

Attractors & Universality in 3+1D Relativistic Boltzmann Transport

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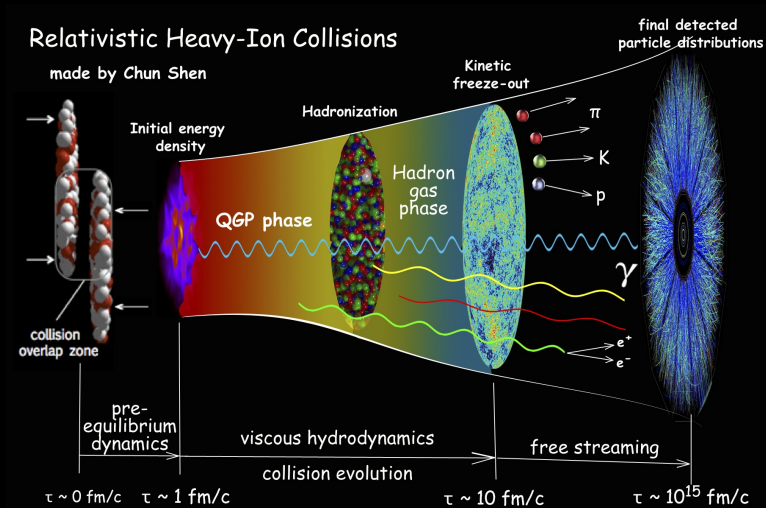
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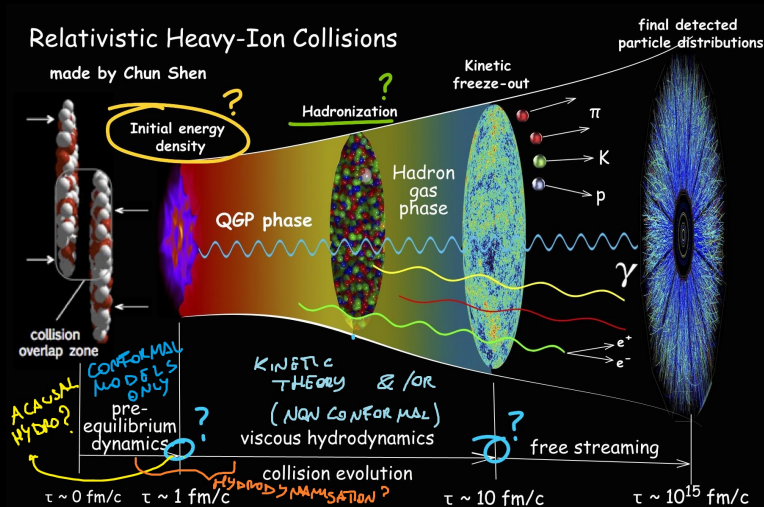
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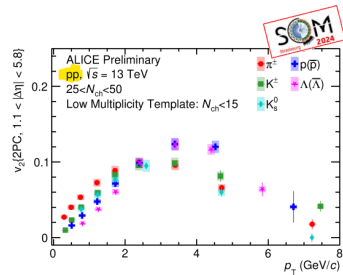
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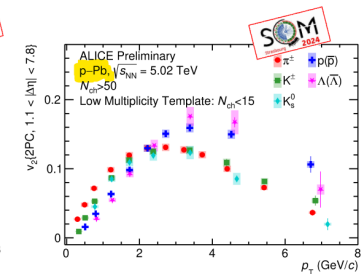
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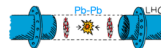
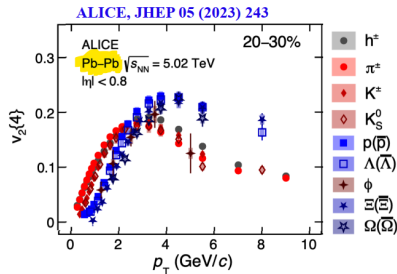
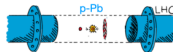
...but not only

Collectivity signatures observed also in small systems (pp and pA)

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(You Zhou, *Collectivity in high energy proton proton collisions*, SQM2024)

Good description by hydrodynamics!

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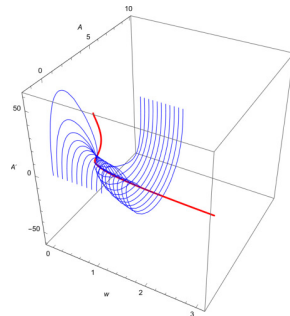
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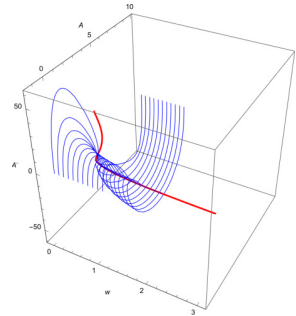
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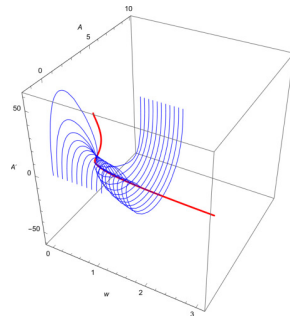
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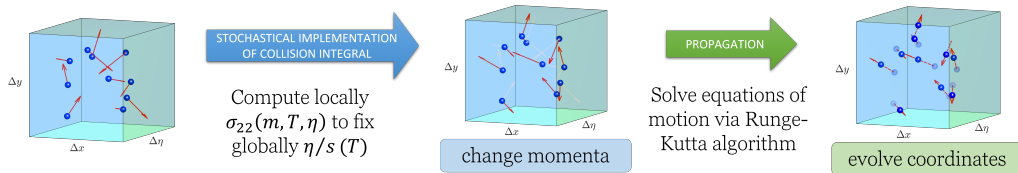
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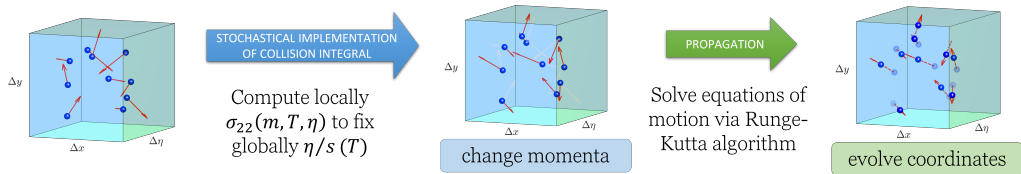


