

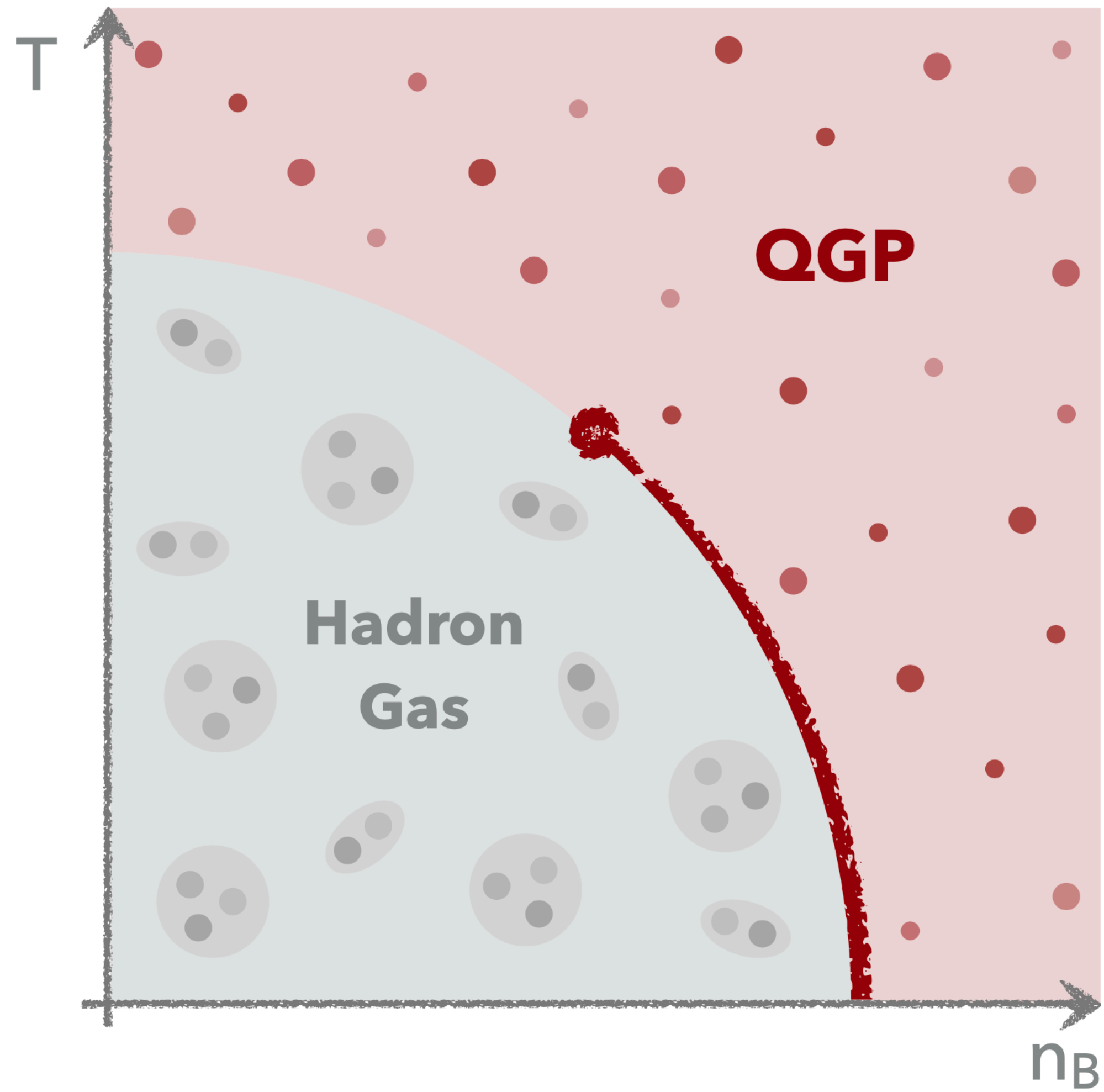
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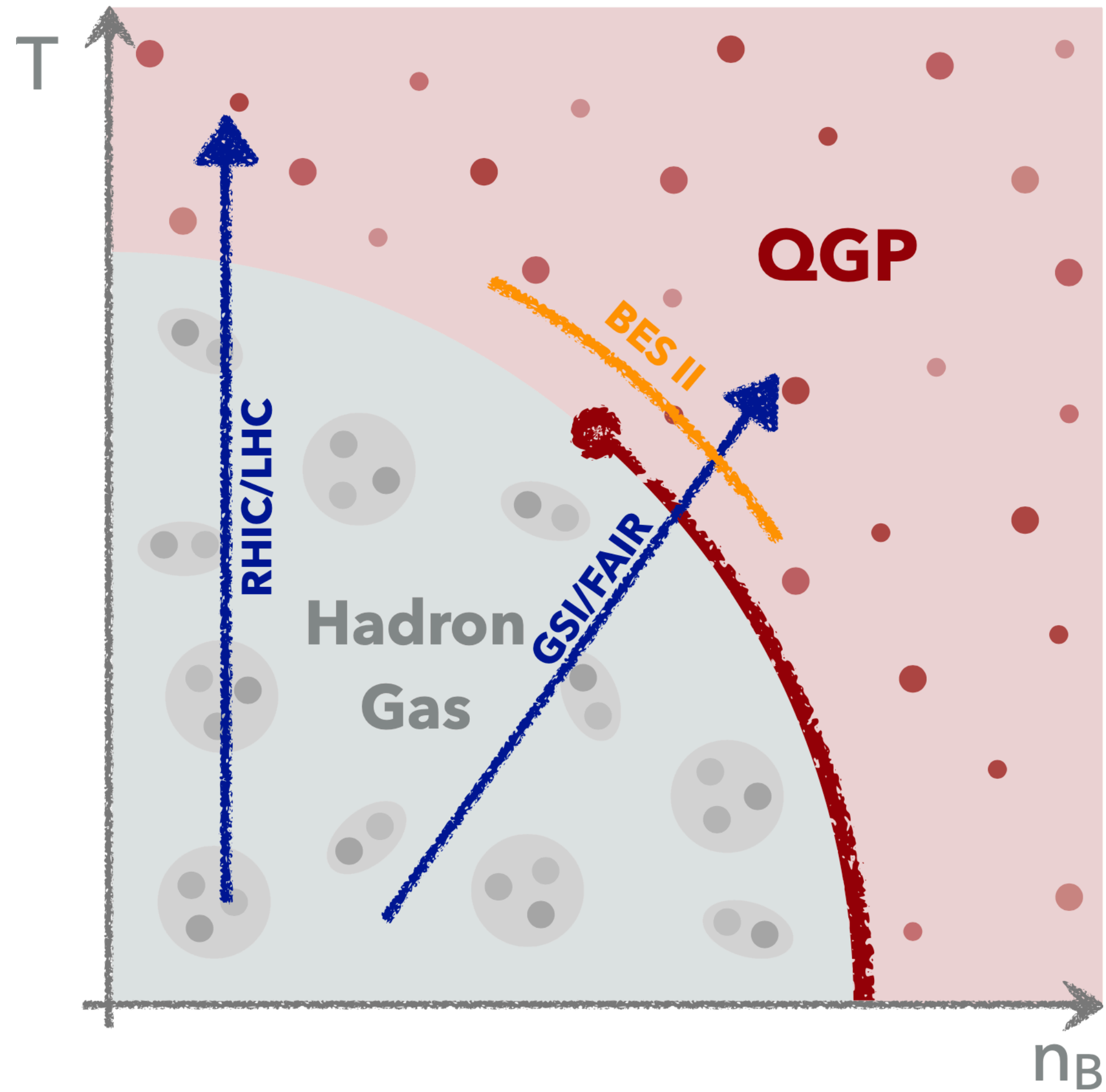
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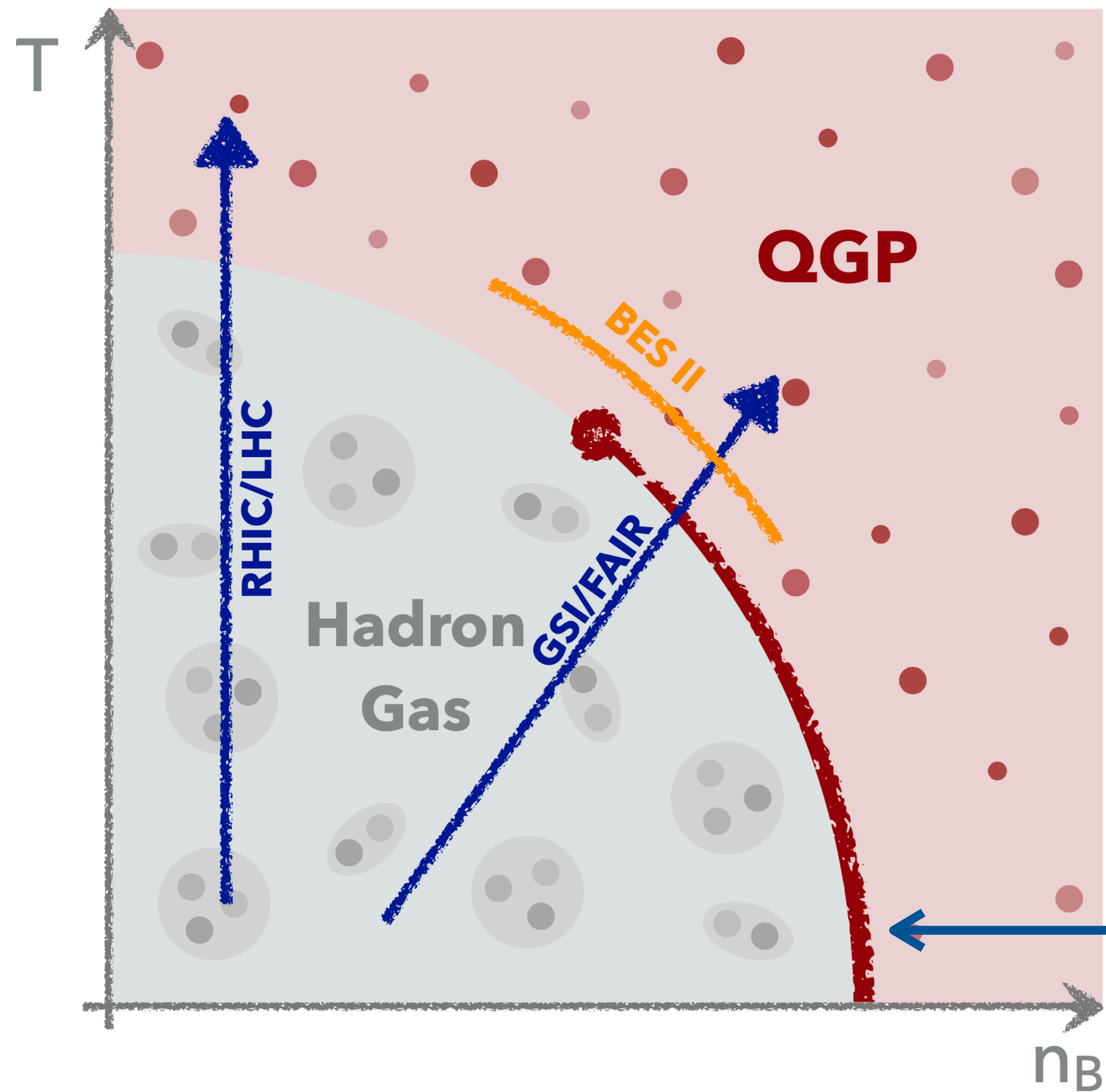
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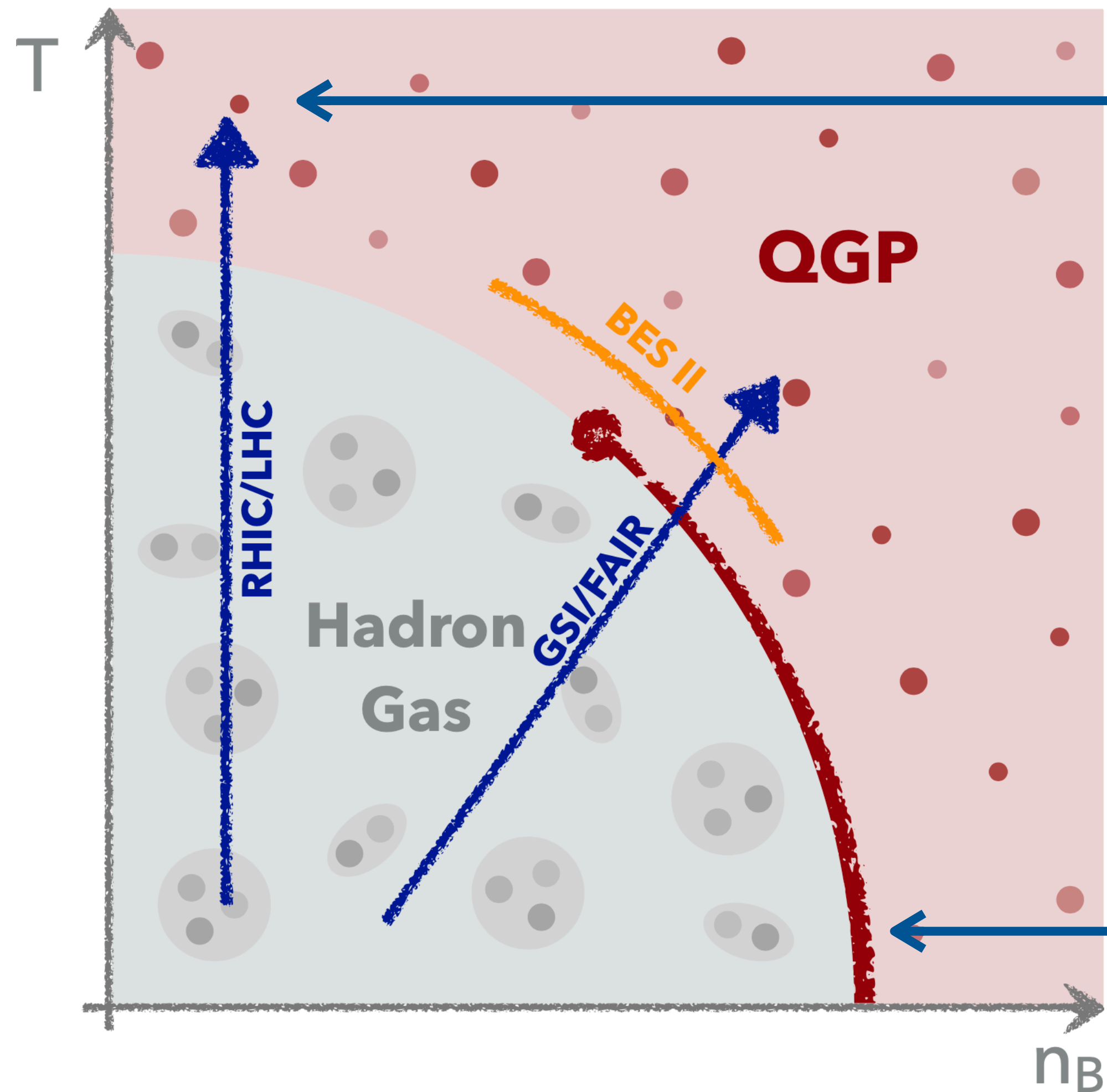
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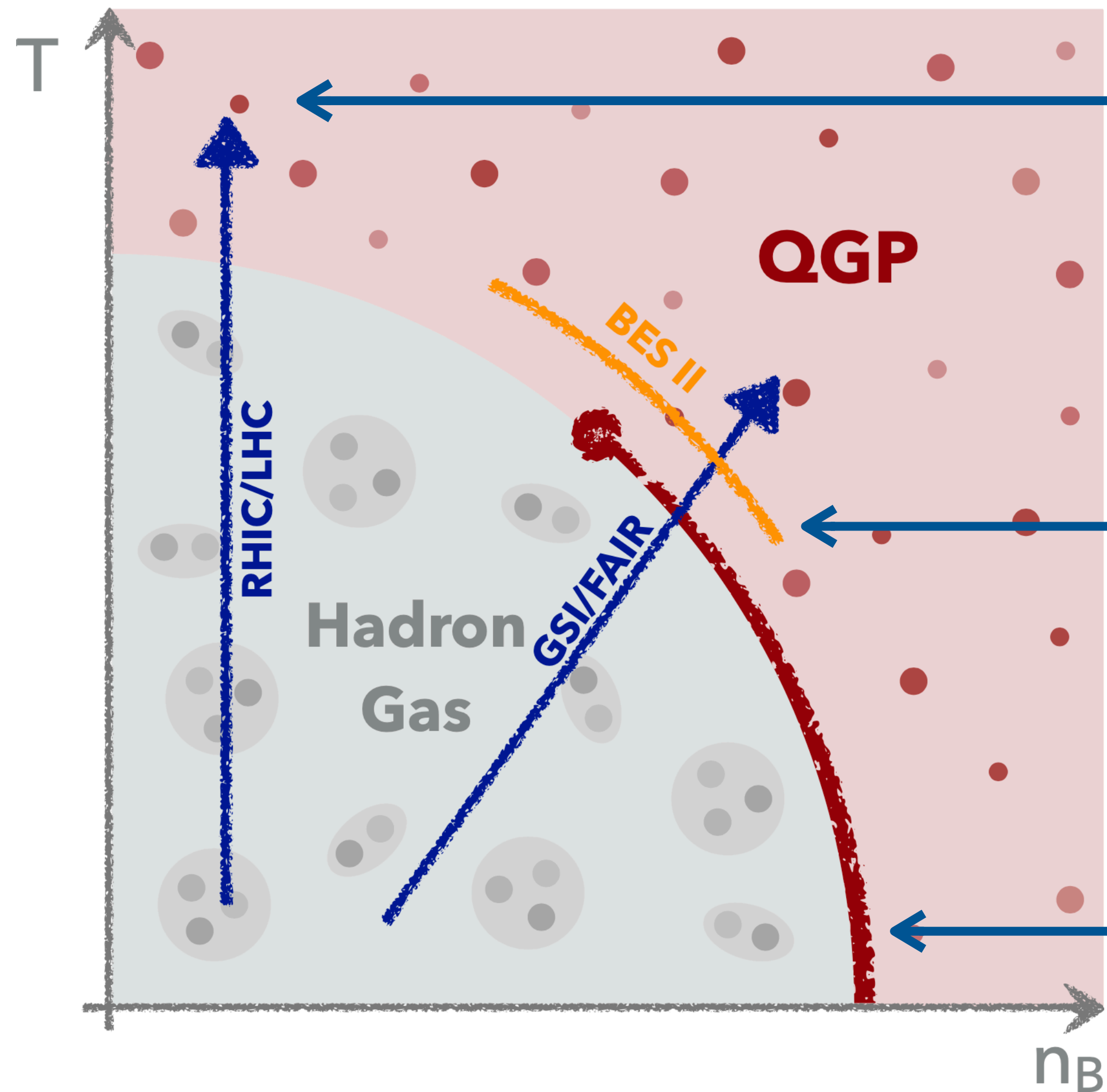
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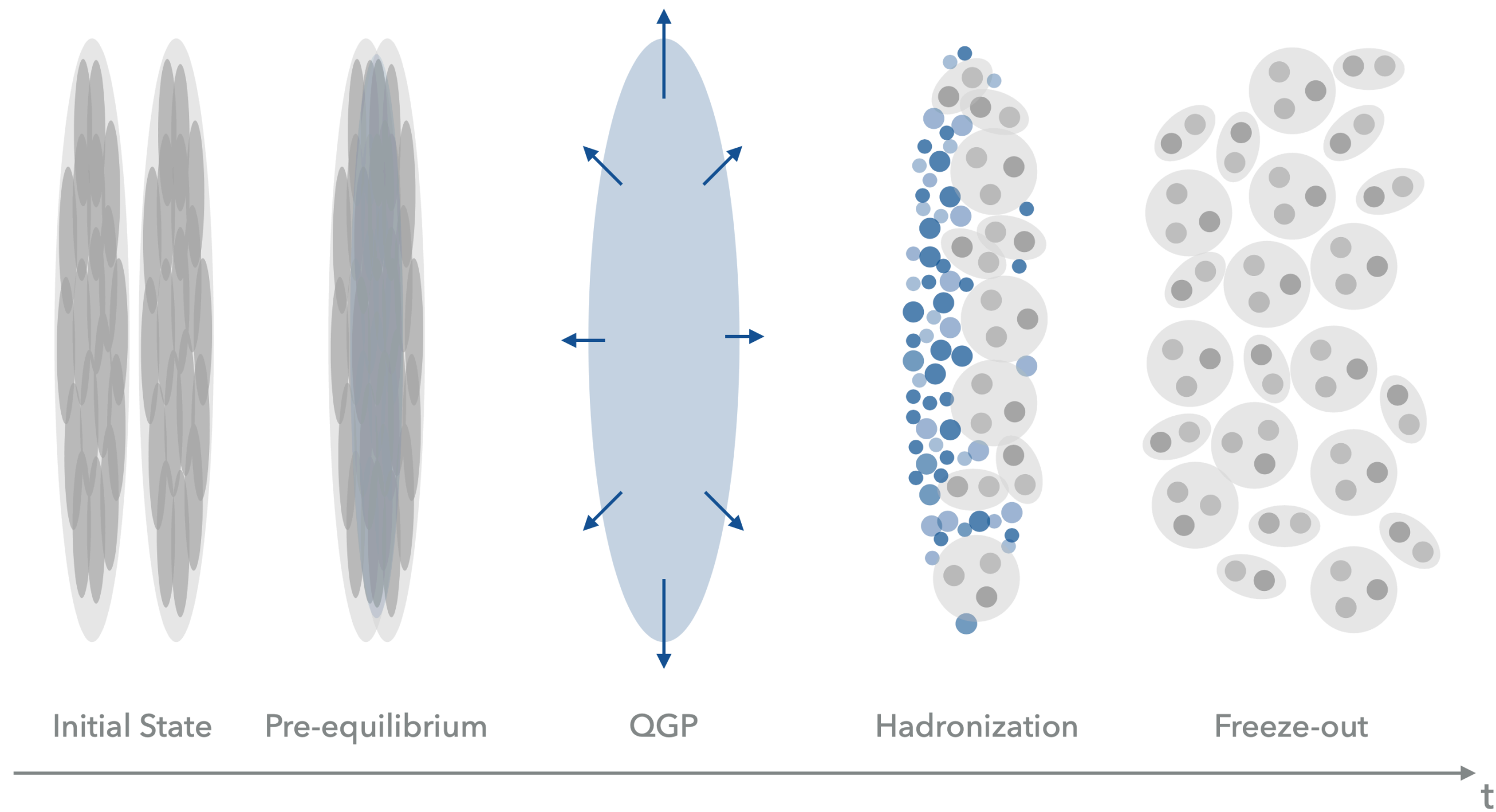
Standard description at **intermediate** collision energies:

- ▶ ?
- ▶ Intermediate collision energies remain a challenge
- ▶ Hybrid approaches with dynamical initial conditions?

Standard description at **low** collision energies:

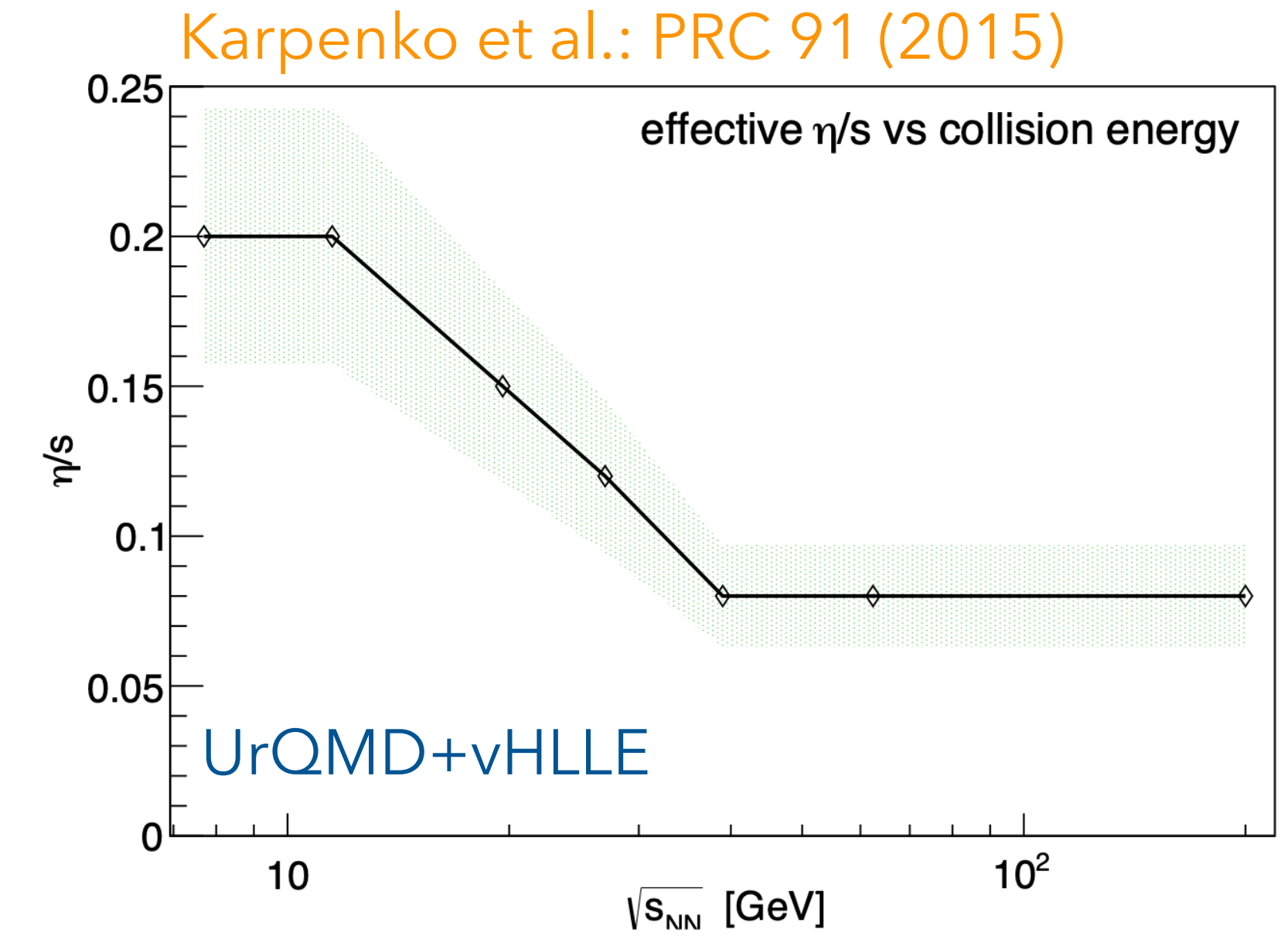
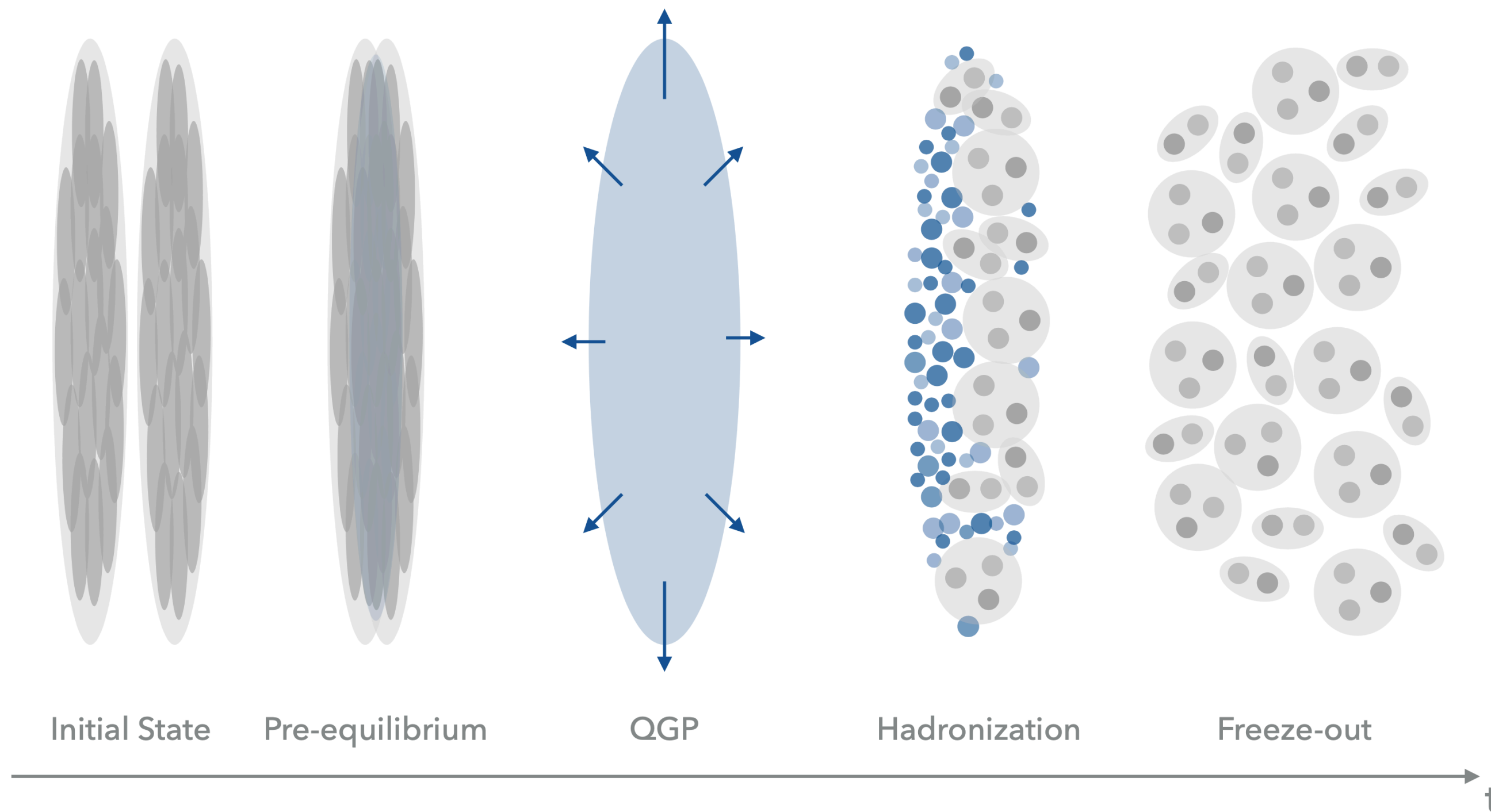
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# Hybrid Approaches at Intermediate Collision Energies



Karpenko et al.: PRC 91 (2015) Akamatsu et al.: PRC 98 (2018) Du et al.: Comp.Phys.Com. 251 (2020) Nandi et al.: PRC 102 (2020)

# Hybrid Approaches at Intermediate Collision Energies



- Multistage hybrid models are successfully applied in describing the evolution of a system with different degrees of freedom
- Previous works include e.g. UrQMD+hydro, JAM+hydro, BEShydro, AMPT ...

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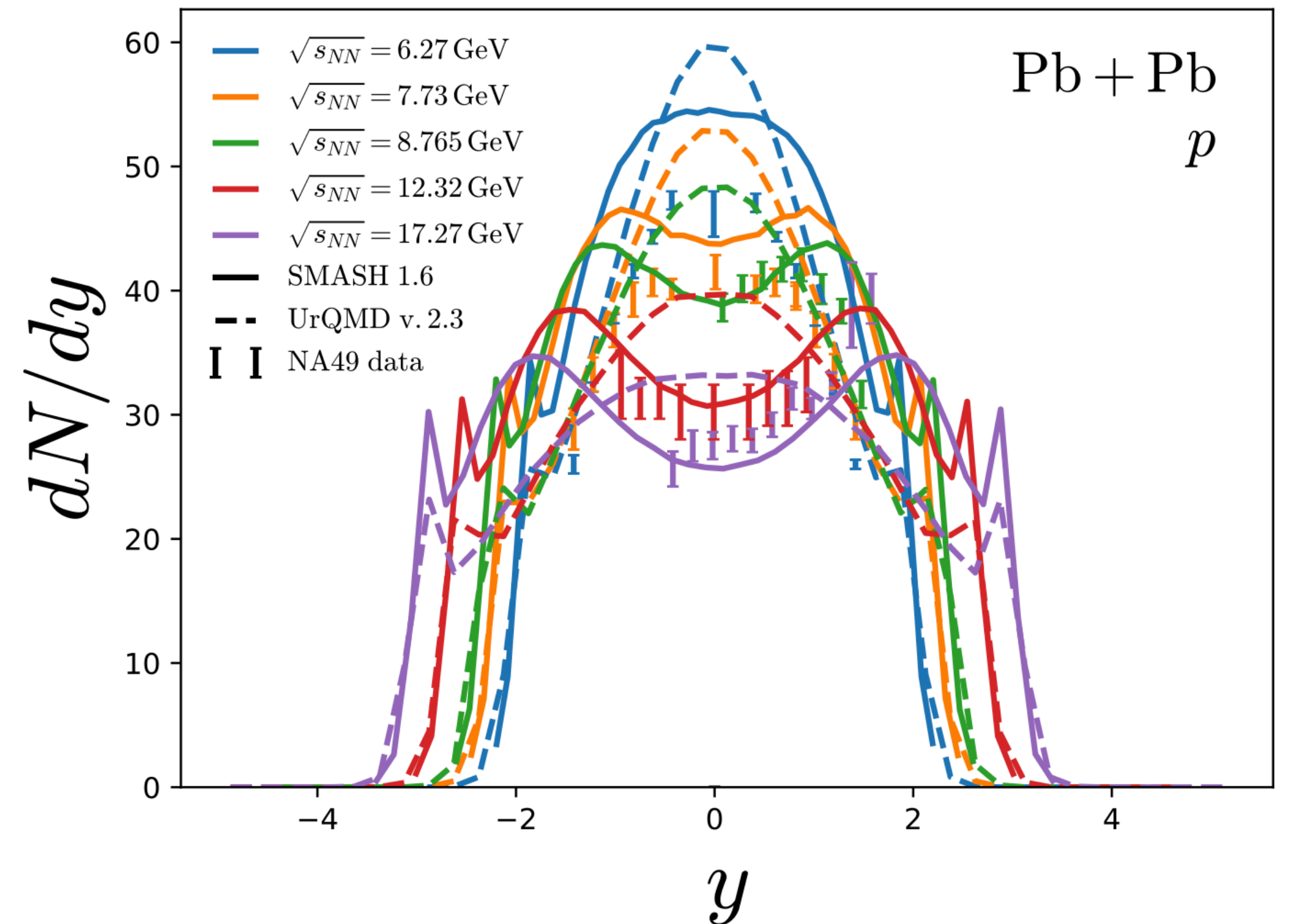


