# Novel Dimensions for Exploring QCD Matter in Heavy Ion Collisions



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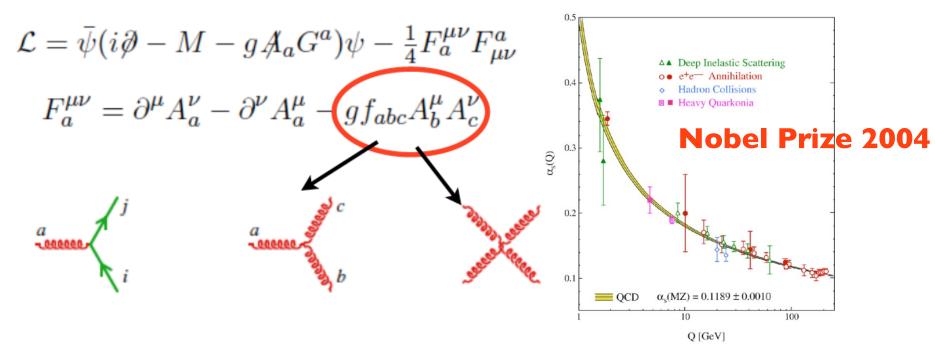
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# Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

The fundamental theory of strong nuclear force: QCD, a non-Abelian gauge theory of quarks and gluons



Asymptotic Freedom: coupling becomes large at low energy or long distance scale.

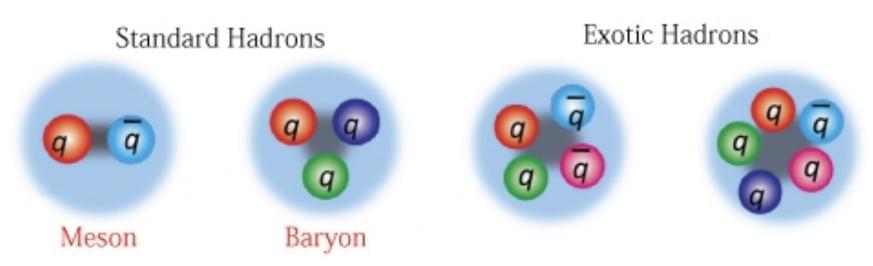
$$\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 {
m MeV} \quad R \sim 1 \, {
m fm}$$

$$R \sim 1 \, \mathrm{fm}$$

where "quark math" becomes very hard!

## The Quark Math/Mystery: Exotic Hadrons?!

Confinement: non-perturbative force binds quarks in hadrons. What are possible? Why some are possible and some not?

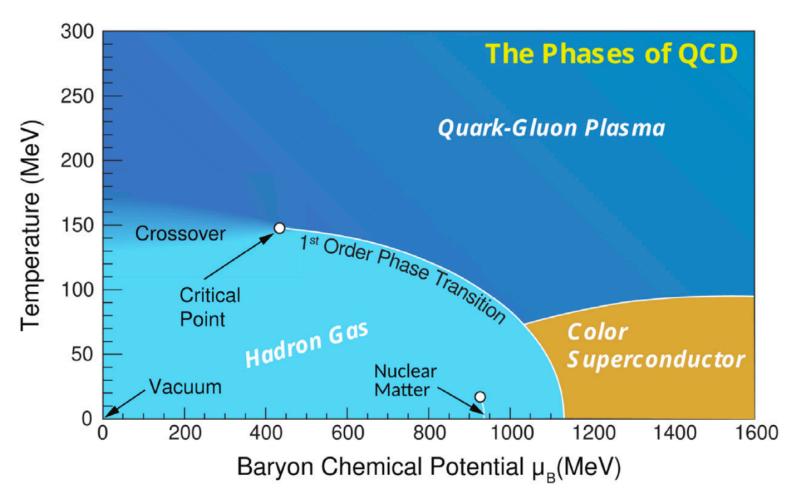


Understanding the "quark math" of hadrons:

Unravel the mysteries of nonperturbative QCD force
between quarks/antiquarks;

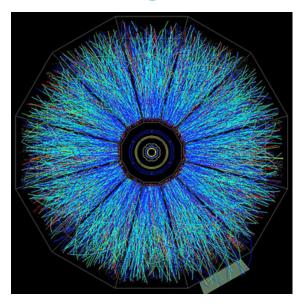
An exciting frontier of today's nuclear physics research

# Cooking up a "Quark-Gluon Soup"



Tuning external controls like temperature and density to explore QCD matter under extreme conditions

## Little Bangs in Heavy Ion Collisions (HIC)





our most powerful heating machines ever

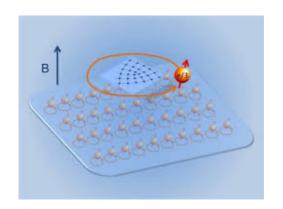
Quark-gluon plasma is created in high energy collisions!

The hottest matter!
The most perfect fluid!

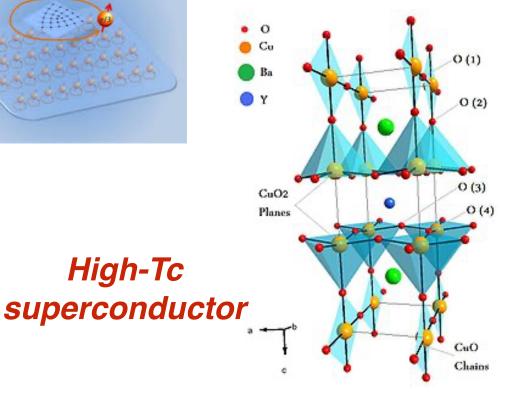


# What's Next? Dialing All Knobs You've Got!

#### Quantum hall effect

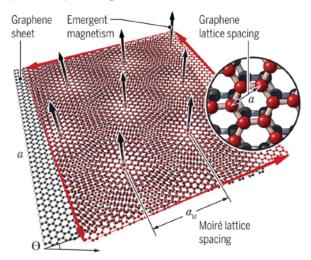


High-Tc



#### Twisted bilayer graphene

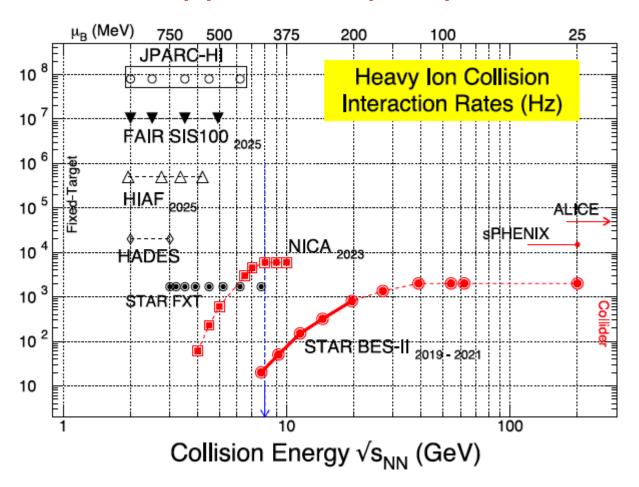
The two sheets are twisted by a small angle  $(\Theta)$ , creating a Moiré pattern that makes the bilayer both electrically insulating, with conducting edge states (red arrows), and magnetic.



