On the thermodynamics and phase structure of QCD

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Heavy ion collisions





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ALICE, LHC

Simulation of a heavy ion collision

UrQMD Frankfurt/M

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Heavy-ion collision timescales and "epochs" @ RHIC



Strickland

Phase diagram of QCD



Fukushima



From the quark-gluon plasma to the hadron gas





e.g. finite volume scaling: Braun, Klein, Piasecki, Schaefer '10-11



free energy

Yang-Mills theory

 $\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] =$

free energy



quark quantum fluctuations

NJL/PNJL model







Naturally encorporates PQM/PNJL models as specific low order trunations

Confinement

Free energy $F_{q\bar{q}}$ of a quark - antiquark pair





$$\Phi = e^{-\frac{1}{2T}F_{q\bar{q}}(\infty)}$$



 $F_{q\bar{q}} \simeq \sigma r$

•Confinement $\Phi = 0$

•Deconfinement $\Phi \neq 0$

string breaking at $r\approx 1 fm$

$\overbrace{r}^{r} \qquad F_{q\bar{q}} \simeq \text{const.}$

Polyakov loop

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{3} \langle \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\{ ig \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 A_0 \} \rangle$$



Confinement

effective potential

$$V[A_0] = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \log \langle AA \rangle [A_0] + O(\partial_t \langle AA \rangle) + \operatorname{Tr} \log \langle C\bar{C} \rangle [A_0] + O(\partial_t \langle C\bar{C} \rangle)$$

free energy





Confinement

Order parameter

Braun, Gies, JMP '07

$T_c = 276 \pm 10 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

 $T_c/\sqrt{\sigma} = 0.658 \pm 0.023$

lattice : $T_c/\sqrt{\sigma} = 0.646$





thermodynamics

Yang-Mills pressure





chiral symmetry broken

RG picture

Flow for four-fermion coupling $\hat{\lambda}_\psi = \lambda_\psi k^2$ with infrared scale k

$$k\partial_k \hat{\lambda}_{\psi} = 2\hat{\lambda}_{\psi} - A\left(\frac{T}{k}\right)\hat{\lambda}_{\psi}^2 - B\left(\frac{T}{k}\right)\hat{\lambda}_{\psi}\alpha_s - C\left(\frac{T}{k}\right)\alpha_s^2 + \cdots$$



dynamical hadronisation



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dynamical hadronisation







Full dynamical QCD: $N_f = 2$ & chiral limit

Phase structure



0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

Braun, Haas, Marhauser, JMP '09

•
$$T_{\chi} \simeq T_{\rm conf} \simeq 180 {\rm MeV}$$

• Width $\Delta T_{\rm conf} \simeq \pm 20 {\rm MeV}$

• $T_{\rm conf, FRG} \lesssim T_{\rm conf, lattice}$



Log of dual condensate, m=60 MeV



Full dynamical QCD: $N_f = 2$ & chiral limit

Phase structure





Chiral phase structure



Nature of the RW endpoint





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Phase structure



Braun, Haas, Marhauser, JMP '09



$$\psi_{\theta}(t+\beta,\vec{x}) = -\psi(t,x)$$









dynamical Polyakov-extended models

Potential

Fermionic fluctuations

 $\Omega[\Phi, \Phi, \sigma, \vec{\pi}]$

Herbst, JMP, Schaefer '10

Mesonic potential

 $V[\sigma, \vec{\pi}]$

Polyakov-loop Potential

 $U[\Phi, \bar{\Phi}]$

Fit to YM-thermodynamics

fermionic fluctuations

mesonic fluctuations

quark fluctuations change glue dynamics

 $T_{0 \mathrm{YM}} \to T_0(N_f, \mu; m_q)$

estimated via HTL/HDL computation

Schaefer, JMP, Wambach '07

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Polyakov-extended models as reduced QCD

Potential





Polyakov-extended models as reduced QCD







Full dynamical QCD



Full dynamical QCD



a glimpse at baryons







..., Ratti et al '04, ..., Brauner et al '08,, Strodthoff et al '11 FRG



a glimpse at multi-scatterings



JMP, Rennecke



a glimpse at strong magnetic fields



Summary & outlook

Phase diagram of QCD

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- 2+1 flavours, baryons, phenomenology, dynamics
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Haas, Khan, JMP, Rennecke, Scherer





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EpisodeIII: QGP meets ultracold atoms (Hirschegg August 25th -31st)

Hadronic properties

- dynamical hadronisation
- dynamics