Dilepton production and off-shell transport dynamics at SIS energies

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Applicability of transport approaches and viscous hydro

The ratio of shear viscosity to entropy density $\eta/s$ defines the applicability of many-body approaches!

Recall: ideal hydro: $\eta/s = 0$

Validity of transport approaches (in 2PI approximation):

a) classically: $\lambda > d$
   mean-free path $\lambda$ must be larger than the average distance $d = \rho^{-1/3}$ of the `degrees of freedom` (hadrons or partons)
   for gluons (e.g. C. Greiner et al.): $\lambda > d = \rho^{-1/3} = \pi^{2/3} / (16^{1/3} T)$
   using $\eta/s = 4/15 T \lambda \rightarrow \eta/s > 0.22$

b) quantum mechanics: $\Gamma < E/2$
   width of quasi-particles $\Gamma$ must be less than about half the quasi-particle energy $E = (p^2+M^2)^{1/2}$
   (Juchem, Cassing, Greiner 2003): average energy $<E> = (M^2+(3T)^2)^{1/2}$
   $\rightarrow$ for $M=0$: $\eta/s > 0.18$ (\(\eta/s\) is even lower for $M>2T$ as in PHSD!)

What do we know about $\eta/s$?

N. Demir, S.A. Bass: PRL 102 (09) 172302

D. Teaney: nucl-th / 0905.2433

In hadronic phase: $\eta/s > 0.5$

$\rightarrow$ transport is valid!

in partonic phase: $\eta/s < 0.3$

... What the experiment tells us about $\eta/s$ at RHIC?

D. Teaney: dissipative (viscous) hydro works for $\eta/s < 0.3$!
The off-shell transport - with parton-hadron degrees of freedom – is valid at least up to RHIC energies!
'History' of dilepton cocktails


[Similar to : C.M. Ko et al., NPA 512 (1990) 772]

BUU:
• first calculation of dilepton production in heavy-ion collisions within a transport model
• implementation of the basic dilepton channels
• time integration (‘shining’) method
• discussion of in-medium effects

HSD :
• ... +
• off-shell transport dynamics
• dynamical treatment of resonances with broad spectral functions
• in-medium effects (dropping mass, collisional broadening)

All particles decaying to dileptons are first produced in BB, mB or mm collisions

\[
\begin{align*}
BB & \rightarrow RX \\
mB & \rightarrow RX \\
R & \rightarrow e^+e^-X \\
R & \rightarrow mX, \ m \rightarrow e^+e^-X \\
R & \rightarrow R'X, \ R' \rightarrow e^+e^-X
\end{align*}
\]

**Factorization** of diagrams in the transport approach:

The dilepton spectra are calculated perturbatively with the time integration method.
**Zoom: Dilepton channels**

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**NN, πN bremsstrahlung** = *background* radiation - hard to control by exp. data!

⇒ **reliable theoretical model for NN and πN bremsstrahlung is needed!**
NN and πN bremsstrahlung - SPA

Soft-Photon-Approximation (SPA):
\[ NN \rightarrow N N \ e^+e^- \] (or \[ \pi N \rightarrow \pi N \ e^+e^- \])

\[ \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^- \]

Phase-space corrected soft-photon cross section:
\[
\frac{d\sigma}{dyd^2qTdM} = \frac{\alpha^2}{6\pi^2} \frac{\bar{\sigma}(s)}{Mq_0^2} R_2(s_2)
\]

\[ R_2(s) = \sqrt{1 - (m_1 + m_2)^2/s} \]

\[ s_2 = s + M^2 - 2q_0\sqrt{s} \]

\[ \bar{\sigma}(s) = \frac{s - (m_1 + m_2)^2}{2m_1^2} \]

SPA implementation in HSD:
e\^+e\^- production in elastic NN (πN) collisions with probability:

\[ \frac{dP(s, M, \tilde{q})}{dMd\tilde{q}} = \frac{d\sigma(s, M, \tilde{q})}{dMd\tilde{q}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{elast}}^{\text{NN}(\pi N)}} \]

(as in Gy. Wolf et al., NPA517 (1990) 615)
Bremsstrahlung – a new view on an 'old' story

New OBE-model (Kaptari&Kämpfer, NPA 764 (2006) 338):
• pn bremsstrahlung is larger by a factor of 4 than it has been calculated before (and used in transport calculations before)!
• pp bremsstrahlung is smaller than pn, however, not zero; consistent with the 1996 calculations from F. de Jong in a T-matrix approach

2007 'DLS puzzle' : Experimentally: HADES = DLS !
Theory: the DLS puzzle is solved by accounting for a larger pn bremsstrahlung !
bremsstrahlung and Δ-Dalitz are the dominant contributions in A+A for 0.15 < M < 0.55 GeV at 1 A GeV!

