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I Introduction

Thermodynamics and phase structure of QCD are fundamental issues that test our understanding of gauge theories.

They are of intense present interest because of experimental results from RHIC.

⇒ High T is **NOT** a weakly interacting quark-gluon plasma.

For simplicity I discuss pure gluodynamics.

$$\mu = 0.$$

II Thermodynamics

$$Z = \text{tr} e^{-\beta H} = \int d\Phi e^{-S_E}$$

$$\Phi = (A_\mu, c, \bar{c}, b)$$

$$S_E = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_E$$

$$0 \leq x_0 \leq \beta = 1/T$$

free energy density $w = \frac{1}{V} \ln Z$

pressure $p = w/\beta$

energy density $e = -\partial w / \partial \beta$

anomaly $a \equiv e - 3p$

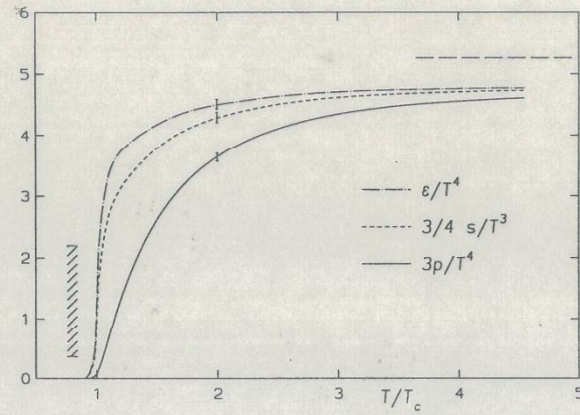


Figure 7: Extrapolation to the continuum limit for the energy density, entropy density and pressure versus T/T_c . The dashed horizontal line shows the ideal gas limit. The hatched vertical band indicates the size of the discontinuity in ϵ/T^4 (latent heat) at T_c [15]. Typical error bars are shown for all curves.

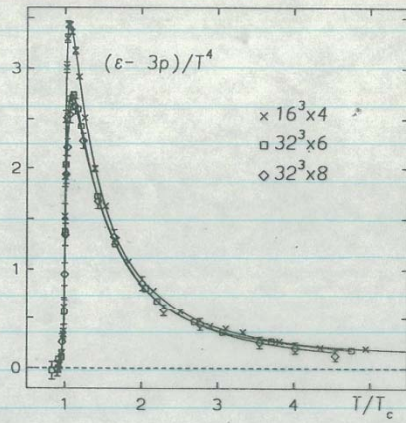


Figure 5: The difference $(\epsilon - 3\rho)/T^4$.

Evidence of phase transition

$$T_c = 0.629 \sigma^{1/2} = 0.629 \times 440 \text{ MeV}$$
$$= 276 \text{ MeV}$$

Latent heat per unit volume

$$\approx 3 \times T_c^4$$

IV High T limit and corrections

At strict high-T limit phase approaches Stefan-Boltzmann limit.

This suggests that we should be able to calculate the equation of state ^{at high T} as a weakly interacting gas of gluons especially because at high T

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} g(T) \rightarrow 0$$

by asymptotic freedom.

Let's try and see what happens!

$$\frac{W}{T^3} = \frac{P}{T^4}$$

$$= (N^2 - 1) \frac{\pi^2}{45} \left[1 + a_2 g^2 + a_3 g^3 \right.$$

$$+ a_4 g^4 + a_5 g^5$$

$$\left. + (\dots \ln^2 \dots + \dots \ln \dots + c) g^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$g^2 = g^2(T) = \frac{24 \pi^2}{11 N \ln\left(\frac{\mu(T)}{\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}}\right)} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mu(T) \rightarrow 2\pi T$$

Terms non-analytic in g^2 come from resummation of perturbation theory.

But disaster: c is not calculable!!! A. Linde (1980)

High-T disaster!

Due to Failure of perturbation theory at high T.

At finite T get sum over
Matsubara frequencies

$$\int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$$\text{gluon propagator} = \frac{1}{(2\pi T n)^2 + k^2}$$

Also because $0 \leq x_0 \leq \beta = \frac{1}{T}$.

