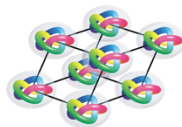


Formation of the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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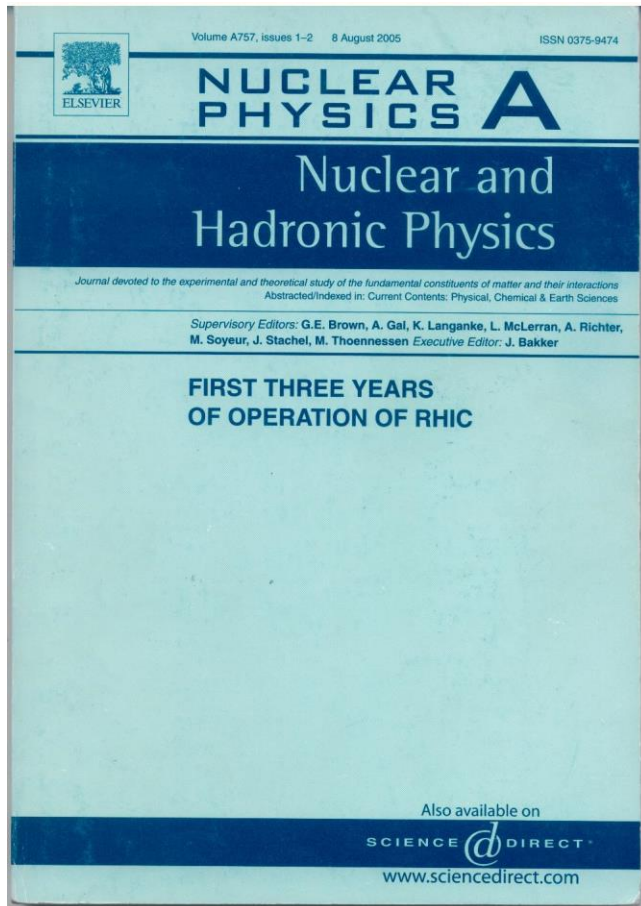
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HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL

QGP Production @ RHIC

- White papers : First three years of operation of RHIC
BRAHMS, PHOBOS, STAR, PHENIX

Nuclear Physics A757(2005)



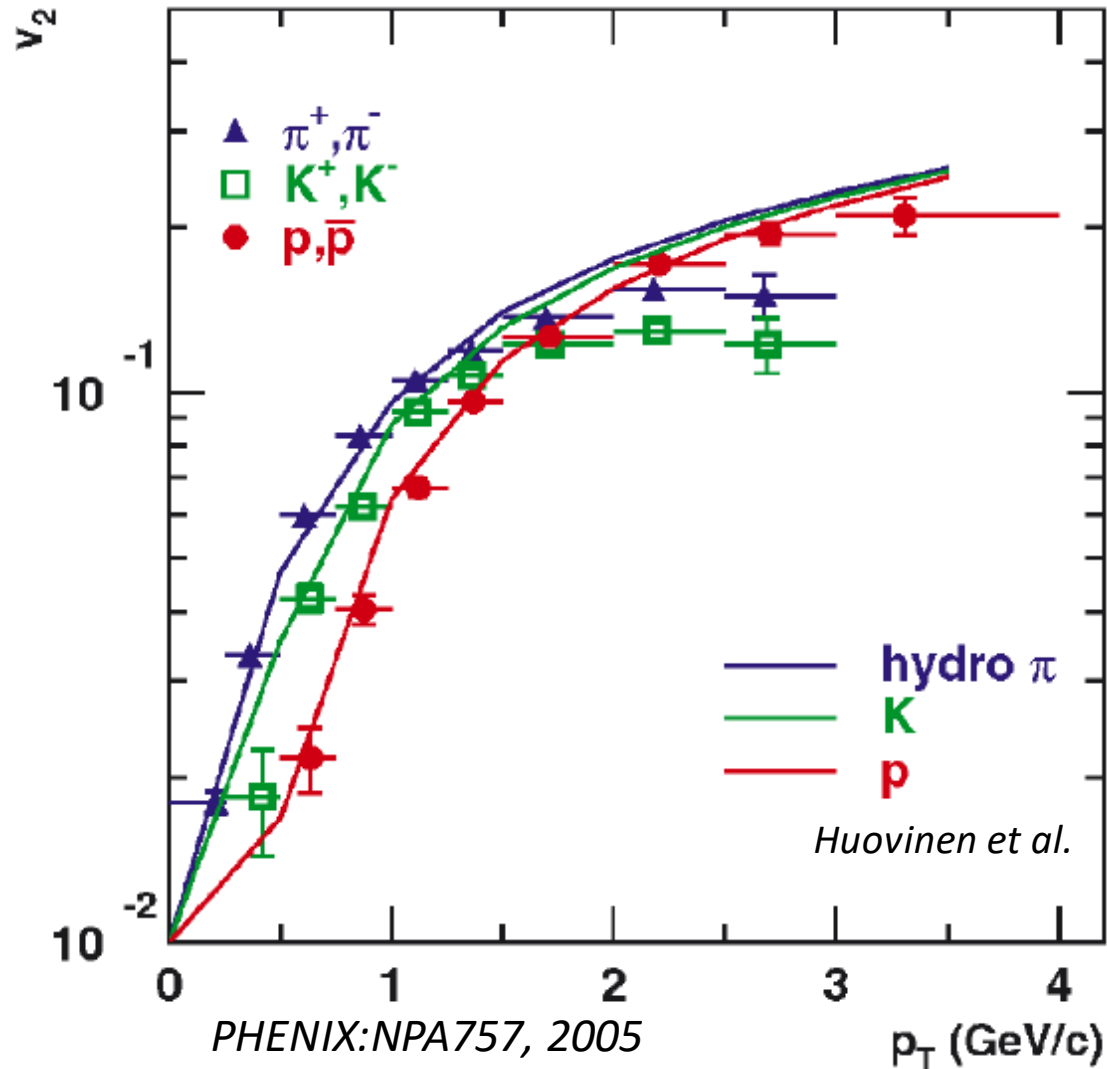
Key

- Relativistic Hydrodynamic Models
- Recombination Models
- Jet Quenching
- Color Glass Condensate

Hydrodynamic picture was widely accepted.

Formation of Quark-Gluon Plasma

- Strong elliptic flow

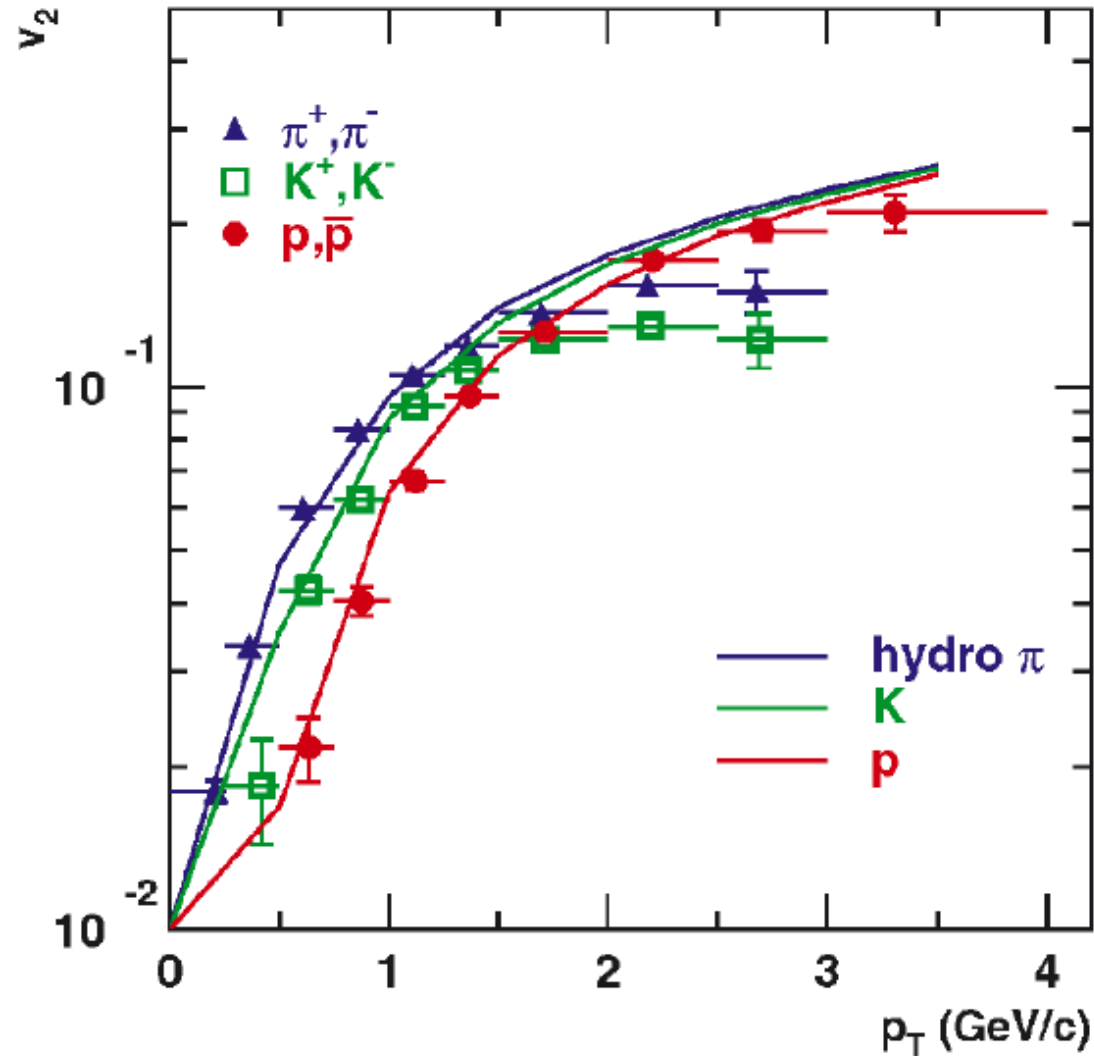


Key issues:

- Perfect match to experimental data at low p_T
- mass dependence

Formation of Quark-Gluon Plasma

- Strong elliptic flow



Key issues:

- Particle mass dependence of collectivity

- Early thermalization

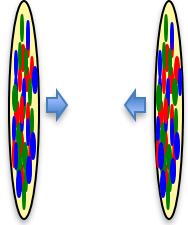
initial time of hydrodynamic models

$\tau_0 \sim 0.6$ fm

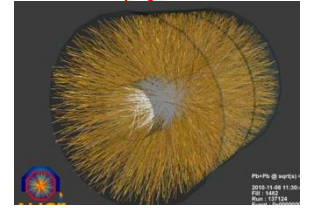
Hirano, PRC 65, 011901(R)2001

Hydrodynamic Model

collisions

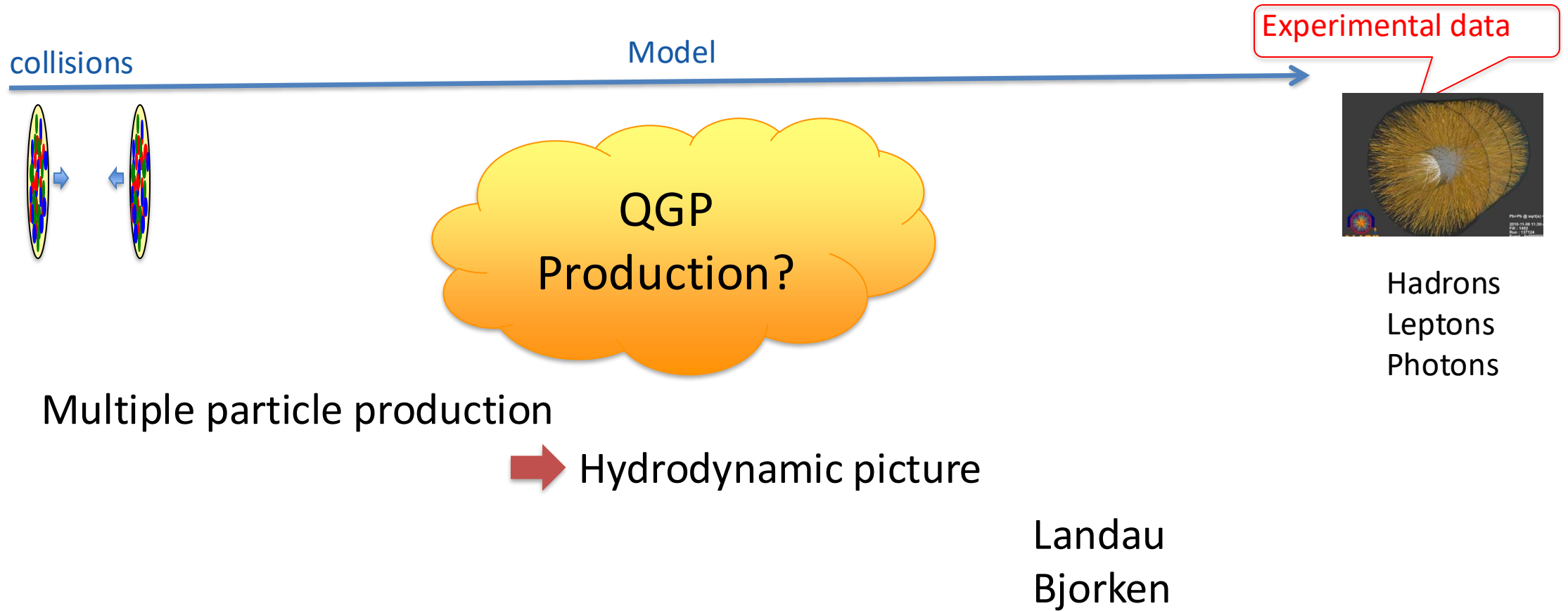


Experimental data



Hadrons
Leptons
Photons

Hydrodynamic Model



Multiple particle production

→ Hydrodynamic picture

Landau
Bjorken

Success of hydrodynamic model at RHIC
One of important phenomenological models

Relativistic Hydrodynamic Model

- Relativistic hydrodynamic equation

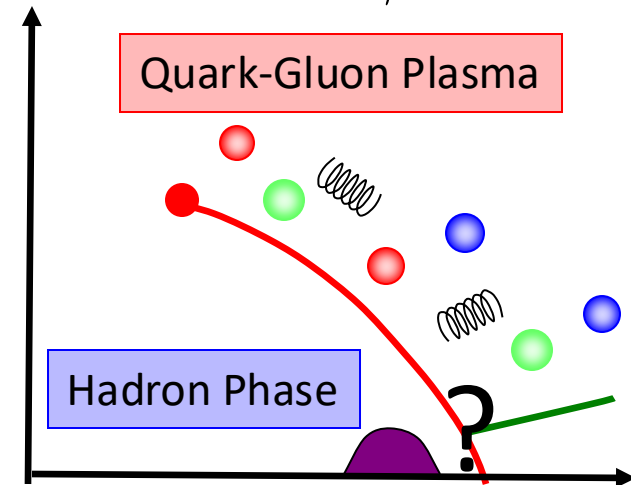
$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Energy momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - pg^{\mu\nu}$$

ϵ : energy density p : pressure u^{μ} : four velocity $\frac{1}{\gamma}(1, \vec{v})$

- One more equation : equation of states
Close relation to QCD phase diagram and QCD phase transition

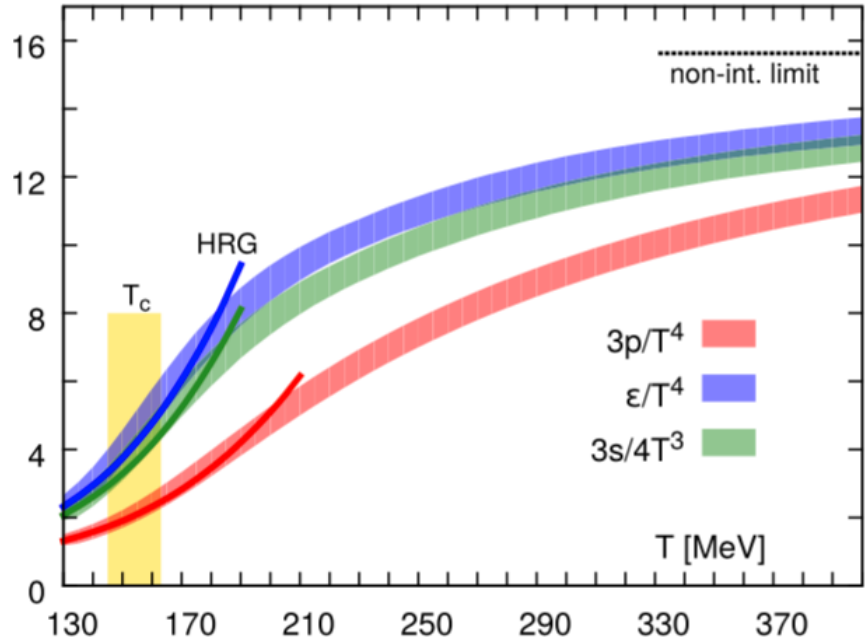


Equation of State

- Equation of State

- Lattice QCD

HotQCD, PRD90, 094503 (2014)

