

Lattice Gauge Theories

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QCD path integral

$$\mathcal{D}[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = \prod_{x \in \Lambda} \prod_{f,\alpha,A} d\psi_{f\alpha}^A(x) d\bar{\psi}_{f\alpha}^A(x) \quad \text{Grassmann numbers}$$

$$\mathcal{D}[U] = \prod_{x \in \Lambda} \prod_{\mu=1}^4 dU(x, \mu) \quad \text{Haar measure}$$

$$\left\langle \Phi' | \hat{O}(x) | \Phi \right\rangle = O[\Phi] \delta(\Phi' - \Phi)$$

Pure gauge theory

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]} O[U]$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]} \quad S_G[U] = \frac{1}{g^2} \sum_x \sum_{\mu, \nu} P_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{D}[U] = \prod_{x \in \Lambda} \prod_{\mu=1}^4 dU(x, \mu)$$

Haar measure

$$S_G[U] = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_x \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Retr}[1 - U(x, x; \square)] \quad \beta = \frac{6}{g^2}$$

Haar measure

$$U(x, \mu) \rightarrow U'(x, \mu) = \Omega(x)U(x, \mu)\Omega(x + a\hat{\mu})^\dagger$$

$$S_G[U'] = S_G[U]$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]} = \int \mathcal{D}[U'] e^{-S_G[U']} = \int \mathcal{D}[U'] e^{-S_G[U]}$$

$$\mathcal{D}[U] = \mathcal{D}[U'] \quad dU(x; \mu) = dU'(x; \mu) = d(\Omega(x)U(x; \mu)\Omega(x + a\hat{\mu})^\dagger)$$

Haar measure

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$$dU(x; \mu) = dU'(x; \mu) = d(\Omega(x)U(x; \mu)\Omega(x + a\hat{\mu})^\dagger)$$

$$dU = d(UV) = d(VU) \quad U \in G \quad V \in G \quad \int dU \ 1 = 1$$

$$\int_{SU(3)} dU \ U_{AB} = 0 \quad \int_{SU(3)} dU \ U_{AB}U_{CD} = 0$$

$$\int_{SU(3)} dU \ U_{AB}(U^\dagger)_{CD} = \frac{1}{3}\delta_{AD}\delta_{BC}$$

$$\int_{SU(3)} dU \ \text{tr}[VU]\text{tr}[U^\dagger W] = \frac{1}{3}\text{tr}[VW]$$

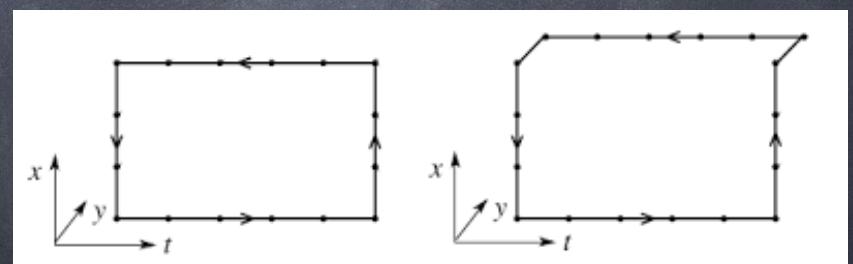
Wilson loop

$$L[U] = \text{tr} \left[\prod_{(x,\mu) \in \mathcal{L}} U(x, \mu) \right]$$

Closed Loop

$$S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t) = \prod_{(\underline{z}, j) \in \mathcal{C}_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}} U(\underline{z}, t; j)$$

$$T(\underline{x}, t) = \prod_{x_4=0}^{t-a} U(\underline{x}, x_4; 4)$$



$$W_{\mathcal{L}} = \text{tr} [S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t) T(\underline{y}, t)^{\dagger} S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, 0)^{\dagger} T(\underline{x}, t)]$$

Wilson loop: physical interpretation

$$A_4(x) = 0 \quad U(x; 4) = 1 \quad \text{Temporal gauge}$$

$$\langle W_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle = \langle W_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle_{\text{temp}} = \left\langle \text{tr} \left[S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t) S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, 0)^\dagger \right] \right\rangle_{\text{temp}}$$

$$\left\langle \text{tr} \left[S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t) S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, 0)^\dagger \right] \right\rangle_{\text{temp}} = \sum_n \left\langle 0 | \hat{S}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) | n \right\rangle \left\langle n | \hat{S}(\underline{x}, \underline{y})^\dagger | 0 \right\rangle e^{-E_n t}$$

$$E_0 = V(r) \quad r = a |\underline{x} - \underline{y}| \quad \langle W_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle \propto e^{-V(r)t} + \dots$$

