

Pseud critical temperature in $N_f = 2$ full QCD

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In order to obtain predictions for the real world from lattice QCD, we have to extrapolate the lattice data to the continuum and to the chiral limits. Recently the Bielefeld group [1] and the CP-PACS collaboration [2] using different fermion actions obtained consistent values for the critical temperature T_c in the chiral limit, albeit on rather coarse lattices at $N_t = 4$ and 6. Edwards and Heller [3] determined T_c for $N_t = 4, 6$ using nonperturbatively improved Wilson fermions. We compute T_c on finer lattices with $N_t = 8$ and 10 with high statistics.

We use non-perturbatively improved Wilson fermions with c_{sw} was calculated in [4] and Wilson action. Configurations are generated on $16^3 \cdot 8$ and $24^3 \cdot 10$ lattices at various parameters. We use results obtained at $T=0$ to fix the scale. The contour plot of lines of constant r_0/a and m_π/m_ρ is shown in Ref. [5]. The Polyakov loop susceptibility is used to determine T_c . We get values for T_c : $T_c=196(4)\text{MeV}(m_\pi/m_\rho=0.64(3), a/r_0=0.201(4))$, $T_c=210(4)\text{MeV}(m_\pi/m_\rho=0.77(3), a/r_0=0.234(4))$, $T_c=219(3)\text{MeV}(m_\pi/m_\rho=0.81(4), a/r_0=0.225(4))$. At small enough lattice spacing and quark mass one can extrapolate T_c to the continuum and the chiral limits using formula:

$$T_c r_0 = T_c^0 r_0 + C_a \left(\frac{a}{r_0}\right)^2 + C_q \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} - \frac{1}{\kappa_c}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta\delta}},$$

where T_c^0 corresponds to the extrapolated value of T_c and β and δ are critical indices. We make an attempt to fit four values for $T_c r_0$ (see Table 1), obtained at rather large quark masses, to estimate the parameters in this extrapolation expression.

$T_c r_0$	a/r_0	β	κ_t	L_t
0.50(1)	0.201(4)	5.2	0.1354	10
0.53(1)	0.234(4)	5.2	0.1345	8
0.56(1)	0.225(4)	5.25	0.1341	8
0.57(2)	0.29(1)	5.2	0.1330	6

Table 1: Available data for $T_c r_0$.

$\frac{1}{\beta\delta}$	$T_c r_0$	C_a	C_q	χ^2/dof
0.54	0.44(2)	-0.9(5)	0.5(1)	0.26
1	0.51(3)	-1.3(7)	0.9(2)	0.13

Table 2: Fitting results.

We extrapolate the value of the critical temperature using different values of 0.54 and 1 as $1/\beta\delta$. If the transition in two-flavor QCD is second order, the transition is expected to belong to the universality class of the 3D $O(4)$ spin model with $1/\beta\delta \approx 0.54$. If the transition is first order, then $1/\beta\delta=1$. Table 2 presents fitting results. We get the critical temperature in the continuum and in the chiral limits. In the case of $1/\beta\delta=0.54$, $T_c^0 = 174(8)\text{MeV}$. This value agrees with values obtained in Refs.[1, 2]. In the case of $1/\beta\delta=1$, $T_c^0 = 201(12)\text{MeV}$. Although some lattice studies [1, 2] indicate second order chiral transition in two-flavor QCD, there are also results [6] supporting first order transition. Results of our fits do not allow to discriminate between first and second order transitions because of rather large errors in $T_c r_0$ values. We are continuing simulations on $24^3 \cdot 10$ lattice to get better precision of T_c value on this lattice.

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