

Reducing the pressure of neutron-star cores via IBP

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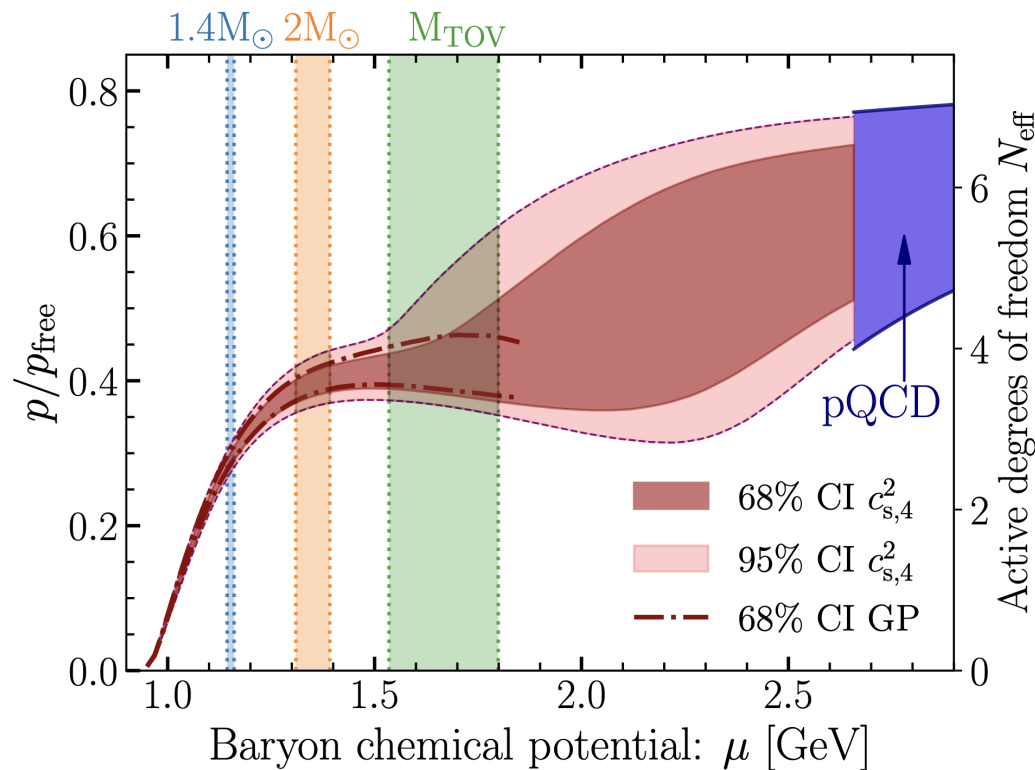
based on recent work with
Pablo Navarrete, Miguel Vaez, Emilio Viacava

and work in progress with
A. Kärkkäinen, M. Nurmela, R. Paatelainen, K. Seppänen

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Motivation

- dense (but unpaired) quark matter argued to be relevant in neutron-star physics
 - ▷ weak-coupling expansions at high density provide useful EoS constraints
 - ▷ current bottleneck: cold+dense vacuum Feynman integrals
 - ▷ import techniques from 'ordinary' QFT and hot QCD?



[figure stolen from E. Annala et al. NatureCommun2023]

[see talks by K. Seppänen; [O. Komoltsev](#)]

Motivation

- Observable of interest: pressure of cold quark matter

$$p_{\text{QCD}}(\mu) = \lim_{\beta, V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta V} \ln \int \mathcal{D}[A_\mu^a, \psi, \bar{\psi}] \exp \left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^{\hbar\beta} d\tau \int d^{3-2\epsilon} x \left[\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^E - \mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi \right] \right)$$

- standard thermal QFT treatment

- ▷ dynamical scales generated by long-distance physics
- ▷ resummations (HTL/HDL, EFT) needed to evade IR problems
- ▷ e.g. pole of full gluon propagator $P^2 + \Pi(P) = 0$
- ▷ where in the IR an effective mass appears: $m_E^2 = \Pi(P \rightarrow 0) \sim g^2 \sum \mu^2 \neq 0$
- ▷ 'hard' gluons $P \gg m_E$ via naive loop expansion
- ▷ 'soft' gluons $P \lesssim m_E$ need modified weak-coupling expansion

