

RESEARCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGES

EMERGING FACILITIES TO STUDY QCD MATTER AT HIGH μ_B WITH RARE PROBES

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SEARCHING FOR LANDMARKS OF THE QCD MATTER PHASE DIAGRAM



Borsanyi et al. [Wuppertal-Budapest Collab.], JHEP 1009 (2010) 073 Isserstedt, Buballa, Fischer, Gunkel, PRD 100 (2019) 074011 Fu, Pawlowski, Rennecke, PRD 101, (2020) 054032 Gao, Pawlowski, PLB 820 (2021) 136584 □ Vanishing μ_B , high *T* (lattice QCD)

□ crossover

- $T_{pc} \cong 156 \text{ MeV}$ (physical quark masses)
- $T_c \cong 132 \text{ MeV}$ (chiral limit)
- □ no critical point indicated by lattice QCD at $\mu_B^{CEP}/T_c \leq 3$

Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], PLB 795 (2019) 15-21 Ding et al. [HotQCD], PRL 123 (2019) 6, 062002

Large μ_B moderate *T* (IQCD inspired models)

- Iimits of hadronic existence?
- ☐ 1st order transition?
- □ QCD critical point?
- equation-of-state of dense matter?

High μ_B region – large discovery potential!



B. Friman et al., Lect. Notes Phys. 814 (2011) 1

LABORATORY STUDIES OF THE MATTER PROPERTIES (EoS) IN COMPACT STELLAR OBJECTS

Neutron Star merger (model calculations)



Hanauske, Journal of Phys.: Conf. Series 878 (2017) 012031 Rezzolla *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, no. 6, 061101 (2019) Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4 \ GeV$ (UrQMD)



- □ T < 70 MeV, $\rho < 3\rho_0$ for both (note the different isospin)
- Role of YN, YY phase shifts in EOS! HADES Collab. Phys.Rev. C94 (2016) 025201 ALICE Collab. Nature 588 (2020) 232-238

Strong connections between the fields

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HADES Collab., Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 10, 1040-1045 Andronic *et al.*, Nature 561 (2018) no.7723

☐ Experimental challenge:

- Iocate the onset of QGP
- □ detect the conjectured QCD critical point
- □ probe microscopic matter properties

Measure with utmost precision:

- □ strangeness (chemistry)
- ☐ charm (transport properties)
- □ e-b-e correlations and fluctuations (criticality)
- □ dileptons (emissivity of matter)

Almost unexplored (not accessible) so far in the high μ_B region

QUESTROR LOMESSERECYSION AND SENSITIVITY FOR RARE SIGNALS

~20 years progress in technology since AGS (begin of high μ_B explorations)



RUNNING AND PLANNED HIGH \mu_B FACILITIES

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Facility	SIS18	HIAF	Nuclotron	J-PARC-HI	SIS100	NICA	RHIC	SPS	SPS
Experiment	HADES /mCBM	CEE	BM@N	DHS, D2S	CBM / HADES	MPD	STAR	NA61/SHINE	NA60+
Start	2012, 2018	2023	2022 (Au)	>2025(?)	2025	2022	2010, 2019	2009 - 2022	>2025(?)
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	2.4 – 2.6	2 – 2.7	2 – 3.5	2 – 6.2	2.7 – 5	4 – 11	3 – 19.6	4.9 – 17.3	4.9 – 17.3
μ_B , MeV	800 – 770	880 – 760	880 – 670	880 – 430	760 – 500	580 – 300	720 – 210	520 – 230	520 – 230
Hadrons	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	(+)
Dileptons	+			+	+	+	+		+
Charm				(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+

Compilation TG, Nucl.Phys. A982 (2019)

Allows overlap and independent confirmation of results

SOME BASIC FACTS ON HIGH μ_{B} FACILITIES



TG, Nucl.Phys. A982 (2019), update 2021 CBM, EPJA 53 3 (2017) 60

Program needs high precision data

- □ High intensity beams
- Multipurpose detectors:
 - □ Large acceptance, high efficiency
 - Trigger-less, free streaming read-out electronics with high bandwidth online event selection
- Substantial progress in detector technologies (mainly driven by

ALICE upgrade, CBM and sPHENIX)

□ High-performance / scientific computing

Conceptual design

FACILITIES

NICA ACCELERATOR COMPLEX IN DUBNA

Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility at JINR (NICA Complex)

BM@N

BM@N in operation since 2018

> <u>Baryonic Matter at N</u>uclotron BM@N 10 countries, 20 institutions, 246 members

05-17-2021 Mon 13:43:01 SPD MPD Internal target Booster Magnet factory Cryogenics Nuclotron

Booster commissioning Dec 30th, 2020: Injected He¹⁺, 3.2 MeV/u, Accelerated up to 100 MeV/u (design value 600 MeV/u)



All components of the MPD Stage I configuration advanced in production



Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD) 12 countries, >500 members, 42 institutes and JINR

NICA RUNNING PLAN



FACILITY FOR ANTIPROTON AND ION RESEARCH

... is a multi-purpose (strong interaction) facility!



