Towards the equation of state of hot QCD at finite baryon density

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QCD phase diagram: towards finite density



- QCD EoS at $\mu_B = 0$ available from first-principle lattice QCD simulations
- QCD EoS at finite density necessary for many applications, including hydro modeling of heavy-ion collisions at RHIC, SPS, FAIR energies
- Implementation of the QCD critical point necessary to look for its signatures

Non-zero μ_B and lattice QCD

At $\mu_B \neq 0$ fermion determinant is **complex**: det $M[U, \mu] = |\det M[U, \mu]| e^{i\theta}$ "Probability distribution" interpretation is lost \rightarrow lattice method **inapplicable**

Indirect lattice methods:

• Taylor expansion

$$\frac{p(T,\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{p(T,0)}{T^4} + \frac{\chi_2^B(T,0)}{2!}(\mu_B/T)^2 + \frac{\chi_4^B(T,0)}{4!}(\mu_B/T)^4 + \dots$$

 χ_k^B – cumulants (susceptibilities) of net baryon distribution Can be computed in Lattice QCD at $\mu_B = 0$

• Analytic continuation from imaginary μ_B No sign problem at $\mu_B = i\tilde{\mu}_B$. Compute at $\mu_B^2 < 0$ and continue to $\mu_B^2 > 0$



[Wuppertal-Budapest collaboration, 1607.02493]

All these lattice methods inherently limited to "small" μ_B

A more practical approach: use lattice data to constrain effective models



- 1. Taylor expansion from lattice QCD
 - Model-independent method with a limited scope (small μ_B/T)
 - State-of-the-art and estimates for radius of convergence
- 2. Lattice-based effective models
 - Cluster expansion model (CEM)
 - Hagedorn bag-like model
 - Chiral mean-field model
- 3. Status of the critical point at finite density

Finite μ_B EoS from Taylor expansion



- Off-diagonal susceptibilities also available \rightarrow incorporate conservation laws $n_S = 0, n_Q/n_B = 0.4$
- Method inherently limited to "small" μ_B/T , within convergence radius

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 $V \rightarrow V - bl$



$$p(T, \mu_B) \sim W\left[b\phi_B(T) e^{\mu_B/T}\right]$$

 $b \simeq 1 \text{ fm}^3$ Constrained to LQCD data [V.V. et al., 1708.02852]

Lambert W(z) function has a branch cut singularity at $z = -e^{-1}$, corresponds to a negative (unphysical) fugacity [Taradiy, Motornenko, V.V.,

Gorenstein, Stoecker, 1904.08259]

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The best one can do with Taylor expansion



[Monnai, Schenke, Shen, 1902.05095]

[Noronha-Hostler, Parotto, Ratti, Stafford, 1902.06723]

- Includes the three conserved charges and conservation laws, no criticality
- Probably best one can do with Taylor expansion. Applications: RHIC BES

Truncated Taylor expansion and imaginary μ_B

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$$\frac{T^{3}}{T^{3}}\Big|_{\mu_{B}=i\theta_{B}T} = i\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k}(T) \sin(k\theta_{B}) \implies b_{k}(T) = -\frac{1}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{3}(\tau+2)}{T^{3}} \sin(k\theta_{B}) d\theta_{B}$$
Relativistic virial/cluster expansion
Fourier coefficients

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Quite some room for improvement at T < 200 MeV

T [MeV]

Cluster Expansion Model — CEM

a model for QCD equation of state at finite baryon density constrained to both susceptibilities and Fourier coefficients

V.V., J. Steinheimer, O. Philipsen, H. Stoecker, Phys. Rev. D 97, 114030 (2018) **V.V.** et al., Nucl. Phys. A 982, 859 (2019)

Cluster Expansion Model (CEM)

Model formulation:

- Relativistic virial (cluster) expansion for baryon number density $\frac{\rho_B(T, \mu_B)}{T^3} = \chi_1^B(T, \mu_B) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k(T) \sinh(k\mu_B/T)$
- $b_1(T)$ and $b_2(T)$ are model input from lattice QCD
- All higher order coefficients are predicted: $b_k(T) = \alpha_k^{SB} \frac{[b_2(T)]^{k-1}}{[b_1(T)]^{k-2}}$

Physical picture: Hadron gas with repulsion at moderate T, QGP-like phase at high T

