# Exploring the QCD Phase diagram



### The physics of baryon rich matter



- Day 1: Flow (barometer)
- Day 2: Cumulants
- Day 3: Dileptons (M > 1 GeV, Thermometer)
- Days 4-6: You tell me
- Day 7: Rest and relax

### Outline

- Introduction: Why Fluctuations?
- Some remarks about the phase diagram
- First order phase co-existence
  - Dynamical treatment
  - Observables?
- Measuring Fluctuations: Possible pitfalls
- Dileptonn
- Charm, exotica: You tell me

# The Paradigm



RHIC and LHC look qualitatively similar:

- Flow
- R<sub>AA</sub>
- Particle production
- . . . .

Paradigm seems in good shape but can we establish that there is indeed a transition

### The Lattice EOS



What we always see....

What it really means....

"T<sub>c</sub>" ~ 160 MeV

#### Derivatives



#### How to measure derivatives

 $Z = tr e^{-\hat{E}/T + \mu/T \hat{N}_B}$ 

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

#### Cumulants of Energy measure the derivatives of the EOS

#### Fluctuations / Cumulants



### **Generic Phase Diagram**



"Simply" use appropriate combination of T and  $\mu$ 

Requires:  $\langle (\delta E)^n \rangle = \langle (\delta N_B)^n \rangle = \langle (\delta E)^m (\delta N_B)^n \rangle$  Mixed cumulants!



Water, nuclear matter, ...



# Liquid-gas vs QCD

QCD: pressure at T=T<sub>c</sub> and  $\mu$ =0 same as at T=0 and  $\rho \sim 2.5 \rho_0$ 



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

Note: virtually ALL model predicting a QCD critical point have

### Liquid-gas vs QCD



Liquid Gas: T=0: Liquid co-exists with **vacuum** 

#### QCD: T=0: Liquid co-exists with high density nuclear matter

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

# DOES IT MATTER?

# Oh, YES!



Measure Pressure (gradients) with flow

### **Co-existence region**



System should spent long time in spinodal region

Spinodal instability: <u>Mechanical</u> instability

 $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \epsilon} < 0$ 

#### Exponential growth of clumping

Non-equilibrium phenomenon!

#### 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



 $\rho_{b} \left[ \rho_{0} \right]$ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 t = 2.0 fm (a) (b) t = 10.0 fm 2 fm

PQM ("liquid-gas")

"QCD"

#### **Time evolution**



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

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

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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 hardly any effect of instabilities In case of "QCD" EoS

#### V<sub>2</sub> sensitive to pressure!!!!!

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

#### Cluster a.k.a. nuclei



$$\langle d \rangle \sim \langle \rho_B^2 \rangle \qquad \langle ^3 He \rangle \sim \langle \rho_B^3 \rangle \qquad \langle ^7 Li \rangle \sim \langle \rho_B^7 \rangle$$

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

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

#### Back to

# 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
- Auto-correlations
- Beware of the "Poissonizer"
- "Stopping" Fluctuations

### **Auto Correlations**



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

Need to determine multiplicity far away in rapidity from cumulants

### The "Poissonizer"



rapidity at top SPS energies!!! STAR "sees" 8

# "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)



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) !

# Dileptons

- Low mass (done deal...  $\rightarrow$  Chronometer)
- Intermediate mass: Interesting (Thermometer)



# 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





Baryon resonances plus

broadening through mixing

### **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 !)



Rate(QGP) = Rate(Hadrons)

If quarks radiate so do hadrons!

 $\rightarrow$  We will see dileptons above M > 1 GeV



Extract from  $e^+e^-$  or tau-decay data (Z. Huang PLB 95)

2.5

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 $Mass^2 (GeV/c^2)^2$ 

3.5



q-qbar cut

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n-pion cut







$$v_2(e^+e^-) = 2 \mathbf{n} v_2(quark)$$







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#### Test the low mass enhancement

 $M_{e^+e^-} \approx m_{rho}$ 



 $v_2(e^+e^-) \approx 2 v_2(pion)$ if pion annihilation is dominant

### Intermediate masses: QGP radiation?



#### Partonic collectivity?



 $\mathbf{p}_{t}$ 

# Dilepton v<sub>2</sub>

• Test the present understanding of low mass enhancement

-  $v_2(e^+e^-) \approx 2 v_2(pion)$ 

- Potential investigate the source for intermediate mass dileptons
- Explore the p<sub>t</sub> scale for partonic collectivity

### Channels not controlled by e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>





e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> + hadrons in initial/final state are NOT accounted for examples: N<sup>\*</sup>-Dalitz, a<sub>1</sub>-Dalitz, etc

This will be relevant for CBM! I don't think it will change the argument but needs to be Investigated.

