

Measuring the Rate of Isotropization of Quark-Gluon Plasma Using Rapidity Correlations

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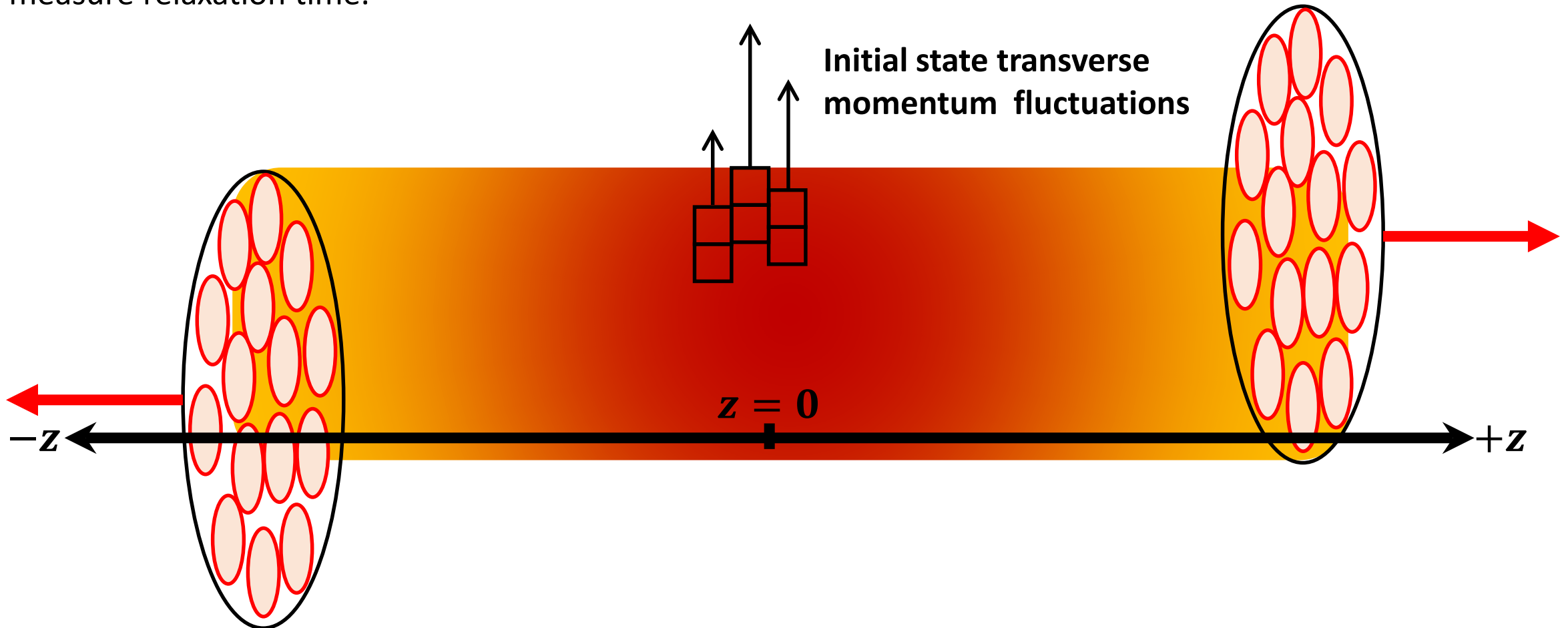
Fluctuations in Nuclear Collisions

Damping of transverse flow fluctuations can be used to measure viscosity.

[Gavin & Abdel-Aziz, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97 \(2006\) 162302](#)

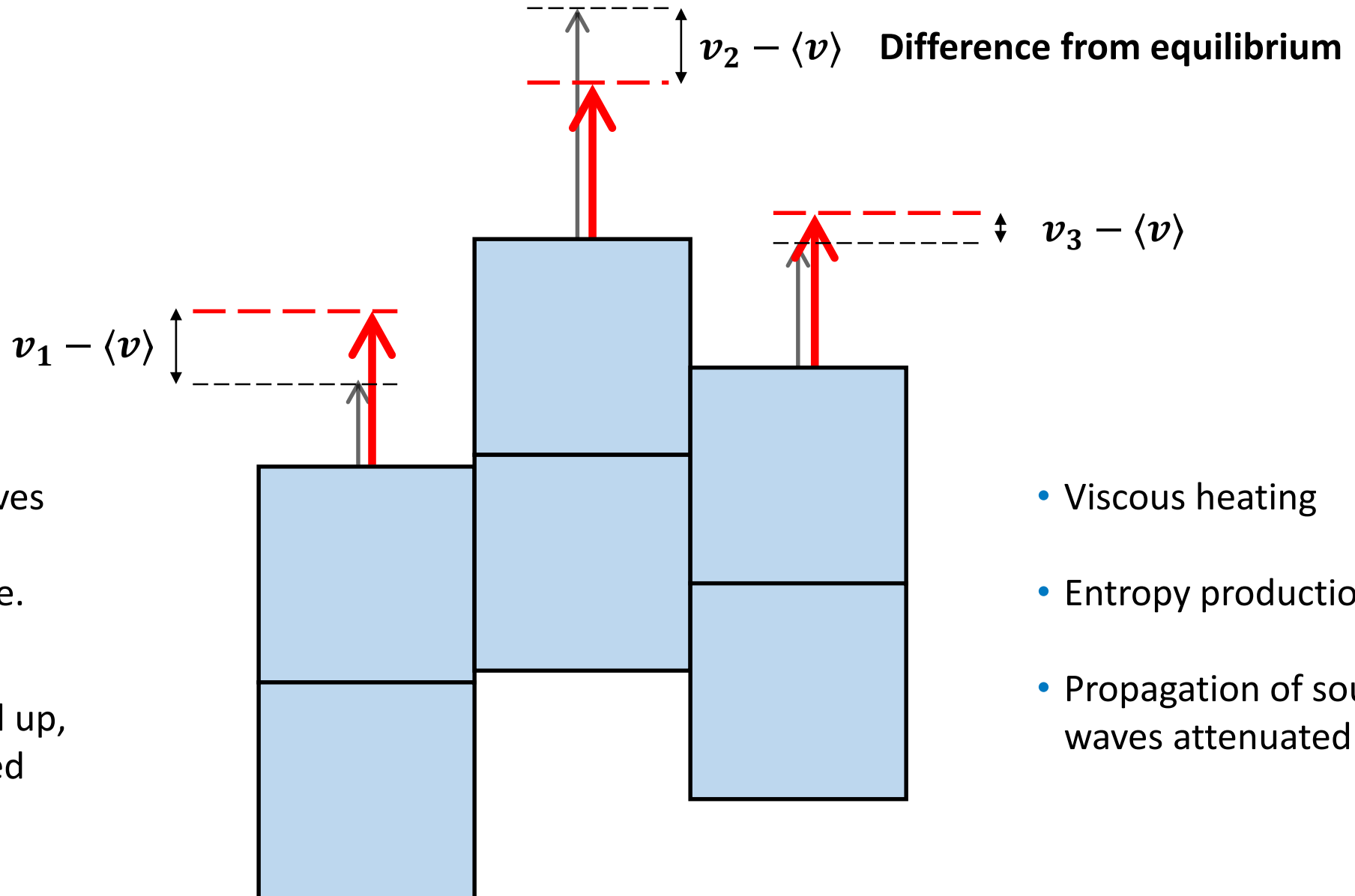
Rapidity dependence of flow fluctuations can measure relaxation time.

[Gavin, GM, Zin, Phys. Rev. C94 \(2016\) no.2, 024921](#)



Fluctuations from Equilibrium

$$T_{zr} = -\eta \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z}$$



Shear viscosity drives the fluid velocities toward the average.

Slow cells are sped up, fast cells are slowed down.

- Viscous heating
- Entropy production
- Propagation of sound waves attenuated

Momentum in Fluctuating Hydrodynamics

- **Momentum current** – small fluctuations $M_i \equiv T_{0i} - \langle T_{0i} \rangle$

- **Momentum conservation**
linearized Navier-Stokes

$$\frac{\partial M_i}{\partial t} + \nabla_i p = \frac{\eta/3 + \zeta}{sT} \nabla_i (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M}) + \frac{\eta}{sT} \nabla^2 M_i$$

- **Helmholtz decomposition**

$$\vec{M} = \vec{g} + \vec{h}$$

- **“longitudinal” mode** (curl free part)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{h} = 0$$

- **“transverse” mode** (divergence free part)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g} = 0$$

The Shear Mode and Noise

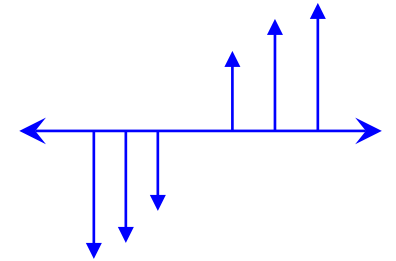
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- **Viscous diffusion of divergence free modes**

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\star) \rightarrow \quad \partial_t \vec{g} = \nu \nabla^2 \vec{g}$$



- kinematic viscosity $\nu = \eta/TS$

- **Dissipative parts modified by noise**

$$T_{ji}^{diss} \approx -\nu \nabla_j g_i + \text{noise}$$

$$\partial_t g_i = \nu \nabla^2 (g_i + \text{noise})$$

People are working on this problem in general. See:

Akamatsu, Mazeliauskas, Teaney,

Ohnishi, Kitazawa, Asakawa,

Stephanov, Kapusta, Mueller,

Plumberg, Pratt, Young, Schlichting

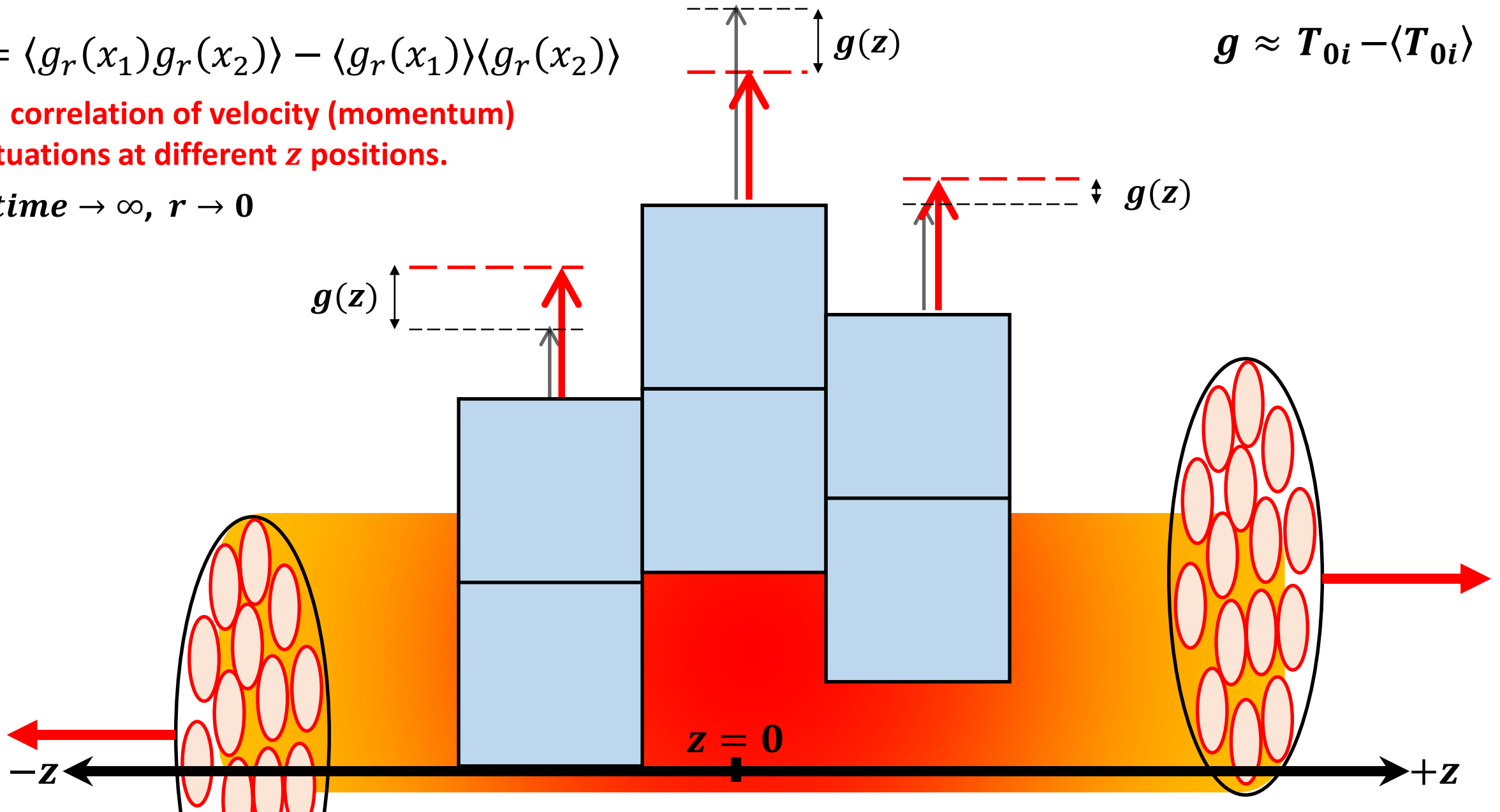
Comparing Changes in Fluctuations with Position

$$r = \langle g_r(x_1)g_r(x_2) \rangle - \langle g_r(x_1) \rangle \langle g_r(x_2) \rangle$$

r = correlation of velocity (momentum) fluctuations at different z positions.

