

# Hydro, Heavy Ions, and Soft Pions

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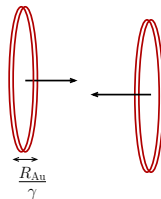
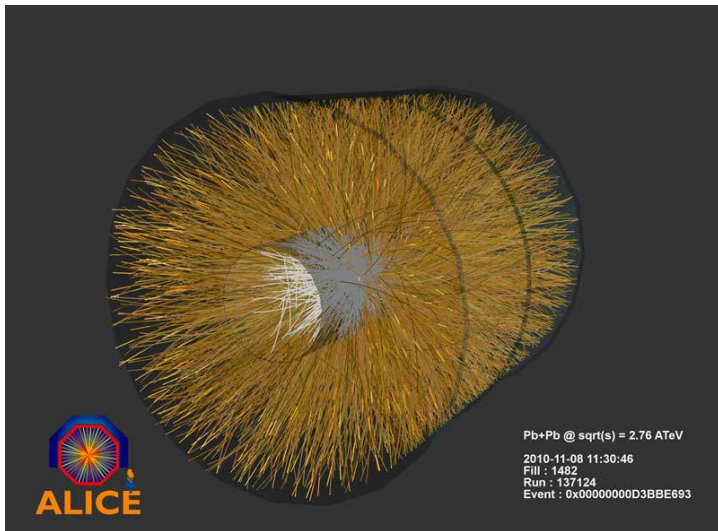


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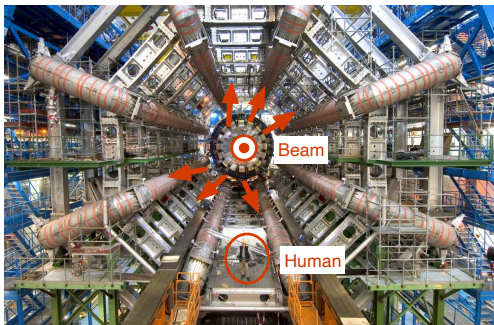
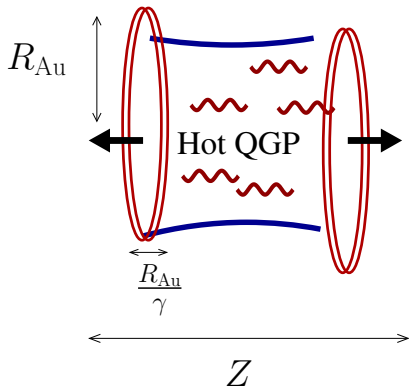
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# Colliding Nuclei and Creating Plasma of Quarks and Gluons (QGP)



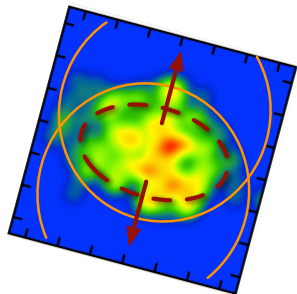
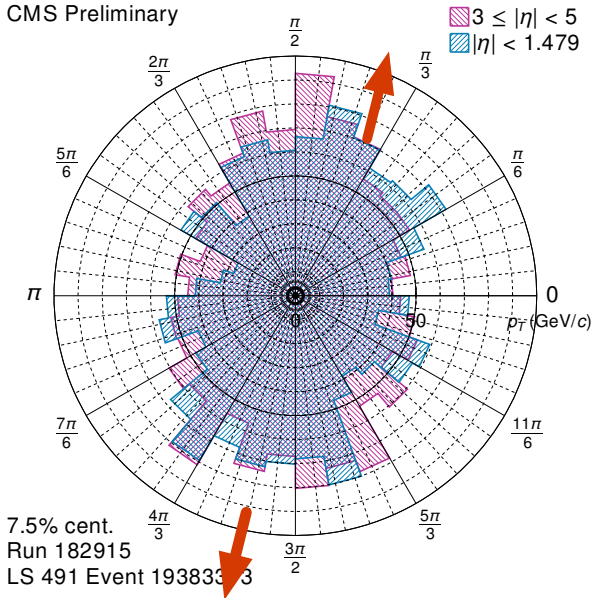
## The QGP is Born



The nuclei *pass through* each other leaving QGP expanding rapidly

# Measuring the hydrodynamics of the plasma

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$V_2$

# My path to Werner Israel: viscous hydro for elliptic flow

ANNALS OF PHYSICS **100**, 310–331 (1976)

## Nonstationary Irreversible Thermodynamics: A Causal Relativistic Theory\*

WERNER ISRAEL<sup>†</sup>

*California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125*

Received February 19, 1976

Remarkably modern discussion of hydro: equilibrium, frames, model...

