





From hadrons to partons and back

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The holy grail of heavy-ion physics:



Signals of the phase transition:

- Multi-strange particle enhancement in A+A
- Charm suppression
- Collective flow (v₁, v₂, v₃, v₄)
- Thermal dileptons
- Jet quenching and angular correlations
- High p_T suppression of hadrons
- Nonstatistical event by event fluctuations and correlations
- Chiral Magnetic Effect

Experiment: measures final hadrons and leptons

How to learn about physics from data?

Compare with theory!



Microscopic transport models provide a unique dynamical description of nonequilibrium effects in heavy-ion collisions !



Semi-classical BUU equation

Boltzmann -Uehling-Uhlenbeck equation (non-relativistic formulation) - propagation of particles in the self-generated Hartree-Fock mean-field potential U(r,t) with an on-shell collision term:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}f(\vec{r},\vec{p},t) + \frac{\vec{p}}{m}\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} f(\vec{r},\vec{p},t) - \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}}U(\vec{r},t) \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}}f(\vec{r},\vec{p},t) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{coll}$$

collision term: eleastic and inelastic reactions

 $f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t)$ is the single particle phase-space distribution function - probability to find the particle at position r with momentum p at time t

□ self-generated Hartree-Fock mean-field potential:

$$U(\vec{r},t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_{\beta_{occ}} \int d^3r' \, d^3p \, V(\vec{r}-\vec{r}',t) \, f(\vec{r}',\vec{p},t) + (Fock \ term)$$

□ Collision term for $1+2 \rightarrow 3+4$ (let's consider fermions) :

$$I_{coll} = \frac{4}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 p_2 \, d^3 p_3 \, \int d\Omega \, |v_{12}| \, \delta^3(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3 - \vec{p}_4) \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (1 + 2 \to 3 + 4) \cdot P$$

Probability including Pauli blocking of fermions: $P = f_3 f_4 (1 - f_1)(1 - f_2) - f_1 f_2 (1 - f_3)(1 - f_4)$ Gain term: 3+4->1+2
Loss term: 1+2->3+4





Dynamical description of strongly interacting systems

□ Semi-classical BUU→ solution for weakly interacting systems of particles

How to describe strongly interacting systems?!

□ Quantum field theory → Kadanoff-Baym dynamics for resummed(!) single-particle Green functions S[<]

$$\hat{S}_{0x}^{-1} S_{xy}^{<} = \Sigma_{xz}^{ret} \odot S_{zy}^{<} + \Sigma_{xz}^{<} \odot S_{zy}^{adv}$$

Green functions S[<]/self-energies Σ:

η

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Integration over the intermediate spacetime

(1962)

$$iS_{xy}^{<} = \eta \langle \{ \Phi^{+}(y) \Phi(x) \} \rangle$$

$$iS_{xy}^{>} = \langle \{ \Phi(y) \Phi^{+}(x) \} \rangle$$

$$iS_{xy}^{c} = \langle T^{c} \{ \Phi(x) \Phi^{+}(y) \} \rangle - causal$$

$$iS_{xy}^{a} = \langle T^{a} \{ \Phi(x) \Phi^{+}(y) \} \rangle - anticausal$$

$$S_{xy}^{ret} = S_{xy}^{c} - S_{xy}^{<} = S_{xy}^{>} - S_{xy}^{a} - retarded \qquad \hat{S}_{\theta x}^{-1} \equiv -(\partial_{x}^{\mu} \partial_{\mu}^{x} + M_{\theta}^{2})$$

$$S_{xy}^{adv} = S_{xy}^{c} - S_{xy}^{>} = S_{xy}^{<} - S_{xy}^{a} - advanced$$

$$\eta = \pm 1(bosons / fermions)$$

$$T^{a}(T^{c}) - (anti-)time - ordering operator$$



Leo Kadanoff







After the first order gradient expansion of the Wigner transformed Kadanoff-Baym equations and separation into the real and imaginary parts one gets:

Generalized transport equations (GTE):

drift term Vlasov term backflow term collision term = ,loss' term - ,gain' term $\diamond \{P^2 - M_0^2 - Re\Sigma_{XP}^{ret}\} \{S_{XP}^{<}\} - \diamond \{\Sigma_{XP}^{<}\} \{ReS_{XP}^{ret}\} = \frac{i}{2} [\Sigma_{XP}^{>} S_{XP}^{<} - \Sigma_{XP}^{<} S_{XP}^{>}]$

Backflow term incorporates the off-shell behavior in the particle propagation ! vanishes in the quasiparticle limit $A_{XP} \rightarrow \delta(p^2 - M^2)$

