

# From little bang to big bang: imprints of QCD epoch in the early universe?

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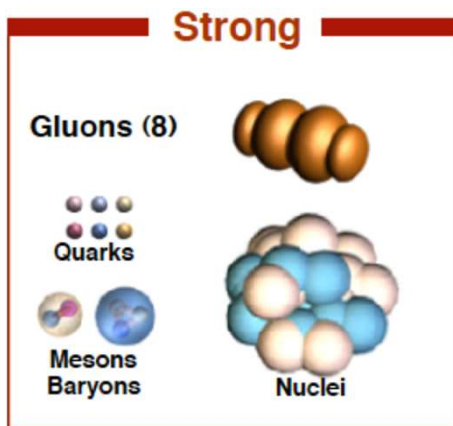
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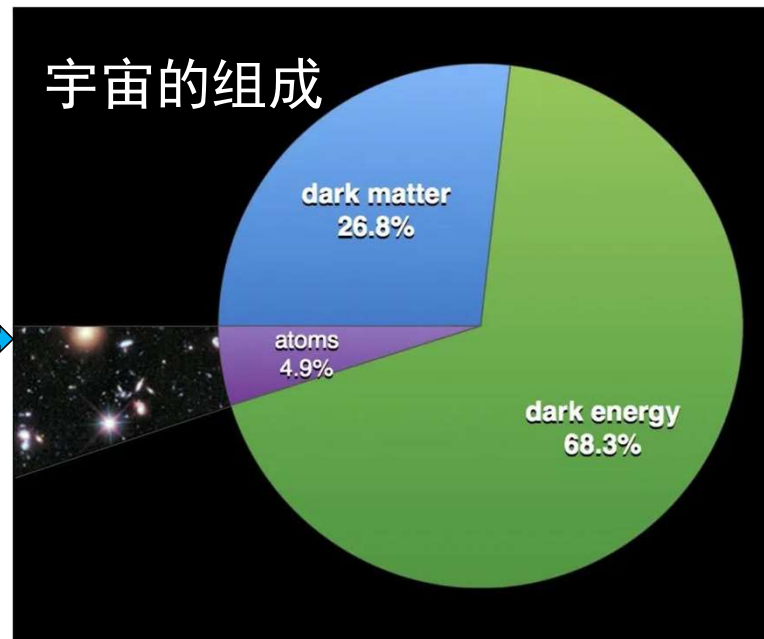
- I. A short review on QCD phase transitions**
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# A short review on QCD phase transitions

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)



99% of Visible matter



Origin of mass: spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking



# QCD phase structure at finite temperature

**Chiral phase transition:** light quark  $m=0$

Chiral condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$

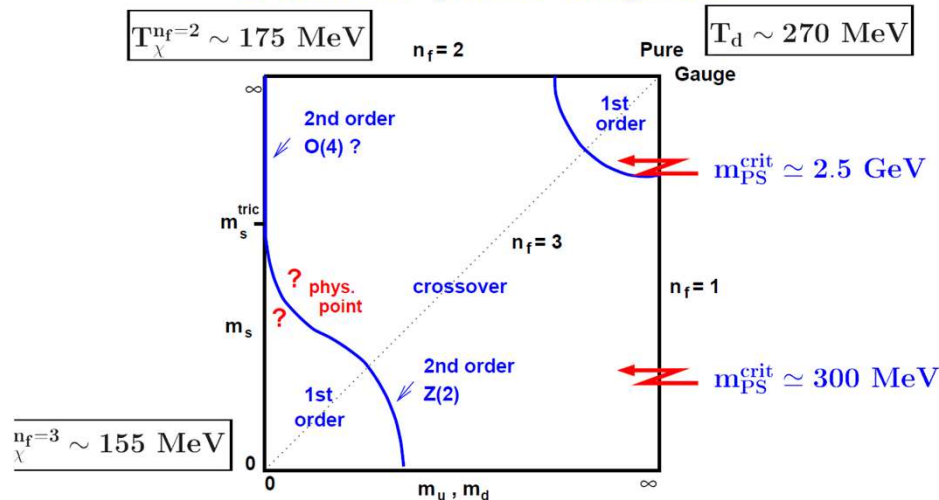
**Deconfinement phase transition:** heavy quark limit for  $m=\infty$

Polyakov loop

$$L(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \mathcal{P}(\vec{x}) \text{ with } \mathcal{P}(\vec{x}) = \text{P} e^{ig \int_0^\beta dt A_0(t, \vec{x})}$$

