

Suppression of the Shear Viscosity as QCD Cools Into a Confining Phase

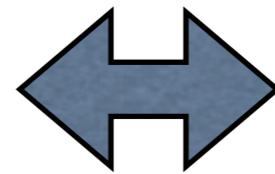
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Introduction

Confinement-deconfinement
Phase Transition

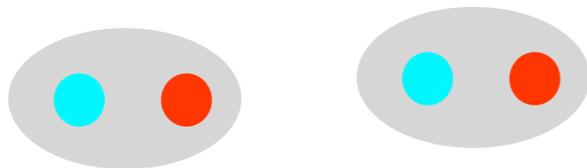


Ionization of
color charge

Ionization parameter:
Polyakov loop

$$\text{tr}L = \text{tr} \text{Pe}^{ig \int d\tau A_0}$$

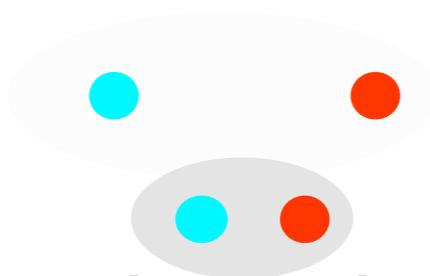
★ Confinement



No ionization

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}L \right\rangle = 0$$

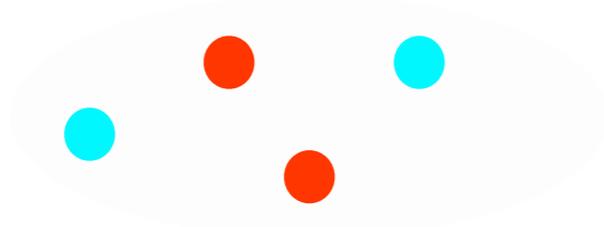
★ Partial deconfinement



Partial ionization

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}L \right\rangle < 1$$

★ Complete deconfinement



Complete ionization

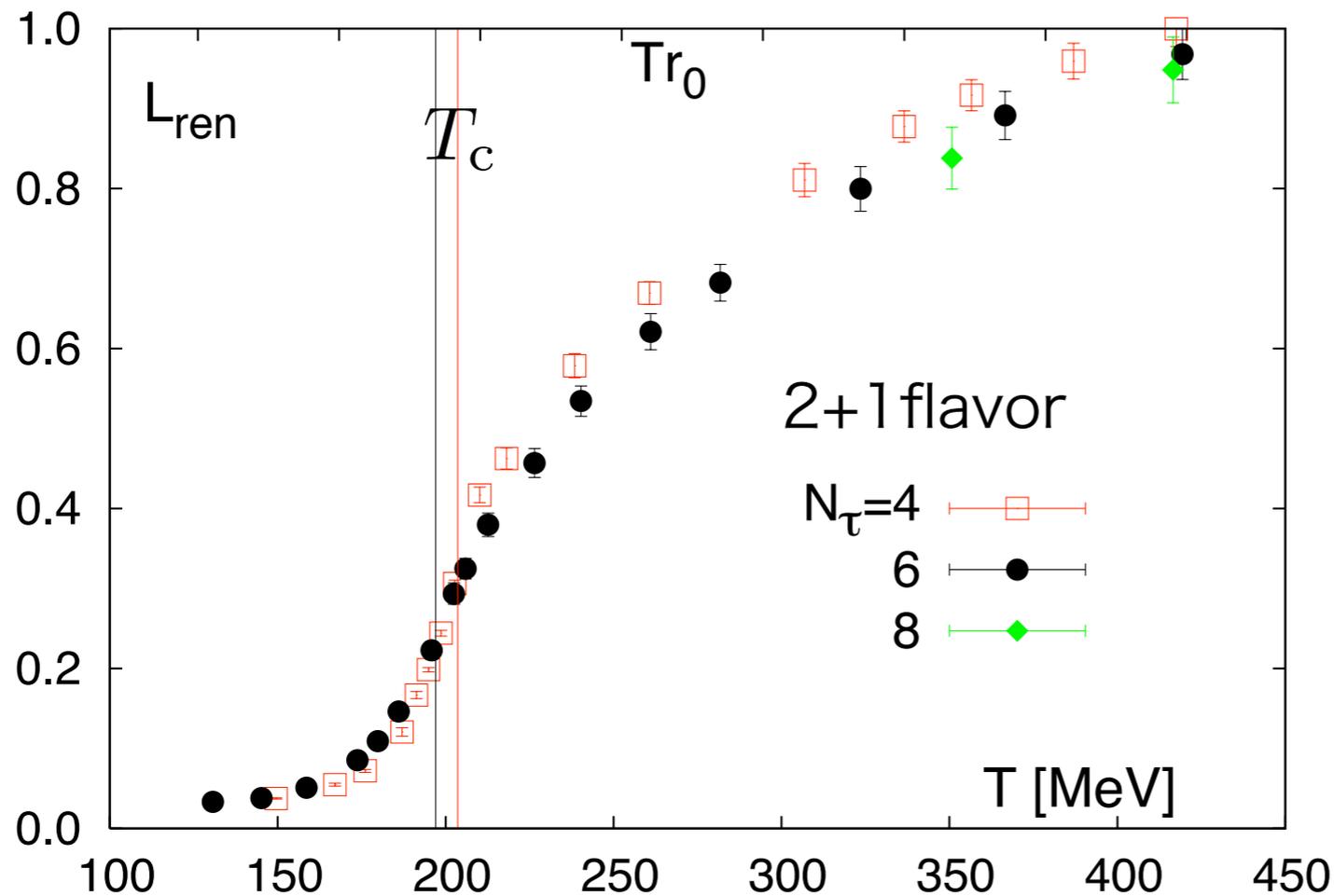
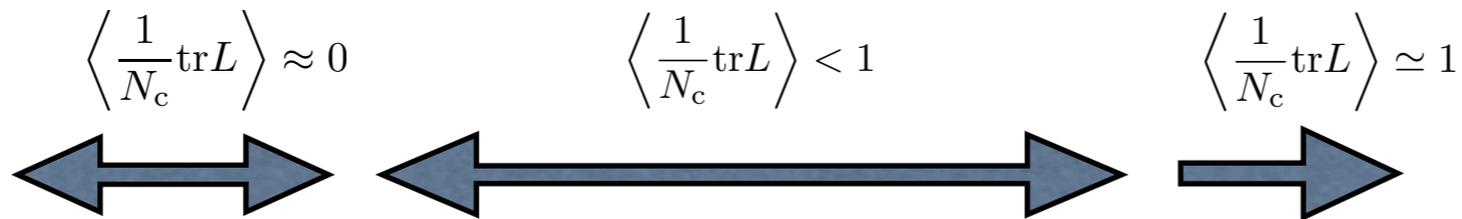
$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr}L \right\rangle \simeq 1$$

