# Recent lattice QCD results at non-zero baryon densities

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Lattice QCD and the sign problem



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The equation of state



# The $(T, \mu_B)$ -phase diagram of QCD



Our observables:  $T_c$ , Equation of state, Fluctuations

### The sign problem

The QCD partition function:

$$Z(V, T, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}e^{-S_F(U, \psi, \bar{\psi}) - \beta S_G(U)}$$
$$= \int \mathcal{D}U \det M(U)e^{-\beta S_G(U)}$$

- For Monte Carlo simulations det  $M(U)e^{-\beta S_G(U)}$  is interpreted as Boltzmann weight
- If there is particle-antiparticle-symmetry det M(U) is real
- If  $\mu^2 > 0$  det M(U) is complex

### The sign problem

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \approx \int_{-100}^{100} (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (100 - x_i^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_i^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{200}{N}$$

The  $x_i$  are drawn from a uniform distribution in the interval [-100, 100]





### Importance sampling

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (100 - x^2) rac{e^{-rac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (100 - x_i^2) \cdot rac{1}{N}$$

The  $x_i$  are drawn from a normal distribution





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# The sign problem

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (100-x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$



### Dealing with the sign problem

- Reweighting technics
- Canonical ensemble
- Complex Langevin
- Lefshetz Thimble
- Density of state methods
- Dual variables
- $\bullet\,$  Taylor expansion  $\longrightarrow$  Talk by C. Schmidt this morning
- Imaginary  $\mu$
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### Analytic continuation



### **Different functions**



Analytical continuation on  $N_t = 12$  raw data

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### Strangness Neutrality

In heavy ion collisions:  $\langle n_S \rangle = 0$  and  $0.4 \langle n_B \rangle \approx \langle n_Q \rangle$ Simulations with  $\mu_S = \mu_Q = 0$  lead to:



Therefore tuning/extrapolating to  $\langle n_S 
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### Simulation details



- Action: tree-level Symanzik improved gauge action, with four times stout smeared staggered fermions
- 2+1+1 flavour, on LCP with pion and kaon mass
- Simulation at  $\langle n_S \rangle = 0$  (as for heavy ion collisions, in contrast to simulations with  $\mu_s = 0$  or  $\mu_S = 0$  where  $\mu_S = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B \mu_s$ )
- Lattice sizes: (32<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  8), 40<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  10, 48<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  12 and 64<sup>3</sup>  $\times$  16

• 
$$\frac{\mu_B}{T} = i\frac{j\pi}{8}$$
 with  $j = 0, 3, 4, 5$  and 6

• Two methods of scale setting:  $f_{\pi}$  and  $w_0$ ,  $Lm_{\pi}>4$ 

### $T_c$

Curvature function:  $\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - \kappa \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c}\right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^4)$ For error analysis we also fit:



0.000 0.005 0.010 0.015 0.020 0.025

$$C_{1}(x) = 1 + ax + bx^{2}$$

$$C_{2}(x) = \frac{1 + ax}{1 + bx}$$

$$C_{3}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + ax + bx^{2}}$$





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- $\bullet$  Lattice sizes:  $40^3\times10,\,48^3\times12$  and  $64^3\times16$
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### Different functions

Condition: 
$$\chi_8 \lesssim \chi_4 \longrightarrow f(\hat{\mu}_B) = a + b\hat{\mu}_B^2 + c\hat{\mu}_B^4 + \frac{b\epsilon}{840}\hat{\mu}_B^6$$



### Taylor coefficients of the pressure



### Extrapolation



# $\frac{S}{N_B}$ Trajectories



Black points from [Alba et al., Alba:2014eba]

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### Calculating observables

We have derivatives with respect to  $\hat{\mu}_B$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_Q$  and  $\hat{\mu}_S$  of the pressure at  $\mu_S = \mu_Q = 0$ . Notation:

$$\begin{split} \mu_{S} &= \mu_{Q} = 0. \text{ Notation:} \\ \chi_{i,j,k}^{B,Q,S} &= \frac{\partial^{i+j+k}(p/T^{4})}{(\partial\hat{\mu}_{B})^{i}(\partial\hat{\mu}_{Q})^{j}(\partial\hat{\mu}_{S})^{k}}, \end{split} \\ \text{with } \hat{\mu}_{i} &= \mu/T. \end{split}$$

$$\frac{M_B}{\sigma_B^2} = \frac{\chi_1^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)}{\chi_2^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)} = \hat{\mu}_B r_{12}^{B,1} + \hat{\mu}_B^3 r_{12}^{B,3} + \dots$$
$$\frac{S_B \sigma_B^3}{M_B} = \frac{\chi_3^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)}{\chi_1^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)} = r_{31}^{B,0} + \hat{\mu}_B^2 r_{31}^{B,2} + \dots$$
$$\kappa_B \sigma_B^2 = \frac{\chi_4^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)}{\chi_2^B(T,\hat{\mu}_B)} = r_{42}^{B,0} + \hat{\mu}_B^2 r_{42}^{B,2} + \dots$$

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### Calculating observables II

The  $\mu_B$  dependence can be written in terms of the Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{split} \chi_{i,j,k}^{BQS}(\hat{\mu}_B) &= \chi_{i,j,k}^{BQS}(0) + \hat{\mu}_B \left[ \chi_{i+1,j,k}^{BQS}(0) + q_1 \chi_{i,j+1,k}^{BQS}(0) + s_1 \chi_{i,j,k+1}^{BQS}(0) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu}_B^2 \left[ \chi_{i+2,j,k}^{BQS}(0) + s_1^2 \chi_{i,j+2,k}^{BQS}(0) + q_1^2 \chi_{i,j,k+2}^{BQS}(0) \right. \\ &+ 2 q_1 s_1 \chi_{i,j+1,k+1}^{BQS}(0) + 2 s_1 \chi_{i+1,j+1,k}^{BQS}(0) + 2 q_1 \chi_{i+1,j,k+1}^{BQS}(0) \right] + \dots \end{split}$$

with 
$$q_j = rac{1}{j!} rac{d^j \hat{\mu}_Q}{(d \hat{\mu}_B)^j}(0)$$
  $s_j = rac{1}{j!} rac{d^j \hat{\mu}_S}{(d \hat{\mu}_B)^j}(0)$ 

From  $\langle n_S \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle n_Q \rangle = 0.4 \langle n_B \rangle$  we get the conditions

$$\chi_1^Q = 0.4\chi_1^B, \qquad \chi_1^S = 0$$

After some calculations we arrive at formulas for  $\frac{M_B}{\sigma_B^2}$ ,  $\frac{S_B \sigma_B^2}{M_B}$  and  $\kappa_B \sigma_B^2$ .



# $\chi^{B}_{2}$ , $\chi^{B}_{4}$ and $\chi^{B}_{6}$



[D'Elia et al., DElia:2016jqh]



$$M_B/\sigma_B^2$$

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$$\kappa_B \sigma_B^2$$



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### Summary





Dyson-Schwinger [C. Fischer et.al. 2014]