

Thermal Hadronization and Hawking-Unruh Radiation in QCD

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begin by summarizing experimental situation
in elementary collisions

1. Thermal Hadron Production

what is “thermal”?

- equal *a priori* probabilities for all states in accord with a given overall average energy \Rightarrow temperature T ;
- partition function of ideal resonance gas

$$\ln Z(T) = V \sum_i \frac{d_i}{(2\pi)^3} \phi(m_i, T)$$

Boltzmann factor $\phi(m_i, T) = 4\pi m_i^2 T K_2(m_i/T)$

- relative abundances $\frac{N_i}{N_j} = \frac{d_i \phi(m_i, T)}{d_j \phi(m_j, T)}$
- transverse momenta $\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \sim \exp -\frac{1}{T} \sqrt{m_i^2 + p_T^2}$.

Abundances

LEP Data [\[Becattini 1996\]](#)

Fit relative abundances to ideal resonance gas of all hadronic resonances, with $M \leq 1.7$ GeV, two parameters T and γ_s

$$T = 169.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\gamma_s = 0.691 \pm 0.053$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 17.2/12$$

estimate systematic error by
varying resonance gas scheme,
contributing resonances

$e^+e^- \sqrt{s} = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$				
species	measured			fit
π^+	8.53	\pm	0.40	8.72
π^0	9.18	\pm	0.82	9.83
K^+	1.18	\pm	0.052	1.06
K^0	1.015	\pm	0.022	1.01
η	0.934	\pm	0.13	0.908
ρ^0	1.21	\pm	0.22	1.16
K^{*+}	0.357	\pm	0.027	0.349
K^{*0}	0.372	\pm	0.027	0.343
η'	0.13	\pm	0.05	0.1070
p	0.488	\pm	0.059	0.484
ϕ	0.10	\pm	0.0090	0.167
Λ	0.185	\pm	0.0085	0.152
Ξ^-	0.0122	\pm	0.00079	0.011
Ξ^{*0}	0.0033	\pm	0.00047	0.00391
Ω	0.0014	\pm	0.00046	0.000782

$$\underline{T = 170 \pm 3 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}}$$

PEP-PETRA Data

[Becattini & Passaleva 2001]

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$$T = 159.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\gamma_s = 0.710 \pm 0.047$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 29.3/12$$

Further data at

$$\sqrt{s} = 14, 22, 35, 43 \text{ GeV}$$

average:

$e^+e^- \sqrt{s} = 29 \text{ GeV}$				
species	measured			fit
π^0	5.3	\pm	0.7	6.395
π^+	5.35	\pm	0.25	5.417
K^+	0.70	\pm	0.05	0.7405
K_S^0	0.691	\pm	0.029	0.7072
η	0.584	\pm	0.075	0.5636
ρ^0	0.90	\pm	0.05	0.7604
K^{*0}	0.281	\pm	0.022	0.2309
K^{*+}	0.310	\pm	0.030	0.2338
η'	0.26	\pm	0.10	0.05988
ϕ	0.084	\pm	0.022	0.08672
p	0.30	\pm	0.05	0.2812
Λ	0.0983	\pm	0.006	0.1023
Ξ^-	0.0083	\pm	0.0020	0.006844
Σ^{*+}	0.0083	\pm	0.0024	0.01030
Ω	0.0070	\pm	0.0036	0.0004667

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SPS Data

[Becattini & Heinz 1997]

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$$T = 162.4 \pm 1.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\gamma_s = 0.510 \pm 0.036$$

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 136/27$$

(NB: no systematic errors given)

