

# Heavy-Ion Collisions and the Quark-Gluon Plasma

**Tuesday: QGP Properties — Idealized Theory**  
**Wednesday(1): Heavy-Ion Collisions and Models**  
**Wednesday(2): Bayesian Model/Data Analysis**

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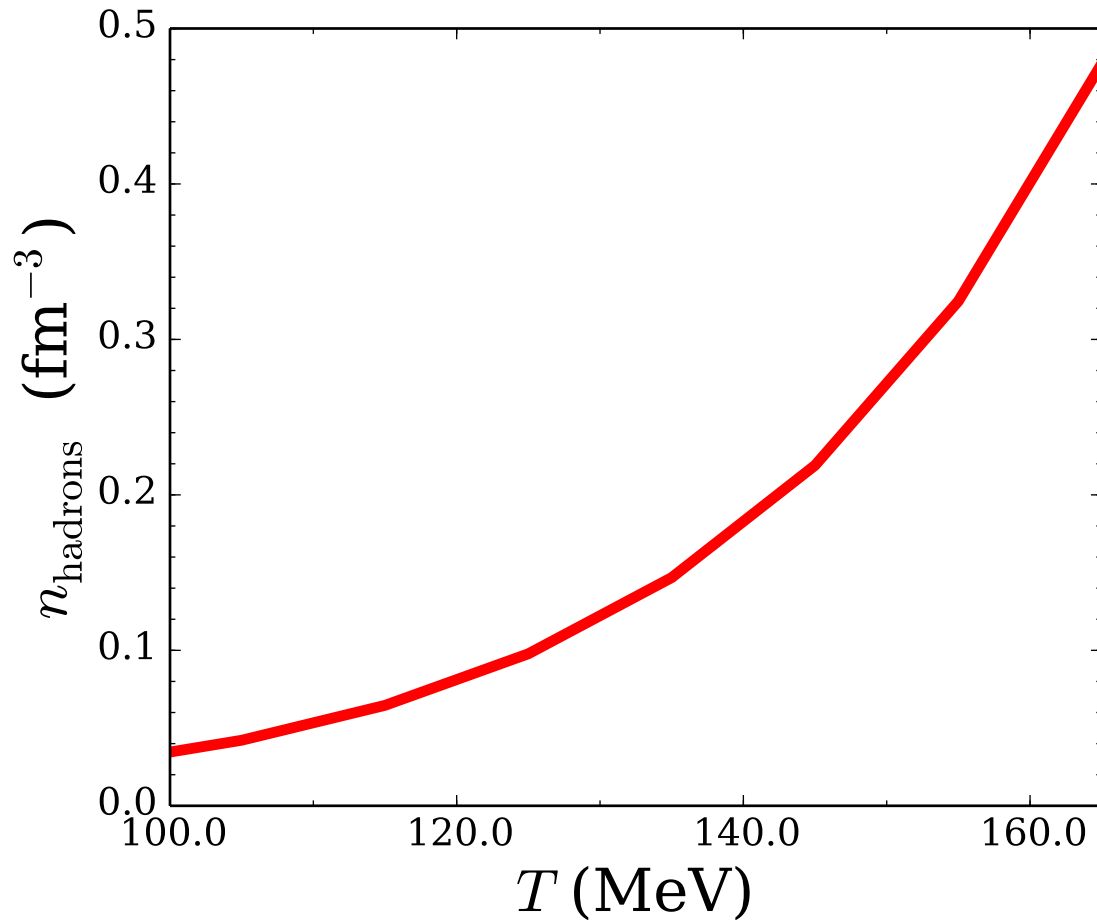


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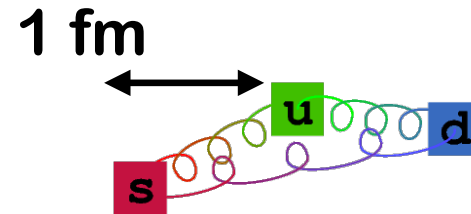


# I. QGP Properties



$T \approx 150$  MeV

Hadron Gas — Color Singlets

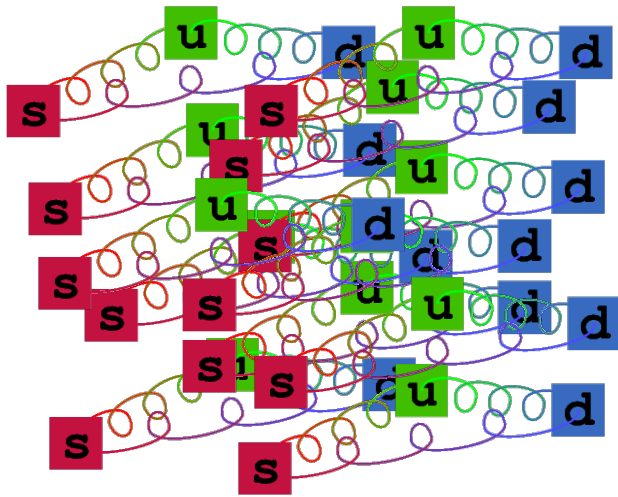


$$n_h = (2S_h + 1) \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{-E(p)/T},$$

$$E = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

Like blackbody but with mass penalty

# I. QGP Properties



Onset of QGP

$T \gtrsim T_c \approx 160 \text{ MeV}$

$\approx 3x$  nuclear density

10,000 x T of sun interior

$10^{30} \text{ J/cm}^3$

## **QGP Properties**

**Charge Rich!!!**

**52 colored degrees of freedom**

**16 gluons**

**36 *light* quarks:**

**up, down strange,**

**anti-up, anti-down, anti-strange**

**spin  $\uparrow$ , spin  $\downarrow$**

**red, green, blue**

**52 quasi-particles in  $\sim$  one thermal wavelength**

## Defining Properties of the QGP

1. Eq. of state ( $B=0$  &  $B\neq 0$ )

$P(n_B, \epsilon)$  or  $P(\mu, T)$  or  $c_s^2(n_B, \epsilon) \dots$

2. Charge susceptibility and fluctuations

$\chi_{ab} = \langle \delta Q_a \delta Q_b \rangle / V$  - describes chemistry

3. Quark-antiquark condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$

“Chiral symmetry” restoration

4. Viscosity — response to flow gradient

$\delta T_{ij} = -\eta [\partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i - (2/3) \delta_{ij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}] - \zeta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$

