

Holographic Heavy Ion Collisions

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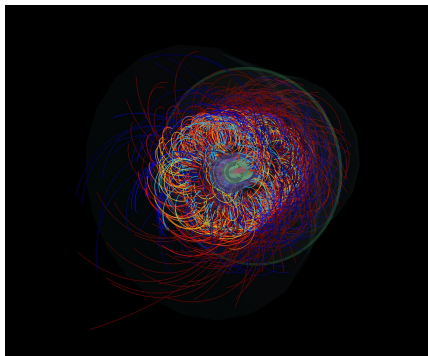
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Quark-Gluon Plasma:



LHC reconstructed event from the first heavy ion collisions [ALICE 2010]

Black Holes:



Collision of two Black Holes, merging into one [Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes 2016]

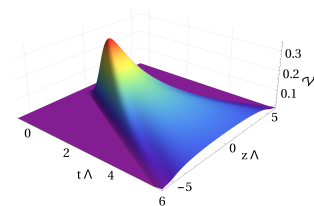
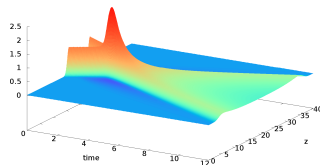
gauge/gravity correspondence:

bridge between physical phenomena in gauge theories and gravity.

MareNostrum success story

≈ 850 CPU khours computations on RES MareNostrum III/IV:

- scientific highlights:
 - **first non-conformal collisions**
 - **EoSization**
 - $\zeta/s \geq 0.025$ estimate
 - **spinodal instability across phase transition**
 - **New applicability of hydrodynamics**
- scientific output (from 03/2016):
 - 3 JHEP publications
 - MSCA fellowship, 2 PhD's
 - 4 plenaries + 20 talks at international conferences
 - 2 colloquium Utrecht/Harvard University + 7 seminars (CERN, CEA/Saclay, Brookhaven National Laboratory, ..)



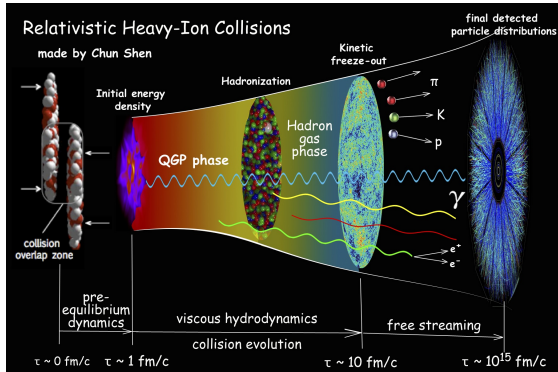
Non-conformal model

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Introduction Heavy-Ion collision - the 'little bang'



Stages of HI collision:

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Cartoon of a ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collision: the two nuclei approach, collide, first are out-of-equilibrium, form a Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP), the QGP expands and hadronizes, finally hadrons rescatter and freeze out

Hydrodynamics assumes mean free path goes to zero and conservation of energy and momentum

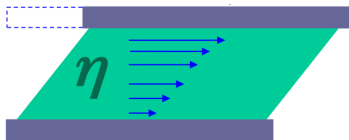
$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

expansion around isotropic equilibrium distribution:

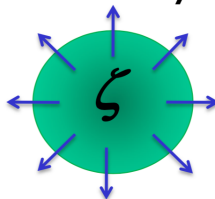
$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{hyd}} = T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ideal}} - \eta \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \zeta \Pi \Delta_{\mu\nu} + \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$$

Together with the equation of state of the fluid, which is defined as a functional relation between conserved quantities \mathcal{E} , P , they form a closed system of equations.

