Quark-Hadron Mixed Phase

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Abstract. The concept of a mixed quark-hadron phase is considered. Dynamics of heavy-ion collisions in a large energy range is outlined. Various possible probes of the mixed phase manifestation as well as modern status of experimental signals are discussed.

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- A glance at collision dynamics
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- Concluding remarks

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Introductory remarks

E.Fermi: Notes on thermodynamics and statistics, 1953

G.Baym: Nucl. Phys. A418 (1984) 433c

Phase diagrams

Condensed matter

Nuclear matter

Phase diagram – artist’s view

Phases of strongly interacting nuclear matter

Phase diagram for QCD matter (scales)

Mixed-phase concept

Deconfinement transition (an illustrative example)

for the massless
Stefan-Boltzmann gas

$$P = g_i \left(\frac{\pi^2}{90} \right) T^4$$

$$\varepsilon = g_i \left(\frac{\pi^2}{30} \right) T^4 = 3P$$

g_i – degeneracy factor

$$c_s^2 = P/\varepsilon = 1/3$$

Two-phase model: pions $\longleftrightarrow$ quarks+gluons (pl)

Pion gas

$$g_\pi = 3$$

$$P_\pi = 3 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{90} \right) T^4$$

$$\varepsilon_\pi = 3 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{90} \right) T^4 = 3P_\pi$$

$$g_{pl} = 2 \left(\frac{N_c N_f}{4} + N_c^2 - 1 \right)$$

$$P_{pl} = 37 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{90} \right) T^4 - B$$

$$\varepsilon_{pl} = 37 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{30} \right) T^4 + B = 3P_{pl} + 4B$$

$$N_f=2, N_c=3$$

Plasma

Gibbs conditions
for the first order
phase transition

$$P_\pi = P_{pl} = P_{cr}$$

$$T_\pi = T_{pl} = T_{cr}$$

Simplest example (no conserved charge)

J.Randrup, Nucl.Phys. A752 (2005) 384c

Familiar example (one conserved charge)

Nuclear phase diagram in different representation (one conserved charge)

J.Randrup, CEOD, Darmstadt, July 9-13, 2007

Two conserved charges

for an extensive thermodynamic quantity $A = \lambda A_2 + (1-\lambda) A_1$ $\lambda = V_2 / V$

1 charge $\Rightarrow$

2 charges $\Rightarrow$

volume fraction $\Rightarrow$

A.Sissakian, A.Sorin, V.Toneev, nucl-th/0608032

“Pasta” structures (finite size effects)

Compact stars, $T=0$

T.Maruyama et al., nucl-th/0605075

Charge density and particle density are non-uniform

Dynamics of the first order phase transition

Evolution of a gas bubble in a mixed phase. Van der Waals equation of state.

Navier-Stokes dynamics

Bubble resorption

V.Skokov, D.Voskresensky

Evolution of a mixed phase

evolving instabilities

<http://www-linux.gsi.de/~skokov/playme.gif>

Heat capacity (nuclear matter)

$$T^{-1} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \quad C_i^{-1} = -T^2 \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial E^2}$$
$$E_t = E_1 + E_2 \quad T_1 = T_2 = T$$
$$C_t \approx C_1 + C_2 = \frac{C_1^2}{C_1 - \sigma_1^2/T^2}$$

heat capacity is negative in the mixed phase

Statistical Tsallis model of multifragmentation

K.Gudima, A.Parvan, M.Ploszajczak
V.Toneev, PRL **85** (2000) 4691

M.D'Agostino et al. NP **A734** (2004) 512

Susceptibility

Nambu--Jona-Lasinio model

$$\chi_q = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \mu_q^2} = \frac{1}{V} (\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right|_T = 0 : \text{isothermal}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right|_S = 0 : \text{isentropic}$$

$T_c=81 \text{ MeV}$
 $\mu=330 \text{ MeV}$

poles,
negative
branch

instability region shrinks
toward the critical end point

K.Redlich, B.Friman, C.Sasaki,
J. Phys. **G34** (2007) 437

Distillation in the mixed phase

for unbound quarks in a fireball

strangeness separation

V.Toneev et al., Eur. Phys. J. **C32** (2004) 415.

