

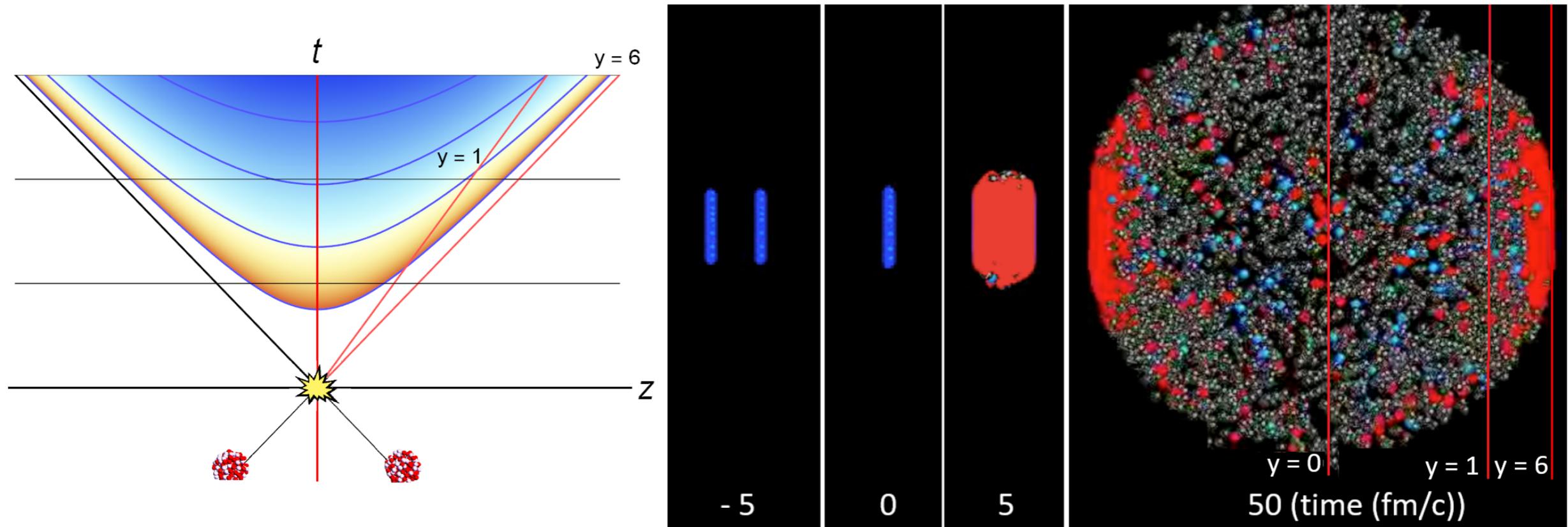
# Hydrodynamics and flow in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions

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# Sketch of a Pb+Pb collision at LHC



*Busza et al. [1802.04801](#)*

- The collision creates strongly-coupled quark-gluon matter, governed by strong interactions, which expands into the vacuum.  $\sim 30000$  particles produced at the end.
- The best theoretical description is a macroscopic one: a small lump of **fluid**.

# Ideal and viscous hydrodynamics

Fluid dynamics is a macroscopic description. One does not follow the particles individually, but only the evolution in space and time of the energy and momentum.

Energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$  = ideal fluid+viscous corrections.

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\varepsilon u_\mu u_\nu + p[\varepsilon] \Delta_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Ideal fluid.}} - \eta[\varepsilon] \sigma_{\mu\nu} - \zeta[\varepsilon] \Delta_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu u^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2),$$

Ideal fluid.  
equation of state  
of QCD

↓  
Shear  
viscosity

↓  
Bulk  
viscosity

# Hydrodynamics applied to heavy ions

- One chooses an **initial condition**, inspired by what one knows about the early stages of the collision, before a fluid is formed, usually allowing for **event-by-event fluctuations**.
- The expansion into the vacuum is modeled by the equations of hydrodynamics, which involve an **equation of state** and **transport coefficients (viscosities)**.
- The fluid freezes out into individual hadrons (**hadronization**) which may **undergo further interactions**, and eventually **decay** into stable hadrons.
- The output of the calculation is the **momentum distribution of identified hadrons in every event**, which can be compared with experimental data: particle **spectra**, and **correlations** (typically **anisotropic flow**).

# Approaches to hydro/data comparison

- There are **many parameters** entering the hydrodynamic calculations, and **many experimental observables** which can be compared with calculations. This has motivated the development of **global Bayesian analyses**.

Novak Novak Pratt Vredevoogd Coleman-Smith 1303.5769  
Bernhard Moreland Bass Liu Heinz 1605.03954  
Nijs van der Schee Gürsoy Snellings 2010.15134  
JETSCAPE Collaboration 2011.01430

- In this talk, I describe simpler approaches, by selecting **specific bulk observables**, showing that they depend on **specific parameters**, and studying this dependence in unprecedented detail.

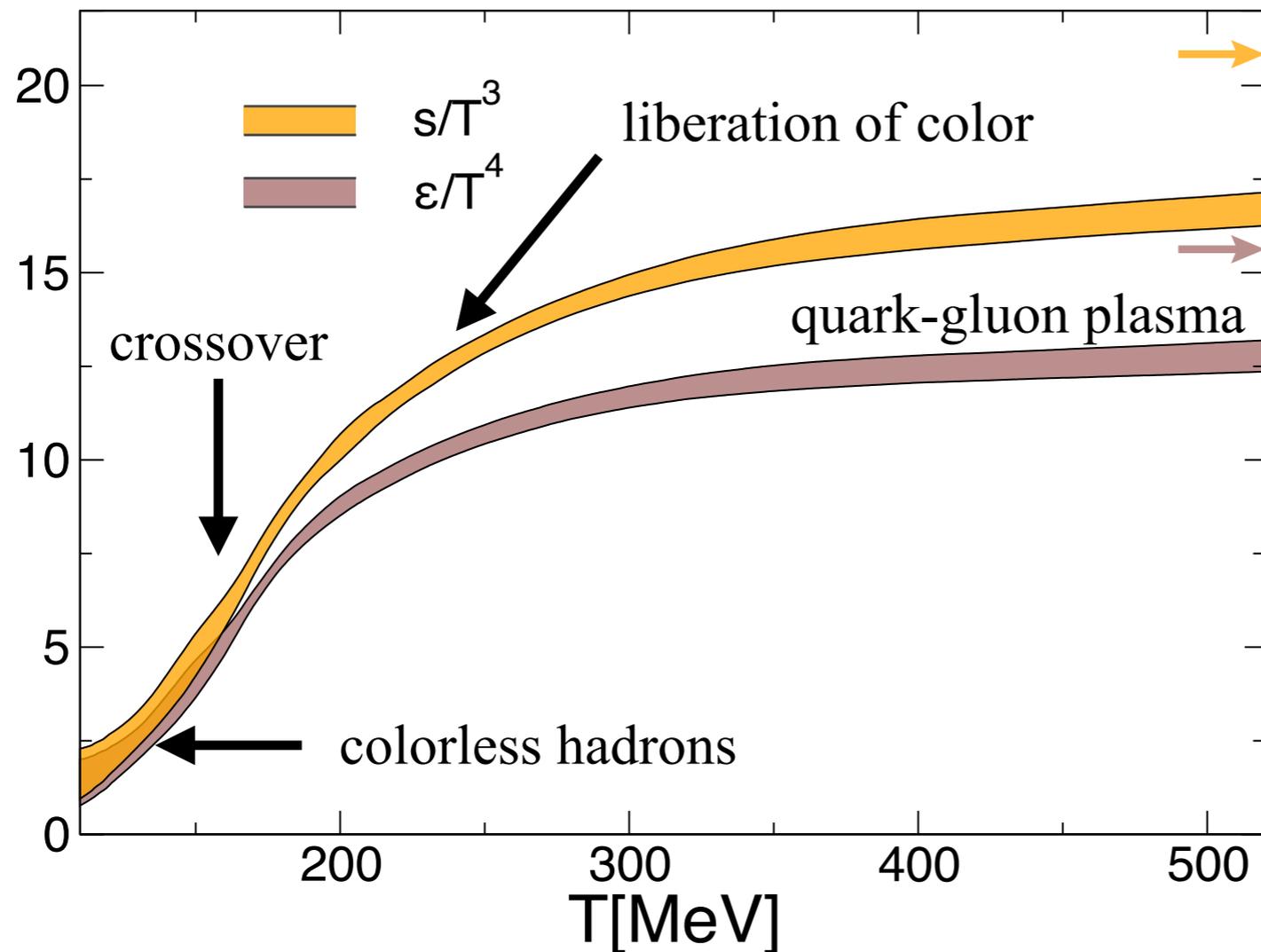
# Outline

1. Measuring the **equation of state of QCD** using  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and  $dN/d\eta$  of charged hadrons.
2. What we can learn about **temperature-dependent shear and bulk viscosities** using  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  of charged hadrons.
3. **Event-to-event initial state fluctuations**: the success of **hydrodynamics** in describing **anisotropic flow fluctuations** in proton-nucleus and nucleus-nucleus collisions.

I. Measuring the **equation of state of QCD** using  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and  $dN/d\eta$  of charged hadrons.

1908.09728, with Fernando Gardim, Giuliano Giacalone, Matt Luzum,  
Nature Physics 16 (2020) 6, 615-619

# The equation of state of strong-interaction matter



Borsanyi et al, [1309.5258](#)

Now accurately  
calculated from  
first principles  
using lattice  
QCD

Can we confirm  
some of these  
results with  
heavy-ion data ?

# What was already known

State-of-the-art hydrodynamic simulations of nucleus-nucleus collisions all use an equation of state taken from (or inspired by) these lattice QCD results. They do a good job in reproducing experimental data.

Experienced hydro practitioners have known for decades that if one runs hydro with a very different equation of state, the calculated  $p_t$  spectra differ from the measured ones.

**Our contribution:** find a simple and robust correspondence between **equation of state** and **data**, which allows for quantitative comparison, including realistic error estimates.

# An old idea by Léon Van Hove (1982)



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Volume 118, Issues 1–3, 2 December 1982, Pages 138-140



## Multiplicity dependence of $p_t$ spectrum as a possible signal for a phase transition in hadronic collisions

L. Van Hove

### Abstract

It is argued that the flattening of the transverse momentum ( $p_t$ ) spectrum for increasing multiplicity  $n$ , observed at the CERN proton-antiproton collider for charged particles in the central rapidity region, may serve as a probe for the equation of state of hot hadronic matter. We discuss the possibility that this  $p_t$  versus  $n$  correlation could provide a signal for the deconfinement transition of hadronic matter.

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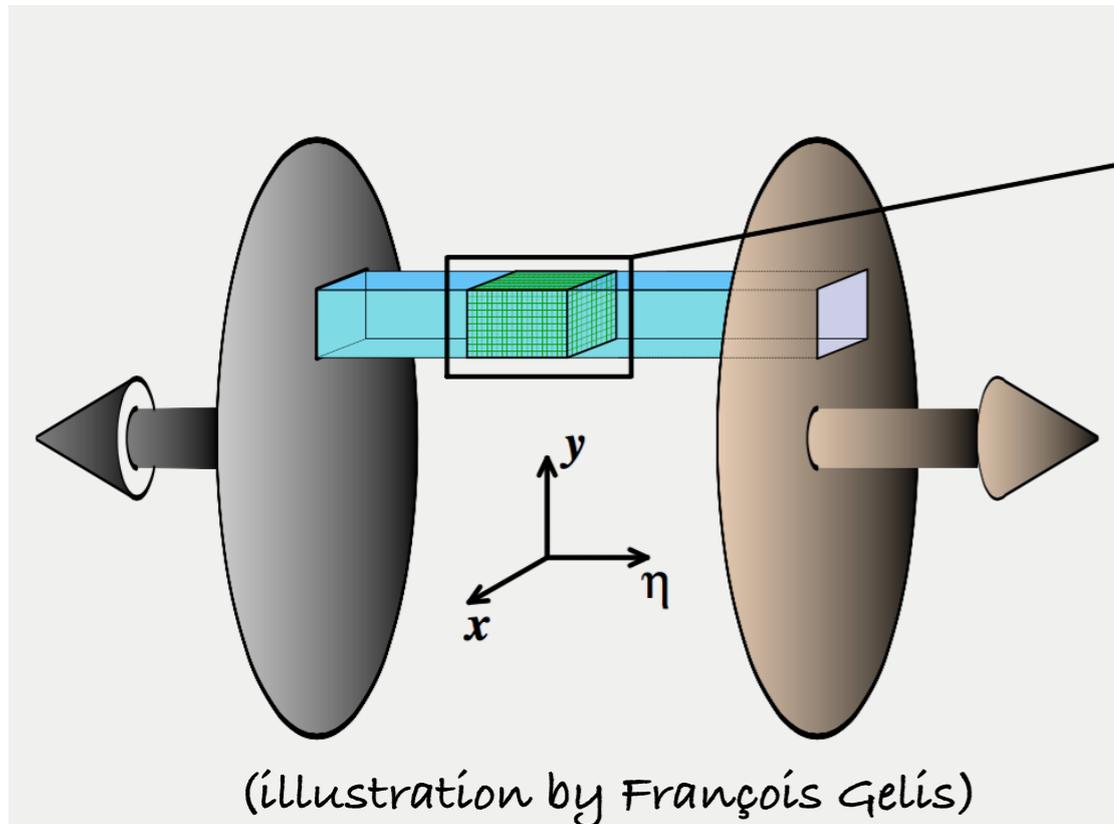
The mean transverse momentum of (almost massless) particles seen in detector,  $\langle p_t \rangle$ , is a fraction of the energy per particle: **proportional to** temperature **T**.

The multiplicity  $N_{ch}$  is **proportional to** the entropy density **s** if the volume is fixed.

Vary  $\sqrt{s}$  of central Pb+Pb collisions: volume is  $\sim$ fixed:  
 $\langle p_t \rangle$  vs.  $N_{ch}$  gives **T** versus **s** = equation of state.

A **thermodynamic** argument, which we have rephrased in the framework of the **hydrodynamical** description.

# Longitudinal cooling



In heavy-ion collisions, we observe a slice of fluid near mid-rapidity. Its **energy decreases** according to  **$dE = -PdV$**  as the system expands (Bjorken, 1983). Its **entropy increases slightly** due to viscosity.

Since hadrons are emitted at the end of the evolution, we expect that their  **$\langle p_t \rangle$**  is determined by the **entropy and energy of the fluid at freeze-out.**

# Effective temperature, effective volume

We define the effective temperature,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , and the effective volume,  $V_{\text{eff}}$ , of the quark-gluon plasma, as those of a **uniform fluid at rest** which would have the same energy  $E$  and entropy  $S$  as the fluid at freeze-out. (*extensive quantities  $E, S, V_{\text{eff}}$  are meant per unit rapidity*)

$$E = \int_{\text{f.o.}} T^{0\mu} d\sigma_{\mu} = \epsilon(T_{\text{eff}}) V_{\text{eff}},$$
$$S = \int_{\text{f.o.}} s u^{\mu} d\sigma_{\mu} = s(T_{\text{eff}}) V_{\text{eff}},$$

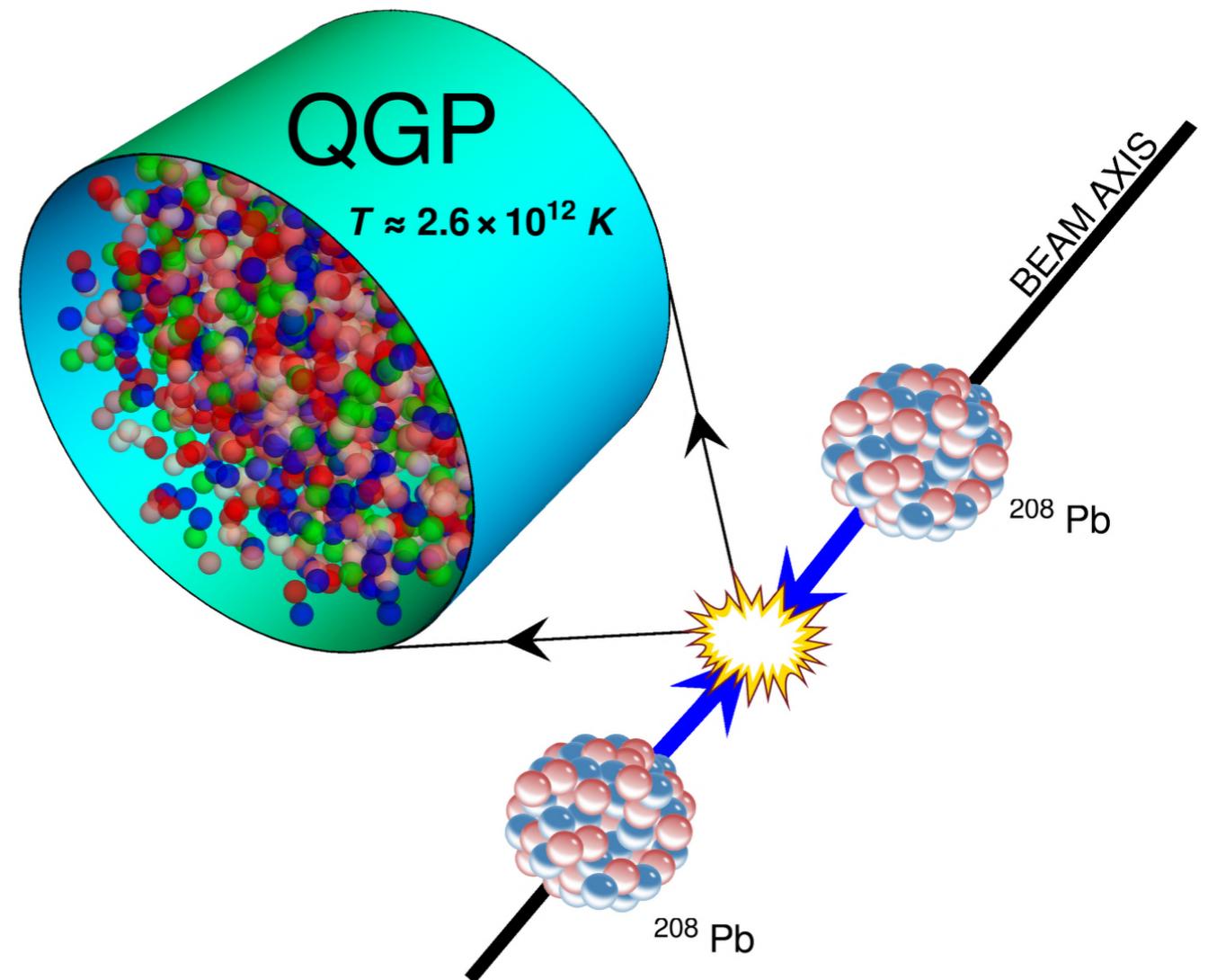
*These equations are solved to calculate  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $V_{\text{eff}}$   
= simple quantities, yet non-trivial ones. Hydro practitioners: calculate them!  
 $T_{\text{eff}}$  is smaller than the initial temperature due to longitudinal cooling  
larger than the freeze-out temperature due to transverse flow.*

I show how  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $s(T_{\text{eff}})$  relate to experimental observables.

# Effective temperature, effective volume

Put the total energy and entropy contained in one rapidity unit of the fluid, just before it transforms into hadrons, into a uniform cylinder.

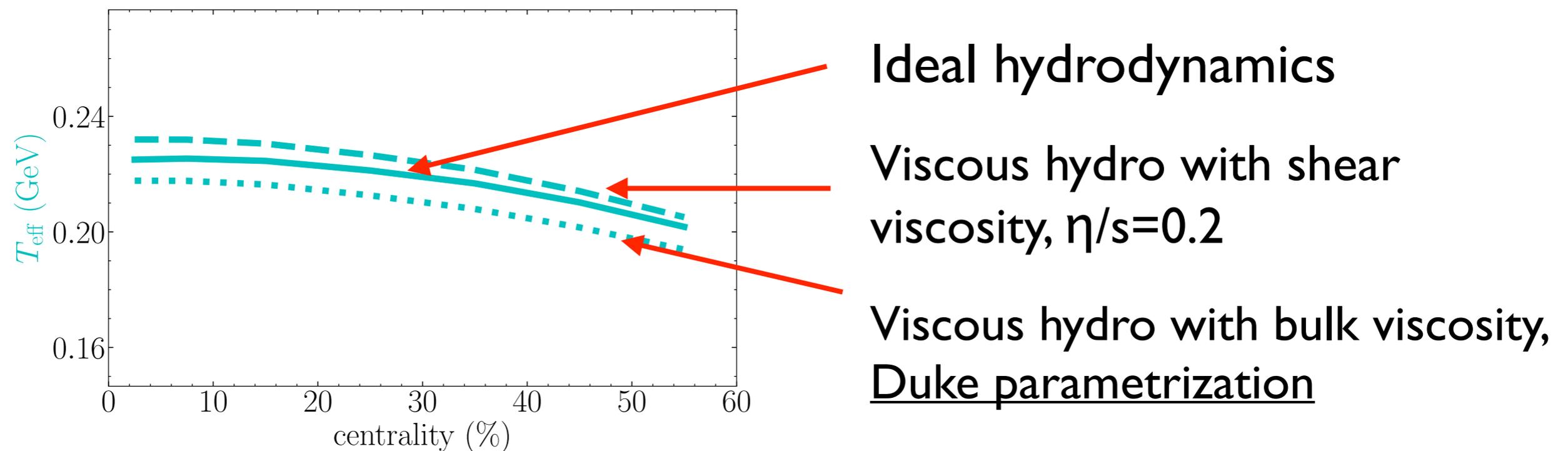
Effective temperature and volume are those of this cylinder.



# Value of $T_{\text{eff}}$ in hydro simulations of Pb+Pb @ 5.02 TeV

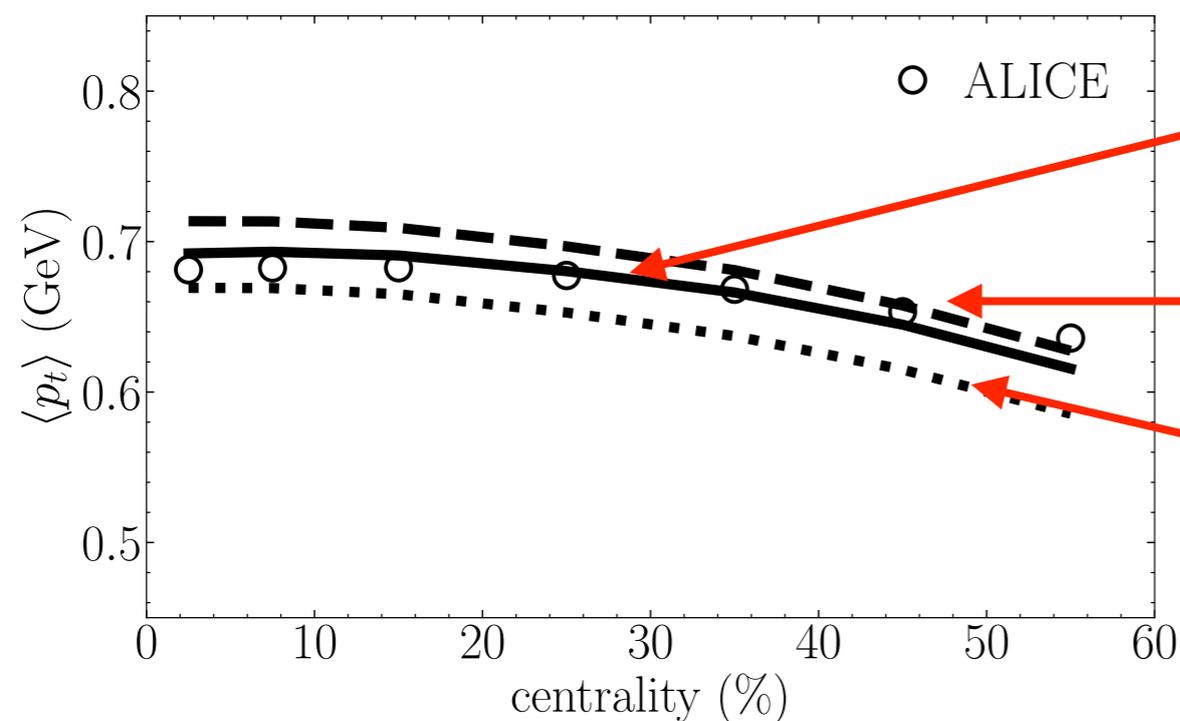
Hydro code = MUSIC.

Smooth initial density profile, normalization tuned to reproduce the charged multiplicity measured by ALICE.



# Value of $\langle p_t \rangle$ in hydro simulations of Pb+Pb @ 5.02 TeV

*We compute the average transverse momentum of particles at the end of the fluid expansion (and after resonance decays)*



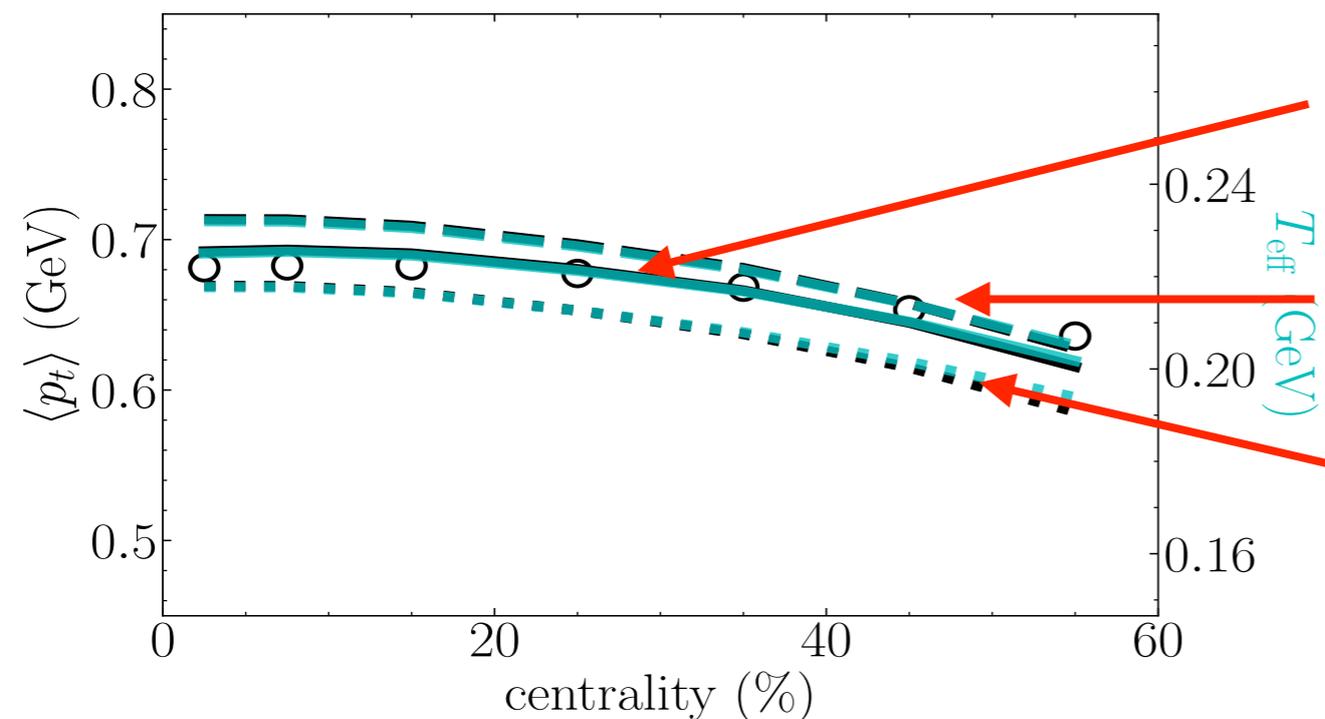
Ideal hydrodynamics

Viscous hydro with shear viscosity,  $\eta/s=0.2$

Viscous hydro with bulk viscosity, Duke parametrization

# Reviving Van Hove's idea

$\langle p_t \rangle = 3.07 T_{\text{eff}}$  for all centralities, irrespective of bulk and shear viscosity!



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# Value of $T_{\text{eff}}$ from experiment

Extraction from data is straightforward.

ALICE measures  $\langle p_t \rangle = 681 \text{ MeV}$

in Pb+Pb @ 5.02 TeV in 0-5% centrality bin.

This implies  $T_{\text{eff}} = \langle p_t \rangle / 3.07 = 222 \pm 9 \text{ MeV}$ ,

where the error is estimated by varying the freeze-out temperature.

