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### Strong Interaction Matter Under Extreme Fields





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### Plan of the Talk

- Brief Introduction
- Chirality: the search for CME
- Vorticity: angular momentum transport
- Summary & Discussions

### "Little Bangs": Yesterday Once More

Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) is created and measured in heavy ion collisions.





Heavy ion collision is the only venue for replicating and studying the early universe environment



### A Quantum Fluid of Spin

### A nearly perfect fluid (of energy-momentum)



### What happens to the spin DoF in the fluid???



### Spin transport in a quantum fluid!

## Spin @ Chirality, Vorticity and Magnetic Field



#### [arXiv:2004.00569]

The interplay of spin with chirality/vorticity/magnetic field —> many novel phenomena

### CHIRAL MAGNETIC EFFECT



The key issue at stake: Can we observe it in heavy ion collisions?



The study of Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME) helps understand these fundamental issues about "why we are here"!

### Looking for CME Signals in Nuclear Collisions

# CME transport induces a charge dipole distribution along magnetic field direction in the QGP fluid.



A specific emission pattern of charged particles along B field: Same-sign hadrons emitted preferably side-by-side; Opposite-sign hadrons emitted preferably back-to-back.

### Have We Seen the CME?

- First measurement ~ 2009 by STAR;
- Efforts in the past ~14 yrs by STAR, ALICE, CMS @ RHIC and LHC
- Search from ~10GeV to ~5440GeV beam energies
- Various colliding systems from small to large systems

It proves to be a very difficult search: Very small signal contaminated by very strong background correlations!

$$\gamma = \gamma^{CME} + \gamma^{bkg}$$

We are not alone!

*Think about many other famous searches, e.g. for Higgs, gravitational wave, temperature fluctuations of CMB, EDM, WIMP, 2-beta decay, ...* 

It took some 20+ years to finally discover quark-gluon plasma itself in heavy ion collisions!

### Isobar Collision Experiment

#### [Voloshin, PRL105,172301(2011)]

[arXiv:1608.00982 @CPC]

Chiral Magnetic Effect Task Force Report

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#### [image from STAR]

### Isobar Collision Experiment

Exciting opportunity of discovery: ~2 billion events collected for each system



Images from Nature Reviews Physics 3, 55-63 (2021) [arXiv:2102.06623] Charge-asymmetry correlation measurement



Expectation: Identical background; Different signal

$$\gamma = \gamma^{CME} + \gamma^{bkg}$$

Uncertainty about Nuclear Structure Inputs There were worries owing to uncertainty in nuclear structure inputs which influence initial conditions.

H.J. Xu, et al, PRL2018; S. Shi, H. Zhang, D. Hou, JL, arXiv:1807.05604 [QM2018 proceedings]; H. Elfner & collaborators, arXiv: 1908.10231



Could this mess up the isobar contrast? There was a small pre-QM19 meeting with intensive discussions... Isobar Comparison Strategy Key for success: identical bulk between RuRu & ZrZr. There may be worries owing to uncertainty in nuclear geometry. S. Shi, H. Zhang, D. Hou, JL, arXiv:1807.05604 [QM2018 proceedings]

Strategies to overcome the issue: — apply joint multiplicity & ellipticity cut for event samples — stay at the relatively peripheral region



Fig. 1. (Color online) The relative difference in eccentricity  $\Delta \langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$  (left) and projected magnetic-field-strength-squared  $\Delta (B_{sq})$  (right) between RuRu and ZrZr, with conventional centrality event selection.



Fig. 2. (Color online) The relative difference in eccentricity  $\Delta \langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$  (left) and projected magnetic-field-strength-squared  $\Delta (B_{sq})$  (right) between RuRu and ZrZr, with the proposed joint (multiplicity + elliptic-flow) event selection.

## CME Working Group @ BEST Collaboration



[Shuzhe Shi, JL, ..., arXiv:1611.04586; 1711.02496; 1910.14010] [BEST Collaboration publication: Nucl. Phys. A 1017(2022)122343]

### Theoretical Predictions from EBE-AVFD

Quantitative predictions of CME signal with proper multiplicity-v2 joint selections that suppress background difference.



### A Deep Dive into Observables

EBE-AVFD has become a widely used tool for developing CME observables, calibrating sensitivity to signals and backgrounds, as well as obtaining quantitative understanding of data.