K^+/π^+ excitation function,
statistical equilibrium
along the freeze-out line

At CP the K^+/π^+ ratio should
jump down on the S=0 curve

V.Toneev, A.Parvan, J. Phys. **G**:
Nucl. Part. Phys. **31** (2005) 583

Lattice QCD calculations (history)

The Evolving QCD Phase Transition

L. McLerran, *Prisma* **60** (2003) 575

Lattice QCD predictions for the order of PT

E.Laermann, O.Phillipsen,
Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part. Sci.,51 (2003) 163

S.Kim et al. hep-lat/510069

Time evolution near the QCD critical point

Two-phase EoS (first order)

Two-phase EoS with CP

Critical point acts as an attractor of isentropic trajectories

C.Nonaka, M.Asakawa,
Phys. Rev. **C71** (2005) 044904

A glance at the collision dynamics

Evolution of nucleus-nucleus collisions

Nuclear interaction scales

d - repulsion NN force range

$\Lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma \rho}$ - (nucleon) mean free path

$\rho_0 \simeq 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ $\sigma \simeq 40 \text{ mb} \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 1.5 \text{ fm}$

Pauli principle
compression ...

L - "macroscopic" length, 2-8 fm

units	d	Λ	L	d/Λ	$Kn = \Lambda/L$
air (10^{-8} cm)	1	10^5	10^8	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
liquid (10^{-8} cm)	1	2-10	10^8	0.1-0.5	10^{-7}
nuclei (0.4/1.2 fm)	1	1.5-2	2-8	0.2-0.6	1-0.2

kinetics $\leftarrow$ $d \ll \Lambda \ll L$ $\Rightarrow$ hydrodynamics

For nuclear case (intermediate energies): $d < \Lambda < L$

Relativistic Boltzmann equation

$$(p_\mu \partial^\mu) f_i(x, p_i) = \sum_j C^{rel}(x, p_i) + \sum_r R_{r \rightarrow i}$$

$$= -f_i(x, p_i) \sum_j \int d\omega_j f_j(x, p_j) Q_{ij} \sigma^{ij} + \sum_{kj} \int d\omega_k d\omega_j \Phi(p_j p_k | x, p_i, \tau_f) \\ + \sum_r \int d\omega_{k'} d\omega_r f_r(x, p_r) \Gamma^{r \rightarrow i+k'} \delta(p_r - p_i - k')$$

hadron production rate

$$\Phi(p_j p_k | x, p_i, \tau_f) = \int dx' \underbrace{f_k(x', p_i) f_j(x', p_j) Q_{ij} \sigma^{ij}}_{\text{collision rate}} \underbrace{\phi(x' | x, p_i, \tau_f)}_{\text{transition prob.}}$$

with $d\omega = d^3p/E$, $Q_{ij} = (p_i p_j)^2 - p_i^2 p_j^2 = |v_i - v_j| E_i E_j$

transition probability for a finite formation time

$$\phi(x' | x, p, \tau_f) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} \theta(t - t' - \tau_f) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}' - \frac{\vec{p}}{E}(t - t')) F(\tau_f)$$

- ★ multiple particle production $\Rightarrow$ coupled set of equations for stable hadrons and resonances $\{h_i\}$; new flavors
- ★ finite formation time $\theta(t - \tau_f)$, $\tau_f = (E/m)\tau_f^0$ with $\tau_f^0 \sim 1$ fm;
 $\Rightarrow$ memory (retarded) effect (non-Markovian process)

- new degrees of freedom (QCD) : quark/gluons , strings, formation of color rope

★ Hadron as a string

G.S.Bali, K.Schilling, Phys.Rev.D 46 (1992) 2636

$$V_{q\bar{q}} = -\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{r} + \kappa r$$

yo-yo mode

$$H_{yo-yo} = |p_1| + |p_2| + \kappa |x_1 - x_2|$$

$$\frac{dp_{1,2}}{dt} = \pm \kappa, \quad \frac{dx_{1,2}}{dt} = \pm 1$$

$$x^+ = \frac{p^+}{\kappa} = \frac{E+p}{\kappa}, \quad x^- = \frac{p^-}{\kappa} = \frac{E-p}{\kappa}, \quad S = \frac{p^+ p^-}{\kappa^2} = \frac{E^2 - p^2}{\kappa^2} = \frac{m^2}{\kappa^2}$$

