



Subatomic Intensity Interferometry 101 for Stellar Intensity Interferometrists

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ring diameter

- Narrabri: 188 m
- RHIC^{*} 1200 m

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



dodecagon detectors

- Narrabri mirrors:
- STAR detector:

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Brookhaven Lab, NY

Chile



Narrabri

French Polynesia

> Southern Ocean

South Pacific Ocean

1°38'32"S 141°32'44"V

1,000 km

Camera: 15,661 km



Hanbury Brown's one-sentence abstract:

The talk will give a brief history of the early development of Intensity Interferometry and its subsequent battle against common sense.



Outline

- Discovery of the "GGLP effect" & connection to HBT
- Relativistic heavy ion physics: motivation & importance of spacetime info
- Subatomic intensity interferometry (femtoscopy)
- Summary

- Hanbury Brown & Twiss 1954
- 1955 discovery of antiproton
- 1960 GGLP

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- low statistics!
- back-to-back preference lower for like-sign pairs
- Statistical Model captures main features (phasespace dominates)
- Agreement improves when Bose-Einstein correlations modify phasespace
 - R=0.75 fm used [reasonable enough]

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• until recently, in particle physics the "GGLP effect" is relevant mostly inasmuch as it distorts the W mass (e.g. arXiv:hep-ph/9805223)

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in heavy ion physics, however, it plays a prominent role

Evolution to heavy ion collisions

• early 1970's: connection between GGLP and HBT [Shuryak. Kopylov, Podgiretsky...]



$$C(\vec{q}) = 1 + \int d^3r S(\vec{r}) \cos(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) = \frac{N(\vec{p_1}, \vec{p_2})}{N_{\text{mix}}(\vec{p_1}, \vec{p_2})} \leftarrow \text{dominated by phasespace}$$

$$MUCH \text{ more complicated than SII}$$

Correlation expresses a conditional probability (~SII)



Sanity check: Intensity Interferometry for 3 systems



$GGLP \rightarrow$ Femtoscopy in heavy ion collisions

• 1960: GGLP observe small correlation between identical pions in p-pbar anhilation. Largely a curiosity



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late 1970's – early 1980's: explosive development in new field of heavy ion collisions



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) Brookhaven Lab, NY, USA



Large Hadron Collider (LHC) CERN, France/Switzerland



- Theory of Strong Force between quarks: Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)
- Strength of the Strong Force depends on momentum transfer (spatial scale)
- Complicated & least-well-understood interaction



Particle Physics



Large Q : Asymptotic Freedom

- reduce "messy" QCD effects
- perturbative calculations work



- ✓ Smaller/simpler is better
- ✓ More energy is better

Heavy Ion Physics

Low Q: Confinement

- dominates mass in universe
- theoretical insight limited



intrinsic scales of QCD \rightarrow

- ✓ optimum energy range
- bigger is better (>> 1 fm)



Deep Inelastic Scattering

e⁺e⁻ Annihilation

Hadron Collisions Heavy Quarkonia

> QCD $O(\alpha_{e}^{4})$

Data

NNLO

 $\alpha_{s}(M_{7})$

100

NLO

0

Theory

 $\Lambda_{MS}^{(5)}$

Q [GeV]

245 MeV ---

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

 $\alpha_{s}(\mathbf{Q})$

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focus on fundamental particles

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Deconfinement transition





The Universe



Deconfined color charges 5 **QCD** Transition degenera **Quark-gluon plasma** 100 • first ~3 μ s after Big Bang namic Color confined inside 10 g•s net-color-neutral hadrons D Thermo (e.g. proton) The Early Universe, Kolb & Turner 10^{-5} 10^{3} T(GeV)

Deconfinement transition

Lattice QCD calculation:

- T<150 MeV \rightarrow interacting hadrons
- T>150 MeV \rightarrow deconfined quarks

150 MeV = 2x10¹² K ~ 10⁵ T_☉

kinetic produced particles hadronization Umpy initial OGP OGP







Equation of state – characterizing bulk matter



D. Blaschke

Color Super-

conductor

Equation of state – driving dynamic evolution



From a (lumpy) initial state, solve hydro equations:

$$d_{m}T^{mn} = 0 \qquad T^{m,n} = eu^{m}u^{n} - (p+P)D^{mn} + p^{mn}$$
$$u^{m}d_{m}P = -\frac{1}{t_{P}}(P+zq) - \frac{1}{2}P\frac{zT}{t_{P}}d_{I}\left(\frac{t_{P}}{zT}u^{I}\right)$$

