Effect of strong magnetic field on the interplay of momentum, heat and charge transports in a hot QCD matter

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Introduction

- The peripheral events of ultrarelativistic heavy ion collisions produce extremely strong magnetic fields.

- High energetic areas where strong magnetic fields might exist :
  (1) Peripheral heavy ion collisions (10^{18} G to 10^{20} G)
     (1 $m_\pi^2 \sim 0.02$ GeV$^2 \sim 10^{18}$ G)
  (2) Cores of compact stars (10^{13} G to 10^{16} G)
  (3) The early universe (much higher than the above cases)

- Depending on the electrical conductivity, the magnetic field may remain strong during the lifetime of the partonic medium [1, 2].

- Thus, it is interesting to explore the effect of strong magnetic field on the interplay of momentum, heat and charge transports in a hot QCD matter.

- Strong magnetic field (SMF) limit : $|q_i B| \gg T^2$, $|q_i B| \gg m_i^2$.

- Magnetic field breaks the rotational symmetry. So, momentum gets separated into transverse (p_T) and longitudinal (p_L) components and in SMF limit, $p_L \gg p_T$. Thus, an anisotropy is created.

- Another anisotropy is also created at the early stage of heavy ion collision due to the preferential expansion of the matter, where $p_T \gg p_L$.

Different anisotropies

- Anisotropic parameter -: $\xi = \frac{\langle p_T^2 \rangle}{2\langle p_L^2 \rangle} - 1$.

- Isotropic distribution functions :
$$f_i^{\rm iso}(\mathbf{p}; T) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega_i}+1},$$
where $T = 1/\beta$ and $\omega_i = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_i^2}$,
$$f_g^{\rm iso}(\mathbf{p}; T) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega_g}-1}.$$

- Expansion-driven anisotropic distribution functions :
$$f_{{\rm ex},i}^{\rm aniso}(\mathbf{p}; T) = f_i^{\rm iso} - \frac{\xi\beta(\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2}{2\omega_i}f_i^{\rm iso}(1 - f_i^{\rm iso}),$$

$$f_{{\rm ex},g}^{\rm aniso}(\mathbf{p}; T) = f_g^{\rm iso} - \frac{\xi\beta(\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2}{2\omega_g}f_g^{\rm iso}(1 + f_g^{\rm iso}).$$

- Magnetic field-driven anisotropic distribution function :
$$f_{{\rm B},i}^{\rm aniso}(\mathbf{p}'; T) = f_i - \frac{\xi\beta p_3^2}{2\omega_i}f_i(1 - f_i),$$
where $\mathbf{p}' = (0, 0, p_3)$ and $f_i = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\sqrt{p_3^2+m_i^2}}+1}$.

- Quasiparticle masses :
  Pure thermal medium : $m_{qT}^2 = \frac{g'^2 T^2}{6}$, $m_{gT}^2 = \frac{g'^2 T^2}{6}\left(N_c + \frac{N_i}{2}\right)$.
 Thermal medium in strong magnetic field :
  $m_{iT,B}^2 = \frac{g^2|q_i B|}{3\pi^2}\left[\frac{\pi T}{2m_{i0}} - \ln(2)\right]$, $m_{gT,B}^2 = \frac{g'^2 T^2 N_c}{6} + \frac{g^2}{8\pi^2}\sum_i |q_i B|$.

- Effective quasiparticle masses in the presence of strong magnetic field get enhanced as compared to the masses at zero magnetic field.

Shear and bulk viscosities

- For a nonequilibrium system, $T^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu}_{(0)} + \Delta T^{\mu\nu}$.