• Particularities of space-time evolution

CLASSICAL STRING THEORY

★ string fusion

time $\Rightarrow$

★ string rearrangement

★ leading particle effect

★ color rope formation

DUAL TOPOL. MODEL

★ planar diagram

★ cylindrical diagram

Kinetic results

QGSM model

I.C.Arsene et al., Phys. Rev. C75 (2007) 034902

Central cell size 4x4x4/ γ (Au+Au)

All dynamical models (w/o PT)
demonstrate similar results

Rapidity distributions

H.Weber et al., Phys.Rev. C67 (2003) 014904

Hydrodynamic approach

- Conservation laws (Gauss theorem) $\Rightarrow$ Fluid dynamics

$$\partial_\mu J_i^\mu = 0 \quad \text{net charge } i \text{ conservation} \quad [4]$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{energy momentum conservation} \quad [10]$$

- Tensor decomposition of the charge current J^μ and energy-momentum tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$ with respect to 4-velocity u^μ

$$\begin{aligned} J_i^\mu &= n_i u^\mu + (g_i^\mu - u^\mu u_\nu) J_i^\nu + \dots \\ T^{\mu\nu} &= \varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P (g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu) + q^\mu u^\nu + q^\nu u^\mu + \pi^{\mu\nu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Navier-Stokes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } J_i^\mu &= \int \frac{d^3p}{p_0} p^\mu [f_i(x, p) - \bar{f}_i(x, p)] \\ T^{\mu\nu} &= \int \frac{d^3p}{p_0} p^\mu p^\nu [f(x, p) + \bar{f}(x, p)] \\ f_i(x, p) &= \frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \exp [((u_\mu p^\mu(x) - \mu_i(x))/T(x)) \pm 1]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Gradient expansion

★ Perfect hydro in local thermodynamical equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} J_i^\mu &= n_i u^\mu \\ T^{\mu\nu} &= \underbrace{\varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P (g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu)}_{\text{perfect hydro}} \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{6}$$

$$+ \text{EoS } \varepsilon(p)$$

★ First order dissipative corrections (viscosity, heat capacity)

⇒ acausality

Navier-Stokes

★ Second order corrections ⇒ + 14 Grad equations

Israel-Stuart

Spatial-temporal variation of the macro fields has to be
SMALL

Relation between kinetics and hydrodynamics

• The non-relativistic case (for nucleons)

$$\int d^3p \left[\frac{\rho}{\vec{v}} \right] \frac{d}{dt} f(\vec{p}, \vec{x}, t) = \int d^3p \left[\frac{1}{\vec{p}/m_N} \right] \mid (\vec{p}, \vec{x}, t)$$

Boltzmann equation + local equilibrium hypothesis

$$\vec{v} = \vec{u} + \vec{c}, \text{ hydro } \vec{u} = \langle \vec{v} \rangle, \text{ thermo } \langle \vec{c} \rangle = 0$$

$$\rho \langle c_i c_k \rangle = P \delta_{ik} + \Pi_{ik}, \quad \rho \langle c^2 c_k \rangle = Q_k$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \rho u_k = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \rho u_i u_k = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \Pi_{ik} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} P \right\}$$

$$\rho, \vec{u}, \epsilon, P$$

EOS

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \epsilon u_k = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \Pi_{ik} u_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} P u_k - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} Q_k \right\}$$

hydro: $\Lambda \ll L$; $Re = \frac{\text{inertial}}{\text{viscous}} \simeq \frac{M}{\Lambda/L} \simeq 4 - 10$ with $M = v/c_s$ and

$$c_s = \sqrt{\partial P / \partial \rho}|_s \approx 0.2$$

turbulent regime $Re \simeq 10^2 - 10^3$

(near a phase transition ?)

Main ingredients of hydro approach

Non-equilibrium and initial state

- to postulate an initial state (Landau, Bjorken, ...)
- to calculate it in kinetic models (QGSM, UrQMD)
- to introduce many-fluid dynamics $f(x, p) = \sum_j^M f_j^{eq}(x, p)$

A single fluid may consist of several particle spaces.
Different fluids may be of the same particle spaces.

