





#### 夸克胶子等离子体理论进展

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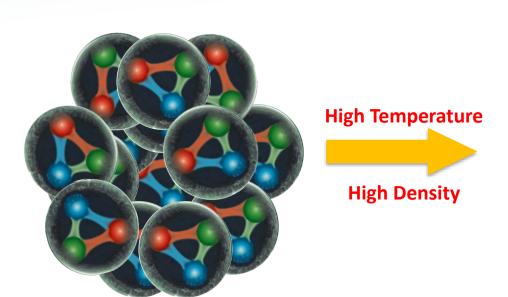
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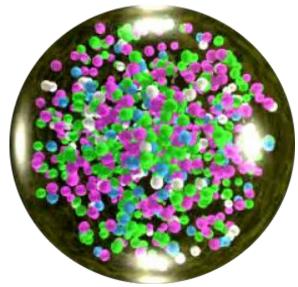
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#### Quark-gluon plasma: a new state of matter





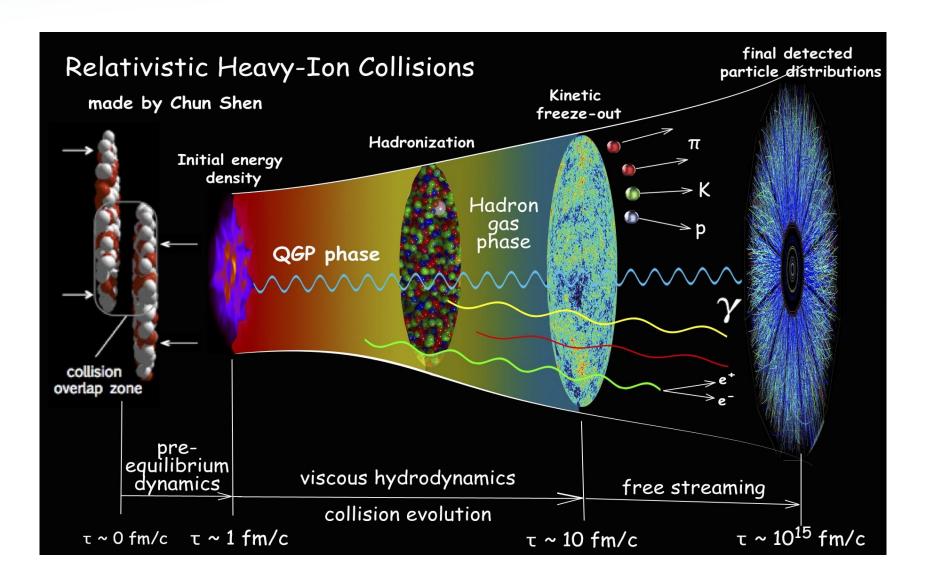
**Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC)** 



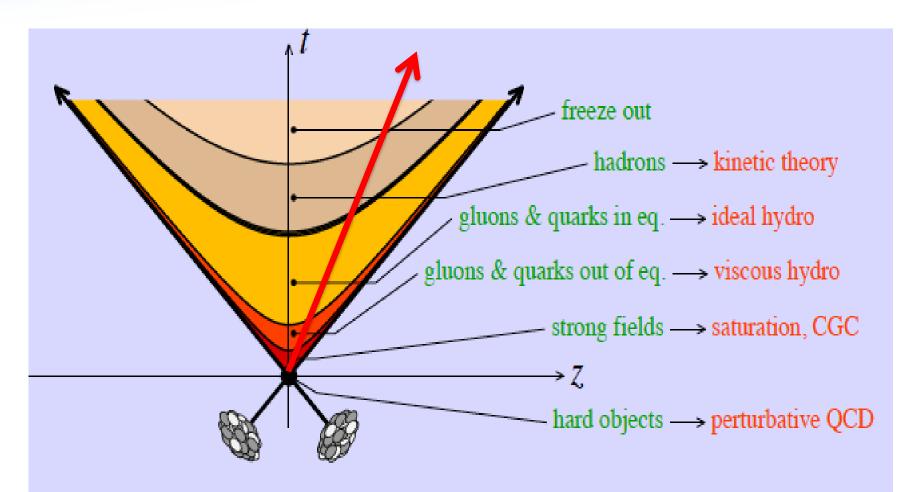
**Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** 



#### The state of the art of QGP research in heavy-ion collisions



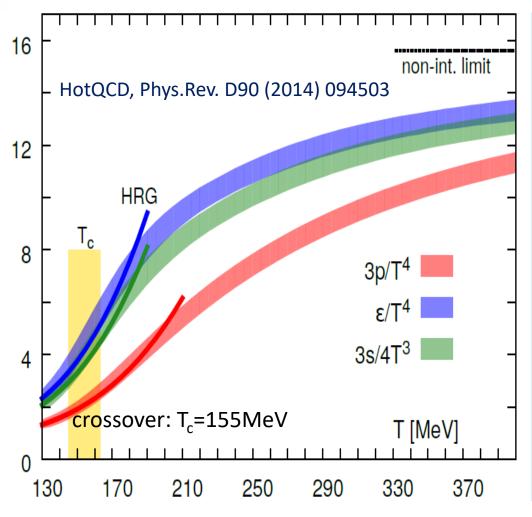
# An interdisciplinary research field



**Theoretical approaches:** lattice QCD, perturbative QCD, effective field theories, relativistic hydrodynamics, transport and kinetic theory, thermal and statistical models, functional methods, AdS/CFT(QCD), Monte-Carlo, hybrid/multi-scale(stage) models, ...

# Thermodynamics

# QCD thermodynamics from lattice



A transition (crossover) between hadronic matter and quark-gluon matter at  $T_c \sim 155 \mathrm{MeV}$ 

 $T < T_c$ , HRG thermodynamics

 $T \sim 400 {\rm MeV}$ , not a noninteracting quark-gluon gas, but a strongly-interacting fluid

For a gas of massless particles,

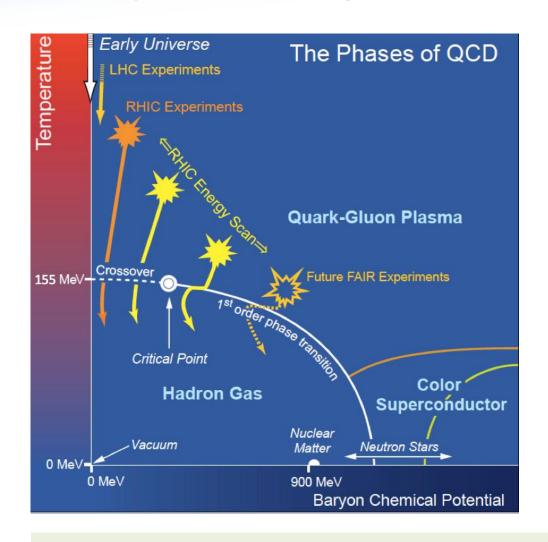
$$P = d\frac{\pi^2}{90}T^4$$
,  $s = d\frac{2\pi^2}{45}T^3$ ,  $\varepsilon = 3P$ 

