



Correlated Fluctuations Near the QCD critical Point

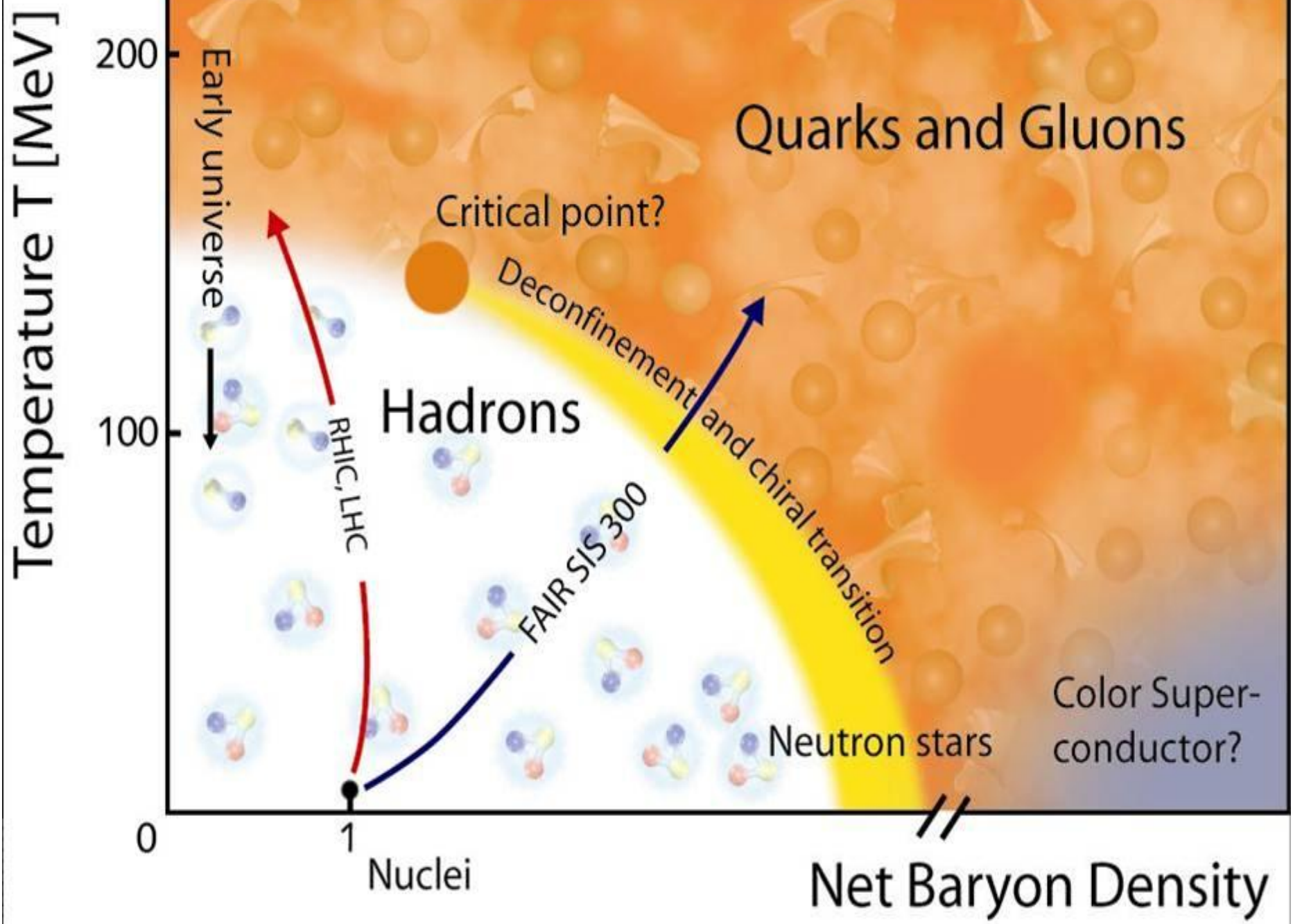
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Temperature T [MeV]

200
100
0

- Static critical fluctuations
- Dynamical critical fluctuations

universe



RHIC, LHC

Hadrons

FAIR SIS 300

Critical point?

Deconfinement and chiral transition

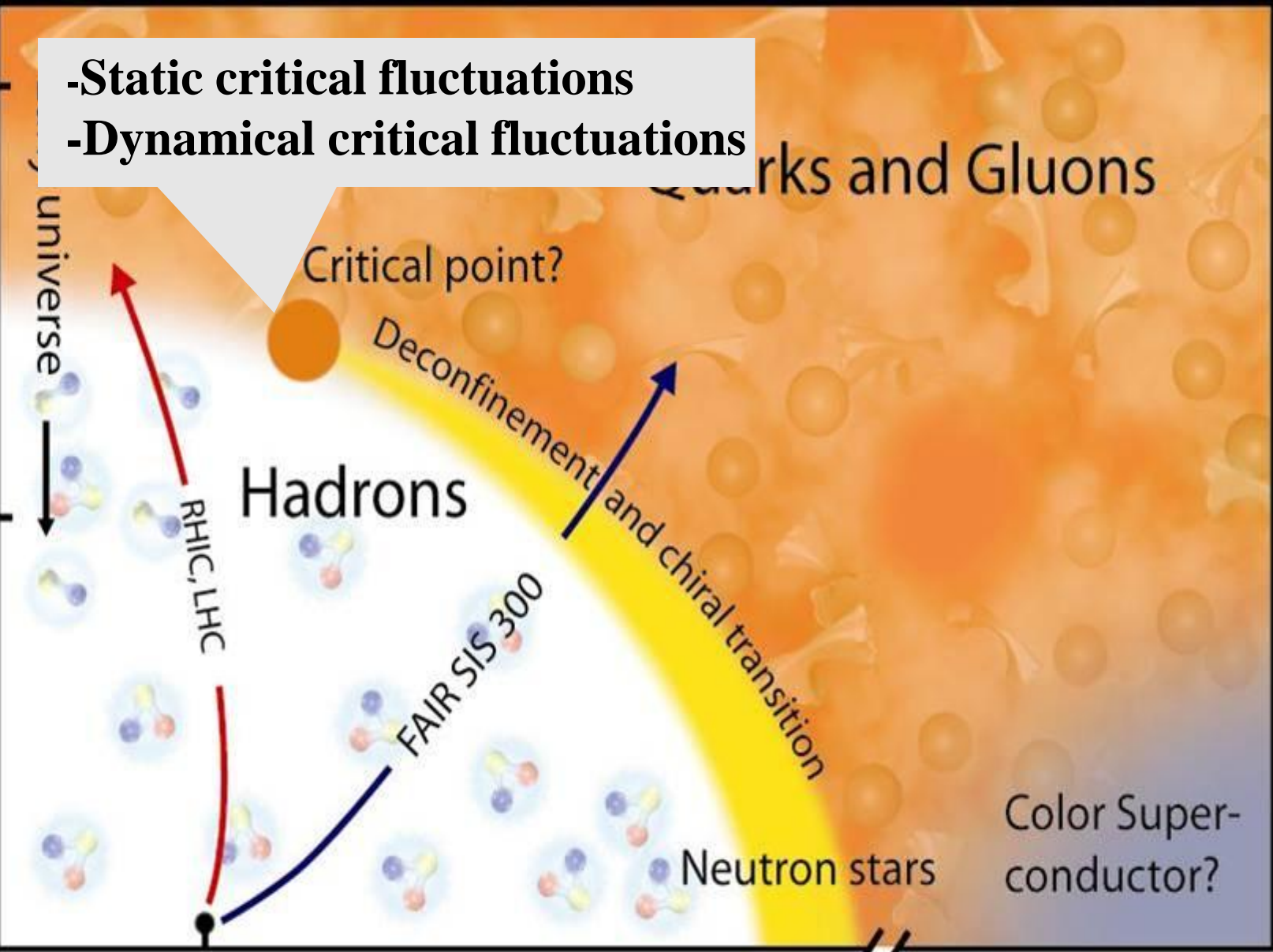
Neutron stars

Color Super-conductor?

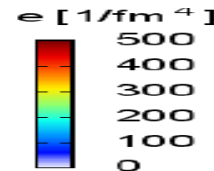
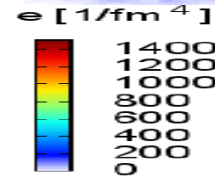
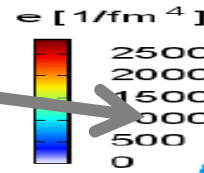
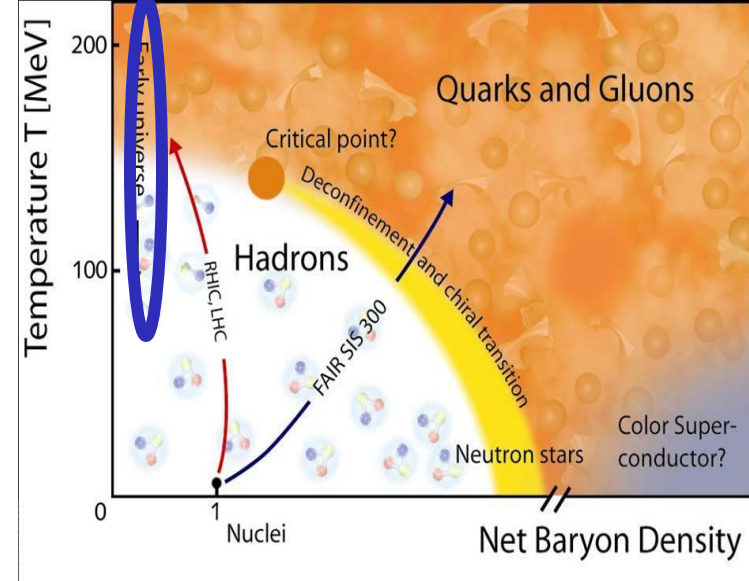
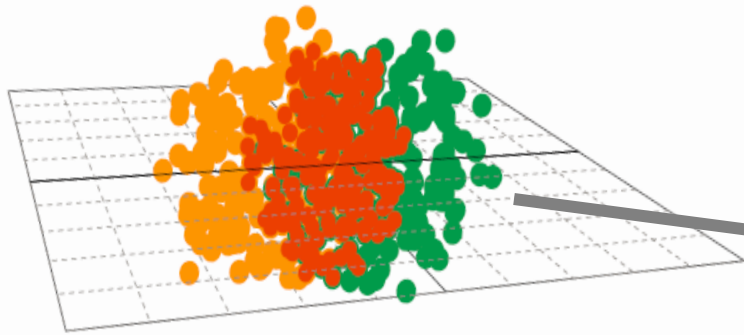
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Nuclei

Net Baryon Density

Quarks and Gluons



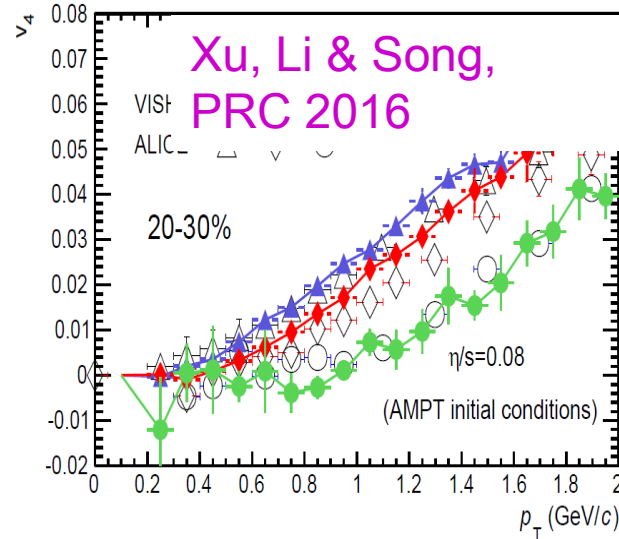
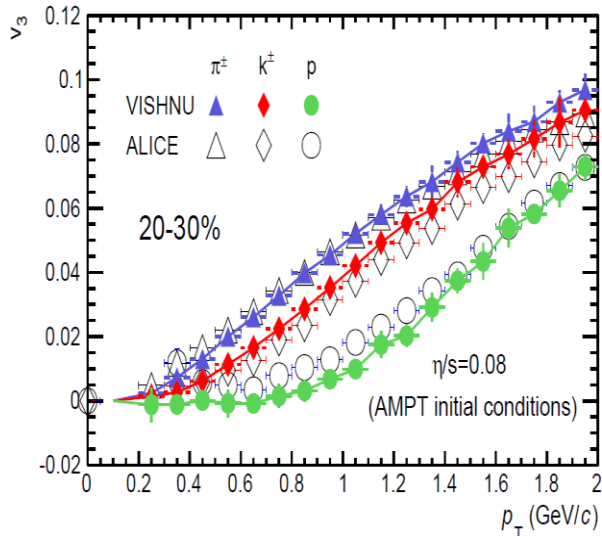
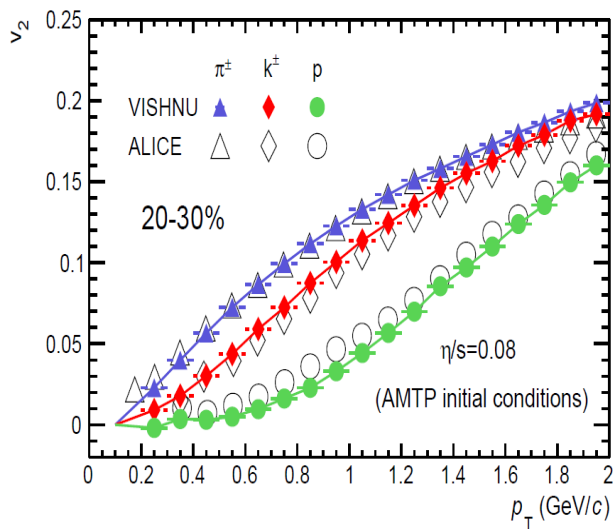
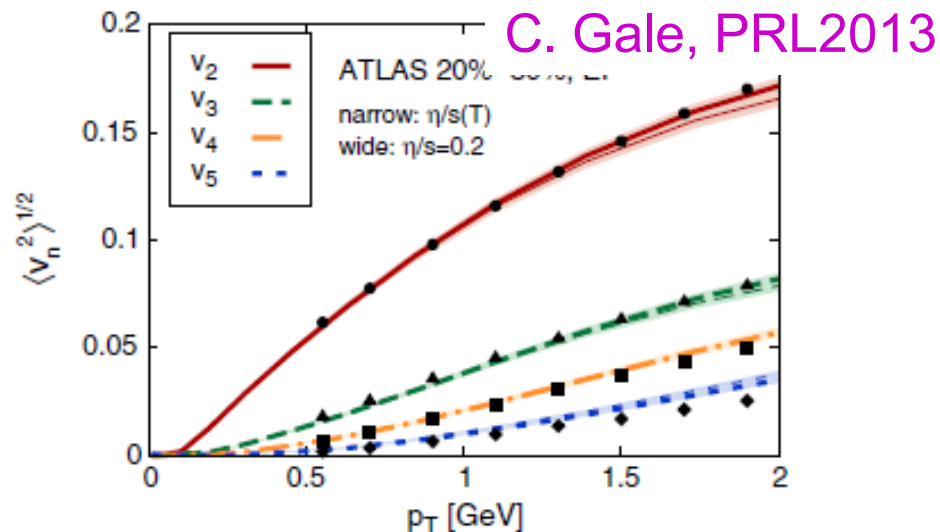
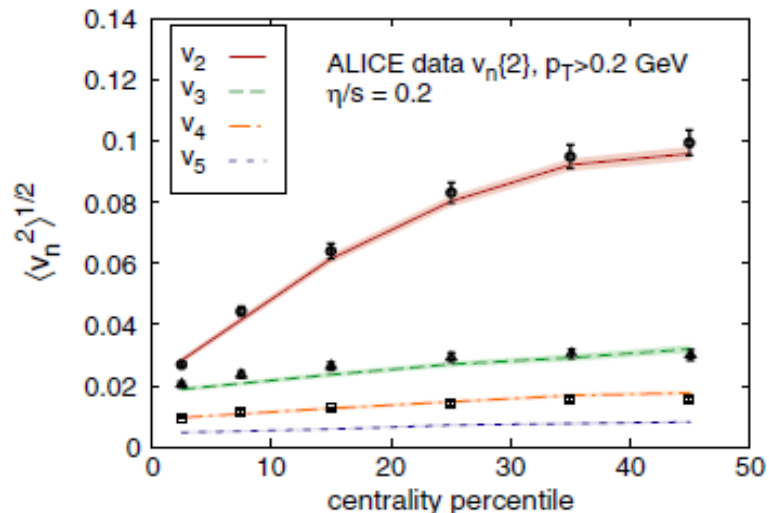
Initial state fluctuations & final state Correlations



