

Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics

and AdS/CFT correspondance

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A fluid which has no shear stresses, viscosity or heat conduction is called a

PERFECT FLUID

i.e. it looks isotropic in its rest frame

Top physics story of 2005 is the RHIC discovery of the strongly interacting quark-gluon plasma (called sQGP), which behaves almost like a perfect fluid, with very low viscosity

[T. D. Lee 06]

STILL IT IS -

BUT IT HAS TO BE CAREFULLY TESTED

CONTENT

- viscous relativistic hydrodynamics - approximations
- viscosity η - relaxation time τ_π
- conformal hydrodynamics -
Anti-de-Sitter/Conformal Field Theory
(AdS/CFT) correspondence
- some results and comparison
with RHIC data

mainly based on more recent work by:

R. Baier, P. Romatschke, D. T. Son, A. O. Starinets and
M. A. Stephanov

“Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics, conformal invariance,
and holography”

JHEP 0804 (2008) 100 (arXiv: 0712.2451 [hep-th])

and

M. Luzum and P. Romatschke

“Conformal relativistic viscous hydrodynamics: applications
to RHIC”

arXiv: 0804.4015 [nucl-th]

hydrodynamics

energy momentum tensor:

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

ϵ energy density and p pressure

u^μ fluid velocity, $u_\mu u^\mu = -1$, and $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$ shear tensor
with

$$u_\mu \Pi^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \Pi^\mu{}_\mu = 0$$

local conservation law (covariant derivative ∇_μ):

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

(assume: no net charge in the system)

approximation

only retaining shear viscosity terms

- **Navier - Stokes** = first-order theory in gradients with kinetic equation:

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -2\eta \langle \nabla^\mu u^\nu \rangle \equiv -\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

with

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} \equiv (\nabla^\mu u^\nu + \nabla^\nu u^\mu) - \frac{2}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha u^\alpha$$

and projection

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu$$

Navier-Stokes

projection $\Delta_{\alpha}^{\mu} \nabla_{\beta} T^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \rightarrow$
relativistic Navier-Stokes equation in first-order theory

$$(\epsilon + p)u^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} u^{\mu} = \nabla^{\mu} p - \Delta_{\alpha}^{\mu} \nabla_{\beta} [-2\eta < \nabla^{\alpha} u^{\beta} >]$$

i.e. **parabolic equation:**

time derivative is of first order ($u^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} \rightarrow \partial/\partial t$)

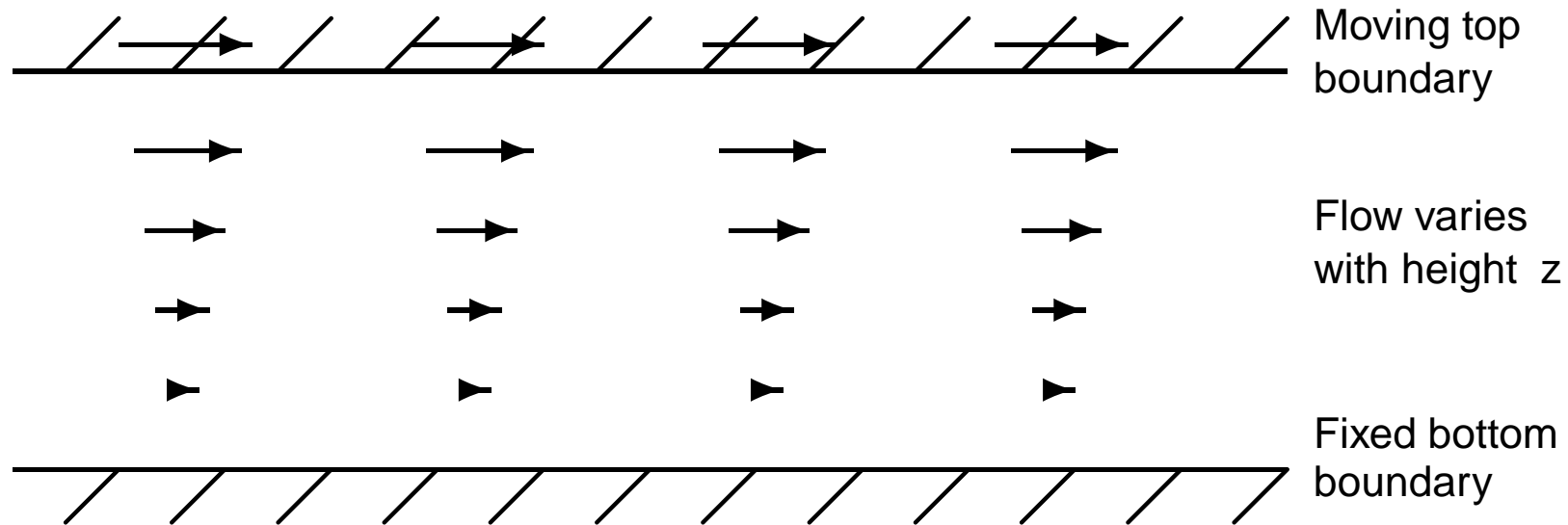
while

space derivative is of second order (∇^2)

“relativistic first-order dissipative theory is highly pathological, and therefore should be discarded in favor of the second-order one”

[Hiscock and Lindblom 1983-1985]

shear viscosity η



shear flow in x – direction \rightarrow

force per unit area/momentum transfer

$$\frac{F_x}{A} = -\Pi_{xz} = \eta \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$$

transverse mode

small linear perturbation and first-order →
diffusion equation in shear channel:

$$\delta u_{\perp} = \sqrt{\frac{(\epsilon + p)}{4\pi\eta t}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon + p)x^2}{4\eta t}\right]$$

i.e. propagates outside the light-cone (Gaussian)
starting from $\delta u_{\perp}(x, t = 0) = \delta(x)$!!

minimal modification → second-order:
relaxation time $\tau_{\pi} > 0$ → hyperbolic equation

$$\left[\tau_{\pi}\partial_t^2 + \partial_t - \frac{\eta}{(\epsilon + p)}\partial_x^2\right] \delta u_{\perp} = 0$$

[talk by T. Kodama]

a new result

all second order terms classified by conformal symmetry,
Weyl transformation: $g^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\omega(x)} g^{\mu\nu}$, $T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{6\omega} T^{\mu\nu}$, ...

