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# Non-equilibrium effects and collective dynamics in relativistic proton-nucleus collisions



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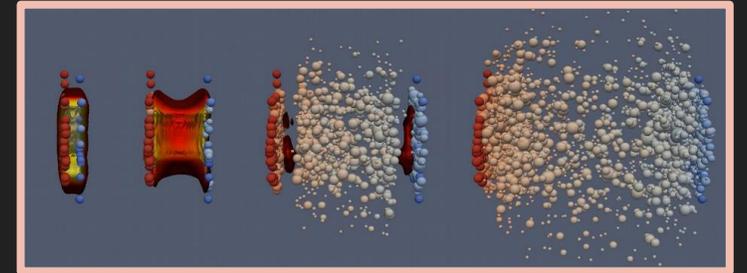


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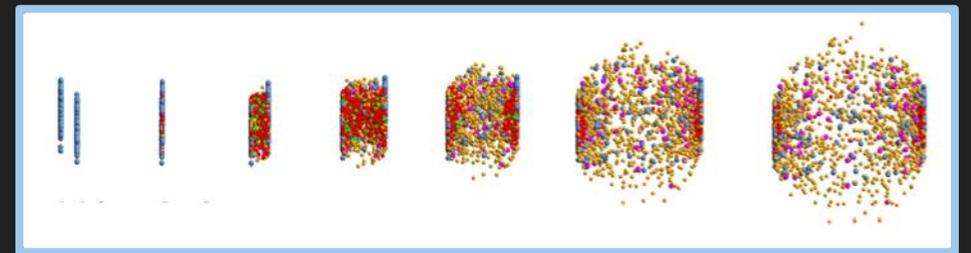
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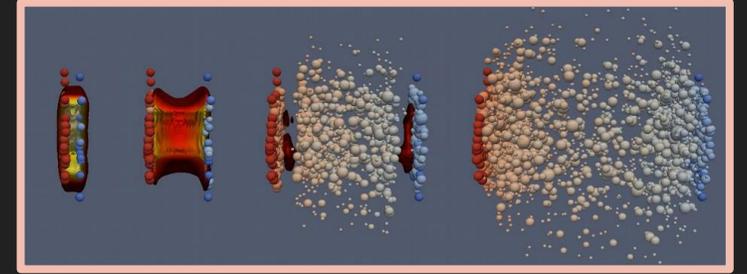


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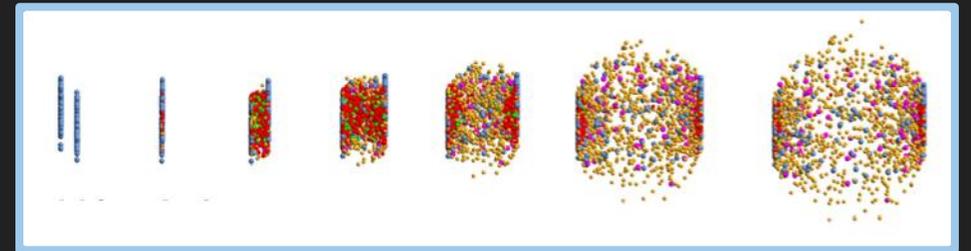
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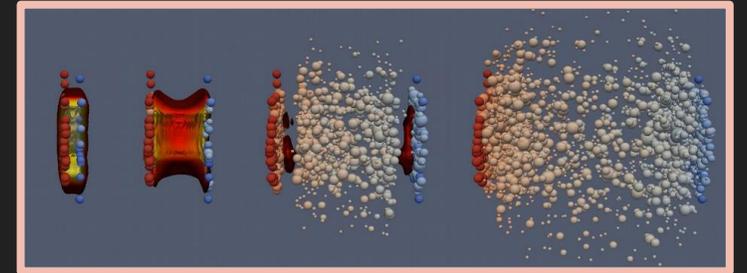


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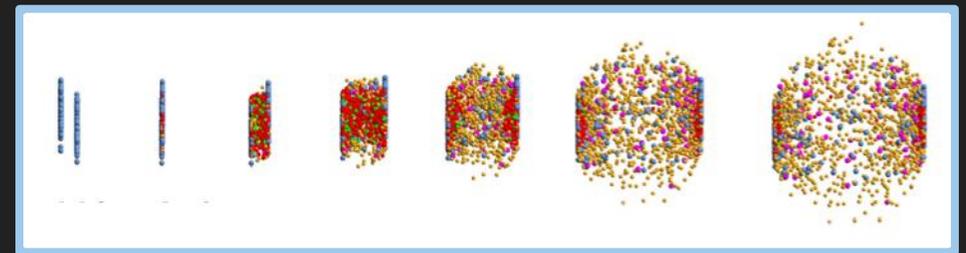
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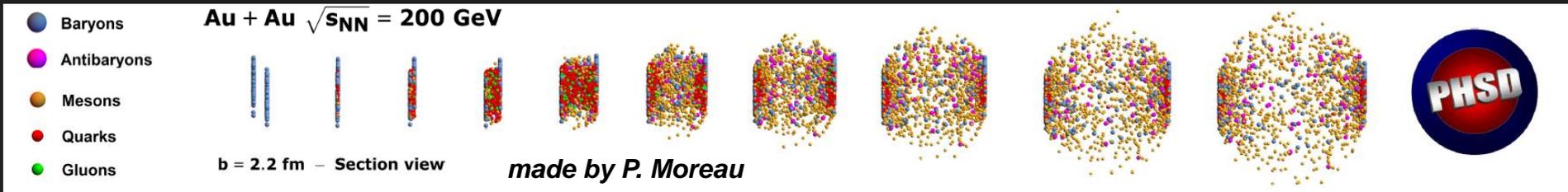
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Both **hybrid** and **transport** approaches are successful in describing AA and pA collisions  
Different way of treating the nonequilibrium effects in the two models  
Focus on p+Pb collisions at LHC energy

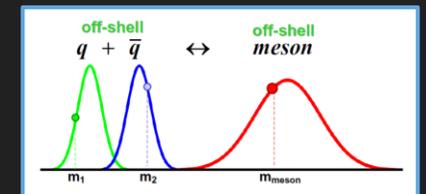
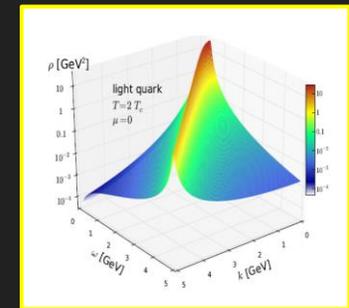
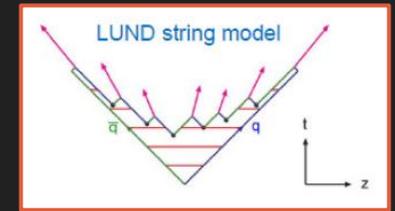
# Parton-Hadron-String Dynamics – PHSD

## non-equilibrium off-shell transport approach

to study the phase transition from hadronic to partonic matter and the QGP properties from a microscopic origin



- **INITIAL NUCLEI COLLISION:** nucleon-nucleon collisions lead to the formation of strings that decay to pre-hadrons
- **FORMATION OF QGP:** if energy density  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_c$  pre-hadrons dissolve in massive off-shell quarks and gluons + mean-field potential
- **PARTONIC STAGE:** evolution based on off-shell transport equations with the Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM) defining parton spectral functions
- **HADRONIZATION:** massive off-shell partons with broad spectral functions hadronize to off-shell baryons and mesons
- **HADRONIC PHASE:** evolution based on the off-shell transport equations with hadron-hadron interactions



W. Cassing and E. Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 78, 034919 (2008); Nucl. Phys. A 831, 215 (2009)  
Giessen/Frankfurt groups: <http://theory.gsi.de/~ebratkov/phsd-project/PHSD/index1.html>

# VISHNew (+ hadronic afterburner)

## 2+1D viscous hydrodynamic model

to study the QGP medium and its properties by means of evolution laws of macroscopic quantities

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

space-time evolution of the QGP  
via conservation equations  
of the energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = e u^\mu u^\nu - \Delta^{\mu\nu} (P + \Pi) + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

hydro equations closed by  
an equation of state  $P=P(e)$   
(lattice QCD + HRG)

time evolution of the viscous corrections  
via 2<sup>nd</sup> order Israel-Stewart equations

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\Pi \dot{\Pi} + \Pi &= -\zeta \theta - \delta_{\Pi\Pi} \Pi \theta + \phi_1 \Pi^2 \\ &\quad + \lambda_{\Pi\pi} \pi^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \phi_3 \pi^{\mu\nu} \pi_{\mu\nu} \\ \tau_\pi \dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} &= 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + 2\pi_\alpha^{\langle\mu} w^{\nu\rangle\alpha} - \delta_{\pi\pi} \pi^{\mu\nu} \theta \\ &\quad + \phi_7 \pi_\alpha^{\langle\mu} \pi^{\nu\rangle\alpha} - \tau_{\pi\pi} \pi_\alpha^{\langle\mu} \sigma^{\nu\rangle\alpha} \\ &\quad + \lambda_{\pi\Pi} \Pi \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \phi_6 \Pi \pi^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$u^\mu$ : cell 4-velocity

$e$ : local energy density

$P$ : local isotropic pressure

$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu$

$\Pi$ : bulk viscous pressure

$\pi^{\mu\nu}$ : shear stress tensor

$\zeta$ : bulk viscosity

$\eta$ : shear viscosity

- **PARTONIC STAGE**: VISHNew
- **HADRONIZATION**: Cooper-Frye procedure
- **HADRONIC PHASE**: UrQMD

# Coarse-graining the PHSD medium

Study the nonequilibrium dynamics in the hot medium evolution of the transport and hydrodynamic approaches

- start with the same initial conditions in order to reduce the impact of the early pre-equilibrium stage
- characterize the medium with similar equation of state and shear viscosity over entropy density ratio

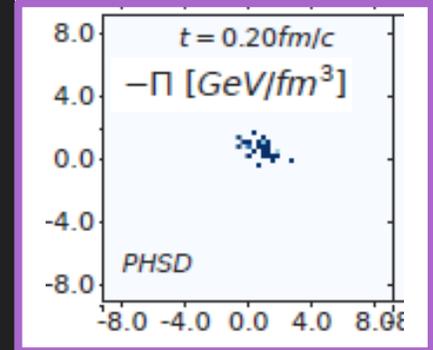
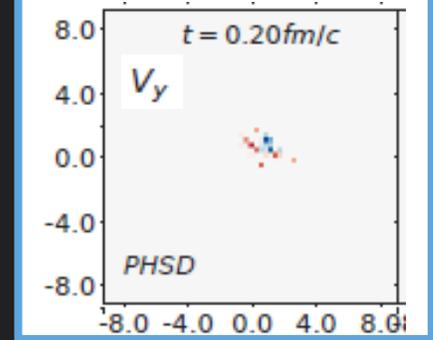
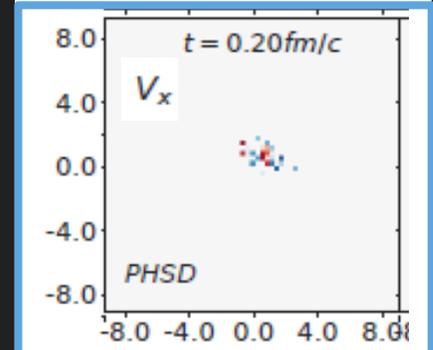
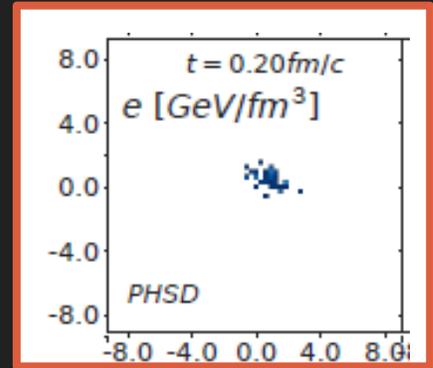
PHSD  
vs  
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← initialized with

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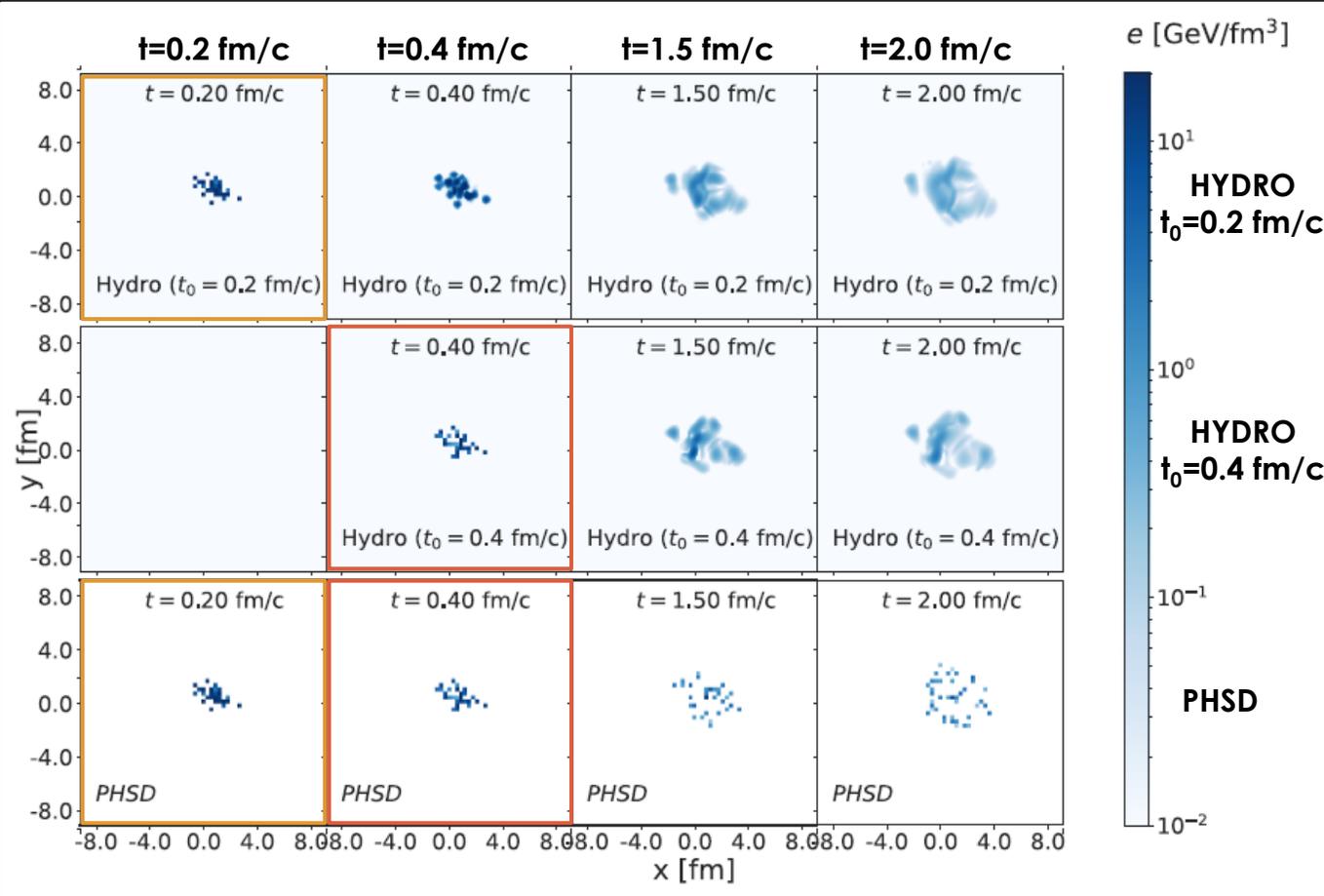
Coarse graining of PHSD medium in the transverse plane (cells with  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.3$  fm)  
2D hydro → initial conditions from the central longitudinal cell

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_i \int_0^\infty \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3} f_i(E_i) \frac{p_i^\mu p_i^\nu}{E_i} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_i \frac{p_i^\mu p_i^\nu}{E_i}$$

Initialization time for hydro? 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 t [fm/c] →

