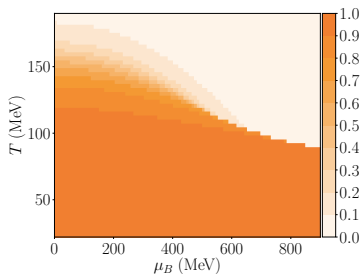
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# Present QCD phase diagram



→ Details: see talk by Philipp Isserstedt (Friday)

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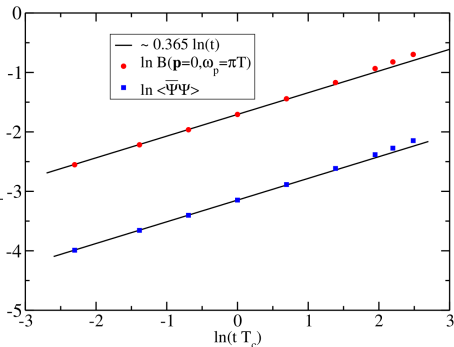
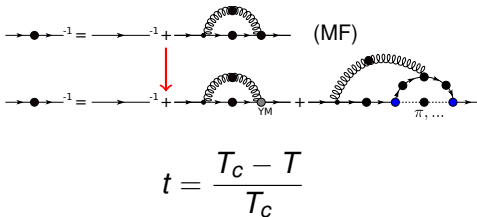


## CEP at large $\mu_q$ :

- ▶ Fischer, Luecker, PLB 718 (2013) 1036
- ▶ Fischer, Fister, Luecker, Pawłowski, PLB 732 (2014) 273
- ▶ Fischer, Luecker, Welzbacher, PRD 90 (2014) 034022

# Universality class ( $N_f = 2$ , chiral limit)

Importance of mesonic back-coupling effects:



$T = 0$ : Meson corrections in order of  $\sim 10 - 20\%$

$T = T_C$ : Meson corrections dominant  $\rightarrow$  critical scaling ( $m_q \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle (t) \sim t^{\nu/(2-\eta)} \sim t^{\nu/2} \sim t^{\beta}$$

$$\beta = 0.365, \nu = 0.73$$

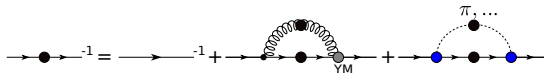
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(Heisenberg class)

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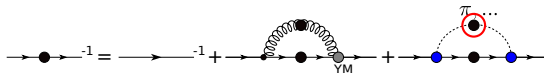
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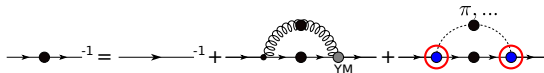
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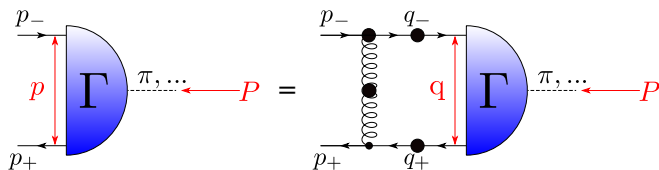


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# Homogeneous Bethe-Salpeter equation (BSE)



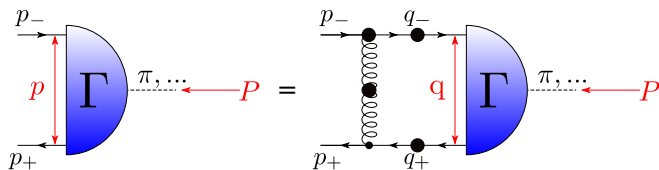
## Pseudoscalar amplitude in vacuum

$$\Gamma_{\text{PS}}(P, p) = \gamma_5 \left[ E(P, p) - i \not{P} F(P, p) - i \not{p} (Pp) G(P, p) + [\not{P}, \not{p}] H(P, p) \right]$$

## Pseudoscalar amplitude in medium

$$\Gamma_{\text{PS}}(P, p) = \gamma_5 \left[ E(P, p) - i P_4 \gamma_4 F_t(P, p) - i \vec{P} \vec{\gamma} F_s(P, p) + \dots \right]$$