E.B., Cassing, NPA807 (2008) 214
HADES data show exponentially decreasing mass spectra
Data are better described by in-medium scenarios with collisional broadening
In-medium effects are more pronounced for heavy systems such as Au+Au

E.B., Cassing, NPA807 (2008) 214
HSD: Dileptons from Ar+KCl at 1.75 A GeV - HADES

- preliminary HADES data show a peak structure at $M \sim 0.78$ GeV
- HSD overestimates yield at $M \sim 0.5$-0.8 GeV for the in-medium as well as for free scenarios
  ➞ no medium effects observed ?!  NO !!!
  ➞ Indication that the $\rho$-meson production cross section from NN closer to threshold is overestimated in HSD 😞

- In-medium effects are more pronounced for heavy systems such as Ar+KCl
- The peak at $M \sim 0.78$ GeV relates to $\omega / \rho$ mesons decaying in vacuum
From A+A to N+N reactions and backward

- Does ∆ Dalitz and NN Bremsstrahlung explain the excess?

- Control on vector meson production cross sections at threshold!

→ verification in NN collisions is needed
HSD: Dileptons from p+p and p+d - DLS

- bremsstrahlung is one of the dominant contributions in p+d for 0.15 < M < 0.55 GeV at ~1-1.5 A GeV
pp, pn (pd) reactions

- **DLS data** (low statistics and mass resolution) do not allow for definite conclusions

- **new (good quality) HADES data on pp, pn (pd) reactions** for different energies provide an independant check for the elementary channels involved in A+A
**pp @ 1.25GeV : new HADES data**

- **Δ-Dalitz decay is the dominant channel (HSD consistent with PLUTO)**
- **HSD predictions: good description of new HADES data for p+p!**

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Quasi-free pn (pd) reaction: HADES data @ 1.25 GeV

HSD predictions underestimate the HADES p+n (quasi-free) data at 1.25 GeV:

1) 0.2<M<0.55 GeV:

- η-Dalitz decay is by a factor of ~10 is larger in PLUTO than in HSD since the channels \( d + p \rightarrow p_{\text{spec}} + d + \eta \) (‘quasi-free’ η-production - dominant at 1.25 GeV!)
  and \( p + n \rightarrow d + \eta \) were NOT taken into account before!

Note: these channels have NO impact for heavy-ion reactions and even for p+d results at higher energies!

*In HSD: \( p+d = p + (p&n) \)-with Fermi motion according to the Paris deuteron wave function
Quasi-free pn (pd) @ 1.25 GeV: $\eta$-channel

Add the following channels:

1) $p + n \rightarrow d + \eta$

2) $d + p \rightarrow p_{\text{spec}} + d + \eta$

Now HSD agrees with PLUTO on the $\eta$-Dalitz decay!
Quasi-free \(pn\) (pd) @ 1.25 GeV: N(1520) ?!

2) \(M > 0.45\) GeV:
HSD very(!) preliminary result for p+d @ 1.25 GeV
shows that the missing yield might be only PARTLY (!)
attributed to subthreshold \(p\)--production via N(1520)
excitation and decay

Model for N(1520): according to Peters et al., NPA632 (1998) 109

Similar to our NPA686 (2001) 568
Transport models give reliable results for A+A ONLY with reliable initial input, i.e. if the elementary reactions are under control

=> REQUESTS:

cross sections for elementary channels:

baryon-baryon ➔ p+p, p+A reactions

meson-baryon ➔ π+p, π+A reactions

meson-meson (for higher energies)

Warnings:

• isospin dependence of cross sections is important, too!

• additional complication due to coherence effects in p+d reactions!

Similar ‘problems’ with π+d reactions!
Summary II: physics key issues

A+A, p+A, π+A reactions:

• in-medium effects - collisional broadening and dropping
mass of the vector mesons (ρ,ω,φ)

• study of the mesonic and baryonic resonance dynamics

p+p(n), π+p(n) reactions:

• control on different elementary channels

• study of the baryon resonance dynamics near threshold

• quantum interference of ρ⁰ and ω-mesons at low energies (?)
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