Equation of state (hadronic EoS)

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon(n_B, T) &= \varepsilon_{gas}(n_B, T) + W(n_B), \\ P(n_B, T) &= P_{gas}(n_B, T) + n_B \frac{dW(n_B)}{dn_B} - W(n_B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{nuclear potential } W(n_B) = n_B m_N \left[-b \left(\frac{n_B}{n_0} \right) + c \left(\frac{n_B}{n_0} \right)^{\gamma+1} \right]$$

Freeze-out procedure (locally $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_f$)

3-fluid hydro:

Yu.B.Ivanov,
V.N.Russkikh,
V.D.Toneev
Phys.Rev C73
(2006) 044904

3-fluid hydrodynamic model

Yu.B.Ivanov et al., Phys. Rev. C 73 044904 (2006)

3-fluid hydrodynamic model, cont'd

Yu.B.Ivanov et al., Phys. Rev. C 73 044904 (2006)

Phase diagram (hadronic EoS)

Yu.B.Ivanov et al., Phys. Rev. C 73 044904 (2006)

Mean particle multiplicity

★ Freeze out (local $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_f$) $\Rightarrow$ observable

Hybrid model:

♣ **initial state of nucleus-nucleus interaction**

Entropy evolution and a fireball formation are calculated within the transport code **QGSM** which defines an initial state for subsequent hydrodynamic stage

for participant (central collisions)

V.Skokov, V.Toneev,
Phys.Rev. **C73** (2006) 021902

Hybrid model, cont'd

♣ Hydrodynamic expansion stage

Isentropic expansion of the formed fireball is described by the **3D relativistic hydrodynamics** with the above calculated energy and baryon densities as well as the velocity profile. The statistical quark-hadron equation of state with **crossover** phase transition is used.

Status of signals of a phase transition in HIC

Onset of the deconfinement

entropy $S \sim n_\pi$

$$F = (\sqrt{s_{NN}} - 2m_N)^{3/4} / (s_{NN})^{1/4} \approx 2.25 \text{ GeV}^{1/2}$$

($E_{\text{beam}} \approx 30 \text{ AGeV}$)

M.Gazdzicki, arXiv:0712.3001

Excitation functions of $\pi^\pm$, $K^\pm$, $(\Lambda+\Sigma^0)$ yields

Pion yield is overestimated by HSD below AGS energy and by UrQMD at the top AGS and above (deviations are $< 20\%$).

Reasonable description of strangeness by both models.

E.Bratkovskaya

Strangeness enhancement

• Strangeness production in a hadronic world (at low energy):

$N+N \rightarrow N+\Lambda+K$ requires $\Delta E = 2M_N - (M_K + M_\Lambda + M_N) = 670 \text{ MeV}$

$\pi+N \rightarrow \Lambda+K$ $\Delta E = (M_\pi + M_N) - (M_K + M_\Lambda) = 535 \text{ MeV}$

• Strangeness production in a QGP:

bare mass of strange quark $m_s \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$

=> s-sbar pair production

by **q-qbar annihilation** $q+qbar \rightarrow s+sbar$

needs only $\Delta E = 300 \text{ MeV}$

=> s-sbar pair can be also produced by

gluon fusion $g+g \rightarrow s+sbar$

→ Strong enhancement of strangeness production in a QGP !

Rafelski-Müller: Phys. Rev. Lett. 48 (1982) 1066

=> strangeness enhancement increases with strangeness content –
stronger effect for **multi-strange hadrons** $\Xi(uss)$, $\Omega(sss)$

Strange-to-nonstrange particle ratio

M. Gazdzicki, arXiv:0712.3001

Excitation functions of K^+/π^+ , K^-/π^- and $(\Lambda+\Sigma^0)/\pi$ ratios

Experimental K^+/π^+ ratios show a peak at ~ 30 A GeV (“horn”) which is **not reproduced** by hadronic transport models HSD and UrQMD

Hyperon enhancements at 160 A GeV/c

systematic errors:

10% for Λ , Ξ
15% for Ω

Most peripheral class:

$$\langle N_{\text{wound}} \rangle = 62 \pm 4$$

Significant centrality dependence of strangeness enhancements for all hyperons except for $\bar{\Lambda}$

In-medium effect in RMF

Baryon density and temperature dependence of hadron effective masses

Relativistic mean-field model with scaled hadron masses and couplings simulates a partial restoration of the chiral symmetry

A.Khvorostukhin, V.Toneev, D.Voskresensky,
Nucl. Phys. **A791** (2007) 180

In-medium (anti)particle number densities vs. T, n_B

Strong increase of the hadron yield at T above ~ 160 MeV

Metastable Exotic Multistrange Object (W.Greiner)

each baryon sits in the $1s_{1/2}$ -s

PAULI BLOCKED!
→ METASTABLE!