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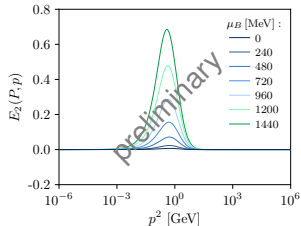
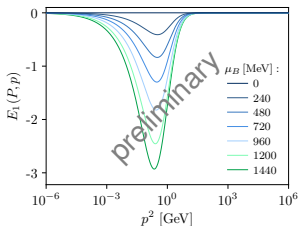
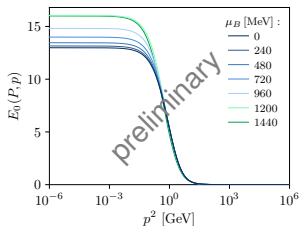
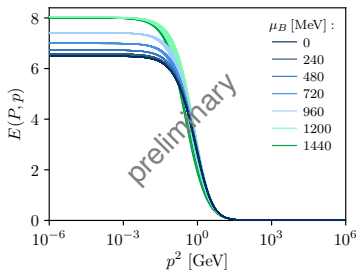
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# Pion Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

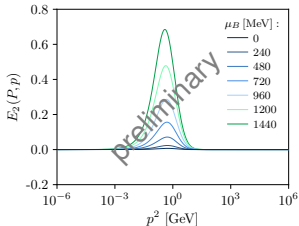
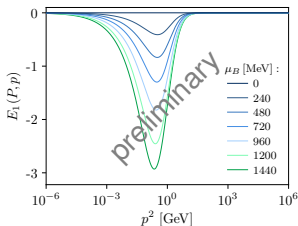
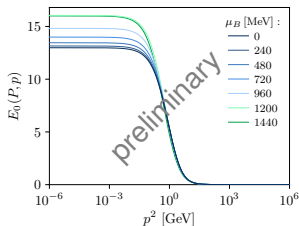
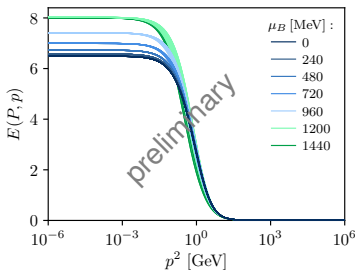


# Pion Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

## Chebyshev expansion:

$$E(P^2, p^2, z) \approx \sum_j E_j(P^2, p^2) T_j(z)$$

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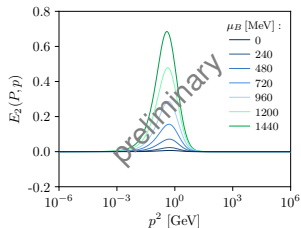
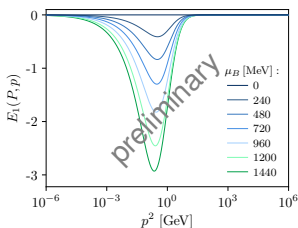
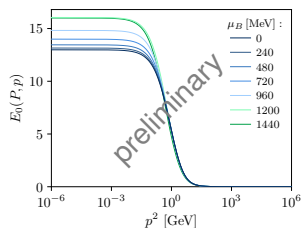
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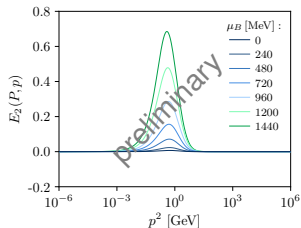
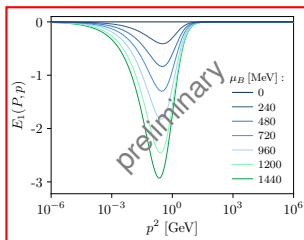
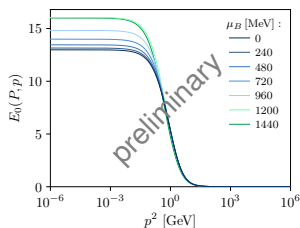
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**Pion:**  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$