$$\langle L(\vec{x}) \rangle \sim \exp(-\beta F_q)$$

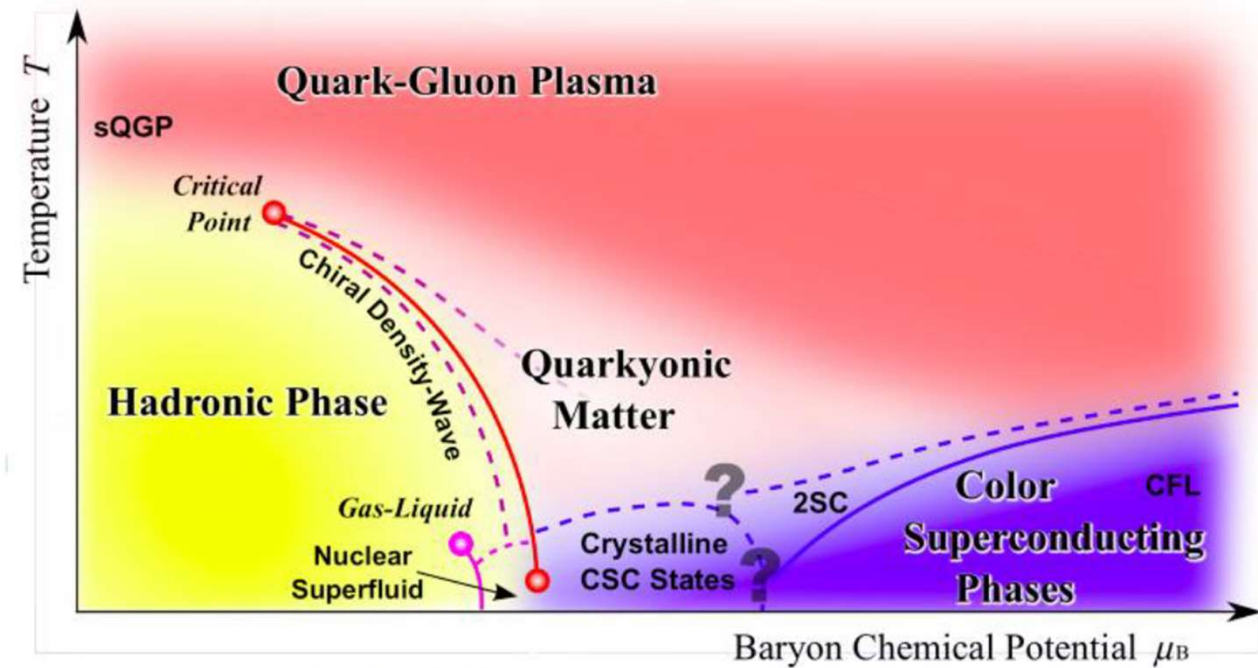
3-flavour phase diagram



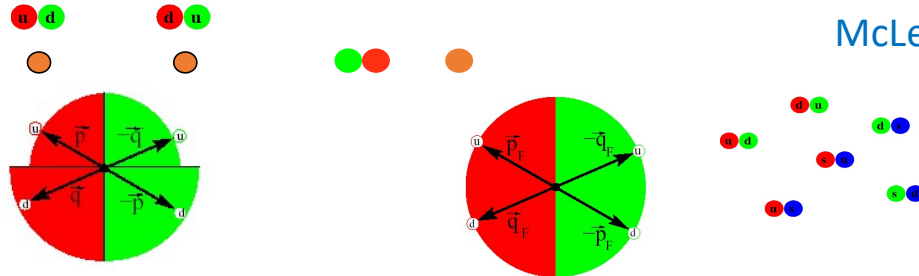
Columbia plot:

Karsch, F.  
Lect. Notes Phys. 2002, 583, 209–249, 215  
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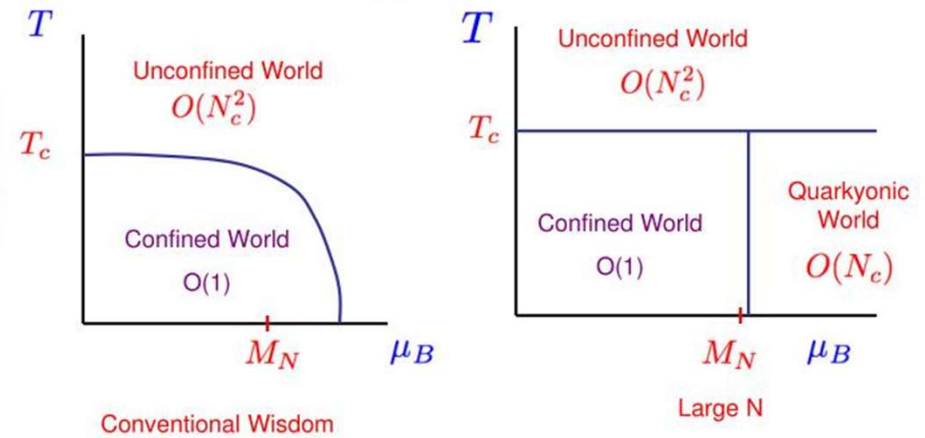
# QCD phase structure at finite baryon chemical potential



K. Fukushima and T. Hatsuda, Rept. Prog. Phys. **74**, 014001(2011);  
arXiv: 1005.4814



## Quarkyonic matter

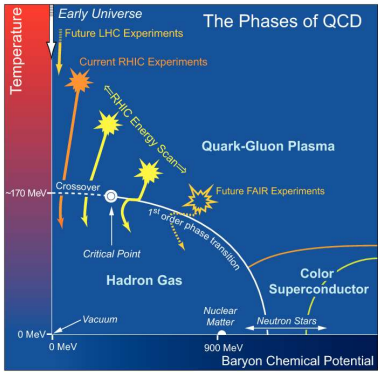


Separation of quark dynamics and gluodynamics?

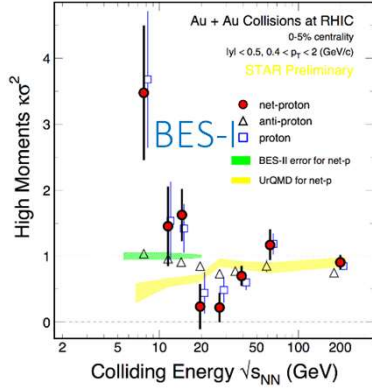
McLerran, Pisarski, Nucl. Phys. A 796 (2007) 83.

# QCD phase structure at finite baryon chemical potential

## CEP searching at HICs

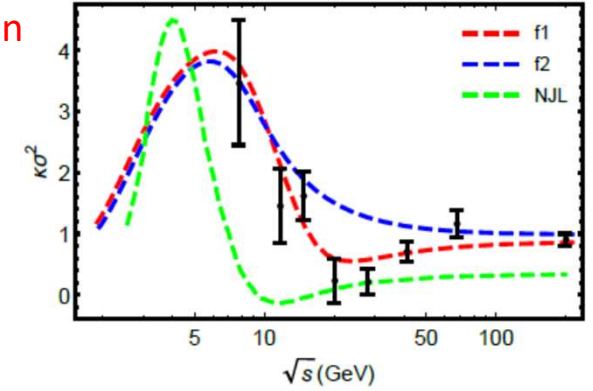
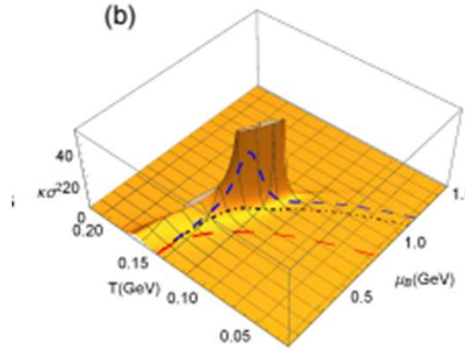


## Kurtosis 峰度



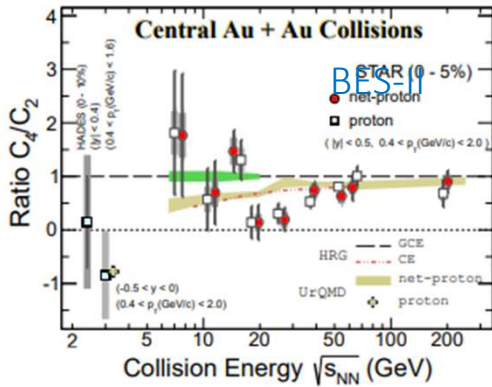
STAR: PRL112, 32302(14);

## CEP of chiral phase transition

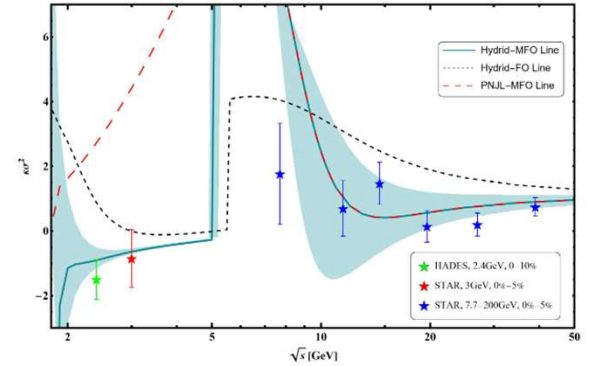
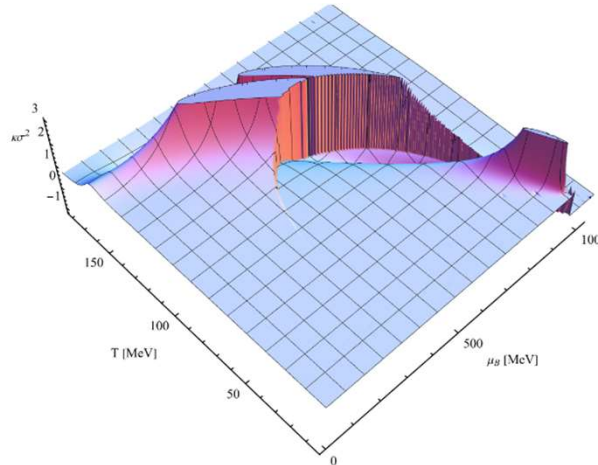