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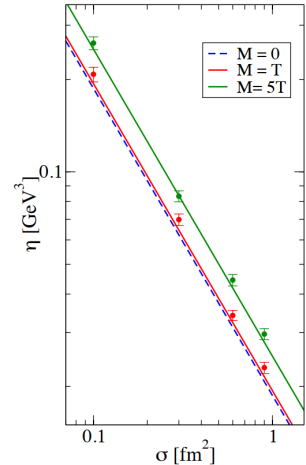
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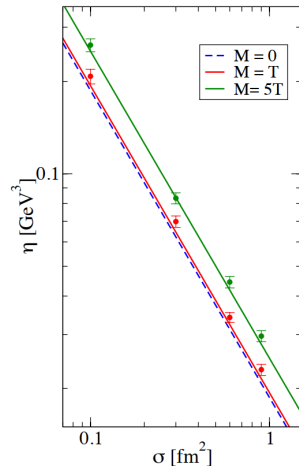
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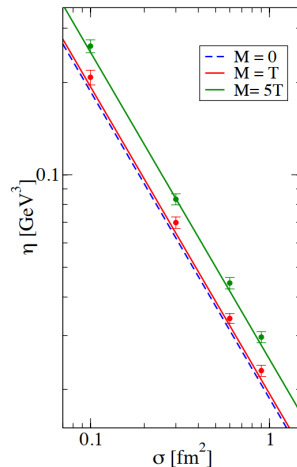
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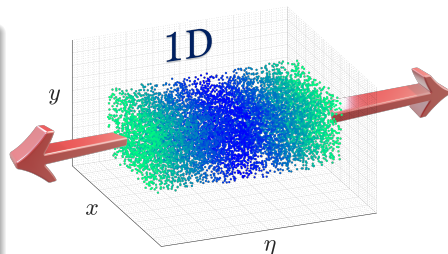
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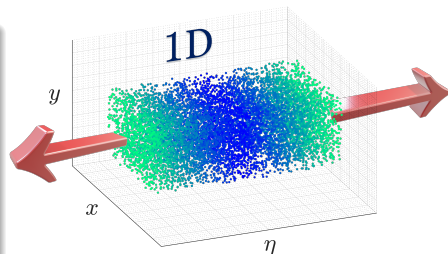
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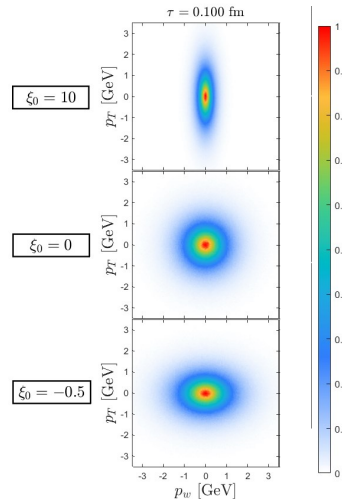
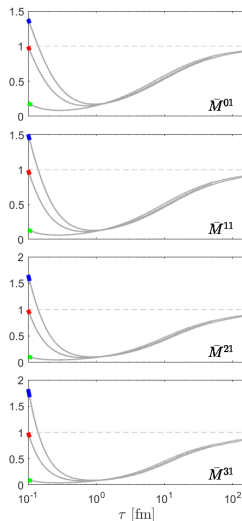
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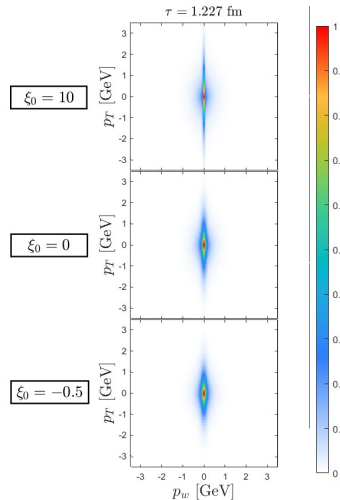
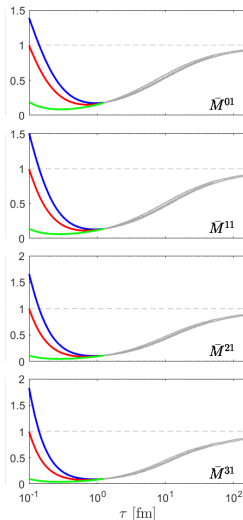
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- At $\tau = \tau_0$, three different distributions in momentum space:
 oblate ($\xi_0 = 10$),
 spherical ($\xi_0 = 0$) and
 prolate ($\xi_0 = -0.5$).



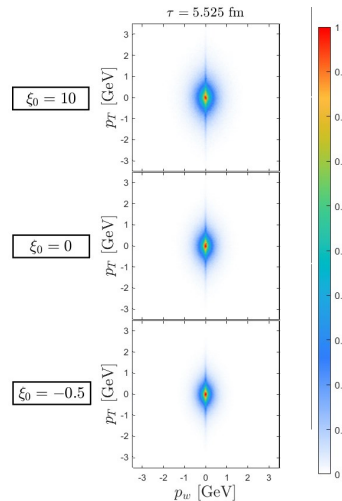
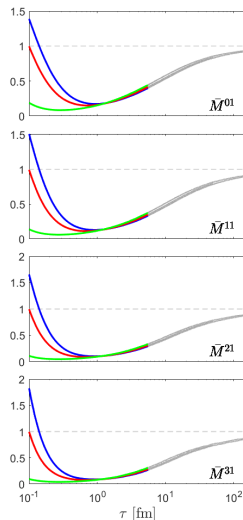
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- Already at $\tau \sim 1$ fm, strong initial longitudinal expansion brings the system away from equilibrium
- Distribution functions have similar (but not identical) shape.



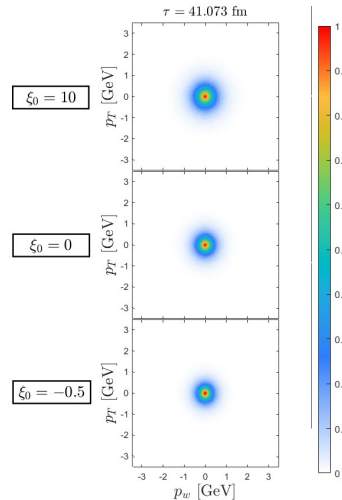
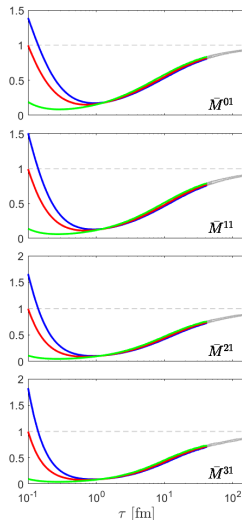
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- At $\tau \sim 5$ fm, clear universal behaviour also for the distribution functions.
- Two components: strongly peaked p_w distribution and a more isotropic one
(Strickland, *JHEP* 12, 128)



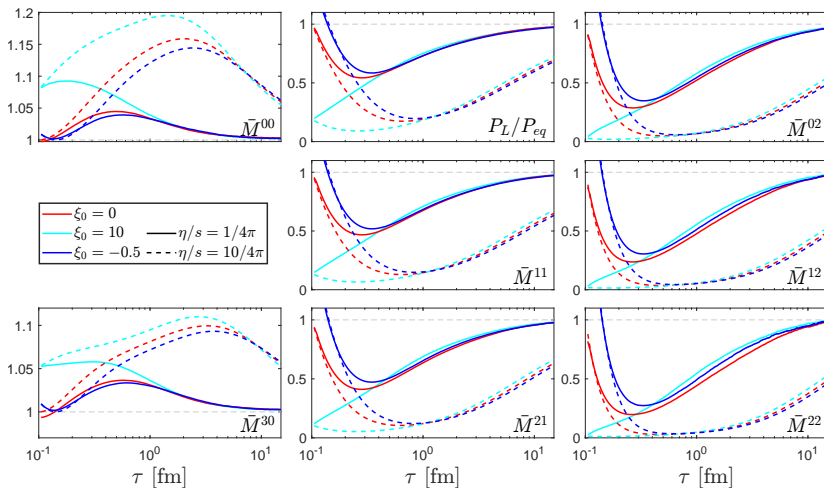
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- For large τ the system is almost completely thermalized and isotropized.



Forward Attractor vs τ

Different initial anisotropies $\xi_0 = -0.5, 0, 10, \infty$, for $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$ and $\eta/s = 10/4\pi$.



