

Spin alignment of vector mesons in holographic model

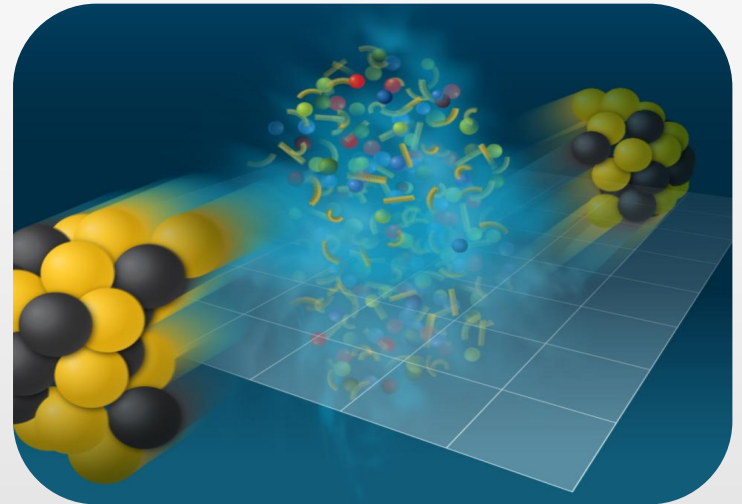
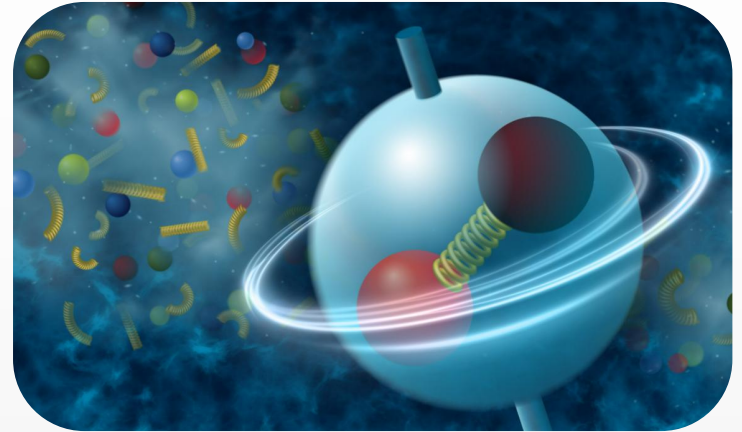
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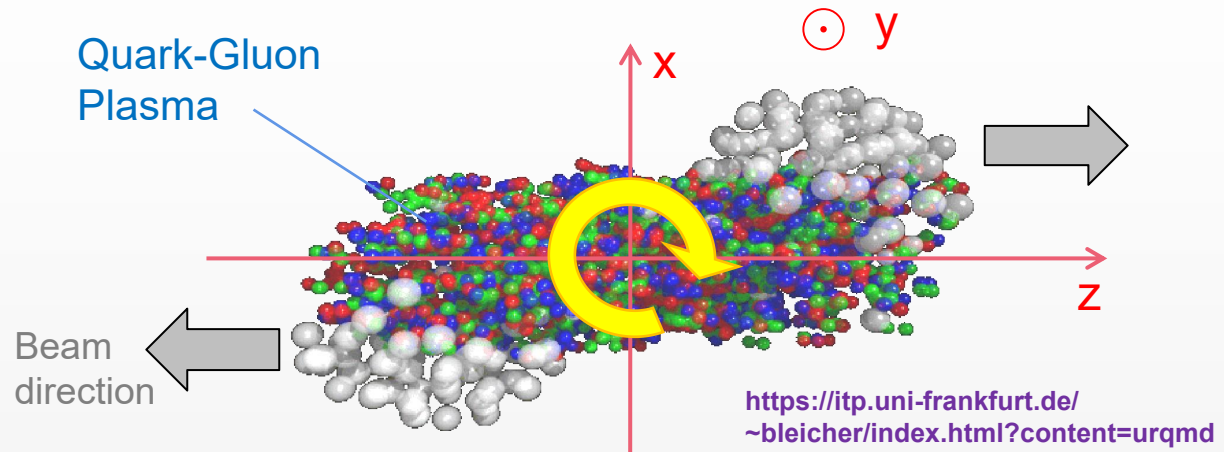
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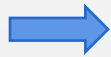
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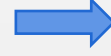
Relativistic heavy-ion collisions generate **strongly interacting matter with vorticity and magnetic fields**



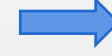
Initial orbital angular momentum



Vorticity field
Magnetic field



Polarized quark/gluon



Spin polarization for spin-1/2 or spin-3/2 baryons, Λ , Σ^0 , Δ^{++} , Ω^- , ...

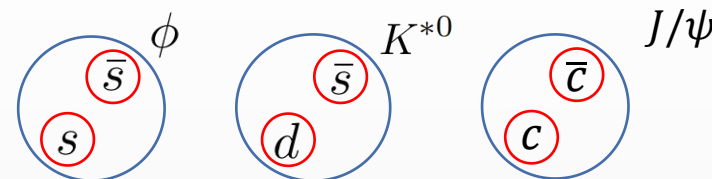
Spin alignment for vector mesons, ϕ , K^{*0} , ρ^0 , ...

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- **Spin alignment** for a **vector meson** ($J^P = 1^-$) is 00-element ρ_{00} of its normalized spin density matrix, **probability of spin-0 state**, $\rho_{00} = 1/3$ if no polarization



$$\rho_{rs}^{S=1} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{+1,+1} & \rho_{+1,0} & \rho_{+1,-1} \\ \rho_{0,+1} & \rho_{00} & \rho_{0,-1} \\ \rho_{-1,+1} & \rho_{-1,0} & \rho_{-1,-1} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} P_i \Sigma_i + T_{ij} \Sigma_{ij}$$

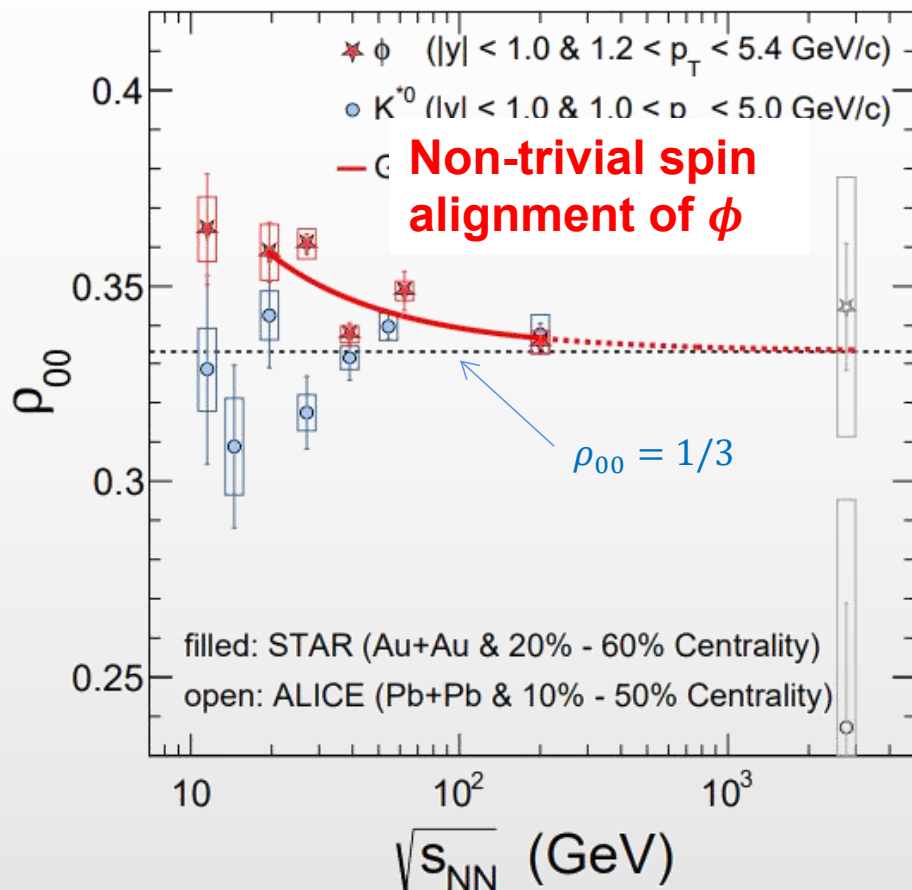
Vector polarization
(3 components,
not measurable)

Tensor polarization
(5 components,
measurable)

- Measured through polar angle distribution of decay products

Processes	Examples	Polar angle distribution $W(\theta)$	Spin is converted to
Strong p-wave decay	$K^{*0} \rightarrow K^+ + \pi^-$ $\phi \rightarrow K^+ + K^-$	$\frac{3}{4} [1 - \rho_{00} + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2 \theta]$	OAM
Dilepton decay	$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$	$\frac{3}{8} [1 + \rho_{00} + (1 - 3\rho_{00}) \cos^2 \theta]$	Spin