- causal viscous hydrodynamics -

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{\mu\nu} = & -\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta\tau_\pi \left[\langle D\sigma^{\mu\nu} \rangle + \frac{1}{3}\sigma^{\mu\nu} (\nabla_\alpha u^\alpha) \right] \\ & + \kappa \left[R^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} - 2u_\alpha R^{\alpha\langle\mu\nu\rangle\beta} u_\beta \right] \\ & + \lambda_1 \sigma^{\langle\mu}{}_\lambda \sigma^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \lambda_2 \sigma^{\langle\mu}{}_\lambda \Omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \lambda_3 \Omega^{\langle\mu}{}_\lambda \Omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$... Riemann tensor, $R^{\alpha\beta}$... Ricci tensor

$\Omega^{\alpha\beta}$... antisymmetric vorticity tensor

[Baier, Romatschke, Son, Starinets, Stephanov 07]

[Bhattacharyya, Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani 07, Loganayagam 08]

Müller - Israel - Stewart theory

keeping essentially **one term** in the derivative expansion
up to **second order**

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta \tau_{\pi} \langle D\sigma^{\mu\nu} \rangle, \quad D = u \cdot \nabla$$

remark: does not match with AdS/CFT $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$$\text{sound} : \tau_{\pi} = \frac{2 - \ln 2}{2\pi T}$$

$$\text{Bjorken flow} : \tau_{\pi} = \frac{1 - \ln 2}{2\pi T}$$

\Rightarrow **all second-order terms** consistent with
conformal symmetry have to be included !

relaxation phenomena/strong coupling limit

hydrodynamic transport coefficients by gauge/gravity duality:

near extremal black $D3$ - brane metric with horizon $r = r_0$

$$ds^2 = \frac{r^2}{R^2}(-f(r)dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2) + \frac{R^2}{r^2 f(r)}dr^2, \quad f(r) = 1 - \frac{r_0^4}{r^4}$$

compare with quite involved AdS/CFT-gravity calculations at Hawking temperature T for momentum $\omega, k \ll T = \frac{r_0}{\pi R^2}$, e.g. from sound channel dispersion up to $O(k^3)$, etc :

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}, \quad \tau_\pi = \frac{2 - \ln 2}{2\pi T}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\eta}{\pi T} = 2\lambda_1,$$
$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{\ln 2}{2\pi T}\eta, \quad \lambda_3 = 0$$

acoustic absorption

consider small linear perturbations $\delta\epsilon, \delta\vec{u}, \delta\Pi_{ij}$ with space-time dependence

$$\exp(-i\omega t + ikx)$$

long-wave length modes ($k \rightarrow 0$)

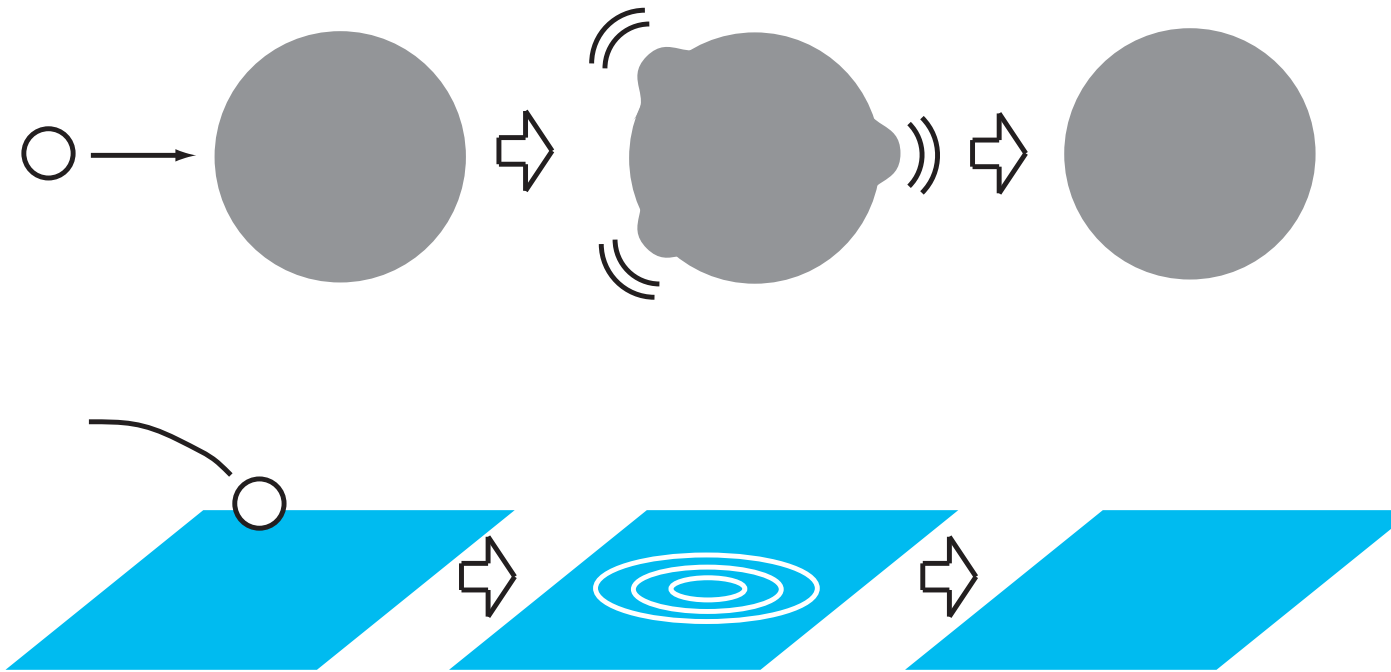
- two “longitudinal” (sound channel) modes

$$\omega \simeq \pm c_s k - \frac{i\Gamma_s}{2} k^2 \pm \frac{\Gamma_s}{2c_s} \left(c_s^2 \tau_\pi - \frac{\Gamma_s}{4} \right) k^3 + O(k^4)$$