Semi-QGP

Confinement

Semi-QGP

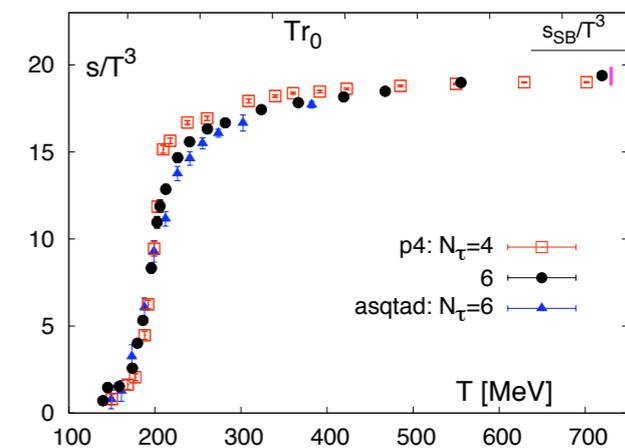
perturbative-QGP



Semi-QGP Window

$$0.8T_c - 2T_c$$

Expected temperature
in RHIC experiment
is in Semi-QGP!!



Cheng et. al.(2007)

Pressure, entropy, susceptibility, etc.
drastically change in Semi-QGP.
How about transport coefficients?

Viscosities

shear viscosity

$$\eta \sim \frac{T^3}{\alpha_s^2 \log[1/\alpha_s]}$$

Hosoya, Sakagami, Takao ('84); Hosoya, Kajantie ('85); Baym, Monien, Pethick, Ravenhall ('90), ('91); Arnold, Moore, Yaffe ('00), ('03)

bulk viscosity

$$\zeta \sim \frac{\alpha_s^2 T^3}{\log[1/\alpha_s]}$$

Arnold, Dogan, Moore ('06)

★ Perturbation theory

$$\alpha_s \ll 1$$

★ $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills

$N_c \rightarrow \infty$ Policastro, Son, Starinets ('01)

