

Critical fluctuations near the QCD critical point

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Jiang, Li & Song, PRC, 94, 024918; Jiang, Wu, Song, in preparation

QCD phase transition & CP

Critical Point --- the landmark of the QCD phase diagram.

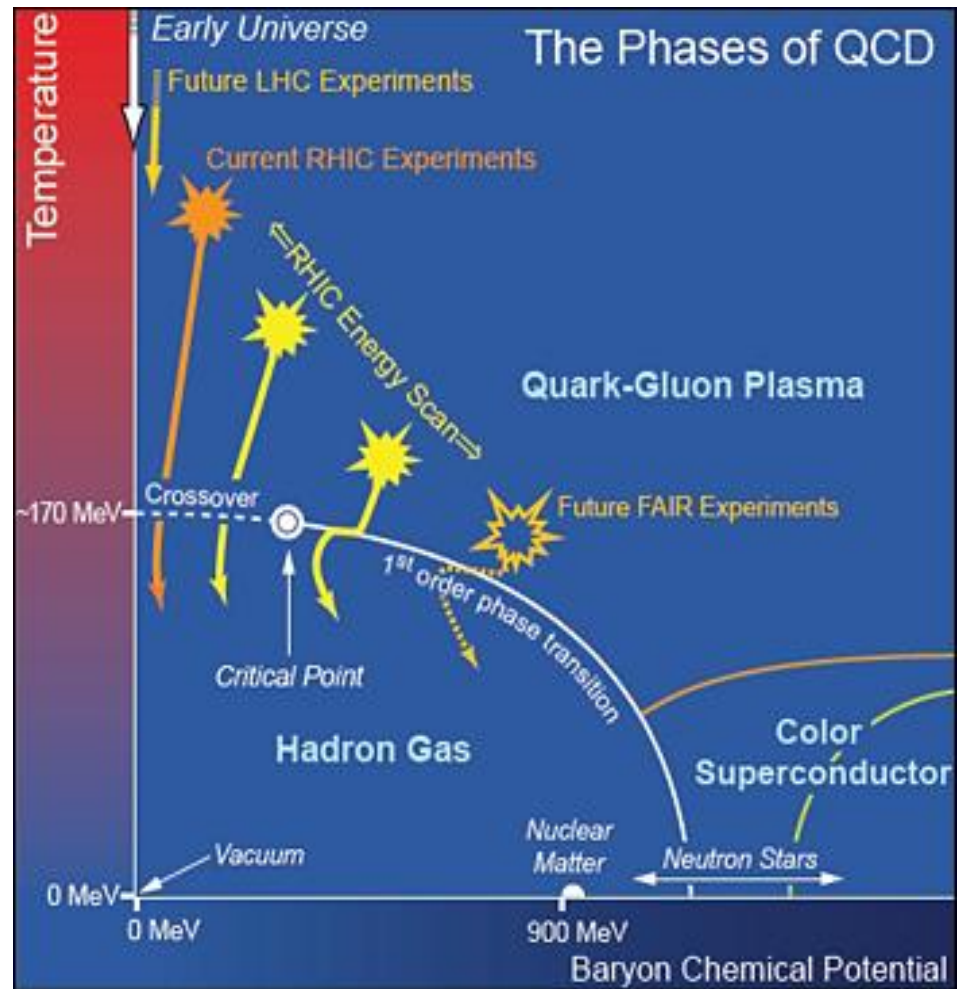
- Lattice simulation :

- $\mu=0$, finite T
- **crossover**

- Effective theories:

- (P)NJL, QM, FRG, DSE, RM)
- finite T and μ
- **first order**
- **CP** is predicted.

➤ The location of CP? The signals?



Theoretical predictions

M. Stephanov, PRL 102, 032301(2009)

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

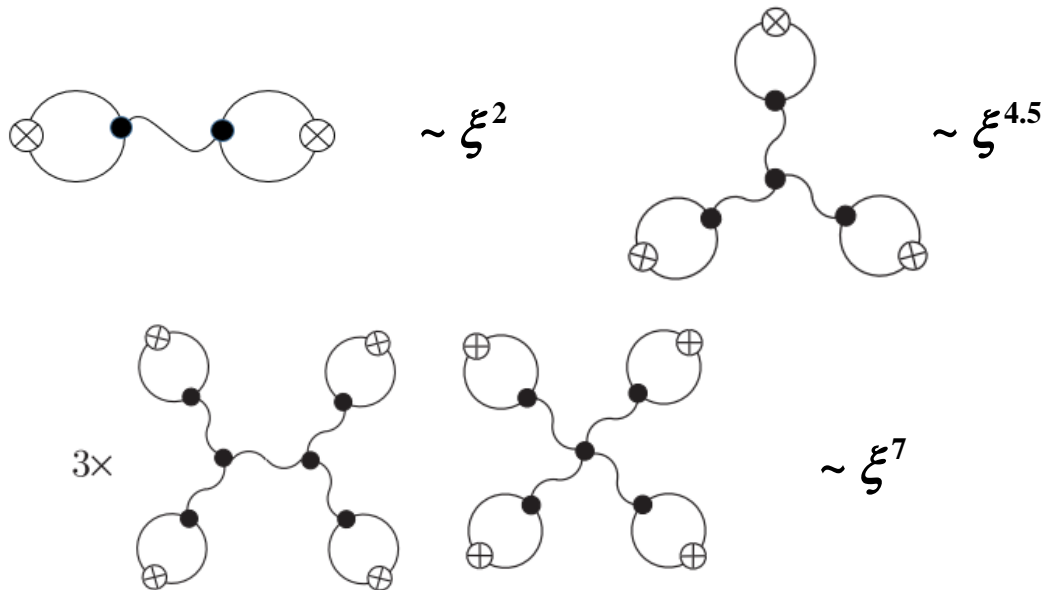
$$\langle \sigma_0^2 \rangle = \frac{T}{V} \xi^2 \quad \langle \sigma_0^3 \rangle = \frac{2\lambda_3 T}{V} \xi^6; \quad \langle \sigma_0^4 \rangle_c = \frac{6T}{V} [2(\lambda_3 \xi)^2 - \lambda_4] \xi^8.$$

Fluctuations of particles:

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

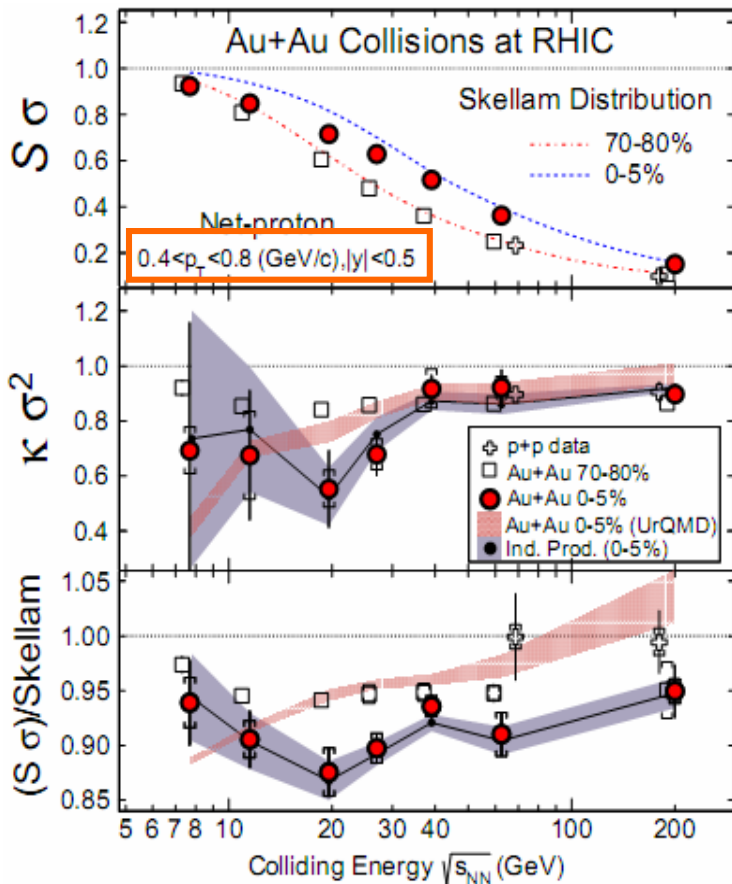
$$\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \sim \xi^{4.5}$$

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



- Static and infinite system, on the critical point : $\xi \rightarrow \infty$
- Fireball, finite size & finite evolution time: $\xi \sim 0$ ($3 fm$)