# Why Another Hybrid Approach?

- Baryon stopping is important for the description of heavy-ion collisions at NA61/SHINE, BES and GSI/FAIR energies
- SMASH is capable of describing proton rapidity spectra across a wide range of collision energies
- Apply SMASH for the initial and final state in a novel hybrid model

**=> SMASH-vHLE-hybrid**

Mohs et al.: J.Phys.G 47 (2020)



# The SMASH-vHLE-Hybrid

- Modular hybrid approach for the description of intermediate and high energy heavy-ion collisions
- Open-source and public
- <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash-vhllle-hybrid>

Schäfer et al.: 2109.08578

Weil et al.: PRC 94 (2016)

DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3484711

Cooper and Frye: Phys.Rev.D 10 (1974)

Huovinen et al.: Eur. Phys. J A 48 (2012)

Karpenko et al.: PRC 91, 064901 (2015)

Karpenko et al.: Comput. Phys. Commun. 185 (2014)

## SMASH

- Hadronic transport approach
- Initial conditions

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## vHLE

- 3+1D viscous hydrodynamics (event-by-event)
- CORNELIUS routine to determine freezeout surface

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## smash-hadron-sampler

- Cooper-Frye sampler
- Particlization of fluid elements

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## SMASH

- Hadronic transport approach
- Evolution of the late hadronic rescattering stage

# The SMASH-vHLE-Hybrid: Configuration Details

## Initial Conditions

- ▶ Propagate particles and perform interactions until hypersurface of constant proper time is crossed
- ▶  $\tau_0$ : geometrical interpretation of the passing time of the two nuclei, but enforcing  $\tau_0 \geq 0.5$

$$\tau_0 = (R_p + R_t) / \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{s_{NN}} / (2 m_N)\right)^2 - 1}$$

## Evolution of the hot and dense fireball

- ▶ Quark gluon phase is evolved according to chiral model EoS
- ▶ Particlization on hypersurface of constant energy density:  $e_{\text{crit}} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$
- ▶ Particlization according to SMASH HRG EoS

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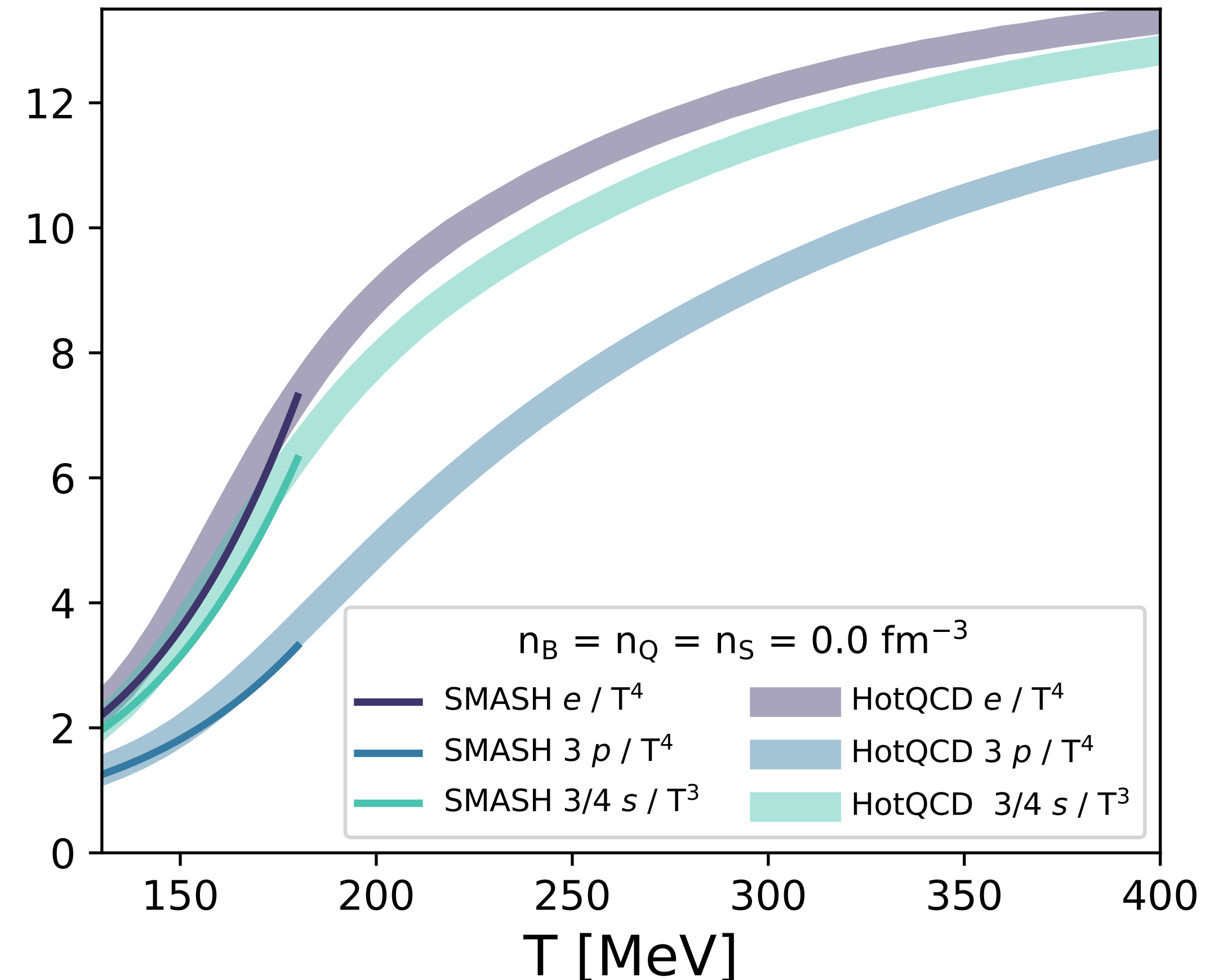
Parameters for hydrodynamical evolution, unless stated differently on the plots

$R_{\perp}$ ,  $R_{\eta}$ : transverse and longitudinal smearing parameter

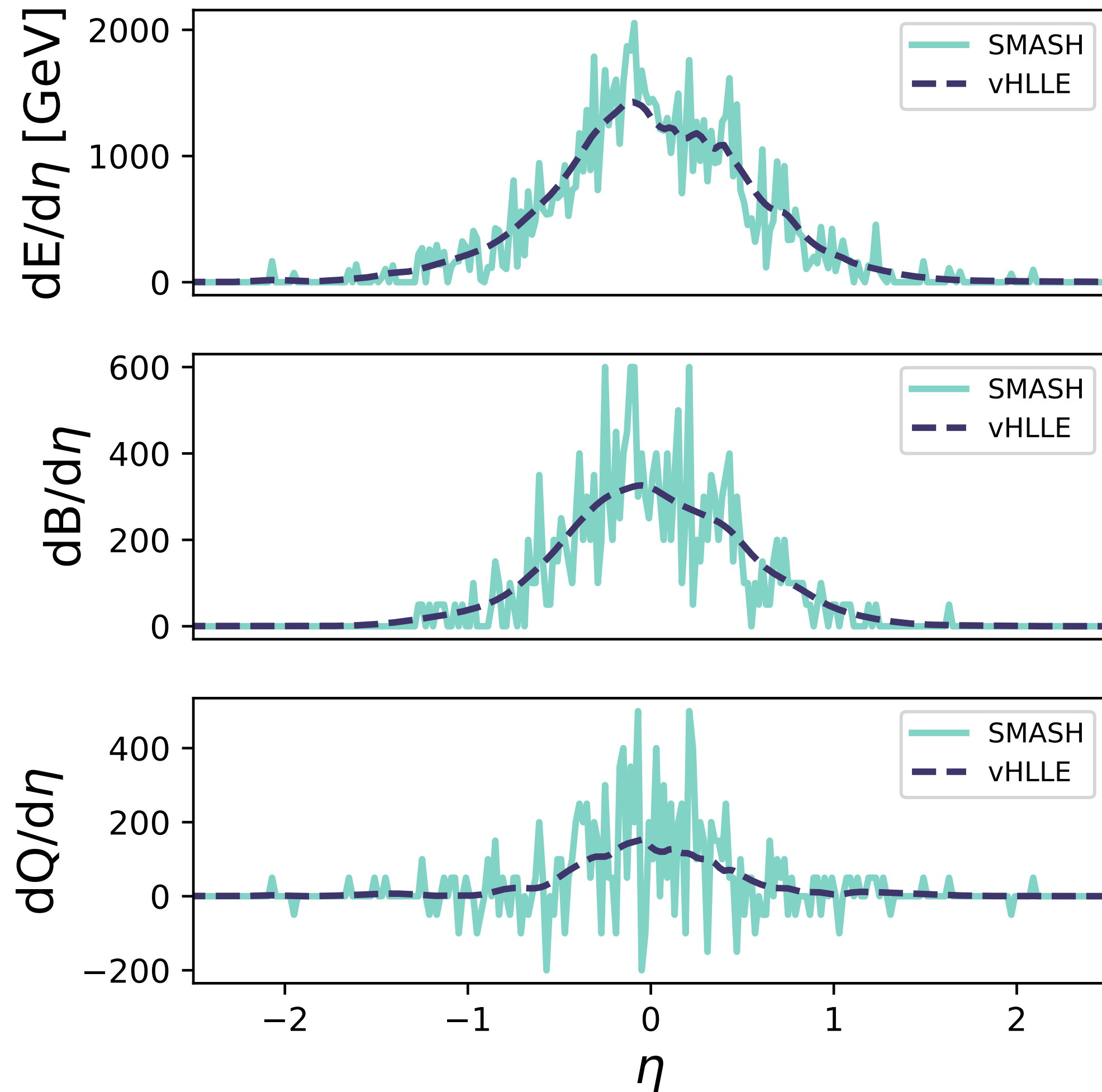
Central collisions are modeled

# The SMASH Hadron Resonance Gas Equation of State

- Equation of state extracted for hadron resonance gas with SMASH degrees of freedom
- Mapping:  $(e, n_B, n_Q) \rightarrow (T, p, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)$
- Good agreement with Lattice QCD equation of state in (2+1)-flavour QCD
- SMASH HRG EoS is required as input for particlization of fluid elements in hybrid model



