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# QUANTIFYING THE QGP

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# OVERVIEW

- Big questions in heavy ion physics
- Bayesian parameter estimation
- Summary of hybrid model
- Estimating the properties of Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)
- Quantifying observables sensitivity
- Bayesian model selection for QGP

# BIG QUESTIONS

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# BIG QUESTIONS (QUANTITATIVE)

Is the system produced in heavy ion collisions ‘strongly-coupled’?

→ what is the shear viscosity?

What is the structure of nuclei probed at high energies?

→ what scales characterize the initial energy?

What are the dynamics of partons in a QCD medium?

→ what is the transverse momentum diffusion?

\*and how sure are we?

# BAYESIAN PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Procedure to estimate probability distributions of model parameters, given ingredients:

1. A theory/model (viscous hydro hybrid model)
2. Assumption for model and exp. error (multivariate normal)
3. Our prior belief about the parameter's probability distribution
4. Measurements (data from Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) )

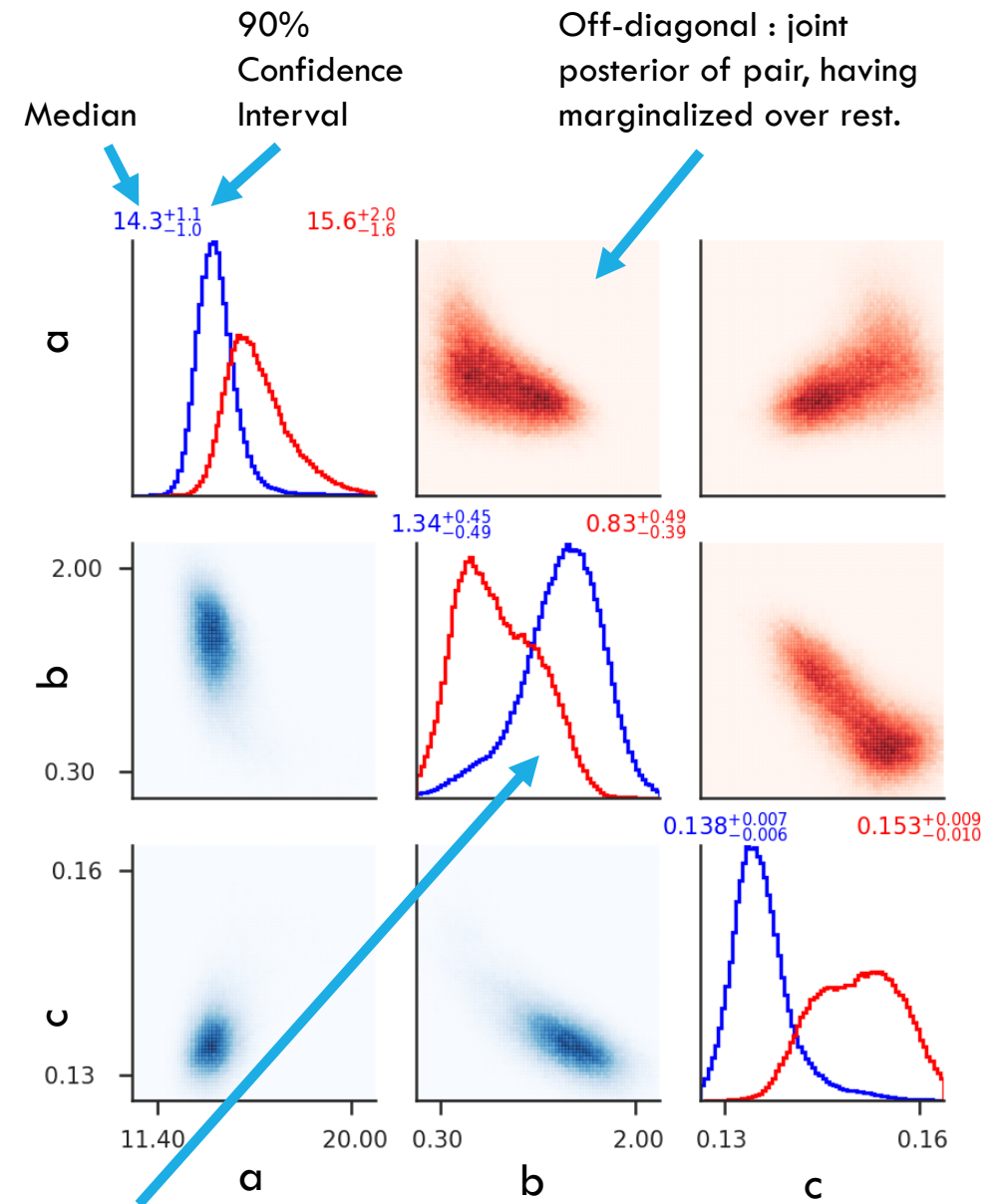
# BAYESIAN PARAMETER ESTIMATION

...producing a **posterior**:

**Posterior** : the joint probability distribution of all model parameters

Note : For 3+ model parameters, visualization is hard...

We often resort to plotting 'corner plots' (example at right)

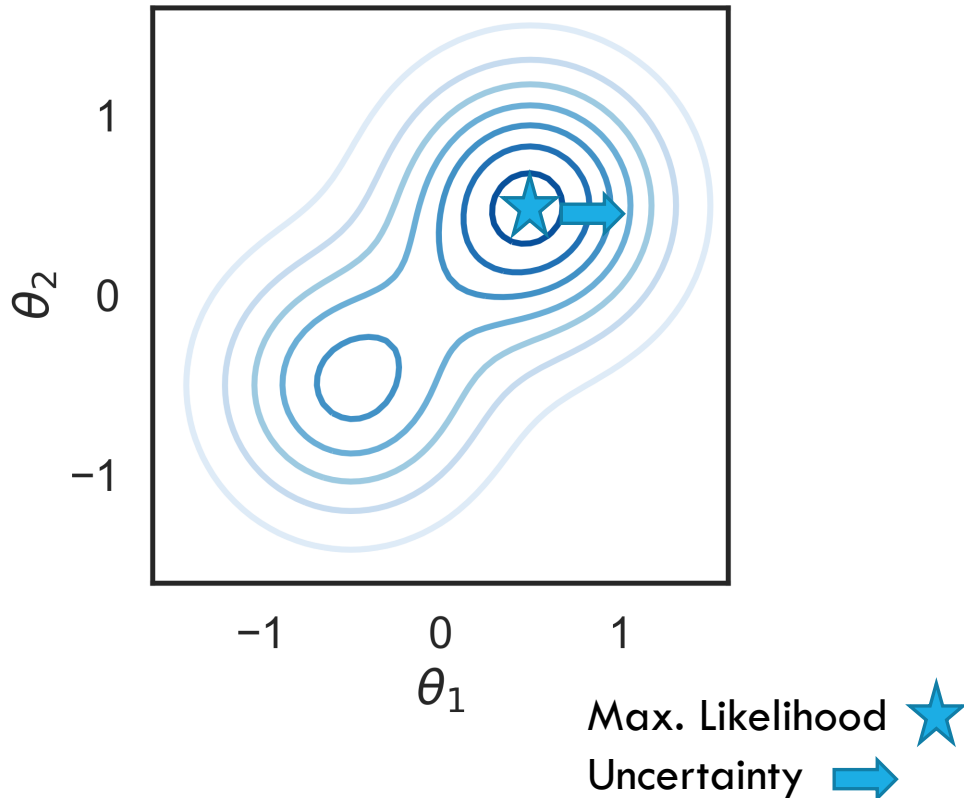


Diagonal : posterior of single parameter, having marginalized over rest.

Blue and Red are different models

# WHY BAYES IS BETTER

Model w/ bimodal likelihood



The max. likelihood and uncertainty don't reveal all useful info:

1.  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are correlated
2. The distribution is bi-modal

Most distributions (except Gaussians) can not be understood with two numbers

Also : we can handle 'nuisance parameters' straightforwardly (we will come back to this later)

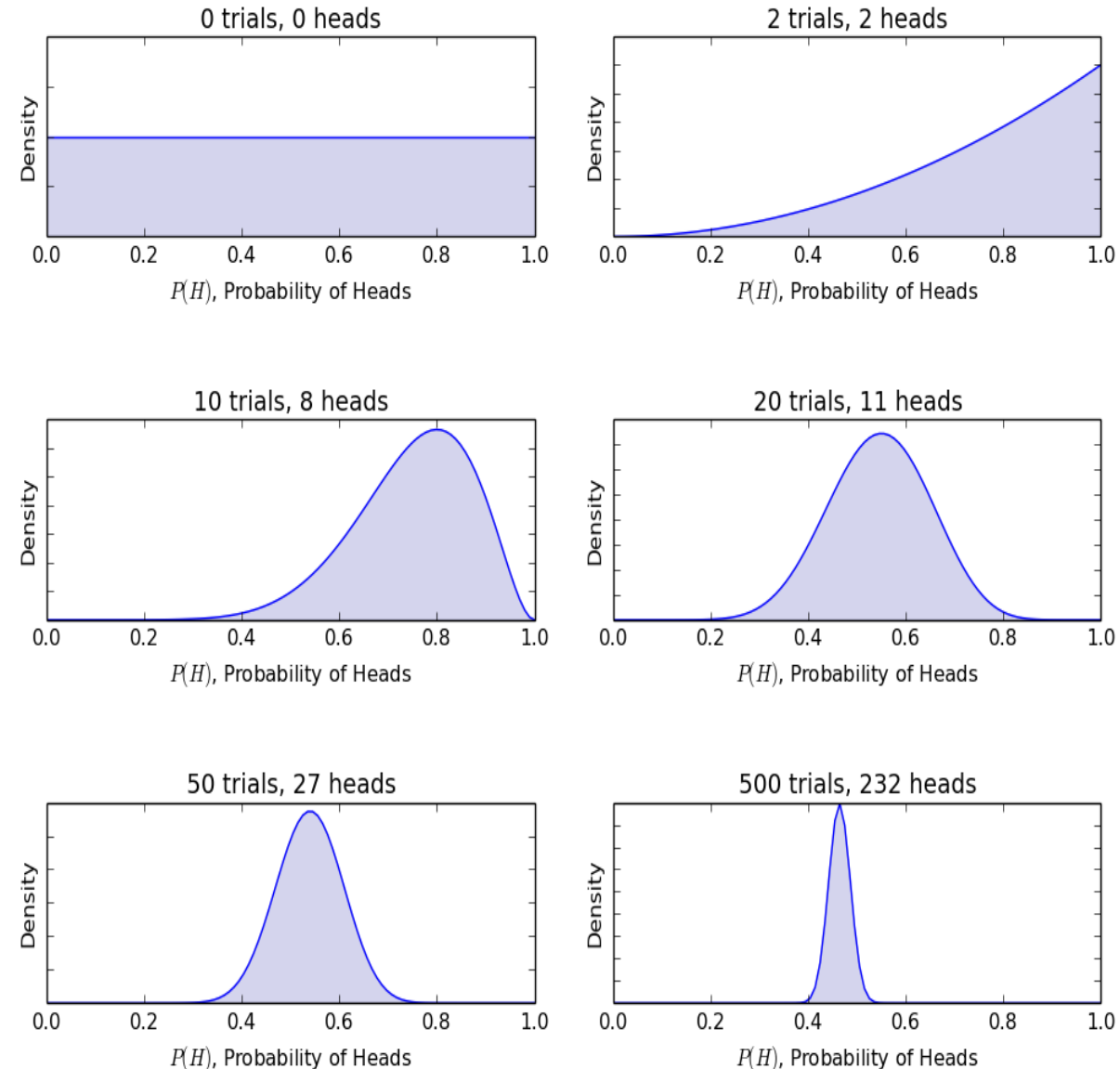
## Example: Flipping a coin

# BAYES' THEOREM

Suppose we have a model with a parameter  $\theta$ ...

