



Transport properties and phase diagram of nuclear matter

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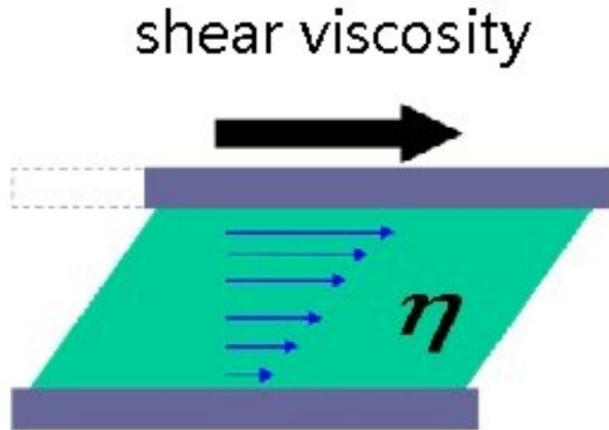
Transport properties of asymmetric nuclear matter in the spinodal region

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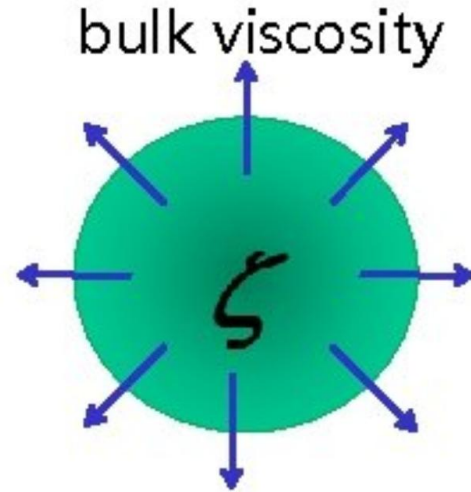
Shear viscosity of nuclear matter in the spinodal region

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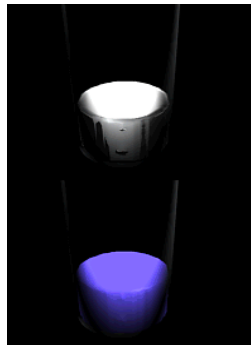
Shear and bulk viscosity



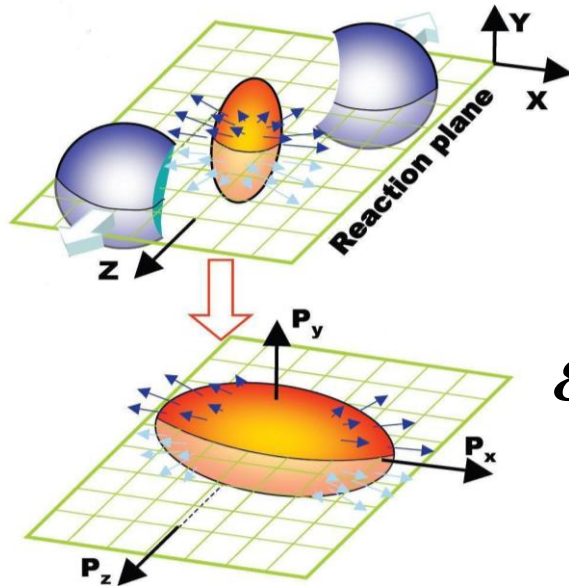
$$\tau = \frac{F}{A} = \eta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$



$$P - P_0 = \zeta \nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$



sQGP: a nearly ideal fluid



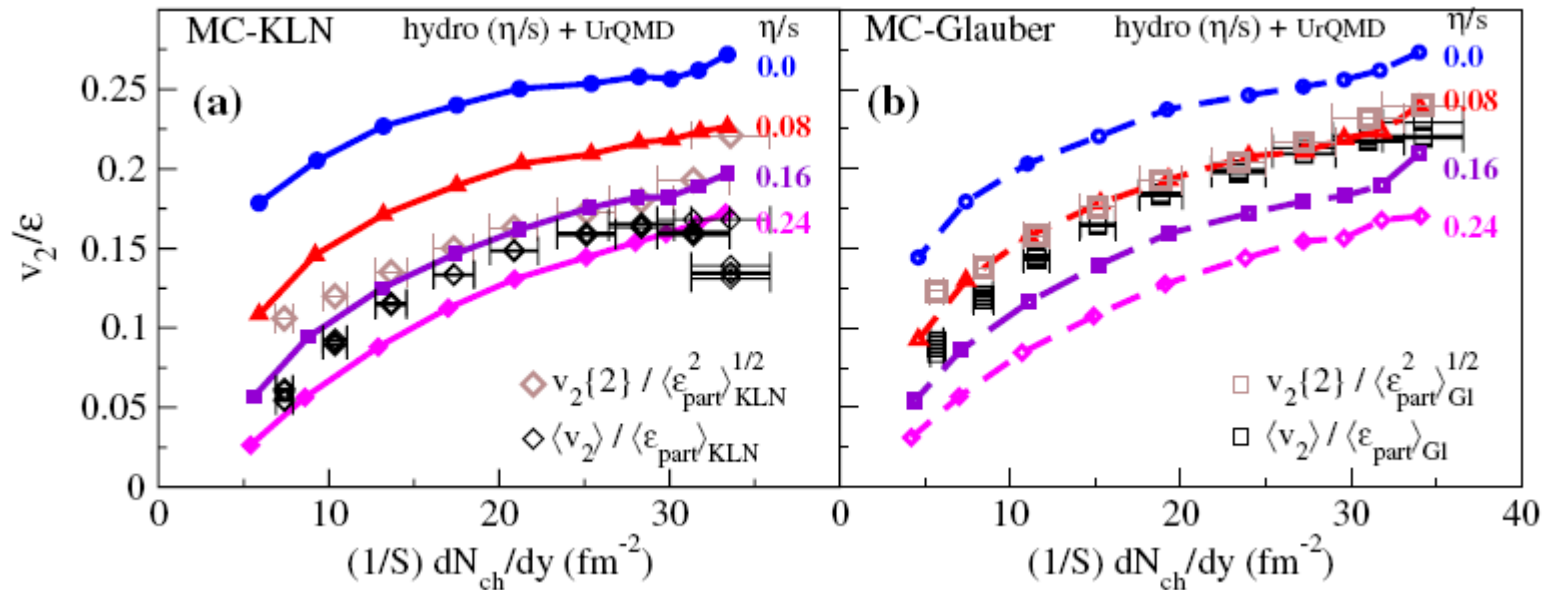
Eccentricity

$$\epsilon_2 = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

η/s

Elliptic flow

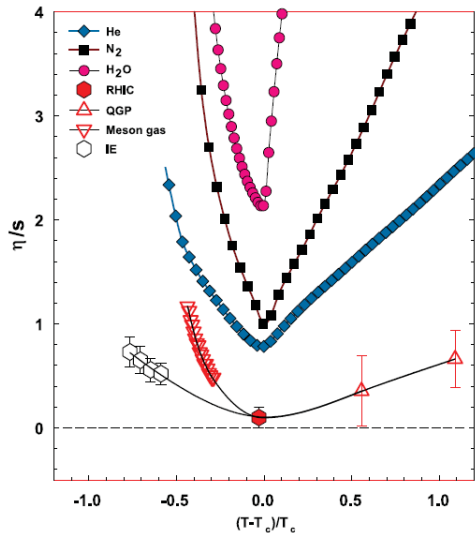
$$v_2 = \frac{\langle p_x^2 - p_y^2 \rangle}{\langle p_x^2 + p_y^2 \rangle}$$



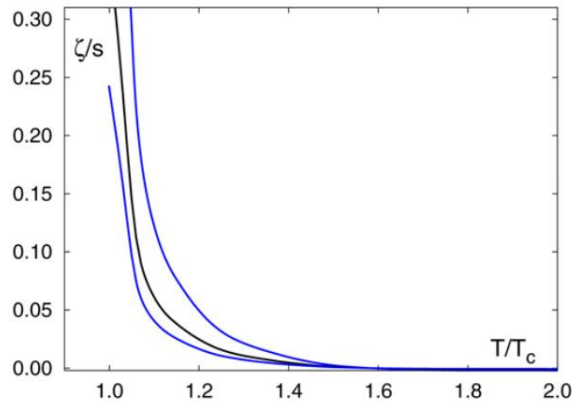
$$1 < 4\pi(\eta/s)_{\text{QGP}} < 2.5$$

Song et al., PRL (2011)

