

# New developments in Relativistic Hydrodynamics for Heavy-Ion Collisions: Lecture I

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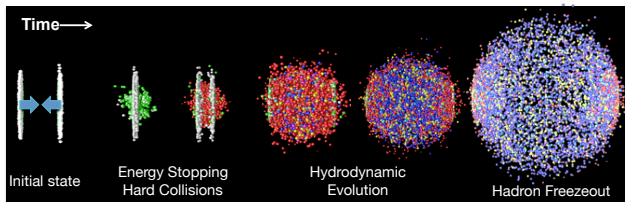


# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 "Standard model" of heavy-ion collisions



# "Standard model" of heavy-ion collisions



T. K. Nayak, Lepton-Photon 2011 Conference

## FIRST STAGE — HIGHLY OUT-OF EQUILIBRIUM ( $0 < \tau_0 \lesssim 1 \text{ fm}$ )

- **initial conditions**, including fluctuations, reflect to large extent the distribution of matter in the colliding nuclei
- **emission of hard probes**: heavy quarks, photons, jets
- **hydrodynamization stage** – the system becomes well described by equations of viscous hydrodynamics



# "Standard model" of heavy-ion collisions

## SECOND STAGE — HYDRODYNAMIC EXPANSION ( $1 \text{ fm} \lesssim \tau \lesssim 10 \text{ fm}$ )

- expansion controlled by viscous hydrodynamics (effective description)
- **thermalization stage**
- **phase transition** from QGP to hadron gas takes place (encoded in the equation of state)
- **equilibrated hadron gas**

## THIRD STAGE — FREEZE-OUT

- **freeze-out and free streaming of hadrons** ( $10 \text{ fm} \lesssim \tau$ )

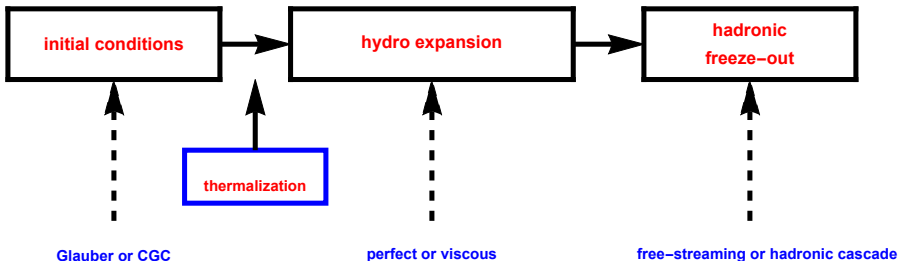
THESE LECTURES:

EFFECTS OF FINITE BARYON NUMBER DENSITY ARE NEGLECTED



## status quo ante, Karpacz School in 2012

### STANDARD MODEL (MODULES) of HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



NEW: FLUCTUATIONS IN THE INITIAL STATE / EVENT-BY-EVENT HYDRO / FINAL-STATE FLUCTUATIONS

EQUATION OF STATE?

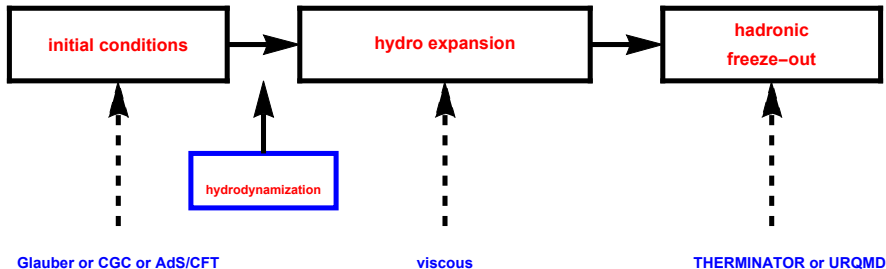
VISCOSITY?