Bayes' THM :  $p(\theta|D) \sim p(D|\theta)p(\theta)$

- $p(\theta)$  : our **prior** belief for parameter  $\theta$  (before we see data  $D$ )
- $p(D|\theta)$  : **likelihood** we would see data  $D$  given the parameter  $\theta$
- $p(\theta|D)$  : our **posterior** for parameter  $\theta$ , given the data  $D$





# CHOOSING THE PRIOR

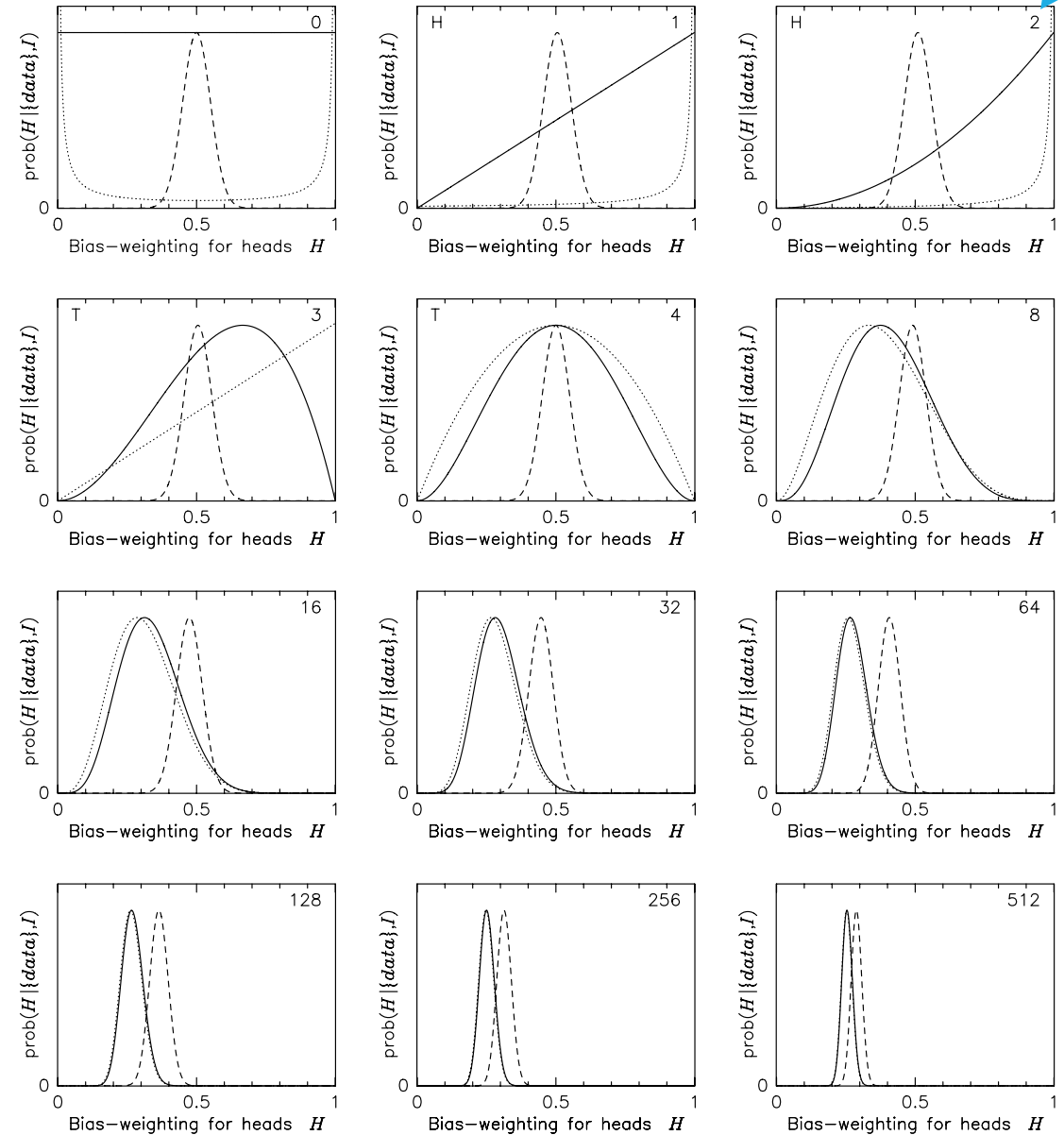
The prior is important, especially when we don't have 'enough data'

Three different priors (solid, dashed, dotted)

With  $\sim 8$  trials, dashed posterior is  $\sim$ same as dashed prior ('Returning the prior')

Example: Flipping a coin

# trials



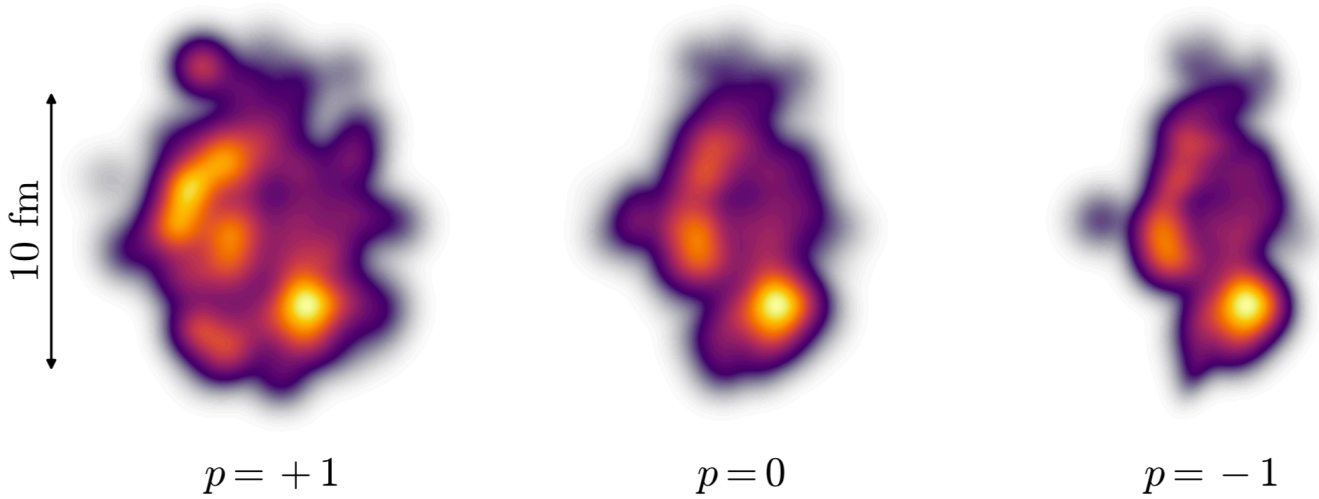


# Description of Hybrid Model

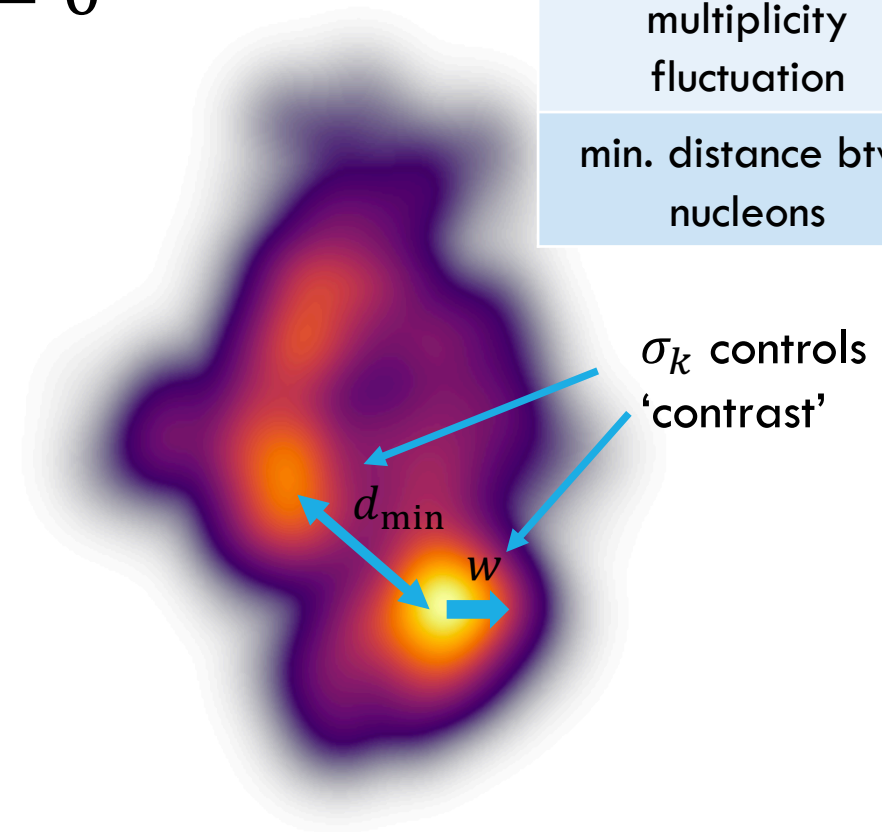
# INITIAL ENERGY DEPOSITION (TRENTO)

Parameterization for energy deposition at  $\tau = 0^+$

Parameter	Symbol
reduced thickness	$p$
nucleon width	$w$
energy normalization	$N$
multiplicity fluctuation	$\sigma_k$
min. distance btw. nucleons	$d_{\min}$



Pb-Pb @ 2.76 TeV  $w = 0.4\text{fm}$   
arXiv:1904.08290v1



# PRE-HYDRO (FREE-STREAMING)

Free-stream massless particles:

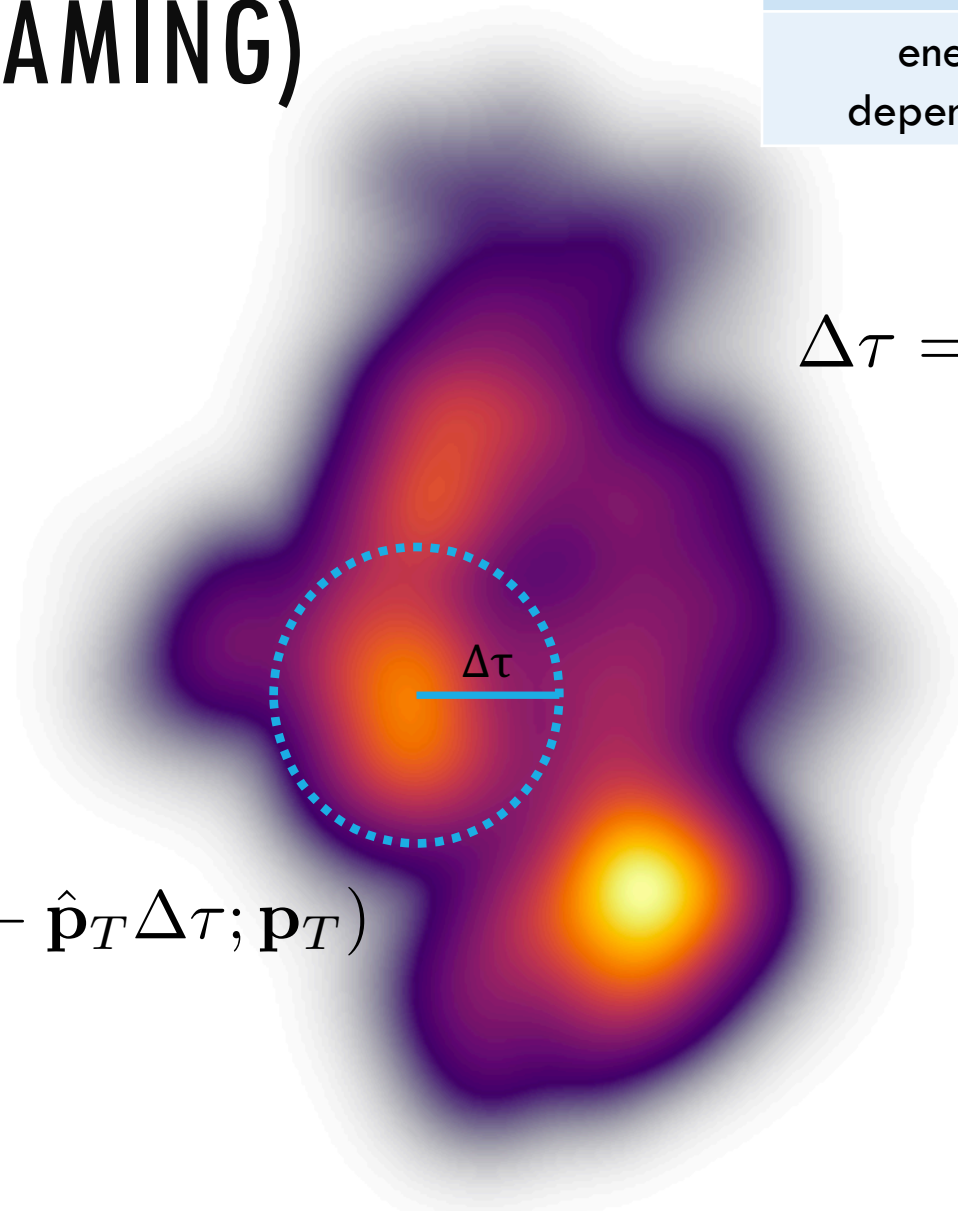
$$f(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}) = f(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\Delta t; \mathbf{p})$$

Take initial momentum-distribution isotropic in transverse plane

$$T^{\mu\nu}(\tau_h) = \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_h} \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \hat{p}^\mu \hat{p}^\nu T^{\tau\tau}(\tau_0, \mathbf{x}_T - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_T \Delta\tau; \mathbf{p}_T)$$

Parameter	Symbol
ref. proper time	$\tau_R$
energy dependence	$\alpha$

$$\Delta\tau = \tau_R \left( \frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle}{\epsilon_R} \right)^\alpha$$



# VISCOUS HYDRO (MUSIC)

Energy-momentum conservation

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Eqn. of state matches lattice and hadron resonance gas

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\epsilon)$$

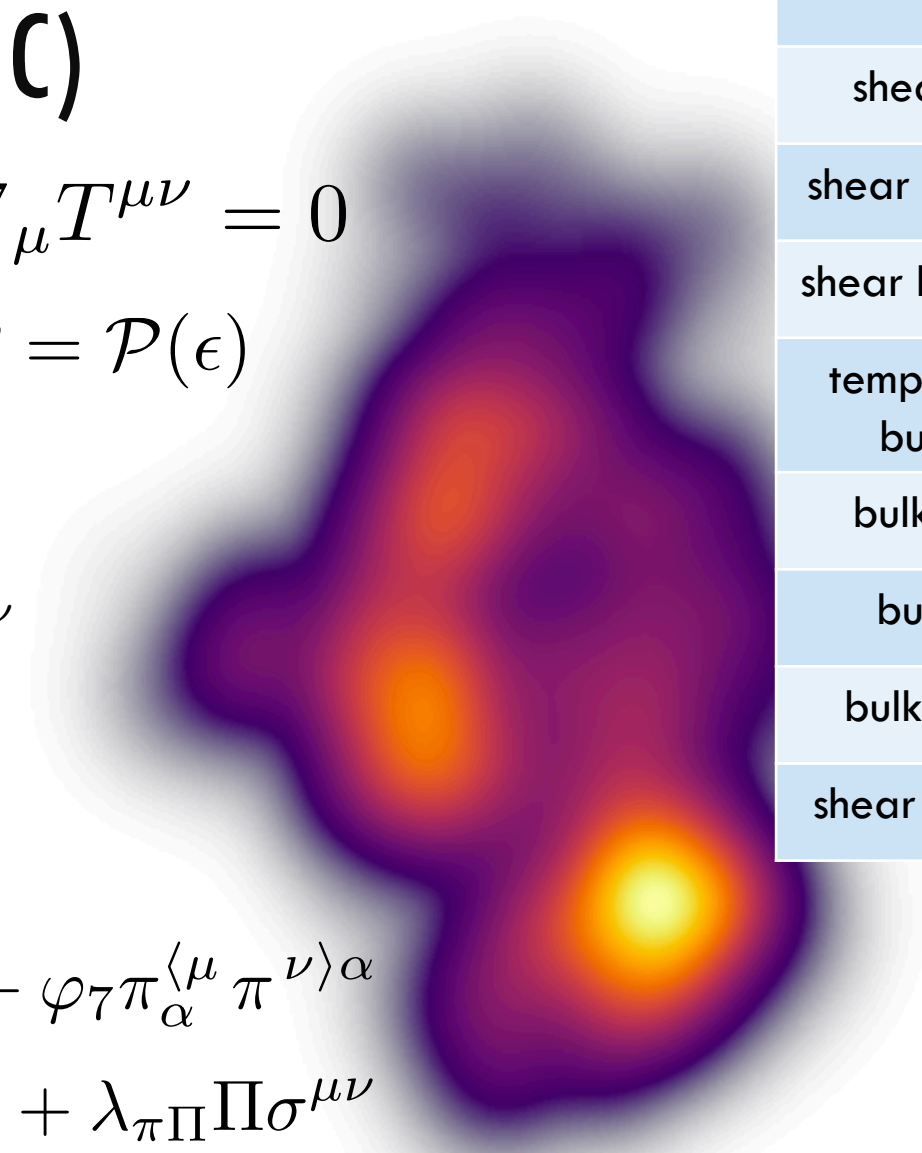
and relaxation eqns...

