A condensed matter approach to dynamic systems at the micrometer and femtometer scales A Tale of Two Programs

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Outline

- Introduction to micro-explosions RHIC's big brother
- Energy dependence of the anisotropic freezeout shape
 - micro-explosions
 - femto-explosions
 - connection to QGP viscosity

• Geometric substructure of the shocked region, speciation

- femto-explosions
- micro-explosions

• Blast creation of exotic, new forms of confined matter

- micro-explosions
- femto-exploations
- Summary







Ultra-cold atomic gas

(model of) heavy ion collision

2.0

6.0 fm/c

8.0 fm/c

100 µs 0 fm/c "Universal" elliptic flow of strongly-interacting systems 200 µs Sensitivity to phase structure? 2 fm/c 400 µs Differences (besides size, temperature): timescale • 600 µs initial state: violent vs prepared • 4 fm/c thermalization? homo- vs hetero-geneous 800 µs • 6.0 fm technique: "movie versus postmortem" • 1000 µs 6 fm/c 1500 µs 8.0 fm/c 8 fm/c 2000 µs





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Extremely high pressures (~10 TPa) and temperatures (5×10^5 K) have been produced using a single laser pulse (100 nJ, 800 nm, 200 fs) focused inside a sapphire crystal. The laser pulse creates an intensity over 10^{14} W/cm² converting material within the absorbing volume of ~0.2 μ m³ into plasma in a few fs. A pressure of ~10 TPa, far exceeding the strength of any material, is created generating strong shock and rarefaction waves. This results in the formation of a nanovoid surrounded by a shell of shock-affected material inside undamaged crystal. Analysis of the size of the void and the shock-affected zone versus the deposited energy shows that the experimental results can be understood on the basis of conservation laws and be modeled by plasma hydrodynamics. Matter subjected to record heating and cooling rates of



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Model and numerical simulations of the propagation and absorption of a short laser pulse in a transparent dielectric material: Blast-wave launch and cavity formation

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results can be understood on the basis of conservation laws and be modeled by **plasma** hydrodynamics. Matter subjected to record heating and cooling rates of 10¹⁸ K/s can, thus, be studied in a well-controlled laboratory environment.





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examine final anisotropy of system





RHIC BES-I

arXiv:1007.2613

Energies chosen to cover the interesting transition region dictated by the scale of the theory (not highest energy possible)



Azimuthal dependence of HBT radii at RHIC





- no non-monotonic or threshold behaviour
- remarkably (depressingly) consistent with **pre**diction using soft hadronic EoS with realistic freezeout
- But results may provide the key to something at least as fundamental... (next)











- Two initial-state/viscosity combinations that give degenerate results in azimuthal *momentum* space, are **non-degenerate in azimuthal** *coordinate* **space**
 - an important handle on a fundamental QCD coefficient

ON THE "SHOCKED" AFTERMATH

Beyond overall shape:

Geometric substructure, speciation and exotic states of (confined) matter



Speciation: Extracting the source characteristics

Spherical harmonic decomposition $R_{l,m}(|\vec{k}^*|) \equiv \int d\Omega \ R(\vec{k}^*) Y_{l,m}(\Omega)$ $S_{l,m}(|\vec{r}|) \equiv \int d\Omega \ S(\vec{r}) Y_{l,m}(\Omega)$ $R_{l,m}(|k^*|) = \int dr \ S_{l,m}(r) K_l(|k^*|, r)$

Brown, Danielewicz, Pratt et al '05 Chajecki & Lisa '05 Brown & Kisiel '08



Speciation in 0-5% Central Au+Au @ 200 GeV

- Narrow Coulomb hole ← large source
- Significant asymmetry in correlation function
- First such high-quality data
- consistent with blast scenario



"Surprising speciation" substructure discovered in microexplosions in sapphire Distance from center Vailionis et al, Nature Comm. DOI: 10.1038 (2011) ~360 nm (shell boundary) Fast quenching ~180 nm (void boundary) Ion diffusion Average Al-O ~30 nm separation (absorbing region) ~ 18 nm AI Plasma expansion Shock front Time t₂ t_3 t₄ I1 ~100 fs ~1 ps ~100 ps ~1 ns

"exotic" bcc-Al from ultra-high pressure blast

(first observation; may play role in planetary core)



Vailionis et al, Nature Comm. DOI: 10.1038 (2011)

Generation of novel, exotic form of stable matter in femtoexplosions



Science 328, 58 (2010)

STAR discovers the first anti-strange anti-nucleus



Nature 473, 353 (2011)

STAR discovers the heaviest anti-nucleus



Pushing the boundary of nuclear structure physics



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 Tremendous structure and physics in a condensed-matter approach to dynamic explosions. Can our fields learn more from each other? 		