## status quo

## STANDARD MODEL (MODULES) of HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



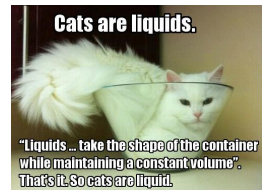
FLUCTUATIONS IN THE INITIAL STATE / EVENT-BY-EVENT HYDRO / FINAL-STATE FLUCTUATIONS

EQUATION OF STATE = lattice QCD

 $1 < \text{VISCOSITY} < 3 \text{ times the lower bound}$ 

# Basic hydrodynamic concepts

- **hydrodynamics deals with liquids in motion**, it is a subdiscipline of fluid mechanics (fluid dynamics) which deals with both liquids and gases
- liquids, gases, solids and plasmas are states of matter, characterised locally by macroscopic quantities, such as energy density, temperature or pressure
- **states of matter differ typically by compressibility and rigidity**  
liquids are less compressible than gases, solids are more rigid than liquids  
a typical liquid conforms to the shape of its container but retains a (nearly) constant volume independent of pressure



# Basic hydrodynamic concepts

- natural explanation of different properties of liquids, gases, solids and plasmas is achieved within atomic theory of matter
- but **hydrodynamics, similarly to thermodynamics, may be formulated without explicit reference to microscopic degrees of freedom**
- this is important if we deal with strongly interacting matter —  
in this case, description in terms of partonic or hadronic degrees of freedom is typically very difficult

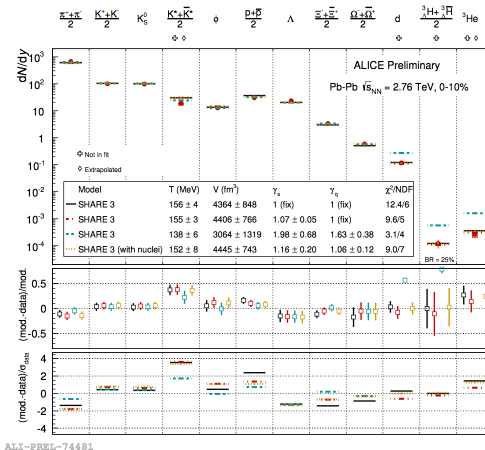


# Basic hydrodynamic concepts

- **the information about properties of matter is, to large extent, encoded in the structure of its energy-momentum tensor** – equation of state, kinetic (transport) coefficients
- these properties may be a priori determined by modelling of heavy-ion collisions!
- we are lucky that this scenario has been indeed realised, this is largely so, because the created system evolves towards local equilibrium state



# Thermal fit to hadron multiplicity ratios



M. Floris, Nucl. Phys. A931 (2014) c103

extended activity in the field of so-called thermal models:

F. Becattini, P. Braun-Munzinger, W. Broniowski, W. Florkowski, J. Rafelski, K. Redlich, H. Satz, J. Stachel, G. Torrieri



# Global equilibrium

The equilibrium energy-momentum tensor in the **fluid rest-frame** is given by

$$T_{\text{EQ}}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}) \end{vmatrix} \quad (1)$$

assumption: the equation of state is known, so that the pressure  $\mathcal{P}$  is a given function of the energy density  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}$

in an arbitrary frame of reference

$$T_{\text{EQ}}^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}} u^\mu u^\nu - \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}) \Delta^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2)$$

where  $u^\mu$  is a constant velocity, and  $\Delta^{\mu\nu}$  is the operator that projects on the space orthogonal to  $u^\mu$ , namely

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu. \quad (3)$$



# Local equilibrium – perfect fluid

The energy-momentum tensor of a perfect fluid is obtained by allowing the variables  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $u^\mu$  to depend on the spacetime point  $x$

$$T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \mathcal{E}(x)u^\mu(x)u^\nu(x) - \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}(x))\Delta^{\mu\nu}(x) \quad (4)$$

the subscript “eq” refers to local thermal equilibrium.

local effective temperature  $T(x)$  is determined by the condition that the equilibrium energy density at this temperature agrees with the non-equilibrium value of the energy density, namely

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{EQ}}(T(x)) = \mathcal{E}_{\text{eq}}(x) = \mathcal{E}(x) \quad (5)$$