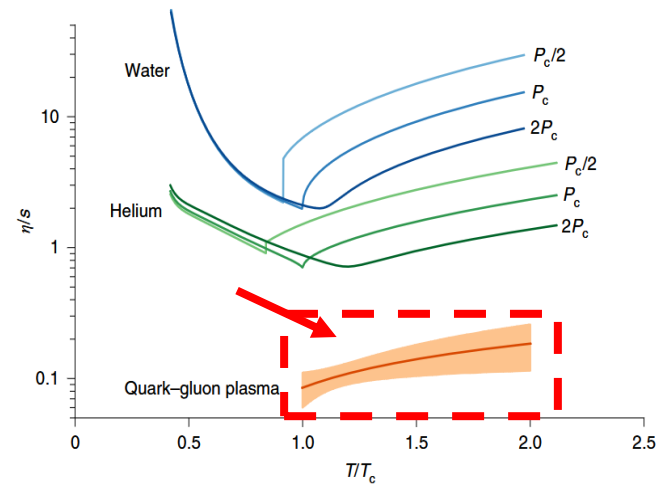
Viscosity and phase transition



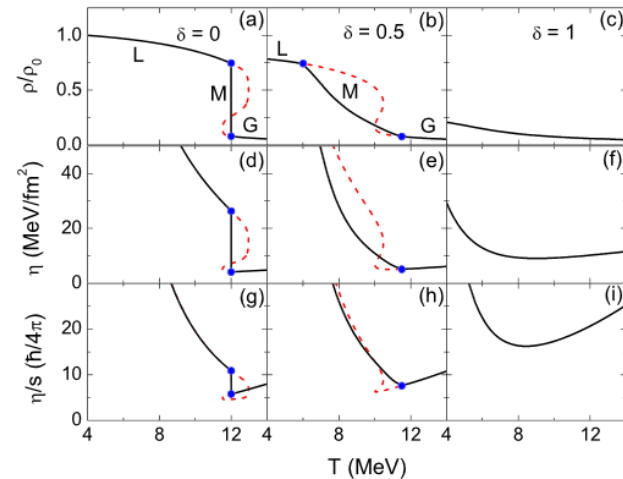
Lacey et al., PRL (2007)



Karsch, Kharzeev,
Tuchin, PLB (2008)



Bernhard, Moreland, Bass,
Nature Physics (2019)



Xu, Chen, Ko, Li, Ma, PLB (2013)

Viscosity calculation methods

- **Classical method** $\eta \sim 1/\sigma$
- **Relaxation time approximation**
- **Champman-Enskog**
- **Green-Kubo (GK) method**

Plumari, Puglisi, F. Scardina, V. Greco, PRC (2012)

$$\eta = \frac{1}{T} \int d^3r \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \pi^{xy}(\vec{0}, t_0) \pi^{xy}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle_{\text{equil}}$$

$$\pi^{xy} = \frac{1}{V_c} \sum_i \frac{p_i^x p_i^y}{E_i}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{T} \int d^3r \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \Delta\pi(\vec{0}, t_0) \Delta\pi(\vec{r}, t) \rangle_{\text{equil}}$$

$$\Delta\pi = \pi - \pi_{\text{eq}}$$

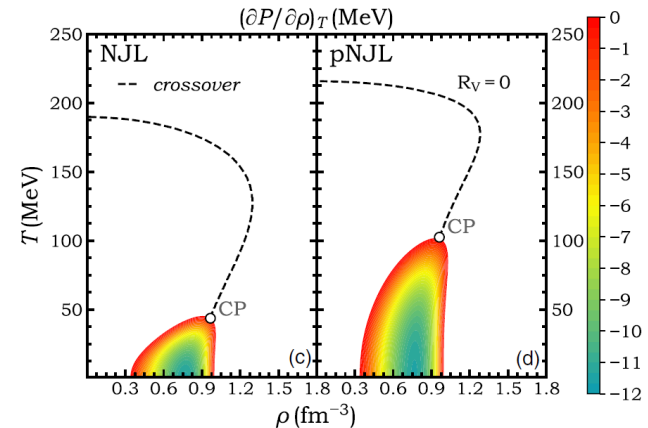
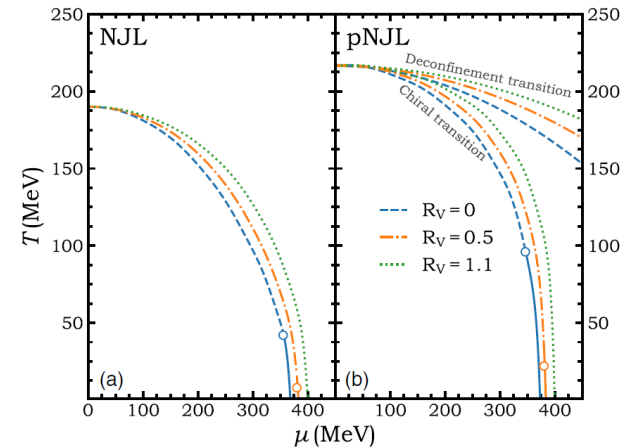
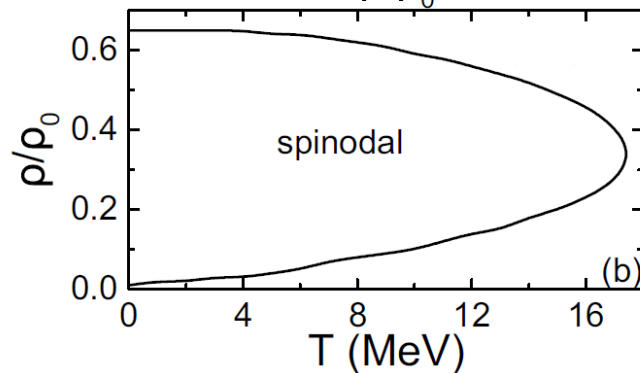
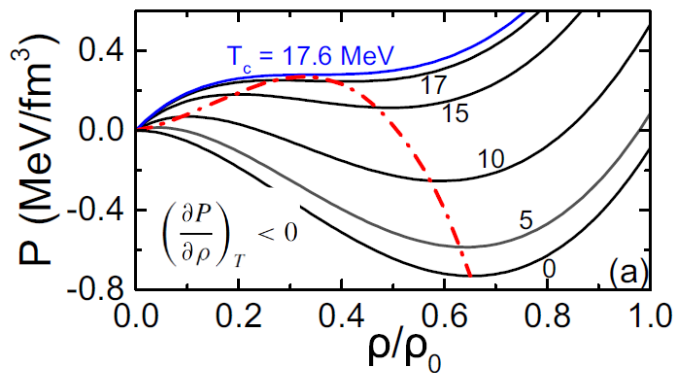
$$\pi = \frac{1}{3}(\pi^{xx} + \pi^{yy} + \pi^{zz})$$

Symmetric nuclear matter (SNM) phase diagram

$$U(\rho) = \alpha \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) + \beta \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

