The chiral medium of the early stage of relativistic heavy ion collisions

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Plan of the talk

Relativistic heavy ion collisions (RHICs)
 Glasma and its evolution (Ev-Glasma)
 Production of chiral density in the pre-hydro stage of RHICs
 Photons from the Chiral Magnetic Effect in the Ev-Glasma
 Conclusions and Outlook



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions (RHICs)



Medium evolution in RHICs



Glasma: the initial condition of RHICs

Dense gluons *interact* and form two sets of opposite *effective color charges* on the light cone of the two nuclei.



The MV model of color sources

• <u>Fast (large momentum) partons</u> Their dynamics in the Lab frame is slowed down due to time dilation: **static sources of color fields.**

Model of static sources (MV model)

Uncorrelated color density fluctuations on the two nuclei.

$$\langle \rho^a(\boldsymbol{x}_T) \rangle = 0, \langle \rho^a(\boldsymbol{x}_T) \rho^b(\boldsymbol{y}_T) \rangle = (g^2 \mu)^2 \delta^{ab} \delta^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{x}_T - \boldsymbol{y}_T)$$



"Colliding nuclei"





Classical Yang-Mills equations

Due to the large density the gluon field behaves like a classical field: Dynamics is governed by classical EoMs, namely the classical Yang-Mills (CYM) equations.

$$\partial_{\tau} E_{i} = \frac{1}{\tau} \mathcal{D}_{\eta} F_{\eta i} + \tau \mathcal{D}_{j} F_{j i}, \qquad E_{i} = \tau \partial_{\tau} A_{i}, \\ \partial_{\tau} E_{\eta} = \frac{1}{\tau} \mathcal{D}_{j} F_{j \eta}, \qquad E_{\eta} = \frac{1}{\tau} \partial_{\tau} A_{\eta}.$$

$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$
$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{t+z}{t-z}\right)$$

and the chromo-magnetic field is defined as

$$B_i = -\epsilon^{ij} F_{j\eta} \qquad B_\eta = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ij} F_{ij}$$

Evolution of the system is studied assuming the Glasma initial condition, and evolving this condition by virtue of the CYM equations.

Ev-Glasma: energy density



- Dilute fields regime within $g^2\mu\tau=O(1)$
- *Free streaming in the longitudinal direction in the dilute fields regime*

Ev-Glasma: EB



- **E** parallel to **B** at initial time: large fluctuations of ρ.
- Evolution and longitudinal expansion dilute $|\rho|$.



Because of chiral anomaly, the chiral density is produced in the early stage of RHICs (Ev-Glasma stage).



M.R. et al., arXiv:2006.01090 Lappi et al. (2018), Lappi and McLerran (2006), Venugopalan (2016) Chiral density per unit rapidity $n_5(\tau, x_{\perp}) \equiv \frac{dN_5}{d\eta d^2 x_{\perp}} = \tau j_5^{\tau}(\tau, x_{\perp}).$

Production of chiral density: formation time



Steady state for time $\leq 0.2 \text{ fm/c} \approx 1/g^2 \mu$, namely, when bulk enters the dilute fields regime.

M.R. et al., arXiv:2006.01090 See also Lappi et al. [2018], Venugopalan et al. [2016]

Transverse size of correlation domains



Summary: the chiral medium of pre-hydro stage



- Chiral anomaly plus Ev-Glasma fields produce chiral density, n₅
- n_5 arranges in <u>filaments</u> of transverse size $\lambda = O(1/g^2\mu) = O(1/Q_s)$
- Time scale of formation of the medium $\tau = O(1/g^2\mu) = O(1/Q_s)$

EM fields at initial time of Pb-Pb@2.76A TeV



Electromagnetic fields in RHICs



Uncertainty comes from medium effects that are poorly known

<u>Optimistic view</u> $\tau_{\rm B} \approx \tau_{\rm thermalization} \approx 0.3-0.6 \, fm/c$

 $\frac{Pessimistic view}{\tau_{B} \approx \tau_{vacuum} \approx 0.02 \text{ fm/c}}$

<u>For other calculations at RHIC and LHC:</u> PHSD [2011], Li-Sheng-Wang [2016], Gursoy [2014], Kharzeev [2008], Skokov [2008], Das [2017], McLerran-Skokov [2014], Sun [2020], Liao [2018], Zakharov [2014], Deng-Huang [2014], Zakharov [2018], Holliday [2016], She [2017]