# Medium evolution: hydrodynamics vs PHSD

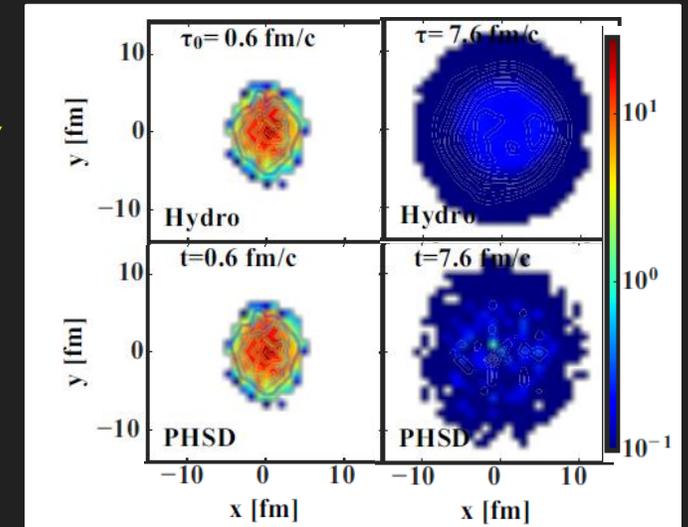
$p+Pb$  @ LHC 5.02 TeV –  $b = 2$  fm



- ❖ The PHSD evolution more chaotic all times
- ❖ The VISHNew code smooths the initial PHSD profile during the time evolution
- ❖ Impact of the initialization time for hydro in the final degree of smoothness

$Au+Au$  @ RHIC 200 GeV –  $b = 6$  fm

**energy density**



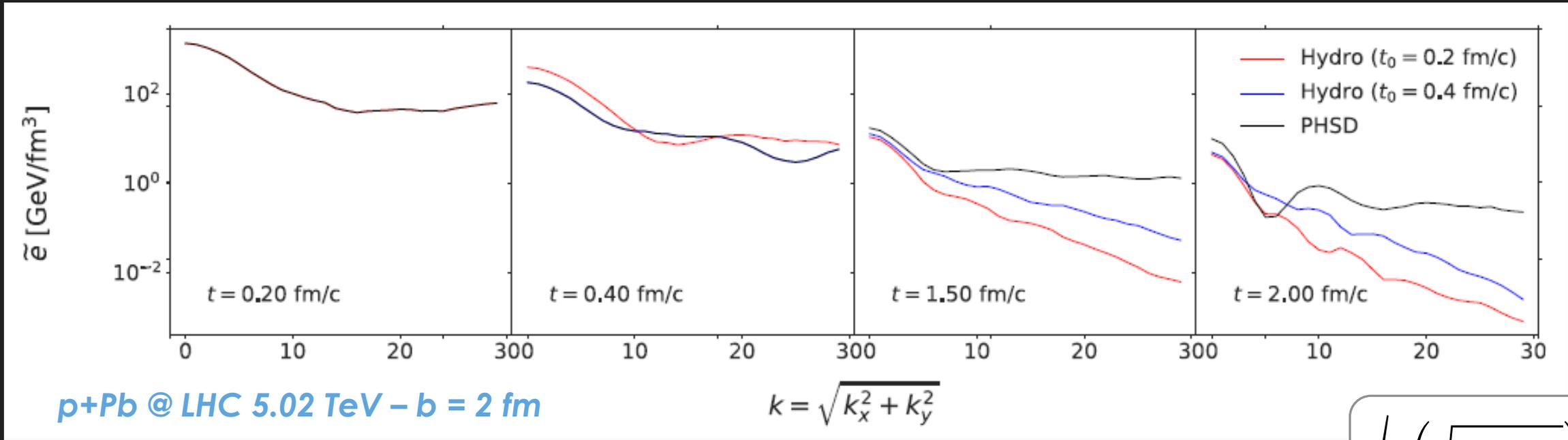
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Higher degree of inhomogeneity w.r.t. to heavy-ion reactions due to the smaller space-time size of the medium produced in p+Pb collisions

# Fourier image of energy density

The Fourier transform of the energy density profile quantifies the medium inhomogeneity

$$\tilde{e}(k_x, k_y) = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x=0}^{m-1} \sum_{y=0}^{n-1} e(x, y) e^{2\pi i \left( \frac{xk_x}{L_x m} + \frac{yk_y}{L_y n} \right)}$$



**radial distribution of the Fourier modes of the energy density**

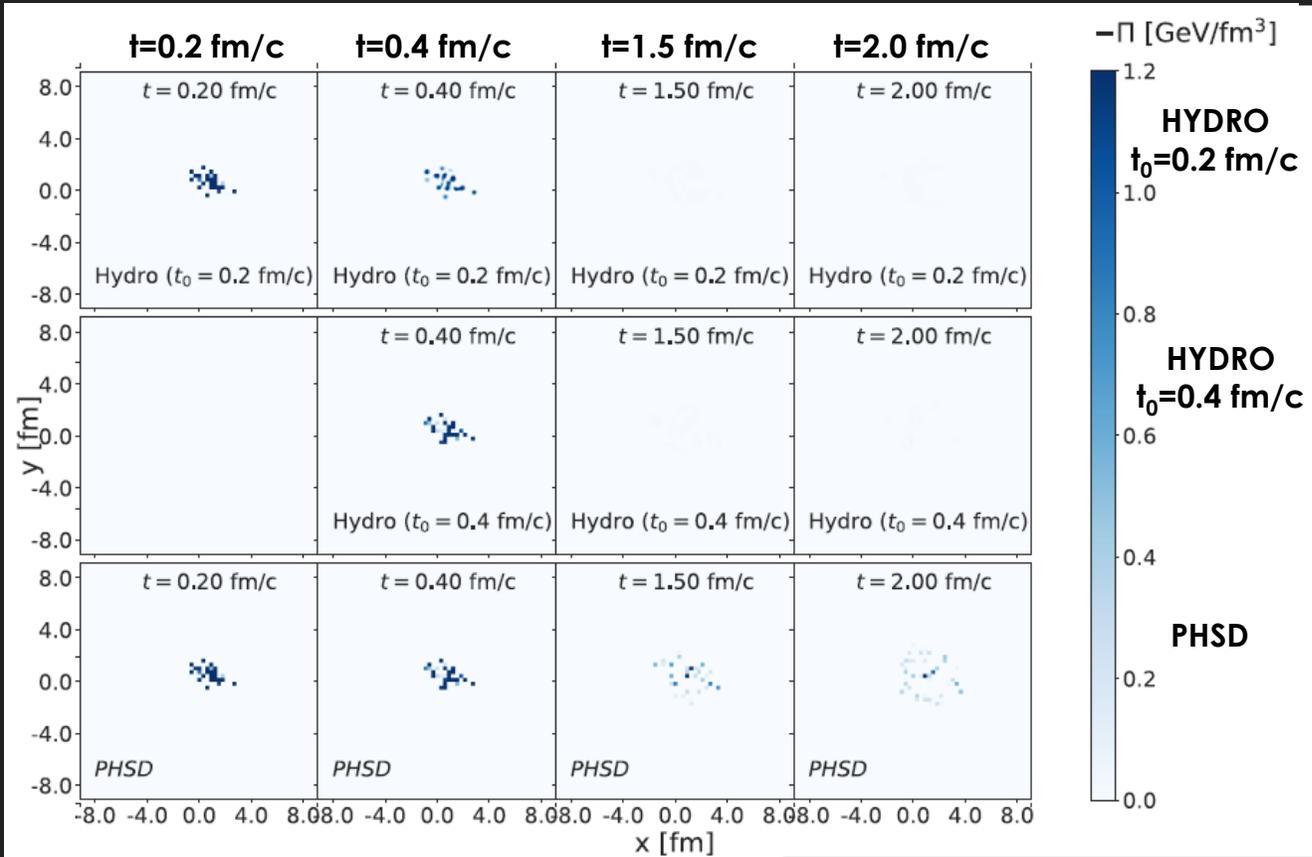
$$\left\langle \tilde{e} \left( \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2} \right) \right\rangle$$

**Shorter wavelength modes survive only in PHSD**

- constant inhomogeneity of the QGP medium in the microscopic transport description
- nonequilibrium dynamics able to preserve the medium irregularities

# Viscous corrections

*p+Pb @ LHC 5.02 TeV – b = 2 fm*

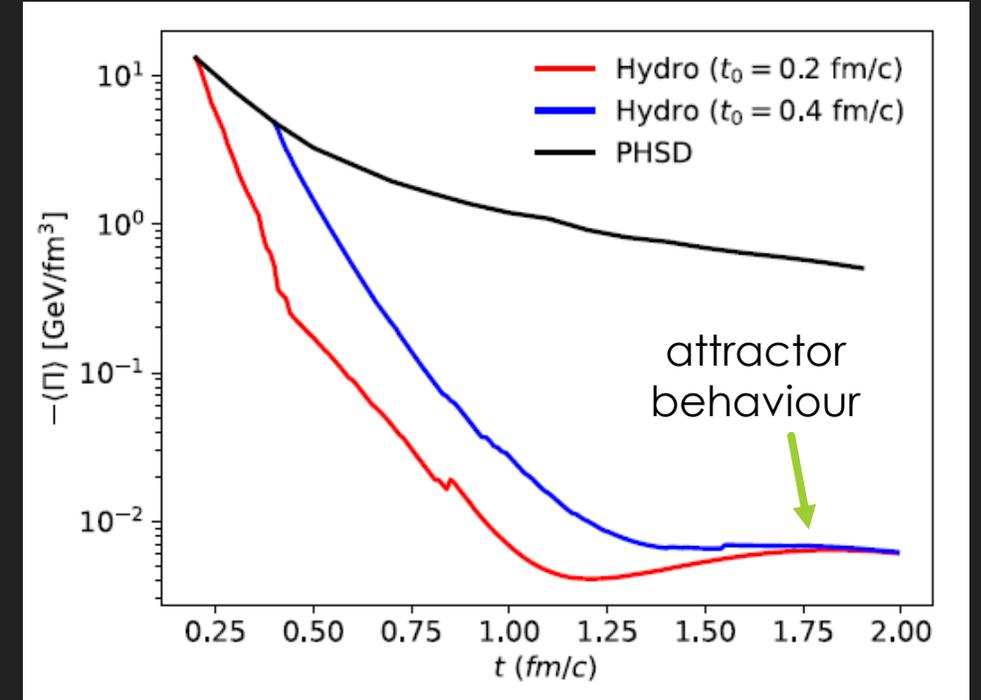


$$\Pi = -\frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} - P$$

**bulk viscous pressure**

- $\Pi$  drops very fast in hydro w.r.t. PHSD
- In both approaches quicker decay than in AA  
H. Song and U. Heinz, Phys. Rev. C 81, 024905 (2010)
- Hydro lines with different  $t_0$  lose memory of initial conditions at  $\sim 1.8$  fm/c

**event-averaged  $\Pi$  averaged over transverse plane weighted with energy density**



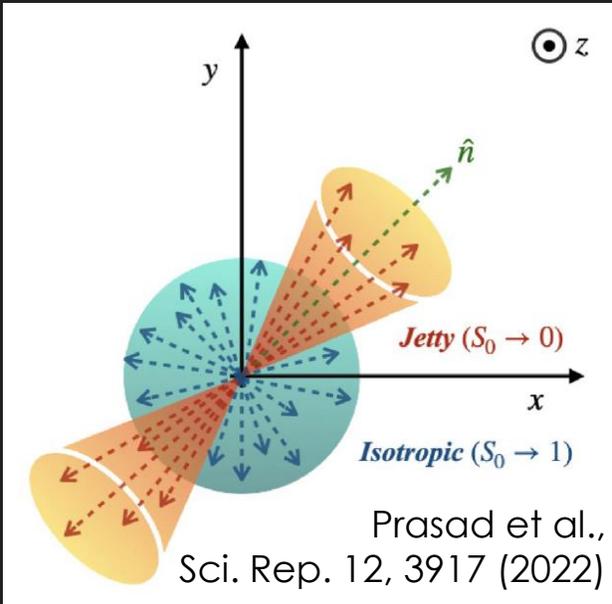
# Event topology: transverse spherocity

Experimental evidence of collective-like behaviour in high-multiplicity  $pp$  and  $pA$  collisions

difficulty to well identify QGP signals in small systems

→ attempts to study observables through novel **multi-differential methods**

→ **event-shape engineering**



**pp**

A. Khuntia et al., J. Phys. G 48, 035102 (2021)  
ALICE Coll., Eur. Phys. J. C 79, 857 (2019)  
A. Nassirpour, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 1602, 012007 (2020)

TRANSVERSE  
SPHEROCITY

$$S_0 \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}_s} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\mathbf{p}_{Ti} \times \hat{n}_s|}{\sum_i p_{Ti}} \right)^2$$

A. Banfi, G. Salam and G. Zanderighi, JHEP 06, 038 (2010)

❖  $S_0 \rightarrow 0$ : **JETTY events**

all transverse momenta (anti)parallel or sum dominated by a single track  
→ dominated by hard physics ( $pp$ )

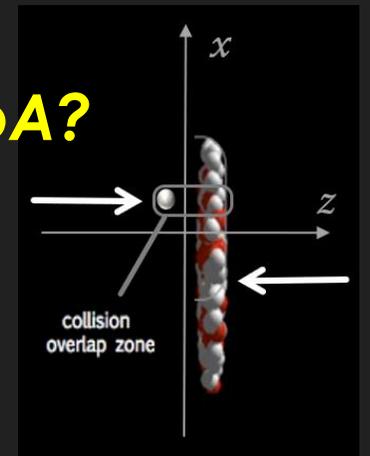
❖  $S_0 \rightarrow 1$ : **ISOTROPIC events**

transverse momentua isotropically distributed  
→ dominated by soft physics ( $pp$ )

**AA**

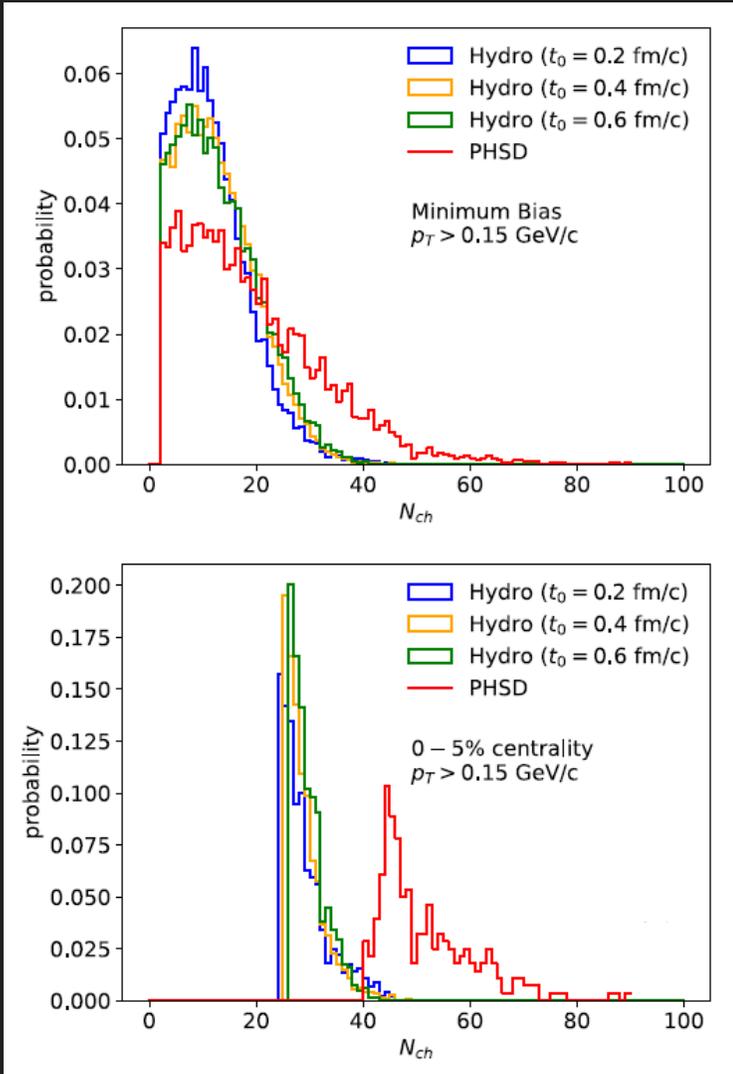
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**pA?**

