Deuterons at LHC: "snowballs in hell" via hydrodynamics and hadronic afterburner

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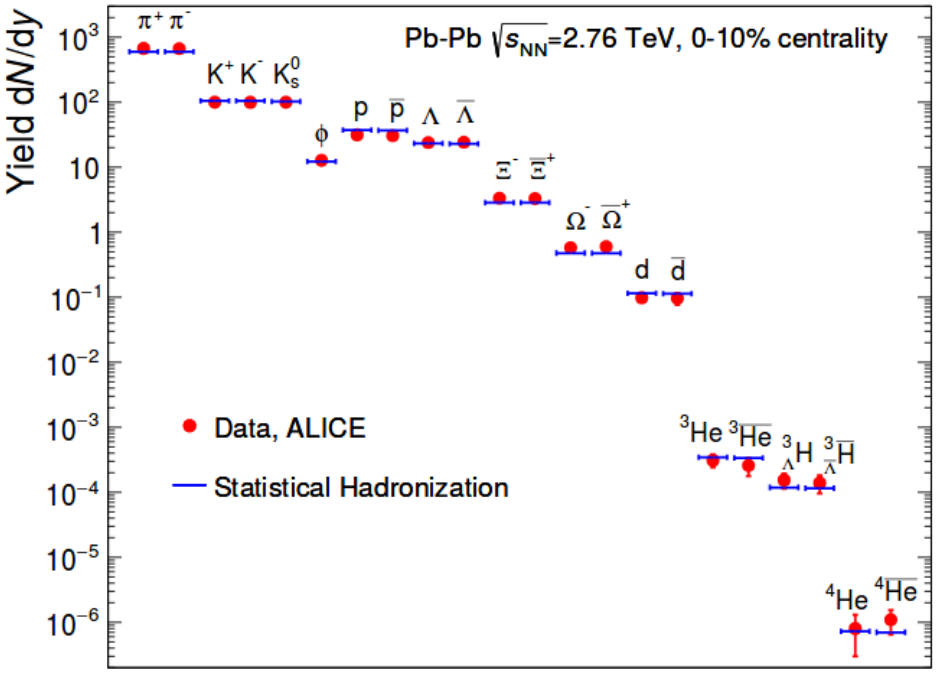
Deuteron in heavy ion collisions

- Bound state of proton and neutron, binding energy 2.2 MeV
- Deuteron yield in Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV:
  $N_d = \frac{gV}{2\pi^2} T m^2 K_2(m/T)$, $T = 155$ MeV

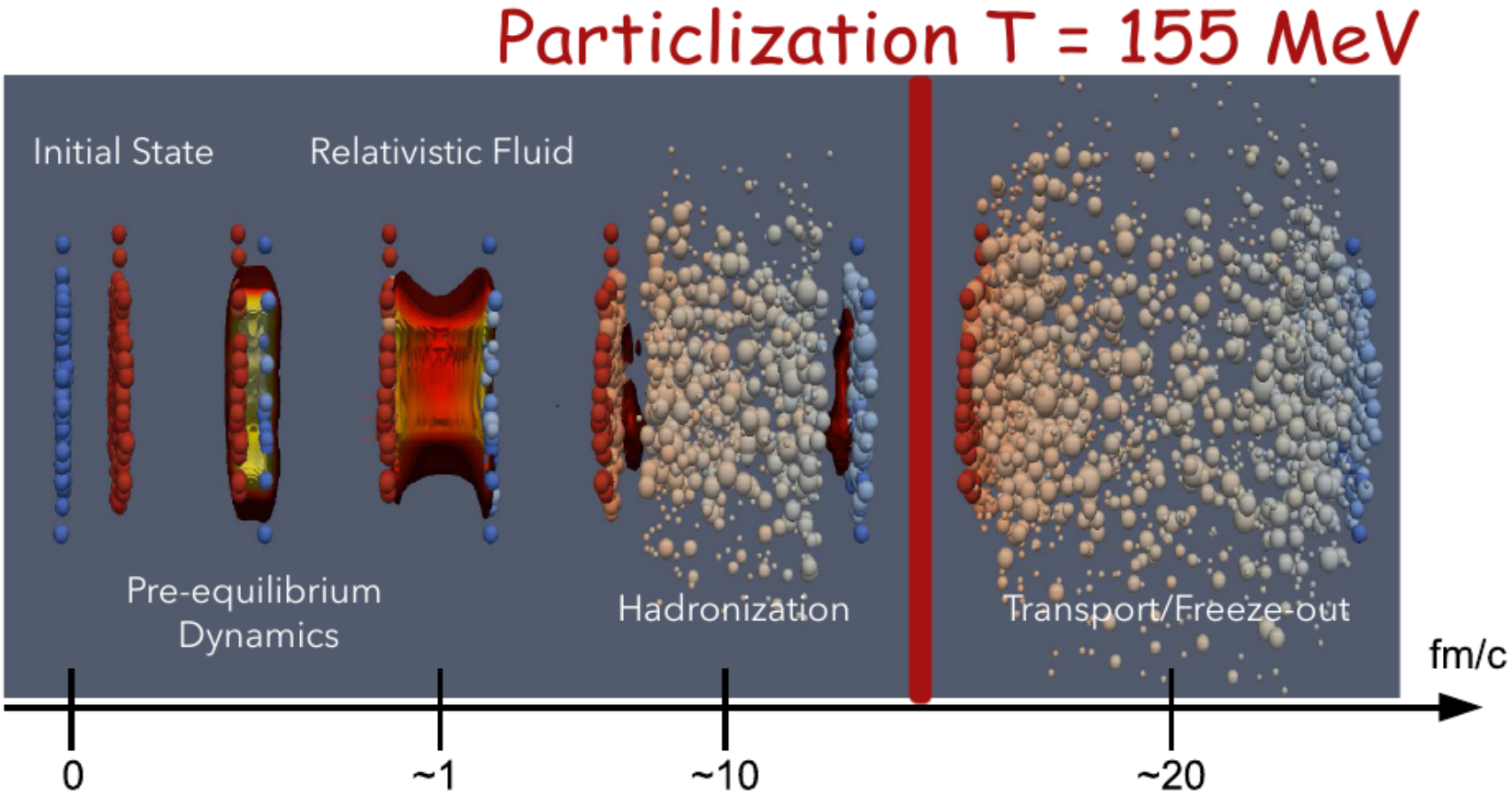
Snowballs in hell.



A. Andronic, et al., arXiv:1710.09425

Deuteron: rapid chemical freeze-out at 155 MeV, like hadrons?

Methodology: hybrid approach



- CLVisc hydro L. G. Pang, H. Petersen and X. N. Wang, arXiv:1802.04449 [nucl-th]
- SMASH hadronic afterburner J. Weil *et al.*, PRC 94, no. 5, 054905 (2016)
- Treat deuteron as a single particle
  - implement deuteron + X cross-sections explicitly

Most important deuteron production/disintegration reactions

Largest d + X disintegration rate $\rightarrow$ largest reverse production rate

Most important = largest $\sigma^{\rm inel}_{d+X} n_X$

X	$\sigma^{\rm inel}_{d+X}$ [mb] ($\sqrt{s} - \sqrt{s_{thr}} = [0.05, 0.25]$ GeV)	$\frac{dN^X}{dy}\|_{y=0}$
$\pi^\pm$	80 - 160	732
K^+	$<$ 40	109
K^-	$<$ 80	109
p	50 - 100	33
$\bar{p}$	80 - 200	33
γ	$<$ 0.1	comparable to π?

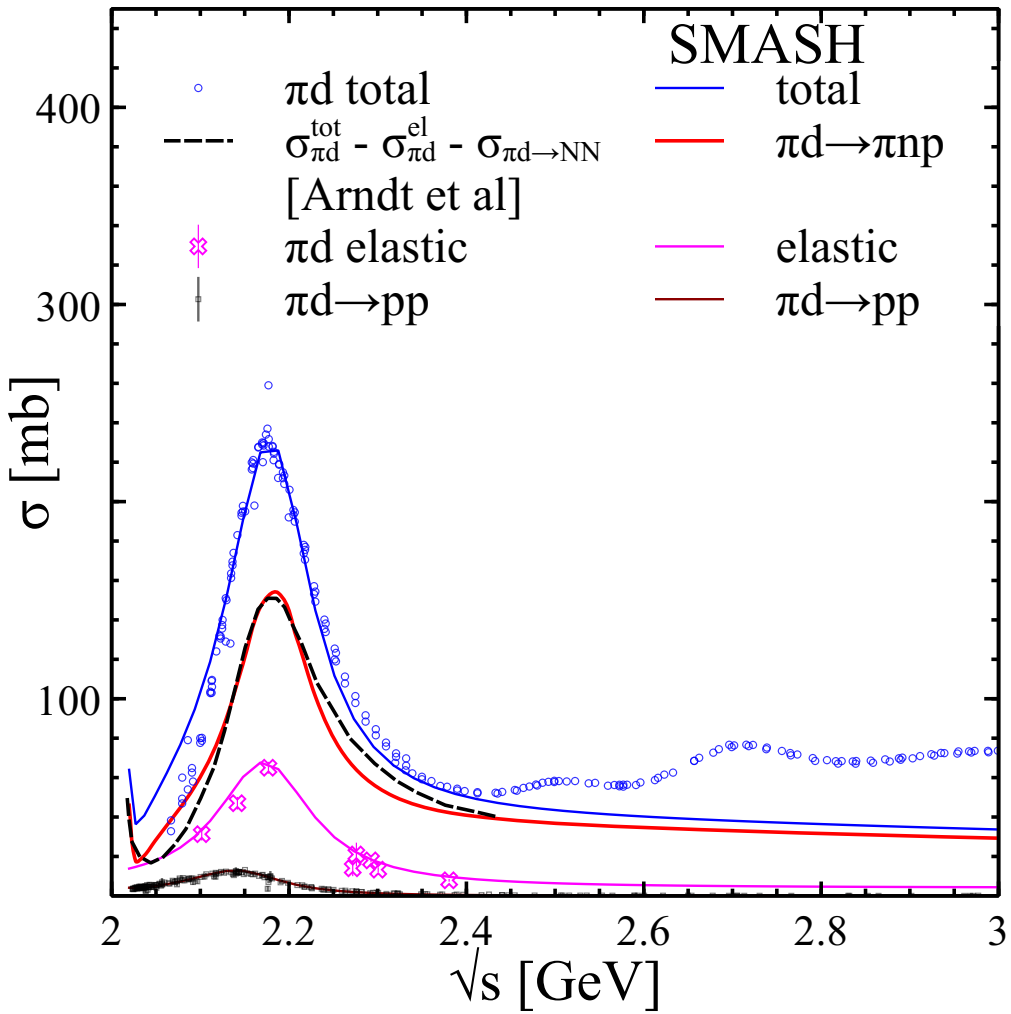
$\pi + d$ are the most important because of pion abundance

