



Four-dimensional equation of state of QCD matter with multiple chemical potentials

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[AM, G. Pihan, B. Schenke, C. Shen, Phys. Rev. C **110**, 044905 \(2024\)](#) 

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Introduction

- Exploring the QCD Phase diagram

QCD has a rich phase structure depending on the temperature and chemical potentials

Quark-gluon plasma
(QGP) phase



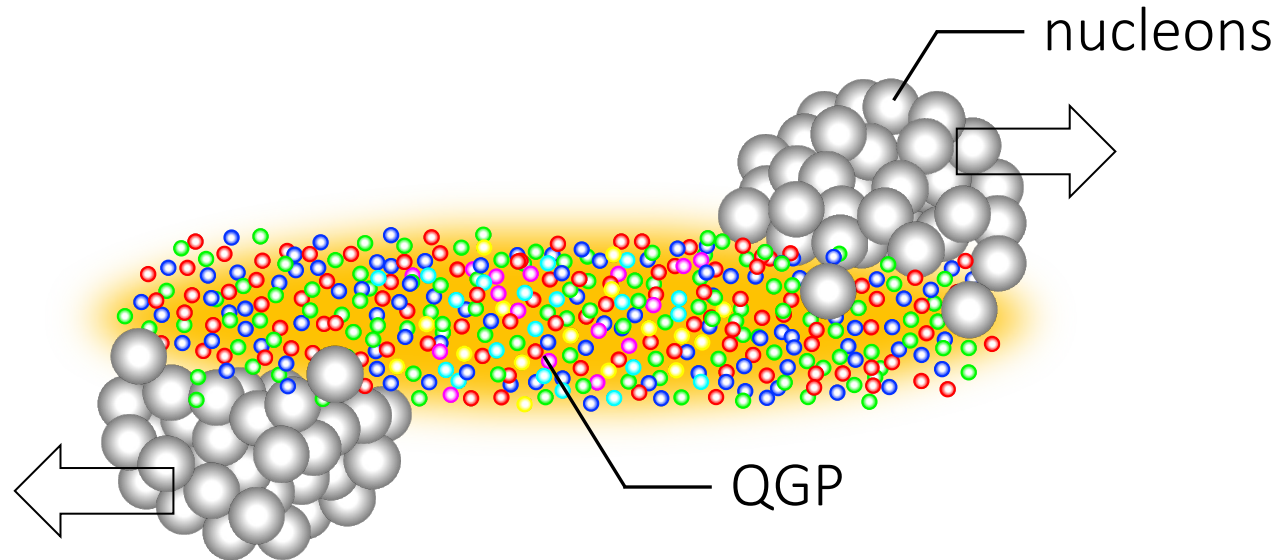
(Critical point)

Hadronic phase

(Color superconductor)

Introduction

- How to make the **quark-gluon plasma** (QGP)



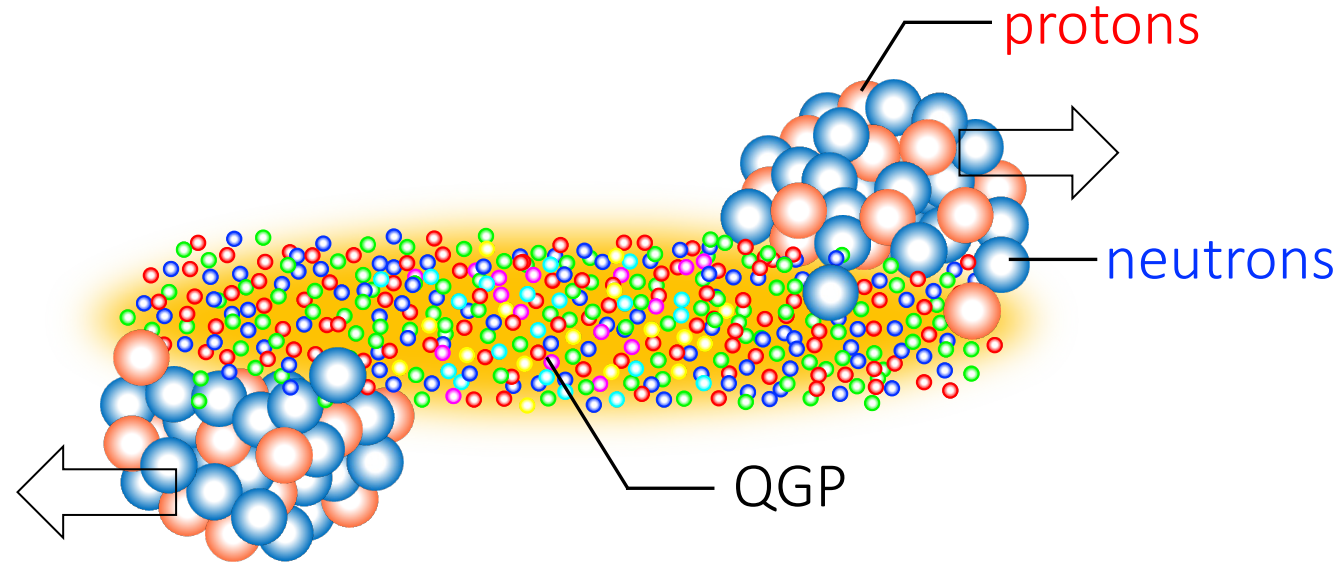
The QGP can be created in nuclear collisions at relativistic energies

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Introduction

- A more precise view of nuclear collisions



Protons and neutrons should be distinguished for precision analyses

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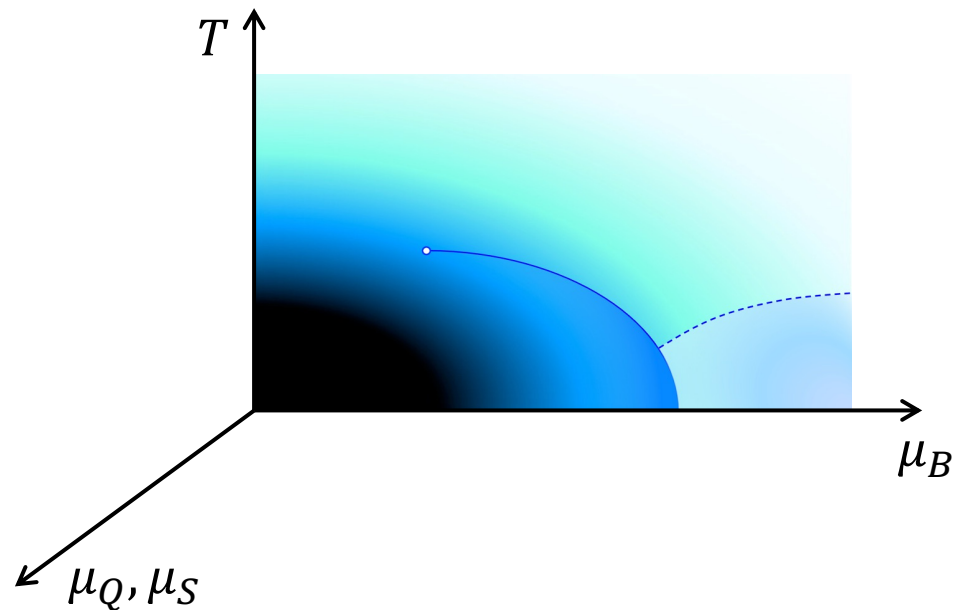


Nuclear collisions

■ Conserved charges

The QGP in nuclear collisions are made of light quarks (u, d, s) ($T \sim 200$ MeV)

