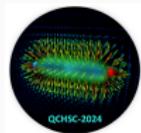


# BOUNDARY STATES AND NON-ABELIAN CASIMIR EFFECT IN LATTICE YANG-MILLS THEORY



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# The structure of the talk

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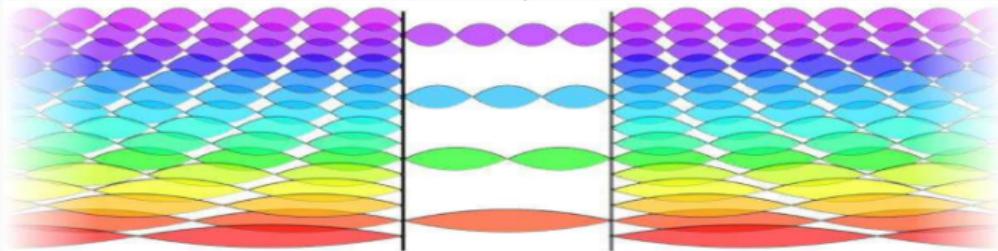
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# The Casimir effect - basics

*The emergence of attractive force  $F(d)$  between two conducting metallic plates in vacuum.*

Predicted in 1948 H. Casimir, *Indag. Math.* 10, 1948.

Measured in 1997 S.K. Lamoreaux, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 78, 1997.



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$$E_{\text{tot}} = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k$$

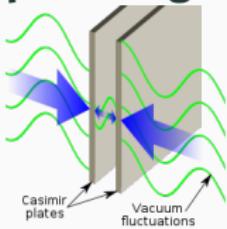
$$\delta E = E(d) - E(\infty) = -\frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{720 d^3} L^2$$

$$\frac{F(d)}{L^2} = -\frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{240 d^4}$$

# Peculiar properties of Casimir vacuum

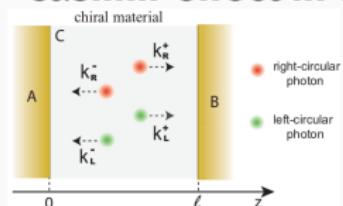
## The problem of spherical geometry

$$\frac{\Delta E}{L^2} = -\frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{720 d^3}$$
$$\frac{F(d)}{L^2} = -\frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{240 d^4}$$



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## Casimir effect in chiral medium



Q. Jiang, F. Wilczek, Phys. Rev. B 99, 12, 2019

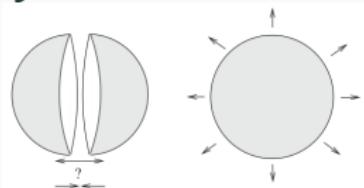
## Restructuring of vacuum between plates

Scharnhorst effect

$$\delta C = +\frac{11\pi^2}{90^2} \alpha_{\text{e.m.}}^2 \left( \frac{\hbar}{m_e c} \frac{1}{R} \right)^4$$

S. Liberati et al., An. of phys. 298, 1, 2002

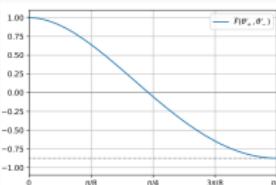
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$$\Delta E \simeq +0.09 \frac{\hbar c}{2r}$$

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F. Canfora et. al., JHEP 2022, No. 9

Restoration of chiral symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\Psi} \not{\partial} \Psi + \frac{g}{2} (\bar{\Psi} \Psi)^2$$

A. Flachi, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, No. 6, 2013

A. Molochkov, Nobel Symp. 167 proc., 2023 / 11

# Restructuring of vacuum between plates in compact QED

## Compact QED as model of confinement



$$\theta_{P_{x,\mu\nu}} = \theta_{x,\mu} + \theta_{x+\hat{\mu},\nu} - \theta_{x+\hat{\nu},\mu} - \theta_{x,\nu}$$

$$S_{nc} = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \theta_P^2, \quad \theta_{x,\mu} \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$S_{cp} = \beta \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < \nu} (1 - \cos \theta_P), \quad \theta_{x,\mu} \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

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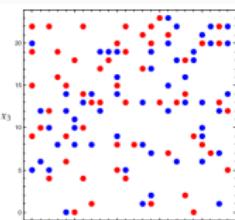
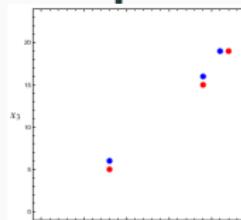
A 3D diagram of a cubic lattice representing a compact QED system. A magnetic field  $B$  is applied along the vertical axis of the cube. Inside the cube, there are several loops of charge density, represented by red and blue circles, which are confined within the volume of the cube.

