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# **DYNAMICS OF RELATIVISTIC HEAVY ION COLLISIONS AND THE QUARK GLUON PLASMA**

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# Outline

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  - Elliptic flow
  - “perfect fluidity”
  - Higher harmonics
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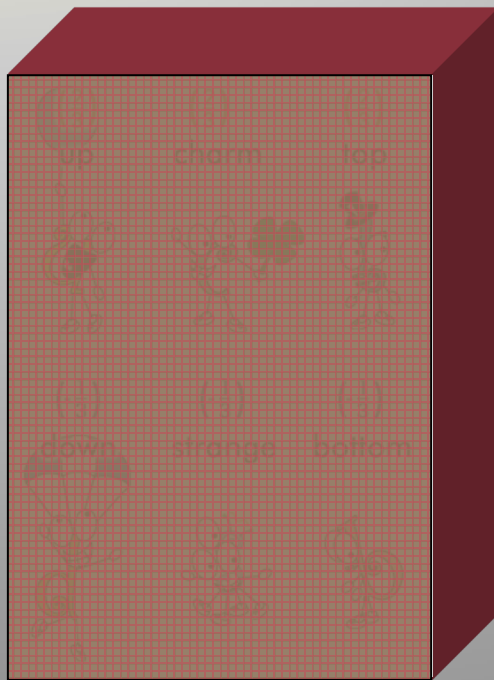
# Introduction

- “Condensed” matter physics for elementary particles
- Heavy ion collisions as a playground of non-equilibrium physics in relativistic system
- Recent findings of the quark gluon plasma and related topics

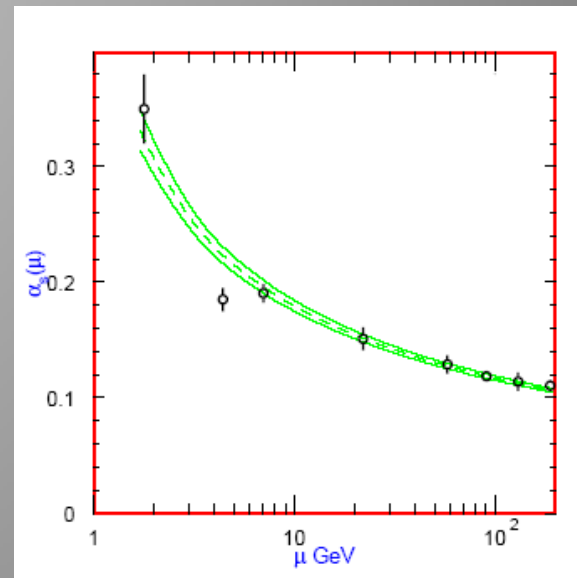
# PHYSICS OF THE QUARK GLUON PLASMA

# Two Aspects of Quantum ChromoDynamics

QCD: Theory of strong interaction




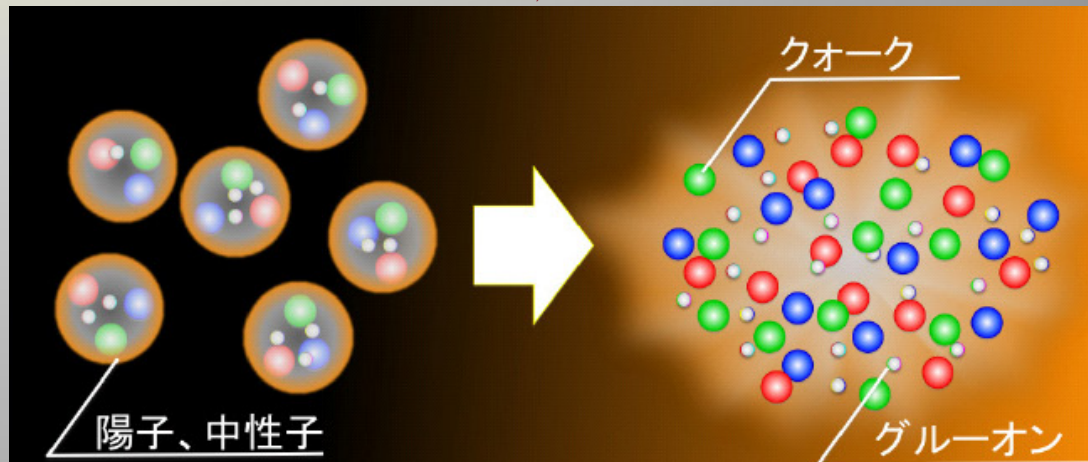
Confinement of color charges



coupling vs. energy scale  
Asymptotic free of QCD

# What is the Quark Gluon Plasma?

Hadron Gas  Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)



Low  $\leftarrow$  Temperature  $\rightarrow$  High

Degree of freedom: Quarks (matter) and gluons (gauge)  
Mechanics: Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

 Novel matter under extreme conditions

# How High?

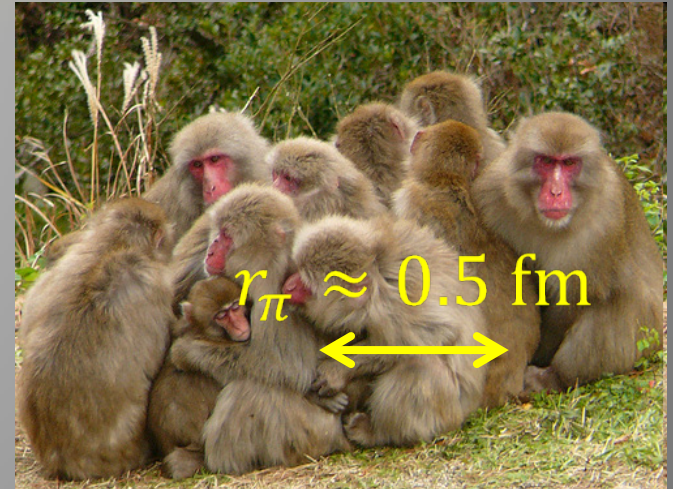
Suppose “transition” happens when a pion (the lightest hadron) gas is close-packed,

$$n_{\pi} \approx \frac{1}{\frac{4\pi r_{\pi}^3}{3}} \approx 3.6T^3$$

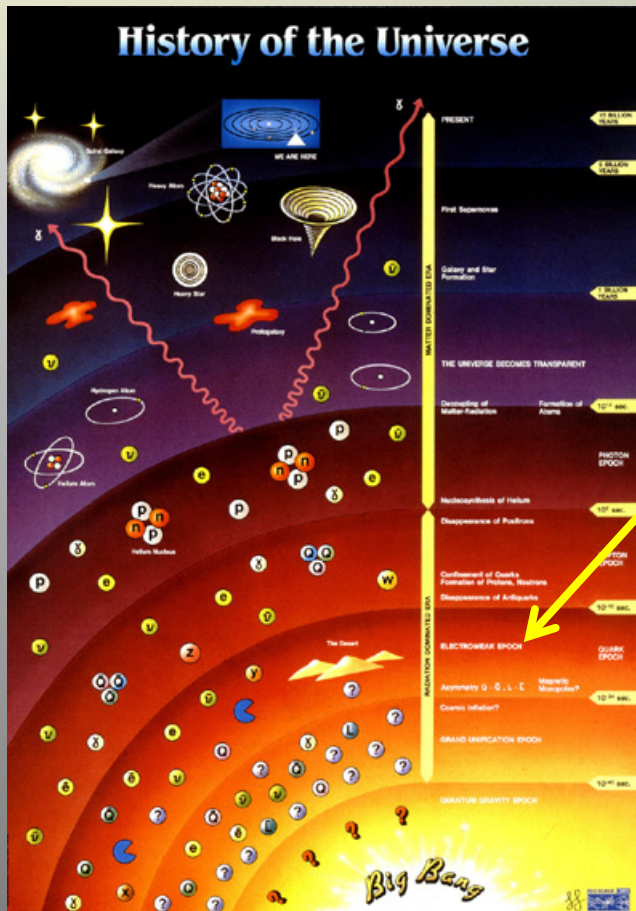
➔  $T_c \approx 100 \text{ MeV} \approx 10^{12} \text{ K}$

