# On the QCD phase diagram

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## Motivation & Results

#### Motivation



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# Method

### Renormalisation Group flows

- continuum formulation
- incorporate full dynamics
- fermions straightforward
  - no sign problem
  - chiral fermions
  - bound states via dynamical hadronisation

 $\rightarrow$  complementary to lattice

functional RG flow: 
$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{array} \right)$$



Quark confinement & chiral symmetry breaking at imaginary  $\mu$ 

#### Chiral phase transition



symmetry of matter sector of QCD for  $m_q = 0$ 

order parameter: chiral condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$ 

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & T > T_{c,\chi} \\ > 0 & T < T_{c,\chi}. \end{cases}$$

#### Deconfinement phase transition

# Symmetry of gauge sector of QCD: center symmetry $Z_3$ for SU(3)

symmetry present in the limit of static quarks (  $m_q \rightarrow \infty$  )

order parameter: Polyakov loop  $\phi$ 

$$\phi = \frac{1}{N_c} \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_0^{1/T} dt \langle A_0 \rangle} = \begin{cases} > 0 & T > T_{c, \text{conf}} \\ 0 & T < T_{c, \text{conf}}. \end{cases}$$

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confining properties: full momentum dependence of ghost & gluon propagator

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#### Roberge-Weiss periodicity & p.t.



$$\theta = -\mathrm{i}\mu/2\pi T:$$

 $QCD_{\theta} = QCD_{\theta+\theta_z}$  periodic

where  $\theta_z = 0, 1/3, 2/3$  for SU(3)

quantities related to effective action: show same periodicity (RW periodicity) e.g.  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$ 

 $QCD_{\theta}$  : smooth until  $\theta = 1/6$ , then shows discontinuity: Polyakov loop RW phase transition

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 $T_{conf}$  and  $T_{\chi}$  lie close together, end in critical point (RW phase transition)



coinciding T<sub>cr</sub> result from interplay of quantum fluctuations & are not adjusted by hand compatible with lattice:

Kratochvila et al '06; Wu et al '06

PNJL model agrees if 8-quark interaction is adjusted:



#### Dual order parameters

C. Gattringer '06; F. Synatschke, A. Wipf, C. Wozar '07; F. Bruckmann, C. Hagen, C. Gattringer '08; C. S. Fischer '09; C. S. Fischer, J. Mueller '09; imaginary chemical potential -----> J. Braun, LMH, F. Marhauser, J. M. Pawlowski '09

Observable  $\mathcal{O}_{\theta}$ : transforms non-trivially under center transformations  $z = e^{2\pi i \theta_z}$  with  $\theta_z = 0, 1/3, 2/3$  for SU(3)

is an oder parameter for confinement

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}} = \int_0^1 \, d\theta \, e^{-2\pi i \theta} \mathcal{O}_\theta$$

 $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$  sensitive w.r.t. center transformations  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}} \to z \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ e.g. dual density  $n_{\theta} \sim \int \langle \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi \rangle_{\theta}$ 

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 $T_{\text{conf},\Phi} = T_{\text{conf},\tilde{n}} \longrightarrow \text{consistency check}$ 

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extend to  $N_f = 2 + 1$ : real chemical potential

## Additional slides

#### Gauge invariance

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Polyakov gauge:  $A_0 = A_0^c(\vec{x})\sigma_3$ 

#### Critical temperatures

$$N_f = 2$$



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$$T_{\mathrm{conf},cr} \simeq T_{\chi,cr}$$

$$N_f = 2 + 1$$

#### compatible with Karsch et al '08 $T_{conf,cr} \simeq T_{\chi,cr}$

#### compatible with Fodor et al '08

 $175 \,\mathrm{MeV} \simeq T_{\mathrm{conf},cr} > T_{\chi,cr} \simeq 150 \,\mathrm{MeV}$