

Critical and non-critical fluctuations at RHIC BES

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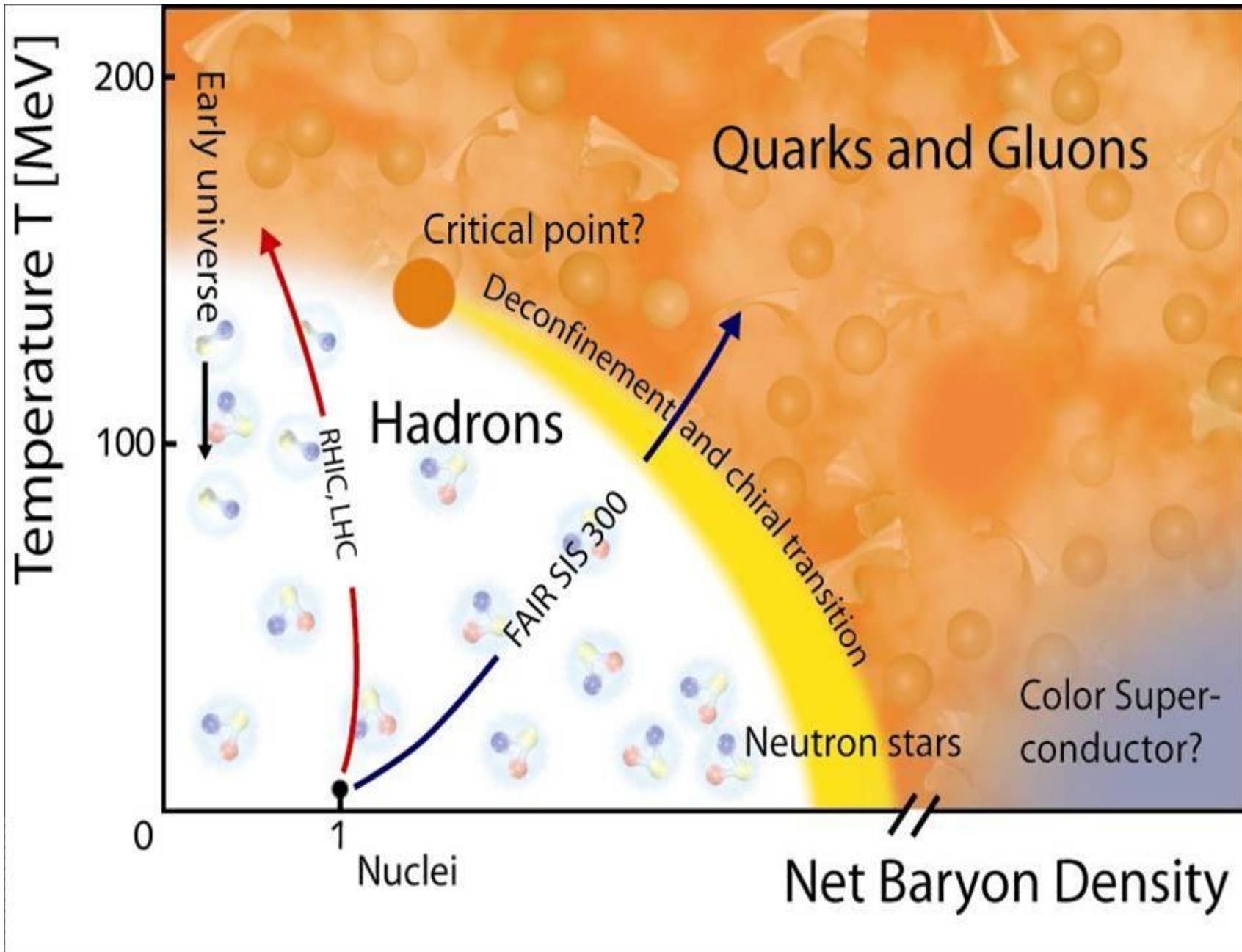
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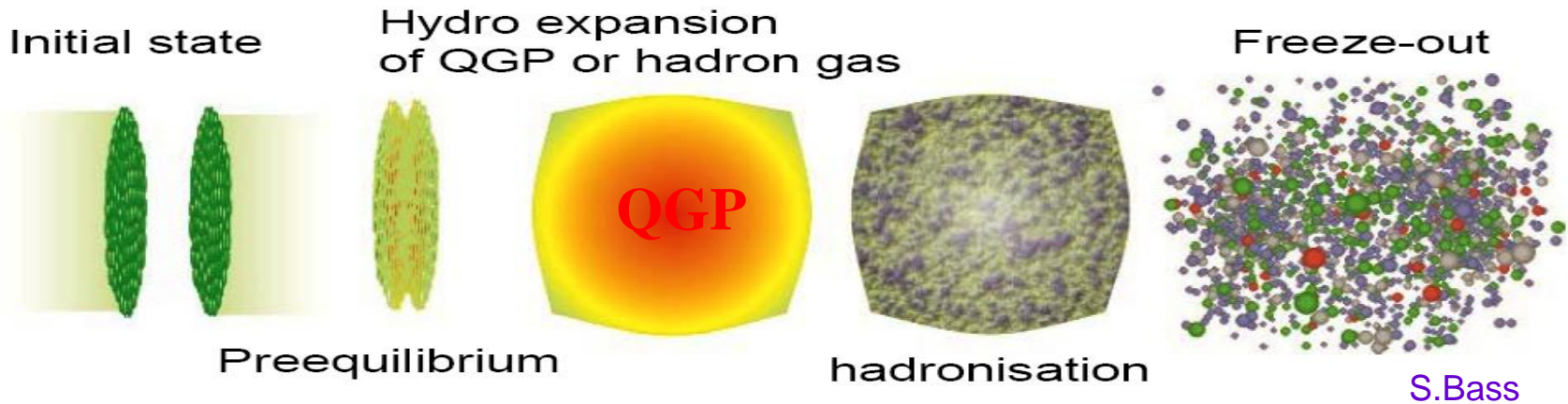
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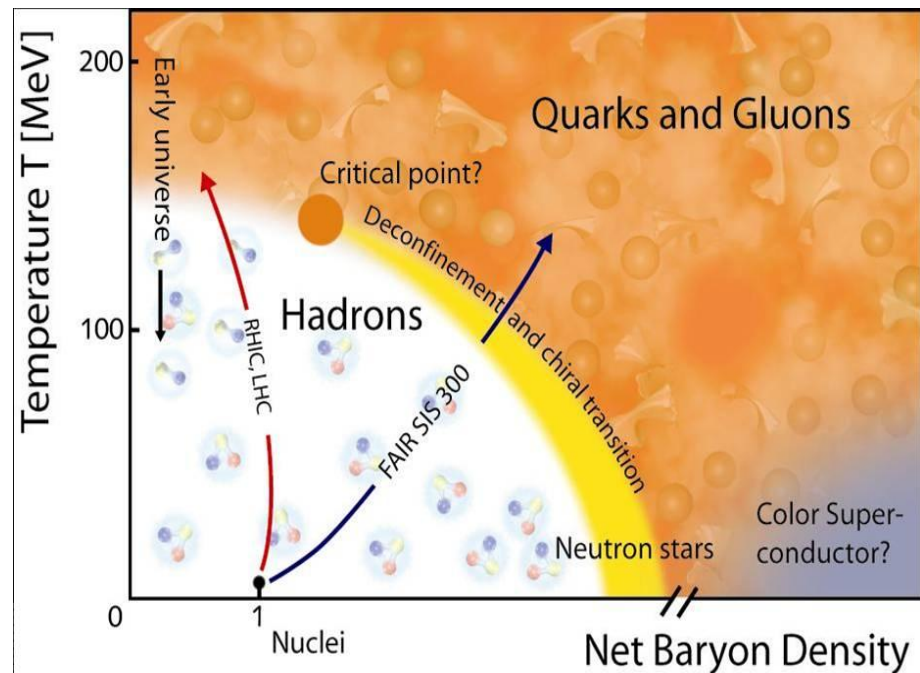




Correlations & fluctuations

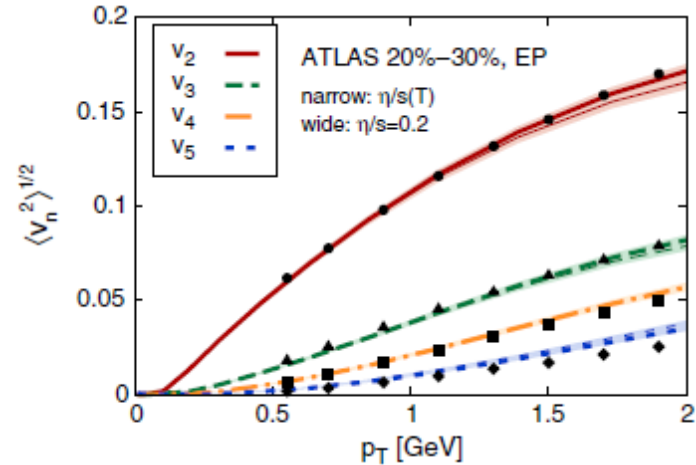
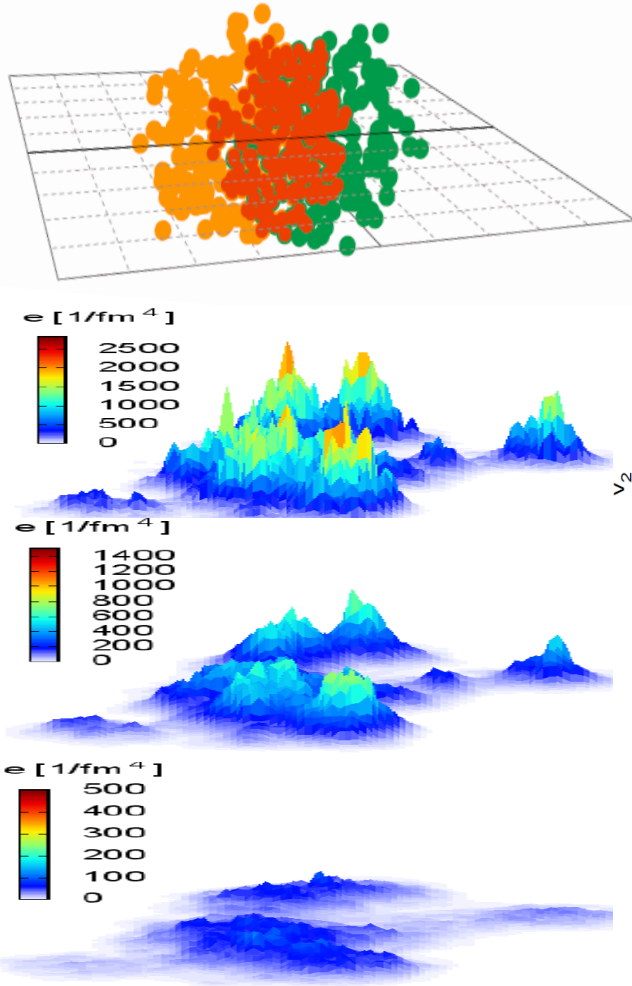
-Correlated fluctuations near the QCD critical point

-Non-critical (thermal) fluctuations

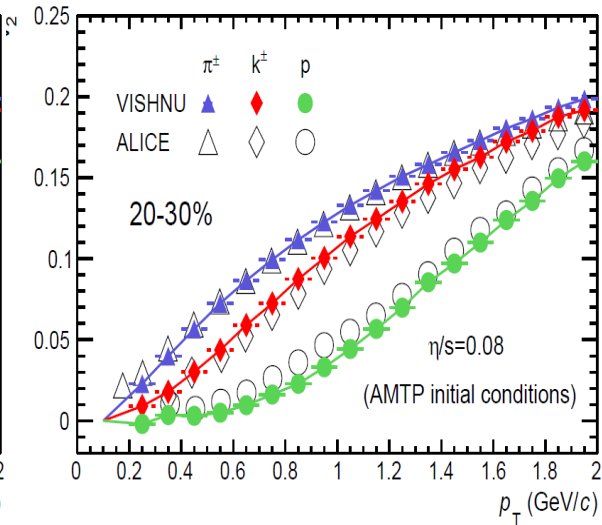
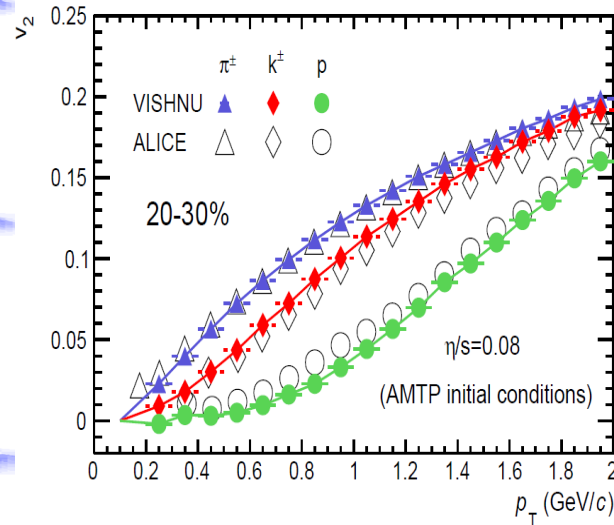


