Fluctuations in the QCD Phase Diagram



- Fluctuations of conserved charges at the LHC and LQCD results
- The influence of critical fluctuations on the probability distribution of net baryon number



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Deconfinement and chiral symmetry restoration in QCD



See also:

Y. Aoki, S. Borsanyi, S. Durr, Z. Fodor, S. D. Katz, *et al.* JHEP, 0906 (2009)

The QCD chiral transition is crossover Y.Aoki, et al Nature (2006) and appears in the O(4) critical region

O. Kaczmarek et.al. Phys.Rev. D83, 014504 (2011)

• Chiral transition temperature $T_c = 155(1)(8)$ MeV T. Bhattacharya et.al.

Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 082001 (2014)

 Deconfinement of quarks sets in at the chiral crossover
 A.Bazavov, Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 054503

• The shift of T_c with chemical potential

 $T_c(\mu_B) = T_c(0)[1 - 0.0066 \cdot (\mu_B / T_c)^2]$

Ch. Schmidt Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 014504

Can the fireball created in central A-A collisions be considered a matter in equilibrium?

ALICE charged particles event display



Excellent data of LHC experiments on charged particles pseudo-rapidity density



P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel & Ch. Wetterich (2004)

Multi-hadron production near phase boundary brings hadrons towards equilibrium

Excellent performance of ALICE detectors for particles identification



ALICE Time Projection Chamber (TPC), Time of Flight Detector (TOF), High Momentum Particle Identification Detector (HMPID) together with the Transition Radiation Detector (TRD) and the Inner Tracking System (ITS) provide information on the flavour composition of the collision fireball, vector meson resonances, as well as charm and beauty production through the measurement of leptonic observables.

Test of thermalization in HIC:

With respect to what statistical operator?

- We will use the Statistical QCD partition function
 - i.e. LQCD data as the solution of QCD at finite temperature,

and confront them

with ALICE data taken in central Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.75$ TeV

Consider fluctuations and correlations of conserved charges

- They are quantified by susceptibilities:
 - If $P(T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)$ denotes pressure, then

χ_N	$-\frac{\partial^2(P)}{\partial^2(P)}$	$\chi_{_{NM}}$	$\partial^2(P)$
T^2	$\partial(\mu_N)^2$	$\overline{T^2}$	$-\frac{\partial \mu_N \partial \mu_M}{\partial \mu_M}$

 $N = N_q - N_{-q}, N, M = (B, S, Q), \quad \mu = \mu/T, \quad P = P/T^4$ Susceptibility is connected with variance $<math display="block">\frac{\chi_N}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2)$ If P(N) probability distribution of N then $<math display="block">\langle N^n \rangle = \sum_N N^n P(N)$

Consider special case:

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B. Friman, F. Karsch,
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Phys .Rev. C84 (2011) 064911
Nucl. Phys. A880 (2012) 48)

$$< N_q > \equiv \overline{N}_q =>$$

 Charge and anti-charge uncorrelated and Poisson distributed, then

P(N) the Skellam distribution

$$P(N) = \left(\frac{\overline{N_q}}{\overline{N}_{-q}}\right)^{N/2} I_N(2\sqrt{\overline{N}_{-q}}\overline{N_q}) \exp[-(\overline{N}_{-q} + \overline{N}_q)]$$

Then the susceptibility

$$\frac{\chi_N}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (\langle N_q \rangle + \langle N_{-q} \rangle)$$

Consider special case: particles carrying $q = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$

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The probability distribution

$$\langle S_{-q} \rangle \equiv \overline{S}_{-q}$$

 $q = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$

$$P(S) = \left(\frac{\bar{S}_{1}}{\bar{S}_{\bar{1}}}\right)^{\frac{S}{2}} \exp\left[\sum_{n=1}^{3} (\bar{S}_{n} + \bar{S}_{\bar{n}})\right]$$
$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (\frac{\bar{S}_{3}}{\bar{S}_{\bar{3}}})^{k/2} I_{k} (2\sqrt{\bar{S}_{3}\bar{S}_{\bar{3}}})$$
$$\left(\frac{\bar{S}_{2}}{\bar{S}_{\bar{2}}}\right)^{i/2} I_{i} (2\sqrt{\bar{S}_{2}\bar{S}_{\bar{2}}})$$
$$\left(\frac{\bar{S}_{1}}{\bar{S}_{\bar{1}}}\right)^{-i-3k/2} I_{2i+3k-S} (2\sqrt{\bar{S}_{1}\bar{S}_{\bar{1}}})$$

Correlations

$$\frac{\chi_{NM}}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \sum_{n=-q_N}^{q_N} \sum_{m=-q_M}^{q_M} nm \langle N_{n,m} \rangle$$

 $\langle N_{n,m} \rangle$, is the mean number of particles , carrying charge N = n and M = m.