Z.B.Li et al, Chin.Phys.C 42 (2018) 1, 013103; EPJC 79, 2019

## CEP of chiral phase transition meets CEP of nuclear liquid-gas phase transition!



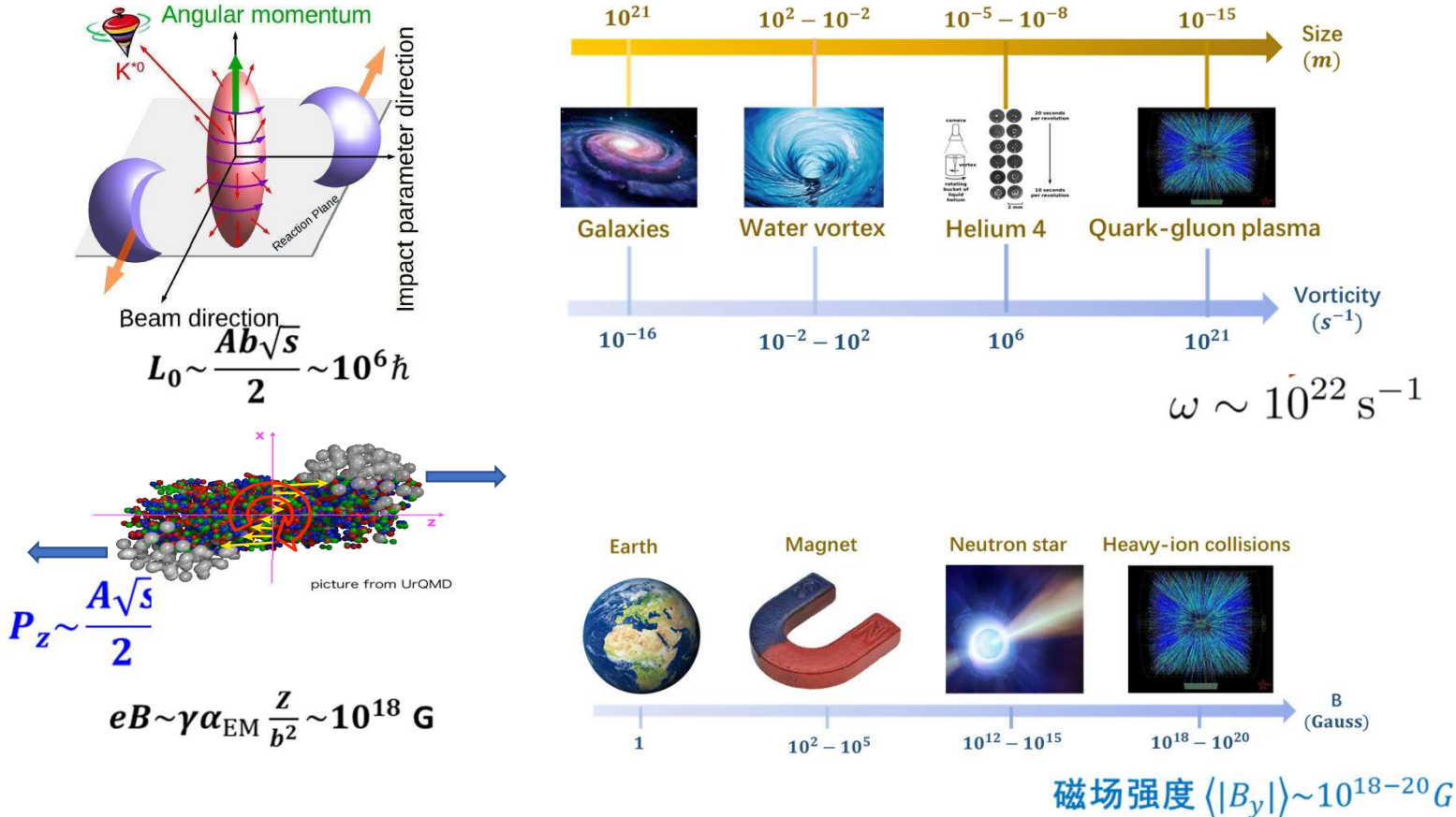
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Kun Xu, Mei Huang, to appear soon

