

# Gauge topology and confinement: an update

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Our group's logo  
emphasizing our  
interest in topology



# outline

- nonzero holonomy  $\Rightarrow$  instanton-dyons, interactions
- classical dyon-antidyon interaction **(new R.Larsen+ES)**
- back reaction to holonomy potential  $\Rightarrow$  **confinement**  
ES and T.Sulejmanpasic,arXiv:1305.0796, inspired by Poppitz, Schafer and Unsal,arXiv:1212.1238
- Numerical simulations of the dyon ensemble  
**(new R.Larsen+ES)**
- fermionic zero modes of the dyons, dyon-antidyon pairs  
ES and T.Sulejmanpasic,arXiv:1201.5624, R.Larsen and ES, in progress
- dyon ensemble+fermions  $\Rightarrow$  **chiral symmetry breaking**  
P.Faccioli+ES,archive 1301.2523Phys. Rev. D 87, 074009 (2013)

# holonomy: $P \Rightarrow 0$ is the onset of confinement

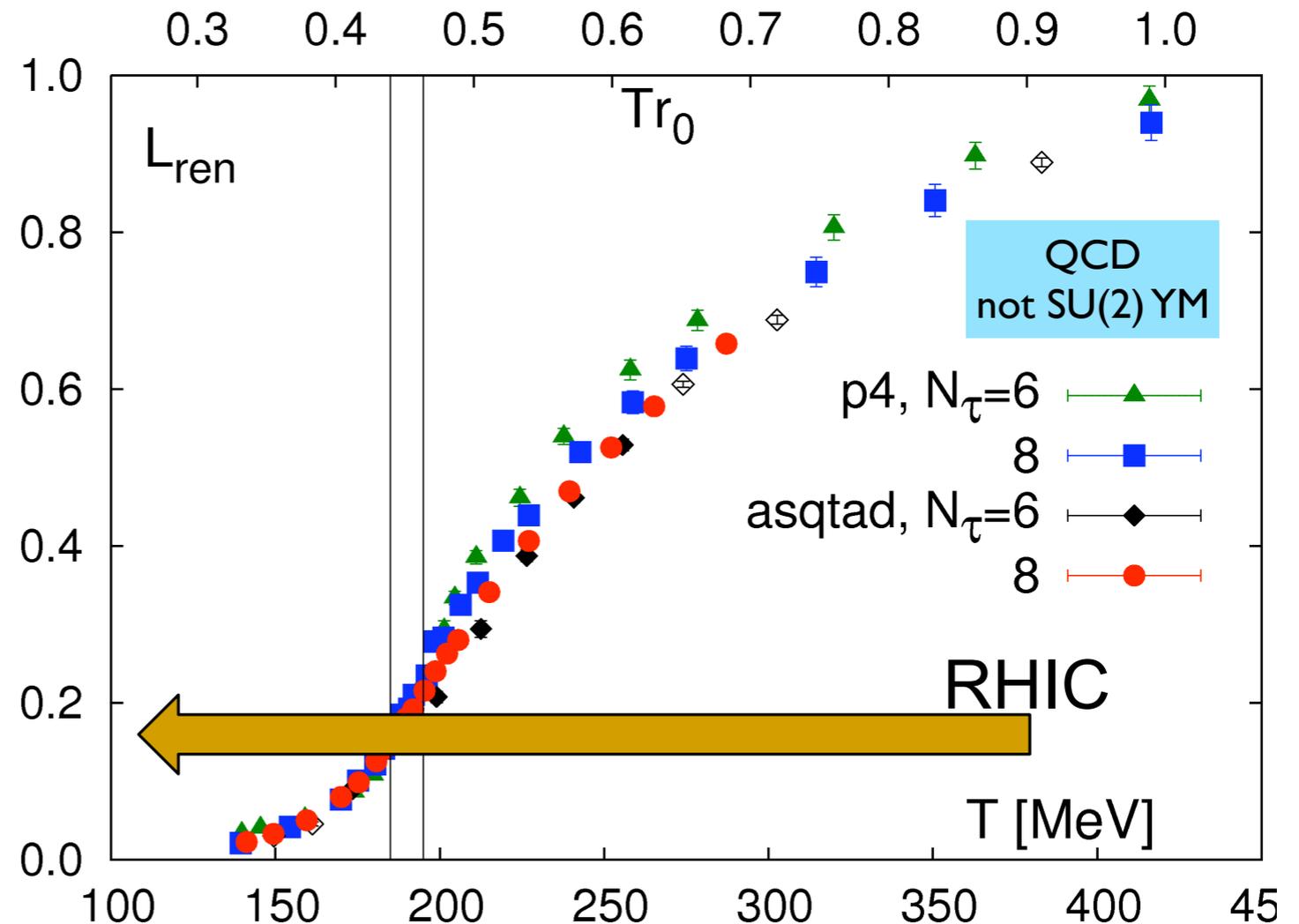
$$L = \langle P \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} P \exp\left(i \int d\tau A_0\right) \right\rangle$$

$$= e^{-F(\text{quark})/T}$$

## The Polyakov loop

$L=1 \Rightarrow A_0=0$  high T full QGP  
 $L=1/2$  “**semi-QGP**” (Pisarski)  
 $L \Rightarrow 0$  no quarks or onset of confinement

popular models like PNJL and PSM, make semi-QGP quantitative



The approximate width of the phase transition in thermodynamical quantities, energy and entropy is small, but  $P$  changes between  $T_c$  and  $2T_c$

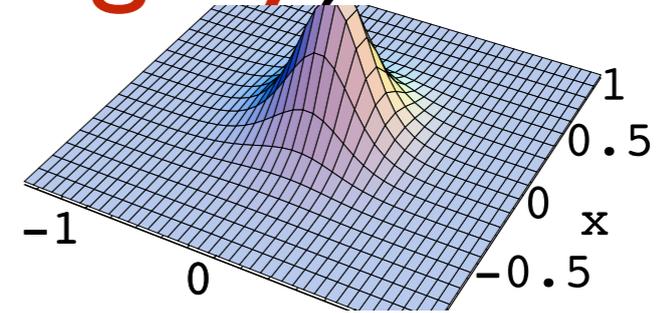
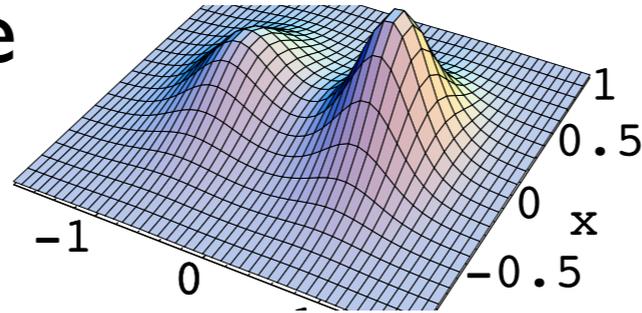
# Instantons => Nc selfdual dyons

(KvBLL, **Pierre van Baal legacy**)

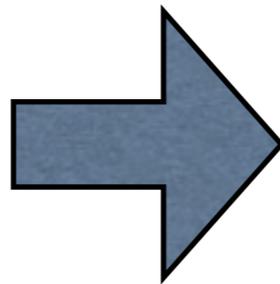
$\langle P \rangle$  nonzero Polyakov line

=>  $\langle A_4 \rangle$  nonzero

=> new solutions



**Instanton liquid**  
**4d+short range**



**Dyonic plasma**  
**3+1d long range**

instanton-  
dyons in  
SU(2)

name	E	M	mass
$M$	+	+	$v$
$\bar{M}$	+	-	$v$
$L$	-	-	$2\pi T - v$
$\bar{L}$	-	+	$2\pi T - v$

calorons= $M+L$   
are  
E and M neutral

TABLE I: The charges and the mass (in units of  $8\pi^2/e^2T$ ) for 4 SU(2) dyons.

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**! in  $N=2$  SYM** (Seiberg-Witten theory) when both are under control, and can prove that  $\text{stat.sum } Z$  over **particle-monopoles** and

**instanton dyons are equal !**

(being low and high-T approaches to the same physics)

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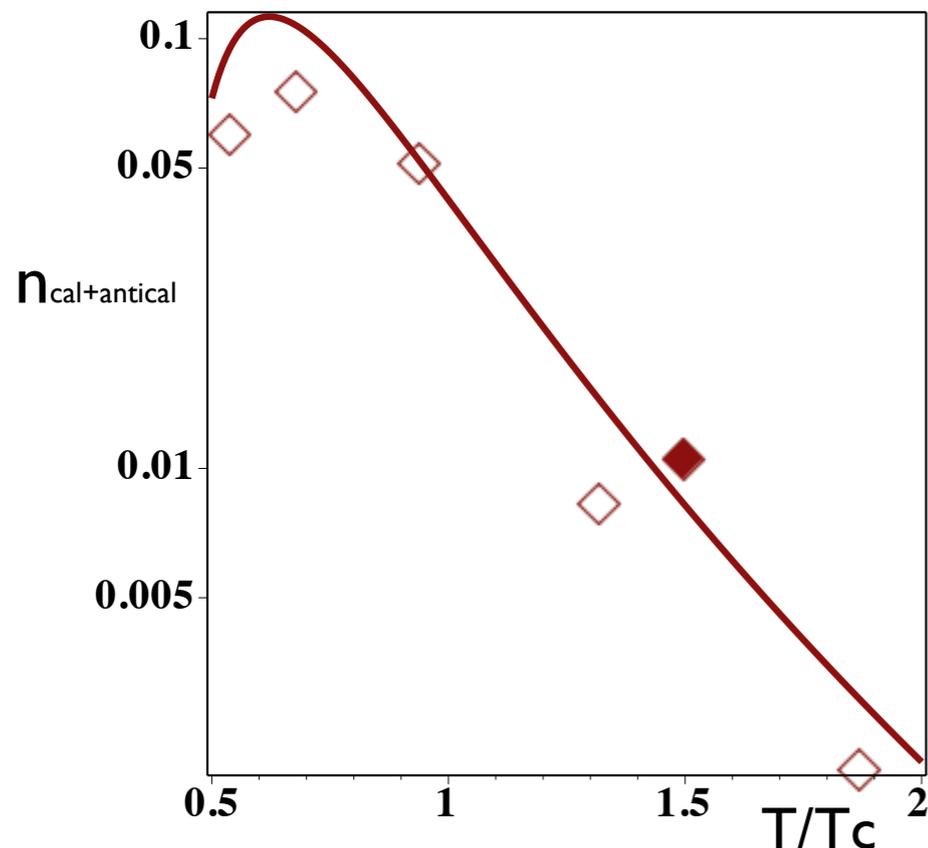
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**! monopoles were used before to understand  
confinement**

**instantons were used to understand chiral breaking,  
and instanton-dyons seem to be able to do **both!****

calorons (finite-T) were located on the lattice  
 Ilgenfritz et al, Gattringer...  
 are instanton-dyons semiclassical?



$$n_{cal+c\bar{a}l} = K S_{cal}^4 e^{-S_{cal}}, \quad S_{cal} = \frac{22}{3} \ln \left( \frac{T}{\Lambda} \right) \quad (1)$$

with parameters<sup>1</sup>  $K = 0.024$ ,  $\Lambda/T_c = .36$ . The caloron action at  $T_c$  is 7.50, so per dyon it makes  $S_d = S_{cal}/2 = 3.75$ , which gives an idea how semiclassical the discussed objects are. (SU(3) instantons have actions  $S_{cal} \approx 12$  or  $S_d = S_{cal}/3 \approx 4$ , quite close in magnitude.) After those parameters are fixed, one knows semiclassical densities of the dyons and their pairs, as we explain in detail below.

dimensionless  
 density  $n/T^4$   
 vs lattice data

so  $S_d=4 \gg 1$  or  $\exp(-4)$   
 is my semiclassical parameter  
 at  $T > T_c$  M are lighter than L,  
 both were identified  
 on the lattice

# Statmech of the dyons

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**classical dyon-antidyon  
interaction was still unexplored!**

**confinement**  
(where the holonomy potential  
comes from? )

## Holonomy potential and confinement from a simple model of the gauge topology

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Close  $\bar{I}I$  pairs correspond to weak fields, which cannot be treated semiclassically and should be subtracted from the semiclassical configurations. This physical idea has been implemented in the Instanton Liquid Model via an “excluded volume”, which generates a repulsive core and stabilizes the density.

In a few important cases, in which the partition function is independently known, such subtraction can be performed exactly, *without* any parameters. The  $\bar{I}I$  pair contribution to the partition function in QM instanton problem has been done via the analytic continuation in the coupling constant  $g^2 \rightarrow -g^2$  by Bogomolny [14] and Zinn-Justin [15] (BZJ), who verified it via known semiclassical series. Another analytic continuation has been used by Balitsky and Yung [13] for supersymmetric quantum mechanics.