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## From Black Holes to Hydrodynamics

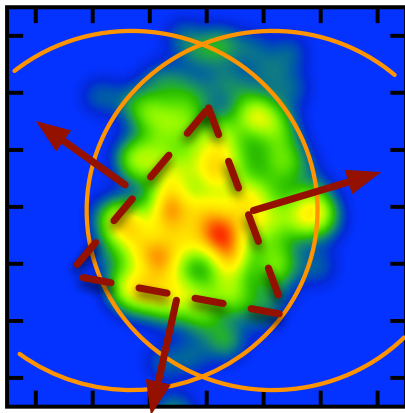
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## From Black Holes to Hydrodynamics

A symposium celebrating the 80th birthday of Werner Israel  
University of Victoria, April 26 & 27, 2011

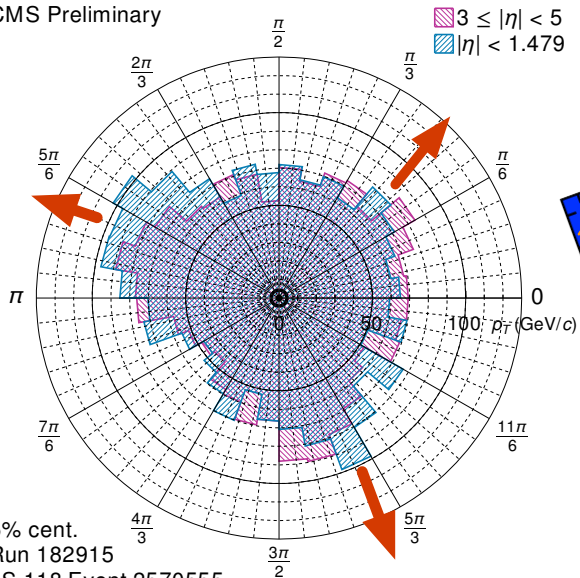


## Fluctuations: a mini revolution in heavy ions circa 2010-2011

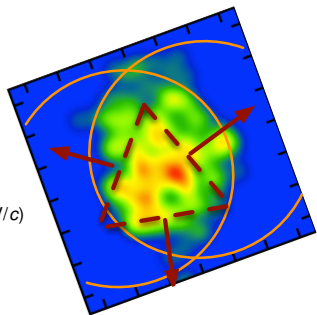


The hydrodynamics take the input white spectrum in coordinate space, and *filters it* to generate all harmonics,  $V_2, V_3, \dots$

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$V_3$



## Amazing Success: the “Standard” Hydro Model

1.  $V_1 \dots V_6, \langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle$
2. Momentum dependence  $V_n(p)$
3. Probabilities  $P(|V_n|^2)$  and non-gaussianity.
4. Covariances between harmonics:  $\langle V_2 V_3 V_5^* \rangle$  and  $\langle |V_2^2| \delta p_T^2 \rangle$
5. Full covariance matrix:  $\langle V_2(p_1) V_2^*(p_2) \rangle$

Uses the equation of state, fits viscosity, and solves:

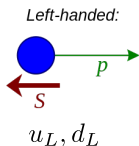
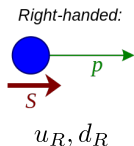
$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq \frac{(1 \leftrightarrow 3)}{4\pi} \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$

JETSCAPE, 2011.01430

But, we want more . . .

## QCD and Chiral Symmetry



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and ditto for right

QCD is (almost) symmetric between, left and right, and up and down:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{q=u,d} \bar{q}_L(i\not{D})q_L + \bar{q}_R(i\not{D})q_R - \underbrace{m_q(\bar{q}_L q_R + \bar{q}_R q_L)}_{\text{small}}$$

Then one would expect four approx. conservation laws,  $u_L, d_L, u_R, d_R$ :

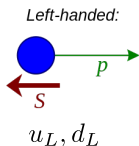
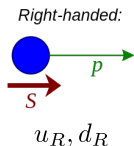
$$n_B : \quad (u_L + d_L) + (u_R + d_R)$$

Baryon number

$$n_{anom} : \quad (u_L - u_R) + (d_L - d_R)$$

Anomalous: not consv.

