Femtoscopic study in high-energy heavy-ion collisions

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Introduction



- Lattice QCD predicts QGP at ~150 MeV temperature
- Big-Bang theory of the universe predicts that matter existed in QGP form after ~1µs of the universe formation

Relativistic Colliders

• Compressed Baryonic Matter (CBM) at FAIR/GSI and J-PARC heavy-ion experimental project at KEK/JAEA





Heavy-ion collisions



- Heavy-ions like Gold (Au⁷⁹⁺) and Lead (Pb⁸²⁺) are allowed to collide at ultra-relativistic speed in relativistic colliders like the LHC and RHIC
- Very hot and dense QGP like medium formation in heavy-ion collisions due to inelastic collisions between nuclei and conversion of kinetic energy into heat
- To obtain the equation of state, it is important to know the dimensions of fireball which is impossible to measure directly due to its very small size (size $\sim 10^{-15}$ m, lifetime $\sim 10^{-23}$ s)



Introduction (contd.)

- Femtoscopy (or HBT technique) provides a direct tool to measure the source size
- Probe space-time characteristics of the source using particle correlations in momentum space
- Main sources of correlations:

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Quantum statistics (QS) — HBT analysis
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- Identical bosons Bose-Einstein quantum statistics
- Identical fermions Fermi-Dirac quantum statistics

➡ Final-state interactions (FSI)

- Strong interaction
- Coulomb interaction (repulsion/attraction)

QS + **FSI**→ **Femtoscopic** analysis

Two-particle correlation function

$$\mathbf{C_2} = \frac{\mathbf{P_2}(\mathbf{p_a},\mathbf{p_b})}{\mathbf{P_1}(\mathbf{p_a})\mathbf{P_1}(\mathbf{p_b})}$$



Koonin-Pratt Equation,



- → $P_2(p_a, p_b)$ probability of detection of particles with momenta p_a and p_b
- \rightarrow P₁(p_i) probability of detection of particle with momentum p_i

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Bertsch–Pratt 'Out-Side-Long' coordinate system

side

- side is interpreted as geometric size
- out gives info on emission process
- long is used for emission time approx.

Longitudinal co-moving system (LCMS):

A rest frame moving along the beam direction such that $P_z = 0$

 $V_{long} = (P_0 V_z - P_z V_0) / M_T$ $V_{side} = (P_x V_y - P_y V_x) / P_T$ $V_{out} = (P_x V_x + P_y V_y) / P_T$

Pair rest frame (PRF):

$$V'_{out} = \frac{M_{inv}}{M_T} \frac{(P_X V_X + P_V V_V)}{P_T} - \frac{P_T}{M_T M_{inv}} P V$$

Where $M_T = P_0^2 - P_z^2$, $P_T^2 = P_x^2 + P_y^2$, $M_{inv}^2 = P^2$ and $k_T = (p_{T1} + p_{T2})/2$

 p_2

Experimental Correlation function $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{q})}{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q})}$

- **S(q)** distribution of *q* of pairs from same events (signal)
- B(q) distribution of q of pairs from different events (background)

where q : relative momentum of the pair particles

Fit function for identical charged pions and kaons:

$$C(q) = N[(1 - \lambda) + \lambda K(q_{inv})(1 + G(q))]$$

$$G(q) = exp(-R_{out}^2 q_{out}^2 - R_{side}^2 q_{side}^2 - R_{long}^2 q_{long}^2)$$

* λ - fraction of the pairs originate from the spatio-temporal region relevant for correlations, *K(q_{inv}) - squared Coulomb wave function averaged over a spherical source



Identical pion-pion femtoscopy

• Source radii decreases with increasing average transverse momentum

Identical pion-pion femtoscopy (cont.)





Femtoscopic studies w.r.t. Ψ_1



- Directed flow v₁ (= (cos(φ Ψ₁))) is produced due to interaction between spectator and participant particles
- $v_1(\eta)$ is zero three times at around mid, forward and backward rapidities : possible signature of phase transition (J. Brachmann et al. Phys. Rev. C 61 (2000) 024909)
- v_1 can't be explained by hydrodynamical models unlike v_2 or v_3

Femtoscopic studies w.r.t. Ψ_1

- v₁ signal can be generated from assuming the "tilted source" initial conditions
- Femtoscopic measurements w.r.t. Ψ_1 can give the information about tilt angle θ_s



Femtoscopic studies w.r.t. Ψ_1

• Fit function for identical particles with cross term:

$$C(q) = N[(1 - \lambda) + \lambda K(q_{inv})(1 + G(q))]$$

$$G(q) = exp(-R_{out}^2 q_{out}^2 - R_{side}^2 q_{side}^2 - R_{long}^2 q_{long}^2 - R_{os}^2 q_{out} q_{side} - R_{ol}^2 q_{out} q_{long} - R_{sl}^2 q_{side} q_{long})$$

Fit function

$$R_{\mu,0}^{2} + 2R_{\mu,1}^{2}cos(\phi - \Psi_{1}) + 2R_{\mu,2}^{2}cos(2(\phi - \Psi_{1})), (\mu = o, s, l, ol)$$

$$R_{\mu,0}^{2} + 2R_{\mu,1}^{2}sin(\phi - \Psi_{1}) + 2R_{\mu,2}^{2}sin(2(\phi - \Psi_{1})), (\mu = os, sl)$$

$$\theta_{\rm s} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-4R_{\rm sl,1}^2}{R_{\rm l,0}^2 - R_{\rm s,0}^2 + 2R_{\rm s,2}^2} \right)$$

Event plane reconstruction:

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Q_{x,n}}{Q_{y,n}} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{\sum w_i \sin(\phi_i) / \sum w_i}{\sum w_i \cos(\phi_i) / \sum w_i} \right)$$