In operation since 2002 Beams from SIS18 All components advanced in production

COMPRESSED BARYONIC MATTER



HADES

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- new since 2019 RICH photo camera, ECAL (5 sectors)
- □ in 2021 forward detector system Sraw Tracker, RPC, LGAD
- ☐ for 2022 new MDC FEE and 100 kHz DAQ upgrade

ALICE

NA60+ at SPS

AA, pA, pp program (beam energy scan) with focus on dileptons and charm



MAPS with stitching technology 5µm spatial resolution



Dipole magnet





GEM μ tracking stations

- Muon measurement with tracking in front of and behind hadron absorber
 - Vertex spectrometer: 5 layers of MAPS (synergy with ALICE, R&D funded by Italian Research ministry)
 - □ m spectrometer: large area tracker based on GEMs (expertise within ALICE GEM TPC)
 - $\Box \quad \text{Toroid magnet} (BR = 0.2 0.5 Tm)$
- \Box Beam intensities of 10⁷ Pb ions/ 20 s spill
- Installation foreseen at the SPS, EHN1 hall, H8 beam line
- □ EOI submitted to SPSC May'19
- Lol under preparation

Start data taking with LHC run 4, in 2027

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FURTHER FACILITIES



NA61/SHINE at SPS

HI program with focus on charm during LHC Run 3 $\geq 7.6 \cdot 10^4 D^0 + \overline{D}^0$ 84 days 150A GeV 2022+2023 $\geq 3.6 \cdot 10^3 D^0 + \overline{D}^0$ 42 days 40A GeV 2024

HI Research Facility at Lanzhou (HIRFL)



CSR External-target Experiment CEE at HIRFL (start 2024) CEE+ at HIAF (start 2027)

 \rightarrow Focus event-by-event fluctuations and correlations

 \rightarrow Hadron production and flow

High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF) at Huizhou













CRITICAL FLUCTUATIONS



 $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\mu}{\pi}$ reduced chemical potential

Crossing features of the QCD phase-diagram (phase boundaries, CEP) is expected to result in:

- Diverging susceptibilities and correlation length
- "Extra" fluctuations of conserved quantities (e.g. baryon number, charge, strangeness)
- Observable discontinuities of the higher moments of particle number distributions, visible e.g. in a beam energy scan

Higher moments probe the tails of the (number) distributions. Needs statistics! No measurements 2.4 < $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 7.7 GeV!

> V. Skokov et al., PRC 88 (2013) 034911 Bzdak et al., Phys.Rev. C94 (2016) 064907 PBM et al., NPA 960 (2017) 114 M. Kitasawa, PRC 93 (2016)

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ELECTROMAGNETIC PROBES

DILEPTON INVARIANT MASS SPECTRA

Characteristic features



- i. 'Primodial' $q\bar{q}$ annihilation (Drell-Yan):
 - $\circ \quad NN \to e^+ e^- X$
 - short-lived states
- ii. Thermal radiation from QGP and hadronic matter:
 - $\circ \quad q\bar{q} \rightarrow e^+e^-, \ \pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$
 - short-lived states Δ , N^* , ...
 - multi-meson reactions ('4 π '): $\pi\rho$, $\pi\omega$, πa_1 , ...
- iii. Decays of long-lived mesons:
 - \circ $\pi^0, \eta, \omega, \varphi$, correlated $D\overline{D}$ pairs, ...

Excess yield = dilepton yield after subtraction of (measured) decay cocktail (i. and iii.)

