# Chiral symmetry and topology in QCD with Nf = 2+1+1



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### Plan

Lattice QCD with twisted mass Wilson Fermions

 $Nf=2 \longrightarrow Nf=2+1+1$ 

Chiral symmetry and the (pseudocritical) region

Topology

Results Topology&Axions Topology@Colliders?

# QCD Symmetries, lattice and the real world



c,b,t do not participate in the chiral dynamics around the critical temperature. Lattice simulations **around Tc** are then performed with up,down,strange quarks – Nf = 2+1



	SU(N)XSU(N)	UA(1)
Staggered	Remnant U(1)	Broken
Wilson	Broken	Broken
Domain Wall	Exact (for L 🛛 →>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	Exact (for L →∞)
Overlap	Exact	Exact
Wilson twisted	As good as staggered	Broken

# Wilson fermions with a twisted mass term

Frezzotti Rossi 2003

m

 $M_{
m inv} = \sqrt{m_0^2 + \mu_q^2}$ 

# A twisted mass term in flavor space: $i\mu\tau_3\gamma_5$ for two degenerate light flavors

is added to the standard mass term in the Wilson Lagrangian

Consequences:

-simplified renormalization prop
-automatic O(a) improvement
-control on unphysical zero modes

Successful phenomenology at T=0

ETMC collaboration 2003—

## Continuum scenario at finite temperature



$$M_{
m inv} = \sqrt{m_0^2 + \mu_q^2} \quad ; \quad an(\omega) = rac{\mu_q}{m_0}$$

On the lattice: special choice

maximal twist  $(\omega = \frac{\pi}{2})$ :  $m_{\rm R} = Z_m(m - m_{\rm cr}) = 0$ 

 $\rightarrow$  automatic  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improvement<sup>1</sup>

→ good **renormalization** properties

$$[S^{0}]_{R} = Z_{S^{0}} \left[ [S^{0}]_{QCD} + \frac{c_{S}(g_{0}^{2})}{a^{3}} \right] + \cdots$$

$$\mathbf{Twist}$$

$$[S^{0}]_{R} = Z_{P} \left[ [P^{3}]_{tmQCD} + \frac{\mu_{q}c_{P}(g_{0}^{2})}{a^{2}} \right] + \cdots$$

# Nf = 2+1+1 Wilson fermions with a twisted mass term

Frezzotti Rossi 2003

two 'twisted' mass terms in flavor space:

 $i\mu\tau_3\gamma_5$  for two degenerate light flavors  $i\mu_{\sigma}\tau_1\gamma_5 + \tau_3\mu_{\delta}$  for two heavy flavors

are added to the standard Wilson Lagrangian

Consequences as for Nf=2

-simplified renormalization properties
-automatic O(a) improvement
-control on unphysical zero modes

Successful phenomenology at T=0

ETMC collaboration 2012—

# Why Nf = 2 +1 +1 ?





# Quark Gluon Plasma @ Colliders

Analytic studies suggest that a dynamical charm becomes relevant above 400 MeV, well within the reach of LHC