# QCD phase structure under strong magnetic field and rotation

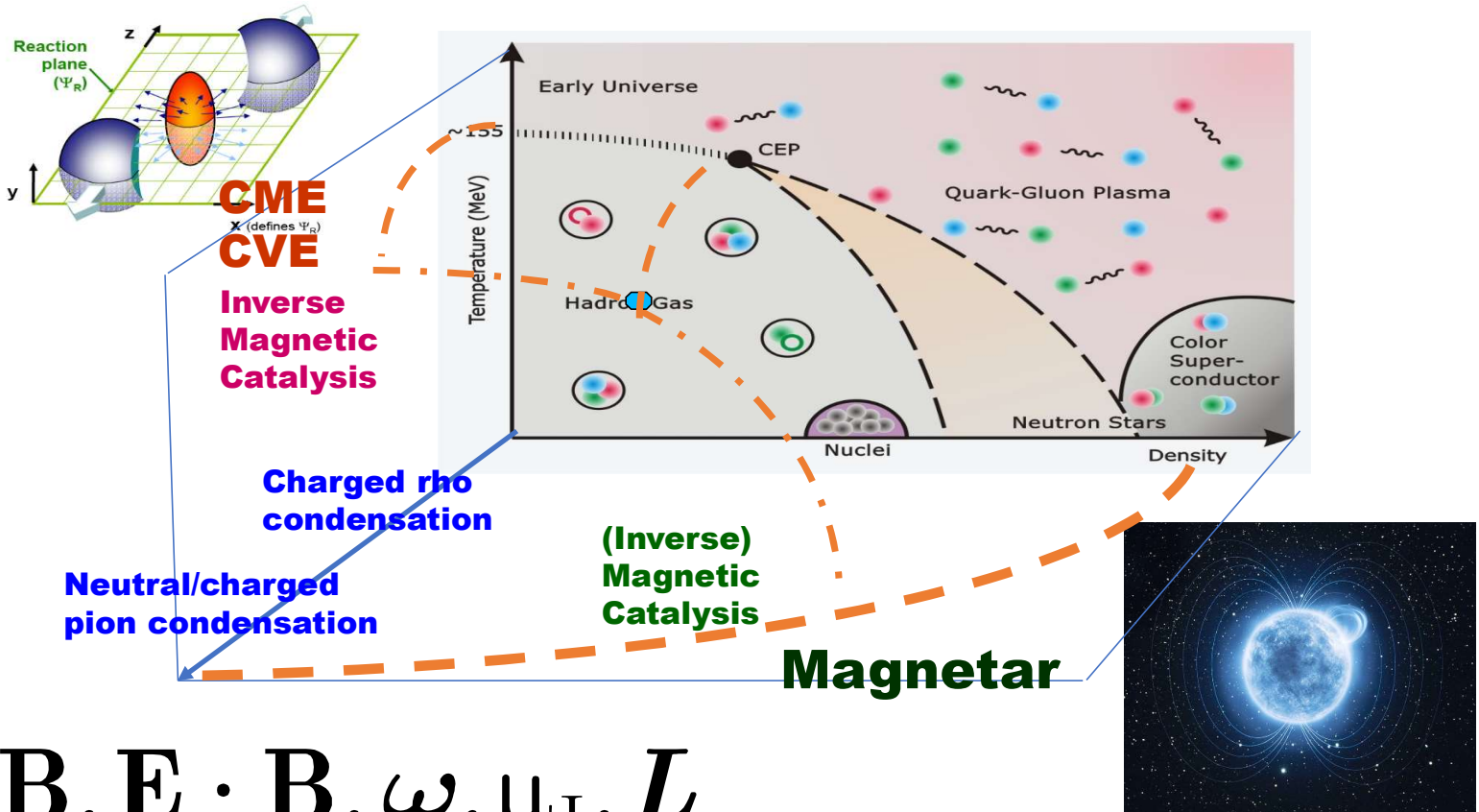
非对心重离子碰撞产生地表最强磁场最快转动的环境



from Xuguang's slides



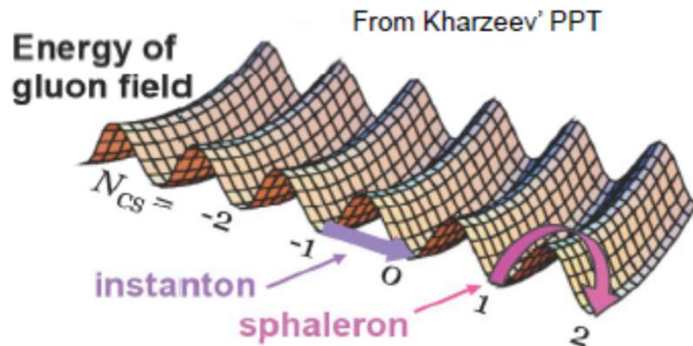
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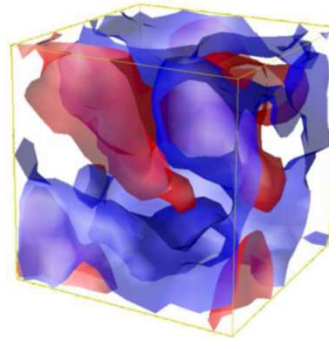
$$\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}, \omega, \mu_I, \mathbf{L}$$

# Theta vacuum, instantons and sphalerons

QCD vacuum has non-trivial topological structure characterized by an integer valued Chern-Simons number



Buividovich et al. arXiv:1111.6733



$$\Delta N_{CS} = \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}[F_{\alpha\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\alpha\mu\nu}]$$

Induce chirality imbalance: local PV and CPV

$$(N_R - N_L)_{t=+\infty} - (N_R - N_L)_{t=-\infty} = -2N_f \Delta N_{CS}$$

Sphaleron diffusion rate at finite T: variation of topological number per unit time and per unit volume

$$\Gamma_{SS} \sim T^4$$

$$\Gamma_{SS} \sim (g^2 T)^4$$

$$\Gamma_{SS} \sim g^4 \log(1/g^2) T (g^2 T)^3$$

$$\frac{\partial n_5}{\partial t} = (4N_f)^2 \frac{\Gamma_{SS}}{T} \frac{\partial F}{\partial n_5}$$

$$n_5 = \frac{\mu_5^3}{3\pi^2} + \frac{\mu_5 T^2}{3}$$

$$\mu_5 = \sqrt{3}\pi \left( \frac{320N_f^2 \Gamma_{SS}}{T^2} - \frac{T^2}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\langle n_5 \rangle = 0 \text{ but } \langle n_5^2 \rangle \neq 0.$$

S. Y. Khlebnikov and M. E. Shaposhnikov, Nucl. Phys. B 308, 885 (1988).

G. D. Moore, C. -r. Hu and B. Muller, Phys. Rev. D 58, 045001 (1998); G. D. Moore and M. Tassler, JHEP 1102, 105 (2011).

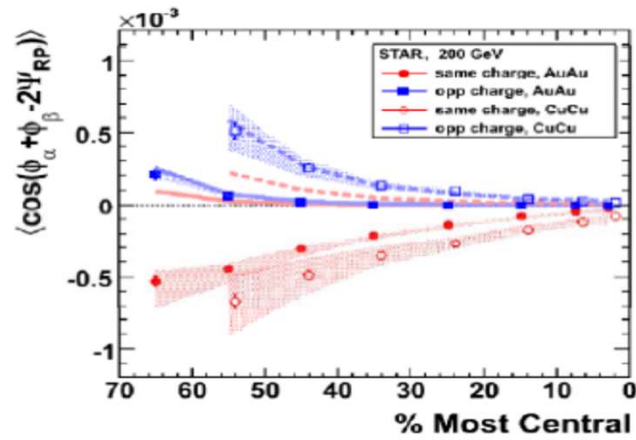
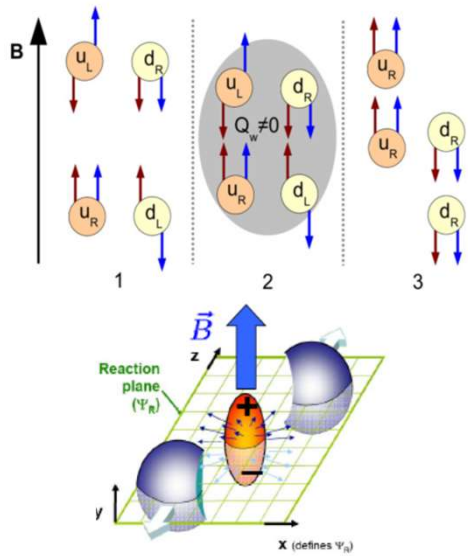
Khlebnikov, Shaposhnikov 1988, Bodeker, 1998, Son, Starinets 2002