# Perfect fluid

$T(x)$  and  $U^\mu(x)$  are fundamental fluid variables

the relativistic perfect-fluid energy-momentum tensor is the most general symmetric tensor which can be expressed in terms of these variables without using derivatives

dynamics of the perfect fluid theory is provided by the conservation equations of the energy-momentum tensor

$$\partial_\mu T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (6)$$

four equations for the four independent hydrodynamic fields – a self-consistent (hydrodynamic) theory

**DISSIPATION DOES NOT APPEAR!**

$$\partial_\mu (S u^\mu) = 0 \quad (7)$$

entropy conservation follows from the energy-momentum conservation and the form of the energy-momentum tensor





# Navier-Stokes hydrodynamics

Claude-Louis Navier, 1785–1836, French engineer and physicist  
 Sir George Gabriel Stokes, 1819–1903, Irish physicist and mathematician



C. Eckart, Phys. Rev. 58 (1940) 919

L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, Fluid Mechanics, Pergamon, New York, 1959



complete energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu} \quad (8)$$

where  $\Pi^{\mu\nu} u_\nu = 0$ , which corresponds to the Landau definition of the hydrodynamic flow  $u^\mu$

$$T^\mu{}_\nu u^\nu = \mathcal{E} u^\mu. \quad (9)$$

It proves useful to further decompose  $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$  into two components,

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \pi^{\mu\nu} + \Pi \Delta^{\mu\nu}, \quad (10)$$

which introduces the **bulk viscous pressure**  $\Pi$  (the trace part of  $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$ ) and the **shear stress tensor**  $\pi^{\mu\nu}$  which is symmetric,  $\pi^{\mu\nu} = \pi^{\nu\mu}$ , traceless,  $\pi^\mu{}_\mu = 0$ , and orthogonal to  $u^\mu$ ,  $\pi^{\mu\nu} u_\nu = 0$ .



# Navier-Stokes hydrodynamics

in the Navier-Stokes theory, the **bulk pressure** and **shear stress tensor** are given by the gradients of the flow vector

$$\Pi = -\zeta \partial_\mu U^\mu, \quad \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}. \quad (11)$$

Here  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  are the bulk and shear viscosity coefficients, respectively, and  $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$  is the shear flow tensor defined as

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = 2 \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \partial^\alpha U^\beta, \quad (12)$$

where the projection operator  $\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}$  has the form

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta^\mu_\alpha \Delta^\nu_\beta + \Delta^\mu_\beta \Delta^\nu_\alpha) - \frac{1}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\alpha\beta}. \quad (13)$$



# Shear flow and shear stress tensors

$\sigma^{\mu\nu}$  – shear flow tensor,  $\pi^{\mu\nu}$  – shear stress tensor

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \partial^\alpha u^\beta, \quad \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta^\mu_\alpha \Delta^\nu_\beta + \Delta^\mu_\beta \Delta^\nu_\alpha) - \frac{1}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$\sigma^{\mu\nu}$  is symmetric, orthogonal to  $u$ , and traceless

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \sigma^{\nu\mu}, \quad \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_\mu = \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_\nu = 0, \quad \sigma^\mu_\mu = 0$$

in the local rest frame where  $u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{XX} & \sigma_{XY} & \sigma_{XZ} \\ 0 & \sigma_{YX} = \sigma_{XY} & \sigma_{YY} & \sigma_{YZ} \\ 0 & \sigma_{ZX} = \sigma_{XZ} & \sigma_{ZY} = \sigma_{YZ} & \sigma_{ZZ} = -(\sigma_{XX} + \sigma_{YY}) \end{vmatrix}$$

5 independent parameters in  $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$

similarly for  $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ , since  $\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}$

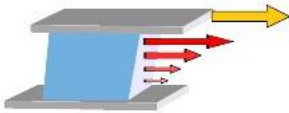


# Viscosity

shear viscosity  $\eta$



reaction to a change of **shape**

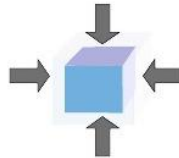


$$\pi^{\mu\nu}_{\text{Navier-Stokes}} = 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

bulk viscosity  $\zeta$



reaction to a change of **volume**



$$\Pi_{\text{Navier-Stokes}} = -\zeta \theta$$

bulk viscosity and pressure vanish for conformal fluids

$$0 = T^\mu{}_\mu = \underbrace{\mathcal{E} - 3\mathcal{P}}_{=0} - 3\Pi + \underbrace{\pi^\mu{}_\mu}_{=0} = -3\Pi, \quad \Pi = 0$$