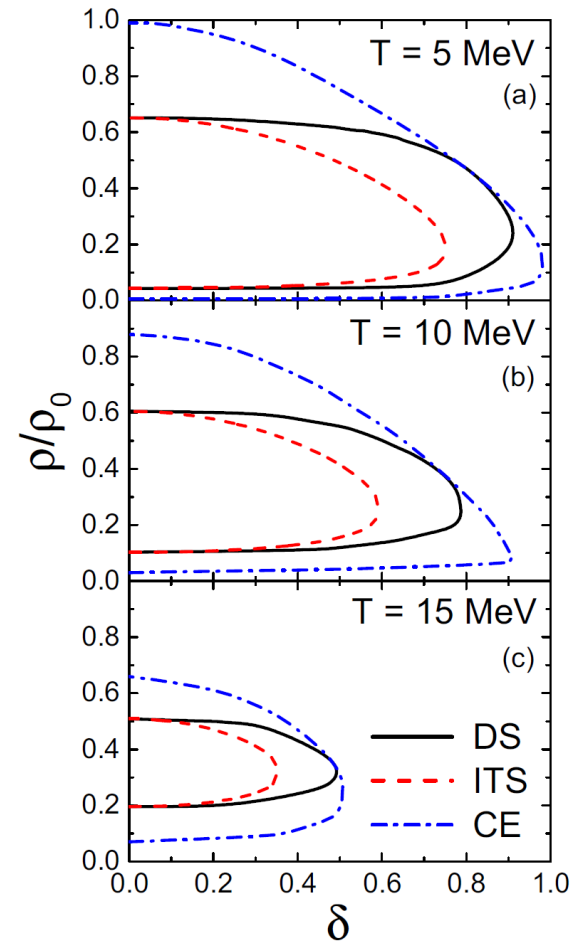
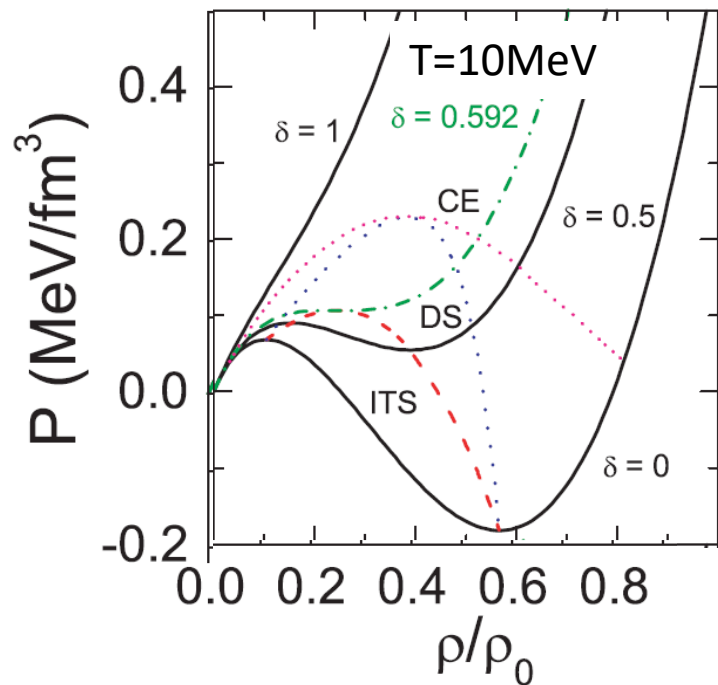
$$P = Ts - \epsilon + \mu\rho$$

compared with Nambu--Jona-Lasinio model



Asymmetric nuclear matter (ANM) phase diagram

$$U_{n,p}(\rho, \delta) = \alpha \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) + \beta \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma \pm 2E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{pot}} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\gamma_{\text{sym}}} \delta \quad \delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/\rho$$



isothermal spinodal (ITS): $(\partial P/\partial \rho)_{T,\delta} < 0$

diffusive spinodal (DS): $(\partial \mu_n/\partial \delta)_{P,T} < 0$
or $(\partial \mu_p/\partial \delta)_{P,T} > 0$

phase coexistence (CE): $(\mu_n, \mu_p, P, T)^L = (\mu_n, \mu_p, P, T)^G$

Box calculation of IBUU

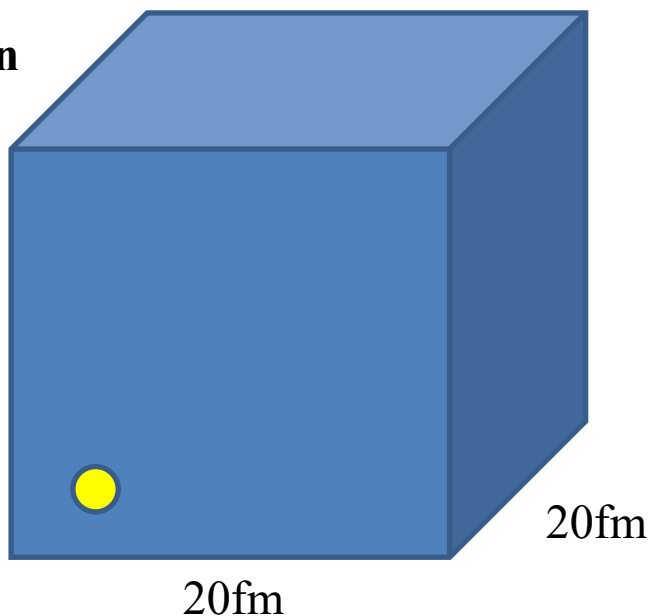
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\vec{p}}{m} \cdot \nabla_r - \nabla_r U \cdot \nabla_p \right) f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}; t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^6} \int d^3p_2 d^3p_3 d\Omega v_{rel} \frac{d\sigma_{12}}{d\Omega} (2\pi\hbar)^3 \delta(\vec{p} + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3 - \vec{p}_4) \\ \times [f_3 f_4 (1 - f)(1 - f_2) - f f_2 (1 - f_3)(1 - f_4)].$$

equations of motion

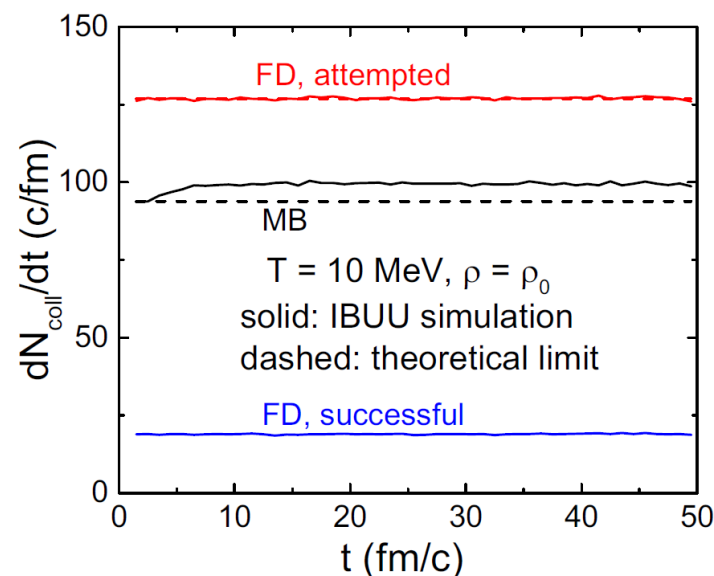
$$\frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{\vec{p}_i}{m}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = -\nabla U$$

box system with
periodic boundary condition



isotropic and constant $\sigma = 40 \text{ mb}$



theoretical limit

$$\frac{dN_{coll}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} V \rho^2 \sigma \int d^3p_1 d^3p_2 v_{mol} \tilde{f}(p_1) \tilde{f}(p_2)$$

Nucleon-nucleon collisions

- Bertsch's approach (Phys. Rep. 160, 189 (1988))**

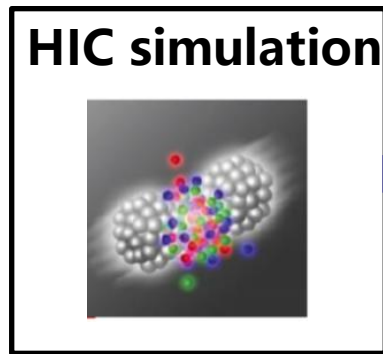
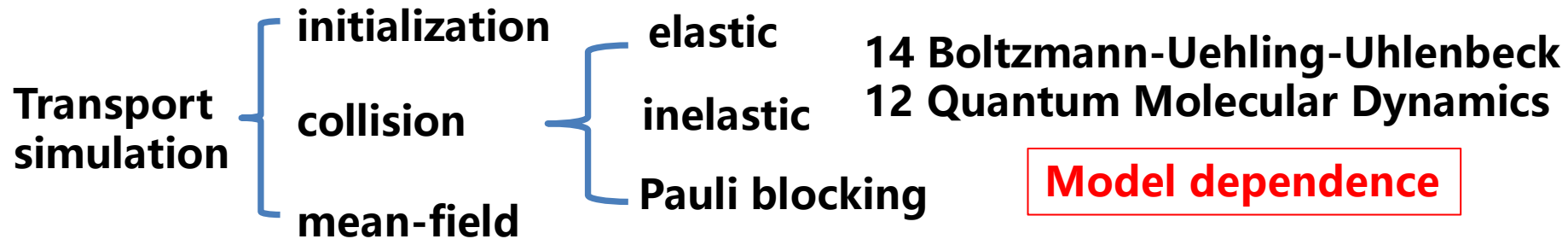
- Go into the C.M. frame of the two nucleons $\delta t = \alpha \Delta t$
 - Collision can happen if $\alpha \approx 1/\gamma$
- $$b = \sqrt{(\Delta \mathbf{r})^2 - (\Delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}/p)^2} < \sqrt{\sigma/\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{p} \right| < \left(\frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_1^2}} + \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_2^2}} \right) \delta t / 2$$
- If collision happen, change the direction of $\mathbf{P}_{\text{cm}}$ in the C.M. frame
 - Boost the momenta of the two nucleons to lab frame
 - Check phase space density; if Pauli blocked, return to the initial momenta

