



Recent thermal model developments: the The(rmal-)FIST package

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<https://github.com/vlvovch/Thermal-FIST>

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Thermal model



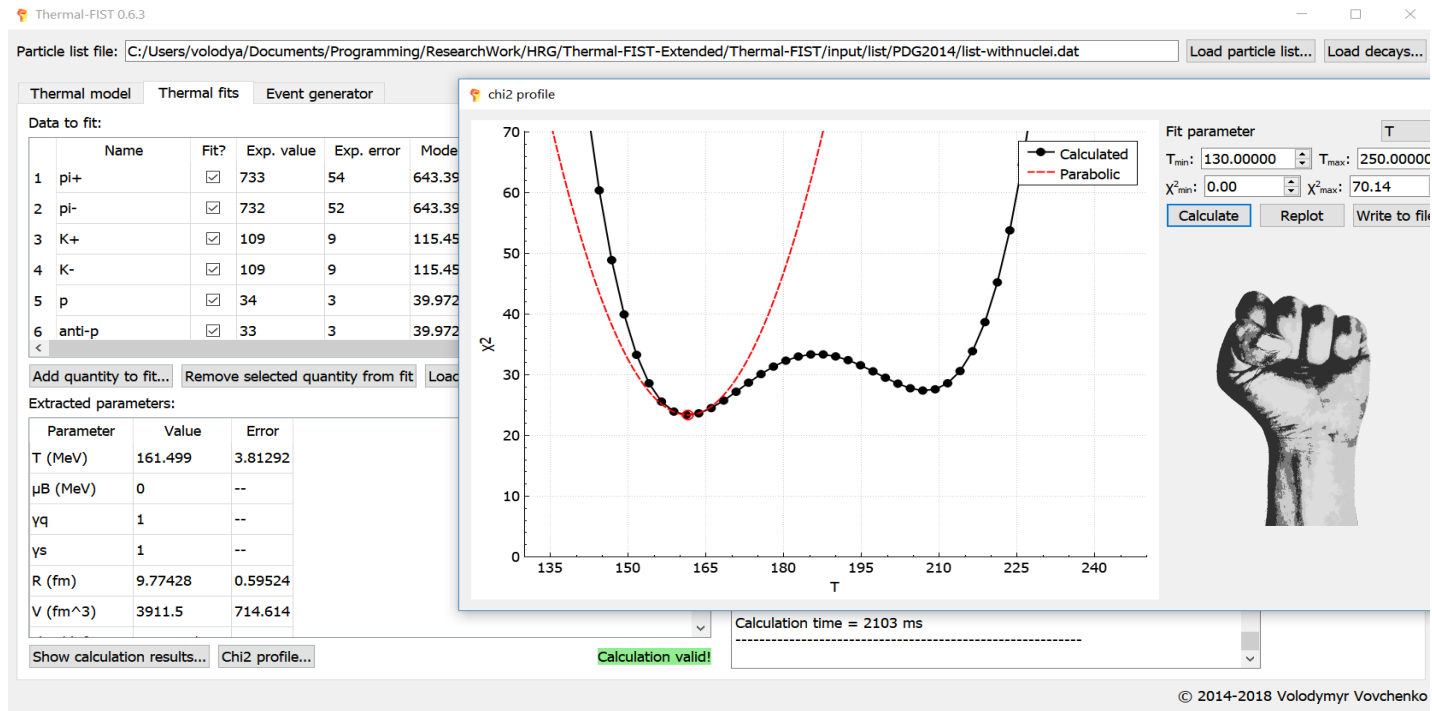
$$N_i^{\text{hrg}} = V \frac{d_i m_i^2 T}{2\pi^2} K_2 \left(\frac{m_i}{T} \right) e^{\frac{\mu_i}{T}}, \quad N_i^{\text{tot}} = N_i^{\text{hrg}} + \sum_j BR(j \rightarrow i) N_j^{\text{hrg}}, \quad i \in HRG$$

Common tools: (not an exhaustive list)

- 1) **SHARE 3** [G. Torrieri, J. Rafelski, M. Petran, et al.]
Fortran/C++. Chemical (non-)equilibrium, fluctuations, charm, nuclei
open source: <http://www.physics.arizona.edu/~gtshare/SHARE/share.html>
- 2) **THERMUS 4** [S. Wheaton, J. Cleymans, B. Hippolyte, et al.]
C++/ROOT. Canonical ensemble, EV corrections, charm, nuclei
open source: <https://github.com/thermus-project/THERMUS>
- 3) **GSI-Heidelberg code** [A. Andronic et al.] **not open source**
- 4) **Florence code** [F. Becattini et al.] **not open source**

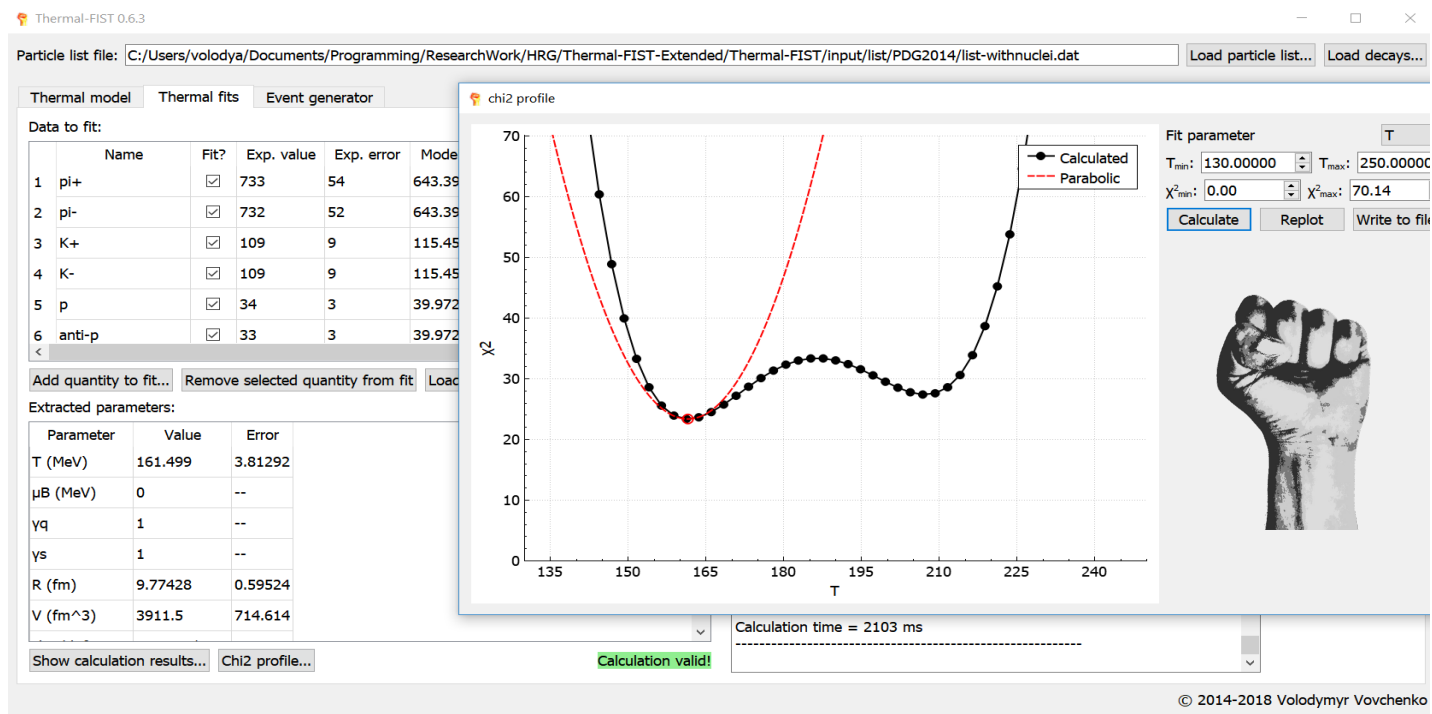


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"So that's how you get your results so quickly!"

J. Cleymans

"Thanks for reproducing my results!"

F. Becattini

Thermal model aspects in Thermal-FIST



Alternative/extended scenarios:

- chemical non-equilibrium (γ_q, γ_s)
- **light nuclei**

Equation of state

Extensions of the HRG model:

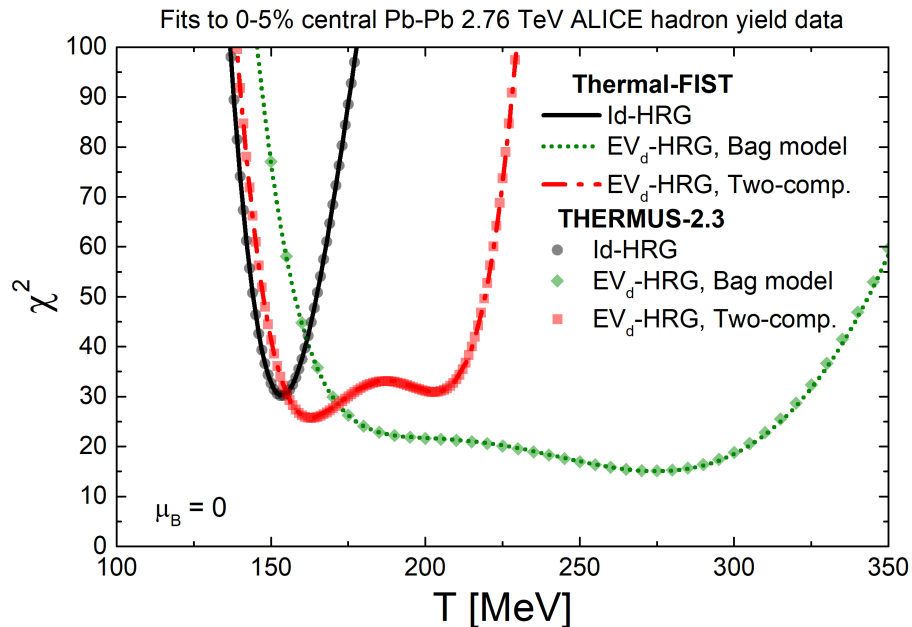
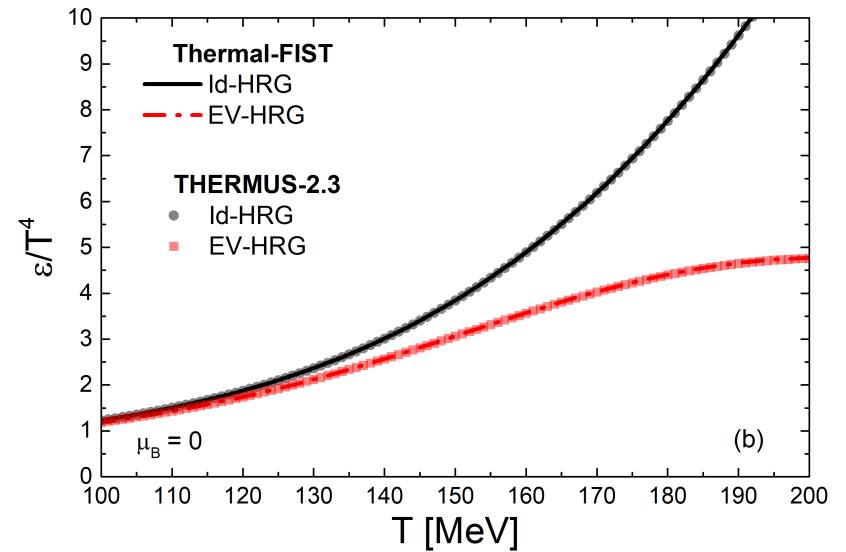
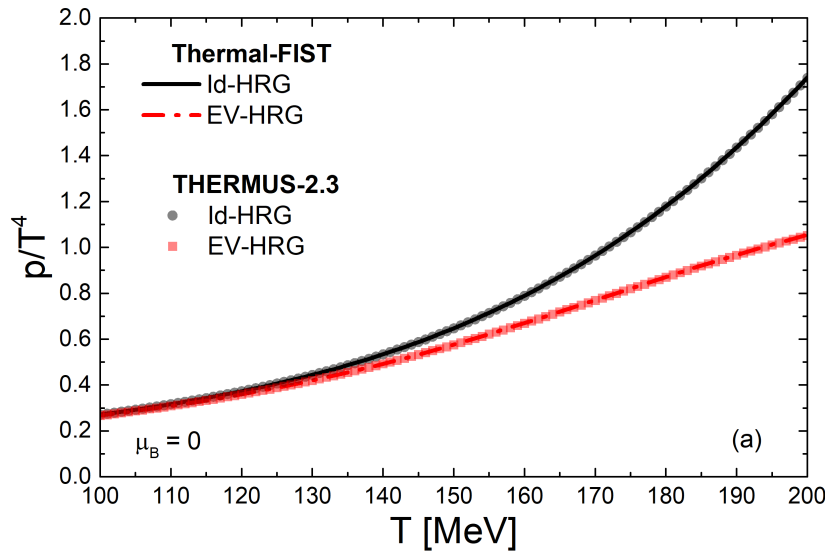
- different treatment of finite resonance widths
- repulsive interactions (excluded volume)
- van der Waals interactions (*criticality*) **M. Gorenstein, talk Thursday**
- particle number fluctuations and correlations (probabilistic decays, EV/vdW interactions)

Canonical statistical model (CSM):

- exact conservation of conserved charges

Monte Carlo event generator (Blast-wave, CSM, interactions)

FIST in THERMUS mode: cross-check



FIST results coincide with THERMUS, provided that the same input used

Finite resonance widths

resonances have finite lifetime,
their width should be taken into account

Breit-Wigner spectral density usually used in thermal models

[Becattini, ZPC '96; Torrieri et al. (SHARE); Wheaton et al. (THERMUS); Andronic et al. (GSI-HD), NPA '06]

We explore finite widths effects on final hadron yields

V. Vovchenko, M.I. Gorenstein, H. Stoecker, *Phys. Rev. C* 98, 034906 (2018)

source code: <https://github.com/vlvovch/1807.02079>

Modeling finite resonance widths



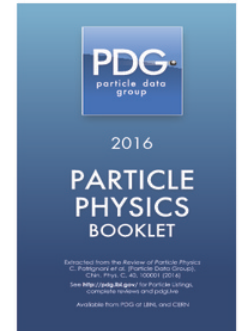
$$n_i(T, \mu; m_i) \rightarrow \int_{m_i^{\min}}^{m_i^{\max}} dm \rho_i(m) n_i(T, \mu; m)$$

Broad Δ and N^* resonances appear in πN scattering...