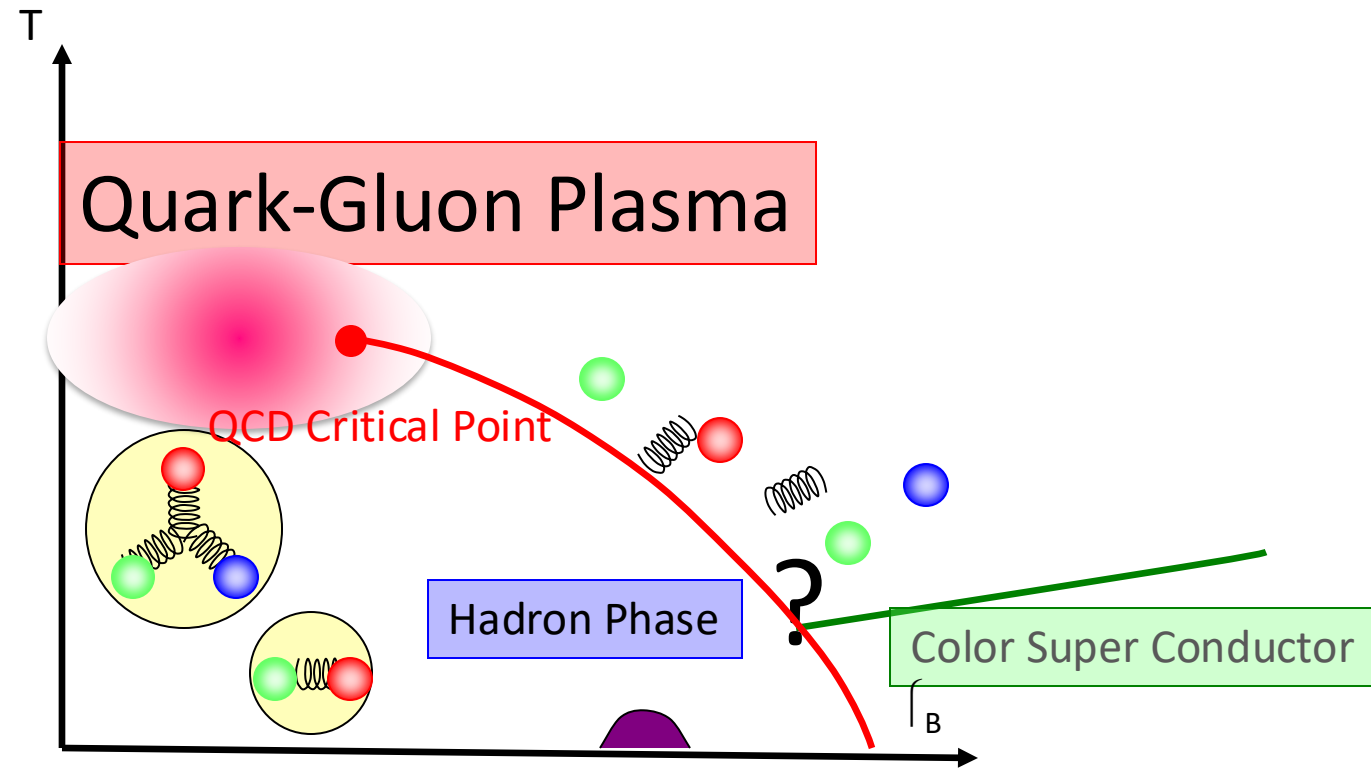


(2+1) flavor, Highly improved staggered quark action

$N_t=6,8,10,12, N_s=4N_t \rightarrow$ continuum limit

Parametrization of EoS

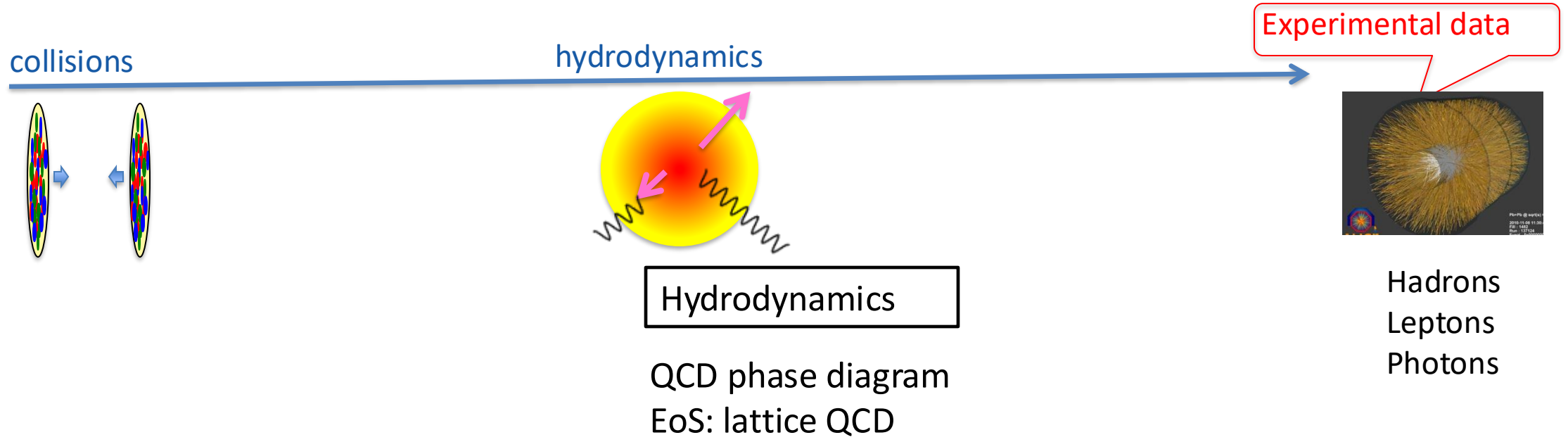
$T_c \sim 155$ MeV



Neutron star

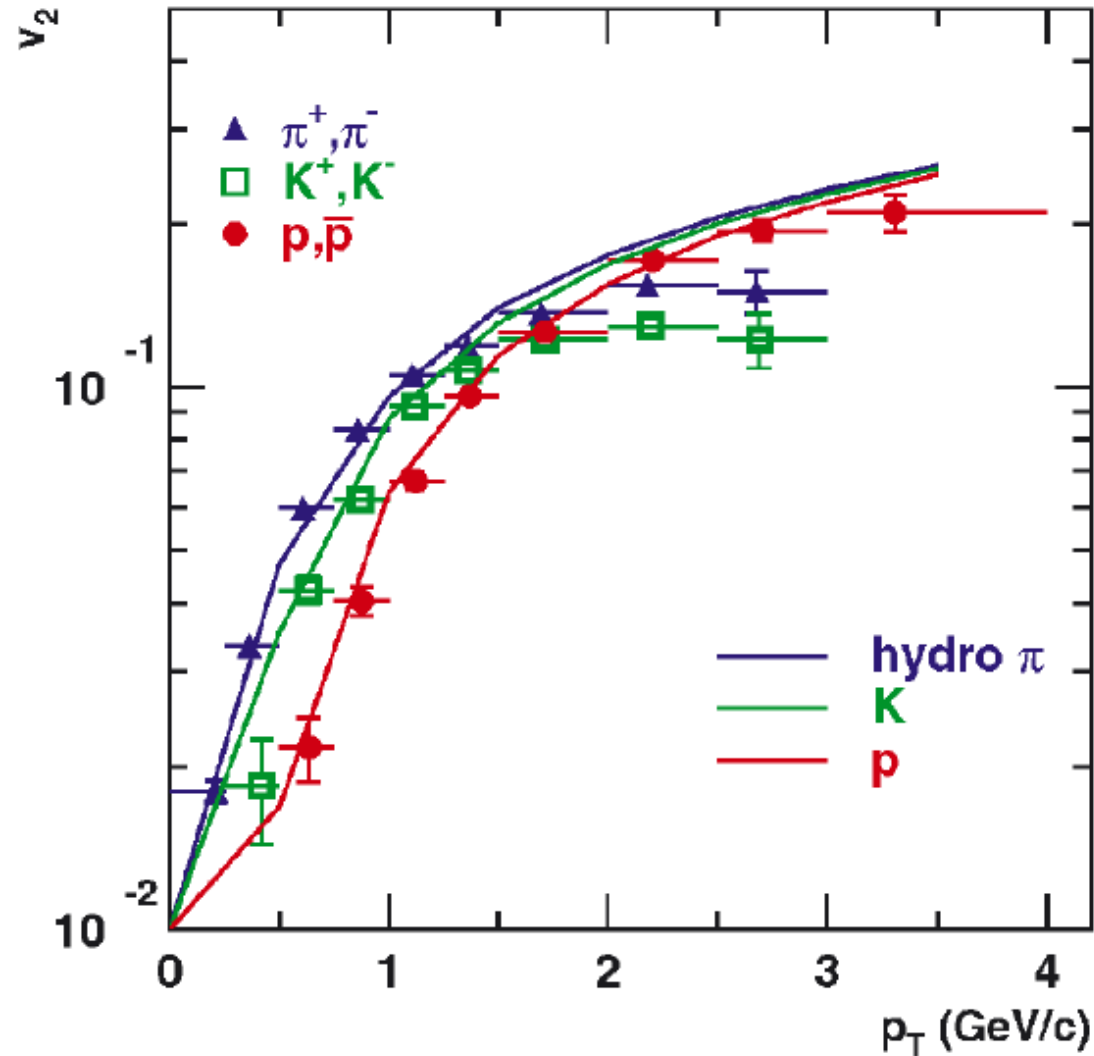
finite μ : sign problem

Hydrodynamics



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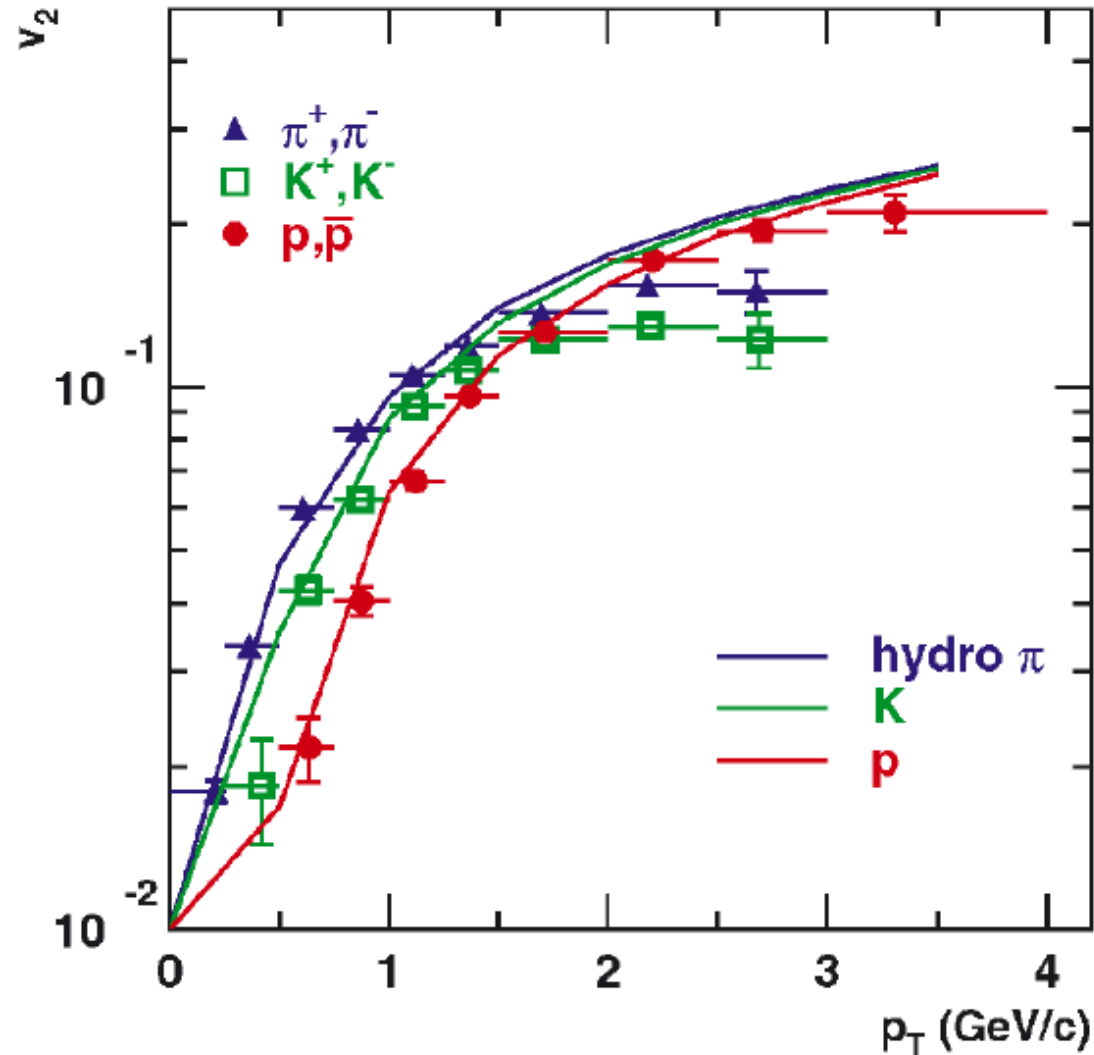
- Strong elliptic flow



This result gives us idea of formation of QGP behaves like fluid.

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Caveat !

- Ideal hydrodynamics
- Minimum bias
- mid rapidity, (2+1) d
- Equation of state : first phase transition
- Without chemical equilibrium
- No final state interactions

➡ Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics

Relativistic Viscous Hydrodynamics

- Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics

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

Energy Momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu - pg^{\mu\nu} + \Delta T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Delta T^{\mu\nu} = q^\mu u^\nu + q^\nu u^\mu + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu = 0$$

$$N^\mu = nu^\mu + \nu^\mu \text{ Net charge current}$$

Four velocity

$$\text{Eckart frame: } u_E^\mu \equiv \frac{N^\mu}{\sqrt{N \cdot N}}$$

$$\nu^\mu = 0$$

$$\text{Landau frame: } u_L^\mu \equiv \frac{T^\mu_\nu u_L^\nu}{\sqrt{u_L^\alpha T_\alpha^\beta T_{\beta\gamma} u_L^\gamma}}$$

$$q^\mu = 0$$

Relativistic Viscous Hydrodynamics

- Relativistic Hydrodynamic Equation

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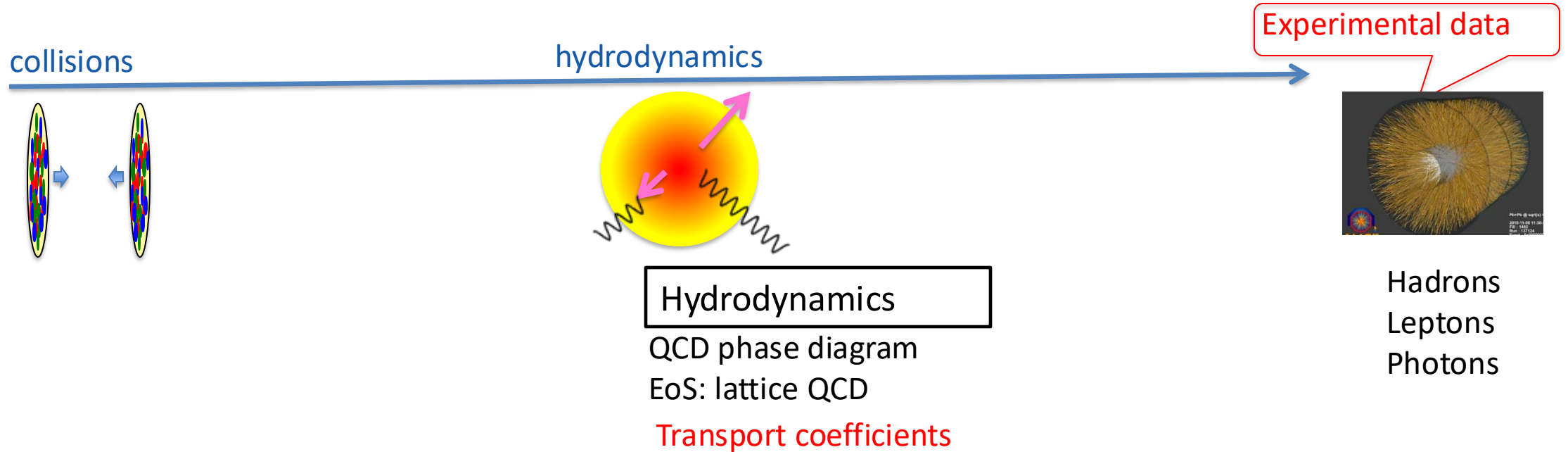
various approaches for fixing the parameters

Ex.

Phenomenology

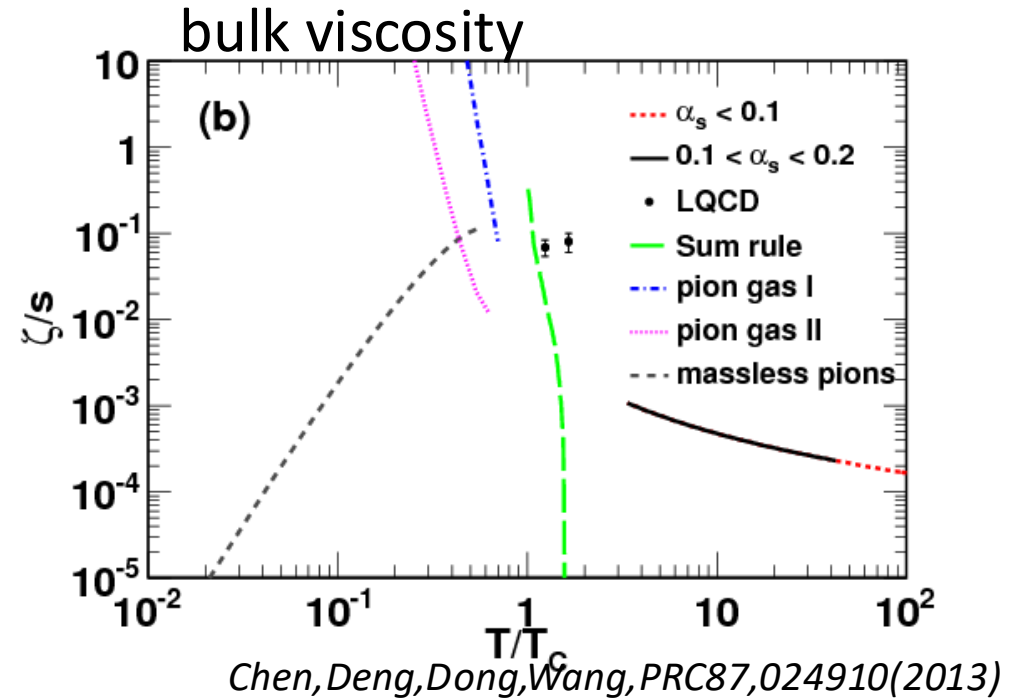
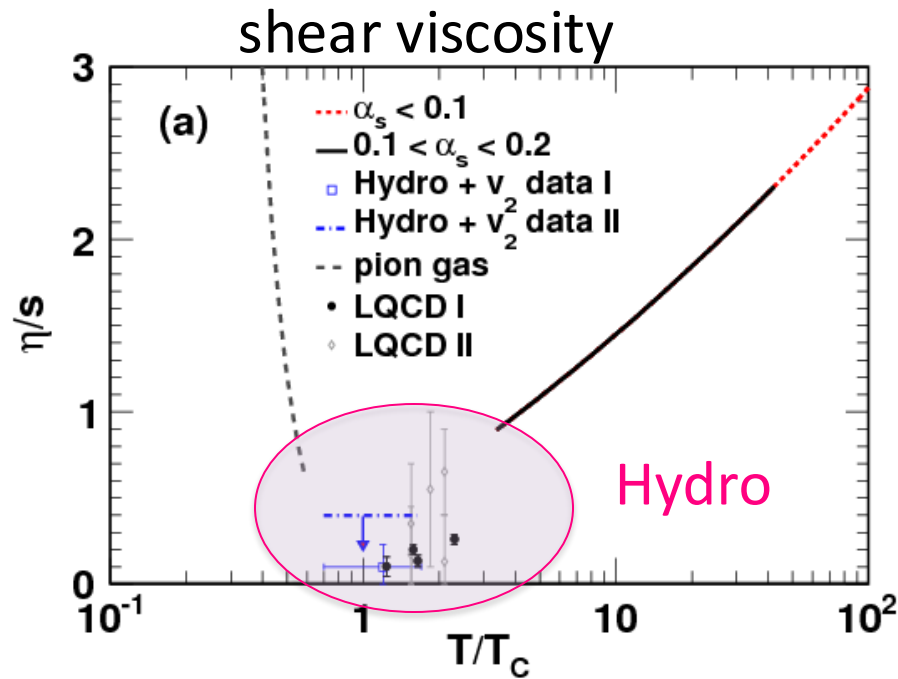
From kinetic theory

Viscous Effect



Temperature dependent Transport Coefficients

- Status for transport coefficients from theories



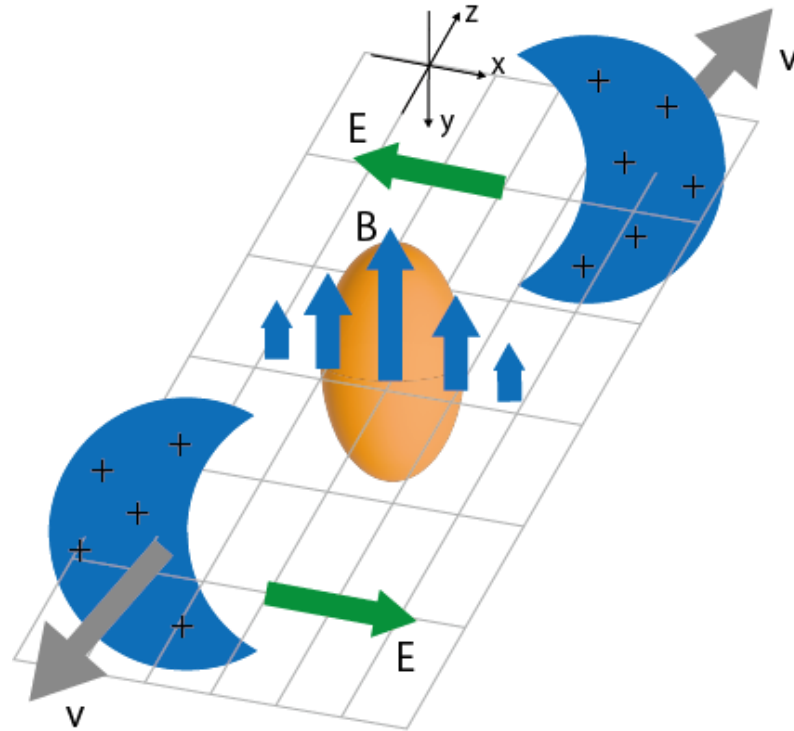
- Shear viscosity takes the minimum around T_c .
Cf. $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$ AdS/CFT

- Bulk viscosity
Temperature dependence is unclear.