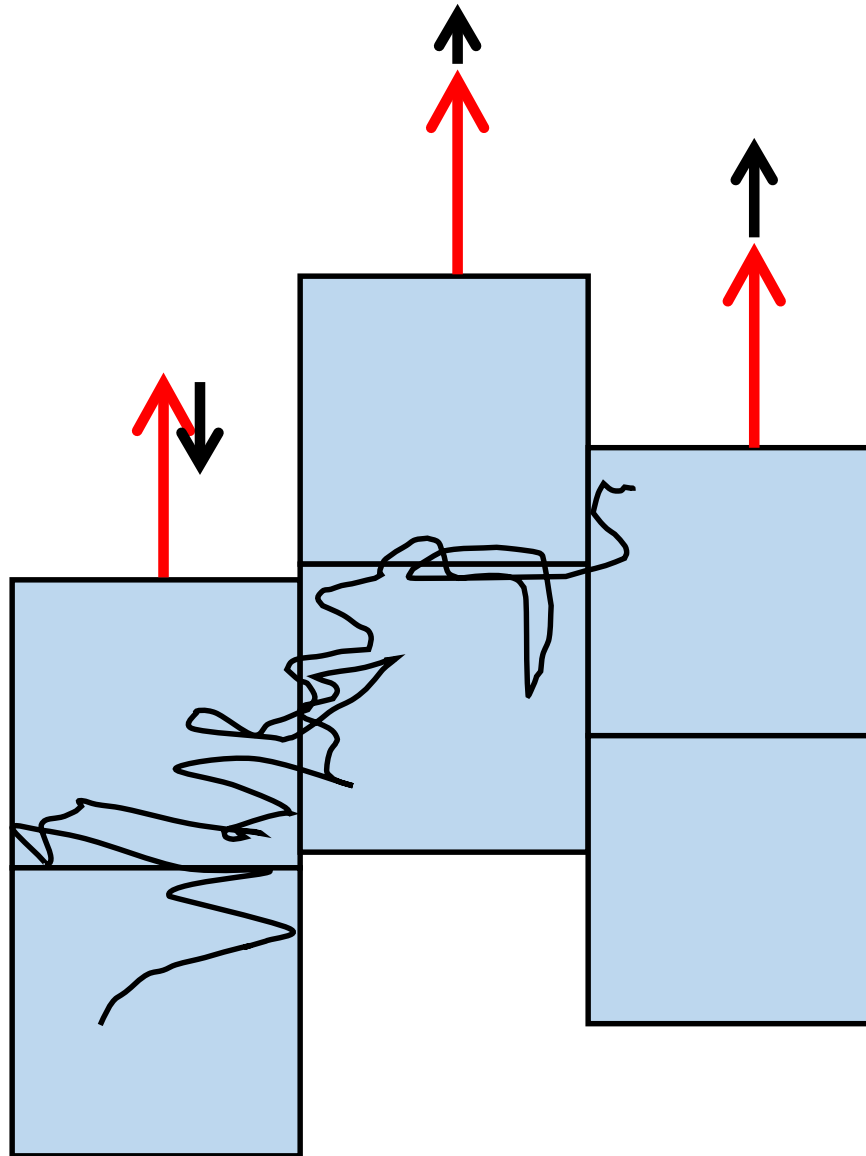
As $time \rightarrow \infty$, $r \rightarrow 0$

$$g \approx T_{0i} - \langle T_{0i} \rangle$$



Fluctuations from Noise

- No noise:
as $time \rightarrow \infty$, $r \rightarrow 0$
- Including noise:
as $time \rightarrow \infty$, $r \rightarrow r_{eq}$
- The difference
 $\Delta r = r - r_{eq}$
still satisfies a
diffusion equation



Diffusion of Momentum Correlations

- Momentum flux density correlation function

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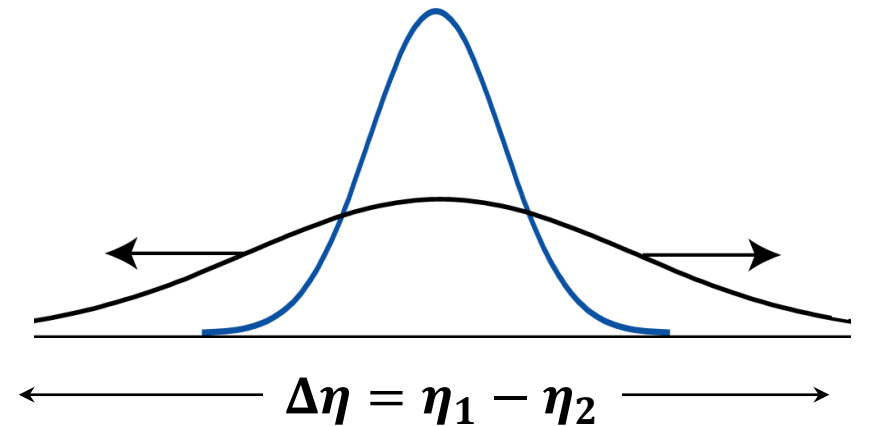
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Gardiner, Handbook of Stochastic Methods, (Springer, 2002)

- fluctuations **diffuse** through volume, driving $r \rightarrow r_{eq}$

width in relative spatial rapidity grows from initial value σ_0



Measuring Correlations

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- **observable:**
$$C = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle^2} \left\langle \sum_{pairs} p_{ti} p_{tj} \right\rangle - \langle p_t \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle^2} \int \Delta r dx_1 dx_2$$

- **assumptions:**

- 1) only “transverse” shear modes
- 2) proper-time freeze out

Abdel-Aziz & Gavin., PRL 97 (2006) 162302; PR C70 (2004) 034905
Pratt, Schlichting, Gavin, Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 024909

Measuring Correlations

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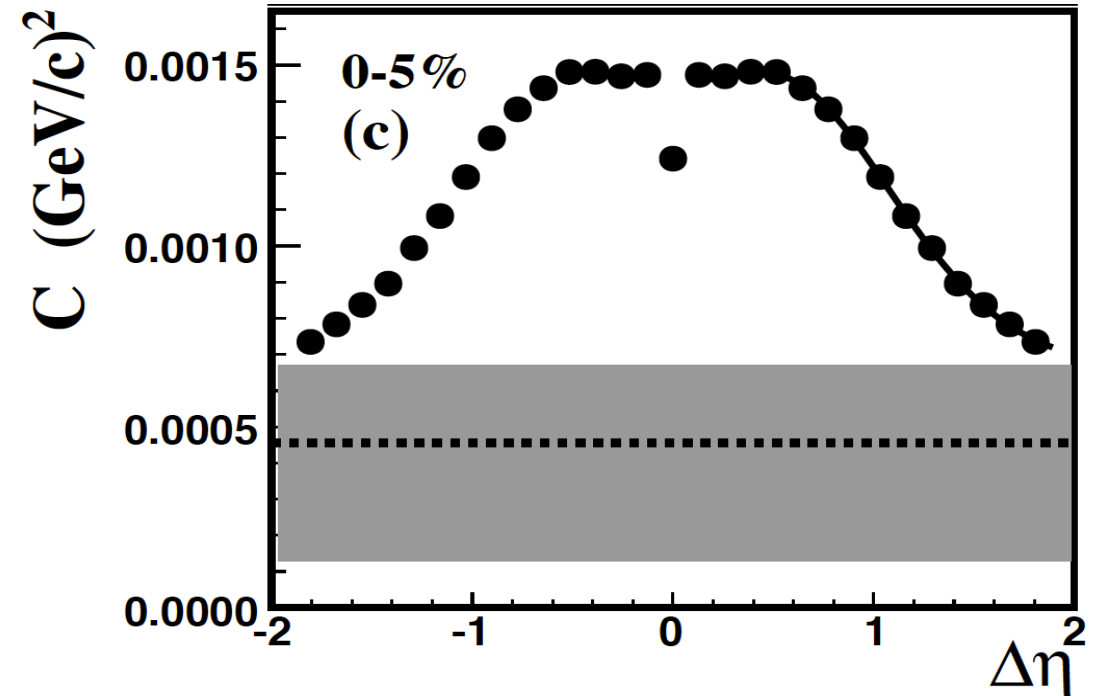
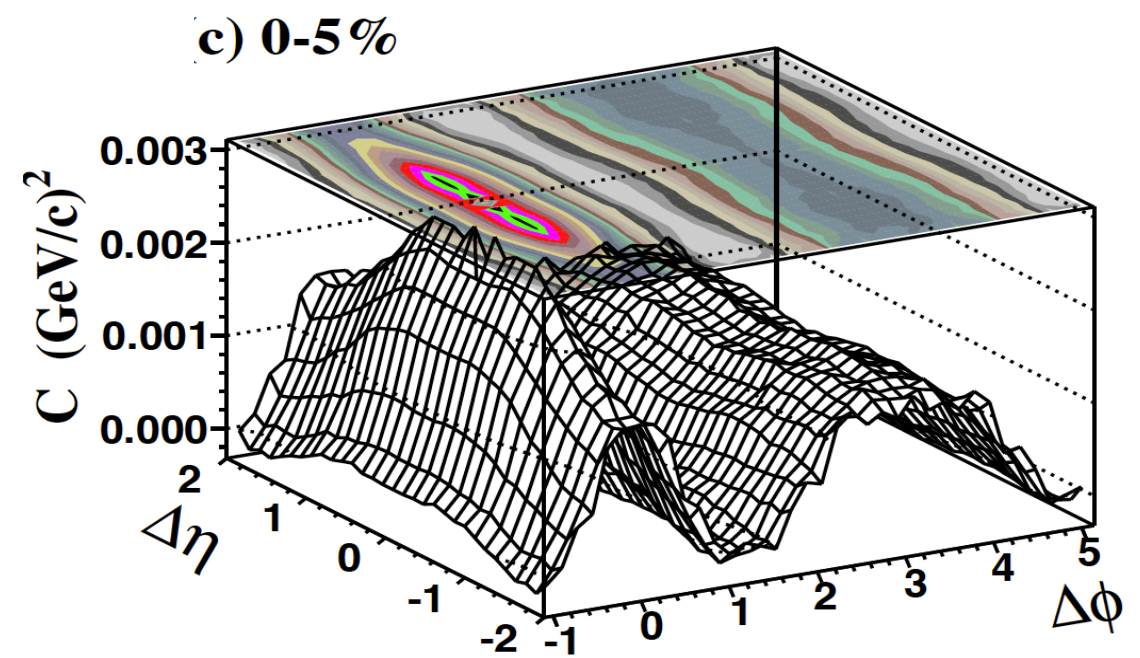
measured: rapidity width of near side peak

