Meson masses at finite density on the lattice

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#### Introduction

Brown-Rho Scaling for Meson masses in the Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD

> Kawamoto, Miura\*, AO, PoS(LAT07) (2007), 209 [arXiv:0710.1720] AO, Kawamoto, Miura, arXiv:0803.0255 (Chiral07 Proc.)

- Summary
- (If I have time....) Quarkyonic phase in Strong Coupling Expansion of LQCD (1/g<sup>2</sup> effects) (Last night work)

### Quark / Hadron / Nuclear Matter Phase Diagram



How can we probe the "phase" properties ?

**Hadron Mass Modification** 

#### Medium meson mass modification may be the signal of partial restoration of chiral sym.

Brown, Rho, PRL66('91)2720; Kunihiro, Hatsuda, PRep 247('94), 221; Hatsuda, Lee, PRC46('92)R34.

Brown-Rho Scaling

$$M_N^*/M_N = M_\sigma^{\prime}/M_\sigma = M_\rho^{\prime}/M_\rho = M_\omega^{\prime}/M_\omega = f_\pi^*/f_\pi$$



### Hadron Mass Modification

#### Medium meson mass modification is suggested experimentally.

CERES Collab., PRL75('95),1272; KEK-E325 Collab.(Ozawa et al.), PRL86('01),5019; PHENIX Collab., arXiv:0706.3034

*Interpretation is model dependent* → *Investigation in non-perturbative QCD is desired !* 





FIG. 4. Inclusive  $e^+e^-$  mass spectra in 200 GeV/nucleon S-Au collisions. For explanations see Fig. 2.



Hadron Mass Modification in Lattice QCD

- Can we understand it in Lattice QCD ?
  - Finite T: It is possible even for light quarks ! (Talk by G. Aarts in the Symp.)
  - Finite μ (and low T): Difficult due to the sign problem.



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# **Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD**

- SCL-LQCD has been a powerful tool in "phase diagram" study !
  - Analytical integral over link variables → No Sign Problem
  - Chiral restoration, Phase diagram, Baryon effects
- Hadron masses are also studied, but only at zero T treatment.

Kluberg-Stern, Morel, Petersson, '83; Kawamoto, Shigemoto, '82; Fukushima, 2004

To do: Finite T and μ, Baryon Effects at Finite T, 1/g<sup>2</sup> corrections, ...



Damgaard,Kawamoto,Shigemoto, PRL53('84),2211

Meson Masses at Finite T and µ in the Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD

# **Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD**

Strong Coupling Limit: Pure gluonic action disappers at  $g \rightarrow \infty$ 

$$S_{\text{QCD}} = S_{\text{Q}} + S_{F}^{(s)} + S_{F}^{(t)} + m_{0} \overline{X} X$$

$$S_{G} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{g \text{plag.} \\ \text{plag.}}} \text{Tr} U_{ij}(x) + c.c.$$

$$S_{F}^{(s)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x, j > 0} \left( \overline{X}_{x} U_{j}(x) X_{x+\hat{j}} - \overline{X}_{x+\hat{j}} U_{j}^{+}(x) X_{x} \right)$$

$$S_{F}^{(t)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x} \left( e^{\mu} \overline{X}_{x} U_{0}(x) X_{x+\hat{0}} - e^{-\mu} \overline{X}_{x+\hat{0}} U_{0}^{+}(x) X_{x} \right)$$

One-link integral leaves mesonic and baryonic action.

$$S_F^{(s)} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} (M V_M M) - (\overline{B} V_B B)$$

$$U_{\nu}^{+} U_{\mu}^{+} U_{\nu} \qquad \overline{\chi} \quad U_{\mu} \quad \chi \\ U_{\nu}^{+} U_{\mu}^{+} U_{\nu} \qquad \chi \quad U_{\mu}^{+} \overline{\chi} \qquad M = \overline{\chi} \quad \chi$$

$$\int dU U_{ab} U_{cd} U_{ef} = \frac{1}{6} \epsilon_{ace} \epsilon_{bdf}$$

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$$= -\frac{1}{4N_c} \sum_{x, j>0} M_x M_{x+\hat{j}} + \sum_{x, j>0} \frac{\eta_j}{8} \left[ \overline{B}_x B_{x+\hat{j}} - \overline{B}_{x+\hat{j}} B_x \right]$$

