

# Anisotropic Hydrodynamics

Theory and Phenomenology

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- At the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (**RHIC**) @ Brookhaven National Lab (**BNL**) scientists concluded that the **quark-gluon plasma** (QGP) behaves like a “nearly perfect fluid”
- Experiments continue to this day at RHIC and started in 2010 at even higher energies at the Large Hadron Collider (**LHC**) @ **CERN**.

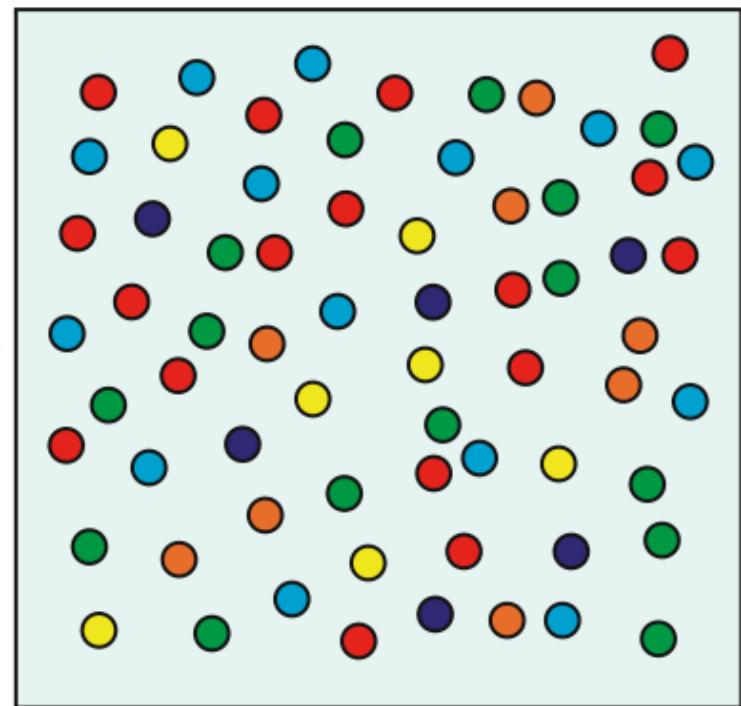
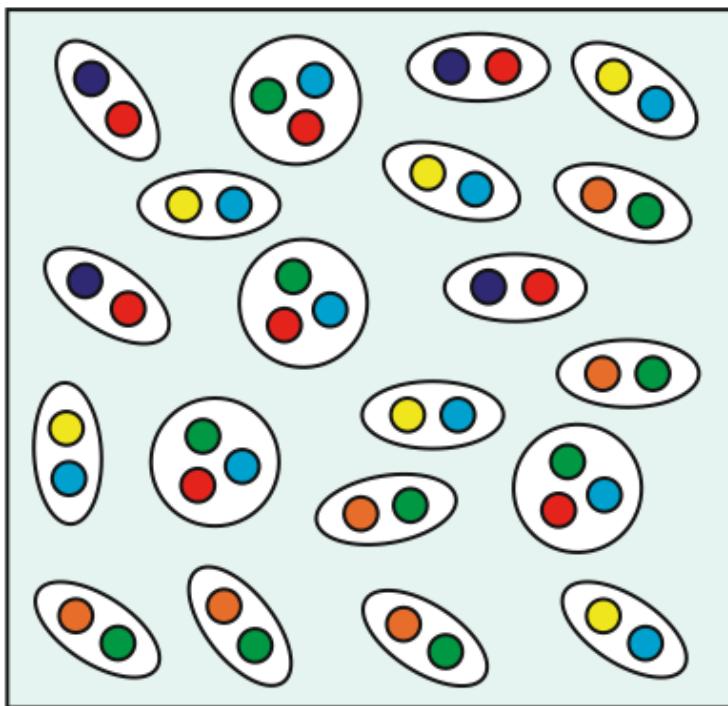
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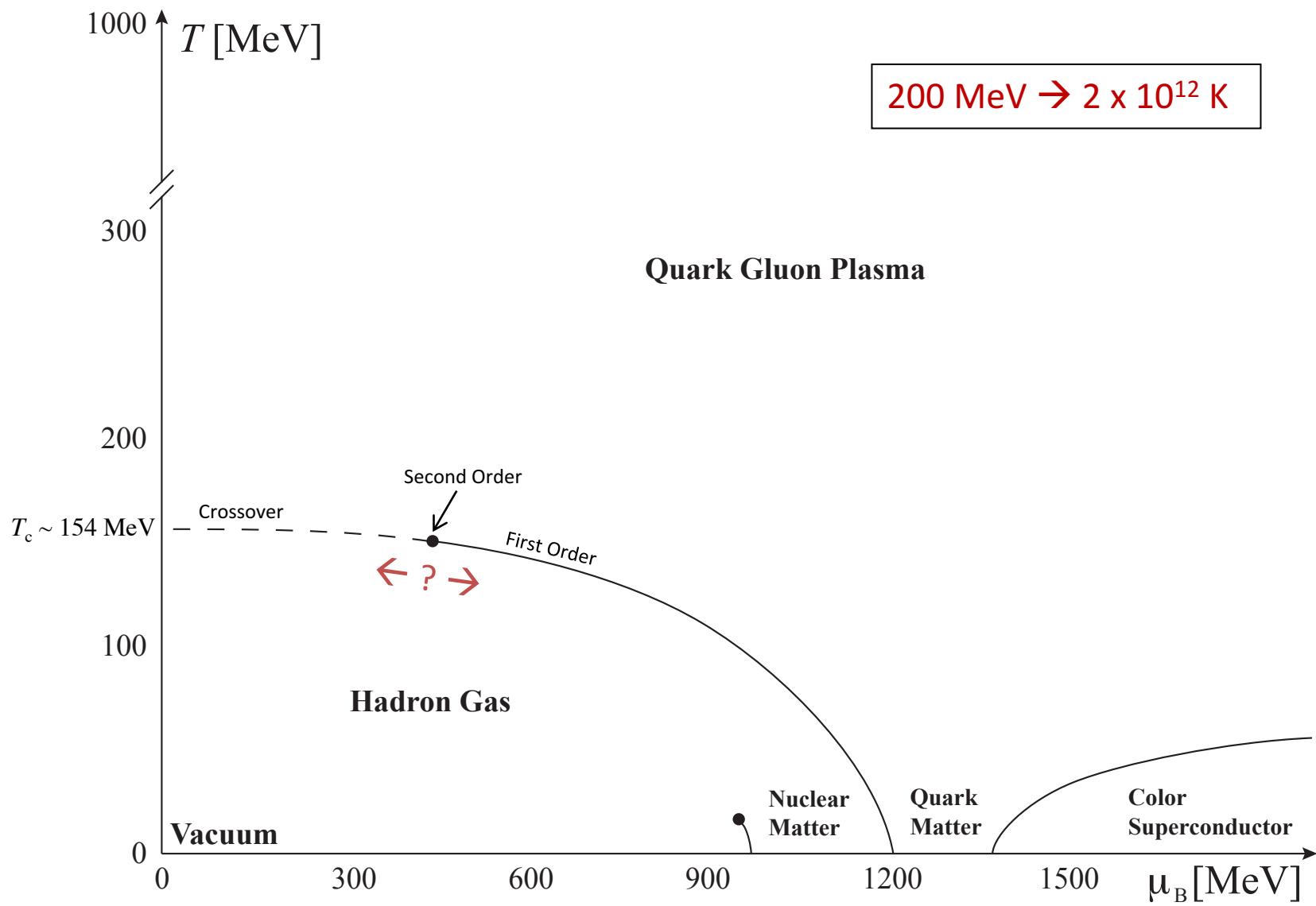
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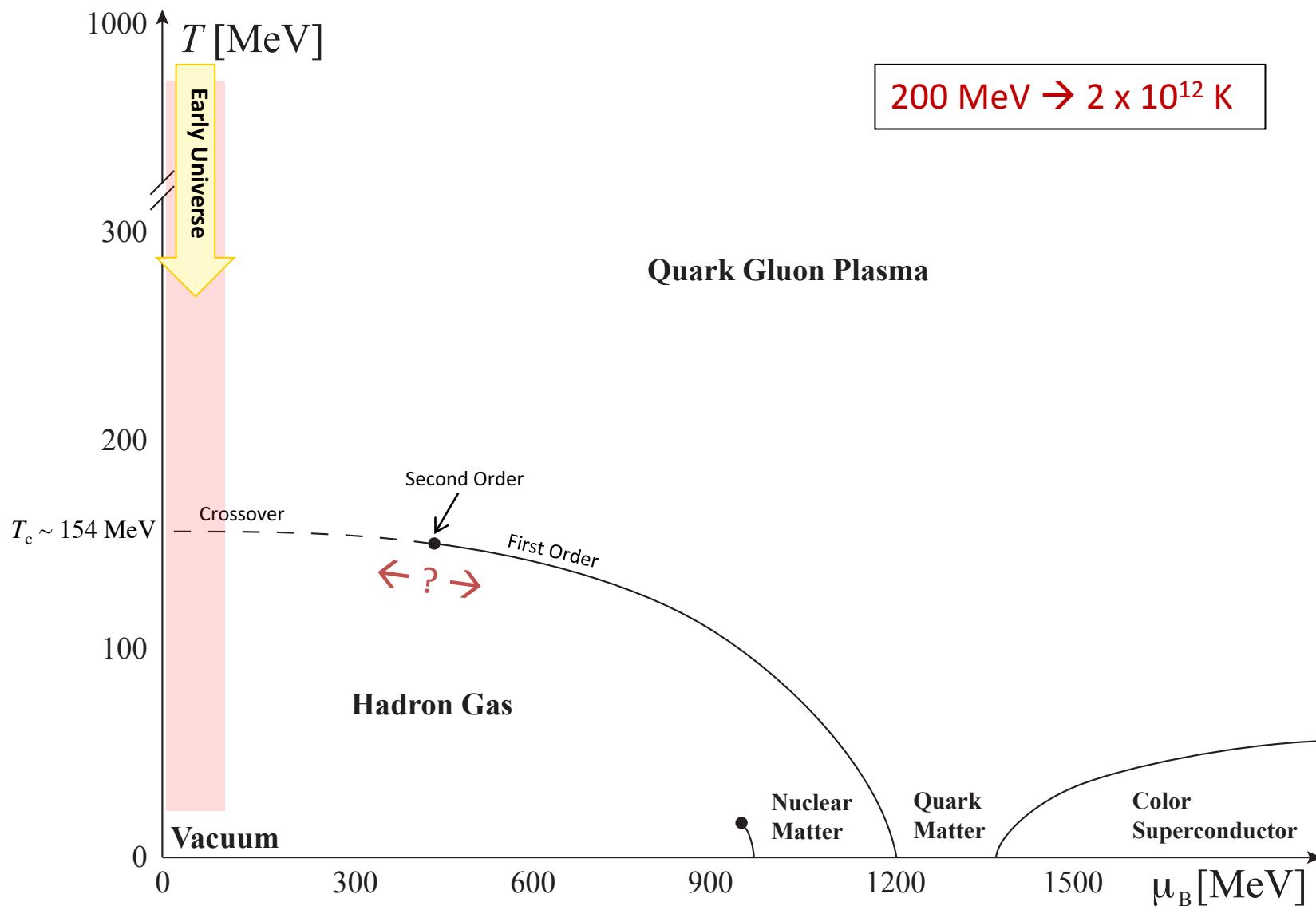
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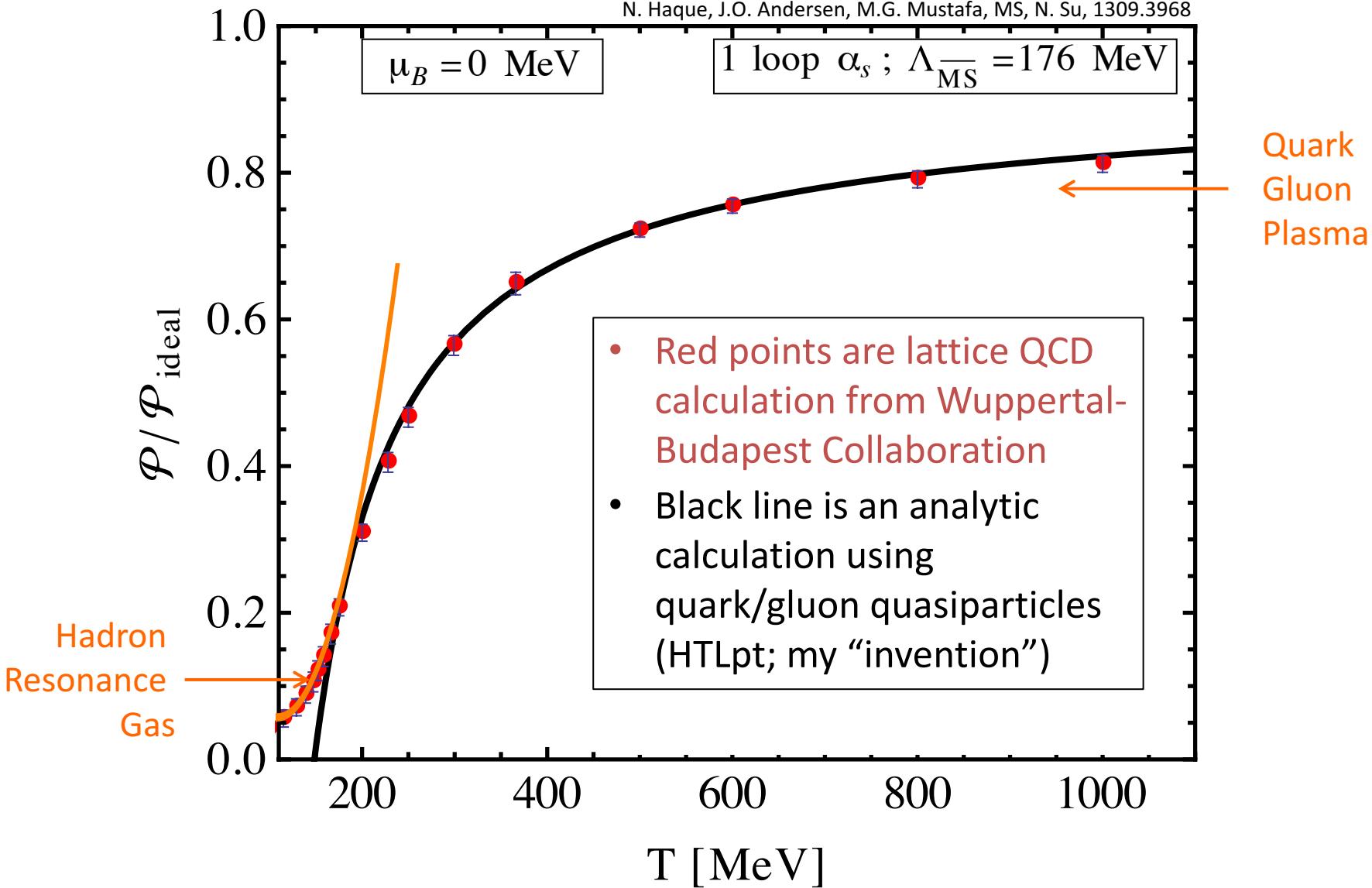


