



Exploring the QCD Phase Diagram for a Signature of the Critical Point

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- 1. Introduction and Motivation (phase diagram, critical point, experimental and theoretical approaches)
- 2. The structure of the phase diagram(from 2nd order phase transition to crossover, from TCP to CEP)
- **3. A signature of the critical point** (model independent analysis and GN model calculation, measurements vs. predictions)
- 4. 3f-NJL model, more realistic(B,Q,S susceptibilities ...)
- 5. Summary





Phase transition/crossover within QCD



F. R. Brown, et al. PRL 1990 Full lattice QCD simulation

Because the relevant symmetry is explicitly broken by quark mass, symmetry arguments no longer imply the existence of a finite temperature phase transition.

K. Fukushima and T. Hatsuda Rep. Prog. Phys. 2010

Even no reliable information from the firstprinciple LQCD calculation, effective chiral models suggest a first order chiral phase transition in the large density region. 3





Phase Diagram of QCD



STAR white paper 2014, Studying the phase diagram of QCD matter at RHIC



Chemical freeze-out line VS.

QCD phase boundary, mapping



measurement VS. thermal equilibrium, singularity



Lattice and Experimental approaches





Sign Problem in Lattice: $det(D + m + \mu\gamma_0)^* = det(D + m - \mu^*\gamma_0)$,

Extrapolate from mu=0: $P(T,\mu) = P(T) + \frac{\mu^2}{2!} \chi^{(2)}(T) + \frac{\mu^4}{4!} \chi^{(4)}(T) + \cdots$ S. Gupta, Pos Lattice 2010 Shoot from imaginary: $\log Z(\mu_I) = a_0 - a_2 \mu_I^2 + a_4 \mu_I^4 + O(\mu_I^6)$. M. D'Elia, M-P, Lombardo, PRD 2003

Spin imbalanced Fermi gas on a lattice: Jens Braun, Jiunn-Wei Chen, JD, et al. PRL 2013

 $(m_3): \frac{\kappa\sigma}{S} = \frac{[B^4]}{[B^3]} = \frac{T\chi_B^{(4)}}{\chi_B^{(3)}}$









Divergence/singularity approaching CEP

Effective. Potential:
$$\Omega[\sigma] = \int d^3x \left[\frac{(\nabla \sigma)^2}{2} + \frac{m_{\sigma}^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 \right]$$

2-point correlator: $\langle \sigma(\mathbf{x})\sigma(0)\rangle \propto \int d^3r \frac{\exp[-\frac{r}{\xi}]}{r}$

Correlation length: $\xi = m_\sigma^{-1} \to \infty \ \ @ \ {\rm CEP}$

Critical opalescence (临界乳光) As the CP approached, the density begin to fluctuate over a large length scales, comparable to the wave length of light.





Why study CEP of QCD



Crucial in diagram, test QCD in non-perturbative region



in HIC. C. Nonaka and M. Asakawa, PRC 2005





Most difficult for momentum transport near CEP Roy A. Lacey, et al. PRL 2007

Slowing out of equilibrium near CEP B. Berdnikov and K. Rajagopal, PRD 2000



Higher moments are crucial in HIC



Maximum correlation length 2~3 fm (dynamical evolution, freeze out...)

 $\kappa_{2} = \langle \sigma_{0}^{2} \rangle = \frac{T}{V} \xi^{2}; \qquad \kappa_{3} = \langle \sigma_{0}^{3} \rangle = \frac{2\lambda_{3}T}{V} \xi^{6}; \\ \kappa_{4} = \langle \sigma_{0}^{4} \rangle_{c} \equiv \langle \sigma_{0}^{4} \rangle - 3 \langle \sigma_{0}^{2} \rangle^{2} = \frac{6T}{V} [2(\lambda_{3}\xi)^{2} - \lambda_{4}] \xi^{8}.$ Non-monotonic functions of the collision energy, higher moments more sensitive signature of CP. M. Stephanov, PRL 2009
Universally, sign change of Kurtosis indicate that CP is close. M. Stephanov, PRL 2011









Phase diagram with tri-critical point

Start with Landau-Ginzburg effective potential, with order parameter m.

long wavelength fluctuations, model-independent.

$$\Psi_{2nd} = a_0 + a_2 m^2 + a_4 m^4 + a_6 m^6 + \cdots$$

 μ

2nd order line follows: $a_2=0$





2nd order phase transition

1st order phase transition







Phase diagram with crossover and CEP

Effective potential for a crossover + critical end point





 λ_3 change sign across 1st order line

Crossover line $\rightarrow \lambda_3 = 0$?







