# Quark confinement and chiral symmetry breaking

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# Outline

• Phase diagram of QCD

• Confinement-Deconfinement phase transition

• Chiral symmetry breaking

Summary & Outlook



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Order parameter  $\sim '\langle q \rangle'$   $\Phi = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta F_{q\bar{q}}(\infty)}$ • Confinement:  $\Phi = 0$ • Deconfinement:  $\Phi \neq 0$  $\Phi$  Polyakov loop

 $\sqrt{\Phi} = \frac{1}{3} \langle \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp\{ig \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 A_0\} \rangle$ 





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# Chiral symmetry breaking

Continuum methods (Functional RG-flows)



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Continuum methods & lattice



• dual order parameter for confinement

Gattringer et al '06, Wipf et al '07, Fischer '09

Braun, Haas, Marhauser, JMP '09; Fischer, Mueller '09 (in preparation)

# Chiral phase diagram



Karsch et al. '03

# Critical point



PNJL: Meisinger et al '03, Fukushima '03, Ratti et al '06, Megias et al '06, Sasaki et al '06, ...

M. Stephanov '07

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Strategy: tune  $m_q$  for 2nd-order P.T. at  $\mu = 0$ , then turn on infinitesimal  $\mu$ Does the transition become 1rst-order (left) or crossover (right)? Answer: little change ( $\rightarrow$  surface almost vertical)

2007: measure 
$$\delta B_4$$
 under  $\delta \mu^2 \rightarrow \text{crossover}$ :  $\frac{m_c(\mu)}{m_c(0)} = 1 - 3.3(5) \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T}\right)^2$ 

de Forcrand et al '07

Polyakov - Quark-Meson model

Schaefer, JMP, Wambach '07



lattice data taken from Ali Khan et al. (CP-PACS), Phys. Rev. D 64 (2001)

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• Phase diagram of QCD

• interrelation between confinement & chiral symmetry breaking

• finite density QCD & non-equilibrium