$$E \frac{dN}{d^3 p} = \frac{dN}{dy dp_T dp_T d\varphi}$$

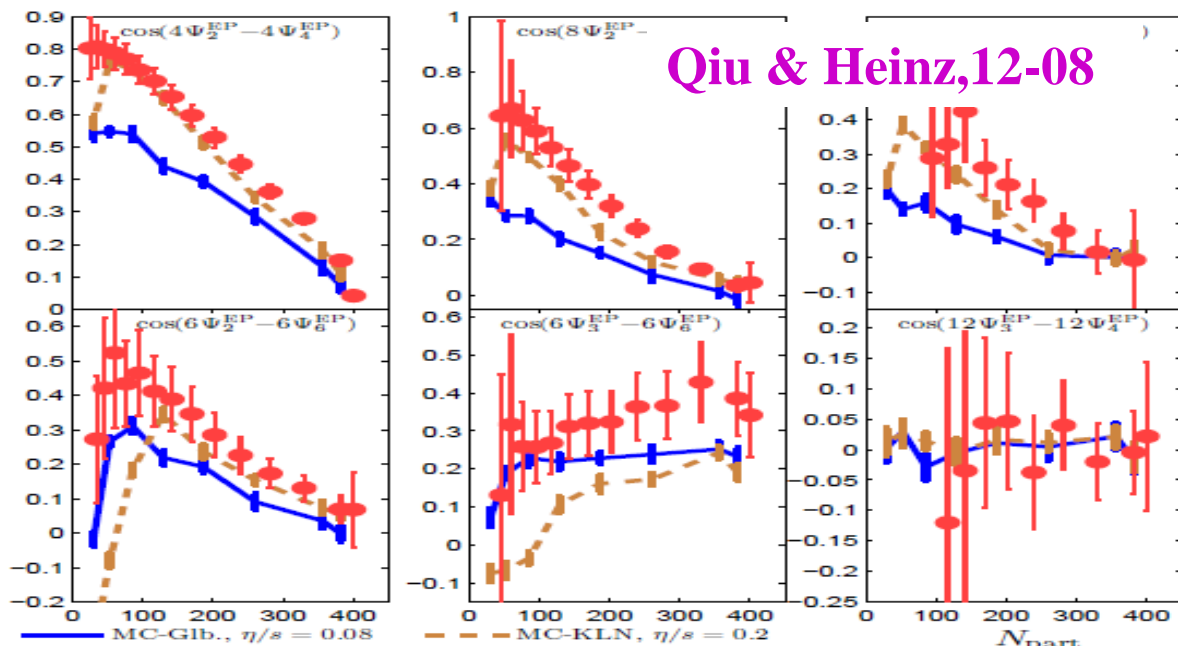
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{dy dp_T dp_T} [1 + 2v_1(p_T, b) \cos(\varphi) + 2v_2(p_T, b) \cos(2\varphi) + 2v_3(p_T, b) \cos(3\varphi) \dots]$$

Observables for initial state fluctuations (I)

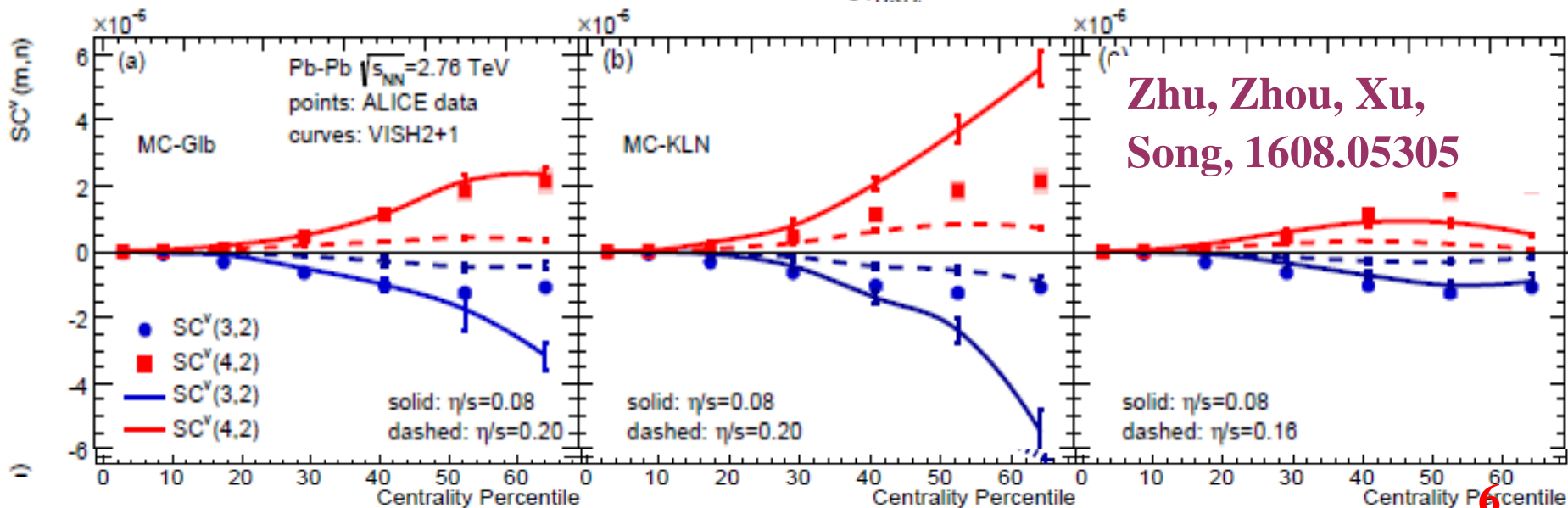


- V_n (integrated, differential, PID) are nice described by e-b-e hydrodynamics and hybrid model

Observables for initial state fluctuations (II)

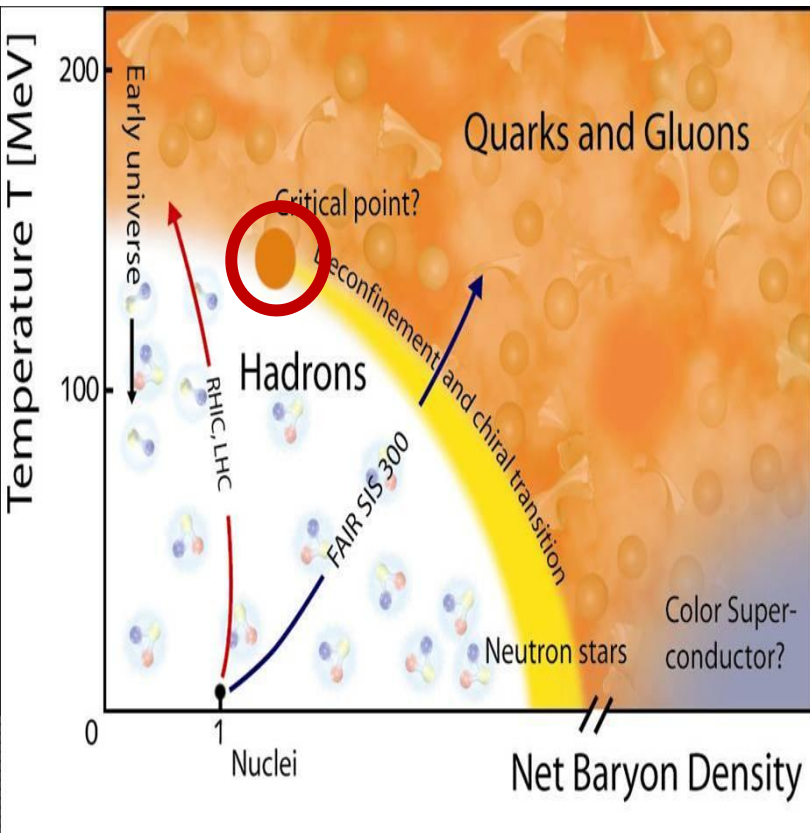


-the correlations between flow angles & correlations between flow harmonics are qualitatively described by e-b-e hydrodynamics with different initial conditions



Zhu, Zhou, Xu,
 Song, 1608.05305

Correlated fluctuations near the QCD critical point



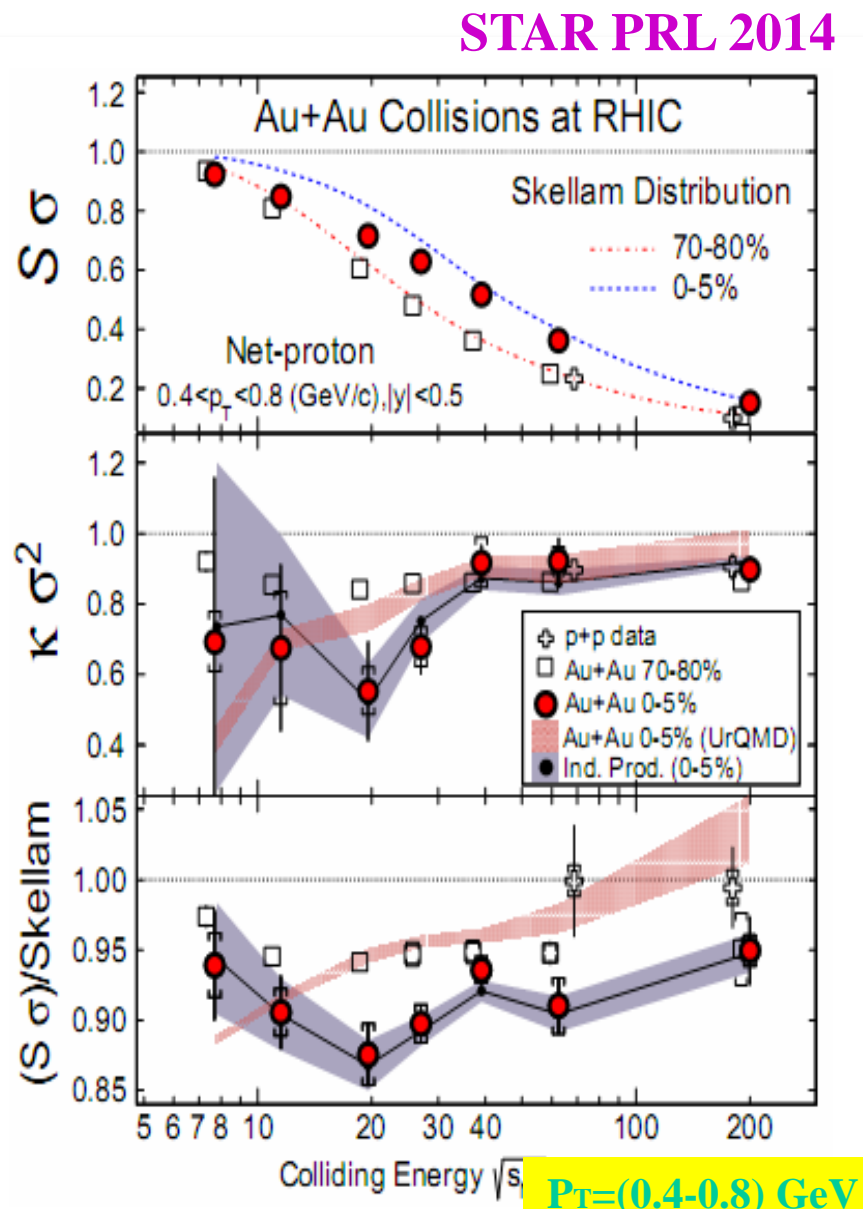
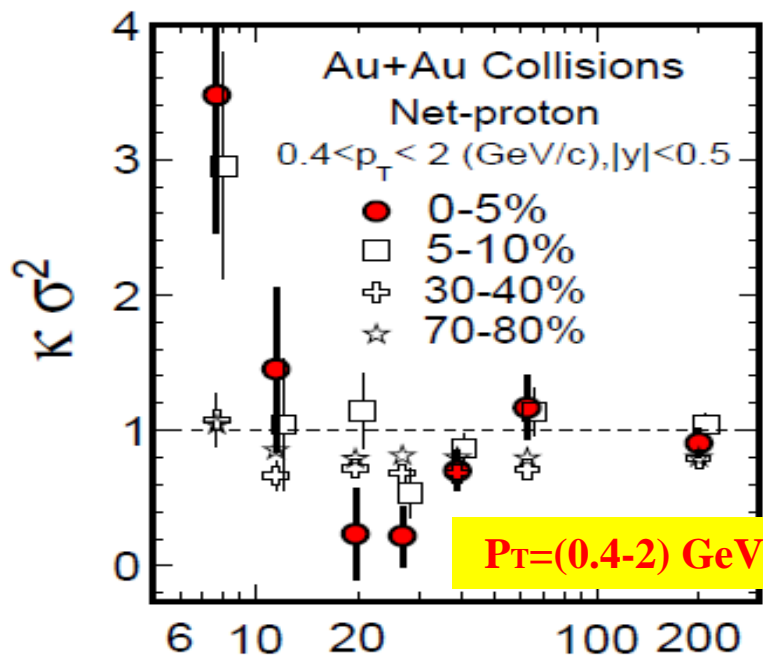
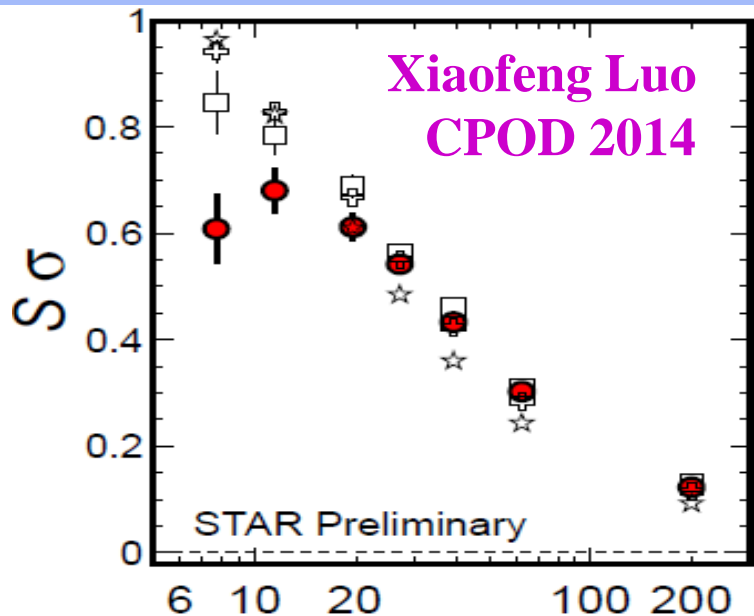
Initial State Fluctuations

