

Charge Balance Functions

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**Why Charge Balance Functions
are the Most Important
Measurement in High-Energy
Heavy-Ion Collisions**

Properties of the QGP

1. Eq. of State
2. Chemistry (charge fluctuations)
3. Chiral Symmetry Restoration

Charge balance functions
are principal tool

Transport Coefficients

4. Viscosity (shear & bulk)
5. Diffusivity & Conductivity (light / heavy quark)
6. Electromagnetic Opacity & Emissivity
7. Gluonic Opacity and Emissivity (jet quenching)

Also important for:

- CME background
- Background for fluctuations for phase transitions

Charge Susceptibility

Because $\langle Q_a \rangle = 0$, chemistry (at $\mu = 0$), you must look at fluctuations

$$\chi_{ab} = \frac{\langle \delta Q_a \delta Q_b \rangle}{V}$$

For non-interacting

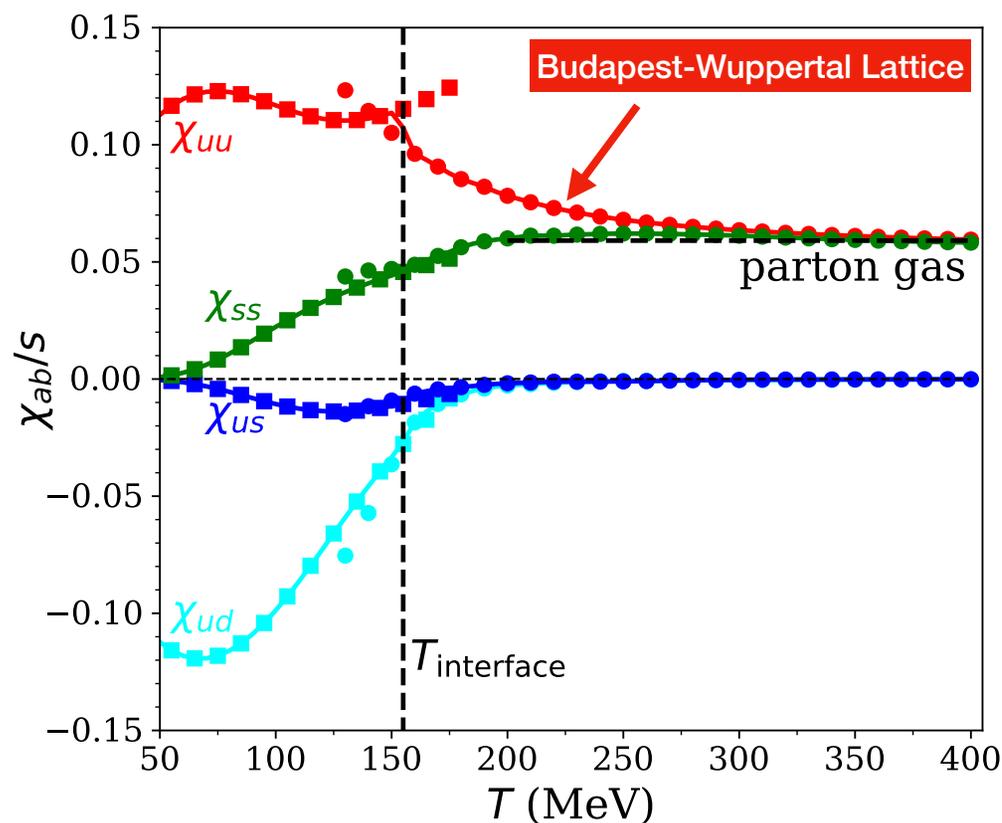
Quark Gas:

$$\chi_{ab} = \sum_a (n_a + n_{\bar{a}}) \delta_{ab}$$

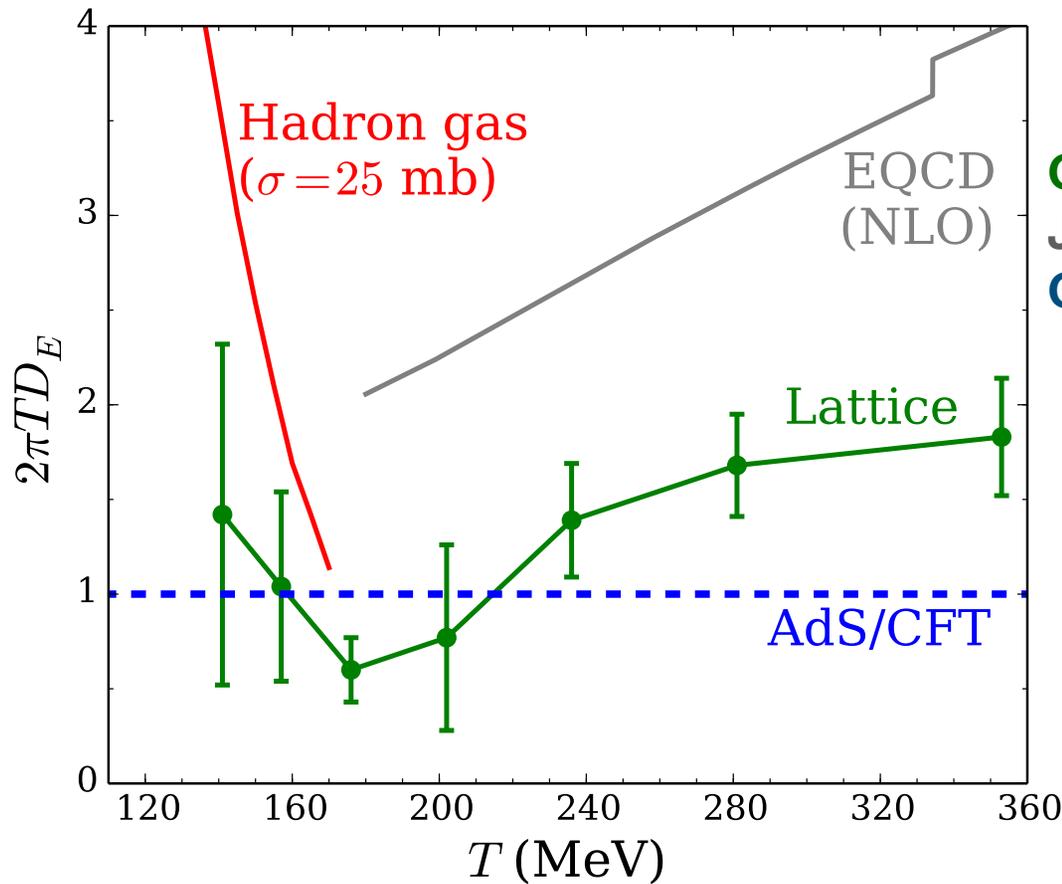
Hadron Gas:

$$\chi_{ab} = \sum_h n_h q_{ha} q_{hb}$$

Susceptibility represents chemistry!!!!



Diffusion/Conductivity (light quark)



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Transport Coefficient (like viscosity)

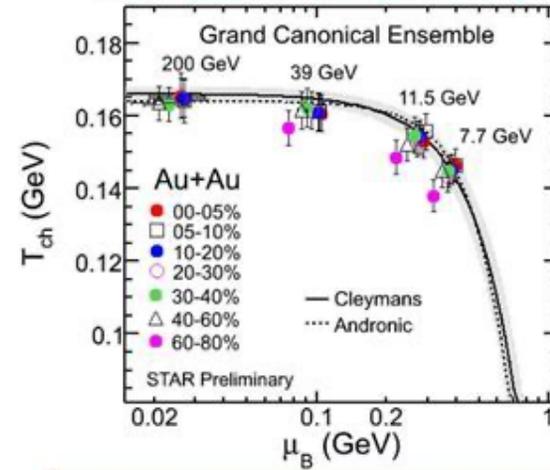
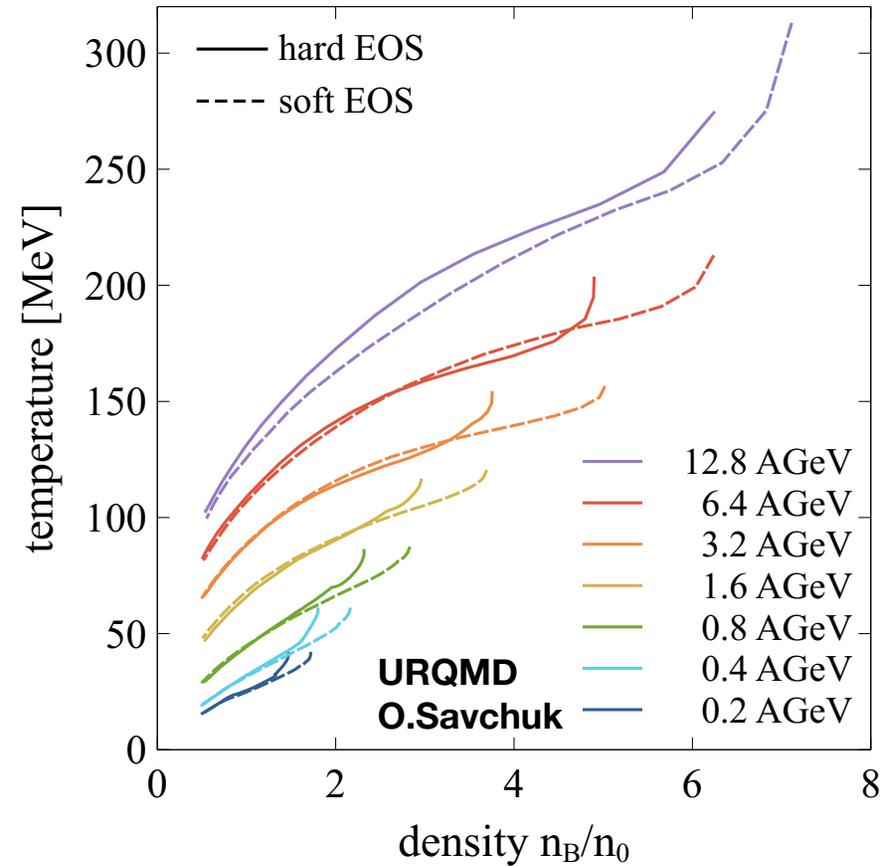
$$j_a = -D_{ab} \nabla \rho_b$$

$$= -\sigma_{ab} \nabla \mu_b$$

$$\sigma_{ab} = \chi_{ac} D_{cd}$$

$$\sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2T} \int d^4x \langle \{j_a(0), j_b(x)\} \rangle$$

Charge Susceptibilities



At what part of trajectory do you *measure* χ_{ab} ?

Answer: BFs sensitive to ENTIRE trajectory!!!

$$B_{hh}(\Delta y) \leftrightarrow \chi_{ab}(\tau)$$

Theory of Correlations and Balance Functions

Charge Correlations

(Equilibrated System)

$$C_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \equiv \langle \delta\rho_a(\vec{r}_1)\delta\rho_b(\vec{r}_2) \rangle = \chi_{ab}\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

3x3 matrix

$$\chi_{ab} = \frac{1}{V} \langle \delta Q_a \delta Q_b \rangle = \frac{T^2}{Z} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu_a \partial \mu_b} \ln Z,$$

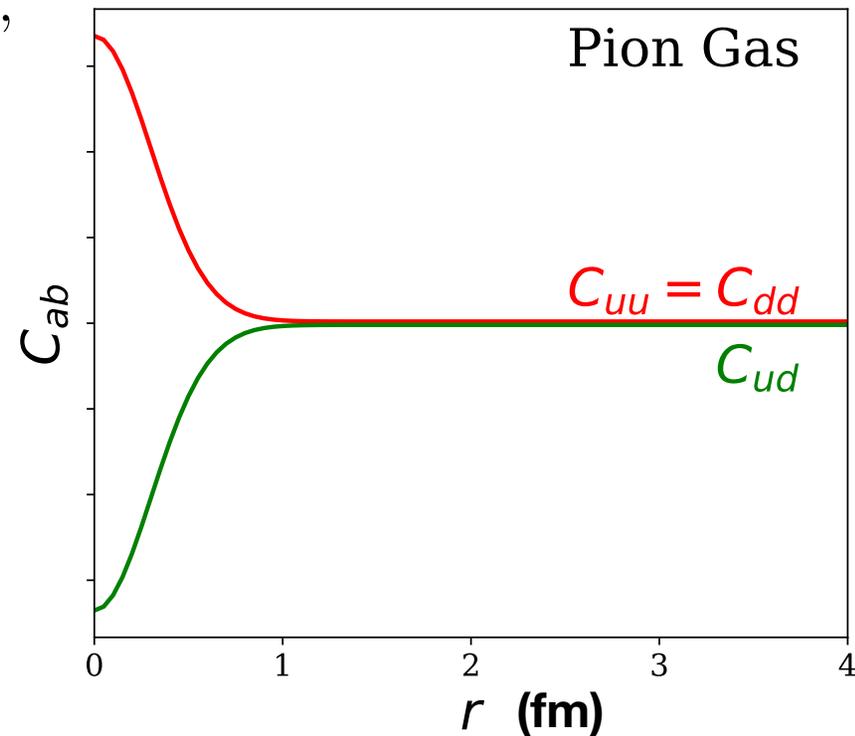
$$= \int d^3r C_{ab}(0, \vec{r}).$$

Quark Gas:

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Hadron Gas:

$$\chi_{ab} = \sum_h n_h q_{ha} q_{hb}$$

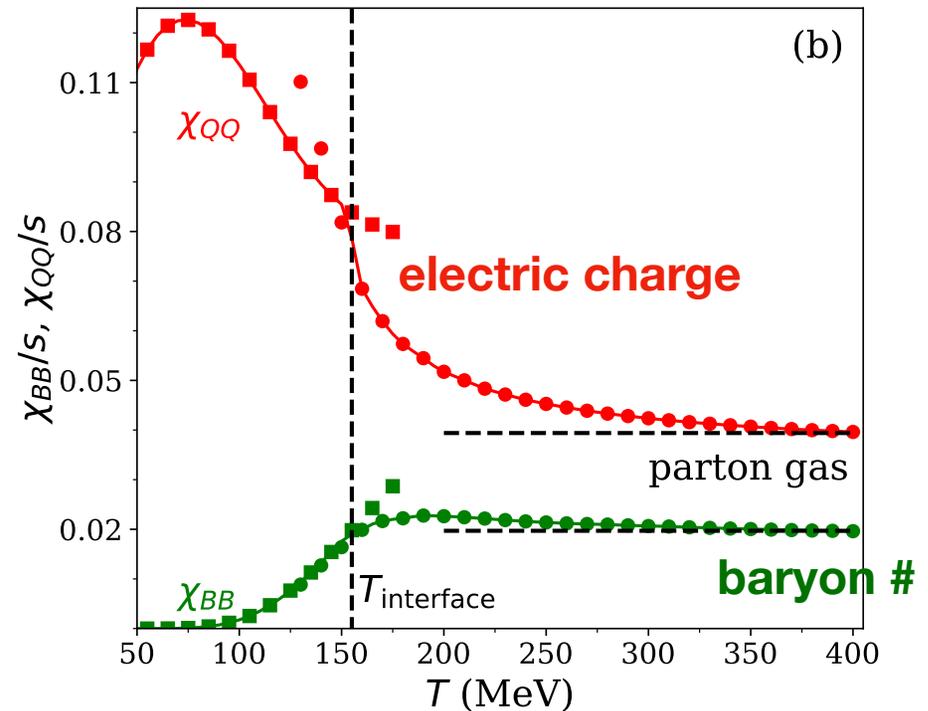
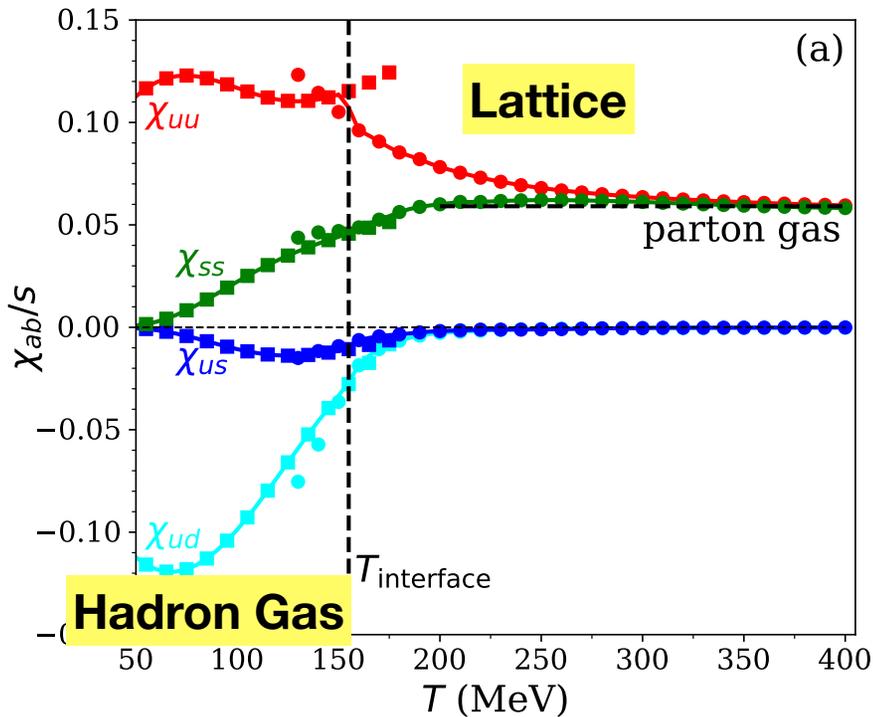


Susceptibility

(Lattice, BW-Claudia Ratti)

For hadron gas: $\chi_{ab} = \sum_h n_h q_{ha} q_{hb}$
 $a=(u,d,s)$

For parton gas: $\chi_{ab} = \sum_a (n_a + n_{\bar{a}}) \delta_{ab}$



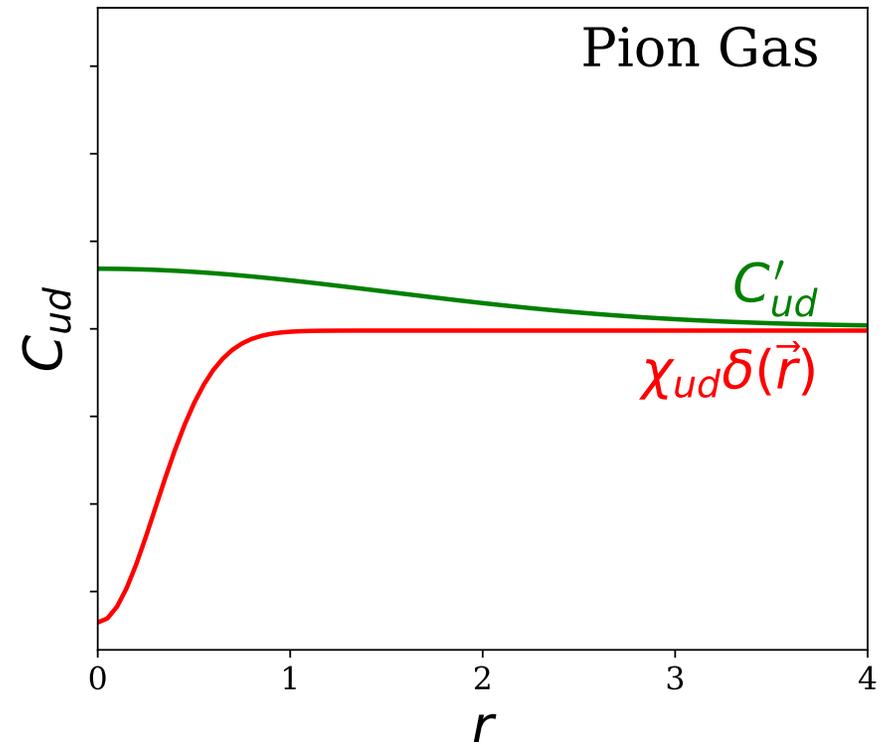
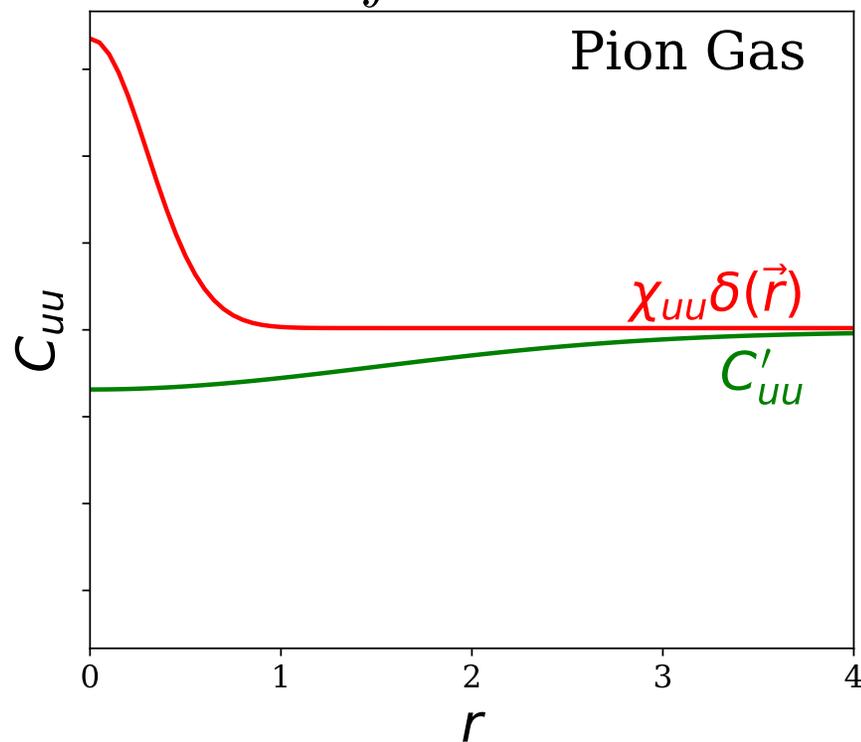
Charge Correlations

(Dynamic System with Charge Conservation)

$$C_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \chi_{ab} \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + C'_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\int d^3r C'_{ab}(\vec{r}) = -\chi_{ab}$$

Balancing correlation



Diffusivity

Eq.s of motion

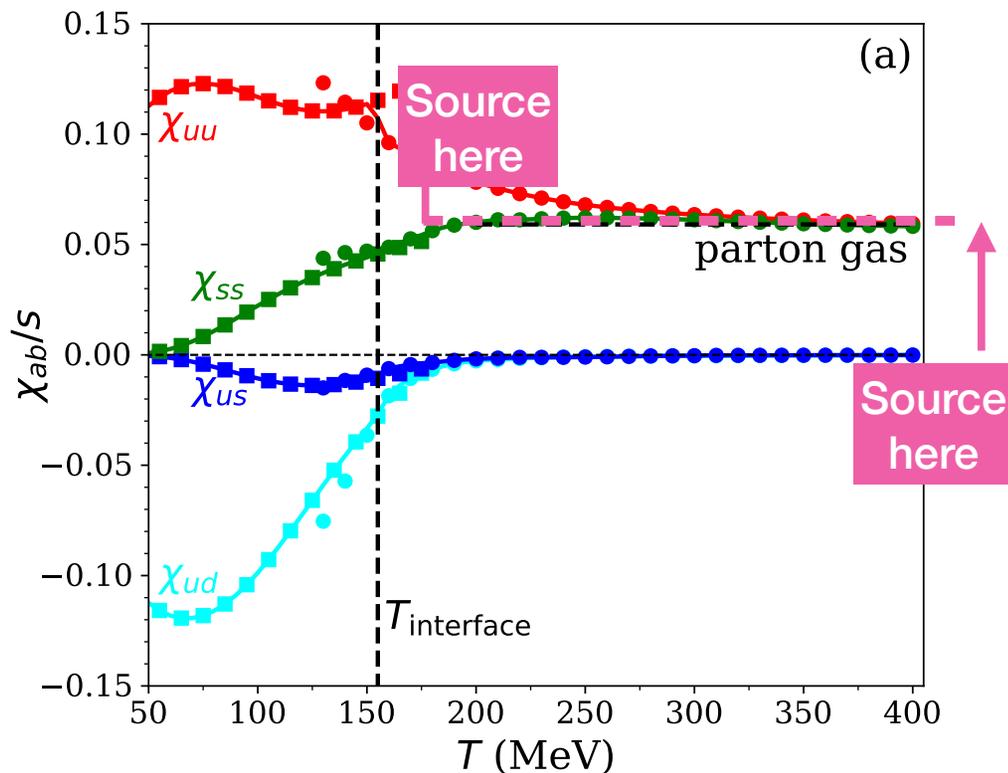
$$\partial_t C'_{ab}(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) - D_{ab} \nabla_1^2 C'_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) - D_{ab} \nabla_2^2 C'_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = -S_{ab}(\vec{r}_1, t) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

$$S_{ab}(\vec{r}, t) = \left[\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) \right] \chi_{ab}(\vec{r}, t) \approx s(\vec{r}, t) \left[\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right] \frac{\chi_{ab}(\vec{r}, t)}{s(\vec{r}, t)}$$

Source term

When $\chi_{ab} V$ changes,

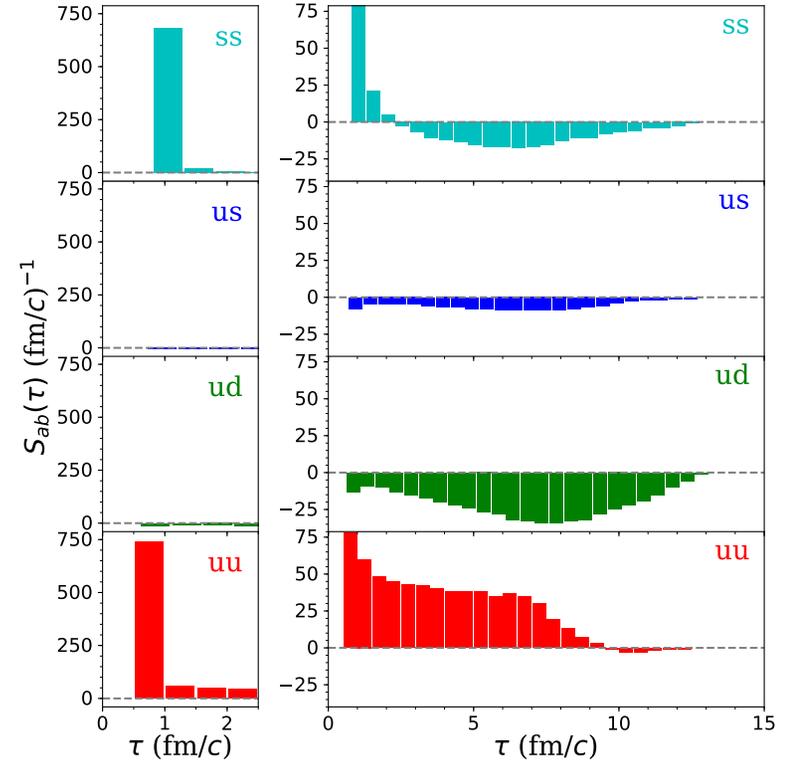
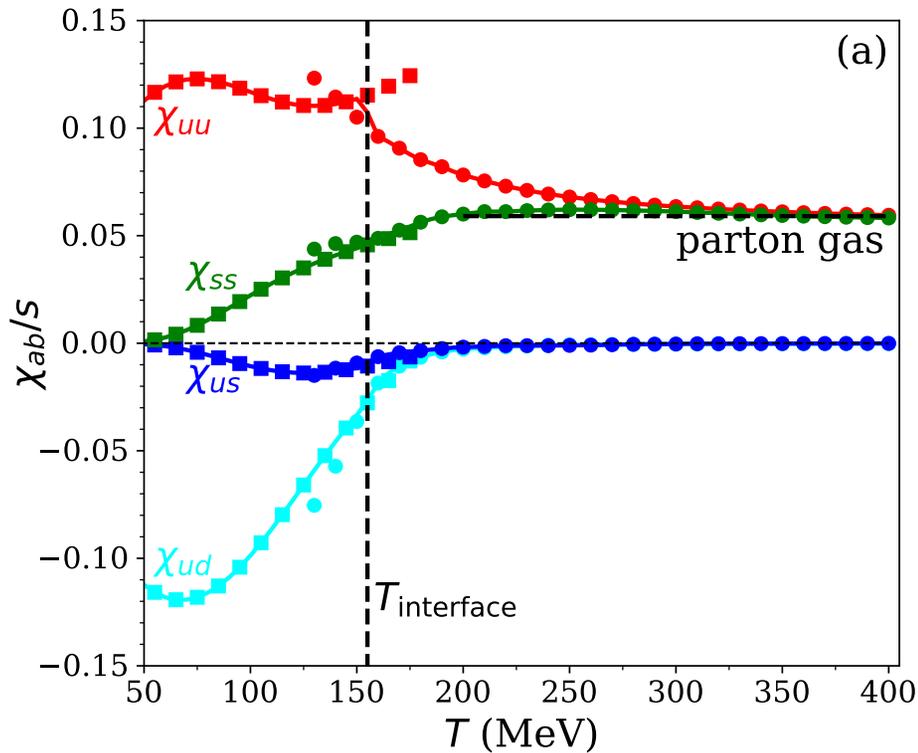
$C'_{ab}(\Delta\vec{r})$ gets sourced at $\Delta\vec{r} = 0$.