Baryon (B) **Electric charge (Q)** **Strangeness (S)** are conserved



The QCD phase diagram has to be extended to 4 dimensions

T : Temperature

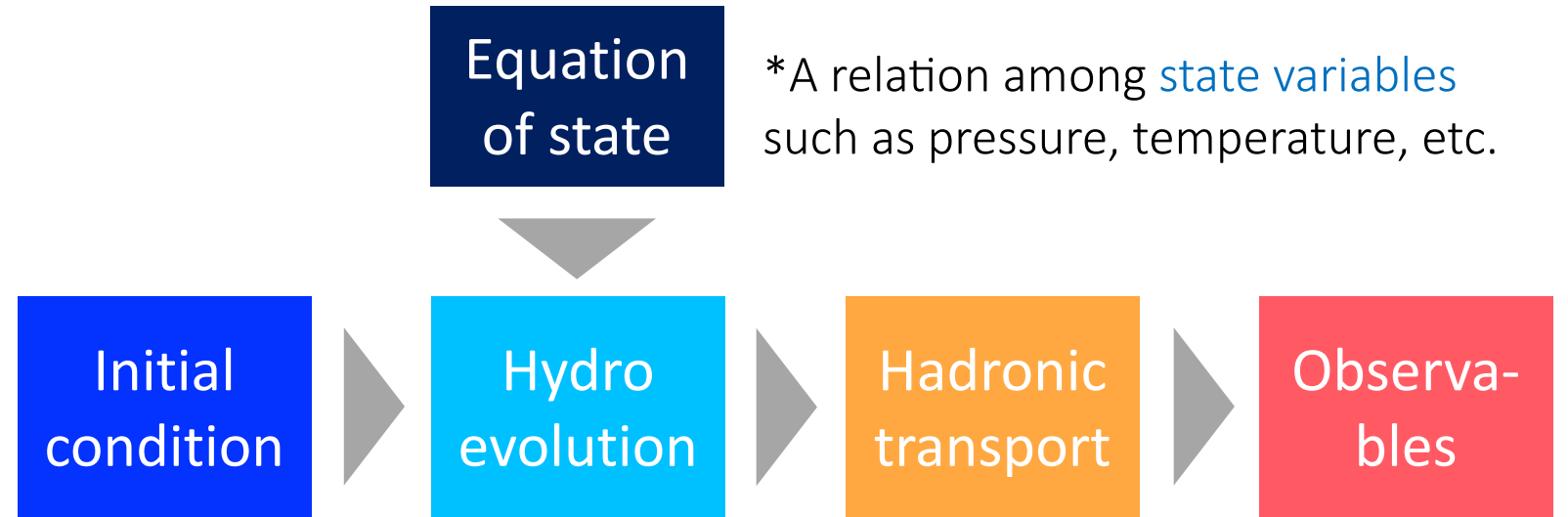
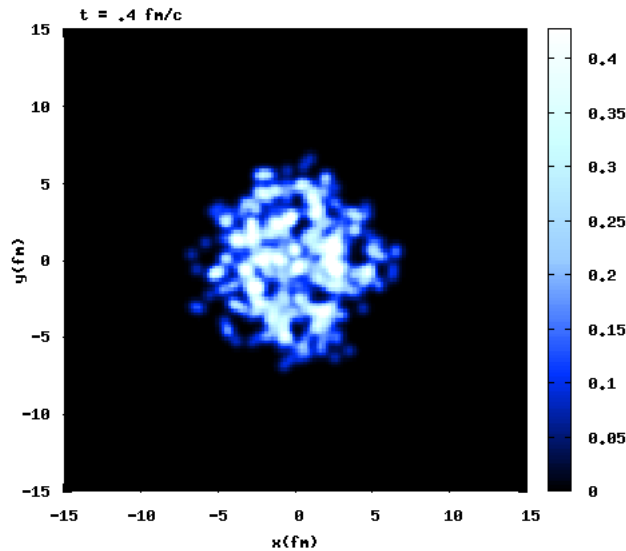
μ_B : Baryon chemical potential

μ_Q : Charge chemical potential

μ_S : Strangeness chemical potential

Nuclear collisions

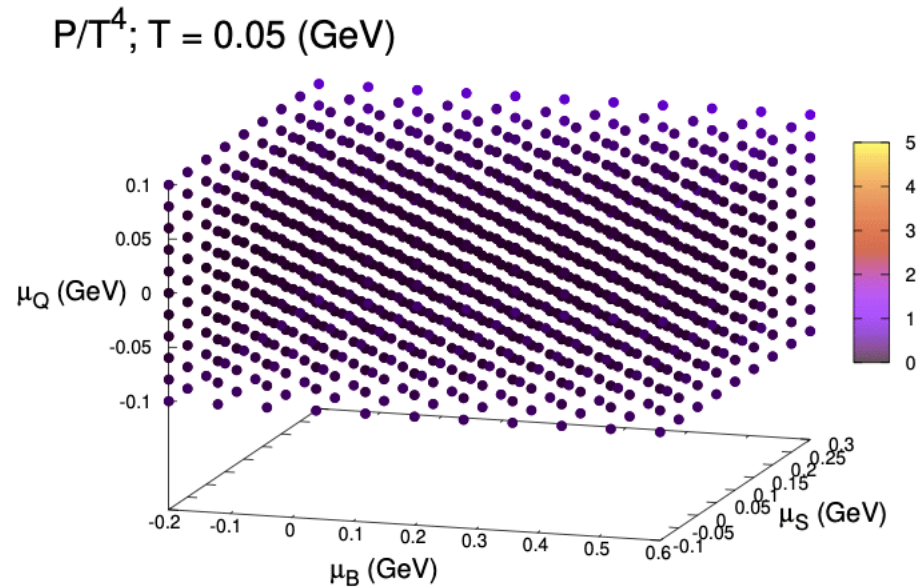
■ Relativistic hydrodynamic model



We construct a 4-dimensional QCD equation of state at finite chemical potentials for nuclear collisions

NEOS-4D

- A lattice QCD-based equation of state model



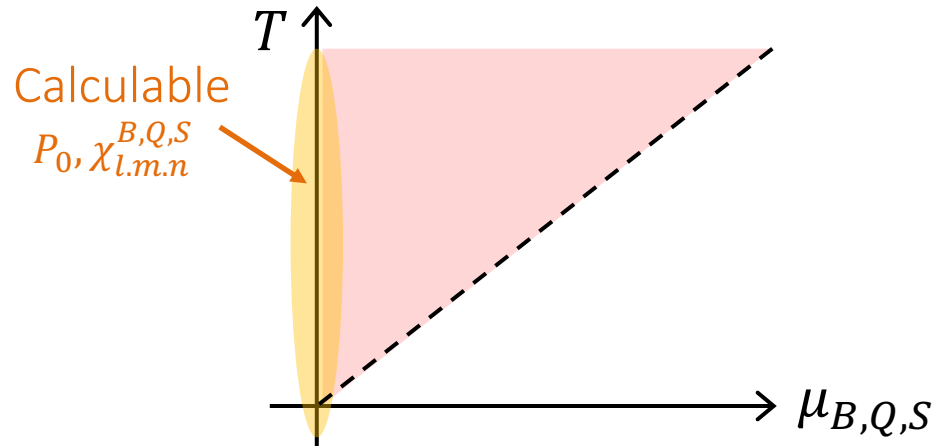
- It has **B**, **Q**, **S** charges without constraints, *i.e.*, it is fully 4-dimensional
- Generalization of NEOS BQS, that is tuned to $n_Q = 0.4 n_B, n_S = 0$ for heavy nuclei ($^{197}\text{Au}, ^{208}\text{Pb}$, etc.)
[AM, B. Schenke, C. Shen, Phys. Rev. C **100**, 024907 \(2019\)](#)
- Applicable to systems with various nuclei and with fluctuations and diffusion