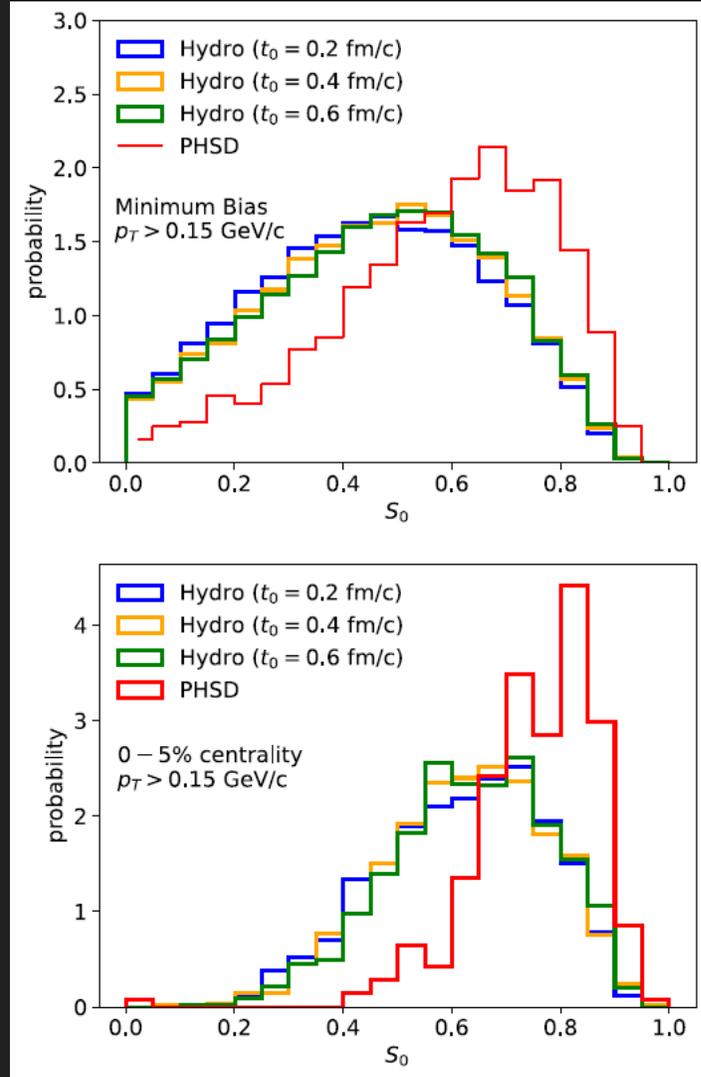


# Multi-differential event categorization

p+Pb @ LHC 5.02 TeV



**charged particle distribution**



**transverse spherocity distribution**

charged particles  
 $|\eta| < 0.5$   
 $p_T > 0.15$  GeV/c  
 $N_{\text{trk}} \geq 3$  for  $S_0$

More isotropic event configurations in PHSD compared to hydro  
 ➤ only partially due to different charged particle multiplicity

**PHSD**

**vs**

**HYDRO**

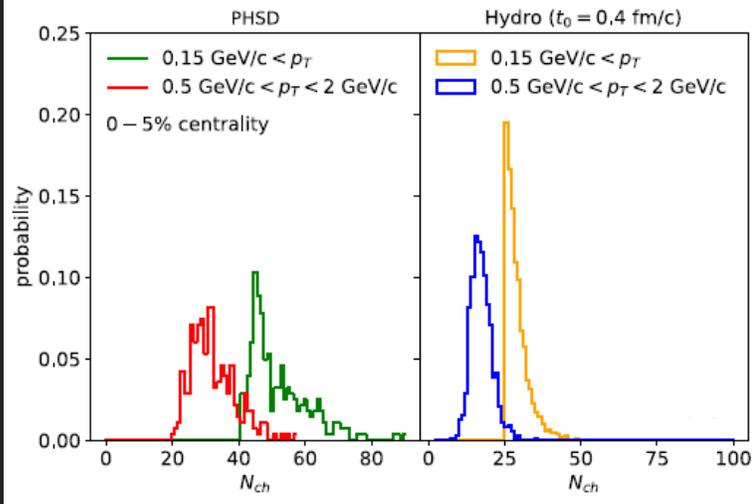
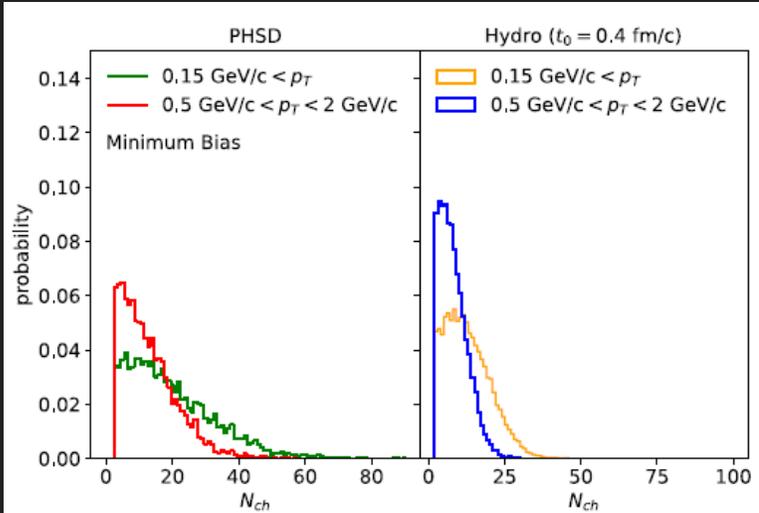
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initialization time

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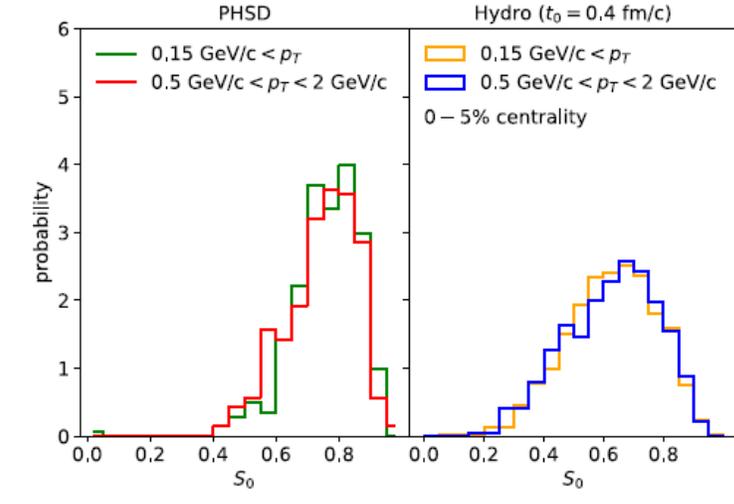
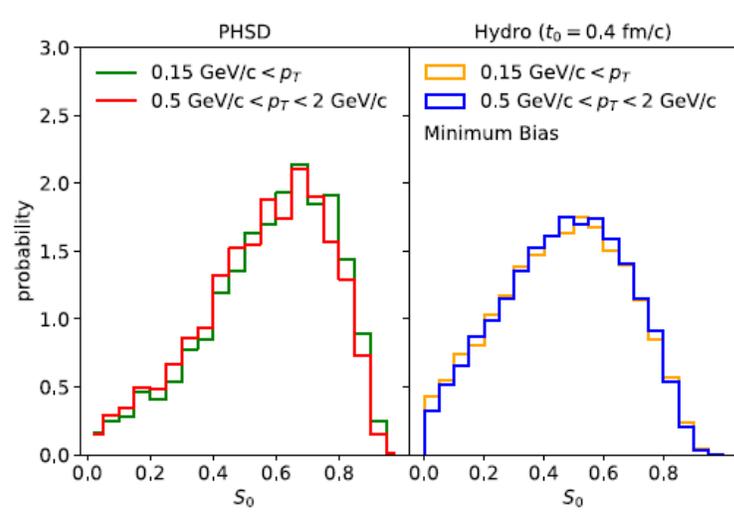
PHSD

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charged particle distribution

transverse spherocity distribution

applying different  $p_T$  cuts

in both PHSD and hydro

- event distribution in multiplicity **CHANGES**
- event distribution in spherocity **DOES NOT CHANGE**

➤ event topology connected to the different description of the medium produced in small colliding systems

➤ multi-differential measurements important tools to study medium properties in  $pA$

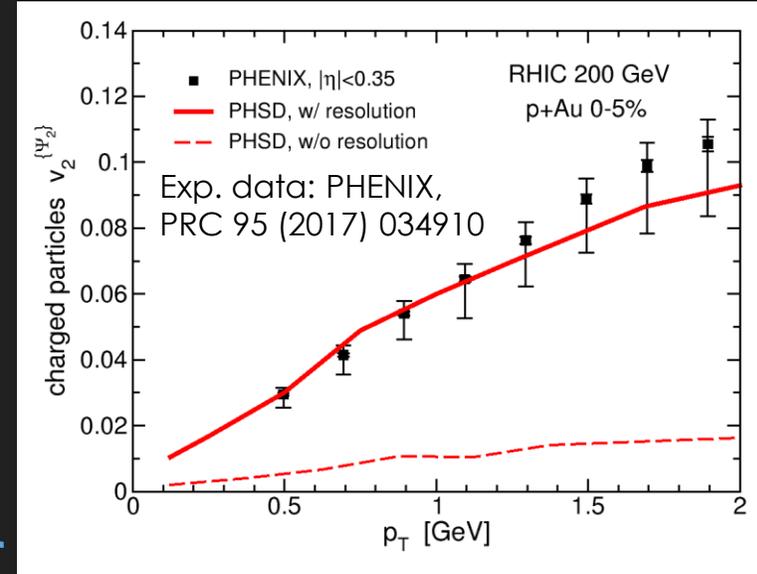
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$$v_2(p_T) = \frac{\langle \cos[2(\varphi(p_T) - \Psi_2)] \rangle}{Res(\Psi_2)}$$

Comparable  $v_2$  to that found in large colliding systems

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p+Au @ RHIC 200 GeV



charged particle elliptic flow

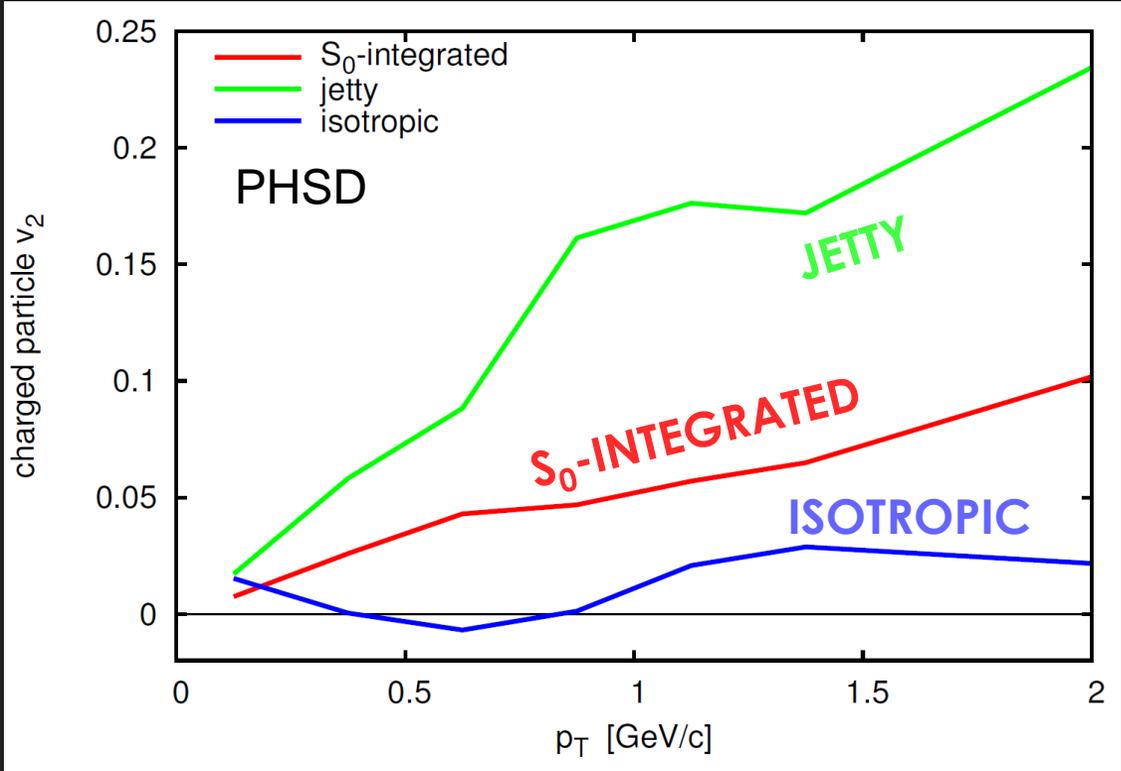
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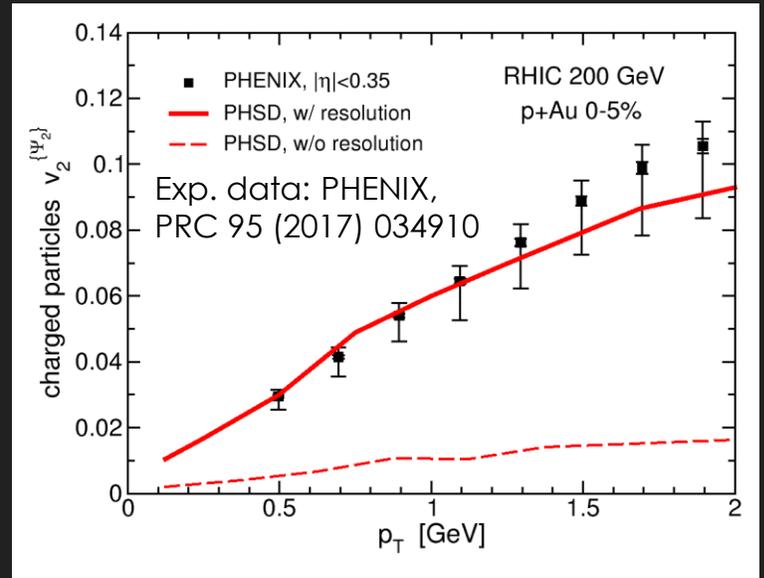
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**p+Pb @ LHC 5.02 TeV – 10% central**



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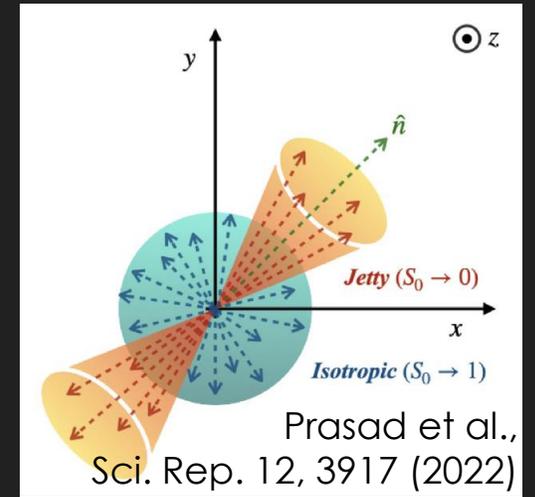


## charged particle elliptic flow

- isotropic events (high 20%  $S_0$ )  $\rightarrow v_2 \approx 0$
  - jetty events (low 20%  $S_0$ )  $\rightarrow$  predominant contribution to the  $v_2$  of **spherocity-integrated events**
- in agreement with AMPT results for Pb+Pb collisions  
N. Mallick et al., J. Phys. G 48, 045104 (2021)