Reactions with deuteron implemented in SMASH

- $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$, $\pi d \leftrightarrow np$, elastic $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi d$
- $Nd \leftrightarrow Nnp$, elastic $Nd \leftrightarrow Nd$
- $\bar{N}d \leftrightarrow \bar{N}np$, elastic $\bar{N}d \leftrightarrow \bar{N}d$
- CPT conjugates of all above – reactions for anti-deuteron
- all are tested to obey detailed balance within 1% precision

$\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is the most important at high (LHC) energies
$Nd \leftrightarrow Nnp$ is the most important at low (AGS) energies

Reactions of deuteron with pions



$\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is the most important at LHC energies

$\sigma^{inel}_{\pi d} > \sigma^{el}_{\pi d}$, not like for hadrons

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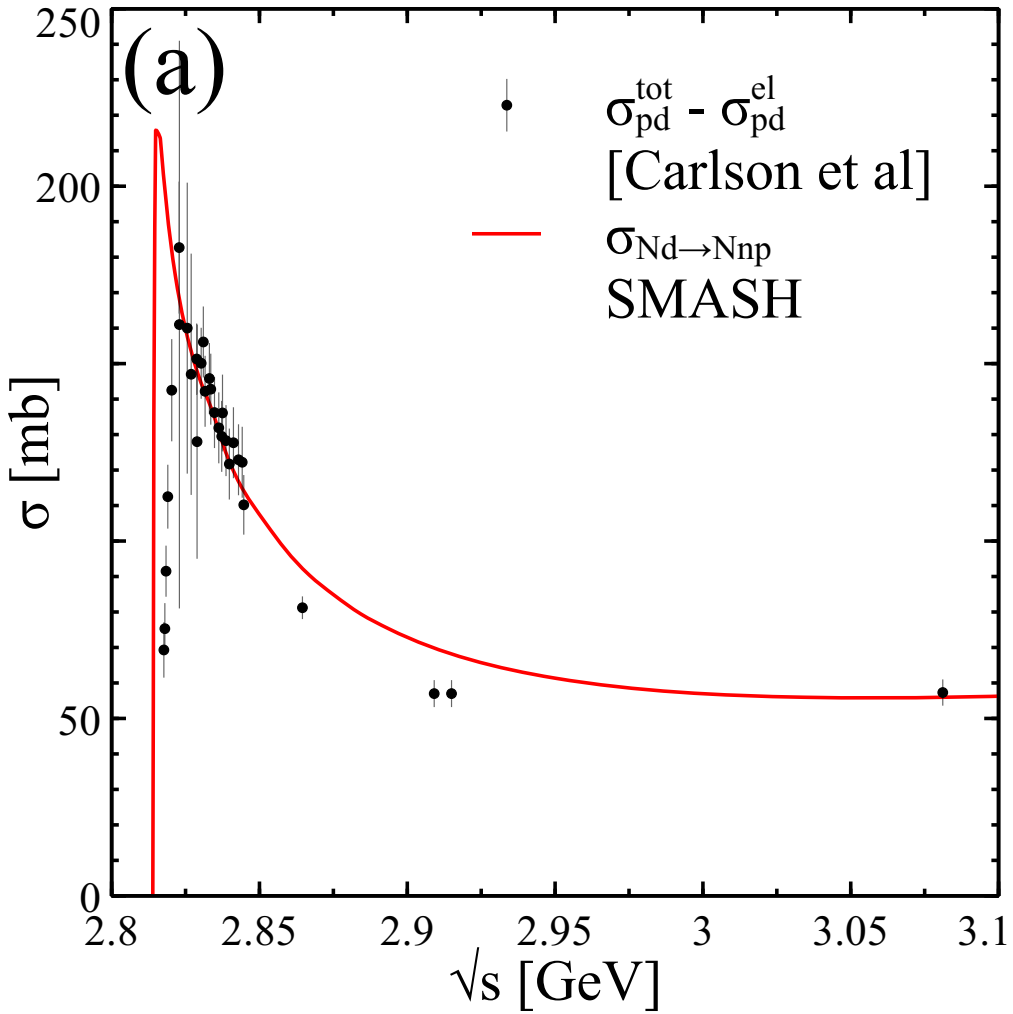

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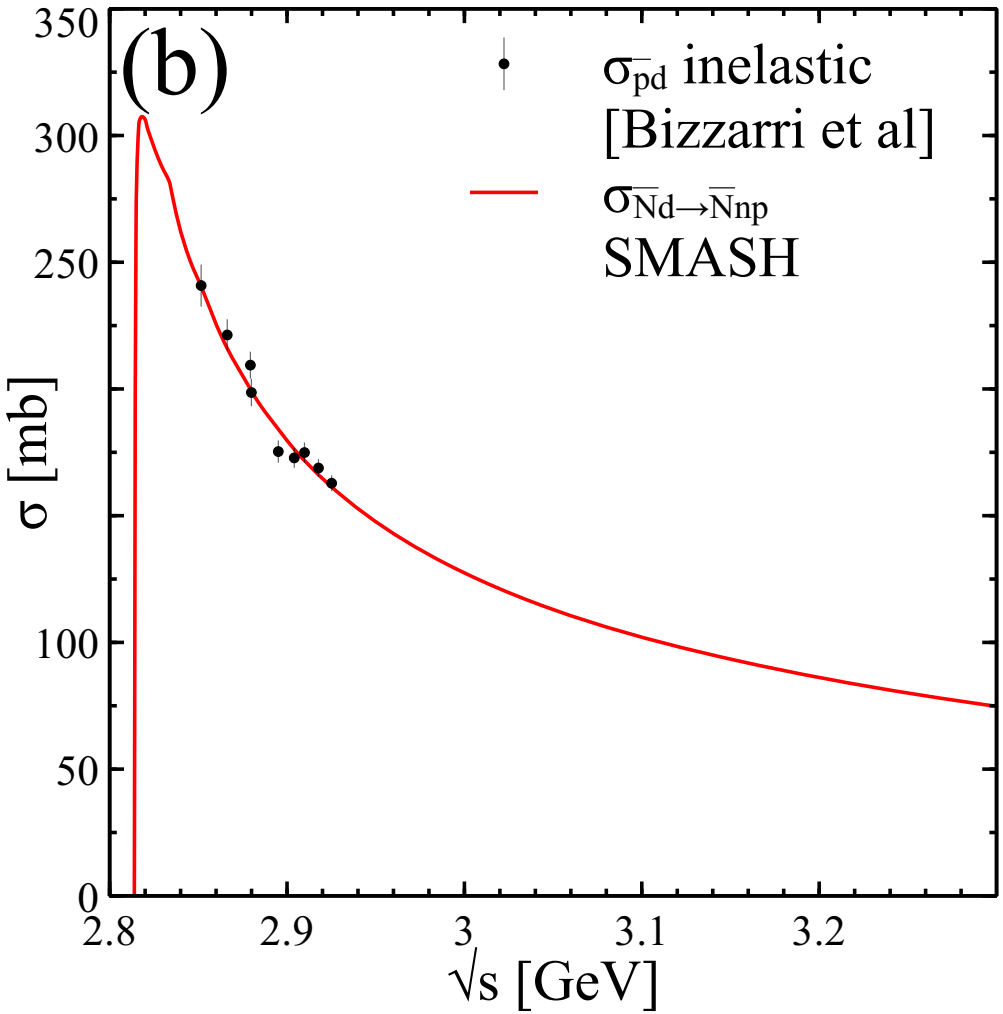