Construction

- QGP phase: Taylor expansion method of lattice QCD

$$\frac{P_{\text{lat}}}{T^4} = \frac{P_0}{T^4} + \sum_{l,m,n} \frac{\chi_{l,m,n}^{B,Q,S}}{l! m! n!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^l \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^m \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^n$$

HotQCD Collaboration, PRD 86, 034509 (2012);
PRD 90, 094503 (2014); PRD 92, 074043 (2015);
PRD 95, 054504 (2017)



Pro: Ab initio calculation

Con: not reliable when $\frac{\mu}{T}$ is too large

- Susceptibilities up to the 4th order from lattice QCD
- $\chi_6^B, \chi_{5,1}^{B,Q}, \chi_{5,1}^{B,S}$ parametrized as required by thermodynamic conditions

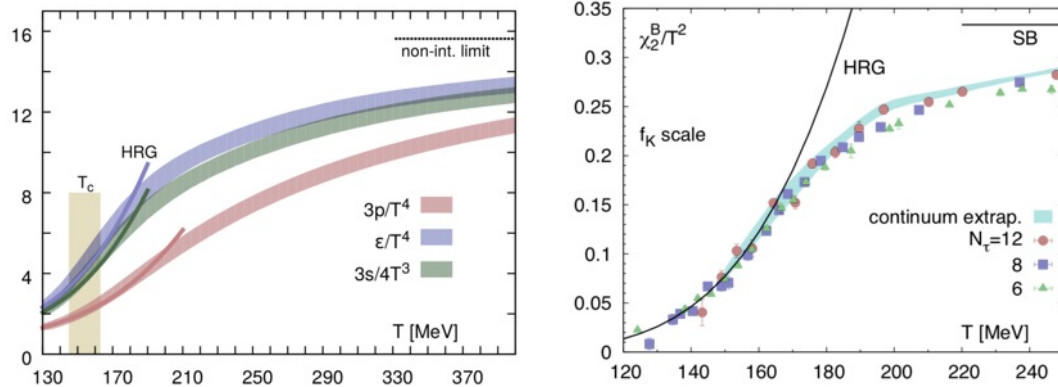
Construction

- Hadronic phase: [Hadron resonance gas model](#)

$$P_{\text{had}} = \pm T \sum_i \frac{g_i d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln[1 \pm e^{-(E_i - \mu_i)/T}]$$

Particle Data Group: PRD 98, 030001 (2018)

- Hadrons and resonances with u, d, s components with the mass below 2 GeV are used

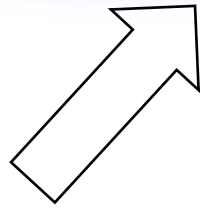


Pro: Consistent with lattice QCD
 Con: Describes only the hadronic phase

Construction

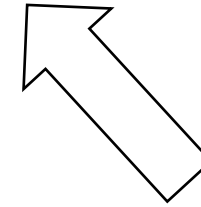
- The crossover-type EoS is obtained by smoothly connect the two EoS

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \tanh \frac{T - T_c}{\Delta T_c} \right) P_{\text{had}} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \tanh \frac{T - T_c}{\Delta T_c} \right) P_{\text{lat}}$$



Hadron resonance gas model

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Lattice QCD with Taylor expansion

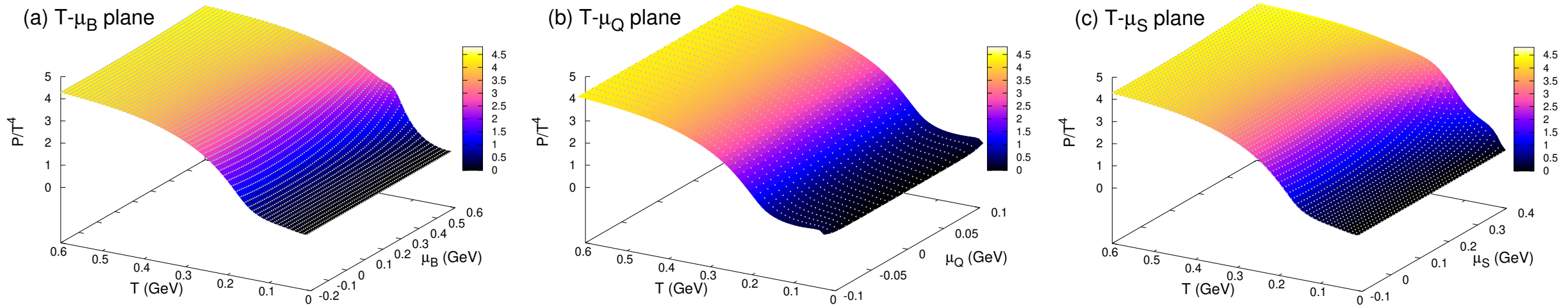
$$\frac{P_{\text{lat}}}{T^4} = \frac{P_0}{T^4} + \sum_{l,m,n} \frac{\chi_{l,m,n}^{B,Q,S}}{l! m! n!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^l \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T} \right)^m \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T} \right)^n$$

$$\left(T_c(\mu_B) = 0.16 - 0.4(0.139\mu_B^2 + 0.053\mu_B^4) \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta T_c = 0.1T_c(0) \quad \text{J. Cleymans et. al., PRC 73, 034905 (2006)} \right)$$

Numerical results

Results

■ Pressure



The dimensionless pressure on the 2D slices of temperature and chemical potentials in the 4D phase space

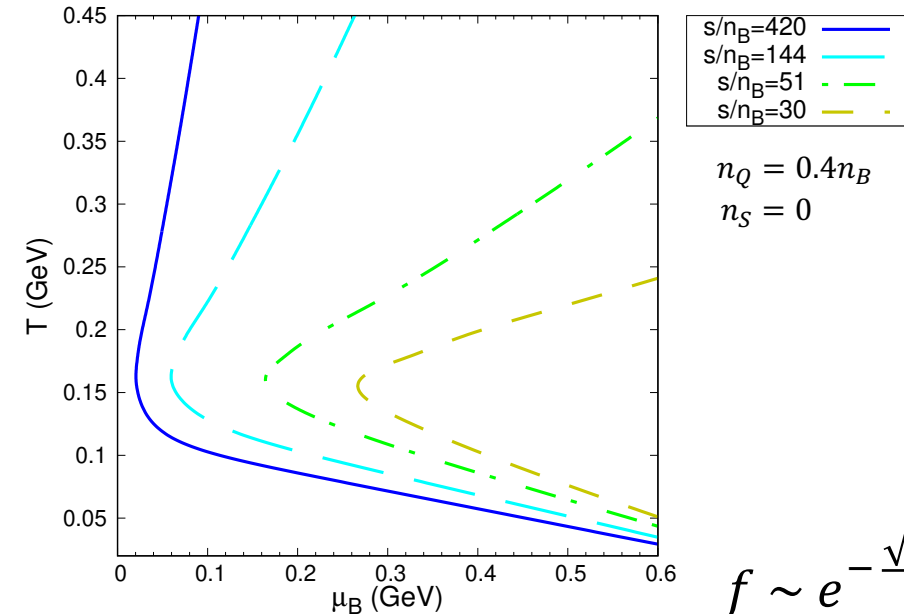
Phase diagram

■ Regions explored in nuclear collisions

s/n_B is constant when **entropy** and **net baryon number** are conserved

$s/n_B = 420$	▶	$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
$s/n_B = 144$		$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4 \text{ GeV}$
$s/n_B = 51$		$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6 \text{ GeV}$
$s/n_B = 30$		$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 14.5 \text{ GeV}$

