Soft Physics in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

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little bang: the different stage for a relativistic heavy ion collision



The QGP was discovered



QGP-the most perfect fluid in the world?

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RHIC Scientists Serve Up "Perfect" Liquid

New state of matter more remarkable than predicted -- raising many new questions

April 18, 2005

TAMPA, FL -- The four detector groups conducting research at the <u>Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider</u> (RHIC) -- a giant atom "smasher" located at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory -- say they've created a new state of hot, dense matter out of the quarks and gluons that are the basic particles of atomic nuclei, but it is a state quite different and even more remarkable than had been predicted. In <u>peer-reviewed papers</u> summarizing the first three years of RHIC findings, the scientists say that instead of behaving like a gas of free quarks and gluons, as was expected, the matter created in RHIC's heavy ion collisions appears to be more like a *liquid*.

"Once again, the physics research sponsored by the Department of Energy is producing historic results," said Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman, a trained chemical engineer. "The DOE is the principal federal funder of basic research in the physical sciences, including nuclear and high-energy physics. With today's announcement we see that investment paying off."

"The truly stunning finding at RHIC that the new state of matter created in the collisions of gold ions is more like a liquid than a gas gives us a profound insight into the earliest moments of the universe," said Dr. Raymond L. Orbach, Director of the DOE Office of Science.

Also of great interest to many following progress at RHIC is the emerging connection between the collider's results and calculations using the methods of string theory, an approach that attempts to explain



BNL News. 2005

Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman



Soft Physics for Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

- -Hydrodynamics & hybrid model -QGP viscosity
- -multi-strange hadrons & early freeze-out
- -initial state flucutations. & final state correlations
- -Correlated fluctuations near the QCD critical point



Hydrodynamics & its Hybrid Model

Viscous Hydrodynamics

$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$$

$$\tau_{\pi} \Delta^{\alpha\mu} \Delta^{\beta\nu} \dot{\pi}_{\alpha\beta} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \pi^{\mu\nu} \frac{\eta T}{\tau_{\pi}} \partial_{\lambda} \left(\frac{\tau_{\pi}}{\eta T} u^{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\tau_{\Pi} \dot{\Pi} + \Pi = -\zeta (\partial \cdot u) - \frac{1}{2} \Pi \frac{\zeta T}{\tau_{\Pi}} \partial_{\lambda} \left(\frac{\tau_{\Pi}}{\zeta T} u^{\lambda} \right)$$

Net baryon density: Frankfurt (2014), BNL(2015)
Heat conductivity: Mcgill ... on-going work

2nd order viscous hydro (I-S)

-2+1-d: OSU, INT, Stony Brook, Pudue, Calcutta (2008), Crakow, Frankfurt(2010) ... -3+1-d: Mcgill(2011), MSU(2012), Crakow(20 Nagoya(2013),Frankfurt(2013)

Anisotropic hydrodynamics

Frankfurt(2010), Cracow(2012), Kent,OSU (2013)

Hydrodynamics with thermal fluctuations Sophia (2014)



Viscous Hydro + Hadron Cascade Hybrid Model



Event-by-event hydrodynamics

<u>Single shot simulations</u>: smoothed initial conditions (before 2010) <u>E-b-E simulations</u>: fluctuating initial conditions (since 2010)



QGP viscosity from flow data

VISHNU hybrid model & QGP viscosity



-Main uncertainties come from initial conditions

-Other uncertainties (much smaller)

-Initial flow, bulk viscosity, single shot vs. e-b-e calculations (each of them shift V₂ by a few percent, partial cancellation among them)

Massive Data evaluation

Exp Observables

- particle yields
- spectra
- elliptic flow
- triangular flow & higher order flow harmonics
- event by event Vn distributions
- higher-order event plane correlations

Theoretical Inputs:

- type of initial conditions
- initial flow
- starting time
- EoS
- shear viscosity
- bulk viscosity
- relaxation times
- freeze-out/switching cond.

An quantitatively extract the QGP viscosity





-An quantitatively extraction of the QGP viscosity with iEBE-VISHNU and the massive data evaluation $-\eta/s(T)$ is very close to the KSS bound of $1/4\pi$

J. Bernhard, S. Moreland, S.A. Bass, J. Liu, U. Heinz, PRC 2015



V2, V3, V4 of identified hadrons



-V₃ & V₄ shows similar mass orderings as V₂ for various centrality





ALICE: 1606.06507 iEBE- VISHNU: Xu, Li, Song PRC 2016

-iEBE-VISHNU (AMPT initial conditions) nicely describe the ALICE Vn of pions,kaons and protons at various centralities

Strange & Multi-strange hadrons -Chemical & Thermal freeze-out



Chemical freeze-out for various hadrons



Chemical freeze-out for various hadrons



VISHNU hybrid model

-Earlier Chemical freeze-out of Xi and Omega!

