

# VORTEX RINGS IN HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

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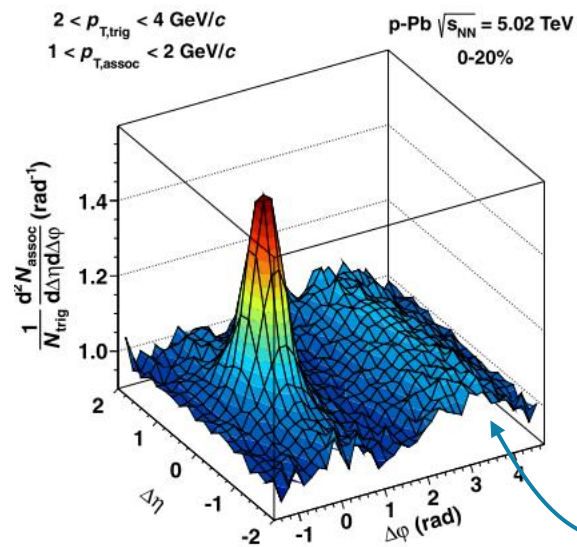
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# Small systems: pA collisions

- It was not expected hydro-like signals at smaller system
  - Shorter lived:
    - It was not expected it would have time for thermalization
    - It was not expected it would have time to develop collectivity behavior
  - They also have less degrees of freedom, leading many to think a thermodynamics would have limited applicability

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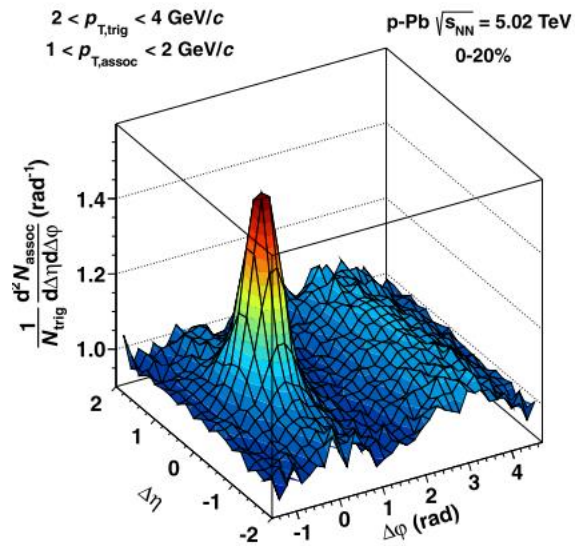


Away side ridge  
associated to  
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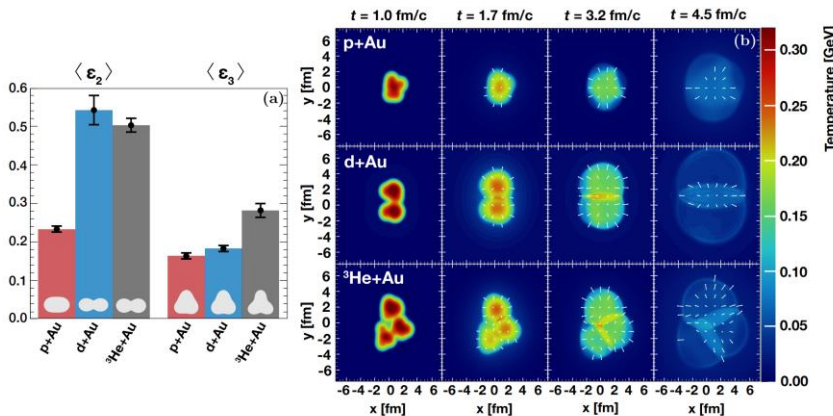
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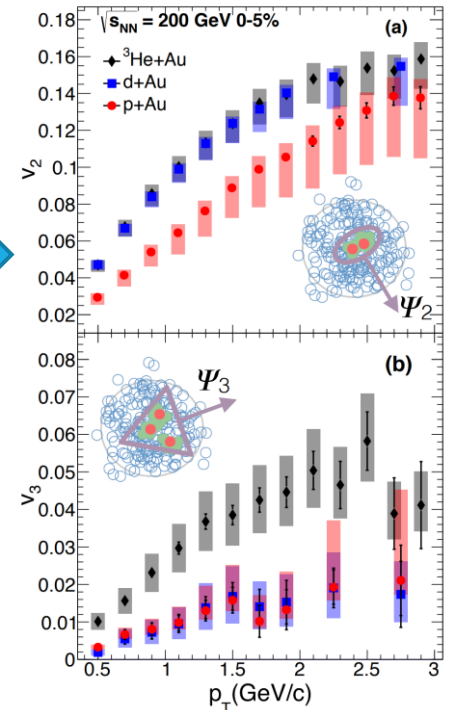
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- Elliptic flow also observed in p+Au, d+Au and  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$



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# ARE THERE OTHER PHENOMENA HYDRODYNAMICS PREDICTS?

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And does it happen in the QGP?

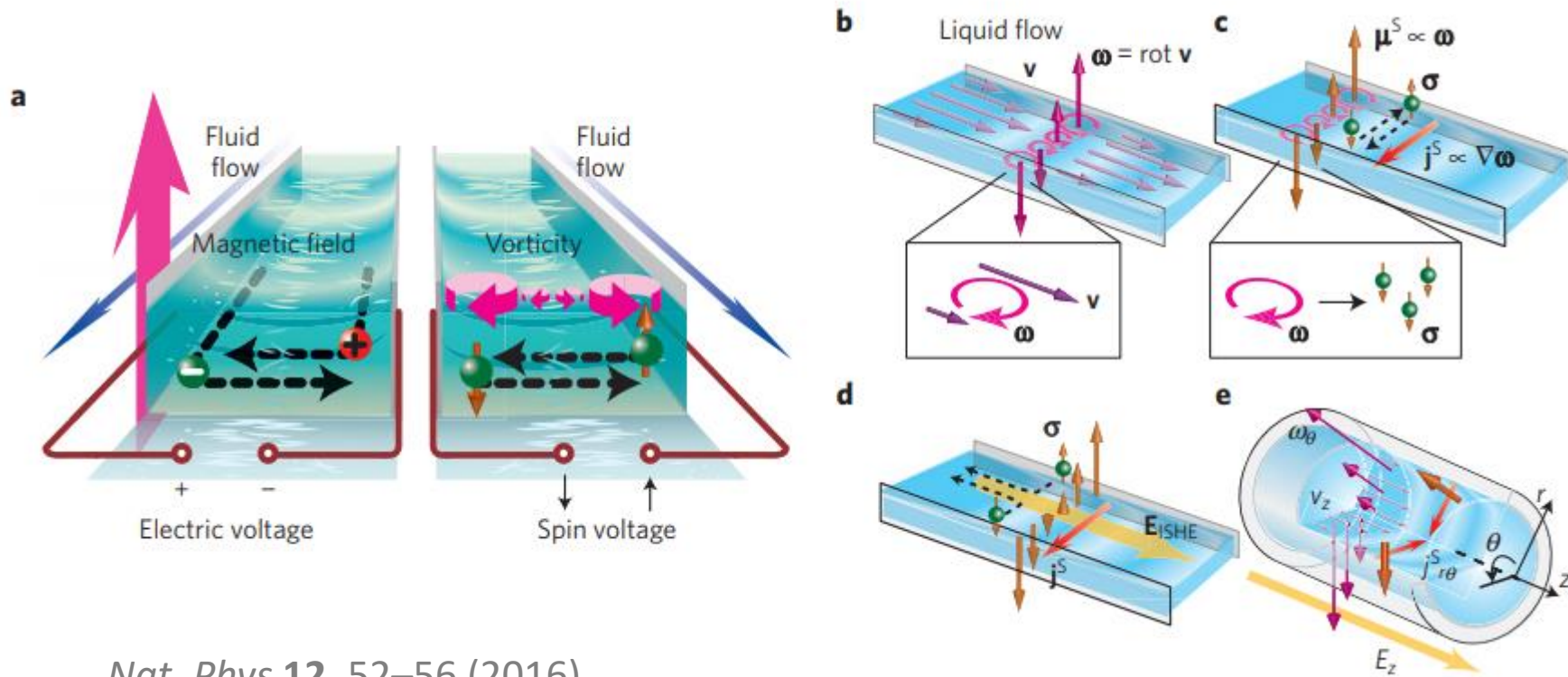
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- Hydrodynamic simulation of two colliding galaxies

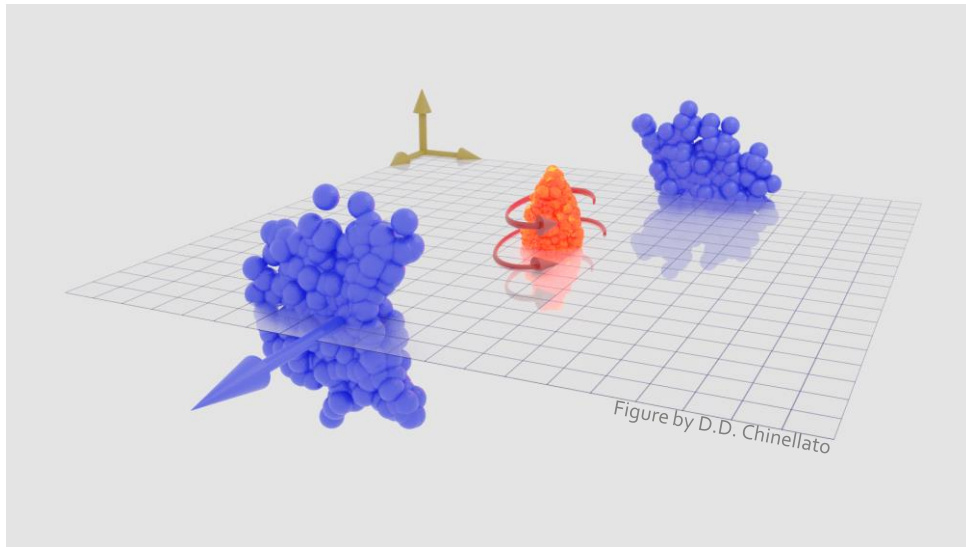
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# From galaxies... to the lab...