Note 1:  $T$  inside the Sun  $\sim 10^7 \text{ K}$

Note 2:  $T_c$  from the 1<sup>st</sup> principle calculation  $\sim 2 \times 10^{12} \text{ K}$



# Where/When was the QGP?



History of the Universe  
~ History of form of matter

Micro seconds after Big Bang

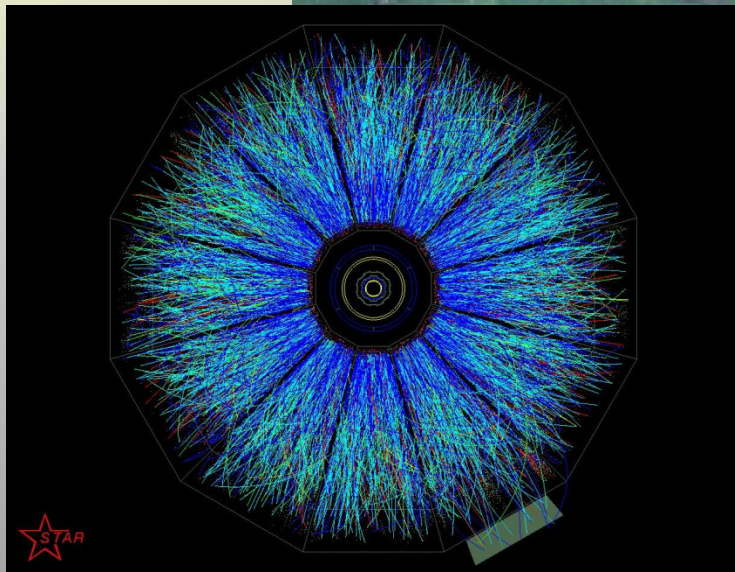
Our Universe is filled  
with the QGP!



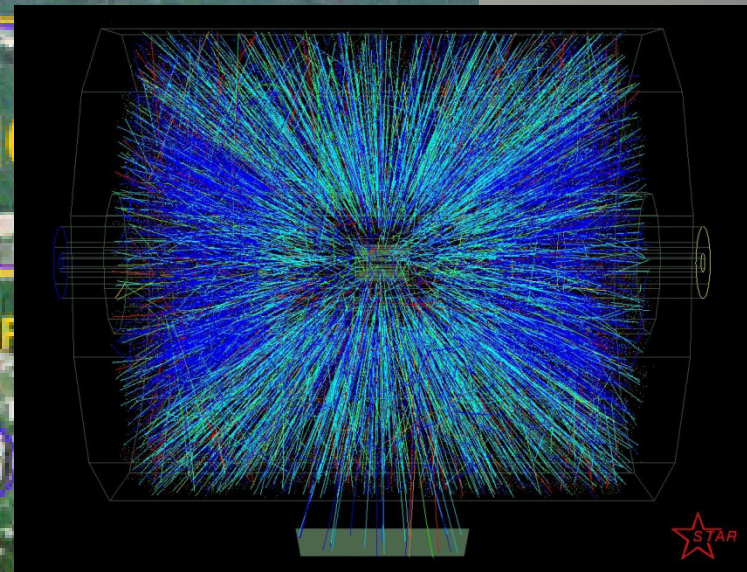


# **RELATIVISTIC HEAVY ION COLLISIONS**

# The QGP on the Earth



Front View



Side View

Relativistic heavy ion collisions

Turn kinetic energy ( $v > 0.99c$ ) into thermal energy

# Big Bang vs. Little Bang

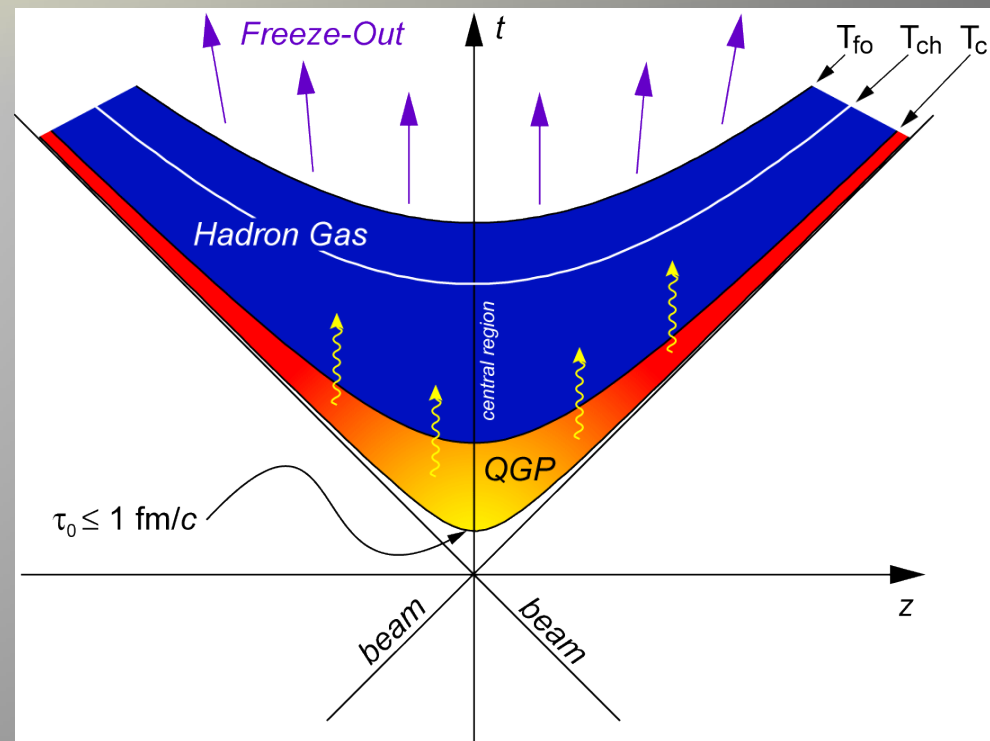
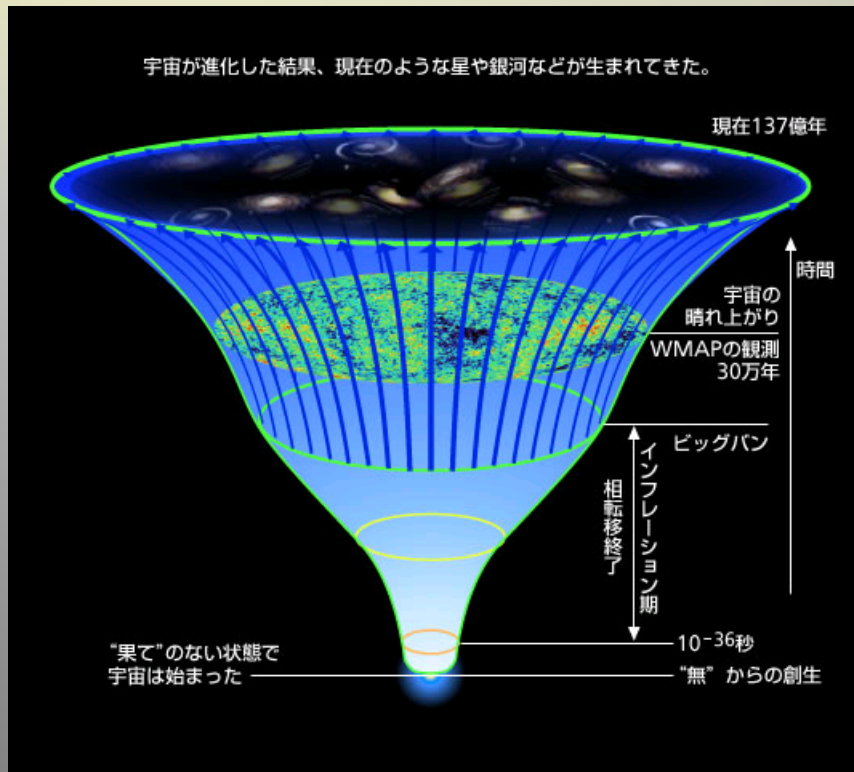


