

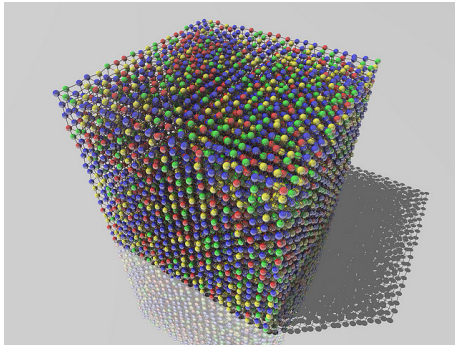
# Lattice QCD

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How to formulate lattice QCD

QCD thermodynamics

Methods for  $\mu > 0$

Summary



## What is lattice QCD?

- ▶ non-perturbative method
- ▶ solve QCD path integral
- ▶ numerical simulation on discretized 4d spacetime
- ▶ regularization by finite lattice spacing
- ▶ introduced by K. Wilson (1974)



## Langrangian

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## Generating functional and expectation value

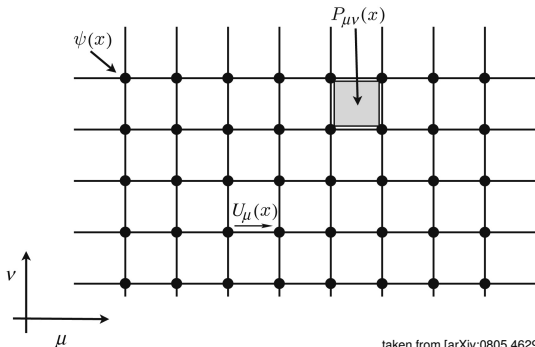
$$Z_{QCD} = \int DA D\bar{\Psi} D\Psi e^{i\int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{QCD}[A, \bar{\Psi}, \Psi]}$$

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_{QCD}} \int DA D\bar{\Psi} D\Psi O e^{i\int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{QCD}[A, \bar{\Psi}, \Psi]}$$

- ▶ **Wick rotation** from Minkowski to Euclidean spacetime:

$$\mathcal{L}_E = \frac{1}{4} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a + \bar{\Psi} (\gamma^\mu D_\mu^E + m) \Psi$$
$$Z_E = \int DA D\bar{\Psi} D\Psi e^{-\int d^4x \mathcal{L}_E[A, \bar{\Psi}, \Psi]}$$

- ▶ equivalent to statistical theory  $\Rightarrow$  apply Monte Carlo algorithms
- ▶ 4d lattice:  $N_s^3 \times N_\tau$  with lattice spacing  $a$
- ▶ discrete imaginary time:  $x_0 = -ix_4$
- ▶ temperature:  $T = \frac{1}{N_\tau a}$



taken from [arXiv:0805.4629]

- ▶ on sites: fermion fields  $\psi(x)$
- ▶ on links: gauge fields  $U_\mu(x) = \exp[iagA_\mu(x)]$
- ▶ build gauge independent combinations, e. g. plaquette

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- ▶ Gaussian integration  $\int D\bar{\eta} D\eta e^{-\bar{\eta} \mathcal{M} \eta} = \det \mathcal{M}$  leads to “Fermion determinant”

$$Z = \int DU D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S_g[U] - S_f[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]} = \int DU \det \mathcal{M} e^{-S_g[U]}$$

(color and flavor indices are suppressed)



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$$D_{xy} = \sum_\mu \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2a} (U_\mu(x) \delta_{x+a\hat{\mu},y} - U_{-\mu}(x) \delta_{x-a\hat{\mu},y}) + m\delta_{xy}$$

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  - b) doubler-free,
  - c) local,
  - d) translation invariant
  - e) real bilinear

fermion action on the lattice.

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### Staggered fermions

- ▶ diagonalization in Dirac space, use only one of four identical terms
- ▶ reduces doublers from 16 to 4 remaining “tastes”
- ▶ computationally cheaper
- ▶ further reduce doubling by rooting procedure

$$\text{e. g. for } N_f = 2 + 1: \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S_f[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]} = \det \mathcal{M}_{ud}^{1/2} \det \mathcal{M}_s^{1/4}$$

## generation of gauge configurations

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## measurement

ensemble average:

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N O(U_i)$$





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## Line of constant physics

- ▶ vary (bare) lattice parameters
- ▶ but keep physical masses constant
- ▶  $\Rightarrow m = m(\beta)$