- upshot: $p_{\text{QCD}} = p_{\text{hard}} + p_{\text{mixed}} + p_{\text{soft}}$

[T.Gorda et al. PRL2021]

- ▷ going beyond the 'classic' 3-loop result [Freedman/McLerran PRD1977; A.Vuorinen PRD2003]
(which involves a soft $g^4 \ln g$ at 3 loops from resumming ring diags)
- ▷ recent advances: 4-loop soft+mixed [T.Gorda et al. PRL(s)2018-2023; Fernandez/Kneur PRL2022]
- ▷ mainly by HDL effective theory; fixing 4-loop terms: $g^6 \ln^2 g$ and $g^6 \ln g$

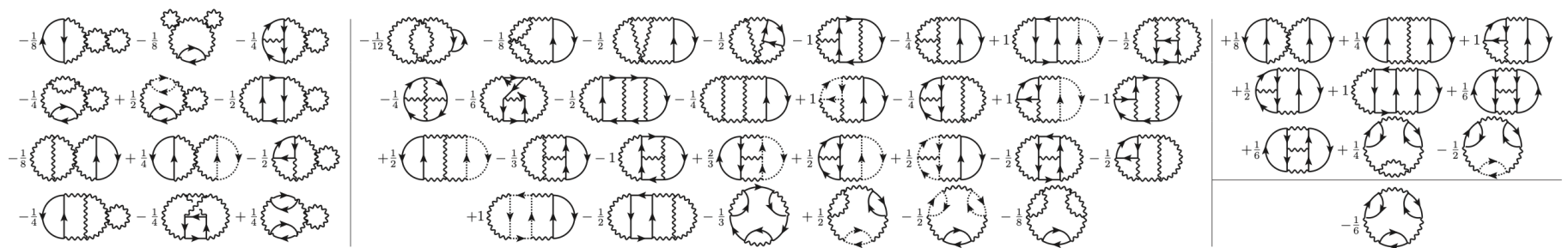
Motivation

- so how about the bottleneck $p_{\text{hard}}^{\text{bare}}(\mu) = \mu^4 \left\{ \frac{N_c N_f}{12\pi^2} + g^2 + g^4 + g^6 + \dots \right\}$
 - ▷ strict loop expansion in terms of 1PI vacuum Feynman diagrams
 - ▷ further grading wrt N_f and color factors [keeping gauge group $SU(N_c)$]
 - ▷ Dirac propagators modified; $P_0 \rightarrow P_0 + i\mu$ in momentum space
 - ▷ 2-loop: g^2 , 1 diagram only, quick homework exercise
 - ▷ 3-loop: g^4 , 7 diagrams, homework exercise in Hki
 - ▷ 4-loop: g^6 , 52 diagrams, need algorithmic technology

- fresh air due to recent feasibility study from Hki

[A.Kärkkäinen et al. PRL2025]

- ▷ complexity reduction: 150k integrals condensed to 110 (which contrib to g.i. sets)
- ▷ demonstrating applicability of new dense LTD integration method [$\Leftarrow$ see Kaapo's talk]



[figure stolen from A.Kärkkäinen et al. 'hardships' PRL2025]

Dissecting the 4-loop task

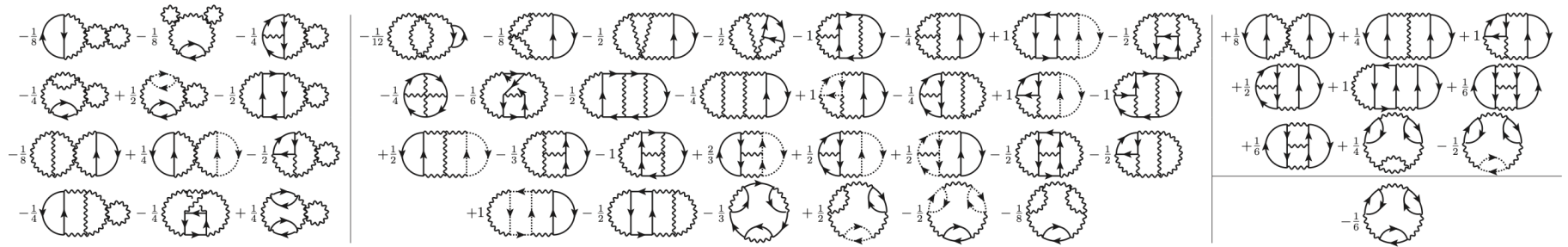
- separate gauge-invariant groups by N_f -power
- N_f^0 is trivial
 - ▷ 65 diags: gluons+ghosts only
 - ▷ scale-free Feynman ints $\Rightarrow$ vanish in dim.reg.