#### HOT!!!

RHIC: ~350MeV, LHC: ~470MeV

$$T_c = 155 \text{MeV/k}_B = (155 * 10^6 \text{eV})(1.6 * 10^{-19} \text{J/eV})/(1.38 * 10^{-23} \text{J/K}) = 1.8 * 10^{12} \text{K}$$

#### QCD phase diagram and critical point

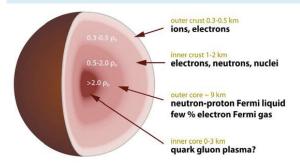


Low T &  $\mu_B$  => hadrons (hadron matter)

 $T_c$ ~155MeV,  $\mu_B$ ~0 => hadron matter melts into quark-gluon plasma (QGP)

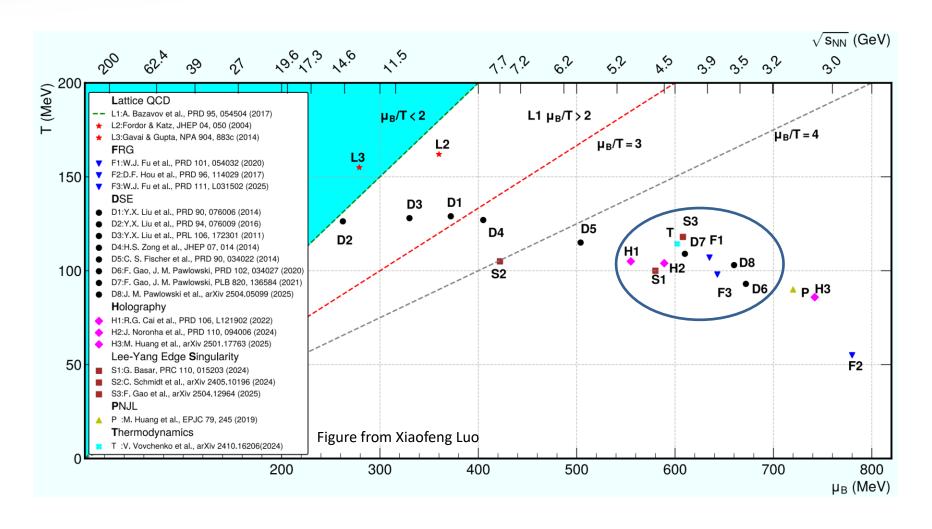
Very high T => early Universe

High  $\mu_B$  => compact stars

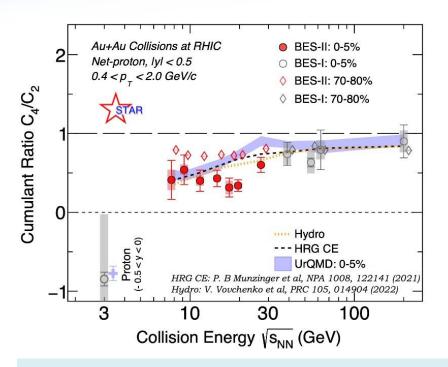


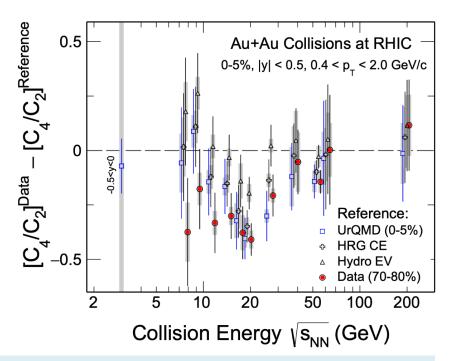
Lattice QCD disfavors CP for  $\mu_B/T \le 2 \& T/T_c(\mu_B=0) > 0.9$  (Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 5, 054504)

# CP predictions from various models



### Search for CP: experimental status





For an infinite system, the correlation length at critical point should diverge, so do susceptibilities.

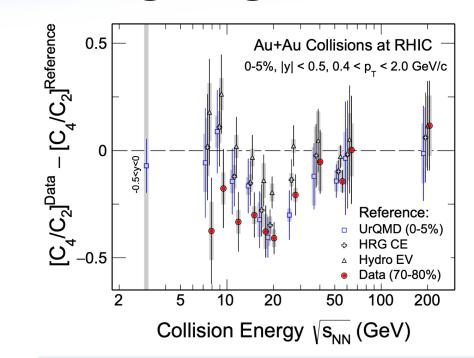
$$\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \approx \zeta^{4.5}, \ \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle \approx \zeta^7$$

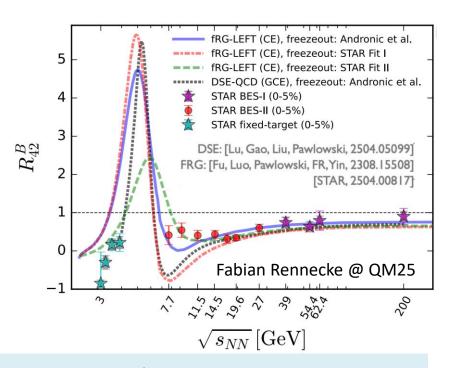
Cumulants of conserved quantities (e.g., B,Q,S) are sensitive to the correlation length and directly related to susceptibility ratios

$$\chi_{n,q} = \frac{1}{VT^3} C_{n,q} = \frac{\partial^n (p/T^4)}{\partial (\mu_q)^n}, \quad \frac{C_4}{C_2} = \kappa \sigma^2 = \frac{\chi_4}{\chi_2}$$

STAR BESII:  $2.5\sigma$  deviations to non-CP baselines at 19.6 GeV.

### On-going search for CP





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CP signal is there in theoretical calculation.

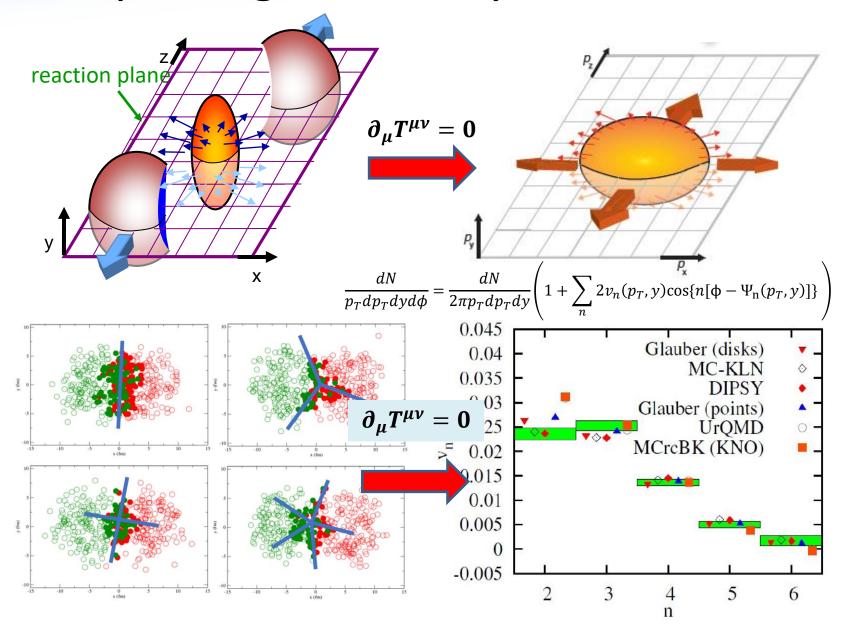
Can the future data from 4.5 GeV & 3 GeV Au-Au collisions answer this question?

