

Extracting QCD baryon susceptibilities from proton fluctuations at BES energies

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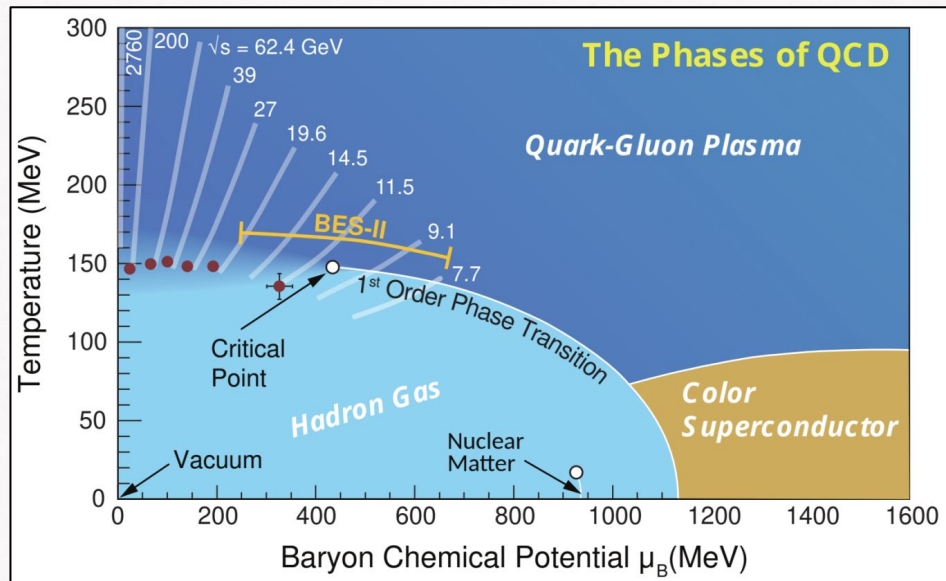
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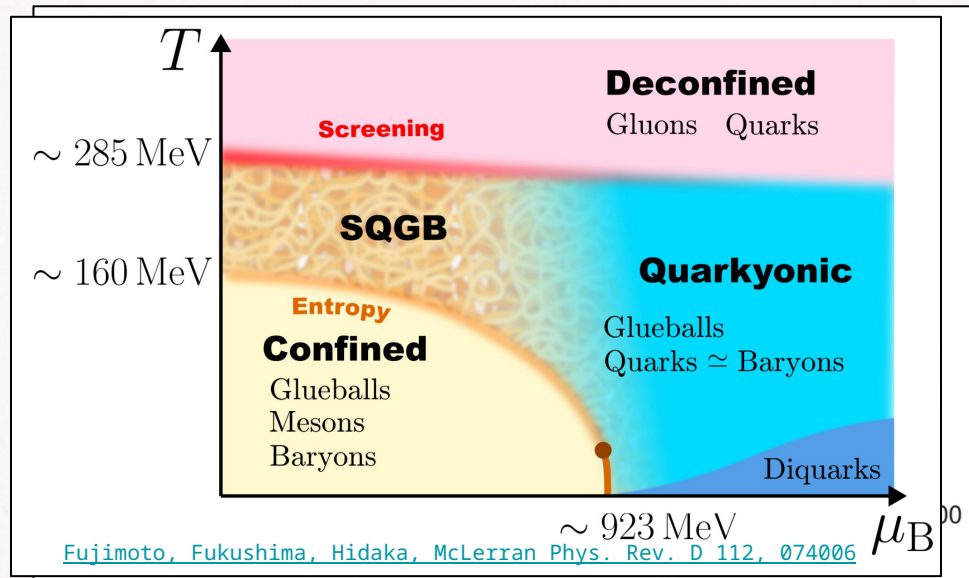
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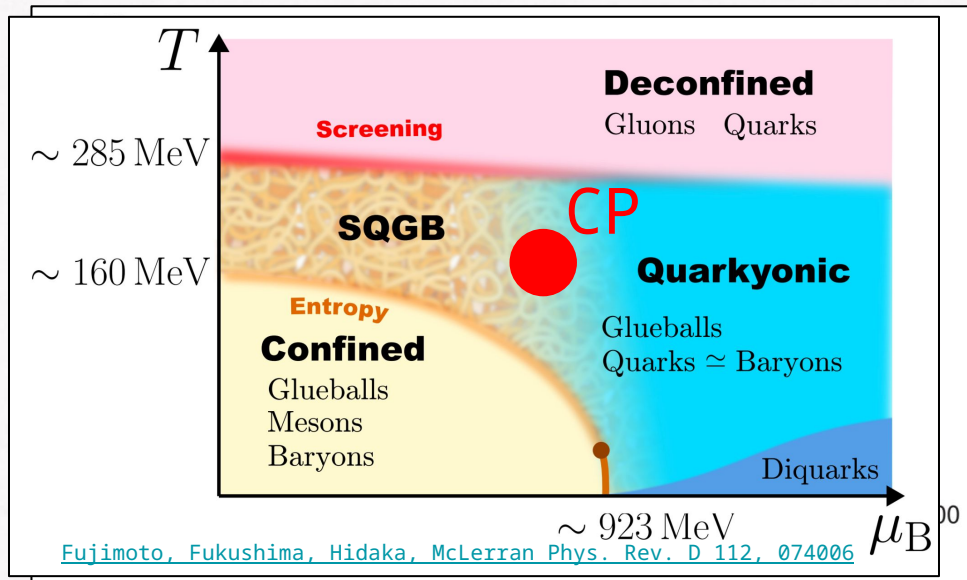
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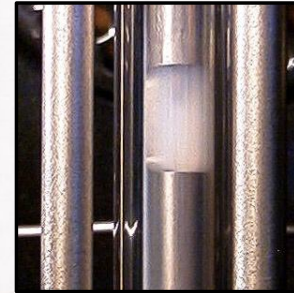
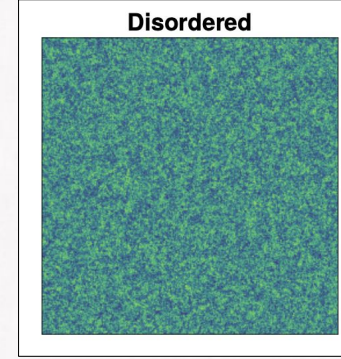
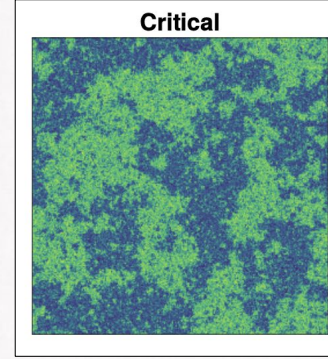
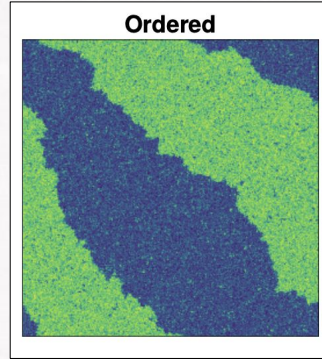
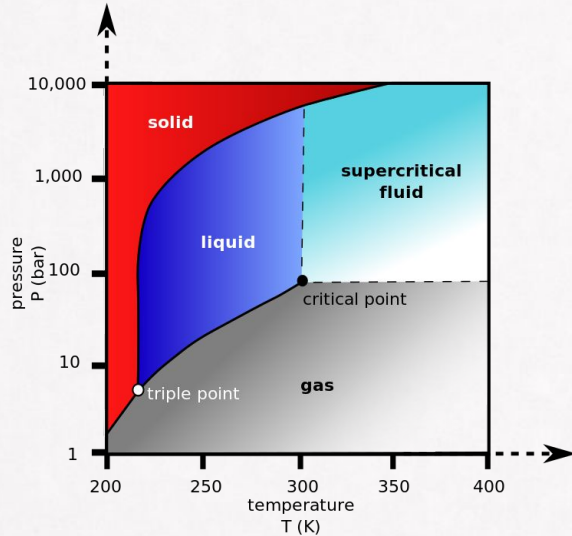
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Critical opalescence

Enhancement of the correlation length of the density fluctuations



(pictures from Josh's talk on Monday!)