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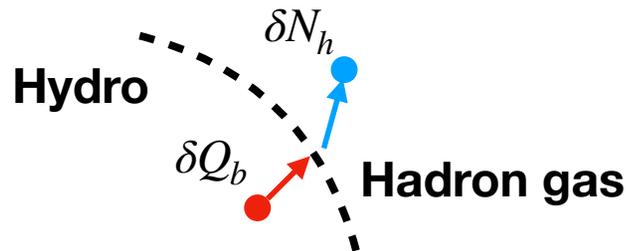
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Translate C_{ab} into $C_{hh'}$

$$\delta N_h = \chi_{ab}^{-1}(T_{\text{interface}}) q_{ha} n_h \delta Q_b$$



Charge Balance Function

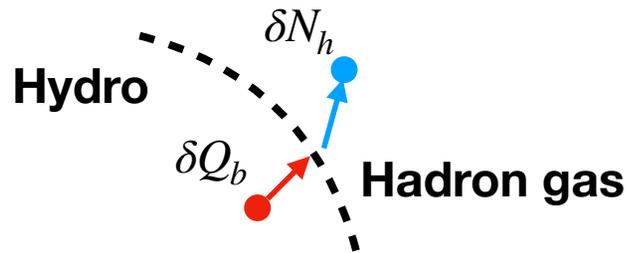
$$C_{hh'}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \langle [\delta n_h(\vec{r}_1) - \delta n_{\bar{h}}(\vec{r}_1)] [\delta n_{\bar{h}'}(\vec{r}_2) - \delta n_{h'}(\vec{r}_2)] \rangle,$$

$$B_{h|h'}(\vec{p}_1 | \vec{p}_2) = \frac{1}{N_{h'}(\vec{p}_2) + N_{\bar{h}'}(\vec{p}_2)} \langle [\delta N_h(\vec{p}_1) - \delta N_{\bar{h}}(\vec{p}_1)] [\delta N_{\bar{h}'}(\vec{p}_2) - \delta N_{h'}(\vec{p}_2)] \rangle$$

**If you see a charged particle at \vec{p}_2 ,
chance of finding balancing (opposite charge) at \vec{p}_1**

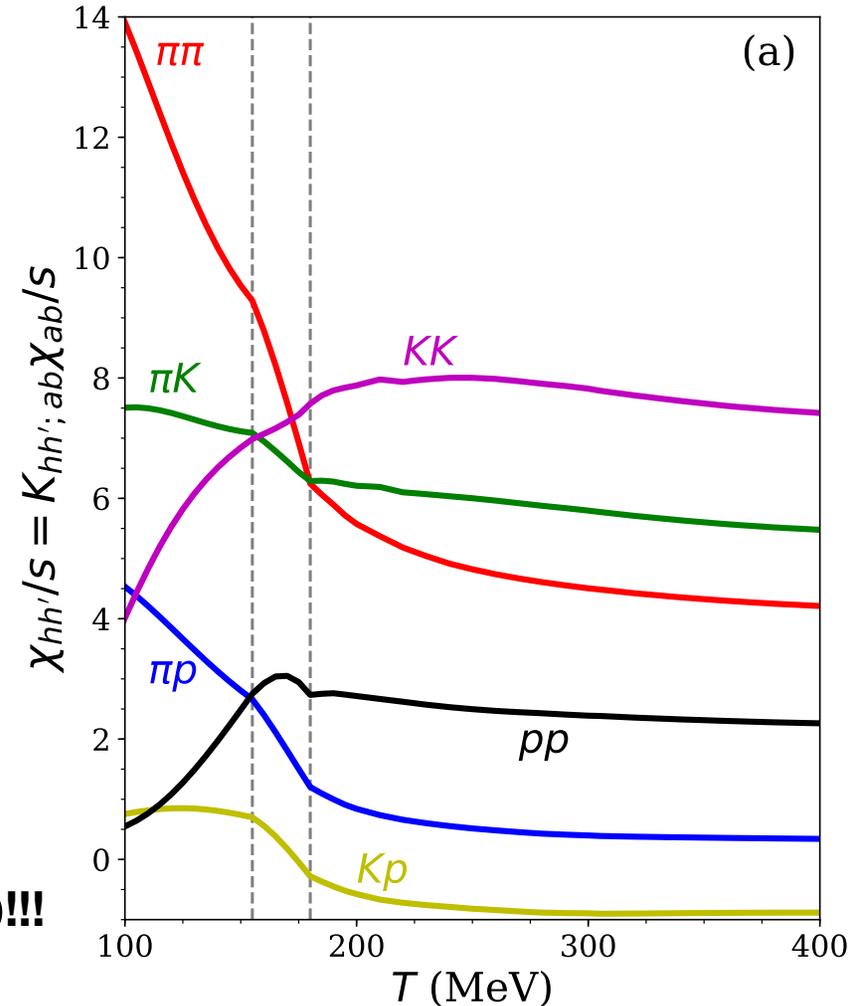
Translate C_{ab} into $C_{hh'}$

$$\delta N_h = \chi_{ab}^{-1}(T_{\text{interface}}) q_{ha} n_h \delta Q_b$$



$B_{\pi\pi}$ has contribution from hadronization stage
 B_{pp} and B_{KK} are sourced at thermalization

$B_{\pi\pi}(\Delta y)$ should be narrower than $B_{KK}(\Delta y)$ or $B_{pp}(\Delta y)$!!!



Diffusivity

$$\vec{j}_a = -D_{ab} \nabla \rho_b, \text{ 3x3 matrix (colors)}$$
$$= -\sigma_{ab} \nabla (\mu_b/T),$$

$$\sigma = \chi D,$$

$$\chi_{ab} = \langle \delta Q_a \delta Q_b \rangle / V = \partial \rho_a / \partial (\mu_b/T)$$

susceptibility

Kubo Relation

$$\sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2T} \int d^4x \langle \{j_a(0), j_b(x)\} \rangle$$

difficult (not impossible) for lattice gauge theory

The Calculation

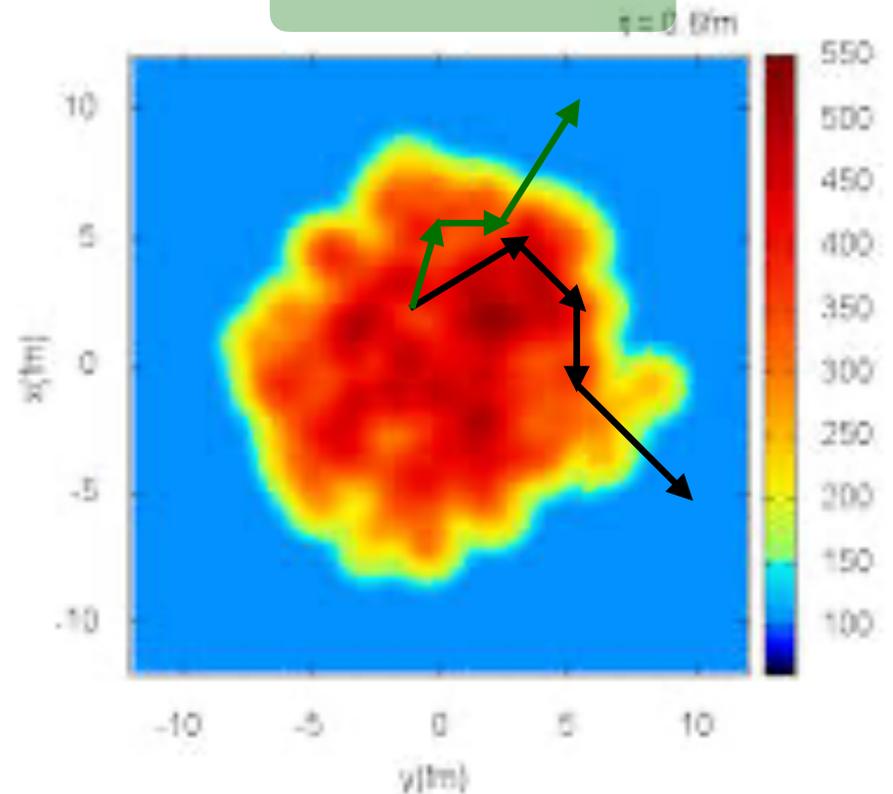
Diffusion = Random walk

Monte Carlo procedure:

- A) Overlay with hydro evolution to create $S_{ab}(t, \vec{r})$
- B) Generate partners (uu,dd,ss,ud,us,ss)
proportional to $S_{ab}(t, \vec{r})$ with weights
- C) Move particles in random directions
punctuated by re-directioning according to τ_{coll}
- D) Translate δQ_a to δN_h at hyper surface
- E) Collide (fixed σ) and decay particles
- F) Combine decay products with those from partner
- G) Correlations created during hadronic phase:
create uncorrelated hadrons, run through cascade,
combine ALL particles to create BF
- H) Add contributions from (E) and (F)
- I) Fold with acceptance/efficiency
- J) Test sum rules

ALGORITHM

$$\tau_{\text{coll}} = 6D$$



ALGORITHM

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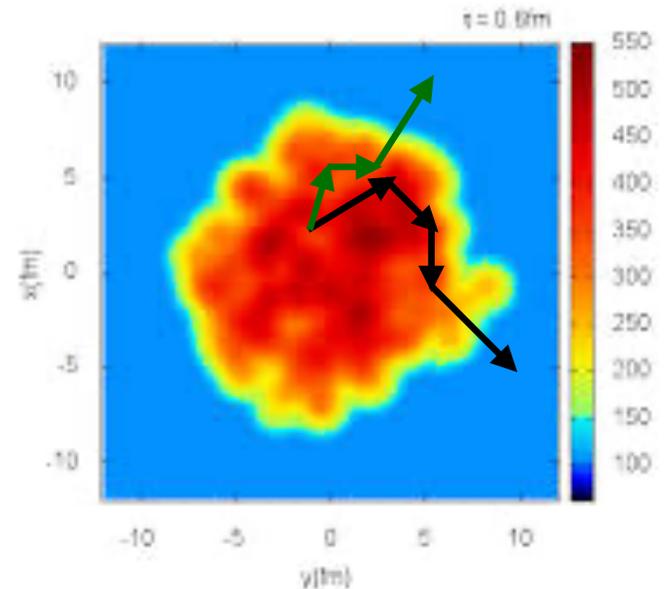
Correlations from Hydro:

- Depends of D and σ_0
- Only a few hours of CPU
- track charges from same source point

TYPE 2:

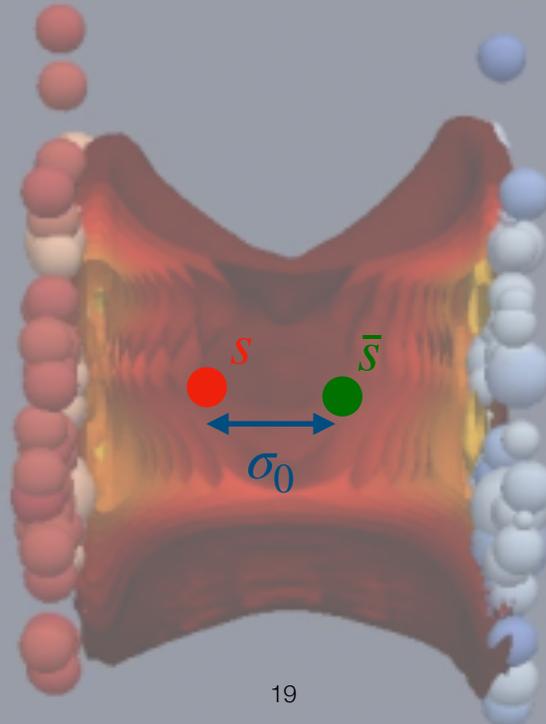
Correlations from Cascade

- Weeks of CPU
- One hydro event (independent of D, σ_0)
- Millions of cascade events

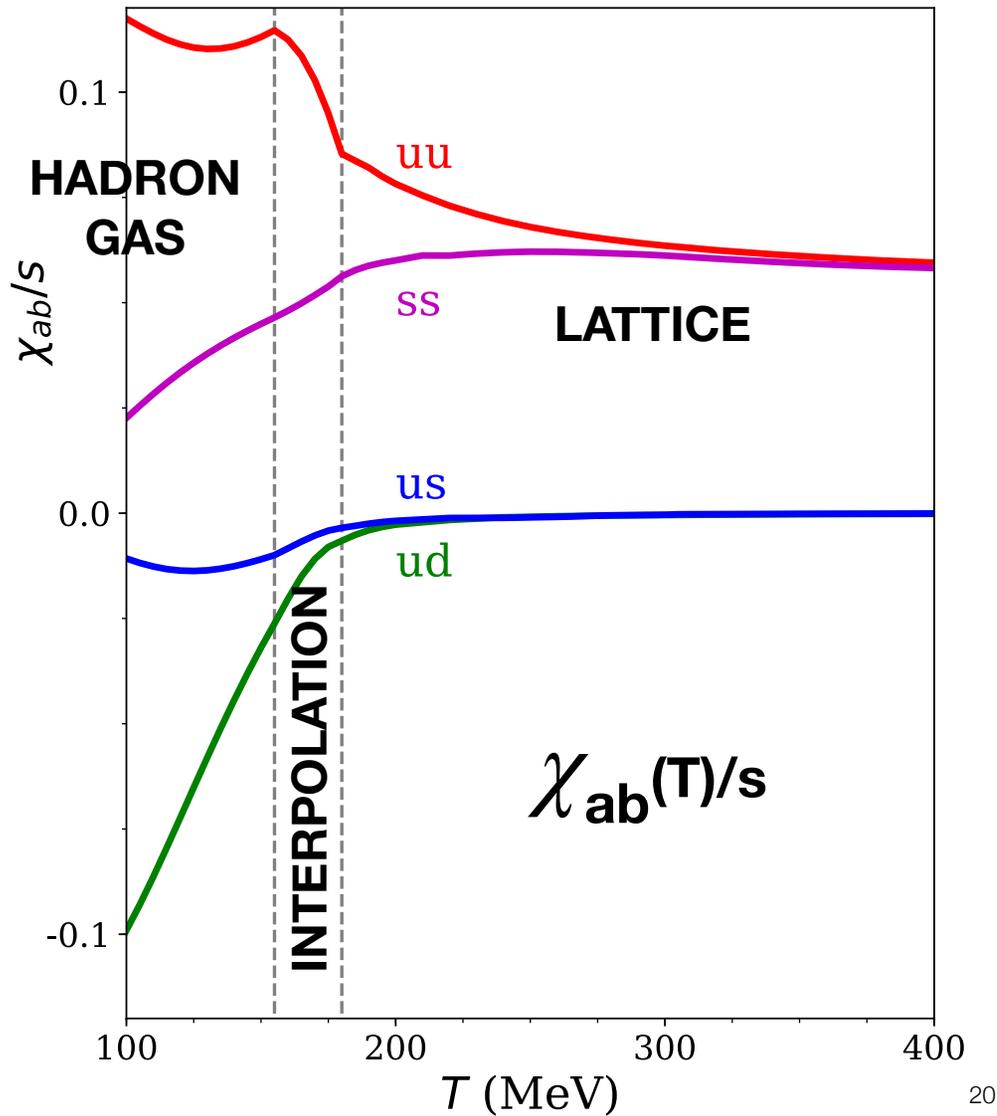


Adjustable Parameters

1. Diffusion Constant $D(T)$ (multiples of lattice values)
2. $T_h = 155$ MeV
3. σ_0 = spread in spatial rapidity at $\tau_0 = 0.6$ fm/c
– creation before τ_0 or tunneling (flux tubes)