Summed analytic form:

$$\frac{\rho_B(T,\mu_B)}{T^3} = -\frac{2}{27\pi^2} \frac{\hat{b}_1^2}{\hat{b}_2} \left\{ 4\pi^2 \left[\text{Li}_1(x_+) - \text{Li}_1(x_-) \right] + 3 \left[\text{Li}_3(x_+) - \text{Li}_3(x_-) \right] \right\} \\ \hat{b}_k = \frac{b_k(T)}{b_k^{\text{SB}}}, \quad x_\pm = -\frac{\hat{b}_2}{\hat{b}_1} e^{\pm \mu_B/T}, \quad \text{Li}_s(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{z^k}{k^s}$$

Regular behavior at real $\mu_B \rightarrow no-critical-point$ scenario

CEM: Fourier coefficients



CEM: $b_1(T)$ and $b_2(T)$ as input \rightarrow consistent description of $b_3(T)$ and $b_4(T)$

Lattice data on $b_{3,4}(T)$ inconclusive at $T \leq 170$ MeV

CEM: Baryon number susceptibilities



Lattice data from 1805.04445 (Wuppertal-Budapest), 1701.04325 & 1708.04897 (HotQCD)

CEM: Equation of state



Tabulated CEM EoS available at https://fias.uni-frankfurt.de/~vovchenko/cem_table/ Currently restricted to single chemical potential (μ_B) and no critical point 13

Hagedorn (bag-like) resonance gas model with repulsive interactions

exactly solvable model with a (phase) transition between hadronic matter and QGP

[Gorenstein, Petrov, Zinovjev, PLB '81; Gorenstein, W. Greiner, Yang, JPG '98; Ferroni, Koch, PRC '09]



Here the model equation of state is constrained to lattice QCD **V.V.,** *M.I. Gorenstein, C. Greiner, H. Stoecker, Phys. Rev. C* 99, 045204 (2019)

Hagedorn bag-like model: formulation

- HRG + quark-gluon bags $\rho_Q(m, v) = C v^{\gamma} (m Bv)^{\delta} \exp\left\{\frac{4}{3}[\sigma_Q]^{1/4} v^{1/4} (m Bv)^{3/4}\right\}$
- Non-overlapping particles (excluded volume correction)
- Isobaric (pressure) ensemble $(T, V, \mu) \rightarrow (T, s, \mu)_{10^{25}}$
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Resulting picture: transition (crossover, 1st order, 2nd order, etc.) between HRG and MIT bag model EoS, within single partition function





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"Crossover" parameter set

$\gamma=$ 0,	$\delta = -2,$	C = 0	0.03,	$V_0 = 8 \text{ fm}^3$
$m_u = 1$	$m_{d} = 300$	MeV,	<i>m</i> _s =	= 350 MeV
m_g	= 800 Me ^v	V, B^1	$^{4} =$	200 MeV

 $T_H \simeq 167 \,\,\mathrm{MeV}$

Hagedorn model: Susceptibilities



Hagedorn model: Susceptibilities and Fourier



Hagedorn model: Finite baryon density



- Crossover transition to a QGP-like phase in both the T and μ_B directions
- Essentially a built-in "switching" function between HRG and QGP, thermodynamically consistent by construction (single partition function)
- Critical point/phase transition at finite μ_B can be incorporated through μ_B -dependence of γ and δ exponents in bag spectrum

see Gorenstein, Gazdzicki, Greiner, Phys. Rev. C (2005)



SU(3) parity-doublet quark-hadron chiral model

Motornenko, V.V., Steinheimer, Schramm, Stoecker, arxiv:1905.00866 & A. Motornenko, talk this afternoon

- Baryons interacting through mean fields + parity doubling + excluded volume
- Quarks in a PNJL-like approach
- Constrained to lattice data at $\mu_B = 0$ (high temperatures, low densities), empirical nuclear matter properties (low temperatures, high densities), neutron star properties, and gravitational-wave observations



A considerably more involved approach needed for a "complete" phase diagram 19

Status of the critical point at finite density

Critical point: Lattice perspective

• Estimating radius of convergence of Taylor expansion from leading coeffs.