Note that  $\langle p_t \rangle$ , hence  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , depends very little on the collision centrality. It depends also very little on the system size (e.g. Xe-Xe)

# Next step: entropy density at $T_{\text{eff}}$

Entropy density =  $S/V_{\text{eff}}$

$S$  = entropy *at freeze-out*, by definition of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  and  $T_{\text{eff}}$

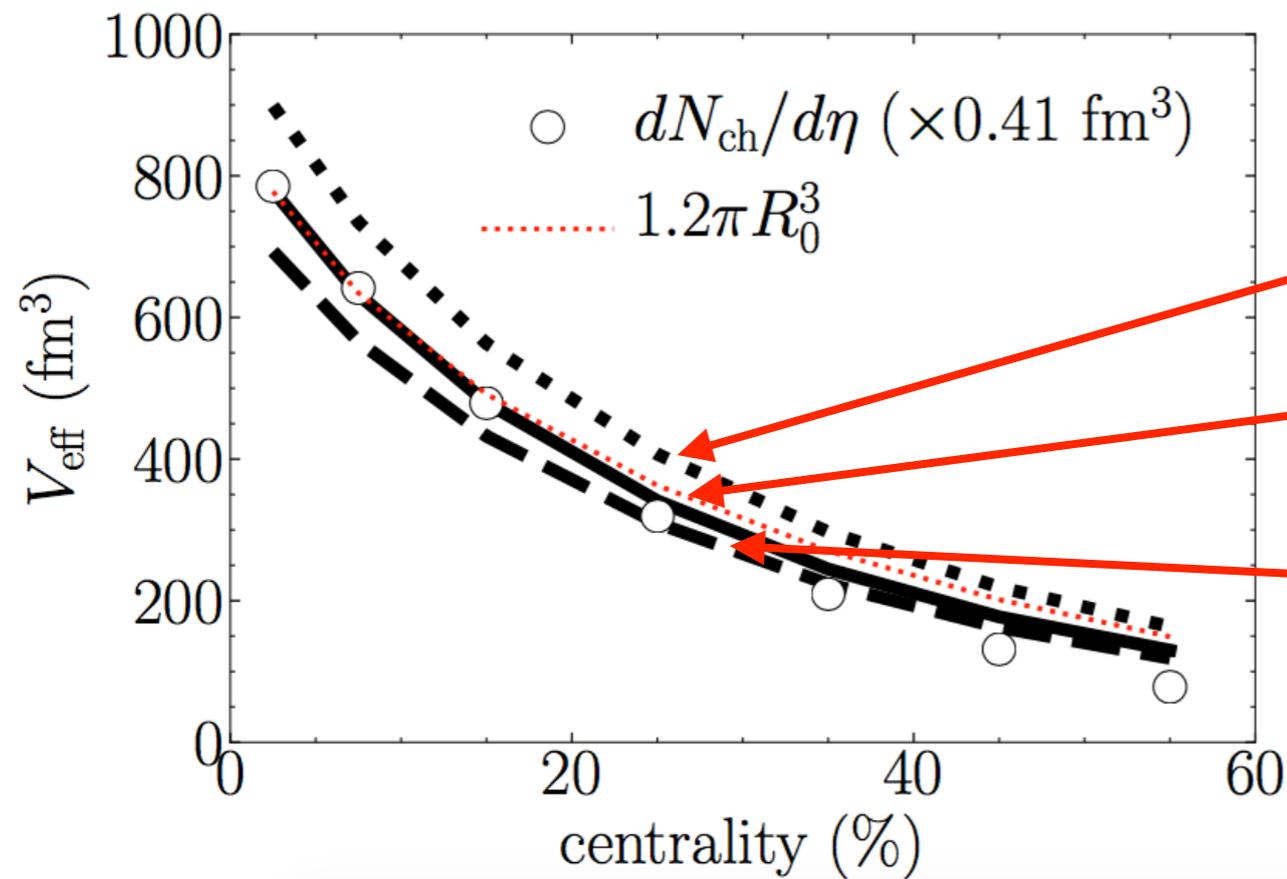
$S/N_{\text{ch}} = 6.7 \pm 0.8$  after resonance decays,

*Hanus Mazeliauskas Reygers, [1908.02792](#)*

$N_{\text{ch}}$  is measured, therefore,  $S$  is known

Effective volume  $V_{\text{eff}}$  *cannot be extracted from data.*  
Comes from a hydrodynamic *calculation.*

# Estimating the effective volume



Viscous hydro with bulk viscosity,  
Duke parametrization

Ideal hydrodynamics

Viscous hydro with shear  
viscosity,  $\eta/s=0.2$

$V_{\text{eff}}$  varies with centrality like  $R_0^3$ , where  
 $R_0$  = initial transverse radius.

~ 6 fm for central Pb+Pb collisions

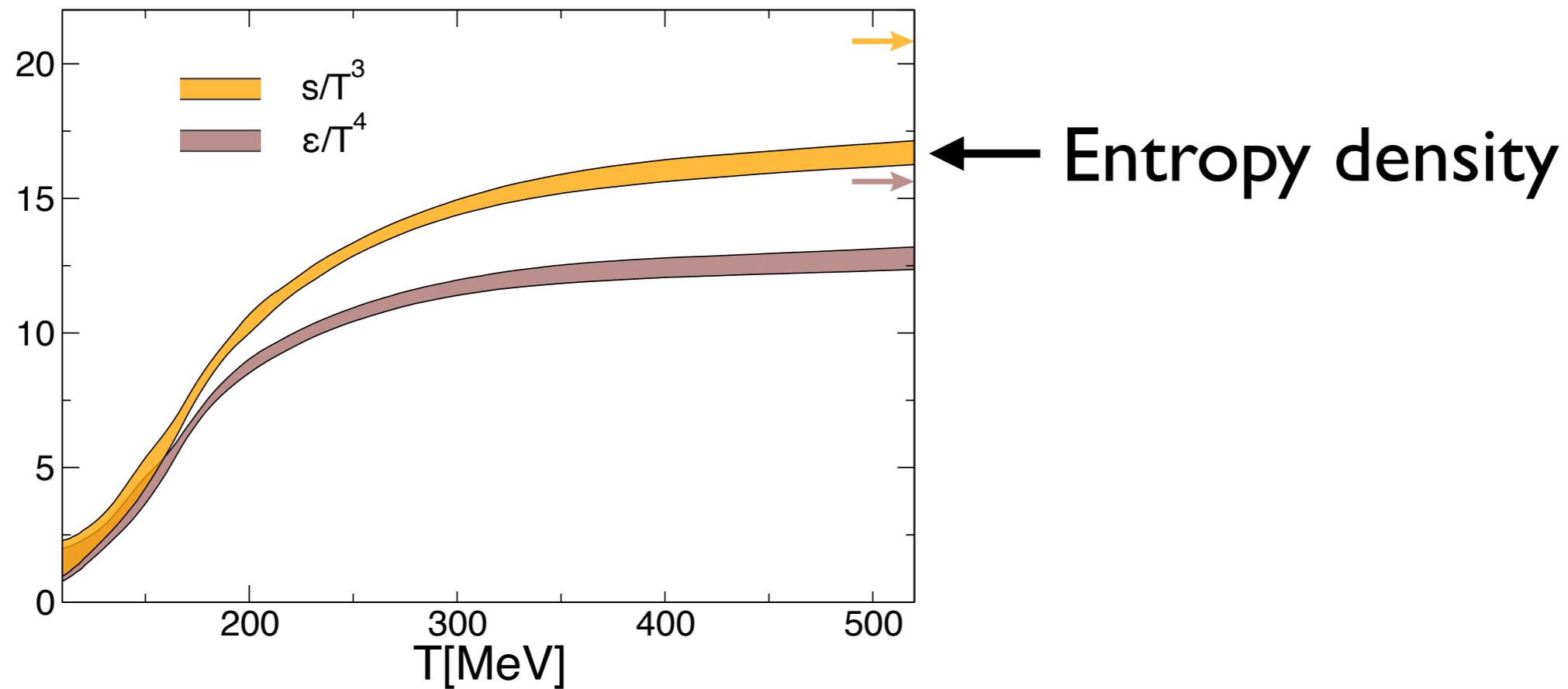
# Entropy density at $T_{\text{eff}}$

We obtain  $S/V_{\text{eff}} = s(T_{\text{eff}}) = 20 \pm 5 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ .

error on  $V_{\text{eff}}$  : 40% from initial size  $R_0$ , which depends on the model of initial conditions

60% from transport coefficients, which modify  $V_{\text{eff}}/R_0^3$

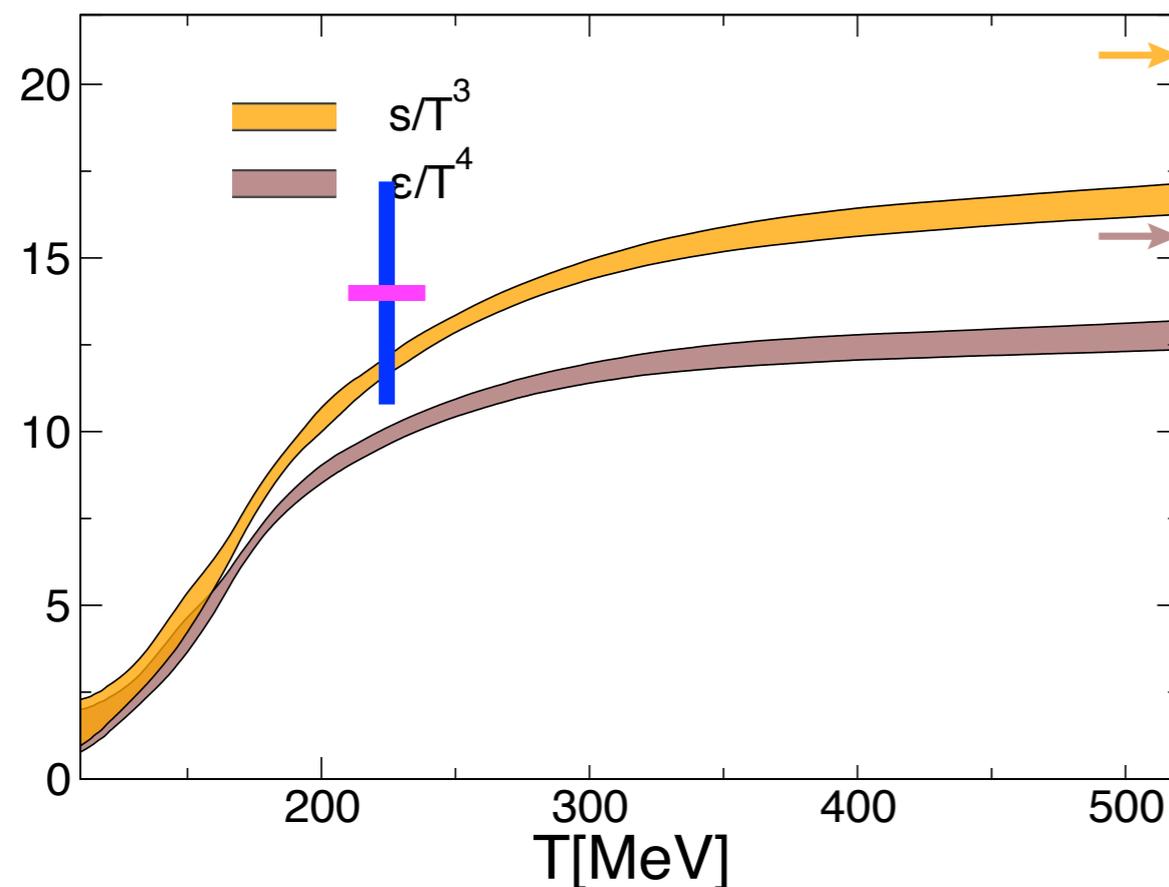
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$$T_{\text{eff}} = 222 \pm 9 \text{ MeV}$$

$$s(T_{\text{eff}}) / T_{\text{eff}}^3 = 14 \pm 3.5$$



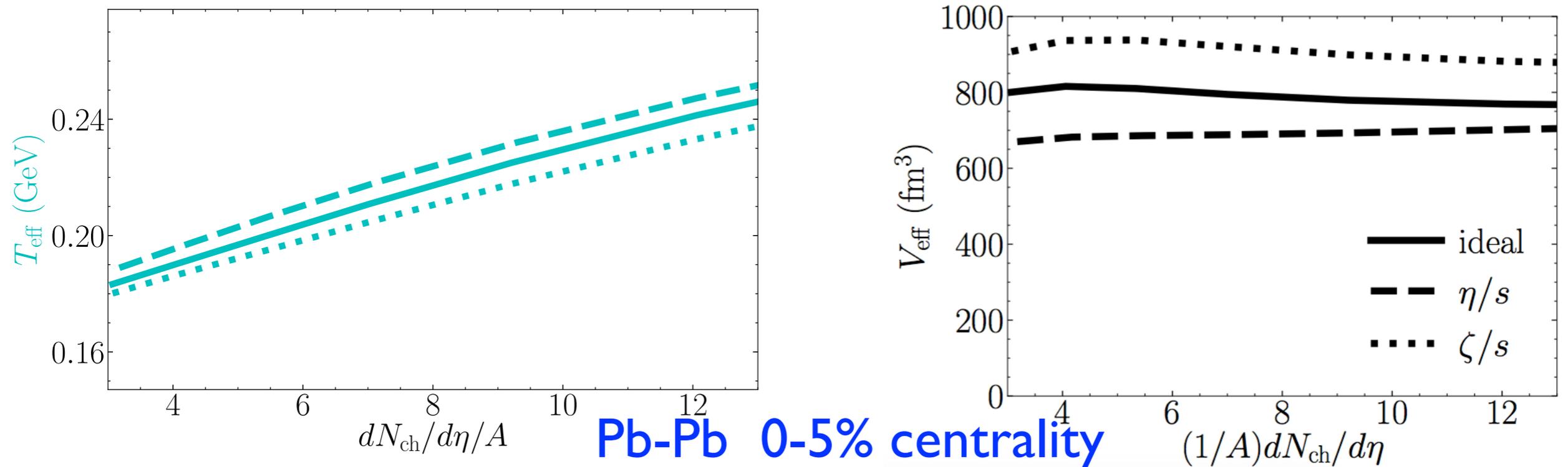
compatible with lattice.

*Confirms large number of degrees of freedom, implying that color is liberated:*

**deconfinement observed!**

# Varying the collision energy

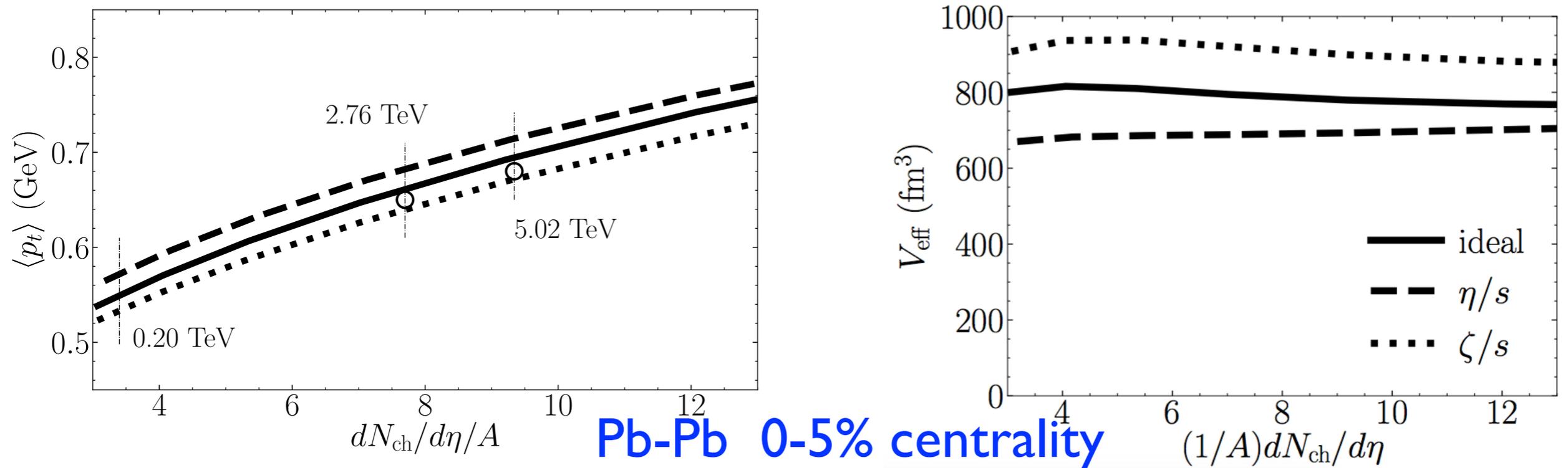
*(results are plotted as a function of number of produced particles, which itself depends on collision energy)*



As energy increases,  $T_{\text{eff}}$  increases,  $V_{\text{eff}}$  remains constant. Increasing the collision energy amounts to heating the system at constant volume.

# Varying the collision energy

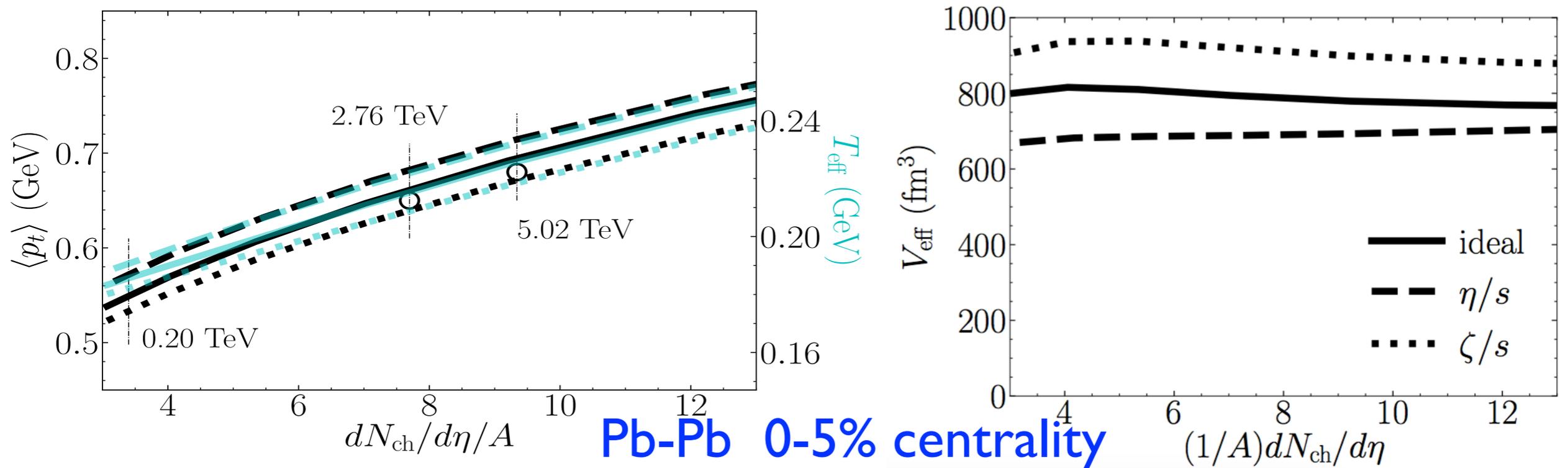
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The variation of  $\langle p_t \rangle$  still closely follows that of  $T_{eff}$

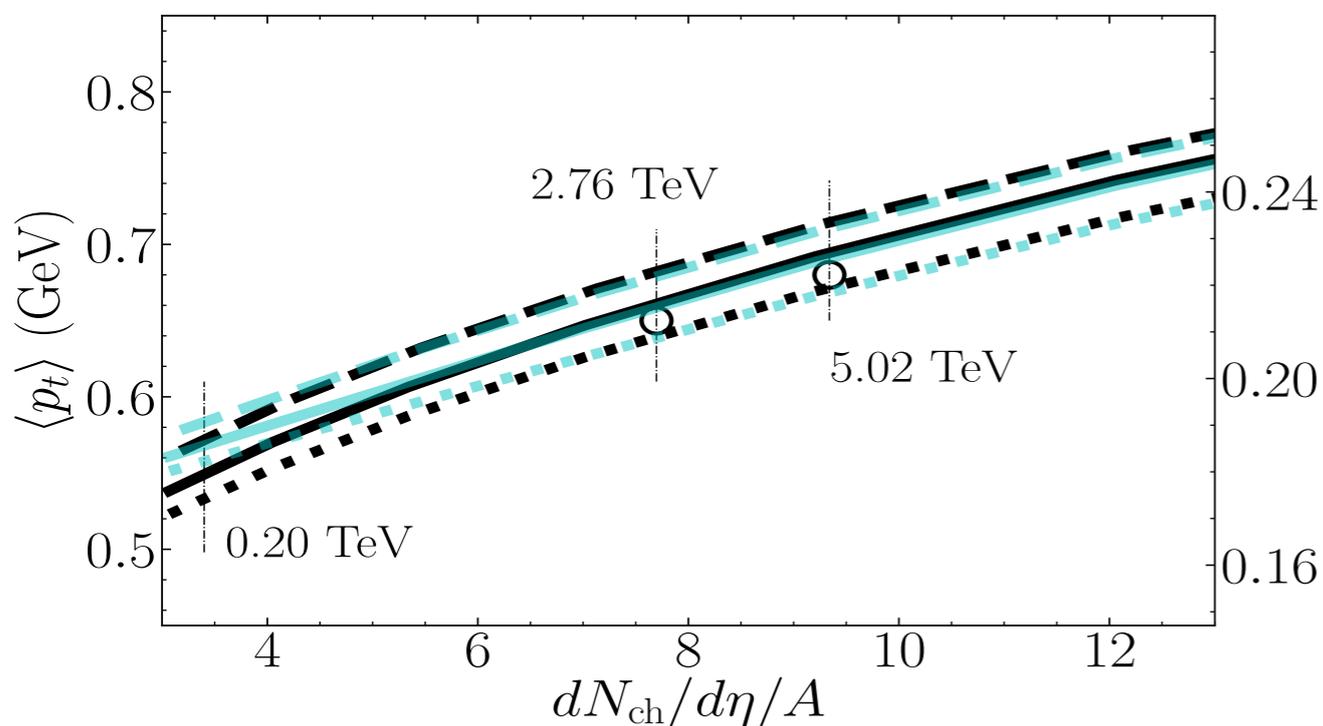
# Varying the collision energy

(results are plotted as a function of number of produced particles, which itself depends on collision energy)



Deviations from  $\langle p_t \rangle = 3.07 T_{eff}$  are negligible at LHC energy and beyond

# Speed of sound $c_s$ in the QGP



*The math:*

$T_{\text{eff}}$  proportional to  $\langle p_t \rangle$

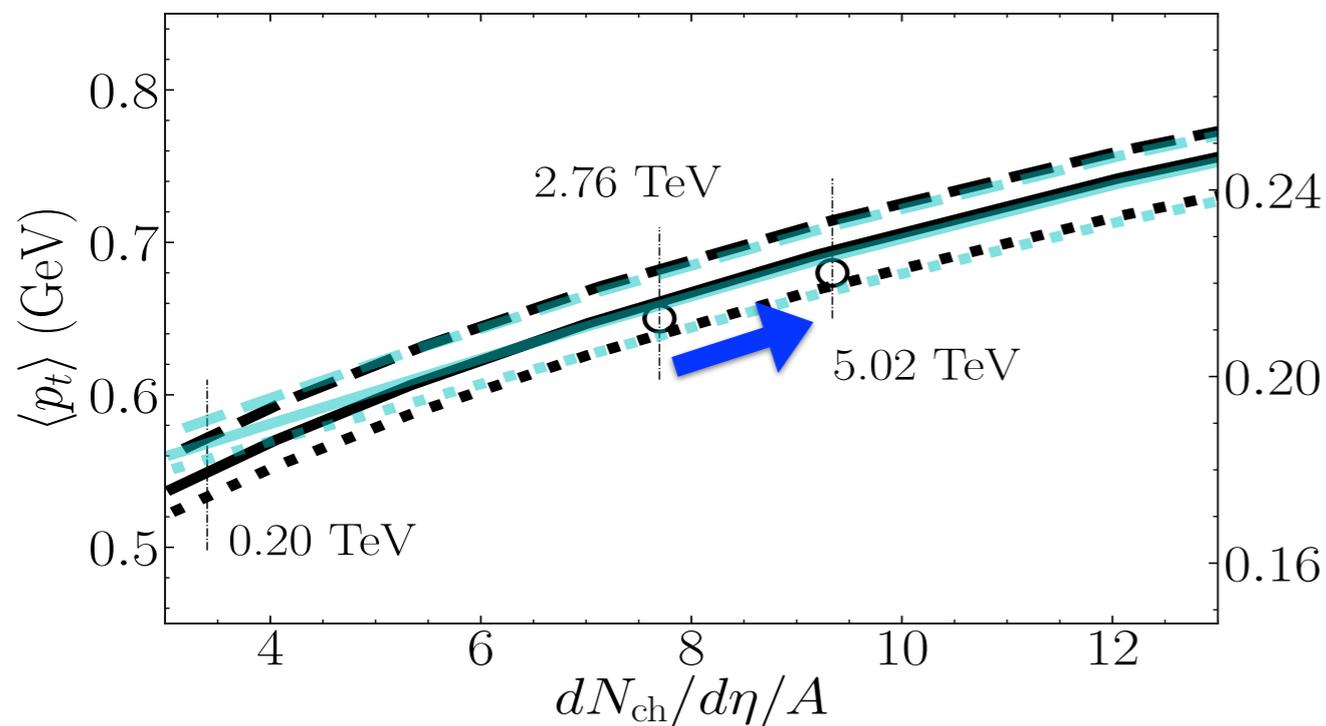
$s(T_{\text{eff}})$  proportional to  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$

$$c_s^2(T_{\text{eff}}) \equiv \frac{dP}{d\varepsilon} = \frac{sdT}{Tds} \Big|_{T_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{d \ln \langle p_t \rangle}{d \ln (dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta)}$$

*The physics:*

Increasing the collision energy amounts to putting more energy into a fixed volume. Gives direct access to the compressibility=speed of sound.