→ odd Chebyshev coefficients vanish

→  $\mu_B$  breaks C-Parity







# Meson propagator

## Meson velocity:

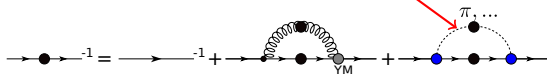
$$u_x = \frac{f_x^s}{f_x^t}$$

## Meson dispersion relation:

$$\omega^2 = u^2 (\vec{P}^2 + m_x^2)$$

## Meson propagator:

$$D_x(P) = \frac{1}{P_4^2 + u_x^2 (\vec{P}^2 + m_x^2)}$$



Son and Stephanov Phys.Rev. D, 66(7) (2002)  
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$X = \pi, \dots$

## Definition:

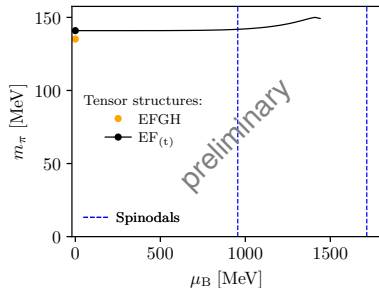
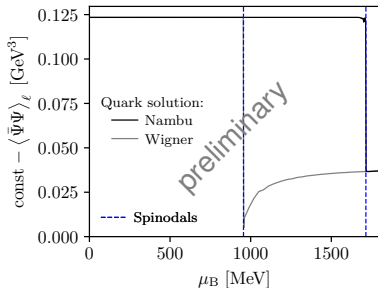
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$\mu_B < \text{mass gap of the system } \delta \text{ and } T = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Partition function and observables independent from  $\mu_B$

$\delta = m_B = \text{lightest baryon mass in medium}$

# Pion properties results at finite chemical potential



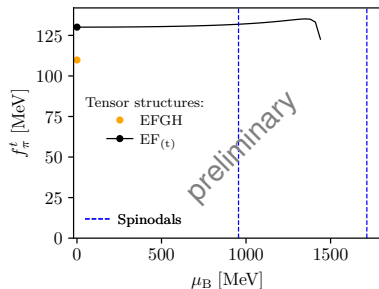
- Silver Blaze property fulfilled
- No pion solution above  $\mu_{B,C}^{\text{pion}}$  (eff. int)

## Qualitative agreement with simpler truncation schemes:

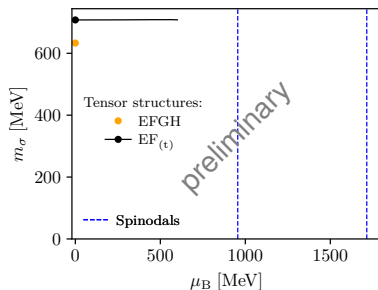
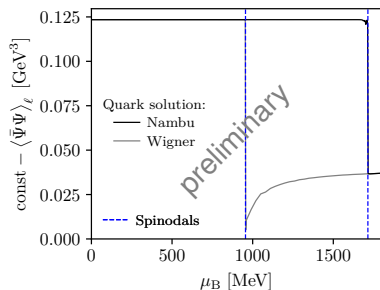
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- Successfully implemented quark back coupling onto gluon
- Present QCD phase diagram for  $N_f = 2 + 1$  quark flavors
  - good curvature agreement
  - CEP beyond lattice chiral susceptibility exclusion area
- Pion properties ( $m_\pi, f_\pi$ ) at  $\mu_B \neq 0$ , two tensor structures
  - $\mu_B \neq 0$  breaks C-Parity of mesons ✓
  - $m_{\pi,\dots}, f_{\pi,\dots}$  fulfill Silver Blaze property ✓
  - No pion solution above certain  $\mu_B^c$  (eff. int.)