GTE: Propagation of the Green's function $iS_{XP}=A_{XP}N_{XP}$, which carries information not only on the number of particles (N_{XP}) , but also on their properties, interactions and correlations (via A_{XP})

Spectral function: $A_{XP} = \frac{\Gamma_{XP}}{(P^2 - M_0^2 - Re\Sigma_{XP}^{ret})^2 + \Gamma_{XP}^2/4}$

 $\Gamma_{XP} = -Im \Sigma_{XP}^{ret} - \text{width of spectral function}$ = reaction rate of particle (at phase-space position XP) $\diamond \{F_1\}\{F_2\} := \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_{\mu}} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial P_{\mu}} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial X^{\mu}} \right)$

W. Cassing , S. Juchem, NPA 665 (2000) 377; 672 (2000) 417; 677 (2000) 445



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Employ testparticle Ansatz for the real valued quantity $i S_{XP}^{<}$ -

$$F_{XP} = A_{XP}N_{XP} = i S_{XP}^{<} \sim \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{X} - \vec{X}_{i}(t)) \ \delta^{(3)}(\vec{P} - \vec{P}_{i}(t)) \ \delta(P_{0} - \epsilon_{i}(t))$$

insert in generalized transport equations and determine equations of motion !

General testparticle off-shell equations of motion for the time-like particles:

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\vec{X}_{i}}{dt} &= \frac{1}{1-C_{(i)}} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{i}} \left[2\vec{P}_{i} + \vec{\nabla}_{P_{i}} Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_{i}^{2} - \vec{P}_{i}^{2} - M_{0}^{2} - Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret}}{\Gamma_{(i)}} \vec{\nabla}_{P_{i}} \Gamma_{(i)} \right], \\ \frac{d\vec{P}_{i}}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{1-C_{(i)}} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{i}} \left[\vec{\nabla}_{X_{i}} Re\Sigma_{i}^{ret} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_{i}^{2} - \vec{P}_{i}^{2} - M_{0}^{2} - Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret}}{\Gamma_{(i)}} \vec{\nabla}_{X_{i}} \Gamma_{(i)} \right], \\ \frac{d\epsilon_{i}}{dt} &= \frac{1}{1-C_{(i)}} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{i}} \left[\frac{\partial Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret}}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_{i}^{2} - \vec{P}_{i}^{2} - M_{0}^{2} - Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret}}{\Gamma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \Gamma_{(i)}}{\partial t} \right], \\ \\ \mathbf{with} \quad F_{(i)} \equiv F(t, \vec{X}_{i}(t), \vec{P}_{i}(t), \epsilon_{i}(t)) \\ C_{(i)} &= \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{i}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial\epsilon_{i}} Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_{i}^{2} - \vec{P}_{i}^{2} - M_{0}^{2} - Re\Sigma_{(i)}^{ret}}{\Gamma_{(i)}} \frac{\partial \Gamma_{(i)}}{\partial\epsilon_{i}} \right]. \end{split}$$



Collision term for reaction 1+2->3+4:

$$\begin{split} \underline{I_{coll}(X,\vec{P},M^2)} &= Tr_2 Tr_3 Tr_4 \underline{A(X,\vec{P},M^2)} A(X,\vec{P}_2,M_2^2) A(X,\vec{P}_3,M_3^2) A(X,\vec{P}_4,M_4^2) \\ & |G((\vec{P},M^2) + (\vec{P}_2,M_2^2) \rightarrow (\vec{P}_3,M_3^2) + (\vec{P}_4,M_4^2))|_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^2 \ \delta^{(4)}(P + P_2 - P_3 - P_4) \\ & [N_{X\vec{P}_3M_3^2} N_{X\vec{P}_4M_4^2} \, \bar{f}_{X\vec{P}M^2} \, \bar{f}_{X\vec{P}_2M_2^2} - N_{X\vec{P}M^2} \, N_{X\vec{P}_2M_2^2} \, \bar{f}_{X\vec{P}_3M_3^2} \, \bar{f}_{X\vec{P}_4M_4^2} \,] \end{split}$$

with $\bar{f}_{X\vec{P}M^2} = 1 + \eta N_{X\vec{P}M^2}$ and $\eta = \pm 1$ for bosons/fermions, respectively.

The trace over particles 2,3,4 reads explicitly for fermions



The transport approach and the particle spectral functions are fully determined once the in-medium transition amplitudes G are known in their off-shell dependence!