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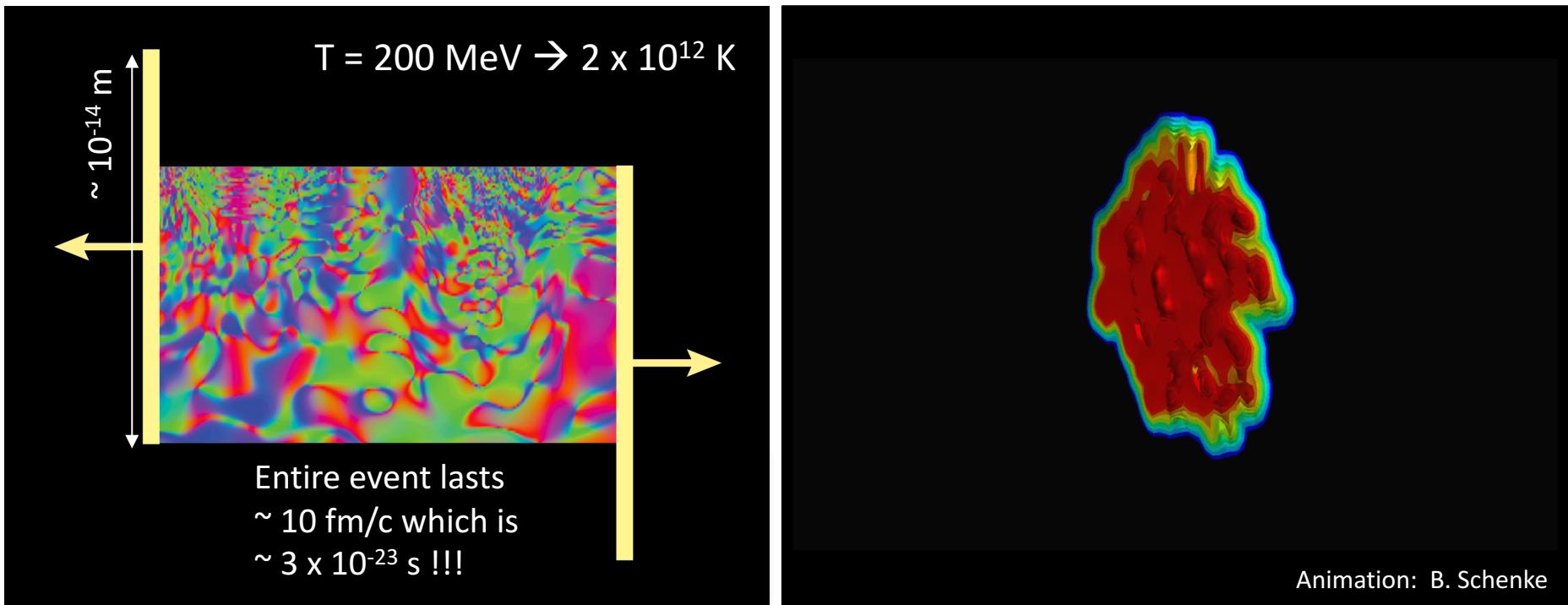
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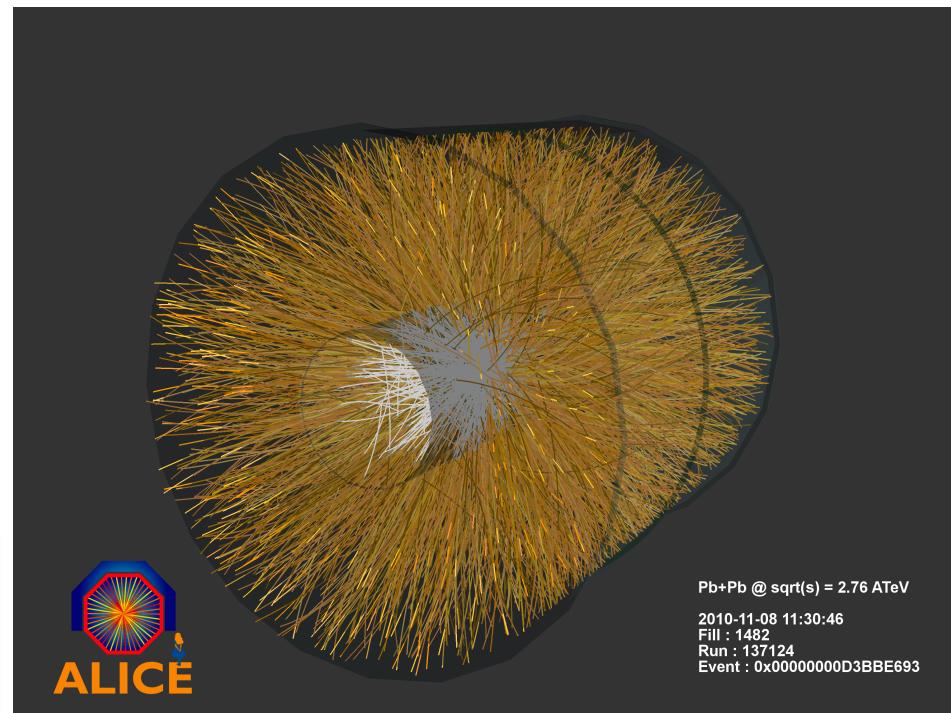
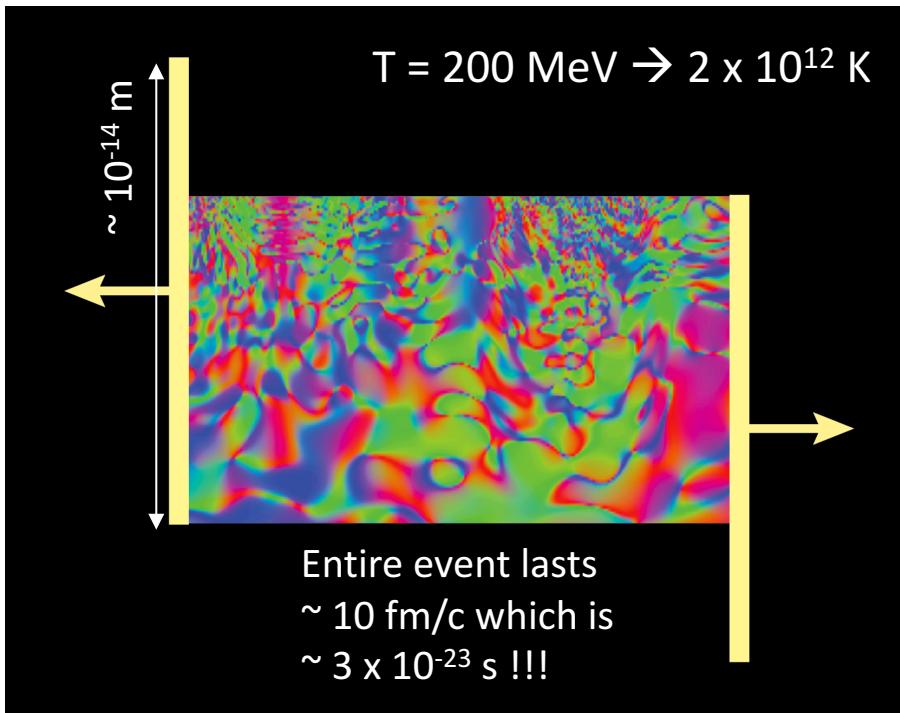
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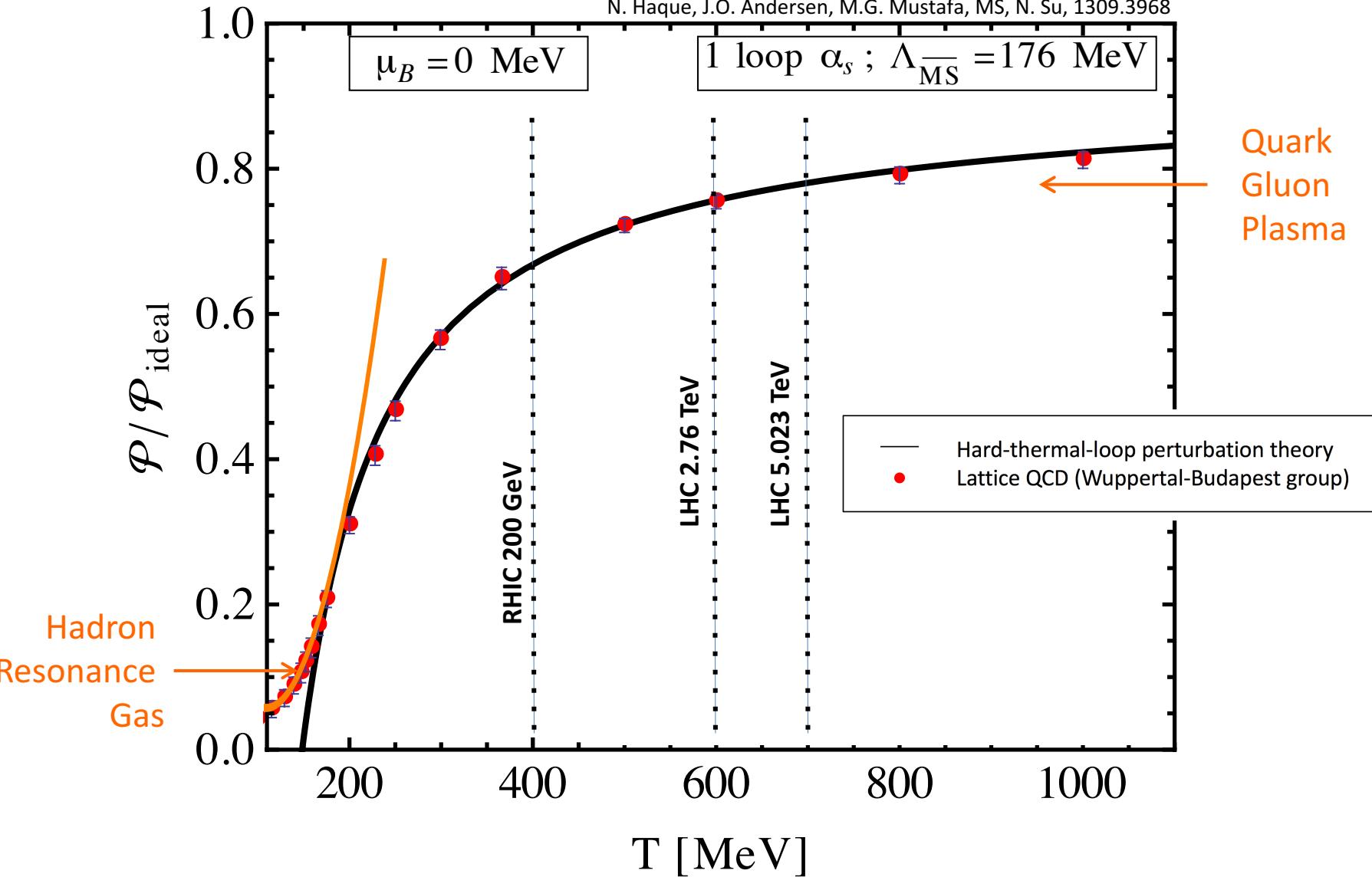
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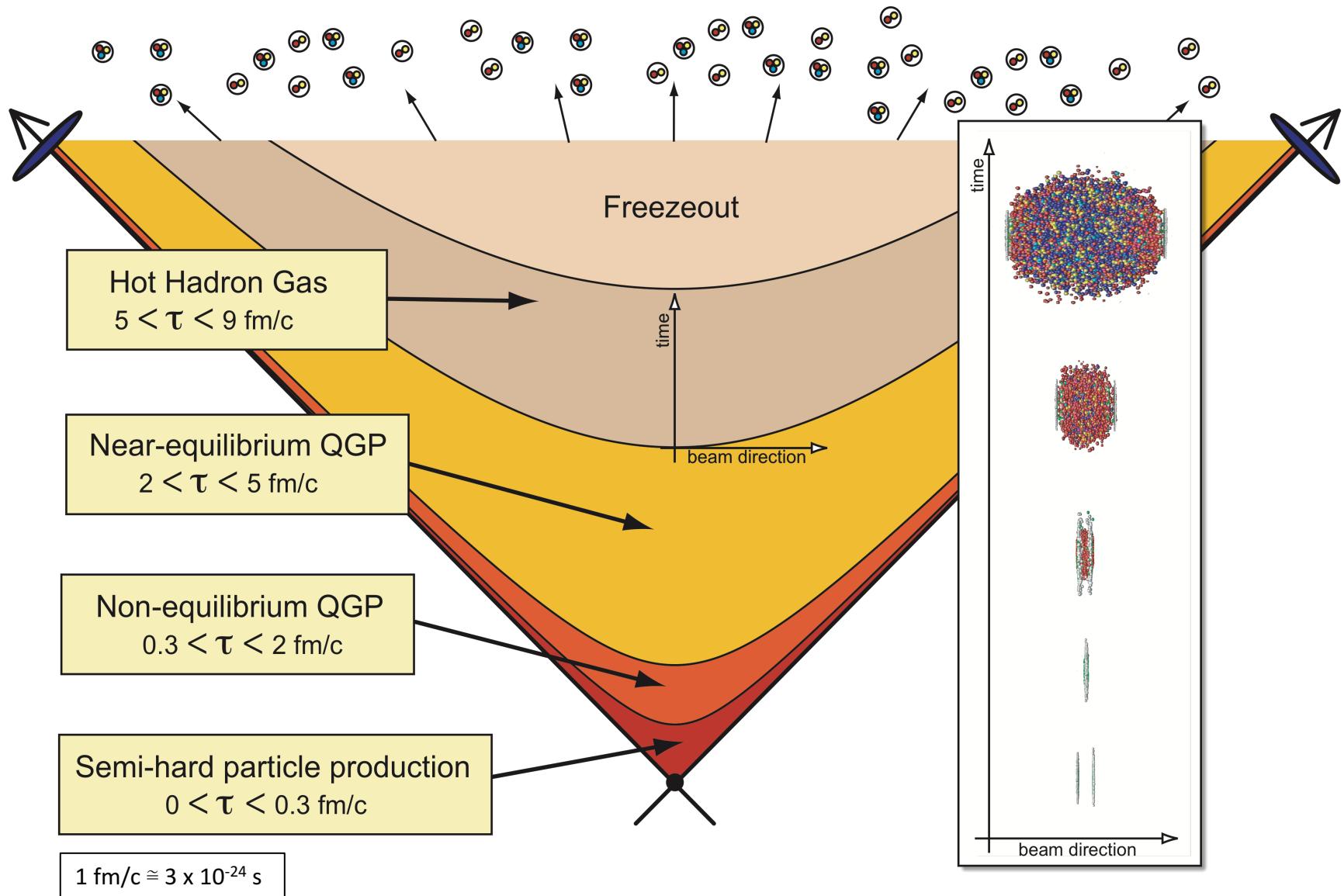
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# **QGP dynamics**

# RHIC heavy-ion collision timescales



# How can we understand QGP “fluidity”?

- The statement that the QGP behaves like a nearly perfect fluid comes from the success of “**hydrodynamical models**” in describing experimental observables.
- One way to view this is that **hydrodynamics is a kind of universal effective theory that describes the long wavelength dynamics** of any system.
- The catch, however, is that traditional hydrodynamics equations are derived in the context of a **near-equilibrium** system.
- Today, I would like to present a different view: That hydrodynamics emerges as an efficient approximation to the full kinetic theory of the QGP which can be applied **far from equilibrium**.
- The goal of the **anisotropic hydrodynamics (aHydro)** program is to provide an optimized framework that is **more accurate out of equilibrium** and optimized for heavy-ion collisions.