Properties:
Strangeness content $S/A=1$
Charge $z=\sigma$
Density $\rho \approx 4\rho$

Transverse temperature

M.Gazdzicki, arXiv:0712.3001

m_T spectra for central Au+Au collisions from AGS to RHIC energies

Pions slopes are only slightly underestimated by hadronic transport models HSD and UrQMD

Kaon slopes are too small above 5 A GeV !

A.Mishra et al., Phys. Rev. C69 (2004) 015202

Inverse T slopes of K^+ and K^- spectra

Phys.Rev. C69 (2004) 015202
PRL 92 (2004) 013302

In HSD and UrQMD hadronic rescattering has only a small impact on the slope of kaon spectra.

Cronin effect – initial semi-hard gluon radiation – leads to the substantial broadening of the m_T spectra at RHIC, however, has a very small effect at low energies.

The hadron-string picture fails ? → New degrees of freedom

3-fluid hydrodynamic model, central Au+Au

Yu.Ivanov, V.Russkikh, nucl-th/0607070

Transport model with 3-body collisions

Inclusion of 3-body collisions is important

A.Larionov et al., Phys.Rev. C76 (2007) 044909

Remark: Blast-wave description of spectra

Model : thermalization plus hydro-dynamical transverse flow description

$$\frac{d^2 N_j}{m_T dy dm_T} = \int_0^{R_G} A_j m_T \cdot K_1 \left(\frac{m_t \cosh \rho}{T} \right) \cdot I_0 \left(\frac{p_t \sinh \rho}{T} \right) r dr$$

$$\rho(r) = \tanh^{-1} \beta_{\perp}(r)$$

$$\beta_{\perp}(r) = \beta_s \left[\frac{r}{R_G} \right]^n \quad r \leq R_G$$

Uniform particle density

$$\langle \beta_{\perp} \rangle = \frac{2}{2+n} \beta_s$$

E Schnedermann, J Sollfrank and U Heinz,
Phys. Rev. **C48** (1993) 2462

Parameters: $\langle \beta_T \rangle$, T

Blast wave description of the inverse slope T values at 40 and 160 A GeV

- indication of an early freeze-out of the Ξ , Ω

Fluctuations

below the critical point

at the critical point

▷ in the vicinity of the critical point:
all length scales are equally important.

▷ fluctuation scales become arbitrarily large → measurable.

▷ at the critical point:
light is strongly scattered.

Fluctuations

Lattice QCD predictions: Fluctuations of the quark number density (susceptibility) at $\mu_B > 0$ (C.Allton et al., PR D68 (2003) 014507)

$$\frac{\chi_q}{T^2} = \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial (\mu_q / T)^2} \frac{P}{T^4} \right]_{T_{\text{fixed}}}$$

← χ_q (quark number density fluctuations) will diverge at the critical end point

Experimental observation:

- Baryon number fluctuations
- Charge number fluctuations

Multiplicity fluctuations: experimental status

$$\omega_i = \frac{\langle N_i \rangle^2 - \langle N_i^2 \rangle}{\langle N_i \rangle}$$

Strong dependence on acceptance

V.Konchakovski et al., nucl-th/0703052

Event-by-event fluctuations, cont'd

p_T fluctuation

$$\sigma(p_T)_{dyn} = \sqrt{\langle \Delta p_{Ti} \Delta p_{Tj} \rangle} / \bar{p}_T$$

The relative deviation of the K/ π fluctuation width from the mixed event background width

$$\sigma_{dyn} = \sqrt{\sigma_{data}^2 + \sigma_{mix}^2}$$

No hint at CEP phenomena

C.Pruneau et. al., NP A774 (2006) 661

Exhibits a steep rise towards lower energies ($\sqrt{s}=6.2$ GeV)

S.Das et al., SQM06

Hanbury-Brown and Twiss correlations of identical particles

$$q = p_1 - p_2, \Delta x = x_1 - x_2$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[e^{ip_1 x_1 + ip_2 x_2} + (-1)^s e^{ip_1 x_2 + ip_2 x_1} \right], \quad s - \text{spin of a pair}$$

$$|\mathcal{A}_{12}|^2 = 1 + (-1)^s \cos [q(x_1 - x_2)]$$

$$C_2(q) = \int d^4 x_1 d^4 x_2 |\mathcal{A}_{12}|^2 \rho(x, y)$$

Correlation function $C_2 = 1 + (-1)^s \langle \cos q \Delta x \rangle$

$$\rightarrow 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_{long}^2 q_{long}^2 - R_{side}^2 q_{side}^2 - R_{out}^2 q_{out}^2 - 2R_{out}^2 q_{out} q_{long})$$

HBT correlations: experimental status of ($\pi^+ \pi^-$)

NA49 and CERES data are contradictory

Increase of the lifetime $\Rightarrow$
Softening of the equation of
state due to phase transition?

