

# Flow and hyperon polarization at RHIC BES from multi-fluid dynamics

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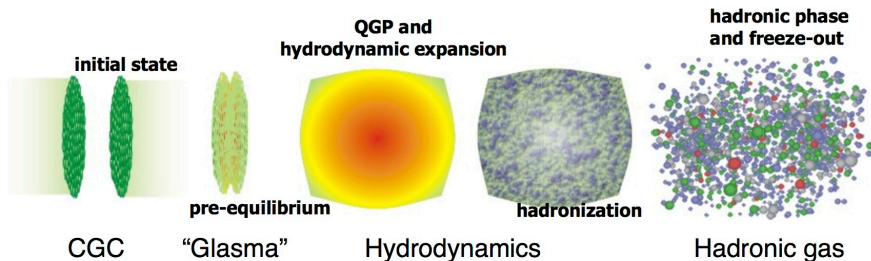
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Jakub Cimerman, IK, Boris Tomasik, Pasi Huovinen, Phys.Rev. C **107** (2023) 4, 044902  
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plus some new results



## Status quo at high energies (LHC or top RHIC)

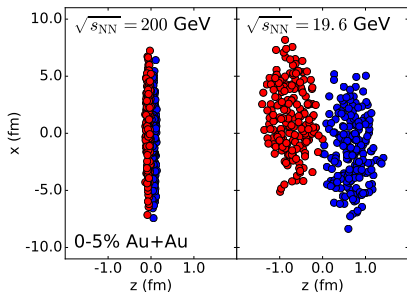
There is a relatively clear time separation between the **initial state** and the **fluid stage**.



## When foraging into lower energies using the same tools:

The paradigm of “thin pancakes” gradually loses its applicability.

- There is no boost invariance
- Baryon and electric charge densities are significant
- **Nuclei pass through each other slowly**  
(the passage can last as long as subsequent fluid stage)
- There is no clear separation of the initial state and the fluid stage.



picture credit: C. Shen, B. Schenke, Phys. Rev. C 97, 024907 (2018)

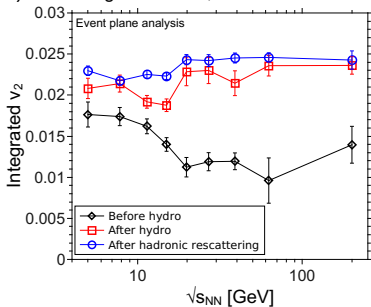
From the last two bullet points:

A lot of evolution is happening before the nuclei have completely passed through each other.

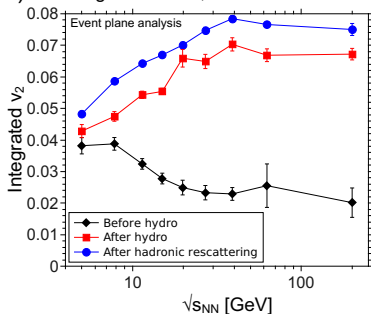
Simulation: UrQMD IS + ideal hydro + UrQMD afterburner

J. Auvinen, H. Petersen, Phys.Rev.C 88 (2013), 064908

a) Charged hadrons,  $b = 0 - 3.4$  fm

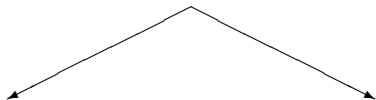


b) Charged hadrons,  $b = 8.2 - 9.4$  fm



In order to see the effects of the EoS at high densities,

**One must start hydro description early!**



**Dynamical fluidization (1 fluid)**

Regions of fluid phase are created dynamically, where (and when) the density is large enough.

**Difficulty:** how to treat non-fluid and fluid phase together (in the initial state)?

**Multi-fluid dynamics**

Hydrodynamic description starts from the very beginning of the collision.

**Difficulty:** reasonability of fluid description at the very start of heavy ion collision?

Multi-fluid model discussed in this talk:

**MUFFIN: MULTI Fluid simulation for Fast IoN collisions**

Think of it as a reincarnation of multi-fluid model for ion-ion collisions.