# Speed of sound $c_s$ in the QGP



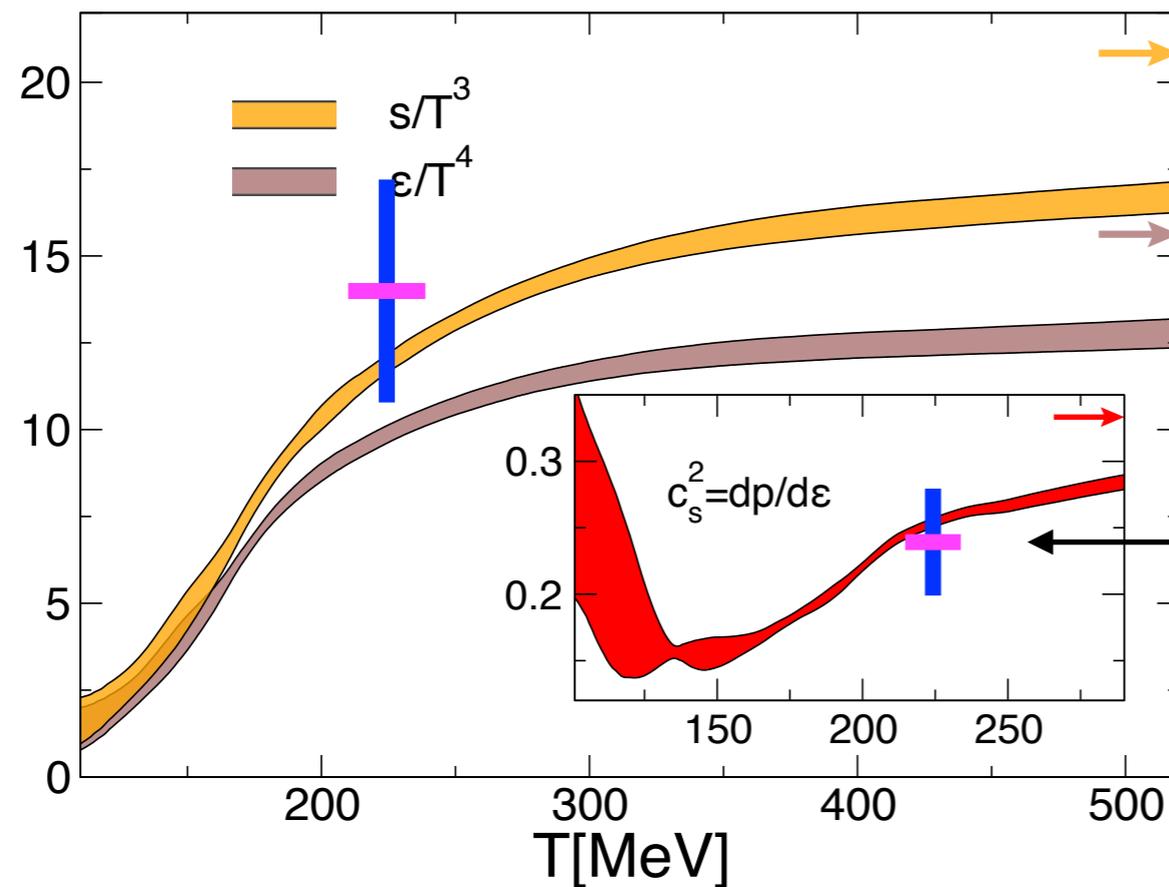
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we obtain  $c_s^2(T_{\text{eff}}) = 0.24 \pm 0.04$   
(error from variation of  $V_{\text{eff}}$ )

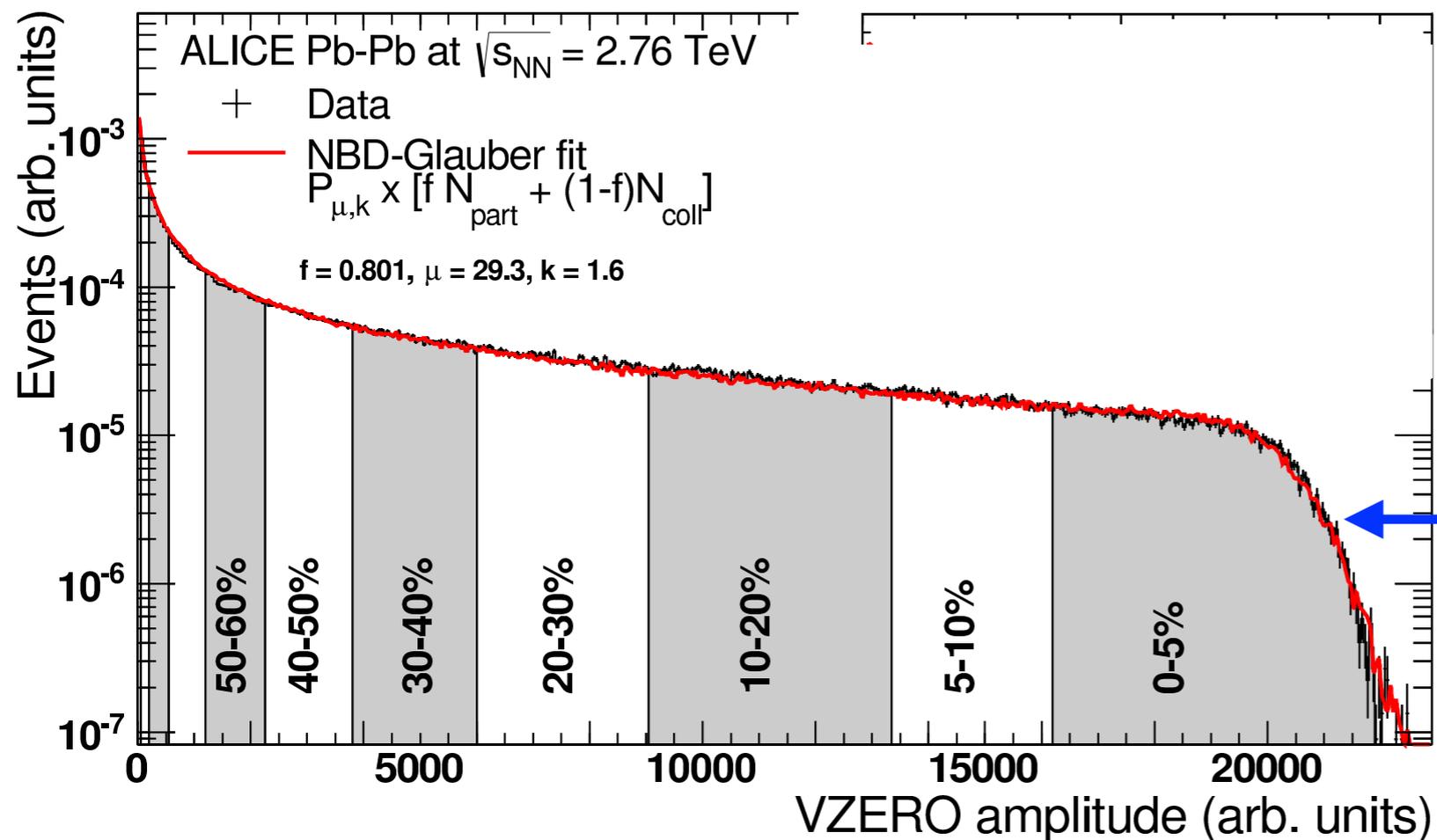
# Comparison with lattice QCD



compatible with  
lattice

# Predictions for ultracentral collisions

An alternative method for measuring the speed of sound.  
Fix the collision energy, but increase the multiplicity by  
selecting *ultracentral* collisions



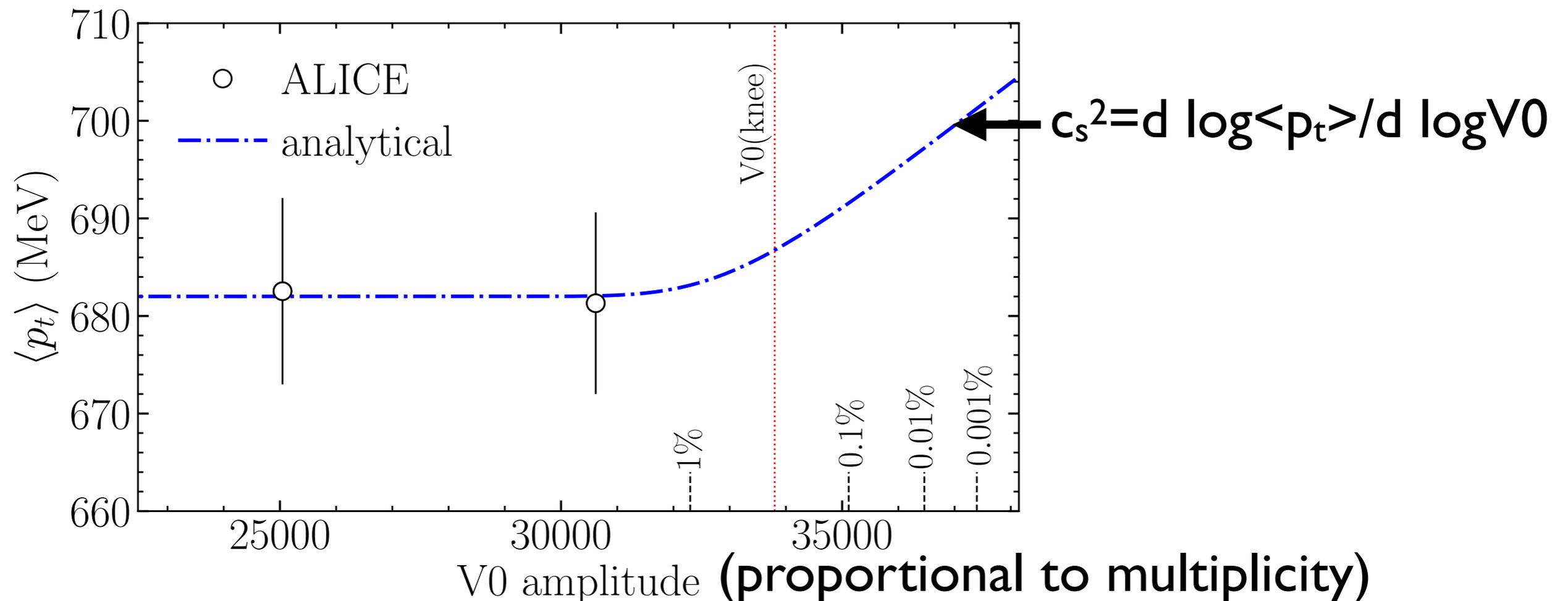
VZERO amplitude  
= quantity used by ALICE  
to determine the  
centrality

Ultracentral collisions:  
beyond the *knee*, impact  
parameter is close to 0  
but multiplicity keeps  
increasing

[ALICE arXiv:1301.4361](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.4361)

# Predictions for ultracentral collisions

**We predict an increase of  $\langle p_t \rangle$  in ultracentral collisions.  
No hydro, no free parameter. We take  $c_s^2$  from lattice EOS.**



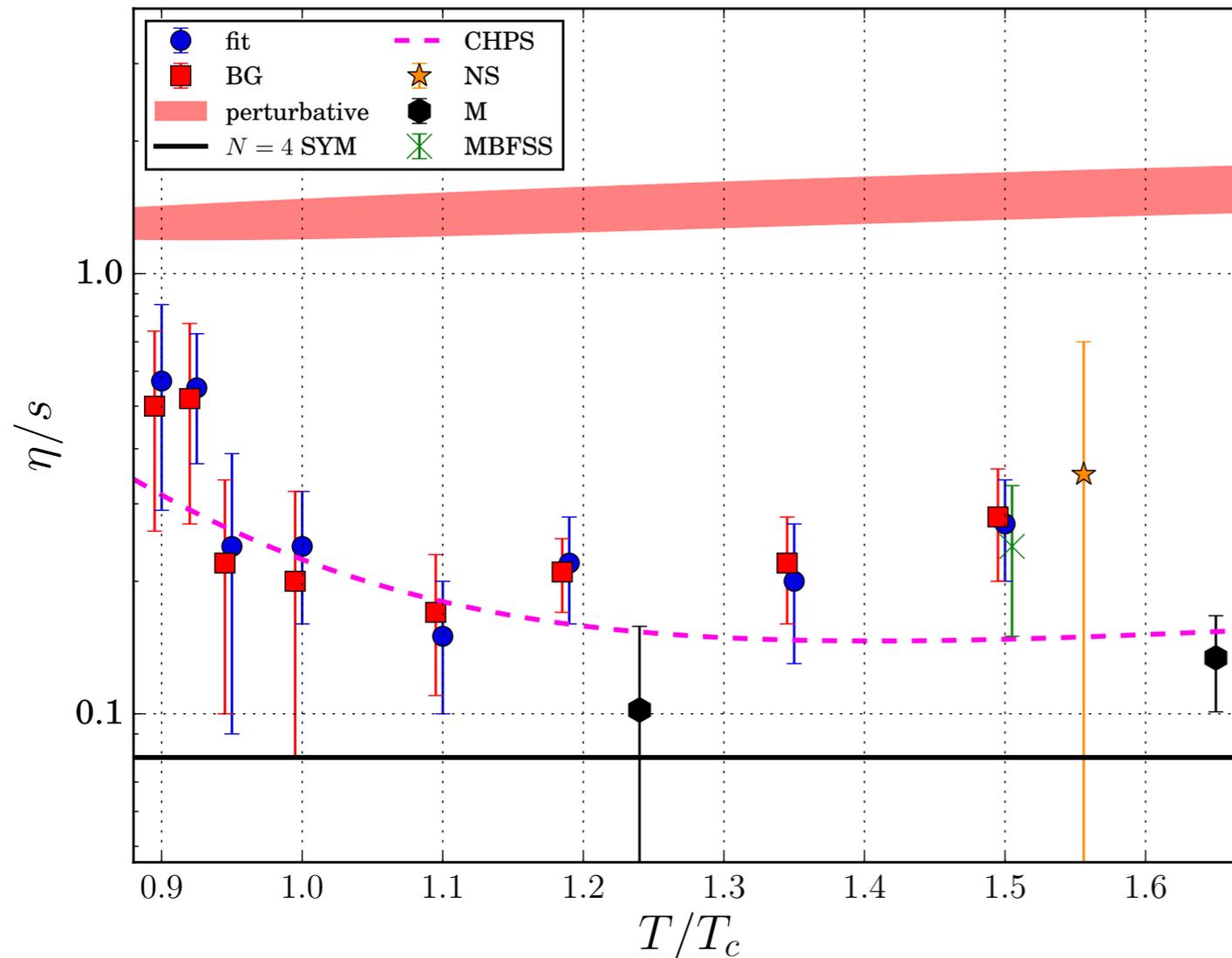
*Gardim Giacalone JY0 1909.11609*

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2010.11919, with Fernando Gardim.

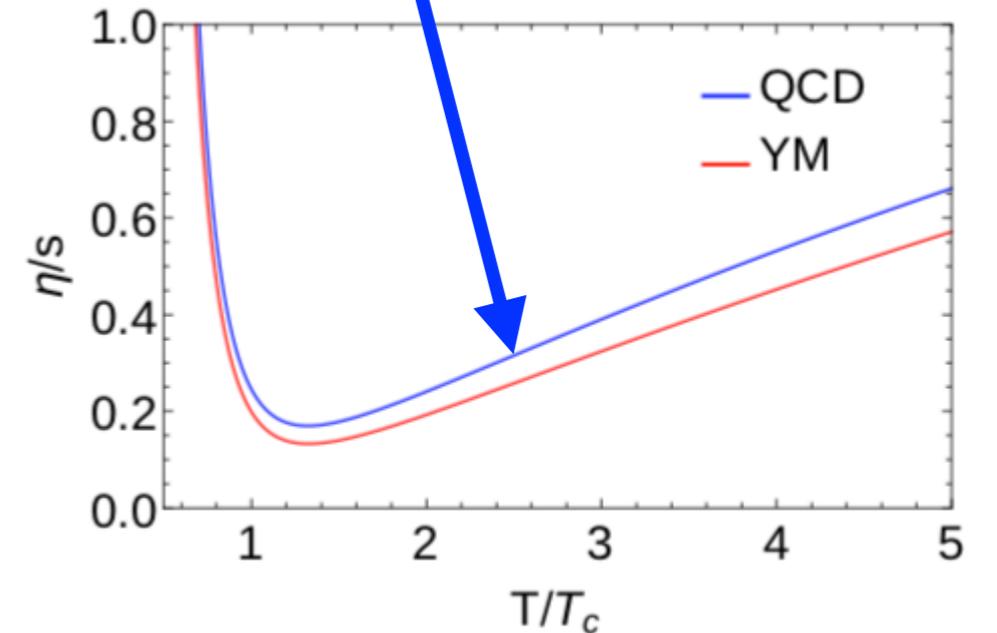
# Shear viscosity of QCD

gluons only



Astrakhantsev et al. [1701.02266](#)

quarks+gluons

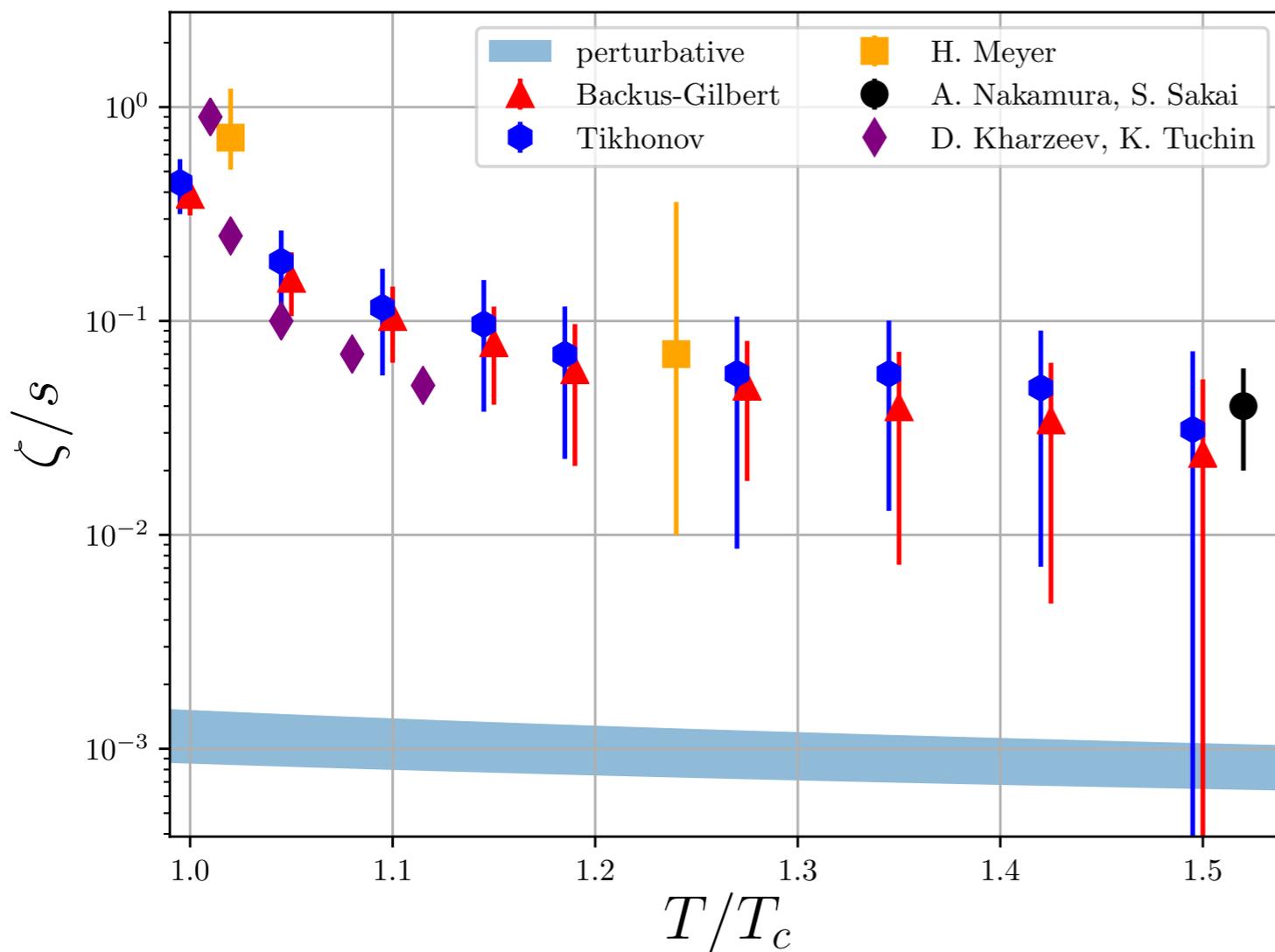


Christiansen et al. [1411.7986](#)

Uncertainties are large.

# Bulk viscosity of QCD

gluons only



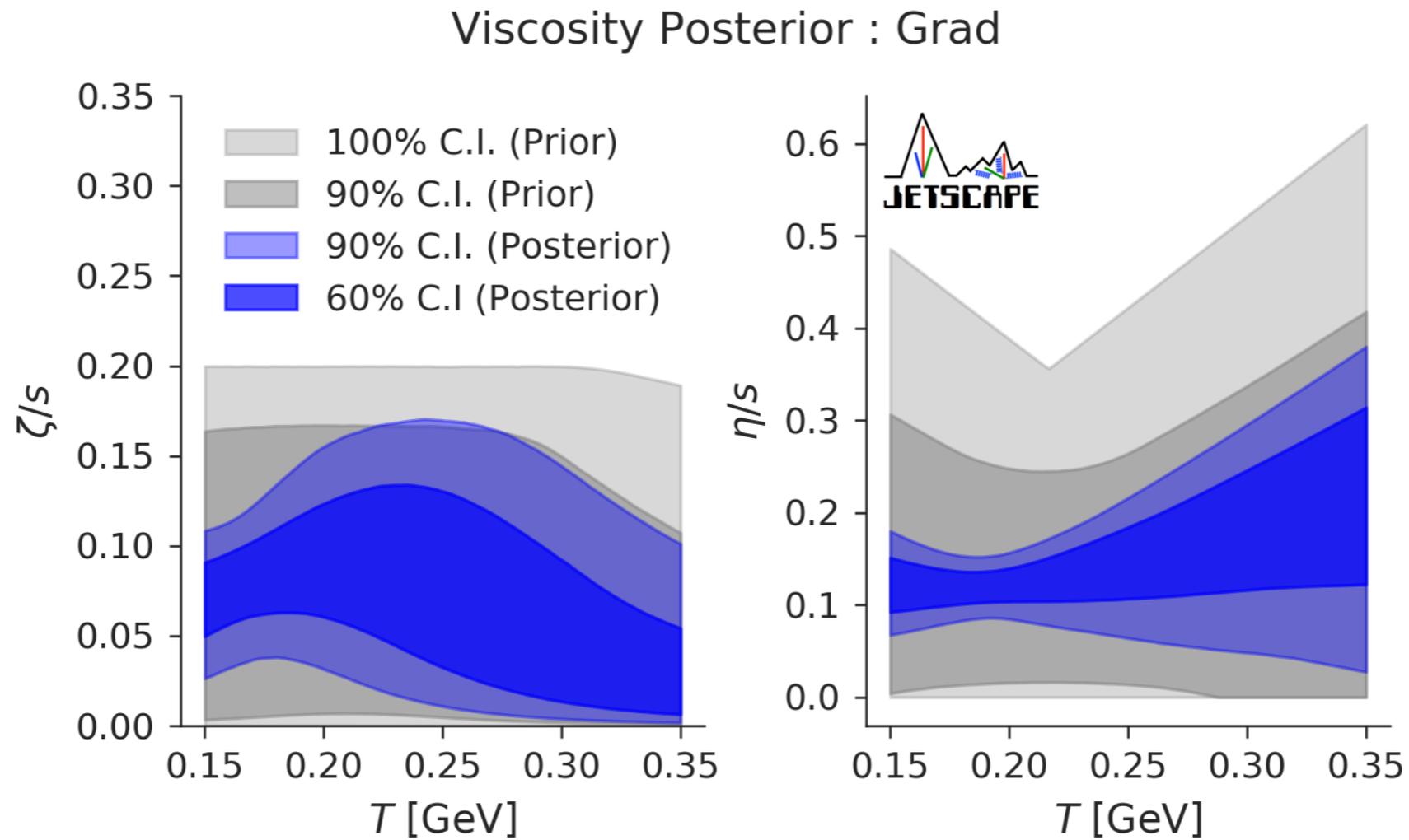
Typically smaller than shear except around  $T_c$ .

Uncertainties are large.  
Not known with quarks+gluons

Astrakhantsev et al. [1804.02382](#)

# Viscosity from LHC data

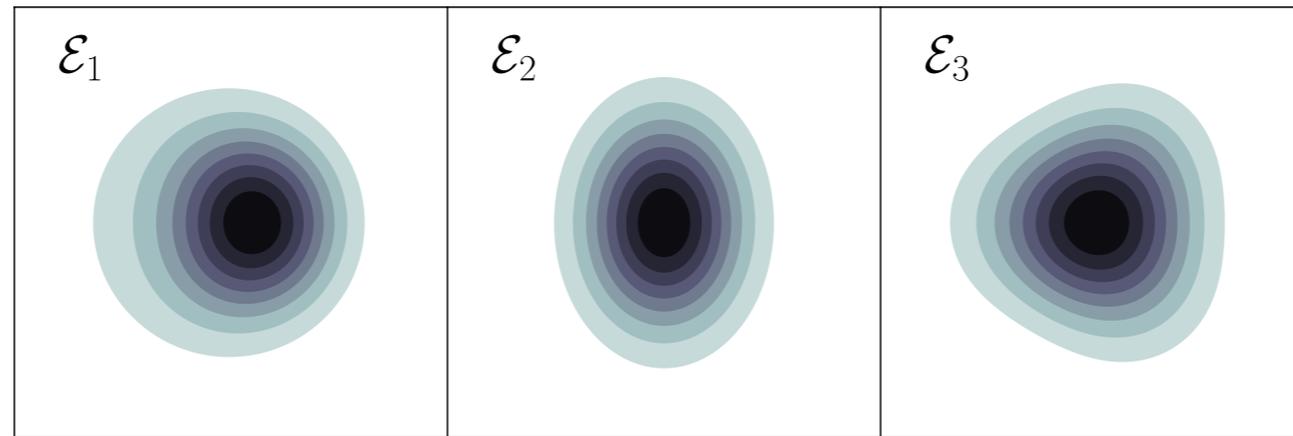
Global analysis. Model-to-data comparison with Bayesian inference



Everett et al. [2011.01430](#)

Reasonable constraints in the range  $150 < T < 200$  MeV  
Uncertainties on  $\eta/s$  and  $\zeta/s$  are similar in absolute value.

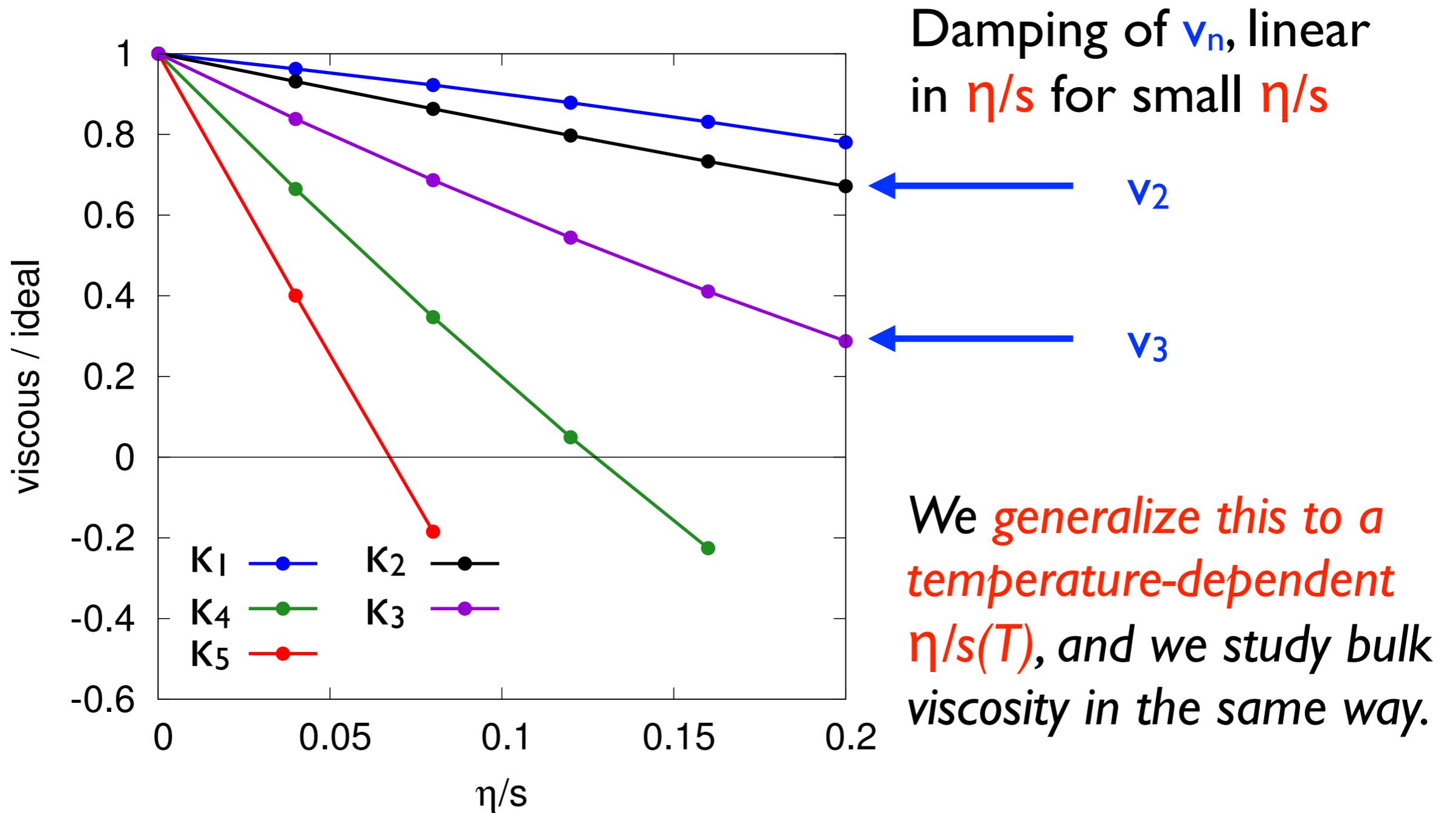
# Elliptic flow $v_2$ , triangular flow $v_3$



*Giacalone [2101.00168](#)*

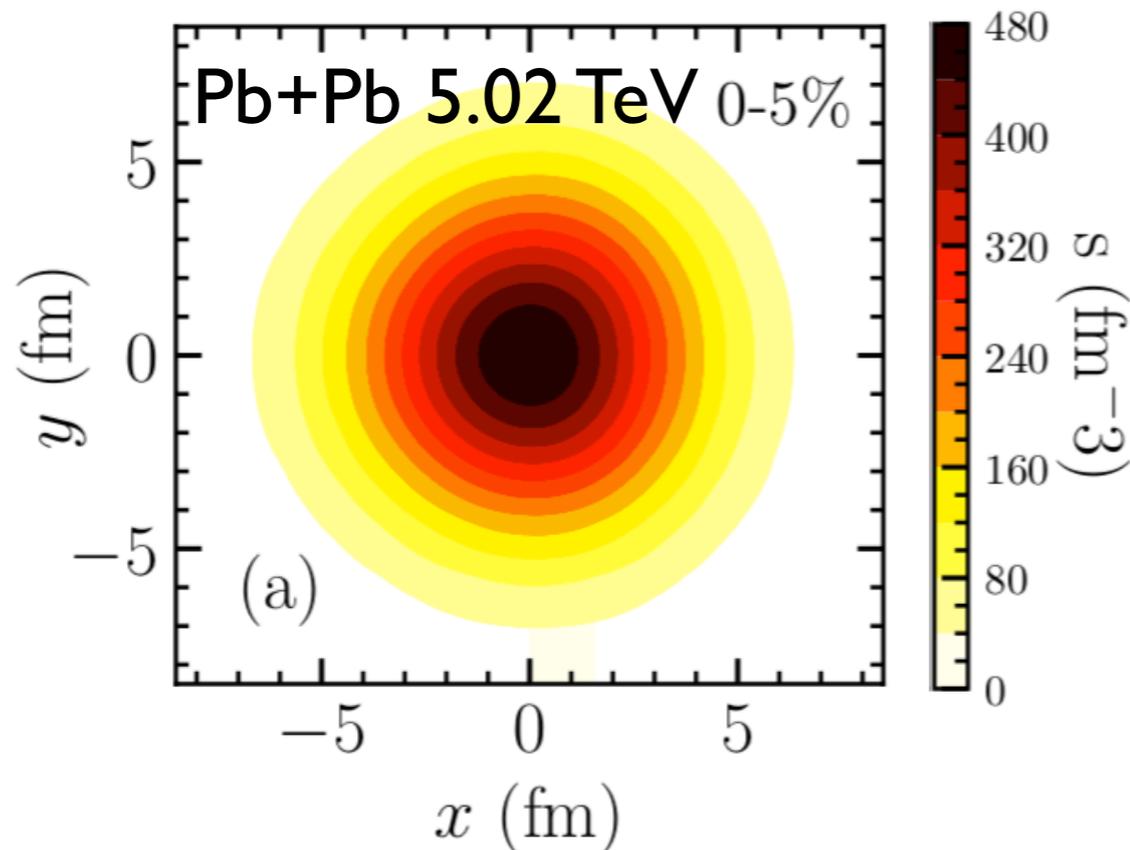
- Azimuthal anisotropy in the initial density profile, characterized by the Fourier coefficients  $\epsilon_n$ , is converted into azimuthal anisotropy in momentum state,  $v_n = \langle \cos(n\varphi) \rangle$ , through pressure gradients.
- In hydrodynamics,  $v_n = K_n \epsilon_n$ , where  $K_n$  is the hydrodynamic response coefficient.
- The sensitivity of **observables** to **viscosity** lies mostly in  $K_n$ .
- I focus on the largest two harmonics  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ .

# Dependence of $v_n$ on $\eta/s$



Teaney & Yan 1206.1905

# Method (1/3)



We evolve this initial density profile, which has  $\epsilon_2=0.085$  and  $\epsilon_3=0.075$ , through **ideal** and **viscous** hydrodynamics (boost invariant, MUSIC code)

We evaluate  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  of charged hadrons at freeze-out after resonance decays

We compute the relative variation  $\Delta_n$  of  $v_n$  due to viscosity, so that the dependence on  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3$  cancels.

$$\Delta_n \equiv \ln(v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal})) \approx v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal}) - 1$$

# Method (2/3)

To leading order in viscosity, one expects by linearity

$$v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal}) - 1 = \int [w_n^{(\eta)}(T)(\eta/s)(T) + w_n^{(\zeta)}(T)(\zeta/s)(T)] dT,$$

where  $w_2^{(\eta)}(T)$ ,  $w_3^{(\eta)}(T)$ ,  $w_2^{(\zeta)}(T)$ ,  $w_3^{(\zeta)}(T)$  are four functions.

Once these functions are known, we know the dependence of  $v_n$  on viscosity for an arbitrary temperature dependence of bulk and shear viscosities, provided that they are small enough.

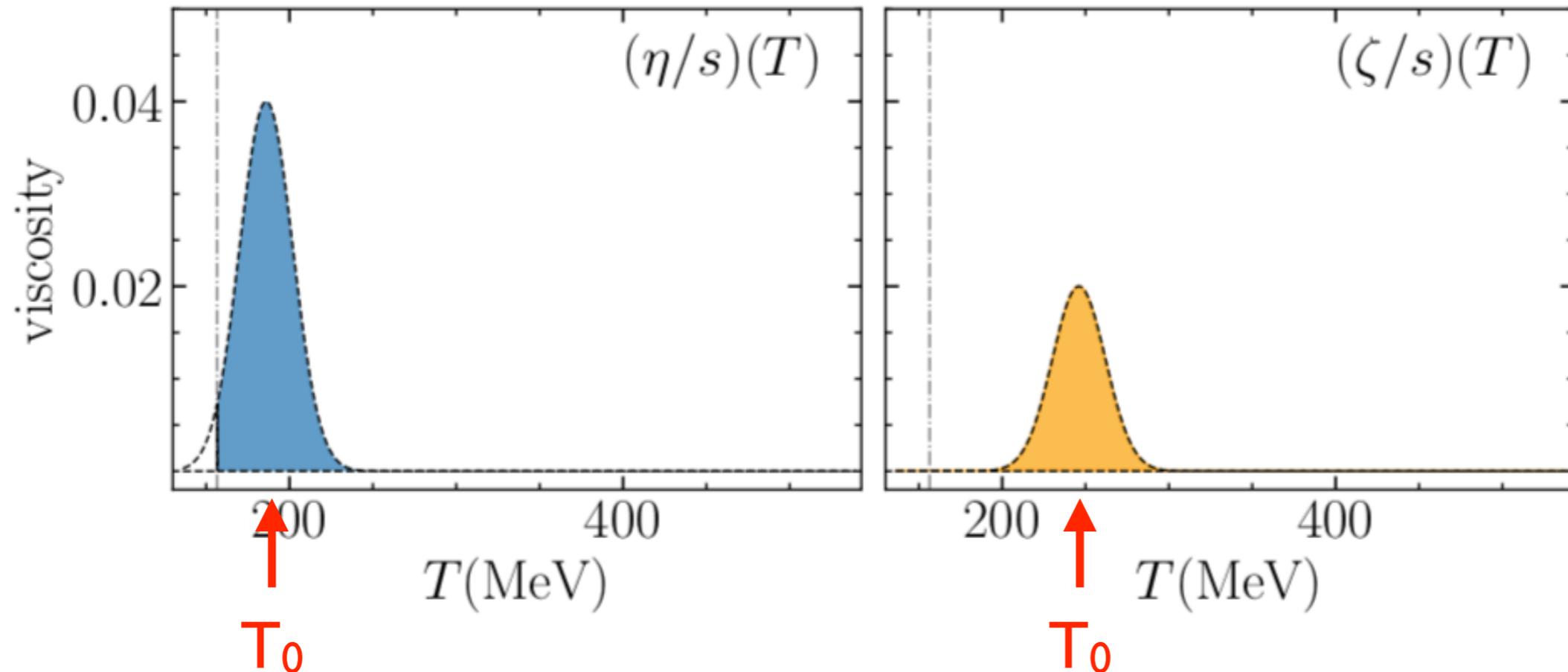
Since the integral over  $T$  starts at the freeze-out temperature  $T_f$ ,

$w_n^{(\eta, \zeta)}(T)$  is the sum of:

- a discrete term proportional to  $\delta(T - T_f)$ , representing the contribution of freeze-out to the viscous correction.
- a smooth function of  $T$  for  $T > T_f$ .

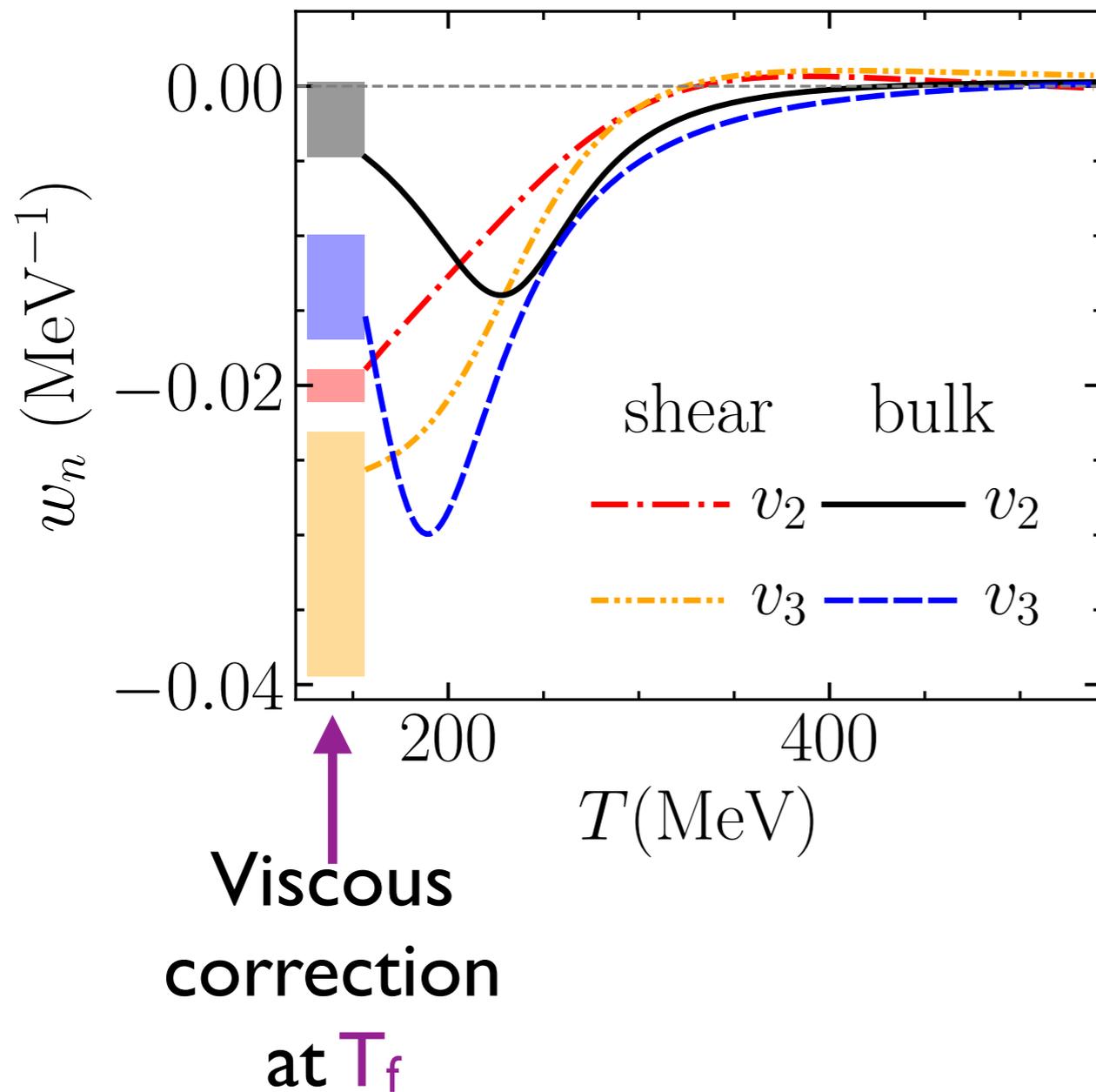
# Method (3/3)

Idea: in order to determine  $w_n^{(\eta)}(T)$ , we switch on shear viscosity only in a narrow temperature interval around a temperature  $T_0$ . Same for bulk. Thus we isolate the effect of viscosity around  $T_0$ .



We then vary  $T_0$  and repeat the calculation.

# Result



- Viscous suppression is a factor  $\sim 2$  larger for  $v_3$  than  $v_2$ .
- Similar magnitude for shear and bulk.
- The freeze-out contribution is less than 20% of the integral. Good news since this part is not robust (depends on details of hadronic interactions).
- Weights are large only below 250 MeV. Explains why Bayesian inference only constrains viscosity in this range.

# Effective viscosities

Even if  $\eta/s$  depends on temperature  $T$ , we can define an effective shear viscosity as the weighted average:

$$(\eta/s)_{n,\text{eff}} \equiv \int w_n^{(\eta)}(T) (\eta/s)(T) dT / \int w_n^{(\eta)}(T) dT$$

and same for bulk. In practice almost identical for  $n=2$  and  $n=3$ .

The variation of  $v_n$  due to viscosity is proportional to the sum of effective shear and bulk viscosities.

$$v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal}) - 1 \sim (\eta/s)_{n,\text{eff}} + (\zeta/s)_{n,\text{eff}}$$

*This implies that  $v_n$  data can only constrain the sum of effective shear and bulk viscosities, not the whole temperature dependence.*

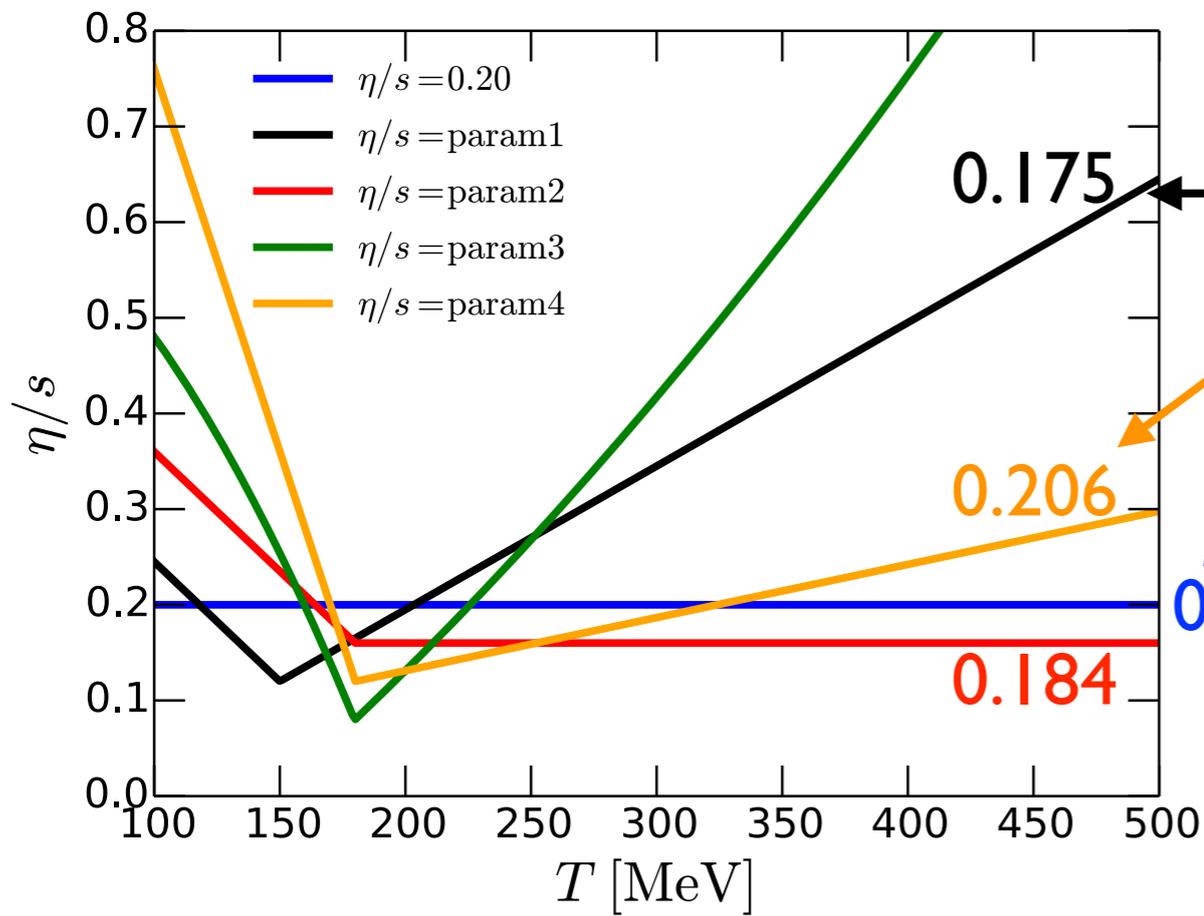
*Lattice QCD for pure glue gives  $(\zeta/s)_{n,\text{eff}} \ll (\eta/s)_{n,\text{eff}}$*

# Centrality and system-size (in)dependence

- We have seen that  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and the effective temperature  $T_{\text{eff}}$  depend little on centrality and system size at a given collision energy.
- In the same way, **effective viscosities are independent of centrality and system size**, to a very good approximation. We have checked this explicitly by repeating some of the calculations in the 20-30% centrality range.
- Viscous damping *does depend* on centrality and system size. We have checked that  $v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal})-1$  varies with the transverse size  $R_0$  precisely like  $1/R_0$ , as expected by dimensional analysis (*Reynolds number scaling*).
- A useful order of magnitude estimate, which works within  $\sim 30\%$ :  
$$\ln[v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal})] = -[(\eta/s)_{n,\text{eff}} + (\zeta/s)_{n,\text{eff}}] n^2 / (T_{\text{eff}} R_0)$$

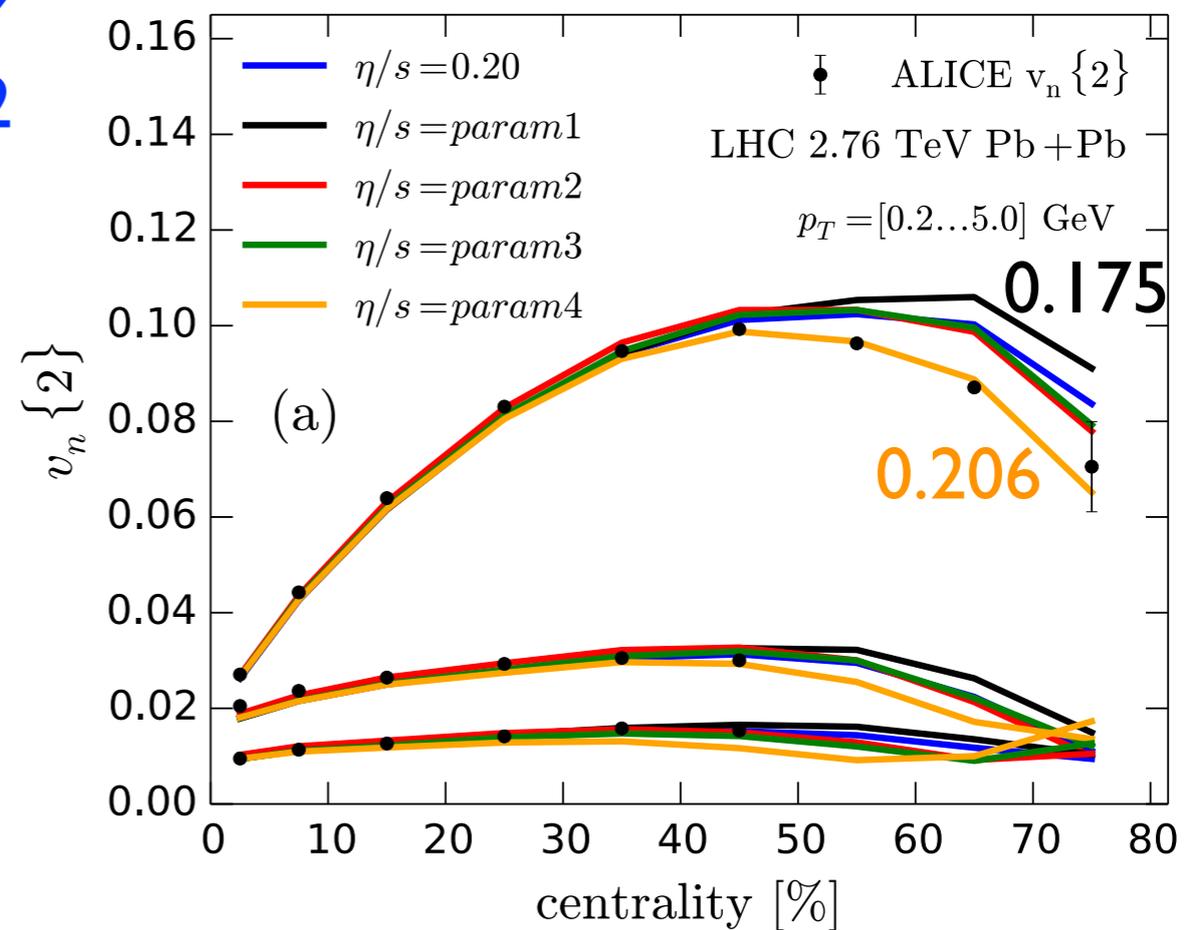
# Effectiveness of effective viscosity

Niemi et al. [1505.02677](#)



Values of  $(\eta/s)_{2,\text{eff}}$

All profiles have similar  $(\eta/s)_{2,\text{eff}}$ .  
 Explains why they all give similar  $v_2$ .  
 The small differences for peripheral collisions are also explained by the slight differences in  $(\eta/s)_{2,\text{eff}}$



**3. Event-to-event initial state fluctuations:**  
the success of hydrodynamics in describing  
anisotropic flow fluctuations in proton-  
nucleus and nucleus-nucleus collisions.

Old theory predictions: 1312.6555, with Li Yan,  
1702.01730, with Giuliano Giacalone and Jaki  
Noronha-Hostler, meet recent LHC data.

# Event-by-event fluctuations

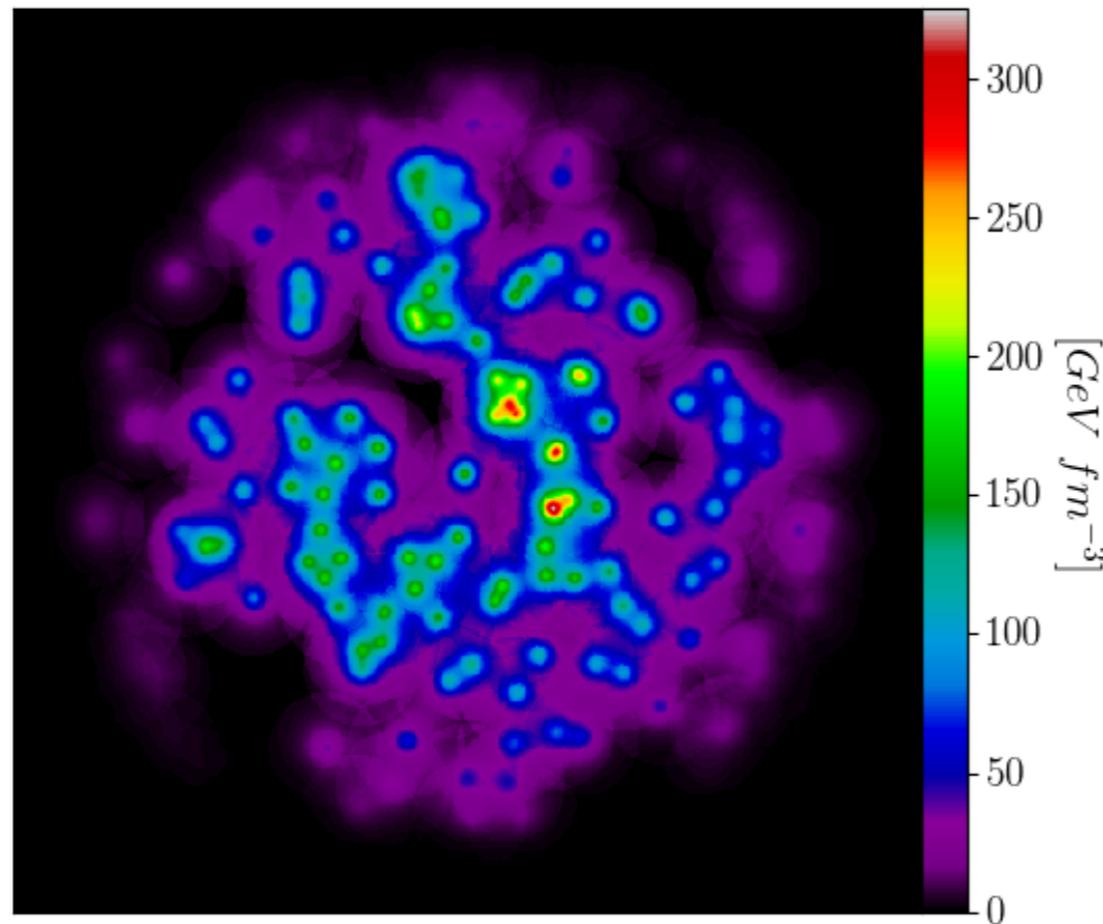


Illustration by G. Giacalone

The initial density profile fluctuates event to event.