- fit peak + constant offset
- offset is ridge, i.e., long range rapidity correlations
- report RMS width of the peak

- **find:** width increases in central collisions

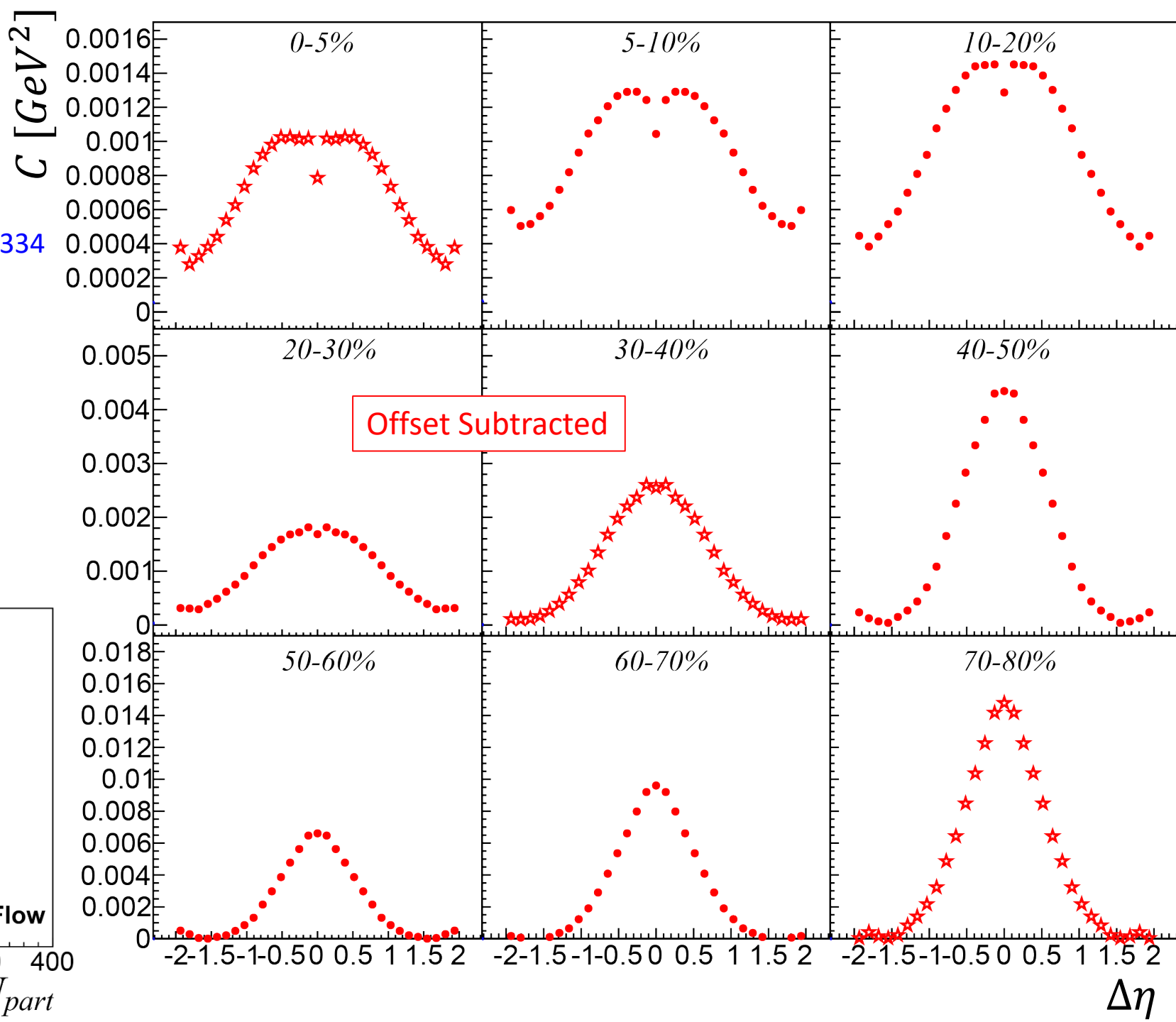
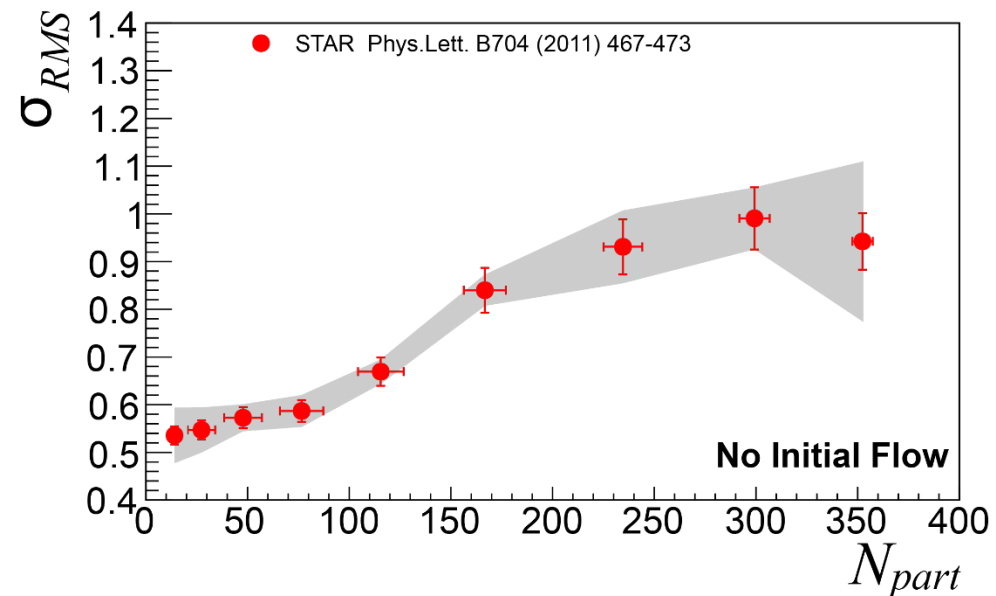
$$\sigma_{central} = 1.0 \pm 0.2$$

$$\sigma_{peripheral} = 0.54 \pm 0.02$$



Longitudinal p_T Fluctuations

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First Order Diffusion

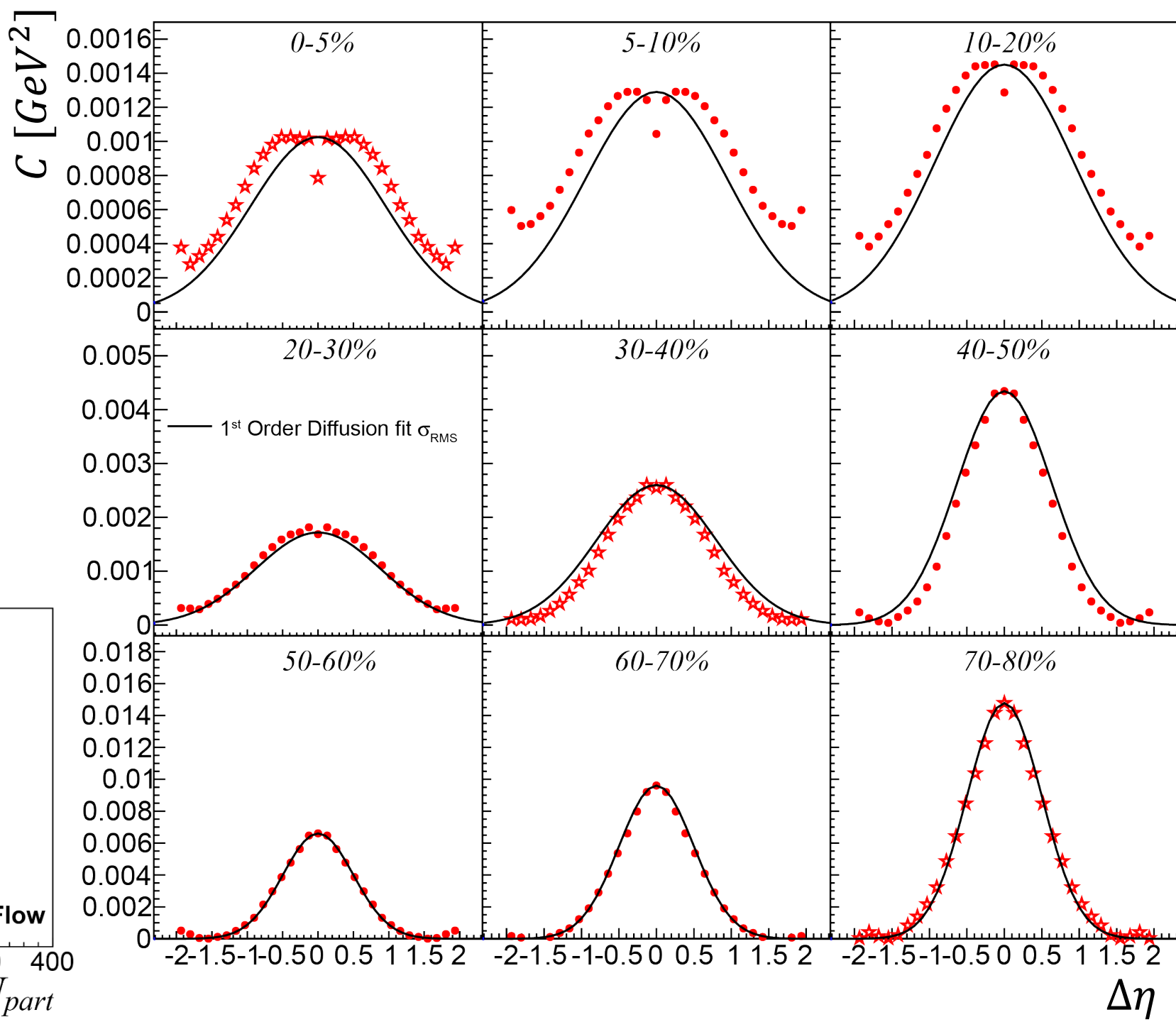
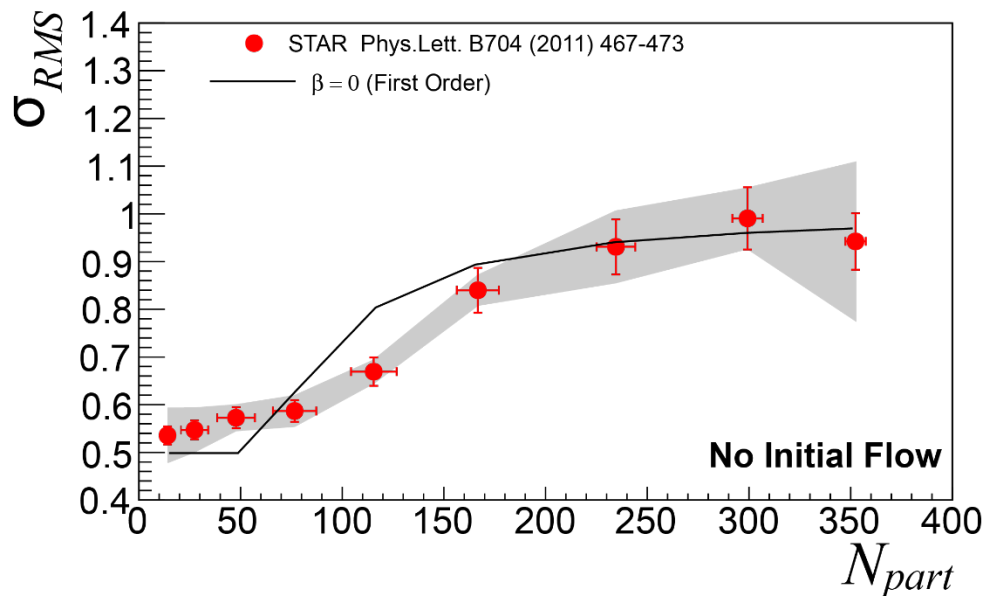
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$$T_F = 143 \text{ MeV}$$

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Second Order Diffusion Equation for Correlations