# Chiral Magnetic Effect reveals the topology of gauge fields in heavy-ion collisions

Khazzeev, Liao, 2021, Nature Rev.Phys. 3 (2021) 1, 55-63

Fukushima, Khazzeev, Warringa 2008

CME  $\longleftrightarrow$  Charge Separation



STAR Collaboration PRL103(2009)251601



Dmitri Khazzeev

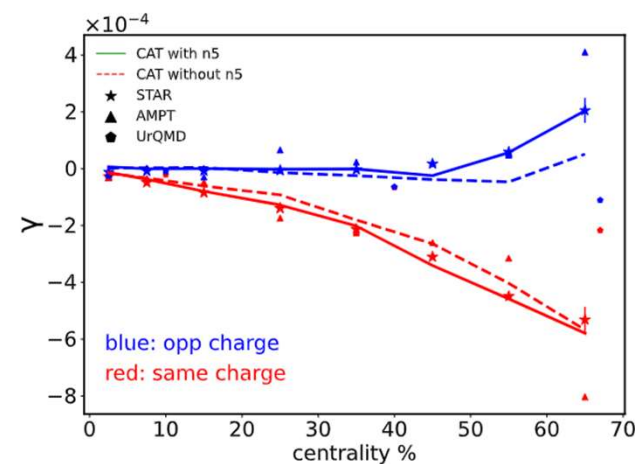
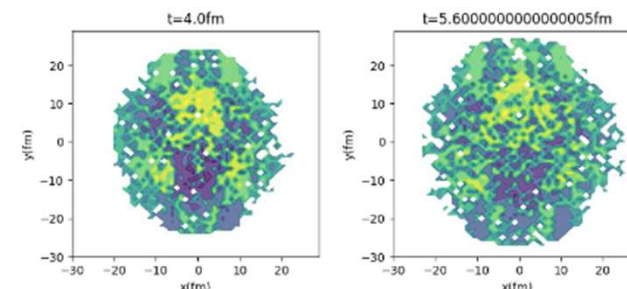
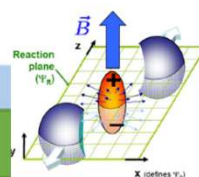
Update: Chiral Magnetic Effect has not been confirmed from HICs!



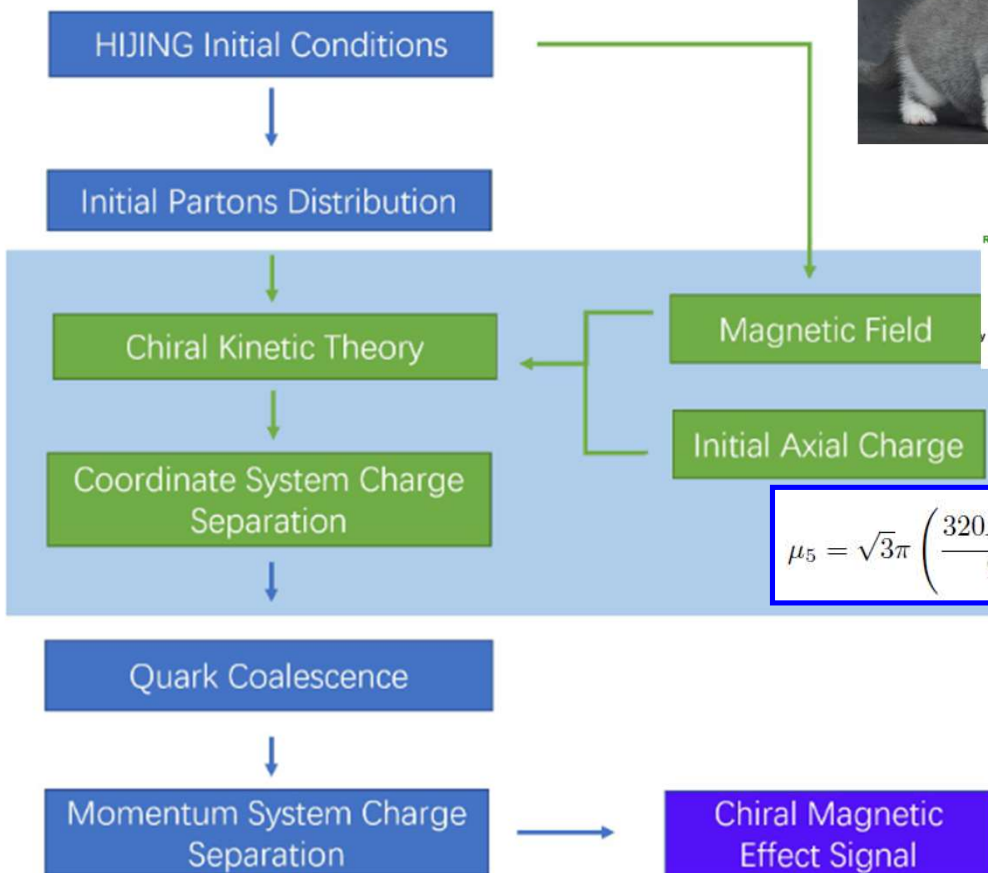
# Chiral Magnetic Effect reveals the topology of gauge fields in heavy-ion collisions

Zilin Yuan@UCAS et al, Chiral anomaly Transport (CAT) to appear!

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$$\mu_5 = \sqrt{3}\pi \left( \frac{320N_f^2\Gamma_{ss}}{T^2} - \frac{T^2}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

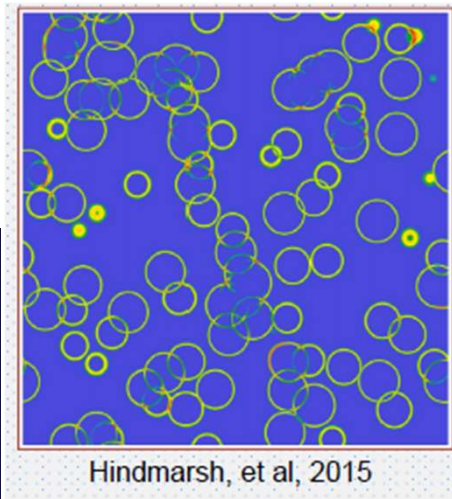


Zilin Yuan@UCAS et al, in preparation!

Chirality imbalance explains exp. measurement!

# Imprints of QCD epoch in the early universe?

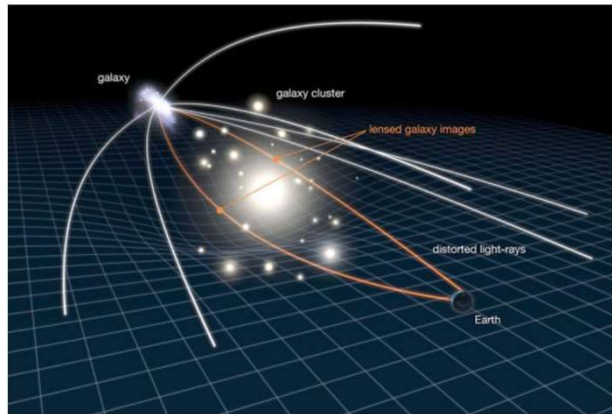
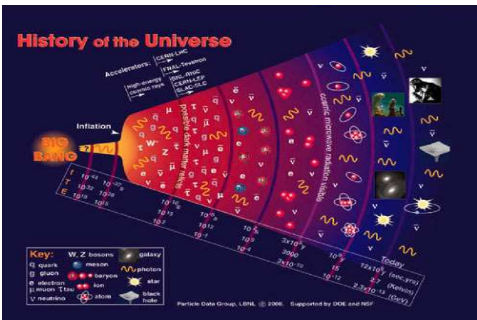
GWs, Primordial Black holes,.....