- $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$: attractor at $\tau \sim 0.5$ fm
- $\eta/s = 10/4\pi$: attractor at $\tau \sim 1.0$ fm
- Not 10 times larger!
- Less collisions to reach the attractor?
- **Different attractors for different η/s ?**

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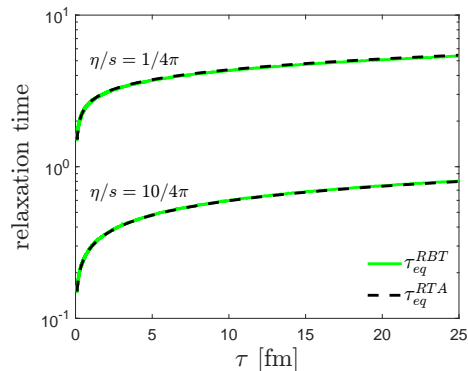
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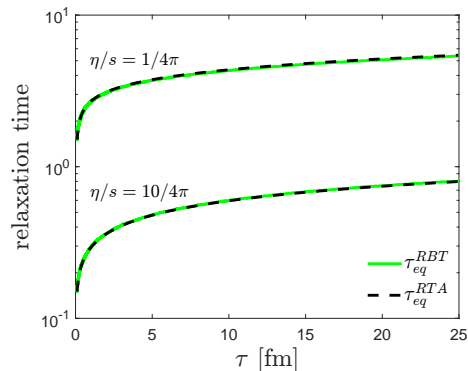
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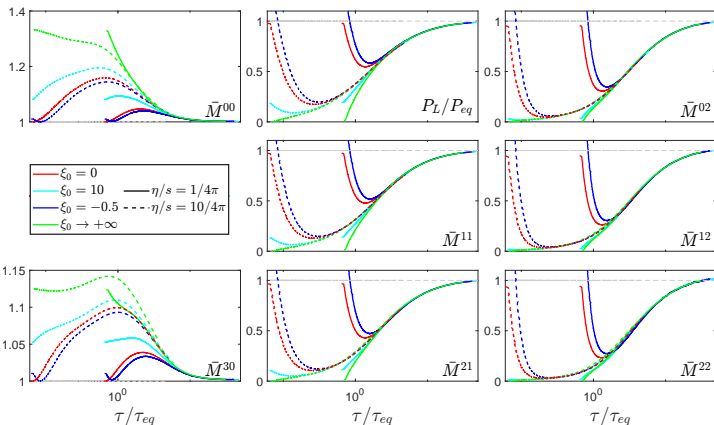
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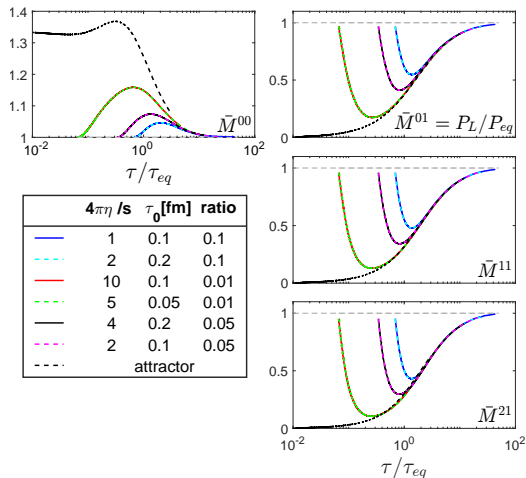
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Only one relevant time-scale \Rightarrow Solution rescaling: Pull-back attractor



- **Unique attractor!**
- $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$: attractor at $\tau \sim 1.5 \tau_{eq}$
- $\eta/s = 10/4\pi$: attractor at $\tau \sim 0.2 \tau_{eq}$
- Initial free streaming expansion

Universality in 1D



- Fix $(\tau/\tau_{eq})_0 = \tau_0 T_0/(\eta/s) \implies$ same results in terms of scaled time τ/τ_{eq}

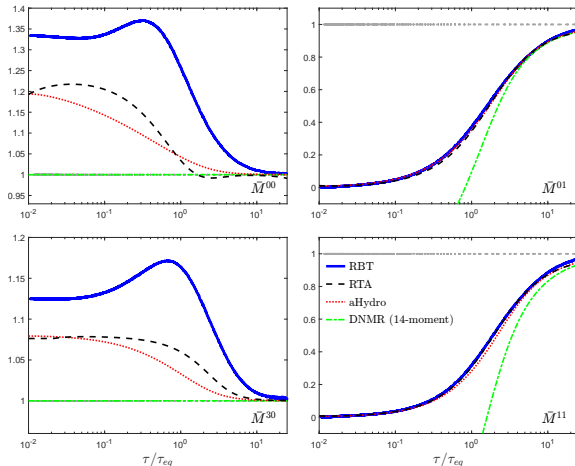
- Same in RTA and hydro.

In DNMR $\bar{w} \equiv \frac{\tau T}{5\eta/s}$ and $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{4\varepsilon} + \frac{2}{3}$:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{w}\varphi\varphi' + 4\varphi^2 + (\bar{w} - \frac{34}{7})\varphi - \frac{442}{315} - 2\frac{\bar{w}}{3} = 0 \\ \varphi(\bar{w}_0) = \varphi_0 \end{cases}$$

(Strickland *et al.* PRD 97 036020 (2018))

Comparison with different models



Who is *the* attractor?

Go to the limit $\xi_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ($P_L \rightarrow 0$),

$(\tau/\tau_{eq})_0 = \tau_0 T_0/(\eta/s) \rightarrow 0$;

in agreement with RTA and aHydro

(M. Strickland *et al.* *PRD* 97, 036020 (2018),

P. Romatschke *PRL* 120, 012301 (2018))

- Very good agreement with other models for M^{nm} , $n > 0$, get slightly worse for higher order moments
- Worse agreement for M^{0m} : sensitivity to slowly thermalising particles with $p_z \sim 0$

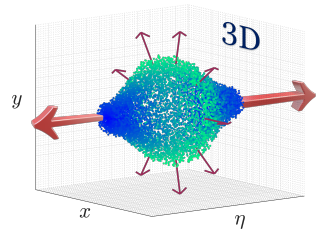
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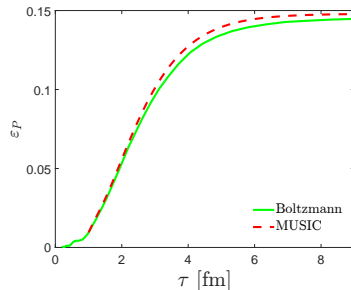
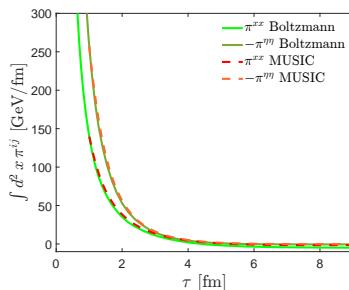
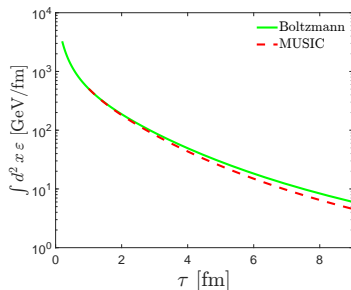
- γ_0 and Λ_0 fix initial ε and n (Landau matching conditions);
- ξ_0 fixes initial P_L/P_T
- **Gaussian distribution** in the transverse plane
- **Uniform distribution** in η_s : $[-2.5, 2.5]$



Comparison with hydro

Very good agreement with 3D conformal hydro (MUSIC) with $\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$:

- Matching time at 1.0 fm via full $T^{\mu\nu}$
- Conformal EOS, same $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$
- Fugacity: $\Gamma(t) \neq 1$ in Boltzmann $\neq \Gamma(t) = 1$ in hydro.