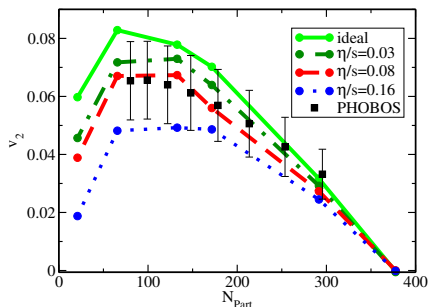
Shear viscosity



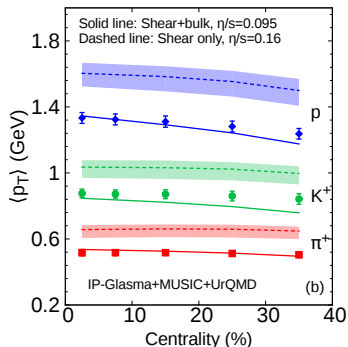
Bulk viscosity



Heavy-Ion collision flow observable match hydro simulation
assuming early hydrodynamization [Heinz, Kolb 2001]

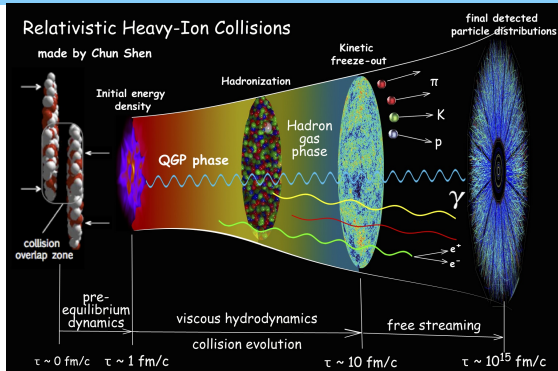


shear viscosity over entropy
density ratio $\eta/s \approx 0.08$
→ nearly perfect fluid
[Romatschke 2007]



Hydro simulation agreement
improves with bulk viscosity ζ
[Denicol *et al.* 2015]

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How to solve initial multibody Quantum-Chromodynamics problem?

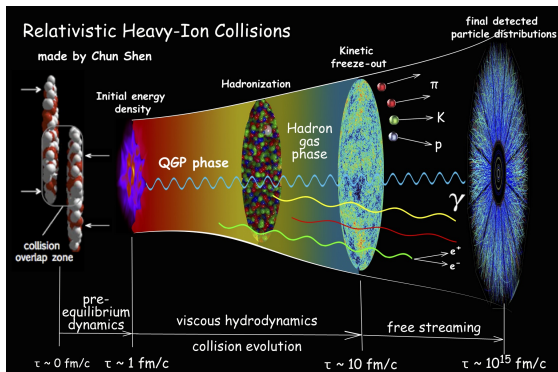
equilibrium aspects \rightarrow lattice QCD

classical aspects \rightarrow kinetic theory

weak coupling \rightarrow perturbative QFT

strongly coupled dynamics \rightarrow ?

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How can we describe the first stage at strong coupling?

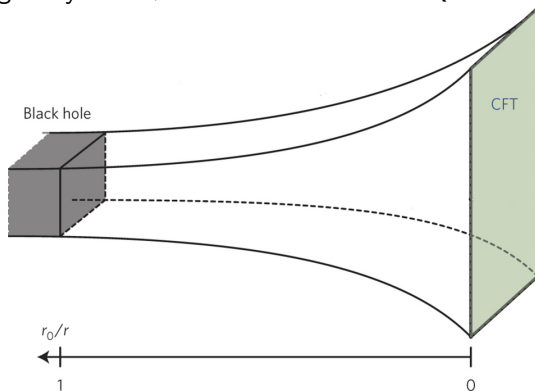
How long is the first stage? LHC Data indicates $\leq 10^{-23} \text{ s}$

What determines when hydro becomes applicable?

What are the initial conditions for the Quark-Gluon-Plasma?

Introduction gauge gravity duality

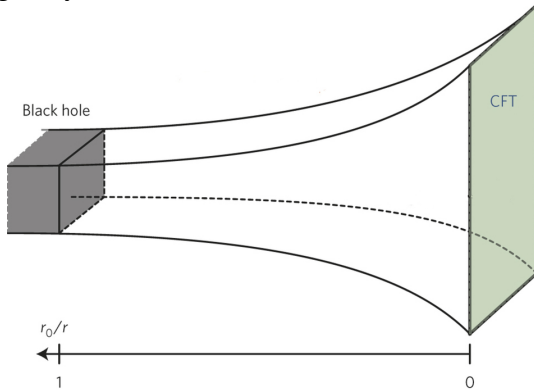
Quantum gravity in $d + 1$ dimension AdS \leftrightarrow QFT in d dimension