sound velocity $c_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

attenuation length $\Gamma_s = \frac{4\eta}{3(\epsilon+p)} = \frac{4\eta}{3Ts}$

relaxation time τ_π

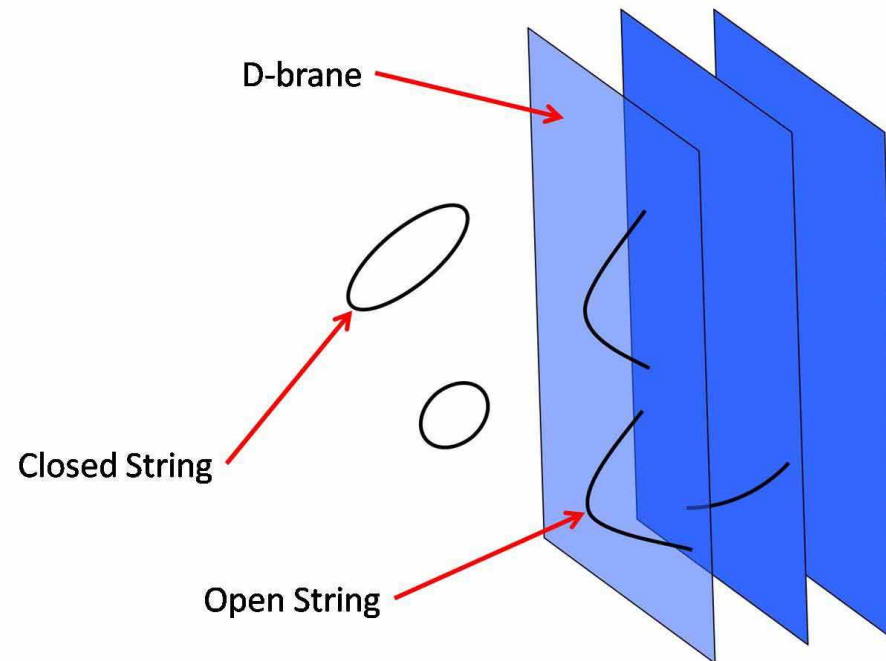


[from M. Natsuume]

quasinormal modes:

gravitational perturbation to a black hole
and to a hydrodynamic system

D -branes



[from Myers and Vazquez 08]

dynamical walls on which strings can end:

theory of open strings living on $D3$ -branes ($\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM,

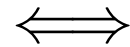
$d = 4$)

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gravity theory of fields living in the space curved by the
branes (AdS_5 , $d = 5$)

AdS/CFT [Maldacena 98]

strongly coupled quantized conformal gauge theory
in $d = 4$ dimensions ($\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM with $8N_c$ (1 gauge and 6
scalar) bosons and $(4N_c)$ Weyl fermions) **[[NOT QCD !]]**



weakly coupled classical supergravity (type IIB)

in $d = 10$ dimensions (on $AdS_5 \times S^5$)

via **holographic property**: radial coordinate $r_0 \leq r < \infty$ with
gauge theory on the boundary at ∞

in the limit:

't Hooft coupling $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$ is large, $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, $g_{YM}^2 \ll 1$

i.e. string coupling $g_s = \frac{g_{YM}^2}{4\pi} \ll 1$ – NO LOOPS

and

small curvature $\frac{l_s^4}{R^4} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ll 1$ – RADIUS R of CURVATURE
is LARGE compared to the STRING SCALE l_s

Bjorken flow

boost-invariant (irrotational) 1 + 1 flow [Bjorken 83]
second-order equations (proper time τ , Φ ... viscous flow):

$$\partial_\tau \epsilon = -\frac{4\epsilon}{3\tau} + \frac{\Phi}{\tau}$$

$$\tau_\pi \partial_\tau \Phi = \frac{4\eta}{3\tau} - \Phi - \frac{4\tau_\pi}{3\tau} \Phi - \frac{\lambda_1}{2\eta^2} \Phi^2$$

non-linear term NOT in MIS theory!

[BRSSS 07]

compare with AdS/CFT calculation:

$$\frac{\lambda_1 T}{\eta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[1 + \frac{215 \zeta(3)}{8} \lambda^{-3/2} + \dots \right]$$

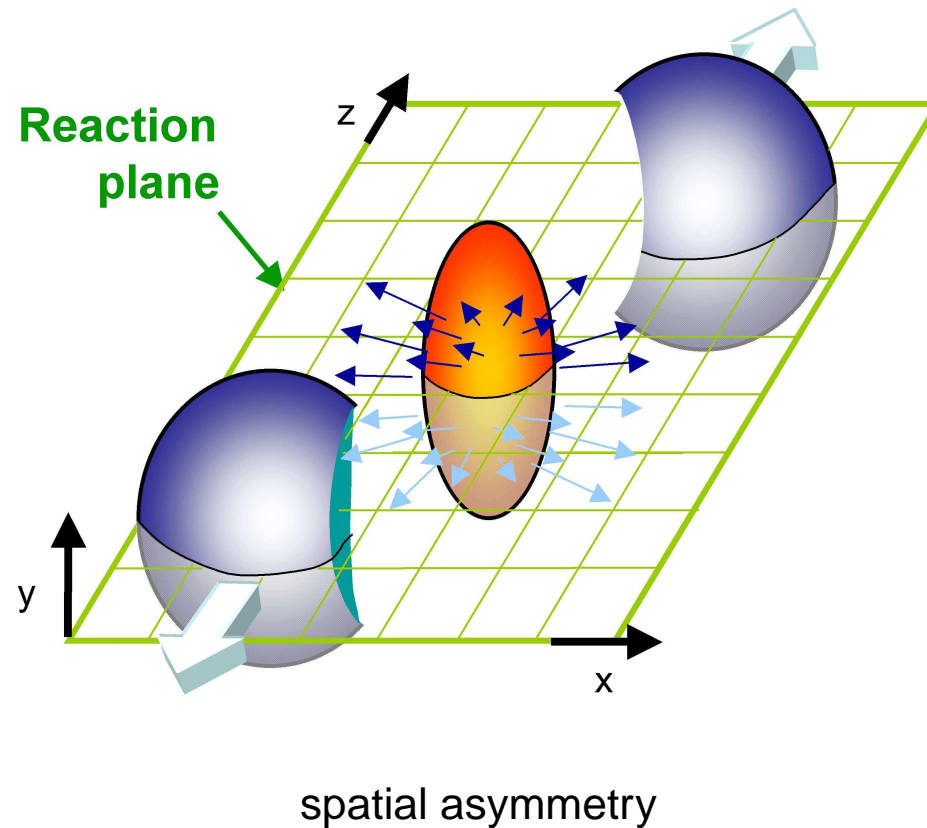
[Janik, Peschanski, Heller 06; Buchel, Paulos 08]

hydro + RHIC

heavy-ion collisions require **beyond hydrodynamics**:

- hydrodynamics = differential equations
initial conditions !
- initial = equilibration time
- distribution of energy density (Glauber? CGC ?)
- QCD equation of state
- hadronisation prescription (Cooper-Frye?)