**Analytic Link Integral**  $\rightarrow$  No Sign Problem at finite  $\mu$ .

### SCL-LQCD: Tools (1) ---- One-Link Integral

#### Group Integral Formulae

$$\int dU U_{ab} U_{cd}^{+} = \frac{1}{N_c} \delta_{ad} \delta_{bc}$$
$$\int dU U_{ab} U_{cd} U_{ef} = \frac{1}{6} \epsilon_{ace} \epsilon_{bdf}$$

$$\int dUU_{ab}U_{cd}^{+} U_{j}^{+} U_{j}^{+} U_{j}^{+} U_{j}^{+}$$

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$$\overline{B} = \epsilon \overline{X} \overline{X} \overline{X} / 6 B = \epsilon X X X / 6$$

$$\int dUU_{ab}U_{cd}^{+} = \frac{1}{N_{c}} \delta_{ad} \delta_{bc}$$

$$\int dUU_{ab}U_{cd}U_{ef} = \frac{1}{6} \epsilon_{ace} \epsilon_{bdf}$$

$$\int dU \exp(-a\overline{X}(x)UX(y) + b\overline{X}(y)U^{+}X(x))$$
  
=  $\int dU \Big[1 - ab\overline{X}(a)^{a}U_{ab}X^{b}(y)\overline{X}^{c}(y)U_{cd}^{+}X^{d}(x) + \cdots \Big]$   
=  $1 + ab(X\overline{X})(x)(X\overline{X})(y) + \cdots = 1 + abM(x)M(y) + \cdots$   
=  $\exp[abM(x)M(y) + \cdots]$ 

Quarks and Gluons  $\rightarrow$  One-Link integral  $\rightarrow$  Mesonic and Baryonic Composites

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SCL-LQCD: Tools (2) --- 1/d Expansion

■ Keep mesonic action to be indep. from spatial dimension d → Higher order terms are suppressed at large d.

$$\sum_{j} (\bar{X} U_{j} X) (\bar{X} U_{j}^{+} X) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{N_{c}} \sum_{j} M(x) M(x + \hat{j}) = O(1)$$
$$\rightarrow M \propto 1/\sqrt{d}, X \propto d^{-1/4}$$

$$\sum_{j} (\bar{X} U_{j} X) (\bar{X} U_{j} X) (\bar{X} U_{j} X) \rightarrow N_{c}! \sum_{j} B(x) B(x + \hat{j}) = O(1/\sqrt{d})$$

$$\sum_{j} (\bar{X} U_{j} X)^{2} (\bar{X} U_{j}^{\dagger} X)^{2} \rightarrow \sum_{j} M^{2}(x) M^{2}(x+\hat{j}) = O(1/d)$$

We can stop the expansion in U, since higher order terms are suppressed !

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#### Meson Mass in SCL-LQCD (Zero T)

#### QCD Lattice Action (Zero T treatment)



Meson Mass in SCL-LQCD (Zero T)

Meson Mass in SCL-LQCD

Kluberg-Stern, Morel, Petersson, '82; Kawamoto, Shigemoto, '82; K. Fukushima, 2004

- Pole of the propagator at zero momentum  $\rightarrow$  Meson Mass
- Doubler DOF:  $k_{\mu} \rightarrow 0$  or  $\pi$ , Euclidian:  $\omega \rightarrow i m + "0$  or  $\pi$ "  $G^{-1}(k) = N_c \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d \cos \pi \, \delta_i \pm \cosh m \right]^{-1} + \frac{N_c}{(\bar{\sigma} + m_a)^2} = 0$ 1600  $\cosh m = 2(\bar{\sigma} + m_a)^2 + \kappa$ 1400  $=(d+1)(\lambda^2-1)+2n+1$ 1200 h1 Mass (MeV 008 (MeV 009 100 **Equilibrium Condition**  $n=0,1,\ldots d$  (diff. meson species)  $\lambda = \bar{m}_a + \sqrt{\bar{m}_a^2 + 1}, \quad \bar{m}_a = m_a / \sqrt{2(d+1)}$ 400 **Explains Meson Mass Spectrum** 200 π No (T, µ) dependence 0 Zero Exp.

