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In the standard picture of heavy-ion collisions, it seems that a large part of the evolution of the produced fireball can be described in terms of classcal theories: relativistic hydrodynaics, the relativistic Boltzmann equation. The quantum effects seem to be restrivcted to the very initial stages, and the computation of some material properties, for instance the transport coefficients.

Recent results highlight that the quantum corrections are, in fact, large. The succes of such classical models can be explained within quantum field theory.

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