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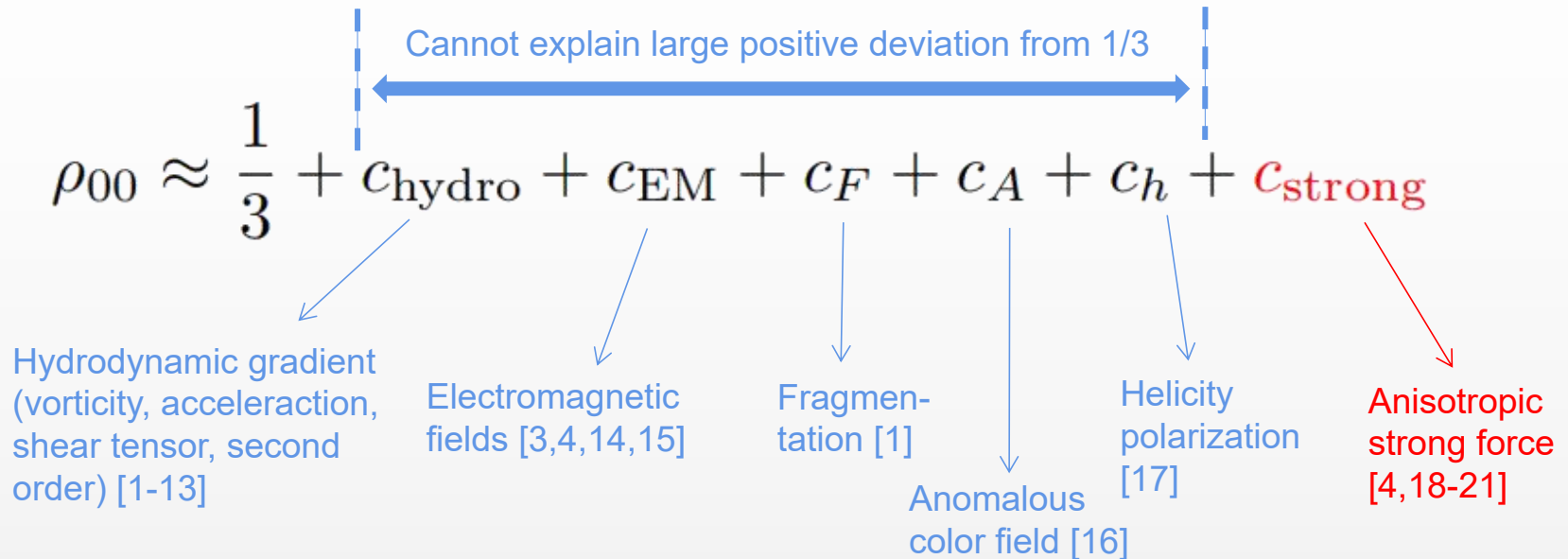
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Spin alignment along direction of global angular momentum

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Vorticity field?
Magnetic field?



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- Polarizations of strange quark/antiquark in a thermal equilibrium system

$$P_s^\mu(x, \mathbf{p}) \approx \frac{1}{4m_s} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \left[\omega_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{Q_s}{(u \cdot p)T} F_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{g_\phi}{(u \cdot p)T} F_{\rho\sigma}^\phi \right]$$

$$P_{\bar{s}}^\mu(x, \mathbf{p}) \approx \frac{1}{4m_s} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \left[\omega_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{Q_s}{(u \cdot p)T} F_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{g_\phi}{(u \cdot p)T} F_{\rho\sigma}^\phi \right]$$

Thermal vorticity field (rotation and acceleration)

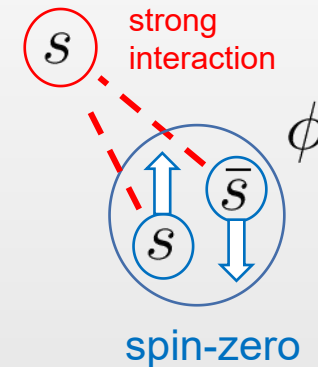
Classical electromagnetic field

Vector ϕ field (long wave-length components)

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{137}$$

$$\frac{g_\phi^2}{4\pi} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \gg \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$$

- Strong interaction between quarks are carried by effective vector meson fields (quark-meson model, $\sim T_{de}$)
- Polarize s/\bar{s} in a similar way as classical EM field



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- Spin alignment of the ϕ meson in its rest frame measuring along the direction of ϵ_0

$$\rho_{00} \approx \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4g_\phi^2}{m_\phi^2 T_h^2} C_1 \left[\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{B}'_\phi \cdot \mathbf{B}'_\phi - (\epsilon_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}'_\phi)^2 \right] - \frac{4g_\phi^2}{m_\phi^2 T_h^2} C_2 \left[\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{E}'_\phi \cdot \mathbf{E}'_\phi - (\epsilon_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}'_\phi)^2 \right]$$

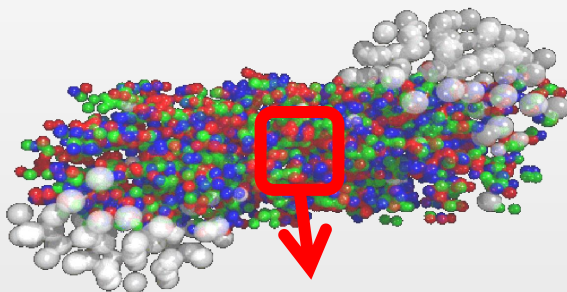
Temperature at hadronization time

Vector ϕ field:
mean value is zero, but
can incorporate large
fluctuations

$$C_1 = \frac{8m_s^4 + 16m_s^2 m_\phi^2 + 3m_\phi^4}{120m_s^2(m_\phi^2 + 2m_s^2)},$$

$$C_2 = \frac{8m_s^4 - 14m_s^2 m_\phi^2 + 3m_\phi^4}{120m_s^2(m_\phi^2 + 2m_s^2)}.$$

- Spin alignment measures **anisotropy of fluctuations in meson's rest frame**



$$\left\langle \frac{g_\phi^2 \mathbf{B}_\phi^i \mathbf{B}_\phi^j}{T_h^2} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{g_\phi^2 \mathbf{E}_\phi^i \mathbf{E}_\phi^j}{T_h^2} \right\rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{F^2 \delta^{ij}}_{\text{Isotropic}} + \underbrace{\Delta \hat{\mathbf{a}}^i \hat{\mathbf{a}}^j}_{\text{Anisotropy of QGP}}$$