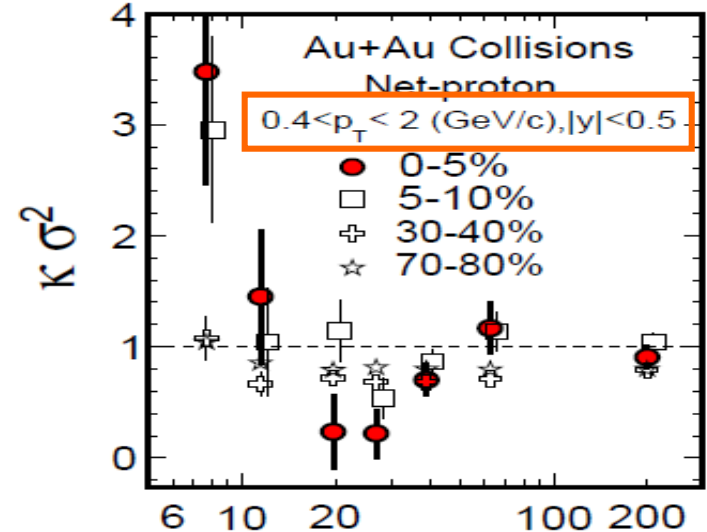
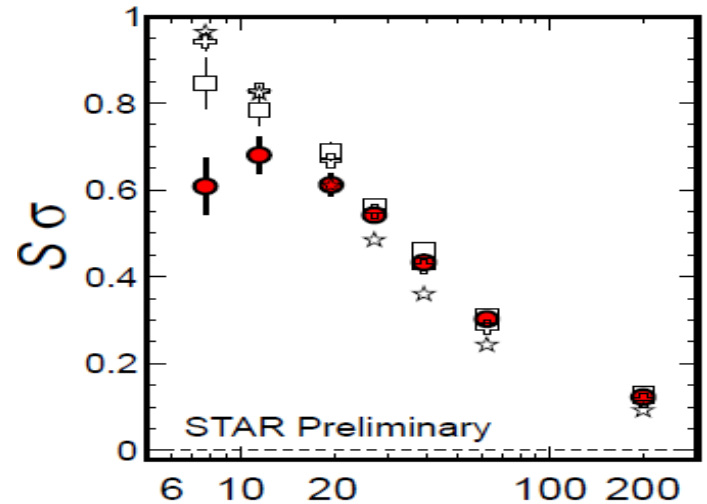
STAR BES: Cumulants ratios



STAR Collaboration, PRL, 112, 032302 (2013)

$$S \sigma = \frac{C_3}{C_2} \sim \chi_B^{(3)}/\chi_B^{(2)}$$

$$\kappa \sigma^2 = \frac{C_4}{C_2} \sim \chi_B^{(4)}/\chi_B^{(2)}$$



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Static --> dynamical??

It is important to address the effects from **dynamical** evolutions!

Dynamical Model near the QCD critical point

Essential ingredients for dynamical models near critical point:

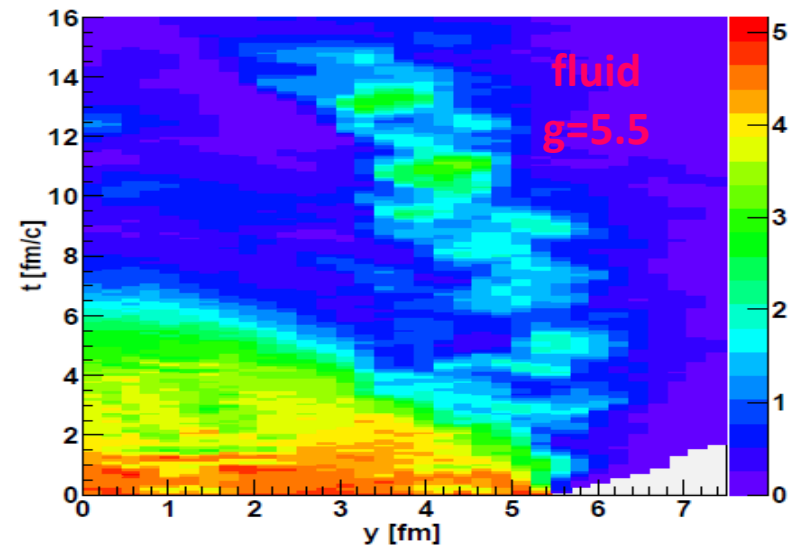
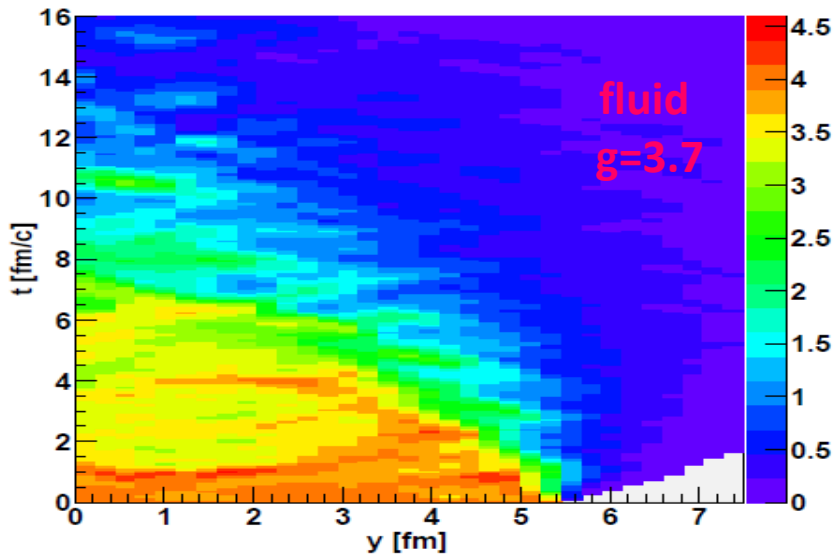
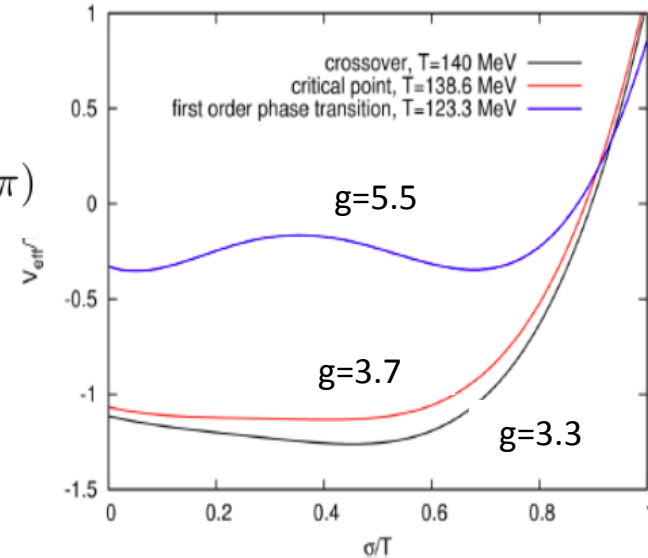
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Chiral Hydrodynamics

K. Paech, H. Stoecker and A. Dumitru, PRC 68, 044907 (2003)

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

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\mu\partial^\mu\sigma + \frac{\delta U_{eff}}{\delta\sigma} + g\langle\bar{q}q\rangle = 0 & \text{(order parameter)} \\ \partial_\mu T_{fluid}^{\mu\nu} = S^\nu, S^\nu = -\left(\partial^2\sigma + \frac{\delta U_{eff}}{\delta\sigma}\right)\partial^\nu\sigma & \text{(heat bath)} \end{cases}$$

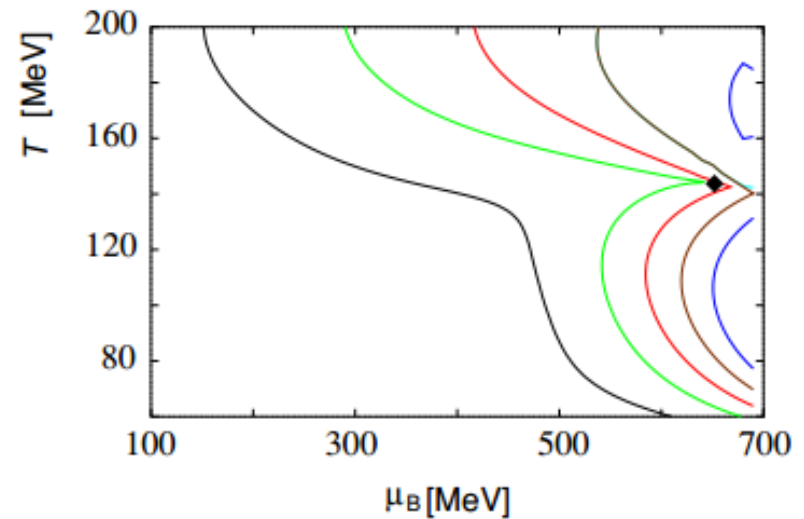
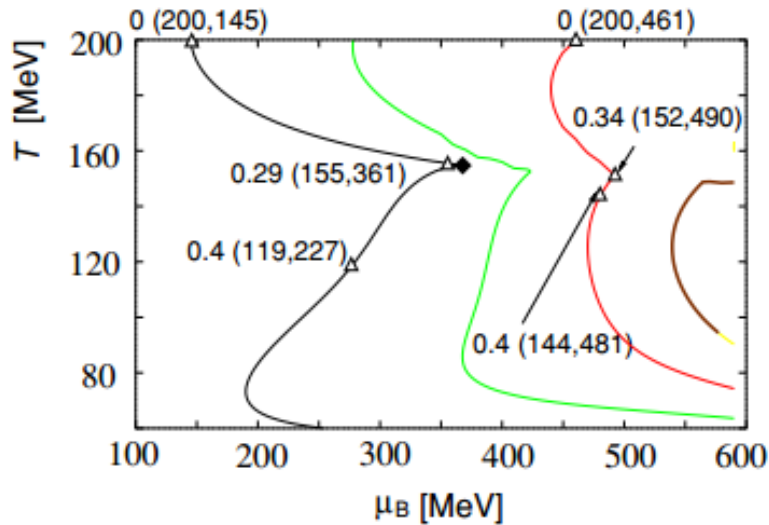
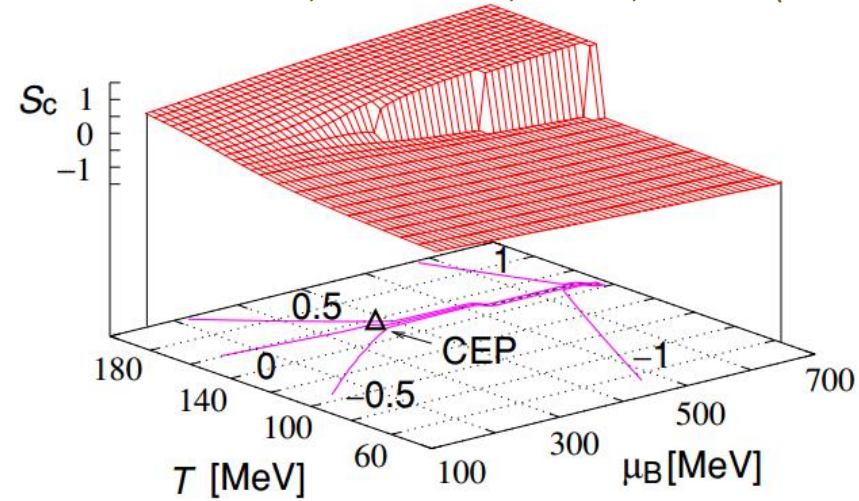


