Diffusion matrix related to charmed state and a new probe for QCD critical point



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Introduction



Under high temperature and high baryon density, a deconfined medium of thermalized quarks and gluons is predicted. It is termed as **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

Source: Quark Matter 2018, <u>http://scienzapertutti.infn.it</u>, Quark Gluon Plasma, <u>http://hep.itp.tuwien.ac.at/~ipp/qgp.html</u>,

Producing Quark-Gluon Plasma in laboratory



Sketch of relativistic heavy-ion collisions, Chun Shen, Ohio State University

Motivation

- > To understand the medium formed in an ultra-relativistic heavy ion collision
- Heavy quarks as probe
 - Formed initially in the system
 - Mass >> Temperature of the medium
- Brownian Motion:
 - > Charm quarks are much heavier than the constituent of the QGP medium, i.e. u, d, and s quarks
 - D Meson are relatively heavier than the major constituent of the hadronic medium, i.e. pion, kaon, and proton
- Can give us information about the medium through its study of the diffusion of heavy quarks and heavy-flavor hadrons
- > This information can't be observed directly in experiments
- > However, in principle this should affect experimental observables such as, elliptic flow (v_2) and nuclear modification factor (R_{AA})



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Source: Brownian motion, Wikipedia



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van der Waals Hadron Resonance Gas Model (VDWHRG)

- Ideal HRG is a non-interacting statistical model consisting of hadrons and resonances
- The VDWHRG model introduces attractive and repulsive forces between the hadron species, using two parameters, "a" and "b"
 - The interactive parameters are determined by fitting the thermodynamical

quantities to lattice QCD calculation







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Interaction between baryons, anti-baryons, and mesons are incorporated by introducing two parameters, a and b. Modifying its equation of state as,

$$\left(P + \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^2 a\right)(V - Nb) = NT$$

The pressure of the system can be expressed as,

$$P(T,\mu) = P^{id}(T,\mu^*) - an^2(T,\mu)$$

Number density and modified chemical potential are given as,

$$n(T,\mu) = \frac{\sum_{i} n_{i}^{id}(T,\mu^{*})}{1 + b\sum_{i} n_{i}^{id}(T,\mu^{*})} \qquad \qquad \mu^{*} = \mu - bP(T,\mu) - abn^{2}(T,\mu) + 2an(T,\mu)$$

 $> P^{id}$ and n^{id} are pressure and number density in ideal HRG model.

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Results: as a function of center-of-mass energy



- We study the diffusion matrix coefficient related to all the conserved charges: baryon, electric charge, strange and charm, as a function of center-of-mass energies
- > We observe that, $\kappa_{CC} \ll \kappa_{BB}$, specifically at lower center of mass energy
 - The charm hadrons are relatively less diffused as compared to baryons



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- We expand the 3X3 diffusion matrix to a 4X4 matrix by considering the contribution coming from charm sector
- > We assume attractive and repulsive interactions among the hadrons
- We estimate the diagonal component of the diffusion coefficient as a function of center-ofmass energy
- A very small diffusion of the charm sector hints towards that they might be an effective probe to study the QCD critical point





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