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<http://www-utap.phys.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~sato/index-j.htm>

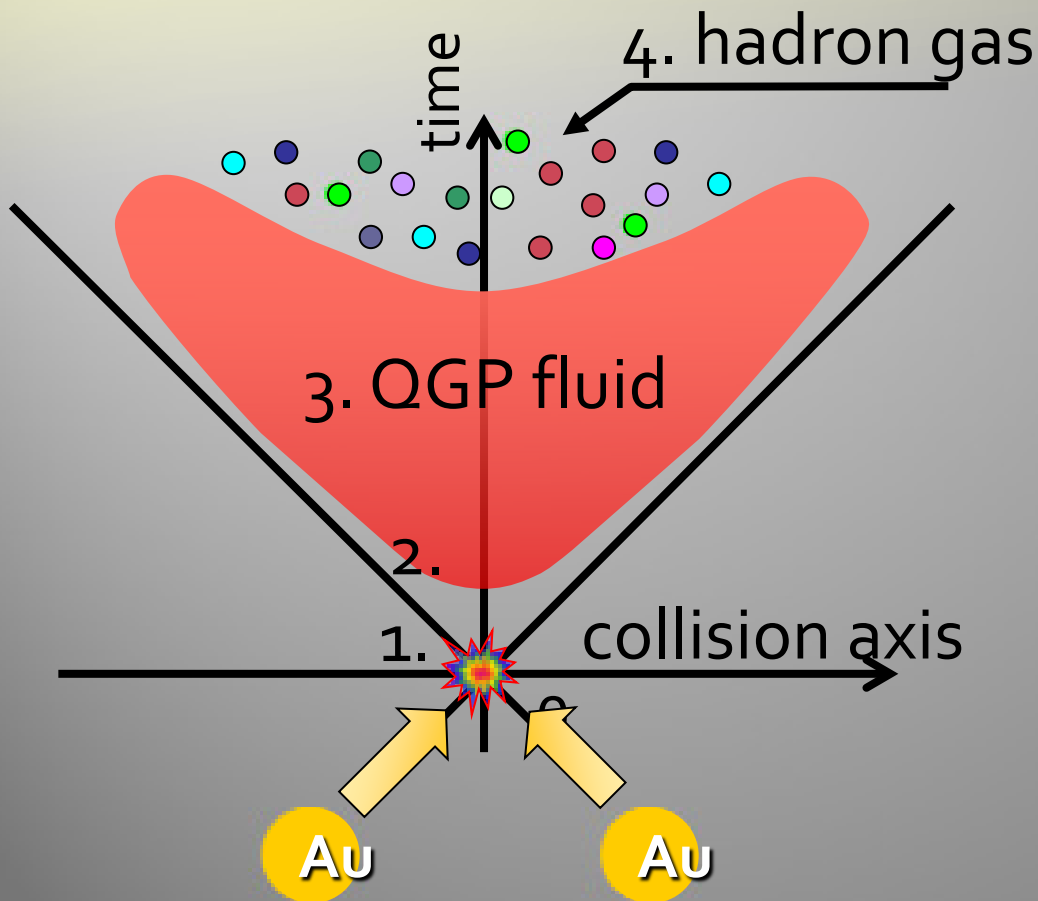
# Big Bang vs. Little Bang (contd.)

	Big Bang	Little Bang
Time scale	$10^{-5}$ sec $\gg$ m.f.p./c	$10^{-23}$ sec $\sim$ m.f.p./c
Expansion rate	$10^{5-6}$ /sec	$10^{22-23}$ /sec
Spectrum	Red shift (CMB)	Blue shift (hadrons)

Non-trivial issue on thermal equilibration

m.f.p. = Mean Free Path

# Non-Equilibrium Aspects of Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions



4. Kinetic approach for relativistic gases

3. Dissipative relativistic fluids

2. Local equilibration

1. Entropy production

# Hydrodynamic Simulation of a Au+Au Collision

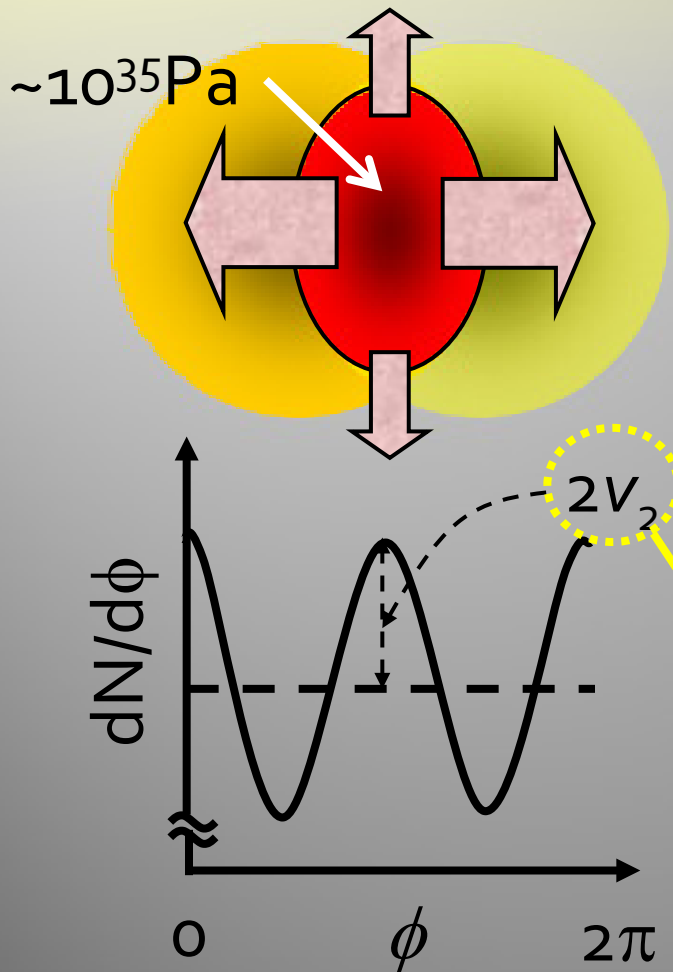
[http://youtu.be/p8\\_2TczsxjM](http://youtu.be/p8_2TczsxjM)

Time scale  $\sim 10^{-22}$  sec



quark gluon plasma

# Elliptic Flow

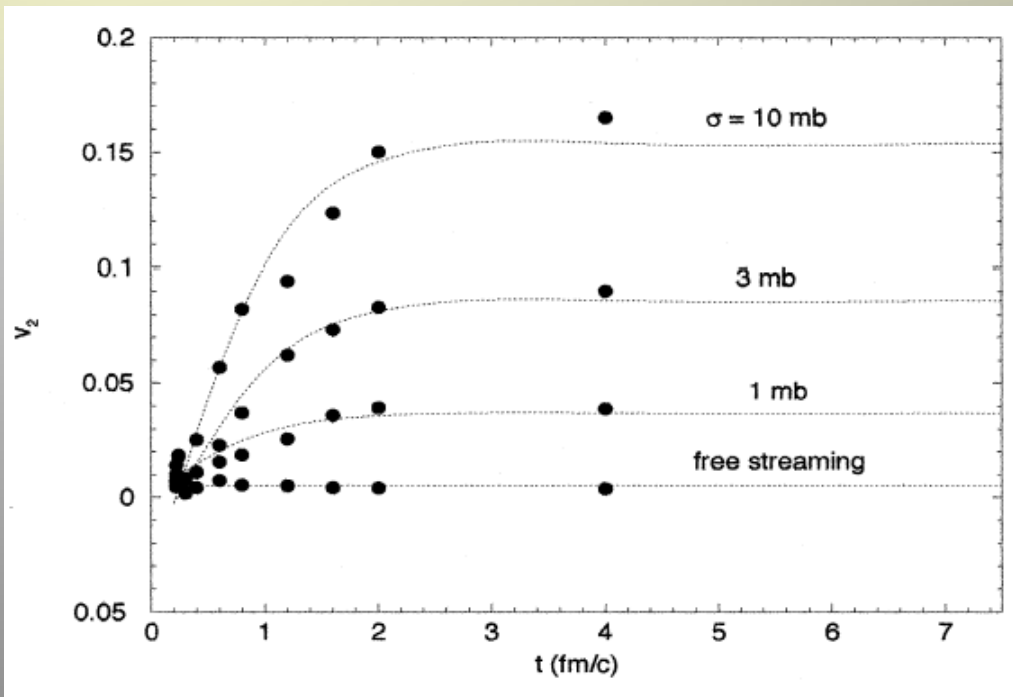


## Elliptic flow (Ollitrault, '92)

- Momentum anisotropy as a response to spatial anisotropy
- Known to be sensitive to properties of the system
  - (Shear) viscosity
  - Equation of state