further data

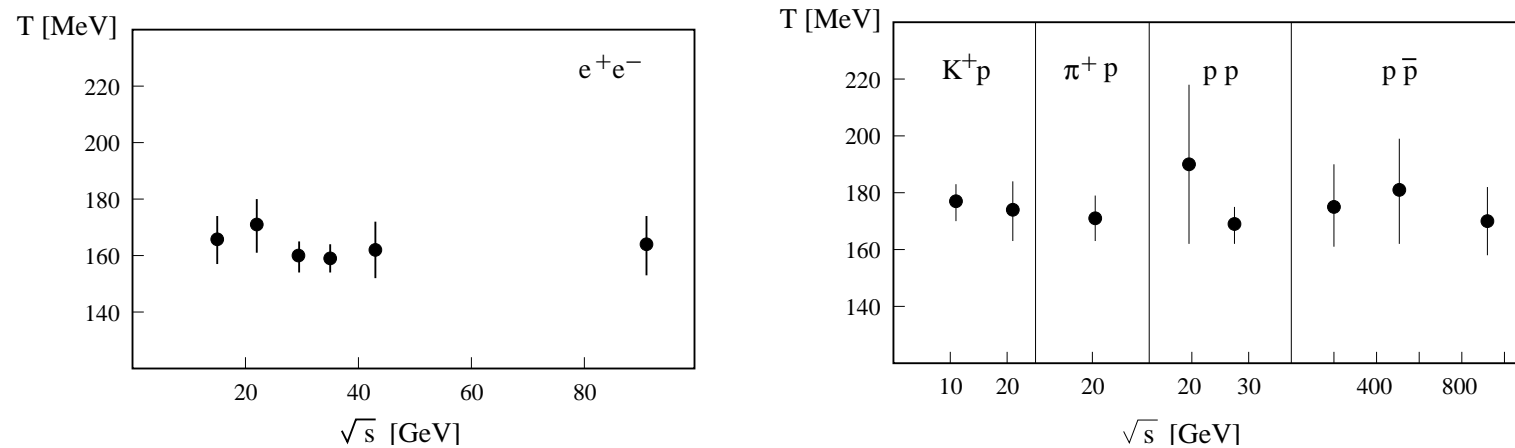
pp at $\sqrt{s} = 19.4, 23.8, 26.0$ GeV

$p\bar{p}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 200, 550, 900$ GeV

K^+p at $\sqrt{s} = 11.5, 21.7$ GeV

π^+p at $\sqrt{s} = 21.7$ GeV

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π^0	3.87	\pm	0.12	4.594
π^+	4.10	\pm	0.11	4.479
π^-	3.34	\pm	0.08	3.612
K^+	0.331	\pm	0.016	0.3085
K^-	0.224	\pm	0.011	0.1852
K_S^0	0.225	\pm	0.014	0.2377
η	0.30	\pm	0.02	0.4046
ρ^0	0.384	\pm	0.018	0.5830
ρ^+	0.552	\pm	0.082	0.6236
ρ^-	0.354	\pm	0.058	0.4698
ω	0.390	\pm	0.024	0.4798
K^{*0}	0.120	\pm	0.021	0.09458
\bar{K}^{*0}	0.0902	\pm	0.016	0.06278
K^{*+}	0.132	\pm	0.016	0.1080
K^{*-}	0.0875	\pm	0.012	0.05710
$f_0(980)$	0.0226	\pm	0.0079	0.03876
ϕ	0.0189	\pm	0.0018	0.02401
$f_2(1270)$	0.0921	\pm	0.012	0.06623
$\rho_3(1690)$	0.078	\pm	0.049	0.009045
p	1.200	\pm	0.097	1.054
\bar{p}	0.063	\pm	0.0020	0.05277
Λ	0.1230	\pm	0.0062	0.1461
$\bar{\Lambda}$	0.0155	\pm	0.0034	0.01669
Σ^+	0.0479	\pm	0.015	0.04369
Σ^-	0.0128	\pm	0.0061	0.03252
Δ^{++}	0.218	\pm	0.003	0.2514
Δ^0	0.1410	\pm	0.0079	0.2057
$\bar{\Delta}^{--}$	0.0128	\pm	0.0049	0.009645
$\bar{\Delta}^0$	0.0335	\pm	0.0098	0.01426
Σ^{*+}	0.0204	\pm	0.0024	0.02060
Σ^{*-}	0.0101	\pm	0.0018	0.01396
$\Lambda(1520)$	0.0171	\pm	0.003	0.01054



Conclude:

species abundances in elementary collisions \Rightarrow

universal $T_H = 170 \pm (10 - 20) \text{ MeV}$

independent of \sqrt{s} , incident production configuration

Transverse momentum spectra

production through resonance decay requires decay code;
model dependence, error?

[Becattini & Passaleva 2001]

pp at $\sqrt{s} = 27.4$ GeV:

average $T = 163$ MeV

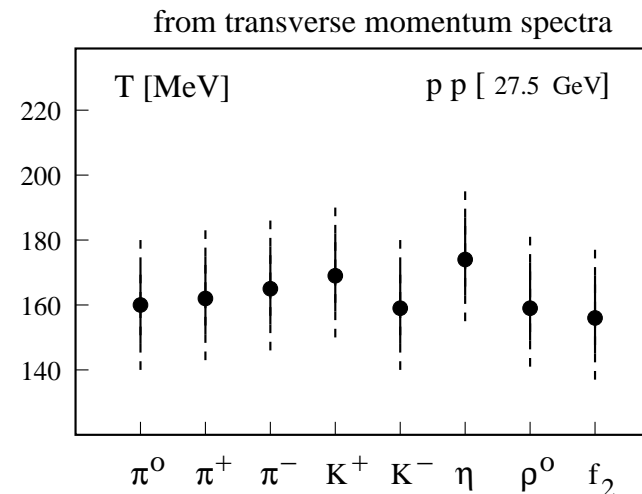
similar analyses for

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π^+p at $\sqrt{s} = 21.7$ GeV:

average $T = 160$ MeV



transverse momentum spectra in elementary collisions

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independent of species

Heavy ion collisions \Rightarrow baryon density

- resonance gas at T, μ_B ; $\mu_B \downarrow$ for $\sqrt{s} \uparrow$
- elementary high energy collisions $\mu_B \simeq 0$
- species abundances in high energy heavy ion collisions
(peak SPS, RHIC)