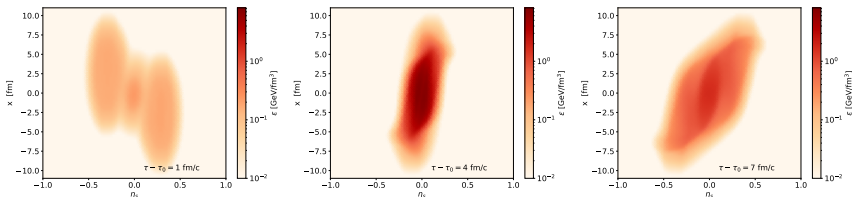
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Snapshots of multi-fluid evolution in  $x-\eta_s$  plane, Au-Au collision at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$  GeV

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The total energy of all 3 fluids is conserved:

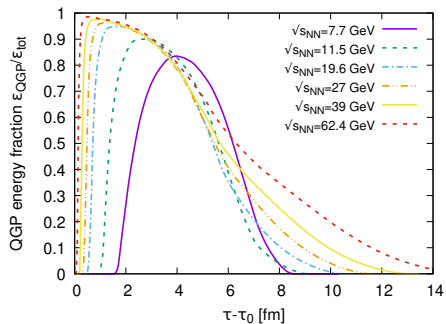
$$\partial_\mu \left[ T_p^{\mu\nu}(x) + T_t^{\mu\nu}(x) + T_f^{\mu\nu}(x) \right] = 0.$$

the friction terms are  $F_p^\mu$  and  $F_t^\mu$  for projectile-target friction acting on p- and t-fluids, respectively, and  $F_{fp}^\mu$ ,  $F_{ft}^\mu$  for projectile-fireball and target-fireball friction.

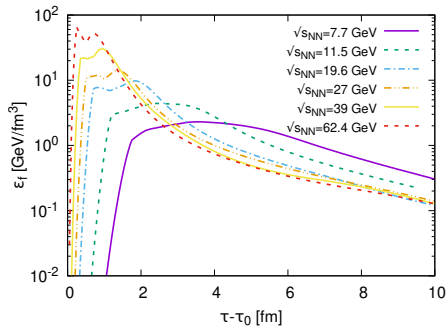
Currently we assume no transfer of conserved charge between the fluids.

## When do we witness QGP creation in MUFIN?

QGP fraction as a function of time at different  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ :



Energy density in central cell of fireball fluid as a function of time at different  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ :



⇒ Significant fraction of medium in QGP phase exists down to  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$  GeV.

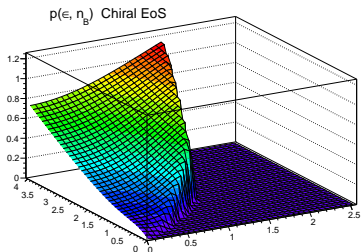


## Equations of state in the fluid stage

### Chiral model

J. Steinheimer, et al, J. Phys. G 38, 035001 (2011)

- good agreement with lattice QCD at  $\mu_B = 0$
- **crossover type PT** between confined and deconfined phases at all  $\mu_B$

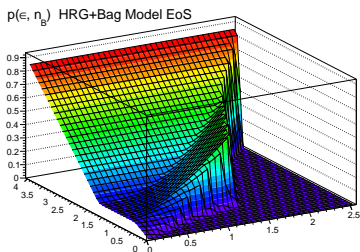


### Hadron resonance gas + Bag Model

P.F. Kolb, et al, Phys.Rev. C 62, 054909 (2000)

(a.k.a. EoS Q)

- hadron resonance gas made of  $u, d$  quarks including repulsive meanfield
- Maxwell construction resulting in **1<sup>st</sup> order PT** at all  $\mu_B$



Both EoS are fairly outdated, therefore we are looking for modern alternatives.

## Hydrodynamic algorithm: vHLL

<https://github.com/yukarpenko/vhll>

Comput. Phys. Commun. 185 (2014), 3016 [arXiv:1312.4160]

(this reference paper is outdated!)