How much signal is left in real world (i.e., fluctuating dynamically evolving medium)?

Precise dynamical modelling with CP is crucial to compare with data.

# Flow and hydrodynamics

#### Flow paradigm in heavy-ion collisions



### Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics

Energy-momentum conservation (near-equilibrium long-wavelength behavior)

$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$
 
$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon U^{\mu}U^{\nu} - (P + \Pi)\Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

Equations of motion (Israel-Stewart viscous hydrodynamics):

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = -(\varepsilon + P + \Pi)\theta + \pi^{\mu\nu}\sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

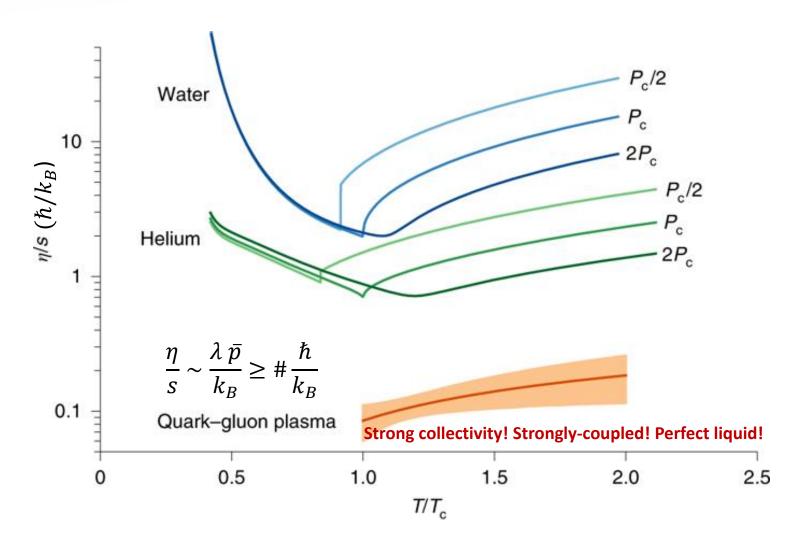
$$(\varepsilon + P + \Pi)\dot{U}^{\alpha} = \nabla^{\alpha}(P + \Pi) + \dot{U}_{\mu}\pi^{\mu\nu} - \Delta^{\alpha}_{\nu}\nabla_{\mu}\pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\dot{\Pi} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\Pi}}\left[\Pi + \zeta\theta + \Pi\zeta T\partial_{\alpha}\left(\frac{\tau_{\Pi}}{2\zeta T}U^{\alpha}\right)\right]$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha\beta}\dot{\pi}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi}}\left[\pi^{\mu\nu} - 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}\eta T\partial_{\alpha}\left(\frac{\tau_{\pi}}{2\eta T}U^{\alpha}\right)\right]$$

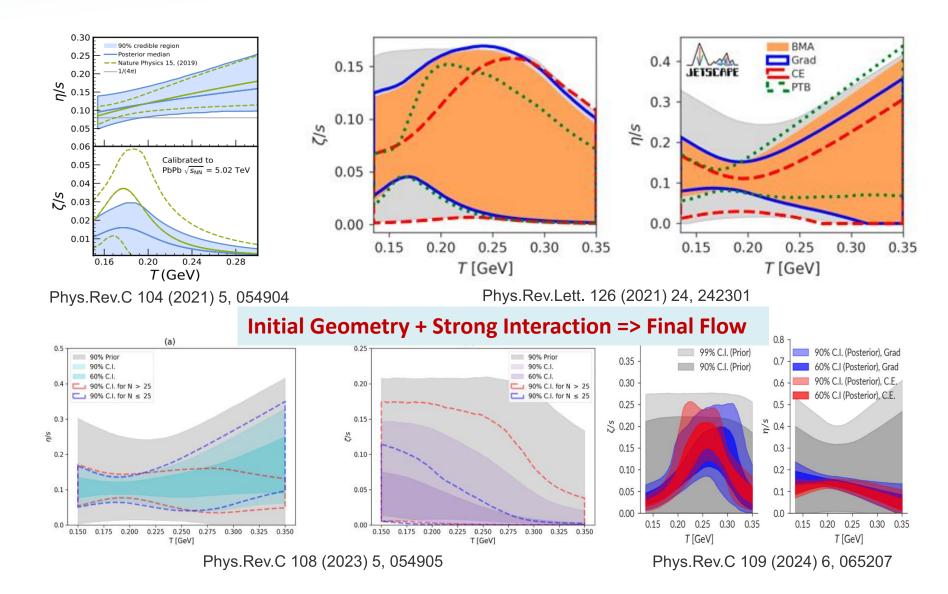
- Equation of state:  $P = P(\varepsilon)$
- Hydro Code: MUSIC, iEBE-VISHNU, vHLLE, ECHO-QGP, SONIC, aHydro, CLVisc
- IC Code: Glauber, IP-Glasma, TRENTO, EKRT, AMPT, UrQMD/SMASH
   arXiv:0902.3663; arXiv:1301.2826; arXiv:1301.5893; arXiv:1311.1849; arXiv:1401.0079...

# Most perfect fluid



Bernhard, Moreland, Bass, Nature Physics 2019

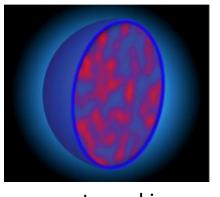
#### Bayesian extraction of QGP viscosity

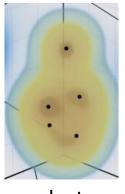


#### From final collectivity to initial nuclear structure

The generalized Woods-Saxon distribution

$$\rho(r,\theta,\phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp[\frac{r - R(\theta,\phi)}{a_0}]}$$



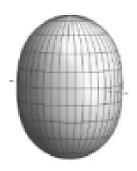


neutron skin

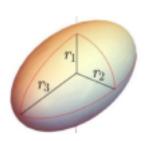
 $\alpha$  cluster

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 (1 + \beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi) + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}(\theta, \phi)] + \beta_3 Y_{3,0}(\theta, \phi) + \beta_4 Y_{4,0}(\theta, \phi))$$

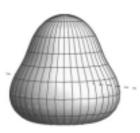
#### **Initial Geometry + Strong Interaction => Final Flow**