- QGP fireball evolutions smear-out the initial fluctuations
- uncorrelated (in general)

Fluctuations near the critical point

- dramatically increase near T_c
- Strongly correlated

STAR BES: Cumulant ratios



Theoretical predictions on critical fluctuations

Stephanov PRL 2009

$$P[\sigma] \sim \exp\{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\}, \quad \Omega = \int d^3x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\nabla\sigma)^2 + \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 + \dots \right]$$

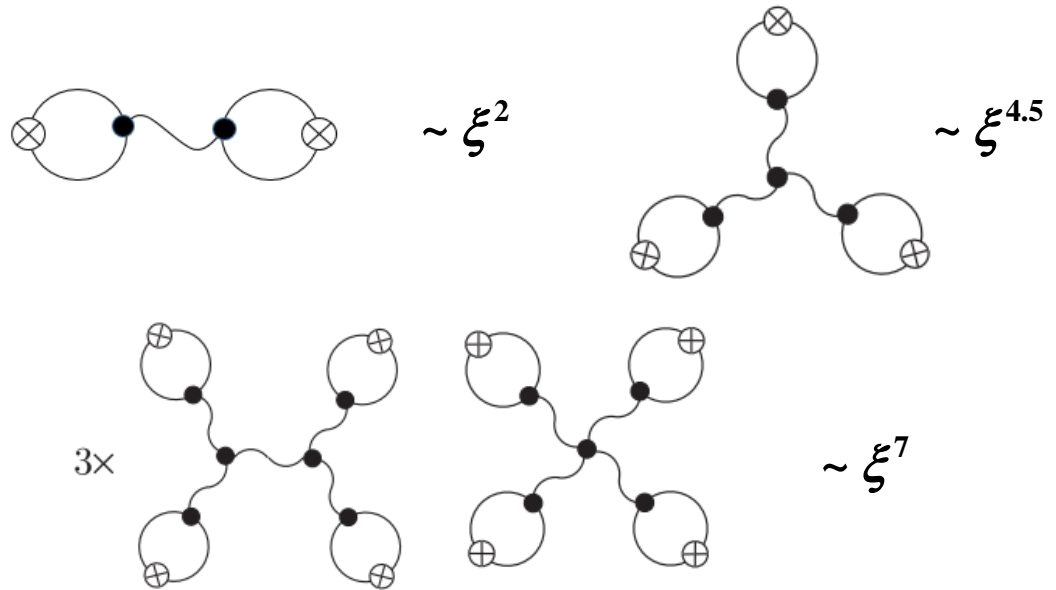
$$\langle \sigma_0^2 \rangle = \frac{T}{V} \xi^2 \quad \langle \sigma_0^3 \rangle = \frac{2\lambda_3 T}{V} \xi^6; \quad \langle \sigma_0^4 \rangle_c = \frac{6T}{V} [2(\lambda_3 \xi)^2 - \lambda_4] \xi^8.$$

Critical Fluctuations of particles :

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle \sim \xi^2$$

$$\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \sim \xi^{4.5}$$

$$\langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle \sim \xi^7$$



At critical point : $\xi \sim \infty$ (infinite medium)

Finite size & finite evolution time: $\xi < \mathbf{O}(2-3\text{fm})$

It is important to address the effects from dynamical evolutions

Dynamical Modeling near the QCD critical point

Chiral Hydrodynamics (I)

K. Paech, H. Stocker and A. Dumitru, PRC2003

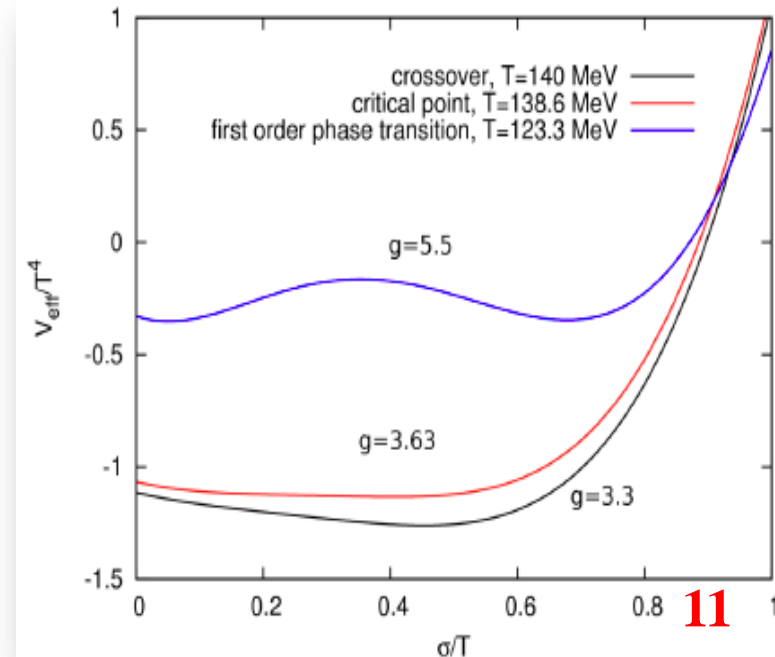
$$L = \bar{q}[i\gamma - g(\sigma + i\gamma_5\tau\pi)]q + \frac{1}{2}[\partial_\mu\sigma\partial^\mu\sigma + \partial_\mu\pi\partial^\mu\pi] - U(\sigma, \pi)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_\mu\partial^\mu\sigma + \frac{\partial U_{eff}}{\partial\sigma} + g\langle\bar{q}q\rangle = 0 \\ \partial_\mu T_{fluid}^{\mu\nu} = S^\nu \quad S^\nu = -(\partial^2 u + \frac{\partial U_{eff}}{\partial u})\partial^\nu\sigma \end{array} \right.$$

the order of the phase transition is in charged by the coupling g .

σ order parameter field

quark & anti-quark is treated as the heat bath (fluid), which interact with the chiral field via effective mass $g\sigma$



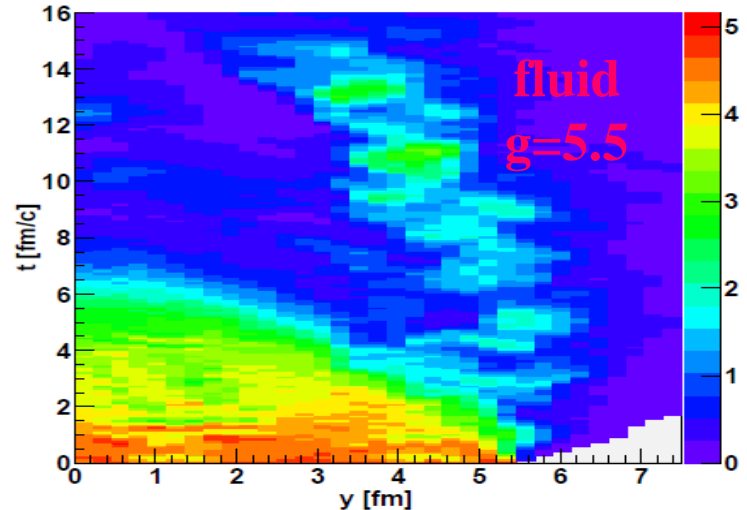
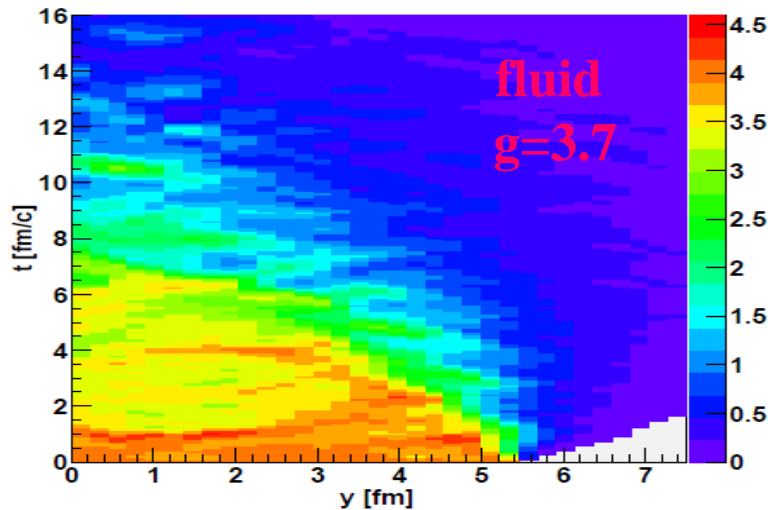
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(fluctuation is introduced by initial state)

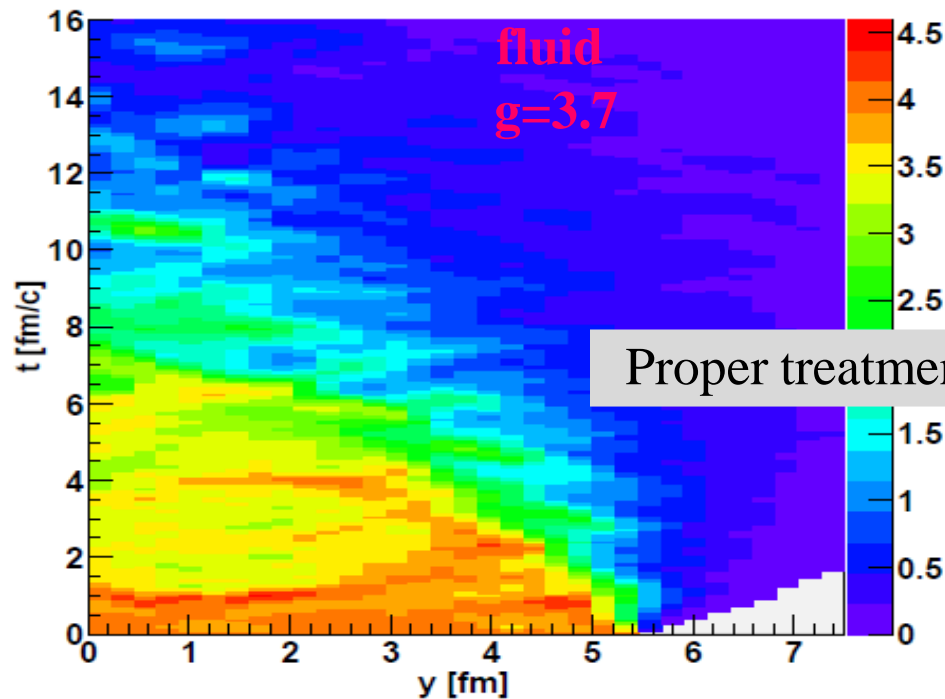


-Chiral fluid dynamics with dissipation & noise

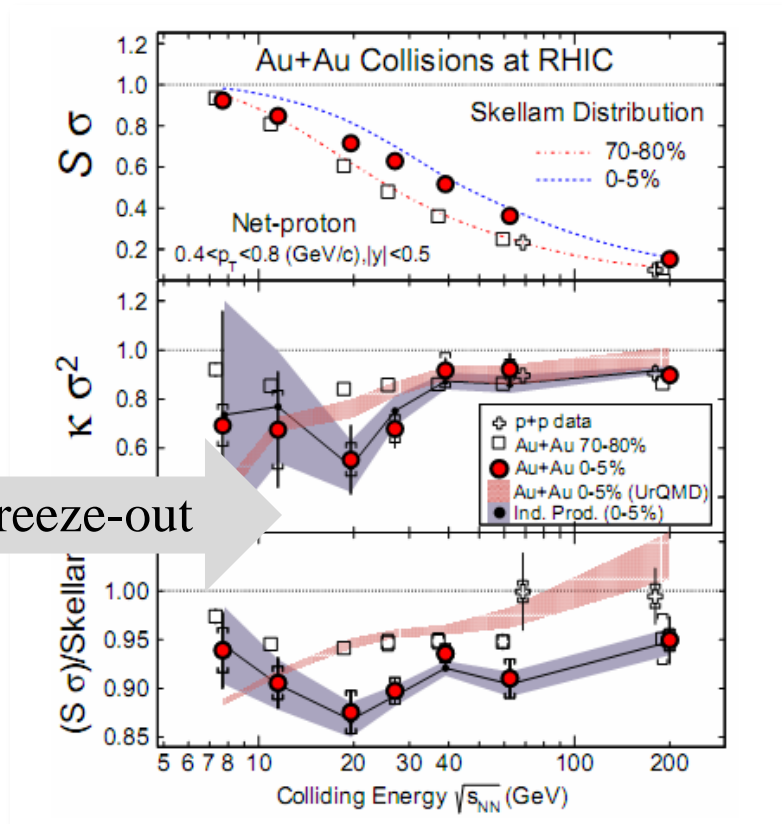
Nahrgang, et al., PRC 2011

-Chiral fluid dynamics with a Polyakov loop (PNJL)

Herold, et al., PRC 2013



Proper treatment of freeze-out

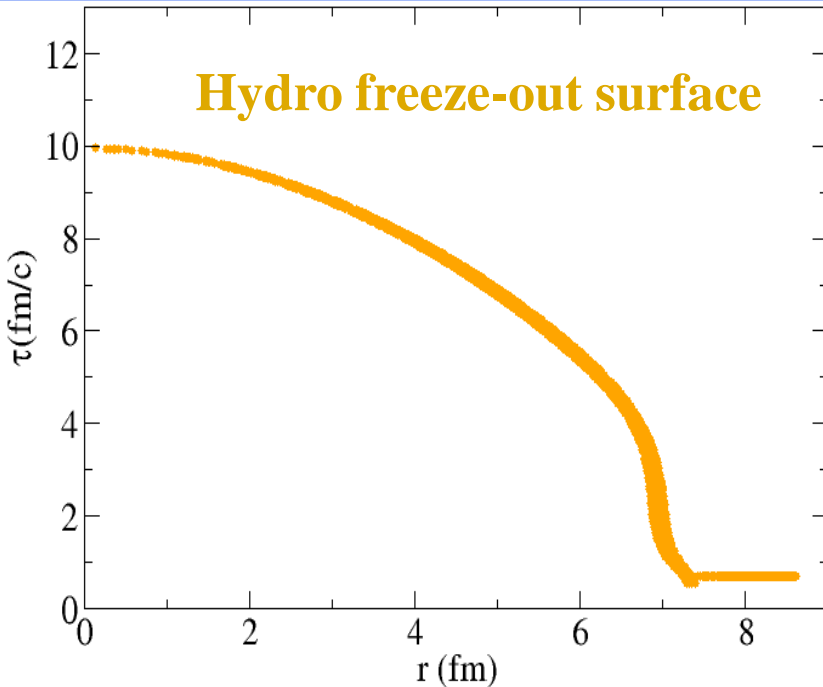


From dynamical evolution to experimental observables, it is important to properly treat the freeze-out procedure with an external field

