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Search for the QCD critical point with fluctuations of conserved charges in HIC



Can this non-monotonic behavior be understood in terms of the QCD thermodynamics in equilibrium?

What is the relation of the observed phenomenon to the critical behavior of QCD phase transition?

HADES, Preliminary SQM 16 |y|<0.2 STAR data: X.F. Luo, 1503.02558, X.F. Luo and N. Xu, 1701.02105

QCD transition with m_{π} =140 MeV at μ_{B} =0/√s_{NN} ≥200 GeV



QCD transition with $m_{\pi} = 140 \text{ MeV}$ at $\mu_B = 0/\sqrt{s_{NN}} \gtrsim 200 \text{ GeV}$



Higher precision in the continuum limit: $T_{pc} = 156.5(1.5)MeV$

QCD phase diagram



- Solutions $\mu_{\rm B}=0$
- Solve EoS at $\mu_{\rm B}$ =/=0
- Constrains on the CEP & comparison to HIC data

QCD phase structure in the quark mass plane

columbia plot, PRL 65(1990)2491



HTD, F. Karsch, S. Mukherjee, 1504.05274

RG arguments:

Critical lines of second order transition N_f=2: O(4) universality class N_f=3: Z(2) universality class

> F. Wilczek, IJMPA 7(1992) 3911,6951 K. Rajagopal & F. Wilczek, NPB 399 (1993) 395 Gavin, Gocksch & Pisarski, PRD 49 (1994) 3079

- The value of tri-critical point (m^{tri}_s) ?
- The location of 2^{nd} order Z(2) lines ?
- The influence of criticalities to the thermodynamics at the physical point ?

QCD transitions at the physical point









de Forcrand & Philipsen, '07 7 /24

chiral phase transition in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



mass region: $200 \text{ MeV} \gtrsim m_{\pi} \gtrsim 80 \text{ MeV}$

chiral phase transition in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



B=3: crossover

B=1.604: 2nd order phase transition with Z(2) universality class

B=1: 1st order phase transition

chiral phase transition in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



No evidence of a first order phase transition

Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU, Phys.Rev. D 95 (2017) no.7, 074505

Chiral phase transition in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



disconnected chiral susceptibility

Close to Z(2) phase transition line:

$$\chi_{q,disc}^{max} \sim (m - m_c)^{1/\delta - 1}$$

Chiral phase transition in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



critical quark mass $m_c \sim 0.0004 \implies m_\pi^c \lesssim 50 \text{MeV}$

Chiral phase transition region in Nf=3 QCD at $\mu_B=0$



1st order chiral phase transition seem to be not much relevant for thermodynamics at the physical point

How about the 2nd order O(4) transition line?

Universal behavior of chiral phase transition $_{\rm m}^3$ in N_f=2+1 QCD at $\mu_{\rm B}$ =0

Behavior of the free energy close to critical lines

 $f(m,T)=h^{1+1/\delta} f_s(z) + f_{reg}(m,T),$

h: external field, t: reduced temperature, β , δ : universal critical exponents

$M = -\partial f(t,h) / \partial h = h^{1/\delta} f_G(z) + f_{reg}(t,h)$





h ~ m; t ~ T-T_c $f_G(z)$: O(2) scaling functions QCD: SU(2)xSU(2) \approx O(4)

Some evidence of O(N) scaling for chiral phase transition

 $z=t/h^{1/\beta\delta}$

Ongoing analyses with Nt=8,12 towards continuum limit

S.-T. Li(李胜泰), Lattice 2016, Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU, PoS LATTICE2016 (2017) 372

Baryon number fluctuations according to 3-d O(4) universality class



Lattice simulations at nonzero μ_B

Taylor expansion of the QCD pressure:

Allton et al., Phys.Rev. D66 (2002) 074507 Gavai & Gupta et al., Phys.Rev. D68 (2003) 034506

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V, \hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\mu}_d, \hat{\mu}_s) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{BQS}}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

Faylor expansion coefficients at μ =0 are computable in LQCD

fluctuations of
conserved charges:
$$\chi^{BQS}_{ijk} \equiv \chi^{BQS}_{ijk}(T) = \frac{1}{VT^3} \frac{\partial P(T,\hat{\mu})/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}^i_B \partial \hat{\mu}^j_Q \partial \hat{\mu}^k_S}\Big|_{\hat{\mu}=0}$$

Figure Formodynamic quantities can be obtained using relations, e.g.