- ✓ shear and bulk viscosity in “Israel-Stewart” with cross-terms
- ✓  $\tau - \eta$  (hyperbolic), as well as Cartesian coordinate frames (separate branches of the code)
- ✓ grid resize to optimize CPU time
- ✓ several initial state, EoS modules. All realized via classes  $\Rightarrow$  easy to plug in new IS/EoS
- ✓ multi-fluid evolution added with very little overhead  $\Rightarrow$  see a fork by Jakub Cimerman
- ✓ Multi-threading possible for 3-fluid evolution
- ✓ using vHLL as a library: possible (WIP)



If you are interested to run the complete model yourself:

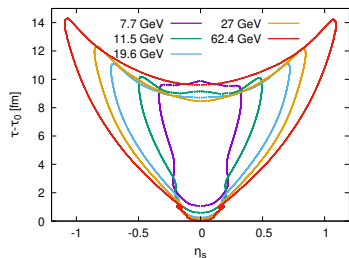
<https://github.com/jakubcimerman/run-MUFFIN>

## Fluid-to-particle transition (particlization)

- Diagonalize  $T_p^{\mu\nu}(x) + T_t^{\mu\nu}(x) + T_f^{\mu\nu}(x)$

⇒ extract energy density  $\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}$

- construct a surface of fixed  $\varepsilon_{\text{eff}} = \varepsilon_{\text{sw}}$  using CORNELIUS.



- On such surface,  $\int d\Sigma_\mu T^{0\mu} = 0$  (Gauss theorem)  
⇒ we use it to check the accuracy of the simulations

- Exclude parts of hypersurface which corresponds to matter flowing in

- Hadron sampling according to Cooper-Frye, with

$$f(x, p) = f_p(x, p) + f_t(x, p) + f_f(x, p)$$

using SMASH-hadron-sampler

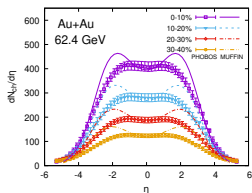
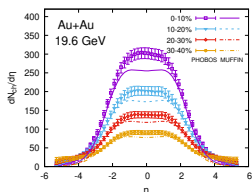
- Sampled hadrons +spectator nucleons



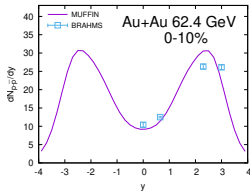
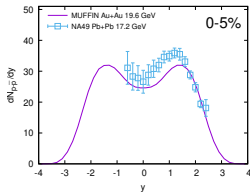
SMASH for rescatterings and resonance decays

# Basic observables vs. the data

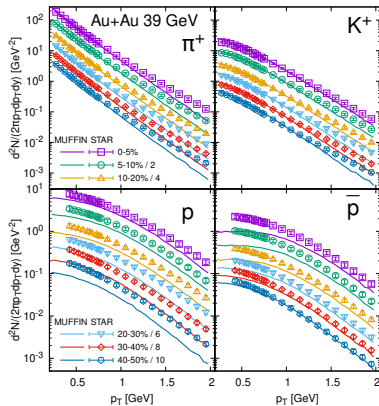
$dN/d\eta$



net protons

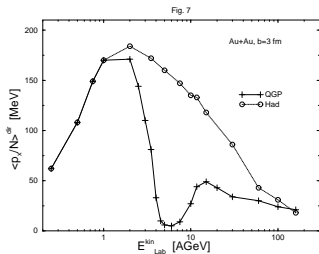


$dN/dp_T$

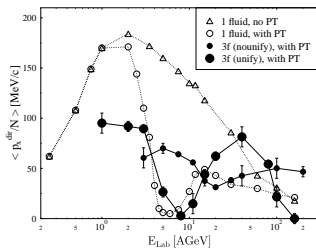


## Directed flow: origins

Rischke, Puerstuen, Maruhn, Stoecker, Greiner,  
Acta Physica Hungarica: 1, 309–322 (1995)  
[nucl-th/9505014]



Brachmann, Soff, Dumitru, Stöcker, Maruhn,  
Greiner, Rischke,  
Phys. Rev. C61 (2000) 024909 [nucl-th/9908010]



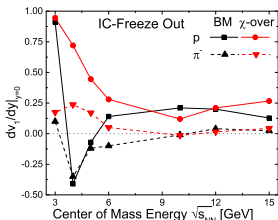
The conclusion was clear: non-monotonic dependence of  $v_1 \rightarrow$  phase transition.