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### Meson Mass in SCL-LQCD (Finite T)



#### **Fermion Determinant**

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Fermion action is separated to each spatial point and bi-linear  $\rightarrow$  Determinant of N $\tau$  x Ne matrix

$$\exp(-V_{\text{eff}}/T) = \int dU_0 \begin{bmatrix} I_1 & e & 0 \\ e^{-\mu} & I_2 & e^{\mu} \\ 0 & e^{-\mu} & I_3 & e^{\mu} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -e^{\mu}U & -e^{-\mu} & I_N \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \int dU_0 det \Big[ X_N[\sigma] \otimes \mathbf{1}_c + e^{-\mu/T} U^+ + (-1)^{N_\tau} e^{\mu/T} U \Big]$$

 $I_k = 2(\sigma(k) + m_0)$ 

$$X_{N} = \begin{vmatrix} I_{1} & e^{\mu} & 0 & \cdots & e^{-\mu} \\ -e^{-\mu} & I_{2} & e^{\mu} & & 0 \\ 0 & -e^{-\mu} & I_{3} & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ & & & I_{N-1} & e^{\mu} \\ -e^{\mu} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -e^{-\mu} & I_{N} \end{vmatrix} - \left[ e^{-\mu/T} + (-1)^{N} e^{\mu/T} \right]$$

Faldt, Petersson, 1986

### Interaction Term Veff

Interaction term Veff = Function of X<sub>N</sub>

 $X_N$  = Functional of  $\sigma$ , given in the determinant form.

 $\rightarrow$  It is possible to obtain derivatives and equilibrium values

Kawamoto, Miura\*, AO, PoS(LAT07) (2007), 209 [arXiv:0710.1720] AO, Kawamoto, Miura, arXiv:0803.0255 (Chiral07 Proc.)

$$\begin{split} V_{\text{eff}} &= -T \log \left[ 2 \cosh(N_c \mu/T) + \frac{\sinh[(N_c + 1)E/T]}{\sinh[E/T]} \right] \\ \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \sigma_n \partial \sigma_{n+k}} \bigg|_{\sigma = \bar{\sigma}} &= \left[ \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dX_N} \frac{\partial^2 X_N}{\partial \sigma_n \partial \sigma_{n+k}} + \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dX_N^2} \frac{1}{N^2} \left[ \frac{dX_N^{(0)}}{d\bar{\sigma}} \right]^2 \right]_{\sigma = \bar{\sigma}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 X_N}{\partial \sigma_n \partial \sigma_{n+k}} \bigg|_{\sigma = \bar{\sigma}} &= \frac{2}{\cosh^2 E} \left[ \cosh NE - e^{i\pi k} \cosh[(N - 2k)E] \right] , \\ E &= \operatorname{arcsinh} \left[ \bar{\sigma} + m_0 \right] \end{split}$$

Let's check meson masses !

### Hadron Mass in SCL-LQCD

Meson Mass  

$$G^{-1}(\boldsymbol{k},\omega) = \frac{2N_c}{\kappa(\boldsymbol{k})} + \frac{4N_c}{d} \frac{\bar{\sigma}(\bar{\sigma}+m_0)}{\cos\omega+2(\bar{\sigma}+m_0)^2+1}$$

$$\kappa(\boldsymbol{k}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \cos k_i \rightarrow \kappa = -d, -d+2, ... d$$

$$M = 2 \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{(\bar{\sigma}+m_0)} \left(\frac{d+\kappa}{d}\bar{\sigma}+m_0\right)$$
Meson Mass as a function of  $\sigma$ 
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- Meson masses are determined
   by the equilibrium chiral condensate, σ
- Chiral condensate is determined by the equilibrium condition, and given as a function of (T, μ).



