

Interplay between chiral dynamics and repulsive interactions in hot hadronic matter

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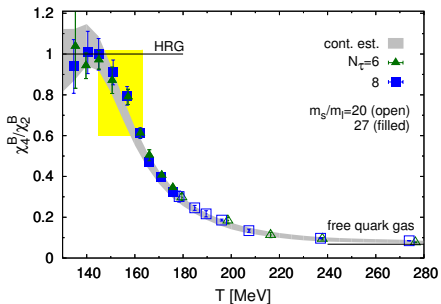
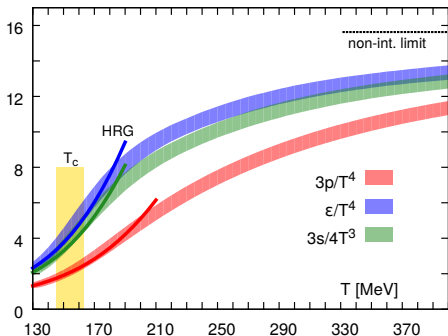
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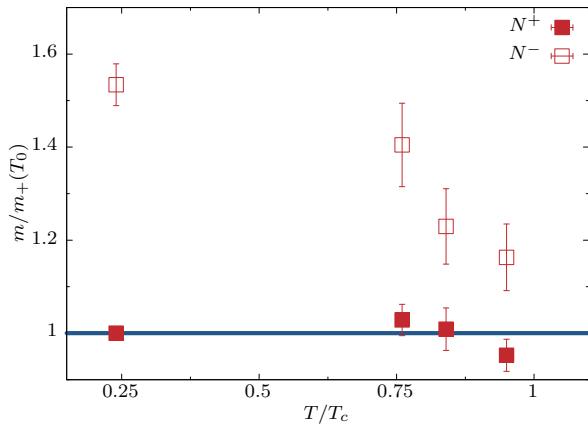


Hadron Resonance Gas vs Lattice QCD



- Pressure in the HRG:
$$P^{\text{HRG}}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q) = \sum_{i \in \text{had}} P^{\text{ideal}}(T, \mu_i; m_i)$$

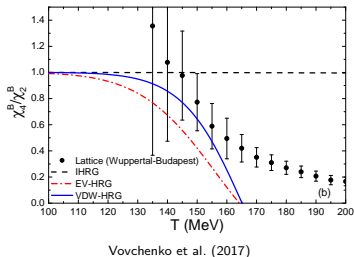
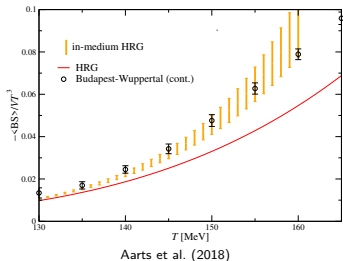
- HRG describes well LQCD equation of state and some fluctuation observables up to $\simeq T_c$
- Rapid breakdown around T_c in kurtosis \rightarrow changeover to QGP



- imprint of chiral symmetry restoration in the baryonic sector
- general tendency: N^+ - constant; N^- - dramatic drop of mass toward chiral crossover
- chiral partners N^\pm stay massive around T_c
- in-medium effects \rightarrow mass shifts \rightarrow input for HRG

In-medium Hadron Resonance Gas vs Lattice QCD

- parity doubling improves the agreement of HRG with LQCD Aarts et al. (2018)
- agreement is only accidental with only mass shifts in HRG Morita et al. (2018)
- excluded volume and van der Waals HRG improve the agreement with LQCD
- deviations from HRG baseline \rightarrow repulsive hadron interactions Vovchenko et al. (2017)



To what extent the behavior is dominated by the chiral criticality and repulsive interactions?

What are the origins of the structures present in higher-order cumulants?