$$\square h_{ij} \sim T_{ij}$$

1<sup>st</sup> order PT in QCD epoch:

- 1, pure gluon system,
- 2, Topological phase transition



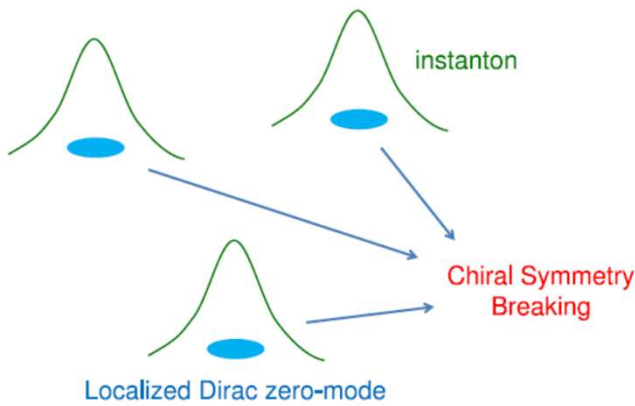
PBHs

$$R_S \equiv 2GM/c^2.$$

$$\frac{d^2 \delta}{dt^2} + 2H \frac{d\delta}{dt} + \left( \frac{k^2 v_s^2}{a^2} - 4\pi G\rho \right) \delta = 0$$

## Chirality imbalance induced by instanton anti-instanton molecule pairing:

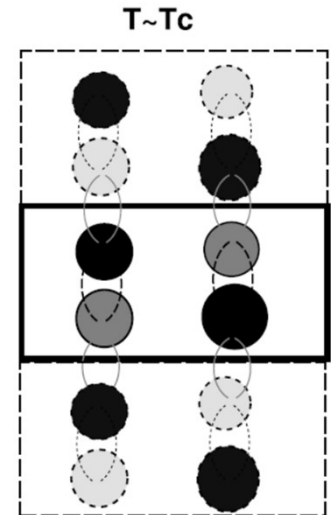
T. Schafer, E. V. Shuryak and J. J. M. Verbaarschot,  
Phys. Rev. D **51**, 1267 (1995) [hep-ph/9406210].



$$\mathcal{L}_{mol\ sym} = G \left\{ \frac{2}{N_c^2} \left[ (\bar{\psi}\tau^a\psi)^2 - (\bar{\psi}\tau^a\gamma^5\psi)^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2N_c^2} \left[ (\bar{\psi}\tau^a\gamma^\mu\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}\tau^a\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi)^2 \right] + \frac{2}{N_c^2} (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi)^2 \right\} + \mathcal{L}_8,$$

$$T \gtrsim T_c,$$

$$G_S = \frac{2G}{N_c^2}, \quad G_V = \frac{G}{2N_c^2}, \quad G_A = -\frac{3G}{2N_c^2}$$



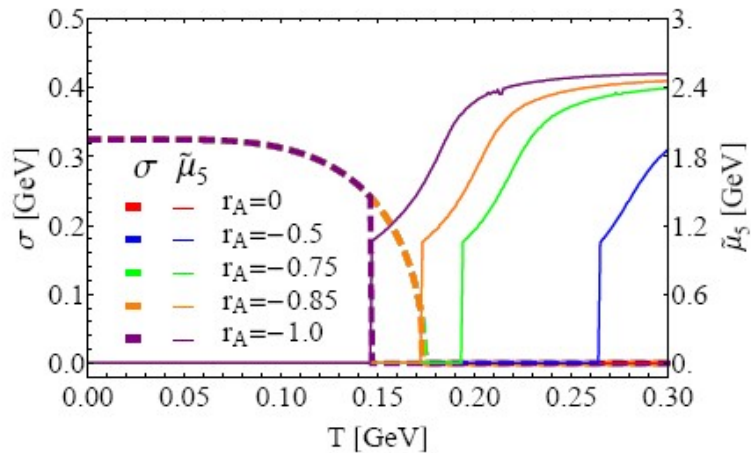
$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}i\gamma_\mu D^\mu\psi + G_S \left[ (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^5\tau\psi)^2 \right] - G_V (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi)^2 - G_A (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi)^2.$$

Negative axial vector interaction  
spontaneously induces chirality  
imbalance

$$\tilde{\mu}_5 = -2G_A \langle \bar{\psi}\gamma^0\gamma^5\psi \rangle$$

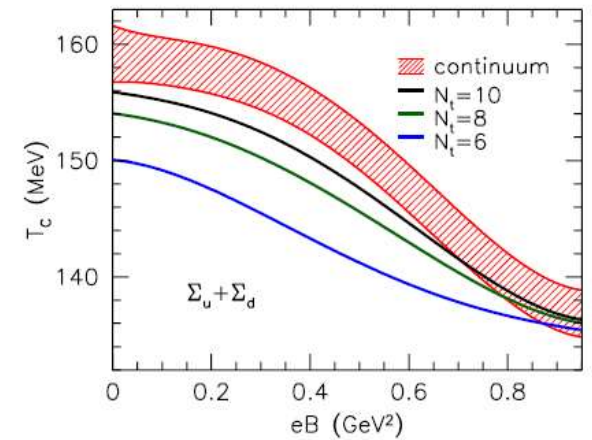
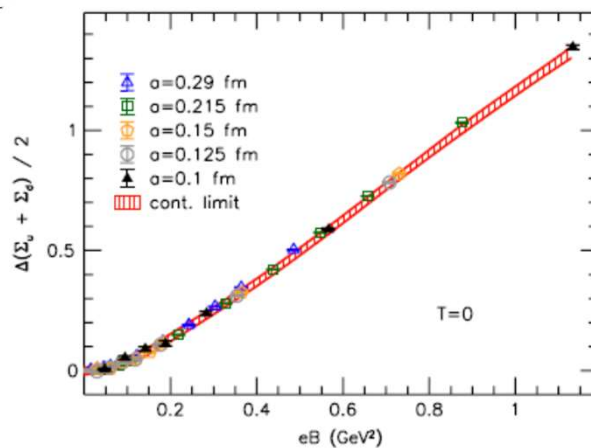
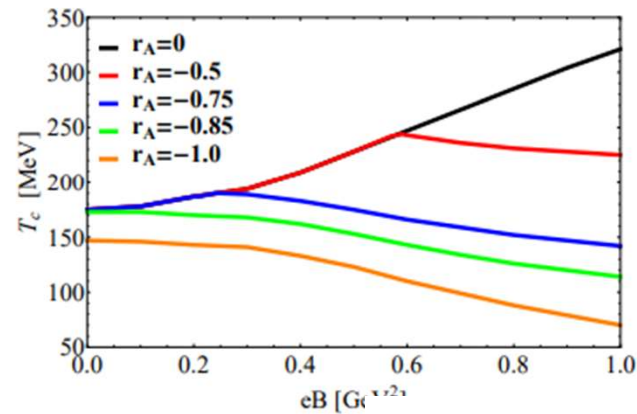
# Spontaneous generation of CP-violation above $T_c$ even at zero magnetic field, 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition !

## Magnetic Catalysis and Inverse magnetic catalysis

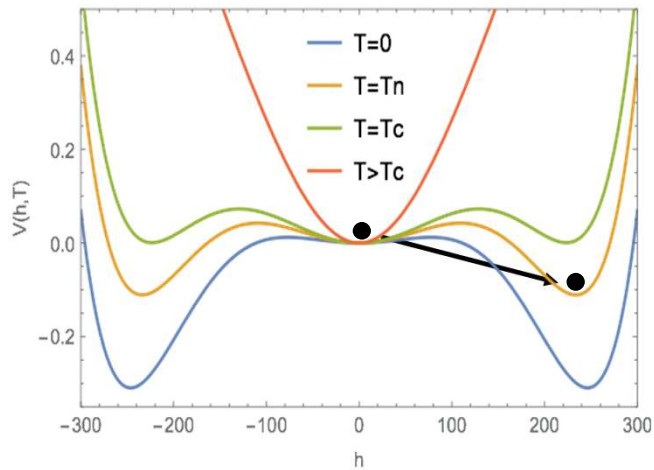


(a)  $\sigma$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_5$  at  $eB = 0$  for different values of  $r_A$ .

Lang Yu, Hao Liu, MH, arXiv:1404.6969, PRD90,074009(2014)



Bali et.al. arXiv:1206.4205 [hep-lat]



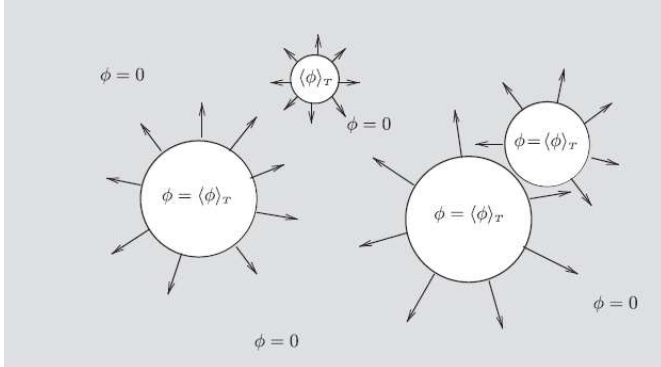
**Bounce solution**

$$S_3(T) = \int 4\pi r^2 dr \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\phi_b}{dr} \right)^2 + V(\phi_b, T) \right]$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \phi_b = 0, \quad \left. \frac{d\phi_b}{dr} \right|_{r=0} = 0$$

**Bubble nucleation**

$$\Gamma \approx A(T) e^{-S_3/T} \sim 1$$



**PT strength**

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_r} \left( \Delta V_{\text{eff}}(\phi, T) - \frac{T}{4} \Delta \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}(\phi, T)}{\partial T} \right)$$

**Phase transition  
inverse duration**

$$\frac{\beta}{H_n} = T \left. \frac{d(S_3(T)/T)}{dT} \right|_{T=T_n}$$



Jingdong Shao, Mei Huang, e-Print: [2209.13809](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.13809) [hep-ph],  
 Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 4, 043011

$B/GeV^2$	$r_A$	$T_n/GeV$	$\alpha$	$\beta/H_*$
0	-0.3	0.3648	0.7343	27582
0	-0.5	0.2561	1.741	16274
0	-0.8	0.1679	4.850	6105.7
0.3	-0.3	0.3634	0.7727	30478
0.3	-0.5	0.2535	1.790	14660
0.3	-0.8	0.1635	5.375	12028
0.5	-0.3	0.3517	0.7384	22859
0.5	-0.5	0.2393	1.745	11136
0.5	-0.8	0.1389	8.364	2579.0
0.8	-0.3	0.3402	1.166	25235
0.8	-0.5	0.2126	2.633	11171
0.8	-0.8	0.1079	28.67	2819.5

TABLE I: Nucleation temperature  $T_n$ , parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  corresponding to different values of  $r_A$  and  $eB$ .

**Huge  $\beta/H$  :  $10^4$  rare case!**

The typical value  $\beta/H$  from EW: 1-100

The parameter  $\beta/H$  describes the duration and the number of nucleated bubbles the phase transition generates, and is evaluated when the phase transition has completed, i.e. at the percolation temperature  $T_p$ . large

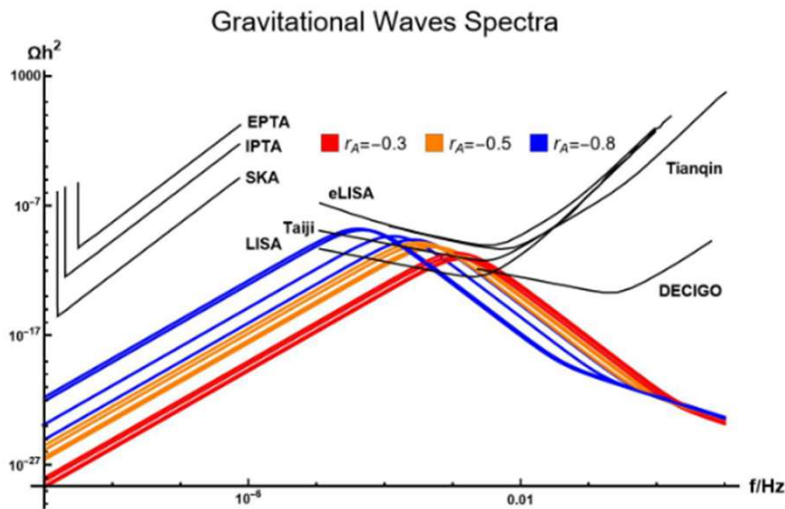
Delayed phase transition, Liu et al. 2106.05637,  
 small  $\beta/H$  is required!

Huge  $\beta/H : 10^4$

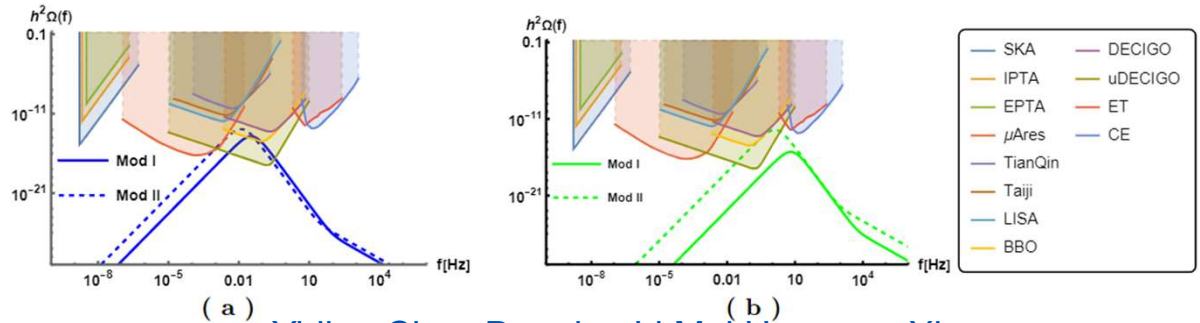
Thin-wall approx	QC DPT	EWPT
$\alpha$	4-6	0.4-0.6
$\beta/H$	30000-60000	6000-20000
$v_w$	0.04	0.1

Holographic QCD method  
 Yidian Chen, Danning Li, Mei Huang, arXiv: 2212.06591

Enrico Morgante, Nicklas Ramberg, and Pedro Schwaller. Echo of the Dark: Gravitational Waves from Dark SU(3) Yang-Mills Theory. 10 2022.



