Heavy Quarks and the Bulk Quark Gluon Plasma

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Motivation and Recap

Observation:



There is a large momentum anisotropy:

$$v_2 \equiv \frac{\left\langle p_x^2 - p_y^2 \right\rangle}{\left\langle p_x^2 + p_y^2 \right\rangle} \approx 20\%$$

Interpretation

 $\bullet\,$ The medium responds as a fluid to differences in X and Y pressure gradients

Hydrodynamics:



• For hydrodynamics need:



• How to define ℓ_{mfp} ?

$$\ell_{\rm mfp} \sim \frac{\eta}{e+p} \qquad e+p = sT$$

Condition:



Need $\eta/s \lesssim 0.3$ to have hydro at RHIC

What does $\eta/s < 0.4$ mean theoretically?

• Perturbation theory:

(Baym and Pethick. Arnold, Moore, Yaffe)

- Kinetic theory of quarks and gluons + soft gauge fields + collinear emission





(Kovtun, Son, Starinets, Policastro)

- No quasi-particles.

 $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \implies \text{Conjectured Lower Bound}$

The experimental results are within a factor of a few of the KSS bound

Check with other measurements!

Energy Loss of Fast Partons – Cartoon



• Power law initial spectrum:

$$\frac{dN}{dp_T} \propto \left(\frac{1}{p_T}\right)^{10}$$

• Exponential equilib. spectrum:

$$\frac{dN}{dp_T} \propto e^{-\frac{p_T}{T}}$$

The initial spectrum will lose energy and approach the equilibrium spectrum

Tells something about density and interaction rates

Data on $\pi^0 p_T$ spectrum

$$R_{AA} \equiv \frac{\left(\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T}\right)_{\text{In AuAu}}}{N_{\text{coll}} \left(\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T}\right)_{\text{In pp}}}$$



Will the charm quark thermalize?

• In collaboration with Guy Moore



- The collision only scarcely changes the direction of the charm quark
- The charm quark undergoes a random walk suffering many collisions provided $\ell_{m.f.p} \ll L$





• For equilibration we need:

$$(\Delta \Theta)^2 \sim 1$$
 or $N_{\rm kick} \sim {M \over T}$

• Thus for charm equilibration we have:

$$au_R^{
m charm} \sim rac{M}{T} au_R^{
m light} \ \sim rac{M}{T} rac{\eta}{e+p}$$

It takes a longer time to equilibrate charm.

If you think you know η you should be able to compute the charm spectrum.

The goal of this lecture!



Heavy Quark Production in pp – (not really my business)

- Input heavy quarks from M. Cacciari, P. Nason, R. Vogt
- Quick review here based on talks by Matteo Cacciari
- Nothing to it right?



A lot more to it actually:



• A NLO calcuation gives the init. condits for the charm structure function



Starts to be dominant around RHIC energies

Fragmentation



• The D is born with a fraction of the quark momentum:

 $\frac{1}{\sigma}\frac{d\sigma}{dx} = D(x)$

• A NLO calcuation a heavy quark fragmentation function







These fragmentation functions are very well known.

Finally decay into an electron: $D \to K^* e \nu$

• The electron produces ringed light in the RICH





Measure the Cerenkov Ring w. Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector

Measured electrons and comparison with FONLL



(a) p+p data [31]

Heavy Quarks



The heavy quarks will either relax to the thermal spectrum and show the same v_2 as all thermal particles or not depending on the typical relaxation times.

