Initial conditions for hydrodynamics from weakly coupled pre-equilibrium evolution

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We use effective kinetic theory to simulate equilibration in heavy-ion collisions. We construct a map for out-of-equilibrium initial state to the energy-momentum tensor at a time when hydrodynamics becomes applicable. We apply this map to IPG lasma initial conditions and demonstrate a smooth transition to hydrodynamics. In a phenomenologically favorable range of η/s values, equilibration can be well approximated by a fixed function of a scaled time variable $(\tau T)/(\eta/s)$. This scalable kinetic equilibration can be readily applied to other initial state models to provide perturbatively controlled description of pre-equilibrium energy and transverse momentum flow evolution.

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