Matsubara frequency $n=0$

has infrared divergences of

3D gauge theory! ???

? This is a *confining, non-perturbative*
? gauge theory. ? ?

Why is disaster of order g^6 ?

$$S_E = \int d^3x \int dx_0 \frac{1}{g^2} \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow (T \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\int d^3x \frac{1}{g^2 T} \frac{1}{4} F_{ij}^2 + \dots$$

$$g_3^2 = g^2 T \quad [g_3^2] = 1$$

$$e^{W(T)} = \int dA e^{-S_E}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \int dA e^{-\int d^3x \frac{1}{g^2} F_{ij}^2 \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= e^{W_3}$$

$$W(T) \sim W_3 = \text{const} (g_3^2)^3 V_3$$

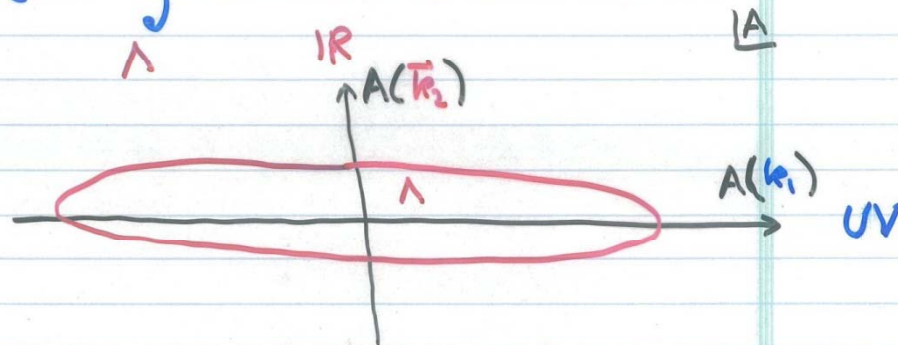
$$\text{by dimensional analysis}$$

$$= \text{const} (g^2 T)^3$$

const NOT perturbatively calculable.

VI Gibbon to the Rescue!

$$e^W = \int_{\Lambda} dA e^{-S_E}$$



Must integrate only over **fundamental modular region Λ** . (Region free of Gibbon copies)

Proximity of boundary of Λ in **infrared (IR) direction suppresses infrared components $A(\vec{k}_2)$** .

We are rescued from Linde disaster!!!

The Hitchin region is the domain in A -space where the Faddeev-Popov operator

$$M^{ac}(A) = -\partial_i^2 \delta^{ac} - g f^{abc} A_i^b \partial_i^c$$

has all eigenvalues positive.

It is characterized by the positivity of the horizon function

$$H(A) = \int d^{D-1}x \, h(x)$$

$$h(x) = g f^{abc} A_i^b \left[(M^{-1})^{cd} g f^{dec} A_i^c \right] - (N^2 - 1)(D - 1)$$

VI Dribor to the Rescue! (cont.)

Cut-off of functional integral
at Dribor horizon

suppresses infrared components
of gauge field.

Dribor (1978) gluon dispersion relation

$$E(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{m^4}{k^2}}$$

What is m ? Answer:

$$m(T) = \frac{N}{2^{3/2} 3\pi} \underbrace{g^2(T) T}_{\text{magnetic mass}}$$

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VII Cut-off of functional integral at
horizon is implemented by

local, renormalizable action and gap eq.

$$e^W = \int dA e^{-S_F}$$

$$= \int dA \Theta(-H) e^{-S_F} \quad H = H(A)$$

H is non-local "horizon function"

$$= \int dA e^{-S_F - m^2 H}$$

Gap equation

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial m} = 0 \iff \langle H \rangle = 0$$

$$e^W = \int dA d\varphi d\bar{\varphi} \dots e^{-S_{local}}$$

$$S_{local} = S_F(A) + S_H(A, \varphi, \bar{\varphi}, \dots, m)$$

Once this action is given nothing is
ad hoc!