Use πN scattering **phase shifts**? $\rho_i(m) \propto \frac{\partial \delta_{\pi N}(m)}{\partial m}$

[P.M. Lo, Friman, Redlich, Sasaki, 1710.02711]

- Seems appropriate for $\Delta(1232)$
- Higher-mass resonances mainly have 3-body final states
- S-matrix would require a coupled-channel treatment?



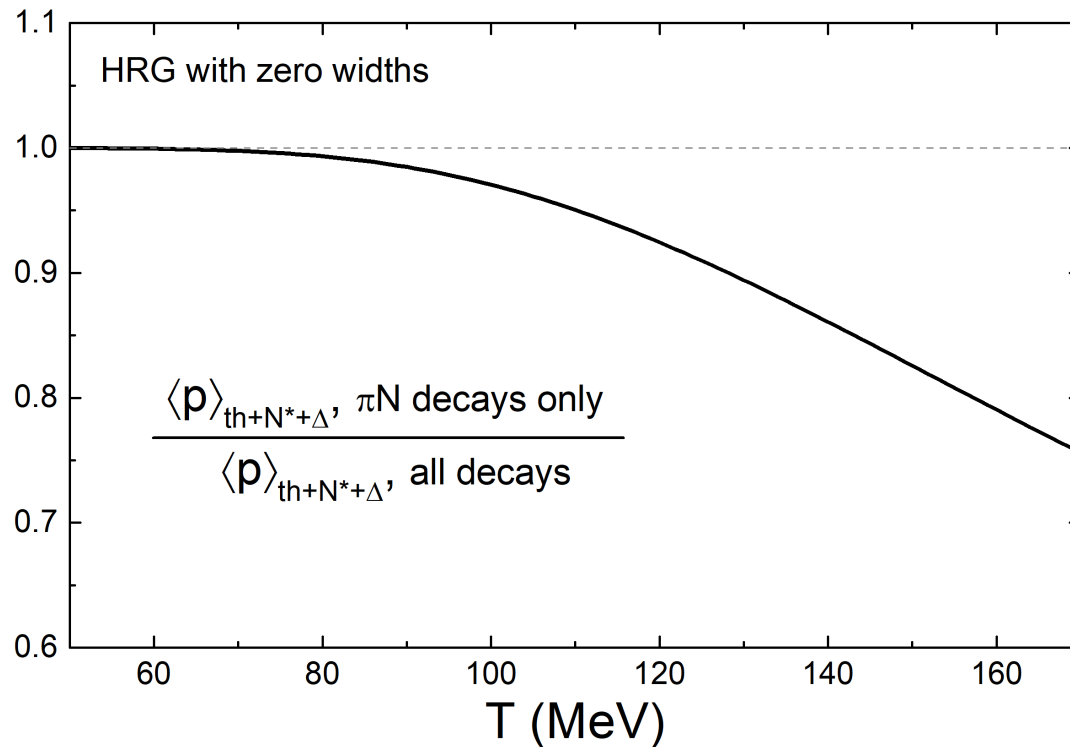
$\Delta(1600)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
<u>$N\pi$</u>	<u>10–25 %</u>
$N\pi\pi$	75–90 %
$\Delta(1232)\pi$	73–83 %
$\Delta(1232)\pi$, P -wave	72–82 %
$\Delta(1232)\pi$, F -wave	<2 %
$N(1440)\pi$, P -wave	seen
$\Delta(1620)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
<u>$N\pi$</u>	<u>20–30 %</u>
$N\pi\pi$	55–80 %

To what extent can πN channels describe Δ 's and N^ 's?*

πN channels for Δ and N^*



Δ and N^* proton feeddown through πN only vs the full feeddown, i.e. throw away protons from e.g. $\Delta, N^* \rightarrow p\pi\pi$ decays

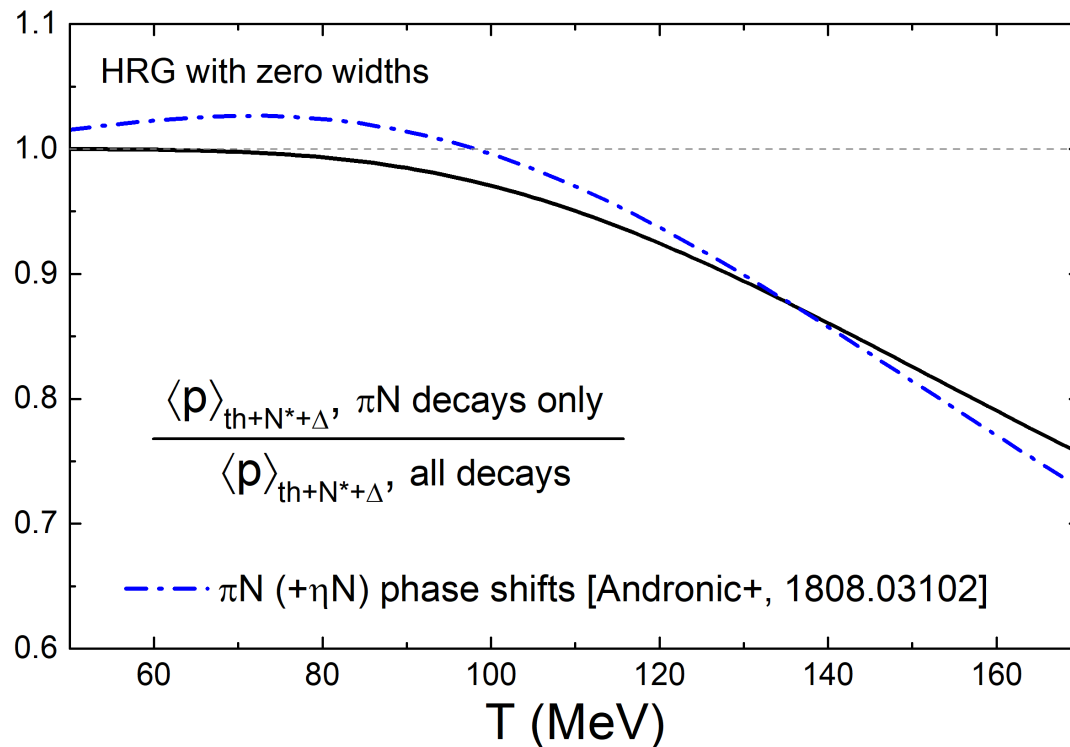


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- Similar p suppression in **phase shift** calculation [Andronic et al., 1808.03102]

Different scenarios for spectral functions



More conservative approach: consider **different prescriptions** to estimate the **systematic error** coming from resonance widths modeling

Thermal-FIST implements three options:

1) Zero-width approximation $\rho_i(m) = \delta(m - m_i)$

Simplest possibility, used commonly in LQCD comparisons

2) Fixed Breit-Wigner (BW) in $\pm 2\Gamma_i$ interval $\rho_i(m) = A_i \frac{2 m m_i \Gamma_i}{(m^2 - m_i^2)^2 + m_i^2 \Gamma_i^2}$

Popular choice in thermal fits (e.g. THERMUS), no threshold suppression

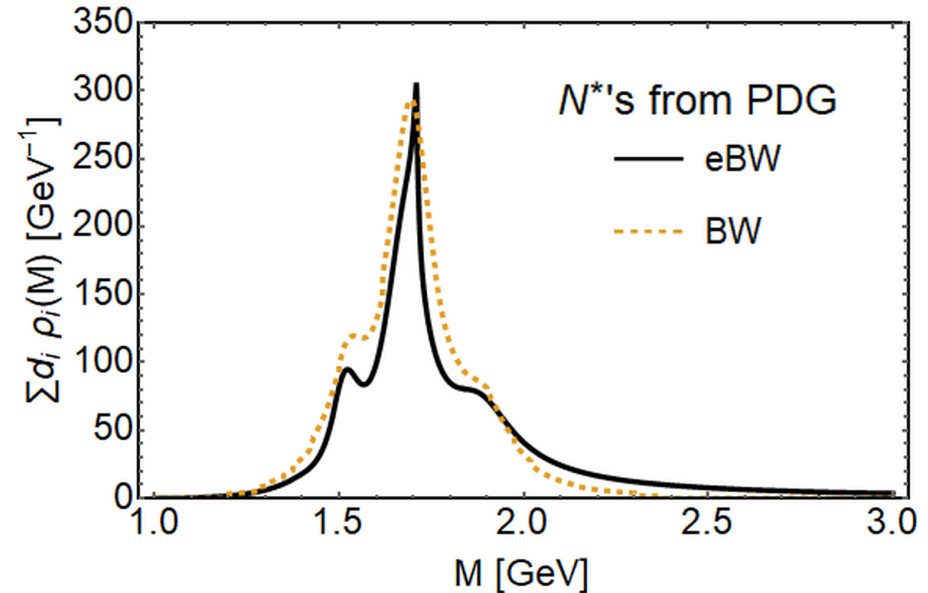
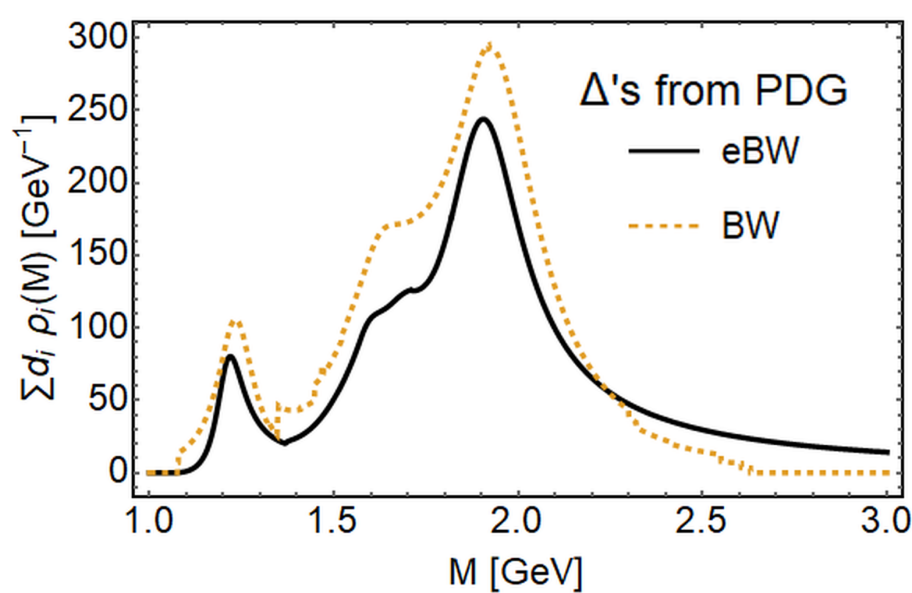
3) Energy-dependent Breit-Wigner (eBW) $\Gamma_i(m) = \sum_j \Gamma_{i \rightarrow j}(m)$

$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow j}(m) = b_{i \rightarrow j}^{pdg} \Gamma_i^{pdg} \left[1 - \left(\frac{m_{i \rightarrow j}^{thr}}{m} \right)^2 \right]^{l_{ij} + 1/2}$$

suppression at threshold

+ m -dependent decay feeddown $N_i^{tot} = N_i^{hrg} + \sum_{j \in pdg} \int dm BR(j \rightarrow i; m) \rho_j(m) N_j^{hrg}(m)$

Modeling widths: Spectral functions

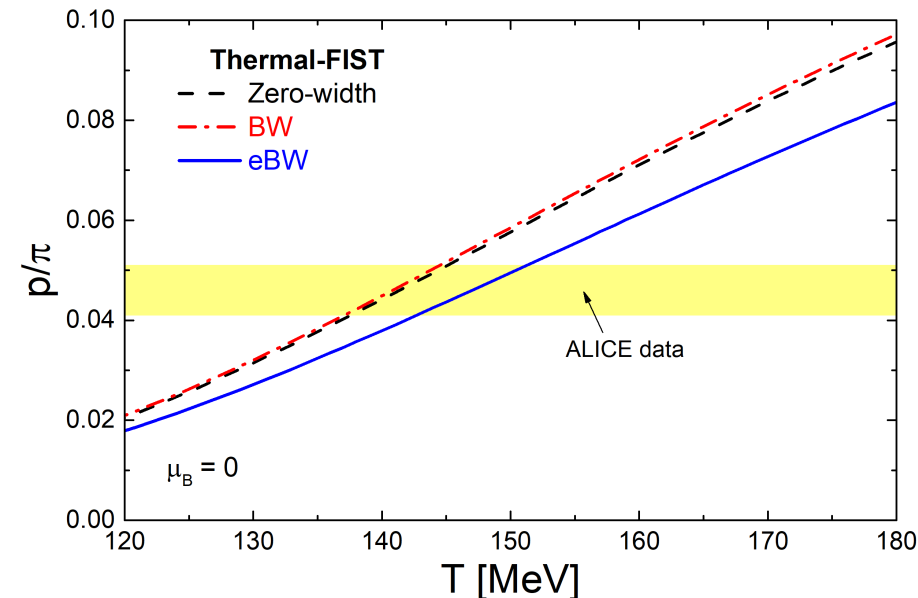
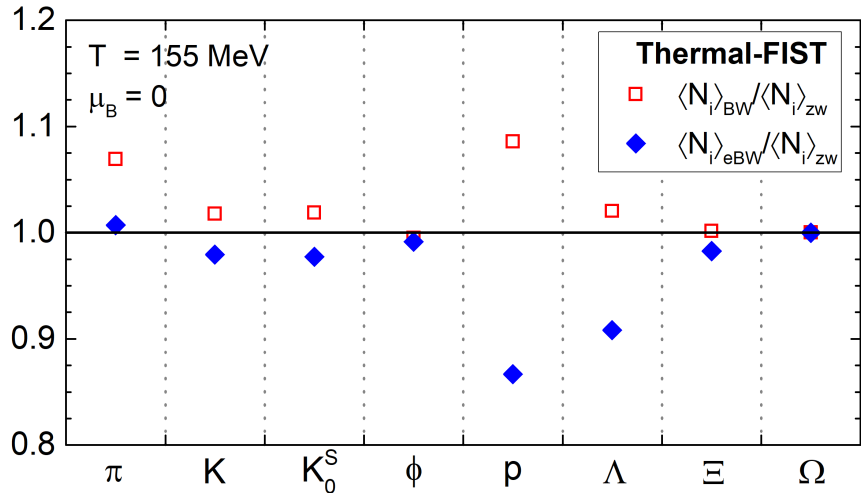