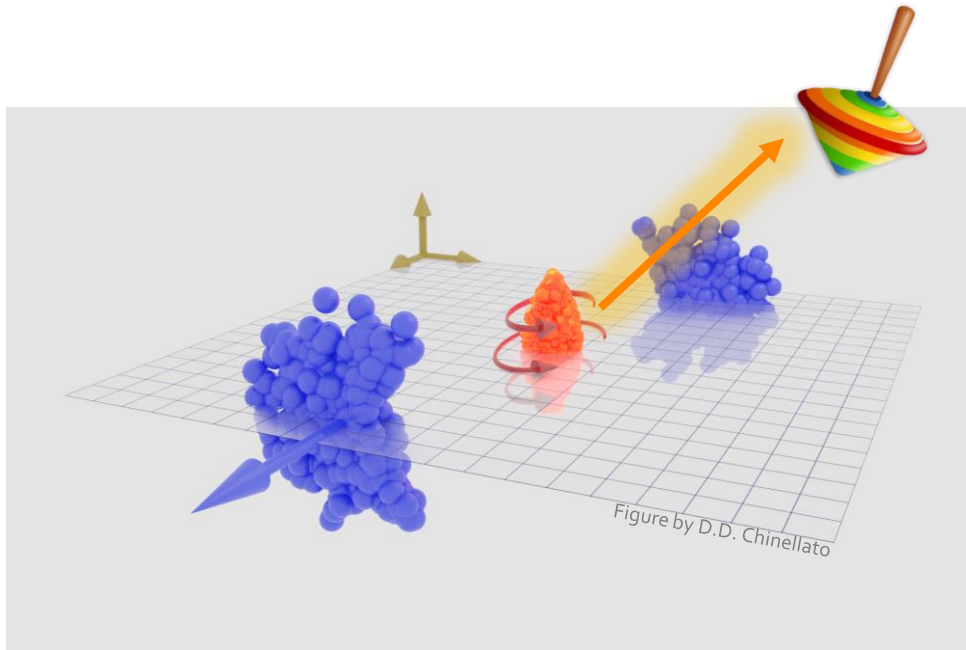
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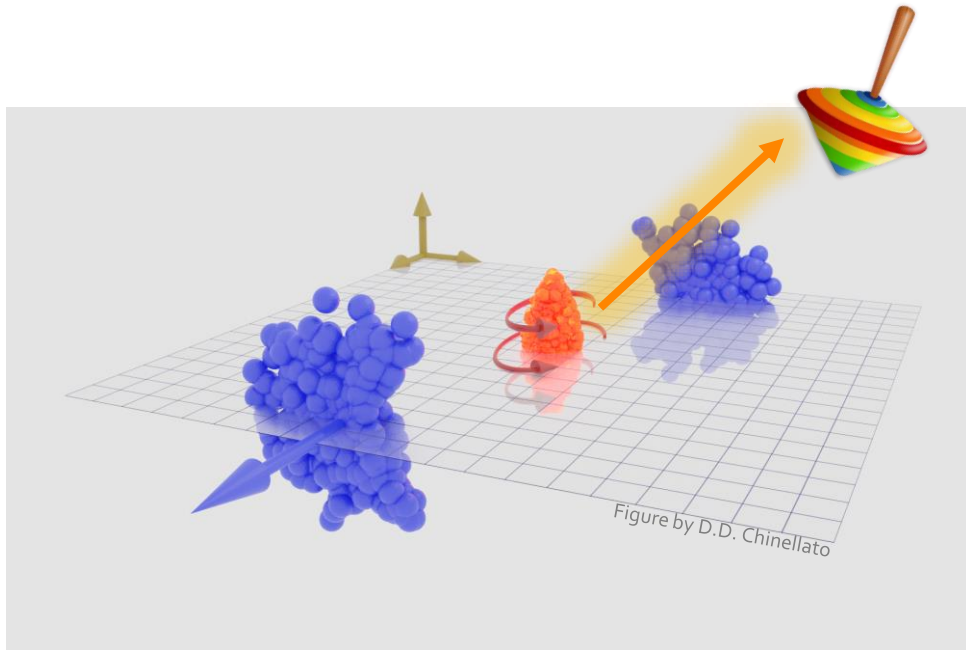




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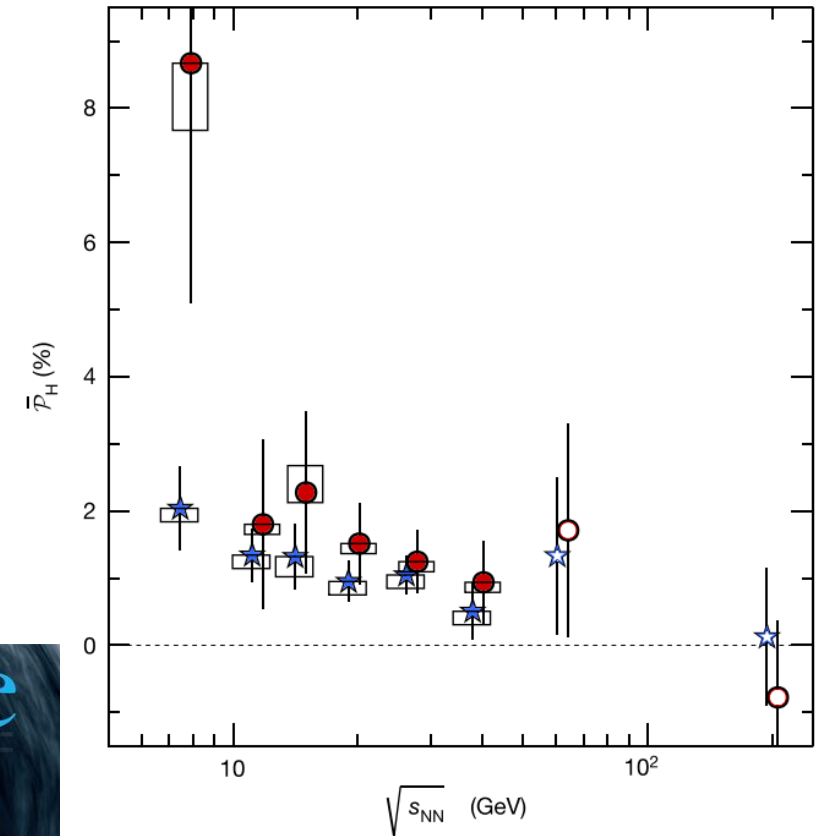


