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Phase Transitions
in QCD

Critical Point

First-order Phase
Transition

Chiral Fluid
Dynamics

Entropy
Production

Summary

Production of Entropy at the Chiral Phase Transition from Dissipation and Noise

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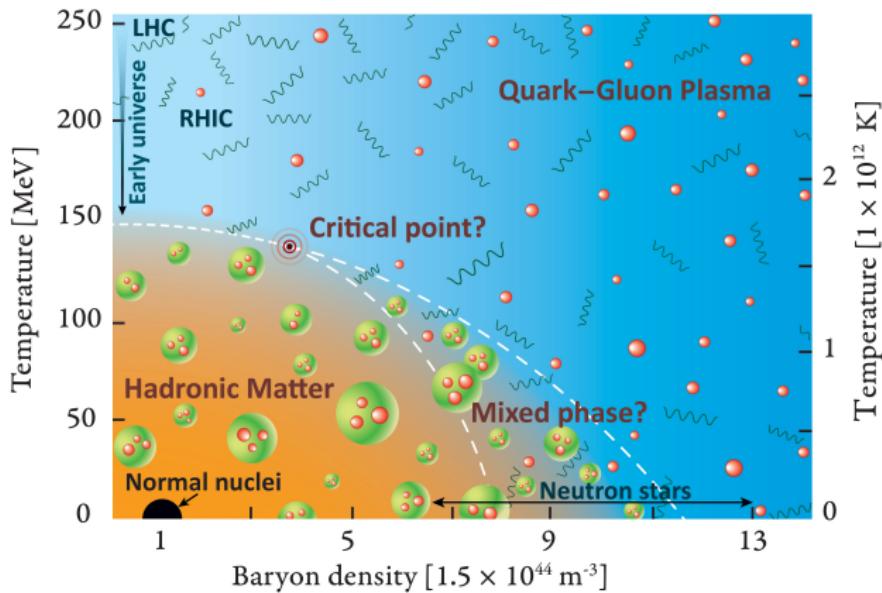
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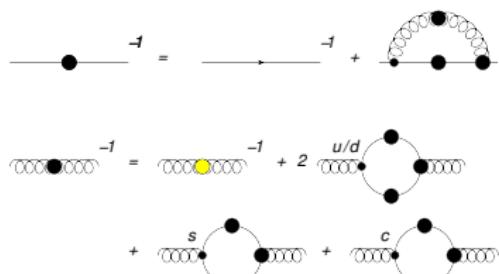
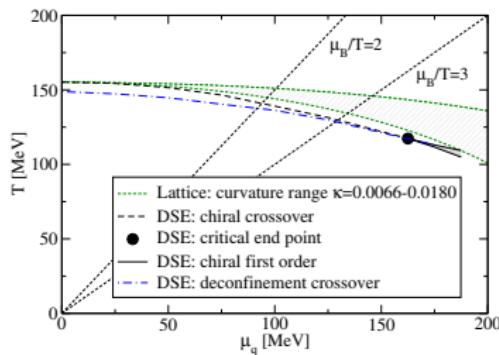
The QCD Phase Diagram



Finding the Critical Point - Theory

1. First principle calculations

- Solve partition function \mathcal{Z} on a lattice (sign problem for finite μ)
- Solve Dyson-Schwinger equations