# Directed flow: further developments circa 2014

J. Steinheimer, J. Auvinen, H. Petersen, M. Bleicher, H. Stöcker, Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 054913, arXiv:1402.7236

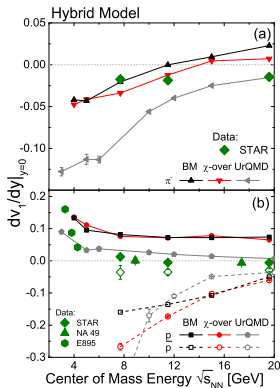
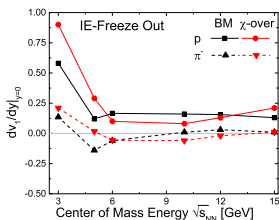
- 1-fluid model with iso-time freezeout:

sign change of  $dv_1/dy$  with 1<sup>st</sup>-order PT EoS



- 1-fluid model with iso-T freezeout:

NO sign change of  $dv_1/dy$  with 1<sup>st</sup>-order PT EoS

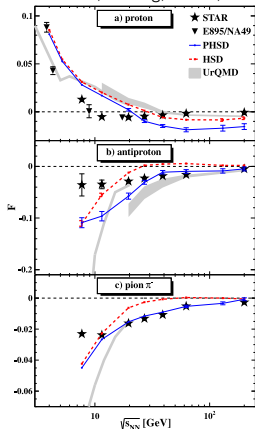


- Full hybrid model: no sign change of  $dv_1/dy$ , weak EoS dependence and no agreement with the data

# Full-fledged models generally struggle to reproduce the $v_1$

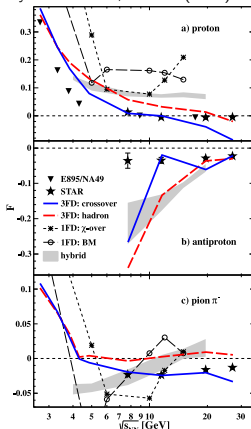
## PHSD/HSD/UrQMD:

Konchakovski, Cassing, Ivanov, Toneev,



## 3-fluid/1-fluid models:

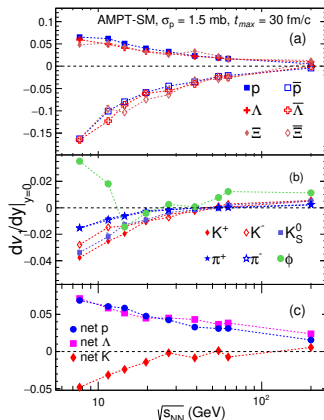
Phys. Rev. C 90, 014903 (2014)



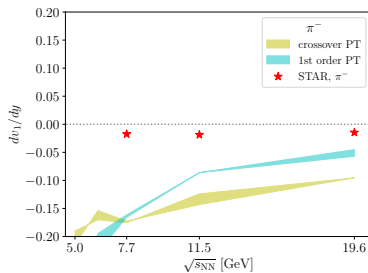
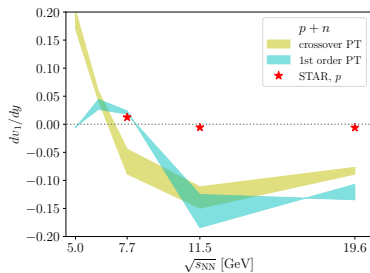
## AMPT model:

K. Nayak, S. Shi, Nu Xu, Zi-Wei Lin,

Phys. Rev. C 100, 054903 (2019)



## Where do we stand with MUFIN



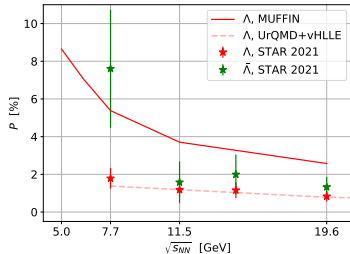
- The directed flow is **much stronger** than what STAR measured
- There is no clear trend in the EoS dependence.