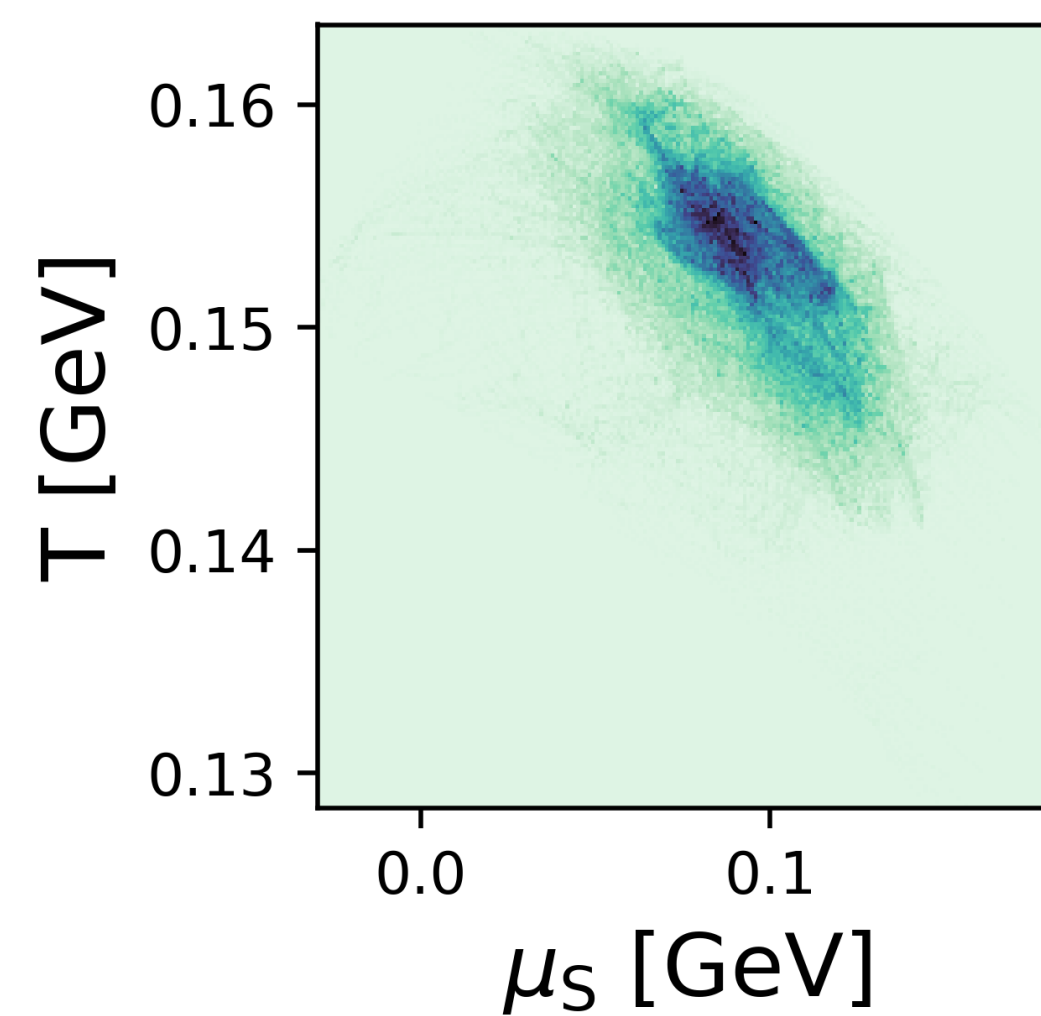
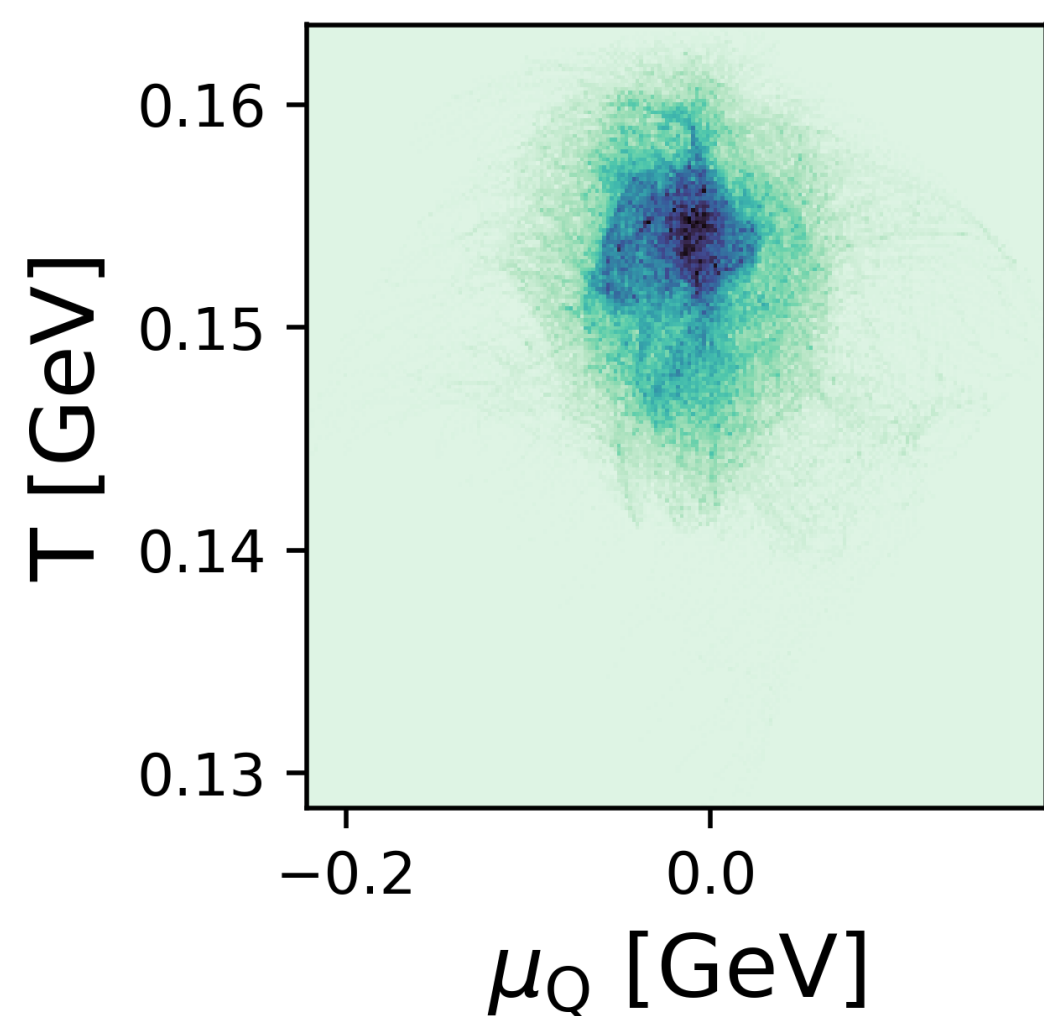
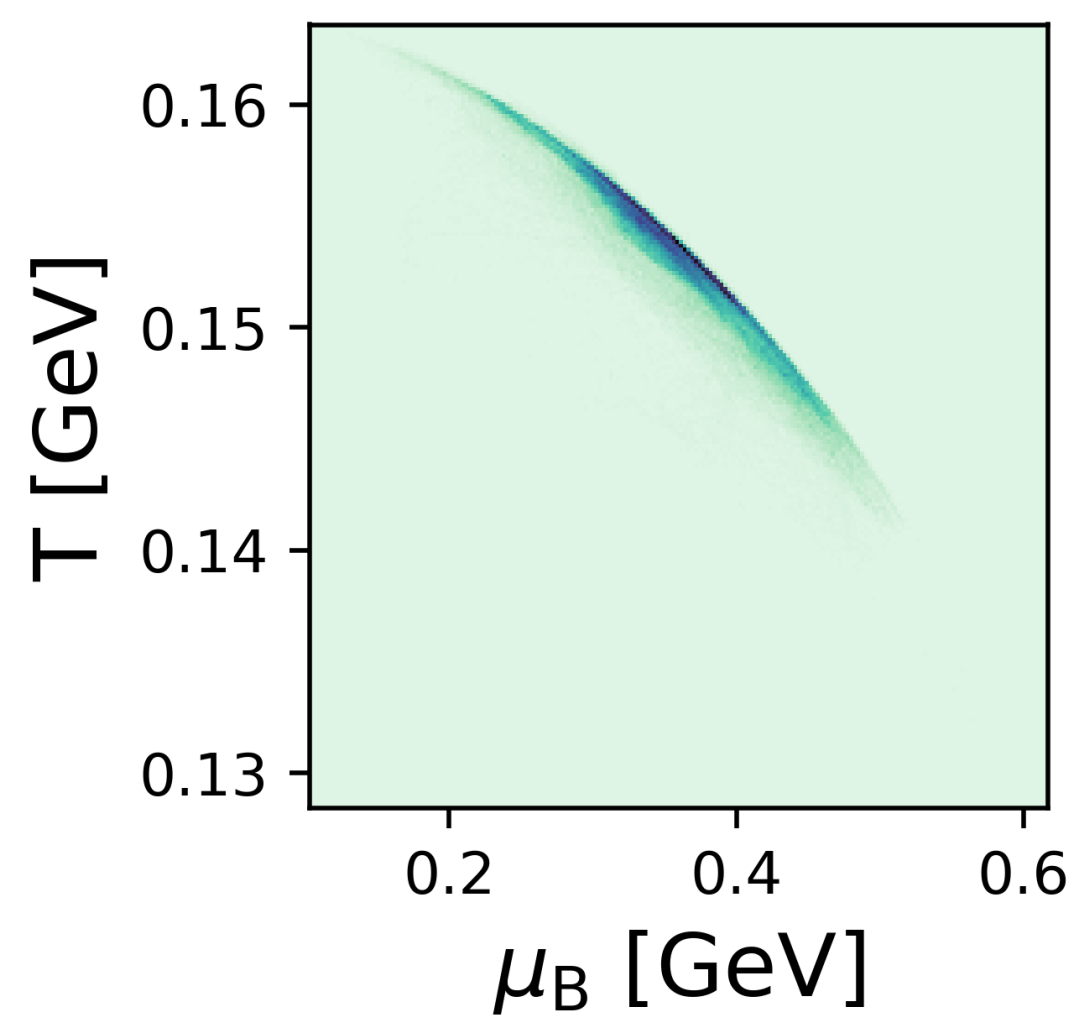
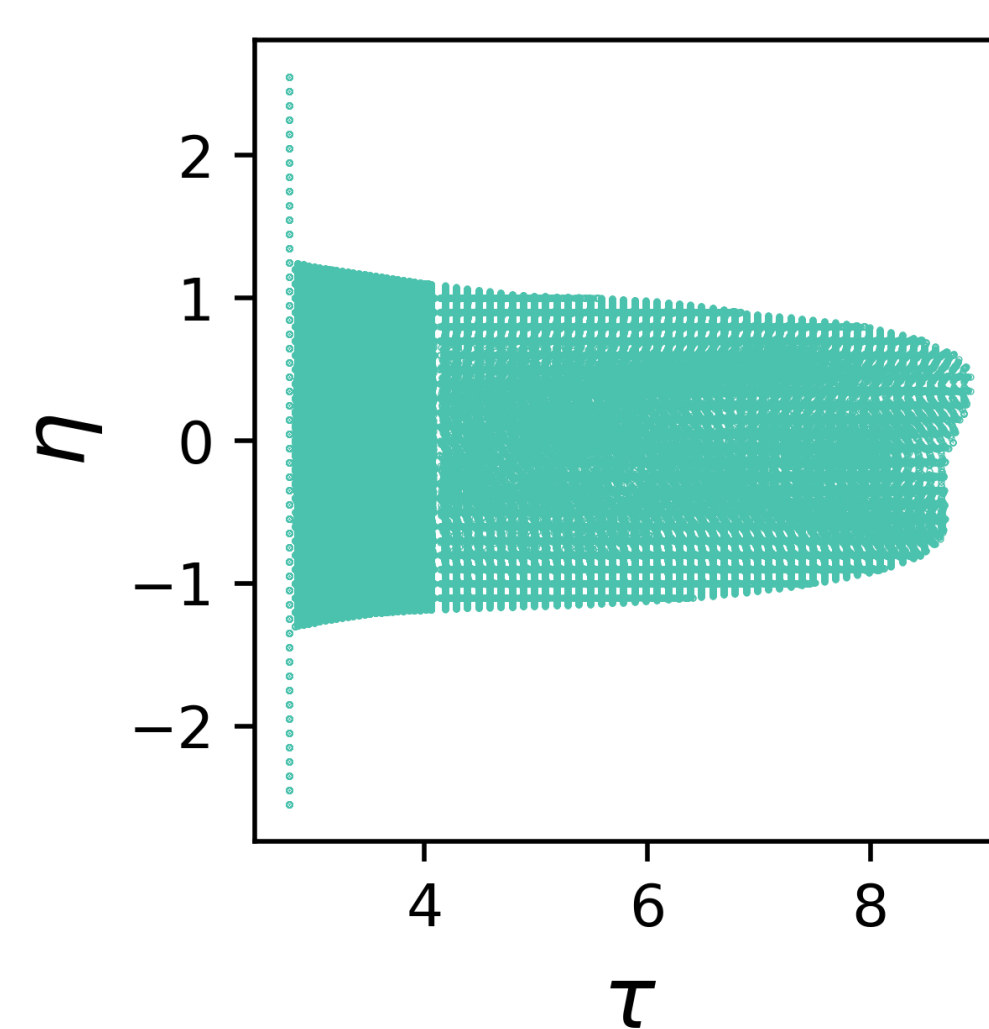
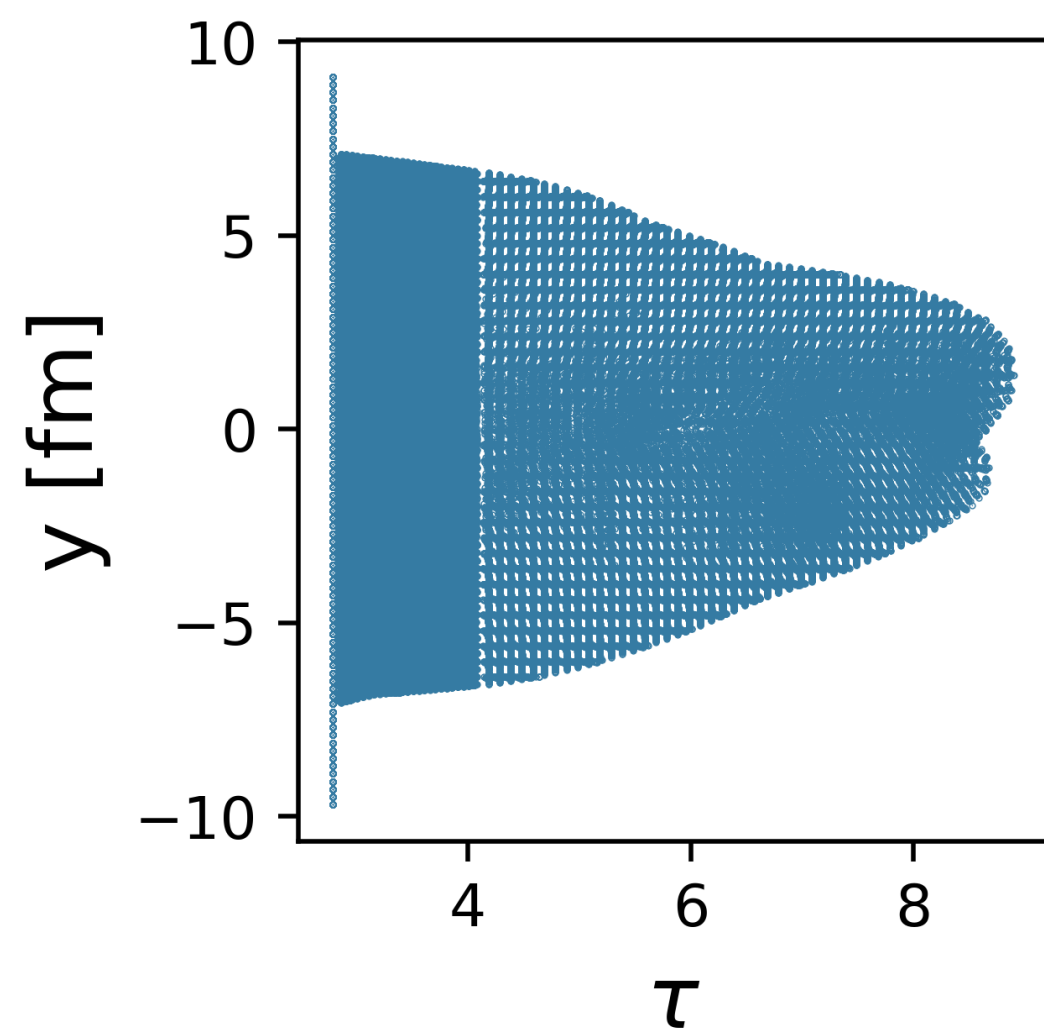
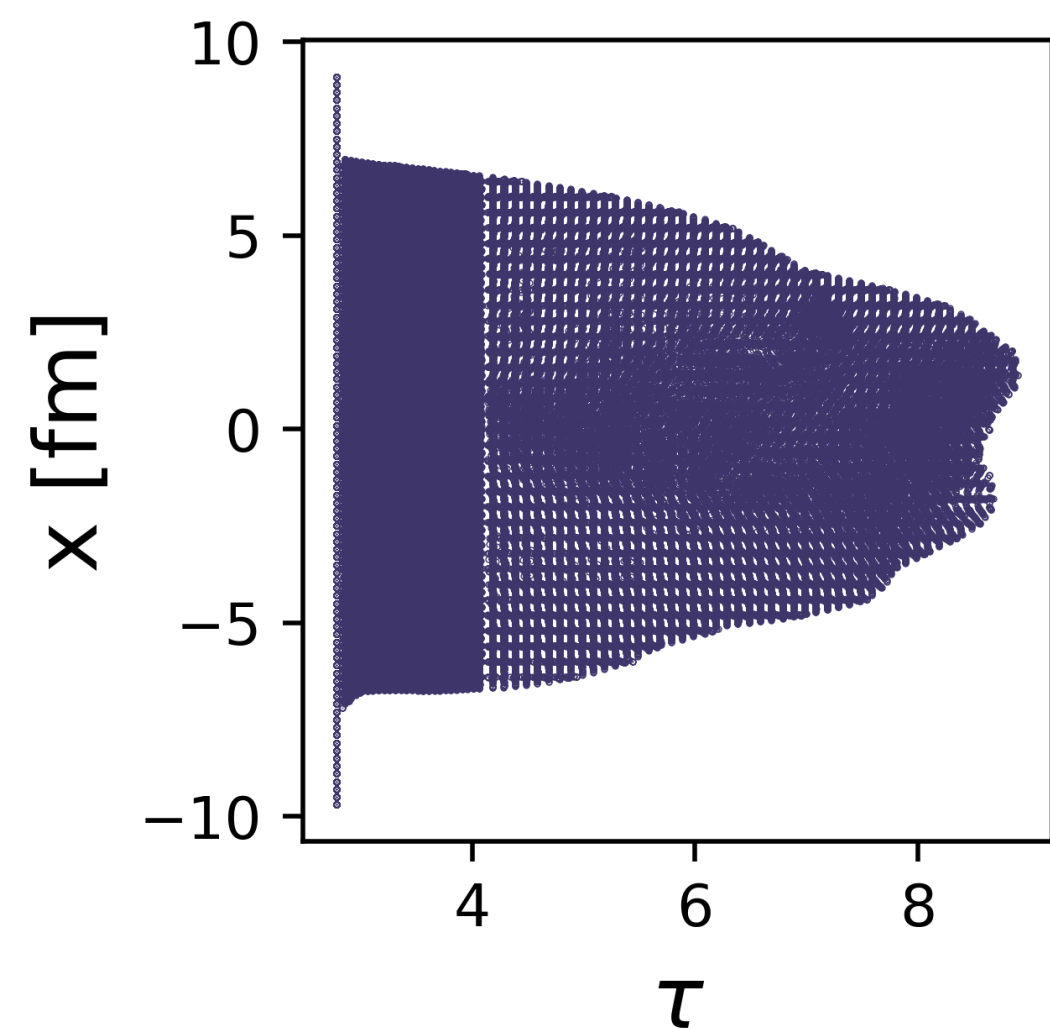
# Sanity Checks at the Interfaces I



SMASH  $\rightarrow$  vHLLE

- Example: Pb + Pb @  $\sqrt{s} = 8.8$  GeV  
-> 1 single SMASH event
- Initial particle distributions on the SMASH  $\tau_0$ -hypersurface are smeared with  $R_{\perp}, R_{\eta}$   
-> smooth initial conditions for hydrodynamics  
-> prevention of shock waves
- Energy, baryon number and electric charge are conserved at initialization of hydrodynamics