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Relaxation Time

$$\tau_{\pi} = \beta \nu$$

Heating from
gradients in velocities

Kinematic Viscosity

$$\nu = \eta / Ts$$

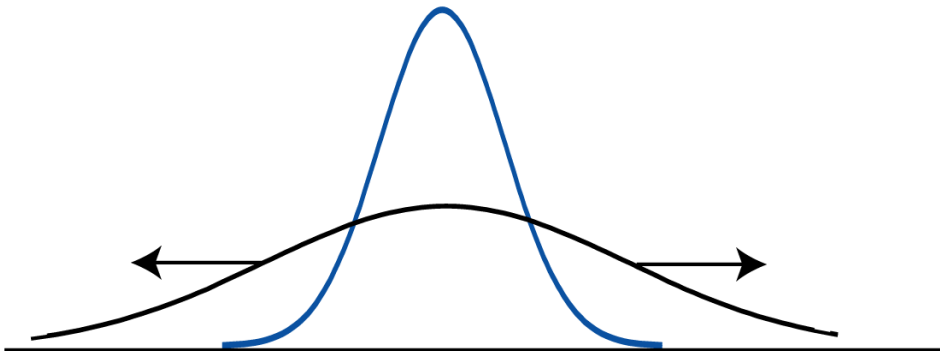
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Diffusion Equation

Diffusion (1st Order)

- Gaussian peak spreads
- tails violate causality



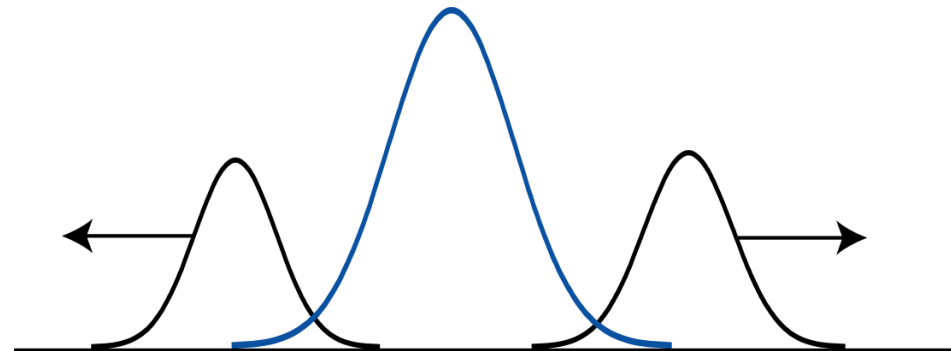
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Wave Equation

Wave propagation

- peak splits into left and right traveling pulses
- propagation speed c_s

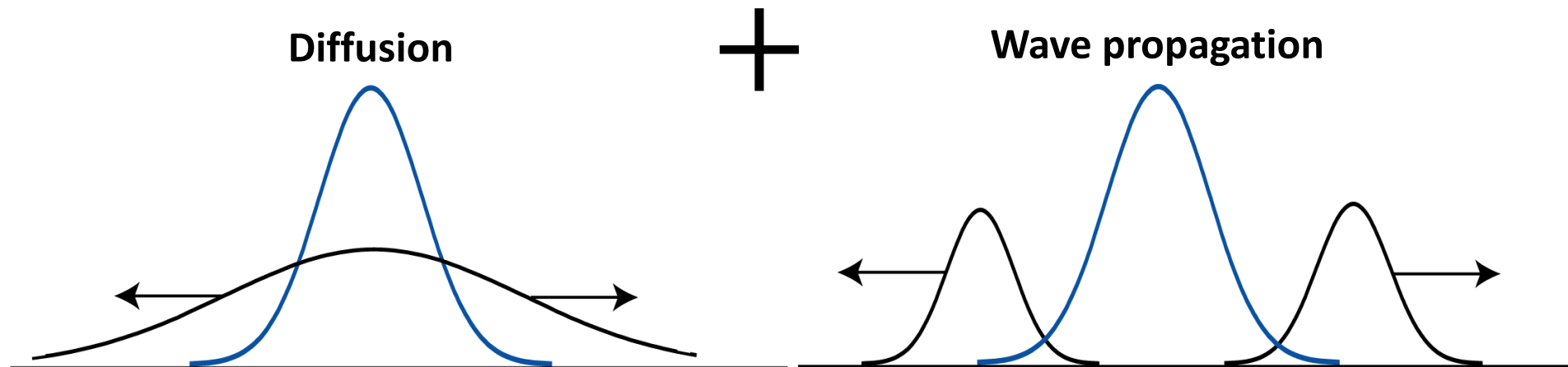


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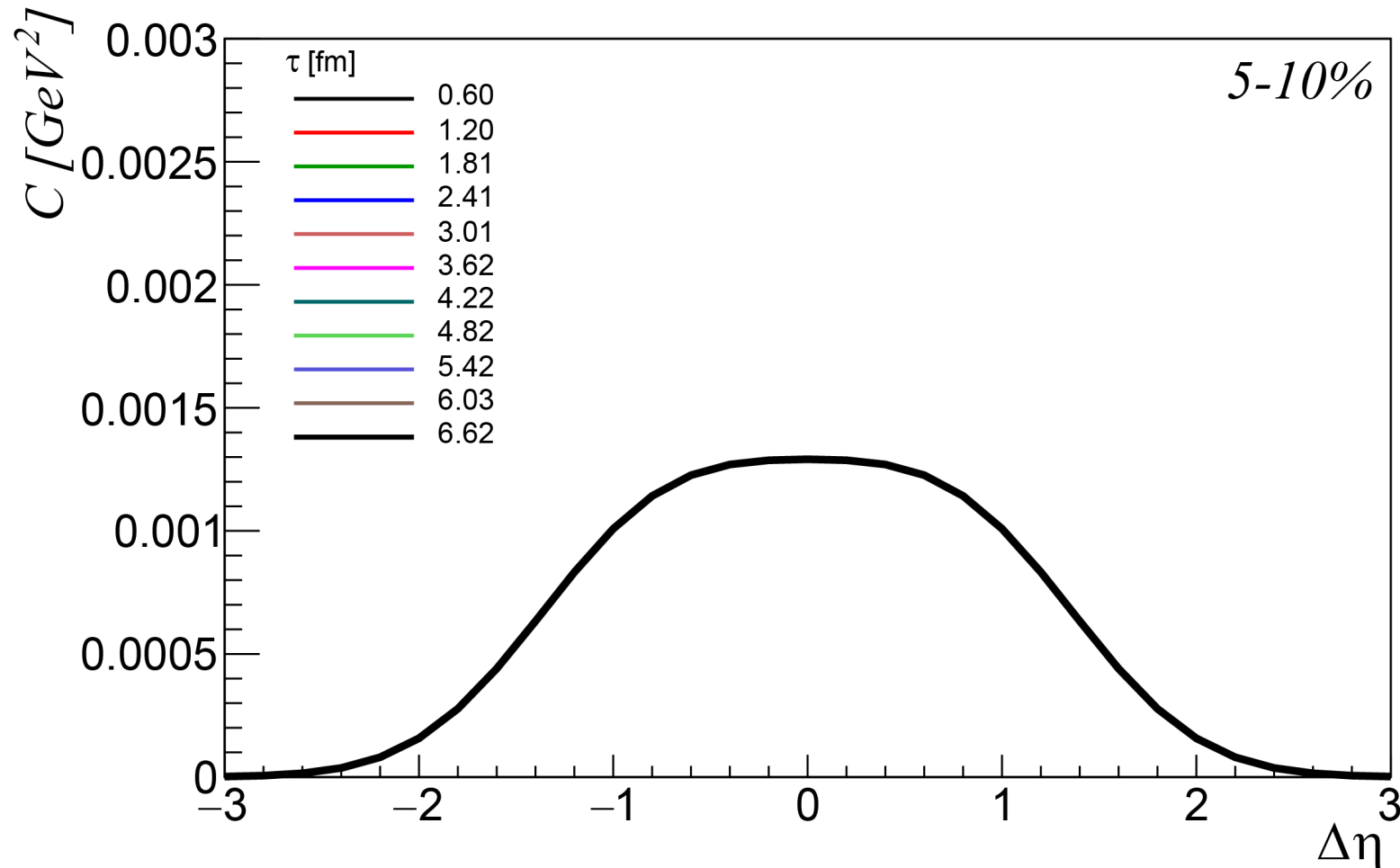
Relaxation Time $\tau_\pi = \beta \nu$

- $\beta = 0$, diffusion only, waves move at infinite speed
- $\beta = 5$, predicted by kinetic theory of gas of massless particles
- Larger β means slower wave \rightarrow slower changes in fluctuation correlations



The Effect of τ_π

$$\left[\frac{\tau_\pi}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} + \left(1 + \frac{\kappa \tau_\pi}{\tau} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{v}{\tau^2} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \Delta \eta^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta_a^2} \right) \right] \Delta r = 0$$



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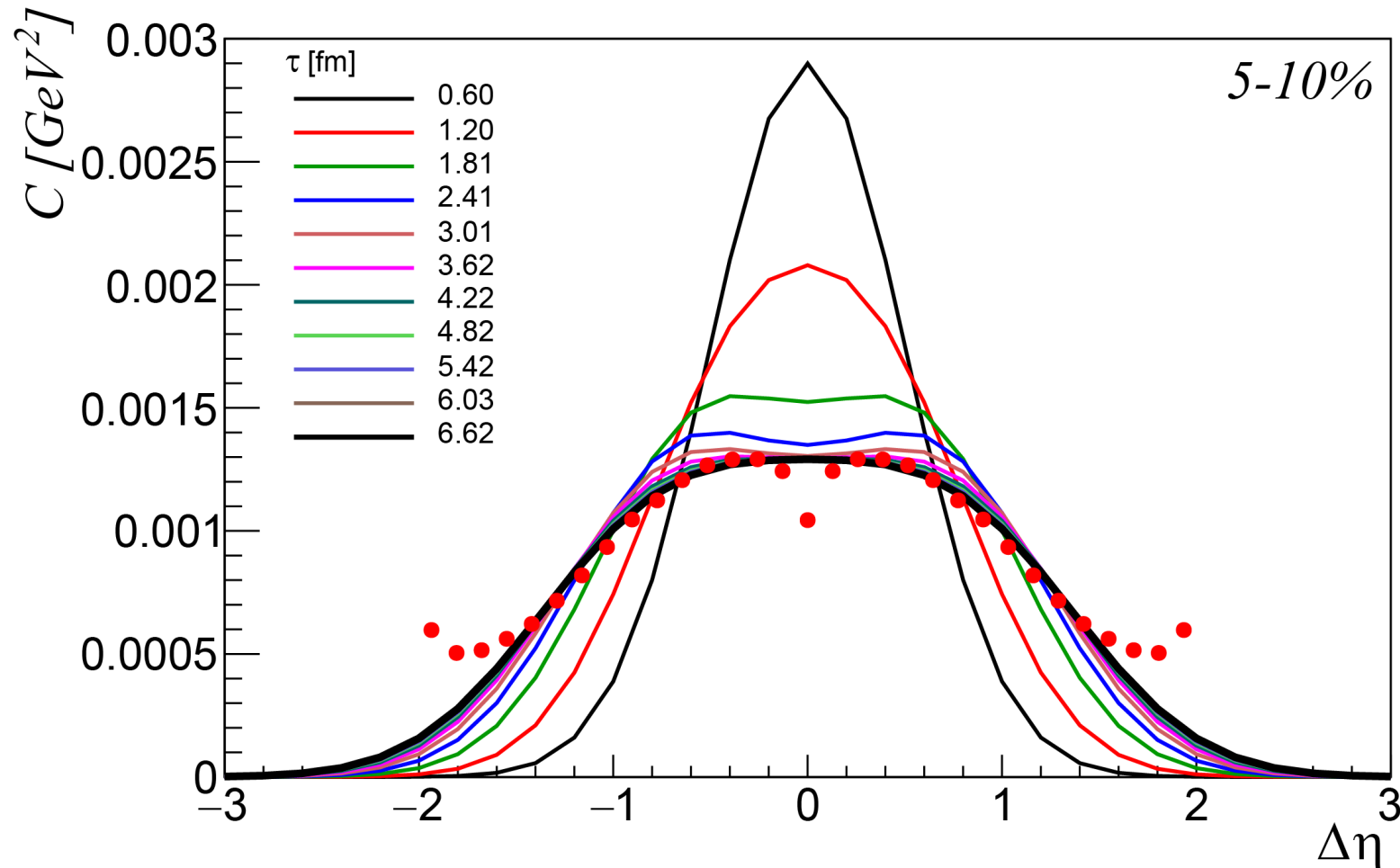
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No initial flow