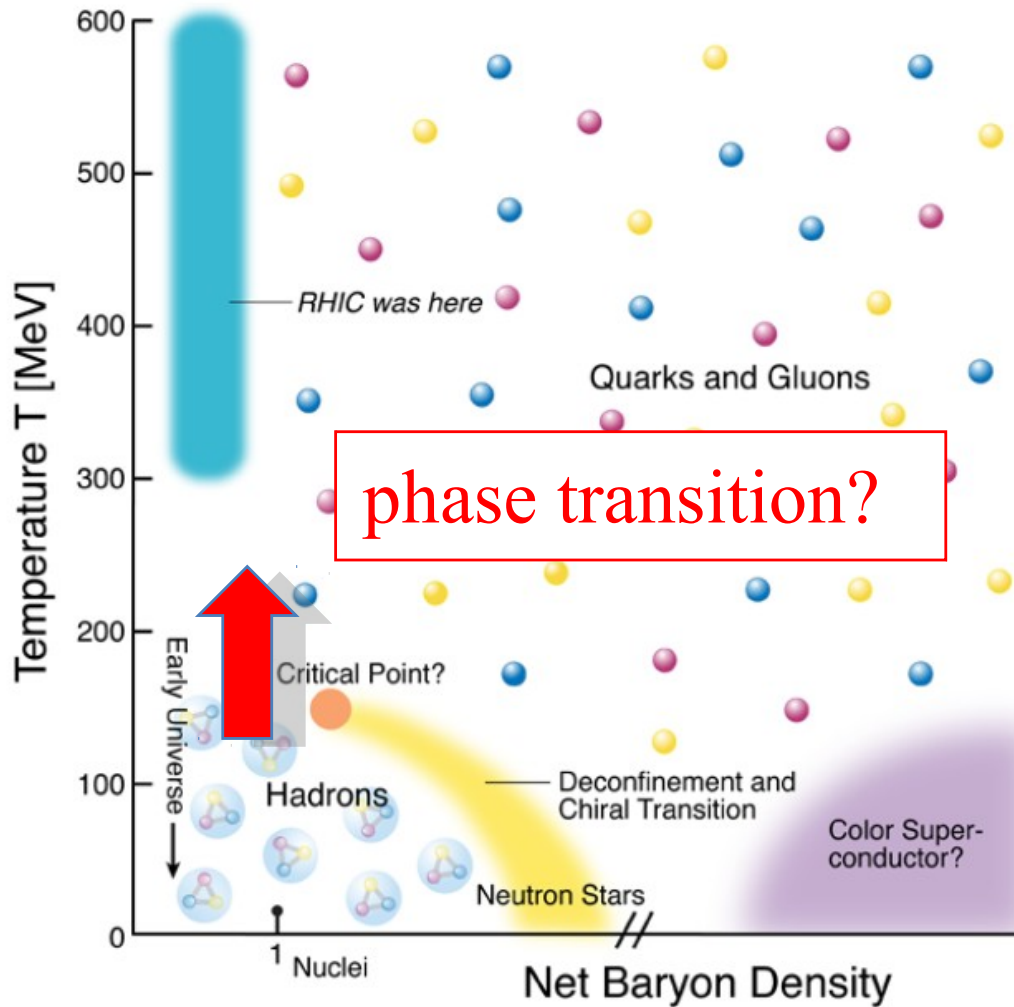
5. Diffusivity/Conductivity — response to density gradient

$\dot{j}_a = -D_{ab} \nabla \rho_b$

6. Electromagnetic opacity and emissivity

7. QCD opacity (Jet quenching)

heat ↑



## Eq. of State

- possibly 1<sup>st</sup> order ??
- phase separation & critical point ??

## Eq. of State: Lattice Gauge Theory

$$Z = \sum_i \langle i | e^{-\beta H} | i \rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \langle i_1 | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_2 \rangle \langle i_2 | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_3 \rangle \langle i_3 | \dots | i_n \rangle \langle i_n | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_1 \rangle$$

$$e^{-\delta\beta H} \approx 1 - \delta\beta H$$

$$|\eta\rangle = \exp(\eta a^\dagger - \eta^* a) |0\rangle,$$

$$a|\eta\rangle = \eta|\eta\rangle,$$

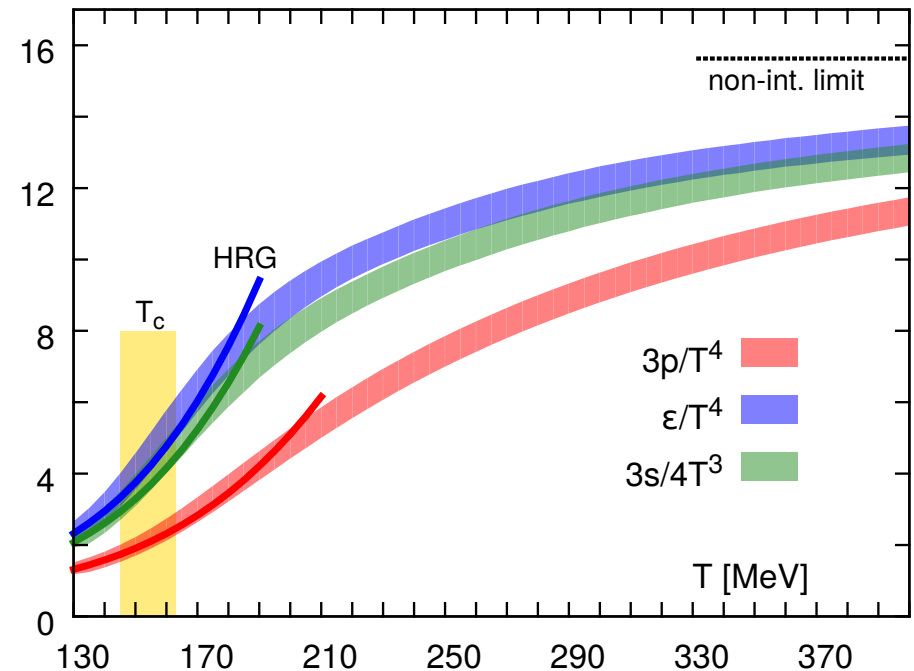
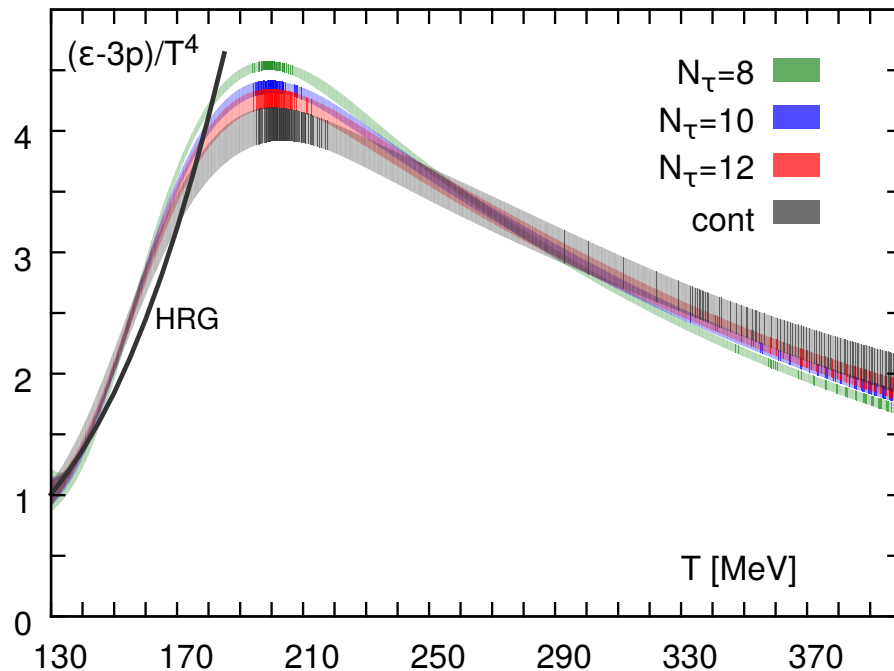
$$H(a^\dagger, a) \rightarrow H(\eta^*, \eta),$$

$$\sum_i |i\rangle \langle i| \rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int d\eta_r d\eta_i |\eta\rangle \langle \eta|$$