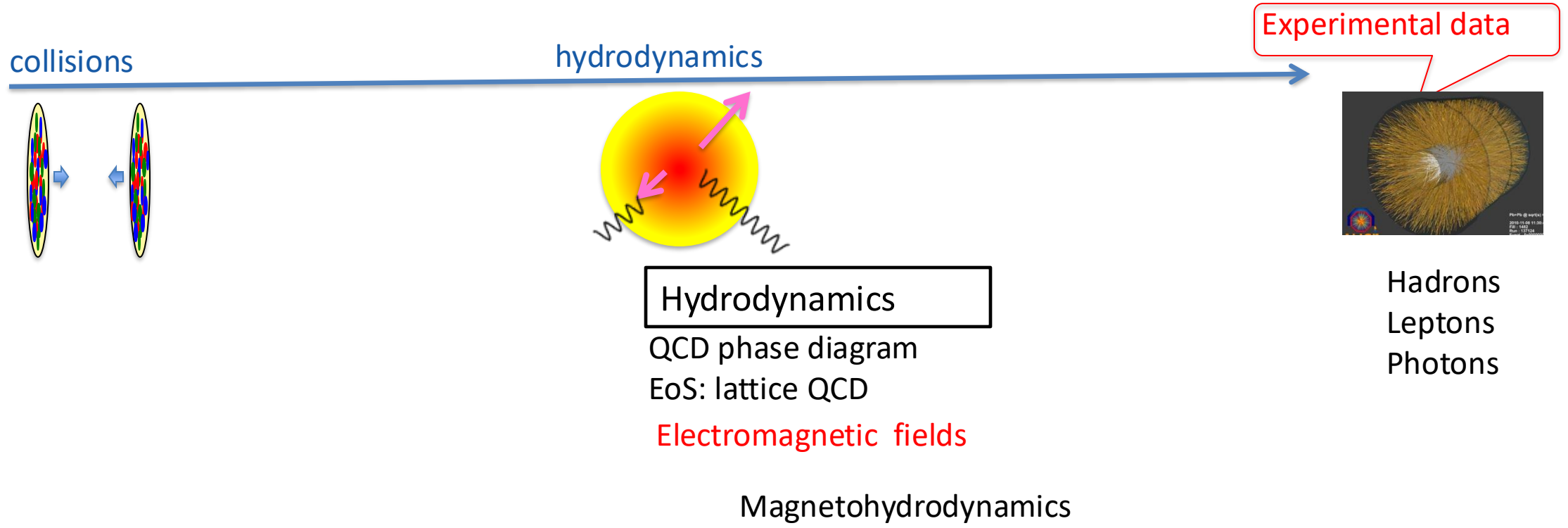
➡ Bayesian analysis: Duke, JETSCAPE, Trajectum

Electromagnetic Fields in Heavy Ion Collisions

- Strong Electromagnetic field
 - Au + Au ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV) : 10^{14} T $\sim 10 m_{\pi}^2$
 - Pb + Pb ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV) : 10^{15} T



Electromagnetic Fields



Magnetohydrodynamics

- Magnetohydrodynamics

- Conservation law

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



$$\nabla_{\mu} T_m^{\mu\nu} = -J_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- Energy momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_m^{\mu\nu} + T_f^{\mu\nu}$$

- matter

$$T_m^{\mu\nu} = (e + p)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + pg^{\mu\nu}$$

- Maxwell eq.

$$\nabla_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu} = -J^{\nu}$$

- EM field

$$T_f^{\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\lambda}F_{\lambda}^{\nu} - \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}F^{\lambda\kappa}F_{\lambda\kappa}$$

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- Ohm's law *Blackman and Field, PRL71,3481(1993)*

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Electrical conductivity

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+viscosity, Hattori..

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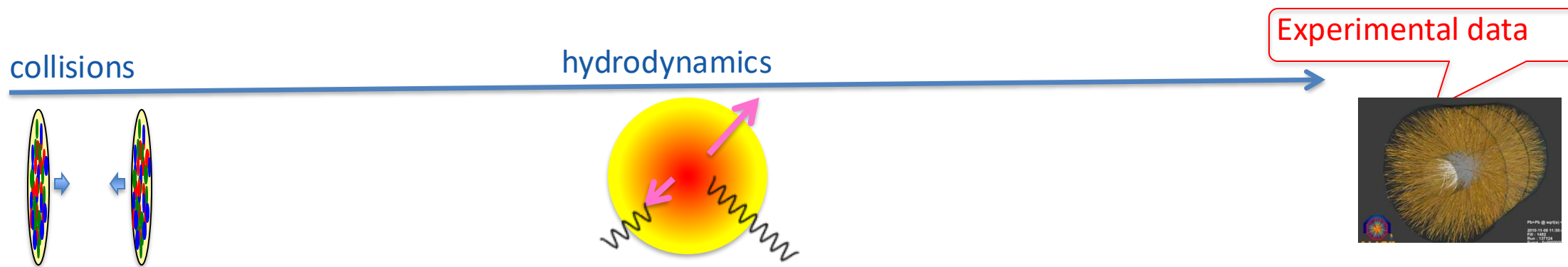
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Charge diffusion, *Dash et al., PRD107,056003(2023)*

Electromagnetic Fields



Hydrodynamics

QCD phase diagram

EoS: lattice QCD

Electromagnetic fields

Hadrons
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Understanding of QGP property

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Hydrodynamics has close relation to the QGP bulk property

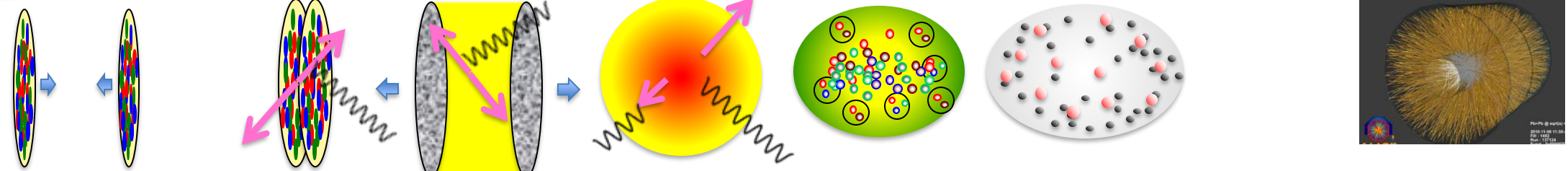
Physical property	Related Observables	Quantitative analysis
Charge conductivity	Charge dependent flow, EM probes..	Just started
Shear viscosity	Azumithal anisotoropy v_n	○
Bulk viscosity	P_T distributions	○
Diffusion coefficient	Jet energy loss	○

Space-Time Evolution of HIC

- Hadronization

collisions thermalization hydrodynamics hadronization freezeout

Experimental data



Hydrodynamics

QCD phase diagram
EoS: lattice QCD

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Hadronization

Particlization

Final state interactions

UrQMD, JAM, SMASH..

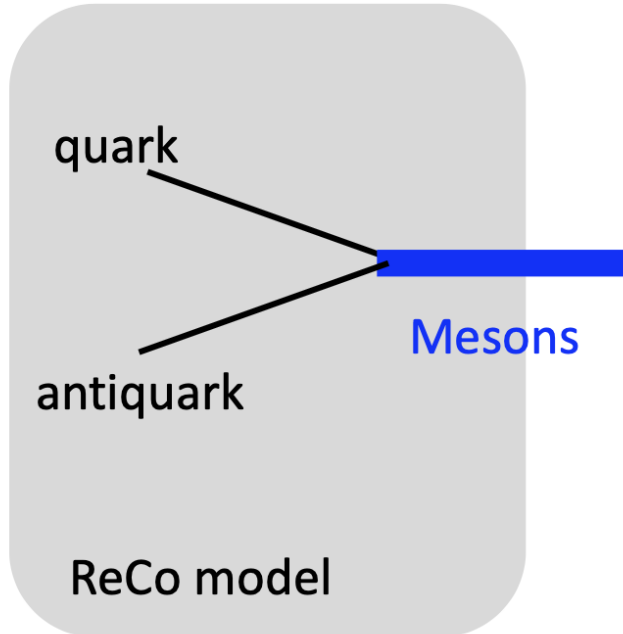
Recombination Model

Key ingredient of QGP formation

Recombination Model

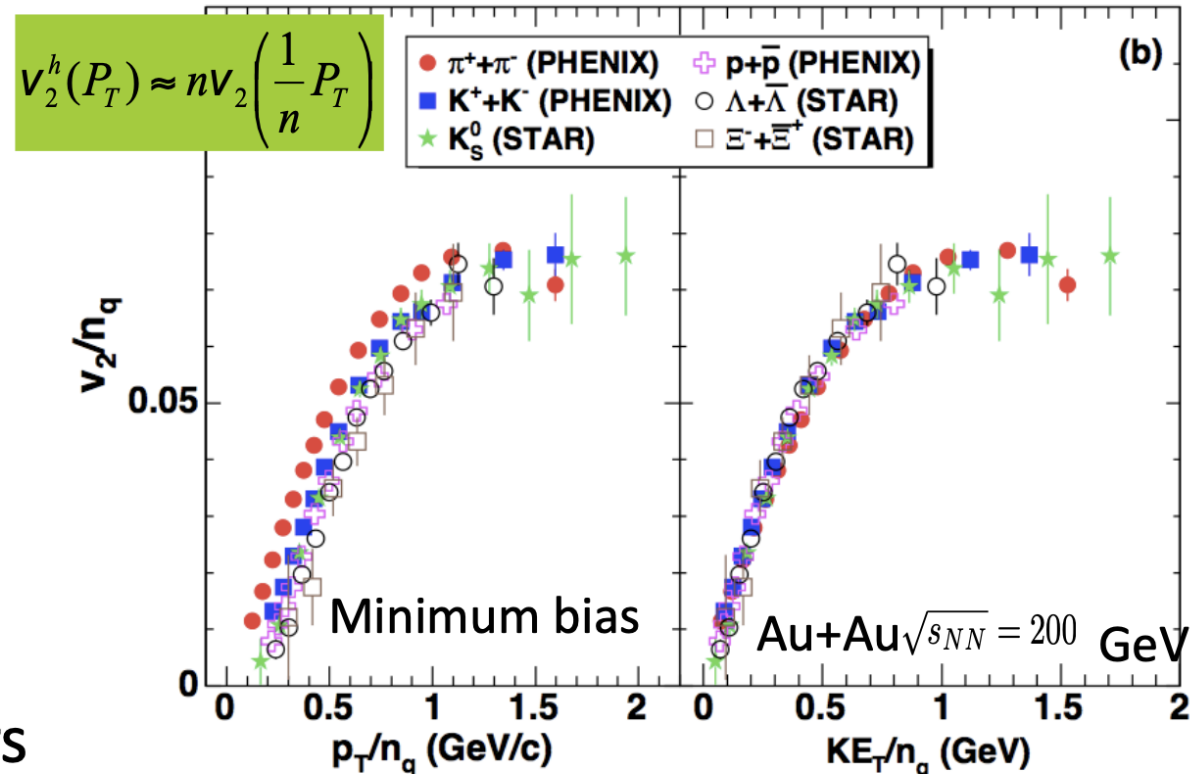
Fries, Mueller, CN and Bass, PRC68(2003)

- One of successful models



- Baryon/Meson ratios
- Nuclear modification factors
- Quark number scaling in elliptic flow

