Light Nuclei Production and Critical Point

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Light Nuclei Cluster



Loosely bounded objects (~MeV)

Nucleons close each other in phase-space (homogeneous):

- Phase-space
- nucleons interaction

Light nuclei in heavy ion collisions



Binding energy $<< T_{kf}$

- ⇒ Form at late stages of collision
- ⇒ Detecting the phasespace distribution at freeze-out

Light nuclei in heavy ion collisions

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Au + Au Collisions

STAR Preliminary

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200 20 30 40 100 Collision Energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV) Non-monotonic v.s. $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

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Light nuclei in heavy ion collisions

STAR, PRL 126 092301; STAR, PRC 104, 024902; 4.0 JAM (b < 3 fm), $\Delta P_{d/t} = 0.3 \text{ GeV/c}$ (2) κσ² **STAR** 0.7 $\Delta R_d = 4.0 \text{ fm}, \Delta R_t = 3.4 \text{ fm}$ **o** 0%-5% 3.0 $N_t \times N_p / N_d^2$ 0.6 70%-80% Stat. uncertainty Syst. uncertainty 0.5 **Projected BES-II** 2.0 HAD stat. uncertainty 0.4 1.0 0.3 - STAR (0-10%) + NA49 from PLB 781,499 (2018) 4 5 6 7 10 20 30 40 0.0 Collision Energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV) 100 200 10 20 5 50 √s_{NN} (GeV) Non-monotonic v.s. $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ Non-monotonic v.s. $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ Phase transition?

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Light nuclei: hot topic

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Nucleon density fluct. in coordinate space

Proton and neutron density:

 $\rho_n(x) = \langle \rho_n \rangle + \delta \rho_n(x)$ $\rho_p(x) = \langle \rho_p \rangle + \delta \rho_p(x)$



$$\frac{N_t N_p}{N_d^2} \sim \langle \delta \rho(x)^2 \rangle$$

Phase-space (coordinate space)

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NN interaction in light nuclei production



Molecular Dynamics of a nucleon gas in thermal equilibrium

$$\frac{N_t N_p}{N_d^2} \simeq g \frac{\langle \exp\left(-\frac{3V_{NN}(r)}{T}\right) \rangle}{\langle \exp\left(-\frac{V_{NN}(r)}{T}\right) \rangle^2} \sim g \left\langle e^{-\frac{V_{NN}(r)}{T}} \right\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 \equiv \frac{N_\alpha N_p}{N_{^3\mathrm{He}} N_d} \simeq 0.18 \frac{\langle e^{-6V(r)/T} \rangle}{\langle e^{-3V(r)/T} \rangle \langle e^{-V(r)/T} \rangle}$$

$$V_{\mathcal{A}}(r) = -\frac{\alpha_{\sigma}}{r}e^{-m_{\sigma}r} + \frac{\alpha_{\omega}}{r}e^{-m_{\omega}r}$$

Nucleons interaction

Free down effects from 4He to t, d, p near critical point

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Dynamical models with light nuclei ratio



W. Zhao et al., PRC (2018)



1.4 UrQMD default UrQMD hybrid ----- Thermal model 1.2 Multifragmentation 1.0 t·p/d² 0.6 0.4 0.2 parameter set 00 10^{0} 10^{1} 10^{2} 10^{3} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10⁶ 10^{-1} E_{lab} [/

P.Hillmann et al., 2109.05972



K.Sun et al., PRC (2021)

And others....