**10x10x10x10 lattice → 520,000 dimensional path integral  
Needs VERY efficient Monte Carlo**

# Eq. of State: Lattice Gauge Theory, $\mu=0$

Hot QCD, A.Bazavov et al., PRD 2014



**Sharp rise in  $\epsilon/T^4$  near  $T \sim 160$  MeV**

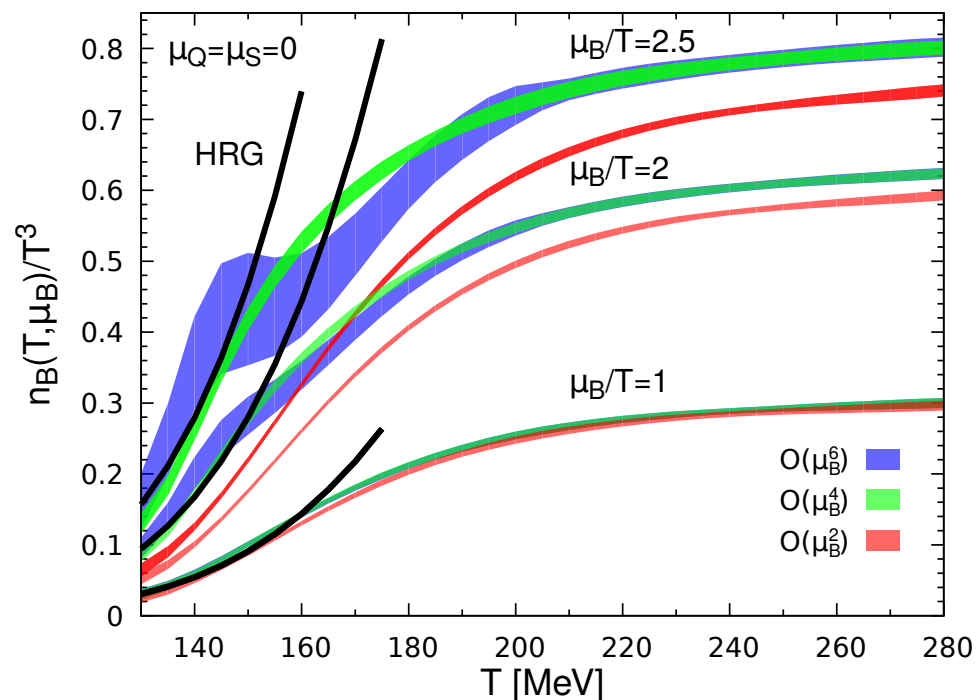
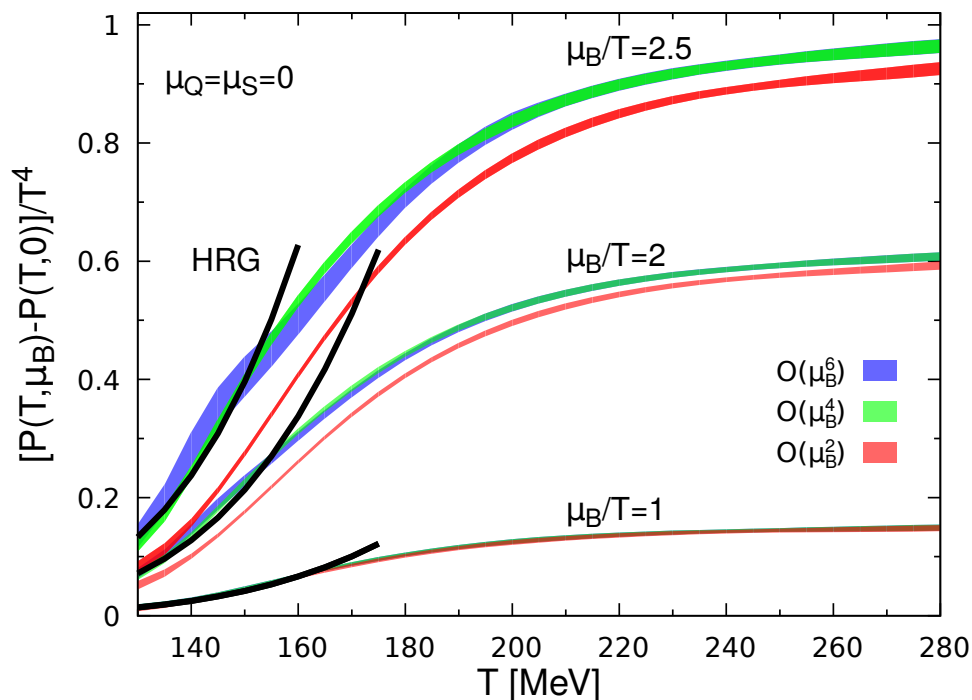
**Rise from hadron resonances coming into play**