- **BW**: spectral function shifted to lower masses
- **eBW**: spectral function shifted to higher masses
- Overall normalization same, but difference shows up in thermodynamics due to integration with the Boltzmann factor

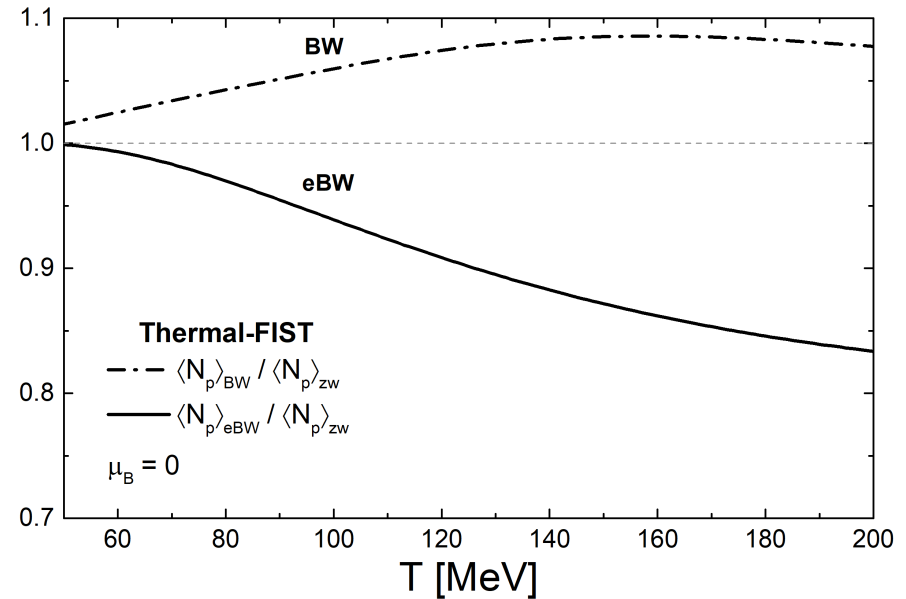
Modeling widths: Effect on hadron yields



Modification of final hadron yields

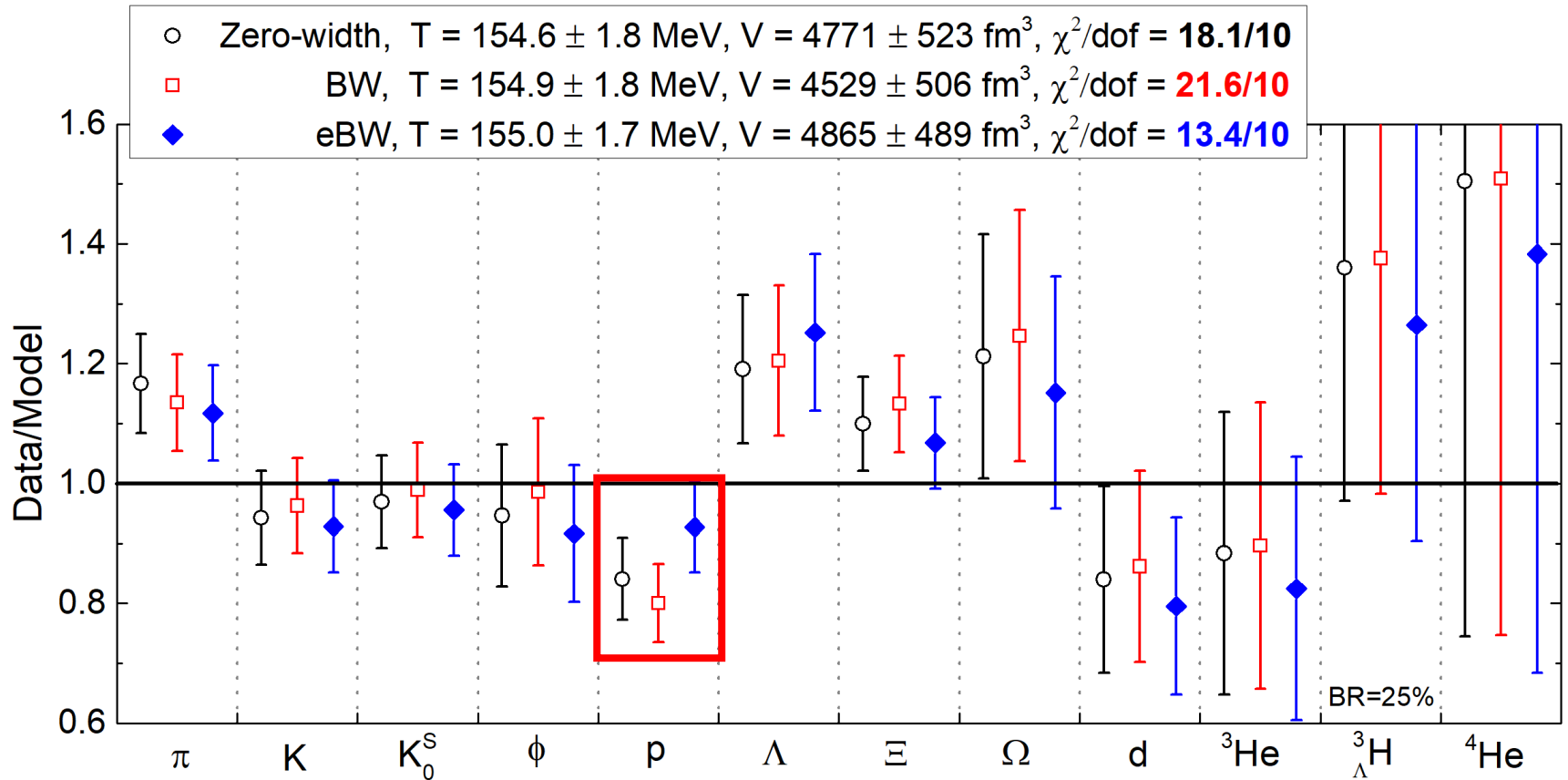


protons



- **BW enhances**, **eBW suppresses** feeddown
- Strongest effect for protons & Λ
- **p/π ratio suppressed in eBW**

Modeling widths: Thermal fits at LHC



- ‘Proton anomaly’ largely eliminated in the eBW scheme
- Systematic uncertainties due to widths modeling are significant
- Outlook: combine with other effects (excluded volume, non-eq.,...)

Modeling widths: Thermal fits at RHIC



0-5% STAR BES data (π, K, p, Λ, Ξ), weak decay feeddown for protons incl.
 $Q/B = 0.4, S = 0 \rightarrow \mu_Q, \mu_S$ [STAR collaboration, 1808.03102]

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Scheme	Fit results		
		T (MeV)	μ_B (MeV)	χ^2/dof
7.7	zero-width	144.3 ± 2.5	417 ± 15	13.9/7
	BW	144.3 ± 2.5	415 ± 15	15.6/7
	eBW	146.9 ± 2.7	427 ± 17	10.8/7
11.5	zero-width	153.1 ± 2.8	303 ± 14	9.2/7
	BW	153.4 ± 2.8	303 ± 14	10.4/7
	eBW	155.4 ± 2.8	309 ± 15	5.5/7
19.6	zero-width	159.2 ± 3.3	199 ± 12	14.5/7
	BW	159.4 ± 3.3	199 ± 12	16.5/7
	eBW	162.0 ± 3.4	203 ± 13	8.8/7
27	zero-width	161.0 ± 3.3	156 ± 11	15.5/7
	BW	161.1 ± 3.3	156 ± 11	18.0/7
	eBW	164.1 ± 3.4	159 ± 11	9.0/7
39	zero-width	161.5 ± 3.1	106 ± 10	14.0/7
	BW	161.4 ± 3.1	106 ± 10	16.4/7
	eBW	164.6 ± 3.2	109 ± 10	8.0/7

Small systems and canonical ensemble

thermal model applied also for small systems, even for elementary reactions like e^+e^- , pp , $p\bar{p}$

[Becattini et al., ZPC '95, ZPC '97]

canonical treatment of (some) conserved charges needed when the reaction volume is small, suppresses yields

[Rafelski, Danos, et al., PLB '80]

Here applications to LHC data are considered

V. Vovchenko, B. Doenigus, H. Stoecker, *Phys. Lett. B* 785, 171 (2018), work in progress

Canonical statistical model (CSM)



Canonical partition function:

[Becattini et al., ZPC '95, ZPC '97]

$$\mathcal{Z}(B, Q, S) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\phi_B}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\phi_Q}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\phi_S}{2\pi} e^{-i(B\phi_B + Q\phi_Q + S\phi_S)} \exp \left[\sum_j z_j^1 e^{i(B_j\phi_B + Q_j\phi_Q + S_j\phi_S)} \right]$$

$$z_j^1 = V_c \int dm \rho_j(m) d_j \frac{m^2 T}{2\pi^2} K_2(m/T)$$

$$\langle N_j^{\text{prim}} \rangle^{\text{ce}} = \frac{Z(B - B_j, Q - Q_j, S - S_j)}{Z(B, Q, S)} \langle N_j^{\text{prim}} \rangle^{\text{gce}}$$

chemical factors, ≈ 1 at large volume (GCE)

CSM implementation in Thermal-FIST:

- Selective canonical treatment of charges
- Full quantum statistics
- Supports $|B_j| > 1$ (light nuclei)
- Particle number fluctuations and correlations
- EV/vdW interactions within Monte Carlo formulation [V.V. et al., 1805.01402]

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model.ConserveElectricCharge(false);  
model.ConserveStrangeness(true);
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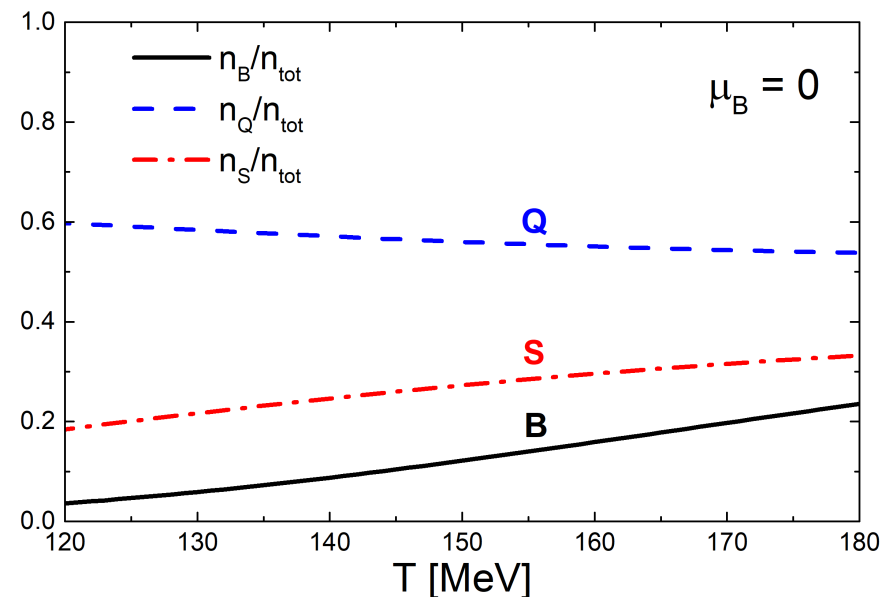
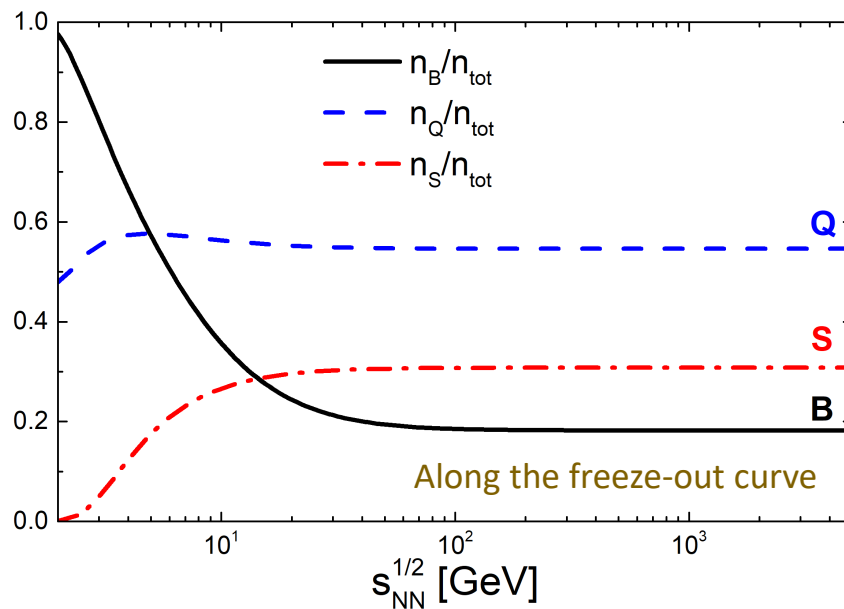
When is the canonical treatment necessary?