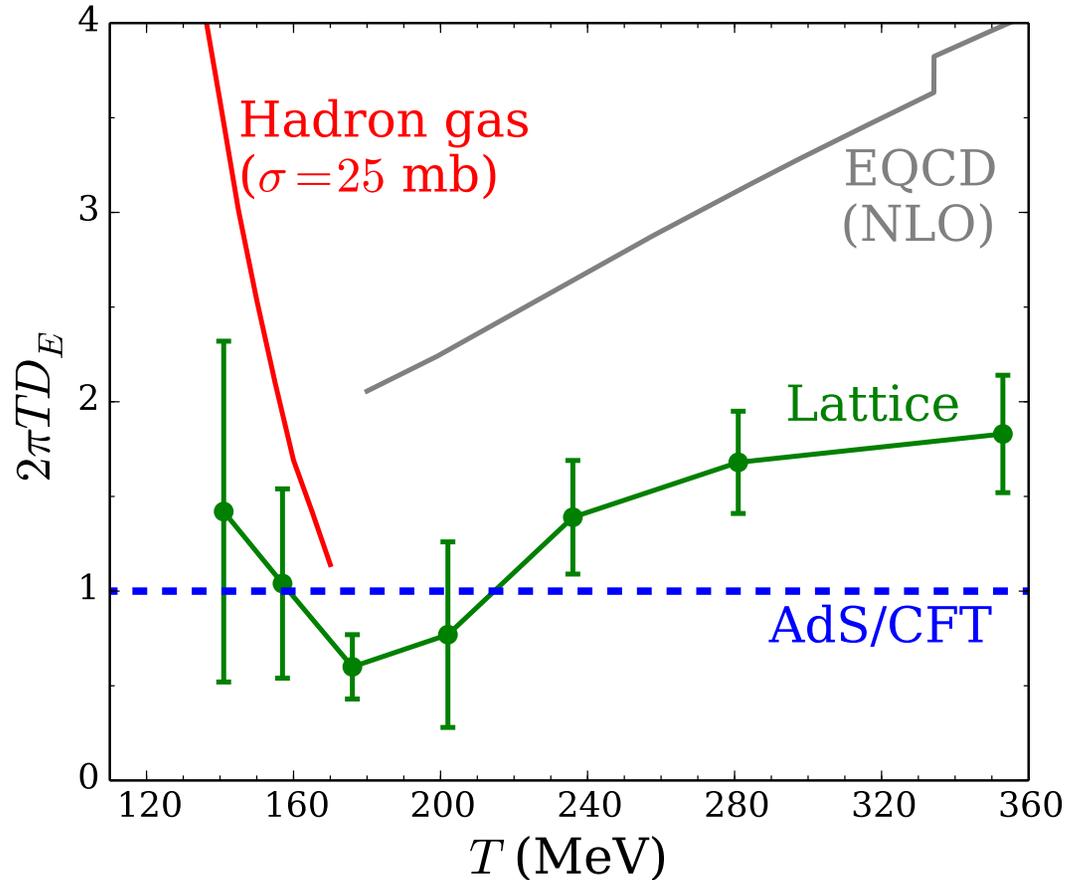


Model input Susceptibility



Claudia Ratti
BW Collaboration

$D(T)$ – No Clear Consensus



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Model input

Hydro history

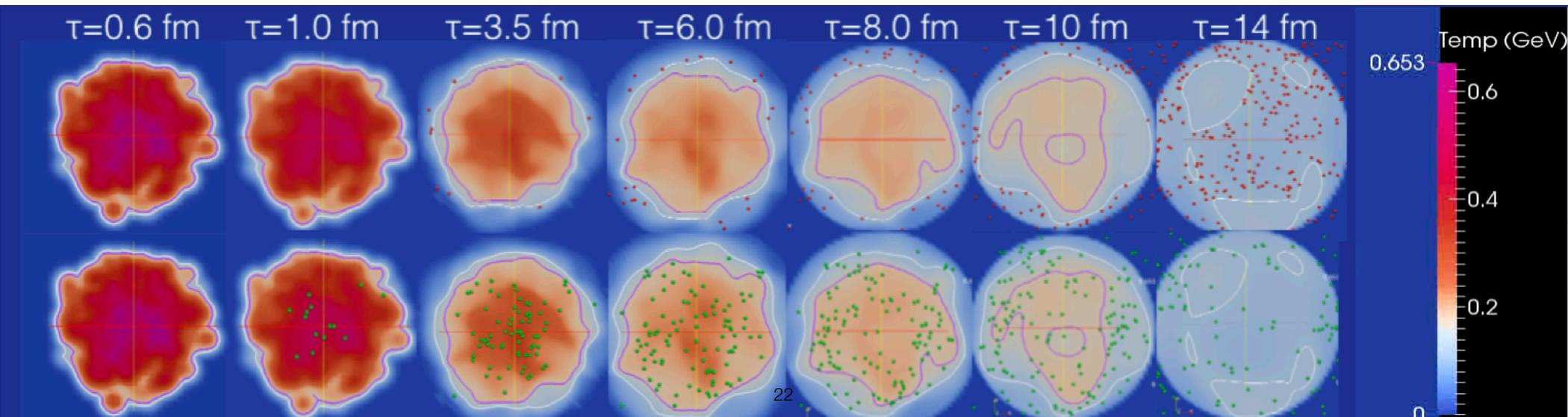
Andrew Gordeev



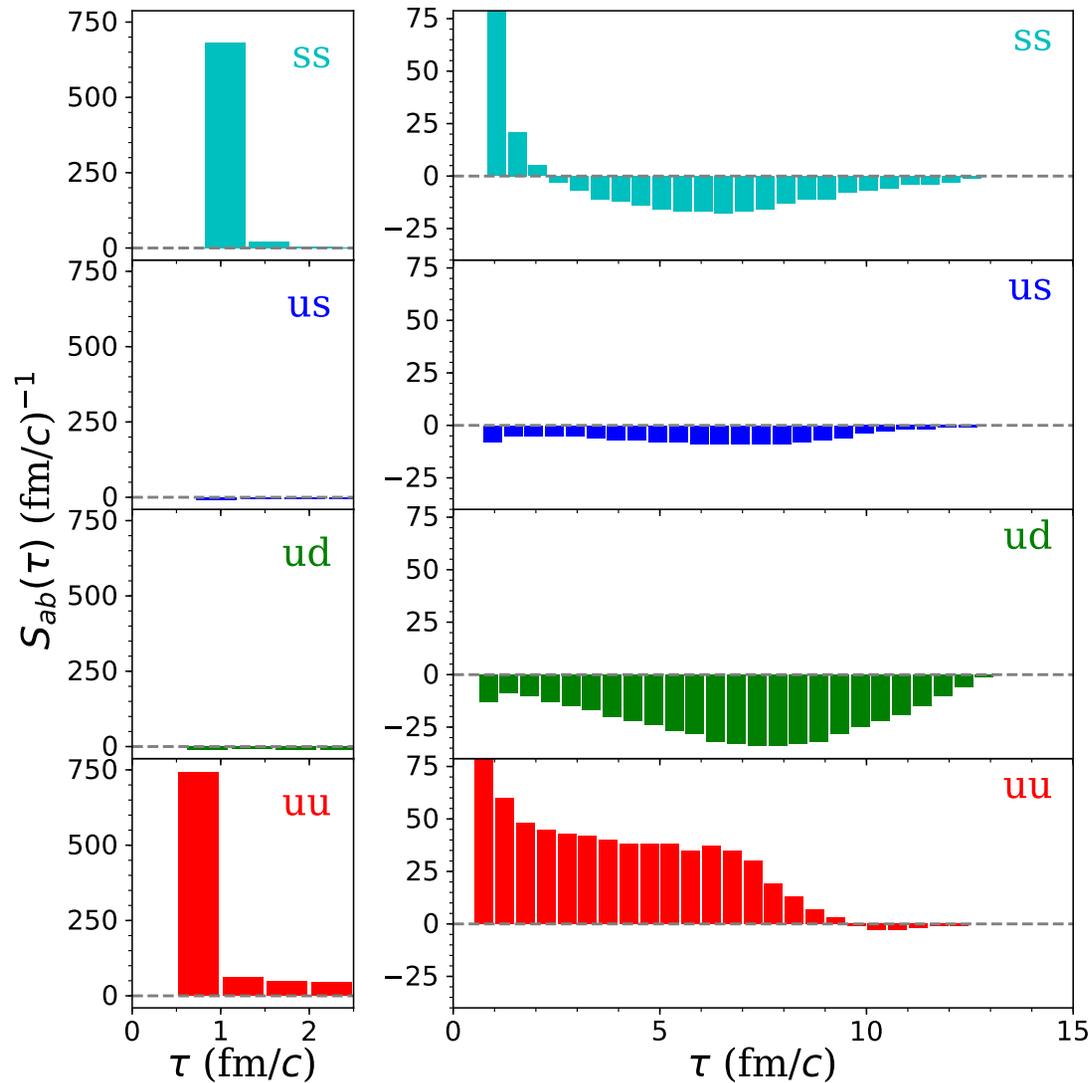
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VISHNU Hydro, Au+Au (200A GeV)