$$\bar{\theta}_P =$$
$$\theta_P + 2\pi k_P$$
$$\in [-\pi, \pi)$$
$$j_{x,\mu} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\partial C_{x,\mu}} (-1)^P \theta_P$$

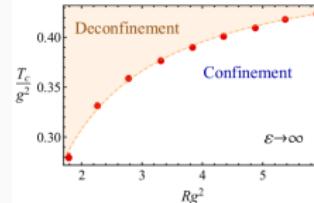
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## Two spatial dimensions

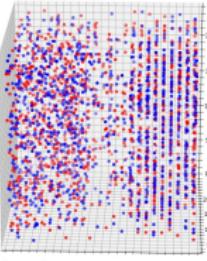
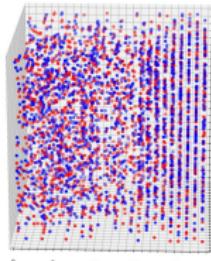


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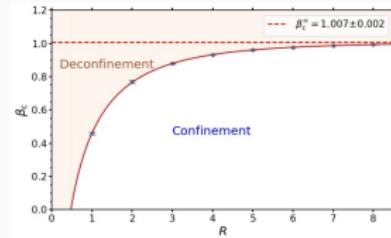


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## Three spatial dimensions

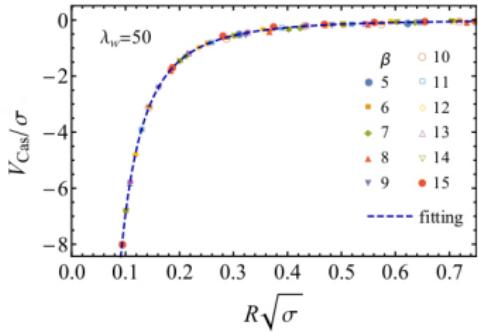


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2022



# New mass scale in SU(2)-gluodynamics in 2 spatial dimensions

## Numerical approach



$$V_{\text{Cas}}^{\text{fit}}(R) = -\frac{3\zeta(3)}{16\pi} \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{1}{(R\sqrt{\sigma})^\nu} e^{-M_{\text{Cas}}R}$$

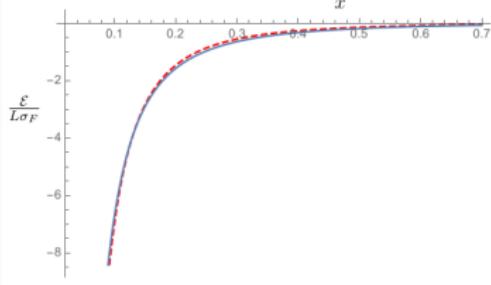
$$M_{\text{Cas}} = 1.38(3)\sqrt{\sigma}$$

$$M_{0^{++}} \approx 4.7\sqrt{\sigma}$$

$$\nu = 0.05(2)$$

Chernodub M., Goy V., Molochkov A., Nguyen H.N., Phys.Rev.Lett. 121, No. 19, 2018

## Analytic approach



$$\frac{\varepsilon}{L} = -\frac{\dim G}{16\pi R^2} [2mR \operatorname{Li}_2(e^{-2mR}) + \operatorname{Li}_3(e^{-2mR})]$$

$$mR = \sqrt{c_A/\pi c_F}x, \quad x = R\sqrt{\sigma_F}$$

$$\sigma_F = e^4 \frac{c_A c_F}{4\pi}, \quad c_A = N_c, \quad c_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c}$$

Karabali D., Nair V.P., Phys.Rev.D 98, No. 10, 2018

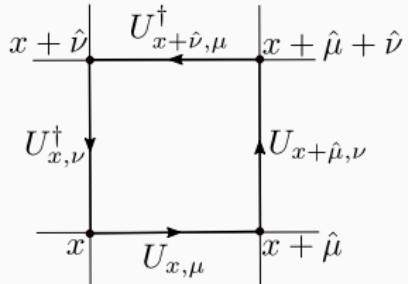
# Casimir boundary conditions on the lattice