"Magic angle"

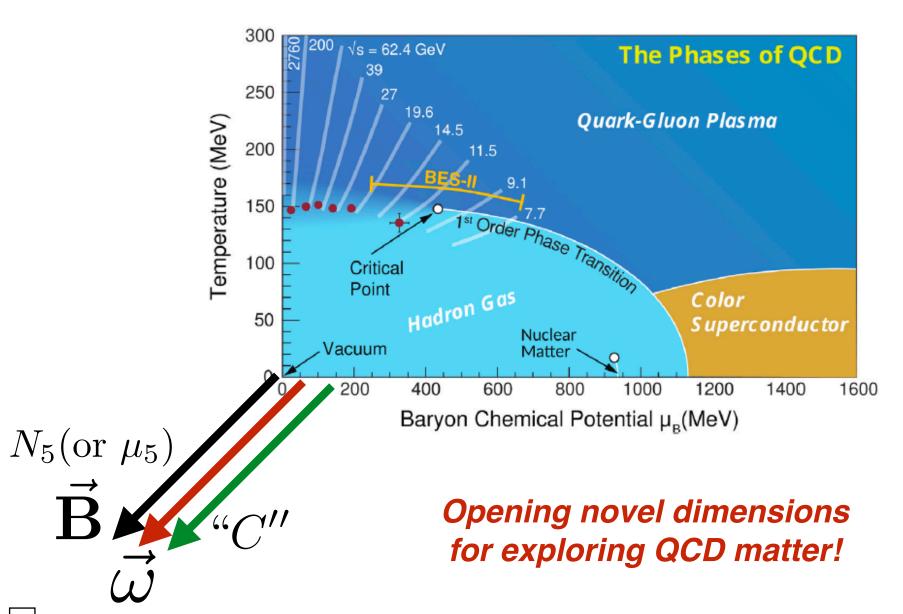
## Collisions Across Wide Beam Energy Range

Relativistic nuclear collisions have been and will continue to be done from O(1) GeV to O(1000) GeV beam energy!

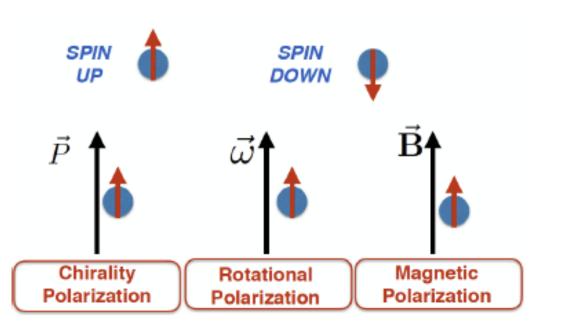


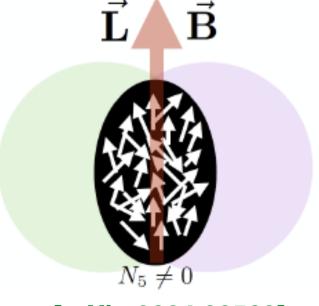
"Mapping the Phases of Quantum Chromodynamics with Beam Energy Scan", Bzdak, Esumi, Koch, JL, Stephanov, Xu, Phys. Rep. 853(2020)1-87.

## Novel Dimensions Enabled by BES



# Spin @ Chirality, Vorticity and Magnetic Field



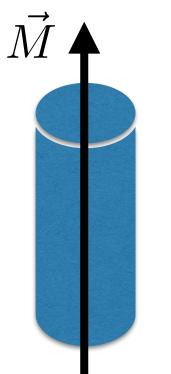


[arXiv:2004.00569]

The interplay of spin with chirality/vorticity/magnetic field —> many novel phenomena

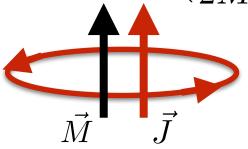
## Einstein-de Hass Effect

Richardson,~1908; Einstein-de Hass,~1915: Change of a free body's magnetic momentum —> Mechanical rotation of the sample



Orbital contribution:

$$\Delta M = \left(\frac{q}{2M}\right) \Delta J$$



Spin contribution:

$$\Delta M = \left(\frac{2 \times q}{2M}\right) \Delta J$$

Barnett (OSU), ~1915:

1st correct measurement, supporting the g~2, Indicating dominant spin contributions in magnetization.

## **Barnett Effect**

September 24, 1909] SCIENCE 413

Lehrbuch der Kristalloptik, by E. B. Wilson; "Notes"; "New Publications."

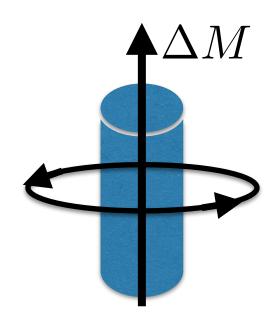
#### SPECIAL ARTICLES

ON MAGNETIZATION BY ANGULAR ACCELERATION

Some time ago, while thinking about the origin of the earth's magnetism, it occurred to me that any magnetic substance must, according to current theory, become magnetized by receiving an angular velocity.

Thus consider a cylinder of iron or other substance constituted of atomic or molecular

fectly definite and unquestionable, but exceedingly difficult to account for, viz., a magnetization along the rod in a definite direction independent of the direction of rotation and of the direction of the original residual magnetism of the rod. It was not due to the jarring of the cylinder as it was rotated in the earth's field, nor to a possible minute change in the direction of its axis produced by the pull of the motor. In magnitude this effect was several times as great as the other, which became manifest only at the higher of the two speeds used.



