

Hydrodynamic attractors, initial state energy and particle production in relativistic nuclear collisions

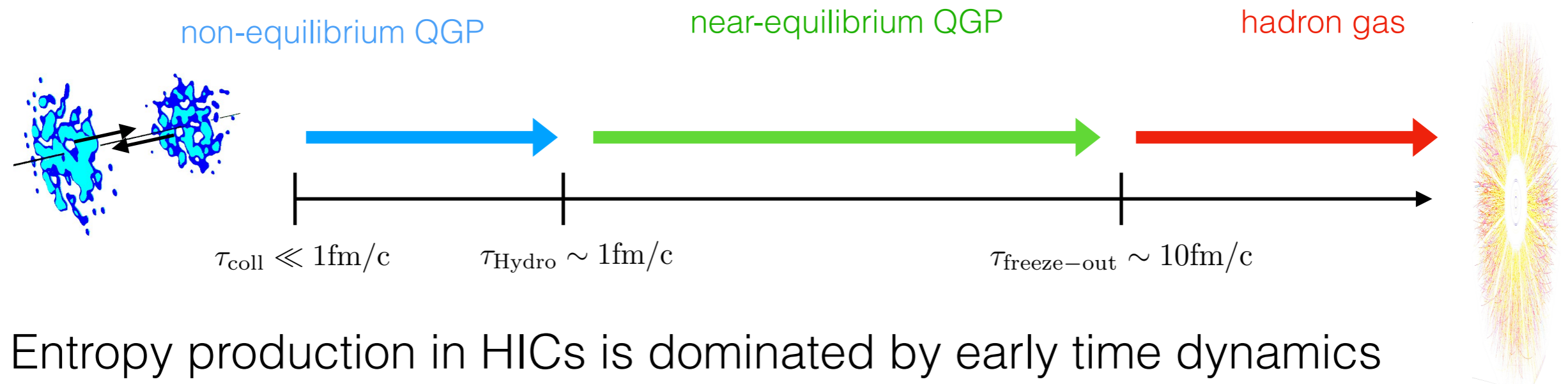
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Early time dynamics & entropy production

High-energy heavy-ion collisions described by multi-stage evolution



Entropy production in HICs is dominated by early time dynamics and directly accessible by measurement of $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$

Schematically:

(nearly) isentropic hydrodynamic expansion

$$\left\langle \frac{dE_{\perp}^0}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\tau_{\text{coll}}} \xrightarrow{\text{initial entropy production}} \left\langle \frac{dS}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\tau_{\text{Hydro}}} \xrightarrow{\text{(nearly) isentropic hydrodynamic expansion}} \left\langle \frac{dS}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\tau_{\text{freeze-out}}} \approx \left\langle \frac{dS}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\tau_{\text{Hydro}}} \xrightarrow{\text{freeze-out}} \left\langle \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \right\rangle \approx \left\langle \frac{S}{N_{\text{ch}}} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{dS}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\tau_{\text{freeze-out}}}$$

initial entropy production freeze-out

Based on insights from non-equilibrium studies, can now make relation between $dE_{\text{T}}^0/d\eta$ and $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ explicit

