Dilepton and the QCD CP

- What is the QCD CP
- Dileptons

The QCD Phase Diagram



QCD critical point

- Order parameter: baryon density or scalar density
 - > Actually it is a superposition
- Both scalar (chiral) an quark number susceptibilities diverge
- Screening ("space like") masses vanish ("omega", "sigma")
 not accessible by (time-like) dileptons
- Density fluctuations: Not obvious how this translates into a clean dilepton measurement
- The transition is in same universality class as liquid gas! (Son, Stephanov)
 - Fluctuations are driven by density fluctuations; chiral field is just tagging on

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.



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CP is and the chiral transition



Mixing of scalar and vector



Note: mixing of scalar vector (p-h) only for spacelike excitations close to q=0 (Friman, Soyeur et al)

Summary CP

- Critical point true second order phase transition
- Universality class of liquid gas
- Dominated by space-like p-h excitations
 - No good news for Dileptons
 - Can it leak over into time-like? Nambu model suggests not
- Massive sigma!!!
 - No good news for "in medium effects" of the usual kind
- CP is different from the chiral transition we are used to. Need to rethink the approach

QCD first order transition

- Order parameter: baryon density or scalar density
- Both scalar (chiral) and quark number density are discontinuous
- Density fluctuations / blobs due to spinodal instability. Not obvious how this translates into a clean dilepton measurement
- If latent heat is sizable: Long lived mixed phase
 - > two peak structure of omega a la C.M. Ko for phi.
 - assuming the TAPS results hold up in this case you want to measure low p_t omegas

Double Omega peak?





TAPS, preliminary



The "gold" standard



Example:DCC dileptons

Factor 100 enhancement!



Dileptons at lower energy



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Peters questions

Caution: Theorist at work!

Peters questions

- What did we learn from dilepton experiments so far?
 - collisional broadening (NA60)
 - some intriguing things above M>1GeV, possibly partonic ?
 - Hades similar below the rho; obviously density effects
 - no visible effects on omega; decay outside
- Which information is contained in the width and position of the spectral function of low-mass vector mesons measured in heavy-ion collisions?
 - Many things; collision rate, mixing of modes, possibly mean field
 - Rather model dependent.

NA60



Peters questions II

- Which experimental observation would be a signature for the onset of chiral symmetry restoration?
 - Good question! Best bet at the moment: vector vs axial
 - requires gamma-pi measurement in addition to dileptons
- In which range of beam energies, invariant masses, rapidity and transverse momentum does one expect relevant signals?
 - another good one! Hades/DLS shows that "broadening" happens already at ~1 GeV
 - If chiral/critical point: low transverse momentum
 - Small mass would be great but not at the price of otherwise low resolution

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Peters questions III

- Which physics cases can be addressed in di-electron experiments at beam energies up to 10 AGeV (using the HADES detector)?
 - Potentially the same as with CBM. We don't know yet where the critical point is. Definitely worth a look!
- Which dilepton observables are sensitive to the deconfinement phase transition?
 - The NA60 p_t spectra look interesting. Can we see a change with energy?

Phase trajectories (more in talk by J. Randrup)



Is there a chance to start experiments already with SIS 100?

Peters questions III

- What is the discovery potential of charmonium measurements (excitation function of J/ψ and ψ' production, collective flow of J/ψ mesons, density dependence of charmonium production and propagation, ...)?
 - None as far as I am concerned. That's why you should measure it!

Summary

- CP need some serious rethinking as far as phenomenology is concerned.
- Signature in Dilepton channel not obvious (at present...)
- Low momentum pairs will be essentiall
- Low mass would be good but difficult
- High mass resolution (>= NA60). Omega line shape

"DCC" dispersion relation



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