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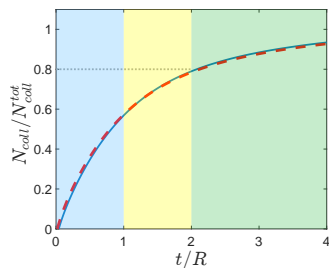
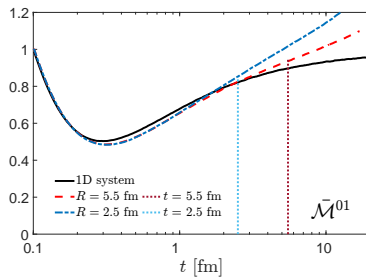
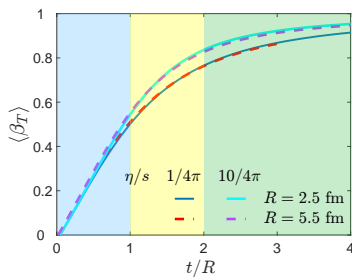
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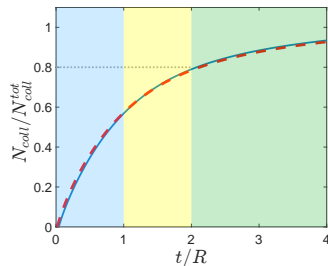
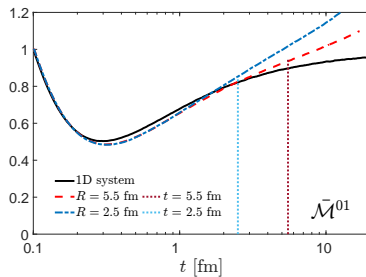
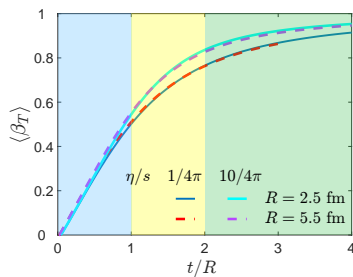
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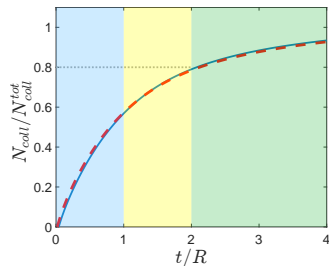
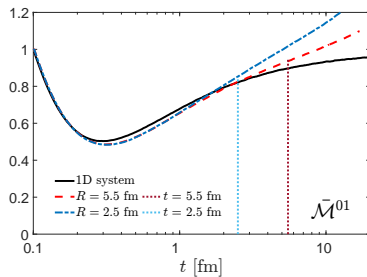
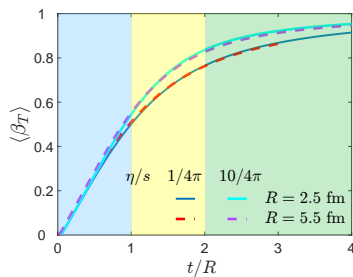
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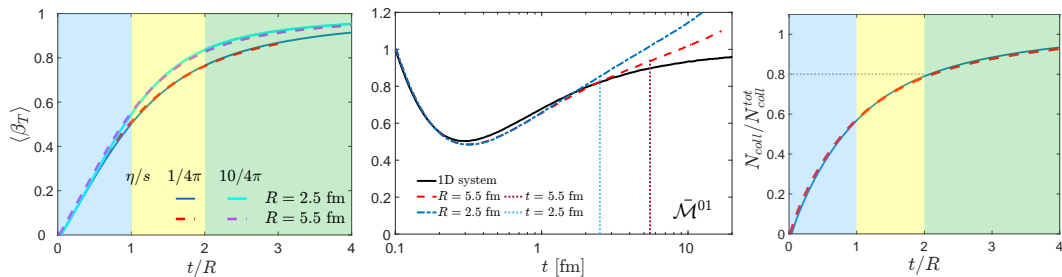
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New relevant time/length scale

Transverse dimension R



Boltzmann Equation in Relaxation Time Approximation

$$\partial_\tau f + \vec{v}_\perp f - \frac{p_z}{\tau} \partial_{p_z} f = -\frac{v_\mu u^\mu}{\tau_{rel}} (f - f_{eq})$$

Solve the equation for the p -integrated moment...

$$\mathcal{F}(\tau, \vec{x}_\perp; \Omega) \equiv \int \frac{4\pi dp p^3}{(2\pi)^3} f(\tau, x_\perp; p_\perp, p_z)$$

...after writing it in a dimensionless fashion:

$$\partial_\tau \mathcal{F} + \vec{v}_\perp \cdot \partial_{\vec{x}_\perp} \mathcal{F} - \frac{1}{\tau} v_z (1 - v_z^2) \partial_{v_z} \mathcal{F} + \frac{4v_z^2}{\tau} \mathcal{F} = -\hat{\gamma} \left[\varepsilon_{\mathcal{F}}^{1/4} (-v \cdot u) \mathcal{F} - \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathcal{F}}^{5/4}}{(-v \cdot u)^3} \right]$$

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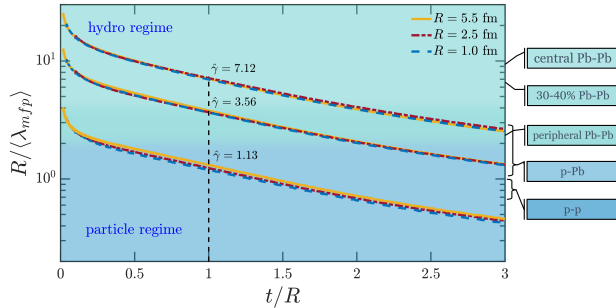
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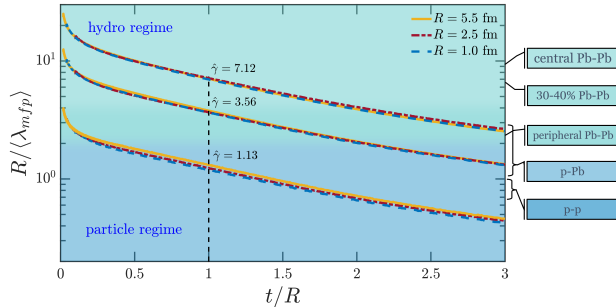
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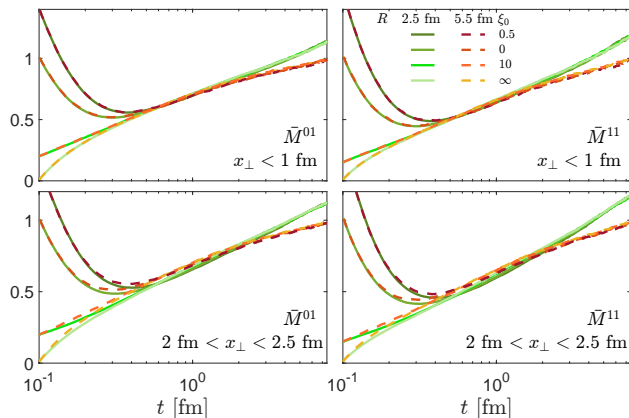
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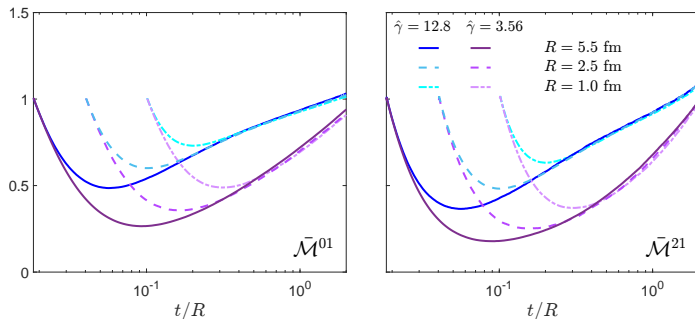
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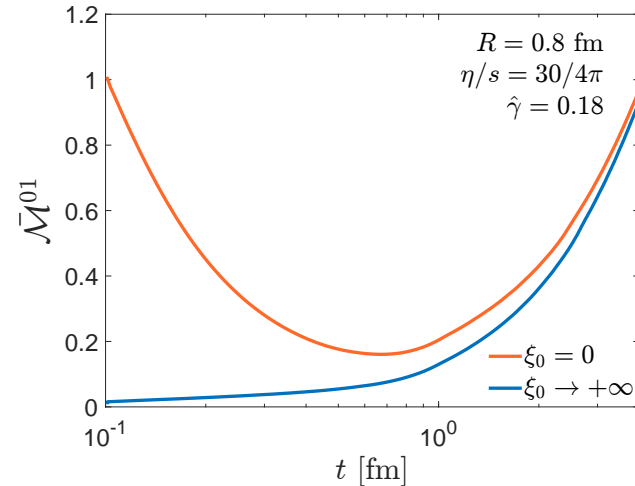
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Loss of attractors for extremely small $\hat{\gamma}$