Recently Poppitz, Schäfer and Ünsal (PSU) [16, 17] used BZJ approach in the  $N = 1$  Super-Yang-Mills theory on  $R^3 \times S^1$ , observing that the result obtained matches exactly the result derived via supersymmetry [18]. PSU papers are the most relevant for this work, as they focus on the instanton-dyons (referred to as

$v = \langle A_0 \rangle$  is Higgs VEV  
shifted and rescaled,  
 $v=0$  trivial limit (high T)  
 $b=0$  confining ( $T < T_c$ )

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} P(x) = \cos \left( \frac{v(x)}{2T} \right), \quad b = \frac{4\pi^2}{g^2} \left( \frac{v}{\pi T} - 1 \right)$$

Similarly to electric holonomy  
Polyakov introduced magnetic  
one  $\langle C_0 \rangle = \text{sigma}$

b magnetic holonomy  
sigma - magnetic one

$$V_{eff} = 2n_d (-2 \cos \sigma \cosh b + n_d \mathcal{A} \cosh(2b)) .$$

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unlike in the SUSY setting of PSU,  
 non-SUSY theories have non-  
 zero perturbative holonomy  
 potential to be overcome!

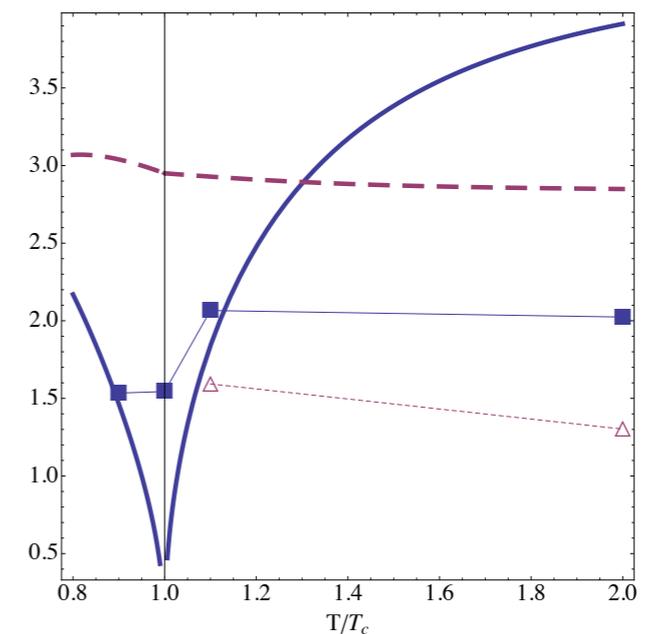
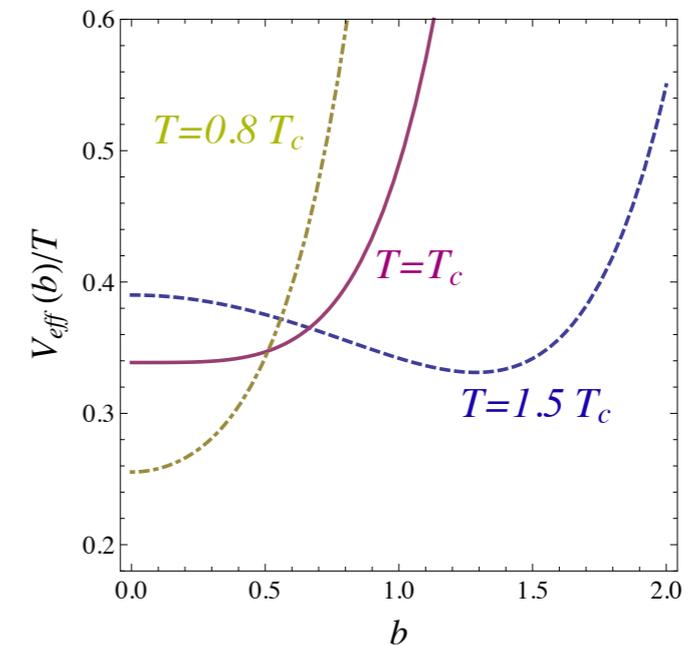
In fact the excluded volume model works well for SU(2) YM

the density is deduced from calorons  
 $n(\text{dyons}) = (n(\text{calorons}))^{1/N_c}$   
 and is large enough to make second-order in density term do its work

the only parameter  $A$  is fixed from known  $T_c$  and has a reasonable size (including the Coulomb enhancement)

electric and magnetic screening masses are even factor 2 **too large** as compared to those from lattice propagators:

their ratio  $m_E/m_M$  is well reproduced



$m_E$

$m_M$

FIG. 2: The upper plot shows the effective potential  $V_{eff}(b)/T$  (13) for  $T/T_c = 0.8, 1, 1.5$  shown by the dashed, solid and dot-dashed lines, respectively. The plot shows electric  $m_E/T$  and magnetic  $m_M/T$  screening masses versus temperature, indicated by the solid and dashed lines, respectively. Thick lines are our model, the data points are from lattice propagators [26], the lines connecting data points are shown simply for their identification.

# predictions: densities of the M and L dyons

crosses: “unidentified  
topological objects”, an  
upper limit

circles: identified M

L dyon size is very small  
and

measuring  $\langle P \rangle$  at its  
center

is hard, as well as E and M  
charges: not done yet

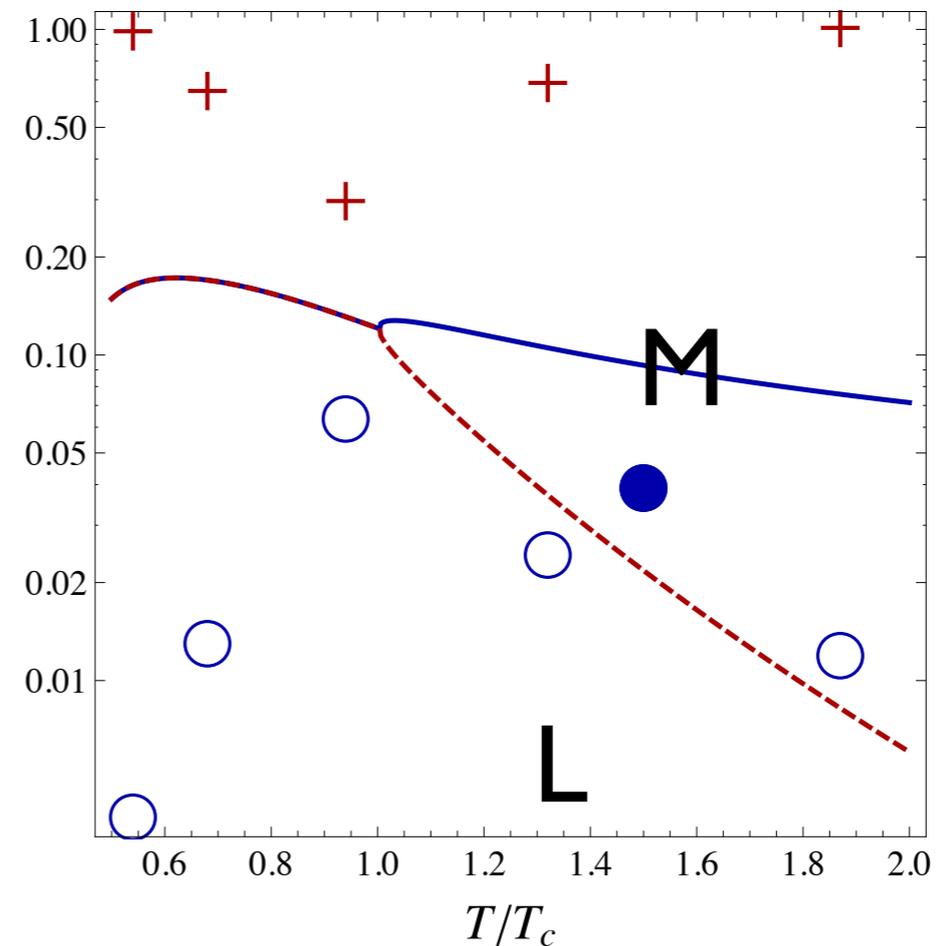


FIG. 3: Prediction of the model for the temperature dependence of the density of the instanton-dyons are shown by the lines, those with solid and dashed lines are for  $M, L$  type dyons, respectively. Open (filled) circles show identified  $M$ -type dyons from ref. [19] ([20]). The crosses show “unidentified topological objects” from [19]. Circles and crosses provide the lower and the upper bound for the dyon density.

## Classical interactions of the instanton-dyons with antidyons

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Instanton-dyons, also known as instanton-monopoles or instanton-quarks, are topological constituents of the instantons at nonzero temperature and holonomy. While the interaction between instanton-dyons have been calculated to one-loop order by a number of authors, that for dyon-antidyon pairs remains unknown even at the classical level. In this work we are filling this gap, by performing gradient flow calculations on a 3d lattice. We start with two separated and unmodified objects, following through the so called “streamline” set of configurations, till their collapse to perturbative fields.

M Mbar pair on a 3d lattice (not periodic)  
start with a “combed” sum ansatz and then do action gradient flow  
=> “streamline configurations” found,  
total magnetic charge = 0  
=> only Dirac string is left  
total electric charge = 2 (unlike instanton-antiinstanton pair)  
=> massive charged gluons leave the box

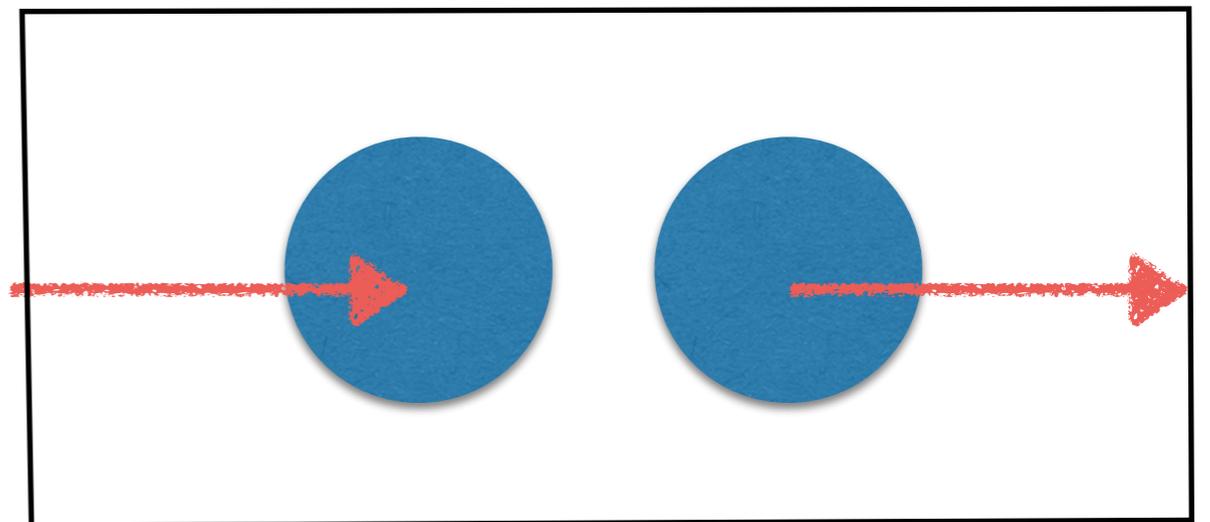
Let us remind that the gauge action can be expressed in terms of the 3-dimensional action

$$S = \frac{1}{g^2} \int_0^{1/T} dx_4 S_3 = \frac{S_3}{g^2 T} \quad (25)$$

which itself scales as  $S_3 \sim v$ : thus the  $M$  dyon action is  $\sim v/T$ . We do not care about  $T$  and the gauge coupling  $g$  since it is just an overall factor in the action, and work with the  $S_3$  itself. Furthermore, since our classical 3d theory is invariant under the transformation  $A_\mu \rightarrow vA_\mu$  and  $r \rightarrow vr$ , the absolute units are unimportant and we can work with  $v = 1$ .

