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## Validating the Pre-equilibrium Evolution of Heavy Ion Collisions in K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST

We explicitly verify the validity of the open source package K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST[1] for modelling the early time dynamics of the QGP in heavy ion collisions. Since K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST is based on the dynamics of a kinetic theory description to implement a macroscopic evolution of the energy-momentum tensor, we assess its applicability by comparing K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST results to fully microscopic calculations in kinetic theory in the relaxation time approximation (RTA)[2]. We find that K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST accurately describes the full 2+1D evolution of the energy-momentum tensor in the pre-equilibrium stage with the exception of the components related to elliptic flow. We investigate possible error sources and attempt to modify K $\emptyset$ MP $\emptyset$ ST in order to bring it into agreement with the full kinetic theory solution.

[1] KoMPoST, Phys.Rev.C 99 (2019) 3, 034910

[2] Ambrus, Werthmann, Schlichting, "Opacity dependence of transverse flow, preequilibrium, and applicability of hydrodynamics in heavy-ion collisions" Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 9, 094013

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