

# Strangeness Yield and Charm Chemistry In an expanding QGP

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## OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the dynamics of  $s$  production at RHIC-200 and extrapolate to LHC
2. Understand the possible range of soft hadron production;
3. Understand how yield of strangeness impacts redistribution of charm/bottom into hadrons.

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## Chemical Non-equilibrium in Heavy Ions Collision

MOTIVATION: QGP fireball subject to rapid expansion,  
expect chemical nonequilibrium. “So What” at LHC?

- Strangeness yield chemistry alters yields of **CHARMED HADRONS**;
- **Chemical non-equilibrium quark ‘occupancy’ can favor /disfavor** presence of a phase transition. What  $\mu_B$  can do,  $\gamma_i$  can do better as both quark and antiquark number increase/decrease together.
- Shift in hadron yields (recent EJP paper)

REMINDER:

$\mu_b$  controls the particle difference = baryon number.

$\gamma_i$  regulates the number of particle-antiparticle pairs present.

DISTINGUISH **HG** and **QGP** parameters: micro-canonical variables such as baryon number, strangeness, charm, bottom, etc flavors are continuous and entropy is almost continuous across any phase boundary encountered in HI collisions, even in presence of a rapid change in **STRUCTURE** of the phase.

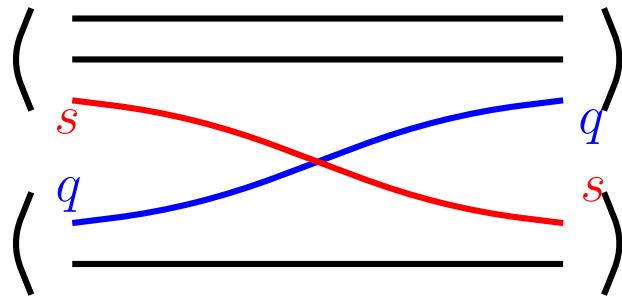
**THEREFORE**  $\gamma_i$  will in general be discontinuous: e.g.  $\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}} \neq \gamma_s^{\text{HG}}$ . However,  $\mu_i$  are continuous, with the proviso that by definition  $3\mu_q = \mu_B$ ,  $\mu_s = \mu_B/3 - \mu_S$ .

**A SHORT TUTORIAL FOLLOWS:**

# FOUR QUARKS: $s, \bar{s}, q, \bar{q} \rightarrow$ FOUR CHEMICAL PARAMETERS

$\gamma_i$ controls overall abundance of quark ( $i = q, s$ ) pairs	Absolute chemical equilibrium
$\lambda_i = e^{\mu_i/T}$ controls difference between strange and non-strange quarks ( $i = q, s$ )	Relative chemical equilibrium

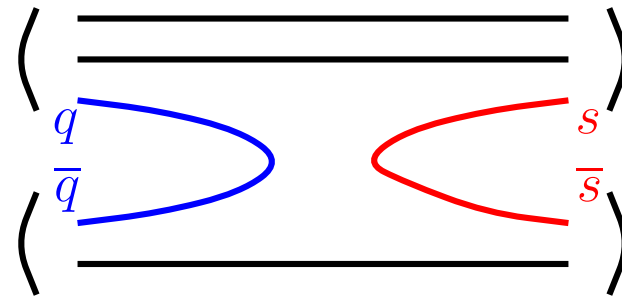
**HG-EXAMPLE: redistribution,**  
**Relative** chemical equilibrium



**EXCHANGE REACTION**

$\lambda_i$

**production of strangeness**  
**Absolute** chemical equilibrium



**PAIR PRODUCTION REACTION**

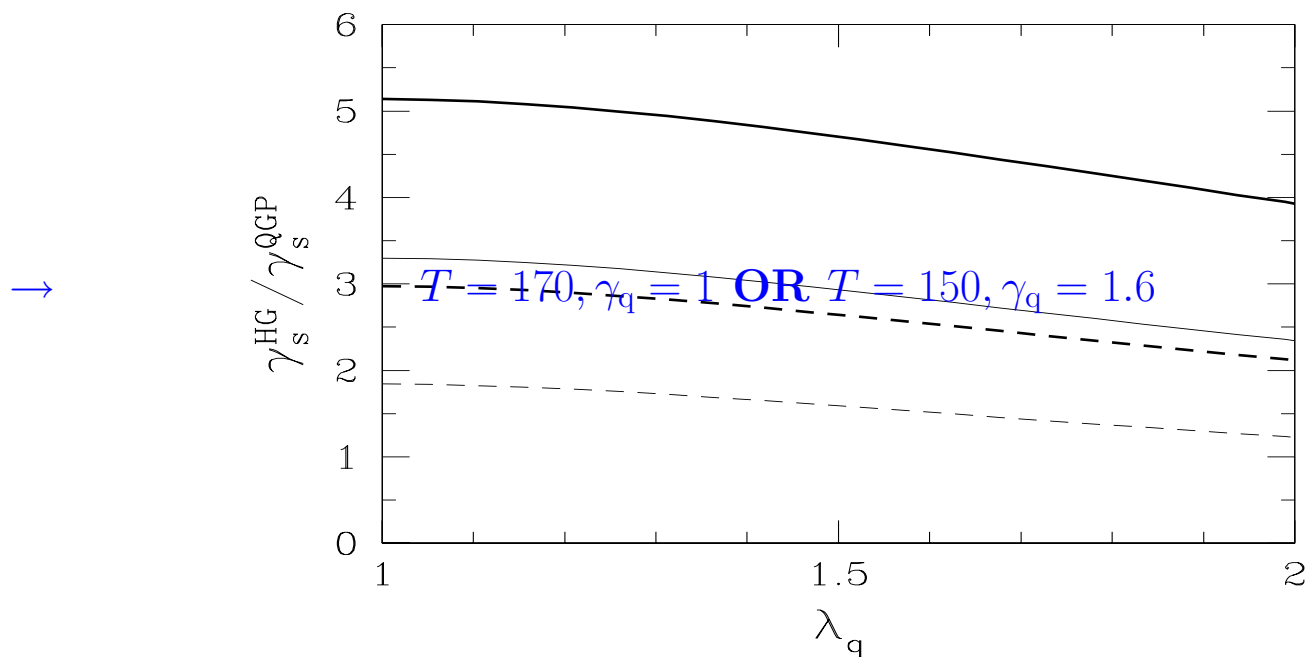
$\gamma_i$

See Physics Reports 1986 Koch, Müller, JR

$\gamma_s^{\text{HG}}$ ; EXPECTED INCREASE QGP  $\rightarrow$  HG

In fast breakup of expanding QGP,  $V^{\text{HG}} \simeq V^{\text{QGP}}$ ,  $T^{\text{QGP}} \simeq T^{\text{HG}}$ , the chemical occupancy factors accommodate the different magnitude of particle phase space. Chemical equilibrium in one phase means non-equilibrium in the the other.

Compare phase spaces to obtain  $\gamma_s^{\text{HG}}/\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}$



$\gamma_s^{\text{HG}}/\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}$  Solid lines  $\gamma_q^{\text{HG}} = 1$ ,

Probably appropriate: short dashed  $\gamma_q^{\text{HG}} = 1.6$ .

Thin lines for  $T = 170$  and thick lines  $T = 150$  MeV, common to both phases.

$$\gamma_s^{\text{HG}} \simeq 2 - 4\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}$$

When we fix  $s/S$  (strangeness/entropy), see below, factor follows exactly.

# HIGH ENTROPY STATE AND THE EXPECTED $\gamma_q^{\text{HG}}$

QGP has excess of entropy, maximize entropy density at hadronization:

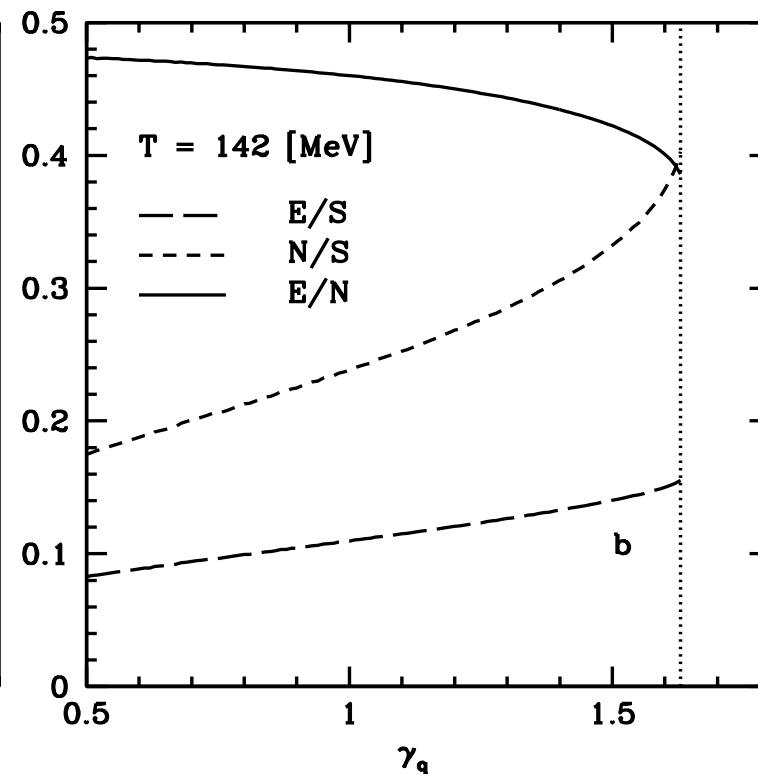
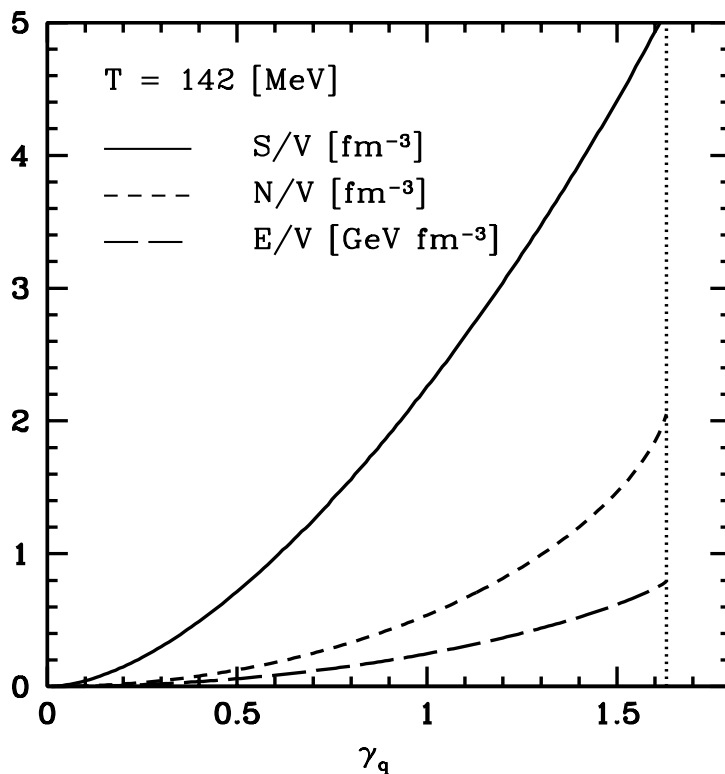
$$\gamma_q^2 \rightarrow e^{m_\pi/T} :$$

Example: maximization of entropy density in pion gas

$$E_\pi = \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + p^2}$$

$$S_{B,F} = \int \frac{d^3p d^3x}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} [\pm(1 \pm f) \ln(1 \pm f) - f \ln f] , \quad f_\pi(E) = \frac{1}{\gamma_q^{-2} e^{E_\pi/T} - 1} .$$

Pion gas properties:  
*N*-particle,  
*E*-energy,  
*S*-entropy,  
*V*-volume  
 as function  
 of  $\gamma_q$ .