Initial state fluctuations & final state Correlations

C. Gale, PRL2013



Xu, Li & Song, PRC 2016



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

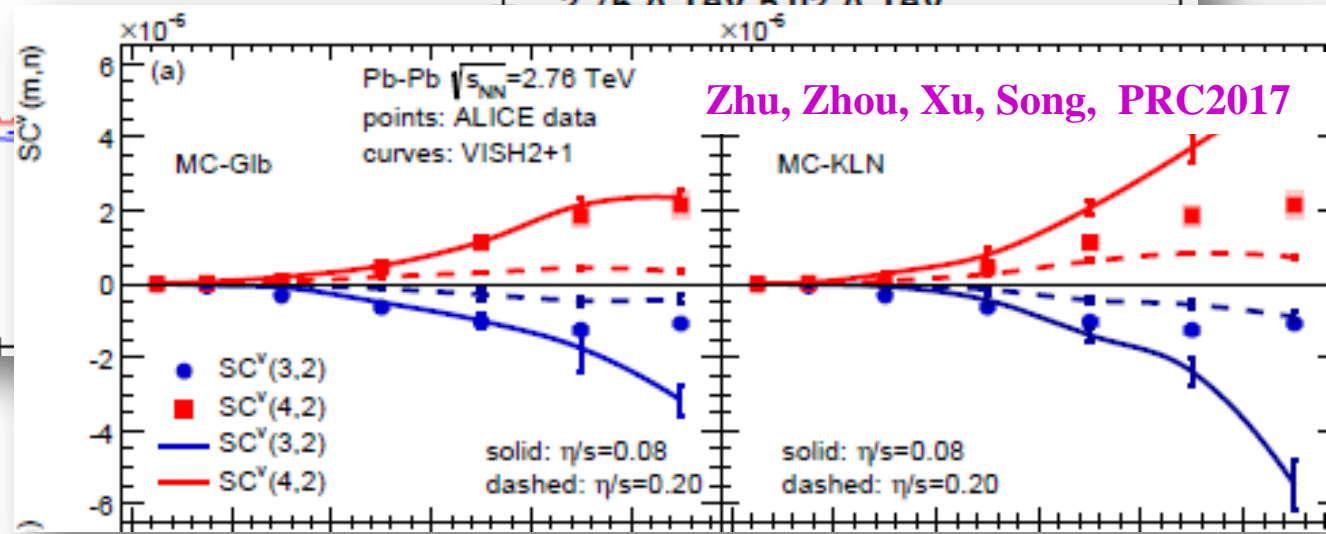
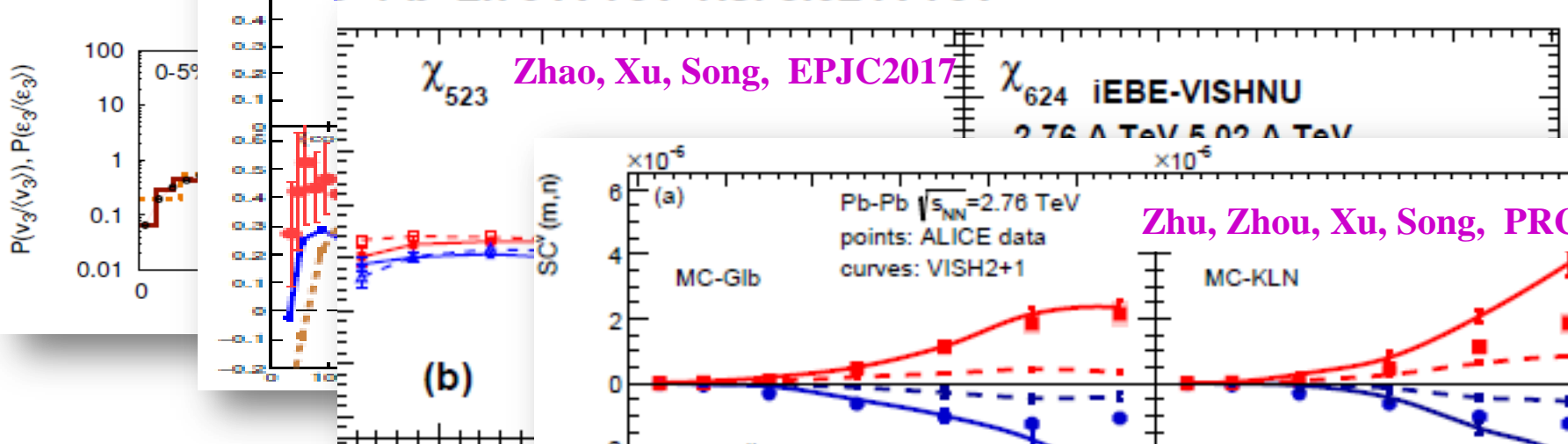
More observables for initial state fluctuations



- V_n distributions

-non-linear response coeff.

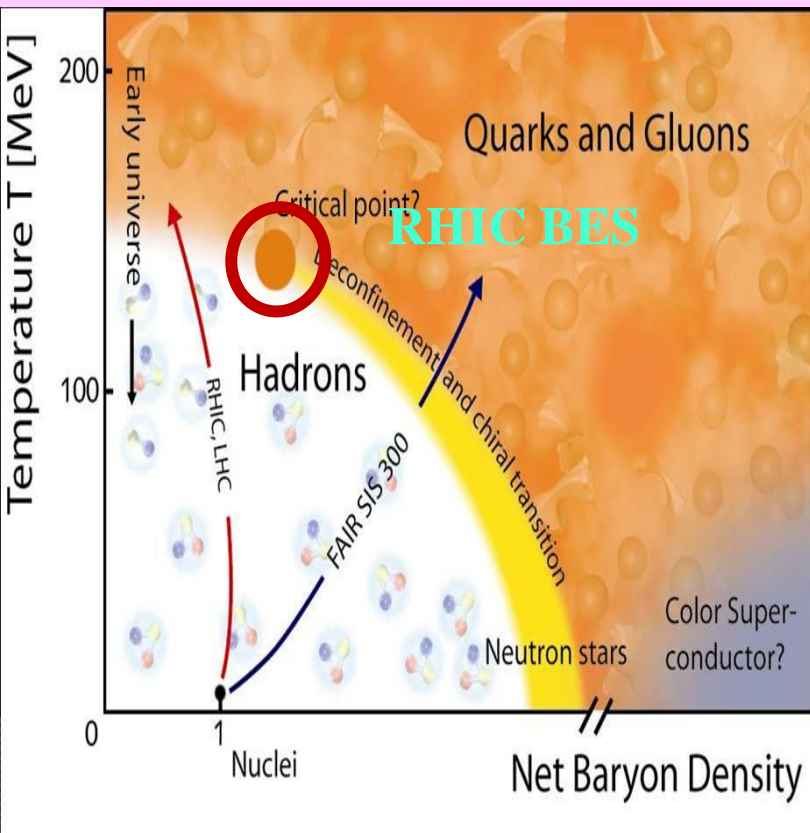
-Correlations of Flow Harmonics



Zhu, Zhou, Xu, Song, PRC2017

-Various flow data reflect the information of initial state fluctuations, some of them provide strong constraint for initial conditions

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
- Static** vs **dynamical** critical fluct.

Static (equilibrium) critical fluctuations

Theoretical predictions on critical fluctuations

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

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

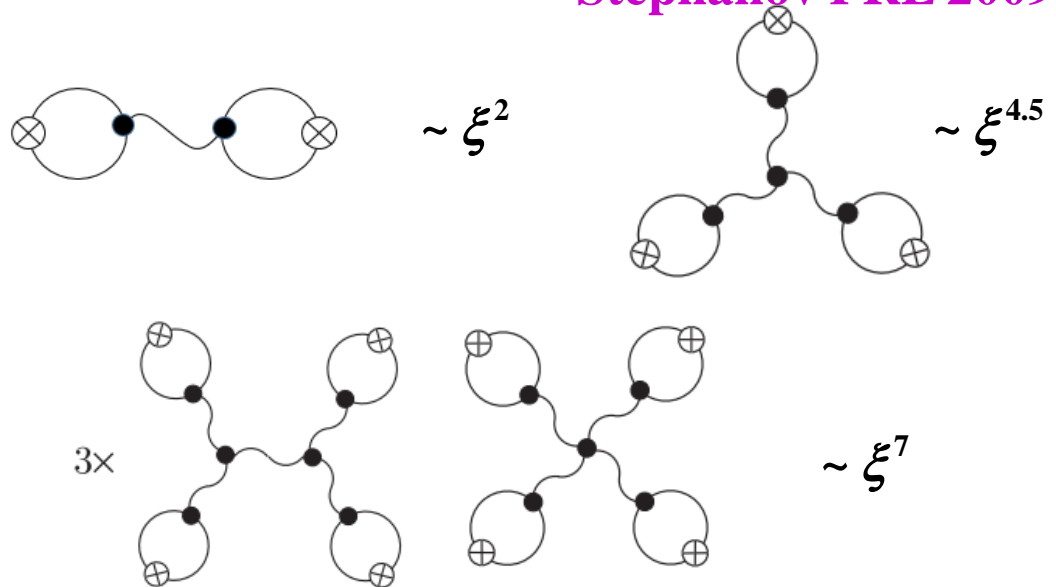
Stephanov PRL 2009

Critical Fluctuations of particles :

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

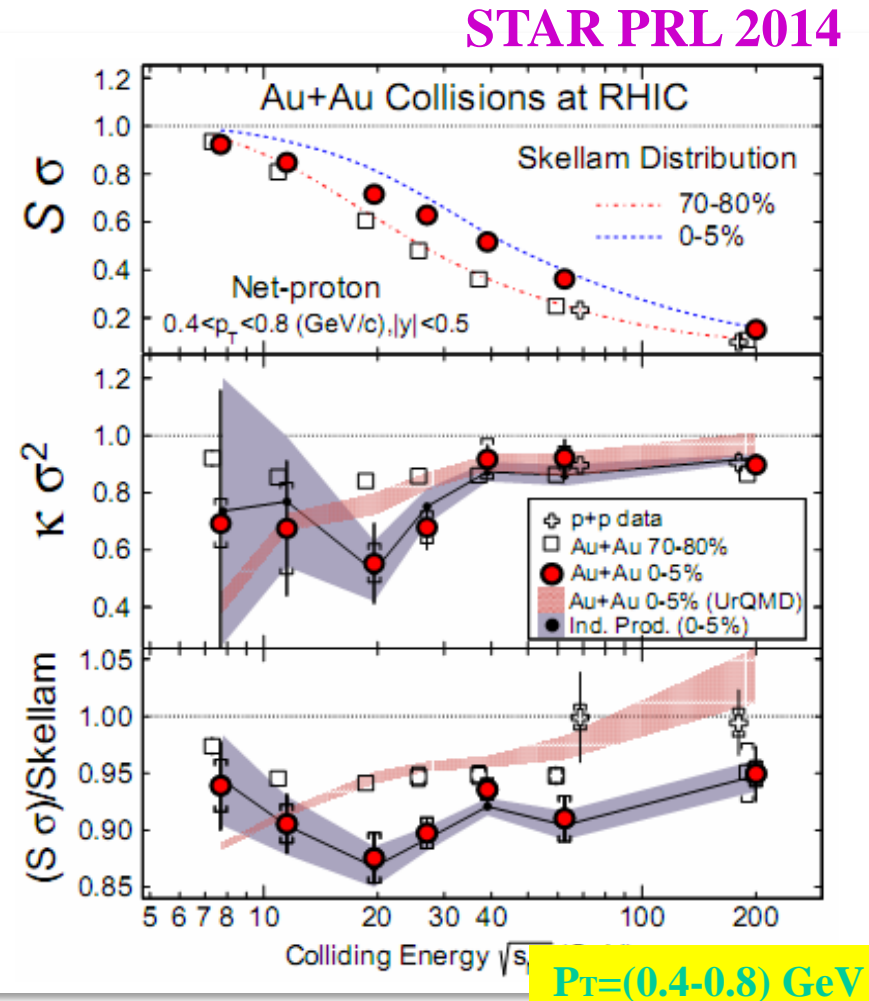
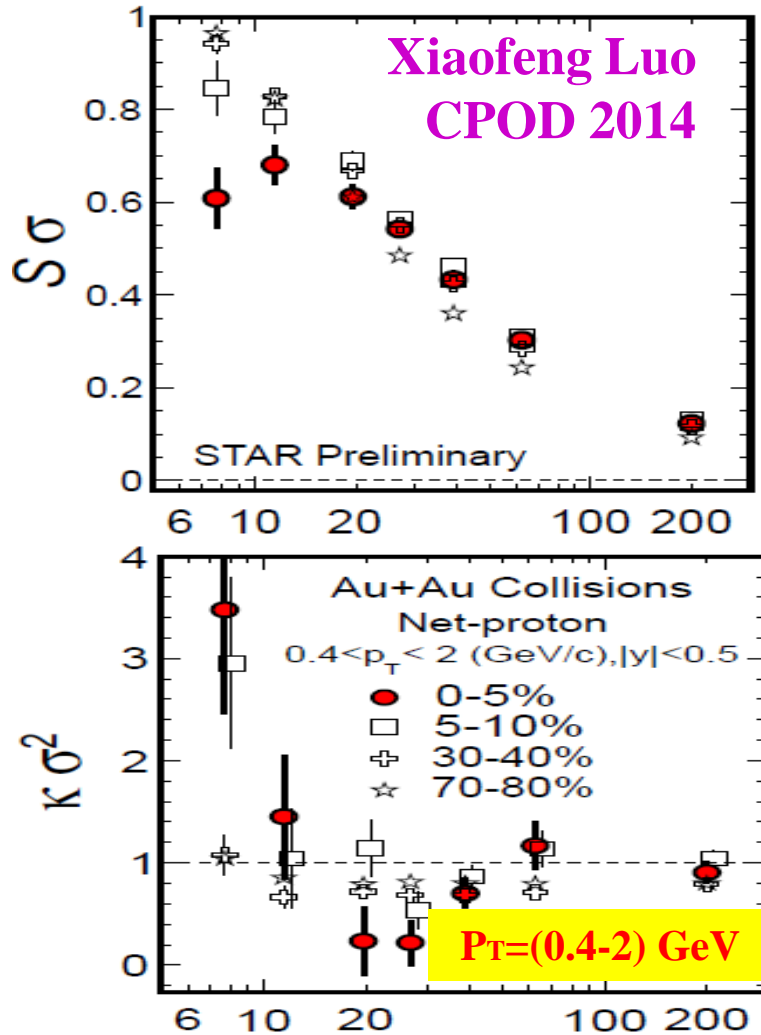
$$\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \sim \xi^{4.5}$$

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



Higher cummulants (ratios) of net protons are sensitive observables to probe the QCD critical point

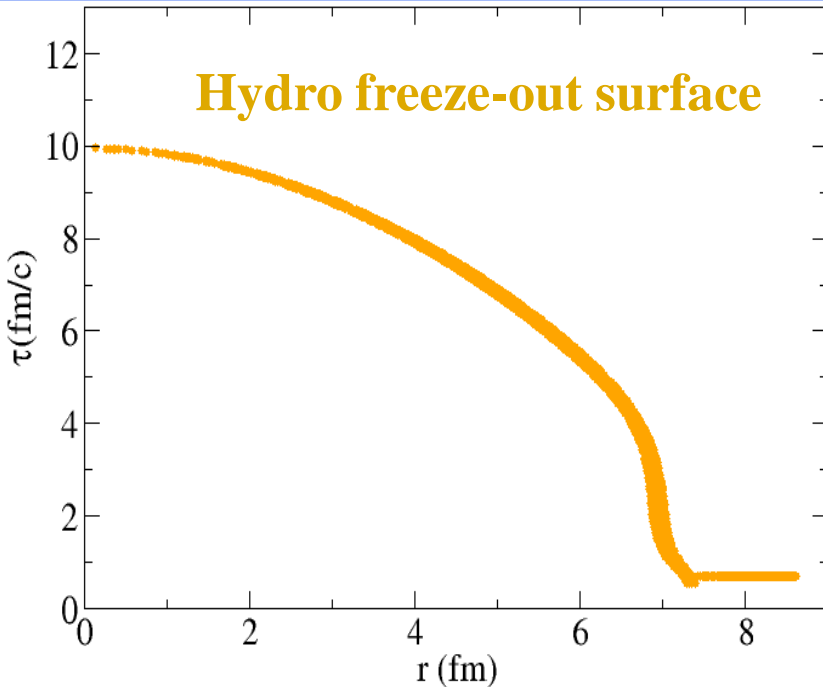
STAR BES: Cumulant ratios



-Non-monotonic behavior, large deviation from the Poisson baseline

How to systematically describe the collision energy, centrality and acceptance cut dependence ?