$2^{\text{nd}}$  harmonics (elliptic flow)  
→ Indicator of hydrodynamic behavior

# Relativistic Boltzmann Simulations



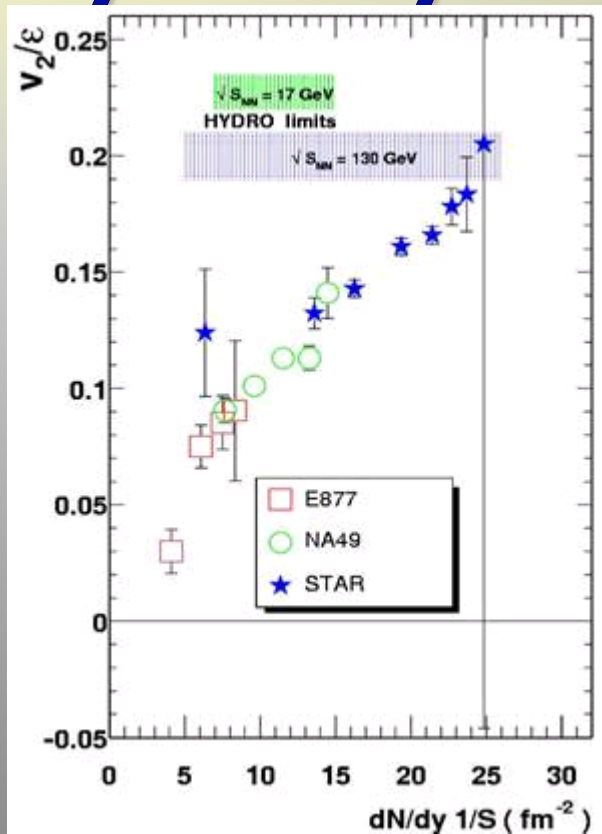
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma \rho} \propto \eta$$

$\lambda$ : mean free path  
 $\eta$ : shear viscosity

$v_2$  is { generated through secondary collisions  
saturated in the early stage  
sensitive to cross section ( $\sim 1/\text{m.f.p.} \sim 1/\text{viscosity}$ )  
Zhang-Gyulassy-Ko('99)



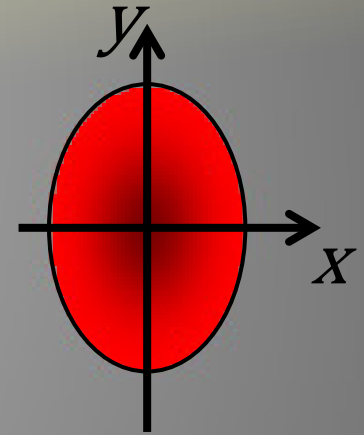
# “Hydrodynamic Limit”



$\frac{v_2}{\epsilon}$  vs. transverse particle density

Eccentricity

$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$



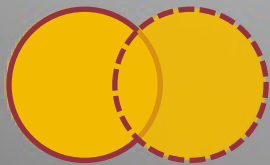
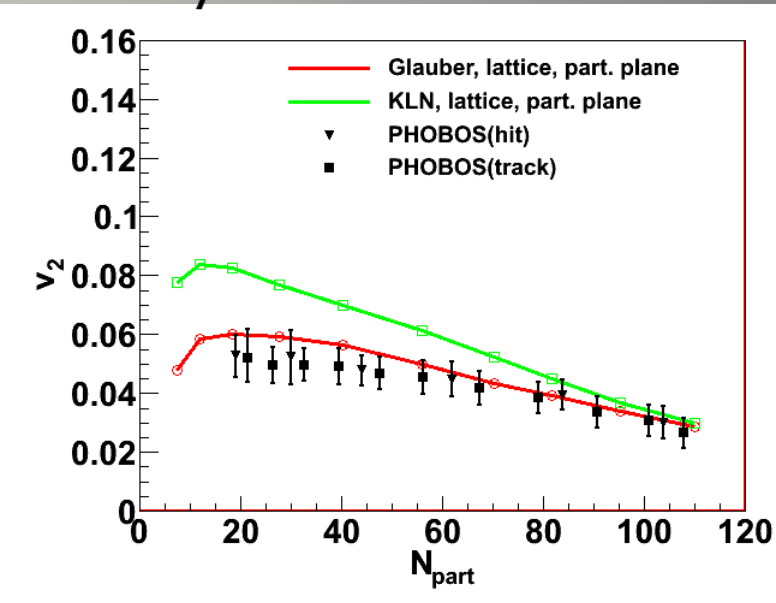
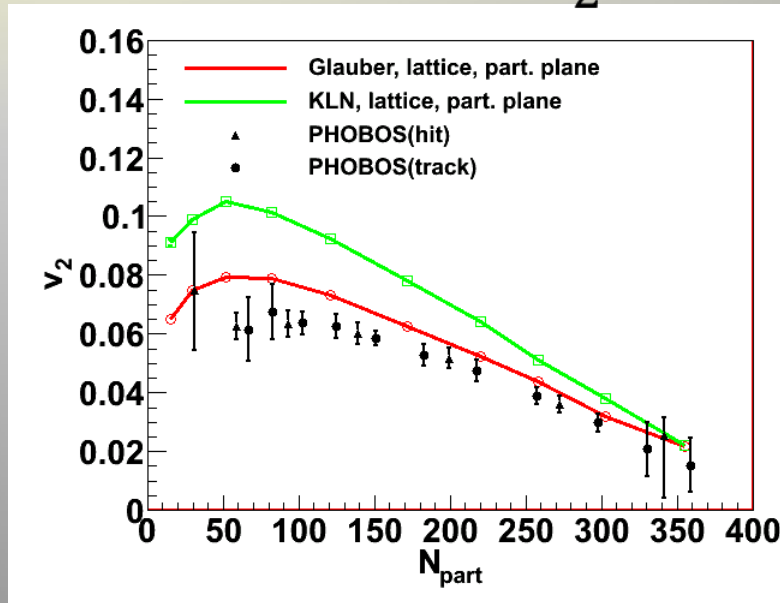
$$\frac{v_2}{\epsilon} = \frac{\text{Momentum Anisotropy}}{\text{Spatial Anisotropy}}$$



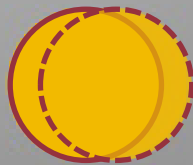
Response of the system reaches “hydrodynamic limit”