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# The opposite should also happen:

 $\Delta J \Rightarrow \Delta M$ 

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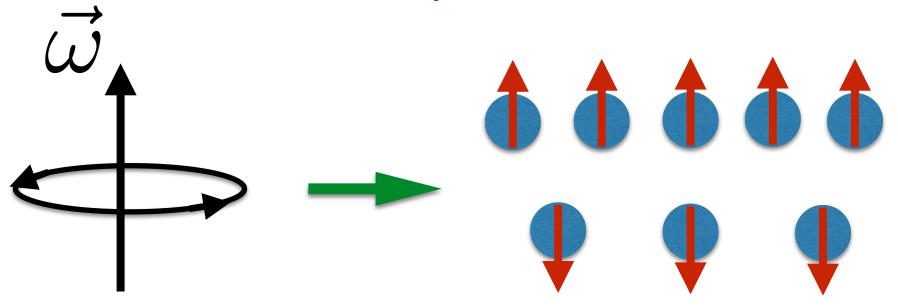
#### MAGNETIZATION BY ROTATION.1

BY S. J. BARNETT.

§1. In 1909 it occurred to me, while thinking about the origin of terrestrial magnetism, that a substance which is magnetic (and therefore, according to the ideas of Langevin and others, constituted of atomic or molecular orbital systems with individual magnetic moments fixed in magnitude and differing in this from zero) must become magnetized by a sort of molecular gyroscopic action on receiving an angular velocity.

## Rotational Polarization

Essential assumption underlying the Barnett effect: rotational polarization



Macroscopic rotation; Global angular momentum Microscopic spin alignment

It however is a lot tricker to be directly observed for a liquid/fluid.

## Rotational Polarization in Condensed Matter

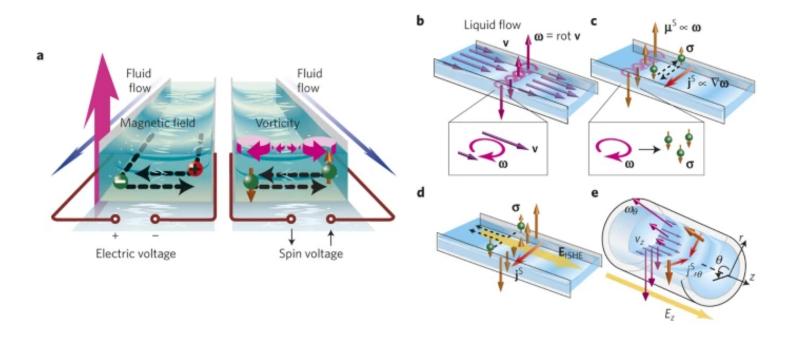
## Spin hydrodynamic generation

R. Takahashi 🖂, M. Matsuo, M. Ono, K. Harii, H. Chudo, S. Okayasu, J. leda, S. Takahashi, S. Maekawa & E. Saitoh 🖂

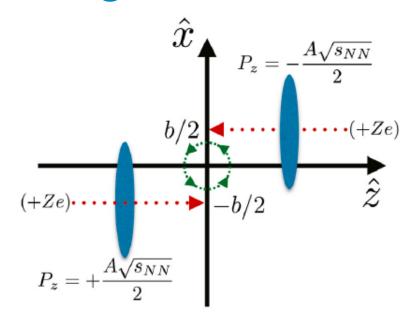
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# Viscous fluid flow —> vorticity —> spin polarization

#### "Fluid Spintronics"



## Angular Momentum in Heavy Ion Collisions



Huge angular momentum for the system in non-central collisions

$$L_y = \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^{4\sim 5}\hbar$$

Liang & Wang ~ 2005: orbital L —> spin polarization via partonic collision processes

Becattini, et al ~ 2008, 2013: A fluid dynamical scenario

$$S^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\nu} \varpi_{\rho\sigma} \qquad \varpi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_{\nu} \left( \frac{1}{T} u_{\mu} \right) - \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{T} u_{\nu} \right) \right]$$

# "Rotating" Quark-Gluon Plasma

$$L_y = \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^{4\sim 5}\hbar$$

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#### Rotating quark-gluon plasma in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

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What fraction stays in QGP?

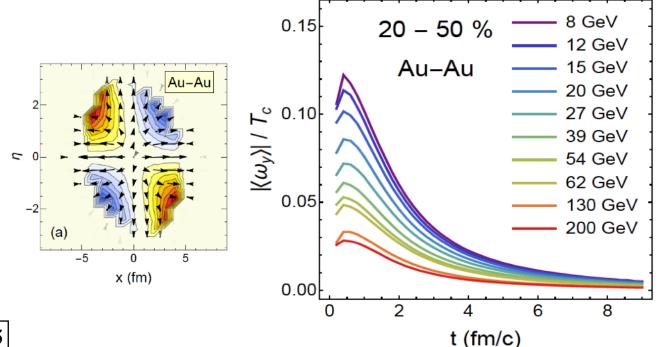
— up to ~20%, depending on collision energy.

Is this portion conserved?

— YES!

How QGP accommodates this angular momentum?

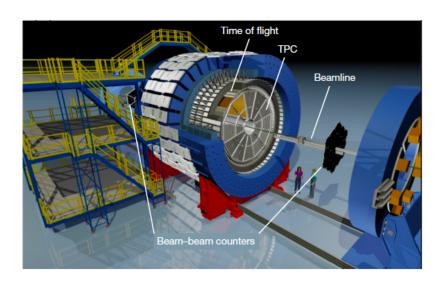
— Fluid vorticity!



O(1~10) GeV is the region to look at!!

## The Most Vortical Fluid





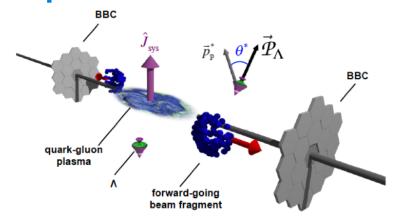
An exciting discovery from STAR Collaboration at RHIC: The most vortical fluid!