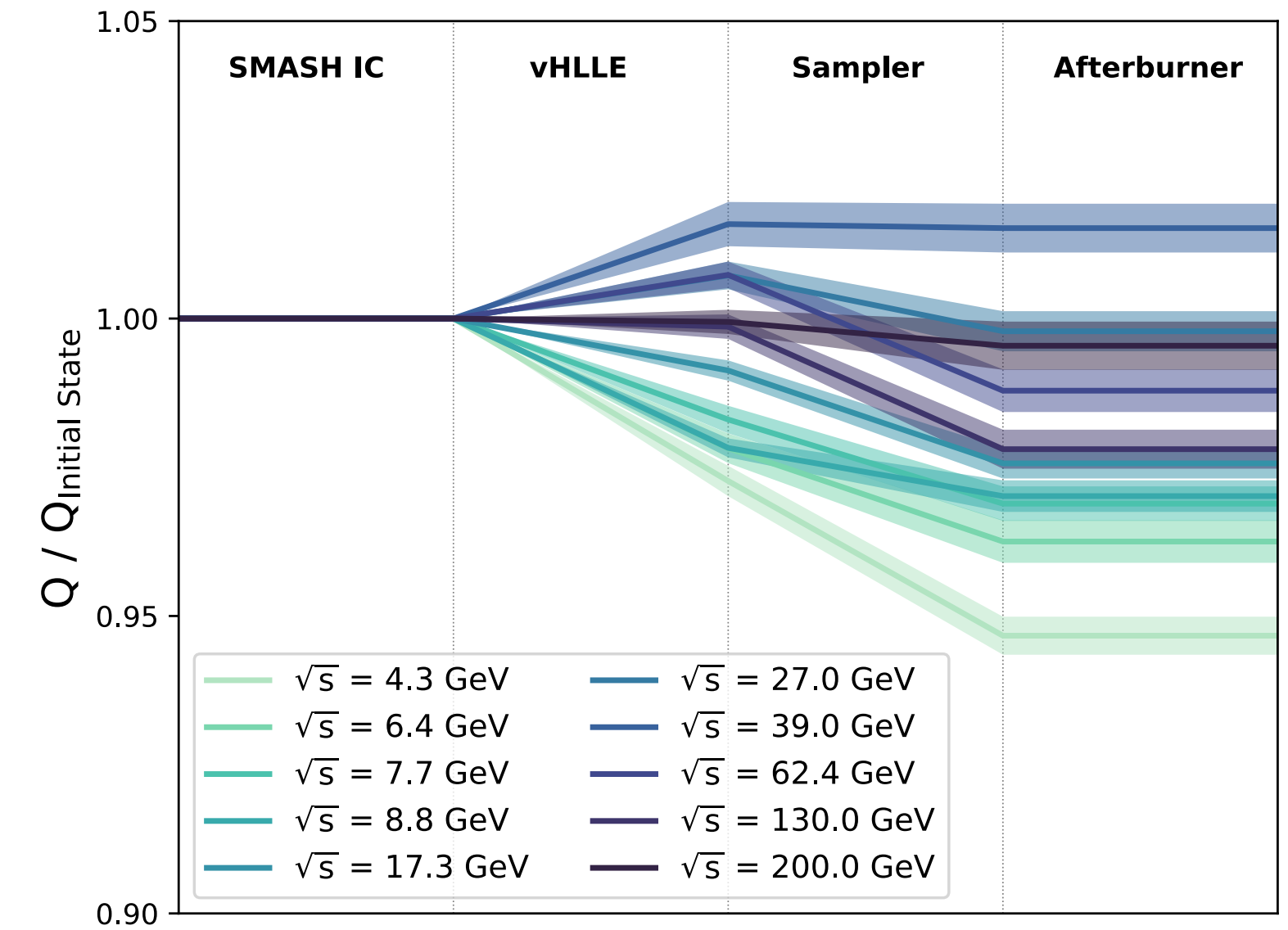
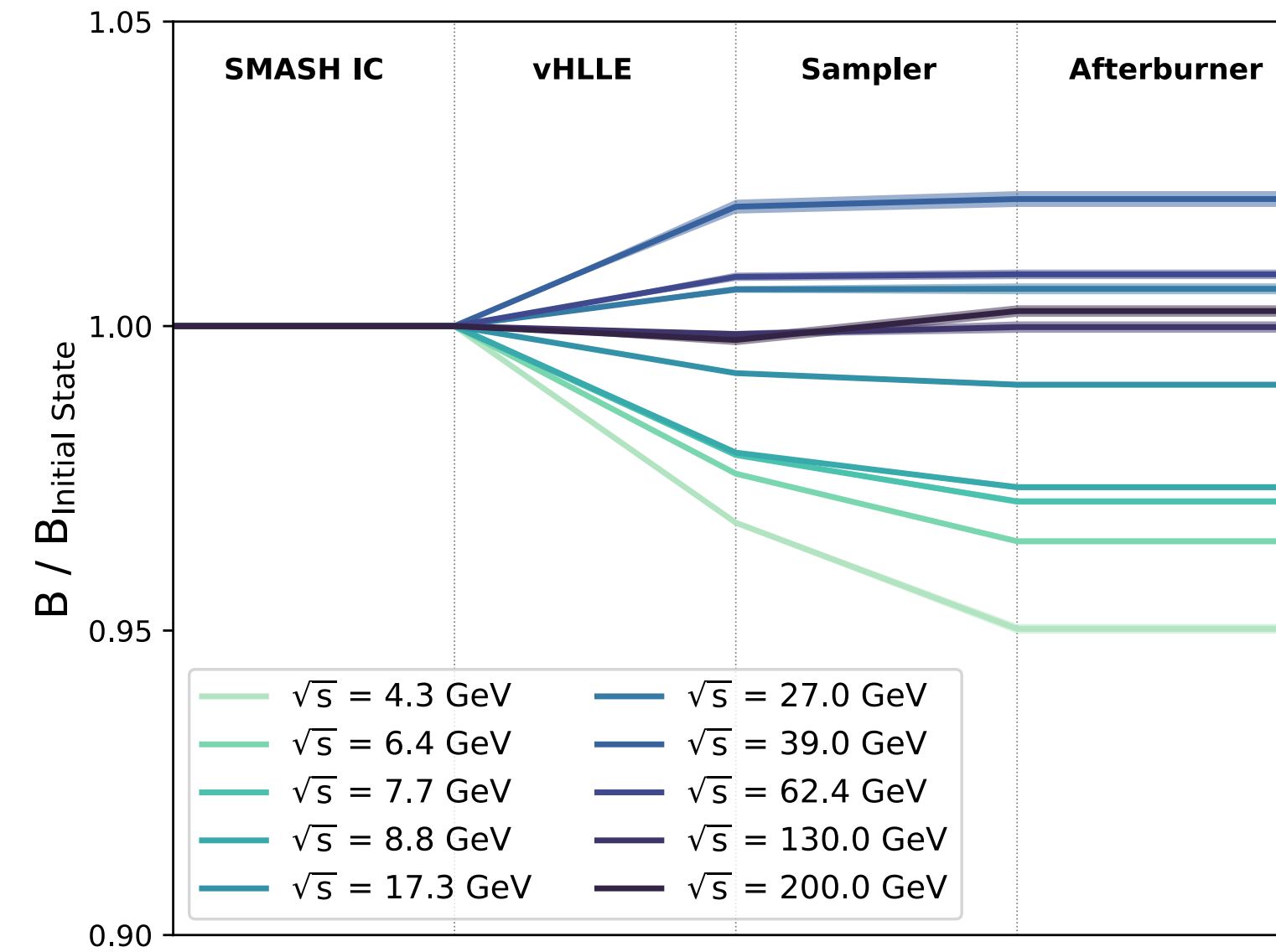
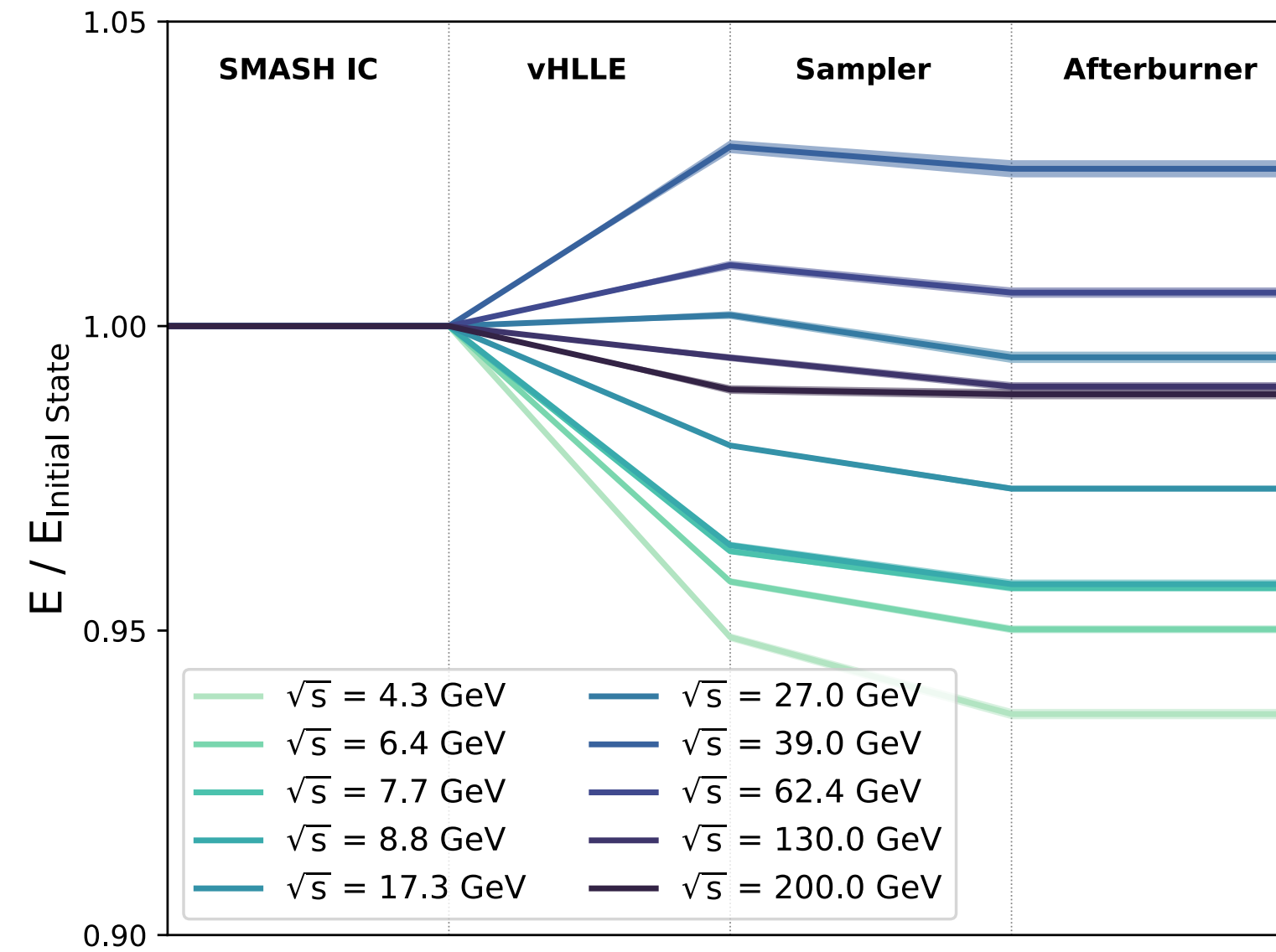
# Sanity Checks at the Interfaces II



vHLLE → hadron-sampler

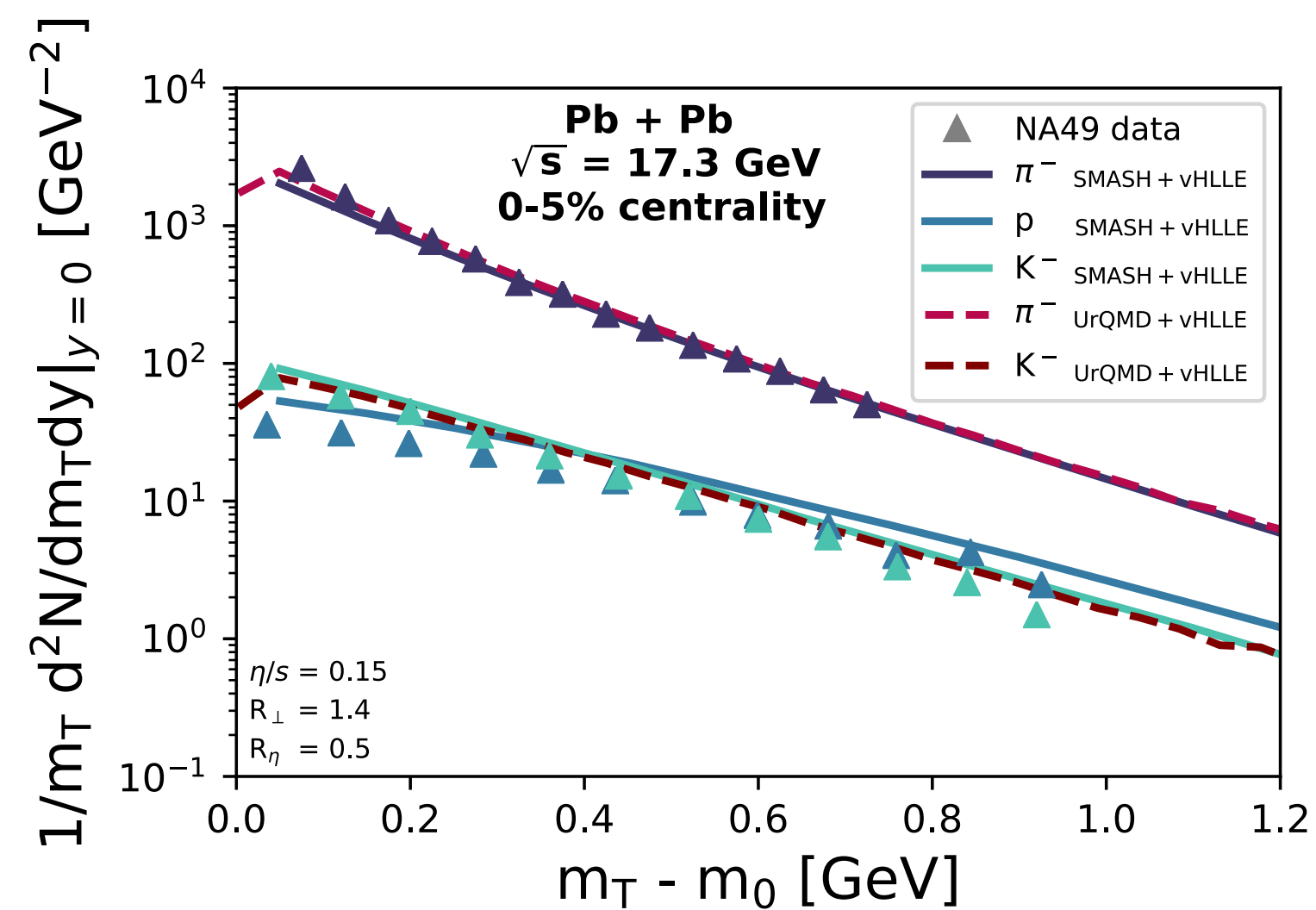
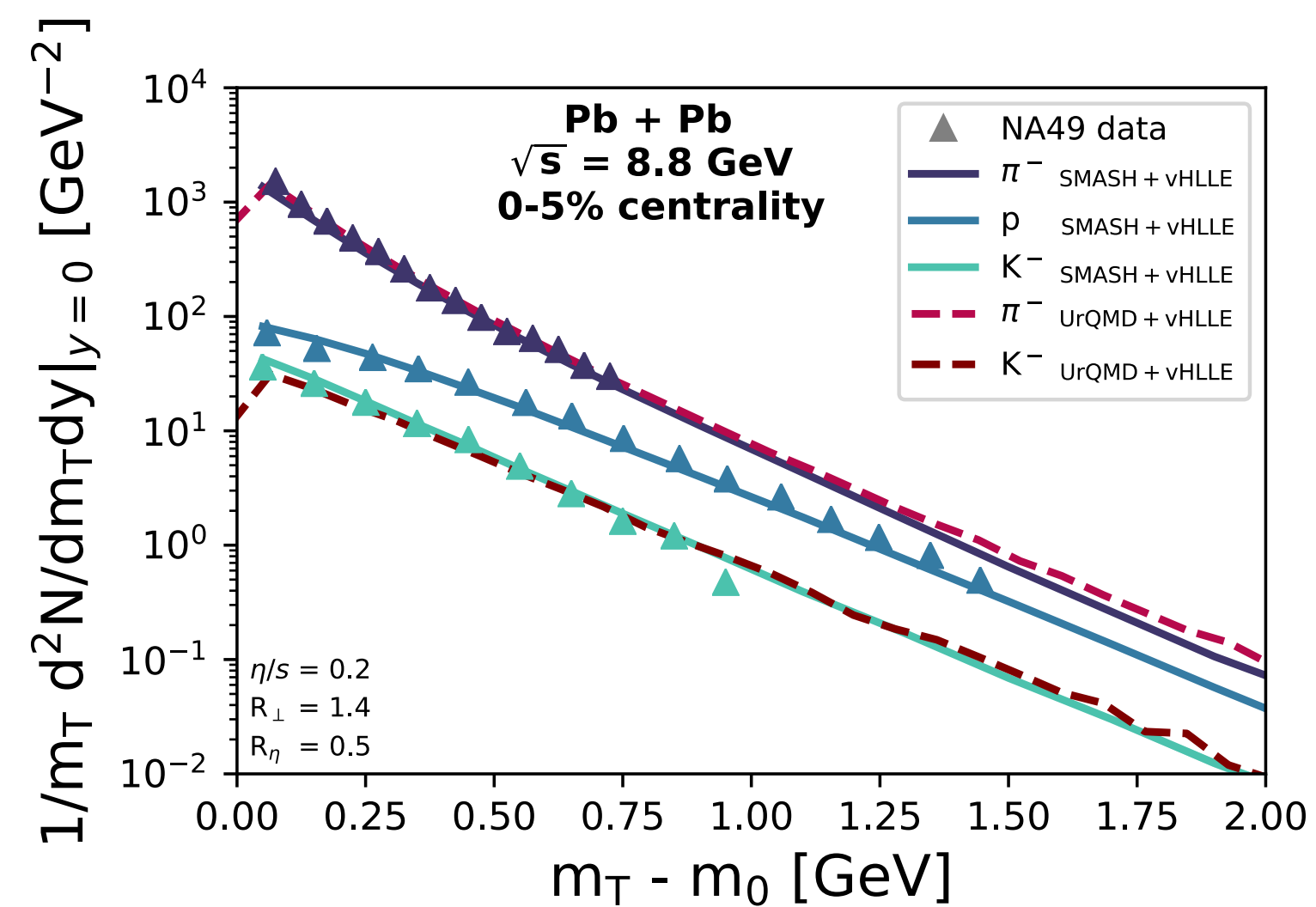
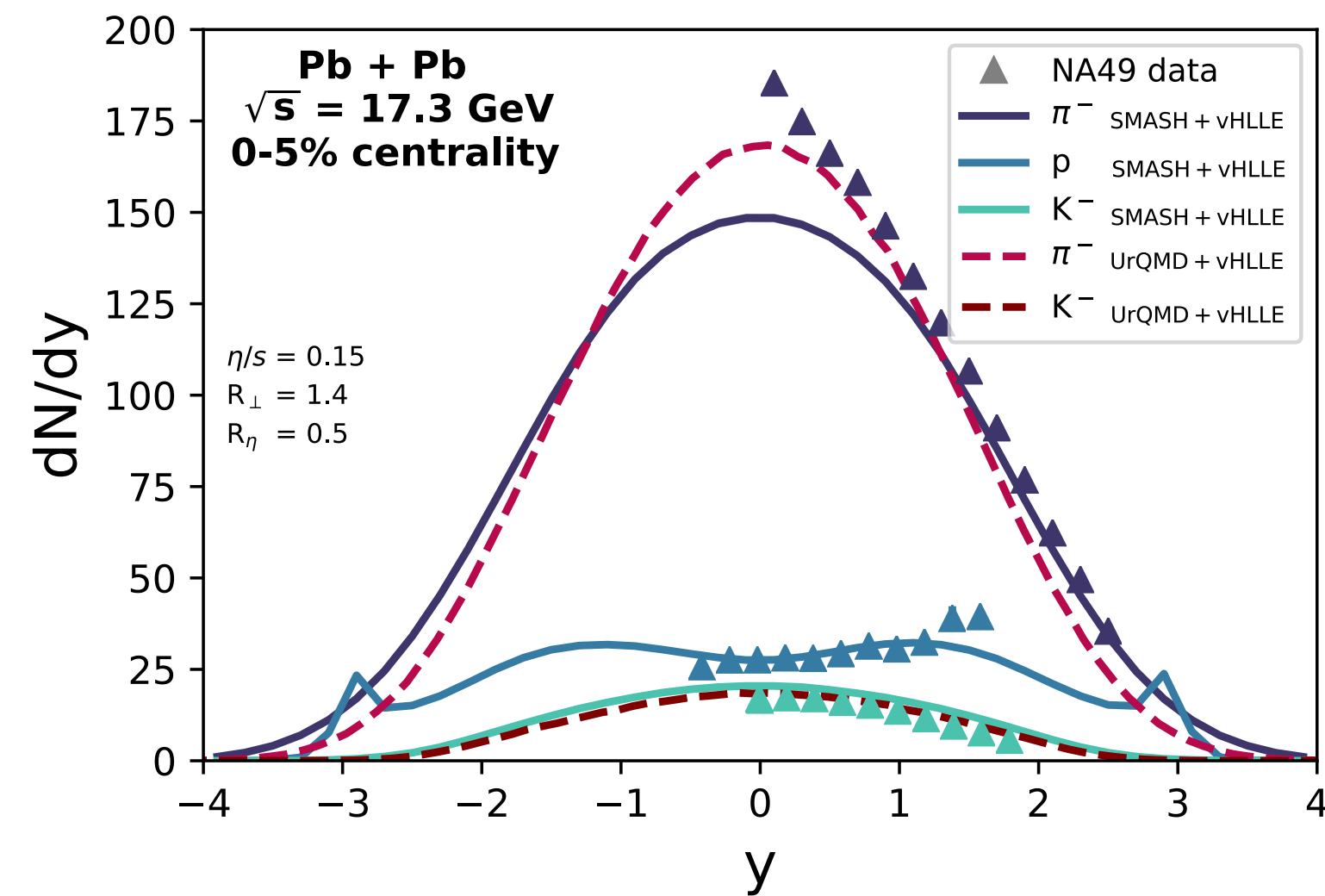
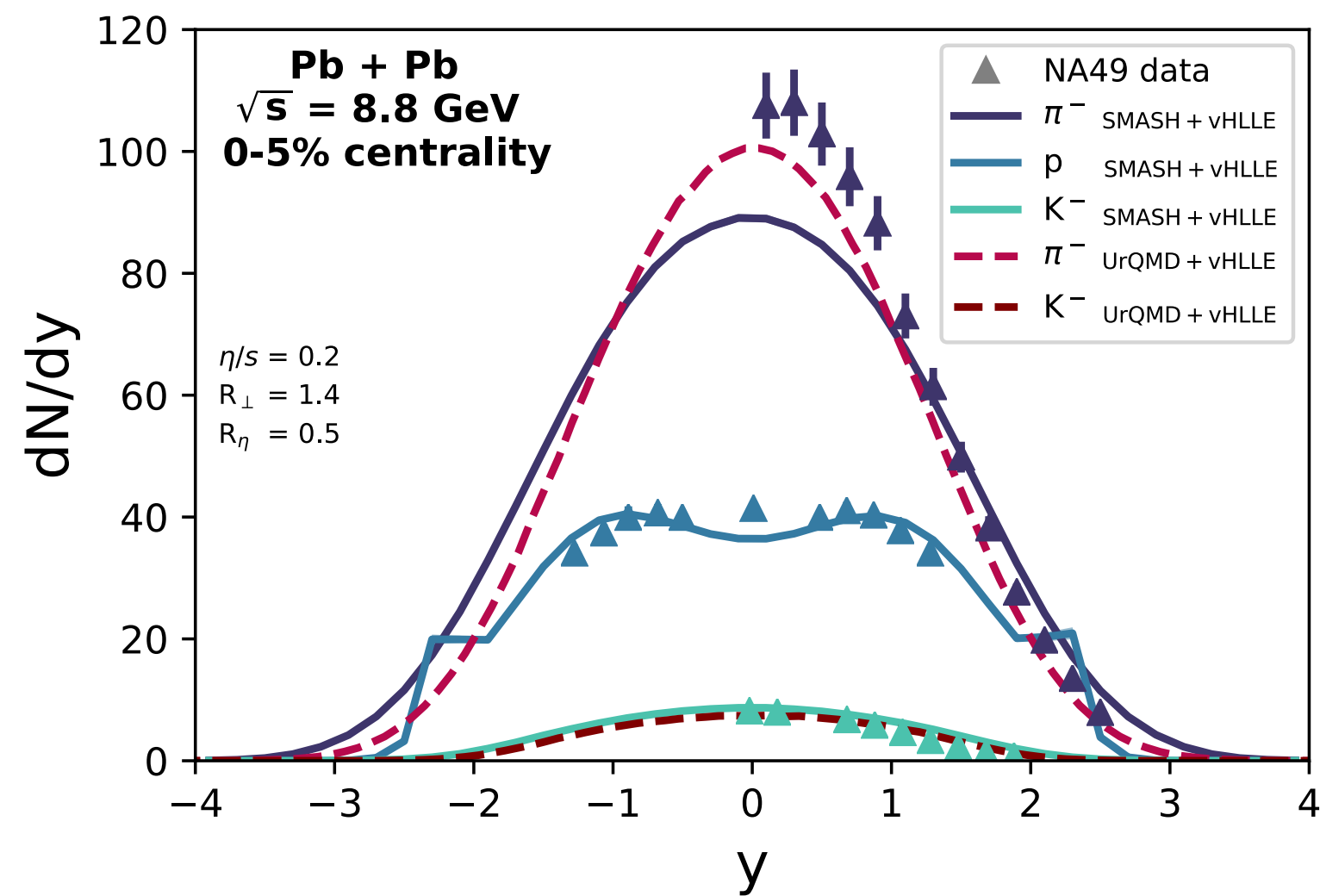
- Example:  
Pb + Pb @  $\sqrt{s} = 8.8$  GeV
- Freezeout hypersurface is smooth and without holes
- Properties of fluid elements on the freezeout hypersurface correspond to hadron gas equation of state

