Onset of deconfinement and search for the critical point of strongly interacting matter at CERN SPS energies

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Exploration of phase diagram of strongly interacting matter



- QCD considerations suggest a 1st order phase boundary ending in a critical point
- hadro-chemical freeze-out points are obtained from statistical model fits to measured particle yields
- T and μ_{B} approach phase boundary and estimated critical point at SPS
- evidence of onset of deconfinement from rapid changes of hadron production properties
- search for indications of the critical point as a maximum in fluctuations





evidence for the onset of deconfinement (1)



• π yield related to entropy production

• steeper increase in A+A suggests

3-fold increase of initial d.o.f

ratio of strange particle to pion yield

the horn

NA49,C.Alt et al.,PRC77,024903(2008)

- E_s related to strangeness/entropy ratio
- plateau consistent with prediction for deconfinement

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(SMES model, M.Gazdzicki and M.Gorenstein, Acta Phys. Pol. 30, 2705 (1999))

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 $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)

evidence for the onset of deconfinement (2)



softening of transverse (step) and longitudinal (minimum of c_s) features of EoS due to mixed phase (soft point of EoS)

rapid changes of hadron production properties at low SPS energy most naturally explained by onset of deconfinement

NA49,C.Alt et al., PRC77, 024903 (2008); M.Gazdzicki et al., arXiv:1006.1765



Verification of the NA49 results by STAR in progress



- presently available low statistics results from STAR compatible with NA49
- precise results from 2010 low energy run soon

Search for the critical point at the SPS

signature: enhanced fluctuations of multiplicity, p_T , ...

effects of critical point are expected over a range of T,μ_{B}

hydro predicts that evolution of the system is attracted to critical point





Search strategy of NA49 and NA61

search for "hill" in fluctuation signals in 2d scan (T,μ_B) of phase diagram



- deconfinement necessary for observing CP effect (above 30A GeV)
- freeze-out occurs close to the critical point
- expected size of fluctuation signals limited by short lifetime and size of collision system (correlation lengths ~ 3 – 6 fm)

(M.Stephanov, K.Rajagopal, E.Shuryak, PRD60, 114028(1999))



Estimates of effects due to the critical point

correlation length ξ at the critical point is limited by finite size and lifetime of the fireball and was parameterized as:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \xi = \min(c_1 A^{1/3}, c_2 A^{1/9}) \\ & \text{size} & \text{lifetime} \end{array}$ suggesting $\xi(\text{Pb+Pb}) = 3 \rightarrow 6 \text{ fm} \quad \text{for } c_1 = 2 \rightarrow 1 \\ \xi(\text{p+p}) = 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ fm} & c_2 = 3.32 \rightarrow 1.66 \\ & (M.Stephanov, private comm.) \end{array}$

range of correlation effect estimated from QCD calculations:

 $\sigma(\mu_B)$ = 30 MeV, $\sigma(T)$ = 10 MeV

(Hatta,Ikeda,PRD67,014028(2003) considered examples:

- μ_B = 360 MeV (lattice QCD),
 - T = 147 MeV (chem. freeze-out line)
- μ_B = 250 MeV (data 158A GeV) T = 178 MeV (fit of p+p data)





Fluctuation measures studied by NA49

- scaled variance ω of the multiplicity distribution P(n)

$$\omega = \frac{Var(n)}{\langle n \rangle} = \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2}{\langle n \rangle}$$

- intensive fluctuation measure
- independent particle emission: $\omega = 1$
- superposition model: $\omega(A+A)=\omega(N+N)+\langle N\rangle\omega_{part}$
- ω affected by participant (N_{part}) fluctuations

- Φ_x measure of fluctuations of observable x (<p_T>, < Φ >, Q, identity, ...)

$$\Phi_x = \sqrt{\frac{\langle Z^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle}} - \sqrt{\langle Z^2 \rangle};$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X} - \langle \mathbf{X} \rangle,$$

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \langle x \rangle)$$

M.Gazdzicki and S.Mrowczyski, Z.Phys.C54,127(1992)

- superposition model: $\Phi_x(A+A) = \Phi_x(N+N)$
- independent particle emission: $\Phi_x = 0$
- $\Phi_{\rm x}$ strongly intensive fluctuation measure independent of ${\rm N}_{\rm part}$ and its fluctuations

- σ_{dvn} measure of particle ratio fluctuations (K/ π , p/ π , K/p)

$$\sigma_{dyn} = \operatorname{sign}(\sigma_{data}^2 - \sigma_{mix}^2) \sqrt{\left|\sigma_{data}^2 - \sigma_{mix}^2\right|} ; \quad \sigma_{dyn}^2 = \left|v_{dyn}\right|$$

- E-by-E fit of particle multiplicities required
- mixed events used as reference
- 1/N_{part} dependence, sensitive to fluctuations