# Non-trivial relation between event classifiers

S. Prasad et al., Sci. Rep. 12, 3917 (2022)



More central events  $\rightarrow$  more isotropic topologies

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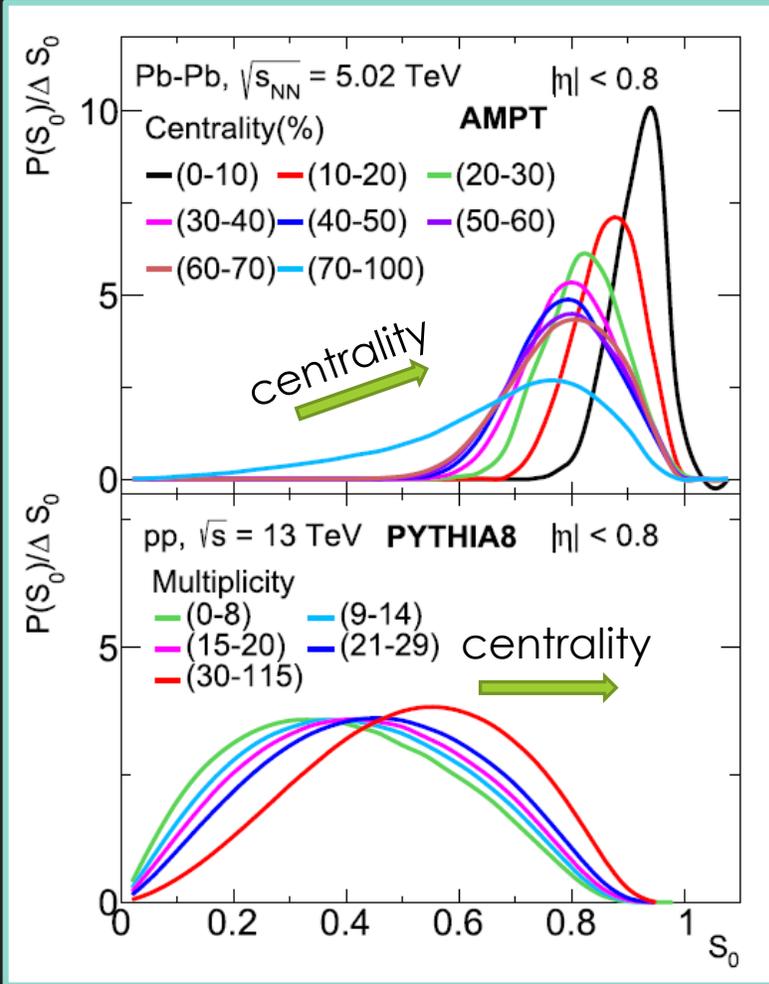
high-multiplicity collisions

in small systems where we expect a high  $v_2$

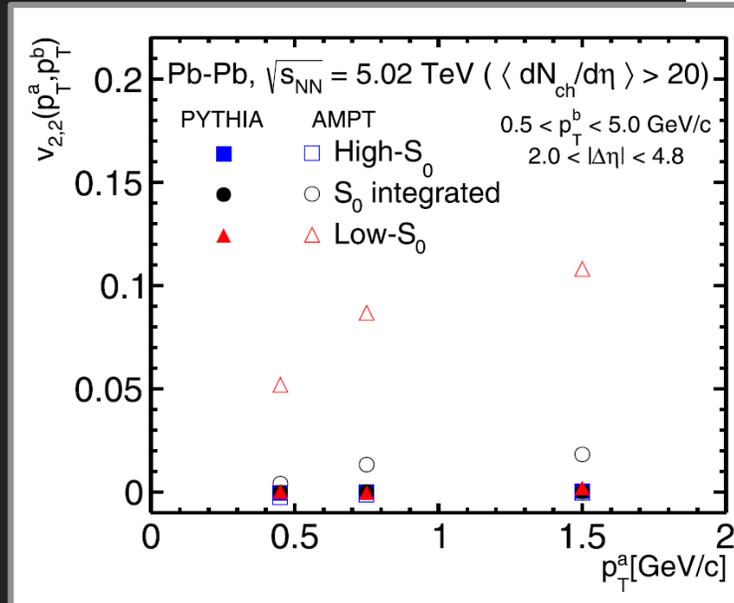
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higher  $v_2$  for jetty topologies  
in high-multiplicity events

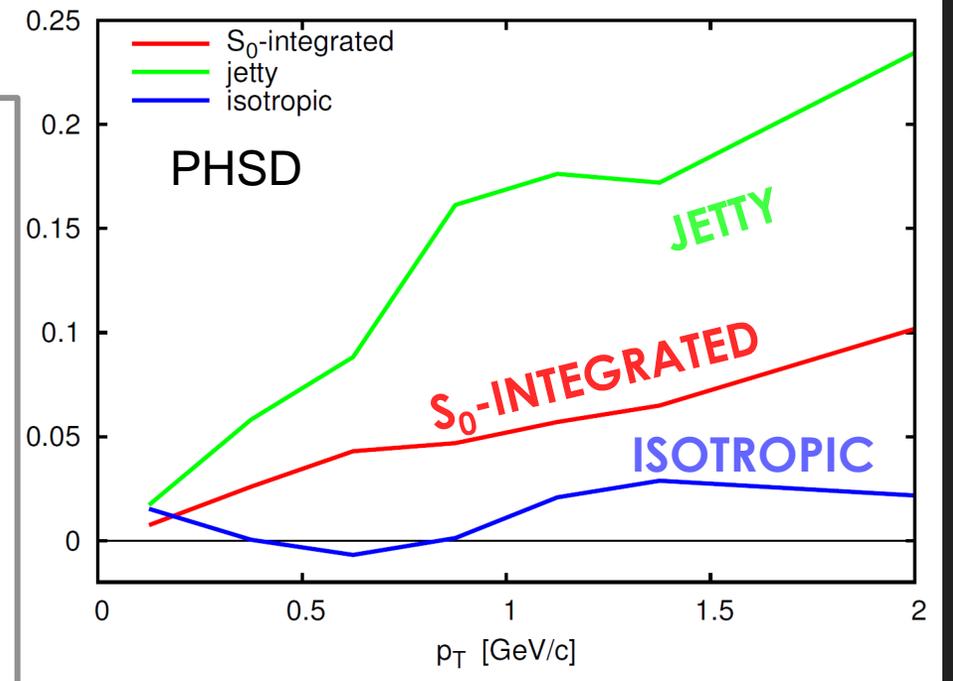
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transverse spherocity distribution



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charged particle elliptic flow

# Directed flow

The directed flow  $v_1$  is a collective sideways particle deflection

$$v_1(y) = \langle \cos[\varphi(y)] \rangle$$

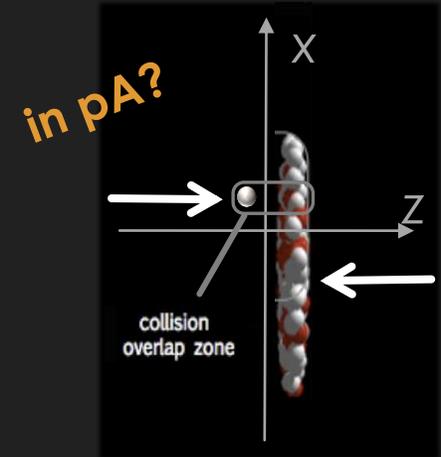
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L. Oliva, Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 255 (2020)

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Sources of  $v_1$  in heavy-ion collisions

- initial-state fluctuations
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- baryon transport to midrapidity
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# Directed flow in pA collisions: pions

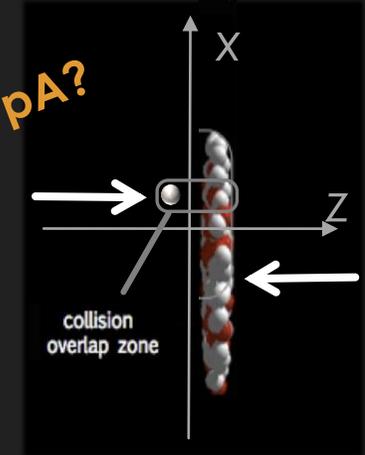
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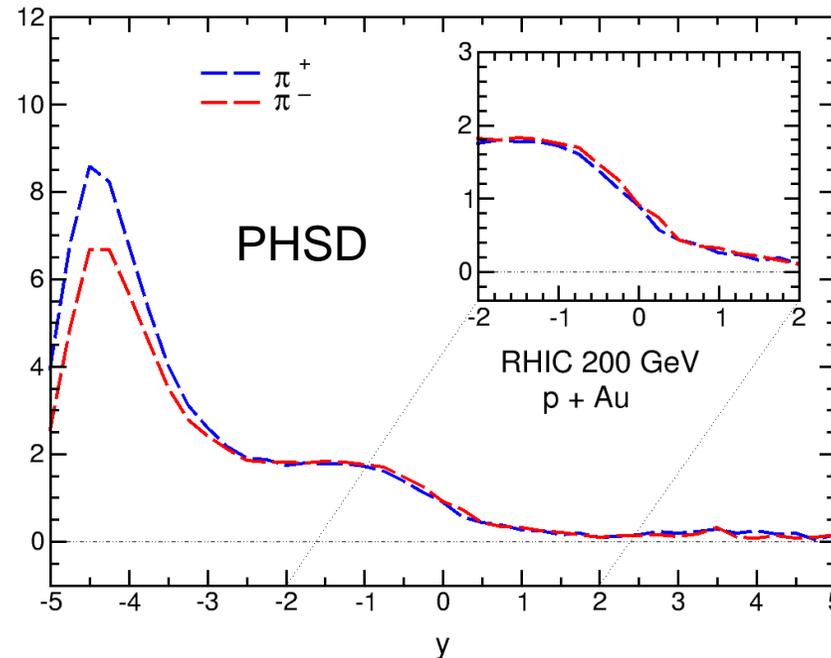
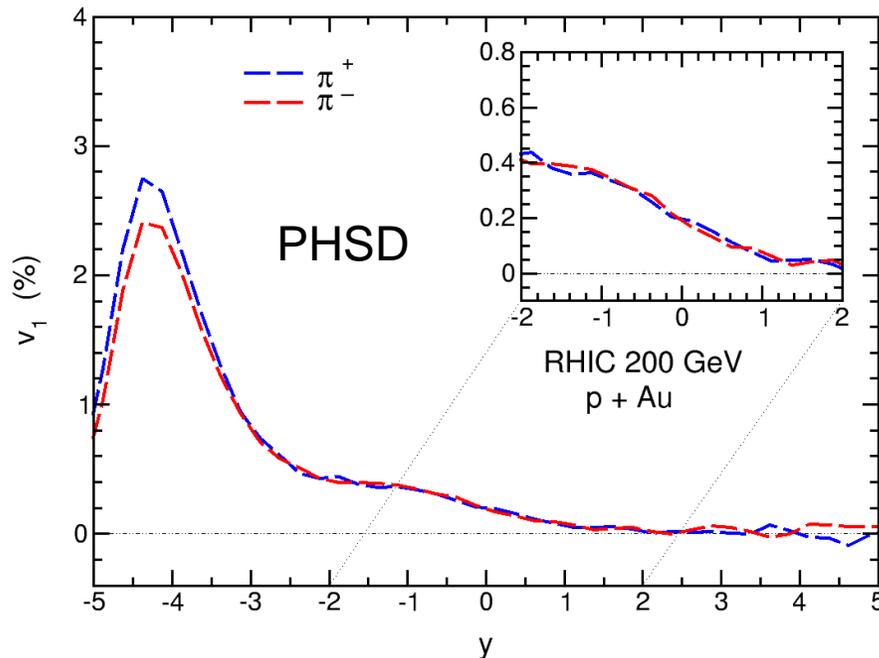
in pA?



$b = 2 \text{ fm}$

p+Au @ RHIC 200 GeV

$b = 6 \text{ fm}$



rapidity dependence of the directed flow of pions

WITHOUT EMF

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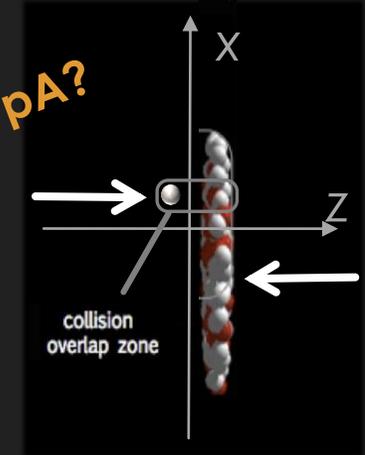
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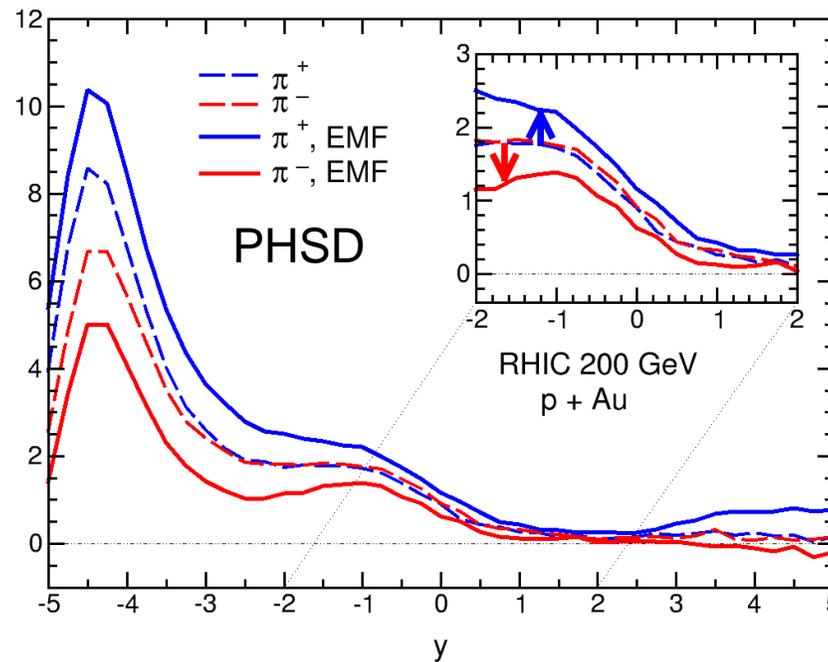
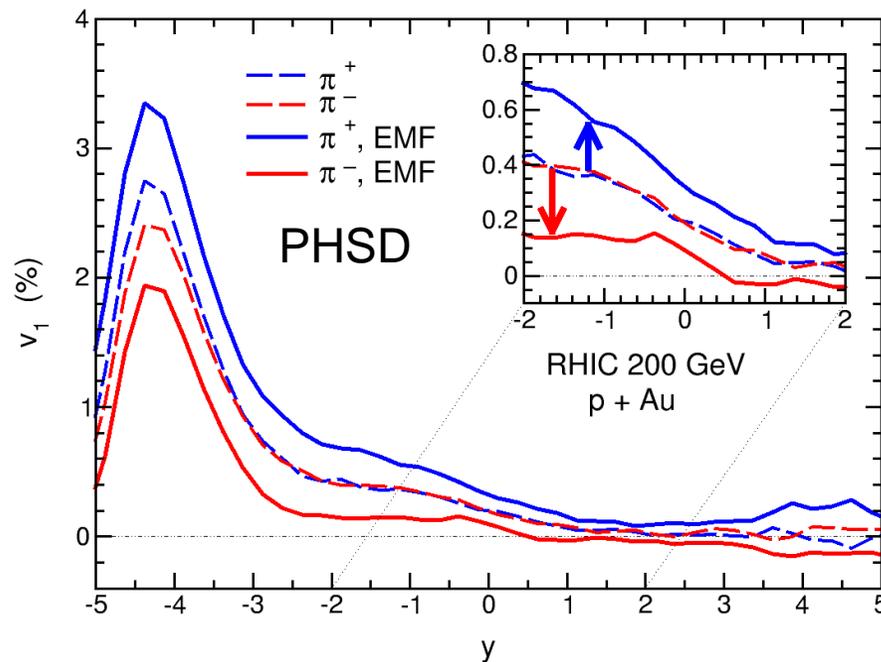
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splitting of  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  induced by the electromagnetic field

