BULK PROPERTIES OF STRONGLY INTERACTING MATTER RECENT RESULTS FROM LATTICE QCD

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QCD phase diagram



- Lattice QCD: analytic crossover at $\mu_B = 0$
- Effective models suggest the presence of a critical point
- \circ Experiments at lower collision energies explore higher μ_B region (BES @ RHIC)

Lattice QCD

- Best first principle-tool to extract predictions for the theory of strong interactions in the non-perturbative regime
- Uncertainties:
 - Statistical: finite sample, error $\sim 1/\sqrt{\text{sample size}}$
 - Systematic: finite box size, unphysical quark masses
- Given enough computer power, uncertainties can be kept under control
- Results from different groups, adopting different discretizations, converge to consistent results
- Unprecedented level of accuracy in lattice data

Low temperature phase: HRG model

Dashen, Ma, Bernstein; Prakash, Venugopalan, Karsch, Tawfik, Redlich

- Interacting hadronic matter in the ground state can be well approximated by a non-interacting resonance gas
- □ The pressure can be written as:

$$p^{HRG}/T^4 = \frac{1}{VT^3} \sum_{i \in mesons} \ln \mathcal{Z}^M_{m_i}(T, V, \mu_{X^a}) + \frac{1}{VT^3} \sum_{i \in baryons} \ln \mathcal{Z}^B_{m_i}(T, V, \mu_{X^a})$$

where

$$\ln \mathcal{Z}_{m_i}^{M/B} = \mp \frac{V d_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \ln(1 \mp z_i e^{-\varepsilon_i/T}) \quad ,$$

with energies $\varepsilon_i = \sqrt{k^2 + m_i^2}$, degeneracy factors d_i and fugacities

$$z_i = \exp\left(\left(\sum_a X_i^a \mu_{X^a}\right)/T\right)$$
.

 X^a : all possible conserved charges, including the baryon number B, electric charge Q, strangeness S.

Needs knowledge of the hadronic spectrum

High temperature limit

 QCD thermodynamics approaches that of a non-interacting, massless quark-gluon gas:

$$\left(\frac{P}{T^4}\right)_{\text{ideal}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{45} + \sum_{f=u,d,s} \left[\frac{7\pi^2}{60} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu_f}{T}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2}\left(\frac{\mu_f}{T}\right)^4\right]$$

- We can switch on the interaction and systematically expand the observables in series of the coupling g
- Resummation of diagrams (HTL) or dimensional reduction are needed, to improve convergence

Braaten, Pisarski (1990); Haque et al. (2014); Hietanen et al (2009)

At what temperature does perturbation theory break down?

QCD Equation of state at $\mu_B=0$





- EoS available in the continuum limit, with realistic quark masses
- Agreement between stout and HISQ action for all quantities

WB: S. Borsanyi et al., 1309.5258, PLB (2014) HotQCD: A. Bazavov et al., 1407.6387, PRD (2014) 5/36

Sign problem

The QCD path integral is computed by Monte Carlo algorithms which samples field configurations with a weight proportional to the exponential of the action

$$Z(\mu_B, T) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(e^{-\frac{H_{\mathrm{QCD}}-\mu_B N_B}{T}}\right) = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} \det M[U, \mu_B]$$

- □ detM[μ_B] complex → Monte Carlo simulations are not feasible
- We can rely on a few approximate methods, viable for small μ_B/T :
 - Taylor expansion of physical quantities around μ_B=0 (Bielefeld-Swansea collaboration 2002; R. Gavai, S. Gupta 2003)
 - Reweighting (complex phase moved from the measure to observables) (Barbour et al. 1998; Z. Fodor and S, Katz, 2002)
 - Simulations at imaginary chemical potentials (plus analytic continuation) (Alford, Kapustin, Wilczek, 1999; de Forcrand, Philipsen, 2002; D'Elia, Lombardo 2003)



 Expand the pressure in powers of µ_B

$$\frac{p(\mu_B)}{T^4} = c_0 + c_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2 + c_4 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^4 + c_6 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^6 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^8)$$

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WB: S. Borsanyi et al. 1607.02493 (2016)



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- Enables us to reach µ_B/T~2

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- Extract the isentropic trajectory that the system follows in the absence of dissipation
- Calculate the EoS along these constant S/N trajectories



QCD phase diagram



Curvature κ defined as:

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c(\mu=0)} = 1 - \kappa \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c(\mu_B)}\right)^2 + \lambda \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c(\mu_B)}\right)^4 \dots$$

Recent results:

$$\kappa=0.020(4)$$
P. Cea et al., 1508.07599

$$\kappa = 0.0135(20)$$

C. Bonati et al., 1507.03571 10/36

QCD phase diagram



• Transition at μ_B =0 is analytic crossover

WB: Aoki et al., Nature (2006)