## Counting particles

The counting of hadrons is conveniently done by counting the valence quark content ( $u, d, s, \dots \lambda_q^2 = \lambda_u \lambda_d, \lambda_{I3} = \lambda_u / \lambda_d$ ) :

$$\Upsilon_i \equiv \prod_i \gamma_i^{n_i} \lambda_i^{k_i} = e^{\sigma_i/T}; \quad \lambda_q \equiv e^{\frac{\mu_q}{T}} = e^{\frac{\mu_b}{3T}}, \quad \lambda_s \equiv e^{\frac{\mu_s}{T}} = e^{\frac{[\mu_b/3 - \mu_s]}{T}}$$

**Example of NUCLEONS**  $\gamma_N = \gamma_q^3$ :

$$\Upsilon_N = \gamma_N e^{\frac{\mu_b}{T}}, \quad \Upsilon_{\bar{N}} = \gamma_N e^{\frac{-\mu_b}{T}};$$

$$\sigma_N \equiv \mu_b + T \ln \gamma_N, \quad \sigma_{\bar{N}} \equiv -\mu_b + T \ln \gamma_N$$

Meaning of parameters from e.g. the first law of thermodynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} dE + P dV - T dS &= \sigma_N dN + \sigma_{\bar{N}} d\bar{N} \\ &= \mu_b (dN - d\bar{N}) + T \ln \gamma_N (dN + d\bar{N}). \end{aligned}$$

**NOTE:** For  $\gamma_N \rightarrow 1$  the pair terms vanishes, the  $\mu_b$  term remains, it costs  $dE = \mu_B$  to add to baryon number.

For fixed  $\tilde{\gamma}_s \equiv \gamma_s / \gamma_q$  and fixed other statistical parameters ( $T, \lambda_i, \dots$ ):

$$\frac{\text{baryons}}{\text{mesons}} \propto \frac{\gamma_q^3}{\gamma_q^2} = \gamma_q.$$

$\gamma_s > 1?$  in HG at RHIC, in QGP maybe at LHC (depends on  $T_f$ ):

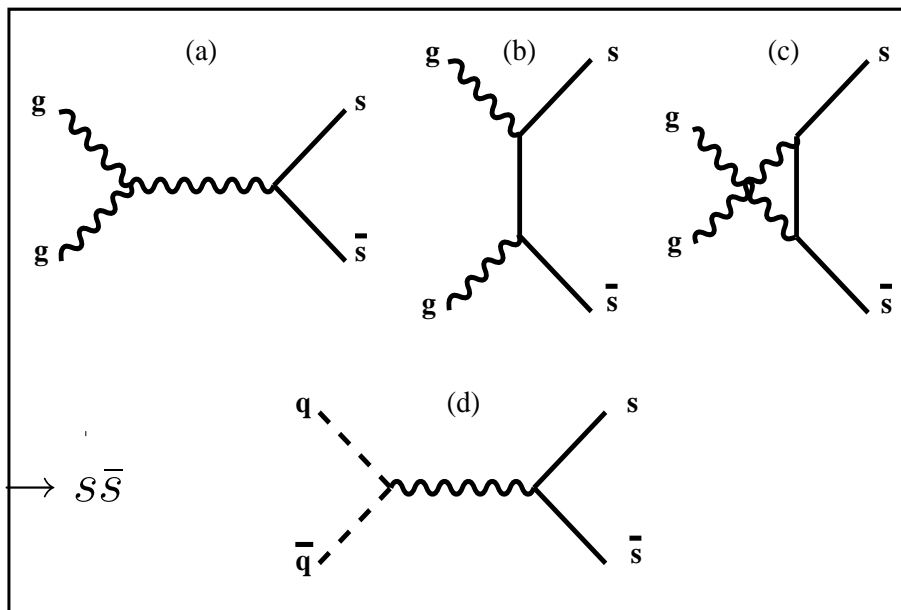
- production of strangeness in **gluon fusion**  $GG \rightarrow s\bar{s}$   
strangeness linked to gluons from QGP;

dominant processes:

$$GG \rightarrow s\bar{s}$$

abundant strangeness  
=evidence for gluons

10–15% of total rate:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$



- coincidence of scales:

$$m_s \simeq T_c \rightarrow \tau_s \simeq \tau_{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow$$

strangeness a clock for QGP phase

- $\bar{s} \simeq \bar{q} \rightarrow$  strange antibaryon enhancement  
at RHIC (anti)hyperon dominance of (anti)baryons.

## Strangeness relaxation to chemical equilibrium

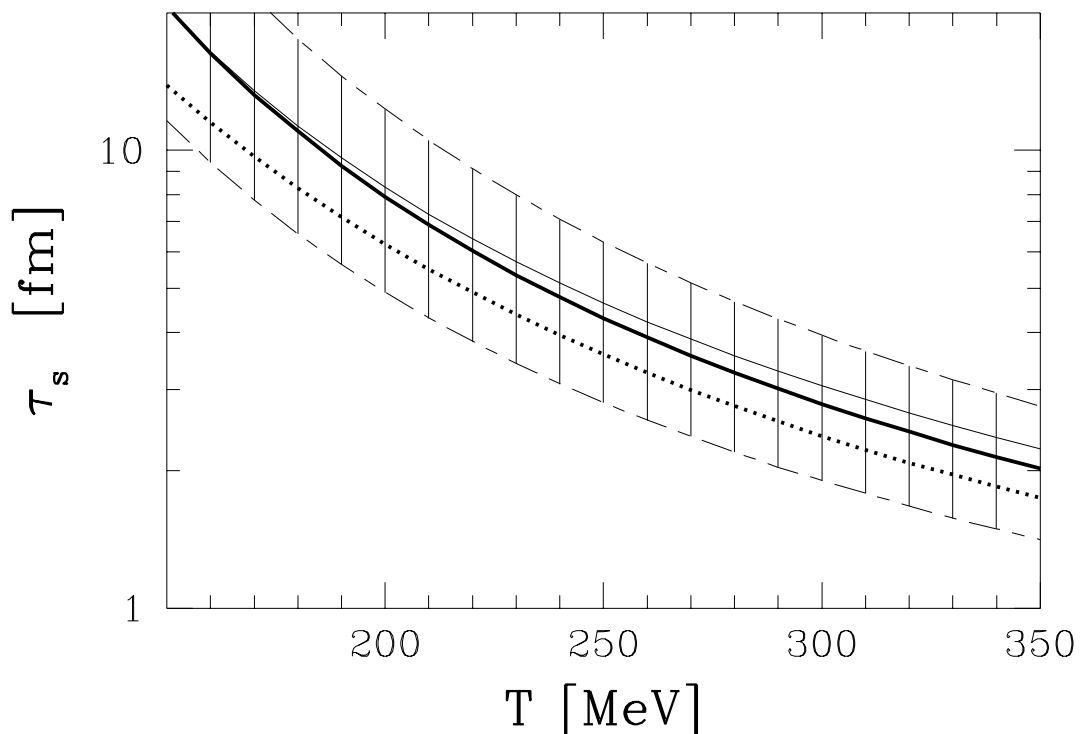
Strangeness density time evolution in local rest frame:

$$\frac{d\rho_s}{d\tau} = \frac{d\rho_{\bar{s}}}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{2}\rho_g^2(t) \langle \sigma v \rangle_T^{gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}} + \rho_q(t)\rho_{\bar{q}}(t) \langle \sigma v \rangle_T^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}} - \rho_s(t)\rho_{\bar{s}}(t) \langle \sigma v \rangle_T^{s\bar{s} \rightarrow gg, q\bar{q}}$$

Evolution for  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$  identical, which allows to set  $\rho_s(t) = \rho_{\bar{s}}(t)$ .

Note invariant production rate  $A$  and the characteristic time constant  $\tau_s$ :

$$A^{12 \rightarrow 34} \equiv \frac{1}{1+\delta_{1,2}} \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \rho_1^\infty \rho_2^\infty \langle \sigma_s v_{12} \rangle_T^{12 \rightarrow 34}. \quad 2\tau_s \equiv \frac{\rho_s(\infty)}{A^{gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}} + A^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}} + \dots}$$





## STRANGENESS IN ENTROPY CONSERVING EXPANSION

QGP expansion is adiabatic i.e. ( $g_G = 2_s 8_c = 16$ ,  $g_q = 2_s 3_c n_f$ )

$$S = \frac{4\pi^2}{90} g(T) V T^3 = \mathbf{Const.} \quad g = g_G \left( 1 - \frac{15\alpha_s(T)}{4\pi} + \dots \right) + \frac{7}{4} g_q \left( 1 - \frac{50\alpha_s(T)}{21\pi} + \dots \right) .$$

The volume, temperature change such that  $\delta(gT^3V) = 0$ . Strangeness phase space occupancy,  $g_s = 2_s 3_c \left( 1 - \frac{k\alpha_s(T)}{\pi} + \dots \right)$ ,  $k = 2$  for  $m_s/T \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\gamma_s(\tau) \equiv \frac{n_s(\tau)}{n_s^\infty(T(\tau))}, \quad n_s(\tau) = \gamma_s(\tau) T(\tau)^3 \frac{g_s(T)}{2\pi^2} z^2 K_2(z), \quad z = \frac{m_s}{T(t)}, \quad K_i : \text{Bessel f.}$$

evolves due to production and dilution, keeping entropy fixed:

$$\frac{d\gamma_s}{d\tau} + \gamma_s \frac{d \ln[g_s z^2 K_2(z)/g]}{d\tau} = \frac{A_G}{2n_s^\infty} [\gamma_G^2 - \gamma_s^2] + \frac{A_q}{2n_s^\infty} [\gamma_q^2 - \gamma_s^2]$$

For  $m_s \rightarrow 0$  dilution effect decreases, disappears, and  $\gamma_s \leq \gamma_{G,q}$ , importance grows with mass of the quark,  $z = m_s(T)/T$ , which grows near phase transition boundary. From this we can obtain the time evolution of  $s/S$ , the specific strangeness per entropy:

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{s}{S} = \frac{g_s}{g} z^2 K_2(z) \left[ \frac{d\gamma_s}{d\tau} + \gamma_s \frac{d \ln[g_s z^2 K_2(z)/g]}{d\tau} \right]$$

We have considerable information on  $s/S$ .