Wilson loop: physical interpretation

$$Q(\underline{x}, \underline{y})_{ab} = \psi_a(\underline{x}) \bar{\psi}_b(\underline{y})$$

$$Q(\underline{x}, \underline{y})_{ab} \rightarrow \Omega(\underline{x})_{aa'} Q(\underline{x}, \underline{y})_{a'b'} \Omega(\underline{y})_{b'b}^\dagger$$

$$S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t)_{ab} \rightarrow \Omega_{aa'} S(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, t)_{a'b'} \Omega_{b'b}$$

Static quark potential

$$V(r) = A + \frac{B}{r} + \sigma r$$

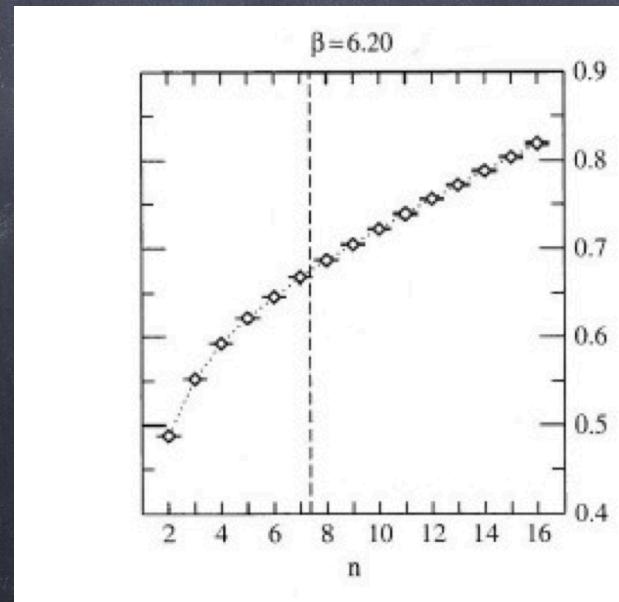
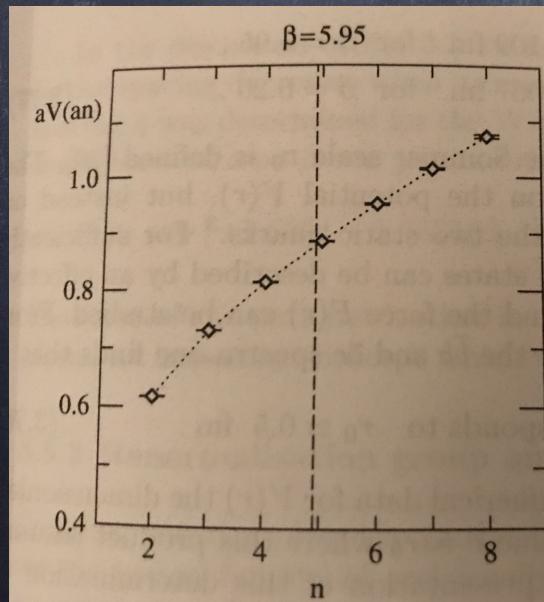
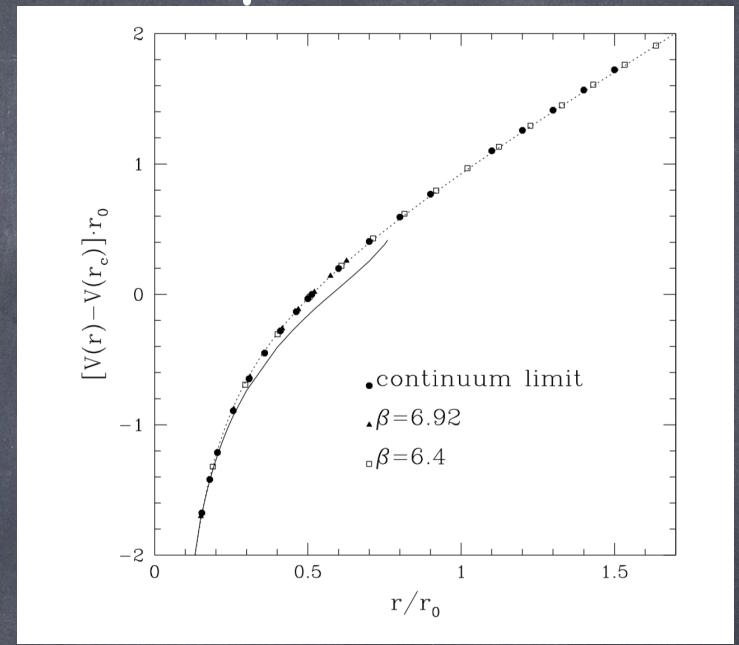