Isotropic Anisotropy of QGP



Lab (QGP) frame

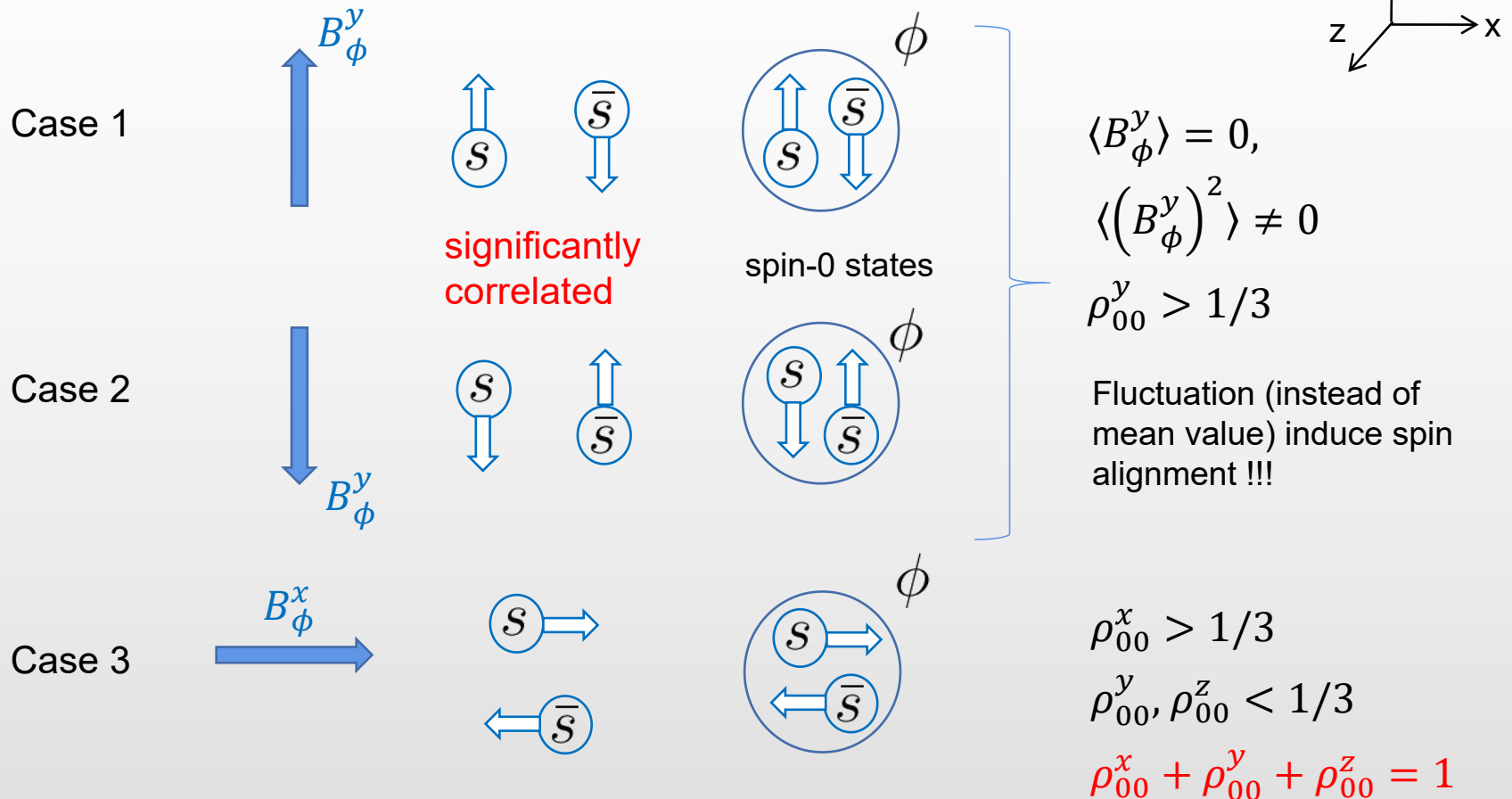


Rest frame

Motion-induced anisotropy

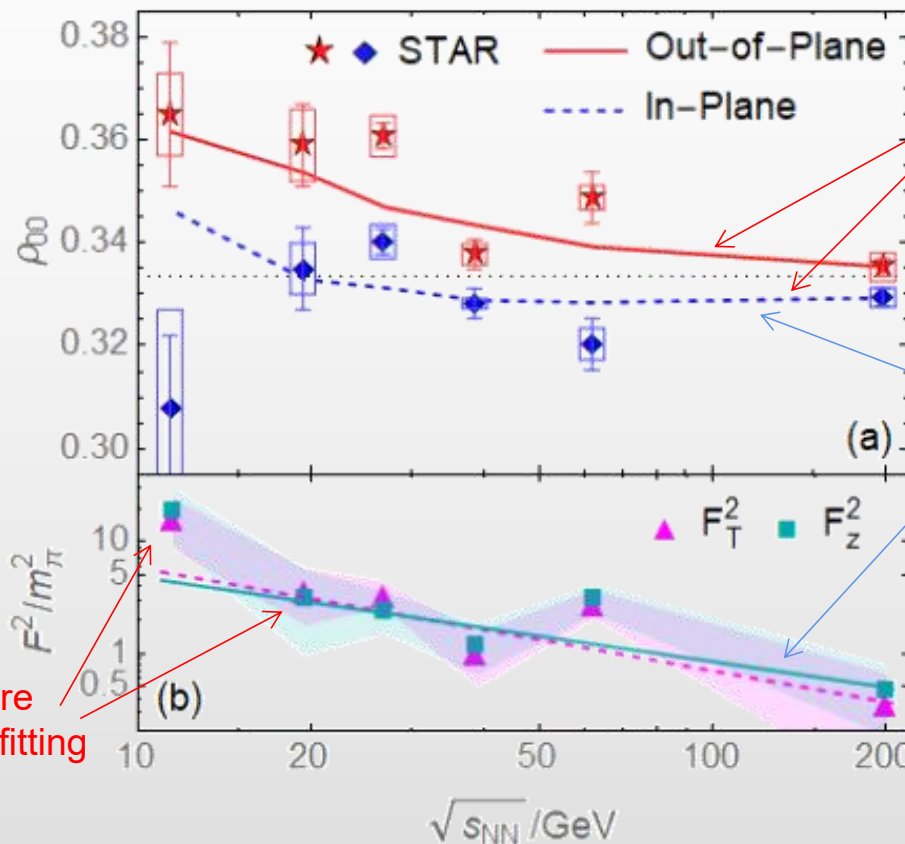
$$\rho_{00}^y - \frac{1}{3} \propto \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} - p_y^2$$

- Example: spin alignment induced by magnetic-like component of strong field



- Taking fluctuations of transverse and longitudinal fields as two independent parameters.

$$\langle (g_\phi \mathbf{B}_{x,y}^\phi / T_h)^2 \rangle = \langle (g_\phi \mathbf{E}_{x,y}^\phi / T_h)^2 \rangle \equiv F_T^2, \quad \langle (g_\phi \mathbf{B}_z^\phi / T_h)^2 \rangle = \langle (g_\phi \mathbf{E}_z^\phi / T_h)^2 \rangle \equiv F_z^2.$$



Difference induced by v_2

Energy-dependent parameters fitted by

$$\ln(F_T^2/m_\pi^2) = 3.90 - 0.924 \ln \sqrt{s_{NN}}$$

$$\ln(F_z^2/m_\pi^2) = 3.33 - 0.760 \ln \sqrt{s_{NN}}$$

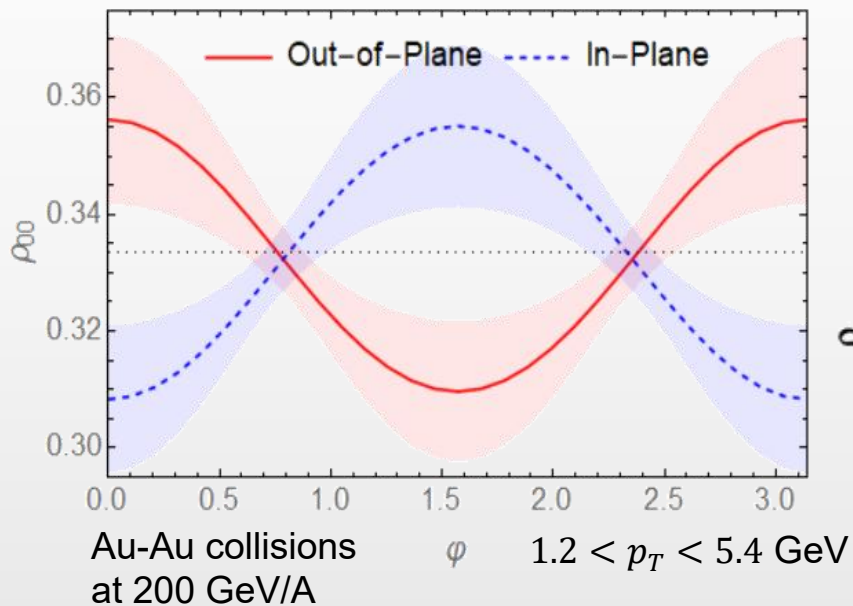
$$F_T^2 \approx F_z^2$$

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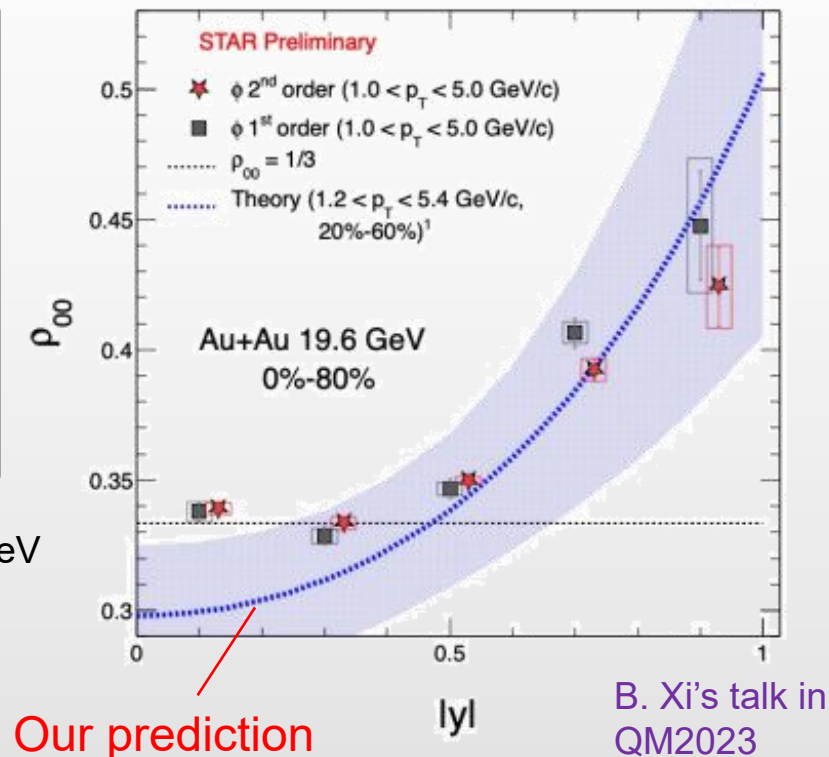
Parameters are evaluated by fitting STAR data

- Predictions for azimuthal angle dependence and rapidity dependence
Dominated by breaking symmetry because of meson's motion relative to background



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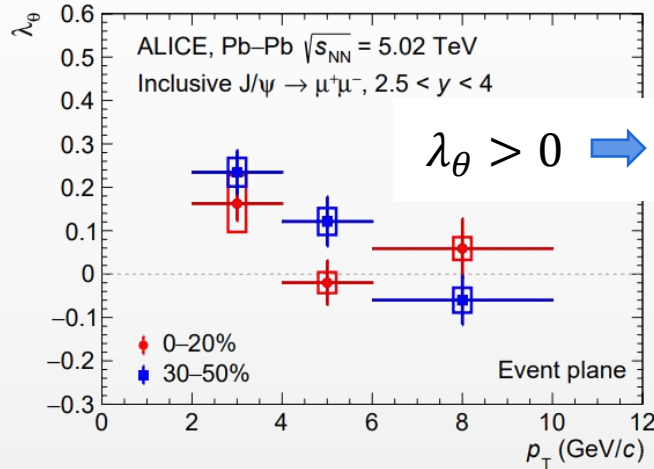
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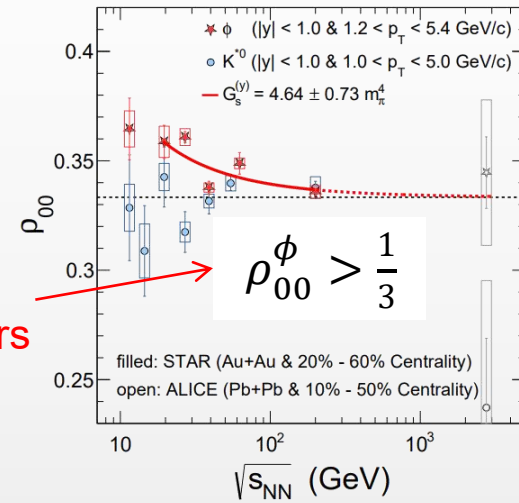
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- Spin alignment of J/ψ is opposite to that of ϕ



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- Universal theory including strong interaction such as: QCD sum rule, NRQCD, **holographic QCD** ...