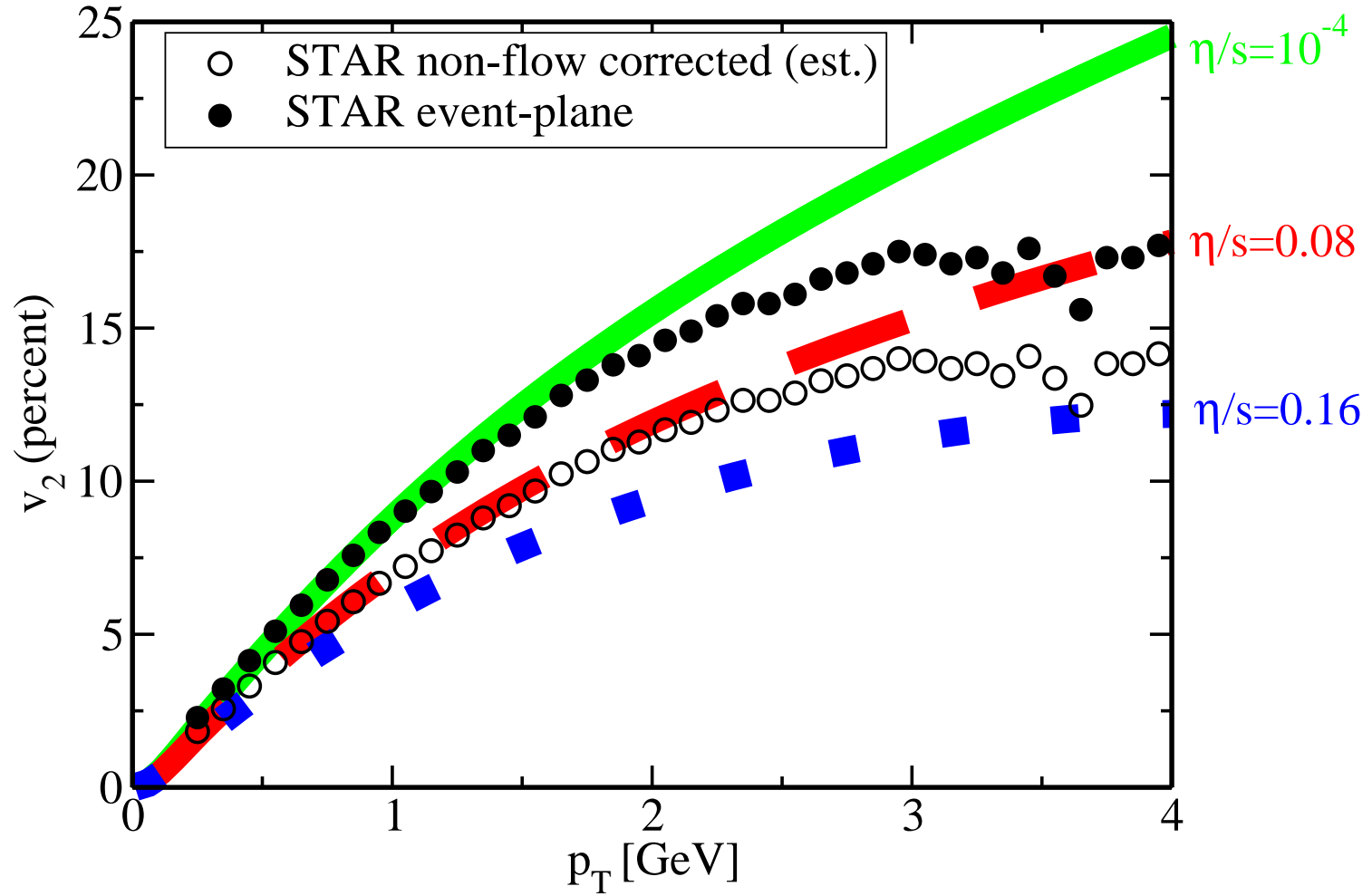
as important example



$$\frac{dN}{dy dp_{\perp} d\phi} = \left\langle \frac{dN}{dy dp_{\perp} d\phi} \right\rangle_{\phi} (1 + 2v_2(p_{\perp}) \cos(2\phi) + \dots)$$