## Thermal average rate of strangeness production

Kinetic (momentum) equilibration is faster than chemical, use thermal particle distributions  $f(\vec{p}_1, T)$  to obtain average rate:

$$\langle \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rangle_T \equiv \frac{\int d^3p_1 \int d^3p_2 \sigma_{12} v_{12} f(\vec{p}_1, T) f(\vec{p}_2, T)}{\int d^3p_1 \int d^3p_2 f(\vec{p}_1, T) f(\vec{p}_2, T)}.$$

The generic angle averaged cross sections for (heavy) flavor  $s$ ,  $\bar{s}$  production processes  $g + g \rightarrow s + \bar{s}$  and  $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow s + \bar{s}$ , are:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}}(s) = \frac{2\pi\alpha_s^2}{3s} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{4m_s^2}{s} + \frac{m_s^4}{s^2} \right) \tanh^{-1} W(s) - \left( \frac{7}{8} + \frac{31m_s^2}{8s} \right) W(s) \right],$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}}(s) = \frac{8\pi\alpha_s^2}{27s} \left( 1 + \frac{2m_s^2}{s} \right) W(s). \quad W(s) = \sqrt{1 - 4m_s^2/s}$$

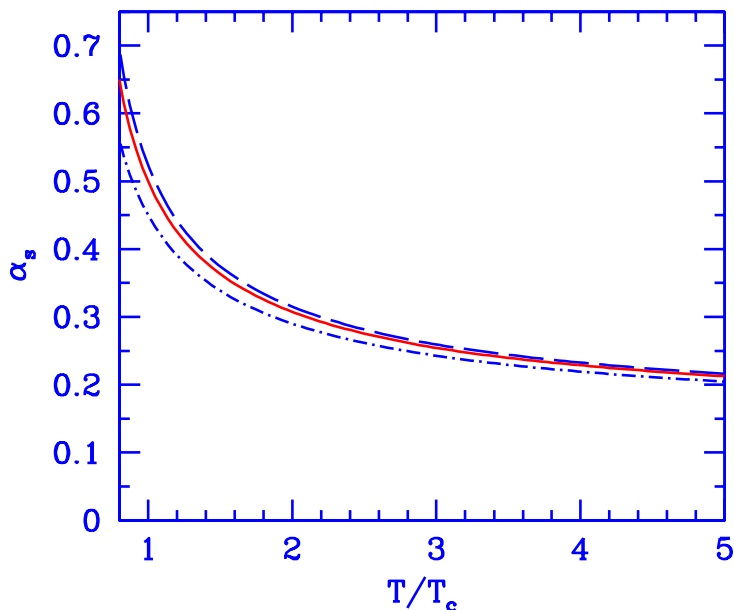
### RESUMMATION

The relatively small experimental value  $\alpha_s(M_Z) \simeq 0.118$ , established in recent years helps to achieve QCD resummation with running  $\alpha_s$  and  $m_s$  taken at the energy scale  $\mu \equiv \sqrt{s}$ .  
Effective  $T$ -dependence:

$$\alpha_s(\mu = 2\pi T) \equiv \alpha_s(T) \simeq \frac{\alpha_s(T_c)}{1 + (0.760 \pm 0.002) \ln(T/T_c)}$$

with  $\alpha_s(T_c) = 0.50 \pm 0.04$  and  $T_c = 0.16$  GeV.

$\alpha_s^2$  varies by factor 10



## Strangeness / Entropy

Relative  $s/S$  yield measures the number of active degrees of freedom and degree of relaxation when strangeness production freezes-out. Perturbative expression in chemical equilibrium:

$$\frac{s}{S} = \frac{\frac{g_s}{2\pi^2} T^3 (m_s/T)^2 K_2(m_s/T)}{(g 2\pi^2/45) T^3 + (g_s n_f/6) \mu_q^2 T} \simeq 0.03$$

much of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  interaction effect cancels out

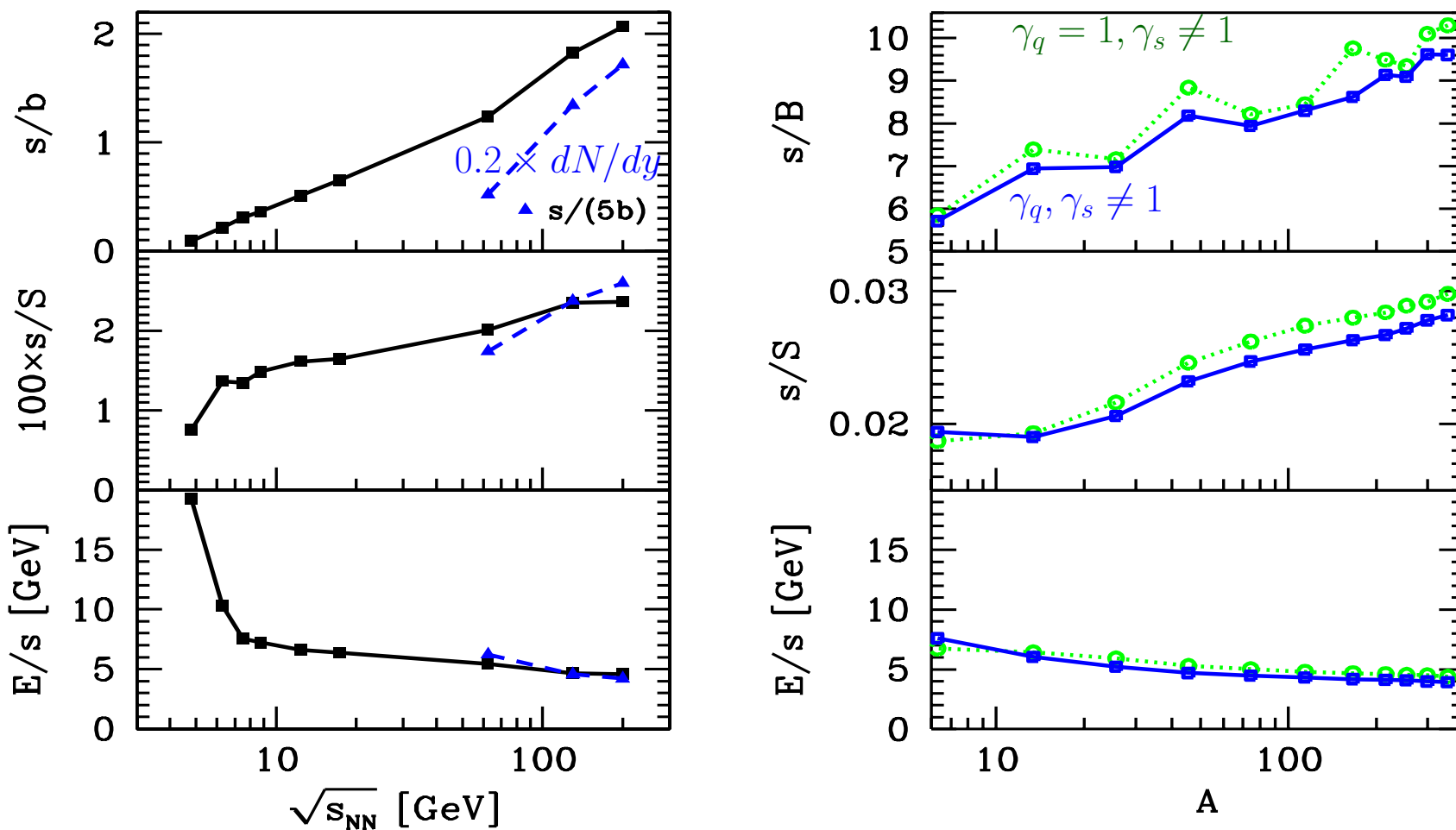
Allow for chemical non-equilibrium of strangeness  $\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}$ , and possible quark-gluon pre-equilibrium:

$$\frac{s}{S} = \frac{0.03 \gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}}{0.4 \gamma_G + 0.1 \gamma_s^{\text{QGP}} + 0.5 \gamma_q^{\text{QGP}} + 0.05 \gamma_q^{\text{QGP}} (\ln \lambda_q)^2} \rightarrow 0.03.$$

We expect the yield of gluons and light quarks to approach chemical equilibrium fast and first:  $\gamma_G \rightarrow 1$  and  $\gamma_q^{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow 1$ , thus  $s/S \simeq 0.03 \gamma_s^{\text{QGP}}$ .

**CHECK: FIT YIELDS OF PARTICLES, EVALUATE STRANGENESS AND ENTROPY CONTENT AND COMPARE WITH EXPECTED RATIO,**

### Fitted $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ and $V$ dependence of $s/b$ and $s/S$ , $E/s$



On left: Full  $4\pi$  and central rapidity results. On right: central rapidity  
 Interestingly,  $s/S \rightarrow 0.027$ , as function of  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  and  $V$ : Fit results suggests that at RHIC energy in most central collisions  $\gamma_s^{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow 0.9$ . Peripheral reactions at RHIC suggest the pre-thermal direct yield  $s/S|_{\text{direct}} < 0.02$ .

Energy/strangeness  $E/s$  cost drop at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}^{\text{cr}}}$ , suggests appearance of a new (e.g. thermal  $GG \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ ) production mechanism.

## Time evolution of $s/S$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{s}{S} = \frac{g_s}{g} z^2 K_2(z) \left[ \frac{d\gamma_s}{d\tau} + \gamma_s \frac{d \ln[g_s z^2 K_2(z)/g]}{d\tau} \right] \quad z = \frac{m_s}{T}$$

$$\frac{d\gamma_s}{d\tau} + \gamma_s \frac{d \ln[g_s z^2 K_2(z)/g]}{d\tau} = \frac{A_G}{2n_s^\infty} [\gamma_G^2 - \gamma_s^2] + \frac{A_q}{2n_s^\infty} [\gamma_q^2 - \gamma_s^2]$$

To integrate the equation for  $s/S$  we need to understand  $T(\tau)$ .

We have at our disposal the final conditions:  $S(\tau_f)$ ,  $T(\tau_f)$  and since particle yields  $dN_i/dy = n_i dV/dy$  the volume per rapidity,  $\Delta V/\Delta y|_{\tau_f}$ . Theory (lattice) further provides Equations of State  $\sigma(T) = S/V$ . Hydrodynamic expansion with Bjørken scaling implies strictly  $dS/dy = \sigma(T) dV/dy = \text{Const.}$  as function of time.