- ▶ performed at zero temperature ( $N_T \gg N_S$ )
- ▶ measure quantity (e.g. meson mass) in lattice units
- ▶ equate to physical units
- ▶ but: only possible at physical point

# Setting the scale

## “Sommer scale” $r_0$

- ▶ Wilson loop

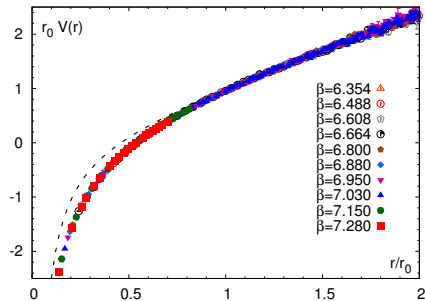
$$W(C) = \text{Tr} \prod_{U_\mu \in C} U_\mu(x)$$

- ▶ static potential

$$V(r) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \langle W(C) \rangle$$

- ▶ fit to expected form

$$V(r) = C + B/r + \sigma r$$



from HotQCD [arXiv:1111.1710]

- ▶  $r_0$  defined via characteristic property:

$$\left( r^2 \frac{dV(r)}{dr} \right)_{r=r_0} = 1.65$$

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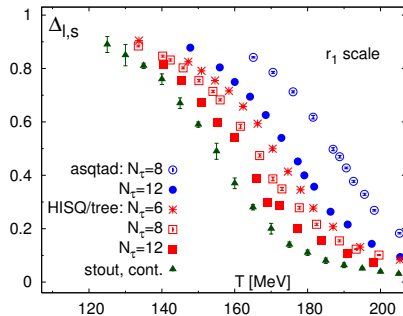
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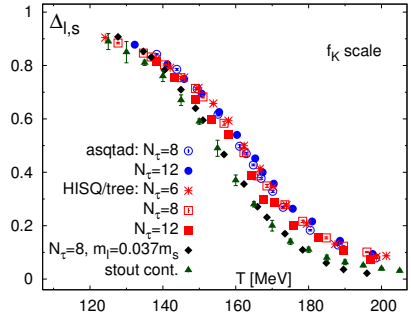


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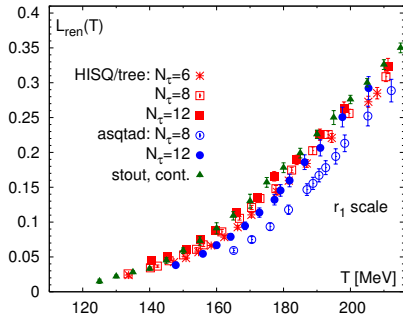
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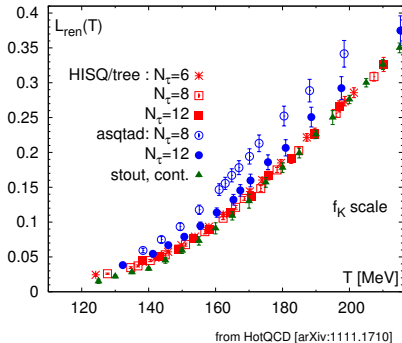
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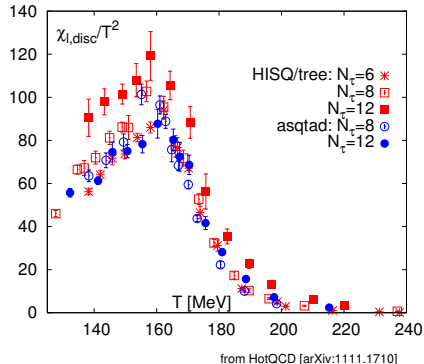
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## Chiral susceptibility

$$\chi_{I,disc} \sim \langle (\text{Tr } D^{-1})^2 \rangle - \langle \text{Tr } D^{-1} \rangle^2$$

- ▶ peak at transition temperature
- ▶ describes fluctuations of the order parameter



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RBC-Bielefeld	p4 action, 2006	192(7)(4)
MILC	asqtad action, 2004, peak of $\chi_{ch}$ , ch. limit	169(12)(4)

## Explanation for previous differences

- ▶ large cut-off effects (taste splitting) in asqtad and p4 action
- ▶ extrapolation in  $1/N_T^2$  not yet applicable for  $N_T = 4, 6$



