

# *Lattice QCD Study of Three Quark Potential*

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## Introduction (1)

Static potential between quarks inside hadrons

- $Q-\bar{Q}$  system ( $\sim$  meson)
- Well described with short range Coulomb term  
+ long range confining linear term.

$$V(r) \simeq -\frac{\alpha}{r} + \sigma r$$

String tension:  $\sigma \simeq 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$

- $3Q$  system ( $\sim$  baryon)
- Short range: two body Coulomb potential
- Long range - string picture

(“Y-type” ansatz)

$$V_{3Q} = \sum_{(i,j)} V_{ij} + V_{123}$$

(“ $\Delta$ -type” ansatz)

$$V_{3Q} = \sum_{(i,j)} V'_{ij}$$

## Introduction (2)

- Flux tube picture prefers  $Y$ -type.
- $l_{min}$  (minimum length of  $Y$ -type string)  $\simeq \frac{1}{2} l_{\Delta}$  ( $\frac{1}{2} l_{\Delta} \leq l_{min} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} l_{\Delta}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  classically  $Y$ -type configuration is more stable.
- Regge Pole analysis  
 $\rightarrow$  Universality of string tension:  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}} \simeq \sigma_{3Q}$
- Strong coupling expansion
- Quark Models (Nonrelativistic/Relativistic)  
e.g. *Capstick and Isgur, PRD34(1986)2809:*

$$H = \sum_i \sqrt{\vec{p}_i^2 + m^2} - \sum_{(ij)} (V_{ij}^{Coulomb} + V_{ij}^{spin}) + \sigma l_{min}$$

well describes baryon spectra.

$\Delta$ -type ansatz with  $\sigma_{\Delta} \simeq \sigma/2$  also acceptable.

- Dual Ginzburg-Landau Theory (c.f. Koma's talk)  
 $\Delta$ -type flux tube corresponds to glueball.

□ Lattice results – support  $\Delta$ -type ?

- *Sommer and Wosiek, PLB149(1984)497, NPB267(1986)531*
- *Thacker, Eichten and Sexton, in Lattice'87*  
Without smearing technique (ground state enhancement)  
Not sufficiently large time separation
- *Bali, hep-lat/0001312*

They claim that their data support  $\Delta$ -type ansatz.

However, their data also seem to be consistent

with  $Y$ -type ansatz.

— Still not conclusive.

## Our Goals

- (1) Extract 3 quark potential from lattice QCD simulation.
  - Determine the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma$  nonperturbatively.
  - discuss which of  $\Delta$  and  $Y$  type is appropriate picture.
- (2) Apply obtained result to phenomenological study.
  - 3-body potential  $\rightarrow$  effective one-body potential
  - Model calculation  $\rightarrow$  baryon spectroscopy
- (3)  $T > 0$  study
  - Near  $T_c$ , in confined/deconfined phase
  - Universality of  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}$  and  $\sigma_{3Q}$  ?
  - Baryon spectra at  $T > 0$  (model calculation)
  - Comparison with lattice calculation (c.f. Umeda's talk)

## Lattice Simulation (1): Baryonic Wilson loop

Static potential (potential between infinitely heavy quarks)

- $Q$ - $\bar{Q}$  potential  $\leftarrow$  Wilson loop

$$W(r, t) \equiv \text{Tr}$$

$$\longrightarrow c \cdot \exp[-V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r)t] \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

- $3Q$  potential  $\leftarrow$  Baryonic Wilson loop:

$$W(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, t) \equiv \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{abc} \epsilon_{a'b'c'} U_1^{aa'} U_2^{bb'} U_3^{cc'}$$

=

$$\longrightarrow c' \cdot \exp[-V_{3Q}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3)t] \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

In this limit, spatial path of links to connect three quark positions is unimportant.