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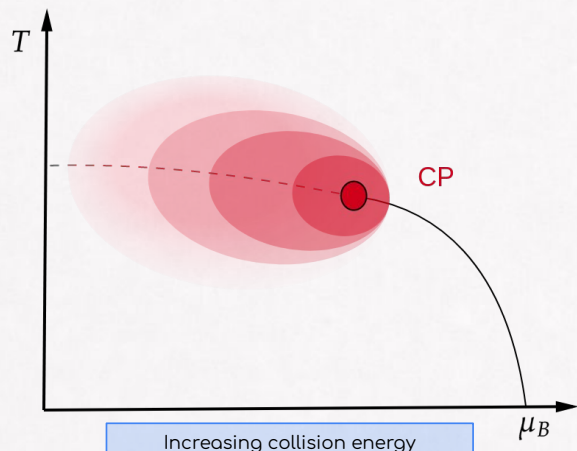
Grand partition function

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Cumulant generating function

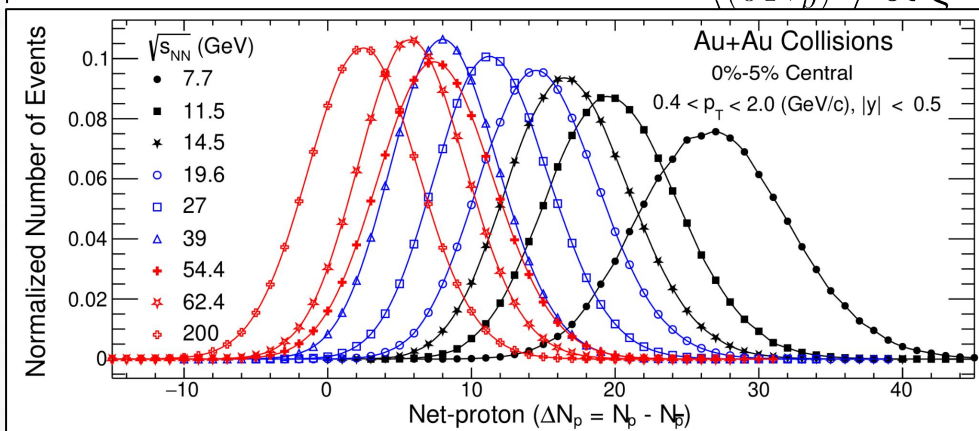
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M.A. Stephanov, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 032301

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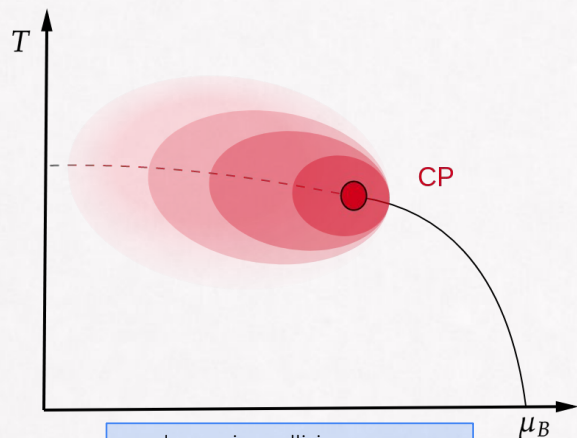
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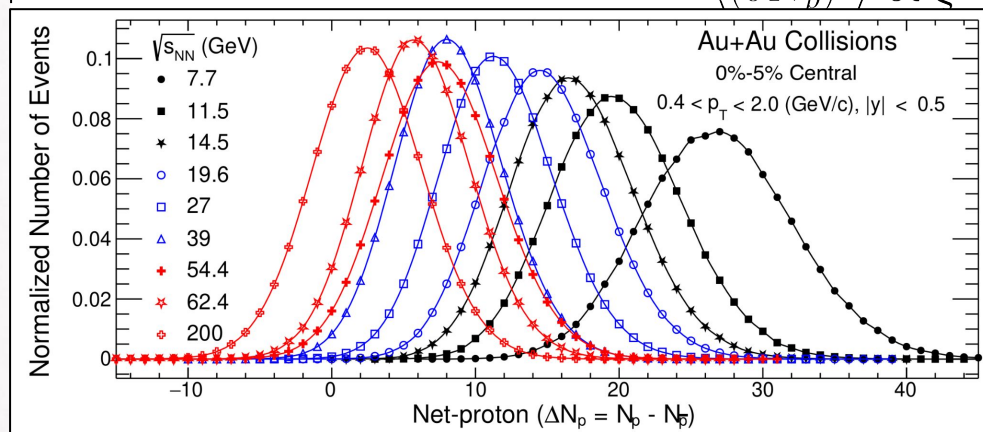
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Fluctuations phenomenology

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Collision dynamics

Evolving clouds

[Du et al, Phys. Rev. C 104, 064904](#)

[Schenke et al Phys.Rev.C 82, 014903](#)

[Karpenko et al Comput. Phys. Commun. 185, 3016-3027](#)

Detector effects

Acceptance/efficiency

[Savchuk, et al Phys.Rev.C 101, 024917](#)

[Vovchenko et al, Phys. Rev. C 112, 024901](#)

[Kitazawa et al Phys. Rev. C 93, 044911](#)

[Ling, Stephanov, PRC 93, 034915](#)

Global charge conservation

Finite size effects

[Vovchenko, et al Phys.Lett.B 811, 135868](#)

Proxy observables

Baryon to proton

[Kitazawa, Asakawa, Phys. Rev. C 86, 024904](#)

Thermal smearing

Coordinate / momentum space

[Ohnishi et al, Phys. Rev. C 94, 044905](#)

hadron gas dynamics

Late stage interactions

[Steinheimer et al PLB 776, 32](#)

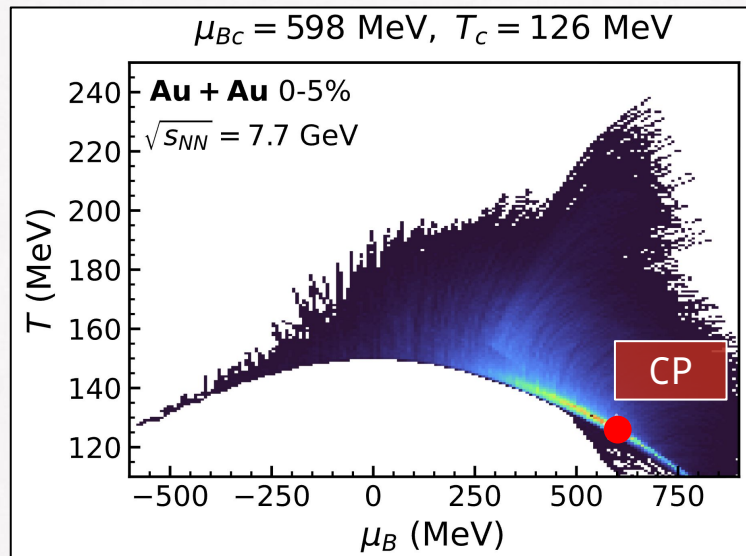
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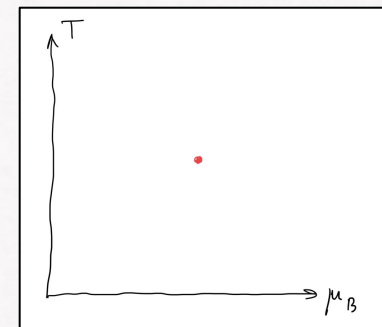
Inhomogeneous system: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \neq (T_{fo}, \mu_{B,fo})$

Pipeline tracker



See Isabella's talk on Wednesday!

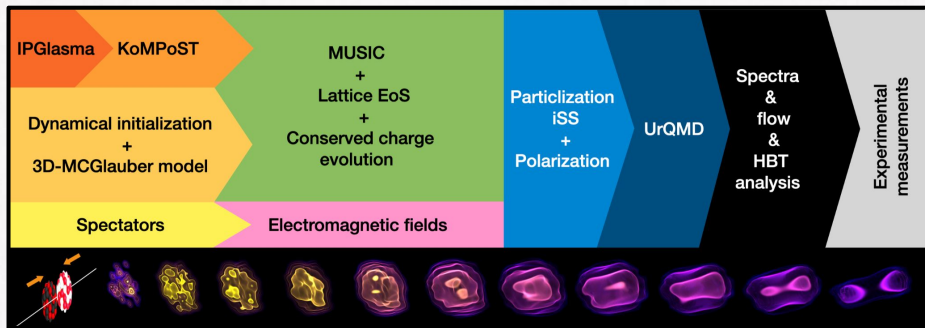
- Different part of the system feel the EoS differently
- Not all part of the system goes close to the critical region
- Strong dependence on the collision energy



See Iurii's talk on Tuesday!

The distribution of temperature and chemical potential on the freeze out surface is essential to interpret experimental fluctuations observables.