- Pauli blocking probability** $1 - (1 - n_i)(1 - n_j)$

Occupation probability

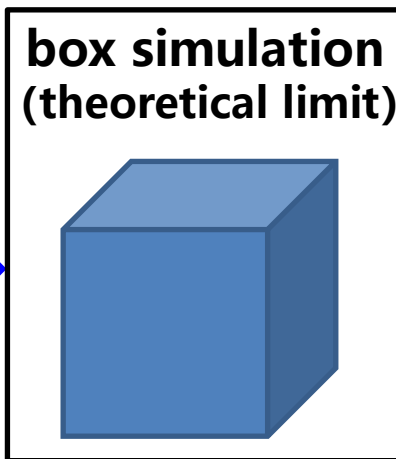
$$n_i = \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{g_N V_r V_p} \int_{i \in V_r, V_p} f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) d^3 r d^3 p$$

Transport Model Evaluation Project (TMEP)



JX et al.,
PRC (2016)

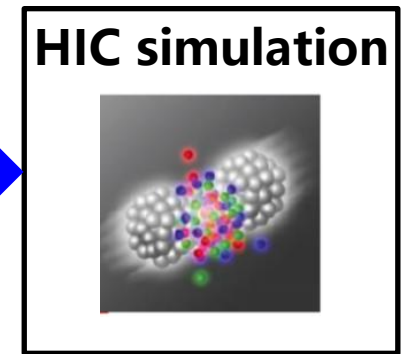
initialization;
theoretical error
of directed flow



Y.X. Zhang et al., PRC (2018)
elastic collisions, Pauli blocking

A. Ono, JX, et al., PRC (2019)
inelastic collisions, π production

M. Colonna et al., PRC (2021)
mean-field evolution



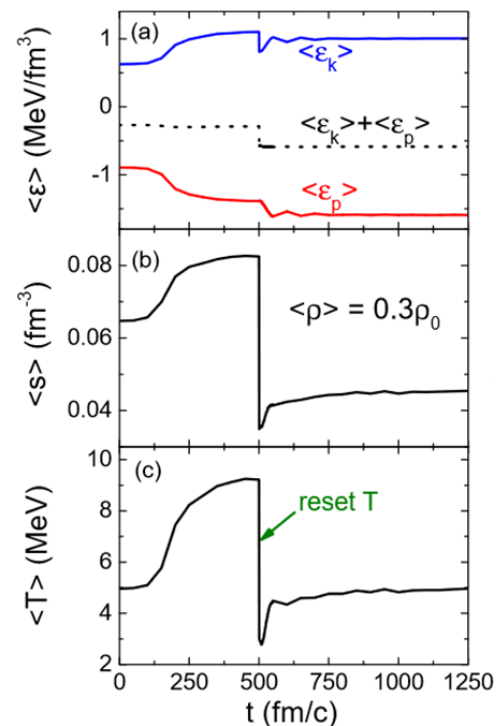
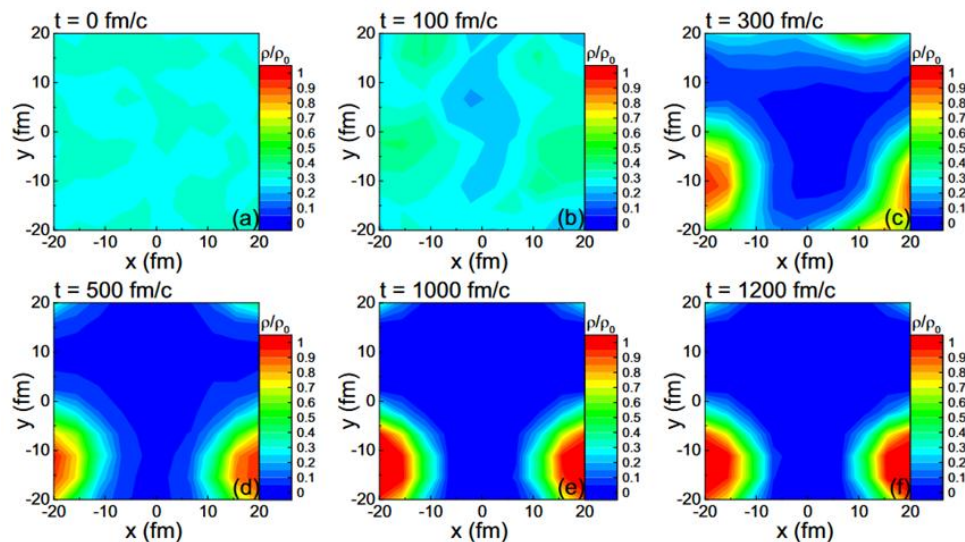
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**reduce uncertainty of
 π^-/π^+ from 5.2%
to 1.6%**

main uncertainties:
mean-field, Pauli blocking

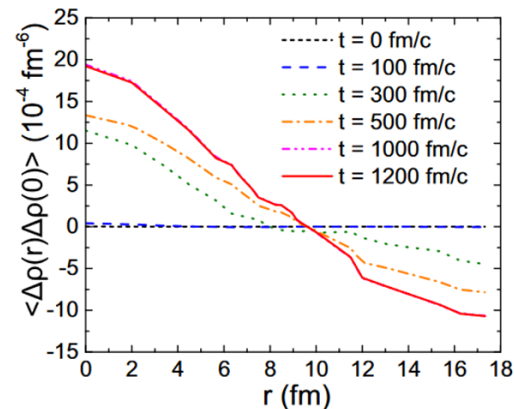
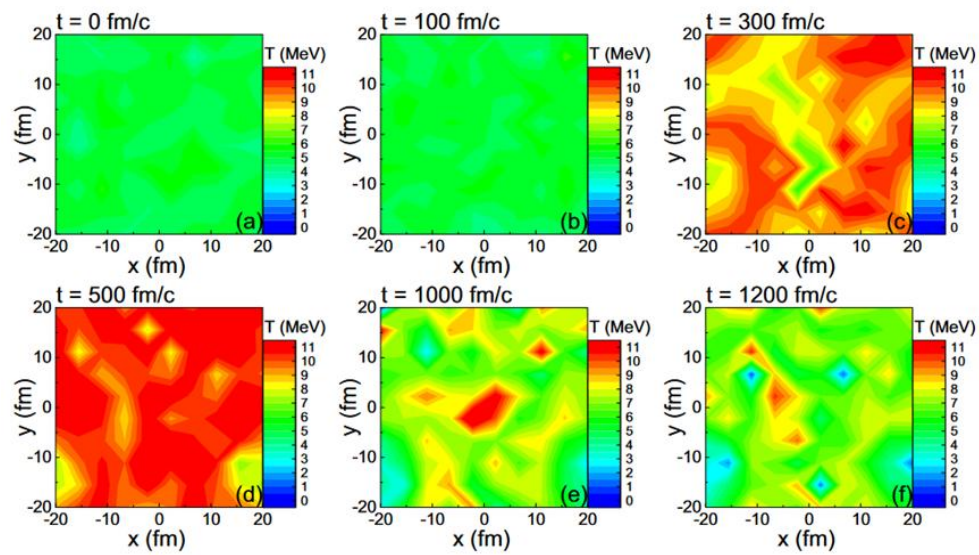
Preparation of dynamically equilibrated SNM system

