The QCD equation of state at finite density, from lattice to neutron stars

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Robust constraints on the Equation of state from:

• Lattice QCD, for $T\geq 130$ MeV.

Constraints from IQCD:

- The Interaction measure, thermodynamics at $\mu_B=0$
- Derivatives of the pressure wrt μ_B . Expansion into finite real μ_B .
- Calculations at imaginary μ .



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- **JS** and S. Schramm, Phys. Lett. B **736**, 241-245 (2014)

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- $\bullet\,$ Still missing the important region. Extension to finite temperature $\to\,$ New degrees of freedom.



The strategy: A phenomenological approach

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- Possibly new analysis methods that combine many observables and statistical / machine learning methods.

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- Chiral symmetry for hadrons via nucleon parity partners: Describes nuclear matter and lattice phenomenology.
- Effective masses for baryons: $m_{i\pm}^* = \sqrt{\left[(g_{\sigma i}^{(1)}\sigma + g_{\zeta i}^{(1)}\zeta)^2 + (m_0 + n_{\rm s}m_{\rm s})^2\right] \pm g_{\sigma i}^{(2)}\sigma \pm g_{\zeta i}^{(2)}\zeta}$.

$$U_{\rm sc} = \frac{1}{2}m_{\sigma}^2\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_{\zeta}^2\zeta^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_0I_2 - k_1I_2^2 - k_2I_4 + k_6I_6 + m_{\pi}^2f_{\pi}\sigma + \left(\sqrt{2}m_{\rm K}^2f_{\rm K} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}m_{\pi}^2f_{\pi}\right)\zeta - k_4\log(\frac{\sigma^2\zeta}{\sigma_0^2\zeta_0})$$
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Effective $SU(3)_f$ chiral mean field model based on:

• Deconfined quarks and gluons via effective Polyakov Loop potential and removal of hadrons via excluded volume.

$$\Omega_q = -VT \sum_{i \in Q} \frac{d_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \frac{1}{N_c} \ln\left(1 + 3\Phi e^{-\left(E_i^* - \mu_i^*\right)/T} + 3\bar{\Phi}e^{-2\left(E_i^* - \mu_i^*\right)/T} + e^{-3\left(E_i^* - \mu_i^*\right)/T}\right)$$

$$U_{\rm Pol}(\Phi,\bar{\Phi},T) = -\frac{1}{2}a(T)\Phi\bar{\Phi} + b(T)\log[1 - 6\Phi\bar{\Phi} + 4(\Phi^3 + \bar{\Phi}^3) - 3(\Phi\bar{\Phi})^2], a(T) = a_0T^4 + a_1T_0T^3 + a_2T_0^2T^2, b(T) = b_3T_0^4$$



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- Interesting effects in supernova and cooling curve: What is the role of the parity partners and quarks in the cooling?

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- In short: what is really measured are fluctuations and correlations in momentum space.
- The downsides of hadrons: freeze-out and rescattering wash out signals
- Implementation of EoS for the fully dynamical description from pre-equilibrum to freeze-out necessary

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Distinct differences CMF with or without a phase transition

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Indeed di-lepton emission shows a significant effect

- A simulation for Au+Au at the current SIS18 beam energy.
- A factor 2 enhancement of di-lepton emission due to extended 'cooking'.



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- Low beam energy HIC $E_{lab} = 600A$ MeV, can be compared to NS merger simulations.
- Both simulations now use the CMF EoS, so a direct comparison is possible!



First results show that BNSM create systems with entropy per baryon $\approx 2-3$, comparable to $E_{lab} < 1A~{\rm GeV}~{\rm HIC}.$

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- Treat both on the same footing \rightarrow Combining QCD thermodynamics, relativistic fluid dynamics and GR.
- Use statistical/ML methods to combine the wealth of data for a consistent picture of the QCD phase diagram.