J. Gunther et. al., Nucl. Phys. A 967, 720 (2017)



$$f \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2} - \mu}{T}}$$

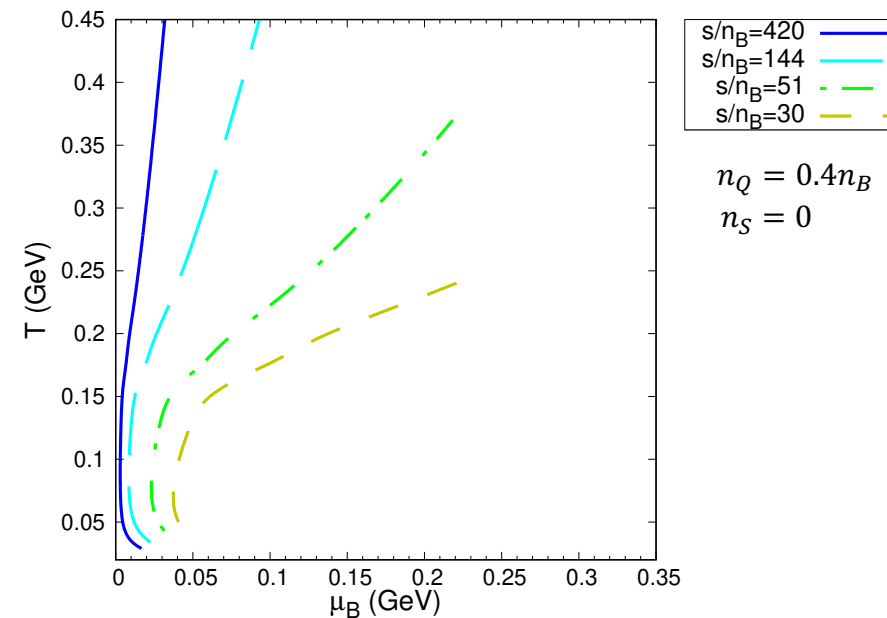
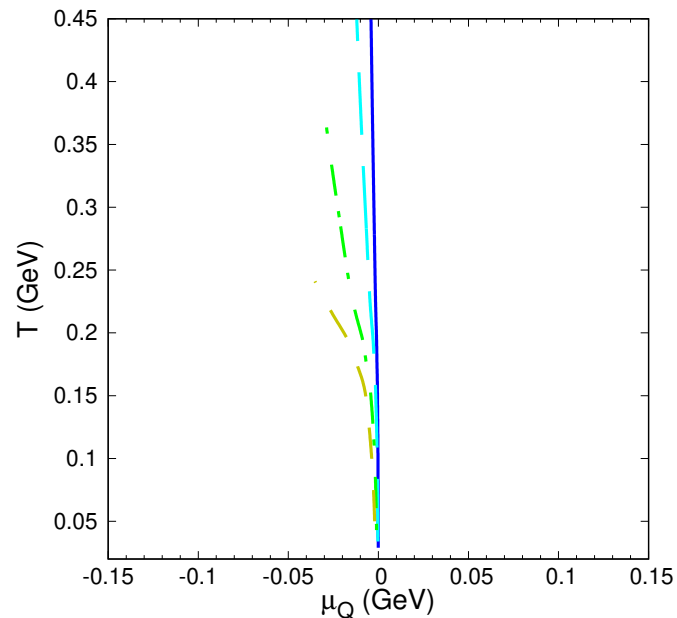
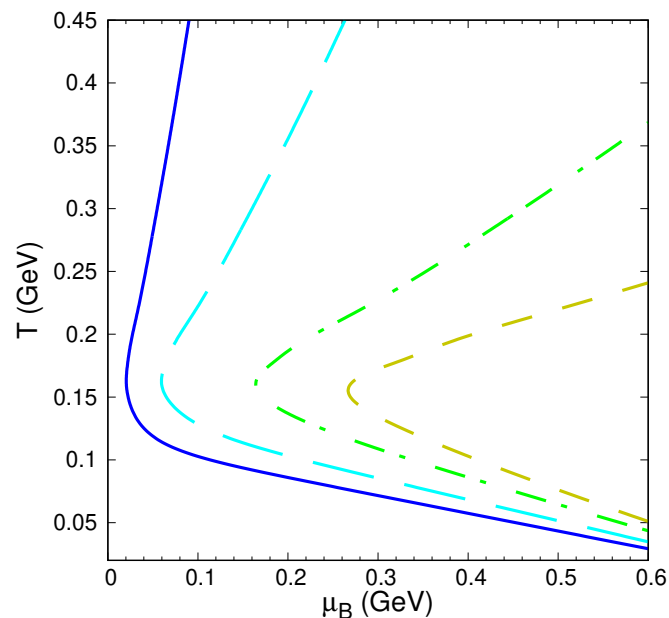
The QGP phase has straight lines because $s/n_B \approx T/\mu_B$

Larger μ_B is required in hadronic phase because protons are heavy

Results

■ Trajectories in the phase diagram

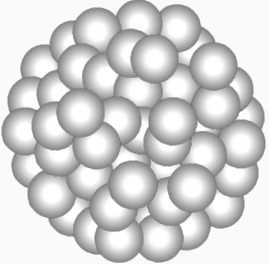
$$\mu_d = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q > \mu_u = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B + \frac{2}{3}\mu_Q$$
$$\mu_s = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q - \mu_S = 0$$



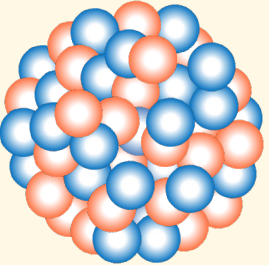
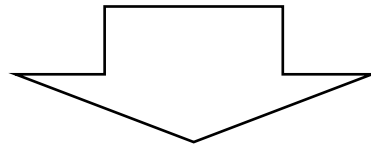
The estimated region explored in nuclear collisions is narrow in μ_Q with the “nucleon” approximation of $n_Q/n_B = 0.4$

Nuclear collisions

- The charge-to-baryon ratio in nuclear collisions



$\frac{n_Q}{n_B} \approx 0.4$ on average for heavy nuclei (^{197}Au , ^{208}Pb) and $n_S = 0$

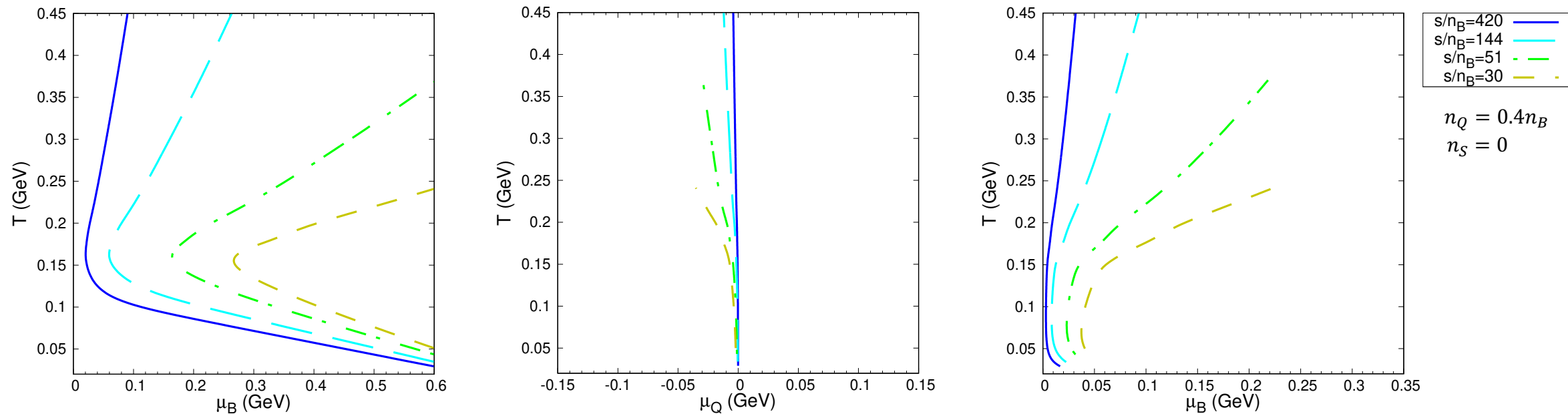


$\frac{n_Q}{n_B} = 1$ in proton-rich regions and $\frac{n_Q}{n_B} = 0$ in neutron-rich regions