$dV/dy(\tau)$  expansion completes the model.

$$\frac{dV}{dy} \propto A_\perp(\tau) dz/dy|_{\tau,y}$$

a) we need transverse area expansion,  $A_\perp(\tau)$ . We assume  $R_\perp(\tau) = R_0 + v_\perp(\tau)\tau$  and consider two geometries:

i)  $A_\perp = \pi R_\perp^2(\tau)$  bulk expansion

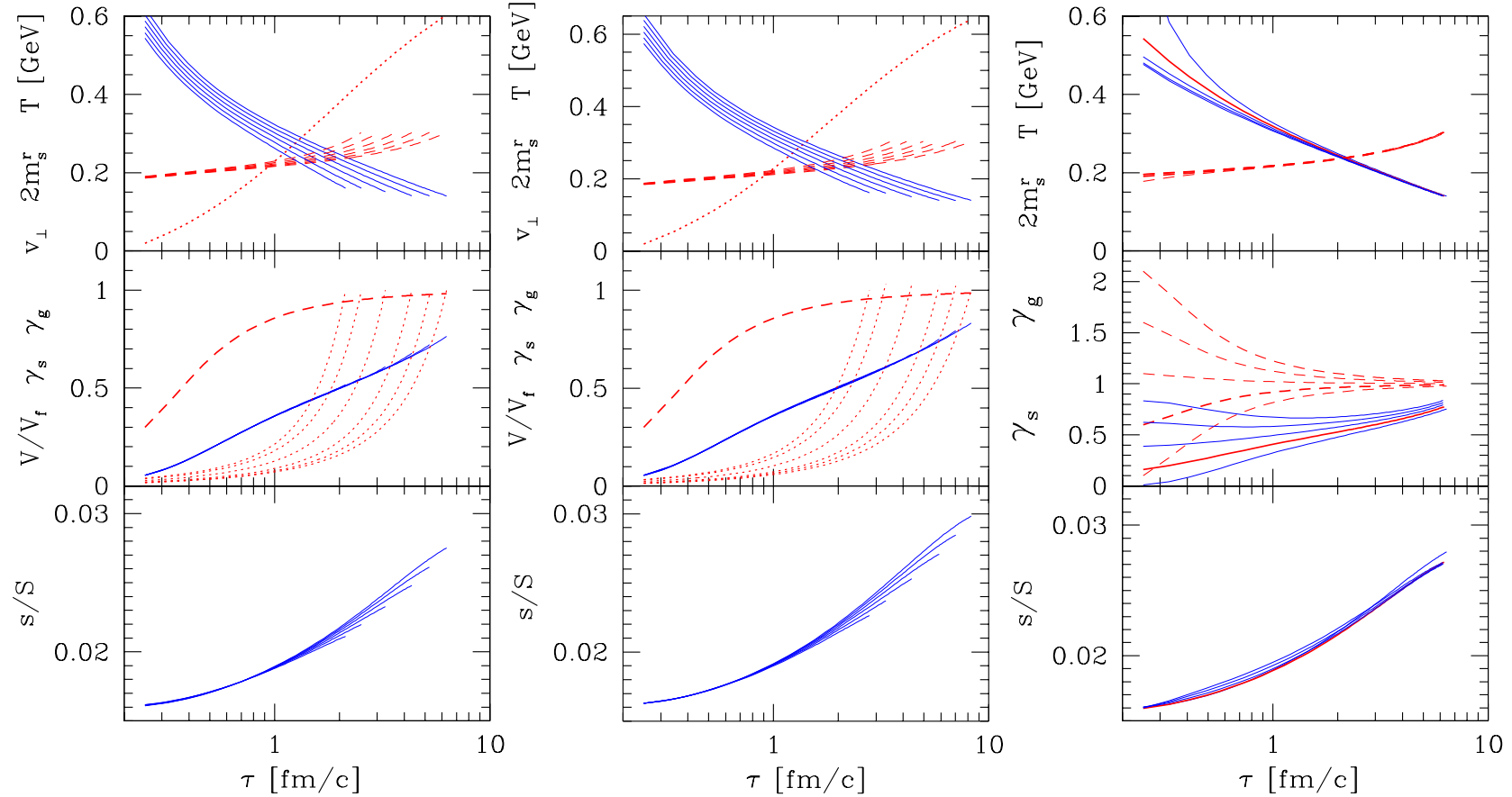
ii)  $A_\perp = \pi [R_\perp^2(\tau) - (R_\perp^2(\tau) - d)^2] = 2\pi d [R_\perp(\tau) - \frac{d}{2}]$  and

b) we need to associate with the domain of observed rapidity  $\Delta y$  a geometric region at the source  $\Delta z$ . We take scaling Bjørken hydrodynamical solution:

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \tau \cosh y.$$

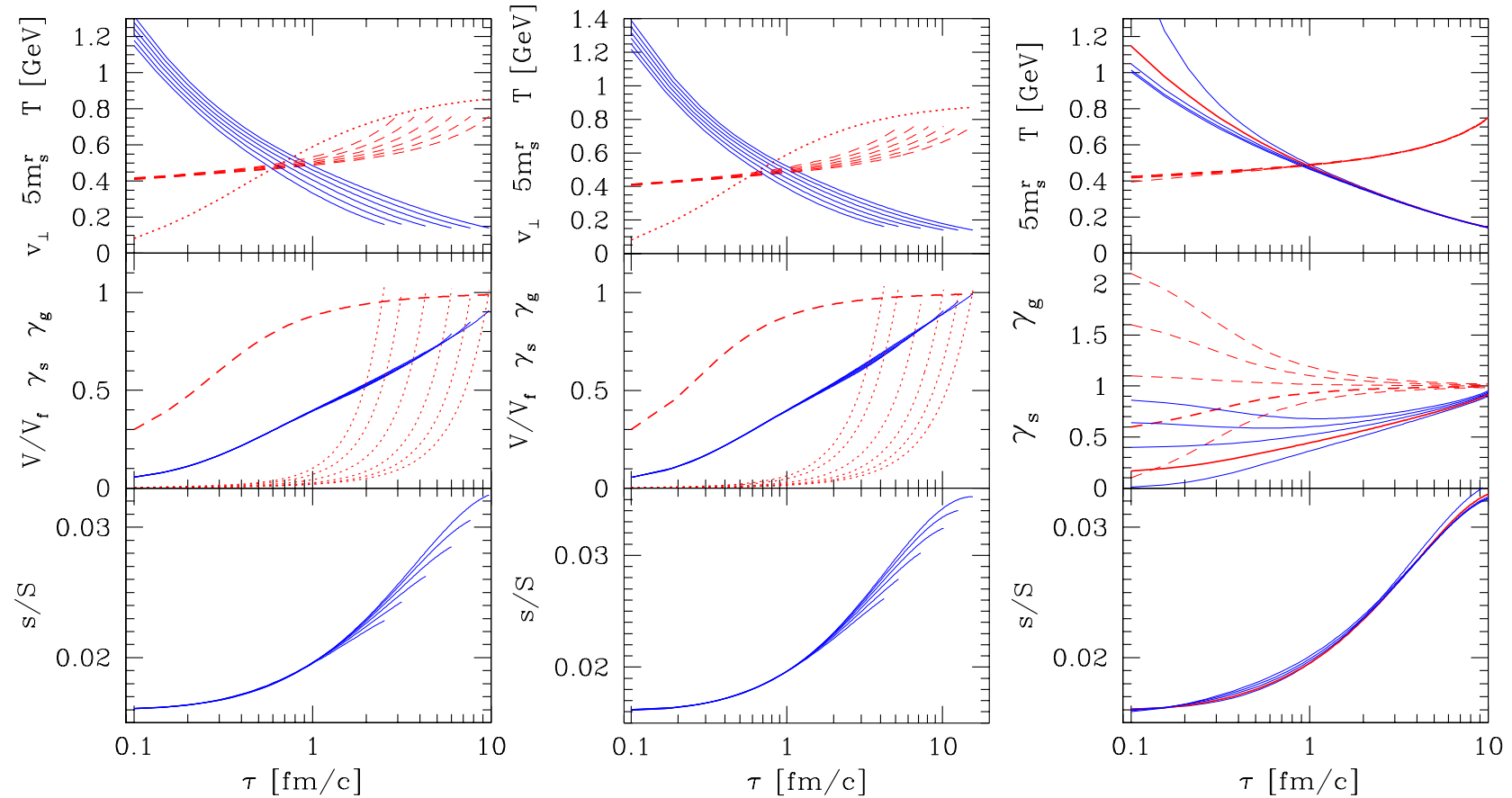
Early time behavior  $\gamma_G(\tau)$  and  $v(\tau)$  can be shown to be of minimal relevance. Strangeness looks back at times  $\tau \simeq 2 - 3$  fm. Beyond, for yet earlier  $\tau$  there is little, if any, memory.

## Understanding $s/S$ and $\gamma_s$ at RHIC



**The two left panels:** Comparison of the two transverse expansion models, bulk expansion (left), and wedge expansion. Different lines correspond to different centralities. **On right: study of the influence of the initial density of partons.** Top panel: temperature  $T$ , running mass  $m_s^r$ , dotted: the assumed profile of  $v_\perp(\tau)$ , the transverse expansion velocity; middle panel: dashed assumed  $\gamma_g(\tau)$ , dotted the assumed normalized  $dV/dy(\tau)$  normalized by the freeze-out value. Solid line(s): resulting  $\gamma_s$  for different centralities coincide; and bottom panel: resulting  $s/S$  for different centralities, with  $R_0$  stepped down for each line by factor 1.4. The end points at maximum  $\tau$  allow to find corresponding centrality curves. Initial temperatures change slightly to accommodate an observed change in  $dS/dy|_f$  beyond participant scaling. **Lifespan of system for most central reactions consistently  $\tau_f = 7 \pm 1$  fm. Freeze-out condition at  $T_f = 140$  MeV (higher  $T_f$  implies proportionally shorter  $\tau_f$ ).**

## What this means for LHC



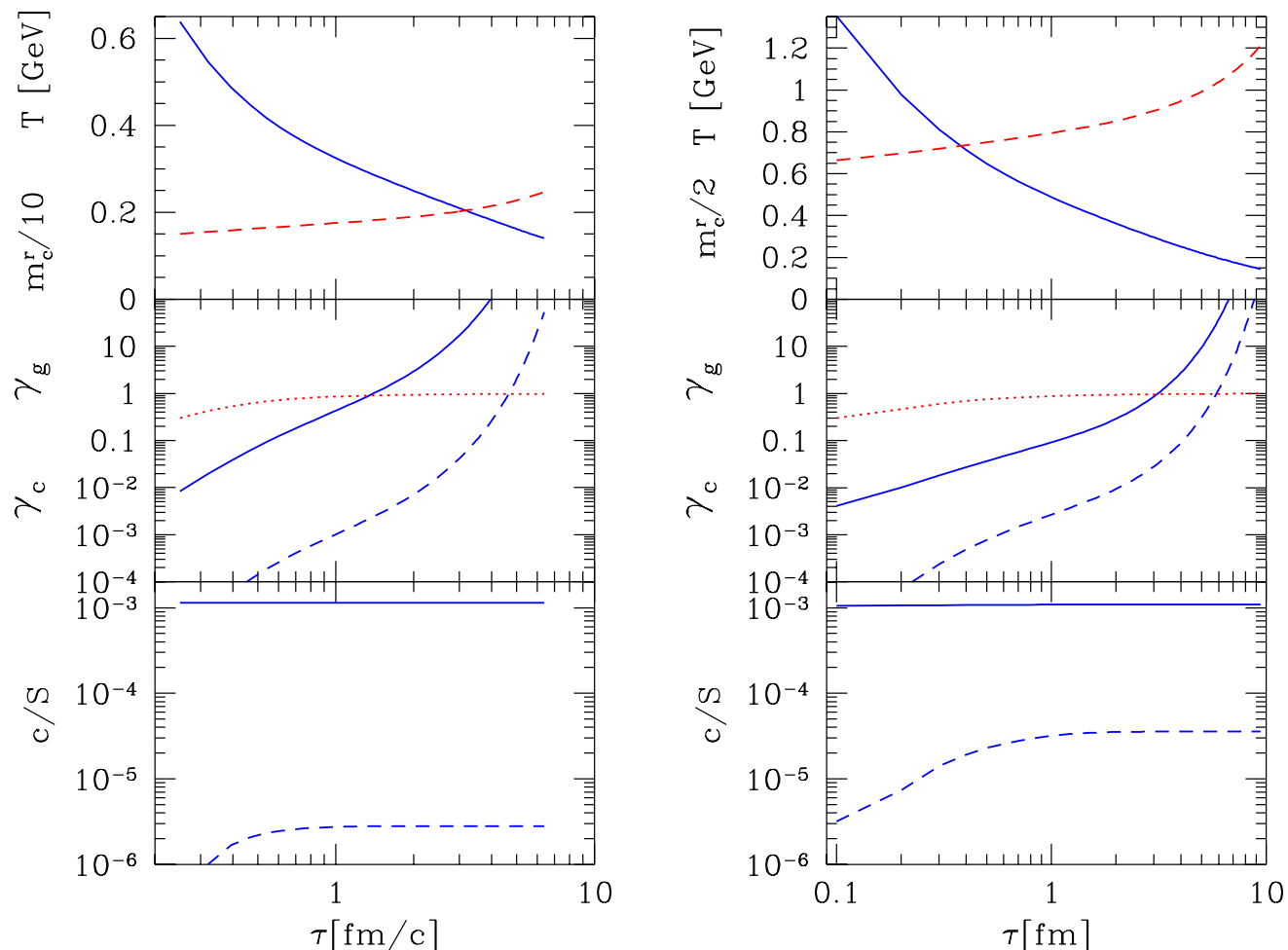
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**Notable LHC differences to RHIC:** (we assumed  $dS/dy|_{\text{LHC}} = 4dS/dy|_{\text{RHIC}}$ )

- There is a significantly longer expansion time to the freeze-out condition (factor 2).
- There is a 20% growth in  $s/S$  implying corresponding growth in  $K/\pi$ . More generally, there is a steady growth of  $s/S$  and  $\gamma_s$  with  $\ln dS/dy$ .
- There is a significant increase in initial temperature to accommodate increased entropy density.