Directed flow v_1 & elliptic flow v_2

Non central Au+Au collisions :

interaction between constituents leads to a **pressure gradient** $\Rightarrow$ spatial asymmetry is converted to an asymmetry in momentum space $\Rightarrow$ **collective flow**

$$\frac{dN}{dy_T dp_T d\varphi} = \frac{dN}{dy_T dp_T} \frac{1}{2\pi} (1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\varphi) + \dots)$$

$$v_1 = \langle \frac{p_x}{p_T} \rangle \quad - \text{directed flow}$$

$$v_2 = \langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \rangle \quad - \text{elliptic flow}$$

$v_2 > 0$ indicates **in-plane** emission of particles

$v_2 < 0$ corresponds to a **squeeze-out** perpendicular to the reaction plane (**out-of-plane** emission)

Collective flow: v_2 excitation function

- Proton v_2 at **low energy** shows sensitivity to the **nucleon potential**.
- Cascade** codes fail to describe the exp. data.
- AGS energies: transition** from squeeze-out to in-plane elliptic flow

v_1 and v_2 flows for Pb+Pb at 40 AGeV

Small wiggle in v_1 at midrapidity is not described by HSD and UrQMD

Too large elliptic flow v_2 at midrapidity from HSD and UrQMD for all centralities !

Experiment (NA49): breakdown of elliptic v_2 flow at midrapidity !

Signature for a first order phase transition

H.Stoecker et al.,
JPG 31 (2005) S929

3 fluid hydro with hadronic EoS

Softening of EoS is needed

Y.Ivanov, V.Russkikh, arXiv:0710.3708

Flow scaling at partonic level

- The complex behaviour of v_2 can be « simply » explained at partonic level

$$v_2^p(p_{\perp}) = \frac{v_2^B(3p_{\perp})}{3}$$

$$v_2^p(p_{\perp}) = \frac{v_2^M(2p_{\perp})}{2}$$

$$v_2^p(p_{\perp}) = \frac{v_2^h(np_{\perp})}{n}$$

... at intermediate p_T !

Idea of **flow per constituent** - Coalescence/Recombination
At RHIC energies elliptic flow develops at partonic level.
What about 40 AGeV ?

Chiral condensate and dileptons

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 = (-230 \text{ MeV})^3$$

$$m_V^2 \sim \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \quad (\text{G.Brown, M.Rho})$$

KFukushima, QM2008

Characteristics of dilepton experiments

HADES: C+C $\rightarrow e^+ e^- + X$ at 1 & 2 A GeV

Dilepton production

In-medium effect

J.Brown and M.Rho, Phys. Rev. Lett. **66** (1991) 2720; Phys. Rept. **269** (1996) 333

R.Rapp and J.Wambach, Adv. Nucl. Phys. **25** (2000) 1

$$\frac{d^4 N_{ee}}{dq^4} = - \int dx^4 \mathcal{L}(M) \frac{\alpha^2}{\pi^3 q^2} \frac{\text{Im} \Pi_{em}(q, T(x), \mu_B(x))}{e^{q_0/T(x)} - 1}$$
$$q^2 = M^2 = q_0^2 - \vec{q}^2$$

ρ -meson spectral function

NA60 $\mu^+\mu^-$ data at 158 AGeV

High precision NA60 data allow to distinguish among in-medium models

Clear evidence for a broadening of the ρ -meson spectral function
(chiral symmetry restoration?)