⚠ Additional dynamics (e.g. fluctuation, diffusion) can lead to $\frac{n_Q}{n_B} > 1$ or $\frac{n_Q}{n_B} < 0$

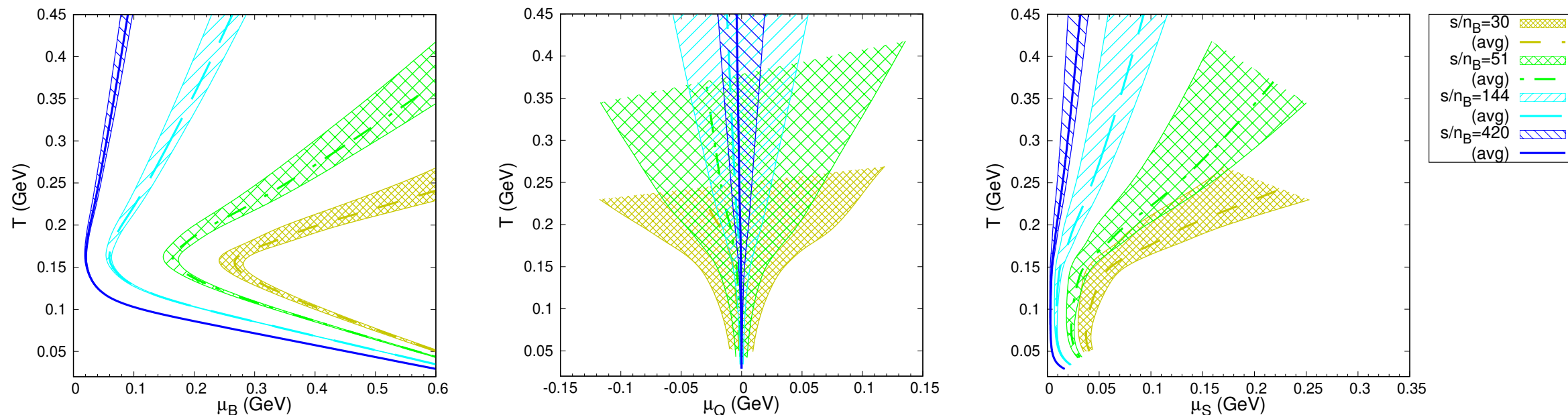
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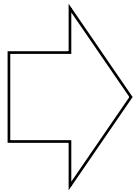


Bands denote the regions between $n_Q/n_B = 1$ and 0; Wide regions of the phase diagram will be explored in colliders

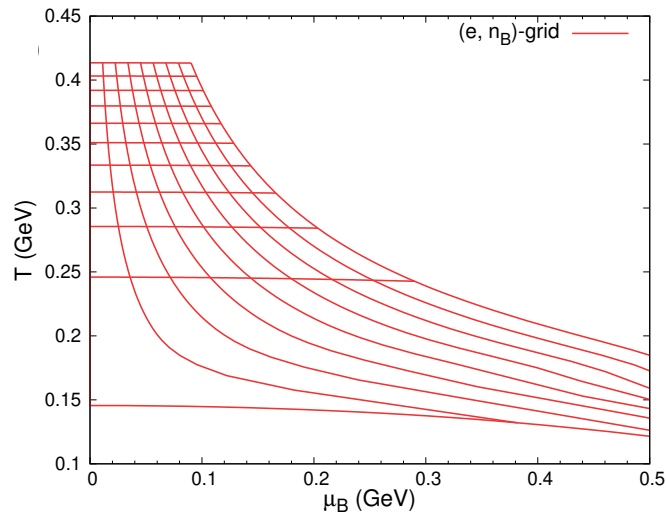
Application to hydrodynamic model

- Hydrodynamic model require $P, T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S$ as functions of e, n_B, n_Q, n_S

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu N_B^\mu = 0, \quad \partial_\mu N_Q^\mu = 0, \quad \partial_\mu N_S^\mu = 0$$



One often prepares **pre-calculated tables of the EoS** for efficient numerical simulations



However, a grid with equal spacing in e, n_B, n_Q, n_S results in a warped grid in T, μ_B, μ_Q, μ_S

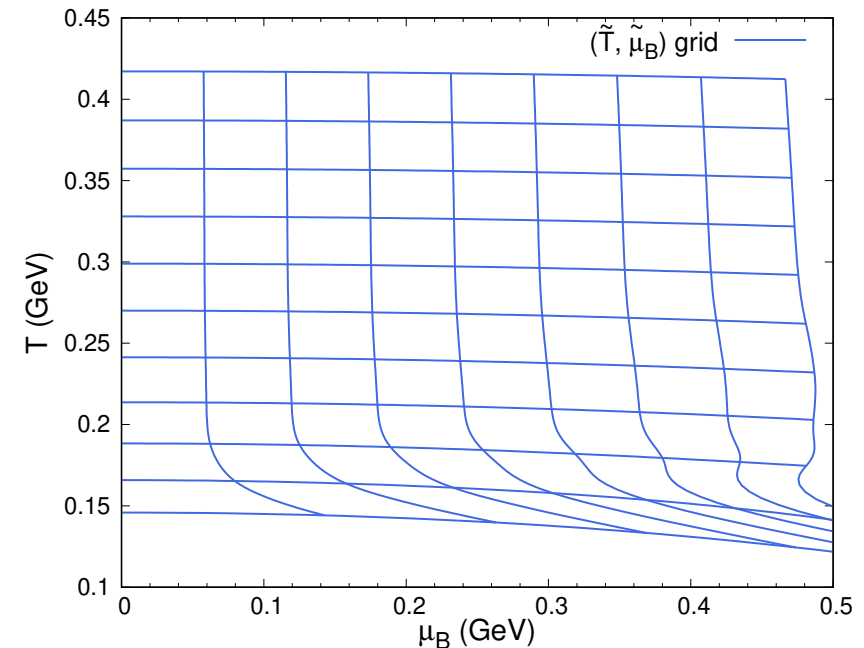
Covering it leads to a **huge redundancy in the 4D case**, making hydro simulations difficult



Application

- We introduce \tilde{T} , $\tilde{\mu}_B$, $\tilde{\mu}_Q$, $\tilde{\mu}_S$, defined as the temperature and chemical potentials of a parton gas with the given e , n_B , n_Q , n_S , for tabulation

