

# Holographic History of the CME



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*Holographic Perspectives on chiral transport and spin dynamics,  
ECT\*, Trento, 24.03.2025*

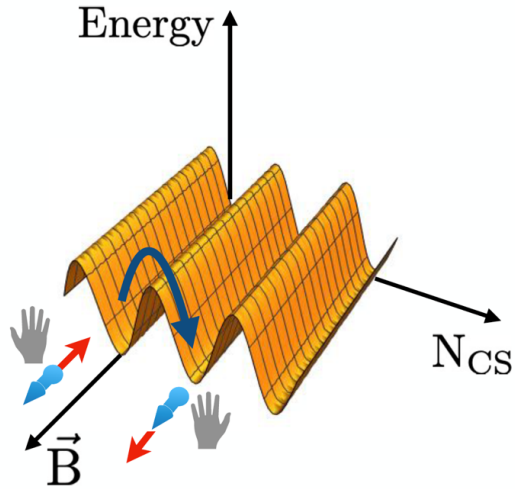
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## “The universe came into being with a BIG BANG”

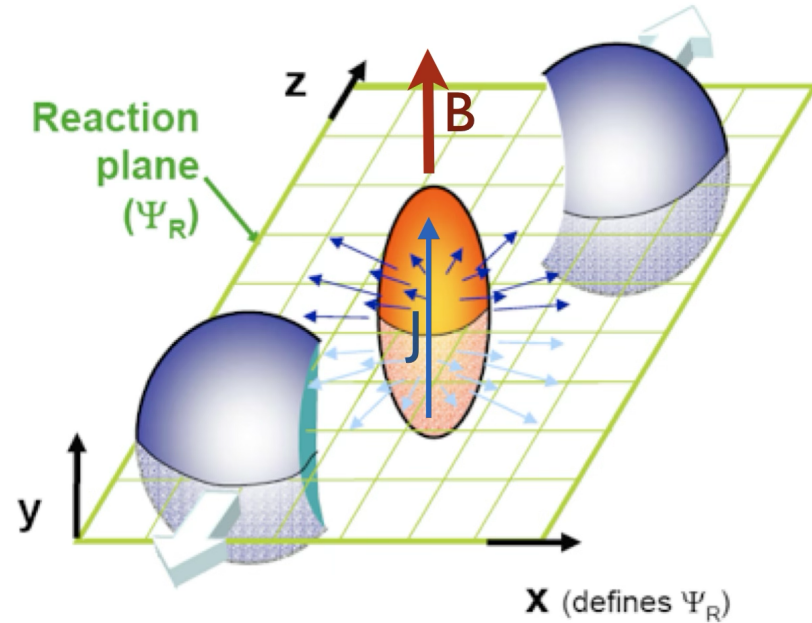
*“Experimental Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions: A Perspective”,  
Feng, Voloshin, Wang, arXiv:2502.09742*

- 1) Big Bang
- 2) Electroweak symmetry breaking (Baryogenesis ?)
- 3) QGP phase with approx. chiral symmetry (CME ?)
- 4) Hadronization
- 5) ...
- 6) Workshop at ECT\*

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$$\partial_\mu J_5^\mu = \frac{g^2 N_f}{16\pi^2} (G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu})$$



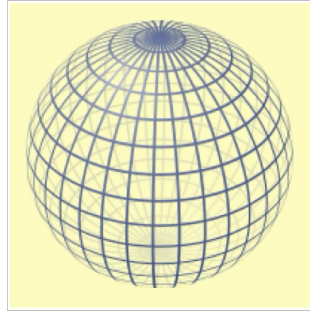
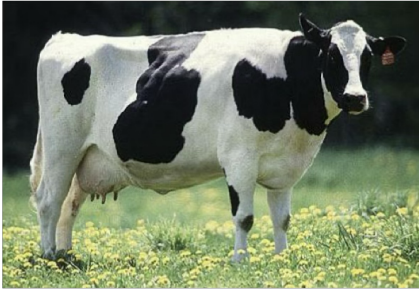
$$\vec{J} = \frac{\mu_5}{2\pi^2} \vec{B}$$

- Analogy to electroweak baryogenesis!
- Sacharov conditions!

