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Effect of quarks on the formation and evolution of $Z(3)$ walls and strings in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

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We investigate the effects of explicit breaking of $Z(3)$ symmetry due to presence of dynamical quarks on the formation and evolution of $Z(3)$ walls and associated QGP strings within Polyakov loop model. We carry out numerical simulations of the first order quark-hadron phase transition via bubble nucleation (which may be appropriate, for example, at finite baryon chemical potential). Using appropriate shifting of the order parameter in the Polyakov loop effective potential, we calculate the bubble profiles using bounce technique, for the true vacuum as well as for the metastable $Z(3)$ vacua, and estimate the associated nucleation probabilities. These different bubbles are then nucleated and evolved and resulting formation and dynamics of $Z(3)$ walls and associated strings is studied.

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