Freeze-out Scheme near the Critical Points



Jiang, Li & Song, PRC 2016

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}

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

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, p) &= f_0(x, p)[1 - g\sigma(x)/(\gamma T)] \\ &= f_0 + \delta f \end{aligned}$$

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

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

CORRELATED particle emissions along the freeze-out surface

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

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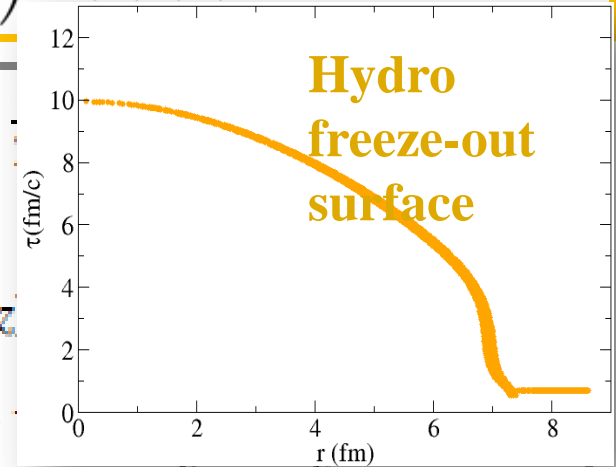
$$\langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle_c = \left(\frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right)^4 \left(\prod_{i=1,2,3,4} \left(\frac{1}{E_i} \int d^3 p_i \int_{\Sigma_i} p_{i\mu} d\sigma_i^\mu d\eta_i \right) \right) \frac{f_{01} f_{02} f_{03} f_{04}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \gamma_4} \frac{g^4}{T^4} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 \rangle_c$$

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

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

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

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



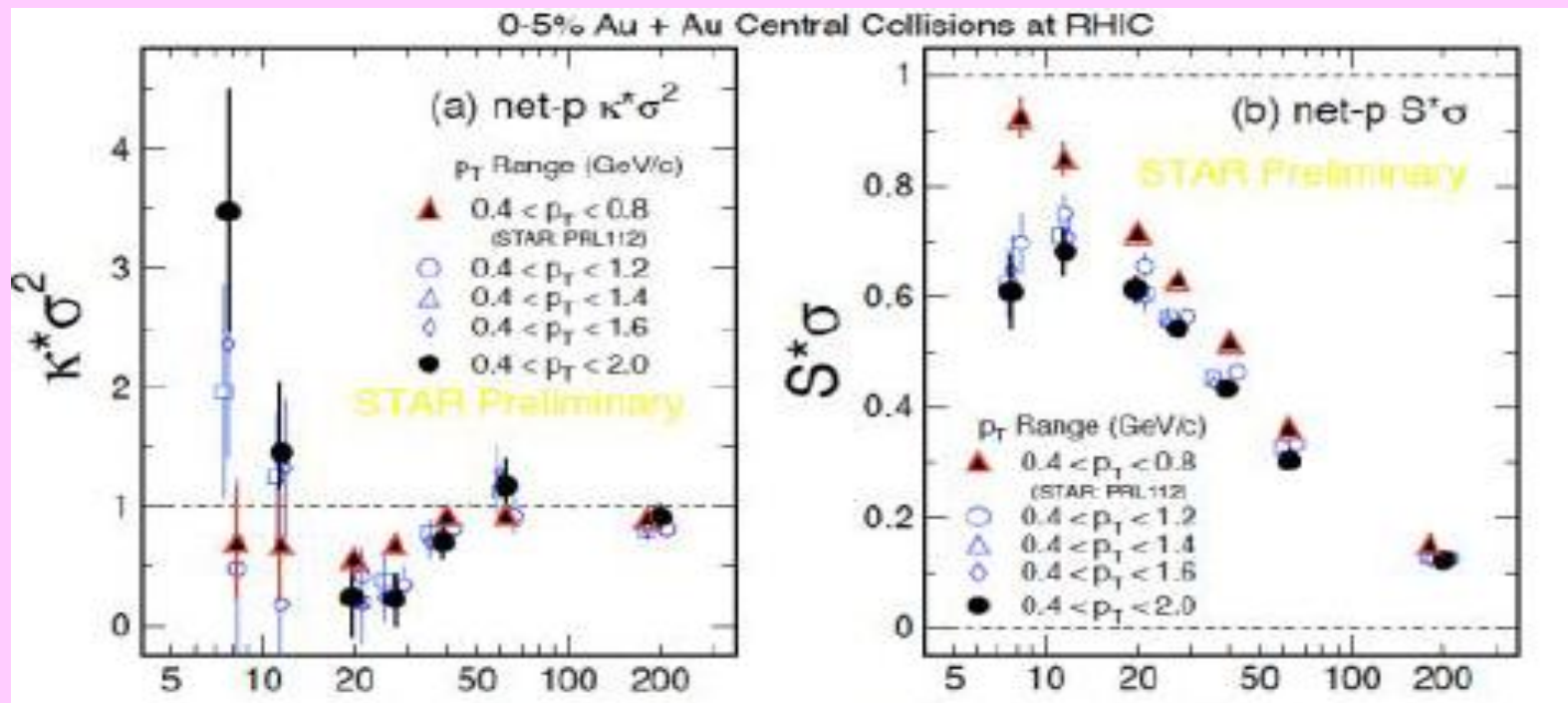
-- **Static critical fluctuations along the freeze-out surface**

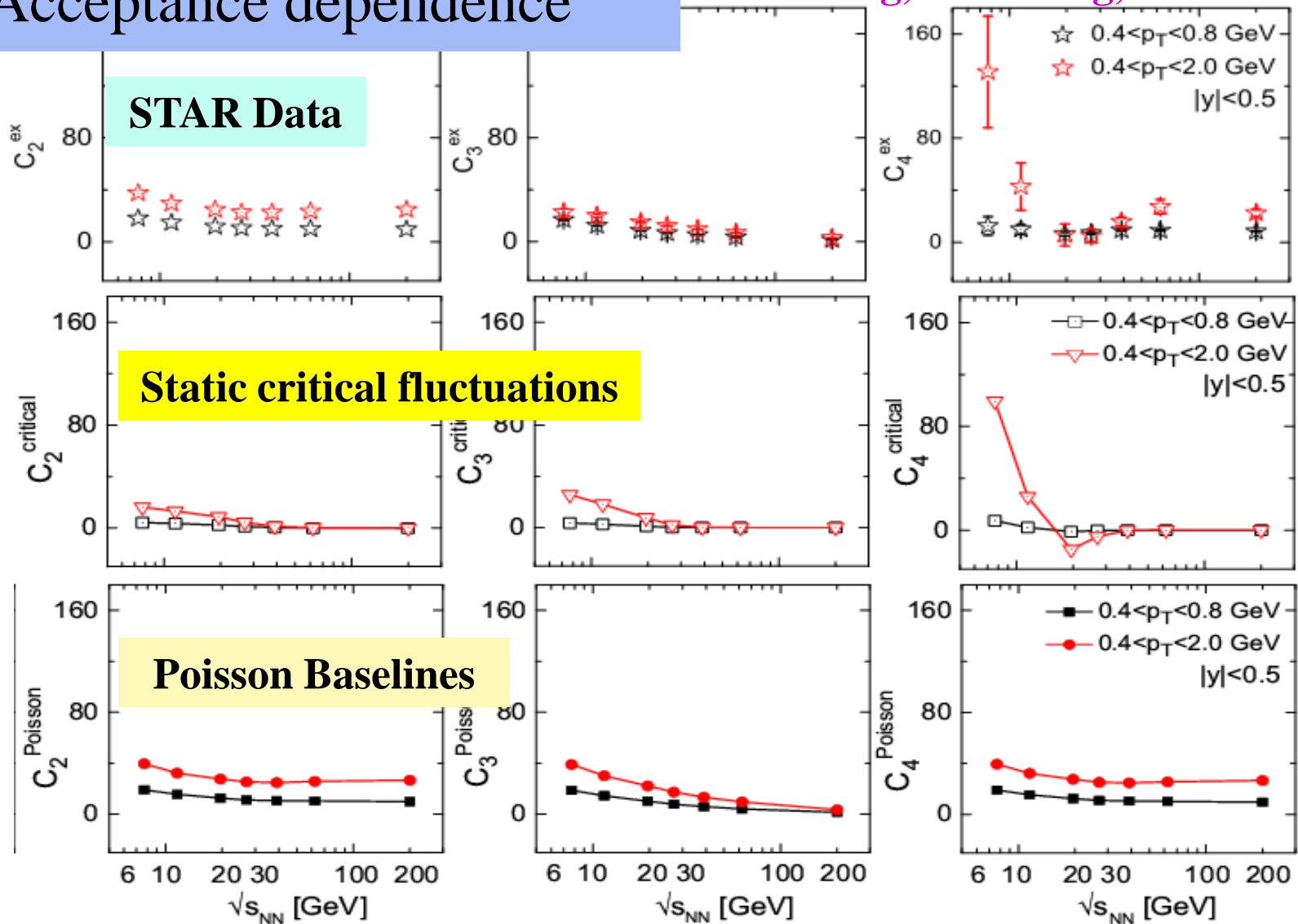
Note: for static & infinite medium, the results in Stephanov PRL09 can be reproduced

Static (equil.) critical fluctuations

-comparison with the exp.data

- Acceptance dependence
- Cumulants & cumulant ratios



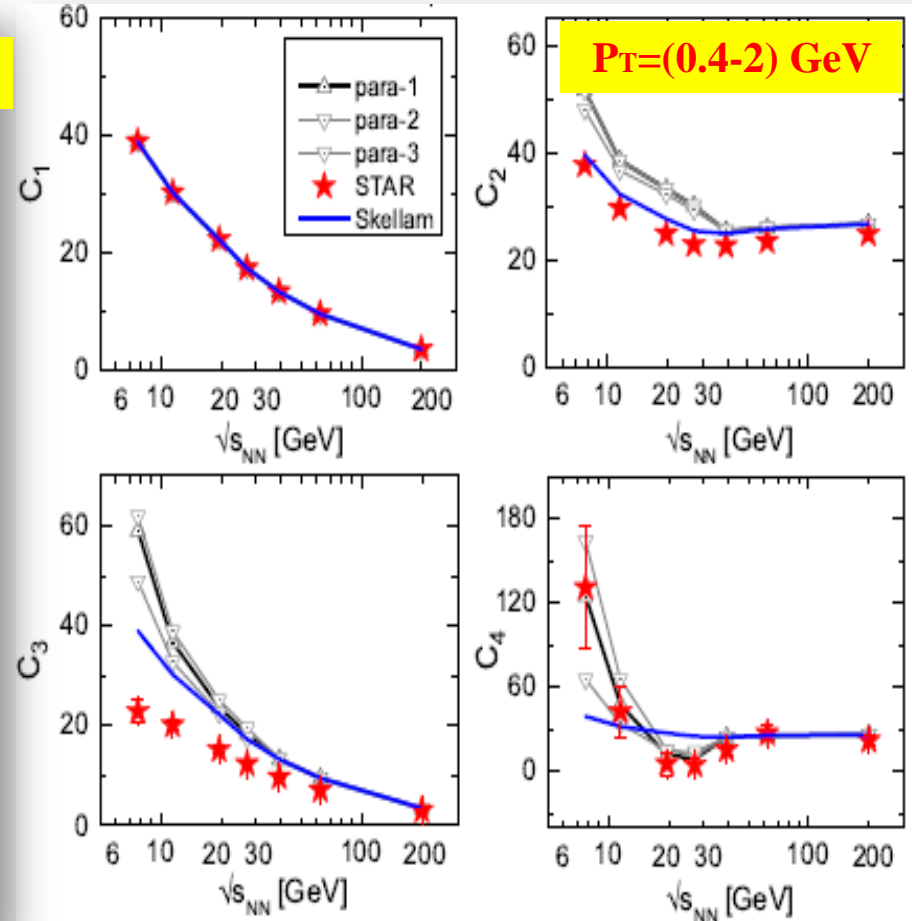
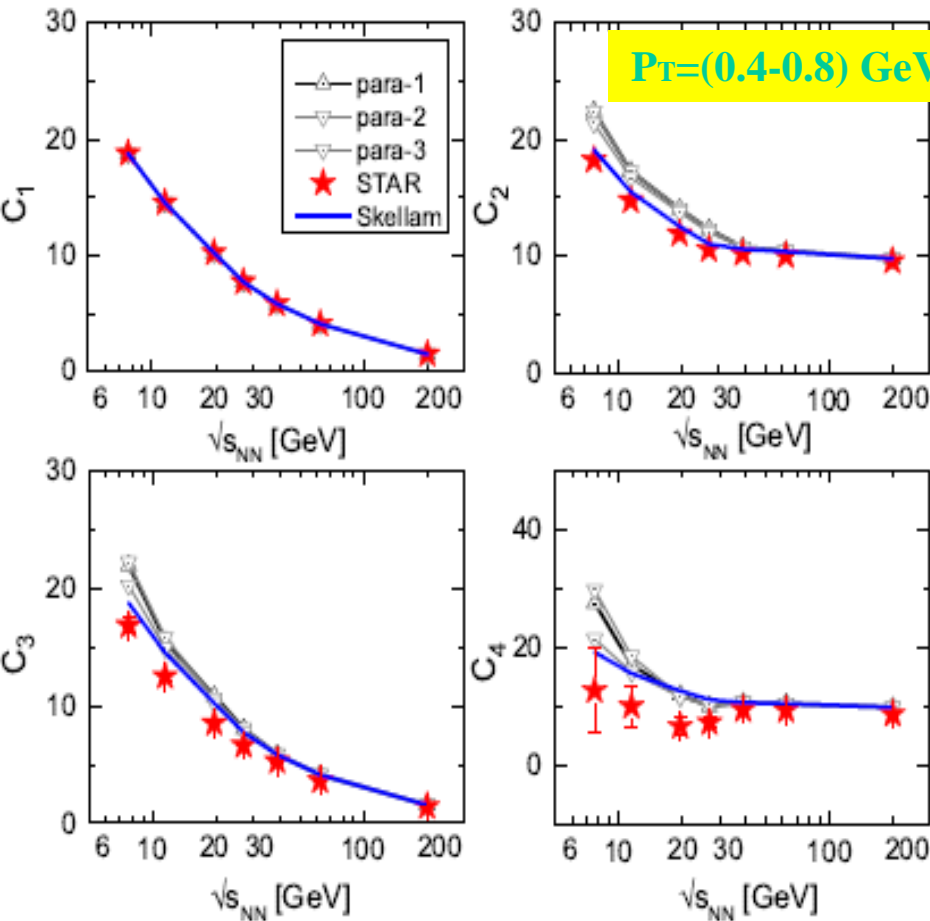


-Static critical fluctuations can qualitatively explain the acceptance dependence of the STAR data

Cumulants of net protons

Jiang, Li & Song, PRC2016

Net Protons 0-5%



Static critical fluctuations give positive contribution to C_2 , C_3 ; well above the poisson baselines, can NOT explain/describe the C_2 , C_3 data

Dynamical (non-equilibrium) Critical Fluctuations

-Static (equilibrium) universality class

-QCD matter, 3-D Ising model, gas-liquid

-Dynamical universality class

-whether or not the order parameter is conserved

-other conserved quantities in the system

-Model A: non-conserved order parameter

-Model B: conserved order parameter;

-Model H: conserved energy and baryons density,
non-conserved order parameter

... ..

