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Canonical Approach for Exploring Finite Density QCD

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Canonical approach is a way to map QCD at imaginary chemical potential regions to the real ones. The essential idea is simple: $Z(\underline{x}mu,T) = \underline{x}um_n Z_n (exp(\underline{x}mu/T))^n$, where Z_n , the canonical partition functions, do not depend on $\underline{x}mu$. We construct Zn in the imaginary $\underline{x}mu$ regions, and we can calculate $Z(\underline{x}mu,T)$ at any real $\underline{x}mu$.

Since Z_n drops very fastly as |n| increases, and we must fight against the overlap problem, we need several algorithmic and computational tricks, such as a multi-precision calculation.

In Vladivostok, we have investigated the sources of unstable Z_n, and developed methods to overcome them. I will report these studies and the outcomes, especially those for comparison of heavy ion collision experiment.

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