The gradient flow process was found to proceed via the following stages:

- (i) *near initiation*: starting from relatively arbitrary ansatz one finds rapid disappearance of artifacts and convergence toward the streamline set
- (ii) following the *streamline itself*. The action decrease at this stage is small and steady. The dyons basically approach each other, with relatively small deformations: thus the concept of an interaction potential between them makes sense at this stage
- (iii) a *metastable state* at the streamline's end: the action remains constant, evolution is very slow and consists of internal deformation of the dyons rather than further approach
- (iv) *rapid collapse* into the perturbative fields plus some (pure gauge) remnants



## Dirac strings setting

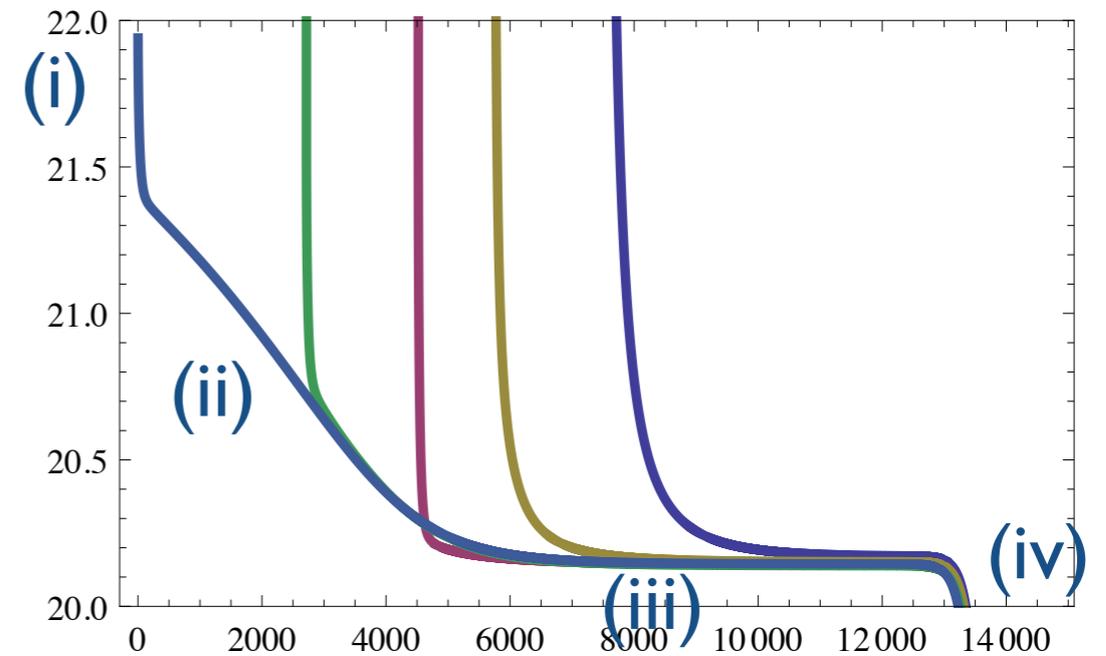


FIG. 2: Action for  $v = 1$  as a function of computer time (in units of iterations of all links) for a separation  $|r_M - r_{\bar{M}}|v = 0, 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10$  between the  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  dyon from right to left in the graph. The action of two well separated dyons is 23.88.

a stream, a pool, and then waterfall observed

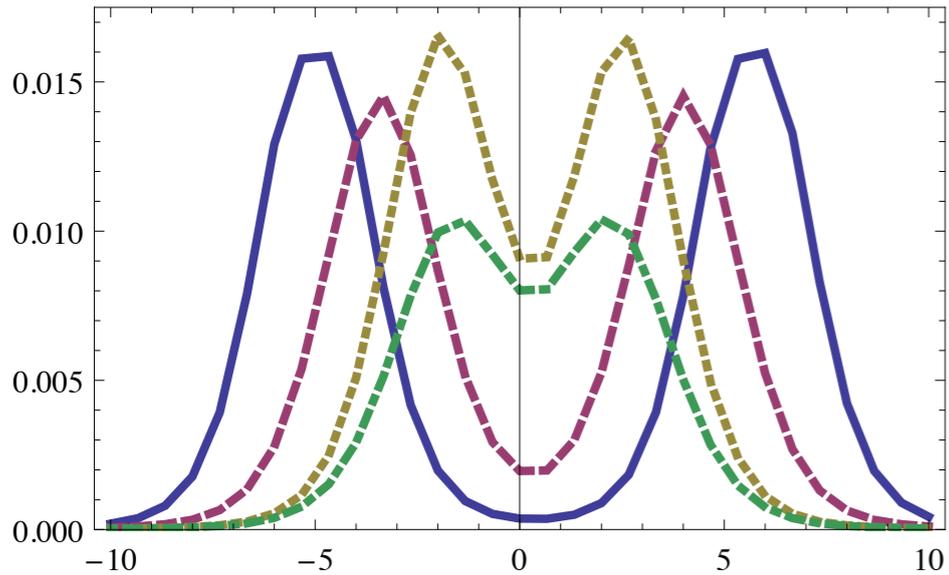


FIG. 5: Action density along the  $z$  axis in natural units for a separation  $|r_M - r_{\bar{M}}|v = 10$  between the center of the 2 dyons. The configuration with the maximums furthest from each other is the start configuration. After 3000 steps it has moved further towards the center. At 12000 steps the configuration has reached the metastable configuration with a separation between the maximums of around 4. At 13700 the configuration has collapsed around halfway, and will continue to shrink until the action is 0. Times are as shown in Fig. 2.

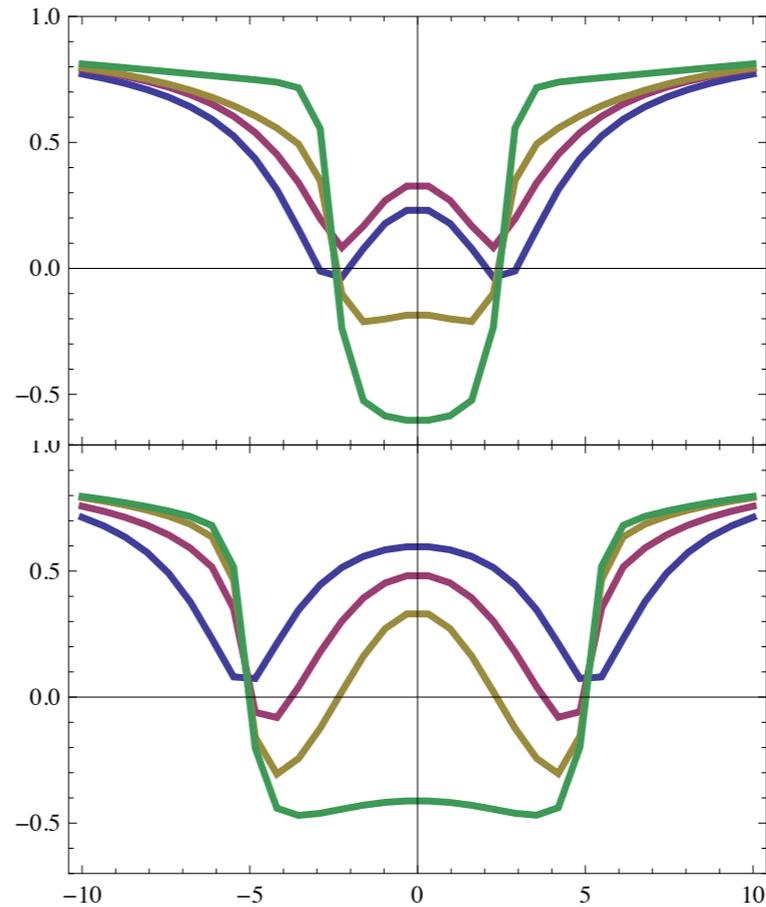


FIG. 6: Subsequent snapshots of  $A_4^3$  along the  $z$  axis in natural units for a separation of 5 (a) and 10 (b) between the center of the 2 dyons. (a) The configuration which is smallest at the edges is the start configuration. After 5000 iterations the gradient flow has raised the minimums slightly, but is overall the same shape. After 9400 iterations the configuration has started collapsing. At 10000 the configuration has collapsed completely. (b) The configuration which is smallest at the edges is the start configuration. After 3000 iterations the minimums have moved slightly towards the middle and the minimums have become smaller. At 10000 the configuration has reached the stable almost flat area in the action. At 14000 the configuration has collapsed completely.

# Electric and magnetic charges

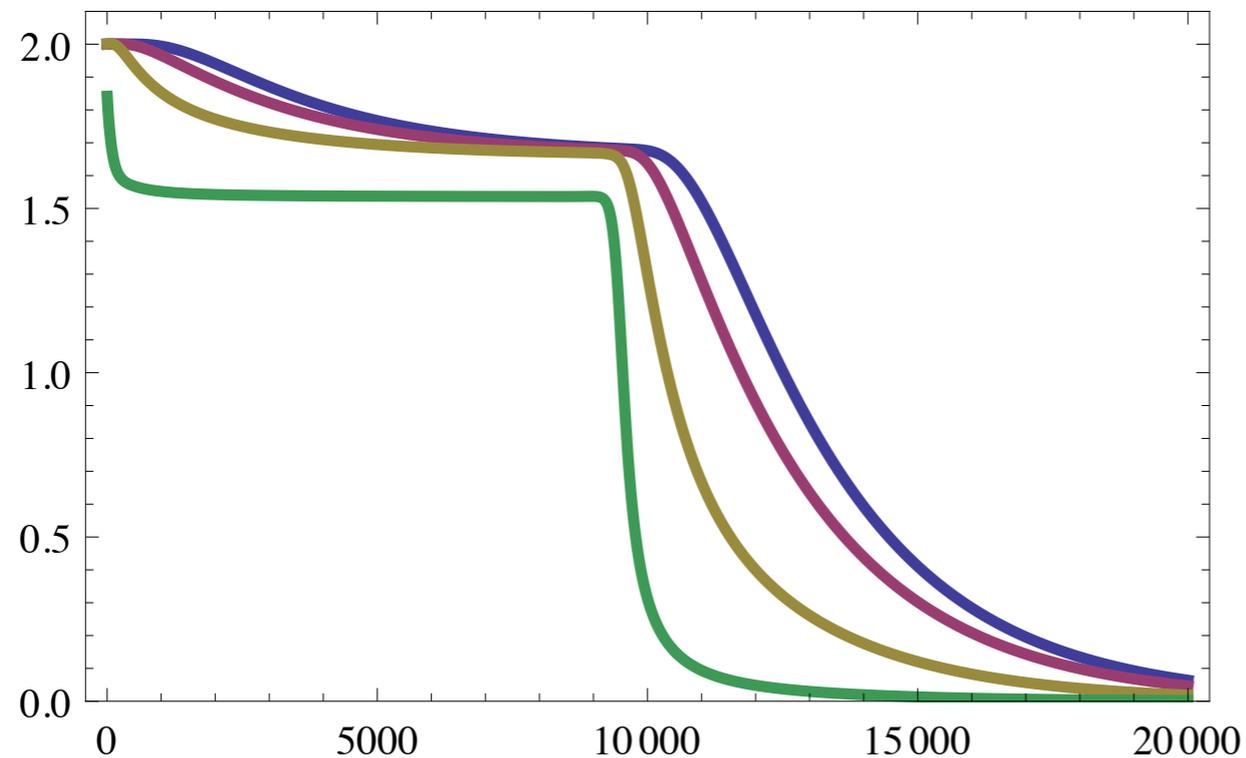


FIG. 7: Electric charge for  $v = 1$  as a function of computer time (in units of iterations of all links) for a separation  $|r_M - r_{\bar{M}}|v = 5$  between the dyons. The electric charge is found from a box of size  $62^3$ ,  $46^3$ ,  $30^3$  and  $14^3$  points each centered at the center. The electric charge is biggest for  $62^3$ . Total lattice size is  $64^3$  points.

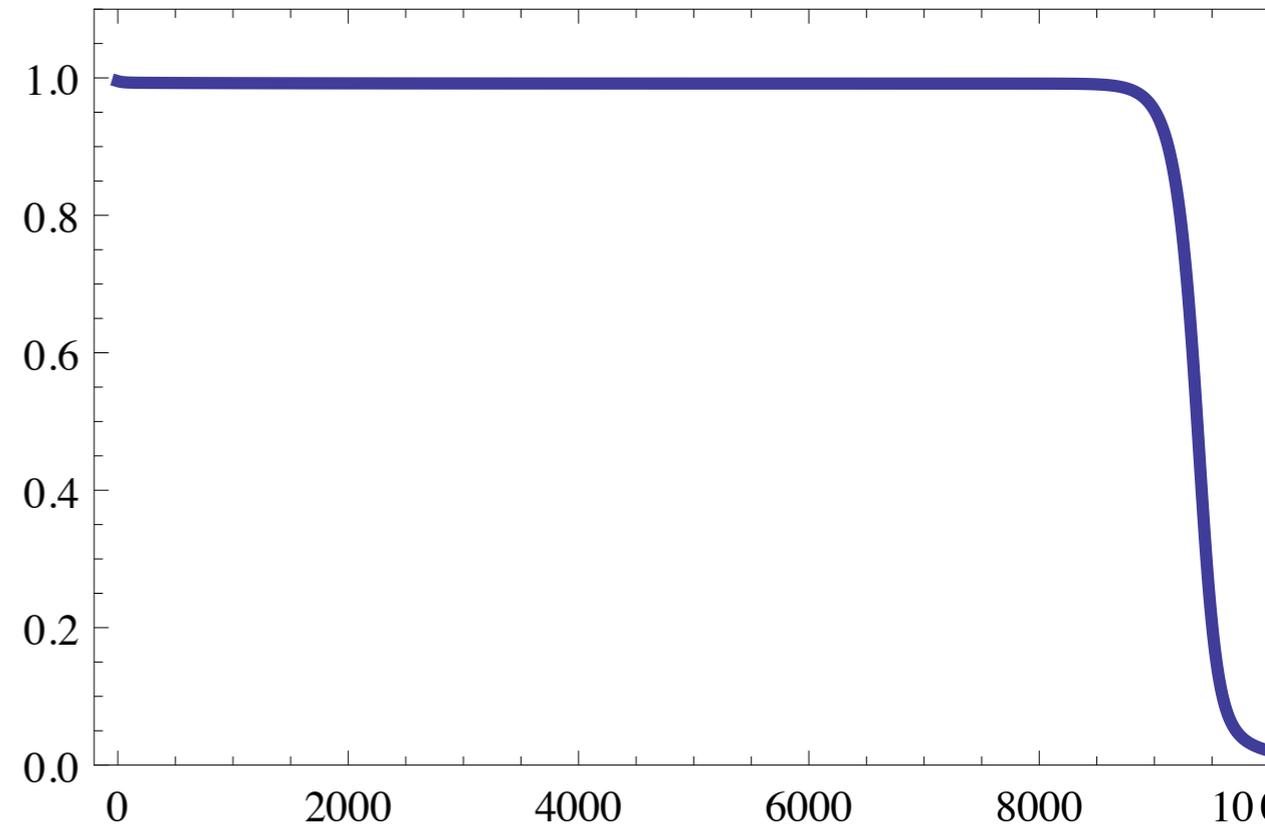


FIG. 8: Magnetic charge for  $v = 1$  as a function of computer time (in units of iterations of all links) for a separation  $|r_M - r_{\bar{M}}|v = 5$  between the dyons. The magnetic charge is found from a box that goes from the center in  $z$  and to the edge. The drop happens at the same time as the drop in action.