- The traceless and trace parts of ΔT^{ij} give the shear and bulk viscosities, respectively,
$$\Delta T^{ij} = -\eta\left(\partial^i u^j + \partial^j u^i - \frac{2}{3}\delta^{ij}\partial_l u^l\right) - \zeta\delta^{ij}\partial_l u^l.$$

- In the strong magnetic field regime, components of velocity transverse to the magnetic field vanish. Thus, only $\Delta\tilde{T}^{ij}$ ($\Delta\tilde{T}^{33}$) component survives [3, 4],
$$\Delta\tilde{T}^{ij} = -\eta^B\left(\partial^i u^j + \partial^j u^i - \frac{2}{3}\delta^{ij}\partial_l u^l\right) - \zeta^B\delta^{ij}\partial_l u^l.$$
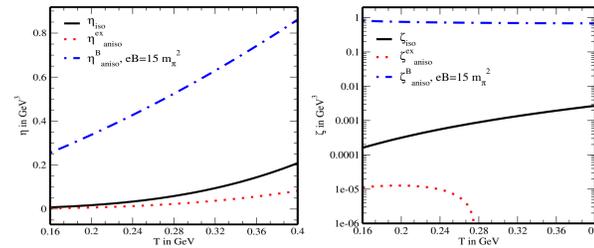
Electrical and thermal conductivities

- Infinitesimal disturbance by an electric field induces an electric current as
$$J_\mu = \sum_i 2q_i g_i \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3 \omega_i} p_\mu \delta f_i.$$

- Ohm's law -: $\mathbf{J} = \sigma_{\rm el}\mathbf{E}$.

- The relativistic Boltzmann transport (RBT) equation in relaxation time approximation (RTA) [5] :
$$p^\mu \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x^\mu} + q_i F^{\rho\sigma} p_\sigma \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p^\rho} = -\frac{p_\nu u^\nu}{\tau_i}\delta f_i,$$
$$\tau_i = 1 / \left[5.1 T\alpha_s^2 \log(1/\alpha_s)(1 + 0.12(2N_i + 1))\right].$$

- Ohm's law in the presence of strong magnetic field -: $J_3 = \sigma_{\rm el} E_3$.

- The RBT equation in RTA, in a strong magnetic field [6] :
$$p^0\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x^0} + p^3\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x^3} + q_i F^{03} p_3 \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p^0} + q_i F^{30} p_0 \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial p^3} = -\frac{p_0}{\tau_i^B}\delta f_i,$$

$$\tau_i^B = \frac{\omega_i\left(e^{\beta\omega_i}-1\right)}{\alpha_s C_2 m_i^2\left(e^{\beta\omega_i}+1\right)\int dp_3' \frac{1}{\omega_i'\left(e^{\beta\omega_i'}+1\right)}}.$$
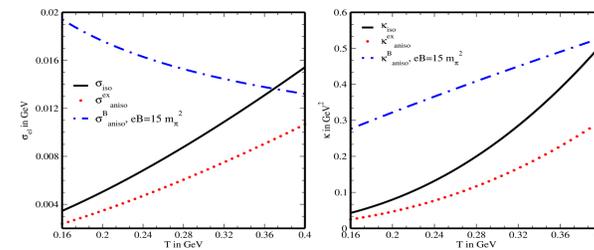
- Spatial component of heat flow due to the external disturbance :
$$\mathbf{Q} = \sum_i 2g_i \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\omega_i}(\omega_i - h_i)\delta f_i.$$
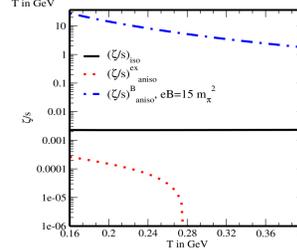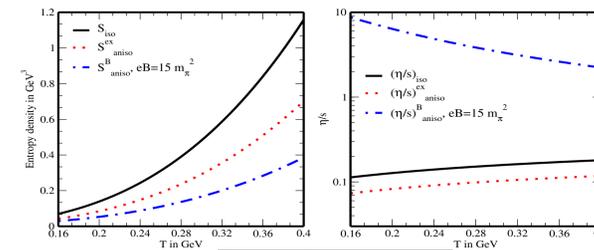
- The flow of heat in a medium : $\mathbf{Q} = -\kappa\frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$.