density evolution



$\langle \rho \rangle = 0.3\rho_0$
 $\langle T \rangle = 5 \text{ MeV}$

temperature evolution



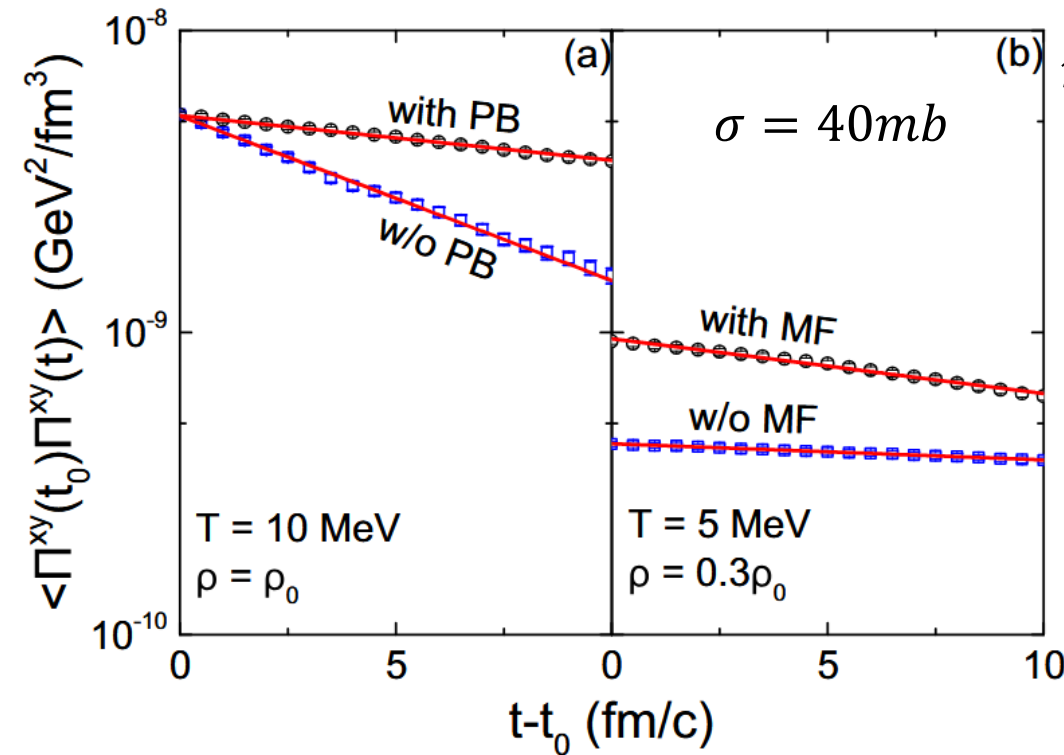
Validity of GK method in non-uniform system

$$\eta = \frac{1}{T} \int d^3r \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \pi^{xy}(\vec{0}, t_0) \pi^{xy}(\vec{r}, t) \rangle_{\text{equil}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \eta = \frac{V}{T} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \rangle_{\text{equil}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{xy}(\vec{0}, t_0) &= \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{c_1} \left(\sum_{i_{c_1}} \frac{p_{i_{c_1}}^x p_{i_{c_1}}^y}{E_{i_{c_1}}} \right)_{t_0} \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \left(\sum_i \frac{p_i^x p_i^y}{E_i} \right)_{t_0} \frac{1}{V} \left(\sum_j \frac{p_j^x p_j^y}{E_j} \right)_t \\ &= \frac{1}{(N_c V_c)^2} \left(\sum_{c_1} \sum_{i_{c_1}} \frac{p_{i_{c_1}}^x p_{i_{c_1}}^y}{E_{i_{c_1}}} \right)_{t_0} \left(\sum_{c_2} \sum_{j_{c_2}} \frac{p_{j_{c_2}}^x p_{j_{c_2}}^y}{E_{j_{c_2}}} \right)_t \\ &= \frac{1}{(N_c V_c)^2} \sum_{c_1} \sum_{c_2} \left(\sum_{i_{c_1}} \frac{p_{i_{c_1}}^x p_{i_{c_1}}^y}{E_{i_{c_1}}} \right)_{t_0} \left(\sum_{j_{c_2}} \frac{p_{j_{c_2}}^x p_{j_{c_2}}^y}{E_{j_{c_2}}} \right)_t \end{aligned}$$

choosing different cell of $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$ is identical to choosing different starting time t_0 or parallel events once the system has reached dynamic equilibrium

Shear viscosity from GK method



$$\eta = \frac{V}{T} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \rangle_{equil}$$

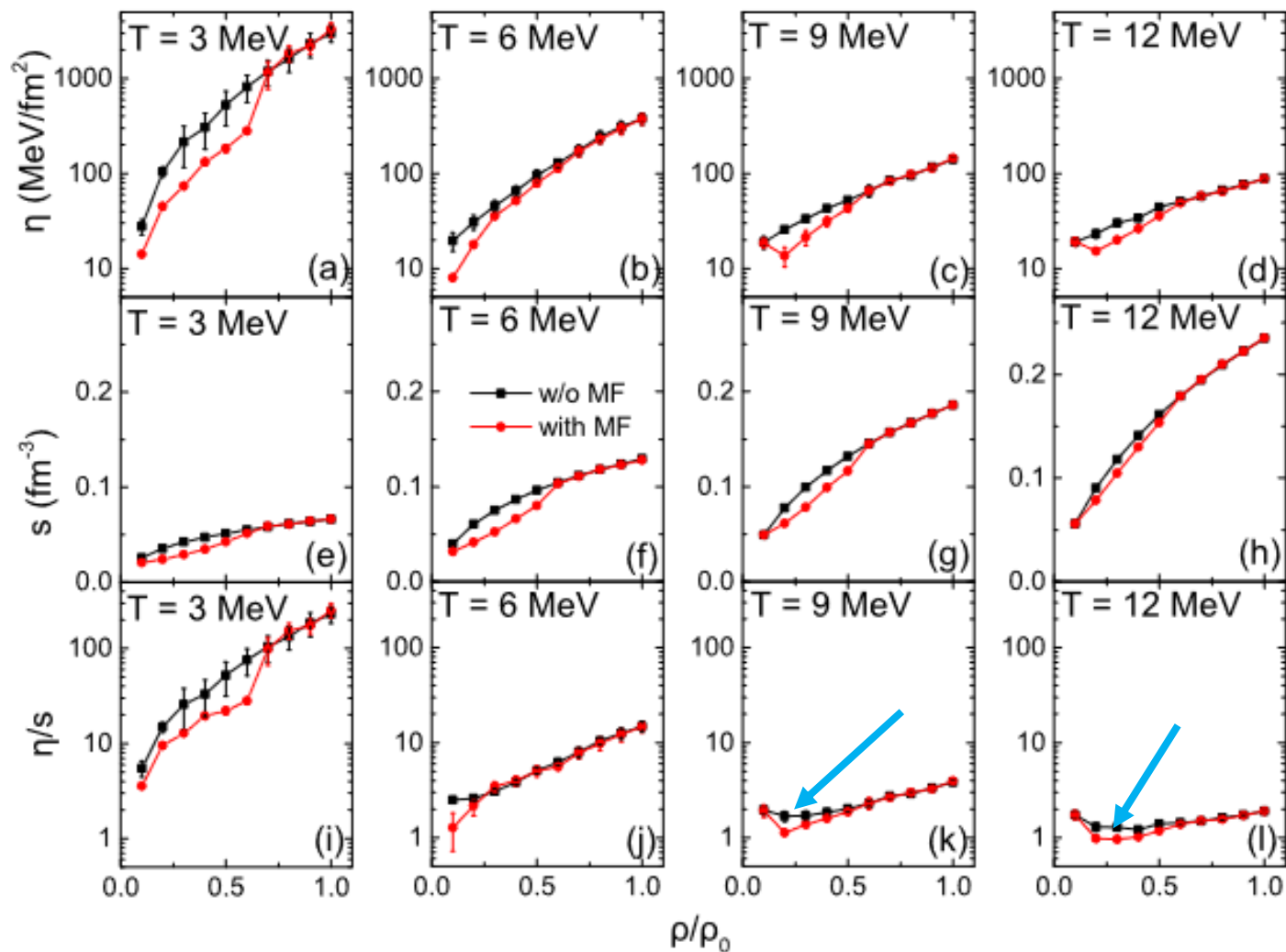
$$\pi^{xy} = \frac{1}{V_c} \sum_i \frac{p_i^x p_i^y}{E_i}$$

$$\langle \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \rangle = A e^{-B(t-t_0)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{AV}{BT}$$