Reconsider thermal charm production:

## Thermal charm at LHC - comparison with direct charm production



Left RHIC and right LHC: Top panel: Solid lines  $T$ , dashed lines, running  $m_c$  (scaled with 10 for RHIC on left and with 2 on right for LHC); middle panel: Dotted line  $\gamma_g$ , solid lines total charm  $\gamma_c$ , dashed lines  $\gamma_c$  corresponding to thermal charm production; and bottom panel: specific charm yield per entropy, solid lines for all charm, and dashed lines for thermally produced charm.

**Thermal charm production alone exceeds significantly chemical equilibrium!**

Direct production yield (to see assumed values multiply with  $dS/dy = 5000$  on left (RHIC) and  $=20,000$  on right (LHC)) remains significantly (300 at RHIC and 60 times at LHC) above thermal production (compare lines in bottom panel).

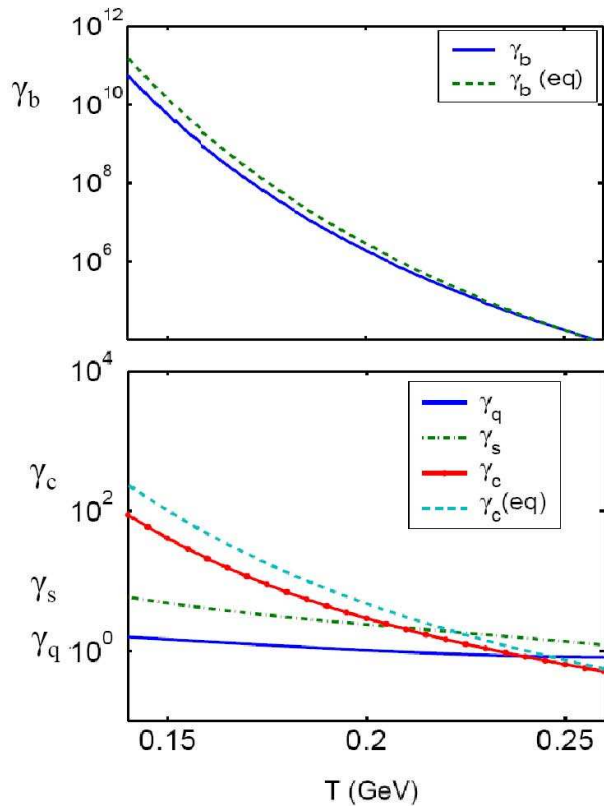


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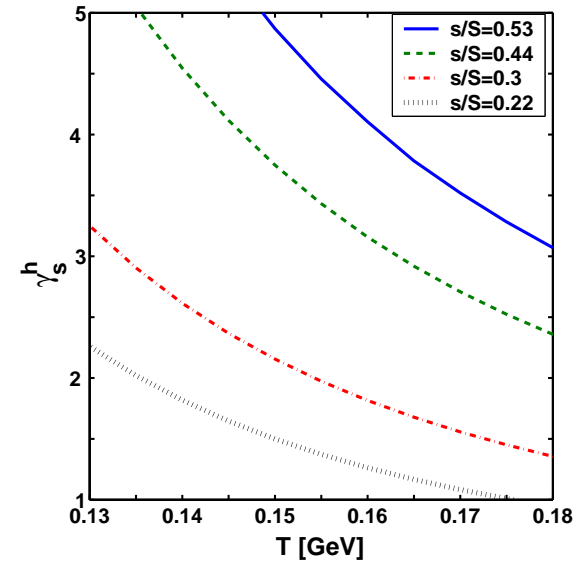
Recombination hadronization of charm has to be considered at a given  $s$  and  $S$  created in the dynamics of RHIC collision rather than for prescribed statistical yields. Charm distribution among particles according to:

$$\frac{dN_c}{dy} = \frac{dV}{dy} \left[ \gamma_c^h n_{\text{open}}^c + \gamma_c^{h2} (n_{\text{hidden}}^c + 2\gamma_q^h n_{ccq}^{\text{eq}} + 2\gamma_s^h n_{ccs}^{\text{eq}}) \right];$$

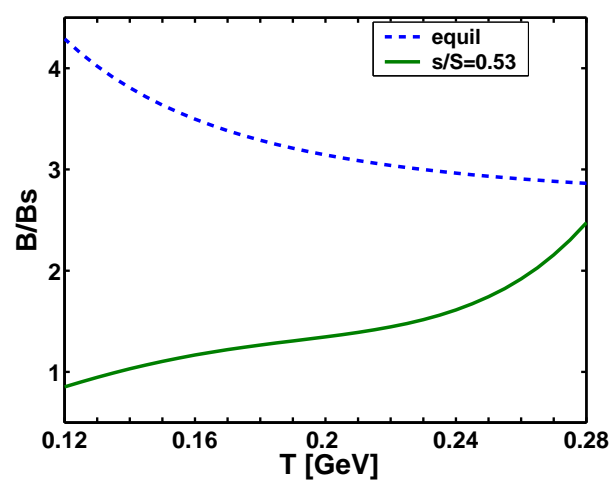
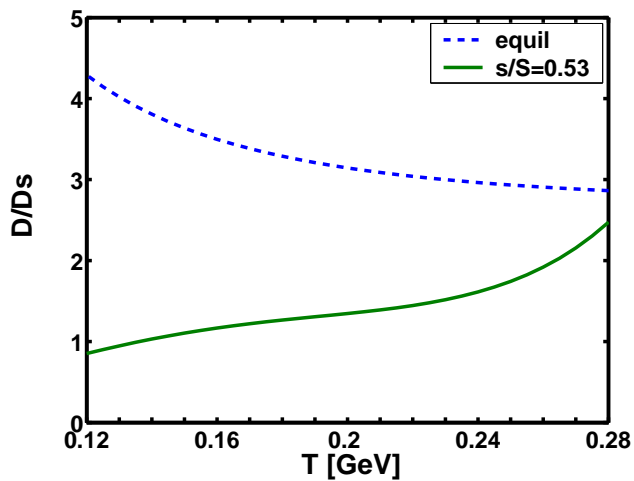
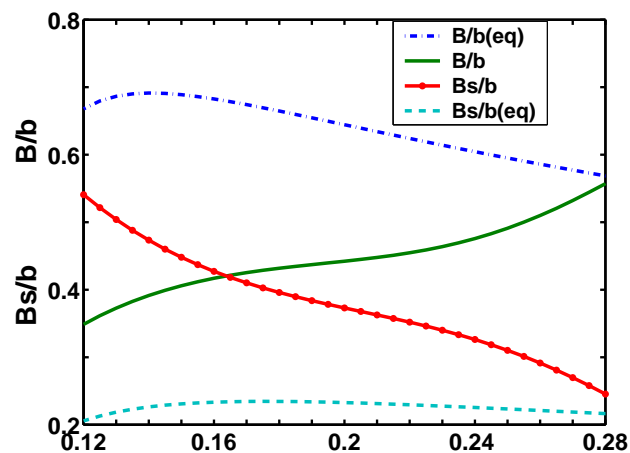
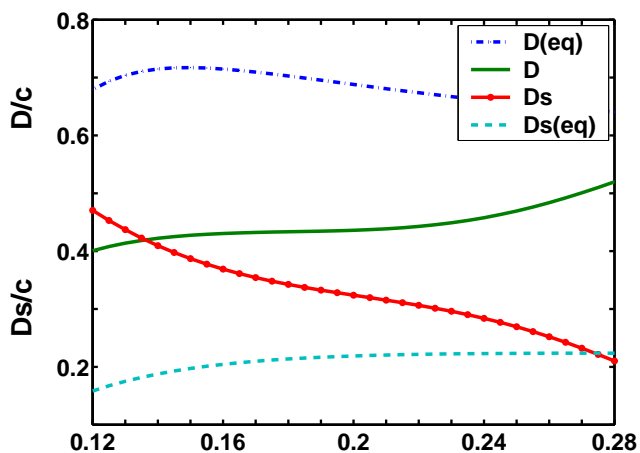
$$n_{\text{open}}^c = \gamma_q^h n_D^{\text{eq}} + \gamma_s^h n_{Ds}^{\text{eq}} + \gamma_q^{h2} n_{qqc}^{\text{eq}} + \gamma_s^h \gamma_q^h n_{sqc}^{\text{eq}} + \gamma_s^{h2} n_{ssc}^{\text{eq}}; \quad n_{\text{hidden}}^c = \gamma_c^{h2} n_{cc}^{\text{eq}}$$