Normally, when the total number of particles carrying a conserved charge is **smaller or of the order of unity**

The canonical treatment is often restricted to strangeness only (**SCE**)

[STAR collaboration, 1701.07065; ALICE collaboration, 1807.11321]



- **Strangeness** conservation is most important at low energies (**HADES, CBM**)
- *Small systems at RHIC and LHC*: exact **baryon** conservation at least as important as **strangeness**

CSM at LHC



Enforce exact conservation of charges, $B = Q = S = 0$, in a *correlation volume* V_C around midrapidity

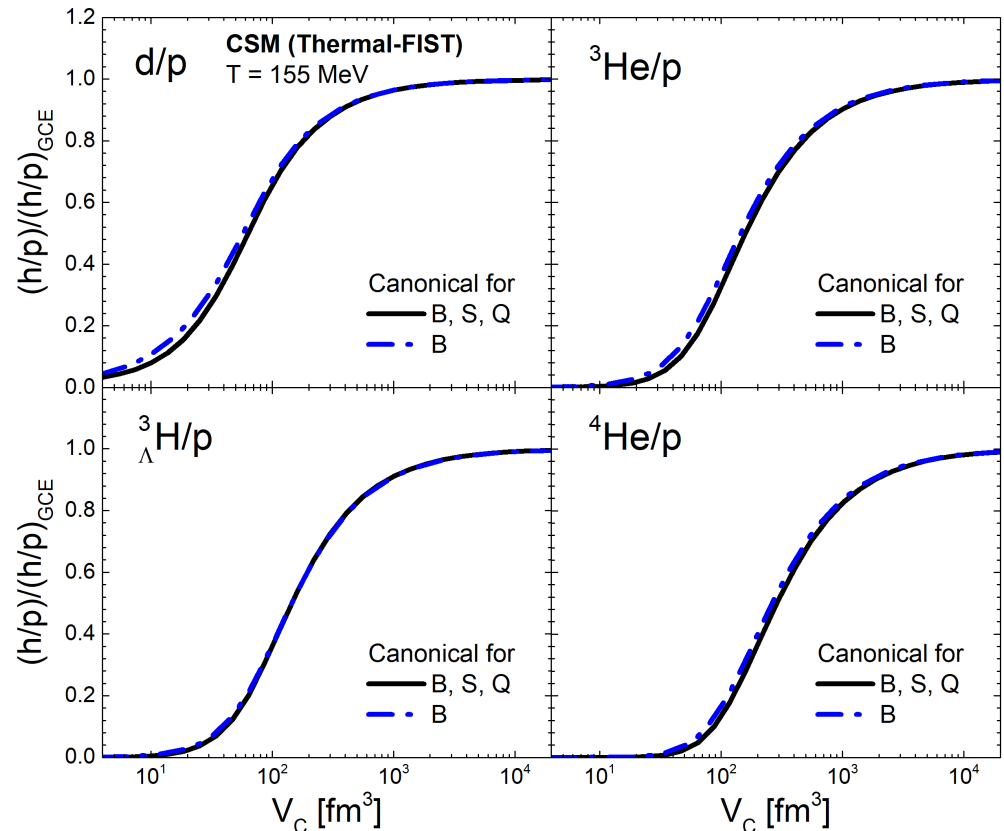
In general, $V_C \neq dV/dy$

Causality argument: exact conservation across a few units of rapidity?

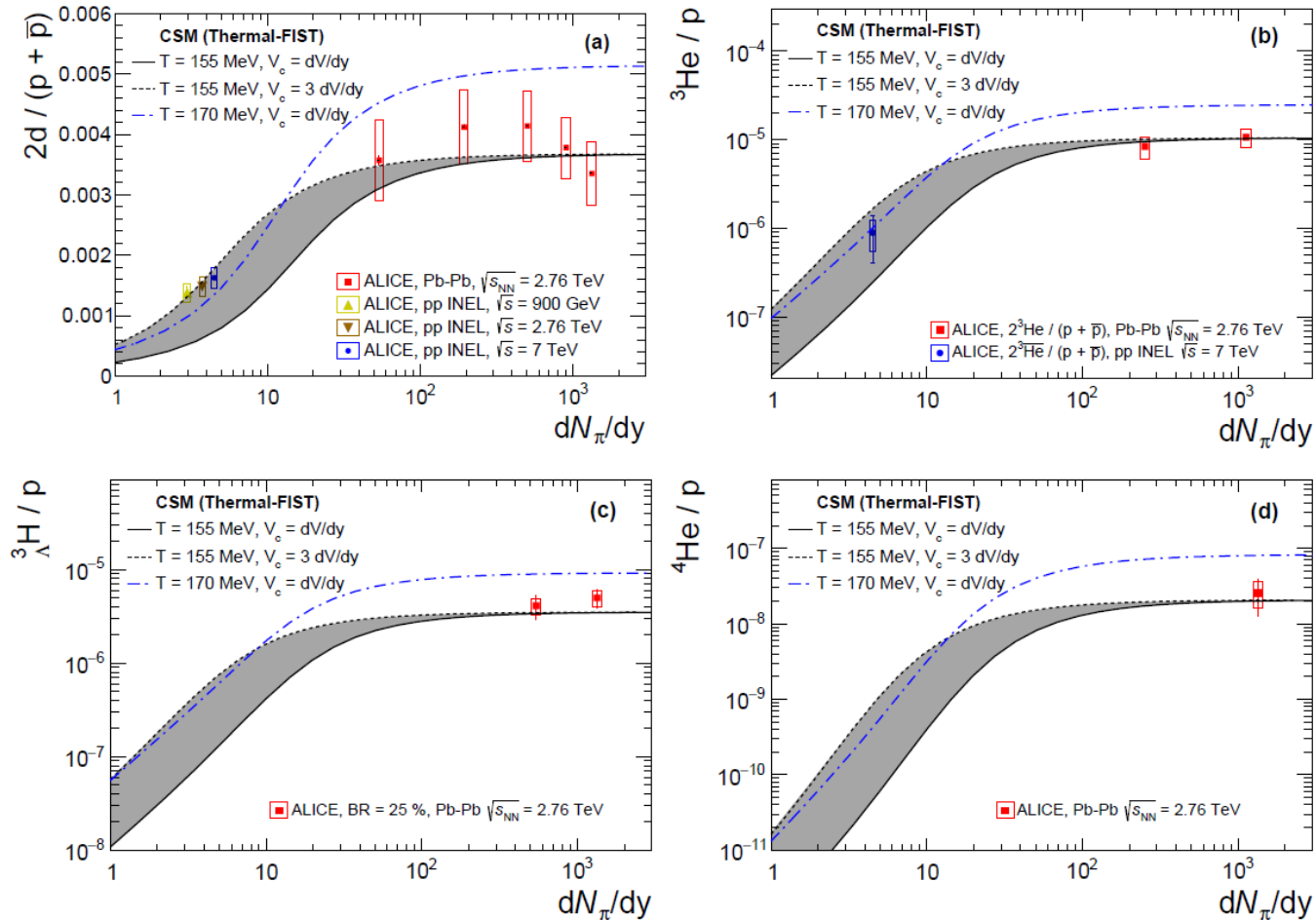
[Castorina, Satz, 1310.6932]

New application: CSM for light nuclei

- Suppression of nuclei-to-proton ratios at low multiplicities
- For these observables sufficient to enforce exact baryon conservation only



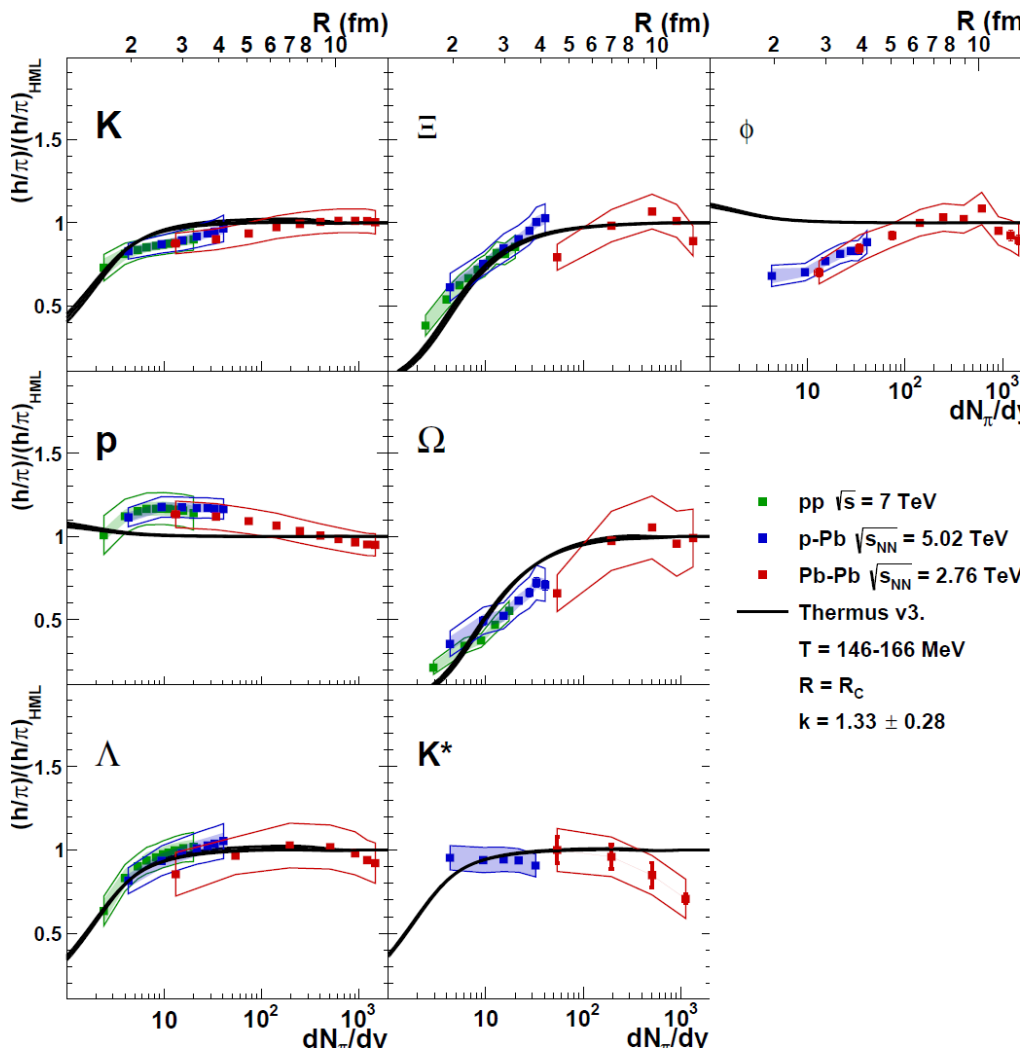
CSM at LHC: light nuclei



[V.V., B. Doenigus, H. Stoecker, 1808.05245]

- **CSM** qualitatively captures the behavior seen in the data
- Data prefers $V_C > dV/dy$ and/or $T_{p+p} > T_{Pb+Pb}$

CSM at LHC: light flavor hadrons

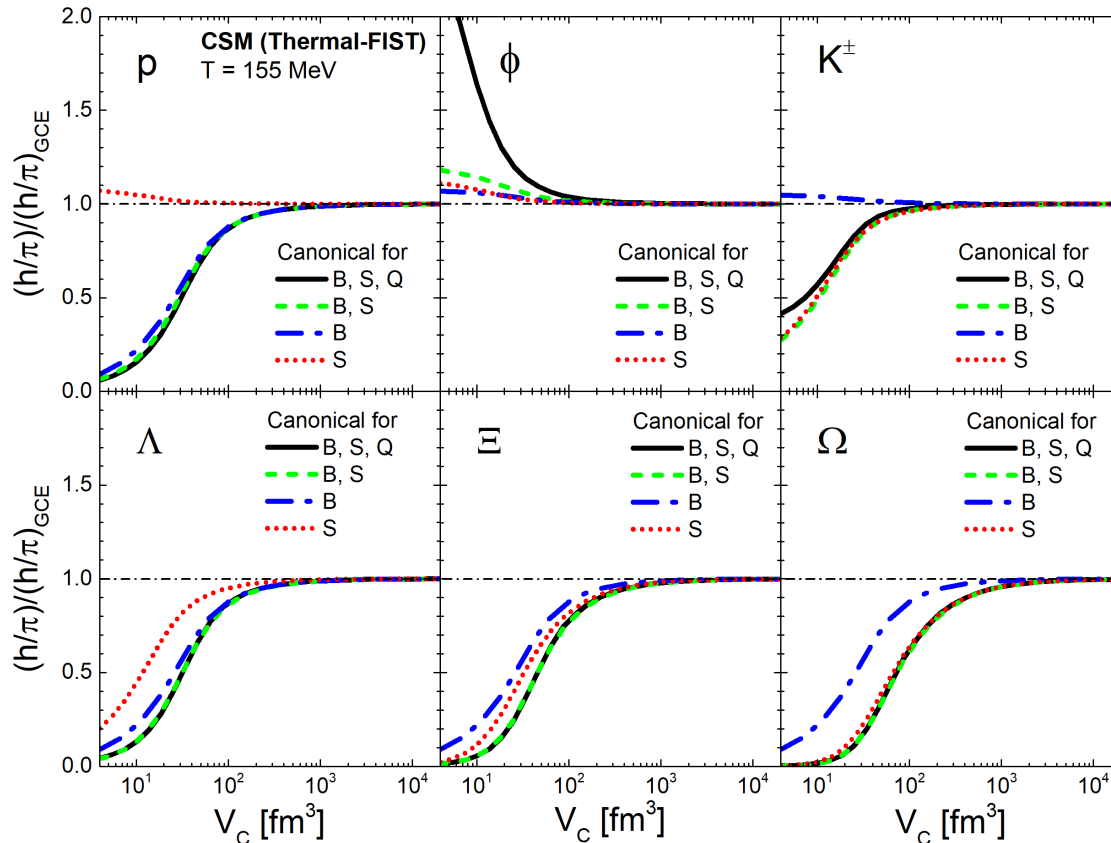


[ALICE collaboration, 1807.11321]

- ALICE data show clear multiplicity dependence
- Have been considered in strangeness-canonical picture only
[Vislavicius, Kalweit, 1610.03001]
- What is the role of baryon and electric charge conservation?

