

The interplay of flavour- and Polyakov-loop- degrees of freedom

A PNJL model analysis

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Connections between colour and flavour ($N_f = 2$ thermodynamics)

- ⇒ Flavour blind dofs couple to up- and down- quark densities
- ⇒ Up- and down- quark densities couple to flavour blind dofs
- ⇒ Up- and down- quarks *communicate* via an intermediary:

Polyakov loop dofs

Quantitative investigation of induced flavour mixing:

- NJL-model + Polyakov-loop model ⇒ PNJL model
- A perturbative approach¹ to investigate:
 - The Polyakov loop $\langle \Phi \rangle$ and its conjugate $\langle \Phi^* \rangle$
 - Non-vanishing up- and down-quark susceptibilities χ_{uu} and χ_{ud}
- Conclusion & Outlook

Symmetry breaking patterns of QCD at finite T

Chiral symmetry

- 1 Explicit breaking $m_q > 0$
- 2 *Dynamic* breaking at **low** T
- 3 Order parameter:
Chiral condensate $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$
- 4 Quarks are
coloured objects

Confinement-deconfinement

- 1 Explicit breaking $m_q < \infty$
- 2 *Dynamic* breaking at **high** T
- 3 Order parameter:
Polyakov loop $\langle \Phi^* \rangle$ and $\langle \Phi \rangle$
- 4 Colour *screening* by vacuum
fluctuations of quarks

Dynamic quark masses \longleftrightarrow Colour confinement

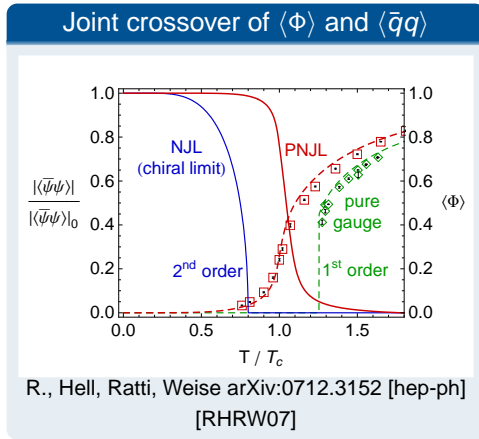
\Rightarrow Chiral symmetry breaking + $Z(3)$ symmetry breaking
are closely linked

\Rightarrow Joint crossover transition

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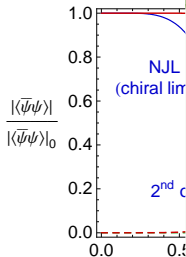
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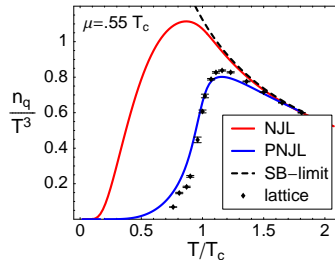
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Joint crossover of $\langle\Phi\rangle$ and $\langle\bar{q}q\rangle$



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Quark densities



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Diagrammatic view to quark number densities

$$n_{q_x} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu_x} = \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} \left[\frac{\partial S^{-1}}{\partial \mu_x} S \right] = \text{✱} \bigcirc$$

Ω : thermodynamic potential

$$\Omega = \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} \ln [\beta S^{-1}]$$

✱ : $\gamma_0 \tau_x$, where τ_x is a matrix in flavour space

Quark number susceptibilities

$$\chi_{ux} \propto \langle n_u n_x \rangle - \langle n_u \rangle \langle n_x \rangle = \text{✱} \bigcirc - \text{✱} \bigcirc \times \bigcirc$$

$$\text{✱} = \gamma_0 \tau_u$$

$$\bigcirc = \gamma_0 \tau_x$$

No explicit isospin breaking (throughout this presentation)



Introduction of a perturbative interaction $\delta\mathcal{U}$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{\text{MF}} + \delta\mathcal{U}(\zeta) \quad (\Omega_{\text{MF}} \text{ indep. of } \zeta)$$

- Propagators remain unchanged
 - Use the same quasiparticles as in MF
- Quark density operators induce new Feynman rules:

$$\text{---} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}^{-1}}{\partial \zeta} \quad \text{---} = \left[\frac{\partial^2 \delta\mathcal{U}}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta} \right]^{-1}$$

