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Off-of-equilibrium effects on Kurtosis Along Strangeness-Neutral Trajectories

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The Beam Energy Scan program at RHIC (Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider) is searching for the QCD critical point or a first order phase transition. The main signal for the critical point is the kurtosis of the distribution of proton yields obtained on an event by event basis where one expects a peak at the critical point. However, its exact behavior is still an open question due to out-of-equilibrium effects and the current limitations of the equation of state at large densities. Here we

use a simplistic hydrodynamic model that enforces strangeness-neutrality, selecting on trajectories that pass close to the critical point. We vary the initial conditions (in terms of how far-from-equilibrium they begin)

in order to estimate the effect of out-of-equilibrium hydrodynamics on the kurtosis signal.

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