Smooth collision event: iEBE-MUSIC



Transverse: Glauber model

$$\epsilon(x, y, \eta_s) \propto e(\eta_s) T_{\text{Proj}}(x, y) T_{\text{Targ}}(x, y)$$

$$n_B(x, y, \eta_s) \propto f_{\text{Proj}}^{n_B}(\eta_s) T_{\text{Proj}}(x, y) + f_{\text{Targ}}^{n_B}(\eta_s) T_{\text{Targ}}(x, y)$$

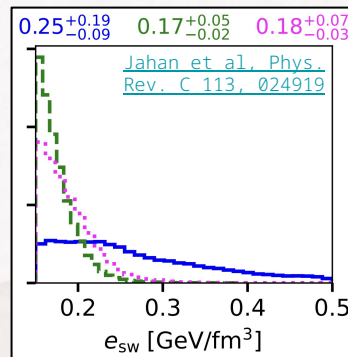
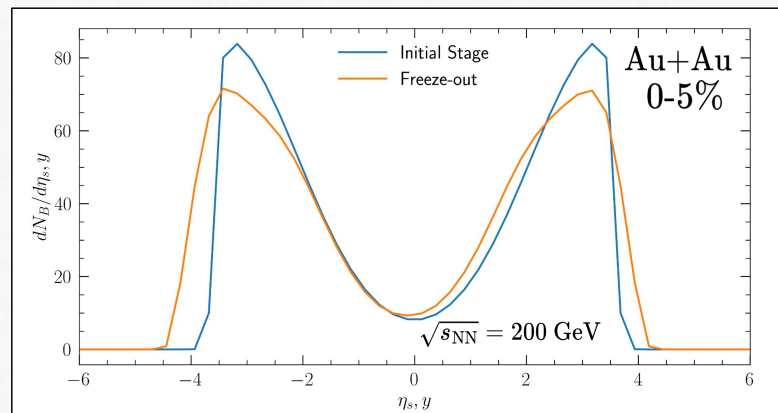
Longitudinal: Density envelopes

$$e(\eta_s, y_{CM}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{(|\eta_s - y_{CM}| - \eta_0)^2}{2\sigma_\eta^2}\right] \theta(|\eta_s - y_{CM}| - \eta_0)$$

$$f_{\text{Proj}}^{n_B} \propto \theta(\eta_s - \eta_{B,0}) \exp\left[-\frac{(\eta_s - \eta_{B,0})^2}{2\sigma_{B,\text{out}}^2}\right] + \theta(\eta_s + \eta_{B,0}) \exp\left[-\frac{(\eta_s + \eta_{B,0})^2}{2\sigma_{B,\text{in}}^2}\right]$$

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200 GeV 19.6 GeV 7.7 GeV

$$e_{\text{sw}} = 0.18 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

$$e_{\text{sw}} = 0.25 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

See Chun's talk on Tuesday!

Each hydro cell is in local equilibrium (GCE)

$$\kappa_n^{B, \text{GCE}}(\mathbf{x}) = \delta V(\mathbf{x}) T(\mathbf{x})^3 \chi_n^B(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\delta V = d\Sigma_\mu u^\mu (> 0) \quad x_i \equiv (\tau_i, x_i, y_i, \eta_i)$$

Cells are statistically independent

$$\kappa_n^B = \sum_{i \in \text{cells}} \delta \kappa_n^B$$

Equation of state

$$P(T, \mu, V)$$

derivatives

$$n_B \quad \chi_2 \quad \chi_3 \quad \chi_4$$

cumulant on the surface

$$\kappa_1^B \quad \kappa_2^B \quad \kappa_3^B \quad \kappa_4^B$$

Cooper-Frye formula

$$E_i \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} = \frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} f_i(p_i^{\nu} u_{\nu}, T, \mu_i)$$

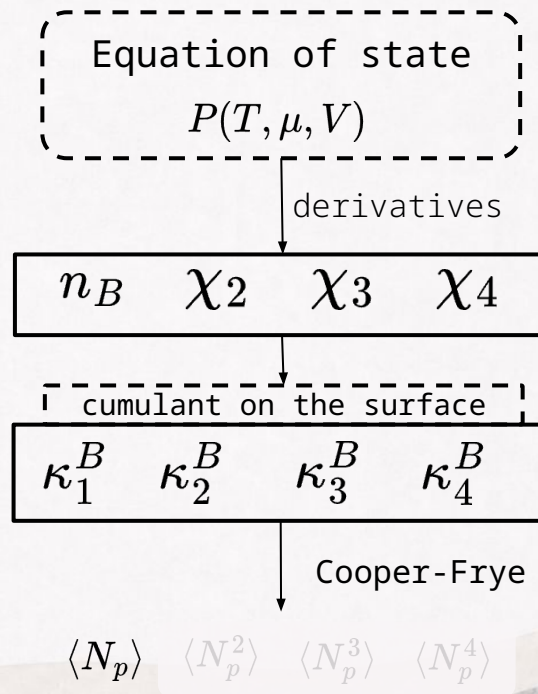
one particle distributions = ensemble
average phase space densities

- Carries no information about the fluctuations

$$E_i \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} \equiv \langle E_i \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} \rangle$$

- Sampling on the surface, independent CF, reproduction of the mean but Poisson fluctuations

[Koch, Vovchenko, Acta Phys. Polon. B 52](#)



See Jamie's talk on Thursday

The maximum entropy freeze-out

The Max Ent method provides the least-biased reconstruction of particle multiplicity fluctuations consistent with the hydrodynamic correlations.

$$\hat{\Delta}G_{A_1 \dots A_k} = \hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_{a_1 \dots a_k} \prod_{i=1}^k P_{A_i}^{a_i}$$

$\hat{\Delta}$ Irreducible relative cumulants
(IRC) operator

[M.S. Pradeep, M.A. Stephanov Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 162301](#)

$\hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_{a_1 \dots a_k}$ IRC of the K-points correlator of hydrodynamic fields $a_i = \epsilon, n_B$

$\hat{\Delta}G_{A_1 \dots A_k}$ IRC of the K-points correlator of particles $A_i \in \text{Particles}$

$$P_{A_i}^{a_i}$$

Hydro matching
conditions projectors

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Cooper-Frye Integrals

$$\delta N_{\hat{A}} = \int_{\hat{A}} \delta f_A = \sum_{q_A, s_A, \dots} \int_{x_A} d\sigma_\mu(x_A) \int_{p_A} p_A^\mu d^4 p_A \delta(p_A^2 - m^2) 2\theta(p_A \cdot n) \delta f_A$$

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Hydro matching condition

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Particle IRCs from hydrodynamics

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- Boltzmann approximation
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- Net-baryon density field only $a_i = n_B \forall i$

Maximum Entropy $B^+ B^-$ factorial cumulants

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{nm}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\tilde{\kappa}}_{nm}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{\Delta} \mathcal{H}_{n+m}(\mathbf{x}) (P_+)^n (P_-)^m$$

The ideal-HRG factorial cumulants

$$\tilde{\tilde{\kappa}}_{nm}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}) = \delta_{n,1} \delta_{m,0} \langle N_{B^+} \rangle(\mathbf{x}) + \delta_{n,0} \delta_{m,1} \langle N_{B^-} \rangle(\mathbf{x})$$

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The hydrodynamics correlators IRCs

$$\hat{\Delta} \mathcal{H}_{n+m}(\mathbf{x}) = \delta V(\mathbf{x}) T(\mathbf{x})^3 \bar{\chi}_{n+m}^B F_{nm}(\chi_2^B, \chi_3^B, \chi_4^B)$$

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$$P_{\pm}(\mathbf{x}) = \pm \frac{\langle \delta N^{\pm} \rangle^{\text{HRG}}}{\langle \delta N^+ \rangle^{\text{HRG}} + \langle \delta N^- \rangle^{\text{HRG}}}$$

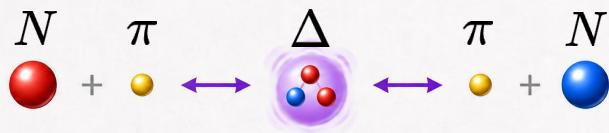


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Experiments measure charged particles

$$B \longrightarrow B^+ \longrightarrow N_p$$

Isospin randomization



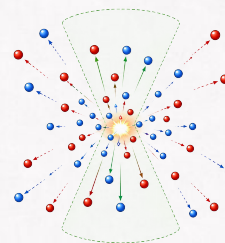
At equilibrium in the hadronic phase

$$P(N_p | N_B^\pm) = \text{Binomial}(N_N, q_\pm)$$



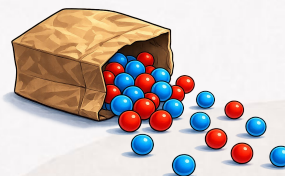
$$q_\pm(x) = \frac{\bar{n}_p^{\text{FD}}}{\bar{n}_{B^\pm}}$$