ELECTROMAGNETIC PRODUCTION RATE

em current-current correlation function

$$\Pi_{em}^{\mu\nu}(q_0,q) = -i \int d^4x \, e^{iq \cdot x} \theta(x^0) \left\langle \left\langle [j^{\mu}(x), j^{\nu}(0)] \right\rangle \right\rangle$$

□ photons characterized by "transverse" momentum:

determines both photon and dilepton rates

$$q_0 \frac{dN_{\gamma}}{d^4 x d^3 q} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi^2} f^B(q \cdot u; T) Im \Pi_{em}(q_0 = q; \mu_B, T)$$

☐ dileptons carry extra information: invariant mass
 → unique direct access to in-medium spectral function

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4xd^4q} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{\pi^3} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} f^B(q \cdot u; T) Im\Pi_{em}(M, q; \mu_B, T)$$

McLerran, Toimela, Phys.Rev. D31, 545 (1985) Weldon, Phys.Rev. D42, 2384-2387 (1990) Gale, Kapusta, Phys.Rev. C35, 2107 (1987) & Nucl.Phys. B357, 65-89 (1991)

EM CORRELATOR IN THE VACUUM

accurately known from e^+e^- annihilation $R \propto \frac{Im \prod_{em}^{vur}}{M^2}$

low-mass regime

em spectral function is saturated by light vector mesons (VMD I^P = 1^{-} for both γ^{*} and VM, ρ playing a dominant role)



Beringer et al. (PDG), Phys. Rev. D (2012) 010001

Sakurai, Ann.Phys. 11 (1960)

IN-MEDIUM SPECTRAL FUNCTIONS FROM HADRONIC MANY BODY THEORY

 ρ meson in medium interacts with hadrons from heat bath



Alam *et al.*, Annals Phys.286 (2001) 159 (2001) Leupold, Metag, Mosel, Int.J.Mod.Phys. E19 (2010) 147 Rapp, Acta Phys.Polon. B42 (2011) 2823-2852



ightarrow
ho-peak undergoes a strong broadening ightarrow baryonic effects are crucial

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IN-MEDIUM EM SPECTRAL FUNCTIONS

Connection to chiral symmetry χ_c

- Spontaneously broken in the vacuum
- □ Restoration of χ_c at finite *T* and μ_B manifests itself through mixing of vector and axialvector correlators
- ρ meson melts in hot/dense matter, a₁mass decreases and degenerates with near ground-state mass



Hohler, Rapp, Annals Phys. 368, 70-109 (2016) Holt, Hohler, Rapp, Phys.Rev. D87, 076010 (2013)

Degeneracy of hadronic chiral partners



Jung, Rennecke, Tripolt, von Smekal, Wambach, Phys.Rev. D95, 036020 (2017)

MEASURED EXCESS DILEPTON INVARIANT-MASS SPECTRA

Strongly supports melting of ρ , in particular due to baryon-induced effects



- RW in-medium spectral function consistently describes the low-mass dilepton excess for SIS – SPS – RHIC BES – RHIC – LHC energies
- Baryon effects important even at net-baryon density $\rho_B = 0$
 - Sensitive to $\rho_{B_{tot}} = \rho_B + \rho_B$ (ρN and $\rho \overline{N}$ interactions identical)

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Rapp, Wambach, Eur.Phys.J. A6 (1999) 415-420 (1999) Rapp, Wambach, van Hees, Landolt-Bornstein 23 (2010) 134 CG GSI-Texas A&M TG et al.: Eur.Phys.J. A52 (2016) no.5, 131

MESON CLOUD

exclusive analysis $\pi^- p \rightarrow e^+ e^- n$

HADES, in preparation



Ramalho, Pena, Phys. Rev. D95 (2017) 014003 Zetenyi, Nitt, Buballa, Galatyuk, Phys. Rev. C arXiv:2012.07546 Speranza *et al.*, Phys.Lett. B764 (2017) 282 [HADES] Phys.Rev.C 102 (2020) 2, 024001 [HADES] Phys.Rev.C 95 (2017) 065205



4 first entries ($N\rho$) 4 additional entries first entry BR $\Delta \rightarrow pe^+e^-$

- Study the structure of the nucleon as an extended object (quark core and meson cloud)
- Dominance of the $N^*(1520)$ resonance
 - \Box contribution fixed by analysis of $\pi^+\pi^-$ channel with PWA



connection to "soft deconfinement"?

Fukushima, Kojo, Weise, PRD 102 (2020) 9, 096017

quantum percolation of the interaction meson clouds



THE FIREBALL LIFETIME

Rapp, Acta Phys.Polon.B 42 (2011) 2823-2852



"explicit" measurement of interactingfireball lifetime: $\tau_{FB} \approx (7 \pm 1) fm/c$



□ Integrated low-mass radiation $0.3 < M < 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ tracks the fireball lifetime

> Heinz and Lee, PLB 259, 162 (1991) Barz, Friman, Knoll and Schulz, PLB 254, 315 (1991) Rapp, van Hees, PLB 753 (2016) 586

□ Signature for phase transition (and critical point)? → latent heat → longer life time → extra radiation