# Interacting Ensemble of the Instanton-dyons and Confinement in SU(2) Gauge Theory

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The instanton-dyons are placed on the 3-dimensional sphere  $S^3$  and their coordinates are updated with the Metropolis algorithm.

new element is the inclusion of the leading order dyon-antidyon interaction

new account for Debye screening

evaluation of the total free energy, including  $P_{\text{GPY}}(\nu)$

$$\Delta S_{D\bar{D}} = -\frac{\nu 102.25 (x - 0.907)^2}{g^2 (x^3 + 15.795)} \quad (2)$$

$$x = 2\pi T \nu r \quad (3)$$

$$-2 \int d^3 r \frac{e^{-M_D r_1}}{r_1} \frac{e^{-M_D r_2}}{r_2} = -\frac{2\pi}{M_D} e^{-2M_D r_{12}}$$

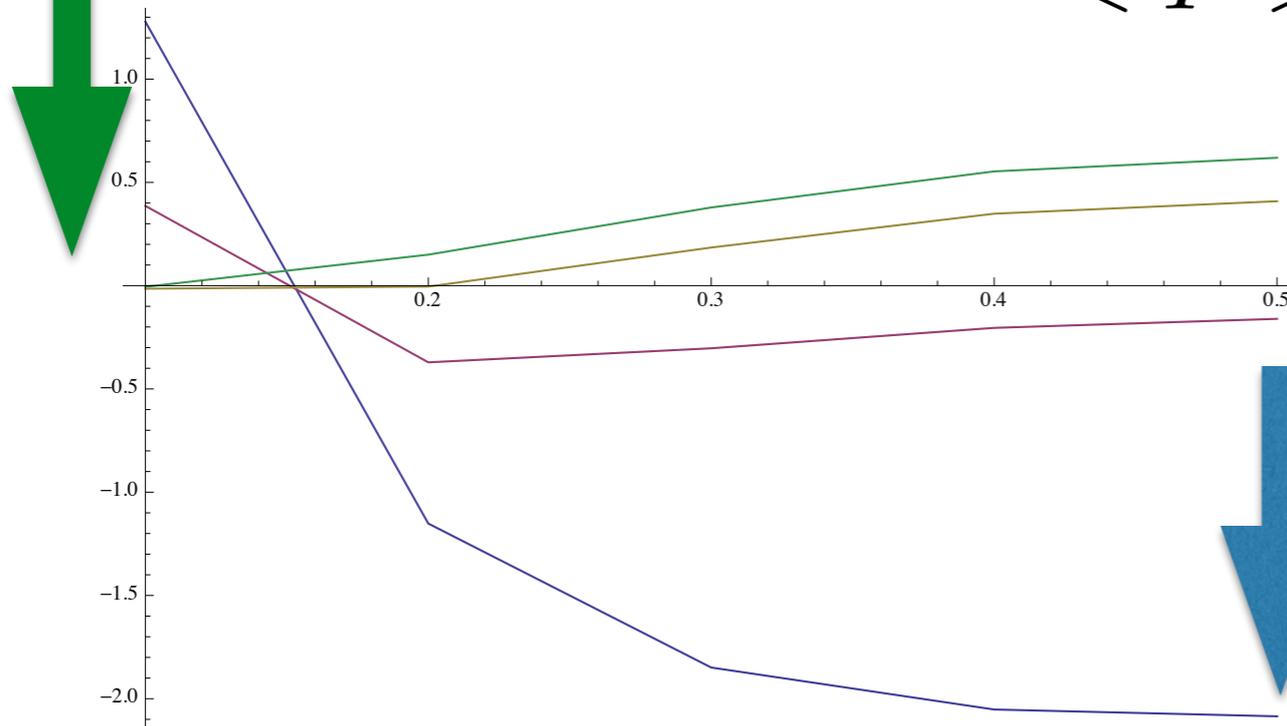
for distances larger than  $x > 4$ . For  $x$  smaller than 4 we have a core which we describe by

$$\Delta S_{D\bar{D}} = \frac{\nu V_0}{1 + \exp(-(x - 4))} \quad (4)$$

preliminary result show we do have  
**confinement!**

high T  
low density  
 $\nu=0$

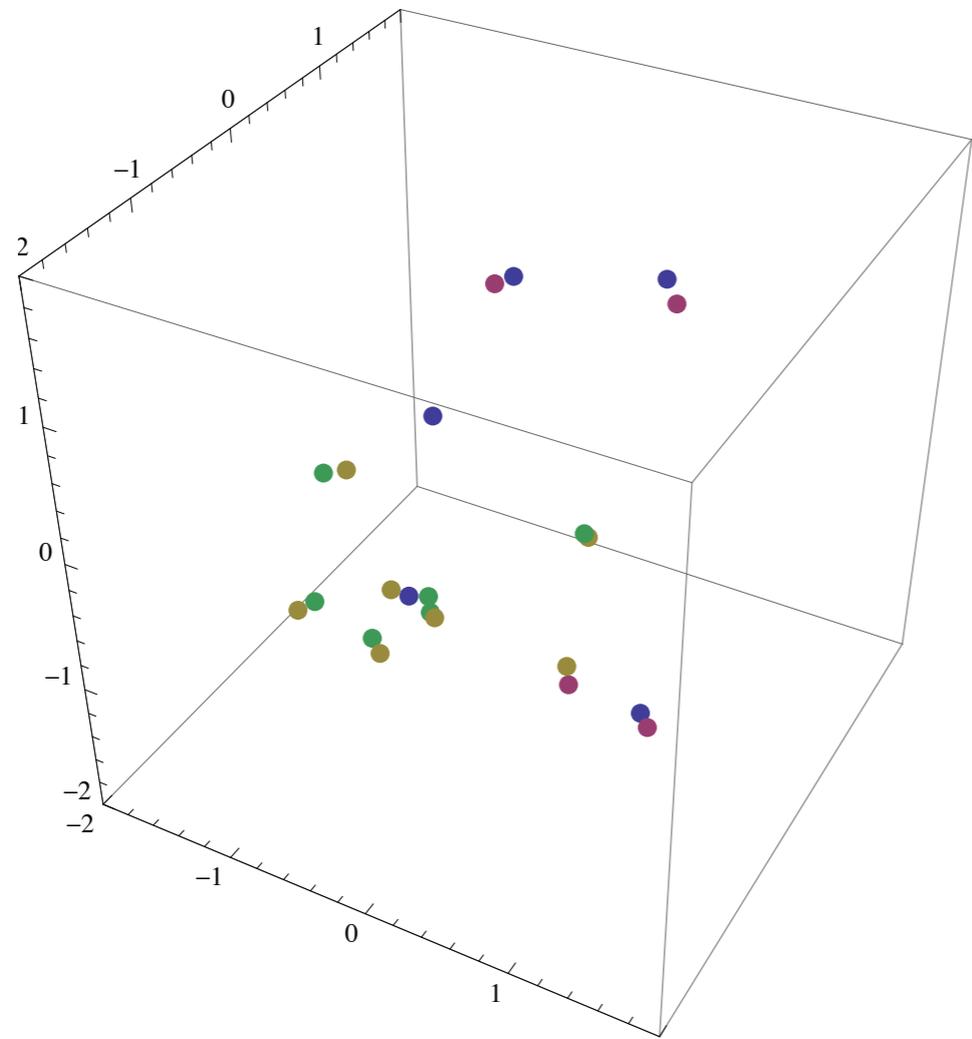
$$\langle P \rangle = \cos(\pi\nu) = 0$$



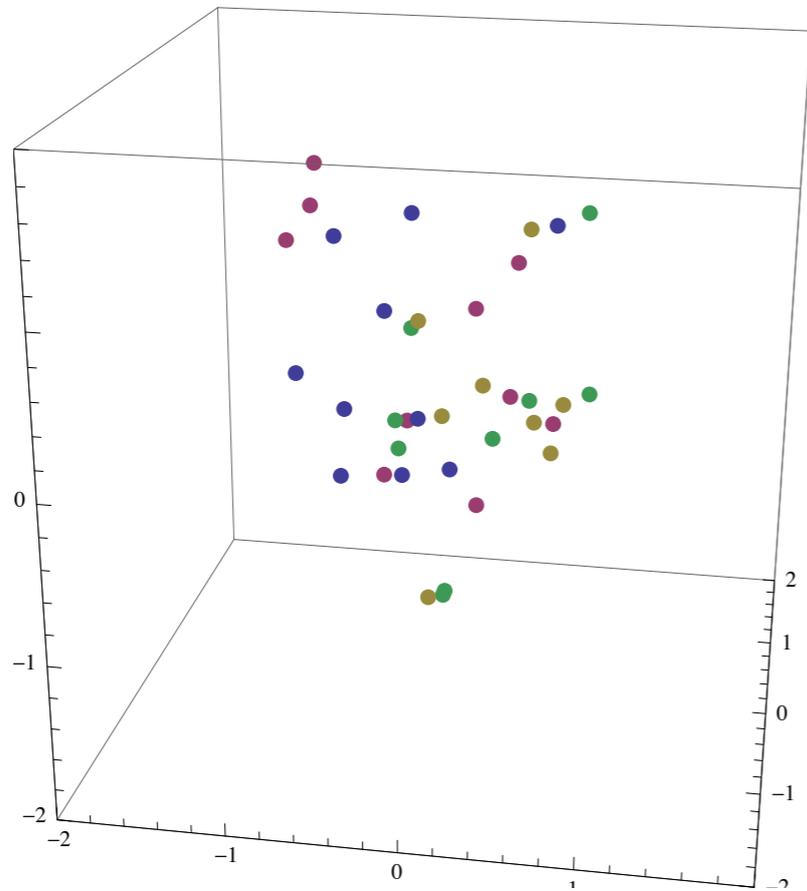
below  $T_c$   
high density  
 $\nu=1/2$

FIG. 1: Total free energy as a function of holonomy  $\nu$ . Green, brown, red and blue (top to bottom at the r.h.s.) curves are for increasing density of the dyons,  $n_d = 0.605, 0.207, 0.0944, 0.0507$  respectively.