Experiments measure particles in a finite acceptance



$$N_p \longrightarrow N_p^{\text{Acc}}$$

$$p(x_i) = \frac{\int_{\text{acc}} \frac{d^3p}{E_p} d\Sigma_\mu(x_i) p^\mu(x_i) f_p[u^\nu p_\nu, T(x_i), \mu_p(x_i)]}{\int \frac{d^3p}{E_p} d\Sigma_\mu(x_i) p^\mu(x_i) f_p[u^\nu p_\nu, T(x_i), \mu_p(x_i)]}$$



$$P(N_{p,\text{Acc}} | N_p) = \text{Binomial}(N_p, p)$$

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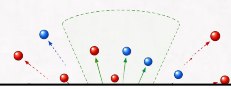


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Total binomial distribution

$$\alpha_{\pm}(x) = q_{\pm}(x)p(x)$$

$$P(N_{p,Acc} | N_B^{\pm}) = \text{Binomial}(N_B^{\pm}, \alpha_{\pm})$$

At equilib

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At equilib

$P(N_p | N)$

N_p^{Acc}

$T(x_i, \mu_p(x_i))$

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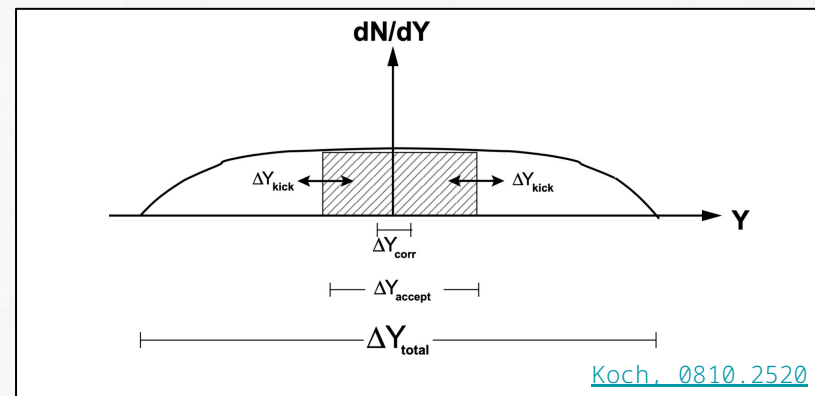
In collisions events the net baryon number
is exactly conserved

- In the full space: fluctuations vanishes
- Grand canonical ensemble if

$$\Delta Y_{\text{total}} \gg \Delta Y_{\text{accept}} \gg \Delta Y_{\text{phys}}$$

In practice this might not be satisfied

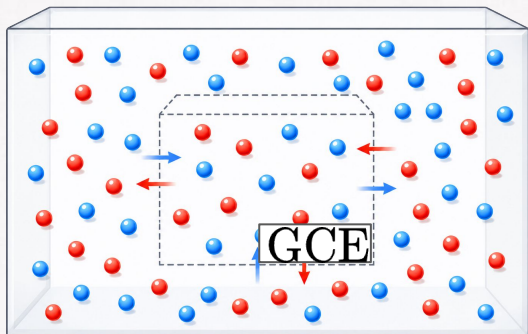
The measured ensemble of particle cannot be
seen as a closed system in contact with a
particle bath



Global charge conservation modifies the
measured fluctuations non-trivially.

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The subensemble acceptance method 3.0



The canonical ensemble is the grand-canonical ensemble conditioned on a fixed value of the total conserved charge.

$$P_{\text{ce}}(X) \equiv P_{\text{gce}}(X \mid B_{\text{tot}} = B_0) = \frac{P_{\text{gce}}(X, B_{\text{tot}} = B_0)}{P_{\text{gce}}(B_{\text{tot}} = B_0)}$$

X : A random variable, e.g. particle numbers

R. Poberezhniuk, V. Kuznietsov, GP, V. Vovchenko, in Prep

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Relation between the cumulant generating functions

$$G_{\text{ce}}(t) = \ln \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \exp[i\phi B_0 + G_{\text{gce}}(t, -i\phi)]}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \exp[i\phi B_0 + G_{\text{gce}}(0, -i\phi)]}$$

In the limit of high multiplicity event

Integrals can be solved by a
saddle point approximation

$$G_{\text{ce}}(t) = G_{\text{gce}}(t, \lambda_*(t)) - \lambda_*(t) B_0,$$

$$\frac{\partial G_{\text{gce}}}{\partial \lambda}(t, \lambda_*(t)) = B_0, \quad \lambda_*(0) = 0$$

$$\kappa_{\vec{n}}^{\vec{X}|\vec{B}} = F[\kappa_{\vec{n}}^{\vec{X}}]$$

Collision event

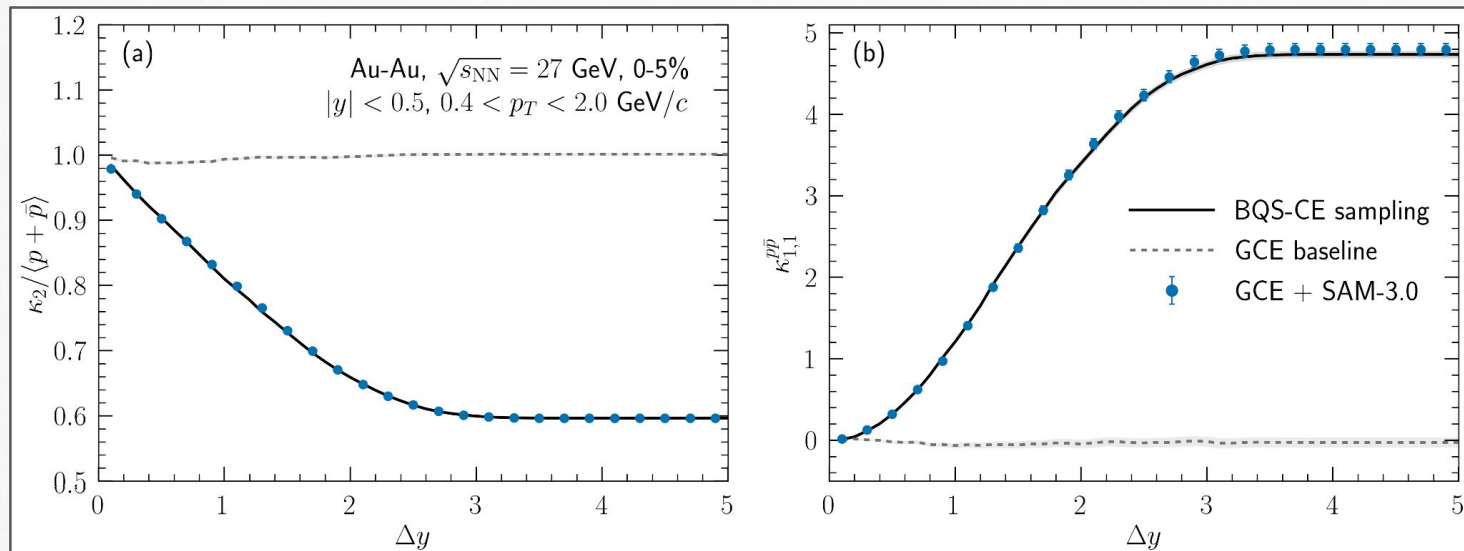
Baryon number
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Example on GCE fluctuations on the hydrodynamics hypersurface

Pipeline tracker



Excellent reproduction of the CE
cumulants from GCE cumulants

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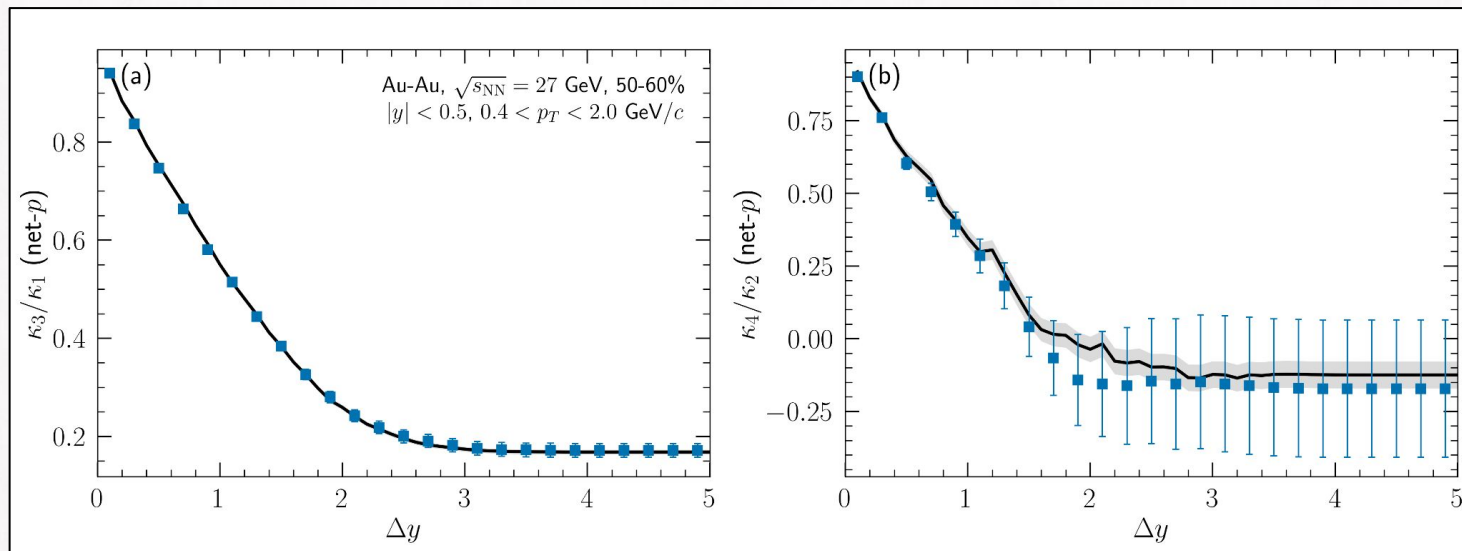
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Same for higher order cumulants

