From T_c to Q_s: Quarks and Gluons at High Temperature and High Density

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a passion for discovery







A year of momentous discoveries



Cosmic microwave background





Exponential mass spectrum



What is the hottest matter?

- The CMB discovery raised the question: What kind of matter filled the universe at its hot beginning?
- Hagedorn's exponential mass spectrum hypothesis implied that matter, in the form of a dense gas of hadron resonances, cannot exceed T_H ≈ 180 MeV.
- In the early 1970s scientists realized that temperatures in this range can be reached in collisions of heavy nuclei. First experiments at LBNL (Bevalac) confirmed this concept in the years 1975–1980.
- The insight that all hadrons are composed of quarks and gluons suggested that T_H may not be the highest possible temperature, but that matter would dissolve into a novel type of plasma containing quarks and gluons (ca. 1978).
- This led to experiments at AGS, SPS, RHIC and LHC and motivated theorists to calculate properties of quarks and gluons at high temperature on the lattice.
- The experiments at RHIC showed (and the LHC confirmed) that matter above $T_c \approx 155$ MeV is composed of unconfined quarks and gluons and flows like an almost inviscid liquid with η /s near the quantum limit $(4\pi)^{-1}$.



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Exploring the Phases of Nuclear Matter

RHIC is ideally suited to explore the Quark-Gluon Plasma and map the QCD matter phase diagram.

RHIC has defined a multi-year program to execute its scientific mission. We just completed Year 3.

Major components of this program are:

- Search for a possible critical point in the QCD phase diagram
- Find unambiguous evidence for the restoration of chiral symmetry
- Discover novel phenomena caused by topological QGP excitations
- Unravel the mechanism behind the near "perfect" fluidity of the QGP discovered at RHIC

In addition, RHIC is the first and only polarized proton collider in the world. It is uniquely positioned to elucidate the dynamics of spin in QCD. RHIC has already discovered that gluons make up part of the spin of the proton.





Standard model of the "Little Bang"



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Hot QCD matter properties & probes

Which properties of hot QCD matter can we hope to determine and how ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Easy} \\ \mathsf{for} \\ \mathsf{LQCD} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} \iff \mathcal{E}, p, s \quad \mathsf{Equation of state: spectra, coll. flow, fluctuations} \\ \eta = \frac{1}{T} \int d^4x \langle T_{xy}(x) T_{xy}(0) \rangle \quad \mathsf{Shear viscosity: anisotropic collective flow} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Very} \\ \mathsf{Hard for} \\ \mathsf{LQCD} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{q} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s C_R}{N_c^2 - 1} \int dy^- \langle U^{\dagger} F^{a+i}(y^-) U F_i^{a+}(0) \rangle \\ \hat{e} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s C_R}{N_c^2 - 1} \int dy^- \langle i U^{\dagger} \partial^- A^{a+}(y^-) U A^{a+}(0) \rangle \\ \hat{e} = \frac{4\pi \alpha_s}{N_c} \int dy^- \langle i U^{\dagger} \partial^- A^{a+}(y^-) U A^{a+}(0) \rangle \\ \kappa = \frac{4\pi \alpha_s}{3N_c} \int d\tau \langle U^{\dagger} F^{a0i}(\tau) t^a U F^{b0i}(0) t^b \rangle \end{array} \right\} \quad \mathsf{Momentum/energy diffusion: parton energy loss, jet fragmentation} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Hard} \\ \mathsf{for} \\ \mathsf{LQCD} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Pi_{em}^{\mu\nu}(k) = \int d^4 x e^{ikx} \langle j^{\mu}(x) j^{\nu}(0) \rangle \quad \mathsf{QGP Radiance: Lepton pairs, photons} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{Easy} \\ \mathsf{for} \\ \mathsf{LQCD} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathfrak{m}_{D} = -\lim_{\mathsf{Isl} \to \infty} \frac{1}{|x|} \ln \langle U^{\dagger} E^a(x) U E^a(0) \rangle \quad \mathsf{Color screening: Quarkonium states} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

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Scientific Methodology

- Cosmology:
 - One universe, but many causally disconnected domains (after inflation)
 - Precision measurements + concordance model simulations
 - Global fits to multiple observables
- Relativistic heavy ion collisions:
 - Many independent events with the same global constraints
 - Precision measurements + concordance model simulations
 - Global fits to multiple observables (just beginning now)
 - Example: E-by-E fluctuations of locally conserved quantitities (Q, B)

Expt.: mean:
$$M_{Q}$$

variance: σ_{Q}^{2}
skewness: S_{Q}
kurtosis: κ_{Q}
 $\int \mathbf{s} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{T}, \mu_{B})$
Lattice gauge theory:
 $\chi_{n}^{X}(\mathbf{T}, \mu_{X}) = \frac{\partial^{n} (\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{T}, \mu_{X})/T^{4})}{\partial (\mu_{X}/T)^{n}}$

Ratios are independent of the (unknown) freeze-out volume



Chemical freeze-out

... from fluctuations of conserved quantum numbers (Q, B):



Consistency of freeze-out parameters from mean hadron abundances and from fluctuations (Q, B) opens the door to search for a critical point in the QCD phase diagram by looking for enhanced critical fluctuations as function of beam energy.