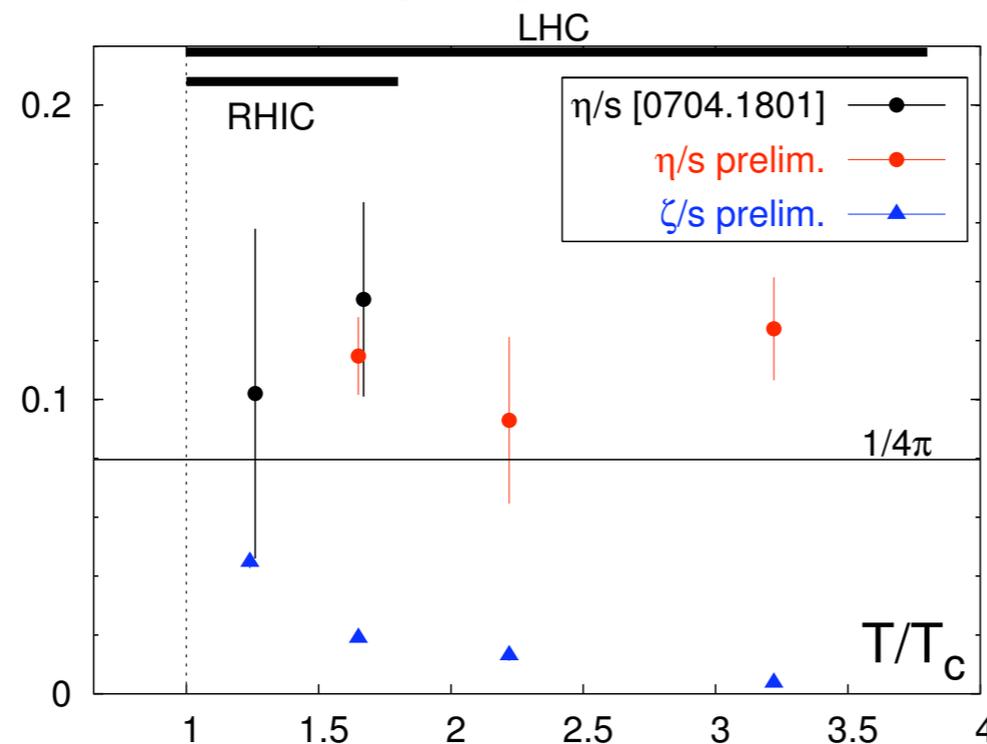
$\alpha_s N_c \rightarrow \infty$ Kovtun, Son, Starinets ('04)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\frac{\zeta}{s} = 0 \quad \text{conformal}$$

s : entropy density

Harvey Meyer ('07)



Bulk viscosity near T_c

Kharzeev, Tuchin (07); Karsch, Kharzeev, Tuchin(07)

Anomalous Viscosity

Asakawa, Bass, Muller('06)

Hadron phase

Gavin('85) Prakash, Prakash, Venugopalan, Welke('93)

Davesne('96) Dobado, Santalla('01)

Dobado, Llanes-Estrada('03) Chen, Nakano ('06)

Itakura, Morimatsu, Otomo ('07)

★ Lattice

Karsch and Wyld('87);

Sakai and

Nakamura('04);

Aarts, Allton, Justin

Foley, Hands, Kim('07)

Meyer ('07)

Formulation of Semi-QGP

- ★ Decompose Polyakov loop to eigenvalue and gauge dependent part.

$$L = \text{P}e^{ig \int d\tau A_0} = \Omega^\dagger e^{iQ/T} \Omega \quad Q^a : \text{diagonal and gauge invariant.}$$

- ★ Integrating over A_μ except Q .

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \exp(-S[A_\mu]) = \int \mathcal{D}Q \exp(-N_c^2 S_{\text{eff}}[Q])$$

- ★ Large- N_c approximation

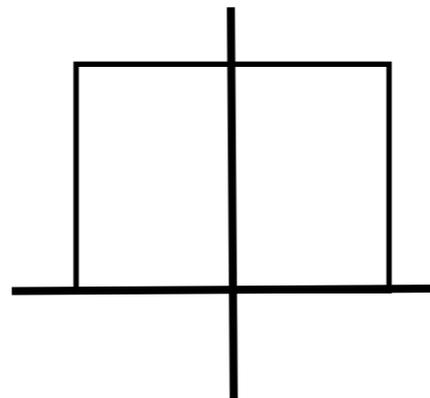
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta Q(x)} S_{\text{eff}} = 0$$

➔ eigenvalue-distribution function $\rho(\theta)$ with $\theta = Q/T$

$$\frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} L^n = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_a e^{in\theta^a} = \int da e^{i\theta(a)} = \int d\theta \rho(\theta) e^{in\theta}$$

Eigenvalue Distribution

Confinement
phase

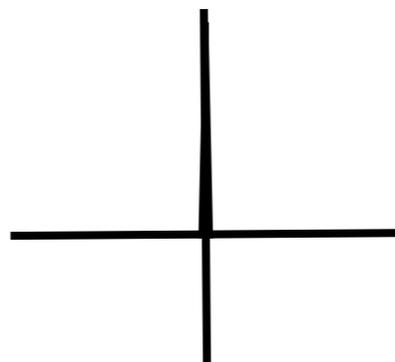


Distribution is constant: $\rho(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$

All Polyakov loops vanish:

$$\frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} L^n = \int d\theta \rho(\theta) e^{in\theta} = 0$$

