### Phases of Strongly Interacting Matter



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**Emergence** of **Structures** (Hadrons, Nuclei, Neutron Stars) in **Quantum Chromodynamics** (**QCD**)

Symmetries, Scales & Symmetry Breaking Patterns

#### **QCD** Phase Diagram

- Confinement / Deconfinement Transition
- Chiral Symmetry and QCD Interface with Nuclear Physics
- New Constraints from Neutron Stars

in memoriam Professor Alfredo Molinari (1936-2014)

### from **Quarks** and **Gluons** to **Nuclei** and **Neutron Stars**



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Quarks spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
U up	0.003	2/3
<b>d</b> down	0.005	-1/3
<b>C</b> charm	1.3	2/3
<b>S</b> strange	0.1	-1/3
t top	<b>17</b> 4	2/3
<b>b</b> bottom	4.3	-1/3





1. Introductory preview :

# What do we know about the PHASES of QCD?





# PHASES and STRUCTURES of QCD



#### PHASES and STRUCTURES of QCD - facts and visions -



## Strategies PART I: Heavy-Ion Physics

#### High Energy Nuclear Collisions @ CERN/SPS, RHIC, LHC



# Strategies PART II: Astrophysical Observations

to

Constraints on Equation of State of baryonic matter at HIGH DENSITY and LOW TEMPERATURE







**Neutron Stars** 





Strategies PART III: Lattice QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{QCD}} = \overline{\psi} \left( i \gamma_{\mu} \mathcal{D}^{\mu} - \mathbf{m} \right) \psi - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu}$$

Large-scale computer simulations on

### **EUCLIDEAN SPACE-TIME** Lattices

Euclidean

time  $\tau$ 

Euclidean time  $\hat{=}$  inverse temperature

 $au = \mathbf{1}/\mathbf{T}$ 

quarks on lattice sites

gluon fields on links

### **QCD THERMODYNAMICS**

Partition function

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int [\mathbf{d}\mathcal{U}\,\mathbf{d}\psi\,\mathbf{d}\overline{\psi}]\,\mathbf{e}^{-\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{G}}(\mathcal{U}) - \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{q}}(\psi,\overline{\psi},\mathcal{U})}$$



Non-perturbative "condensed matter physics" of QCD



Space  $\vec{x}$ 









Hierarchy of **QUARK MASSES** in **QCD** 





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#### LATTICE QCD THERMODYNAMICS: CHIRAL and DECONFINEMENT TRANSITIONS



#### chiral and deconfinement

crossover transitions appear to be closely connected

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# Spontaneously Broken CHIRAL SYMMETRY





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# **QCD** and the ORIGIN of **MASS**

#### HOW does the PROTON get its mass ? (NOT from Higgs !!)



### Nucleon Mass from Lattice QCD

Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal Collaboration

Science 322 (2008) 1224



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# **PIONS** and **NUCLEI** in the context of **LOW-ENERGY QCD**

- CONFINEMENT of quarks and gluons in hadrons
- Spontaneously broken CHIRAL SYMMETRY

#### LOW-ENERGY QCD:

Effective Field Theory of weakly interacting Nambu-Goldstone Bosons (PIONS) representing QCD at (energy and momentum) scales  $\mathbf{Q} << 4\pi \, \mathbf{f}_{\pi} \sim \, 1 \, \mathrm{GeV}$ 





# CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

- Systematic framework at interface of QCD and Nuclear Physics
- Interacting systems of
   PIONS (light / fast) and NUCLEONS (heavy / slow):

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi}(U, \partial U) + \mathcal{L}_{N}(\Psi_{N}, U, ...)$$

$$U(x) = \exp[i\tau_a \pi_a(x)/f_\pi]$$

Construction of Effective Lagrangian: Symmetries











# NUCLEAR MATTER and QCD PHASES



- NN distance:
- energy per nucleon:
- compression modulus:

 $egin{aligned} k_F &\simeq 1.4~fm^{-1} \sim 2m_\pi \ d_{NN} &\simeq 1.8~fm \simeq 1.3~m_\pi^{-1} \ E/A &\simeq -16~MeV \ K &= (260 \pm 30)~MeV &\sim 2m_\pi \end{aligned}$ 



# **Nuclear Forces**

- recent developments -



# NUCLEAR INTERACTIONS from CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

Weinberg

Bedaque & van Kolck

Bernard, Epelbaum, Kaiser, Meißner; ...



