

Signals of electrical conductivity

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Electrical conductivity from the hydrodynamic limit

- Assume a plasma under an external electromagnetic perturbation $A = (A^0, \vec{A})$

$$\Delta H(t) = - \int_{\vec{x}} [\delta A_0(t, \vec{x}) + \delta \mu(t, \vec{x})] n(t, \vec{x}) + \delta \vec{A}(t, \vec{x}) \vec{J}(t, \vec{x})$$

$J^\mu = (n, \vec{J})$: charge density, electrical current

μ : chemical potential

- current in first order derivative expansion:

$$\tau u^\mu \partial_\mu J^\alpha + J^\alpha = n u^\alpha + \sigma \Delta^{\alpha\nu} E_\nu - D \Delta^{\alpha\nu} \partial_\nu n \quad (1)$$

$\Delta^{\alpha\beta}$: transverse projector

σ : electrical conductivity

τ : relaxation time

D : diffusion coefficient

- equations of motion for n and \vec{J} given by $\partial^\mu n_\mu = 0$ and (1)

Electrical conductivity from the hydrodynamic limit

- ▶ in the linear response limit:

$$\delta\langle J^\mu(x)\rangle = \int_y G_R^{\mu\nu}(x-y)\delta A_\nu(y)$$

retarded propagator: $G_R^{\mu\nu} = i\theta(x^0 - y^0)\langle[J^\mu(x), J^\nu(y)]\rangle$

- ▶ derive spectral density $\rho = \rho_\mu^\mu = \text{Im } G_{R,\mu}^\mu$

$$\rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\sigma\omega(\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2)}{(\tau\omega^2 - D\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \omega^2} + 2\frac{\sigma\omega}{\tau^2\omega^2 + 1} \quad (2)$$

- ▶ to ensure relativistic causality from (2): $\tau > D$
- ▶ hydrodynamic approach only valid in the limit $\omega, |\mathbf{p}| \lesssim T_C$

- ▶ spectral density

$$\rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\sigma\omega(\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2)}{(\tau\omega^2 - D\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \omega^2} + 2\frac{\sigma\omega}{\tau^2\omega^2 + 1}.$$

- ▶ Kubo relation for electrical conductivity

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \Big|_{\mathbf{p}^2 = \omega^2} = 2\sigma$$

or equivalently

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \Big|_{\mathbf{p}=0} = 3\sigma$$

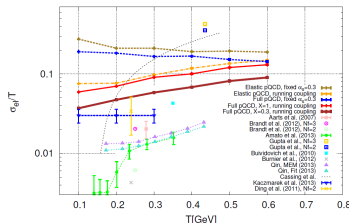
- ▶ Kubo relation for the relaxation time

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial \omega^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{p}=0} = -18\sigma\tau^2$$

Hydrodynamic spectral density

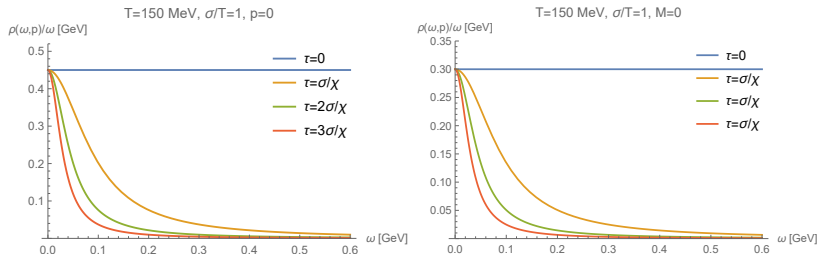
dimensional analysis and previous calculations lead to

- $\sigma = \hat{\sigma} T$, vary $\sigma/T \in (0.001, 2)$ [Greif et al. (2017)]



- $D = \hat{D}/T$ [Banerjee et al. (2011)]
- Einstein relation for the static susceptibility $D\chi = \sigma$, $\chi = \hat{\chi} T^2$
 $\hat{\chi} \approx 0.6$ [HotQCD Collaboration (2012)]
- $\tau = \hat{\tau}/T$ [Heller & Janik (2007)],
assume $\hat{\tau} = 2\hat{D}$ to ensure causality
- conductivity relaxation time τ has to be determined in further calculations