Elliptic flow in a *hydro event* is obtained by evaluating

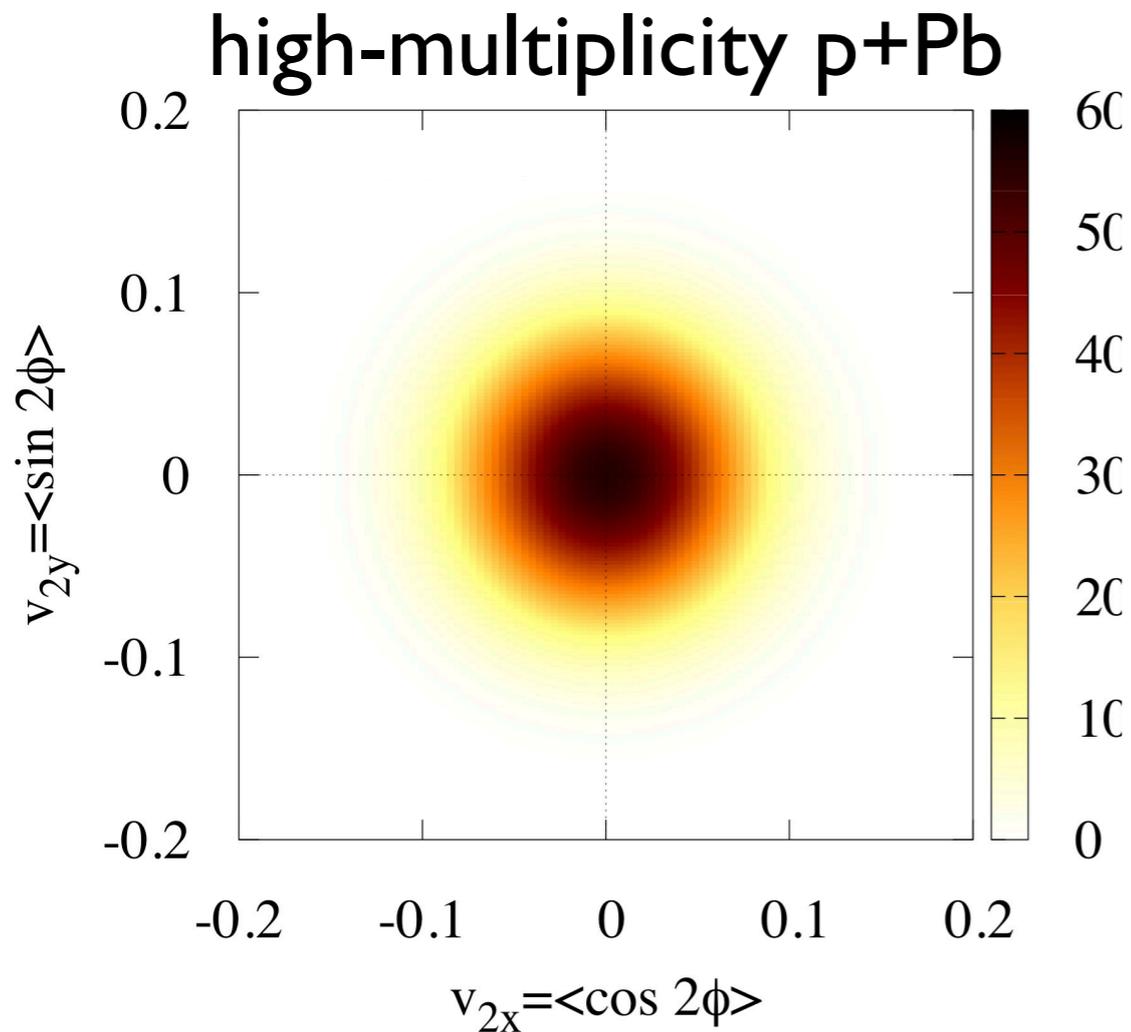
$$v_{2x} = \langle \cos 2\varphi \rangle$$

$$v_{2y} = \langle \sin 2\varphi \rangle$$

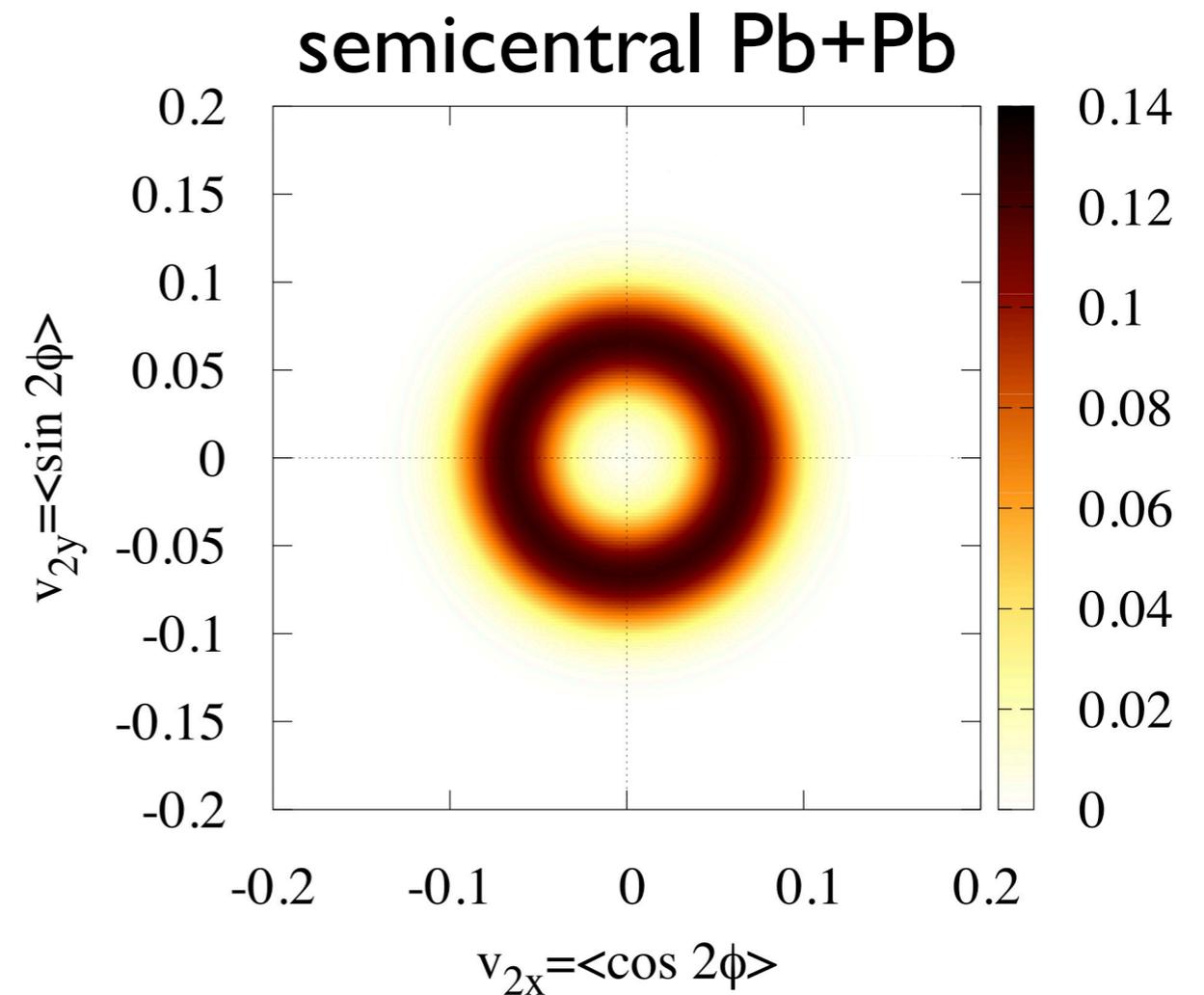
= a 2-d vector whose magnitude and orientation fluctuates.

$$v_2 = \sqrt{v_{2x}^2 + v_{2y}^2}$$

# Typical distributions of $(v_{2x}, v_{2y})$



$v_2$  from fluctuations only



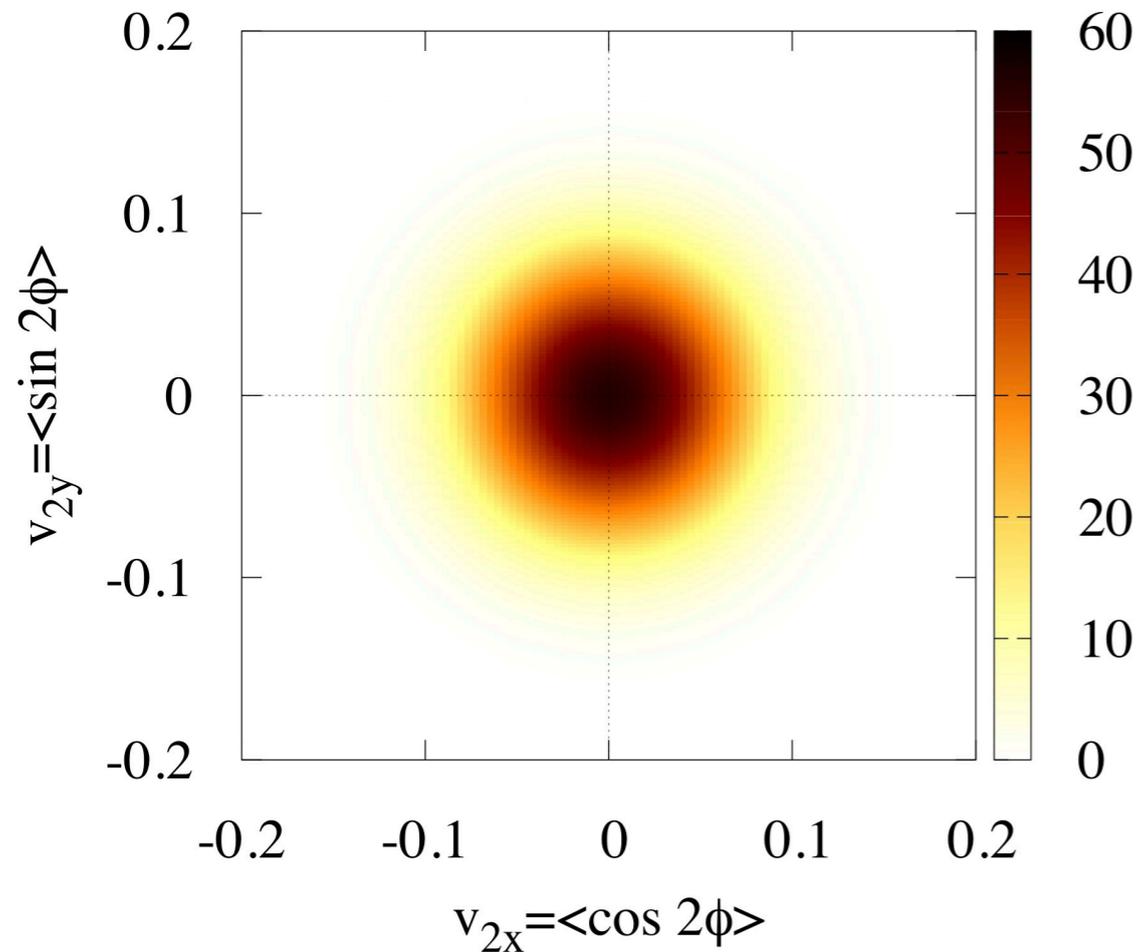
$v_2$  from reaction plane eccentricity:  
magnitude fluctuates less.

Distributions characterized by **cumulants:  $v_2\{2\}$ ,  $v_2\{4\}$ ,  $v_2\{6\}$ ,  $v_2\{8\}$ .**

# Crash course on cumulants

1. Take the Fourier transform of this distribution,  
 $F(k_x, k_y) = \langle \exp(i k_x v_{2x} + i k_y v_{2y}) \rangle$ .  
By azimuthal symmetry, it only depends on  $k^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2$ .
2. Expand  $\log F(k_x, k_y)$  in powers of  $k^2$ .  
Term proportional to  $k^2$  defines  $v_2\{2\}$   
Term proportional to  $k^4$  defines  $v_2\{4\}$  etc.
3. Normalization is such that if all events have the same  $v_2$ ,  
then  $v_2\{n\} = v_2$  for all  $n$ .

# p+Pb collisions



$v_{2x}, v_{2y}$  only from fluctuations

If the distribution of  $(v_{2x}, v_{2y})$  is a 2-d Gaussian,

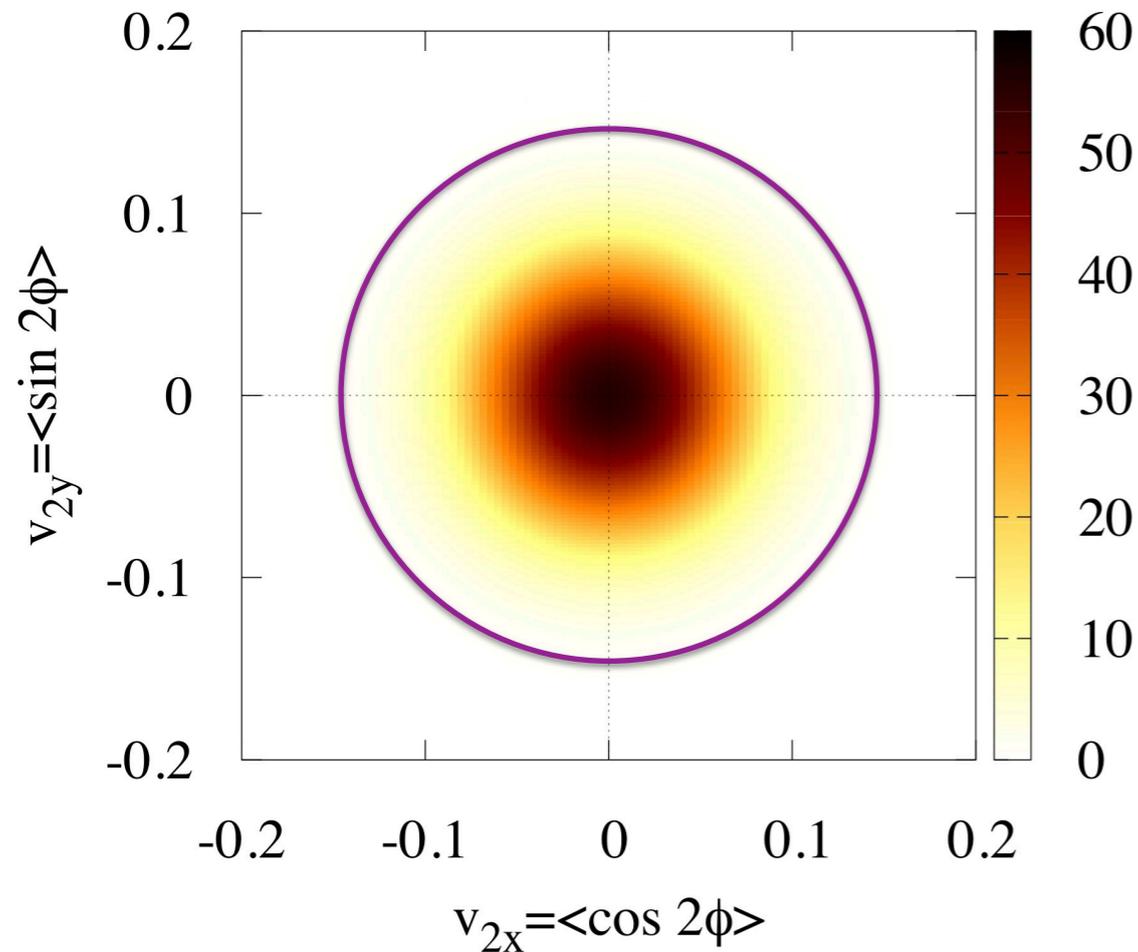
then its Fourier transform  $F(k_x, k_y)$  is also a 2-d Gaussian, i.e.  $\log F(k_x, k_y)$  proportional to  $k^2$ ,

which implies

$$v_2\{4\} = v_2\{6\} = v_2\{8\} = 0$$

*The observation of non-zero  $v_2\{4\}$  implies non-Gaussian fluctuations*

# The origin of non-Gaussianity



In hydrodynamics,  $v_2 = K_2 \epsilon_2$ , where  $\epsilon_2 < 1$  by construction.

Therefore  $v_2 < K_2$ .

No such bound for a Gaussian.

The generic shape of the distribution is instead of the form  $(1 - \epsilon_2^2)^\alpha = (1 - v_2^2/K_2^2)^\alpha$ .

Ratios of cumulants, such as

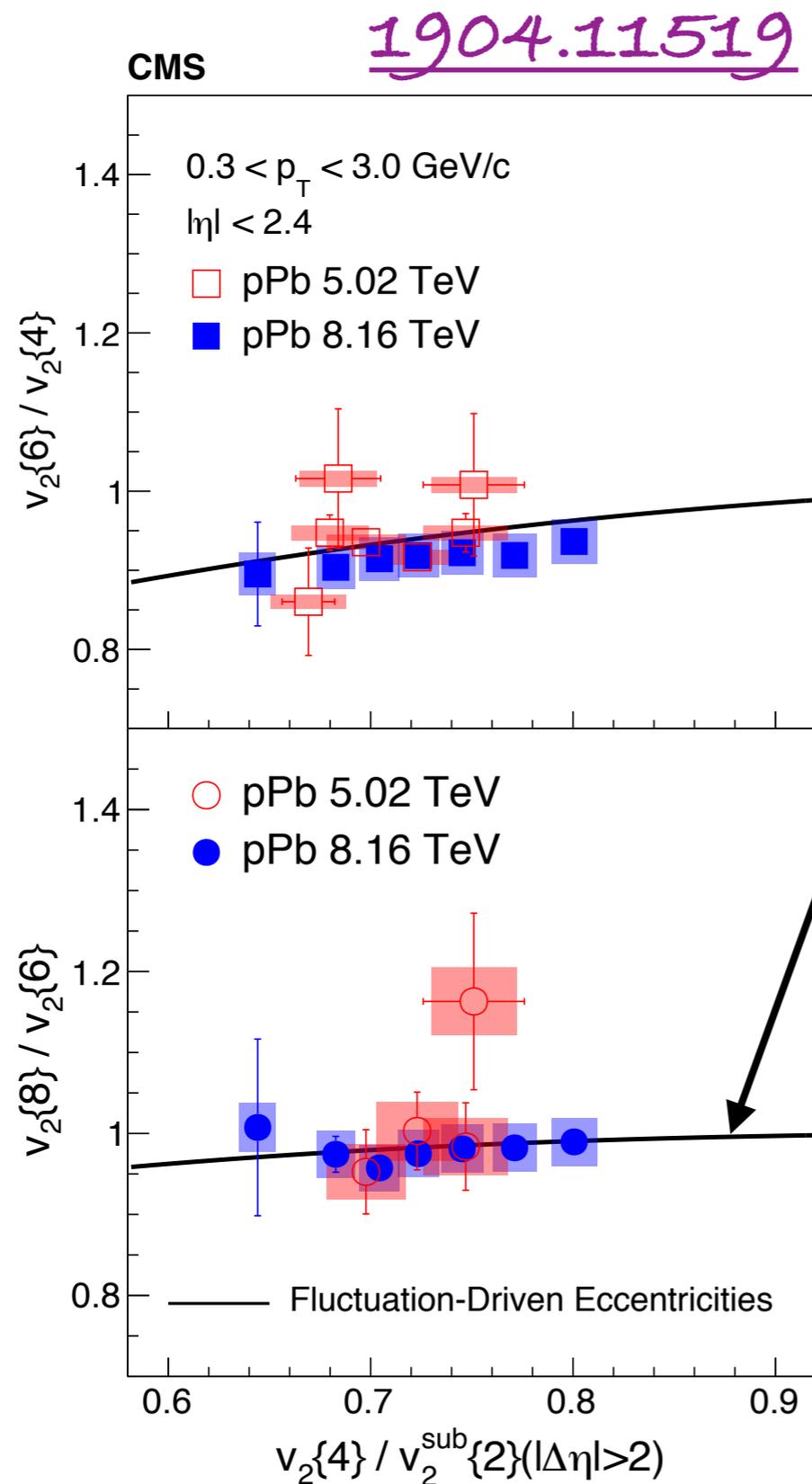
$$v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\},$$

$$v_2\{6\}/v_2\{4\}$$

$$v_2\{8\}/v_2\{6\},$$

are simple analytic functions of  $\alpha$ .

# Experimental results in p+Pb



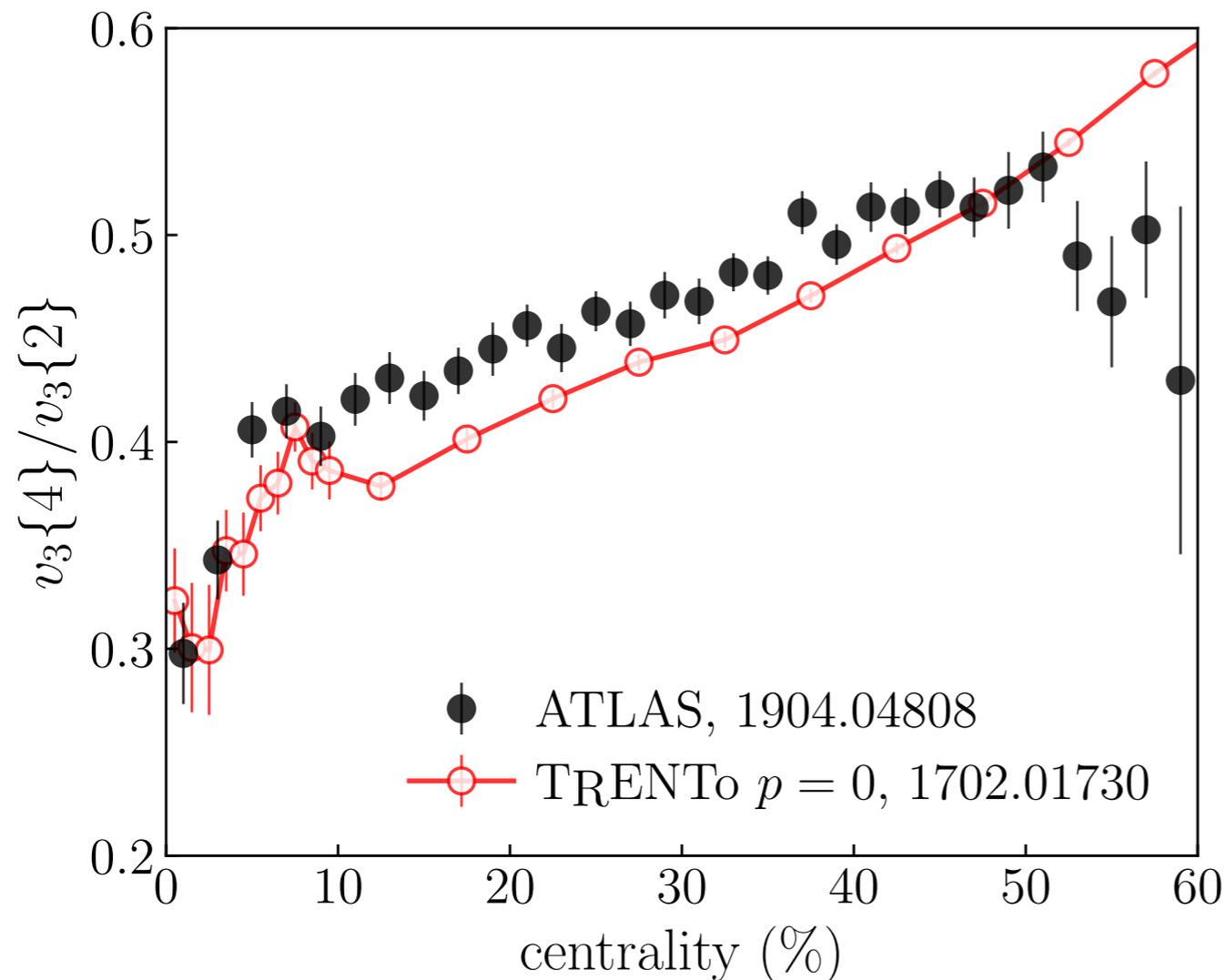
This simple prediction of hydrodynamics accurately matches the latest CMS data

Most solid evidence that a **small fluid is formed in p+Pb.**

My guess: the very slight disagreement is due to the fact that  $v_2\{4\}$ ,  $v_2\{6\}$ ,  $v_2\{8\}$ , are analyzed without a rapidity gap, unlike  $v_2\{2\}$ .

# $v_3\{4\}/v_3\{2\}$ in Pb+Pb collisions

Like  $v_2$  in p+Pb,  $v_3$  in Pb+Pb is only from fluctuations:  
non-zero  $v_3\{4\}$  = non-Gaussian fluctuations of  $v_3$



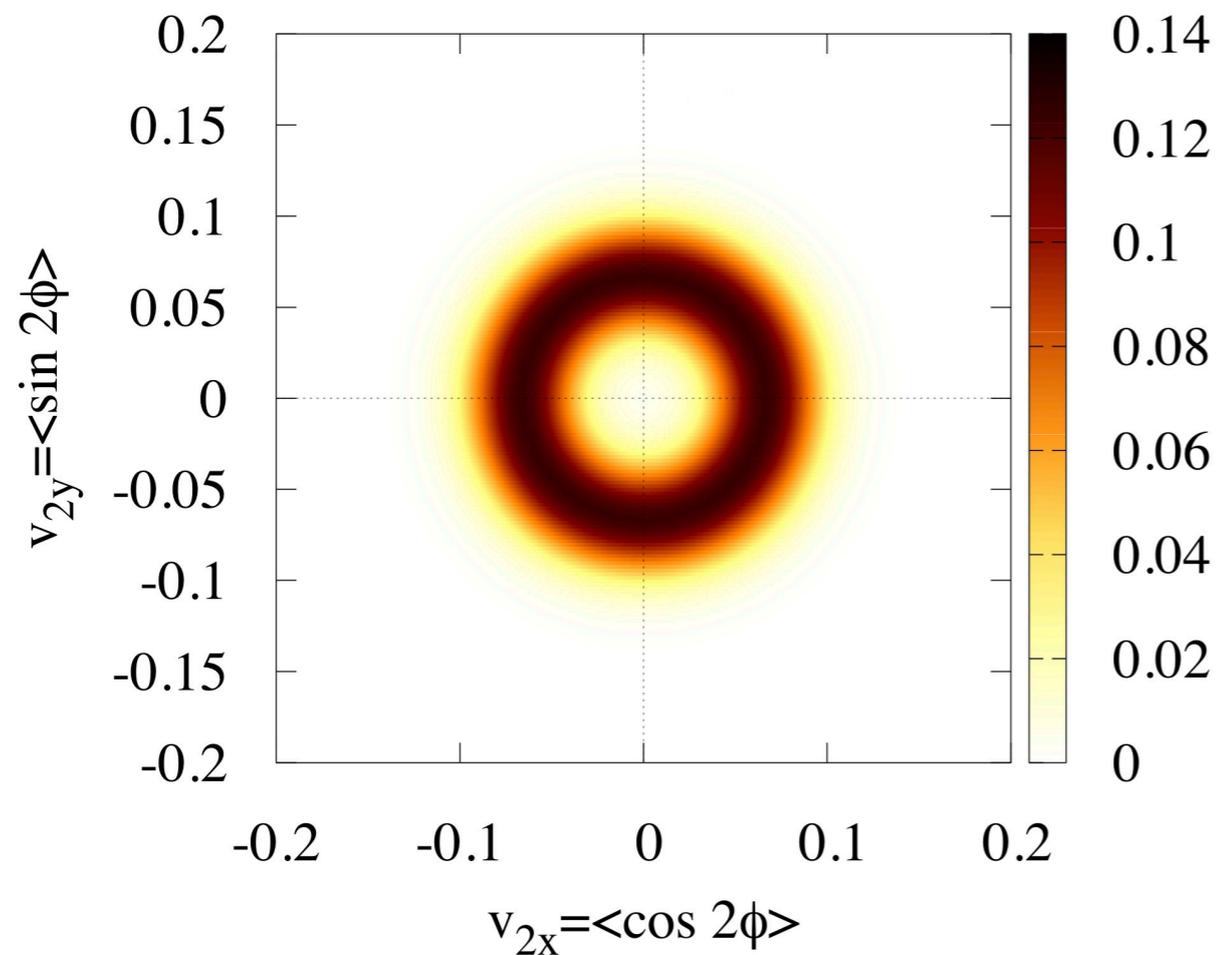
Hydrodynamics predicts  $v_3\{4\}/v_3\{2\} = \epsilon_3\{4\}/\epsilon_3\{2\}$   
and initial-state models  
quantitatively predicted  
the experimental result.

*see also*

*Carzon et al. [2007.00780](#)*

*Figure by Giuliano Giacalone*

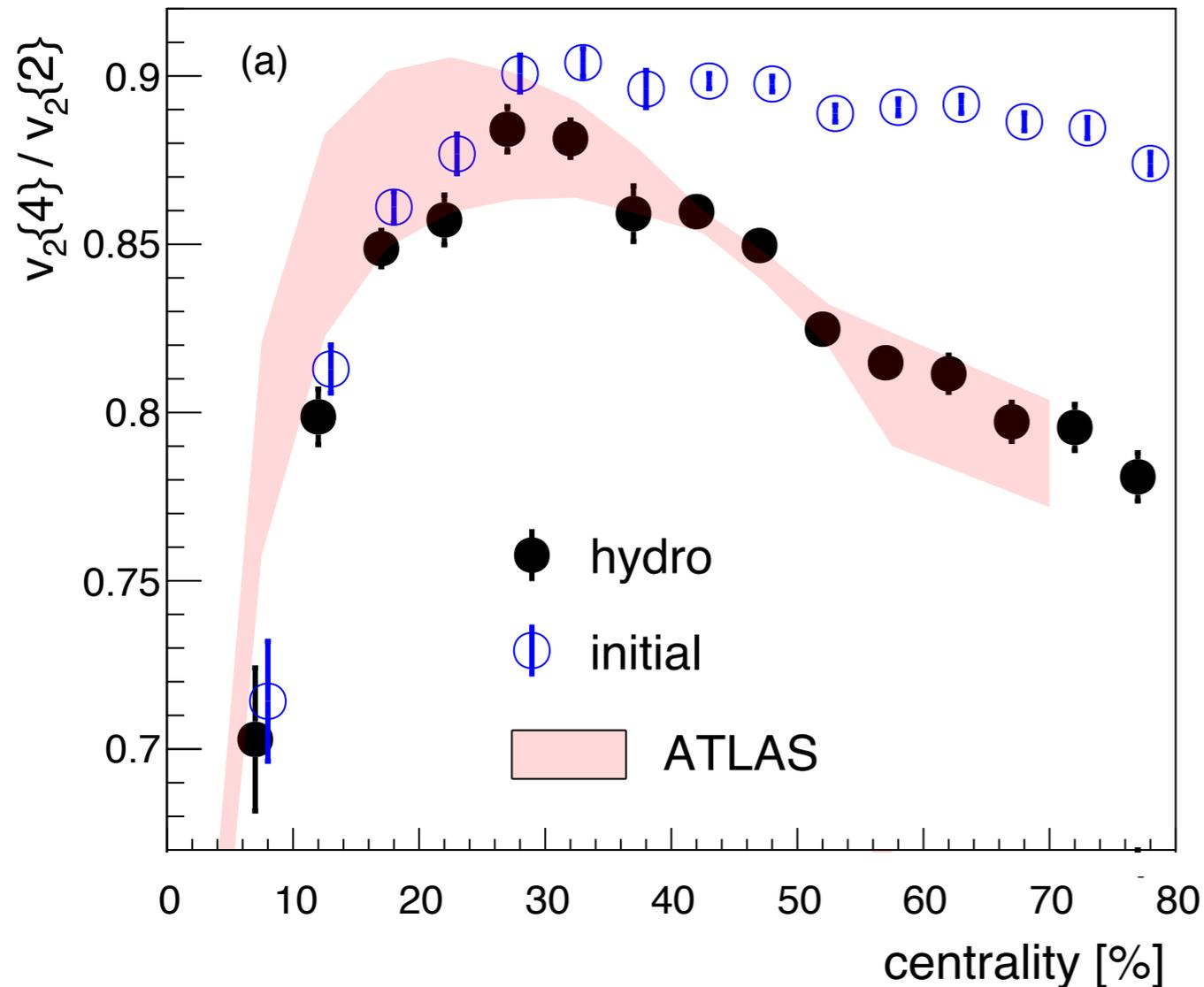
# $v_2$ fluctuations in Pb+Pb collisions



A different situation:  
In semi-central to peripheral collisions, large  $v_2$  from the reaction plane eccentricity, small fluctuations on top of it.