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 \end{aligned}$$

Dissecting the 4-loop task

- left panel: 12 trivial diags
 - ▷ 11 diags: contain a scale-free factor $\Rightarrow$ vanish in dim.reg.
 - ▷ 1 non-planar diag: color trace evaluates to zero
- N_f^3 : bottom-right panel
 - ▷ 1 (ring-type) diag; IR sensitive
 - ▷ result can be extracted from cold+dense QED
 - ▷ re-evaluation provides welcome validation

[T.Gorda et al. PRD2023]



Dissecting the 4-loop task

- N_f^2 : top-right panel

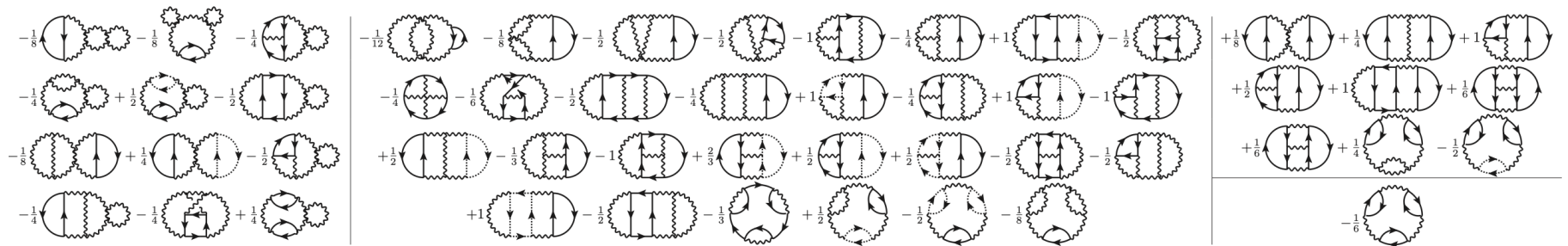
- ▷ 9 diags; IR sensitive
- ▷ split into two g.i. groups, $\propto C_A, C_F$
- ▷ need genuinely new evaluation methods

[$\Leftarrow$ see Kaapo's talk]

- N_f^1 : center panel

- ▷ 30 diags; IR finite
- ▷ split into three g.i. groups, $\propto C_A^2, C_A C_F, C_F^2$
- ▷ contains cases with potential for direct analytic evaluations:
quark loop + 2-loop YM self-energy insertion

[$\Leftarrow$ see pg 12 below]



The main actors

- setup and preparation: diagrams $\rightarrow$ integrals
 - ▷ generate complete set of (connected, 1PI, vacuum, QCD) diagrams
 - ▷ map all propagator momenta onto complete momentum family
 $\{P_1, \dots, P_{10}\} = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_{1-4}, K_{2-4}, K_{3-4}, K_{1-2}, K_{1-3}, K_{1-2-3}\}$
 made from four loop integration momenta $K_1^\mu \dots K_4^\mu$
 - ▷ insert Feynman rules (quarks with μ , gluons with ξ)
 - ▷ perform Lorentz algebra, Dirac and color traces:
 generates prefactors $\delta_{\mu\mu} = D = 4 - 2\varepsilon$, N_f , C_A , C_F , $\dots$
 - ▷ re-write scalar products as (LCs of) inverse propagators
- notation for propagators and bos/fer momenta
 - ▷ lowercase $j = 1 \dots 4$; uppercase $A = 1 \dots 10$, greek $\alpha = 1 \dots D$
 - ▷ read above family as matrix $\times$ vector: $P_A = F_{Aj} K_j$

$$D_A = \sum_{\alpha} \tilde{P}_A^{\alpha} \tilde{P}_A^{\alpha} \ , \quad \tilde{P}_A^{\alpha} = \sum_j F_{Aj} \tilde{K}_j^{\alpha} \ , \quad \tilde{K}_j^{\alpha} = K_j^{\alpha} + c_j i \mu U^{\alpha} \ , \quad U^{\alpha} = (1, \vec{0})$$

