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Novel Quantum Phenomena in the Subatomic Swirls





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The Subatomic Swirls



Time of flight TPC Beamline Beamline Beamline Beamline

An exciting discovery from STAR Collaboration at RHIC: The most vortical fluid!

LETTER

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Global Λ hyperon polarization in nuclear collisions

The STAR Collaboration*

Introduction

Nuclear Physics: Exploring the Heart of Matter

The physical world has a hierarchy of structures.



Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

The fundamental theory of strong nuclear force: QCD, a non-Abelian gauge theory of quarks and gluons



Asymptotic Freedom: coupling becomes large at low energy or long distance scale. $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 \text{MeV} \qquad R \sim 1 \text{ fm}$

QCD Confinement: "The Missing Particles"

Free Quark Searches

from Particle Data Group

All searches since 1977 have had negative results.

This null result is by itself a remarkable FACT of Nature.

Confinement problem: Biggest challenge withinStandard Model!

> Mathematics: one of the seven Millennium Problems!



QCD dipole field

QCD vacuum as "dual superconductor" with dual Meissner effect? Color-magnetic topological condensate?

Chiral Symmetry: Spontaneous Breaking

I GAP

Dirac

Sea

 $m_{\pi} \approx 140 MeV, \ m_n \approx 940 MeV$



λ

 $\Omega (\sqrt{\sqrt{2}})$

$$M' = m - 2G \langle \psi \psi \rangle$$

Constituent
mass
Lagrangian
(SM) mass
Vacuum
condensate
It accounts for 99% of
the mass of our visible
matter in universe.

QCD as Topological Material



$$Q_w = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x \left(g G^{\mu\nu}_a\right) \cdot \left(g \tilde{G}^a_{\mu\nu}\right)$$

Instantons

Emergent Phenomena in QCD

F. Wilczek @ QM2014



The study of the strong interactions is now a mature subject - we have a theory of the fundamentals* (QCD) that is correct* and complete*.

In that sense, it is akin to atomic physics, condensed matter physics, or chemistry. The important questions involve emergent phenomena and "applications".

It embodies many deep aspects of relativistic quantum field theory (confinement, asymptotic freedom, anomalies/instantons, spontaneous symmetry breaking ...)

NP as Quantum Chromo Material Science



This talk will focus on the "hot frontier".

Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP): A Subatomic Quantum Fluid

QCD in Hot Environment





The "super" side is hard, and let's attack the lambda point from the "right side", when the system is just about to condense!

Why don't we do the same for QCD?! QCD at extreme temperatures: At high enough T >> Lambda_QCD A transition to a quark-gluon plasma (QGP) ! [mid ~ late 1970's]

QGP:A New Phase of Matter



More precisely, Hadron Resonance Gas

* Two benchmarks at low/high T
* A transition regime in the middle
* Crossover (instead of a phase transition)

QGP:A New Phase of Matter The liberated quarks & gluons The restored chiral symmetry



The high T phase of QCD matter (a few hundred MeV & up) is a distinctive new phase, the quark-gluon plasma (QGP).

Little Bangs in Heavy Ion Collisions (HIC)



An artistic presentation: "nuclei as heavy as bulls, colliding into new phase of matter"



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

Large Hadron Collider



The Setup of Heavy Ion Collision



perfect fluid

Gas

Singularity

Condensates







QGP is hot stuff: about trillion degrees ! Official Guinness World Record: the highest man-made temperature!

QGP: An Old Phase of Matter

The highest ever temperature was in the beginning of universe. The QGP temperature was available back then.



The quark-gluon plasm is an old phase of matter!

Anisotropic Explosion: Elliptic Flow





 $dP_+ d\phi$

dP₊

relativistic hydrodynamics @ 1~ 10 fm scale.

This response is very sensitive to fluid dissipation

 $1 \le 4\pi (\eta/s)_{\rm QGP} \le 2.5$

QGP: Nearly Perfect Quantum Liquid $\eta \sim \rho \mathbf{v}_{T} \lambda \sim n \mathbf{p}_{T} \lambda$ $\eta \sim \rho \mathbf{v}_{T} \lambda \sim n \mathbf{p}_{T} \lambda$ $s \sim n$ $\eta/s \sim p_{T} \lambda \sim \lambda/\lambda_{dB}$



QGP is a quantum fluid:

 $\lambda_{\text{M.F.P.}} \sim \lambda_{\text{de Broglie}}$

[A recent ravel: cold atomic gas with infinite scattering length]

It has nearly perfect fluidity: less dissipative than known substance; very close to conjectured lower bound.

Vorticity & Magnetic Field

Fascinating New Frontiers



Rotating Quark-Gluon Plasma



$$L_y = \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^{4\sim 5}\hbar$$



QGP's way of accommodating this angular momentum \hat{x}

Quantifying Fluid Rotation



$$\vec{v}$$

 $\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \vec{v}$
 \vec{v}
 \vec



Heavy ion collisions: $v \sim 0.1 c$ $\partial \sim \text{fm}^{-1}$ $\omega \sim 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Rotating Quark-Gluon Plasma



The averaged vorticity strongly increases toward low beam energy!