Effective vector meson field **X**

Heavy quarkonium are formed at $T > T_{de}$ (deconfinement temperature for light quarks)

- AdS/CFT correspondence

$$Z_{\text{QFT}} \left[\underbrace{A_\mu^{(0)}}_{\text{Vector field at boundary}} \right] = Z_{\text{gravity}} \left[\underbrace{A_\mu}_{\text{Vector field in bulk}} \right]$$

Partition function for a dual Quantum Field Theory at boundary (strongly coupled)

$$Z_{\text{QFT}} \left[A_\mu^{(0)} \right] = \left\langle \exp \left\{ \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} J^\mu A_\mu^{(0)} d^4 x \right\} \right\rangle$$

Partition function for a bulk gravity theory (weakly coupled)

$$Z_{\text{gravity}} \left[A_\mu \right] = \exp \left\{ -S_{\text{bulk}} \left[A_\mu \right] \right\}$$

- Current-current correlation
 $\phi, J/\psi \leftrightarrow s, c$ quark current

$$\langle [J^\mu, J^\nu] \rangle = D^{\mu\nu} \propto \frac{\delta^2 Z_{\text{QFT}}}{\delta A_\mu^{(0)} \delta A_\nu^{(0)}} = \frac{\delta^2 Z_{\text{gravity}}}{\delta A_\mu^{(0)} \delta A_\nu^{(0)}}$$

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- Action for vector field

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = - \int d^4 x d\zeta Q(\zeta) F_{MN} F^{MN}$$

Soft-wall model

$$Q(\zeta) = e^{-\Phi(\zeta)} \sqrt{-g} / (4g_5^2)$$

$$\Phi(\zeta) = c\zeta^2$$

Vector meson's mass in vacuum (n-th excited state) can reproduce the Regge behaviour

$$M_n^2 = 4c(n+1)$$

- Background geometry

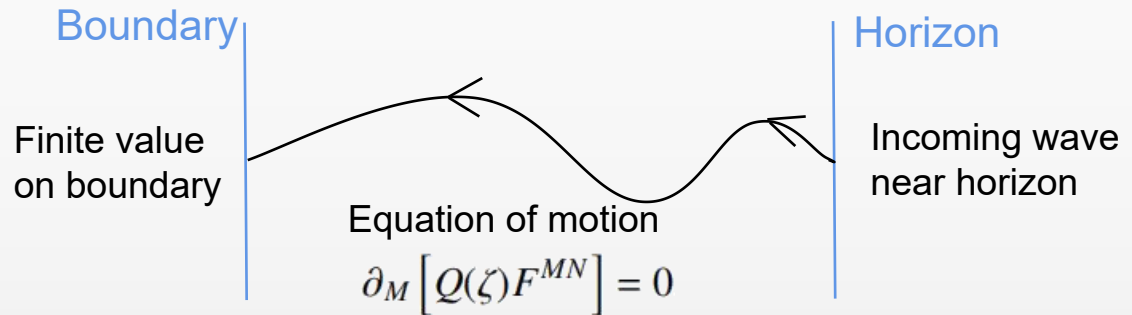
$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{\zeta^2} \left(-f(\zeta) dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 + \frac{d\zeta^2}{f(\zeta)} \right) \quad f(\zeta) = 1 - \zeta^4 / \zeta_h^4$$

Location of horizon depends on temperature

- Current-current correlation from holographic model

$$D^{\mu\nu}(p) = \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} g^{\zeta\zeta} g^{\mu\alpha} Q(\zeta) \left. \frac{\delta [\partial_\zeta A_\alpha(p, \zeta)]}{\delta A_\nu(p, \zeta)} \right|_{A_\mu(p, 0)=0}$$

- $A_\mu(p, \zeta)$ is a solution with definite momentum p
- Location of horizon depends on temperature



- Dilepton production rate from decay of spin- λ states

$$\frac{dN_\lambda}{d^4x d^4p} = -\frac{2g_{V\bar{l}l}^2}{3(2\pi)^5} \left(1 - \frac{2m_l^2}{p^2}\right) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m_l^2}{p^2} \frac{p^2 n_B(\omega) \tilde{\rho}_{\lambda\lambda}(p)}{(p^2 + m_V^2)^2 + m_V^2 \Gamma_V^2}} - \epsilon_\lambda^{*\mu}(p) \epsilon_\lambda^\nu(p) \text{Im} D_{\mu\nu}(p)$$

Coupling between meson and dilepton

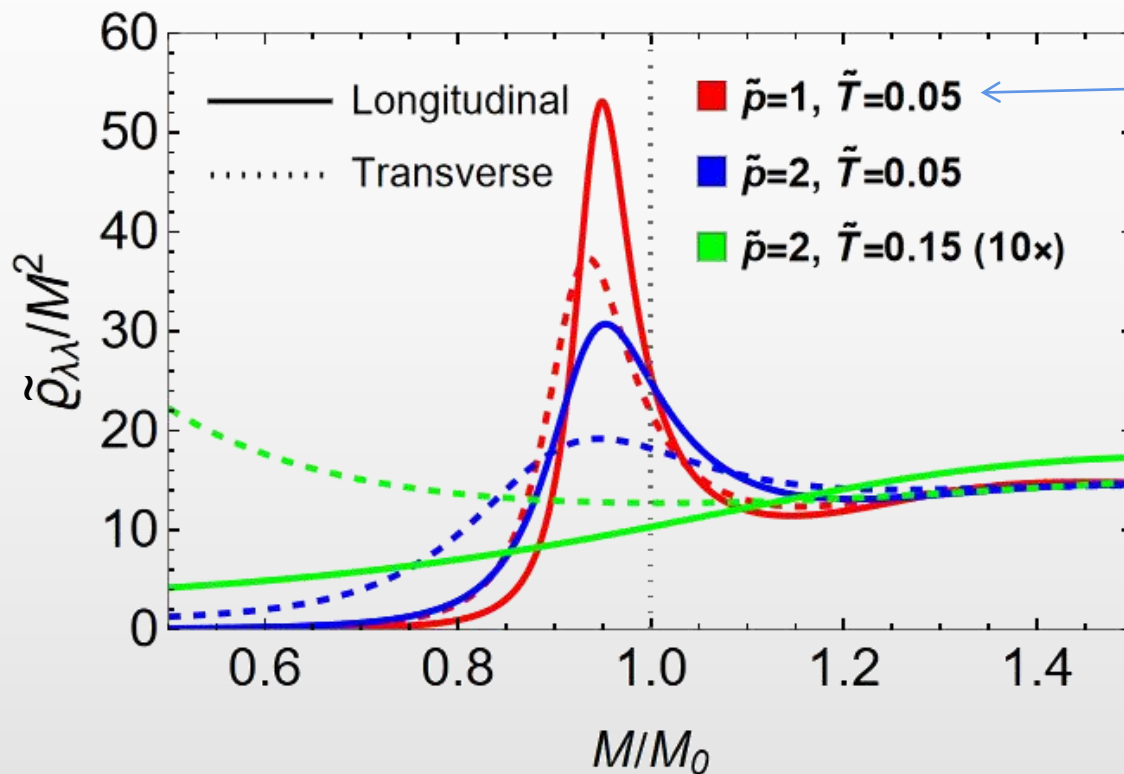
Lepton's mass

Vector meson's vacuum mass and width

Bose-Einstein distribution

Probability of $q\bar{q}$ pair

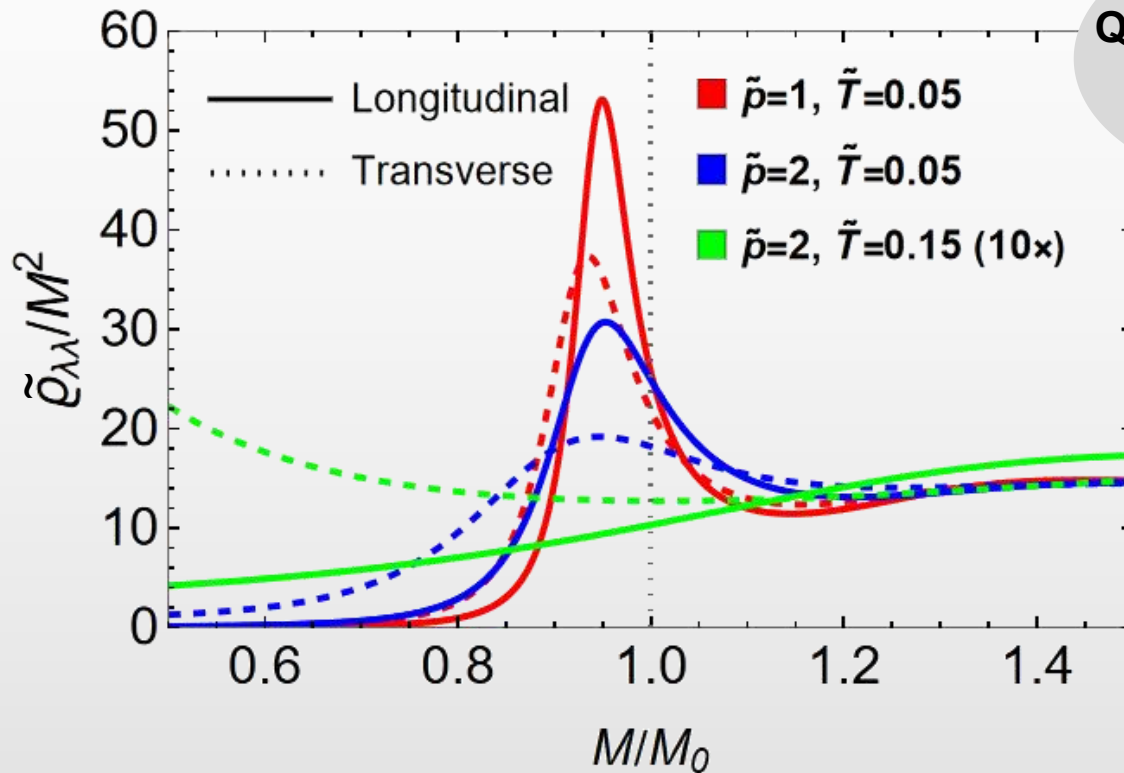
- Probability of $q-\bar{q}$ pair as function of invariant mass, spatial momentum, and temperature