- each of our ints is then parametrized by a list of integers ($c_1 \dots c_4$, $a_1 \dots a_4$, $n_1 \dots n_{10}$)

$$\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}) = \left(\prod_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} d^D K_j \right) \frac{\prod_k [U^{\alpha} \tilde{K}_k^{\alpha}]^{a_k}}{\prod_A D_A^{n_A}}$$

The main actors

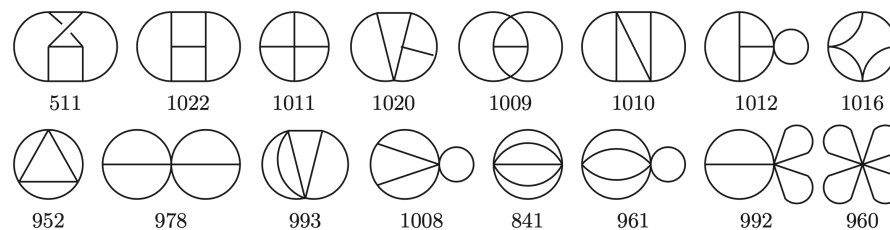
- first trivial observations about the $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu)$
 - ▷ in our special case of $p_{\text{hard}}(\mu)$ all $a_i = 0$ from the outset; but allowing for $a_i \geq 0$ might prove a useful extension of the integral class
 - ▷ Scale-free ints vanish in dim reg
 $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c} = \vec{0}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu) = 0 = \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu = 0)$
 - ▷ from structure of $\mathcal{I}$ and invariance under sign flips of all loop momenta get
 $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; -\mu) = \mathcal{I}^*(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu) = \mathcal{I}(-\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu) = (-1)^{\sum a_j} \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}; \mu)$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{I}$ is real (imaginary) if the sum of numerator indices $\sum_j a_j$ is even (odd)
- analyze properties of the $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$
 - ▷ have (many tens of) thousands of such $\mathcal{I}$ to evaluate
 - ▷ not all are independent: $\exists$ large set of linear rels $0 = \sum c \cdot \mathcal{I}$ [$\Leftarrow$ see below]
 - ▷ use these systematically to eliminate redundancies, reduce int evals
- key underlying mechanism: ordering rel $\mathcal{I}_1 \prec \mathcal{I}_2$
 - ▷ assign list of integers to each $\mathcal{I}$, such as `loop`, `nrPropags`, `xtraPowers`, ...
 - ▷ compare any two $\mathcal{I}$ by comparing those lists from the left, until an element differs

$$\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}) = \left(\prod_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} d^D K_j \right) \frac{\prod_k [U^\alpha \tilde{K}_k^\alpha]^{a_k}}{\prod_A D_A^{n_A}}$$

Linear relations: shifts

- $\mathcal{I}$ are invariant under change of integration variables, e.g. $K_1 \leftrightarrow K_2$
 - ▷ parametrize by (4×4) matrices S as $K_j \rightarrow S_{jk} K_k$
 - ▷ all shifts S with $\det S = \pm 1$ are permissible
 - ▷ determine useful classes of S that induce relations among $\mathcal{I}$
 - ▷ key action: effect on the propagator momenta corresponding to positive entries in $\vec{n}$
- class 1: sectorShifts
 - ▷ a sector is a subset of the momentum family
 - ▷ label a sector by the binary rep of momenta present: `sectorID`
e.g. $\{K_1, K_2, K_4, K_{3-4}, K_{1-2-3}\} = \{P_1, P_2, P_4, P_7, P_{10}\} \rightarrow 1101001001_2 = 841$
 - ▷ different `sectorID` can correspond to the same underlying graph, e.g. $841 = 31$
 - ▷ note: isomorphic graphs have same Symanzik polynomial [standard QFT technique]
 - ▷ note: polynomials can be normal ordered [A.Pak 2011; J.Hoff 2015]
 - ▷ identify all S that induce such graph isomorphisms, use to e.g. maximize `sectorID`
 - ▷