**Levels off in QGP**



# I. Eq. of State: Lattice Gauge Theory, $\mu \neq 0$

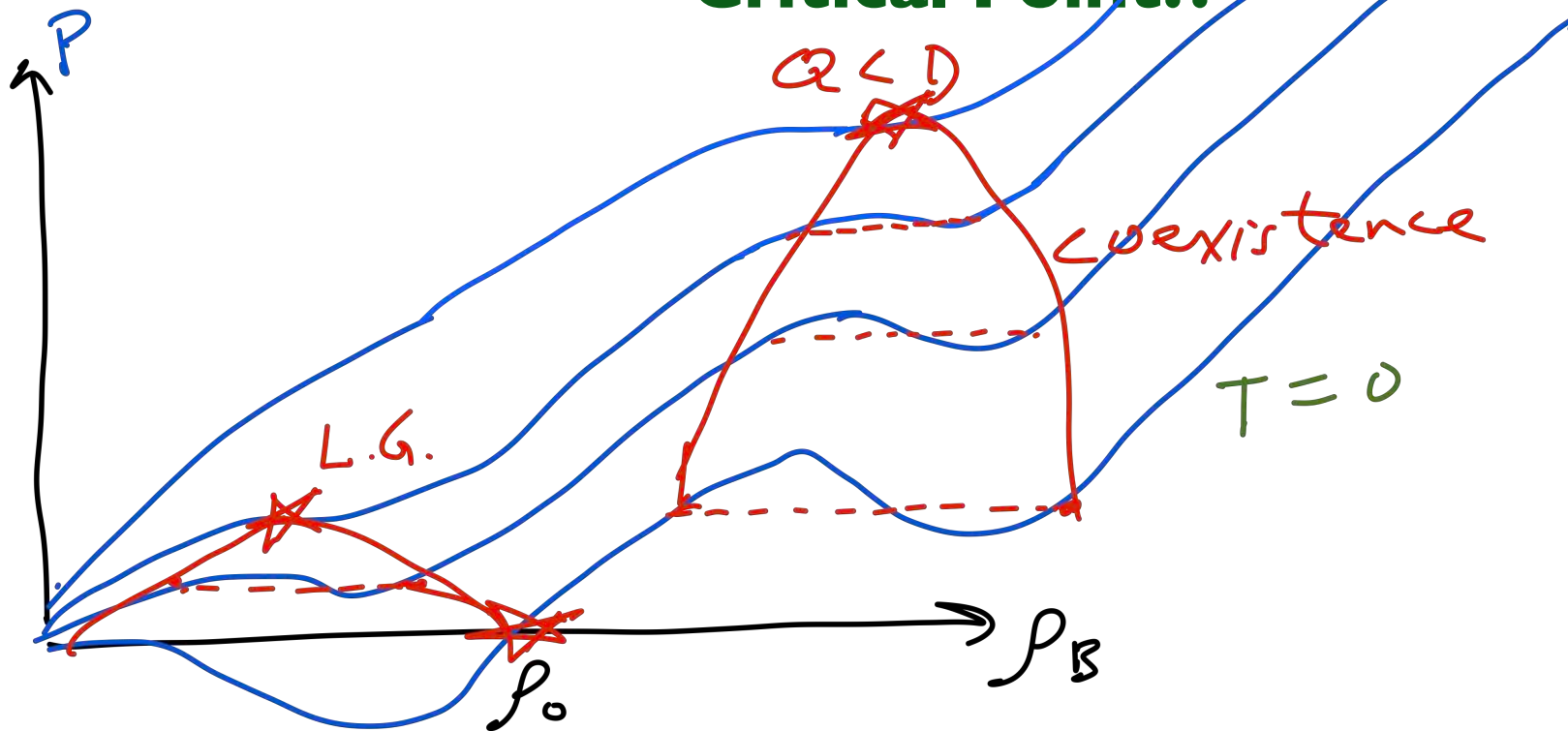
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Taylor expansion in  $\mu_B$ .

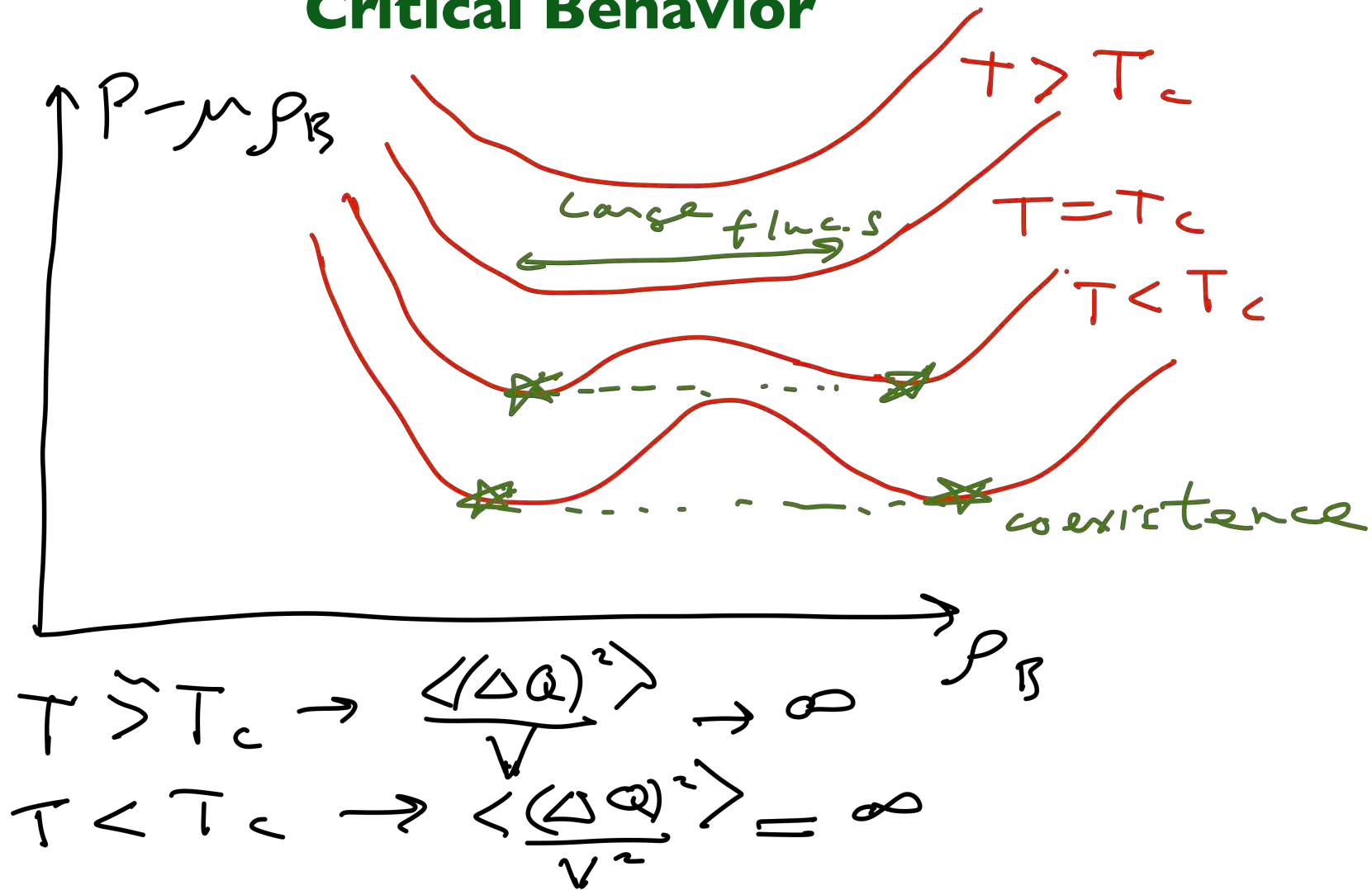
Funky behavior for  $T < 150$  MeV, Phase transition????