Complete ionization



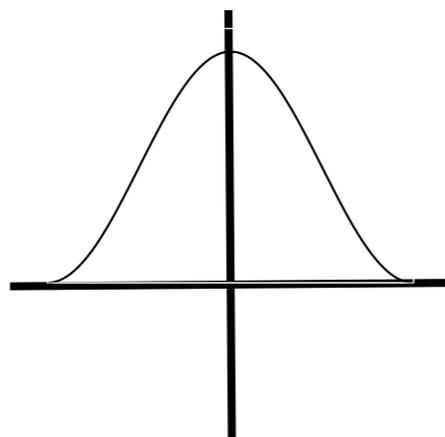
Distribution is the delta function:

$$\rho(\theta) = \delta(\theta)$$

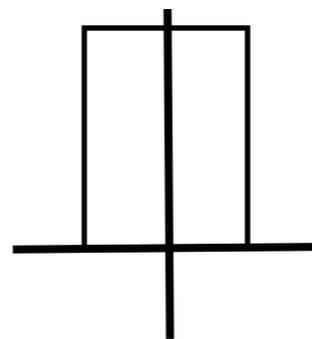
All Polyakov loops are unit:

$$\frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} L^n = 1$$

Semi-QGP



Gross-Witten model



Step function

We take some assumption of distribution, Gross-Witten model and Step function type.

Assumption

- ★ A_0 is decomposed to background and quantum field, $A_0 = Q/g + A_0^{\text{qu}}$
- ★ Coupling is small $g \ll 1$
- ★ Background gauge field is large $Q \sim T$
- ★ Slowly changing $\partial Q/T \sim gT$

can use derivative expansion.

Analytical continuation

Q corresponds imaginary chemical potential,

$$i\omega_n + iQ^a \rightarrow p_0 \pm i\epsilon$$

ω_n :Matsubara frequency

Propagator in the Background

We choose the basis of Lie algebra as eigenstates of the background field.

Quarks and gluons carry color “charge”.

Quarks

★ Covariant derivative

$$iD_0\psi^a = (k_0 + Q^a)\psi^a$$

★ Matsubara frequency

$$k_0 = 2\pi\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)T$$

★ Double line notation

$$Q^a \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad}$$

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★ Propagator

$$\frac{1}{(\omega_n + Q^a)^2 + k^2 + m^2}$$

★ Distribution function

$$\frac{1}{\exp(\omega - iQ^a) + 1}$$

Gluons

$$iD_0A_\mu^{ab} = (k_0 + Q^a - Q^b)A_\mu^{ab}$$

$$k_0 = 2\pi nT$$

$$Q^a - Q^b \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad}$$

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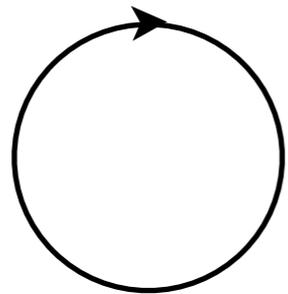
$$\frac{1}{(\omega + Q^a - Q^b)^2 + k^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\exp(\omega - iQ^a + iQ^b) - 1}$$

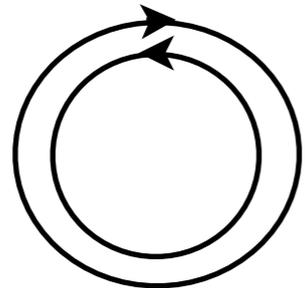
Expand the distribution function

$$\frac{1}{e^{(E-iQ^a)/T} + 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^{n+1} e^{-n(E-iQ^a)/T}$$

Example: trace of the propagator



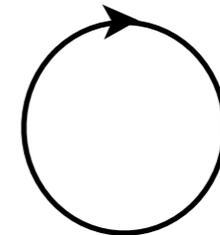
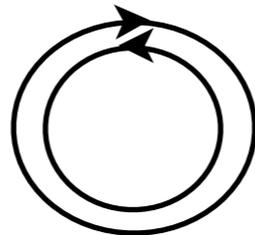
$$\sum_a \frac{1}{e^{(E-iQ^a)/T} + 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-)^{n+1} e^{-nE/T} \text{tr} L^n$$



$$\sum_{a,b} \frac{1}{e^{(E-i(Q^a-Q^b))/T} - 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-nE/T} |\text{tr} L^n|^2$$

Pressure(leading order)

$$P = \frac{T^4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left(2 (|\text{tr} L^n|^2 - 1) + 4N_f (-1)^{n+1} \text{Re} \text{tr} L^n \right)$$



Two point function

Hard Thermal Loop approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi^{\mu\nu}(P) &= \text{Hard } K, gA_0 \sim T \\
 &\quad \text{Soft } P \sim gT \\
 &= \text{Diagram} + \text{Tadpole, ghost diagrams} \\
 &= (m_D^2)^{ab} \left(\delta^{\mu 0} \delta^{\nu 0} - \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{(P)^0 \hat{K}^\mu \hat{K}^\nu}{P \cdot \hat{K}} \right) - i f^{abc} \langle (J^c)^0 \rangle \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{\hat{K}^\mu \hat{K}^\nu}{P \cdot \hat{K}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ordinary HTL approx. term

The thermal mass is modified.