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### Medium Modification of Meson Masses

#### Scale fixing

- Search for  $\sigma_{vac}$  to minimize free E.
- Assign κ=-3, -1 as π and ρ
- Determine  $m_0$  and  $a^{-1}$  (lattice unit) to fit  $m_{\pi}/m_{\rho}$

#### Medium modification

• Search for  $\sigma(T, \mu) \rightarrow$  Meson mass





### **Summary**

Meson masses are evaluated in the Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD with one species of staggered fermion at Finite T and μ.

$$M = 2 \operatorname{arcsinh}_{V} \left( \overline{\sigma} + m_0 \right) \left( \frac{d + \kappa}{d} \overline{\sigma} + m_0 \right) \qquad \kappa = -d, -d + 2, \dots d$$

- Mass of NG boson (κ=-d) is always zero in the chiral limit.
- Different from Zero T treatment:  $COSh M = 2(\bar{\sigma} + m_0)^2 + \kappa$ *Kluberg-Stern, Morel, Petersson, '83; Kawamoto, Shigemoto, '82.*
- Equilibrium Condition removes the explicit dependence on (T, μ), and meson masses depends on (T, μ) only via σ.
   → Approximate Brown-Rho scaling holds in SCL-LQCD.

#### Problems....

- Physical Scale Problem in SCL-LQCD T<sub>c</sub> ~ 800 MeV, μ<sub>c</sub> ~ 300 MeV
  - $\rightarrow$  Finite coupling (1/g<sup>2</sup>) correction may help
- Meson assignment is not seriously considered Golterman, Smit, '84
- Why does the pion mass keep decreasing around Tc ? ↔ NJL results (*Hatsuda, Kunihiro, '94*)
- Where did "σ" pole go ?
- Bosonization with negative eigen values of V<sub>M</sub> *Miura, Thesis, March 2008, Hokkaido Univ.*

# Quarkyonic Phase in SC-LQCD?

### **Problems:** Physical Scale

Are the SCL-LQCD results reliable ?

• 
$$\pi$$
,  $\rho$  mass fit  $\rightarrow$  Physical Scale (a<sup>-1</sup>) is fixed  
a<sup>-1</sup> = 497 MeV, m<sub>q</sub>=9.5 MeV  
 $\rightarrow$  T<sub>c</sub>= 5/3a = 828 MeV (Too large !)

(Long standing problem in SCL-LQCD)

- Brown-Rho scaling may not be realized in the real world  $\rightarrow$  Finite condensate other than  $\sigma$  would be necessary
- Finite coupling effects may help !
  - 1/g<sup>2</sup> correction reduces T<sub>c</sub>
     *Bilic, Claymans, '95; AO, Kawamoto, Miura, '07*
  - Other condensate than  $\sigma$  will appear from the plaquett term.

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# 1/g<sup>2</sup> expansion at Finite T

1/d expansion of plaquetts (Faldt, Petersson 1986)

$$\Delta S_{\beta} = \frac{\beta_{t}}{2d} \sum_{x, j>0} \left( V_{x}^{(+)} V_{x+\hat{j}}^{(-)} + V_{x}^{(-)} V_{x+\hat{j}}^{(+)} \right) - \frac{\beta_{s}}{2(d-1)} \sum_{x, k>j>0} M_{x} M_{x+\hat{j}} M_{x+\hat{j}+\hat{k}} M_{x+\hat{k}}$$

$$(V_{x}^{(+)} = e^{\mu} \overline{X}_{x} U_{0}(x) X_{x+\hat{0}}, \quad V_{x}^{(-)} = e^{-\mu} \overline{X}_{x+\hat{0}} U_{0}^{+}(x) X_{x})$$