Detailed balance on the level of 2<->n: treatment of multi-particle collisions in transport approaches

W. Cassing, NPA 700 (2002) 618

Generalized collision integral for *n* **<->***m* **reactions:**

$$I_{coll} = \sum_{n} \sum_{m} I_{coll}[n \leftrightarrow m]$$

$$\begin{split} I_{coll}^{i}[n \leftrightarrow m] &= \\ \frac{1}{2} N_{n}^{m} \sum_{\nu} \sum_{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{4}} \right)^{n+m-1} \int \left(\prod_{j=2}^{n} d^{4}p_{j} \ A_{j}(x,p_{j}) \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{m} d^{4}p_{k} \ A_{k}(x,p_{k}) \right) \\ &\times A_{i}(x,p) \ W_{n,m}(p,p_{j};i,\nu \mid p_{k};\lambda) \ (2\pi)^{4} \ \delta^{4}(p^{\mu} + \sum_{j=2}^{n} p_{j}^{\mu} - \sum_{k=1}^{m} p_{k}^{\mu}) \\ &\times [\tilde{f}_{i}(x,p) \ \prod_{k=1}^{m} f_{k}(x,p_{k}) \prod_{j=2}^{n} \tilde{f}_{j}(x,p_{j}) - f_{i}(x,p) \prod_{j=2}^{n} f_{j}(x,p_{j}) \prod_{k=1}^{m} \tilde{f}_{k}(x,p_{k})]. \end{split}$$

 $\tilde{f} = 1 + \eta f$ is Pauli-blocking or Bose-enhancement factors; $\eta=1$ for bosons and $\eta=-1$ for fermions

 $W_{n,m}(p, p_j; i, \nu \mid p_k; \lambda)$ is a transition probability

Anti-barion production in heavy-ion reactions

Multi-meson fusion reactions $m_1+m_2+...+m_n \leftrightarrow B+Bbar$ $(m=\pi,\rho,\omega,..)$ important for antiproton, antilambda dynamics ! W. Cassing, NPA 700 (2002) 618





From hadrons to partons



In order to study the phase transition from hadronic to partonic matter – Quark-Gluon-Plasma – we need a consistent non-equilibrium (transport) model with > explicit parton-parton interactions (i.e. between quarks and gluons) beyond strings!

explicit phase transition from hadronic to partonic degrees of freedom
 IQCD EoS for partonic phase

Transport theory: off-shell Kadanoff-Baym equations for the Green-functions $S_h^{<}(x,p)$ in phase-space representation for the partonic and hadronic phase



Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)

W. Cassing, E. Bratkovskaya, PRC 78 (2008) 034919; NPA831 (2009) 215; W. Cassing, EPJ ST 168 (2009) 3

Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

QGP phase described by

A. Peshier, W. Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301; Cassing, NPA 791 (2007) 365: NPA 793 (2007)₁₁

The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

<u>Properties</u> of interacting quasi-particles: massive quarks and gluons (g, q, q_{bar}) with Lorentzian spectral functions :

$$(i=q,\overline{q},g) \qquad \rho_i(\omega,T) = \frac{4\omega \Gamma_i(T)}{\left(\omega^2 - \overline{p}^2 - M_i^2(T)\right)^2 + 4\omega^2 \Gamma_i^2(T)}$$

• Modeling of the quark/gluon masses and widths \rightarrow HTL limit at high T

quarks: mass:
$$M_{q(\bar{q})}^2(T) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 \left(T^2 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2}\right)$$
width: $\Gamma_{q(\bar{q})}(T) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2c}{g^2} + 1\right)$
unning coupling (pure glue): gluons:
 $M_g^2(T) = \frac{g^2}{6} \left(\left(N_c + \frac{N_f}{2}\right) T^2 + \frac{N_c}{2} \sum_q \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$
running coupling (pure glue):

$$\alpha_s(T) = \frac{g^2(T)}{4\pi} = \frac{12\pi}{(11N_c - 2N_f)\ln[\lambda^2(T/T_c - T_s/T_c)^2]}$$

☐ fit to lattice (lQCD) results (e.g. entropy density)

with 3 parameters: $T_s/T_c=0.46$; c=28.8; $\lambda=2.42$ (for pure glue N_f=0)



DQPM: Peshier, Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301; Cassing, NPA 791 (2007) 365: NPA 793 (2007)

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I. PHSD - basic concept

I. From hadrons to QGP:

Initial A+A collisions – as in HSD:

R

 ϵ/T^4

800

s/T³

400 T [MeV] 600

200

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- string formation in primary NN collisions
- string decay to pre-hadrons (B baryons, m mesons)

Formation of QGP stage by dissolution of pre-hadrons (all new produced secondary hadrons) into massive colored quarks + mean-field energy

$$\rightarrow q \bar{q} q, m \rightarrow q \bar{q} \quad \forall U_a$$

based on the Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM) which defines quark spectral functions, i.e. masses $M_q(\varepsilon)$ and widths $\Gamma_q(\varepsilon)$

+ mean-field potential U_q at given \mathcal{E} – local energy density

($\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ related by lQCD EoS to T - temperature in the local cell)