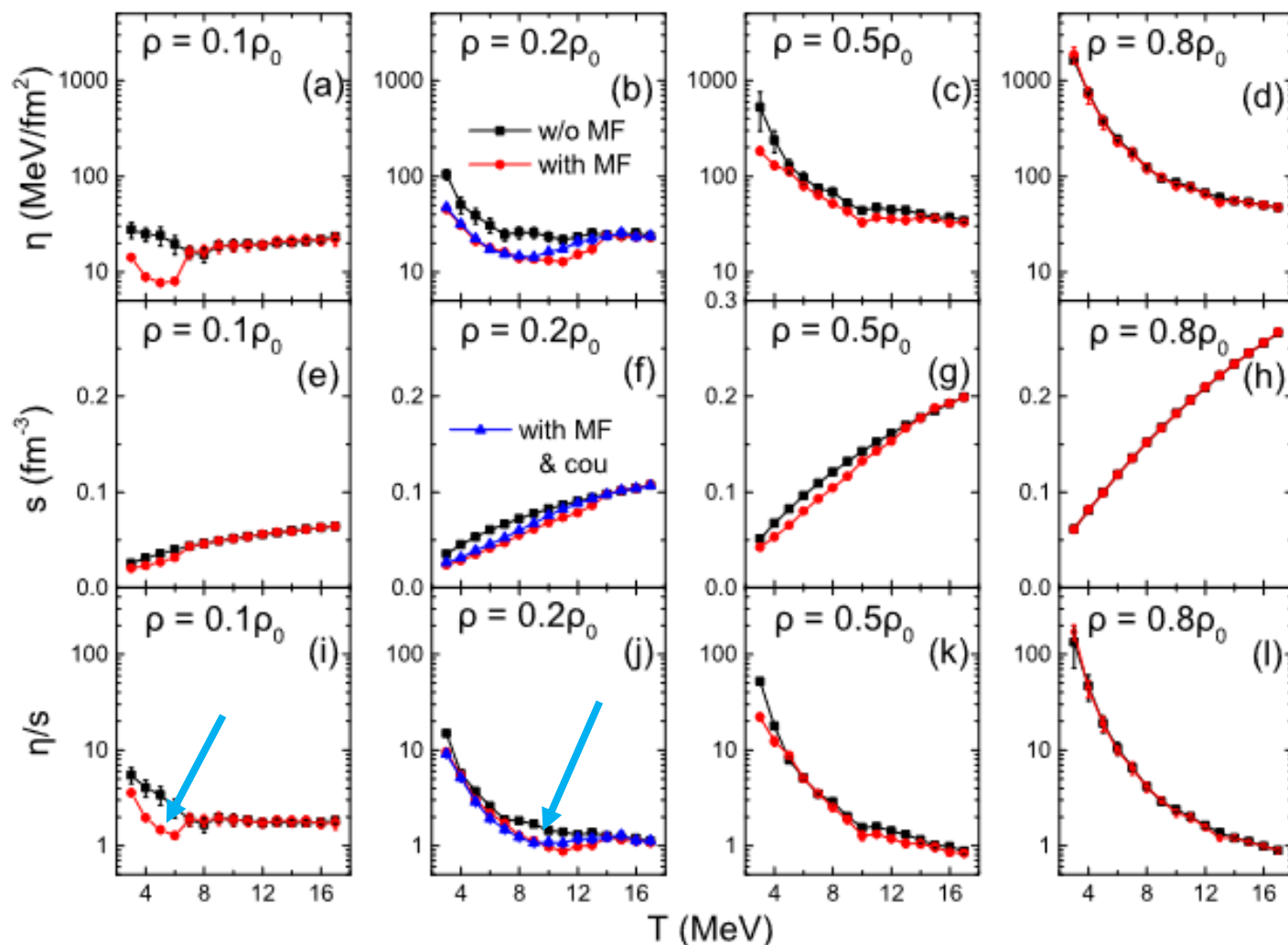
with MF (nonuniform): stronger initial correlations, more collisions

Results of shear viscosity I



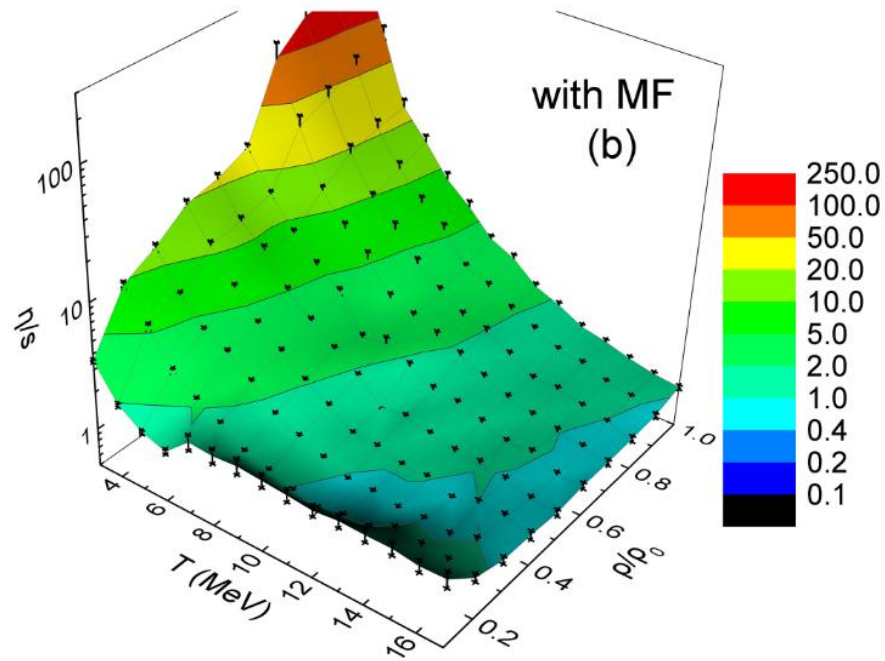
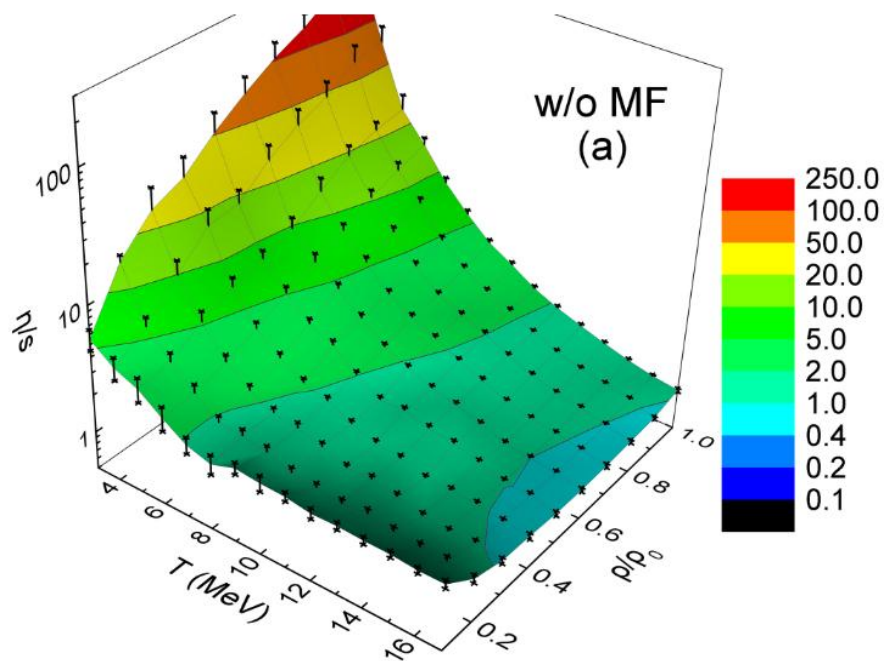
For a constant σ , clustering reduces η due to more collisions