- Chiral fluid dynamics with dissipation & noise Nahrgang, et al., PRC 84, 024912 (2011)
- Chiral fluid dynamics with a Polyakov loop (PNJL) Herold, et al., PRC 87, 014907 (2013)

EOS with CP employed in hydrodynamics

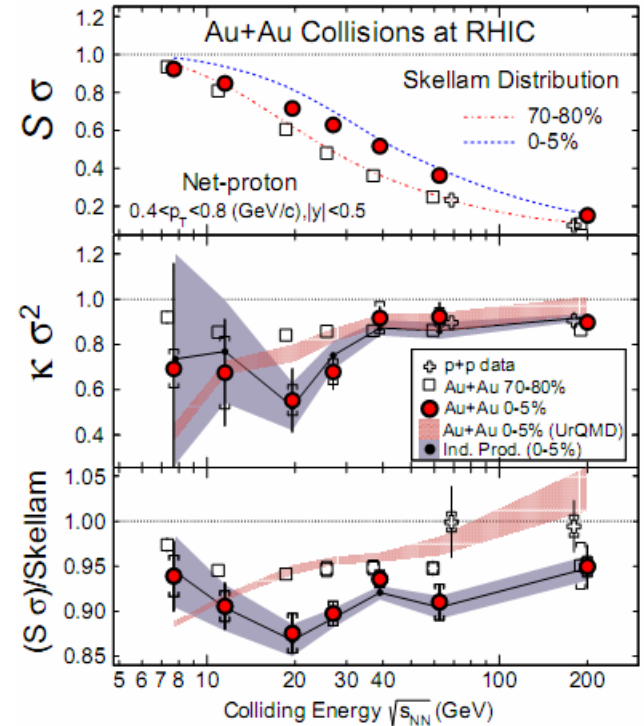
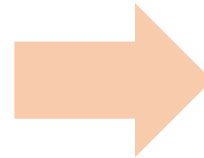
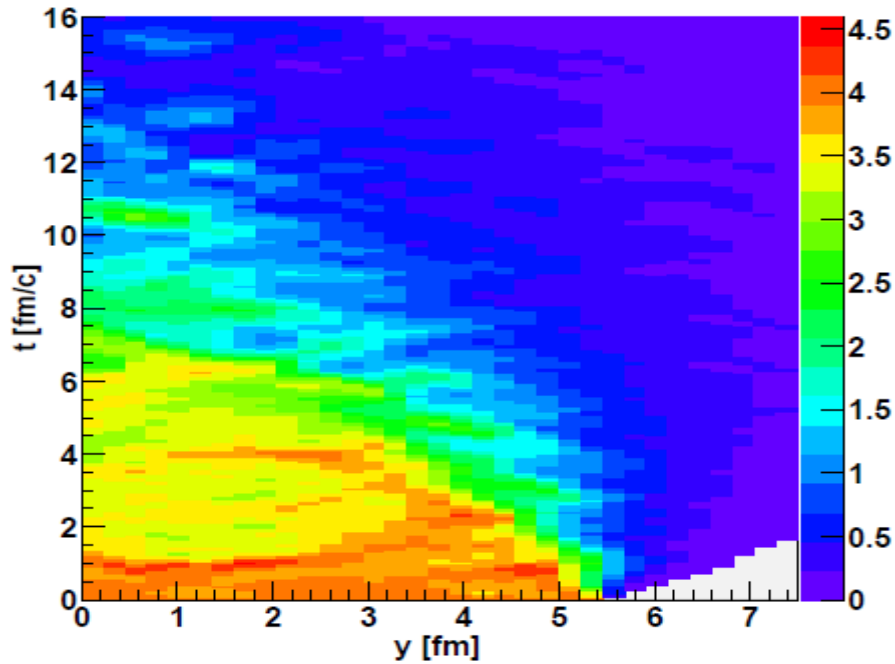
C.Nonaka, M. Asakawa, PRC 71, 044904 (2005)

$$s(T, \mu_B) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \tanh[S_c(T, \mu_B)])s_H(T, \mu_B) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \tanh[S_c(T, \mu_B)])s_Q(T, \mu_B),$$



- Pure hydrodynamics, needs to be extended to chiral hydrodynamics.

dynamical models to experimental data



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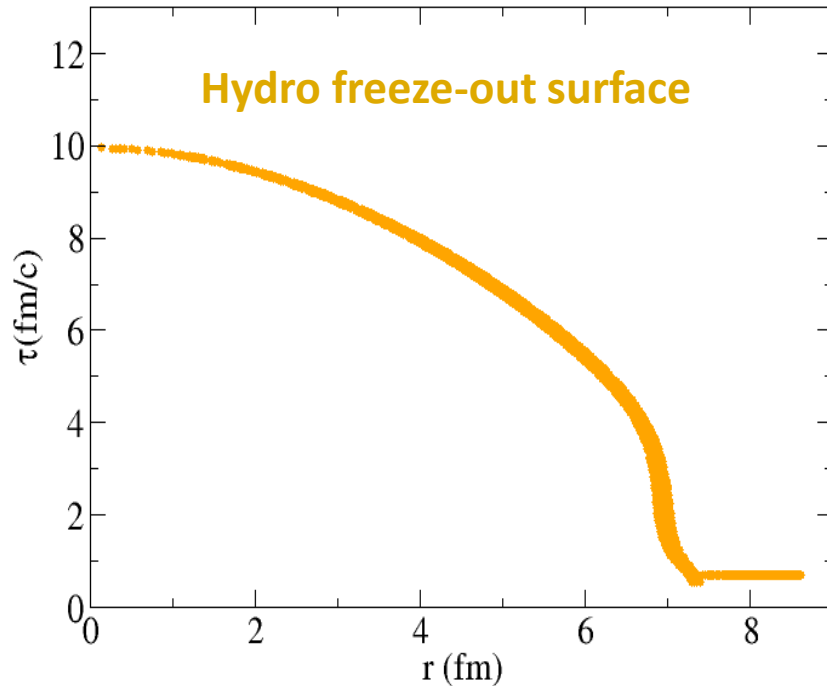
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Freeze-out scheme near the critical point

Particles emission near Tc with external field

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Particle emissions in HIC, Cooper-Frye formula:

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

Particle emissions with fluctuated external field:

$$M \rightarrow g(\bar{\sigma} + \sigma(x))$$

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

$$\langle \delta f_1 \delta f_2 \rangle_{\sigma} = \frac{f_{01} f_{02}}{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \frac{g^2}{T^2} \langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c,$$

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

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

infinite volume

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

$$\downarrow \frac{(\int d^3x)^i \langle (\delta f)^i \rangle}{(\int d^3x)^i 1}$$

$$\langle \delta n_p \delta n_q \rangle_\sigma = \frac{G^2}{VT} \frac{n_p n_q}{\omega_p \omega_q} \frac{1}{m^2}$$

[M. Stephanov, PRD (1999) & PRL (2009).]

$$\langle \delta n_p \delta n_q \delta n_k \rangle_\sigma = \frac{2\lambda_3}{V^2 T} \frac{n_p n_q n_k}{\omega_p \omega_q \omega_k} \left(\frac{G}{m^2} \right)^3$$

$$\langle \delta n_{p_1} \delta n_{p_2} \delta n_{p_3} \delta n_{p_4} \rangle_\sigma = \frac{6}{V^3 T} \frac{n_{p_1} n_{p_2} n_{p_3} n_{p_4}}{\omega_{p_1} \omega_{p_2} \omega_{p_3} \omega_{p_4}} \left(\frac{G}{m^2} \right)^4 \left[2 \left(\frac{\lambda_3}{m} \right)^2 - \lambda_4 \right]$$

- For stationary & infinite medium, integrate over coordinate space, the results in Stephanov PRL09 are reproduced.