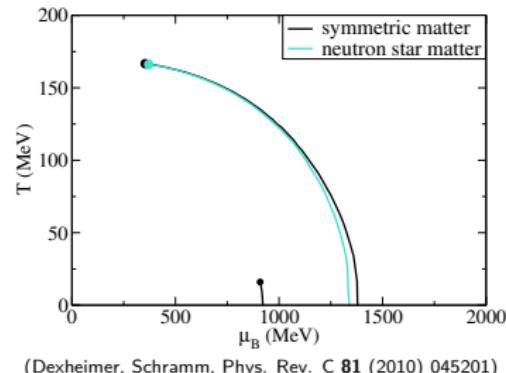
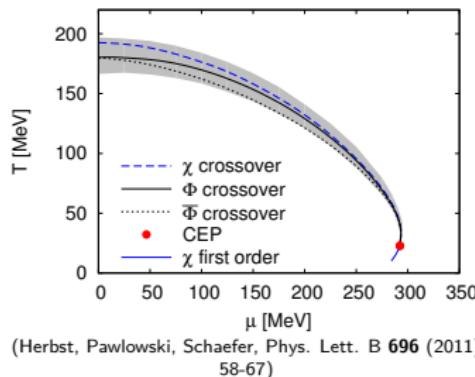


(Fischer, Luecker, Welzbacher, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014))

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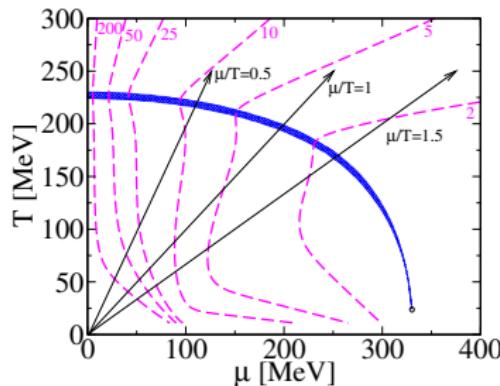
2. Effective models

- Extension with Polyakov loop, baryonic degrees of freedom
- Existence/location of CP not universal!

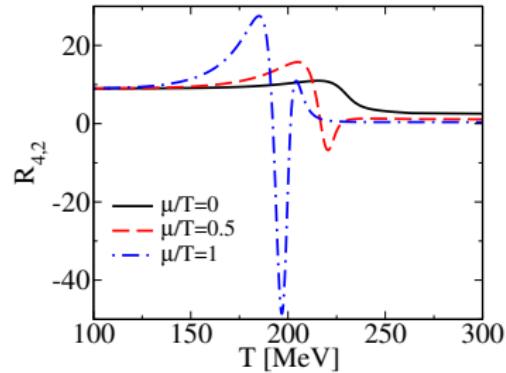


Finding the Critical Point - Theory

3. Susceptibilities



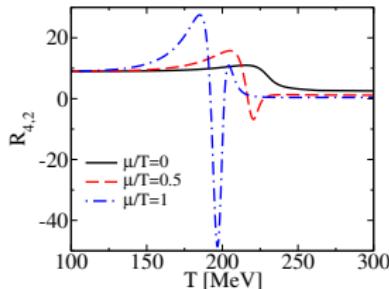
(Skokov, Friman, Redlich, Phys. Rev. C. 83 (2011))



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Finding the Critical Point - Theory

4. Susceptibilities and cumulants



(Skokov, Friman, Redlich, Phys. Rev. C. 83

(2011))

- Generalized susceptibilities:

$$c_2 = \frac{\partial^2(p/T^4)}{\partial(\mu/T)^2} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \langle \delta N^2 \rangle$$

$$c_4 = \frac{\partial^4(p/T^4)}{\partial(\mu/T)^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} [\langle \delta N^4 \rangle - 3\langle \delta N^2 \rangle^2]$$

- Independent of volume and temperature

$$\kappa\sigma^2 = c_4/c_2 = \frac{\langle \delta N^4 \rangle}{\langle \delta N^2 \rangle} - 3\langle \delta N^2 \rangle$$

