



Questions and Lessons from the Work of John, PHENIX, and others

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noun

1. that which one learns when one's attempt to find the answer doesn't succeed









'to see ourselves as others see us" PH ENIX

Robert Burns, To A Louse



• HEDP 2004 Task Force

- Quark Gluon Plasma!
- What simple, compelling evidence do we have ?





• Elliptic Flow = v_2 = momentum anisotropy, pressure gradients

- divide both axes by valence quark number



Sensitive to early time pressure gradients, Flow exhibits partonic DoF







QGP medium opaque to high p_T mesons (from jets), but not direct photons





- John's work (& mine) focused on measuring space-time
 - Q: Why?
 - A: Because we can ... (necessary, but not sufficient)
- Initial expectations (static calculations) for large/longlived source to accompany large entropy change in EoS
- Subsequent (hydro-)dynamic calculations w/ 1st order phase transition also predicted long-lived source

Note that initial LQCD calculations were quenched => 1st order phase transition.





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- Recent calculations w/ improved staggered fermion action on N_{τ} =8 lattices
- Deconfinement transition in the range 185-195 MeV









Measuring Space-Time in Collision





- 1. Flow (dynamical correlations) reduce visible source at higher pair momenta
- 2. Outwards direction is extended by duration of emission
- 3. Ratio of out to side radius (Rout/Rside) indicative of emission duration (QGP)







Radii show smooth evolution from fixed-target to collider energies

R. Soltz, LLNL-PRES-000000







- Hydro models are 2 for 3:
 - tune for spectra
 - match flow
 - neglect space-time (most difficult & least sensitive)



• Stage set ...

Quantum Opacity, the RHIC Hanbury Brown-Twiss Puzzle, and the Chiral Phase Transition

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We present a relativistic quantum-mechanical treatment of opacity and refractive effects that allows reproduction of observables measured in two-pion Hanbury Brown–Twiss (HBT) interferometry and pion spectra at RHIC. The inferred emission duration is substantial. The results are consistent with the emission of pions from a system that has a restored chiral symmetry.

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 $S_0(x, K) = S_0(\tau, \eta) B_n(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{K}_T) / (2\pi)^3$

PACS numbers: 25.75.-q

- Adopt hydro-inspired "blast-wave" source
- Optical potential for medium interaction
 - revisit plane wave assumption

$$S_0(\tau, \eta) \equiv \frac{\cosh \eta}{\sqrt{2\pi(\Delta \tau)^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\tau - \tau_0)^2}{2(\Delta \tau)^2} - \frac{\eta^2}{2\Delta \eta^2}\right]$$

$$B_{\eta}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{K}_{T}) \equiv M_{T} \frac{1}{\exp[(K \cdot u - \mu_{\pi})/T] - 1} \rho(b),$$

- assume chiral symmetry to guide form of potential
- Fit parameters for blast wave + potential



Quantum Opacity Model Results



- Lessons...don't be afraid to:
 - generate a complete solution,
 even if it requires 10 parameters
 - revisit standard (plane-wave) assumptions
 - cross the blood-brain barrier that too often separates theorists and experimentalists





Subtacted chiral condensate exhibits transition in same range as deconfinement

- some calculations predict significantly lower chiral transition PLB 643, 46 (2006)
- but both fermion actions violate discrete chiral symmetry (recovered in cont.)

Calculations on N_t=12 lattices underway Calculations with DWF (preserves discr. chiral) just a petaFlop away





PLB 670:313 (2009) arxiv 0706.3034 dN/dm^{ee} (c²/GeV) IN PHENIX ACCEPTANCE p+p at√s = 200 GeV min. bias Au+Au at $\backslash s_{_{\rm NN}}$ = 200 GeV • DATA • DATA $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma ee$ $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$ lyl ≪0.35 102 lyl < 0.35 $\psi' \rightarrow ee$ •••• n → γ ee p_>0.2 GeV/c $c\overline{c} \rightarrow ee (PYTHIA)$ p_ > 0.2 GeV/c ' n' → γ **ee** sum → ee $c\overline{c} \rightarrow ee$ (random correlation) $\omega \rightarrow ee \& \pi^0 ee$ $\phi \rightarrow ee \& \eta ee$ چ⁵10⁻⁷ 10 ö 0.5 1.5 2.5 3 3.5 1 2 4.5 4 m_{ee} (GeV/c²)

• QGP spectral broadening vs. rescattering effects

New detectors for STAR & PHENIX will soon improve statistics and systematics



- Recent breakthrough by Vredevoogd and Pratt
 - 1. Boost Invariant Longitudinal Flow PRC 79 044915 (2009)
 - 2. Traceless stress energy tensor
 - 3. Stress energy tensor anisotropy independent of transverse coordinate
- Explains large Rside and k_T dependence
- *If correct,* addresses large uncertainty in setting initial conditions of hydrodynamics



- Comparison to pion Radii
 - a series of 10% effects
 - 1. pre-equ. flow
 - 2. LQCD EoS
 - 3. viscosity
 - 4. improved wave fns.
 - also works for kaons
 - still only 2/3 (no flow)
 - working on 3/3 with Scott using vh2 code by Luzum & Romatschke



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• Beyond Gaussian parameterizations -> rescattering or QGP?



arxiv 0903.4863





• John's refusal to live/work within self-imposed, arbitrary boundaries has benefitted the field, science, and sets an example for the rest of us.



Happy Birthday



Backup LQCD Material











- Apply thermalization cut, remove autocorrelations
- Construct Trace Anomaly (deviation from massless ideal gas)



Θ fermionic/gluoniccontributions





- trace anomaly 85% gluonic (+ fermion interactions)
- larger cutoff effects for p4 fermions from LCP R_m







- Three fits each action (p4, asqtad)
 - 1. lattice data (solid)
 - 2. lattice data and HRG from 100-130 MeV (double-dot)
- 3. lattice-10 MeV shift to approx. chiral/continuum shifts (dash) see also poster by Podeluovinen







- 1. ready for hydro: smooth approx. to HotQCD EoS w/HRG
- 2. able to propagate systematic variation through models



- Beginning to propagate EOS thru Hydro
- Preparing to add cascade afterburner->spectra/flow/HBT





- 1D Dirac Eq. $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{2a} \gamma_5 [\psi(n+1) \psi(n-1)]$ has $E = \pm \frac{\sin(ka)}{a}$
- degenerate fermion states $(2^d n_f)$

Wilson action lifts degenerate states, breaks chiral symmetry, not widely used in thermodynamics