## The action

$$S = \beta \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < \nu} (1 - \mathcal{P})$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Re} \operatorname{tr} U_{x,\mu\nu}, \quad \beta = \frac{2N_c}{g^2}$$

$$U_{x,\mu\nu} = U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{x+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{x,\nu}^\dagger$$



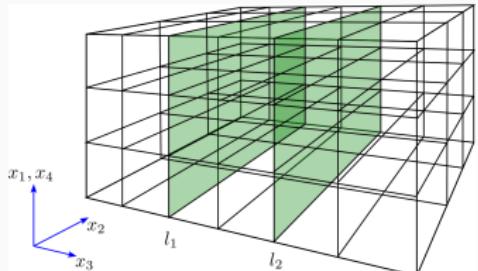
## Casimir boundary conditions

$$E_\parallel^\alpha(x) \Big|_{x \in S} = B_\perp^\alpha(x) \Big|_{x \in S} = 0,$$

$$\alpha = 1, \dots, N_c^2 - 1$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta_P = \beta [1 + (\varepsilon - 1) \delta_{P,V}]$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{x,\mu\nu} \Big|_{x_3=l_{1,2}} = 1, (\mu\nu) = \{12, 14, 24\} \Leftrightarrow F_{x,\mu\nu} = 0$$



# Glueton – new mass scale in SU(3) gluodynamics in 3 + 1 dims

## Energy-momentum tensor in Minkowski space

$$T^{\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\alpha}F_\alpha^\nu - \frac{1}{4}\eta^{\mu\nu}F^{\alpha\beta}F_{\alpha\beta}$$

## Energy density

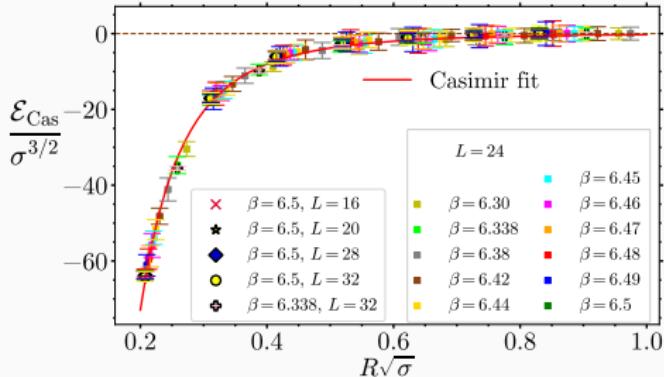
$$\mathcal{E} \equiv T^{00} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{B}^2 + \mathbf{E}^2) \rightarrow$$

$$T_E^{44} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{B}_E^2 - \mathbf{E}_E^2).$$

## Casimir energy on the lattice:

$$\beta L_s \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{P}_{i4} \rangle_S - \sum_{i < j=1}^3 \langle \mathcal{P}_{ij} \rangle_S \right)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{x,ij} = \frac{1}{3} \text{Re} \text{tr } U_{x,ij}$$



$$m_{\text{gt}} = 1.0(1)\sqrt{\sigma} = 0.49(5) \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{0^{++}} = 3.41(2)\sqrt{\sigma} = 1.65(3) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{\sigma} = 485(6) \text{ MeV} = [0.407(5) \text{ fm}]^{-1}$$

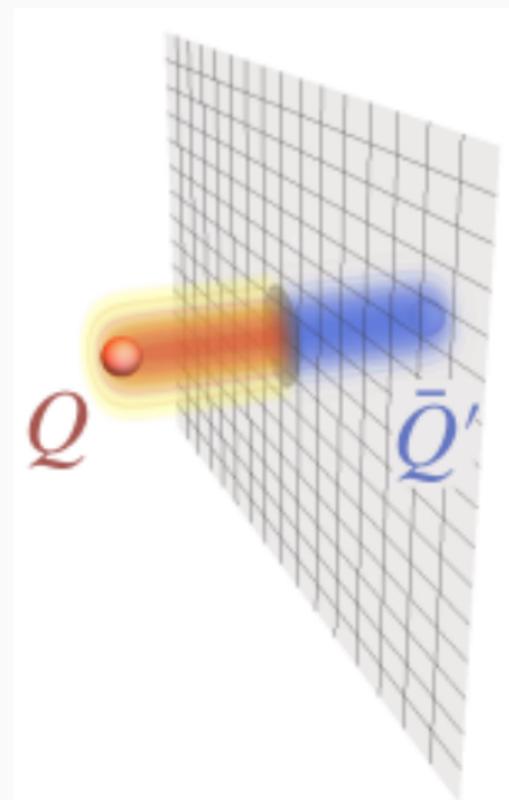
A.Athenodorou, M.Tepé, JHEP 2020, No.11

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Cas}} = -C_0 \frac{2(N_c^2 - 1)m_{\text{gt}}^2}{8\pi^2 R} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{K_2(2n m_{\text{gt}} R)}{n^2}$$

