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The QCD Equation of State

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The HotQCD Collaboration has calculated the equation of state in 2+1 flavor QCD at zero net baryon density using the Highly Improved Staggered Quark (HISQ) action. The strange quark mass was set to its physical value and the light (up/down) quark masses used correspond to a pion mass of 160 MeV in the continuum limit. Lattices with temporal extent $Nt=6, 8, 10$ and 12 were used, and the cutoff effects for $Nt>6$ were observed to be quite small. For temperatures in the range $130 \text{ MeV} < T < 400 \text{ MeV}$ continuum extrapolations were performed. We will discuss errors and compare our results with others in the literature.

Summary

We present recent results on the QCD Equation of State calculated with the HISQ action by the HotQCD Collaboration.

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