Fluctuations

$\frac{\chi_S}{T^2} =$	$\frac{1}{VT^3} \sum^{ q } n^2 (\langle S_n \rangle + \langle S_{-n} \rangle)$
	n=1

Variance at 200 GeV AA central col. at RHIC

P. Braun-Munzinger, et al. Nucl. Phys. A880 (2012) 48)



p-p

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Consistent with Skellam distribution

$$\frac{\langle p \rangle + \langle \overline{p} \rangle}{\sigma^2} = 1.022 \pm 0.016 \qquad \frac{\chi_1}{\chi_3} = 1.076 \pm 0.035$$

The maxima of P(N) have a very

$$P_{max} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\bar{N}_p + \bar{N}_{\bar{p}})}}$$

similar values at RHIC and LHC thus $N_p + N_{\overline{p}} \approx \text{const., indeed}$ Momentum integrated: *RHIC* $\sigma^2 \approx p > + < \overline{p} > = 61.4 \pm 5.7$ *LHC* $\sigma^2 \approx p > + < \overline{p} > = 61.04 \pm 3.5$

Probing O(4) chiral criticality with charge fluctuations

Due to expected O(4) scaling in QCD the free energy:

$$P = P_{R}(T, \mu_{q}, \mu_{I}) + b^{-1}P_{S}(b^{(2-\alpha)^{-1}}t(\mu), b^{\beta\delta/\nu}h)$$

Generalized susceptibilities of net baryon number

$$c_{B}^{(n)} = \frac{\partial^{n} (P/T^{4})}{\partial (\mu_{B}/T)^{n}} = c_{R}^{(n)} + c_{S}^{(n)} \text{ with } \frac{c_{s}^{(n)}}{c_{s}^{(n)}} \Big|_{\mu=0} = d h^{(2-\alpha-n/2)/\beta\delta} f_{\pm}^{(n)}(z)$$

• At $\mu = 0$ only $c_B^{(n)}$ with $n \ge 6$ receive contribution from $c_S^{(n)}$ • At $\mu \ne 0$ only $c_B^{(n)}$ with $n \ge 3$ receive contribution from $c_S^{(n)}$

• $c_B^{n=2} = \chi_B / T^2$ Generalized susceptibilities of the net baryon number never critical with respect to ch. sym. 11

Constructing net charge fluctuations and correlation from ALICE data

Net baryon number susceptibility

$$\frac{\chi_B}{T^2} \approx \frac{1}{VT^3} \left(\left\langle p \right\rangle + \left\langle N \right\rangle + \left\langle \Lambda + \Sigma_0 \right\rangle + \left\langle \Sigma^+ \right\rangle + \left\langle \Sigma^- \right\rangle + \left\langle \Xi^- \right\rangle + \left\langle \Xi^0 \right\rangle + \left\langle \Omega^- \right\rangle + \overline{par} \right)$$

Net strangeness

$$\begin{split} \frac{\chi_{s}}{T^{2}} &\approx \frac{1}{VT^{3}} \left(\left\langle K^{+} \right\rangle + \left\langle K^{0}_{s} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Lambda + \Sigma_{0} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Sigma^{+} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Sigma^{-} \right\rangle + 4 \left\langle \Xi^{-} \right\rangle + 4 \left\langle \Xi^{0} \right\rangle + 9 \left\langle \Omega^{-} \right\rangle + \overline{par} \\ &- \left(\Gamma_{\varphi \to K^{+}} + \Gamma_{\varphi \to K^{-}} + \Gamma_{\varphi \to K^{0}_{s}} + \Gamma_{\varphi \to K^{0}_{L}} \right) \left\langle \varphi \right\rangle \;) \end{split}$$

 $\frac{\chi_{QS}}{T^2} \approx \frac{1}{VT^3} \left(\left\langle K^+ \right\rangle + 2 \left\langle \Xi^- \right\rangle + 3 \left\langle \Omega^- \right\rangle + \overline{par} \right. \\ \left. - \left(\Gamma_{\varphi \to K^+} + \Gamma_{\varphi \to K^-} \right) \left\langle \varphi \right\rangle - \left(\Gamma_{K_0^* \to K^+} + \Gamma_{K_0^* \to K^-} \right) \left\langle K_0^* \right\rangle \right)$