- Transition temperature at μ_B =0: T_c~155 MeV
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 $\kappa=0.0149\pm0.0021$

WB: R. Bellwied et al., PLB (2015) 11/36

Evolution of a Heavy Ion Collision



- Chemical freeze-out: inelastic reactions cease: the chemical composition of the system is fixed (particle yields and fluctuations)
- Kinetic freeze-out: elastic reactions cease: spectra and correlations are frozen (free streaming of hadrons)
- Hadrons reach the detector

Hadron yields



- E=mc²: lots of particles are created
- Particle counting (average over many events)
- Take into account:
 - detector inefficiency
 - missing particles at low p_T
 - decays
- HRG model: test hypothesis of hadron abundancies in equilibrium

$$N_i = -T \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i V}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 \mathrm{d}p}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1} dx$$

The thermal fits



 Changing the collision energy, it is possible to draw the freeze-out line in the T, µB plane

- Fit is performed minimizing the X²
- Fit to yields: parameters T, µB, V
- Fit to ratios: the volume V cancels out



 $\mu_{\rm b}$ (MeV) _{14/36}

Fluctuations of conserved charges

Definition:

$$\chi^{BSQ}_{lmn} = \frac{\partial^{\,l+m+n} p/T^4}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^l \partial (\mu_S/T)^m \partial (\mu_Q/T)^n}$$

Relationship between chemical potentials:

$$\mu_{u} = \frac{1}{3}\mu_{B} + \frac{2}{3}\mu_{Q};$$

$$\mu_{d} = \frac{1}{3}\mu_{B} - \frac{1}{3}\mu_{Q};$$

$$\mu_{s} = \frac{1}{3}\mu_{B} - \frac{1}{3}\mu_{Q} - \mu_{S}.$$

They can be calculated on the lattice and compared to experiment

Connection to experiment

 Fluctuations of conserved charges are the cumulants of their eventby-event distribution

mean : $M = \chi_1$ variance : $\sigma^2 = \chi_2$

skewness : $S = \chi_3 / \chi_2^{3/2}$ kurtosis : $\kappa = \chi_4 / \chi_2^2$

 $S\sigma = \chi_3/\chi_2$ $\kappa\sigma^2 = \chi_4/\chi_2$

$$M/\sigma^2 = \chi_1/\chi_2$$
 $S\sigma^3/M = \chi_3/\chi_1$

F. Karsch: Centr. Eur. J. Phys. (2012)

The chemical potentials are not independent: fixed to match the experimental conditions:

$$< n_{\rm S} > = 0$$
 $< n_{\rm Q} > = 0.4 < n_{\rm B} >$

Connection to experiment

- Consider the number of electrically charged particles N_Q
- Its average value over the whole ensemble of events is <N_Q>
- In experiments it is possible to measure its event-by-event distribution



"Baryometer and Thermometer"

Let us look at the Taylor expansion of \mathbb{R}^{B}_{31}

$$R_{31}^B(T,\mu_B) = \frac{\chi_3^B(T,\mu_B)}{\chi_1^B(T,\mu_B)} = \frac{\chi_4^B(T,0) + \chi_{31}^{BQ}(T,0)q_1(T) + \chi_{31}^{BS}(T,0)s_1(T)}{\chi_2^B(T,0) + \chi_{11}^{BQ}(T,0)q_1(T) + \chi_{11}^{BS}(T,0)s_1(T)} + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^2)$$

- To order μ^2_B it is independent of μ_B : it can be used as a thermometer
- Let us look at the Taylor expansion of R^B₁₂

$$R_{12}^B(T,\mu_B) = \frac{\chi_1^B(T,\mu_B)}{\chi_2^B(T,\mu_B)} = \frac{\chi_2^B(T,0) + \chi_{11}^{BQ}(T,0)q_1(T) + \chi_{11}^{BS}(T,0)s_1(T)}{\chi_2^B(T,0)} \frac{\mu_B}{T} + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^3)$$

• Once we extract T from R^{B}_{31} , we can use R^{B}_{12} to extract μ_{B}

Things to keep in mind

- Effects due to volume variation because of finite centrality bin width
 - Experimentally corrected by centrality-bin-width correction method V. Skokov et al., PRC (2013)
- Finite reconstruction efficiency
 - Experimentally corrected based on binomial distribution A.Bzdak, V.Koch, PRC (2012)
- Spallation protons

- Experimentally removed with proper cuts in p_{T}
- Canonical vs Gran Canonical ensemble
 - Experimental cuts in the kinematics and acceptance V. Koch, S. Jeon, PRL (2000)
- Proton multiplicity distributions vs baryon number fluctuations