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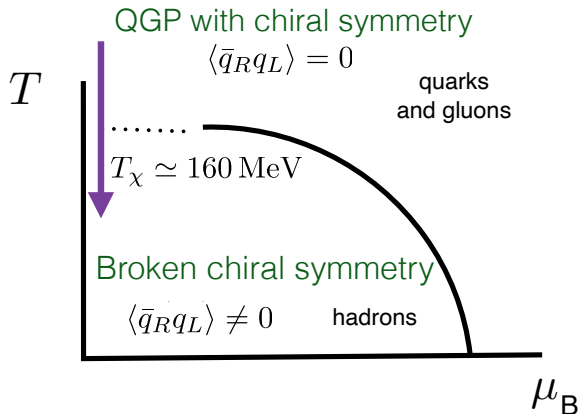
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$$\vec{n}_V : \quad (u_L + u_R) - (d_L + d_R)$$

Isovector charge

$$\vec{n}_A : \quad (u_L - u_R) - (d_L - d_R)$$

Isoaxial vect. charge



For two massless quarks the chiral symmetry group is

$$SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2) \simeq O(4)$$

This is broken, and the transition is 2nd order.

The mass smooths the transition to a crossover, like a magnetic field in the Ising model

Chiral symmetry plays no role in the "Standard Hydro Model" ...

## What is a pion?

Our cold world:  $T < T_{\text{critical}}$



$$\langle \bar{q}_R q_L \rangle = \bar{\sigma} \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2}$$

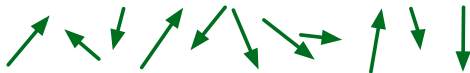
Order parameter  $\langle \bar{q}_R q_L \rangle$  is like the magnetization.  $q = u, d$



$$\bar{q}_R q_L = \bar{\sigma} e^{i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\varphi}(x)}$$

The slow modulation of the  $SU_A(2)$  phase of  $\bar{q}_R q_L$  is a pion,  $\vec{\pi} = \bar{\sigma} \vec{\varphi}$

The hot world:  $T > T_{\text{critical}}$



State is disordered: pion propagation is frustrated

The pion wave function is the  $SU(2)$  phase  $U(x) = e^{i\vec{\varphi}(x) \cdot \vec{\tau}}$

## Ising O(4) Model

magnetization  $\vec{M}$

magnetic field  $\vec{H}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \vec{H} \cdot \vec{M}$$

## QCD

$\bar{q}_L q_R = \sigma e^{i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\varphi}}$  condensate

$m_q$  or  $H$  quark mass

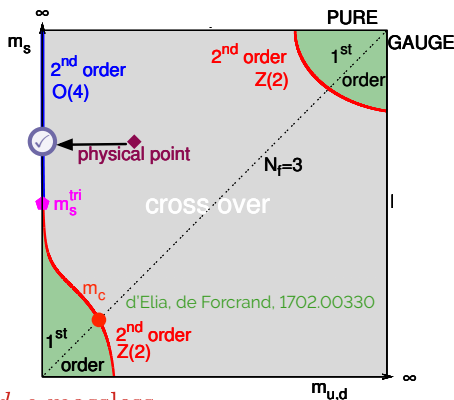
$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3x m_q (\bar{q}_R q_L + \bar{q}_L q_R)$$

$\vec{\tau}$  are Pauli matrices for the SU(2) order parameter

## Real World QCD

- There are three flavors of quarks  $u, d, s$  which are massive
  - ▶ This changes structure phase diagram
- We will assume the real world is “close” to the  $O(4)$  critical point.