-Different hadrons may have different effective chemical freeze-out temperature

Zhu, Meng, Song, Liu PRC 2015

Thermal freeze-out of various hadrons



Zhu, Meng, Song, Liu PRC 2015

-thermal freeze-out time distributions widely spread for various hadrons

-Earlier thermal freezeout of Xi and Omega!

EbE-Simulations

-Initial state fluctuations and final state correlations



Initialization & Pre-equilibrium

- -fluctuations of nucleon positions: MC-Glauber, MC-KLN
- -fluctuations of color charges (in the framework of CGC):
 - **IP-Glasma:** B. Schenke et al., Phys.Rev. C85, 024901 (2012).
 - Correlated Fluctuation: B. Muller & A. Schafer, Phys.Rev. D85,114030 (2012).
- -fluctuations of local gluon numbers (in the famework of MC-KLN):
 - Multiplicity fluctuations: A. Dumitru and Y. Nara, Phys. Rev. C 85, 034907 (2012).
- -Pre-equilibriums:
 - URQMD initialization: H.Petersen & M. Bleicher, Phys. Rev. C81, 044906, (2010).
 AMPT initialization: L. Pang, Q.Wang & X.Wang, Phys.Rev. C86, 024911(2012).
 EPOS/NEXUS initialization: K. Werner et al., Phys. Rev. C83:044915, (2011).

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More flow data & constraints of the initial conditions





Vn distributions prefer the IP-Glasma initialization and ruled-out the MC-Glauber and MC-KLN initial conditions



Correlated fluctuations near the QCD critical point



Initial State Fluctuations

-QGP fireball evolutions smearout the initial fluctuations -uncorrelated (in general)

Fluctuations near the critical point

-dramatically increase near Tc -Strongly correlated

STAR BES: Cumulant ratios





Theoretical predictions on critical fluctuations

$$P[\sigma] \sim \exp\{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\}, \qquad \Omega = \int d^3x \left[\frac{1}{2}(\nabla\sigma)^2 + \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2}\sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3}\sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4}\sigma^4 + \cdots\right]$$
$$\langle \sigma_0^2 \rangle = \frac{T}{V}\xi^2 \qquad \langle \sigma_0^3 \rangle = \frac{2\lambda_3 T}{V}\xi^6; \qquad \langle \sigma_0^4 \rangle_c = \frac{6T}{V}[2(\lambda_3\xi)^2 - \lambda_4]\xi^8.$$



Finite size & finite evolution time: $\xi < O(2-3fm)$ Static critical fluctuations vs. dynamical critical fluctuations

Static critical fluctuations on the freeze-out surface

Jiang, Li & Song, PRC 2016

Particle emissions near Tcr with external field



Jiang, Li & Song, PRC 2016

Particle emissions in traditional hydro

$$E\frac{dN}{d^3p} = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{p_{\mu}d\sigma^{\mu}}{2\pi^3} f(x,p)$$

Particle emissions near T_{cr}

$$M \longrightarrow g\sigma(x)$$

$$f(x,p) = f_0(x,p)[1 - g\sigma(x)/(\gamma T)]$$

$$= f_0 + \delta f$$

$$\begin{split} \langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \rangle_{\sigma} &= f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} \left(\frac{g^2}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{1}{T^3} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c \,, \\ \langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \delta f_3 \rangle_{\sigma} &= f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} \left(-\frac{g^3}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3} \frac{1}{T^3} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \rangle_c \,, \\ \langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \delta f_3 \delta f_4 \rangle_{\sigma} &= f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} f_{04} \left(\frac{g^4}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \gamma_4} \frac{1}{T^4} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c \,. \end{split}$$

CORRELATED particle emissions along the freeze-out surface

$$\begin{split} \left\langle (\delta N)^2 \right\rangle_c &= \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^2 \left(\prod_{i=1,2} \left(\frac{1}{E_i} \int d^3 p_i \int_{\Sigma_i} p_{i\mu} d\sigma_i^\mu d\eta_i \right) \right) \frac{f_{01} f_{02}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{g^2}{T^2} \left\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \right\rangle_c, \\ \left\langle (\delta N)^3 \right\rangle_c &= \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^3 \left(\prod_{i=1,2,3} \left(\frac{1}{E_i} \int d^3 p_i \int_{\Sigma_i} p_{i\mu} d\sigma_i^\mu d\eta_i \right) \right) \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3} \left(-\frac{g^3}{T^3} \left\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \right\rangle_c \right), \\ \left\langle (\delta N)^4 \right\rangle_c &= \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^4 \left(\prod_{i=1,2,3,4} \left(\frac{1}{E_i} \int d^3 p_i \int_{\Sigma_i} p_{i\mu} d\sigma_i^\mu d\eta_i \right) \right) \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \gamma_4} \frac{g^4}{T^4} \left\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \right\rangle_c \\ P[\sigma] \sim \exp\{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\}, \qquad \Omega[\sigma] = \int d^3 x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 + \left(\frac{g_i}{g_i} \right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 + \left(\frac{g_i}{g_i} \right)^4 \right) \frac{g^2}{g_i} \right) \frac{g^2}{g_i} \left(\frac{g_i}{g_i} \right) \frac{$$