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- ▶ trace anomaly/interaction measure

$$\frac{l(T)}{T^4} = -N_\tau^4 \left( a \frac{d\beta}{da} \langle -S_g \rangle^{sub} + \sum_f a \frac{dm_f}{da} \langle \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f \rangle^{sub} \right)$$

- ▶ pressure

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \int_{T_0}^T dT \frac{l(T)}{T^5}$$

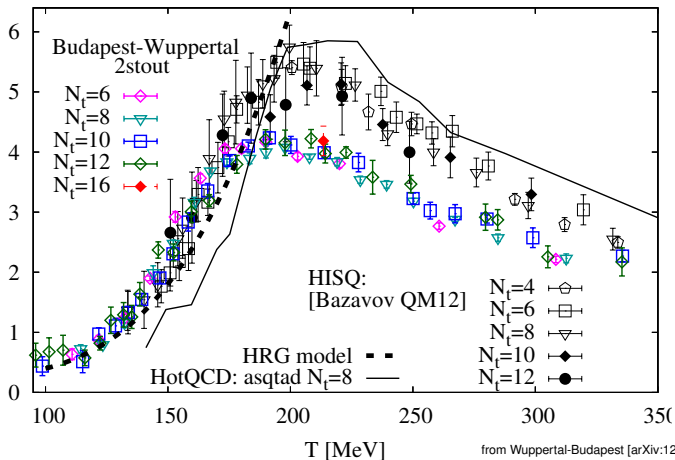
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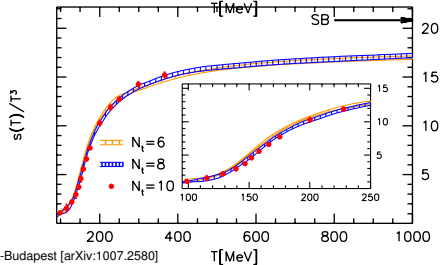
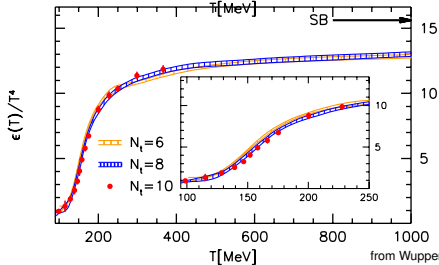
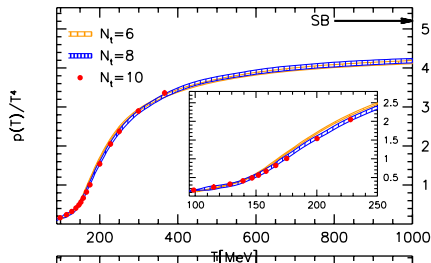
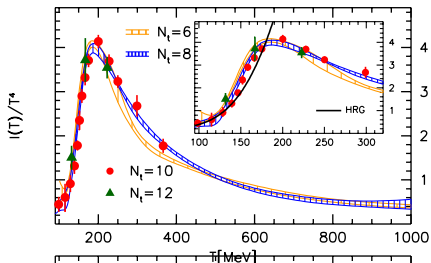
- ▶ entropy

$$s = \frac{\epsilon + p}{T}$$

# Trace anomaly



# Trace anomaly, pressure, energy density and entropy density



from Wuppertal-Budapest [arXiv:1007.2580]

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- ▶ real if  $\text{Re}(\mu) = 0$ 
  - vanishing chemical potential:  $\mu = 0$
  - finite imaginary chemical potential:  $\mu = i\mu_i$
  - finite isospin chemical potential:  $\mu_d = -\mu_u$