• $w_i = \eta$ for TPC

- w_i (For EPD) = pm*wgr[ringID]*aa
- ringID = Tile/2 ,
- double wgr[16] = { 6.5, 4.0, 2.5, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, -1
- Float_t pm =1; if (Id<0) pm=-1;
- aa= NMip ;if (NMip<0.3) aa=0.; else if (NMip>3.0) aa=3.0;

Recentering:



Event plane resolution:

$$\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,a}\}\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,b}\} = \langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,a} - \Psi_{n,b}]) \rangle$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,b}\}\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,c}\} = \langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,b} - \Psi_{n,c}]) \rangle$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,c}\}\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,a}\} = \langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,c} - \Psi_{n,a}] \rangle$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,a}\} = \sqrt{\frac{\langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,a} - \Psi_{n,b}]) \langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,c} - \Psi_{n,a}]) \rangle}{\langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,b} - \Psi_{n,c}]) \rangle}}$$

➡ TPC - detector a, EPD East - detector b, EPD West - detector c

$$\operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,EPD}\} = \langle \cos(n[\Psi_{n,EPD} - \Psi_{n,TPC}]) \rangle / \operatorname{Res}\{\Psi_{n,TPC}\}$$

Non-identical particles femtoscopy



• In a hydrodynamical induced system :

 $\beta_{particle} = \beta_f + \beta_t$

component of mean emission point of a single particle parallel to the velocity

$$\langle x_{out} \rangle = \frac{\langle r\beta_f \rangle}{\left\langle \sqrt{\beta_t^2 + \beta_f^2} \right\rangle} = \frac{r_0 \beta_0 \beta}{\beta_0^2 + T/m_t}$$

assume a Gaussian density profile with radius r_0 and linear transverse velocity profile $\beta_f = \beta_0 r/r_0$ then we

Adam Kisiel, *Phy.Rev.C* **81**, 064906 (2010)

emission asymmetry

$$\mu_{out}^{light,heavy} = \left\langle r_{out}^{light,heavy} \right\rangle = \left\langle x_{out}^{light} - x_{out}^{heavy} \right\rangle$$

- Lighter particles emitted closer to the centre/later than heavier particles
- Emission asymmetry only arises in a system where both random (thermal) and correlated (flow) velocities exist and are comparable in magnitude

Extracting the source size and emission asymmetry



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Extracting the source size and emission asymmetry

 $\eta = \frac{1}{k^* a_C} \longrightarrow \text{Bohr radius of the pair (248.52 fm for pion-kaon)}$

$$\zeta = k^* r^* (1 + \cos \theta^*)$$

Angle between k* and pair relative position r* in PRF

$$f_C(\overrightarrow{k}^*) = \left[\frac{1}{f_0} + \frac{1}{2}d_0\overrightarrow{k^*}^2 - \frac{2}{a_C}h(\overrightarrow{k}^*a_C) - i\overrightarrow{k}^*A_C(\overrightarrow{k}^*)\right]^{-1}$$

where $f_0 = 0.137$ fm for like-sign pair of pion-kaon, -0.071 fm for unlike-sign pair of pion-kaon, d_0 is the effective radius (taken to 0 for small k* where 1/f₀ term dominates).

$$F(\alpha, 1, z) = 1 + \alpha z + \alpha (\alpha + 1) z^2 / 2!^2 + \dots$$

Non-identical particles femtoscopy





Lisa MA, et al. 2005. Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55:357-402

 3D correlation function converted into infinite set of 1D functions in terms of spherical harmonics (Y_l^m)

$$C_{\rm l}^{\rm m}(\vec{k^*}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d\varphi d(\cos\theta) C(k^*,\theta,\varphi) Y_{\rm l}^{\rm m}(\theta,\varphi)$$



Summary

- Average source radii decreases with increasing pair transverse momentum
- Average source radii increase with increasing system size/multiplicity
- Lifetime of the fireball increases from periferal to central collisions
- Finite emission asymmetry observed between pions and kaons which shows pions are emitted later than kaons
- It is expected in a system with strong collectivity which includes flow of resonances (consistent with model predictions, e.g. Therminator2 coupled with viscous hydrodynamics)
- Source size and emission asymmetry increase from peripheral to central collisions
- Results may suggest a 2.1 fm/c delay in emission time which means different particle species freeze-out at different times

THANK YOU

Correlation from strong interaction

$$C(q) = \int S(r) |\psi(q, r)|^2 d^4 r \qquad q = 2k^*$$
measured correlation emission function
(source size/shape) pair wave function
(includes cross section)

$$\psi = exp(-ik * r) + f \frac{exp(ik^*r)}{r} \qquad s-wave scattering approximation$$

$$f^{-1}(k^*) = \frac{1}{f_0} + \frac{1}{2}d_0k^{*2} - ik^* \qquad \text{effective range approximation}$$

For only Strong Final State Interaction:

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_{S} \rho_S \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f^S(k^*)}{R} \right|^2 \left(1 - \frac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi R}} \right) + \frac{2\Re f^S(k^*)}{\sqrt{\pi R}} F_1(2k^*R) - \frac{\Im f^S(k^*)}{R} F_2(2k^*R) \right]$$

Lednicky, Lyuboshitz, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys., 35, 770 (1982)

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spin fractions

• The correlation function is finally characterised by three parameters:

- radius R, scattering length f₀ and effective radius d₀
- Cross-section $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ (at low k*) is simply: $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = 4\pi |f|^2$

$$F_1(z) = \int_0^z \chi e^{\chi^2 - z^2} / z dz$$

$$F_2(z) = \frac{(1 - e^{-z})}{22}$$