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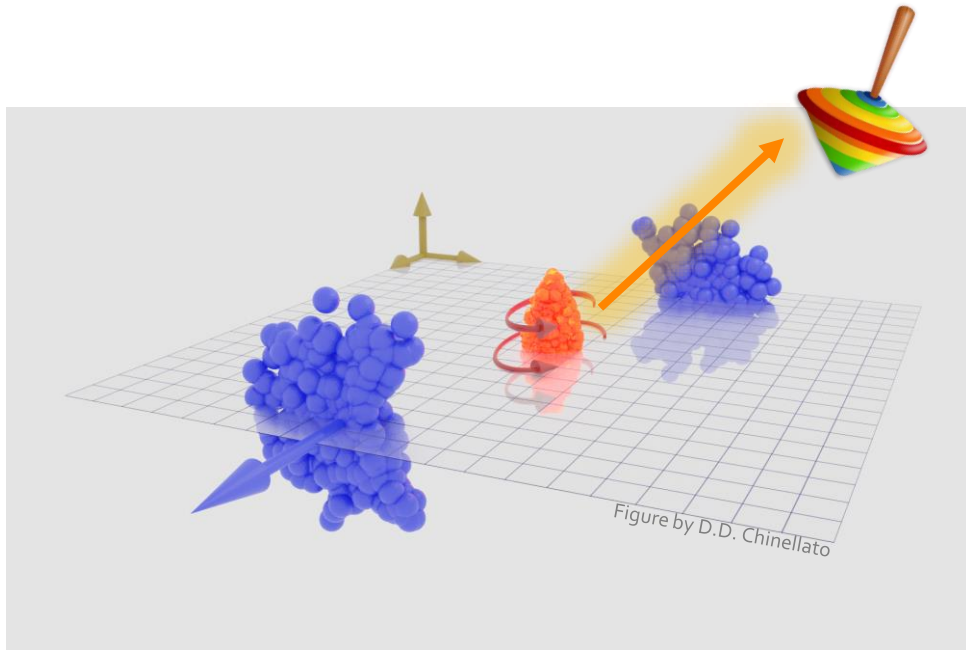
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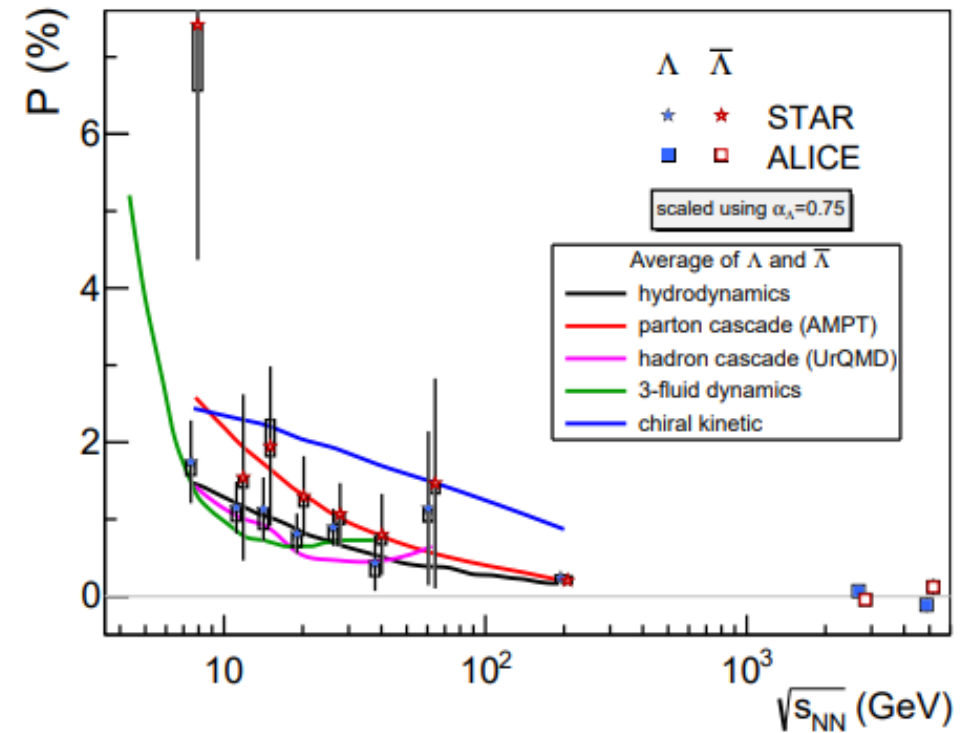
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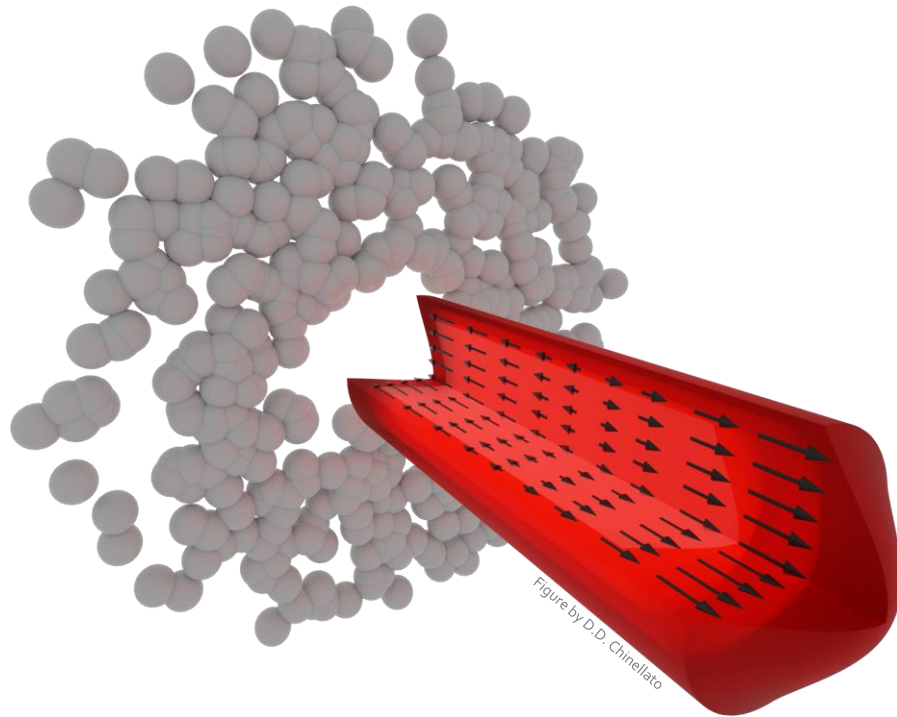
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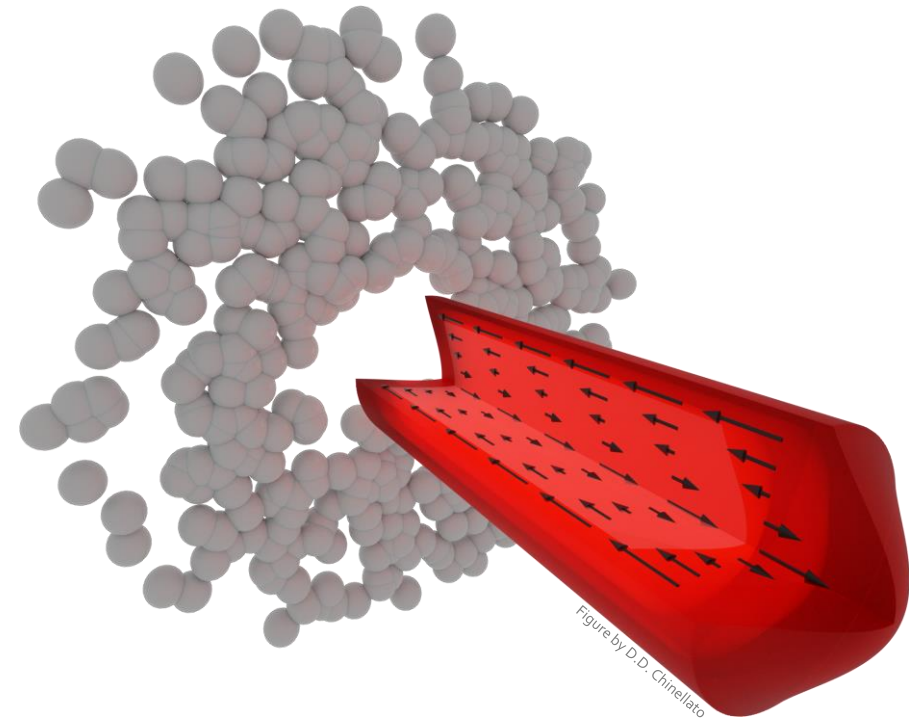


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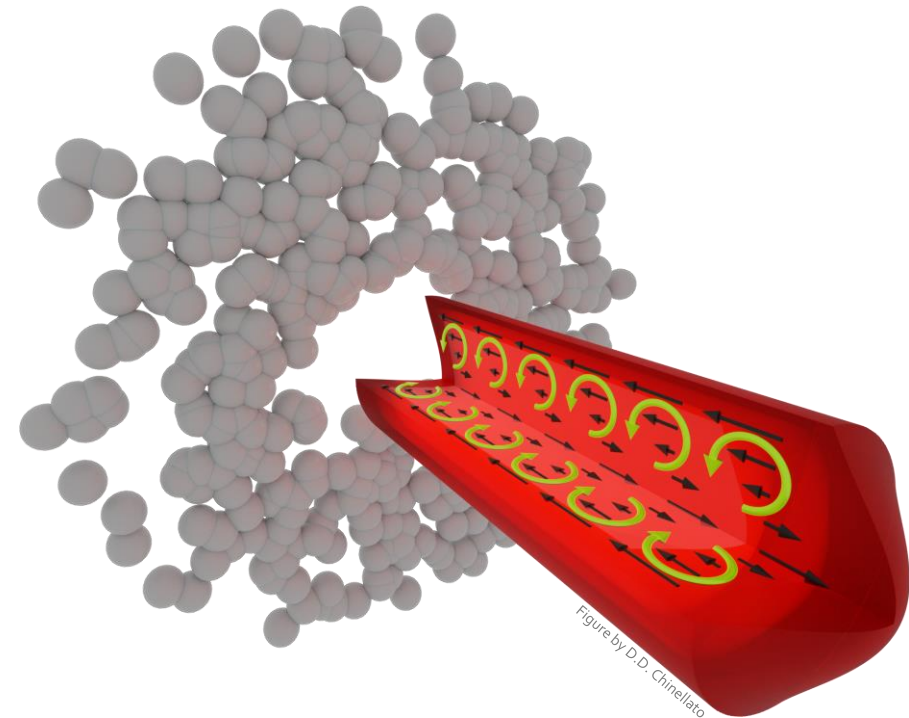