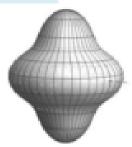
Quadrupole



**Triaxial** 

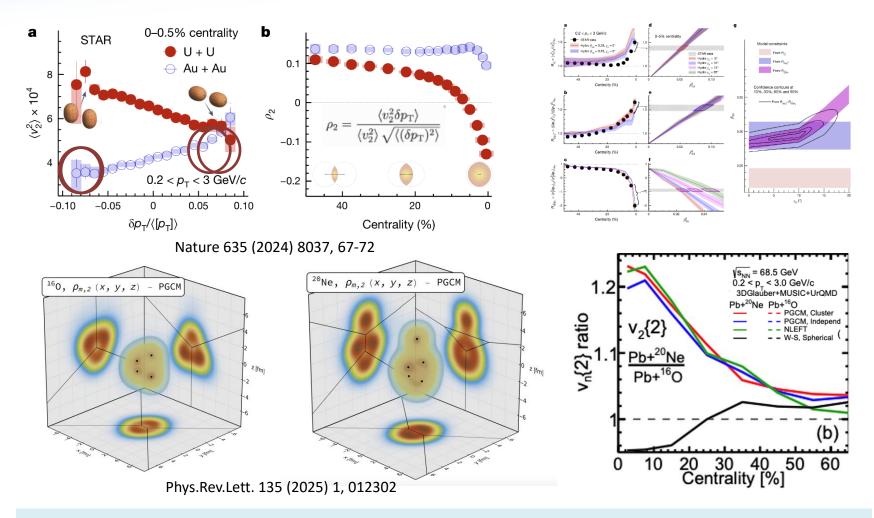


Octuple



Hexadecapole

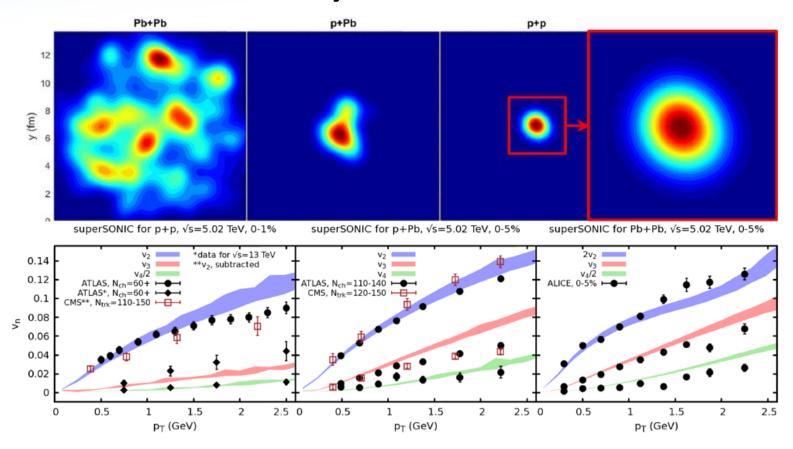
#### From final collectivity to initial nuclear structure



The ratios (U+U/Au+Au) can largely cancel final state effects and is sensitive to the intrinsic deformation of U:  $\beta_2^{\rm U}=0.286\pm0.025, \gamma_{\rm U}=8.7^{\circ}\pm4.5^{\circ}$ 

 $v_n$  (Pb+Ne/Pb+O) is sensitive to  $\alpha$ -clustering structure, which can be confirmed by SMOG2 program at LHCb.

### Flow in small systems: mini-QGP?



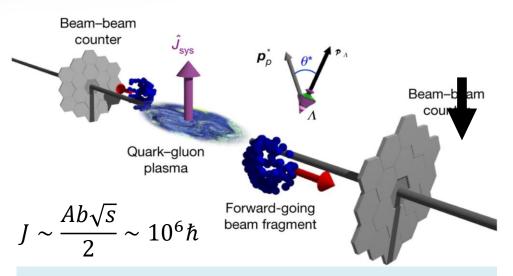
Flow harmonics can be viewed as the final-state effect due to hydrodynamic evolution of small systems with certain amount of initial anisotropy.

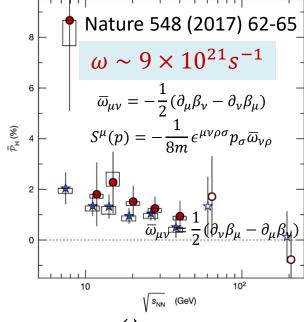
Still under active debate!

Bozek, Broniowski, Torrieri, PRL 2013; Bzdak, Schenke, Tribedy, Venugopalan, PRC 2013; GYQ, Muller, PRC 2014; Bzdak, Ma, PRL 2014; Weller, Romatschke, PLB 2017; Zhao, Zhou, Xu, Deng, Song, PLB 2018; etc.

# Vorticity and spin polarization

#### Most vortical fluid





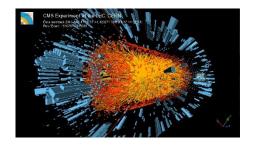
Spin-Orbital Coupling => Global Polarization



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{cos}\theta^*} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \alpha_{\mathrm{H}}|\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{H}}|\mathrm{cos}\theta^*) \qquad P_{\Lambda} \sim \frac{\omega}{2T}$$







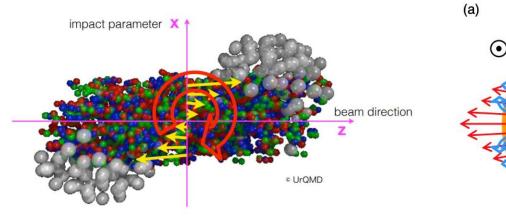
 $10^{-16}/s$ 

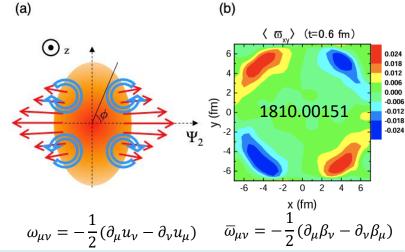
 $10^{-2}-10^2/s$ 

 $10^{20}$ - $10^{21}$ /s

Liang, Wang, PRL (2005); Becattini, Karpenko, Lisa, Upsal, Voloshin, PRC (2017), etc.

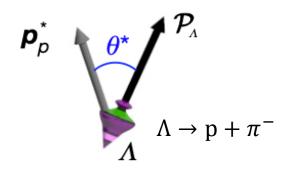
#### Local polarization in QGP: sign puzzle



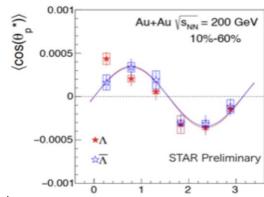


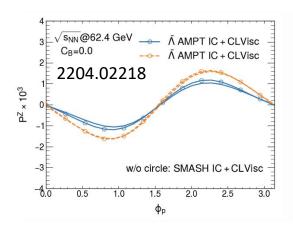
Global OAM => Global Polarization

Local Vortical Structure ?=> Local Polarization

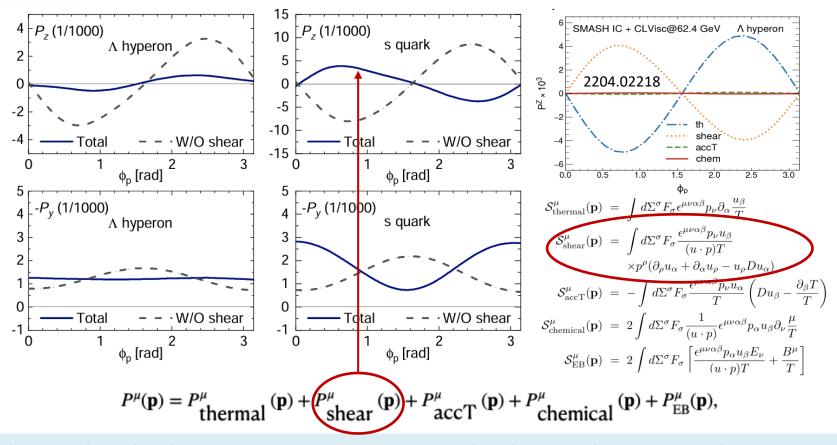


$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\cos\theta^*} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \alpha_{\mathrm{H}}|\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{H}}|\cos\theta^*)$$