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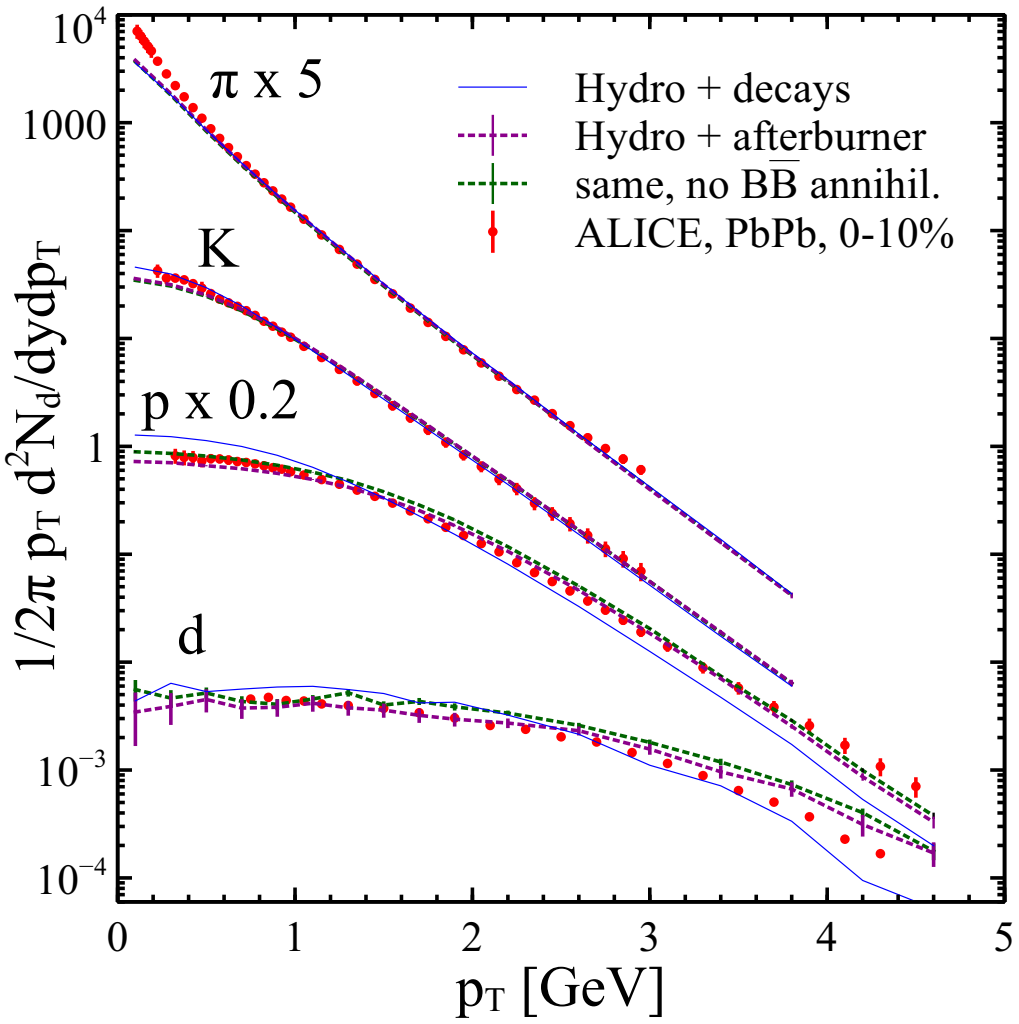
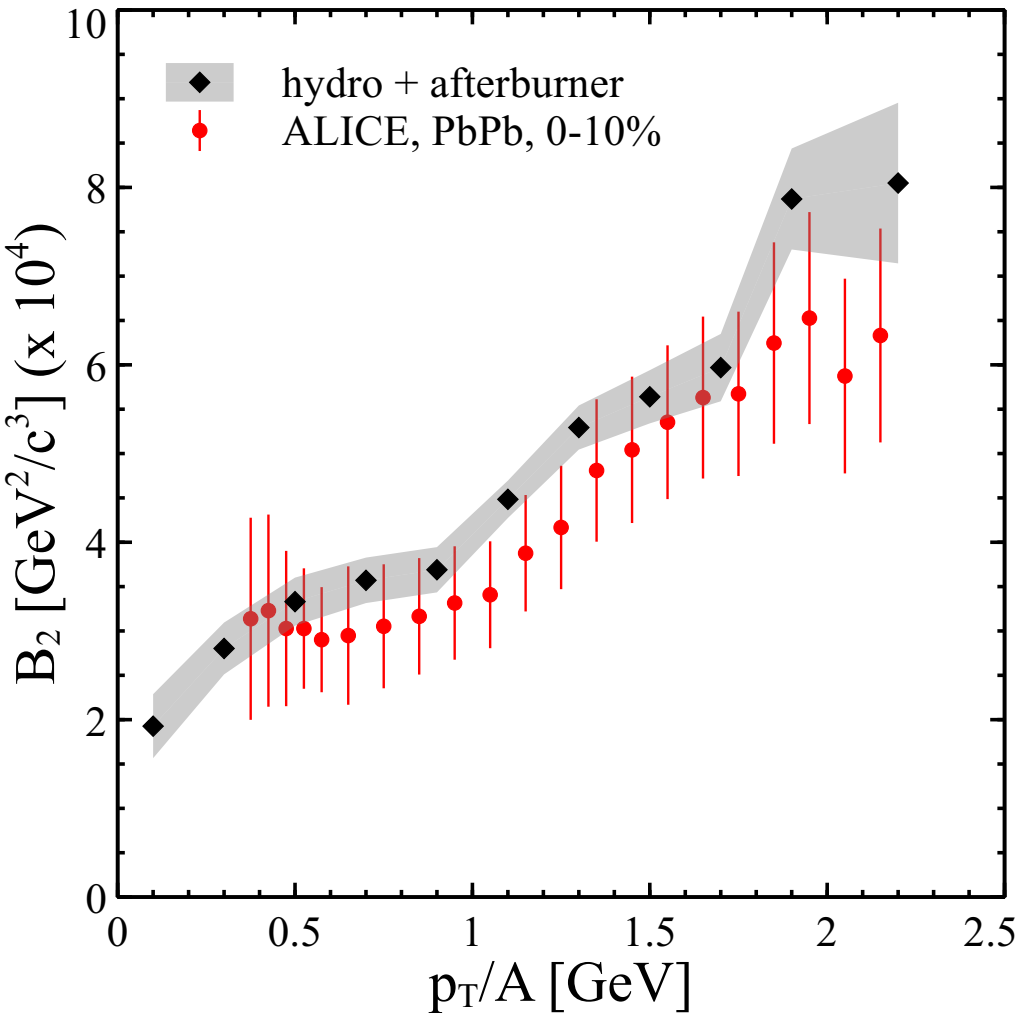


Pion and kaon spectra not affected by afterburner

Proton spectra: pion wind effect and $B\bar{B}$ annihilations ($\sim 10\%$)

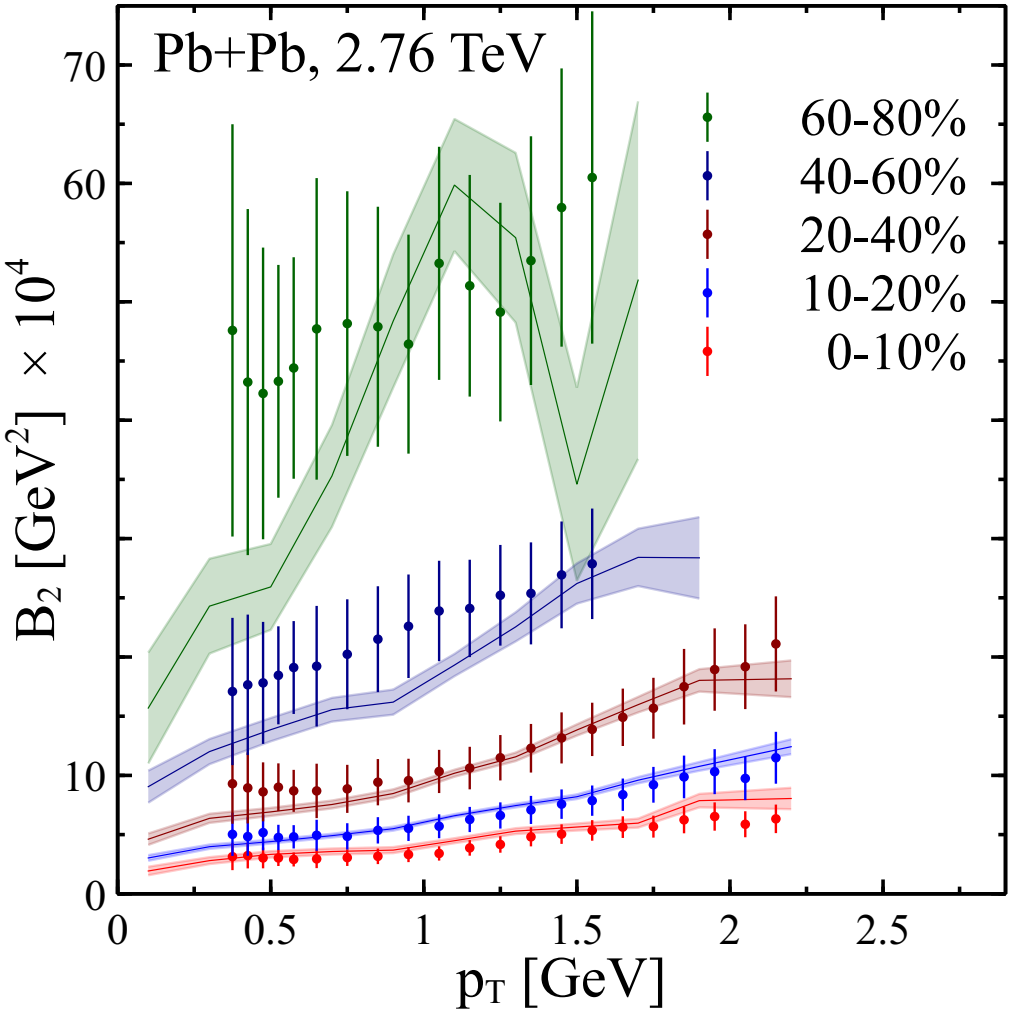
Obtaining $B_2(p_T)$ coalescence parameter

$$B_2(p_T) = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d^2N_d}{p_T dp_T dy}\Big|_{p_T^d=2p_T^p}}{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d^2N_p}{p_T dp_T dy}\right)^2}$$