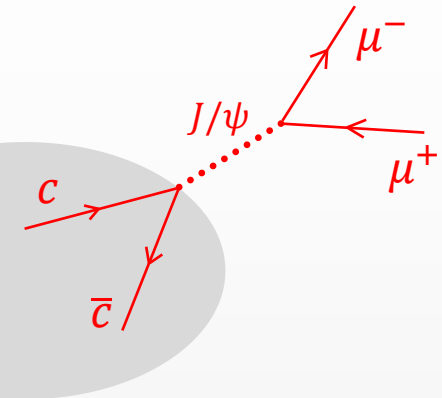
Momentum and temperature, normalized by vacuum mass $M_0 = \sqrt{4c}$

- ① Shift of peak mass
- ② Width broadening
- ③ Difference between L and T modes

- Probability of $q-\bar{q}$ pair as function of invariant mass, spatial momentum, and temperature



QGP



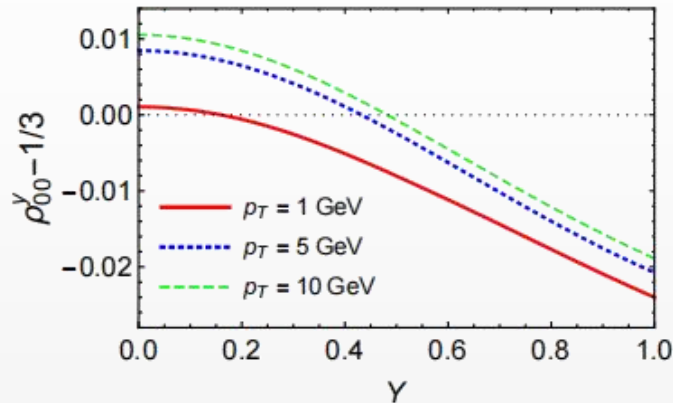
Probability of vector meson

$$\sim \frac{p^2 n_B(\omega) \tilde{q}_{\lambda\lambda}(p)}{(p^2 + m_V^2)^2 + m_V^2 \Gamma_V^2}$$

Only $q-\bar{q}$ with $M \approx M_0$ survive

→ $q-\bar{q}$ probability around $M \approx M_0$ controls spin alignment

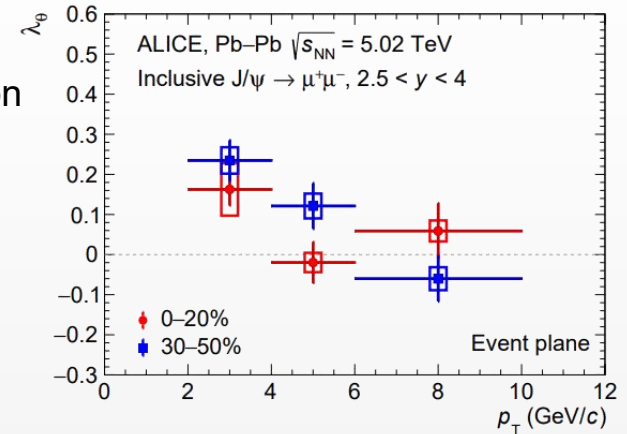
- Global spin alignment of J/ψ



In forward rapidity region

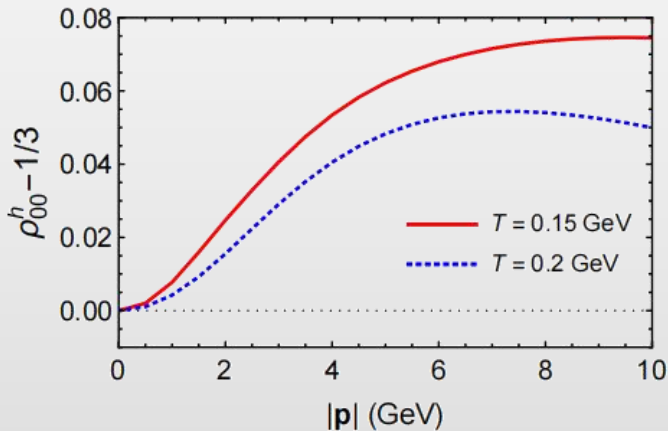
$$\rho_{00}^y < \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \lambda_\theta^y > 0$$

Consistent with experiment 😊



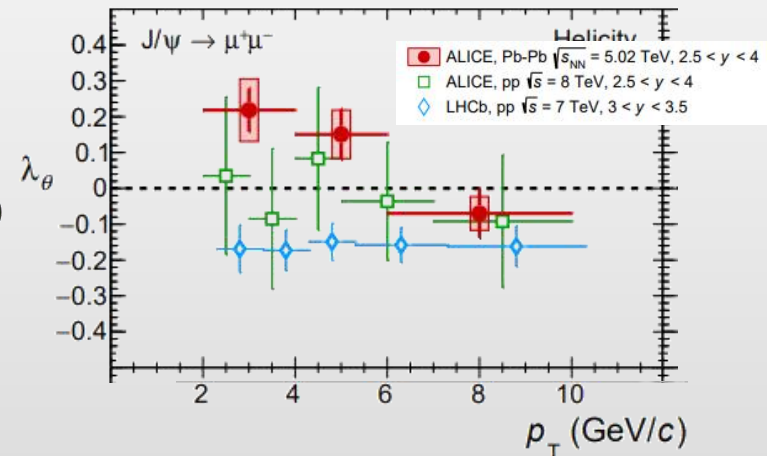
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- Spin alignment of J/ψ in helicity frame (measured in direction of momentum)



$$\rho_{00}^h > \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \lambda_\theta^h < 0$$

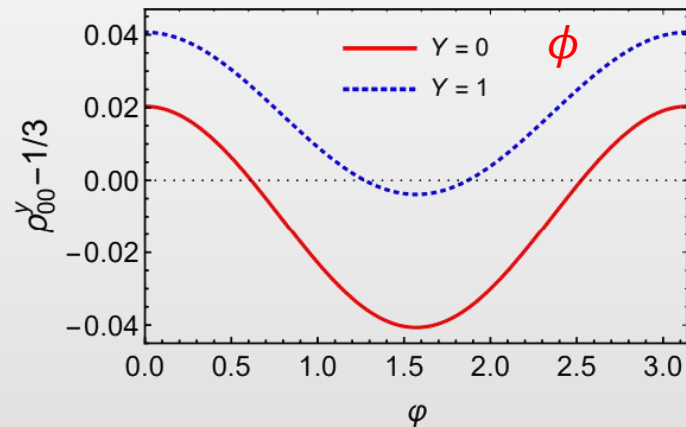
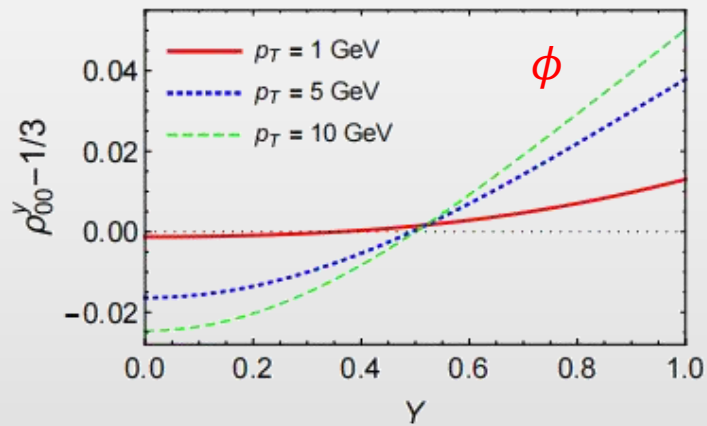
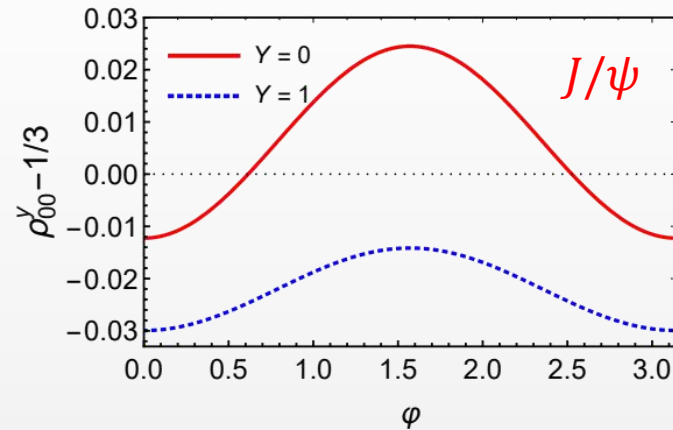
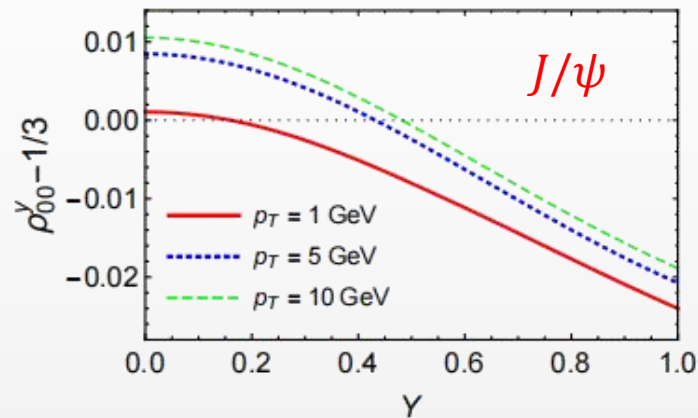
Not consistent with experiment 😞