W. Cassing, E. Bratkovskaya, PRC 78 (2008) 034919; NPA831 (2009) 215; EPJ ST 168 (2009) 3; NPA856 (2011) 162.

QGP phase:

 $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_{\rm critical}$



II. PHSD - basic concept

II. Partonic phase - QGP:

quarks and gluons (= ,dynamical quasiparticles') with off-shell spectral functions (width, mass) defined by the DQPM

□ in self-generated mean-field potential for quarks and gluons U_q, U_g from the DQPM

□ EoS of partonic phase: ,crossover' from lattice QCD (fitted by DQPM)

□ (quasi-) elastic and inelastic parton-parton interactions: using the effective cross sections from the DQPM

- (quasi-) elastic collisions:
 - $\begin{array}{ll} q+q \to q+q & g+q \to g+q \\ q+\overline{q} \to q+\overline{q} & g+\overline{q} \to g+\overline{q} \\ \overline{q} + \overline{q} \to \overline{q} + \overline{q} & g+\overline{q} \to g+\overline{q} \end{array}$

 $\overline{q} + \overline{q} \to \overline{q} + \overline{q} \qquad g + g \to g + g$

 inelastic collisions: (Breight-Wigner cross sections)

$$\begin{cases} q + \overline{q} \to g \\ g \to q + \overline{q} \end{cases}$$







III. <u>Hadronization:</u>

Hadronization: based on DQPM

 massive, off-shell (anti-)quarks with broad spectral functions hadronize to off-shell mesons and baryons or color neutral excited states - ,strings' (strings act as ,doorway states' for hadrons)

$$g \rightarrow q + \overline{q}, \quad q + \overline{q} \leftrightarrow meson ('string')$$

 $q + q + q \leftrightarrow baryon('string')$

Local covariant off-shell transition rate for q+qbar fusion
 meson formation:

$$\frac{dN^{q+\bar{q}\to m}}{d^4x \ d^4p} = Tr_q Tr_{\bar{q}} \delta^4(p-p_q-p_{\bar{q}}) \delta^4\left(\frac{x_q+x_{\bar{q}}}{2}-x\right) \delta(flavor,color)$$

$$\cdot N_q(x_q,p_q) N_{\bar{q}}(x_{\bar{q}},p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot \omega_q \rho_q(p_q) \cdot \omega_{\bar{q}} \rho_{\bar{q}}(p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot |M_{q\bar{q}}|^2 W_m(x_q-x_{\bar{q}},p_q-p_{\bar{q}})$$

N_j(x,p) is the phase-space density of parton j at space-time position x and 4-momentum p
 W_m is the phase-space distribution of the formed ,pre-hadrons' (Gaussian in phase space)
 |M_{qq}|² is the effective quark-antiquark interaction from the DQPM

IV. <u>Hadronic phase:</u> hadron-string interactions – off-shell HSD

Au+Au, 21.3 TeV, central



Properties of QGP in-equilibrium using PHSD



Properties of parton-hadron matter in-equilibrium

V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 024901, arXiv:1203.4734 V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 064903, arXiv:1212.5393

The goal:

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study of the dynamical equilibration of QGP within the non-equilibrium off-shell PHSD transport approach

transport coefficients (shear and bulk viscosities) of strongly interacting partonic matter

particle number fluctuations (scaled variance, skewness, kurtosis)

Realization:

□ Initialize the system in a finite box with periodic boundary conditions with some energy density ε and chemical potential μ_q

C Evolve the system in time until equilibrium is achieved



Properties of parton-hadron matter – shear viscosity

 η /s using Kubo formalism and the relaxation time approximation (,kinetic theory')

T=T_C: η /s shows a minimum (~0.1) close to the critical temperature

T>T_C : QGP - pQCD limit at higher temperatures

TTTC: fast increase of the ratio η /s for hadronic matter

lower interaction rate of hadronic system

 smaller number of degrees of freedom (or entropy density) for hadronic matter compared to the QGP



Virial expansion: S. Mattiello, W. Cassing, Eur. Phys. J. C 70, 243 (2010).

QGP in PHSD = strongly-interacting liquid



bulk viscosity in relaxation time approximation with mean-field effects:

Chakraborty, Kapusta, Phys. Rev.C 83, 014906 (2011).

