A drop of perfect fluid from heaven

---An encounter in search for matter in extremis



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Bose-Einstein condensate, fermionic condensate, superfluids, supersolids, paramagnetic, ferromagnetic, liquid crystals, ...

Quark-gluon Plasma (QGP)

Symmetries & Anomalies





$$L_{QCD} = \sum_{f=1}^{n_f} \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu} (i\partial^{\mu} - gA_a^{\mu} \frac{\lambda_a}{2} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4} \sum_a F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{a,\mu\nu}$$

- SU(3) gauge symmetry (non-Abelian)
- Chiral symmetry and its spontaneous breaking
- Scale and $U_A(1)$ anomaly
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• Scale invariance (massless quarks)

$$\psi(x) \to \lambda^{3/2} \psi(\lambda x); \ A_{\mu}(x) \to \lambda A_{\mu}(\lambda x)$$

$$J^{\mu}_{scale}(x) = x_{\nu} T^{\mu\nu}(x) \qquad \qquad \partial_{\mu} J^{\mu}_{scale}(x) = T^{\mu}_{\mu}(x) = 0$$

- Quantum interaction \rightarrow renormalization of $g(\Lambda_{QCD})$
 - Break scale invariance \rightarrow scale anomaly

$$T^{\mu}_{\mu} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} F^{\mu\nu}_a F^a_{\mu\nu} \qquad \langle T^{\mu}_{\mu} \rangle = \varepsilon - 3P$$



QCD Phase transition



$$\left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} F^2 \right\rangle = 0.015 \text{ GeV}^4 \qquad \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{a\mu\nu} \right\rangle = 4B$$



Gluon condensate $\varepsilon_0 = B$, $P_0 = -B$ Bag model



 $P_{q+g}(T_c) = P_{\pi}(T_c)$ $T_c \approx 0.72B^{1/4} \ (\mu = 0)$



Phase Transition in Lattice QCD









SU(3) non-Abelian gauge interaction \rightarrow confinement





Chiral Symmetry









Mixing between vector & axial-vector correlators at finite T

$$\Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q) = (1-\epsilon) \Pi_V^{\circ\mu\nu}(q) + \epsilon \Pi_A^{\circ\mu\nu}(q)$$

$$\Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q) = (1-\epsilon) \Pi_A^{\circ\mu\nu}(q) + \epsilon \Pi_V^{\circ\mu\nu}(q)$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{T^2}{6f_\pi^2}$$





QCD Phase Diagram









Relativistic Heavy-ion Collider









STAR Collaboration

China: USTC, Tsinghua, CCNU SINAP, Shandong U., IMP



LHC: the next frontier





Higher temperature, Longer lifetime More abundance of hard probes



China: CCNU, CIAE HUST



Heavy-ion experiments











Animation by Jeffery Mitchell

- Transient Matter:
- Short life-time: t ~ few fm/c ~10⁻²⁵ seconds
- Small size: R~10 fm ~ 10⁻¹⁴ m
- Rapid expansion









Medium Response



$$W_{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle \langle \mathcal{T}\{j^{em}_{\mu}(0)j^{em}_{\nu}(x)\} \rangle \rangle$$

Dynamic System:

- EM emission: Medium response to EM interaction

 γ production, J/ $\!\Psi$ suppression

- Hard probes: Medium response to strong interaction Jet quenching
- •Soft hadrons: Bulk properties of medium, collective behavior



Flow in non-central collisions





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Elliptic Flow





Pressure gradient anisotropy



$$\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\varphi} = N_0 (1 + v_1 \cos \varphi + 2v_2 \cos 2\varphi + \cdots)$$





A perfect fluid?







- Hadron gas at low temperature:
 - Chiral perturbation theory:

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{15}{16\pi} \frac{f_\pi^4}{T^4}$$

Prakash et al

- QGP at high temperature:
 - Perturbative QCD

$$\eta / s \approx \frac{0.022}{\alpha_s^2 \log(1/\alpha_s)}$$

Arnold, Moore,Yaffe

Q. Wang, et al



Kapusta, Csernai & McLerran





Partonic flows







Initial Anisotropy and final correlation



Heavy-ion Collisions





Event-by-event hydro
$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$f(\phi) = N_0 \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos n(\phi - \psi_n) \right]$$







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Jets in heavy-ion collisions



