conclusion

- change of energy dependence of soft particle production in the lower SPS energy range
  - rate of increase of $\langle \pi \rangle / N_{\mathrm{W}}$ steepens
  - strangeness to pion ratio passes through maximum
- hadrochemical freezeout conditions approach QGP/HG phase boundary
- smooth evolution of the produced state
  - no indication of soft point of EoS from flow and BE correlations
  - no evidence of critical fluctuations

outlook

- analysis of 20, 30 A·GeV Pb+Pb data in transition region
- more results on system size dependence
- p+p, p+A data: evolution of baryon stopping, strangeness enhancement