-Other dynamical model: chiral hydrodynamics, hydro+

Effects from dynamical evolutions

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

-Model A

near-equilibrium limit:

$$\delta \kappa_n = \kappa_n - \kappa_n^{\text{eq}}$$

Signs of skewness & kurtosis

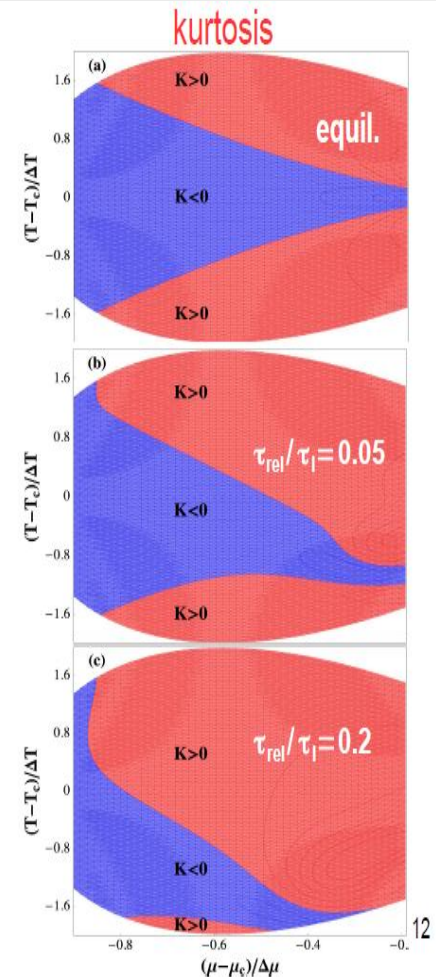
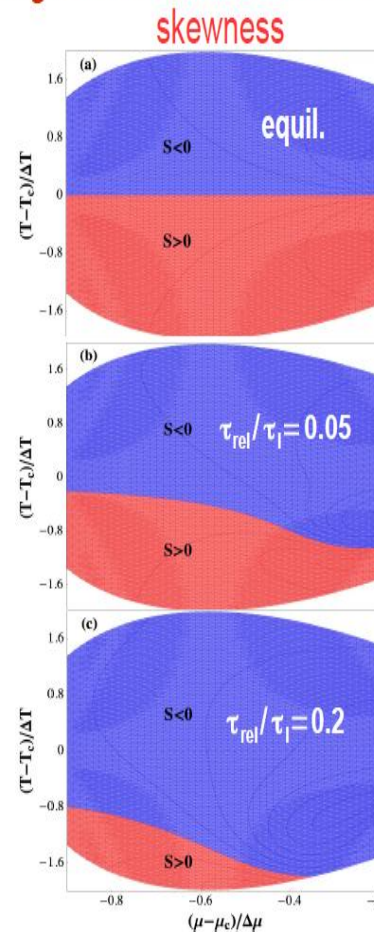
$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_2 = -2 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} a_2 \delta \kappa_2$$

$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_3 = -3 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} [a_2 \delta \kappa_2 + a_3 \delta \kappa_3]$$

$$\partial_{\tau} \kappa_4 = -4 \tau_{\text{eff}}^{-1} [a_2 \delta \kappa_2 + a_3 \delta \kappa_3 + a_4 \delta \kappa_4]$$

S. Mukherjee, R. Venugopalan,
Y. Yin, PRC92 (2015)

sign of non-Gaussian
cumulants can be different
from equilibrium one



Dynamical critical fluctuations of the sigma field

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

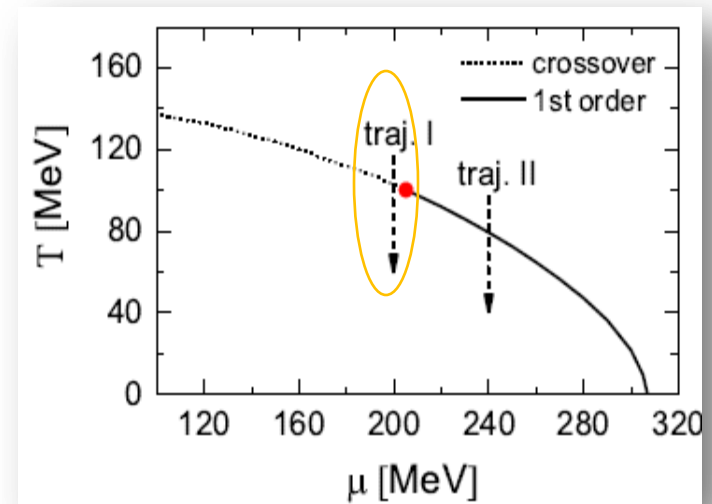
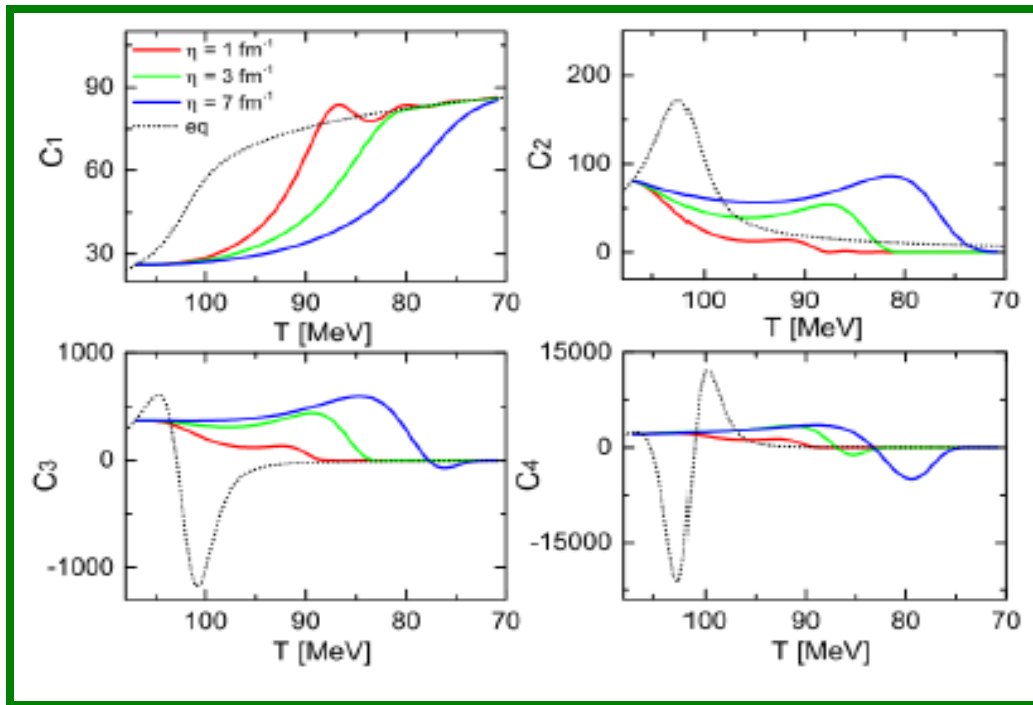
-Model A

with effective potential from linear sigma model with constituent quarks

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

Jiang, Wu, Song, NPA 2017, paper in preparation

On the crossover side



-The signs of C_3 & C_4 are different from the equil. ones due to memory effects

-in the near future: mapping with 3D Ising model; extend to model B;
dynamical universal behavior

Dynamical critical fluctuations of the sigma field

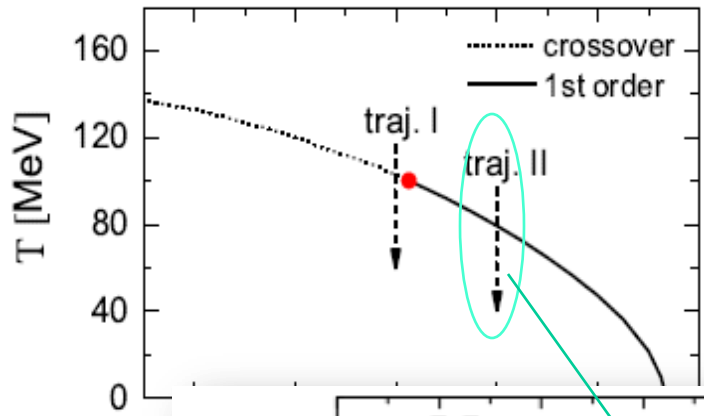
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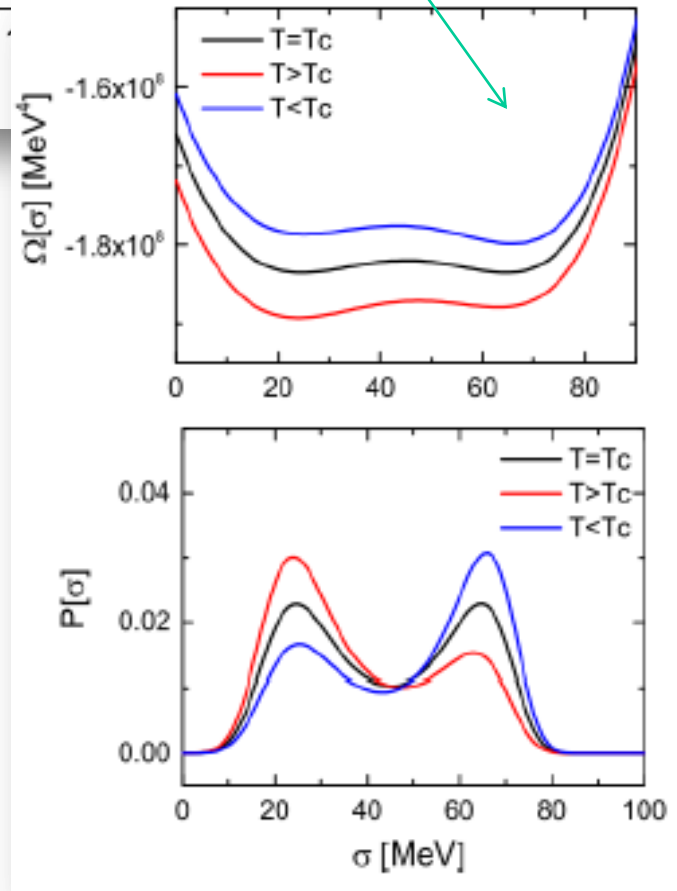
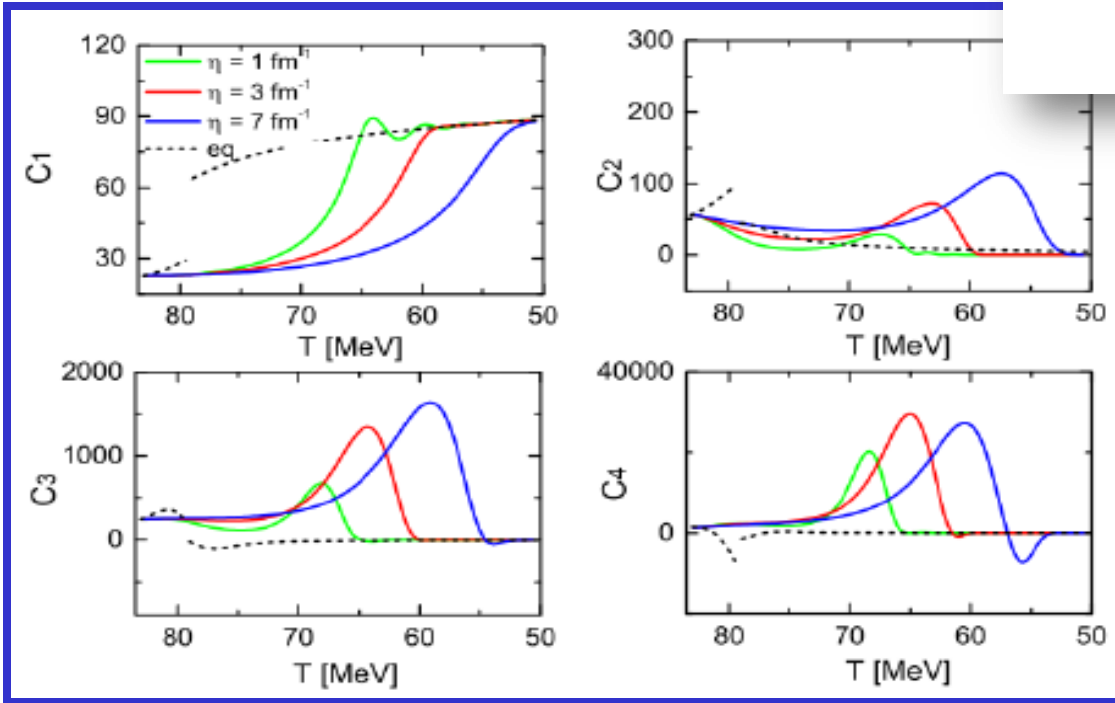
Tiang, Wu, Song

On the 1st order side



Model A

on



-Super cooling & bubble formations:
 C_3 & C_4 are largely enhanced compared with the equil. ones

Non-Critical (Thermal) Fluctuations

➤ Detection and analysis technology

The efficiency corrections and acceptance of the detector

Bzdak A, Holzmann R, Koch V. arXiv preprint arXiv:1603.09057, 2016...

Bin width effect and centrality dependence

McDonald D, STAR Collaboration. Nuclear Physics A, 2013, 904: 907c-910c...

Auto-correlation effects(ACE)

Luo X, Xu J, Mohanty B, et al. JPG, 2013, 40(10): 105104...

Acceptance dependence of fluctuation

Ling B, Stephanov M A. arXiv preprint arXiv:1512.09125, 2015; Bzdak A, Koch V. Phys. Rev. C, 2012, 86(4): 044904; Masayuki Asakawa and Masakiyo Kitazawa. arXiv:1512.0038...

➤ physical effect

Conservations law for charges and baryons

Bzdak A, Koch V, Skokov V. PRC, 2013, 87(1): 014901...

Volume fluctuations

Xu H..arXiv:1602.07089, 2016; Xu H. arXiv:1602.06378, 2016; S. Jeon, hep-ph/0304012; M. I. Gorenstein, Phys.Rev. C 78, 041902; V. Skokov, Phys.Rev. C 88, 034911...

