

Correlations and clustering in nuclear matter and heavy ion collisions



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very wide subject: introductory remarks and overview, subjects discussed in much more detail in later talks

Aim of this talk:

- → emphasize the importance of correlations and clustering in the study of the symmetry energy
- \rightarrow discuss what is involved in a proper treatment
- \rightarrow stress simple concepts (more detail in later talks)

I will use the results and graphs of many workers in the field (and apologize, if not always cited properly).



particle in a mean field, one-body approach

few-body correlation in a mf (medium-modification of cluster)

Examples:

- 1.) e.g. pairing. can be converted into a one-quasi-particle picture.
 - \rightarrow well studied
- 2.) quartetting, α -correlations
- 3.) BEC, other fields,...





Clustering Symmetry Energy. Relevance to NuSYM15??

nucleons come in two flavors: n, p

- → nn,pp interactions different from pn interaction (stronger)
- \rightarrow in asymmetric system: $\rightarrow U_p$ and U_n different \rightarrow symmetry energy



- 1. clusters properties are driven by the symmetry energy, i.e. the N/Z ratio
- 2. isospin fractionation between clusters and gas
- 3. clusterization gives a direct contribution to the symmetry energy: correlation depends on asymmetry of system; stronger in symmetric system

Attempt to Cluster Systematics in Nuclear Systems



\rightarrow This is a kind of outline of this talk

Composition of dilute matter



Treatment of clusters in the medium

1. Few-body Schrödinger eq. equation including blocking and in-medium (quasi-)particle energies (Röpke)

$$E^{qu}(1) + \dots + E^{qu}(A) - E^{qu}_{A,\nu}(K) \Big] \psi_{A\nu K}(1 \dots A) + \sum_{1'\dots A'} \sum_{i < j} [1 - \tilde{f}(i) - \tilde{f}(j)] V(ij, i'j') \prod_{k \neq i, j} \delta_{kk'} \psi_{A\nu K}(1' \dots A') = 0$$

EoS in grand canonical picture: density as fct of chem. pot. and temperature

$$n_p^{\text{tot}}(T, \tilde{\mu}_p, \tilde{\mu}_n) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{A, \nu, K} Zf_{A, Z} \Big[E_{A, \nu}^{\text{qu}}(K; T, \tilde{\mu}_p, \tilde{\mu}_n) \Big], \quad \text{ corresp. for neutrons}$$

2. Nucl. statistical Equilibrium (NSE) (Hempel): energies of isolated A-nucleon clusters → incorrect high density limit, since clusters never disapppear

- \rightarrow remedy: excluded volume with increasing density. no space for clusters
- 3. Generalized rel mf (RMF) approach mit cluster degrees of freedom (Typel)

$$\mathcal{L}(\psi; \rho, \omega, \rho, \delta; \mathbf{d}, \alpha, t, ^{3}He)$$

meson with DD coupling light cluster with DD masses interpolate correctly from zero to high density

treatment difficult for heavier clusters:

→ Thomas-Fermi calculation in Wigner-Seitz cell (periodic space)





Core Collapse Supernovae and the Neutrinosphere



Correlations & Neutrino Scattering

- Neutrinos "see" more than one particle in the medium.
- Nature of spatial and temporal correlations between nuclei, nucleons and electrons affect the scattering rate.



Mass fraction of light clusters in the post-bounce supernova core, based on nuclear statistical equilibrium.

Sumivoshi and Röpke, PRC77 (2008) 055804.





supernova 👄 femtonova

S. Reddy, workshop simmulating the v-sphere in heavy ion collisions, ECT*, 2014

Sawyer (1975, 1989) Iwamoto & Pethick (1982) Horowitz & Wherberger (1991) Raffelt & Seckel (1995)

Clusters in nuclear structure



surface clustering (→ Typel): change of relation neutron skin ↔ slope of symmetry energy S. Typel, PRC 89, 064321 (2014)



large fractions of particles in clusters, e.g.

Partitioning of protons		
	Xe + Sn	Au + Au
	50 MeV/u	250 MeV/u
р	≈10%	21%
α	≈20%	20%
d, t, ³ He	≈10%	40%
A > 4	≈60%	18%

INDRA data, Hudan et al., PRC67 (2003) 064613. FOPI data, Reisdorf et al., NPA 848 (2010) 366.





Freeze-out and the Supernova (SN) v-sphere in HI collisions?



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Dynamical cluster formation in HIC



"dynamical clusters": transport approach with fluctuations/correlations; seeds of fragment/light cluster formation

QMD/AMD

$$+ \frac{\vec{p}}{m}\vec{\nabla}^{(r)} - \vec{\nabla}U(r)\vec{\nabla}^{(p)} f(\vec{r},\vec{p};t)$$

$$|\Phi\rangle = A \prod_{i=1}^{A} \varphi(r;r_i,p_i)|0\rangle$$

$$\dot{r}_i = \{r_i,H\}; \quad \dot{p}_i = \{p_i,H\}; \quad H = \sum_i t_i + \sum_{i,j} V(r_i - t_j) e^{ij} f(r_j,r_j)|0\rangle$$

deterministic, dissipative 1-body equation + fluctuation

= I_{coll} [σ^{in-med}] +

BUU/BLE/BLOB

TDHF + stochastic NN collisions

difference in spectrum of fluctuations

→can be adjusted for IMF (intermediate mass fragments) formation, since IMF formation stabilized by mean field



Comparison, SMF-ImQMD: more transparency in QMD (M. Colonna, X.Y.Zhang)

- r_j)