Early time dynamics & entropy production

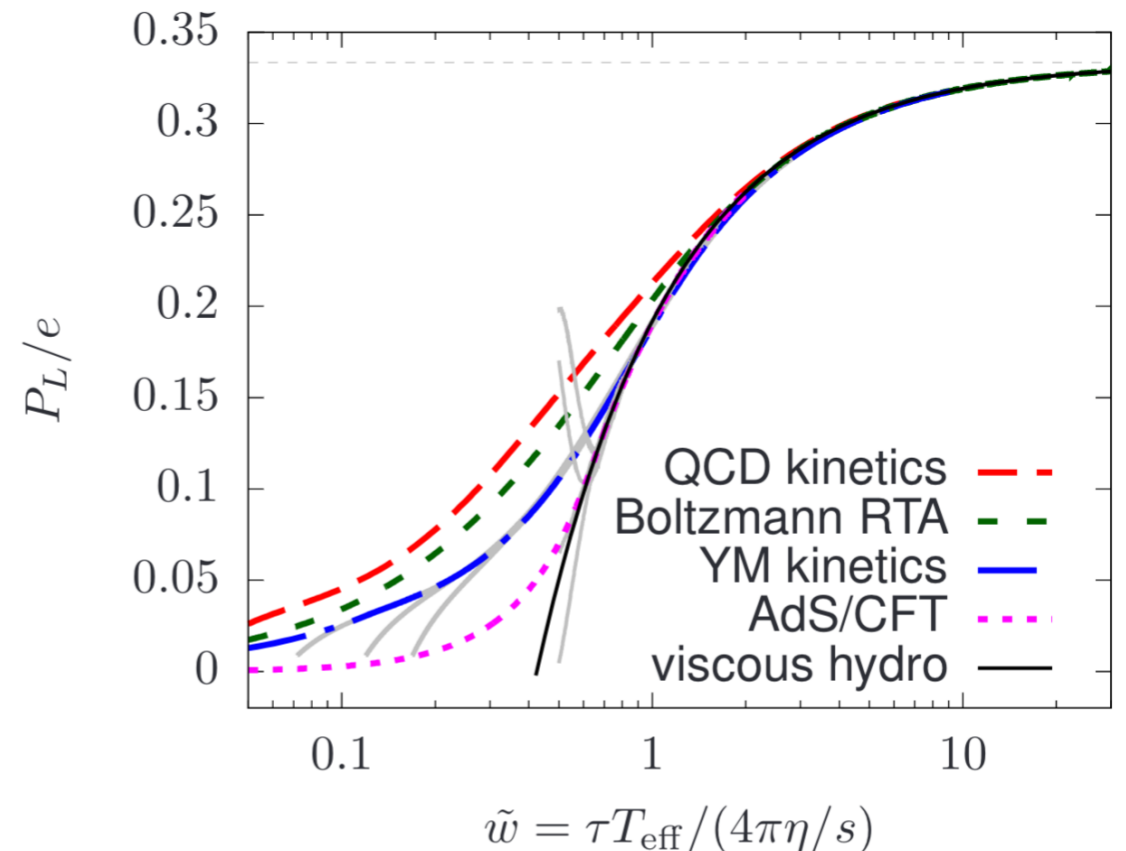
Early time dynamics ($\tau < 1 \text{ fm}/c$) well described by one dimensional Bjorken expansion

Evolution of energy density is governed by conservation equation

$$\partial_\tau \epsilon = - \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} - \frac{P_L}{\tau}$$

expansion

work



Different microscopic calculations in QCD/YM/RTA Kinetic theory & AdS/CFT indicate convergence of P_L/e to hydrodynamic attractor

$\tilde{w} \ll 1$ macroscopically free-streaming ($P_L/e \approx 0$)

$\tilde{w} \gg 1$ viscous hydrodynamics ($P_L/e \approx 1/3 - 4/9\pi\tilde{w}$)

Hydrodynamic attractors

Evolution of energy-density during pre-equilibrium phase obtained by integrating the conservation law

$$\frac{e(\tau)\tau^{4/3}}{e_{\text{hydro}}\tau_{\text{hydro}}^{4/3}} = \mathcal{E} \left(\tilde{w} = \frac{T_{\text{eff}}(\tau)\tau}{4\pi\eta/s} \right)$$