Comparison to Experiment

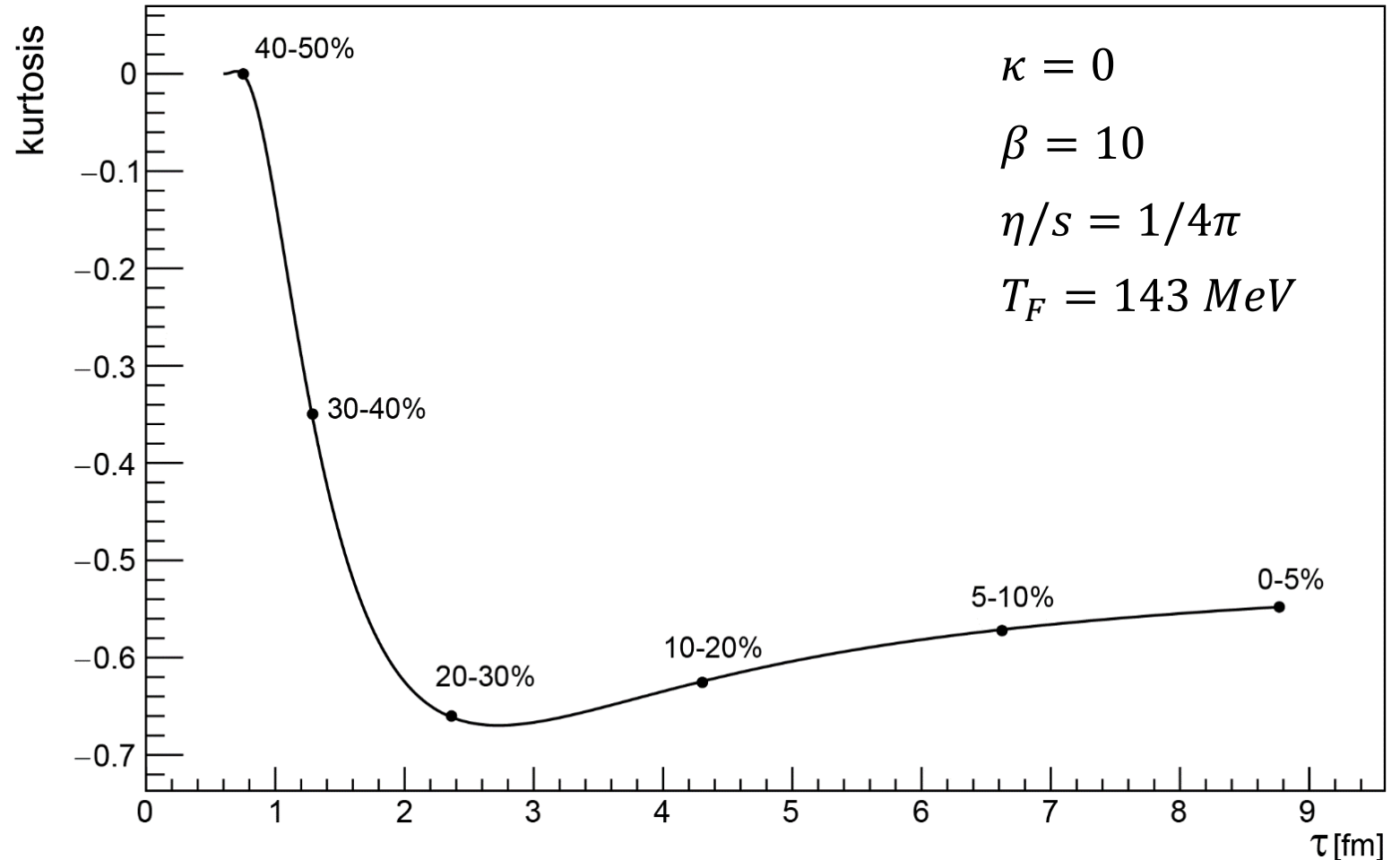
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Wave and Diffusion Competition

- For constant viscosity and $\kappa = 0$ every centrality follows the same time evolution
- Wave effects happen early and rapidly, diffusion influences show up later
- For this specific set of calculation conditions 20-30% collisions freeze out near the maximum (visible) effect of the wave behavior



Second Order Diffusion

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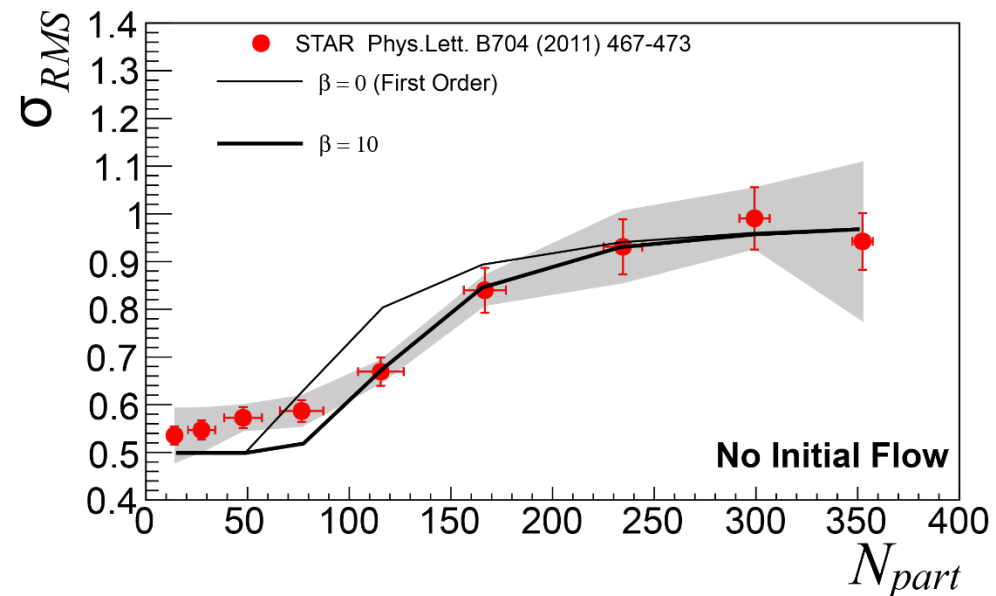
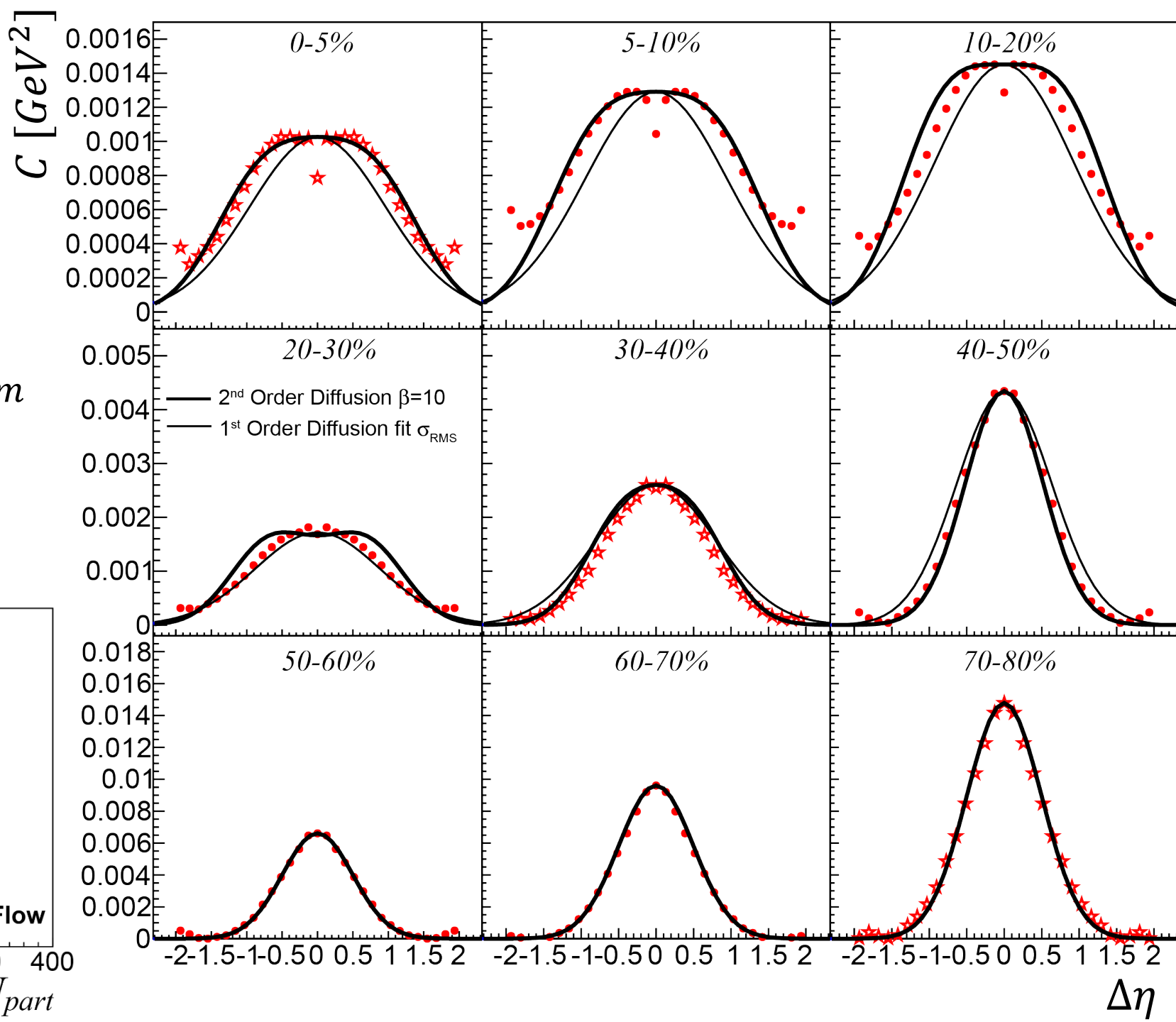
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Evolving Parameters