IIB string theory on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills
[Maldacena 1998, Witten 1998]

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shear viscosity over entropy density ratio $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \approx 0.08$
[Policastro, Son, Starinets 2001]

Heavy-ion collision:
QGP formation



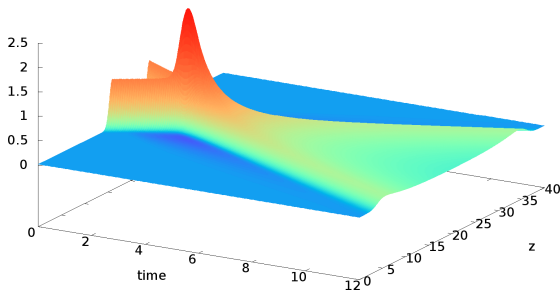
shock wave collision:
black hole formation

$$(\mathcal{E}, J_{\mathcal{E}}, P_{x^i})$$



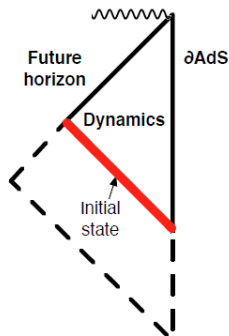
$$\frac{\kappa_5^2}{2L^3} \left(-T_t^t, T_t^z, T_{x^i}^{x^i} \right)$$

Holography allows to explore far from equilibrium dynamics:



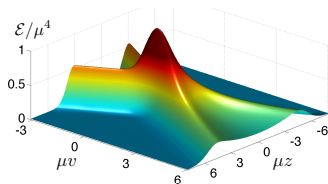
Energy density
evolution of a typical
shock wave collision

stage I: holographic shock waves properties



Strong coupling toolkit for out of equilibrium dynamics:

Fast hydrodynamization with first shock wave collisions in the characteristic formulation $t_{\text{hyd}} < 10^{-23}$ although very anisotropic $\left. \frac{P_T}{P_L} \right|_{t_{\text{hyd}}} \gg 1$ at hydrodynamization [Chesler, Yaffe 2011]



Thin shocks hydrodynamize fast too, Initial energy per unit transverse area μ relates to shock product after collision: $t_{\text{hyd}} T_{\text{hyd}} < \frac{1}{2}$, $T_{\text{hyd}} = 0.3\mu$ [Casalderrey-Solana, Heller, Mateos, van der Schee 2013]

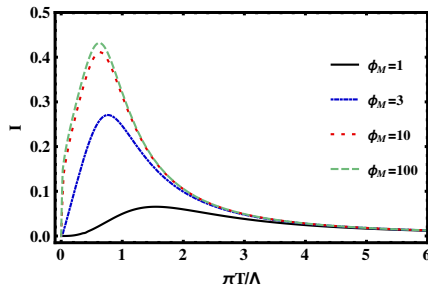
stage I: Non-conformal General Relativity setup

Einstein-Hilbert action coupled to a scalar with non-trivial potential in five-dimensional bottom-up model:

$$S = \frac{2}{\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$V(\phi) = -\frac{1}{12\phi_M^4} \phi^8 + \left(\frac{1}{2\phi_M^4} \pm \frac{1}{3\phi_M^2} \right) \phi^6 - \frac{1}{3} \phi^3 - \frac{3}{2} \phi^2 - 3$$

Interaction measure $I = \frac{\epsilon - 3p}{\epsilon + p}$ as
a measure of non-conformality,
NON-conformal at intermediate
temperatures, conformal at *IR*
and *UV*



Stage I: Non-conformal holographic shock waves

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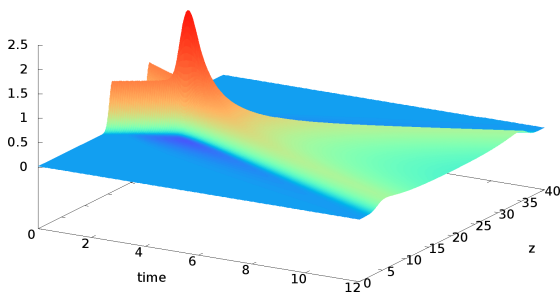
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$$(\mathcal{E}, J_{\mathcal{E}}, P_{x^i}, \mathcal{V})$$



$$\frac{\kappa_5^2}{2L^3} \left(-T_t^t, T_t^z, T_{x^i}^{x^i}, \mathcal{O} \right)$$