$$\frac{\epsilon - 3p}{T^4} = T \frac{\partial P/T^4}{\partial T} = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{T \,\mathrm{d}\chi_{ijk}^{BQS}/\mathrm{d}T}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

Truncation effects of pressure in HRG

Pressure of hadron resonance gas (HRG)

$$P(T, \mu_B) = P_M(T) + P_B(T, \hat{\mu}_B)$$

= $P_M(T) + P_B(T, 0) + P_B(T, 0)(\cosh(\hat{\mu}_B) - 1)$

10 0.5 $(\Delta P)_n/P_B(T,0)$ $1-(\Delta P)_n / (\Delta P)_\infty$ 9 Truncate the Taylor 0.4 8 expansion at (2n)-th order: 0.3 7 n=∞ 0.2 $(\Delta P)_n = \left(P_B(T, \mu_B) - P_B(T, 0) \right)_n$ 6 0.1 5% 5 0 1.5 2 2.5 0.5 $=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\chi_{2k}^{B,HRG}(T)}{(2k)!} \hat{\mu}_{B}^{2k}$ 0 1 4 х=μ_В/Т 3 $\simeq P_B(T,0) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k)!} \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$ 2 1 x=μ_B/T 0 0.5 1.5 2 2.5 3 0

Radius of convergence from HRG is infinity

Pressure of QCD at $\mu_B = /= 0$

$$\mu_{Q} = \mu_{S} = 0: \qquad \Delta(P/T^{4}) = \frac{P(T, \mu_{B}) - P(T, 0)}{T^{4}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{2n}^{B}(T)}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\mu_{B}}{T}\right)^{2n} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \chi_{2}^{B}(T) \hat{\mu}_{B}^{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\chi_{4}^{B}(T)}{\chi_{2}^{B}(T)} \hat{\mu}_{B}^{2} + \frac{1}{360} \frac{\chi_{6}^{B}(T)}{\chi_{2}^{B}(T)} \hat{\mu}_{B}^{4} + \cdots \right)$$

LO expansion coefficient variance of net-baryon number distri.

NLO expansion coefficient kurtosis * variance



Pressure of QCD at $\mu_B = /= 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(P/T^4) &= \frac{P(T,\mu_B) - P(T,0)}{T^4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{2n}^B(T)}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \chi_2^B(T) \hat{\mu}_B^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\chi_4^B(T)}{\chi_2^B(T)} \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \frac{1}{360} \frac{\chi_6^B(T)}{\chi_2^B(T)} \hat{\mu}_B^4 + \cdots \right) \end{aligned}$$

NNLO expansion coefficient

 $\mu_Q = \mu_S = 0$:

PQM with O(4) symmetry

B. Friman et al., EPJC71 (2011) 1694



Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU, Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.5, 054504

Pressure and baryon number density in the strangeness neutral case



The EoS is well under control at $\mu_B/T \leq 2$ or $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 12$ GeV

Consistent results obtained using analytic continuations from the imaginary mu ^{Wuppertal-Budapest-Houston:} EPJ Web Conf. 137(2017) 07008



A QCD critical point is disfavored at µ_B/T≲ 2 at T≳135 MeV

A. Bazavov, HTD et al., [Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU], Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.5, 054504

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Explore the QCD phase diagram through fluctuations of conserved charges

Comparison of experimentally measured higher order cumulants of conserved charges to those from LQCD, e.g.:

$$\frac{M_Q(\sqrt{s})}{\sigma_Q^2(\sqrt{s})} = \frac{\langle N_Q \rangle}{\langle (\delta N_Q)^2 \rangle} = \frac{\chi_1^Q(T,\mu_B)}{\chi_2^Q(T,\mu_B)} = R_{12}^Q(T,\mu_B)$$
$$\frac{S_Q(\sqrt{s}) \sigma_Q^3(\sqrt{s})}{M_Q(\sqrt{s})} = \frac{\langle (\delta N_Q)^3 \rangle}{\langle N_Q \rangle} = \frac{\chi_3^Q(T,\mu_B)}{\chi_1^Q(T,\mu_B)} = R_{31}^Q(T,\mu_B)$$

HIC mean: M_Q variance: σ_Q² skewness: S_Q kurtosis: κ_Q

LQCD generalized susceptibilities

 $\chi_n^Q(T,\vec{\mu}) = \frac{1}{VT^3} \frac{\partial^n \ln Z(T,\vec{\mu})}{\partial (\mu_Q/T)^n}$