Laine Schroeder 2006

## Trace anomaly: effects of a dynamical charm

Tmft



# Wuppertal-Budapest



Staggered

Fixed varying scale	For each lattice spacing we explore a range of	Nf = 2 + 1 + 1 Setup						
	temperatures	T = 0 (ETMC) nomenclature	β	a [fm] [6]	$N_{\sigma}^3$	$N_{\tau}$	$T  [{ m MeV}]$	# confs.
	MeV by varying Nt					5 6 7	$ \begin{array}{r} 422(17) \\ 351(14) \\ 301(12) \end{array} $	585 1370 341
	We repeat this for three different lattice spacings following ETMC T=0	A60.24	1.90	0.0936(38)	$24^{3}$ $32^{3}$	$     \begin{array}{r}       8 \\       9 \\       10 \\       11 \\       12 \\       13 \\       14     \end{array} $	$263(11) \\ 234(10) \\ 211(9) \\ 192(8) \\ 176(7) \\ 162(7) \\ 151(6)$	970 577 525 227 1052 294 1988
Four pion masses $M_{\pi^{\pm}}$	Advantages: we rely on the setup of ETMC T=0 simulations. Scale is set once for all.	B55.32	1.95	0.0823(37)	32 <sup>3</sup>	$     \begin{array}{r}       5 \\       6 \\       7 \\       8 \\       9 \\       10 \\       11 \\       12 \\       13 \\       14 \\       15 \\       16 \\     \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{r} 479(22) \\ 400(18) \\ 342(15) \\ 300(13) \\ 266(12) \\ 240(11) \\ 218(10) \\ 200(9) \\ 184(8) \\ 171(8) \\ 160(7) \\ 150(7) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 595\\ 345\\ 327\\ 233\\ 453\\ 295\\ 667\\ 1102\\ 308\\ 1304\\ 456\\ 823\\ \end{array}$
$N_{f} = 2 + 1 + 1 \qquad \begin{array}{c} 210 \\ 260 \\ 370 \\ 470 \end{array}$ $N_{f} = 2 \qquad \begin{array}{c} 360 \\ 430 \end{array}$	Disadvantages: mismatch of temperatures - need interpolation before taking the	D45.32	2.10	0.0646(26)	$32^3$ $40^3$ $48^3$	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \\ 12 \\ 14 \\ 16 \\ 18 \\ 20 \\ \end{array} $	$509(20) \\ 436(18) \\ 382(15) \\ 305(12) \\ 255(10) \\ 218(9) \\ 191(8) \\ 170(7) \\ 153(6)$	$\begin{array}{c} 403 \\ 412 \\ 416 \\ 420 \\ 380 \\ 793 \\ 626 \\ 599 \\ 582 \end{array}$

#### Overview of Chiral observables Nf 2 + 1 +1

Outcome: twisted mass ok; and the results confirm that a dynamical charm does not contribute around Tc



# Topology





Heavy Topology,  $\eta'$  and the  $U_A(1)$  problem: Solved if  $U_A(1)$  symmetry  $q 
ightarrow e^{ilpha\gamma_5} q$ The  $\overline{q}q$ would be broken by the (spontaneously generated)  $\eta'$ the candidate Goldstone is the too heavy!! (900 MeV) BUT: Particle Particle Antiparticle Quark **Rest mass** the divergence of the current  $j_5^{\mu} = \bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma_{\mu}q$ , symbol symbol (MeV/c<sup>2</sup>) name content  $\pi^+$ π Pion<sup>[6]</sup> ud contains a mass independent term 139.570 18 ±0.000 35  $u\bar{u}-d\bar{d}$  [a] π<sup>0</sup> Pion<sup>[7]</sup> Self 134.9766 ±0.0006  $\sqrt{2}$  $\partial_{\mu}j_5^{\mu} = m\bar{q}\gamma_5 q + \frac{1}{32\pi^2}F\tilde{F}.$ Eta  $rac{\mathrm{u}ar{\mathrm{u}}+\mathrm{d}ar{\mathrm{d}}-2\mathrm{s}ar{\mathrm{s}}}{\sqrt{6}}$  [a] Self 547.862 ±0.018 η meson<sup>[8]</sup>  $\frac{u\bar{u}{+}d\bar{d}{+}s\bar{s}}{\sqrt{3}}$  [a] Eta prime η'(958) Self 957.78 ±0.06 meson<sup>[9]</sup>  $\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x F \tilde{F} \neq 0$ IF Kaon<sup>[12]</sup> K<sup>+</sup> K<sup>-</sup> us 493.677 ±0.016  $U_A(1)$  symmetry is **explicitly** broken The **K**<sup>0</sup> K<sup>0</sup> Kaon<sup>[13]</sup> ds 497.614 ±0.024

# Topology, $\eta'$ and the $U_A(1)$ problem:

It can be proven that

 $F ilde{F}$ 

and

 $\frac{1}{32\pi^2}\int d^4x F\tilde{F} = Q$ 

**Gluonic definition** 

 $Q = n_+ - n_-$ 

#### **Fermionic definition**



# Results on topology in hot QCD

see also C. Bonati and S. Sharma's talks

Topological and chiral susceptibility

#### Kogut, Lagae, Sinclair 1999 HotQCD, 2012

 $\chi_{top} = \langle Q_{top}^2 \rangle / V = m_l^2 \chi_{5,disc} \qquad \text{From the fermionic def.:}$ 

$$m\int d^4x ar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi = Q_{top}$$



$$\chi_{top} = \langle Q_{top}^2 \rangle / V = m_l^2 \chi_{disc}$$
$$T > T_{U(1)_A} \simeq T_c$$

