Topological feature and phase structure of QCD at complex chemical potential

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Phase transition

Ordinary phase transition $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Order parameter

Spontaneous symmetry breaking

Chiral phase transition etc.





Vacuum degeneracy

ex) X. Wen, Int. J. Mod. Phys. B4 (1990) 239

No spontaneous symmetry breaking

There is no order parameter

It may be related with confinement-deconfinement transition

To use analogy of Topological order, we use imaginary chemical potential at finite T





Aharonov-Bohm phase

Imaginary chemical potential can be interpreted as the boundary condition of fermion and Aharonov-Bohm phase

Appearance form of vector potential is the same as imaginary chemical potential in action





M. Sato, M. Kohmoto and Y.-S. Wu, PRL 97 (2006) 010601 M. Sato, PRD 77 (2008) 045013

Let's consider T³ tours

Assumption: Finite energy should be needed to create excited states

It can not be used exactly at finite T

Three adiabatic operations:



Topological order

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If there is fractional charge, commutation relation becomes **non-commutable**

If there is only one vacuum state, we must obtain the same state after above operations

It contradicts non-commutable property of operations

This idea can be used in QCD at T=0 without any unclearness



elementary d.o.f. : quark

Vacuum degeneracy

elementary d.o. f. : hadron

No vacuum degeneracy



RW endpoint and (pseudo) critical temperature



There is significant difference between two phases in origin of RW periodicity



At finite real chemical potential,

our system with μ_{I} corresponds to the system with complex chemical potential

This calculation is very difficult at present even in effective model calculations

It may be possible after extending the study

Y. Tanizaki, H, Nishimura and K.K., PRD 91 (2015) 101701

We use perturbative calculation

Effective potential:

$$\mathcal{V}(T,\mu_{\rm R},\mu_{\rm I}) = \mathcal{V}(T,0,\mu_{\rm I}) - \left(\frac{\mu_{\rm R}}{T}\right) (Tn_q(\mu_{\rm R},\mu_{\rm I})|_{\mu_{\rm R}=0}) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu_{\rm R}}{T}\right)^2 \frac{d[Tn_q(\mu_{\rm R},\mu_{\rm I})]}{d\mu_{\rm R}/T}\Big|_{\mu_{\rm R}=0} + O\left((\mu_{\rm R}/T)^3\right)$$

Pure imaginary

This term make effective potential with confinement configuration higher than that with deconfinement configuration

 T_{RW} should decrease at least in very small μ_{R}

Two possible expected phase diagram



Imaginary chemical potential can be interplayed as Aharonov-Bohm phase

We may determine deconfinement (pseudo)critical temperature from RW endpoint

It is not exact discussion...

 $\theta=0 \rightarrow \theta_{AB}$ (additional or dynamical) = 0 and $\theta_{AB} = \pm 2\pi/3$ have the same (minimum) energy $\theta=\pi/3 \rightarrow \theta_{AB} = \pm \pi/3$ and $\theta_{AB} = \pi$ have the same (minimum) energy These states are degenerated different vacua at T>T_{RW} but the same states at T < T_{RW}

We investigate QCD phase structure at finite complex chemical potential

As a first step, we use perturbative calculation

Two possible expected QCD phase diagrams are presented

Topological order may have deep relation with entanglement entropy

It is quite interesting to investigate deconfinement transition from present viewpoint