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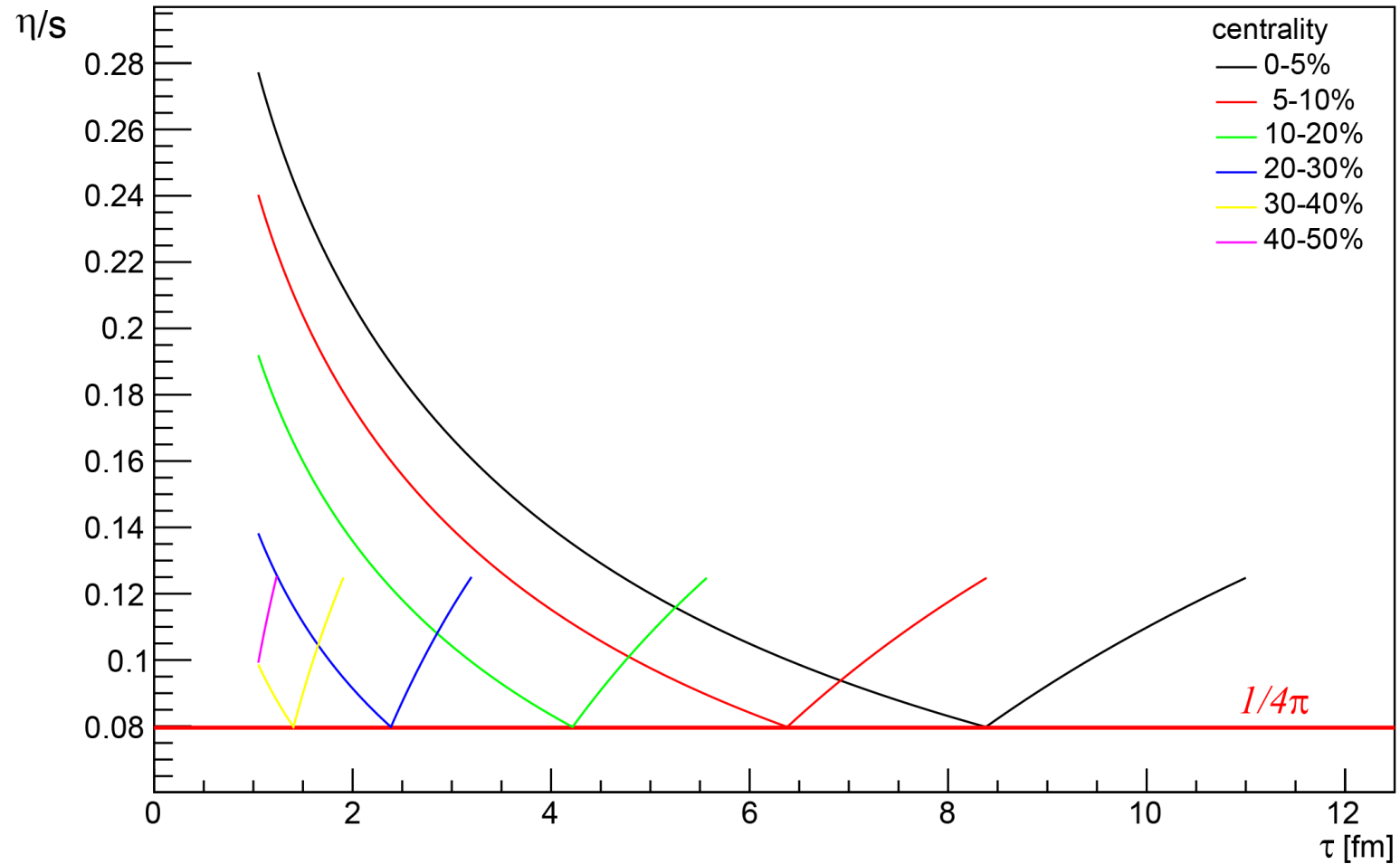
$$\frac{ds}{d\tau} + \frac{s}{\tau} = \frac{\Phi}{T\tau}$$

- Relaxation equation. Causality delays heating.

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- Coefficient associated with the gradient of speeds of fluid cells

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{d \ln(\tau_\pi/\eta T)}{d \ln \tau} \right\}$$



η/s parameterization follows Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 014909

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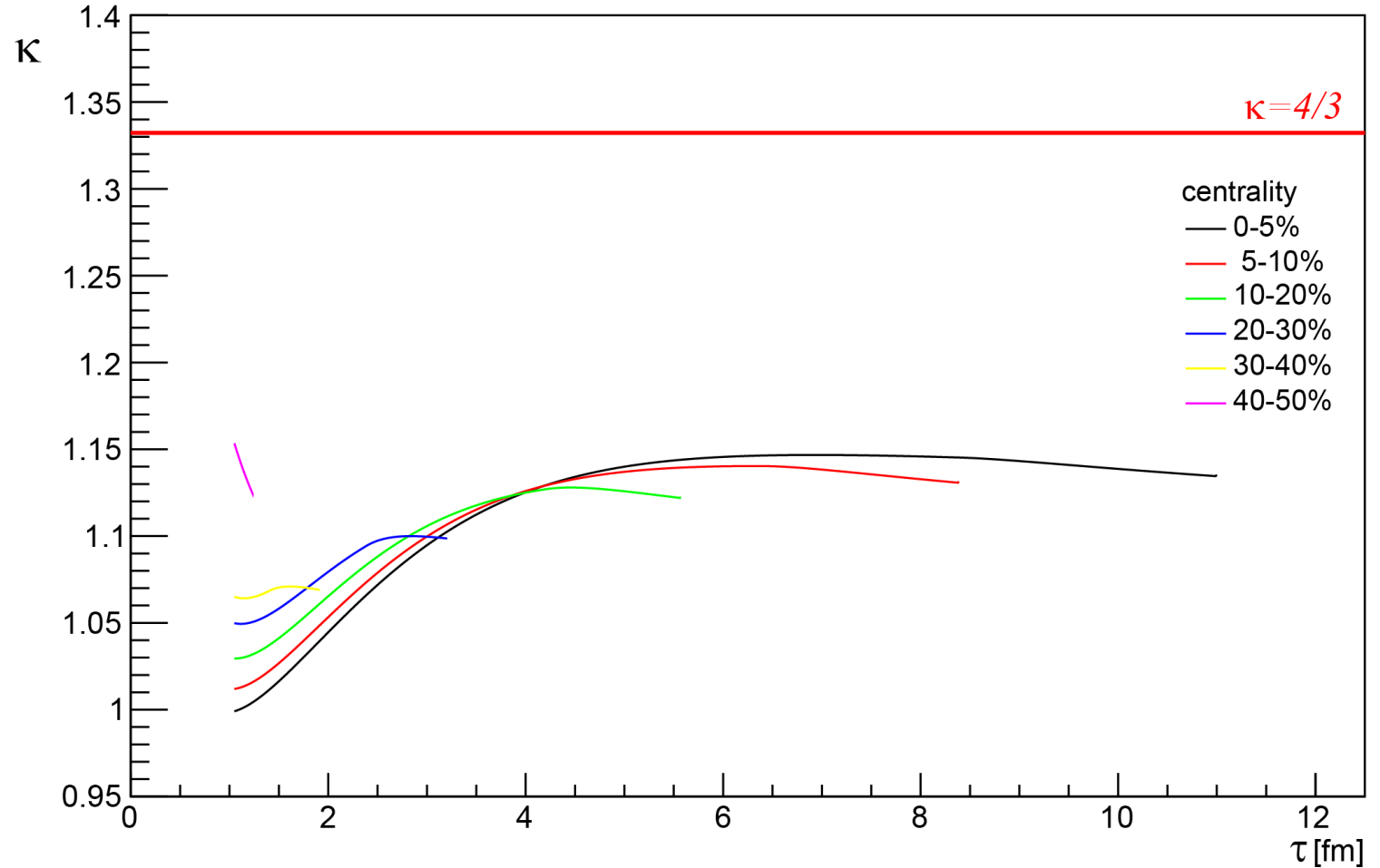
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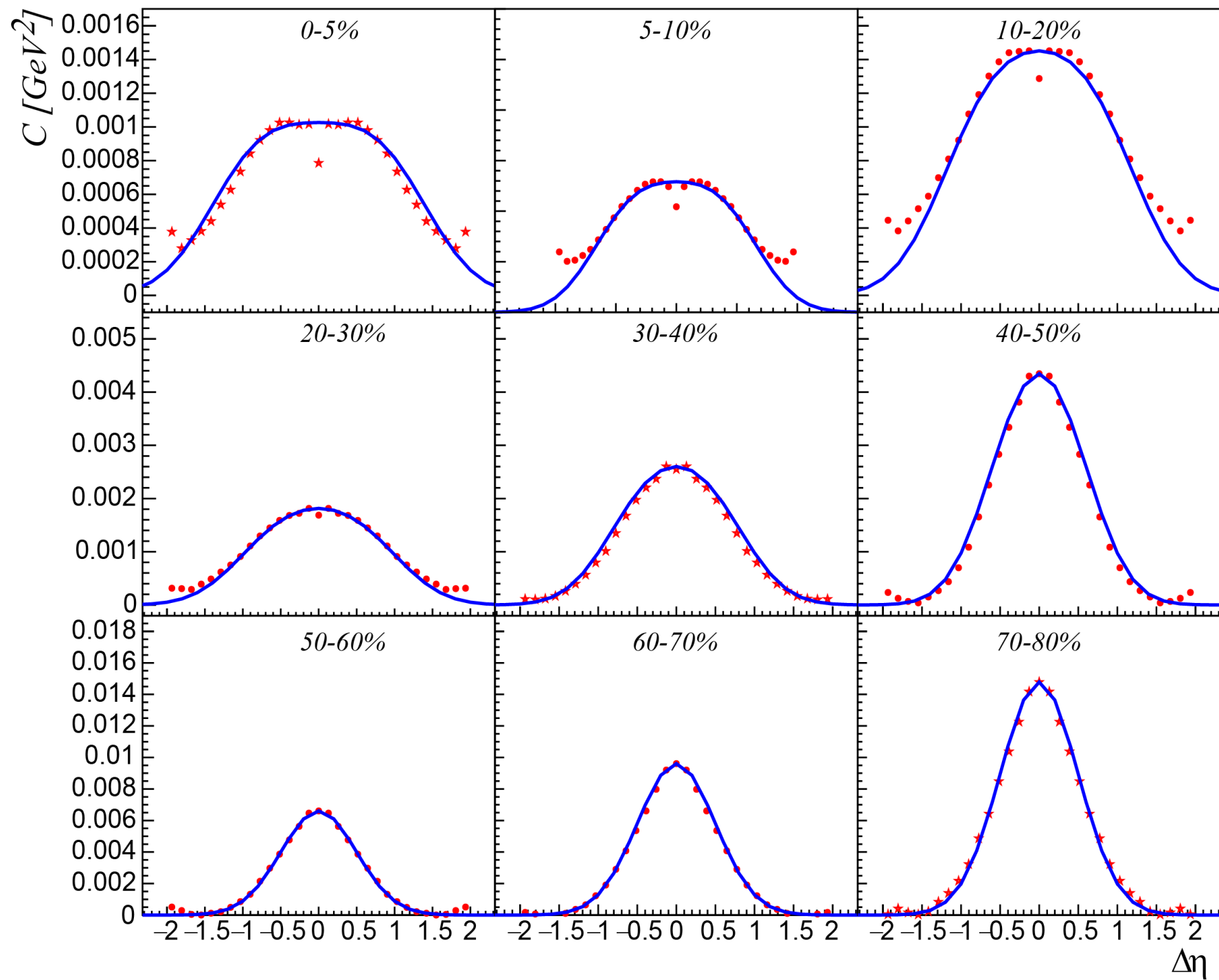
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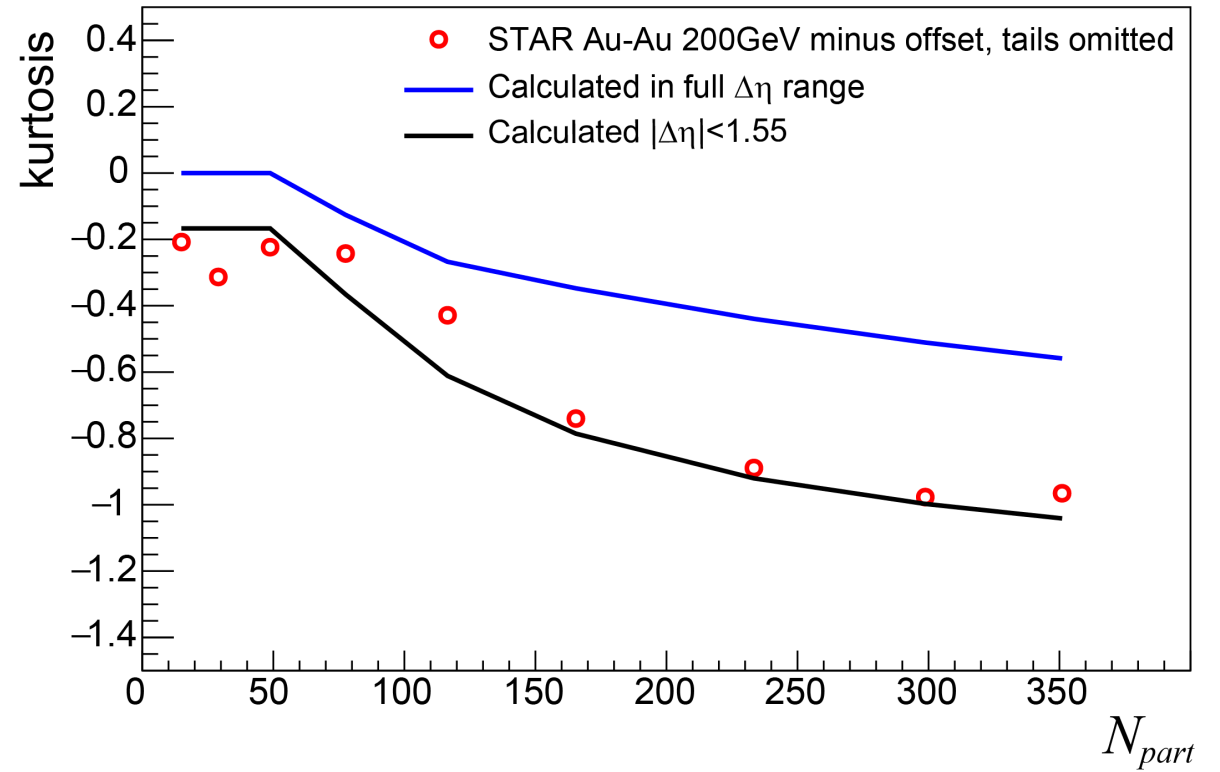
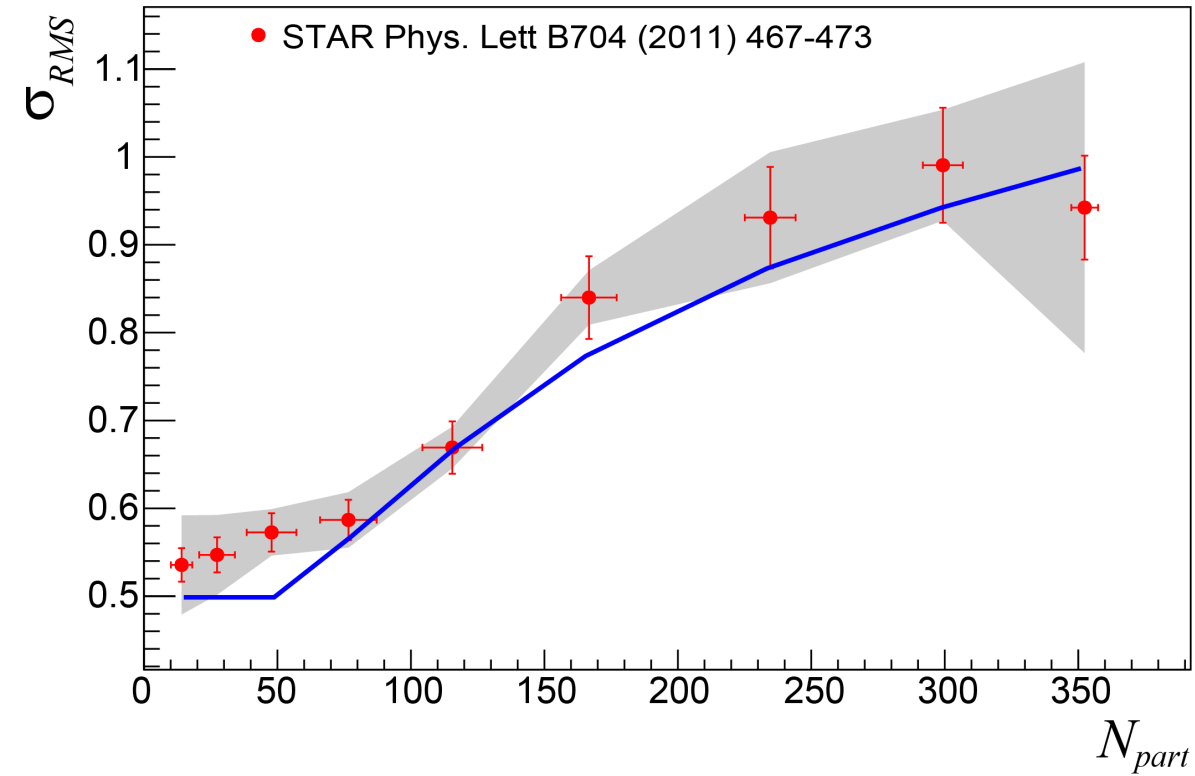
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Width and Kurtosis