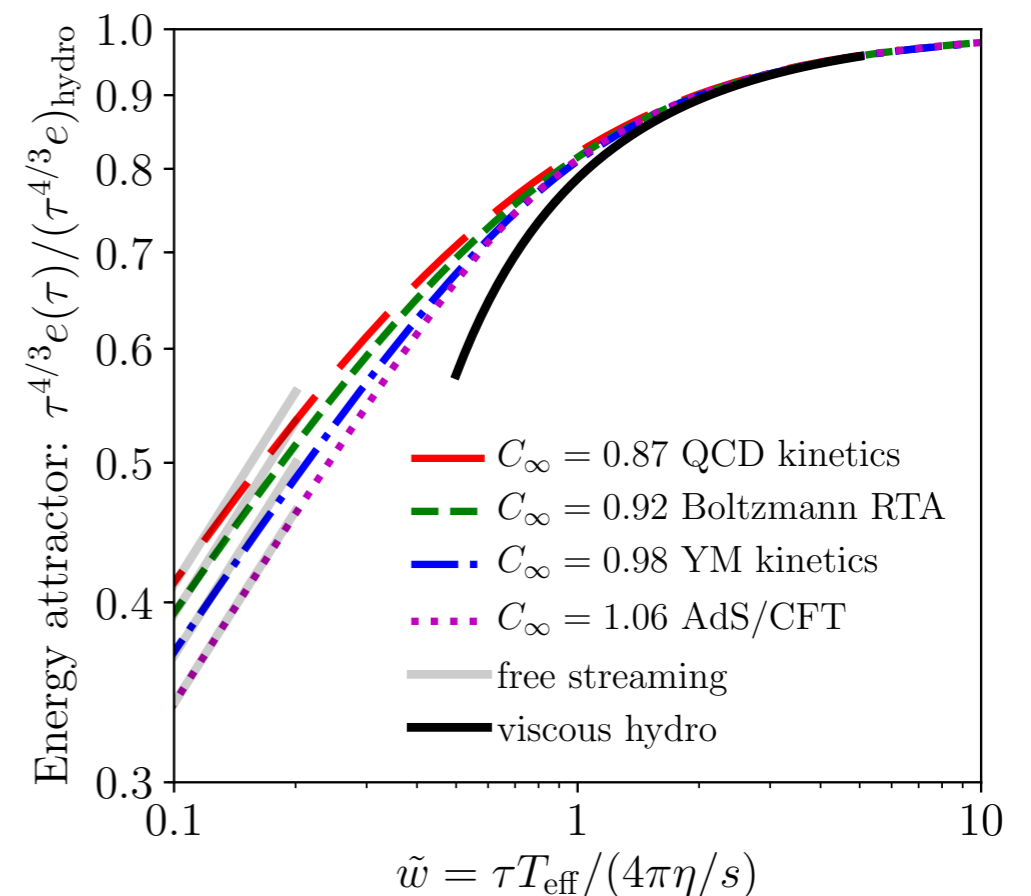
Universal early and late time behavior

$\tilde{w} \ll 1$ macroscopically free-streaming

$$\mathcal{E}(\tilde{w} \ll 1) = C_{\infty}^{-1} \tilde{w}^{4/9}$$

$\tilde{w} \gg 1$ viscous hydrodynamics

$$\mathcal{E}(\tilde{w} \gg 1) = 1 - \frac{2}{3\pi\tilde{w}}$$

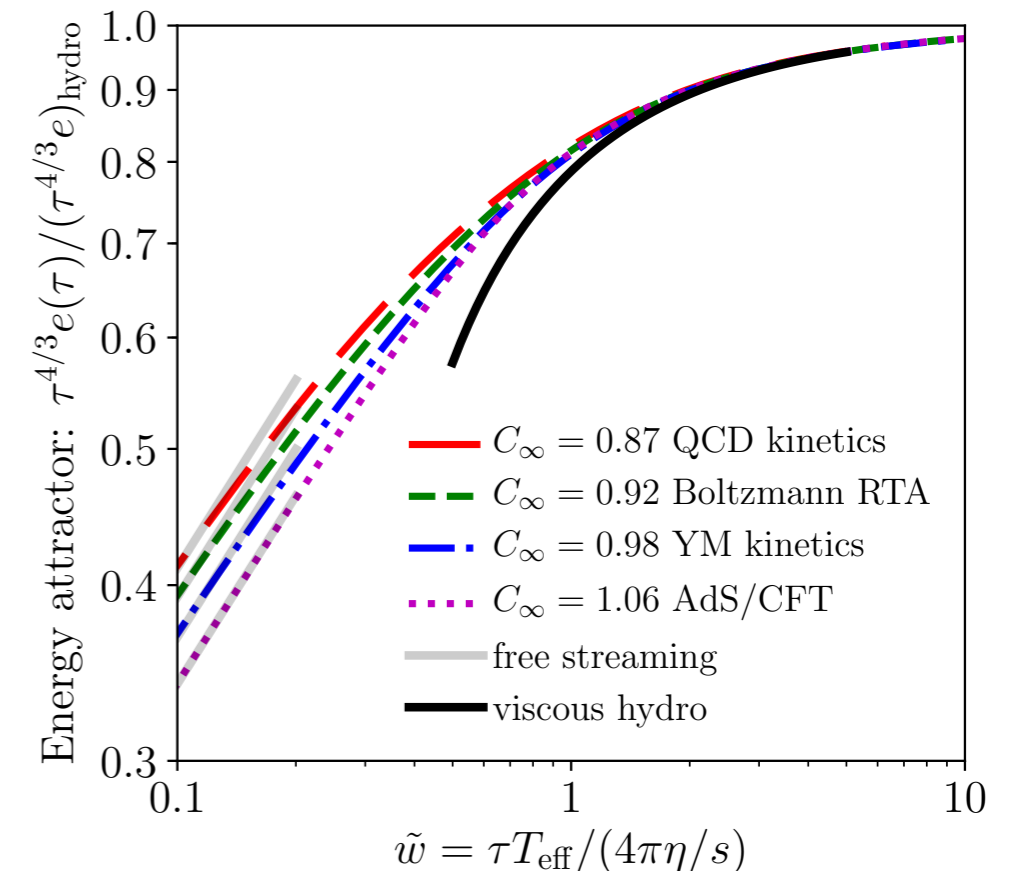


Surprisingly small differences between different microscopic theories, characterized by a single constant $C_{\infty} \sim 0.95 \pm 0.15$

Entropy production in HICs

Based on hydrodynamic attractor curve for energy density one can use thermodynamic relations $s=(e+p)/T$ and EOS once QGP is close to equilibrium to calculate entropy

$$(s\tau)_{\text{hydro}} = \frac{4}{3} C_{\infty}^{3/4} \left(4\pi \frac{\eta}{s}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{30} \nu_{\text{eff}}\right)^{1/3} (e\tau)_0^{2/3}$$

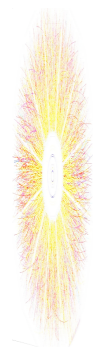


Since overall entropy is approx. conserved during hydro expansion charged particle multiplicity at freeze-out directly determined

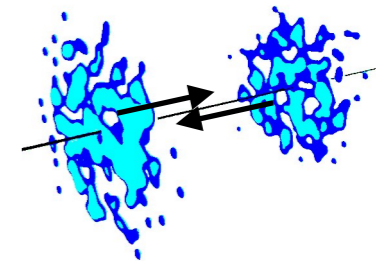
$$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \approx A_{\perp} (s\tau)_{\text{hydro}} \frac{N_{\text{ch}}}{S}$$

Entropy production in HICs

Explicit one-to-one correspondence between initial state energy density and charged particle multiplicity including all relevant pre-factors