# Global Quantum Number Conservation



- Energy, baryon number and electric charge are globally conserved in full SMASH-vHLL-hybrid run
- Violations are of the order of  $< 7\%$  for collisions ranging from  $\sqrt{s} = 4.3$  GeV to  $\sqrt{s} = 200.0$  GeV
- Energy, baryon number and electric charge gain and loss stem from finite grid effects in the hydrodynamic stage

# SMASH-vHLLÉ-hybrid vs. UrQMD-vHLLÉ-hybrid

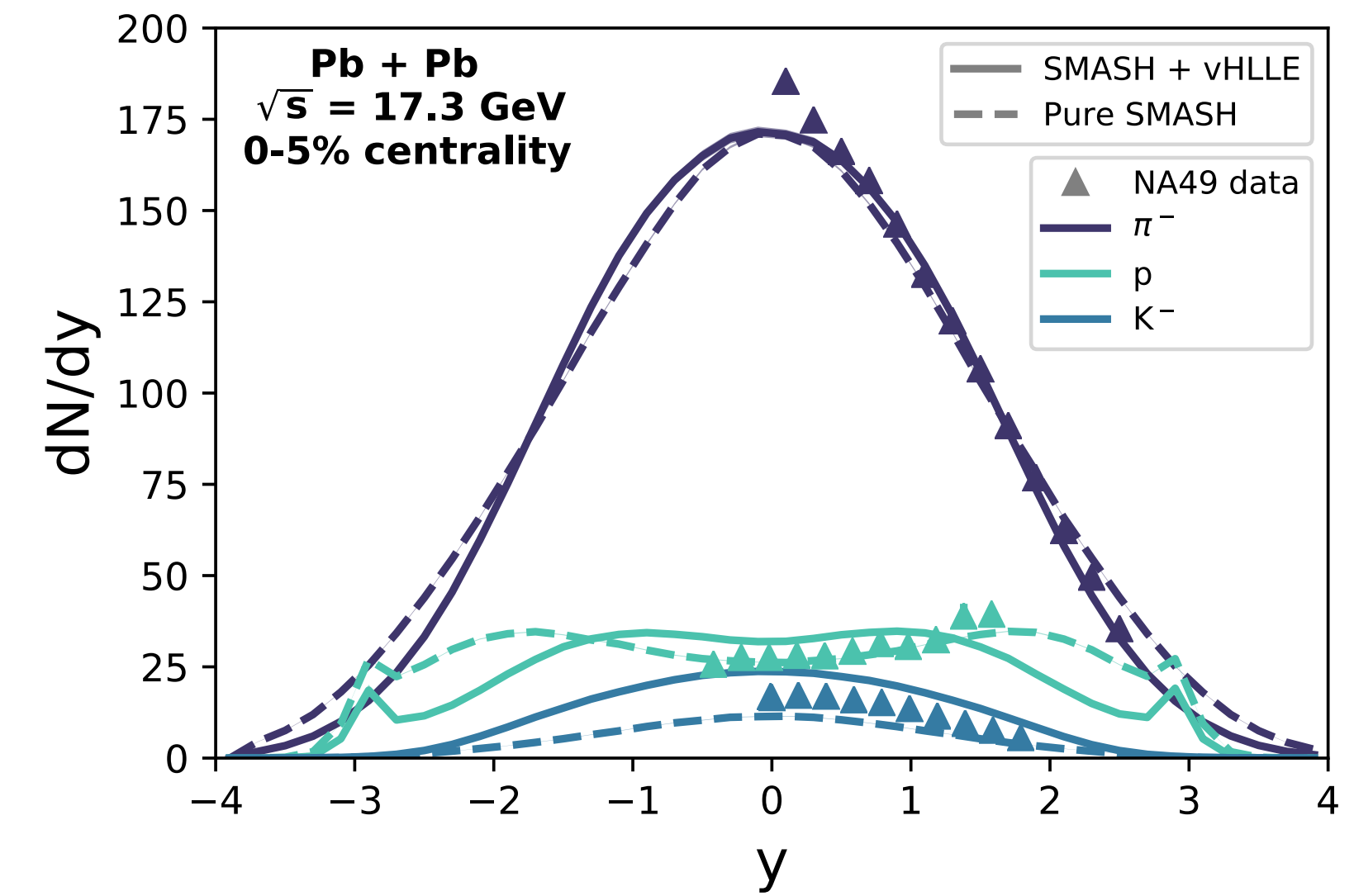
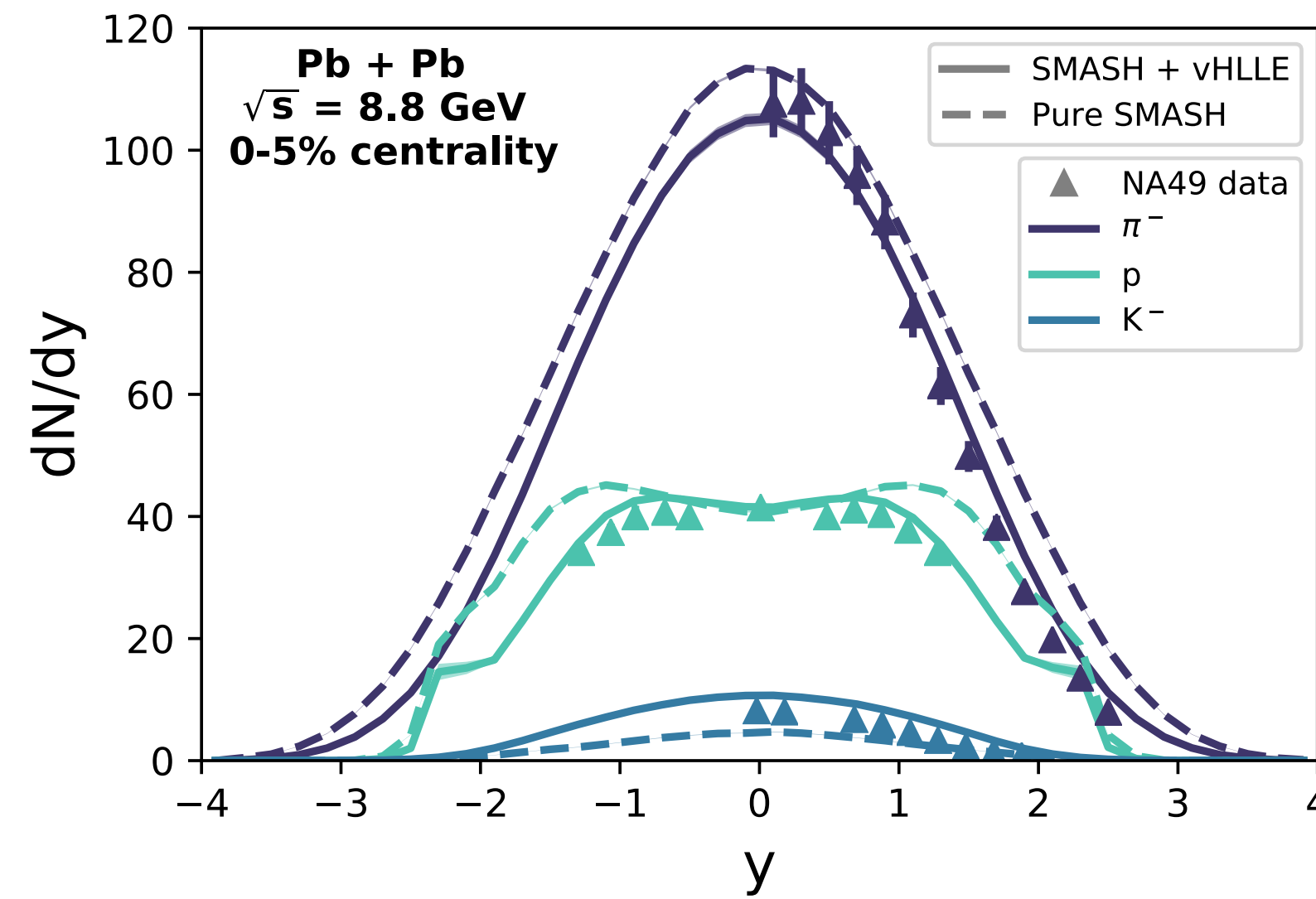
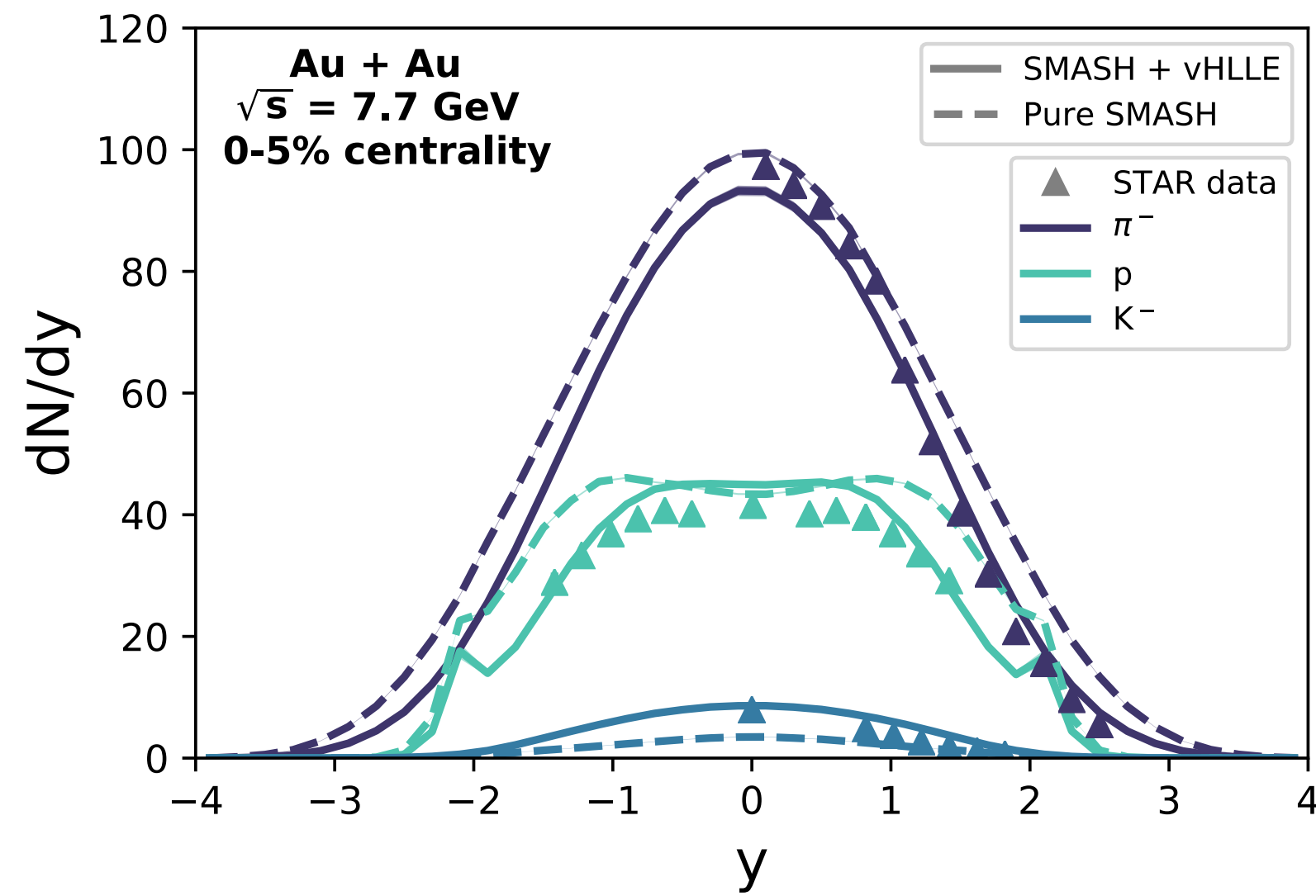