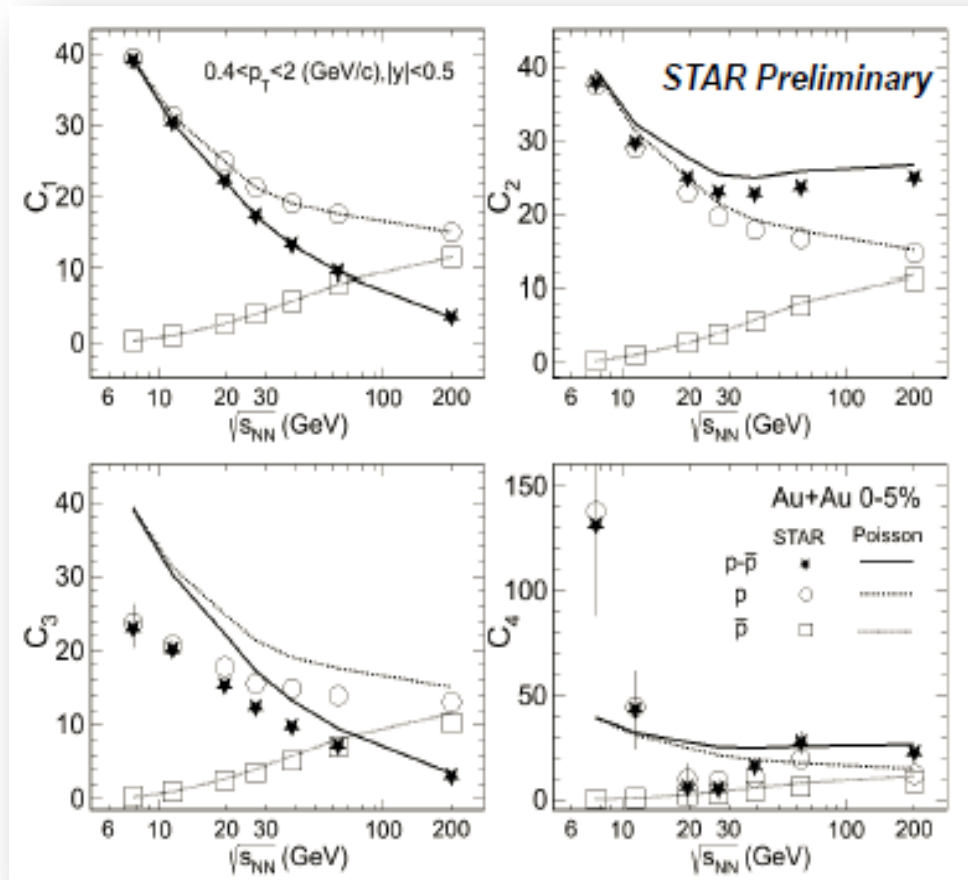
Hadronic evolution & rescattering

X.Luo,J. Xu, B. Mohanty,and N. Xu, J.P.G 40,105104(2013); Xu, Ji; Yu, Shili; Liu, Feng; Luo, Xiaofeng arXiv:1606.03900 ...

Resonance decay

Garg P, Mishra D K, et al. Phys. Lett. B, 2013, 726(4): 691-696; Andronic A, Braun-Munzinger P, Stachel J. Nucl. Phys. A, 2006, 772(3): 167-199; Andronic A, Braun-Munzinger P. Phys. Lett. B, 2009, 673(2): 142-145;

Cleymans J, Kämpfer B, Kaneta M, et al.. Phys. Rev. C, 2005, 71(5): 054901...



-In experiment, Poisson fluctuations are generally served as the thermal fluctuation baselines, especially for the multiplicity fluct. of (anti)protons

-Where does the Poisson baselines come from?

-How various factors influence / destroy Poisson distributions

(volume fluctuations, hadronic evolution, resonance decays) **20**

Hadron Resonance Gas Model

-Grand canonical ensemble(GCE)


$$\ln Z(T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S) = \sum_{i \in \text{mesons}} \ln Z_i^+(T, \mu_Q, \mu_S) + \sum_{i \in \text{baryons}} \ln Z_i^-(T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)$$


-With Boltzmann approximation

$$\ln Z_i^\pm(T, V, \vec{\mu}) = \frac{VT g_i m_i^2}{2\pi^2} K_2(m_i/T) \exp(\vec{\mu}/T)$$

-The susceptibilities

$$\chi_q^{(n)}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q) = \left. \frac{\partial^n (P/T^4)}{\partial (\mu_q/T)^n} \right|_T \quad P/T^4 = \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln Z(T, V, \vec{\mu})$$


$$\chi_q^{(n)}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q) = \chi_q^{(1)}(T, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu_Q)$$


$$C_{n,q} = C_{1,q} = \text{Mean}_q$$

Poisson Baselines!

Improved Hadron Resonance Gas Model

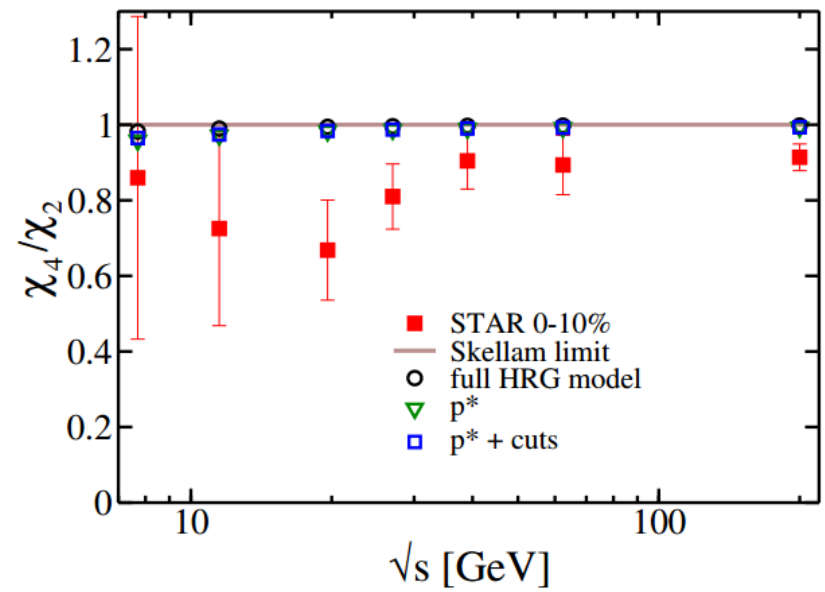
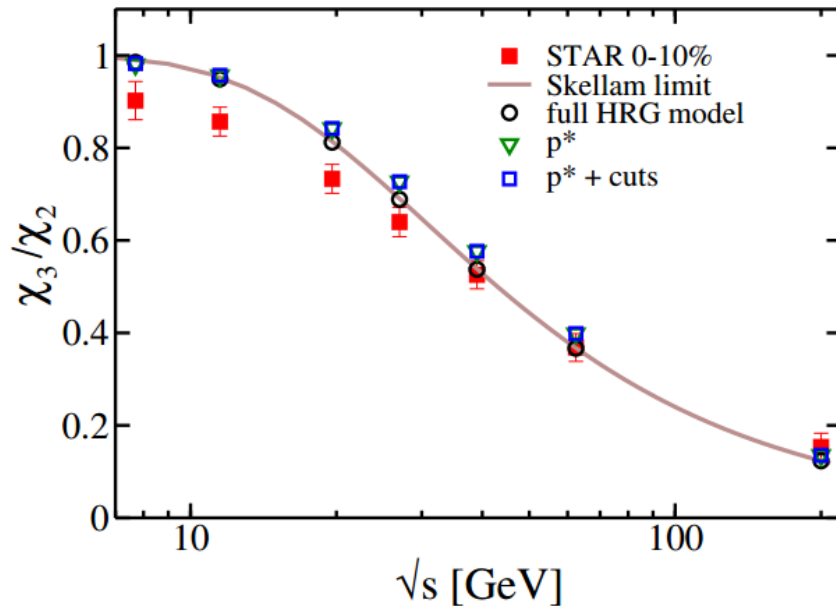
[Nahrgang, et al. EPJC75 (2015) no.12, 573]

-Acceptance cut:

$$n_k(T, \mu_k) = \frac{d_k}{4\pi^2} \int_{-y_{\text{MAX}}}^{y_{\text{MAX}}} dy \int_{p_T^{\text{MIN}}}^{p_T^{\text{MAX}}} dp_T \frac{p_T \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_k^2} \text{Cosh}[y]}{(-1)^{B_k+1} + \exp((\text{Cosh}[y] \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_k^2} - \mu_k)/T)}$$

-Resonance decays:

$$VT^3 \left. \frac{\partial(P/T^4)}{\partial(\mu_h/T)} \right|_T = \langle N_h \rangle + \sum_R \langle N_R \rangle \langle n_h \rangle_R$$



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-For static and equilibrium medium

-Not applicable to comparison with the data

- A realistic heavy ion collision: dynamical evolutions

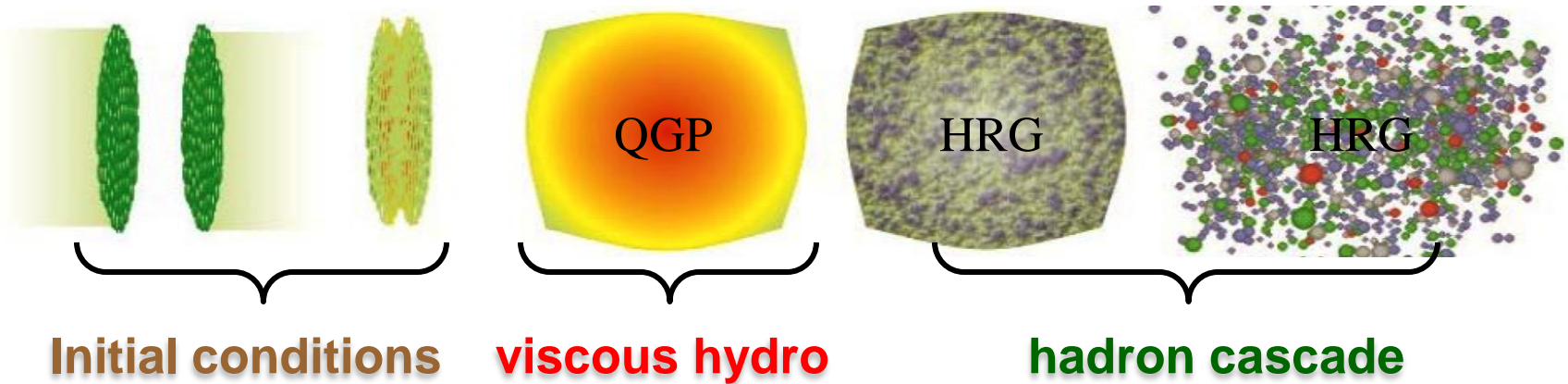
- late hadronic evolution:

Chemical and thermal equilibrium can not be maintained

Multiplicity fluctuations of (net) Charges
and (net) protons from iEBE-VISHNU

Li, Xu, Song, 1707.09742

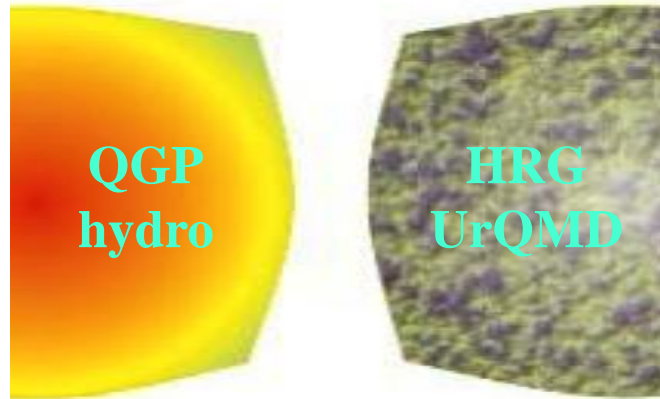
iEBE-VISHNU



Various fluctuations in the hybrid model

- **Initial state fluctuations**
- Thermal fluctuations in viscous hydrodynamics
- **Thermal fluctuations during the switching between hydro & UrQMD**
(statistical hadronization, GCE; \rightarrow Poisson fluctuations)
- **fluctuations from UrQMD hadron cascade**

Particle event generator:



freeze-out/switching

$$E \frac{d^3 N_i}{d^3 p}(x) = \frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} p^\mu d^3 \sigma_\mu(x) f(x, p),$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma_s^{-|S_i|} e^{(p^\nu \cdot u_\nu - \vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{\mu}_i)/T} \pm 1}$$

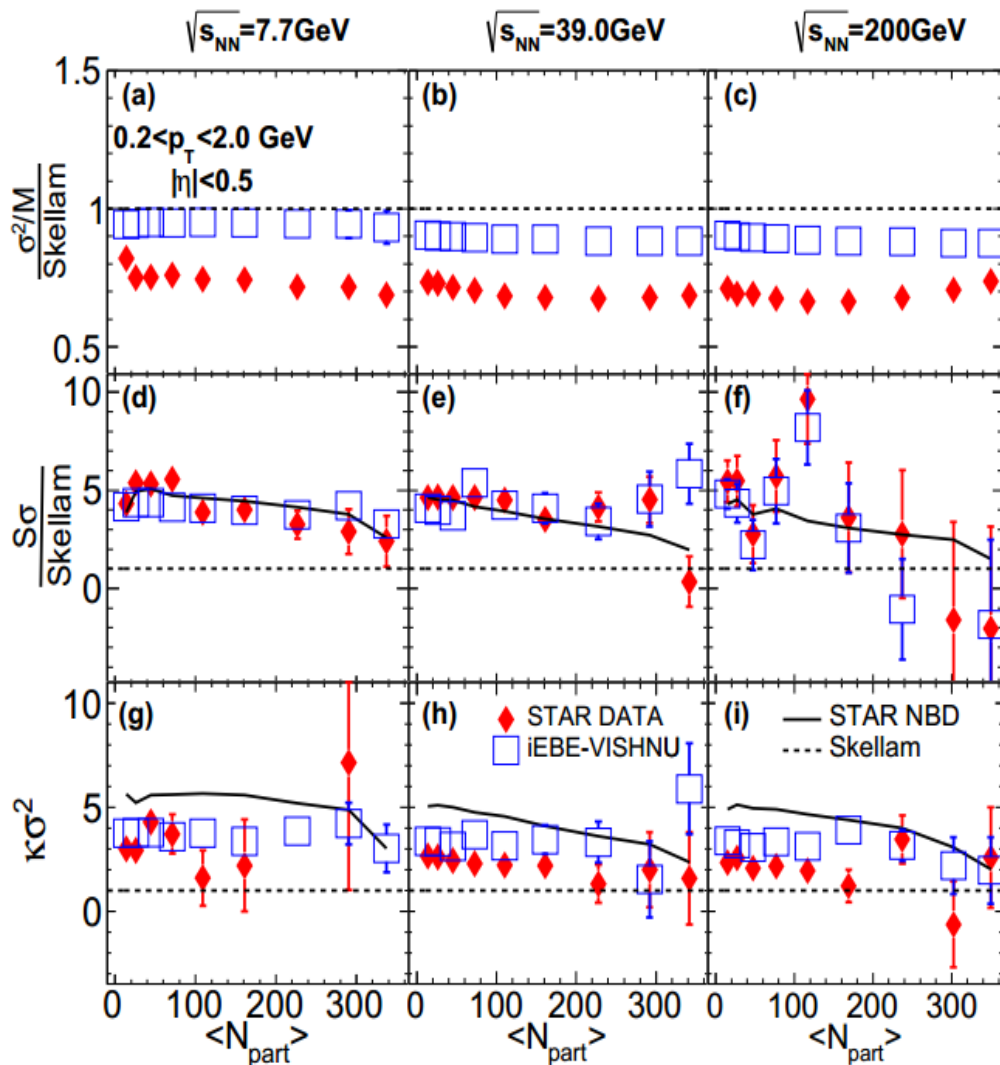
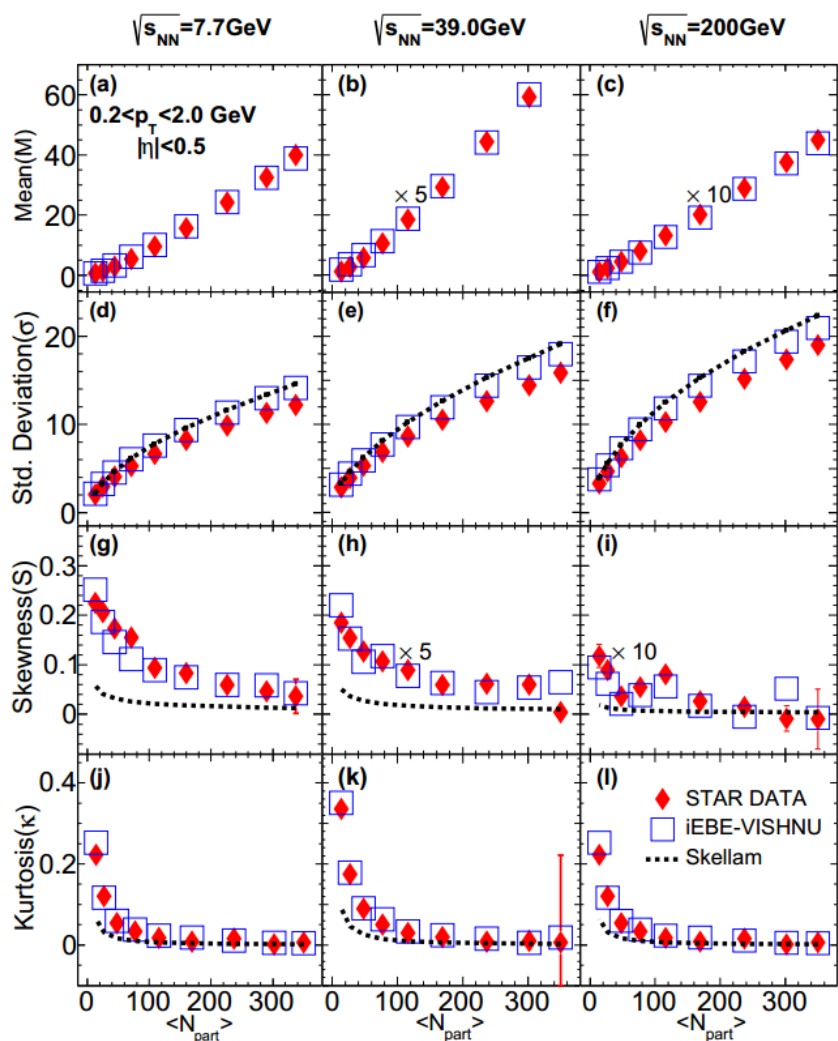
Poisson fluctuations:

$$P_i(k) = \frac{\lambda_i^k e^{-\lambda_i}}{k!}, \quad \text{with } \lambda_i = N_i$$

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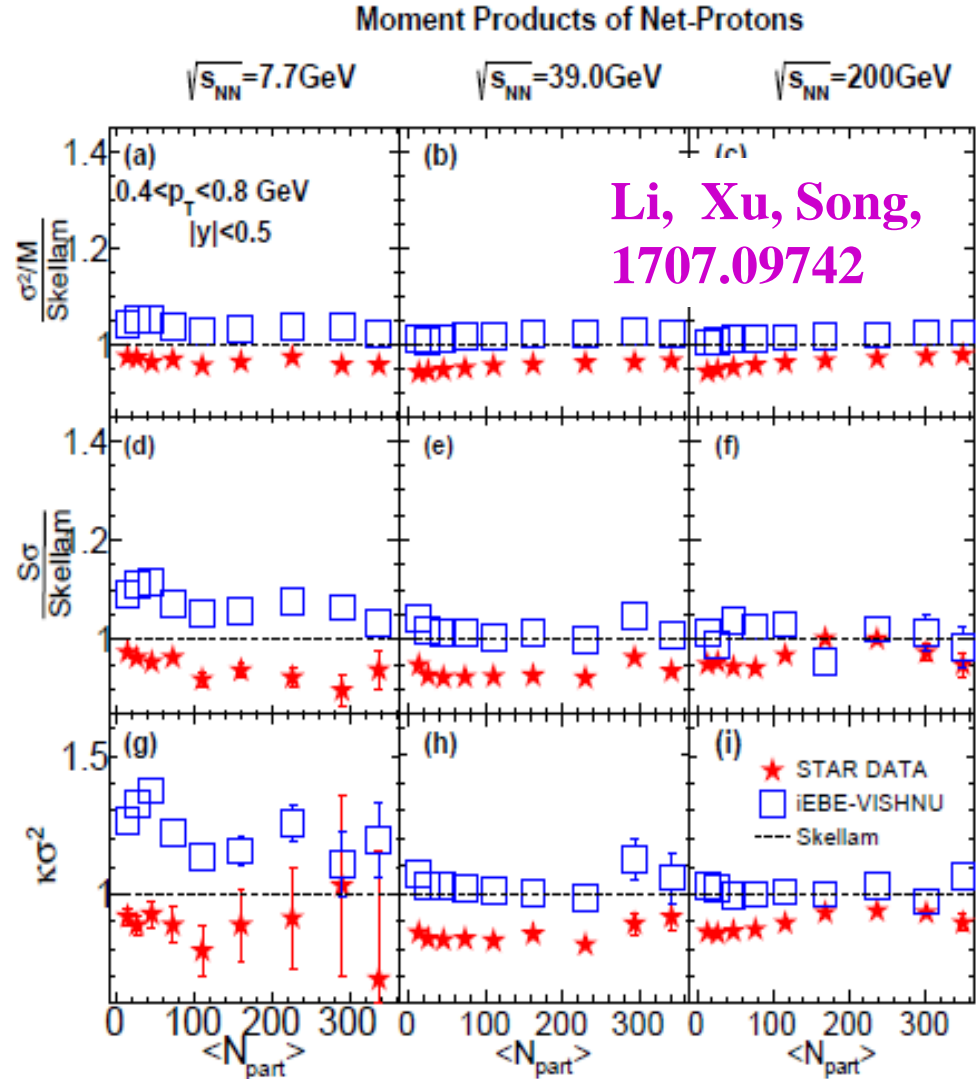
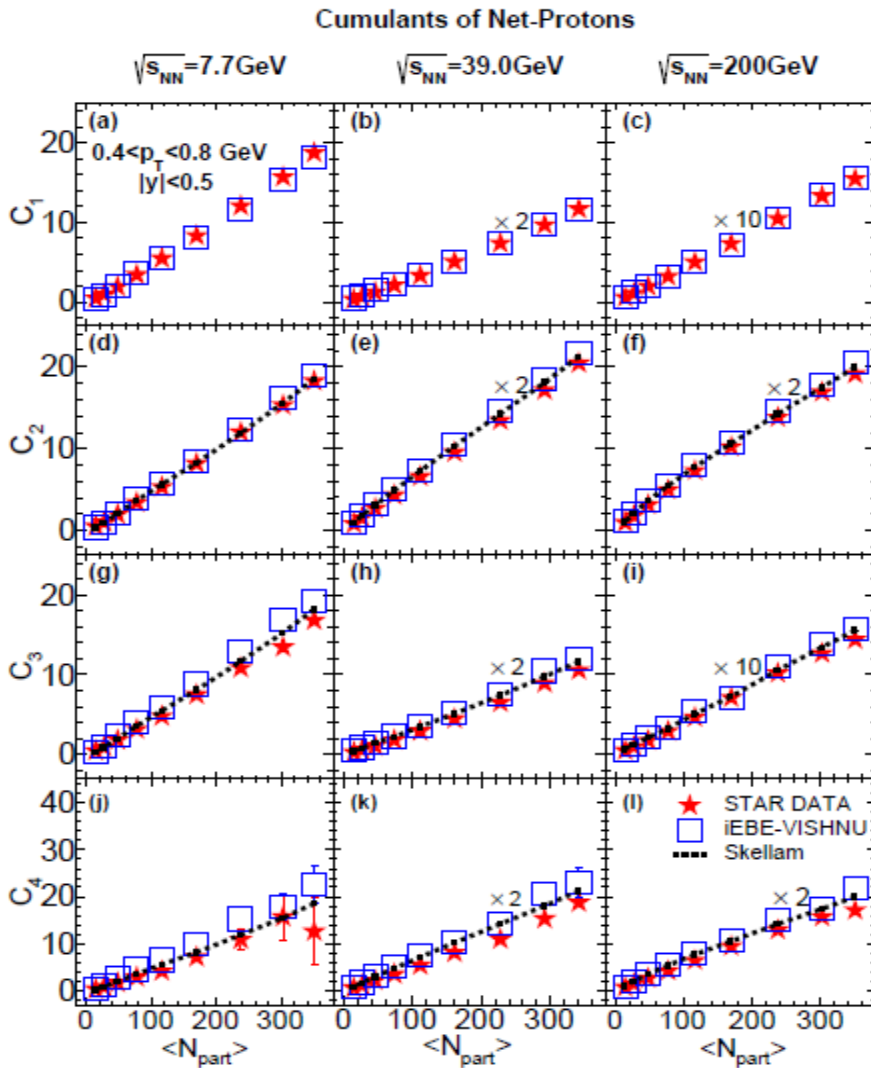
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Moments and Moment products of net-charges



-For net charges, IEBE-VISHNU roughly describes the data of S and κ and the related ratios, shows large deviations from the Poisson baselines.

Cumulants and Cumulant ratios of Net-protons



Li, Xu, Song,
1707.09742

- iEBE-VISHNU: small deviation from the Poisson baselines, roughly describe the data.
- at lower collision energy, larger gap between data and model
- charge conservation, critical fluct. first order phase transition

Multiplicity fluctuations of (net) Charges and (net) protons from iEBE-VISHNU

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- **iEBE-VISHNU** roughly describe most of the moments & moments products of (net) charges and (net) protons
- **What are dominant factors to influence the multiplicity fluct.**
 - **volume fluctuations?**
 - **resonance decays ?**
 - **hadronic Scatterings ?**
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What is Volume Fluctuations /Corrections?

1) Single hydro + many many UrQMD

- Poisson fluctuations, no volume fluct/correc

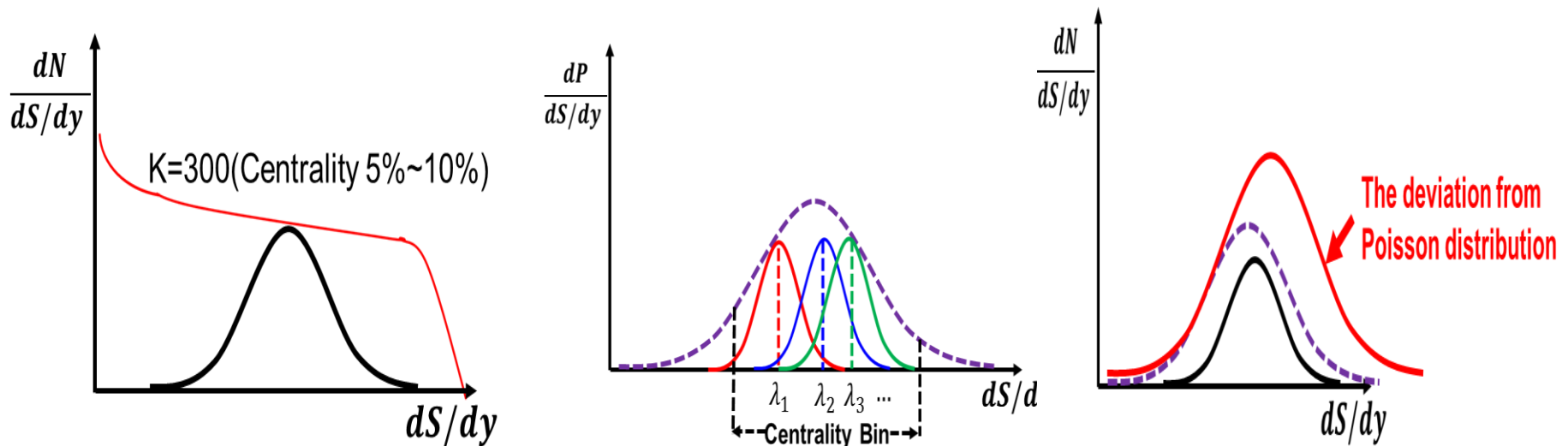
2) In a certain centrality bins:

Many (Single hydro + many many UrQMD)

- many Poisson fluctuations are superimposed together

--> volume fluct /correc & wide centrality bin effect

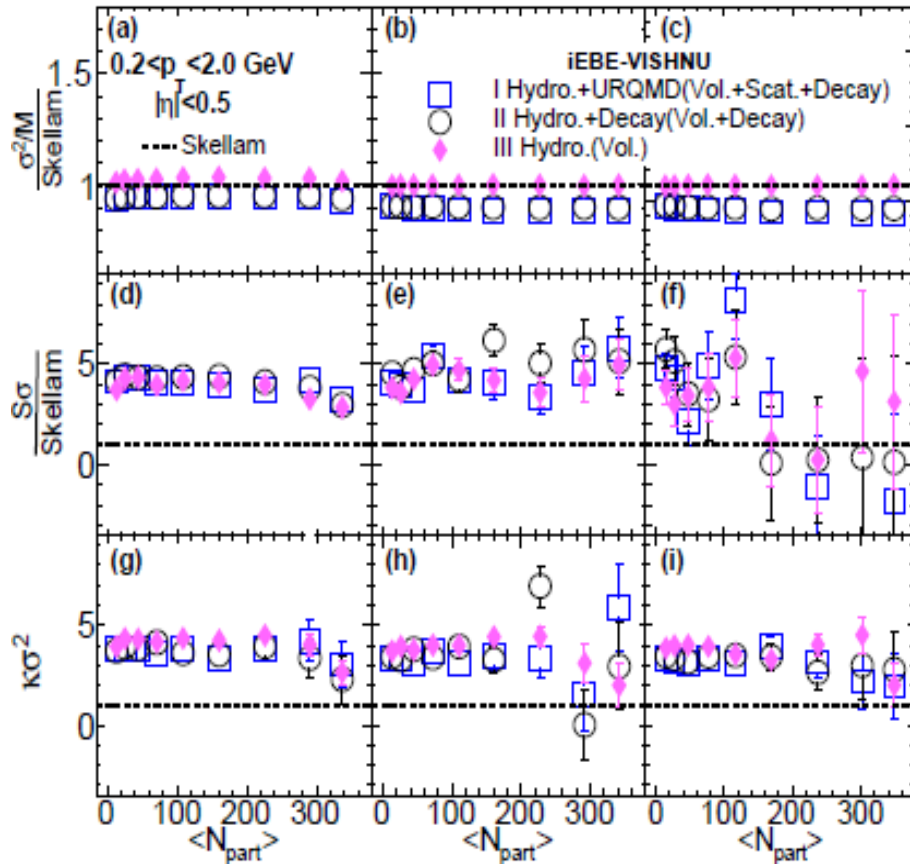
3) In a fine centrality bins: --> volume fluct /correc