$$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \approx \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{N_{\text{ch}}}{S} \right) A_{\perp} C_{\infty}^{3/4} \left(4\pi \frac{\eta}{s} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{30} \nu_{\text{eff}} \right)^{1/3} (\epsilon\tau)_0^{2/3}$$



Sensitivities/Uncertainties:

Equilibrium properties: $N_{\text{ch}}/S \sim 7.5$, $\nu_{\text{eff}} \sim 40$ approximately known

Non-equilibrium/transport properties:

$C_{\infty} \sim 0.95 \pm 0.15$ surprisingly well constraint

$4\pi \eta/s \sim (1-3)$ not well constraint in relevant temperature range ($T \sim 4T_c$)

Initial state energy density:

$(\epsilon\tau)_0$ significant uncertainties from small-x TMDs

and perturbative corrections

Conclusions

Established explicit relation between initial state energy density and charged particle multiplicity based on hydrodynamic attractors describing entropy production during the pre-equilibrium stage

Sensitivity to η/s and $(e\tau)_0$ can be exploited to obtain new constraints on initial state & transport properties

Connect Heavy-Ion Physics to small-x Physics at EIC & Hadron Colliders

Different phenomenological applications in HIC (initial state geometry, pre-equilibrium di-lepton production, ...)

(c.f. talks by J.-F. Paquet, M. Coquet)