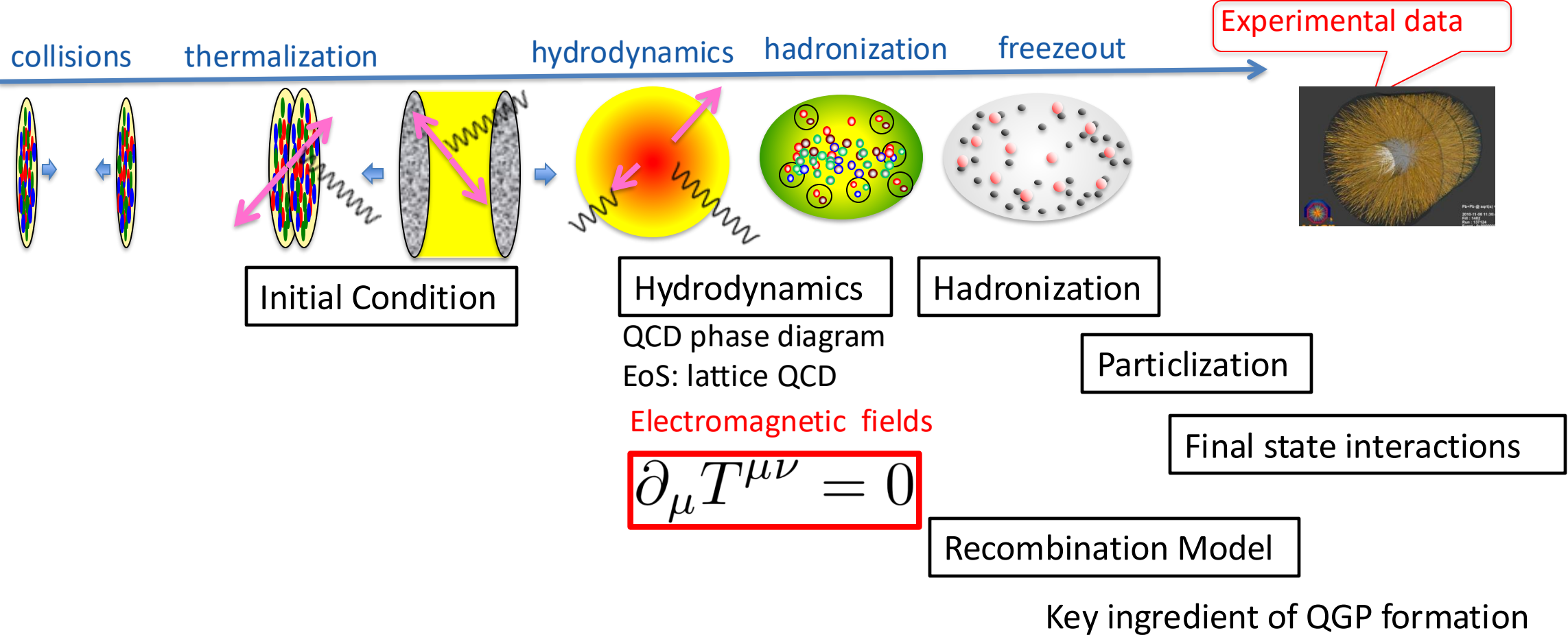
Ex: Quark number scaring



PHENIX, nucl-ex:0608033

➡ Radiative recombination model

Space-Time Evolution of HIC



INITIAL CONDITIONS OF HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL

Initial Conditions

Assumption: Thermalization is achieved in a short time $\sim O(1)$ fm.

- Parametrization: smoothed distribution \rightarrow fluctuating initial condition

– Glauber Model

- Number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions

$$N_{\text{coll}}(b) = \sigma_{NN}^{\text{inel}} \int d^2s T_A(s) T_B(|\vec{b} - \vec{s}|).$$

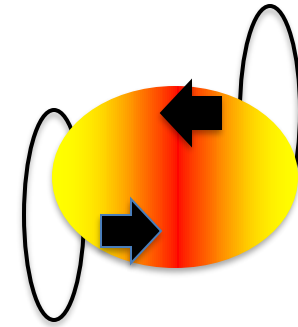
- Number of participant nucleons

$$N_{\text{part}}(b) = \int d^2s T_A(s) \left[1 - \left(1 - \sigma_{NN}^{\text{inel}} T_B(|\vec{b} - \vec{s}|) \right)^A \right] + (A \leftrightarrow B).$$

- Superposition of them

$$N(b) = \alpha N_{\text{coll}}(b) + (1 - \alpha) N_{\text{part}}(b)$$

– TRENTO



$\sigma_{NN}^{\text{inel}}$: Inelastic NN cross section
 $T_A(s)$ Nuclear thickness function
 ρ_A : Woods-Saxon distribution

TRENTO

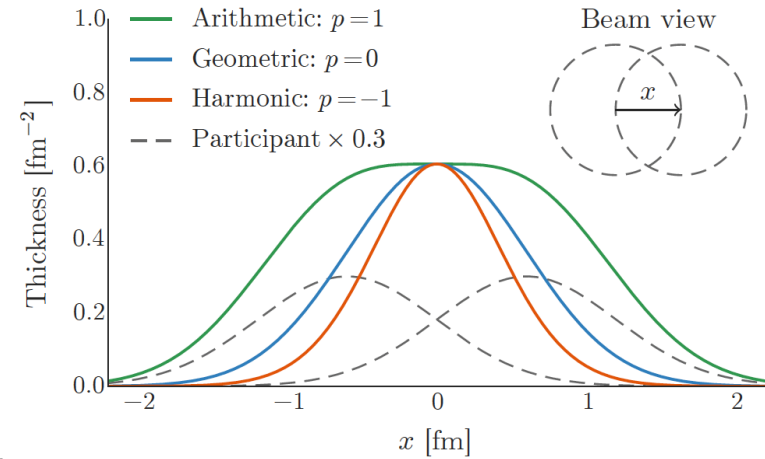
Moreland, Bernhard, Bass, PRC 92 (2015) 1, 011901
 Weiyao et al TRENTO-3d

- Phenomenological model can mimic the shape of initial conditions

$$T_R(p; T_A, T_B) \equiv \left(\frac{T_A^p + T_B^p}{2} \right)^{1/p}$$

p : parameter interpolates different physical mechanism

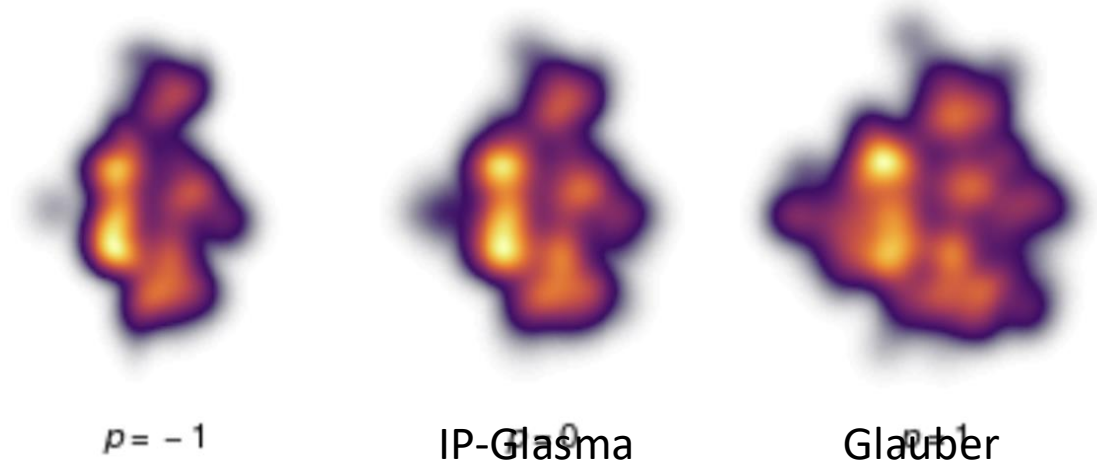
$$T_R = \begin{cases} \max(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow +\infty, \\ (T_A + T_B)/2 & p = +1, \text{ (arithmetic)} \\ \sqrt{T_A T_B} & p = 0, \text{ (geometric)} \\ 2T_A T_B / (T_A + T_B) & p = -1, \text{ (harmonic)} \\ \min(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow -\infty. \end{cases}$$



Pb+Pb collisions

10 fm

This initial condition works well with Bayesian analysis.



$p = -1$

IP-Glasma

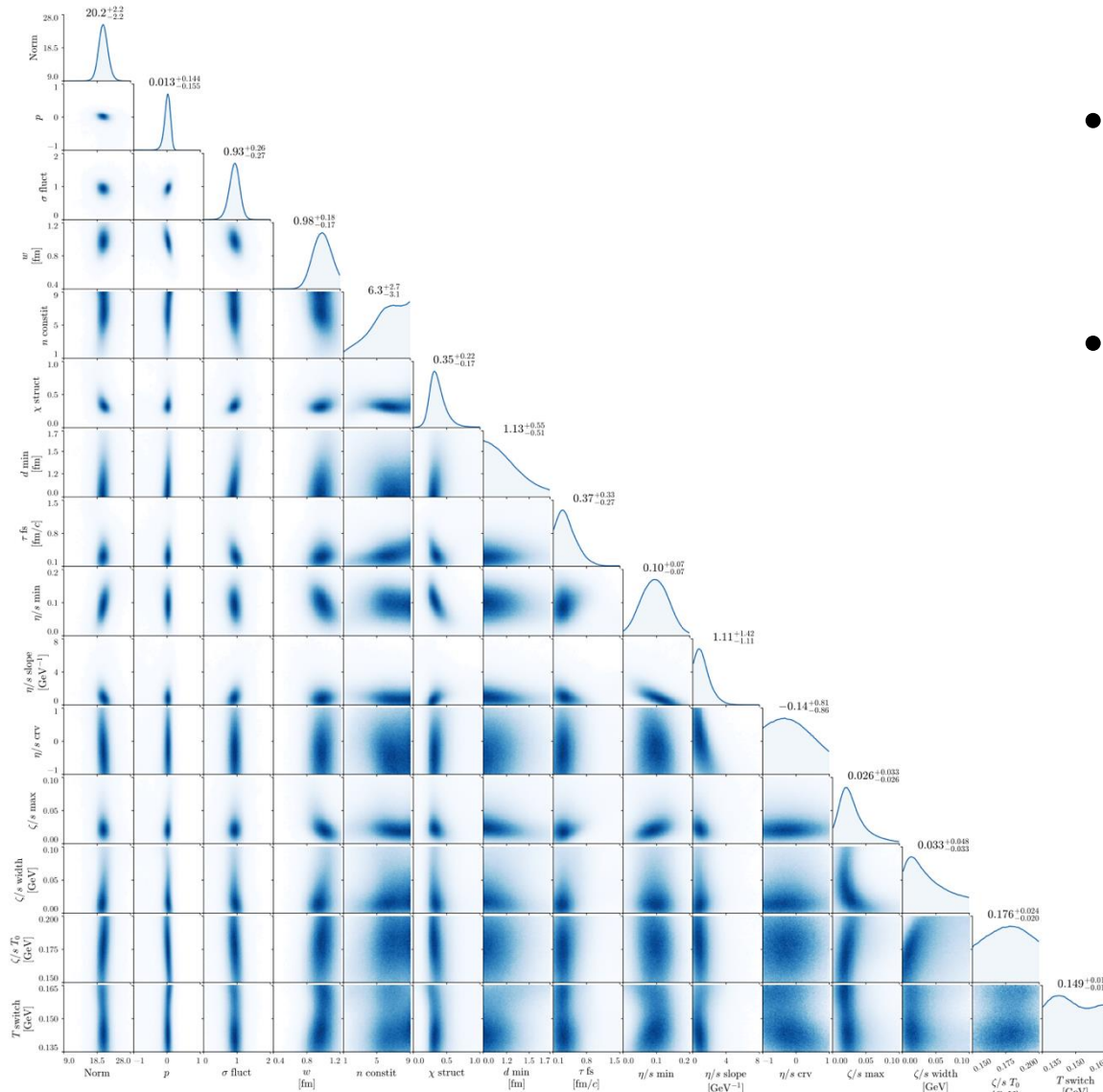
Glauber

<https://github.com/keweyao/trento3d/tree/subnucleon-3d>

Bayesian Analysis

Moreland et al, PRC101,024911(2020)

- Hydrodynamic Model
ex. **TRENTO** + **VISH2+1** + **UrQMD**
fifteen parameters
- Experimental data (LHC)
p+Pb, Pb+Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

Charged-particle multiplicity $dN_{ch}/d\eta$, $|\eta| < 0.5$ [72]