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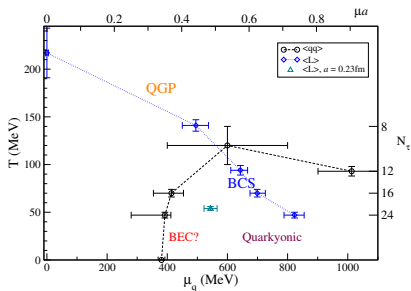
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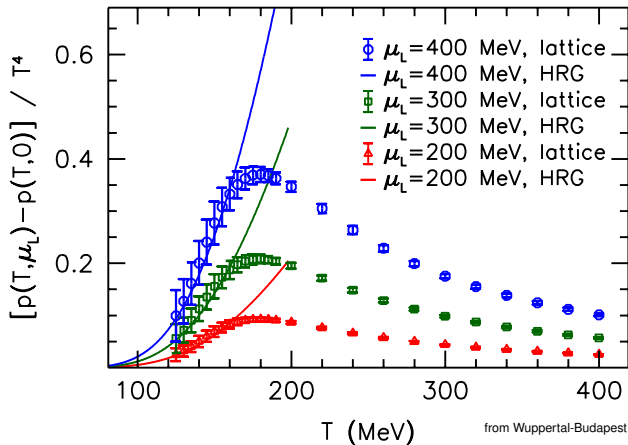
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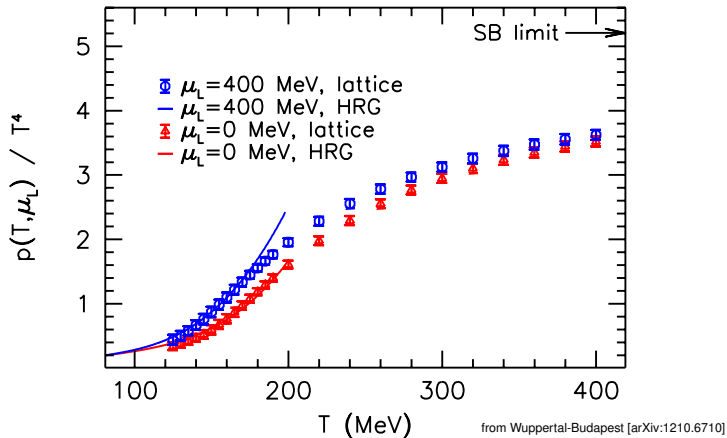
## QCD-like theories

- ▶ free of sign-problem at  $\mu > 0$
- ▶ e. g. two-color QCD

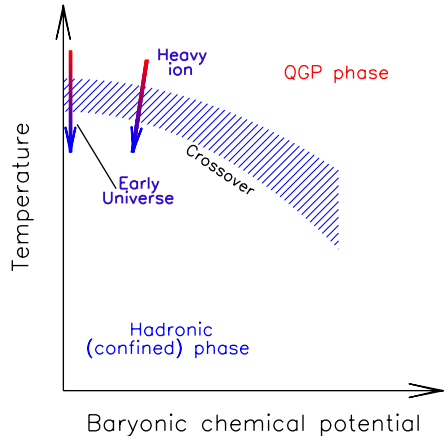
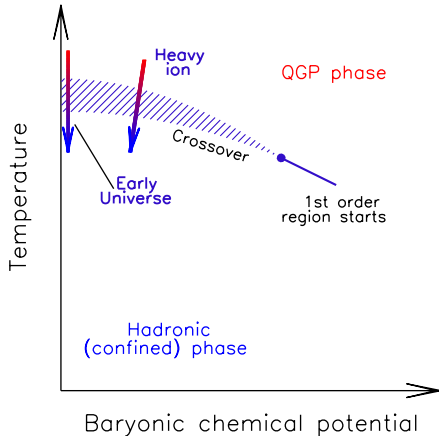


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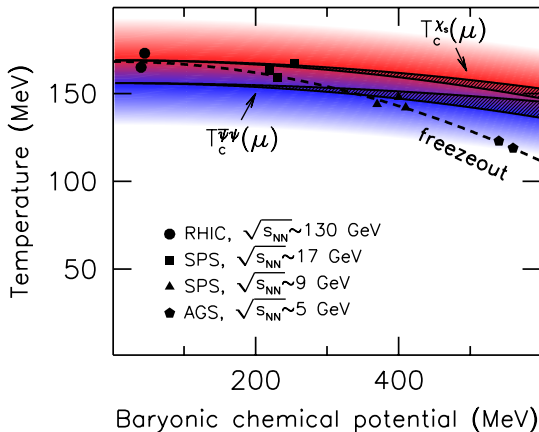




# Phase diagram



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from Wuppertal-Budapest [arXiv:1102.1356]



## Further active topics

- ▶ masses (spectroscopy)
- ▶ influence of external magnetic fields
- ▶ real-time quantities (e.g. transport coefficients)

## Open challenges

- ▶ use of chiral fermions actions
- ▶ large densities

Thank you!

- ▶ Wuppertal-Budapest collaboration [arXiv: 1102.1356, 1210.6710, 1210.6901]
- ▶ HotQCD collaboration [arXiv:1111.1710, 1210.6312]
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