## Lattice Simulation (2): Simulation Parameters

□ Lattice

Action: standard Wilson action

$12^3 \times 24$ ,  $\beta = 5.7$  in quenched approximation

$a^{-1} = 1.0 \text{ GeV}$  (from static potential)

#conf = 210

Smearing – enhance the ground state contribution

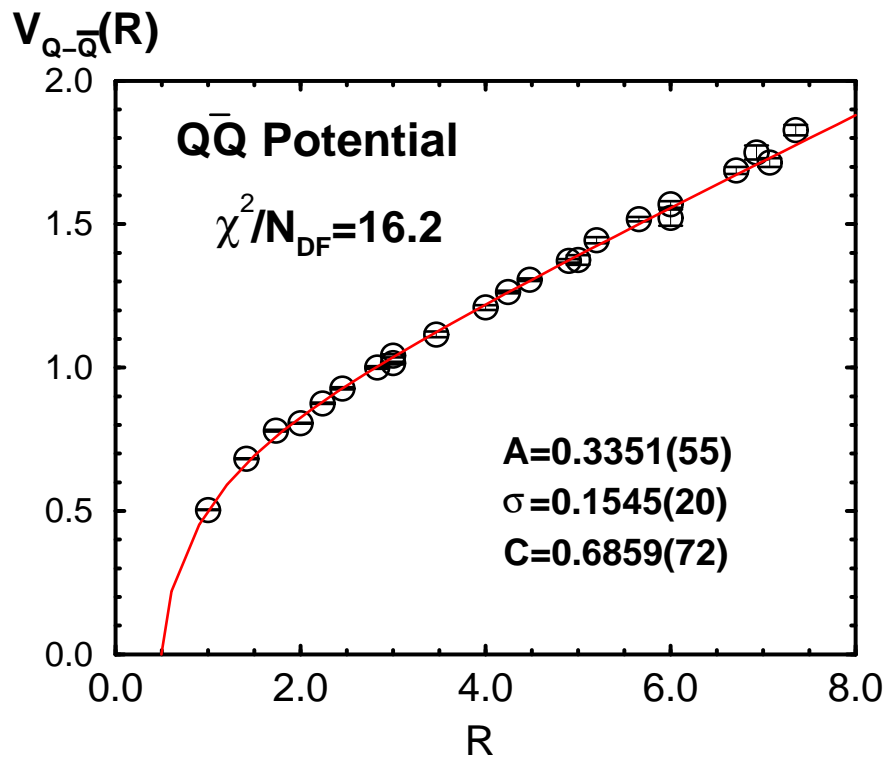
Iterate

— incorporate long range effect.

$\alpha = 2.3$ , 20 sweeps for  $Q\text{-}\bar{Q}$  / 12 sweeps for  $3Q$

Position of 3 quarks:

## Lattice Simulation (3): $Q$ - $\bar{Q}$ potential



Smearing: 20 sweeps

Fit:

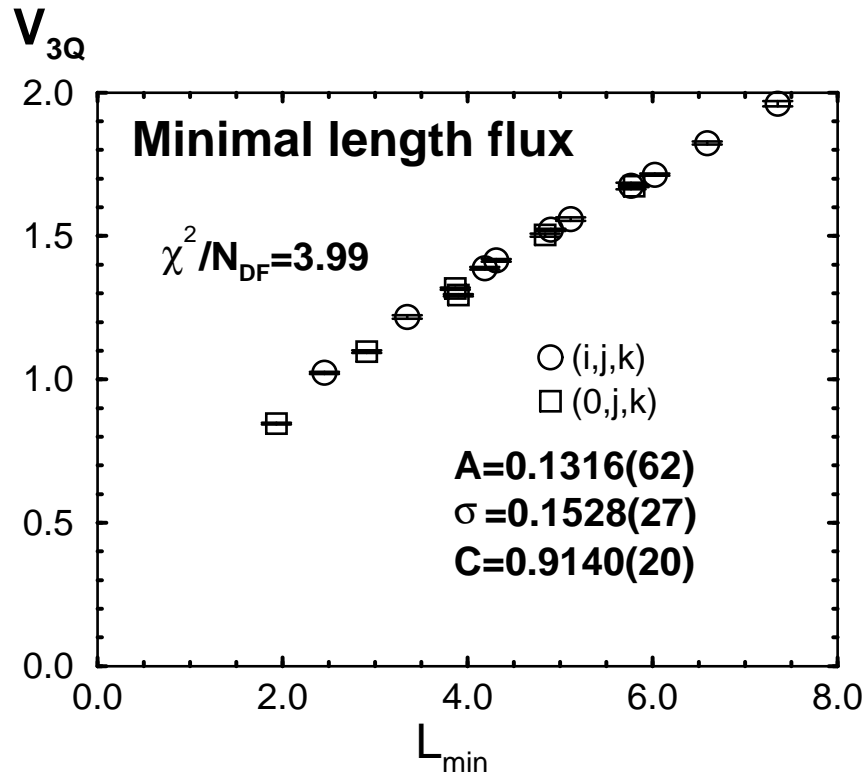
$$V(r) = \text{const.} - \frac{\alpha}{r} + \sigma r$$