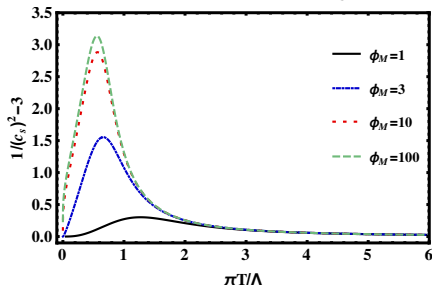
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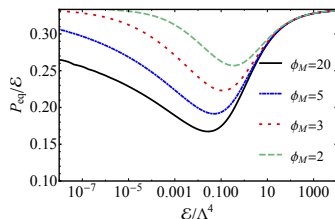
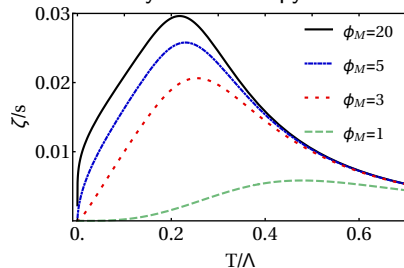
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collision

Deforming $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills with an operator \mathcal{V} dual to the scalar field. The source Λ breaks scale invariance explicitly and triggers a non-trivial Renormalization Group (RG) flow.

Deviation of speed of sound c_s^2 :



Bulk viscosity over entropy:



$$P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{3} [\mathcal{E} - \Lambda \mathcal{V}_{eq}(\mathcal{E})] .$$

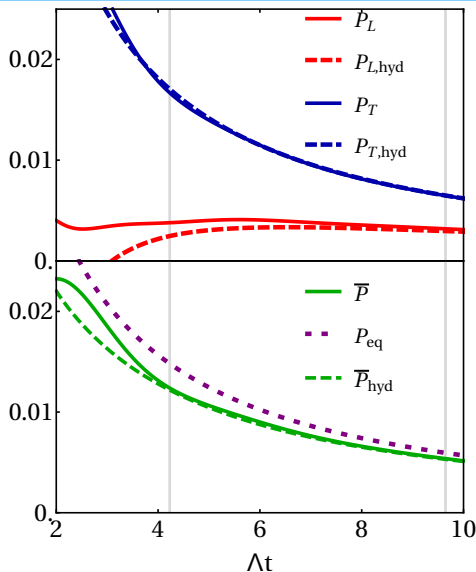
Out of equilibrium the average pressure is not determined by the energy density alone, as the scalar expectation value \mathcal{V} fluctuates independently.

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Non-conformal shock collision



hydrodynamization \neq EoSization \neq isotropization

Hydrodynamics expansion:

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

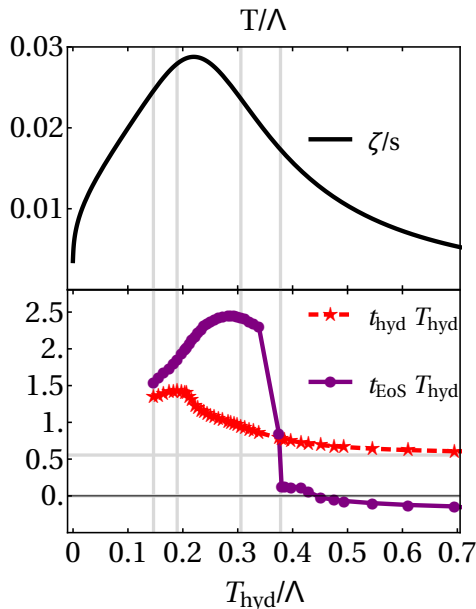
$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu + pg^{\mu\nu} + \eta\Pi^{\mu\nu} + \zeta\Pi(g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu)$$

Hydrodynamization:

$$|P_{L,T} - P_{L,T}^{hyd}| / \bar{P} < 0.1$$

EoSization:

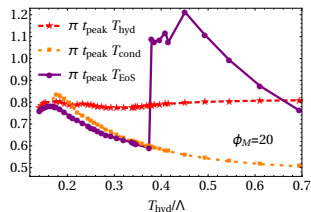
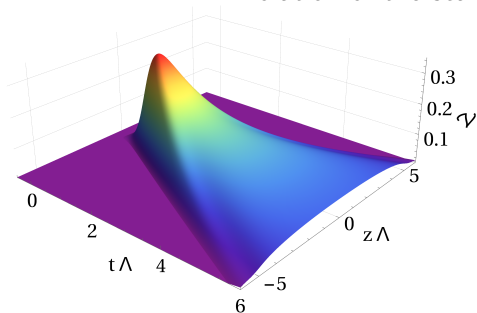
$$|\bar{P} - P_{eq}| / \bar{P} < 0.1$$



Non-conformal T scan:

- t_{hyd} slow down, still very fast
- small required $\zeta/s \geq 0.025$ for non-conformal effects
- ordering of t_{EoS} and t_{hyd} depends on bulk viscosity

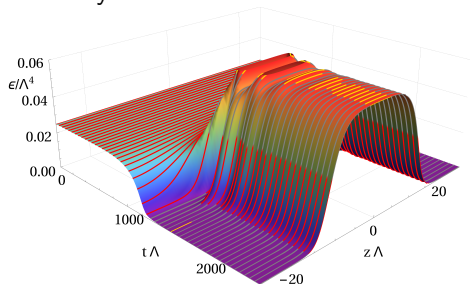
Evolution of the scalar condensate:



$$t_{\text{peak}} \approx \frac{c}{\pi T_{\text{hyd}}}$$

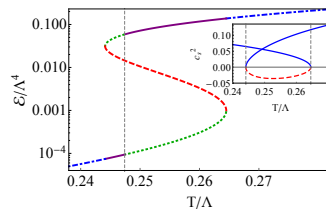
Universal effects of the dynamics near the horizon that forms deep in the bulk even in non-conformal theories

Energy density evolution of black branes afflicted by the Gregory-Laflamme instability:



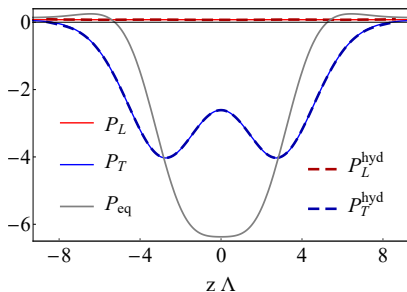
excited unstable mode growth until non-linear saturation

Energy density versus temperature for the gauge theory:



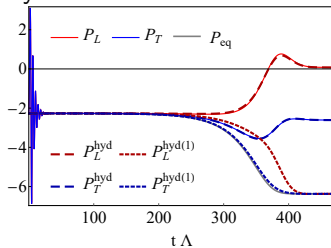
The dashed red curve is locally unstable, the dotted green curve metastable.

Hydro description $P_{L/T}^{\text{hyd}} = P_{\text{eq}}(\mathcal{E}) + c_{L/T}(\mathcal{E})(\partial_z \mathcal{E})^2 + f_{L/T}(\mathcal{E})(\partial_z^2 \mathcal{E})$



Pressures agree with hydrodynamic prediction for a different state

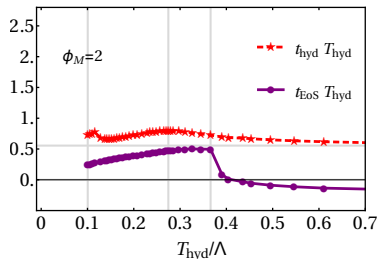
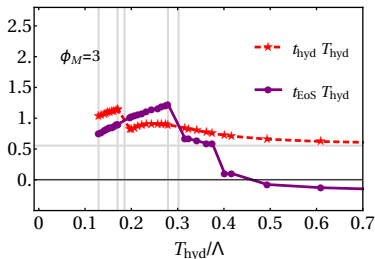
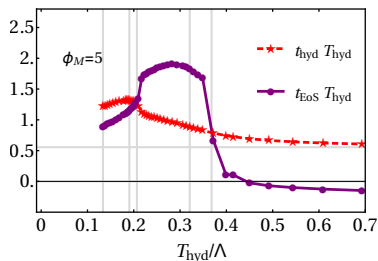
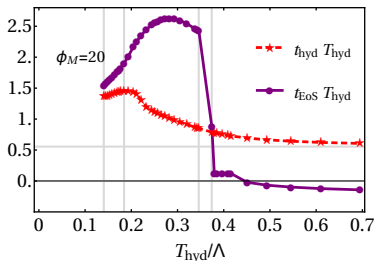
Pressures predicted by hydro match:



Early time behaviour with exponential decay of quasi-normal modes

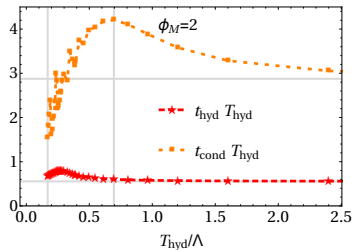
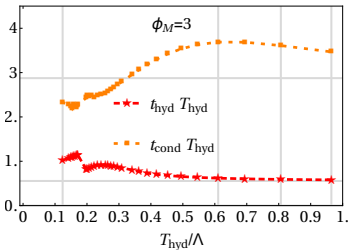
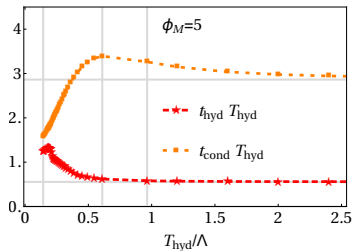
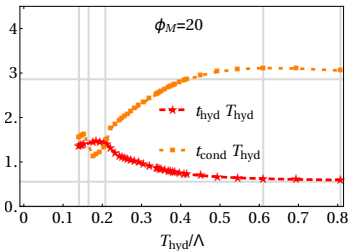
- First simulation of a holographic non-conformal model for heavy ion collisions:
 - New relaxation channel from bulk viscosity: *EoSization*
 - Fast hydrodynamization at early time with conservative estimate $\zeta/s \approx 0.025$ for non-conformal effects
 - Paths to equilibrium in non-conformal collisions:
Four orderings of Condensate relaxation, EoSization, Hydrodynamization times
- New example of the applicability of hydrodynamics to systems with large gradients: Gregory-Laflamme dual to spinodal instability settling to static inhomogeneous black brane
- More studies are on the way:
 - Asymmetrical collisions, exploding balls
 - Different potentials: $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$, Gubser, ..

Comparing varying non-conformality ϕ_M :



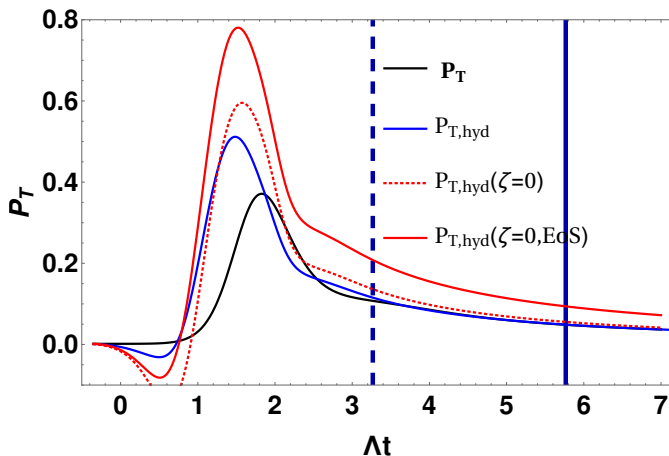
conservative estimate $\zeta/s > 0.025$ needed for $t_{\text{EoS}} > t_{\text{hyd}}$

Condensate relaxation times and hydrodynamization times for collisions with different ϕ_M :



