Phase Structure & Dynamics of QCD a functional perspective

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adapted from GSI

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2. Understanding the **fundamental properties** of strongly interacting matter from its **microscopic description**

Hadron spectrum

pole masses, decay constants, form factors, scattering amplitudes,...

Realtime observables

elementary spectral functions, transport coefficients...



Difficult to obtain in Euclidean approaches due to analytic continuation • 2

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Functional approaches

- Dyson-Schwinger equations (DSE)
- n-particle irreducible methods (nPl)
 Functional Renormalization Group (FRG)

use relations between off-shell Green's functions

e.g. quark propagator DSE



- Complementary to the lattice
- ✓ No sign problem
- ✓ Calculation of realtime observables
- Effective models incorporated

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Functional Renormalization Group (FRG)



Dynamical Hadronization



gluon

ghost

quark

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QCD Phase Structure

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Aim: Quantitative framework for continuum QCD fundamental parameters of QCD as only input parameters

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Quark propagator (T=0)

Quenched quark propagator

From the full matter system using quenched gluon propagator as only input



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Truncation

Vertex expansion: systematic expansion in terms of 1PI vertices

Perturbative relevance counting no longer valid



Gluon propagator (T=0)

Pure YM gluon propagator

From a self-consistent solution of the transversal 2-,3- and 4-point functions

 $\Gamma^{\mu\nu}_{A^2}(p) = Z_A(p)p^2\Pi^{\mu\nu}_T(p)$



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Unquenched propagators

Unquenched gluon and quark propagators

From the solution of the coupled matter-glue system



Cyrol, Mitter, Pawlowski, NSt in prep

✓ Everything in place for first quantitative results of the full system at finite T and µ
 ✓ Stay tuned for fluctuation observables...

Realtime observables

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Alternative: analytic continuation on the level of the functional equation

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- Floerchinger JHEP 1205 (2012) 021
- Strauss, Fischer, Kellermann PRL 109 (2012) 252001

Here Minkowski external momenta appears as external parameters



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Summary

- ✓ Directly calculated spectral functions
- ✓ Tested in scalar and Yukawa models at T, μ >0
- Allows the inclusion of full momentum dependence > NSt, in prep
- **Quark & gluon spectral functions in full QCD**



Transport Coefficients

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Finite number of diagrams involving full propagators/vertices



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Summary

QCD phase structure

towards a quantitative continuum approach to QCD

- ✓ Quantitative grip on fluctuation physics in the vacuum
- finite temperature and density
- Nuclear matter; nuclear binding energy...

Realtime observables

Elementary spectral functions

new approach to analytical continuation problem

- tested in low energy eff. models (O(N), QM model)
- vector meson, quark & gluon, charmonium spectral functions

> Transport Coefficients

from loop expansion involving full propagators and vertices

- Global quantitative prediction for η /s in YM theory
- Full QCD, bulk viscosity, relaxation times

Thank you for your attention!



Chiral symmetry breaking

χSB <-> resonance in 4-Fermi int. (pion pole)

β-function:



Review: Braun J.Phys. G39 (2012) 033001



4-Fermi Interactions



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- Bosonizing the σ - π channel only is sufficient
- In the vacuum: other channels not quantitatively relevant

YM running couplings





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Direct sum:
$$\frac{\eta}{s}(T) = \frac{a}{\alpha_s (cT/T_c)^{\gamma}} + \frac{b}{(T/T_c)^{\delta}}$$
$$\gamma = 1.6 \quad a = 0.15 \quad b = 0.14 \quad c = 0.66 \quad \delta = 5.1$$

High T: consistent with HTL-resummed pert. Theory (fixing γ) supporting quasiparticle picture

Small T: algebraic decay glueball resonance gas

η /s in QCD

From YM to QCD in three simple steps

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 T_{min} =1.3 T_{c} Value: 0.17

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Workflow ...towards 1-click QCD