**Need to be  
careful how  
we define  
fluid-like  
behavior!**

# Basic Fluid Variables

## Non-relativistic variables

$\rho$  = Local mass density

$e$  = Local (internal) energy density

$\mathbf{v}$  = Local fluid velocity (related to avg. particle velocity in local cell)

$p$  = Local pressure  $\leftarrow$  equation of state,  $p(\rho)$

## Conservation Law

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \quad \text{mass}$$

$$\frac{D\vec{v}}{Dt} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \vec{F}_{\text{ext}} \quad \text{momentum}$$

$$\frac{De}{Dt} = -\frac{p}{\rho} \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \quad \text{energy}$$

## Relativistic variables

$\mathcal{E}$  = Local energy density (now includes mass)

$u^\mu$  = Local fluid four-velocity

$\mathcal{P}$  = Local pressure  $\leftarrow$  equation of state,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})$

# The “ideal” energy-momentum tensor

The energy-momentum tensor describes the density and flux of energy and momentum in space time. It generalizes the stress tensor of Newtonian physics. **For a system that is in isotropic equilibrium, one has**

$$T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} = (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P})u^\mu u^\nu - \mathcal{P}g^{\mu\nu}$$

pressure                          metric tensor =  $\underbrace{\text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)}_{\text{Flat Minkowski Space}}$

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energy density      fluid four-velocity, which satisfies  $u^\mu u_\mu = 1$

In the local rest frame  
(LRF)  $u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$  and  
one has:

$$T_{\text{ideal,LRF}}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Ideal hydrodynamics – Equations of motion

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} = (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P})u^\mu u^\nu - \mathcal{P}g^{\mu\nu}$$

- In ideal hydrodynamics, one assumes that the energy-momentum tensor is always in its ideal form.
- In this case, the equations of motion results from the requirement of energy-momentum conservation

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

## Degrees of Freedom

1 : Energy Density

1 : Pressure

3 : Independent components of  $u^\mu$

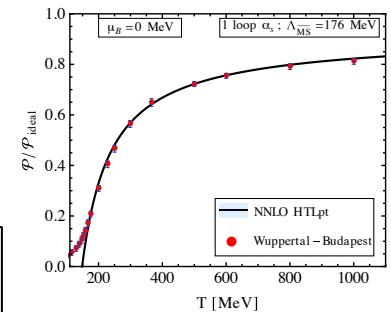
**5 : Total**

## Equations

4:  $\nu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

1 : EQUATION OF STATE  $T^\mu_{\mu} = \#$

5 : Total



$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})$

# Viscous hydrodynamics

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$

↑  
viscous stress tensor

- Viscous stress tensor encodes corrections to ideal hydrodynamics.
- Non-equilibrium corrections can make the pressures (defined via  $T^{xx}$ ,  $T^{yy}$ , and  $T^{zz}$ ) anisotropic, i.e  $P_x \neq P_y \neq P_z$ .

**Approximation:** 1<sup>st</sup> order in gradients of  $u^\nu \rightarrow$  Relativistic Navier-Stokes Theory

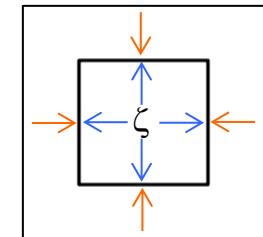
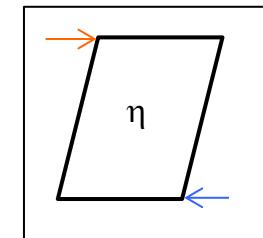
$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \pi^{\mu\nu} + \Delta^{\mu\nu}\Phi$$

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = \eta \nabla^{\langle\mu} u^{\nu\rangle}$$

$$\Phi = \zeta \nabla_\alpha u^\alpha$$

\*Angle brackets project out traceless symmetric part

$\eta$  = Shear Viscosity  
 $\zeta$  = Bulk Viscosity



Relativistic Navier-Stokes theory is sick: Violates causality!!! To fix this problem, one must go to second order in gradients  $\rightarrow$  **second-order viscous hydrodynamics**

# Connection to kinetic theory

For small departures from equilibrium, we can linearize

$$f(x, p) = f_{\text{eq}} \left( \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{T} \right) (1 + \delta f(x, p))$$

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \int dP p^\mu p^\nu f(x, p)$$

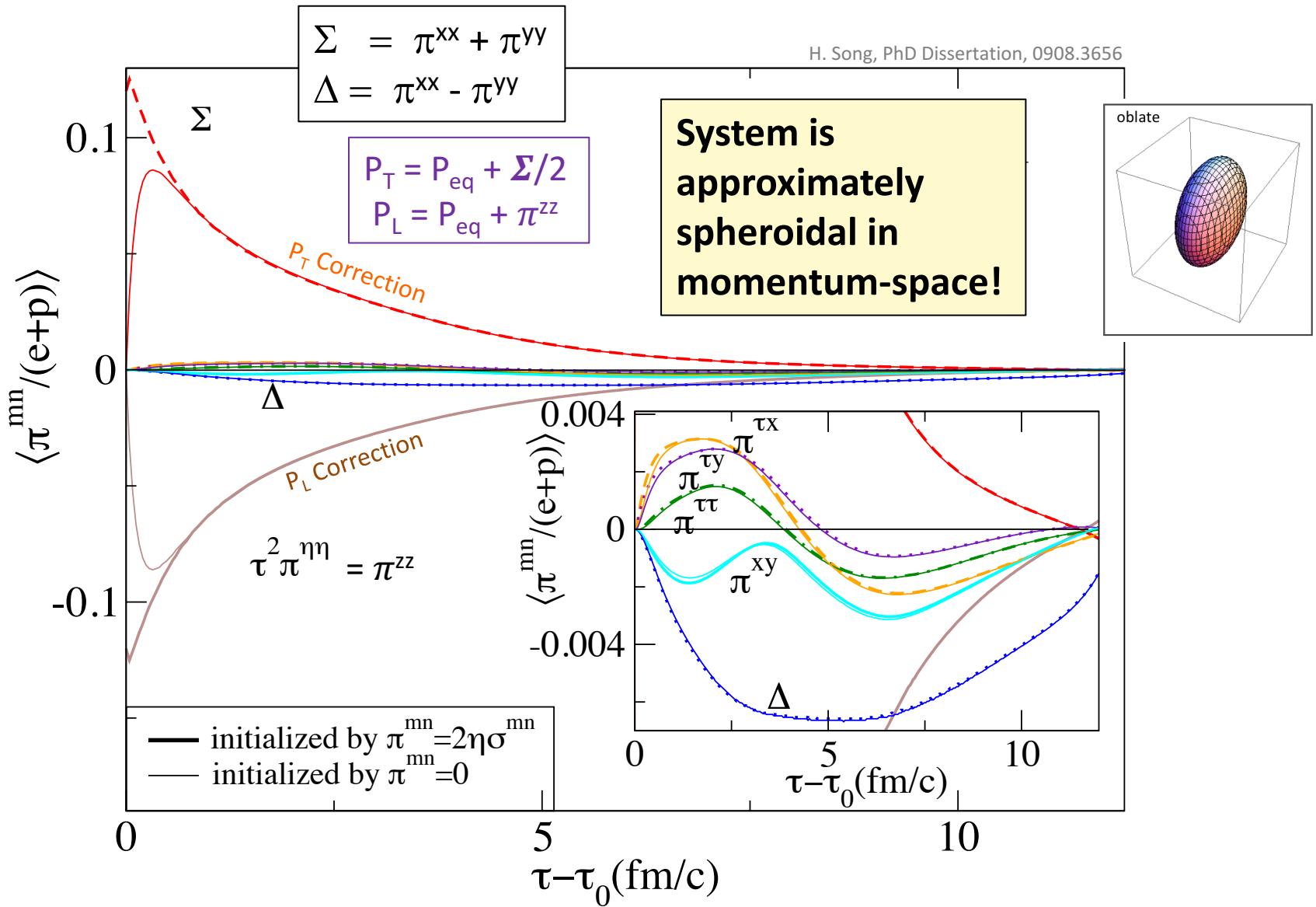
$$\begin{aligned} T^{\mu\nu} &= T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} + \int dP p^\mu p^\nu f_{\text{eq}} \delta f \\ &\equiv T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \Pi^{\mu\nu} = \int dP p^\mu p^\nu f_{\text{eq}} \delta f$$

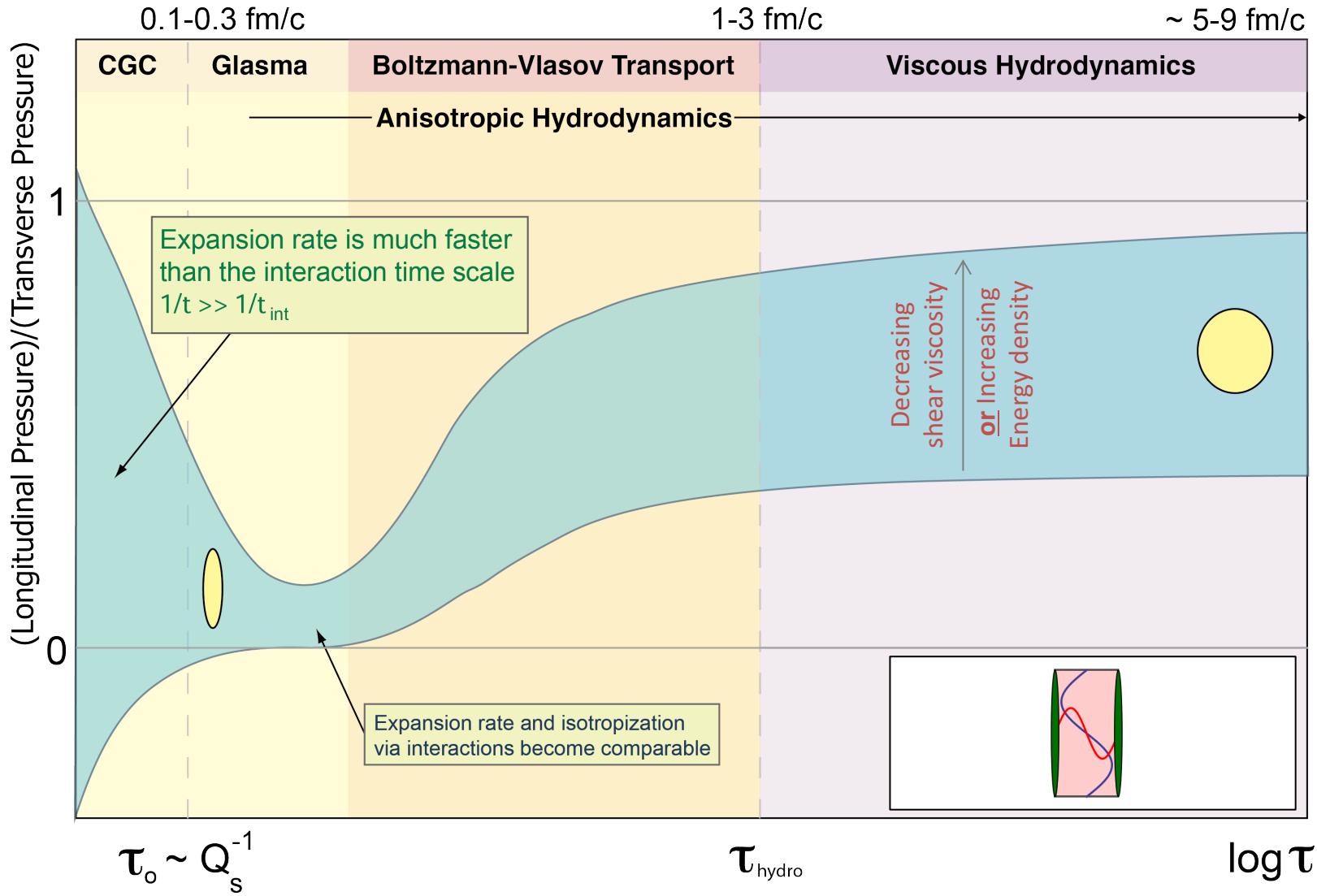
In standard viscous hydro, one expands  $\delta f$  in a **gradient expansion**:  
 $n^{\text{th}}$  order in gradients  $\rightarrow$  “ $n^{\text{th}}$ -order viscous hydrodynamics”

- 1<sup>st</sup> order Hydro : Relativistic Navier-Stokes (parabolic diff eqs  $\rightarrow$  **acausal**)  
[e.g. Eckart and Landau-Lifshitz]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order Hydro : Including quadratic gradients **fixes causality problem**; hyperbolic diff eqs  
[e.g. Israel-Stewart, Chapman-Enskog, DNMR, etc.]
- ...

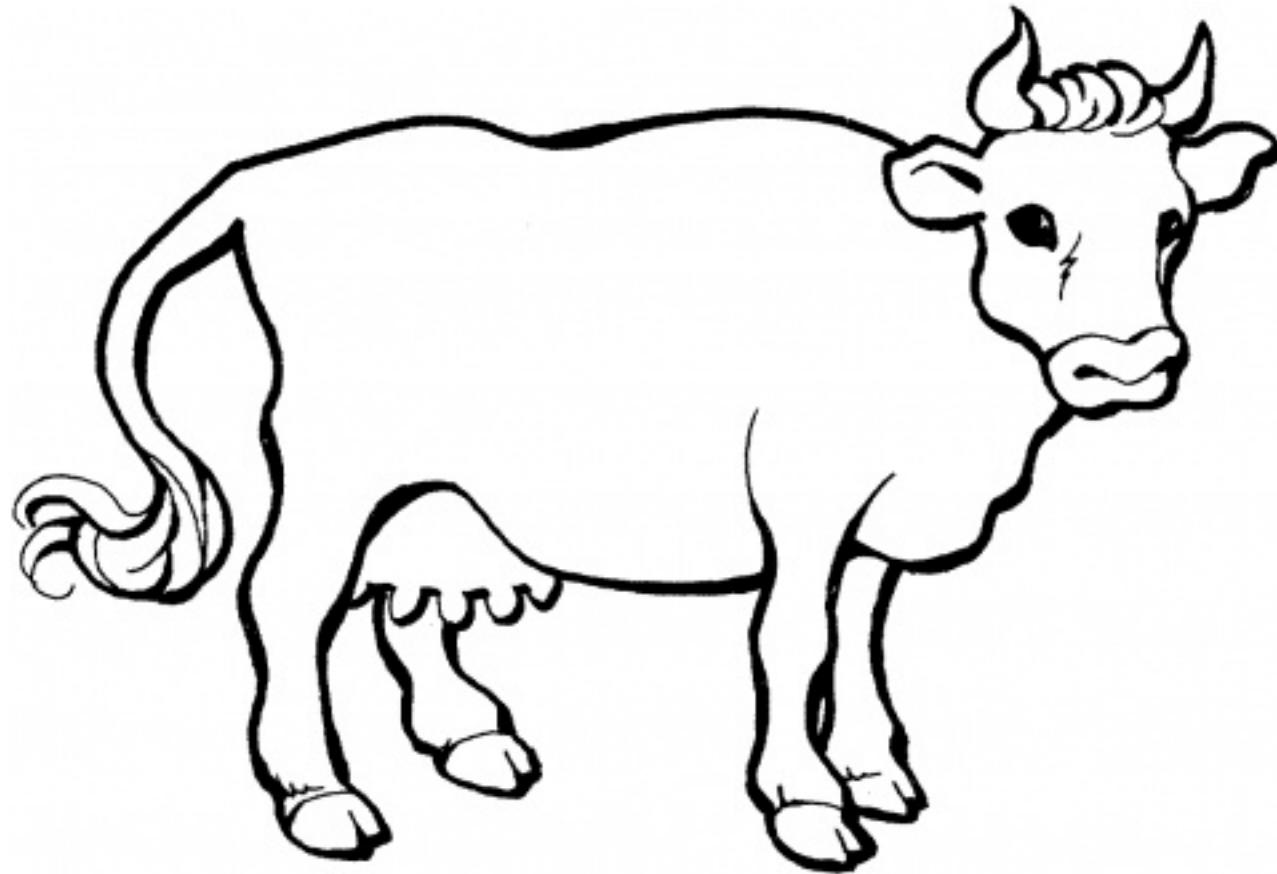
# What are the largest viscous corrections?