# Eq. of State at non-zero baryon density Critical Point??



QCD transition  
might be 1<sup>st</sup> order

## Critical Behavior



## Fluctuations (things to keep in mind)

- Over total volume charge does not fluctuate
- For  $T \sim T_c$  fluctuations are slow to develop
- For  $T \ll T_c$  phase separation can be fast (unstable)
- Dynamics are important
- Must study correlations,

$$\langle \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}', t) \rangle$$

## Charge Susceptibility

For  $\mu=0$ ,  $\langle \rho_a \rangle = 0$  “a” refers to up, down, strange  
or baryon, strangeness elec. charge

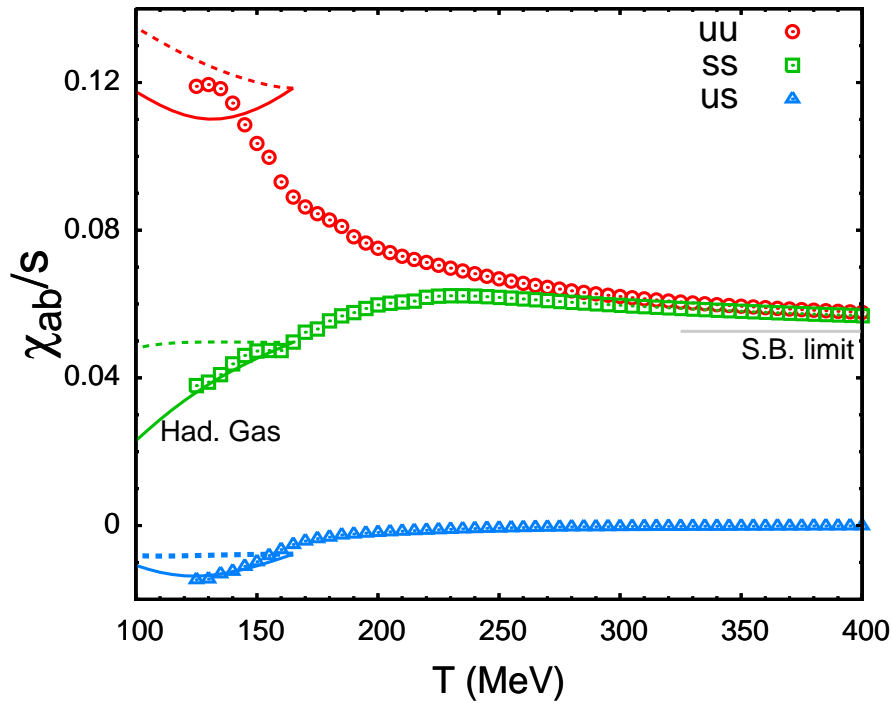
$$\langle (\delta\rho_a)(\delta\rho_b) \rangle \neq 0$$

$$= \sum_a (n_a + n_{\bar{a}}) \delta_{ab}, \quad \text{quark gas}$$

$$= \sum_h n_h q_{ha} q_{hb}, \quad \text{hadron gas}$$

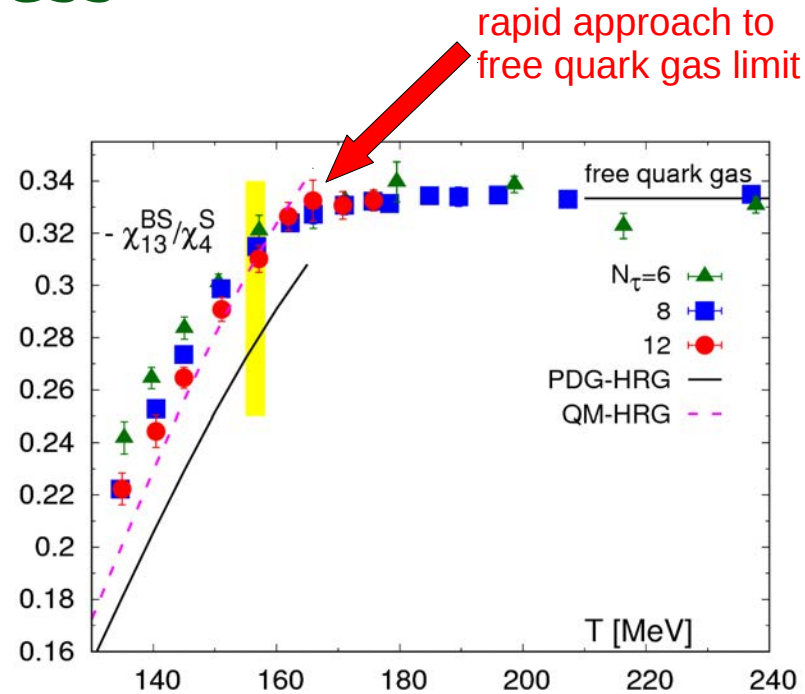
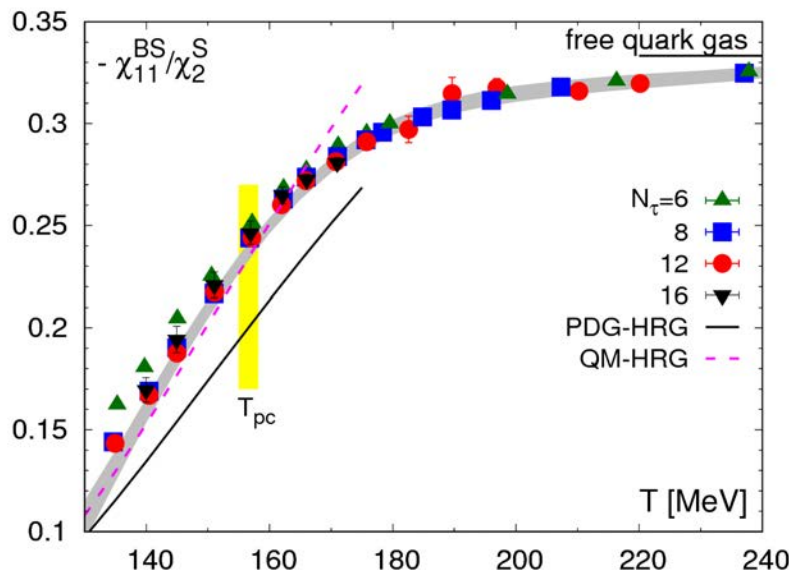
$\langle (\delta\rho)^3 \rangle$  compared to  $\langle (\delta\rho)^2 \rangle$  depends on existence of hadrons

# Charge Susceptibility from lattice



Off-diagonal elements disappear  
for  $T > 190$   
Approach quark-gas limit at higher  $T$