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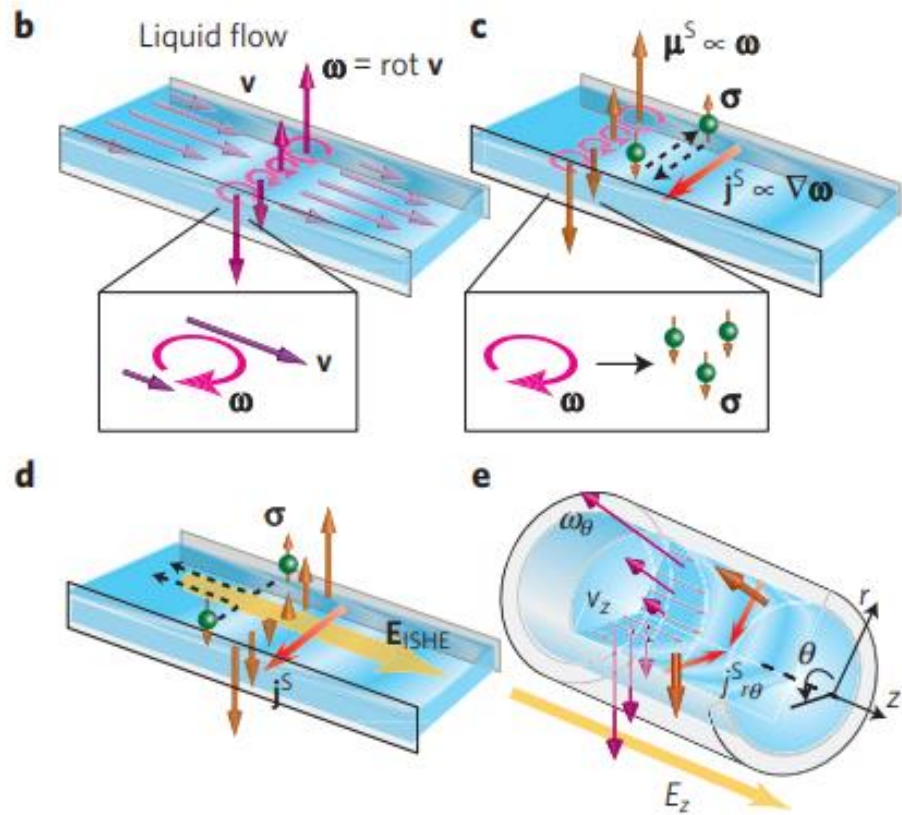
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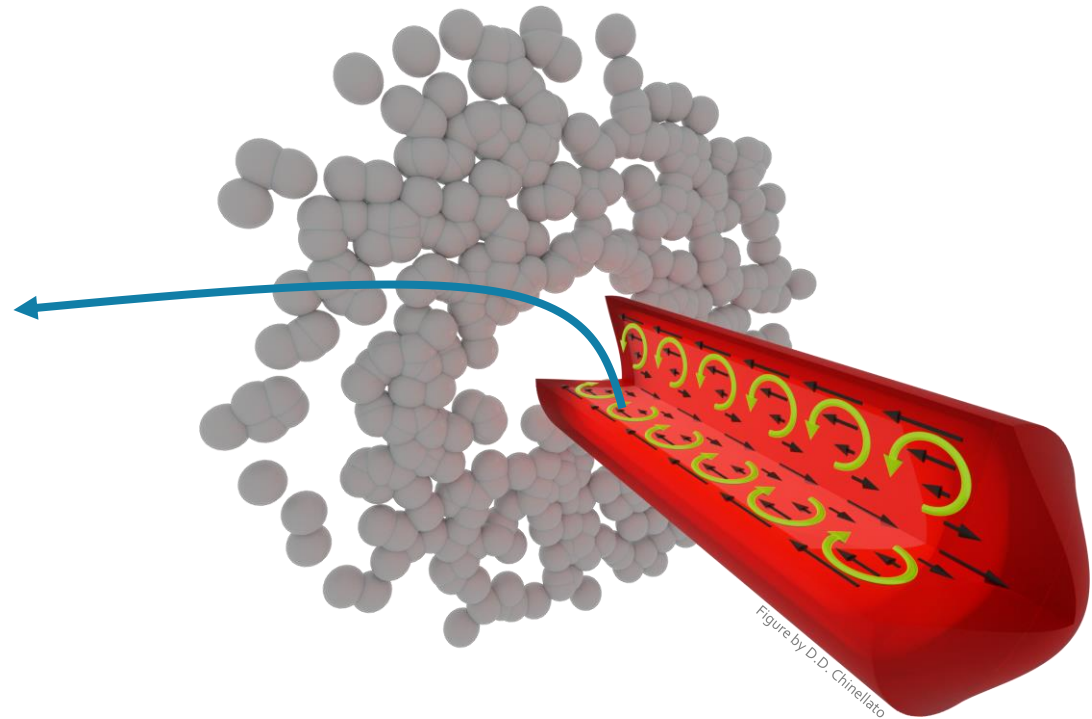
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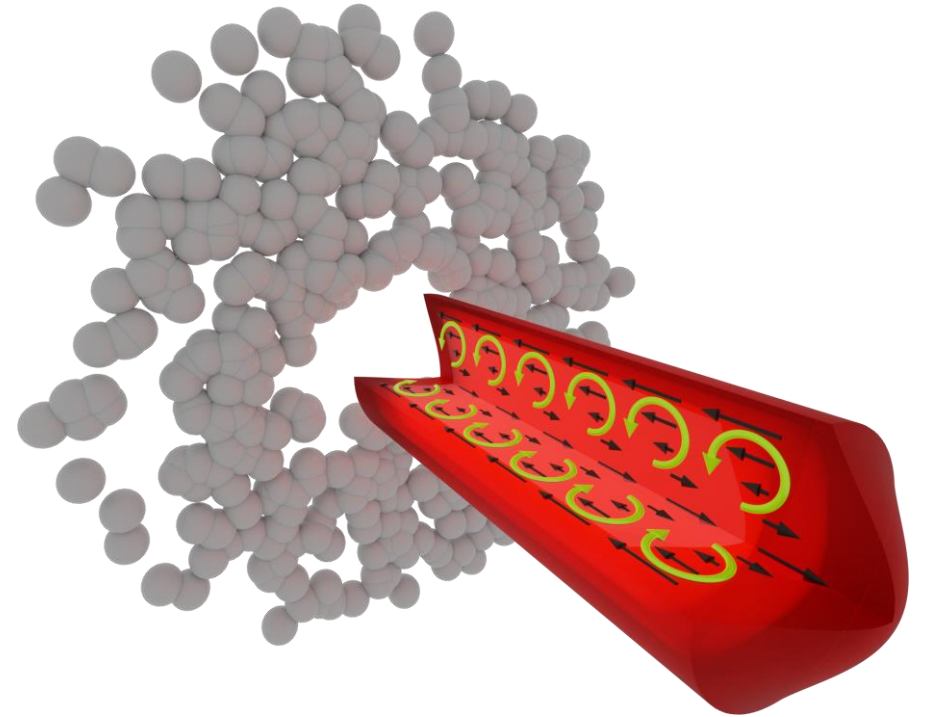