Delineating in-medium effects in higher-order cumulants in $\sigma - \omega$ model

- Cumulants of the net-baryon number: $\chi_n = T^{n-4} \left. \frac{\partial^{n-1} n_B}{\partial \mu_B^{n-1}} \right|_T$

- In the mean-field approx.: $n_B = n_B(T, \mu_B, \sigma(T, \mu_B), \omega(T, \mu_B))$

- General structure of the second-order cumulant:

$$\chi_2 = \chi_2^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}} + \frac{\partial n_B}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mu_B} \xrightarrow{\mu_B=0} \chi_2^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}}$$

↙ attractive ↘ repulsive

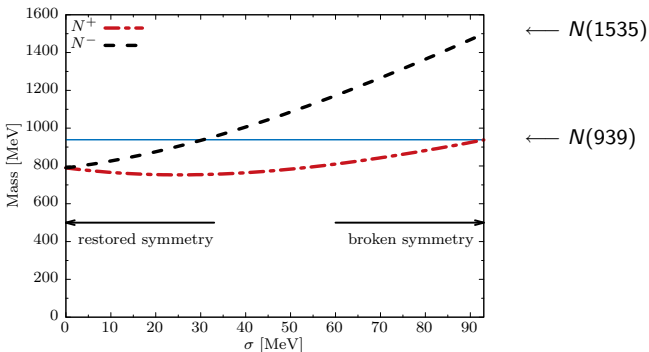
- At $\mu_B = 0 \rightarrow \chi_2^{\text{id}}(T, \sigma)$ - HRG with in-medium masses due to chiral restoration (σ HRG)

- $\beta_{\text{rep}} = 1 - g_\omega \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \mu_B}$ - suppression factor due to repulsive interactions

- Approximations for higher orders and ratios:

$$\chi_n \approx \chi_n^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}}^{n-1} + \dots \quad \frac{\chi_n}{\chi_m} \approx \frac{\chi_n^{\text{id}}}{\chi_m^{\text{id}}} \beta_{\text{rep}}^{n-m} + \dots$$

$$m_{\pm} = \sqrt{m_0^2 + c_1^2 \sigma^2} \mp c_2 \sigma \xrightarrow{\sigma \rightarrow 0} m_0$$



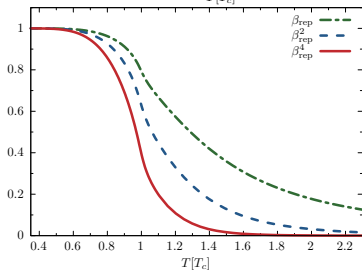
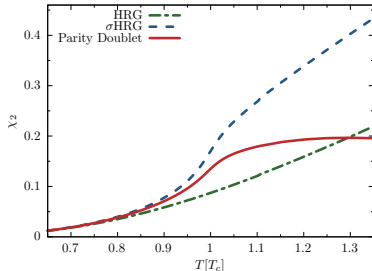
- chiral symmetry restoration \rightarrow exchange of σ meson
- repulsive interactions \rightarrow exchange of ω meson
- mean field approximation for chiral criticality
- thermodynamic potential: $\Omega = \sum_{x=\pm} \Omega_{\pm} + V_{\sigma} + V_{\omega}$

Second-order cumulant

- HRG - non-critical baseline
- HRG $\xrightarrow{+chiral}$ σ HRG $\xrightarrow{+repulsion}$ Parity Doublet
- qualitative differences in $\chi_2 \rightarrow$ repulsive interactions

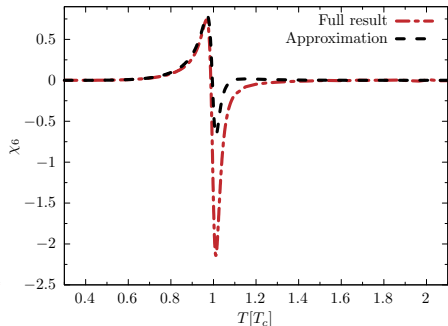
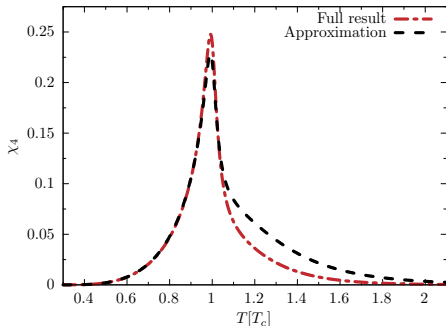
$$\chi_2 = \chi_2^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}}$$

- repulsion becomes more important with increasing temperature
- at T_c : $\beta_{\text{rep}} \simeq 0.8 \rightarrow \chi_2$ reduced by 20%
- repulsion more readily exposed in higher-order cumulants: $\chi_n \sim \beta^{n-1}$
- estimated suppression of χ_4 and χ_6 is 41% and 67%, respectively