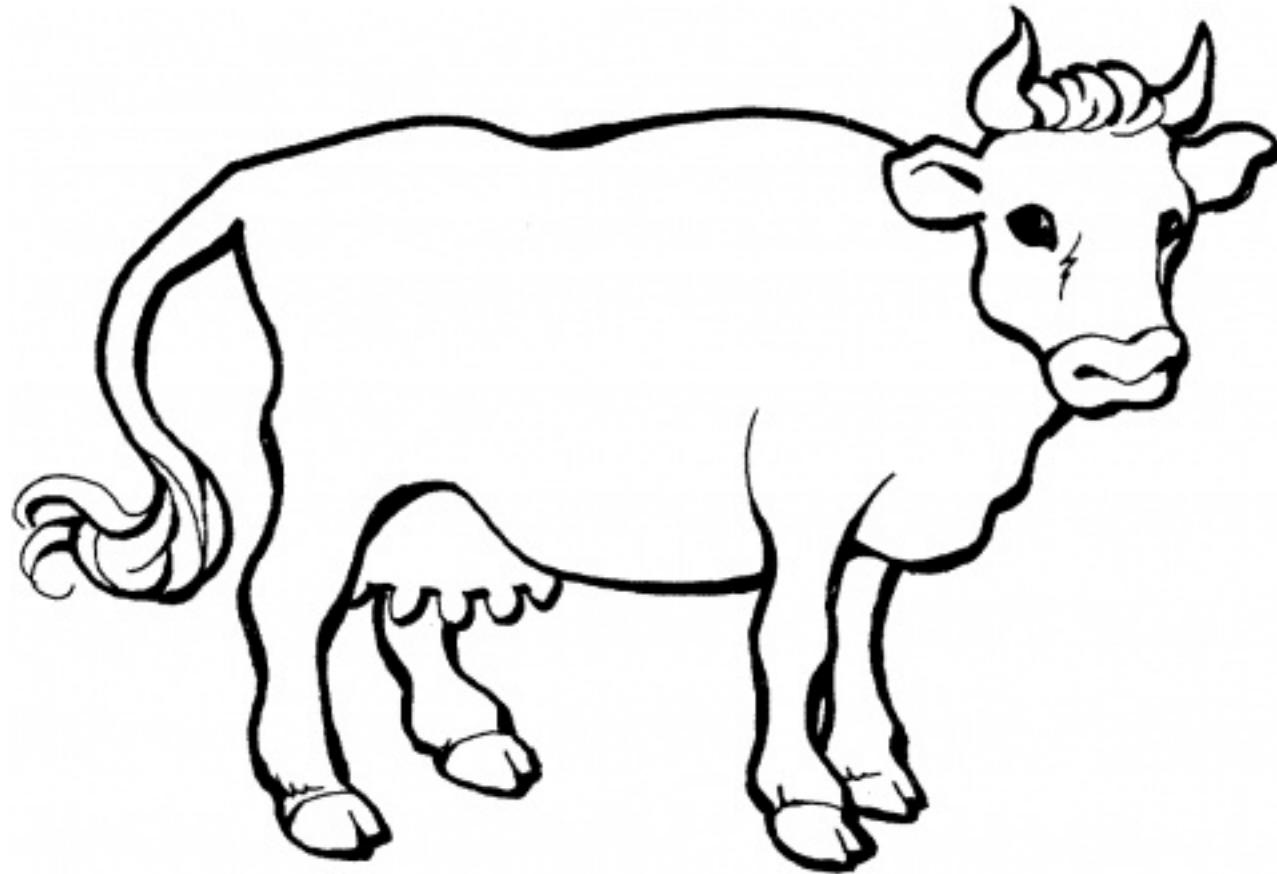
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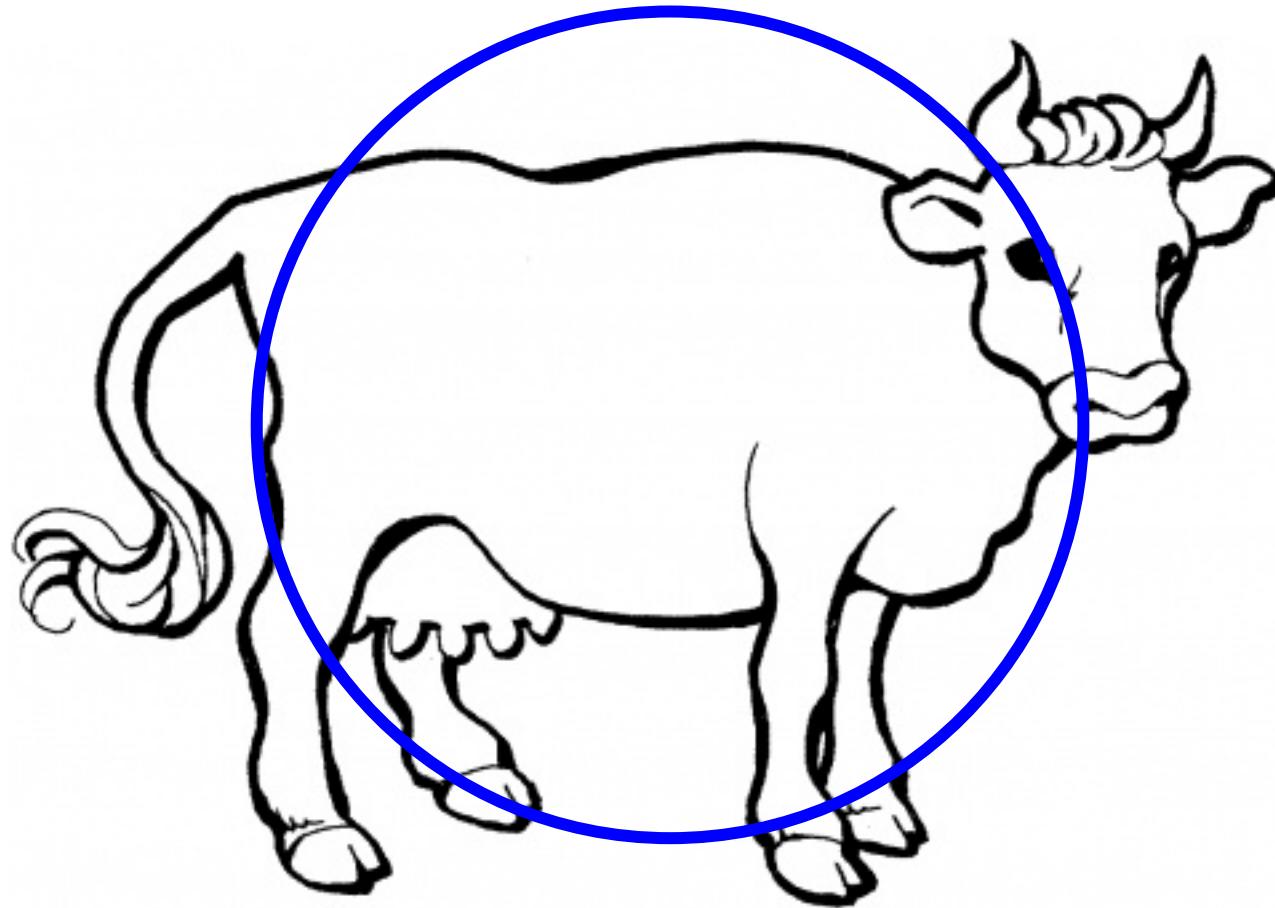
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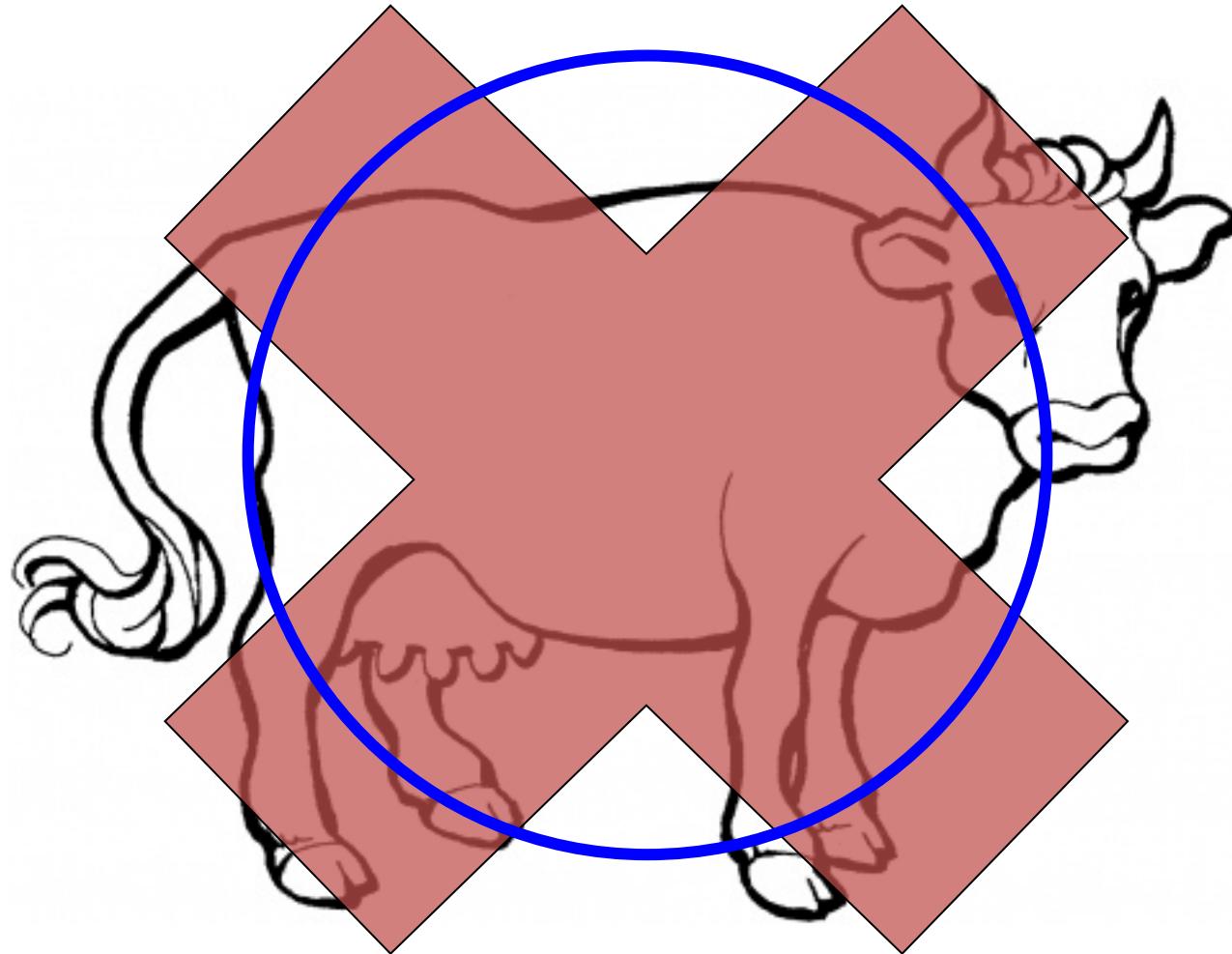
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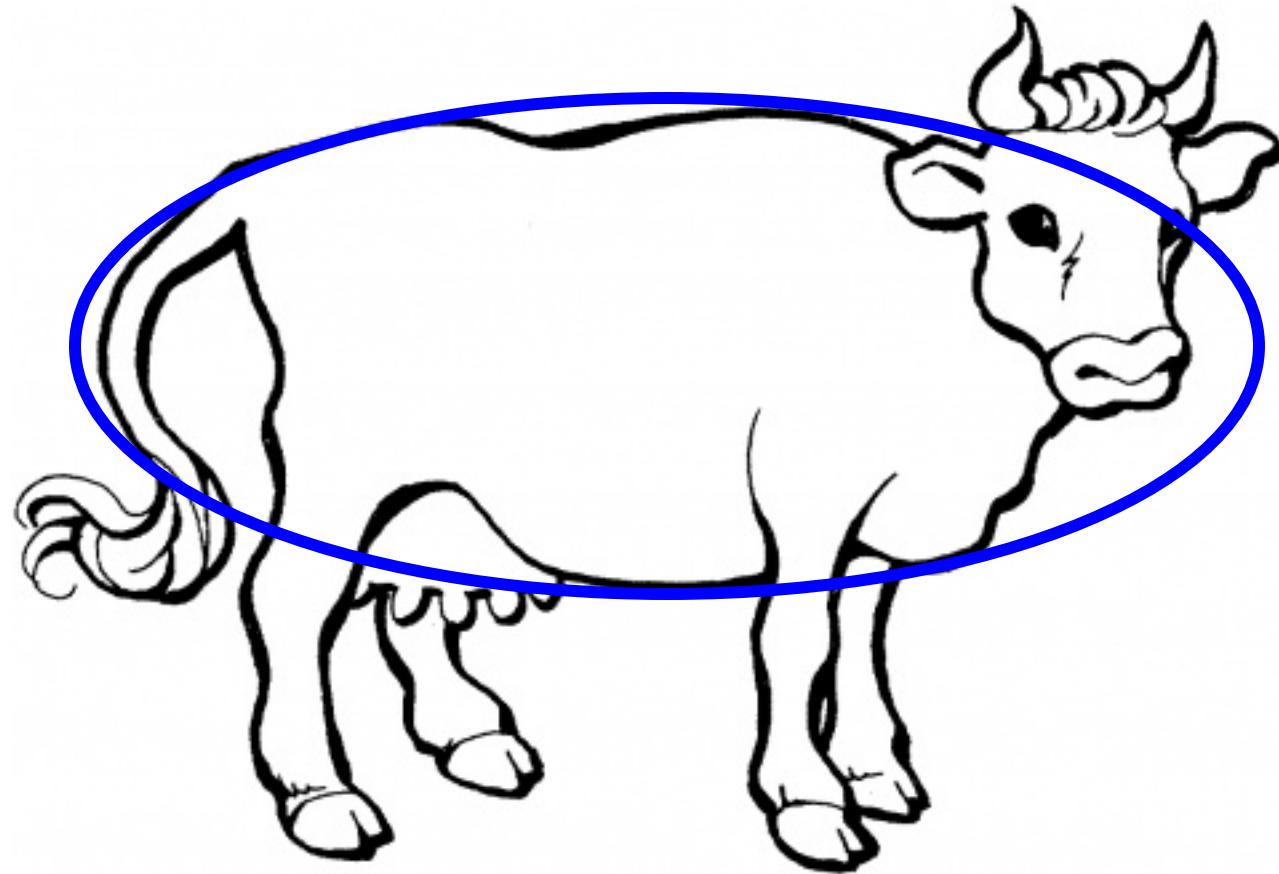
# Cows are spheres?



# Cows are not spheres!



# Cows are more like ellipsoids!



# Spheroidal expansion method

## Viscous Hydrodynamics Expansion

$$f(\tau, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{p}, T(\tau, \mathbf{x})) + \delta f$$

Isotropic in momentum space

See e.g.