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- Opposite behaviours of J/ψ and ϕ within same model
- Results for ϕ agree with predictions from vector field fluctuations



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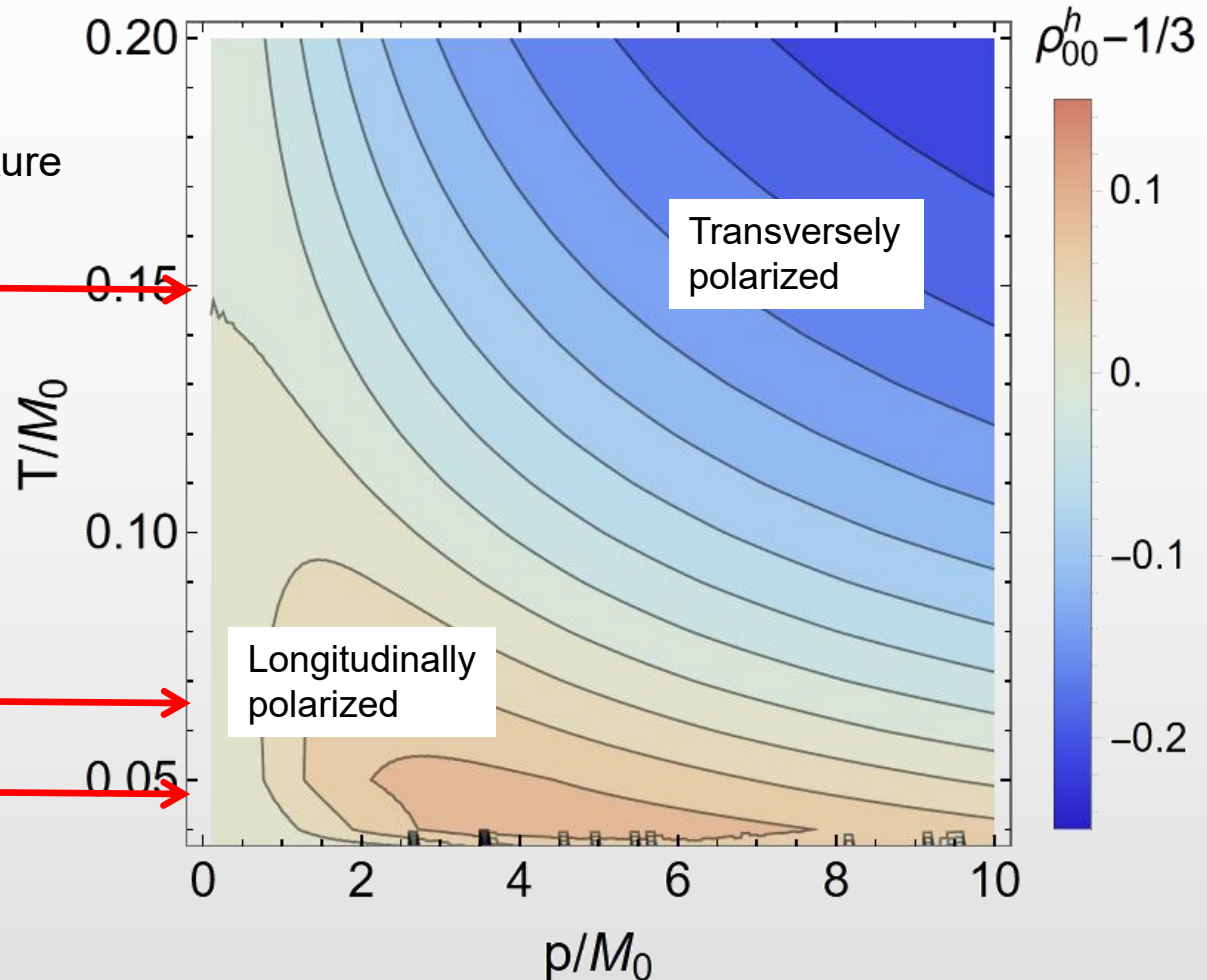
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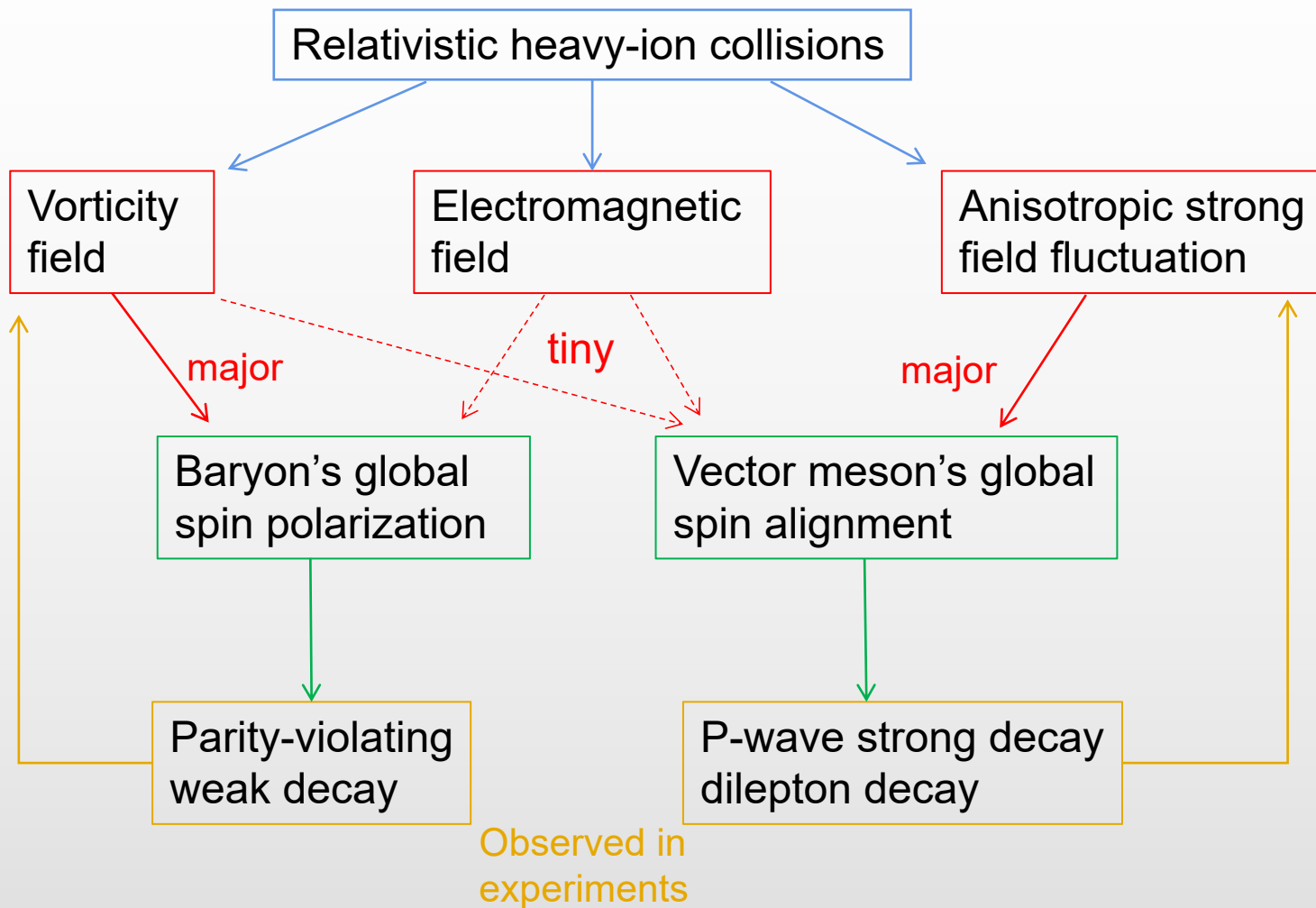
- Spin alignment in **helicity frame** as a function of dimensionless spatial momentum and temperature

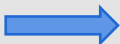
$\phi @ T = 150 \text{ MeV}$ \rightarrow 0.15

$J/\psi @ T = 200 \text{ MeV}$ \rightarrow

$J/\psi @ T = 150 \text{ MeV}$ \rightarrow 0.05





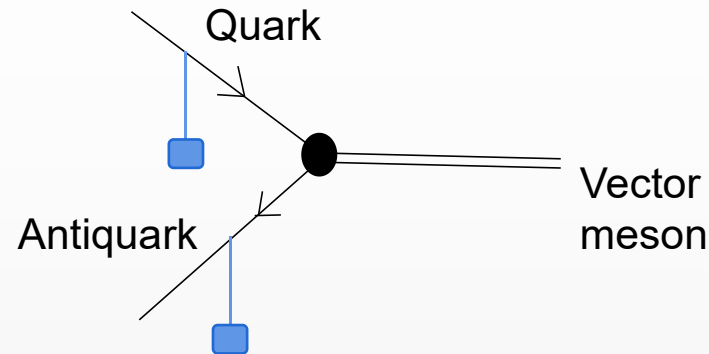
- Spin alignment measures anisotropy of strong field fluctuations in meson's rest frame, which mainly attribute to **anisotropy induced by motion of meson relative to background**
- Spin alignment is related to imaginary part of current-current correlation, which can be **calculated in holographic models** for a strongly coupled system
- Soft-wall model
 - Global spin alignment of J/ψ qualitatively agree with experiment
 - Spin alignment of J/ψ in helicity frame is not consistent with experiment
 - Opposite behaviours of J/ψ and ϕ
- More discussions in a forward rapidity ...
($2.5 < Y < 4$ for J/ψ in experiment, $Y < 1$ in our work)
- Spin-spin correlation ...  Talks by **Qun Wang, Monday 15:30**
Xin-Nian Wang, Wednesday 12:30

Thanks for your attention!