Two-particle flow cumulants $v_n\{2\}$ for $n = 2, 3, 4$, $|\eta| < 0.8$,
charged-particles, $|\Delta\eta| > 1$, $0.2 < p_T < 5.0$ GeV [74]

p-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

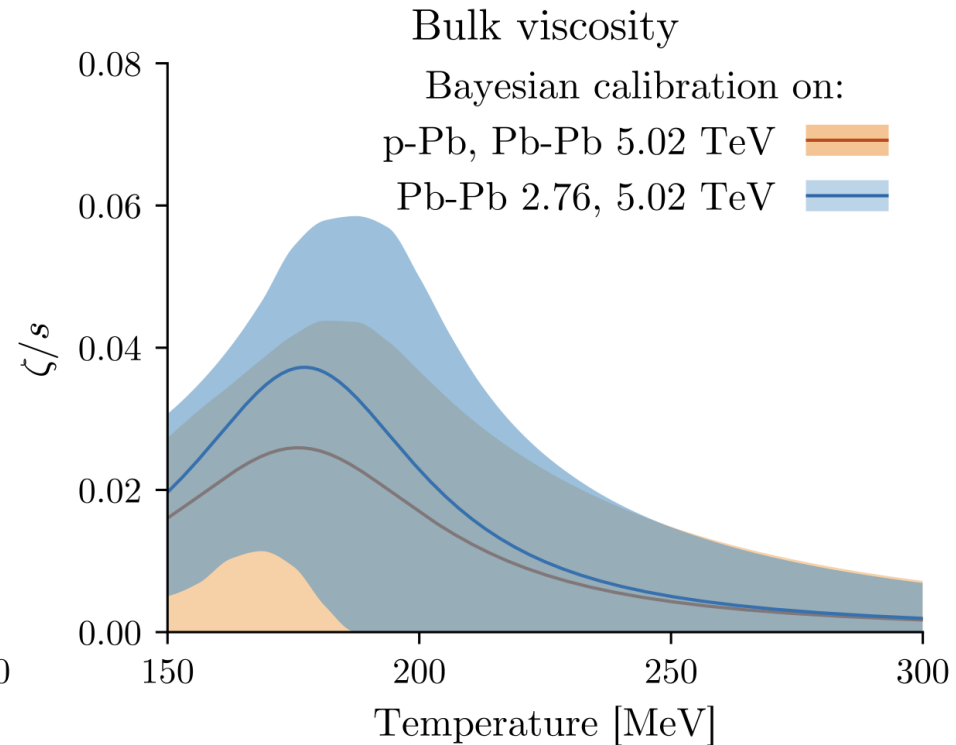
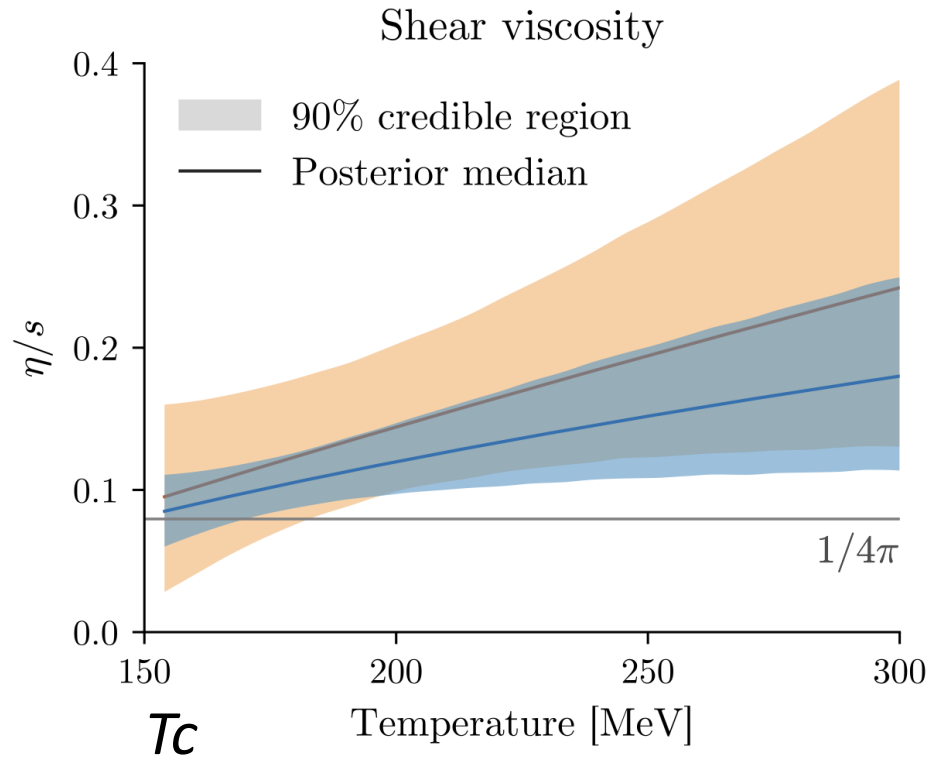
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charged-particles, $|\Delta\eta| > 2$, $0.3 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV [75]

Charged-particle mean p_T , $0.15 < p_T < 10$ GeV, $|\eta| < 0.3$ [76]

Temperature Dependence of Viscosity

Moreland et al, PRC101,024911(2020)



- Shear viscosity increase with T .
- Temperature dependence of bulk viscosity is not clear.

- Standard analysis
- Results are limited in the used framework.
→ model construction

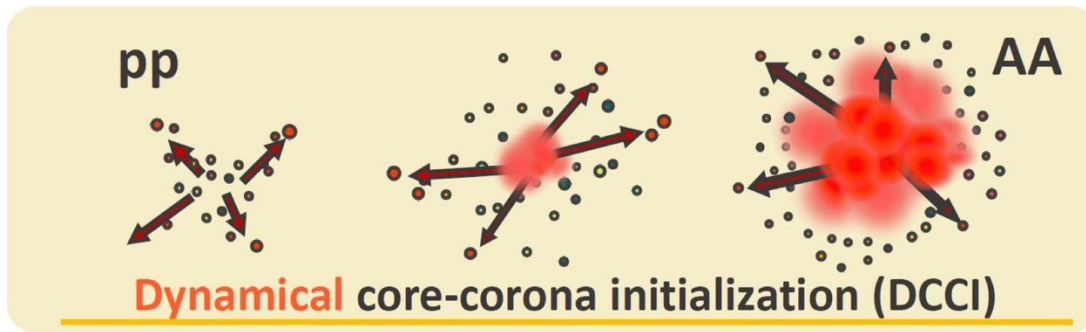
Dynamical Core-Corona Initialization

Kanakubo, Hirano, Tachubana, PRC 101, 024912 (2020)

- The model dynamically describes the process where initially produced partons deposit energy and momentum into QGP fluids.

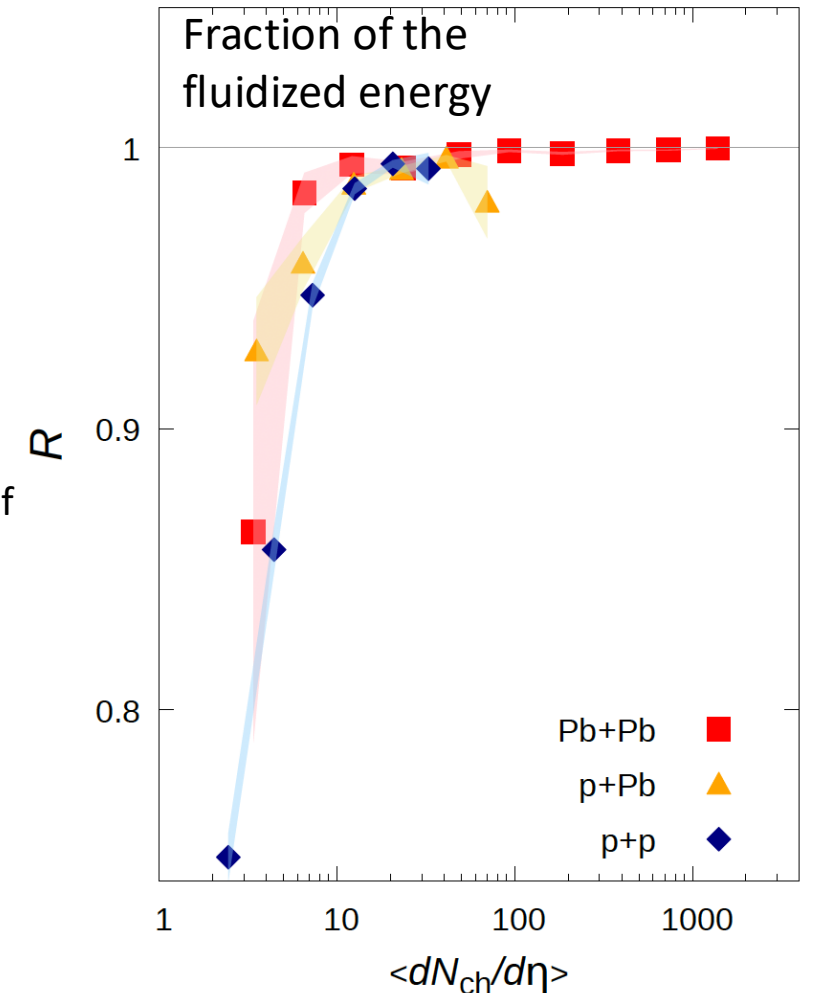
$$\partial_\mu T_{\text{fluid}}^{\mu\nu}(x) = J^\nu(x)$$

Source term from partons



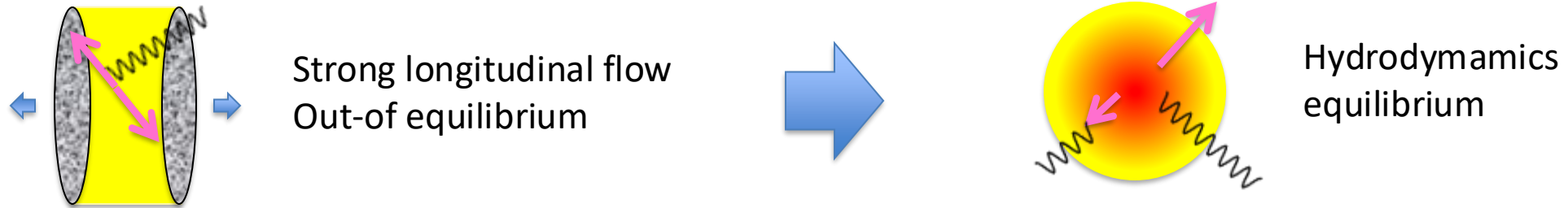
https://www.u.tsukuba.ac.jp/~esumi.shinichi.gn/workshop20210924/T03_kanakubo.pdf

- Core(fluids)-corona(non-equilibrated partons) is determined dynamically based on the initial parton density.



Beyond the Phenomenological Approach

Thermalization/Hydrodynamization in a short time after the collisions.



- Kinetic thermalization

- The momentum distributions of quarks and gluons become isotropic and approach thermal (Boltzmann/Fermi/Bose) distributions.

- Chemical thermalization

- The particle abundances (gluon density, q , q -bar) reach their equilibrium values at a given temperature.

- Hydrodynamization

- Even before full equilibrium, the system can be effectively described by relativistic viscous hydrodynamics.

Parton Cascade Model

- VNI/PCM, BAMPS..
- Boltzmann equations

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_1}{E_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right) f_1(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}_1, t) = \mathcal{C}_{22} + \mathcal{C}_{23} + \dots ,$$

Collision term

The system is not thermalized in a short time.

- Ex. BAMPS: **Three-body interactions (2 ↔ 3)** *Xu, Greiner, PRCC71 (2005) 064901*
 - Three-body interactions (2 ↔ 3) are crucial for gluon thermalization.
 - They accelerate both chemical and kinetic equilibration.
 - Thermalization occurs at ~1 fm/c; full chemical equilibrium at ~3 fm/c.
 - Nearly isotropic angular distribution of three-body processes aids fast equilibration.
 - Two-body interactions alone lead to slower thermalization and cannot explain collective flow.

Hydrodynamization

The stage in which the far-from-equilibrium quark–gluon matter becomes well described by relativistic hydrodynamics, even before full local thermal equilibrium is reached.