- F_2 factorial moments of low mass $\pi^+\pi^-$ pair density fluctuations in p_T space



results of critical point search from NA49





$\Phi_{pT}^{(3)}$: 3rd moment of <p_T> fluctuations

K.Grebieszkow and M.Bogusz, NA49 preliminary



$\Phi_{\rm pT}{}^{(3)}$ has strongly intensive property like $\Phi_{\rm pT}$

(S.Mrowczynski, Phys.Lett.B465,8(1999))



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higher moments are expected to be more sensitive to fluctuations

systematic errors are large

no indication of CP fluctuations

$\Phi_{\Phi}\,$: fluctuations of average azimuthal angle

K.Grebieszkow, NA49 preliminary

- plasma instabilities (S.Mrowczynski, Phys.Lett. B314,118(1993))
- flow fluctuations (S.Mrowczynski,E.Suryak,Act.Phys.Pol.B34,4241(2003)
- onset of deconfinement, critical point



no significant energy (μ_B) dependence in central Pb+Pb collisions
 perhaps hint of maximum in nuclear size (T) dependence



Event-by-event particle ratio fluctuations

E-by-E fit of particle ratios to dE/dx spectra in real and mixed events

$$\sigma_{dyn} = \operatorname{sign}(\sigma_{data}^2 - \sigma_{mix}^2) \sqrt{\left|\sigma_{data}^2 - \sigma_{mix}^2\right|}; \quad \sigma_{dyn}^2 = \left|v_{dyn}\right|$$
NA49 data: PRC79,044910(2009)

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rise towards low √s low multiplicity effect ? deconfinement ?

Gorenstein et al., PLB585, 237

negative values effect of nucleon resonances (UrQMD) sign change at low √s related to C_{BS} deconfinement ?



New measure Ψ of particle ratio fluctuations

M.Gazdzicki, M.Mackowiak, S.Mrowczynski (more detail in talk at CPOD2010)

 Ψ generalizes the Φ_x measure to the situation of imperfect identification, retains advantages of Φ_x : strongly intensive measure, no $1/N_{part}$ dilution not required: e-by-e fits of particle ratios mixed event reference: $\Psi_{mix} = 0$

Identity method:

- obtain inclusive probability distribution ρ_h of particle type h from fit to inclusive dE/dx distribution $\int \rho_h(m)dm = N_h$; $\int \rho(m)dm = N$
- $w_{h,i} = \rho_h (dE/dx_i) / \rho(dE/dx_i)$ probablity for particle i having identity h

$$\Psi_{w_h} = \frac{\langle Z^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle} - \overline{z}$$

 $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{W}_{h,i} - \mathbf{W}_h$

single-particle variable

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (w_{h,i} - \overline{w_h}) \quad \text{event variable}$$



- effect of limited resolution can be corrected in a model independent way



low mass $\pi^+\pi^-$ pair density: 2d intermittency in p_T space

N.Antoniou et al.,Nucl.Phys.A693,799(2001);A761,149(2005)

- critical point predicted to lead to power-law density fluctuations of σ field
- observation via density fluctuations of low mass $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs in p_T space
- power law behavior of F₂(M) factorial moment expected (intermittency)
- use $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs near threshold to reduce combinatorial background
- estimate combinatorial background by mixed events and subtract

NA49 data indicate intermittency for Si+Si (T.Anticic et al., PRC81,064907(2010))



critical point close to freeze-out point of Si+Si system ?



NA61/SHINE – successor and extension of NA49

(SHINE – SPS Heavy Ion and Neutrino Experiment)



 π^- -C interaction at 350 GeV/c



- study of the onset of deconfinement and search for the critical point
- precision particle production measurement for improving calculations of T2K neutrino beam and air shower (P.Auger,KASKADE) properties
- study of nuclear modification factor and Cronin effect using p+p and p+Pb interactions with extended range in p_T



Ion physics program of NA61/SHINE: scan in energy and system size A



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NA61/SHINE uses the upgraded NA49 detector



- forward TOF system for low momentum tracks in p+p, p+A collisions
- new TPC readout and DAQ \rightarrow data taking rate increase x 10 (80 Hz)
- new zero degree calorimeter PSD with single nucleon resolution
- He-filled beam pipe through VTPCs to reduce δ -ray background



PSD – Projectile Spectator Detector (completion for 2012)



- · 60 lead/scintillator sandwiches
- 10 longitudinal sections
- 6 WLS-fiber/MAPD
- 10 MAPDs/module
- 10 Amplifiers with gain~40



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 $\sigma(E)/E = 36\%/\sqrt{E(GeV)} + 0.2\%$





first physics results from p+C collisions at 31 GeV (2007 pilot run)



already low statistics pilot data provide significant constraints



present status of the ion program





p+p energy scan data recorded, data analysis in progress

Status and plans for ion collisions at SPS energies





Experimental landscape of complementary programs of nucleus-nucleus collisions around the SPS energies