- Identical values for  $\eta/s$  and smearing parameters in both setups
- $dN/dy$  spectra and  $m_T$  spectra show differences for  $\pi^-$  and  $K^-$
- Differences in particle spectra can be attributed to differences in the underlying evolution in the transport phase, originating from slightly different resonance dynamics

Karpenko et al.: Phys.Rev.C 91 (2015)



# SMASH-vHLE-hybrid vs. SMASH: dN/dy spectra

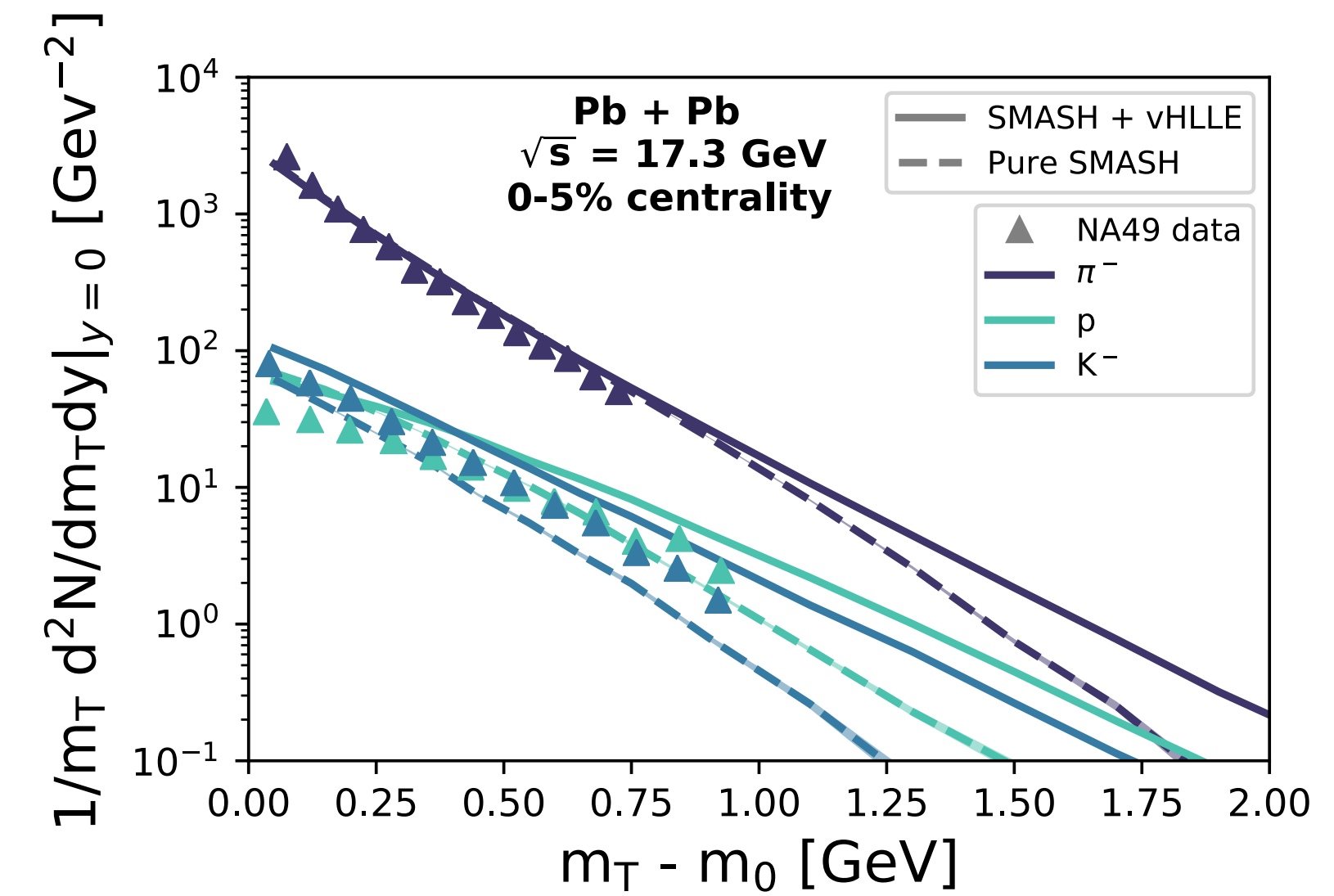
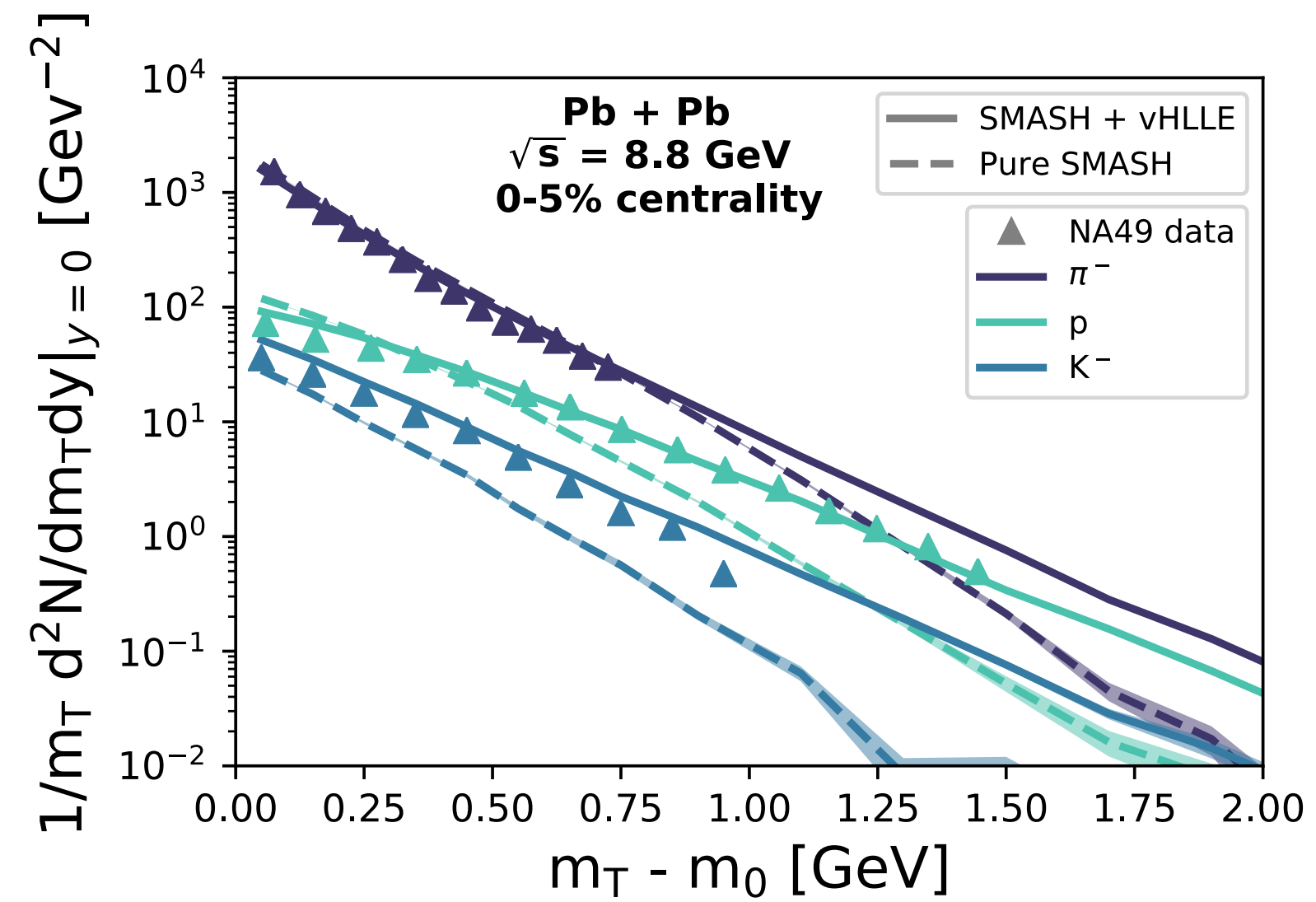
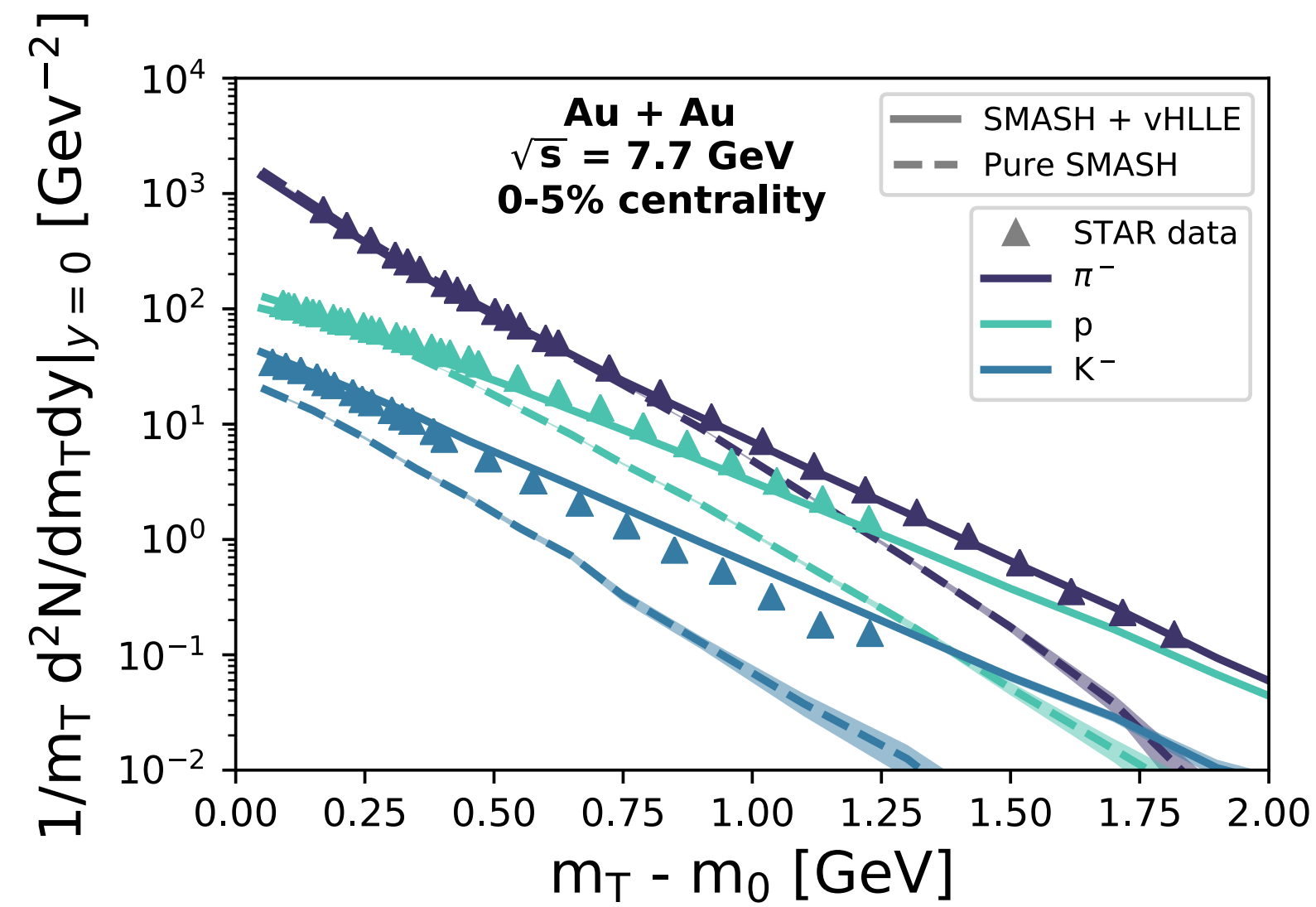


- Application of SMASH-vHLE-hybrid instead of pure SMASH evolution ...
  - > Decreases pion production and enhances kaon production
  - > Decreases width of proton rapidity distribution
  - > Improves agreement with experimental data at intermediate collision energies

STAR Collaboration: Phys.Rev.C 96 (2017)

NA49 Collaboration: Phys.Rev.C 66 (2002)

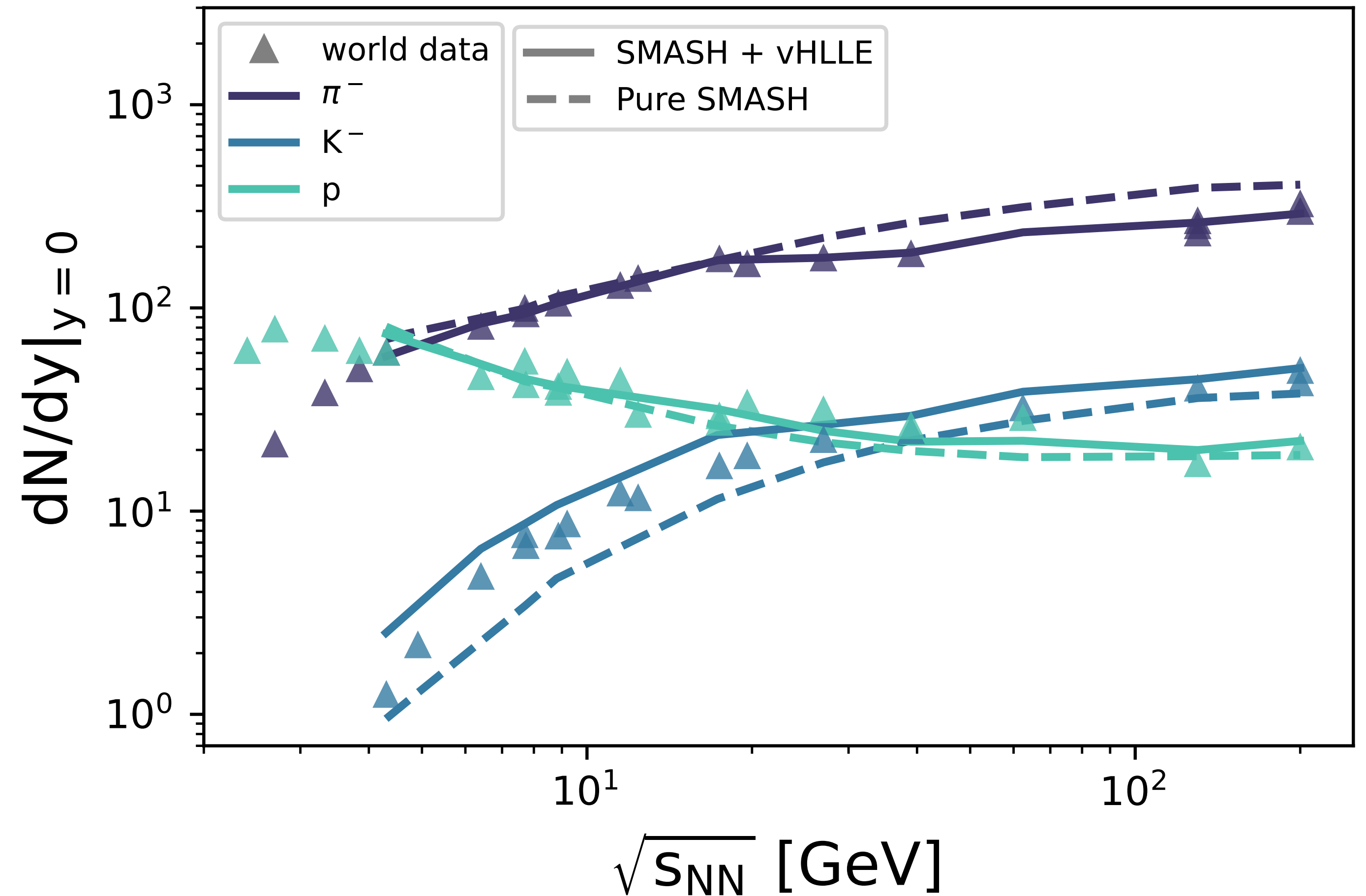
# SMASH-vHLE-hybrid vs. SMASH: $d^2N/dm_T dy$ spectra



- Application of SMASH-vHLE-hybrid instead of pure SMASH evolution ...
  - > Hardens the midrapidity  $dN/dm_T$  spectra of pions, kaons and protons
  - > Improves agreement with experimental data at intermediate collision energies