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At One Trillion Degrees, Even Gold Turns Into the Sloshiest Liquid

By Kenneth Chang



RHIC serves the perfect fluid



[&]amp; the equation of state

Femto-scale simulation

Macro-scale reality



Bjorn Schenke

- Detectors record identities and *momenta* of emitted hadrons
- No direct spacetime information
 - "angular diameter" ~ nanoarcsecond
- Two-hadron intensity interferometry (femtoscopy) is crucial

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Geometry – the hallmark of heavy ion physics

• Size matters – need a *bulk* system

degenerate fermi gas (supercooled ⁶Li) released from anisotropic magnetic trap

Shape matters – anisotropic geometry key 100 µs 200 µs hydro calculations: Kolb & Heinz $\tau - \tau_0 = 3.2 \text{ fm/c}$ $\tau - \tau_0 = 8 \text{ fm/c}$ 400 µs 600 µs 800 µs 1000 µs 1500 µs • "Elliptic flow" driven by anisotropic pressure gradients: sensitive to E.o.S. & viscosity universally observed for strongly-interacting systems 2000 µs

O'Hara et al, Science 2002

Spatial aspects of elliptic flow

- Size matters need a *bulk* system
- Shape matters anisotropic geometry key

complementary spatial information tightens constraints on hydro transport



Geometry – the hallmark of heavy ion physics

- Size matters need a *bulk* system
- Shape matters anisotropic geometry key
- Substructure matters

Intensity interferometry probes spacetime substructure in subatomic collisions



What type of system is formed? Indeed, is it a system?



Size Independent of momentum



A collection of nearby, independent p+p collisions. Not "matter"





A collection of nearby, independent p+p collisions. Not "matter" Matter is characterized by fields of **bulk** properties



selecting slow particles

Beyond pions



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Sizes for particles of different momentum & mass





Matter is characterized by fields of **bulk** properties

 p^{\pm} - K^{\pm} correlations reveal mass-ordered separation



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3D info and timescale

Bertsch-Pratt decomposition: R_{out}, R_{side}, R_{long}



A long emission duration results in R_{out} > R_{side}



Phase transition? Order?



Early expectations at RHIC 200 GeV



Phase transition? Order?



Multi-year program (BES) to vary the collision energy

Early expectations at RHIC 200 GeV



Phase transition? Order?





Evidence for

- cross-over at high energy (low chemical potential)
- first-order phase transition ~ 15 GeV

Summary

- Subatomic intensity interferometry (femtoscopy) deeply connected to HBT
 - Through Koonin-Pratt equation, sll has more probes than SII ("particle zoo" to correlate)
- Experimental access to spacetime features of relativistic heavy ion collisions is essential to understanding the quark-gluon plasma and QCD phase structure
- Active community of femtoscopists measuring
 - size, shape, orientation, emission duration, evolution time, flow substructure
- Cross-disciplinary discussion is interesting and can be fruitful!





Scales of SII and sII

SII – example: γ Cas	
$\rm R \simeq 10 \ R_{\odot} \simeq 10^{10} \ m$	$2D/d \sim 4 \times 10^{-9} \sim \text{milliprocess}$
d ~ 500 ly ~ 5x10 ¹⁸ m	ZR/U 4X10° minarcsec
b ~ 100 m	λ /b ~ 4x10 ⁻⁹ ~ milliarcsec
λ ~ 4x10 ⁻⁷ m	

sll (femtoscopy) – example Au+Au @ RHIC	
R ~ 5 fm ~ 5x10 ⁻¹⁵ m	$2D/d \sim 10^{-14} \sim 2$ papagras
d ~ 1 m	ZR/d 10-1 Z hanoarcsec
b~1m	λ /b ~ 5x10 ⁻¹⁶ ~ 0.1 nanoarcsec
λ ~ hc/(400 MeV) ~ 5x10 ⁻¹⁶ m	