Corrections to the susceptibilities:

$$\delta\chi_{\text{ux}} = \text{---} - \text{---}$$

- ζ couples to n_{q_x}

$$\zeta \xrightarrow[\text{conjugation}]{\text{charge}} -\zeta$$

$$\chi_{\zeta} \propto \left[\frac{\partial^2 \delta\mathcal{U}}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta} \right]^{-1} \neq 0$$

$$\zeta\text{-susceptibility} \Rightarrow \chi_{\zeta} \propto \left[\frac{\partial^2 \delta\mathcal{U}}{\partial \zeta \partial \zeta} \right]^{-1} \propto^a \delta\chi_{\text{ud}} \Leftarrow n_{q_x}\text{-susceptibility}$$

^aThe mean field contribution of χ_{ud} vanishes due to flavour symmetry.

Polyakov loop degrees of freedom

- Polyakov loop $\Phi(\vec{x})$ is the trace of a time-like Wilson-line

$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}_c L(\vec{x}) \quad L(\vec{x}) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ i \int_0^\beta d\tau A_4^a(\vec{x}) t_a \right\}$$

- Order parameter for de-confinement

$$\Rightarrow \langle \Phi \rangle = 0 \iff \text{confined} \quad \Rightarrow \langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0 \iff \text{deconfined}$$

- Define Polyakov loop fields with good charge conjugation parity:

$$\Phi^+ = \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi^* + \Phi \rangle \quad \Phi^- = \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi^* - \Phi \rangle$$

QCD toy model (Ginzburg-Landau-type)

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{QCD}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff},0}^{\text{QCD}}}_{\text{indep. of } \Phi^\pm} + \delta\mathcal{U}(\Phi^\pm)$$

- Treat $\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff},0}^{\text{QCD}}$ in mean field
- Treat $\delta\mathcal{U}$ perturbatively

$$\chi_{\text{ud}} = \cancel{\chi_{\text{ud}}^{\text{MF}}} + \text{diagrams} \propto - \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \mu_u \partial \Phi^-} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \delta\mathcal{U}}{\partial \Phi^- \partial \Phi^-} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \mu_d \partial \Phi^-} < 0$$



Part 1: NJL model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NJL}} = \bar{\psi} (\not{p} - m_0) \psi - g (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \lambda_a \psi) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \lambda_a \psi)$$

- Free quarks
 - Local color current interaction
 - Integrated out gluons
 - Chiral symmetry
- ⇒ Local $\text{SU}(3)_c \xrightarrow{\text{QCD} \rightarrow \text{NJL}}$ Global $\text{SU}(3)_c$ ⇒ No confinement

Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

$$\Omega_{\text{NJL}} = \frac{\sigma^2 + N^2}{2G} - \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr} \log \frac{S^{-1}(\omega_n, \vec{p})}{T}$$

- Hartree-Fock approximation using Fierz-transformations
- Bosonization in channels with large 4-quark coupling

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = G \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \quad \Rightarrow M = m_0 - \sigma \quad \Rightarrow N = -G \langle \bar{\psi} i\gamma_5 \tau_1 \psi \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \not{p} - M + \gamma_0(\mu + \mu_1) & -i\gamma_5 N \\ -i\gamma_5 N & \not{p} - M + \gamma_0(\mu - \mu_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

- No explicit isospin breaking terms (Zhang, Liu [ZL07]) ⇒ $N = 0$

Part 2: Polyakov loop model

- Model for $SU(3)_c$ -gauge theory \Rightarrow Confinement
 - \Rightarrow 1st-order \Rightarrow Spontaneous breakdown of $Z(3)$ -center sym.

Order parameter for de-confinement – Polyakov loop

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Ginzburg-Landau effective potential $U = U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)$

- Simplified loop: $\Phi = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \exp \left\{ i \frac{A_4^a t_a}{T} \right\} \quad a \in \{3, 8\}$
- Integrate out all dofs that do not change order parameters

$$\int \mathcal{D}\Phi \int \mathcal{D}\Phi^* e^{-U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)} = \int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_{\text{eff}}(\Phi(A), \Phi^*(A), T)}$$

Polyakov loop model adjusted to lattice QCD data

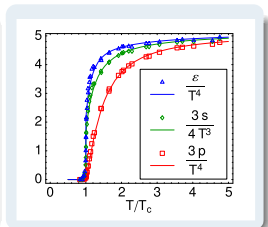
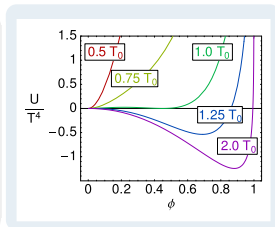
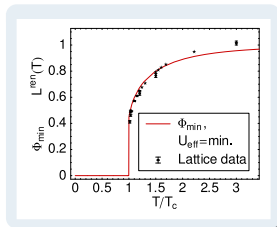
Ansatz for the Polyakov loop potential (K. Fukushima [Fuk04])

$$\frac{U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2}b_2(T) \Phi^* \Phi + \frac{1}{4}b_4(T) \log[J(\Phi, \Phi^*)]$$

$$J(\Phi, \Phi^*) = 1 - 6\Phi^* \Phi + 4(\Phi^{*3} + \Phi^3) - 3(\Phi^* \Phi)^2$$

$$b_4(T) = b_4 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^3 \quad b_2(T) = a_0 + a_1 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right) + a_2 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)^2$$

- Temperature dependent coupling strength $b_2 = b_2(T)$



G. Boyd et. al. [B⁺96], O. Kaczmarek et. al. [KKPZ02, KZ05]

- $\Phi^* = \Phi$ at $N_f = 0$: $U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)$ only fixed in $\frac{1}{2}(\Phi^* + \Phi)$
- Stiffness of $U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)$ in $\frac{1}{2}(\Phi^* - \Phi)$ is *free* to be adjusted

Polyakov loop extended NJL (PNJL)

- Substitute the Matsubara frequencies ω_n by $\omega_n + A_4$
 - ➡ Formal substitution $\mu \rightarrow \mu - iA_4$ after Matsubara summation

$$\Omega_0 = \Omega_{\text{NJL}}|_{\mu \rightarrow \mu - iA_4} + U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)$$

Defining mean field as 0th perturbative order

- Fermion sign problem: $\mu \rightarrow \mu - iA_4$ ➡ $\Omega_0 = \frac{T}{V} S_E \in \mathbb{C}$
- Identification in 0th order: $p(T) = -\Omega_{\text{MF}}(T) + \Omega_{\text{MF}}(T=0)$
- Mean field: $\Omega_{\text{MF}} = \text{Re } \Omega_0$

➡ Maximization of $|e^{-S_E/T}|$ (“quenched” mean field)

$$\frac{\partial \text{Re } \Omega_0}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial \text{Re } \Omega_0}{\partial \Delta} = \frac{\partial \text{Re } \Omega_0}{\partial \mathcal{A}_4^{(3)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Re } \Omega_0}{\partial \mathcal{A}_4^{(8)}} = 0$$

➡ Constraints: $\Omega_{\text{MF}} \stackrel{!}{\in} \mathbb{R}$ ➡ $\Phi_{\text{MF}} = \Phi_{\text{MF}}^* \dots$

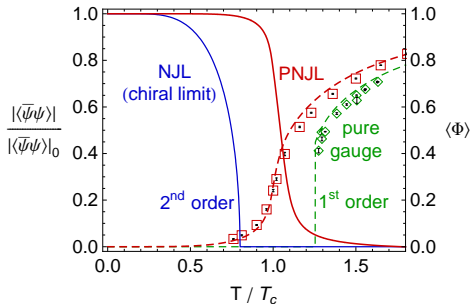


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T_c in MeV

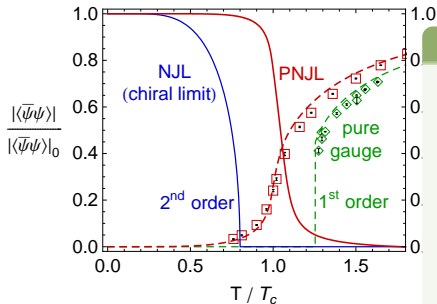
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"PNJL-Confinement"

- Confinement at $T < T_c$:
 - Polyakov loop $\langle \Phi \rangle \ll 1$
- ➡ Free quarks suppressed
- Statistical confinement:
 - ➡ Active (color-neutral) quasi-particles:

$$m = 3 M \approx M_N$$

Corrections to the PNJL mean field solutions

“Unquenching” the PNJL model

Goal: Release constraints on the mean fields

- ⇒ Integrate out the *approximate* order parameters (mean fields)
 - Subtile cancellation of imaginary parts is guaranteed

How? Perturbative expansion about the (constraint) MF solution

⇒ Taylor expansion of the action with respect to the fields

$$S = \frac{V}{T} \Omega_0 = \frac{V}{T} \sum_k \frac{1}{k!} \omega_k \vec{\xi}^k \quad \text{with } \vec{\xi} = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_0$$

- The vector arrow “ $\vec{\cdot}$ ” ⇒ Set of all fields $\vec{\theta} = (\sigma, N, A_4^{(3)}, A_4^{(8)})^T$
- $\vec{\theta}_0$ is the new minimum after SSB

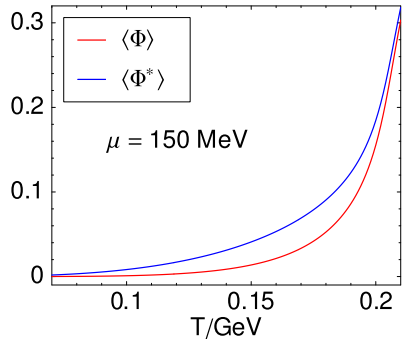
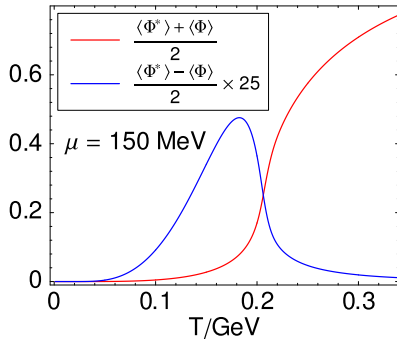
⇒ Separate free and perturbative parts:

- Free part: $k = 0, 1, 2$
- Interactions: $k \geq 3$

Note: $\text{Im}[\omega_1] \neq 0$ for the (former) gauge field $A_4^{(8)}$



Expectation values of the Polyakov loop $\langle \Phi \rangle$ and $\langle \Phi^* \rangle$



In mean field

- $\langle \Phi \rangle_{\text{MF}} = \langle \Phi^* \rangle_{\text{MF}}$
- No split of $\langle \Phi \rangle$ and $\langle \Phi^* \rangle$

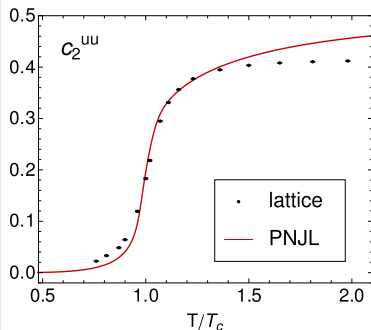
MF + corrections

- $\langle \Phi \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle \Phi^* \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq \langle \Phi^* \rangle$ at $\mu \neq 0$

➡ Fluctuation effects beyond mean field produce $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq \langle \Phi^* \rangle$

Susceptibilities: c_2^{uu} , c_2^{ud} , c_4^{uu} , c_4^{ud} beyond mean field

c_2^{uu}



c_2^{ud} in MF

$$c_n(T) = - \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^n (\Omega/T^4)}{\partial (\mu/T)^n} \Big|_{\mu=\mu_1=0}$$

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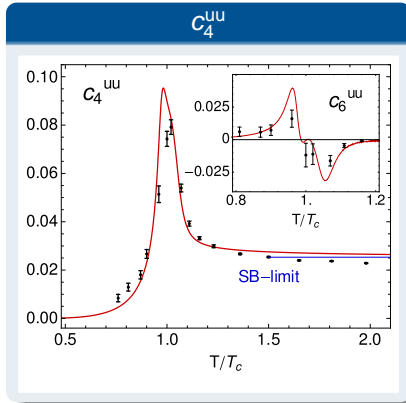
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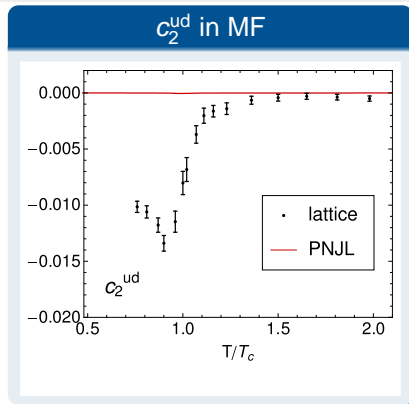
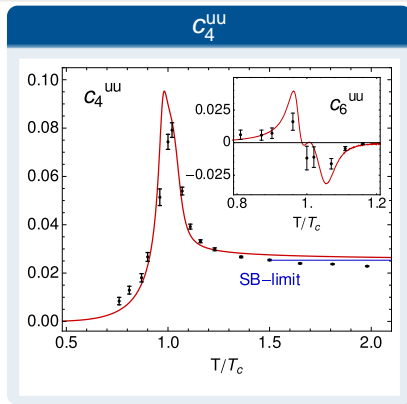
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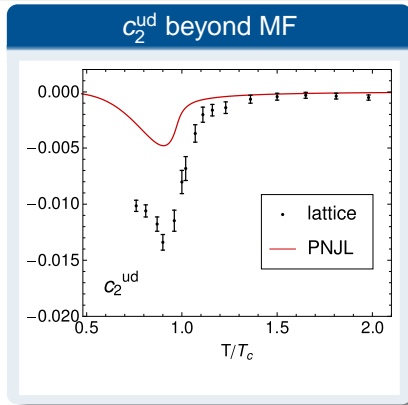
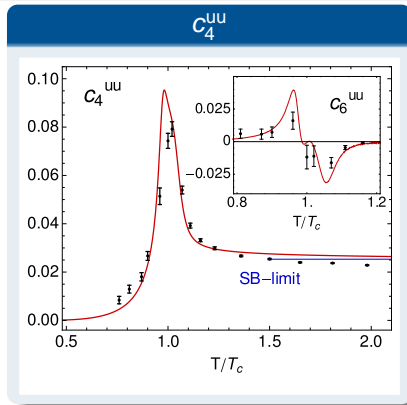
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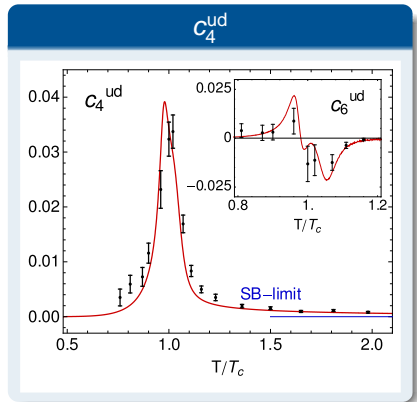
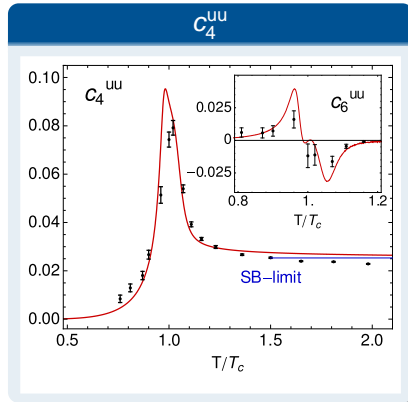
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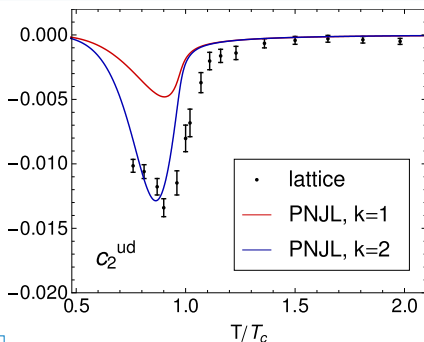
Connection to the Polyakov loop degrees of freedom