Langevin description of heavy quark thermalization:

• Write down an equation of motion for the heavy quarks.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{p}{M}$$
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\underbrace{\eta_D p}_{\text{Drag}} + \underbrace{\xi(t)}_{\text{Random Force}}$$

• The drag and the random force are related

$$\langle \xi_i(t)\xi_j(t')\rangle = \frac{\kappa}{3}\delta_{ij}\,\delta(t-t')\qquad \eta_D = \frac{\kappa}{2MT}$$

 $\kappa =$ Mean Squared Momentum Transfer per Time

• Einstein related the diffusion coefficient to the mean squared momentum transfer

$$D = 2T^2/\kappa$$

All parameters are related to the heavy quark diffusion coefficient or κ

Computing κ in the perturbative QGP:

• κ is the mean squared momentum transfer per unit time:



- Radiation of the heavy quark line is suppressed by the velocity: $v^2 \sim rac{T}{M}$
- See also Sevitsky, Braaten and Thoma

We did it

$$\kappa \sim T^3 \lambda^2 \log\left(\frac{T}{m_D}\right) \qquad \lambda = g^2 N$$

Perturbative estimate of the diffusion coefficient

$$D = \frac{2T^2}{\kappa} = \frac{36\pi}{C_F g^4 T} \left[N_c \left(\ln \frac{2T}{m_D} + \frac{1}{2} - \gamma_E + \frac{\zeta'(2)}{\zeta(2)} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

• Expectations:

$$\tau_R = \frac{1}{\eta_D} = \frac{M}{T} D \sim \frac{M}{T} \frac{\eta}{e+P} \qquad \text{So} \qquad D \sim \frac{\eta}{e+P}$$



$$D \sim 6 \frac{\eta}{e+P}$$

Application to Heavy Ion Collisions

- Generalize to mildly Relativistic quarks.
 - Assumes weak coupling.
 - Neglect radiative energy loss. The quark is not ultra-relativistic

$$\gamma v \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \frac{m_{\rm D}}{T} \sim 6$$

- Assumes a definite form for fluctuations
- Modeling
 - Input spectrum of charm and bottom quarks from Cacciari e.t. al
 - Hadronize according to measured fragmentation functions
 - Electrons from charm and bottom semileptonic decays measured
 - Can not separated the charm and bottom contributions



Summary

- 1. Hard to reproduce the elliptic flow and suppression at the same time.
- 2. From the suppression pattern, we estimate that

$$D \lesssim \frac{12}{2\pi T}$$

Order of magnitude consistency of transport coefficients $D \sim \frac{6}{2\pi T} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\eta}{s} = 2\frac{1}{4\pi}$ Generalization to Relativistic Quarks

Radiation versus Collisions:



• The Energy loss rate is:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \sim \underbrace{qv/(1-v)}_{\text{Bremmed Energy}} \times \underbrace{g^2T}_{\text{Scattering Rate}} \times \underbrace{g_s^2}_{\text{Penalty}} \\ \sim (\gamma v) g^5 T^2$$



- Collision E-Loss Rate: $\sim T(g^4T)$
- Bremsstrahlung E-Loss Rate: $\sim (\gamma v)g^5T^2$
- Thus collisions dominate loss until the heavy quark is ultra-relativistic:

$$(\gamma v) \sim \frac{1}{g}$$

- For QED radiation dominates for: $\gamma v \sim 750.$ Could expect $\gamma v \sim 7$ for QCD.

I neglected radiation – not too good!

Relativistic Langevin:

• Write an equation of motion for the heavy quarks with drag and kicks.

$$\frac{dp^i}{dt} = -\eta_D(p)p^i + \xi^i$$

• We may replace the interaction by a random interaction

$$\langle \xi^i(t)\,\xi^j(t')\rangle = \delta_{tt'}\left[\kappa_L(p)\,\hat{p}^i\hat{p}^j + \kappa_T(p)\,(\delta^{ij} - \hat{p}^i\hat{p}^j)\right]$$



Go use kinetic theory to compute momentum dependence

Summary of drag coefficient as a function of momentum



1. The relaxation time grows with p_T

 $\frac{dp}{dt} \propto v$

2. The relaxation time is independent of $\ensuremath{p_{T}}$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} \propto p$$



Factor two uncertainty for D due to momentum dependence

Computing heavy quark diffusion coefficient

- Compute at weak coupling \rightarrow Kinetic Theory
- Lattice \rightarrow Hard
- Compute at strong coupling \rightarrow Model theories AdS/CFT

Extrapolate to reality.