Interlude: Code Comparison Project: Trento, ECT*, 2006 and 2009 Shanghai, Jan. 2014, Lanzhou 2014

check consistency of transport codes in calculations with same system (Au+Au), E=100,400 AMeV, identical (simple) physical input (mean field (EOS) and cross sections)

idea: establish sort of theoretical systematic error or transport calculations (and hopefully to reduce it)



1. step: Initialize colliding nuclei. usually not exact ground states









Examples of results: Au+Au, **PRELIMINARY**

Cluster recognition algorithms:

- MD: phase space connection: MST, SACA
- BUU: a) coalescence: find contours of density $\rho_c \sim 1/10 \rho_0$
 - b) Test particle distribution sampling:
 - choose A out of N_{TP}^* A test particles with correct global properties.
 - Treat these as nucleons and do coalescence or MST algorithm or SACA (as in QMD) and do this many times (~1000) to generate a distribution
- → similar in both approaches, but a-posteriori
- \rightarrow not the same as dynamical clusters

clusters identified earlier, but converge asymtoticaly and do not influence dynmaics



Y, Vermani, et al., J. Phys. G 37, 015105 (2010)



IMF's: formation dominated by mean field, which favors matter at normal density

BUU calculation in a box (i.e. periodic boundary conditions) with initial conditions inside the instability region: ρ=ρ₀/3, T=5 MeV, δ=0



 \rightarrow Formation of "clusters (fragments)", from small (numerical) fluctuations in the density. Time scale = growth time of the instable modes (V.Baran, et al., Phys.Rep.410,335(05))







Multifragmentation: Isospin fractionation at low densities

successful applications for several observables: isospin transport and diffusion, liquid-gas phase transition, etc.

Treatment of Fluctuations (esp. in BUU)

$f(r,p,t) = \overline{f}(r,p,t) + \delta f(r,p,t)$ Mean field evolution Fluctuations (higher orger correlations) (dissipative) df $= I_{coll}$ Boltzmann-Langevin eqn. 0.4 16 I fluc dt 0.3 0.2 p MeV/fm³] 0.0 -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 govern evolution in stable region 0.00 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10 0.12 dominant in o [fm⁻³] $f = \overline{f} + \delta f; \quad \sigma^2 \equiv \langle (\delta f)^2 \rangle$ unstable regions $\sigma^2 ightarrow \sigma_{eq}^2 = \overline{f}_{eq} (1 - \overline{f}_{eq})$ At a given time t, in $(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{p}_a)$, approaches: $\hat{f}_a(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{p}_a) = g$ for elastic coll :

R[fm][P[MeV]]

r~3.5fm

shape

modulation in

size expansion

in A and in C

400-p. [MeV]

0,

BOB (One-Body-Brownian): replace fluctuation term by fluctuating force, gauged to most unstable mode: Colonna, Guarnera

Stochastic MF dynamics (SMF): introduce locally statistical fluctuations into the phase space distribution at certain times accoording to σ^2 =f(1-f) projected on density fluctuations: Colonna, DiToro,HW

BLOB (Boltzmann-Langevin One-Body)

Bertsch method, developed by M. Colonna, P. Napolitano (see talk later), fluctuation in full phase space

One TP collision moves N_{TP} TP nearby in phase space, to

simulate collisions of nucleons (P. Napolitani, this meeting).



- \rightarrow LC are correlation dominated (esp.Pauli-correlation).
- → Not well described in BUU and MD models, since simple interactions and classical phase space distribution give bad eigenstates for LC
- \rightarrow need special treatment

Treatment of Light Cluster dynamics in HIC:

circumvent: compare to "coalescent invariant" cross sections only justified if clusters play no dynamical role

solutions different in BUU and MD models:

Solution for **BUU** models:

LC distribution functions as explicit degrees of freedom of type NNN \rightarrow N Δ (P. Danielewicz and Q. Pan, PRC 46 (1992)) (d,t,3He, but no a!)

→ coupled transport equations



Caveat: Medium properties of LC:

Medium corrections in the formation of light charged particles in heavy ion reactions C. Kuhrts, Beyer, Danielewicz,..PRC63 (2001) 034605

Calculated in nuclear matter and static nuclei in Generalized RMF approach by Typel, Röpke, et al., PRC81 (2010)

similar: transitions amplitudes in medium



R_i: isospin transport ratio for charge equilibration in HIC between nuclei with different isospin content e.g. ^{112,124}Sn+^{112,124}Sn (MSU experiment)

Treatment of Light Cluster dynamics in HIC:

Solution für AMD (see talk of Ono)

1. in collision term consider formation of clusters in terms of overlap with cluster wave function (detailed balance?)

2. Manipulate phase space: put wave packets of cluster constituent in one place (conservation laws?)

- 3. consider Pauli correlation fully
- 4. include also cluster-cluster collisions

multiplicity distribution w/o clusters



with clusters and cluster-cluster collisions



(A. Ono, this meeting)



Comparison with data: problem of light cluster description in transport approaches



CI spectra

agree better with experiment: A poor man's substitute for not treating light clusters properly in the simulation

.. or with pBUU calc, if exp. α-particles are counted as t and ³He, → importance of dynamical LC treatment

> W.Lynch, INPC, Florence, 2013: ^{124,112}Sn+^{124,112}Sn, 50 AMeV; Z. Chajecki, NuSYM13



"Chemical potential scaling" Z.Chajecki, et al., arXiv 1402.5216



Cluster Aspects in Nuclear Systems



Clustering enters in many aspects of the investigation of nuclear matter, and esp. the symmetry energy. Here only possible to sketch many ideas, wait for more in-depth talks in this conference!

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