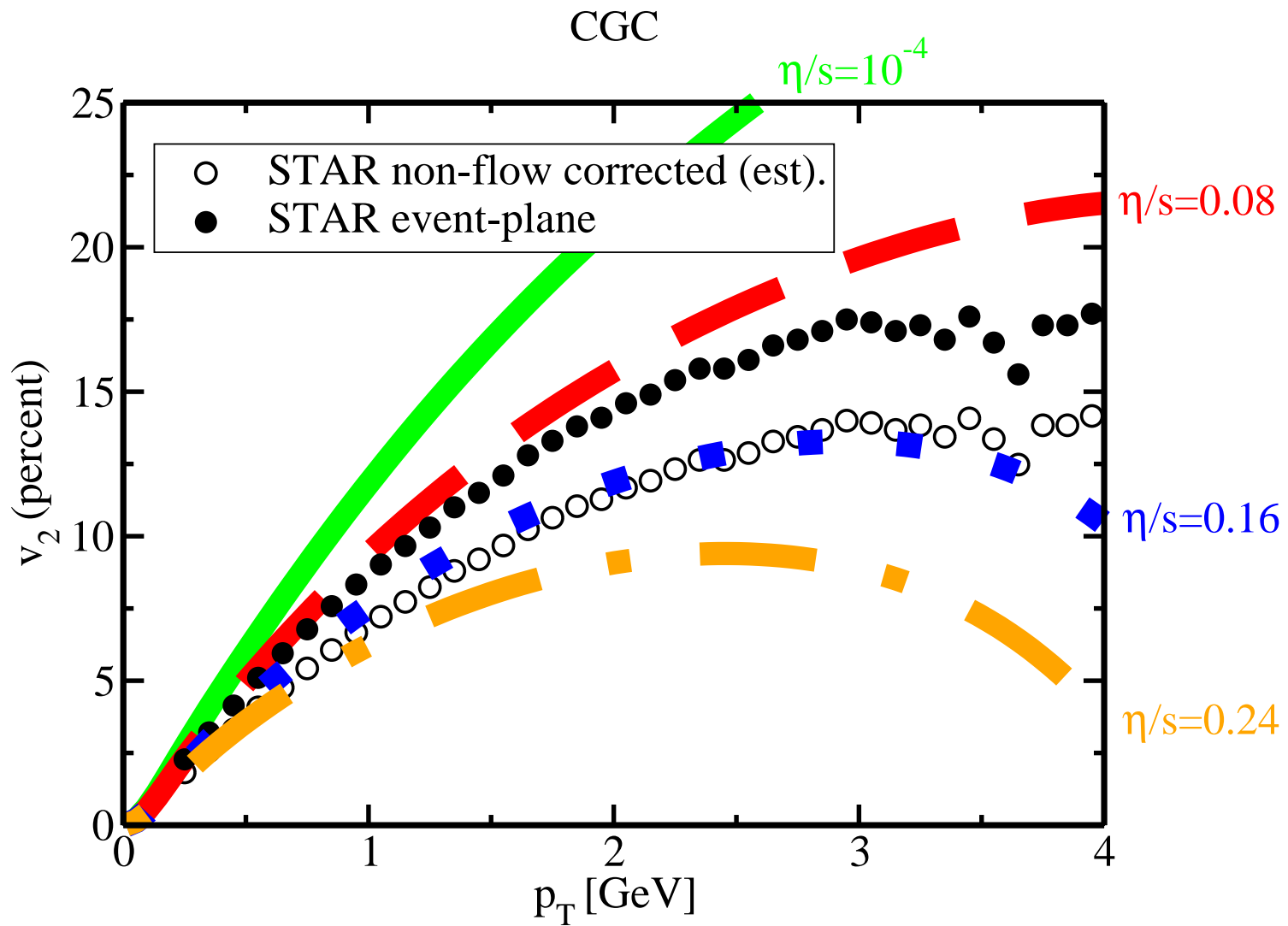
● elliptic flow: $v_2(p_{\perp})$

Glauber



elliptic flow

[Luzum and Romatschke 08]



elliptic flow

[Luzum and Romatschke 08]

main results [Luzum and Romatschke 08]

- viscous hydrodynamics simulation give a good description of RHIC data for

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = 0.1 \pm 0.1(\text{theory}) \pm 0.08(\text{experiment})$$

- modest estimate:

$$\frac{\eta}{s} < 0.5$$

- almost no dependence on the values of the second-order parameters $\tau_\pi, \lambda_1, \dots$
- early thermalisation time is questioned, but

$$\tau_0 < 2 \text{ fm}$$

shear viscosity η

near equilibrium: $\eta \simeq \epsilon \bar{v} \lambda_f$, *entropy density* $s \simeq \epsilon/m \rightarrow$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq m \bar{v} \lambda_f \simeq \hbar \frac{\text{mean free path}}{\text{deBroglie wavelength}}$$

- dilute system (QFT \rightarrow kinetic theory \rightarrow hydro):
scale $\lambda_f \rightarrow \frac{\eta}{s} \gg \hbar$, e.g. **pQCD** ($N_f = 0$)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \simeq 3.8 \frac{1}{g^4 \ln(2.8/g)} \simeq O(1) \text{ for } g = 2.5$$

BUT with $\ln(2.8/g) \simeq O(1) : \frac{\eta}{s} \simeq 0.1 \rightarrow$ **sensitive to constant under the log !**

[Arnold, Moore and Yaffe 03]

- strongly coupled system (QFT \rightarrow hydro):
scale $1/T \rightarrow \frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi} \simeq 0.08$

[Policastro, Son and Starinets 01]

transport coefficients

kinetic Müller-Israel-Stewart theory (weak coupling):

$$\frac{\eta/s}{\tau_\pi T} = 1/6 = 0.167, \quad \kappa = \lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = 0, \quad \lambda_2 = -2\tau_\pi\eta$$

finite 't Hooft coupling $\lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N_c$, $\lambda \gg 1$ corrections to coefficients by gauge/gravity duality, e.g.:

[Buchel and Paulos 08]

$$\frac{\eta/s}{\tau_\pi T} = 0.383 (1 - 3.52 \lambda^{-3/2} + \dots),$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\eta}{\pi T} \left(1 - \frac{145\zeta(3)}{8} \lambda^{-3/2} + \dots \right)$$

excitement about gauge/gravity correspondence:
mainly to gain intuition into **STRONG COUPLING**

ASKING FOR MORE:

Is there an experiment whose outcome could cast strong doubts on the relevance of AdS/CFT to understand QCD ?

[P. Jacobs 08]

JET PHYSICS ?

[talk by E. Iancu]

MOST CHALLENGING TASK of the theory is to find the microscopic mechanism for the rather **RAPID EQUILIBRATION** of matter in RHIC collisions

EXTRAS

COMPARISON

	QCD	$\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM
$T=0$	$N_c=3=N_f$, confinement, discrete spectrum, scattering,	N_c large, N_f/N_c small, deconfined, conformal, supersymmetric,
	very different !!	
$T>T_c$	strongly-coupled plasma of gluons & fundamental matter deconfined, screening, finite corr. lengths, . . .	strongly-coupled plasma of gluons & adjoint and fundamental matter deconfined, screening, finite corr. lengths, . . .
	very similar !!	
$T \gg T_c$	runs to weak coupling	remains strongly-coupled
	very different !!	

QCD and $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM as a function of temperature

[from Myers and Vazquez 08]

master formula for AdS/CFT

schematically in terms of coinciding partition functions:

$$\int e^{iS_{4d}^{gauge} + \Phi_0 O} = \int e^{iS_{5d}[\Phi]} \simeq e^{iS^{classical}[\Phi_0]}$$