Volume corrections, resonance decays & hadronic evolution

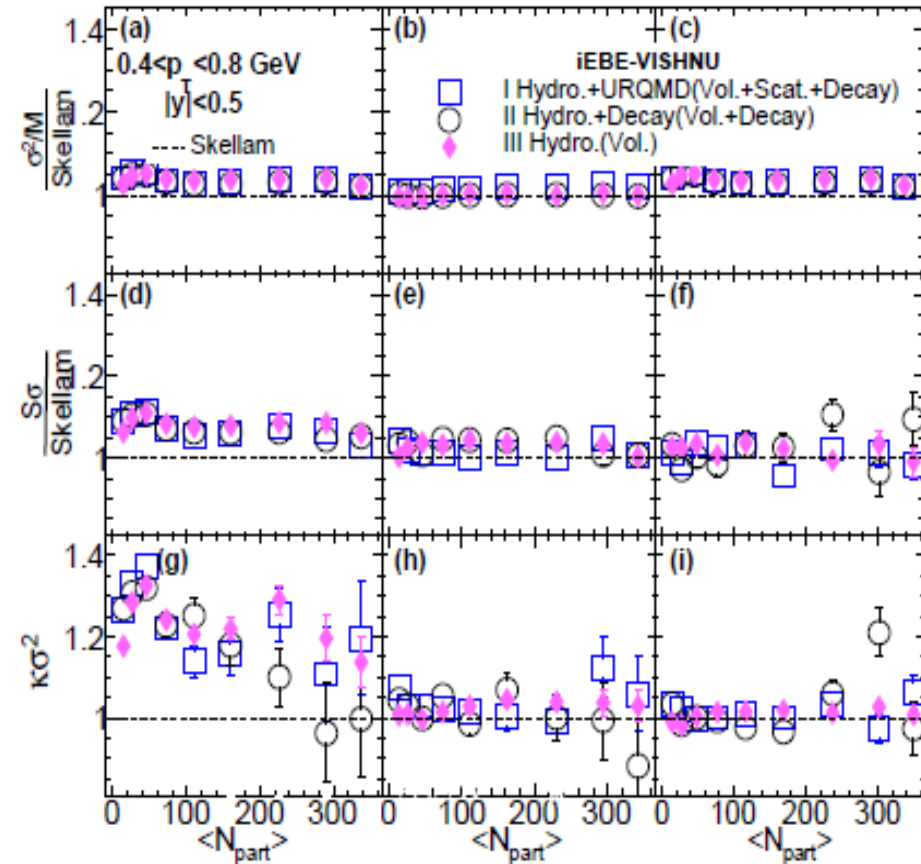
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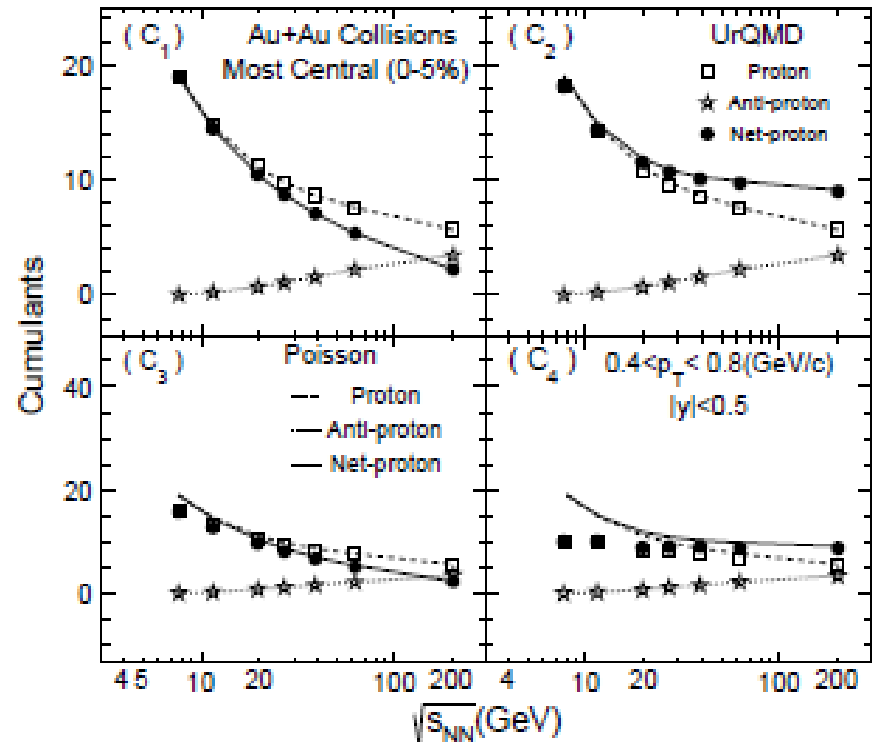
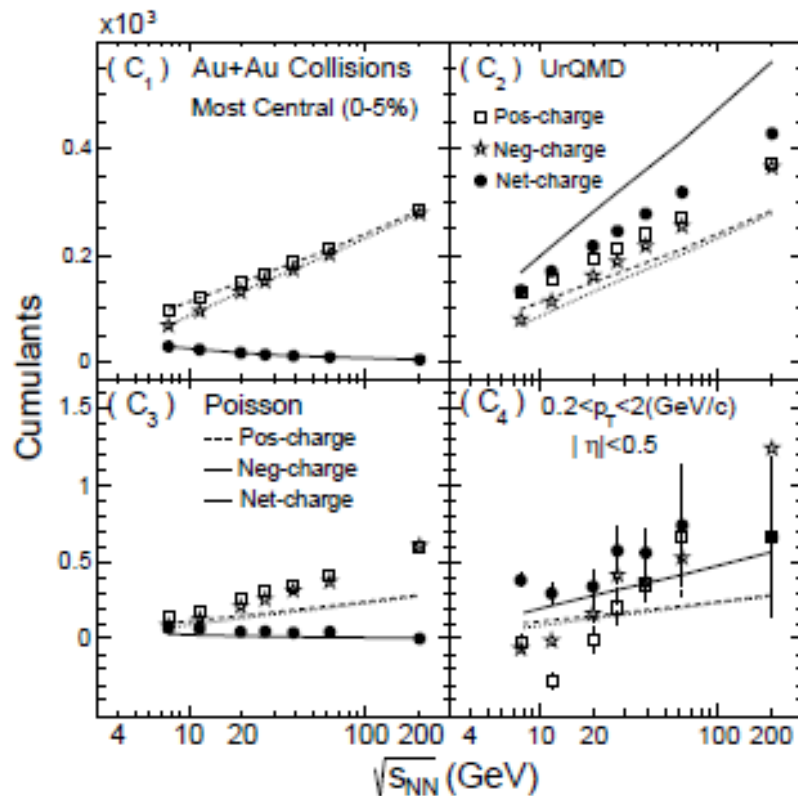
Moment Products of Net-Protons

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- The effects of hadronic scatterings and resonance decays are very small
- Volume fluctuations plays the dominant role for multiplicity fluctuations
- For net protons, the effects of volume fluctuations are relatively small
 →close to Poisson fluctuations

Non-Critical fluctuations -results from UrQMD

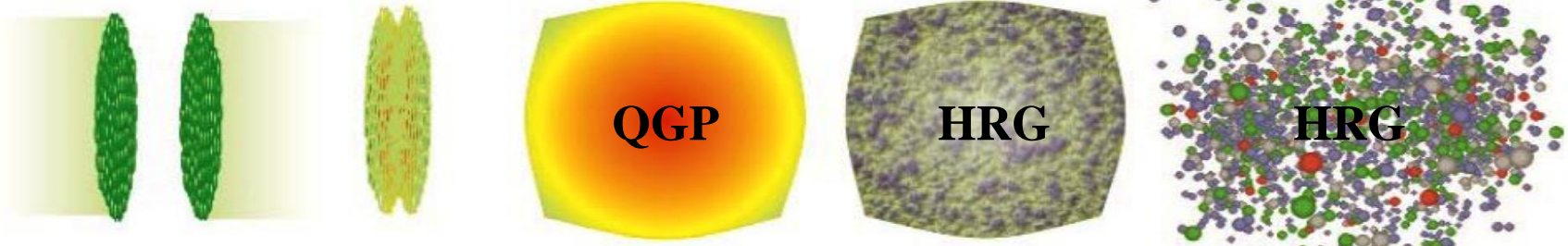


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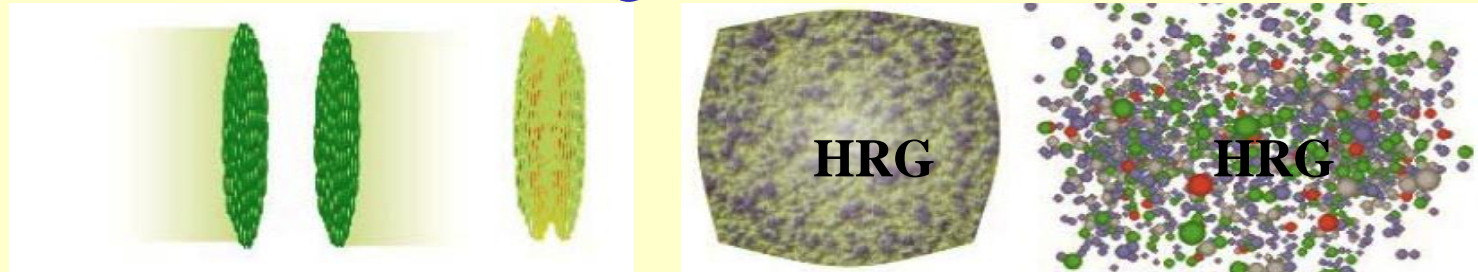
Non-Critical fluctuations

---iEBE-VISHNU vs. UrQMD

iEBE-VISHNU



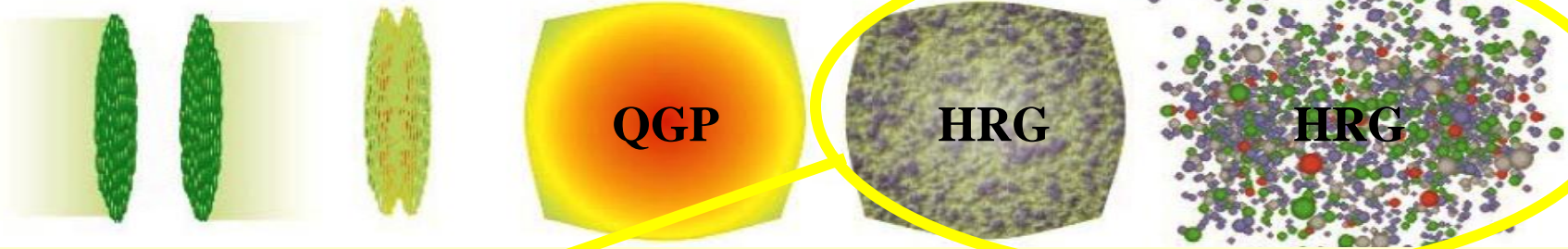
UrQMD



Non-Critical fluctuations

---iEBE-VISHNU vs. UrQMD

iEBE-VISHNU



Initialization of UrQMD: statistical hadronization, independent particle production,
Poisson fluctuations

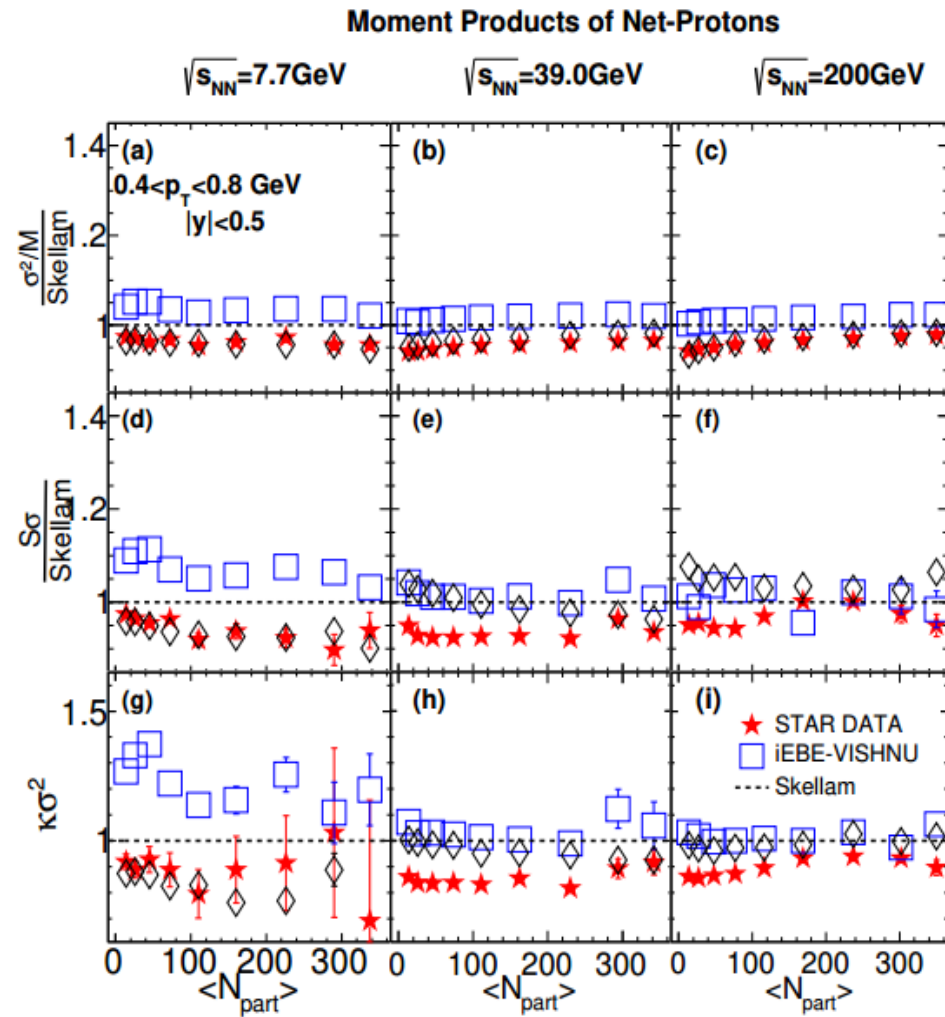
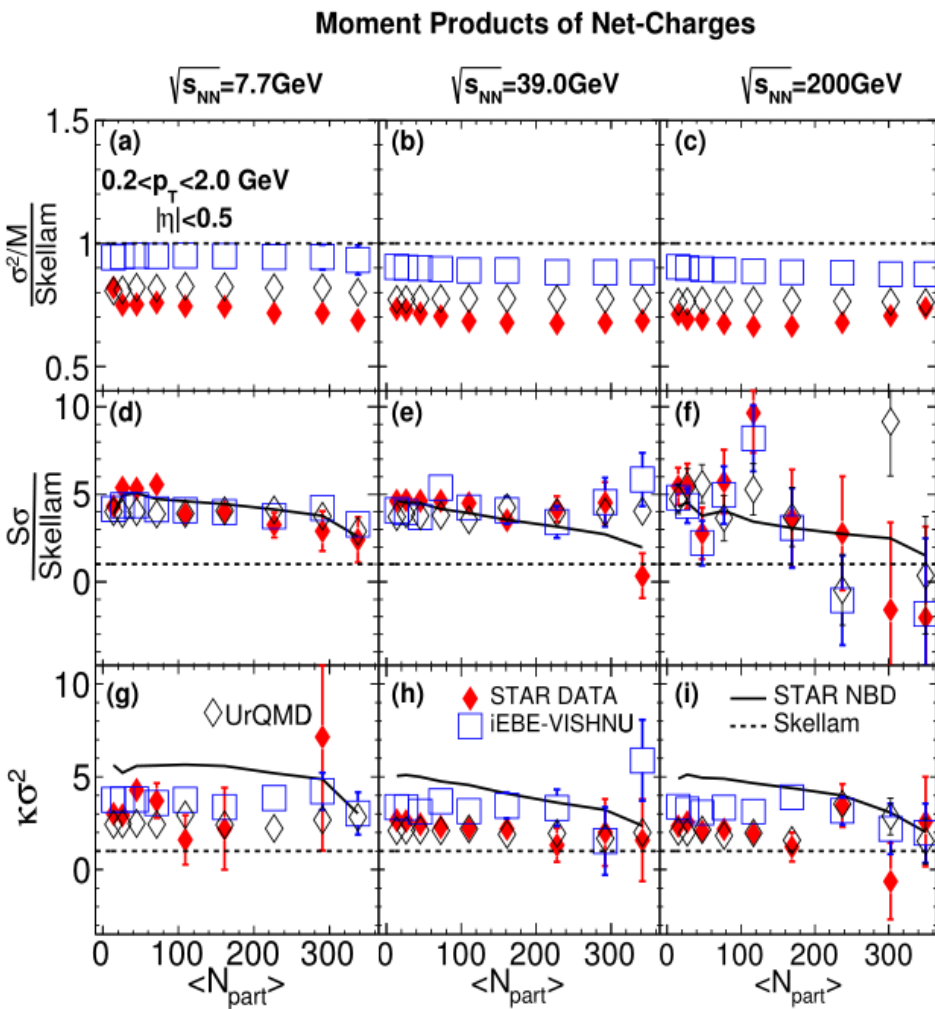
UrQMD