McLerran, Kharazeev, Warringa] 2008  
 [Fukushima, Kharazeev, Warringa] 2008

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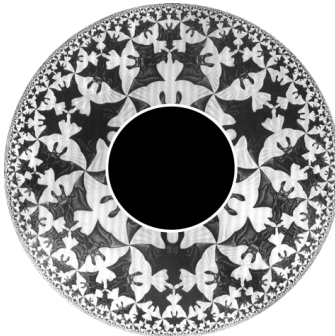
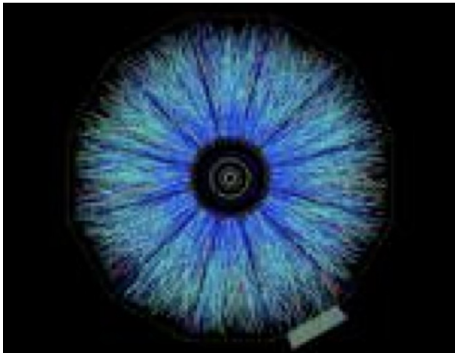
Great! But what is Holography good for in this story?



"AdS is the hyperbolic cow of sQGP"

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Son, Starinets, Policastro, Kovtun ...



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Anomalies are better than that:



$$\vec{J} = \frac{\mu\mu_5}{2\pi^2} \vec{\Omega}$$

[Erdmenger, Haack, Kaminski, Yarom]  
[Benerjee, Bhattacharya^2, Dutta, Loga, Surowka]

- Fluid-gravity correspondence
- Experts on hydro: impossible because not in Landau-Lifschytz

$$\vec{J} = \frac{\mu_5 - A_5^0}{2\pi^2} \vec{B}$$

[Rebhan, Schmitt, Stricker]  
[Gynther, K.L., Pena-Benitez, Rebhan]

- Strict equilibrium:  $H - \mu_5 Q_5$

$$A_5^0 = \mu_5 \quad \vec{J} = 0$$

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- Chiral Magnetic and Vortical effects

$$\vec{J}_A = d_{ABC} \frac{\mu_B}{4\pi^2} \vec{B}_C + \left( d_{ABC} \frac{\mu_B \mu_C}{4\pi^2} + b_A \frac{T^2}{12} \right) \vec{\Omega}$$

$$\vec{J}_\epsilon = \left( d_{ABC} \frac{\mu_B \mu_C}{8\pi^2} + b_A \frac{T^2}{24} \right) \vec{B}_A + \left( d_{ABC} \frac{\mu_A \mu_B \mu_C}{6\pi^2} + b_A \frac{\mu_A T^2}{6} \right) \vec{\Omega}$$

Anomalies: 
$$\nabla_\mu J_a^\mu = \frac{d_{abc}}{16\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}_a^{\mu\nu} + \frac{b_a}{348\pi^2} R_{\mu\nu}^{ab} \tilde{R}_{ab}^{\mu\nu}$$

Hydrodynamics: [Son, Surowka], [Neiman, Oz]

Holography: [K.L., Megias, Melgar, Pena-Benitez]

Geometry: [Jensen, Loga, Yarom], [Kim, Stone]

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Pre-History:

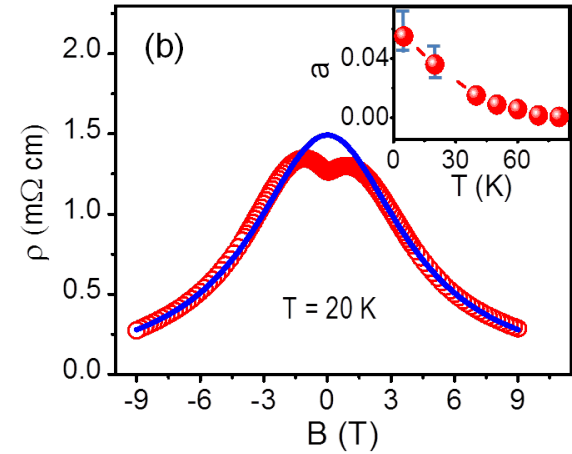
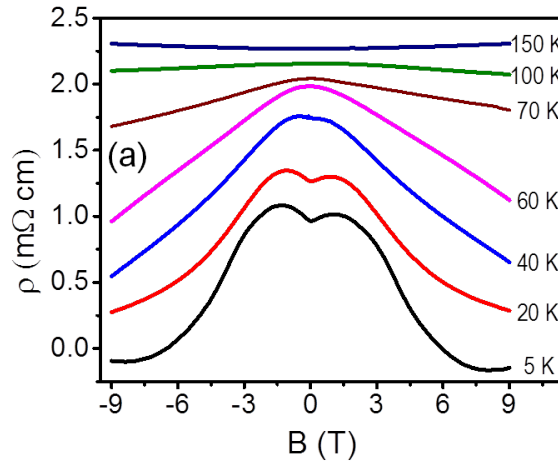
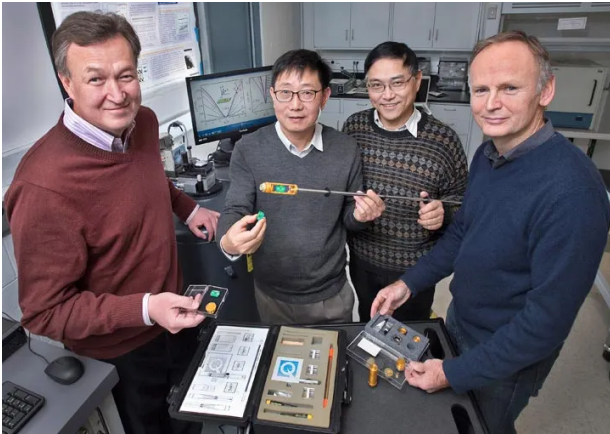
- [Vilenkin '79, '80] killed by Nobel prize winner
- [Alekseev, Chaianov, Fröhlich] cond-mat
- [Giovannini, Shaposhnikov] astro-particle physics
- [Son, Zhitnitsky],[Metlitski, Zhitnitsky],[Kharzeev, Zhitnitsky] CVE
- [Newman] first holographic paper on CME

Worth some PhD in the sociology of science?

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So far for theory, but what about the real world?

Weyl (Dirac) semi-metals:



Difficulty: “Current jetting”

[Q. Li, D. Kharzeev et al. ]



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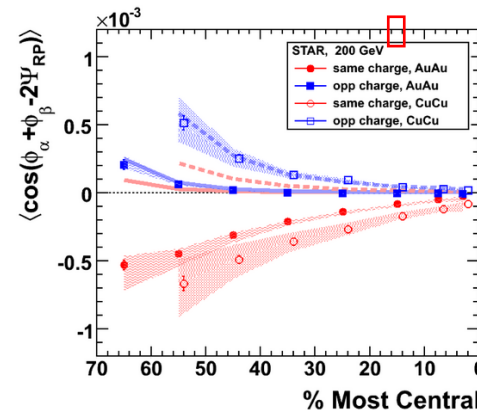
So far for theory, but what about the real world?

Quark Gluon Plasma:  $\frac{dN_{\pm}}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \psi_{RP}) + 2v_2 \cos 2(\phi - \psi_{RP}) + \dots$

$+ 2a_{1\pm} \sin(\phi_{\pm} - \psi_{RP}) + \dots$

Parity odd parts:  $\langle a_{1,\pm} \rangle = 0$       $\langle a_{1,+} a_{1,+} \rangle = -\langle a_{1,+} a_{1,-} \rangle$