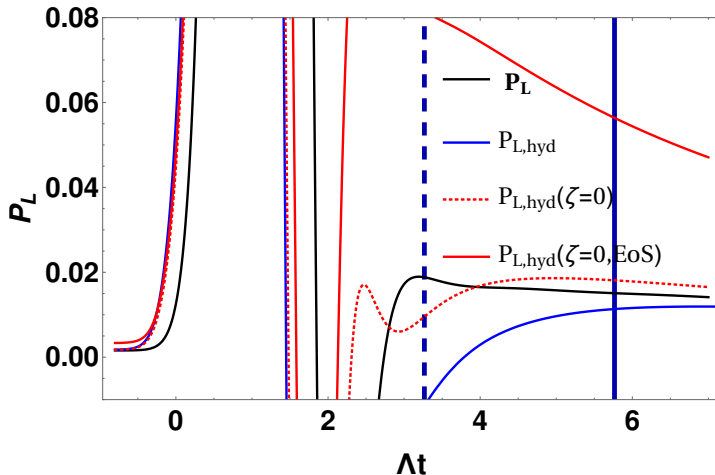
Backup: Transverse pressure

Landau match of the transverse pressure,
Landau frame assumes no momentum flow $T'_{0i} = 0$



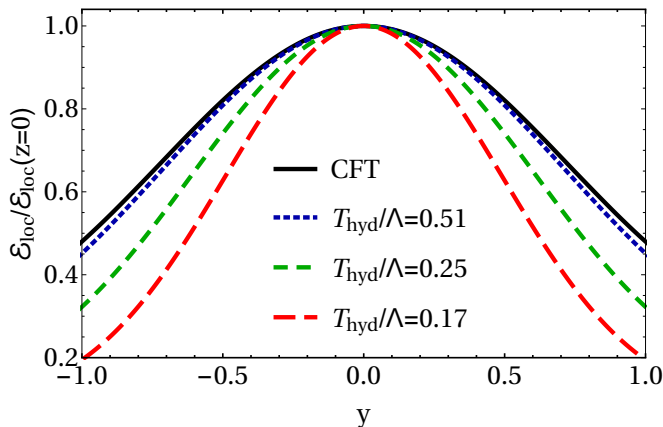
Equation of state essential for hydrodynamics prediction,
bulk viscosity slows down evolution lowers pressures

Landau match of the longitudinal pressure



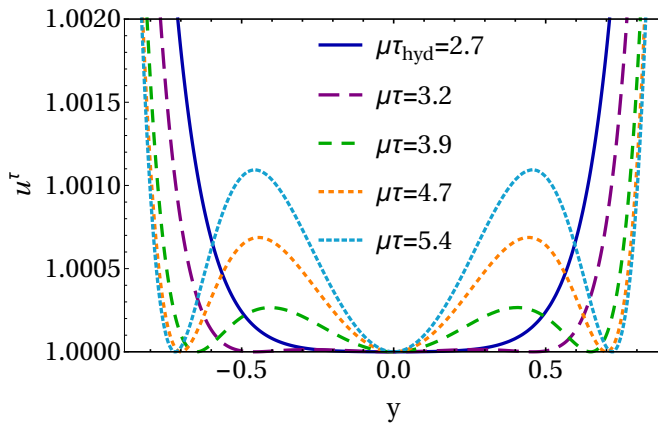
Solid vertical line indicates hydrodynamization time t_{hyd} once both pressures agree with hydrodynamics

At Hydrodynamization time almost Gaussian distribution:



Higher energy densities results in broader rapidity profile

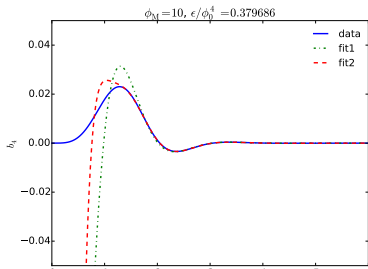
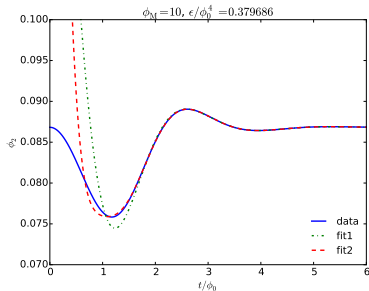
Boost invariant flow at mid rapidity:



the component of the velocity field along the proper time direction

$$u^\tau = \cosh(y) u^t - \sinh(y) u^z$$

ϕ_2 and b_4 as functions of time for a z-independent configuration



Backup: Convergence analysis

Differences between the coarse and medium (blue solid line) and the medium and fine (red dashed line) resolution run