$0 = \mathcal{I} - (S \circ \mathcal{I})$
 - ▷ results in 16 (out of $2^{10} = 1024$) unique sector reps for our 4-loop vacuum ints



Linear relations: shifts

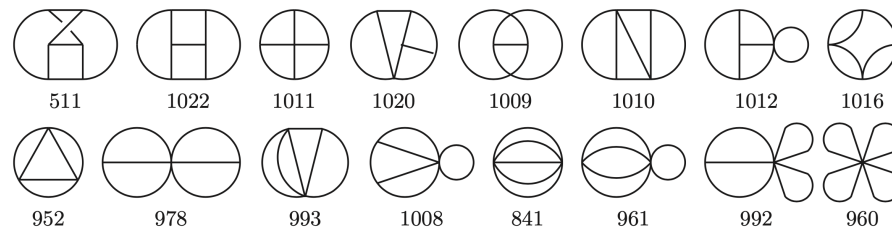
- class 2: symmShifts

- ▷ momentum shifts S that do not change the `sectorID`
- ▷ induce sector automorphisms (leave form of denominator of $\mathcal{I}$ invariant)
- ▷ can change the index order, and the numerator structure
- ▷ shifts form group under multiplication ($\det=\pm 1$); need only generators
- ▷ efficient: e.g. all 192 symmShifts of sector 960 generated by just two S

- ▷ $0 = \mathcal{I} - (S \circ \mathcal{I})$

- applying sectorShifts and symmShifts (iteratively), arrive at canonical form

- ▷ powerful analytic mapping method
- ▷ only integer algebra, no rational functions (in D)
- ▷ for $p_{\text{hard}}(\mu)$ the canonical representation of its $\mathcal{I}$ leads to
 - explicit gauge parameter independence
 - a small set of $\mathcal{O}(100)$ remaining cold+dense integrals to be evaluated
- ▷ the same had been observed for $p_{\text{hard}}(T)$ [P.Navarrette/YS JHEP2024; for a sketch see backup]



Linear relations: IBP

- additional classes of linear relations among the (now canonical) $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$
 - ▷ useful since very few $\mathcal{I}$ known analytically
 - ▷ e.g. N_f^1 : massless fermionic 2-loop cold+dense vacuum sunset [J.Österman et al. JHEP2023]

$$S(\nu) = \int_{\{Q\}} \int_P \frac{1}{[Q^2] [(Q-P)^2] [P^2]^\nu} = \frac{(4\mu^2)^{D-2-\nu} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{D}{2} - 1 - \nu)}{2^{D-3} \Gamma(\frac{D-1}{2}) (D-2-\nu) \Gamma(D-1-\nu)}$$

- ▷ replace massless bosonic propag $[P^2]^\nu$ by another massless bosonic 2-pt fct $\Pi(P)$
 - ▷ dimensionality of Π fixes ν , use above analytic result
 - ▷ $\Pi(P)$ are well-studied, so-called p-integrals; a world of analytic knowledge
- systematic reduction of such $\Pi(P)$ (in the $\mu = 0$ world) via IBP
 - ▷ key idea: $0 = \partial_{K_\mu} Q_\mu \circ \int_K \dots$ (huge in collider physics) [Chetyrkin/Tkachov NPB1981]
 - ▷ links with systematics from above: families, sectors, ordering rel [S.Laporta IJMPA2000]
 - ▷ full recursive solution for 2-loop p-ints, Tarcer [O.Tarasov NPB1997; Mertig/Scharf CPC1998]

$$S(\nu) = \text{[Sunset diagram]} \Rightarrow \text{[Triangle diagram]} \text{ [Bubble diagram]} \text{ [Cross diagram]} \text{ [Box diagram]} \dots$$