projections:  $1/2 S_3$  sphere



low density  
pairs (calorons)  
are visible

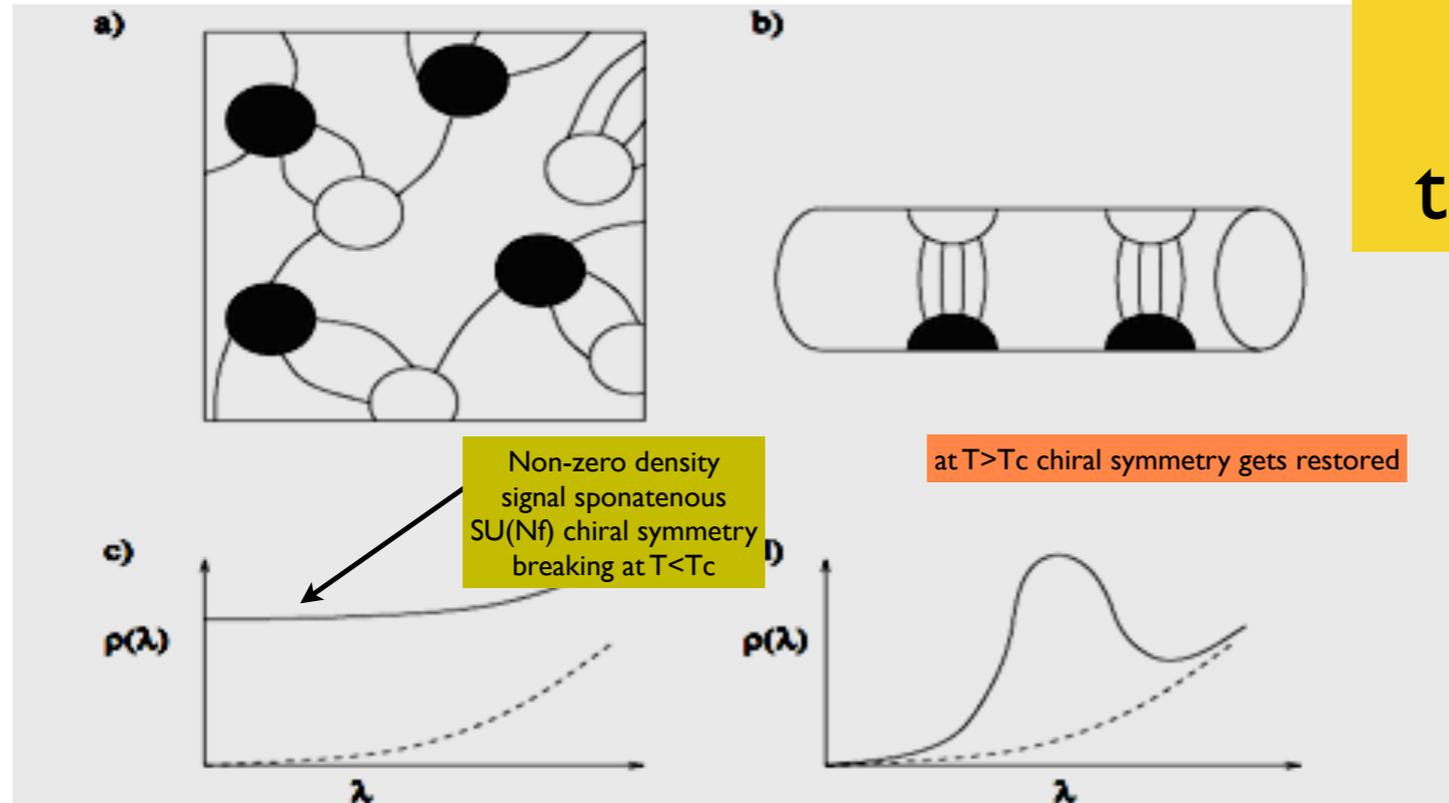


high density

# Chiral symmetry breaking and ZMZ

# Instanton liquid at $T=0$ and $T>T_c$ (schematic pictures)

fundamental concept:  
ZMZ,  
a collectivized set of  
topological zero modes



$$D_\mu \gamma_\mu \psi_\lambda = \lambda \psi_\lambda$$

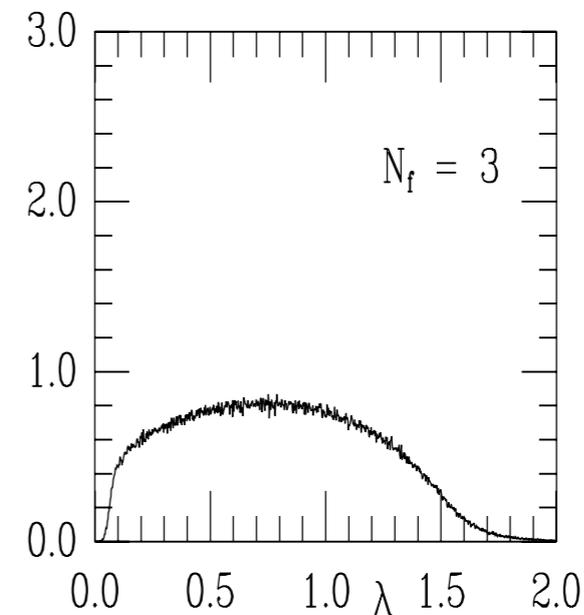
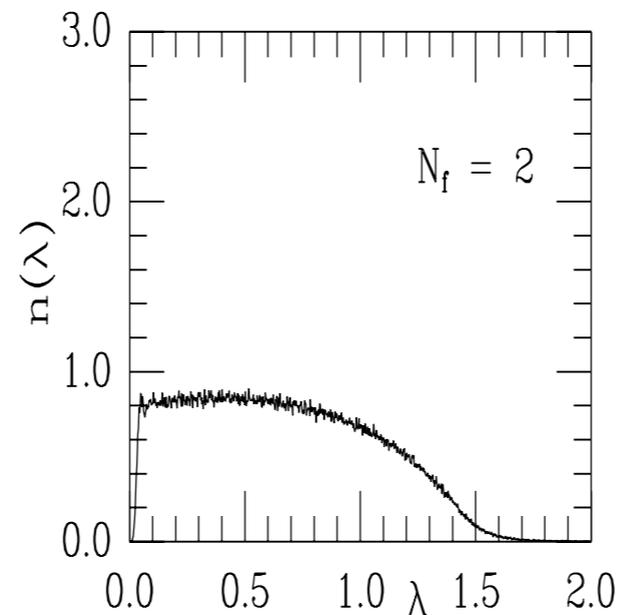
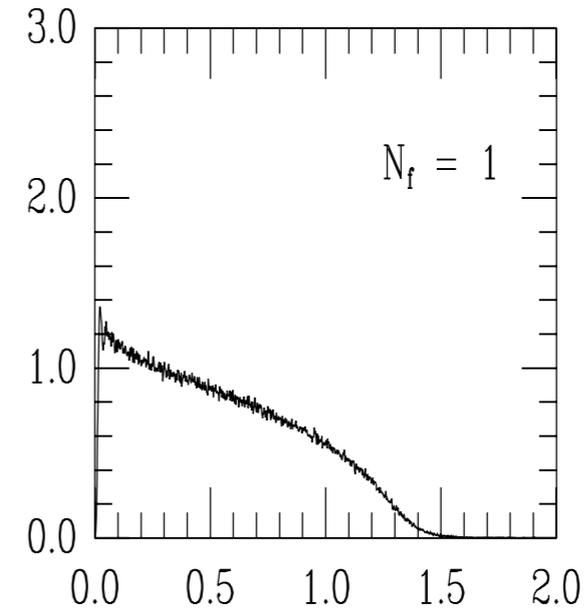
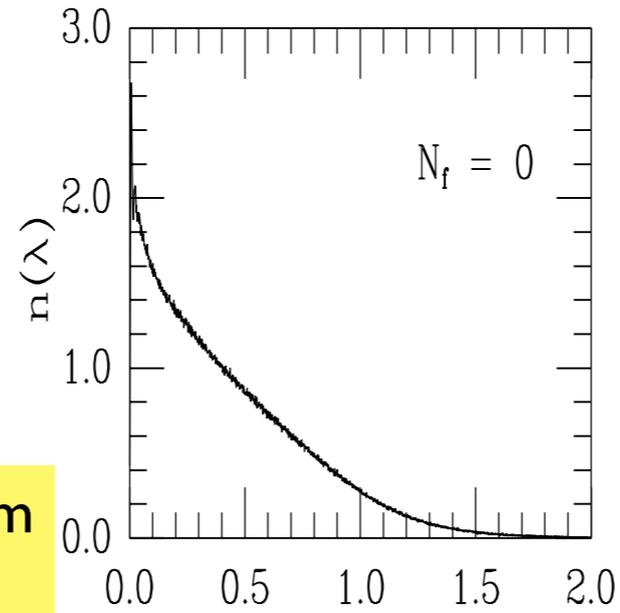
density of states (0) =>  
nonzero quark condensate  
``conductor'' at low T

zero density of states (0) =>  
zero quark condensate  
``insulator'' at high T

chiral symmetry transition is thus  
understood in a ``single-body'' language  
as conductor-insulator transition in 4d

# The spectrum of the Dirac eigenvalues

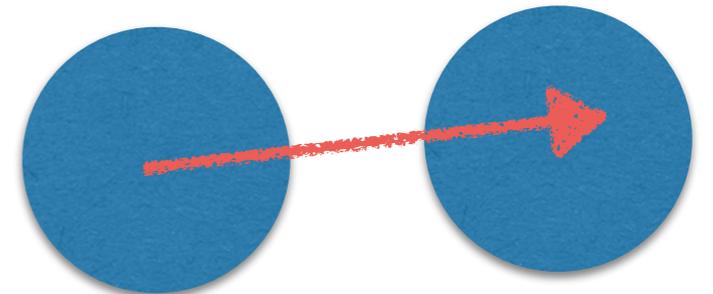
Smilga-Stern theorem  
 $-|\lambda|(N_f-2)$



# the width of the ZMZ is surprisingly small

the magnitude of the hopping from one instanton to the next  
can be estimated as

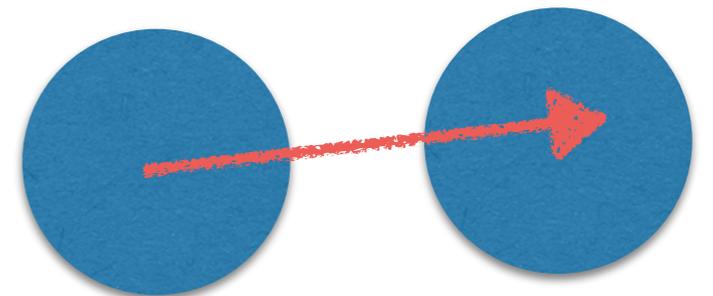
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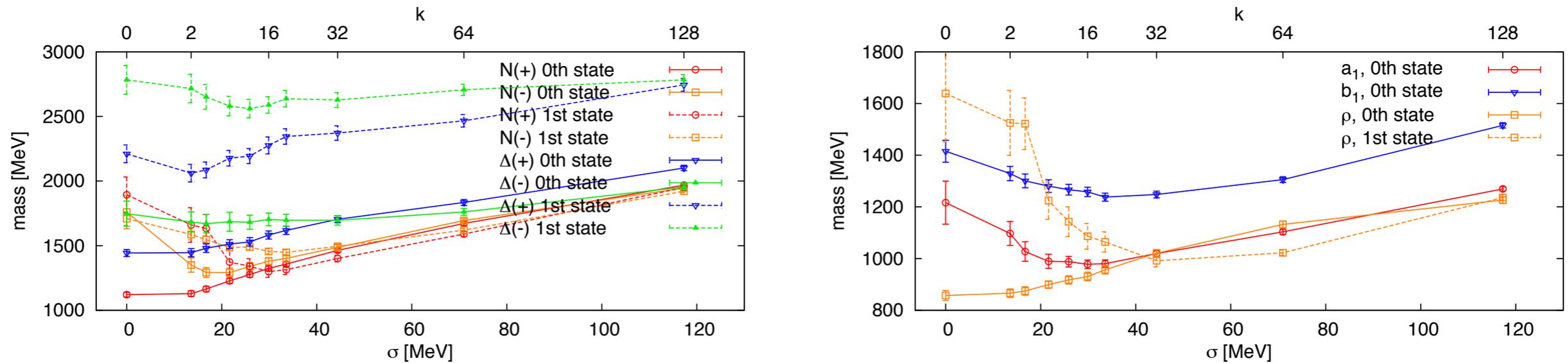


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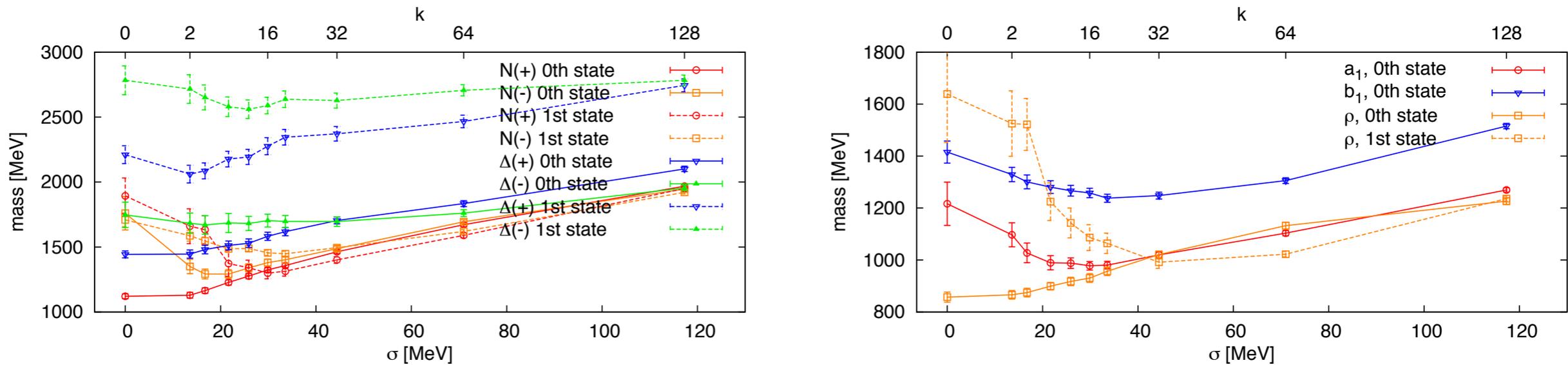