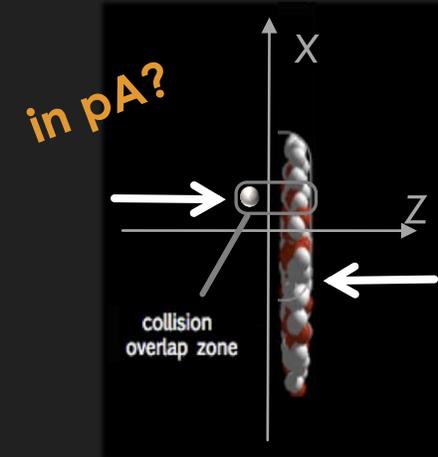
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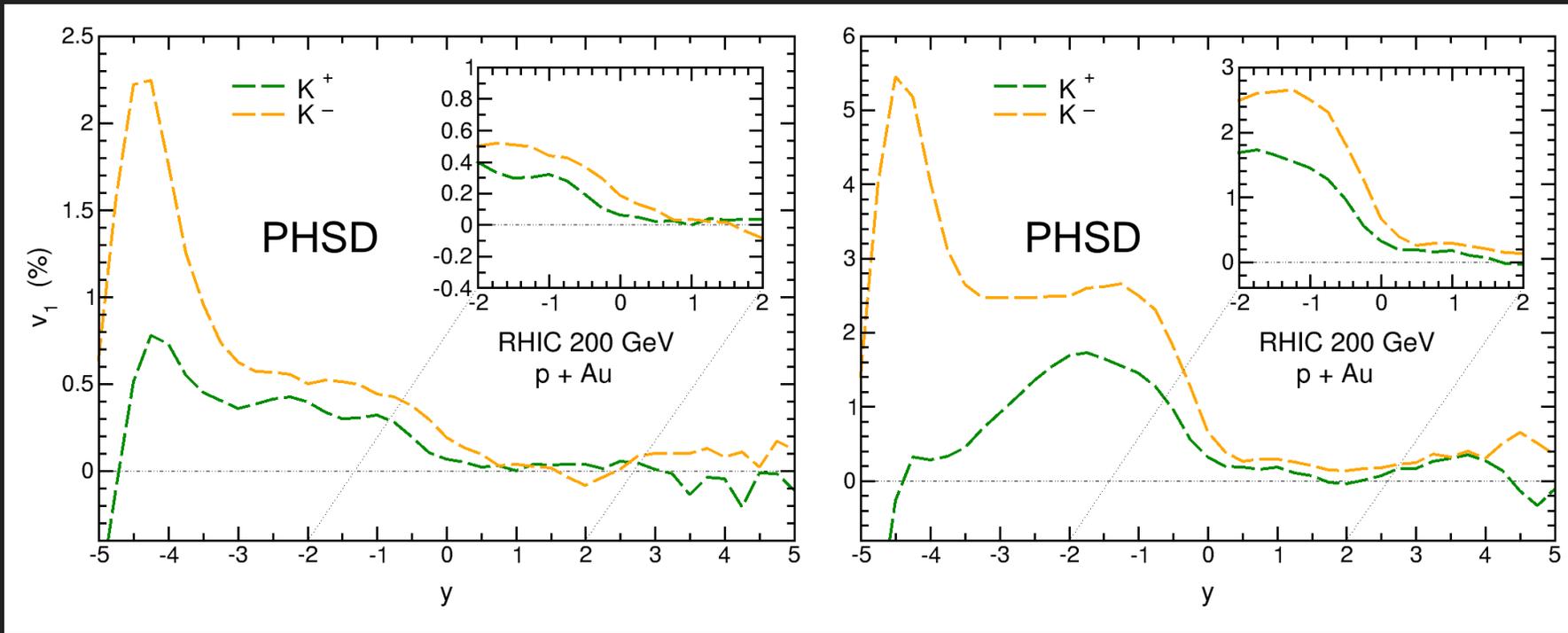
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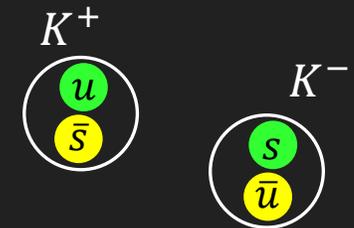
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rapidity dependence of the directed flow of kaons

WITHOUT EMF

splitting of  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  induced by baryon transport to midrapidity



# Directed flow in pA collisions: kaons

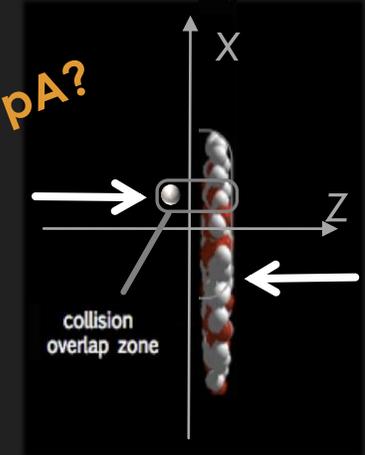
The directed flow  $v_1$  is a collective sideways particle deflection

$$v_1(y) = \langle \cos[\varphi(y)] \rangle$$

Sources of  $v_1$  in heavy-ion collisions

- initial-state fluctuations
- orbital angular momentum
- baryon transport to midrapidity
- electromagnetic fields (EMF)

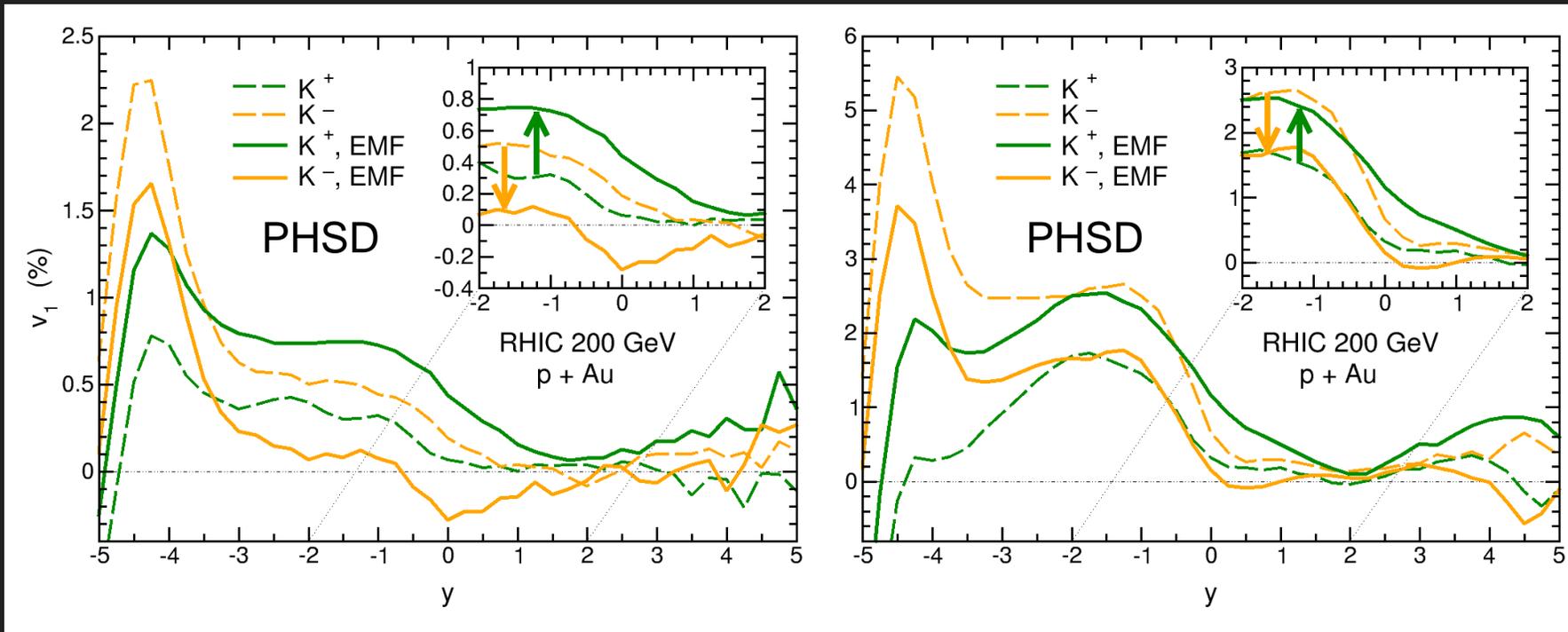
in pA?



$b = 2 \text{ fm}$

$p+Au @ \text{RHIC } 200 \text{ GeV}$

$b = 6 \text{ fm}$



rapidity dependence of the directed flow of kaons

WITH EMF

splitting of  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  induced by the electromagnetic fields dominates

# Directed flow in pA collisions: high multiplicity events

The directed flow  $v_1$  is a collective sideways particle deflection

event-plane angle

$$v_1(y) = \frac{\langle \cos[\varphi(y) - \Psi_1] \rangle}{Res(\Psi_1)}$$

event-plane angle resolution

**rapidity dependence of the directed flow of pions and kaons**

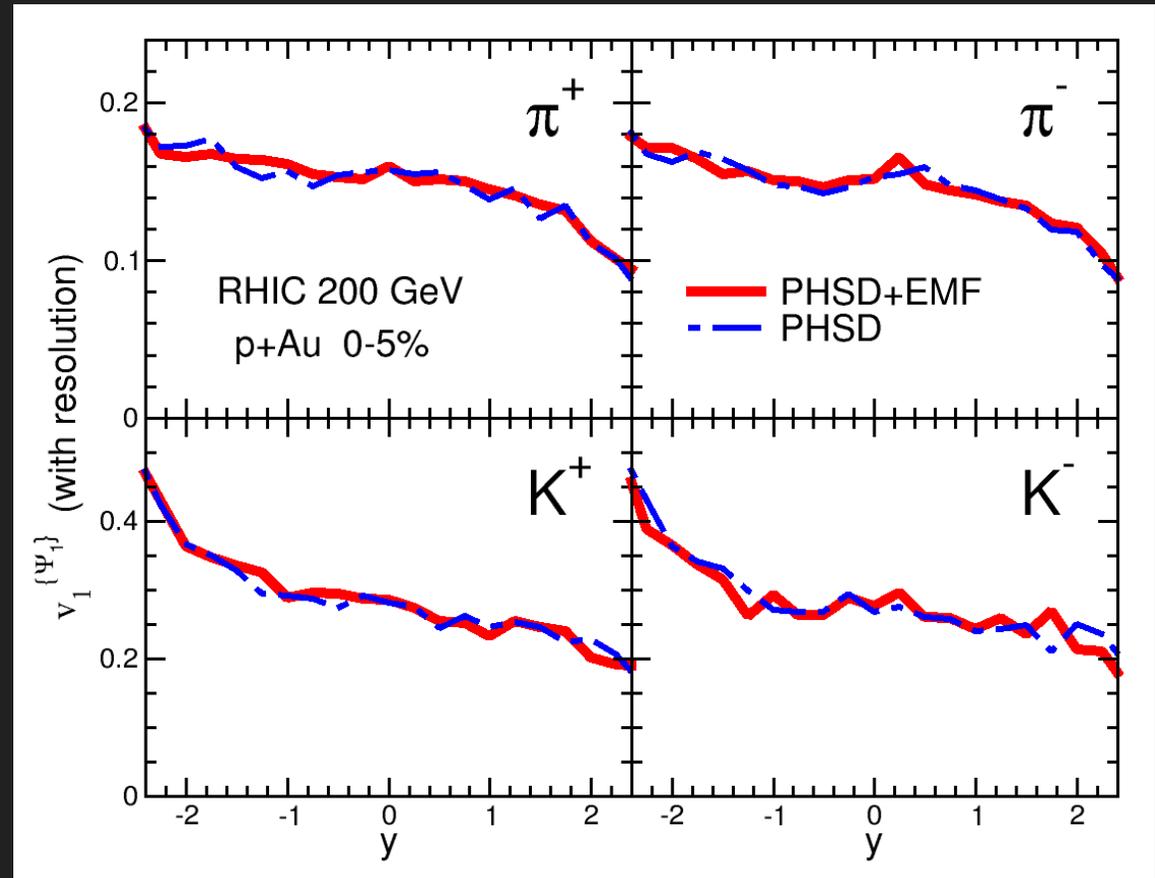
**5% central collisions**

no visible changes with and without EMF

**How to EXPERIMENTALLY observe the SPLITTING IN THE DIRECTED FLOW of positively and negatively ch. particles IN PROTON-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS?**



**p+Au @ RHIC 200 GeV – 0-5% central**



# Conclusions

Study of **nonequilibrium effects** and **transverse spherocity** in  $p+Pb$  collisions at LHC energy by comparing the microscopic **transport** approach **PHSD** and the 2+1D viscous **hydro** model **VISHNew**

- hydrodynamics dissolves more efficiently than PHSD the initial hot spots; in PHSD the nonequilibrium dynamics preserves the medium irregularities during the whole evolution
- The initially very large bulk viscous pressure  $\Pi$  experiences a power-law decay in PHSD remaining nonzero during the QGP lifetime; in hydro it approaches quickly zero
- In  $pA$  collisions both  $e$  and  $\Pi$  keep also in hydro a high degree of inhomogeneity due to the smaller space-time size of the produced medium compared to heavy-ion reactions
- Transverse spherocity is an event-shape observable that separates jetty and isotropic topologies
- The PHSD dynamics favors more isotropic event configurations compared to hydro

Study of **collective flow coefficients** with **PHSD**

- ❑ Preliminary analysis on the elliptic flow  $v_2$  by applying multiplicity + spherocity event selection: in high-multiplicity class, jetty events contribute predominantly to  $v_2$  while isotropic events have  $v_2 \simeq 0$ .
- ❑ The splitting in the directed flow  $v_1$  of positively and negatively charged hadrons is connected to the baryon transport to midrapidity and electromagnetic fields. How to observe it in  $pA$  collisions?



