# Fluctuations of Conserved Charges as Probes of QCD Phase Structure

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MK, Asakawa, PRC85,021901C(2012); PRC86, 024904(2012) MK, Asakawa, Ono, PLB728,386(2014)

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#### Beam-Energy Scan







#### Fluctuations

 Fluctuations reflect properties of matter.
 Enhancement near the critical point Stephanov,Rajagopal,Shuryak('98); Hatta,Stephanov('02); Stephanov('09);...
 Ratios between cumulants of conserved charges Asakawa,Heinz,Muller('00); Jeon, Koch('00); Ejiri,Karsch,Redlich('06)
 Signs of higher order cumulants Asakawa,Ejiri,MK('09); Friman,et al.('11); Stephanov('11)



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Definite definition for operators

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#### Simple thermodynamic relations

$$\left< \delta N_c^n \right> = \frac{1}{VT^{n-1}} \frac{\partial^n \Omega}{\partial \mu_c^n}$$

 Intuitive interpretation for the behaviors of cumulants

ex: 
$$\langle \delta N_B^3 \rangle = \frac{1}{VT^2} \frac{\partial \langle \delta N_B^2 \rangle}{\partial \mu_B}$$



Asakawa, Ejiri, MK, 2009

#### **Recent Progress in Lattice Community**



#### Fluctuations

Free Boltzmann → Poisson 
$$\langle \delta N^n \rangle_c = \langle N \rangle$$



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#### Proton # Cumulants @ STAR-BES



#### Charge Fluctuation @ LHC



 $\langle \delta N_Q^2 \rangle$  is not equilibrated at freeze-out at LHC energy!

#### $\Delta\eta$ Dependence @ ALICE





achieved only through diffusion.

the slower diffusion

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Δη dependences of fluctuation observables encode history of the hot medium!

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# Baryon vs Proton Number Fluctuations

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$$\square \frac{\langle \delta N_B^n \rangle_c}{\langle \delta N_B^m \rangle_c} \neq \frac{\langle \delta N_p^n \rangle_c}{\langle \delta N_p^m \rangle_c}$$

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#### Nucleon Isospin as Two Sides of a Coin



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Coins have two sides.

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#### **Slot Machine Analogy**











#### Extreme Examples



#### **Reconstructing Total Coin Number**

 $P_{\textcircled{0}}(N_{\textcircled{0}}) = \sum_{A} P_{\textcircled{0}}(N_{\textcircled{0}})B_{1/2}(N_{\textcircled{0}};N_{\textcircled{0}})$ 



 $B_p(k;N) = p^k (1-p)^{N-k} {}_k C_N$  :binomial distr. func.

#### **Reconstructing Baryon Number Cumulants**

$$\mathcal{P}(N_p, N_n, N_{\bar{p}}, N_{\bar{n}})$$
  
=  $F(N_N, N_{\bar{N}})B(N_p; N_N)B(N_{\bar{p}}; N_{\bar{N}})$ 

➢ for any phase space in the final state.



$$\Box \begin{cases} \langle (\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \langle (\delta N_N^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \langle N_N^{(\text{tot})} \rangle \\ \langle (\delta N_N^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle = 4 \langle (\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle - 2 \langle N_p^{(\text{tot})} \rangle \end{cases}$$

- for isospin symmetric medium
- effect of isospin density <10% for  $\sqrt{s}$ >10GeV
- Similar formulas up to any order!





Lifetime to create 
$$\Delta^+$$
 or  $\Delta^0$  Hadronic stage  
 $\tau \simeq 4 [\text{fm}] \longrightarrow \simeq 20 [\text{fm}]$ 

#### **Nucleons in Hadronic Phase**



#### **Difference btw Baryon and Proton Numbers**

(1)  $N_B^{(\text{net})} = N_B - N_{\bar{B}}$  deviates from the equilibrium value. (2) Boltzmann (Poisson) distribution for  $N_B, N_{\bar{B}}$ .