# Ideal Hydrodynamics at Work

$v_2$  vs. centrality



Au+Au

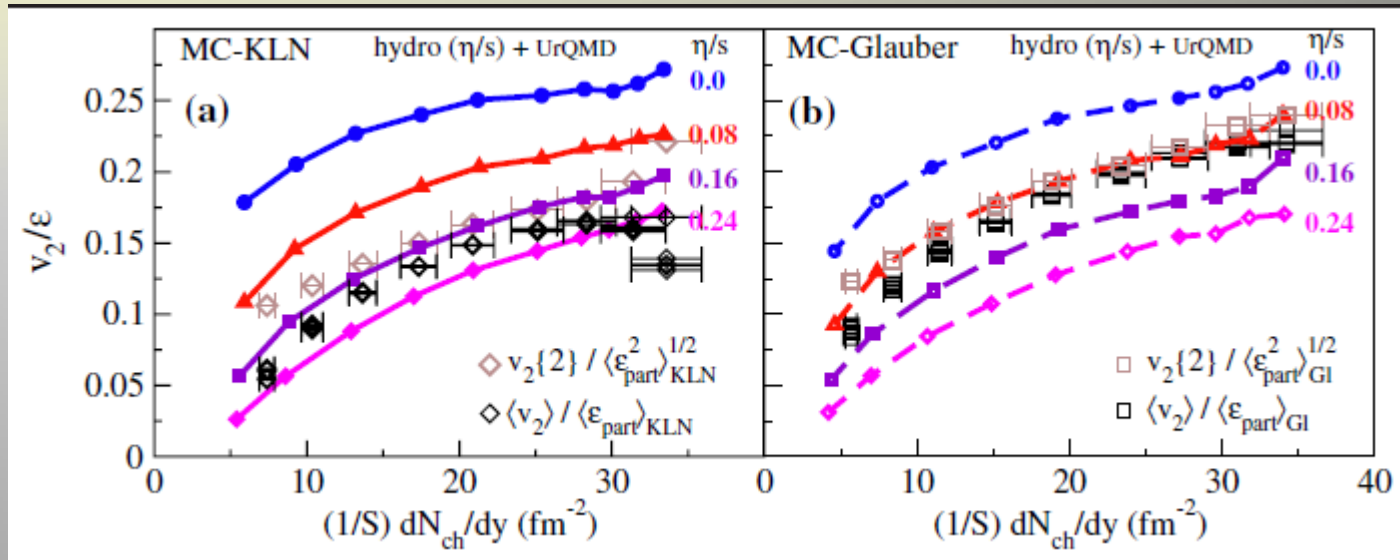


Cu+Cu



T.Hirano et al. (in preparation)

# Viscous Fluid Simulations



$\frac{v_2}{\epsilon}$  vs. transverse particle density

Ratio of shear viscosity to entropy density

$$\left(\frac{\eta}{S}\right)_{\text{QGP}} = (0.08 \sim 0.16) \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \approx \frac{1}{380} \left(\frac{\eta}{S}\right)_{\text{Water}} \approx \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{\eta}{S}\right)_{\text{Liquid He}}$$

# Strong Coupling Nature of the QGP

Large expansion rate of the QGP in relativistic heavy ion collisions

$$\frac{\dot{V}}{V} = \text{div } \vec{v} \approx 10^{22} / \text{sec}$$

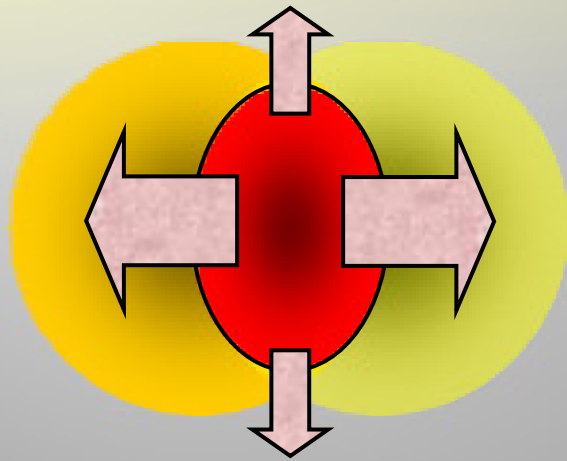
→ Tiny viscosity when hydrodynamic description of the QGP works in any ways

→ Manifestation of the strong coupling nature of the QGP

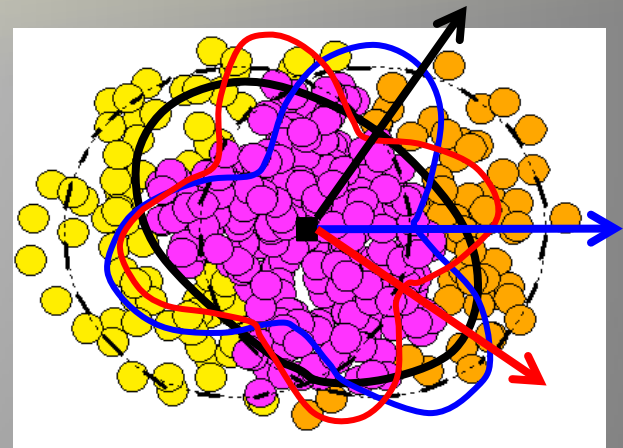
Note: Underlying theory → Quantum

ChromoDynamics (theory of strong interaction)

# Event-by-event Fluctuation



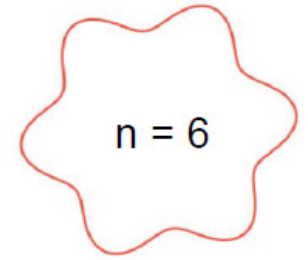
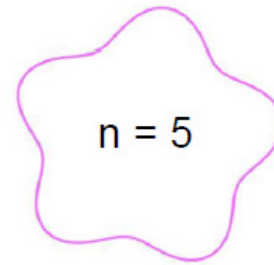
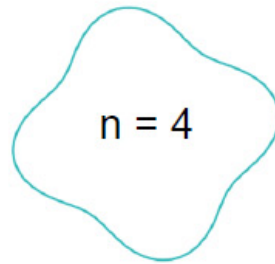
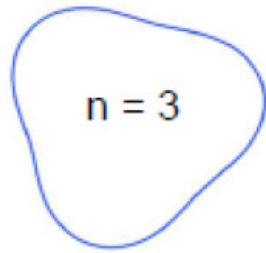
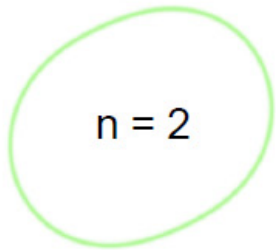
Ideal, but unrealistic?  
OK on average(?)



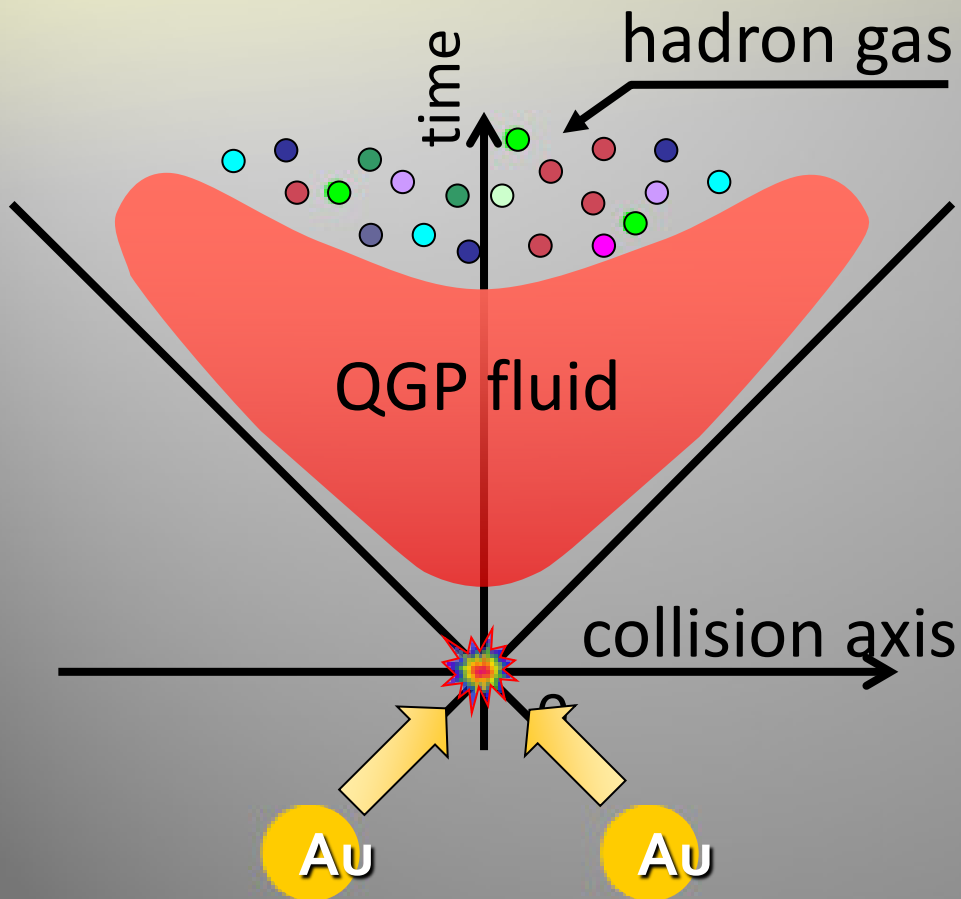
Actual collision?  
→ Higher order  
deformation

