#### Fluctuations Lattice meets experiment

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#### Phase diagram



#### Cumulants and phase structure



What we always see....

What it really means....

"T<sub>c</sub>" ~ 160 MeV

#### Derivatives



#### How to measure derivatives

At 
$$\mu = 0$$
:  

$$Z = tr e^{-\hat{E}/T + \mu/T\hat{N}_B}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} tr \hat{E} e^{-\hat{E}/T + \mu/T\hat{N}_B} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T} \ln(Z)$$

$$\langle (\delta E)^2 \rangle = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right)^2 \ln(Z) = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right) \langle E \rangle$$

$$\langle (\delta E)^n \rangle = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right)^{n-1} \langle E \rangle$$

Cumulants of Energy measure the temperature derivatives of the EOS Cumulants of Baryon number measure the chem. pot. derivatives of the EOS

#### Simple model



#### Close to µ=0

$$F = F(r), \quad r = \sqrt{T^2 + a\mu^2}$$

a ~ curvature of critical line



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} F(T,\mu)|_{\mu=0} = \frac{a}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} F(T,\mu=0) \sim \langle E \rangle$$
$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial \mu^3} F(T,\mu)|_{\mu=0} = 3 \frac{a^3}{T} \left( T \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \right) F(T,\mu=0)$$

Needs higher order cumulants (derivatives) at  $\mu \sim 0$ 

#### Compare Data with Lattice QCD



#### **Compare Data with Lattice QCD**



#### Protons vs Baryons

Kitazawa and Asakawa, PRC85, 021901 (2012)

Possible to relate proton cumulants to baryon cumulants if fast isospin equilibration

$$\langle N_{\rm B}^{\rm (net)} \rangle = 2 \langle N_p^{\rm (net)} \rangle,$$
 (9)

$$\left\langle \left(\delta N_{\rm B}^{\rm (net)}\right)^2 \right\rangle = 4 \left\langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (net)}\right)^2 \right\rangle - 2 \left\langle N_p^{\rm (tot)} \right\rangle,\tag{10}$$

$$\left\langle \left(\delta N_{\rm B}^{\rm (net)}\right)^3 \right\rangle = 8 \left\langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (net)}\right)^3 \right\rangle - 12 \left\langle \delta N_p^{\rm (net)} \delta N_p^{\rm (tot)} \right\rangle + 6 \left\langle N_p^{\rm (net)} \right\rangle,$$
(11)

$$\langle \left(\delta N_{\rm B}^{\rm (net)}\right)^4 \rangle_c = 16 \langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (net)}\right)^4 \rangle_c - 48 \langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (net)}\right)^2 \delta N_p^{\rm (tot)} \rangle + 48 \langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (net)}\right)^2 \rangle + 12 \langle \left(\delta N_p^{\rm (tot)}\right)^2 \rangle - 26 \langle N_p^{\rm (tot)} \rangle,$$

$$(12)$$

Doable but in general

$$\frac{K_m^{(net-p)}}{K_n^{(net-p)}} \neq \frac{K_m^{(net-B)}}{K_n^{(net-B)}}$$

#### **Compare Data with Lattice QCD**

Example: "Charge" susceptibility

$$\chi_Q = \int d^3x < \rho(x)\rho(0) > = \int d^3p < \tilde{\rho}(p)\tilde{\rho}(0) >$$

Equivalence of *Integrated* coordinate space and momentum space correlation function

Experiment almost never integrates ALL of momentum space!

Lattice (hopefully) does integrate over all coordinate space

#### **Correlations: Lattice vs Data**

$$\langle n(y_1)(n(y_2)-\delta(y_1-y_2))\rangle = \langle n(y_1)\rangle\langle n(y_2)\rangle(1+C(y_1,y_2))$$

 $C(y_1, y_2) \sim \exp(\frac{-(y_1 - y_2)^2}{2\sigma^2})$ 

$$\frac{\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle} = 1 + \langle N \rangle \int_{\Delta/2}^{\Delta/2} C(y 1, y 2) dy 1 dy_2$$



"Lattice result"





Any comparison of Lattice to Data needs to assure that cumulants reach asymptotic value in experiment.

So far this has NOT ben established for proton cumulants

#### Long range correlations

Large correlation length ( $\sigma_Y >> \Delta Y=1$ ):  $K_n = K_n (\langle N \rangle)$ 



STAR data at 7.7 GeV consistent with  $\sigma_Y >> 1$ 

#### **Net-baryon multiplicity distribution**

Utilize of cluster expansion model of Vovchenko et al arXiv:1711.01261

Virial expansion:

$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln(Z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(T) \cosh(k\hat{\mu}_B)$$

$$p_k = f(p_1, p_2); \ k > 2$$

Cluster model: Lattice QCD:



Vovchenko et al, arXiv:1708.02852



#### Net-baryon multiplicity distribution

Virial expansion: 
$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln(Z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(T) \cosh(k\hat{\mu}_B)$$

$$Z = \exp\left[VT^3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k(T) \cosh(k\hat{\mu}_B)\right] = z_0 + 2\sum_{\mathcal{N}=1}^{\infty} z_{\mathcal{N}} \cosh(\mathcal{N}\hat{\mu}_B)$$

Multiplicity distribution:

$$P(\mathcal{N}) = \frac{z_{\mathcal{N}} e^{\hat{\mu}_B \mathcal{N}}}{Z}$$

 $\hat{\mu}_B \to i\bar{\mu}_B$ 

$$P(\mathcal{N}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} d\bar{\mu}_B \, \cos(\mathcal{N}\bar{\mu}_B) \, \frac{\exp\left[VT^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k(T) \cos\left(k\bar{\mu}_B\right)\right]}{\exp\left[VT^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k(T)\right]} \qquad \hat{\mu}_B = 0$$

#### LHC







### Summary

- Fluctuations sensitive to phase structure: - measure "derivatives" of EOS
- Cumulants contain information about correlations
- Comparison with Lattice require some care
- Net-baryon number distribution consistent with lattice
  - Deviation from Skellam is very small!
  - Measuring chiral criticality likely difficult

## Thank You





#### Cumulants of (Baryon) Number

$$K_n = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial (\mu/T)^n} \ln Z = \frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial (\mu/T)^{n-1}} \langle N \rangle$$

$$K_1 = \langle N \rangle, \ K_2 = \langle N - \langle N \rangle \rangle^2, \ K_3 = \langle N - \langle N \rangle \rangle^3$$

Cumulants scale with volume (extensive):  $K_n \sim V$ 

Volume not well controlled in heavy ion collisions

Cumulant Ratios: 
$$\frac{K_2}{\langle N \rangle}, \frac{K_3}{K_2}, \frac{K_4}{K_2}$$

















# Preliminary Star data are consistent with long range correlations



7.7 GeV central 19.6 GeV central