No hints for a critical point at T > 135 MeV "Small" $\mu_B/T < 2-3$ disfavored [see also A. Pasztor (Wuppertal-Budapest), 1807.09862]

• Analysis of the relativistic virial (cluster) expansion



Expansion coefficients consistent with a Roberge-Weiss like (Im $[\mu_B/T] = \pi$) transition in the complex plane Critical point at $\mu_B/T < \pi$ disfavored

Critical point: Heavy-ion perspective

Measurements of (high-order) fluctuations and correlations



STAR measurement of net-proton kurtosis shows non-monotonic energy dependence which might be associated with criticality

Proper interpretation is challenging and requires dynamical modeling of critical fluctuations (critical mode) on top of hydro description + EoS with a critical point

Equations of state with a critical point:

3D-Ising + Taylor [P. Parotto et al., 1805.05249], switching function [C. Plumberg et al., 1812.01684], Hagedorn baglike model [**V.V.** et al., in preparation], etc.

Implementing critical dynamics:

[Stephanov, Yin, 1712.10305; Nahrgang et al., 1804.05728; Akamatsu et al., 1811.05081]

All actively being developed

Summary

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Thanks for your attention!

Backup slides

Radius of convergence from different models



Ideal HRGSingularity in the nucleon Fermi-Diracfunction $\left[\exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + p^2} - \mu_B}{T}\right) + 1\right]^{-1}$

EV-HRG & mean-field HRG

[V.V.+, 1708.02852] [Huovinen, Petreczky, 1708.02852] Repulsive baryonic interactions.

Singularity of the Lambert W function

van der Waals HRG

[V.V., Gorenstein, Stoecker, 1609.03975] Crossover singularities connected to the nuclear matter critical point at $T \sim 20$ MeV and $\mu_B \sim 900$ MeV see also M. Stephanov, hep-lat/0603014

Cluster Expansion Model (CEM)

[**V.V.**, Steinheimer, Philipsen, Stoecker, 1711.01261] Roberge-Weiss like transition: Im $\frac{\mu_B}{T} = \pi$

Taylor expansion likely divergent at $\mu_B/T \ge 3-5$, regardless of existence of the QCD critical point

Cluster expansion in fugacities

Expand in fugacity $\lambda_B = e^{\mu_B/T}$ instead of μ_B/T – a relativistic analogue of Mayer's cluster expansion:

$$\frac{p(T,\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} p_{|k|}(T) e^{k\mu_B/T} = \frac{p_0(T)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k(T) \cosh(k\mu_B/T)$$

Net baryon density:
$$rac{
ho_B(T,\mu_B)}{T^3} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k(T) \sinh(k\mu_B/T)$$
, $b_k \equiv kp_k$

Analytic continuation to imaginary μ_B yields trigonometric Fourier series

$$\frac{\rho_B(T, i\tilde{\mu}_B)}{T^3} = i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k(T) \sin\left(\frac{k\tilde{\mu}_B}{T}\right)$$

with Fourier coefficients $b_k(T) = \frac{2}{\pi T^4} \int_0^{\pi T} d\tilde{\mu}_B [\operatorname{Im} \rho_B(T, i\tilde{\mu}_B)] \sin(k\tilde{\mu}_B/T)$

Four leading coefficients b_k computed in LQCD at the physical point [V.V., A. Pasztor, Z. Fodor, S.D. Katz, H. Stoecker, 1708.02852]

Why cluster expansion is interesting?

Convergence properties of cluster expansion determined by singularities of thermodynamic potential in complex fugacity plane \rightarrow encoded in the asymptotic behavior of the Fourier coefficients b_k

Examples:

ideal quantum gas

$$b_k \sim (\pm 1)^{k-1} \, rac{e^{-km/T}}{k^{3/2}}$$

Bose-Einstein condensation

• cluster expansion model $b_k \sim (-1)^{k-1} \frac{|\lambda_{br}|^{-\kappa}}{l_k}$ $|\lambda_{br}| = 1 \rightarrow Roberge-Weiss$ [V.V., Steinheimer, Philipsen, Stoecker, 1711.01261]

• excluded volume model $b_k \sim (-1)^{k-1} \, rac{|\lambda_{\mathsf{br}}|^{-k}}{L^{1/2}}$

[Taradiy, V.V., Gorenstein, Stoecker, in preparation]

transition at imaginary μ_{R}

No phase transition, but a singularity at a negative λ

 $b_k \sim \frac{e^{-k\tilde{\mu}_c}}{k^{2-\alpha}} \sin(k\theta_c + \theta_0) \frac{\text{Remnants of chiral criticality}}{at \mu_B = 0}$ chiral crossover [Almasi, Friman, Morita, Redlich, 1902.05457]

This work: signatures of a CP and a phase transition at finite density

HRG with repulsive baryonic interactions

Repulsive interactions with excluded volume (EV) $V \rightarrow V - bN$ [Hagedorn, Rafelski, '80; Dixit, Karsch, Satz, '81; Cleymans et al., '86; Rischke et al., Z. Phys. C '91]