Fit range	const.	$\alpha$	$\sigma$	$\chi^2/N_{dof}$
all $r$	0.6859(71)	0.3351(55)	0.1545(20)	341./ 21
$r \geq 2$	0.696(24)	0.395(35)	0.1561(38)	60.0/18 $\sim 3$

Lattice cutoff:  $a^{-1} \simeq 1. \text{ GeV}$

- Large  $\chi^2$  signals large  $O(a^2)$  discretization effect  
(Rotationally symmetry is broken)

## Lattice Simulation (4): $3Q$ Potential



Smearing: 12 sweeps

Fit:

$$V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3) = \text{const.} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \frac{1}{r_{12}} + \frac{1}{r_{23}} + \frac{1}{r_{31}} \right) + \sigma l_{min}$$

Fit range	const.	$\alpha$	$\sigma$	$\chi^2/N_{dof}$
all $r$	0.9140(20)	0.263(12)	0.1528(20)	51.9/13
c.f. $Q-\bar{Q}$ ( $r \geq 2$ )	0.696(24)	0.395(35)	0.1561(38)	60.0/18

Lattice cutoff:  $a^{-1} \simeq 1$ . GeV

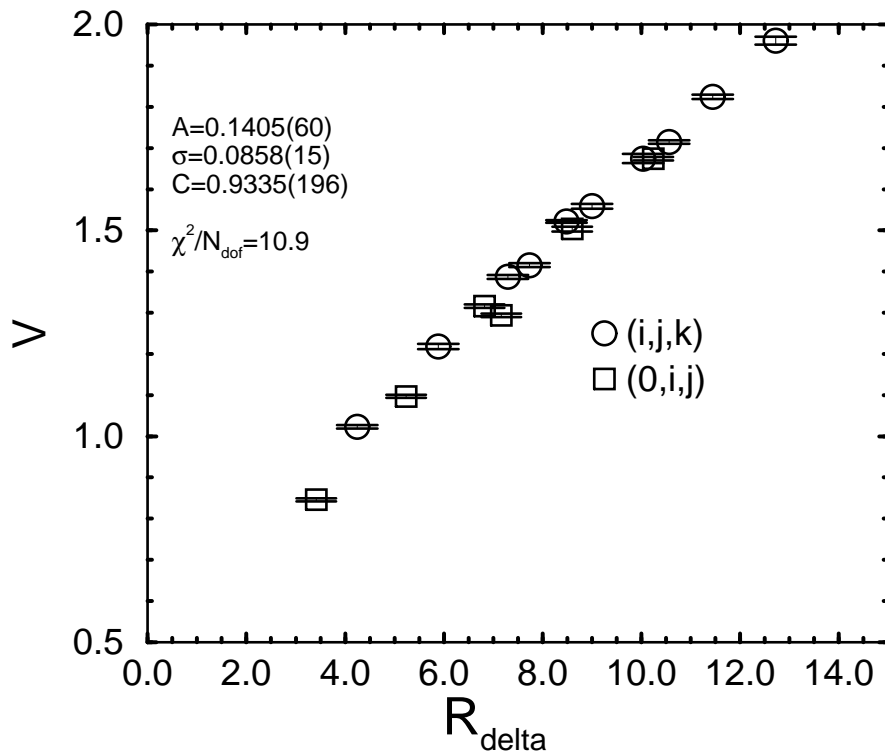
Well described by Y-type form

$\sigma_{3Q} \simeq \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}$ : universality of string tension holds.