One expects  
 $v_2\{2\} \approx v_2\{4\} \approx v_2\{6\} \approx v_2\{8\}$

# $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ in Pb+Pb collisions



←  $\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\}$

differs somewhat from

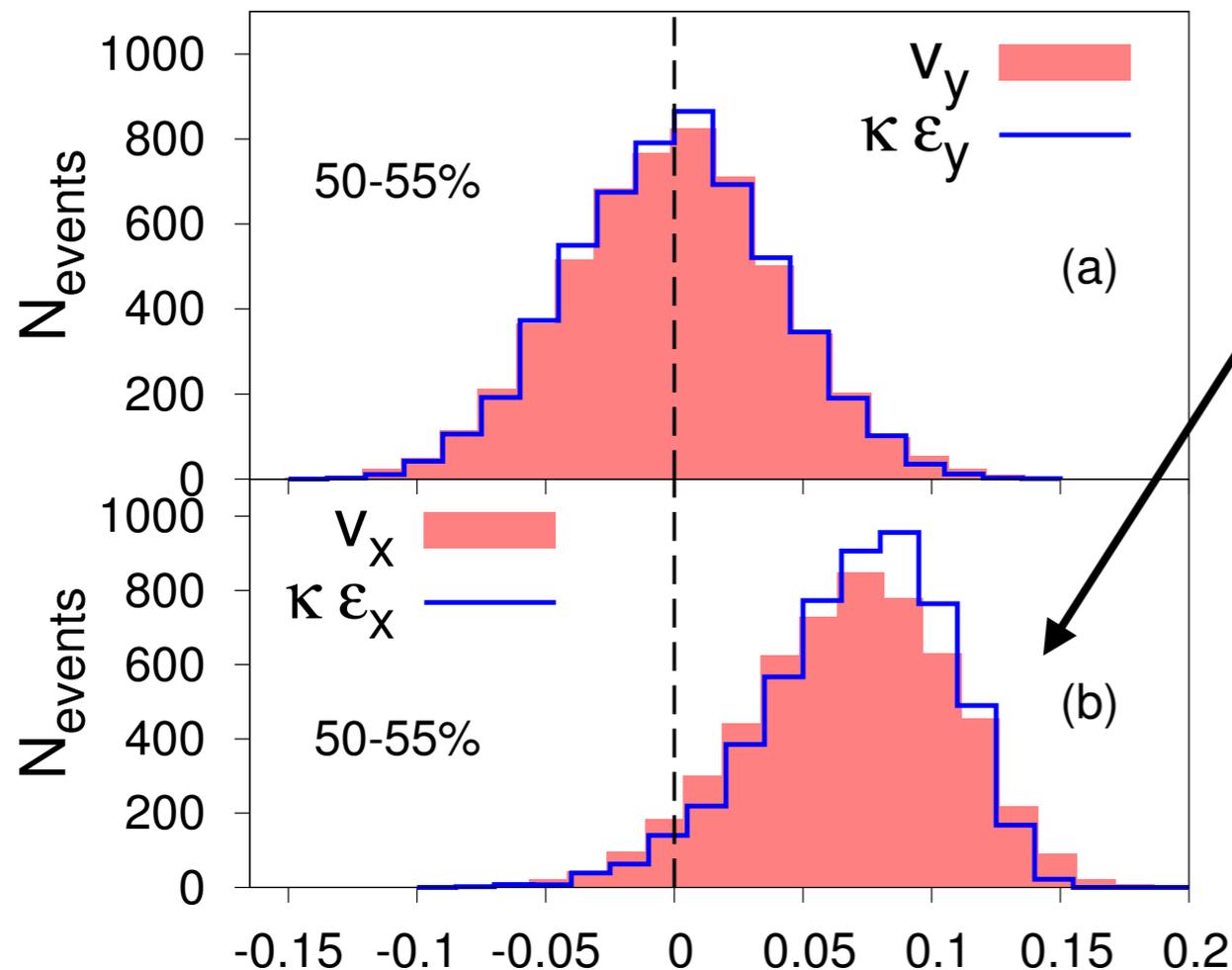
←  $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$  in e-by-e hydro.

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Comparison with data suggests that we see effects of hydro beyond the linear response to initial eccentricity.

# Non-Gaussian $v_2$ fluctuations in Pb+Pb

here,  $x \equiv$  reaction plane.



Hydrodynamic calculations predict that the probability distribution of elliptic flow in the reaction plane,  $v_{2x} = \langle \cos(2\varphi) \rangle$ , is asymmetric, and has negative skew.

The skewness  $\gamma_1$  and kurtosis  $\gamma_2$  of the distribution of  $v_{2x}$  can be inferred from the small splittings between  $v_2\{4\}$ ,  $v_2\{6\}$ , and  $v_2\{8\}$ :

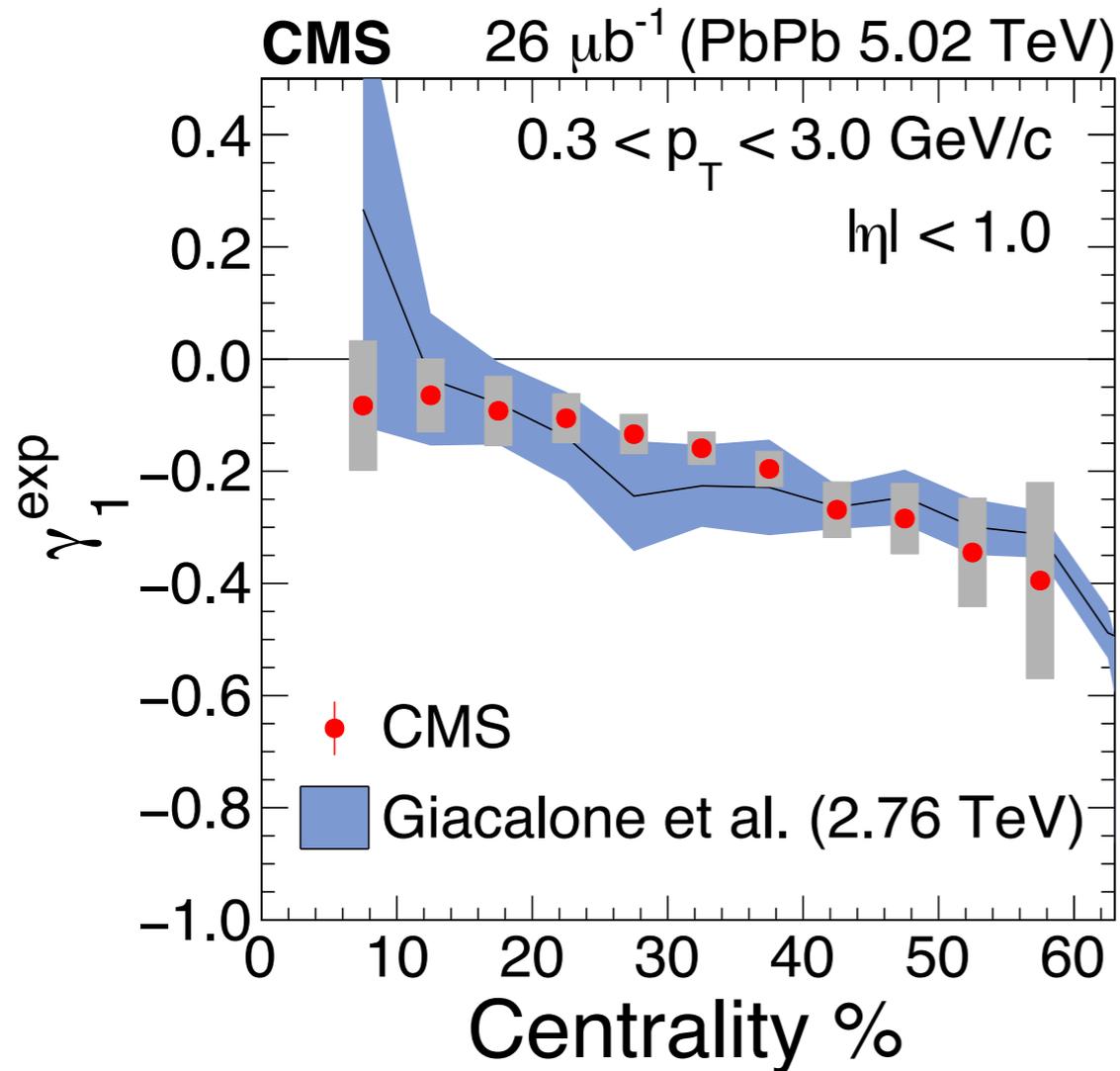
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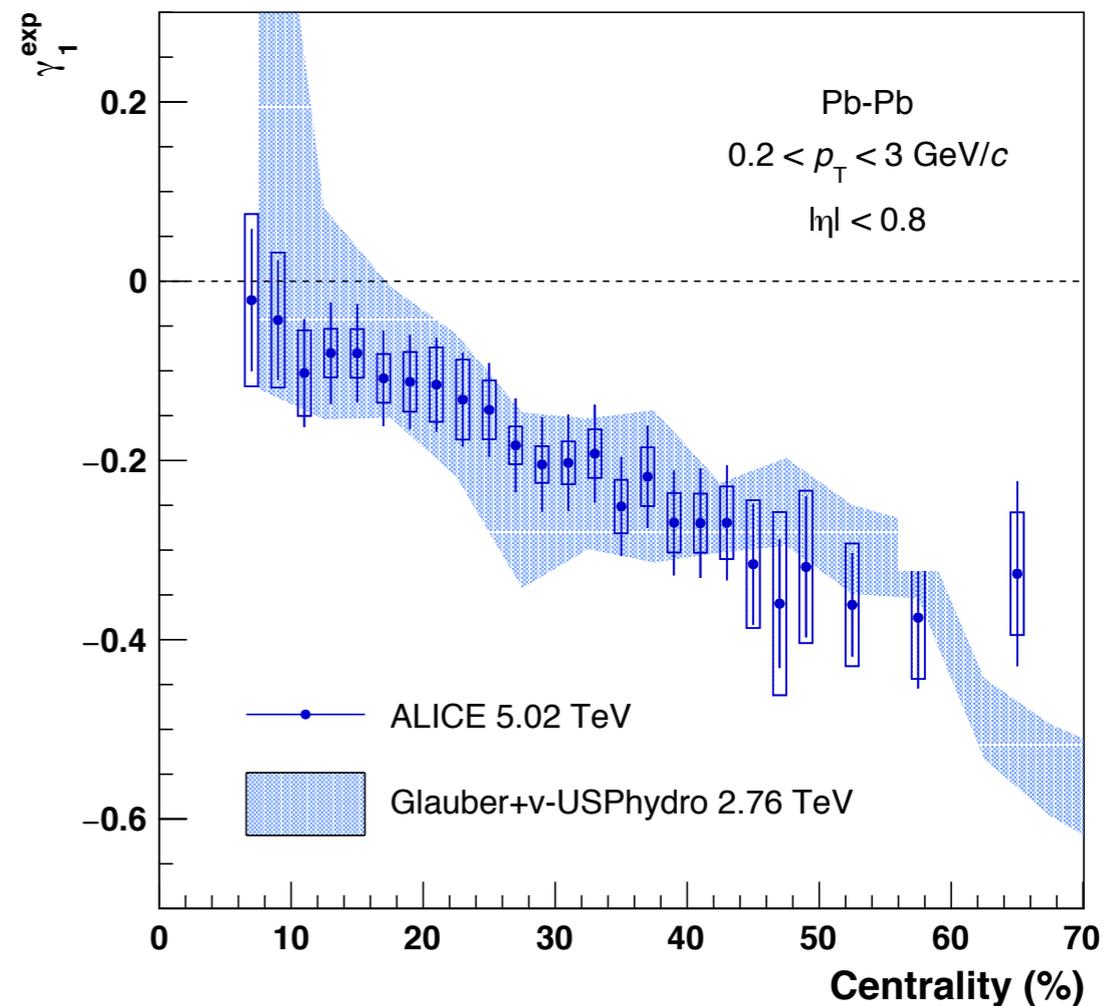
$$\gamma_1 \simeq \gamma_1^{\text{expt}} \equiv -2^{3/2} \frac{v_2\{4\}^3 - v_2\{6\}^3}{(v_2\{2\}^2 - v_2\{4\}^2)^{3/2}},$$

$$\gamma_2 \simeq \gamma_2^{\text{expt}} \equiv -\frac{3}{2} \frac{v_2\{4\}^4 - 12v_2\{6\}^4 + 11v_2\{8\}^4}{(v_2\{2\}^2 - v_2\{4\}^2)^2}.$$

# Skewness of $v_2$ fluctuations



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Measured skewness in good agreement with hydrodynamic predictions.  
 Kurtosis (more difficult) will hopefully be measured soon.

# The problem of hadronization

- In this talk, I have only covered **bulk** observables, averaged over all charged particles:  $\langle p_t \rangle$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ .
- The reason is that they have limited sensitivity to how the fluid is converted into hadrons (freeze-out), as we have seen explicitly for the effective viscosities.
- At freeze-out, the fluid falls out of equilibrium, therefore, the momentum distributions deviate from a thermal distribution. How it deviates (the  $\delta f$  correction at freeze-out) **depends on the details of hadronic interactions**.
- We have really **no idea** how  $\delta f$  depends on the particle momentum, and this is crucial for all the **differential** observables:  $p_t$  spectra,  $v_n(p_t)$ , and identified particle analyses in general.

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# Conclusions

- Success of hydro in describing anisotropic flow fluctuations in p+Pb and Pb+Pb, which is fully non trivial and does not rely on model details.
- Quantitative information about the equation of state can be obtained from data by varying the collision energy.
- At each energy, one can at best extract one effective viscosity, which is a weighted average of the temperature-dependent viscosities. Shear viscosity is likely to dominate.

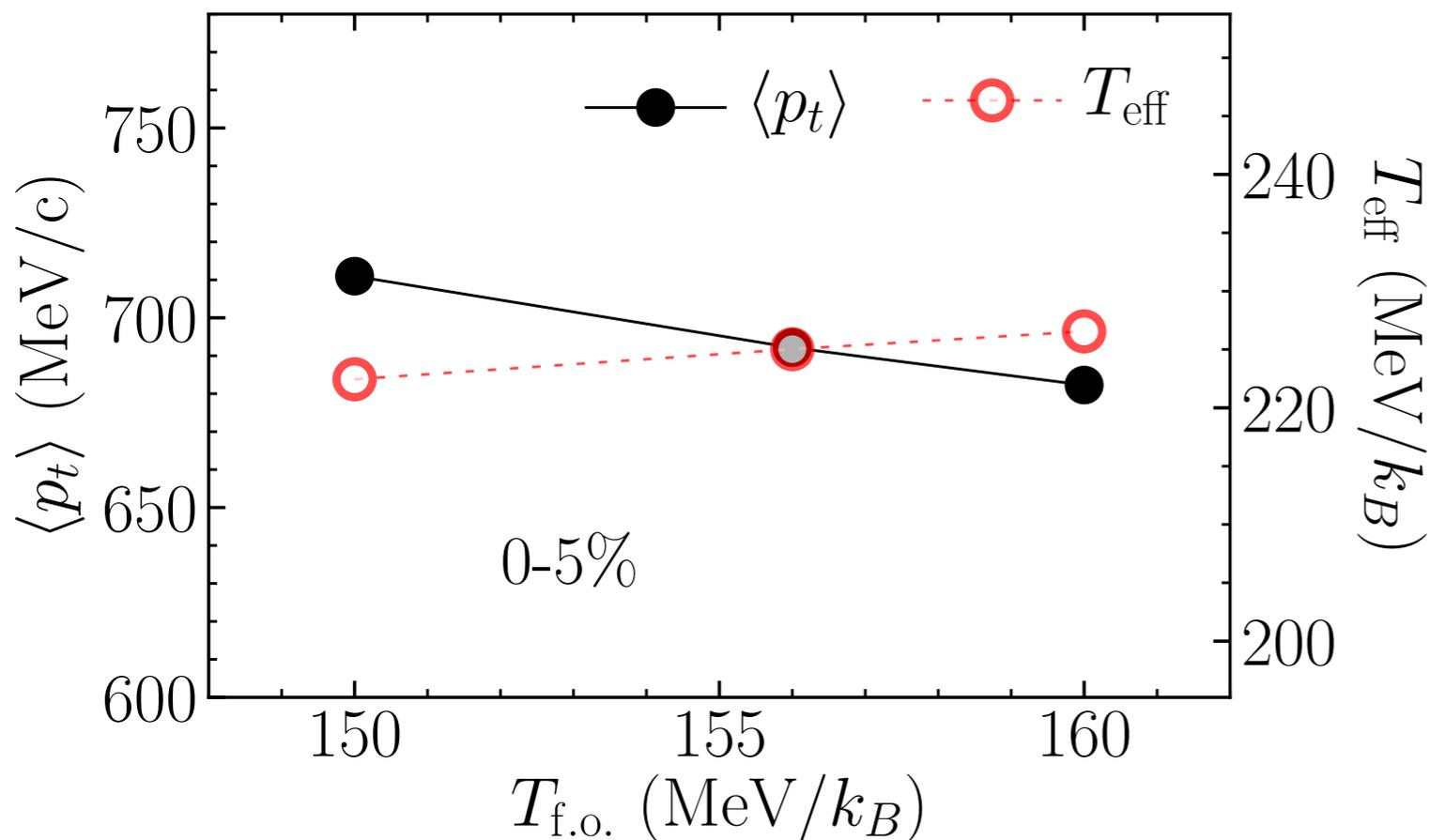
Not covered in this talk:

- More theory work needed on other harmonics  $v_1, v_4, v_5, v_6 \dots$
- $\langle p_t \rangle$  fluctuations are typically overestimated in hydro. Largely an open question, and much activity lately.

# Supplementary material

# Varying the freeze-out temperature

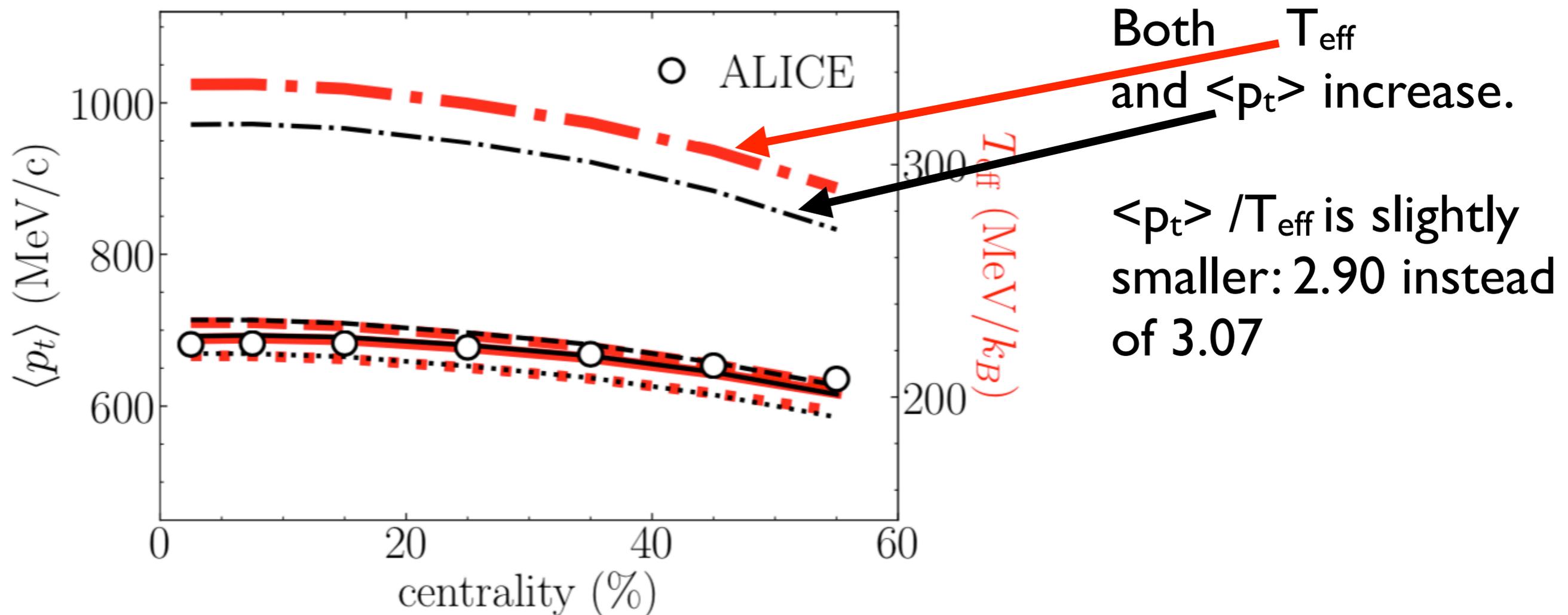
Freeze-out temperature  $T_{f.o.}$  = temperature at which one converts the fluid to particles = some arbitrariness here



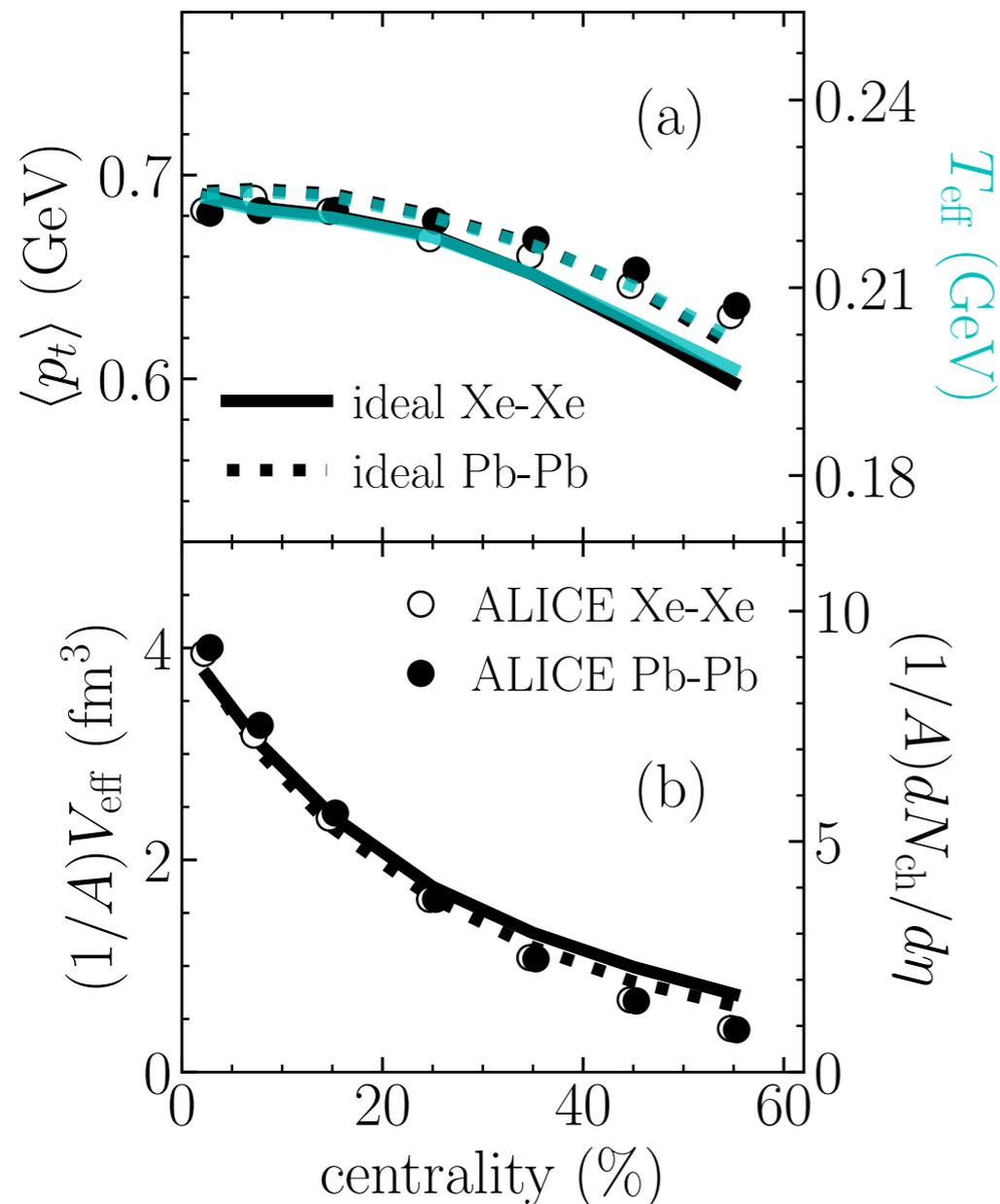
$T_{eff}$  is remarkably independent of the freeze-out temperature,

# Changing the equation of state

We test the robustness of the correspondence between  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  by running ideal hydro with a stiff equation of state  $\varepsilon=3P+\text{const}$ .



# System-size (in)dependence

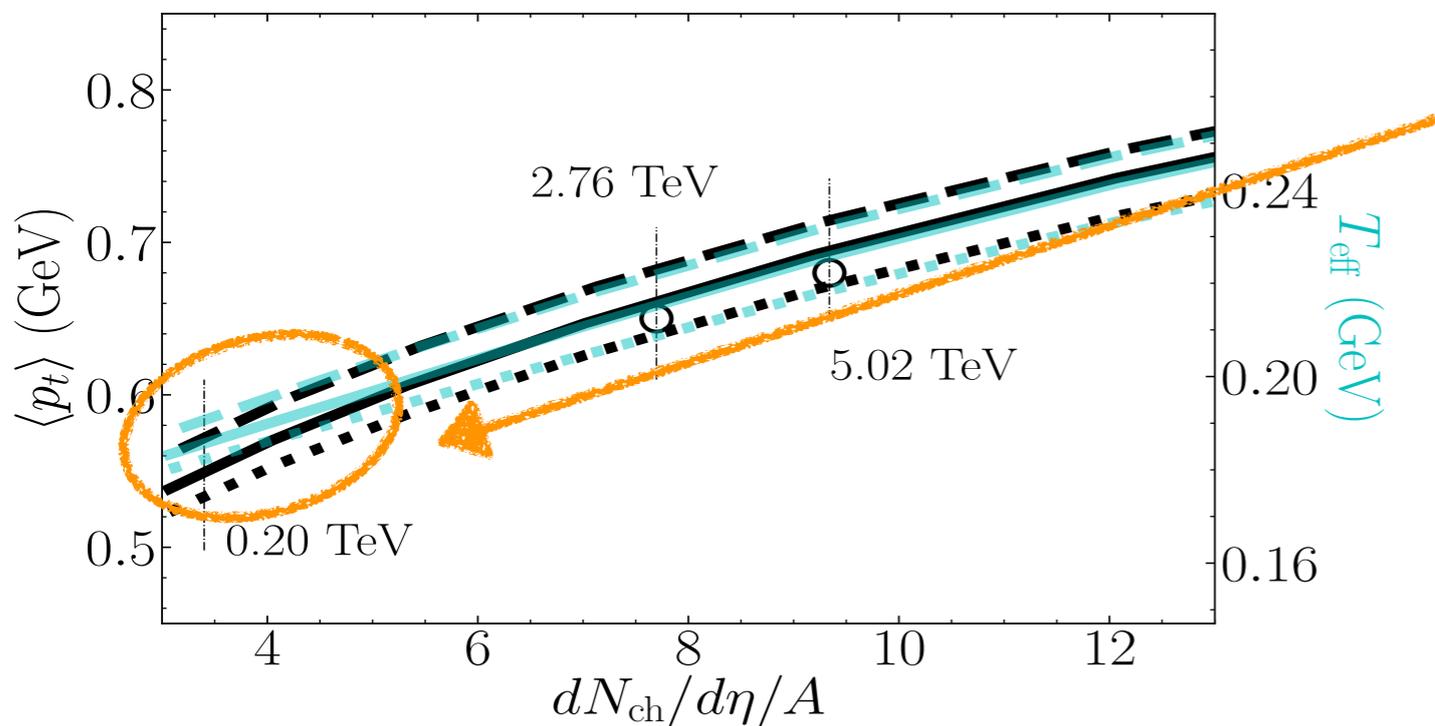


In hydro,  $\langle p_t \rangle / T_{\text{eff}}$  is identical in Pb+Pb and Xe+Xe collisions.

In experiment,  $\langle p_t \rangle$  is essentially the same in both systems, therefore  $T_{\text{eff}}$  is also the same.

$V_{\text{eff}}$  and the multiplicity are both proportional to  $A$  at a given centrality percentile.