CSM at LHC: correlation volume dependence

Correlation volume dependence within various mixed-canonical ensembles



- SCE appropriate for K , Ω , Ξ , less for Λ , totally off for p and ϕ
- Baryon-strangeness CE appropriate for most observables, except ϕ/π
- Tension with data for ϕ/π and p/π

[V.V., B. Doenigus, H. Stoecker, in preparation]

CSM at LHC: summary



- Canonical picture seems to work fairly well for strange hadrons and for light nuclei
- ϕ/π and p/π ratios are not described by CSM
- Strangeness-canonical ensemble is only appropriate for charged kaons and multistrange hyperons, exact baryon conservation needed for other observables
- Outlook: Finite-size effects (excluded volume) within CSM, in particular for light nuclei

Excluded volume corrections



Notion that hadrons have finite eigenvolume suggested a while ago

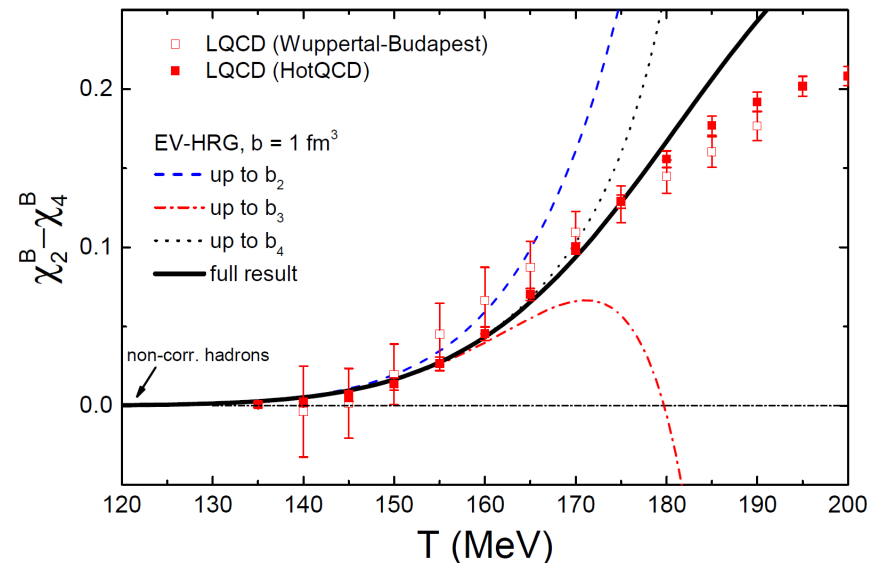
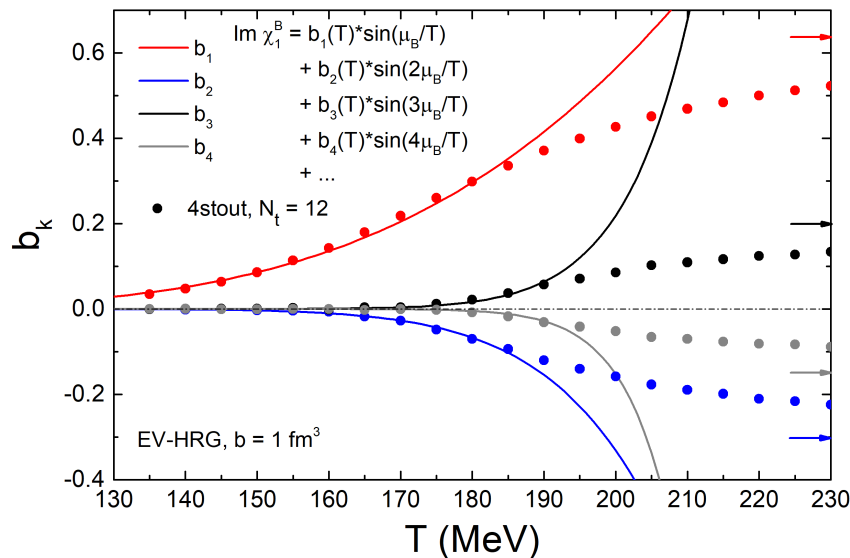
[R. Hagedorn, J. Rafelski, PLB '80]

Excluded volume model: $V \rightarrow V - bN \Rightarrow$ repulsive interactions

[D. Rischke et al., Z. Phys. C '91]

Whether EV corrections are needed at all has been debated...

Recent lattice data favor EV-like effects in baryonic interactions



V.V., A. Pasztor, Z. Fodor, S.D. Katz, H. Stoecker, 1708.02852

but not much info regarding (non-)existence of EV effects for mesons

“One size fits them all” scenario



EV model: $N_i \propto \exp\left(-v_i \frac{p}{T}\right)$ ← larger hadrons suppressed

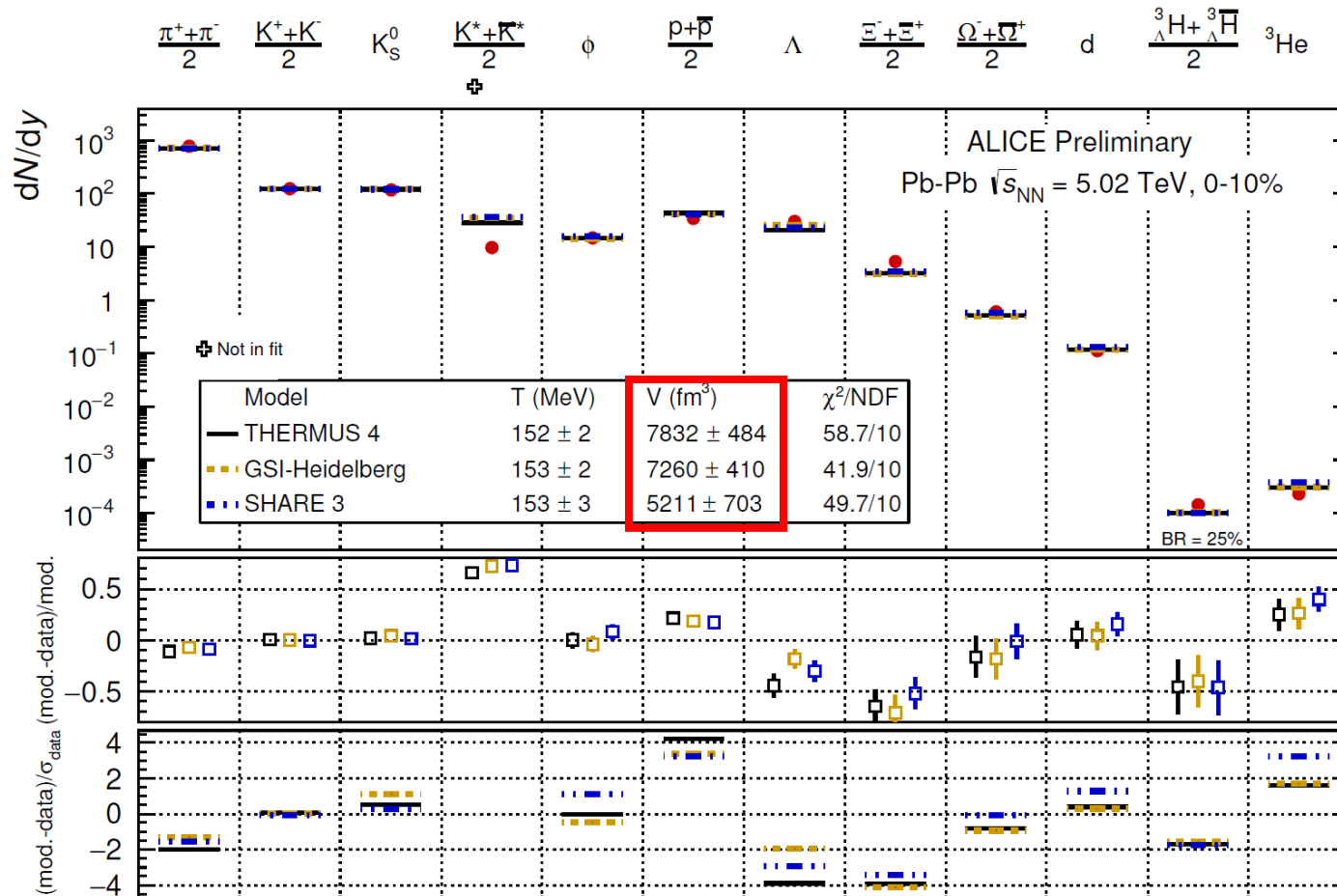
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GSI-HD, THERMUS:
 $r = 0.3$ fm for *all*
mesons, baryons, and
light nuclei

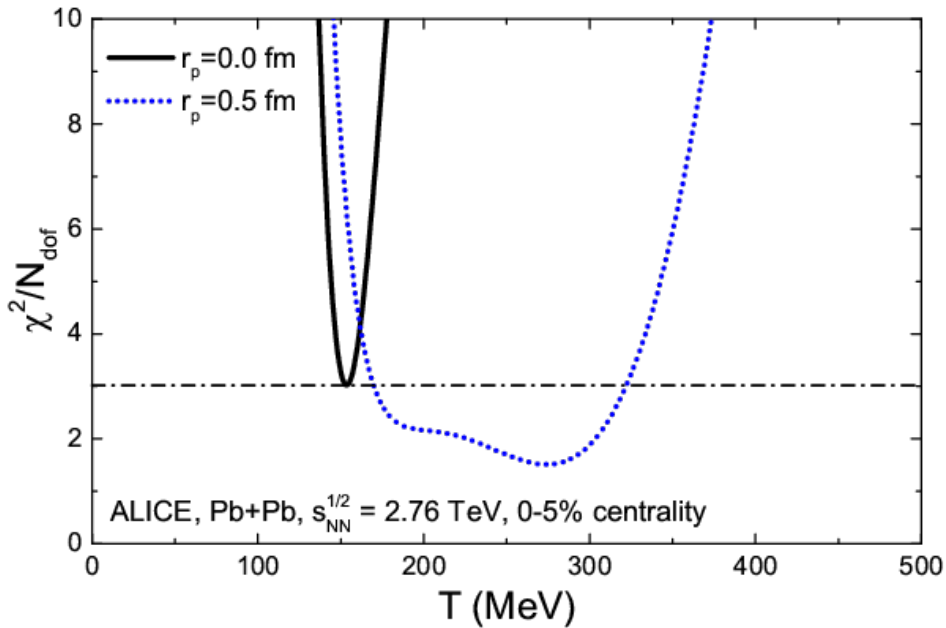
SHARE:
no EV effects

Another extreme: bag model scaling

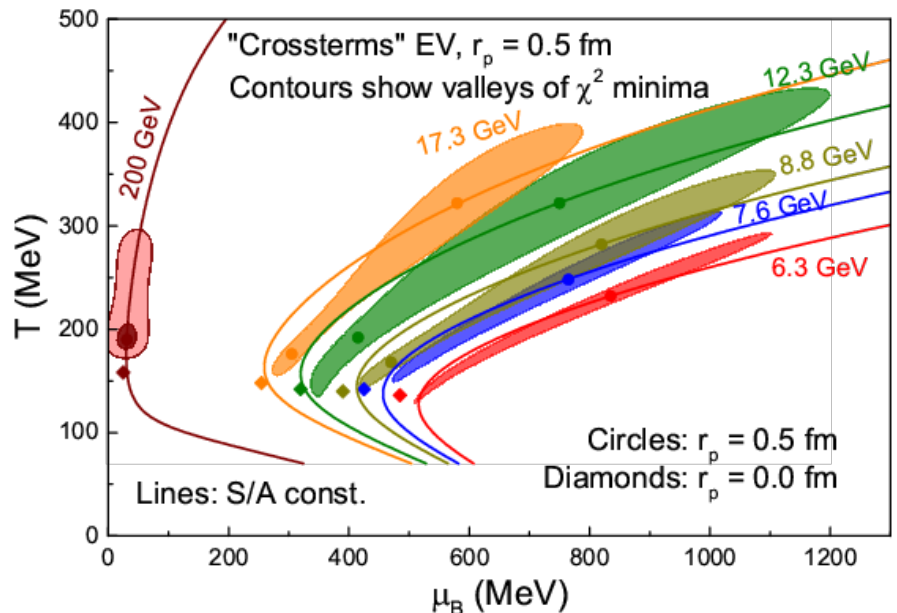


Bag model: $v_i \propto m_i$

[Chodos et al., PRD '74; Kapusta et al., NPA '83, PRC '15]



[V.V., H. Stoecker, 1512.08046]



[V.V., H. Stoecker, 1606.06218]

Extraction of T and μ can be quite sensitive w.r.t EV corrections,
*but entropy per baryon, S/A , is a **robust observable***

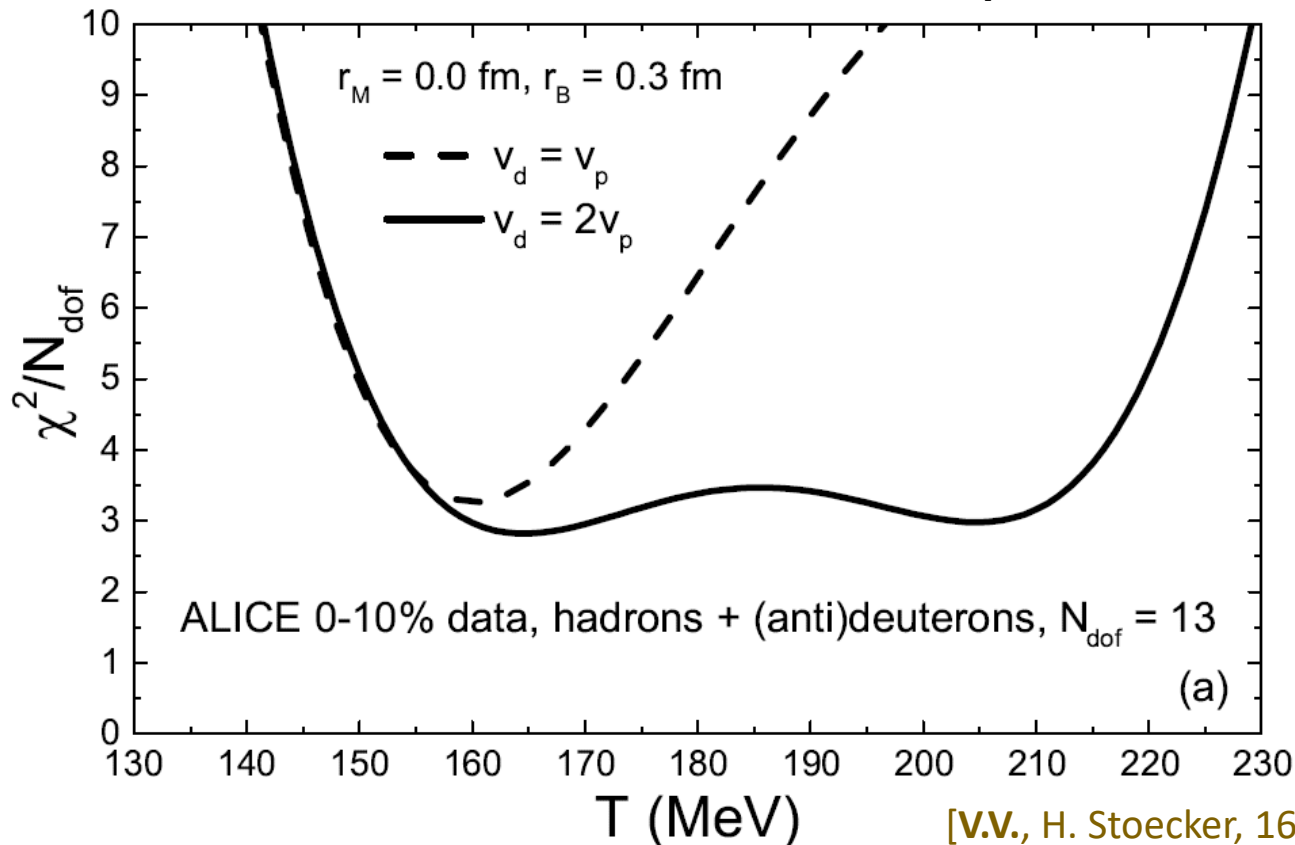
NB: This calculation disregards Hagedorn states needed to model the crossover transition **C. Greiner, talk Wednesday**