Realistic Limits on $\beta = \tau_\pi/\nu$

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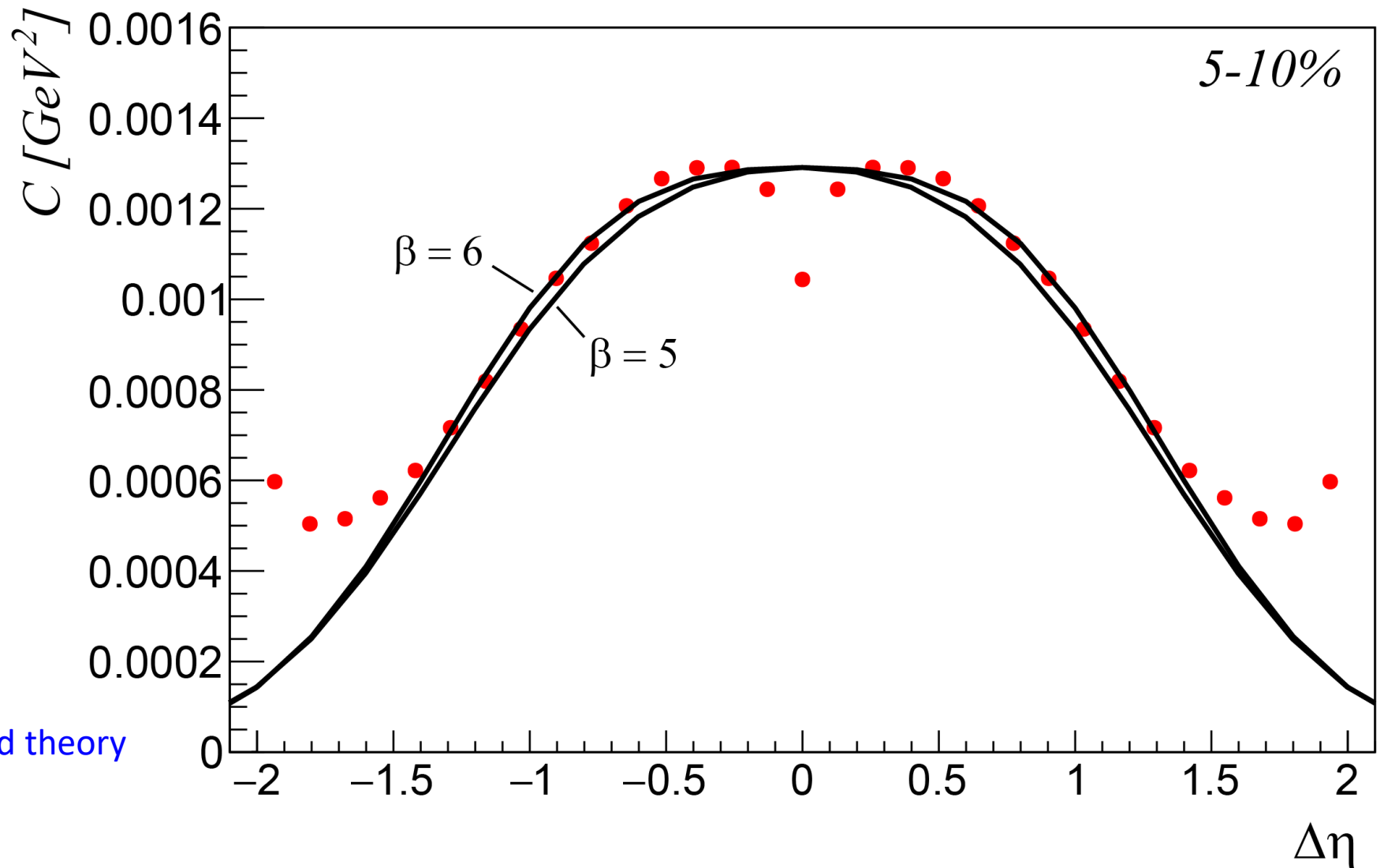
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With initial flow

Jeon & Czajka massless scalar field theory

$$\tau_\pi/\nu = 5 - 7$$

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Summary

Hydro formulation: only transverse modes effect these correlations

- Wavelike propagation of fluctuations important at early times
- Diffusive effects show up as waves attenuate and separate

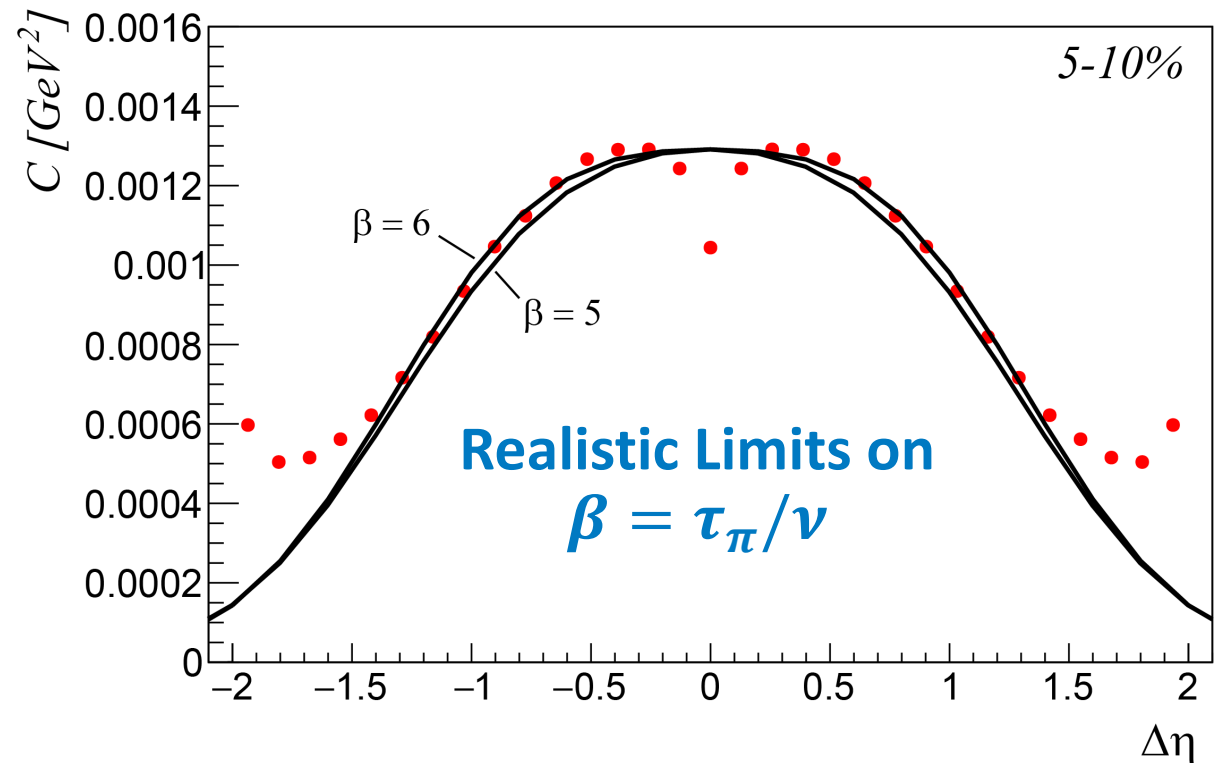
Causality shapes the rapidity dependence of correlations

$$\tau_{\pi} = \beta \nu \rightarrow \text{double humps}$$

$$\nu = \frac{\eta}{T_s} \rightarrow \text{width}$$

Open Questions

- Influence of sound and heat modes on observables
- Charge balancing, resonances, jets, HBT



