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The physics behind ultrarelativistic hydrodynamics

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What you will see in this talk

✔ Motivation: why study heavy-ion collisions?

✔ Fluid-dynamical modeling of heavy-ion collisions

✔ Conclusions and perspectives

Why collide heavy ions?

Need to approach thermodynamic limit

- **~thousands of particles**
- \bullet **large volumes ~1000 times larger than of a proton**

Heavy Ion Collisions

QCD matter is only created transiently ~10 fm/c

In this sense, use of hydrodynamics is not a surprise

Hydrodynamic modeling of heavy ion collisions

Initial state and "pre-equilibrium" dynamics description of early time-dynamics and thermalization

"hydrodynamization" by hand

Fluid-dynamical expansion of QGP

Description of QGP as a relativistic dissipative fluid

EoS, viscosities, ...

fluid elements converted to particles

Transport description of Hadron Gas

Matter described by cross sections and decay probabilities

Empirical: "fluid-dynamical" modeling of heavy ion collisions works well at RHIC and LHC energies

Main assumption: system approaches "local equilibrium" on very small time scales ~1 fm Does this make sense?

Effective theory describing the dynamics of a system over long-times and long-distances

Conservation laws + simple constitutive relations

Conservation laws

energy-momentum conservation

$$
\boxed{\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}=0}
$$

Net charge conservation
\n
$$
\begin{pmatrix}\n\partial_{\mu}N^{\mu}_{s} &= 0 \\
\partial_{\mu}N^{\mu}_{e} &= 0 \\
\partial_{\mu}N^{\mu}_{b} &= 0\n\end{pmatrix}
$$

strangeness

electric charge

Baryon number

8

Tensor decomposition

Conservation laws

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 $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}$

Tensor decomposition

Equation of state

Thermodynamic pressure: $P_0 = P_0(T, \mu_b, \mu_e, \mu_s)$

Lattice QCD: entropy density increases near $T = 180$ MeV **phase transition**

Equation of state

Thermodynamic pressure: $P_0 = P_0(T, \mu_h, \mu_e, \mu_s)$

Taylor expansion up to 4th order: 1Ω CD

- matched to *hadron resonance gas* model at small T
- matched to Stefan-Boltzmann limit at large T
- Prescription employed by: Monnai, Schenke, Shen, PRC 100, 024907 (2019) Noronha-Hostler, Parotto, Ratti, Stafford, PRC 100, 064910 (2019)

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\begin{array}{rcl}\nN_q^{\mu} &=& n_q u^{\mu} + n_q^{\mu} \\
T^{\mu\nu} &=& \varepsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - (P_0 + \Pi) \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}\n\end{array}
$$

What are the EoM's for the dissipative currents? **Challenge:**

Relativistic Navier-Stokes theory

Shear Viscosity Bulk Viscosity

Net-Charge Diffusion

(Resistance to deformation)

$$
\left[\pi^{\mu\nu} \quad = \quad 2\eta \nabla^{\langle \mu} \, u^{\, \nu \rangle} \right]
$$

(Resistance to expansion)

$$
\Pi = -\zeta \nabla_{\mu} u^{\mu}
$$

 $\zeta(T,\mu_a)$

$$
n_q^\mu = \kappa_q \nabla^\mu \frac{\mu_q}{T}
$$

 $\kappa_q(T,\mu_q)$ 13

Navier-Stokes Theory

Dissipative currents $\pi_{\mu\nu}$ are proportional to gradients $\pi^{\mu\nu}=2\,\eta\,\sigma^{\mu\nu}+\ldots$

The equations are **acausal** and **unstable** !!!!

Israel-Stewart Theory (transient theory)

Dissipative currents $\pi_{\mu\nu}$ become dynamical variables ...

$$
\tau_\pi\,\dot\pi^{<\mu\nu>}+\pi^{\mu\nu}=2\,\eta\,\sigma^{\mu\nu}+\dots
$$

The equations can be **causal** and **stable** !!!!

General theory $F^{\mu} = \nabla^{\mu} P_0$ $I^{\mu} = \nabla^{\mu} \alpha_0$ More accurate than Israel-Stewart theory

$$
\tau_{\Pi}\dot{\Pi} + \Pi = -\zeta\theta - \ell_{\Pi n}\nabla \cdot n - \tau_{\Pi n}n \cdot F - \delta_{\Pi\Pi}\Pi\theta
$$

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- \lambda_{\Pi n}n \cdot I + \lambda_{\Pi\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}\sigma_{\mu\nu},
$$

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$$
\tau_n\dot{n}^{\langle\mu\rangle} + n^{\mu} = \kappa_nI^{\mu} - n_{\nu}\omega^{\nu\mu} - \delta_{nn}n^{\mu}\theta - \ell_{n\Pi}\nabla^{\mu}\Pi
$$

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$$
+ \ell_{n\pi}\Delta^{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\lambda}\pi_{\nu}^{\lambda} + \tau_{n\Pi}\Pi F^{\mu} - \tau_{n\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}F_{\nu}
$$

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$$
- \lambda_{nn}n_{\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \lambda_{n\Pi}\Pi I^{\mu} - \lambda_{n\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}I_{\nu},
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$$
\tau_{\pi}\dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + 2\pi_{\lambda}^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} - \delta_{\pi\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta - \tau_{\pi\pi}\pi^{\lambda\langle\mu}\sigma_{\lambda}^{\nu\rangle}
$$

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$$
+ \lambda_{\pi\Pi}\Pi\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \tau_{\pi n}n^{\langle\mu}F^{\nu\rangle} + \ell_{\pi n}\nabla^{\langle\mu}n^{\nu\rangle}
$$

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+ \lambda_{\pi n}n^{\langle\mu}I^{\nu\rangle}
$$

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Conclusions and outlook

Fluid-dynamical models that describe several energy heavy ion collisions are under construction – but appear to be able to fit the data

- Equation of state
- dynamical equations for dissipative currents
- Many transport coefficients must be specified as functions of T, $\mu_{\rm B}$