Chiral Thermodynamics in a box

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Conjectured QC₃D phase diagram



Experiment:



Theory:

- → Lattice: but simulations restricted to small µ
- → Functional QFT methods: FRG,DSE, nPI
- → Models: effective theories parameter dependency

Experiment: (non-equilibrium)

→ in a finite box (HBT radii: freeze-out vol. ~ 2000-3000 fm³) (UrQMD (\sqrt{s}): system vol. ~ 50 - 250 fm³)

Theoretical aim:

deeper understanding & more realistic HIC description

→ existence of critical end point(s)?

Non-trivial physical issues!



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complementary to



many open theoretical issues

to clarify \rightarrow long term project





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Lattice simulations:

QCD (short-ranged) with QED (long-ranged → truncated) corrections

→ violation Gauss's & Ampere's law

if EM gauge field subject to periodic boundary condition



finite volume Coulomb potential between two charges

[Davoudi, Savage 2014]



point charge at the center

circumvent this problem:

introduce uniform background charge density

similar to many-body physics

→ equivalent to

removing zero modes of the gauge field



Quantum Field Theory in a finite volume:

→ no spontaneous symmetry breaking

if only finite number of degrees of freedom

QCD:

[Gasser, Leutwyler 1988]

chiral condensate: non-perturbative phenomenon

e.g.

chiral symmetry

$$N_f = 2: SU(2) \times SU(2) \cong O(4)$$

 $O(4) \to O(3) \qquad \text{infinite volume} \\ \text{massless Goldstone Bosons}$

finite volume:

fluctuations of Goldstone bosons always restore symmetry



minimum: zero-momentum mode of the field

$$Z_2:\varphi\to-\varphi$$

probability of tunneling: $P_{\text{tunnel}} \sim e^{-L}$ exponentially suppressed with volume

 ${\cal O}(N)$ - case: rotation \clubsuit averaging to zero (no breaking)

infinite volume \rightarrow no tunneling \rightarrow symmetry broken



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<u>Thermodynamics on a torrus:</u> correlation length always finite → no real 2nd order phase transition criterion for phase transition: (generalized) susceptibilities → derivatives of order parameter reveal more details

derivatives of thermodynamic quantities ↔ fluctuations





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Fluctuation observables

***** generalized susceptibilities:

$$\chi_n = \left. \frac{\partial^n p(T,\mu)/T^4}{\partial (\mu/T)^n} \right|_T$$

Fluctuations of conserved charges

$$\begin{split} \delta Q_X &= Q_X - \langle Q_X \rangle \qquad X = Q, B, S, \dots \\ \text{mean value:} \quad \chi_1 \sim \langle Q \rangle \\ \chi_2 \sim \langle (\delta Q)^2 \rangle \end{split}$$

strong temperature & density

dependence of ratios

[BJS, M. Wagner 2012]

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Fluctuation observables



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Grand potential

Low energy QCD model: $\phi = (\sigma, \vec{\pi})$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left(\partial \!\!\!/ + g(\sigma + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi}\gamma_5) \right) \psi + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V_{\text{Meson}}(\phi)$$

Partition function:

$$\mathcal{Z}(T,\mu) = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\int d^4x \,\mathcal{L}(\bar{\psi},\psi,\phi)}$$

replace with (const.) condensate σ

Integration of quarks, neglect bosonic fluctuations: -> mean-field approximations MFA Integration of quarks and bosonic fluctuations: → renormalization group treatment FRG Grand potential (Polyakov-)quark-meson model (quark loop)

$$\begin{split} \Omega(T,\mu;\sigma) &= \Omega_{\rm vac} + \Omega_{\rm T} + V_{\rm MF}(\sigma) & (+\mathcal{U}_{\rm Poly}(\Phi) \) \\ & \overbrace{ -4 \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_q^2}} & {\rm Vacuum \ term: \ regularize \ e.g. \ sharp \ O(3)-momentum \ cutoff} \end{split}$$

regularize e.g. with



Infinite volume





Infinite volume

generalized susceptibilities



[A Juricic, BJS to be published]



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Higher cumulants



findings:



Fluctuations wash out phase transition \rightarrow broader negativer regions





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infinite volume: influence of fluctuations

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Longitudinal susceptibility:

$$\chi_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{m_{\sigma}^2} \sim \frac{\partial \langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{\partial m_q}$$

• periodic

× antiperiodic boundary conditions

Flow for sharp Litim regulator (not suitable for finite volume)

$$\partial_k U_k(T,L) \sim \mathcal{B}_\ell \cdot \partial_k U_k(T,\infty)$$
$$\mathcal{B}_\ell(k,L) = \frac{6\pi^2}{(kL)^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \Theta(k^2 - \vec{p}_\ell^2)$$

[Juricic, BJS in preparation]

→ use smeared regulator

[Fister, Pawlowski 2015]

[Tripolt, Braun, Klein, BJS 2012, 2014]

Vacuum meson masses

Thermodynamics on a torus

grand potential T=0 & µ>0:

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$$U^{\text{therm}} = 2N_c N_f \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3} (\mu - E_{q,\ell}) \Theta(\mu - E_{q,\ell})$$

for each mode: discontinuous jumps in potential

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movement of the CEP's

standard MFA (no vacuum fluctuations)

phase diagram without vacuum fluctuations

Vacuum fluctuations

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Summary & Conclusions

- effects of quantum and thermal fluctuations in a box comparison: sMFA, rMFA, RG
 - → fluctuations wash out the phase transition
- existence of critical points in phase diagram in finite volume
- crossover curvature changes in a box