$\gamma$ -correlator:  $\Delta\gamma = \gamma_{OS} - \gamma_{SS}$



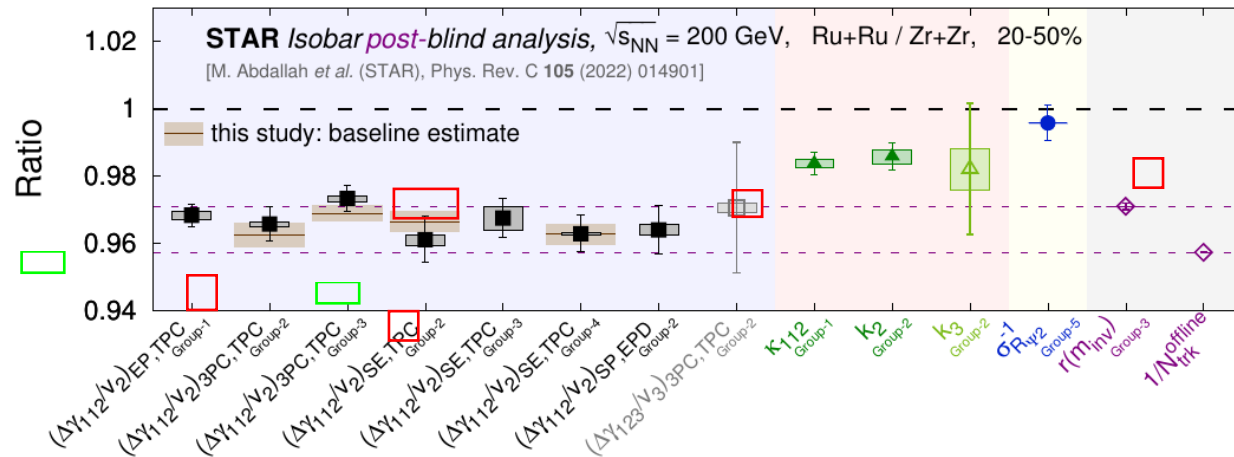
Abelev et al. ]

**Problem:** mixes with parity even background

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Remove background: Isobar run  $^{96}_{44}\text{Ru} + ^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$  and  $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr} + ^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$

Ru 10% more charge, more CME, nuclear physics the same



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AdS4CME initiative:

<https://ads4cme.wixsite.com/ads4cme>

Poster of Kickoff meeting at IFT

**AdS 4 CME @ HIC**  
Instituto de Física Teórica UAM-CSIC, Madrid  
14-17 March 2022

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S. Grieninger  
K. Landsteiner  
S. Morales-Tejera  
M. Vergel

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R. Lacey  
U. Gürsoy  
M. Kaminski  
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arXiv > nucl-th > arXiv:1608.00982

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## Chiral Magnetic Effect Task Force Report

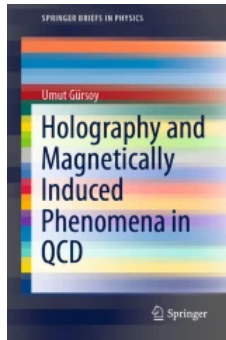
Vladimir Skokov, Paul Sorensen, Volker Koch, Soeren Schlichting, Jim Thomas, Sergei Voloshin, Gang Wang, Ho-Ung Yee

### II. THEORY UNCERTAINTIES

- A) the initial distribution of axial charges,
- B) the evolution of the magnetic field,
- C) the dynamics of the CME during the pre-equilibrium stage,
- D) the uncertainties in the hadronic phase and the freeze-out.

Tasks for Holography?

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Hydrodynamic magneto-transport in holographic charge density wave states

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Vortical waves in a quantum fluid with vector, axial, and helical charges. I. Non-dissipative transport

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All accepted  
4 had to cancel because  
of lack of funding

Precarious situation for fundamental science?