Debye mass $[m_D^2(A_0^{\text{cl}})]^{ab} = m_D^2 \times h^{ab}(A_0^{\text{cl}})$ where $m_D^2 = \frac{1}{6} N_c g^2 T^2$

- ★ Completely deconfined phase $h^{ab} = \delta^{ab}$
- ★ Semi-QGP phase $h^{ab} < 1$
- ★ Confined phase $h^{ab} \sim 0$ because background is neutral.

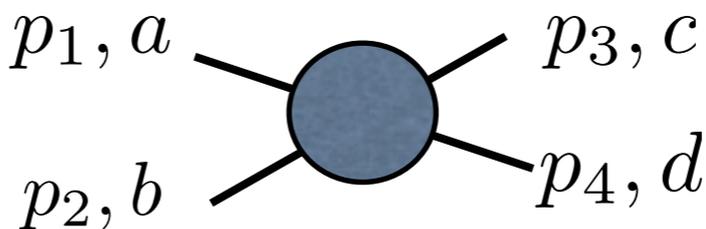
Kinetic Theory

Boltzmann Equation

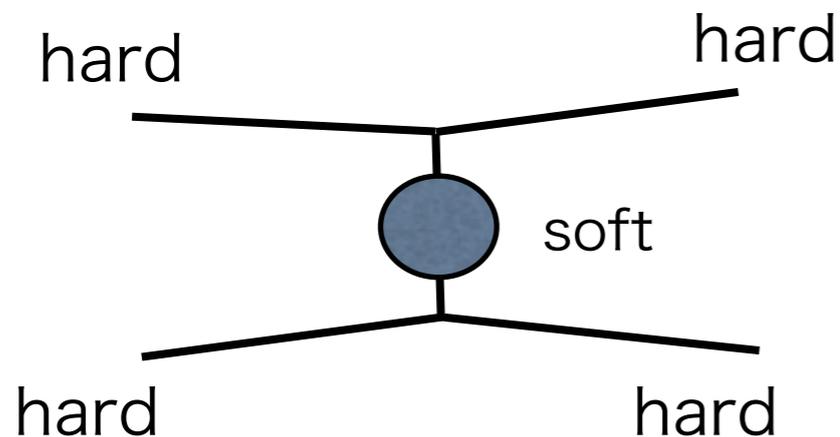
$$Df^a = -C^a[f] \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_p \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

Collision term

$$C^a[f] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{color, spin, flavor}} \int d\Pi (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4) |\mathcal{M}|^2 f^a f^b (1 \pm f^c)(1 \pm f^d)$$

Two body scattering $\mathcal{M} =$ 

t-channel contributes to leading log



soft gluon exchange

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 \sim \frac{1}{(q^2 + m_D^2)^2} \text{ (gluon exchange)}$$

m_D : color dependent Debye mass

Viscosities

★ Stress tensor

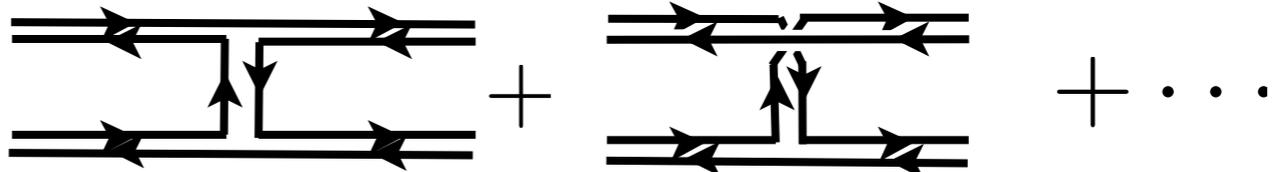
$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle - \eta \sqrt{6} X_{ij} - \xi \delta_{ij} \nabla^l u_l$$

$$X_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left[\nabla_j u_i - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \nabla^l u_l \right]$$

In kinetic theory

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}(x) \rangle = \sum_{\text{spin, flavor, color}} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{2\epsilon} f^a(p, x)$$

★ Scattering amplitude

Pure glue $\mathcal{M} =$  $+ \dots$

The diagram shows two Feynman diagrams for pure glue scattering. The first diagram is a box diagram with four external lines (two incoming, two outgoing) and two internal lines forming a loop. The second diagram is a box diagram with four external lines and two internal lines forming a loop, but with a different internal structure. The diagrams are separated by a plus sign, and followed by an ellipsis.

Viscosities(Cont.)

Arnold, Moore, Yaffe (01)

Linearized Boltzmann Equation

Assume that the system is near (global) equilibrium.