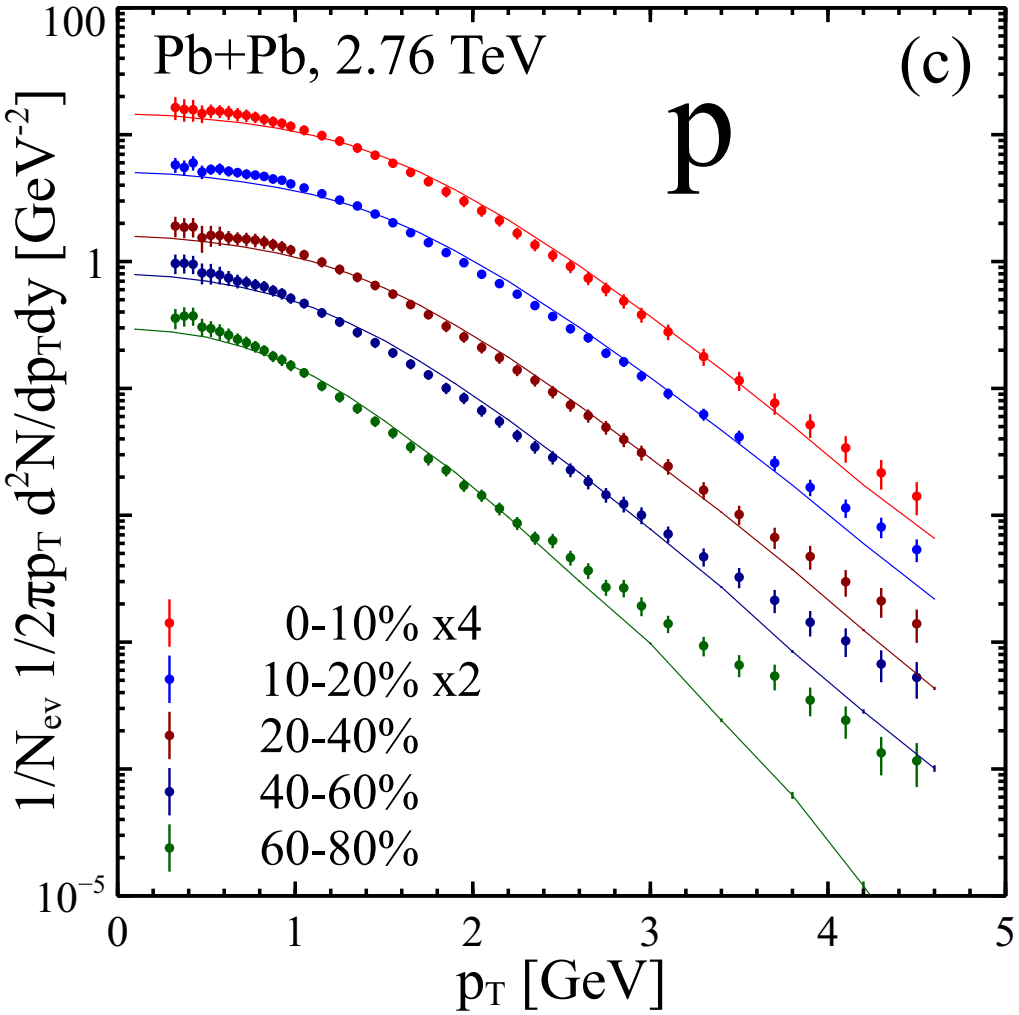
Reproducing B_2 without any free parameters

$B_2(p_T)$ for different centralities



Works well for all centralities

p_T-spectra for different centralities



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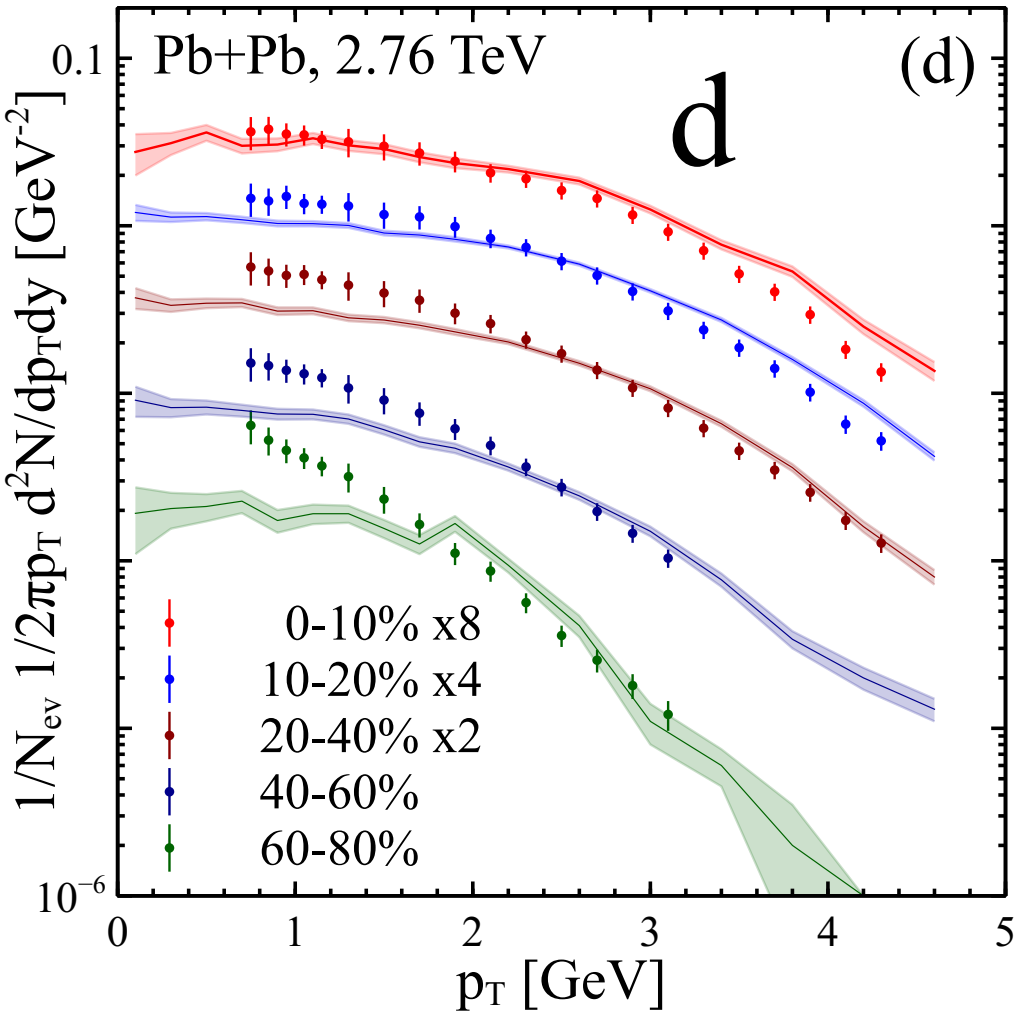
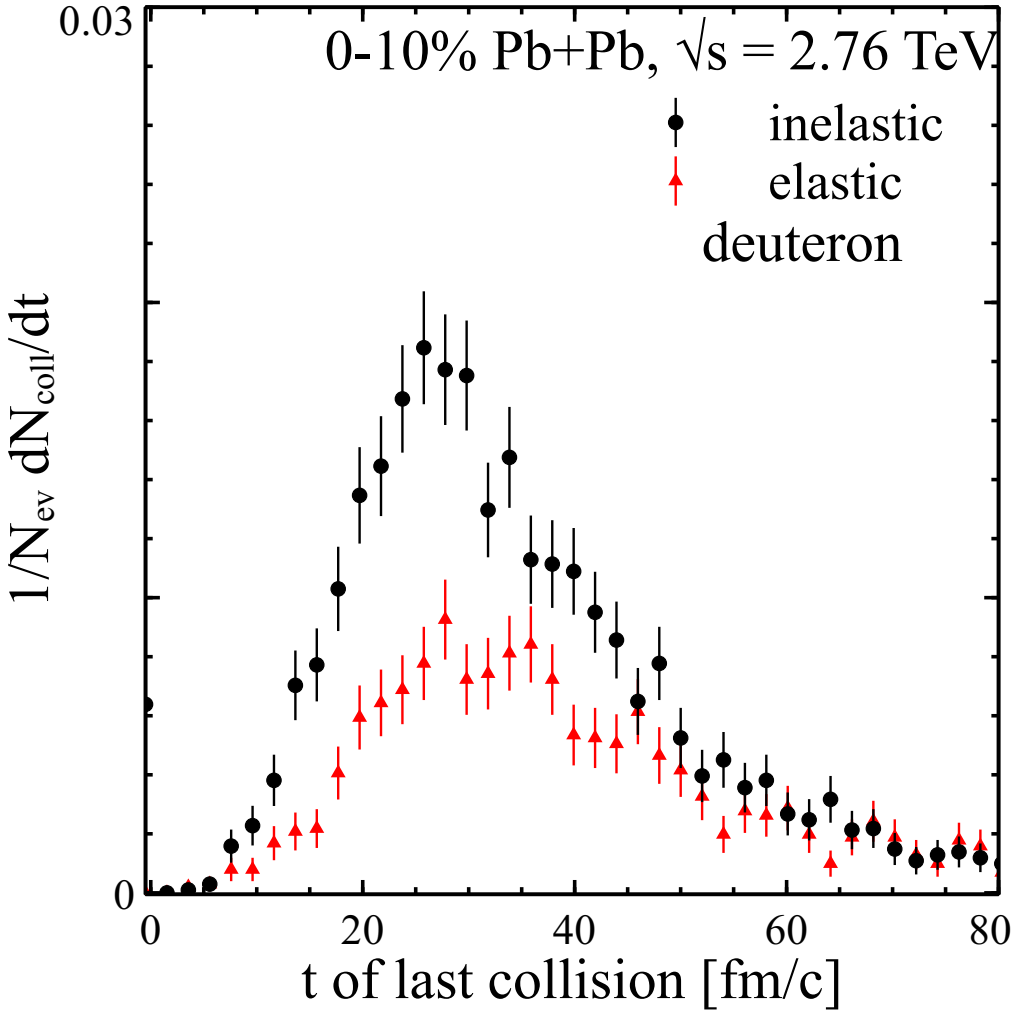


Does deuteron freeze out at 155 MeV?