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- This case is strongly unphysical!
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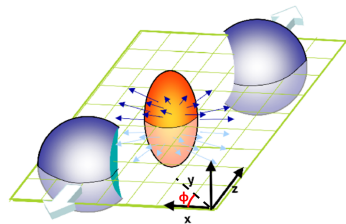
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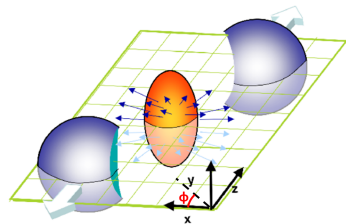
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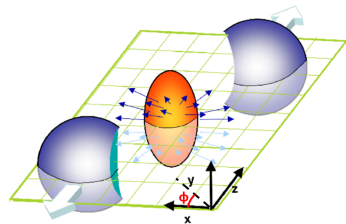
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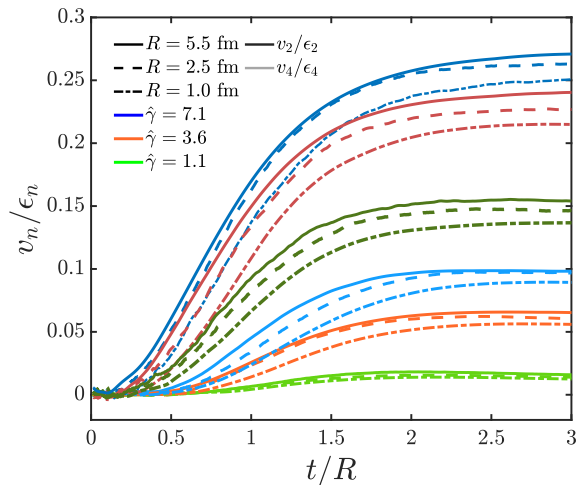
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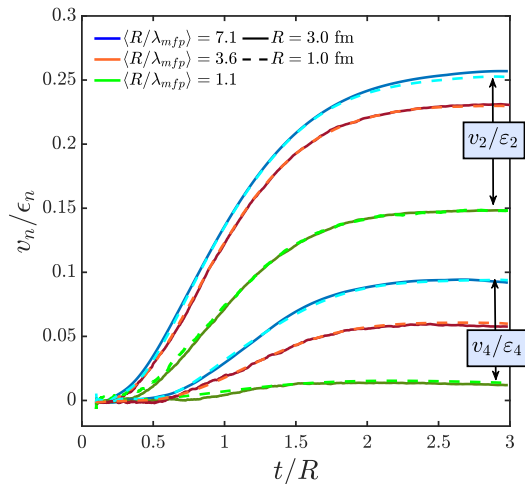
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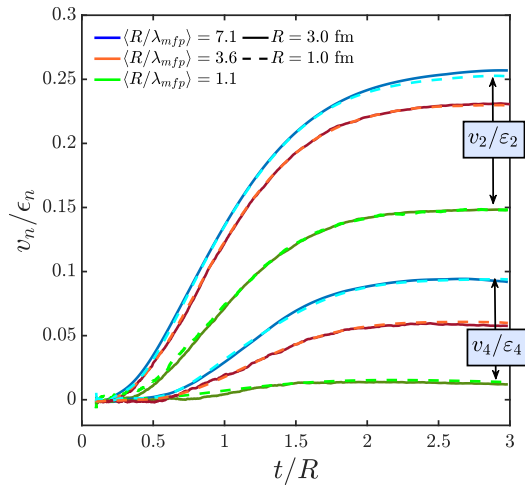
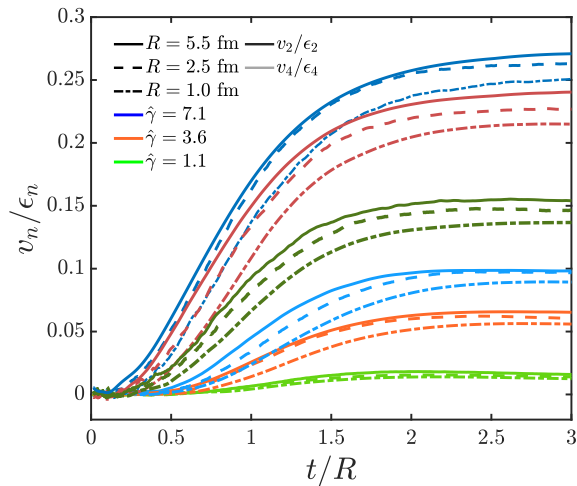


- No dependence on ϵ_n
- Clusters in $\hat{\gamma}$ within 10%. Spreading decreases with increasing $\hat{\gamma}$
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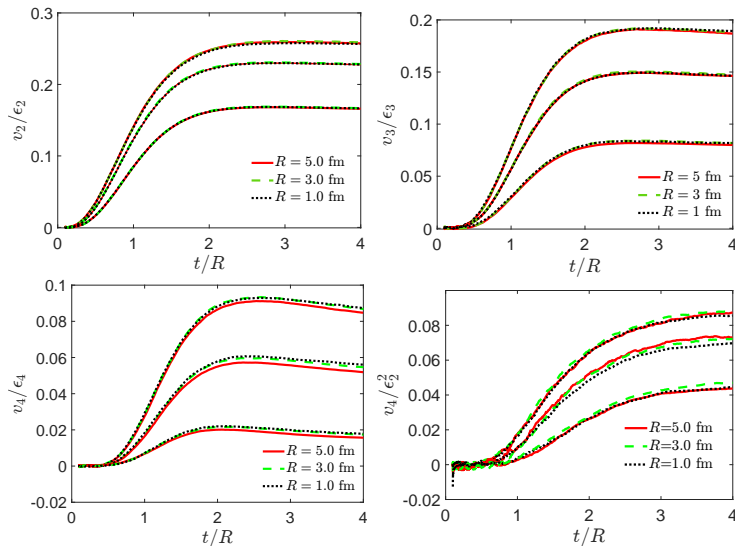
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Response functions