DILEPTON SIGNATURE OF A 1ST ORDER PHASE TRANSITION

- □ *em* spectral function from FRG flow equations
- Dilepton rates at CEP T=10 MeV, $\mu=292$ MeV

Tripolt *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A982 (2019) 775 Jung *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 036020



- Dilepton radiation in hydrodynamics with and w/o "strong" 1st-order transition
- □ Factor of ~2 extra radiation in case of hydro with phase transition





Seck, TG, et al., arXiv:2010.04614 [nucl-th] Li and Ko, Phys. Rev. C 95 (2017) no.5, 055203

DILEPTONS AS THERMOMETER

Acceptance corrected $\mu^+\mu^-$ excess yield



NA60 Collab., EPJC 61(2009) 711 NA60 Collab., Chiral 2010, AIP Conf.Proc. 1322 (2010) Rapp and v. Hess, PLB 753 (2016) 586 $\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4xd^4q} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{\pi^3} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} f^B(q \cdot u; T) Im\Pi_{em}(M, q; \mu_B, T)$

□ IMR spectrum falls exponentially □ in the IMR the dilepton rate $\frac{dR_{ll}}{dM} \propto (MT)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\frac{M}{T})$ □ independent of flow: no blue shift!

 $\langle T \rangle = 205 \pm 12 MeV$

ightarrow the only explicit temperature measurement above T_{pc} in heavy-ion collisions

MAPPING QCD "CALORIC CURVE" (T vs ε)







signature for phase transition?
→ phase transition may show up as a plateau!
→ future high statistics experiments

Rapp and v. Hess, PLB 753 (2016) 586 TG et al., EPJA 52 (2016) 131 https://github.com/tgalatyuk/QCD caloric curve

Nuclear liquid-gas phase transition



Pochodzalla et al., PRL 75 (1995) 1040

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE FOR CHIRAL SYMMETRY RESTORATION



Guy Chanfray, 1999 Lecture Notes

EXPERIMENTAL CHALLENGE

Physics background (M_{\parallel} > 1 GeV/ c^2)



Eisenhut [ALICE3], DPG 2021 10 (GeV/c ALICE 3 Study Rapp in-medium SF 0 - 10% Pb-Pb, Vs NN = 5.02 Te Rapp QGP TOF+RICH (4o, rej) cocktail w/o p ^{bed} $0.2 < p_{\tau_0} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c, |\eta_0| < 0.8$ 102 1/Nevt dN 2/dm No bremsstrahlung included "=5.6 nb⁻¹ 'measured 10 Syst. err. sig.+ bkg. 10 10-2 10-3 1.2 1.4 mee (GeV/c 2)

Towards lower energy

- □ negligible correlated charm contribution
- decrease of QGP
- Drell-Yan contribution

□ LHC energies

- \Box large contribution from $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$ and QGP
- □ negligible Drell-Yan

There is no such thing as a free lunch



EXPERIMENTAL CHALLENGE

M [GeV/c²]

Physics background (M_{\parallel} > 1 GeV/ c^2)

Usai [NA60+], 2020 $(d^2 N_{\mu\mu}/dydM)/(dN_{ch}/dy)(50~MeV)^{-1}$ Black continous line: expected yield assuming chiral mixing 10⁻⁷ Green line: expected yield witout chiral mixing Pb-Pb Vs=8.8 GeV 0-5% central collisions -9 10 NA60+: experimental performance assuming no chiral mixing (yellow band: systematic uncertainty) 1.2 1.4 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

Towards lower energy

□ Drell-Yan contribution \rightarrow pp, pA measurements!





- □ LHC energies
 - □ excellent vertex resolution → topological separation of prompt and non-prompt source employing DCA cut
 - \Box choice of the p_{T} cut





TRANSPORT PROPERTIES OF THE MEDIUM

Electrical conductivity

EM spectral function connected to electrical conductivity:

$$\sigma_{el}(T) = -e^2 \lim_{q_0 \to 0} \frac{\delta}{\delta q_0} Im \Pi_{em}(q_0, q = 0; T)$$

Transport peak in the limit of very low mass and $p_{\rm T}$



Moore and Robert, arXiv:hep-ph/0607172



- Conductivity is reduced when thermalpion interactions included
- □ Transport peak broadens

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DILEPTONS CARRY INVALUABLE INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THEIR FOUR-MOMENTUM

Uniquely encode information on matter properties







SUMMARY – HIGH μ_B

Open questions:

- \Box Quest for deconfinement / chiral symmetry restoration conditions at high μ_B
- Quest for the conjectured QCD critical point

Challenges:

- □ Rare and statistics "hungry" observables
- Many aspects nature of transitions between the various phases, relevant EoS, origin of hadron mass and spectral properties of hadrons in the medium, collective and transport properties of the medium, ...
 – await a better understanding

Opportunities:

Discoveries, EoS of dense matter and connection to violent stellar processes

Objectives:

Systematic energy scan with full exploration of all relevant observables \rightarrow CBM – NA60+ – MPD offer important complementarities

Thank you for your attention!