$u, d$  massless



$u, d, s$  massless

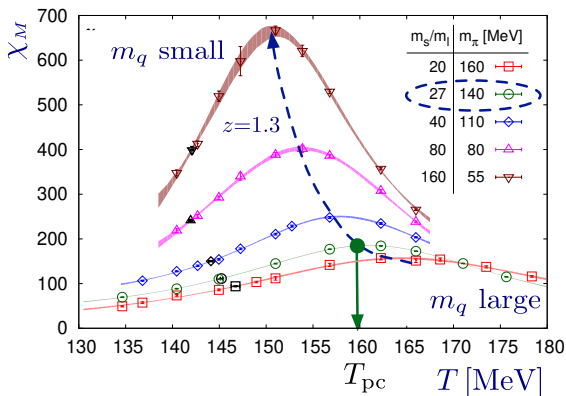
See review Phillipsen, 2021

HotQCD 2019, 2020

Strong evidence of 2nd order  
phase transition at physical  
strange mass

Fluctuations of order parameter,  $\sigma \propto \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d$ , vs temperature and  $m_q$ 

$$\chi_M = \langle \sigma^2 \rangle - \langle \sigma \rangle^2$$

 $O(4)$  Scaling predictions

$$\chi_M = m_q^{1/\delta-1} f_\chi(z)$$

$$z \equiv z_0 \frac{(T-T_c)}{T_c} m_q^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

The QCD lattice knows about the  $O(4)$  critical point! Hydro should too!



## Static Universality and the Chiral Phase Transition

- The  $O(4)$  order parameter fluctuates in amplitude and phase:

$$\phi_a = (\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = (\sigma, \vec{\pi})$$

The quark condensate scales as

$$\bar{q}_R q_L \sim \sigma e^{i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\varphi}} \simeq \sigma + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi}$$

- The Landau Ginzburg function for the  $O(4)$  order parameter is:  
 $\phi^2 \equiv \phi_a \phi_a$

$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3x \frac{1}{2} \nabla \phi_a \cdot \nabla \phi_a + \frac{1}{2} m_0^2(T) \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4 - \underbrace{H}_{\propto m_q} \sigma$$

- The model has a critical mass,  $m_0 - m_c \propto (T - T_c)$

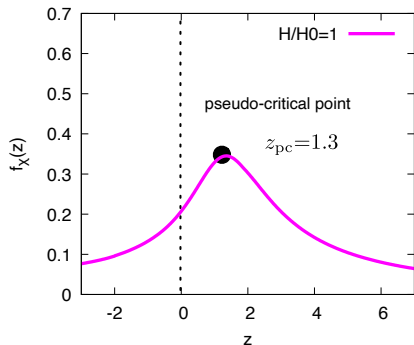
The critical model makes a definite prediction for the susceptibility:

## Scaling predictions from the $O(4)$ model

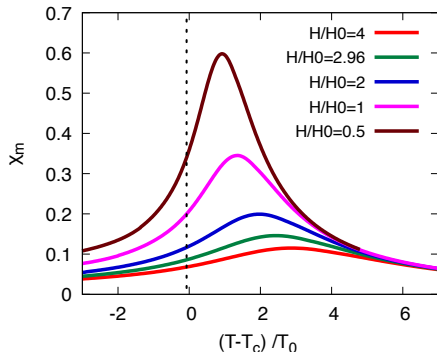
Simulations at different magnetic field are related to each other

$$\chi_M = h^{1/\delta-1} f_\chi(z) \quad z = z_0 t_r h^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

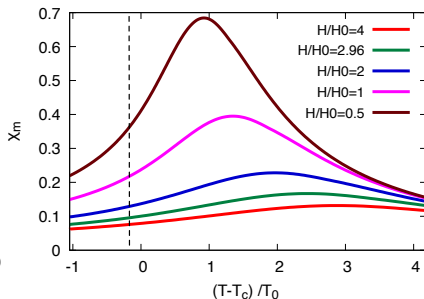
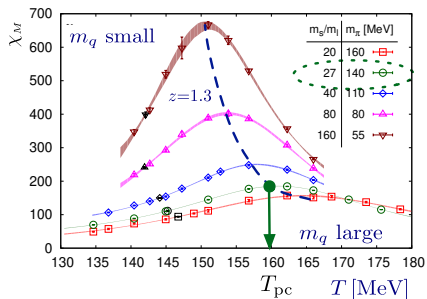
Here  $h \propto H$  and  $t_r \propto (T - T_C)$  are the reduced field and temperature



numerical data from  
Engels, Seniuch, Fromme, Karsch



$$\chi_M = \langle \sigma^2 \rangle - \langle \sigma \rangle^2$$



Scaling predictions reasonably describe how the peak rises and shifts.

$$\chi_M \propto m_q^{1/\delta-1} f_\chi(z) \quad z = z_0 \left( \frac{T - T_C}{T_C} \right) m_q^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

# From Thermodynamics to Hydrodynamics

# Hydrodynamics of the $O(4)$ transition:

Rajagopal and Wilczek '92, Son '99, Son and Stephanov '01, and finally us, arxiv:2101.10847.