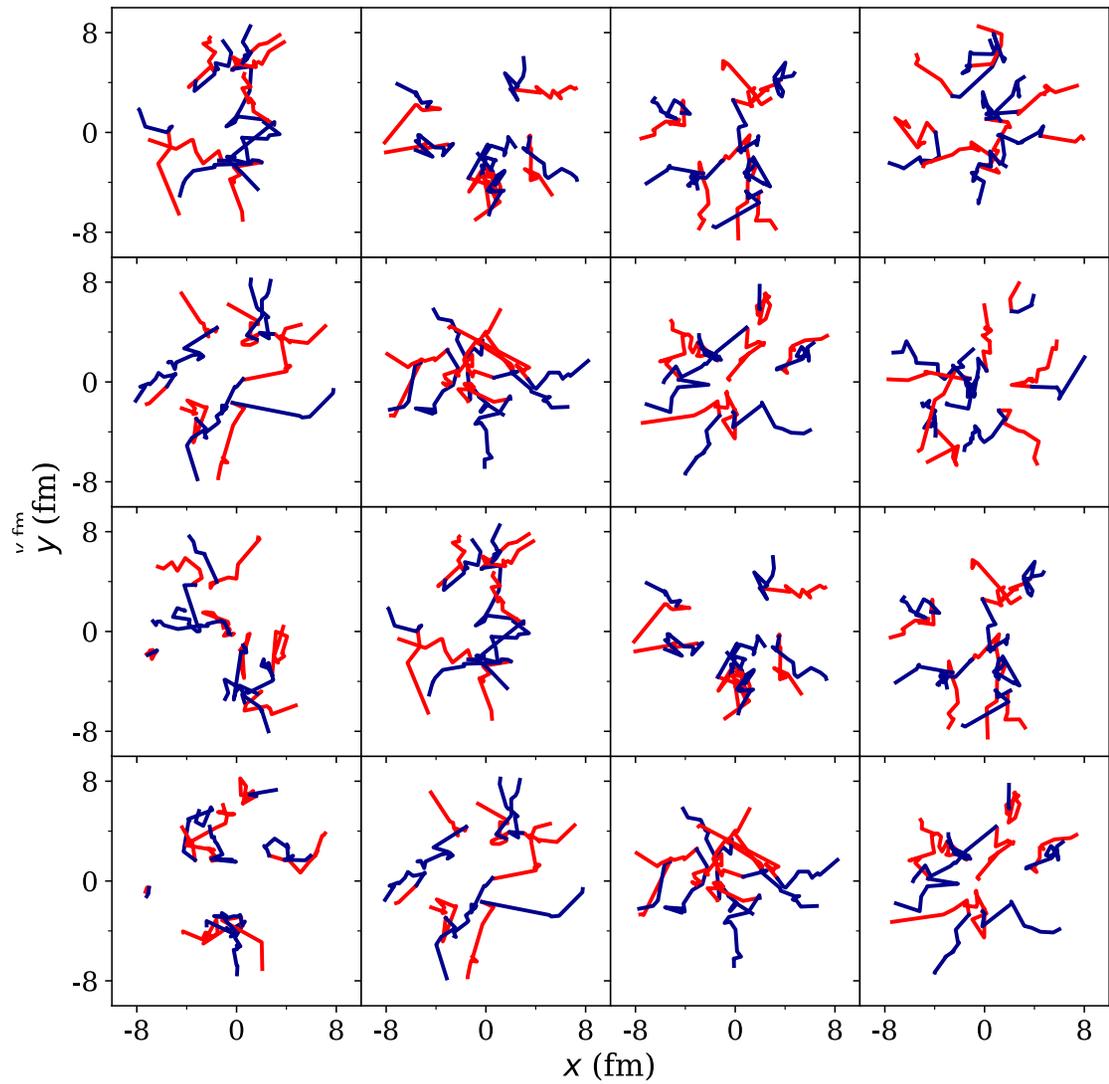


Source Function

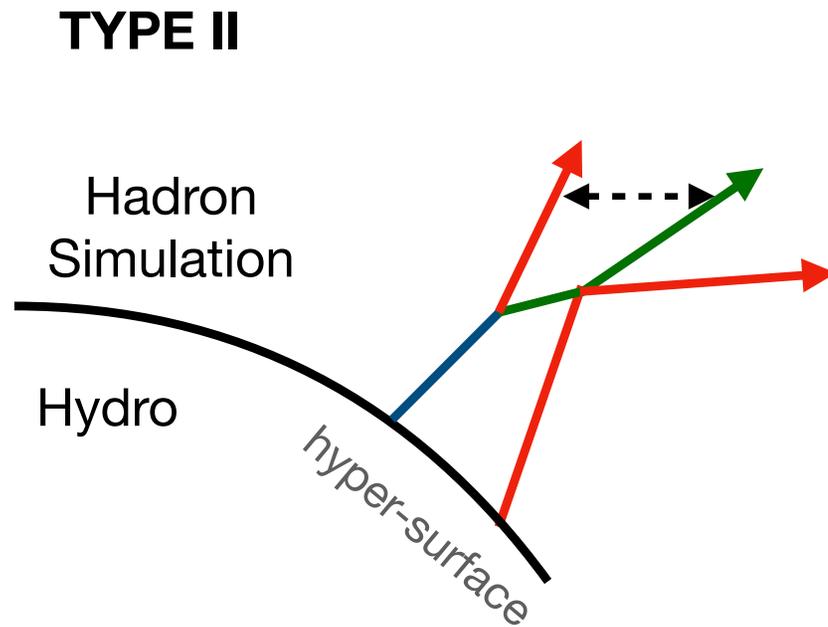
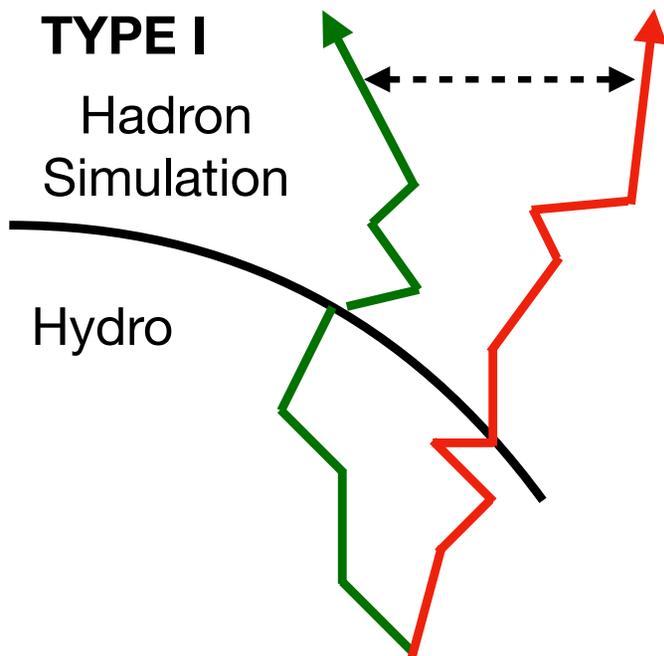


- First surge when QGP is created
- uu,dd continuously created
- ss nearly steady
- ud,us,ds at hadronization

Diffusive Trajectories

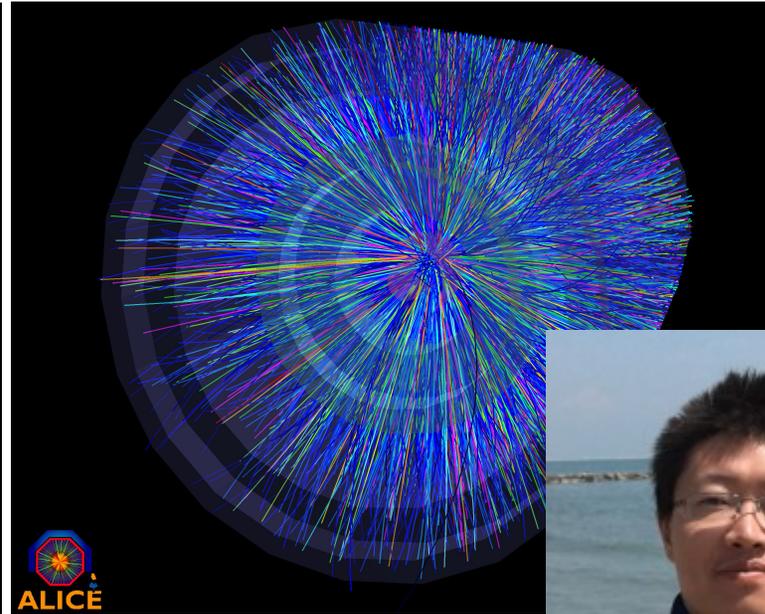
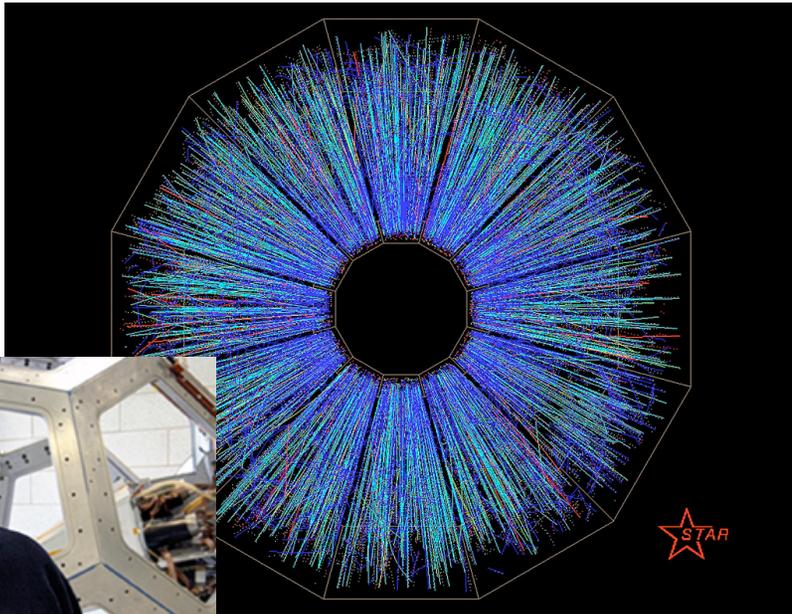


ALGORITHM: Add in Type II



Type II done by brute force (lots of combinatoric noise)

Results vs. Data



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Model vs. STAR

Unidentified Particles

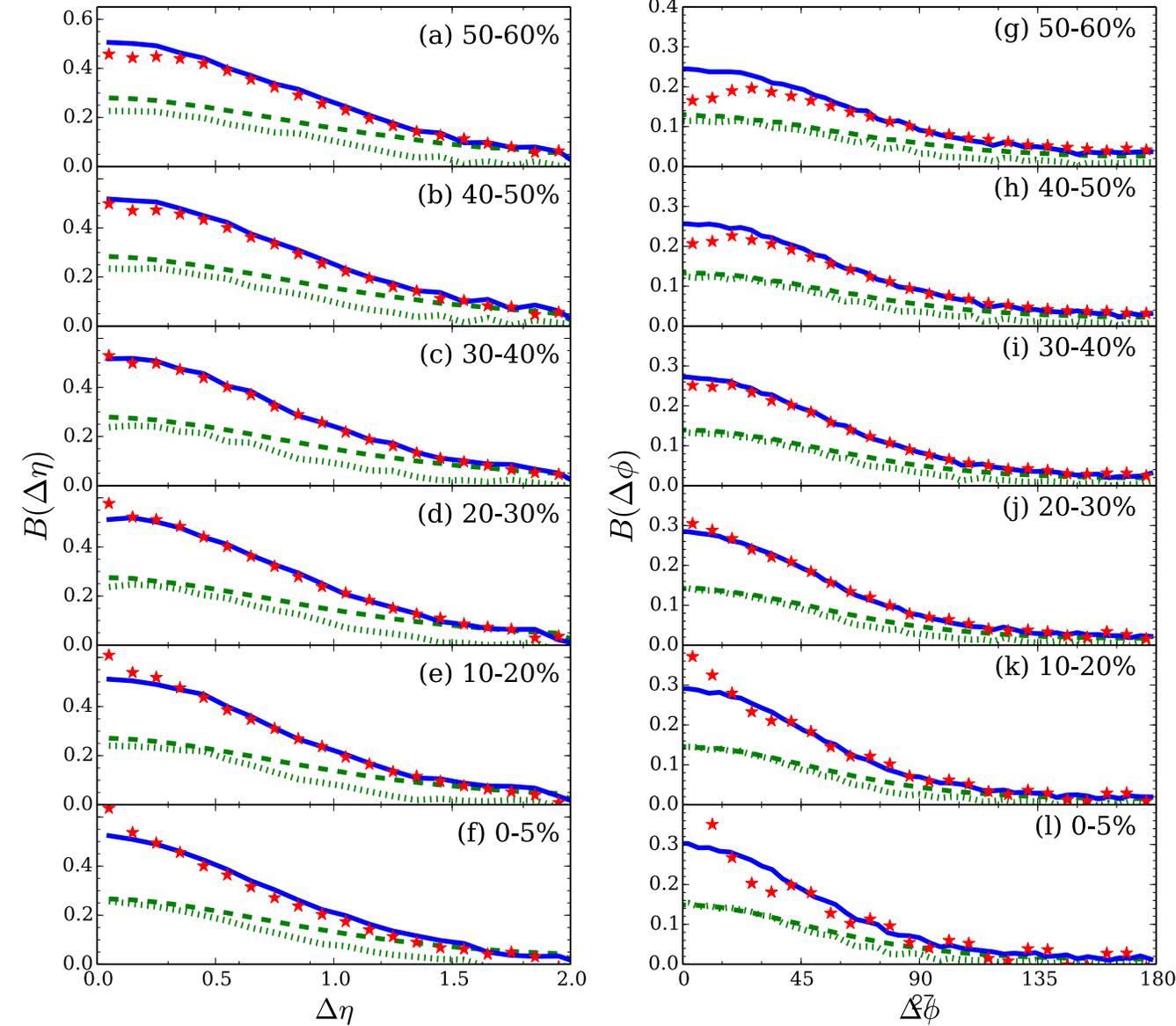
★ STAR

Preliminary

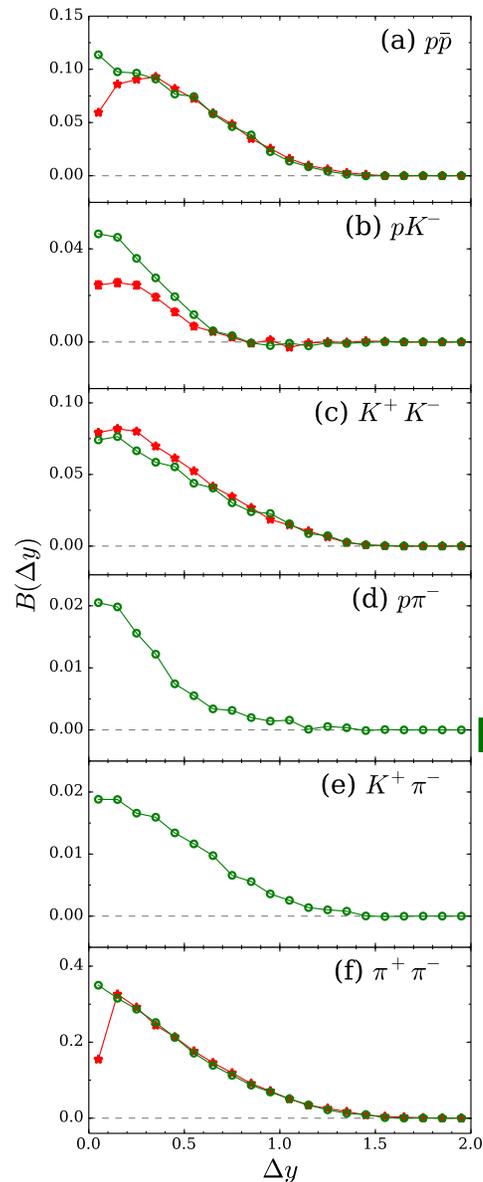
Model, Type 1 + Type 2

Type 1 (dashes, hydro)

Type 2 (dots, cascade)



Model vs. STAR



STAR
Preliminary

Model

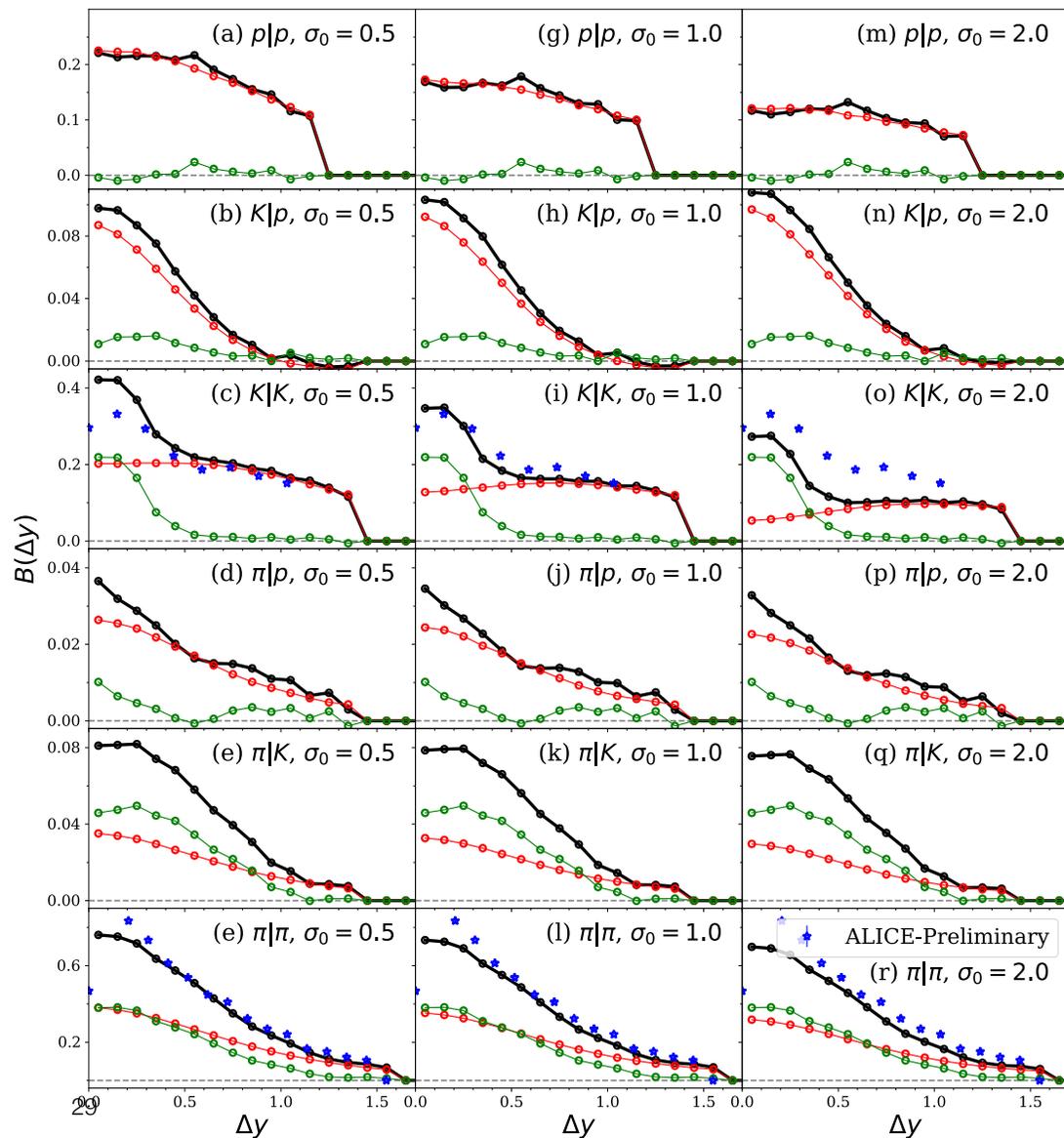
- Identified particles (vs. Δy)
- pK is off
- pp is off (annihilation missing)