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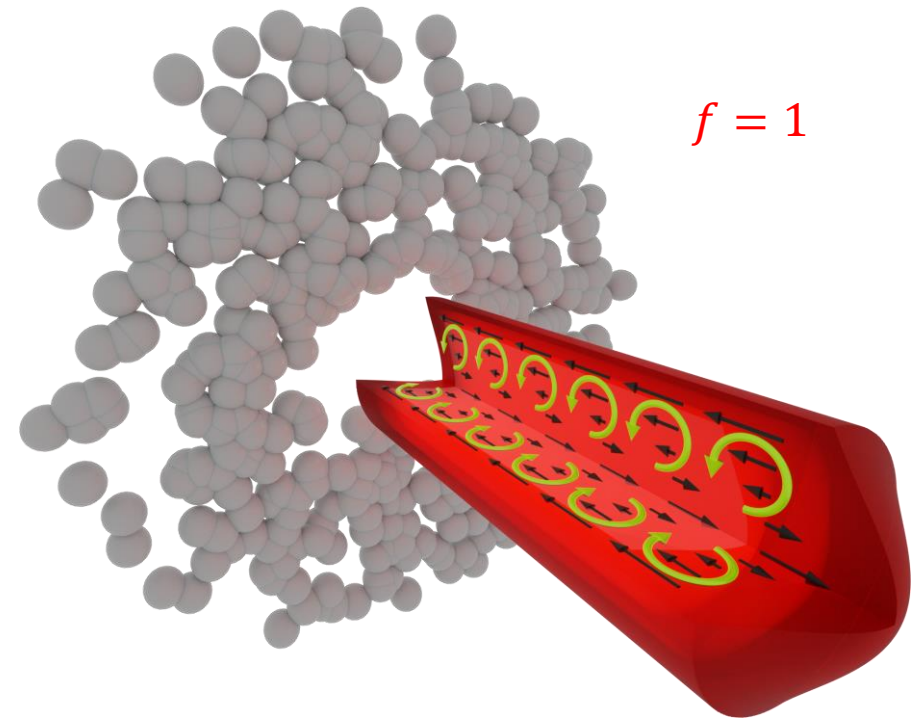
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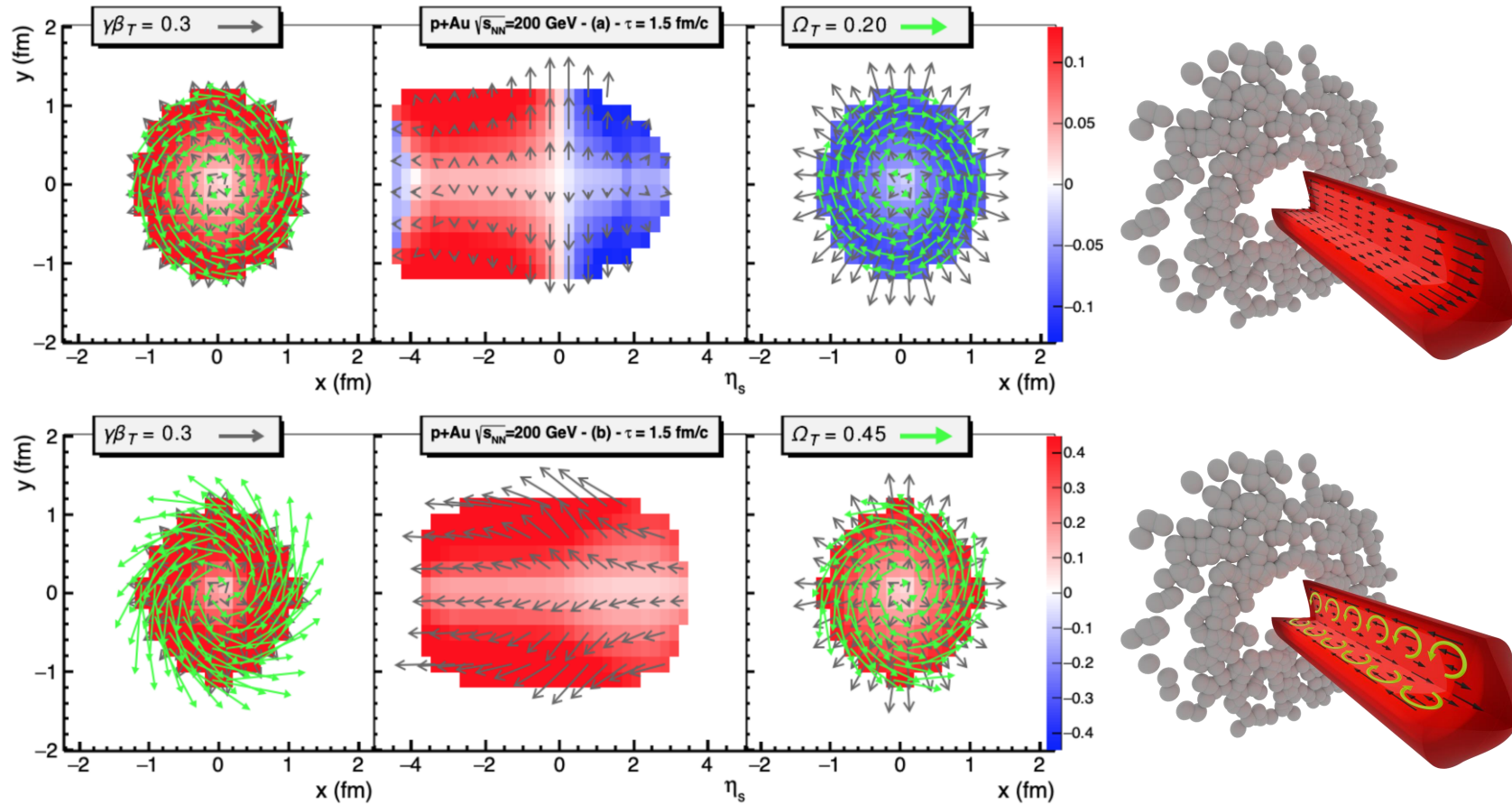
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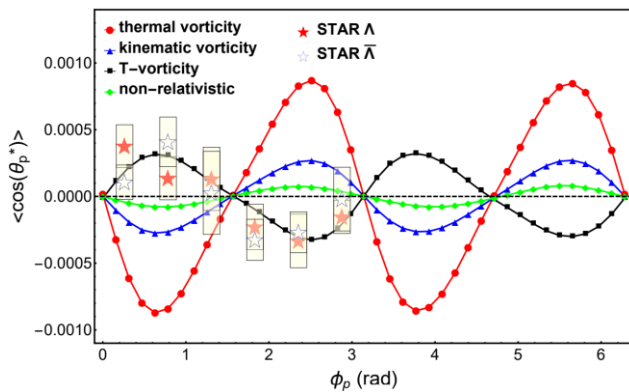
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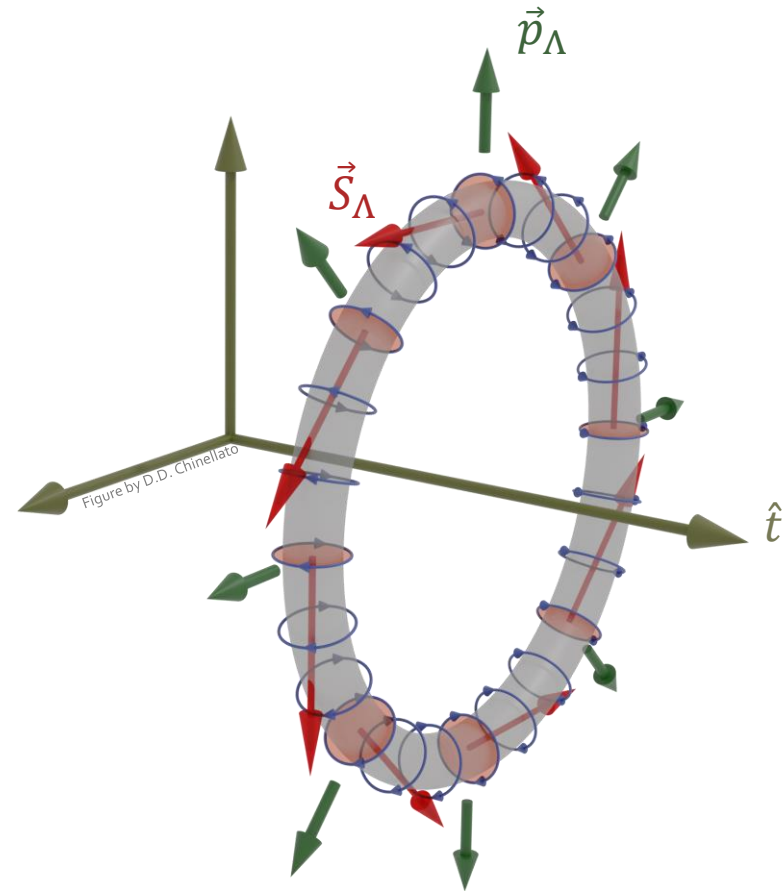


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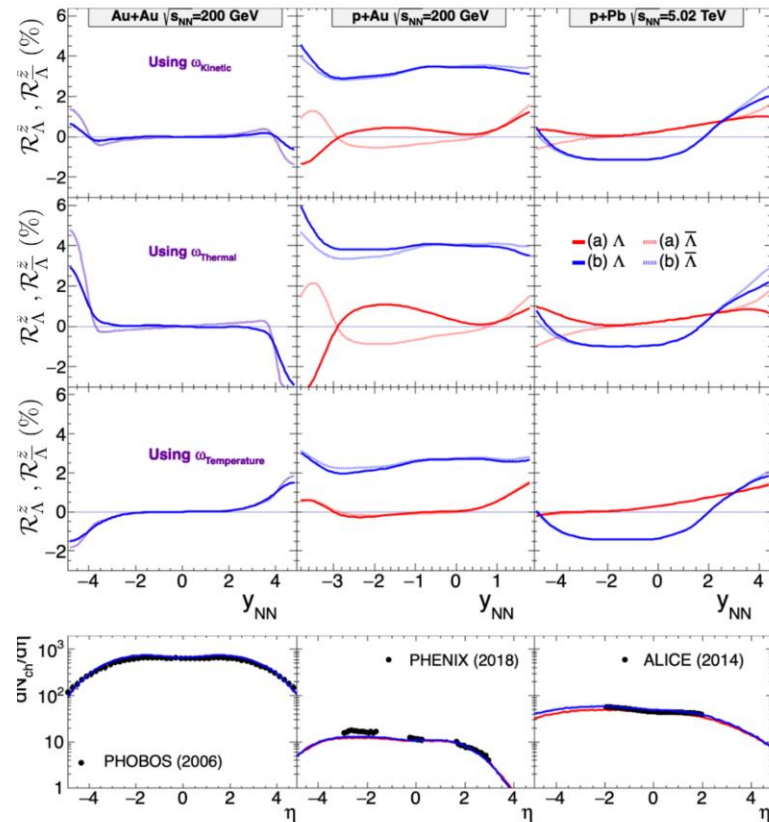
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- Vorticity generated by smoke rings tends to cancel each other when averaged
  - Ring observable:  $R_{\Lambda}^{\hat{t}} = 2 \left\langle \frac{\vec{S}_{\Lambda} \cdot (\hat{t} \times \vec{p}_{\Lambda})}{|\hat{t} \times \vec{p}_{\Lambda}|} \right\rangle_{\phi}$



# Results for Smooth Initial conditions

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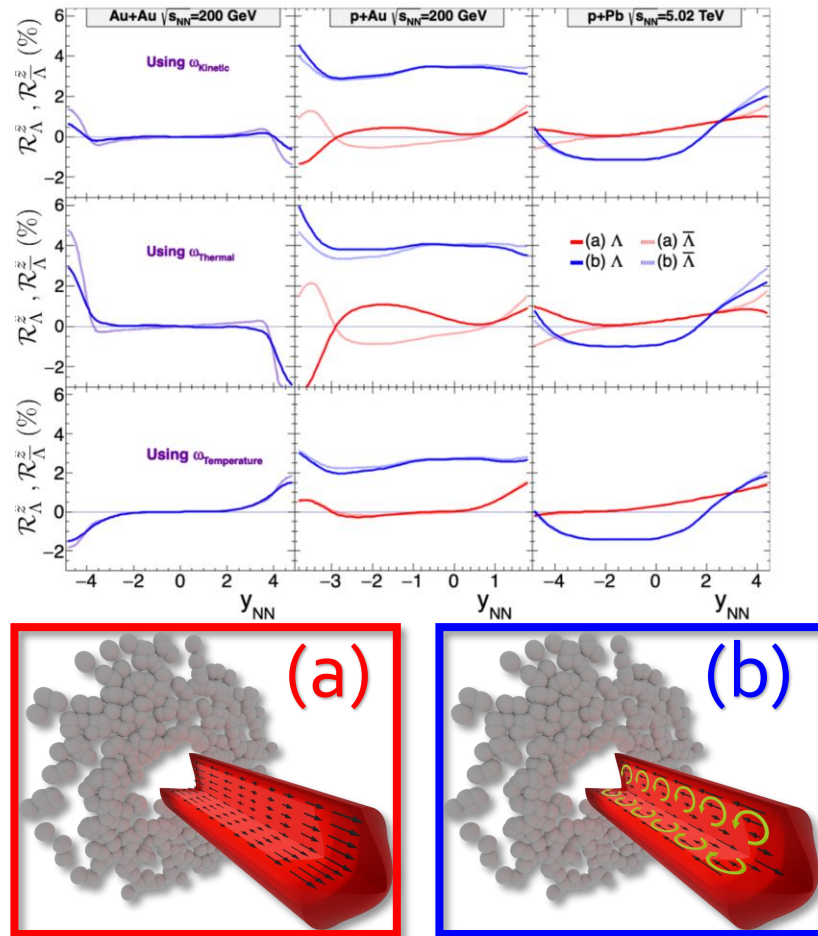