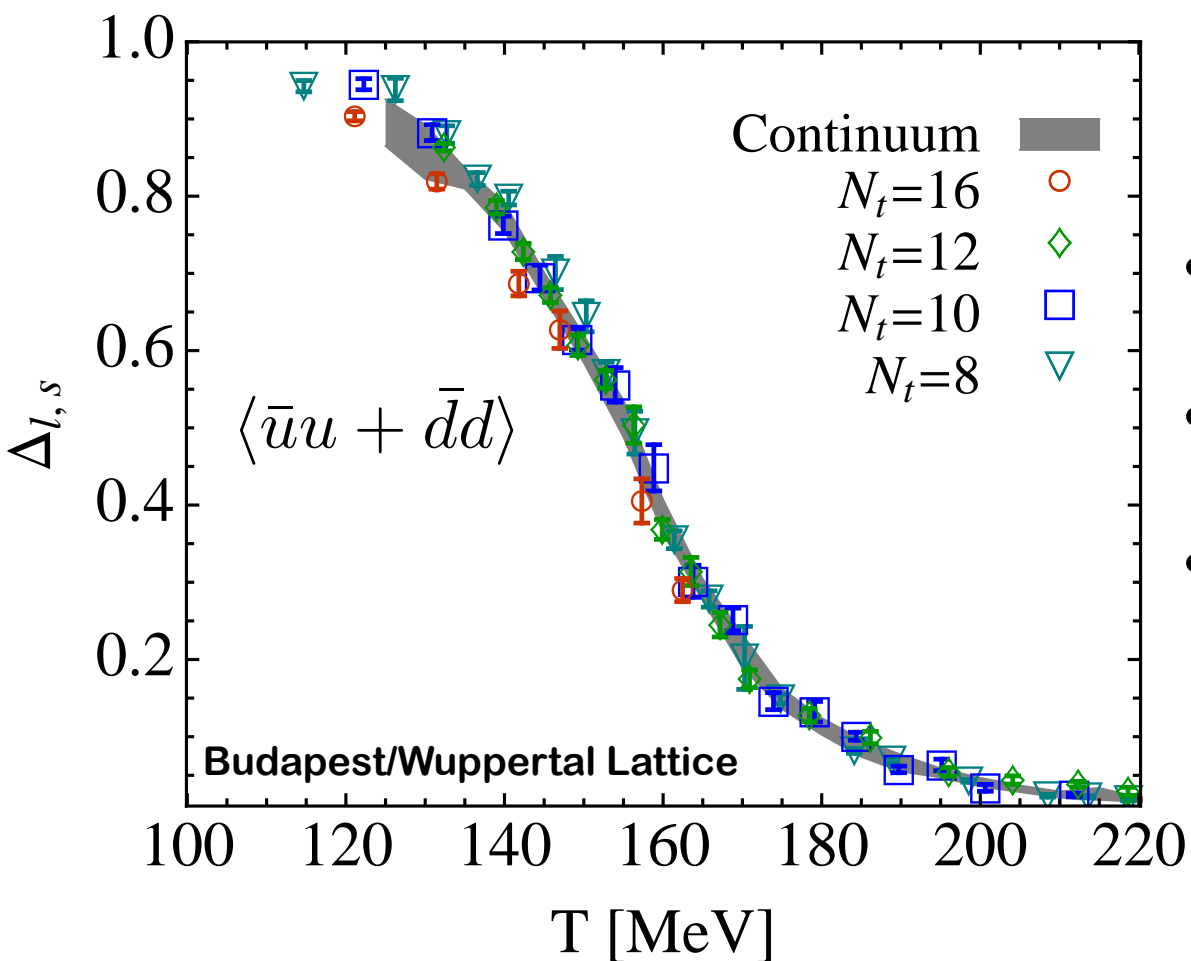
# Susceptibilities: correlating baryons to strangeness



Bazavov et al., arXiv:1404.6511

**Baryons dissolve for  $T > 170$  MeV**

# Quark-antiquark Condensate $\langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle$



- Gives quarks “constituent” mass
- melts  $\sim T=160$  MeV same T as QGP transition
- would be 2nd order if u,d quarks massless



# Linear-sigma model

## Chiral Symmetry in QCD

$$\Psi \rightarrow \exp(i\gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\theta}) \Psi$$

Invariant for massless quarks

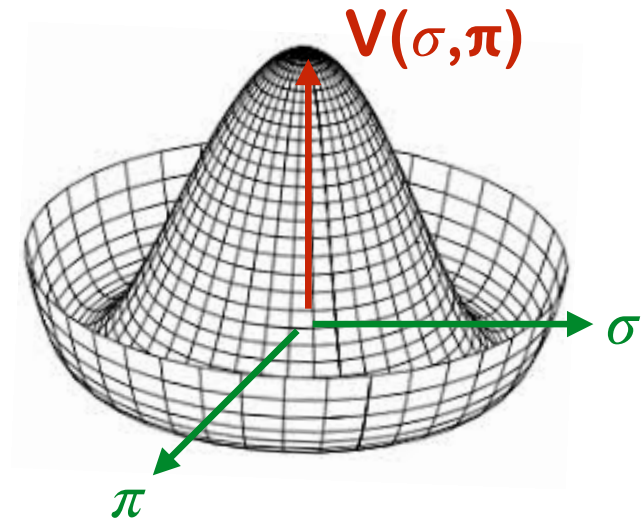
## Hadronic degrees of freedom

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \vec{\pi} \cdot \partial^2 \vec{\pi} + \sigma \partial^2 \sigma \} + \mathcal{V}(\sigma, \vec{\pi}),$$

$$\mathcal{V}(\sigma, \vec{\pi}) = -\frac{1}{2} m_0^2 (\vec{\pi}^2 + \sigma^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\vec{\pi}^2 + \sigma^2)^2 - g\sigma,$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle_{T=0} = f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV}$$

**Pion is Goldstone boson**



## Add coupling to baryons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{baryons}} = g_{\pi NN} [\bar{\Psi} \sigma \Psi + \bar{\Psi} (\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau}) \gamma_5 \Psi]$$

$$g_A M_B = g_{\pi NN} f_\pi$$

**Goldberger-Treiman relation**

## **Linear-sigma model (chiral symmetry breaking)**

Many variants: non-linear sigma model, NJL, couple to quarks, gluons .....

Open issues

1. As  $\sigma \rightarrow$  zero,

Do hadron masses go to  $\sim$ zero  
or do they pair up? e.g.  $\rho$  and  $a_1$

2. Is there any window with both restoration and where hadronic degrees of freedom are relevant? Lattice: maybe not

## Transport Coefficients...

Diffusivity/Conductivity, Viscosity, Opacity, ...  
Can be written in terms of thermal averages:

Linear response theory & Kubo relations

## Example: Conductivity

$$\langle \Psi | J(x = 0, t = 0) | \Psi \rangle = \sigma E,$$

$$|\Psi(t = 0)\rangle \approx |\Psi_0\rangle - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt (-E(t)x\rho(x, t)dx |\Psi_0\rangle$$

$$\sigma = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt dx x \langle [J(0, 0), \rho(x, t)] \rangle$$

$$= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt dx xt \langle [J(0, 0), \partial_t \rho(x, t)] \rangle$$

$$= \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt dx t \langle [J(0, 0), x \partial_x J(x, t)] \rangle$$

$$= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt dx t \langle [J(0, 0), J(x, t)] \rangle$$

$$= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt dx t \langle J(0, 0) J(x, t) \rangle$$