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{TV} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\Gamma_i^{-1}}{E_i^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{3} - v_s^2 \right) |\mathbf{p}|^2 - v_s^2 \left(m_i^2 - T^2 \frac{dm_i^2}{dT^2} \right) \right]^2$$

use DQPM results for masses for $\mu_q=0$:

PHSD using the relaxation time approximation:

significant rise in the vicinity of the critical temperature

in line with the ratio from lQCD calculations





IQCD: Meyer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 162001 (2008); Sakai,Nakamura, Pos LAT2007, 221 (2007). 21 **Properties of parton-hadron matter – electric conductivity**

•The response of the strongly-interacting system in equilibrium to an external electric field eE_z defines the electric conductivity σ_0 :

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$$\frac{\sigma_0}{T} = \frac{j_{eq}}{E_z T}, \quad j_z(t) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_j eq_j \frac{p_z^j(t)}{M_j(t)},$$



the QCD matter even at T~ T_c is a much better electric conductor than Cu or Ag (at room temperature) by a factor of 500 !



W. Cassing et al., PRL 110(2013)182301

Bulk properties: rapidity, m_T-distributions, multi-strange particle enhancement in Au+Au





PHSD for HIC (highlights)



Collective flow: anisotropy coefficients (v₁, v₂, v₃, v₄) in A+A



Anisotropy coefficients

Non central Au+Au collisions : interaction between constituents leads to a pressure gradient => spatial asymmetry is converted to an asymmetry in momentum space => collective flow

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos\left[n(\varphi - \psi_n)\right]\right)$$
$$v_n = \left\langle\cos n\left(\varphi - \psi_n\right)\right\rangle, \quad n = 1, 2, 3...,$$

 v_1 : directed flow v_2 : elliptic flow

 v_3 : triangular flow.....

$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_T} \right\rangle, \quad v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle$$





Collective flow signals of the Quark–Gluon Plasma

H. Stöcker, Nucl. Phys. A 750, 121 (2005)



- Early hydro calculation predicted the "softest point" at E_{lab}= 8 AGeV
- A linear extrapolation of the data (arrow) suggests a collapse of flow at E_{lab} = 30 AGeV



Recent measurements of v₁ of identified hadrons



PHSD: snapshot of the reaction plane





Color scale: baryon number density Black levels: QGP- parton density 0.6 and 0.01 fm⁻³ Red arrows: local velocity of baryon matter

 Directed flow v₁ is formed at an early stage of the nuclear interaction

 Baryons are reaching positive and mesons – negative value of v₁

V. Konchakovski, W. Cassing, Yu. Ivanov, V. Toneev, PRC(2014), arXiv:1404.2765

PHST

Directed flow from PHSD and HSD



- Models:
 - * HSD (red) warning: NO hadronic potentials, cascade mode!
 - * PHSD (blue) repulsive parton potential
- Antiprotons in PHSD are produced dominantly from hadronization at highest energies; multi-meson fusion reactions are important for the v₁ at low energies!
- higher energies → influence of QGP lower energies → dominance of hadronic matter and hadronic reaction channels (absorption and recreation)
- Discrepancies at low energy indication
 on the influence of hadronic potential (cf. AMPT results)

V. Konchakovski, W. Cassing, Yu. Ivanov, V. Toneev, PRC(2014), arXiv:1404.2765 STAR Collaboration, arXiv:1401.3043

Excitation function of v₁ slopes





•The slope of $v_1(y)$ at midrapidity:

$$F = \frac{d v_I}{dy} |_{y=0}$$

Models:

HSD, PHSD

3D-Fluid Dynamic approach (3FD)

- UrQMD
- Hybrid-UrQMD

IFD-hydro with chiral cross-over and Bag Model (BM) EoS

STAR Collaboration, arXiv:1401.3043

PHSD/HSD and 3D-fluid hydro: V. Konchakovski, W. Cassing, Yu. Ivanov, V. Toneev, PRC(2014), arXiv:1404.2765 Hybrid/UrQMD/Hydro: J. Steinheimer, J. Auvinen, H. Petersen, M. Bleicher, H. Stöcker, PRC 89 (2014) 054913

- □ The PHSD reproduces the general trends in the v₁(y) excitation functions in the energy range √s =7.7-200 GeV.
 We don't see any "wiggle-like" structures as expected by early hydro calculations but see a softening of the EoS in the BES range.
- The PHSD results differ from those of HSD where no explicit partonic degrees of freedom are incorporated. A comparison of both microscopic models has provided detailed information on the effect of parton dynamics on the directed flow (especially for pions).
- Inclusion of antiproton annihilation into several mesons as well as the inverse multi-meson fusion processes in HSD/PHSD help to reproduce antiproton directed flow at lower energies.
- 3-Fluid Dynamic approach (3FD) gives reasonable results for proton and pion slopes of v₁ but fails at 7.7 GeV for antiprotons
- Crossover transition agrees better with the experiment than the pure hadronic EoS