# Hyperon polarization

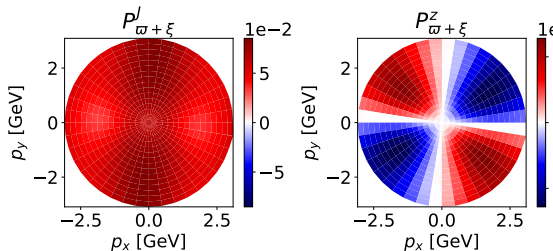
## Global polarization in 20-50% central Au-Au:

Mean hyperon polarization is much stronger in MUFFIN as compared to STAR data



## Local polarization in 20-50% central Au-Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV:

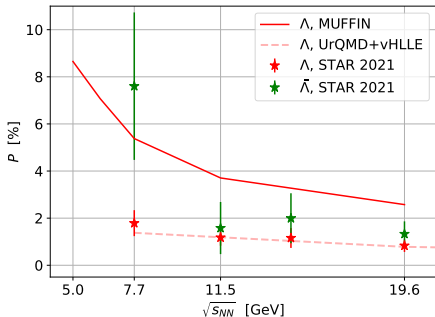
same patterns as observed at high energies



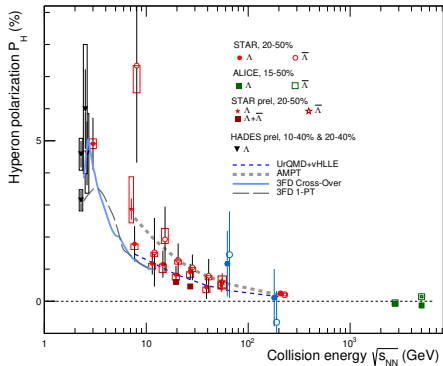
# Hyperon polarization

MUFFIN compared to other models

MUFFIN:

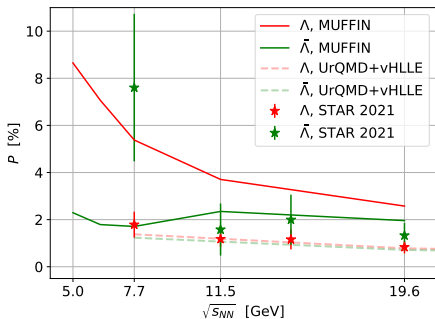


Compilation by Subhash Singha @ SQM 2022:



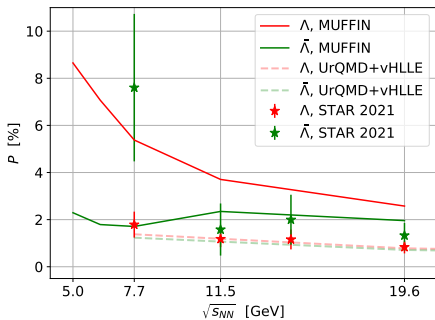
⇒  $\Lambda$  polarization is stronger in MUFFIN as compared to other hydro-based models

## Polarization of $\bar{\Lambda}$ vs. $\Lambda$



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- There was a similar but much weaker trend with UrQMD+vHLLC
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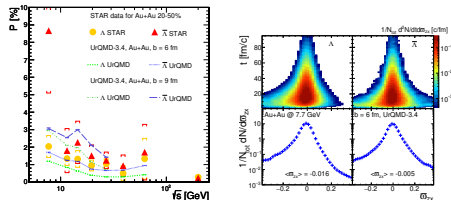
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## Correct sign of splitting in UrQMD 3.4 + coarse graining:

O. Vitiuk, L. Bravina, E. Zabrodin, Phys. Lett. B 803 (2020), 135298



... however the explanation therein sounds confusing since reported  $\langle \omega_{cx} \rangle$  is larger in magnitude for  $\Lambda$  than for  $\bar{\Lambda}$

## Conclusions

- We present the next incarnation of 3-fluid model for relativistic heavy-ion collisions at RHIC BES/FAIR/... energies.
- Different from the existing model by Ivanov, Toneev, Soldatov, there is fluctuating initial state, shear and bulk viscosities (implemented but not enabled yet), Monte Carlo hadron sampling and hadronic afterburner (SMASH). Equation of state can be easily swapped.
- We fit the  $dN/dy$  and  $p_T$  distributions of hadrons from RHIC BES.
- $v_2$  is overestimated, which presumably happens due to ideal hydro evolution
- Directed flow is much stronger than the data (same as in other models), and there is no clear EoS trend
- Global polarization is stronger than the data; splitting between  $\bar{\Lambda}$  and  $\Lambda$  is strong but has a wrong sign.
- **Outlook:** construct different friction terms based on different underlying assumptions; explore viscous fluid evolution,
- plug in different equations of state to explore sensitivity to the EoS (EoS currently in use are outdated).