# Navier-Stokes hydrodynamics

complete energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu} + \Pi\Delta^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta\theta\Delta^{\mu\nu} \quad (14)$$

again four equations for four unknowns

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (15)$$

**THIS SCHEME DOES NOT WORK IN PRACTICE!**  
**ACAUSAL BEHAVIOR + INSTABILITIES!**

**NEVERTHELESS, THE GRADIENT FORM (14) IS A GOOD APPROXIMATION  
FOR SYSTEMS APPROACHING LOCAL EQUILIBRIUM**



# Gradient expansion

complete energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu} + \Pi \Delta^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta\theta\Delta^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{first order terms in gradients}} \quad (16)$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta\theta\Delta^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{first order terms in gradients}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{second order terms in gradients}} + \dots \quad (17)$$

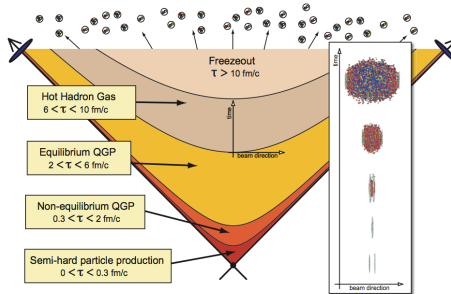
## HYDRODYNAMIC EXPANSION OF THE ENERGY-MOMENTUM TENSOR, ASYMPTOTIC SERIES

M.P. Heller, R. Janik, R. Witaszczyk, PRL 110 (2013) 211602



# Simplified space-time diagram

space-time diagram for a simplified, one dimensional and boost-invariant expansion



M. Strickland, Acta Phys.Polon. B45 (2014) 2355

evolution governed by the proper time  $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$

# Pressure anisotropy

space-time gradients in boost-invariant expansion **increase the transverse pressure** and **decrease the longitudinal pressure**

$$\mathcal{P}_T = \mathcal{P} + \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \mathcal{P}_L = \mathcal{P} - \pi, \quad \pi = \frac{4\eta}{3\tau} \quad (18)$$

$$\left( \frac{\mathcal{P}_L}{\mathcal{P}_T} \right)_{\text{NS}} = \frac{3\tau T - 16\bar{\eta}}{3\tau T + 8\bar{\eta}}, \quad \bar{\eta} = \frac{\eta}{S}$$

using the AdS/CFT lower bound for viscosity,  $\bar{\eta} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$

RHIC-like initial conditions,  $T_0 = 400$  MeV at  $\tau_0 = 0.5$  fm/c,  $(\mathcal{P}_L/\mathcal{P}_T)_{\text{NS}} \approx 0.50$

LHC-like initial conditions,  $T_0 = 600$  MeV at  $\tau_0 = 0.2$  fm/c,  $(\mathcal{P}_L/\mathcal{P}_T)_{\text{NS}} \approx 0.35$





# 1.5 Insights from AdS/CFT



# $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM theory

replacing the quark sector of QCD by a matter sector consisting of 6 scalar fields and 4 Weyl spinor fields one obtains a Yang-Mills theory which is conformal and finite

## $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM theory

in 1990s Maldacena and other authors (Gubser, Witten) realized that this quantum field theory, taken in the 't Hooft limit, is a string theory

although QCD and  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM are rather different (apart from the gluon sector), at sufficiently high temperatures these differences become less prominent

the two theories have a small value of the shear viscosity to entropy density ratio

$\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM provides a reliable means of observing how hydrodynamic behaviour appears in a strongly coupled nonequilibrium system