BONUS SLIDES

HADRON YIELDS AND STATISTICAL HADRONIZATION MODEL

Are we creating a thermal medium in experiments?

 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 TeV$



□ Factor 1000 in beam energy / factor ~2 in temperature

- □ Hadron abundances described in framework of SHM
 - Strangeness canonical treatment at low beam energies
 - \Box Include feed-down from ⁴*He*, ⁴*H*, ⁴*Li*





MULTI-STRANGE BARYONS



C. Blume, C. Markert, PPNP (2011) 66 HADES Coll., PRL 103 (2009) 132301

RVUU: F. Li et al., PRC 85 (2012) 064902 UrQMD: J. Steinheimer et al., J.Phys. G43 (2016) 015104 ART: C.M. Ko et al., PLB595 (2004) 158-164

A. Andronic et al., NPA 772 (2006) F. Becattini et al., PRC69 (2004) 024905

E. Seifert et al., PRC97 (2018)

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 6 GeV baryon rich matter, data are missing for less abundant particles (Ξ , Ω)!
- ☐ Unexpectedly large Ξ⁻ yield at sub-threshold energies (HADES ArKCl, pNb)
 - □ Not in equilibrium?
 - \Box Role of *YY* interaction, high mass baryonic resonances?

Precision measurement of spectra and flow pattern

	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Run time	R _{int,} kHz	Ξ_	Ξ+	Ω^+
HADES (Ag)	2.6 GeV	4 wks	10	2.5x10 ³		
MPD Stage'1	11 GeV	10 wks	5	1.5x10 ⁶	8x10 ⁴	1.5x10 ⁴
СВМ	3.8 GeV	1 wk	1000	4x10 ⁹	5x10 ⁶	3.3x10 ⁵



SHM: A. Andronic et al., Phys.Lett. B697 (2011) DCM: J. Steinheimer et al., Phys.Lett. B714 (2012)

NUCLEI AND HYPER-NUCLEI PRODUCTION

- □ How do nuclei and hyper-nuclei form?
 - □ Compact multi-quark states at the phase boundary?
 - □ Coalescence?
- □ What are their properties?

Do YY bound states exist?

How do *YN*, *YY* interact?

ALICE Collab., Phys. Lett. B 754 (2016) 360 STAR Collab., arXiv:1710.00436 [nucl-ex] HAL CD Coll., arXiv:1709.00654 [hep-lat]

Multi-differential analysis (spectra, flow) needed to increase the discrimination power with respect to models

	$\sqrt{S_{NN}}$	Run time	R _{int,} kHz	ε%	$^{4}_{\Lambda}He$	$^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ He
CBM	4.7 GeV	1 wk	1000	15	7x10 ⁷	
CBM	4.7 GeV	10 wks	10.000	1.3		600
MPD Stage'2	5 GeV	10 wks	5	0.4	1x10 ⁴	

THE EXPERIMENTAL LANDSCAPE FOR RARE PROBES



EXTREME AND SHINY



- \Box Electromagnetic radiation (γ , γ^*)
 - Penetrating probe
 - □ Reflect the whole history of a collision
 - ☐ No strong final state interaction → leave reaction volume undisturbed

- Encodes information on matter properties
 - □ Change in degrees of freedom
 - Restoration of chiral symmetry
 - Transport properties
 - □ Temperature, lifetime, acceleration, polarization



IN-MEDIUM EM SPECTRAL FUNCTIONS

connection to chiral symmetry χ_c

 $\Box \chi_c$ is broken spontaneously by dynamical formation of a quark condensate $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

 \Box condensates $\langle \overline{q}q \rangle$ constrained by lattice QCD



Hohler and Rapp, Annals Phys. 368 (2016) 70-109 Holt, Hohler, Rapp, Phys.Rev. D87 (2013) 076010

QCD and chiral sum rules...

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{\pi} [\Pi_V(s) - \Pi_{AV}(s)] = m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -2m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$



... remain valid in medium Kapusta and Shuryak, Phys.Rev. D49 (1994) 4694

□ restoration finite T and μ_B manifests itself through mixing of vector and axial-vector correlators