In the specific case: $\vec{B} = (B)$ $\vec{n} = (n)$ $\vec{X} = (N_{p,Acc})$

$$\kappa_n^{\text{CE}}(N_{p,Acc}) = \text{SAM} \left[\kappa_{l,m}^{\text{GCE}}(N_{p,Acc}, B) \right]$$

One last ingredient to close the loop:

$$B^+, B^- \quad G(t_+, t_-) = \ln \left\langle e^{t_+ B^+ + t_- B^-} \right\rangle$$

$$B = B^+ - B^-$$

$$N_{p,Acc}, B \quad \tilde{G}(t, t_B) = \ln \left\langle e^{t N_{p,Acc} + t_B B} \right\rangle$$

$$\tilde{G}(t, t_B) = G(t_B + \theta(t, \alpha_+), -t_B)$$

$$\theta(t, \alpha_+) \equiv \ln(1 - \alpha_+ + \alpha_+ e^t)$$

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$$\kappa_{l,m}^{\text{GCE}}(N_{p,Acc}, B) = f[\kappa_{nm}^{+-}]$$

Max Ent cumulants

The closed loop

Grand partition function

$$\ln Z^{\text{gce}}(T, V, \mu) = \ln \left[\sum_N e^{\mu N/T} Z^{\text{ce}}(T, V, N) \right]$$

Cumulant generating function

$$K_N(t) = \ln \langle e^{tN} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

Collision dynamics

Evolving clouds

[Du et al, Phys. Rev. C 104, 064904](#)

[Schenke et al Phys.Rev.C 82, 014903](#)

[Karpenko et al Comput. Phys. Commun. 185, 3016-3027](#)

Global charge conservation

Finite size effects

[Vovchenko, et al Phys.Lett.B 811, 135868](#)

Thermal smearing

Coordinate / momentum space

[Ohnishi et al, Phys. Rev. C 94, 044905](#)

Detector effects

Acceptance/efficiency

[Savchuk, et al Phys.Rev.C 101, 024917](#)

[Vovchenko et al, Phys. Rev. C 112, 024901](#)

[Kitazawa et al Phys. Rev. C 93, 044911](#)

[Ling, Stephanov, PRC 93, 034915](#)

Proxy observables

Baryon to proton

[Kitazawa, Asakawa, Phys. Rev. C 86, 024904](#)

hadron gas dynamics

Late stage interactions

[Steinheimer et al PLB 776, 32](#)

κ_n

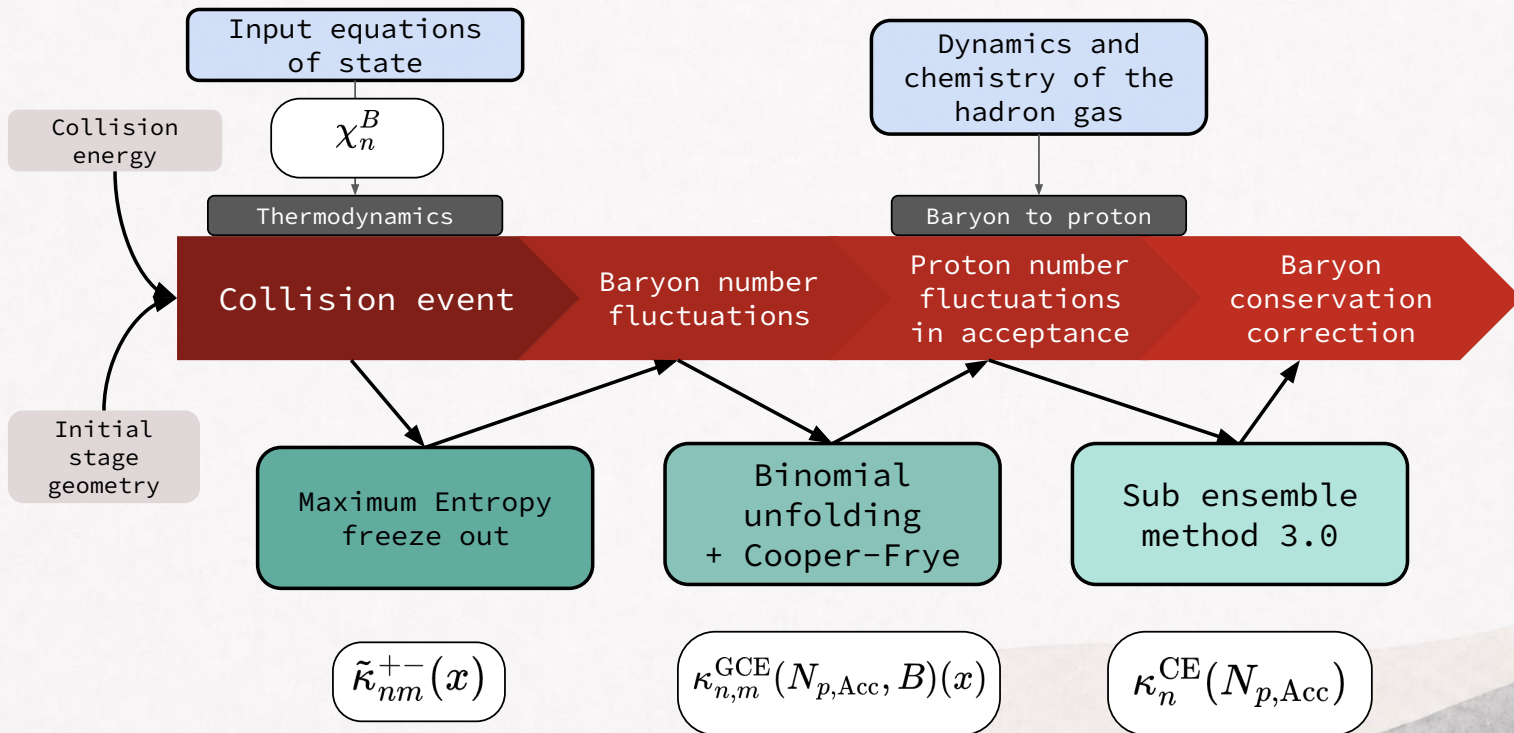
$VT^3 \chi_n$

The closed loop

$$\kappa_n \longleftrightarrow \kappa_{l,m}^{\text{GCE}}(N_{p,\text{Acc}}, B) \longleftrightarrow \kappa_{nm}^{+-} \longleftrightarrow \kappa_n^{B,\text{GCE}} \longleftrightarrow VT^3 \chi_n$$