χ_B , χ_S , χ_{QS} from ALICE mid-rapidity yield data

• use also $\Sigma^0 / \Lambda = 0.278$ from pBe at $\sqrt{s} = 25 \ GeV$

- Net baryon fluctuations
- Net strangeness fluctuations

$$\frac{\chi_B}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (203.7 \pm 11.4)$$

$$\frac{\chi_s}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (504.2 \pm 16.8)$$

Charge-Strangeness corr.

$$\frac{\chi_{QS}}{T^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (191 \pm 12)$$

Ratios is volume independent

$$\frac{\chi_B}{\chi_S} = 0.404 \pm 0.026$$
 and

$$\frac{\chi_B}{\chi_{QS}} = 1.066 \pm 0.09$$

Compare the ratio with LQCD data:

A. Bazavov, H.-T. Ding, P. Hegde, O. Kaczmarek, F. Karsch, E. Laermann, Y. Maezawa and S. Mukherjee Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) and HotQCD Coll. A. Bazavov et al. Phys.Rev. D86 (2012) 034509



Is there a temperature where calculated ratios from ALICE data agree with LQCD?

Baryon number strangeness and Q-S correlations



There is a very good agreement, within systematic uncertainties, between extracted susceptibilities from ALICE data and LQCD at the chiral crossover

How unique is the determination of the temperature at which such agreement holds?

Consider T-dependent LQCD ratios and compare with ALICE data



- The LQCD susceptibilities ratios are weakly T-dependent for $T \ge T_c$
- We can reject $T \le 0.15 \text{ GeV}$ for saturation of χ_B, χ_S and χ_{QS} at LHC and fixed to be in the range $0.15 < T \le 0.21 \text{ GeV}$, however
- LQCD => for T > 0.163 GeV thermodynamics cannot be anymore described by the hadronic degrees of freedom

Extract the volume by comparing data with LQCD





 All volumes, should be equal at a given temperature if originating from the same source

Particle density and percolation theory



Density of particles at a given volume n(T) = N^{exp}_{total}/V(T)
 Total number of particles in HIC at LHC, ALICE
 ⟨N_t⟩ =3⟨π⟩ + 4⟨p⟩ + 4⟨K⟩ + (2 + 4 × 0.2175)⟨Λ_Σ⟩ + 4⟨Ξ⟩ + 2⟨Ω⟩,

$$\langle N_t \rangle = 2486 \pm 146$$

• Percolation theory: 3-dim system of objects of volume $V_0 = 4/3\pi R_0^3$

$$n_{c} = \frac{1.22}{V_{0}} \quad \text{take} \quad R_{0} \approx 0.8 \, \text{fm} \implies n_{c} \approx 0.57 \, [\text{fm}^{-3}] \implies T_{c}^{p} \approx 153.5 \, [\text{MeV}]$$

P. Castorina, H. Satz &K.R. Eur.Phys.J. C59 (2009)

Constraining the volume from HBT and percolation theory



• Some limitation on volume from Hanbury-Brown–Twiss: HBT volume $V_{HBT} = (2\pi)^{3/2} R_l R_o R_s$. Take ALICE data from pion interferometry $V_{HBT} = 4800 \pm 640 \, fm^{-3}$ If the system would decouple at the chiral crossover, then $V \ge V_{HBT}$

From these results: variance extracted from LHC data consistent with LQCD at $T \approx 154 \pm 2$ MeV where the fireball volume $V \approx 4200$ fm³

Excellent description of the QCD Equation of States by Hadron Resonance Gas



 "Uncorrelated" Hadron Gas provides an excellent description of the QCD equation of states in confined phase



 "Uncorrelated" Hadron Gas provides also an excellent description of net baryon number fluctuations

Thermal origin of particle yields with respect to HRG



• Measured yields are reproduced with HRG at T = 156 MeV

What is the influence of O(4) criticality on P(N)?