Systematically organized HIERARCHY

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# Important pieces of the CHIRAL NUCLEON-NUCLEON INTERACTION



N. Kaiser, S. Gerstendörfer, W.W. Nucl. Phys. A 637 (1998) 395

#### **CENTRAL ATTRACTION** from **TWO-PION EXCHANGE**



#### Van der WAALS - like force

$$\mathbf{V_c}(\mathbf{r}) \propto -rac{\exp[-2\mathbf{m_\pi r}]}{\mathbf{r^6}} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{m_\pi r})$$

... at intermediate and long distance

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### CHIRAL DYNAMICS and the NUCLEAR MANY-BODY PROBLEM

N. Kaiser, S. Fritsch, W.W. (2002 - 2005)

Small energy scales:

rgy, momentum, 
$$~~\mathbf{m}_{\pi},~~\mathbf{k_F}<<4\pi f_{\pi}\sim 1\,GeV$$

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- PIONS and NUCLEONS as explicit degrees of freedom
- IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY











# NUCLEAR MATTER



Recent review: J.W. Holt, N. Kaiser, W.W.: Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 73 (2013) 35

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# NUCLEAR THERMODYNAMICS





S. Fritsch, N. Kaiser, W.W.: Nucl. Phys. A 750 (2005) 259

# NUCLEAR LIQUID-GAS TRANSITION

#### from multifragmentation measurements in heavy-ion collisions









... determined almost entirely by





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# COLD NEUTRON MATTER

In-medium chiral effective field theory (3-loop) with resummation of short distance contact terms (large nn scattering length,  $a_s = 19 \text{ fm}$ )



- agreement with sophisticated many-body calculations
  - (e.g. recent Quantum Monte Carlo computations)

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# 4. Outlooks: New Constraints from NEUTRON STARS



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#### **Neutron Star Scenarios**



#### **NEUTRON STARS** and the EQUATION OF STATE of **DENSE BARYONIC MATTER**

J. Lattimer, M. Prakash: Astrophys. J. 550 (2001) 426 Phys. Reports 442 (2007) 109

**Mass-Radius Relation** 





### New constraints from 2-solar-mass NEUTRON STARS





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# New constraints from NEUTRON STARS



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 $\mathbf{M} = 1.97 \pm 0.04~M_{\odot}$ 

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J.Antoniadis et al. Science 340 (2013) 6131



PSR J0348+0432

 $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{2.01} \pm \mathbf{0.04} \,\, \mathrm{M_{\odot}}$ 





### NEUTRON STAR MATTER





# **NEUTRON STAR MATTER**

Mass - Radius Relation

In-medium Chiral Effective Field Theory Active degrees of freedom: nucleons, pions Chiral two- and three-body interactions



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### **NEUTRON STAR Equation of State**

conventional nuclear vs. quark degrees of freedom

Chiral Effective Field Theory vs. Polyakov - Nambu - Jona-Lasinio model



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### **NEUTRON STAR MATTER** Equation of State

- In-medium Chiral Effective Field Theory (reproducing thermodynamics of normal nuclear matter)
- 3-flavor PNJL (chiral quark) model at high densities (incl. **strange** quarks)



#### **Densities and Scales in Compressed Baryonic Matter**



# CONCLUSIONS

Systematic approach at the interface of **QCD** and the physics of **hadrons**, **nuclei** and **nuclear forces** :

#### **Chiral Effective Field Theory**

- New constraints from neutron stars for the equation-of-state of dense & cold baryonic matter :
  - Mass radius relation: stiff equation of state required ! No ultrahigh densities (  $ho_{core} \lesssim 5 
    ho_0$  )
  - "Conventional" (non-exotic) EoS works remarkably well (nuclear effective field theory + advanced many-body methods)
- "The constraints strongly suggest that the compact objects ... are really **neutron stars** and not ... quark stars." (J.Trümper)





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