NA60 Collaboration,
PRL **96** (2006) 162302

Dropping ρ -mass scenarios

In the one-loop approximation

V.Skokov and V.Toneev, Phys. Rev. **C73** (2006) 021902

electromagnetic current correlation function

$$Im\Pi_{em}(M) = \frac{m_\rho^4}{g^2} \frac{Im\Pi}{(M^2 - m_\rho^2)^2 + (Im\Pi)^2}$$

ρ -meson self-energy for free pions

$$Im\Pi = -\frac{g_{\rho\pi\pi}^2}{48\pi} \frac{(M^2 - 4m_\pi^2)^{3/2}}{M}$$

$$g_{\rho\pi\pi} = 6.05 \quad g = 5.03 \quad m_\rho = 770 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\rho \rightarrow m_\rho^*, \quad \frac{m_\rho^2}{g} = \frac{m_\rho^{*2}}{g^*}$$

$$m_\rho^* = m_\rho \left(1 - 0.15 \frac{n_B(x)}{n_0}\right) \left\{1 - \left[\frac{T(x)}{T_c}\right]^2\right\}^{0.3}$$

T.Hatsuda, S.H. Lee, PR **C46** (1992) R34

Dashed-dotted: no in-medium effect
Dotted: ρ -mesons from freeze-out

Remarks

♣ Brown-Rho scaling $\frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} = \left(\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} \right)^{1/2}$

To be consistent with QCD sum rules, **both** the collision broadening **and** dropping ρ -mass should be taken into account (relation to the quark condensate ?)

QCD sum rules

J. Ruppert, T. Renk and B. Müller,
Phys. Rev. C **73** (2006) 034907

♣ Dileptons carry **a direct** information on the ρ -meson spectral function **only** if the assumption on **vector dominance** is valid (G.E. Brown and M. Rho, nucl-th/0509001; nucl-th/0509002). This is not so in the Harada- Yamawaki vector manifestation of Hidden Local Symmetry – HLS (M. Harada and K. Yamawaki, Phys. Rept. 381 (2003) 1). In this case the **electromagnetic** coupling is governed by the parameter **a** of HLS theory which runs with temperature and density (see G.E. Brown et al., arXiv:0804.3196).

♣ Experimental subtraction of the hadronic cocktail: what about in-medium ω -mesons ? ρ - ω interference ?

♣ Quark(anti-quark)-hadron bremsstrahlung

In the soft photon approximation
(similarly to the pn bremsstrahlung)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qN}^{l+l-}(s, M)}{dM^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2} \frac{\bar{\sigma}(s)}{M^2} \ln \left[\frac{s^{1/2} - m_N - m_{\bar{q}}}{M} \right] \quad \text{K}$$

$$\bar{\sigma}(s) \approx 2\sigma_{el}^{qN} \left[\frac{s}{(m_N + m_{\bar{q}})^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{el}^{qN} = \left[\frac{18 (mb \cdot GeV) m_N}{s - (m_N + m_{\bar{q}})^2} + 10 mb \right] \times \frac{1}{3}$$

Dilepton emission rate

$$\frac{dR_{qN}^{l+l-}}{dM^2} = \int \frac{d^3 k_{\bar{q}}}{(2\pi)^3} f(\mathbf{k}_{\bar{q}}) \int \frac{d^3 k_N}{(2\pi)^3} f(\mathbf{k}_N) \frac{d\sigma_{qN}^{l+l-}(s, M)}{dM^2} v_{rel}$$

♣ Intermediate mass dileptons. Quark-antiquark annihilation from the plasma phase (K. Dusling and I. Zahed, arXiv:0712.1982; hep-ph/0701253) were considered but **not from the q-h mixed phase !**

First estimate of the q-h bremsstrahlung (preliminary)

K=10

Further study is needed

Charmonium in heavy-ion collisions

Charmonium creation versus absorption

‘hidden’ and ‘open’ charm will be
discussed in other lectures

Production of two correlated photons

A sign of chiral symmetry restoration

S.Chiki, T.Hatsuda, PR D58
(1998) 076001

Invariant mass distribution for $\sigma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

M.Volkov et al., PL B424 (1998) 235

$\pi^+ \pi^- \Rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in NJL model

$$\sigma^{\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}(s) = \sigma_{Born}(s) + \sigma_{interf}(s) + \sigma_{res}(s)$$

$$\sigma_{Born}(s) = 16\sigma_0 \left(2 - \kappa^2 - \frac{1 - \kappa^4}{2\kappa} \ln \left[\frac{1 + \kappa}{1 - \kappa} \right] \right),$$

$$\sigma_{interf}(s) = 4\sigma_0 s \operatorname{Re} \left[\mathcal{A}_{\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}(s) \right] \frac{1 - \kappa^2}{\kappa} \ln \left[\frac{1 + \kappa}{1 - \kappa} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{res}(s) = \sigma_0 s^2 |\mathcal{A}_{\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}(s)|^2$$

where $\sigma_0 = \pi\alpha^2/4s\kappa$, $\kappa^2 = 1 - 4M_\pi^2(T, \mu)/s$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} &= \frac{1}{(6\pi f_\pi(T, \mu))^2} \left[\frac{40m(T, \mu)}{M_\sigma^2(T, \mu) - s - i\sqrt{s}\Gamma_\sigma(s|T, \mu)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times f_1(\mu, T) - f_2(\mu, T) \right] \end{aligned}$$