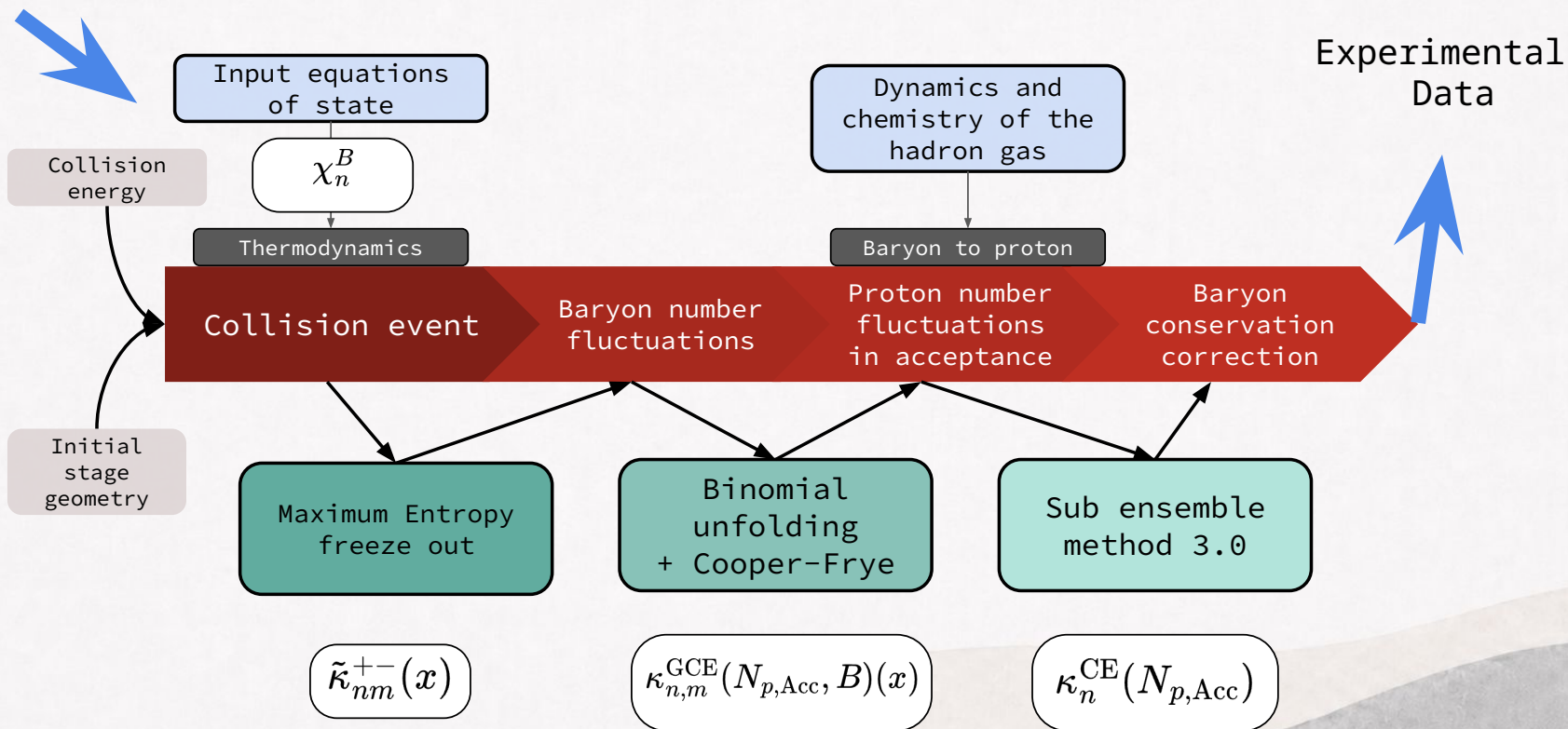
The MEME method

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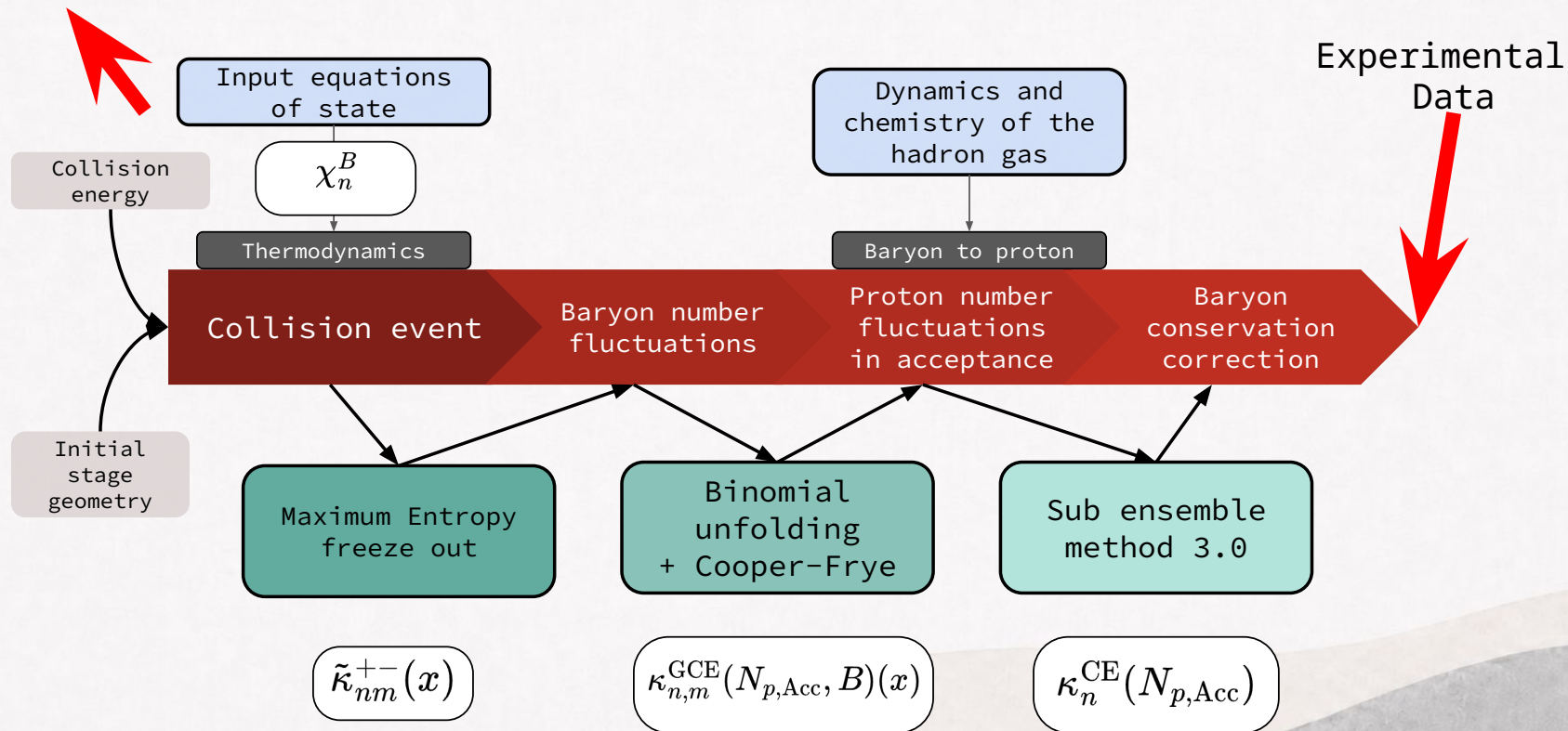
The roadmap from theory to experiment

Theory input



The roadmap from ~~theory to experiment~~ from experiment to theory

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The Max Ent cumulants $\tilde{\kappa}_{nm}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\tilde{\kappa}}_{nm}^{+-}(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_{n+m}(\mathbf{x})(P_+)^n (P_-)^m$

At second order

$$\hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_{n+m=2} = \Delta\mathcal{H}_2$$

Definition of susceptibility ratios

$$\Delta\mathcal{H}_2 = VT^3(\chi_2^B - \bar{\chi}_2^B)$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{H}_2 = VT^3\bar{\chi}_2^B(p_2 - 1)$$

Ideal HRG susceptibilities

$$p_2 = \frac{\chi_2^B}{\bar{\chi}_2^B}$$

Higher orders

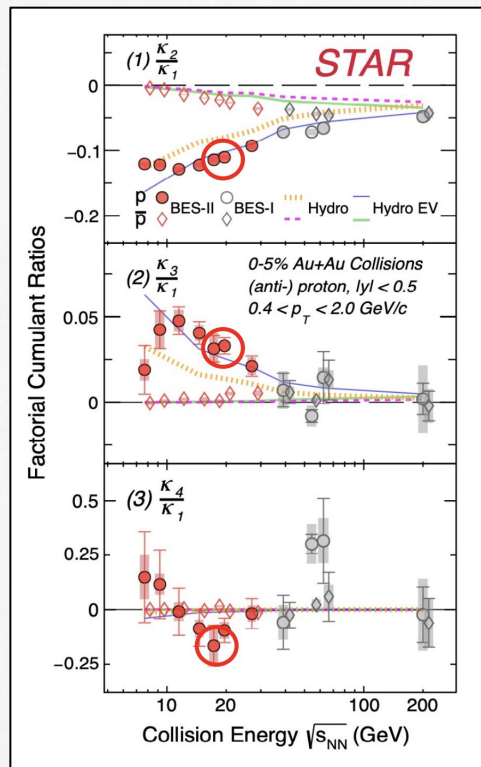
$$p_3 = \frac{\chi_3^B}{\chi_1^B} \quad p_4 = \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B}$$

$$\hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_3 = VT^3\bar{\chi}_3^B(p_3 - 3p_2 + 2)$$