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Volume 438 - 11th International Conference on Hard and Electromagnetic Probes of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions (HardProbes2023) - Early time dynamics and nuclear PDFs

Early time dynamics far from equilibrium via holography

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Full text: pdf

Published on: February 16, 2024

Abstract

We investigate the early time dynamics of heavy ion collisions studying the time evolution of the energy-momentum tensor as well as energy-momentum correlations within a uniformly thermalizing holographic

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Spacetime dynamics of chiral magnetic currents in a hot non-Abelian plasma

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## Chiral Magnetic Effect enhancement at lower collision energies

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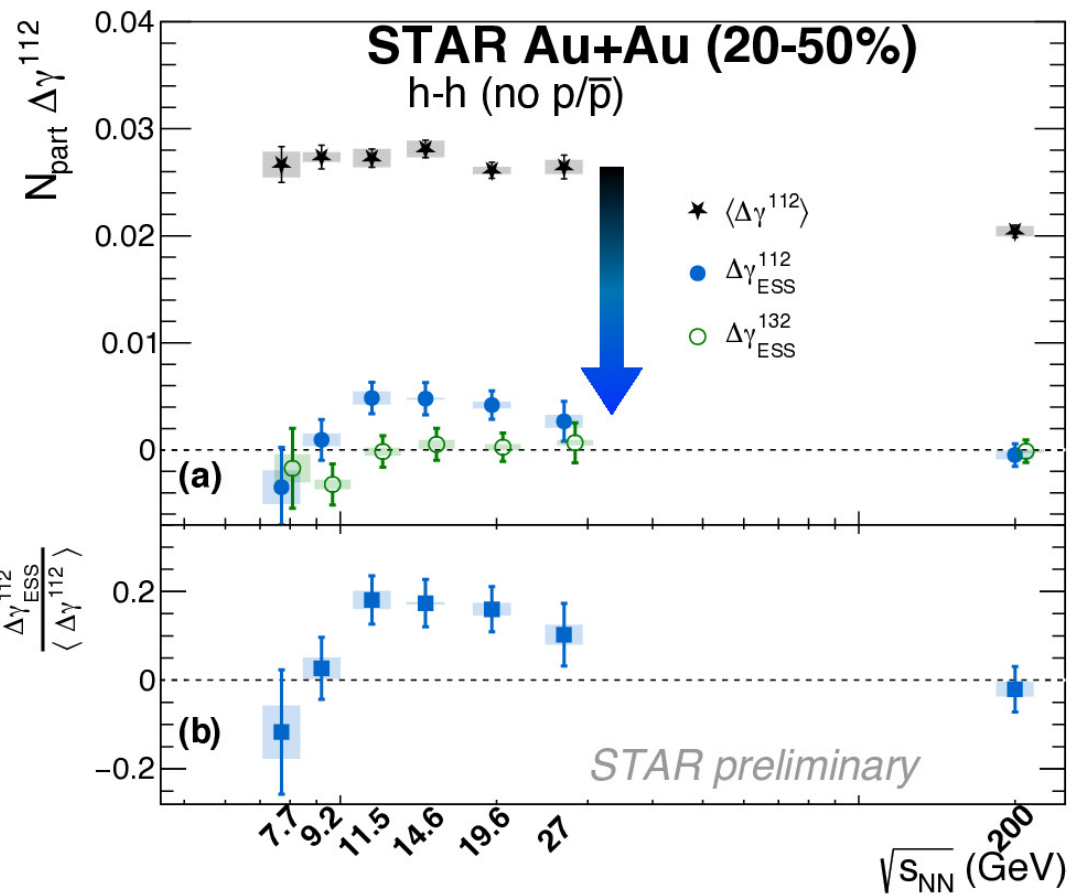
Nuclear Theory

[Submitted on 21 Dec 2024]