SPS (Pb-Pb), $\sqrt{s} = 17$ GeV

$$T_H = 168 \pm 2.4 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 266 \pm 5 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$$

RHIC (Au-Au), $\sqrt{s} = 130, y = 0$ GeV

$$T_H = 166 \pm 7 \pm ? \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 38 \pm 11 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$$

RHIC (Au-Au), $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

$$T_H = 161 \pm 2 \pm ? \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 20 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}$$

[Andronic, Braun-Munzinger & Stachel 2006]

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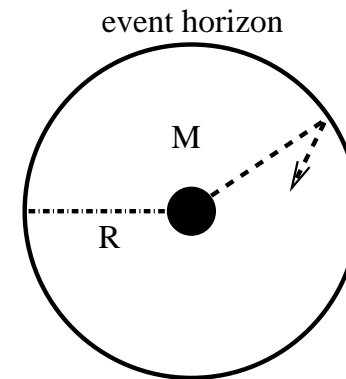
Conjecture: Colour confinement \sim black hole physics

[Paolo Castorina, Dmitri Kharzeev, HS 2007]

2. Black Holes and Event Horizons

- black hole

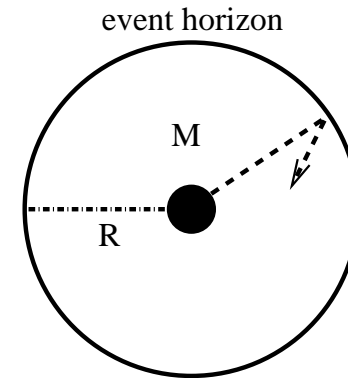
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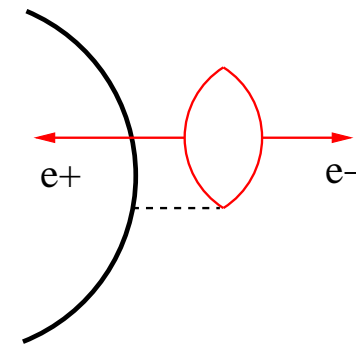
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- Hawking radiation

quantum effect \sim uncertainty principle
vacuum fluctuation e^+e^- outside event
horizon, with $\Delta E \Delta t \sim 1$
if in Δt , e^+ falls into black hole,
then e^- can escape; equivalent:
 e^- tunnels through event horizon

[Hawking 1975]



- Quantum Causality

no information about state of system beyond event horizon; e^+ on one side, e^- on the other: EPR

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- Unruh relation

[Unruh 1976]

event horizon arises for systems in uniform acceleration

mass m in uniform acceleration a

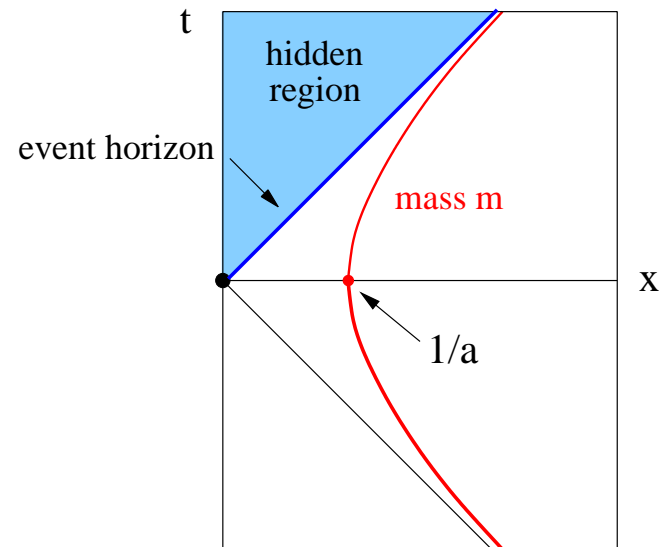
$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = F$$