Expand the distribution function:

$$f^a = f_0^a + \frac{\partial f_0^a}{\partial \epsilon} X_{ij} I_{ij} \chi^a \quad I_{ij} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} (\hat{p}_i \hat{p}_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij})$$

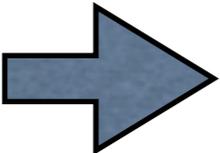
$$f_0^a = \frac{1}{e^{(u_\mu(x) p^\mu(x) - i Q^a(x))/T(x)} \pm 1} \text{ in (local) equilibrium}$$

Linear equation is obtained as

$$S = C \chi$$

S and $C \chi$ correspond to Df and the collision term in Boltzmann equation, respectively.

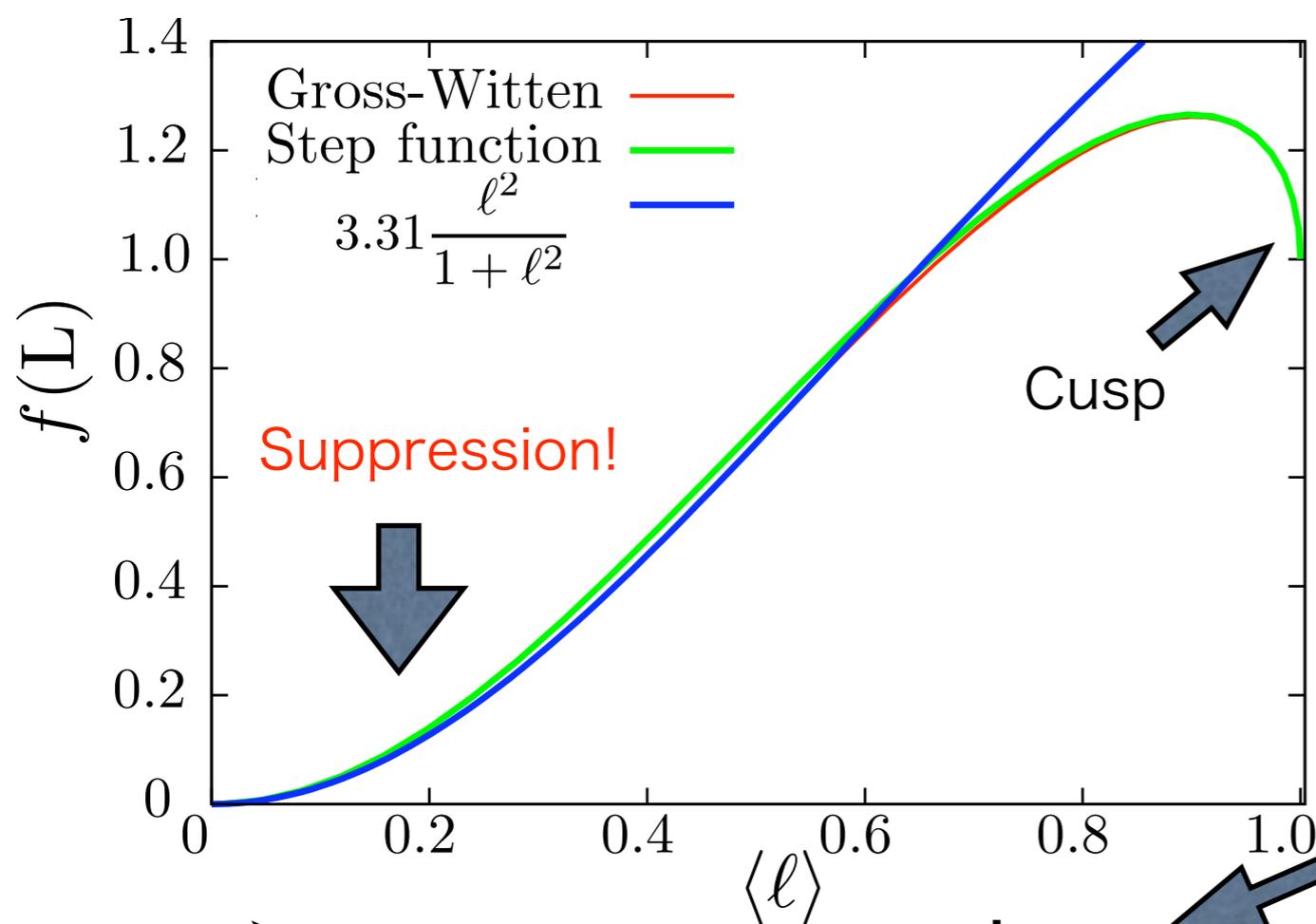
The solution is formally obtained: $\chi = C^{-1} S$


$$\eta = \frac{1}{15} S^t C^{-1} S$$

Result without quarks

Y.H., Pisarski('08)