Form of local action & gap equation

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \partial_i \bar{c} D_i c + i \partial_i b A_i$$

$$+ \partial_i \bar{\varphi}_j D_i \varphi_j + \dots \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(auxiliary} \\ \text{bose ghosts)} \\ + \text{fermi ghosts)} \end{array}$$

$$+ m^2 A_i (\bar{\varphi}_i - \varphi_i) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{mixing term} \\ m = \text{Higgs mass} \end{array}$$

$$- \frac{m^4}{2Ng^2} (D-1) (N^2-1) \quad \text{const.}$$

$$S_{\text{loc}} = \int d^3x \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 \mathcal{L}$$

$$e^{W(T, m)} = \int dA e^{-S_{\text{loc}}}$$

Gap equation

$$\frac{\partial W(T, m)}{\partial m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{high } T \quad m(T) = \frac{N}{2^{1/2} 3\pi} g^2(T) T$$

gluon propagator

Because of mixing terms

$$m^2 A_i (\varphi_i - \bar{\varphi}_i)$$

gluon propagator is given by

$$D(k) = \langle A(k) A(-k) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{E^2(k) + k_0^2} = \frac{1}{\vec{k}^2 + \frac{m^4}{T^2} + k_0^2}$$

$$= \frac{T^2}{(T^2)^2 + m^4 + (2\pi T m)^2 T^2 k^2}$$

Infrared suppression (T^2 in numerator)
results from proximity of Dirac horizon
in infrared directions.

Dirac mass provides infrared cut-off
for 0 Matsubara frequency $m=0$.

VIII gap equation

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial m} = \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial m} = 0$$

$$\langle A(\varphi - \bar{\varphi}) \rangle = \frac{m^2}{Ng^2} (D-1)(N-1)$$

$$\int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} T \sum_{k_0} \frac{2}{(k_0^2 + k^2)(k_0^2 + m^2)} = \frac{3}{Ng^2}$$