$$v = dx/dt, F = ma, c = 1$$

solution: hyperbolic motion

$$x = \frac{1}{a} \cosh a\tau$$

$$t = \frac{1}{a} \sinh a\tau$$

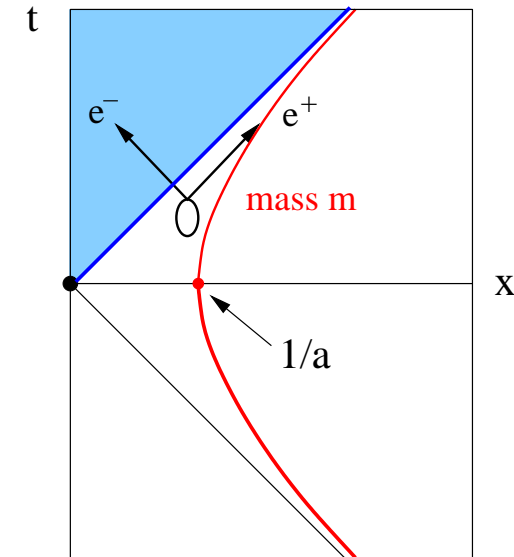


\exists event horizon: m cannot reach hidden region
observer in hidden region cannot communicate with m

m passes through vacuum, can use part of acceleration energy to excite vacuum fluctuations on-shell

e^+ absorbed in detector on m
 e^- disappears beyond event horizon

“quantum entanglement”
 \sim Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen effect



observer on m as well as observer in hidden region have
incomplete information: \Rightarrow each sees thermal radiation

observer on m :
physical vacuum = thermal medium of temperature T_U

Unruh temperature $T_U = \frac{\hbar a}{2\pi c}$ again relativistic quantum effect

for observer in hidden region, Unruh radiation:

passage of $m \Rightarrow$ thermal radiation of temperature T_U

Black hole event horizon $R = 2GM$ (Schwarzschild radius)

$$F = ma = G \frac{Mm}{R^2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{GM}{R^2} = \frac{1}{4GM}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_U = \frac{a}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{8\pi GM} = T_{BH}$$

recover Hawking result

In general:

[T. D. Lee 1986, Parikh & Wilczek 2000]

event horizon \sim information transfer forbidden

\Rightarrow quantum tunnelling \sim thermal radiation

Relation to QCD?

Gravitation:

matter and light confined to restricted region of space
 (“black hole”)

QCD:

coloured quarks and gluons confined to restricted region
 of space, colourless from the outside (“white hole”)

Hadrons as black hole analogue in strong interaction
 physics? [\[Recami & Castorina 1976, Salam & Strathdee 1978\]](#)

Schwarzschild radius of nucleon

$$R_g^n = 2 G m \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-38} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-39} \text{ fm}$$

Volume of nucleon too big by 10^{100} to be a gravitational
 black hole

Gravitation \rightarrow strong interaction: $Gm^2 \rightarrow \alpha_s$, hence

$$R_s^n = \frac{2\alpha_s}{m} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

if $\alpha_s \simeq 2 - 3$.

Hadron radius \sim “strong” Schwarzschild radius

Hadrons \sim “strong” black (or “white”) holes
coloured inside, white outside

More generally:

consider interacting hadrons, multihadron production,
in the framework of black hole physics concepts

Black hole: event horizon for **all** interactions

White hole: event horizon only for **strong** interactions

3. Pair Production and String Breaking

Basic process: two-jet e^+e^- annihilation, cms energy \sqrt{s} :

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

$q\bar{q}$ separate subject to constant confining force $F = \sigma$

initial quark velocity $v_0 = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$, $p \simeq \sqrt{s}/2$

Solve $ma = \sigma$ (hyperbolic motion): [Hosoya 1979, Horibe 1979]

$$\tilde{x} = [1 - \sqrt{1 - v_0\tilde{t} + \tilde{t}^2}] , \quad \tilde{x} = x/x_0 , \quad \tilde{t} = t/x_0$$

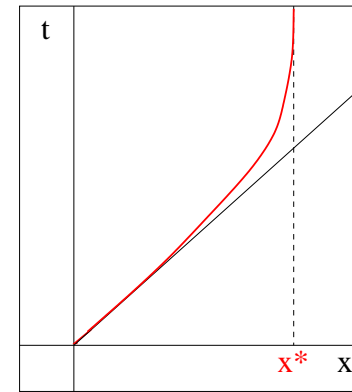
with

$$x_0 = \frac{m}{\sigma} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v_0^2}} = \frac{m}{\sigma} \gamma = \frac{1}{a} \gamma$$

classical turning point $v(t^*) = 0$ at

$$x^* = x(t^*) = \frac{m}{\sigma} \gamma [1 - \sqrt{1 - (v_0/2)^2}] \simeq \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2\sigma}$$

$q\bar{q}$ can separate arbitrarily far
if \sqrt{s} is large enough

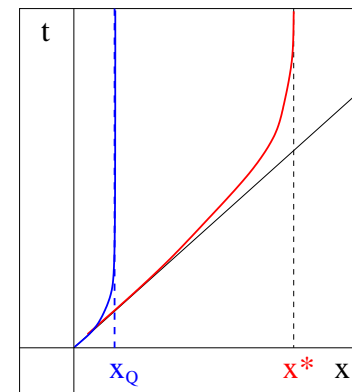


What's wrong?

