# Universality driven analytic structure of QCD crossover

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Based on:

- S. Mukherjee and V.S.: 1909.04639
- A. Connelly, G. Johnson, F. Rennecke, and V.S.: Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 19, 191602







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#### Intro



 $\blacklozenge$  LQCD + universality argument  $\rightsquigarrow$  new input on QCD phase diagram

Consider a system close to transition. There is a universal function of scaling variable which describe properties of this transitions. There is a non-universal map between parameters of the theory  $(T, \mu, m)$  and the scaling variable. The analytic structure (location/type of singularities and cuts) of this universal function defines thermodynamics of the system. This function has poles: Yang-Lee Edge singularities. This singularities define the radius of convergence. The location of Yang-Lee Edge singularities  $z_c$  was not known until recently.

QCD crossover for small pion mass is described by the universal function. Thus there are singularities at complex  $\mu$ . Their location can be found from lattice input on mapping  $(T, \mu, m) \rightarrow$  the scaling variable and the value of  $z_c$ .

Universal function: computed for (simpler) theory in the same universality class as QCD.

Conventionally:

- ◆ LQCD has access to zero chemical potential (and imaginary)
- ◆ Taylor series: radius of convergence of power series is radius of largest disk in which the series converges
- ◆ Radius of convergence of power series is defined by closest singularity

• Example:

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$$

♦ Singularities of thermodynamic functions  $\sim$  signal critical point, phase transitions

• Example 1: in chiral limit for O(4) line 
$$\alpha < 0$$

$$p \propto \# (T - T_c + \kappa \mu^2)^{2-\alpha} + p_{\text{reg}}$$

Branch point singularity (when the argument  $T - T_c + \kappa \mu^2 = 0$ ) on the real  $\mu$  axis Example 2: thermal singularity

$$f_{\rm FD} = [e^{\frac{\omega}{T} - \frac{\mu}{T}} + 1]^{-1}$$

Singularity on lines Im  $\mu/T = \pm \pi$ . Singularity at complex value of  $\mu$ .

Example 3: non-zero quark mass. At given temperature (above CP)



 $p \propto \# (\mu - \mu_{\rm YL})^{1+\sigma} + p_{\rm reg}$  $\mu_{\rm YL}$  is complex number;  $\sigma \approx 0.1$  is Yang-Lee edge singularity

Mean-field quark-meson/NJL model:





Replotted using data from BNL-Bi-CCNU Collaboration, arXiv:1701.04325

• Reversing the argument: Taylor expansion is reliable inside shaded region

• Precise mathematical statement about radius of convergence

 $\rightsquigarrow$  asymptotically high order coefficients



Even 30 Taylor coefficients are not sufficient to describe actual convergence radius

#### ◆ Is there an alternative way?!

- Based on first-principal QCD
- Not relying on Taylor series expansion

#### ◆ This talk: assuming that

- QCD belongs to O(4) universality class in chiral limit
- QCD is in scaling regime at physical pion mass

it is possible to predict the radius of convergence based on universality argument and non-universal input from LQCD

A Lahiri's talk

◆ Scale invariance for free energy:

$$f = b^{-d} f(tb^{\lambda_t}, hb^{\lambda_h})$$

where  $t = T - T_c$ 

◆ Inhomogeneity of this function leads to

$$f = h^{\frac{2-\alpha}{\beta\delta}} f_f(z = th^{-\frac{1}{\beta\delta}})$$

also often used "magnetic equation of state"

$$g = M/h^{1/\delta}$$

◆ In vicinity of QCD transition:

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• Recent progress from LQCD established:  $T_c = 132^{+3}_{-6}$  MeV;  $\kappa_B = 0.012(2)$ ;  $z_0 = 1 - 2$ 



Sheng-Tai Li, Heng-Tong Ding, 1702.01294

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#### O(4) scaling function: magnetic equation of state





• The entire domain of this function is universal

# Analytically computable models: mean-field and large N approximations

Analytical results for magnetic equation of state

$$g(z) \equiv \frac{z}{\beta\delta} f'_f(z) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta}\right) f_f(z)$$

• Mean-field approximation starting from Landau functional  $F(\phi) = t\phi^2/2 + \phi^4/4 - h\phi$ and equation of motion  $F'(\phi) = t\phi + \phi^3 - h = 0$ . Introducing  $\phi = h^{1/3}g$  and  $z = t/h^{2/3}$ 

$$g(z)[z+g^2(z)] = 1, \quad z_c = \frac{3}{2^{2/3}} e^{\pm i\frac{\pi}{3}} \qquad |z_c| \approx 1.89$$