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## Investigation of experimental observables in search of the chiral magnetic effect in heavy-ion collisions in the STAR experiment\*

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[STAR CME & Shuzhe Shi & JL, CPC46(2022)4,014101, arXiv:2105.06044 ]

> The preparation for isobar analysis has helped significantly advance the understanding of measurement observables and the ability to separate backgrounds and signal.

### The STAR Blind Analysis Results

Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect with Isobar Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{_{\rm NN}}} = 200$  GeV by the STAR Collaboration at RHIC

Predefined criteria: Gamma(Ru) / Gamma(Zr) > 1 [STAR paper: 2109.00131 Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) 1, 014901]



Predefined baseline (background only): Gamma(Ru) / Gamma(Zr) =1

## The Trouble: A Failed Assumption



A few percent level of difference in the bulk properties between the isobar pairs: non-identical background correlations!

*Key for success: identical bulk between RuRu & ZrZr . The nuclear structure does have an important impact here!!* 

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#### VII. CONCLUSION

We report an experimental test of the Chiral Magnetic Effect by a blind analysis of a large statistics data set of isobar  ${}^{96}_{44}$ Ru+ ${}^{96}_{44}$ Ru and  ${}^{96}_{40}$ Zr+ ${}^{96}_{40}$ Zr collisions at nucleon-nucleon center-of-mass energy of 200 GeV, taken in 2018 by the STAR Collaboration at RHIC. The backgrounds are reduced using the difference in observables between the two isobar collision systems. The criteria for a positive CME observation are predefined, prior to the blind analysis, as a significant excess of the CME-sensitive observables in Ru+Ru collisions over those in Zr+Zr collisions. Consistent results are obtained by the five independent groups in this blind analysis. Significant differences in the multiplicity and flow harmonics are observed between the two systems in a given centrality, indicating that the magnitude of the CME background is different between the two species. A precision down to 0.4% is achieved in the relative magnitudes of pertinent observables between the two isobar systems. No CME signature that satisfies the predefined criteria has been observed in isobar collisions in this blind analysis.

A translation that is not misleading:

"The predefined criteria is not applicable as its assumption is invalided by the same dataset. No real conclusion could be reached yet."

### Where is the Baseline ?!



There appears room for potential CME signal above the 1/N line! Need accurate calibration of the true baseline!

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$$\gamma_{bkg} \propto \frac{1}{N_{ch}}$$
  $N_{ch}^{Ru} > N_{ch}^{Zr}$   $\frac{\gamma_{bkg}^{Ru}}{\gamma_{bkg}^{Zr}}$ 

### Where Do We Stand?

- Theoretical analysis suggests a nonzero signal in isobar collisions



[Khazeev, JL, Shi, arXiv:2205.00120]

[STAR, arXiv:2310.13096;2308.16846]



- Upper limits have been set by STAR for isobar collisions.
- Consistent with theoretical expectations
- Indicating a still better chance for the search in AuAu collisions

### Where Do We Stand?

- Upper limits have been set by ALICE and CMS measurements for LHC energies
- A potential signal from AuAu at RHIC 200 GeV
- Exciting new results for signal from AuAu at RHIC BES energies







We've come a long way in fighting with the backgrounds — recognizing the dominance of flow driven backgrounds (2009~2015)

- developing exp methods as well as theoretical calculations to quantify and remove the flow driven backgrounds (2015~2021)

- studying nonflow for final extraction of CME signal (2021~now)

### Have We Seen the CME?



The key issue at stake: Can we find it in heavy ion collisions? — No conclusive answer yet, but very promising!

### VORTICITY & ROTATIONAL POLARIZATION

## Angular Momentum in Heavy Ion Collisions



Huge angular momentum for the system in non-central collisions

$$L_y = \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^{4\sim 5}\hbar$$

Liang & Wang ~ 2005: orbital L —> spin polarization via partonic collision processes

Betz, Gyulassy, Torrieri ~ 2007: quantitative assessment of the effect Becattini, et al ~ 2008, 2013: A fluid dynamical scenario

$$S^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\nu} \overline{\varpi}_{\rho\sigma} \qquad \overline{\varpi}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_{\nu} \left( \frac{1}{T} u_{\mu} \right) - \partial_{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{T} u_{\nu} \right) \right]$$

## "Rotating" Quark-Gluon Plasma

t (fm/c)

 $L_y = \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^{4\sim 5}\hbar$ 

What fraction stays in fireball? — up to ~20%, strongly depending on collision energy.