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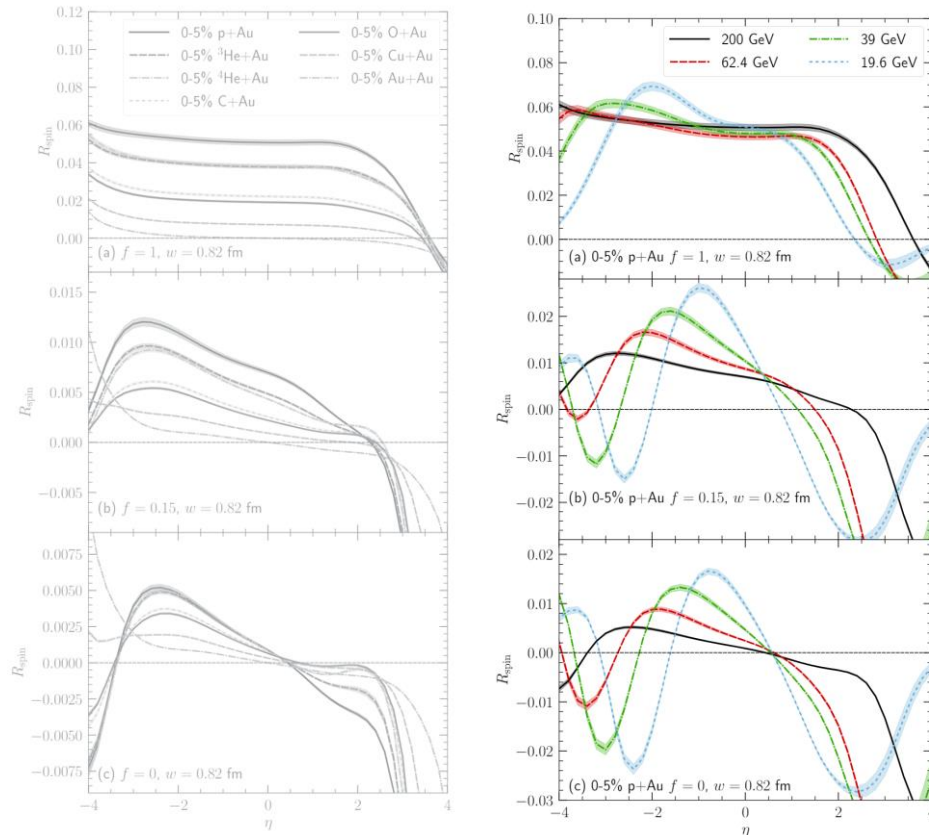
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- Large ring polarization present in pA collisions at all centralities for geometric based IC
  - Effect more pronounced at RHIC than LHC
- For Bjorken-like IC:
  - Bigger signal at large rapidity

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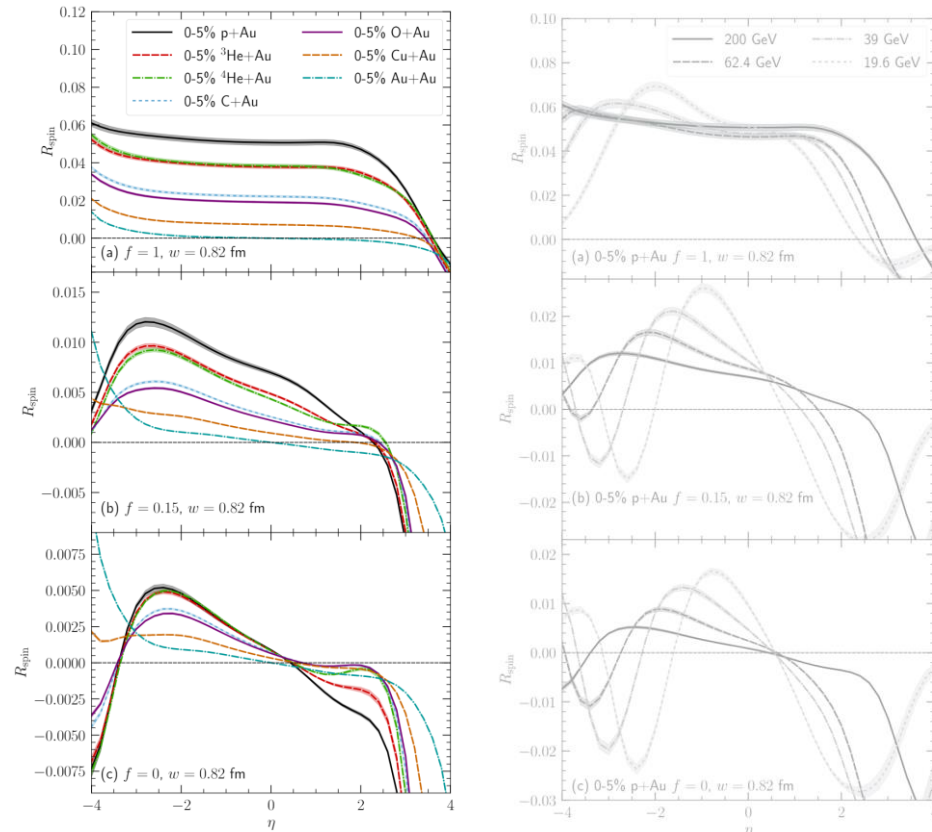
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- System size ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV)
  - The way  $R_{spin}$  changes with energy can act as a probe to the parameter  $f$

# Corrections to thermal vorticity

## Symmetric shear induced polarization

- $S^\mu \rightarrow S^\mu + \langle A^\mu \rangle$
- $A^\mu = \frac{\varepsilon^{\mu\rho\tau\sigma}}{E} p_\tau \xi_{\rho\lambda} \times \begin{cases} \hat{t}_\rho p^\lambda \\ \hat{u}_\rho p_\perp^\lambda \end{cases}$
- $\xi_{\rho\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_\rho \left( \frac{u_\lambda}{T} \right) + \partial_\lambda \left( \frac{u_\rho}{T} \right) \right]$
- $\hat{t} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$
- $p_\perp^\lambda = (\eta^{\sigma\lambda} - u^\sigma u^\lambda) p_\lambda$

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## Spin Hall effect induced polarization

- $S^\mu \rightarrow S^\mu + \left\langle T \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu p_\alpha \partial_\beta \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right) \right\rangle$