Phase-space produced in HIC

No clear non-monotonic on the model so far 9

Phase-Space Distribution in Light Nuclei Ratio (Background+Critical)

SW, K.Murase, S.Tang, H.Song, in preperation





Phase-Space Dis. in Light Nuclei Ratio: Example **SW**, K.Murase, S.Tang, H.Song, in preperation

Woods-Saxon:
$$\rho(r)_{ws} = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + Exp[\frac{r-r_0}{a_0}]}$$

Gaussian: $\rho(r)_{Gauss} = \rho_0 Exp[-r^2/r_0^2]$



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We need decompose phase-space into Gaussian+Non-Gaussian



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$$N_A = g_A \int \left[\prod_i^A d^3 \boldsymbol{r}_i d^3 \boldsymbol{p}_i f(\boldsymbol{r}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i)\right] W_A(\{\boldsymbol{r}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i\}_{i=1}^A)$$

Overlap of nucleus wavefunction and source size matters

$$f_1$$
 W_2 f_2

Decompose phase-space distribution

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Light nuclei yield

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Light nuclei yield: cumulants

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terms like
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_c, \langle p^2 \rangle_c, \langle rp \rangle_c \cdots$$

= $g_A 8^{-1} e^{AC_0} [\det (C + \mathcal{I})]^{-(A-1)/2}$ $\xrightarrow{N_t N_p}{N_d^2} = \frac{g_t}{g_d^2} [1 + \text{Non-Gaussian terms}]$

Non-Gaussian of phasespace is important

$$Z_1 \qquad Z_2 \qquad A = 3$$

 $Z_1 \quad Z_2$

A = 2

*z*₁

Summary so far: Background

- Light Nuclei~homogeneity length ~ c_s^2 ~Global EoS
- Light Nuclei Ratio ~ Finer structure ~ detail EoS [c_s²(t)] + Phase transition? Critical Point? Resonance? Other d.o.f?



Light Nuclei Ratio Near QCD Critical Point: (Background+Critical)

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QCD phase diagram

- Lattice QCD (small μ_B finite T):
 - Crossover
- Effective models(large μ_B)
 - 1st order phase trans.
- \rightarrow Critical point
- Lattice QCD: sign problem at large μ_B
- Effective models: parameters dependent
- \rightarrow Heavy-ion collisions :
 - changing $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, mapping $T \mu$: RHIC(BES), NICA, FAIR, J_PARC...





Light nuclei yield: Background+Critical

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Critical δf : nucleons interact with the order parameter field $\delta f \sim g_{\sigma}\sigma$, which strongly fluctuates e-by-e

Light nuclei yield: Background+Critical

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Critical δf : but we have little knowledge on the coupling constants $g_{\sigma} =>$ properly treatment of background is important.



Critical δf : A constituent nucleons relates to A-point critical correlator

Light nuclei yield: Background+Critical

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Background and Critical share the same coefficient. Light nuclei of A constituent nucleons NA share the similar form.

New Light Nuclei Ratio Sensitive to ξ

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$$\langle N_A \rangle = \frac{g_A e^{AC_0}}{8[\det(\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{I})]^{(A-1)/2}} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{i=2}^{A} \Xi(A, i) \right\}.$$

$$R \equiv \left(\frac{\langle N_B \rangle}{N_p} \right)^{A-1} \left(\frac{N_p}{\langle N_A \rangle} \right)^{B-1} - \frac{g_B^{A-1}}{g_A^{B-1}}$$

$$= \frac{g_B^{A-1}}{g_A^{B-1}} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{B-1} C_{(B-1)}^l [\sum_{i=2}^{A} \Xi(A, i)]^l \right\}^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{A-1} C_{(A-1)}^n [\sum_{i=2}^{B} \Xi(B, i)]^n - \sum_{m=1}^{B-1} C_{(m-1)}^m [\sum_{i=2}^{A} \Xi(A, i)]^m \right\}$$

$$\zeta$$

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Summary

- Light Nuclei Ratio (Background): Gaussian $f(x,p) \sim \text{const.}$, Non-Gaussian f(x,p) w.r.t $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ is essential!
- New Light Nuclei Ratio *R* (Critical): canceling the background, sensitive to ξ
- Outlook:
 - New light nuclei ratio with Critical dynamics (in progress)
 - Long-lived Resonance decay



$$R \equiv \left(\frac{\langle N_B \rangle}{N_p}\right)^{A-1} \left(\frac{N_p}{\langle N_A \rangle}\right)^{B-1} - \frac{g_B^{A-1}}{g_A^{B-1}}$$

Thanks !