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- A. Soloviev, Hydrodynamic Attractors in Heavy Ion Collisions: A Review, EPJ.C 82, 319 (2022)

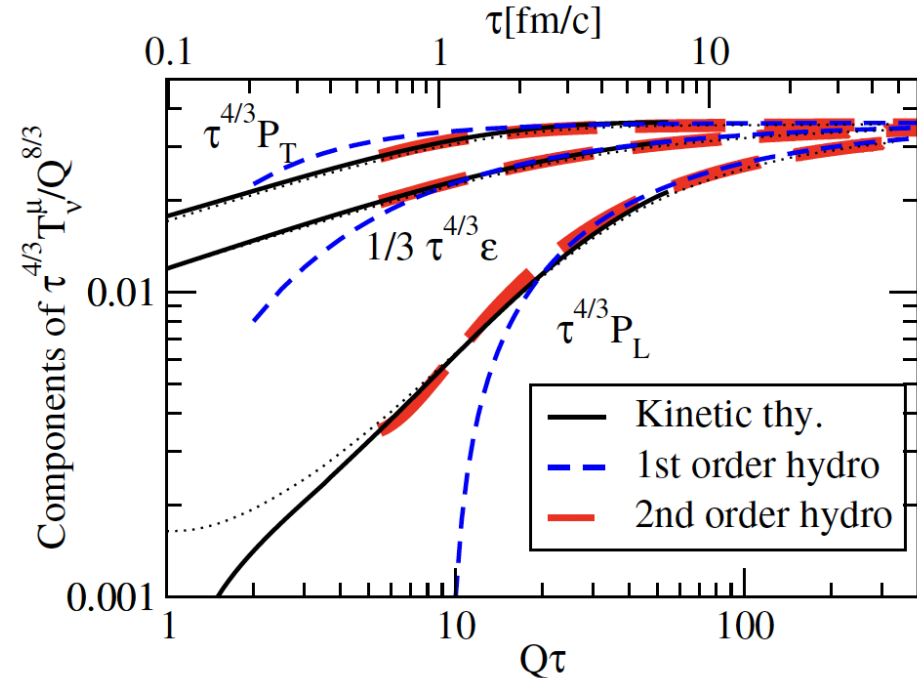
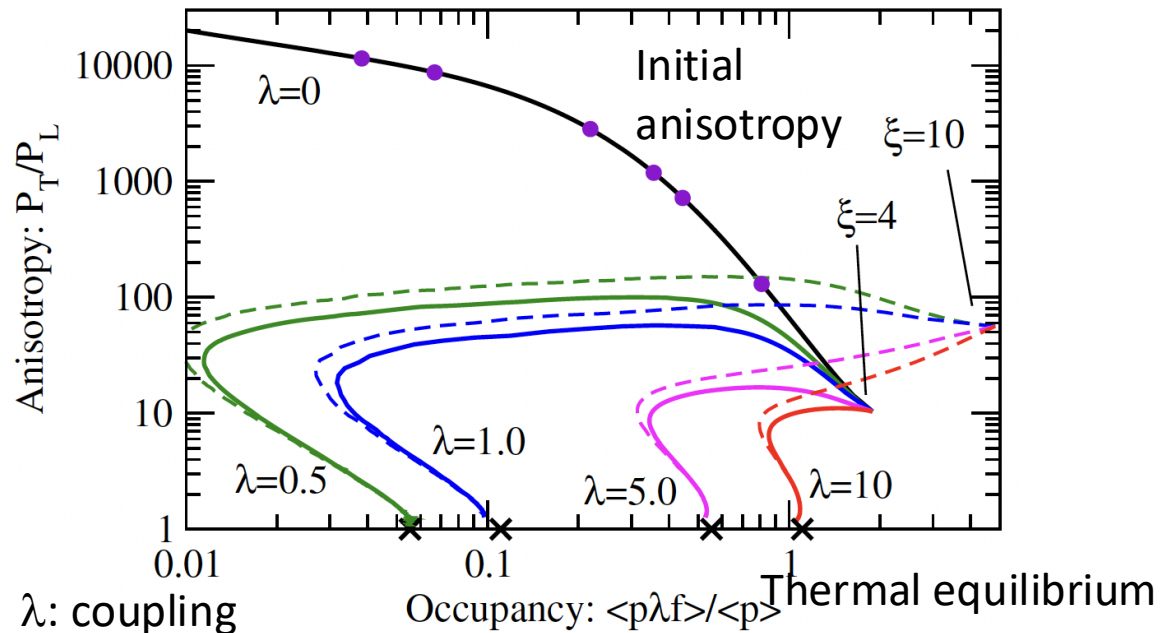
Isotropization and Hydrodynamization

Kurkela, Y. Zhu, PRL115, 182301 (2015)

- the early stages of weakly coupled heavy-ion collisions
- (2+1)-dimensional effective kinetic theory (EKT)

$$-\frac{df_{\mathbf{p}}}{d\tau} = \underbrace{C_{1\leftrightarrow 2}}_{\text{Splitting}}[f_{\mathbf{p}}] + \underbrace{C_{2\leftrightarrow 2}}_{\text{scattering}}[f_{\mathbf{p}}] + \underbrace{C_{\text{exp}}}_{\text{longitudinal expansion}}[f_{\mathbf{p}}].$$

- Robustness of hydrodynamic description even in the presence of large anisotropies

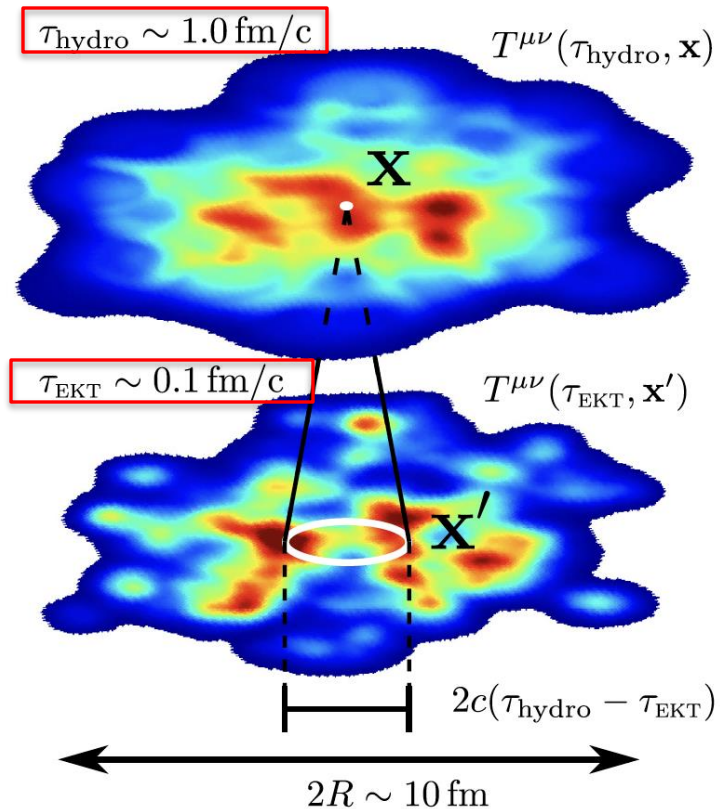


From Initial Stage to Hydrodynamics

Kurkela et.al, PRL122, 122302 (2019)

- KØMPØST: Linearized kinetic theory propagator for heavy-ion collisions
Bridges early non-equilibrium dynamics to hydrodynamic evolution

Evolution of transverse energy profile



KØMPØST's linear response framework

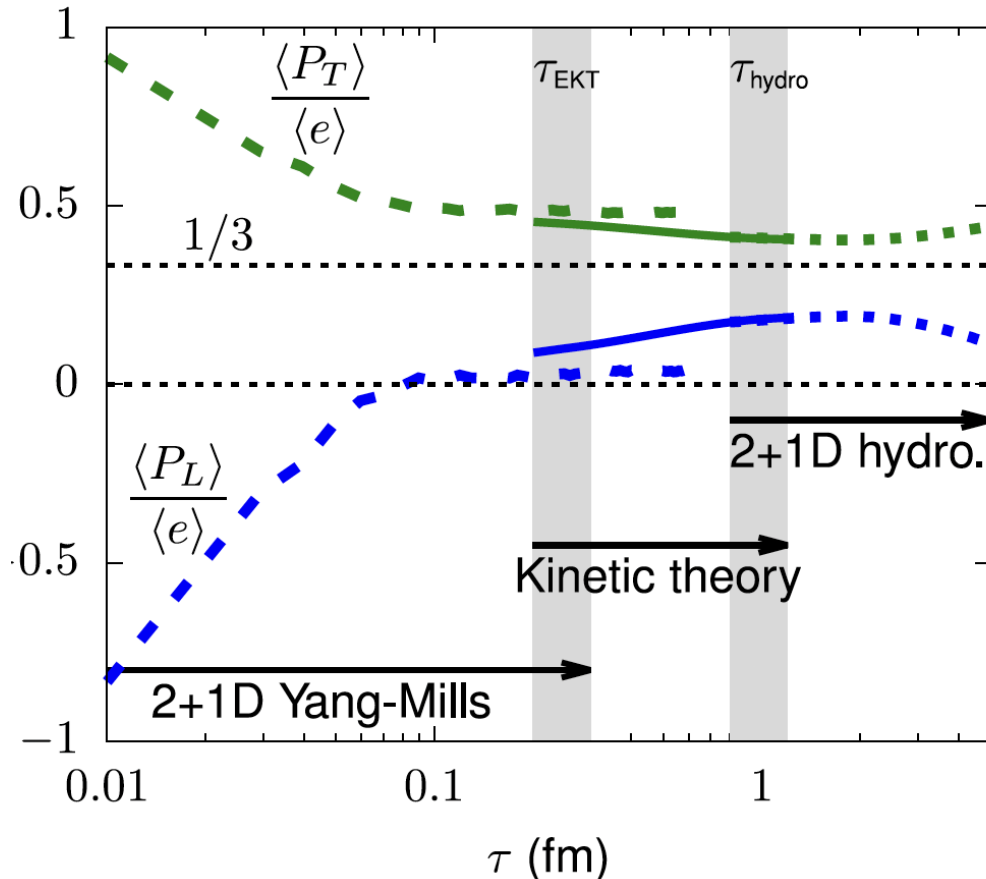
Causal Contributions: The energy-momentum tensor at each point \mathbf{x} receives causal contributions from the local average background and linearized energy and momentum perturbations propagated from τ_{EKT} to τ_{hydro} .

Causal Circle: The black cone and white circle in the figure represent the causal past for point \mathbf{x} , which is used to calculate the energy density.

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2+1D Yang-Mills Evolution (IP-Glasma Model):

Initially, the longitudinal pressure $\langle P_L \rangle$ is negative. As the system evolves, the classical fields lose coherence, and $\langle P_L \rangle$ approaches zero.

Kinetic Theory (KOMPØST): During the kinetic phase ($\tau_{\text{EKT}} \rightarrow \tau_{\text{hydro}}$), the energy-momentum tensor begins to equilibrate.

The pressures gradually approach their equilibrium values, with $\langle P_T \rangle$ approaching 1/3 of the energy density, consistent with a locally equilibrated fluid of massless particles.

Relativistic Viscous Hydrodynamics: After τ_{hydro} , the system transitions to hydrodynamic evolution, where the pressures are further refined by viscous corrections.

Initial Electromagnetic Fields

- Liénard–Wiechert potentials: Skokov et al., IJMPA 24, 5925 (2009).
- MC Glauber + decay models: Deng, Huang, PRC 85, 044907 (2012).
- IP-Glasma + Maxwell equations: Inghirami et al., EPJC 76, 659 (2016).

Initial Electromagnetic Fields

Tuchin, Phys.Rev.C88,024911(2013)

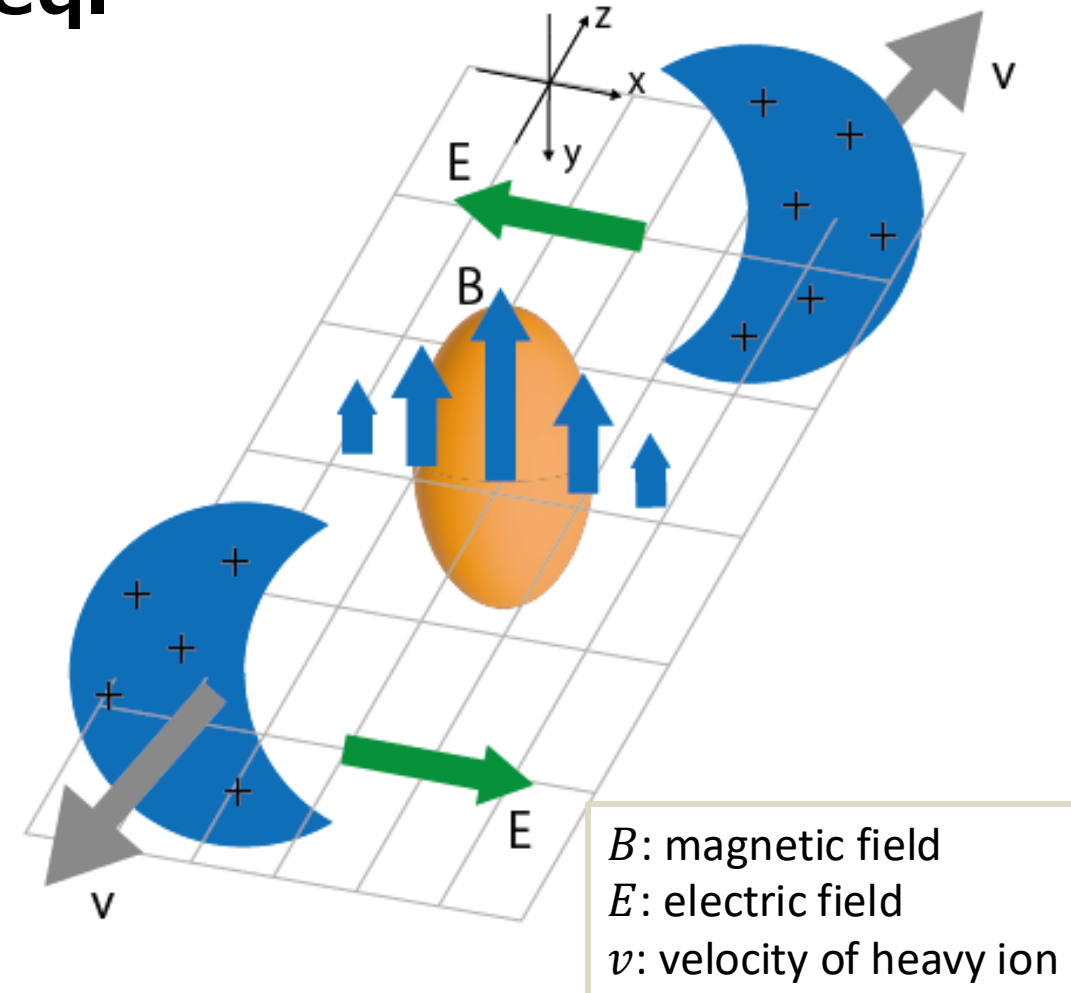
■ Asymptotic solution of Maxwell eq.