Figure adapted from talk  
by J.Jia (ATLAS) at QM2011

# Deformation at Higher Order



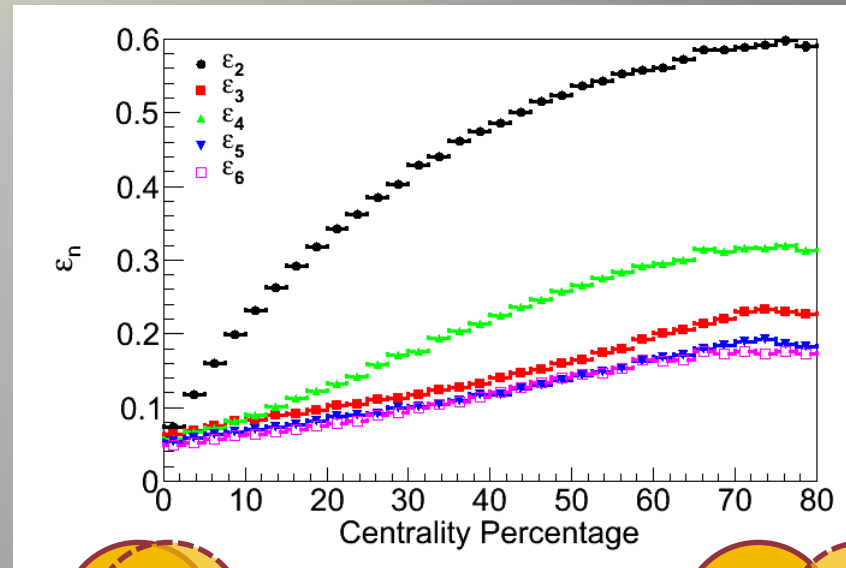
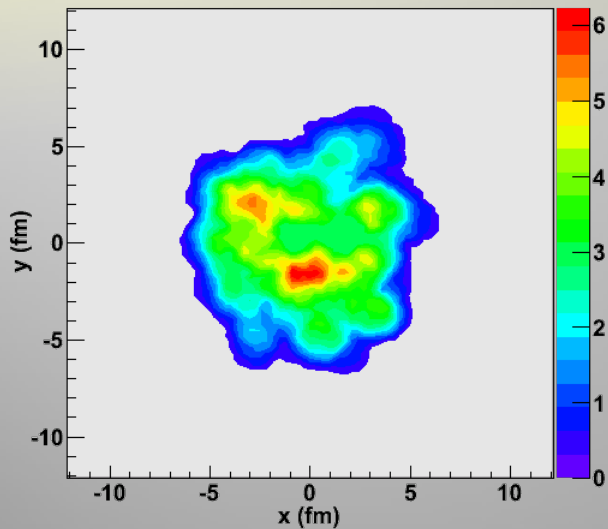
# Dynamical Modeling of Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions\*



Relativistic Boltzmann  
↑  
Relativistic Ideal Hydro  
↑  
Monte Carlo I.C.

\*K.Murase *et al.* (in preparation)

# Deformation in Model Calculations



Sample of entropy density profile in a plane perpendicular to collision axis

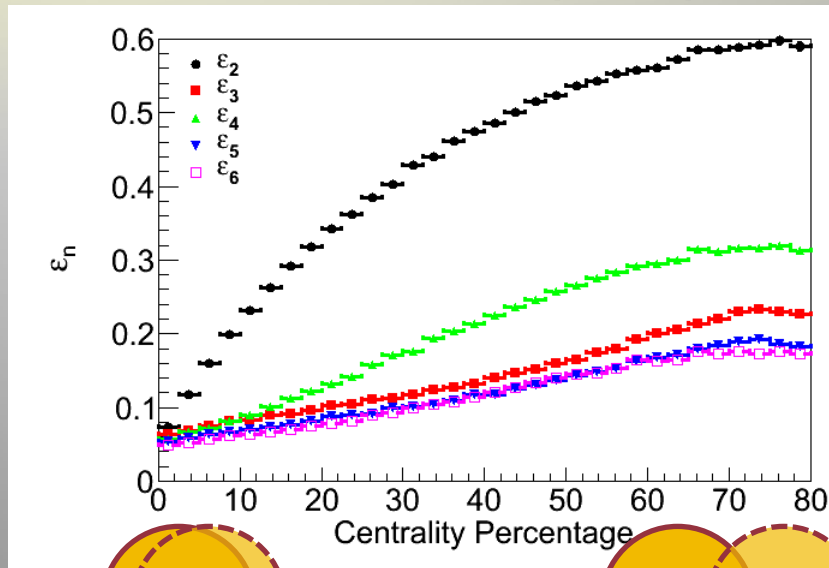
Diagram illustrating the geometry of the collision system, showing two overlapping circles representing nuclei. The circles are yellow with dashed red outlines, and their overlap is shaded in a darker yellow.

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{|\langle r^2 e^{in\phi} \rangle|}{\langle r^2 \rangle}$$

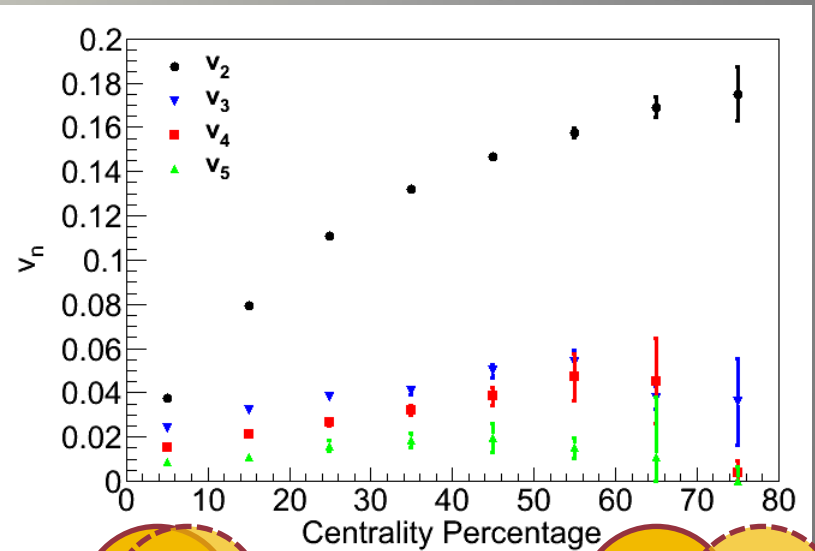


# Higher Harmonics from Ideal QGP Fluids

$\varepsilon_n$  vs. centrality (input)



$v_n$  vs. centrality (output)