1. Publish present results
2. meson properties at finite chem. pot. & temp.
3. meson back coupling (finite chem. pot. & temp.)  
→ influence on CEP

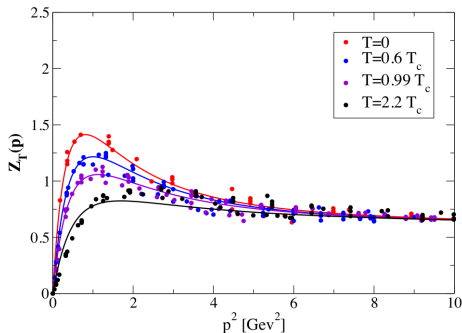
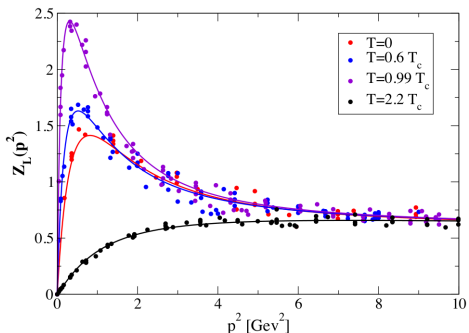
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# Backup slides



# Truncation scheme properties I

T-dependent gluon propagator from quenched lattice simulations:



Crucial difference between transversal and longitudinal gluon

( $T_c = 277$  MeV)

Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes, PRD 75 (2007)

CF, Maas, Mueller, EPJC 68 (2010)

Aouane et al., PRD 85 (2012) 034501

Cucchieri, Mendes, PoS FACESQCD 007 (2010)

Silva, Oliveira, Bicudo, Cardoso, PRD 89 (2014) 074503

FRG: Fister, Pawłowski, arXiv:1112.5440

# Truncation scheme properties II

**Vertex truncation:** STI and perturbative behavior at large momenta constrain vertex

$$\Gamma_{\nu}^f(p, q, k) = \Gamma(k^2) \gamma_{\nu} (\delta_{\nu,3} \Sigma_A + \delta_{\nu,4} \Sigma_C)$$

$$\Gamma(k^2) = \frac{d_1}{d_2 + k^2} + \frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2 + k^2} \left( \frac{\beta_0 \alpha(\mu'') \ln[k^2/\Lambda^2 + 1]}{4\pi} \right)^{2\delta}$$

With first Ball-Chiu structure:  $\Sigma_X = \frac{X(\vec{p}^2, \omega_p) + X(\vec{q}^2, \omega_q)}{2}$ ,  $X \in \{A, C\}$

**Abelian WTI:** from approximated STI

**Perturbation theory**

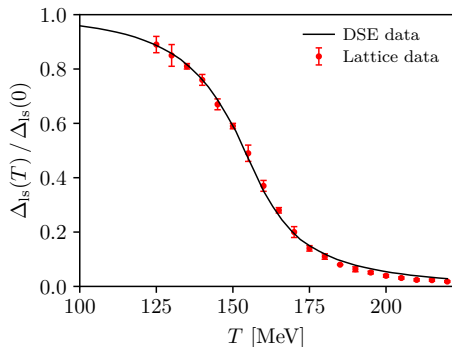
**Infrared ansatz:**  $d_2$  fixed to match gluon input,  $d_1$  fixed via quark condensate

Fischer and Mueller, Phys.Rev. D 80, 074029 (2009)

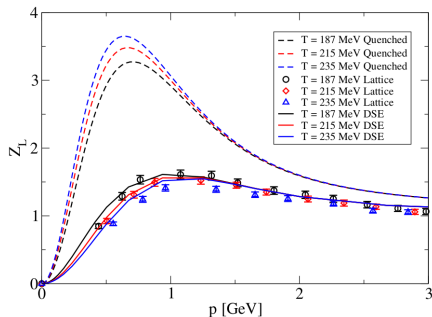
Fischer, Phys.Rev.Lett. 103, 052003 (2009)

# Truncation scheme properties III

Determination of  $d_1$  and prediction for unquenched gluon:



Lattice: Borsanyi et al. [Wuppertal-Budapest], JHEP 1009(2010) 073

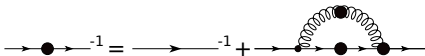


Lattice: Aouane, Burger, Ilgenfritz, Müller-Preussker, Sternbeck, PRD D87 (2013), [arXiv:1212.1102]  
DSE: CF, Luecker, PLB 718 (2013) 1036, [arXiv:1206.5191]

Quantitative agreement: DSE results verified by lattice

# Order parameter

## Chirality:



## Quark condensate

$$\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle^f = -Z_m Z_2 \int_q \text{tr}_{DC} [S^f(p)]$$

## Regularized quark condensate

$$\Delta_{f'f} = \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle^{f'} - \frac{m_B^{f'}}{m_B^f} \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle^f$$

## Deconfinement:

$$\langle L[A] \rangle \propto e^{-\frac{F_q}{T}}, \quad \text{static quark free energy } F_q$$

## Dressed Polyakov loop<sup>1</sup>

$$\Sigma = - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i\varphi} \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle_\varphi$$

## Polyakov loop potential<sup>2</sup>

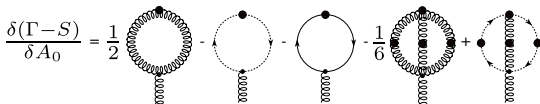
$$L[A] := \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}_C \left( \mathcal{P} e^{i \int d\tau A_0(\vec{x}, \tau)} \right)$$

1:

Synatschke, Wipf, Wozar,  
PRD 75, 114003 (2007)

Bilgici, Bruckmann,  
Gattringer, Hagen, PRD  
77 094007 (2008)

Fischer, PRL 103 052003  
(2009)



2:

Braun, Gies, Pawłowski,  
PLB 684, 262 (2010)

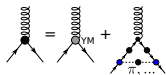
Braun, Haas, Marhauser,  
Pawłowski, PRL 106  
(2011)

Fister, Pawłowski, PRD  
88 045010 (2013)

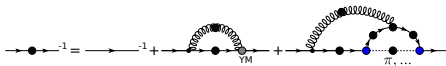
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Pawłowski, PLB 732

# Skeleton expansion

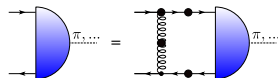
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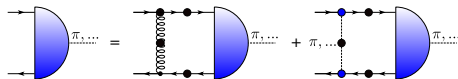
Inserting vertex into quark:



BSE:



**Assumption:** Only Yang-Mills part present in BSE  $\Rightarrow$  rewrite Quark DSE by inserting DSE into second diagram



Approximation justified if BSE vertex function with and without pion interaction term do not differ strongly

Fischer, Nickel and Wambach, Phys.Rev. D 76(9) (2007)

## Definition:

first coefficient ( $\kappa$ ) in taylor series expansion of the transition line in terms of  $\frac{\mu_q}{T_c(0)}$

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_q)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - \kappa \left( \frac{\mu_q}{T_c(0)} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_q}{T_c(0)} \right)^4 \right]$$

## Remark:

Curvature depends on choice of pseudo-critical temperature definition in crossover region

# Silver Blaze property example

## Definition:

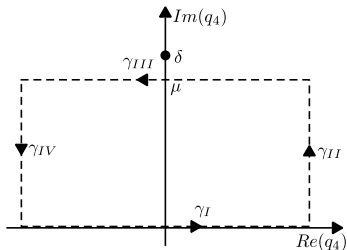
T. D. Cohen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91 , 222001 (2003)  
T. D. Cohen, arXiv:hep-ph/0405043 (2004)

$\mu_B < \text{mass gap of the system } \delta \text{ and } T = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Partition function and observables independent from  $\mu_B$

$$\delta = m_B = \text{lightest baryon}$$

## Example:



Substitution:

$$\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle \sim \int_q S(\vec{q}^2, q_4 + i\mu_q)$$

$$q_4 \rightarrow \underline{q_4 + i\mu_q} \int_q S(\vec{q}^2, q_4) \sim \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle_{vac}$$

Condition: No singularity in  $\gamma$