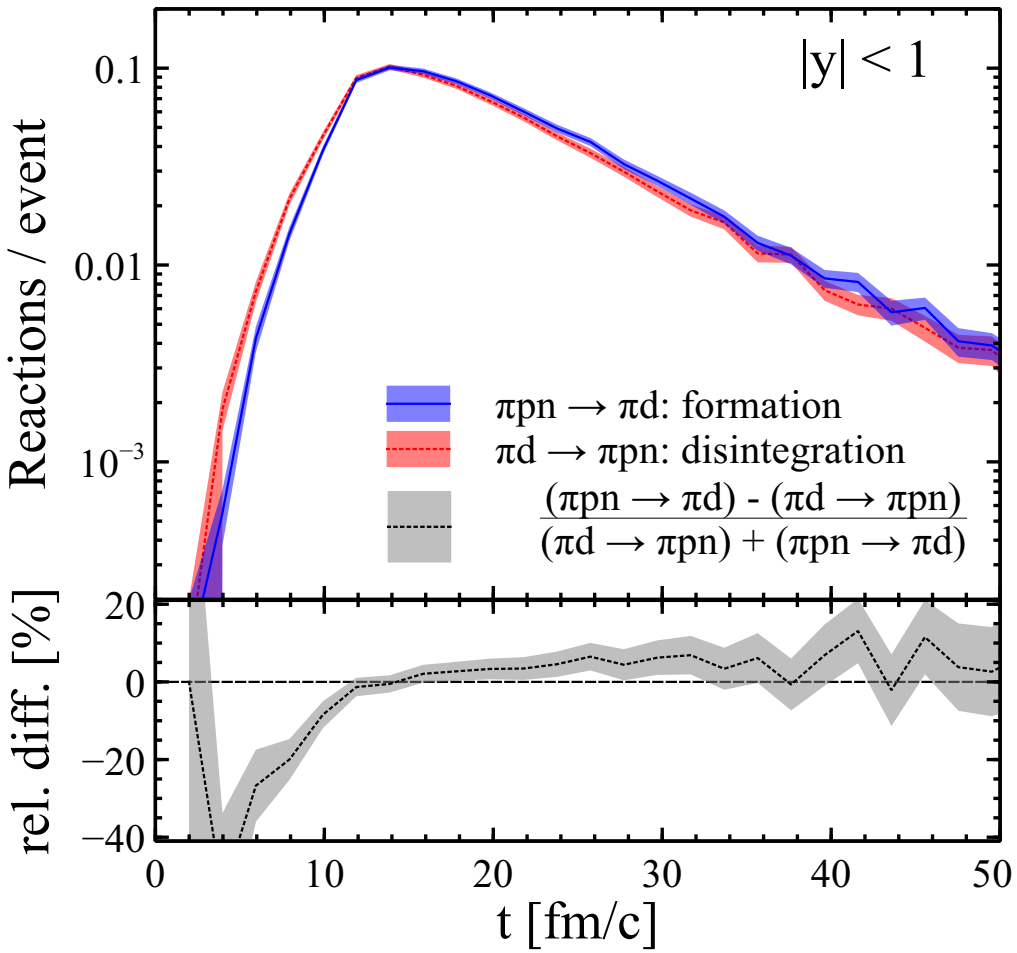
Only less than 1% of final deuterons original from hydrodynamics



Deuteron freezes out at late time

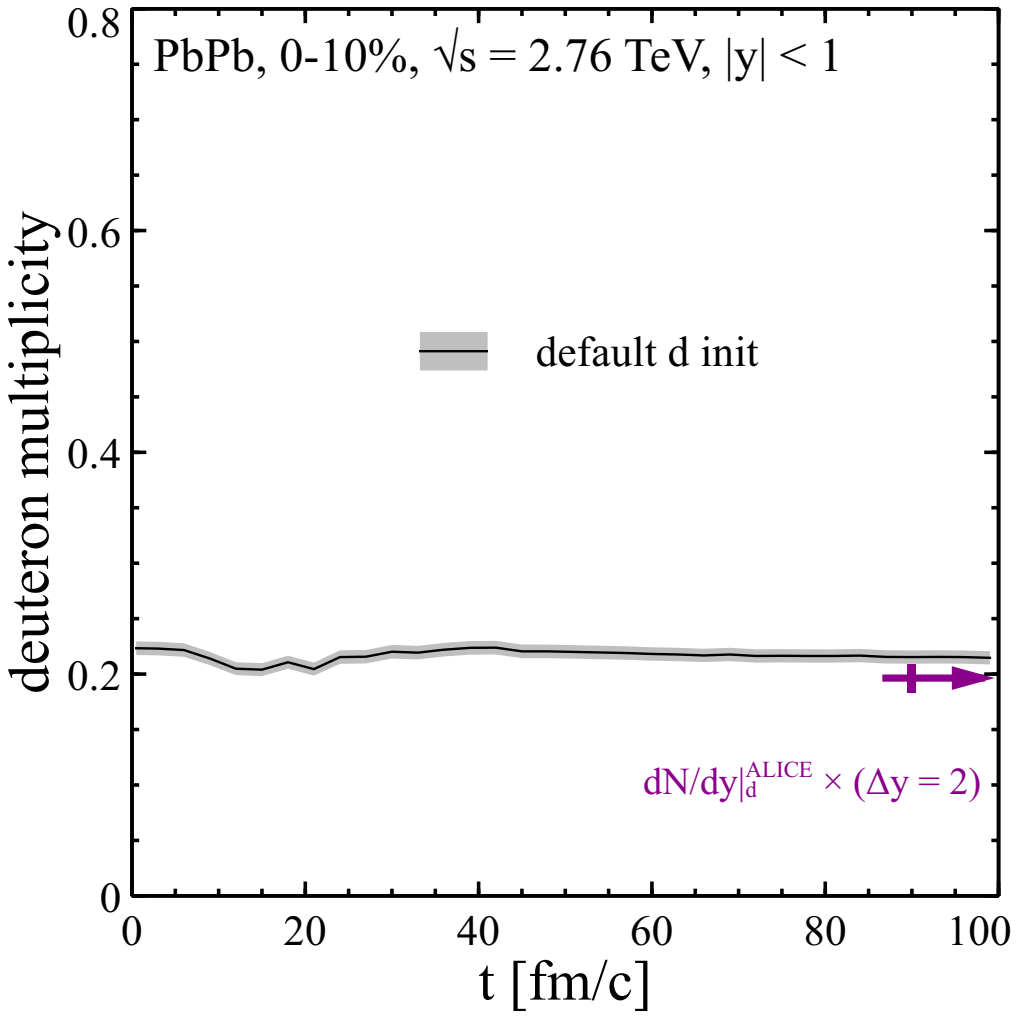
Its chemical and kinetic freeze-outs roughly coincide

Is $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ reaction equilibrated



After about 12-15 fm/c within 5% $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi np$ is equilibrated

Deuteron yield



The yield is almost constant. Why? Does afterburner really play any role?

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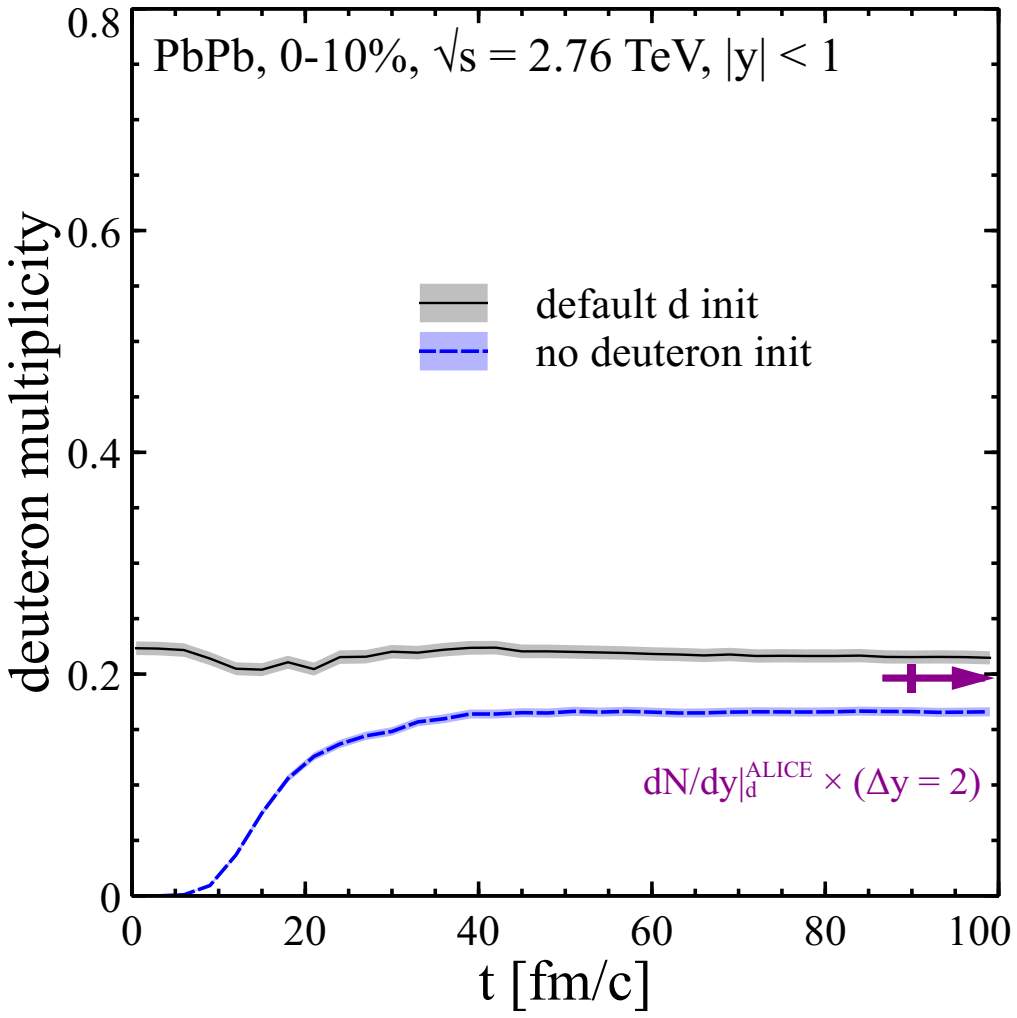