BNL-Bielefeld, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 192302 19/24

Cumulant ratios of proton (baryon) number fluctuations: HIC data v.s. Lattice results



HRG: $\chi_6^B/\chi_4^B = \chi_4^B/\chi_2^B = 1$, O(4) & LQCD: $\chi_6^B/\chi_2^B < 0$ at T~T_c

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BNL-Bielefeld-CCNU, PRD 93 (2016)014512

HIC: a function of M_p/σ_p^2 rather than $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

Lattice: $\mu_B \Leftrightarrow M_B/\sigma_B^2/R_{12}^{B,1}$, $R_{12}^B(T_f,\mu_B) \equiv \frac{M_B}{\sigma_B^2}(T_f,\mu_B) = \frac{\partial R_{12}^B}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B}\Big|_{\hat{\mu}_B=0} \hat{\mu}_B + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^3)$

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Conclusions

 \mathcal{M} The 2nd O(4) chiral phase transition seems more relevant to the thermodynamics at the physical point at vanishing baryon density

☑ EoS from Taylor expansions of QCD partition functions are now reliable in the region $\mu_B/T \le 2$ or $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \ge 12$ GeV

☑ Properties of cumulants measured in BES-I for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \gtrsim 20$ GeV clearly differs from HRG thermodynamics but are consistent to QCD thermodynamics close to the transition region

More that A QCD critical point is disfavored at µ_B/T≤ 2 at T≥135 MeV





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- S: Science
- **C**³: Color 3 -> QCD

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Thanks for your attention!

Outlook: Mapping out the QCD phase diagram

2019-2020: RHIC Beam Energy Scan, Phase II (BES-II)

at least 10 times more statistics for each small $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$

<mark>≥2021</mark>: NICA, ≥2024: FAIR, HIAF

LQCD:

higher accuracy for the 6th & 8th or even higher order Taylor exp. coeff. Imaginary chemical potential approach ...



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Beam Energy Scan at RHIC

√s _{NN} (GeV)	Events (10 ⁶)	BES II / BES I	Weeks	μ _B (MeV)	T _{CH} (MeV)
200	350	2010		25	166
62.4	67	2010		73	165
39	39	2010		112	164
27	70	2011		156	162
19.6	400 / 36	2019-20 / 2011	3	206	160
14.5	300 / 20	2019-20 / 2014	2.5	264	156
11.5	230 / 12	2019-20 / 2010	5	315	152
9.2	160 / 0.3	2019-20 / 2008	9.5	355	140
7.7	100 / 4	2019-20 / 2010	14	420	140

Courtesy of N. Xu

Theoretically it is crucial to know:

QCD Equation of State for µ_B/T≤3 Location of the transition and freeze out lines The possible location of CP or window of criticality

Conditions meet in heavy ion collisions Taylor expansion of the QCD pressure: ROS $\frac{p}{T^2}$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V, \hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\mu}_d, \hat{\mu}_s) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{DQS}}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

$$\mu_Q = \mu_s = 0$$
:

 $\frac{p}{T^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{2n}^B}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n}$ $\frac{p}{T^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi^B_{2n,\mathrm{SN}}}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^{2n}$

strangness neutral case:

Expand μ_Q and μ_S in terms of μ_B

$$\frac{\mu_Q}{T} = q_1 \frac{\mu_B}{T} + q_3 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^3 + \cdots, \quad \frac{\mu_S}{T} = s_1 \frac{\mu_B}{T} + s_3 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^3 + \cdots$$

With constrains from isospin symmetry etc., one can derive q_i and s_i order by order and then the pressure etc.

A. Bazavov, HTD et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012)192302

Line of constant physics to $O(\mu_B)$ and freeze-out

Parameterization: $T(\mu_B) = T(0)(1 - \kappa_2 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4))$



Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU, Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.5, 054504

curvature at constant b: $0.006 \le \kappa_2^b \le 0.012, \ b = P, \epsilon, s$

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curvature of transition line:

 $\kappa_2^t \approx 0.006 - 0.013$

Cea et al., PRD 93 (2016) no. 1, 014507 Bellwied et al., PLB 751 (2015) 559 Bonati, PRD 92 (2015) no. 5, 054503 Kaczmarek et al., PRD 83 (2011) 014504, Endrodi et al,, JHEP 1104 (2011) 001

curvature of freeze-out line:

 $\kappa_2^f \lesssim 0.011$

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