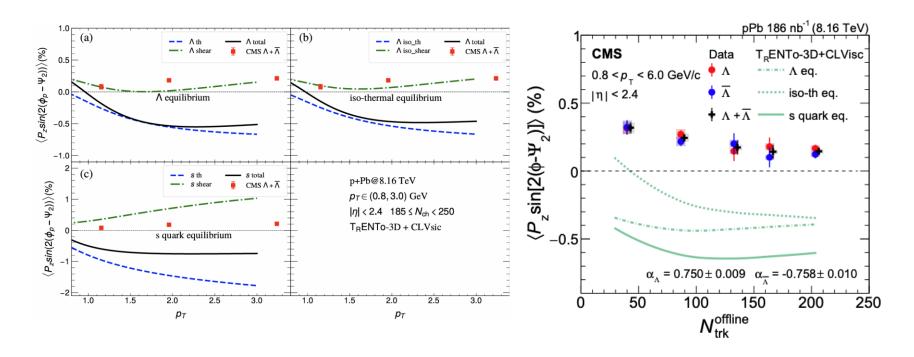


# Beyond vorticity: shear and more



Shear-induced polarization gives positive sign to local spin polarization and is indispensable to analyze the spin polarization induced by hydrodynamic gradient. Shear-induced polarization and the memory of strange quarks is required for the local spin polarization to agree with data qualitatively.

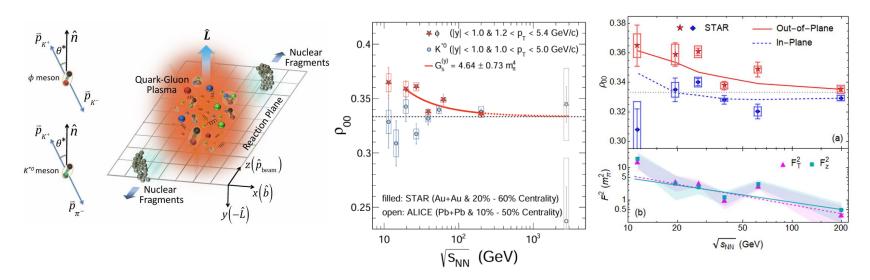
# Sign puzzle in p-Pb collisions



Shear-induced polarization gives a positive contribution, while thermal vorticity induced polarization provides an opposite sign, similar to AA collisions.

The total polarization is always negative except in very low multiplicity (inconsistent with data), which indicates thermal vorticity and shear tensors cannot explain the data.

# Spin alignment of φ: new avenue



Nature 614 (2023) 7947, 244-248

Phys.Rev.Lett. 131 (2023) 4, 042304

Global spin alignment for  $\phi$  is very large, while that for  $K^{*0}$  is consistent with zero. The observed spin-alignment pattern and magnitude for  $\phi$  cannot be explained by conventional vorticity mechanisms.

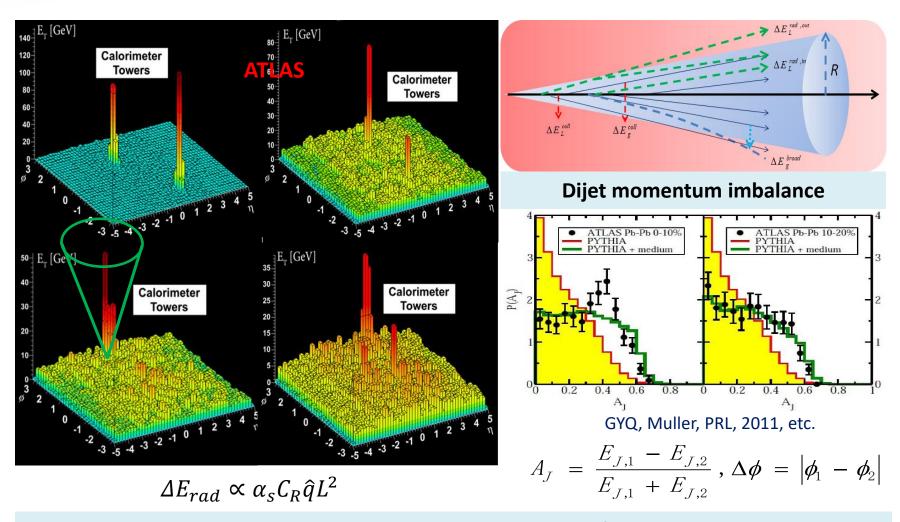
The local correlation or fluctuation of  $\phi$  fields can explain the observed  $\phi$  spin alignment, opening a new avenue for studying strong force fields.

$$\rho_{00}(x, \mathbf{k}) \approx \frac{1}{3} + C_1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \boldsymbol{\omega}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}')^2 \right] + C_2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}')^2 \right]$$

$$- \frac{4g_{\phi}^2}{m_{\phi}^2 T_{\mathrm{h}}^2} C_1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{B}_{\phi}' \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\phi}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\phi}')^2 \right] - \frac{4g_{\phi}^2}{m_{\phi}^2 T_{\mathrm{h}}^2} C_2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{E}_{\phi}' \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\phi}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\phi}')^2 \right]$$

# Jets and medium response

### QGP is highly opaque to jets



LHC can produce abundant high-energy jets with hundreds/thousands of GeV, providing an unprecedented opportunity for studying jets and jet quenching.

### A typical framework: LBT+Hydro

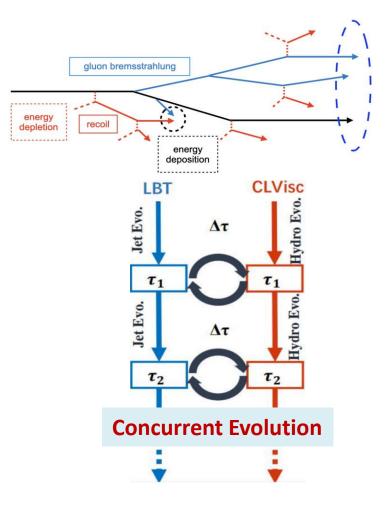
- Linear Boltzmann Transport (LBT) model for hard parton (jet shower and recoil) evolution
- Hydrodynamics (CLVisc) model for the bulk evolution
- Sort jet and recoil partons according to a cut-off parameter
  - Hard partons (LBT):  $\mathbf{p} \cdot \partial f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{C}[f]$  for  $p \cdot u > p_{cut}^0$
  - Soft partons (source):

$$J^{\nu}(x) = \sum_{i} p_{i}^{\nu} \delta^{(4)}(x - x_{i}) \theta(p_{cut}^{0} - p \cdot u)$$

 Update medium information by solving the hydrodynamics equation with source term (CLVisc)

