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- Why Fluctuations
- Canonical suppression
- Comparison to experiments
- Critical fluctuations







Why Fluctuations



fingerprints of criticality for $m_{u,d} = o$ survive at crossover with $m_{u,d} \neq o$

- To probe the structure of strongly interacting matter
 - Locate phase boundaries
 - Search for critical phenomena
 - ...

E-by-E fluctuations are predicted within Grand Canonical Ensemble



probing the response of the system to external perturbations



A. Bazavov et al., Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 054503



Baselines from theory (in GCE)

for a thermal system in a fixed volume V within the Grand Canonical Ensemble



- In experiments
 - Volume (participants) fluctuates from E-to-E
 - Global conservation laws are important

$$\frac{\kappa_4(\Delta N_B)}{\kappa_2(\Delta N_B)} \equiv \gamma_2 \sigma^2 \neq \frac{\hat{\chi}_4^B}{\hat{\chi}_2^B} \qquad \frac{\kappa_3(\Delta N_B)}{\kappa_2(\Delta N_B)} \equiv \gamma_1 \sigma \neq \frac{\hat{\chi}_3^B}{\hat{\chi}_2^B}$$

V. Skokov, B. Friman, and K. Redlich, Phys.Rev. C88 (2013) 034911 P. Braun-Munzinger, A. R., J. Stachel, arXiv:1612.00702, NPA 960 (2017) 114







The strategy



- Estimation of the effects of global conservation laws
 - Canonical suppression for cumulants in finite acceptance
- Subtraction of volume fluctuations

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Fluctuations in GCE



Two baryon species with the baryon numbers +1 and -1 in the ideal Boltzmann gas $Z_{GCE}(V,T,\mu) = \sum_{N_B=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{\overline{B}}=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\lambda_B z\right)^{N_B}}{N_B!} \frac{\left(\lambda_{\overline{B}} z\right)^{N_{\overline{B}}}}{N_{\overline{B}}!} = e^{2z\cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)}, \quad \lambda_{B,\overline{B}} = e^{\pm \frac{\mu}{T}} \qquad z - \text{single baryon partition function}$ Uncorrelated Poisson limit: $\langle N_B N_{\overline{B}} \rangle = \langle N_B \rangle \langle N_{\overline{B}} \rangle$ Net-Baryons \rightarrow Skellam $\kappa_n = \langle N_B \rangle + (-1)^n \langle N_{\overline{B}} \rangle$ $\frac{\kappa_{2n+1}}{\kappa_{2k}} = \tanh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) = \frac{\langle N_B \rangle - \langle N_{\overline{B}} \rangle}{\langle N_B \rangle + \langle N_{\overline{B}} \rangle}$



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K. Redlich and L. Turko, Z. Phys. C5 (1980) 201, V.V. Begun, M. I. Gorenstein, O. S. Zozulya, PRC 72 (2005) 014902 P. Braun-Munzinger, B. Friman, F. Karsch, K. Redlich, V. Skokov, NPA 880 (2012), A. Bzdak, V. Koch, V. Skokov, PRC87 (2013) 014901









• fluctuations of net-baryons appear only inside finite acceptance

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N_B



Fluctuations in CE (10⁸ Events)



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α





Results From ALICE



Contribution from global baryon number conservation



The deviation from Skellam is due to the global baryon number conservation.



Results from STAR





Approach to unity for the highest energies

Non-monotonic behavior below 39 GeV

• Drop at 7.7 GeV for central events

X. Luo, PoS CPOD2014, 019 (2015) STAR: PRL 112, 032302 (2014)



Results from STAR





conservation laws dominate!

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The α parameter





 $\langle n_p \rangle, \langle n_{\overline{p}} \rangle$ - also taken from STAR data



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Predictions for κ_4/κ_2





above 11.5 GeV CE suppression describes the data

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Comparison to critical fluctuations



- Data have to be corrected for conservation laws and volume fluctuations
- Qualitative differences emerge above 4th order cumulants!





- First development of the statistical event generator in GCE and CE
- The measured second cumulants of net-protons at ALICE are, after accounting for baryon number conservation, in agreement with the corresponding second cumulants of the Skellam distribution.
- All net-proton cumulants from STAR show deviations from the Skellam baseline.
- Above 11.5 GeV these deviations can be consistently described with the global baryon number conservation + unavoidable fluctuations of participating nucleons

Before making any quantitative statements the data on cumulants have to be corrected for conservation laws and volume fluctuations

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