# Hydrodynamization within AdS/CFT approach

normalized pressure anisotropy

$$R \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}_T - \mathcal{P}_L}{\mathcal{P}} \quad (19)$$

dimensionless variable

$$w = \tau T(\tau) \quad (20)$$

and the dimensionless function

$$f(w) = \frac{\tau}{w} \frac{dw}{d\tau} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{R}{18} \quad (21)$$

by computing  $f(w)$  at late times one finds

$$f_H(w) = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{9\pi w} + \frac{1 - \log 2}{27\pi^2 w^2} + \frac{15 - 2\pi^2 - 45 \log 2 + 24 \log^2 2}{972\pi^3 w^3} + \dots \quad (22)$$



# Hydrodynamization within AdS/CFT approach

$$R(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n w^{-n} \quad (23)$$

with the leading coefficients given by

$$r_1 = \frac{2}{\pi}, \quad r_2 = \frac{2 - 2 \log 2}{3\pi^2}, \quad r_3 = \frac{15 - 2\pi^2 - 45 \log 2 + 24 \log^2 2}{54\pi^3} \quad (24)$$

$$r_1 = \frac{8\eta}{S} \quad \rightarrow \quad \eta/S = 1/4\pi \quad (25)$$

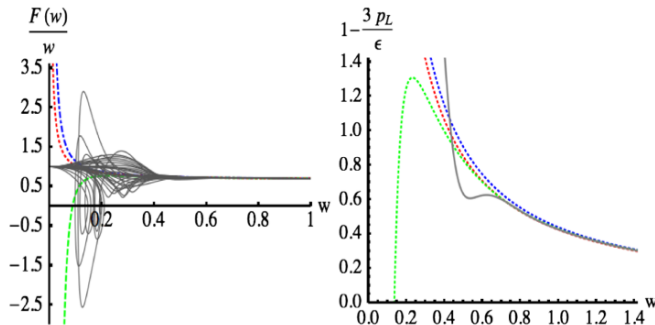
P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, A. O. Starinets

Viscosity in strongly interacting quantum field theories from black hole physics

Phys.Rev.Lett. 94 (2005) 111601



# Hydrodynamization within AdS/CFT approach



M. Heller, R. Janik, P. Witaszczyk

The characteristics of thermalization of boost-invariant plasma from holography

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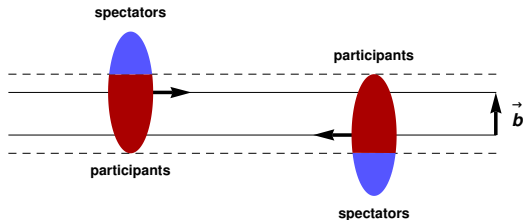
fast (exponential) approach to the hydrodynamic regime followed by slow (power-law like) approach of anisotropy to the equilibrium value in the hydrodynamic regime



## 2 Basic dictionary for phenomenology

### 2.1 Geometry of the collision process

# Geometry of the collision process



transverse mass

$$m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2} \quad (26)$$

rapidity

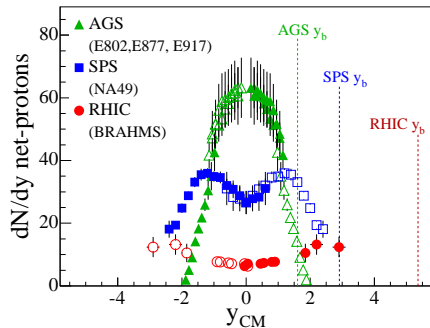
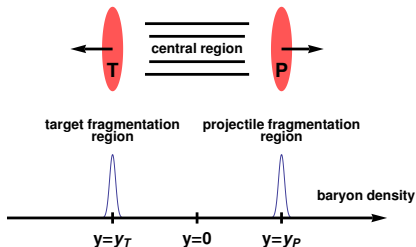
$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_L}{E - p_L} \right) = \operatorname{arctanh} \left( \frac{p_L}{E} \right) = \operatorname{arctanh} (v_L) \quad (27)$$

pseudorapidity

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{|\mathbf{p}| + p_L}{|\mathbf{p}| - p_L} \right) = \ln \left( \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = -\ln \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \quad (28)$$