## 1. The order parameter

$$\phi_a = (\sigma, \vec{\pi})$$

## 2. The approximately conserved charges quantities:

$$\vec{n}_V = \underbrace{\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \vec{\tau} \psi}_{\text{isovect chrg}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{n}_A = \underbrace{\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^5 \vec{\tau} \psi}_{\text{isoaxial-vect chrg}}$$

which are combined into an anti-symmetric  $O(4)$  tensor  $n_{ab}$

$$n_{ab} = (\vec{n}_A, \vec{n}_V)$$

The charge  $n_{ab}$  generates  $O(4)$  rotations,  $\phi \rightarrow \phi_c + \frac{i}{\hbar} \theta_{ab} [n_{ab}, \phi_c]$ ,  
implying a Poisson bracket between the hydrodynamic fields:

$$\{n_{ab}(\mathbf{x}), \phi_c(\mathbf{y})\} = \epsilon_{abcd} \phi_d(\mathbf{x}) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

## The Landau-Ginzburg Hamiltonian for the $O(4)$ transition:

The Hamiltonian is tuned to the crit. point with  $m_0^2(T) < 0$  and  $H \propto m_q$ :

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and gives the equilibrium distribution with the correct critical EOS:

$$Z = \int D\phi Dn e^{-\mathcal{H}[\phi, n]/T_c}$$

The hydro equations of motion take the form

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \{\phi, \mathcal{H}\} = 0 + \text{visc. corrections} + \text{noise}$$

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## The equations and the simulations:

see also Schlichting, Smekal

We have a charge diffusion equation coupled to order parameter:

$$\partial_t n_{ab} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi_{[a} \phi_{b]})}_{\text{poisson bracket}} + H_{[a} \phi_{b]} = \underbrace{D_0 \nabla^2 n_{ab}}_{\text{diffusion}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \xi_{ab}}_{\text{noise}}$$

and a rotation of the order parameter induced by the charge:

$$\partial_t \phi_a + \underbrace{\frac{n_{ab}}{\chi_0} \phi_b}_{\text{poisson bracket}} = \underbrace{\Gamma_0 \frac{\delta H}{\delta \phi_a}}_{\text{dissipation}} + \underbrace{\xi_a}_{\text{noise}}$$

Numerical scheme based operator splitting:

1. Evolve the Hamiltonian evolution with a position Verlet type stepper
2. Treat the dissipative Langevin steps as Metropolis-Hastings updates

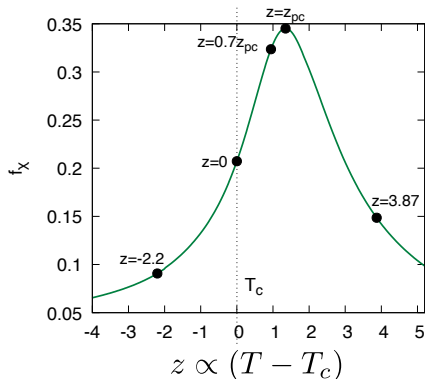


## Scan the phase transition:

First measure mean order parameter, susceptibility, etc:

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = h^{1/\delta} f_G(z) \quad z = t_r h^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

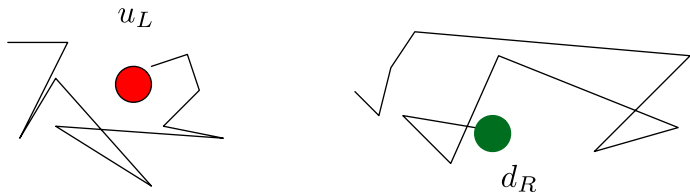
with scaling parameters,  $h = H/H_0$ , and  $t_r = (m_0^2 - m_c^2)/m^2$