Results of shear viscosity II

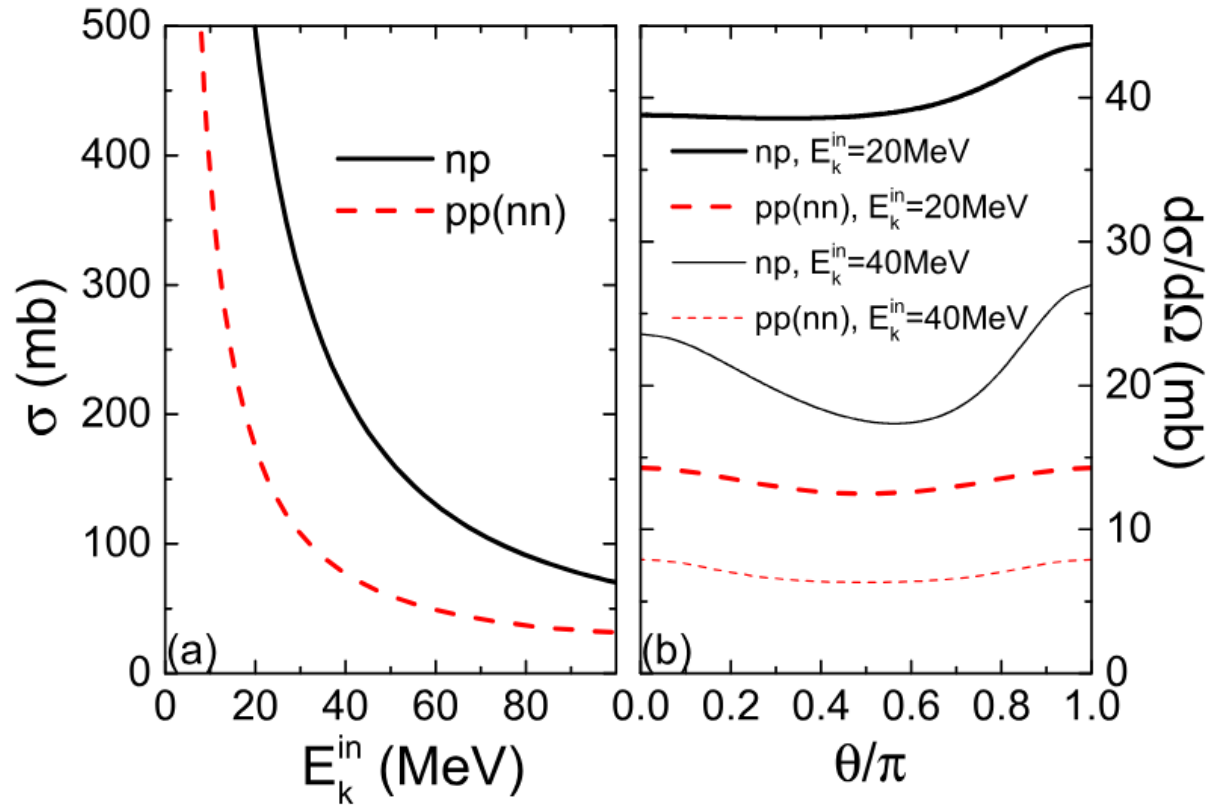


For a constant σ , clustering leads to a minimum η/s in dilute NM

Results of shear viscosity III



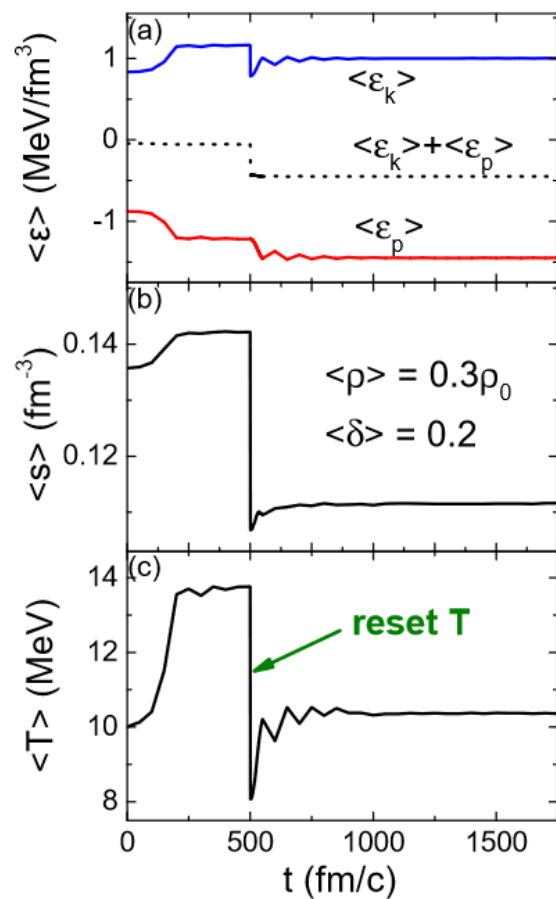
Energy- and angular-dependent σ



from proton-proton and proton-neutron phase-shift data

Arndt, Hackman, Roper, PRC (1977)

Preparation of dynamically equilibrated ANM system

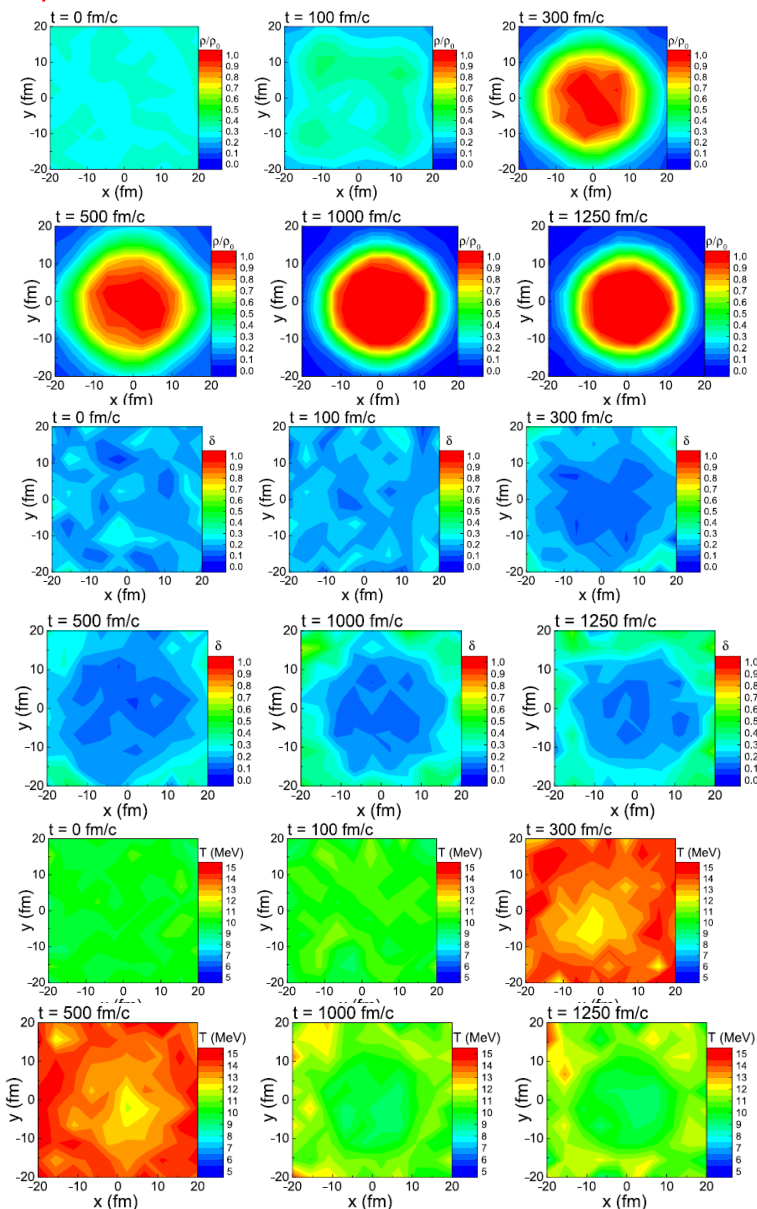


$$\begin{aligned}\langle \rho \rangle &= 0.3\rho_0 \\ \langle \delta \rangle &= 0.2 \\ \langle T \rangle &= 10\text{MeV}\end{aligned}$$