Approximations for higher-order cumulants

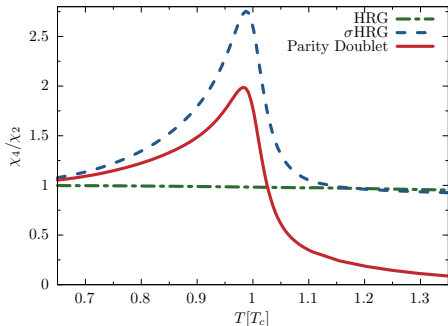
$$\chi_n \approx \chi_n^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}}^{n-1} + \dots$$



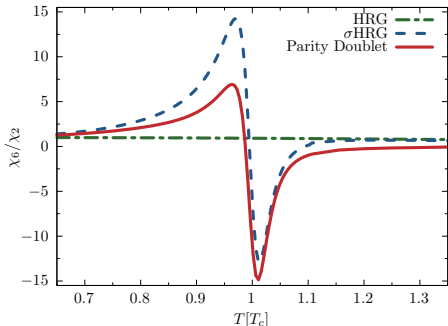
- $\chi_2 = \chi_2^{\text{id}} \beta_{\text{rep}}$ is exact \rightarrow errors in ratios come from χ_4 and χ_6
- reasonable agreement up to $\sim 1.1 T_c$
- qualitative structure is preserved

Ratios of higher-order cumulants: kurtosis and χ_6/χ_2

interactions \rightarrow strong deviations from the HRG baseline

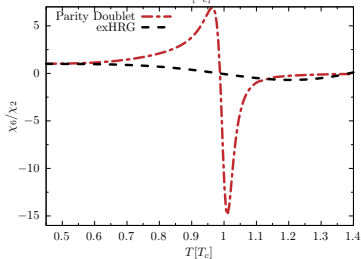
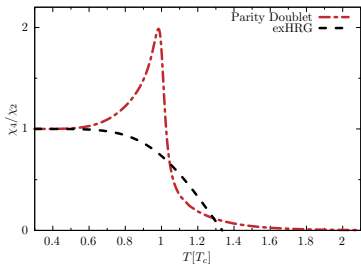


- structure dictated by the chiral symmetry
- no chiral-critical behavior encoded in β



- χ_4/χ_2 and χ_6/χ_2 suppressed by repulsion, but qualitative structure the same

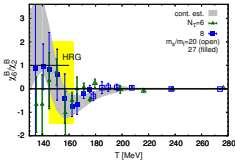
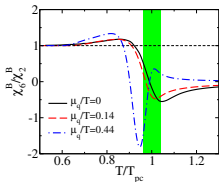
Comparison with excluded volume HRG



$$P^{\text{ev}}(T, \mu) = P^{\text{id}}(T, \mu - v_0 P^{\text{ev}}(T, \mu))$$

- qualitatively different structure of the ratios
- excluded Volume HRG - strong suppression due to hadronic interactions
 - χ_4/χ_2 - reduced from Skellam as seen in LQCD
 - χ_6/χ_2 - fails to capture the characteristic properties
- structure of χ_6/χ_2 persists when mesonic fluctuations included, e.g., in FRG and in LQCD

Friman et al (2011); Borsanyi et al (2018); Bazavov et al (2020)



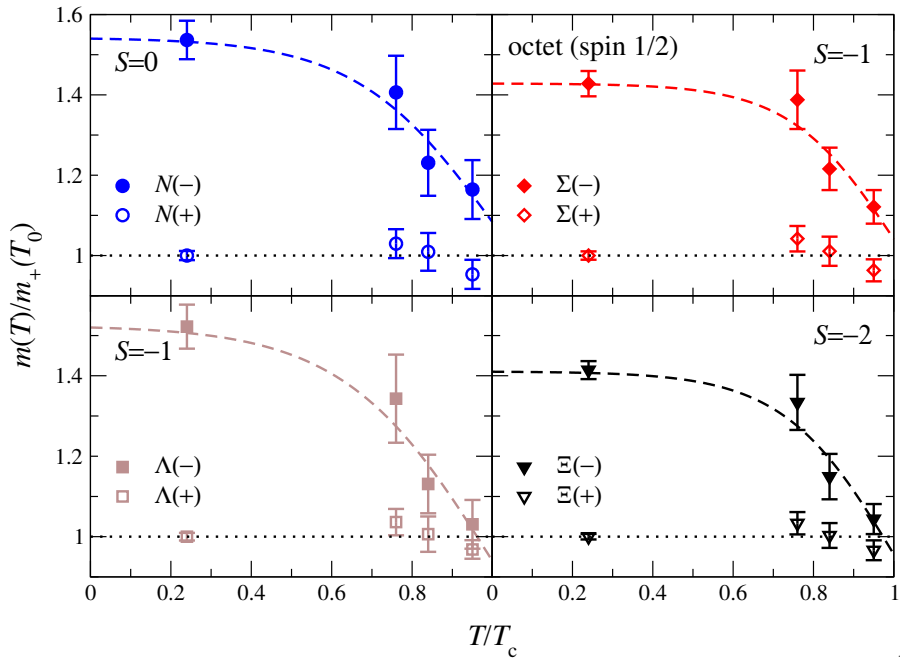
- repulsive interactions are insufficient → consistent framework with chiral effects and repulsive interactions needed.