# Coarse-graining the PHSD medium

Study the nonequilibrium dynamics in the hot medium evolution of the transport and hydrodynamic approaches

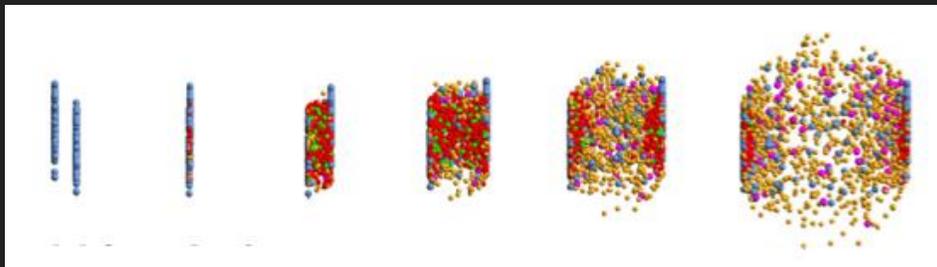
- start with the same initial conditions in order to reduce the impact of the early pre-equilibrium stage
- characterize the medium with similar equation of state and shear viscosity over entropy density ratio

Y. Xu et al. (PHSD-Duke groups), Phys. Rev. C 96, 024902 (2017)

T. Song et al. (PHSD-Duke-Nantes groups), Phys. Rev. C 101, 044903 (2020)

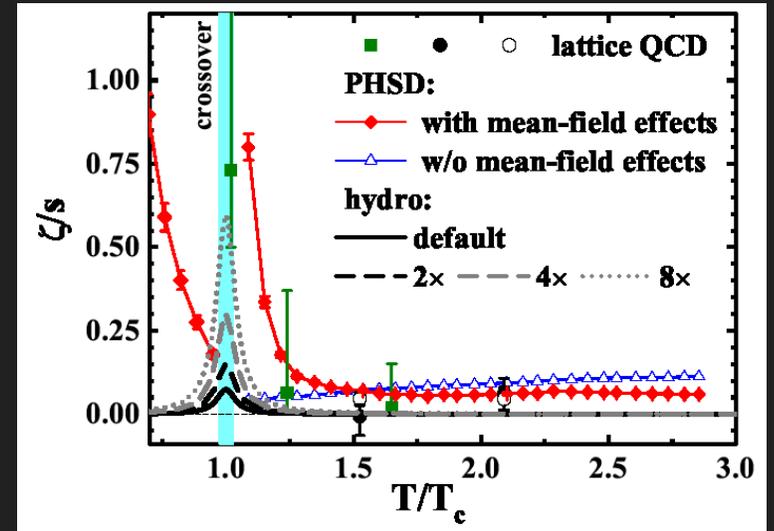
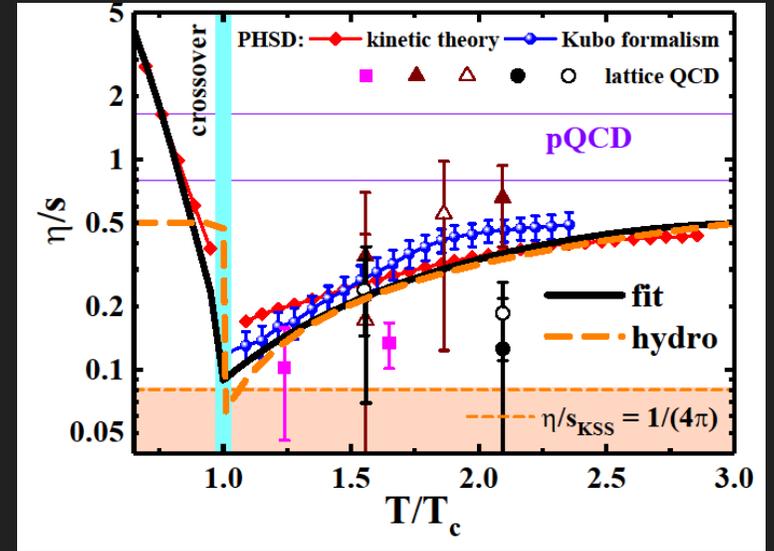
L. Oliva et al. (PHSD-Duke groups), Phys. Rev. C 106, 044910 (2022)

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8  $t$  [fm/c]

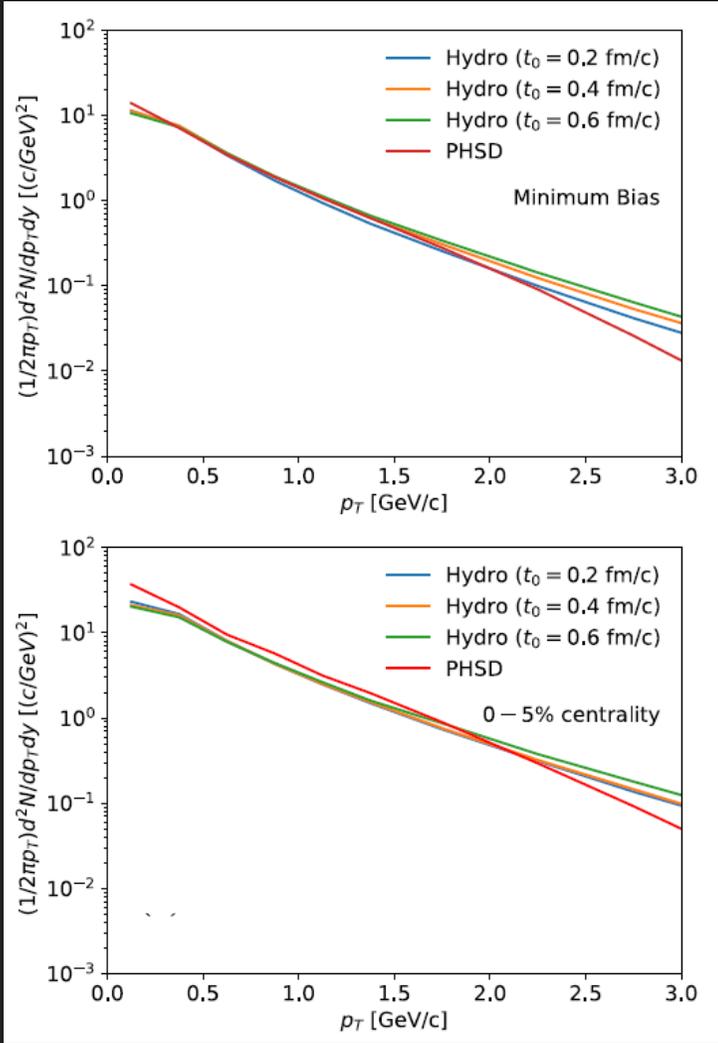


Initialization time for hydro?

Specific viscosities in the two models  
 $\eta/s(T)$ : the hydro code uses a parametrization obtained from PHSD  
 $\zeta/s(T)$ : much smaller in the hydro code than in PHSD simulations



# Multiplicity: PHSD vs hydrodynamics

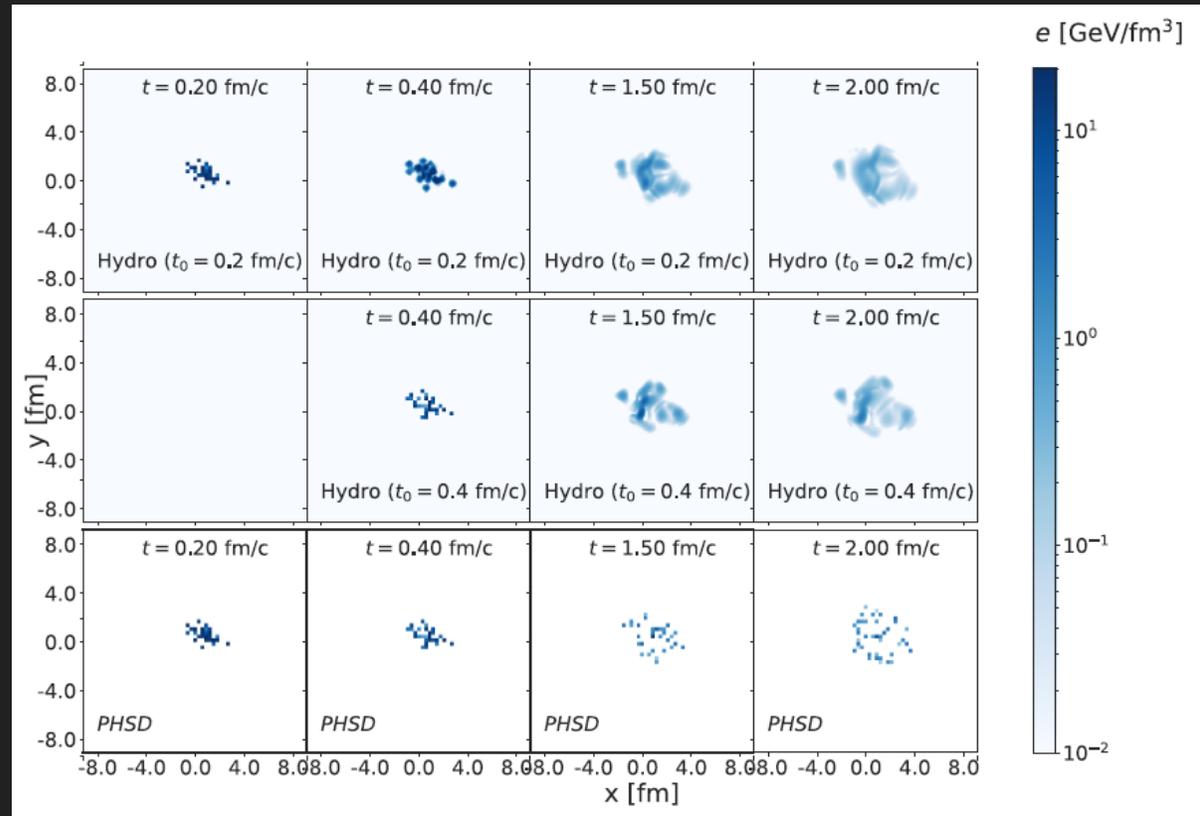


charged particle  $p_T$ -spectrum

transverse momentum spectra of charged particles at midrapidity

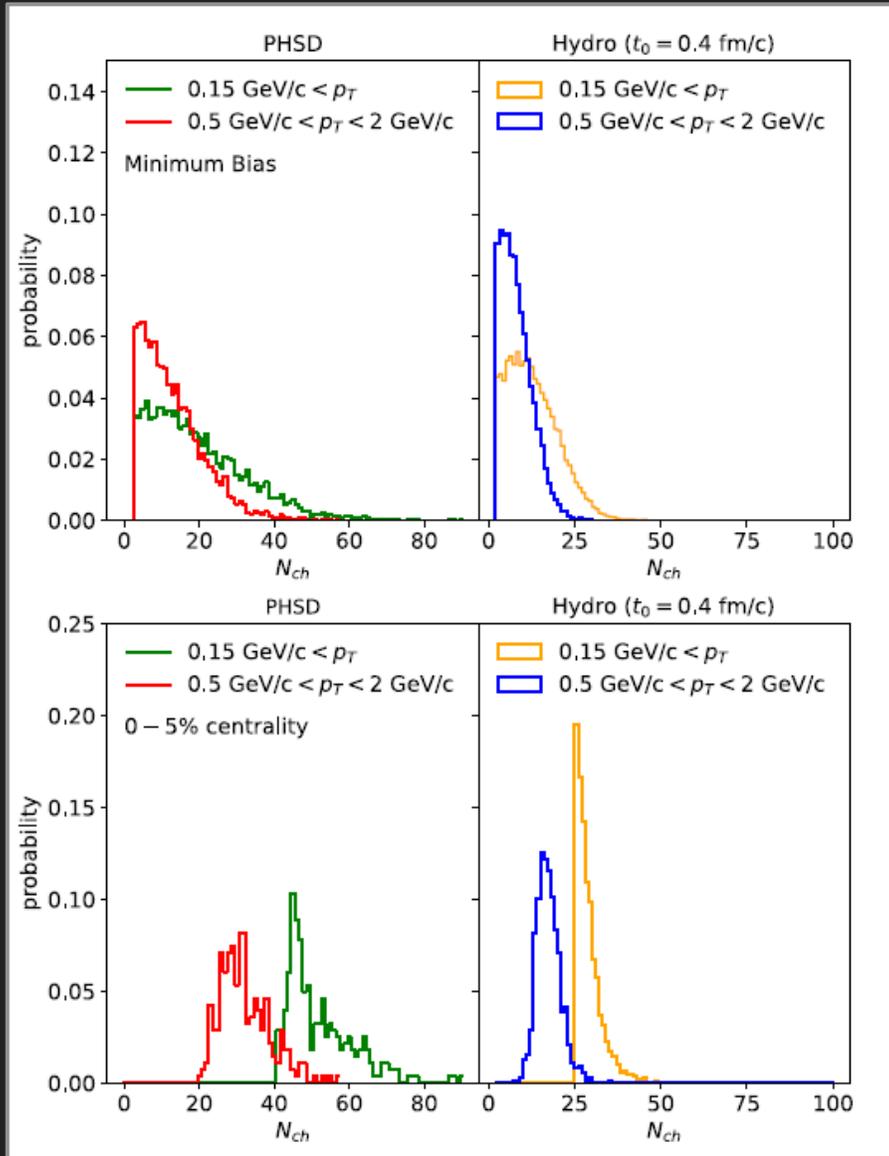
- ✓ PHSD and hydro agree fairly well for  $0.5 < p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- ✓ mild dependence of hydro results on the initialization time: connection of more pronounced hot spots to harder spectra

B. Schenke, P. Tribedy and R. Venugolapan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 252301 (2012)



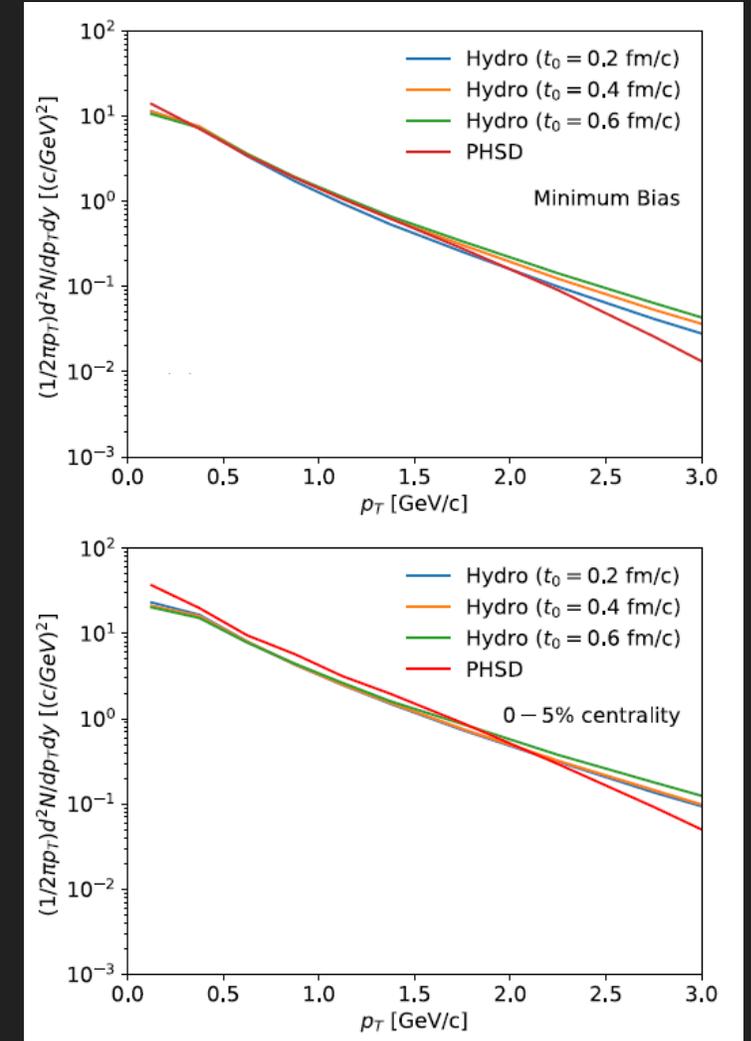
energy density

# Multiplicity: PHSD vs hydrodynamics



## charged particle distribution

in both PHSD and hydro event distribution in multiplicity **CHANGES** applying different  $p_T$  cuts