More moderate: two-component model



Two-component model: $r_M = 0$ fm, $r_B = 0.3$ fm [Andronic et al., 1201.0693]

Deuteron eigenvolume? Two options: $v_d = v_p$ and $v_d = 2v_p$



The 2nd minimum strikes again

Rapidity scan

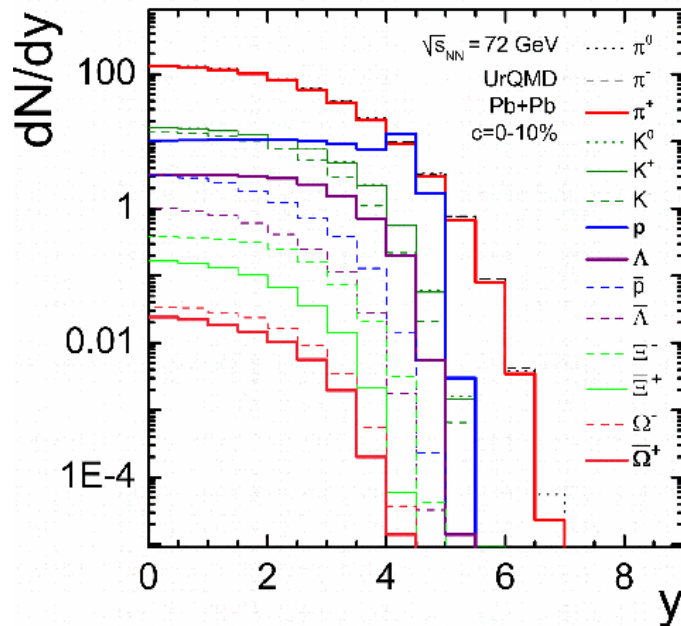
V. Begun, talk this afternoon



Fireballs at midrapidity: $\mu_B(y_s) \approx \mu_B(0) + b y_s^2$

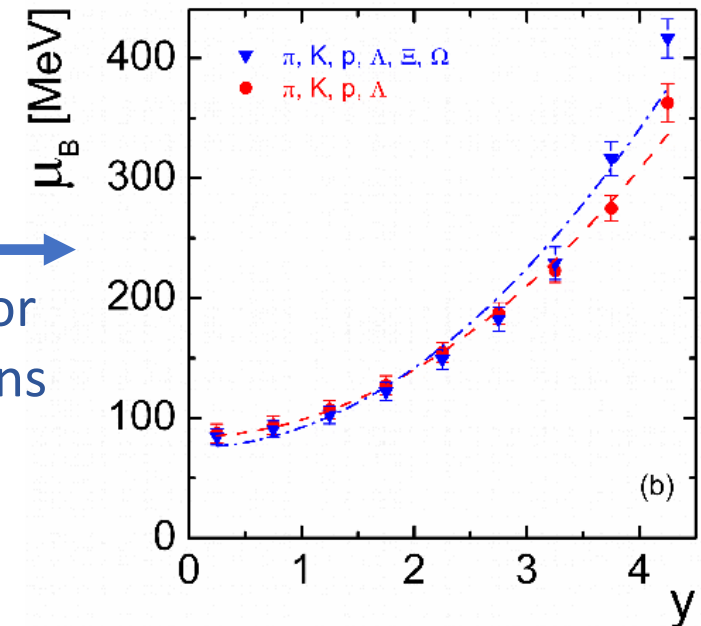
RHIC @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV: $\mu_B(y_s) \approx 25 + 11y_s^2$ [MeV] [Becattini et al., 0709.2599]

Example: AFTER@LHC project: Pb+Pb collisions @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 72$ GeV



[Begun, Kikola, V.V., Wielanek, 1806.01303]

Thermal fits for
different dy bins



Rapidity scan: complementary approach to scan QCD phase diagram

see also Li, Kapusta, 1604.08525; Brewer, Mukherjee, Rajagopal, Yin, 1804.10215

Summary



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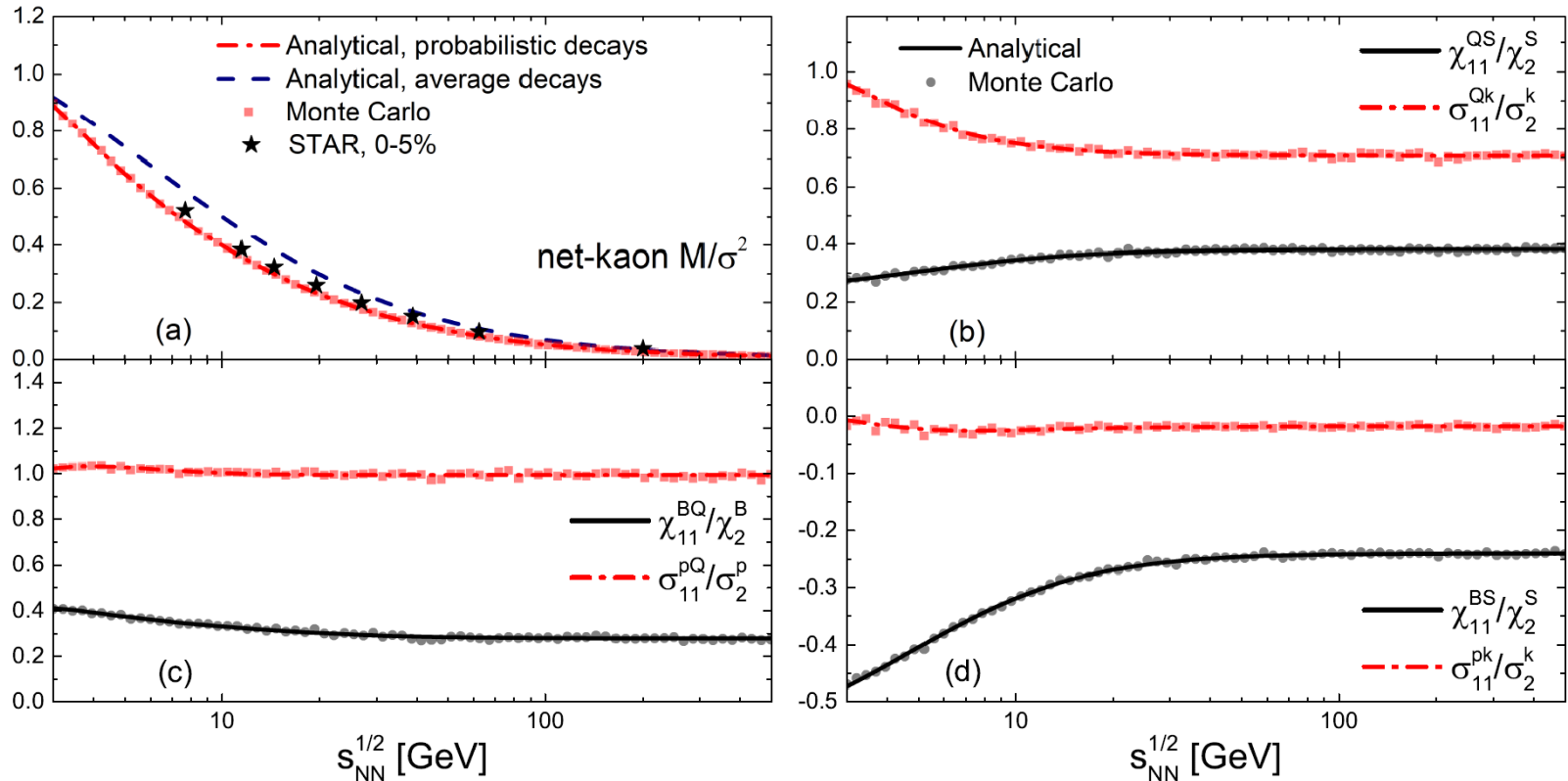
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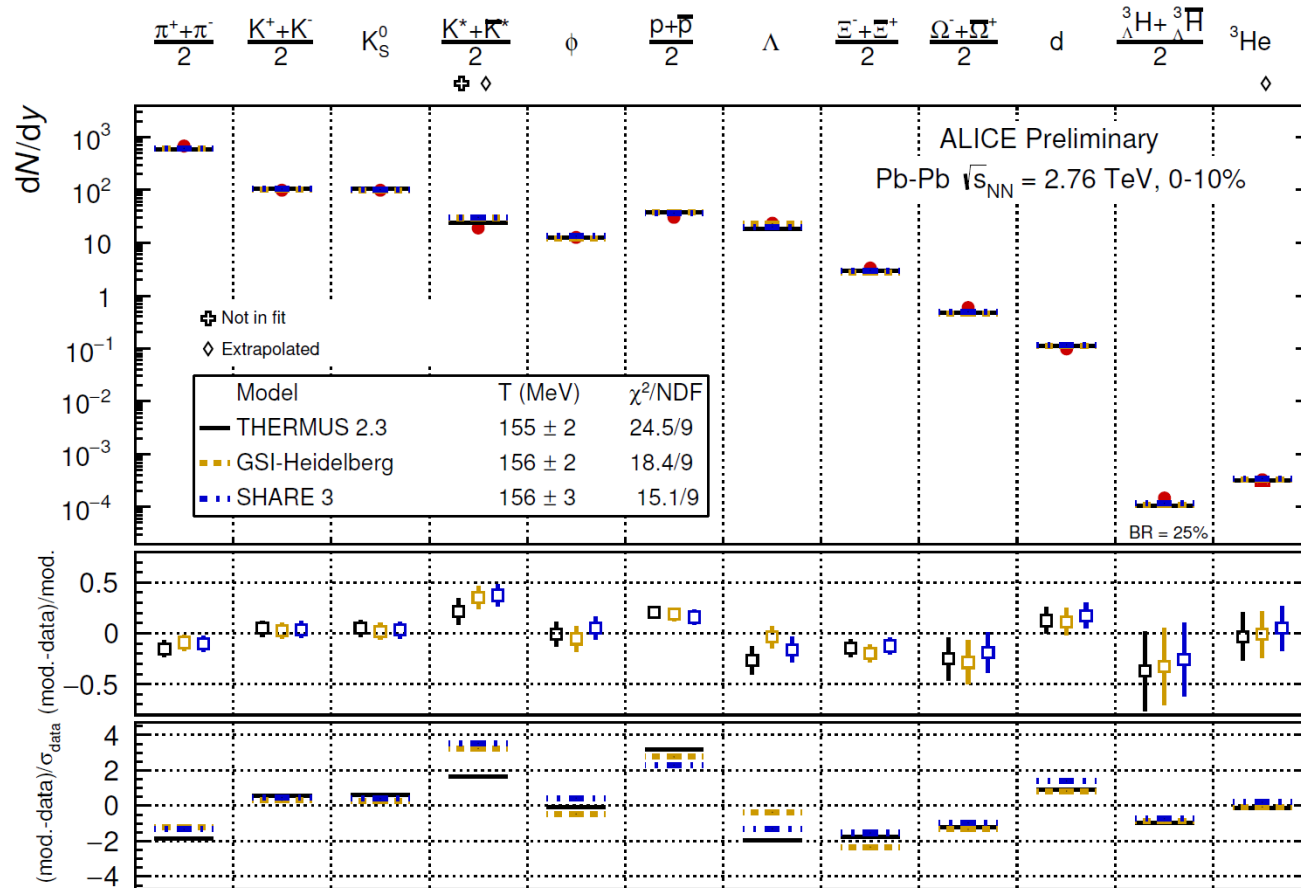
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Particle number fluctuations and correlations

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta N_i \Delta N_j \rangle_{c.e.} &= \langle \Delta N_i^* \Delta N_j^* \rangle_{c.e.} + \sum_R \langle N_R \rangle \langle \Delta n_i \Delta n_j \rangle_R + \sum_R \langle \Delta N_i^* \Delta N_R \rangle_{c.e.} \langle n_j \rangle_R \\ &+ \sum_R \langle \Delta N_j^* \Delta N_R \rangle_{c.e.} \langle n_i \rangle_R + \sum_{R,R'} \langle \Delta N_R \Delta N_{R'} \rangle_{c.e.} \langle n_i \rangle_R \langle n_j \rangle_{R'} . \end{aligned}$$



Standard picture for Pb+Pb @ 2.76 TeV



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ALICE collaboration (SQM 2015)

Similar results with *Thermal-FIST* and *Florence codes* [Becattini et al., 1605.09694]