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2\langle (\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle (\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle (\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^2 \rangle_{\text{free}} \\ 2\langle (\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^3 \rangle = \frac{1}{4}\langle (\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^3 \rangle + \frac{3}{4}\langle (\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^3 \rangle_{\text{free}} \\ 2\langle (\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^4 \rangle_c = \frac{1}{8}\langle (\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^4 \rangle_c + \cdots \right]$$
genuine info.
Poissonian noise
Difference from Poisson (thermal) distribution

is suppressed in proton number fluctuations.

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# Time Evolution of Higher Order Cumulants

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 $<\delta N_{0}^{4} > @ LHC ?$ 



#### Hydrodynamic Fluctuations

Landau, Lifshitz, Statistical Mechaniqs II Kapusta, Muller, Stephanov, 2012 Stephanov, Shuryak, 2001

#### Stochastic diffusion equation

 $\partial_{\tau} n = D \partial_{\eta}^2 n + \partial_{\eta} \xi(\eta, \tau)$ Markov (white noise) continuity Gaussian noise Fluctuation of *n* is Gaussian in equilibrium cf) Gardiner, "Stochastic Methods"

#### How to Introduce Non-Gaussianity?

Stochastic diffusion equation

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**REMARK:** 

Fluctuations measured in HIC are almost Poissonian.

#### **Diffusion Master Equation**



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#### Solve the DME **exactly**, and take $a \rightarrow 0$ limit

No approx., ex. van Kampen's system size expansion

#### **Baryons in Hadronic Phase**



# Solution of DME in $a \rightarrow 0$ Limit

1st order (deterministic)  $\langle n \rangle$ 

**\Box** consistent with diffusion equation with  $D=\gamma a^2$ 

Continuum limit with fixed  $D=\gamma a^2$ 

2nd order  $\langle \delta n^2 \rangle$ 

consistent with stochastic diffusion eq. (for sufficiently smooth initial conditions)

Shuryak, Stephanov, 2001

Nontrivial results for non-Gaussian fluctuations

#### Net Charge Number

Prepare 2 species of (non-interacting) particles



Let us investigate

 $\langle \bar{Q}^2 
angle_c ~~ \langle \bar{Q}^4 
angle_c$  at freezeout time t



# **Total Charge Number**

In recombination model,



 $\square$   $N_B^{(\text{tot})}$  can fluctuate, while  $N_B^{(\text{net})}$  does not.

4> @ LHC

boost invariant system

Assumptions -

- small fluctuations of CC at hadronization
- short correlation in hadronic stage



#### $\Delta\eta$ Dependence at STAR

#### **STAR, QM2012**



decreases as  $\Delta\eta$  becomes larger at RHIC energy.

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# Fluctuations @ J-PARC Energy



Ingredients to be considered:

- ✓ Bjorken expansion
- ✓ pseudo rapidity vs coordinate-space rapidity
- ✓ finite volume effect (global charge conservation)

# Summary

#### Fluctuations in HIC are nonthermal!

Plenty of physics in  $\Delta \eta$  dependences of various cumulants

 $\langle N_Q^2 \rangle_c, \ \langle N_B^2 \rangle_c, \ \langle N_Q^4 \rangle_c, \ \langle N_B^4 \rangle_c,$  $\langle N_{ch}^2 \rangle_c, \cdots$ 

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#### Search of QCD Phase Structure in HIC

#### **Open Questions & Future Work**

- Why the primordial fluctuations are observed only at LHC, and not RHIC ?
- Extract more information on each stage of fireballs using fluctuations

- Model refinement
  - Including the effects of nonzero correlation length / relaxation time global charge conservation

#### $\Delta \eta$ Dependence at Freezeout



#### Price of Baryon Number Reconstruction

□ Statistical error will be large.

□ Applicable only to high-energy collisions.

