Particle Polarization and Structure of Vortical Field in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

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Thermodynamic approach to Λ polarization

Relativistic Thermal Vorticity

$$\varpi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\nu \hat{\beta}_\mu - \partial_\mu \hat{\beta}_\nu),$$

where $\hat{\beta}_\mu = \hbar\beta_\mu$ and $\beta_\mu = u_\nu/T$ with $T =$ the local temperature.

ϖ is related to **mean spin vector,** $\Pi^\mu(p)$**, of a spin 1/2 particle** in a relativistic fluid [F. Becattini, et al., Annals Phys. **338**, 32 (2013)]

$$\Pi^\mu(p) = \frac{1}{8m} \frac{\int_\Sigma \mathrm{d}\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda n_F(1-n_F)\, p_\sigma \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu \hat{\beta}_\rho}{\int_\Sigma \Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda\, n_F},$$

n_F = Fermi-Dirac distribution function,
integration over the freeze-out hypersurface Σ.

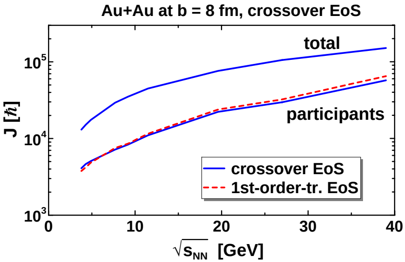
"‘**an educated ansatz for the Wigner function** of the Dirac field"’

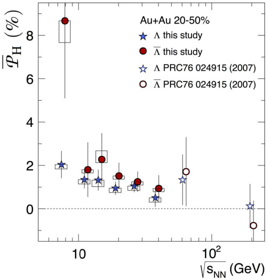
Three-Fluid Dynamics (3FD)

- Is the **3FD*** **model** with the thermodynamic approach for polarization consistent with observed Λ polarization?

  [*] Ivanov, Russkikh and Toneev, PRC **73**, 044904 (2006)

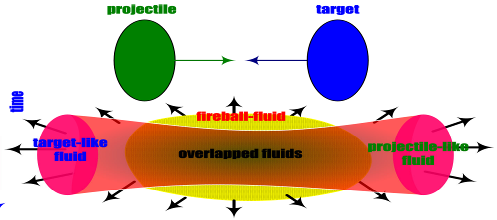
- **Why does the polarization decrease with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ while J increases?**





3FD Equations of Motion

Produced particles
populate mid-rapidity
$\Rightarrow$ fireball fluid



Target-like fluid: $\partial_\mu J_t^\mu = 0$ $\quad$ $\partial_\mu T_t^{\mu\nu} = -F_{tp}^\nu + F_{ft}^\nu$

Leading particles carry bar. charge $\quad$ exchange/emission

Projectile-like fluid: $\partial_\mu J_p^\mu = 0,$ $\quad$ $\partial_\mu T_p^{\mu\nu} = -F_{pt}^\nu + F_{fp}^\nu$

Fireball fluid: $J_f^\mu = 0,$ $\quad$ $\partial_\mu T_f^{\mu\nu} = F_{pt}^\nu + F_{tp}^\nu - F_{fp}^\nu - F_{ft}^\nu$

Baryon-free fluid $\quad$ Source term $\quad$ Exchange

The source term is delayed due to a formation time τ

Total energy-momentum conservation:

$$\partial_\mu (T_p^{\mu\nu} + T_t^{\mu\nu} + T_f^{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

Hydrodymanic densities

Baryon current:

$J^\mu_\alpha = n_\alpha u^\mu_\alpha$

n_α = baryon density of α-fluid

u^μ_α = 4-velocity of α-fluid

Energy-momentum tensor:

$T^{\mu\nu}_\alpha = (\varepsilon_\alpha + P_\alpha) u^\mu_\alpha u^\nu_\alpha - g_{\mu\nu} P_\alpha$

ε_α = energy density

P_α = pressure

+ Equation of state:

$$P = P(n, \varepsilon)$$

Physical Input

- **Equation of State**
  crossover EoS and 1st-order-phase-transition (1PT) EoS
  [Khvorostukhin, Skokov, Redlich, Toneev, (2006)]

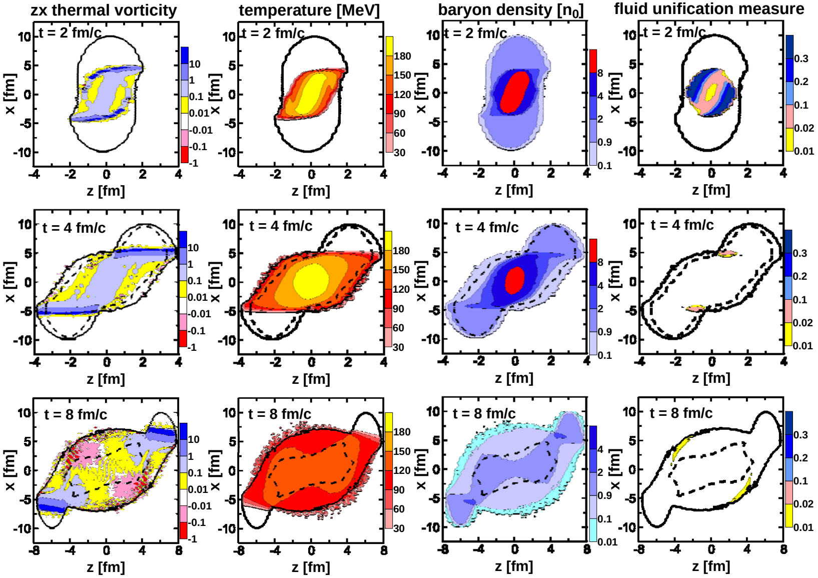
- **Friction**
  calculated in hadronic phase (Satarov, SJNP 1990)
  fitted to reproduce the baryon stopping in QGP phase