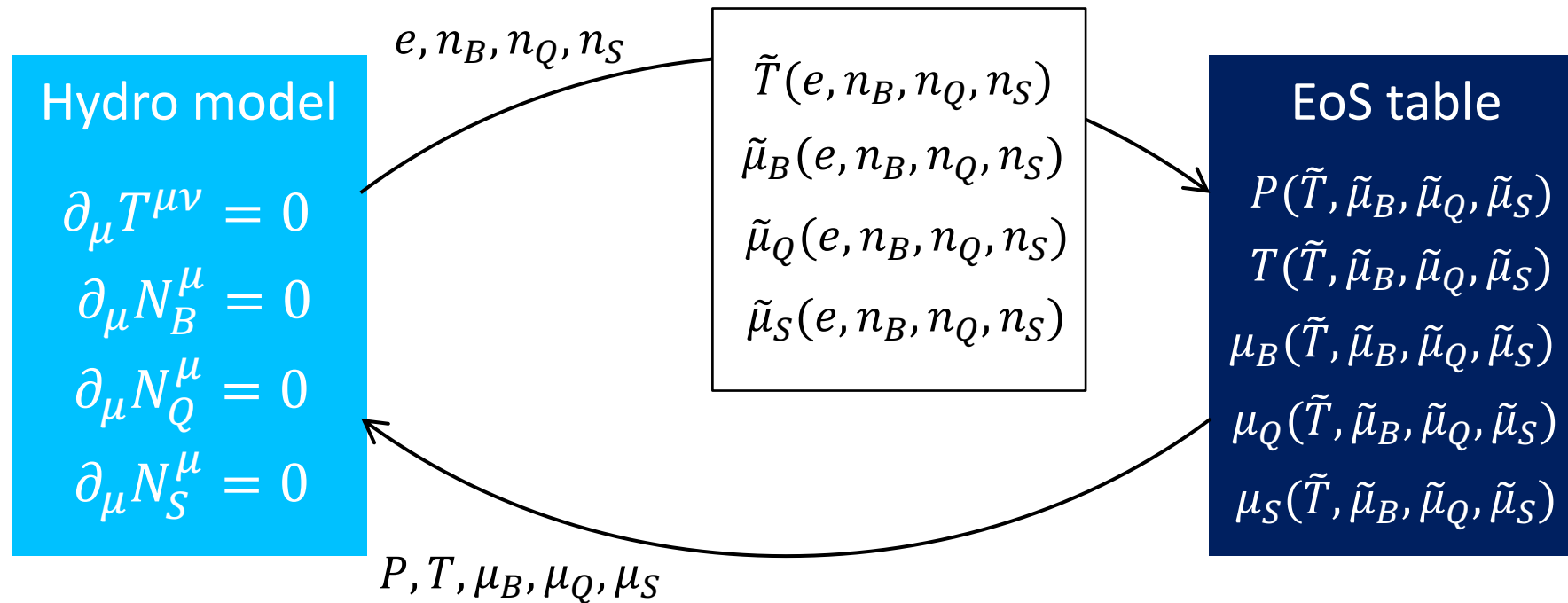
$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}(e, n_B, n_Q, n_S) &= \left(\frac{12}{19\pi^2} e \right)^{1/4} \\ \tilde{\mu}_B(e, n_B, n_Q, n_S) &= \frac{5n_B - n_Q + 2n_S}{\tilde{T}^2} \\ \tilde{\mu}_Q(e, n_B, n_Q, n_S) &= \frac{-n_B + 2n_Q - n_S}{\tilde{T}^2} \\ \tilde{\mu}_S(e, n_B, n_Q, n_S) &= \frac{2n_B - n_Q + 2n_S}{\tilde{T}^2}\end{aligned}$$



A grids with equal spacing in \tilde{T} , $\tilde{\mu}_B$, $\tilde{\mu}_Q$, $\tilde{\mu}_S$ is relatively straight in T , μ_B , μ_Q , μ_S

Application

- Schematic of EoS implementation to hydrodynamic model of nuclear collisions



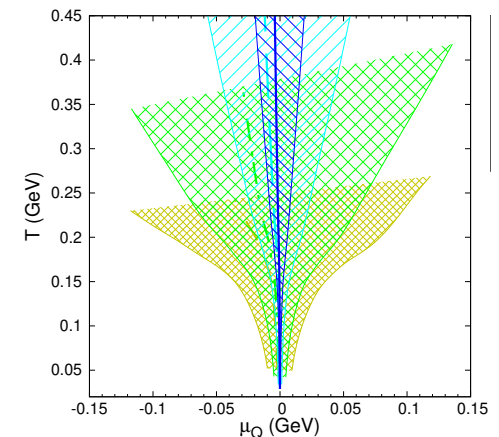
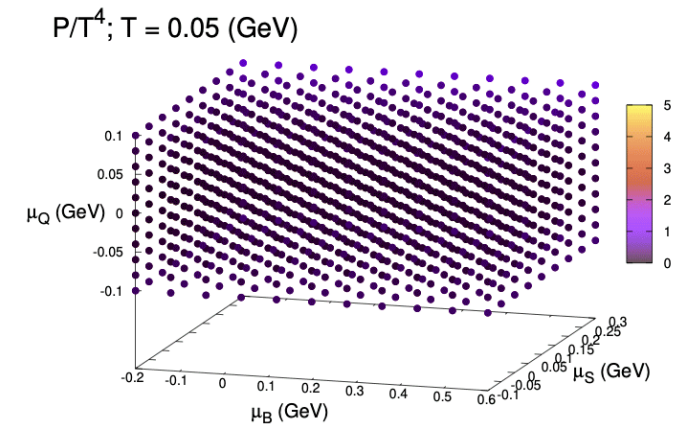
Calculations become efficient; see our recent analyses of isobar collisions for successful applications [G. Pihan, AM, B. Schenke, C. Shen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **133**, 182301 \(2024\)](#)

Summary and outlook

- We have constructed a crossover-type QCD EoS model, **NEOS-4D**, with net baryon (**B**), electric charge (**Q**) and strangeness (**S**)

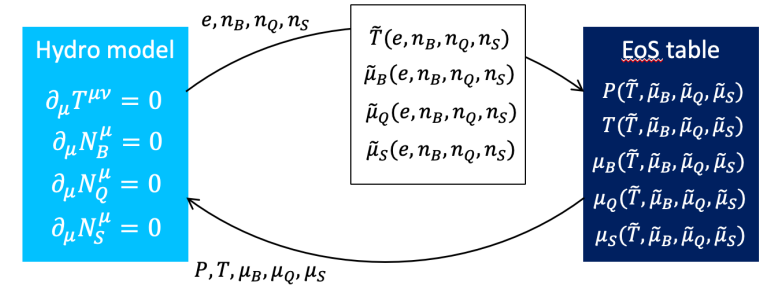
- ▶ **Lattice QCD** results from Taylor expansion method is utilized
- ▶ It is smoothly matched to the **hadron resonance gas** model at lower temperatures

- ▶ One can distinguish protons and neutrons; **wide ranges in the T - μ_B - μ_Q - μ_S space** are explored



Summary and outlook

- ▶ An efficient method of numerical implementation of the 4D EoS to the hydrodynamic model is developed using $\tilde{T}, \tilde{\mu}_B, \tilde{\mu}_Q, \tilde{\mu}_S$ variables