Freeze-out scheme near the CP

Jiang, Li & Song , PRC, 94, 024918

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

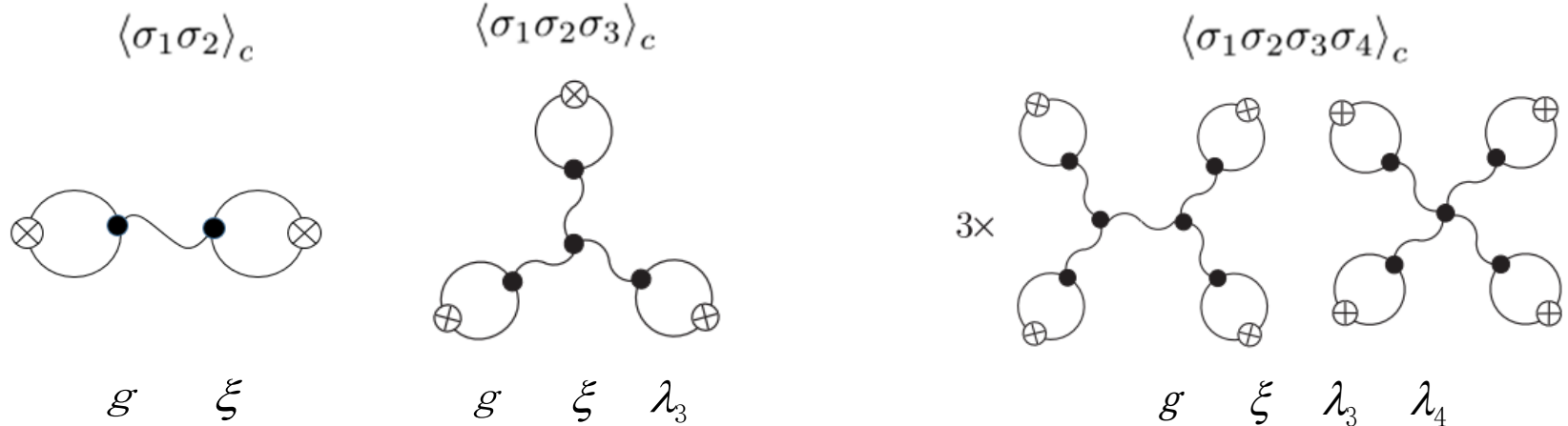
$$\langle \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle_c = TD(x_1 - x_2),$$

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

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

- no evolution effects.
- The evolution of bulk matter is not affected.

The input parameters



➤ $g \sim (0, 10)$

phenomenological model

in vacuum: $m_p \sim 900$ MeV $\rightarrow g \sim 10$; large T: non-interacting, $g \sim 0$

➤ $\xi \sim (0.5, 4)$ fm

volume effects, critical slowing down

ξ increases when the CEP is approaching. (maximum ξ at 27 GeV)

➤ $\lambda_3 \sim (0, 8)$, $\lambda_4 \sim (4, 20)$

lattice simulation of the effective potential around critical point.

increase from the crossover side to the 1st order phase transition side

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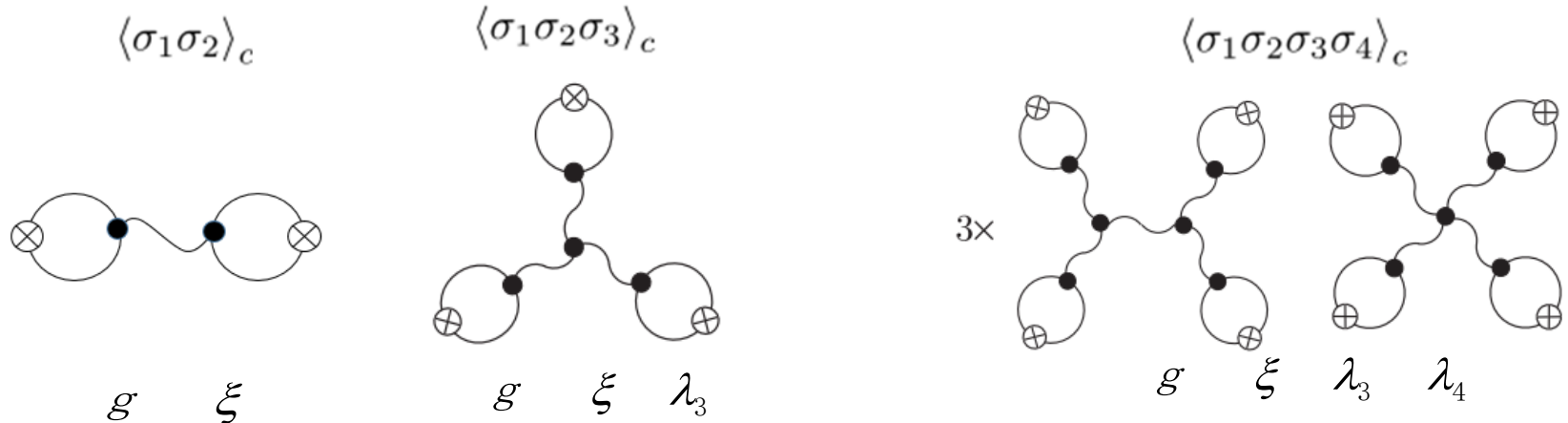


TABLE I. Parameter sets for the critical fluctuations.

	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	7.7	11.5	19.6	27	39	62.4	200	
	g	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.2	2	1.8	1	~ 0
	$\tilde{\lambda}_3$	6	4	3	2	0	0	0	
➤ Para-I	$\tilde{\lambda}_4$	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
	ξ	1	2	3	3	2	1	0.5	
	g	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.2	2	1.8	1)
	$\tilde{\lambda}_3$	6	4	3	2	2	1.5	1	
➤ Para-II	$\tilde{\lambda}_4$	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
	ξ	1.1	2.5	4	4	3	2	1	
	g	2.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1	0.5	0.1	n side
	$\tilde{\lambda}_3$	6	4	3	2	2	1.5	1	
➤ Para-III	$\tilde{\lambda}_4$	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
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critical fluctuations along the freeze-out surface

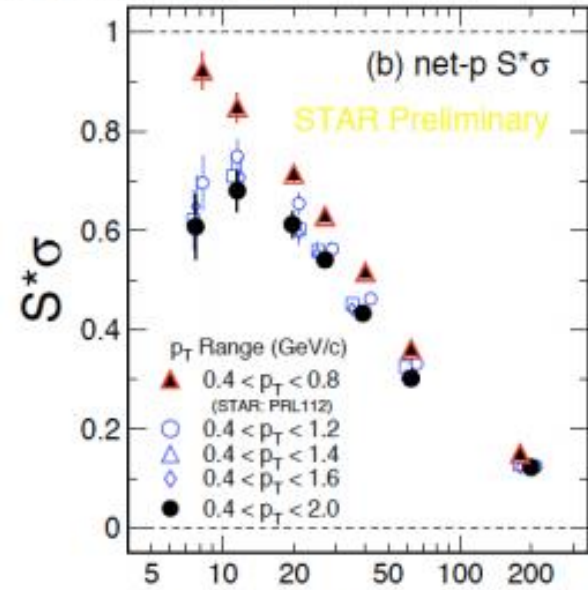
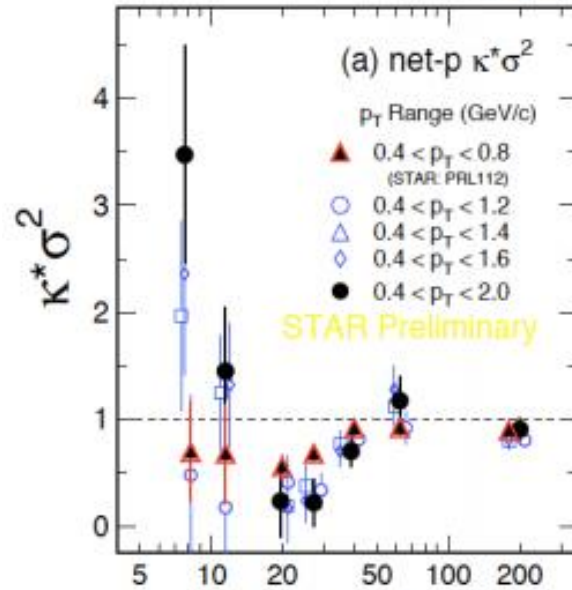
---- comparison with the experimental data

STAR BES: Acceptance dependence

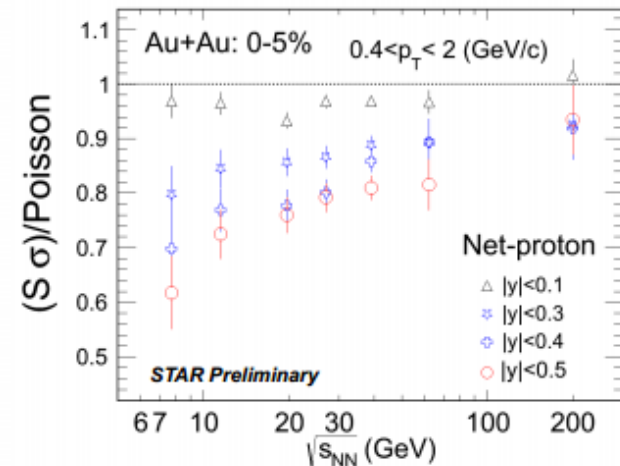
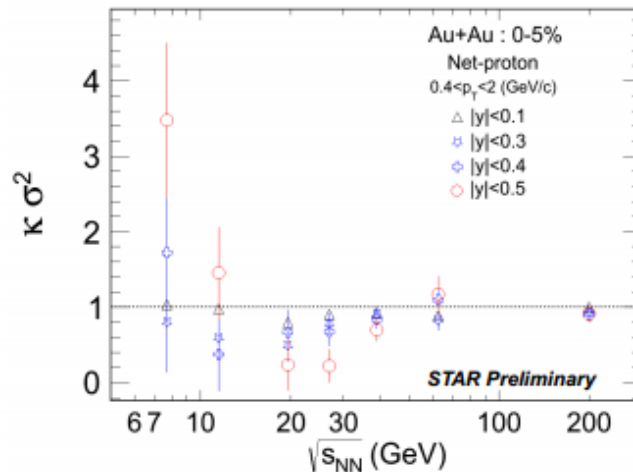
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0-5% Au + Au Central Collisions at RHIC

Pt dependence:



y dependence:

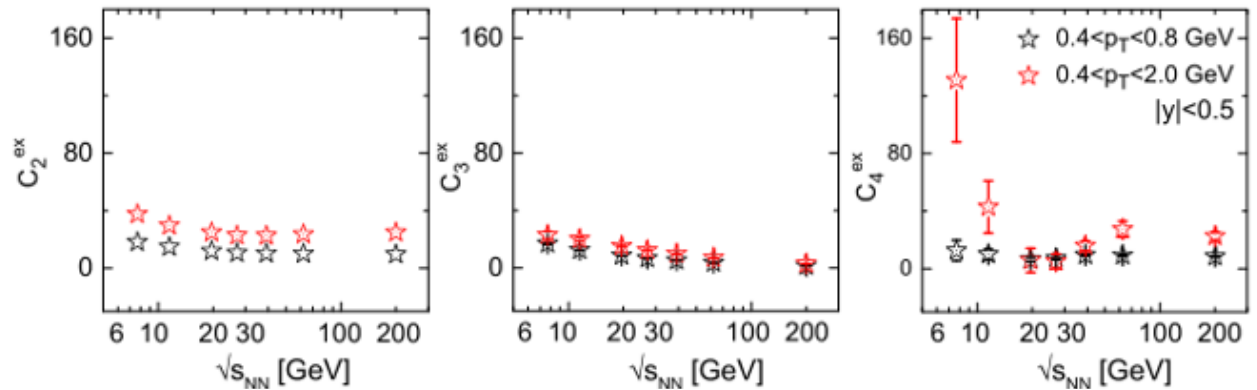


- The signals are significantly enhanced when the p_T and y acceptance are increased.

