









# Mesons effects on the QCD phase diagram at physical and unphysical quark masses

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CF, PPNP 105 (2019) [1810.12938]



$$Z\left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right) = Z\left(-\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)$$

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$$\left(\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c}\right)^2 = 1 - 2\kappa \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c}\right)^2$$

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$$\mu_B^{lg} \approx 922 \,\mathrm{MeV} \to \kappa \le 0.0141$$

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 $U_A(I)$  broken at  $T_c = U_A(I)$  restored at  $T_c$ 

#### Is there chiral Ist order at all?

Pisarski and Wilczek, PRD 29 (1984), 338-341 Resch, Rennecke and Schaefer, PRD 99 (2019) Cuteri, Philipsen and Sciarra, JHEP 11 (2021), 141 Dini, et al, PRD 105 (2022) no.3, 034510 Fejos, PRD 105 (2022) no.7, L071506

and many more...

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#### Lattice-QCD

- present: extrapolation
- future: exact methods?

#### DSE/FRG

• can do! but typical errors 5-30%

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# Chiral transition line from analytic continuation



Lattice method:

- Det. crossover at imaginary  $\mu$  and extrapolate to real  $\mu$
- Control systematics

Main result:

• See no transition for  $\mu_B/T < 2-3$ 



Bellwied, Borsanyi, Fodor, Günther, Katz, Ratti and Szabo, PLB 751 (2015) 559

#### HOT-QCD: similar results

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#### Hadron spectra: mesons, baryons, glueballs



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# N<sub>f</sub>=2+1-QCD with DSEs



 $S^{-1}(\omega_p, \vec{p}) = i\vec{p}A(\omega_p, \vec{p}) + i\gamma_4\omega_p C(\omega_p, \vec{p}) + B(\omega_p, \vec{p})$ 

- quenched: without quark-loop
- $N_f=2$ : isospin symmetry  $m_{u/d}$  fixed by  $m_{\pi}$
- N<sub>f</sub>=2+1: coupled system of 2+3+3 equations
- Vertex: ansatz built along STI and known UV/IR behavior

 $T,\mu,m$ -dependent

#### QCD order parameters from propagators

Chiral order parameter:

$$\langle \bar{\Psi}\Psi \rangle = Z_2 N_c T r_D \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\omega} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} S(\vec{p},\omega)$$



Deconfinement:

Polyakov loop potential

 $L = \frac{1}{N_c} Tr \, e^{ig\beta A_0}$ 



Braun, Gies, Pawlowski, PLB 684, 262 (2010) Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawlowski, PRL 106 (2011) Fister, Pawlowski, PRD 88 045010 (2013) CF, Fister, Luecker, Pawlowski, PLB 732 (2013)

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# $N_f=2+1$ , $\mu=0$ , physical point



Lattice: Borsanyi *et al.* [Wuppertal-Budapest], JHEP 1009(2010) 073 DSE: CF, Luecker, PLB 718 (2013) 1036, CF, Luecker, Welzbacher, PRD 90 (2014) 034022

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Figure adapted from talk of T. Galatyuk, Erice 2016

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- \* crosscheck with FRG
- inhomogeneous phases ?

Buballa and Carignano, PPNP 81 (2015) 39

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 $\frac{\partial \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle (\mathbf{1})}{\partial m_{\rm u}}$  $\chi(T) =$ 

Lattice: Borsanyi et al. PRL 125 052001 (2020) DSE: Bernhardt, CF, arXiv: 2305.01434

$$\frac{T_{\rm c}(\mu_{\rm B})}{T_{\rm c}} = 1 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_{\rm B}}{T_{\rm c}}\right)^2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{\mu_{\rm B}}{T_{\rm c}}\right)^4$$
$$\kappa_{\rm c}^{\rm poly} = 0.0196, \quad \kappa_{\rm c}^{\rm poly} = 0.00015.$$

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T. D. Cohen, PRL 91, 222001 (2003)

# N<sub>f</sub>=2+1-QCD with DSEs and meson backcoupling



use μ-dependent BSA for mesons: CEP
 use chiral form B/f<sub>π</sub> of leading BSA for mesons: Columbia plot

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Gunkel, CF, PRD 104 (2021) [2106.08356]

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#### Towards the chiral limit...



 HotQCD:
 Ding et al. PRL 123, 062002 (2019)

 FRG:
 Braun et al, PRD 102 (2020) 5, 056010

 DSE:
 Bernhardt and CF, in preparation

#### Towards the chiral limit...



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#### At the chiral limit...





 $m_{u,d}$ 

reproduce CF and Mueller, PRD 84 (2011) 054013

- Bernhardt and CF, in preparation DSE:
- Dini, et al, PRD 105 (2022) no.3, 034510 Lattice: Ding et al. PRL 123, 062002 (2019) Bornyakov et al. PRD 82, 014504 (2010)

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### $N_f=2+1+1$ : effects of charm



- Physical up/down, strange and charm quark masses
- Transition controlled by chiral dynamics
- no lattice or model results available yet

# N<sub>f</sub>=2+1+1: effects of charm



CF, Luecker, Welzbacher, PRD 90 (2014) 034022

#### Contact with experiment: fluctuations

X.~Luo and N.~Xu, Nucl. Sci. Tech. 28 (2017) no.8, 112 [arXiv:1701.02105 [nucl-ex]].

Quark chemical potentials related to those of conserved charges:

$$\mu_u = \mu_B / 3 + 2\mu_Q / 3$$
$$\mu_d = \mu_B / 3 - \mu_Q / 3$$
$$\mu_s = \mu_B / 3 - \mu_Q / 3 - \mu_S$$

Serve to calculate susceptibilities:

$$\chi_{lmn}^{BSQ} = \frac{\partial^{l+m+n}(p/T^4)}{\partial(\mu_B/T)^l \partial(\mu_S/T)^m \partial(\mu_Q/T)^n}$$

Related to cumulants, which can be extracted from experiment:

$$C_{lmn}^{BSQ} = VT^3 \chi_{lmn}^{BSQ}$$

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#### Ratios: skewness and curtosis



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#### Selected results for Green's functions



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#### Approximation for Quark-Gluon interaction

•Lattice input for vertex: not yet available...

Diagrammatics: vertex-DSE (see later...)

explicit solutions at T=0: Mitter, Pawlowski and Strodthoff, PRD 91 (2015) 054035 Williams, CF, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016) 034026

Slavnov-Taylor identity: T,µ,m-dependent vertex

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$$D_{\pi}(p) = \frac{1}{p_4^2 + u^2(\vec{p}^2 + m_{\pi}(T,\mu)^2)} \qquad u = \frac{f_s}{f_t}$$

Son, Stephanov, PRD 66 (2002) 7



chiral limit: 
$$\Gamma_{\pi} = \gamma_5 \frac{B}{f_t}$$