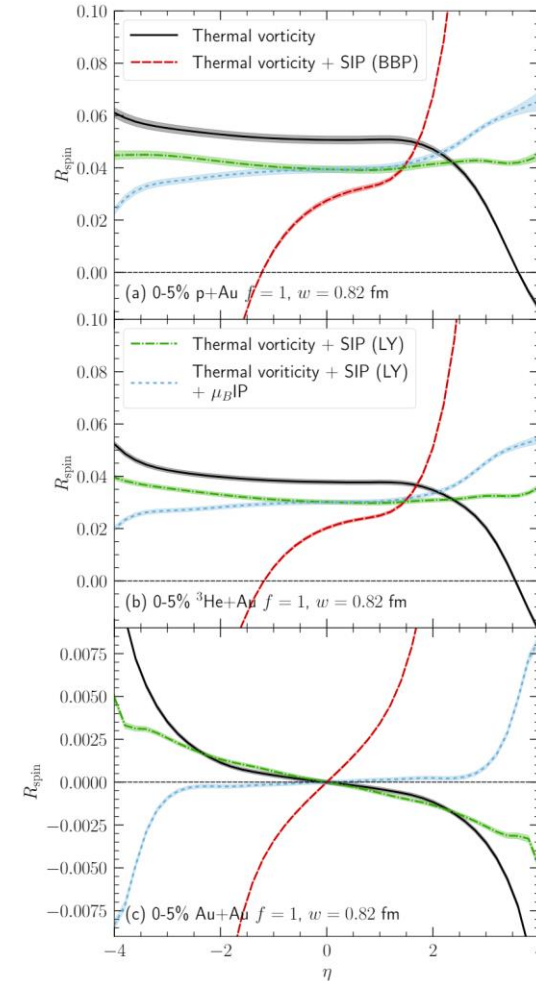
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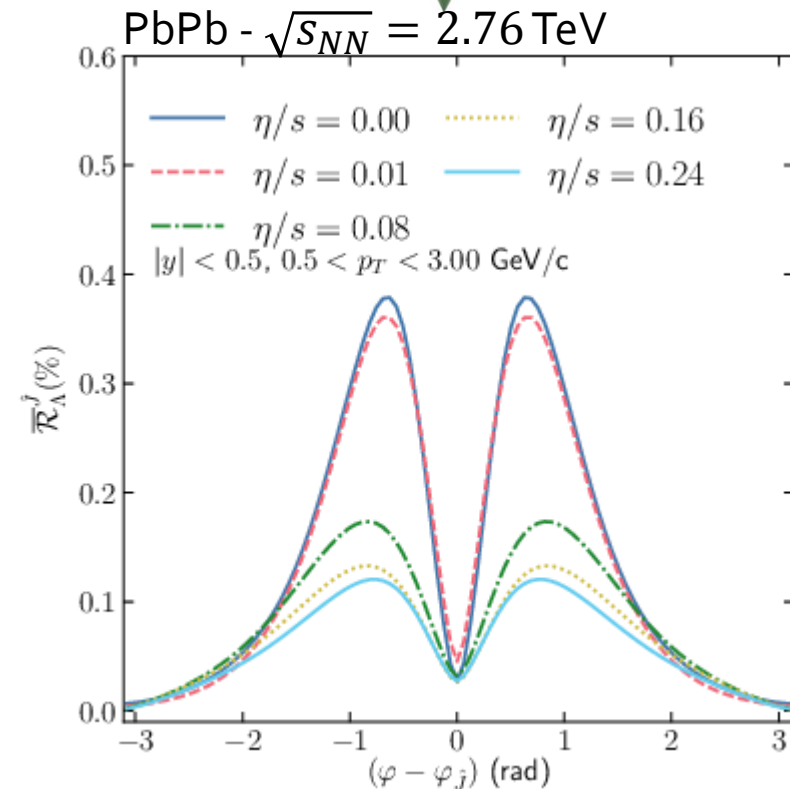
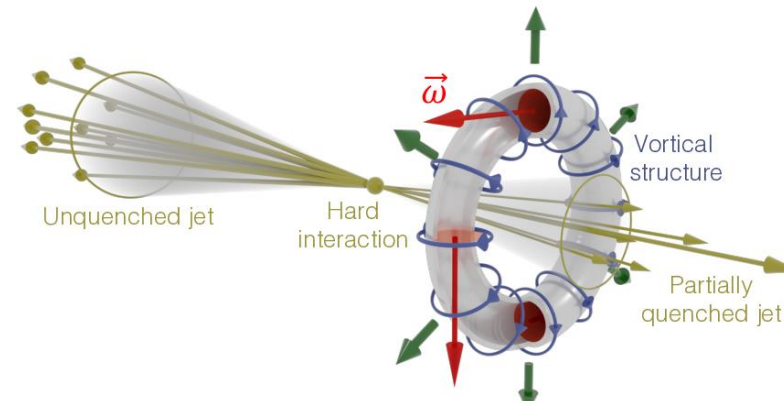
- Very sensitive to symmetric shear model
- Behavior is not intuitive
- Role of  $\mu_B$  is noticeable



# Applicability on jets

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- One can change the trigger direction from beam axis to jet direction
- A simple model (a hot spot with an initial velocity) has shown promising results
- A more difficult problem:
  - Predictions are very sensitive to parton-medium interaction model



# Summary

- Ring observable can be used as a probe for different models in heavy-ion collisions
- **Experiments should measure this now—discovery potential!**
  - It is sensitive to longitudinal velocity patterns in IC
  - An energy scan can confirm a value for  $f \sim 1$  if one looks at forward rapidity.
  - Similarly, a system size scan can also probe values for  $f$
  - When considering symmetric shear induced polarization, one can see large differences between the two competing models
- It may also be used to constraint parton-medium interaction models

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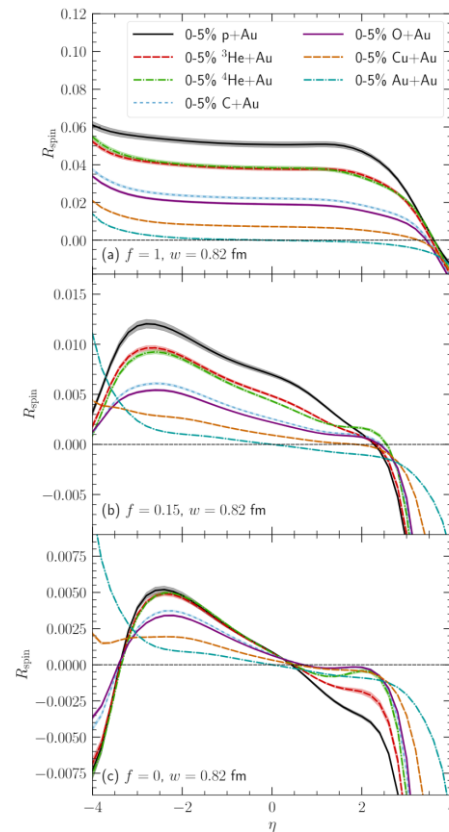
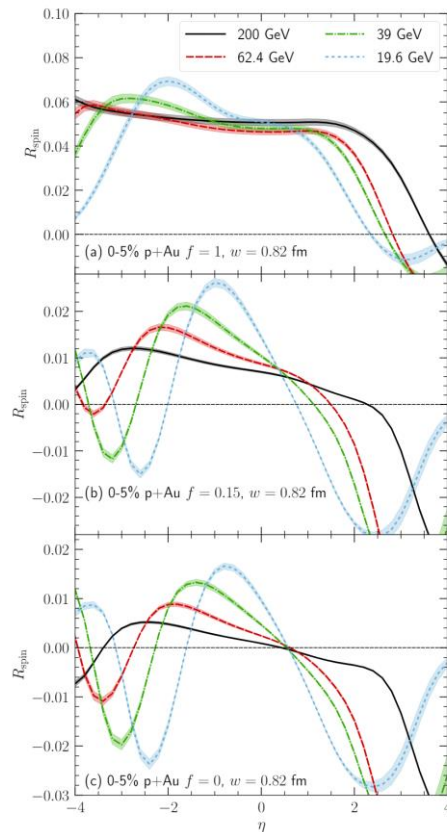
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# Backup

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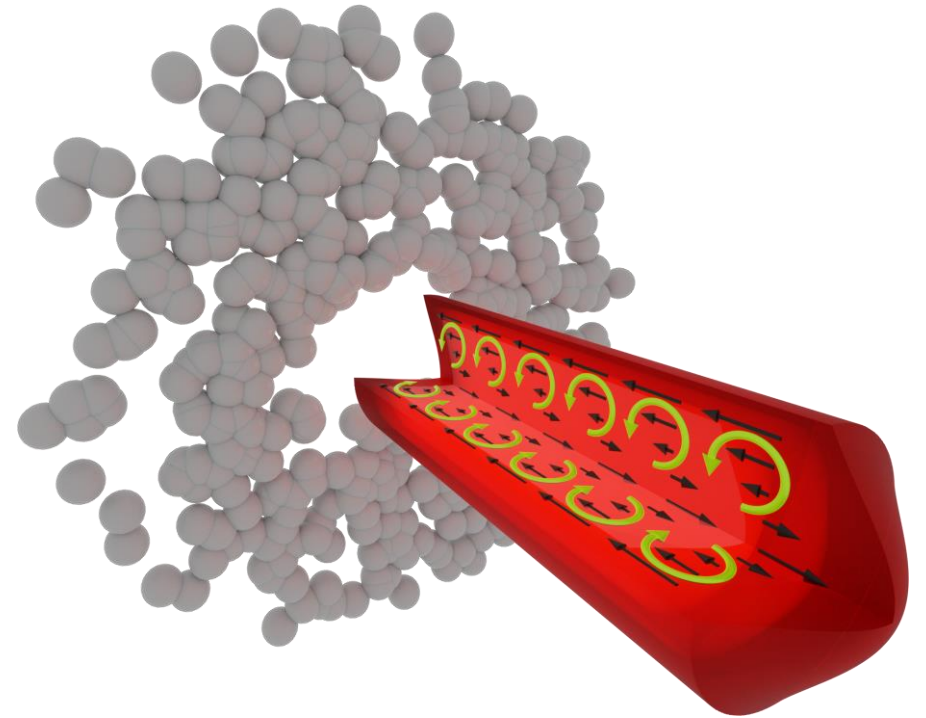
- Signal is bigger by a factor  $\sim 2$
- Full 3D geometric based IC
  - Reduced sensitive to energy

# Ring fluid strength

$$\bar{R}_{\text{fluid}}^{\hat{t}} = \frac{\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \Omega_{\mu} n_{\nu} \hat{t}_{\rho} u_{\sigma}}{|\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \Omega_{\mu} n_{\nu} \hat{t}_{\rho} u_{\sigma}|} \quad \Omega_{\mu} = -\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \omega_{\rho\sigma} (u_{\nu} u^{\alpha} + C \Delta_{\nu}^{\alpha}) n_{\alpha}$$