$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

Setting the scale with the static potential

$$a = \frac{(aM)_{\text{latt}}}{M_{\text{phys}}}$$

$$\langle W_C \rangle = C e^{-V(r)t} + \dots$$



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Setting the scale with the static potential

$$F(r) = \frac{dV(r)}{dr} \quad F(r_0)r_0^2 = 1.65 \quad r_0 = 0.5\text{fm}$$

$$F(r) = \frac{dV(r)}{dr} = -\frac{B}{r^2} + \sigma \quad F(r_0)r_0^2 = -B + \sigma r_0^2 = 1.65$$

$$\frac{r_0}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{1.65 + B}{a^2 \sigma}} \quad \leftarrow \quad aV(x) = A \cdot a + B \frac{a}{r} + \sigma a^2 \frac{r}{a}$$

Step 2

Step 1

$$a = \frac{0.5}{r_0/a} \text{fm}$$

RG and running coupling

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} P(g(a), a) = P_C$$

$$\frac{dP(g(a), a)}{d \ln a} = 0 \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln a} - \beta(g) \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \right) = 0$$

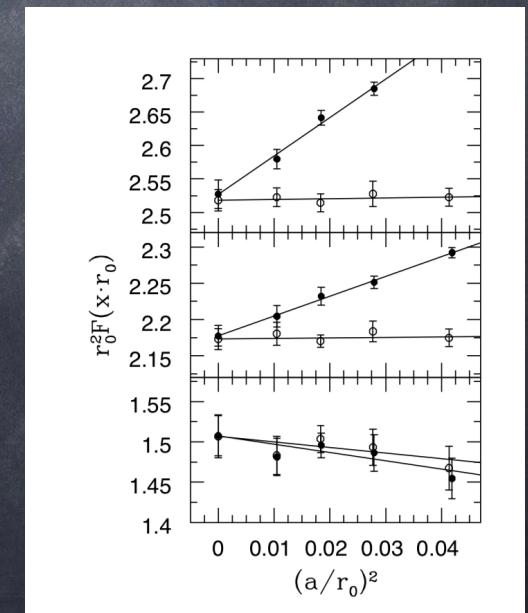
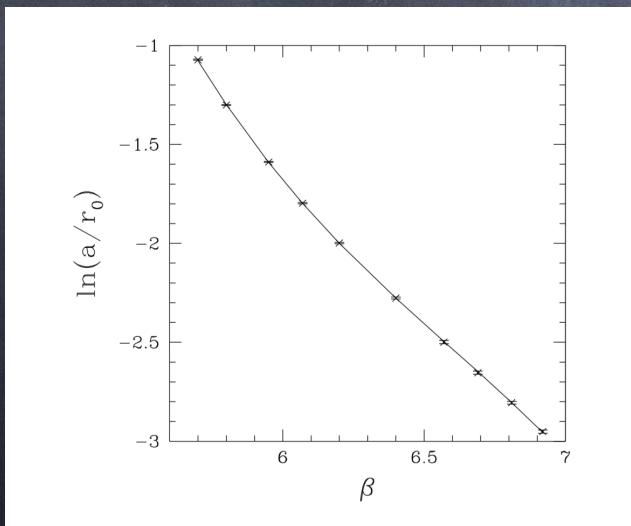
$$\beta(g) = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial \ln a}$$

$$\beta(g) = -\beta_0 g^3 - \beta_1 g^5 + O(g^7)$$

RG and running coupling

$$\beta_0 = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right)$$

$$a(g) = \frac{1}{\Lambda_L} (\beta_0 g^2)^{-\frac{\beta_1}{2\beta_0^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\beta_0 g^2} \right) (1 + O(g^2))$$



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