- **Freeze-out**
  Freeze-out energy density ε_{frz} = 0.4 GeV/fm^3

All parameters of the 3FD model are exactly the same as in calculations of other (bulk and flow) observables

vorticity in reaction plane at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV

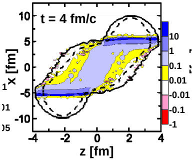
Au+Au ($b = 6$ fm)



fluid unification measure $= 1 - (n_p + n_p)/n_B$ [$= 0$ if p and t fluids are unified]

observations

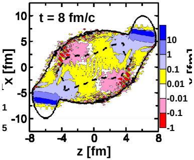
- Vorticity reaches peak values at the participant-spectator border

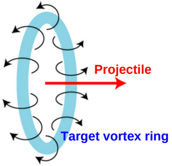


- the vorticity in the participant bulk gradually dissolves in the course of time

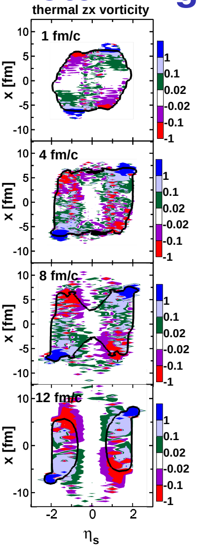
- **Conclusion:** relative polarization of Λ hyperons should be higher in the fragmentation regions than in the midrapidity region

- Ring-like structure in fragmentation regions





Votex rings

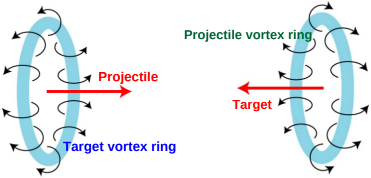


$$\eta_s = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{t+z}{t-z}\right)$$

longitudinal space-time rapidity

Central ($b = 2$ fm) Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39$ GeV

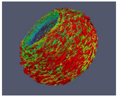
at high energies strong votex rings



[Ivanov, Soldatov, PRC **97**, 044915 (2018)]

are formed even in central collisions

because of transparency of colliding nuclei

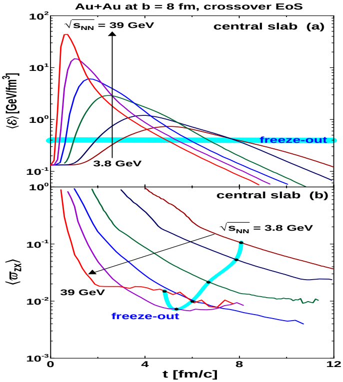
Femto-vortex sheets  at lower energies [Baznat, Gudima, Sorin, Teryaev, PRC 93 (2016) 031902]

Estimation of Polarization

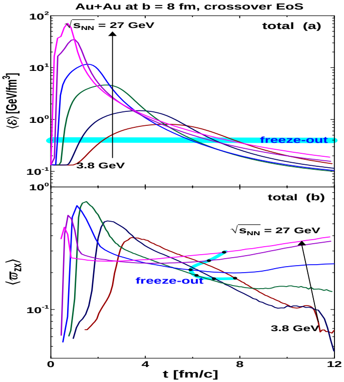
based on mean vorticity $\langle \varpi_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ and isochronous freeze-out. $\langle \varpi_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ averaged over

"midrapidity", i.e. central slab:

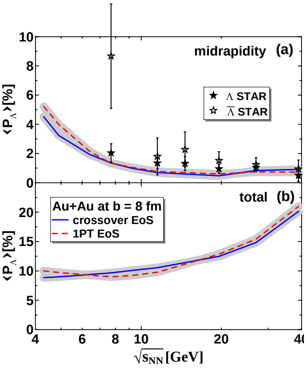
$|x| < R - b/2$, $|y| < R - b/2$, $|z| < R/\gamma_{cm}$



total participant region



Midrapidity and Total Polarization



Estimation of uncertainty:

$\sim$ 20% (for midrapidity)

$\sim$ 30% (for total)

Ivanov, Toneev, Soldatov, PRC **100** (2019)

with the energy, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, rise

- the vorticity is stronger pushed out to the fragmentation regions
- **(a)** therefore, the **midrapidity polarization decreases**
- **(b)** while the **total polarization increases**
- votex rings in fragmentation regions become more pronounced

Summary

- **Global Λ polarization is consistent with our understanding of collision dynamics within 3FD**
- **vorticity is pushed out to fragmentation regions, therefore**
  - **the midrapidity polarization decreases**
  - **while the total polarization increases with energy rise**
- **Prediction:** **the Λ polarization should be stronger at peripheral rapidities** than that in the midrapidity region
- **Prediction:** at high collision energies, **strong vortex rings are formed in fragmentation regions**
- **Prediction:** Midrapidity polarization at NICA/FAIR energies is higher than at BES RHIC