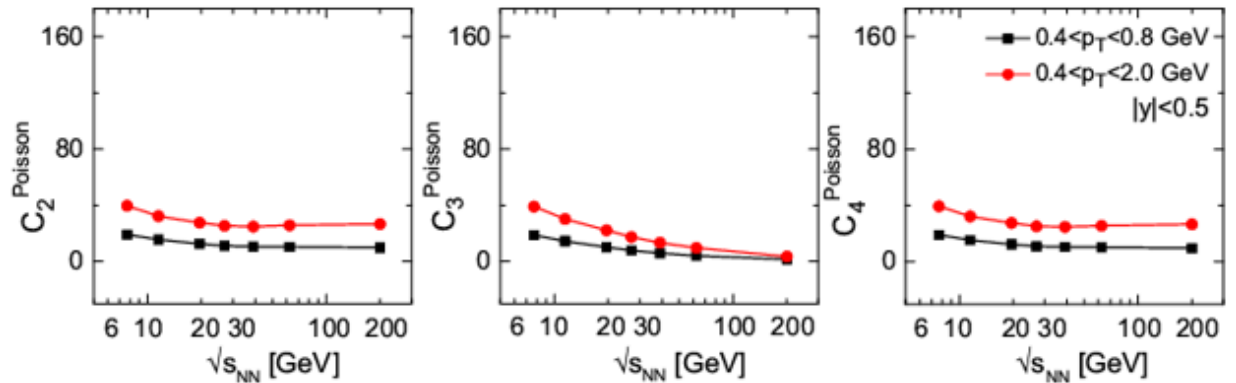
STAR data -- statistical baselines -- critical fluctuations

Note from Jiang

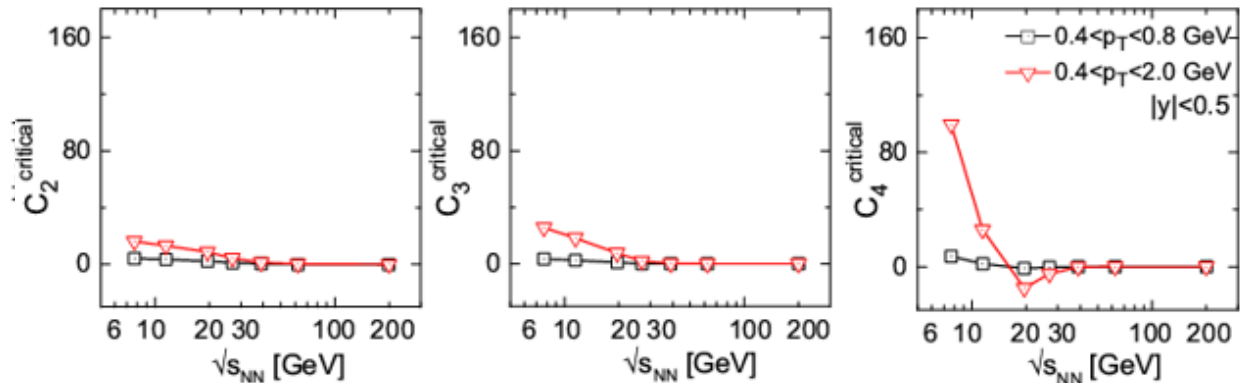
Experimental data:



Poisson expectations:

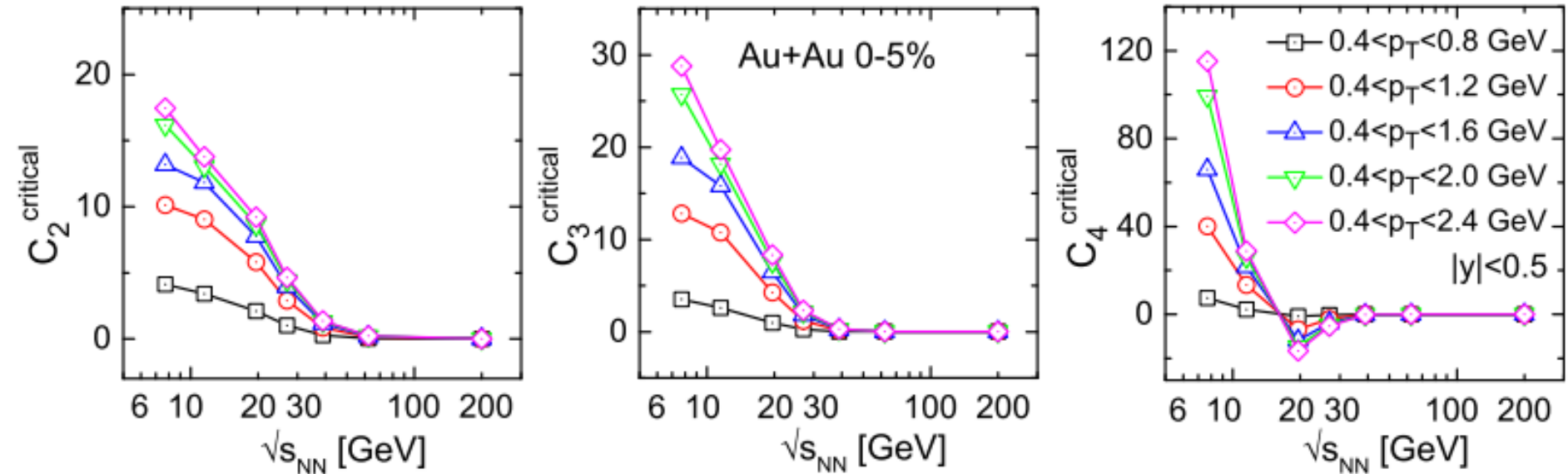


Critical fluctuations:



Pt acceptance dependent critical fluctuations

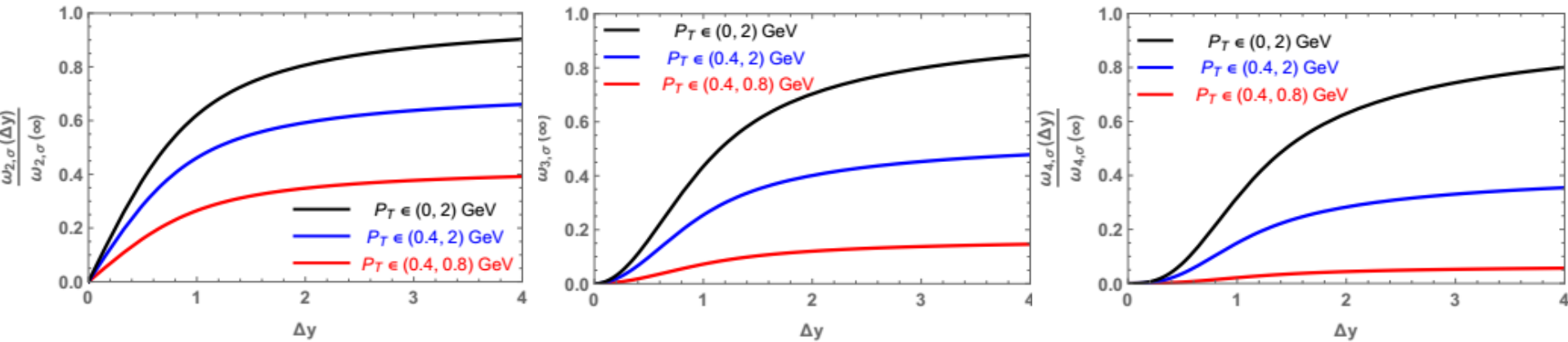
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- The critical fluctuations are largely enhanced as the increasing of p_T acceptance at small collision energies, even ξ is very small.
- The critical fluctuations saturate at larger p_T acceptance.
- The critical fluctuations are determined by both N_p and ξ .

y acceptance dependence

Ling & Stephanov PRC2016



Simplified correlators for sigma field:

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

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

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

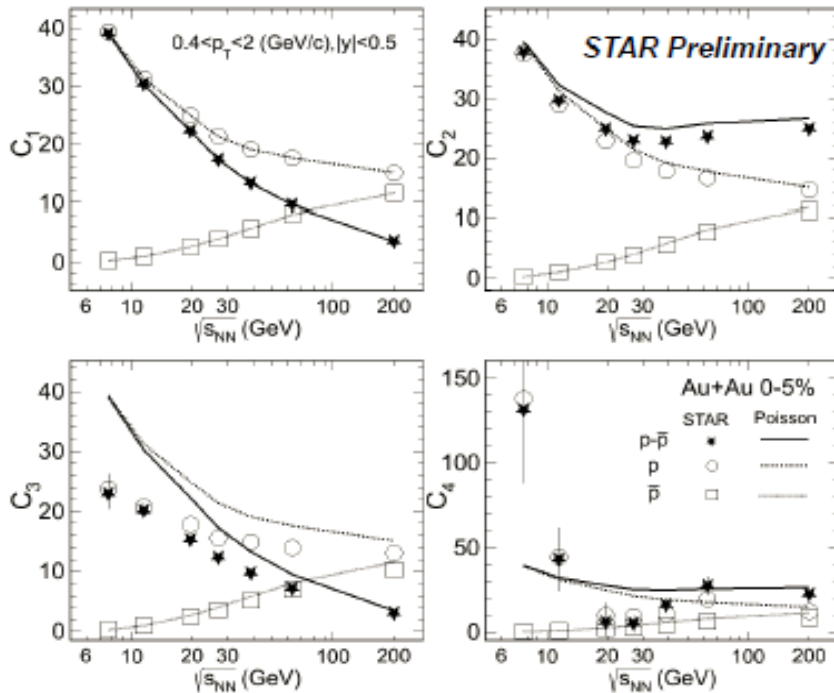
Freeze-out surface: **Blast wave model.**

- larger acceptance leads to significantly larger critical point signal
- saturation at large acceptance.

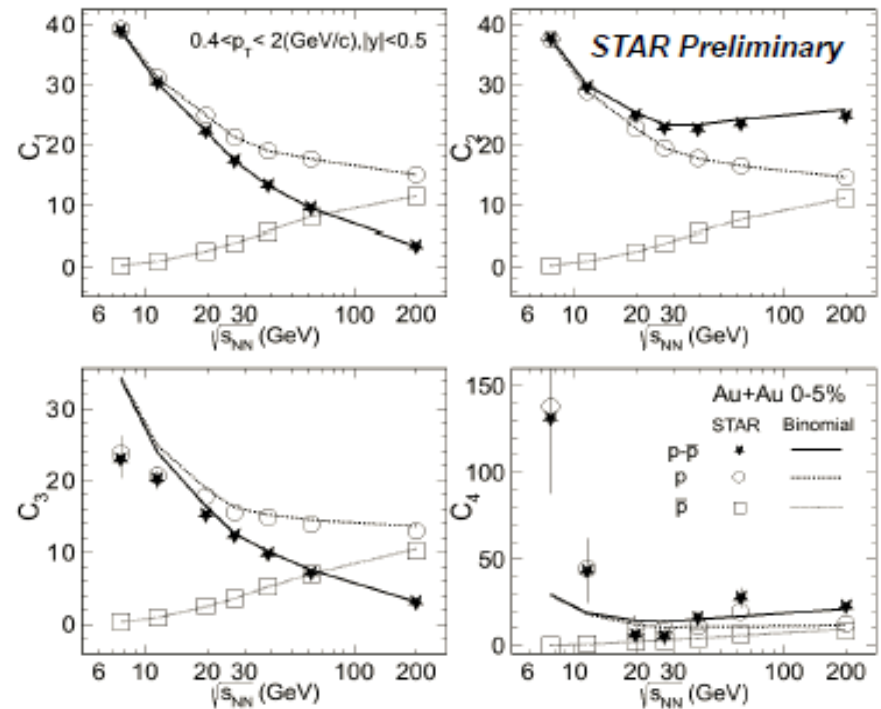
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Cumulants vs. Poisson



Cumulants vs. Binomial

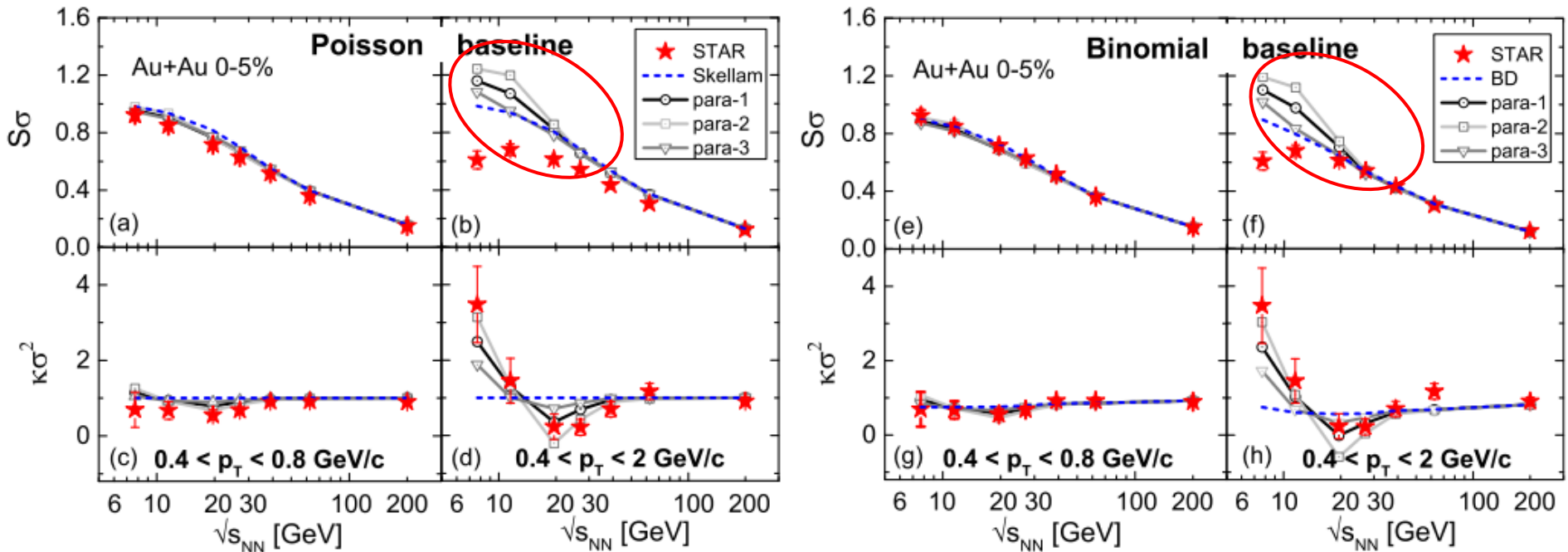


- Fluctuations measured in Experiment: **critical fluc.** + **statistical fluc.** + ...

Cumulants ratios

Net Protons 0-5%

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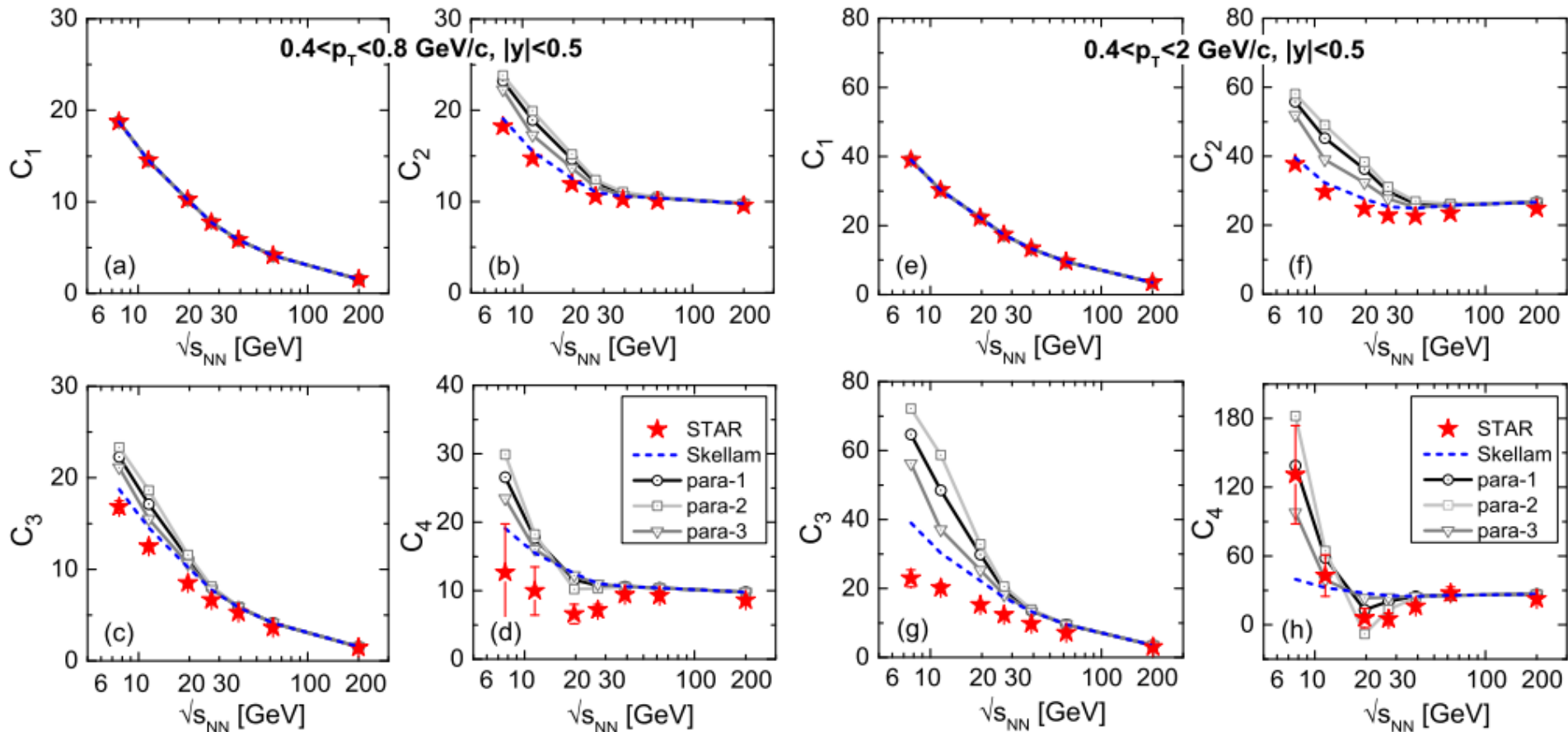


- The cumulants ratios are better described within both pt ranges with different statistical baselines, except $S\sigma$ at low collision energies.