$$\tau_{\Pi} \dot{\Pi} + \Pi = -\zeta \theta - \delta_{\Pi\Pi} \Pi \theta + \lambda_{\Pi\pi} \pi^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\tau_{\pi} = b_{\pi} \frac{\eta}{sT}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\pi} \dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = & 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \delta_{\pi\pi} \pi^{\mu\nu} \theta + \varphi_{7} \pi_{\alpha}^{\langle\mu} \pi^{\nu\rangle\alpha} \\ & - \tau_{\pi\pi} \pi_{\alpha}^{\langle\mu} \sigma^{\nu\rangle\alpha} + \lambda_{\pi\Pi} \Pi \sigma^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

Parameter	Symbol
temperature of kink	$T_{\eta}$
shear at kink	$(\eta/s)_{\text{kink}}$
shear low-T slope	$a_{\text{low}}$
shear high-T slope	$a_{\text{high}}$
temperature of bulk peak	$T_{\zeta}$
bulk at peak	$(\zeta/s)_{\text{max}}$
bulk width	$w_{\zeta}$
bulk skewness	$\lambda$
shear relax. time	$b_{\pi}$



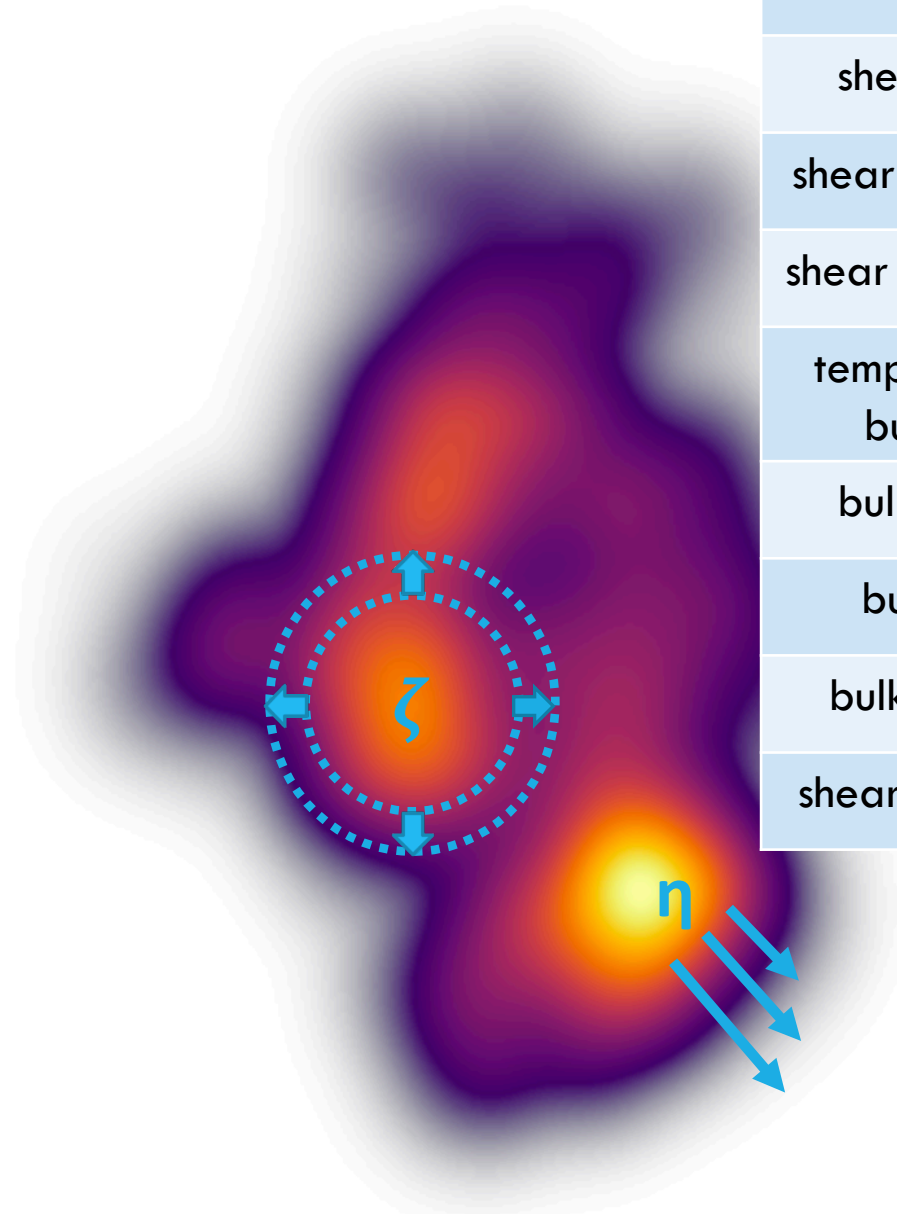
# VISCOUS HYDRO

The viscosity of QGP:

$$\tau_{\Pi} \dot{\Pi} + \Pi = -\zeta \theta + \dots$$

$$\tau_{\pi} \dot{\pi}^{\langle \mu\nu \rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

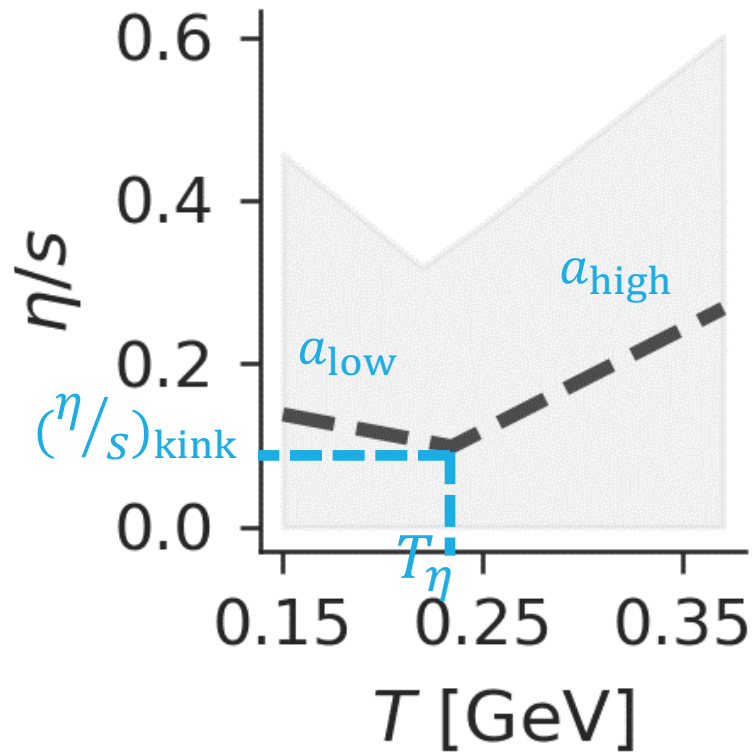
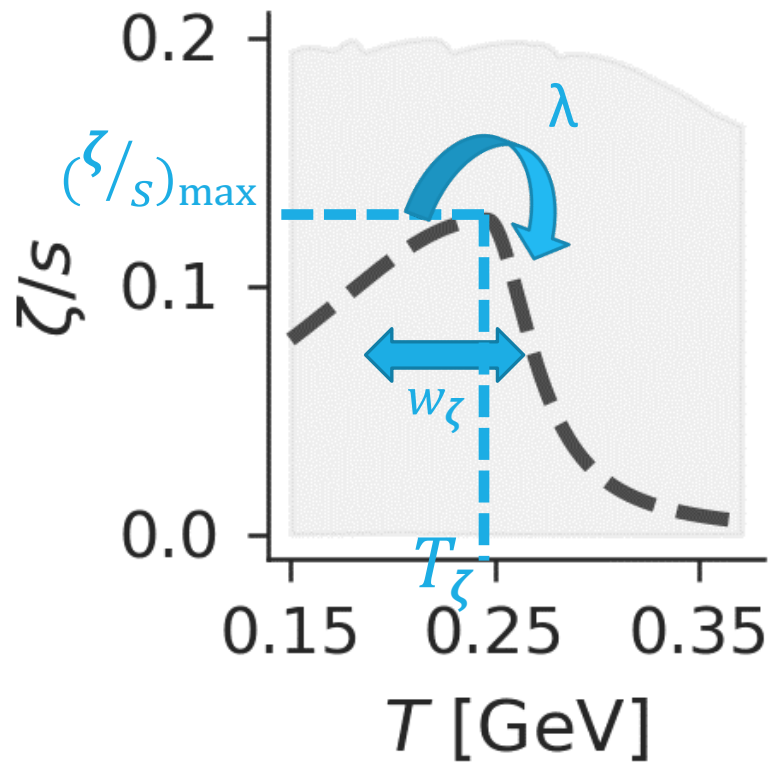
Quantify transport properties : shear and bulk viscosities



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Viscosity parameterizations:



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# PARTICLIZATION

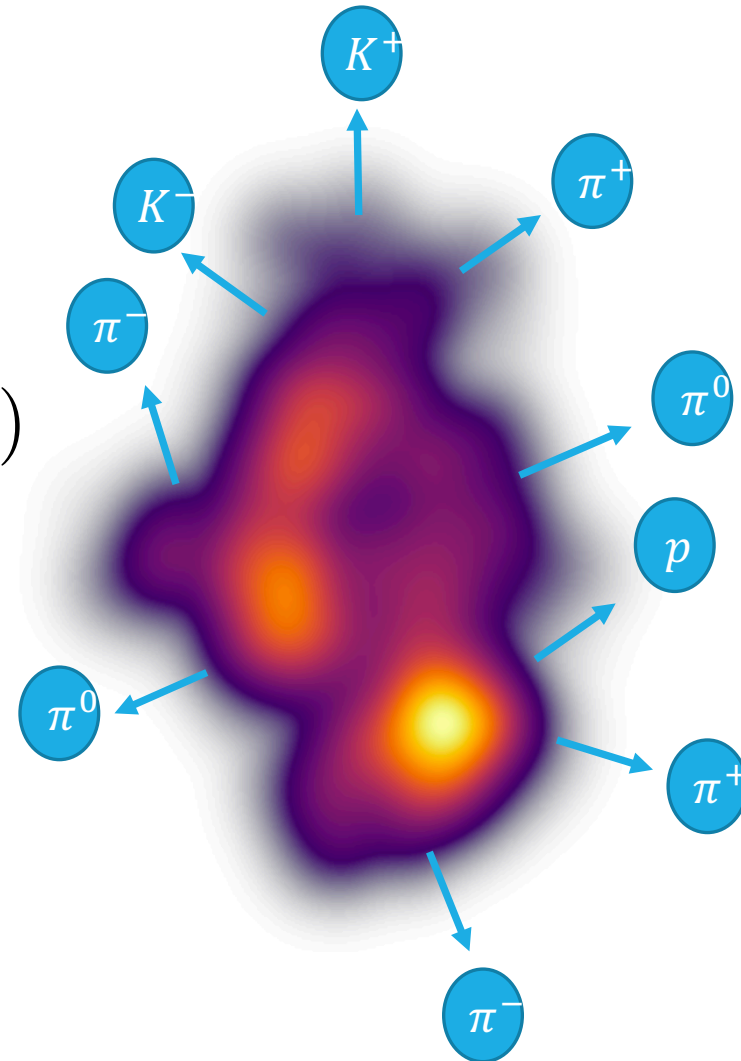
$$E \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} = \frac{g_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\Sigma} d^3\sigma_{\mu} p^{\mu} f_i(x; p)$$

Out-of-equil. fluid  $f_i \neq f_{i,\text{eq}}(T(x), u^{\mu}(x))$

Must apply ansatz/models for  $\delta f(x; p)$ :

1. Expansion of  $\delta f(x; p)$  in momenta
2. Relaxation time approx. Boltzmann eqn
3. 'Modified equilibrium'

Choice affects parameter estimates!