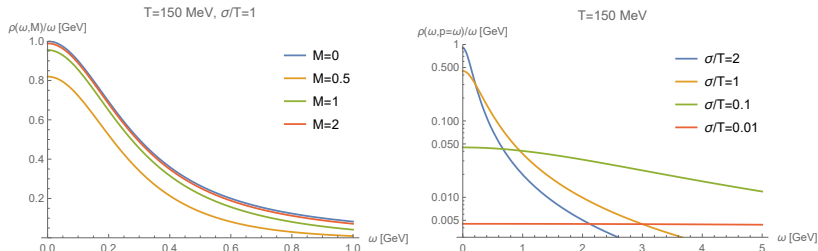
Hydrodynamic spectral density



τ -dependence of the spectral function for the cases $\omega^2 = p^2$ and $p = 0$

- ▶ relaxation time narrows the spectral peak
- ▶ no influence on the value of electrical conductivity

Hydrodynamic spectral density



M -dependence and σ -dependence of the spectral density

- small dependence on invariant mass M
- spectral densities for different conductivities cross

Connection to photon and dilepton production rates

- ▶ Photon production rate $p = (\omega, \vec{p})$

$$\omega \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^3p d^4x} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} n_B(\omega) \rho(\omega, |\vec{p}|)$$

- ▶ dilepton production rate $p = p_1 + p_2$, m : lepton mass

$$\frac{dN_{l+l-}}{d^4p d^4x} = \frac{\alpha}{12\pi^4} \frac{1}{p^2} \rho(\omega, |\vec{p}|) n_B(\omega) \left(1 + \frac{2m^2}{p^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{p^2}} \cdot \theta(p^2 - 2m)$$

n_B : Bose-Einstein-distribution

- ▶ can get information on conductivity from particle spectra

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{p_T \rightarrow 0} \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T} \propto \sigma$$

p_T : transverse momentum in Bjorken coordinates

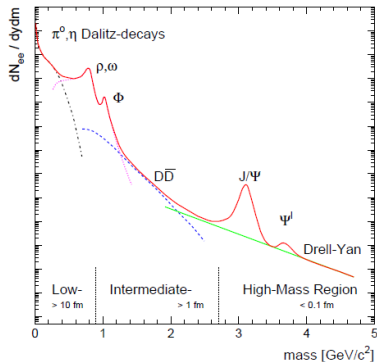
The spectral density

- ▶ analytical calculation of the spectral density $\rho(\omega, M)$ difficult
- ▶ calculation in the high energy limit [Aarts & Martinez Resco (2005)]
- ▶ approach for the limit $p = 0$ [Aarts & Nikolaev (2020)]
- ▶ NLO, LPM resummed calculations from [Ghiglieri et al. (2013)] and [Jackson & Laine 2019]
- ▶ high limit $\omega \gg T_C \gg M$ given by thermal Drell Yan contribution [Carrington et al. (2008)] (NLO and LPM resummed)

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\omega, M) = \alpha N_c \sum_f Q_f^2 m^2 \times & \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4 T^2 \omega^2}{\frac{\pi^2}{4} m^4 + \left[m^2 + \frac{M^4}{2\omega^2} \right]^2} \right) + C_{\text{hard}} \right. \\ & + C_{\text{soft}} + \theta(M^2 - 4m^2) \left[\sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m^2}{M^2}} \left(2 + \frac{M^2}{m^2} \right) \right. \\ & \left. \left. - 2 \ln \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/M^2}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/M^2}} \right) \right] \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$C_{\text{hard}} = 0.584, C_{\text{soft}} = -0.69$$