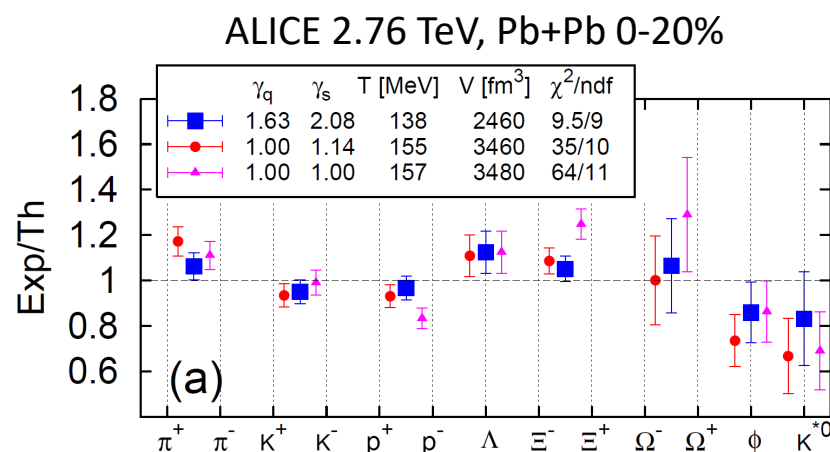
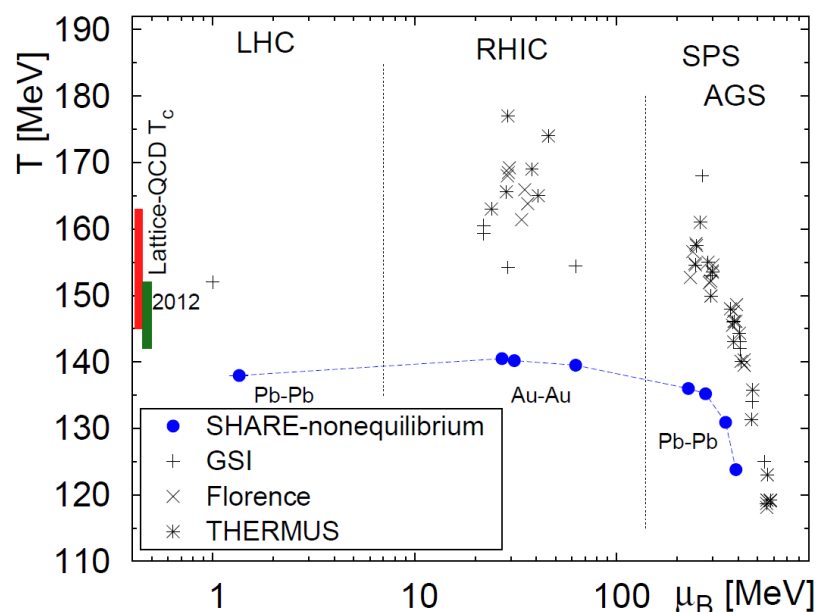
Consistent picture between codes for chem. equilibrium ideal HRG

Alternative/extended scenarios

Chemical non-equilibrium model

In chemical non-equilibrium scenario $N_i^{\text{hrg}} \propto (\gamma_q)^{|q_i|} (\gamma_s)^{|s_i|}$

E.g. hadronization of chem. non-eq. supercooled QGP [Letessier, Rafelski, '99]



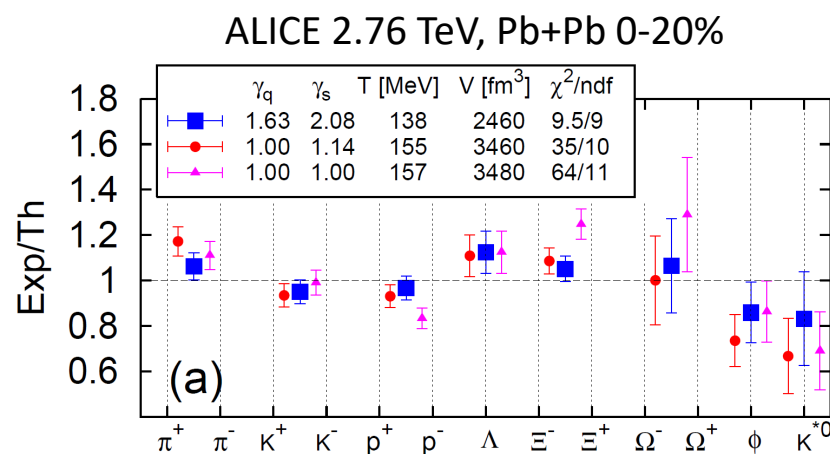
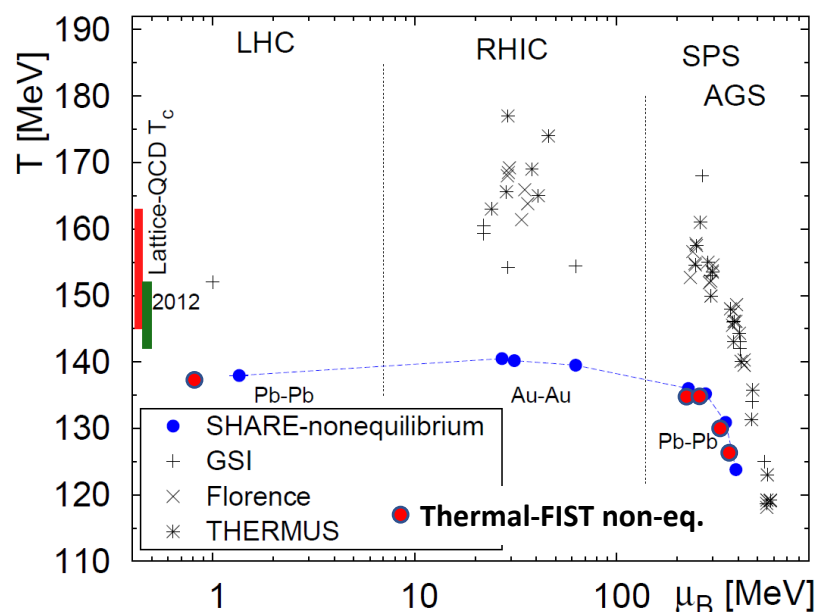
[M. Petran et al., 1303.2098]

- smaller reduced χ^2 compared to chem. equilibrium scenario
- describes p_T -spectra of many hadrons [V. Begun et al., 1312.1487, 1405.7252]
- $\gamma_q = 1.63 \Rightarrow \mu_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV} \approx m_\pi \Rightarrow$ pion BEC? [V. Begun et al., 1503.04040]
- However, $\gamma_q \approx \gamma_s \approx 1$ when light nuclei included in fit [M. Floris, 1408.6403]

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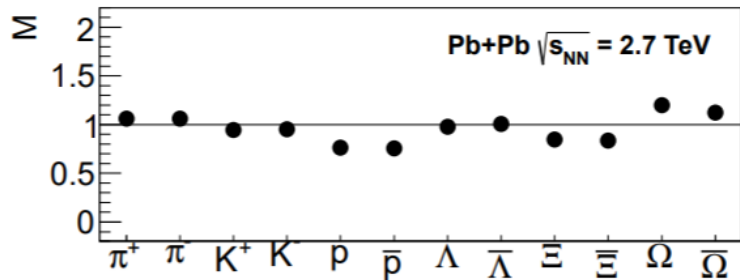
[M. Petran et al., 1303.2098]

- smaller reduced χ^2 compared to chem. equilibrium scenario
- describes p_T -spectra of many hadrons [V. Begun et al., 1312.1487, 1405.7252]
- $\gamma_q = 1.63 \Rightarrow \mu_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV} \approx m_\pi \Rightarrow$ pion BEC? [V. Begun et al., 1503.04040]
- However, $\gamma_q \approx \gamma_s \approx 1$ when light nuclei included in fit [M. Floris, 1408.6403]

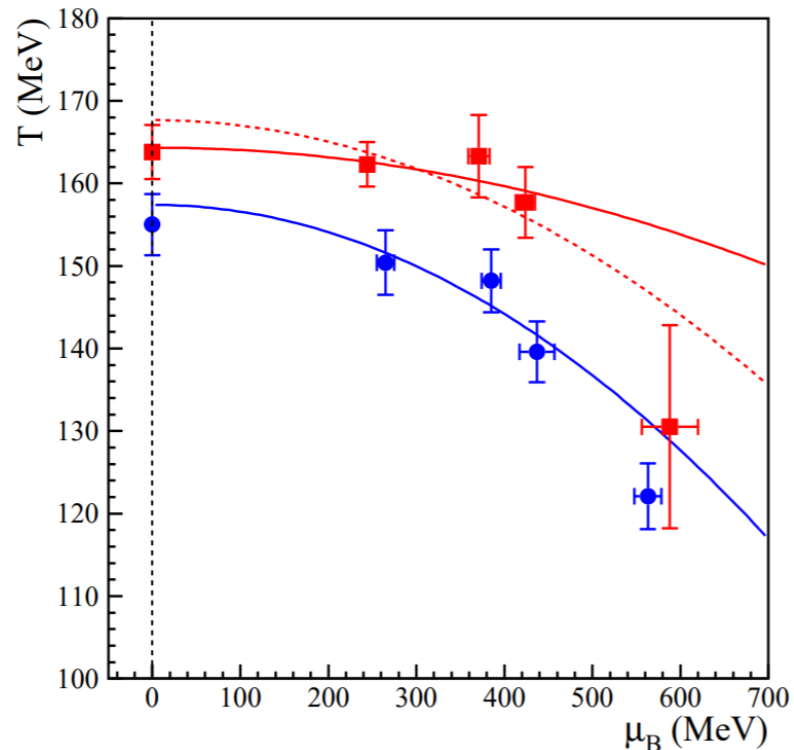
Influence of the hadronic phase

Modification of hadron yields in non-equilibrium hadronic phase

$B\bar{B}$ annihilation reduces (anti)proton yields [Steinheimer et al., 1203.5302]



	$ T(\text{ MeV}) $	$ \mu_B(\text{ MeV}) $	γ_S	χ^2/NDF
Pb-Pb 20% central $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.7 \text{ TeV}$				
Std. fit	156 ± 5	1 ± 12	1.09 ± 0.07	26.5/9
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Pb-Pb 5% central $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.3 \text{ GeV}$				
Std. fit	151 ± 4	266 ± 9	0.91 ± 0.05	26.9/11
Mod. fit	163 ± 4	250 ± 9	0.83 ± 0.04	20.4/11
Pb-Pb 5% central $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.7 \text{ GeV}$				
Std. fit	148 ± 4	385 ± 11	0.78 ± 0.06	17.9/9
Mod. fit	161 ± 6	376 ± 15	0.72 ± 0.06	25.9/9
Pb-Pb 5% central $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.6 \text{ GeV}$				
Std. fit	140 ± 1	437 ± 5	0.91 ± 0.01	22.4/7
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[Becattini et al., 1212.2431, 1605.09694]

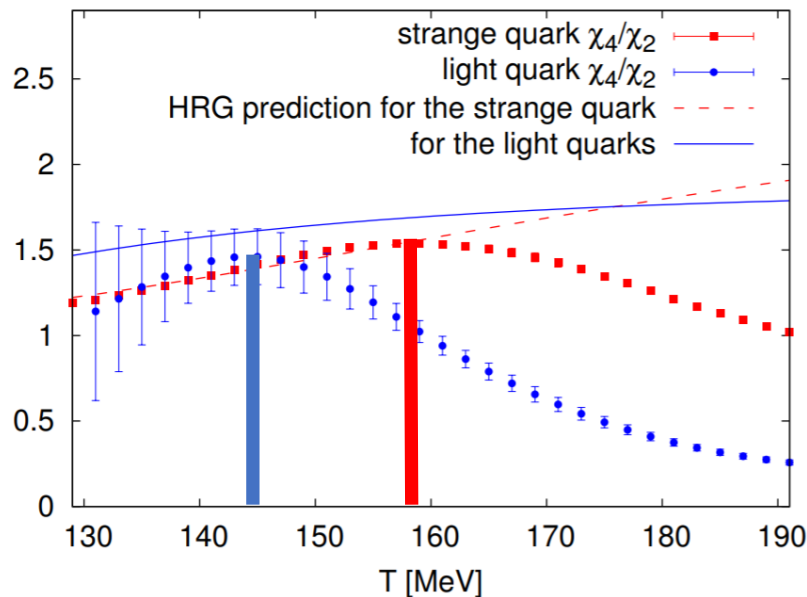
- somewhat better χ^2 and increase in T_{ch} by 10-15 MeV
- no backreaction, e.g. $5M \rightarrow B\bar{B}$, in UrQMD. What is its role?

Flavor hierarchy at freeze-out

QCD transition is a broad crossover

=> different “ T_c ” for different observables

strange vs light number susceptibility



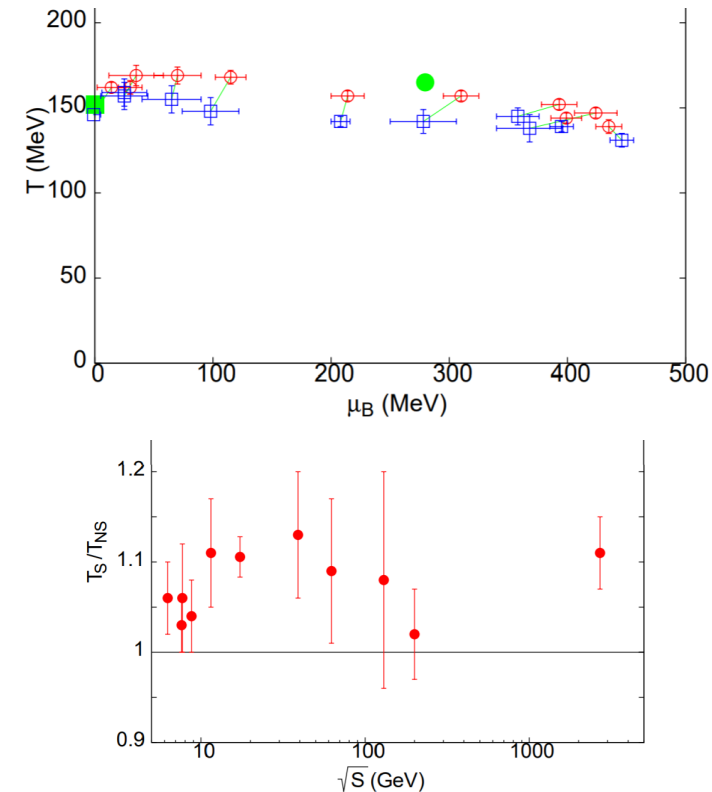
[R. Bellwied et al., 1305.6297]

- higher T_f for strange particles than for non-strange
- effect may disappear if more strange baryons included

[Bazavov et al., 1404.6511, S. Chatterjee, 1708.08152]