# PARTICLIZATION MODELS

1. **Grad** : expand  $\delta f(x; p)$  in momenta

$$\delta f = f_{\text{eq}} \bar{f}_{\text{eq}} c_{\mu\nu} p^\mu p^\nu$$

2. **Chapman-Enskog (C.E.) RTA** : Boltzmann EQN

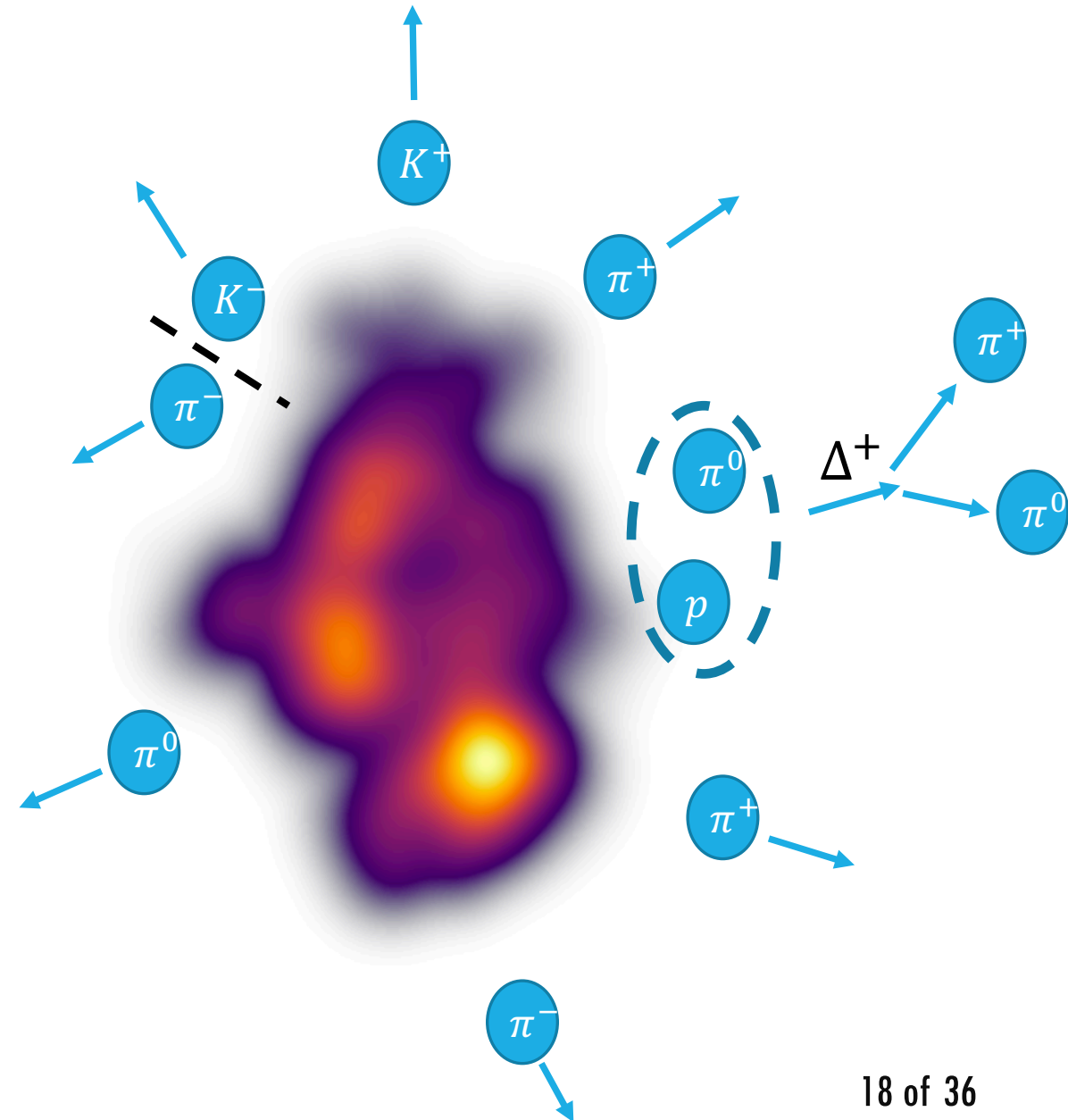
$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f = -\frac{u \cdot p}{\tau_r} (f - f_{\text{eq}}) \quad \delta f = -\frac{\tau_R}{u \cdot p} p^\mu \partial_\mu f_{\text{eq}} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$$

3. **Pratt-Bernhard (P.B.)** : 'Modified Equilibrium'

$$f = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_\Pi}{\det \Lambda} g \left[ \exp \left( \frac{|\mathbf{p}'|^2 + m^2}{T} \right) + \Theta \right]^{-1} \quad \Lambda_{ij} \equiv (1 + \lambda_\Pi) \delta_{ij} + \frac{\pi_{ij}}{2\beta_\pi}$$

# HADRONIC PHASE (SMASH)

- Hadrons scatter, form resonances, decay
- Lattice EoS matched to EoS of SMASH hadrons s.t. energy, pressure, ... continuous at particlization
- No parameters varied

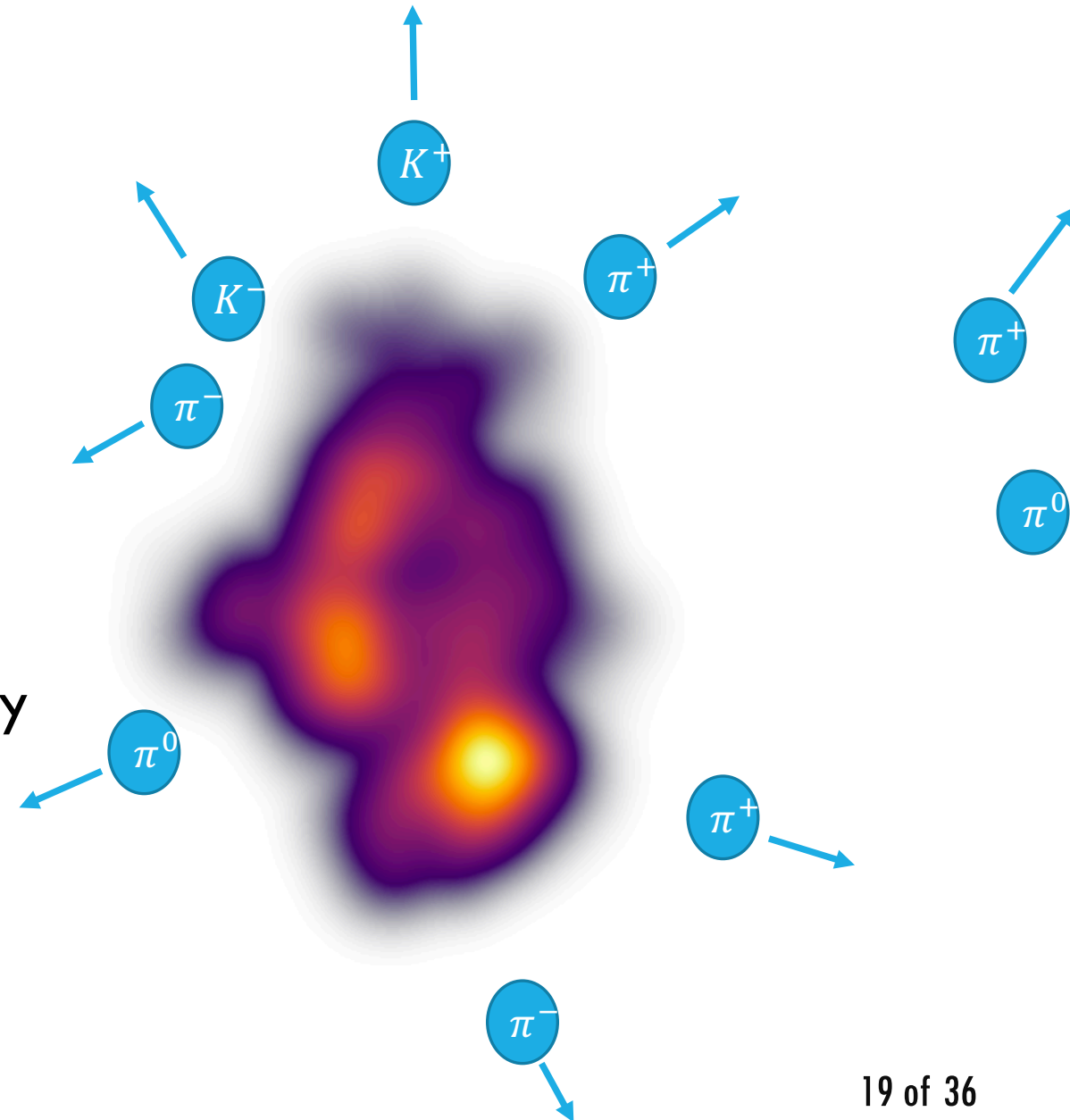


# OBSERVABLES

LHC Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV	RHIC Au-Au 200 GeV
$dN_i/dy$	$dN_i/dy$
$\langle p_T \rangle_i$	$\langle p_T \rangle_i$
$dN_{ch}/d\eta$	
$v_n\{2\}$	$v_n\{2\}$
$dE_T/d\eta$	
$\frac{\delta p_T}{\langle p_T \rangle}$	
$i \in \{\pi, K, p\}$ $n \in \{2, 3, 4\}$	$i \in \{\pi, K\}$ $n \in \{2, 3\}$

$p_T$ -integrated  
observables

Same centrality  
bins as  
experiments





# Bayesian Parameter Estimation

# CHOOSING OUR PRIORS (THEY MATTER)

$$p(\theta_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta_{\max} - \theta_{\min}} & \theta \in [\theta_{\max}, \theta_{\min}] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

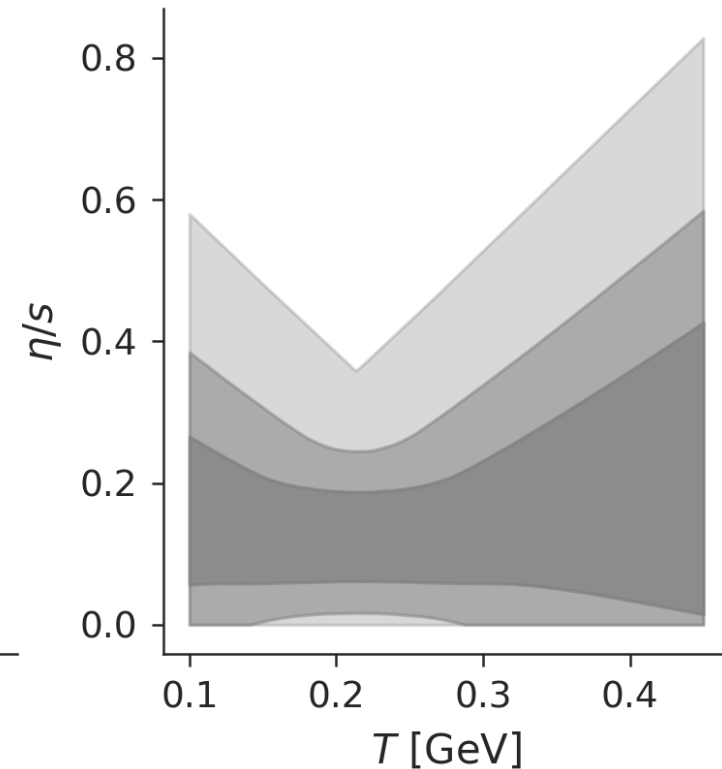
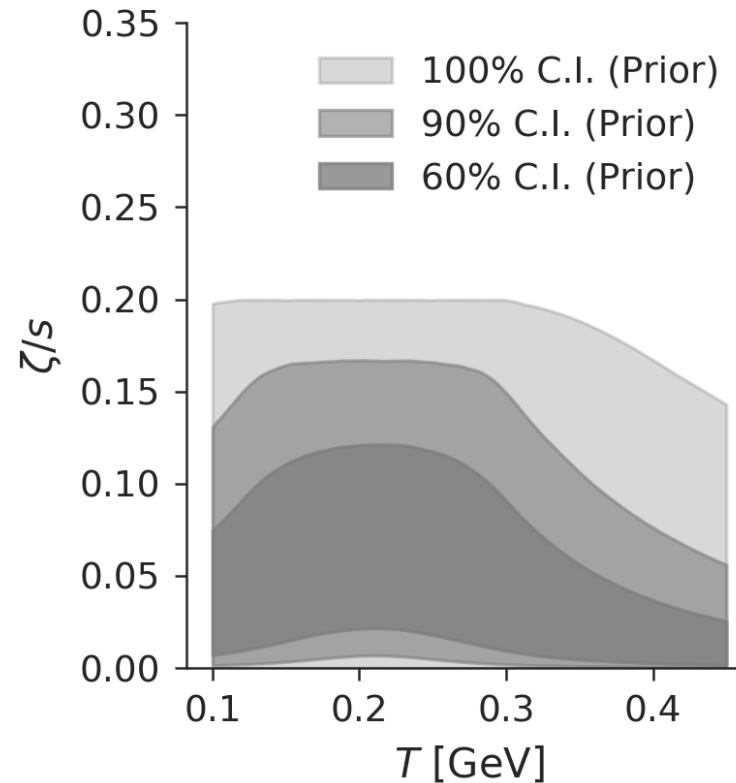
A uniform prior is **not** 'uninformed'

Our theoretical bias is included in the shape, magnitude...

Our prior should not be informed by the hadronic data we will use!

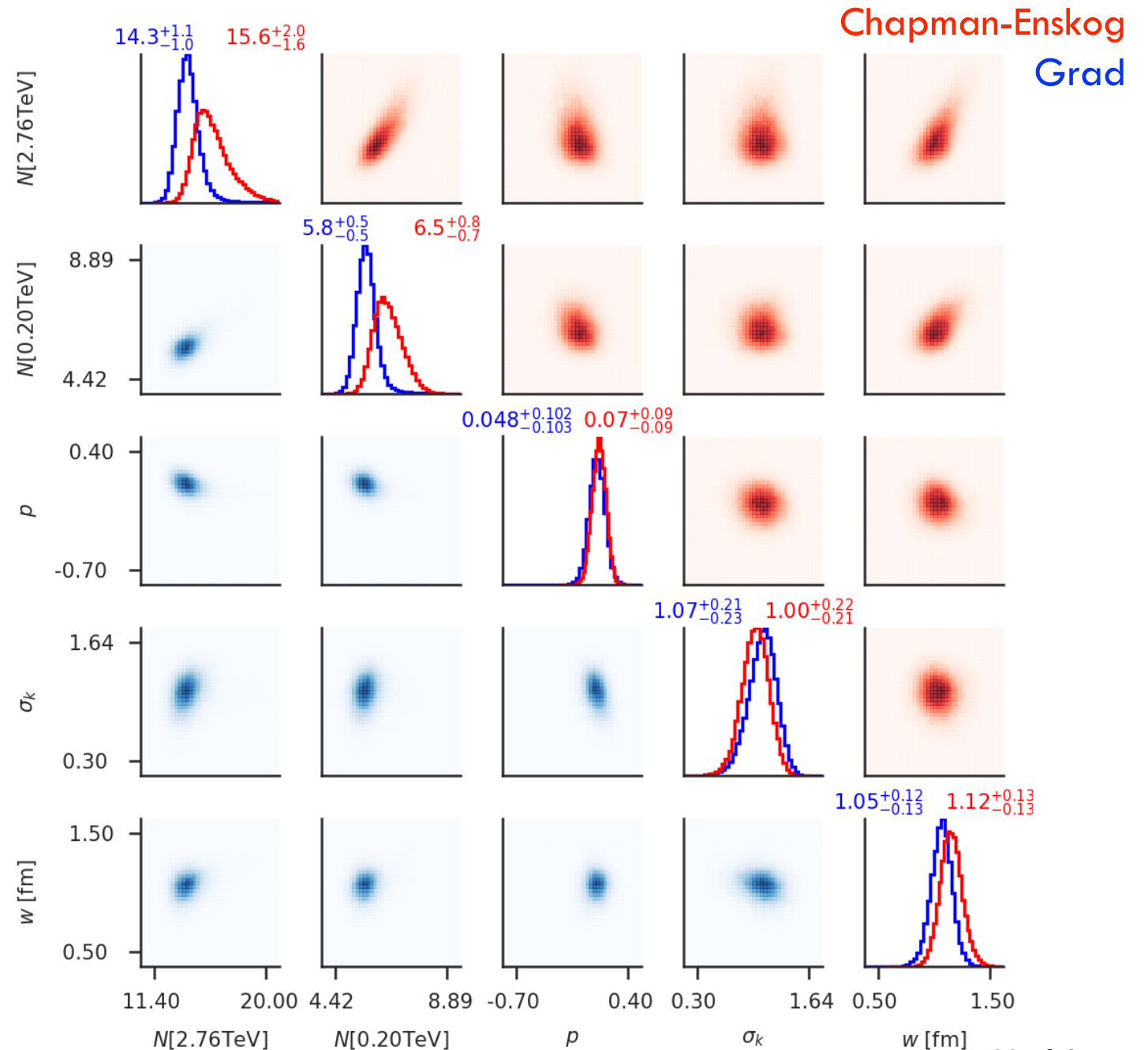
\*more general than previous works, w/ room for future generalization

Viscosity Prior



# QUANTIFYING THE QGP INITIAL STATE

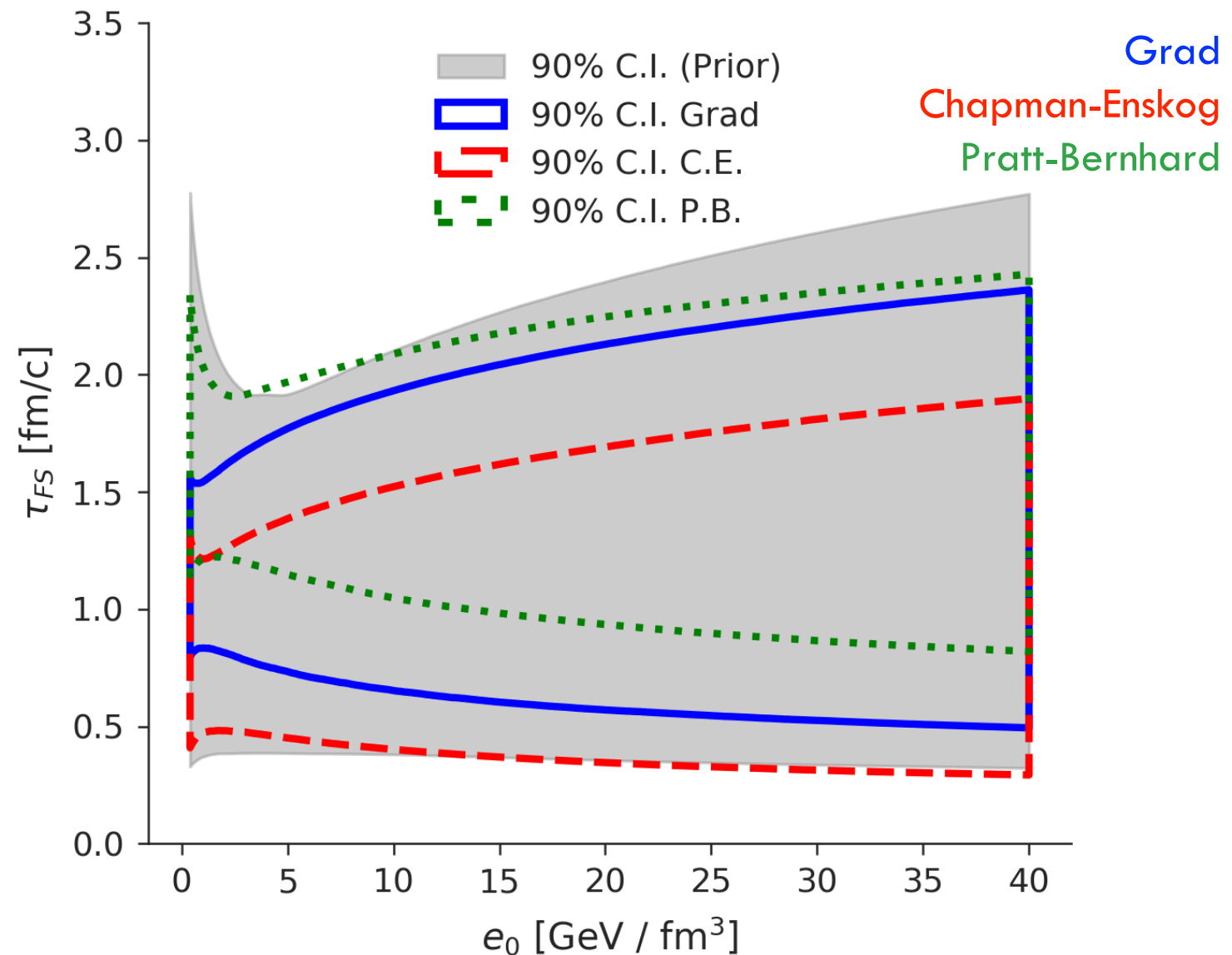
- Estimates w/ both LHC and RHIC data
- Parameters well constrained by data
- Reduced-thickness, fluctuation and width robust under viscous correction model (Grad/Chapman-Enskog)



# QUANTIFYING THE QGP INITIAL STATE

- No strong energy dependence (opposed to theory expectation)
- Estimate highly dependent on viscous correction model

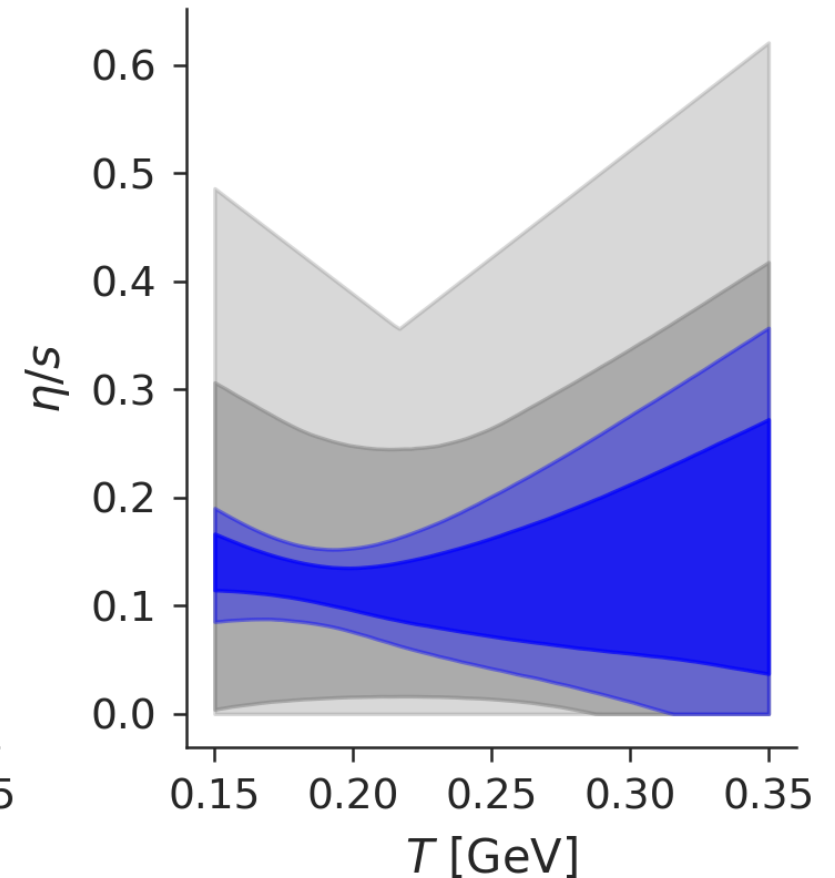
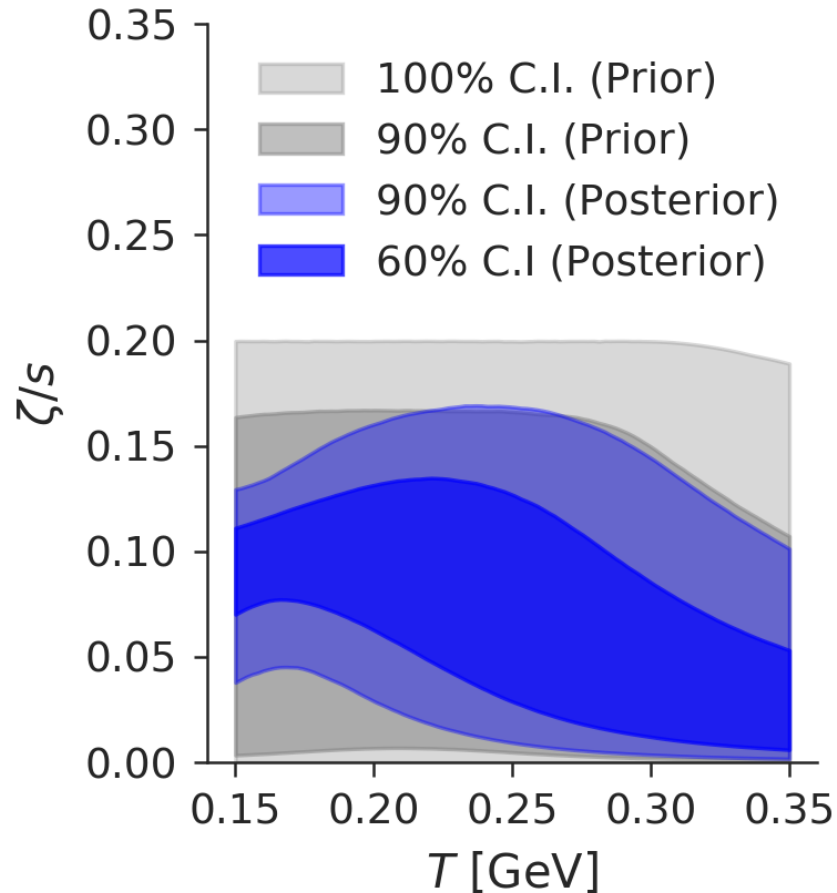
Freestreaming Time Posterior



# QUANTIFYING THE QGP COUPLING STRENGTH

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- Better constraint near switching temperature
- `Returning the prior' at high temperature, for bulk viscosity!

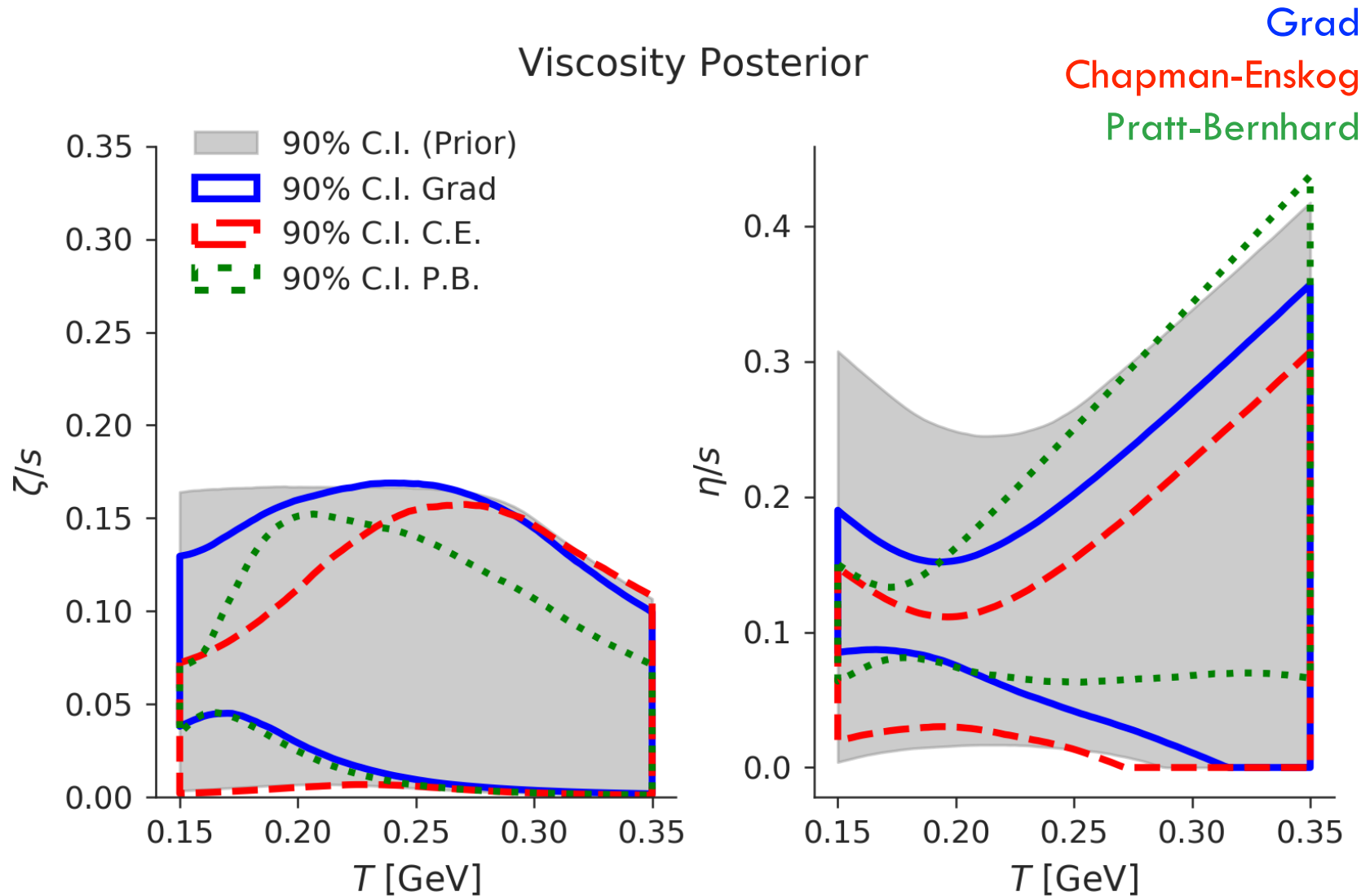
Viscosity Posterior : Grad





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- Better constraint near switching temperature
- Viscosity estimates strongly depend on viscous correction.
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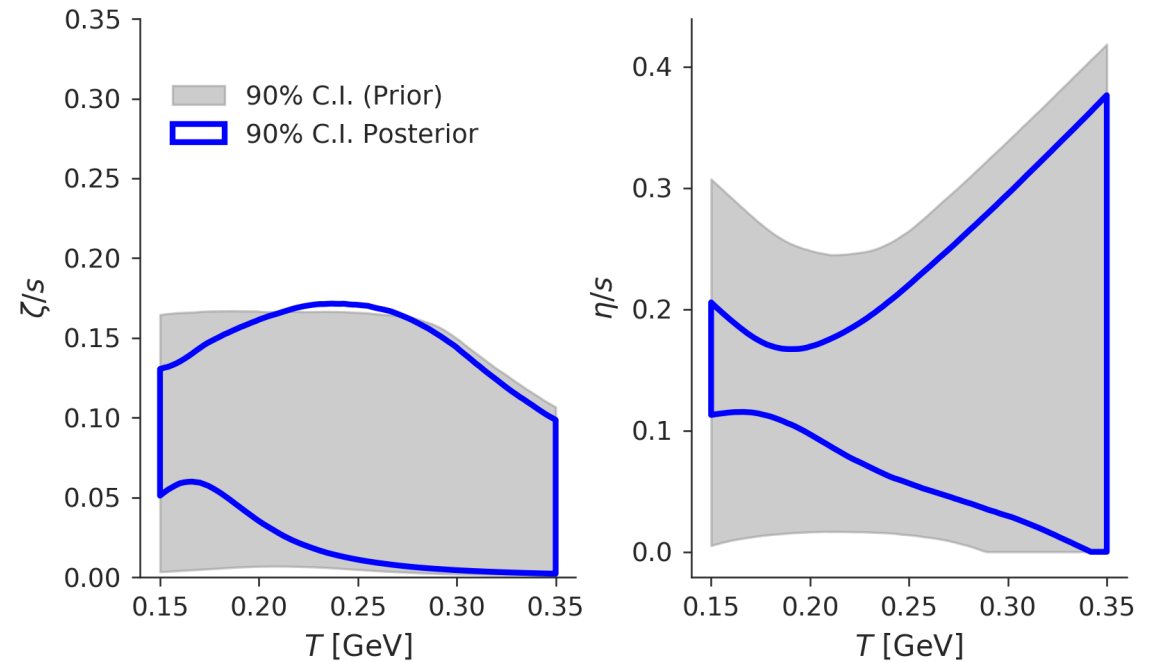


# QUANTIFYING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

Consider fixing the shear relaxation time to smaller value...

Posterior for viscosity plotted at right

Grad Viscosity Posterior :  $b_\pi = 2$



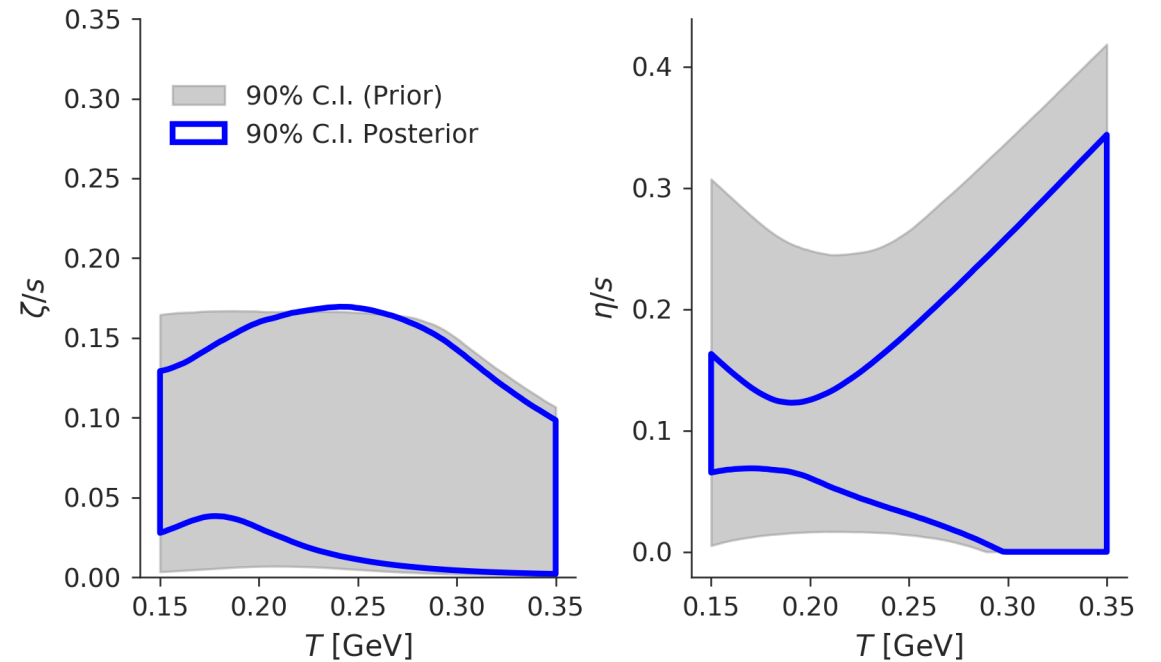
# QUANTIFYING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

Now, fix shear relax. time to larger value...

Posterior for viscosity plotted at right

Increasing either shear relax. time or shear viscosity have similar effect on observables (reducing flows, etc...)

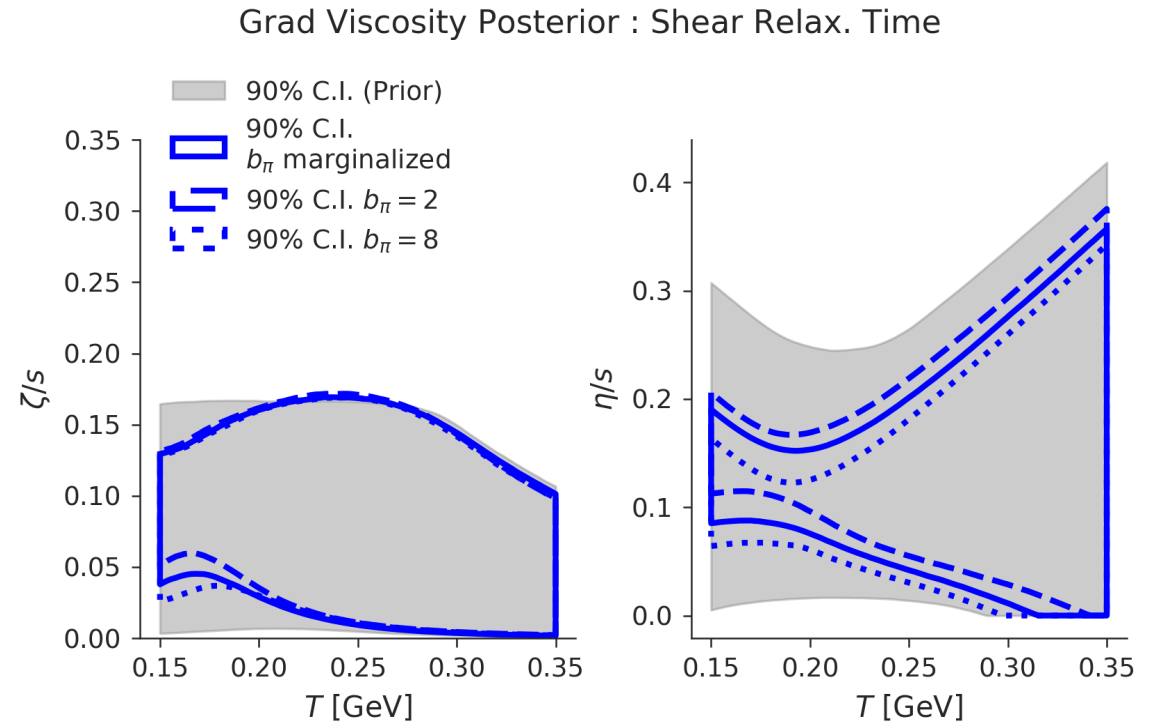
Grad Viscosity Posterior :  $b_\pi = 8$



# QUANTIFYING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

Remember, we can marginalize of 'nuisance parameters'

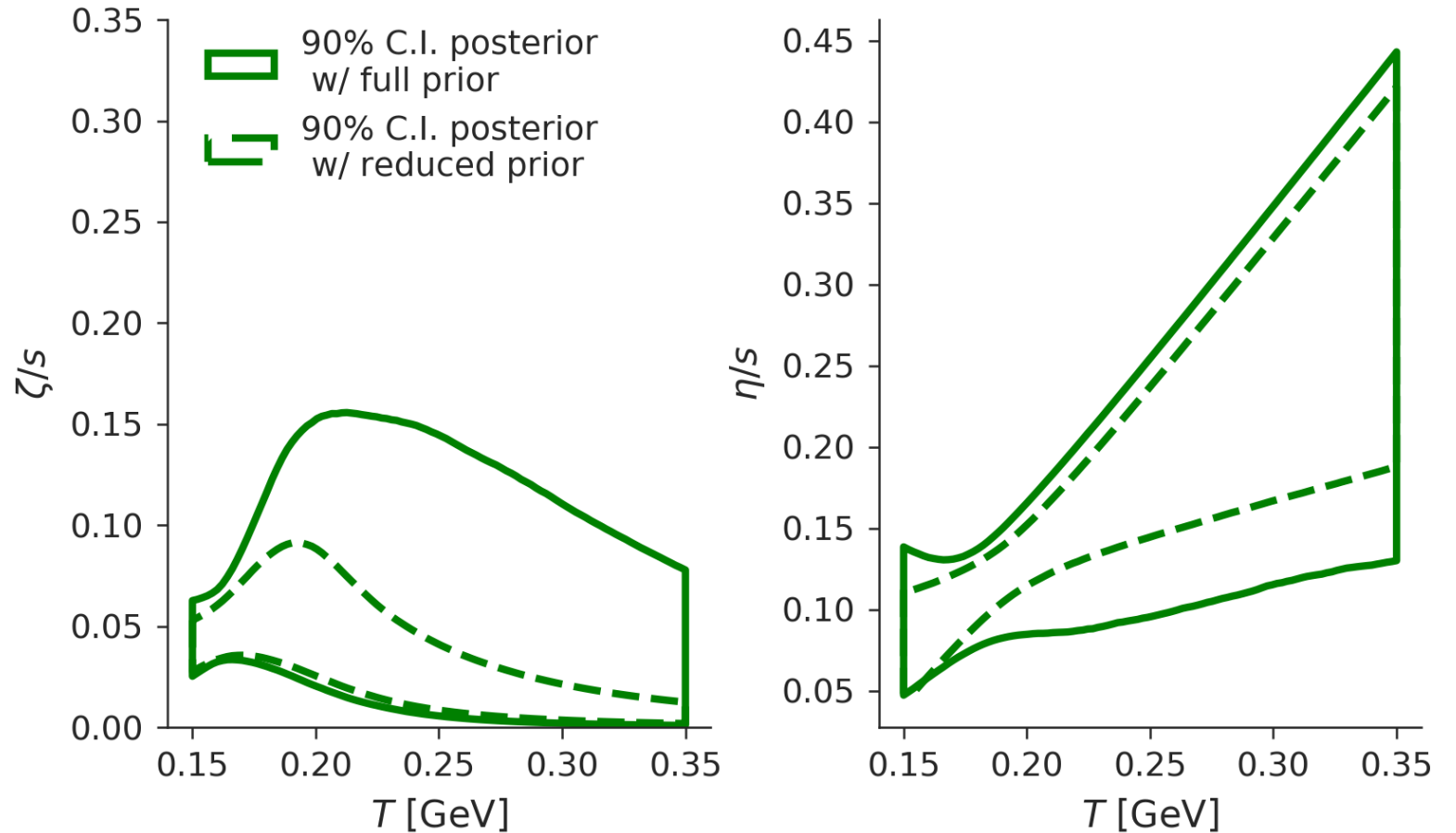
Marginalizing over shear relaxation time gives more robust estimation of shear viscosity



# OUR PRIORS MATTER

- We said our prior affects our posterior...
- Demonstration : replace our prior by a tighter one, similar to previous works\*
- Estimate viscosity posteriors using LHC Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV data with each prior

P.B. Viscosity Posterior : Effect of Prior



\**Nat. Phys.* **15**, 1113–1117 (2019)



**Which observables are  
sensitive?**

# OBSERVABLES SENSITIVITY

Sensitivity index : how  
observables constrain parameters

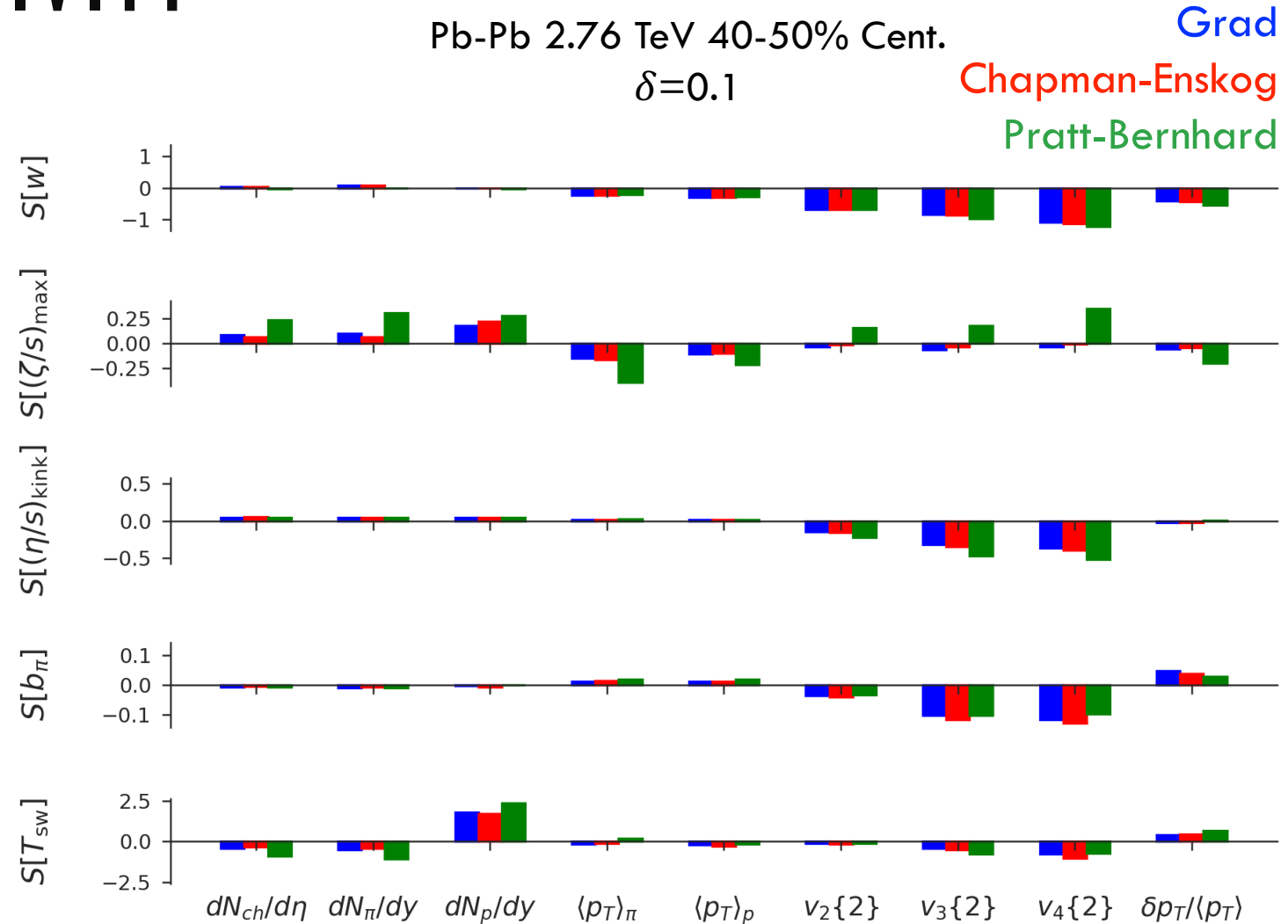
Observable :  $\hat{O}$

parameter :  $p$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{\hat{O}(p(1 + \delta)) - \hat{O}(p)}{\hat{O}(p)}$$

Index :  $S[p] \equiv \Delta/\delta$

(take  $\delta=0.1$ )





# Bayesian Model Selection



# BAYESIAN MODEL SELECTION

- What is a good basis for choosing model A over model B, for QGP?
- Bayesian : Choose model which `fits best' with the `least number of parameters'

**data** **theory** **-?**  
“Never let the ~~truth~~ get in the way of a good ~~story~~.” – ~~Mark Twain~~

# BAYESIAN MODEL SELECTION

- We have two models,  $A$  and  $B$ ...
- Bayes factor is the 'odds'  
...informed by specific data  $\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}$

$$B_{A/B} \equiv \frac{\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|A)}{\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|B)} \underbrace{\frac{\text{prob}(A)}{\text{prob}(B)}}_{\text{(usually = 1)}}$$

- using sum and product rules :

$$\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|A) = \int d\mathbf{x}_A \underbrace{\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|\mathbf{x}_A, A)\text{prob}(\mathbf{x}_A)}_{\text{our posterior}}$$

# MODEL SELECTION : VISCOUS CORRECTIONS

- Can  $p_T$ -integrated observables constrain viscous correction models?
- Chosen data provide moderate evidence favoring Grad and Pratt-Bernhard models over Chapman-Enskog
- Chosen data do not provide evidence for Grad vs. Pratt-Bernhard

$$B_{A/B} = \frac{\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|A)}{\text{prob}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|B)}$$

Model A	Model B	$\ln B_{A/B}$
Grad	C.E.	$\approx 8$
Grad	P.B.	$\approx 0$
P.B.	C.E.	$\approx 6$

C.E. : Chapman-Enskog (RTA)

P.B. : Pratt-Bernhard

# CONCLUSIONS

- We estimated the viscosities of QGP:
  - with 3 different viscous correction models
  - with more relaxed priors than previous works
  - using both LHC and RHIC hadronic data
- We quantified the sensitivity of observables to model parameters
- We used Bayes factors to compare viscous correction models for QGP
- \*For details and more, look for upcoming paper

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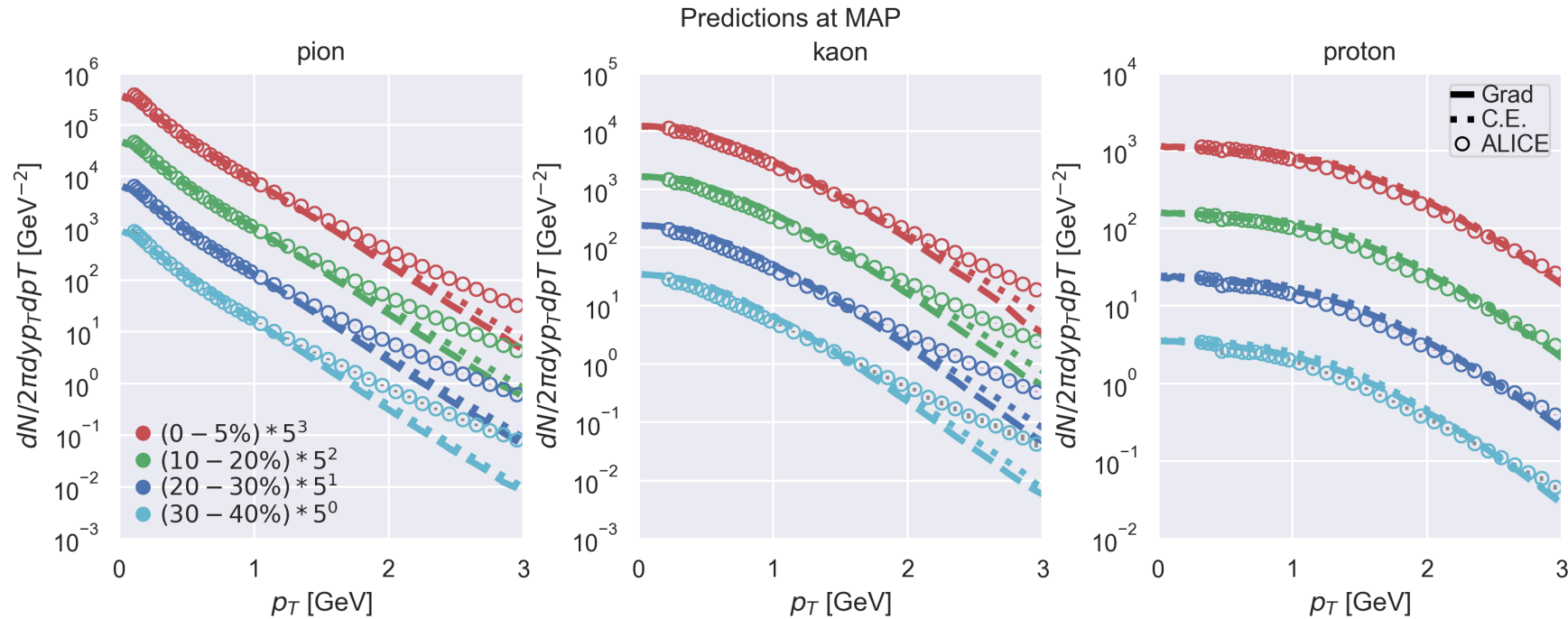
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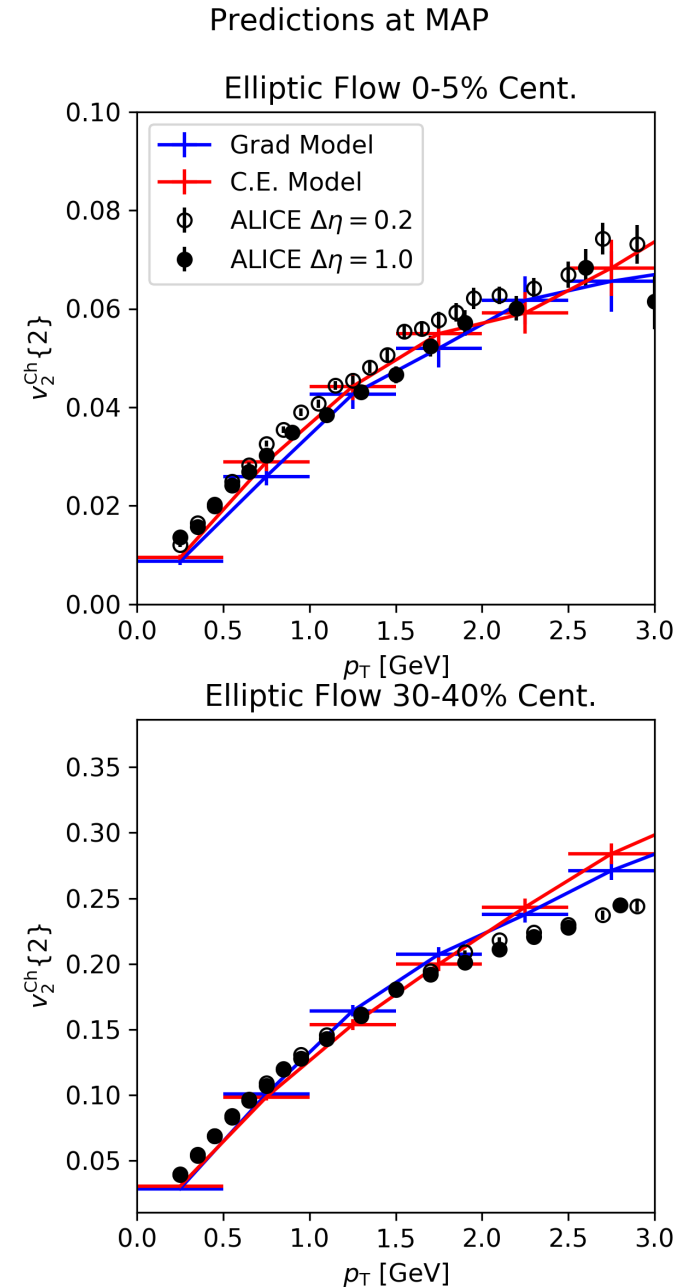


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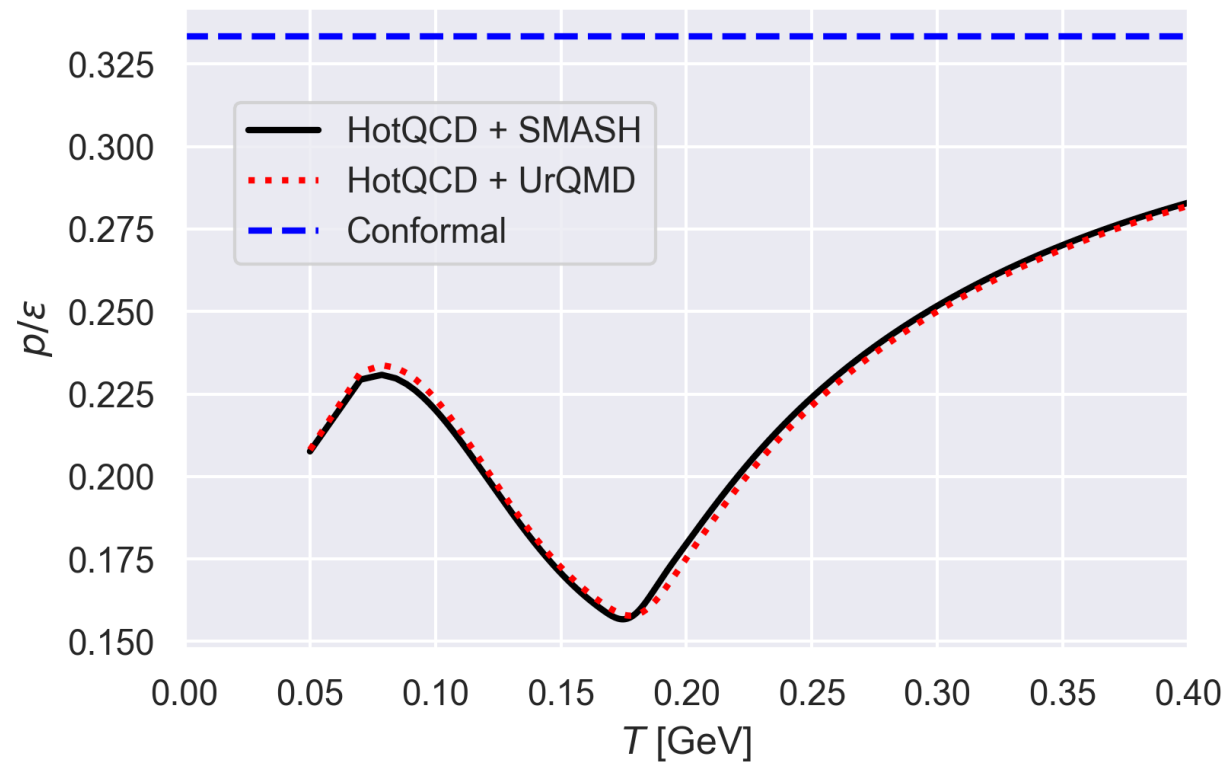
# MODEL PREDICTIONS



- Spectra and elliptic flow agree well at low  $p_T$
- Slopes too soft at high  $p_T$
- ~Expected : We calibrated on yields, mean  $p_T$ , etc...