**Kubo relation  
(commutator)**

# Deriving “anti-commutator” Kubo relation

Connection to classical physics

$$G(t) \equiv \langle A(0)A(t) \rangle$$

$$= \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} A e^{iHt/\hbar} A e^{-iHt/\hbar}$$

**Cyclic property of trace**

$$G(i\hbar\beta/2 + z) = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} A e^{iHz/\hbar - \beta H/2} A e^{-iHz/\hbar + \beta H/2}$$

$$= \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} A e^{-iHz/\hbar - \beta H/2} A e^{iHz/\hbar + \beta H/2}$$

$$= G(i\hbar\beta/2 - z)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt t(G(t) - G(-t))$$

$$= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt tG(t)$$

$$0 = \oint_P dz (z - i\hbar\beta/2) G(z)$$

$$= I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$I_2 = 0$$

$$I_1 = I_4$$

$$0 = I_4 + I_3$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt (t - i\hbar\beta/2)G(t)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt G(t)$$

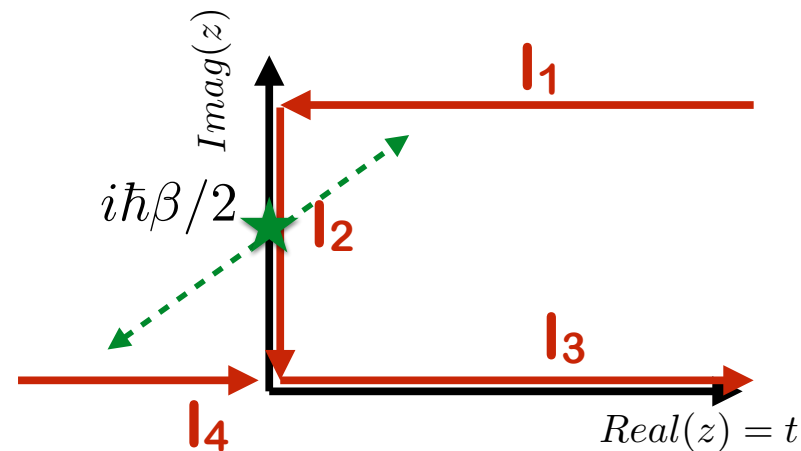
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{\infty} dt (G(t) + G(-t))$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt dx \langle \{J(0,0), J(x,t)\} \rangle$$

## “anti-commutator” Kubo relation

**cyclic prop. of trace**

**anti-commutator  
classical or quantum**



$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 0, \quad \text{analyticity}$$

$$I_2 = 0, \quad \text{symmetry}$$

$$I_1 = I_4, \quad \text{symmetry}$$

$$I_4 + I_3 = 0$$

## Transport Coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt dx \, t \langle J(0,0) J(x,t) \rangle, \\ &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{\infty} dt dx \, \langle \{ J(0,0), J(x,t) \} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Kubo: correlations in real time**

$$Z = \sum_i \langle i | e^{-\beta H} | i \rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \langle i_1 | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_2 \rangle \langle i_2 | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_3 \rangle \langle i_3 | \dots | i_n \rangle \langle i_n | e^{-\delta\beta H} | i_1 \rangle$$

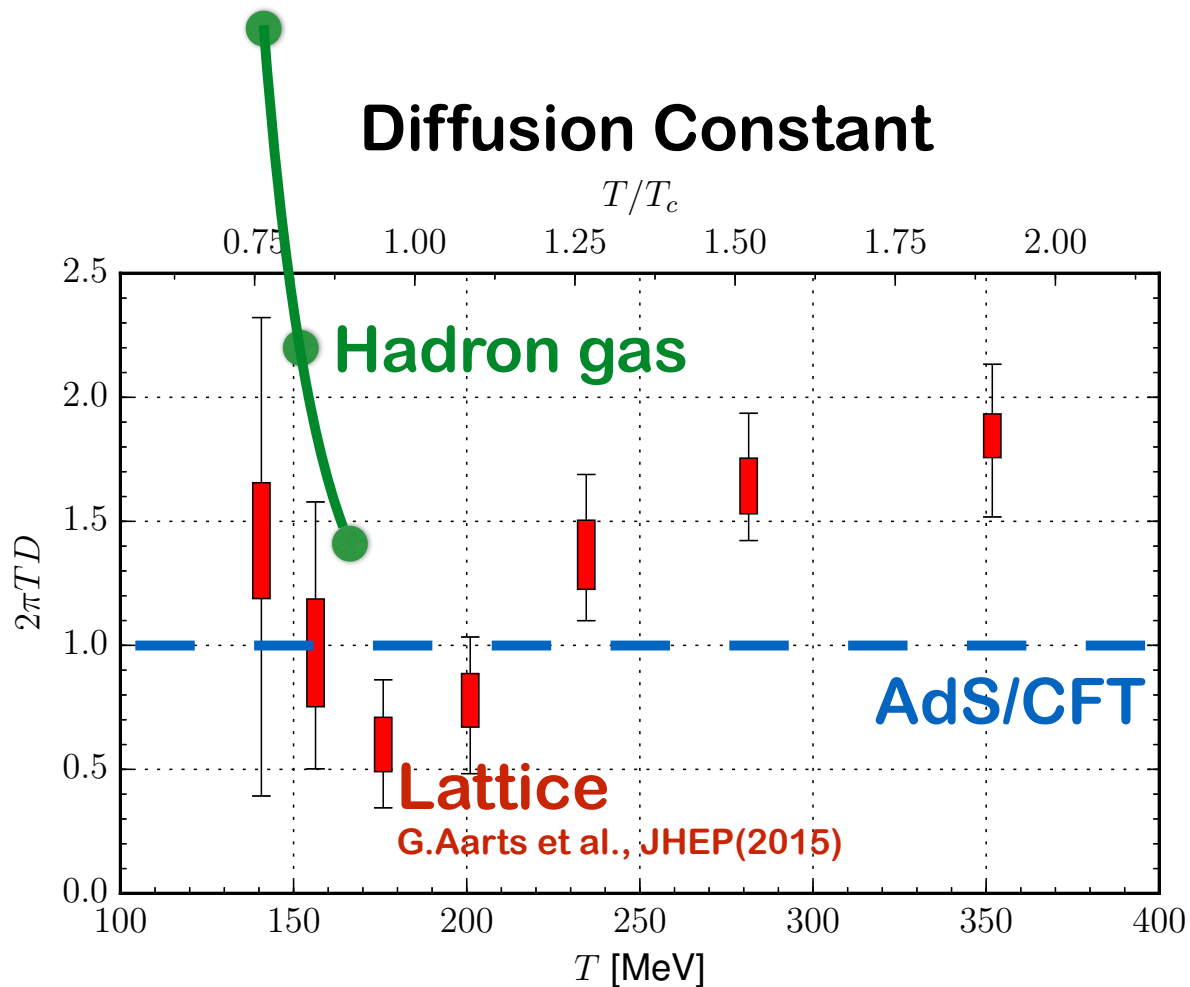
$e^{-\delta\beta H} \approx 1 - \delta\beta H$