## Lattice Simulation (5): $\Delta$ type ansatz

### Delta type



Smearing: 12 sweeps

Fit:

$$V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3) = \text{const.} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \frac{1}{r_{12}} + \frac{1}{r_{23}} + \frac{1}{r_{31}} \right) + \sigma(r_{12} + r_{23} + r_{31})$$

Fit range	const.	$\alpha$	$\sigma$	$\chi^2/N_{dof}$
all $r$	0.934(20)	0.281(12)	0.0858(15)	142./13
c.f. $Q-\bar{Q}$ ( $r \geq 2$ )	0.696(24)	0.395(35)	0.1561(38)	60.0/18

Lattice cutoff:  $a^{-1} \simeq 1$ . GeV

Fit seems not so bad.

$\sigma_{\Delta} \simeq \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}$  — No clear explanation.

(color factor like as Coulomb term ?)

○  $\chi^2$  is much larger than Y-type fit.

## Lattice Simulation (6): Discussion

Which of  $Y$ - and  $\Delta$ -type is appropriate description ?

□ Fit:

$$\chi^2 (Y\text{-type})/N_{dof} = 51.9/13 = 3.99$$

$$\chi^2 (\Delta\text{-type})/N_{dof} = 142./13 = 10.9$$

which are compared with

$$\chi^2 (Q\text{-}\bar{Q}; r > 2)/N_{dof} = 60.0/18 = 3.33$$

→ signals typical size of finite  $a$  effect

$Y$ -type is preferable, but  $\Delta$ -type is not strongly excluded.

□ String tension:

$$\sigma(\Delta) \simeq \frac{1}{2}\sigma(Y) \simeq \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}$$

– In the fit, this is because geometrically  $l_{min} \simeq \frac{1}{2}l_{\Delta}$  roughly holds in most cases. ( $\frac{1}{2}l_{\Delta} \leq l_{min} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}l_{\Delta}$ )

- Coulomb term: Factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  comes from the color factor in perturbation (one gluon exchange).
- String: nonperturbative picture
  - No clear physical explanation of origin of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Our calculation:

$Y$ -type ansatz is better for numerical result and physical reason, although  $\Delta$ -type ansatz is not completely excluded yet.

## Lattice Simulation (7): Outlook

To distinguish the  $Y$ - and  $\Delta$ -type ansatz clearly, following analyses will work:

- 4 quark system ( $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$ )
  - Difference of  $Y$ -type and  $\Delta$ -type ansatz are more clear.
- Scaling analysis by varying  $\beta$  ( $\leftrightarrow a$ ), or using improved action.
  - Define the quantity which signals the deviation from the fitting form and compare it at various  $a$ .

For physical applications,

- Precise results / extrapolation to the continuum limit
- Excited states of string
  - ← Variational analysis
- With dynamical quarks
  - String breaking effect (c.f. Pennanen's talk)
- At finite temperature  $\rightarrow$  next part.