# **LETTER**

doi:10.1038/nature23004

## Global $\Lambda$ hyperon polarization in nuclear collisions

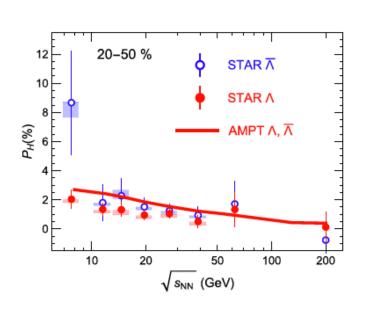
## Spin Polarization in the Subatomic Swirls

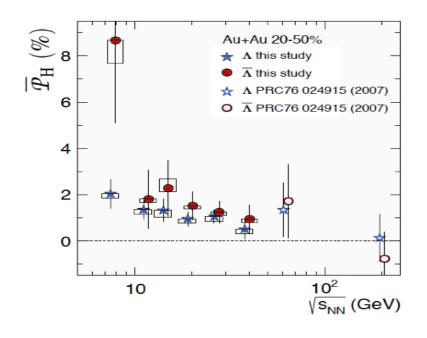


# STAR Collaboration, Nature 2017

$$\omega \approx (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} s^{-1}$$

#### The most vortical fluid!

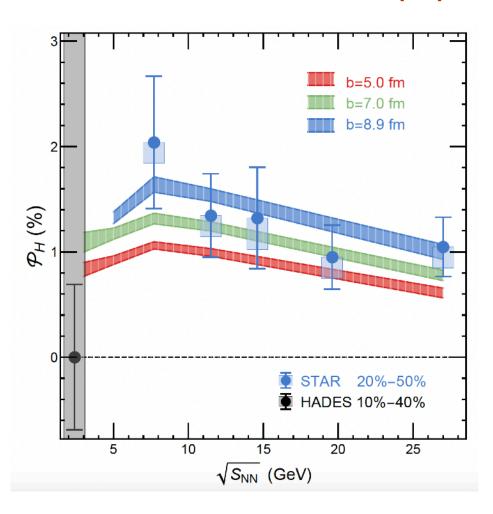




Next Question: Trend toward sub-10 GeV ???

## Predictions for Global Polarization at O(I) GeV

## An Interesting Question: Trend from O(10) toward O(1) GeV ???





Yu Guo, et al: to appear soon.

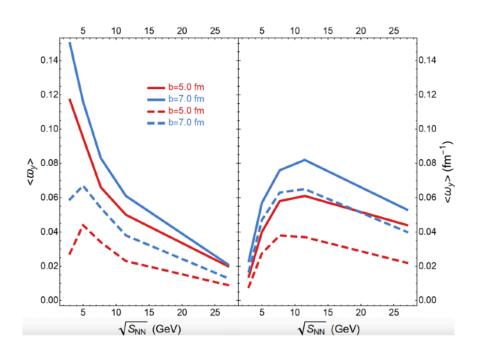
Calculations predict non-monotonic behavior in global polarization, with possible maximum in 5~10 GeV. More findings in forthcoming paper.

# Why the Decrease toward O(I) GeV?

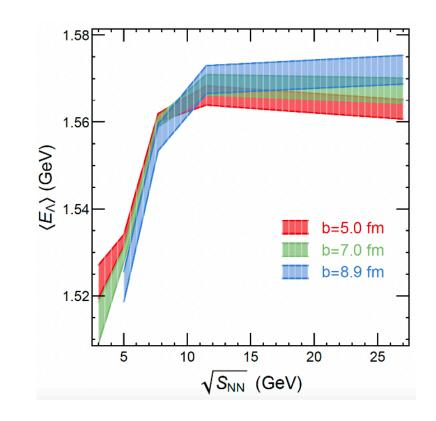
$$S^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\nu} \varpi_{\rho\sigma}$$

Due to strong decrease toward
O(1) GeV region
in both vorticity and
produced hyperon energy

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[For vorticity, see also URQMD results in: Deng, Huang, Ma, 79 Zhang, arXiv:2001.01371]

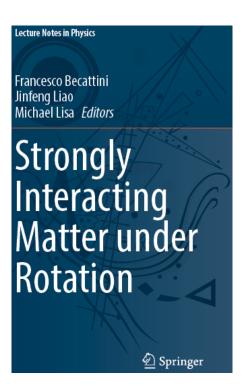


## Strongly Interacting Matter under Rotation

Opening doors for a whole new array of interesting studies:

- Phase structure change? Equation of state change?
- Global and local polarization? Vector mesons?
- Spin transport theory? Spin hydrodynamics?
- Novel transport processes?

**–** .....

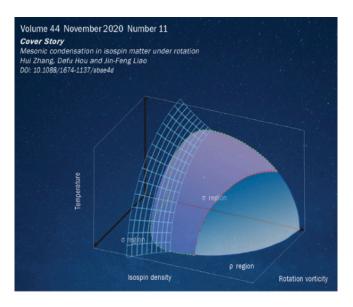


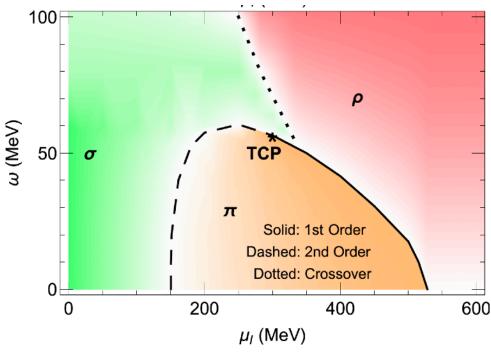
Many exciting new developments: see upcoming volume in Springer Lecture Notes in Physics!

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[arXiv:2102.00933;
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2011.09974; 1908.10244;
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## Isospin Matter under Rotation

Vacuum: sigma condensate;
Static isospin matter: pion superfluidity;
Isospin matter under rotation: emergence of rho condensate!