D. Karabali, V.P. Nair, Phys. Rev. D 98, 2018

M. Cougo-Pinto et al., Lett. in Math. Phys. 31, No. 4, 1994

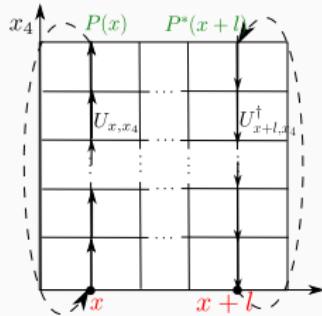
# Quarkiton - the boundary state of quark and mirror



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# Quarkiton – the boundary state of quark and mirror

## Polyakov loop as probe color charge



$$O = \text{tr}[P \exp(i \int d^4z j_\mu(z) A_\mu(z))] \rightarrow P(x) = \text{tr} \left[ \prod_{x_4=0}^{N_t-1} U_{x,x_4} \right]$$

$$j_\mu(z) = (0, 0, 0, 1) \delta(z - x)$$

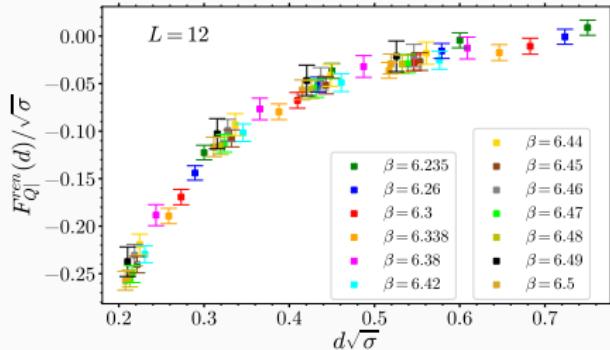
$$\langle P(x) P^*(x+l) \rangle \propto e^{-aN_t V(al)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-aN_t \Delta E})) = e^{-L_T F_{q\bar{q}}(al)}$$

$$\lim_{al \rightarrow \infty} \langle P(x) P^*(x+l) \rangle = \langle P(x) \rangle \langle P^*(x+l) \rangle = |\langle P \rangle|^2$$

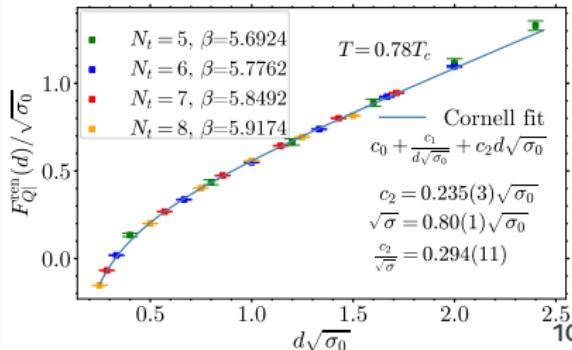
$$\langle P \rangle_{|}(d) = \exp\{-aN_t F_{Q|}(d)\}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{aN_t}$$

$F_{Q|}(d)$  – free energy of heavy quark at zero temperature



Free energy of heavy quark at finite temperature



# Conclusions

- The new mass scale in the SU(3)-gluodynamics with Casimir boundary conditions is found. It is interpreted as non-perturbative colorless state of gluon and its image in chromometallic mirror. The new particle is called **gluon** and has mass  $m_{gt} = 1.0(1)\sqrt{\sigma} = 0.49(5)$  GeV, that is several times less than mass of ground-state  $o^{++}$  glueball,  
 $M_{o^{++}} = 3.405(21)\sqrt{\sigma} = 1.653(26)$  GeV (Phys. Rev. D 108, 014515, 2023);
- The strong evidence in support of existence of analogues state for quarks (**quarkiton**) is raised – the Cornell potential excellently describes the interaction of probe color charge and the mirror;
- The ratio of masses of gluon to  $o^{++}$  glueball is the same as ratio of quarkiton's string tension to the string tension in the absence of the plate at given temperature and equal to 0.294(11)