Direct photon flow puzzle

EMMI Rapid Reaction Task Force Direct-Photon Flow Puzzle

February 24-28, 2014, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany

Production sources of photons in p+p and A+A

 $m \rightarrow \gamma + X, m = \pi^0, \eta, \omega, \eta^{\prime}, a_1, \dots$

Direct photons: (inclusive(=total) – decay) – measured experimentally prompt (pQCD; initial hard N+N scattering)

hard photons: (large p_T ,

in pp and AA)

• jet fragmentation (pQCD; qq, gq bremsstrahlung) (in AA can be modified by parton energy loss in medium)

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Phys. Rev. C 81, 034911 (2010)

AuAu Min. Bias x10⁴

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p_ (GeV/c)

PHENIX

QGP thermal photons: (low p_T, in AA) AuAu 0-20% x10² AuAu 20-40% x10 • Hadron gas p+p **Turbide et al. PRC69 jet-γ-conversion** in plasma (large p_T , in AA) jet-medium photons ш 10⁻⁵ (large p_T , in AA) - scattering of soft hard hard partons with thermalized 10-4 partons $q_{hard} + g_{QGP} \rightarrow \gamma + q$, 10

 $q_{hard}+qbar_{OGP}\rightarrow \gamma+q$

Production sources of thermal photons

Thermal QGP:

pQCD LO: 'AMY' Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, JHEP 12, 009 (2001)
pQCD NLO: talk by Jacopo Ghiglieri

Hadronic sources:

- (1) secondary mesonic interactions: $\pi + \pi \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \ \rho + \pi \rightarrow \pi + \gamma, \ \pi + K \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \dots$
- (2) meson-meson and meson-baryon bremsstrahlung:

 $\begin{array}{ll} m+m \rightarrow m+m+\gamma, & m+B \rightarrow m+B+\gamma, \\ m=\pi,\eta,\rho,\omega,K,K^*,\ldots, & B=p,\varDelta,\ldots \end{array}$

HTL program (Klimov (1981), Weldon (1982), Braaten & Pisarski (1990); Frenkel & Taylor (1990), ...)

Rates beyond pQCD: off-shell massive q, g (used in PHSD)

O. Linnyk, JPG 38 (2011) 025105; Poster by O. Linnyk & QM⁶2014

← QGP rates used in hydro !

HG rates (1) used in hydro ('TRG' model) massive Yang-Mills approach: Turbide, Rapp, Gale, PRC 69, 014903 (2004)

Models: chiral models, OBE, SPA ... Kapusta, Gale, Haglin (91), Rapp (07), ...

PHENIX: Photon v₂ puzzle

□ NEW (QM'2014): PHENIX, ALICE experiments - large photon v₃!

Challenge for theory – to describe spectra, v_2, v_3 simultaneously !

PHSD: photon spectra at RHIC: QGP vs. HG ?

Direct photon spectrum (min. bias)

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The slope parameter T_{eff} (in MeV)				
PHSD			PHENIX	
QGP	hadrons	Total	[38]	
260 ± 20	200 ± 20	220 ± 20	$233 \pm 14 \pm 19$	

Linnyk et al., PRC88 (2013) 034904; PRC 89 (2014) 034908

PHSD:

• QGP gives up to ~50% of direct photon yield below 2 GeV/c

sizeable contribution from hadronic

sources – meson-meson (mm) and meson-Baryon (mB) bremsstrahlung

 $m+m \rightarrow m+m+\gamma$

B=p

 $m+B \rightarrow m+B+\gamma$,

 $m = \pi, \eta, \rho, \omega, K, K^*, \dots$

III mm and mB bremsstrahlung channels can not be subtracted experimentally !

Measured Teff >,true' T → ,blue shift' due to the radial flow!

Photon p_T spectra at RHIC for different centralities

Bremsstrahlung – trivial ,background[•]?

Uncertainties in the Bremsstrahlung channels in the present PHSD results :

1) based on the Soft-Photon-Approximation (SPA) (factorization = strong x EM)

Soft Photon Approximation (SPA):

 $m_1+m_2 \rightarrow m_1+m_2+\gamma$

C. Gale, J. Kapusta, Phys. Rev. C 35 (1987) 2107

2) little experimental constraint on many m+m and m+B elastic cross sections

Bremsstrahlung: seen at SPS - WA98

Firebal model: Liu, Rapp, Nucl. Phys. A 96 (2007) 101

source of soft photons at SPS!