S_{5d} is computed with non-trivial boundary condition

$$\Phi(t, \vec{x}, r) \stackrel{r \rightarrow \infty}{=} \Phi_0(t, \vec{x})$$

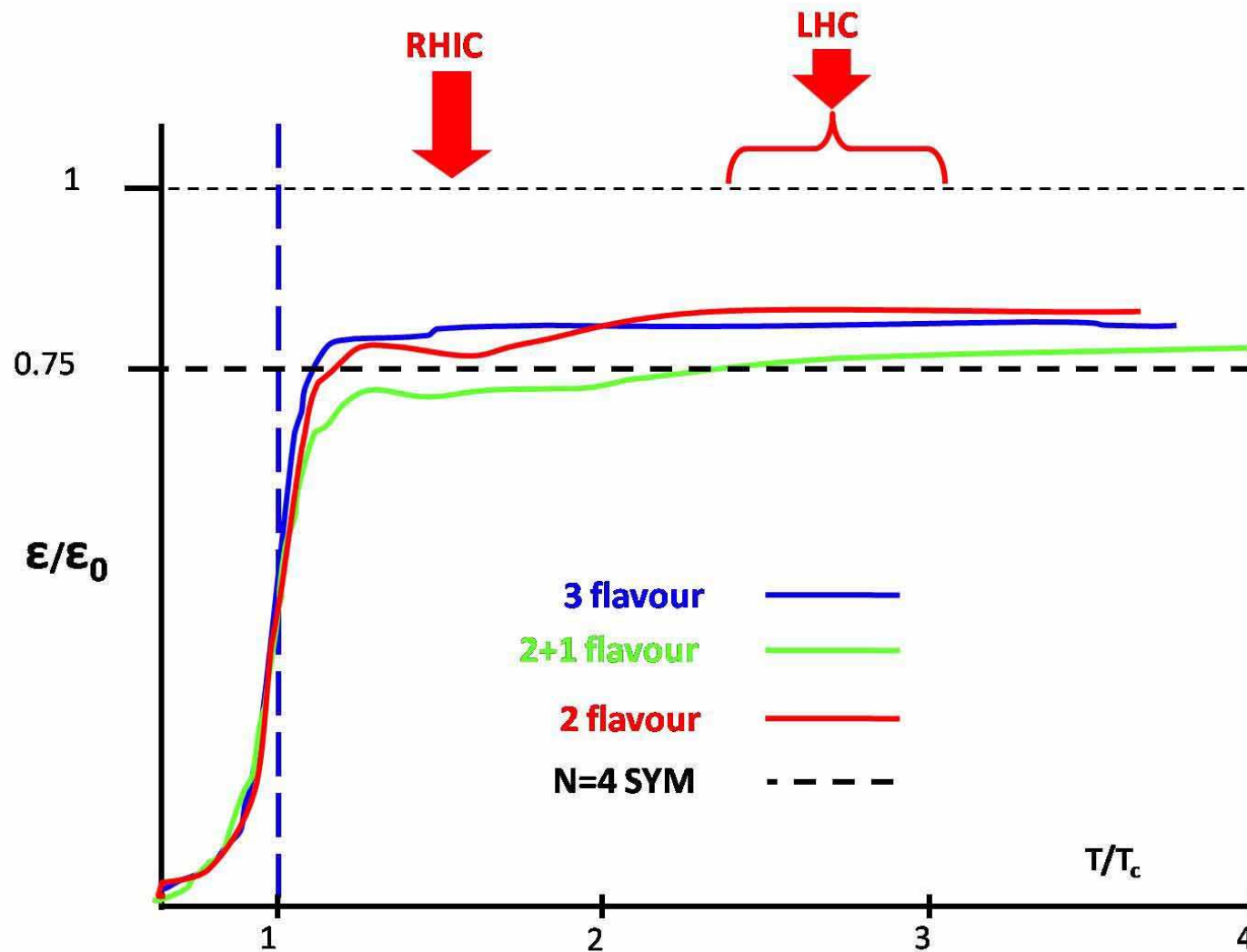
\implies

quantum correlation = classical two-point function

$$\langle TO(x)O(y) \rangle = \frac{\delta^2 S^{classical}}{\delta\Phi_0(x)\delta\Phi_0(y)} \Big|_{r=\infty}$$

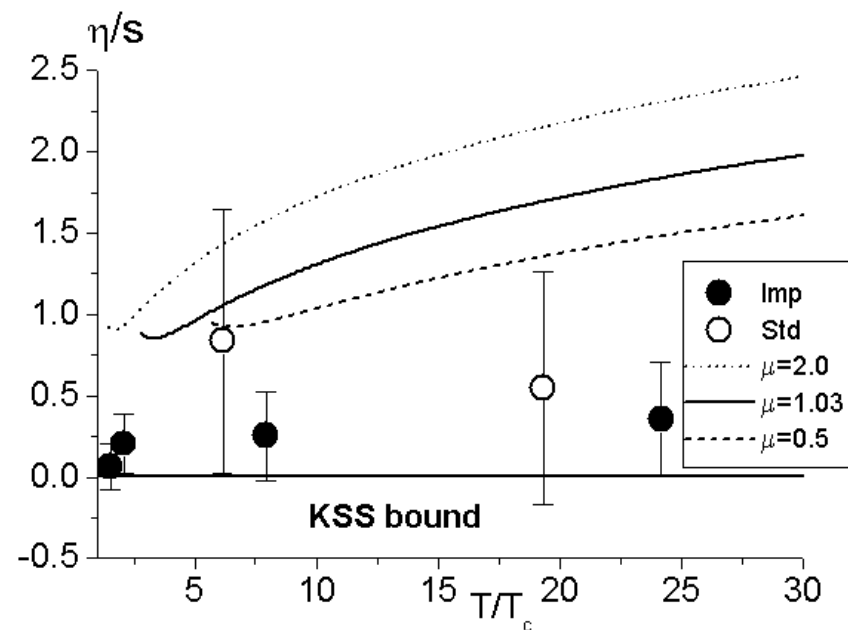
gauge: $O = T_{\mu\nu}$.. energy-momentum tensor

gravity: $\phi = g_{\mu\nu}$.. graviton



energy density of QCD and SYM - via BH entropy

[from Myers and Vazquez 08]



η/s from quenched QCD **lattice simulations** [Nakamura and Sakai 05]
 compared with the **perturbative result**

for strong coupling $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$ [Kovtun, Son and Starinets 05]
AdS/CFT universal (?) lower bound (times corrections)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[1 + \frac{15\zeta(3)}{\lambda^{3/2}} + \frac{5}{16} \frac{\lambda^{1/2}}{N_c^2} \pm \dots \right]$$

[Buchel 08, Myers, Paulus and Sinha 08]

entropy current

Israel - Stewart 79: $s^\mu = (s - \frac{\tau_\pi}{4\eta T} \Pi_{\alpha\beta} \Pi^{\alpha\beta}) u^\mu$

\Rightarrow **second law:**

$$\nabla_\mu s^\mu = \frac{\Pi_{\alpha\beta} \Pi^{\alpha\beta}}{2\eta T} \geq 0$$

instead in **causal viscous and conformal hydrodynamics**
a more general current in terms of u^μ and its derivatives:

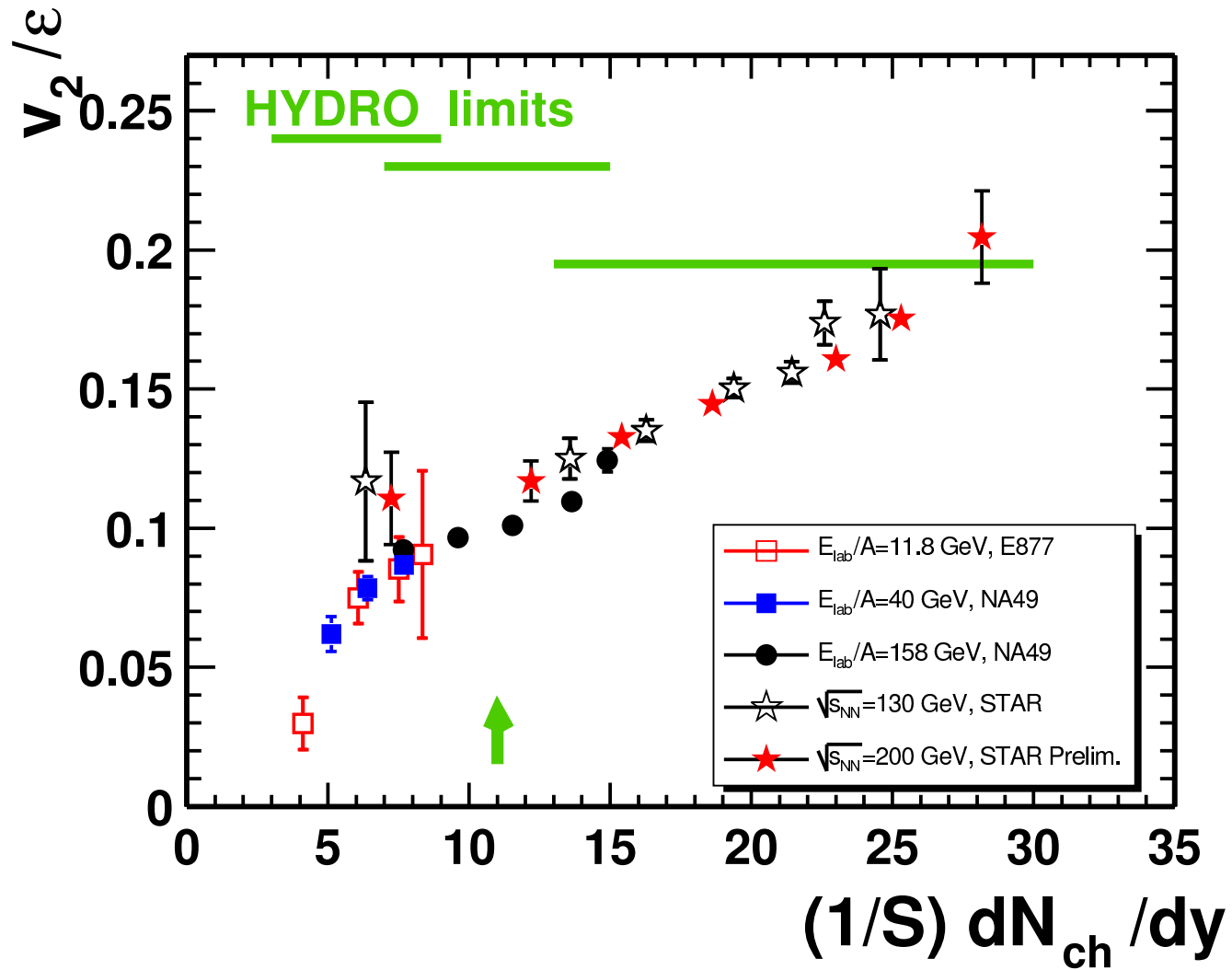
$$s^\mu = s u^\mu + (\# \sigma^2 + \# \Omega^2) u^\mu + O(u \nabla^2 u)$$

with

$$\nabla_\mu s^\mu = \frac{\eta}{2T} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4T} (\kappa - 2\lambda_1) \sigma_\nu^\mu \sigma_\lambda^\nu \sigma_\mu^\lambda$$

in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: $\kappa = 2\lambda_1$

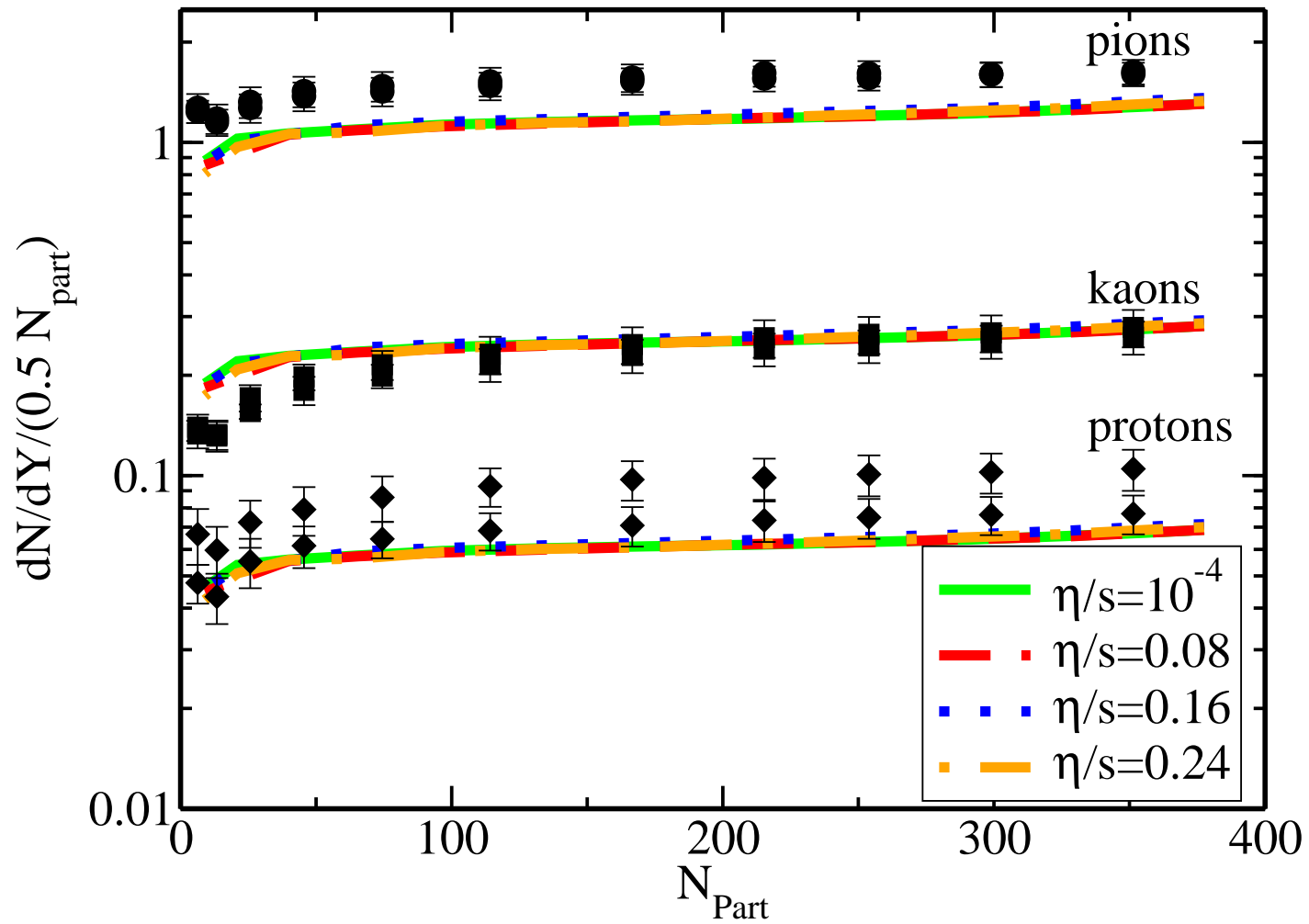
[Loganayagam 08]