Viscosity $\eta = \frac{c_\eta T^3}{g^4 \log(1/g)} f(L) \quad f(L=1) = 1$



★ **Semi-QGP** $\ell = \langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr } L \rangle$

$\eta \sim |\ell|^2 T / \sigma$

Suppression! at small ℓ

★ Classical dilute gas

$\eta \sim T / \sigma$

σ : cross section

cancel

$e^{iQ^a - iQ^b} e^{iQ^b - iQ^c} = e^{iQ^a - iQ^c}$

$S \sim \text{[Diagram of a circle with two concentric paths]} \sim N_c^2 \ell^2$
 $C \sim \left| \text{[Diagram of a square with four paths]} \right|^2 + \left| \text{[Diagram of a square with two paths]} \right|^2 \sim N_c^4 (\ell^2 + \ell^4)$

 at small ℓ

 $\eta = \frac{1}{15} S^t C^{-1} S \sim \frac{(\ell^2)^2}{\ell^2 + \ell^4} = \frac{\ell^2}{1 + \ell^2}$

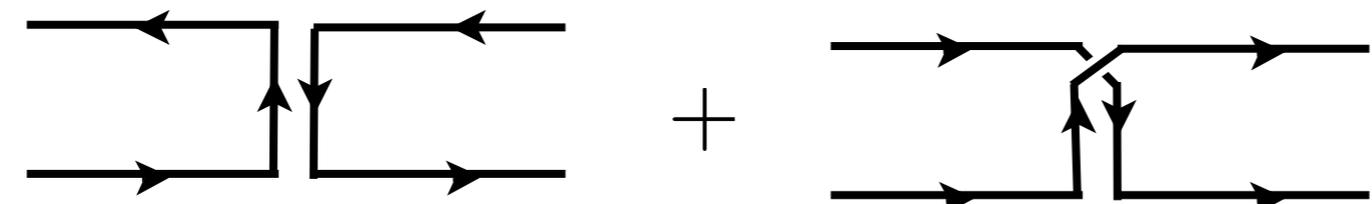
With quarks

The scattering amplitude is more complicated.

Assume $N_f \sim N_c \gg 1$.

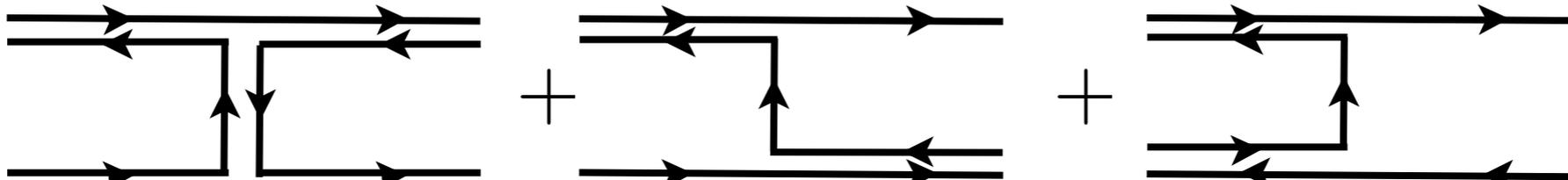
$$\mathcal{M} =$$

quark - anti-quark scattering quark - anti-quark scattering



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gluon - quark scattering gluon annihilation