Centrality dependence of the ,thermal' photon yield

PHENIX (arXiv:1405.3940):

scaling of thermal photon yield vs centrality: $dN/dy \sim N_{part}^{\alpha}$ with $\alpha \sim 1.48 \pm 0.08$

('Thermal' photon yield = direct photons - pQCD)

Au+Au, s_{NN}^{1/2}=200 GeV, |y|<0.35 10^{1} thermal photons 10 10^{0} $\frac{dV}{dy}$ 10^{-} PHSD sum OGP 10^{-2} hadrons $p_T > 1.0 \,{\rm GeV}/c$ $p_T > 0.4 \,\mathrm{GeV}/c$ $p_T > 1.2 \,{\rm GeV}/c$ $p_T > 0.6 \,{\rm GeV}/c$ * N $p_T > 0.8 \,\mathrm{GeV}/c$ $p_T > 1.4 \,{\rm GeV}/c$ ---- const * N 10^{-3} 10^{2} 10 100 Npart Ν

 \square PHSD: scaling of the thermal photon yield with N_{part}^{α} with $\alpha \sim 1.5$

□ similar results from viscous hydro: (2+1)d VISH2+1: α (HG) ~1.46, α (QGP) ~2, α (total) ~1.7

What do we learn? Indications for a dominant hadronic origin of thermal photon production?!

O. Linnyk et al, Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 034908

PHSD predictions:

- □ Hadronic channels scale as ~ N_{part}^{1.5}
- □ Partonic channels scale as ~N_{part}^{1.75}

Are the direct photons a barometer of the QGP?

Do we see the QGP pressure in $v_2(\gamma)$ if the photon productions is **dominated by hadronic sources?**

PHSD: Linnyk et al., PRC88 (2013) 034904; PRC 89 (2014) 034908

1) $v_2(\gamma^{incl}) = v_2(\pi^0)$ - inclusive photons mainly come from π^0 decays

 HSD (without QGP) underestimates v₂ of hadrons and inclusive photons by a factor of 2, wheras the PHSD model with QGP is consistent with exp. data

→ The QGP causes the strong elliptic flow of photons indirectly, by enhancing the v_2 of final hadrons due to the partonic interactions

Direct photons (inclusive(=total) – decay):

2) $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$ of direct photons in PHSD underestimates the PHENIX data :

v₂(γ^{QGP}) is very small, but QGP contribution is up to 50% of total yield → lowering flow

PHSD: $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$ comes from **mm and mB bremsstrahlung** !

Photons from PHSD at LHC

Is the considerable elliptic flow of direct photons at the LHC also of hadronic origin as for RHIC?!

□ The photon elliptic flow at LHC is lower than at RHIC due to a larger relative QGP contribution / longer QGP phase.

 \rightarrow LHC (similar to RHIC): hadronic photons dominate spectra and v₂

Towards the solution of the v₂ puzzle

Is hadronic bremsstrahlung a ,solution'?

Other scenarios:

Early-time magnetic field effects ?

(Basar, Kharzeev, Skokov, PRL109 (2012) 202303; Basar, Kharzeev, Shuryak, arXiv:1402.2286)

"... a novel photon production mechanism stemming from the conformal anomaly of QCD-QED and the existence of strong (electro)magnetic fields in heavy ion collisions." Exp. checks: v_3 , centrality dependence of photon yield (PHENIX: arXiv:1405.3940)

Glasma effects ?

(L. McLerran, B. Schenke, arXiv: 1403.7462)

" ... Photon distributions from the Glasma are steeper than those computed in the Thermalized Quark Gluon Plasma (TQGP). Both the delayed equilibration of the Glasma and a possible anisotropy in the pressure lead to a slower expansion and mean times of photon emission of fixed energy are increased."

• Pseudo-Critical Enhancement of thermal photons near T_C ?

(H. van Hees, M. He, R. Rapp, arXiv:1404.2846) cf. talk by R. Rapp at QM*2014

non-perturbative effects? semi-QGP - cf. talk by S. Lin at QM'2014

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... shining in the darkness

Some messages from the 'photon adventure':

- The photons provide a critical test for the theoretical models: models constructed to reproduce the ,hadronic world' fail to explain the photon experimental data!
- The details of the hydro models (fluctuating initial conditions, viscousity, pre-equilibrium flow) have small impact on the photon observables
- □ The role of mm and mB bremsstrahlung has been underestimated ?!
- The importance of initial phases of the reaction: large photon v₂ requires the development of pre-equilibrium / initial flow ?!

Photons – one of the most sensitive probes for the dynamics of HIC!

Dileptons

Dilepton sources

! Advantage of dileptons:

additional "degree of freedom" (M) allows to disentangle various sources

Dileptons at SIS (HADES): p+p, p+n(d)

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→ Measurements of elementary reactions pp, pn and πN are very important for the interpretation of heavy-ion data!

E.B., J. Aichelin, M. Thomere, S. Vogel, and M. Bleicher, PRC 87 (2013) 064907

HSD: Dileptons from Ar+KCl at 1.75 A GeV - HADES

In-medium effects are more pronounced for heavy systems such as Ar+KCl
 The peak at M~0.78 GeV relates to ω/ρ mesons decaying in vacuum

Dileptons at SIS (HADES): A+A vs N+N

HSD

→ Strong enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN is reproduced by HSD and IQMD!

