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# Directed flow in heavy-ion collisions from PHSD transport approach

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# **Motivation**



#### Which is the role played by the Kaon potential?

# **Parton Hadron String Dynamics**

Microscopic description of the heavy-ion collision with full time evolution: transition from hadrons to partons; lattice QCD EoS; dynamical hadronization and hadronic rescattering.



**Applicable to describe strongly**interacting liquids as well as gases!



s/T

ε/T

800

600

20

15

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#### Off-shell hadronic collision dynamics and mean fields

High energy inelastic hadron-hadron collisions are described by the FRITIOF string model (including PYTHIA) whereas low energy hadronhadron collisions are modelled based on experimental cross sections.

**QGP** phase by the **Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model** which matches lattice QCD.

Strongly interacting guasi-particles massive quarks and gluons (g, q, q<sub>bar</sub>) with sizeable collisional widths in self-generated mean-field potential.

#### **Talks by Elena Bratkovskaya and Pierre Moreau**

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# **Directed Flow:** <**p**<sub>x</sub> > and **v**<sub>1</sub>

First type of collective motion to be identified among fragments of HIC. It represents the deflection of the produced particles in the reaction plane.

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos\left[n(\varphi - \psi_n)\right]\right)$$
$$v_n = \left\langle\cos n(\varphi - \psi_n)\right\rangle, \quad n = 1, 2, 3...$$

$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_T} \right\rangle$$

Interaction between constituents



Non central collisions!



## **Time Evolution of the Directed Flow**

## **Protons:**

### **Normal flow**

is established in the **early stage** of the collision and marginally distorted during the evolution.

### Mesons: Antiflow

# is sensitive to **rescattering** of hadrons.



N.B.: PHSD as transport approach includes intrinsically a screening of long range interactions. 4

## **Proton flow in Au+Au collisions**

The **proton flow** has an **S-shape**, but is approximately **linear at midrapidity**. The  $\mathbf{P}_{T}$ **cut** deflects the tails of the flow.



## **Pion antiflow in Au+Au collisions**

The **antiflow of pions** presents a **flattening** at midrapidity.

This flattening disappears with increasing **impact parameter**.



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## **Directed Flow: Slope F**



## **Kaon Potentials**





Potentials are density- and momentum-dependent. PHSD explores these potentials in collisions up to  $3\rho_0$ .

## **Directed flow with Kaon Potential**



## Kaon antiflow in Au+Au collisions



## **Kaon Directed Flow slope F**



Fitting procedure:  $v_1(Y) = F Y$  at midrapidity and  $v_1(Y) = F Y + C Y^3$  for |Y| < 1.



# **Summary**

- Directed Flow is established at the early stage of the collisions but the mesons flows are sensitive to rescattering of hadrons.
- Directed Flow is sensitive to P<sub>T</sub> cuts and value of the impact parameter.
- Directed Flow is a probe to study the Kaon Potentials in the medium!

We look forward for low energy-scan!





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### **Back up slides**

# **Directed Flow:** <**p**<sub>x</sub> > and **v1**



#### **Snapshot of the reaction plane** 12 12 PHSD: Au+Au @ 11.5 GeV, b = 6 fm. PHSD: Au+Au @ 11.5 GeV, b = 6 fm 10 10 baryon number density and velocity v baryon number density and velocity $t = 3.0 \, \text{fm/c}$ t = 6.0 fm/c 10 10 5 5 8 8 x [fm] x [fm] 0 6 6 4 -5 -5 = 3 fm/c 2 6 fm/c -10 -10 -10 -5 5 10 0 -10-5 10 0 5 z [fm] z [fm]



 $d < p_x > /dY, dV_1 / dY > 0$  "normal flow"  $d < p_x > /dY, dV_1 / dY < 0$  "antiflow"





## **Parton Hadron String Dynamics I**

### I. From hadrons to QGP:



- string formation in primary NN collisions
- string decay to pre-hadrons (B baryons, m mesons)



Formation of QGP stage by dissolution of pre-hadrons (all new produced secondary hadrons) into massive colored quarks + mean-field energy

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{QGP phase:} \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon} > \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{critical} \end{array}$$

$$B o q \overline{q} q, \ m o q \overline{q} \quad \forall \quad U_q$$

based on the Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM) which defines quark spectral functions, i.e. masses  $M_q(\varepsilon)$  and widths  $\Gamma_q(\varepsilon)$ 