- Non-zero $b_k(T)$ for $k \ge 2$ signal deviation from ideal HRG
- EV interactions between baryons ($b \approx 1 \text{ fm}^3$) reproduce lattice trend

Using estimators for radius of convergence



Ratio estimator is *unable* to determine the radius of convergence, nor to provide an upper or lower bound



CEM: Radius of convergence



Radius of convergence approaches Roberge-Weiss transition value

- At $T > T_{RW}$ expected $\left[\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right]_c = \pm i\pi$ [Roberge, Weiss, NPB '86] $T_{RW} \sim 208$ MeV [C. Bonati et al., 1602.01426]
- Complex plane singularities interfere with the search for CP

Expected asymptotics

• At low T/densities QCD \simeq ideal hadron resonance gas

$$\frac{p^{\text{hrg}}(T,\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{\phi_M(T)}{T^3} + 2\frac{\phi_B(T)}{T^3}\cosh\left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right),$$

$$\phi_B(T) = \sum_{i \in B} \int dm \,\rho_i(m) \frac{d_i \, m^2 \, T}{2\pi^2} \, K_2\left(\frac{m}{T}\right),$$

$$p_0^{hrg}(T) = \frac{\phi_M(T)}{T^3}, \quad p_1^{hrg}(T) = \frac{2\,\phi_B(T)}{T^3}, \quad p_k^{\text{hrg}}(T) \equiv 0, \, k \ge 2$$

- At high T QCD \simeq ideal gas of massless quarks and gluons

$$\frac{p^{\text{\tiny SB}}(T,\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{8\pi^2}{45} + \sum_{f=u,d,s} \left[\frac{7\pi^2}{60} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{3T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{3T} \right)^4 \right],$$
$$p^{\text{\tiny SB}}_0 = \frac{64\pi^2}{135}, \quad p^{\text{\tiny SB}}_k = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2} \frac{4\left[3 + 4\left(\pi k\right)^2\right]}{27\left(\pi k\right)^2}, \quad b^{\text{\tiny SB}}_k = k \, p^{\text{\tiny SB}}_k.$$

Lattice data explore intermediate, transition region 130 < T < 230 MeV

*In this study we assume that $\mu_S=\mu_Q=0$

Hagedorn resonance gas

HRG + exponential Hagedorn mass spectrum, e.g. as obtained from the **bootstrap equation** (65; Frautschi, '71]



If Hagedorns are point-like, T_H is the limiting temperature

From limiting temperature to crossover

- A gas of extended objects → excluded volume
- Exponential spectrum of *compressible* QGP bags
- Both phases described by single partition function

[Gorenstein, Petrov, Zinovjev, PLB '81; Gorenstein, W. Greiner, Yang, JPG '98; I. Zakout et al., NPA '07]



Crossover transition in bag-like model qualitatively compatible with LQCD

[Ferroni, Koch, PRC 79, 034905 (2009)]

Model formulation

Thermodynamic system of known hadrons and quark-gluon bags Mass-volume density $\rho(m, v; \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) = \rho_H + \rho_Q$

$$\rho_H(m, v; \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) = \sum_{i \in \text{HRG}} \lambda_B^{b_i} \lambda_Q^{q_i} \lambda_S^{s_i} d_i \,\delta(m - m_i) \,\delta(v - v_i) \quad \text{PDG hadrons}$$

$$\rho_Q(m,v;\lambda_B,\lambda_Q,\lambda_S) = C v^{\gamma} (m - Bv)^{\delta} \exp\left\{\frac{4}{3}[\sigma_Q v]^{1/4} (m - Bv)^{3/4}\right\} \theta(v - V_0) \theta(m - Bv)$$

Quark-gluon bag[§]J. Kapusta, PRC '81; Gorenstein+, ZPC '84]

Non-overlapping particles \rightarrow isobaric (pressure) ensemble [Gorenstein, Petrov, Zinovjev, PLB $\hat{Z}(T, s, \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) = \int_0^\infty Z(T, V, \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) e^{-sV} dV \stackrel{[81]}{=} [s - f(T, s, \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S)]^{-1}$ $f(T, s, \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) = \int dv \int dm \rho(m, v; \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) e^{-vs} \phi(T, m)$

The system pressure is $p = Ts^*$ with s^* being the *rightmost* singularity of \hat{Z}