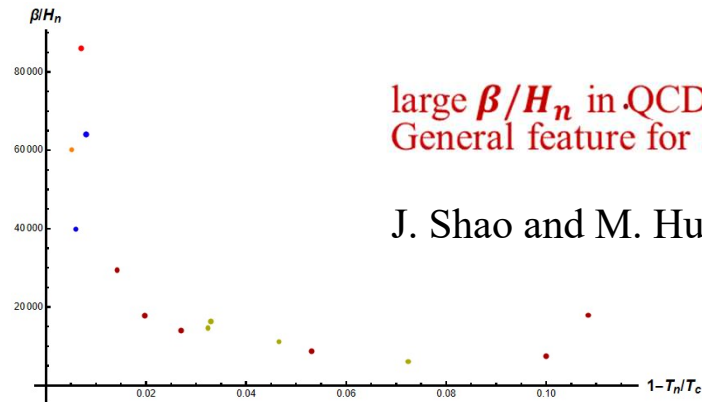
(a) Gravitational waves spectra grouped by  $r_A$ .



Yidian Chen, Danning Li, Mei Huang, arXiv: 2212.06591

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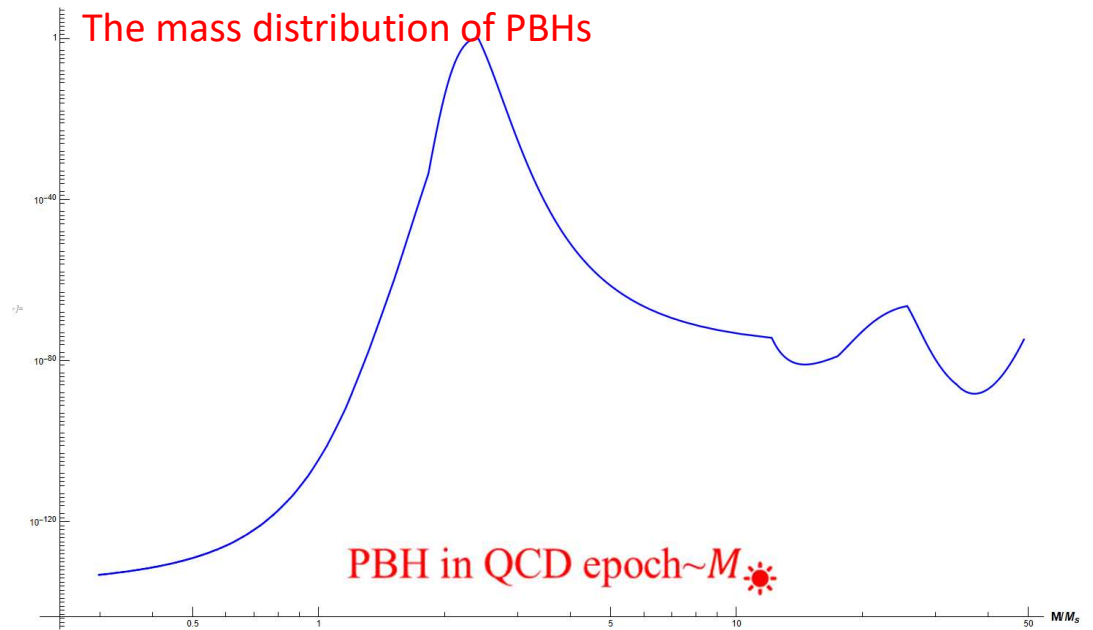
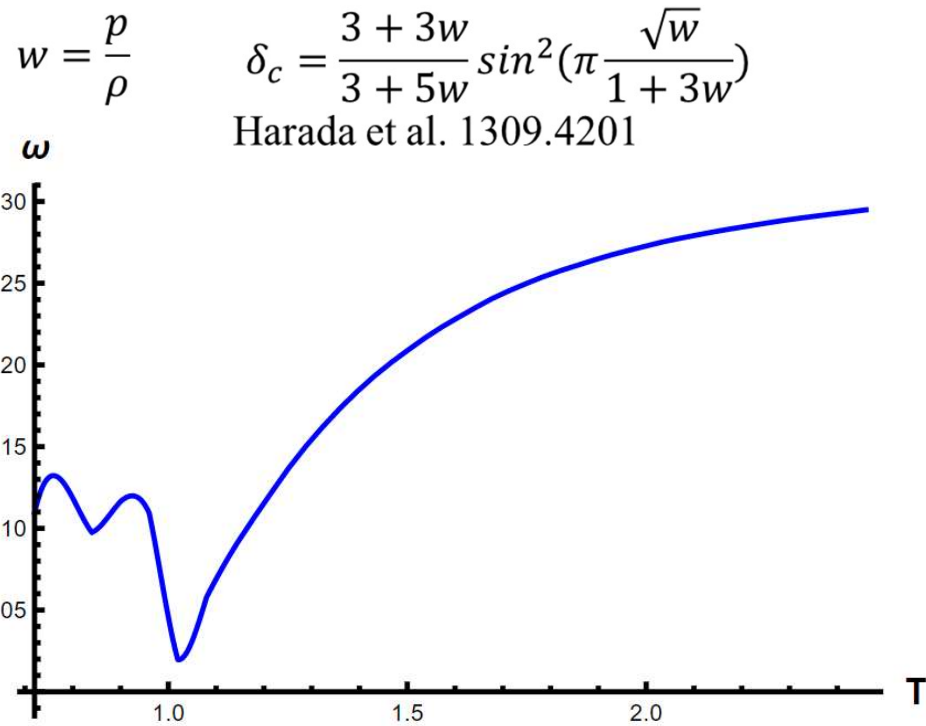
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large  $\beta/H_n$  in QCD phase transitions!  
 General feature for strongly coupled system?

J. Shao and M. Huang, in preparation

# Small sound velocity around $T_c$ in 1<sup>st</sup> order QCD phase transitions gives the critical density perturbation for collapse!



$$\Omega_{PBH} \sim 0.01 \Omega_{CDM}$$

J. Shao and M. Huang, in preparation.

**Future Work: From little bang to big bang**  
**Possible observables of PV, CPV in QCD epoch**  
**from early universe? Role of QCD phase transition on**  
**the evolution of the early Universe?**

$$\mathcal{L} = (1/4)f(\phi)(-F^2 + \gamma F \tilde{F})$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} f(\phi) \left( -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\gamma}{4} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right)$$