<u>For reviews</u> Liao [2018], Oliva [2020]

Electromagnetic fields in RHICs



Zakharov (2014)

The choice of $B(\tau,\eta)$

We adopt the <u>optimistic</u> point of view and assume $\tau_B \approx \tau_{\text{thermalization}}$. After all, we found that a (chiral) medium is formed quickly.

$$B_y = \frac{B_0 \cosh \eta}{1 + \tau / \tau_B}$$



This form of B_y called <u>case C</u> in Sun et al 2020, explains the v_1 -splitting of neutral D mesons at LHC (not explained by other calculations).

The chiral chemical potential, μ_5 , in the early stage



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Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME) in the early stage

- Chiral medium
- Strong magnetic field

$$\boldsymbol{J}_V = \frac{N_c}{2\pi^2} \mu_5 e \boldsymbol{B}$$

CME current

Artwork by STAR

Chiral Magnetic Effect

For references on CME in RHICs see: Kharzeev, McLerran and Warringa (2008) Fukusima, Kharzeev, and Warringa (2008) Zakharov (2012), Skokov et al (2016) Ongoing experimental search of CME in RHICs: STAR 2010, PHENIX 2010, ALICE 2014, STAR 2015, ALICE 2016, ALICE 2020

Photons from the chiral magnetic effect

$$\frac{dN}{d^2q_T dy} = \frac{25\alpha}{2(2\pi)^3 9\pi^3} \left(1 - \frac{q_y^2}{q^2}\right) \left\langle |\zeta(\boldsymbol{q})|^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle |\zeta(\boldsymbol{q})|^2 \right\rangle = e^2 \int \tau_1 d\tau_1 d\eta_1 \int \tau_2 d\tau_2 d\eta_2 \ e^{-iq_{\perp}(\tau_1 \cosh \eta_1 - \tau_2 \cosh \eta_2)} B(\tau_1, \eta_1) B(\tau_2, \eta_2) \\ \times \int d^2 x_{\perp} d^2 y_{\perp} e^{i\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp} \cdot (\boldsymbol{x}_{\perp} - \boldsymbol{y}_{\perp})} \left\langle \mu_5(\tau_1, \boldsymbol{x}_{\perp}) \mu_5(\tau_2, \boldsymbol{y}_{\perp}) \right\rangle.$$

Fukusima-Mameda (2012)

Photons from the chiral magnetic effect



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Consider B independent of coordinates

- *Reasonable for calculating over a small portion of the transverse plane*
- Con: neglects correlations of B in the transverse plane

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Photons from the chiral magnetic effect

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$$from Ev-Glasma$$

M.R. et al., in preparation

CME photons: ansatz for the μ_5 -correlator

For an *estimate* of the magnitude of the CME photon spectrum:

$$\left\langle \mu_5(\tau_1, \boldsymbol{x}_T) \mu_5(\tau_2, \boldsymbol{y}_T) \right\rangle = \left\langle \mu_5^2 \left(\frac{\tau_1 + \tau_2}{2} \right) \right\rangle \frac{|\boldsymbol{x}_T - \boldsymbol{y}_T|}{\lambda} K_1 \left(|\boldsymbol{x}_T - \boldsymbol{y}_T| / \lambda \right) e^{-|\tau_1 - \tau_2| / \lambda_\tau}$$

$$\frac{dN}{2\pi q_t dq_T}\Big|_{y=0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{25\alpha}{2(2\pi)^3 9\pi^3} e^2 B_0^2 A_T \left[\frac{4\pi\lambda^2}{(1+q_T^2\lambda^2)^2}\right] \times (2\lambda_\tau) \int_0^\tau \tau^2 d\tau \left(\frac{1}{1+\tau/\tau_B}\right)^2 \langle \mu_5^2 \rangle |\mathcal{I}(q_T\tau)|^2 \left(1 - \frac{e^{-\tau_1/\lambda_\tau}}{2} - \frac{e^{(\tau_1-\tau)/\lambda_\tau}}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{dN}{2\pi q_t dq_T} \bigg|_{y=0} &\approx \frac{a}{q_T^2}, \quad q_T \tau \ll 1 \\ \frac{dN}{2\pi q_t dq_T} \bigg|_{y=0} &\approx \frac{c}{q_T^5}, \quad q_T \tau \gg 1 \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} B_y &= \frac{B_0 \cosh \eta}{1 + \tau/\tau_B} \\ \frac{dN}{\int d^2 u \frac{u}{\lambda} K_1(u/\lambda) e^{i \mathbf{q}_T \cdot u}} &= \frac{4\pi \lambda^2}{(1 + q_T^2 \lambda^2)^2}; \\ \mathcal{I}(q_T \tau) &= 2 \int_0^\infty e^{i q_T \tau \cosh \eta} \cosh \eta d\eta = 2K_1(-iq_T \tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M.R. et al., in preparation} \end{aligned}$$

