Fluctuations and correlations Summary QM2004

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Mean p_t fluctuations



Now we need a measure....

What we want to have

A good measure should be:

Independent of particular experiment

Comparable to theory

Corrected for detector effects (e.g. 2-track resolution)

Not corrected for ``known physics effects'' (e.g. HBT, flow, superposition of independent sources etc.)



The critical point of QCD

...should show up as a peak in the excitation function (Stephanov, Rajagopal, Shuryak)



H. Sako (CERES)

•No indication for the critical point so far

•Scan between SPS and RHIC

•20 and 30 GeV/c from NA49

•GSI SIS 300

Centrality dependence



Centrality dependence

G. Westfall (STAR)



Acceptance matters!

Fluctuation signal is scale dependent

Scale dependence of p_t correlations



Medium response to minijets?

Centrality dependence

Traces of thermalization? S. Gavin



Larger centrality = Longer lifetime = Smaller survival probability S

$$= _oS + _e(1-S)$$

$$<\delta p_{t1} \delta p_{t2} > = <\delta p_{t1} \delta p_{t2} >_o S^2 + <\delta p_{t1} \delta p_{t2} >_e (1-S^2)$$

Deviation in central events due to jets?

Thermalized partons or hadrons?

Centrality dependence



M. Tannenbaum, J.Mitchell (PHENIX):

This is not flow, these are jets!

Phenomenological, PYTHIA-based model gives good description

What happens to the quenched jets?

Other explanations



<p_t > fluctuations by string percolation

Other explanations

H. Sako (CERES): Comparison to cascade models



Charges are more evenly distributed in a QGP

Strongly reduced net charge fluctuations in a small region of phase space

This has not been observed!

Charge (and multiplicity) fluctuations may give insight to the particle production mechanism, thermalization etc.

Charge fluctuations (NA49, CERES, STAR)

Balance functions (NA49, STAR)

Multiplicity fluctuations (NA49, Phobos)



Multiplicity scaling violated at small N_{part}



Common thermal explanation for p_t and charge fluctuations



Consistent with narrowing of balance function:



Consistent with late hadronization plus flow

Multiplicity fluctuations

K. Wozniak (PHOBOS)



For statistical fluctuations

 $\sigma^{2}(C) = 1$

Independent of multiplicity



Data consistent with Hijing+Geant η Hijing consistent with cluster model k=2 and correlation width $\Delta \eta$ =1

Consistent with STAR nucl-ex/0307007

Multiplicity fluctuations





Particle ratio fluctuations



 p/π fluctuations explained by resonance decays

We want more!

Non-identical particle correlations



More to come...



π HBT: Energy scan at SPS

Pb-Pb central (S. Kniege, NA49)



R_{out}/R_{side} at SPS



0.2

0

0.4

0.6

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 k_t (GeV/c) H. Appelshäuser, QM2004 Oakland

Coulomb

Purity...

Coulomb



- Purity of pion sample has to be taken into account!
- Partial Coulomb correction adapted by all experiments

Coulomb



,New' Coulomb treatment affects mainly R_{out} (and R_{out}/R_{side})

200 GeV Au-Au central (M. Heffner, PHENIX)

π HBT at 200 GeV



Results consistent so far, needs detailed checks...

Azimuthal HBT

Measure HBT-Radii relative to the reaction plane in non-central collisions:

U. Wiedemann a.m.m.



spatial anisotropy of the pion source at freeze-out!

Azimuthal HBT



...source retains initial orientation!

Consistency check of lifetime



M. Lisa (ISMD2003)

Freeze-out eccentricity confirms short lifetime (e.g. from R_{long})

HBT parameters are internally consistent

HBT in pp

Poster M. Gutierrez (STAR)



Results are much smaller than in Au-Au

K_t dependence is very similar!

System size dependence





•Presumably very different dynamics in p-p and Au-Au

•But the HBT radii look qualitatively the same

Do we believe in coincidences?

System size dependence



All radii scale with N_{part}^{1/3}

Consistent with freezeout at constant density

Not new, but centrality (system size) dependence was never really challenged!

Universal Pion freeze-out

Mean free path at freeze-out:

$$\lambda_{f} = \frac{1}{\rho \cdot \sigma} = \frac{V_{f}}{\sum_{i} N_{i} \cdot \sigma_{\pi,i}} \approx 1 fm$$

D. Magestro (STAR)



Universal Pion freeze-out



Freeze-out at constant mean free path is counter-intuitive if late stage is dominated by hadronic rescattering: size dependence expected!

In p-p:

In Au-Au:

 $\begin{aligned} \lambda_f &\approx R_{geo} \\ \lambda_f &<< R_{HBT} < R_{geo} \end{aligned}$

Flow in Au-Au may lead to local freeze-out

But why does it *exactly* compensate?

Do we believe in coincidences (II)?

New old HBT puzzle

pp and Au-Au data look qualitatively and quantitatively the same (needs confirmation)

Models: Non-trivial dynamics must lead to trivial freeze-out

Study system size dependence

Balance function width

158 AGeV/c

P. Christakoglou (Poster) NA49

G. Westfall (STAR) 200 GeV Au-Au



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

158 AGeV/c