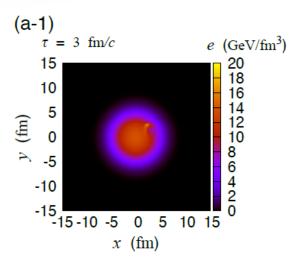
$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu}(x) = J^{\nu}(x)$$

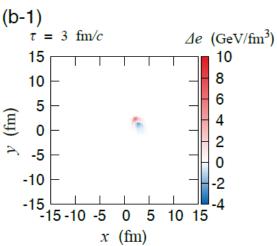
- Final hadron spectra:
  - Hadronization of hard partons
  - Jet-induced medium response via Cooper-Frye



LBT: He, Luo, Wang, Zhu, Cao, GYQ, etc., 1503.03313, 1605.06447, 1703.00822, 2306.13742. CLVisc: Pang, Wang, Wang, Petersen, Wu, GYQ, 1205.5019, 1802.04449, 2107.04949. CoLBT: W. Chei, T. Luo, S. Cao, L.G. Pang, X. N. Wang, Phys.Lett.B 777 (2018) 86-90.

# Jet quenching & medium response

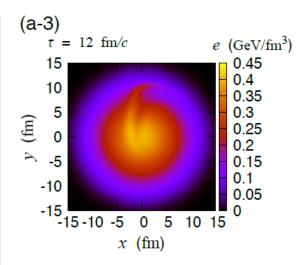


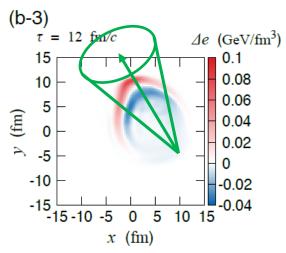


Jet loses and deposits energy and momentum into the medium, and induces V-shape wave fronts (medium excitation)

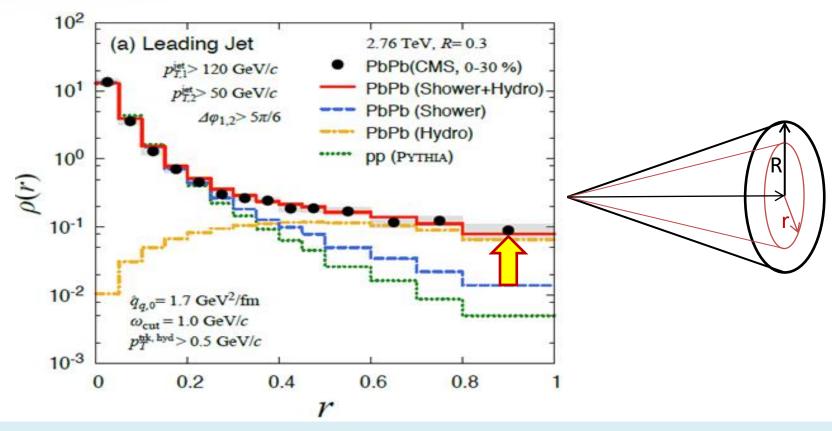
The wave fronts carry energy and momentum, propagate forward and outward, which depletes the energy behind the jet (diffusion wake)

Jet-induced flow and the radial flow of medium are pushed and distorted by each other





#### Jet-induced medium response

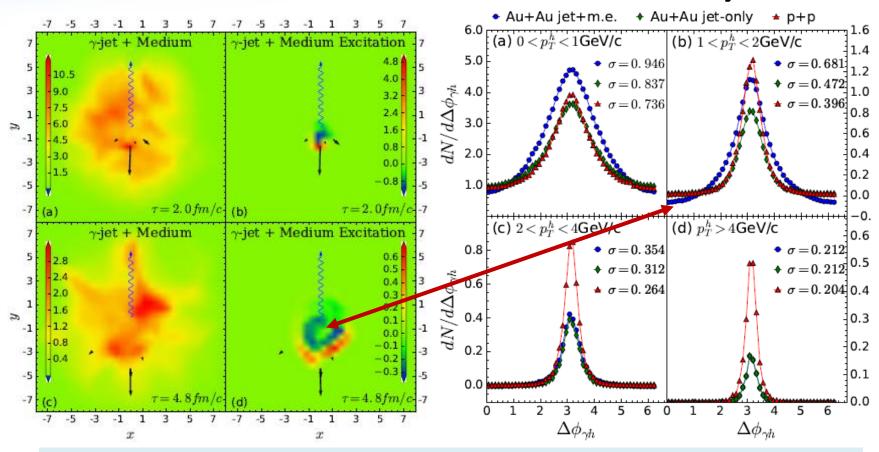


The contribution from the hydro part is quite flat and finally dominates over the shower part in the region from r = 0.4-0.5.

Signal of medium response in full jet shape at large r.

Chang, GYQ, PRC 2016; Tachibana, Chang, GYQ, PRC 2017; Chang, Tachibana, GYQ, PLB 2020

### Diffusion wake from CoLBT-Hydro

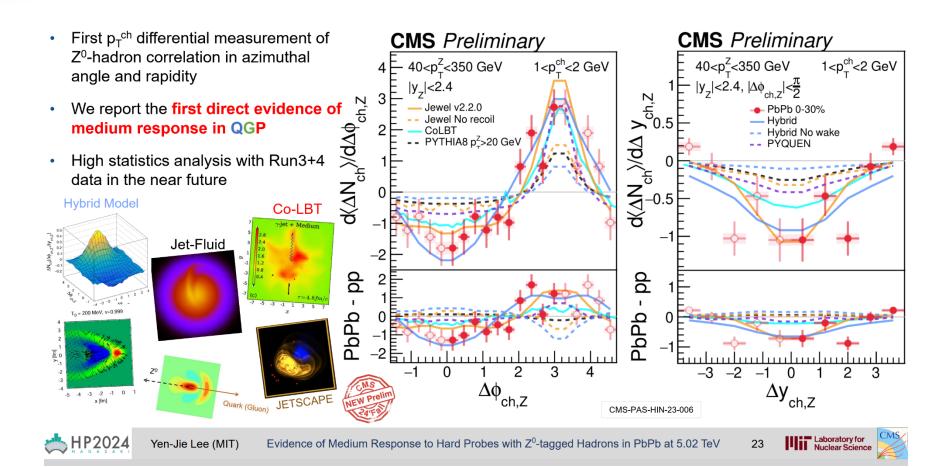


Hard hadrons in jet direction are suppressed due to parton energy loss.

Soft hadrons in jet direction are enhanced due to jet-induced medium excitation and has significantly broadened azimuthal distribution relative to jet direction.