+ mean-field potential  $U_q$  at given  $\varepsilon$  – local energy density



(*ɛ* related by IQCD EoS to *T* - temperature in the local cell)

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## **Parton Hadron String Dynamics II**

### II. Partonic phase - QGP:

**quarks and gluons (= ,dynamical quasiparticles')** with off-shell spectral functions (width, mass) defined by the DQPM

□ in **self-generated mean-field potential** for quarks and gluons U<sub>q</sub>, U<sub>g</sub> from the DQPM

EoS of partonic phase: ,crossover' from lattice QCD (fitted by DQPM)

□ (quasi-) elastic and inelastic parton-parton interactions: using the effective cross sections from the DQPM

• (quasi-) elastic collisions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} q+q \to q+q & g+q \to g+q \\ q+\overline{q} \to q+\overline{q} & g+\overline{q} \to g+\overline{q} \\ \overline{q}+\overline{q} \to \overline{q}+\overline{q} & g+g \to g+g \end{array}$ 

#### inelastic collisions: (Breight-Wigner cross sections)

$$\begin{cases} q + \overline{q} \to g \\ g \to q + \overline{q} \end{cases}$$





## **Parton Hadron String Dynamics III**

### III. <u>Hadronization:</u>

Hadronization: based on DQPM

- massive, off-shell (anti-)quarks with broad spectral functions hadronize to off-shell mesons and baryons or color neutral excited states - ,strings' (strings act as ,doorway states' for hadrons)

$$g \rightarrow q + \overline{q}, \quad q + \overline{q} \leftrightarrow meson \ (' string ')$$
  
 $q + q + q \leftrightarrow baryon \ (' string ')$ 

Local covariant off-shell transition rate for q+qbar fusion
meson formation:

$$\frac{dN^{q+\bar{q}\to m}}{d^4x \ d^4p} = Tr_q Tr_{\bar{q}} \delta^4 (p-p_q-p_{\bar{q}}) \delta^4 \left(\frac{x_q+x_{\bar{q}}}{2}-x\right) \delta(flavor, color)$$
  
  $\cdot N_q(x_q, p_q) N_{\bar{q}}(x_{\bar{q}}, p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot \omega_q \rho_q(p_q) \cdot \omega_{\bar{q}} \rho_{\bar{q}}(p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot |M_{q\bar{q}}|^2 W_m(x_q-x_{\bar{q}}, p_q-p_{\bar{q}})$ 

N<sub>j</sub>(x,p) is the phase-space density of parton j at space-time position x and 4-momentum p
W<sub>m</sub> is the phase-space distribution of the formed ,pre-hadrons' (Gaussian in phase space)
|M<sub>qq</sub>|<sup>2</sup> is the effective quark-antiquark interaction from the DQPM

#### IV. <u>Hadronic phase</u>: hadron-string interactions – off-shell HSD

### **Boltzmann equation -> off-shell transport**

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_1 \cdot \nabla_{\vec{r}} + \frac{\vec{K}}{m} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{v}_1}\right) f_1 = \int d\Omega \int d\vec{v}_2 \,\sigma(\Omega) \left|\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2\right| \left(f_1^{'} f_2^{'} - f_1 f_2\right)$$

#### GENERALIZATION



(First order gradient expansion of the Wigner-transformed Kadanoff-Baym equations)

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{drift term} & \text{Vlasov term} & \text{backflow term} & \text{collision term} = , \text{loss}^{\circ} \text{ term} - , \text{gain}^{\circ} \text{ term} \\ & \diamondsuit \left\{ P^2 & - & M_0^2 & - & Re\Sigma_{XP}^{ret} \right\} \left\{ S_{XP}^{<} \right\} \\ & - & \diamondsuit \left\{ \Sigma_{XP}^{<} \right\} \left\{ ReS_{XP}^{ret} \right\} \\ & = & \frac{i}{2} \left[ \Sigma_{XP}^{>} S_{XP}^{<} - & \Sigma_{XP}^{<} S_{XP}^{>} \right] \\ \end{array}$ 

**Backflow term incorporates the off-shell behavior in the particle propagation** 

 $\Gamma_{XP}$  – width of spectral function = reaction rate of a particle (at phase-space position XP)

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