classical event horizon

Strong field \Rightarrow vacuum unstable
against pair production [Schwinger 1951]

when $\sigma x > \sigma x_Q \equiv 2m$
string connecting $q\bar{q}$ breaks



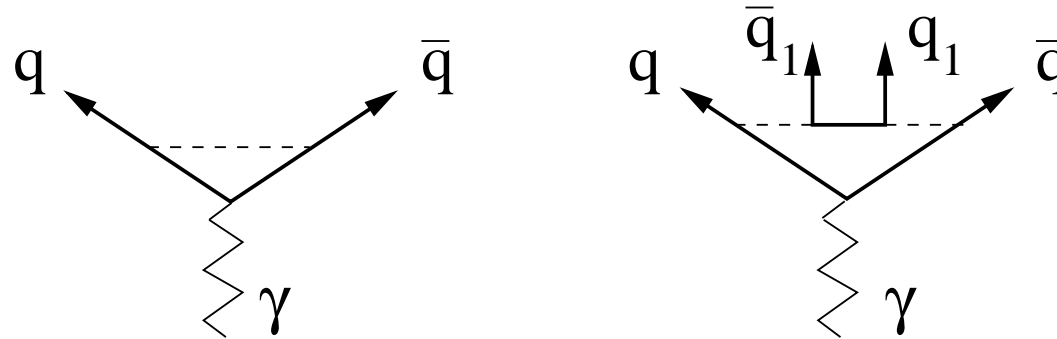
Result:

quantum event horizon

Hadron production in e^+e^- annihilation:

“inside-outside cascade”

[Bjorken 1976]



$q\bar{q}$ flux tube has thickness $r_T \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma}}$

$q_1\bar{q}_1$ at rest in cms, but $k_T \simeq \frac{1}{r_T} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\pi\sigma}{2}}$

$q\bar{q}$ separation at $q_1\bar{q}_1$ production $\sigma x(q\bar{q}) = 2\sqrt{m^2 + k_T^2}$

q_1 screens \bar{q} from q , hence string breaking at

$$x_q \simeq \frac{2}{\sigma} \sqrt{m^2 + (\pi\sigma/2)} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\sigma}} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

new flux tubes $q\bar{q}_1$ and $\bar{q}q_1$

stretch $q_1\bar{q}_1$

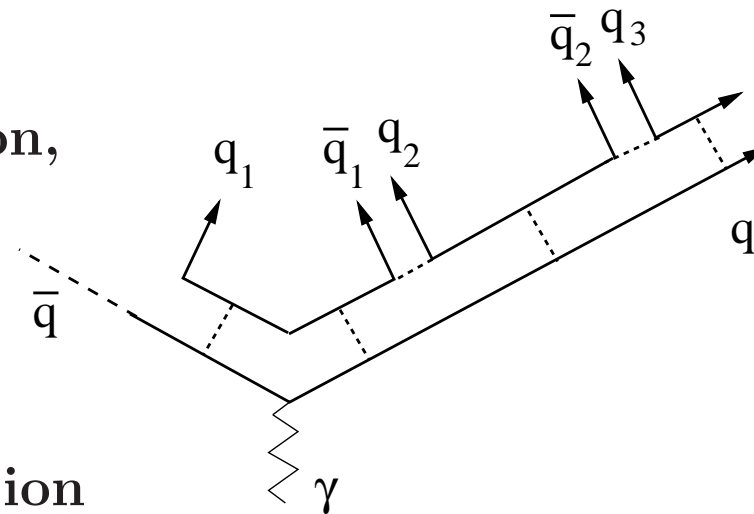
to form new pair $q_2\bar{q}_2$

$$\sigma x(q_1\bar{q}_1) = 2\sqrt{m^2 + k_T^2}$$

equivalent:

\bar{q}_1 reaches $q_1\bar{q}_1$ event horizon,
tunnels to become \bar{q}_2

emission of hadron \bar{q}_1q_2
as Hawking radiation



self-similar pattern:

screening

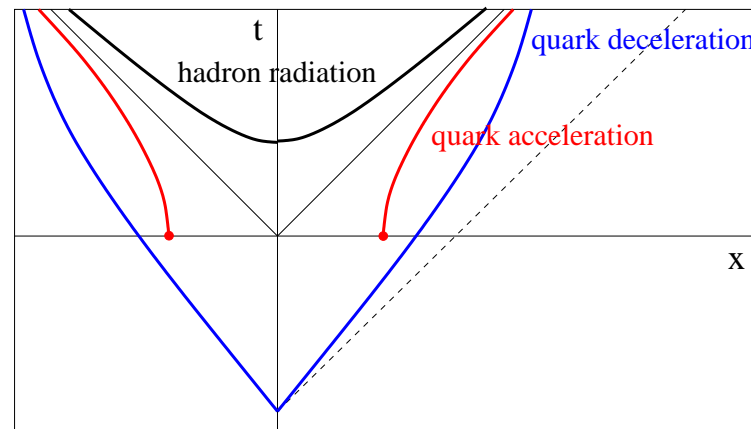
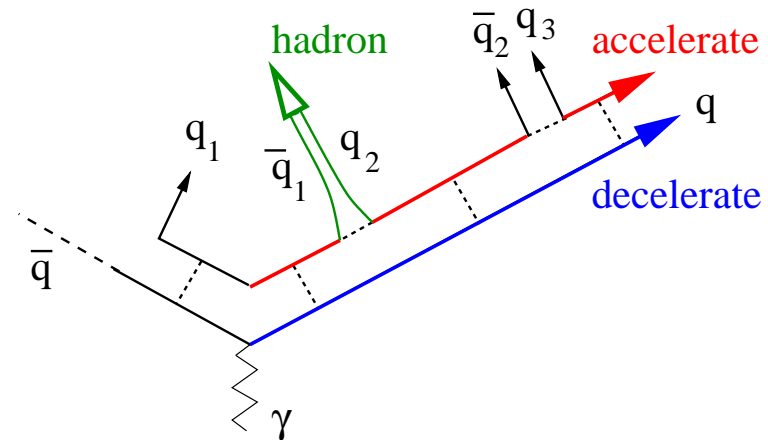
string breaking

tunnelling

quark acceleration

/deceleration

Hawking radiation



temperature of Hawking radiation: what acceleration?
($\bar{q}_1 \rightarrow \bar{q}_2 \rightarrow \bar{q}_3 \rightarrow \dots$)

bring quark on-shell

$$v = 0 \rightarrow v = k_T / (m^2 + k_T^2)^{1/2} \simeq 1$$

in virtuality time $\Delta\tau = 1/\Delta E \simeq 1/2k_T$

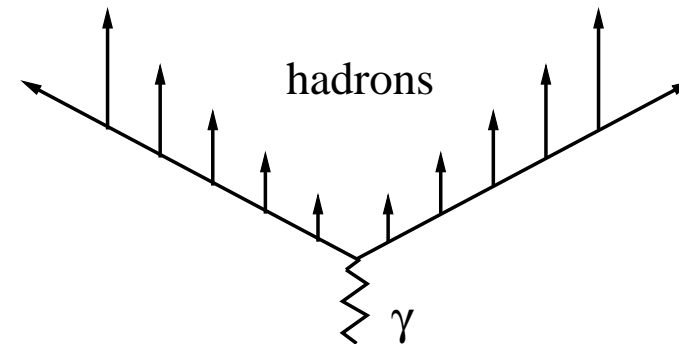
$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta\tau} \simeq 2k_T \simeq \sqrt{2\pi\sigma} \simeq 1.1 \text{ GeV}$$

\Rightarrow temperature of hadronic Hawking radiation

$$T_q = \frac{a}{2\pi} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2\pi}} \simeq 180 \text{ MeV}$$

determines: hadron species abundances, p_T spectra

hadronization pattern:
hadron multiplicity?



thickness of classical “overstretched” string:

$$R_T^2 = \frac{2}{\pi\sigma} \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{1}{2k+1} \simeq \frac{2}{\pi\sigma} \ln 2K \simeq \frac{2}{\pi\sigma} \ln \sqrt{s}$$

quantum breaking at $x_q \sim r_T$, hence hadron multiplicity

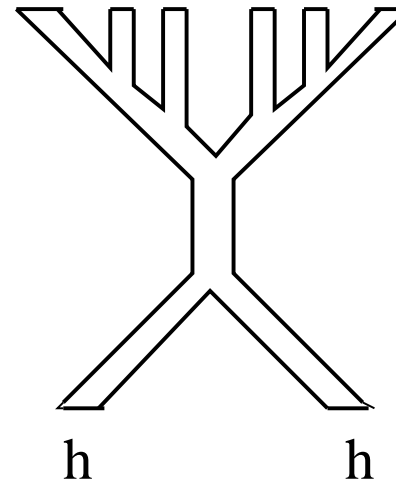
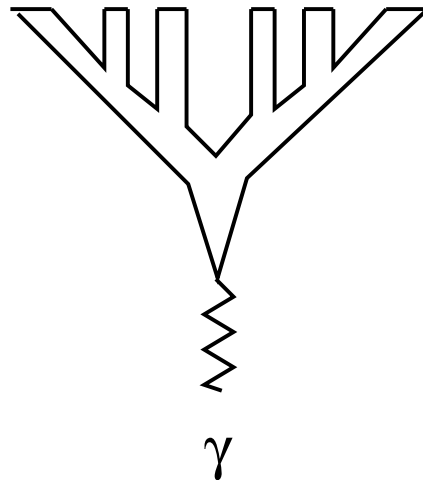
$$\nu(s) \simeq \frac{R_T^2}{r_T^2} \simeq \ln \sqrt{s}$$