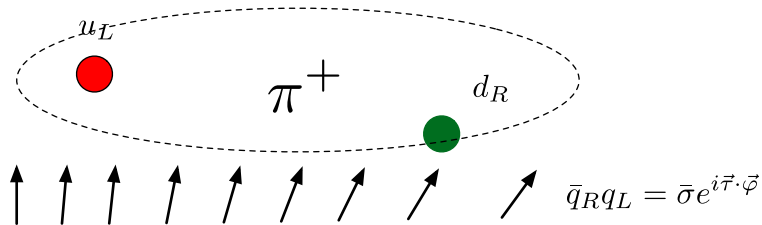
$$\chi_M = \frac{\partial \bar{\sigma}}{\partial H} = \frac{h^{1/\delta-1}}{H_0} f_\chi(z)$$

## "Artists" conception of the phase transition dynamics

High Temperature: Diffusion of axial charge  $n_A = u_L - d_R$



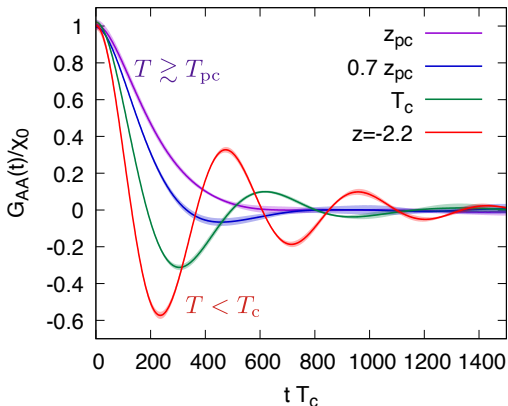
Low Temperature: pion propagation



## The phase transition and axial charge correlations:

$$G_{AA}(t) = \int d^3x \langle \vec{n}_A(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \vec{n}_A(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$

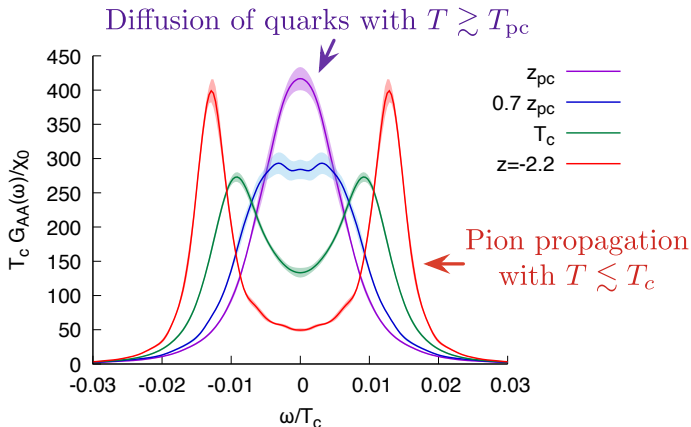
See a change in the dynamics across  $T_{pc}$ :



Let's take a fourier transform and analyze the transition

## Features of the phase transition in the axial charge correlations:

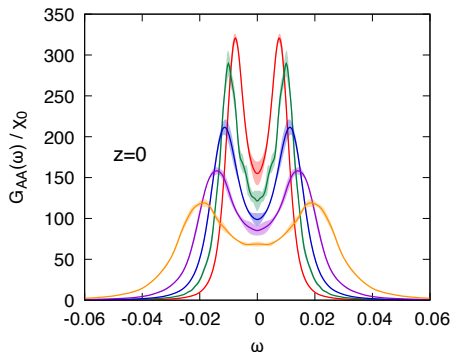
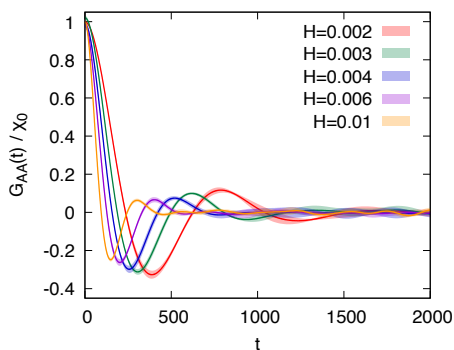
$$G_{AA}(\omega) = \int dt d^3x e^{i\omega t} \langle \vec{n}_A(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \vec{n}_A(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$



Can see the transition from diffusion of quarks to propagation of pions!