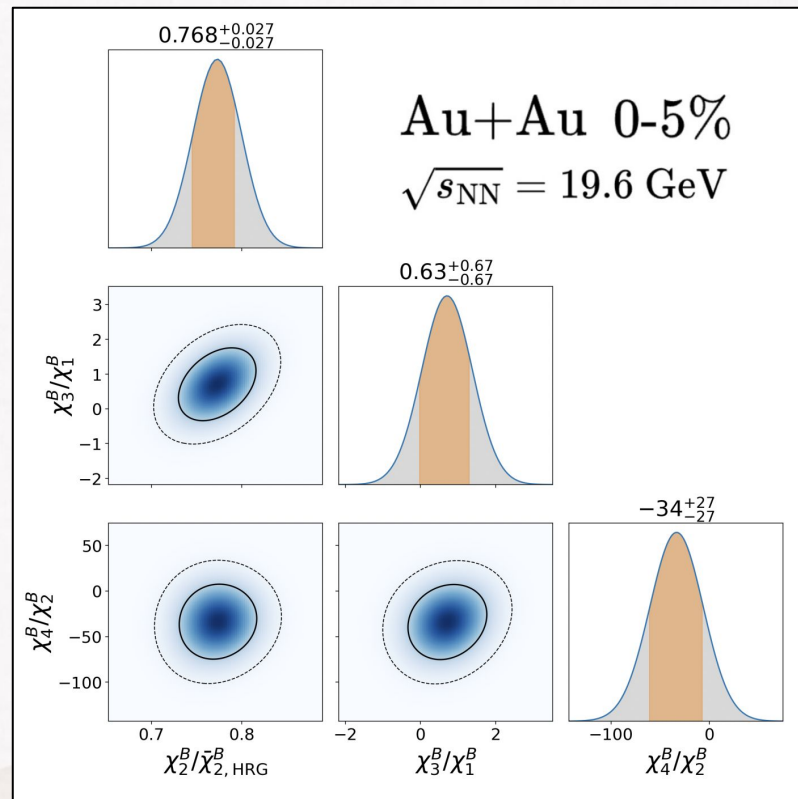
$$\hat{\Delta}\mathcal{H}_4 = \Delta VT^3\bar{\chi}_4^B \left[p_2(p_4 - 4) + 3 - 3\left(\frac{\bar{\chi}_3^B}{\bar{\chi}_2^B}\right)^2 (2p_3 - 5p_2 + 3) \right]$$

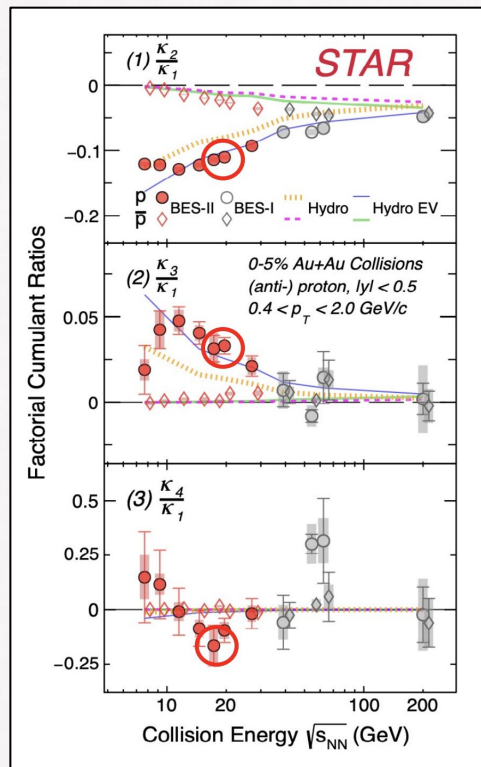
Bayesian setup

$$\hat{\kappa}_n^{\text{CE}}(N_{p,\text{Acc}}) = f(p_2, p_3, p_4, \dots)$$



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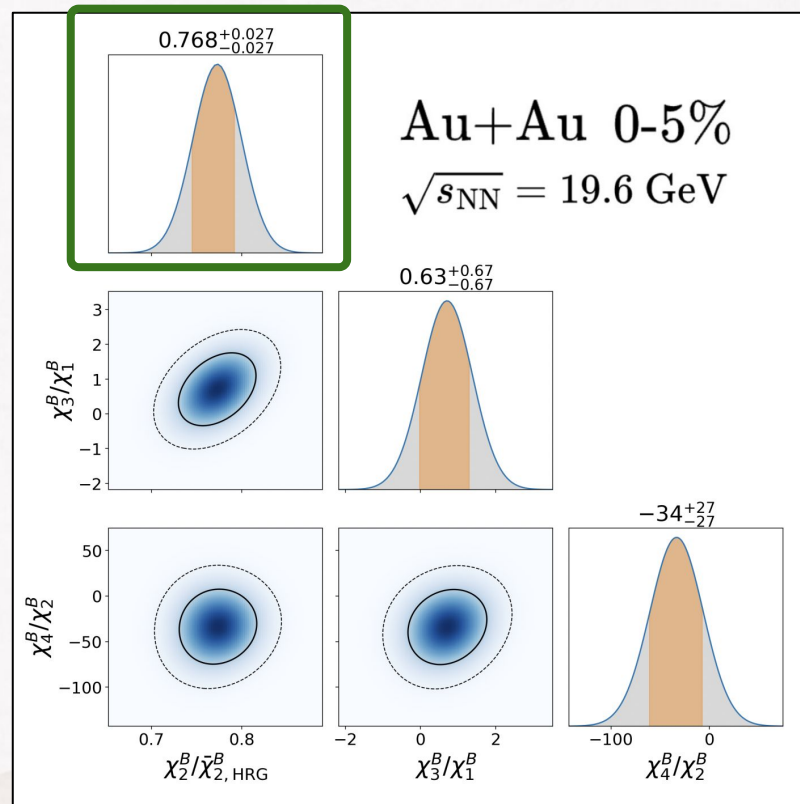




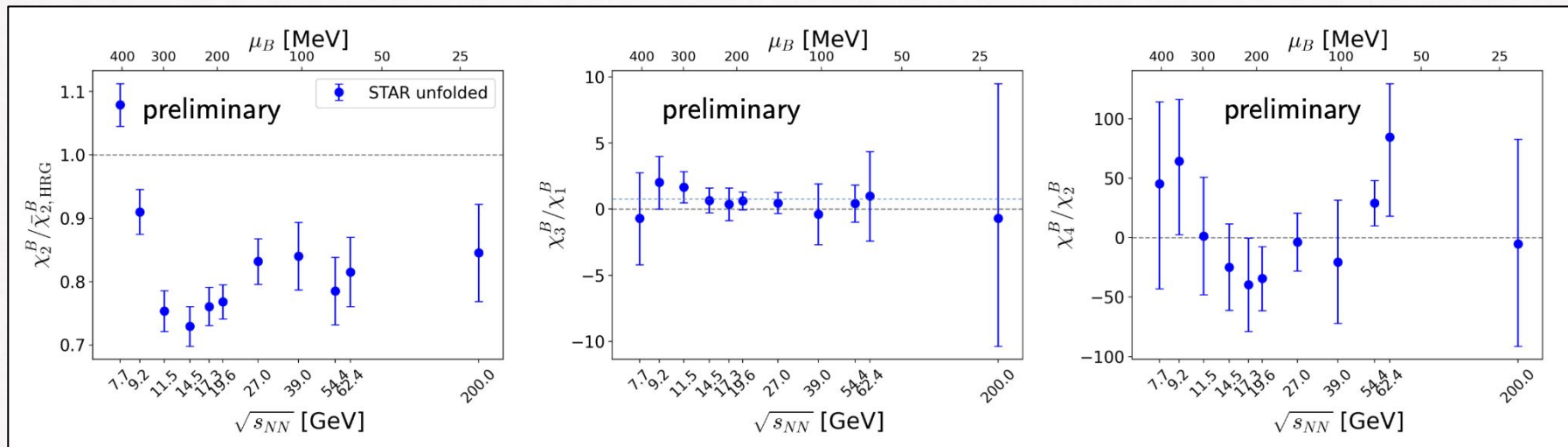
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Extraction of the QCD susceptibility relative to HRG

Possible at the 2nd order!