Anisotropic flow





Only matter in the overlap area gets compressed and heated Event-by-event fluctuations of the density introduce all Fourier components

$$2\pi \frac{dN}{d\phi} = N_0 \left(1 + 2\sum_n v_n(p_T, \eta) \cos n \left(\phi - \psi_n(p_T, \eta) \right) \right)$$

anisotropic flow coefficients event plane angle



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Flow analysis today



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Model-data comparison today

Data:



Calibrated posterior distributions:



Yields dN/dy

Flow cumulants v_n{2}

Mean p_T [GeV]

Tiny drops of QGP?



Initial state

Final state



Tiny drops of QGP?



Data-Theory comparison confirms hydrodynamic collective flow

Final state



s-enhancement probes τ_{QGP}

Strangeness enhancement grows with fireball life-time / size and saturates at grand canonical equilibrium in Pb+Pb collisions



The LHC data, soon to be complemented by RHIC data from p+Au, will permit a systematic study of quark chemistry equilibration as function of the life-time and size of the QGP fireball.



Future Science 2017-20s



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Highlights of RHIC runs 2017-23

- Run 2017:
 - High luminosity \sqrt{s} = 510 GeV transverse polarized p+p run (400 pb⁻¹)
 - Study scale evolution of the Sivers effect in W-boson production; possibly confirm sign change of the Sivers effect relative to DIS
- Run 2018:
 - Isobar system (⁹⁶Ru ⁹⁶Zr) comparison run (1.2B events each)
 - Test of signatures of Chiral Magnetic Effect
- Runs 2019-20:
 - Low energy (\sigma_s_N = 7.7, 9.8, 14.5, 19.6 GeV) Au+Au runs using electron cooling to increase luminosity
 - Search for signs of critical phenomena in event-by-event fluctuations
- Runs 2022-23+:
 - Full energy ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV) Au+Au, p+p, p+Au, etc.
 - Precision measurements of fully resolved jets and Upsilon states using the new sPHENIX detector



Transverse polarized p+p collisions

Access the dynamic structure of protons:

- → Test and confirm QCD structure of color spin interactions
 - → Non-universality of transverse momentum dependent functions
 - \rightarrow Sivers_{DIS} = Sivers_{pp}
 - \rightarrow Observable: $A_{\rm N}$ for Drell-Yan and W+/- production



- → Test scale evolution of transverse momentum dependent functions
 - \rightarrow Observable: compare magnitude of A_N for Drell-Yan and W^{+/-}

Scale: DY: Q² ~ 16 GeV² W^{+/-}: Q² ~ 6400 GeV²



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Probing Chiral Symmetry (Run-18)

Current understanding: backgrounds unrelated to the chiral magnetic effect may be able to explain the observed charge separation



Isobar collisions will tell us what fraction of the charge separation is due to CME to within +/- 6% of the observed signal, allowing for a 5 σ measurement if CME is 1/3 of the observed effect.

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Critical behavior?

The moments of the distributions of conserved charges are related to susceptibilities and are sensitive to critical fluctuations



Non-monotonic trend observed in BES-I with limited statistical precision!





Beam Energy Scan II







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LEReC Layout

_ Injection Section

Cooling sections

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Laser



High-rate capable, large acceptance detector built around the former BaBar 1.5T solenoid, with full EM and hadronic calorimetry and precision tracking and vertexing,



Probing scales in the medium



Jets & Upsilon states



Rate enabled measurements

Example: Length dependent jet quenching





RHIC & LHC complementarity



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Beyond RHIC



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2015 NSAC Long Rang Plan

RECOMMENDATION III

We recommend a high-energy, high-luminosity polarized Electron Ion Collider as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB.

The EIC will, for the first time, precisely image gluons in nucleons and nuclei. It will definitively reveal the origin of the nucleon spin and will explore a new Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) frontier of ultra-dense gluon fields, with the potential to discover a new form of gluon matter predicted to be common to all nuclei. This science will be made possible by the EIC's unique capabilities for collisions of polarized electrons with polarized protons, polarized light ions, and heavy nuclei at high luminosity.



Big Questions



Partons at Q² ~ few GeV²



Key physics areas



BNL EIC Design: eRHIC

eRHIC ERL + FFAG ring design @ 10³³–10³⁴/cm²s

~20 GeV e⁻ + 255 GeV p or 100 GeV/u Au.





(Polarized) Ion Source

Primary eRHIC Design Goals



Minimized construction and operational cost of the accelerator

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Summary

- RHIC is planning a unique forefront science program with continued discovery potential as laid out in NSAC LRP:
 - Quantify the transport properties of the QGP *near T_c* using heavy quarks as probes
 - Measure gluon and sea quark contributions to proton spin and explore transverse momentum-spin dynamics of QCD
 - High statistics map of the QCD phase diagram, including search for a possible critical point
 - Probe internal structure of the most liquid QGP using fully reconstructed jets and resolved Upsilon states as probes
- Important machine and detector upgrades underway for BES II (LEReC, iTPC, EPD)
- Major detector upgrade underway (sPHENIX)
- Transition from RHIC to eRHIC in mid-2020s