NB: parton evolution (minijets), multiple jets lead to stronger increase
parton saturation: see [Kharzeev & Tuchin](#)

generalize:

e^+e^- annihilation
white hole creation

hadron-hadron collision
white hole fusion



both \rightarrow self-similar cascades

Heavy ion collisions \Rightarrow

- baryon number
- centrality (“spin”)

4. Charged and Rotating Black Holes

Black holes: three (& only three) observable properties

mass M , charge Q , angular momentum J

hence thermal Hawking radiation $\Rightarrow T_H(M, Q, J)$

Origin of event horizon?

invariant space-time metric (time t , space r , latitude θ)

$$ds^2 = f_t(M, Q, J) dt^2 - f_r(M, Q, J) dr^2 - f_\theta(M, Q, J) d\theta^2$$

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- $Q = J = 0$: Schwarzschild BH $T_S(M) = \frac{1}{8\pi G M}$

- $Q \neq 0, J = 0$: Reissner-Nordström BH

$$T_{RN}(M, Q) = T_S(M) \left\{ \frac{4 \sqrt{1 - Q^2/GM^2}}{(1 + \sqrt{1 - Q^2/GM^2})^2} \right\} < T_S(M)$$

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- $Q = 0, J \neq 0$: Kerr BH ($\rho = J/M$)

$$T_K(M, J) = T_S(M) \left\{ \frac{4\sqrt{1 - \rho^2/(GM)^2}}{(1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2/(GM)^2})^2} \right\} < T_S(M)$$

smaller than $T_S(M)$ because centrifugal force
partially balances gravitational attraction

normally $f_r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f_t \rightarrow 0$

for rotating BH, two distinct solutions:

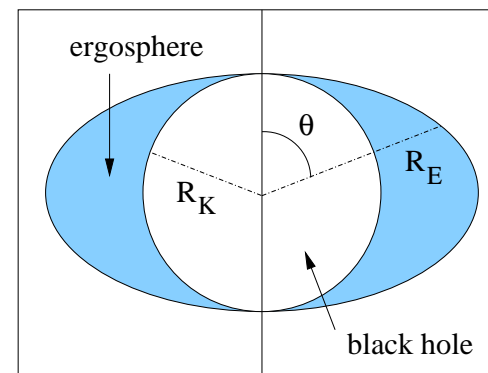
event horizon

$$f_r \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow R_K = GM (1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2/(GM)^2})$$

ergosphere

$$f_t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow R_E = GM (1 + \sqrt{1 - [\rho^2/(GM)^2] \cos^2 \theta})$$

in ergosphere,
rotational drag
affects even light



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Hawking radiation at earlier quantum horizon,
 $\Rightarrow T_H(\sigma)$, not $T_H(\sqrt{s})$

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● Baryon Density

Coulomb repulsion
vs. gravitation



baryon repulsion vs.
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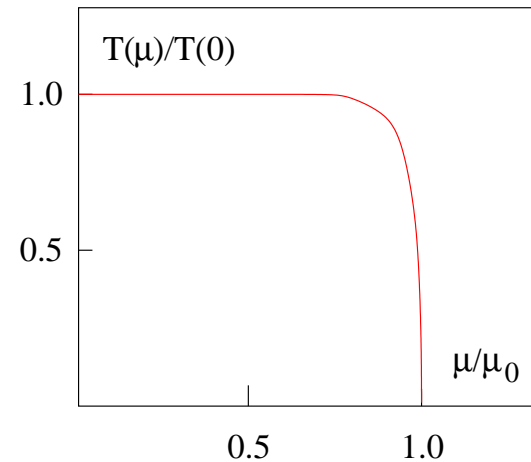
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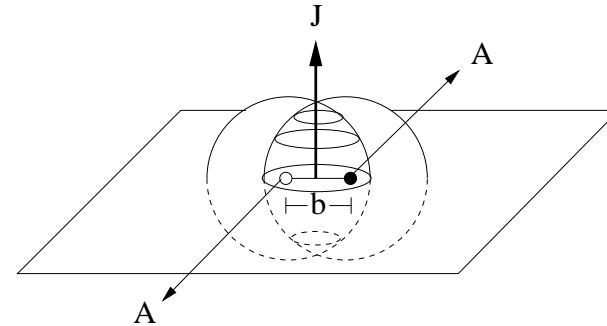
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overly simplistic - include realistic baryon interaction