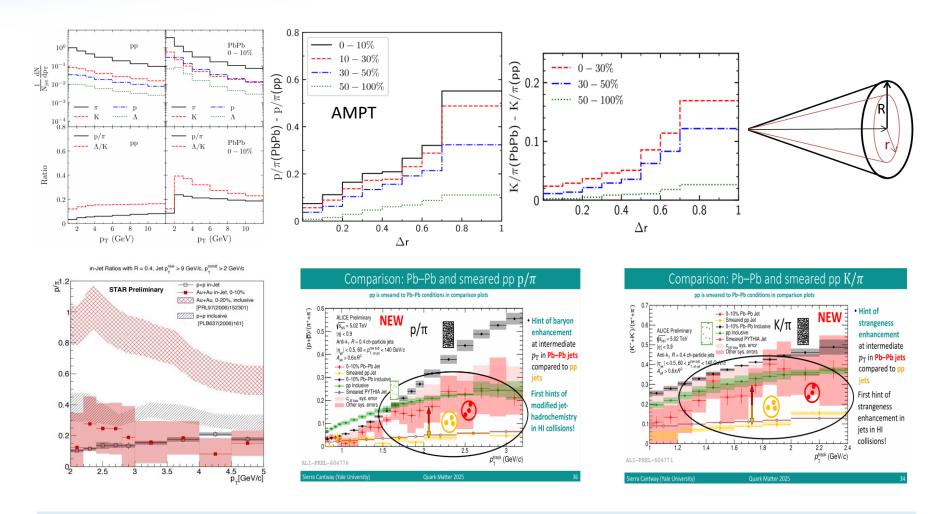
Soft hadrons in y direction are **depleted** due to a **diffusion wake** behind the jet.

#### Evidence of diffusion wake from CMS



Next: use jet-induced medium response (diffusion wake) to probe QGP properties?

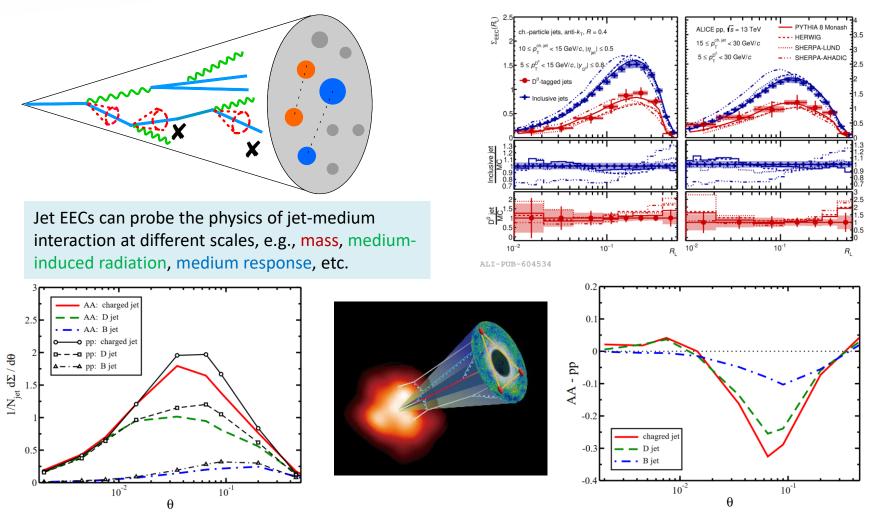
#### B/M & strangeness enhancement around jets



For intermediate  $p_T$  (2-4GeV) regime, the enhancement of jet-induced B/M & strange/non-strange is stronger for larger distance because the lost energy from quenched jets can diffuse to large angle.

Luo, Mao, GYQ, Wang, Zhang, Phys.Lett.B 837 (2023) 137638; Luo, Cao, GYQ, Phys.Lett.B 866 (2025) 139520

# Jet substructure (e.g., EEC) in QGP



Komiske, IMoult, Thaler, Zhu, PRL 130, 051901 (2023); Liu, Zhu, PRL 130, 091901 (2023); Liu, Liu, Pan, Yuan, Zhu, PRL 130, 181901 (2023); Andres, Dominguez, Elayavalli, Holguin, Marquet, PRL 130 (2023) 26, 262301; Yang, He, Moult, Wang, PRL 132 (2024) 1, 1; Xing, Cao, GYQ, Wang, PRL 134, 052301 (2025)

### Summary and outlook

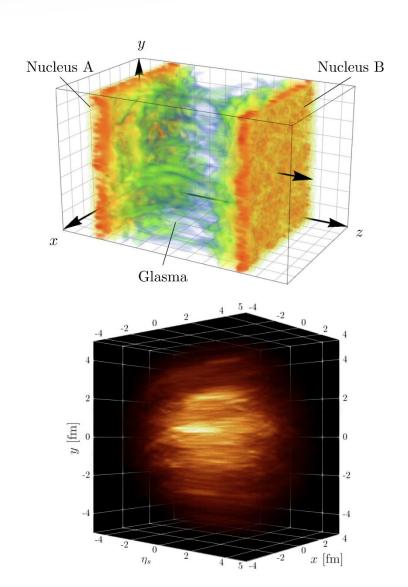
- The QGP produced in RHIC & LHC heavy-ion collisions is the hottest, most perfect, most vortical and highly-opaque fluid on Earth!
- Precise determination of QGP transport properties with combined theory and experiment
- Exploring QCD at high baryon density and locating the critical point
- Systematic modeling of spin dynamics and polarization in QGP evolution
- Unified framework for QGP evolution and multi-scale probes of QGP (jets, heavy quarks, EM radiation, ...)
- Quantitative description of early-time dynamics and rapid thermalization
- Full understanding of QCD matter from weakly-coupled quark-gluon gas at very high T to strongly-interacting QGP at relatively "low" T?
- Integrating machine learning and AI

#### Pre-QGP stage & thermalization

- Heavy-ion collisions experience different stages
  - Initial state (before collision), pre-QGP stage, QGP and hadrons.
- What is the nature of the pre-QGP stage in heavy-ion collisions? How does the system thermalize?
- Key physics: non-equilibrium many-body QCD.
- Two typical pictures: classical waves versus quasiparticles
  - Classical strong fields & glasma, Yang-Mills equation
  - Quasiparticles, QCD effective kinetic theory simulations

#### 3D Glasma

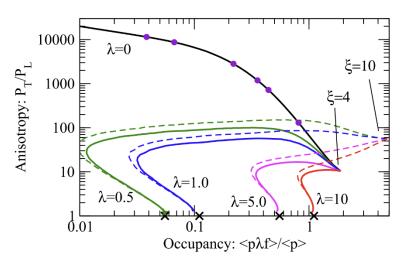
- The color-glass condensate (CGC) and glasma approach provides a description for nuclei before the collision, as well as the collision itself, and the subsequent preequilibrium evolution of the glasma.
- Within the CGC effective theory, collisions of nuclei with finite longitudinal thickness in classical (3+1)D Yang-Mills simulations form longitudinal color flux tubes with transverse domains ~ 1/Q<sub>s</sub>

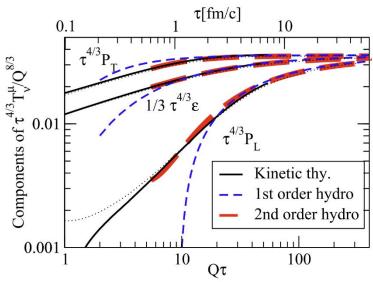


Ipp, Muller, Phys.Lett.B 771 (2017) 74-79; Ipp, Leuthner, Muller, Schlichting, Schmidt, Kayran, Singh, Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024) 9, 094040; etc.