Bosonization & Mean Field Approximation (Kawamoto, Miura, AO, in preparation)

$$S_{SCL} + \Delta S_{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x} V_{x}^{(+)} \times (1 + \beta_{t} \varphi_{t} + \beta_{t} \phi_{t}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x} V_{x}^{(-)} \times (1 + \beta_{t} \varphi_{t} - \beta_{t} \phi_{t}) - \frac{1}{4} N_{c} \sum_{x,x>0} M_{x} M_{x+\hat{j}} \times (1 + 4 N_{c} \beta_{s} (\varphi_{s} - \phi_{s})) + m_{0} \sum_{x} \overline{X_{x}} X_{x} + N_{\tau} N_{s}^{d} \left[ \frac{\beta_{t}}{4} (\varphi_{t}^{2} - \varphi_{t}^{2}) + \frac{\beta_{s} d}{4} (\varphi_{s}^{2} - 2 \phi_{s}^{2}) \right]$$

**Correction terms are absorbed in the SCL action terms.** 

### Effective Potential with 1/g<sup>2</sup>

■ Quark and Time-like Link integral → Effective Potential

$$F = \frac{d}{4N_c} \sigma^2 + F_q(m_q; \tilde{\mu})$$
  
+  $\beta_s d \sigma^2 (\varphi_s - \varphi_s) + \frac{\beta_t}{4} (\varphi_t^2 - \varphi_t^2) + \frac{\beta_s d}{4} (\varphi_s^2 - 2\varphi_s^2) - N_c \beta_t \varphi_t$   
 $m_q = \frac{d}{2N_c} \sigma (1 + 4N_c \beta_s (\varphi_s - \varphi_s) - \beta_t \varphi_t), \quad \tilde{\mu} = \mu - \beta_t \varphi_t$ 

At β ~ 5, results with 1/g<sup>2</sup> correction would be comparable with MC results (Density of States method)



Kawamoto, Miura, AO, in prep.





**Baryon Density (** $\beta_g = 4$ **)** 



Quarkyonic Phase in SC-LQCD ?

#### • Chiral Condensate ( $\beta_g = 4$ )

Chiral Sym. is partially restored and baryon density is high !





#### Red: Chiral Condensate, Blue: Baryon Density



# Quarkyonic Phase in SC-LQCD ?

- Effective potential in the strong coupling lattice QCD including 1/g<sup>2</sup> correction is evaluated.
- We have applied the saddle point approximation for auxiliary fields whose "equilibrium" value lies off the real axis.
- At finite coupling, Tc decreases rapidly while μ<sub>c</sub> stays almost constant.
- At small T and large μ, we find a "Quarkyonic" phase, where the baryon density is high and the chiral condensate is significantly smaller than that in vacuum.

This phase appears mainly from the  $\phi_t$  field, which behaves like a vector field in Rel. Mean Field (RMF) and modifies the effective chemical potential.



# Strong coupling LQCD





Division of Physics Graduate School of Science Hokkaido University http://phys.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/ Hadron Mass in Nuclear Matter

- What kind of matter is created at RHIC ?
  - Deconfined quark and gluon matter
     → Jet quenching, Large v2,
     No backward h-h corr.

Isse, Hirano, Nara, AO, Yoshino, nucl-th/0702068.

Chiral Restored Matter ? PHENIX Collab., arXiv:0706.3034



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## Hadron Mass in SCL-LQCD (Finite T)



 $E_q(m) = \operatorname{arcsinh} m$ 

# Hadron Mass Modification in Lattice QCD

- Can we understand it in Lattice QCD ?
  - Finite T: It is possible !
  - Finite μ: Difficult due to the sign problem.
- Strong Coupling Limit of Lattice QCD  $\rightarrow$  We can study finite (T,  $\mu$ ) !
  - Hadron masses in the Zero T treatment





Kluberg-Stern, Morel, Petersson, '83; Kawamoto, Shigemoto, '82.

• To do: Finite T Baryons with finite T, 1/g<sup>2</sup> corr., ...