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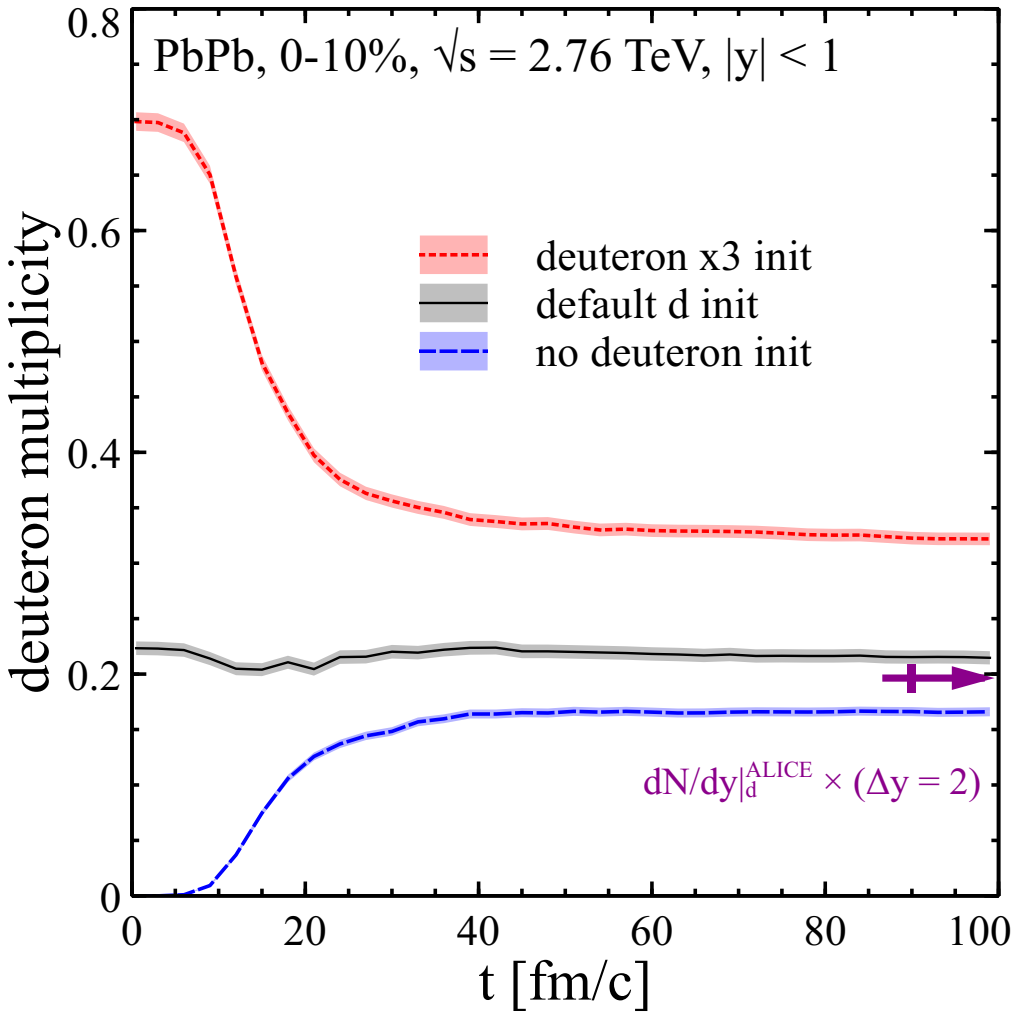

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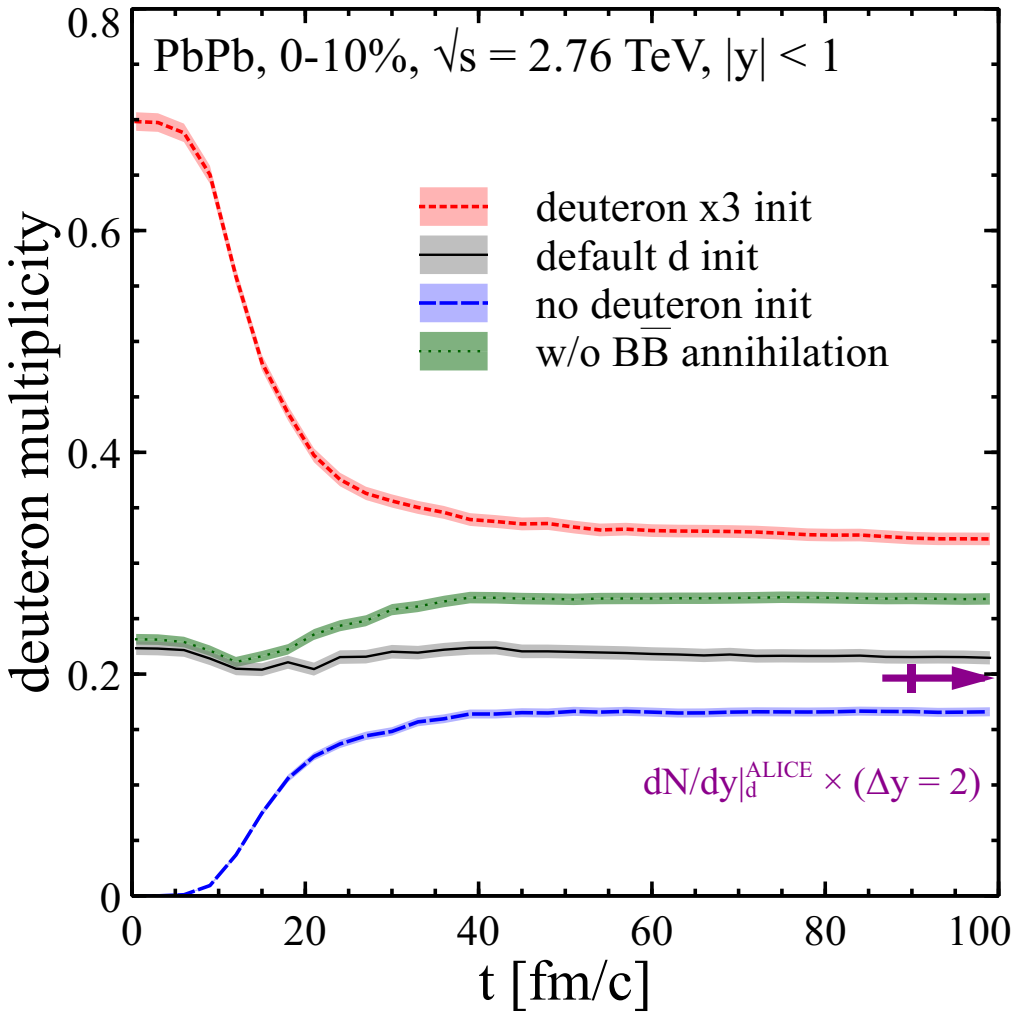

Without $B\bar{B}$ annihilations yield coincidence is less impressive

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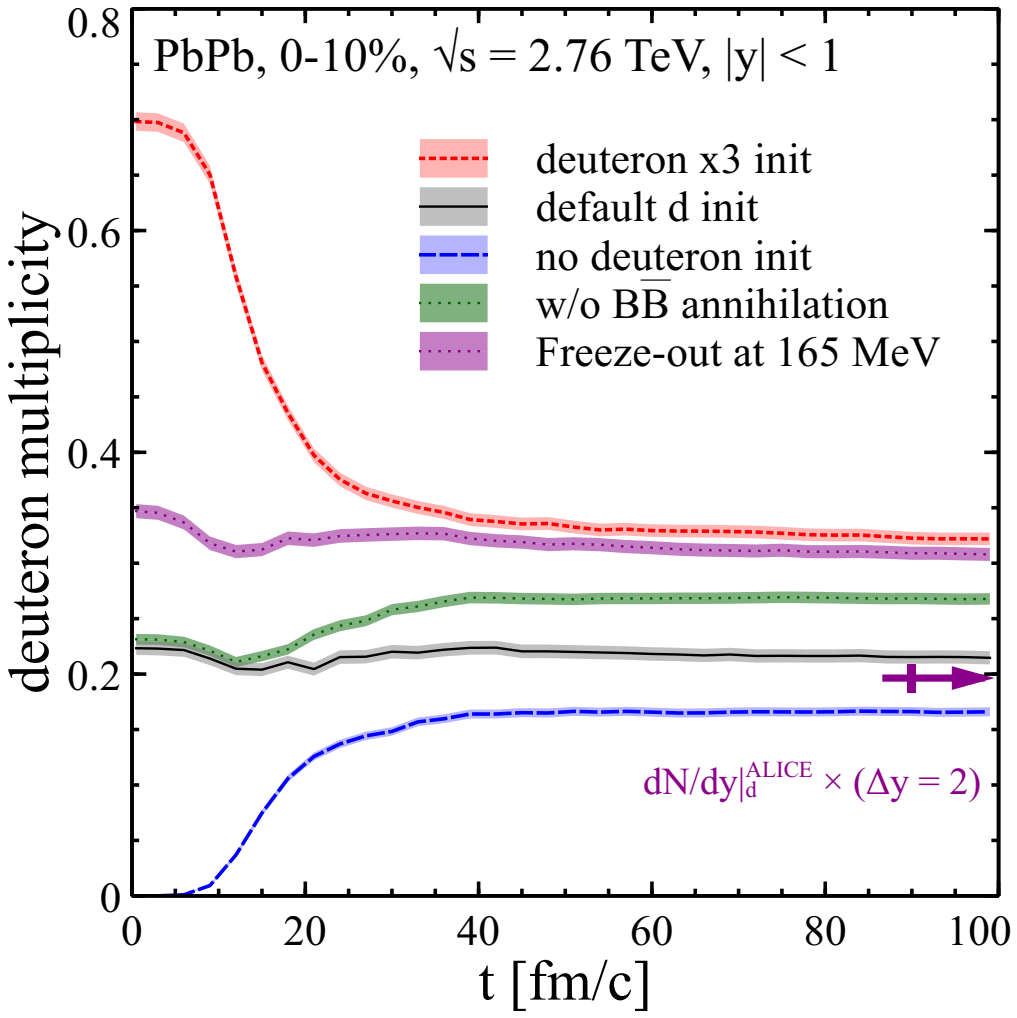