## Scaling of simulations at $T_c$ :

At  $T = T_c$ , we varied the magnetic field, finding the response functions:



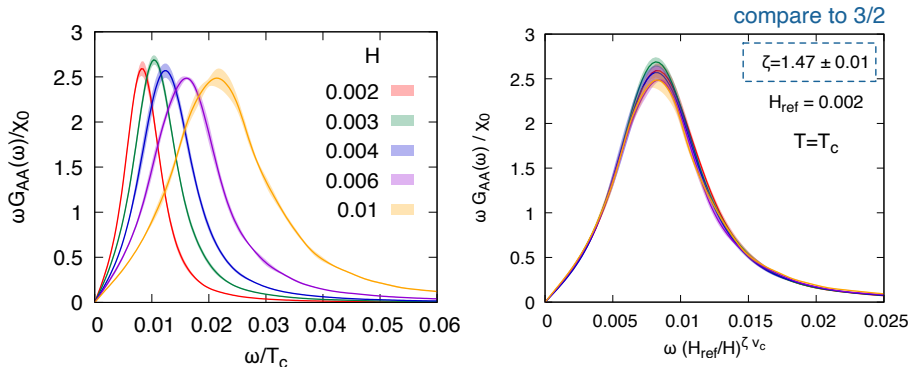
See a scaling behavior of the real time correlations, with quark mass, which tunes the correlation length

# Dynamical critical exponent of the $O(4)$ transition:

The relaxation time and correlations *scale* with the correlation length  $\xi$ :

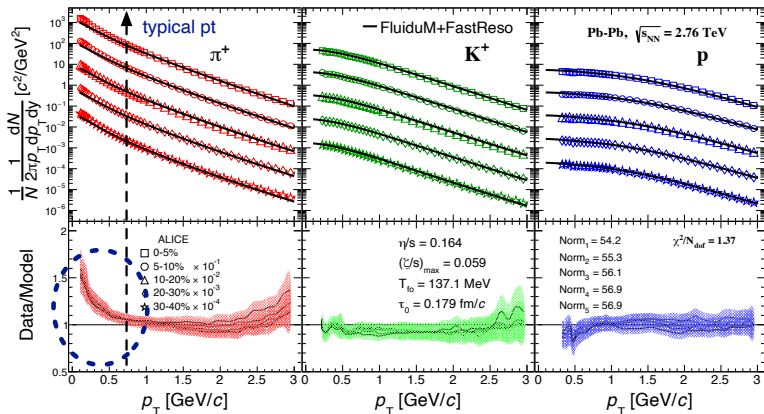
$$\omega G_{AA}(\omega, \xi) = \underbrace{f(\omega \tau_R)}_{\text{universal fcn}} \quad \text{with} \quad \underbrace{\tau_R \propto \xi^\zeta}_{\text{relaxation time}}$$

The correlation length scales as  $\xi \propto H^{-\nu_c}$  and the time as  $\tau_R \propto H^{-\zeta \nu_c}$ :



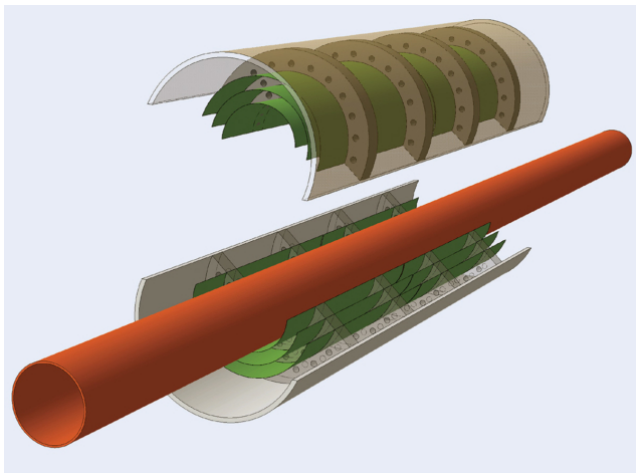
# Evidence for the chiral crossover in the heavy ion data?