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from Ev-Glasma

For estimating the CME photon spectrum

- Borrow λ , λ_{τ} and averaged- μ_5^2 from Ev-Glasma calculations
- Use the K1-ansatz to get the spectrum

M.R. et al., in preparation



(*) From M.R. et al., arXiv:2006.01090

Comparison with other early stage contributions



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to match the AT of the Ev-Glasma calculations

Elliptic flow of the CME photons



$$\frac{dN}{d^2q_Tdy} = \frac{dN}{2\pi q_T dq_T dy} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2v_1(q_T, y)\cos\phi + 2v_2(q_T, y)\cos 2\phi + \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int \\ Filiptic flow$$
Direct flow

(*)B distribution in transverse plane can add some anisotropy

Elliptic flow of the CME photons

$$\frac{dN}{d^2q_T dy} = \frac{25\alpha}{2(2\pi)^39\pi^3} \left(1 - \frac{q_y^2}{q^2}\right) \langle |\zeta(q)|^2 \rangle \qquad \text{Anisotropic distribution}$$
Isotropic in transverse plane(*)
Source of anisotropy
$$1 - \frac{q_y^2}{q^2} = \cos^2 \phi = \frac{1 + 2\cos 2\phi}{2} \rightarrow v_2 = \frac{1}{2} {(*)}$$

$$\frac{CME \text{ photons have a large elliptic flow}}{N_{\gamma}^{\text{CME}} + N_{\gamma}^{\text{noCME}}} \approx v_2^{\text{noCME}} + \frac{N_{\gamma}^{\text{CME}}}{N_{\gamma}^{\text{noCME}}} v_2^{\text{CME}}$$

(*)(*)Correlations of B in transverse plane can add some q_T dependence

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Elliptic flow of the CME photons

 $N_{\rm AFTM, \ early} pprox 0.3 imes N_{\rm QGP}$ [Oliva et al. 2017]

 $N_{\rm CME} \approx (0.05 \div 0.1) \times 0.3 \times N_{\rm QGP}$





Conclusions and Outlook

- Chiral anomaly produces <u>filaments of chiral density</u>, n₅, that stretch with the expanding medium in the early stages of RHICs
- Structures of correlated n_5 form in the transverse plane $\lambda = O(1/Q_s)$
- Time scale of formation of the medium $\tau = O(1/Q_s)$
- <u>CME in the early stage</u> due to presence of n₅ and magnetic field
- <u>CME photons in the early stage</u>: minor contribution to spectrum but potentially sizable contribution to v_2

- CME photons in Weyl semimetals (?)
- Relation between n₅ and μ₅ for matter in flux tubes (strong fields, finite sizes,.....)
 - RHIC vs LHC: weaker but longer lived magnetic fields

Thank you for your attention!



Appendix

Slow versus fast partons



The two nuclei are Lorentz contracted along the longitudinal direction: **in Lab frame they appear like two thin sheets.**

The small-x proton wave function is dominated by the sea of virtual gluons.

"Colliding nuclei"



High energy collisions probe small-x regions

 $V_{z} \approx C$

Gluon recombination might imply saturation



McLerran and Venugopalan (1994) and many others

The Colored Glass

Glass

 $(x \approx 1)$



Color

Gluons carry a color

Condensate

Many small-x gluons: *classical field* like in a condensate *Glass*

Partons (quarks and gluons) with $x \approx 1$ are very fast ($v \approx c$): Substantial Lorentz time dilation

Dynamics in the lab system slows down

The $x \approx 1$ appear frozen in lab, like molecules in glasses

The dynamical evolution of the CGC: Yang-Mills equation

Condensate (x ≈ 0)

 $F_{\mu\nu}$

The MV model of color sources

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Model of static sources (MV model)

Uncorrelated color density fluctuations on the two nuclei.