# The equation of state at RHIC

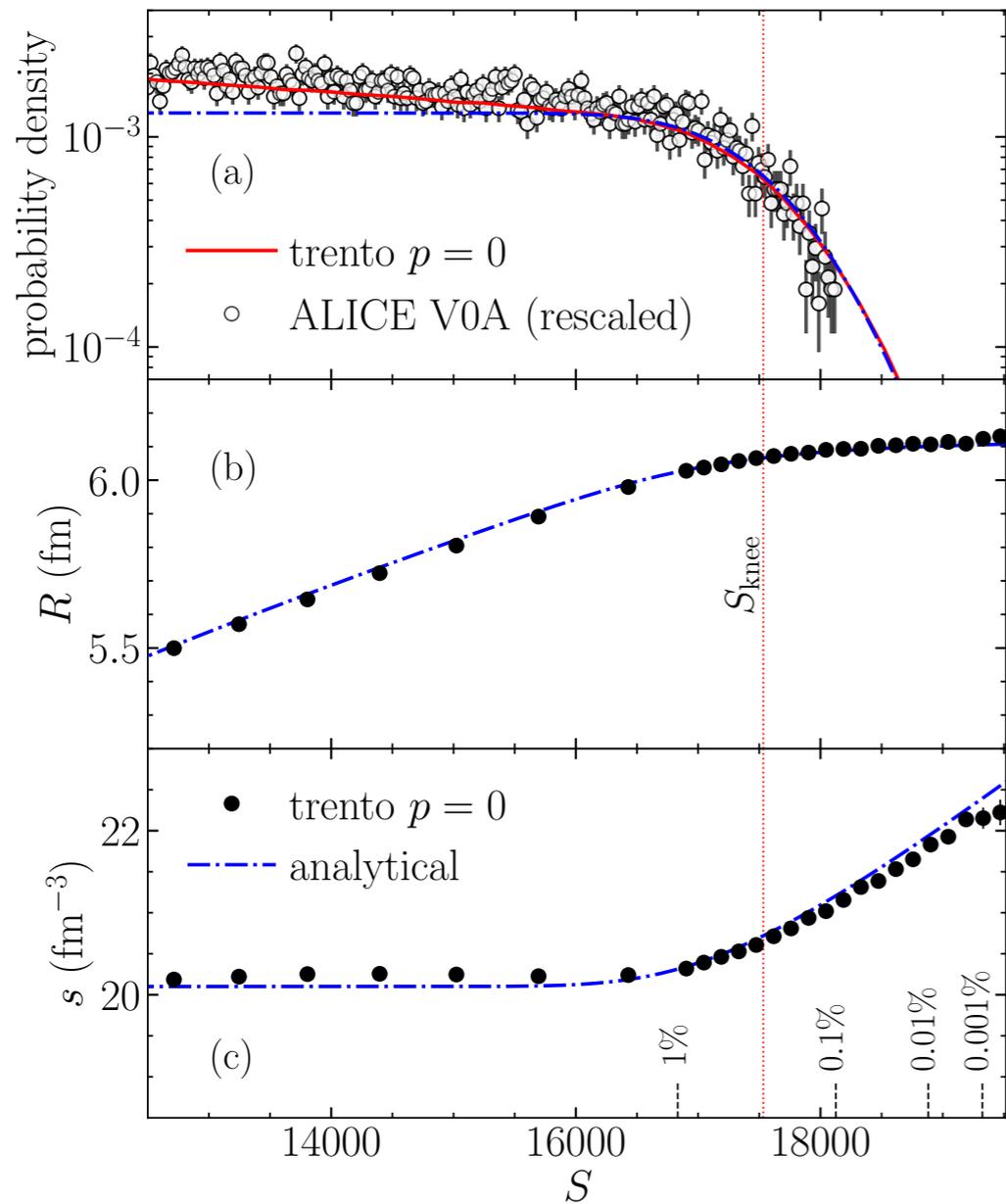


At RHIC energies,  $\langle p_t \rangle$  is slightly steeper than  $T$ .

Around the transition region,  $\langle p_t \rangle$  follows the energy over entropy ratio  $\epsilon/s$ , rather than  $T$ .

In a baryonless plasma,  $\frac{3}{4} T < \epsilon/s < T$  so  $\epsilon/s$  and  $T$  are almost proportional. Hadron to QGP transition:  $T$  is almost constant, but  $\epsilon/s$  keeps increasing. This is probably what we see here.

# Predictions for ultracentral collisions



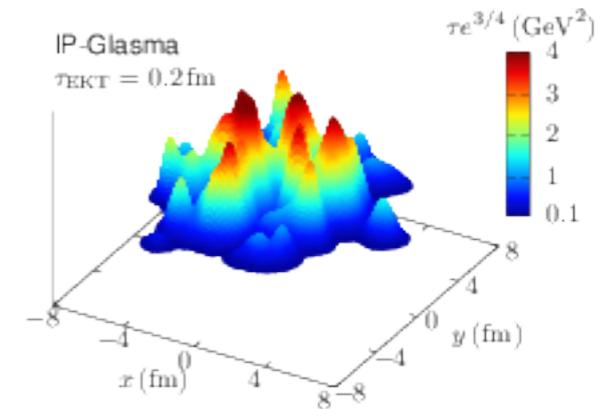
Entropy per unit rapidity

Zoom of the V0 distribution in ultracentral collisions

In a model of initial state (Trento model) tuned to reproduce the V0 distribution, the **transverse radius saturates** beyond the knee

The **entropy density increases** beyond the knee: hence  $T_{\text{eff}}$  increases

# Event-by-event fluctuations



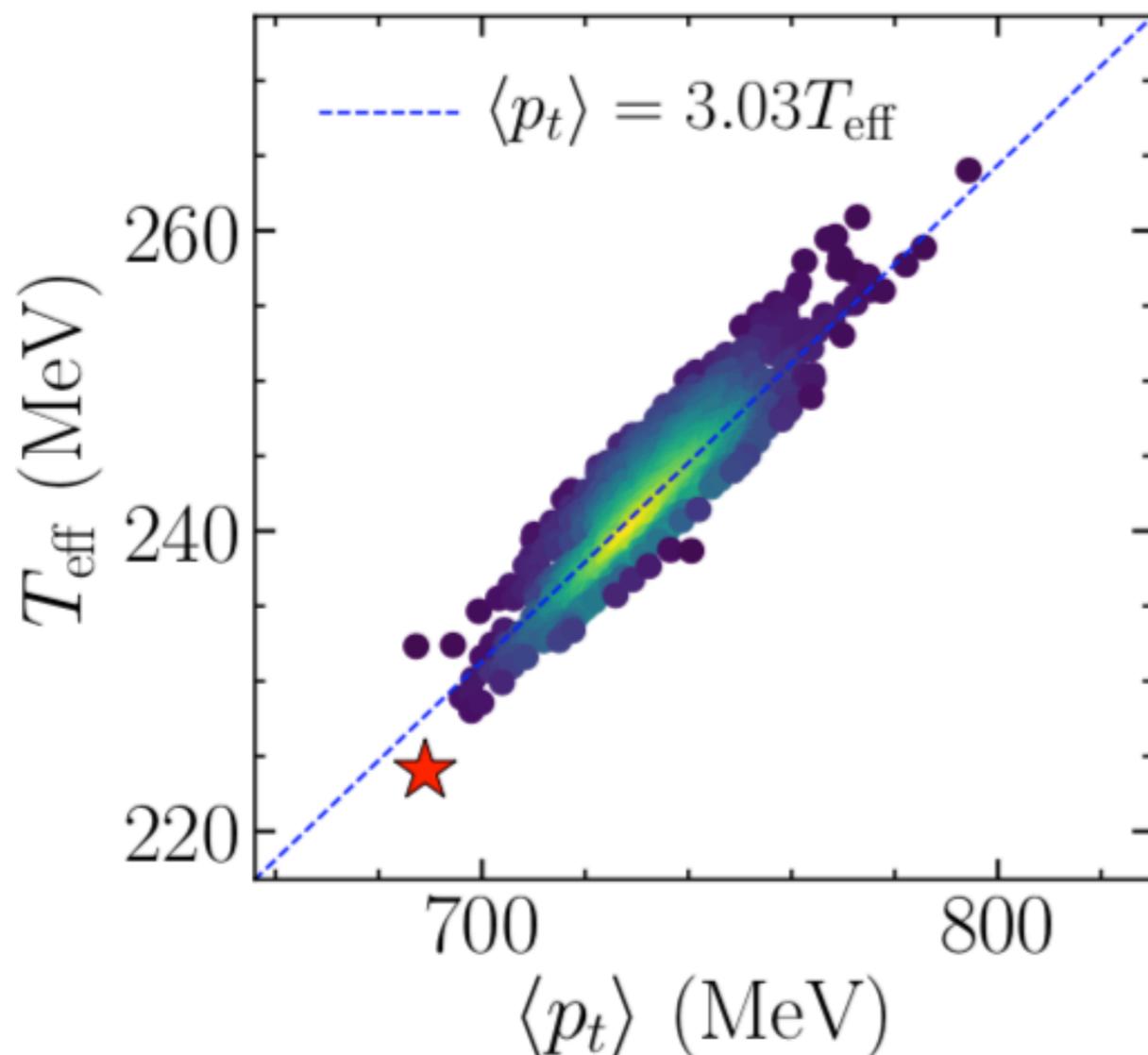
- Our calculations so far were done with a smooth initial density profile, depending only on impact parameter
- If the initial density fluctuates event to event:
  - Is the ratio between  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  modified?
  - Do the event-by-event fluctuations of  $\langle p_t \rangle$  follow those of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  ?

# Event-by-event fluctuations

We use the trento model of initial conditions.

We fix both the impact parameter and the total entropy, then run ideal hydrodynamics

Moreland Bernhard Bass [1412.4708](#)



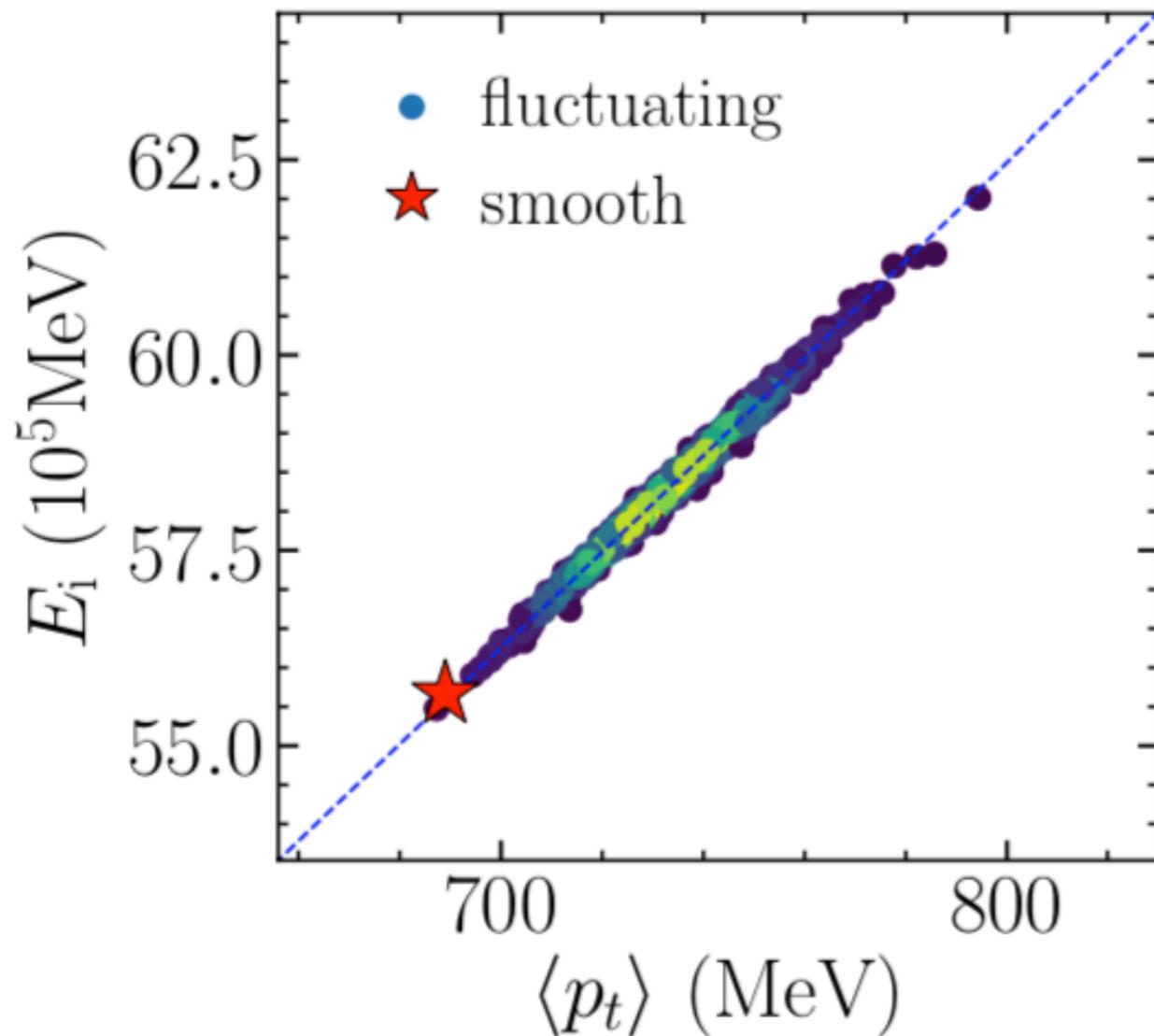
Each point corresponds to 1 event.

The ratio between  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  is almost unchanged (3.03 vs 3.07)

Event-by-event fluctuations of  $\langle p_t \rangle$  are well correlated with those of  $T_{\text{eff}}$

Gardim et al. [2002.07008](#)

# Event-by-event fluctuations



Surprise: we find a much tighter correlation between  $\langle p_t \rangle$  and the **initial** energy of the fluid  $E_i$ .

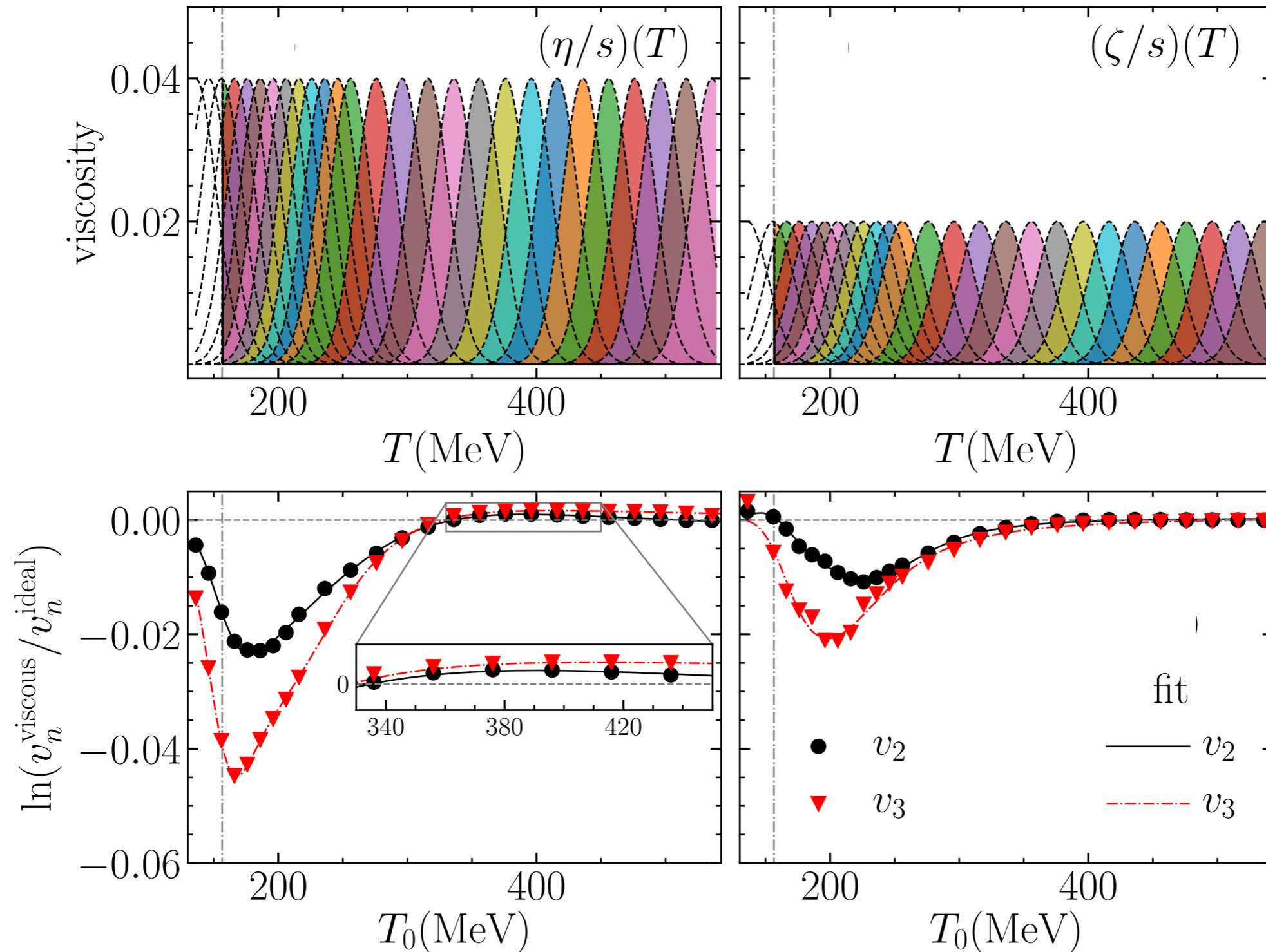
At fixed total entropy, the fluctuations in  $E_i$  are determined by the **initial** temperature (locally:  $dE=TdS$ )

Therefore, event-to-event  $\langle p_t \rangle$  fluctuations may reveal information about the **early** thermodynamics

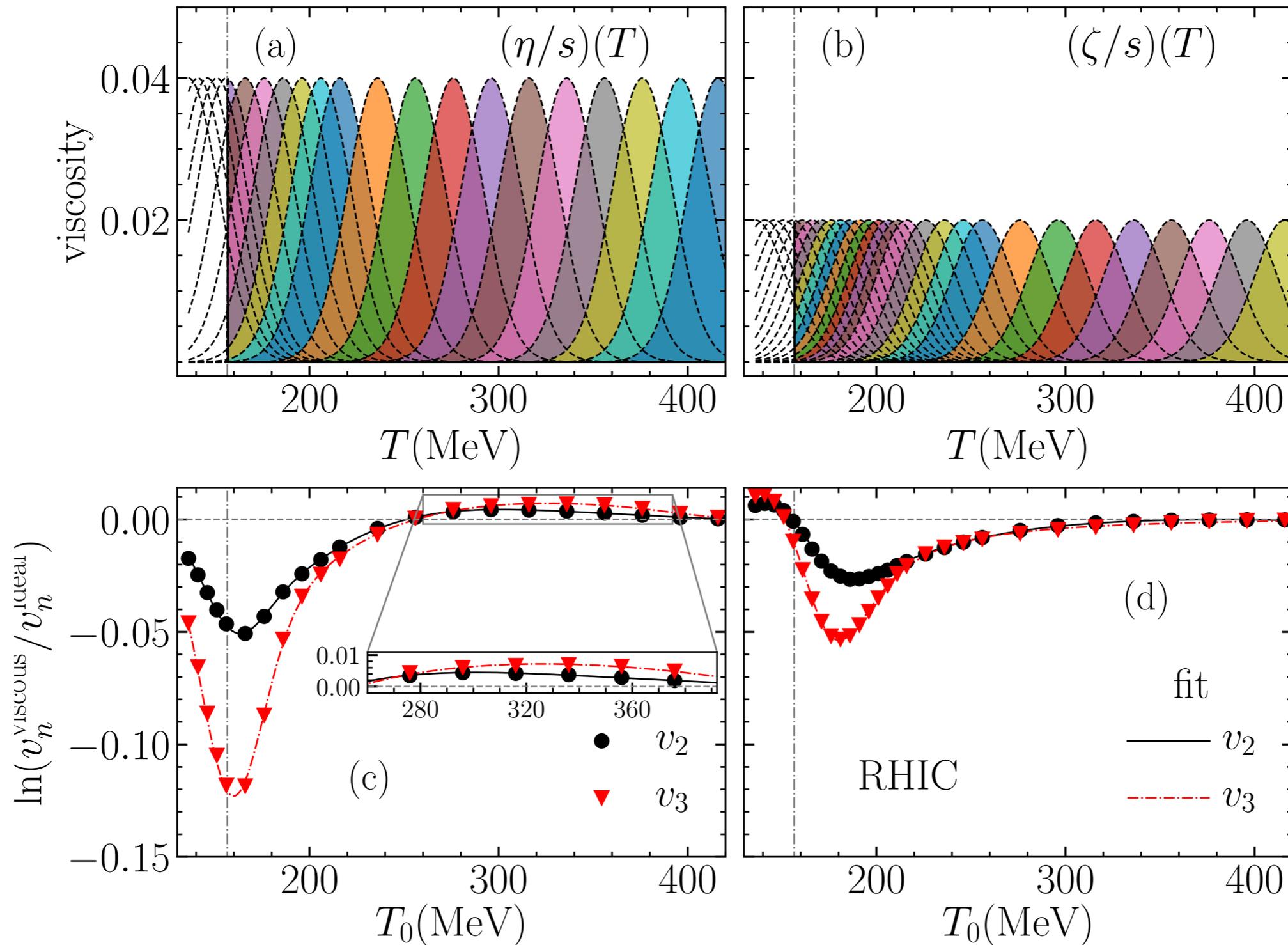
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# Detailed results for narrow temperature-dependent viscosities (LHC)



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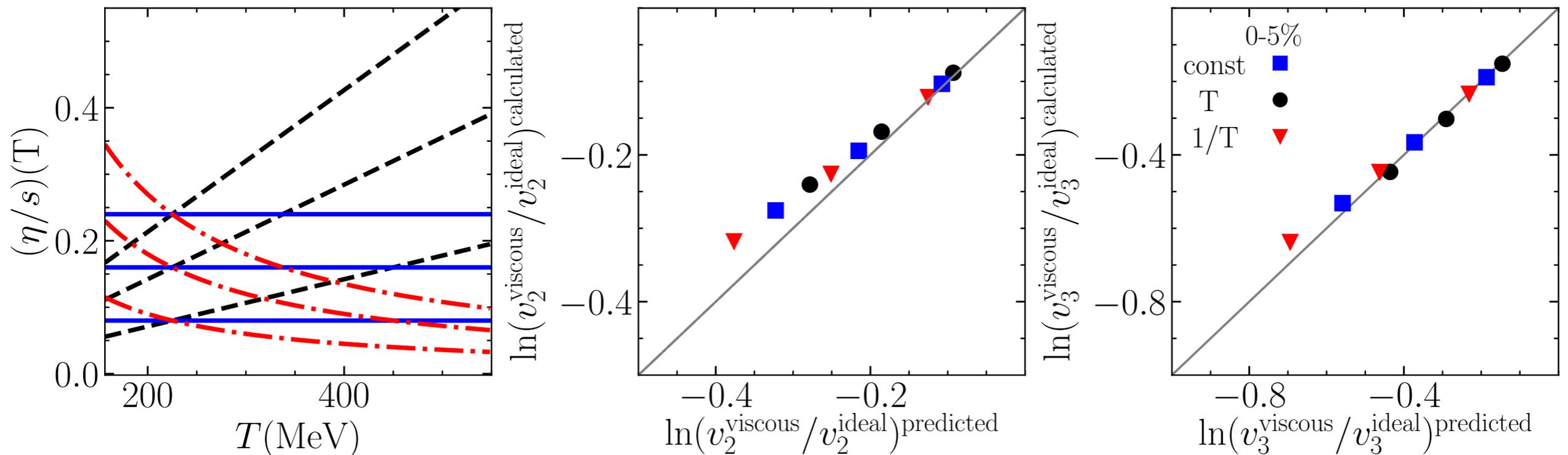


# Tests of linearity (1/2)

We check the validity of

$$\ln[v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal})] = \int w_n^{(\eta)}(T)(\eta/s)(T) dT$$

for various  $(\eta/s)(T)$  profiles

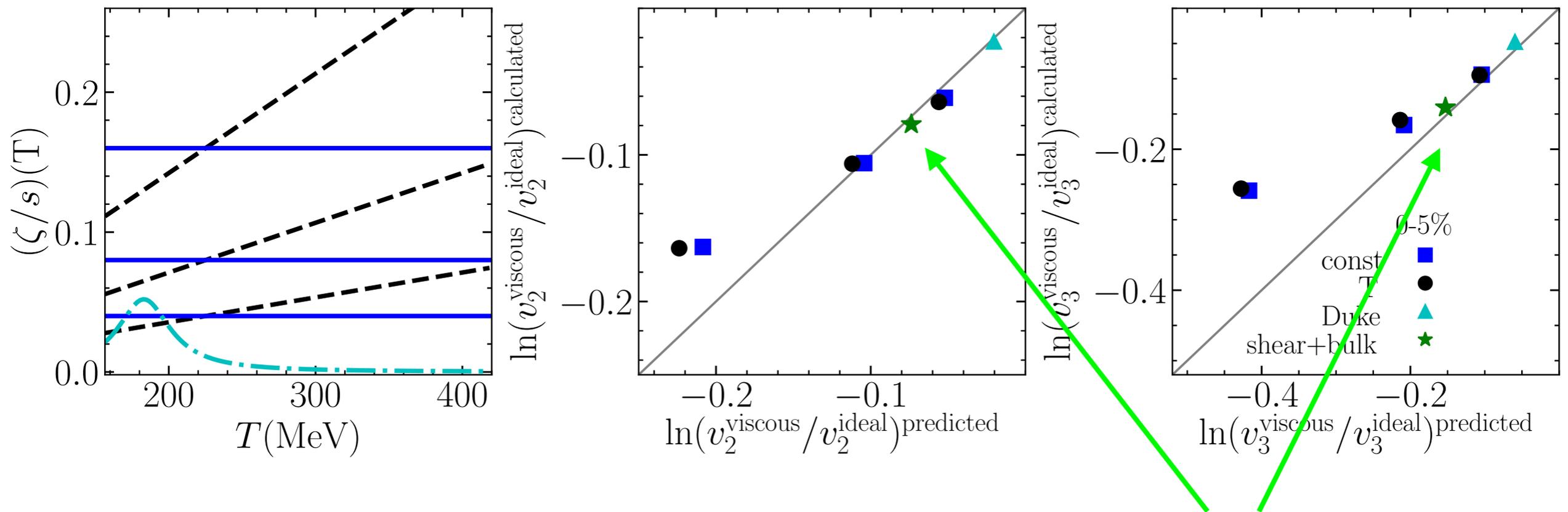


Even in the nonlinear regime where viscous suppression is large, the effective viscosity remains an excellent predictor.