A recent ordinary hydro fit from Devetak et al 1909.10485



See also, Guillen&Ollitrault arXiv:2012.07898; Schee, Gürsoy, Snellings: arXiv:2010.15134

## New Detector: ALICE ITS3





## Summary and Outlook:

1. We are simulating the real-time dynamics of the chiral critical point
  - ▶ The numerical method may be useful for stochastic hydro generally
2. We reproduced the expected dynamical scaling laws:

$$\tau_R \propto \xi^\zeta \quad \zeta = \frac{d}{2} \simeq 1.47 \pm 0.01$$

3. The pion waves are well calibrated.
4. The next step is to study the expanding case:
  - ▶ This will predict soft pions and their correlations with expansion for heavy ion collisions

The hadronization of the pion is the (only) hadronization process that can be studied rigorously, *and only with hydrodynamics!*

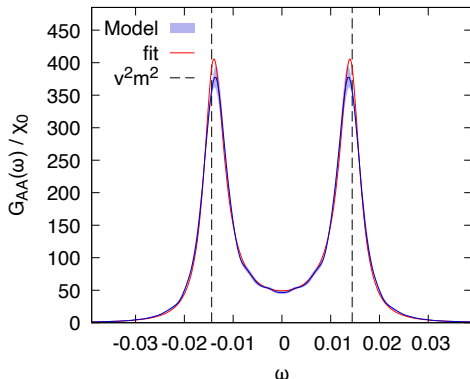
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## Quantitative analysis of a pion EFT well below $T_c$ , $z = -2.2$ :

The predicted pole position  $m_p^2$  of pion waves is given by static quantities:

$$m_p^2 = v^2 m^2 = \frac{H\bar{\sigma}}{\chi_0}$$

This is the finite temperature Gell-Mann Oakes Renner relation:



These are static inputs to fit:

$$v^2 = \frac{f^2}{\chi_0}$$

$m^2 =$  screening mass

- Below  $T_C$  the condensate is frozen up to phase fluctuations



$$\bar{q}_R q_L = \bar{\sigma} e^{i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\varphi}(x)}$$

- The ideal equations of motion the phase is:

$$\partial_t \varphi = \mu_A \quad \text{Josephson Constraint}$$

while the axial charge is

$$\partial_t n_A + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_A = f^2 m^2 \varphi \quad \text{Axial Current}$$

where the current is the gradient of the phase:  $\mathbf{J}_A = f^2 \nabla \varphi$

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- Linearizing the equations, the quasi particle energy is

$$\omega_q^2 \equiv v_0^2(q^2 + m^2) \qquad v_0^2(T) \equiv \frac{f^2}{\chi_0} \quad \Leftarrow \text{pion velocity}$$

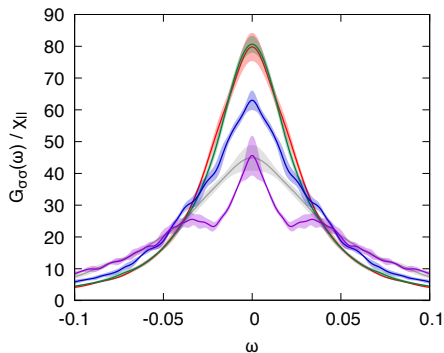
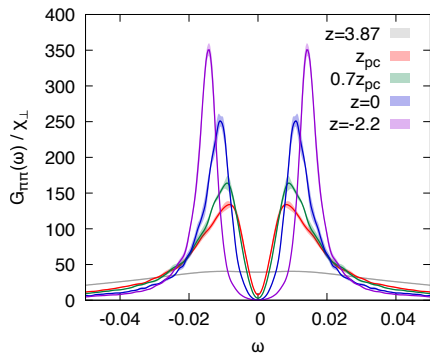
Both  $v_0$  and  $m$  scale with the condensate:

$$v_0^2 \propto \underbrace{\bar{\sigma}^2}_{\text{condensate}}$$

$$v_0^2 m^2 \propto \underbrace{\bar{\sigma}}_{\text{condensate}}$$

which vanishes at the critical point,  $\bar{\sigma} \propto (-t)^\beta$

## Comparison of $\pi$ and $\sigma$



## Dynamical scaling of $\sigma$ correlation functions:

$$G_{\sigma\sigma}(\omega) = \int dt d^3x e^{i\omega t} \langle \sigma(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$