### QCD effective kinetic theory

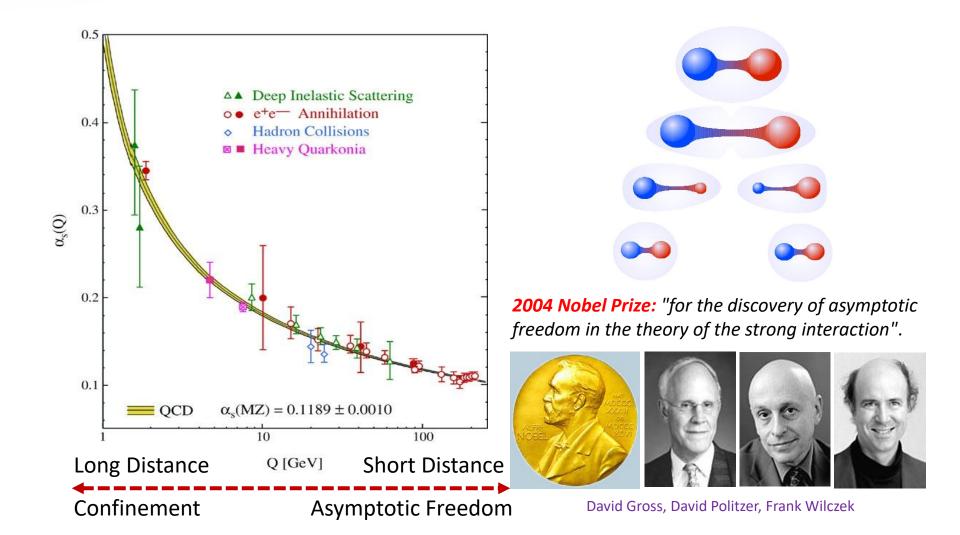
- Classical Yang-Mills theory can not reach thermalization or equilibrium
- EKT can provide the bridge: when quasiparticles have formed, kinetic theory becomes applicable
- Start with a classical Yang-Mills simulation and then pass the system to EKT at some later time
- Smooth transition from EKT to hydrodynamics: the system can be approximately described by viscous hydrodynamics before τ ≤ 1fm/c
- Pre-QGP evolution should be included in the multi-stage frameworks



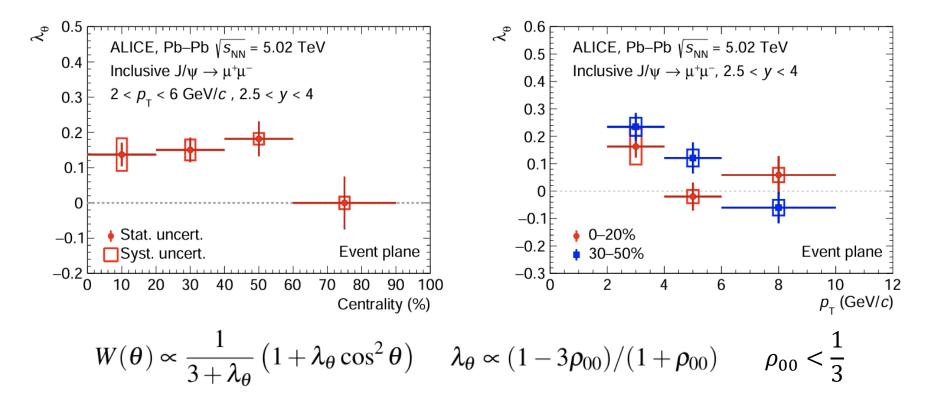


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#### QCD: confinement & asymptotic freedom



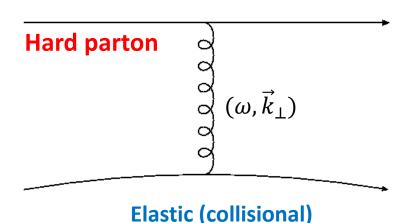
# Spin alignment of J/ψ



The spin alignment J/ $\psi$  for seems not be fully understood within the framework of effective strong force models.

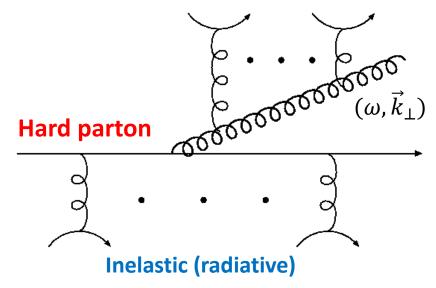
The polarization could be connected with large vorticity and strong magnetic field.

#### Hot nuclear matter effect



$$\frac{d\Gamma_{coll}}{d\omega dk_{\perp}^{2}dt}(T, E, \dots) = ?$$

Bjorken 1982; Bratten, Thoma 1991; Thoma, Gyulassy, 1991; Mustafa, Thoma 2005; Peigne, Peshier, 2006; Djordjevic, 2006; Wicks et al (DGLV), 2007; GYQ et al (AMY), 2008; ...



$$\frac{d\Gamma_{rad}}{d\omega dk_{\perp}^{2}dt}(T, E, \dots) = ?$$

**BDMPS-Z**: Baier-Dokshitzer-Mueller-Peigne-Schiff-Zakharov

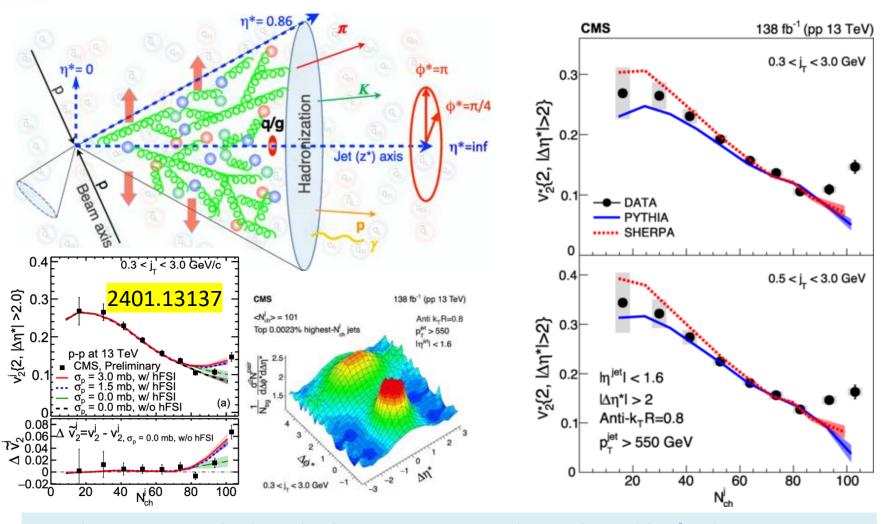
**ASW**: Amesto-Salgado-Wiedemann

**AMY**: Arnold-Moore-Yaffe (& Caron-Huot, Gale) **GLV**: Gyulassy-Levai-Vitev (& Djordjevic, Heinz) **HT**: Wang-Guo (& Zhang, Wang, Majumder)

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# Enhanced v<sub>2</sub> in high multiplicity jet



 $v_2$  enhancement in high multiplicity jets seems to be explained by final-state partonic & hadronic interactions (in AMPT)? What is critical at  $N_{ch}$ =80-100? Other explanations?