Fishing For the QCD Phase Transition



The QCD Phase diagram



Can be very rich



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At least theoretically.....

Phase Diagrams

Maybe it's better to look at the Phase diagram in density.



M. Hempel, V. Dexheimer, S. Schramm and I. Iosilevskiy, Phys. Rev. C 88, no. 1, 014906 (2013)

IGbai 1 Mbar 6 <Z>=0.98 5 <Z>=0.01 log 10T (K) metallic fluid $\alpha_{d}=0.1$ a_=0.01 Ikbar 3 1Mbar molecular fluid 2 metallic solid Jbar CGL mol olid -2 -3 1 0 2 $^{-1}$ $\log_{10} \rho_m (g/cm^3)$

Kitamura H., Ichimaru S., J. Phys. Soc. Japan 67, 950 (1998).

Curious similarity

Jan Steinheimer

What we know about the Phase Diagram



Equal-pressure and Pseudo critical line(s)



Is there a critical point?



/home/vkoch/Documents/talks/muenchen_08/kolloquium

Lots of them!

Is there a critical point?





Is there a critical point?

A non-standard scenario: no critical point?

sign of $c_1 = \frac{dm_c(\mu)}{d\mu^2}|_{\mu=0}$



Note: Surface may bend back!

Two critical points?

M. Pinto et al, Phys.Rev. C82 (2010) 055205



Remarks on Phase diagram





Liquid Gas vs QCD PT



See e.g. Hempel et al, arXiv:1302.2835 13

Liquid-gas vs QCD

QCD: pressure at T=Tc and μ =0 same as at T=0 and ρ ~ 2.5 ρ 0



Note: virtually ALL models predicting a QCD critical point have

 $\frac{dP}{dt} > 0$

Liquid-gas vs QCD





Liquid Gas: T=0: Liquid co-exists with vacuum QCD: T=0: Liquid co-exists with nuclear matter

> Steinheimer et al, Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 034901

Lattice to the rescue?



Slope of pressure along pseudo-critical line

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T} p_{\rm pc}(T,\mu=0)|_{T=T_{\times}} = s(T_{\times},\mu=0) - \frac{T_{\times}^3}{2\kappa} \chi_2(T_{\times}) .$$
(18)

Lattice data from Wuppertal/Budapest:

Sign depends on definition of

pseudo-critical line

Liquid-gas vs QCD



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Not clear how useful the are

Guidance from Theory



Guidance from Theory The critical Point



Back to Lattice



+ Cross over transition at zero net baryon density

The Lattice EOS



What we always see....



"T_c" ~ 160 MeV

Derivatives



How to measure derivatives

At $\mu = 0$: $Z = tr e^{-\hat{E}/T + \mu/T\hat{N}_B}$ $\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} tr \hat{E} e^{-\hat{E}/T + \mu/T\hat{N}_B} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T} \ln(Z)$ $\langle (\delta E)^2 \rangle = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right)^2 \ln(Z) = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right) \langle E \rangle$ $\langle (\delta E)^n \rangle = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial 1/T}\right)^{n-1} \langle E \rangle$

Cumulants of Energy measure the temperature derivatives of the EOS

Fluctuations/Cumulants



Another way

$$F = F(r), \quad r = \sqrt{T^2 + a\mu^2}$$

$$T \qquad \qquad \partial_{\mu}^2 F(r) \qquad \qquad$$

a ~ curvature of critical line

$$\partial_{\mu}^{2} F(T,\mu)_{\mu=0} = \frac{a}{T} \partial_{T} F(T,0)$$

$$\partial_{\mu}^{2} F(T,\mu)_{\mu=0} = 3 \frac{a^{3}}{T} \left(T \partial_{T}^{2} - \partial_{T} \right) F(T,0)$$

Baryon number cumulants give same info. Less problem with flow etc.

Needs higher order cumulants (derivatives) at $\mu \sim 0$

STAR net-proton cumulants

(Phys.Rev.Lett. 112 (2014) 032302)



Things to consider

- Fluctuations of conserved charges ?!
- Higher cumulants probe the tails. Statistics!
- The detector "fluctuates" !
- Net-protons different from net-baryons
 - Isospin fluctuations
- Beware of the "Poissonizer"
- Auto-correlations
- "Stopping" Fluctuations

The "Poissonizer"



N.B. This also affects comparison of Lattice with data to e.g. extract freeze out parameters

Correlations: Lattice vs Data



Auto Correlations



Strong correlation between multiplicity determination and proton cumulants due to baryon resonances

Need to determine multiplicity far away in rapidity from cumulants

"Stopping" Fluctuations

At low energy most of the baryon number (isospin) is brought in from the colliding nuclei.

Need to control the fluctuations to due baryon stopping



These fluctuations may also be biased by multiplicity selection.

Dynamics, event selection ... (or why a symmetric detectors are good)

Konchakovski et al, nucl-th/0511083



Fluctuations are sensitive to dynamics (mixing of projectile and target material?)

Event selection/trigger affects fluctuations \rightarrow large Acceptance! Need backward and forward multiplicity detectors! Need Backward and forward particle ID (protons) !