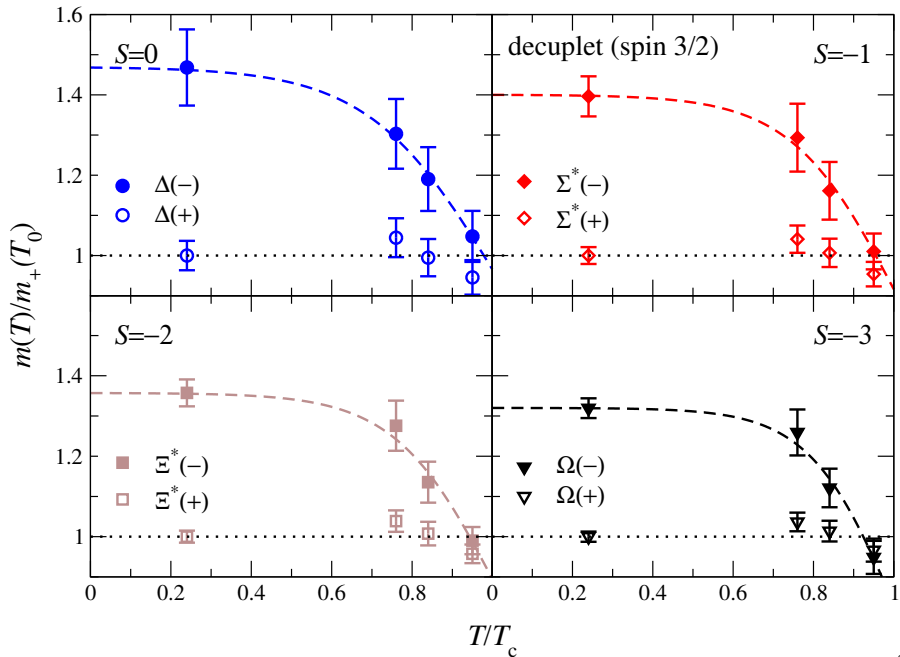
Conclusions

Interplay between chiral dynamics and repulsive interactions at $\mu_B = 0$:

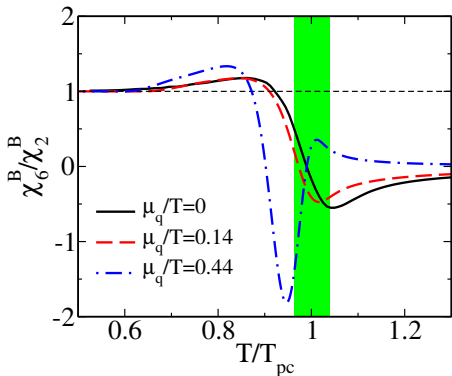
- higher-order cumulants are sensitive to hadronic interactions
- factorization of $\chi_2 \rightarrow$ (attractive) \times (repulsive)
 - approximation for higher orders
- repulsive interactions become readily exposed in the structure of the higher-order cumulants
- excluded volume model fails to reproduce dominant chiral critical behavior
- consistent framework with chiral effects and repulsive interactions needed.

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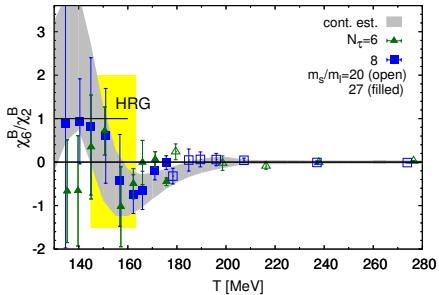




χ_6/χ_2 in FRG and LQCD



Friman et al, EPJC (2011)



HotQCD, PRD (2017)