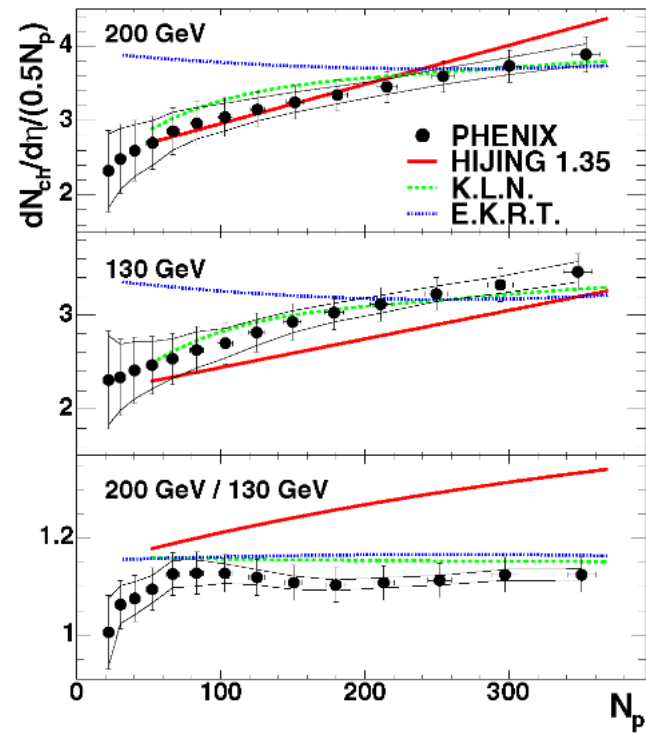
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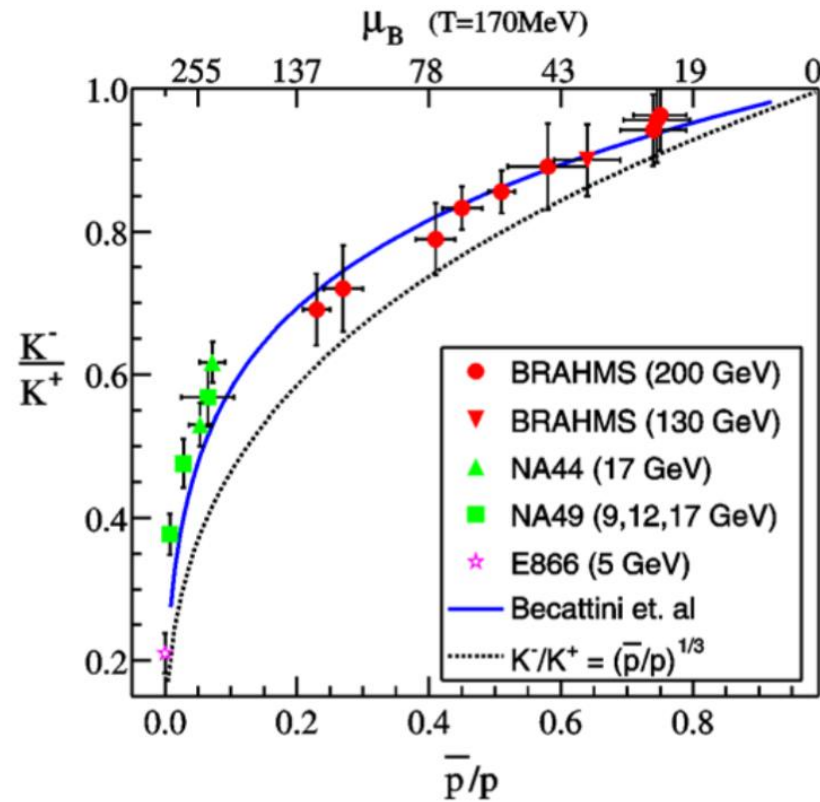
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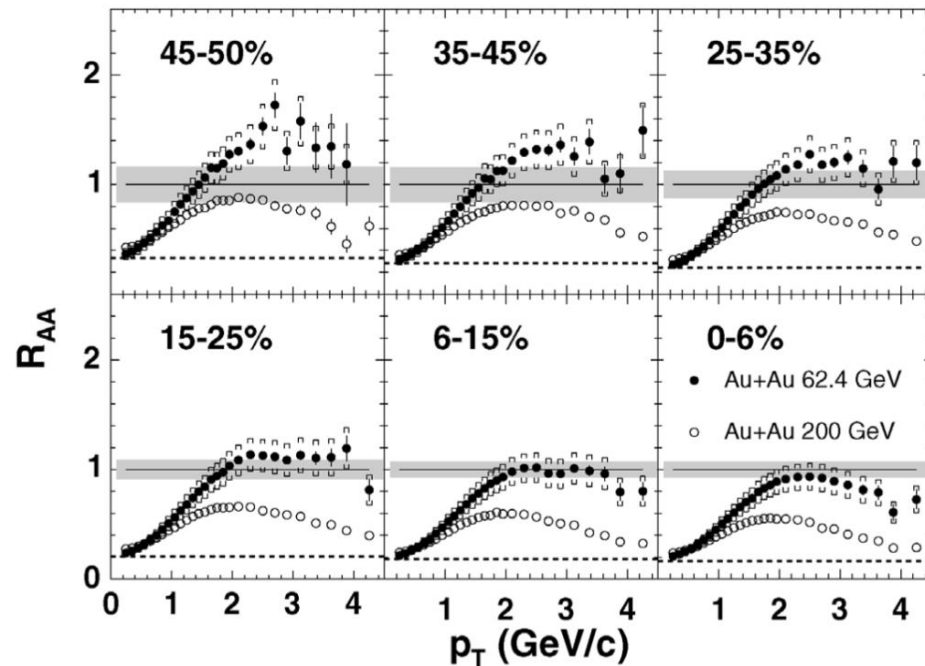


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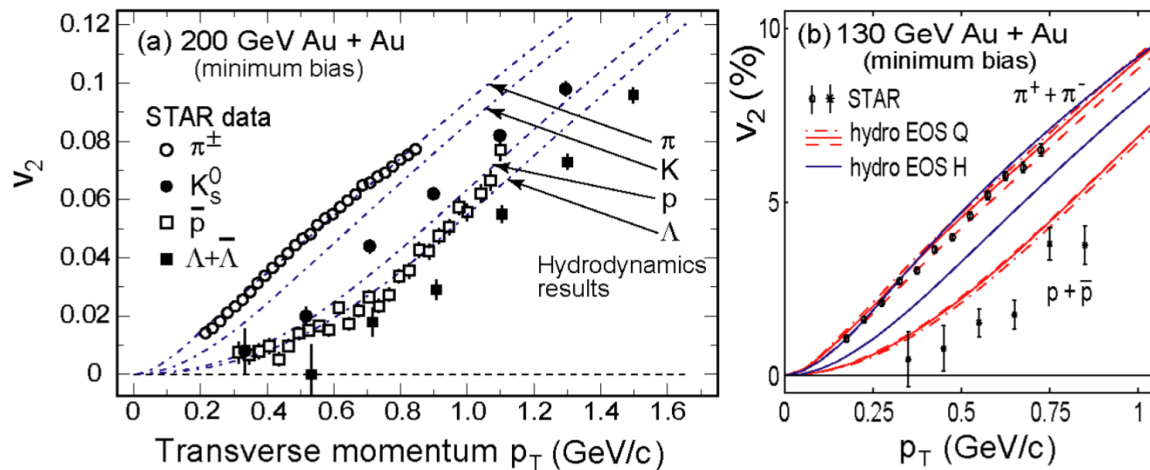
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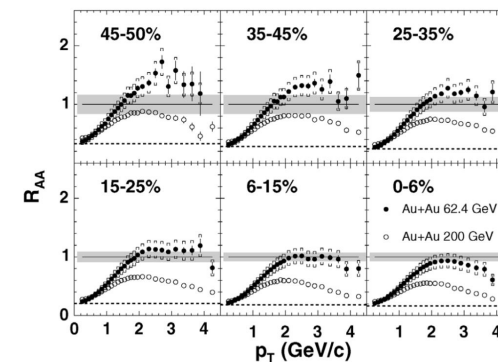
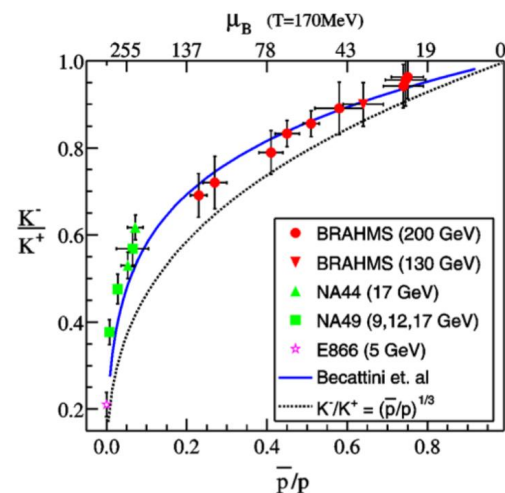
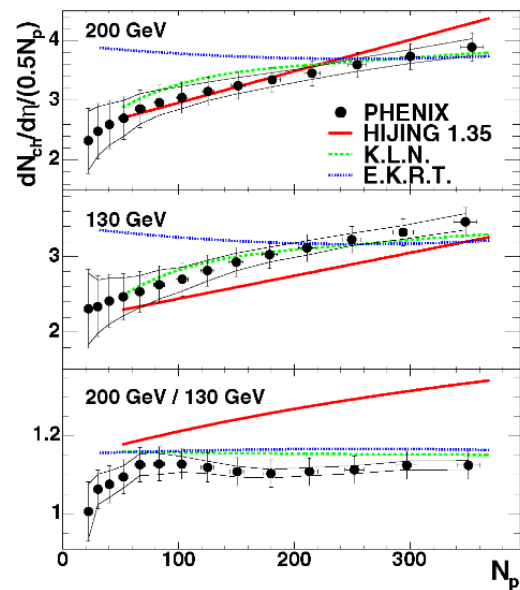
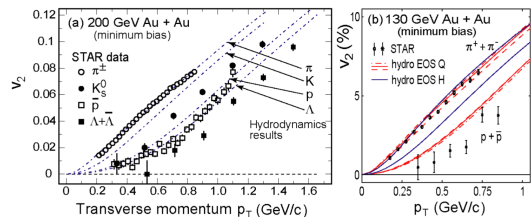
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**LOW-VISCOSITY RELATIVISTIC HYDRODYNAMICS IS ABLE TO DESCRIBE RELATIVELY WELL MOST OF THESE SIGNALS**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoLKve4kofc>