Model vs ALICE

Thesis of Jin-Jin Pan

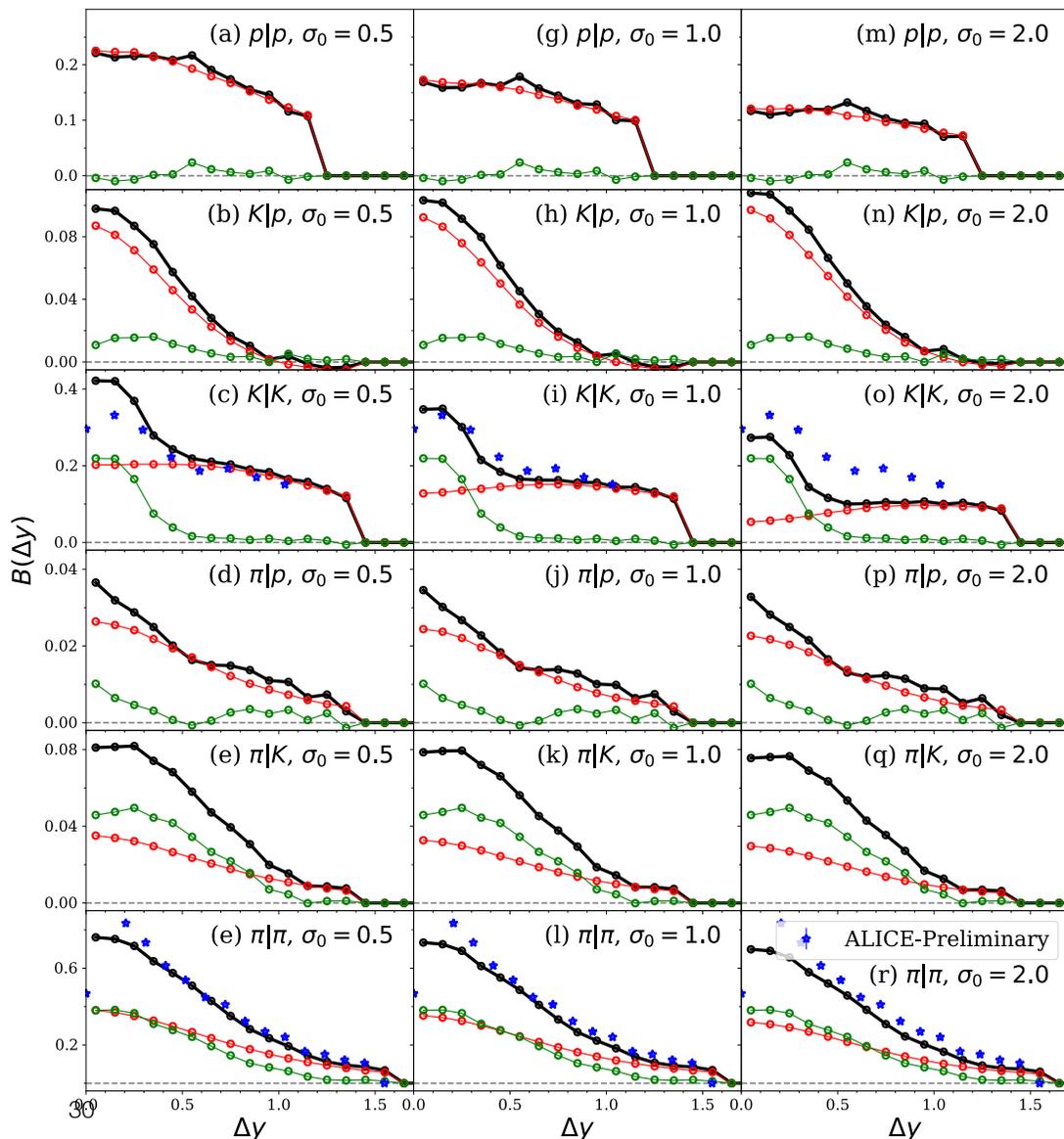
Binned by Δy

Type 1 + Type 2
Type 1 (hydro)
Type 2 (cascade)



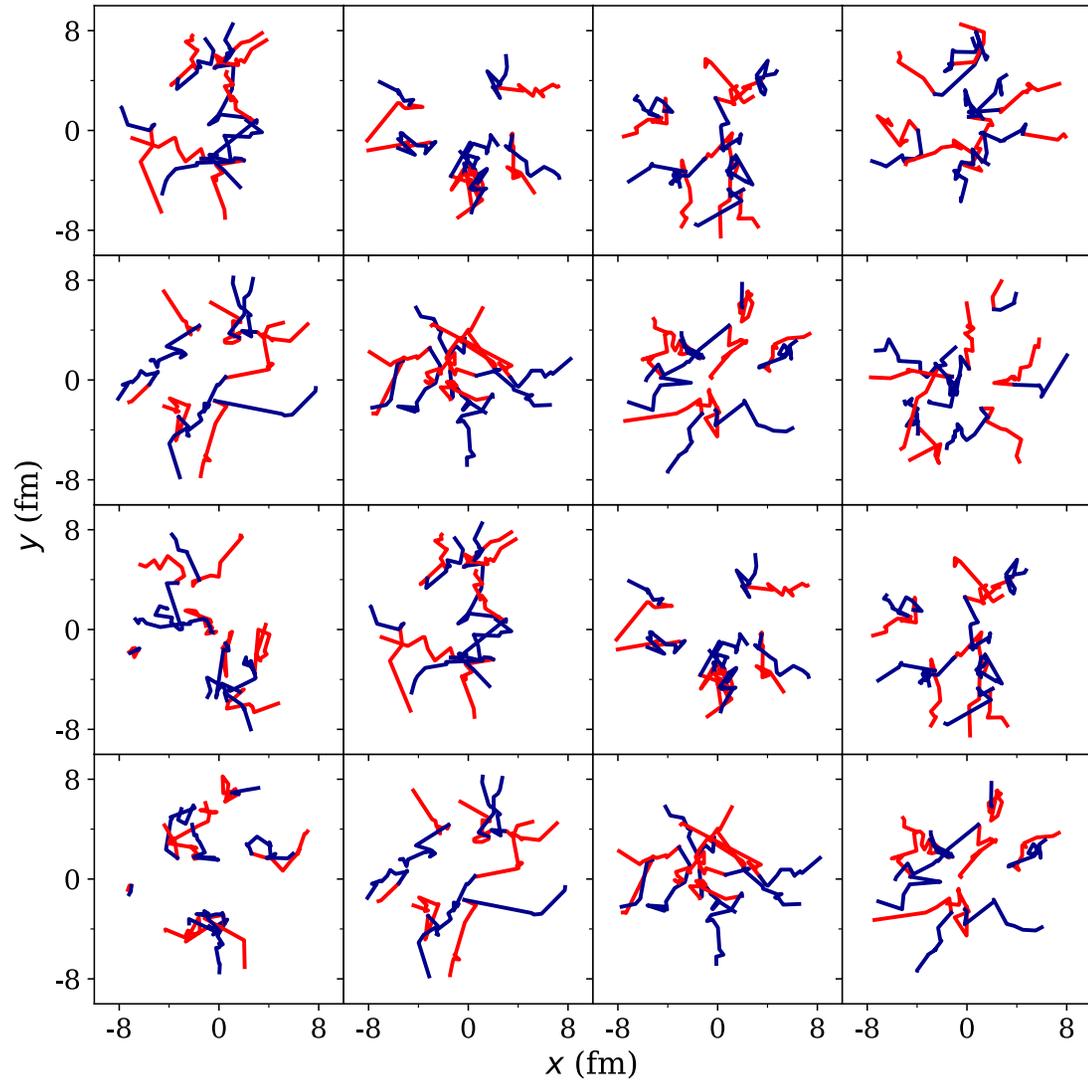
Evidence of Early Chemical Equilibrium

- $p\bar{p}, K^+K^-$
BFs broader than $\pi^+\pi^-$ BFs!!
- $\sigma_0 > 0$! charge already created at separated at τ_0



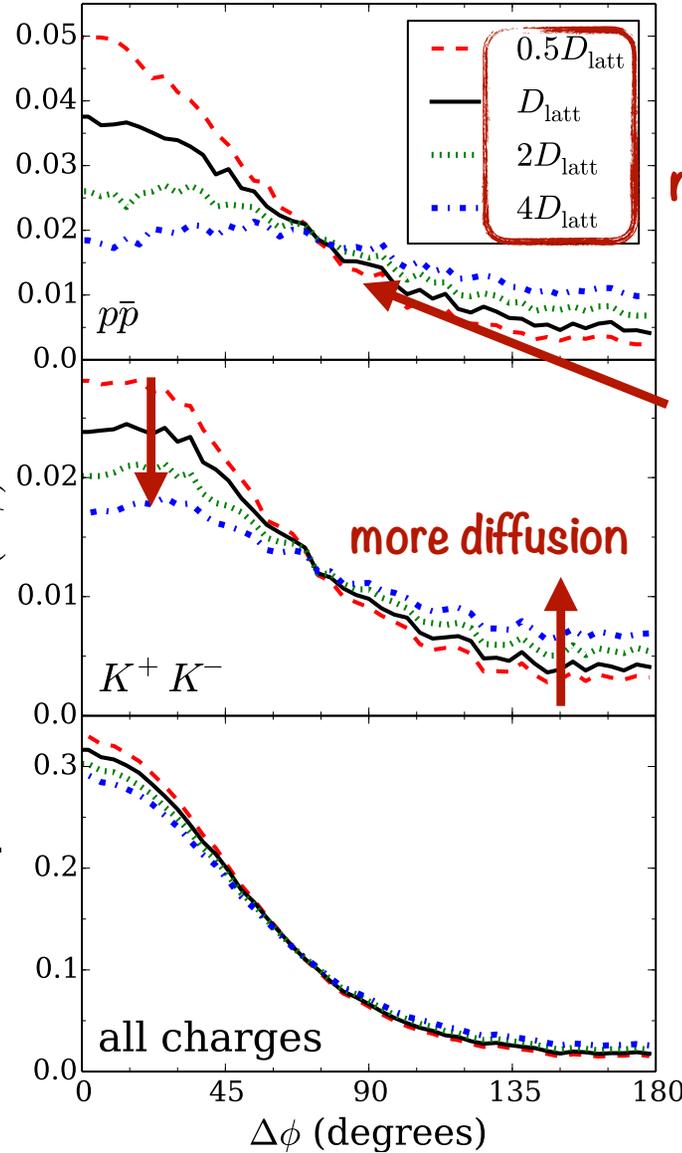
Look at $B(\Delta\phi)$

- **Width:**
Insensitive to pre-thermal separation
- **Eliminate sensitivity to late-production**
 - pp or KK BFs
 - Only consider $\Delta y \gtrsim 1.0$