Backup

- **Coalescence model with spin**
 - Quark/antiquark polarized by external field
 - **Non-equilibrium process** described by kinetic theory

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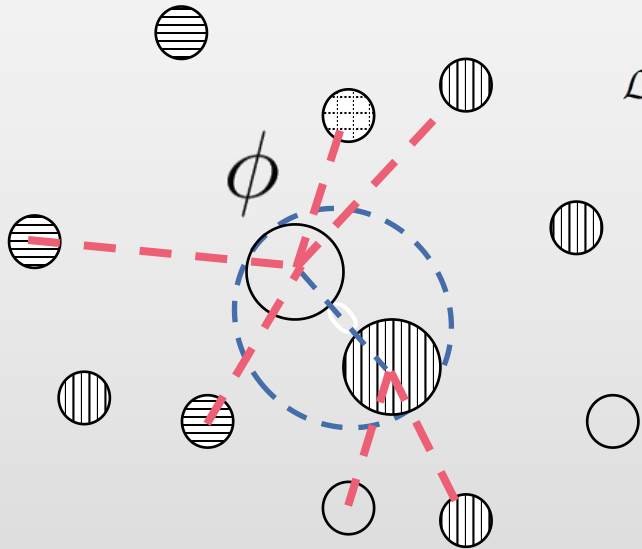
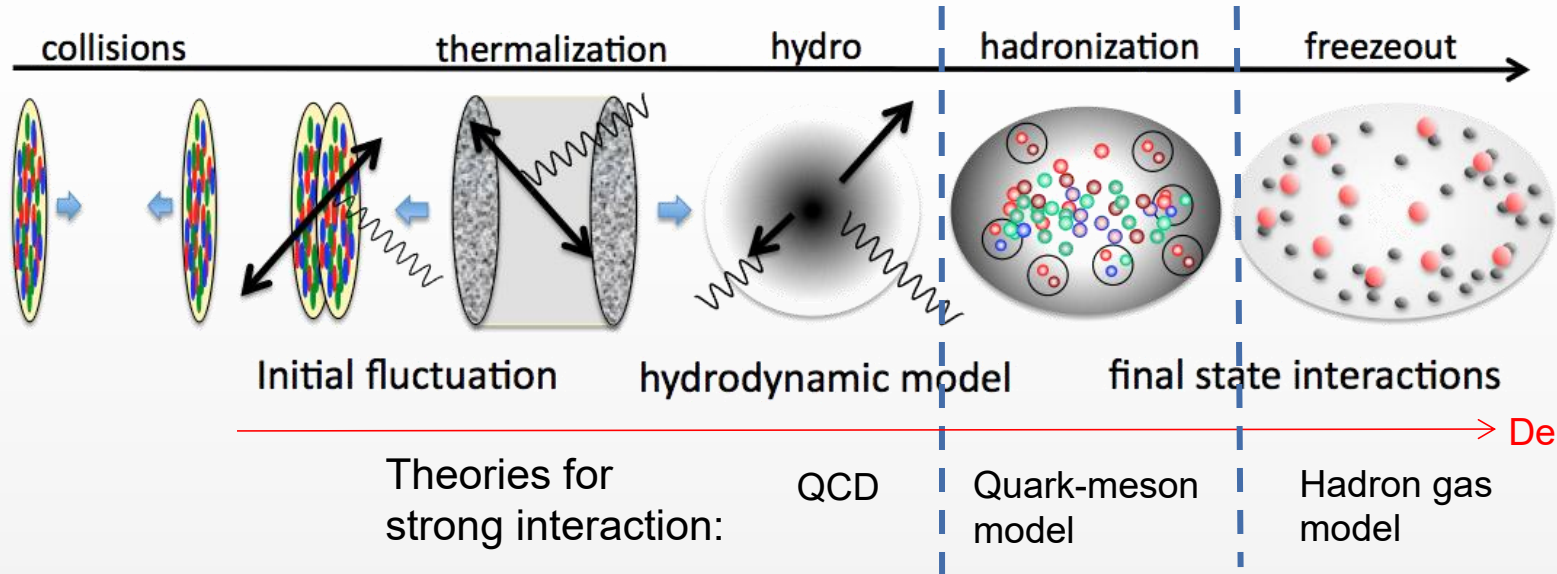
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Quark-meson model



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(x) = & \bar{\psi}(x) [i\partial \cdot \gamma - \underbrace{(m_0 + g_\sigma \sigma)}_{\text{Quark effective mass}} - g_V \gamma \cdot \underbrace{V}_{\text{Dirac field } (u, d, s)^T}] \psi(x) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 \underbrace{V_\mu V^\mu}_{\text{Vector meson field}} - \frac{1}{4} V^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu} \\
 & : \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega + \rho^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \rho^+ & K^{*+} \\ \rho^- & \frac{\omega - \rho^0}{\sqrt{2}} & K^{*0} \\ K^{*-} & \bar{K}^{*0} & \underbrace{\phi}_{\text{Vector meson field}} \end{pmatrix} : \quad V_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu V_\nu - \partial_\nu V_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

Short wave-length: quantum fields (particles)
Long wave-length: classical fields

- Heavy quarkonium in strongly interacting matter

J/ψ 's melting temperature from lattice QCD is not consistent with perturbative calculations



Non-perturbative

Spectral function from holographic QCD at finite temperature

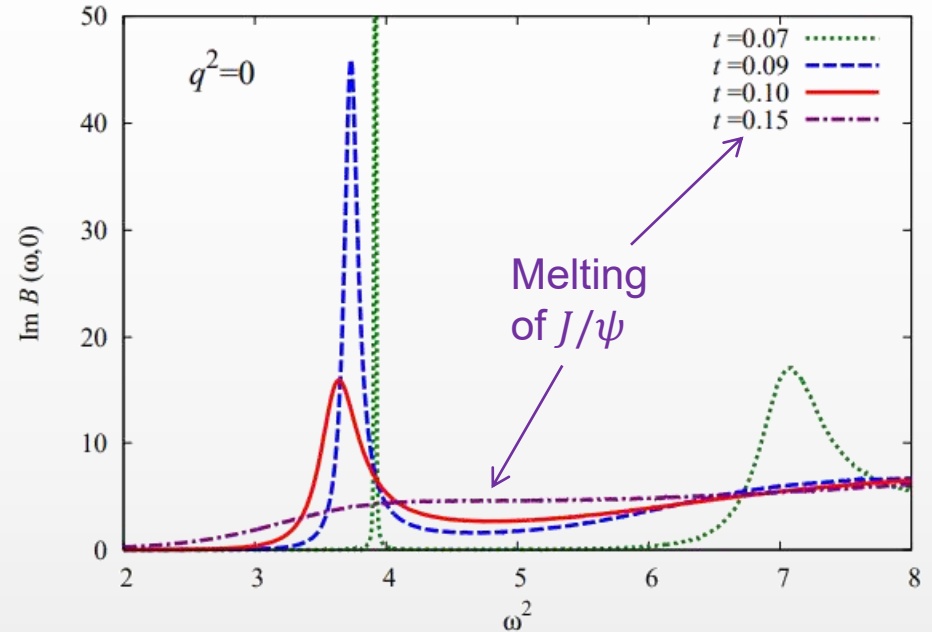
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- AdS/CFT correspondence

$$Z_{\text{QFT}} \left[\underbrace{A_\mu^{(0)}}_{\text{Vector field at boundary}} \right] = Z_{\text{gravity}} \left[\underbrace{A_\mu}_{\text{Vector field in bulk}} \right]$$

Partition function for a dual Quantum Field Theory at boundary (strongly coupled)


$$Z_{\text{QFT}} \left[A_\mu^{(0)} \right] = \left\langle \exp \left\{ \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} J^\mu A_\mu^{(0)} d^4 x \right\} \right\rangle$$

Partition function for a bulk gravity theory (weakly coupled)

$$Z_{\text{gravity}} \left[A_\mu \right] = \exp \left\{ -S_{\text{bulk}} \left[A_\mu \right] \right\}$$

- Bulk action for vector field

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = - \int d^4 x d\zeta Q(\zeta) F_{MN} F^{MN}$$

$$F_{MN} = \partial_M A_N - \partial_N A_M$$


Equation of motion

$$\partial_M \left[Q(\zeta) F^{MN} \right] = 0$$

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- Radial gauge and Fourier transform

$$A_\zeta = 0 \quad A_\mu(x, \zeta) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot x} A_\mu(p, \zeta)$$

- Current-current correlation

$$\langle [J^\mu, J^\nu] \rangle = D^{\mu\nu} \propto \frac{\delta^2 Z_{\text{QFT}}}{\delta A_\mu^{(0)} \delta A_\nu^{(0)}} = \frac{\delta^2 Z_{\text{gravity}}}{\delta A_\mu^{(0)} \delta A_\nu^{(0)}}$$

$$D^{\mu\nu}(p) = \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} g^{\zeta\zeta} g^{\mu\alpha} Q(\zeta) \frac{\delta \left[\partial_\zeta A_\alpha(p, \zeta) \right]}{\delta A_\nu(p, \zeta)} \Bigg|_{A_\mu(p,0)=0}$$