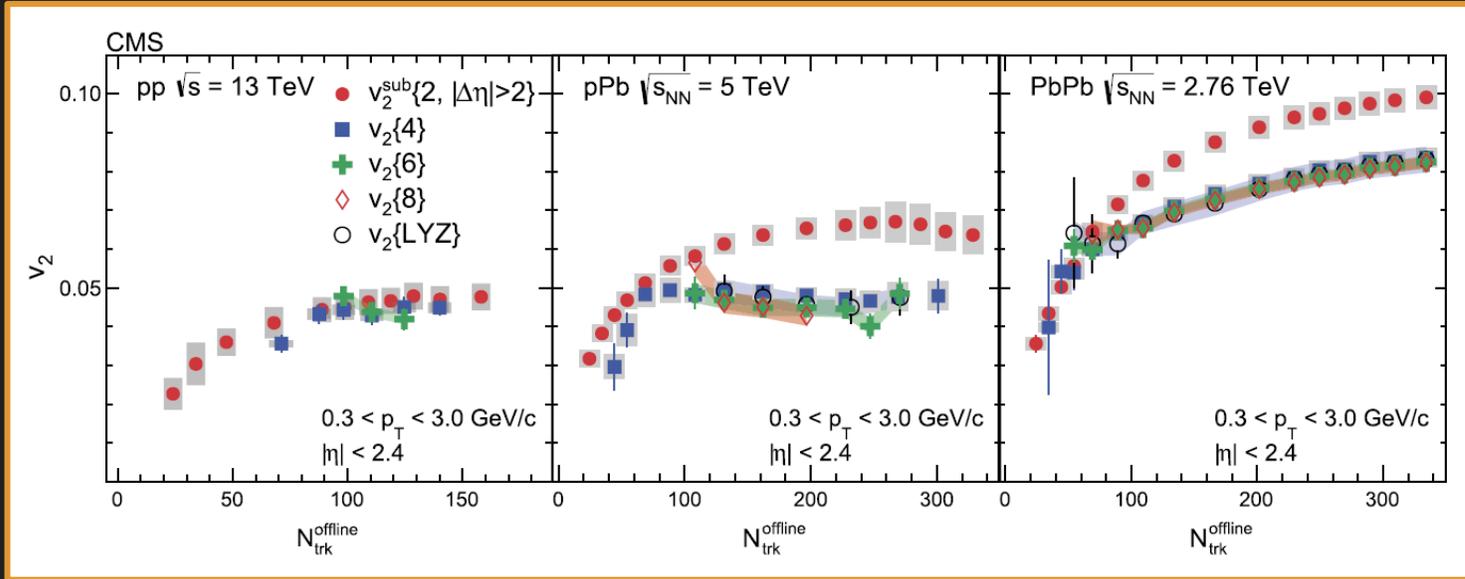


## charged particle $p_T$ -spectrum

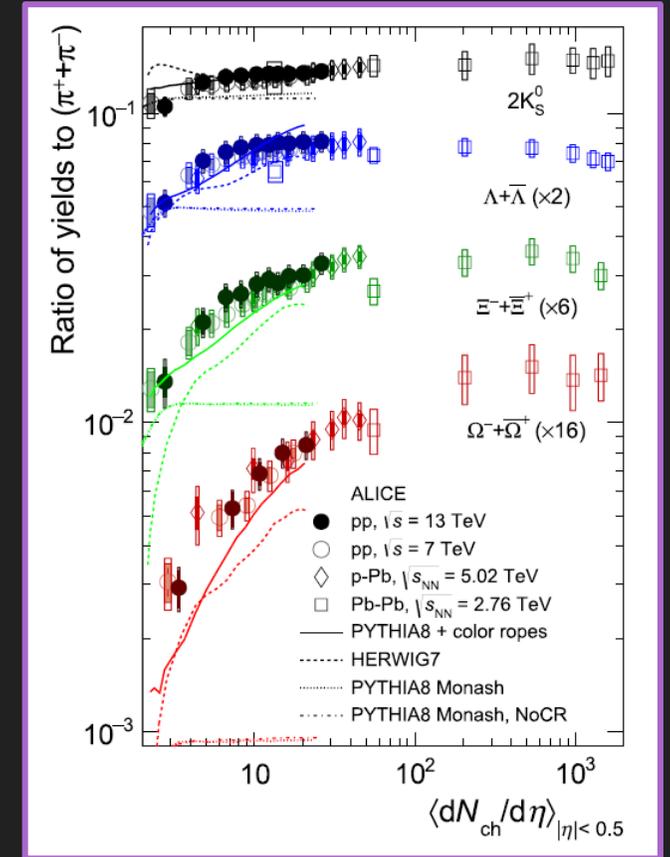
# QGP signals in small systems

Experimental evidence of collective-like behaviour  
in high-multiplicity  $pp$  and  $pA$  collisions

long-range correlations, elliptic flow, strangeness enhancement



CMS Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B 765, 193 (2017)



ALICE Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 693 (2020)

Theoretically explainable with the formation of QGP

J. Nagle and W. Zajc, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 68, 211 (2018)

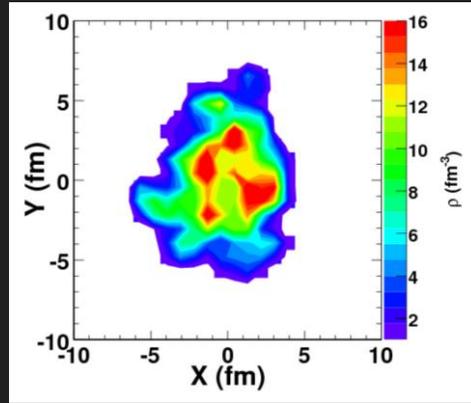
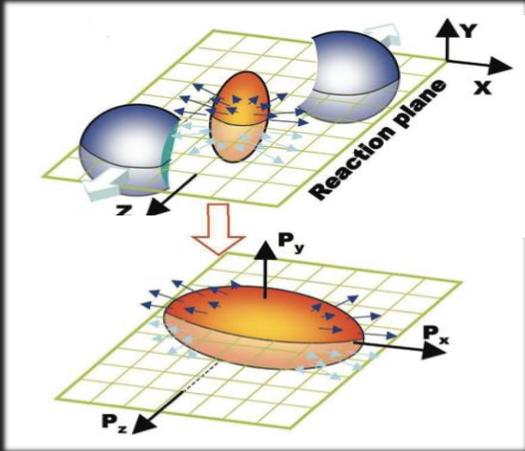
difficulty to well identify QGP signals in small systems

→ attempts to study observables through novel **multi-differential methods**

→ **event-shape engineering**

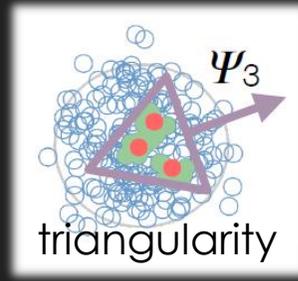
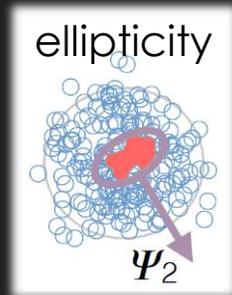
# Anisotropic radial flow $v_n$

**Quark-Gluon Plasma:** hydrodynamical behavior with very low specific viscosity  $\eta/s$  and formation of collective flows

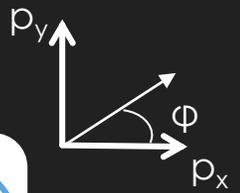


S. Plumari *et al.*,  
Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015) 054902

heavy-ion collisions:  
not a simple **almond shape** but a “**lumpy**” profile  
due to fluctuations of nucleon position in the  
overlap region



azimuthal particle distributions  
w.r.t. the reaction plane



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_n(p_T) \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$

flow coefficients

event-plane angle

$$v_n = \frac{\langle \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_n)}$$

event-plane angle resolution  
(three-subevent method)  
important especially for small  
colliding system, e.g. p+A

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \text{atan2}(Q_n^y, Q_n^x)$$

$$Q_n^x = \sum_i \cos[n\phi_i]$$

$$Q_n^y = \sum_i \sin[n\phi_i]$$

Since the finite number of particles produces  
limited resolution in the determination of  $\Psi_n$ ,  
the  $v_n$  must be corrected up to what they  
would be relative to the real reaction plane

A. Poskanzer and S. Voloshin, Phys. Rev. C 58, 1671 (1998)

# Generalized Transport Equations (GTE)

After the first order gradient expansion of the Wigner transformed Kadanoff-Baym equations and separation into the real and imaginary parts one obtains GTE which describes the dynamics of broad strongly interacting quantum states

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{drift term} \quad \text{Vlasov term} \quad \text{backflow term} \quad \text{collision term = 'gain' - 'loss' term} \\
 \diamond \{ P^2 - M_0^2 - \text{Re}\Sigma_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} \{ S_{XP}^< \} - \diamond \{ \Sigma_{XP}^< \} \{ \text{Re}S_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} = \frac{i}{2} [ \Sigma_{XP}^> S_{XP}^< - \Sigma_{XP}^< S_{XP}^> ]
 \end{array}$$

$$\diamond \{ F_1 \} \{ F_2 \} := \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P^\mu} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial P_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial X^\mu} \right)$$

off-shell behavior

GTE govern the propagation of the Green functions

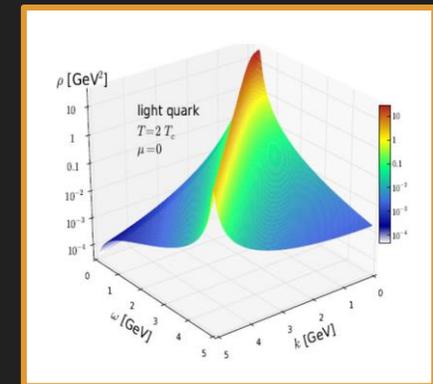
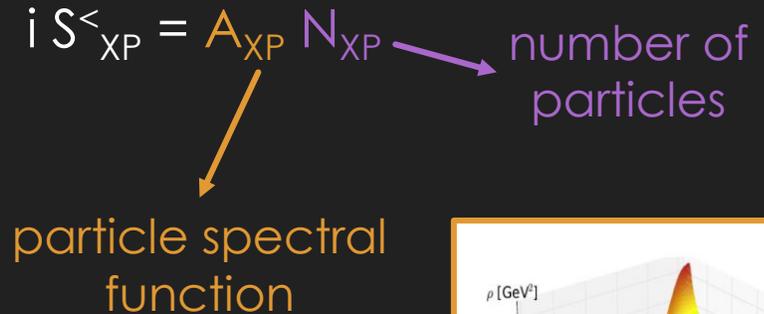
Dressed propagators ( $S_q, \Delta_g$ )

$$S = (P^2 - \Sigma^2)^{-1}$$

with complex self-energies ( $\Sigma_q, \Pi_g$ ):

$$\Sigma = m^2 - i2\gamma\omega$$

- ❖ the real part describes a dynamically generated mass ( $m_q, m_g$ )
- ❖ the imaginary part describes the interaction width ( $\gamma_q, \gamma_g$ )



# EMF in transport approaches

In a kinetic framework the transport equations should be coupled to the Maxwell equations for describing the EMF produced in HICs and their effect on final observables

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \left( \frac{\mathbf{p}}{p_0} + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} U \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} + (-\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} U + e\mathbf{E} + e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \right\} f = C[f]$$

Lorentz force

TRANSPORT  
EQUATIONS

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi\rho \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j}$$

charge distribution

electric current

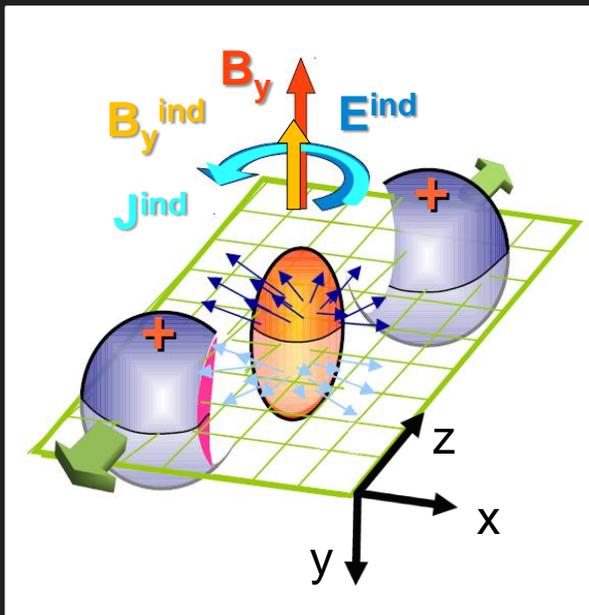
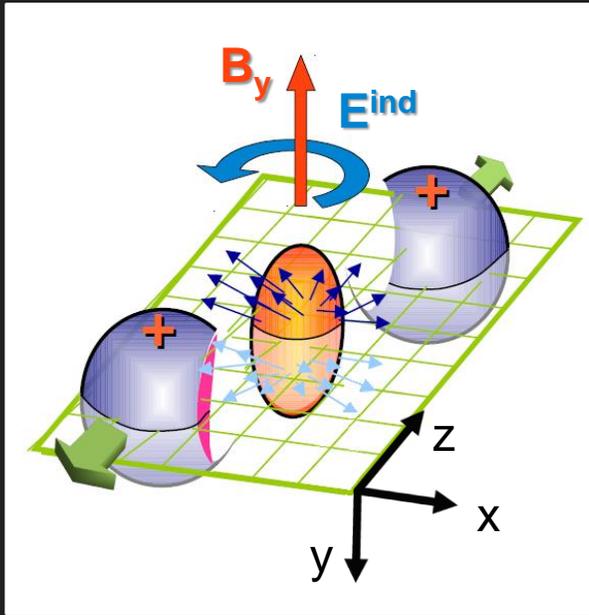
MAXWELL  
EQUATIONS

For a complete description

- ❖ nontrivial electromagnetic response of the QGP (electromagnetic conductivity, chiral conductivity, ...)
- ❖ consistent solution of evolution equations for the many-particle system and the EMF



# Electromagnetic fields in HICs

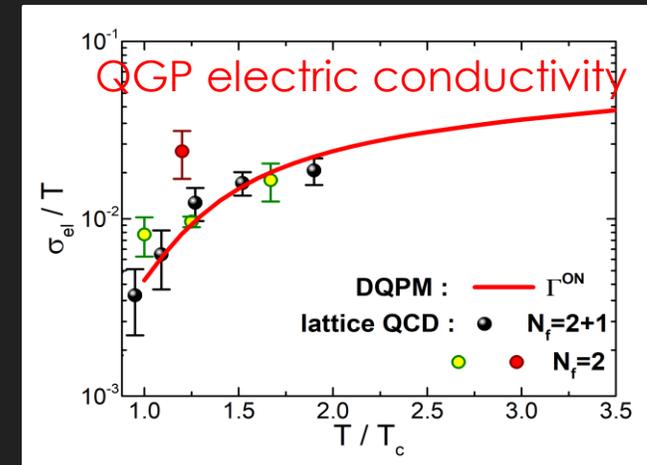


Huge **magnetic field** in the overlapping area of the collision

- in ultrarelativistic HICs  $eB \approx 5-50 m_\pi^2 \sim 10^{18}-10^{19} \text{ G}$
- dominated by the y component
- mainly produced by spectators protons
- intense electric field generated by Faraday induction

Theoretical calculations indicates that QGP is a good electric conductor  
Ohm's law

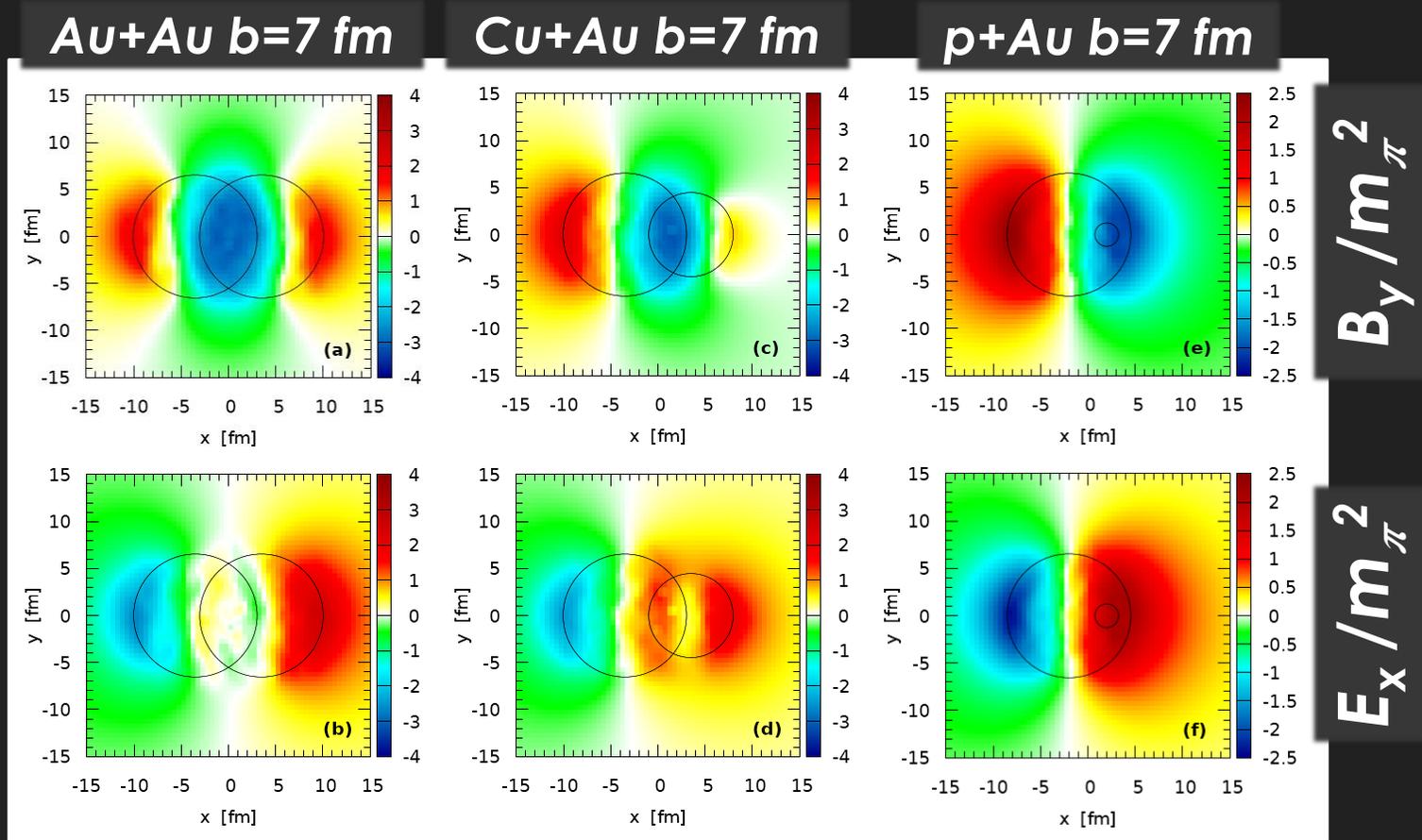
$$J = \sigma_{el} E$$



Soloveva, Moreau and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 045203 (2020)