Sensitivity to Diffusivity

$p\bar{p}$



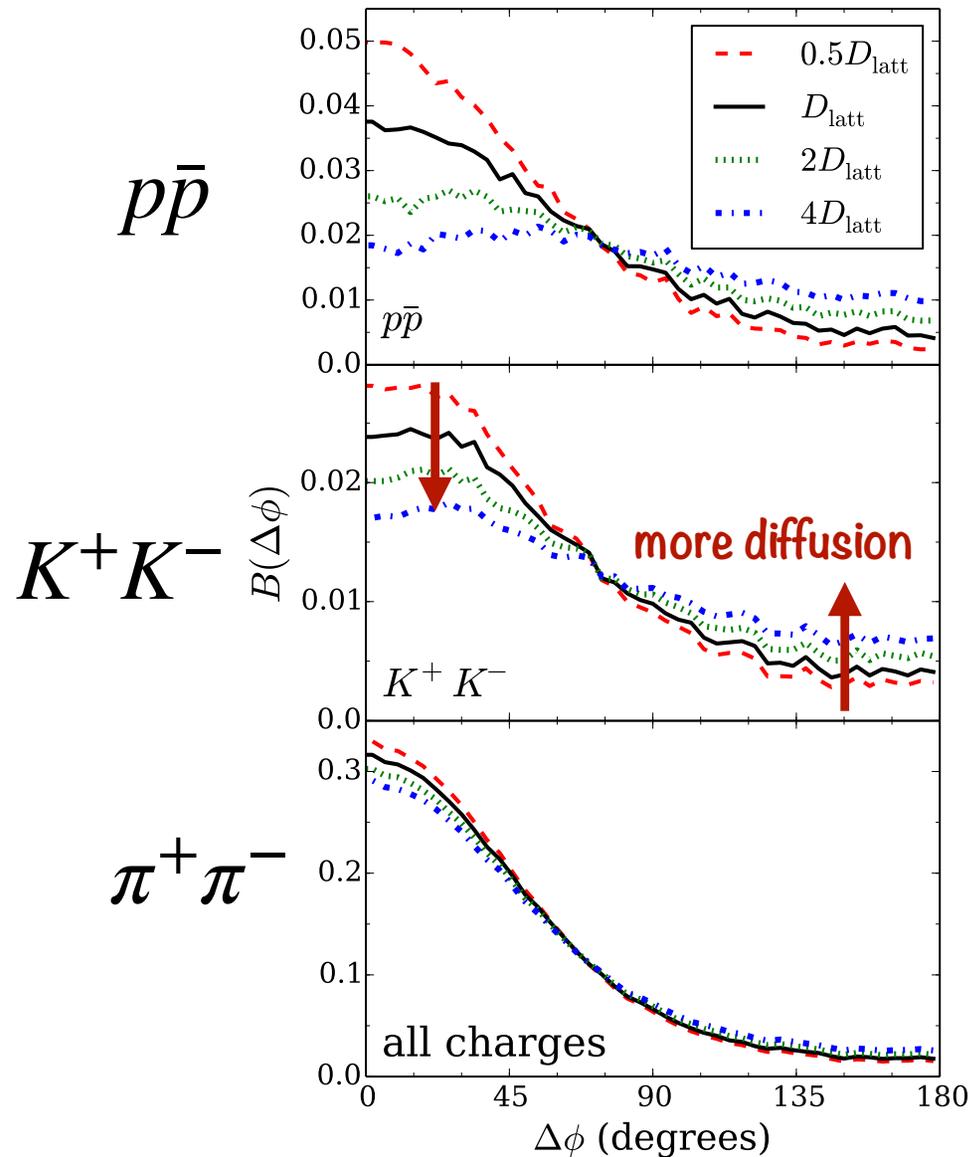
multiples of Lattice $D(T)$

annihilation affects results

more diffusion

0-5% centrality, Au+Au (200A GeV)
simulated STAR acceptance

Sensitivity to Diffusivity

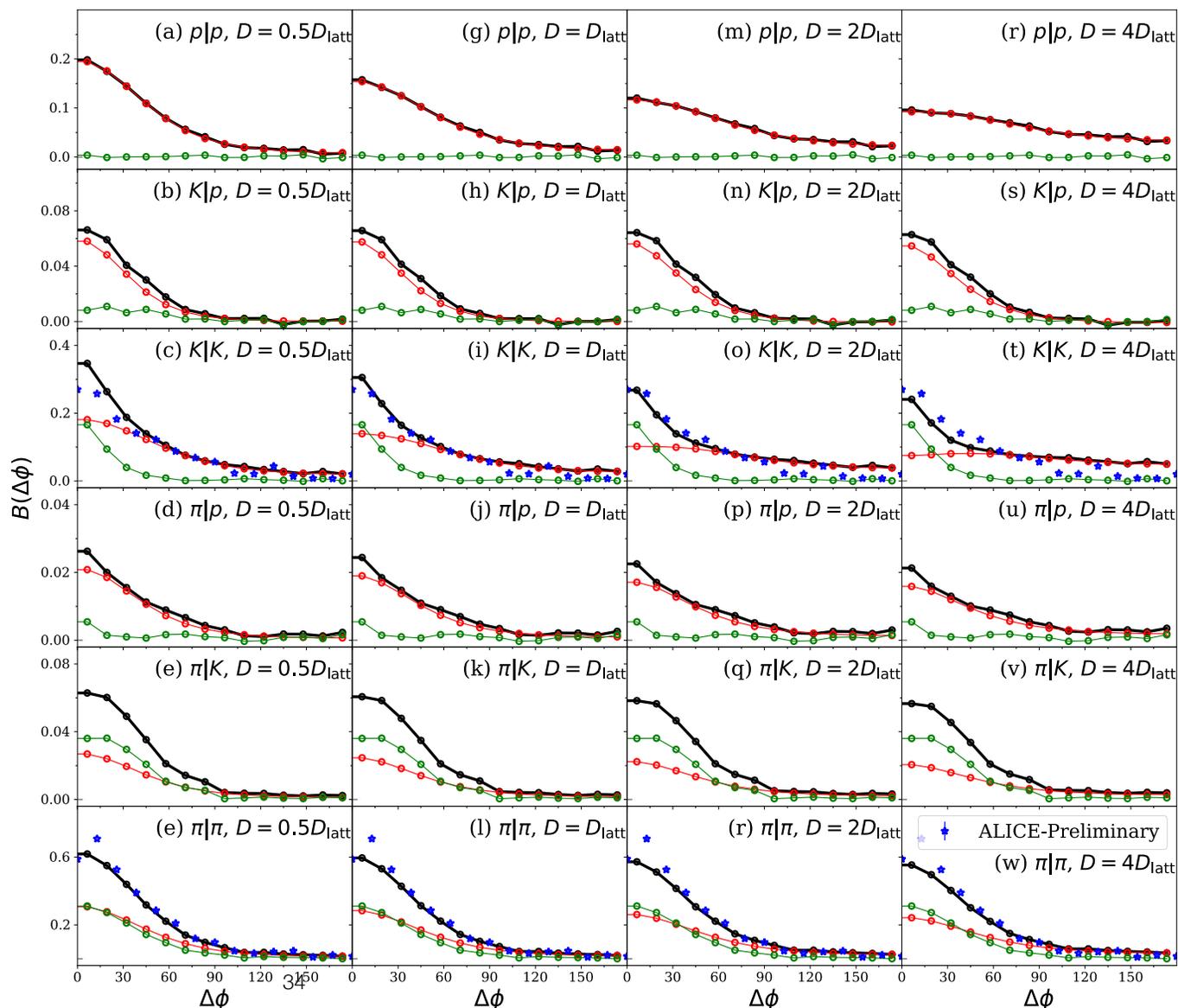


- $\Delta\phi$ binning reduces dependence on σ_0
- kaons or protons best suited:
- χ_{ss}/s roughly constant
 \approx only phi contributes from final state
- χ_{BB}/s roughly constant
 annihilation an issue

Model vs. ALICE

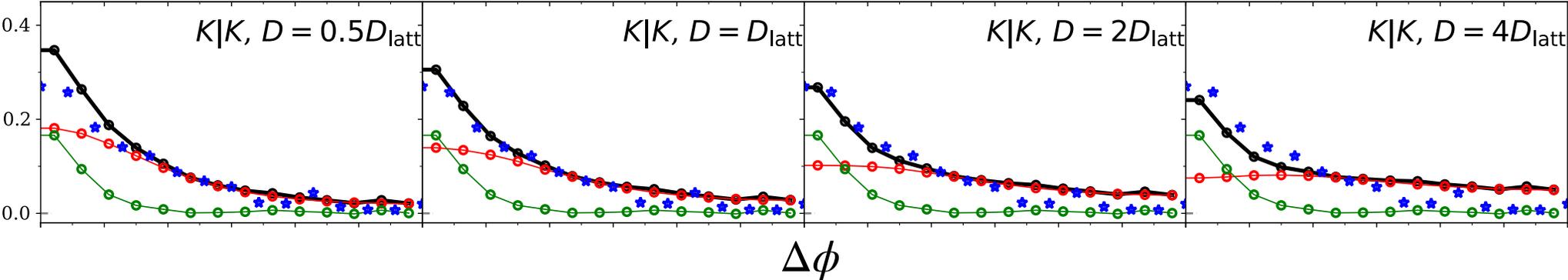
Binned by $\Delta\phi$

Type 1 + Type 2
 Type 1 (hydro)
 Type 2 (cascade)



Model vs. ALICE

Type 1 + Type 2
Type 1 (hydro)
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Lattice Diffusivity looks good

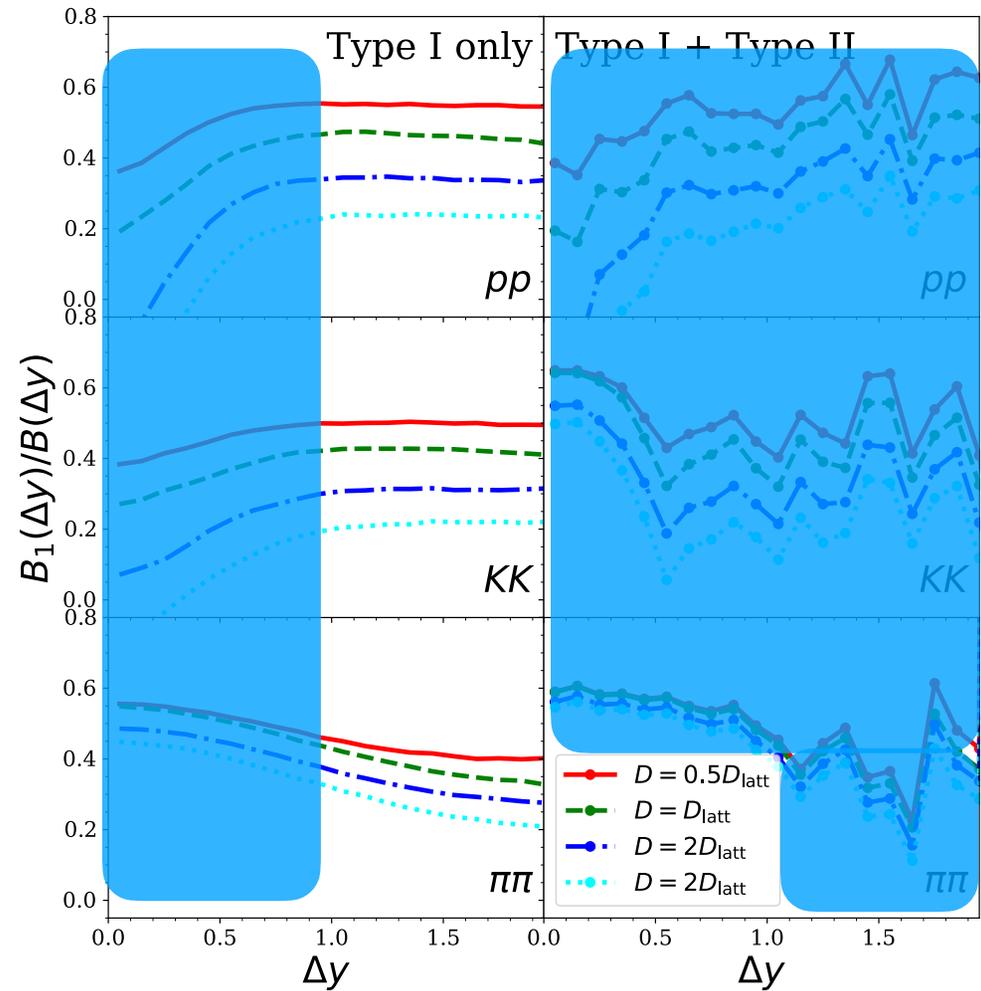
Analyze $B(\Delta\phi)$

Cutting on large Δy

$$B_1(\Delta y) \equiv \int d\Delta\phi B(\Delta y, \Delta\phi) \cos(\Delta\phi),$$

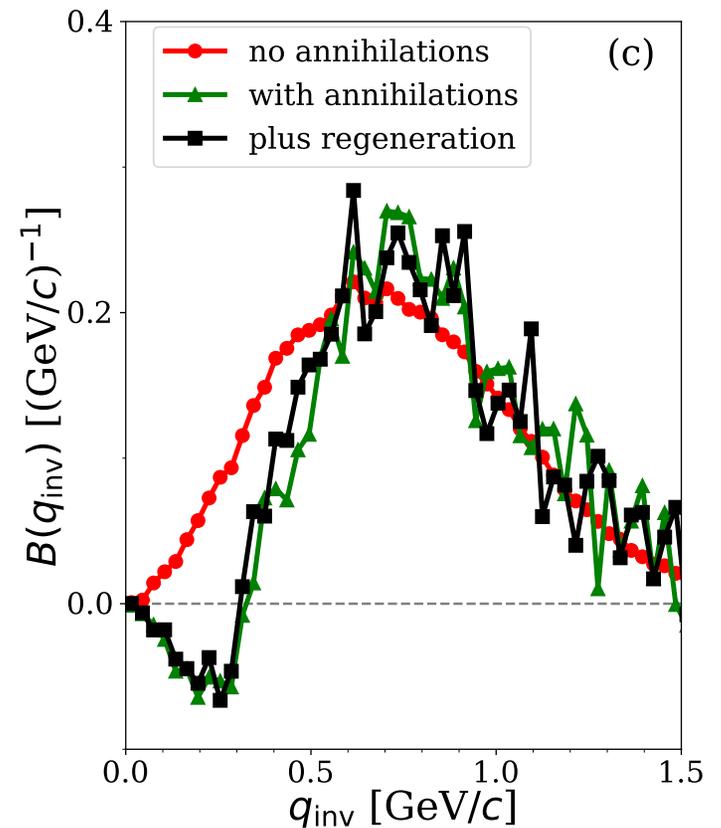
$$B(\Delta y) = \int d\Delta\phi B(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)$$

Type II only provides noise for $\Delta y \gtrsim 1$
 Robust extraction of diffusivity
 Eliminate HBT, annihilation, decays..

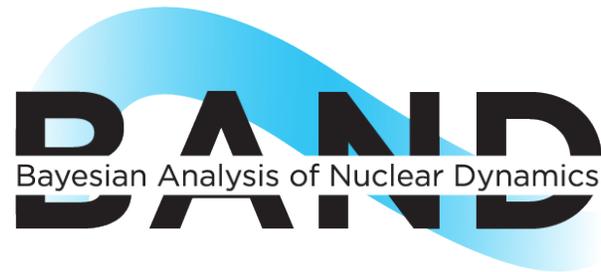


Related Progress

- ▶ Theory for Charge Balance of Higher-Order BFs
S.P., PRC 2020
- ▶ HBT / Charge Balance Interference
S.P. and K.Martirosova, PRC 2022
- ▶ Using BFs to Understand Baryon Annihilation
S.P., D.Olliinchenko and C.Plumberg, PRC 2022
- ▶ Analagous Treatment of Energy-Momentum Correlations
O. Savchuk and S.P. PRC 2024



In Progress



► Bayesian Analysis

- New emulator built (BAND Collaboration, Oleh Savchuk)
Based on Taylor expansion

$$E(x, y, \dots) = \sum_{\langle n_x, n_y, \dots \rangle} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_x! n_y! \dots}} A_{\langle n_x, n_y, \dots \rangle} \left(\frac{x}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_x} \left(\frac{y}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_y} \dots$$

- Non-equilibrium chemistry (Steffen Bass and Andrew Gordeev)
- Rigorously constrain initial chemistry!
- Will better constrain diffusivity if we can get more data!