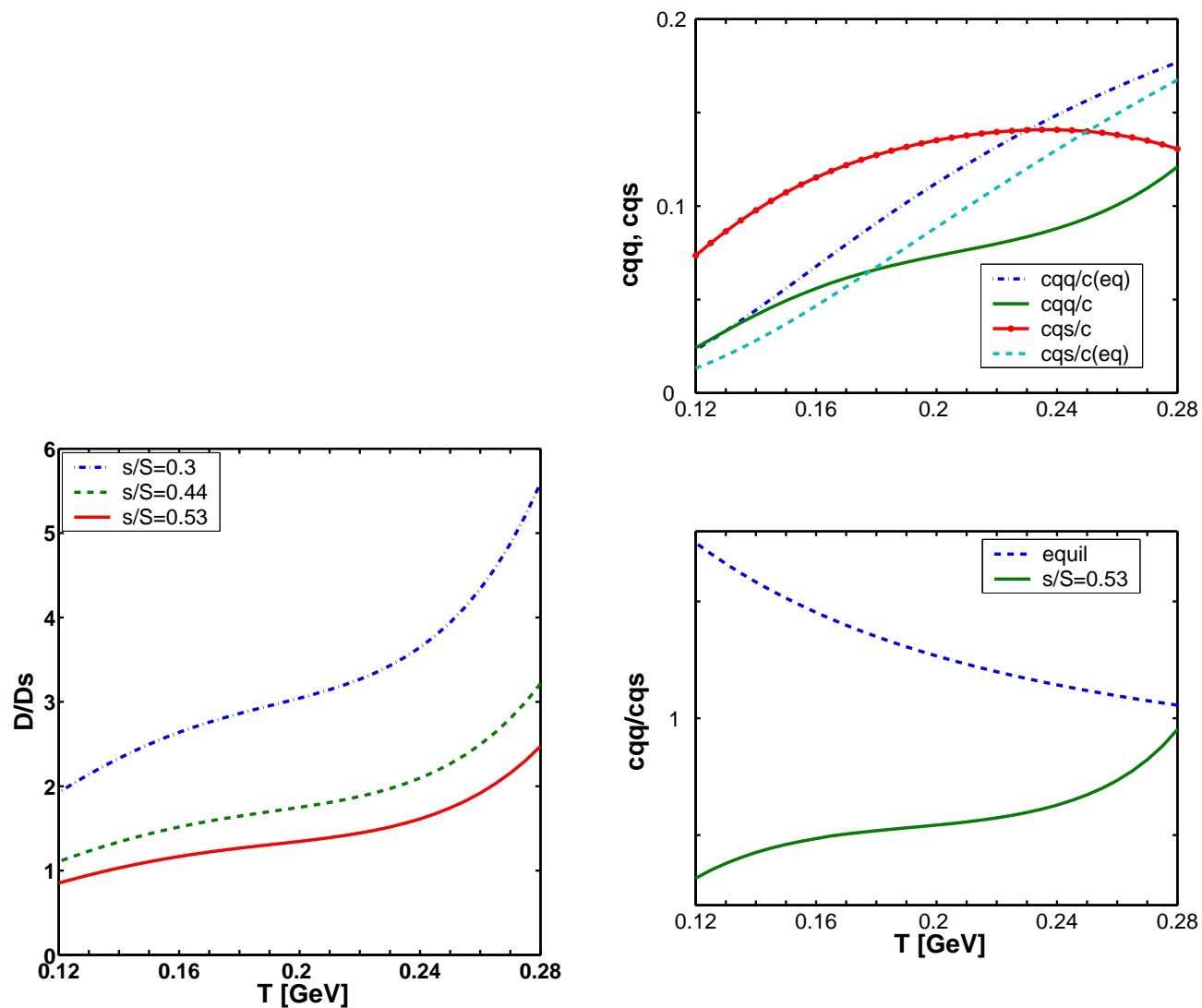
For  $db/dy = 1$ ,  $dc/dy = 10$ ,  $ds/dy = 650$  and  $dS/dy = 12,000$  (only 2.5 times RHIC) the hadron occupancies were obtained (equilibrium values for  $\gamma_i^{\text{QGP}} = 1$  for freeze-out at  $T$ ).



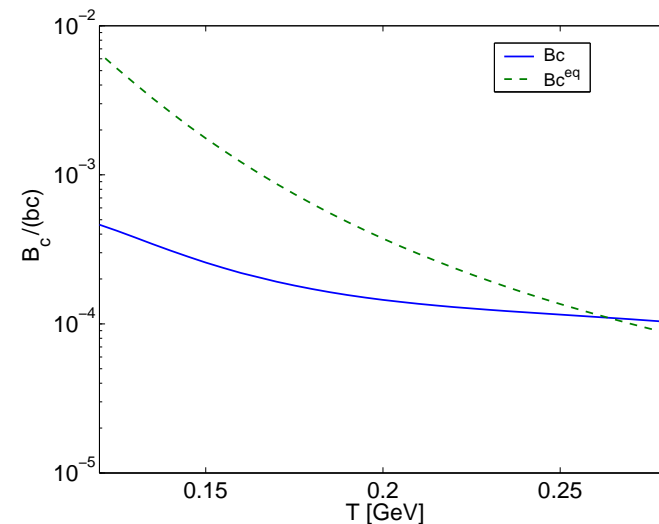
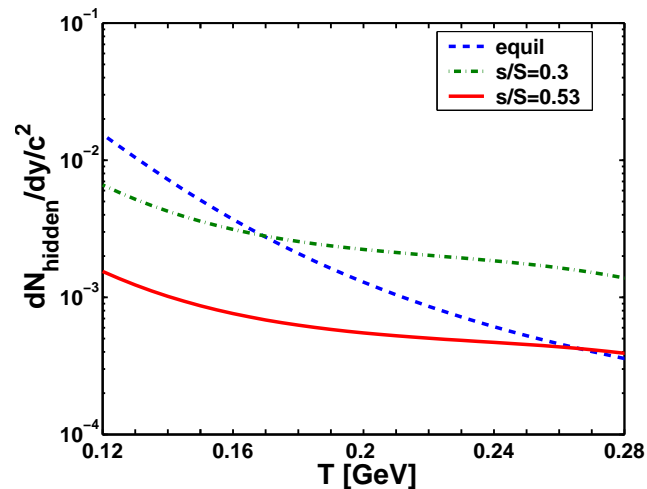
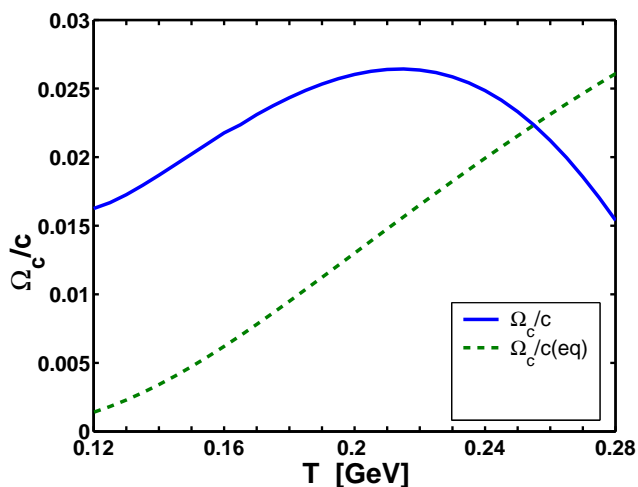
## Yields of $D$ , $D_s$ and $B$ , $B_s$ at $s/S = 0.053$



## Yields of $D$ , $D_s$ and c-baryons at variable $s/S$



## Yields of charmonium, css-baryons and $B_c$



Further work on heavy flavor chemistry on the way. Return now to discuss relevance of understanding of strangeness at LHC and phase transition dynamics.

## SOFT HADRONS: Parameters at LHC

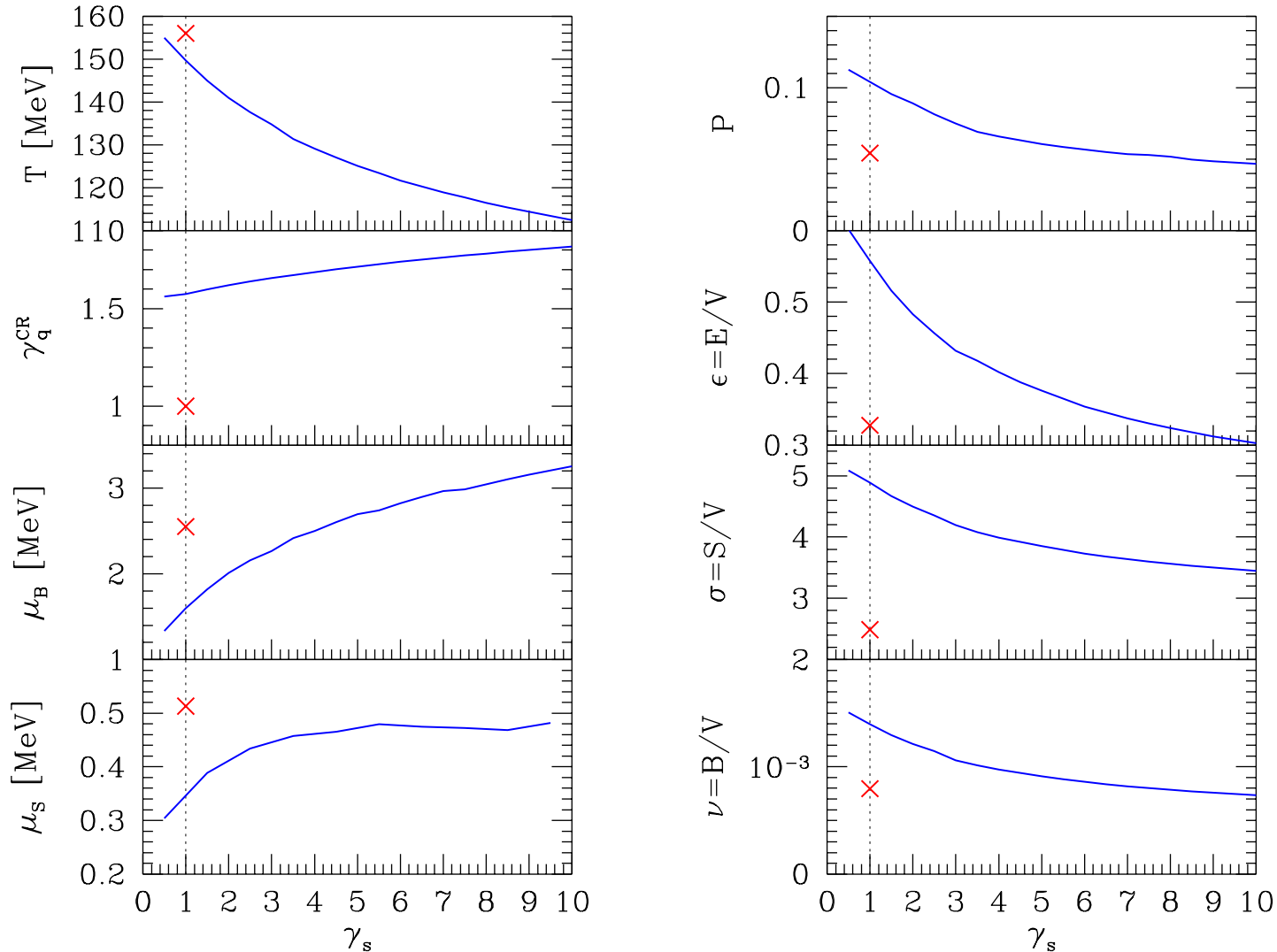
Assuming that statistical hadronization model applies, we have 7 parameters needing fixing:

- 1)  $\mu_b \equiv T \ln(\lambda_u \lambda_d)^{3/2}$ , the baryon and
- 2)  $\mu_S \equiv T \ln[\lambda_q/\lambda_s]$ , hyperon chemical potentials;
- 3)  $\lambda_{I3} \equiv \lambda_u/\lambda_d$ , a fugacity distinguishing the up from the down quark flavor;
- 4)  $\gamma_s$  the strangeness phase space occupancy;
- 5)  $\gamma_q$  the light quark phase space occupancy;
- 6)  $T$ , the (chemical) freeze-out temperature;
- 7)  $dV/dy$ , the volume related a given rapidity to the particle yields;

There are several constraints and physical conditions:

- 1) What is baryon stopping? use  $dE/db = 412 \pm 20$  GeV,  $\mu_b$  is hard to measure .
- 2) Strangeness conservation, we set  $(\bar{s} - s)/(\bar{s} + s) = 0 \pm 0.01$ , this fixes  $\mu_S$  given  $\mu_b$ .
- 3) The electrical charge to net baryon ratio, we set  $Q/b = 0.39 \pm 0.01$ . Fixes  $\lambda_{I3}$
- 4-5) The value of  $\gamma_s^h$  will be varied, the value of  $\gamma_q^h$  set either to unity (for equilibrium) or max allowed value 1.6–1.7.
- 6) We rely on  $E/TS \rightarrow 0.78$  for non-equilibrium and  $\rightarrow 0.845$  for equilibrium
- 7) particle ratios limit need for volume normalization.