- AdS-like bulk geometry $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu + g_{\zeta\zeta}d\zeta^2$
- Equation of motion $\partial_M [Q(\zeta)F^{MN}] = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \partial_\zeta [Q(\zeta)g^{\zeta\zeta}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\zeta A_\nu(p, \zeta)] \\ \quad - p_\alpha Q(\zeta)g^{\alpha\beta}g^{\mu\nu} [p_\beta A_\nu(p, \zeta) - p_\nu A_\beta(p, \zeta)] = 0 \\ g^{\mu\nu}p_\mu\partial_\zeta A_\nu(p, \zeta) = 0 \quad \text{Constraint equation} \end{cases}$
- Electric fields (three components)

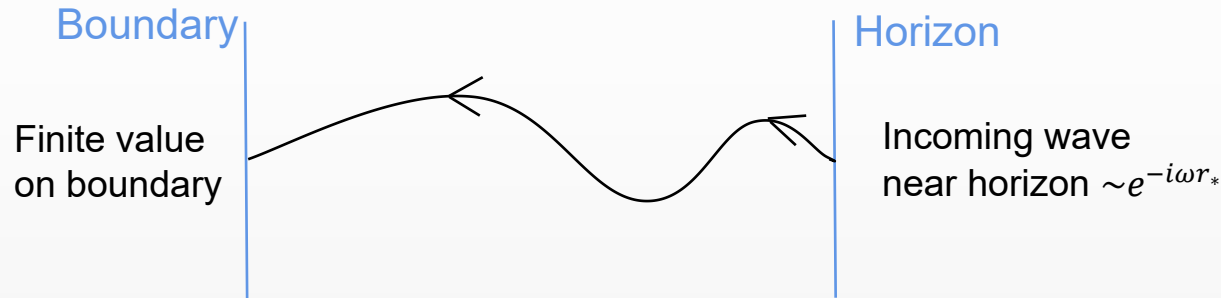
$$E_i(p, \zeta) \equiv -p_0 A_i(p, \zeta) + p_i A_0(p, \zeta).$$

$$\partial_\zeta^2 E_i(p, \zeta) + \frac{[\partial_\zeta Q(\zeta)g^{\zeta\zeta}]}{Q(\zeta)g^{\zeta\zeta}} \partial_\zeta E_i(p, \zeta) - \frac{p^2}{g^{\zeta\zeta}} E_i(p, \zeta) + (p_i g_{0\mu} - p_0 g_{i\mu})(\partial_\zeta g^{\mu\nu}) [\partial_\zeta A_\nu(p, \zeta)] = 0$$

2nd order
differential equation

Possible mixture between
different components

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\zeta A_i &= -\frac{1}{p_0} \left(\delta_i^j - \frac{p_i p^j}{p^2} \right) \partial_\zeta E_j, \\ \partial_\zeta A_t &= \frac{p^i}{p_0 p^0} \left(\delta_i^j - \frac{p_i p^j}{p^2} \right) \partial_\zeta E_j, \end{aligned}$$



- Taking a set of basis satisfying incoming wave condition near horizon and boundary condition
- Current-current correlation

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} \tilde{E}_i(e_j, \zeta) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$D^{\mu 0}(p) = - \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_j}{p_0} \left(g^{\mu k} - \frac{p^\mu p^k}{p^2} \right) \frac{1}{\zeta} \partial_\zeta \tilde{E}_k(e_j, \zeta)$$

$$D^{\mu i}(p) = \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} \left(g^{\mu k} - \frac{p^\mu p^k}{p^2} \right) \frac{1}{\zeta} \partial_\zeta \tilde{E}_k(e_i, \zeta)$$



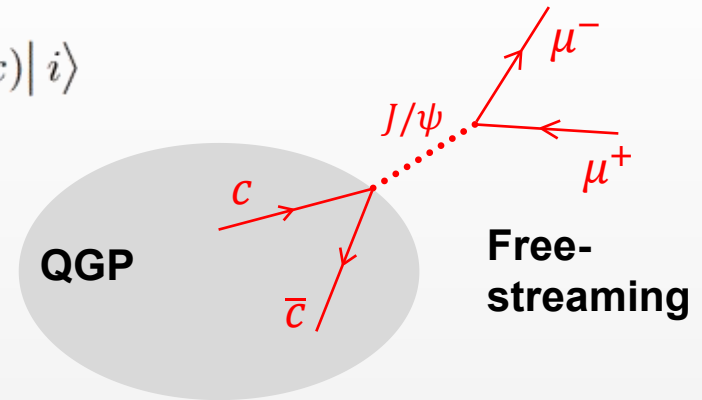
Spin alignment?

$$p_\mu D^{\mu\nu}(p) = p_\nu D^{\mu\nu}(p) = 0$$

- S-matrix element for dilepton production through vector meson decay (e.g., $c + \bar{c} \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$)

$$S_{fi} = \int d^4x d^4y \langle f, l\bar{l} | J_\mu(y) G_R^{\mu\nu}(x-y) J_\nu^l(x) | i \rangle$$

- Vector meson production in QGP at finite temperature
- Propagation from point y to x
- Decay to a dilepton pair in vacuum



- Dilepton production rate

$$\frac{dN}{d^4x} = 2g_{Ml\bar{l}}^2 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_+}{(2\pi)^3 E_+} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_-}{(2\pi)^3 E_-} n_B(\omega) \times [p_\mu^+ p_\nu^- + p_\mu^- p_\nu^+ - g_{\mu\nu}(p_+ \cdot p_- + m_l^2)] G_A^{\mu\alpha}(p) \rho_{\alpha\beta}(p) G_R^{\beta\nu}(p)$$

$G_{R/A}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu / p^2}{p^2 + m_V^2 \pm im_V \Gamma}$

Coupling between meson and dilepton
 Momentum of l/\bar{l}
 Bose-Einstein distribution
 Meson's retarded/advanced propagators in vacuum
 lepton's mass
 In-medium spectral function

- Spectral function is related to the imaginary part of current-current correlation

$$\rho^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\text{Im}D^{\mu\nu}$$

$$D^{\mu\nu}(p) \equiv \int d^4y \theta(y^0) \langle [J^\mu(y), J^\nu(0)] \rangle e^{-ip \cdot y}$$

Calculated by
holographic
models



- Decomposition on polarization vectors

$$\rho^{\mu\nu}(p) = \sum_{\lambda, \lambda' = 0, \pm 1} v^\mu(\lambda, p) v^{*\nu}(\lambda', p) \tilde{\rho}_{\lambda\lambda'}(p)$$

Polarization
vectors

$$v^\mu(\lambda, p) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\lambda}{M}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\lambda + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_\lambda}{M(\omega + M)} \mathbf{p} \right)$$

Orthonormal & complete

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} v^\mu(\lambda, p) v^{*\nu}(\lambda', p) = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$$

$$\sum_{\lambda} v^\mu(\lambda, p) v^{*\nu}(\lambda, p) = (\eta^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu p^\nu / p^2)$$

3-vector in rest frame

Invariant mass $M \equiv \sqrt{\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2}$

- Dilepton production rate from decay of spin- λ states

$$n_\lambda(x, p) = -\frac{2g_{M\bar{U}}^2}{3(2\pi)^5} \left(1 - \frac{2m_l^2}{p^2} \right) \times \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m_l^2}{p^2}} \frac{p^2 n_B(\omega) \tilde{\rho}_{\lambda\lambda}(p)}{(p^2 + m_V^2)^2 + m_V^2 \Gamma^2}$$

Spin alignment

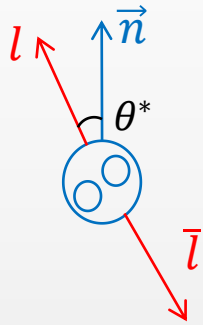
$$\rho_{00} \equiv \frac{\int d\omega \int d^3\mathbf{p} \int d^4x n_0(x, p)}{\int d\omega \int d^3\mathbf{p} \int d^4x \sum_{\lambda=0, \pm 1} n_\lambda(x, p)}$$

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- Angular distribution of decay products

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$$\frac{dN}{d^4pd \cos \theta^* d\varphi^*} \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} \left(1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta^* + \lambda_\varphi \sin^2 \theta^* \cos 2\varphi^* + \lambda_{\theta\varphi} \sin 2\theta^* \cos \varphi^* \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_\varphi^\perp \sin^2 \theta^* \sin 2\varphi^* + \lambda_{\theta\varphi}^\perp \sin 2\theta^* \sin \varphi^* \right)$$



- λ -parameters: related to tensor polarization

$$\lambda_\theta = \frac{1 - 3\rho_{00}}{1 + \rho_{00}}, \quad \lambda_\varphi = \frac{2\text{Re}\rho_{1,-1}}{1 + \rho_{00}}, \quad \lambda_{\theta\varphi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\text{Re}(\rho_{01} - \rho_{0,-1})}{1 + \rho_{00}}, \\ \lambda_\varphi^\perp = \frac{-2\text{Im}\rho_{1,-1}}{1 + \rho_{00}}, \quad \lambda_{\theta\varphi}^\perp = \frac{\sqrt{2}\text{Im}(\rho_{01} + \rho_{0,-1})}{1 + \rho_{00}}.$$

- Spin density matrix for dilepton decay

$$\rho_{\lambda\lambda'}(p) \equiv -\frac{2g_{M\bar{l}l}^2}{3(2\pi)^5 C_N} \left(1 - \frac{2m_l^2}{p^2} \right) \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m_l^2}{p^2}} \frac{p^2 n_B(\omega)}{(p^2 + m_M^2)^2 + m_M^2 \Gamma^2} \tilde{\varrho}_{\lambda\lambda'}(p)$$

Normalization
factor

Meson's vacuum
mass and width