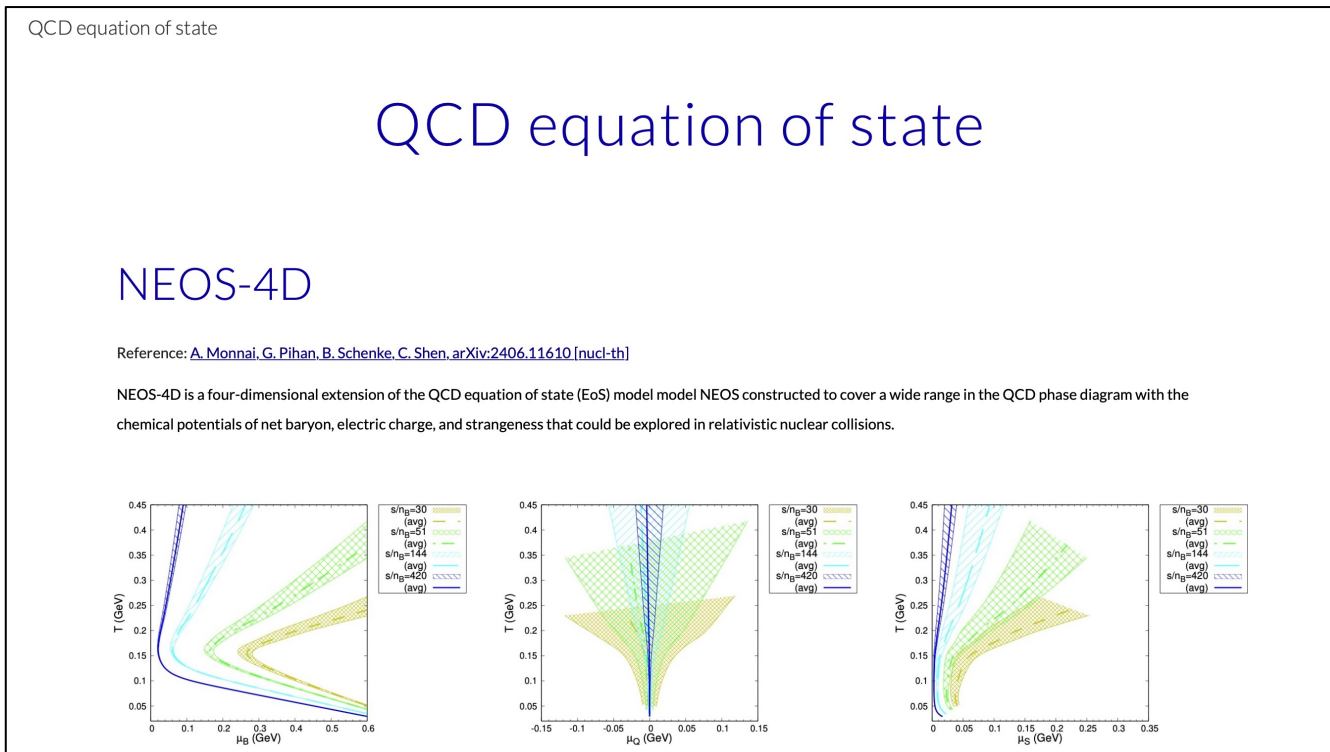
■ Outlook

- ▶ Introduction of **higher order susceptibilities** from Lattice QCD
- ▶ Application to the hydrodynamic analyses of nuclear collisions at **beam energy scan energies** and of **different nuclear species**
- ▶ Estimation of the effects of **fluctuations** and **diffusions**

Summary and outlook

- The results of our equation of state model NEOS-4D are publicly available:

<https://sites.google.com/view/qcdneos4d/home>

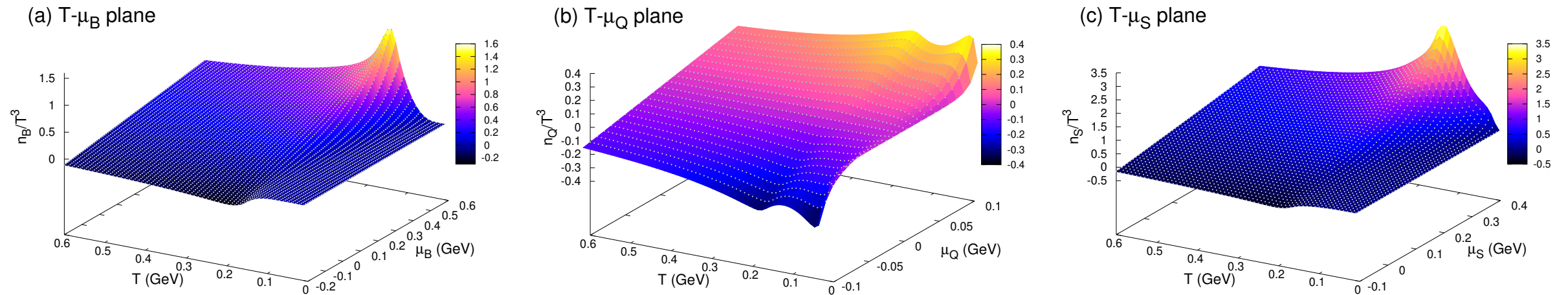


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Results

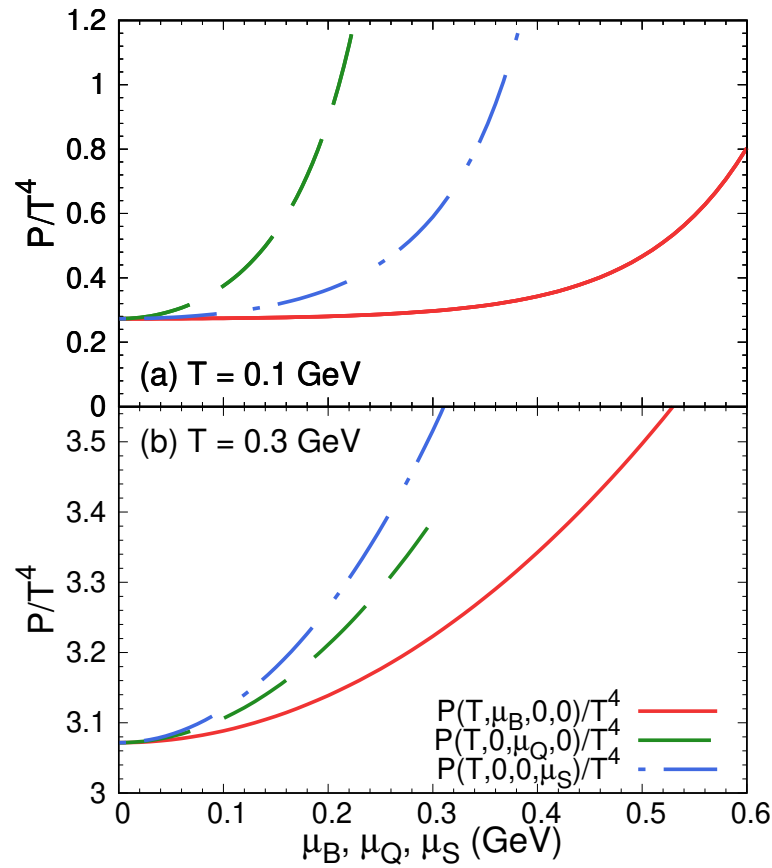
■ Net baryon, charge, and strangeness densities



The dimensionless conserved charges on 2D slices of the temperature and chemical potentials in the 4D phase space

Results

■ Effects of chemical potentials on the pressure



Hadronic phase

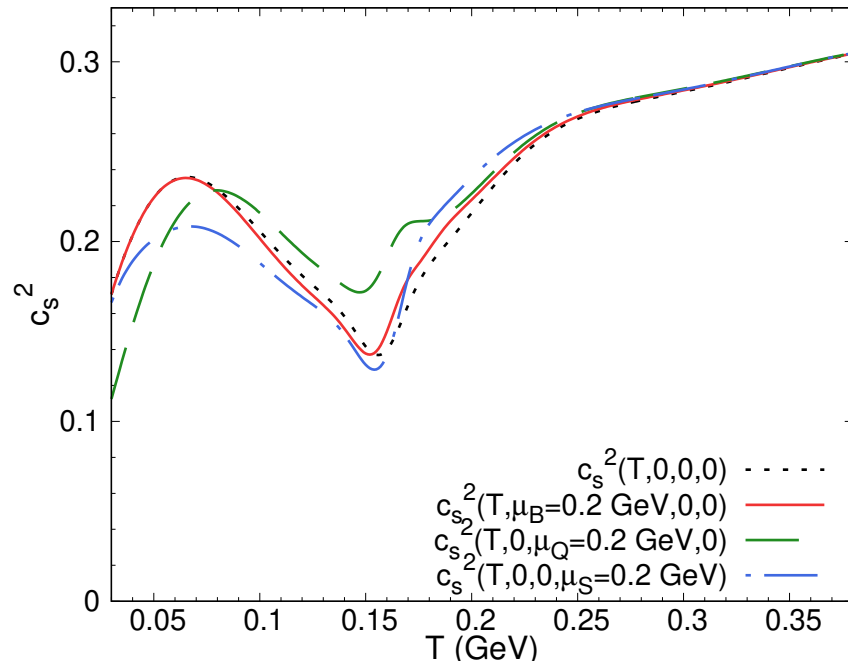
μ_Q has the largest effect followed by μ_S and μ_B because the lightest hadrons to carry the charges are ordered in mass as $m_p > m_K > m_\pi$