A. Nakamura said,

JPS Symp., 2007/03

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### Hadron Mass in SCL-LQCD (Finite T)

#### Meson propagator at Finite T *Faldt, Petersson, '86*

• U<sub>0</sub> integrated quark determinant = Function of X<sub>N</sub> X<sub>N</sub> = Functional of m( $\tau$ )  $F_{\text{off}}^{(q)}(m(x); T, \mu) = -T \log \int dU_0 det_{\tau\tau'}(V^{(t)} + m(x, \tau)) = F_{\text{eff}}^{(q)}(X_N[m])$ 

$$X_{N}[I] = B_{N}(I_{1,.}.,I_{N}) + B_{N-2}(I_{2,.}.,I_{N-1})$$
  
( $I_{k} = 2m(k) = 2(\sigma(k) + m_{q})$ )

Derivatives

$$\frac{\delta X_N}{\delta I_N} = B_{N-1}(I_{1,\ldots}, I_{N-1})$$

$$\frac{\delta B_N}{\delta I_k} = B_{k-1}(I_{1,\ldots}, I_{k-1}) B_{N-k}(I_{k+1}, \ldots, I_N)$$

Equilibrium Value

$$B_N(I_k = \texttt{const.}) = \begin{cases} \cosh\left((N+1)E_q\right)/\cosh E_q & (\texttt{even}N)\\ \sinh\left((N+1)E_q\right)/\cosh E_q & (\texttt{odd}N) \end{cases}$$

**We can reduce the power in**  $\chi$  by introducing bosons

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}M^{2}\right) = \int d\sigma \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^{2} - \sigma M\right)$$
  
Nuclear MFA:  $V = -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}\psi)(\bar{\psi}\psi) \simeq -U(\bar{\psi}\psi) + \frac{1}{2}U^{2}$   

$$\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}M^{2}\right] = \int d\varphi \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\varphi^{2} - i\varphi M\right]$$

Reduction of the power of  $\chi \rightarrow$  Bi-Linear form in  $\chi \rightarrow$  Fermion Determinant

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**SCL-LQCD:** Tools (4) --- Grassman Integral  
**Bi-linear Fermion action leads to -log(det A) effective action**  

$$\int dX d\bar{X} \exp[\bar{X} AX] = det A = \exp[-(-\log det A)]$$

$$\int dX \cdot 1 = \operatorname{anti-comm. \ constant} = 0 \quad , \quad \int dX \cdot X = \operatorname{comm. \ constant} = 1$$

$$\int dX d\bar{X} \exp[\bar{X} AX] = \int dX d\bar{X} \frac{1}{N!} (\bar{X} AX)^N = \cdots = det A$$

Constant  $\sigma \rightarrow -\log \sigma$  interaction (Chiral RMF)

- Temporal Link Integral, Matsubara product, Staggered Fermion,
  - $\rightarrow$  I will explain next time ....

# 1/g<sup>2</sup> expansion (w/o Baryon Effects)

- **T**<sub>c</sub> ( $\mu$ =0) and  $\mu_c$  (T=0): Which is worse ?
  - 1/g<sup>2</sup> correction reduces T<sub>c</sub>. (*Bilic-Cleymans 1995*)
  - Hadron masses are well explained in SCL. (Kawamoto-Smit 1981, Kawamoto-Shigemoto 1982)



- $\rightarrow$  We expect Tc reduction with  $1/g^2$  correction !
- 1/d expansion of plaquetts (Faldt-Petersson 1986)
  - Space-like plaquett

$$\exp\left[\frac{1}{g^{2}}\sum_{x,i>j>0}\operatorname{Tr} U_{ij}(x)\right] \to \exp\left[-\frac{1}{8N_{c}^{4}g^{2}}\sum_{x,k>j>0}M_{x}M_{x+\hat{j}}M_{x+\hat{k}}M_{x+\hat{k}+\hat{j}}\right]$$

Time-like plaquett

$$\exp\left[\frac{1}{g^2}\sum_{x,j>0}\operatorname{Tr} U_{0j}(x)\right] \to \exp\left[-\frac{1}{4N_c^2g^2}\sum_{x,j>0}\left(V_xV_{x+\hat{j}}^++V_x^+V_{x+\hat{j}}^+\right)\right]$$
$$(V_x = \overline{X}_xU_0(x)X_{x+\hat{0}})$$

A. Ohnishi, YKIS06, 2006/11/29