## Backup slides

## Friction terms

that we are *currently* using

**Projectile-target friction** [Ivanov, Russkikh, Toneev, Phys.Rev.C 73 (2006) 044904]:

Derived based on average energy-momentum transfer in  $NN$  scattering [L.M. Satarov, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 52, 264 (1990)]

$$F_{\alpha}^{\nu} = \vartheta^2 \rho_p^{\xi} \rho_t^{\xi} m_N V_{\text{rel}}^{pt} [(u_{\alpha}^{\nu} - u_{\bar{\alpha}}^{\nu}) \sigma_P(s_{pt}) + (u_p^{\nu} + u_t^{\nu}) \sigma_E(s_{pt})]$$

where:

- $\vartheta^2$  is a unification factor - which suppresses the friction further when the fluids slow down with respect to each other,
- $\rho_p^{\xi}, \rho_t^{\xi}$  are generalised densities of constituents in the projectile and target fluids,
- $V_{\text{rel}}^{pt}$  is a relative velocity of the  $p$ - and  $t$ - fluid cells,
- $m_N$  is nucleon mass,
- $u_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = p, t$ ,  $\bar{\alpha} = t, p$  are 4-velocities of the fluid cells,
- $\sigma_P, \sigma_E$  are cross-sections for momentum and energy transfer, respectively.

## Friction terms (2)

**Fireball-projectile/target friction** [same reference]:

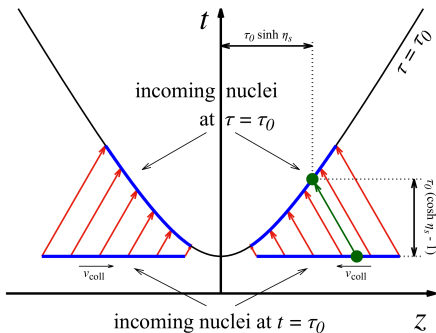
$$F_{f\alpha}^v = \rho_\alpha^b \xi_{f\alpha}(s_{f\alpha}) V_{\text{rel}}^{f\alpha} \frac{T_{f(eq)}^{0v}}{u_f^0} \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{N\pi \rightarrow R}(s_{f\alpha}),$$

where:

- $\rho_p^b, \rho_t^b$  are baryon densities of the projectile and target fluids,
- $V_{\text{rel}}^{f\alpha}$  is a relative velocity of the fireball and baryon-rich fluid cells,
- $T_{f(eq)}^{0v}$  is energy-momentum tensor of the fireball fluid,
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{N\pi \rightarrow R}$  is a pion-nucleon cross-section.
- $\xi_{f\alpha}$  is a “K-factor” (a fitting factor) for the friction term, which is intended to compensate for all the missing/incorrect physics therein, and to lead to better agreement with the data



## Coordinate frame and setup for multi-fluid evolution



- Nucleons from the incoming nuclei are sampled at  $t = t_0$  surface (fixed Cartesian time).
- The nucleons are then propagated according to free-flying trajectories onto  $\tau = \tau_0$  hypersurface.
- The nucleons are then melted into the fluids: their energies and momenta are distributed to nearby fluid cells using a smearing kernel:

$$T^{0\mu}(x_{\text{cell}}, y_{\text{cell}}, \eta_{\text{cell}}) = \sum_{i \in \text{nucleons}} p_i^\mu K(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta \eta_s)$$

$$N_{b,q}^0(x_{\text{cell}}, y_{\text{cell}}, \eta_{\text{cell}}) = \sum_{i \in \text{nucleons}} \{B_i, Q_i\} K(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta \eta_s)$$

with a smearing kernel:  $K(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta \eta_s) = A \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta \eta_s^2 \tau^2 \cosh^2 \eta_s \cosh^2 y}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

# Centrality determination in MUFFIN vs. “Monte Carlo Glauber”

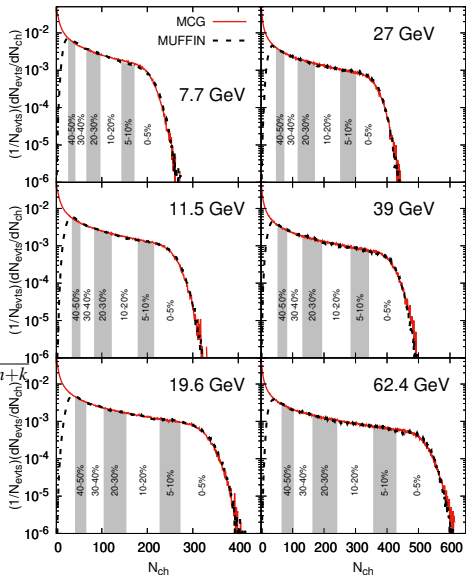
We make a comparison between:

- a semi-minimum-bias MUFFIN simulation ( $0 < b < 12$  fm) and
- a two-component model for particle production, where  $N_{\text{part}}$  and  $N_{\text{coll}}$  come from a Monte Carlo Glauber sampling:

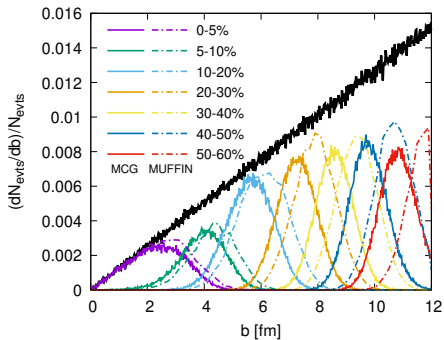
$$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} = n_{pp} \left[ (1-x) \frac{\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle}{2} + x \langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle \right]$$

$$P_{\text{NBD}}(n_{pp}, k; n) = \frac{\Gamma(n+k)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(k)} \frac{(n_{pp}/k)^n}{(n_{pp}/k+1)^{n+k}}$$

- “MCG” fits the  $N_{\text{ch}}$  distribution from a semi-minbias MUFFIN simulation with  $b = 0 - 12$  fm



- we bin the generated events in centrality classes based on  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$  at mid-rapidity:

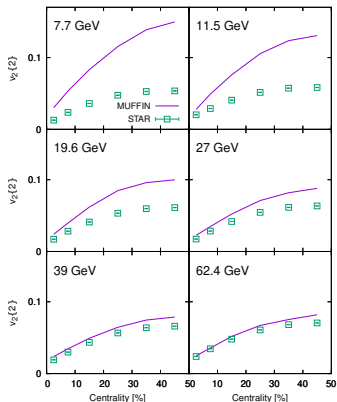


- For each centrality class, the mean impact parameter in MUFFIN has a larger value as compared to the “Monte Carlo Glauber”

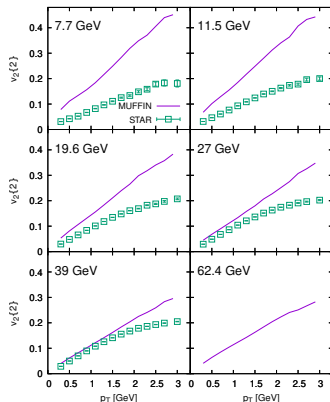
**Similar findings:** [arXiv:2303.07919](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.07919) by Kuttan, Steinheimer, Zhou, Bleicher and Stoecker

## Basic observables vs. the data: $v_2$

$v_2$  as a function of centrality



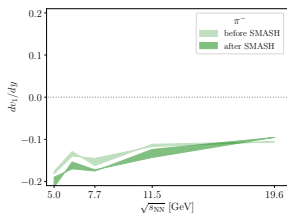
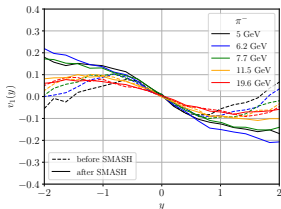
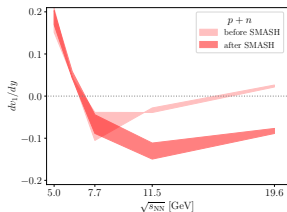
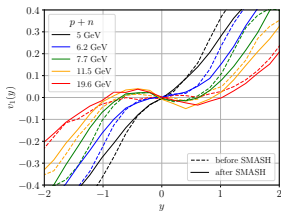
$v_2$  as a function of  $p_T$



Here a probable culprit is ideal fluid evolution: we haven't switched the viscosity on yet.

# Directed flow in MUFIN

effects of hadronic cascade



Final-state hadronic cascade drives the directed flow further away from the data.