Kurtosis with Evolving Parameters

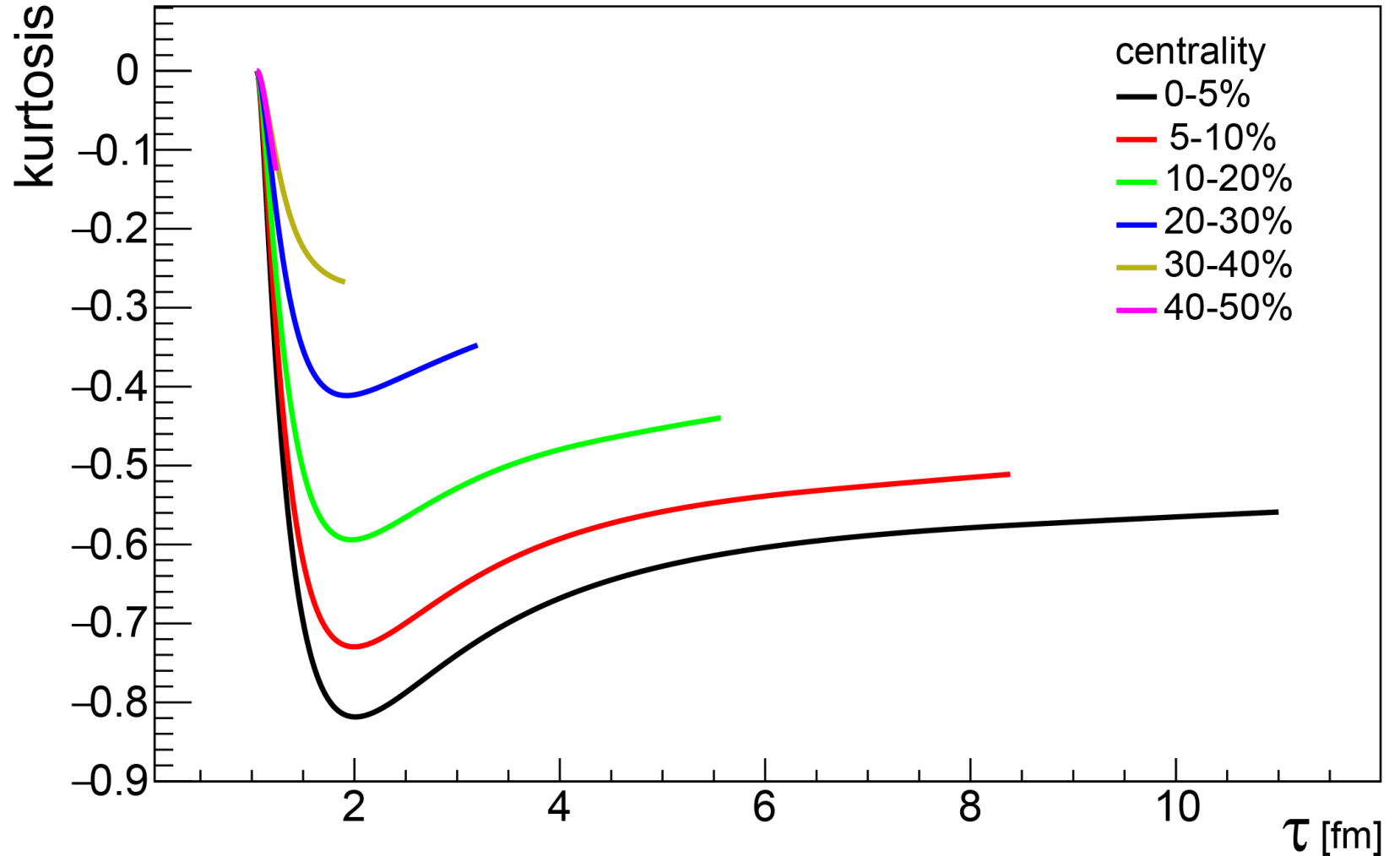
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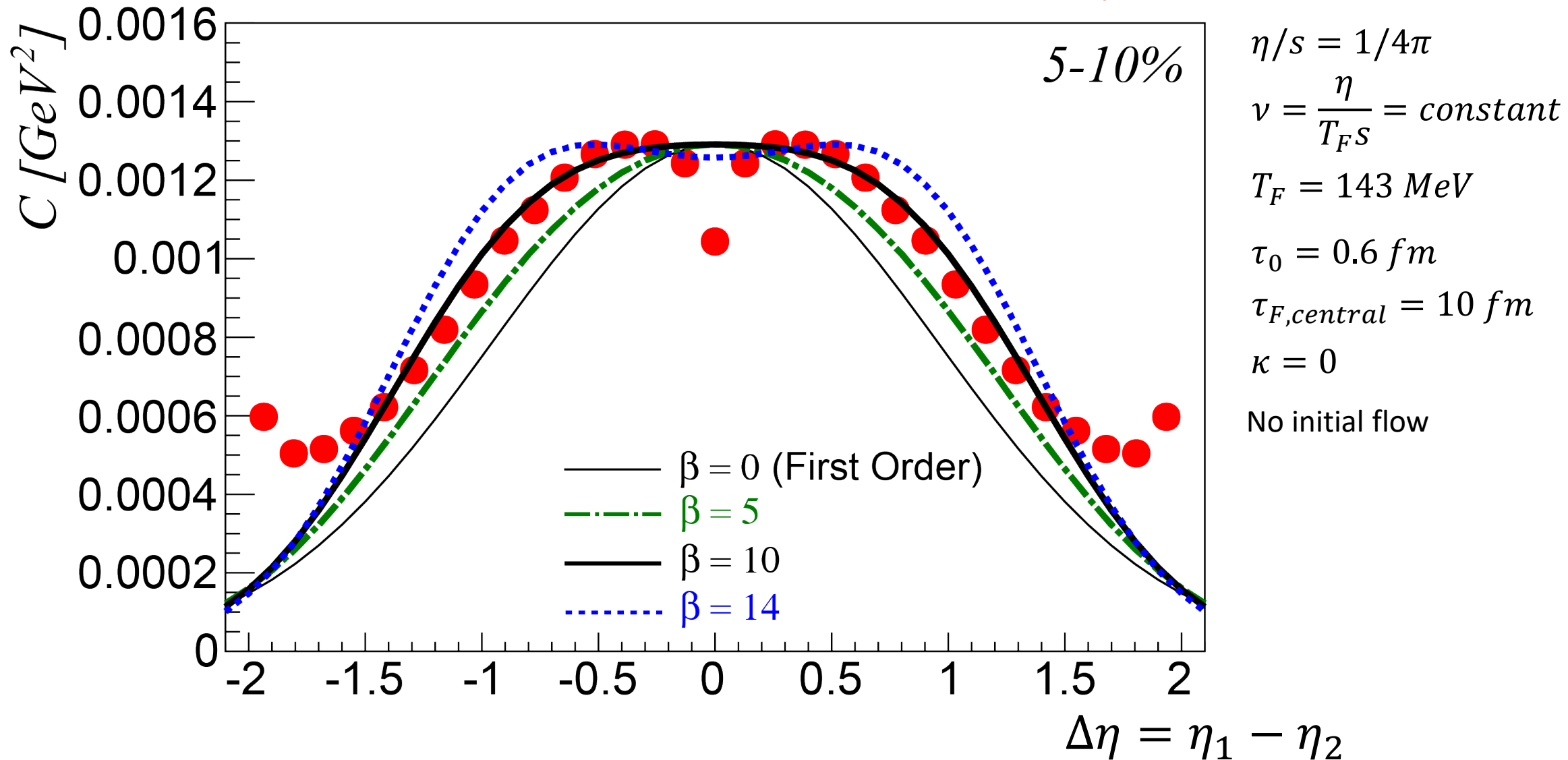
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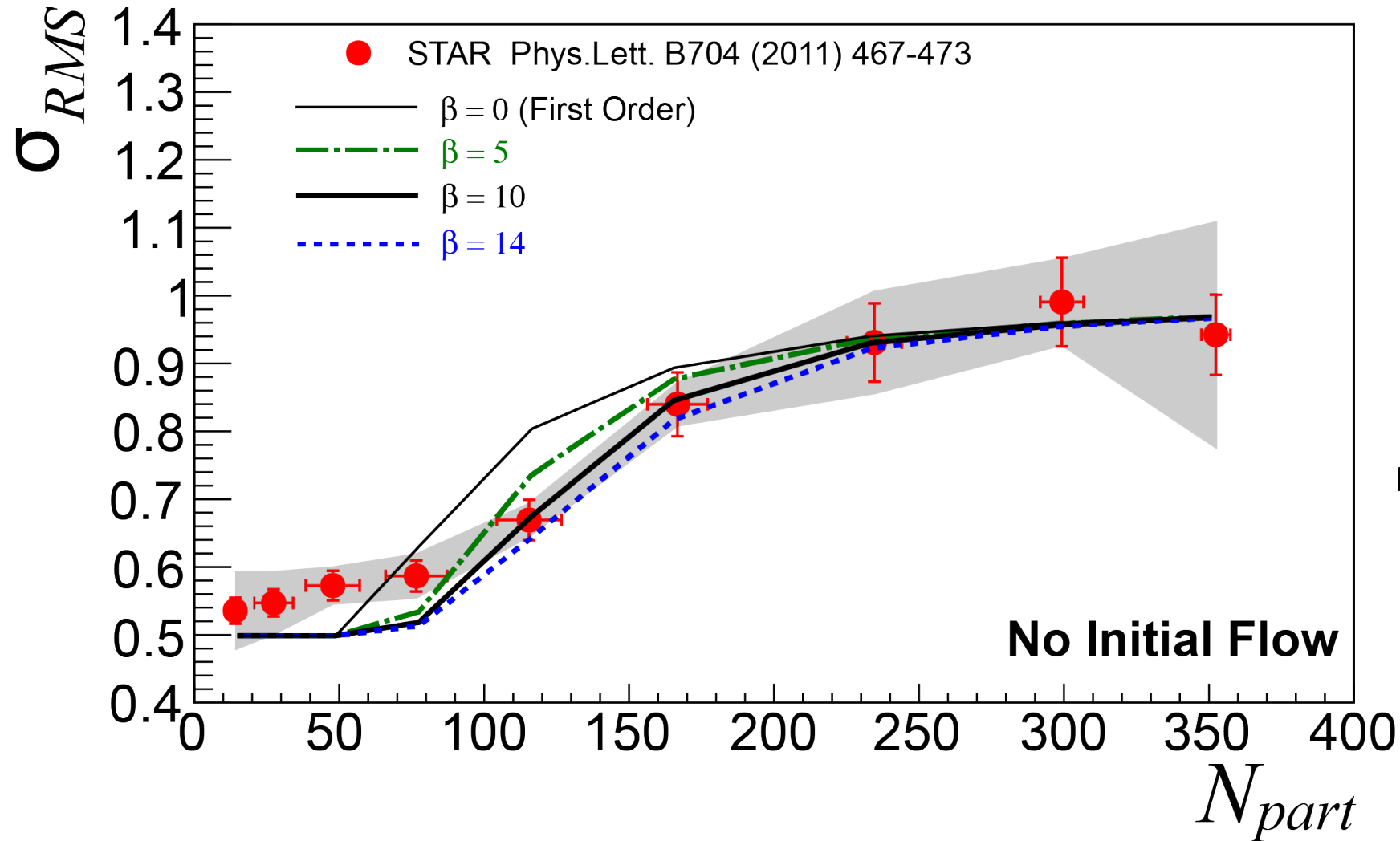
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No initial flow

The stress energy tensor relaxes due to shear viscous forces. In second order hydrodynamics (we will keep only shear contributions)

$$\Delta_{\alpha}^{\mu} \Delta_{\beta}^{\nu} D \Pi^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi}} (\Pi^{\mu\nu} - S^{\mu\nu}) - \kappa \nabla_{\alpha} u^{\alpha} \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$S^{\mu\nu} = \eta \left(\nabla^{\mu} u^{\nu} + \nabla^{\nu} u^{\mu} - \frac{2}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\alpha} u^{\alpha} \right)$$

$$D = u^{\mu} \partial_{\mu}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - u_{\mu} u^{\nu} \partial_{\nu}$$

Here we require $\partial_{\mu} (T_{ideal}^{\mu i} + \Pi^{\mu i}) = 0$ leading to Israel-Stewart equations.

Schematically
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Pi^{\mu i} \sim -\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi}} (\Pi^{\mu\nu} - S^{\mu\nu})$$