# Central region

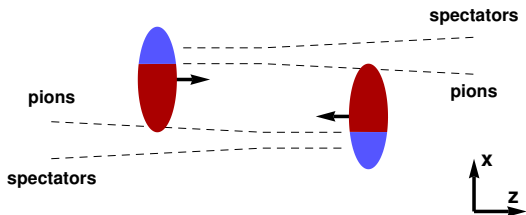




# Harmonic flows

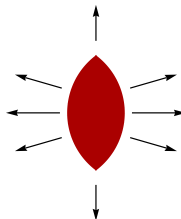
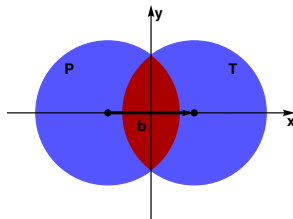
$$\frac{dN}{dy d^2 p_{\perp}} = \frac{dN}{2\pi p_{\perp} dp_{\perp} dy} \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2v_k \cos(k(\phi_p - \Psi_k)) \right], \quad (29)$$

$v_1$  directed flow



# Harmonic flows

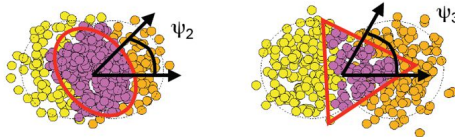
## $v_2$ elliptic flow



# Harmonic flows

## TRIANGULAR FLOW

B. Alver and G. Roland, PRC 81 (2010) 054905



$$\rightarrow \frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \left( 1 + \sum 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \psi_R)) \right)$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos(2(\phi - \psi_R)) \rangle$$

$$v_3 = 0$$



$$\rightarrow \frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \left( 1 + \sum 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \psi_n)) \right)$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos(2(\phi - \psi_2)) \rangle$$

$$v_3 = \langle \cos(3(\phi - \psi_3)) \rangle$$

The triangular initial shape leads to triangular hydrodynamic flow

figure from L. Bravina's presentation at Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum XI

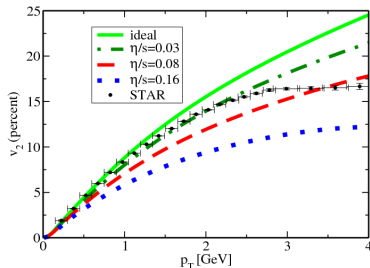


# Harmonic flows

shear viscosity affects elliptic flow

first principles tell us that one should use **relativistic dissipative hydrodynamics**

but better description of the data is also achieved with finite but small  $\eta/S$



P. Romatschke and U. Romatschke, PRL 99 (2007) 172301



# QGP shear viscosity: large or small?



John Mainstone (Wikipedia)



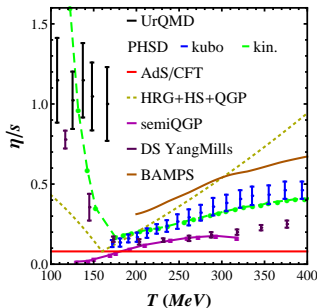
Wikipedia: The ninth drop touched the eighth drop on 17 April 2014. However, it was still attached to the funnel. On 24 April 2014, Prof. White decided to replace the beaker holding the previous eight drops before the ninth drop fused to them. While the bell jar was being lifted, the wooden base wobbled and the ninth drop snapped away from the funnel.

$$\eta_{\text{qgp}} > \eta_{\text{pitch}}$$

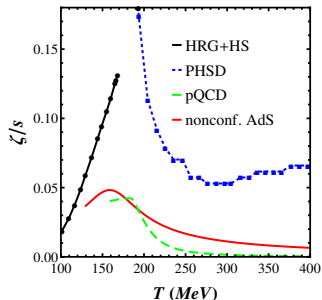
$$\eta_{\text{qgp}} \sim 10^{11} \text{ Pa s}, \quad (\eta/s)_{\text{qgp}} < 3/(4\pi)\hbar \quad (\text{from experiment})$$

# Shear vs. bulk viscosity

$\eta/S$  reaches **minimum** in the region of the phase transition



$\zeta/S$  reaches **maximum** in the region of the phase transition



figures from: S. I. Finazzo, R. Rougemont, H. Marrochio, J. Noronha, JHEP 1502 (2015) 051