# At Finite Temperature (1): Polyakov Loop Correlators

## Finite temperature lattice QCD

We use anisotropic lattice:

$$a_\sigma > a_\tau \quad (\xi \equiv a_\sigma/a_\tau: \text{anisotropy})$$
$$N_\sigma a_\sigma \gg N_\tau a_\tau = 1/T$$

## Polyakov loop

$$P(\vec{x}) = \text{Tr} \prod_{t=0}^{N_\tau-1} U_4(\vec{x})$$

–  $\langle P \rangle$  is the order parameter of deconfining transition

## Static quark potentials

◦  $Q$ - $\bar{Q}$  potential:

$$P_2(\vec{r}) = \langle P(0)P^\dagger(\vec{r}) \rangle \simeq c \cdot \exp(-V_{Q\bar{Q}}(\vec{r})N_\tau)$$

◦  $3Q$  potential:

$$P_3(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3) = \langle P(\vec{r}_1)P(\vec{r}_2)P(\vec{r}_3) \rangle$$
$$\simeq c' \cdot \exp(-V_{3Q}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3)N_\tau)$$

## At Finite Temperature (2): Simulation

### □ Lattice

Gauge field action: Anisotropic Symanzik (tree) action

$$16^2 \times 24 \times N_t, \beta = 4.56, \gamma = 3.45, \text{ quenched}$$

- Cutoff:  $a_\sigma^{-1} = 1.61(1) \text{ GeV}$  ( $a_\sigma \sim 0.125 \text{ fm}$ ),  
 $a_\tau^{-1} = 6.36(5) \text{ GeV}$

- Anisotropy:  $\xi \equiv a_s/a_t = 3.95(2)$

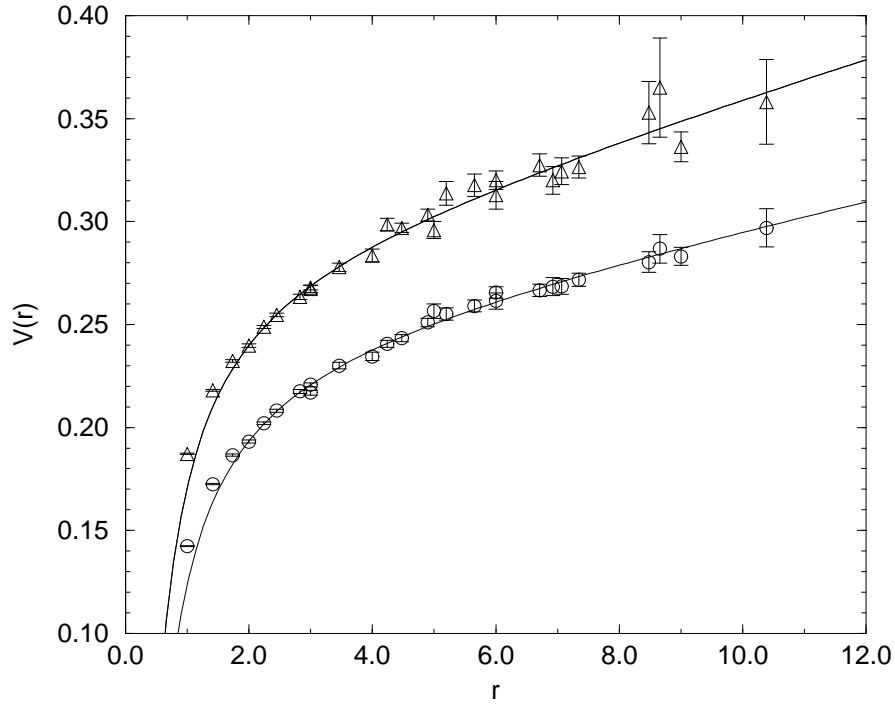
(from the ratio of Wilson loops)

[Engels, Karsch and Scheideler (1997), Klassen (1998)]

$$N_t = 96 (T \simeq 0), 28, 26 (T < T_c), 20 (T > T_c) : T = 1/N_t a_t$$

$N_t$	$T$	#conf	observable	$\sqrt{\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}} [\text{MeV}]$
96	$\simeq 0$	120	Wilson loop	420
28	$0.87T_c$	440	Polyakov loop	$\sim 300$
26	$0.93T_c$	450	Polyakov loop	$\sim 260$
20	$1.22T_c$	60	Polyakov loop	-

## At Finite Temperature (3): $Q$ - $\bar{Q}$ Potential



Fit:

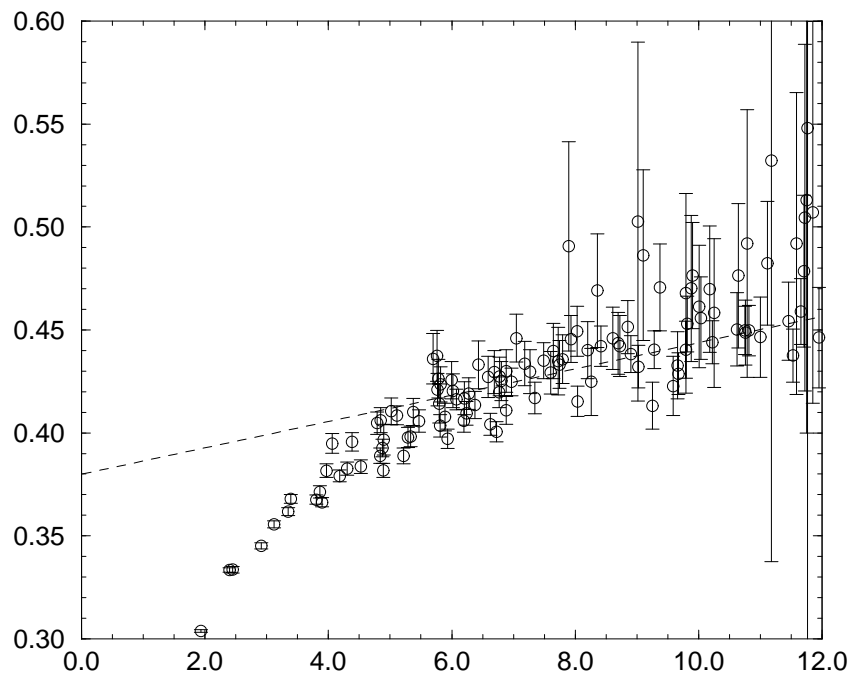
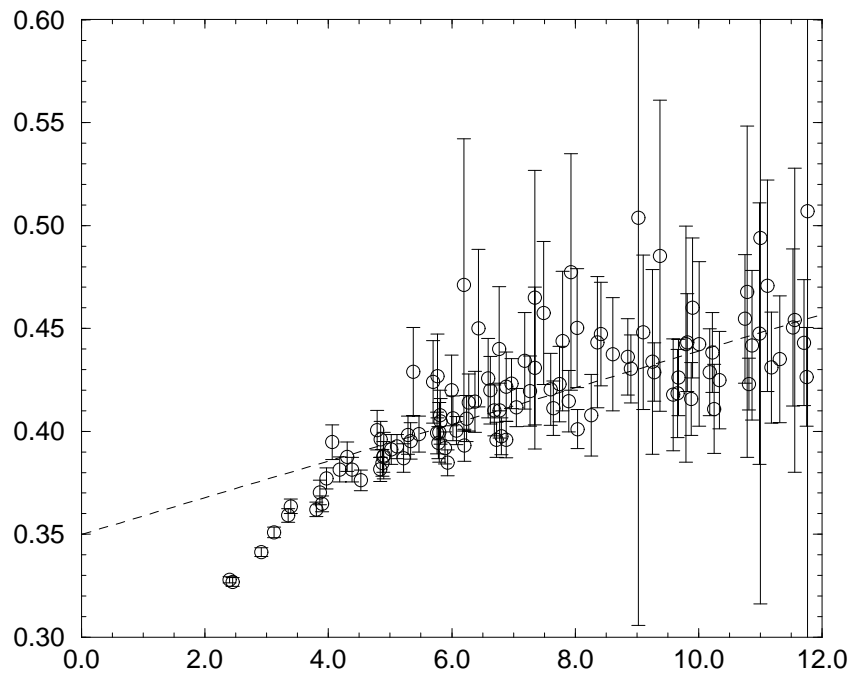
$$V(r) = \text{const.} - \frac{\alpha}{r} + \sigma r$$

