# Exploring the QCD critical region in the QCD-like two flavor models

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- Polyakov loop extended Quark Meson (PQM) model is such an effective model<sup>1</sup> in which the bulk QCD thermodynamics has been computed and it shows agreement with the lattice QCD data<sup>2</sup>.
- We consider the modification of effective potential for the two quark flavor QM and PQM model after including the renormalized contribution of the ultraviolet divergent one loop fermionic vacuum fluctuation.

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- Since the PQMVT and QMVT models have become QCD-like as they yield the second order transition at μ = 0 on the temperature axis (as expected from the universality arguments), we locate the tricritical point (TCP) also for the chiral limit of m<sub>π</sub>=0.
- Finally we obtain the critical exponents from the power law scaling in the divergence of quark number susceptibility at the CEP and discuss the possible influence of TCP on the critical behavior around CEP.

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$$U(\sigma, \vec{\pi}) = rac{\lambda}{4} \left(\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2
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 $h = f_{\pi} m_{\pi}^2$  for explicit chiral breaking,  $\lambda$  is quartic coupling of mesons and v is the vacuum expectation value of the  $\sigma$ .

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 We have used the logarithmic form of Polyakov loop potential [S. Rößner et al PRD 75,034007(2007)]

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}_{\log}(\Phi,\Phi^*,T)}{T^4} = -\frac{a(T)}{2}\Phi^*\Phi + b(T)\ln[1-6\Phi^*\Phi + 4(\Phi^{*3}+\Phi^3) - 3(\Phi^*\Phi)^2]$$

the temperature dependent coefficients are

$$a(T) = a_0 + a_1 \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right) + a_2 \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^2 \quad b(T) = b_3 \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^3$$

 $a_0 = 3.51$ ,  $a_1 = -2.47a_2 = 15.2$ ,  $b_3 = -1.75$ ,  $T_0 = 208 MeV$ 

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$$= -2N_f \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \Big[ N_c E_q \theta (\Lambda^2 - \vec{p}^2) + T \{ \ln g_q^+ + \ln g_q^- \} \Big]$$
  
where  $g_q^+ = \Big[ 1 + 3\Phi e^{-E_q^+/T} + 3\Phi^* e^{-2E_q^+/T} + e^{-3E_q^+/T} \Big]$   
 $g_q^- = \Big[ 1 + 3\Phi^* e^{-E_q^-/T} + 3\Phi e^{-2E_q^-/T} + e^{-3E_q^-/T} \Big] E_q^{\pm} = E_q \mp \mu,$   
 $E_q = \sqrt{p^2 + m_q^2}, \quad m_q = g\sigma$ 

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• Using  $\frac{\partial \Omega(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma}|_{\sigma=f_{\pi}} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 \Omega(\sigma)}{\partial \sigma^2}|_{\sigma=f_{\pi}} = m_{\sigma}^2$ , we get

$$\Omega(\sigma) = -\frac{N_c N_f}{8\pi^2} g^4 \sigma^4 \ln\left(\frac{\sigma}{f_{\pi}}\right) - \frac{\lambda_r v_r^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_r}{4} \sigma^4 - h\sigma$$

Here 
$$\lambda_r = \left(\frac{m_{\sigma}^2 - m_{\pi}^2}{2f_{\pi}^2}\right) + \frac{3N_cN_f}{8\pi^2}g^4$$
,  $\lambda_r v_r^2 = \left(\frac{m_{\sigma}^2 - 3m_{\pi}^2}{2}\right) + \frac{N_cN_f}{4\pi^2}g^4 f_{\pi}^2$ 

 Adding renormalized fermionic vacuum term to the PQM potential gives the grand potential in PQMVT model as

 $\Omega_{\mathrm{MF}}(T,\mu;\sigma,\Phi,\Phi^*) = \mathcal{U}(T;\Phi,\Phi^*) + \Omega(\sigma) + \Omega_{q\bar{q}}^{\mathrm{T}}(T,\mu;\sigma,\Phi,\Phi^*).$ 

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 We get the σ, Φ and Φ\* fields by searching the global minima of above equation for a given *T* and μ

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_{MF}}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial \Omega_{MF}}{\partial \Phi} = \frac{\partial \Omega_{MF}}{\partial \Phi^*} = 0$$

• We take  $m_{\pi} = 138$  MeV,  $m_{\sigma} = 500$  MeV, and  $f_{\pi} = 93$  MeV in our computation. Constituent quark mass in vacuum  $m_q^0 = 310$  MeV fixes the Yukawa coupling g = 3.3.