Fixing the saturation scale and $g^2\mu$

Modified GBW fit controlla Lappi 2008

Freund *et al.* (2002) Albacete *et al.* (2004) Armesto *et al.* (2005) Kowalski *et al.* (2006) Kowalski *et al.* (2008) Lappi (2008)

$$Q_s^2 = f(A)Q_0^2 \left(rac{x_0}{x}
ight)^{\lambda}$$
 f(A) = A^{1/3}, naive
f(A) = cA^{1/3}log(A), IP-Sat

We consider $g^2 \mu_{Pb} \approx \text{ in the range 3.6 GeV} - 5.3 \text{ GeV}$

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Glasma: building up the initial condition

$$-\nabla \cdot \alpha^{(A)}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \rho^{(A)}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}),$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \alpha^{(B)}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) = \rho^{(B)}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp})$$

$$\alpha_i^{(A)}(\mathbf{x}_\perp) = iU^{(A)}(x_\perp)\partial_i U^{(A)\dagger}(x_\perp),$$

$$\alpha_i^{(B)}(\mathbf{x}_\perp) = iU^{(B)}(x_\perp)\partial_i U^{(B)\dagger}(x_\perp)$$

$$A_i = \alpha_i^{(A)} + \alpha_i^{(B)}, i = x, y,$$
$$A_\eta = 0,$$

$$E_{\eta} = i \sum_{i} [\alpha_{i}^{(A)}, \alpha_{i}^{(B)}],$$

$$B_{\eta} = i([\alpha_{x}^{(A)}, \alpha_{y}^{(B)}] + [\alpha_{x}^{(B)}, \alpha_{y}^{(A)}]).$$

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Glasma: the energy density profile

Distribution on the *transverse plane at the initial time*. Fields are *invariant* for *longitudinal boosts*.





Ev-Glasma: color fields



 $\frac{dE_a^x}{dt}\Big|_{t=0^+} = \partial_y B_z^a + f_{abc} A_y^b B_z^c \quad \text{Formation time of transverse fields:} \\ \mathbf{g}^2 \mu \tau \approx 1 \text{ namely } \tau \approx 0.1 \text{ fm/c}$

Check lattice spacing



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Space and time correlators of μ_5

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CME photons: estimates with the K₁-correlator <u>K₁-correlator</u> $\left\langle \mu_5(\tau_1, \boldsymbol{x}_T) \mu_5(\tau_2, \boldsymbol{y}_T) \right\rangle = \left\langle \mu_5^2 \left(\frac{\tau_1 + \tau_2}{2} \right) \right\rangle \frac{|\boldsymbol{x}_T - \boldsymbol{y}_T|}{\lambda} K_1 \left(|\boldsymbol{x}_T - \boldsymbol{y}_T| / \lambda \right) e^{-|\tau_1 - \tau_2| / \lambda_\tau}$ $g^2\mu=3.4$ GeV $g^2\mu=5$ GeV 0.8 <q₁>/g² 0.6 $\frac{\langle q_T \rangle}{q^2 \mu} = O(1)$ 0.4 0.2 00 2 3 4 5 $g^2 \mu \tau$ This is for Appendix only

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CME photons: spectrum at several times



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CME photons: rapidity cutoff effect

Scorrolator

$$\frac{dN}{2\pi q_t dq_T}\Big|_{y=0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{25\alpha}{2(2\pi)^3 9\pi^3} e^2 B_0^2 A_T \left[\frac{2\pi\lambda^2}{(1+q_T^2\lambda^2)^{3/2}}\right] (2\lambda_\tau) \int_0^\tau \tau^2 d\tau e^{-2\tau/\tau_B} \langle \mu_5^2 \rangle |\mathcal{I}(q_T\tau)|^2$$

 $I(q_T\tau)$ takes most contribution from $1 < \cosh \eta < 1 + 1/q_T\tau$ due to oscillations at larger values of η .

 η_{MAX} =3 is well above 1+1/ $q_T \tau$ for q_T =0.5 GeV: no strong dependence on the cutoff η_{MAX} .