- Polyakov loop effective potential adjusted at $N_f = 0$

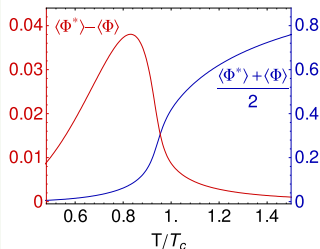
$$\frac{\delta U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)}{T^4} \propto \Phi^* \Phi = \frac{\Phi^{+2} - \Phi^{-2}}{4} \rightarrow \frac{\Phi^{+2} - k \Phi^{-2}}{4}$$

- Thermodynamics unchanged by varying k

c_2^{ud} with modified Φ^- -potential



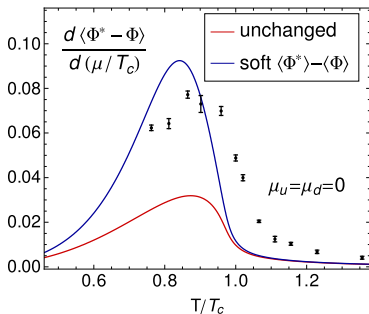
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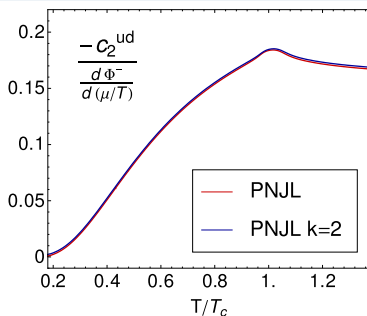
- Φ^- -dof $\Rightarrow c_2^{\text{ud}} < 0$

$$c_2^{\text{ud}} \text{ controlled by } \Phi^- = \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi^* - \Phi \rangle$$

Φ^- around $\mu = 0$



c_2^{ud} normalized to Φ^- -variation

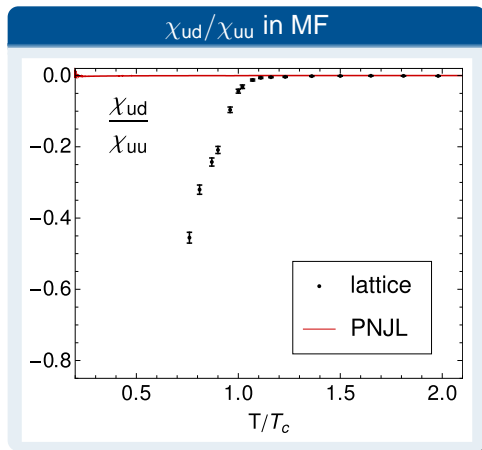


• Lattice: Döring [PhD Thesis]

• Universal for varying k

➡ Variations of Φ^- are responsible for $c_2^{\text{ud}} < 0$.

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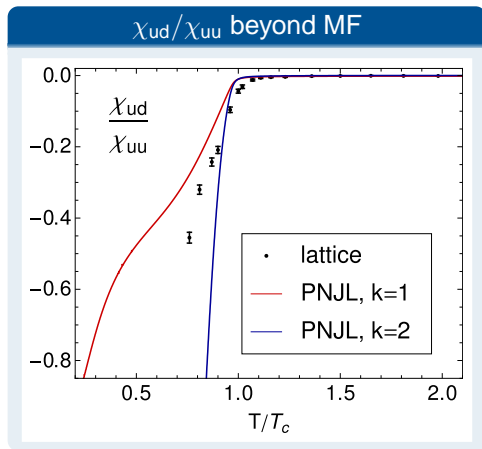


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- PNJL:
 - Chiral symmetry breaking
 - Confinement
 - Entanglement of chiral and deconfinement crossover
- Perturbative approach used to investigate
 - ✓ Polyakov loop: $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq \langle \Phi^* \rangle$ at $\mu \neq 0$
 - ✓ Isovector susceptibilities
- Variations of Φ^- are responsible for $c_2^{\text{ud}} < 0$
 - ➡ Stiffness of Polyakov loop effective potential directly governs c_2^{ud}
 - ➡ c_2^{ud} contains information about Polyakov loop effective potential
- Outlook
 - ✗ 2 + 1 flavors
 - ✗ Extract Polyakov loop effective potential using c_2^{ud} from the lattice

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