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• CEP shifts to larger chemical potential  $\mu_{CEP} = 295.2$  and lower  $T_{CEP} = 83.0$  MeV in PQMVT model. PQM model  $\mu_{CEP} = 81.0, T_{CEP} = 166.9$  MeV

• We get tricritical point (TCP) at  $\mu_t = 245.3$ ,  $T_t = 133.5$  MeV in the PQMVT where the second order line of O(4) critical points meets the first order line. QMVT model  $\mu_t = 263.0$ ,  $T_t = 69.1$  MeV.<sup>3</sup>

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• Ratio 
$$R_q = \frac{\chi_q}{\chi_q^{\text{free}}}$$
 and  $\chi_q = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial \mu^2}$ ,  $\lim_{m_q \to 0} \chi_q(\tau, \mu) = 2 \left[\tau^2 + \frac{3\mu^2}{\pi^2}\right] \equiv \chi_q^{\text{free}}$ 



- The critical region size for PQMVT model is noticeably larger in both the directions μ and T. Width is smaller when compared to QMVT Model.
- Critical region size normal to the crossover line increases. Larger width for QMVT model only due to the fermionic vacuum fluctuation.

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- Since the chiral crossover on the *T* axis at  $\mu = 0$  is quite sharp and the first order line increases due to the effect of Polyakov loop potential, the critical region in the *T* direction gets significantly compressed in the PQM model contours when compared with the pure QM model plots.
- The transition at  $\mu = 0$  is first order in the chiral limit for PQM/QM model. Hence we do not get TCP.

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• All fluctuations of order parameter are encoded in the Scalar susceptibility  $\chi_{\sigma} = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial h^2} \sim m_{\sigma}^{-2}$ . Normalized scalar susceptibility  $R_{s}(T,\mu) = \frac{\chi_{\sigma}(T,\mu)}{\chi_{\sigma}(0,0)}$ 





• We get only the  $R_s$ =10 contour in the PQM model due to a sharp transition caused by the Polyakov loop. The  $\sigma$  mass decreases very sharply in a narrow temperature interval.

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- Fig(a) shows the PQMVT model plot of the  $log(\chi_q)$  versus  $log(\mu \mu_{CEP})$  close to the CEP when the  $\mu_{CEP}$  is approached from the lower  $\mu$  side.
- Fig (b) shows the same plot as in Fig (a) when the μ<sub>CEP</sub> is approached from the higher μ side.



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Model	$\mu - \mu_{CEP} < 0$	$\mu - \mu_{CEP} > 0$
QM	$0.6379\pm0.0002$	$0.6648\pm0.0001$
PQM	$0.6309\pm0.0001$	$0.6668 \pm 0.0001$
QMVT	$0.720 \pm 0.00005$	$0.6938 \pm 0.0002$
PQMVT	$0.725 \pm 0.0002$	$0.6886 \pm 0.0004$

Table: Critical exponents of the quark-number susceptibility in the QM,PQM,QMVT and PQMVT models for two different paths parallel to the chemical potential axis approaching the  $\mu_{CEP}$  from the lower  $\mu < \mu_{CEP}$  and higher  $\mu > \mu_{CEP}$  side.

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- Fermionic vacuum correction leads to a significantly smoother transition at  $\mu = 0$ . CEP moves to higher chemical potential in consequence.
- In contrast Polyakov loop potential leades to quite a sharp transition and we get a very small and narrow critical region near the CEP.
- Critical region near the CEP for the PQMVT model is significantly large. It is stretched in the direction parallel to first order line.
- The width of the critical region increases in perpendicular direction to the crossover line due to the vacuum fluctuation.
- TCP gets located well within the enhanced quark number susceptibility contour ( $R_q=2$ ) in the PQM/QM model with vacuum fluctuation. TCP influences the critical behavior near CEP.

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