V.Yudichev, Round Table I, Dubna, 2005

The gap equation

$$m(T, \mu) - m_0 = 8m(T, \mu) G h_1^\Lambda(m|T, \mu)$$

$$h_1^\Lambda(m|T, \mu) = \frac{N_c}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\Lambda \frac{k^2}{E(k)} (1 - n(k; T, \mu) - \bar{n}(k; T, \mu)) dk$$

$T = \mu = 0$	G [GeV ⁻²]	Λ [MeV]	m_0 [MeV]
Type I, $M_\pi, f_\pi, \langle \psi\psi \rangle$	11.7205	618.7	5.76
Type II, $M_\pi, f_\pi, \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$	3.4105	1037.4	2.08

Pion annihilation into 2 photons (preliminary)

V.Toneev and V.Skokov, Round Table I, Dubna (2005)

Locating the QCD critical point: theoretical predictions

Models, **lattice**

Freezeout **points** from thermal model fits to SIS/AGS/SPS/RHIC data
(Braun-Munzinger, Redlich, Stachel)

M.Stephanov, CEOD, Darmstadt, July 9-13, 2007

Critical point on the lattice

Several approaches:

- Reweighting: Fodor-Katz
 - 2001: $\mu_B \sim 725$ MeV
 - 2004: $\mu_B \sim 360$ MeV (smaller m_q and larger V)
- Taylor expansion: Bielefeld-Swansea (to μ^6)
 - 2003: $\mu_B \sim 420$ MeV
 - 2005: $300 \text{ MeV} \lesssim \mu_B \lesssim 500 \text{ MeV}$
- Taylor expansion: Gavai-Gupta (to μ^8)
 - From convergence radius:
 $\mu_B \sim 180$ MeV (more precisely > 180 MeV)
- Imaginary μ : deForcrand-Philipsen, Lombardo, *et al*
 - Sensitive to m_s , perhaps $\mu_B \gg 300$ MeV
- Fixed density: deForcrand, Kratochvila;
Density of states: Fodor, Katz, Schmidt.
 - ? ($N_f = 4$, small volumes)

There is a peak in χ_q
but not in χ_l

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Viscosity-to-entropy ratio

minimum bias Au+Au, $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV

Hydrodynamic scaling

$$T^{ij} = \delta^{ij}P - \eta \left(\partial^i u^j + \partial^j u^i - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{ij} \partial_l u^l \right) - \zeta \delta^{ij} \partial_l u^l$$

Partonic fluid $\frac{\eta}{s} \sim T \lambda_f c_s, \quad \sim 1.3 \times \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \right)$

Lower bound of $\eta/s=1/4\pi$ in the strong coupling limit (P.Kovtun *et al.* PRL **94** (2005) 111601)

η/s for several substances

Strong indication for a
minimum in the vicinity of T_c

L.P.Csernai *et al.* PRL **97**
(2006) 152303; R.Lacey *et al.*
PRL **98** (2007) 092301

Location of the CEP (?)

Results for an isobar at the critical pressure P_c and one above/below it

Flow excitation function

η/s is a potential signal of the CEP

$T-\mu_B$ correlates at the freeze-out. First estimate $T \sim (165-170)$ MeV, $\mu_B \sim (150-180)$ MeV

R.Lacey et al. arXiv:0708.3512

Transverse rapidity dependence of the proton-antiproton ratio

An unusual y_T dependence of the $p/\text{anti-}p$ ratio in a narrow beam energy window would signal the presence of the CEP

Asakawa et al., arXiv:0803.2449

Concluding remarks

- PT in HIC is not stable state but transient one
- PT evolves in finite space/time
- after PT the system continues to evolve

- There is not a single decisive (crucial) signal
- Every signal is essentially washed out due to subsequent interactions

**Scanning of all signals in energy and
impact parameter**