- Phase structure requires measurement of fluctuations
- Dynamical treatment of first order phase transition including instabilities within fluid dynamics
  - Good tool for testing observables
  - So far no good observable for instabilities and droplet formation
- Higher order cumulants: Not so easy but important.
  - Need to see ALL thermal particles ("Poissonizer")
  - Auto correlations
  - Stopping fluctuations.
- Dileptons
  - Low mass are understood
  - Intermediate mass as thermometer

- Charm: Not clear what to learn from it. Open to suggestions
- Day one physics:
  - Flow (if better than AGS) Rihan Haque, Mo, 15:00 Phys. Rev. C 88, 014902 (2013) 11.5 GeV 19.6 GeV 7.7 GeV 0.**1**⊦ op \*π\* Au+Au, 0-80% AA OK ΔΞ **Φ**K<sup>0</sup> n-sub EP **\***₫<u>\*</u>¢  $\Box \Omega \ \forall \phi$ 0.05 v<sub>2</sub>/n<sub>q</sub> 0.1- 27 GeV 39 GeV 62.4 GeV 0.05 Particles 1.5 0.5 1 1.5 20 0.5 0.5 20 1.5 2 0 1 1  $(m_{T}^{-}m_{0}^{-})/n_{a}^{-}$  (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)

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#### BACKUP

# Dilepton and the QCD CP

- Massless "modes" at CP since it is a second order phase transition
- Mode is mixture of "sigma" amd "omega"
- However these may likely be space-like modes

 $- M^2 \rightarrow O^-$ 



#### Nambu model (Fuji et al, hep-ph/0401028,0403039)

Sigma remains massive at CP; CP driven by spacelike p-h exitations



Fig. 2. (a) Spectral function in the scalar channel (solid) with  $|\mathbf{q}|/\Lambda = 0.1$  at a CEP with  $m/\Lambda = 0.01$ . The free gas spectrum (dashed) is also shown for reference. (b) Typical processes contributing to the spectrum.



#### **Spinodal Multifragmentation**





Highly <u>non</u>-statistical => <u>Good</u> candidate signature

CLUMPING of Baryon Density

J. Randrup

# Input required for realistic estimate of conservation effects

Note: This is likely only to work at lower energies where we have baryon stopping Note: at low energies anti-protons likely to be irrelevant

Need:

- •Total number of protons and (anti-protons) (4 Pi)
- •Number of protons and (anti-protons) actually measured
- •Total number of charged particles

Big Question: Over what rapidity range are the various charges conserved?

• Balance Functions? Only averages!

#### QCD vs HRG



### Liquid-gas vs QCD



Droplets are stable in vacuum

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

No stable droplets in vacuum

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

### Difference between Liquid Gas and QCD PT

Dexheimer et al, arXiv:1302.2835



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#### Lattice to the rescue?



Lattice data from Wuppertal/Budapest:

Sign depends on definition of pseudo-critical line 🙄

#### **Higher moments (cumulants) and** $\xi$

Consider probability distribution for the order-parameter field:

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$$P[\sigma] \sim \exp\left\{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\right\},$$
$$\Omega = \int d^3x \left[\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\nabla}\sigma)^2 + \frac{m_{\sigma}^2}{2}\sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3}\sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4}\sigma^4 + \dots\right]. \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \xi = m_{\sigma}^-$$

**9** Moments (connected) of q = 0 mode  $\sigma_V \equiv \int d^3x \, \sigma(x)$ :

$$\kappa_2 = \langle \sigma_V^2 \rangle = VT \,\xi^2 \,; \qquad \kappa_3 = \langle \sigma_V^3 \rangle = 2VT^2 \,\lambda_3 \,\xi^6 \,; \kappa_4 = \langle \sigma_V^4 \rangle_c \equiv \langle \sigma_V^4 \rangle - 3 \langle \sigma_V^2 \rangle^2 = 6VT^3 \left[ 2(\lambda_3 \xi)^2 - \lambda_4 \right] \xi^8 \,.$$

**J** Tree graphs. Each propagator gives  $\xi^2$ .



 $\kappa_3 = \langle \sigma_V^3 \rangle = 2VT^{3/2} \tilde{\lambda}_3 \xi^{4.5}; \quad \kappa_4 = 6VT^2 [2(\tilde{\lambda}_3)^2 - \tilde{\lambda}_4] \xi^7.$ 

Non-gaussian fluctuations at the QCD critical point - p. 7/14

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#### Flow



#### v<sub>2</sub> NCQ Scaling of Particles



- NCQ-scaling holds for particles and anti-particles separately at all energies
   → Partonic degrees of freedom?
- High m<sub>T</sub>-m<sub>0</sub> not measured at lower energies
- Do φ-mesons deviate?

#### NCQ = Number of Constituent Quark

Alexander Schmah - Ouark Matter 2014

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#### Particle and Anti-particle flow

Steinheimer et al Phys.Rev. C86 (2012) 044903 :

- Excitation function of  $v_2$
- Centrality dependence of freeze out parameters

Both agree with STAR measurement

Essential: stopping of baryon number Explains difference in elliptic flow between protons and anti-protons.

Not yet included: Stopping of isospin. Qualitatively explains the trend seen for pions

Strangeness conservation: strangeness chemical Potential same sign as baryon chemical potential: Flow difference of kaons same sign as protons



Figure courtesy N. Xu

### Another way



a~ curvature of critical line

$$\partial_{\mu}^{2} F(T,\mu)_{\mu=0} = \frac{a}{T} \partial_{T} F(T,0)$$
$$\partial_{\mu}^{4} F(T,\mu)_{\mu=0} = 3 \frac{a^{2}}{T} (T \partial_{T}^{2} - \partial_{T}) F(T,0)$$

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

# The sources for $v_2$