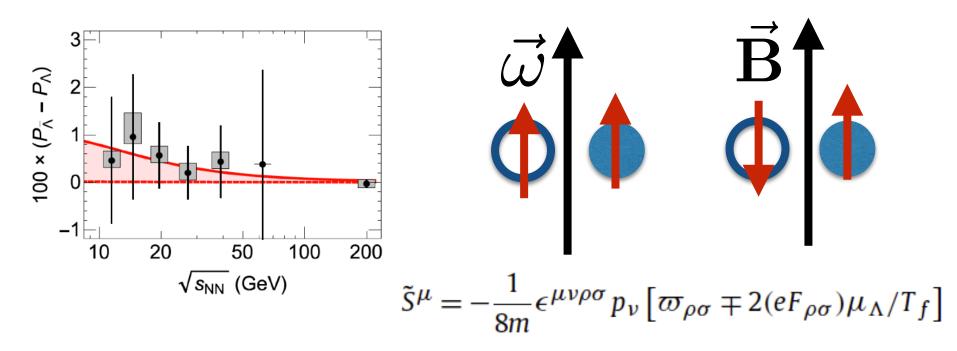


Rich phase structures found; Could be relevant to low energy HIC or neutron star matter

[Hui Zhang, Defu Hou, JL, CPC44(2020)11,111001]

## A Subatomic Version of Barnett Effect

A possible solution to a puzzle in STAR data at low energy: polarization difference between particle/anti-particle

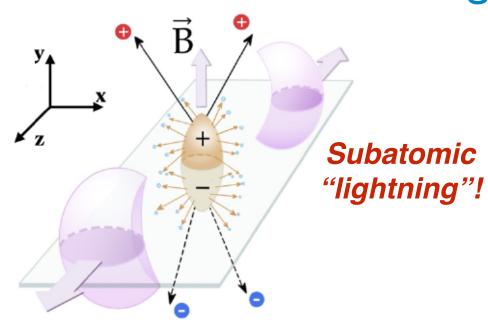


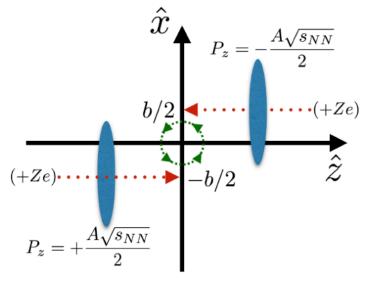
Late-time magnetic field could explain the difference;

Charged fluid may enhance B field lifetime via Barnett-like mechanism.

[Guo, Shi, Feng, JL, arXiv:1905.12613, PLB2019] [Guo, JL, Wang, arXiv:1904.04704, Scientific Reports 2020]

## The Most Magnetized Fluid



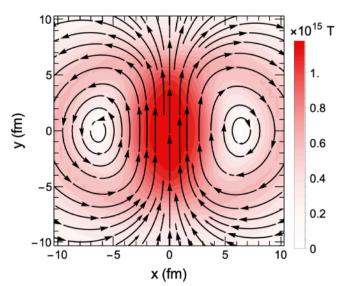


### The strongest B field ~ 10^15 Tesla

$$E, B \sim \gamma \frac{Z\alpha_{EM}}{R_A^2} \sim 3m_\pi^2$$

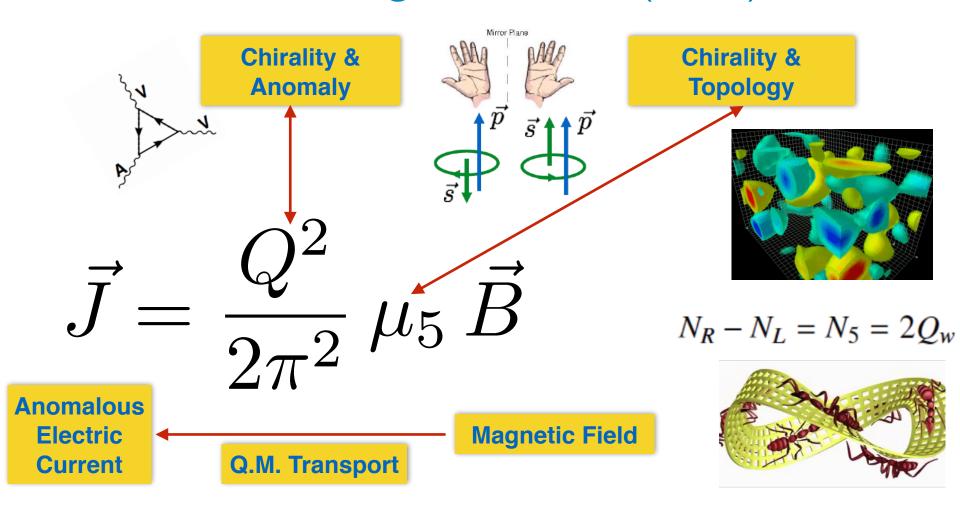
### However, short-lived

$$\tilde{t}_B = \frac{A}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}$$
 with  $A = 115 \pm 16$  GeV · fm/c



Optimal range for B-effects O(~100) GeV

# Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME)

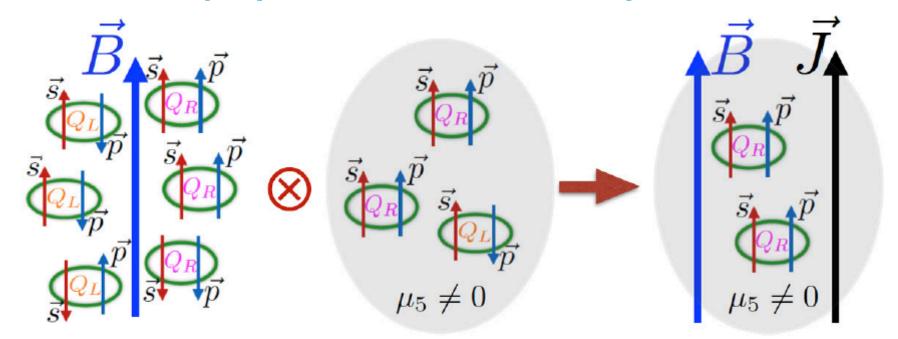


CME <-> macroscopic chiral anomaly

CME: a new quantum, non-dissipative electricity

CME: strong interdisciplinary interests

## CME: Interplay of B- and Chirality- Polarizations



#### Intuitive understanding of CME:

Magnetic Polarization —> correlation between micro. SPIN & EXTERNAL FORCE



Chirality Polarization —> correlation between directions of SPIN & MOMENTUM

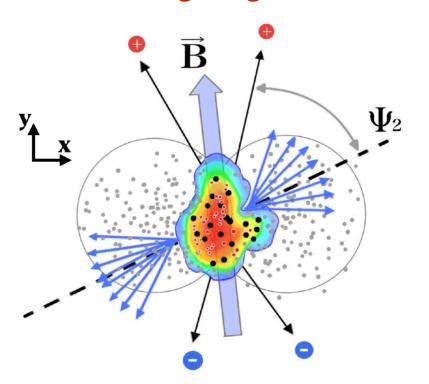


Transport current along magnetic field

$$\vec{J} = \frac{Q^2}{2\pi^2} \, \mu_5 \, \bar{E}$$

# Looking for CME Signals in Nuclear Collisions

CME transport induces a charge dipole distribution along magnetic field direction in the QGP fluid.