- Very good scaling from small ($R = 1$ fm) to large systems ($R = 5$ fm) with $\eta/s = 0.5/4\pi - 10/4\pi$
- Scaling is slightly worse for higher order harmonics
- Universality also for quadratic response functions $v_4 \approx (\epsilon_2)^2$

(in preparation)

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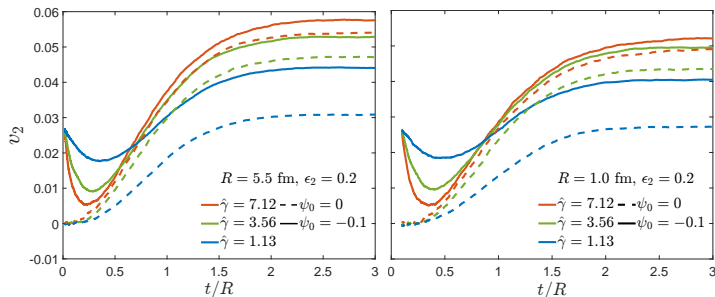
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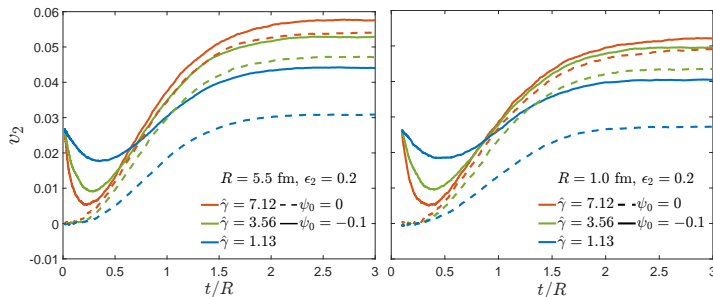
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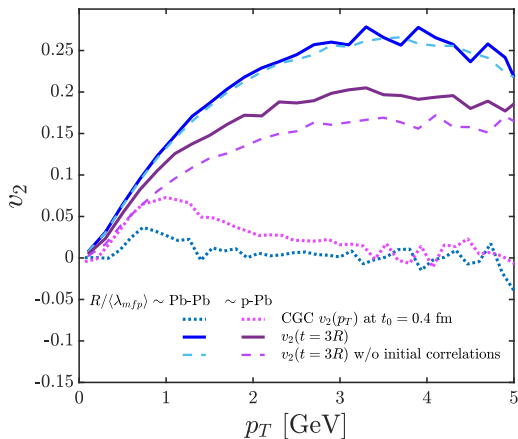
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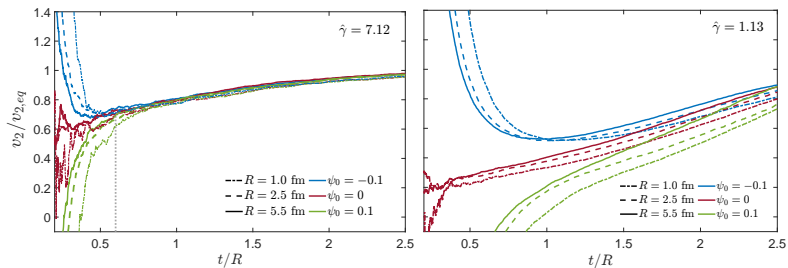
Memory of initial v_2 in pA vs AA



- Minijets + $m = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ ($\approx \text{QPM}$) + $\eta/s(T)$
- Initial $v_2(p_T)$ from CGC
(Schenke et al., PLB 747 (2015))
- Initial eccentricity $\epsilon_2 = 0.3$
(Sun et al., EPJC (2020))
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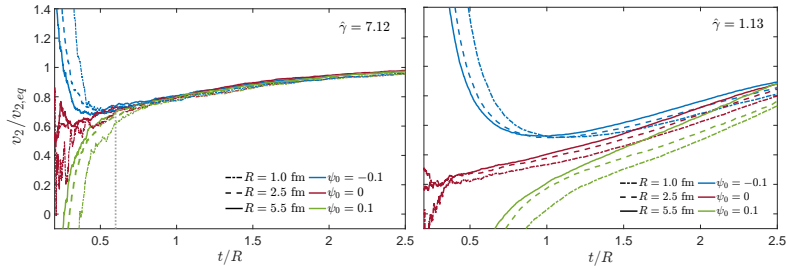
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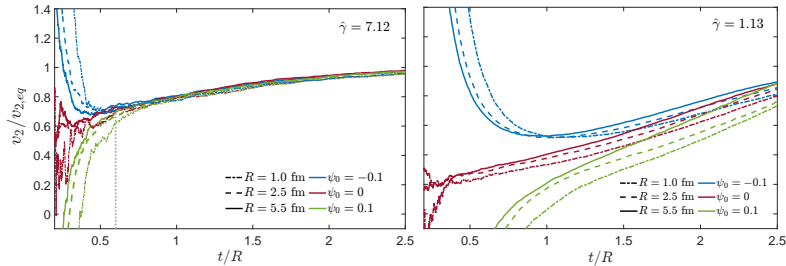
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Summary

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- Attractors in all the examined cases in the distribution function and its moments
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3D systems

- ✓ Forward and pull-back attractors ($\sim 1D$), difference w.t.r. 1D for $t > R$
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Outlook

- Non-conformal equation of state implemented
- Initial fluctuations for event-by-event simulation implemented
- Pre-hydrodynamic transport + transport/hydro without discontinuity in bulk pressure Π

Thank you for your attention.

LRF and matching conditions

Define the **Landau Local Rest Frame** (LRF) via the fluid four-velocity:

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ε and n are the energy and particles density in the LRF.

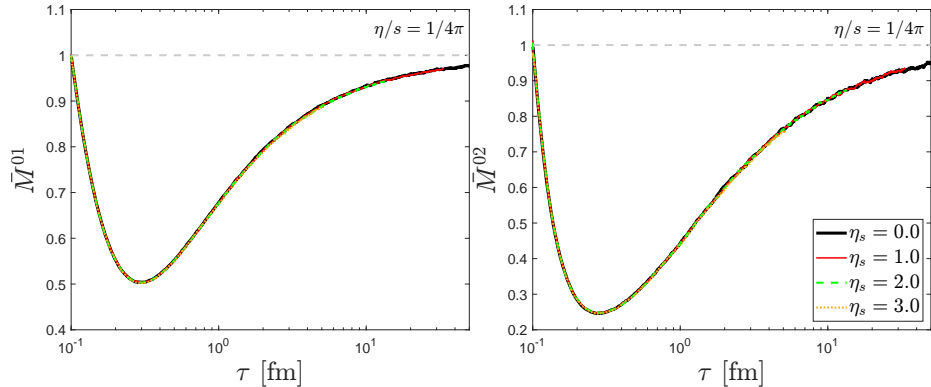
Fluid is not in equilibrium \implies define locally effective T and Γ via **Landau matching conditions**:

$$T = \frac{\varepsilon}{3n}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{n}{d T^3 / \pi^2},$$

d is the # of dofs, fixed $d = 1$.