Freeze-out scheme near T_{cr}
& static critical fluctuations

Jiang, Li & Song, PRC2016

Particle emissions near T_{cr} with external field



Jiang, Li & Song, PRC2016

Particle emissions in traditional hydro

$$E \frac{dN}{d^3 p} = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{p_{\mu} d\sigma^{\mu}}{2\pi^3} f(x, p)$$

Particle emissions near T_{cr}

$$M \longrightarrow g\sigma(x)$$

$$f(x, p) = f_0(x, p)[1 - g\sigma(x)/(\gamma T)] \\ = f_0 + \delta f$$

$$\langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \rangle_{\sigma} = f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} \left(\frac{g^2}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{1}{T^3} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c,$$

$$\langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \delta f_3 \rangle_{\sigma} = f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} \left(-\frac{g^3}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3} \frac{1}{T^3} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \rangle_c,$$

$$\langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \delta f_3 \delta f_4 \rangle_{\sigma} = f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} f_{04} \left(\frac{g^4}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \gamma_4} \frac{1}{T^4} \right) \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c.$$

For stationary & infinite medium:

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle_c = \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^2 \int d^3 p_1 d^3 x_1 \int d^3 p_2 d^3 x_2 \frac{f_{01} f_{02}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{g^2}{T^2} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c,$$

$$\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle_c = \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^3 \int d^3 p_1 d^3 x_1 \int d^3 p_2 d^3 x_2 \int d^3 p_3 d^3 x_3 \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3} \left(-\frac{g^3}{T^3} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \rangle_c \right),$$

$$\langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle_c = \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^4 \int d^3 p_1 d^3 x_1 \int d^3 p_2 d^3 x_2 \int d^3 p_3 d^3 x_3 \int d^3 p_4 d^3 x_4 \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} f_{04}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \gamma_4} \frac{g^4}{T^4} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c.$$

$$P[\sigma] \sim \exp \{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\}, \quad \Omega[\sigma] = \int d^3 x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 \right],$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c = TD(x_1 - x_2),$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \rangle_c = -2T^2 \lambda_3 \int d^3 z D(x_1 - z) D(x_2 - z) D(x_3 - z),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c &= -6T^3 \lambda_4 \int d^3 z D(x_1 - z) D(x_2 - z) D(x_3 - z) D(x_4 - z) \\ &\quad + 12T^3 \lambda_3^2 \int d^3 u \int d^3 v D(x_1 - u) D(x_2 - u) D(x_3 - \check{v}) D(x_4 - \check{v}) D(u - v). \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \delta n_{p_1} \delta n_{p_2} \rangle_c = \frac{f_{01} f_{02}}{\omega_{p_1} \omega_{p_2}} \frac{G^2}{T} \frac{V}{m_\sigma^2}, \quad \langle \delta n_{p_1} \delta n_{p_2} \delta n_{p_3} \rangle_c = \frac{2\lambda_3}{V^2 T} \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03}}{\omega_{p_1} \omega_{p_2} \omega_{p_3}} \left(\frac{G}{m_\sigma^2} \right)^3.$$

$$\langle \delta n_{p_1} \delta n_{p_2} \delta n_{p_3} \delta n_{p_4} \rangle_c = \frac{6}{V^3 T} \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} f_{04}}{\omega_{p_1} \omega_{p_2} \omega_{p_3} \omega_{p_4}} \left(\frac{G}{m_\sigma^2} \right)^4 \left[2 \left(\frac{\lambda_3}{m_\sigma} \right)^2 - \lambda_4 \right].$$

--the results in Stephanov PRL09 are reproduced

CORRELATED particle emissions along the freeze-out surface

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle_c = \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^2 \left(\prod_{i=1,2} \left(\frac{1}{E_i} \int d^3 p_i \int_{\Sigma_i} p_{i\mu} d\sigma_i^\mu d\eta_i \right) \right) \frac{f_{01} f_{02} g^2}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 T^2} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c,$$

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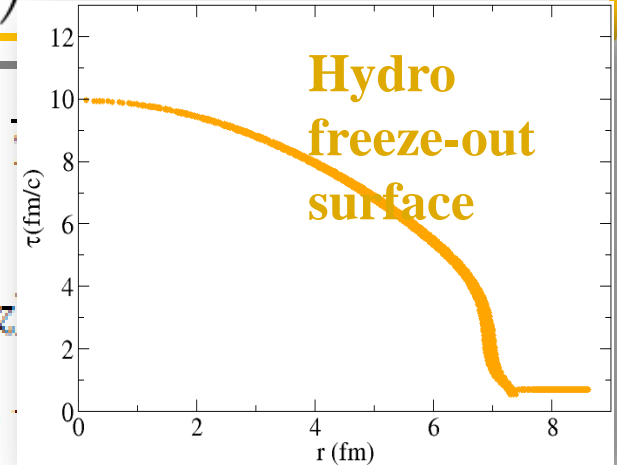
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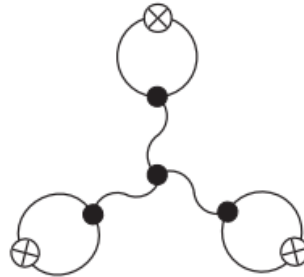
For simplicity: We assume that the correlated sigma field only influence the particle emissions near T_c , which does not influence the evolution of the bulk matter

-- Static critical fluctuations along the freeze-out surface

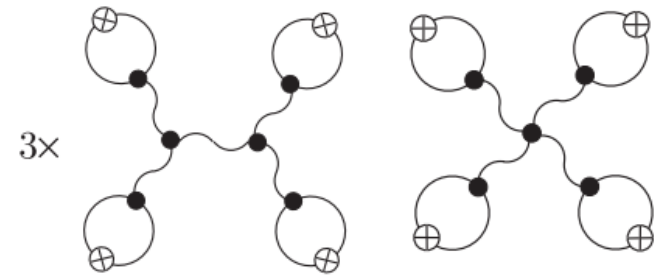
The choice of input parameters



$g_{\sigma pp}$ ξ



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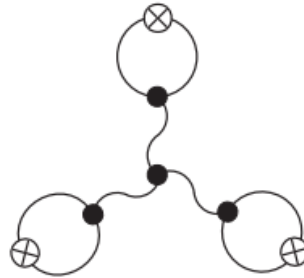
- $g_{\sigma pp} \sim (0, 10)$
phenomenological model
- $\xi \sim 3\text{fm}$ (max value)
near the critical point, critical slowing down
- $\lambda_3 \sim (0, 8)$, $\lambda_4 \sim (4, 20)$
lattice simulation of the effective potential around critical point.

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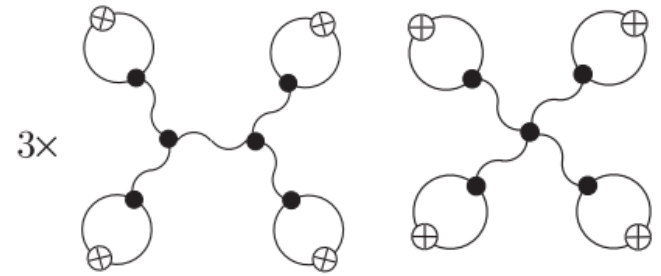
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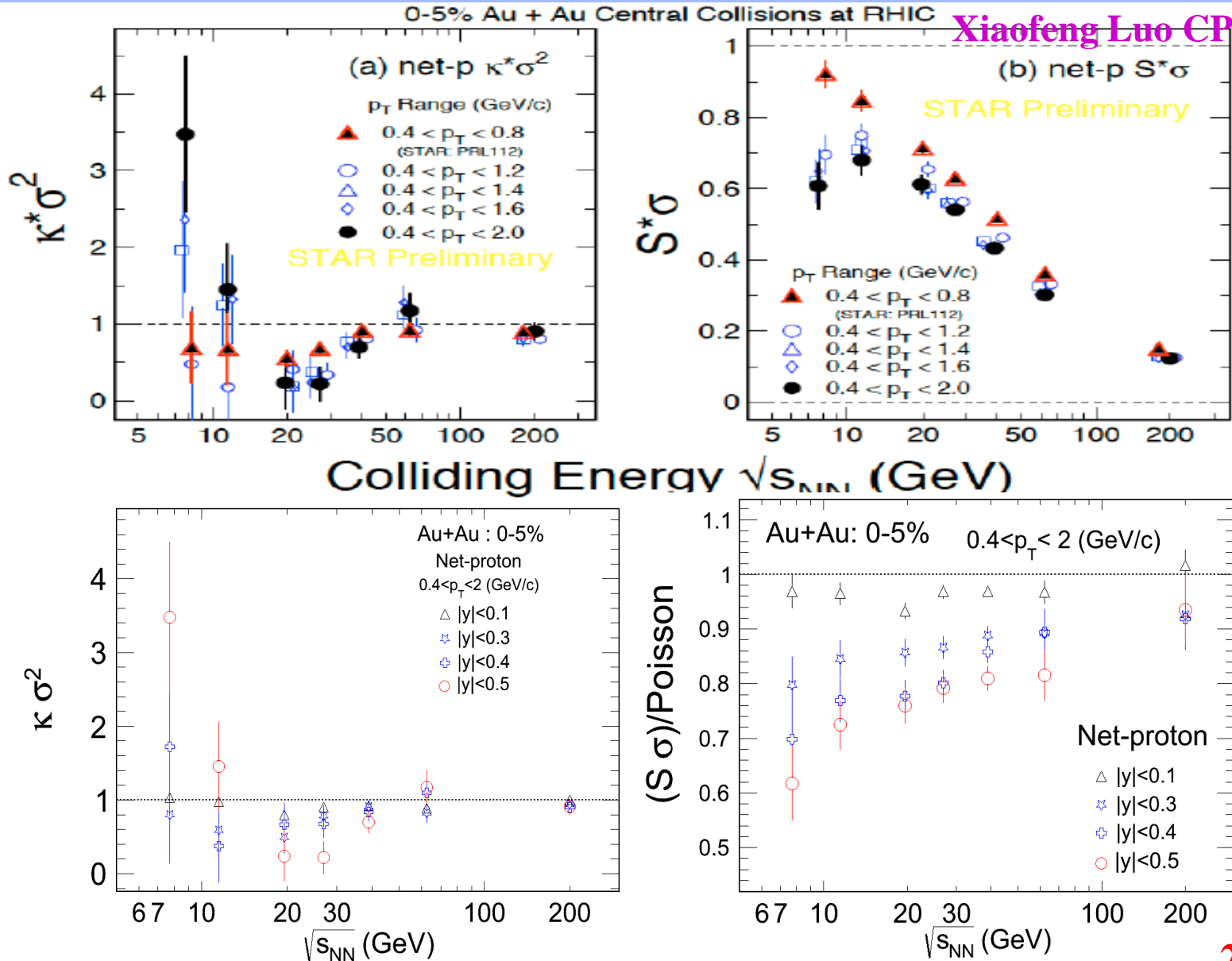
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	λ_4	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
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para-III	g	2.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1	0.5	0.1
	λ_3	6	4	3	2	2	1.5	1
	λ_4	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
	ξ	1	2	3	3	2	1	0.5

Comparison with the experimental data
-acceptance dependence

STAR data (acceptance dependence)

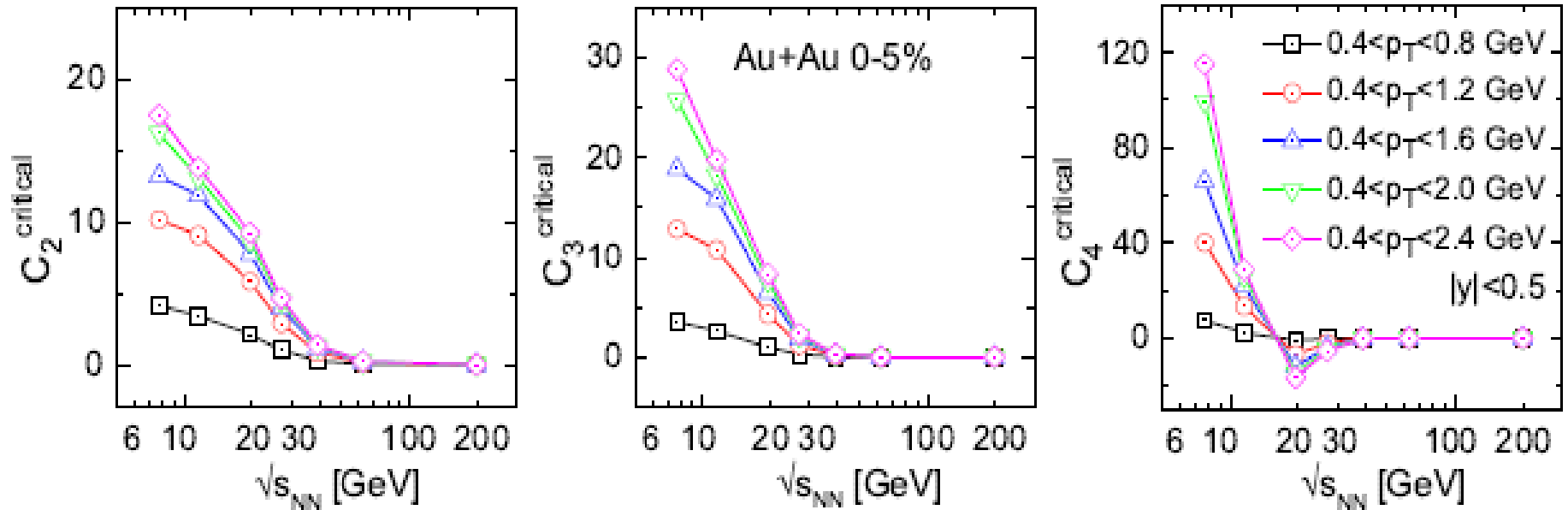
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-Wider p_T or y acceptance lead to more pronounce fluctuation signals

Transverse momentum acceptance dependence (I)