- M. Martinez and MS, 1007.0889
- W. Florkowski and R. Ryblewski, 1007.0130
- D. Bazow, U. Heinz, and MS, 1311.6720
- D. Bazow, U. Heinz, and M. Martinez, 1503.07443
- E. Molnar, H. Niemi, and D. Rischke, 1602.00573; 1606.09019

## Anisotropic Hydrodynamics (aHydro) Expansion

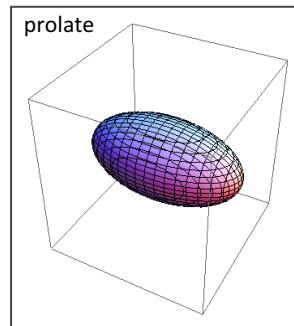
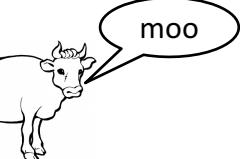
$$f(\tau, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f_{\text{aniso}}(\mathbf{p}, \underbrace{\Lambda(\tau, \mathbf{x})}_{T_{\perp}}, \underbrace{\xi(\tau, \mathbf{x})}_{\text{anisotropy}}) + \delta \tilde{f}$$

Treat this term perturbatively  
→ “NLO aHydro”

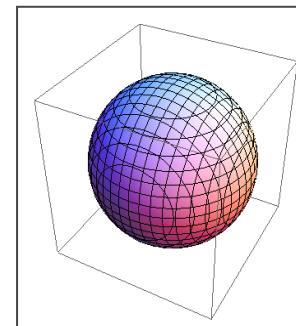
→ “Romatschke-Strickland” form in LRF

$$f_{\text{aniso}}^{LRF} = f_{\text{iso}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + \xi(\mathbf{x}, \tau)p_z^2}}{\Lambda(\mathbf{x}, \tau)} \right)$$

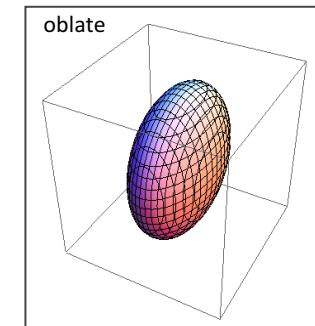
$$\xi = \frac{\langle p_T^2 \rangle}{2 \langle p_L^2 \rangle} - 1$$



$$-1 < \xi < 0$$



$$\xi = 0$$



$$\xi > 0$$

# Generalized aHydro formalism

In generalized aHydro, one assumes that the distribution function is of the form

$$f(x, p) = f_{\text{eq}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{p^\mu \Xi_{\mu\nu}(x) p^\nu}}{\lambda(x)}, \frac{\mu(x)}{\lambda(x)} \right) + \delta \tilde{f}(x, p)$$

$$\Xi^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{u^\mu u^\nu}_{\text{LRF four velocity}} + \underbrace{\xi^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Traceless symmetric anisotropy tensor}} - \underbrace{\Delta^{\mu\nu} \Phi}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Transverse projector}}} \quad \text{"Bulk"}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^\mu u_\mu &= 1 \\ \xi^\mu{}_\mu &= 0 \\ \Delta^\mu{}_\mu &= 3 \\ u_\mu \xi^{\mu\nu} &= u_\mu \Delta^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- 3 degrees of freedom in  $u^\mu$
- 5 degrees of freedom in  $\xi^{\mu\nu}$
- 1 degree of freedom in  $\Phi$
- 1 degree of freedom in  $\lambda$
- 1 degree of freedom in  $\mu$   
→ 11 DOFs

See e.g.

- M. Martinez, R. Ryblewski, and MS, 1204.1473
- L. Tinti and W. Florkowski, 1312.6614
- M. Nopoush, R. Ryblewski, and MS, 1405.1355

# Equations of motion

- The EOM are **obtained from moments of the Boltzmann equation** including a temperature-dependent quasiparticle mass which is fit to reproduce the **lattice equation of state**. Today, we work at zero net baryon density ( $\mu=0$ ).

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i m^2 \partial_{(p)}^i f = -\mathcal{C}[f]$$

- 4 equations from the **1<sup>st</sup> moment** [energy-momentum conservation]
- 6 equations from the **2<sup>nd</sup> moment** [dissipative dynamics]
- Automatically includes effects of shear and bulk viscosity plus an infinite number of higher order transport coefficients!**

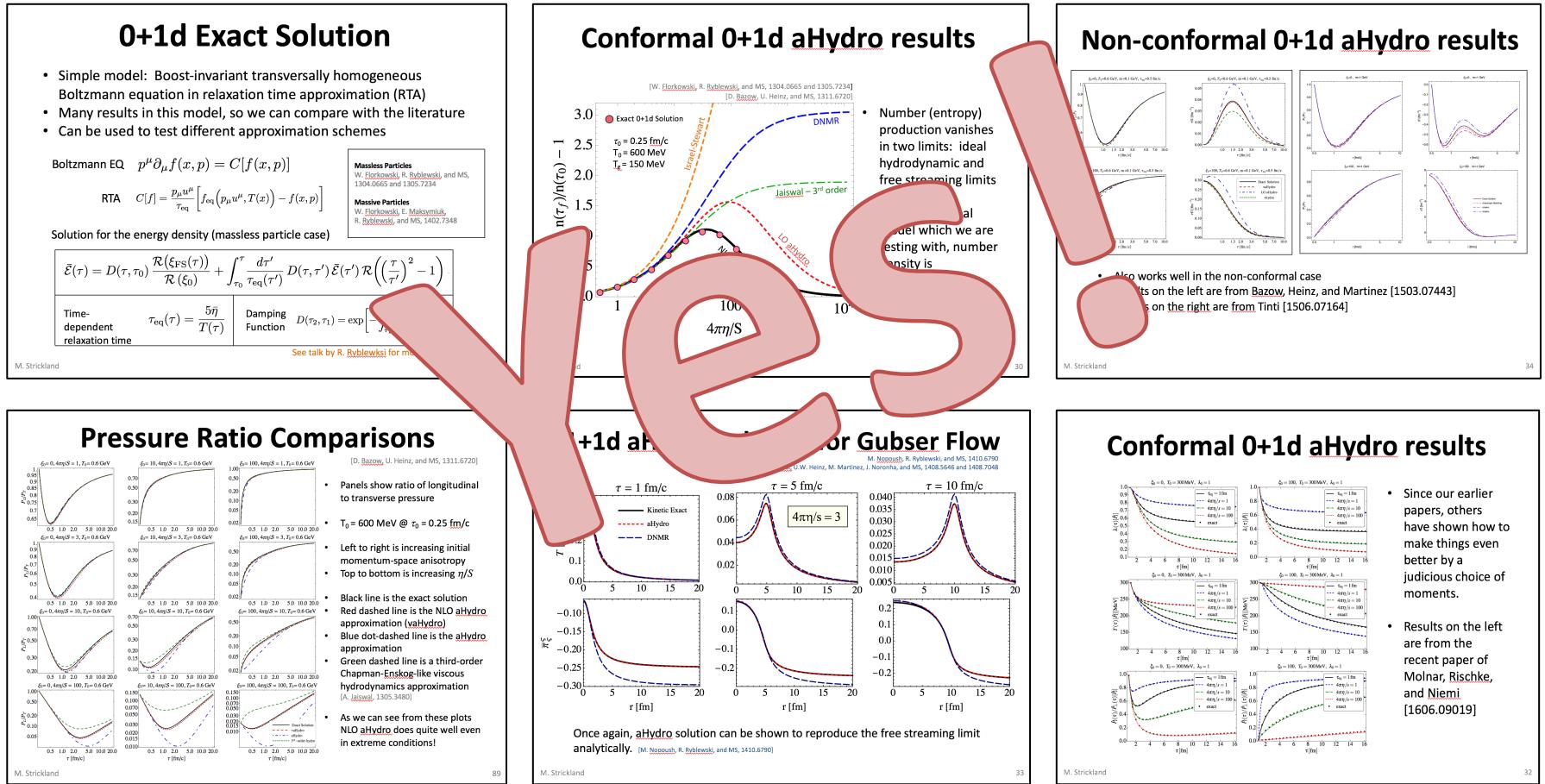
$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} (u_\mu \mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu\lambda} - u_\mu \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu\lambda})$$

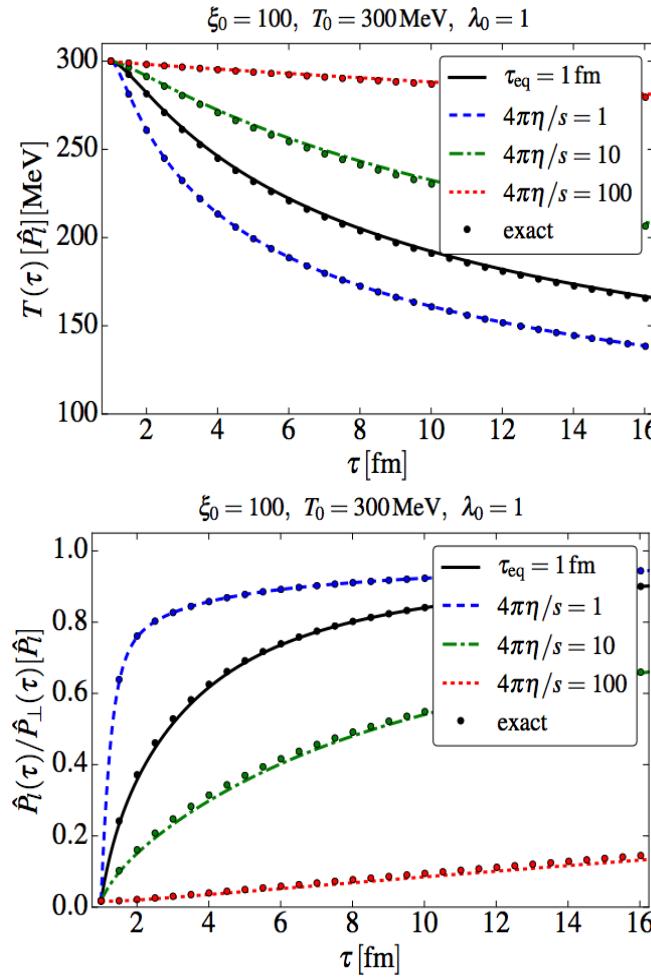
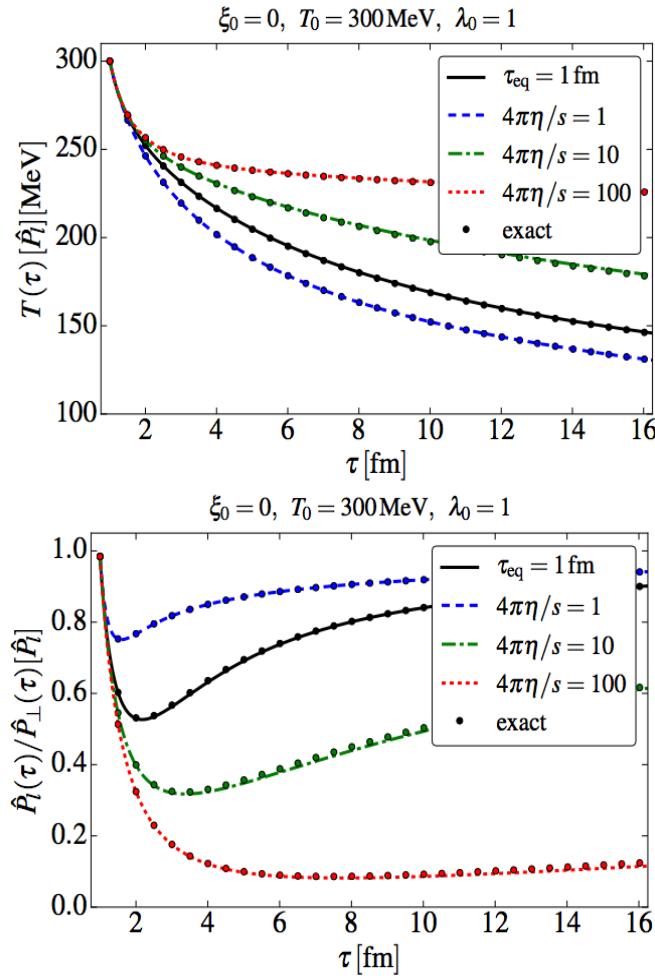
$$\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu\lambda} \equiv \int dP p^\mu p^\nu p^\lambda f(x, p).$$

# Is it really better?

aHydro reproduces exact solutions to the Boltzmann equation in a variety of expanding backgrounds better than standard viscous hydrodynamics.

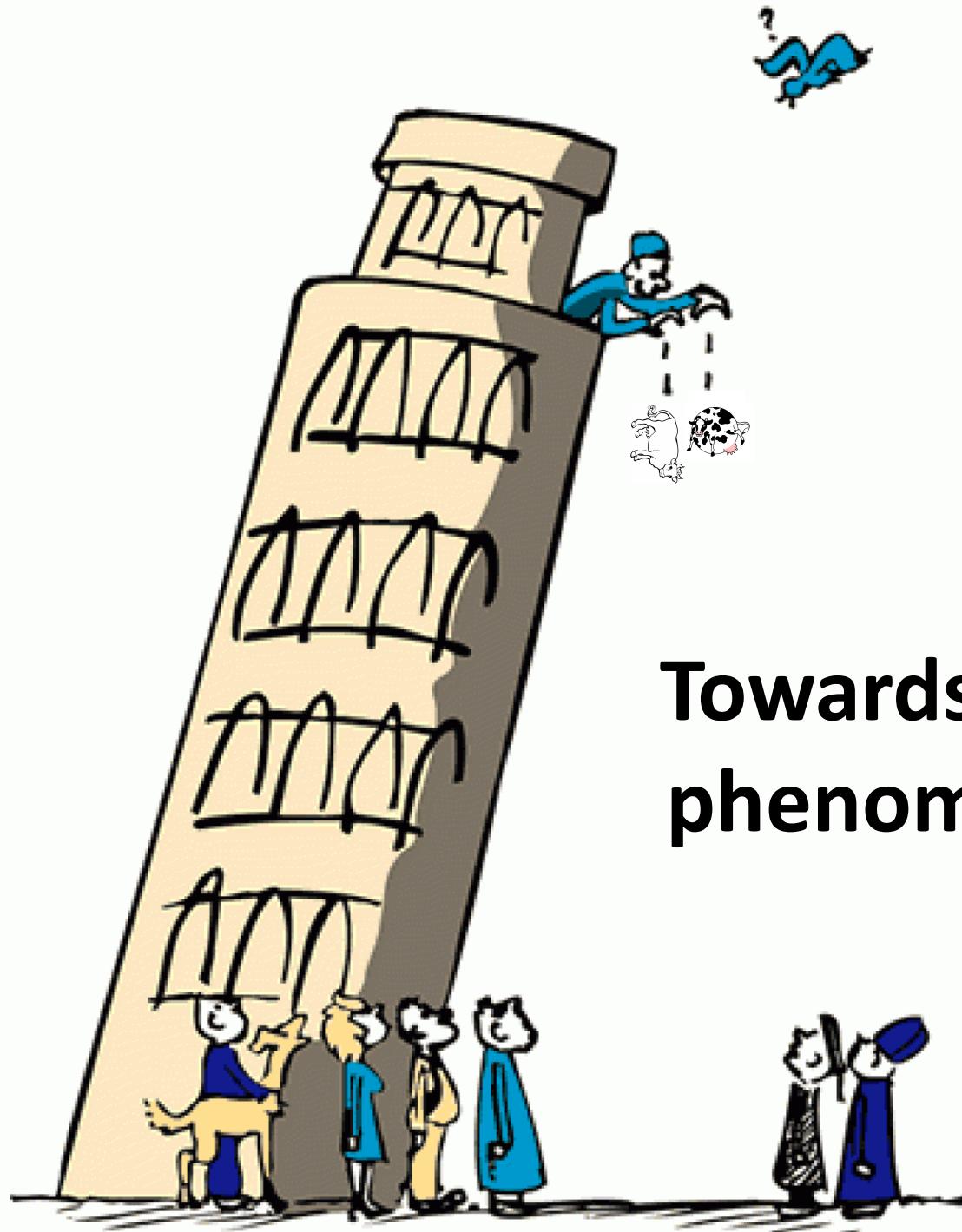


# Example: Conformal 0+1d aHydro results



- aHydro results (lines) on the left are from the recent paper of Molnar, Rischke, and Niemi [1606.09019]