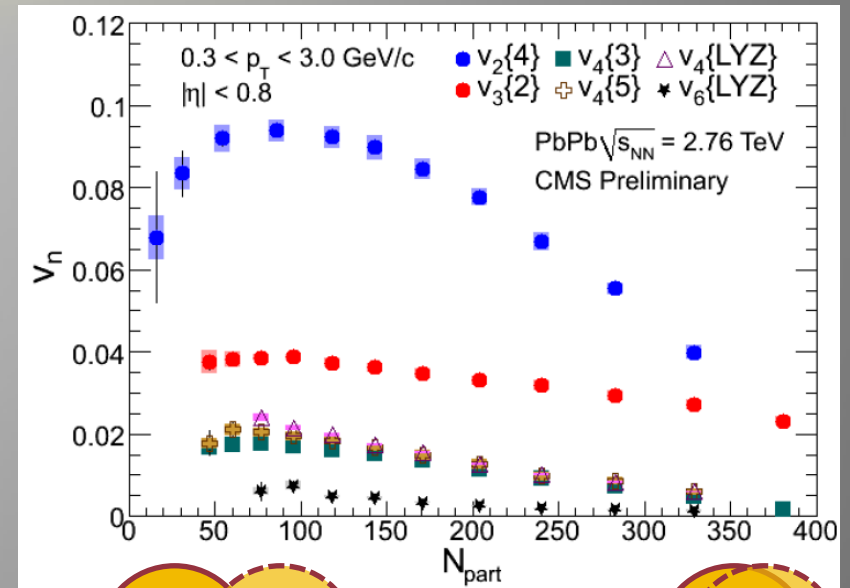
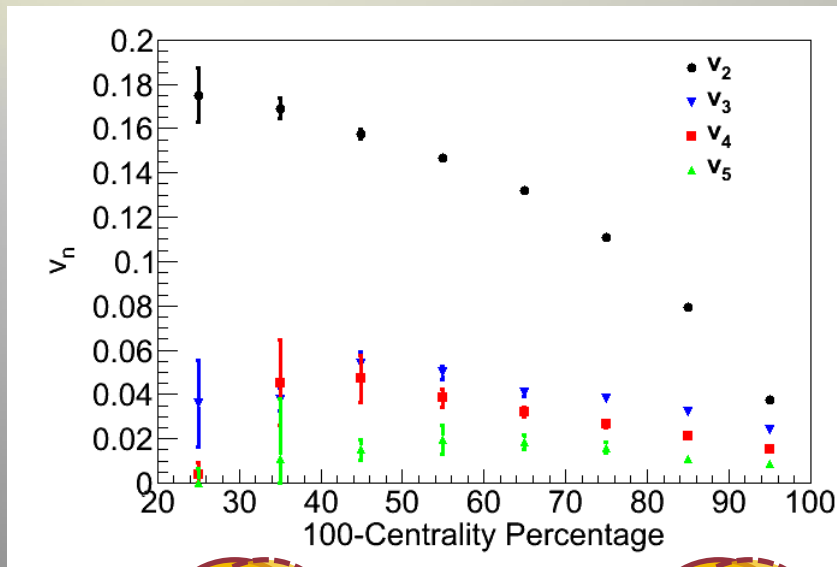
Response of the QGP to initial deformation

$v_n$  roughly scales with  $\varepsilon_n$

# Comparison of $v_n$ with Data

Theory

Experiment



Tendency similar to experimental data  
 Absolute value  $\leftrightarrow$  Viscosity

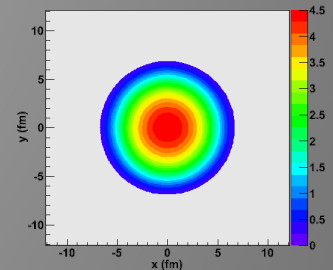
# Impact of Finite Higher Harmonics

- Most of people did not believe hydro description of the QGP (~ 1995)
- Hydro at work to describe elliptic flow (~ 2001)
- Hydro at work (?) to describe higher harmonics (~ 2010)

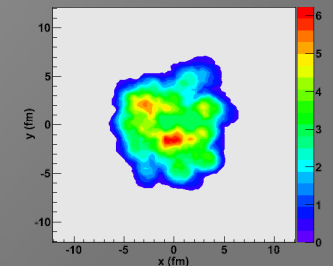
coarse  
graining  
size

initial  
profile

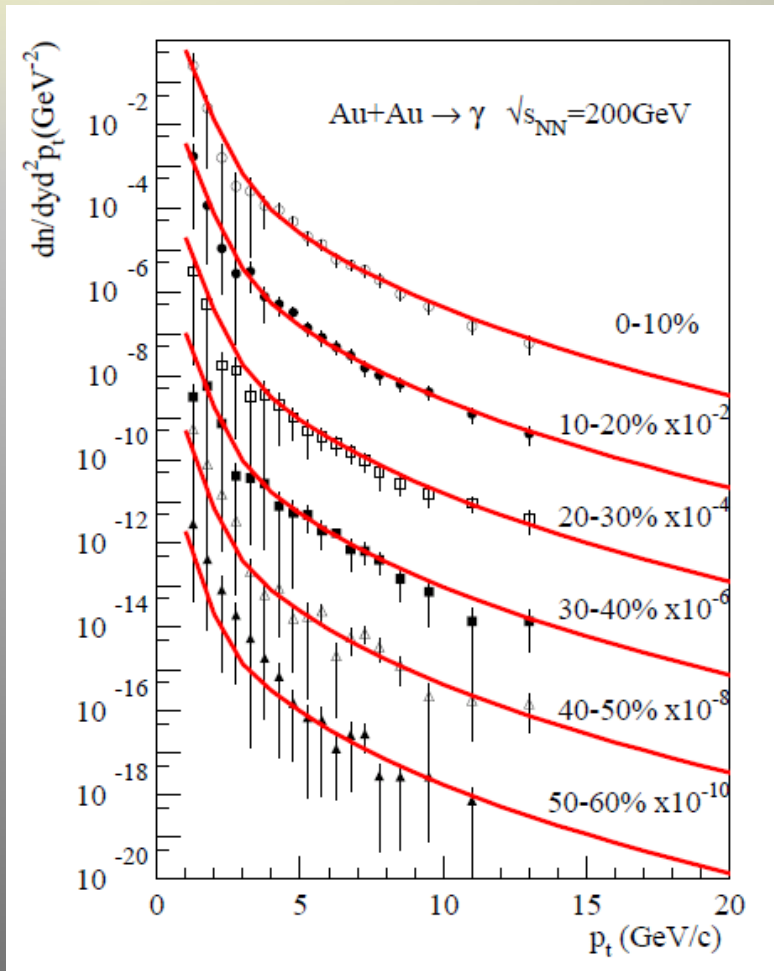
$$d \lesssim 5 \text{ fm}$$



$$d \lesssim 1 \text{ fm}$$



# Thermal Radiation from the QGP



Photon spectra in relativistic heavy ion collisions

Blue shifted spectra with  $T \sim 200\text{-}300 \text{ MeV} \sim (2\text{-}3) \times 10^{12} \text{ K}$



# **RELATIVISTIC HYDRODYNAMICS**

# Several Non-Trivial Aspects of Relativistic Hydrodynamics

1. Non conservation of particle number nor mass
2. Choice of local rest frame
3. Relaxation beyond Fourier, Fick and Newton laws

# Hydrodynamic Equations (Ideal Hydro Case)

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

Energy conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} E + \nabla \cdot [(E + P)\mathbf{v}] = 0, E = (e + P)\gamma^2 - P$$

Momentum conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} M^i + \nabla \cdot [M^i \mathbf{v}] = -\nabla^i P, M^i = (e + P)\gamma^2 v^i$$

Charge conservation (net baryon number in QCD)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} N + \nabla \cdot N\mathbf{v} = 0, N = \gamma(n_B - n_{\bar{B}})$$

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# Choice of Local Rest Frame in Dissipative Fluids