Finding the Critical Point - Experiment

1. Higher order cumulants: beam energy scan (BES) at STAR

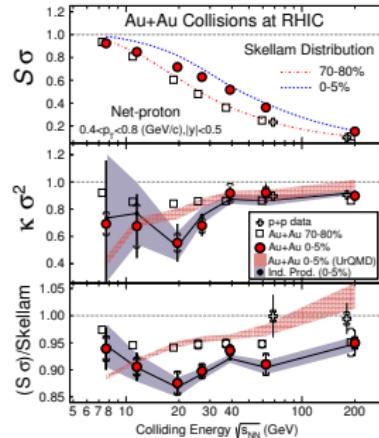
- Higher order cumulants

$$\sigma^2 = \langle \delta N^2 \rangle \sim \xi^2$$

$$S\sigma = \frac{\langle \delta N^3 \rangle}{\langle \delta N^2 \rangle} \sim \xi^{2.5}$$

$$\kappa\sigma^2 = \frac{\langle \delta N^4 \rangle}{\langle \delta N^2 \rangle} - 3\langle \delta N^2 \rangle \sim \xi^5$$

(Stephanov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102** (2009))



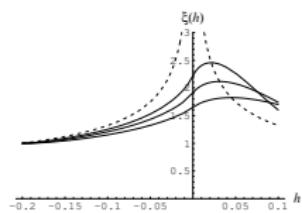
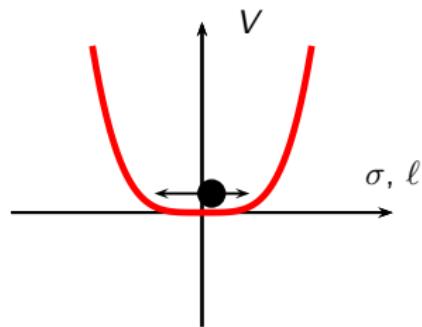
(STAR collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. **112** (2014))

Finding the Critical Point - Experiment

2. ξ -sensitive observables: caveats

- Finite size effects
- Finite time effects
- Critical slowing down

Will influence potential signals



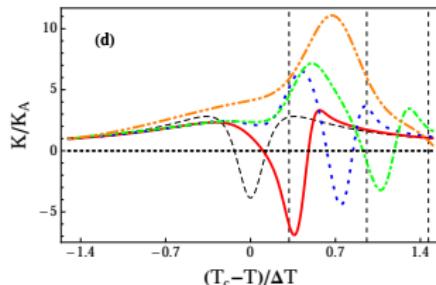
Phenomenologically

$$\frac{d}{dt} m_\sigma(t) = \Gamma(m_\sigma(t)) \left(m_\sigma(t) - \frac{1}{\xi_{eq}(t)} \right)$$

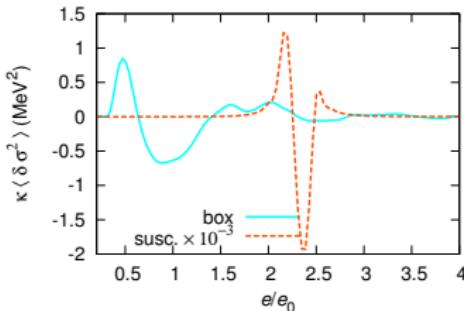
(Berdnikov, Rajagopal, Phys. Rev. D **61** (2000))

Finding the Critical Point - Experiment

3. A dynamical kurtosis

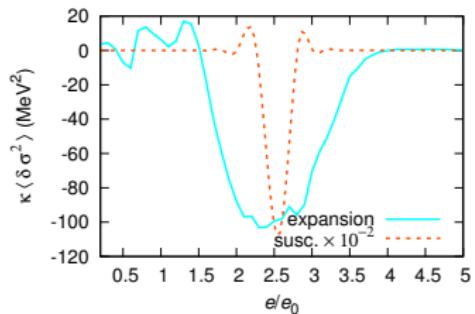


(Mukherjee, Venugopalan, Yin, Phys. Rev. C **92**, (2015))



Cumulants are influenced by:

- Relaxation time
- Homogeneous medium
- Inhomogeneous medium



(CH, Nahrgang, Bleicher et al., EPJ A54, (2018))

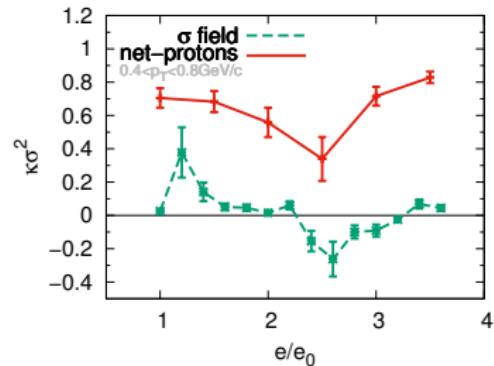
Finding the Critical Point - Experiment

- Nonequilibrium evolution

$$\frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \sigma + \eta \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta \sigma} = \xi$$

- Net-proton kurtosis follows sigma kurtosis

(CH, Nahrgang, Yan, Kobdaj, PRC **93** (2016))



- Corresponds with

$$\langle \delta N^4 \rangle = \langle N \rangle + \kappa_4 \left(\frac{gd}{T} \int_p \frac{n_p}{\gamma_p} \right)^4 + \dots$$

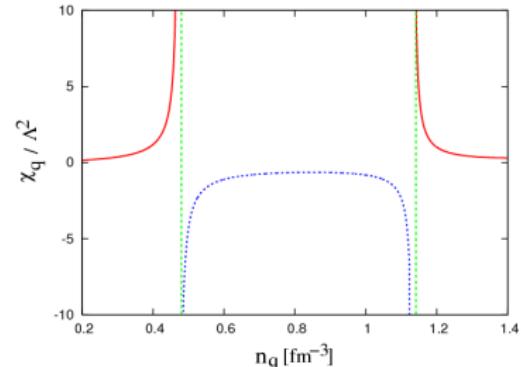
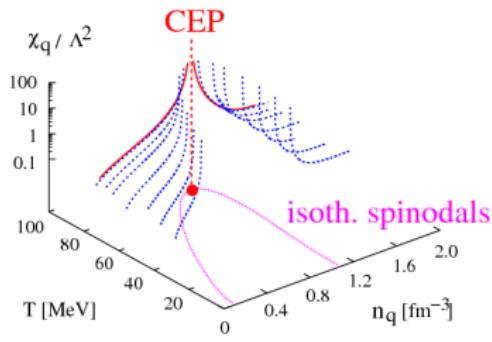
(Stephanov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **107**, (2011))

- **Cumulants of sigma determine evolution of experimental observables**

Finding a First-order Phase Transition

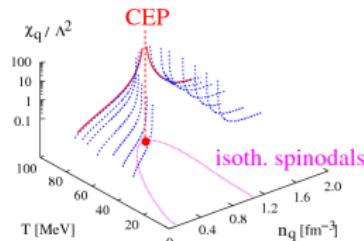
1. Nonequilibrium enhancement of fluctuations

- Nonequilibrium fluctuations interesting at first-order transition
- Spinodal decomposition
- Amplification of inhomogeneities

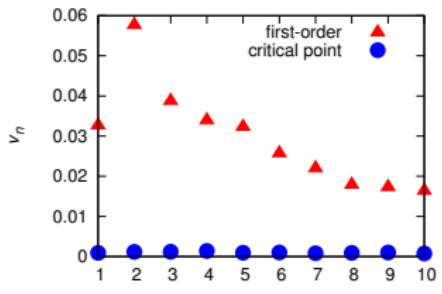


Finding a First-order Phase Transition

2. Dynamical model

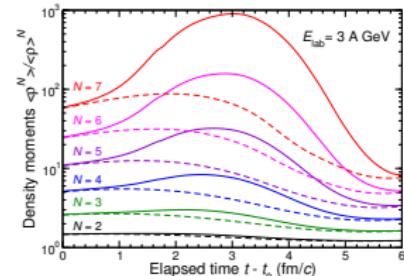


(Sasaki, Friman, Redlich, PRD 77 (2008))



(CH, Nahrgang, Mishustin, Bleicher, NPA 925 (2014))