Gamma-correlator;
Gamma + v2 subtraction;
Gamma + event shape;
Gamma RP versus EP;
Gamma + invariant mass;
Signed balance function;
R-correlator

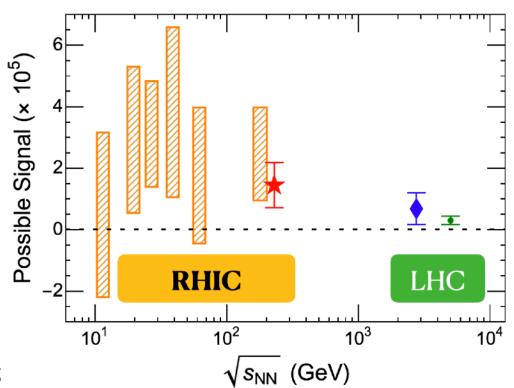
A specific emission pattern of charged particles along B field: Same-sign hadrons emitted preferably side-by-side; Opposite-sign hadrons emitted preferably back-to-back.

## Have We Seen the CME?

- First measurement ~ 2009 by STAR;
- Efforts in past decades by STAR, ALICE, CMS @ RHIC and LHC
- Search from ~10GeV to ~5020GeV beam energies
- Various colliding systems pA, dA, CuCu, AuAu, UU, PbPb

It proves to be a very difficult search:

Very small signal contaminated by very strong background correlations!



Experimental data: very positive hints, yet inconclusive.

Optimal range: O(~100) GeV

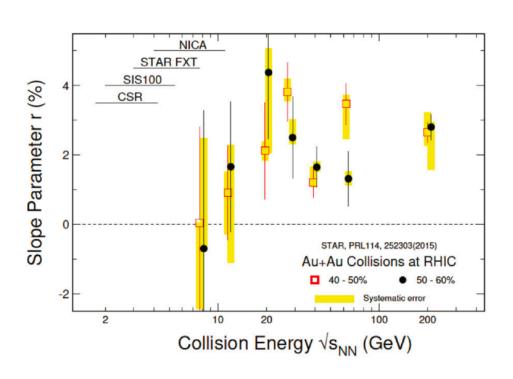
A related search: chiral magnetic wave (CMW)

## Chiral Magnetic Wave

A related search: chiral magnetic wave (CMW)

CMW -> charge quadrupole of QGP -> elliptic flow splitting

[Burnier, Kharzeev, JL, Yee, PRL2011; and arXiv: 1208.2537]



$$v_2^- - v_2^+ = r_e A$$

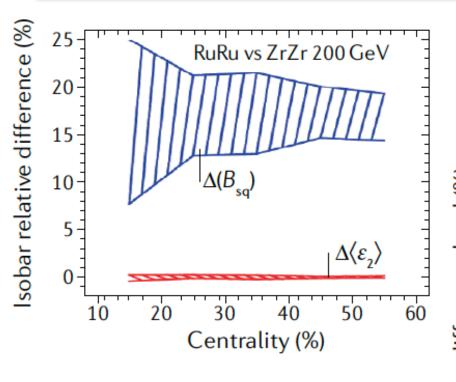
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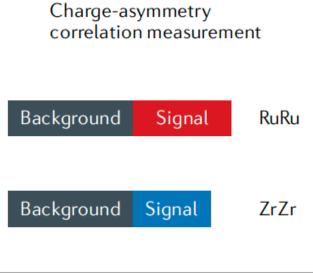
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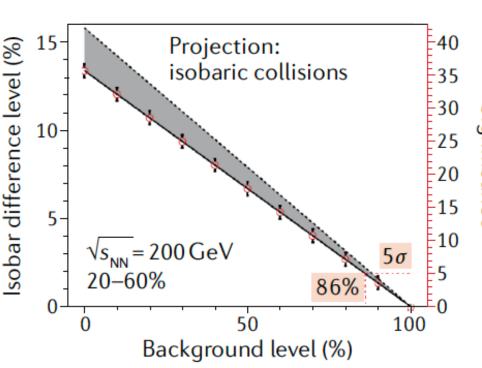
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## A Decisive Experiment: Isobar Collision

Exciting opportunity of discovery: 3 billion events collected for each system; results in ~ months!!!







## Status of Isobar Analysis

Phase-I Blinding

Phase-II Blinding

Cartoon: P. Tribedy, WWND 2020

Mock data challenge

Test data Structure (27 GeV files) Isobar-Mixed Analysis

QA, physics & code freezing (One run is Ru+Zr)/ Isobar-Blind Analysis

Run-by-run QA, Full analysis (One run is Ru/Zr) Mass Data production ~ 3 months

Isobar-Unblind Analysis

> Full analysis (Ru and Zr Separated)

Establish all procedures

STAR, arXiv:1911.00596 (2019)



The most difficult step

Act "blindly" on all procedures



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We are here

Fall of 2021

Tang for STAR, PAC Mtg, Sept. 2020.

- Program Advisory Committee Recommendation:
  - The PAC strongly recommends that any STAR publication regarding CME observables should contain the result after unblinding and without any additional corrections applied after unblinding that are deemed necessary by STAR. If such additional corrections are needed, then a paper containing both the unblinded and post-unblinded results should be published for reference in papers reporting the isobar data.

From: Aihong Tang

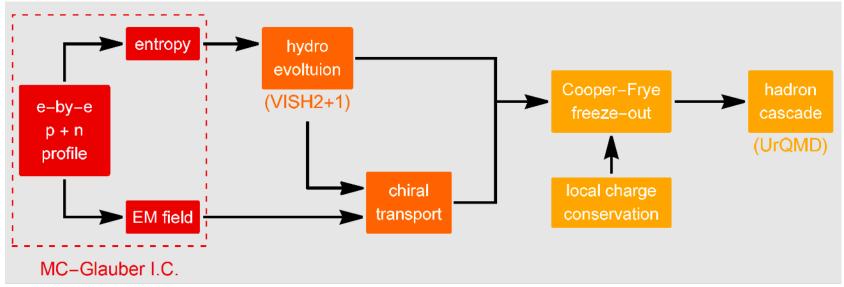
# CME Working Group @ BEST Collaboration

Theoretical tool for quantitative predictions of CME and related backgrounds is crucial!