Facility:	SPS	RHIC	NICA	SIS-100 (SIS-300)	
Exp.:	NA61	STAR PHENIX	MPD	СВМ	
Start:	2011(2)	2010	2015	2017	
Pb Energy:	4.9-17.3	7.7-50	≤11	<pre><2013) </pre> ≤5 (<8.5)	
(GeV/(N+N))					
Event rate: (at 8 GeV)	100 Hz	3-30 Hz	≤10 kHz	≤10 MHz	
Physics:	CP&OD	CP&OD	OD&HDM	HDM (OD)	

CP - critical point

NA6

- OD onset of deconfinement, mixed phase, 1st order PT
- HDM hadrons in dense matter

QCD critical point searches – future experimental landscape



partly complementary programs planned at CERN SPS 2011 BNL RHIC 2010 DUBNA NICA 2015 ? GSI SIS-CBM 2017 ?

strong points of NA61:

- tight constraint on spectators
- high event rate at all SPS energies
- flexibility to change A and energy
- overlap with AGS energy

Strong points of BNL/STAR:

- full uniform azimuthal acceptance
- excellent TOF identification
- low track density



Conclusion

- verification of NA49 results on the onset of deconfinement by STAR low energy scan at RHIC in progress
- search for critical point of strongly interacting matter presently inconclusive
- 2D scan of fluctuations in $\mu_{\text{B}}\text{,}T$ phase diagram was started by NA61/SHINE
- future programs at NICA and CBM/FAIR plan to continue and augment these studies



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transverse mass spectra of baryons and antibaryons

presence of critical point predicted to attract fireball evolution trajectory altering average freeze-out time $\rightarrow \beta_T$ dependence of pbar/p ratio critical point: pbar/p increases with m_{T M.Asakawa et al.,PRL101,122302(2008)} annihilation: decreases



no evidence for critical point effect



Electric charge fluctuations



(Jeon,Koch,Asakawa,Heinz,Müller)



Global charge conservation

$$\Phi_q = \sqrt{\frac{\langle Z^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle}} - \sqrt{\overline{z^2}}$$
$$z = q - \overline{q} \qquad Z = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (q_i - \overline{q})$$

PRC70,064903(2004) 0.2 $\Delta \Phi_{\mathsf{q}}$ QGP+hadronization 0 -0.2 -0.4 QGP 40 AGeV -0.6 80 AGeV 20 AGeV 30 AGeV 160 AGeV -0.8^L 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.1 $<N_{ch}>/<N_{ch}>_{tot}$

 $\Delta \Phi_{\rm q} = \Phi_{\rm q} - \Phi_{\rm q,gcc}$

QGP signature probably erased by hadronisation (Bialas) or the effect of resonance decays (Zaranek)



Balance Function: charge correlations in pseudo-rapidity

$$B(\delta\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_{(+-)}(\delta\eta) - N_{(--)}(\delta\eta)}{N_{-}} + \frac{N_{(-+)}(\delta\eta) - N_{(++)}(\delta\eta)}{N_{+}} \right)$$

narrowing of the balance function proposed as QGP signature (delayed hadronisation due to phase coexistence)



data compared to shuffled events: $W = (\langle \Delta \eta \rangle_{shuff} - \langle \Delta \eta \rangle_{data}) / \langle \Delta \eta \rangle_{shuff} \cdot 100$ (scrambling of rapidities, retention of global charge conservation)



BF: model comparisons at mid-rapidity



 no anomaly at SPS energy: effects due to local charge conservation and radial flow may dominate (Pratt, Bialas)

microscopic model AMPT with deconfined phase reproduces BF narrowing



Φ_{Φ} : fluctuations of average azimuthal angle

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- (S.Mrowczynski, E.Suryak, Act. Phys. Pol. B34, 4241 (2003)
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- no significant energy or A dependence in central collisions
- increase for peripheral Pb+Pb collision as for ω , Φ_{pT} ; not understood



- experimental resolution of identification reduces the value of Ψ
- a correction was found which was proven (S.Mrowczynski) to work for all types of correlations, resolution and particle yields



 $\Psi_{\rm res}~$ value evaluated for data $\Psi_{\rm corr}~$ correct value for ideal resolution

variances of $\rho(m)$ for experimental and no resolution cases provide correction

$$Var_{res} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} w_{h_i} (dE / dx_i) \cdot (1 - w_{h_i} (dE / dx_i))$$
$$Var_{NR} = w_{h_i} \cdot (1 - w_{h_i})$$

$$\frac{\Psi_{res}}{\Psi_{corr}} = (1 - Var_{res} / Var_{NR})^2$$



first look at NA49 data (preliminary)

proton number fluctuations in central Pb+Pb collisions at 40A GeV

Ranges of kinetic variables:

- q: neg. and pos. charge
- p_{tot}: 0-40 GeV/c
- p_T: 0-2 GeV/c
- φ from 0 to 2π sample of 4k events



$$M = 661581$$

$$N = 165.40$$

$$N_{p} = 42.16 - value calculated from dE/dx fit$$

$$Var_{B} = 0.1899$$

$$Var_{res} = 0.0223$$

$$\Psi_{res} \cdot 1000 = -17.3823 \pm 3.44916$$
correction $\Psi_{corr} / \Psi_{res} = 1.2832$

$$\Psi_{corr} \cdot 1000 = -22.3048 \pm 4.4259$$



Event-by-event transverse momentum and multiplicity fluctuations

Φ_{PT} - measures transverse momentum fluctuations on event-by-event basis

single-particle variable $z_{p_T} = p_T - \bar{p}_T$ \bar{p}_T - inclusive average event variable $Z_{p_T} = \sum_{i=1}^N (p_{T_i} - \bar{p}_T)$ (summation runs over particles in a given event)

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{p_r} = & \sqrt{\frac{\langle Z_{p_r}^2 \rangle}{\langle N \rangle}} - \sqrt{z_{p_r}^2} \\ & \langle ... \rangle \text{ - averaging over events} \end{split}$$

 ω - measures multiplicity fluctuations on event-by-event basis

Scaled variance of multiplicity distribution $\omega = \frac{V(N)}{\langle N \rangle}$ where variance $V(N) = \langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$

If A+A is a superposition of independent N+N

 $\Phi_{PT} (A+A) = \Phi_{PT} (N+N)$ Φ_{PT} is independent of N_{part} fluctuations
$$\begin{split} & \omega \quad (A+A) = \omega \quad (N+N) + < n > \omega_{part} \\ & < n > - \text{ mean multiplicity of hadrons from a single N+N} \\ & \omega_{part} - \text{ fluctuations in N}_{part} \end{split}$$

ω is strongly dependent on N_{part} fluctuations

For a system of **independently emitted** particles (no inter-particle correlations)

For Poissonian multiplicity distribution

 $\Phi_{PT} = 0$

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ω=1

Critical point predictions for multiplicity and transverse moment. fluctuations

Magnitude of fluctuations at CP from Stephanov, Rajagopal, Shuryak PRD60, 114028 (1999) with correlation length $\xi = \min(c_1 A^{1/3}, c_2 A^{1/9}) =$

min (limit due to finite system size, limit due to finite life time) (M. Stephanov, private communication) where c_1 and c_2 are fixed such that $\epsilon \xi(Pb+Pb) = 6 \text{ fm and } \xi(p+p) = 2 \text{ fm}$ ($c_1 = 2, c_2 = 3.32$)

• ξ(Pb+Pb) = 3 fm and ξ(p+p) = 1 fm (c, = 1, c, = 1.66)

Width of CP region in (T, μ_B) plane based on Hatta, Ikeda PRD67, 014028 (2003) $\sigma(\mu_B) \approx 30$ MeV and $\sigma(T) \approx 10$ MeV

Chemical freeze-out parameters, T(A, \sqrt{s}_{NN}) and $\mu_B(A,\sqrt{s}_{NN})$ from Beccatini, Manninen, Gaździcki PRC73, 044905 (2006)

Location of the Critical Point: two examples considered • $\mu_B(CP_1) = 360 \text{ MeV}$ (Fodor, Katz JHEP 0404, 050 (2004)) T(CP_1) ≈ 147 (chemical freeze-out temperature T_{chem} for central Pb+Pb at $\mu_B = 360 \text{ MeV}$)



NA61/SHINE data taking plan

	Beam Primary	Beam Secondary	Target	Energy $(A \text{ GeV})$	Year	Duration days/MDs	Physics	Status
	р	р	р	400 158	2010	77 d	High \mathbf{p}_T	recommended
FR test-1	РЬ	¹¹ B	none	20,80 20,80	2010	10 MDs	FS test-1	to be discussed
	р	р	Pb	400 158	2011	77 d	High p_T	recommended
secondary (FR test-2)	Pb	¹¹ B	С	10,20,30,40,80,158 10,20,30,40,80,158	2011	20 d	FS test-2	to be discussed
	р	р	Pb	400 10,20,30,40,80,158	2012	$6 \times 8 d$	CP,OD	recommended
primary	Ar		\mathbf{Ca}	10,20,30,40,80,158	2012	6x8 d	CP,OD	recommended
(secondary)	Рь	¹¹ B	С	10,20,30,40,80,158 10,20,30,40,80,158	2013	6x10 d	CP,OD	to be discussed
primary	Xe		La	10,20,30,40,80,158	2014	6x8 d	CP,OD	to be discussed
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