v_2 : experiment vs. perfect hydro

[Heinz 04]

CGC



multiplicity

[Luzum and Romatschke 08]

equilibration time

REMINDER:

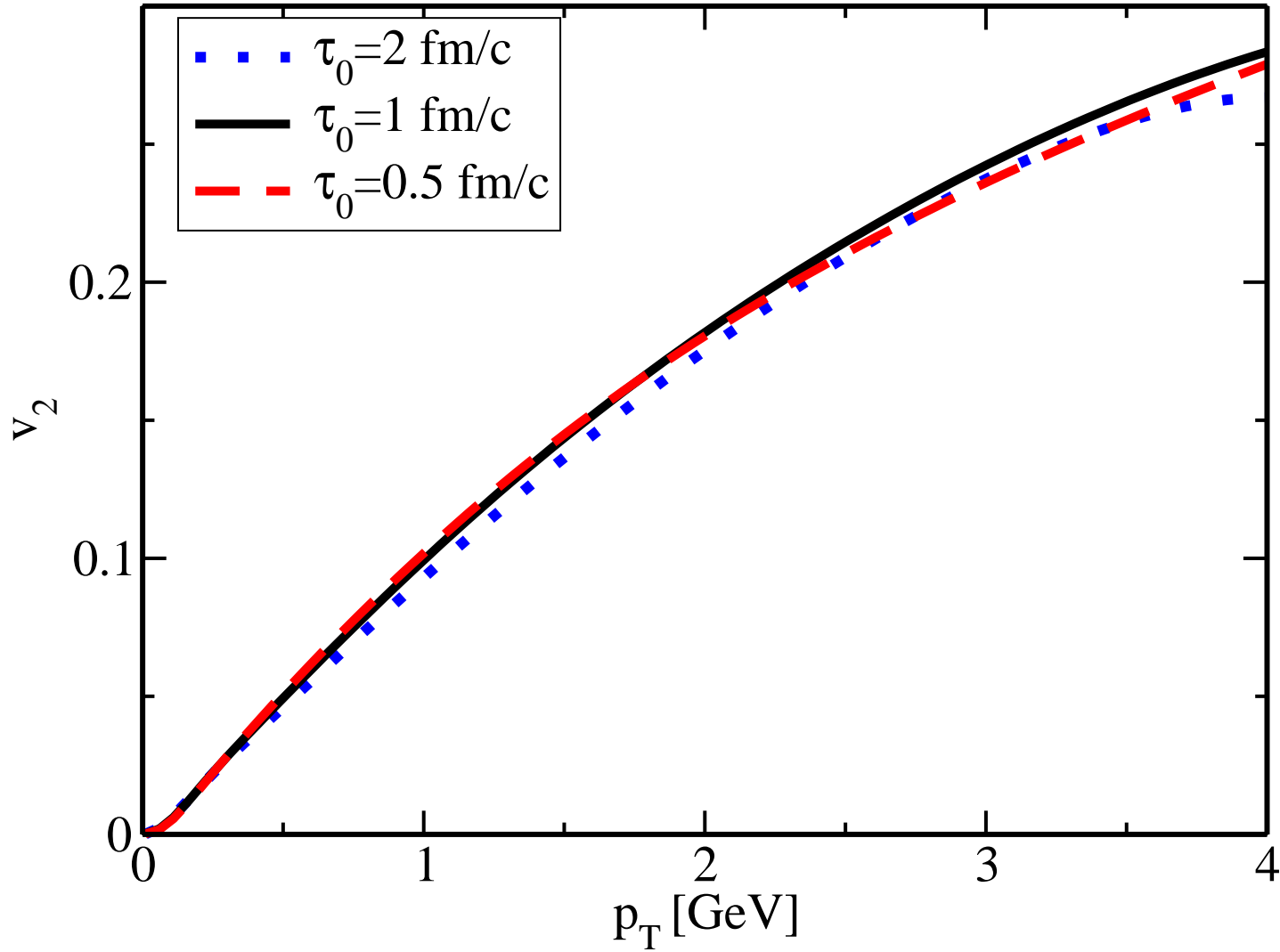
claim of short $\tau_0 \equiv \tau_{eq} \leq 0.5$ fm at RHIC

OPEN QUESTION:

CGC ($\alpha_s \ll 1$) \rightarrow *sQGP* ($\alpha_s > O(1)$)

within a very short time < 0.5 fm ?

(b)



early thermalisation ?

[Luzum and Romatschke 08]

parametric pQCD estimate

for thermalisation in an expanding gluonic medium

near equilibrium at $T(\tau)$: Knudsen number Kn

$$\frac{1}{Kn} = \frac{\text{longitudinal expansion time}}{\text{mean free path}} = \frac{\tau}{\lambda_f} \gg 1$$

from many gluon interactions (including saturation):

Arnold et al.: $\tau_{eq} Q_s \geq \alpha_s^{-7/3}$

‘bottom-up’ [Baier, Son, Mueller and Schiff 01]

$$\tau_{eq} Q_s \geq \alpha_s^{-13/5}$$

$$\text{RHIC: } \tau_{eq} \geq 2 - 3 \text{ fm}$$