Is this portion conserved?

-YES!

How QGP accommodates

this angular momentum?

- Fluid vorticity!

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 94, 044910 (2016)

Rotating quark-gluon plasma in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

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Vorticity @ O(10) GeV >> Vorticity @ O(100) GeV

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### **Rotational Polarization**

**Essential assumption underlying the Barnett effect:** rotational polarization



Macroscopic rotation; Global angular momentum Microscopic spin alignment

*"Fluid spintronics" in condensed matter systems* 

### The Most Vortical Fluid





Many calculations based on hydro or transport models

An exciting discovery from STAR Collaboration at RHIC: The most vortical fluid!

$$\omega \approx (9\pm 1)\times 10^{21} s^{-1}$$

### Relativistic Nuclear Collisions @ O(I-I0) GeV A number of current and planned experiments will explore the O(1) GeV regime of relativistic nuclear collisions



"Mapping the Phases of Quantum Chromodynamics with Beam Energy Scan", Bzdak, Esumi, Koch, JL, Stephanov, Xu, Phys. Rep. 853(2020)1-87. [arXiv:1906.00936]

### Trend of Global Polarization toward O(I) GeV

The Question: Trend for global hyperon polarization @ O(1~10) GeV ???



Yu Guo, et al, PRC2021 arXiv:2105.13481

AMPT calculations predict nonmonotonic behavior in the dependence of global polarization on beam energy -> maximum around 7.7 GeV

See also results for differential dependence and local polarization in the paper.

## Highly Polarized Fluid at Low Beam Energy

#### HADES, arXiv: 2207.05160



Surprisingly large signal even very close to threshold?!

$$L_y = \frac{1}{2}Ab\sqrt{s}\sqrt{1 - (2M/\sqrt{s})^2}$$

#### STAR, Nature 2023, arXiv: 2204.02302



Many other measurements (e.g. local polarization, other vector mesons, LHC, etc)

### Nuclear Stopping & Angular Momentum

Total angular momentummonotonically increaseswith beam energy

$$L_y = \frac{1}{2}Ab\sqrt{s}\sqrt{1 - (2M/\sqrt{s})^2}$$

But what is relevant to measurements is the amount of angular momentum being stopped in mid rapidity.

This is quantitatively related to the baryon stoping and can be calibrated with baryon number measurements.



## Nuclear Stopping & Angular Momentum

The key is to understand the rapidity loss in the initial collision.





Various spots on the overlapping zone -> A "spread-out" (i.e. distribution) along rapidity

Fluctuations at each spot —> Additional "spread-out" along rapidity

Both net baryon and angular momentum come from this "spreadout"

### Initial Angular Momentum



Key message: angular momentum driven phenomena unlikely keeps increasing toward extremely low energy.

### Phase Structures under Rotation



Rotation tends to align both spin and orbital angular momentum to align with global angular momentum.

### Chiral Condensate under Rotation



## **Color Superconductor under Rotation**



[Yin Jiang, JL, PRL2016]

Isospin Matter under Rotation Vacuum: sigma condensate; Static isospin matter: pion superfluidity; Isospin matter under rotation: emergence of rho condensate! This effect is more significant at high baryon density.



[Hui Zhang, Defu Hou, JL, CPC44(2020)11,111001]

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Rich phase structures of isospin matter under rotation; Relevant to low energy HIC or neutron star matter; Implications for particle polarization / dileptons?! [Hui Zhang, Defu Hou, JL, CPC44(2020)11,111001]

### Isospin Matter under Rotation





Enhanced rho condensation could play a role in generating a significant repulsive force and might be relevant to the "dip" in low energy collisions!