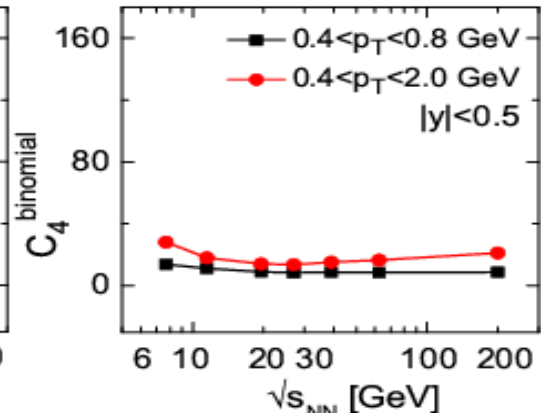
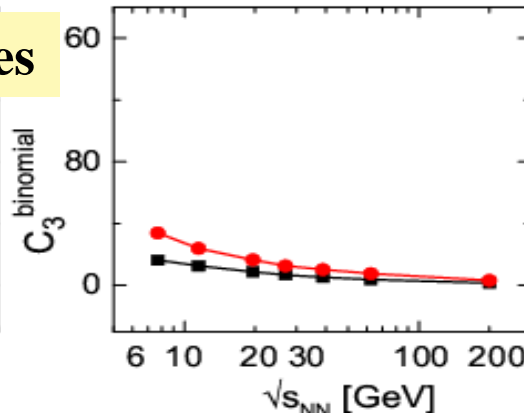
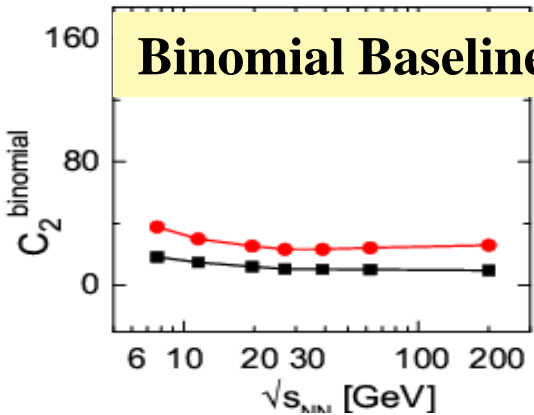
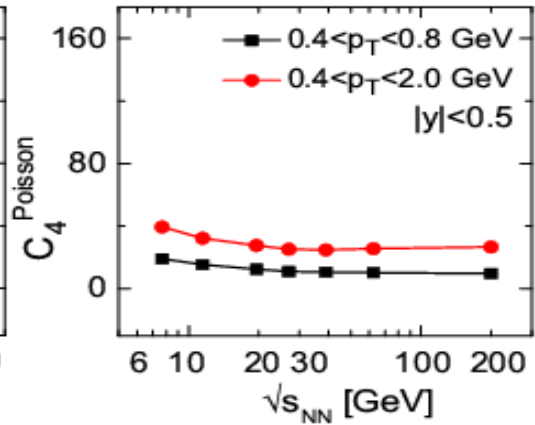
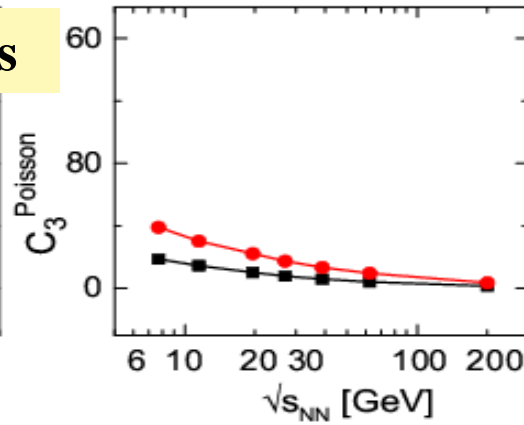
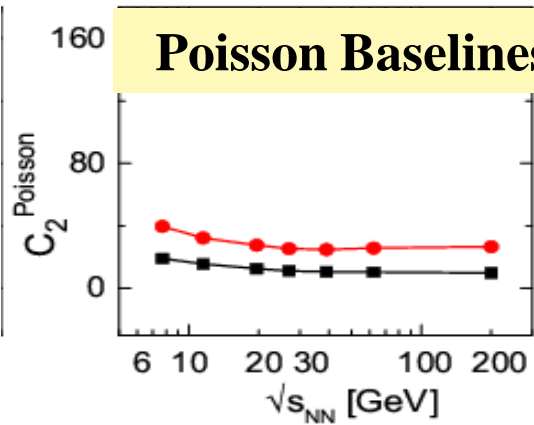
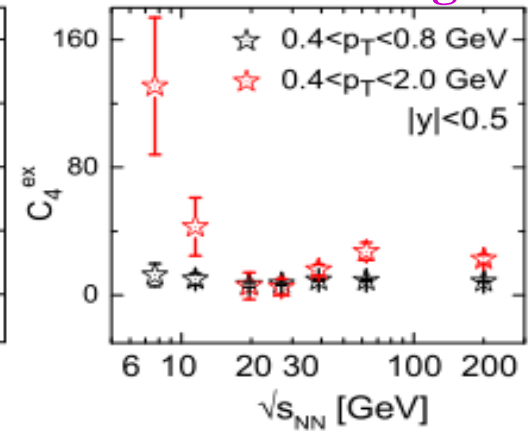
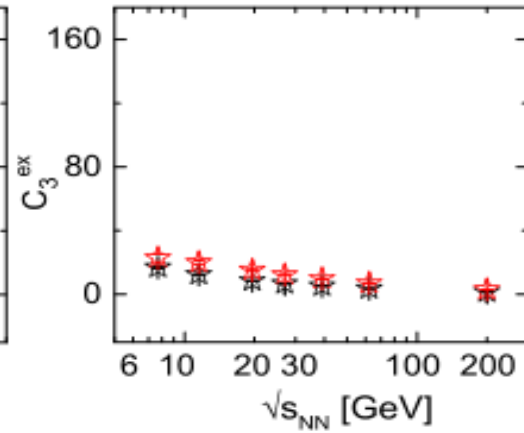
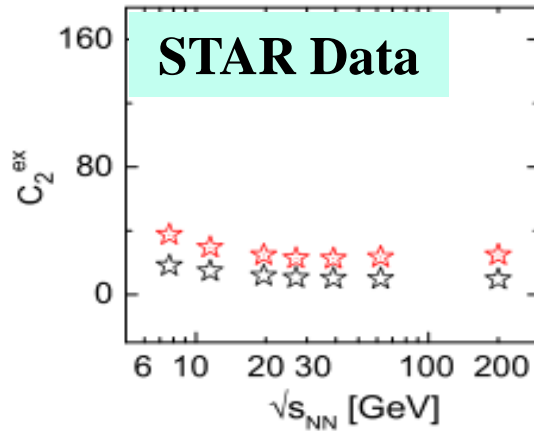
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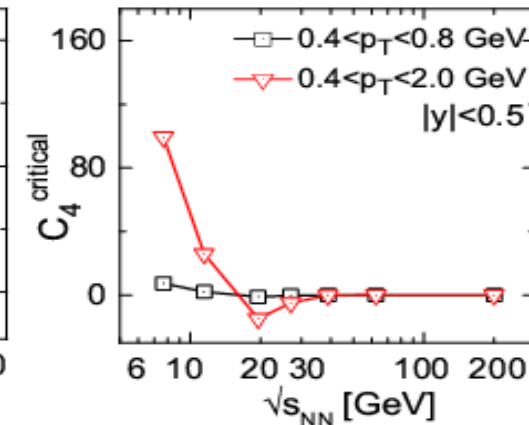
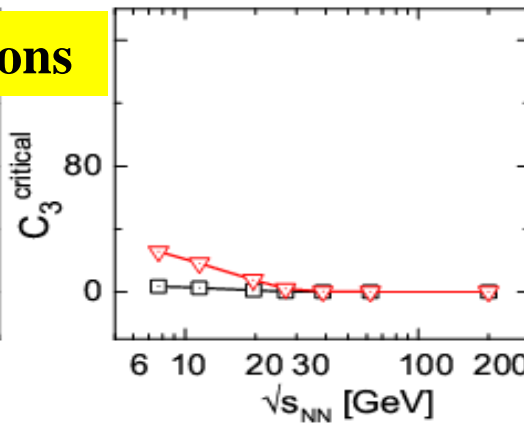
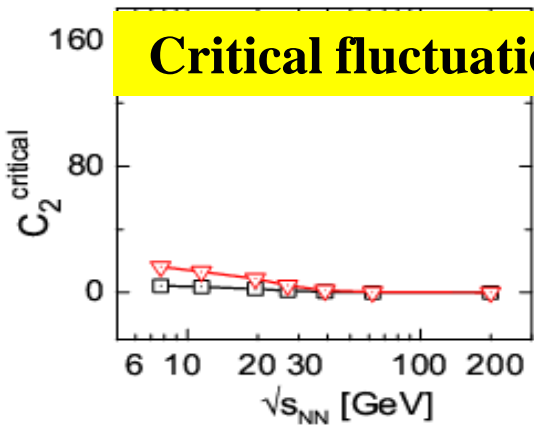
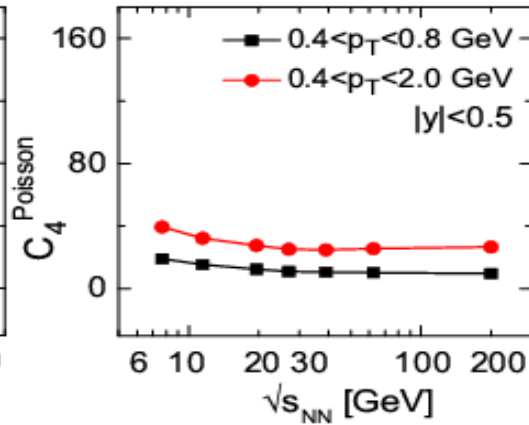
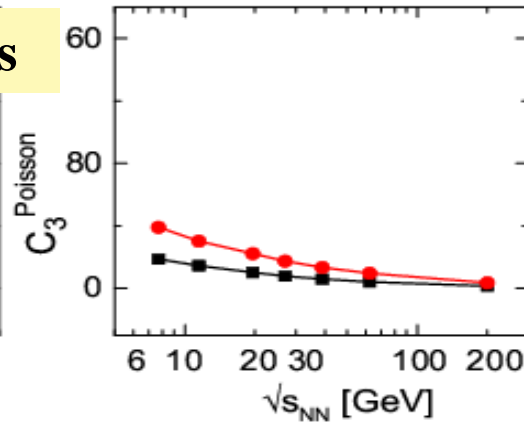
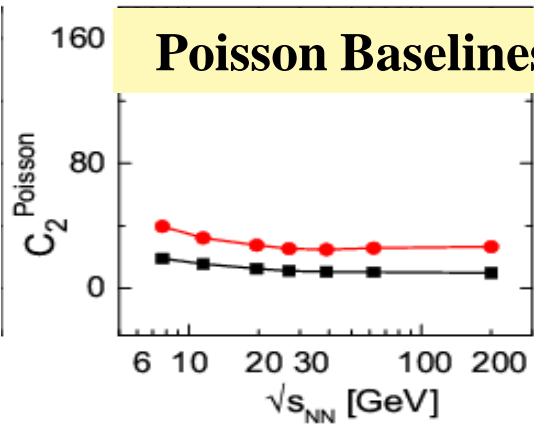
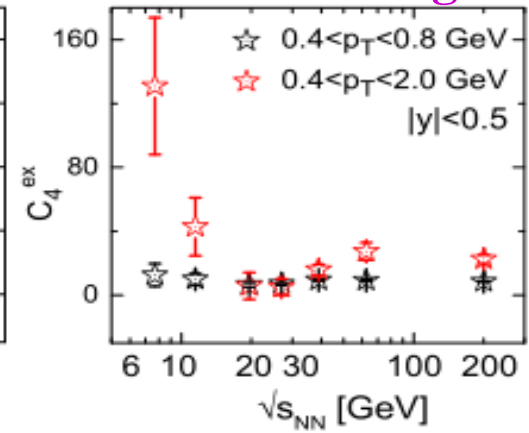
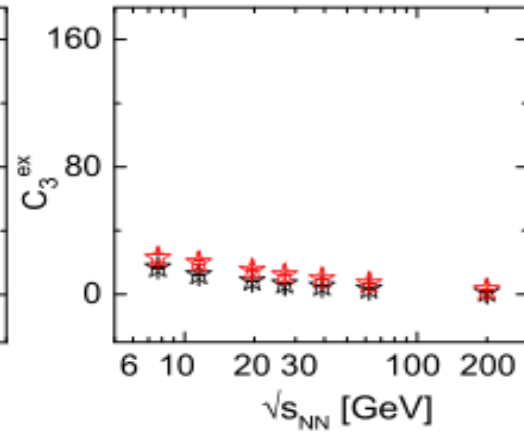
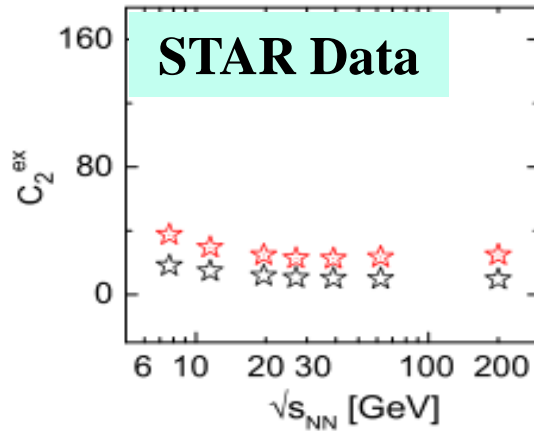


-The critical fluctuations are significantly enhanced with the p_T ranges increased to 0.4-2.0 GeV

- At lower collision energies, the dramatically increased mean value of net protons also leads to dramatically enhanced critical fluctuations

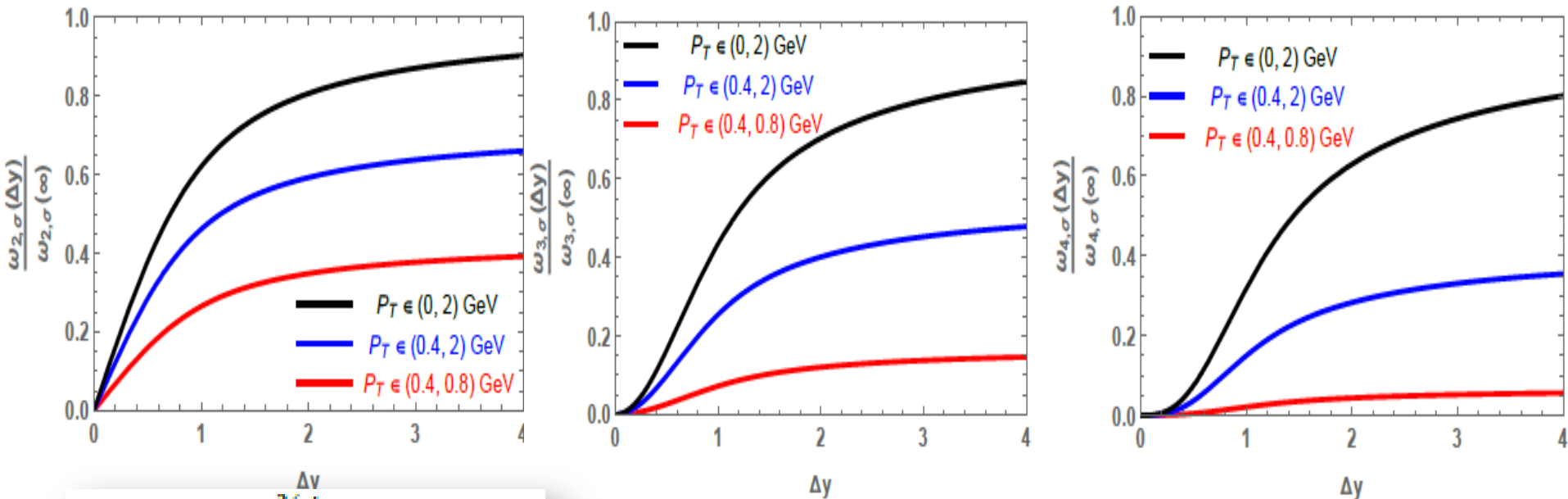
-Critical fluctuations are influenced by both the mean value (average number) of net protons within specific acceptance window and the correlation length.