## 1. Charge flow

$$u^\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{N_i^\mu}{n_i}$$

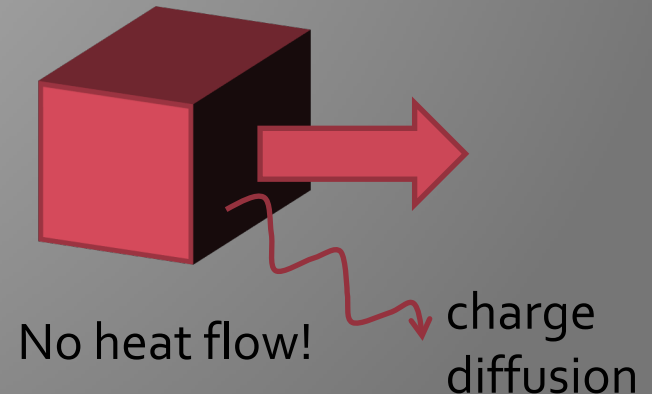
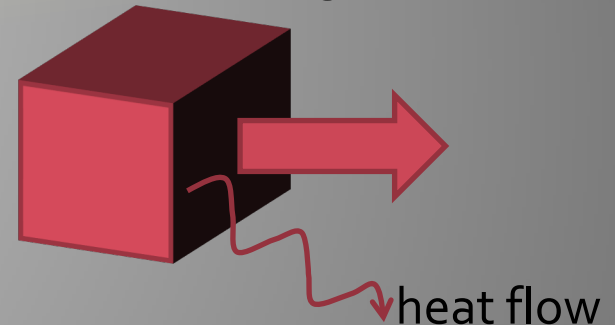
## 2. Energy flow

(Eigenvector of energy-momentum tensor)

$$T^\mu{}_\nu u^\nu = e u^\mu$$

\*Energy flow is relevant in heavy ion collisions

Charge diffusion vanishes on average



# Several Non-Trivial Aspects of Relativistic Hydrodynamics

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# Relaxation and Causality

Constitutive equations  
at Navier-Stokes level

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\partial^{<\mu}u^{\nu>},$$

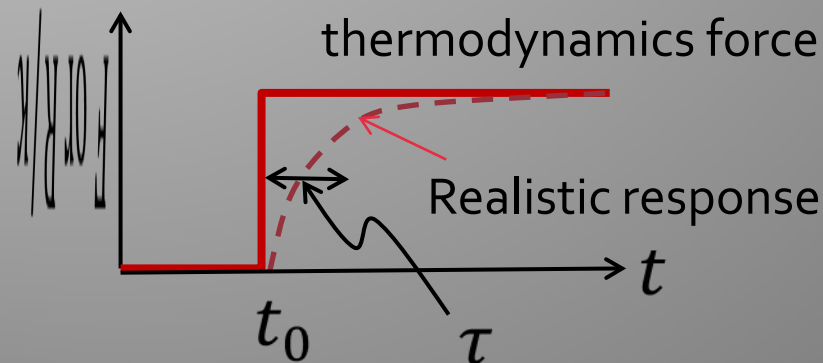
$$\Pi = -\zeta\partial_{\mu}u^{\mu}$$

Instantaneous response  
violates causality

→ Critical issue in

relativistic theory

→ Relaxation plays an  
essential role



# Causal Hydrodynamics

Within linear response

$$R(t) = \int dt' G_R(t, t') F(t')$$

Suppose

$$G_R(t, t') = \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{t-t'}{\tau}\right) \theta(t-t')$$

one obtains differential form

$$\dot{R}(t) = -\frac{R(t) - \kappa F(t)}{\tau}, \quad v_{\text{signal}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\tau}} < c$$



Maxwell-Cattaneo Eq.

# Relativistic Fluctuating Hydrodynamics (RFH)

Thermal fluctuation in event-by-event simulations

dissipative current

thermodynamic force

$$R(x) = \int d^4x' G(x, x') F(x') + \delta R(x)$$

$$\langle \delta R(x) \delta R(x') \rangle \approx G(x, x')$$

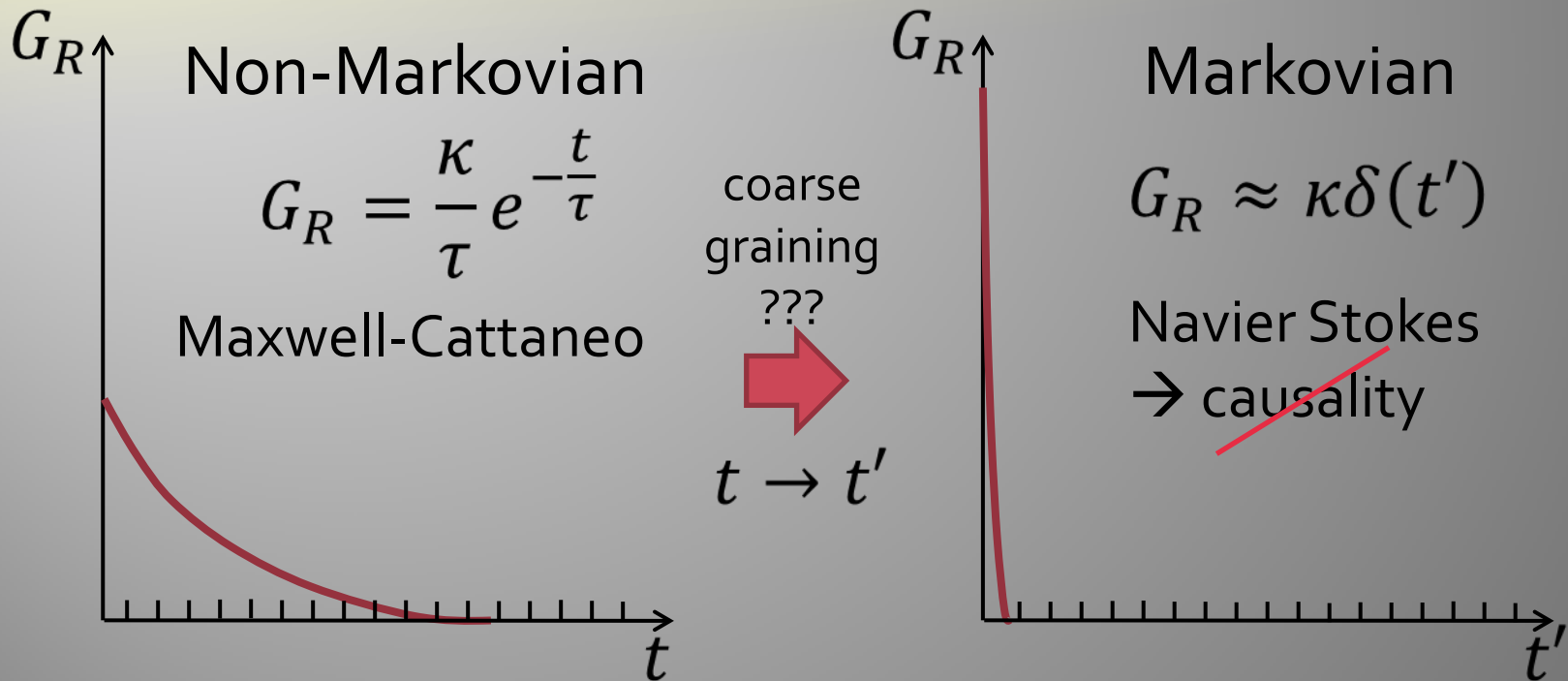
thermal noise

Fluctuation  $\leftrightarrow$  Dissipation

\* In non-relativistic cases, see Landau-Lifshitz, Fluid Mechanics

\*\* Similar to glassy system, polymers, etc?

# Coarse-Graining in Time



Existence of upper bound in coarse-graining time  
(or lower bound of frequency) in relativistic theory???

# Finite Size Effect

Fluctuation  $\leftrightarrow$  Local volume.

$$\xi(x) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta V}}$$

- Information about coarse-grained size?
- Fluctuation term  $\sim$  average value?
  - $\rightarrow$  Non-equilibrium small system?
  - $\rightarrow$  Fluctuation would play a crucial role.
- Need to consider (?) finite size effects in equation of state and transport coefficients

# Conclusion

## Physics of the quark gluon plasma

- Strong coupling nature
- Small viscosity

## Physics of relativistic heavy ion collisions

- Playground of relativistic non-equilibrium system
  - Relativistic dissipative hydrodynamics
  - Relativistic kinetic theory
  - Non-equilibrium field theory