But it persists if T of particlization is changed to 165 MeV

Toy model of deuteron production: no annihilations

- only π, N, Δ, and d
- isoentropic expansion
- pion number conservation
- baryon (not net!) number conservation

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\begin{aligned}
(s_\pi(T,\mu_\pi) + s_N(T,\mu_B) + +s_\Delta(T,\mu_B+\mu_\pi) + s_d(T,2\mu_B))V &= const \\
(\rho_\Delta(T,\mu_B+\mu_\pi) + \rho_\pi(T,\mu_\pi))V &= const \\
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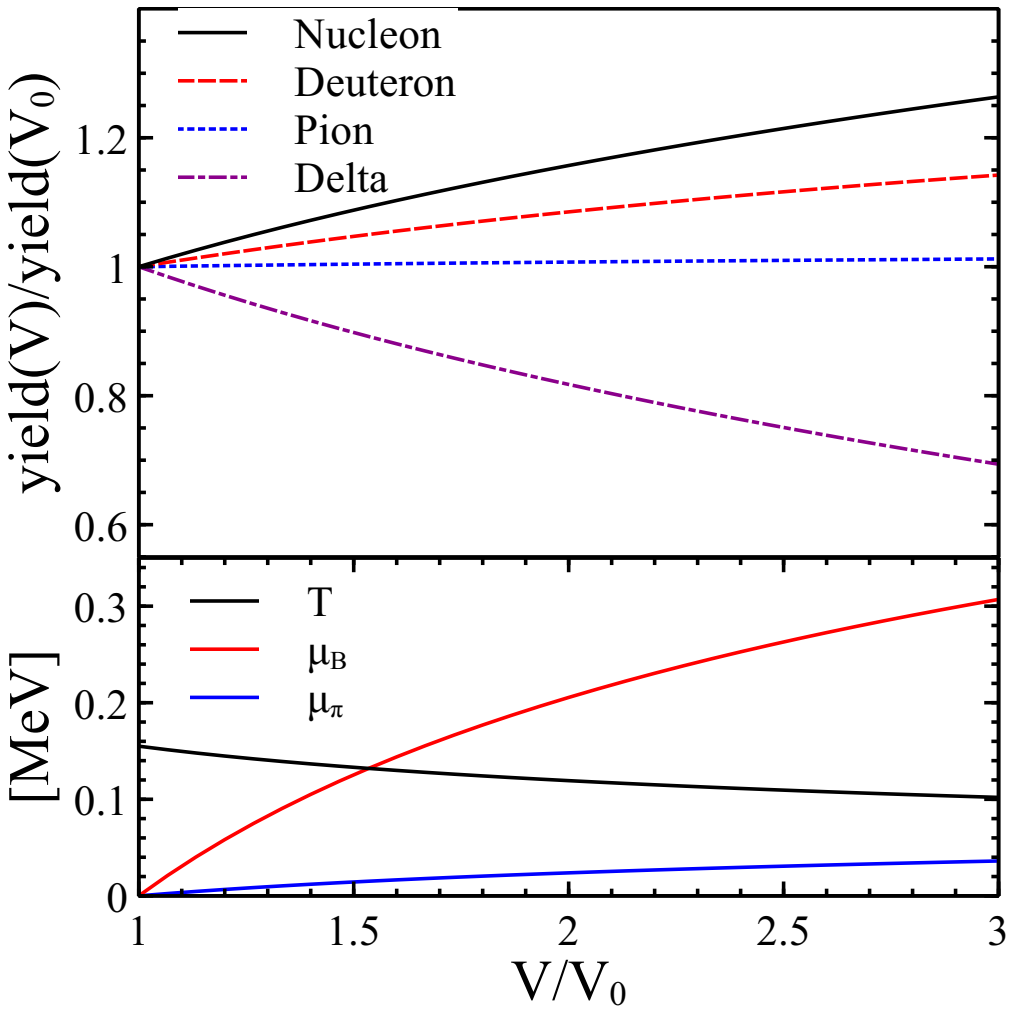

No annihilation: deuteron yield grows, like in simulation.

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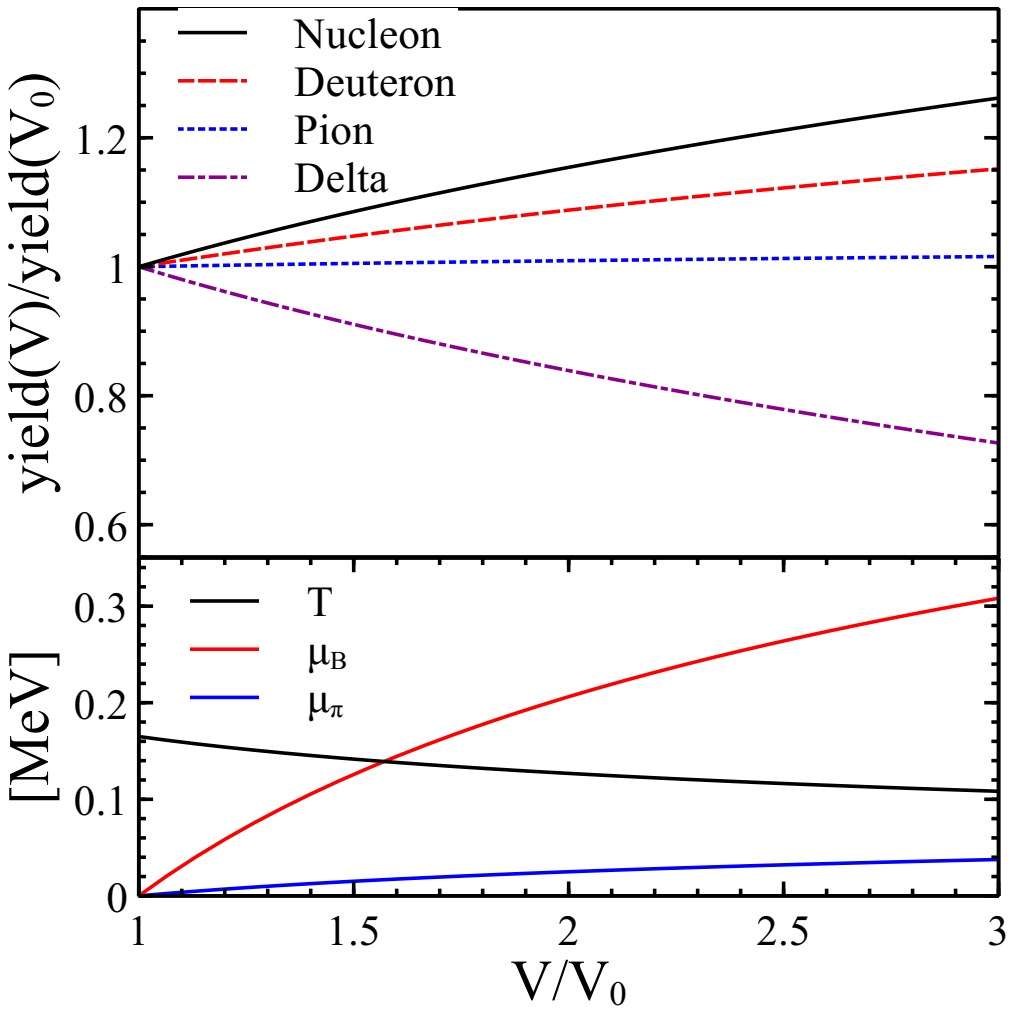

$T_{\text{particlization}} = 165$ MeV. Relative yields are similar, like in simulation.