Linear relations: IBP

- after this appetizer, take fresh look into denseIBP reductions to general $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$
 - ▷ acting with a derivative on the integrand (notation $\hat{O}_K \circ \int_K f(K) \equiv \int_K \hat{O}_K f(K)$)
 - ▷ form standard 16 IBP rels $0 = \partial_{K_j^\alpha} \tilde{K}_k^\alpha \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$
 - ▷ $0 = \left\{ \delta_{jk} D + a_j \frac{[U \cdot \tilde{K}_k]}{[U \cdot \tilde{K}_j]} - \sum_{A,B,i} \frac{n_A}{D_A} F_{Aj} F_{Ai} c_{ikB} D_B \right\} \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$
 - ▷ where c_{jkA} map scalar prods: $2 \sum_\alpha \tilde{K}_j^\alpha \tilde{K}_k^\alpha = \sum_A c_{jkA} D_A$
- restriction: avoid to hit the $P_0 + i\mu$ shifted integration contours with derivatives ∂_{K_j}
 - ▷ otherwise boundary terms are not zero [T.Gorda et al. PRD2022]
 - ▷ could be systematized (e.g. with $T \rightarrow$ regulator) [J.Österman et al. JHEP2023]
 - ▷ generates rels beyond closed class of ints $\mathcal{I}$; $\exists$ basis?
- reproduces (and avoids use of) above Tarcer-assisted reductions
 - ▷ note that our $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a} = \vec{0}, \vec{n})$ form a closed set under these fullIBP rels

$$\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n}) = \left(\prod_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} d^D K_j \right) \frac{\prod_k [U^\alpha \tilde{K}_k^\alpha]^{a_k}}{\prod_A D_A^{n_A}}$$

Linear relations: IBP

- .. but wait, there is more ..

▷ can hit all $\mathcal{I}$ with spatial-only derivatives $0 = \partial_{K_j^\alpha} (g^{\alpha\beta} - U^\alpha U^\beta) \tilde{K}_k^\beta \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left\{ \delta_{jk} (D-1) + \sum_{A,i} \frac{n_A}{D_A} F_{Aj} F_{Ai} \left(2[U \cdot \tilde{K}_i][U \cdot \tilde{K}_k] - c_{ikB} D_B \right) \right\} \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$$

▷ dimensional analysis gives $0 = \left(4D + \sum_j a_j - 2 \sum_A n_A - \mu \partial_\mu \right) \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left\{ 4D + \sum_j a_j - 2 \sum_A n_A - \sum_j a_j \frac{\eta c_j^{i\mu}}{[U \cdot \tilde{K}_j]} + 2 \sum_{A,j,k} \frac{n_A}{D_A} F_{Aj} F_{Ak} c_j^{i\mu} [U \cdot \tilde{K}_k] \right\} \circ \mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a}, \vec{n})$$

- note that the 16 spatialIBP rels do not close on $\mathcal{I}(\vec{c}, \vec{a} = \vec{0}, \vec{n})$

▷ give penalty to $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ in ordering rel to eliminate those with priority

- note that the 1 dimRel mixes the even/odd (real/imaginary) worlds

▷ together with spatialIBP reduces all dense 1-loop ints to 1 master

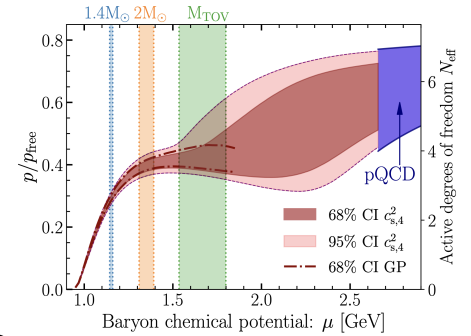
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Linear relations: case study