- Exact solution is shown by dots  
[W. Florkowski, R. Ryblewski, and MS, 1304.0665 and 1305.7234]



## Towards realistic phenomenology

# 3+1d aHydro Equations of Motion

- Assuming an ellipsoidal form for the anisotropy tensor (ignoring off-diagonal components for now), one has seven degrees of freedom  $\xi_x, \xi_y, \xi_z, u_x, u_y, u_z$ , and  $\lambda$  which are all fields of space and time.
- Ignore  $\delta\tilde{f}$  for now

$$\begin{aligned} D_u \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E} \theta_u + \mathcal{P}_x u_\mu D_x X^\mu + \mathcal{P}_y u_\mu D_y Y^\mu + \mathcal{P}_z u_\mu D_z Z^\mu &= 0, \\ D_x \mathcal{P}_x + \mathcal{P}_x \theta_x - \mathcal{E} X_\mu D_u u^\mu - \mathcal{P}_y X_\mu D_y Y^\mu - \mathcal{P}_z X_\mu D_z Z^\mu &= 0, \\ D_y \mathcal{P}_y + \mathcal{P}_y \theta_y - \mathcal{E} Y_\mu D_u u^\mu - \mathcal{P}_x Y_\mu D_x X^\mu - \mathcal{P}_z Y_\mu D_z Z^\mu &= 0, \\ D_z \mathcal{P}_z + \mathcal{P}_z \theta_z - \mathcal{E} Z_\mu D_u u^\mu - \mathcal{P}_x Z_\mu D_x X^\mu - \mathcal{P}_y Z_\mu D_y Y^\mu &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

First Moment

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu\lambda} \equiv \int dP p^\mu p^\nu p^\lambda f(x, p).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_i &= \alpha \alpha_i^2 \mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}}(\lambda, m), \\ \mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}}(\lambda, m) &= 4\pi \tilde{N} \lambda^5 \hat{m}^3 K_3(\hat{m}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_u \mathcal{I}_x + \mathcal{I}_x (\theta_u + 2u_\mu D_x X^\mu) &= \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} (\mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}} - \mathcal{I}_x), \\ D_u \mathcal{I}_y + \mathcal{I}_y (\theta_u + 2u_\mu D_y Y^\mu) &= \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} (\mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}} - \mathcal{I}_y), \\ D_u \mathcal{I}_z + \mathcal{I}_z (\theta_u + 2u_\mu D_z Z^\mu) &= \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} (\mathcal{I}_{\text{eq}} - \mathcal{I}_z). \end{aligned}$$

Second Moment

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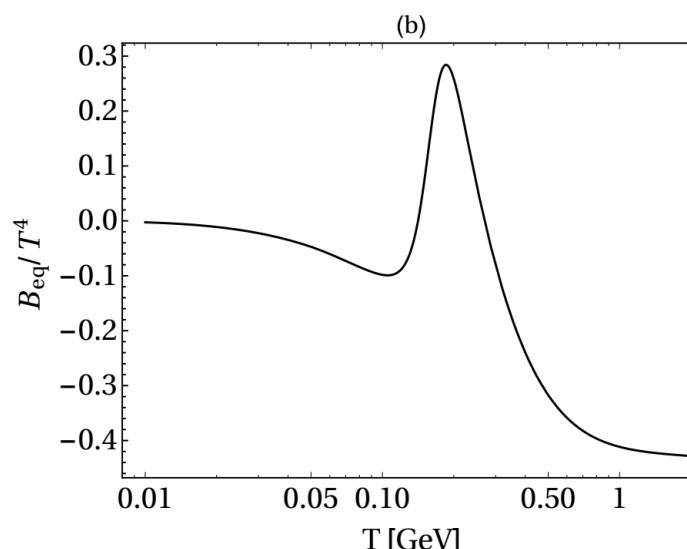
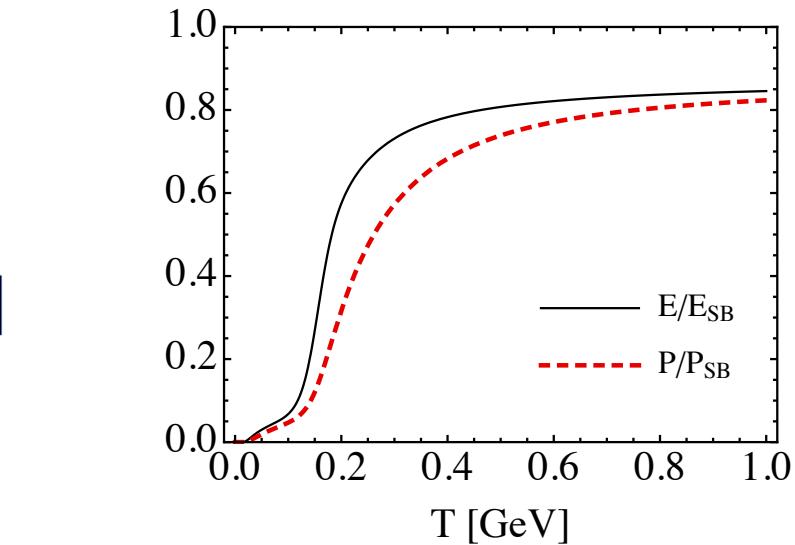
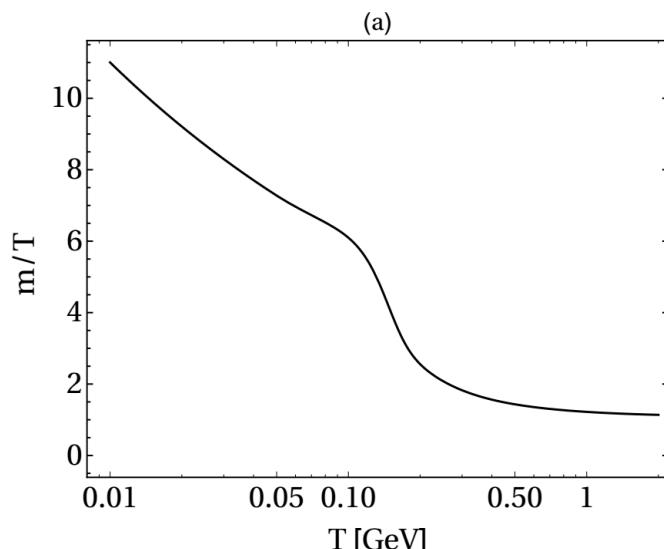
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## Quasiparticle Method

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{kinetic}}^{\mu\nu} + B g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i m^2 \partial_{(p)}^i f = -\mathcal{C}[f]$$

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## Shear viscosity

Fix relaxation time as a function of the energy density by requiring fixed shear viscosity to entropy density ratio.

$$\frac{\eta}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{T} I_{3,2}(\hat{m}_{\text{eq}})$$

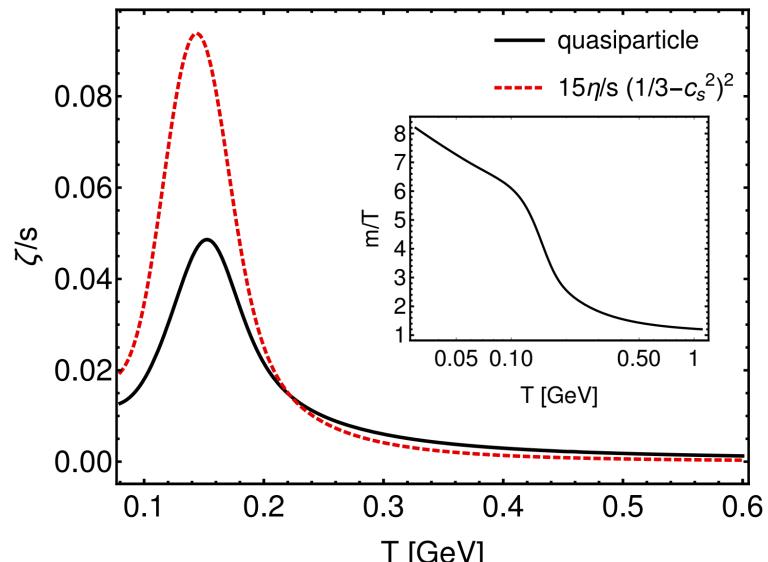
## Bulk viscosity

$$\frac{\zeta}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{5}{3T} I_{3,2} - c_s^2 (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P}) + T \hat{m}^3 \frac{dm}{dT} I_{1,1}$$

$$I_{3,2}(x) = \frac{N_{\text{dof}} T^5 x^5}{30\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{16} \left( K_5(x) - 7K_3(x) + 22K_1(x) \right) - K_{i,1}(x) \right],$$

$$K_{i,1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ 1 - x K_0(x) \mathcal{S}_{-1}(x) - x K_1(x) \mathcal{S}_0(x) \right],$$

$$I_{1,1} = \frac{g m^3}{6\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} (K_3 - 5K_1) + K_{i,1} \right]$$



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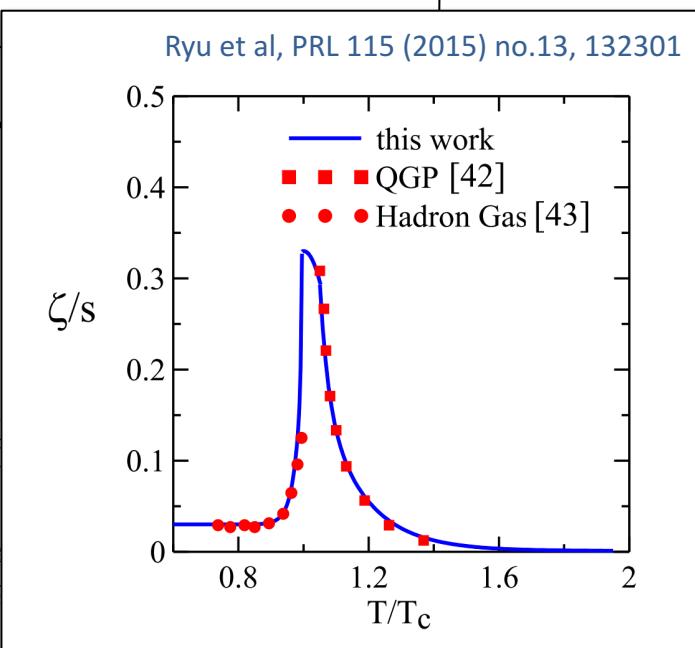
## Bulk viscosity

$$\frac{\zeta}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{5}{3T} I_{3,2}$$

$$I_{3,2}(x) = \frac{N_{\text{dof}}}{30}$$

$$K_{i,1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} [1 -$$

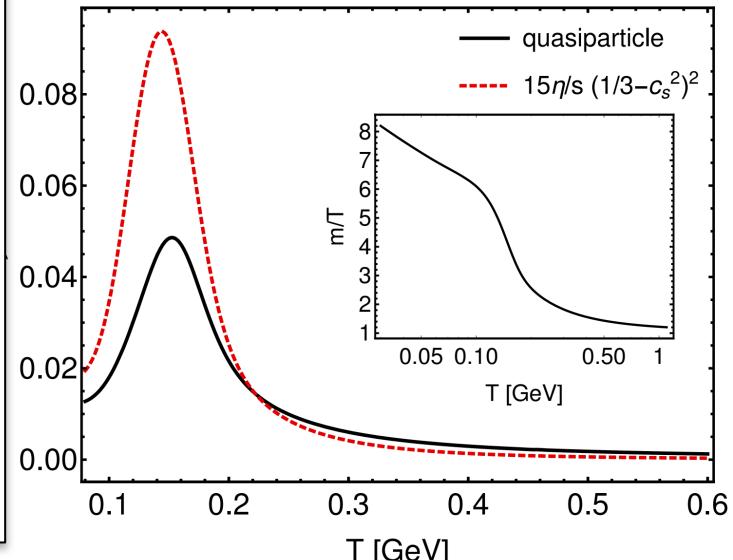
$$I_{1,1} = \frac{g m^2}{6\pi^2}$$



## Shear viscosity

Fix relaxation time as a function of the energy density by requiring fixed shear viscosity to entropy density ratio.

$$\frac{\eta}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{T} I_{3,2}(\hat{m}_{\text{eq}})$$



# Implementing the equation of state

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## Quasiparticle Method

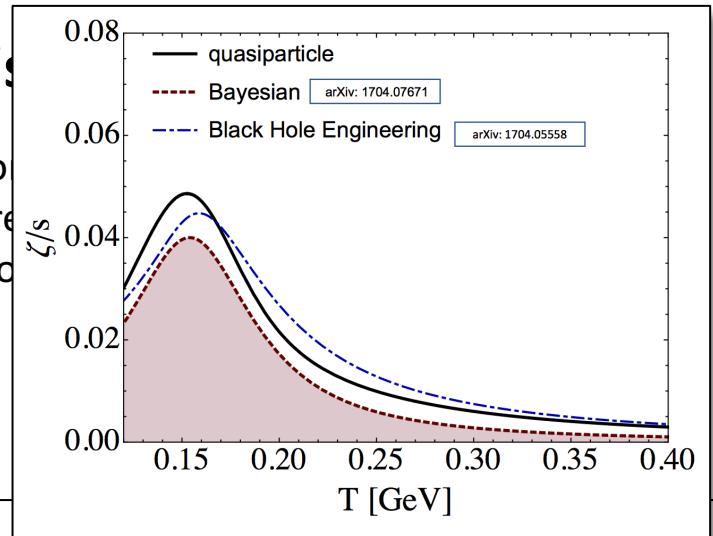
$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{kinetic}}^{\mu\nu} + B g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i m^2 \partial_{(p)}^i f = -\mathcal{C}[f]$$

$$\partial_\mu B = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu m^2 \int dP f(x, p)$$