## Strongly interacting matter in extreme magnetic fields

Prabal Adhikari, Martin Ammon, Sidney S. Avancini, Alejandro Ayala, Aritra Bandyopadhyay, David Blaschke, Fabio L. Braghin, Pavel Buividovich, Rafael P. Cardoso, Casey Cartwright, Jorge David Castaño-Yepes, Maxim Chernodub, M. Coppola, Mayuresh Das, Mariana Dutra, Gergely Endrődi, Jianjun Fang, Ricardo L. S. Farias, Eduardo S. Fraga, Arthur Frazon, Kenji Fukushima, Juan D. García-Muñoz, Eduardo Garnacho-Velasco, D. Gomez Dumm, Sebastian Grienering, Francesca Gulminelli, Juan Hernandez, Chowdhury Aminul Islam, Matthias Kaminski, Andrey Kotov, Gastão Krein, Jing Li, Pok Man Lo, Marcelo Loewe, Odilon Lourenço, Gergely Markó, Kau D. Marquez, Ana Mizher, Banibrata Mukhopadhyay, Enrique Muñoz, S. Noguera, Rodrigo M. Nunes, Helena Pais, Letícia F. Palhares, Constança Providência, Alfredo Raya, Tulio Restrepo, Juan Cristóbal Rojas, N.N. Scoccola, Luigi Scurto, Armen Sedrakian, Dominik Smith, William Rafael Tavares, Maria E. Tejeda-Yeomans, Varese S. Timóteo, Laura Tolos, Cristian Villavicencio, Fridolin Weber, Shigehiro Yasui, Renato Zamora, Zenia Zuraic

# Beam Energy Dependence of CME observable

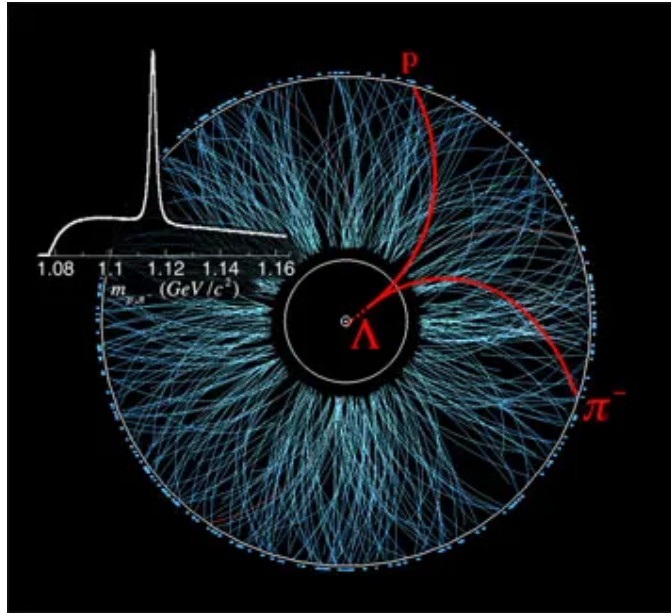


- BKG-indicator  $\Delta\gamma_{\text{ESS}}^{132}$  consistent with zero
- At least 80% of  $\langle \Delta\gamma^{112} \rangle$  is from the background.
- At 200 GeV, ratio is  $(-2 \pm 5.1 \pm 1.6)\%$ 
  - upper limit of fCME~10% in Au+Au
  - upper limit of fCME~ 5% in isobars using participant planes: 0.7% difference, too small to detect
- Combine three points at 19.6, 14.6 and 11.5 GeV, the literal average of the ESS results reaches an over  $5\sigma$  significance (assuming similar physics conditions between 10 and 20 GeV).
- The ESS results approach zero around 9.2 and 7.7 GeV.



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sQGP is also the most vortical liquid: spin polarization!



My personal take: theory is scary!

- Spin (relativistic?)
- Spincurrent
- Spin connection
- Torsion (is “trivial”)
- Pseudo gauge transformatoins
- Role of CVE?  $J_5^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} J_{\nu\rho\lambda}^{\text{Spin}}$

# Holographic History of the CME

This years workshop:

*Spin Polarization*

*Anomalies*

*Driven Systems*

*Vorticity*

*Holographic QCD*

*Chiral Magnetic Effect*

*Hydrodynamics*

*Kinetic Theory*

*Magnetic Fields*

*Fluctuations*

*Quasinormal Modes*

*Holographic Transport*

*Looking forward to a great workshop!*