Jiang, Lin, JL, PRC2016; Deng & Huang, PRC2016; Xia, Li, Wang, et al, PRC; Shi, Li, JL, PLB2018; ...

Strong Electromagnetic Fields



The angular momentum together with large (+Ze) nuclear charge —> strong magnetic field!

Strong Electromagnetic Fields Out-of-plane Y в $E,B\sim \gamma \frac{Z\alpha_{EM}}{R_{\ \ }^{2}}\sim 3m_{\pi}^{2}$ I-plane х In-plane B field Common Strongest Compact Magnet Steady B-field Astro-objects at RHIC Earth

100

0.6

10^5

Strongest B field (and strong E field as well) naturally arises! [Kharzeev,McLerran,Warringa;Skokov,et al; Bzdak-Skokov;
Deng-Huang; Skokov-McLerran;Tuchin; ...]
"Out-of-plane" orientation (approximately) [Bloczynski-Huang-Zhang-Liao]

10^13-15

10^17

Strong Electromagnetic Fields



Quantitative simulations confirm the existence of such extreme fields!

[STAR measurements of dielectron directly from such fields, PRL2018]

Spin & Rotational Polarization

Spin-Fluid Coupling

How does a many-body system cope with a sizable angular momentum?

Orbital motion (vorticity); Spin alignment (polarization).



Spin & Rotational Polarization

Dirac Lagrangian in rotating frame:

Under slow rotation:

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi^{\dagger} \left[i\partial_0 + i\gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\partial} + (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{x}) \cdot (-i\vec{\partial}) + \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{S}_{4 \times 4} \right] \psi$$

$$\hat{H} = \gamma^{0}(\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} + m) - \vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{x} \times \vec{p} + \vec{S}_{4 \times 4}) = \hat{H}_{0} - (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{\vec{J}})$$

Rotational

polarization effect!

Rotational Polarization $\hat{H} = \gamma^{0}(\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} + m) - \vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{x} \times \vec{p} + \vec{S}_{4 \times 4}) = \hat{H}_{0} - \vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{\vec{J}}$ Rotational

polarization effect!



For thermally produced particles: "equal-partition" of angular momentum

$$dN \propto e^{\frac{\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{J}}{T}}$$

From Vorticity to Spin Polarization

"Spin hydrodynamic generation" Takahashi, *et al*. Nat. Phys. (2016)

> Viscous fluid flow -> vorticity -> spin polarization

"Fluid Spintronics"



Fluid Spintronics in the Subatomic Swirls



STAR Collaboration, Nature 2017

Fluid Spintronics in the Subatomic Swirls



The most vortical fluid!

STAR Collaboration, Nature 2017



Rotational Suppression of Fermion Pairing

Let us consider pairing phenomenon in fermion systems. There are many examples:

superconductivity, superfluidity, chiral condensate, diquark, ...

We consider scalar pairing state, with J=0.

$$\vec{S} = \vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 \qquad \vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

Rotation tends to polarize ALL angular momentum, both L and S, thus suppressing scalar pairing.



[Yin Jiang, JL, PRL2016] [Rotational Inhabitation: Chen, Fukushima, Huang, Mameda, PRD2016] Chiral Magnetic Effect in the Subatomic Chiral Matter

Exciting Progress: See Recent Reviews



Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 88, 1 (2016)[arXiv:1511.04050 [hep-ph]].

J. Liao, Pramana 84, no. 5, 901 (2015) [arXiv:1401.2500 [hep-ph]].

X.G. Huang, ROPP2016; Hattori, Huang, 2017.

Chiral Anomaly

Chiral anomaly is a fundamental aspect of QFT with chiral fermions.

Classical symmetry:

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= i ar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi \ \mathcal{L} & o i ar{\Psi}_L \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_L + i ar{\Psi}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_R \ \Lambda_A &: \Psi o e^{i \gamma_5 heta} \Psi \ \partial_\mu J_5^\mu &= 0 \end{aligned}$$





Broken at QM level:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\mu}J_{5}^{\mu} &= C_{A}\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B} \\ \frac{dQ_{5}}{dt} &= \int_{\vec{x}}C_{A}\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B} \end{aligned}$$

* C_A is universal anomaly coefficient* Anomaly is intrinsically QUANTUM effect

[e.g. pi0—> 2 gamma]

Chiral Restoration in QGP

* Spontaneously broken chiral symmetry in the vacuum is a fundamental property of QCD.



* A chirally symmetric quark-gluon plasma at high temperature is also a fundamental property of QCD!

Can we see direct experimental evidence for that?

Chiral Restoration via Chiral Anomaly



Look for pure quantum anomaly effect in hot QGP with chiral symmetry restoration!

The Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME)



Intuitive Picture of CME



Intuitive understanding of CME:

Magnetic polarization —> correlation between micro. SPIN & EXTERNAL FORCE



Chiral imbalance —> correlation between directions of SPIN & MOMENTUM



Transport current along magnetic field

 $\vec{J} = \frac{Q^2}{2-2} \,\mu_5 \,\vec{B}$

From Micro. Laws To Macro. Phenomena



WHAT ABOU the "SEMI"-SYMMETRY??? i..e ANOMALY?! — classical symmetry that is broken in quantum theory

CME = Macroscopic Chiral Anomaly

Anomaly -->
$$\partial^{\mu} j_{\mu}^{5} = \frac{q^{2}}{2\pi^{2}} E \cdot B$$
 $\frac{dN_{5}}{dtd^{3}x} = \frac{q^{2}}{2\pi^{2}} E \cdot B$

Chirality -->
$$\int d^3x j_{el} \cdot E = \mu_5 \frac{dN_5}{dt} = \frac{q^- \mu_5}{2\pi^2} \int d^3x \mathbf{B} \cdot E$$

$$E \to 0$$
 $j_{el} = (q^2 \mu_5 / 2\pi^2) B$

* This is a non-dissipative current!

* Indeed the chiral magnetic conductivity is P-odd but T-even! (In contrast the Ohmic conductivity is T-odd and dissipative.)

CME is a quantum/anomalous transport current as macroscopic manifestation of microscopic quantum anomaly.

Fluid Dynamics That Knows Left & Right



Microscopic quantum anomaly emerges as macroscopic anomalous hydrodynamic currents!

It would be remarkable to actually "see" this new hydrodynamics at work in real world materials!

Looking for CME in Heavy Ion Collisions



(nearly) chiral quarks
 chirality imbalance
 strong magnetic field

From Gluon Topology to Quark Chirality



$$N_5(t \to +\infty) - N_5(t \to -\infty) = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \int dt d^3 \mathbf{r} \, G_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$$

QCD anomaly: gluon topology —> chirality imbalance

$$N_R - N_L = N_5 = 2Q_w$$

From CME Current to Charge Separation



[Kharzeev 2004; Kharzeev, McLerran, Warringa, 2008;...]

$$\frac{dN_{\pm}}{d\phi} \propto \dots + a_{\pm} \sin(\phi - \Psi_{RP})$$

$$< a_{\pm} > \sim \pm < \mu_5 > B$$

Very difficult measurement:

- * Zero average, only nonzero variance;
- * Correlation measurement with significant backgrounds;
- * Signal likely small

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Anomalous chiral transport in heavy ion collisions from Anomalous-Viscous Fluid Dynamics



PHYSICS

Badly needed: Quantitative predictions for CME signal in heavy ion collisions!

Shuzhe Shi ^{a,}*, Yin Jiang ^{b,c}, Elias Lilleskov ^{d,a}, Jinfeng Liao ^{a,e,*}

arXiv:1711.02496

Anomalous Viscous Fluid Dynamics (AVFD)



AVFD: Anomalous-Viscous Fluid Dynamics

The AVFD Framework



We now have a versatile tool to quantitatively understand and answer many important questions about CME in heavy ion collisions!





The AVFD Framework



[[]We now also have MUSIC-AVFD!]





The Charge Separation from AVFD



B field $\otimes \mu_5 \Rightarrow \text{current} \Rightarrow \text{dipole} (\text{charge separation})$ dN_±/d $\phi \propto 1 + 2 \frac{a_{1\pm}}{a_{1\pm}} \sin(\phi - \psi_{\text{RP}}) + ...$

AVFD Predictions v.s Experimental Data



Shi, Jiang, JL, et al: arXiv:1611.04586 [CPC]; arXiv:1711.02496 [Annals of Physics]

Chiral Magnetic Wave (CMW) CMW: gapless collective excitation in chiral fluid -> charge quadrupole of QGP -> elliptic flow splitting

[Burnier, Kharzeev, JL, Yee, PRL2011; & arXiv: 1208.2537]



There Are Electric Fields Too!

Chiral matter in strong electric field: Chiral Electric Separation Effect (CESE)

[Huang, JL, PRL2013; Jiang, Huang, Liao, PRD2014]

$$j_A = \chi_e \mu_V \mu_A E,$$





$$\sigma_e = \chi_e \mu_V \mu_A$$

QED plasma

$$\sigma_e \approx \frac{T}{e^4 ln(1/e)} \left(20.5 \, \frac{\mu_V \mu_A}{T^2}\right)$$

QCD plasma

$$\sigma_e \approx \frac{N_c N_f T}{g^4 ln(1/g)} \left(4.83 \, \frac{\mu_V \mu_A}{T^2} \right)$$

Summary & Outlook

Summary: the Subatomic Swirls

Quark-Gluon Plasma: A Subatomic Chiral Fluid



Centrality