Initialization of UrQMD: projectile & target nuclei, charge conservation

iEBE-VISHNU vs UrQMD

-Li, Luo, Xu & Song, unpublished notes



-Volume fluctuations is the main factors to influence the multiplicity fluct. of (net) charges and (net) protons

-Charge/baryon conservation should be further included in iEBE-VISHNU

Summary

It is important to study both critical and non-critical fluctuations for BES and the search of the critical point

Critical fluctuations near the QCD critical point

-Static (equilibrium) critical fluctuation

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

-dynamical critical fluctuation

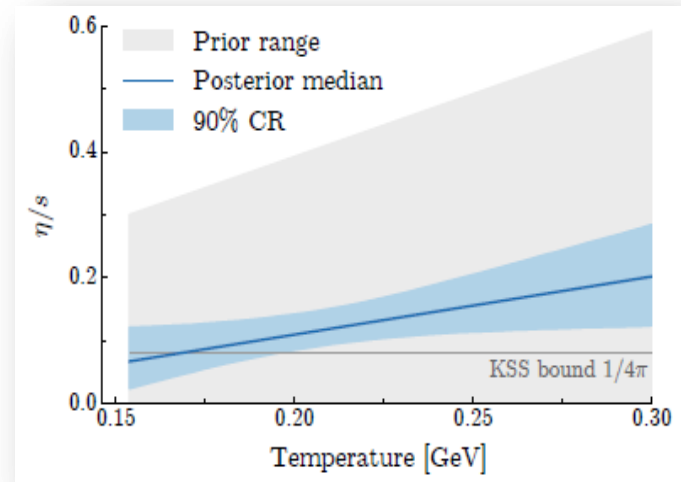
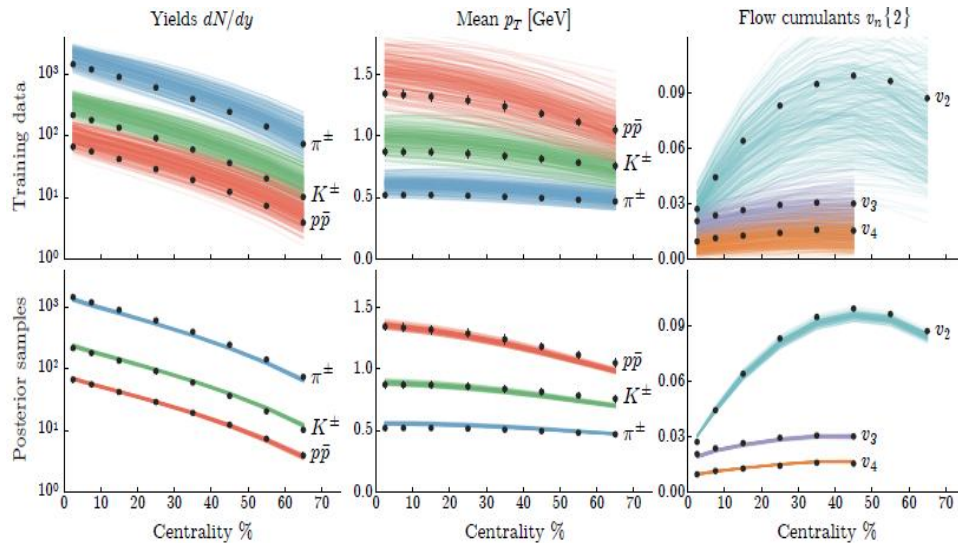
- Sign of the C_3 , C_4 cumulants can be different from the equilibrium one due to the memory effects
- model A, model B, model H ...

Non-critical (thermal) Fluctuations

- At higher collision energy, (net) charge distributions deviate from Poisson, (net) protons distributions are pretty close to Poisson
- Volume correction is the main factors to influence the multiplicity fluct. Of (net) charges and (net) protons
- Charge conservations need to be further included in iEBE-VISHNU

Initial State Fluctuations

- Hydrodynamics and hybrid model has been fully developed
- Lots of efforts from both exp and theory to study the initial state fluctuations and final state correlations
- the QGP shear viscosity has been extracted with massive data evaluations!

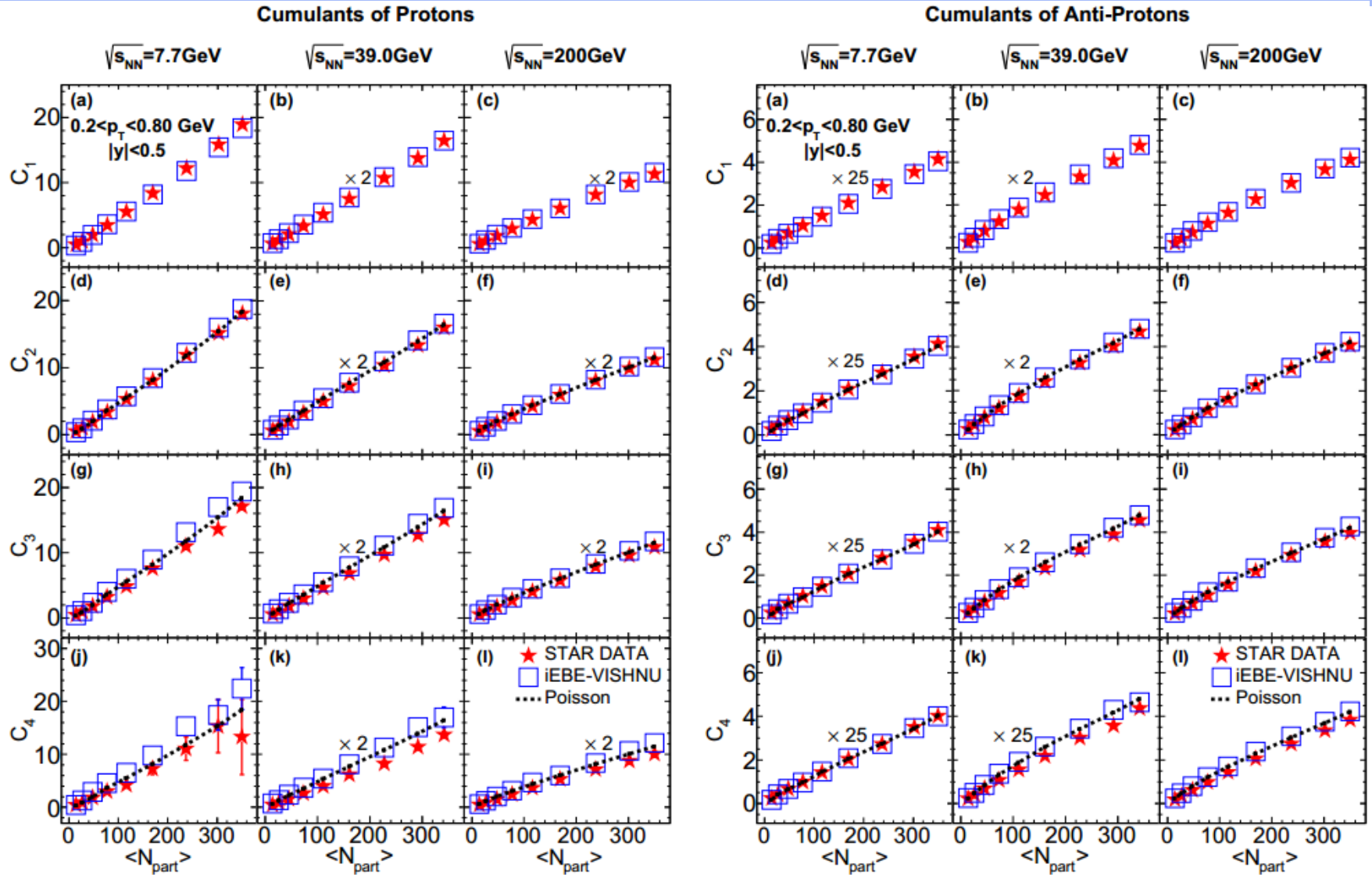


To do list of critical Fluctuations

- Better understanding for dynamical (non-equilibrium) critical fluctuations
- Full development of the dynamical model near the critical point
- More realistic non-critical fluct baselines
- Interactions between critical & non-critical fluctuations
- where is the critical points located in the $(T \mu)$ plane ?
- what is the effective correlation length ξ ?

Thank You

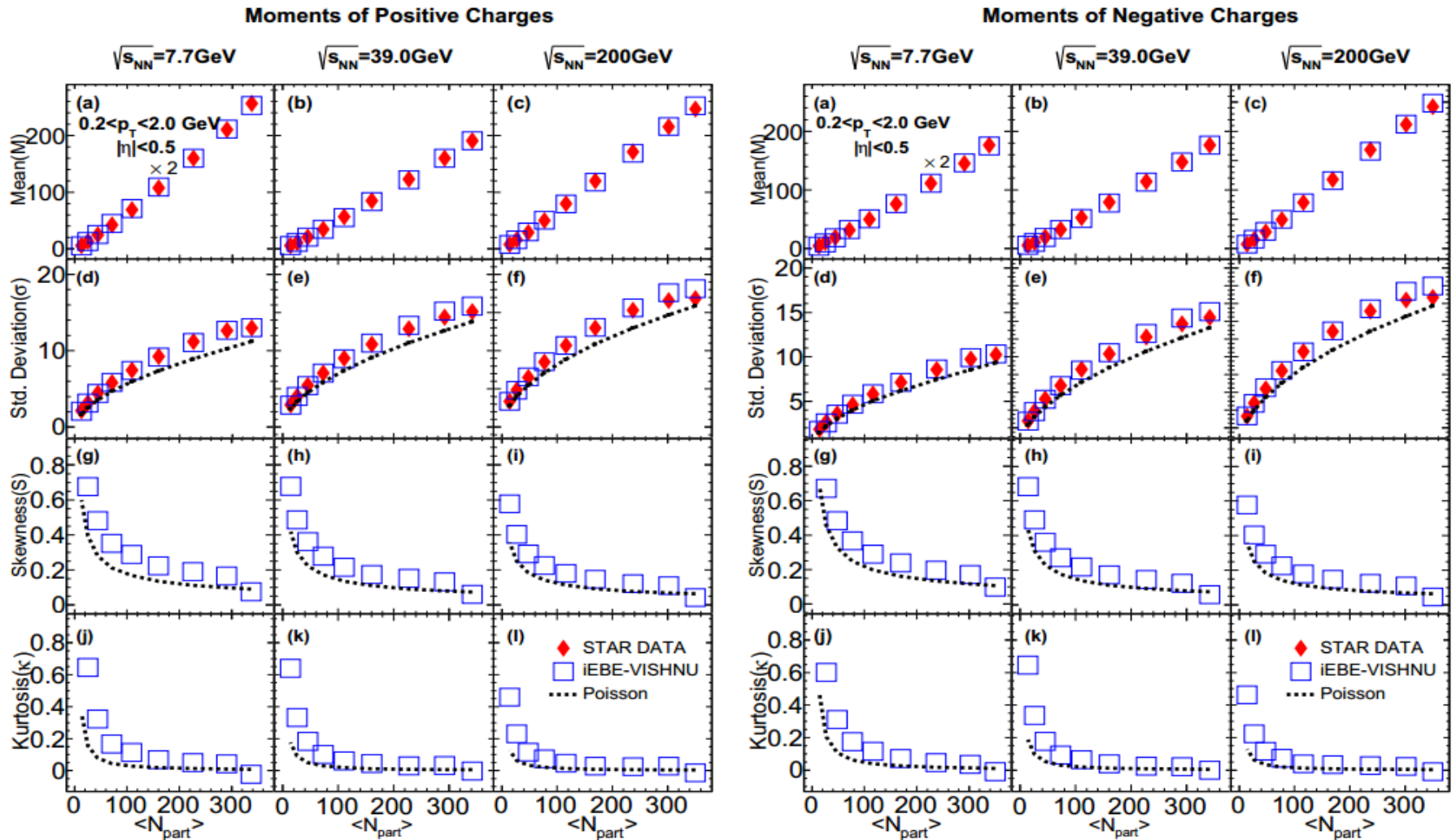
Cumulants of Protons/Anti-protons



-iEBE-VISHNU roughly describe the experimental data.

-Small deviation from the Poisson baselines. **Li, Xu, Song, paper in preparation**

Moments of Positive/Negative Charges



-iEBE-VISHNU model give a good description of M and σ

-For S and κ , the iEBE-VISHNU results shows certain deviations from the Poisson baseline.

Li, Xu, Song, paper in preparation

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: $M = M(\sigma) = g\sigma$