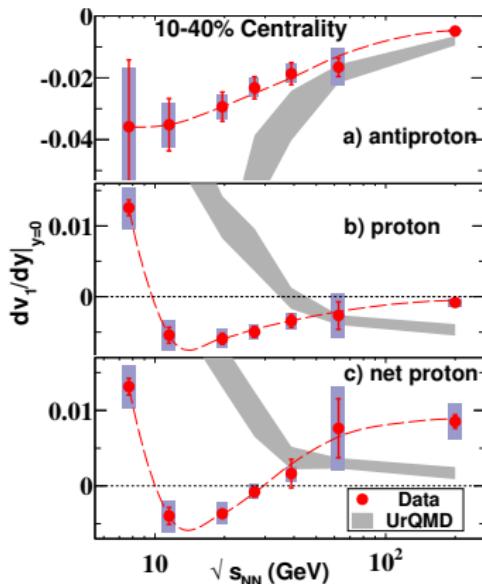
- Formation of metastable phase
- Dynamical fragmentation
- Droplets
- Non-statistical multiplicity fluctuations



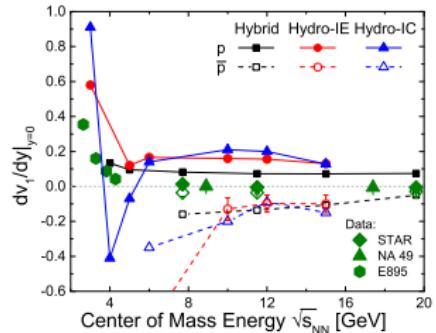
(Steinheimer, Randrup, PRL 109 (2012))

Finding a First-order Phase Transition

3. Directed flow



(STAR collaboration, PRL 112 (2014))



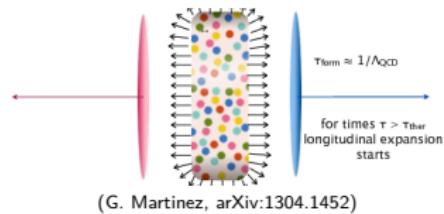
(Steinheimer et al., PRC 89 (2014))

- v_1 sensitive to EoS
- Possible signal for first-order phase transition

$N\chi$ FD - Idea

Ingredients for Nonequilibrium Chiral Fluid Dynamics $N\chi$ FD model

- Nonequilibrium dynamics and Bjorken expansion
- damping and stochastic fluctuations



$$\ddot{\sigma} + \eta \dot{\sigma} + \frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta \sigma} = \xi$$

$$\dot{e} = -\frac{e+P}{\tau} + \left(\frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta \sigma} + \eta \dot{\sigma} \right) \dot{\sigma}, \quad \dot{n} = -\frac{n}{\tau}$$

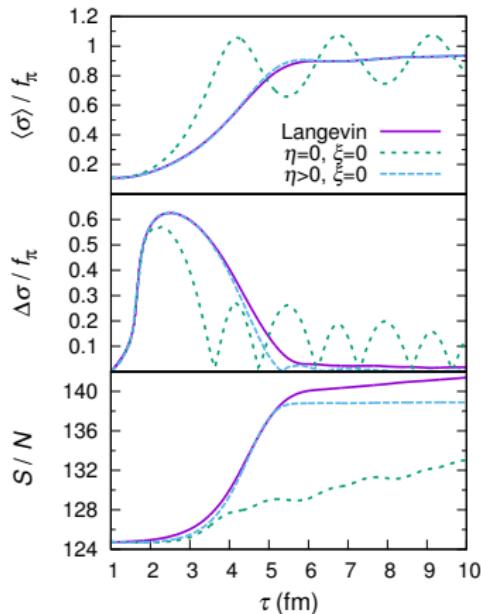
(Herold, Kittiratpattana, Steinheimer, Nahrgang, in prep. (2018))

Based on LσM

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - g\sigma) + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - U(\sigma), \text{ possibly extended with } \ell, \chi$$