## QCD Matter with Large Angular Momentum

#### "Spin physics" of a quantum fluid



$$\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = 0,$$

 $J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = \left(x^{\alpha}T^{\mu\beta} - x^{\beta}T^{\mu\alpha}\right) + \Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta}.$ 

Many interesting questions:

- EOS and phase structures
- decomposition of spin/orbital
- gradients and viscous terms
- phenomenological effects

[She, Huang, You, JL, Science Bulletin 67(2022)2265-2268 (arXiv:2105.04060)]

Hydrodynamics with Angular Momentum Phenomenological issues? How to incorporate the angular momentum into the hydrodynamic framework? In particular, how to include spin degrees of freedom?

Florkowski, Ryblewski, Kumar, ...; Becattini, Tinti, Buzzegoli, ...; Hattori, Hongo, Huang, ...; Fukushima, Pu; Shi, Gale, Jeon; Weickgenannt, Speranza, Sheng, Wang, Rischke; Liu, Yin, ...; Gallegos, Gursoy, Yarom; Li, Stephanov, Yee;

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## Goal: Navier-Stokes Hydro for Ang. Mom.



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

THOR

$$\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = 0,$$

$$J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = \left(x^{\alpha}T^{\mu\beta} - x^{\beta}T^{\mu\alpha}\right) + \Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta}.$$

We choose to deal with only the conserved quantities, i.e. angular momentum.

 $\lambda \ll l \ll L$ , a coarse-graining process

-  $\alpha$ Local angular momentum current Local angular momentum density Local angular momentum chemical potential

$${\Sigma^{\mulphaeta}\over \sigma^{lphaeta}(x^{\mu})}$$

 $\omega_{\alpha\beta}(x^{\mu})$ 

## **Decomposition of Fluid Cell Angular Momentum**



 $\lambda \ll l \ll L,$  a coarse-graining process

Conceptually, it may NOT be feasible to further separate the spin part out of the local angular momentum of a coarsegrained fluid cell.

$$J^{\mu\alpha\beta} = (x^{\alpha}T^{\mu\beta} - x^{\beta}T^{\mu\alpha}) + \Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta}.$$
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$$\vec{J} = \vec{x} \times \vec{p} + \sum_{i=1,2,3} (\vec{x'}_i \times \vec{p'}_i + \vec{s}_i).$$

$$\vec{\Sigma} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} (\vec{x'}_i \times \vec{p'}_i + \vec{s}_i)$$

### Viscous Hydro with Ang. Mom.

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - p\Delta^{\mu\nu} + \widetilde{T}^{\mu\nu} ,$$
  

$$N^{\mu} = nu^{\mu} + \widetilde{N}^{\mu} ,$$
  

$$\Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta} = u^{\mu}\sigma^{\alpha\beta} + \widetilde{\Sigma}^{\mu\alpha\beta} ,$$
  

$$S^{\mu} = su^{\mu} + \widetilde{S}^{\mu} .$$

Let us first focus on entropy current:

$$S^{\mu} = p\beta^{\mu} + \beta_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} - \alpha N^{\mu} - \beta\omega_{\alpha\beta}\Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta}$$

Leading order:

Next order (2nd-gradient):

$$\partial_{\mu}S^{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} \left( p\beta^{\mu} + \beta_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} - \alpha N^{\mu} - \beta\omega_{\alpha\beta}\Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta} \right)$$
$$= \widetilde{T}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \widetilde{N}^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\alpha - \widetilde{\Sigma}^{\mu\alpha\beta}\partial_{\mu} \left(\beta\omega_{\alpha\beta}\right),$$
$$\partial_{\mu}S^{\mu} \ge 0.$$

### Viscous Hydro with Ang. Mom.: Eckart Frame $u_E^{\mu} = \frac{N^{\mu}}{\sqrt{N^{\nu}N_{\nu}}},$ Write down all allowed Lorentz structures to the correct order of gradient expansion

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - (p + \Pi) \Delta^{\mu\nu} + 2u^{(\mu} q^{\nu)} + \pi^{\mu\nu},$$
  

$$N^{\mu} = n u^{\mu},$$
  

$$\Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta} = u^{\mu} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} + 2u^{[\alpha} \Delta^{\mu\beta]} \Phi$$
  

$$+ 2u^{[\alpha} \tau^{\mu\beta]}_{(s)} + 2u^{[\alpha} \tau^{\mu\beta]}_{(a)} + \Theta^{\mu\alpha\beta}$$