$N_\tau$	T	Fit range	const.	$\alpha$	$\sigma$	$\chi^2/N_{dof}$
96	$r \geq 2.8$	$\sim 0$	0.0587(49)	0.0587(49)	0.01781(29)	78.12/18
28	$r \geq 2$	$0.87T_c$	0.2817(70)	0.119 (11)	0.0089 (11)	25.2/21
26	$r \geq 2$	$0.93T_c$	0.2934(41)	0.1253(63)	0.00638(69)	23.5/21

Lattice cutoffs:  $a_\sigma^{-1} \simeq 1.6$  GeV,  $a_\tau^{-1} \simeq 6.4$  GeV.

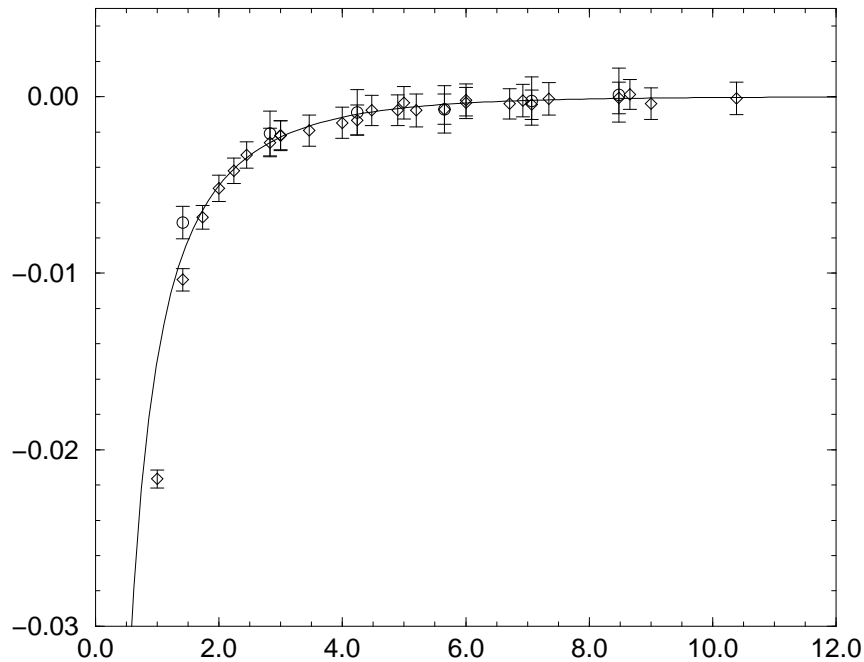
String tension slowly decreases toward  $T_c$ .

## At Finite Temperature (4): $3Q$ Potential



- $3Q$  potential from Polyakov loop correlator suffer from large statistical fluctuations.
- Slope at large distance is consistent with  $Q$ - $\bar{Q}$  case.

## At Finite Temperature (5): Above $T_c$



- $Q\text{-}\bar{Q}$  system — Debye screening

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}} = V_{singlet} + V_{octet}$$

$$\rightarrow c \cdot \exp(-mr)/r \quad : \text{ Yukawa potential}$$

[ Gao, PRD41(1990)626 ]

$m \sim$  (electric) screening mass  $\sim 0.5\text{-}1$  GeV

- $3Q$  system:

— Sum of two-quark ( $Q\text{-}Q$ ) potential ?

Well fitted to the form

$$V_{3Q} = \sum c \frac{\exp(-mr_{ij})}{r_{ij}}.$$

$V_{3Q}/3$  vs  $r_{ij}$  for equilateral triangle configuration

→ Almost same behavior as  $Q\text{-}\bar{Q}$  system.



## At Finite Temperature (6): Summary

□  $T > T_c$

- Debye screening.
- $V_{3Q} \rightarrow$  sum of two-body potential.

□  $T < T_c$

Three quark potential from Polyakov loop correlator suffer from large statistical fluctuations.

Need more study !