Cumulants (Model + Poisson baselines)

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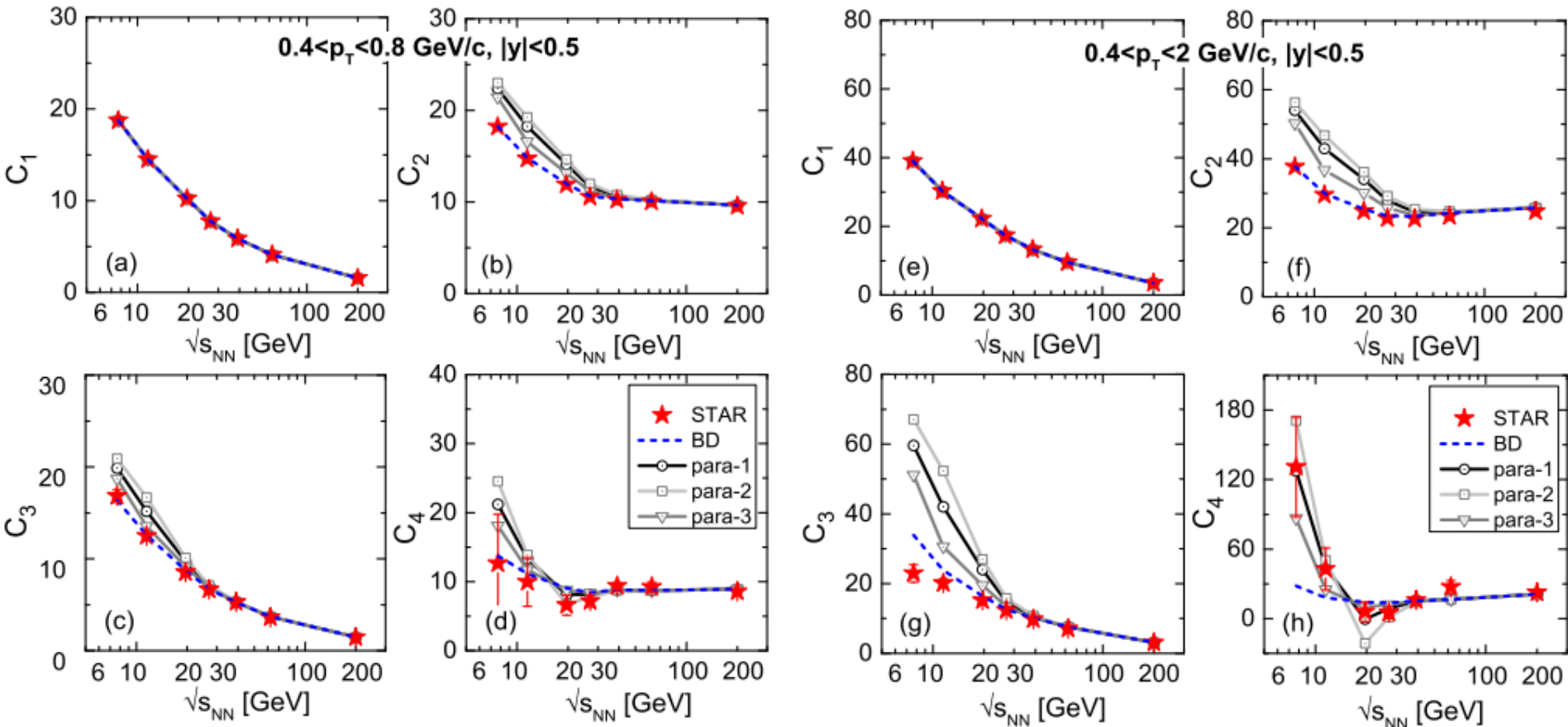


- C_4 can be roughly described
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Cumulants (Model + Binomial baseline)

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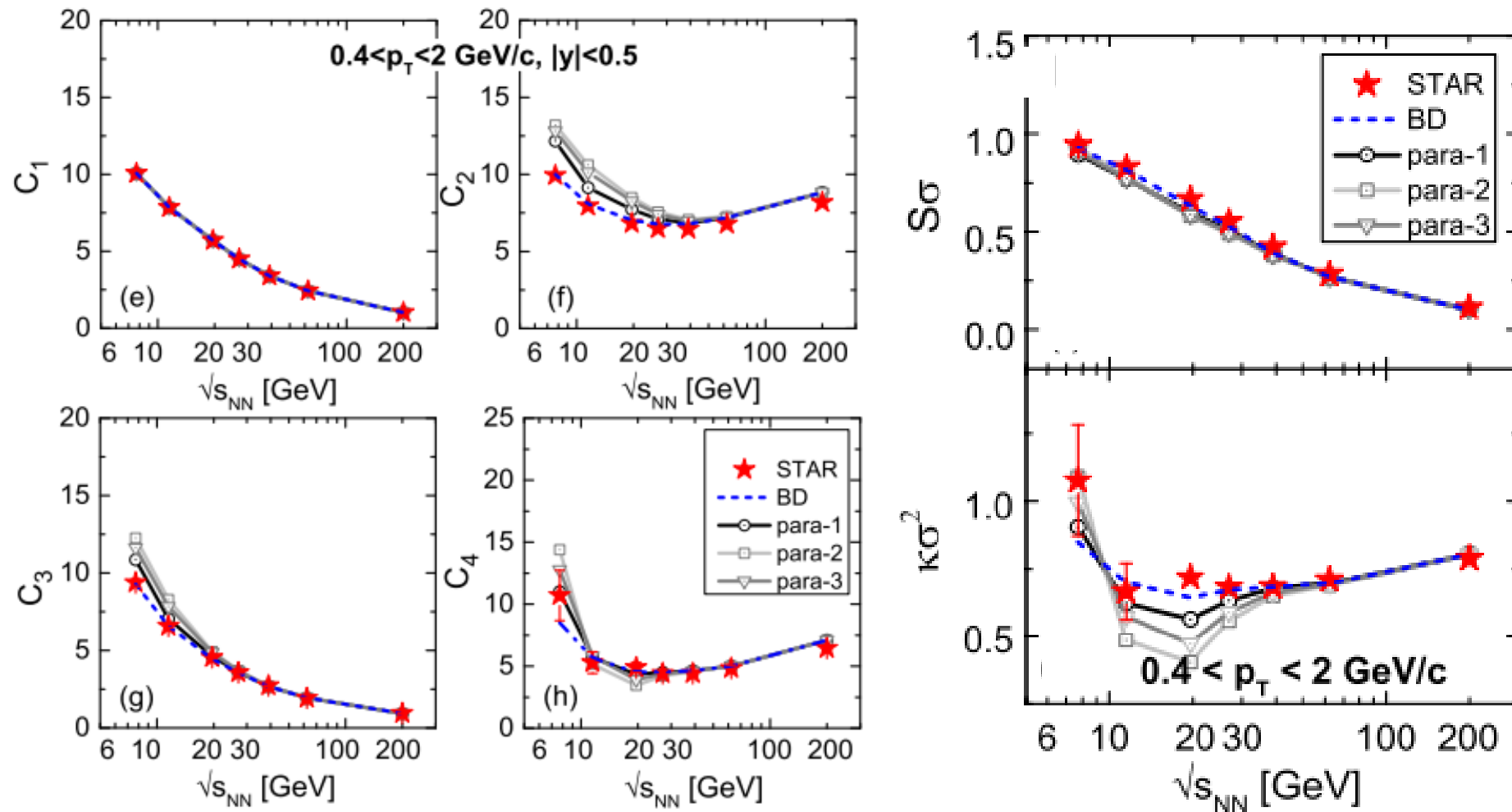


- For static fluctuations, C_4 can be described
- critical fluctuations of C_2 and C_3 are positive, above the statistical baselines, cannot explain the experimental data.

Results -- non-central collisions

Net Protons 30-40%

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- With the same set of parameters, C_4 and $\kappa\sigma^2$ at non-central collisions can be described, but C_2 and C_3 above the baselines, cannot describe the experimental data.

Summary-critical fluctuations on freezeout surface

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What can we obtain from dynamical evolution ?