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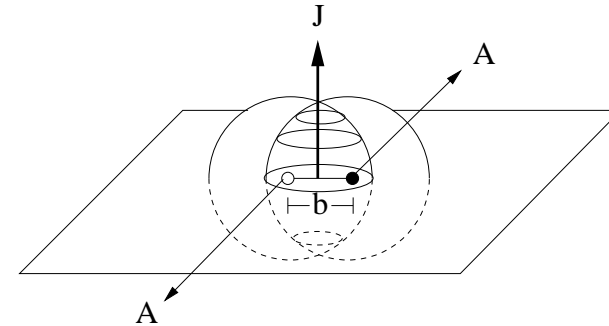
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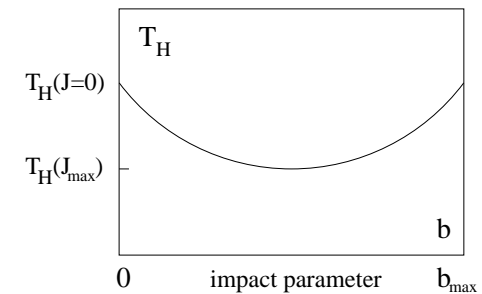
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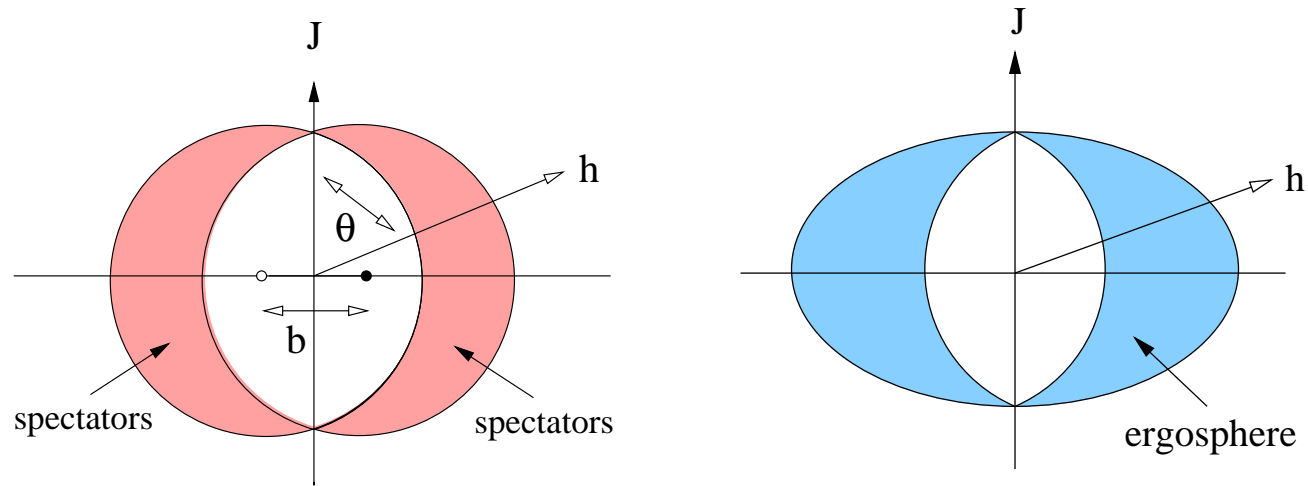
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$\Rightarrow T_H$ decreases with centrality
increases again when collectivity
stops



test through species abundance ratios

ergosphere $R_E(J \cos \theta) \rightarrow$
 azimuthal dependence of hadron spectra



along polar axis: no “flow”, $T_H(J) < T_H(J = 0)$

along equator: “flow”, $T_H(J) < T_H(J = 0)$

test in simultaneous study of species abundances
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5. Kinetic vs. Stochastic Thermalization

Kinetic thermalization:

time evolution of given non-equilibrium configuration
(two parallel colliding parton beams)
through multiple collisions
to a time-independent equilibrium state
(quark-gluon plasma)

requires

- many constituents
- sufficiently large interaction cross sections
- sufficiently long time

thermal hadron production in e^+e^- , $pp/p\bar{p}$?

Hagedorn: *the emitted hadrons are “born into equilibrium”*

Hawking radiation:

final state produced at random from the set of all states
corresponding to temperature T_H
determined by confining field

this set of all final states is same as that
produced by kinetic thermalization

measurements cannot tell if the equilibrium was reached
by thermal evolution or by throwing dice:

\Rightarrow Thermodynamic Equivalence Principle \Leftarrow

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God does play dice, but He sometimes throws them where they can't be seen.

Stephen Hawking