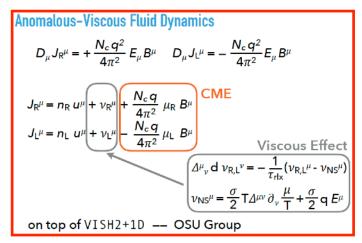
EBE-AVFD: event-by-event anomalousviscous fluid dynamics

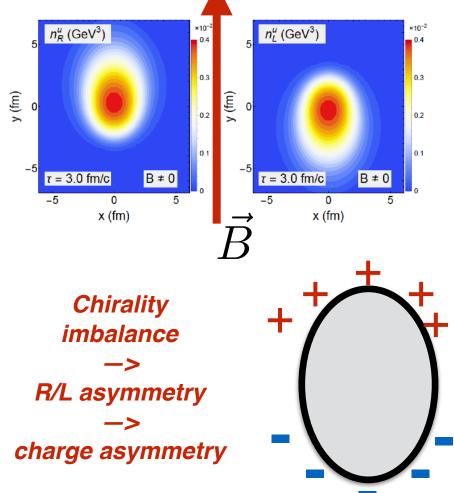


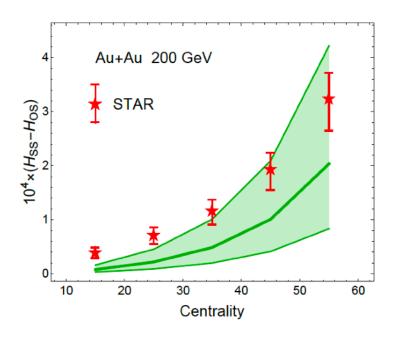


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# EBE-AVFD







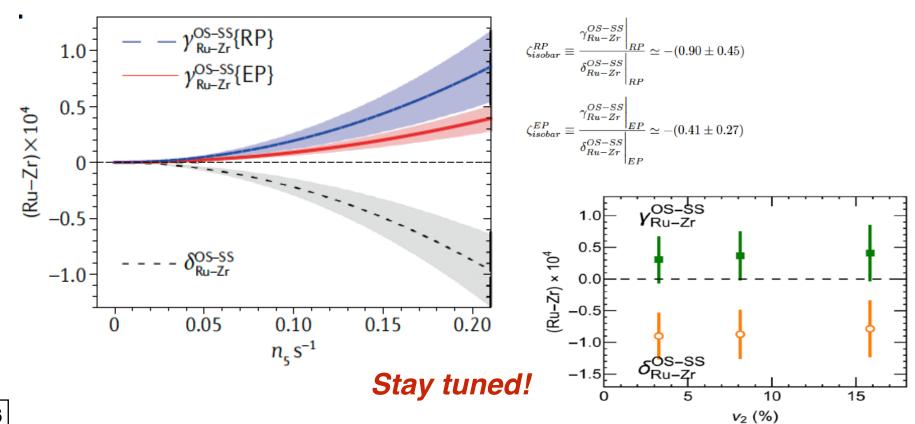
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## Predictions for Isobars

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#### Signatures of Chiral Magnetic Effect in the Collisions of Isobars

Shuzhe Shi, Hui Zhang, 2,3,4 Defu Hou, and Jinfeng Liao 5,†



## Counting Topological Twists of Gluon Fields

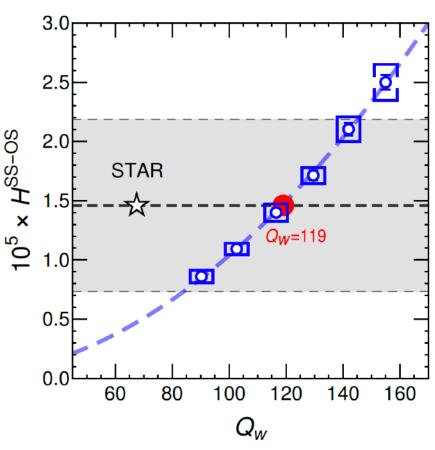
$$N_R - N_L = N_5 = 2Q_w$$



Gluon topology Qw <-> Chirality imbalance <-> CME signal

Need: AVFD + stochastic dynamics of axial charge





Anping Huang, et al, to appear soon.

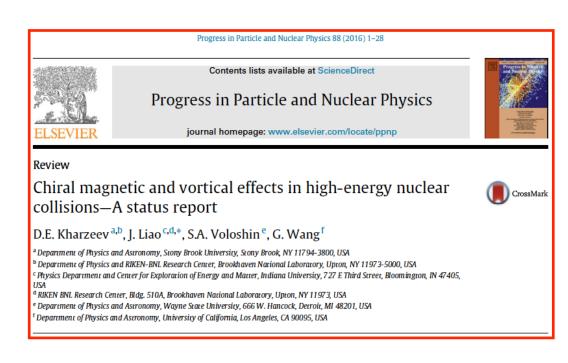
## Further Sources on CME

Chiral magnetic effect reveals the topology of gauge fields in heavy-ion collisions

Dmitri E. Kharzeev and Jinfeng Liao

Nature Reviews Physics 3, 55-63 (2021) [arXiv:2102.06623]

Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 88(2016)1-28 [arXiv: 1511.04050]



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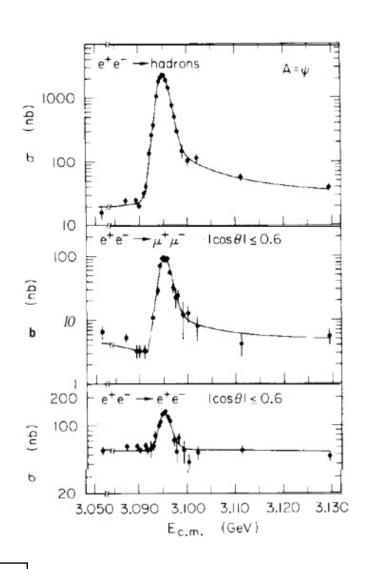
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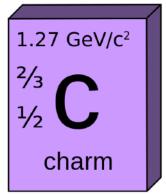
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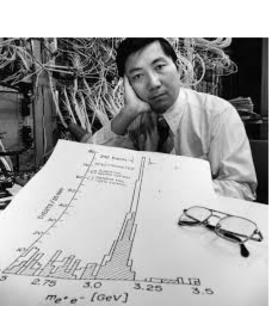
<u>Liao, Pramana 84(2015)5.</u>

## Coming Back to A Few Quarks

### Let us focus on the so-called charm quark sector







#### Charmonium



J/Psi discovery: Nov revolution (1974)

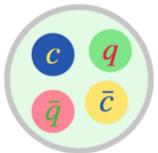
## Heavy Exotica

The c-c-bar system offers unique opportunities for exotic hadrons!