Plug these into the entropy current divergence and look for conditions of positivity:

$$\partial_{\mu}S^{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} \left( p\beta^{\mu} + \beta_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} - \alpha N^{\mu} - \beta\omega_{\alpha\beta}\Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta} \right)$$
$$= \widetilde{T}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \widetilde{N}^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\alpha - \widetilde{\Sigma}^{\mu\alpha\beta}\partial_{\mu} \left(\beta\omega_{\alpha\beta}\right),$$

 $\partial_{\mu}S^{\mu} \ge 0.$ 

### Viscous Hydro with Ang. Mom.: Eckart Frame

$$\begin{split} T^{\mu\nu} &= \epsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - (p+\Pi) \, \Delta^{\mu\nu} + 2 u^{(\mu} q^{\nu)} + \pi^{\mu\nu}, \\ N^{\mu} &= n u^{\mu}, \\ \Sigma^{\mu\alpha\beta} &= u^{\mu} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} + 2 u^{[\alpha} \Delta^{\mu\beta]} \Phi \\ &\quad + 2 u^{[\alpha} \tau^{\mu\beta]}_{(s)} + 2 u^{[\alpha} \tau^{\mu\beta]}_{(a)} + \Theta^{\mu\alpha\beta}. \end{split}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= -\zeta\theta, \\ \pi^{\mu\nu} &= 2\eta \nabla^{\langle \mu} u^{\nu\rangle}, \\ q^{\mu} &= \lambda T \left( \frac{\nabla^{\mu} T}{T} - D u^{\mu} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\lambda n T^2}{\epsilon + p} \left[ \nabla^{\mu} \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right) + \left( \frac{\sigma^{\alpha\beta}}{n} \nabla^{\mu} \left( \frac{\omega_{\alpha\beta}}{T} \right) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

Five new positive angular momentum transport coefficients:  $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \chi_4$  and  $\chi_5$ 

$$\Phi = -\chi_1 u^{\alpha} \nabla^{\beta} \left( \frac{\omega_{\alpha\beta}}{T} \right),$$

$$\tau_{(s)}^{\mu\beta} = -\chi_2 u^{\alpha} \left[ \left( \Delta^{\beta\rho} \Delta^{\mu\gamma} + \Delta^{\mu\rho} \Delta^{\beta\gamma} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \Delta^{\mu\beta} g^{\rho\gamma} \right] \nabla_{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_{\alpha\rho}}{T} \right)$$

$$-\frac{2}{3} \Delta^{\mu\beta} g^{\rho\gamma} \nabla_{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_{\alpha\rho}}{T} \right)$$

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} = -\chi_3 u^{\alpha} \left( \Delta^{\beta\rho} \Delta^{\mu\gamma} - \Delta^{\mu\rho} \Delta^{\beta\gamma} \right) \nabla_{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_{\alpha\rho}}{T} \right),$$

$$\Theta^{\mu\alpha\beta} = -\chi_4 \left( u^{\beta} u^{\rho} \Delta^{\alpha\delta} - u^{\alpha} u^{\rho} \Delta^{\beta\delta} \right) \Delta^{\mu\gamma} \nabla_{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_{\delta\rho}}{T} \right)$$

$$+\chi_5 \Delta^{\alpha\delta} \Delta^{\beta\rho} \Delta^{\mu\gamma} \nabla_{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_{\delta\rho}}{T} \right).$$
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### SUMMARY & DISCUSSIONS

## Summary

- CME offers the unique opportunity to unravel topological structures of QCD, with fundamental importance and broad impact.
- Searching for CME is difficult, but imperative.
- We are at the verge of reaching a conclusion and the prospect is exciting.
- Strong interaction matter with large angular momentum offers a new "playground" for QCD and many-body physics.
- There are now an abundance of experimental results and open questions, crying for understanding.
- The "party" has just started!

### Discussions

Chirality – pressing issues:

What does it take to further push the experimental search toward a final conclusion? How to prepare for the upcoming >10B AuAu data analysis?

Can we achieve a consistent understanding of all these relevant measurements across a variety of beam energies and colliding systems?

A coherent interpretation of various B field driven phenomena?

Vorticity – pressing issues:

How to quantitatively understand the large signal at low energy?

A coherent picture of spin alignment for different vector mesons?

How can we differentiate effects driven by angular momentum from effects from something else?

Hydrodynamics and transport theories with angular momentum?