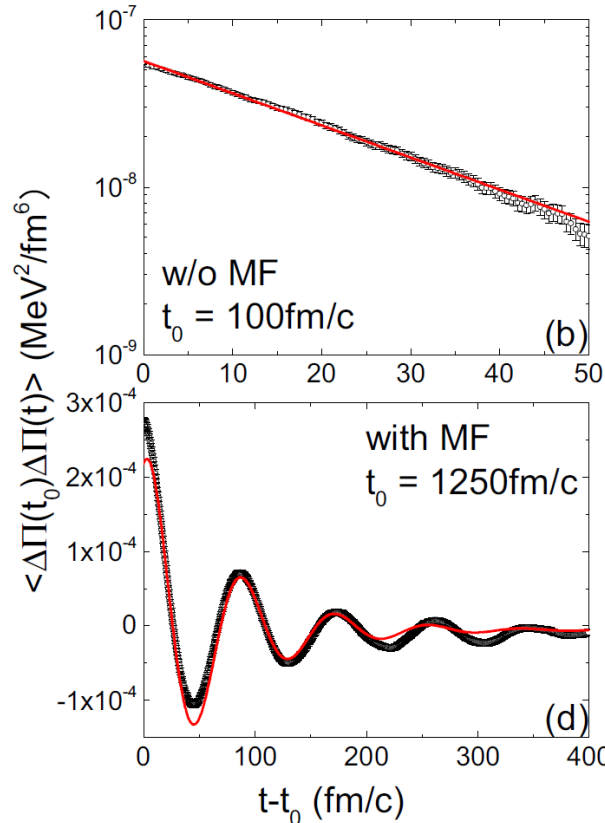
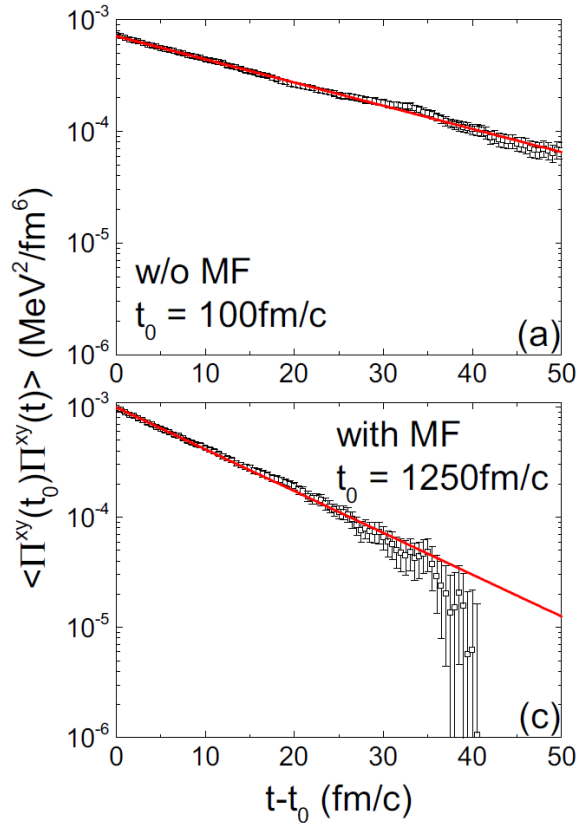
density
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δ evolution

temperature
evolution



Shear and bulk viscosity from GK method



$$\eta = \frac{V}{T} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \rangle_{\text{equil}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{V}{T} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} dt \langle \Delta \Pi(t_0) \Delta \Pi(t) \rangle_{\text{equil}}$$

$$\langle \Pi^{xy}(t_0) \Pi^{xy}(t) \rangle = A e^{-B(t-t_0)}$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} A e^{-B(t-t_0)} dt = \frac{A}{B}$$

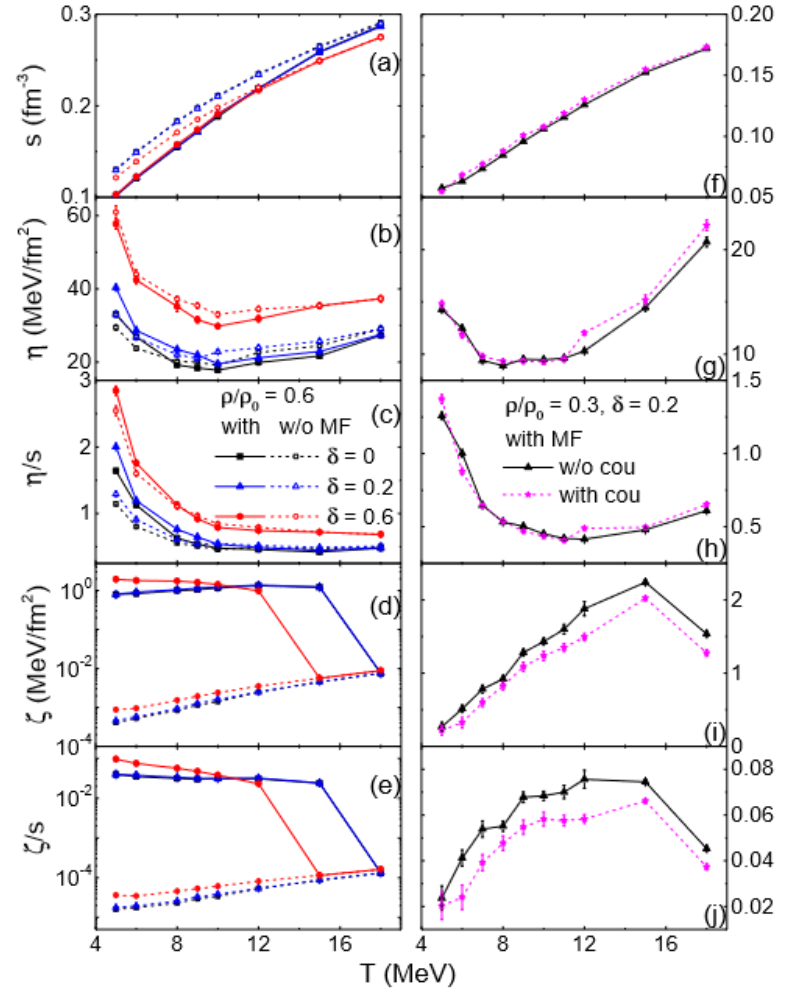
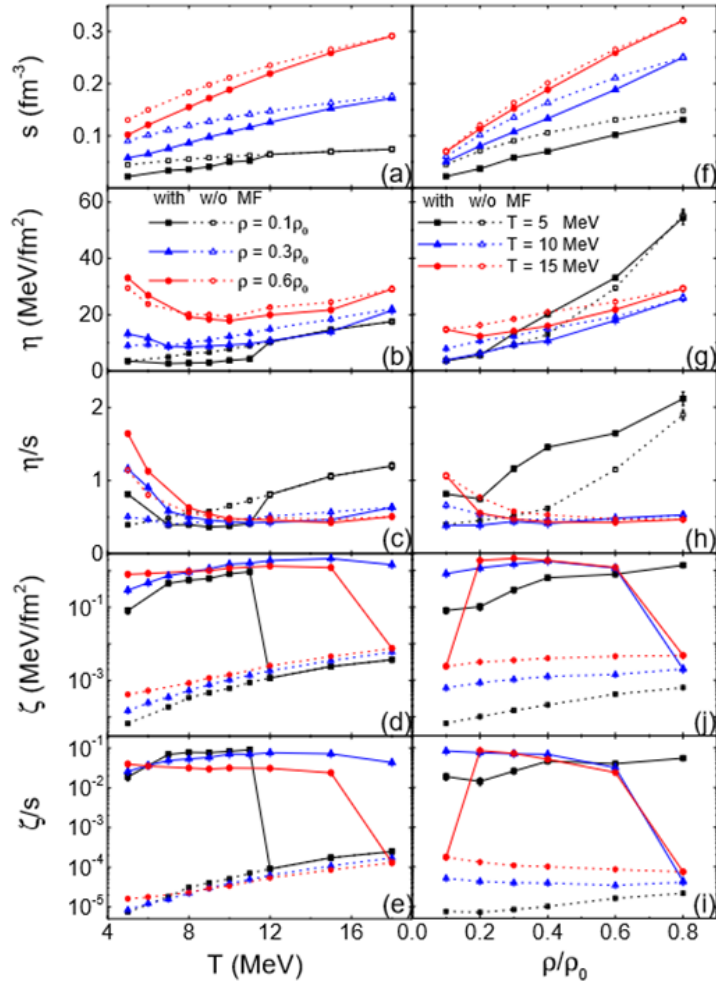
$$\langle \Delta \Pi(t_0) \Delta \Pi(t) \rangle =$$

$$A e^{-B(t-t_0)} \sin[C(t-t_0) + D]$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} A e^{-B(t-t_0)} \sin[C(t-t_0) + D] dt$$

$$= \frac{AB \sin(D) + AC \cos(D)}{B^2 + C^2}.$$

Results of shear and bulk viscosity



For a more realistic σ , clustering reduces or enhances η due to competitions between initial correlations and collisions, and the minimum of η/s is shifted; Bulk viscosity is more sensitive to the phase diagram but less sensitive to σ .

Conclusions

- **Clustering enhances $\langle \pi^{xy} \pi^{xy} \rangle$ correlations and collisions, and reduces η and η/s for a constant σ**
- **Minimum of η/s (T) appears at low densities**
- **Minimum of η/s (T) depends on $\sigma(E)$**
- **Clustering significantly enhances $\langle \pi\pi \rangle$ correlations and thus ζ and ζ/s**
- **ζ/s (T) is more sensitive to clustering than to $\sigma(E)$**

Outlook

- **In-medium NN cross section**
- **Other hadronic system**
 - hadron resonance gas
 - hot neutron-star matter
- **Partonic system**
 - NJL transport in spinodal

Thank you!

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