➤ Electromagnetic field made by point charge moving in the longitudinal axis

- Proton distribution in nucleus : uniform sphere
- Constant charge conductivity ($\sigma = 0.023 \text{ fm}^{-1}$)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, & \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} &= e\delta(z - vt)\delta(\mathbf{b}), \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \sigma \mathbf{E} + ev\hat{z}\delta(z - vt)\delta(\mathbf{b})\end{aligned}$$

Integration of the asymptotic solutions over the charge distribution inside of nucleus

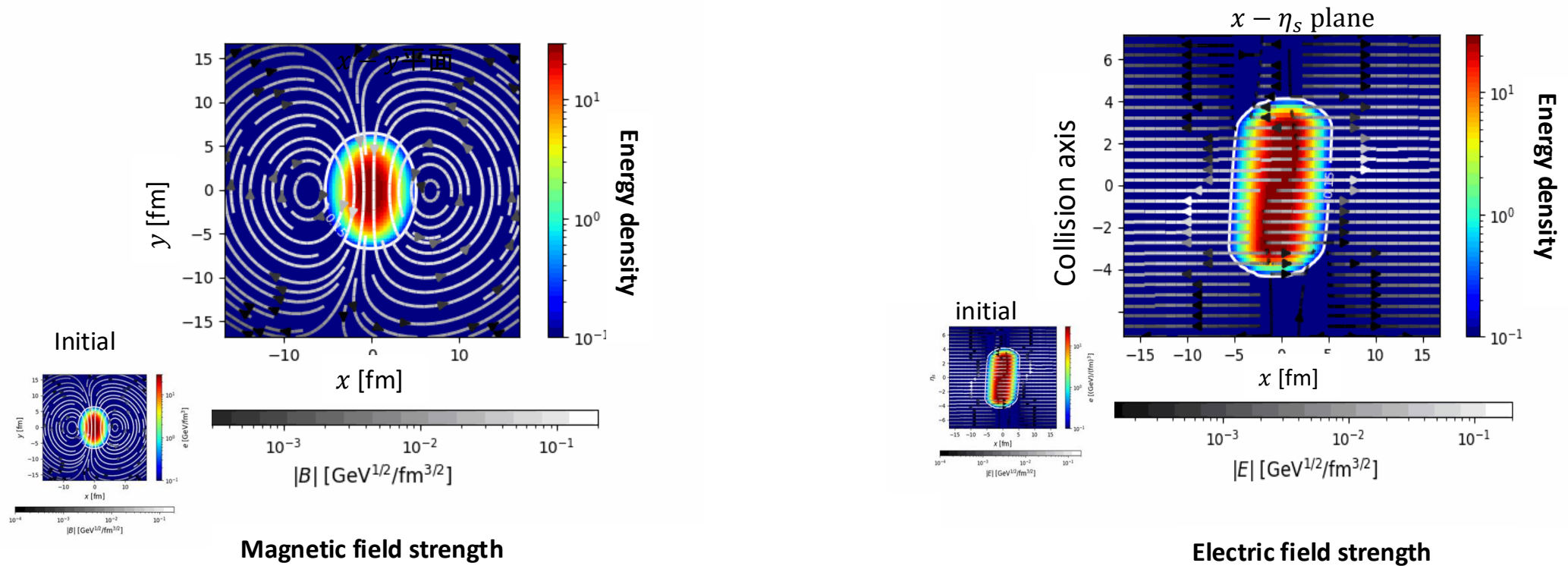


Space-time Evolution

Nakamura, Miyoshi, CN and Takahashi, PRC 107, no.1, 014901 (2023)

Au+Au collision system

First calculation in HIC with RRMHD code

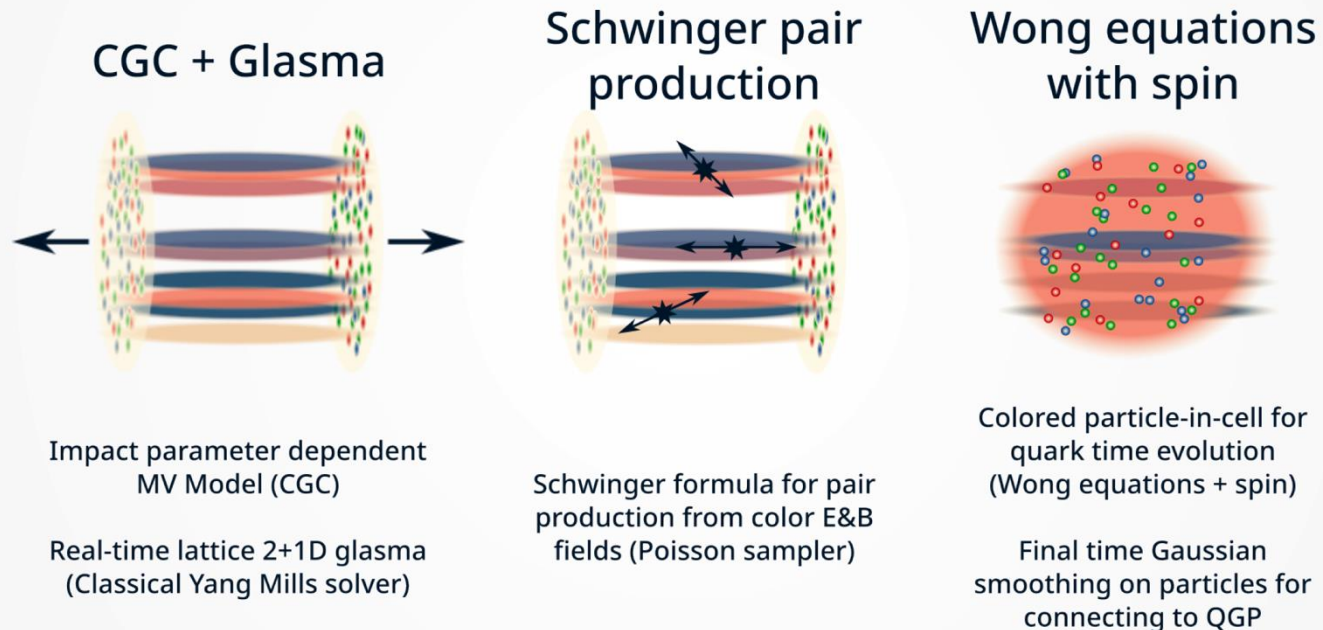


Analysis of Heavy Ion Collisions

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Model framework

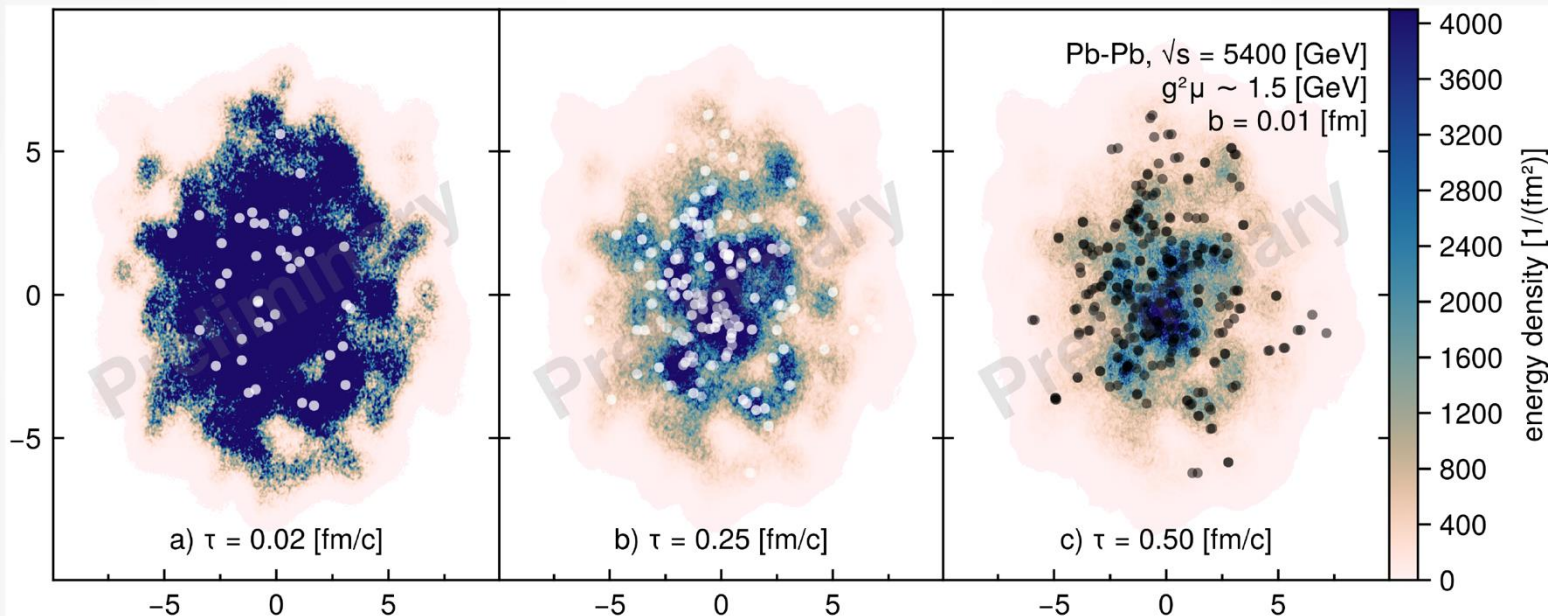
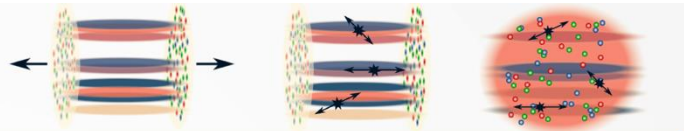


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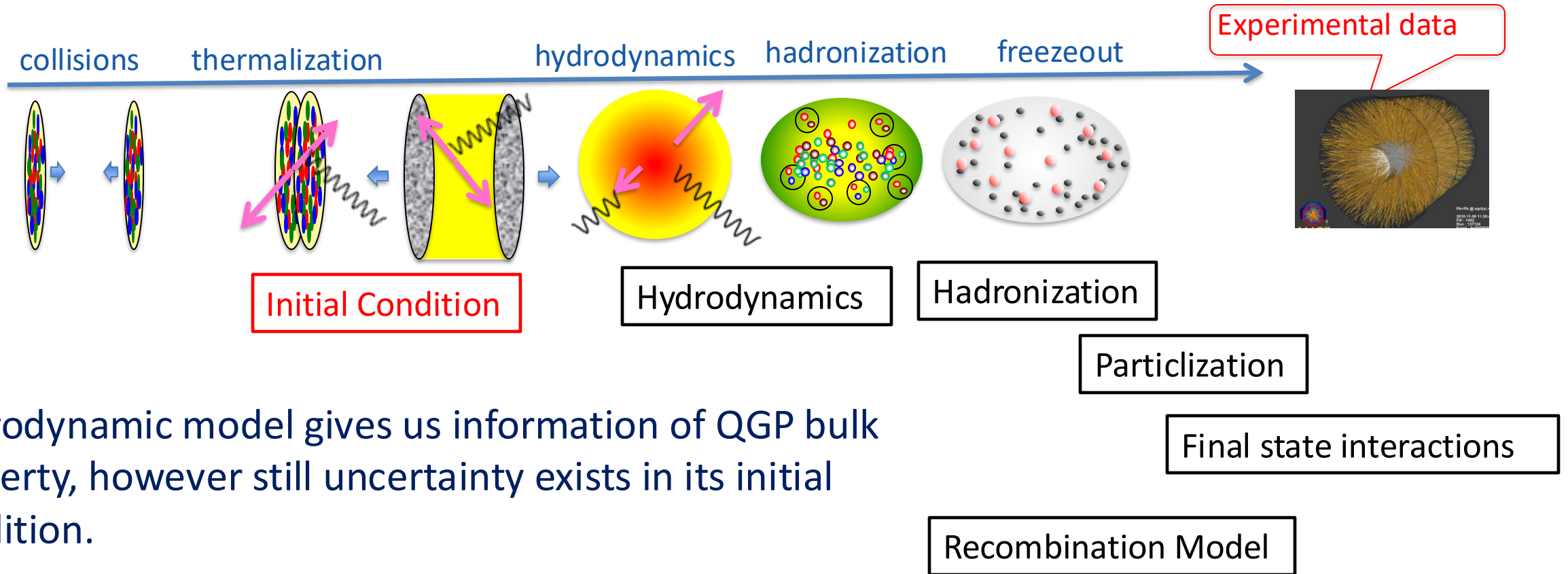
Putting it all together



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Summary



Hydrodynamic model gives us information of QGP bulk property, however still uncertainty exists in its initial condition.

- Much about the initial conditions is becoming clear
- Various models are still under development