## Shear viscosity

Fix relaxation time by redefining density ratio



## Bulk viscosity

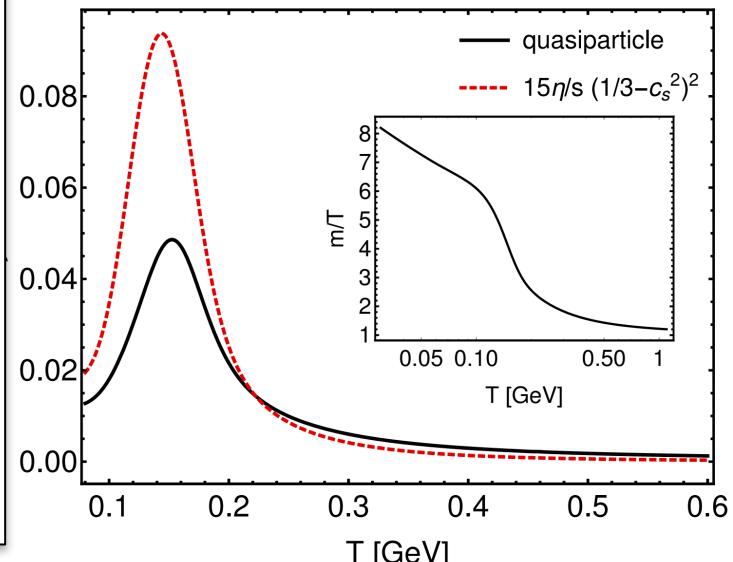
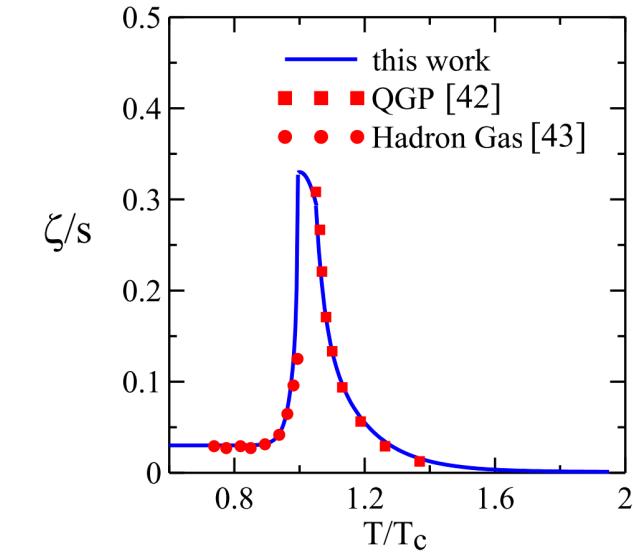
$$\frac{\zeta}{\tau_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{5}{3T} I_3,$$

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$$K_{i,1}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right]$$

$$I_{1,1} = \frac{g m^2}{6\pi^2}$$

Ryu et al, PRL 115 (2015) no.13, 132301



# Anisotropic Cooper-Frye Freezeout

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- Use same generalized-RS form for “anisotropic freeze-out” at LO
- Form includes both shear and bulk corrections to the distribution function
- Use energy density (scalar) to determine the freeze-out hypersurface  $\Sigma \rightarrow$  e.g.  $T_{\text{eff,FO}} = 130$  MeV

$$f(x, p) = f_{\text{iso}} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{p_\mu \Xi^{\mu\nu} p_\nu} \right)$$

$$\Xi^{\mu\nu} = u^\mu u^\nu + \xi^{\mu\nu} - \Phi \Delta^{\mu\nu}$$

isotropic	anisotropy	bulk
tensor		correction

$$\xi_{\text{LRF}}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \text{diag}(0, \xi_x, \xi_y, \xi_z)$$

$$\xi^\mu_\mu = 0 \quad u_\mu \xi^\mu_\nu = 0$$

$$\left( p^0 \frac{dN}{dp^3} \right)_i = \frac{\mathcal{N}_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int f_i(x, p) p^\mu d\Sigma_\mu ,$$

**NOTE:** Usual 2<sup>nd</sup>-order viscous hydro form

$$f(p, x) = f_{\text{eq}} \left[ 1 + (1 - af_{\text{eq}}) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu \Pi^{\mu\nu}}{2(\epsilon + P)T^2} \right]$$

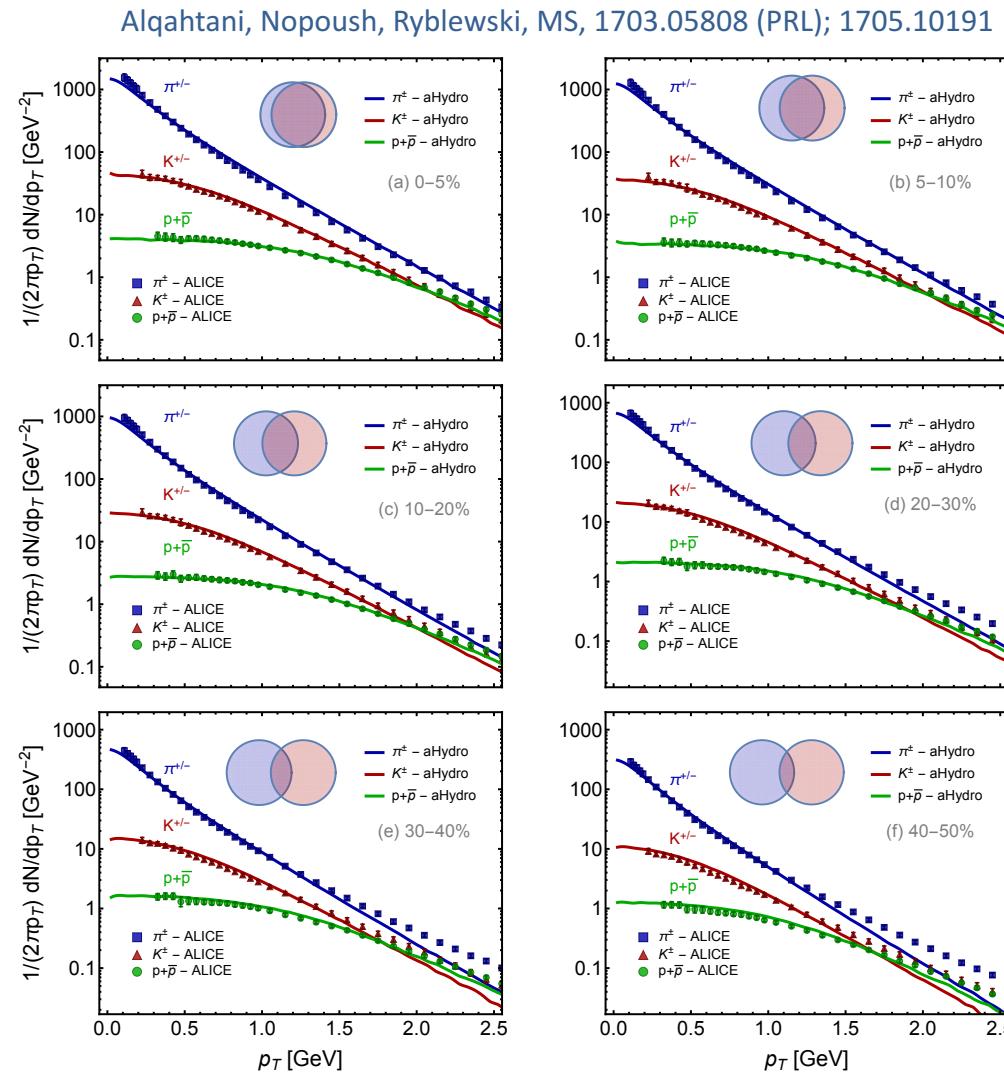
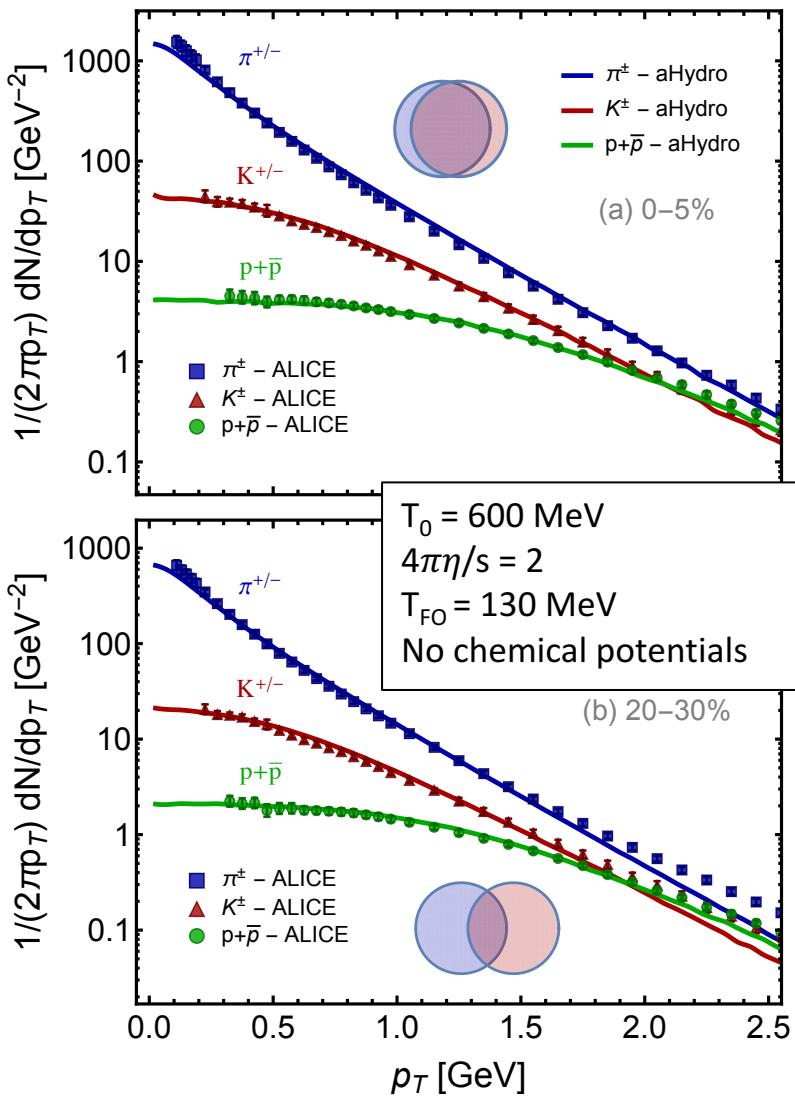
$$f_{\text{eq}} = 1 / [\exp(p \cdot u/T) + a] \quad a = -1, +1, \text{ or } 0$$

- This form suffers from the problem that the distribution function can be negative in some regions of phase space  $\rightarrow$  unphysical
- Problem becomes worse when including the bulk viscous correction.

# The phenomenological setup

- Keep it simple at first → smooth Glauber initial conditions
- Mixture of wounded nucleon and binary collision profiles with a binary mixing fraction of 0.15 (empirically suggested from prior viscous hydro studies)
- In the rapidity direction, we use a rapidity profile with a “tilted” central plateau and Gaussian “wings”
- We take the system to be initially isotropic in momentum space
- We then run the code and extract the freeze-out hypersurface
- The primordial particle production is then Monte-Carlo sampled using the Therminator 2 [\[Chojnacki, Kisiel, Florkowski, and Broniowski, arXiv:1102.0273\]](#)
- Therminator also takes care of all resonance feed downs
- All data shown are from the **ALICE collaboration**

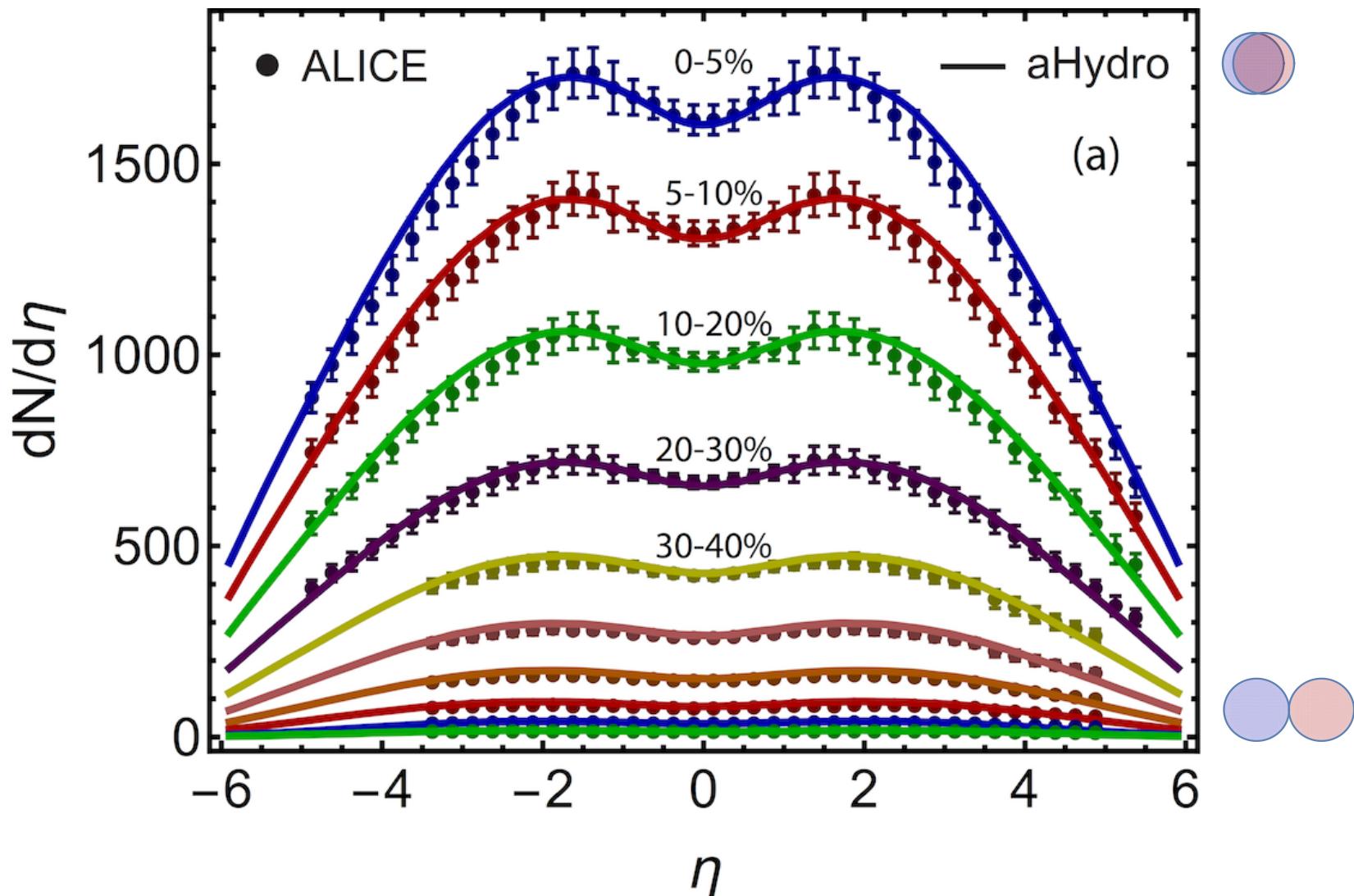
# Identified particle spectra



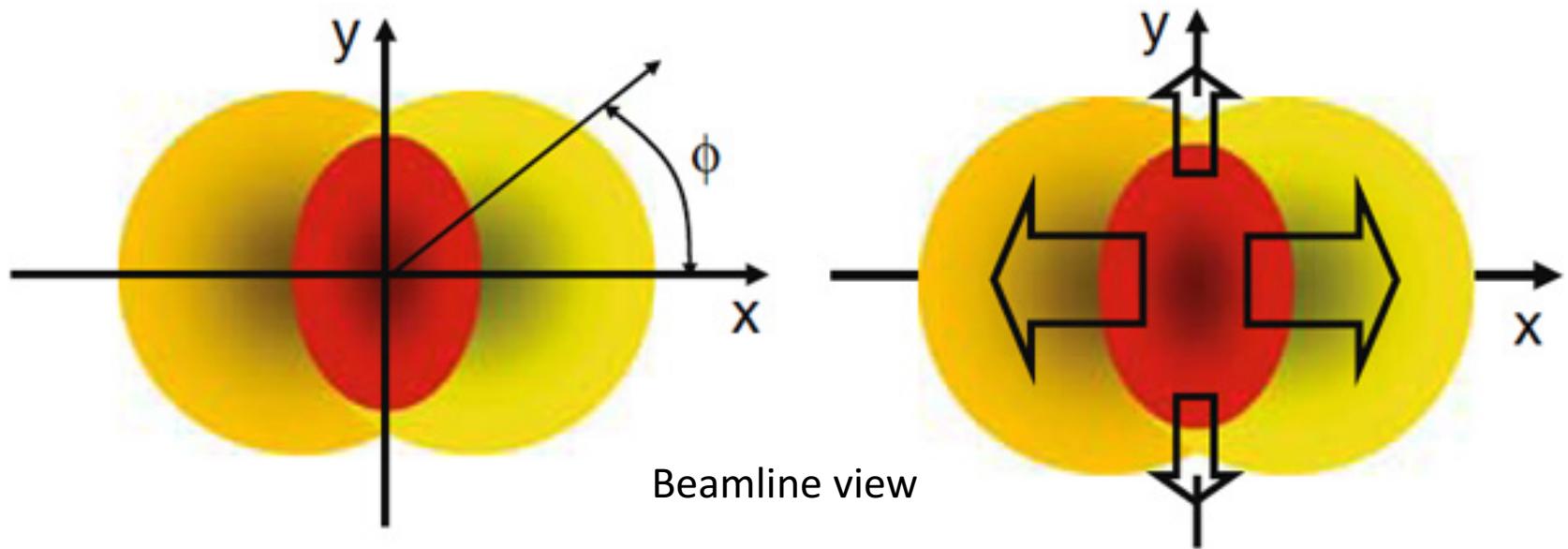
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# Charged particle multiplicity