Summary

- ▶ Charge Balance correlations calculated in “standard model”
- ▶ STAR/ALICE BFs vs Δy suggest early chemical equilibration
 K^+K^- , $p\bar{p}$, $\pi^+\pi^-$ systematics reproduced (STAR pK normalization off)
- ▶ Diffusivity can be extracted from BFs binned by $\Delta\phi$ cut on large Δy
High statistics STAR & ALICE data coming !?!?
- ▶ MANY opportunities for progress
 - Both theoretical and experimental
 - Both for diffusivity and for chemistry
 - Similar to femtoscopy



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Bonus Slides

- ▶ CME background
- ▶ Skewness/kurtosis background
- ▶ Theory for higher-order charge fluctuations

Bonus Slides

- **CME background**
- **Baryon Annihilation**
- **Higher Moments**

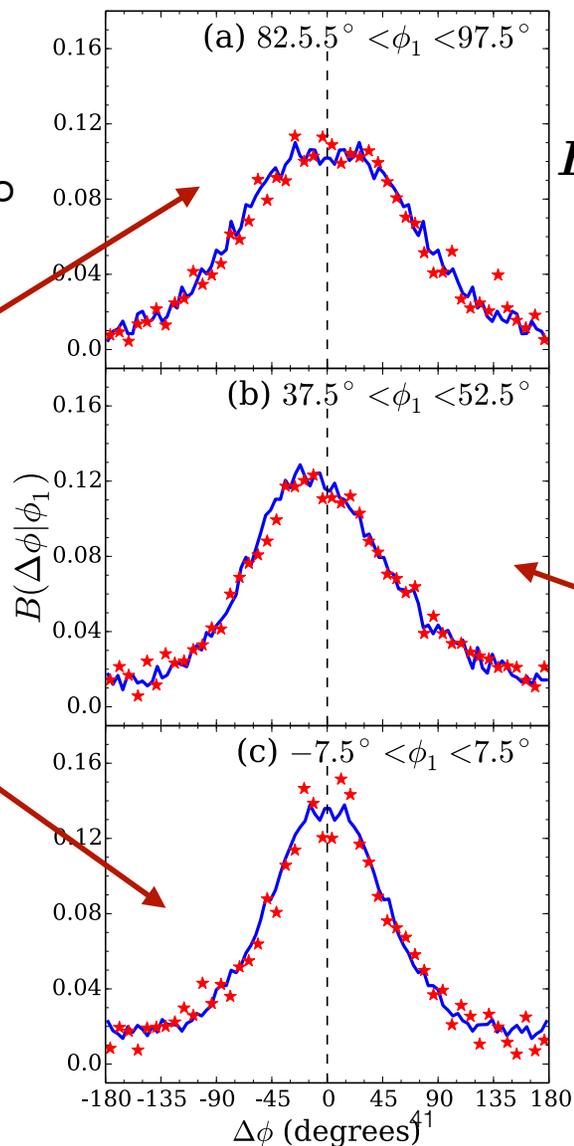
Model vs. STAR

$$\phi_1 \sim 90^\circ$$

correlation
tighter in-plane
due to elliptic flow

$$\phi_1 \sim 45^\circ$$

$$\phi_1 \sim 0^\circ$$



Effect of Elliptic Flow

$$B(\Delta\phi|\phi_1) =$$

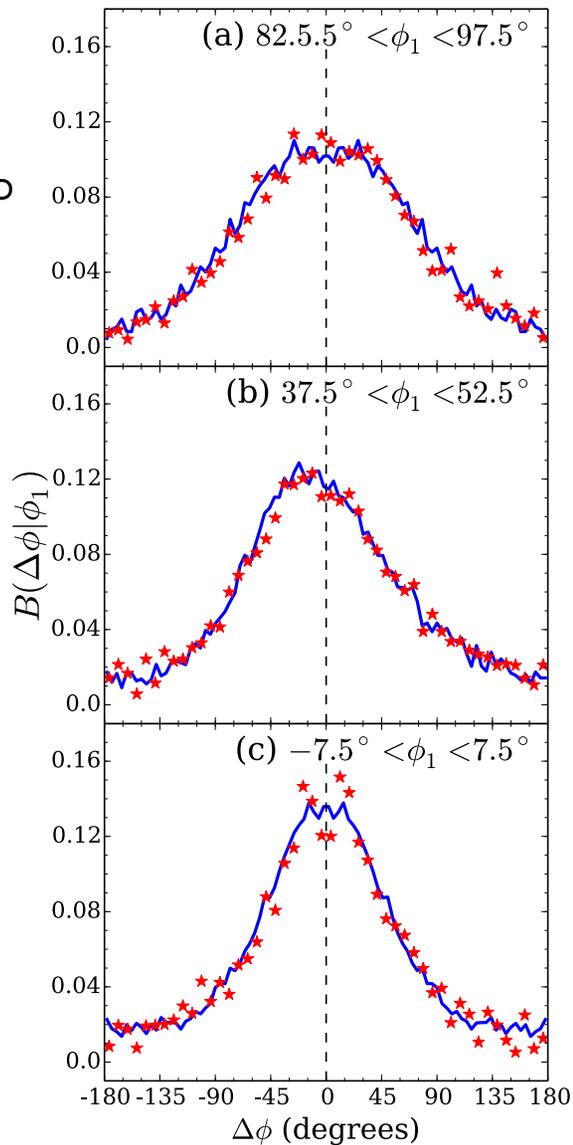
$$\int d\phi_2 B(\phi_1, \phi_2) \delta(\Delta\phi - \phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

balancing charge
more likely to be
in-plane

$\phi_1 \sim 90^\circ$

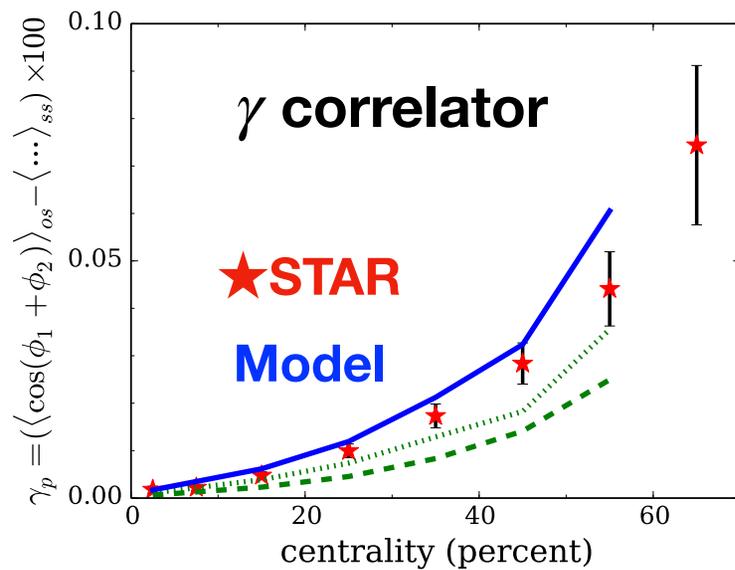
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$\phi_1 \sim 0^\circ$



ASIDE: CME correlator

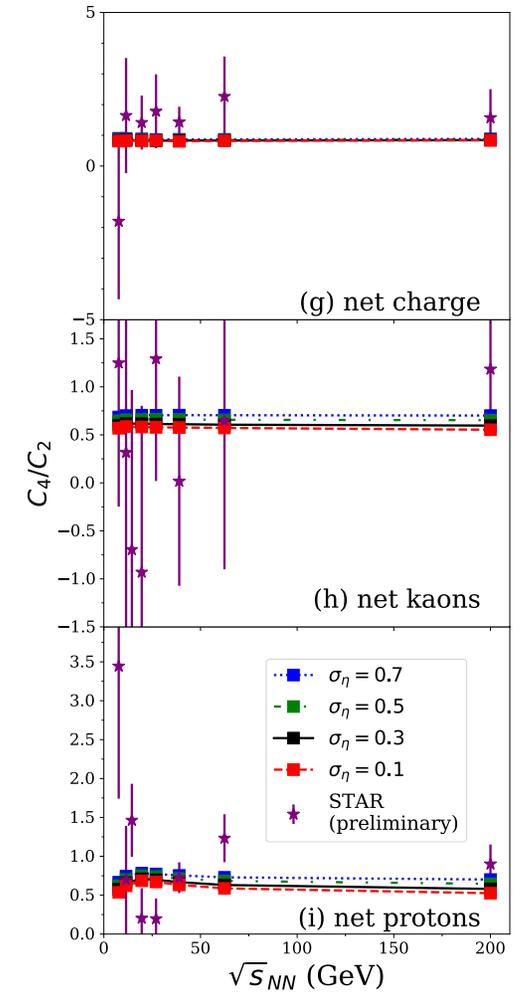
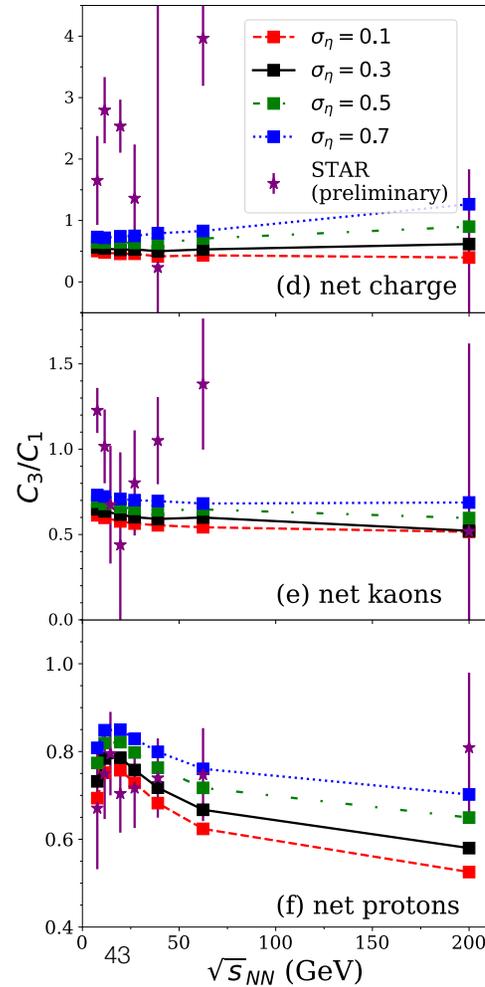
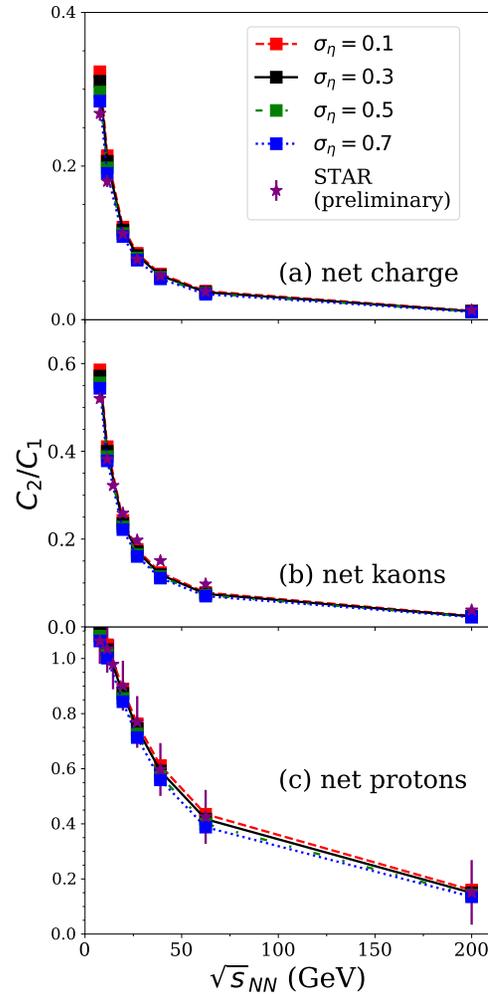
$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \langle \cos(\phi_1) \cos(\phi_2) - \sin(\phi_1) \sin(\phi_2) \rangle_{\text{opp.sign}} \} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \{ \langle \cos(\phi_1) \cos(\phi_2) - \sin(\phi_1) \sin(\phi_2) \rangle_{\text{same.sign}} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{M^2} \int d\phi_1 d\Delta\phi \frac{dM}{d\phi_1} B(\Delta\phi|\phi_1) \cos(2\phi_1 + \Delta\phi)\end{aligned}$$



Model predicts ~ 115% of signal

Charge Conservation and Q^3, Q^4 correlations

b) Perform canonical ensemble on sub-volumes & superimpose on blast wave (crude)

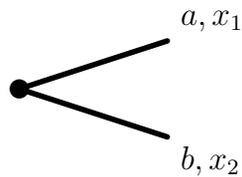


BONUS: Charge conservation and Q^3, Q^4 correlations (formalism)

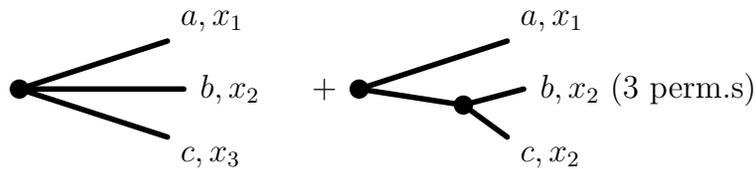
a) Integrate n-point correlations to obtain skewness & kurtosis

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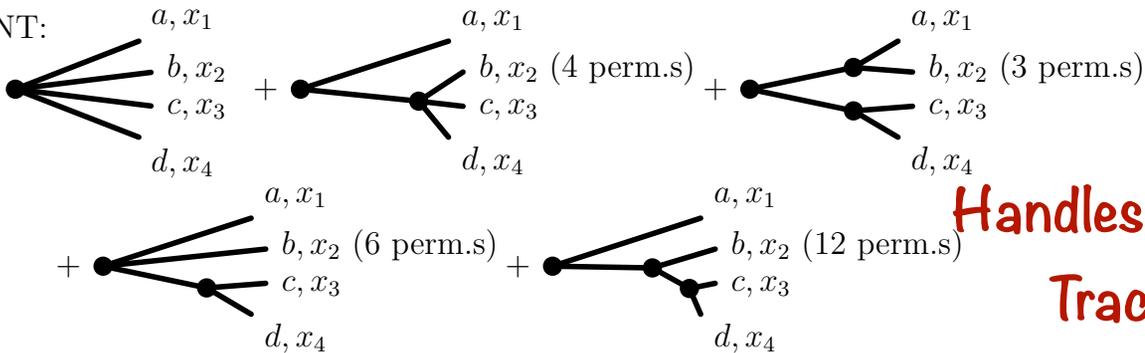
2 POINT:



3 POINT:



4 POINT:



Handles full 3x3 flavor dynamics
Tractable, but DIFFICULT

BONUS: baryon annihilation

- $p - \bar{p}$ BF vs q_{inv}
- Includes recombination
- Great way to constrain baryon annihilation in final-state