Testing boost-invariance

Compute normalized moments at different η_s 's within an interval $\Delta\eta_s = 0.04$.



No dependence on η ! We look for them at midrapidity: $\eta \in [-0.02, 0.02]$

Boltzmann RTA Equation for number-conserving systems

Boltzmann equation in Relaxation Time Approximation (RTA) ([Strickland, Tantary, JHEP10\(2019\) 069](#))

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_p = -\frac{p \cdot u}{\tau_{eq}} (f_{eq} - f_p).$$

Exactly solvable, by **fixing number and energy conservation**.

Two coupled integral equations for $\Gamma_{eff} \equiv \Gamma$ and $T_{eff} \equiv T$:

$$\Gamma(\tau) T^4(\tau) = D(\tau, \tau_0) \Gamma_0 T_0^4 \frac{\mathcal{H}(\alpha_0 \tau_0 / \tau)}{\mathcal{H}(\alpha_0)} + \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau'}{2\tau_{eq}(\tau')} D(\tau, \tau') \Gamma(\tau') T^4(\tau') \mathcal{H}\left(\frac{\tau'}{\tau}\right),$$

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Here $\alpha = (1 + \xi)^{-1/2}$. System solvable by iteration.

vHydro equations

Second-order dissipative viscous hydrodynamics equations according to DNMR derivation, starting from kinetic theory (G. S. Denicol *et al.*, *PRL*105, 162501 (2010)) :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \varepsilon &= -\frac{1}{\tau}(\varepsilon + P - \pi), \\ \partial_\tau \pi &= -\frac{\pi}{\tau_\pi} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\eta}{\tau_\pi \tau} - \beta_\pi \frac{\pi}{\tau},\end{aligned}$$

where $\tau_\pi = 5(\eta/s)/T$ and $\beta_\pi = 124/63$.
Solved with a Runge-Kutta-4 algorithm.

aHydro for number-conserving systems

Formulation of **dissipative anisotropic hydrodynamics with number-conserving kernel** (Almaalol, Alqahtani, Strickland, PRC 99, 2019).

System of **three coupled ODEs**:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \log \gamma + 3\partial_\tau \log \Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\tau \xi}{1 + \xi} + \frac{1}{\tau} &= 0; \\ \partial_\tau \log \gamma + 4\partial_\tau \log \Lambda + \frac{\mathcal{R}'(\xi)}{\mathcal{R}(\xi)} \partial_\tau \xi &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left[\frac{1}{\xi(1 + \xi)\mathcal{R}(\xi)} - \frac{1}{\xi} - 1 \right]; \\ \partial_\tau \xi - \frac{2(1 + \xi)}{\tau} + \frac{\xi(1 + \xi)^2 \mathcal{R}^2(\xi)}{\tau_{eq}} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

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Computation of moments in other models

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$$M^{nm}(\tau) = \frac{(n+2m+1)!}{(2\pi)^2} \left[D(\tau, \tau_0) \alpha_0^{n+2m-2} T_0^{n+2m+2} \Gamma_0 \frac{\mathcal{H}^{nm}(\alpha \tau_0 / \tau)}{[\mathcal{H}^{20}(\alpha_0)/2]^{n+2m-1}} + \right. \\ \left. + \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau'}{\tau_{eq}(\tau')} D(\tau', \tau') \Gamma(\tau') T^{n+2m+2}(\tau') \mathcal{H}^{nm} \left(\frac{\tau'}{\tau} \right) \right];$$

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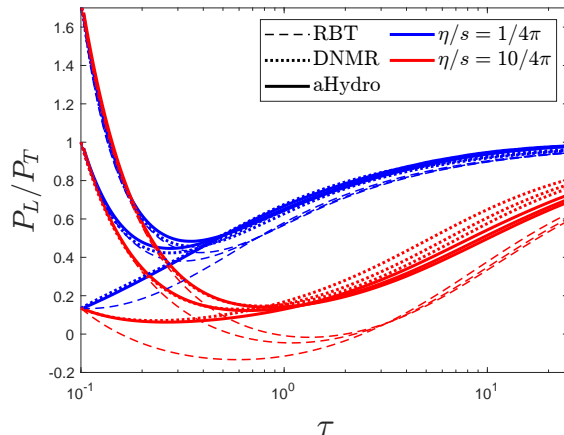
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- aHydro:

$$\overline{M}_{\text{aHydro}}^{nm}(\tau) = (2m+1)(2\alpha)^{n+2m-2} \frac{\mathcal{H}^{nm}(\alpha)}{[\mathcal{H}^{20}(\alpha)]^{n+2m-1}};$$

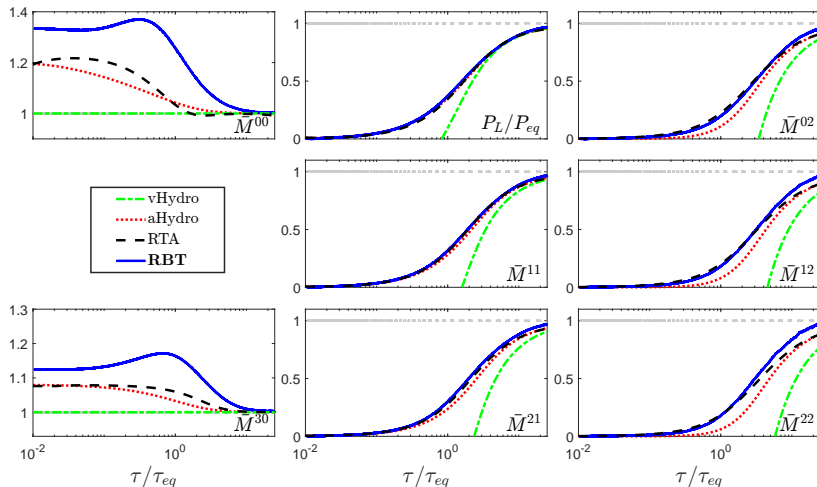
Pressure anisotropy in different frameworks

For $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$ and $\eta/s = 10/4\pi$, compute P_L/P_T from three different initial anisotropies: $\xi_0 = -0.5, 0, 10$.



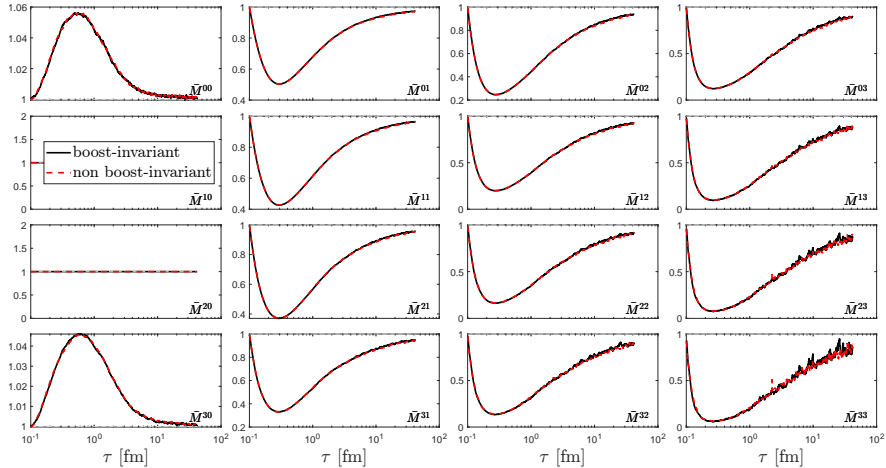
- RTA (not showed) really similar to aHydro
- aHydro attractor reached \sim time than RBT
- vHydro attractor reached at later time, especially for larger η/s