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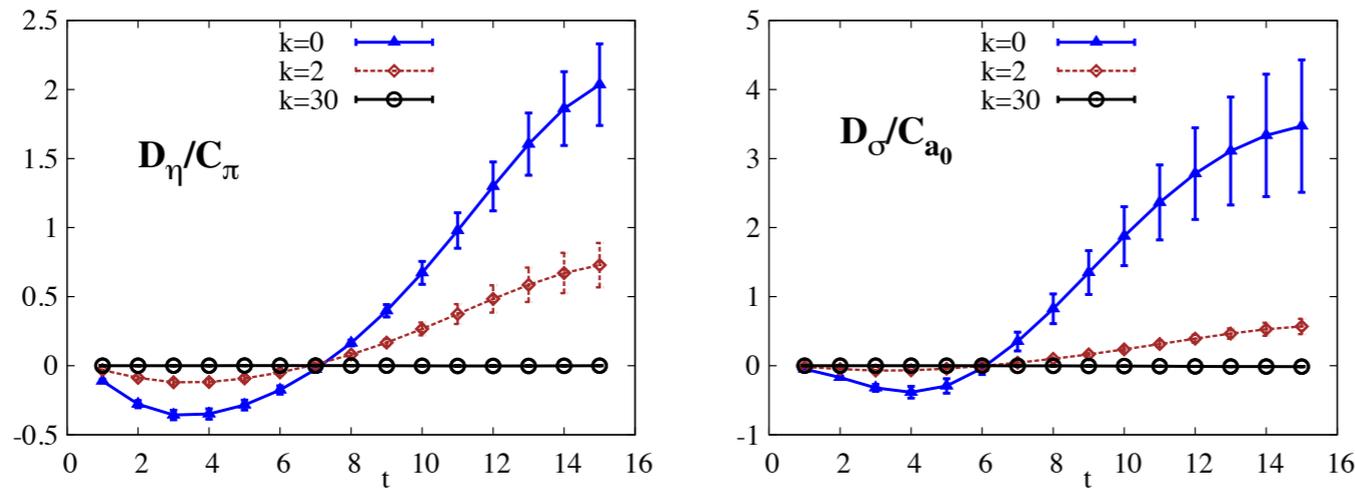


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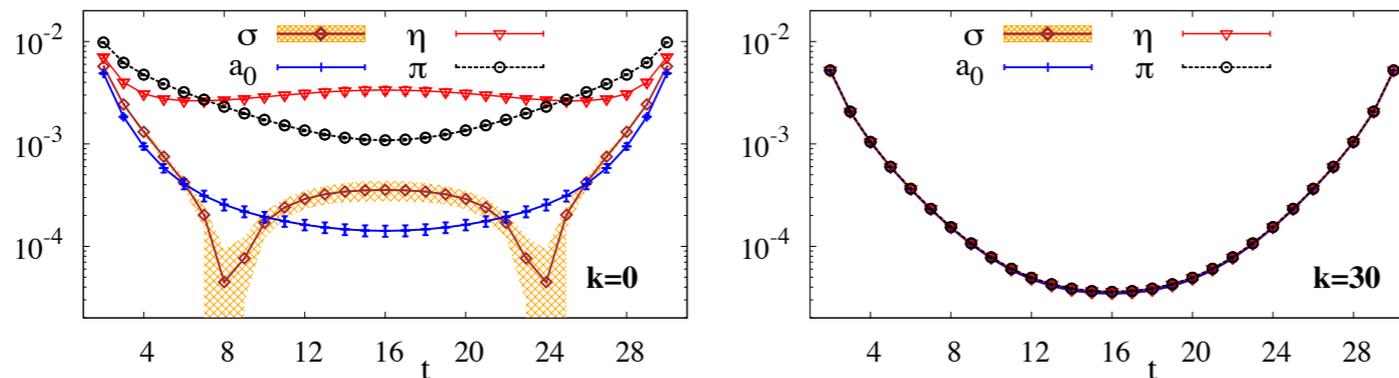


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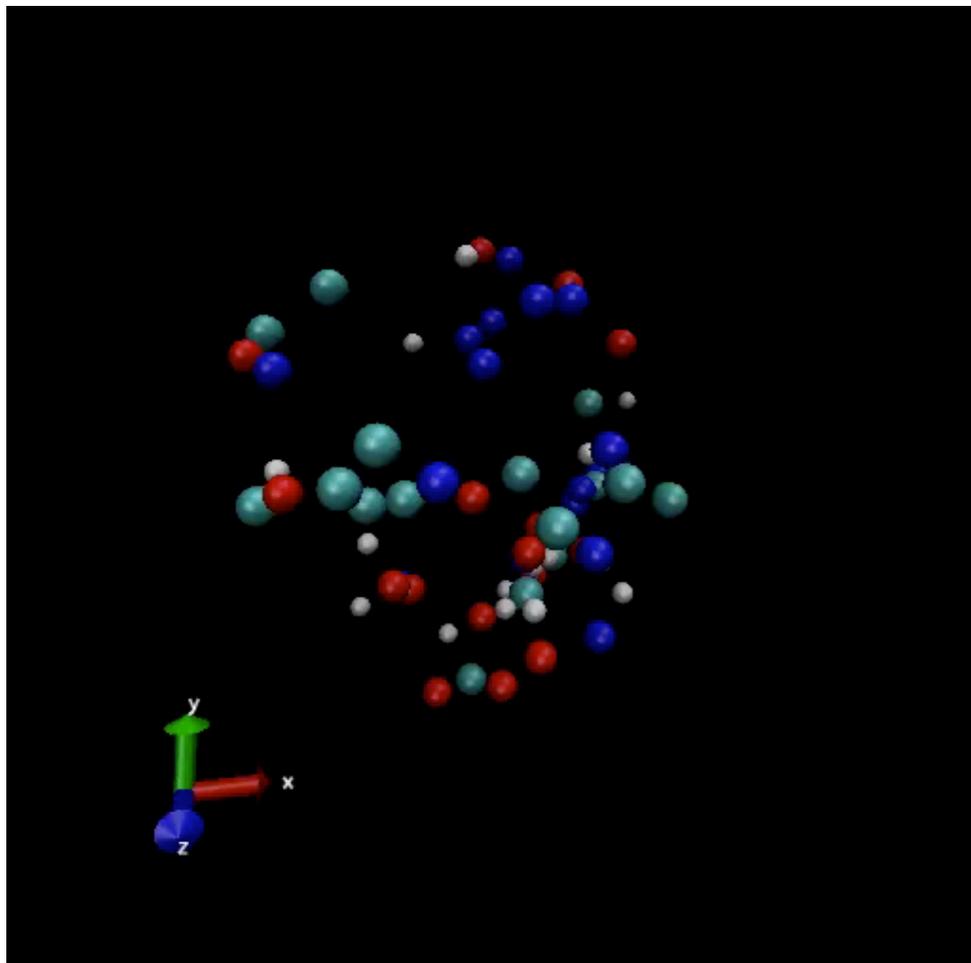
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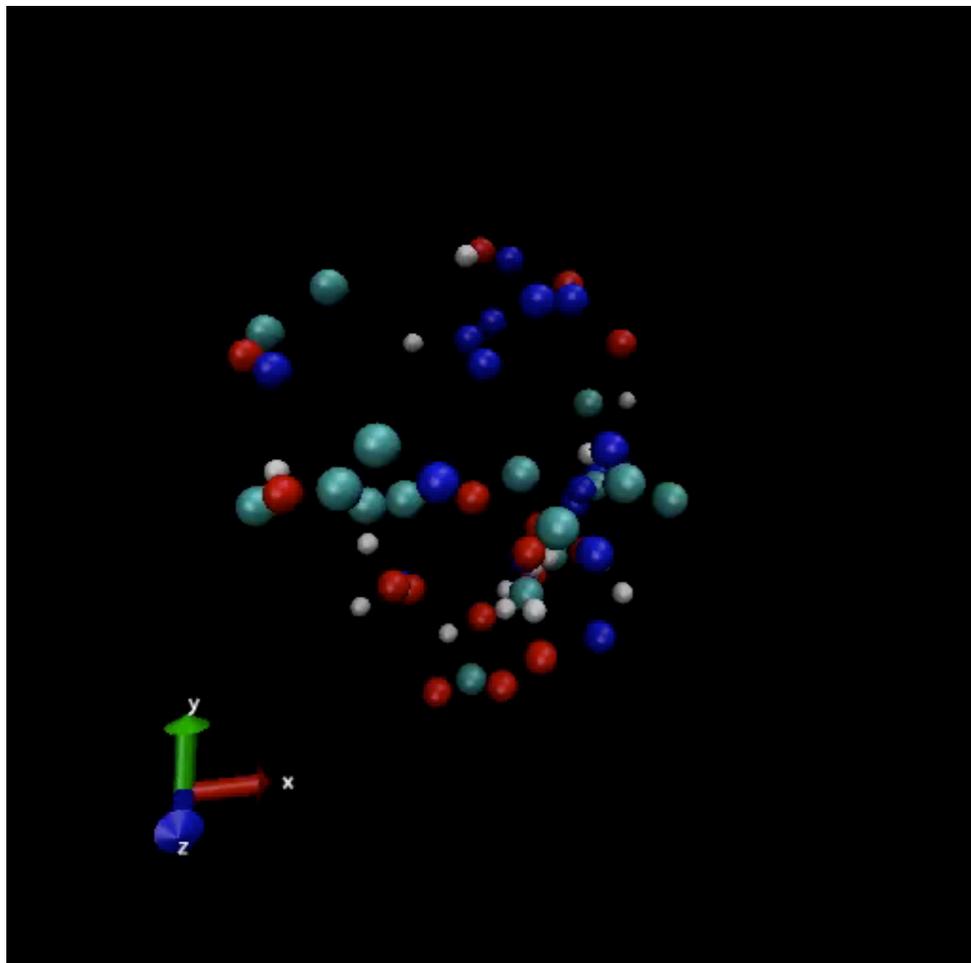
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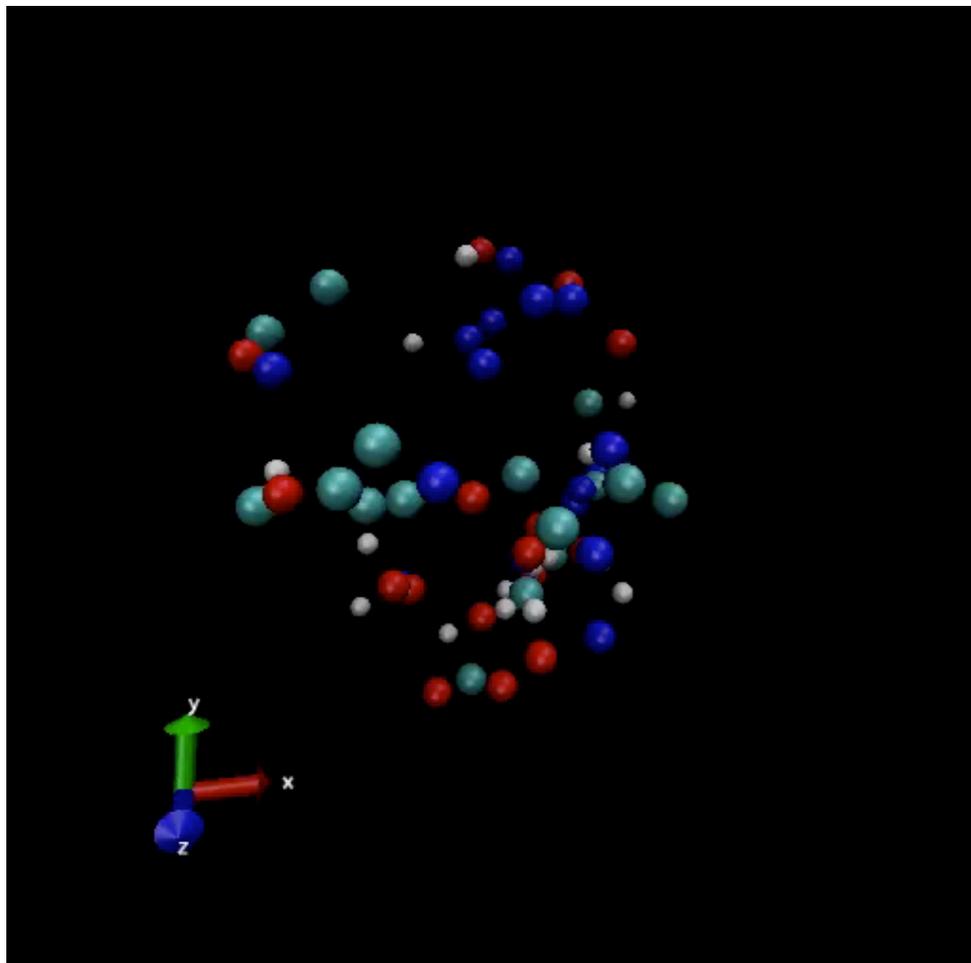
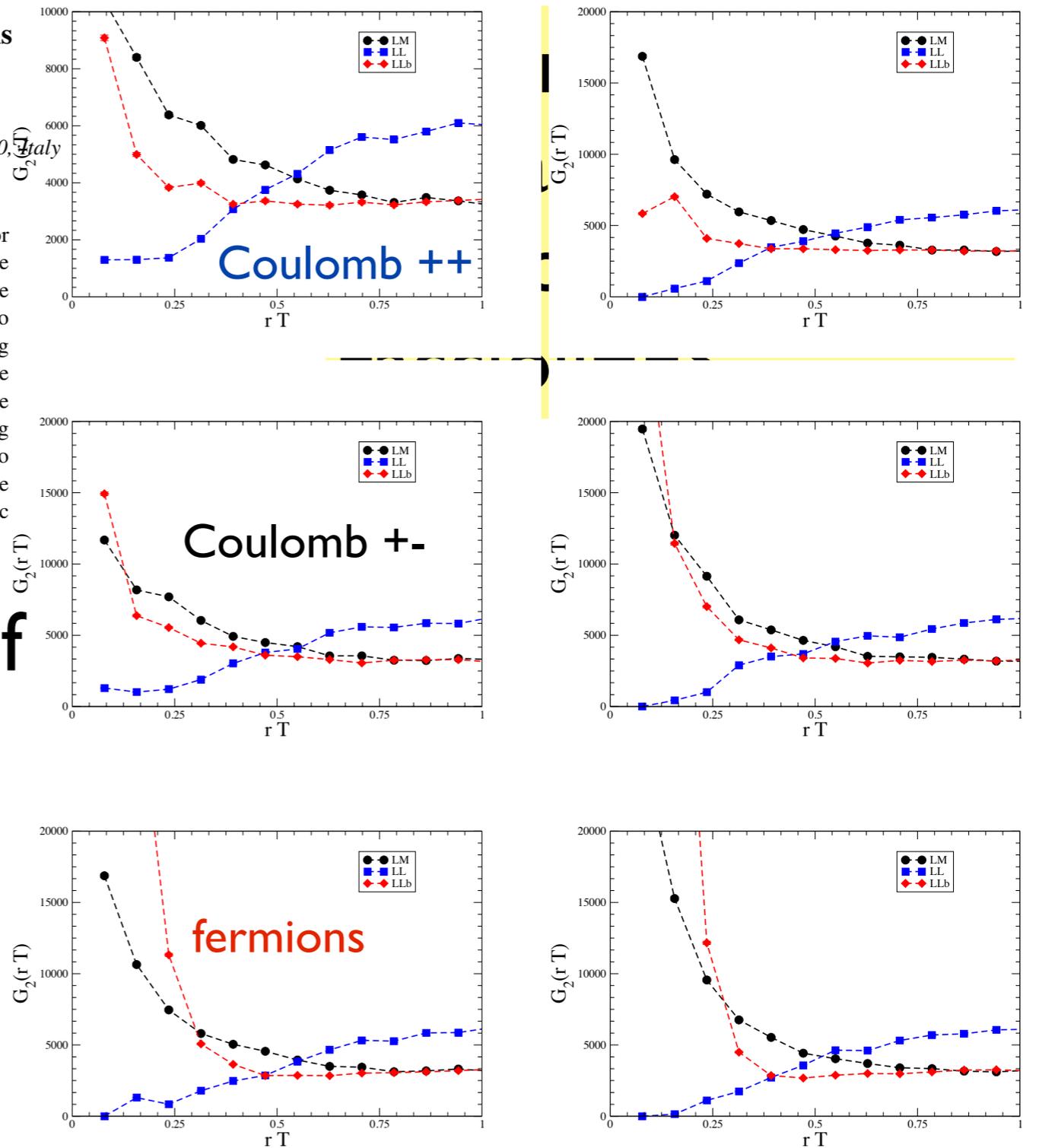
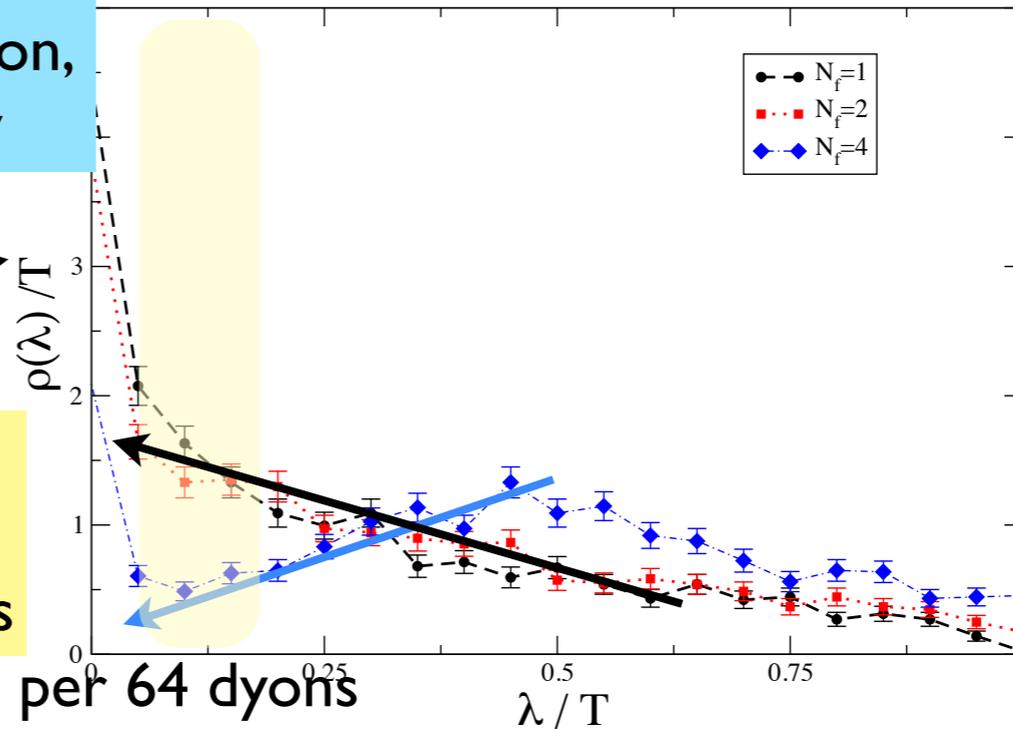