Real time evolution of Sigma's cumulants

Mukherjee, Venugopalan & Yin PRC 2015

The relaxation of critical mode are described by Fokker-Plank equation

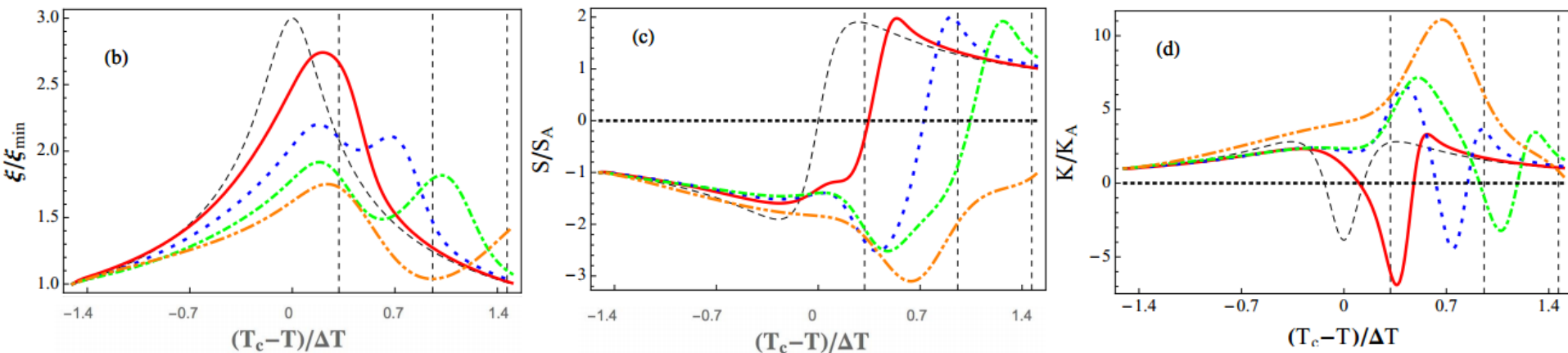
$$\partial_\tau P(\sigma; \tau) = \frac{1}{(m_\sigma^2 \tau_{\text{eff}})} \left\{ \partial_\sigma \left[\partial_\sigma \Omega_0(\sigma) + V_4^{-1} \partial_\sigma \right] P(\sigma; \tau) \right\},$$

The higher order cumulants in ϵ expansion can be written as

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

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

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



- Zero mode only, could not combined with the freeze-out scheme.

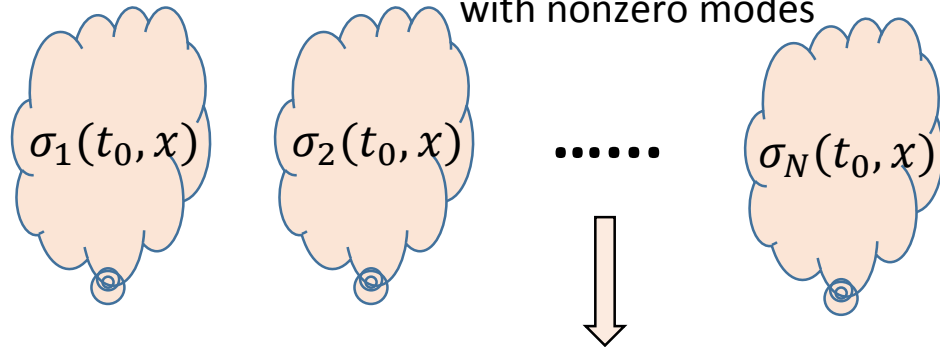
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Dynamical evolution of Sigma's cumulants

-- Langevin dynamics

e-b-e Langevin dynamics

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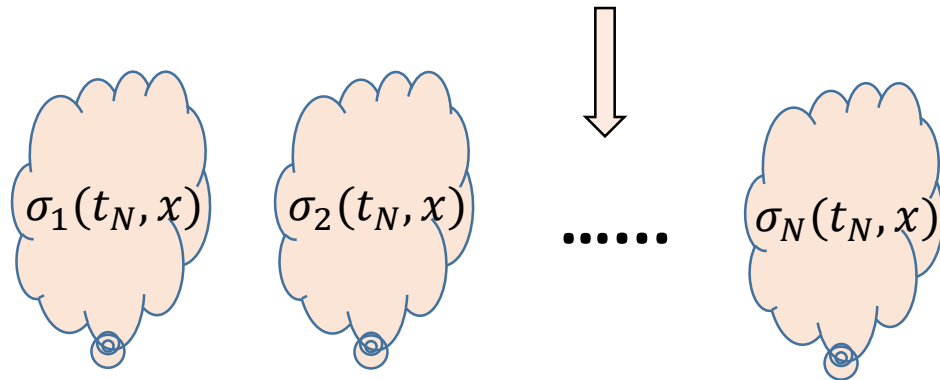


e-b-e initial conditions
(constructed based on partition function)

Langevin equation
(with damping and noise)

Evolving cumulants
(record cumulants at each time)

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



Cumulants and cumulants ratios:

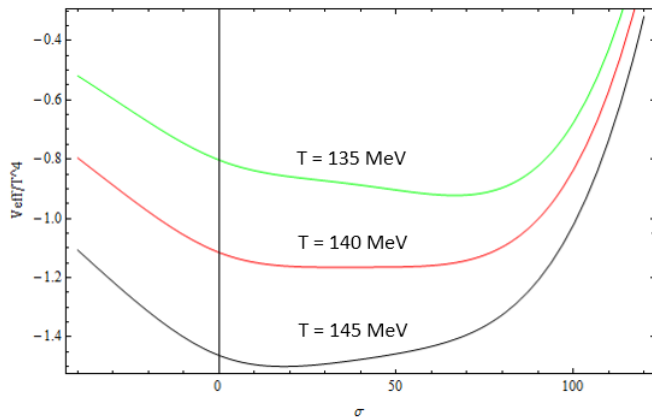
$$S\sigma = \frac{C_3}{C_2}, \quad \kappa\sigma^2 = \frac{C_4}{C_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= M_1, \\ C_2 &= M_2 - M_1^2, \\ C_3 &= M_3 - 3M_2M_1 + 2M_1^3, \\ C_4 &= M_4 - 4M_3M_1 - 3M_2^2 + 12M_2M_1^2 - 6M_1^4. \end{aligned}$$

Sigma's cumulants from Langevin dynamics

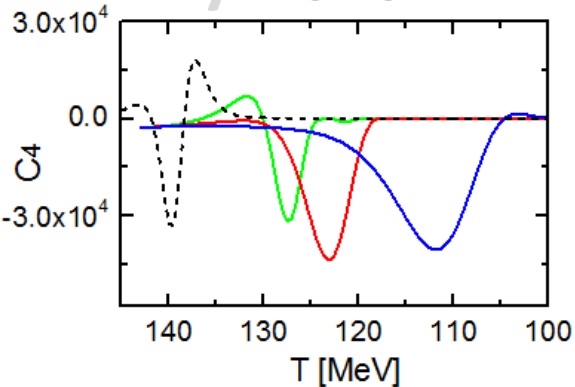
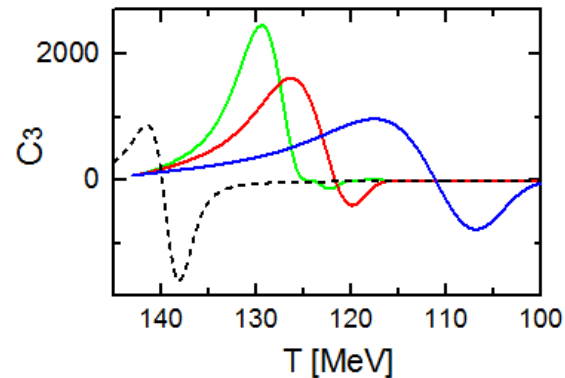
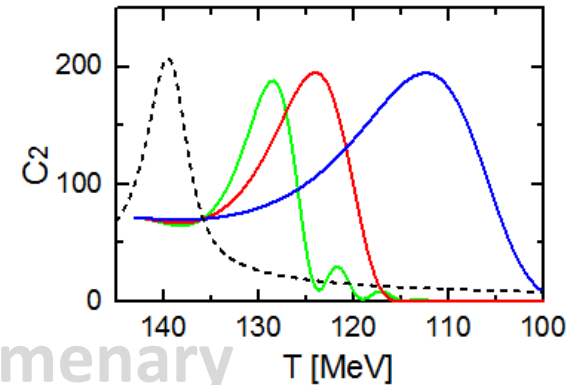
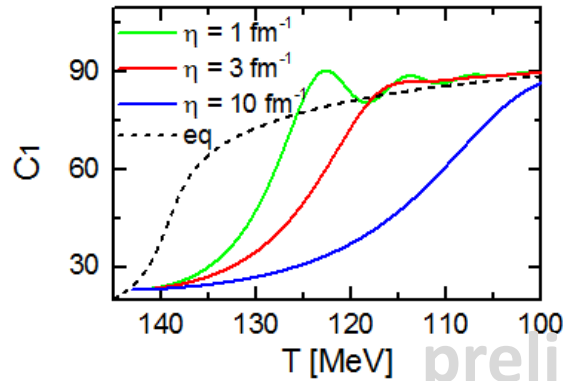
Jiang, Wu, Song, in preparation

- 10^5 events
- uniform and finite volume
- effective potential at different T



- decreasing Temperature

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



- The correlation of sigma field automatically increase.
- Memory effects
- The sign and value of C3, C4 different from the equilibrium ones

Summary and Outlook

- **STAR BES provides exciting new measurements on cumulants for net protons.**
- **Critical fluctuations on the freeze-out surface**
 - The acceptance dependence can be qualitatively explained
 - C_4 and $\kappa\sigma^2$ can be roughly reproduced through tuning the parameters of the model
 - C_2 , C_3 are well above the statistical baselines, which CANNOT explain/describe the experimental data
- **critical fluctuations from dynamical evolution**
 - the correlation length automatically increase as the system evolves near the critical point.
 - both Fokker-Plank and e-b-e Langevin dynamics present memory effects, thus the value and the sign can be different from the equilibrium ones for S and K.
- **Future works:**
 - construction of e-b-e critical fluctuations in a non-uniform system
 - micro/macroscopic evolution with external chiral field
 - statistical baselines
 - ...

Thank you!