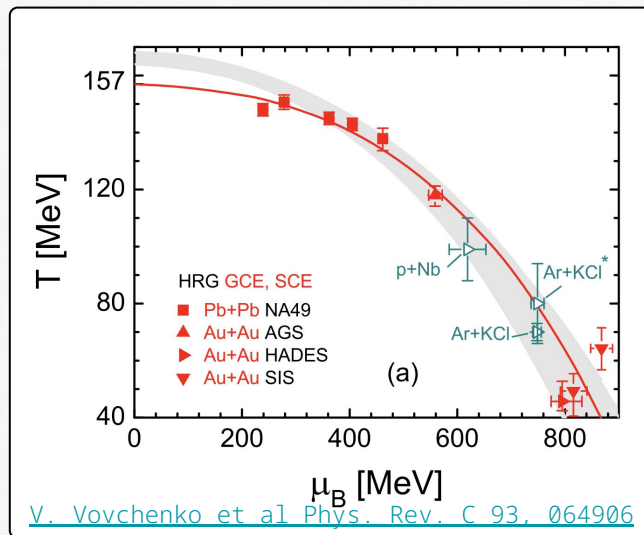
Extracted susceptibilities



- The deviation from ideal HRG at second order is tightly constrained overall
- At third and fourth order, the errors are large (propagated error from experimental data)
- The deviations from ideal HRG are mostly insensitive to the freezeout energy
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Extracted susceptibilities

Freezeout line: strangeness neutral $n_Q \sim 0.4n_B$ $n_S = 0$



Baseline EoS

Ideal HRG
With Quark Model particle list
QMHRG2020

[Hot QCD, Phys. Rev. D 104, 074512](#)



LQCD based EoS

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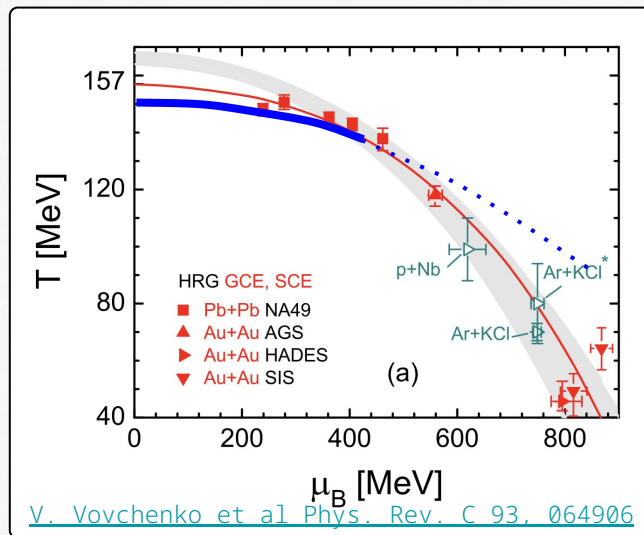
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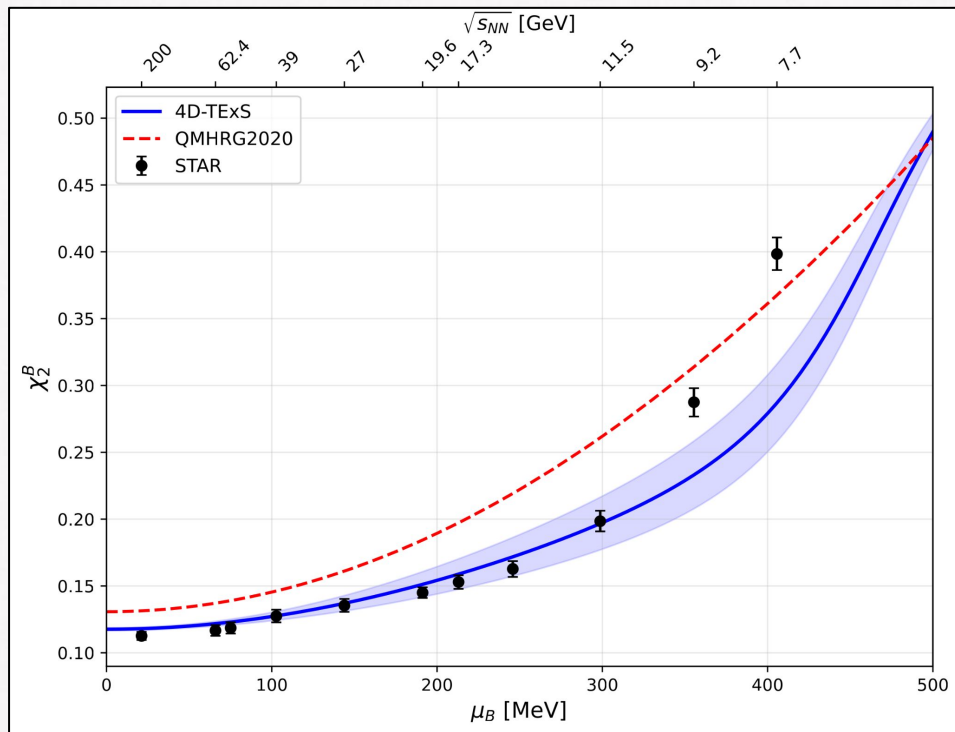
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Extracted baryon number susceptibility



- Excellent agreement with lattice based expansion $\mu_B < 300$ MeV
- Statistically significant deviation at larger chemical potential

Caveats

- Ideal HRG baseline sensitive to the choice of particle list
- Baseline and comparison EoS depends on the freezeout line
- 4D T'ExS EoS is extrapolated from vanishing chemical potential

Fluctuations: excellent tool to probe the QCD thermodynamics and critical point physics

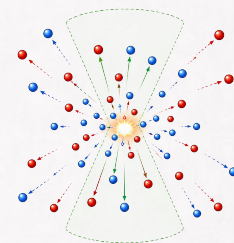
Theory predictions cannot be compared directly to experimental measurements

Systematic corrections from Hydro, Max Ent and Subensemble acceptance method can be implemented!

Cleaner estimation of the net proton factorial cumulant allow for the extraction of the second order susceptibility from the STAR measurements.

The extracted agrees with LQCD based calculations at low chemical potential and deviates at large chemical potential

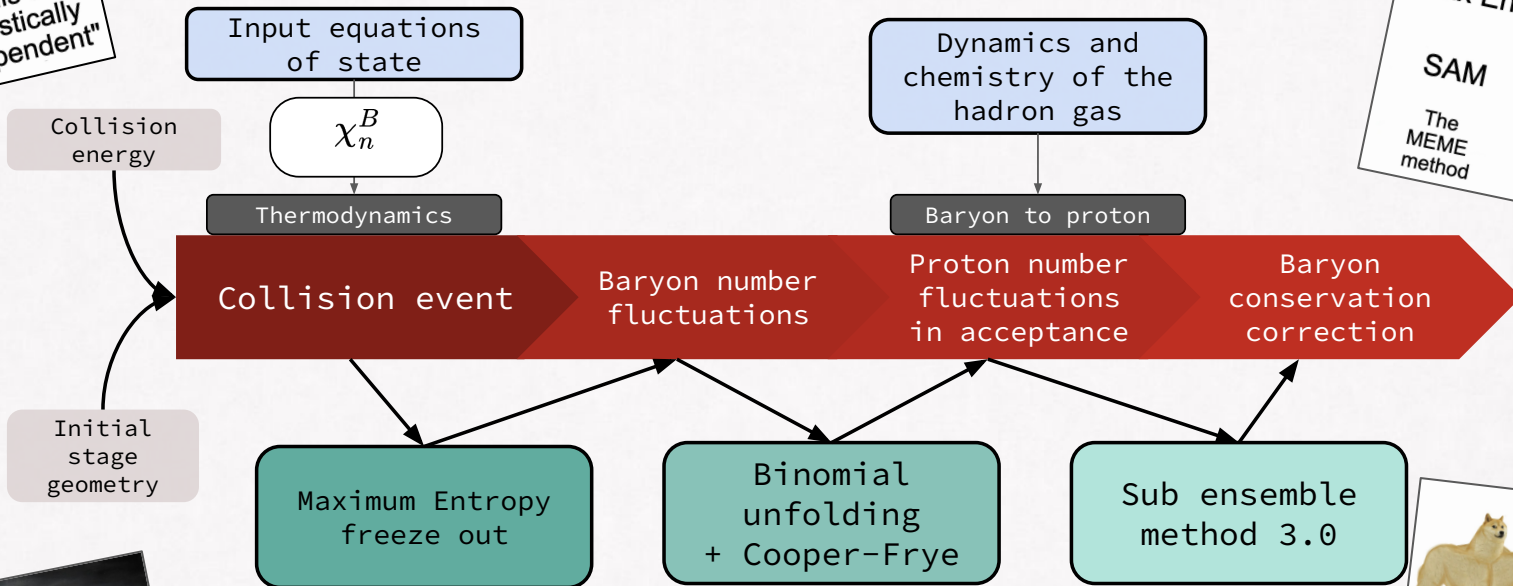
Higher order fluctuations requires more precision on the measurement



- Include initial stage event by event fluctuations
- Consistent dynamical fluctuations framework to evolve fluctuations during the hydrodynamics -> consistency of the EoS
- Consider more realistic contributions from the hadronic cascades
- Extend the bayesian analysis to other available fluctuations observables: cumulants, peripheral collision, rapidity dependence, etc.

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Thank you for your attention