Giving the diffusion coefficient a rigorous definition

• Heavy Quarks are Quasi Classical

$$\lambda_{
m de \ Broglie} \sim rac{\hbar}{\sqrt{MT}} \ll rac{\hbar}{T}$$

• Compare the Langevin process to the microscopic theory



Microscopic Theory

- $\frac{dp}{dt} = -\eta_D p + \xi(t) \qquad \qquad \frac{dp}{dt} = \mathcal{F}(t, \mathbf{x}) = qE(t, \mathbf{x})$
- Match the Langevin to the Microscopic Theory

LangevinMicroscopic Theory
$$\kappa = \int dt \langle \xi(t) \xi(0) \rangle$$
 $\kappa = \int dt \langle \mathcal{F}(t, \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{F}(0, \mathbf{x}) \rangle_{HQ}$

Diffusion Coefficient \leftrightarrow Electric Field Correlator

Computing κ – Kinetic Theory vs. Correlators

• κ is the mean squared momentum transfer per unit time:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}$$

• κ is an Chromo-electric field correlator (+ Wilson Lines):



The Same Thing

Beyond leading order (Guy D. Moore and Simon-Caron Huot)

(only transport coefficient known at NLO)



1. Perturbation theory in:

$$g_s \sim \frac{m_D}{T}$$
 NOT $\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$

2. Schematically:

$$\kappa = (g^4 T^3) \Big[\underbrace{C_0 \log \left(\frac{T}{m_D}\right) + C_1}_{\text{leading order}} + \underbrace{C_2 \frac{m_D}{T}}_{\text{NLO}} \Big]$$

(Guy D. Moore and Simon Carot-Huot)



Perturbation theory fails for kinetics even for $T = M_Z$. More Resummation?



QCD Guesses: Strong Coupling

- Strong Coupling: $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY. $\lambda\approx5\leftrightarrow20$

$$D = \frac{2T^2}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{4}{2\pi T} \longrightarrow D \simeq \frac{1.0 \leftrightarrow 2.0}{2\pi T}$$

• Weak coupling (Aleski Vuorinnen)

 $2 \text{ gluons} + 6 \text{ scalars} + 8 \text{ fermions} \neq 2 \text{ gluons}$

$$\frac{D_{QCD}}{D_{SYM}} = \frac{6}{1 + \frac{N_f}{2N_c}} \approx 4$$

• Best guess for QCD from strong coupling

$$D \approx \frac{4.0 \leftrightarrow 8.0}{2\pi T}$$

Compare to weak coupling best guess $D \approx 6/(2\pi T)$

Heavy Quark Diffusion is Parametrically Small

Constraint On The Heavy Quark Mass

• To treat the heavy quark as a quasi-classical quasi-particle we need

$$\tau_R \gg \frac{\hbar}{T}$$

• Then we have

$$\tau_R \sim \frac{M}{T} D \qquad \qquad D = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}\pi T}$$

• This leads to a constraint on Mass/String Length

$$M \gg \frac{\pi T}{2} \sqrt{\lambda} \qquad \qquad L \gg r_o$$

• Substituting numbers we have

$$M \gg 1.7 {\rm GeV}\, \left(\frac{T}{0.250\,{\rm GeV}}\right)\, \left(\frac{\alpha_{SYM}N}{1.5}\right)^{1/2}$$

Summary

• Perturbative QCD Estimates

$$D \approx \frac{3 \leftrightarrow 12}{2\pi T}$$

 Best guess for QCD from strong coupling

$$D \approx \frac{4.0 \leftrightarrow 8.0}{2\pi T}$$

Conclusions

- Order of mag. diffusion coefficient is consistent hydro transport coefficients.
- Getting to the data requires a significant modeling
 - b c crossing
 - Momentum dependence of kinetic coefficients
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- Computed diffusion coefficient both perturbatively and at strong coupling:

