

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

QUANTIFYING THE QGP

Derek Everett (on behalf of JETSCAPE SIMS WG)

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

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

What is the structure of nuclei probed at high energies?

What are the dynamics of partons in a QCD medium?

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 distribution?

What are the dynamics of partons in a QCD medium?

→ what is the transverse momentum diffusion?

*and how sure are we of the answers these questions?

BAYESIAN PARAMETER ESTIMATION

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

1. A theory/model (viscous hydrodynamic hybrid model)
2. Assumptions for model and exp. errors (multivariate normal dist.)
3. Our prior belief about the parameters' joint probability distribution
4. Measurements (data from Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC))

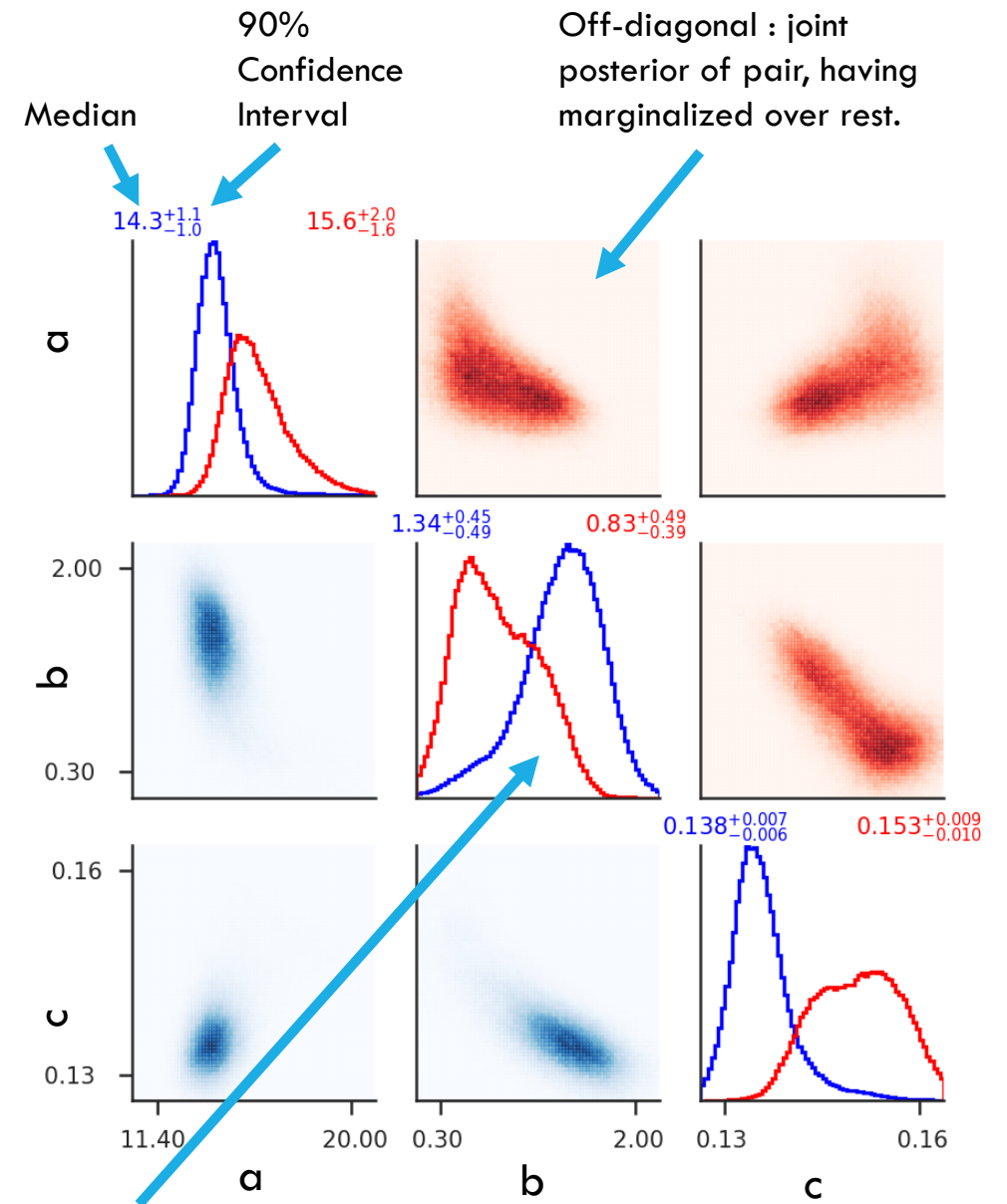
BAYESIAN PARAMETER ESTIMATION

...producing a **posterior**:

Posterior: the joint probability distribution of all model parameters, given our data and prior belief

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

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

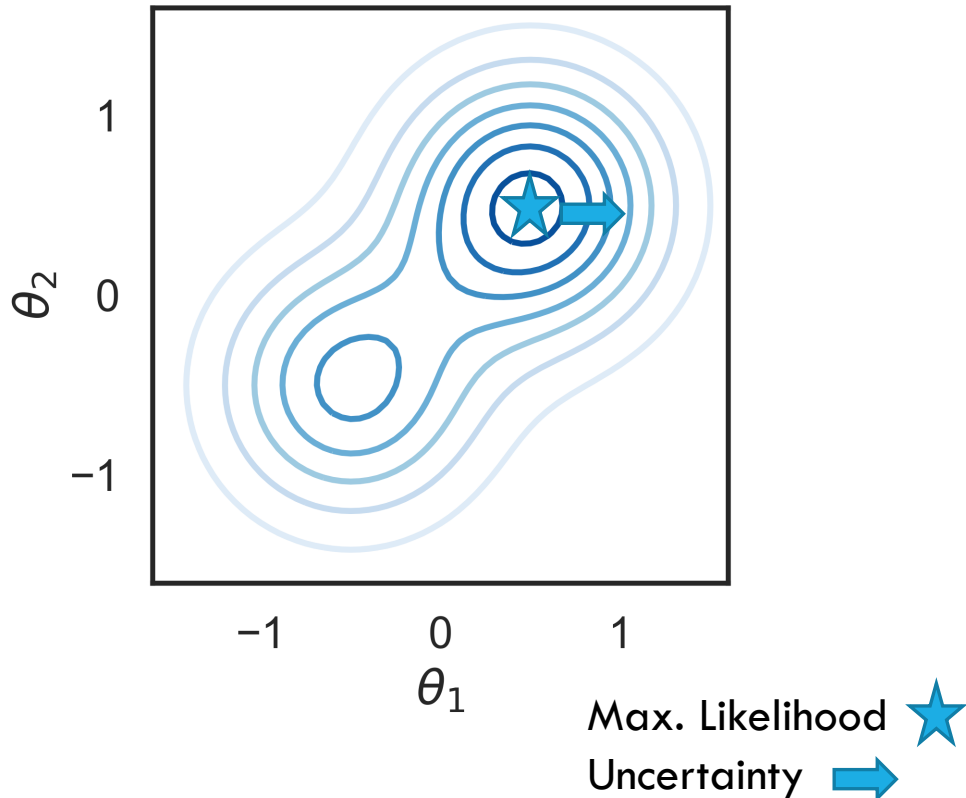


Diagonal : posterior of single parameter, having marginalized over rest.

Blue and Red are different models

WHY BAYES IS BETTER

Illustrative example:
Model w/ bimodal likelihood



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

1. θ_1 and θ_2 are correlated
2. The distribution is bi-modal

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

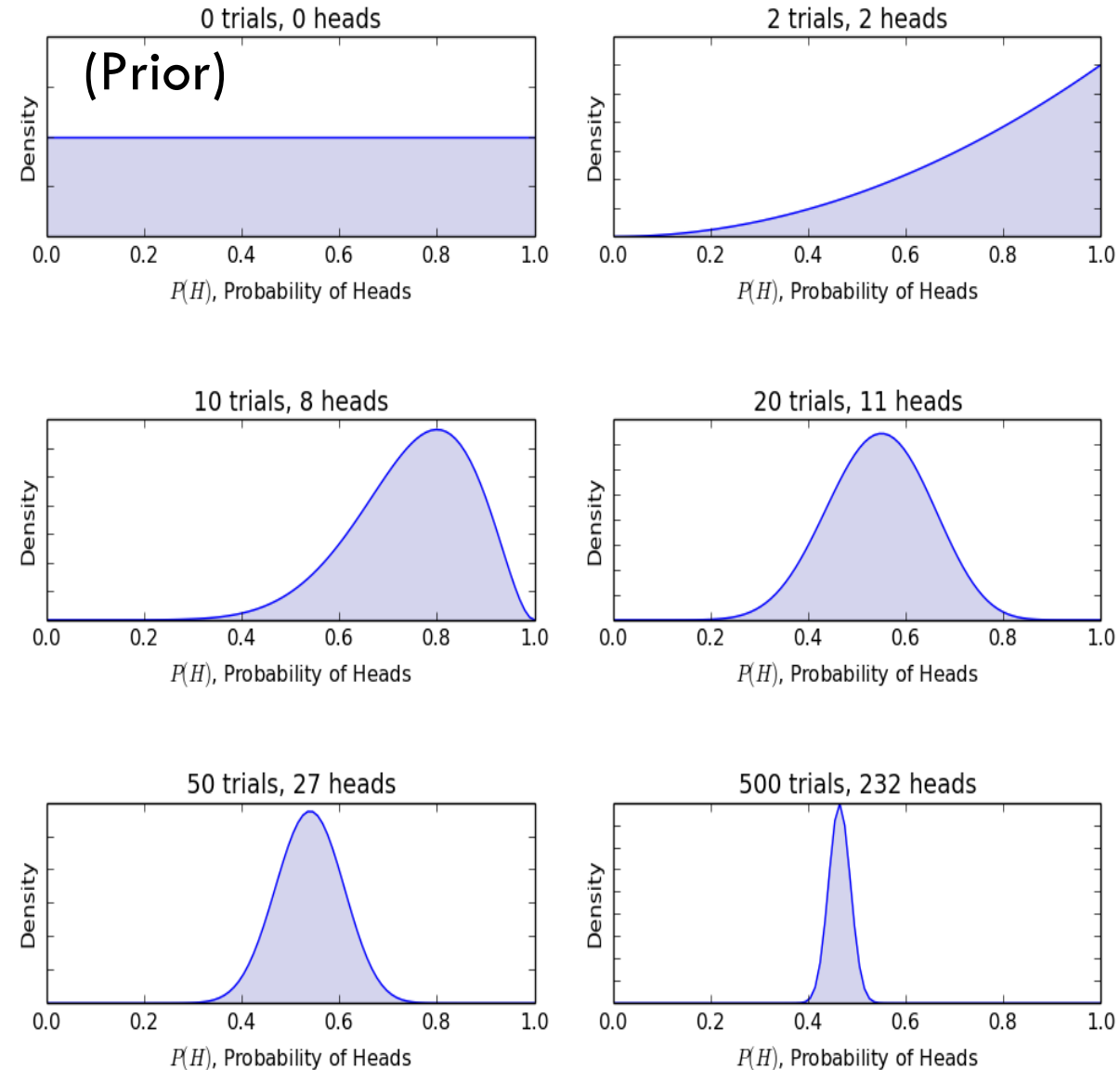
Also: we can handle 'nuisance parameters' straightforwardly (we will come back to this later)

BAYES' THEOREM

Suppose we have a model with a parameter θ ...

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

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



CHOOSING THE PRIOR

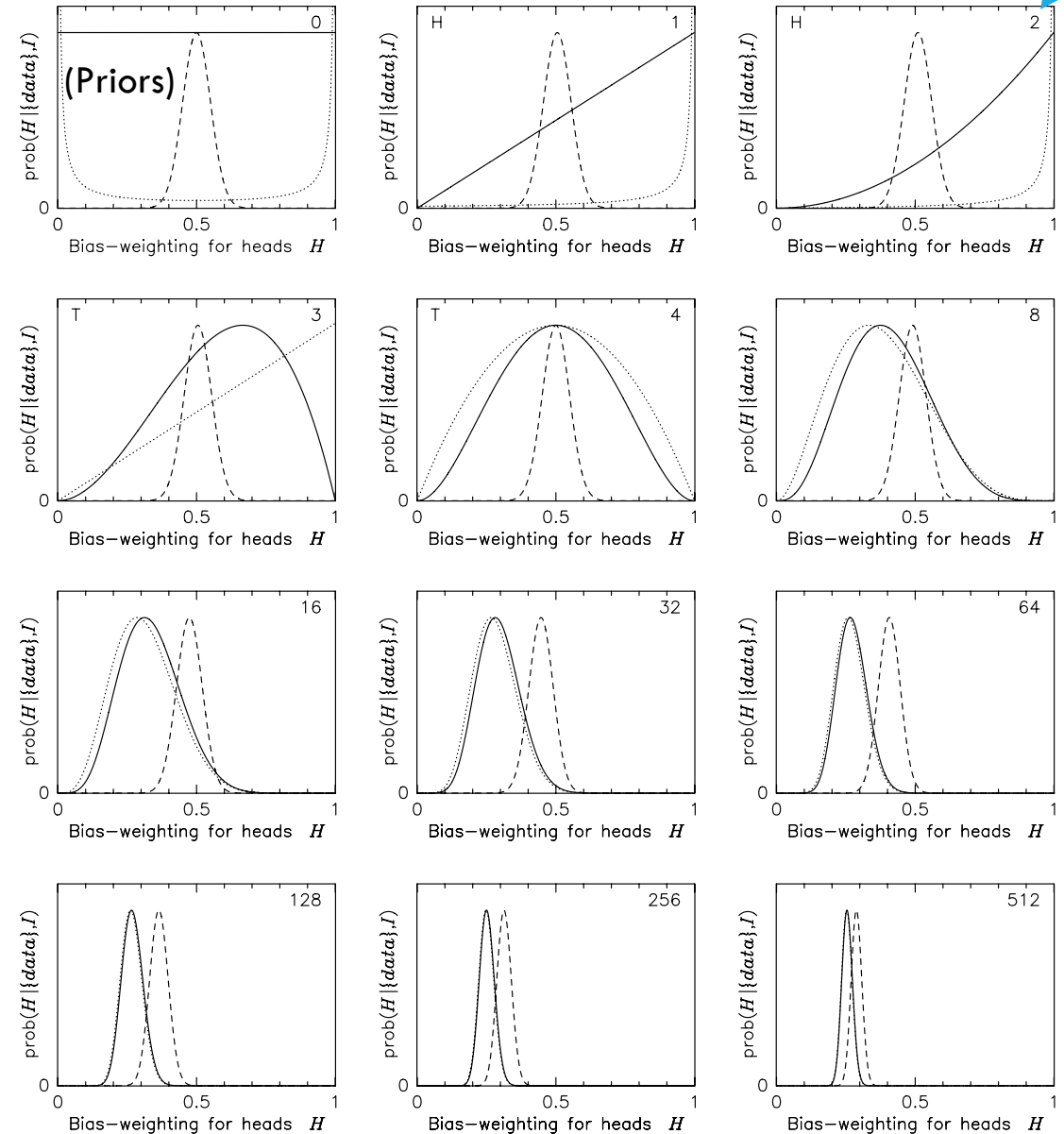
The prior is important, especially when we don't have 'enough data'

Three different priors (solid, dashed, dotted)

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

Example: Flipping a coin

trials



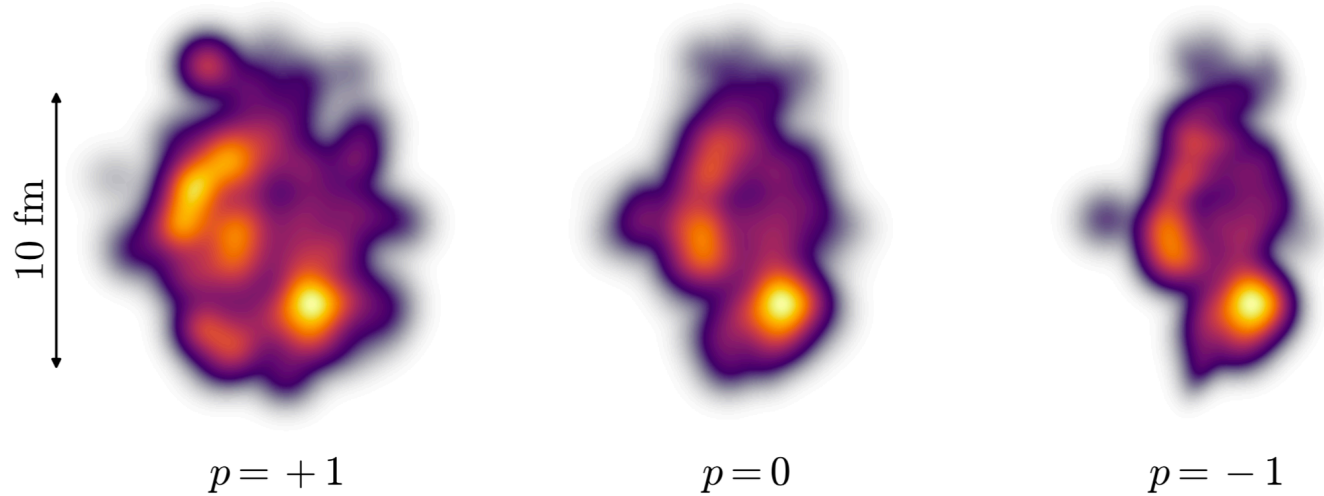


Description of the Hybrid Model

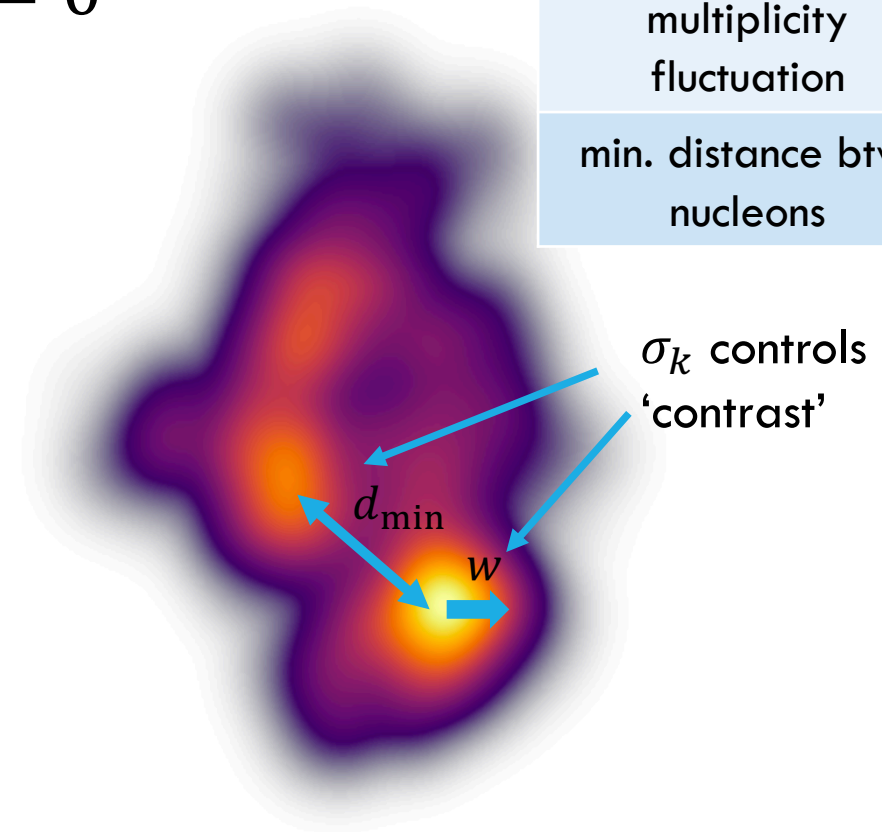
INITIAL ENERGY DEPOSITION (TRENTO)

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

Parameter	Symbol
reduced thickness	p
nucleon width	w
energy normalization	N
multiplicity fluctuation	σ_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:

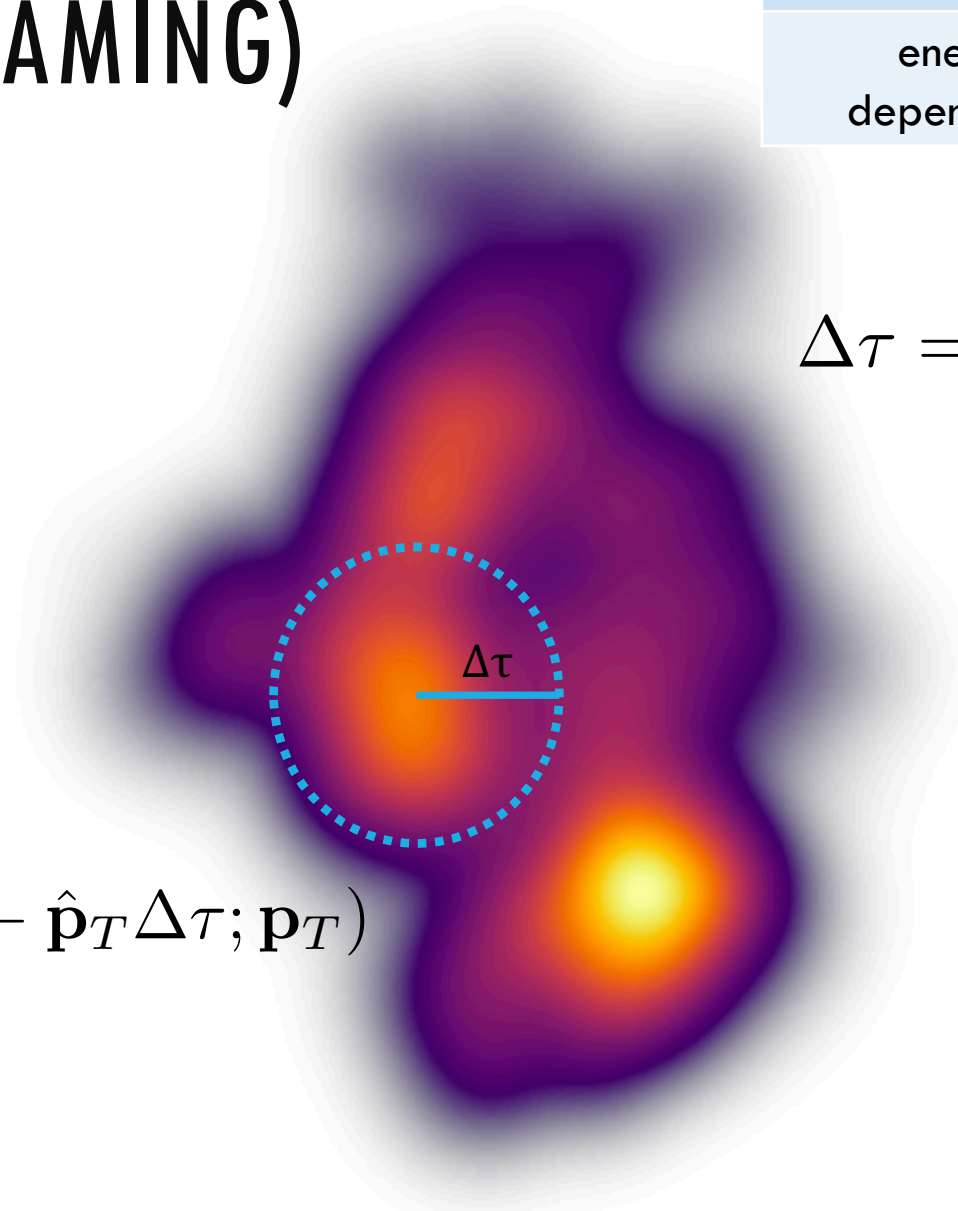
$$f(t, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}) = f(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\Delta t; \mathbf{p})$$

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	τ_R
energy dependence	α

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



VISCOUS HYDRO (MUSIC)

Energy-momentum conservation $\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Eqn. of state matches lattice and hadron resonance gas $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\epsilon)$

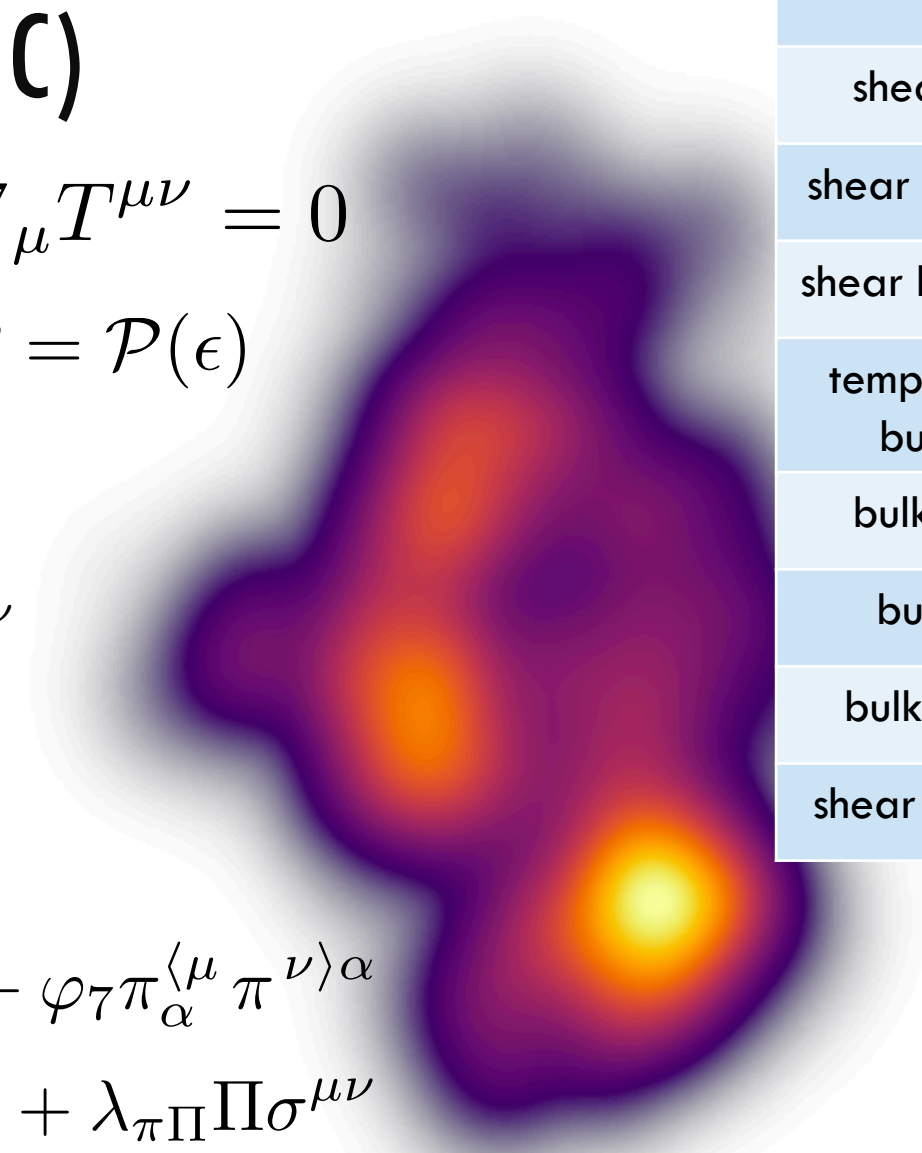
and relaxation equations...

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

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

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

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



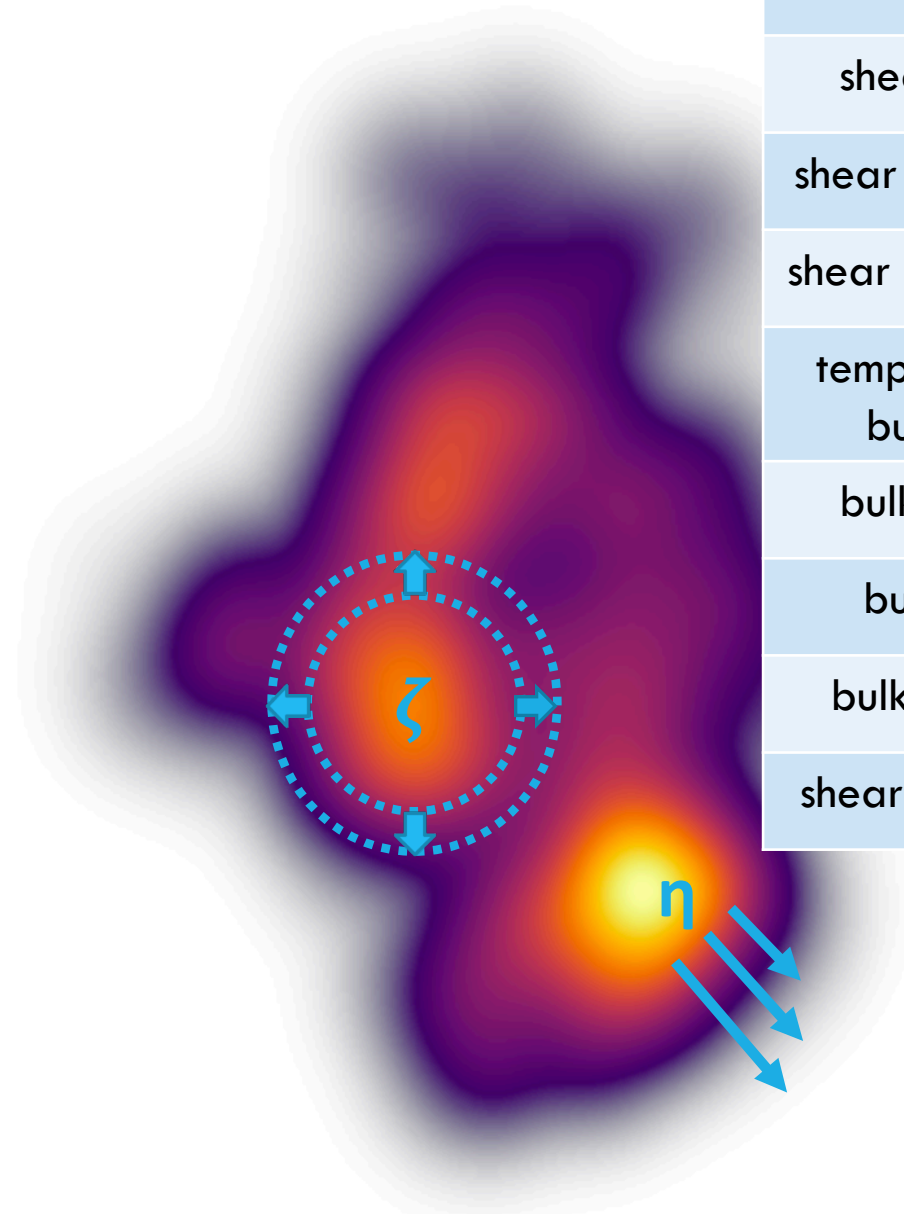
VISCOUS HYDRO

The viscosity of QGP:

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

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

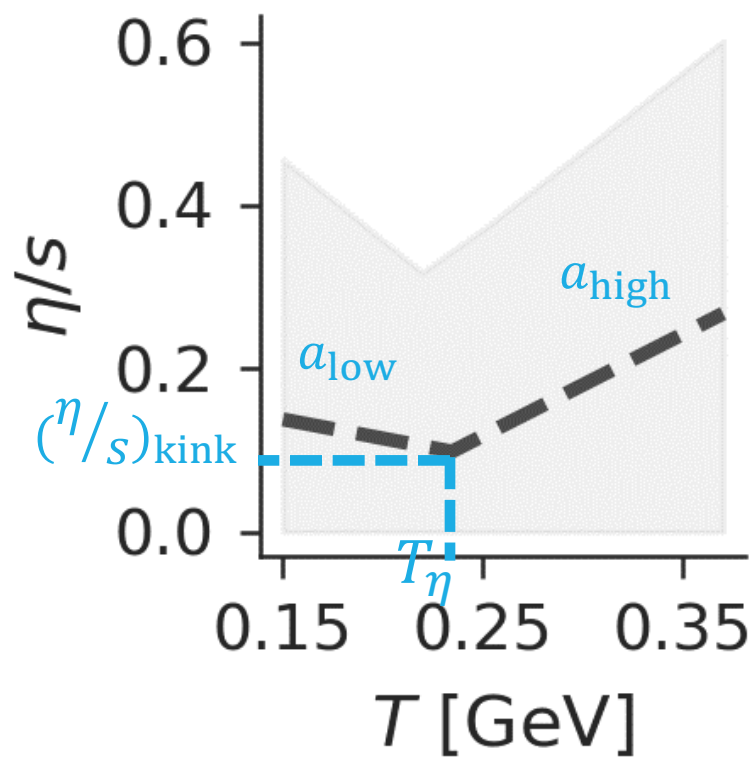
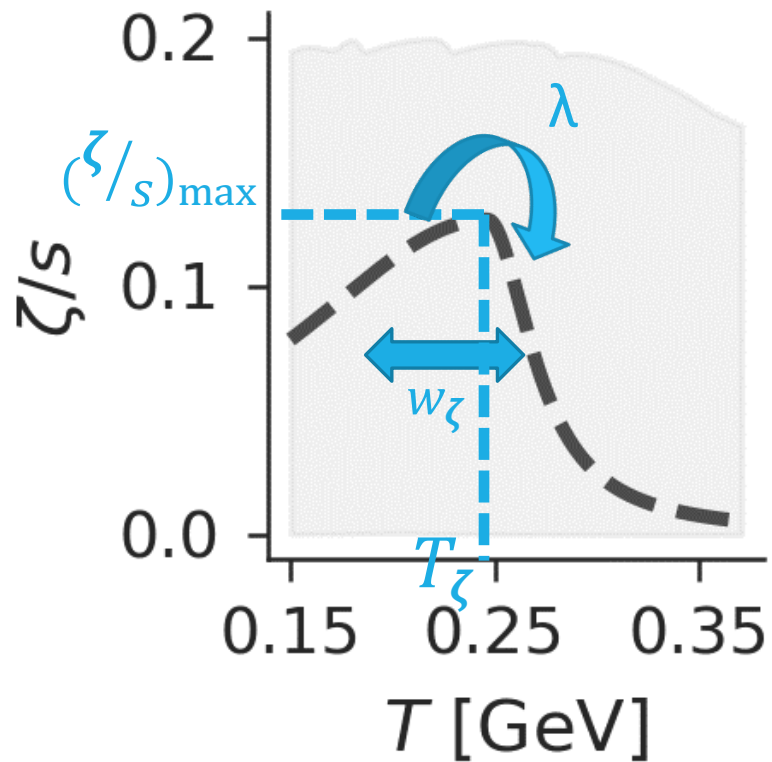
Quantify transport properties: shear and bulk viscosities



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

VISCOUS HYDRO

Viscosity parametrizations:



Parameter	Symbol
temperature of kink	T_η
shear at kink	$(\eta/s)_{\text{kink}}$
shear low-T slope	a_{low}
shear high-T slope	a_{high}
temperature of bulk peak	T_ζ
bulk at peak	$(\zeta/s)_{\max}$
bulk width	w_ζ
bulk skewness	λ
shear relax. time	b_π

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 $f_i \neq f_{i,\text{eq}}(T(x), u^{\mu}(x))$

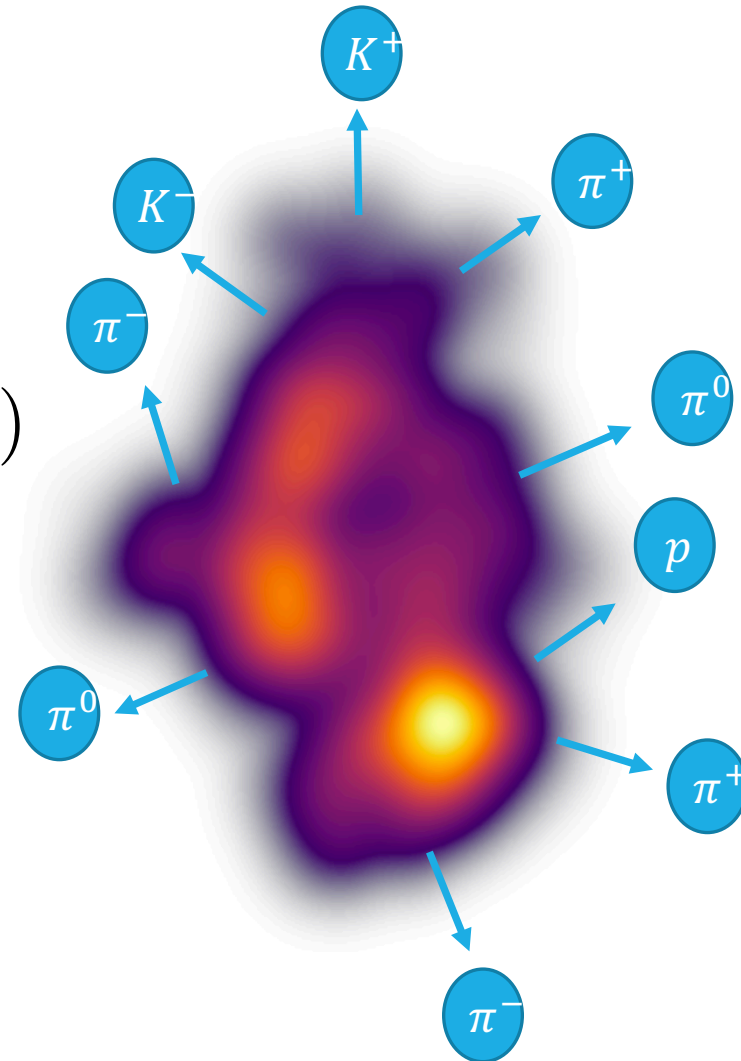
Must apply ansatz/models for

$$\delta f(x; p) \equiv f(x; p) - f_{\text{eq}}(x; p)$$

Consider three models:

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

Choice of model 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

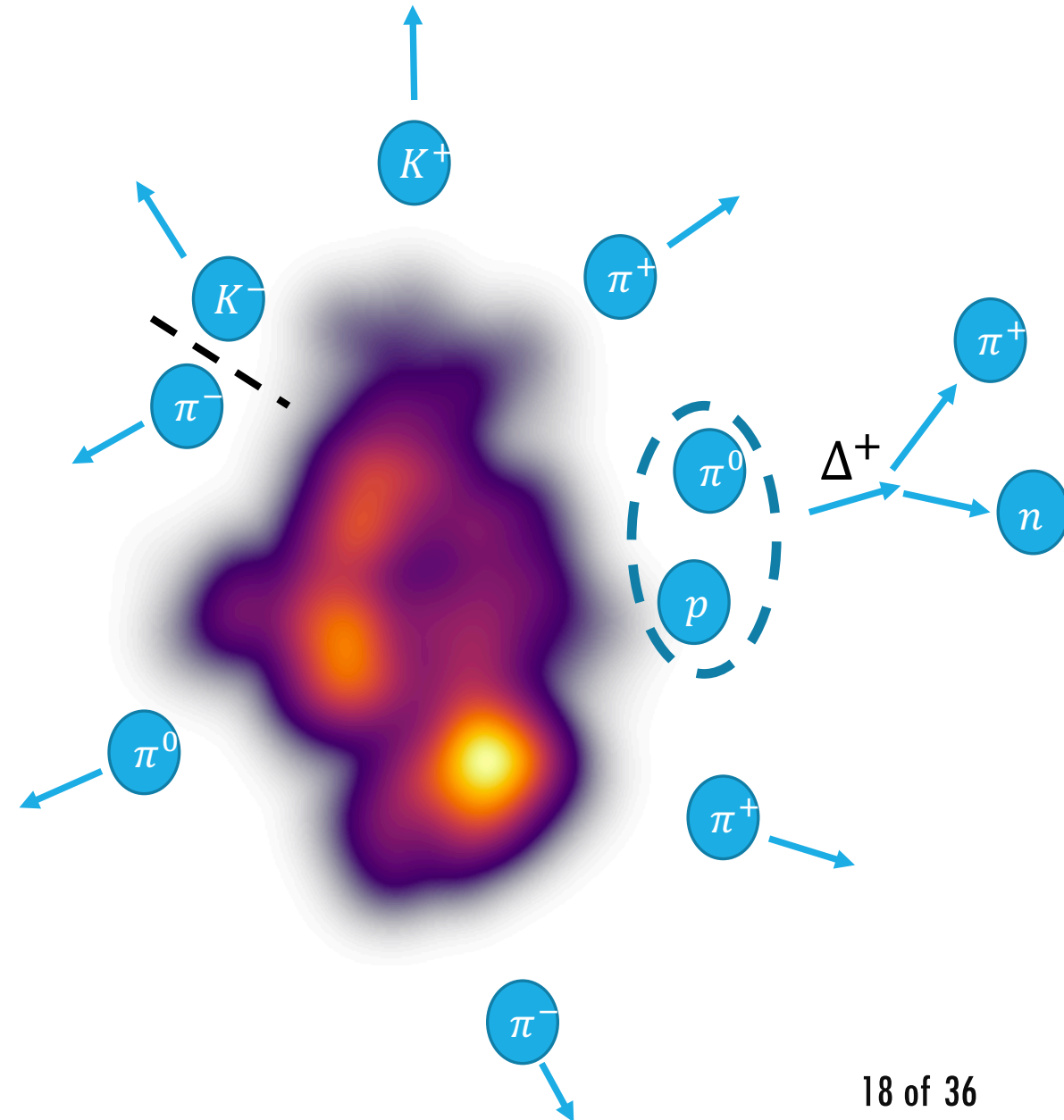
$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f = -\frac{u \cdot p}{\tau_r} (f - f_{\text{eq}}) \quad \delta f = -\frac{\tau_R}{u \cdot p} p^\mu \partial_\mu f_{\text{eq}} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$$

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, ... are continuous at particlization
- No parameters varied

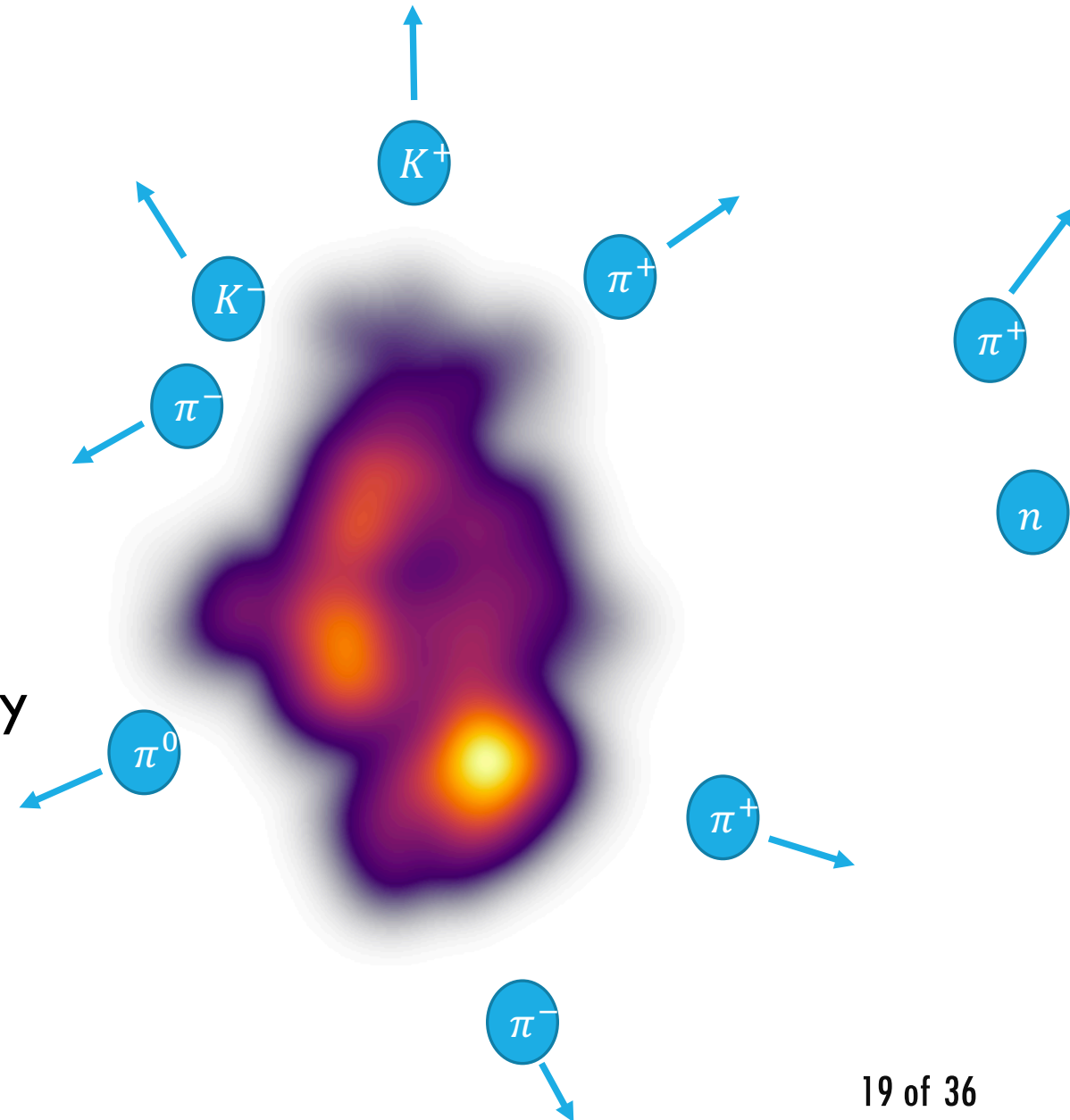


OBSERVABLES

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)

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

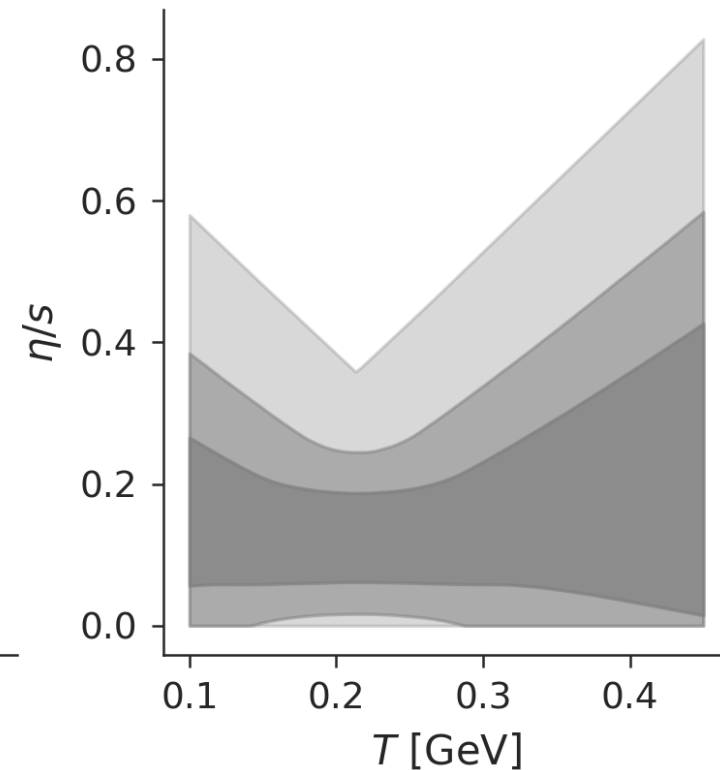
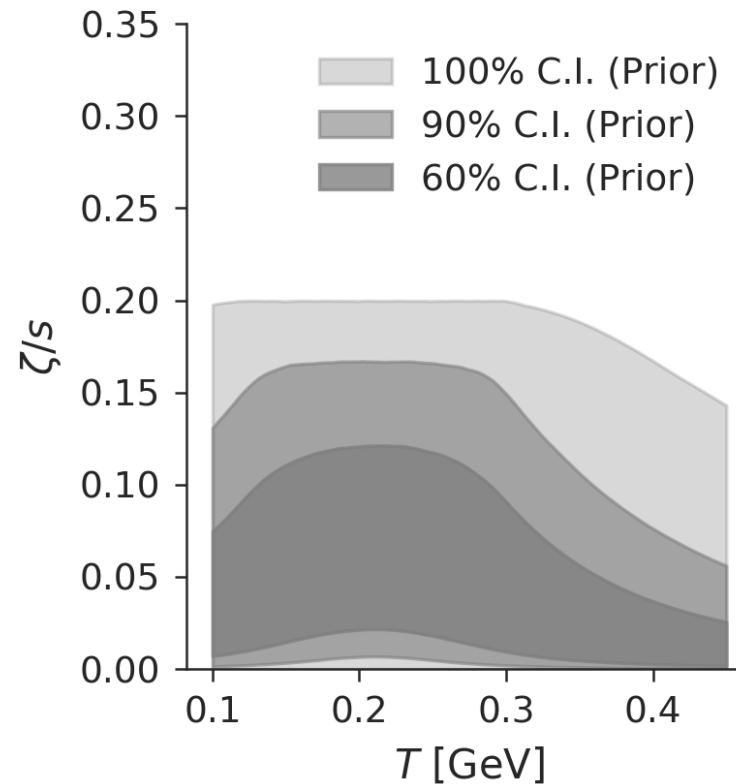
A uniform prior is **not** 'uninformed'

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

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

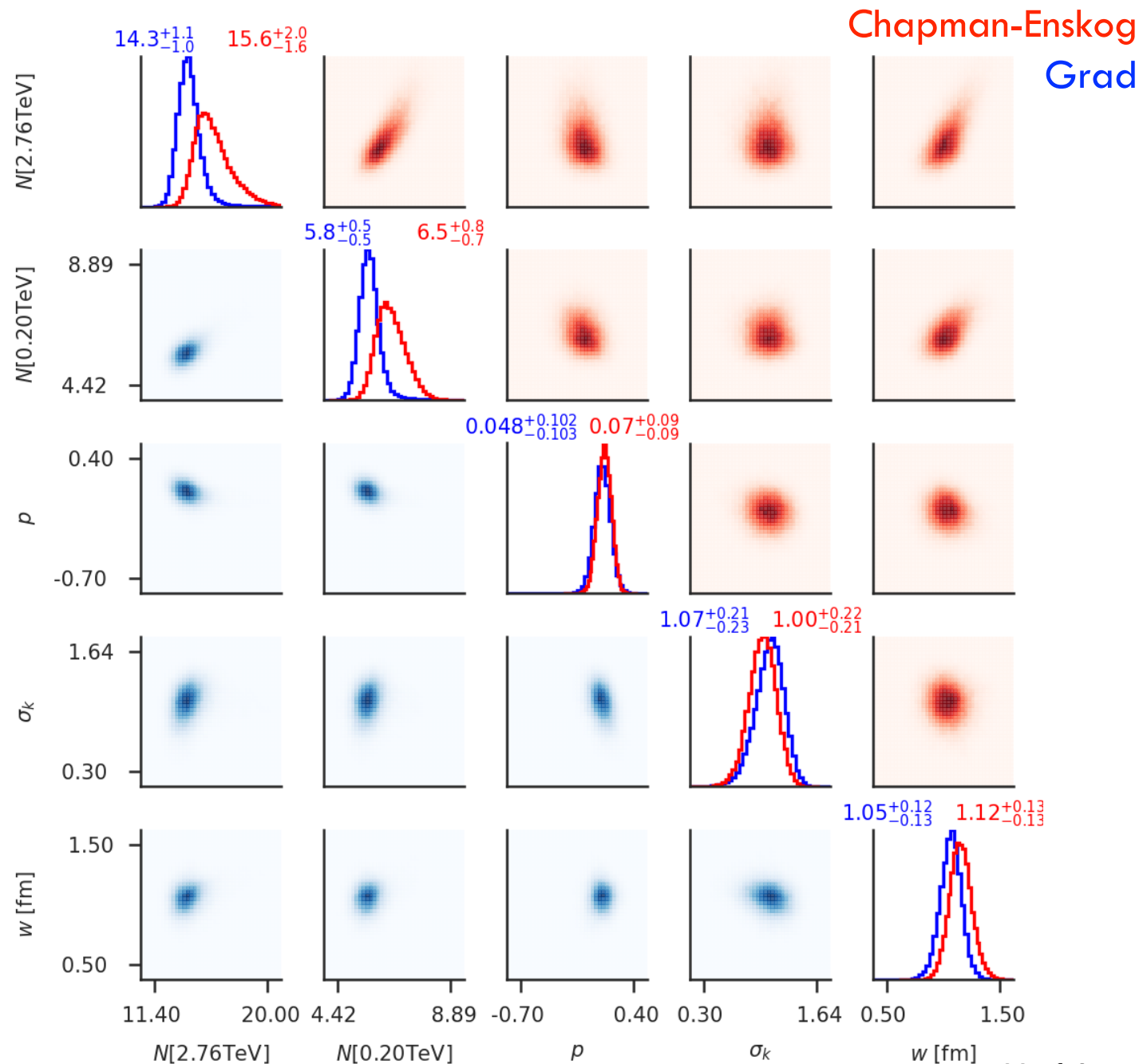
*more general than previous works, w/ room for future generalization

Viscosity Prior



QUANTIFYING THE QGP INITIAL STATE

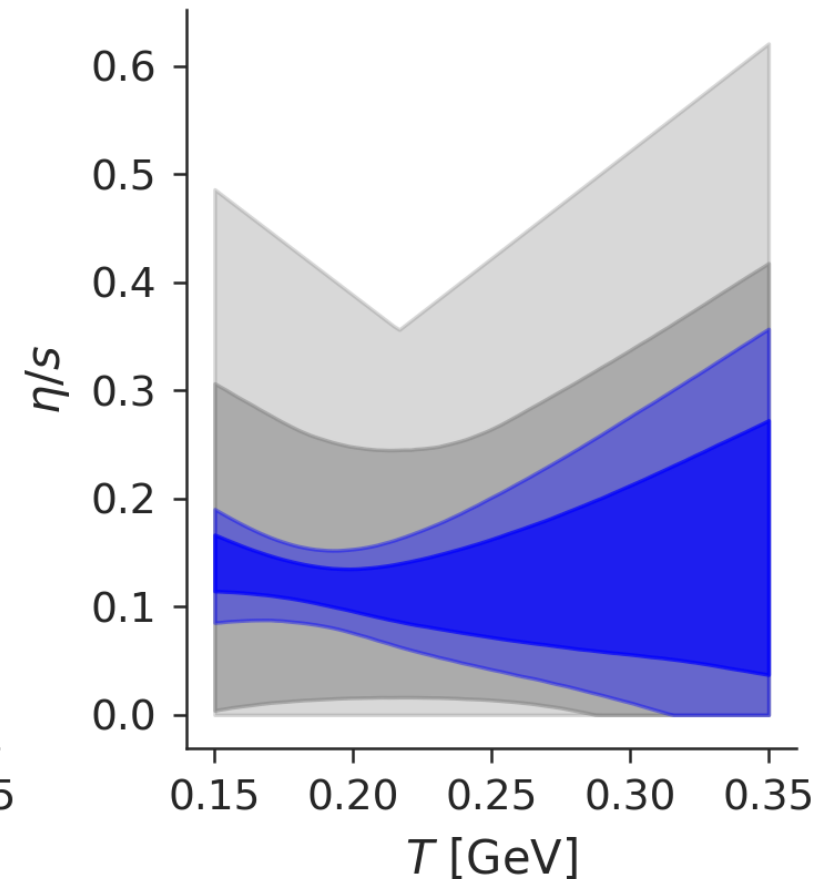
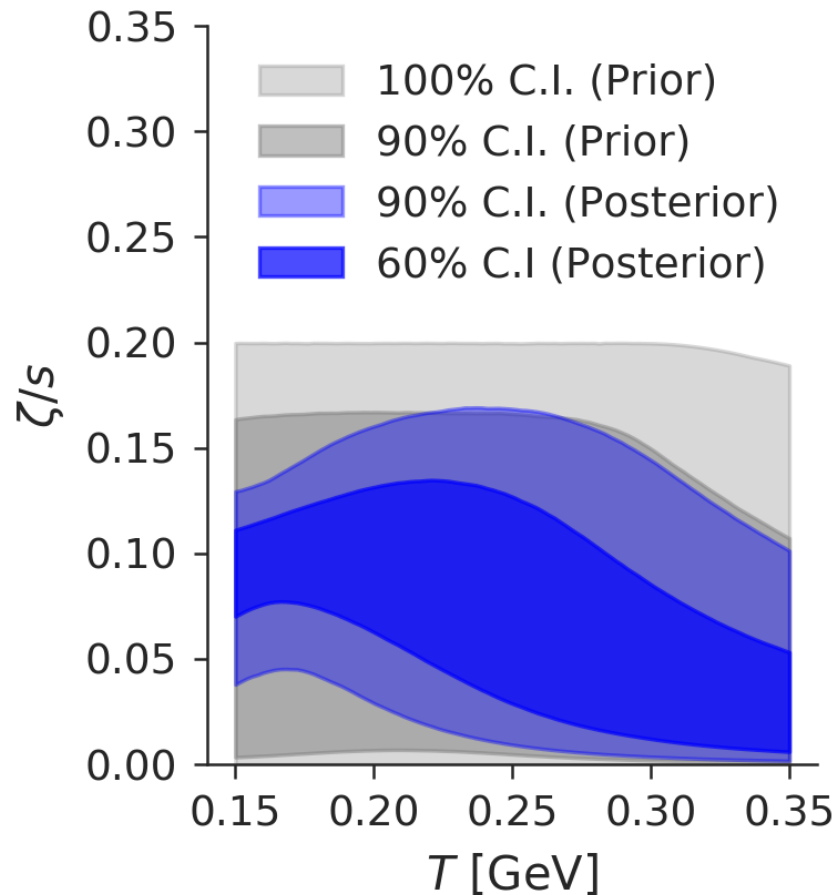
- Estimates w / both LHC and RHIC data
- Parameters well constrained by data
- Reduced-thickness p , fluctuation σ_k and width w robust under viscous correction model (Grad/Chapman-Enskog)



QUANTIFYING THE QGP COUPLING STRENGTH

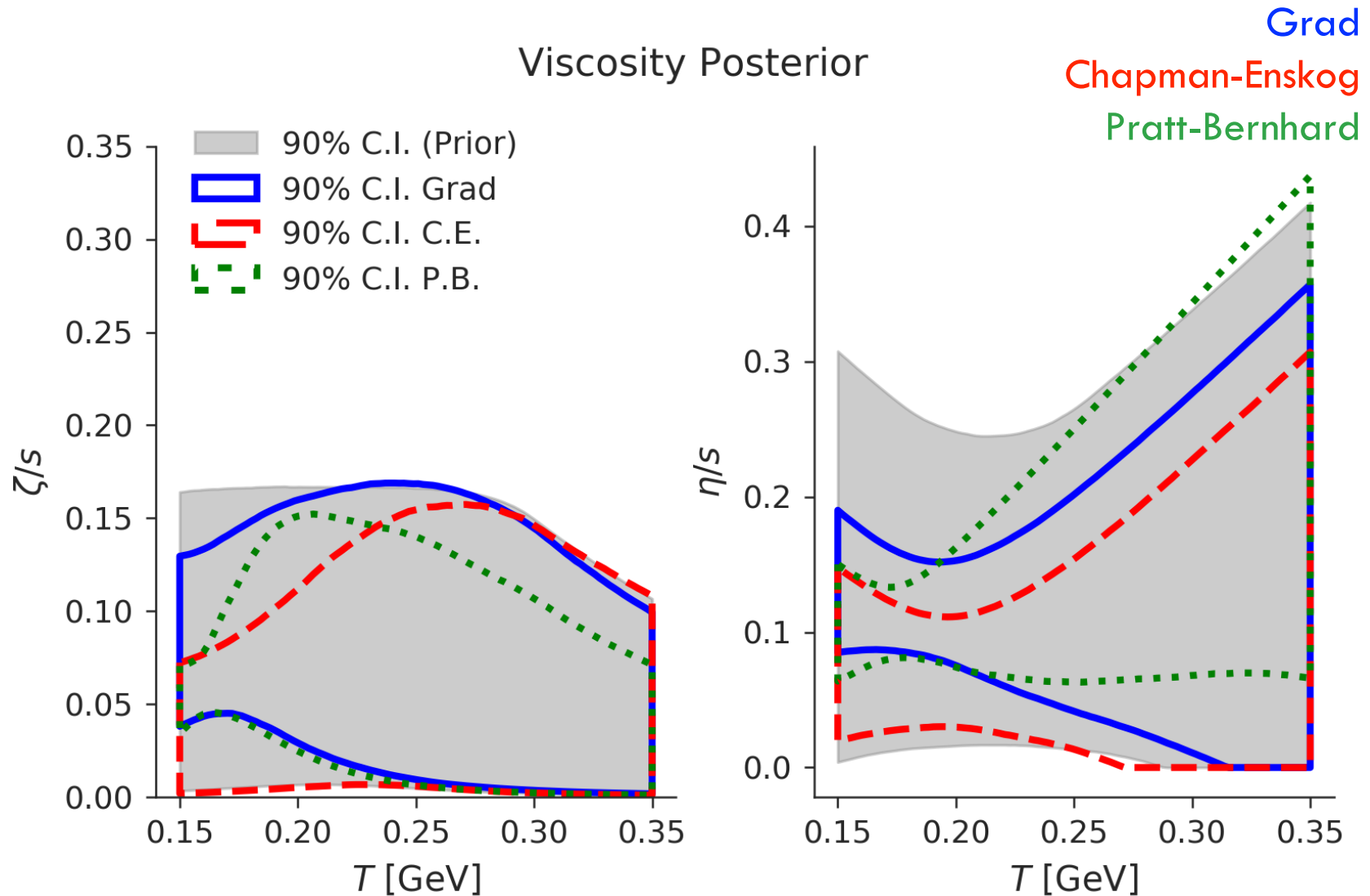
- Estimates w/ both LHC and RHIC data
- Better constraint near switching temperature
- ‘Returning the prior’ at high temperature for bulk viscosity!

Viscosity Posterior : Grad



QUANTIFYING THE QGP COUPLING STRENGTH

- Estimates w/ both LHC and RHIC data
- Better constraint near switching temperature
- Viscosity estimates strongly depend on viscous correction!
- ‘Returning the prior’ at high temperature for bulk viscosity!

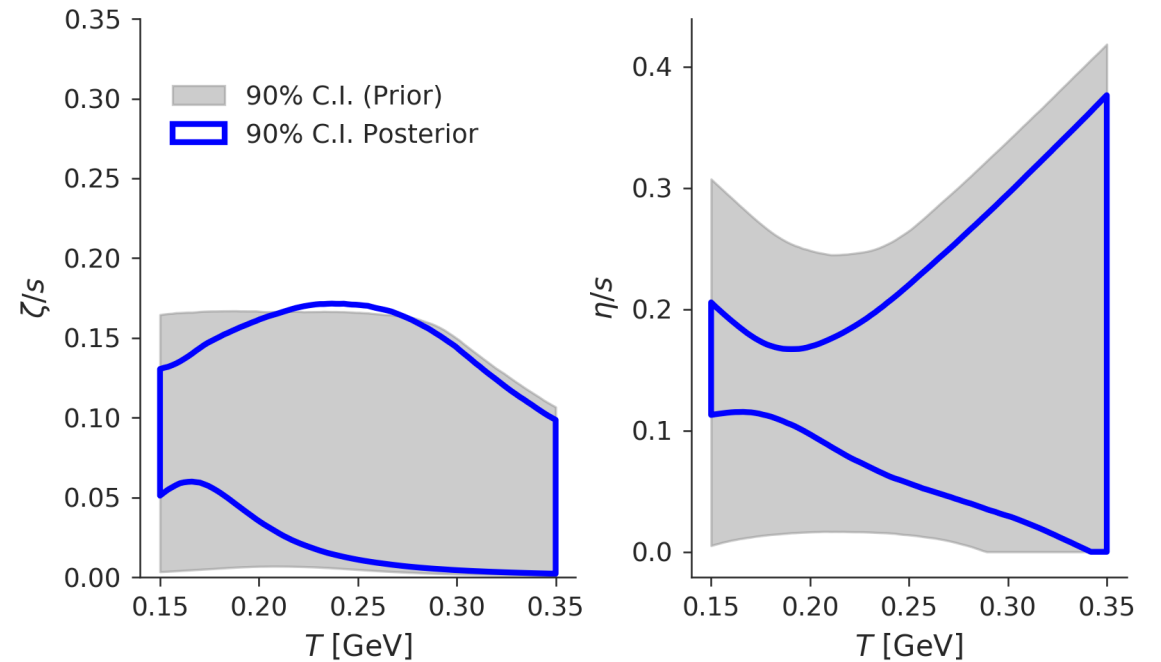


QUANTIFYING THE 2ND ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

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

Posterior for viscosity plotted at right

Grad Viscosity Posterior : $b_\pi = 2$



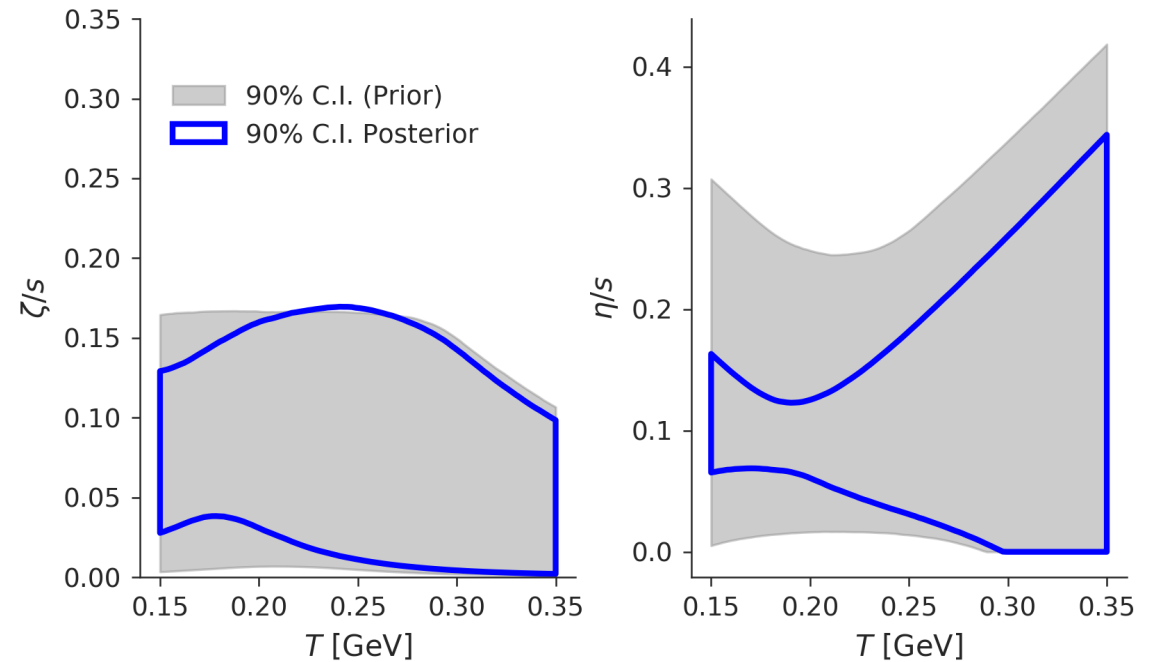
QUANTIFYING THE 2ND ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

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...)

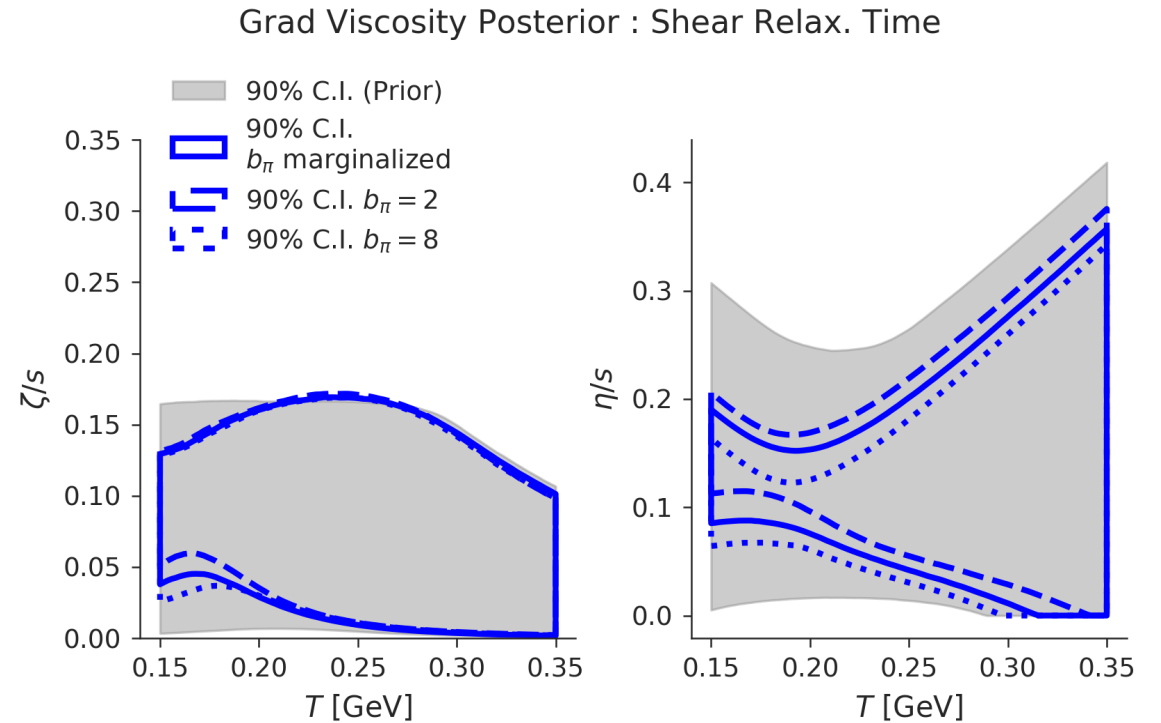
Grad Viscosity Posterior : $b_\pi = 8$



QUANTIFYING THE 2ND ORDER TRANSPORT COEFF.

Remember, we can marginalize over 'nuisance parameters'

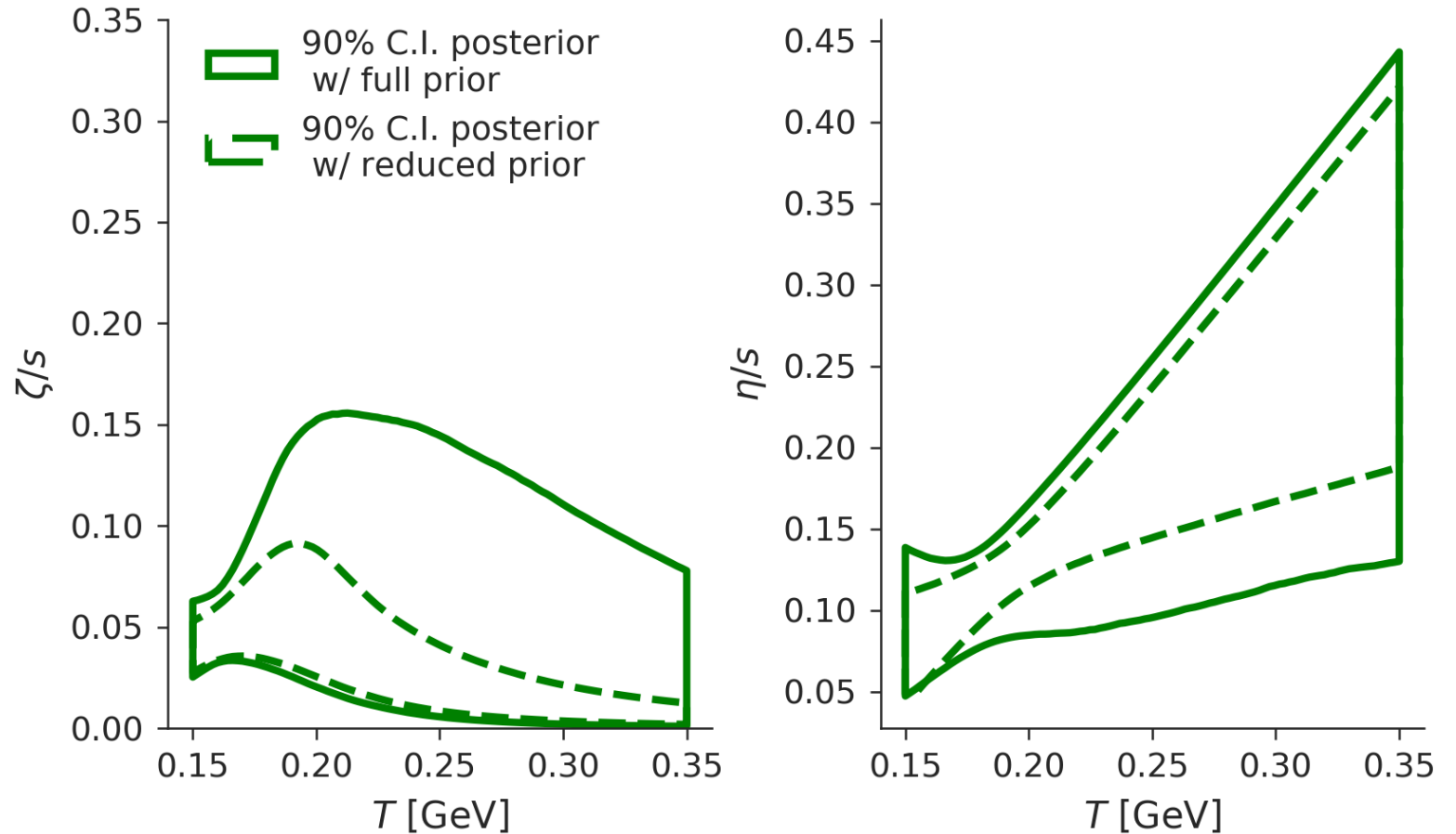
Marginalizing over shear relaxation time gives more robust estimation of shear viscosity



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

Pratt-Bernhard Viscous Posterior dependence on prior



Nat. Phys.* **15, 1113–1117 (2019)



**Which observables are
sensitive?**

OBSERVABLES SENSITIVITY

Sensitivity index : how
observables constrain parameters

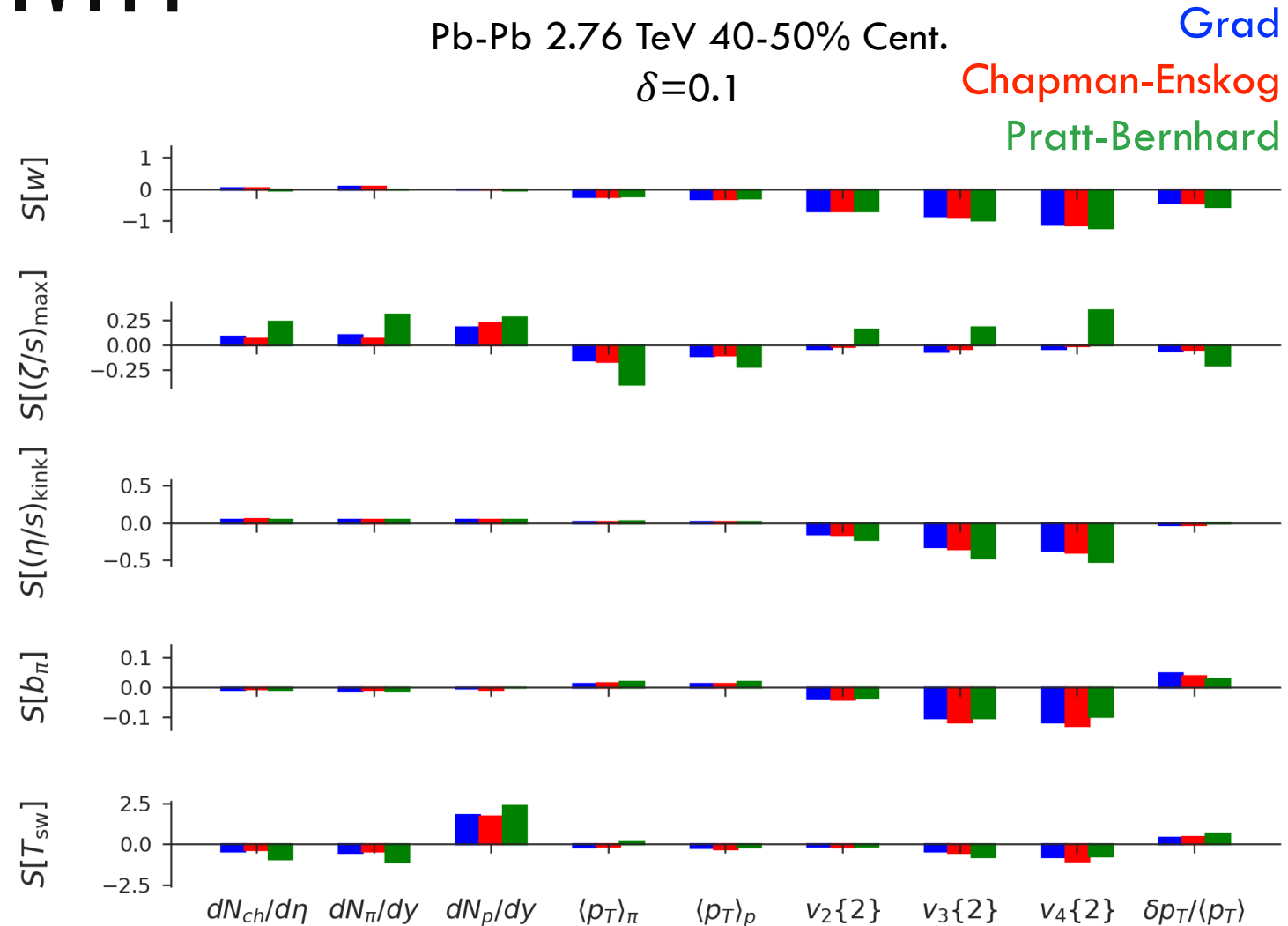
Observable: \hat{O}

parameter: p

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

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

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

BAYESIAN MODEL SELECTION

- We have two models, A and B ...
- Bayes factor is 'the odds'
...informed by specific data \mathbf{y}_{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?
- Given the rest of the model components, chosen data provide moderate evidence favoring Grad and Pratt-Bernhard models over Chapman-Enskog
- Chosen data do not provide evidence (dis)favoring Grad over 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.	≈ 8
Grad	P.B.	≈ 0
P.B.	C.E.	≈ 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The JETSCAPE Collaboration

XSEDE

Extreme Science and Engineering
Discovery Environment

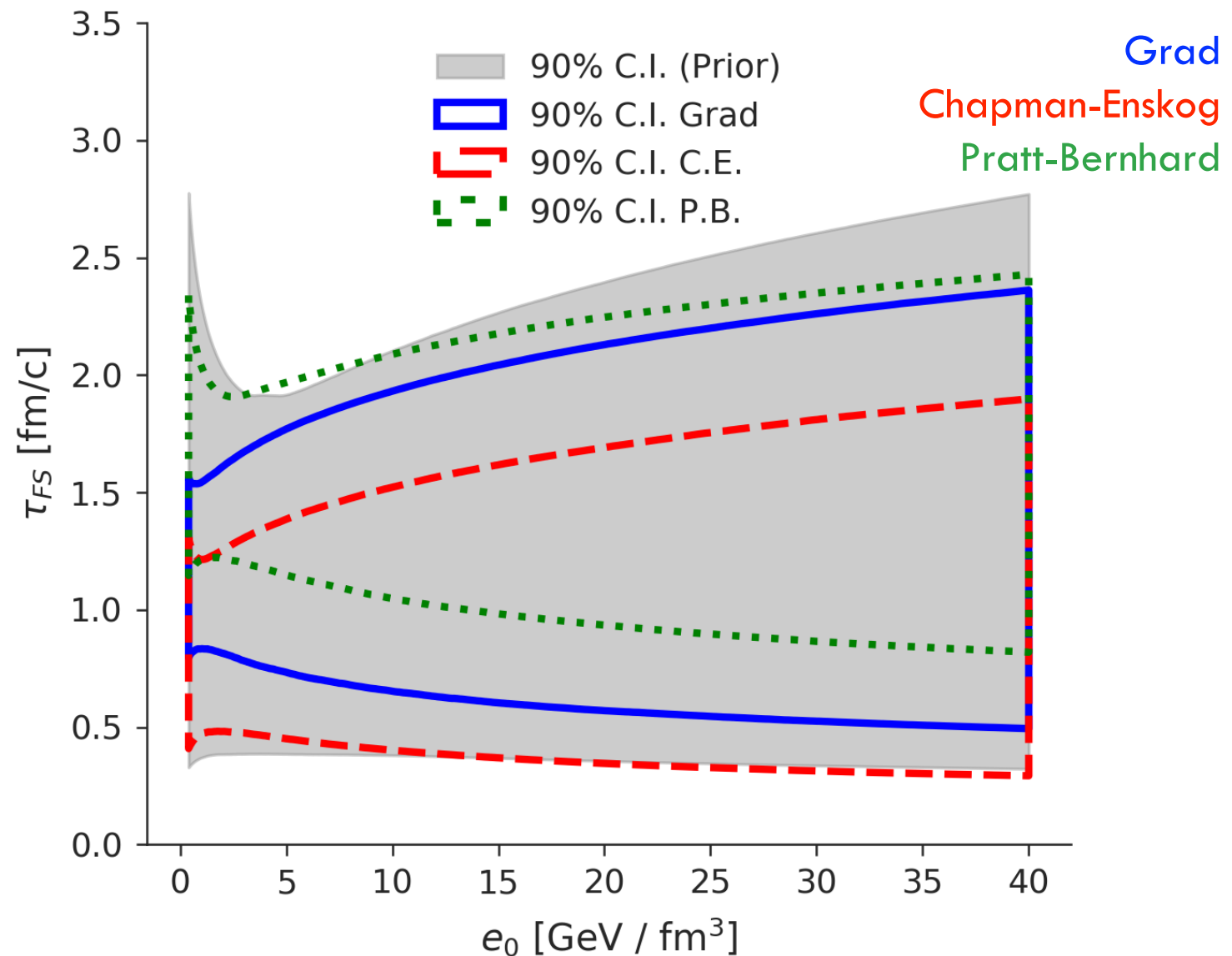
**Computational resources
XSEDE & TACC**

Backup

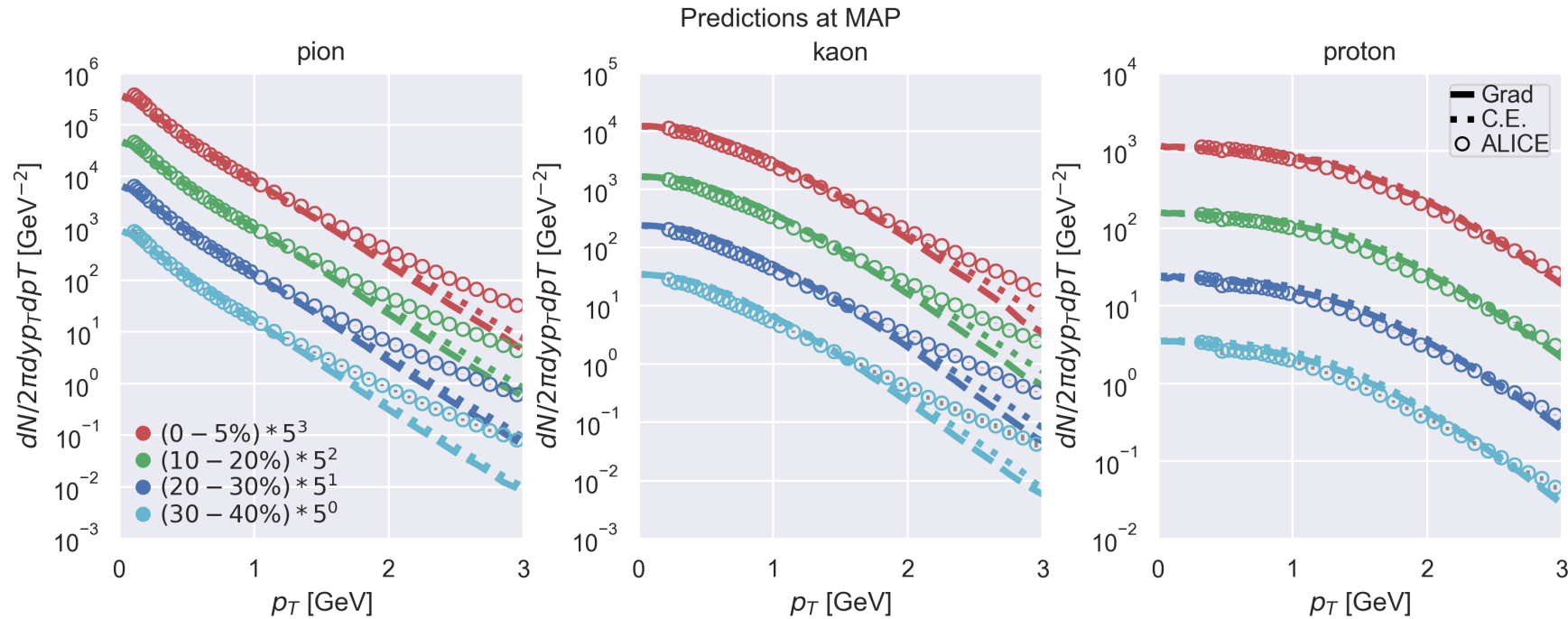
QUANTIFYING THE QGP INITIAL STATE

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

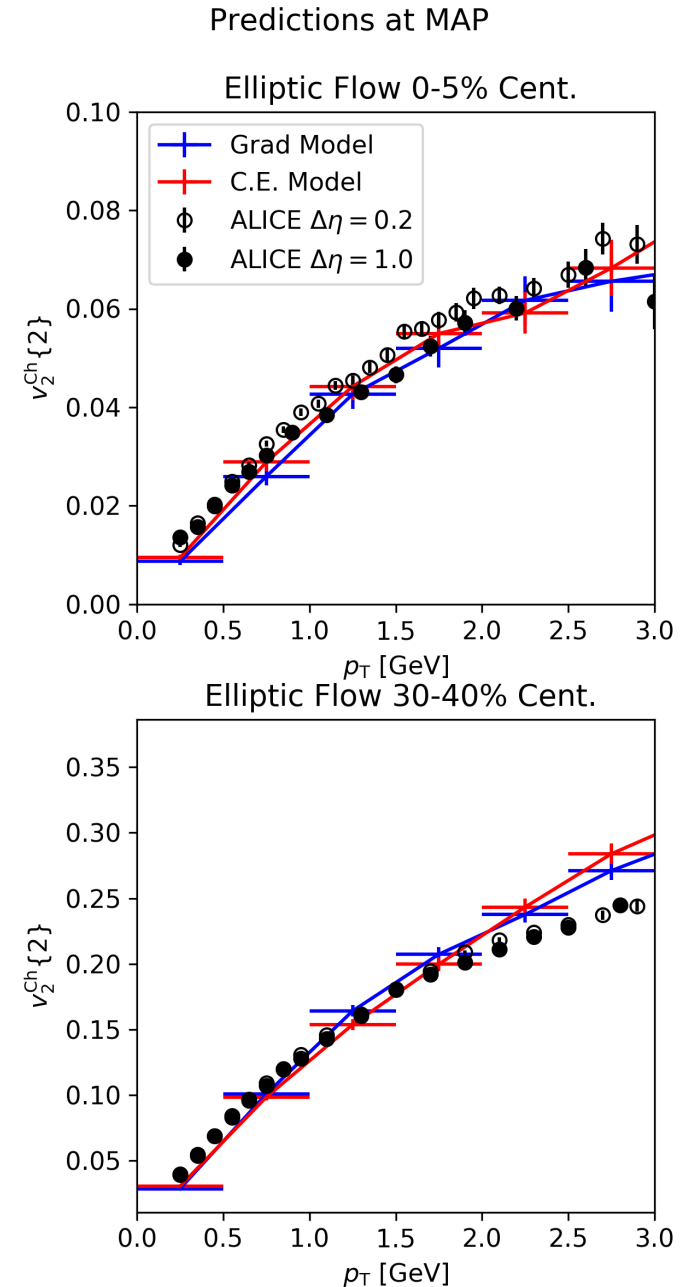
Freestreaming Time Posterior



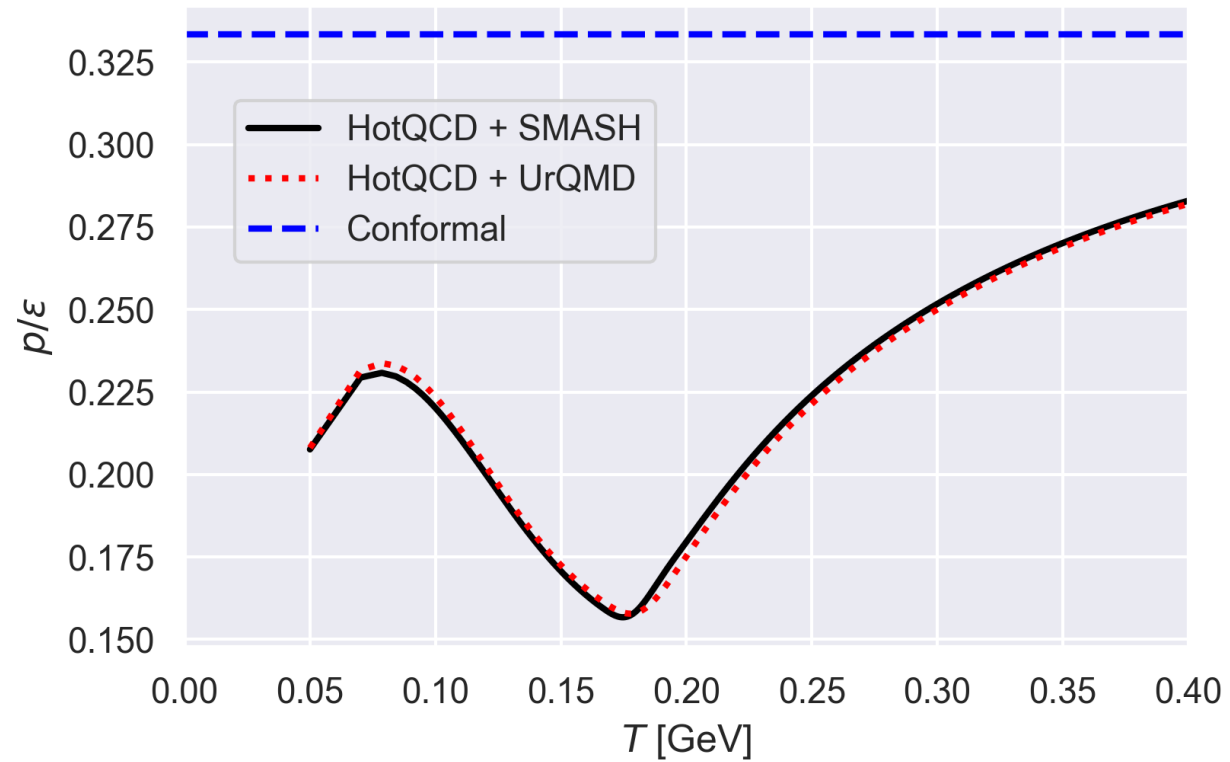
MODEL PREDICTIONS



- 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...



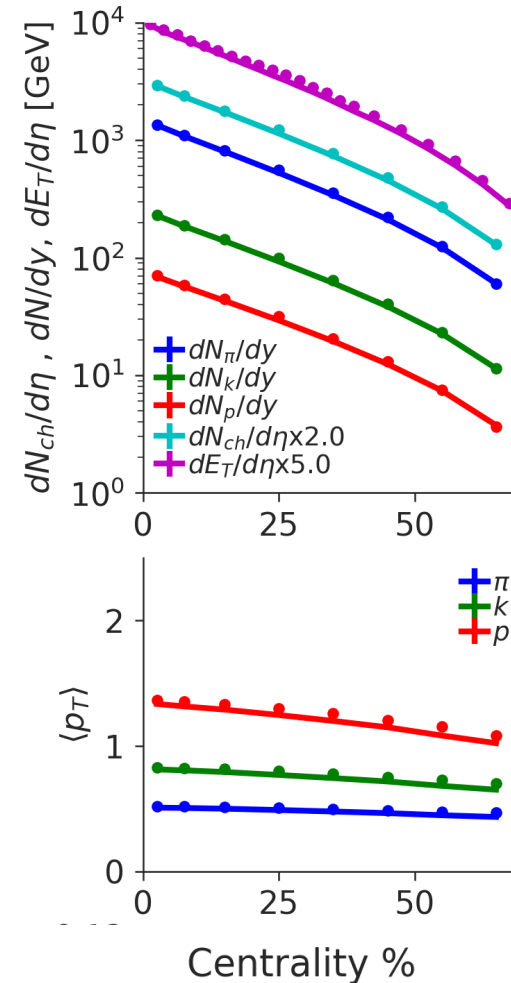
EQN OF STATE (EOS)



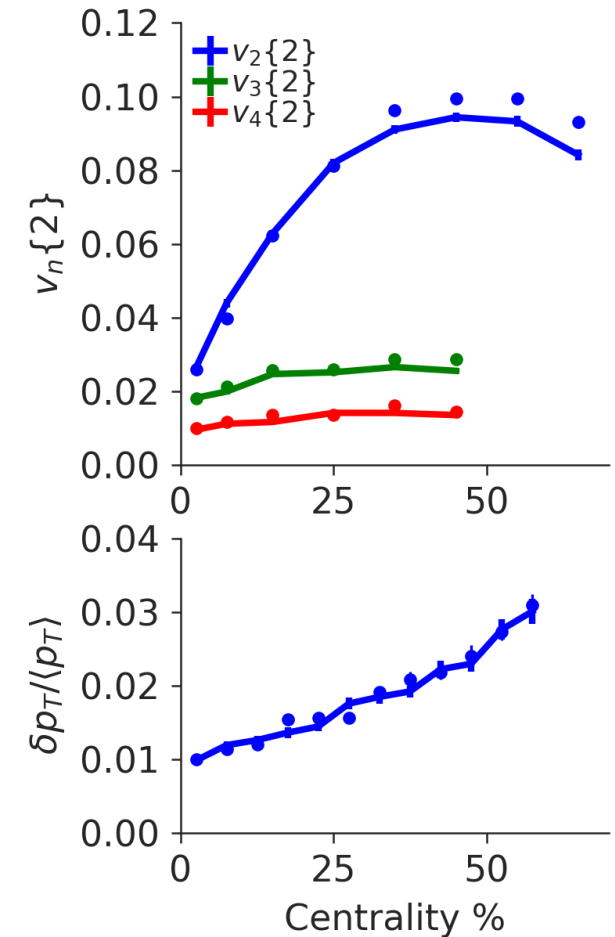
BULK RELAXATION TIME

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

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

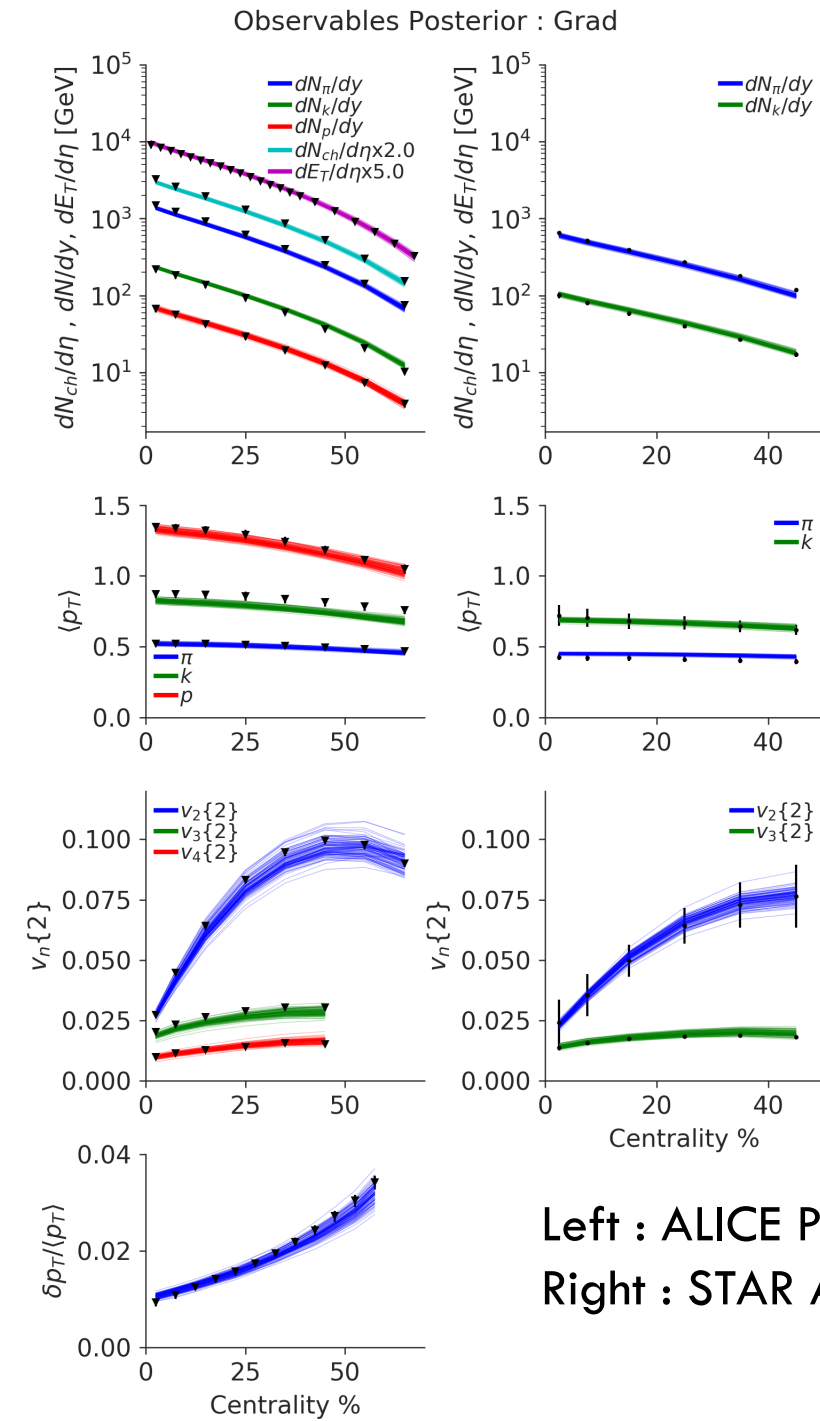


Lines : $b_{\pi} = 1/14.55$
 Dots : $b_{\pi} = 2/14.55$



OBSERVABLES POSTERIOR

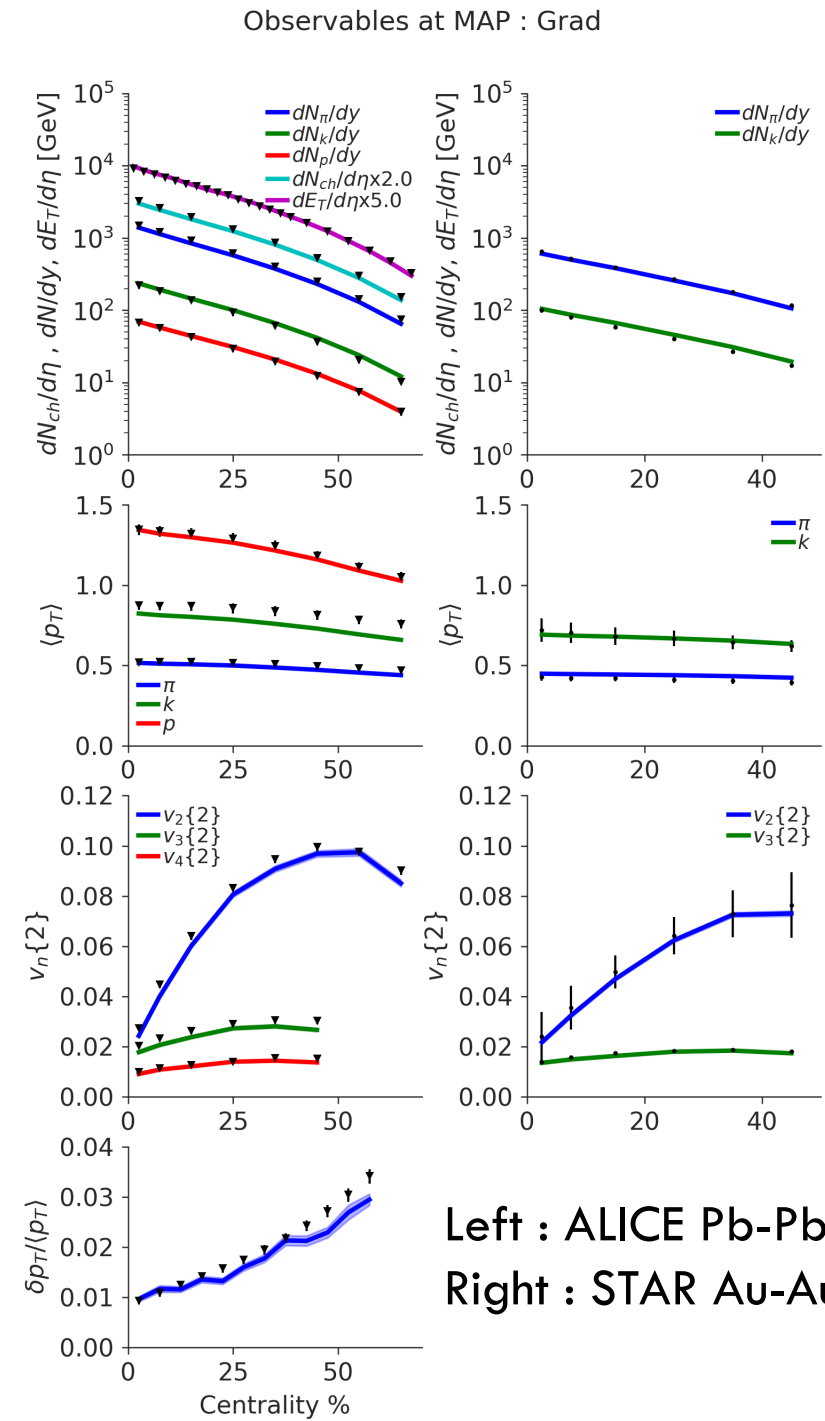
- 100 samples drawn from parameter posterior
- Observables predicted by Gauss. Process Emulator



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

MODEL PREDICTIONS AT MAP

- 5,000 fluctuating events at maximum 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