The phase diagram of QCD from low energy models

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Overview



- 2 The FRG very brief
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The phase diagram of QCD



(Fig. from CBM physics book, Lect. Notes in Physics 814, Springer)

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The Functional Renormalization Group



• Wetterich equation:

$$k\frac{\partial}{\partial k}\Gamma_{k} = \mathrm{STr}\left[k\frac{\partial}{\partial k}R_{k}\left(\Gamma^{(2)}+R_{k}\right)^{-1}\right]$$

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The Quark-Meson model

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The Quark-Meson model in the FRG



• gauge sector decouples at low energies, matter sector drives dynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm QM} = \bar{\psi} \left(\partial \!\!\!/ + h \left(\sigma T^0 + i \gamma^5 \pi^a T^a \right) \right) \psi + \partial_\mu \pi_i \partial_\mu \pi_i + \partial_\mu \sigma \partial_\mu \sigma + V \left(\pi^2 + \sigma^2 \right)$$

- model shows chiral symmetry breaking
- \bullet commonly used initialization scale scale: ~ 1 GeV, above chiral symmetry breaking scale

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- Our Truncation: LPA (no dressing), constant Yukawa coupling
- Yukawa coupling is approximately constant (from full calculation) below $\sim 1~\text{GeV}$ (Mitter, Pawlowski, Strodhoff Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 054035)
- Possible extensions: Field dependent Yukawa coupling and dressing functions change crossover temperature (Pawlowski, Rennecke Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) no.7, 076002 (Helmboldt, Pawlowski, Strodthoff Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) no.5, 054010)

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The phase diagram of the Quark-Meson model in the FRG so far

- Finite chemical potential ightarrow complex momenta $p_0
 ightarrow p_0 + i \mu$
- common approach: 3d regulators, leave p_0 direction unregularized \rightarrow can perform trace and get analytical expressions
- problem: why single out one direction?

solution: 4d regulators; best: some analytical smooth cutoff function (fermionic:) (Fister, Pawlowski Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) no.7, 076009, Pawlowski, Strodthoff Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) no.9, 094009)



Effective scales in the FRG

- assume a theory with regulators evaluated at scale k. Now assume the same theory always at c k → FRG only tells us that it is the same at k = 0. What happens in between? What if we have a mixed theory with both?
- Likely scenario: completely different regulators for bosons and fermions depending on the choices of Δm
- Solution: physical scales (Pawlowski Annals Phys. 322 (2007) 2831-2915, Pawlowski, Scherer, Schmidt, Wetzel arXiv:1512.03598)
- map physical scales onto each other (applicable for mixed theories)

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}^{d}} &= \max_{p} \left| G(p) \right| \bigg|_{m=0} \\ k_{\text{eff}}^{\text{bos}} \left(\tilde{k} \right) \stackrel{!}{=} k_{\text{eff}}^{\text{ferm}} \left(k \right) \end{split}$$

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Effective scales



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The phase diagram of the QM model 3d vs. 4d

Comparison of LPA (no wavefunction-renormalization factors) results for 3d and 4d $\,$



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The Polyakov-Quark-Meson model

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- Quark-Meson model does not show confinement, no gauge fields taken into account
- Order Parameter for confinement: expectation value of Polyakov loop

$$\begin{split} L[A_0] &= \frac{1}{N} \mathrm{Tr}_f \; \left[\mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_0^\beta dx_0 A_0(x_0, \vec{x})} \right] \\ \langle L[A_0] \rangle \; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = 0 \; \mathrm{confined} \\ > 0 \; \mathrm{deconfined} \end{array} \right. \end{split}$$

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The Polyakov Loop part II

Different order parameter L [(A₀)] : Go to Polyakov gauge (A₀ depends on x only and is rotated into Cartan)

$$L[A_0] = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr}_f e^{g\beta A_0} = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr}_f e^{2\pi i \varphi}$$

- Single out expectation value of A₀ from minimum of effective potential V (A₀)
- Jensen inequality:

 $\langle L[A_0] \rangle \leq L[\langle A_0 \rangle]$

• Which order parameter should we use? (Herbst, Luecker, Pawlowski arXiv:1510.03830)

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Including the Polyakov loop into the model

- How to include confinement into the QM model? Use background potential. (Schaefer, Pawlowski, Wambach Phys.Rev. D76 (2007) 074023, Herbst, Pawlowski, Schaefer Phys.Lett. B696 (2011) 58-67)
- explicit appearance of A₀ via covariant derivative in our equations, use L[(A₀)]
- Perturbative potential known (Weiss Phys.Rev. D24 (1981) 475, Gross, Pisarski, Yaffe Rev.Mod.Phys. 53 (1981) 43)
- Non-perturbative potential from fit, $\varphi = \beta g A_0 / 2\pi$ (Herbst, Luecker, Pawlowski arXiv:1510.03830, Fister, Pawlowski Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) 045010)

$$V_{SU(2)}(\varphi) = a(T)V_W(\varphi) + b(T)V_W^2(\varphi)$$
$$V_{SU(N)} = \sum_{\text{adj.EV}} V_{SU(2)}(\varphi)$$
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Backreaction

- Backreaction of quarks on the gauge sector
- Rescaling of reduced temperatures mimics backreaction (Haas, Stiele, Braun, Pawlowski, Schaffner-Bielich Phys.Rev. D87 (2013) no.7, 076004 , Herbst, Mitter, Pawlowski, Schaefer, Stiele Phys.Lett. B731 (2014) 248-256)



 TODO: fix scales between background potential and our computations, e.g. via T_c in the chiral limit, deconfinement and chiral critical temperatures should coincide (Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawlowski

Phys.Rev.Lett. 106 (2011) 022002)

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Chiral and deconfinement crossover at vanishing density



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- 1. necessity of effective scales for mixed theories
- 2. phase diagram of QM model with 4d reg. \rightarrow necessary for quantitative full QCD calculations
- 3. Background potential of the gauge field instead of the Polyakov loop variable should be used

Outlook: PQM at finite μ in progress

Thank you for your attention.

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