Sufficiently large number of pions

 $\square T_c > m_{\pi}$ 

Approximate isospin symmetry

$$rac{\langle N_p \rangle}{\langle N_N \rangle} = rac{1}{2}$$
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 10 \text{GeV}$ 



# **Time Evolution in Hadronic Phase**

#### Hadronization (initial condition)



Boost invariance / infinitely long system
 Local equilibration / local correlation



# **Time Evolution in Hadronic Phase**

#### Hadronization (initial condition)





#### Freezeout



#### **Chemical Reaction 1**

$$\begin{array}{c} X \xrightarrow[]{k_1} \\ \hline{\searrow}_{k_2} A \\ a: \# \text{ of } X \\ a: \# \text{ of } A \text{ (fixed)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Master eq.:} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(x,t) = k_2 a P(x-1,t) + k_1(x+1) P(x+1,t) \\ \quad -(k_1 x + k_2 a) P(x,t) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (k_1 x + k_2 a) P(x,t) \\ \hline \\ \text{Cumulants with fixed initial condition } P(x,0) = \delta_{x,N_0} \\ \langle x(t) \rangle = N_0 e^{-k_1 t} + N_{eq}(1 - e^{-k_1 t}) \\ \langle \delta x(t)^2 \rangle = N_0(e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-2k_1 t}) + N_{eq}(1 - e^{-k_1 t}) \\ \langle \delta x(t)^3 \rangle = N_0(e^{-k_1 t} - 3e^{-2k_1 t} + 2e^{-3k_1 t}) + N_{eq}(1 - e^{-k_1 t}) \\ \text{equilibrium} \end{array}$$

#### **Chemical Reaction 2**

0

0

0.5

$$X \stackrel{k_1}{\xrightarrow{k_2}} A$$

$$N_0 = N_{eq}$$

$$\langle x(t) \rangle = N_{eq}$$

$$\langle \delta x(t)^2 \rangle = N_{eq}(1 - e^{-2k_1 t})$$

$$\langle \delta x(t)^3 \rangle = N_{eq}(1 - 3e^{-2k_1 t} + 2e^{-3k_1 t})$$

$$\int_{V_1}^{U_2} \stackrel{0.8}{\underset{k_1}{\otimes} 0.6} \stackrel{0.6}{\underset{k_1}{\otimes} 0.6} \stackrel{0.6}{\underset{k_1}{\underset{k_1}{\otimes} 0.6} \stackrel{0.6}{\underset{k_1}{\underset$$

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Higher-order cumulants grow slower.

 $k_1 t$ 

2

1.5

# Time Evolution in HIC



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#### **Stochastic Force**

determined by fluctuation-dissipation relation

# $\Delta\eta$ Dependence

Shuryak, Stephanov, 2001

□ Initial condition:  $\langle \delta n(\eta_1, 0) \delta n(\eta_2, 0) \rangle = \sigma_2 \delta(\eta_1 - \eta_2)$ 

Translational invariance



#### Non-Gaussianity in Fluctuating Hydro?

Theorem

It is **impossible** to directly extend the theory of hydro fluctuations to treat higher orders.

□ No a priori extension of FD relations to higher orders

Markov process + continuous variable

→Gaussian random force

cf) Gardiner, "Stochastic Methods"



- Effect of GCC can be read off from  $\Delta\eta$  dependence.
- No GCC effect in ALICE experiments!

# Non-Gaussianity

fluctuations (correlations)

# $\langle \delta n_1 \delta n_2 \rangle, \langle \delta n_1 \delta n_2 \delta n_3 \rangle, \langle \delta n_1 \delta n_2 \delta n_3 \delta n_4 \rangle_c, \cdots \\ \blacktriangleright \text{Non-Gaussianity}$



PLANCK : statistics insufficient to see non-Gaussianity...(2013)

#### Fluctuations

#### Observables in equilibrium are fluctuating.



#### Fluctuations





#### Event-by-Event Analysis @ HIC

Fluctuations can be measured by e-by-e analysis in HIC.