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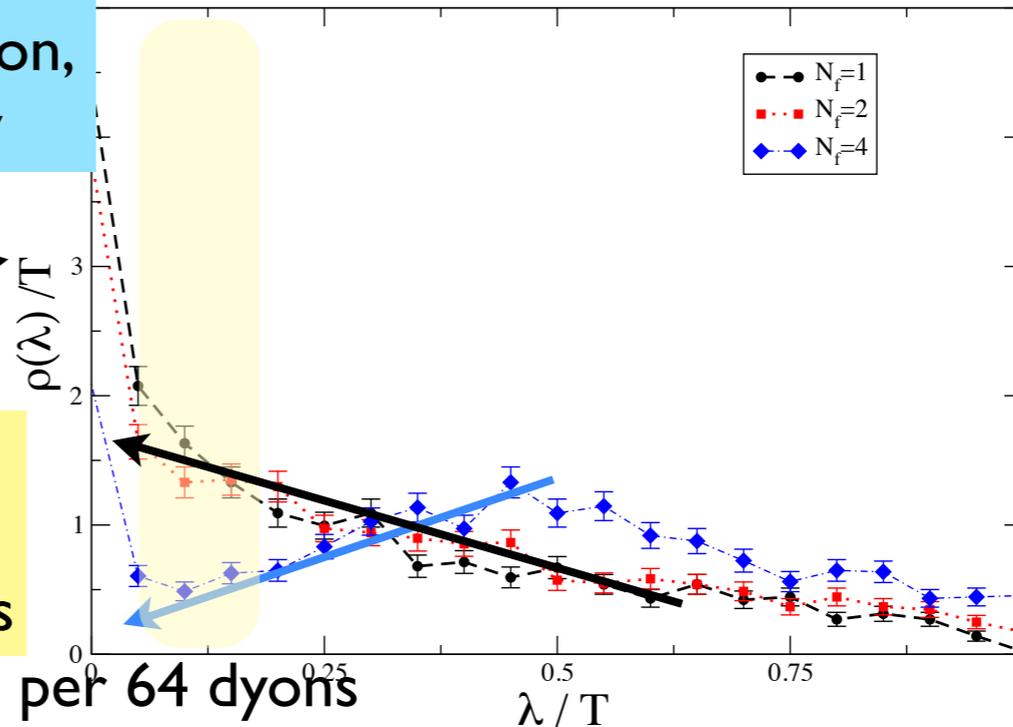