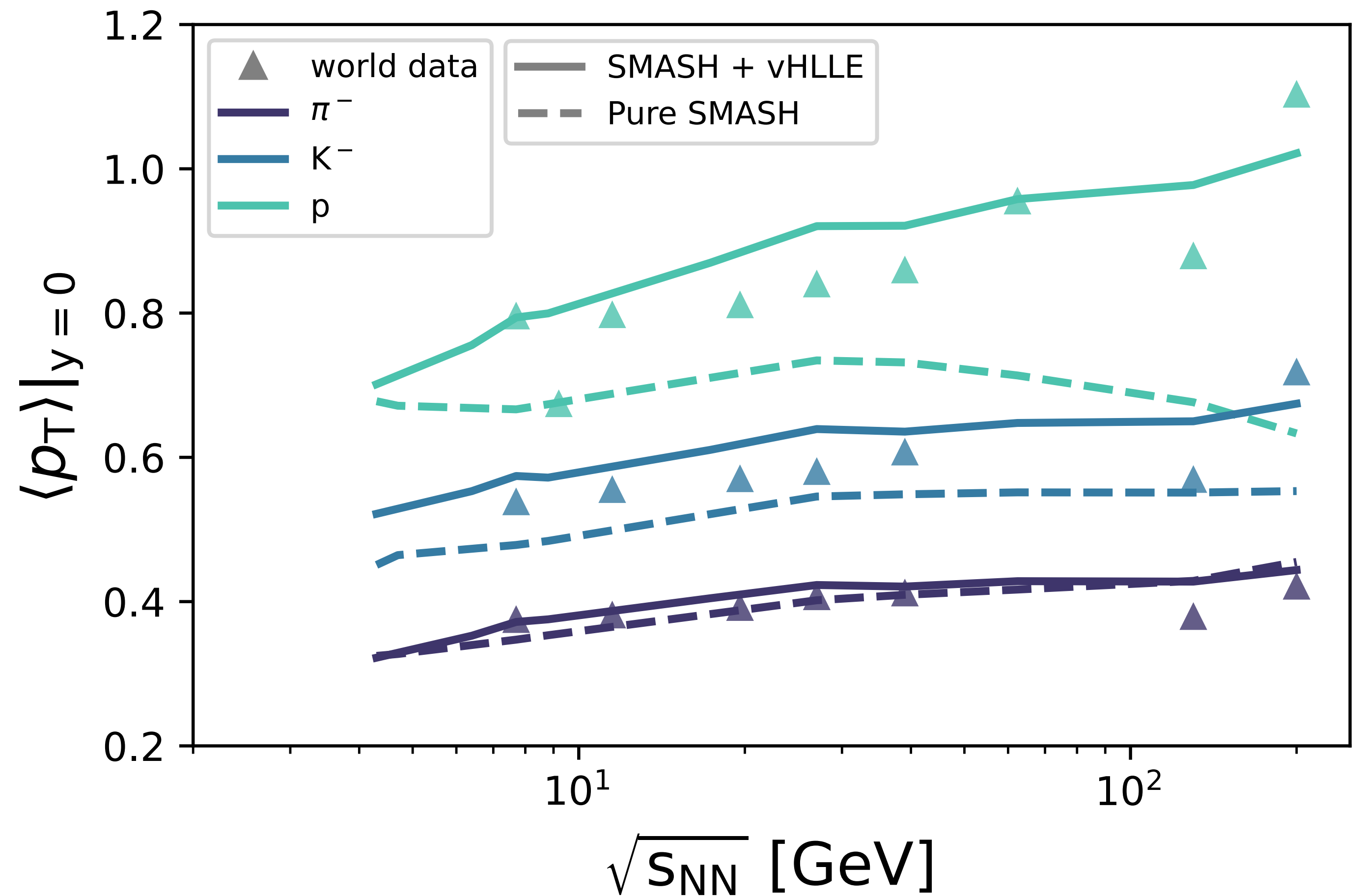
# Excitation function: $dN/dy|_{y=0}$

- Midrapidity yield excitation function of pions, kaons and protons between  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.3$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200.0$  GeV
- Application of SMASH-vHLL-  
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data for pions and protons



# Excitation function: $\langle p_T \rangle$

- Mean transverse momentum excitation function of pions, kaons and protons between  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.3$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200.0$  GeV
- Application of SMASH-vHLLLE-hybrid instead of pure SMASH evolution improves the agreement with experimental data, especially for protons



# The SMASH-vHLE hybrid at RHIC/LHC energies

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Oscar Garcia Montero, Fr. 10:45 AM:

“SMASH as an afterburner:  
Advances in the non-equilibrium  
hadronic evolution”

- SMASH-vHLE-hybrid successfully applied in AuAu/PbPb collisions up to  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV
- Study annihilation and regeneration of (anti-)protons and (anti-) baryons across a wide range of energies and centralities
- Stay tuned for tomorrow!

## Summary

- Novel hybrid model for heavy-ion collisions at intermediate and high-energy collisions presented
  - Available at <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash-vhll-e-hybrid>
- Different validations of the smash-vHLL-E-hybrid successfully performed
- $dN/dy$  and  $m_T$  spectra for protons, pions and kaons in good agreement with experimental data across a wide range of collision energies
- Excitation function for  $dN/dy|_{y=0}$  and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  in decent agreement with experimental data

## Outlook

- Extension by more dynamical initial conditions
  - More accurate description of collisions at FAIR/NICA/NA61(SHINE) energies
- Investigate additional observables (anisotropic flow, horn, kink, step ...)
- Systematically study the effects of different equations of state for the hydrodynamical evolution
- Extensions by electromagnetic probes: Study photon and dilepton production

# And now? Where can I get it?

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SMASH-vHLLÉ-hybrid and all submodules are open-source and publicly available on Github:

- SMASH-vHLLÉ-hybrid: <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash-vhllé-hybrid>
- SMASH: <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash>
- vHLLÉ: <https://github.com/yukarpenko/vhllé>
- vHLLÉ: [https://github.com/yukarpenko/vhllé\\_params](https://github.com/yukarpenko/vhllé_params)
- SMASH hadron sampler: <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash-hadron-sampler>

**BACKUP**



# Smearing Parameters: SMASH-vHLE-hybrid vs. UrQMD-vHLE-hybrid

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# SMASH

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Weil et al.: Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016)

- Simulating **M**any **A**ccelerated **S**trongly-interacting **H**adrons
- Description of low-energy heavy-ion collisions (GSI-FAIR energies) and late, dilute stages of high-energy heavy-ion collisions
- Open source C++ project developed with modern tools (git, doxygen, continuous integration, ...)
- **Goal:**  
Standard reference with hadronic vacuum properties



<http://smash-transport.github.io>

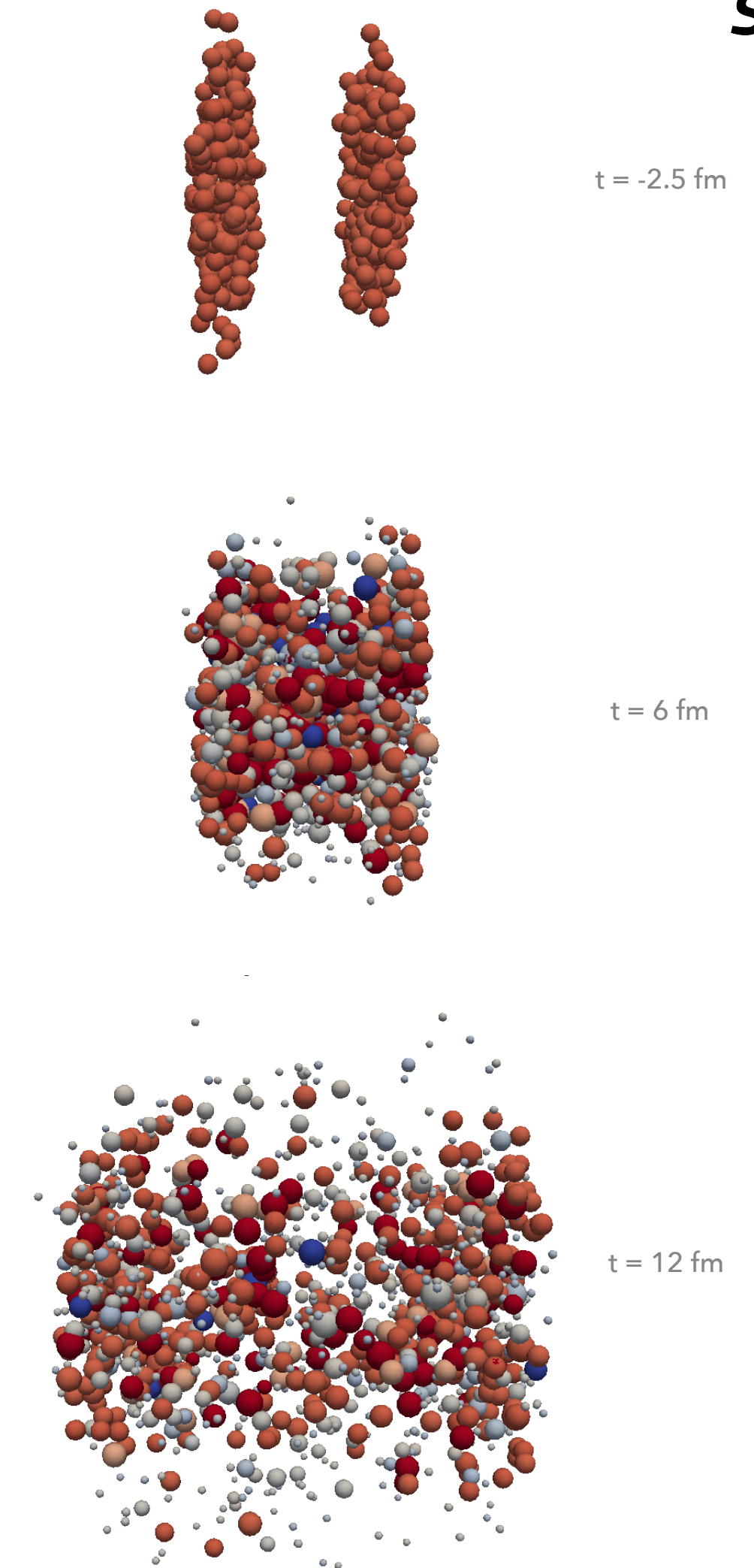
- Degrees of freedom:  
All well-established hadrons listed by the PDG up to mass of  $M \approx 2.35$  GeV

- Effective solution of relativistic Boltzmann equation

$$p_\mu \partial^\mu f + m \partial_{p_\mu} (F^\mu f) = C(f)$$

- Collision integral modeled through formations and decays of hadronic resonances

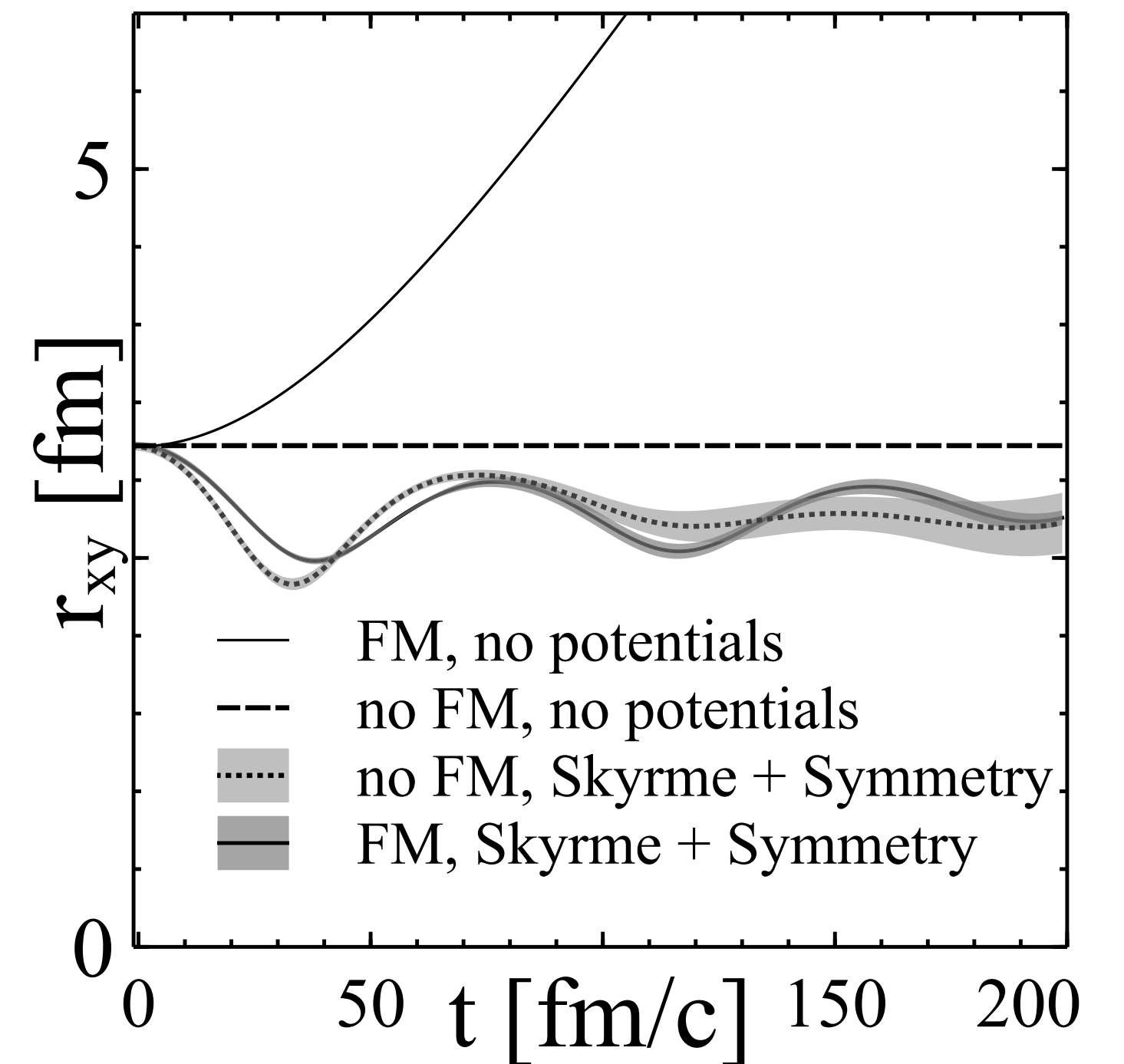
- Geometric collision criterion:  $d_{\text{coll}} < \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{\pi}}$



by J. Mohs

Pb-Pb @  $E_{\text{lab}} = 40$  AGeV

- Conservation of Detailed Balance:
  - Multi-particle decays modeled by intermediate resonances
- Test particle method for mean-field potentials
  - $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma / N_{\text{test}} \quad N \rightarrow N \cdot N_{\text{test}}$
- String fragmentation by means of Pythia in high-energy region
- Photons and dileptons produced perturbatively
- Analysis Suite:
  - [http://theory.gsi.de/~smash/analysis\\_suite/current/](http://theory.gsi.de/~smash/analysis_suite/current/)
  - <https://github.com/smash-transport/smash-analysis>



# SMASH Degrees of Freedom



N	$\Delta$	$\Lambda$	$\Sigma$	$\Xi$	$\Omega$	Unflavored				Strange
N <sub>938</sub>	$\Delta_{1232}$	$\Lambda_{1116}$	$\Sigma_{1189}$	$\Xi_{1321}$	$\Omega^-_{1672}$	$\pi_{138}$	$f_0_{980}$	$f_2_{1275}$	$\pi_2_{1670}$	$K_{494}$
N <sub>1440</sub>	$\Delta_{1620}$	$\Lambda_{1405}$	$\Sigma_{1385}$	$\Xi_{1530}$	$\Omega^-_{2250}$	$\pi_{1300}$	$f_0_{1370}$	$f_2'_{1525}$		$K^*_{892}$
N <sub>1520</sub>	$\Delta_{1700}$	$\Lambda_{1520}$	$\Sigma_{1660}$	$\Xi_{1690}$		$\pi_{1800}$	$f_0_{1500}$	$f_2_{1950}$	$\rho_3_{1690}$	$K_1_{1270}$
N <sub>1535</sub>	$\Delta_{1900}$	$\Lambda_{1600}$	$\Sigma_{1670}$	$\Xi_{1820}$			$f_0_{1710}$	$f_2_{2010}$		$K_1_{1400}$
N <sub>1650</sub>	$\Delta_{1905}$	$\Lambda_{1670}$	$\Sigma_{1750}$	$\Xi_{1950}$		$\eta_{548}$		$f_2_{2300}$	$\phi_3_{1850}$	$K^*_{1410}$
N <sub>1675</sub>	$\Delta_{1910}$	$\Lambda_{1690}$	$\Sigma_{1775}$	$\Xi_{2030}$		$\eta'_{958}$	$a_0_{980}$	$f_2_{2340}$		$K_0^*_{1430}$
N <sub>1680</sub>	$\Delta_{1920}$	$\Lambda_{1800}$	$\Sigma_{1915}$			$\eta_{1295}$	$a_0_{1450}$		$a_4_{2040}$	$K_2^*_{1430}$
N <sub>1700</sub>	$\Delta_{1930}$	$\Lambda_{1810}$	$\Sigma_{1940}$			$\eta_{1405}$		$f_1_{1285}$		$K^*_{1680}$
N <sub>1710</sub>	$\Delta_{1950}$	$\Lambda_{1820}$	$\Sigma_{2030}$			$\eta_{1475}$	$\phi_{1019}$	$f_1_{1420}$	$f_4_{2050}$	$K_2_{1770}$
N <sub>1720</sub>		$\Lambda_{1830}$	$\Sigma_{2250}$				$\phi_{1680}$			$K_3^*_{1780}$
N <sub>1875</sub>		$\Lambda_{1890}$				$\sigma_{800}$		$a_2_{1320}$		$K_2_{1820}$
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N <sub>2250</sub>										

As of SMASH-1.7

- ▶ + corresponding antiparticles
- ▶ Perturbative treatment of photons and dileptons
- ▶ Isospin symmetry