 - Recipes for treating proton fluctuations M. Asakawa and M. Kitazawa, PRC(2012), M. Nahrgang et al., 1402.1238 Final-state interactions in the hadronic phase
 - - Consistency between different charges = fundamental test

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J.Steinheimer et al., PRL (2013)
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Freeze-out parameters from B fluctuations



□ Upper limit: T_f ≤ 151±4 MeV

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Curvature of the freeze-out line

Parametrization of the freeze-out line:

$$T_f(\mu_B) = T_{f,0} \left(1 - \kappa_2^f \bar{\mu}_B^2 - \kappa_4^f \bar{\mu}_B^4 \right)$$

Taylor expansion of the "ratio of ratios" $R_{12}^{QB} = [M_Q/\sigma_Q^2]/[M_B/\sigma_B^2]$



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Freeze-out line from first principles



What about strangeness freeze-out?

Yield fits seem to hint at a higher temperature for strange particles



M. Floris: QM 2014

Quark Model predicts not-yet-detected (multi-)strange hadrons



 QM-HRG improves the agreement with lattice results for the baryon-strangeness correlator:

 $(\mu_{S}/\mu_{B})_{LO}$ =- $\chi_{11}^{BS}/\chi_{2}^{S}+\chi_{11}^{QS}\mu_{Q}/\mu_{B}$

- □ The effect is only relevant at finite μ_B
- Feed-down from resonance decays not included
- A. Bazavov et al., PRL (2014)



New states appear in the 2014 version of the PDG



The comparison with the lattice is improved for the baryonstrangeness correlator:



Some observables are in agreement with the PDG 2014 but not with the Quark Model:



- □ χ_4^{S}/χ_2^{S} is proportional to $\langle S^2 \rangle$ in the system
- It seems to indicate that the quark model predicts too many multistrange states

- Idea: define linear combinations of correlators which receive contributions only from particles with a given quantum number
- They allow to compare PDG and QM prediction for each sector separately



- The precision in the lattice results can allow to distinguish between the two scenarios
- Quark model yields better agreement with the data for the strange baryons

Not enough strange mesons



- Both Quark Model and PDG 2014 underestimate the partial pressure due to strange mesons
- □ This explains why the QM overestimates χ_4^{S}/χ_2^{S} : more strange mesons would bring the curve down

Kaon fluctuations

Talk by Ji XU at SQM 2016

- Experimental data are becoming available.
- Exciting result but presently hampered by systematic errors
- BES-II will help
- Kaon fluctuations from HRG model will be affected by the hadronic spectrum and decays



Kaon fluctuations on the lattice?

J. Noronha-Hostler, C.R. et al., 1607.02527



Boltzmann approximation works well for lower order kaon fluctuations

$$rac{\chi_2^K}{\chi_1^K} = rac{\cosh(\hat{\mu}_S + \hat{\mu}_Q)}{\sinh(\hat{\mu}_S + \hat{\mu}_Q)}$$

 χ₂^K/χ₁^K from primordial kaons + decays is very close to the one in the Boltzmann approximation

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Experimental uncertainty does not allow a precise determination of T^K_f

Fluctuations at high temperatures

HTL: N. Haque et al., JHEP (2014); DR: S. Mogliacci et al., JHEP (2013)



Conclusions

- Unprecedented precision in lattice QCD data allows a direct comparison to experiment for the first time
- **QCD** thermodynamics at μ_B =0 can be simulated with high accuracy
- Extensions to finite density are under control up to $O(\mu_B^6)$
- Comparison with experiment allows to determine properties of strongly interacting matter from first principles
- Perturbative QCD valid starting from T~250 MeV



Effect of resonance decays

□ The decays have a big effect on the freeze-out parameters



P. Alba et al., in preparation



WB collaboration, in preparation

Freeze-out parameters from Q fluctuations



- Studies in HRG model: the different momentum cuts between STAR and PHENIX are responsible for more than 30% of their difference F. Karsch et al., 1508.02614
- □ Using continuum extrapolated lattice data, lower values for T_f are found

Effects of kinematic cuts





- Rapidity dependence of moments needs to be studied for 1<Δη<2
- Difference in kinematic cuts between STAR and PHENIX leads to a 5% difference in T_f

Talk by F. Karsch on Monday

Strangeness fluctuations

WB: R. Bellwied et al, PRL (2013)



Lattice data hint at possible flavor-dependence in transition temperature

• Possibility of strange bound-states above T_c ?

Columbia plot



Expand the pressure in powers of μ_B (or $\mu_L = 3/2(\mu_u + \mu_d)$)



Continuum extrapolated results at the physical mass

Effect of resonance decays

- We used the PDG2014 to estimate the effect of resonance decays on the fit to proton and charge fluctuations
- The results agree with the ones obtained with the PDG2012 within errorbars