For the net baryon number use the Skellam distribution (HRG baseline) $P(N) = \left(\frac{B}{\overline{B}}\right)^{N/2} I_N(2\sqrt{B\overline{B}}) \exp[-(B+\overline{B})]$ as the reference for the non-critical behavior

 Calculate P(N) in an effective chiral model which exhibits O(4) scaling and compare to the Skellam distribution

Modelling O(4) transtion: effective Lagrangian and FRG

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{QM}} = \bar{q}[i\gamma_{\mu}\partial^{\mu} - g(\sigma + i\gamma_{5}\vec{\tau}\cdot\vec{\pi})]q + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\sigma)^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\vec{\pi})^{2} - U(\sigma,\vec{\pi})$$

Effective potential is obtained by solving *the exact flow equation* (Wetterich eq.) with the approximations resulting in the O(4) <u>critical exponents</u>



Higher moments of baryon number fluctuations



If freeze-out in heavy ion collisions occurs from a thermalized system close to the chiral crossover temperature, this will lead to a negative sixth and eighth order moments of net baryon number fluctuations.

> These properties are universal and should be observed in HIC experiments at LHC and RHIC

Figures: results of the PNJL model obtained within the Functional Renormalisation Group method 24

Moments obtained from probability distributions

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$$< N^{k} >= \sum_{N} N^{k} P(N)$$

Probability quantified by all cumulants

$$P(N) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} dy \exp[iyN - \chi(iy)]$$

Cumulants generating function: $\chi(y) = \beta V[p(T, y + \mu) - p(T, \mu)] = \sum_{k} \chi_{k} y^{k}$ In statistical physics

$$P(N) = \frac{Z_C(N)}{Z_{GC}} e^{\frac{\mu N}{T}} Z(T, V, N) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta e^{-i\theta N} \mathscr{Z}(T, V, \theta)$$

The influence of O(4) criticality on P(N) for $\mu = 0$

Take the ratio of P^{FRG}(N) which contains O(4) dynamics to Skellam distribution with the same Mean and Variance at different T / T_{pc} K. Morita, B. Friman &K.R. (PQM model within renormalization group FRG)



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The influence of O(4) criticality on P(N) at $\mu \neq 0$

Take the ratio of $P^{FRG}(N)$ which contains O(4) dynamics to Skellam distribution with the same Mean and Variance near $T_{pc}(\mu)$

K. Morita, B. Friman et al.



Asymmetric P(N) N > < N >
 Near T_{pc}(µ) the ratios less than unity for

Conclusions:

From a direct comparison of ALICE data to LQCD:

 there is thermalization in heavy ion collisions at the LHC and the charge fluctuations and correlations are saturated at the chiral crossover temperature

Skellam distribution, and its generalization, is a good approximation of the net charge probability distributionP(N) for small N. The criticality sets in at larger N and results in the shrinking of the Skellam function for positive N.

The influence of momentum cuts on sigma and pion mass



Consider 1st the pion and sigma masses at T_{pc} and their dependence on the infrared momentum cut off



The influence of momentum cuts on critical fluctuations



For k > 5m_π the ratio shows a smooth change from unity to ideal quark gas value, thus there distribution is Skellam

- With increasing infrared momentum cut off the suppression of R near T_{pc} due to O(4) criticality is weakened.
- For k > 2m_π, the characteristic negative structure of this fluctuation ratio, expected do to remnant of the O(4) criticality dissapears.

The influence of momentum cuts and different pion masses



 At lower pion mass the sensitivity to momentum cut is shifted to lower value. Also the sign is changed



Momentum cuts at finite chemical potential



- At finite chemical potential all moments χ_n with $n \ge 3$ are influenced by O(4) criticality
- Consequently, the χ_4 also show a strong influence for infrared momentum cut off.
- Deviations from full results also are seen to deviate at lower cut off $k < 1.5m_{\pi}$

The influence of ultraviolet and infrared momentum cuts



- Introducing ultraviolet momentum cut k = 0.8 GeV suppresses χ_6 fluctuations at T_{pc}
- The suppression of χ_4 appears at high T due to quantum statistics

Introducing simultanious cut $0.4 < k < 0.8 \ GeV \ modifies \ \chi_6$ less at T_{pc} , since IR and UV cuts are working in an opposite directions



IR and UV momentum cuts at finite chemical potential



At finite and large chemical potential, strongly modified X₄ if 0.4 < k < 0.8 GeV is imposed
Characteristic negative O(4) structure of X₄ is totally lost
Here already the infrared cutoff k > 2.2m_π implies change of sign of X₄ at T_m

Conclusions: Measuring fluctuations of the net proton number in HIC, to search for the O(4) chiral cross over or CP, a special care have to be made when introducing momentum cuts, as thy can falsify the physics.