From TCP to CEP

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{2nd} &= a_0 + a_2 m^2 + a_4 m^4 + a_6 m^6 + \text{a linear term} \\ \Psi_{crossover} &= a_0 + a_2 m^2 + a_4 m^4 + m^6 - \frac{\gamma}{\pi} m + \cdots \\ &\equiv \frac{m_{\sigma}^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 + \cdots \quad \sigma = m - m_0 \\ \text{CEP locates at: } \lambda_3 &= 0, \lambda_2 = 0 \\ a_4 &= -5a_6 m_0^2 \\ a_2 &= 15a_6 m_0^4 \\ \frac{\gamma}{\pi} &= 16a_6 m_0^5 \\ \text{M. Stephanov, K. Rajagopal, E. Shuryak PRD 1999} \\ \lambda_3 &= 0 \text{ follows} \begin{array}{c} a_2 &= 7a_6 m_0^4 + \frac{\gamma}{\pi} \frac{1}{m_0} \\ a_4 &= -5a_6 m_0^2 \\ a_4 &= -5a_6 m_0^2 \end{array} \end{split}$$





Phase diagram with Gross-Neveu model

GN model, relativistic, renormalizable, QCD like, 1+1D...









The line $\lambda_3 = 0$ does **NOT** lead the crossover line! but separates the positive and negative region of skewness, guides the negative region of kurtosis of the sigma field.











From phase diagram to observables



By coupling the critical sigma field with the number density, the fluctuation and the criticality will be transferred to the measurements M. Stephanov, PRL 2011

$$\langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle_c = \langle N \rangle + \left\langle \sigma_V^4 \right\rangle_c \left(\frac{gd}{T} \int_p \frac{n_p}{\gamma_p} \right)^4 + \cdots,$$

Most singular part¹⁵









Grand Canonical ensemble Effective potential: $\Omega(\mu, T, \sigma)$ Partition function: $Z = \int [d\sigma] \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega(T,\mu,\sigma)}{T}\right)$ $T\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu}\log Z = -\langle \frac{\partial \Omega[\mu, T, \sigma]}{\partial \mu} \rangle = -\langle \Omega' \rangle$ $T^{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \mu^{2}} \log Z = -T < \Omega'' > + \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma_{0})}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma}\right)^{2} \langle \delta \sigma^{2} \rangle$ $T^{3} \frac{\partial^{3}}{\partial \mu^{3}} \log Z = -T^{2} < \Omega''' > + \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma_{0})}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma}\right)^{3} \langle \delta \sigma^{3} \rangle + \cdots$ $T^{4} \frac{\partial^{4}}{\partial u^{4}} \log Z = -T^{3} < \Omega'''' > + \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma_{0})}{\partial u \partial \sigma}\right)^{4} \left(\langle \delta \sigma^{4} \rangle - 3 \langle \delta \sigma^{2} \rangle^{2}\right) + \cdots$ 3x How about the prefactors?







Effective potential $\Omega(\mu,T,\sigma)$

Gap equation: $\left. \frac{\partial \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma)}{\partial \sigma} \right|_{\sigma = \sigma_0(\mu, T)} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \sigma}(\mu, T, \sigma_0(\mu, T)) = 0$

Global minimum, gap equation satisfied for all T and mu

 $\frac{\partial^2 \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma_0)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma} + \frac{\partial^2 \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma_0)}{\partial \sigma^2} \frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \mu} = 0$ Prefactor: $\frac{\partial^2 \Omega(\mu, T, \sigma)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma} \Big|_{\sigma = \sigma_0(\mu, T)} \propto m_\sigma^2 \frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \mu} \propto \xi^{-2} \frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \mu}$

Correlation length dependence canceled in the singular parts. Singularity from correlation ==> singularity from discontinuity.



