# Quark Recombination and **Fragmentation**

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# Motivation of HI Collisions

- 1. Quarks and Gluons exist, but not detected individually at  $T=0$ . Temperature Dependence of Confinement and Chiral Symmetry
- 2. High-energy nuclear collisions will compress and heat the heavy nuclei so much that their individual protons and neutrons overlap and lots of pions arise, creating the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)



QGP is thought to have existed ten millionths of second after the Big Bang; creating the primordial matter of universe in the laboratory.

- 3. RHIC obtained distinguished results from CERN SPS.
	- Jet Quenching and Bulk Hadronization (Winner of recent NSAC meeting).
- 4. LHC ALICE (CMS, ATLAS) would need theoretical predictions at energy 30-fold energy increase from RHIC.

# **Outline**

- Brief Overview on State Changes Chemical and Thermal Freeze-outs
- Hadronization Mechanisms Quark Recombination and Fragmentation
- Numerical Results Wavefunction Dependence on  $P_T$  Spectra, Ratio between proton and antiproton, etc...

#### • Discussion and Conclusion BCS-BEC Crossover, Heavy quark systems, etc...



#### Simulation by the Frankfurt Group

- Heavy Ion Collision
	- Hard Scattering and High  $P_T$  Fragmentation
- Formation of QGP
	- $T \gg T_c \approx 175$  MeV
- Expansion and
- Cooling
- Hadronization from QGP
	- $-$  Intermediate P<sub>T</sub> (2-5 GeV)
- Chemical Etientian and Freeze-out (T<sub>C</sub>  $\approx$  175 MeV)
	- $-$  Inelastic Channels (e.g. Δ $\leftrightarrow$ pπ)
	- Number of each hadron species doesn't change
- Thermal Equilibrium
	- Elastic Scatterings Dominant
	- Interaction still exists (MFP > DBP)
- Continued Expansion and Thermal Freeze-out
	- Particle distance gets larger (DBP > MFP)
	- No further elastic collisions but still heavy particles can decay into light particles (e.g.  $\Delta \rightarrow P \pi$ ): T<sub>freeze-out</sub>≈120 MeV

#### Nuclear Phase Diagram



### **Heavy-Ion Accelerators**



#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

#### ❑*Brookhaven National Lab. in New York*

✓**Circumference: 3.83 km**  ✓**First collision: 2000**  ✓**100A GeV Au+Au(2X10<sup>26</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)**   $\sqrt{250}$  GeV  $\vec{p}$  +  $\vec{p}$  (2X10<sup>32</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)



#### Hadronization Mechanisms



#### Recombination of a Quark-Antiquark Pair

$$
N_M = \sum_{ab} \int \frac{d^3 P}{\left(2\pi\right)^3} < M; P \left| \hat{\rho}_{ab} \right| M; P > \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d^3 P}{2\pi} \right)^3
$$

$$
E\frac{dN_M}{d^3P} = C_M \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^3RP \cdot u(R)}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} w_a(R; \frac{P}{2} - q) \Phi_M^W(q) w_b(R; \frac{P}{2} + q)
$$
  
= 
$$
C_M \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^3RP \cdot u(R)}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dxP^+d^2k_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} w_a(R; xP^+, k_\perp) |\psi_M(x, k_\perp)|^2 w_b(R; (1-x)P^+, -k_\perp)
$$

where

 $\Phi_M^W(q) = \int d^3r \Phi_M^W(r, q)$  in Wigner Function Formalism *M W M*

$$
w_a(R; p) = \gamma_a e^{-p \cdot v(R)/T} e^{-\eta^2/2\Delta^2} f(\rho, \phi)
$$
  

$$
f(\rho, \phi) \approx \Theta(\rho_0 - \rho)
$$

#### Extended Recombination Formalism

$$
\frac{dN_{M}}{d^{2}P_{T}dy}\Big|_{y=0} = C_{M}M_{T}\frac{V}{(2\pi)^{3}}2\gamma_{a}\gamma_{b}I_{0}\left[\frac{P_{T}\sinh\,\eta_{T}}{T}\right]\int_{0}^{1}dx\int_{0}^{\infty}d^{2}k_{\perp}|\psi(x,k_{\perp})|^{2}k_{M}(x,k_{\perp},P_{T})
$$
\nwhere\n
$$
k_{M}(x,k_{\perp},P_{T}) = K_{1}\left[\frac{\cosh\eta_{T}}{T}\left[\sqrt{m_{a}^{2}+(xP_{T}+k_{\perp})^{2}}+\sqrt{m_{b}^{2}+\left\{(1-x)P_{T}-k_{\perp}\right\}^{2}}\right]\right]
$$

$$
\psi_{Gauss}(x, k_{\perp}) = \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\frac{m_a^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{x} + \frac{m_b^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{1 - x}\right)/\beta^2\right]
$$

$$
\psi_{Power}(x, k_{\perp}) = 1/(\frac{m_a^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{x} + \frac{m_b^2 + k_{\perp}^2}{1 - x} + \alpha^2)^n
$$

#### Light-Front Wavefunctions



#### Gaussian vs. Power Law



#### Fragmentation and Jet Quenching



# Numerical Results

- 1. Single Particle Spectra
- 2. Particle Ratios
- 3. Nuclear Modification Factor *Rcp*
- 4. Wave Function Dependence
	- Gaussian vs. Power Law
- 5. Prediction for D-meson Production at RHIC and LHC

















## Comparison of Particle Ratios



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#### Comparison of Nuclear Modification



#### Gaussian vs. Power Law



#### Heavy Quark Distribution Function

**RHIC** 



#### Heavy Quark Distribution Function

LHC



#### Prediction of D-Meson Spectra



## Conclusions and Outlook

- Extended the formulation of the recombination model
	- Intrinsic transverse momentum effect
	- Light-Front wavefunction
		- Gaussian vs. Power Law
- Found the sensitivity of the wavefunction dependence
	- Recombination is favored by the larger size hadrons
- Different results on the yield ratios of K-/K+ and pbar/p – Jet quenching effect is included
- Our extended formulation may be useful for the analysis of the QGP nature
	- Possible formation of the binary system
	- Crossover between BCS and BEC via Feshbach resonances
- Plan to investigate
	- Heavy hadron production
	- Elliptic flow

# Food for Thoughts: Binary Bound States in QGP





#### Bose-Einstein Condensation



Hydrodynamical Expansion of Trapped Atoms

Analogous to Elliptic Flows in RHIC Data

#### Crossover between BCS and BEC



## Controlling Parameters

- High Tc Superconductors: Doping Holes
- Ultracold Trapped Atoms: Applying Magnetic Fields
- RHIC:

Changing  $s_{NN}$  and Projectiles, etc.