Charged currents are induced in the QGP by the Faraday electric field that in turn generates a magnetic field pointing towards the initial one

# EMF from large to small systems



*initial transverse profiles  
at RHIC 200 GeV*



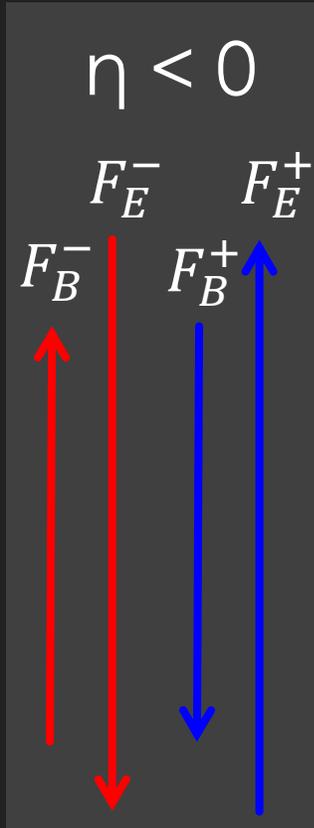
intense electric fields directed from the heavy nuclei to light one in the overlap region of asymmetric colliding systems due to the different number of protons in the two nuclei

Voronyuk, Toneev, Voloshin and Cassing, Phys. Rev. C 90, 064903 (2014)  
Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)

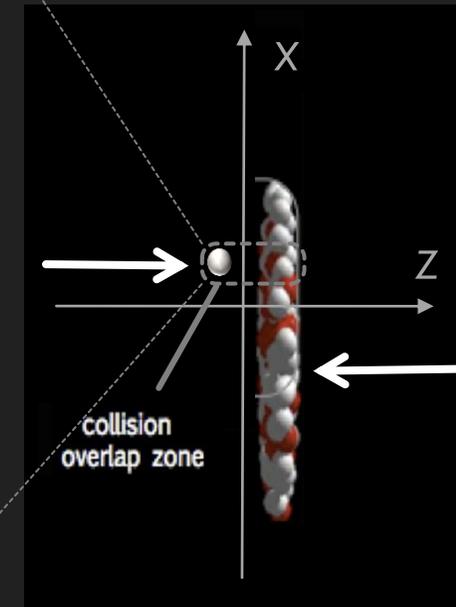
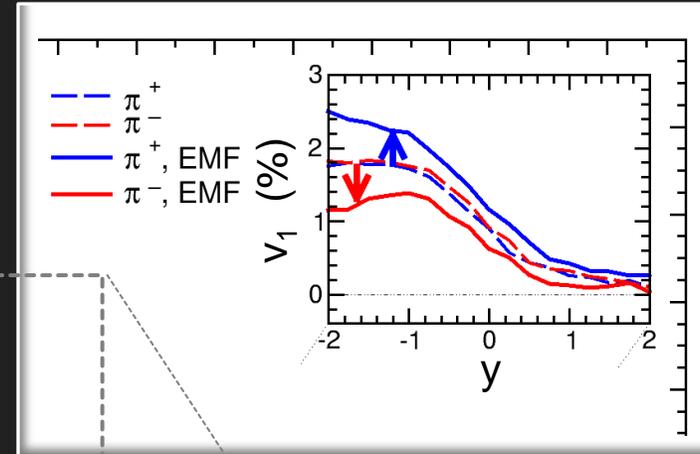
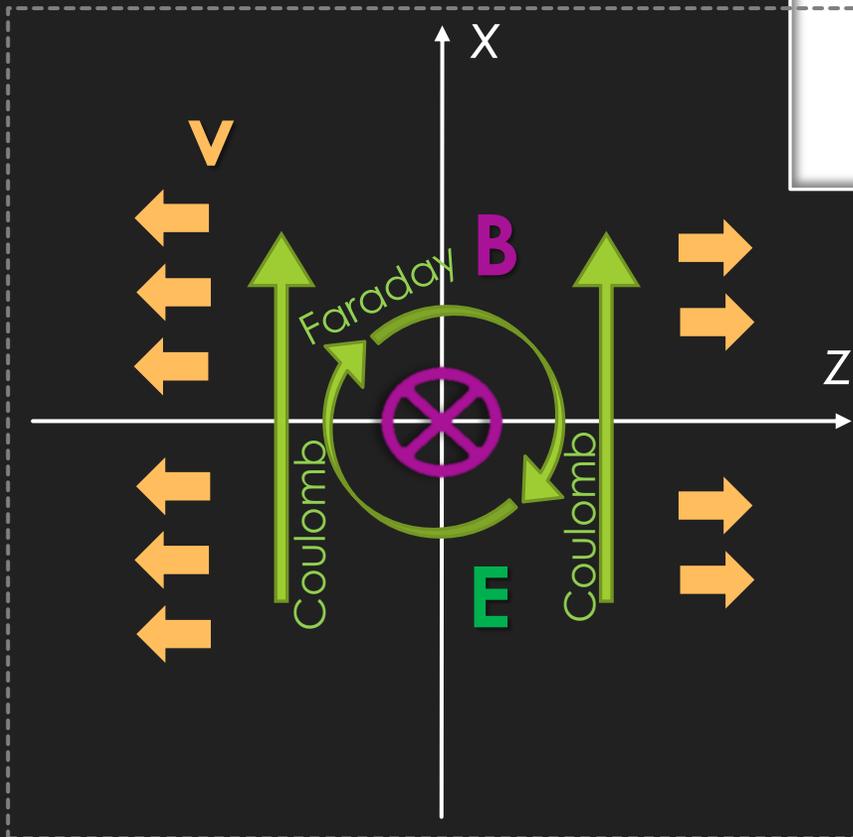
# Directed flow and electromagnetic fields

rapidity dependence of the **DIRECTED FLOW**  
 collective sideways deflection of particles

$$v_1 = \langle \cos\varphi \rangle = \langle p_x/p_T \rangle$$



$$\mathbf{F}_{Lorentz} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$



# Directed flow and baryon transport to midrapidity

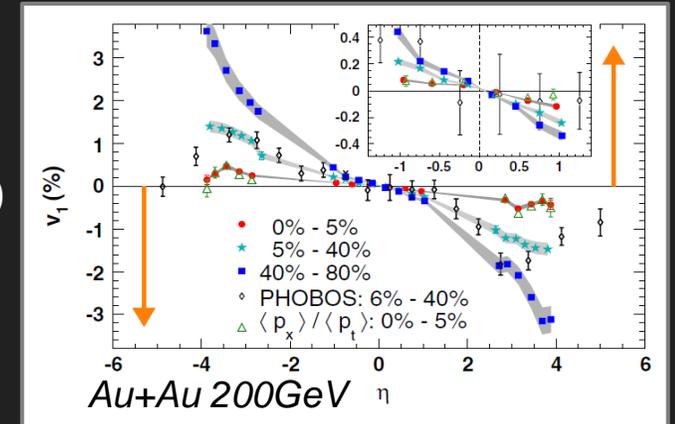
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different  $v_1$  in simulations without EMF

more contributions to  $K^+$  ( $\bar{s}u$ ) w.r.t.  $K^-$  ( $s\bar{u}$ ) from quarks of the initial colliding nuclei

STAR Coll., PRL 120 (2018) 062301

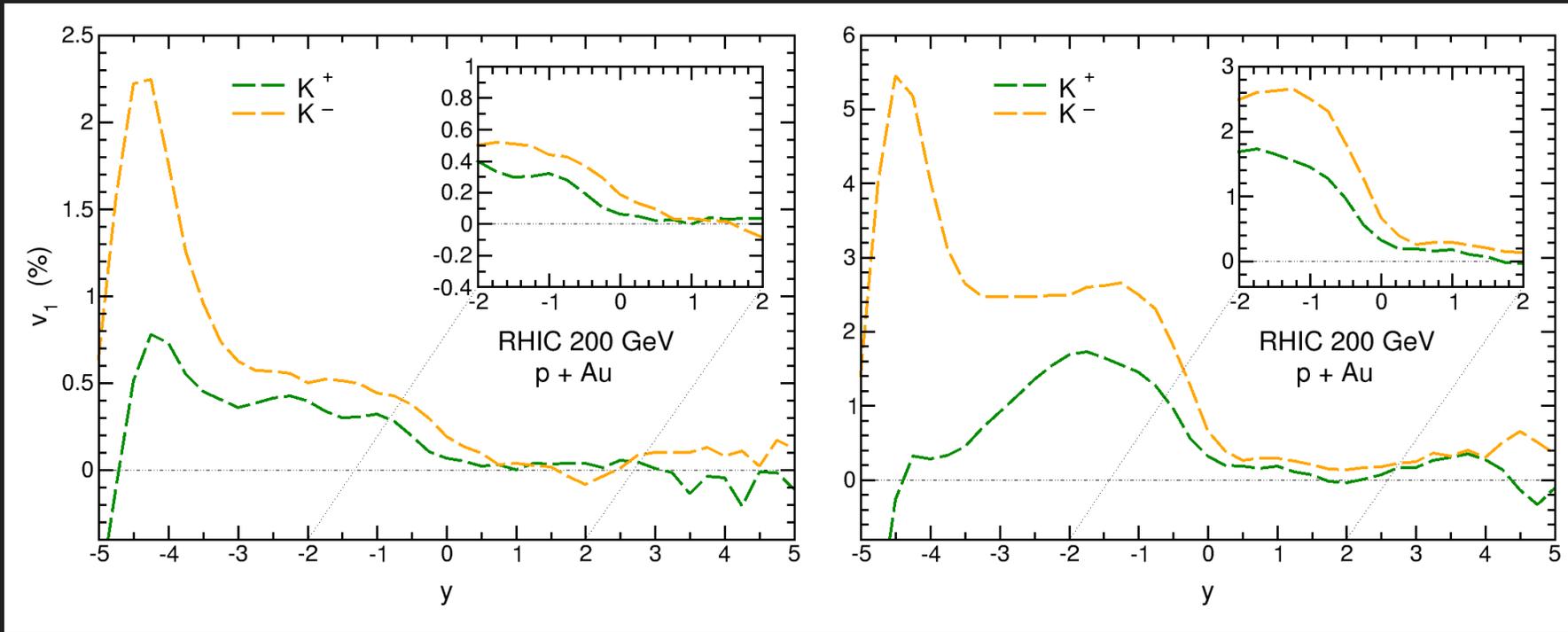


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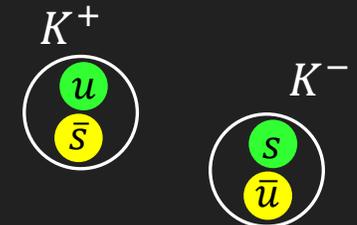
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rapidity dependence of the directed flow of kaons

WITHOUT EMF

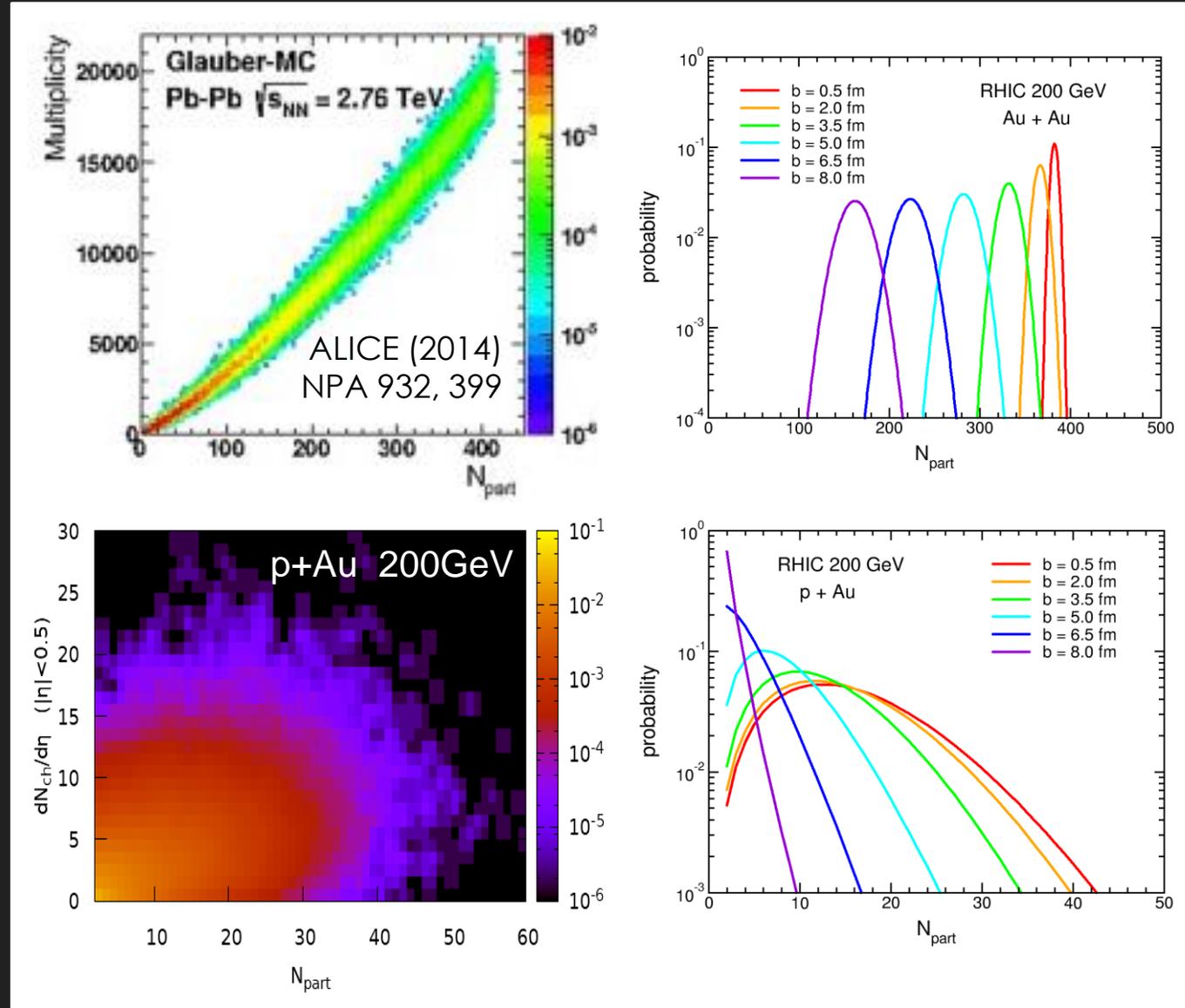
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# Centrality determination : A+A vs p+A

## A+A

centrality characterizes the amount of overlap in the interaction area



## p+A

multiplicity fluctuation mixes events from different impact parameters