- In strong magnetic field case :
$$Q_3 = \sum_i \frac{g_i|q_i B|}{2\pi^2}\int dp_3 \frac{p_3}{\omega_i}(\omega_i - h_i^B)\delta f_i,$$
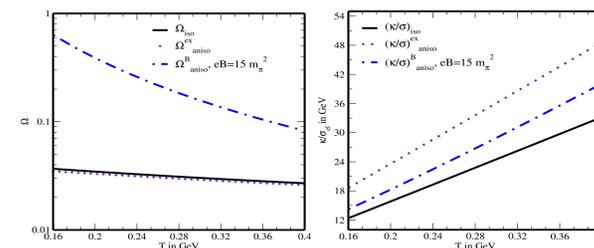$$Q_3 = -\kappa\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_3}.$$

Entropy density, η/s and ζ/s

- In B-driven anisotropy, η/s and ζ/s get larger than their respective isotropic counterparts. So, the medium slightly deviates from the perfect fluid characteristic.
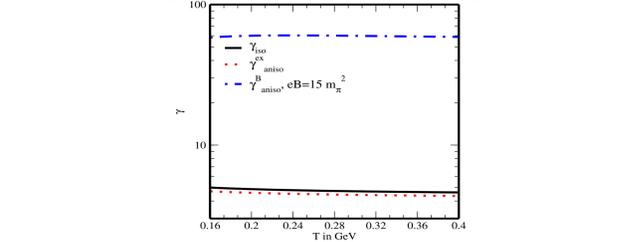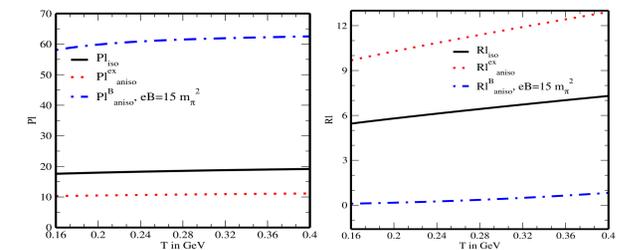
Knudsen number: $\Omega = \frac{\lambda}{L} = \frac{3\kappa}{LvC_V}$ and Wiedemann-Franz law: $\frac{\kappa}{\sigma_{\rm el}} = LT$

- In the presence of strong magnetic field, since Ω becomes nearer to 1, the medium may move slightly away from the equilibrium state.

- The Wiedemann-Franz law gets violated for a hot QCD matter in the presence of strong magnetic field.

Prandtl number: $\text{Pl} = \frac{\eta/\rho}{\kappa/C_p}$,

Reynolds number: $\text{Rl} = \frac{Lv}{\eta/\rho}$ and $\gamma = \frac{\eta/s}{\sigma_{\rm el}/T}$

- Since $\text{Pl} > 1$, the sound attenuation in a hot QCD matter is mostly governed by the momentum diffusion.

- In B-driven anisotropy, the kinematic viscosity is larger than the length scale of the hot QCD matter (as $\text{Rl} < 1$), whereas the opposite is true (as $\text{Rl} > 1$) in expansion-driven anisotropy.

- The dominance of momentum diffusion over charge diffusion is more pronounced in the presence of strong magnetic field than in the absence of magnetic field.

Conclusions

- The B-driven and expansion-driven anisotropies affect η, ζ, $\sigma_{\rm el}$ and κ differently with respect to the isotropic medium.

- Thus, the viscosities and the conductivities can distinguish the abovementioned anisotropies.

- In addition, the transport coefficients derived from momentum, heat and charge transports, viz. η/s, ζ/s, Ω, L, Pl, Rl and $(\eta/s)/(\sigma_{el}/T)$ also get significantly affected by the strong magnetic field.

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