- consider dense 1-loop ints: $\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} d^D K \frac{[U \cdot (K + ci\mu U)]^a}{[(K + ci\mu U)^2]^n}$
- have spatialIBP and dimRel from previous slide as
 - $0 = (D - 1 - 2n)\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) + 2n\mathcal{I}(c, a + 2, n + 1)$
 - $0 = (D - 2n + a)\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) + ci\mu \left(-a\mathcal{I}(c, a - 1, n) + 2n\mathcal{I}(c, a + 1, n + 1) \right)$
- a useful combination is (allowing to recursively reduce $a \rightarrow 0$)
 - $0 = \text{dimRel}|_{\{a \rightarrow a+1\}} - ci\mu \text{spatialIBP}$
 - $0 = ci\mu(2n - a - D)\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) + (1 - 2n + D + a)\mathcal{I}(c, a + 1, n)$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{I}(c, a, n) = (ci\mu)^{a-\bar{a}} \frac{D-2n+\bar{a}}{D-2n+a} \mathcal{I}(c, \bar{a}, n)$
- another useful combination is (allowing to recursively reduce $n \rightarrow 1$)
 - $0 = (1 + 2n - D)(2n - D - a)\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) - 2n(ci\mu)^2(2 + 2n - D - a)\mathcal{I}(c, a, n + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{I}(c, a, n) = (ci\mu)^{2\bar{n}-2n} \frac{\Gamma(n+1/2-D/2)}{\Gamma(\bar{n}+1/2-D/2)} \frac{\Gamma(\bar{n})}{\Gamma(n)} \frac{D-2\bar{n}+a}{D-2n+a} \mathcal{I}(c, a, \bar{n})$
- together these rels imply the full 1loop reduction to a single dense master integral
 - (bosonic ints) $\mathcal{I}(0, a, n) = 0$
 - (fermionic ints) $\mathcal{I}(c, a, n) = (ci\mu)^{2-2n+a} \frac{\Gamma(n+1/2-D/2)}{\Gamma(n) \Gamma(3/2-D/2)} \frac{D-2}{D-2n+a} \mathcal{I}(c, 0, 1)$

Summary

- EoS of cold+dense quark matter relevant for neutron star physics
 - ▷ inference methods rely on input from χ EFT and pQCD
- QCD weakly coupled at very high density $\mu \gg \text{GeV}$: $\alpha_s(90\text{GeV}) \approx 0.12$
 - ▷ simplest scenario (pQCD with unpaired quarks) argued to be applicable
 - ▷ gap $\Delta \propto \mu e^{-1/\sqrt{\alpha_s}}$ and pressure gain $p_\Delta \propto \Delta^2 \mu^2$ exp suppressed
 - ▷ IR accounting organized by HDL effective theory
 - ▷ leaving a clean mathematical problem: bare cold+dense QCD in strict loop expansion
- 'cold' allows to import powerful concepts from collider physics
 - ▷ classification, graph polys, sector mapping, lex ordering
 - ▷ isometries, canonical forms of integrands
 - ▷ IBP reduction to master integrals, optimized treatments of large linear systems
- 'dense' enforces crucial adaptations
 - ▷ restricted use of IBPs; provide benchmarks+crosschecks
 - ▷ novel methods to (semi-)numerically evaluate dense masters
- take-home: hugely advantageous to stay analytic as far as possible
 - ▷ massive cancellations, gauge invariance, reduced int evaluation work, ...