Rapidity acceptance dependence

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$$(\delta f_A)_\sigma = -\frac{\chi_A}{\gamma_A} g \sigma(x_A),$$

$$\langle \sigma(x) \sigma(y) \rangle \rightarrow T \xi^2 \delta^3(x-y)$$

$$\langle \sigma(x) \sigma(y) \sigma(z) \rangle \rightarrow -2 \tilde{\lambda}_3 T^{3/2} \xi^{9/2} \delta^6(x, y, z)$$

$$\langle \sigma(x) \sigma(y) \sigma(z) \sigma(w) \rangle_c \rightarrow 6(2 \tilde{\lambda}_3^2 - \tilde{\lambda}_4) T^2 \xi^7 \delta^9(x, y, z, w)$$

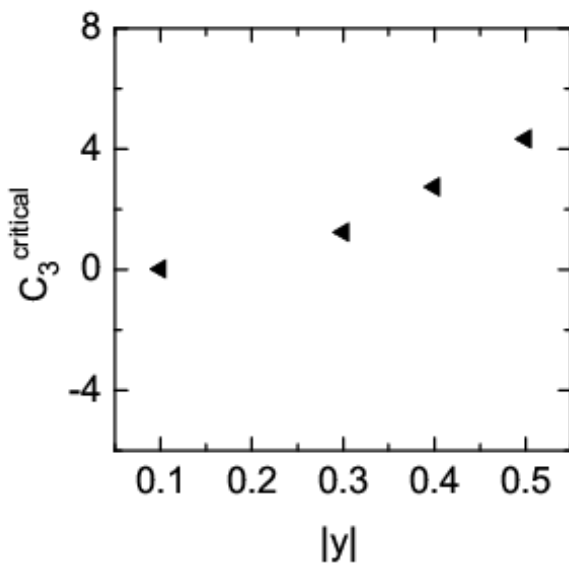
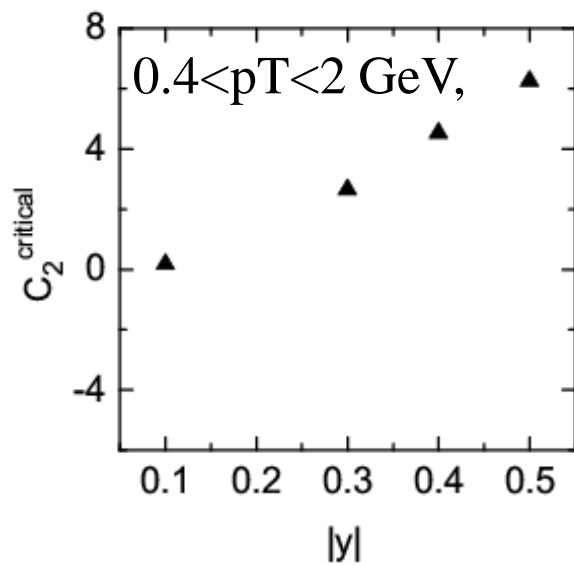
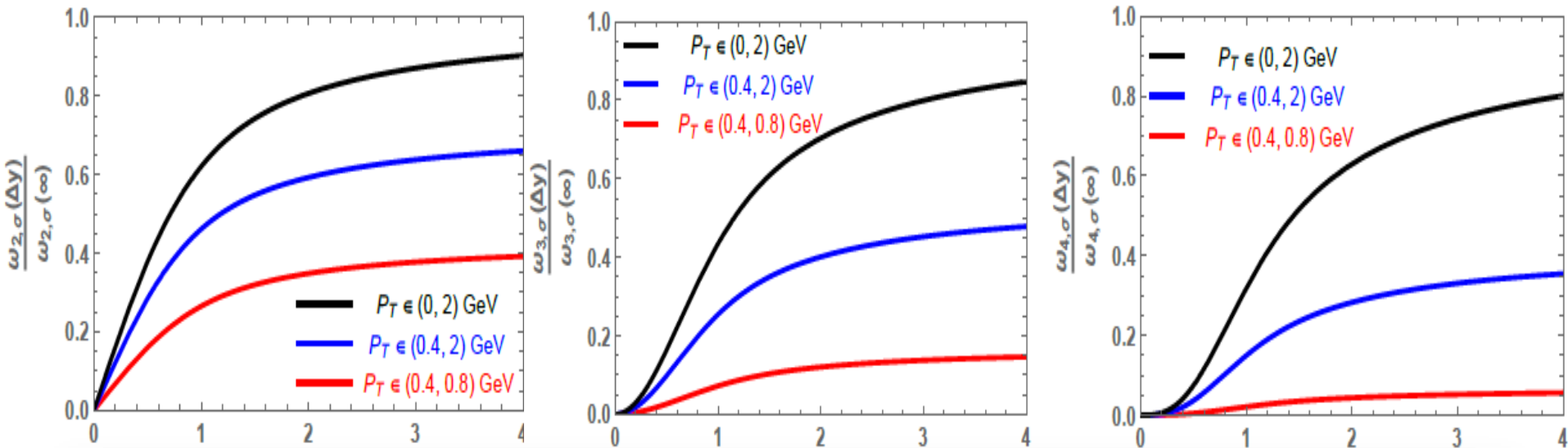
-The dependence on transverse momentum acceptance is very significant

- extension the rapidity coverage will significantly increase the magnitude of critical fluctuations

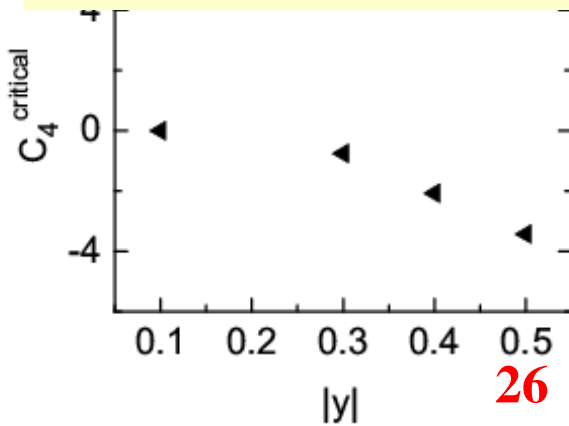
- freeze-out surface: Blast Wave model:

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Notes from Jiang & Song
with 3+1d freeze-out surf



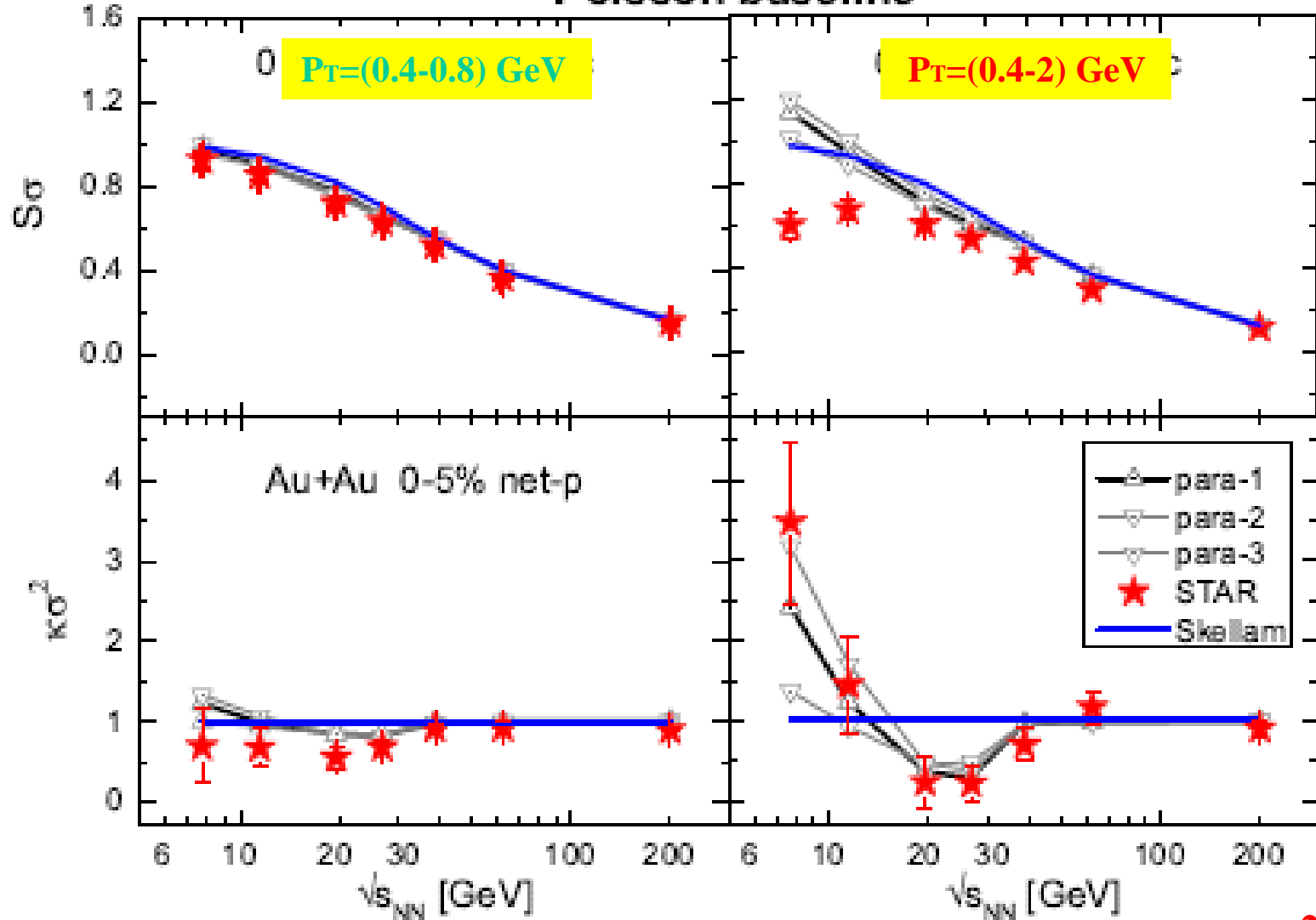
Comparison with the experimental data

-cumulants & cumulant ratios

$\kappa\sigma^2, S\sigma$: (Model + Poisson baselines)

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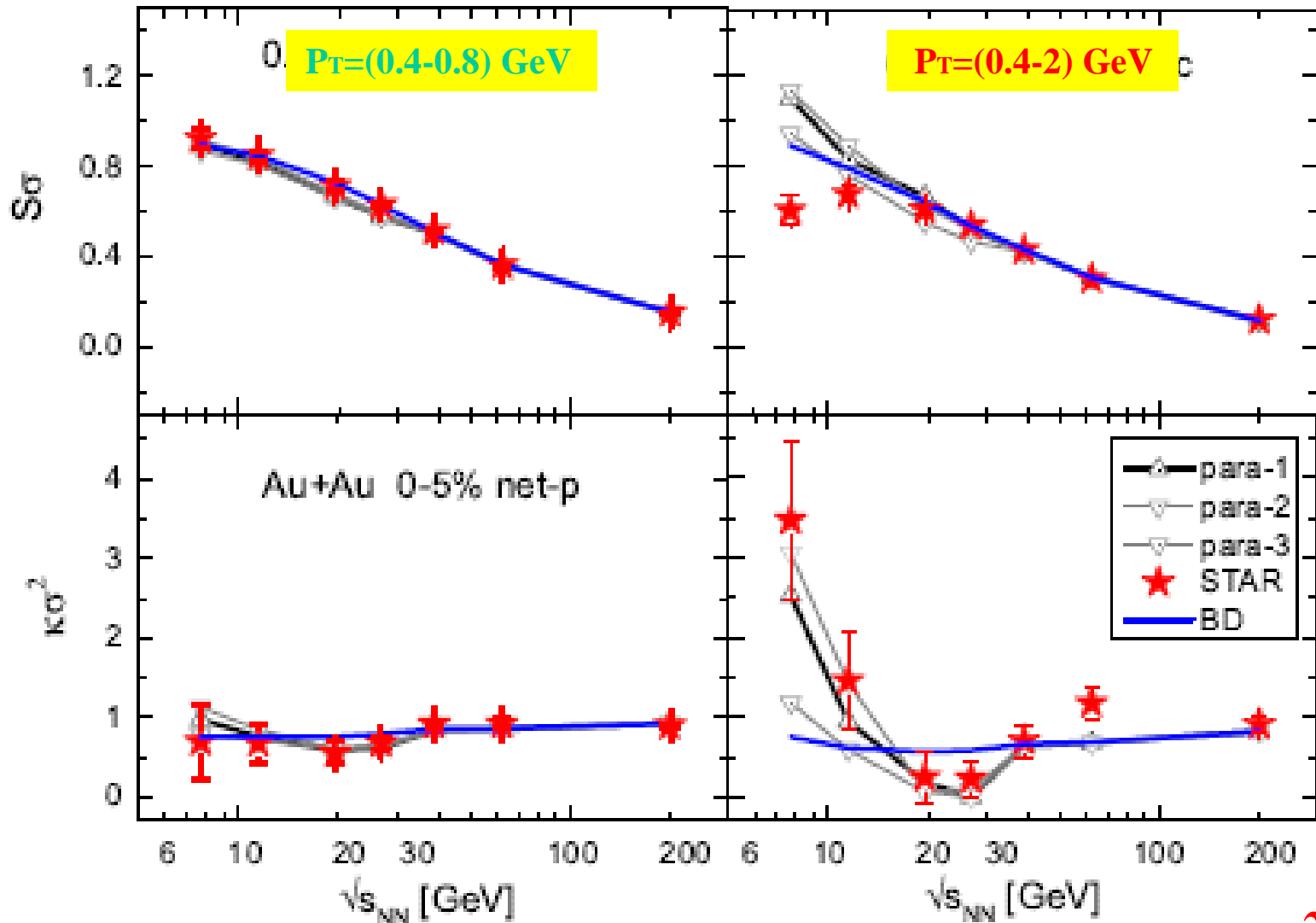
Net Protons: 0-5%