Mechanism for transition to QGP

The isobaric partition function, $\hat{Z}(T, s, \lambda) = [s - f(T, s, \lambda)]^{-1}$, has

- pole singularity $s_H = f(T, s_H, \lambda)$ "hadronic" phase
- singularity s_B in the function $f(T, s, \lambda)$ due to the exponential spectrum σ_{O}

 $p_B = T s_B = \frac{\sigma_Q}{3} T^4 - B$ MIT bag model EoS for [Chodos+, PRD '74; Baacke, APPB QGP 1st order PT Mixed (a) Mixed Phase "collision" of $T_2 = T_2^{(1)}$ T_{2} T_{A} singularities = $s_B(T_C)$ (b) 2nd order PT $T_3 = T_2^{(2)}$ T_{4} T_1 Тo 0 0 0 **crossover** $s_H(T) > s_B(T)$ at all T (e) T_2 T_4 T_1

Crossover transition

Type of transition is determined by exponents γ and δ of bag spectrum Crossover seen in lattice, realized in model for $\gamma + \delta \ge -3$ and $\delta \ge -7/4$ [Begun, Gorenstein, W. Greiner, JPG '09]

Transcendental equation for

$$p(T, \lambda_B, \lambda_Q, \lambda_S) = T \sum_{i \in \text{HRG}} d_i \phi(T, m) \lambda_B^{b_i} \lambda_Q^{q_i} \lambda_S^{s_i} \exp\left(-\frac{m_i p}{4BT}\right) + \frac{C}{\pi} T^{5+4\delta} [\sigma_Q]^{\delta+1/2} [B + \sigma_Q T^4]^{3/2} \left(\frac{T}{p - p_B}\right)^{\gamma+\delta+3} \Gamma\left[\gamma + \delta + 3, \frac{(p - p_B)V_0}{T}\right] Solved numerically}$$

Calculation setup:

$$\gamma = 0, \quad -3 \le \delta \le -\frac{1}{2}, \quad B^{1/4} = 250 \text{ MeV}, \quad C = 0.03 \text{ GeV}^{-\delta+2}, \quad V_0 = 4 \text{ fm}^3$$

 $T_H = \left(\frac{3B}{\sigma_Q}\right)^{1/4} \simeq 165 \text{ MeV}$

Thermodynamic functions



- Crossover transition towards bag model EoS
- Dependence on δ is mild
- Approach to the Stefan-Boltzmann limit is too fast
- Peak in energy density, not seen on the lattice

Nature of the transition



- Bags occupy almost whole space at large temperatures
- Strongest changes take place in the vicinity of T_H
- At $\delta < -7/4$ and $T \rightarrow \infty$ whole space large bags with QGP

Conserved charges susceptibilities

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

Available from lattice QCD, not considered in this type of model before



Main source of quantitative disagreement comes from inaccuracy of the standard MIT bag model with massless quarks for describing QGP

Quasiparticle models suggest sizable thermal masses of quarks and gluons in high-temperature QGP[Peshier et al., PLB '94; PRC '00; PRC '02] Heavy-bag model: bag model EoS with non-interacting massive quarks and gluons and the bag constant[Ivanov et al., PRC 72, 025804 (2005)]

Massive quarks and gluons instead of massless ones:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Q(T,\lambda_B,\lambda_Q,\lambda_S) &= \frac{8}{\pi^2 T^4} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_g^2}} \left[\exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{k^2 + m_g^2}}{T}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1} \\ &+ \sum_{f=u,d,s} \frac{3}{\pi^2 T^4} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}} \left[\lambda_f^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}}{T}\right) + 1 \right]^{-1} \\ &+ \sum_{f=u,d,s} \frac{3}{\pi^2 T^4} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}} \left[\lambda_f \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}}{T}\right) + 1 \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Bag model with massive quarks



Hagedorn model: Thermodynamic functions



- Semi-quantitative description of lattice data
- Peak in energy density gone!

Hagedorn model: Thermodynamic functions



Hagedorn model: Susceptibilities



Lattice data from 1112.4416 (Wuppertal-Budapest), 1203.0784 (HotQCD)

Hagedorn model: Baryon-strangeness ratio

Well consistent with lattice QCD

Hagedorn model: Higher-order susceptibilities

- Drop of χ_4^B/χ_2^B caused by repulsive interactions which ensure crossover transition to QGP
- Peak in χ_4^S / χ_2^S is an interplay of the presence of multi-strange hyperons and repulsive interactions