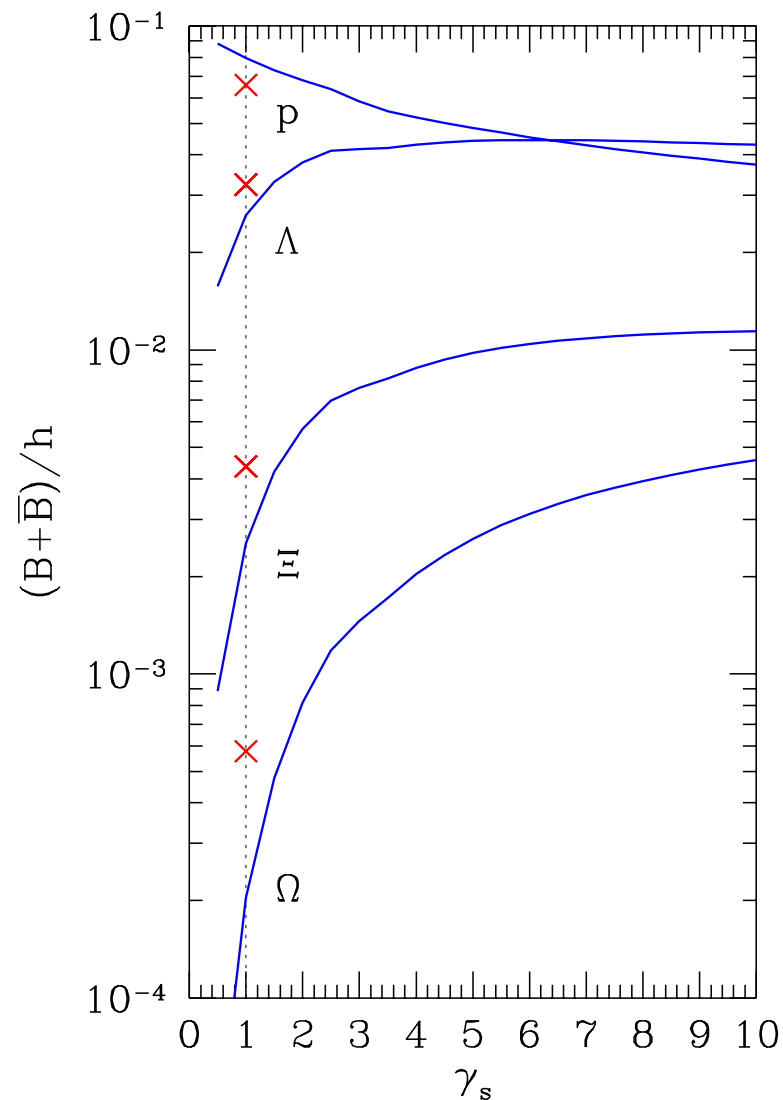
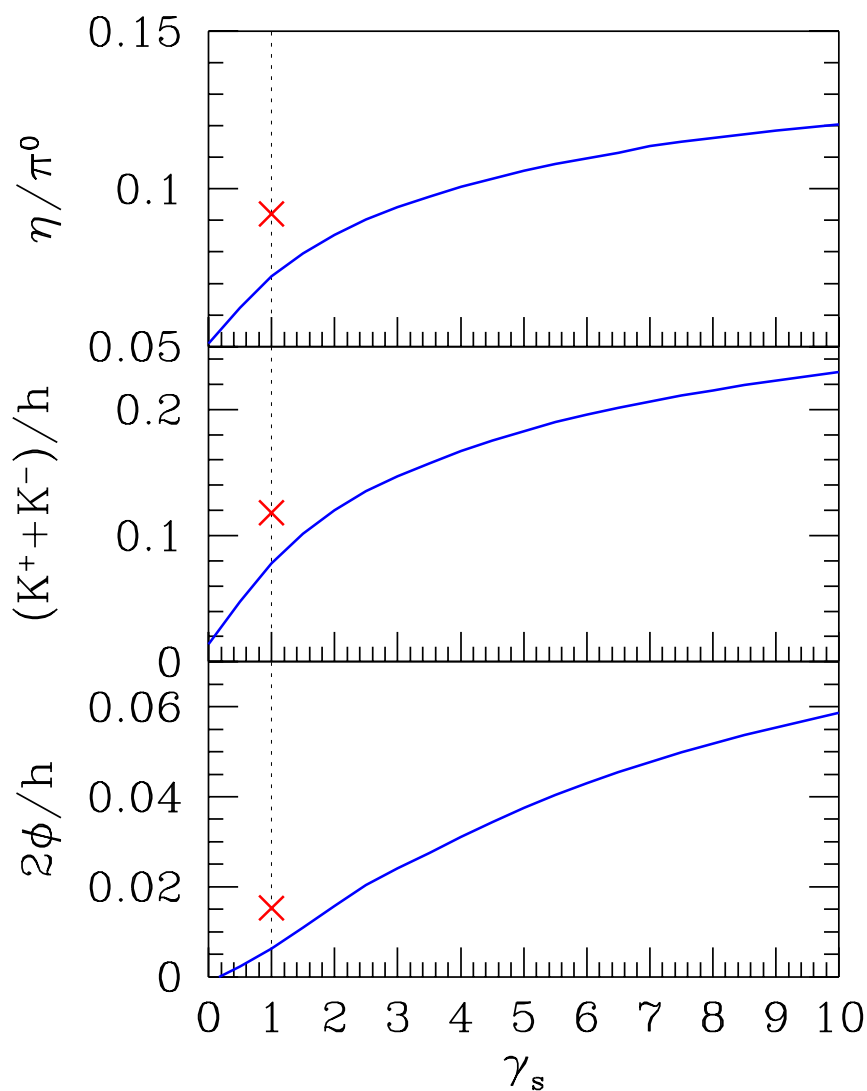
## Range of Parameters / Physical Freeze-out Conditions at LHC



**On left:** The values of  $T$ ,  $\gamma_q^{CR}$ ,  $\mu_B$ , and  $\mu_S$  as function of varying  $\gamma_s$ , the equilibrium model results are crosses at  $\gamma_s = 1$  for  $\gamma_q = 1$ .

**On right :** Pressure  $P$  [GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>], energy density  $\epsilon$  [GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>], entropy density  $\sigma = S/V$  [1/fm<sup>3</sup>], net baryon density  $\nu = (B - \bar{B})/V = b/V$  [1/fm<sup>3</sup>], for non-equilibrium SHM. Cross at  $\gamma_s$  for chemical equilibrium.

### Particle ratios at LHC



All yields after weak decay of hyperons and  $K_{S,L}$ , crosses denote chemical equilibrium result.  $h = h^+ + h^- \equiv p + \bar{p} + \pi^+ + \pi^- + K^+ + K^-$ ,

$dV/dy =$ $=3600 \text{ fm}^3$ $dN/dy$ <b>s/S</b>	$T = 156$ $\gamma_s^H = \gamma_q^H = 1$ $\mu_B = 2.57, \mu_S = 0.51$	$T = 145$ $\gamma_s^H = \gamma_q^H = 1.62$ $\mu_B = 1.83, \mu_S = 0.40$	$T = 135$ $\gamma_s^H = 3, \gamma_q^H = 1.67$ $\mu_B = 2.28, \mu_S = 0.45$	$T = 125$ $\gamma_s^H = 5, \gamma_q^H = 1.73$ $\mu_B = 2.70, \mu_S = 0.48$
	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>0.034</b>
$\pi^+$	466.22	866.24	655.12	506.6
$\pi^-$	480.48	889.48	682.24	535.6
$\pi^0$	524.98	966.74	751.16	598.4
$K^+$	84.60	137.62	163.48	176.9
$K^-$	84.16	136.98	162.54	175.8
$K_S$	81.96	133.42	156.82	168.1
$\phi$	10.95	15.73	26.86	36.54
$p$	32.80	64.98	36.12	19.98
$\bar{p}$	31.76	63.42	34.96	19.18
$\bar{\Lambda}$	16.76	32.24	28.34	21.9
$\bar{\Lambda}$	16.33	31.62	27.58	21.1
$\Xi^-$	3.12	5.94	8.46	9.46
$\Xi^+$	3.06	5.86	8.28	9.20
$\bar{\Omega}$	0.416	0.724	1.634	2.56
$\bar{\Omega}$	0.410	0.718	1.610	2.52
$K^0(892)$	24.78	35.58	35.34	31.2
$\Delta^0 = \Delta^{++}$	6.16	11.66	5.68	2.70
$\Lambda(1520)$	1.29	2.220	1.66	1.08
$\Sigma^-(1385)$	2.14	3.98	3.28	2.34
$\Xi^0(1530)$	0.914	1.656	2.26	2.46
$\eta$	59.6	95.2	93.4	90.2
$\eta'$	5.32	7.62	7.78	7.06
$\rho^0$	53.8	79.2	48.4	29.8
$\omega(782)$	49.8	72.2	42.4	25.0
$f_0(980)$	4.50	6.42	6.28	5.44



## In lieu of conclusions: A few questions with answers

Is there chemical **nonequilibrium** near to hadronization point?

*In QGP: strangeness. For a fast change to HG no absolute  $s, q$  equilibrium*

Can chemical nonequilibrium impact physical observables? and even phase transition properties?

*Simple observables such as  $K/\pi$  depend decisively on  $s/S$ . We have discussed here the influence on charm chemistry, and argued that  $\gamma_s^{QGP} > 1$  helps establish a true 1st order phase transition for  $\mu_B \rightarrow 0$ .*

Is there  $\gamma_s^{QGP} > 1$  (that is  $\gamma_s^h > 3$ ) at LHC?

*Yield study suggests ‘perhaps’, depends on many technical assumptions. So it is certainly still an open issue, experiment will show.*

What is strangeness content, compare CERN-SPS to RHIC-200 to LHC?

*Not discussed today, but we find a gradual rise as function of collision energy of the yield  $s/S$  (per entropy).*

Is this consistent with deconfinement? Other strangeness evidence for deconfinement?

*Our particle yield analysis shows excitation energy threshold seen in  $s/S$ ,  $s/b$  and  $E/s$ .*

## Why low/high PHASE BOUNDARY Temperature?

- Degrees of freedom

- Temperature of phase transition depends on available degrees of freedom.

- \* For 0 flavor theory  $T > 200$  MeV

- \* For 2 flavors:  $T \rightarrow 170$  MeV

- \* For 2+1 flavors:  $T = 162 \pm 3$  and appearance of minimum  $\mu_B$

- \* For 3, 4 flavors further drop in  $T$ .