Attractors in different models



- \bar{M}^{nm} , $m > 0$: very good agreement
- Higher order moments \rightarrow stronger departure between models
- **RBT** thermalizes earlier
- No agreement for \bar{M}^{n0}

Midrapidity

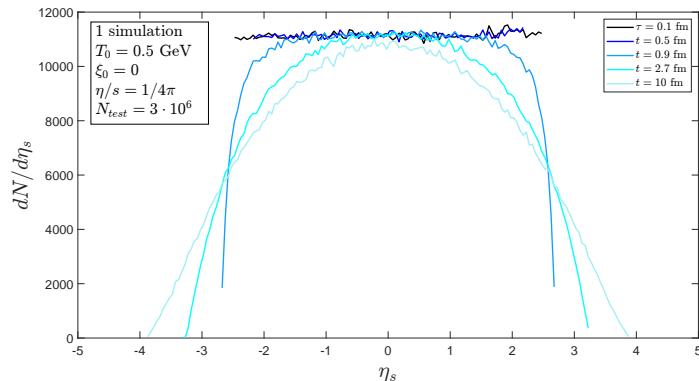


At midrapidity no difference w.r.t. the boost invariant case.

Finite distribution in η

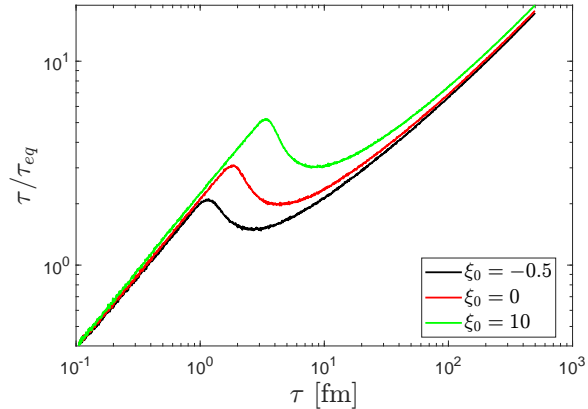
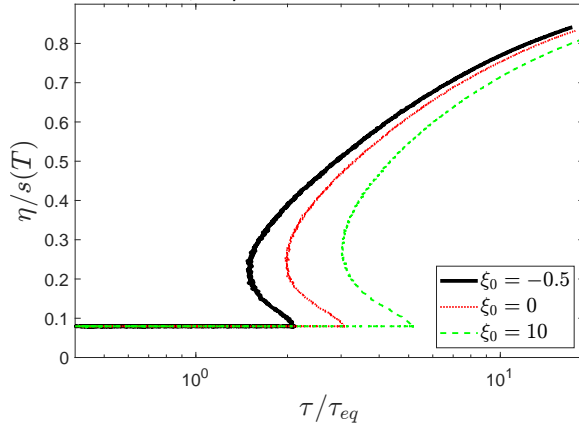
Breaking boost-invariance:
$$\frac{dN}{d\eta_s}(\eta_s; \tau_0) = \begin{cases} \text{const.} & |\eta_s| < 2.5 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- Tails of the distribution function at $|\eta_s| > 1$
- Discontinuity in initial distribution \rightarrow non-analyticity points in moments' evolution

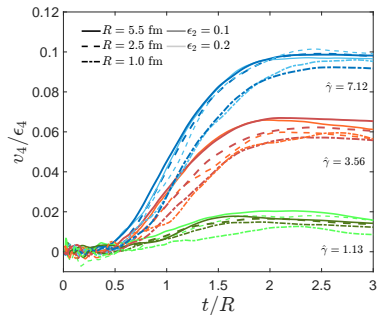
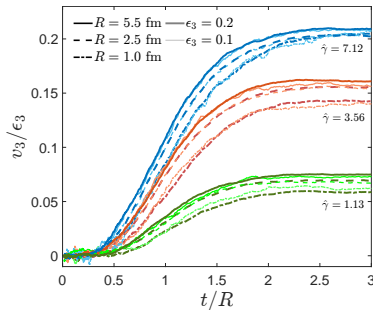
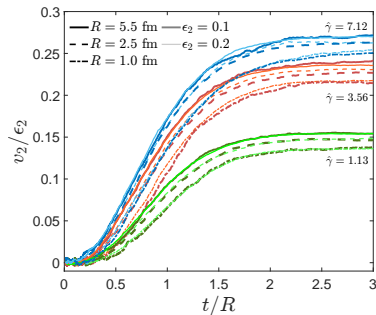


Non-monotonic τ/τ_{eq} for Case 1

Loops when τ/τ_{eq} is no more a monotonic function: $\tau_{eq} \propto \eta/s(T)/T$ grows faster than τ .

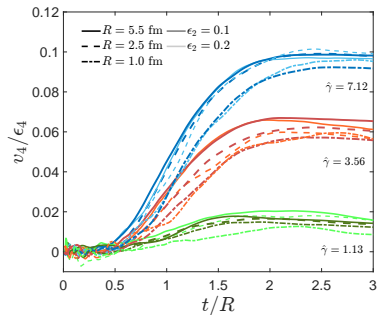
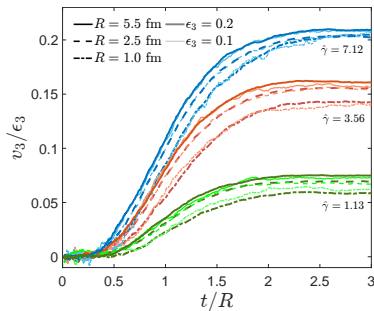
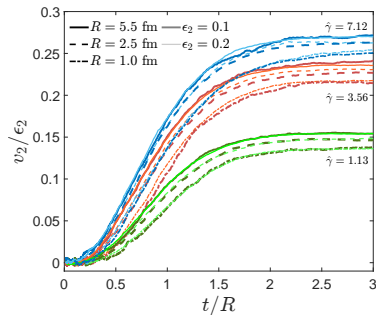


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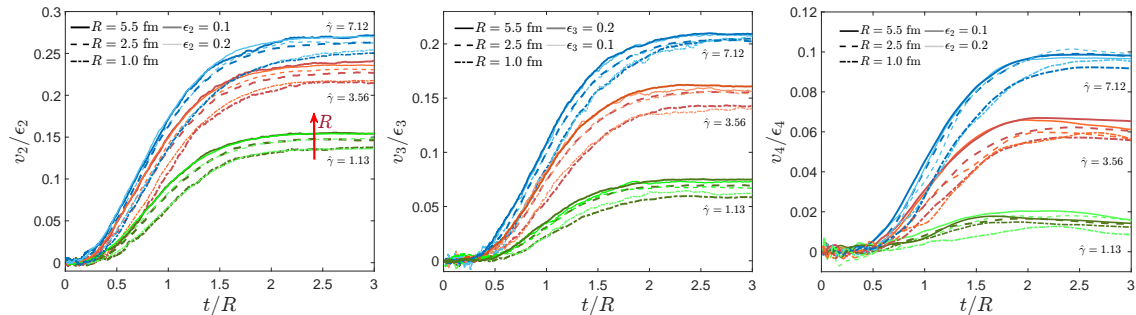
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