# Chiral susceptibility



Within errors, no discernable spacing dependence



# $d_{\text{eff}}(T) = T d \log \chi_{\text{top}}(T) / dT$



 $d_{\rm eff}(T)$ 



Comparisons with other results I :

$$\chi_{top}^{1/4} = aT^{-d(T)}$$



# Mass dependence&rescaling

In the symmetric phase: Analyticity + symmetry

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n m_l^{2n+1}$$

$$\chi = \frac{V}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial m_l} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \equiv \chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi}^{\text{disc}} + \chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi}^{\text{conn}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n m_l^{2n}.$$

$$\chi_{\text{top}} = m_l^2 \chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi}^{\text{disc}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n m_{\pi}^{4(n+1)}$$

$$| \text{leading order: DIGA}$$

$$\chi_{\text{top}} \propto m_{\pi}^4$$

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### Comparison with other results II



dotted lines to guide the eye





Instanton potential - cumulants' ratio b2 DIGA predicts



Effective exponent :

Same DIGA onset seen in b2  $\approx$  350 MeV

 $\chi_{top}^{1/4} = aT^{-d(T)}$  Results for  $F(\theta)$  coherent with d(T)



# A window on Axions



Temperature

Quark– Gluon

Plasma

Compression

and heating

baryon density Hubble parameter  $H(T) \simeq T^2/M_P$ 

$$\mathsf{m}_{a}(\mathsf{T}) = \sqrt{\chi(T)}/f_{a}$$

Quark Gluon Plasma: Topology Axions 'must' be there: solution to the strong CP problem

 $\theta = 0$ 

weakly coupled

Axion freezout:  $3H(T) = m_a(T) = \sqrt{\chi(T)}/f_a$ 



Axion density at freezout controls axion density today



# Summary

Method:

- Twisted mass Wilson fermions seem well suited for QCD thermodynamics, in particular for applications involving chiral symmetry and topology. A dynamical charm is important above 400 MeV.
  - Topology:
  - In the sQGP region we observe a fast decrease of the topological susceptibility — faster than observed than others
  - Above 400 MeV both the b2 cumulant and the exponent of the power law behavior of the topological susceptibility computed with fermionic method approach their DIGA value.
  - Several discrepancies remain among results obtained by different groups, which have also impact on axion phenomenology and should be resolved.

A comment on experiments:

# What happens to topology in the Quark Gluon Plasma?

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#### **Return of the prodigal Goldstone boson**

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We propose that the mass of the  $\eta'$  meson is a particularly sensitive probe of the properties of finite energy density hadronic matter and quark-gluon plasma. We argue that the mass of the  $\eta'$  excitation in hot and dense matter should be small, and, therefore, that the  $\eta'$  production cross section should be much increased relative to that for pp collisions. This may have observable consequences in dilepton and diphoton experiments.

## Indication of topology suppression in PHENIX

Effects of chain decays, radial flow and  $U_A(1)$  restoration on the low-mass dilepton enhancement in  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV Au+Au reactions

Márton Vargyas<sup>a,b,1</sup>, Tamás Csörgő<sup>b,2</sup>, Róbert Vértesi<sup>b,c,3</sup>



Some indication of the 'return of the prodigal Goldstone boson' from RHIC ?

No results as yet from LHC ?

Question to theory: interplay of UA(1) and SU(N)XSU(N) symmetries in dense matter?



Alles, d'Elia, MpL 2006

new results should come soon at FAIR? talk by T. Galantchyuk at QM2018

# Backup slides

# Gradient flow

Evolve the link variables in a fictitious flow time:

$$\dot{V}_{x,\mu}(t) = -g_0^2 \Big[ \partial_{x,\mu} S_{\text{Wilson}}(V(t)) \Big] V_{x,\mu}(t),$$

Monitor 
$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{2N_{\tau}N_{\sigma}^3} \sum_{x,\mu,\nu} \operatorname{Tr}[F_{\mu\nu}(x)F^{\mu\nu}(x)]$$
 as a function of  $t$ 

Stop flowing when 
$$t^2 \langle E \rangle \Big|_{t=t_0} = 0.3$$

Observables < O(t) > renormalized at  $\mu = 1/\sqrt{8t}$ 

Continuum limit of < O(t) > is independent on the chosen reference value

Caveat: note comments by Kanaya et al.

#### Flowing towards the plateau



# On finer lattices, plateau is almost reached:

Gradient method coincides with cooling



Distribution of the topological charge P(Q)cluster around integers as cooling proceeds (results for a = 0.06 fm)



## Puzzling features: lack of mass dependence, slow decay