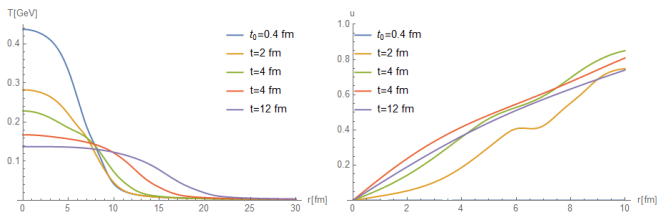
Energy regimes of the spectral functions



- ▶ Drell Yan equation reflects right continuum limit and a spectral peak
- ▶ compare spectra with Drell Yan calculation and hydrodynamic calculation in the following

Simulation of the QGP with FluiduM

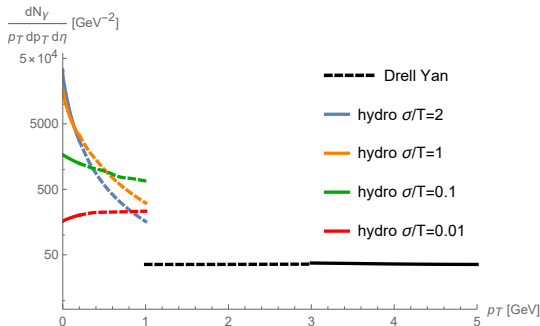
- ▶ simulate QGP using fluid dynamics with mode expansion [Flörchinger et al. 2019]
- ▶ solves fluid evolution equations
- ▶ FluiduM output: temperature $T(r, t)$ and fluid-velocity $u(r, t)$
- ▶ Pb-Pb-collision at $\sqrt{s} = 5\text{ TeV}$, 0-5% centrality



- ▶ integrate particle rates up to freeze-out-surface at $T_{f0} = 140\text{ MeV}$,

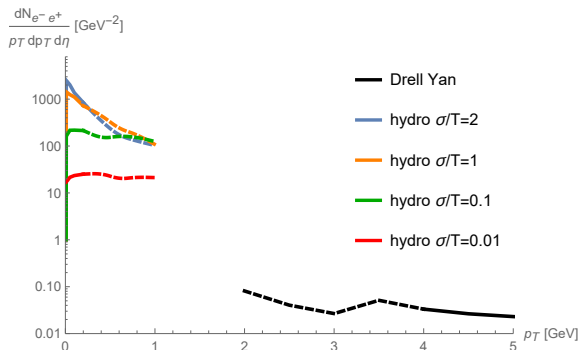
First results photons

- ▶ only thermal contributions in the hydrodynamic regime with electrical conductivity and from the high energy Drell-Yan limit



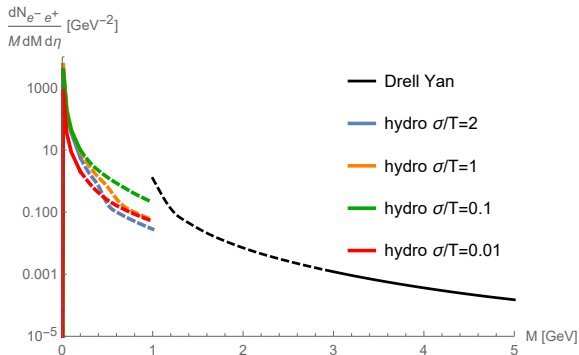
- ▶ curves not valid in the dashed areas
- ▶ hydro calculation valid for $\omega < T_C$, Drell Yan for $\omega \gg T_C \gg M$
- ▶ problem: blue shift in an expanding plasma $\omega = -u^\mu p_\mu$

First results dielectron p_T -spectrum



- curves not valid in the dashed areas, approximately valid in the solid areas

First results dielectron M -spectrum



- curves not valid in the dashed areas, approximately valid in the solid areas
- smaller signs of conductivity in the mass spectrum

Conclusion

- ▶ electrical conductivity can possibly be determined from the low thermal photon or dilepton spectra, at $p_T < 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ need to include calculations in all energy regions of the spectral density
- ▶ more precise information on transport coefficients τ and D
- ▶ no contributions from vector mesons included up to now
- ▶ experimental problem: decay particles could overlap thermal particle spectrum