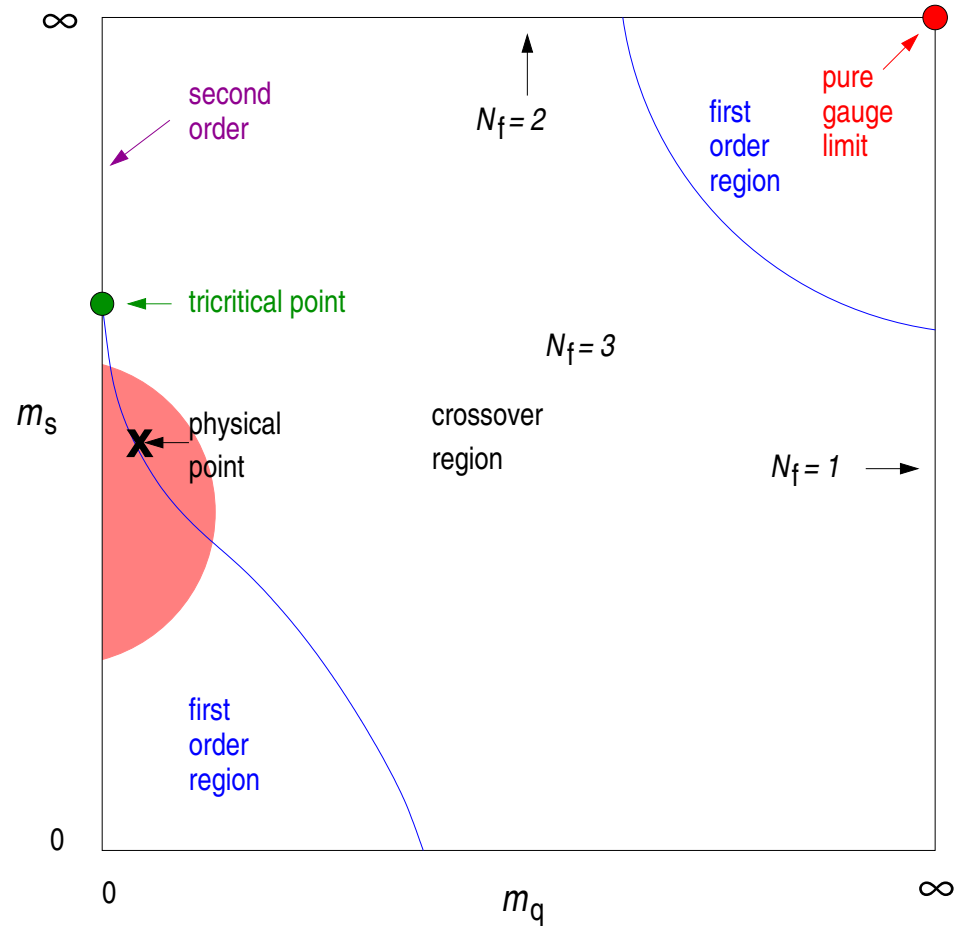
what happens when  $\gamma_s > 1$ ?

- The nature of phase transition/transformation changes when number of flavors rises from 2+1 to 3 is effect of  $\gamma_i > 1$  creating a real phase transition?

- Dynamical effects of expansion:

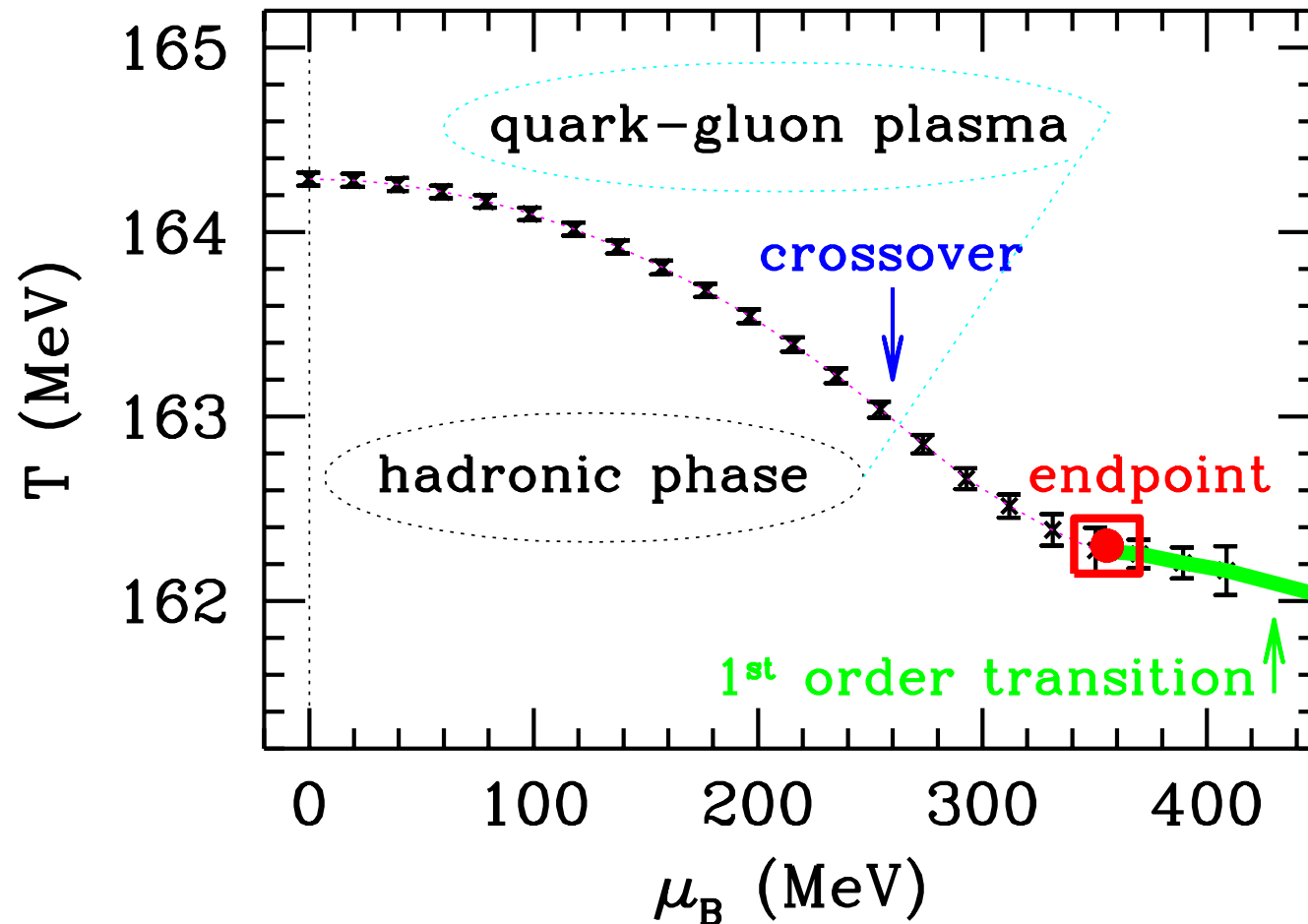
- colored partons like a wind, displace the boundary

# Fermi degrees of freedom and phase transitions in QCD



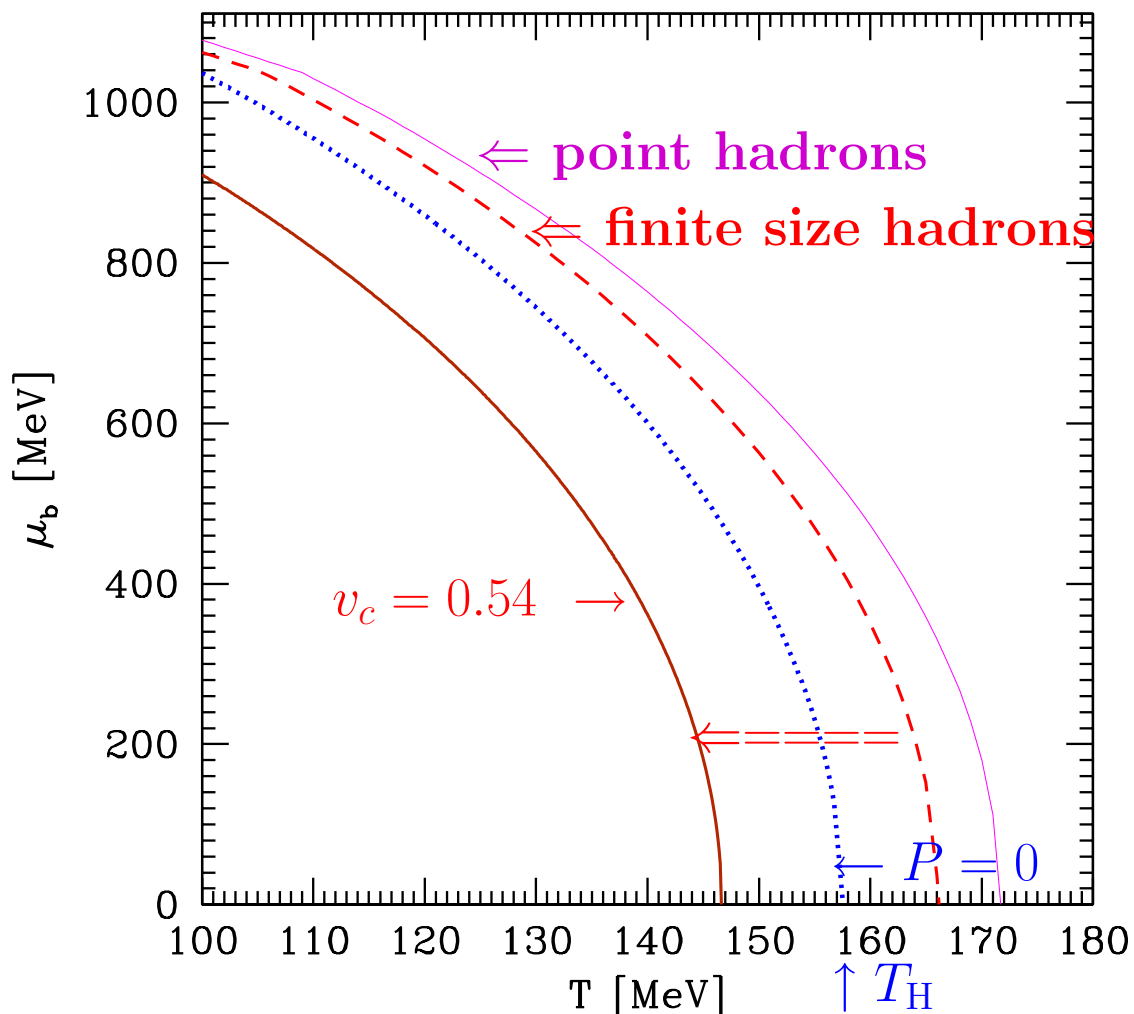
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....and considering the baryochemical potential



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**(dynamical) Phase boundary and ‘wind’ of flow of matter**



**Solid:** point hadrons  $T_p$   
**Dashed:** finite size hadrons  
**Thick solid:** breakup with  $v = 0.54$  ( $\kappa = 0.6$ )  
**Expansion**  
**SUPERCOOLING**  
**by 20 MeV**

$T_H = 158$  MeV Hagedorn temperature where  $P = 0$ , no hadron  $P$   
 $T_f \simeq 0.9T_H \simeq 143$  MeV is where supercooled QGP fireball breaks up  
 equilibrium phase transformation used here was at  $T \simeq 166$ .