# EQN OF STATE (EOS)

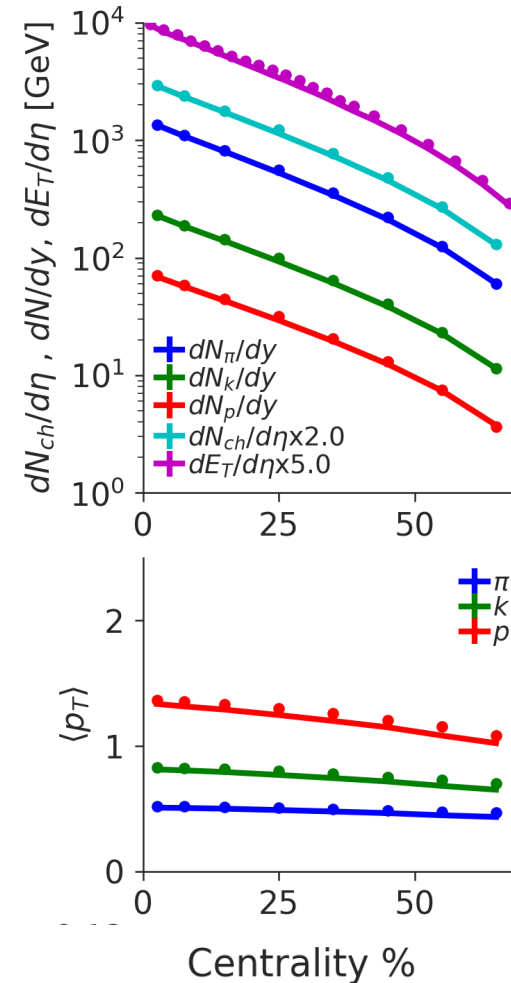




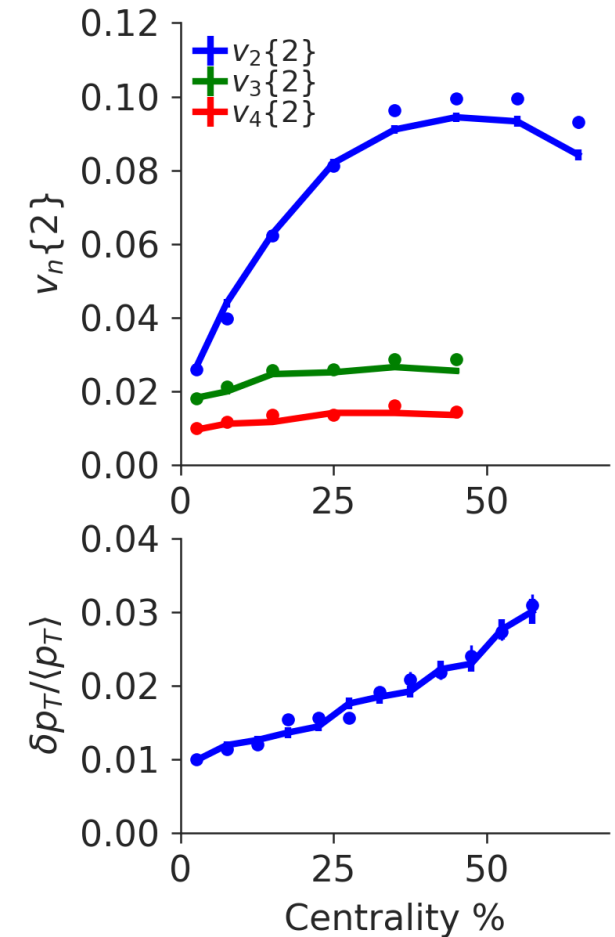
# BULK RELAXATION TIME

- Check effect of doubling bulk relax. time
- Grad viscous correction model
- 5,000 fluct. events at MAP parameters

$$\tau_{\Pi} = b_{\Pi} \frac{\zeta}{\left(\frac{1}{3} - c_s^2\right)^2 (\epsilon + p)}$$

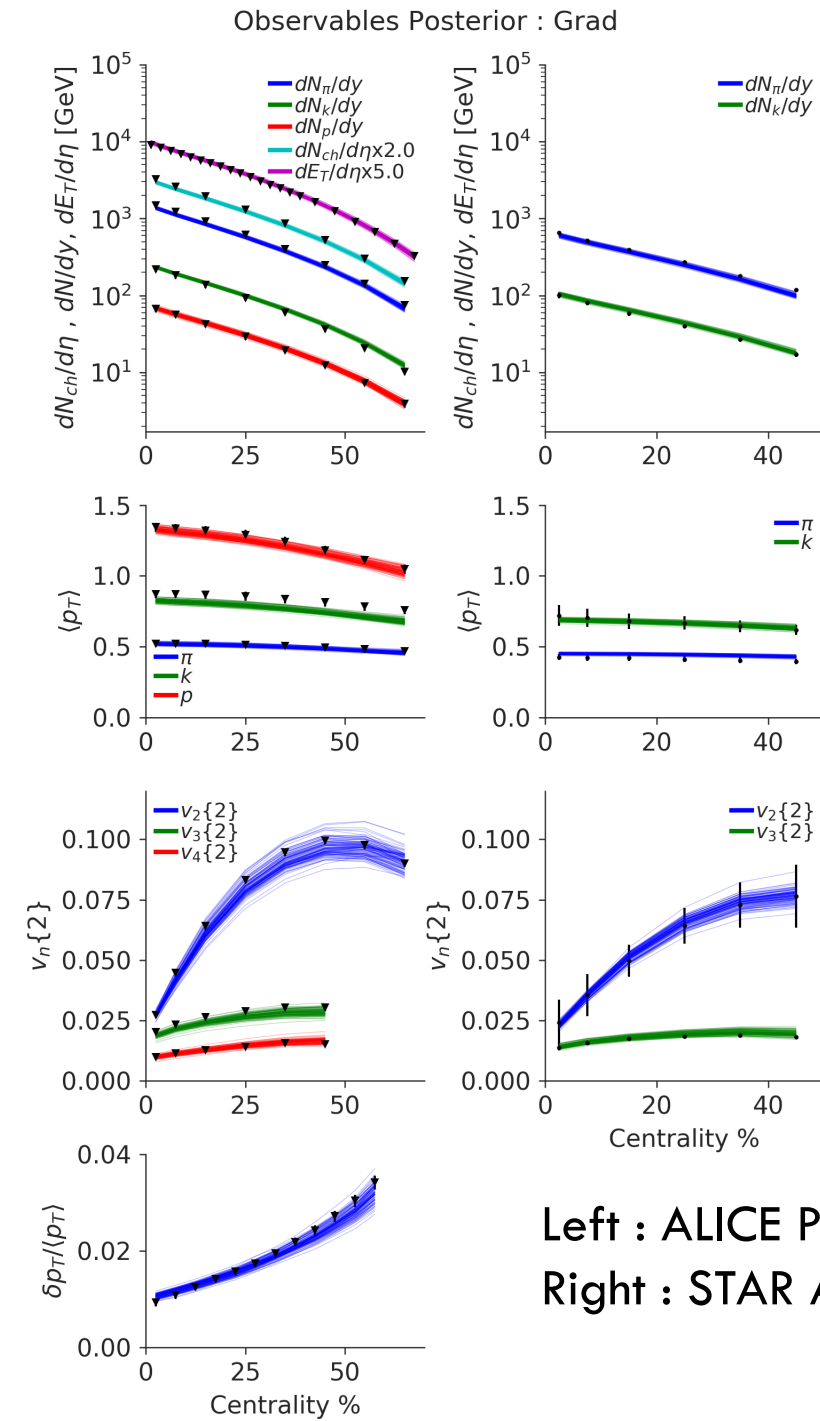


Lines :  $b_{\pi} = 1/14.55$   
 Dots :  $b_{\pi} = 2/14.55$



# OBSERVABLES POSTERIOR

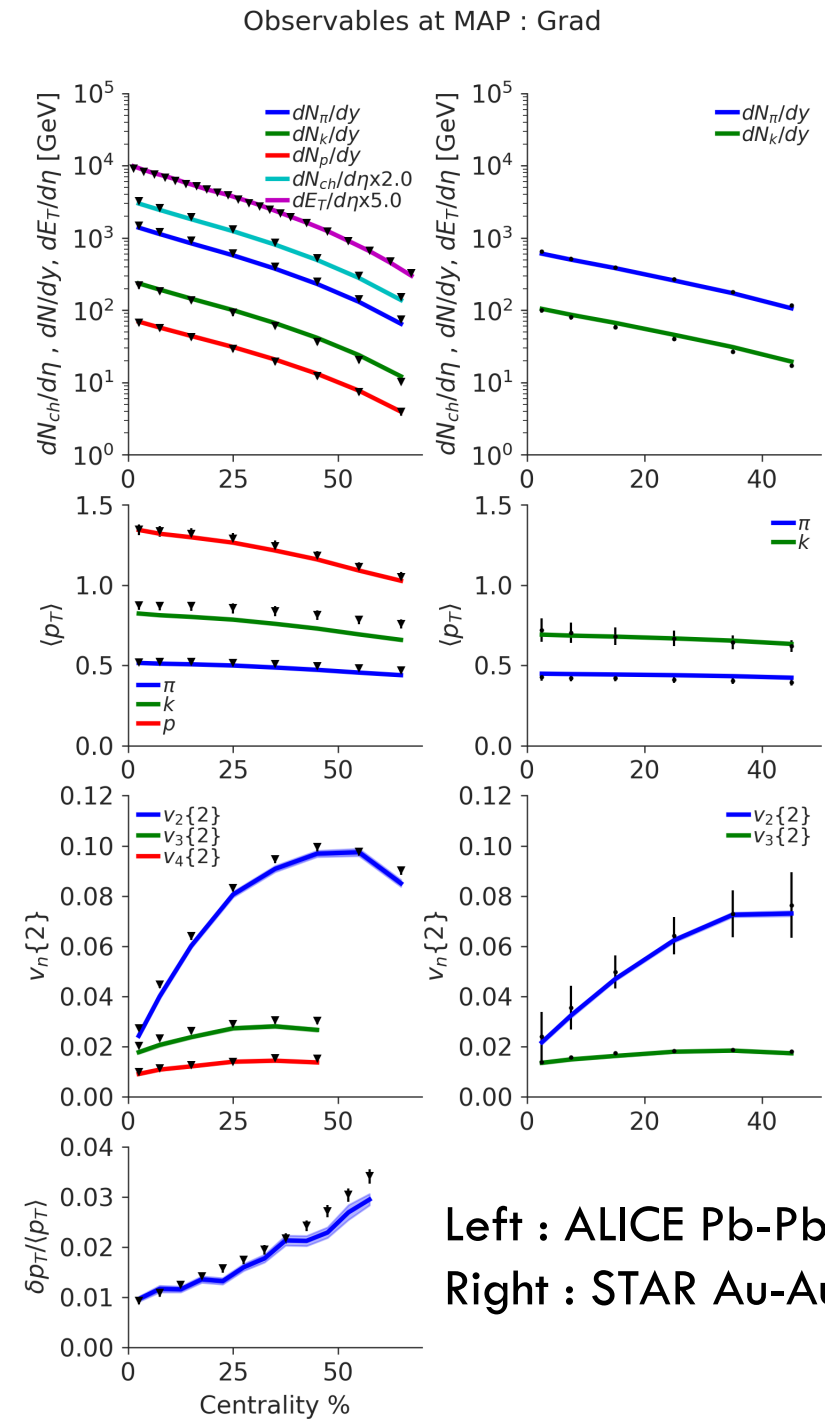
- 100 samples drawn from parameter posterior
- Observables predicted by Gauss. Process Emulator



Left : ALICE Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV  
 Right : STAR Au-Au 200 GeV

# MODEL PREDICTIONS AT MAP

- 5,000 fluct. events at max. of the posterior 'maximum a posteriori' (MAP) predicted by the hybrid-model



Left : ALICE Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV  
 Right : STAR Au-Au 200 GeV