2CFO scheme

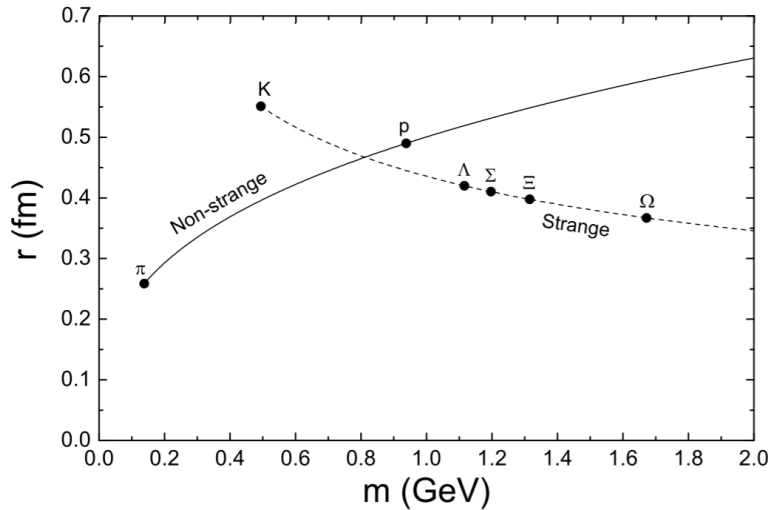
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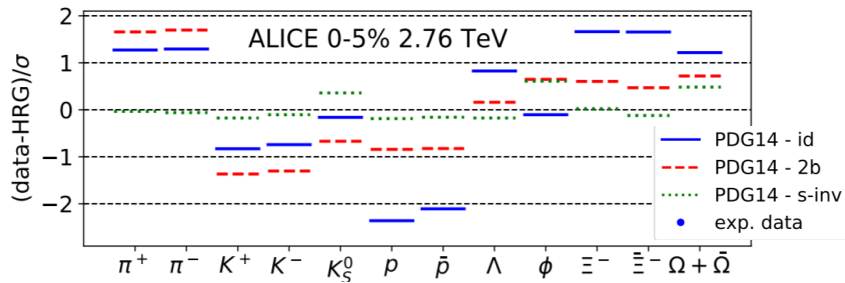
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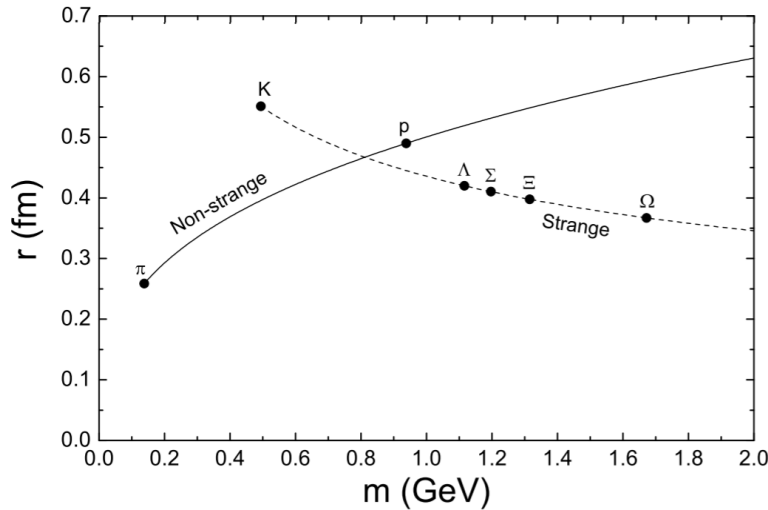
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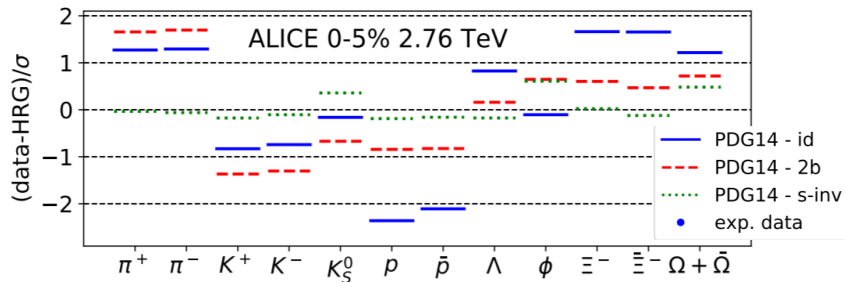
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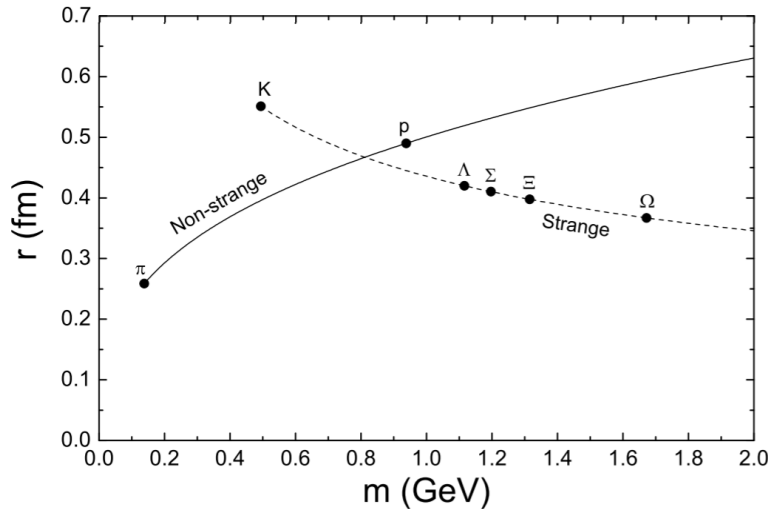
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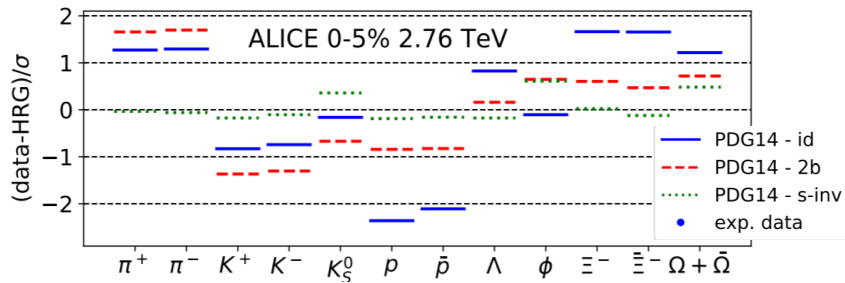
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NA49 40	44.2/8 \simeq 5.5	15.1/8 \simeq 1.8
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- Significant improvement in fit quality across \sqrt{s} and centralities
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Similar results at other centralities

Rather different fit temperatures in different baryon number sectors...

More tension in the baryonic sector

Systematic uncertainties in the HRG model

Input hadron list and decay channels

- High-mass resonances and their decay channels poorly known
- Evidence for missing strange baryons for lattice QCD
[A. Bazavov et al., 1404.6511; P. Alba et al., 1702.0113; S. Chatterjee, 1708.08152]

Modeling finite resonance widths

- Zero-width approx., energy (in)dependent Breit-Wigner, phase shifts

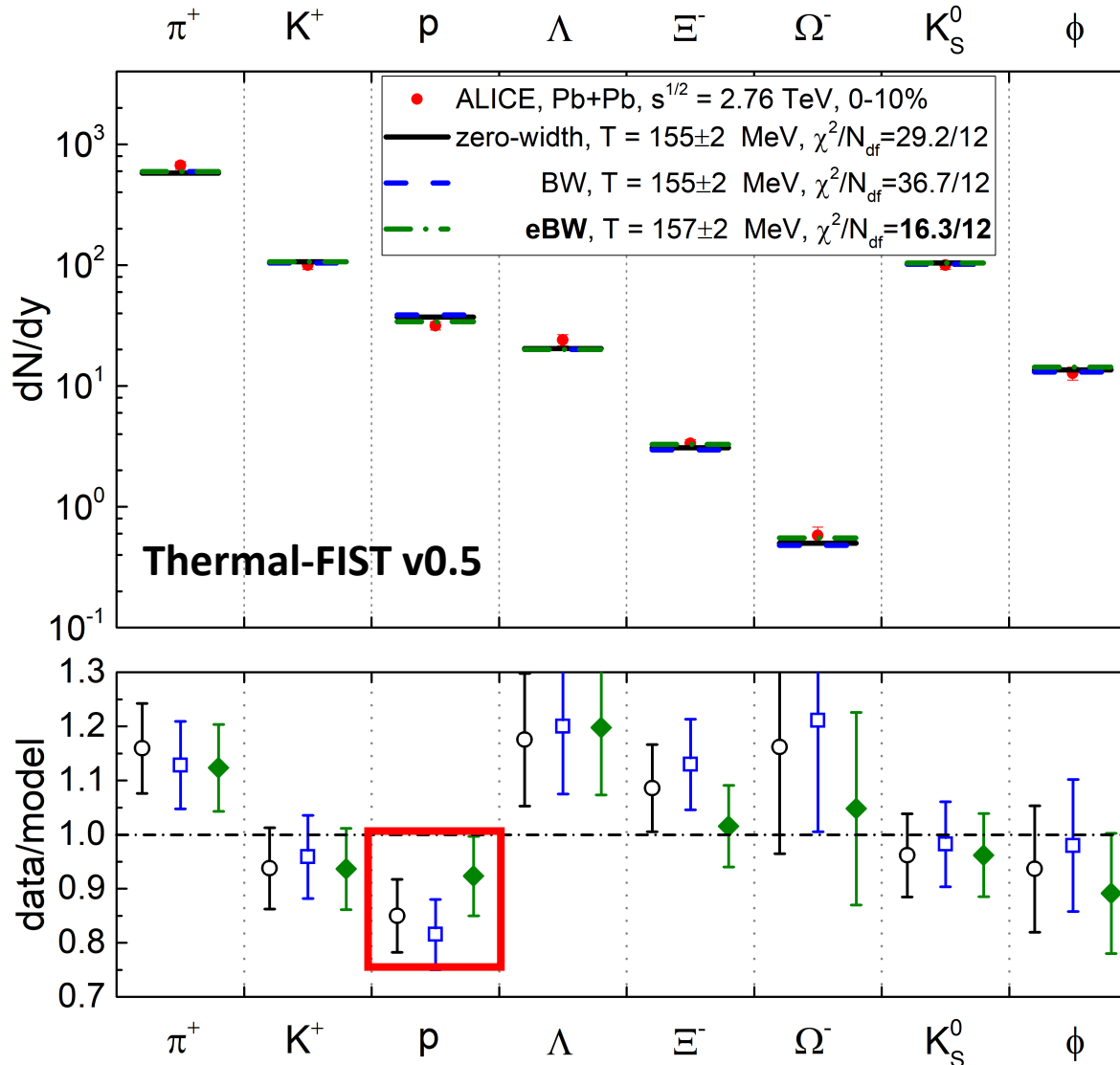
Excluded volume/van der Waals interaction effects

- Thermal fits affected when EV parameters differ between hadrons
[V.V., H. Stoecker, 1512.08046, 1606.06218]

In-medium hadron masses

- In-medium masses due to interactions/chiral symmetry restoration
[D. Zschiesche et al., nucl-th/0209022; G. Aarts et al., 1703.09246]
- Needs reconciliation with vacuum masses actually measured

Modeling widths: effect on thermal fits



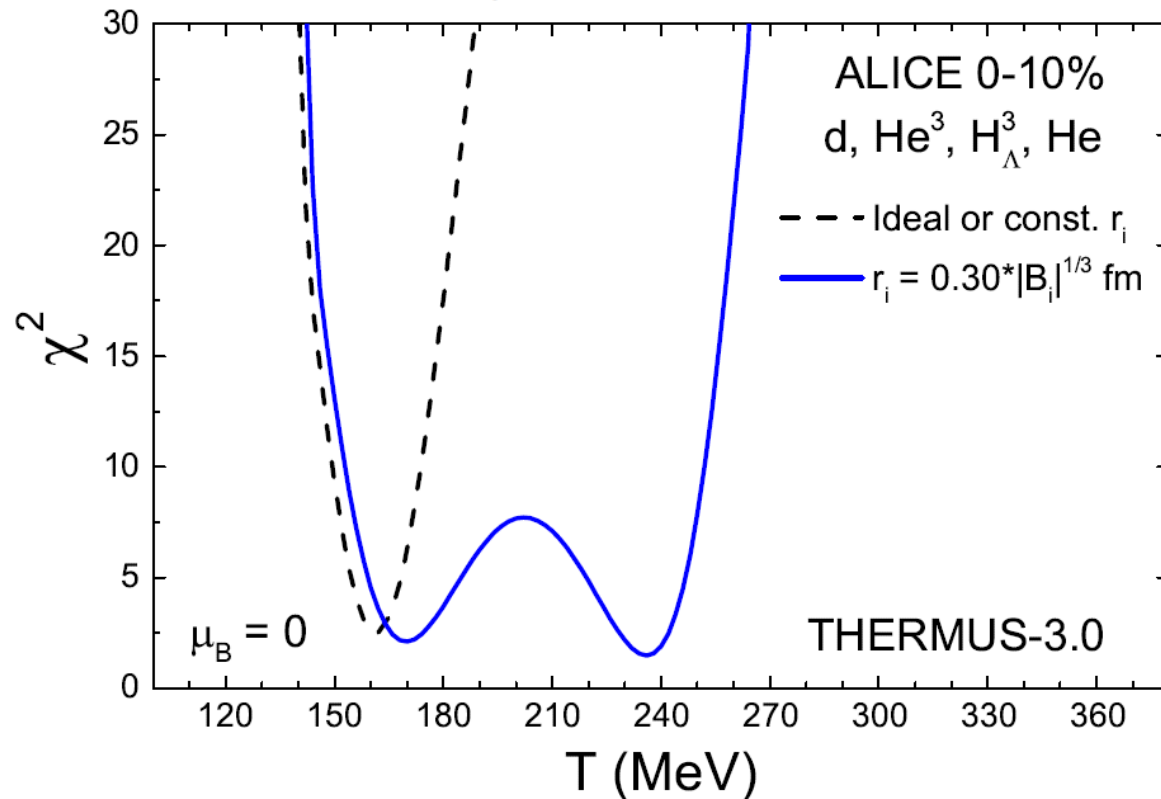
Significant improvement in the eBW scheme due to a **reduced proton feeddown** from Δ and N^*

Modeling of wide resonances important!!

Fitting light nuclei only

One could forget about the hadrons and fit just the light nuclei

Advantage: No dependence on high-mass resonance spectrum and feeddown



Ideal HRG (or $v_i = \text{const.}$): $T_f = 160 \pm 5$ MeV

EV-HRG with $v_i = v|A_i|$: $T_f = 160 - 250$ MeV

Disadvantage: Fits are even more sensitive to EV corrections