$$k_0 = 2\pi T n$$

Solve for $m = m(T)$

$$g = g\left(\frac{\mu(T)}{\Lambda \bar{m}_s}\right)$$

IX Free energy W

$$e^W = \int d\Phi e^{-S_{-2} + S_0} = e^{W_{-2} + W_0}$$

$$W_{-2} = -S_{-2} = \frac{3m^4}{2Ng^2} (N^2 - 1) \frac{V}{T}$$

$$e^{W_0} = \int d\Phi e^{-S_0}$$

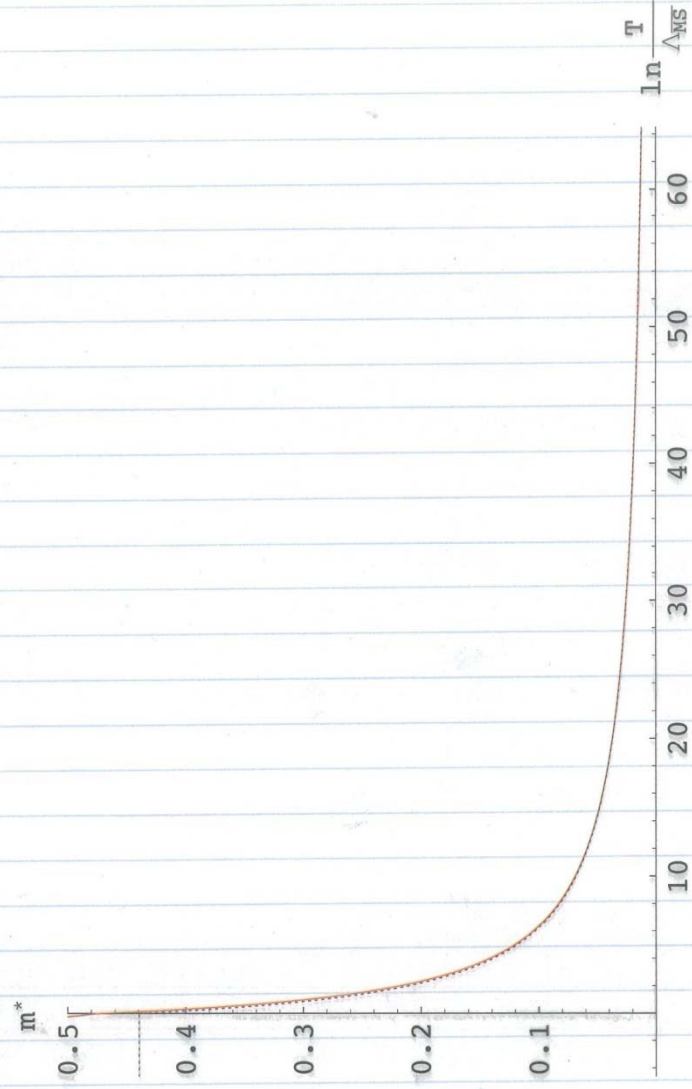
Planck free energy with

$$E(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{m(T)}{T^2}}$$

free energy per unit volume

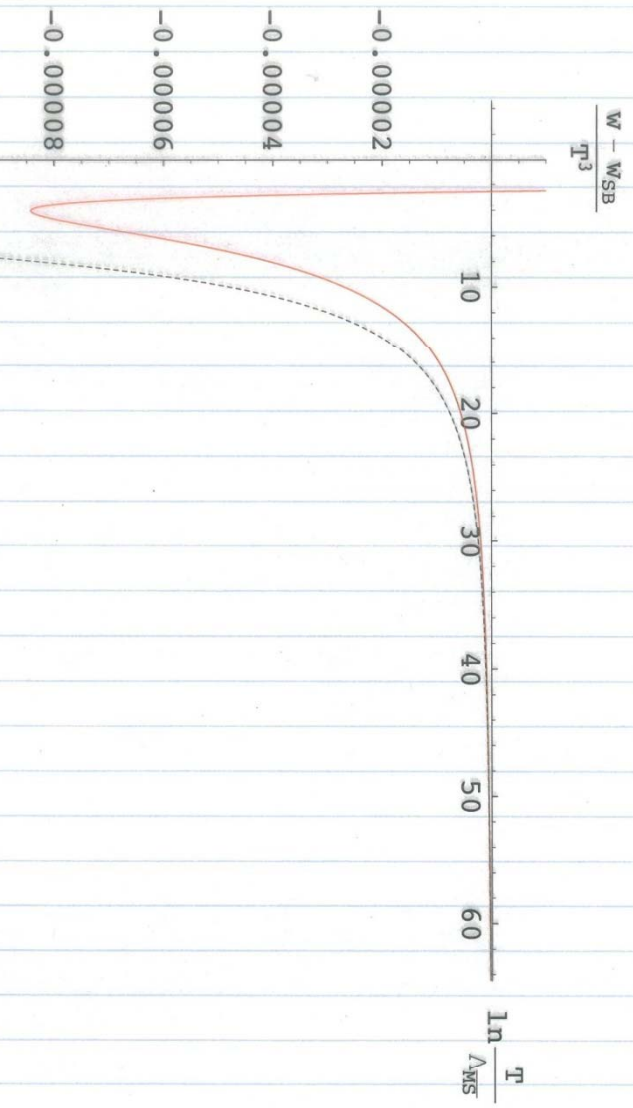
$$w = (N^2 - 1) \beta \left\{ \frac{3m^4}{2Ng^2} + \frac{1}{3\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{(k^4 - m^4)}{E [\exp(E/\beta) - 1]} \right\}$$

Gribov mass:



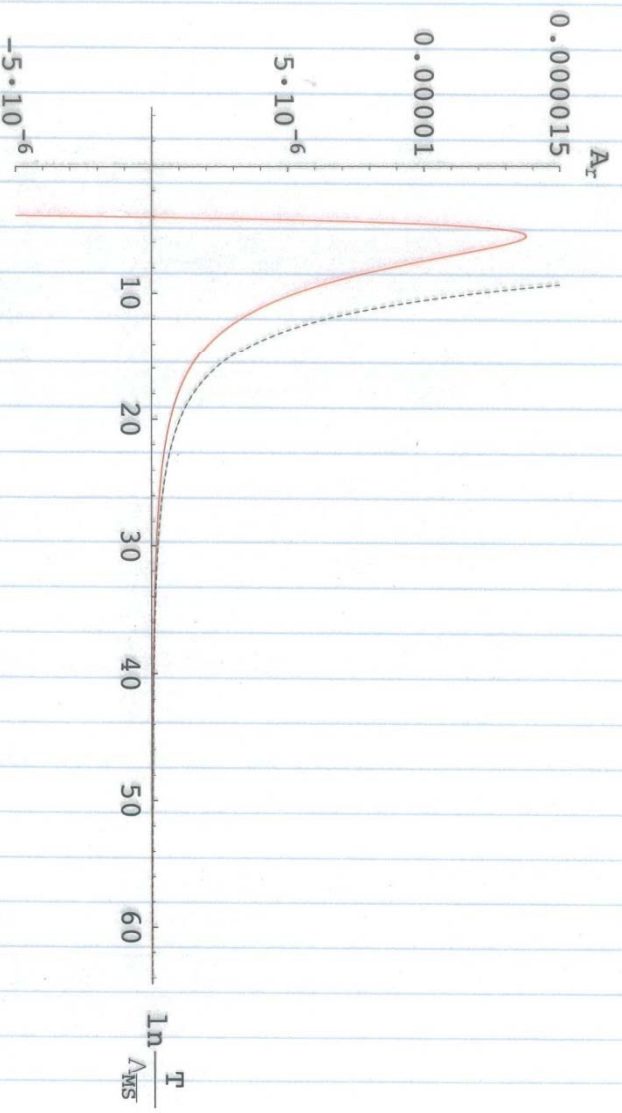
(numerical solution and asymptotic form $\sim g^2$)

rescaled free energy:



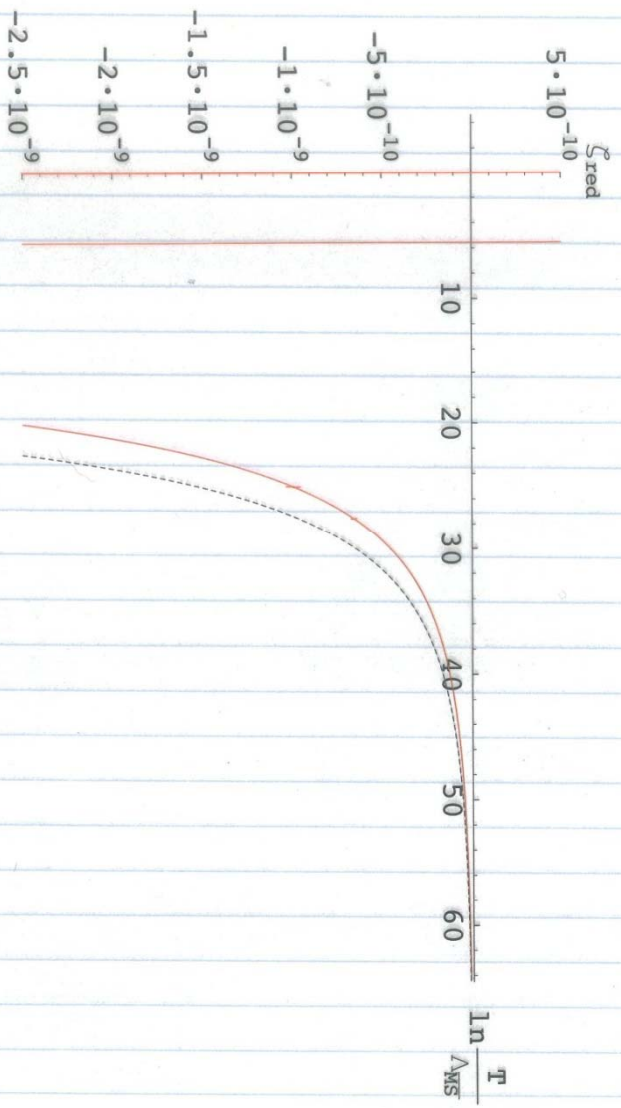
(numerical solution and asymptotic form $\sim g^6$)

rescaled anomaly:



(numerical solution and asymptotic form $\sim g^8$)

bulk viscosity:



(numerical solution and asymptotic form $\sim q^{10}$)