# Tests of linearity (2/2)

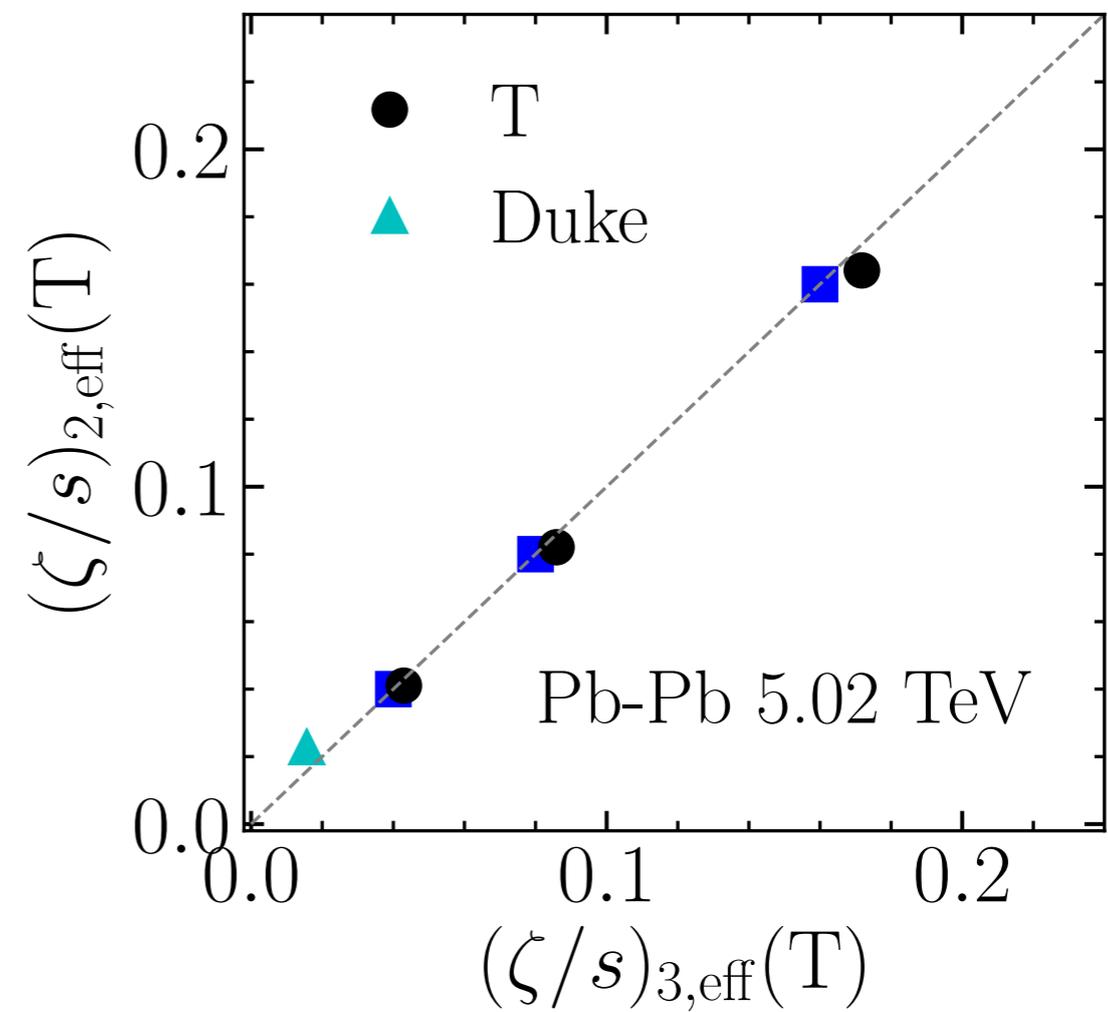
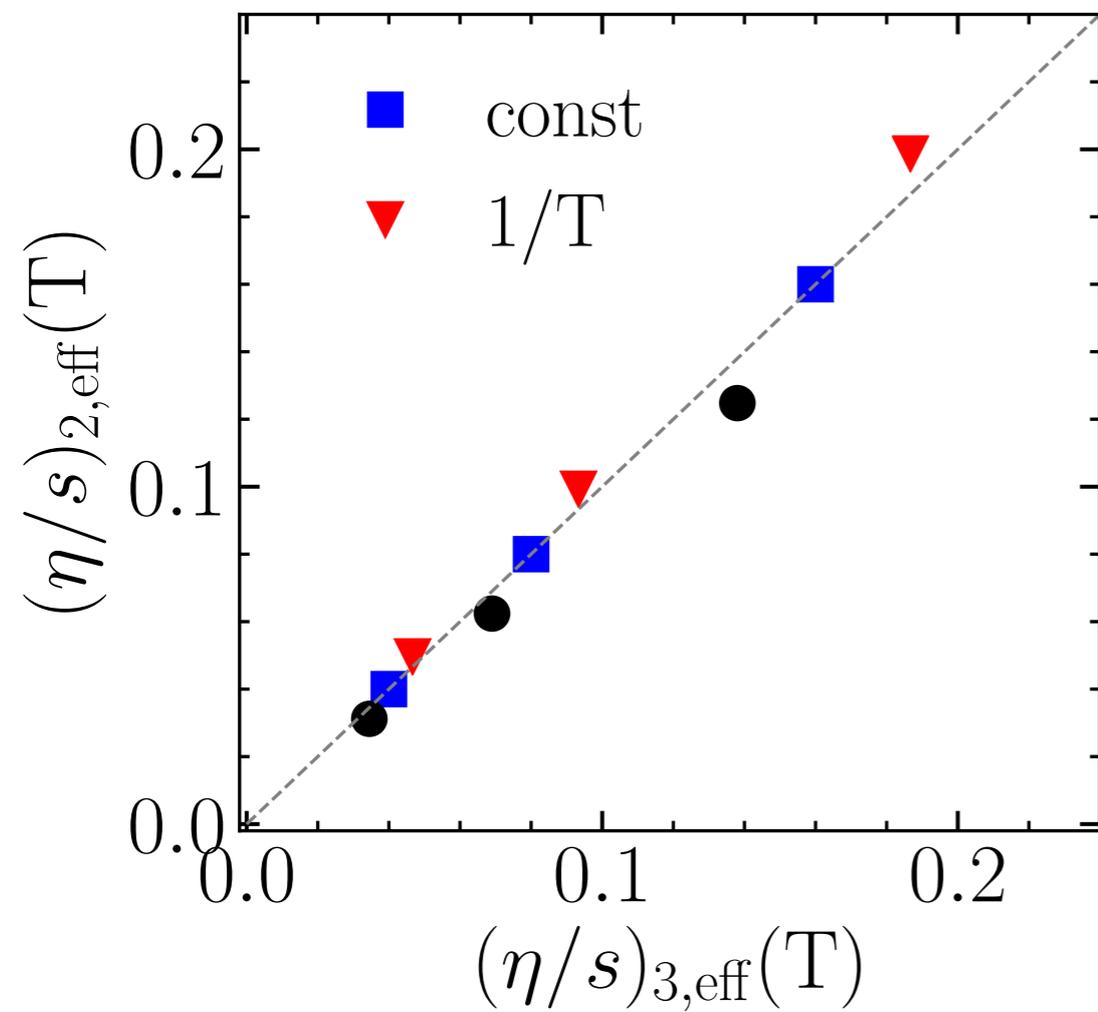
Same with bulk and shear+bulk

$$\ln[v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal})] = \int w_n^{(\eta)}(T)(\eta/s)(T) + w_n^{(\zeta)}(T)(\zeta/s)(T) dT,$$

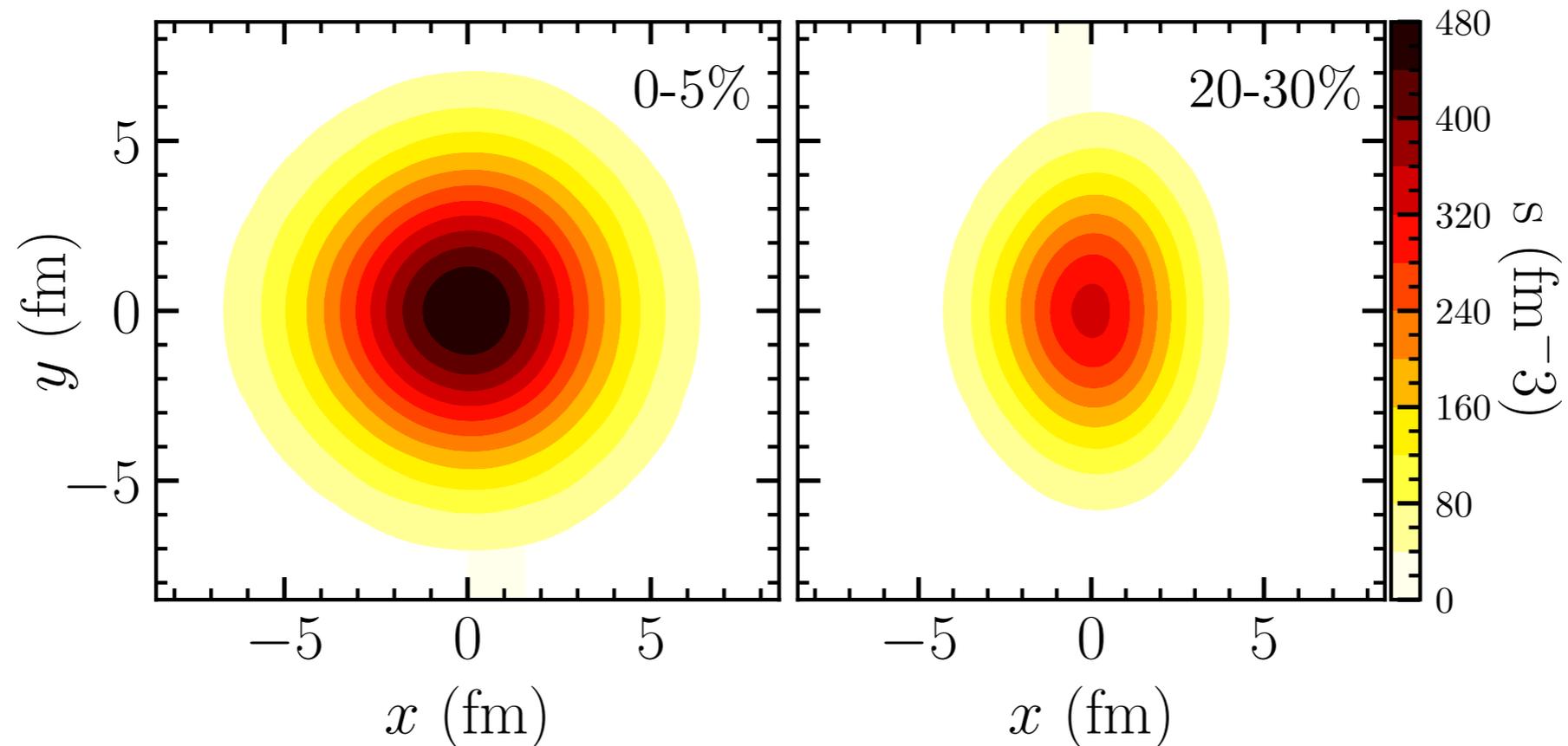


We confirm that the relative variation of  $v_n$  is the sum of the contributions of shear and bulk.

# Comparison between effective viscosities for $v_2$ and $v_3$



# Centrality dependence (1/3)



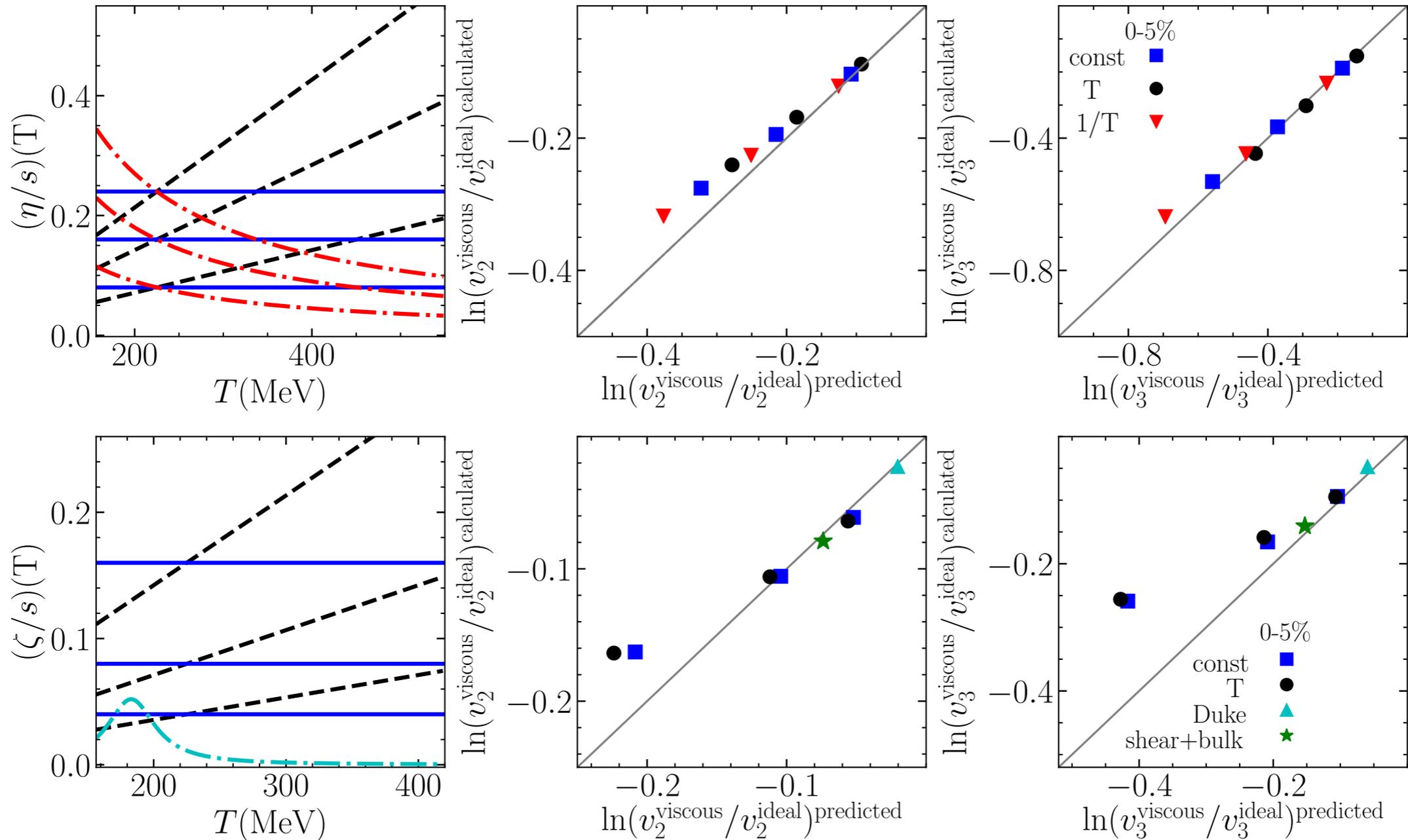
$\langle p_t \rangle$  is almost identical for these 2 centrality windows.  
Implies that they probe the same temperature interval.

The only change comes from the transverse size  $R$ .  
Viscosity is the first gradient correction to ideal hydro.  
 $v_n(\text{viscous})/v_n(\text{ideal}) - 1$  should be proportional to  $1/R$ .  
(Reynolds number scaling)

# Centrality dependence (2/3)

Using our results for the 0-5 % centrality window

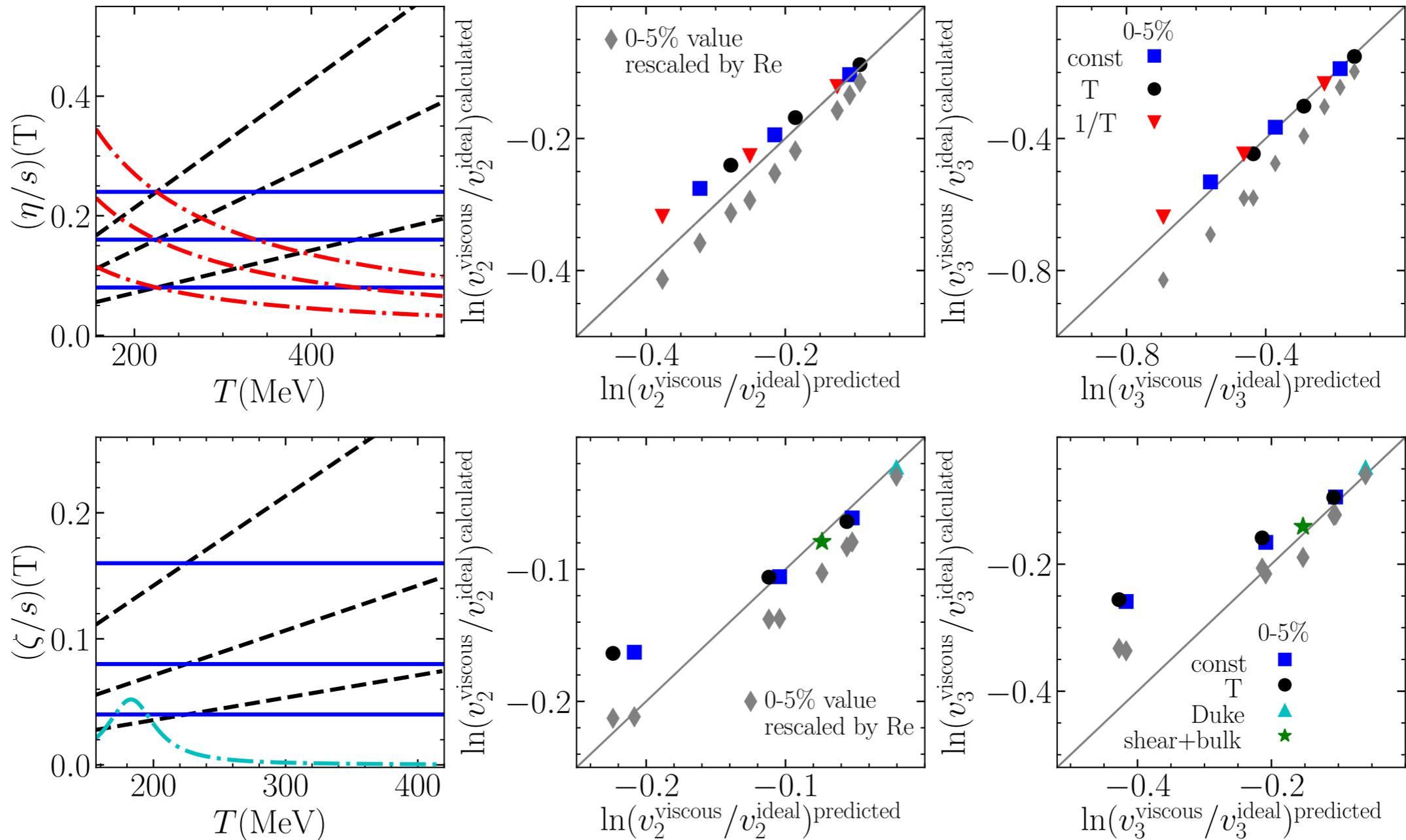
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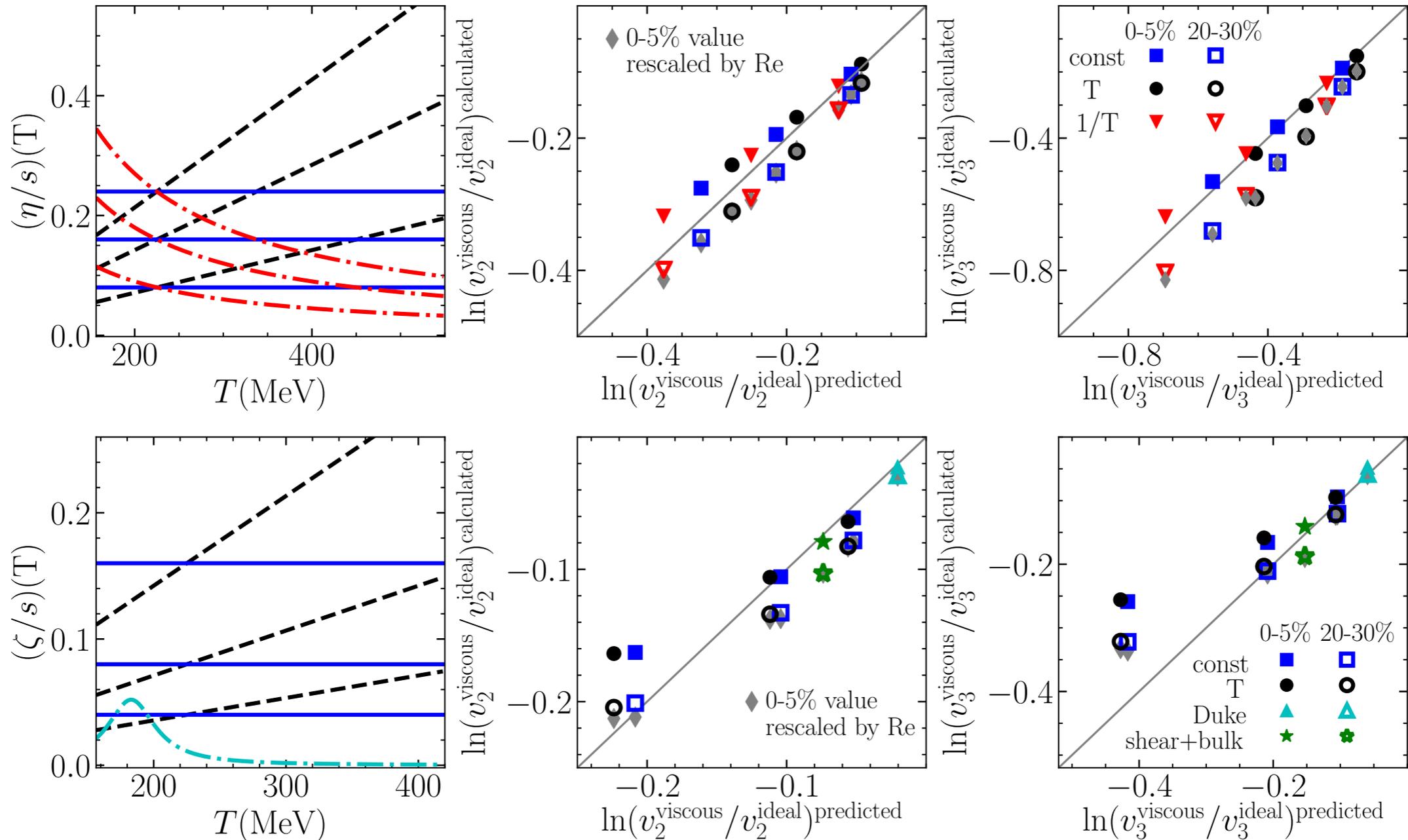
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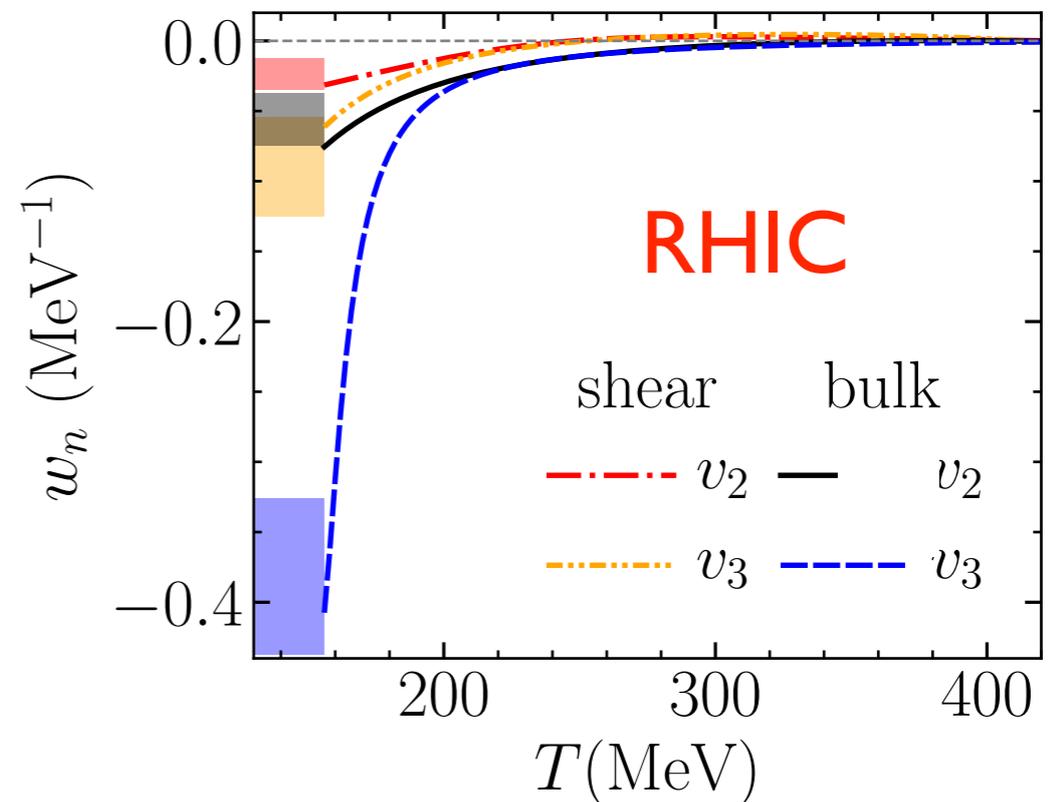
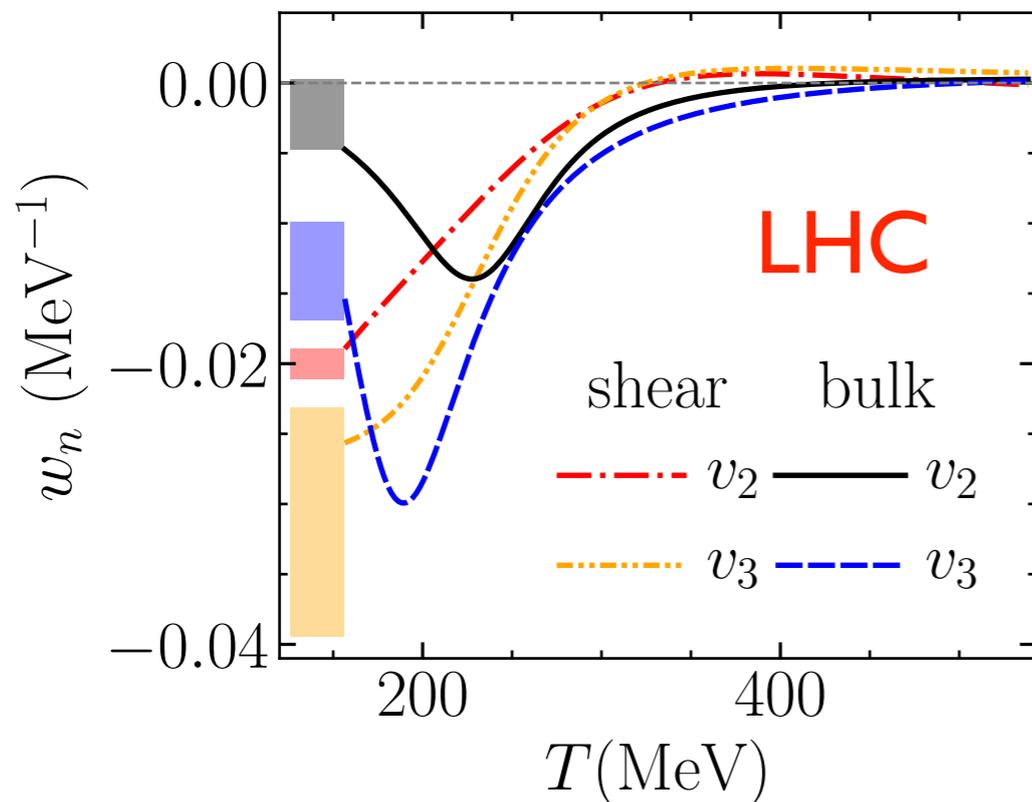


# Centrality dependence (3/3)

Numerical calculations confirm the expected scaling.  
Implies that effective viscosities are independent of centrality.



# Effective viscosities at RHIC



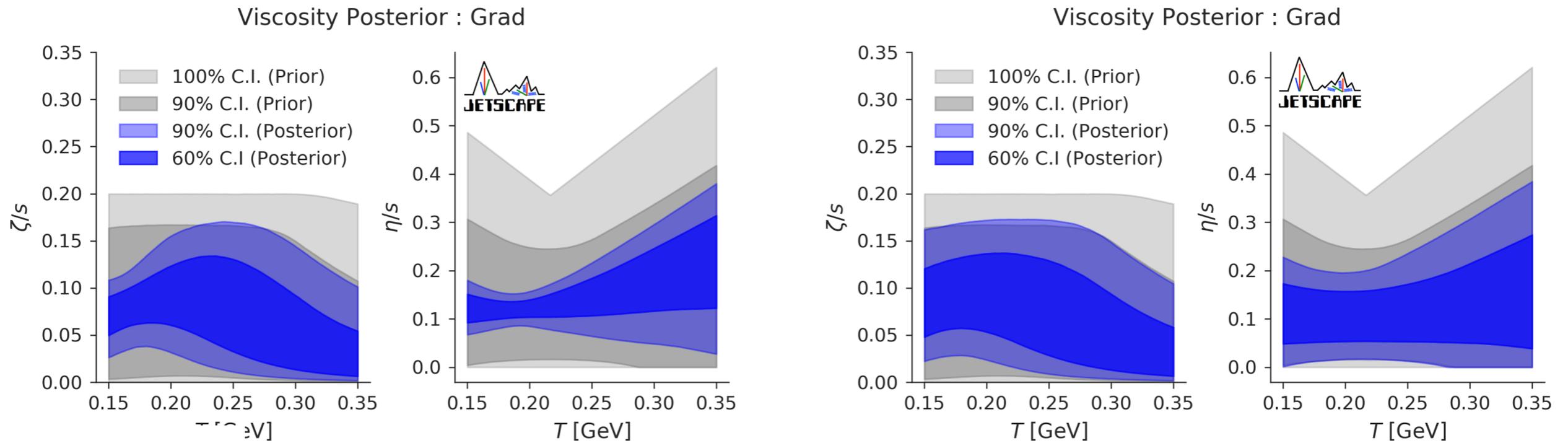
The main difference is that freeze-out is no longer a small contribution to the viscous damping.

And it is the non-robust part. This implies that it will be harder to constrain the viscosity from RHIC data.

# LHC versus RHIC

LHC

RHIC



Everett et al. [2011.01430](#)

The global study based on Bayesian inference reaches a similar conclusion: allowed band using RHIC data is broader.