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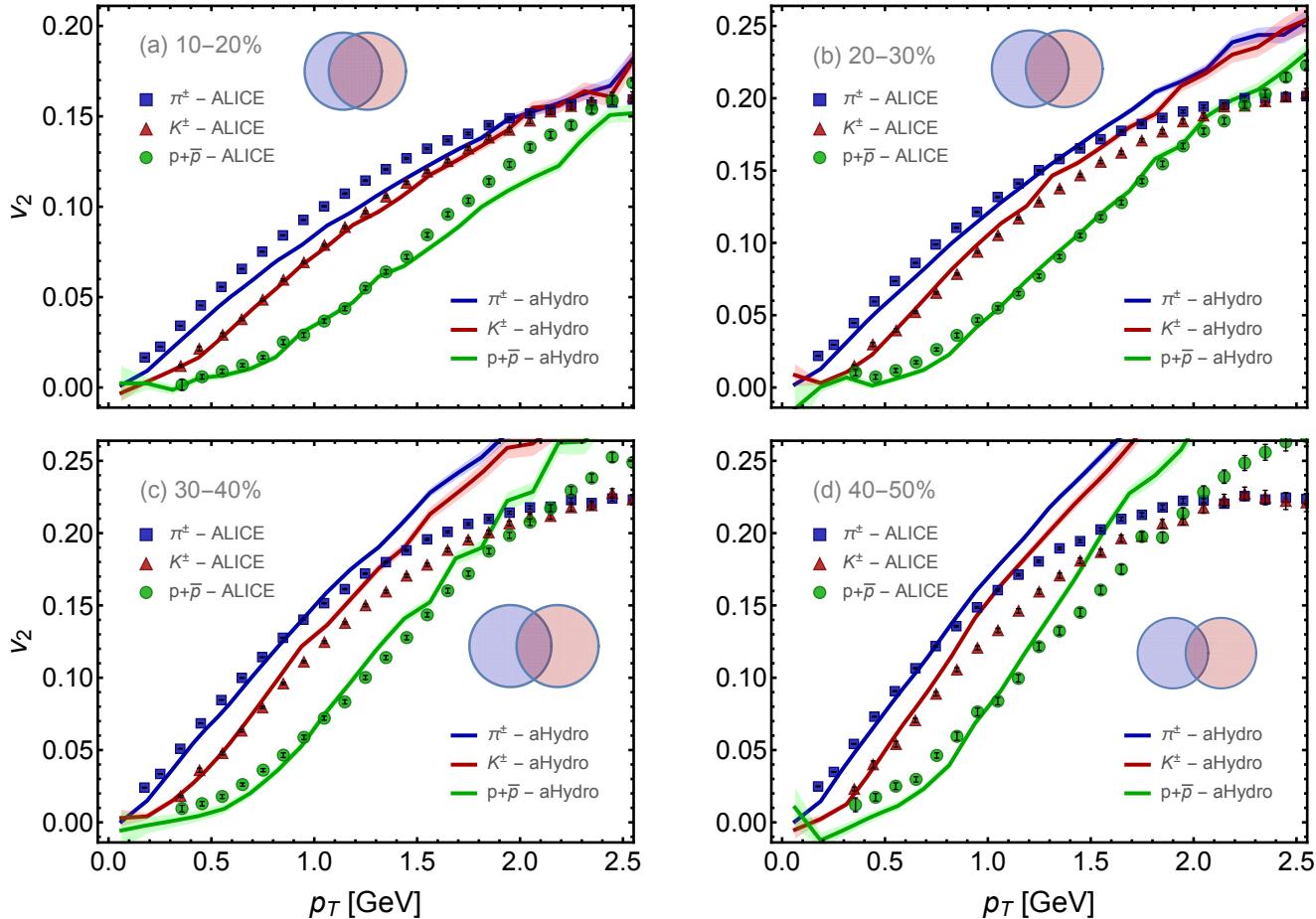
# Elliptic flow



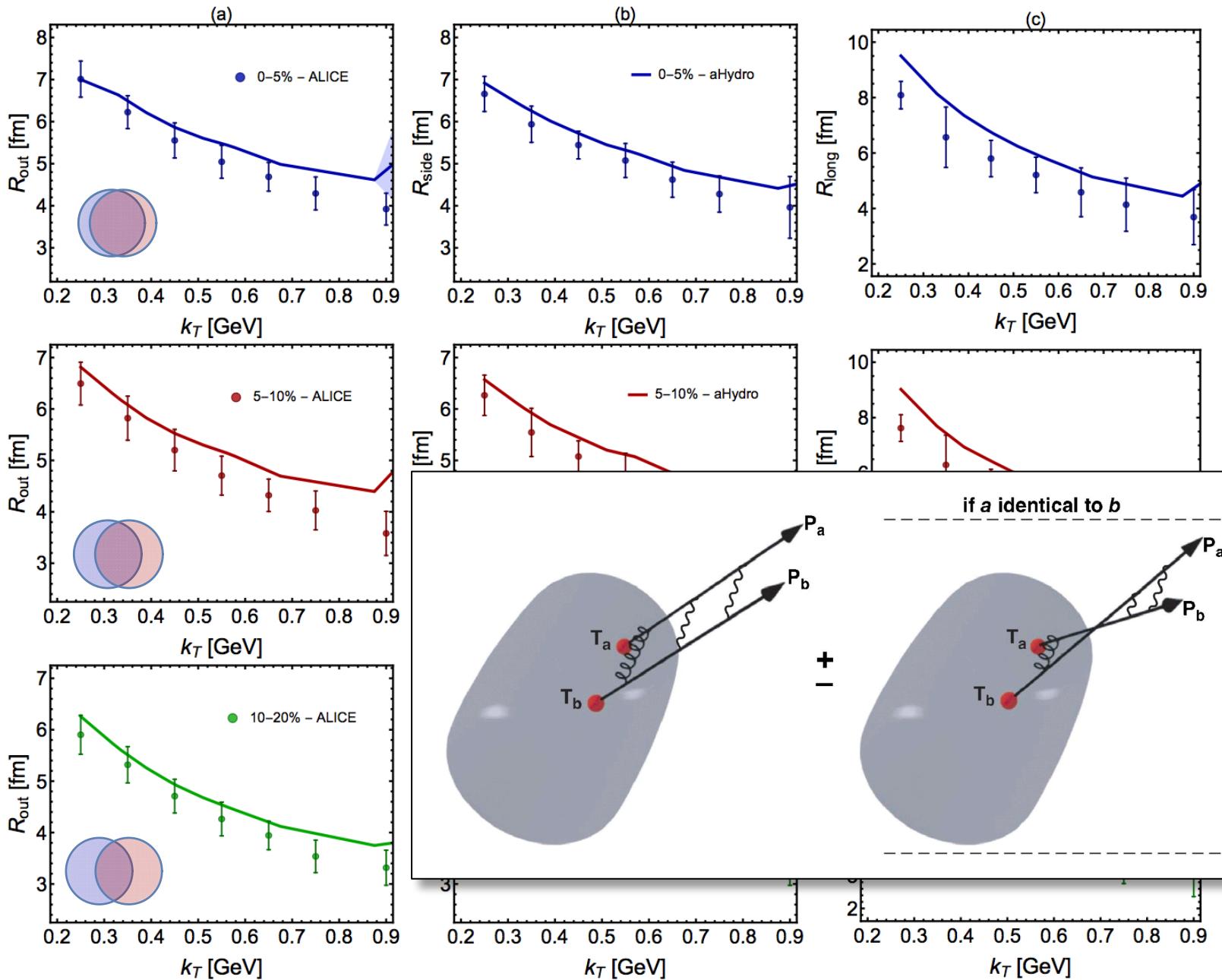
Geometry of overlap region creates anisotropic pressure gradients which result in “anisotropic flow” of plasma constituents.

# Elliptic flow

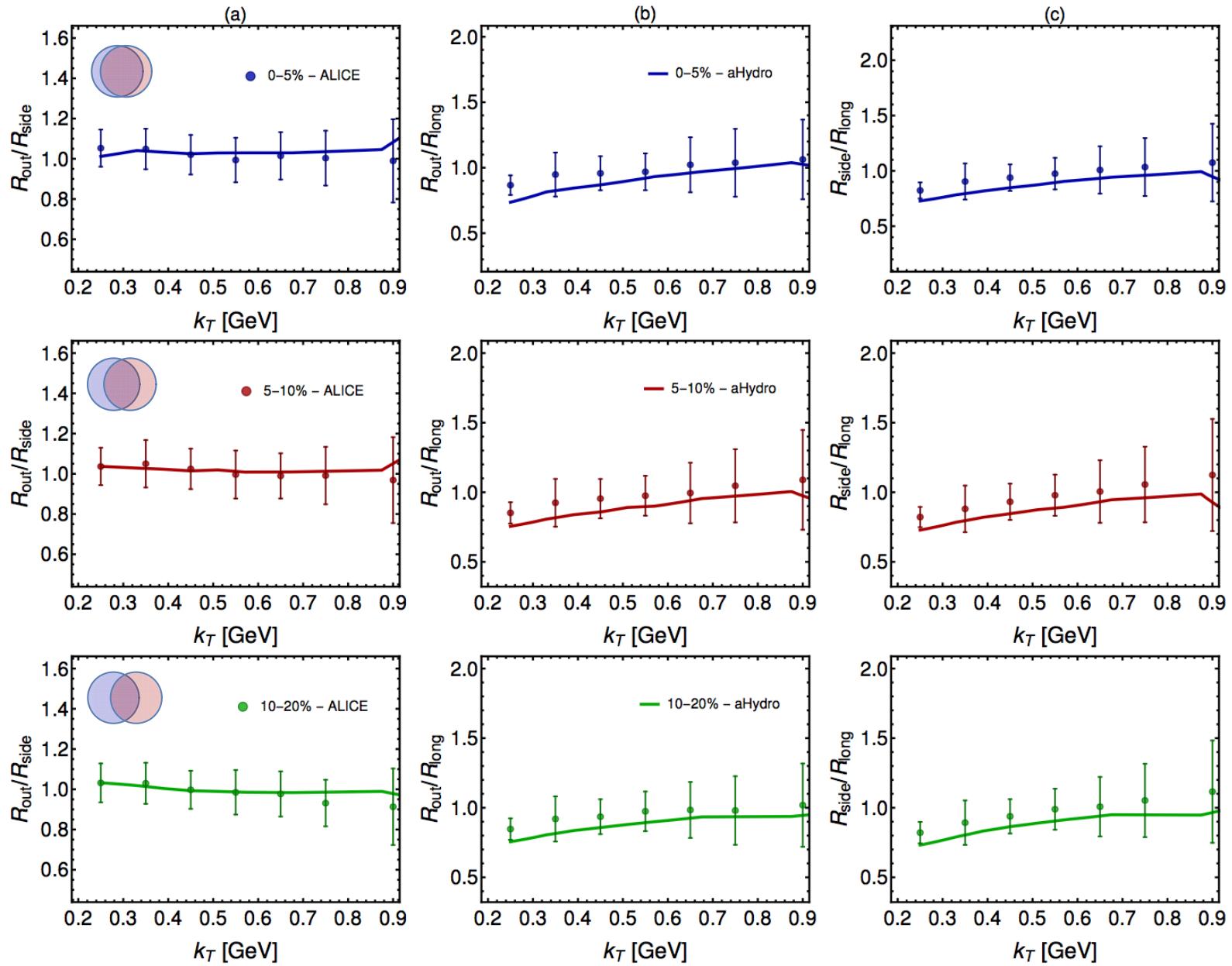
- Quite good description of identified particle elliptic flow as well
- Central collisions → need to include fluctuating init. Conditions!

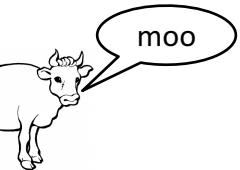


# HBT Radii



# HBT Radii Ratios





# Conclusions and Outlook

- Anisotropic hydrodynamics builds upon prior advances in relativistic hydrodynamics in an attempt to **create an even more quantitatively reliable model of QGP evolution.**
- It incorporates some “facts of life” specific to the conditions generated in relativistic heavy ion collisions and, in doing so, **optimizes the dissipative hydrodynamics approach for HIC.**
- We now have a running 3+1d “ellipsoidal” aHydro code with realistic EoS, anisotropic freeze-out, and fluctuating initial conditions.
- **Our preliminary fits to experimental data using smooth Glauber initial conditions look quite nice.**
- **Future:** off-diagonal anisotropies, turn on the fluctuating initial conditions, lower-energies/finite  $\mu_B$ , small systems...

# **Backup slides**

# Why spheroidal form at LO?

- What is special about this form at leading order?

$$f_{\text{aniso}}^{\text{LRF}} = f_{\text{iso}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + \xi(\mathbf{x}, \tau) p_z^2}}{\Lambda(\mathbf{x}, \tau)} \right)$$

- Gives the **ideal hydro limit** when  $\xi=0$  ( $\Lambda \rightarrow T$ )
- For longitudinal (0+1d) **free streaming**, the LRF distribution function is of spheroidal form; **limit emerges automatically** in conformal 0+1d aHydro

$$\xi_{\text{FS}}(\tau) = (1 + \xi_0) \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \right)^2 - 1$$

- Since  $f_{\text{iso}} \geq 0$ , the one-particle distribution function and pressures are  $\geq 0$  (not guaranteed in standard 2<sup>nd</sup>-order viscous hydro)
- **Reduces to 2<sup>nd</sup>-order viscous hydrodynamics in limit of small anisotropies**

M. Martinez and MS, 1007.0889

$$\frac{\Pi}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{8}{45} \xi + \mathcal{O}(\xi^2)$$

For general (3+1d) proof of equivalence to second-order viscous hydrodynamics using generalized RS form in the near-equilibrium limit see Tinti 1411.7268.