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Two contributions to the enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN

1) the pN bremsstrahlung which scales with the number of collisions and not with the number of participants, i.e. pions;

2) the multiple Δ regeneration –

dilepton emission from intermediate Δ 's which are part of the reaction cycles $\Delta \rightarrow \pi N$; $\pi N \rightarrow \Delta$ and $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$; $N\Delta \rightarrow NN$

Enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN increases with the system size!

E.B., J. Aichelin, M. Thomere, S. Vogel, and M. Bleicher, PRC 87 (2013) 064907

Dileptons at SIS (HADES): Au+Au

HSD predictions (2013) HADES preliminary: Au+Au, 1.23 A GeV $(M_{\pi}^{NN}/N_{\pi}^{NN})$ (dN^{AA}/dM / dM'/dM) 4π , min. bias, total dilepton yield T. Galatyuk, QM'2014 9 (a) 8 1/N_π⁰ dN/dM_{ee} [(GeV/c²)⁻¹ **HADES Preliminary** Ratio: A+A/NN Au+Au 1.23 GeV/u C+C, 1.0 AGeV 8-10! C+C, 1.25 AGeV 1/2 [pp+np] C+C, 1.75 AGeV C+C, 2.0 AGeV Ar+KCl, 1.75 AGeV - Au+Au, 1.25 AGeV Au+Au, 1.75 AGeV 0.0 0.10.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.70.8 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 4π , η subtracted (IMP/_{NN}NP 9 (b) $p_e > 0.1 \text{ GeV/c}$ $\alpha_{e^+e^-} > 9^\circ$ $(\mathbf{N}_{\pi}^{NN}/\mathbf{N}_{\pi}^{AA})$ ($\mathbf{d}\mathbf{N}^{AA}/\mathbf{d}\mathbf{M}$ Ratio: A+A/NN C+C, 1.0 AGeV 0.5 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.6 0 C+C, 1.25 AGeV C+C, 1.75 AGeV M_{ee} [GeV/c²] C+C, 2.0 AGeV Ar+KCl, 1.75 AGeV Au+Au, 1.25 AGeV Au+Au, 1.75 AGeV Strong in-medium enhancement of 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 0.00.10.2 0.3 0.4 dilepton yield in Au+Au vs. NN - $M [GeV/c^2]$ measurement of Δ regeneration by HADES!

E.B., J. Aichelin, M. Thomere, S. Vogel, M. Bleicher, PRC 87 (2013) 064907

Lessons from SPS: NA60

Dilepton invariant mass spectra:

PRL 102 (2009) 222301

0.6

lcosθl

0.2

□ Inverse slope parameter T_{eff}:

spectrum from QGP is softer than from hadronic phase since the QGP emission occurs dominantly before the collective radial flow has developed

Message from SPS: (based on NA60 and CERES data)

- 1) Low mass spectra evidence for the in-medium broadening of ρ-mesons
- 2) Intermediate mass spectra above 1 GeV dominated by partonic radiation
- 3) The rise and fall of T_{eff} evidence for the thermal QGP radiation
- 4) Isotropic angular distribution indication for a thermal origin of dimuons

Dileptons at RHIC: PHENIX

- •The 'missing source'(?) is located at low p_T
- Intermediate mass spectra dominant QGP contribution

 p_T^2 [GeV/c²]

Dileptons at RHIC: STAR data vs model predictions

(Talk by P. Huck at QM'2014)

Message: STAR data are described by models within a **collisional broadening** scenario for the vector meson spectral function + QGP

Dileptons from RHIC BES: STAR

Message:

• **BES-STAR data** show a **constant low mass excess** (scaled with $N(\pi^0)$) within the measured energy range

- PHSD model: excess increasing with decreasing energy due to a longer ρ-propagation in the high baryon density phase
- → Good perspectives for future experiments CBM(FAIR) / MPD(NICA)

Dileptons at LHC

Message:

- Iow masses hadronic sources: in-medium effects for ρ mesons are small
- intermediate masses: QGP + D/Dbar

Charm 'background' is smaller than thermal QGP yield

QGP(qbar-q) dominates at M>1.2 GeV -> clean signal of QGP at LHC!

Messages from dilepton data

Low dilepton masses:

Dilepton spectra show sizeable changes due to the in-medium effects – modification of the properties of vector mesons (as collisional broadening) - which are observed experimentally

In-medium effects can be observed at all energies from SIS to LHC

Outlook - Perspectives

- transition in transport models?
- How to describe parton-hadron interactions in a ,mixed' phase?

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