Charmonium

c-cbar-q-q-bar?!

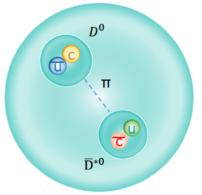




While theoretical speculations were made early on, the exotics started to be found only in the new century (2003).



X(3872): a compact tetra-quark? Or a loose hadronic molecule?

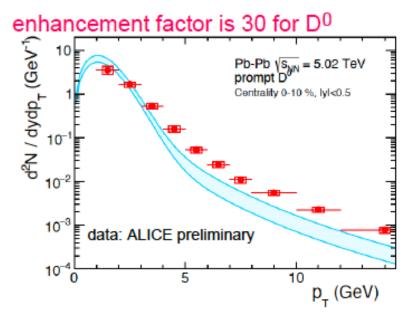


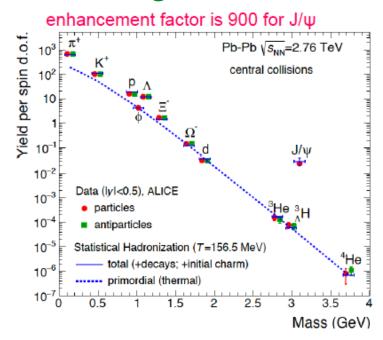
We are still far from completely understanding the secrets of QCD forces.

Can we help resolving the quark math from relativistic nuclear collisions?

# A "High-C" QGP at O(~1000) GeV

### Plots from Peter Braun-Munzinger





#### My key message here:

The QGP produced @ LHC O(~1000) GeV collisions, is a "heavy-doping" QGP, with a "large" number of charms —> a high-"C" QGP

-> ideal for producing heavy exotics!!!

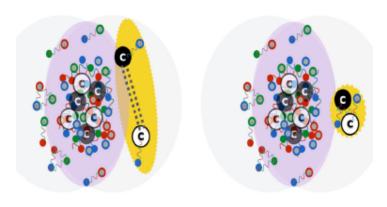
[First set of X-measurements from CMS and LHCb ~2019]

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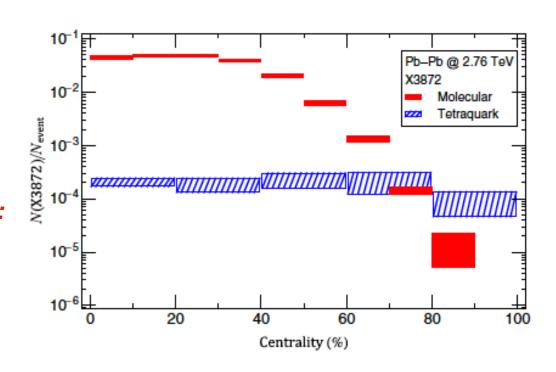
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#### Deciphering the Nature of X(3872) in Heavy Ion Collisions

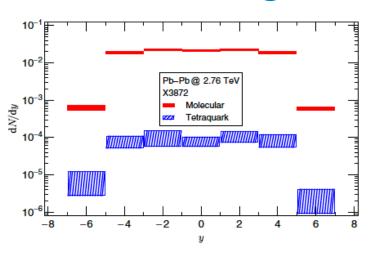
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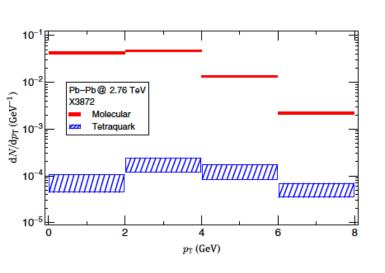


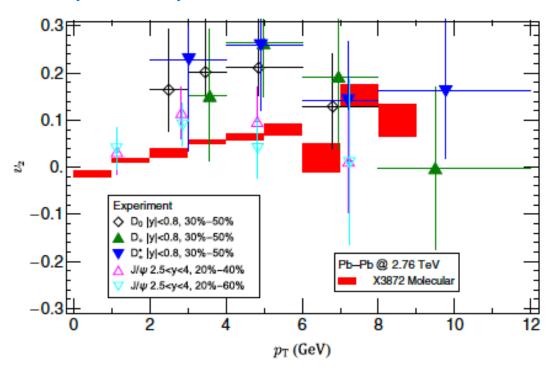
Hadron molecule v.s. tetraquark: Two orders of magnitude difference in the yield; Drastically different centrality dependence.



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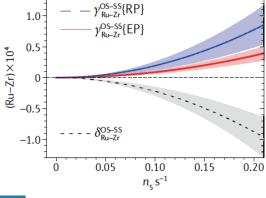




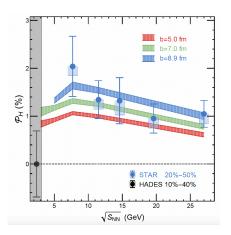
"It is tempting to envision an exciting time of vibrant and coherent theory and experiment efforts for exploring heavy ion collisions as a massive production factory of exotic hadrons to its fullest extent."

#### O(~1000)GeV: Charm exotica Pb-Pb @ 2.76 TeV $(Ru-Zr)\times10^4$ X3872 10<sup>-2</sup> Molecular Tetraquark N(X3872)/N<sub>eve</sub> 10<sup>-5</sup> 20 Centrality (%) s = 62.4 GeV The Phases of QCD 250 Quark-Gluon Plasma Temperature (MeV) 200 Critical Point Color 50 Superconductor Vacuum 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 Baryon Chemical Potential $\mu_{R}(MeV)$ $N_5$ (or $\mu_5$ ) Opening novel dimensions for exploring QCD matter!

## Summary



O(~100)GeV: Chiral Magnetic Effect



O(1~10)GeV: vorticity & polarization