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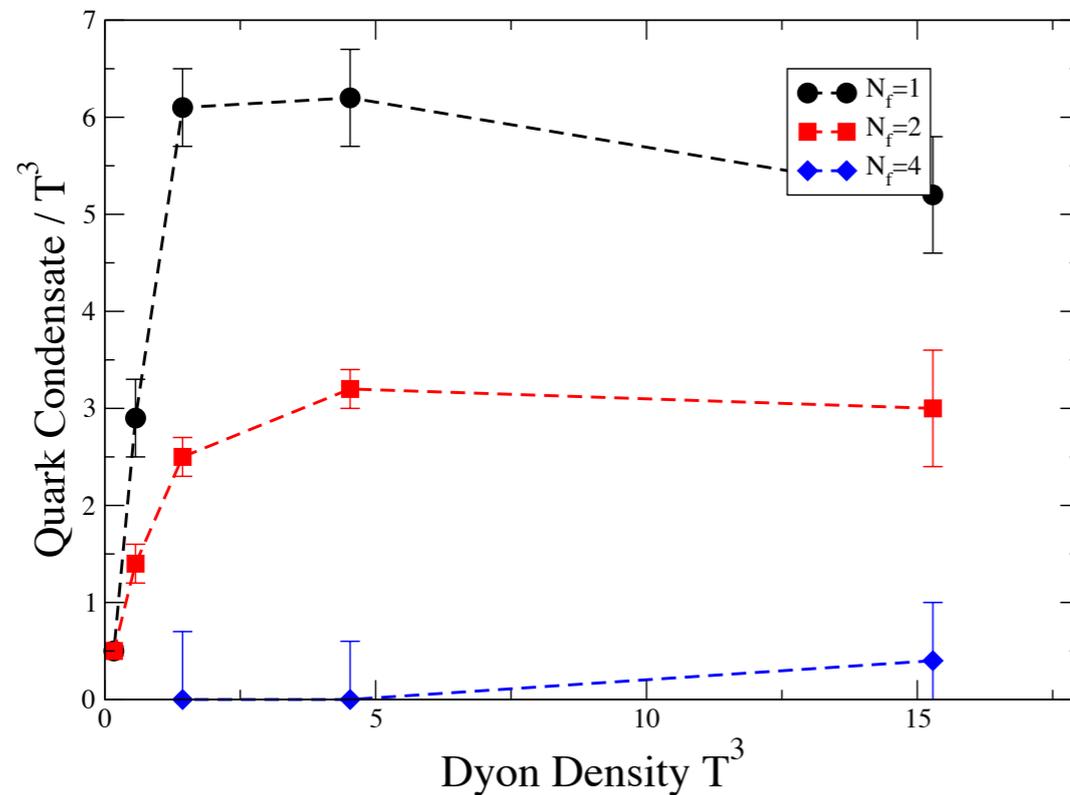
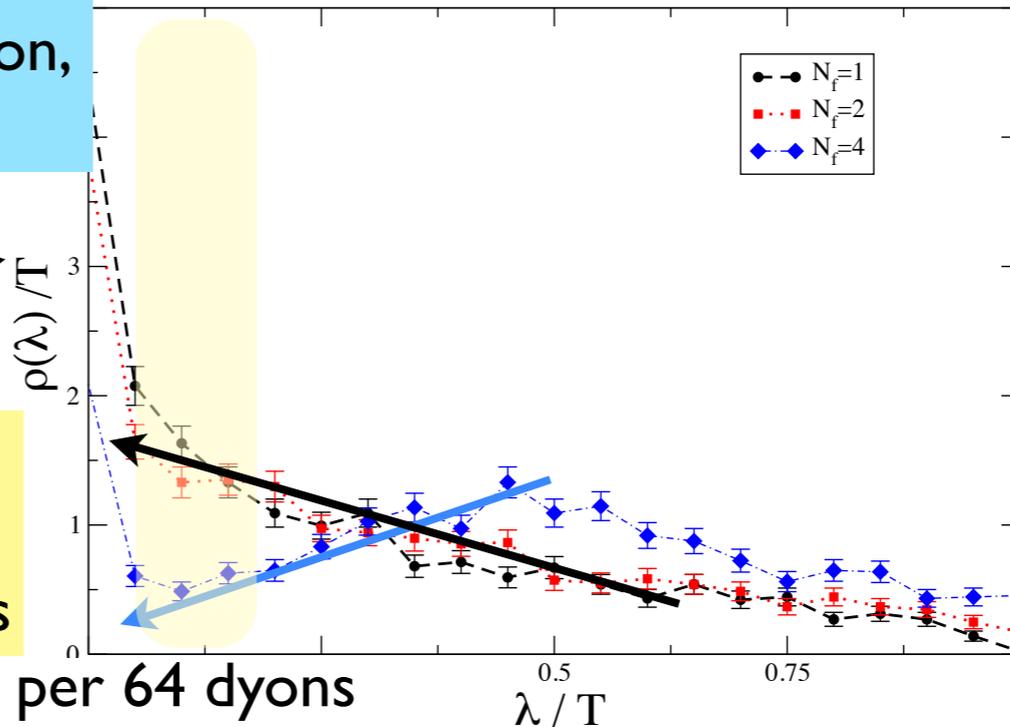
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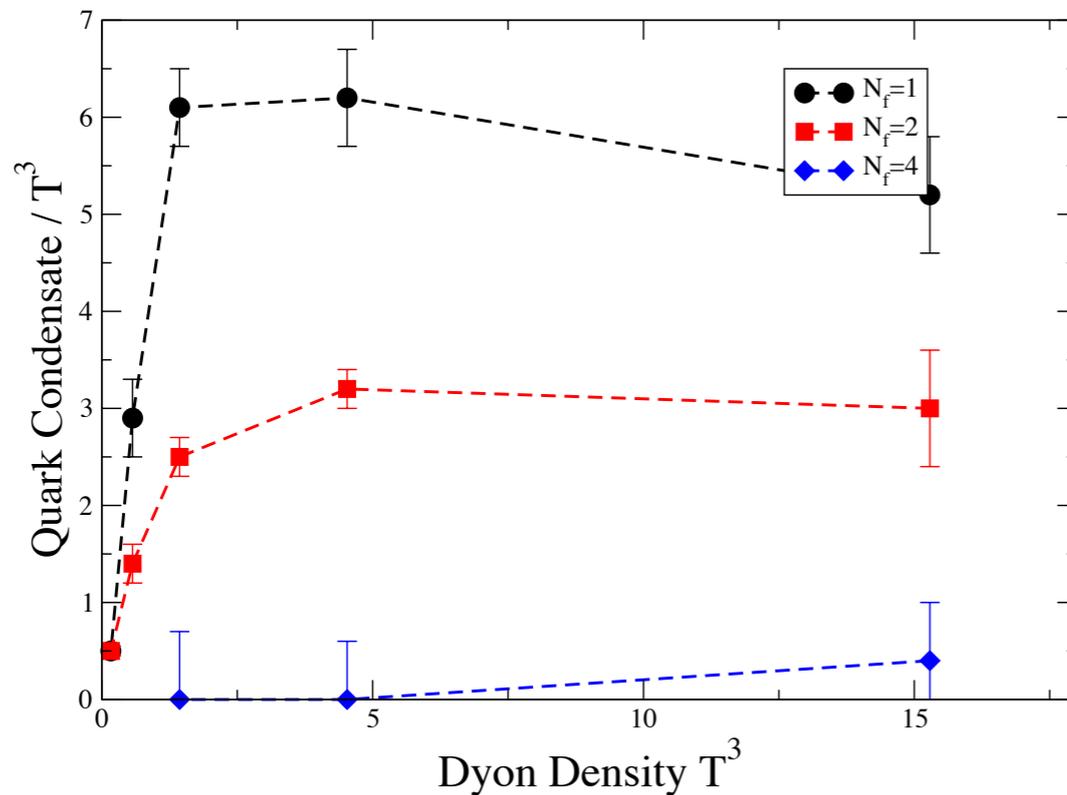
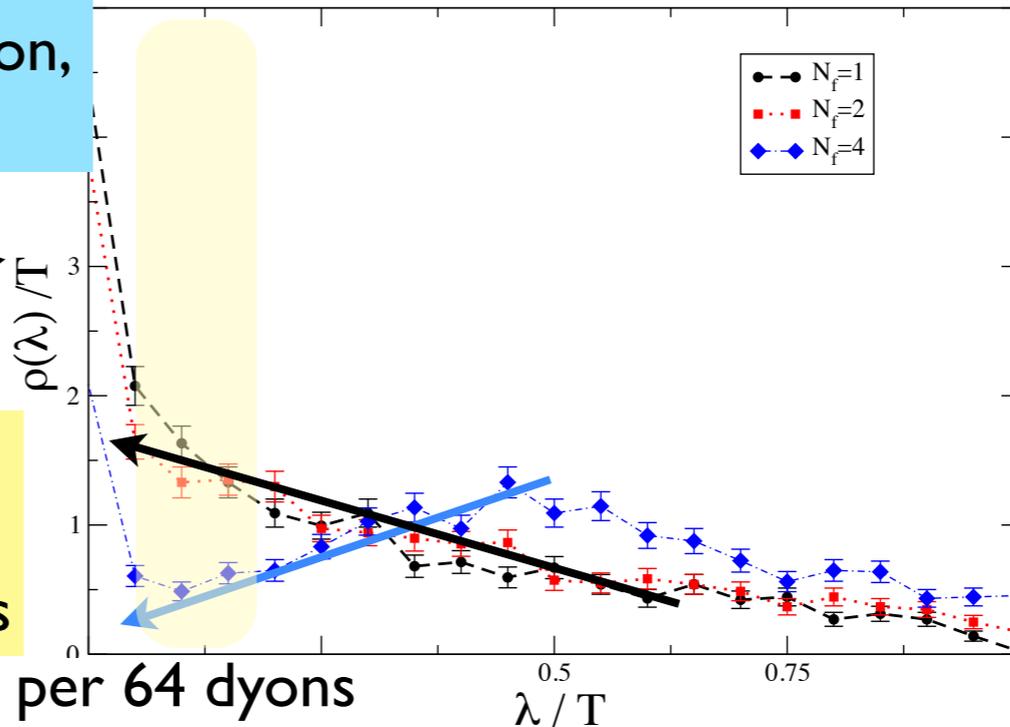
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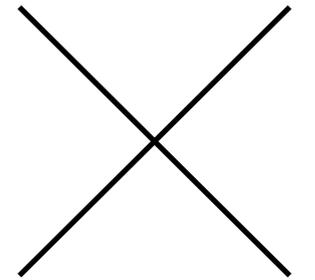
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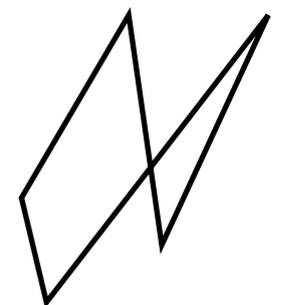
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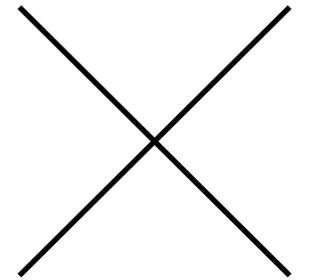
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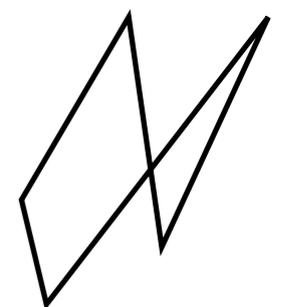
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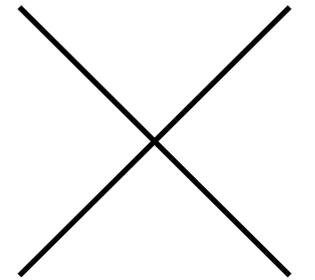
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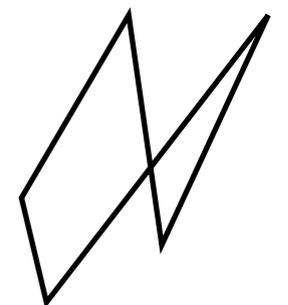
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“magnetic scenario”: Liao, ES hep-ph/0611131, Chernodub+Zakharov

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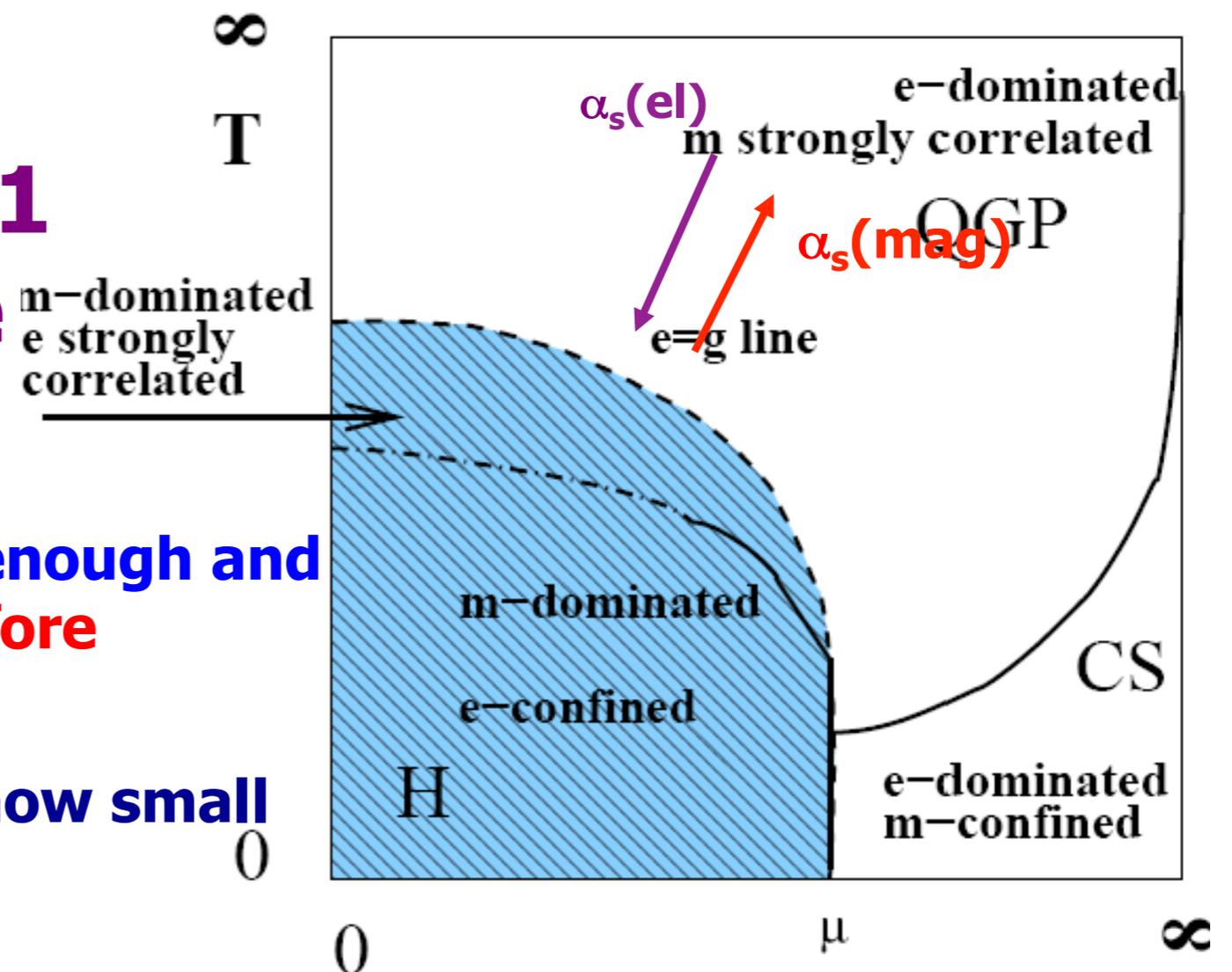
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=> electric/magnetic couplings (e/g) must run in the opposite directions!

the “equilibrium line”  
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 needs to be in the plasma phase

monopoles should be dense enough and sufficiently weakly coupled before deconfinement to get BEC

=>  $\alpha_s(\text{mag}) < \alpha_s(\text{el})$ : how small can  $\alpha_s(\text{mag})$  be?



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- (Gattringer et al): while quenched (pure YM) gauge ensembles show chiral restoration at  $T > T_c$  for **antiperiodic** quarks,
- and yet, it is **not so for periodic quarks!**  
(not physical but need to be understood anyway. One can do arbitrary periodicity angle as well, and see a gradual transition as well)
- an instanton has **one zero mode, whatever fermions one uses!**
- let me repeat, the ensemble is quenched, so no back reaction. It is the same gauge fields, and this makes the puzzle harder to solve