**Lattice: calculates in imaginary time**

**Analytic continuation involves difficult-to-constrain errors  
Lattice results for conductivity, diffusivity, viscosity...  
are suspect**

# Diffusivity/Conductivity

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= -\sigma \frac{dV}{dx} \\
 &= -e\sigma \frac{d\mu}{dx} \\
 &= -e\sigma \frac{d\rho}{dx} \frac{1}{d\rho} d\mu \\
 &= -\frac{e\sigma}{\chi} \frac{d\rho}{dx} \\
 J/e &= -D \frac{d\rho}{dx} \\
 D &= \frac{\sigma}{\chi}
 \end{aligned}$$





## Viscosity

$$\pi_{ij} = -\eta [\partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i - (2\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\delta_{ij}/3] - \zeta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} > 0$

$T_{zz} - T_{xx} = -2\eta \partial_z v_z$

**Less work, less cooling**

## Kubo relation

**Same steps as conductivity:**

$$J \rightarrow T_{ij},$$

$$E \rightarrow \partial_i v_j,$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = T_{0i} r_j \partial_j v_i,$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt d^3 r \langle T_{xy}(0,0) T_{xy}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle$$

**For gas,**

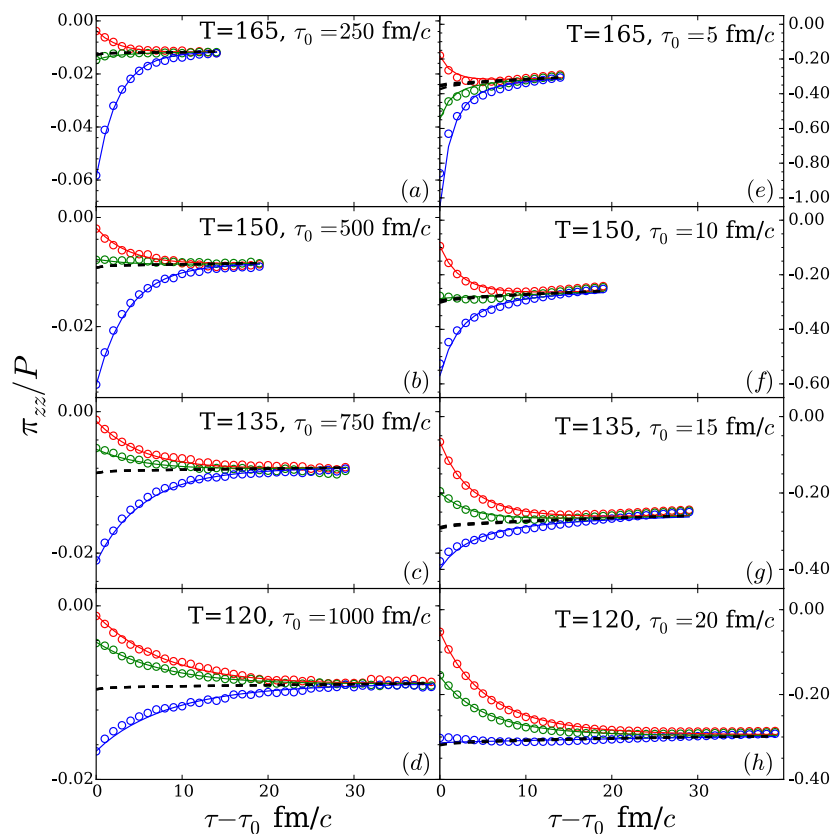
$$\eta = \sum_h \frac{(2S_h + 1)}{2T} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi \hbar)^3} e^{-E/T} \frac{p_x^2 p_y^2}{E^2} \tau_{\text{relax.}},$$

$$\tau_{\text{relax.}} \approx 2\tau_{\text{coll.}}$$

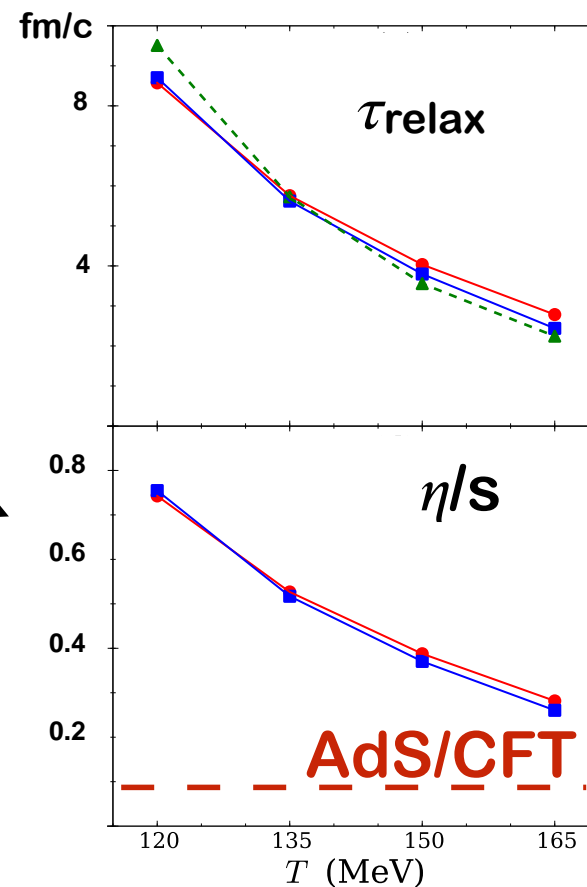
# Viscosity: Kubo relation

**Kubo:** 
$$\eta = \sum_h \frac{(2S_h + 1)}{2T} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} e^{-E/T} \frac{p_x^2 p_y^2}{E^2} \tau_{\text{relax.}},$$

$$\tau_{\text{relax.}} \approx 2\tau_{\text{coll.}}$$



**Simulation  
of hadron gas**



## Electromagnetic Emissivity and Opacity

Photons make it through QGP fireball (90% of time)  
“Penetrating probe”

Both direct photons and dilepton production

$$E \frac{dN}{d^4x d^3p} = \sum_h \epsilon_{hi} \epsilon_{hk} \int d^3r dt e^{iEt - i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \langle J_i(0,0) J_k(\mathbf{r},t) \rangle$$

In practice, emissivity calculated as sum of MANY microscopic processes:

hadronic decays, Bremsstrahlung

## Jet Opacity

- Similar to photons
  - non-Abelian nature
- Anne Sickles will cover this



## Open questions for HQT matter

- Equation of state for large  $\rho_B$ 
  - Can you calculate it?
  - Is there a 1st-order phase transition?
- Transport coefficients
  - correlators in real time
- Role of chiral symmetry restoration in hadronic gas?