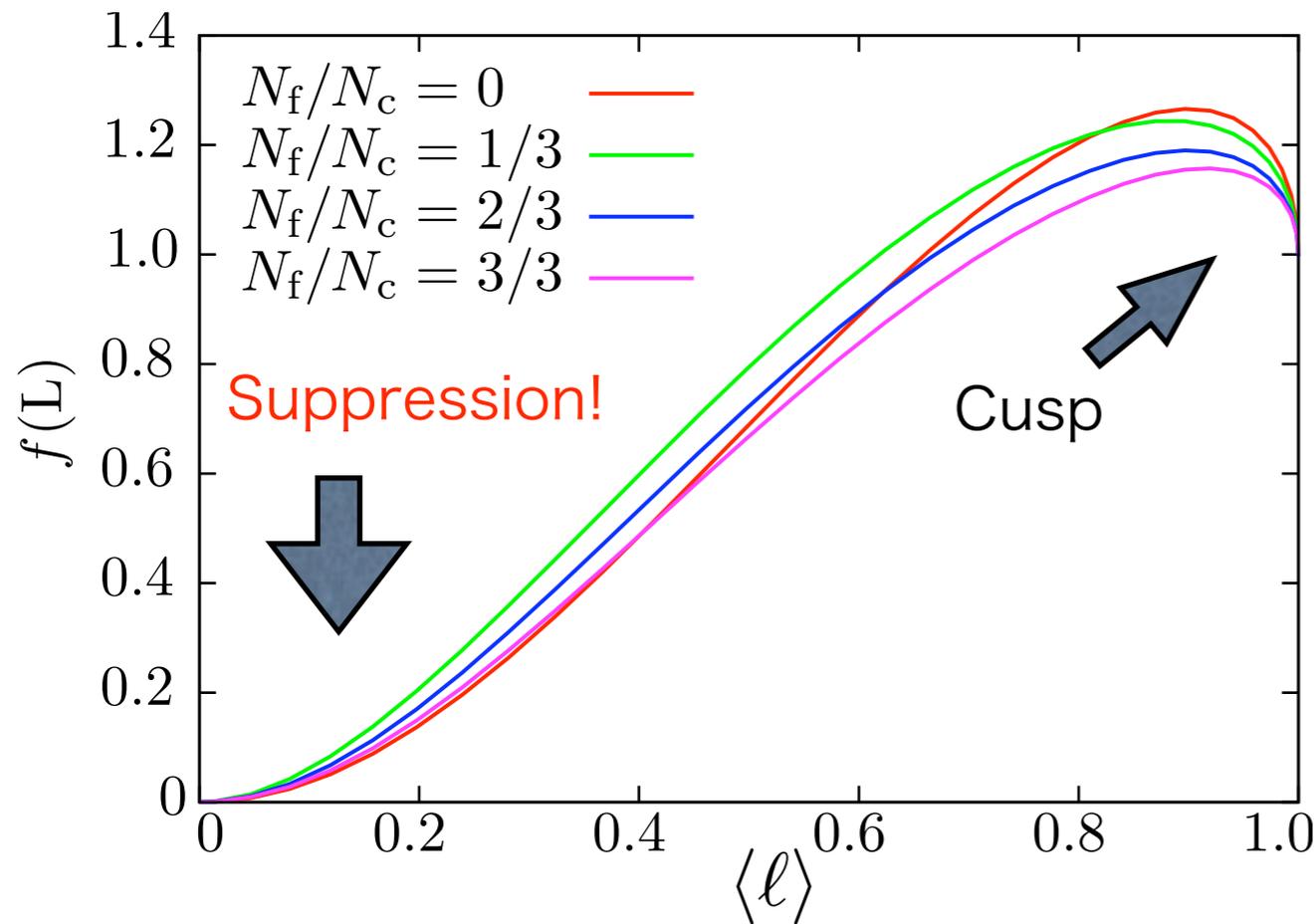


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The diagram shows the expansion of the scattering amplitude \mathcal{M} into a series of Feynman diagrams. The first row shows two diagrams for quark-anti-quark scattering: the s-channel exchange of a gluon and the t-channel exchange of a gluon. The second row shows two diagrams for gluon-quark scattering: the s-channel exchange of a quark and the t-channel exchange of a quark. The third row shows a diagram for gluon annihilation into a quark-anti-quark pair, followed by an ellipsis indicating higher-order terms.

Results with quarks

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$$f(L) \sim \ell^2 \text{ at small } \ell$$

quark - anti-quark scattering

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right|^2 \sim 1$$

no suppression at $\ell \ll 1$

The results are similar to that without quarks,
but, Quark contribution dominates,

$$\frac{\text{Gluon loop}^2}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right|^2} \sim \ell^2 / 1 = \ell^2$$

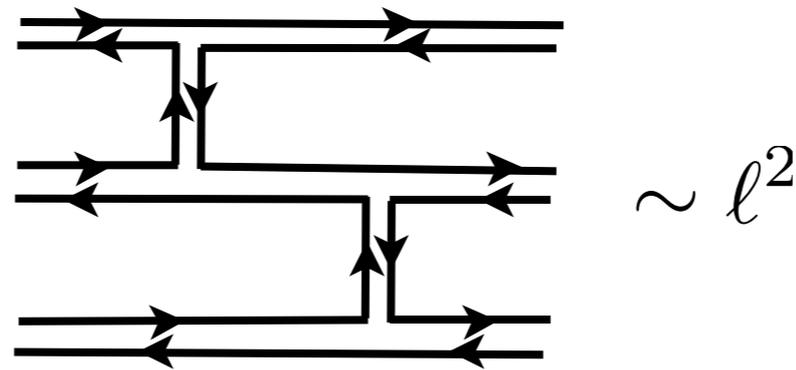
Gluon contribution is suppressed,

$$\frac{\text{Gluon loop}^2}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right|^2} \sim \ell^3$$

Summary

- We find a strong suppression of the shear viscosity, $\sim \ell^2$, near T_c .

Higher order



- Heavy ion collisions at RHIC have probed some region in the semi-QGP, where physical quantities such as real photon, dileptons emission and R_{AA} are at least partially suppressed by small Polyakov loops.
- Heavy ion collisions at the LHC may probe temperatures which are significantly higher, perhaps well into the complete QGP. If so, collisions at the LHC should be qualitatively different from those at RHIC.