<u>For simplicity</u>: We assume that the correlated sigma field only influence the particle emissions near Tc, which does not influence the evolution of the bulk matter

-- Static critical fluctuations along the freeze-out surface





-Static critical fluctuations can qualitatively explain the acceptance dependence of the STAR data

Cumulants of net protons



Static critical fluctuations give positive contribution to C_2 , C_3 ; well above the poisson baselines, can NOT explain/describe the C_2 , C_3 data

Dynamical Critical Fluctuations

Effects from dynamical evolutions

$$\partial_{\tau} \mathsf{P}(\sigma;\tau) = \frac{1}{\mathsf{m}_{\sigma}^{2} \tau_{\mathsf{eff}}} \Big[\partial_{\sigma} \Big[\partial_{\sigma} \Omega_{0}(\sigma) + \mathsf{V}_{4}^{-1} \partial_{\sigma} \Big] \mathsf{P}(\sigma;\tau) \Big]$$

near-equilibrium limit:

$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_{2} = -2 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} a_{2} \delta \kappa_{2}$$
$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_{3} = -3 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} [a_{2} \delta \kappa_{2} + a_{3} \delta \kappa_{3}]$$
$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_{4} = -4 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} [a_{2} \delta \kappa_{2} + a_{3} \delta \kappa_{3} + a_{4} \delta \kappa_{3}]$$

S. Mukherjee, R. Venugopalan, Y. Yin, PRC92 (2015)

sign of non-Gaussian cumulants can be different from equilibrium one



Dynamical critical fluctuations of the sigma field



Summary



-Ever increasing/precise experimental data at different colliding systems provide valuable information on the properties of the QGP and the QCD phase diagram

-Sophisticated dynamical model are need to be further developed





Massive data evaluation

Early CHIMERA Results

(Comprehensive Heavy Ion Model Evaluation and Reporting Algorithm)



R. Soltz, et al., PRC2013

Fluctuations and Correlations in smaller systems

-p+Pb collisions at 5 TeV

Pb+Pb





Collective flow -- Experimental Observations



Collective flow? -- Hydrodynamics Simulations



Correlations from initial state



<u>Where dose the correlations (collective flow) in 5.02 TeV</u> <u>p-Pb collisions come from?</u>

-Initial State?-QGP ?-Hadronic matter ?

UrQMD Baseline Calculations

Zhou, Zhu, Li, Song, PRC 2015

Assumption: p-Pb collisions only produce hadronic systems without reach the thresh hold of the QGP formation



V2 mass ordering in p+Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV



V₂ mass ordering is produced by UrQMD, similar to the ALICE data

Hadronic interactions & v2 mass ordering



-Hadronic interaction can generate a mass ordering for 2- particle correlations -Additive quark model: different M-M M-B cross-sections

Fluctuations and Correlations in small systems



Many many related flow measurements for different small colliding system,

- -What is the solid flow signal?
- -Why hydrodynamics work well for such small system

Boltzmann approach with external field

Stephanov PRD 2010

$$S = \int d^3x \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - U(\sigma)) - \int ds M(\sigma),$$
$$\begin{cases} \partial^2 \sigma + dU/d\sigma + (dM/d\sigma) \int_p f/\gamma = 0, \\ \frac{p^\mu}{M} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} + \partial^\mu M \frac{\partial f}{\partial p^\mu} + \mathcal{C}[f] = 0, \end{cases}$$

-analytical solution with perturbative expansion, please refer to Stephanov PRD 2010

Stationary solution for the Boltamann equation with external field

$$f_{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{p}) = e^{\mu/T} e^{-\gamma(\boldsymbol{p})M/T}.$$

Effective particle mass: $M = M(\sigma) = g\sigma$

Extracting η/s from V_n in ultra-central collisions



-In most central collisions, fluctuation effects are dominant (Geometry effects are suppressed)

-can not simultaneously fit V₂ and V₃ with single η/s (MC-Glauber & MC-KLN)

Ultracentral Collisions: bulk visc. & NN correlations



-MC-Glauber & MC-KLN: can not simultaneously fit V2 and V3

-IP+Glasma + NN correlations + bulk viscosity nicely reproduces Vn in ultra-central collisions

Event Plane Correlations

Qiu & Heinz, PLB(2012)



Pure e-b-e viscous hydro simulations :

CERN preprint ATLAS-CONF-2012-049

-qualitatively reproduce the measured event plane correlations

$C_1 C_2 C_3 C_4$: Pt-(0.4-2) GeV (Model + Poisson baselines)





The contributions from STATIC critical fluctuations to C₂, C₃ are always positive (Both this model & early Stephanov PRL09 framework)