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Jet Quenching & Energy Los



 $D_{h/a}(z_h) \implies \tilde{D}_{h/a}(z,\Delta E)$

$$\left\langle \Delta z_{g} \right\rangle = \int_{0}^{Q^{2}} dl_{T}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} dz \frac{1 + (1 - z)^{2}}{l_{T}^{4}} \frac{C_{A} \alpha_{s}^{2}}{N_{c}} \int dy \rho(y) x_{T} G(x_{T}) \left[1 - \cos(x_{L} p^{+} y) \right]$$

















Initial Density about 30 times of that in a Cold Au Nucleus



Jet quenching at LHC





ATLAS, arXiv:1011.6182; CMS, arXiv: 1102.1957.







$$A_J = \frac{E_{T1} - E_{T2}}{E_{T1} + E_{T2}}$$

何云存, Vitev & 张本威 arXiv: 1105.2566





 $p \cdot \partial f(p) = C(p)$

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Measuring medium excitation





PHOS in ALICE



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Under construction by the institutes from China, Japan, France, Italy and USA





CCNU is responsible for the construction of one super-module







- Heavy-ion collisions can test many properties of QCD
 - Deconfinement phase transition
 - Chiral symmetry restoration
- Current RHIC data indicate formation of strongly interacting QGP with smal viscosity: "perfect fluid"
- Microscopic properties of sQGP
- LHC is another frontier in the search for matter in extremis

Collective evidence for sQGP at RHIC & LHC

Strong jet quenching --- high temperature and density Strong v_2 flow and quark number scaling --- partonic flow Large anisotropy v_n --- not possible due to hadronic interaction













U(1) and $U_A(1)$ Symmetry:

$$U = e^{-i\alpha}, \quad U_A = e^{-i\alpha\gamma_5}$$

(Classically) conserved current:

$$V_0^{\mu} = \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi \qquad A_0^{\mu} = \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5\psi$$

Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking \rightarrow 9th Goldstone boson (η_0)

 A_0^{μ} not a conserved current

 $\partial_{\mu}A_{0}^{\mu} = \frac{2n_{f}}{16\pi}\alpha_{s}F_{\mu\nu}^{a}\tilde{F}_{a}^{\mu\nu}$

U_A(1) is broken in quantum theory: Chiral anomaly

Alder&Jackiw

$$m_{\eta_0}^2 = -i\frac{2n_f}{f_{\pi}^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{16\pi}\right)^2 \int d^4x \left\langle 0 \left| T\left\{ F\tilde{F}(x), F\tilde{F}(0) \right\} \right| 0 \right\rangle_{YM} \right\rangle_{YM}$$

$$\left\langle v^2 \right\rangle_{YM}$$
Topological susceptibility







Chirality of massless quarks:
$$\psi_R = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)\psi$$
 $\psi_L = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma_5)\psi$
Chiral symmetry: $\psi_L \rightarrow e^{-i\bar{\theta}_L \vec{\lambda}} \psi_L$ $\psi_R \rightarrow e^{-i\bar{\theta}_R \vec{\lambda}} \psi_R$
Or alternatively: $U_V = e^{-i\bar{\theta}\vec{\lambda}/2}$, $U_A = e^{-i\gamma_5 \vec{\theta}\vec{\lambda}/2}$
Conserved currents: $V_a^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \frac{\lambda_a}{2}\psi$ $A_a^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 \frac{\lambda_a}{2}\psi$
Spontaneously broken: $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \neq 0$

 $SU(3)_L \otimes SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)$

Goldstone bosons (π, K, η)



Running of $\alpha_{s}(Q)$







• Leading orders in perturbation (Kapusta) $Z = \int d[\phi] \exp\left(\int_{0}^{1/T} d\tau \int d^{3}x L(\phi)\right)$

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{q} + \varepsilon_{\bar{q}} &= 6n_{f} \left[\frac{7\pi^{2}}{120} T^{4} \left(1 - \frac{50}{21\pi} \alpha_{s} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} \mu^{2} T^{2} + \frac{\mu^{4}}{8\pi^{2}} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \alpha_{s} \right) \right] \\ \varepsilon_{g} &= 16 \frac{\pi^{2}}{30} T^{4} \left(1 - \frac{15}{4\pi} \alpha_{s} \right) \end{split}$$

 Failure of simple perturbation: (non-convergenceg g~1) (Arnold & Zhai '94)

$$P = P_0 \left[1 - 0.095g^2 + 0.12g^3 + \left(0.09\ln g - 0.007 - 0.013\ln \frac{\mu}{2\pi T} \right)g^4 + \cdots \right]$$

- Expand contributions from soft modes $k \sim gT$ in terms of g.





Azimuthal anisotropy I