◆ Large N limit

$$g(z) \left[z+g^2(z)\right]^2 = 1, \quad z_c = \frac{5}{2^{8/5}} e^{\pm i\frac{\pi}{5}} \qquad |z_c| \approx 1.649$$

# Mean-field approximation: complex plane



Location of the singularity in complex z plane is universal Know as Yang-Lee edge singularity (M. E. Fisher, 1978)



- What do we know about  $z_c$ ?
  - $z_c = |z_c| e^{\pm i \frac{\pi}{2\beta\delta}}$

for QCD, critical exponents are those of O(4) universality class In terms of h: Re h = 0. Consequence of Z(h) = Z(-h) and Im  $Z(h_c) = 0$ .

- YL edge singularity has its own critical exponent  $f_f \sim (z z_c)^{\sigma+1}$  with  $\sigma \approx 0.1$
- $\sigma$  is independent of underlying symmetry class (of N for O(N)) with only exception  $\sigma_{N\to\infty} = 1/2$  (same in mean-field approximation)

- Field-theoretically, near  $z_c$ :  $\phi^3$  theory with imaginary coupling
- Upper critical dimension is 6; c.f. to 4 near O(N) critical point
- $\epsilon$ -expansion around 4 dimensions fails near YL edge singularity  $\rightarrow$  **no** input on  $|z_c|$ Due to presence of non-perturbative terms.
- Lattice simulations at imaginary h or complex T: sign problem  $\rightarrow$  no input on  $|z_c|$

See also X. An, D. Mesterhazy, and M. Stephanov, arXiv:1605.06039

# Jan Pawlowski's talk

#### Skipping technical details

- Consider a theory in the same universality class (O(N) field theory in our case)
- Extract critical exponent to x-check if they coincide with known results for O(N)
- Find non-universal parameters  $(T_c, z_0, ...)$
- Extract the universal magnetic equation of state g(z) for real z
- By introducing imaginary part to temperature or to symmetry breaking field (our choice), extend g(z) to full complex plane z

Main difficulty: this doubles the number of FRG equations to be solved

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• Find  $z_c$ 

• Check  $z_c = |z_c| e^{\pm i \frac{\pi}{2\beta\delta}}$ : Arg has to be consistent with critical exponents  $\checkmark$ 

• Check that  $z_c$  as a function of N approaches large N limit (next slide)

• Check that  $z_c$  as a function of d approaches mean-field value when  $d \to 4$  (next slide)

• Universal location  $|z_c| \approx 1.665$  for O(4) scaling function  $|z_c| \approx 2.032 \pm 0.021$  for O(2) and  $|z_c| \approx 2.452 \pm 0.025$  for Z(2)

# Functional renormalization group approach to YL edge singularity III



#### Reproduces

- analytic result in the large  ${\cal N}$  limit
- mean-field result for  $d \ge 4$

Dashed curves: fit of non-perturbative terms in  $4 - \epsilon$ -expansion.

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Recall

• Having found  $z_c$  and using non-universal parameters from LQCD, one can find the radius of convergence

 $p(T,\mu_B)/T^4 = -\frac{h^{(2-\alpha)/\beta\delta} f_f(z)}{r_c} - f_{\text{regular}}(T,\mu)$  $z = z_0 \left[\frac{T-T_c}{T_c} + \kappa_B \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2\right] \left(\frac{m_{u,d}}{m_s}\right)^{-1/\beta\delta}$ 

• Both singular and regular parts contribute to Taylor series expansion

• Solve  $z = z_c$  to find  $\mu_B^c$  as a function of T and/or  $m_{u,d}/m_s$ 



 $\frac{\Delta T}{T_c^0} = \frac{\operatorname{Re} z_c}{z_0} \left(\frac{m_l}{m_s}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta\delta}}$ 

Orange band is for  $z_0 = 2$ ; it incorporates a 15% uncertainty on the value of  $|z_c|$ . Blue band depicts variation of  $z_0 = 1 - 2$ .

# Radius of convergence and BES-II



- ◆ Consistent with Taylor series analysis
- Consistent with functional group preliminary results, see Jan Pawlowski's talk

• Location of Yang-Lee singularity is universal, but was unknown for O(N). In this talk,  $|z_c|$  for O(N) universality class from Functional Renormalization Group

• Input on universal properties and non-universal parameters from lattice QCD  $\sim$  radius of convergence in O(4) scaling region

◆ Implication on location of CP

Outlook: improving parametrization of critical EoS near CEP

# Complex chemical potential plane

