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# Heavy Ion Theory (addressed in the above facilities)

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### Status of Heavy lons:

• HI programme: QCD at extreme conditions of T &  $\rho$ .

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• Current status: matter created at RHIC and the LHC, with energy densities > those expected in lattice QCD for deconfinement/ $\chi$ SBR,

I) Shows collective features in the soft sector that are well described by relativistic hydrodynamics if applied very early ( $\leq$  I fm/c) after the collision, suggesting  $\approx$ equilibration.

2) Is very opaque to energetic partons/particles traversing it: strong modification of the yield of hard probes like high-pT particles, jets, quarkonia.



#### **Open questions:**

 Why is the medium describable by hydrodynamics (so early) even in small systems (that show QGP-like features)?
 [emergence]

Observable or effect	PbPb	pPb (at high mult.)	pp (at high mult.)	Refs.
Low $p_{\rm T}$ spectra ("radial flow")	yes	yes	yes	[37–42]
Intermed. $p_{\rm T}$ ("recombination")	yes	yes	yes	[41-47]
Particle ratios	GC level	GC level except $\Omega$	GC level except $\Omega$	[48–51]
Statistical model	$\gamma_s^{\rm GC} = 1, 10-30\%$	$\gamma_s^{ m GC} pprox 1, 20-40\%$	$\gamma_s^{\rm C} < 1, 20-40\%^2$	[52]
HBT radii $(R(k_{\rm T}), R(\sqrt[3]{N_{\rm ch}}))$	$R_{\rm out}/R_{\rm side} \approx 1^{-3}$	$R_{\rm out}/R_{\rm side} \stackrel{<}{\sim} 1$	$R_{\rm out}/R_{\rm side} \stackrel{<}{_{\sim}} 1$	[53–59]
Azimuthal anisotropy $(v_n)$	$v_1 - v_7$	$v_1 - v_5$	$v_2, v_3$	[25-27]
(from two part. correlations)				[60–67]
Characteristic mass dependence	$v_2, v_3^4$	$v_2, v_3$	$v_2$	[67–73]
Directed flow (from spectators)	yes	no	no	[74]
Higher order cumulants	" $4 \approx 6 \approx 8 \approx LYZ$ "	" $4 \approx 6 \approx 8 \approx LYZ$ "	"4 ≈ 6" <sup>5</sup>	[28, 29, 67]
(mainly $v_2\{n\}, n \ge 4$ )	+higher harmonics	+higher harmonics		[75–83]
Weak $\eta$ dependence	yes	yes	not measured	[83–90]
Factorization breaking	yes $(n = 2, 3)$	yes $(n = 2, 3)$	not measured	[91]
Event-by-event $v_n$ distributions	n = 2 - 4	not measured	not measured	[92]
Event plane and $v_n$ correlations	yes	not measured	not measured	[93-95]
Direct photons at low $p_{\rm T}$	yes	not measured	not measured 6	[96]
Jet quenching	yes	not observed 7	not measured 8	[97-105]
Heavy flavor anisotropy	yes	hint <sup>9</sup>	not measured	[106–109]
Quarkonia	$J/\psi \uparrow, \Upsilon \downarrow$	suppressed	not measured 8	[110–116]

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- How does it get ≈isotropised? Weak or strong coupling dynamics?
- How to reduce the uncertainty in the extraction of QCD medium parameters?
  - → Initial conditions for collective behaviour (nuclear wave function, transverse hadron structure, factorisation if any to compute initial parton production,...).
  - ➔ Modification of perturbative processes in a medium versus medium response for hard probes.

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• How to extract accurately medium parameters?

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→ The largest possible lever arm in energy for present and future hh/AA colliders, and for exploring new regimes of QCD.
 → An EIC (several A's, overlap with FT, precision, versatility) and the LHeC/FCC-eh (large √s<sub>NN</sub>, access to small x and large Q<sup>2</sup>).
 They are complementary, also to pA/UPC at hadron colliders.