QGP phase

μ_S has the largest effect followed by μ_Q and μ_B
Can be interpreted in the parton picture as
 $\chi_2^B = 1/3, \chi_2^Q = 2/3, \chi_2^S = 1$ hold

Results

■ Sound velocity



The chemical potentials have non-trivial effects on the sound velocity

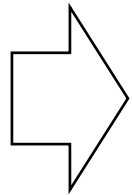
μ_Q has the largest effect in the hadronic phase and μ_S has the largest effect in the QGP phase

$$c_s^2 = \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial e} \right|_{n_B, n_Q, n_S} + \frac{n_B}{e + P} \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial n_B} \right|_{e, n_Q, n_S} + \frac{n_Q}{e + P} \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial n_Q} \right|_{e, n_B, n_S} + \frac{n_S}{e + P} \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial n_S} \right|_{e, n_B, n_Q}$$

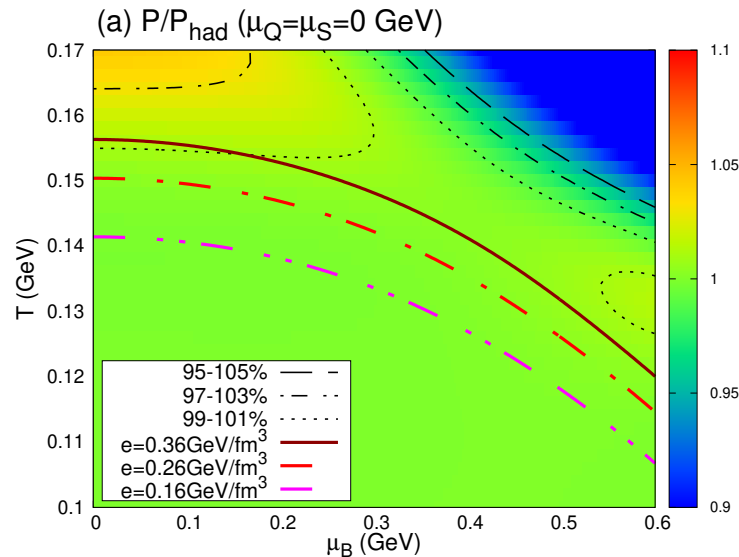
Particlization

- Hydrodynamic flow needs to be converted into particles using kinetic theory

$$E \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} = \frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\Sigma} f_i p^\mu d\sigma_\mu \quad \text{Cooper and Frye, Phys. Rev. D 10, 186 (1974)}$$



The EoS of **hydrodynamic model** and **kinetic theory** should match at particlization for energy-momentum/charge conservation



Dependence on the particlization energy density e

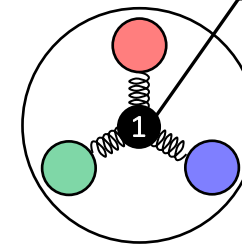
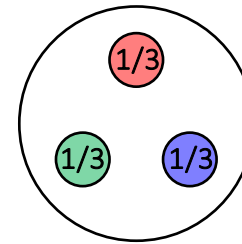
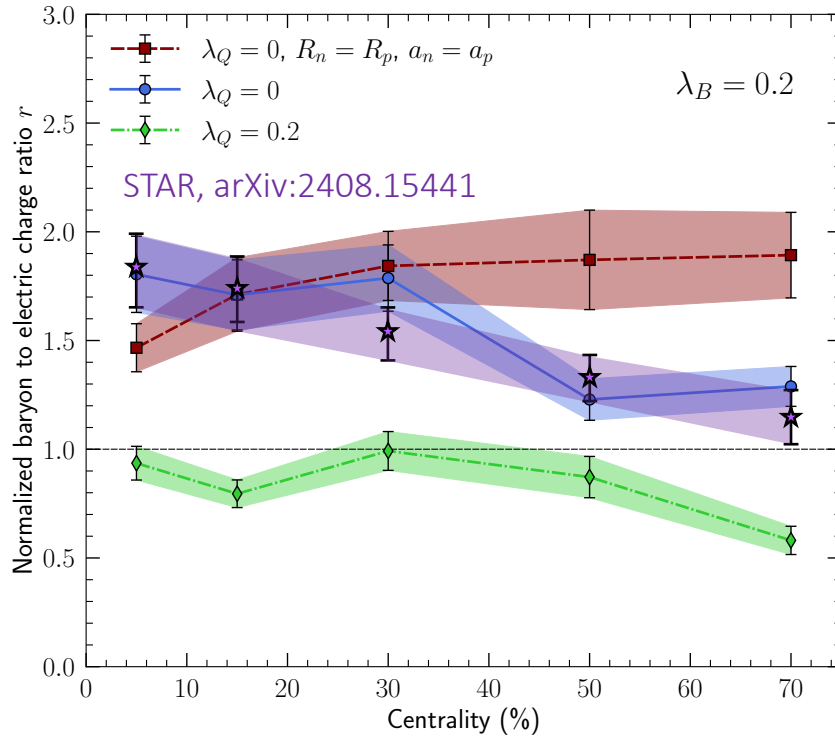
$$\left| 1 - \frac{P}{P_{\text{had}}} \right| < 1\% \text{ for } e = 0.16, 0.26 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

$$\left| 1 - \frac{P}{P_{\text{had}}} \right| < 3\% \text{ for } e = 0.36 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

Application

G. Pihan, AM, B. Schenke, C. Shen, Phys. Rev. Lett. **133**, 182301 (2024)

- Effects of neutron skin and baryon junction in isobar collisions ($^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$, $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$)



Baryon junction
($B=1, Q=0$)

$r > 1$ if baryon junctions carry B

r decreases in peripheral collisions if Zr has neutron skin

$$r = \frac{N_B^{\text{Ru}} + N_B^{\text{Zr}}}{2(N_Q^{\text{Ru}} - N_Q^{\text{Zr}})} \times \frac{Z_{\text{Ru}} - Z_{\text{Zr}}}{A}$$

$$\sim \frac{N_B}{N_Q^{\text{Ru}} - N_Q^{\text{Zr}}}$$

$$Z_{\text{Ru}} = 44, Z_{\text{Zr}} = 40, A = 96$$

Application

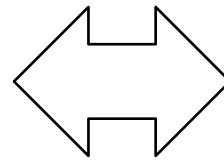
- The equation of state for $N_f = 3$ parton gas model and the derivation of the expressions of \tilde{T} , $\tilde{\mu}_B$, $\tilde{\mu}_Q$, $\tilde{\mu}_S$

$$e = \frac{19\pi^2}{12} \tilde{T}^4$$

$$n_B = \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\mu}_B \tilde{T}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\mu}_S \tilde{T}^2$$

$$n_Q = \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\mu}_Q \tilde{T}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\mu}_S \tilde{T}^2$$

$$n_S = -\frac{1}{3} \tilde{\mu}_B \tilde{T}^2 + \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\mu}_Q \tilde{T}^2 + \tilde{\mu}_S \tilde{T}^2$$



$$\tilde{T}(e, n_B, n_Q, n_S) = \left(\frac{12}{19\pi^2} e \right)^{1/4}$$

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