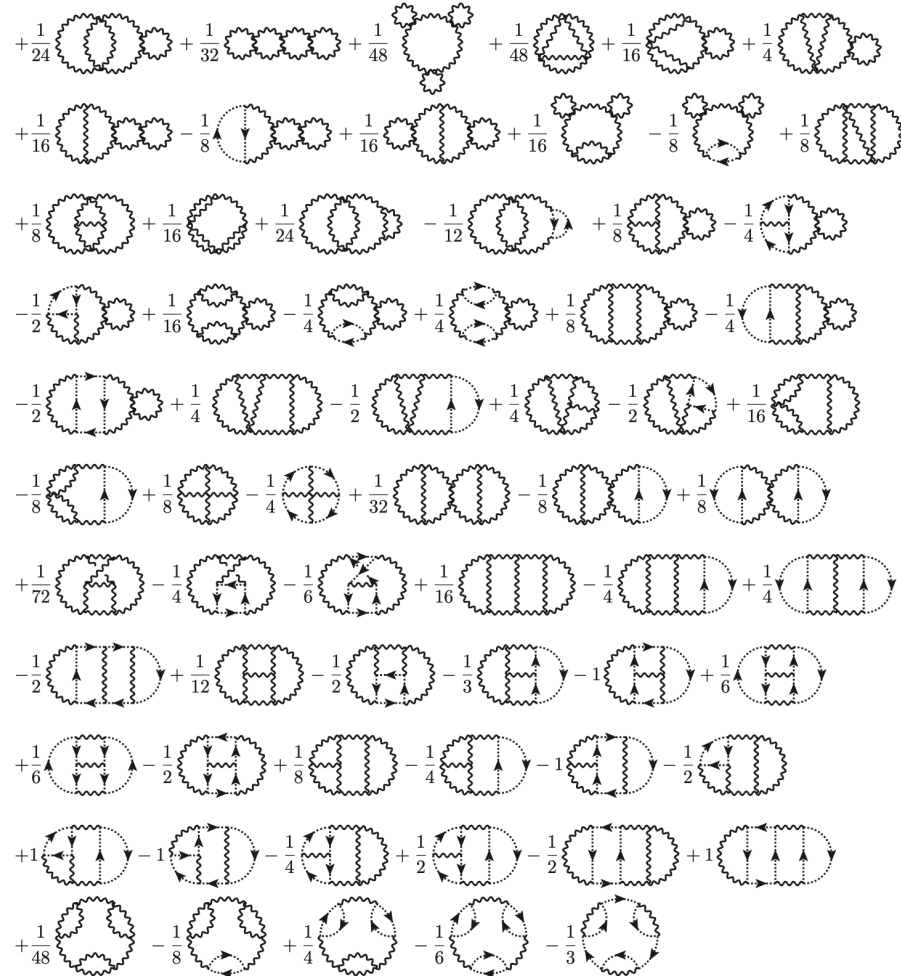


The missing hard contribution for $p(T)$

- need p_E to 4 loops for physical LO pressure, in (4D, hot) QCD
- look first at gauge sector; SU(N), covariant R_ξ gauge

[P.Navarrete/YS JHEP2024]

- QGRAF $\rightarrow$ 65 diags
- mapping onto family + FORM
- $24M = 2^9 6^6$ terms in hardest diag
- 176k indep sum-ints
- 25k after shifts to sector reps
- 1k after symmetries
- 21 after summing all diags
- gauge parameter drops out
- ≤ 18 after (thermal) IBP



Master sum-integral challenge for p(T)

- have reduced p_E at 4 loops from 176k $\Rightarrow$ 21 sum-integrals [P.Navarrete/YS JHEP2024]
 - ▷ all integrands are in canonical form
 - ▷ momentum shifts exhausted
 - ▷ IBP relations might be applied; but enlarge space of target sum-ints
 - ▷ 11/21 sum-ints are already known
- 10/21 sum-ints left as a challenge [$\Leftarrow$ see K.Seppänen's talk; L.Sandbøte's poster]
 - ▷ def Euclidean 4-momenta $K = (K_0, \mathbf{k})$, $K_0 = 2n_k\pi T$, $n_k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 - ▷ let $\{P_1, \dots, P_{10}\} = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_{1-4}, K_{2-4}, K_{3-4}, K_{1-2}, K_{1-3}, K_{1-2-3}\}$
 - ▷ eval massless scalar bosonic vacuum sum-integrals (with propags $1/(P \cdot P) = 1/(P_0^2 + \mathbf{p}^2)$)

$$\mathcal{I}(s_1, \dots, s_{10}) \equiv \oint_{K_1} \oint_{K_2} \oint_{K_3} \oint_{K_4} \frac{1}{(P_1 \cdot P_1)^{s_1} \dots (P_{10} \cdot P_{10})^{s_{10}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_6 &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0) , & \mathcal{I}_{17} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1) \\ \mathcal{I}_8 &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1) , & \mathcal{I}_{18} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -2, 1, 1) \\ \mathcal{I}_{14} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -1, 1) , & \mathcal{I}_{19} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -2, 0) \\ \mathcal{I}_{15} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -2) , & \mathcal{I}_{20} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -2) \\ \mathcal{I}_{16} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, -3) , & \mathcal{I}_{21} &= \mathcal{I}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -3) \end{aligned}$$