Tree level contribution





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Ratio of the number susceptibilities





There is a large region of negative m_2 , beginning at the critical point and opening up into the crossover region. The negative m_2 region overlaps with the "hadronic" phase near the critical point \rightarrow non-monotonic feature, sign change!





Comparison with m₂





Our model calculation are qualitatively agree with the lattice and HIC data, our results are reasonable.

Near the CEP, m_2 has a large peak and may change its sign. The shape and magnitude depend on how close the freeze out line to the CEP.

More information/other probes are needed to localize the CEP, how about m_1 ? ²¹



Comparing with STAR new data







Further study with 3f-NJL model



Effective $\Omega(T,\mu_u,\mu_d,\mu_s) = 2G\left(\sigma_u^2 + \sigma_d^2 + \sigma_s^2\right) - 4K\sigma_u\sigma_d\sigma_s + \sum_{f=u,d,s} \Omega_f(T,\mu_f;m_f),$ potential: $\Omega_f(T,\mu_f;m_f) = -2N_c \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[E_f \Theta(\Lambda^2 - \vec{p}^{\ 2}) + T \ln \left[1 + e^{-(E_f - \mu_f)/T} \right] + T \ln \left[1 + e^{-(E_f + \mu_f)/T} \right] \right].$ Flavor coupled: $E_f = \sqrt{m_f^2 + p^2}, \quad m_f = m_f^0 - 4G\sigma_f + 2K\sigma_{f'}\sigma_{f''}, \qquad f \neq f' \neq f'' \in \{u, d, s\}$

 $\chi_{2}^{ij} = \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\mu_{i}\partial\mu_{j}}\Big|_{\vec{\sigma}_{0}} - \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\mu_{i}\partial\sigma_{\alpha}}\Big|_{\vec{\sigma}_{0}} \left[\frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\sigma_{\beta}\partial\sigma_{\alpha}}\Big|_{\vec{\sigma}_{0}}\right]^{-1} \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\sigma_{\beta}\partial\mu_{j}}\Big|_{\vec{\sigma}_{0}}$



Susceptibilities with 3f-NJL model







Along hypothetical Freeze-out lines





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Singularity with Strangeness







Suppressed singularity







For mixing channels









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Another way to check, Example with 2nd

$$T^{2} \frac{d^{2}}{d\mu^{2}} \log Z = -Ta_{2}^{0} + (a_{1}^{1})^{2} < \delta\sigma^{2} > a_{k}^{n} = \frac{V}{n!} \frac{\partial^{k+n}\Omega}{\partial\mu^{k}\partial\sigma^{n}}$$
With $P(T,\mu) = -\Omega(T,\mu,\sigma_{0}) = -\frac{T}{V} \log Z$

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with gap equation: $\frac{\partial^{2}\Omega(\mu,T,\sigma_{0})}{\partial\mu\partial\sigma} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega(\mu,T,\sigma_{0})}{\partial\sigma^{2}} \frac{\partial\sigma_{0}}{\partial\mu} = 0$

$$\frac{d^{2}\Omega(\mu,T,\sigma_{0}(\mu,T))}{d\mu^{2}} = \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\mu^{2}}\Big|_{\sigma=\sigma_{0}(\mu,T)} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Omega}{\partial\sigma\partial\mu}\Big|_{\sigma=\sigma_{0}(\mu,T)} \frac{\partial\sigma_{0}(\mu,T)}{\partial\mu}$$

$$= \frac{1}{V}a_{2}^{0} - \frac{1}{V^{2}}\frac{(a_{1}^{1})^{2}}{m_{\sigma}^{2}} = \frac{1}{V}a_{2}^{0} - \frac{1}{VT}(a_{1}^{1})^{2}\langle\sigma_{0}^{2}\rangle$$
₃₄



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