- Successfully describes: **spinodal dynamics, criticality**

$N\chi$ FD - Entropy production



- Full Langevin:

$$\ddot{\sigma} + \eta\dot{\sigma} + \frac{\delta\Omega}{\delta\sigma} = \xi$$

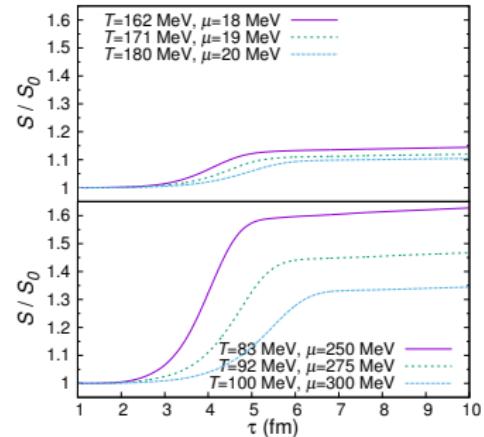
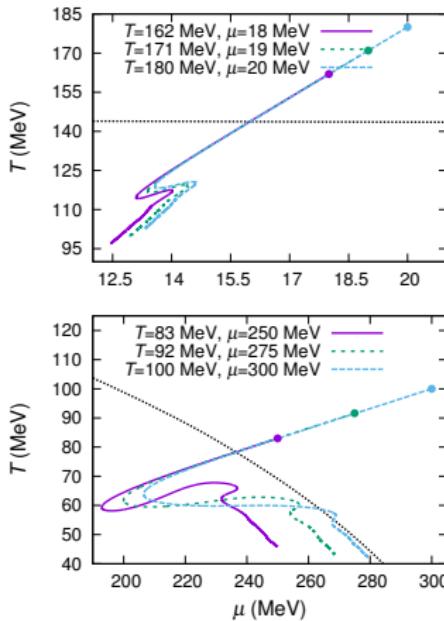
- W/o dissipation and noise:

$$\ddot{\sigma} + \frac{\delta\Omega}{\delta\sigma} = 0$$

- W/ dissipation, w/o noise:

$$\ddot{\sigma} + \eta\dot{\sigma} + \frac{\delta\Omega}{\delta\sigma} = 0$$

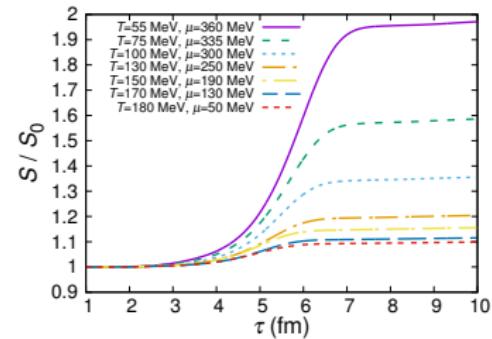
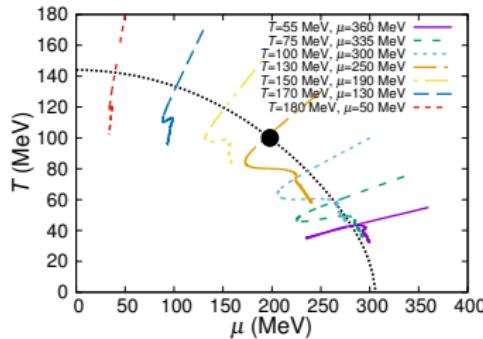
$N\chi$ FD - Initial Conditions



Impact of expansion rate $1/\tau$:

- Trajectory
- Amount of reheating
- Entropy production

$N\chi$ FD - QCD Phase Diagram



- Entropy production becomes stronger at higher μ_B
- Possible signal for first-order phase transition?
- Search for steps in π multiplicities or π/p ratio

Summary

- Dissipation and noise produce entropy
- Relevant effect for first-order chiral phase transition
- Possibly observable in π/p ratio