Co-existence region



System should spent long time in spinodal region

Phase-transition dynamics: Density clumping

Phase transition => Phase coexistence: surface *tension* Phase separation: *instabilities*

Insert the modified pressure into existing ideal finite-density fluid dynamics code

Introduce a <u>gradient</u> term: $p(\mathbf{r}) = p_0(\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}), \rho(\mathbf{r})) - C\rho(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$

Use UrQMD for pre-equilibrium stage to obtain fluctuating initial conditions

Simulate central Pb+Pb collisions at \approx 3 GeV/A beam kinetic energy on fixed target, using an Equation of State either <u>with</u> a phase transition or <u>without</u> (Maxwell partner):



Phase trajectories (J. Randrup et al)



SIS 100 territory

Consider two Equations of State



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PQM ("liquid-gas")

Time evolution



Oscillation of nearly stable droplets for "liquid-gas" EoS

Higher pressure leads to faster evolution of "QCD" EoS.

Steinheimer et al, Phys.Rev. C89 (2014) 034901

Cluster a.k.a. nuclei



$$d \sim [\underline{v}_{B}] \sim (He) \sim [\underline{v}_{B}] \sim (Li) \sim \rho_{B}^{7}$$

Extracts higher moments of the baryon **density** at freeze out

Nice Idea, but...

"Cluster" formation



Clumping in coordinate space is compensated by dilution in momentum space \rightarrow tiny effect

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Other Fishing Ponds

- Flow
- Dileptons
- exotica such as Chiral Magnetic effect

Flow



Elliptic flow:

- Little change from top RHIC/LHC energy!
- Quark number scaling still works
- Stopping of baryon number and isospin splits v_2 between particles and antiparticles
- Directed flow (v_1)

Minimum in directed flow. But tiny effect



Directed Flow (v₁)

Calulation J. Auvinen et al

0.10 10-40% Centrality 0.2 Hybrid Model QMD -0.02 0.05 0.1 a) antiproton -0.04 0.01⁰مر مر (م) 0.00 dv₁/dy|_{y=0} $dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ b) proton 0.0 -0.05 -0.1 c) net proton Data: BM γ -over UrQMD STAR -0.10 0.01 -0.2 NA 49 E895 TAR -0.15 Data -0.3 UrQMD 20 12 4 8 16 20 Center of Mass Energy $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ [GeV] 10² 10 √ s_{NN} (GeV)

STAR Data

TINY effect! First make sure that v_1 in models is ~ 0

CME & Charge Dipole



A dipole charge distribution along out-of-plane direction

J. Liao, BES II workshop, Berkeley, Sept 2014





Set $\Psi_{R,P} = 0$

P_v(out-of-plane)

 $\cos(\pi/2 + \pi/2)$

The STAR measurement

(which not so many discuss)



The bottom line....



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Energy dependence.....



....of an un-understood observable.....

Time for systematic approach (BES Workshop, LBL, Sept 2014)

- Need good simulations for BES similar to top RHIC hydro
- ISSUES:
 - Stopping / baryon transport
 - Equation of state
 - Fluctuations (hydrodynamical, critical, instabilities)
 - Anomaly dynamics

Physically well motivated parameters are better than unphysical models

Things to do

- Factorize the problem!
 - Critical fluctuations, anomaly dynamics are "perturbations"
 - Dynamical framework controlled by "bulk" observables
- Stopping/baryon transport
 - Start from present RHIC/LHC codes and slowly increase μ (39 GeV).
 - EOS known from LQCD
 - Concentrate on initial state, baryon transport, heat conductivity etc
- Equation of state
 - Lattice
 - Nuclear Matter
 - Minimize ignorance, parametrize the rest

Summary

- Phase diagram well known for small µ (Lattice)
 - No sign of phase transition there
- \bullet Little guidance from theory for large μ
 - most models predict phase co-existence between QM and vacuum
- BES I shows some interesting results
 - need to systematic modeling
 - stopping
 - •EOS (in necessary parametrized)
 - start at high energies and work ourselves down
 - need spectra and rapidity distributions/correlations

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And with a little luck.....

We will catch the thing



BACKUP

The Dilepton production landscape



VIRTUAL PHOTON RADIATION FROM HOT AND DENSE QCD MATTER



Model: Ralf Rapp STAR: QM2014, NA60: EPJC 59 (2009) 607, CERES: Phys. Lett. B 666 (2006) 425, HADES: Phys.Rev.C84 (2011) 014902

Highly interesting results from RHIC, SPS, SIS18 → lepton pairs as true messengers of the dense phase

T. Galatyuk, QM14



Low mass





Low Mass region is understood: broadening through mixing Baryon resonances plus

Intermediate Mass



Intermediate mass sensitive to "QGP" radiation. NA60: $T_{eff} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$

What to expect at lower energies?

Should we see any radiation if no QGP? YES!

Will we see simply a lower temperature? (Hopefully !)

"Charge" fluctuations



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"Avoid" conservation Laws

Define:
$$R_{m,n} = \frac{C_m}{C_n}$$

 $D = R_{5,1} - R_{3,1} \left[1 - \frac{3}{4} (1+\gamma)(3-\gamma) \right]$
 $\gamma = \sqrt{1 + 8R_{3,1}}$

D = 0 for ALL values of p, B, ... in ABSENCE of any correlations

PQM ("liquid-gas")

"QCD"

Flow

Coordinate space

Coordinate space asymmetries sensitive to nearly stable droplet formation in "liquid gas" EoS

Momentum space

Small pressure of liquid: weak mapping into momentum space for liquid-gas Hardly any effect of instabilities in case of "QCD" EoS

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