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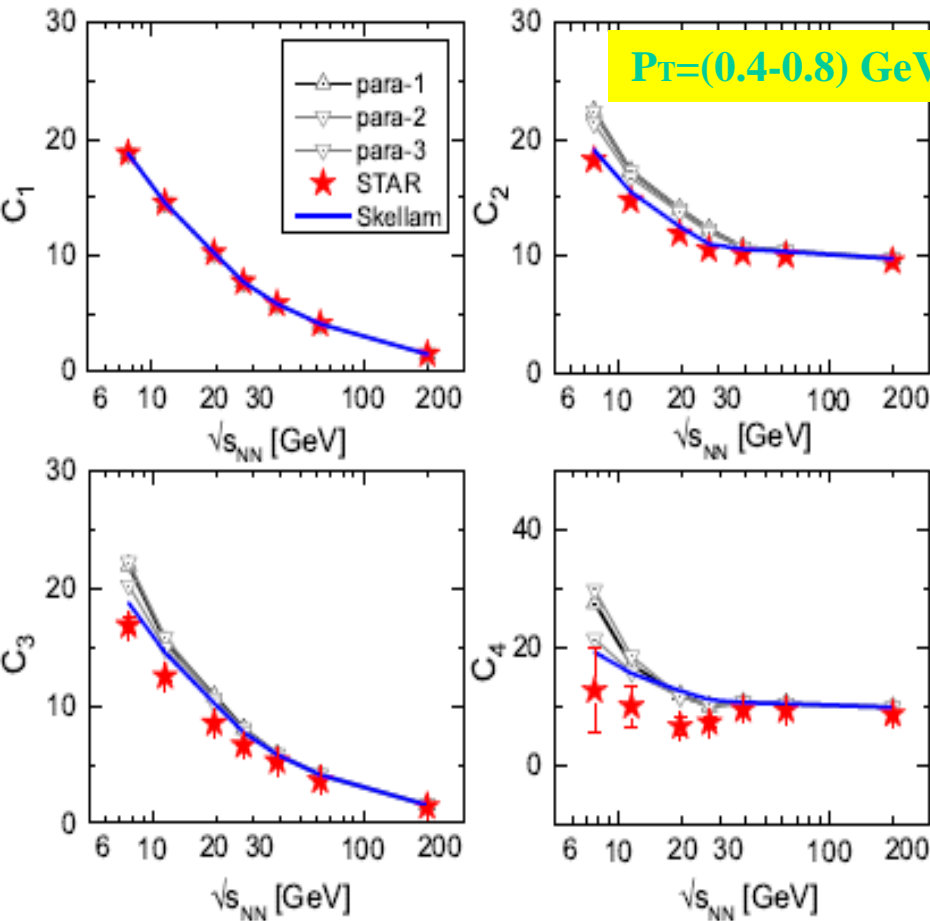
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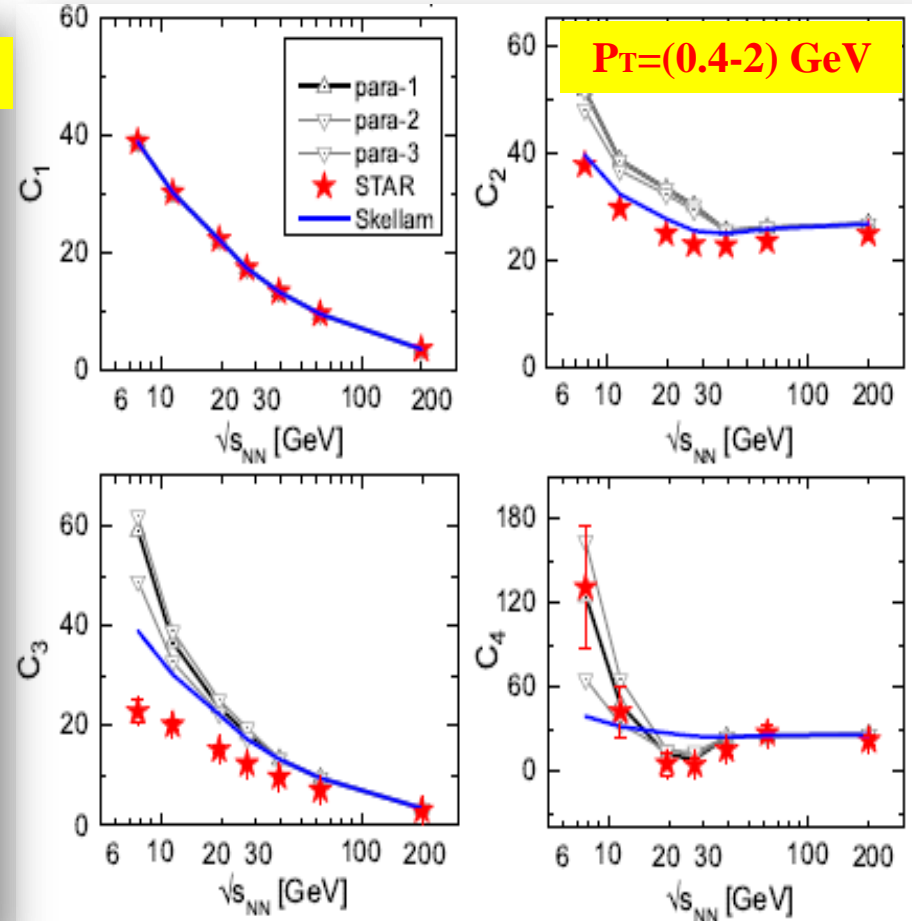


C_1 C_2 C_3 C_4 : (**Model + Poisson baselines**)

Net Protons 0-5%



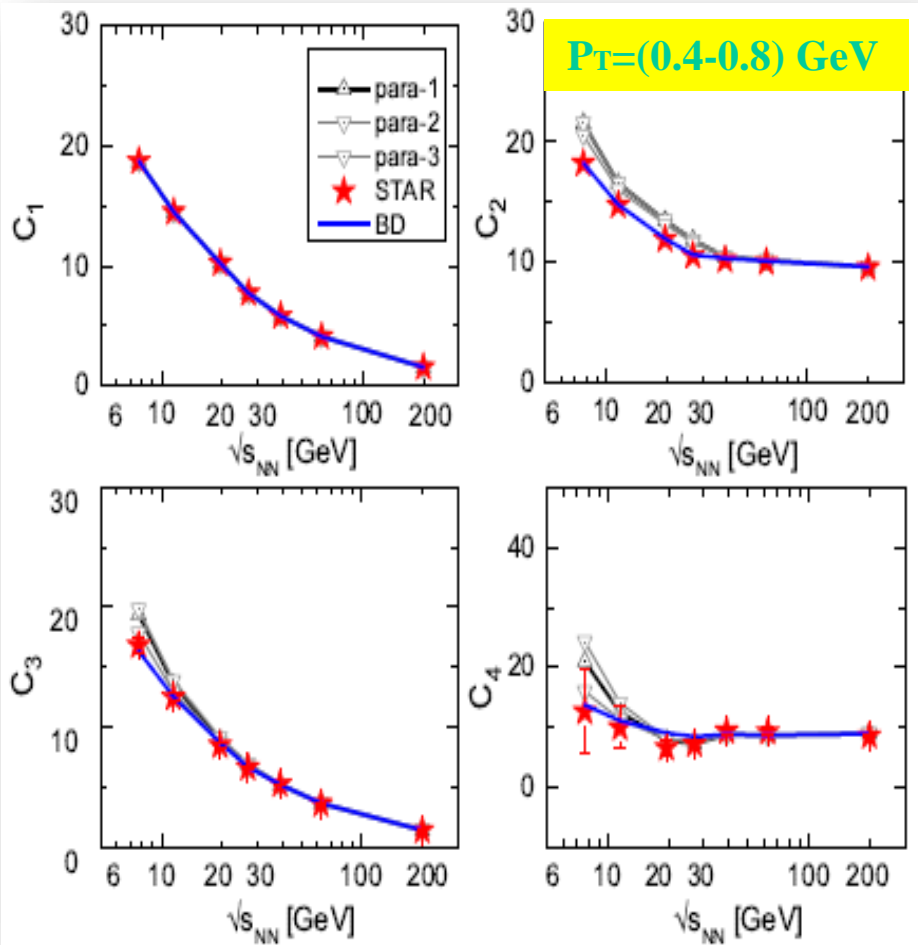
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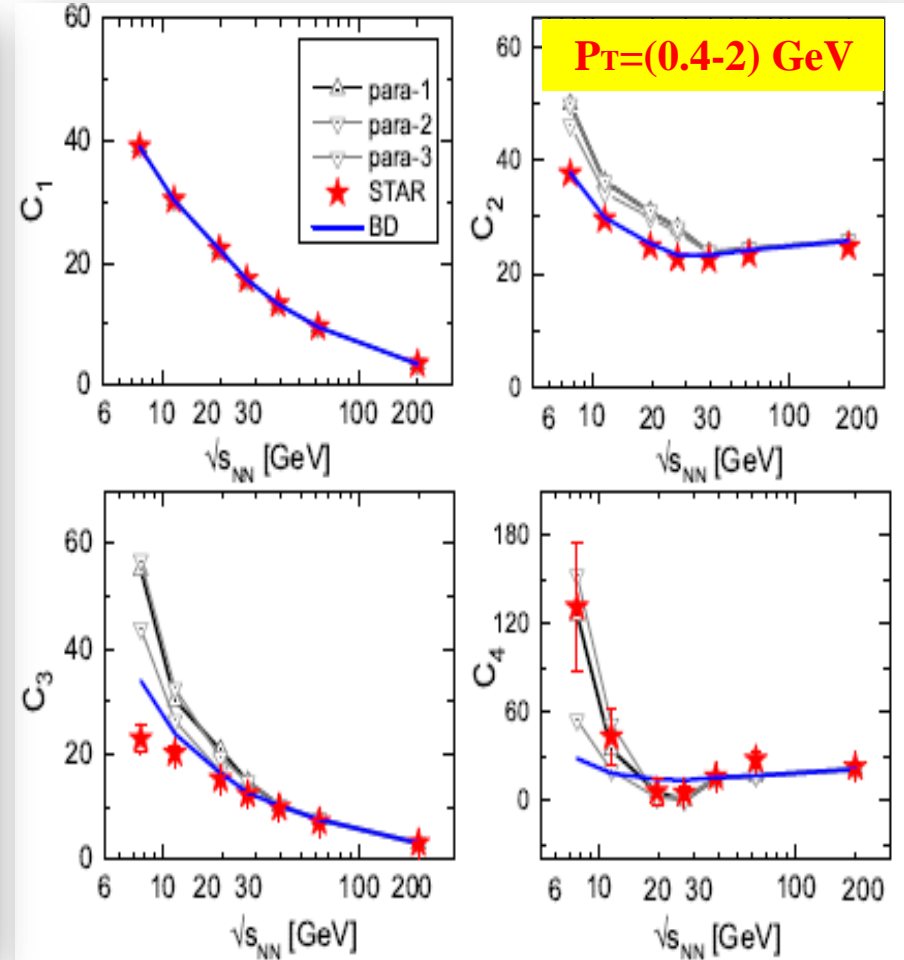
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C₁ C₂ C₃ C₄: Pt-(0.4-2) GeV (Model + Poisson baselines)

PT=(0.4-2) GeV

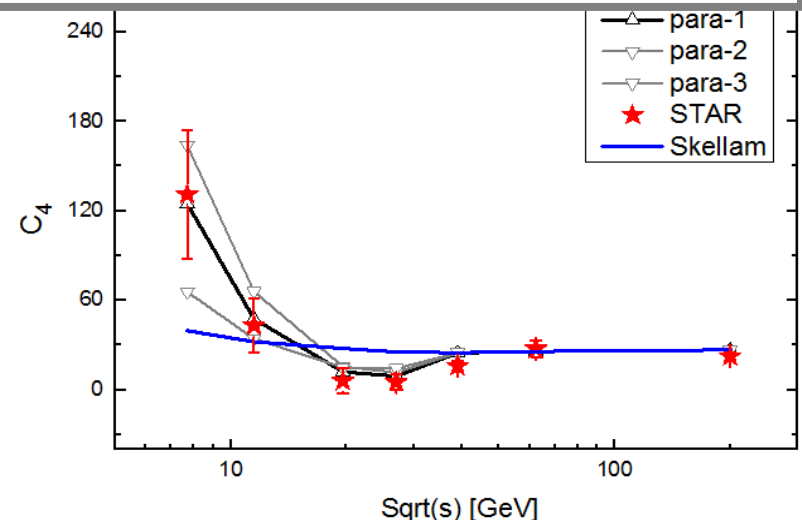
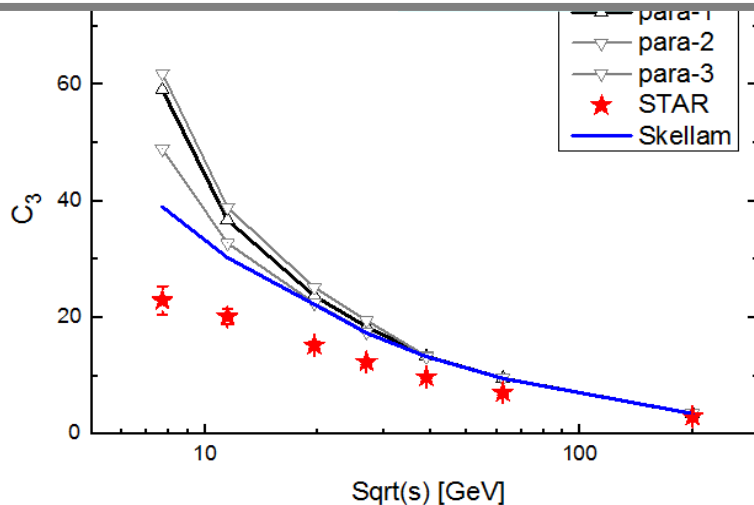
$$P[\sigma] \sim \exp \{-\Omega[\sigma]/T\},$$

$$\Omega[\sigma] = \int d^3x \left[\frac{1}{2} (\nabla\sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3} \sigma^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \sigma^4 \right],$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c = TD(x_1 - x_2),$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \rangle_c = -2T^2 \lambda_3 \int d^3z D(x_1 - z) D(x_2 - z) D(x_3 - z),$$

$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c = T^3 \int d^3z D(x_1 - z) D(x_2 - z) D(x_3 - z) D(x_4 - z) \\ + 12T^3 \lambda_3^2 \int d^3u \int d^3v D(x_1 - u) D(x_2 - u) D(x_3 - v) D(x_4 - v) D(u - v).$$



The contributions from STATIC critical fluctuations to C₂, C₃ are always positive (Both this model & early Stephanov PRL09 framework)

Dynamical Critical Fluctuations

Real time evolution of non-Gaussian cumulants

Mukherjee, Venugopalan & Yin PRC 2015

Zero mode of the sigma field:

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{1}{V} \int d^3x \sigma(\mathbf{x}),$$

Fokker-Planck equations:

$$\partial_\tau P(\sigma; \tau) = \frac{1}{(m_\sigma^2 \tau_{\text{eff}})} \left\{ \partial_\sigma \left[\partial_\sigma \Omega_0(\sigma) + V_4^{-1} \partial_\sigma \right] P(\sigma; \tau) \right\}$$

Coupled equations for higher order cumulants:

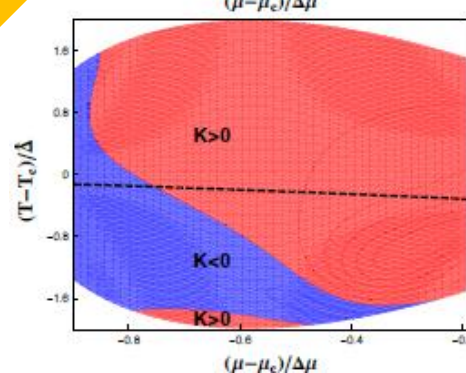
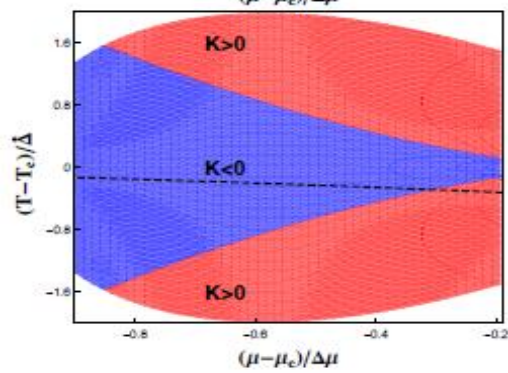
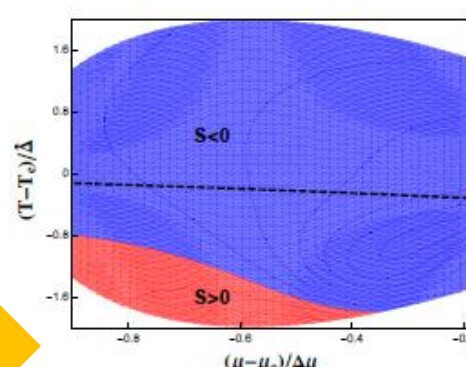
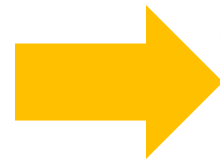
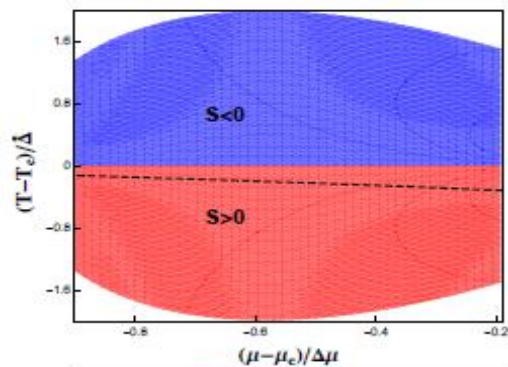
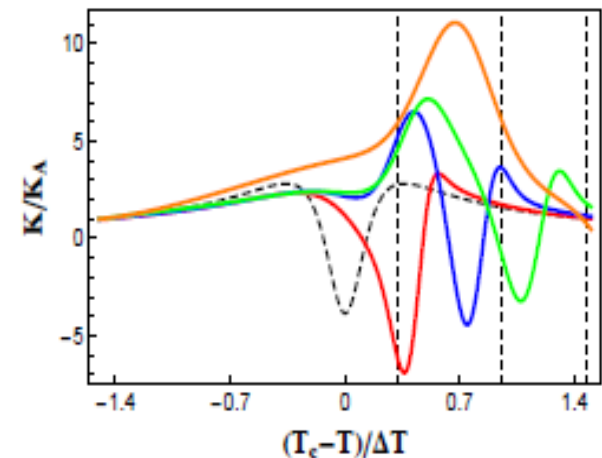
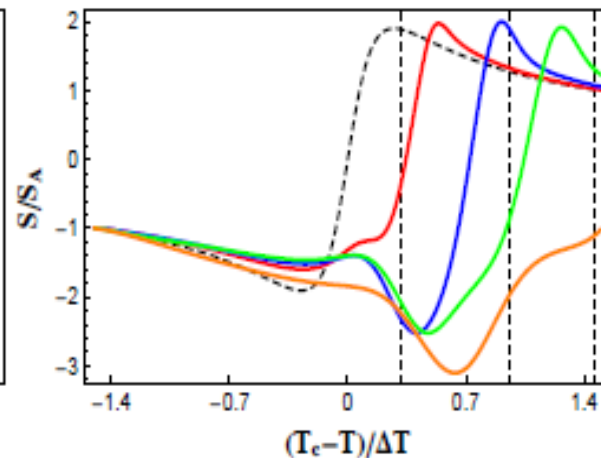
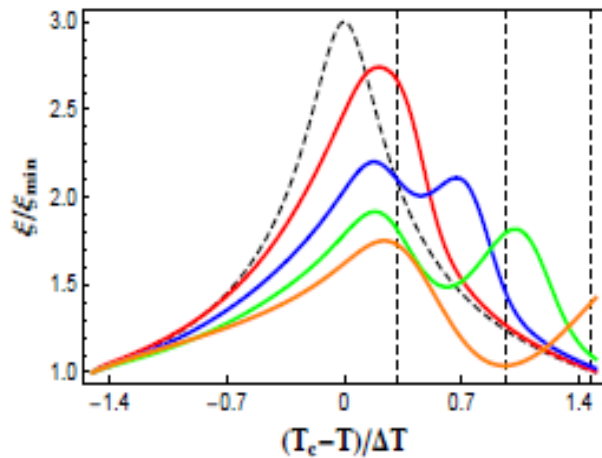
$$\partial_\tau \kappa_2(\tau) = -2 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} (b^2) \left[\left(\frac{\kappa_2}{b^2} \right) F_2(M) - 1 \right] [1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)],$$

$$\partial_\tau \kappa_3(\tau) = -3 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} (\epsilon b^3) \left[\left(\frac{\kappa_3}{\epsilon b^3} \right) F_2(M) + \left(\frac{\kappa_2}{b^2} \right)^2 F_3(M) \right] [1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)]$$

$$\partial_\tau \kappa_4(\tau) = -4 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} (\epsilon^2 b^4) \left\{ \left(\frac{\kappa_4}{\epsilon^2 b^4} \right) F_2(M) + 3 \left(\frac{\kappa_2}{b^2} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_3}{\epsilon b^3} \right) F_3(M) + \left(\frac{\kappa_2}{b^2} \right)^3 F_4 \right\} \\ \times [1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)]$$

Real time evolution of non-Gaussian cumulants

Mukherjee, Venugopalan & Yin PRC 2015



-Critical slowing down limits growth of correlation length

-Non-Gaussian cumulants do not follow growth of the correlation length

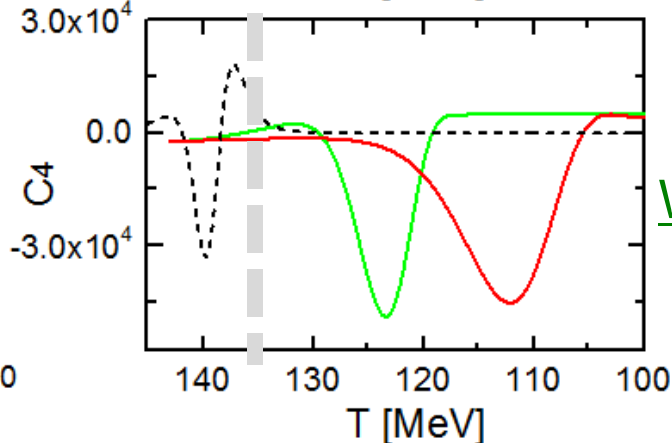
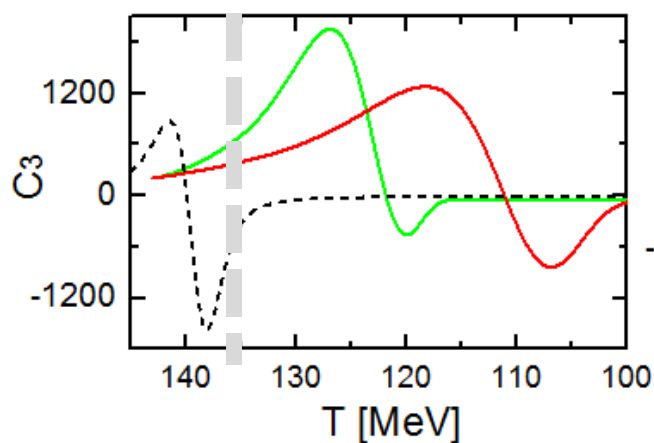
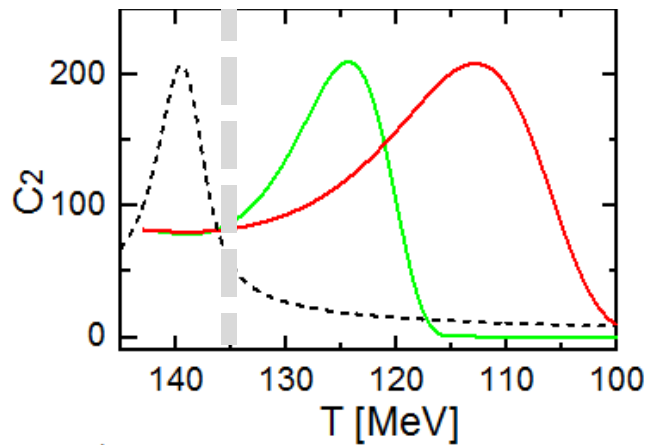
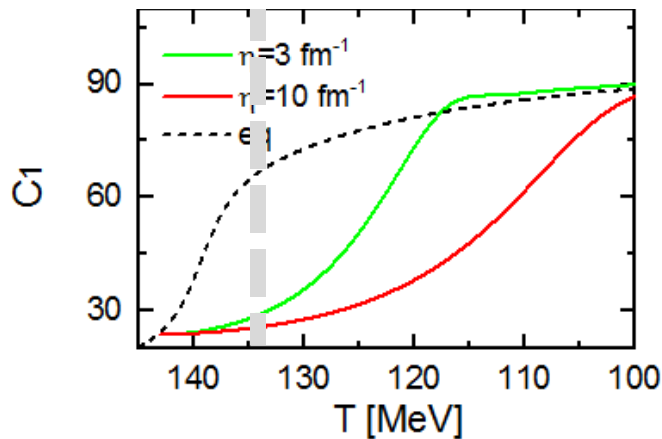
-Sign of the non-Gaussian cumulants can be different from the equilibrium one

Dynamical critical fluctuations of the sigma field

Langevin dynamics: $\partial^\mu \partial_\mu \sigma(t, x) + \eta \partial_t \sigma(t, x) + V'_{eff}(\sigma) = \xi(t, x)$

with effective potential from linear sigma model with constituent quarks

$$V_{eff}(\sigma) = U(\sigma) + \Omega_{\bar{q}q}(T, \sigma) = \frac{\lambda^2}{4} (\sigma^2 - \nu^2)^2 - h_q \sigma - U_0 - 2d_q T \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(-\frac{E}{T} \right) \right)$$



$$\frac{T(t)}{T_0} = \left(\frac{t}{t_0} \right)^{-0.45}$$

-The sign of C_3 is different from the equilibrium one due to the memory effects

Work in the near future

Coupling sigma field with particles; Study the dynamical critical fluctuations of net protons

Preliminary

Summary and outlook

RHIC BES Experiment:

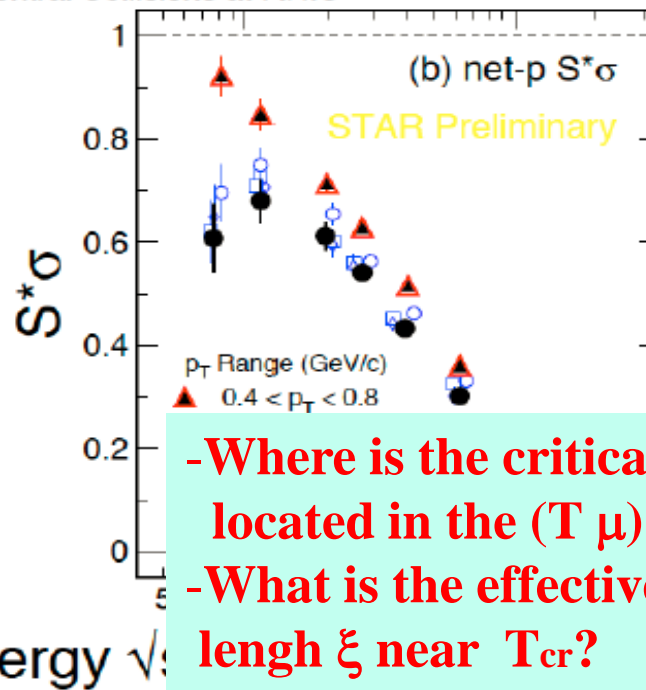
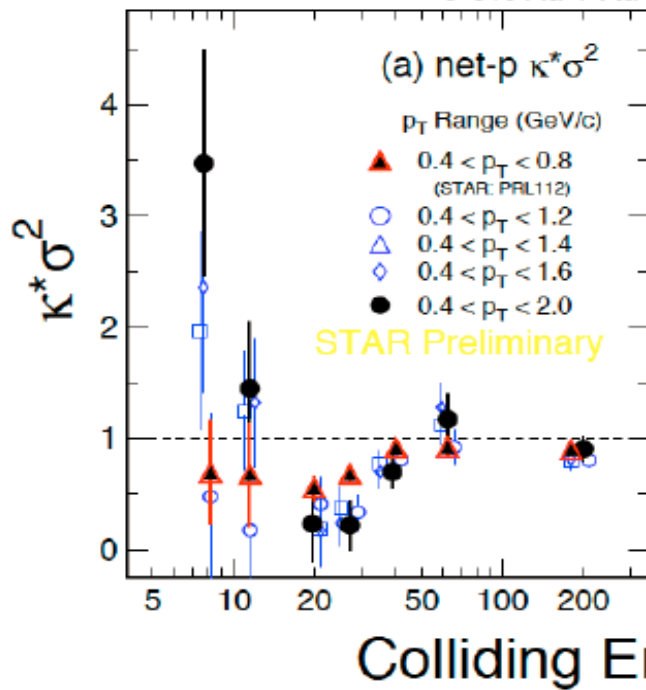
STAR BES give exiting results on the net proton cumulants with $p_T=(0.4-2)$ GeV, showing its potential of discovery the QCD critical point

Static critical fluctuations:

- qualitatively explain the acceptance dependence of critical fluctuations
- C_4 and $\kappa\sigma^2$ can be reproduced through tuning the parameters of the model
- However C_2 , C_3 are well above the poisson/BN baselines, which can NOT explain/describe the data

Dynamical critical fluctuations:

- Sign of the C_3 , C_4 cumulants can be different from the equilibrium one due to the memory effects



-Where is the critical points located in the (T, μ) plane ?
 -What is the effective correlation length ξ near T_{cr} ?

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-Full development of the dynamical model near the critical point is needed

- microscopic/ macroscopic evolution of the bulk of matter, together with the evolution of the order parameter field
- proper treatment of freeze-out with the order parameter field
- interactions between thermal & critical fluctuations

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-Thermal (non-critical) fluctuation baselines

Other related issues/open questions:

- Can we construct /or numerically simulate a perfect non-critical fluctuation baseline? (so the deviation from such baselines could indicate the critical fluctuation signal)
- Before the full development of a full dynamical model, is there any signal that can that directly associate with the existence of the critical point?
 - Acceptance dependence of net proton fluctuations?
 - non-monotonic behaviors of $k\sigma^2$ of net proton fluctuations???
- Can we construct some other universal observables?

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Thank You

Boltzmann approach with external field

Stephanov PRD 2010

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - U(\sigma)) - \int ds M(\sigma),$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial^2 \sigma + dU/d\sigma + (dM/d\sigma) \int_p f/\gamma = 0. \\ \frac{p^\mu}{M} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} + \partial^\mu M \frac{\partial f}{\partial p^\mu} + C[f] = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

-analytical solution with perturbative expansion, please refer to Stephanov PRD 2010

Stationary solution for the Boltzmann equation with external field

$$f_\sigma(\mathbf{p}) = e^{\mu/T} e^{-\gamma(\mathbf{p})M/T}.$$

Effective particle mass: $M = M(\sigma) = g\sigma$