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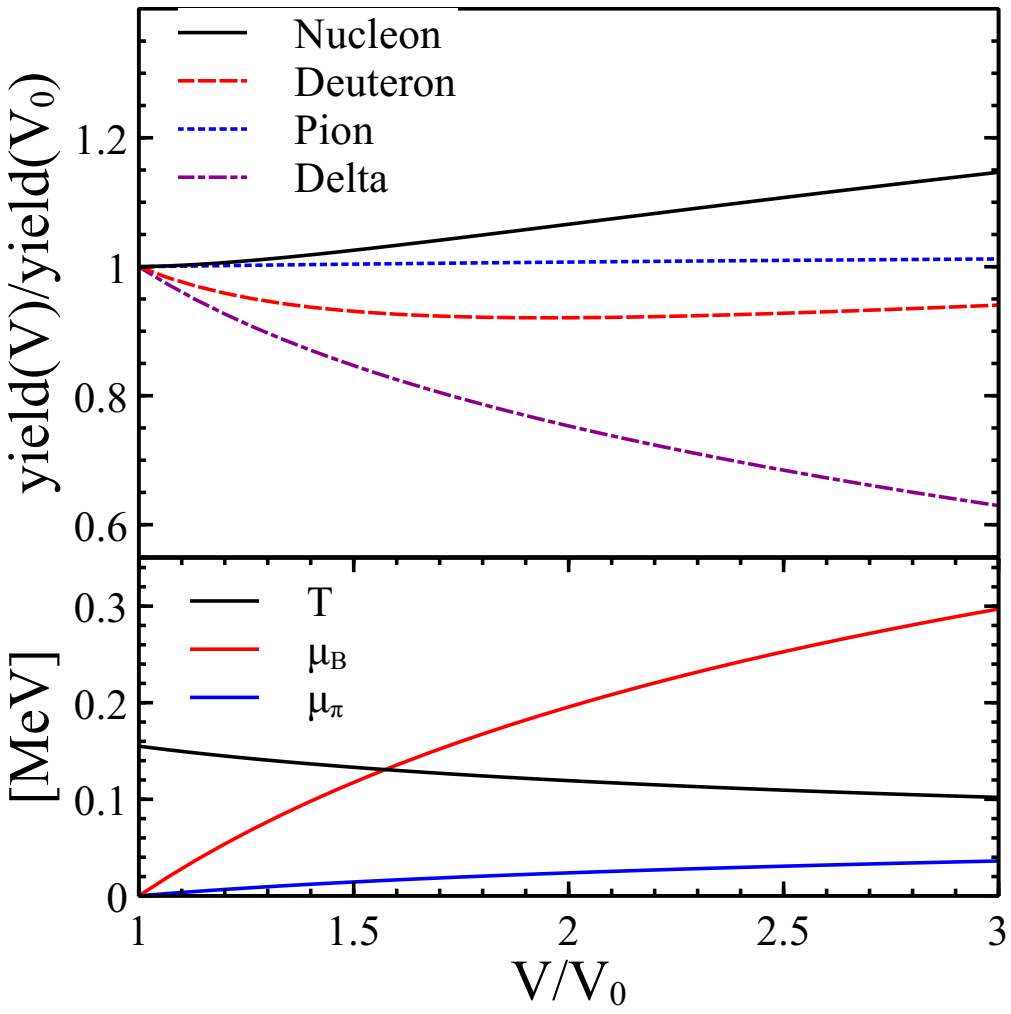

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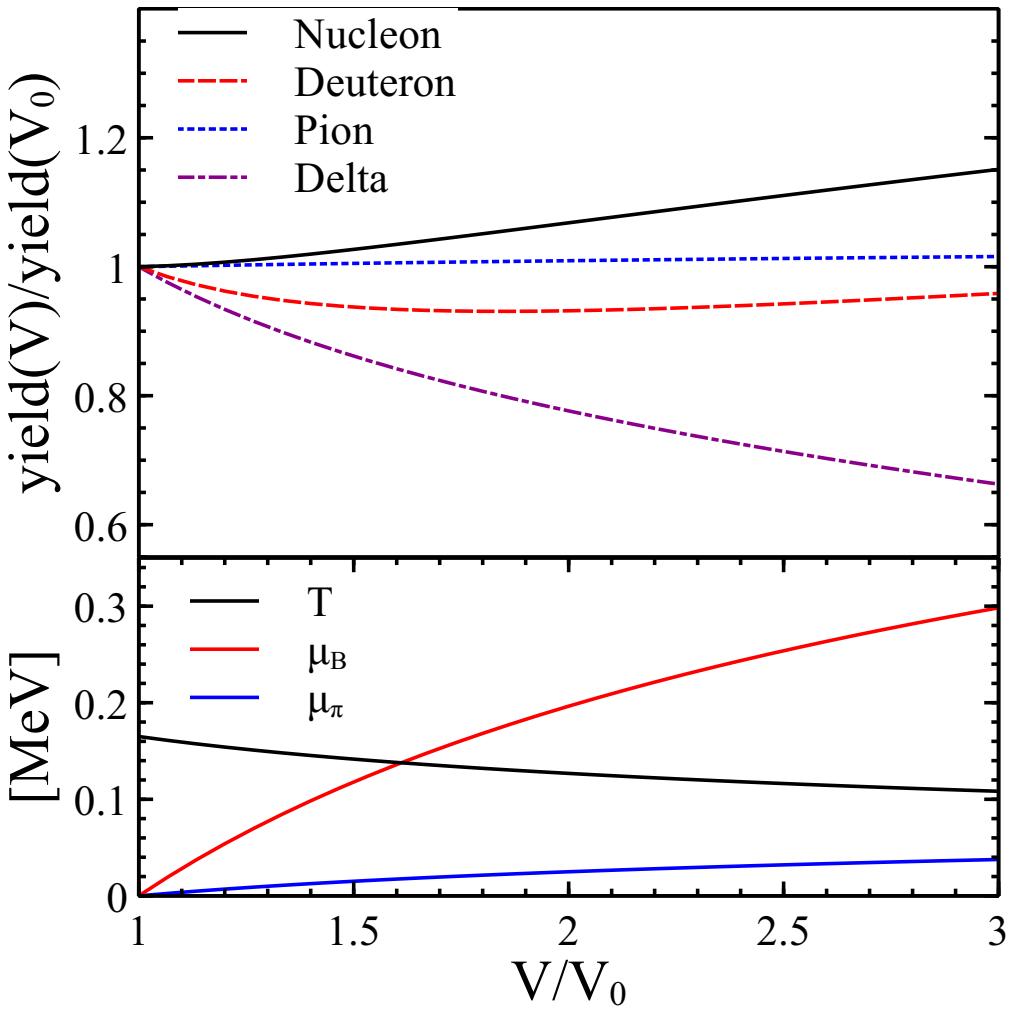

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$T_{\text{particlization}} = 165$ MeV. Qualitatively similar to our simulation.

Summary

- $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi pn$: most important deuteron producing / disintegrating reaction at LHC
- deuteron does not freeze-out at 155 MeV
- chemical and kinetic freeze-outs of deuteron roughly coincide
- deuteron yield stays constant after particlization, as thermal model assumes
    - reason: interplay of $\pi d \leftrightarrow \pi pn$ (d $\uparrow$) close to equilibrium and $B\bar{B}$ annihilations out of equilibrium (d $\downarrow$)

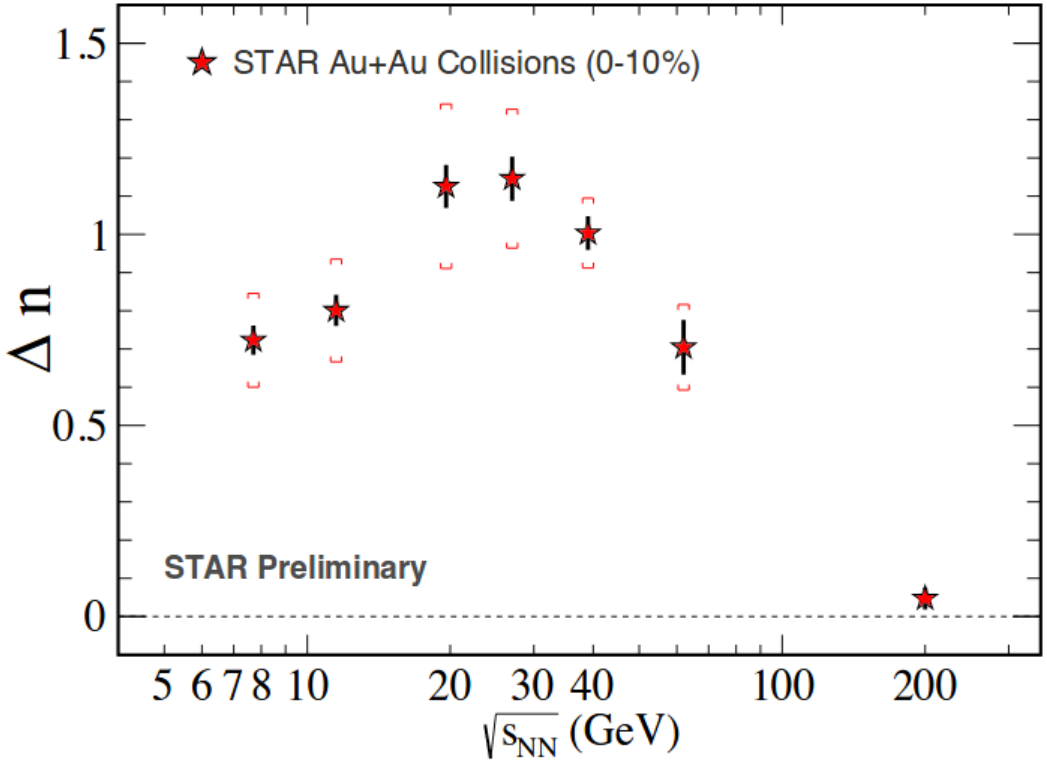
Outlook

- Deuteron: lower energies / smaller systems
- Relation to proton density fluctuations and critical point

Light nuclei production is related to nucleon density fluctuations *in coordinate space*

Kaijia Sun et al., Phys. Lett. B 774, 103 (2017)

$$\Delta n \equiv \frac{\langle(\delta n)^2\rangle}{\langle n\rangle^2},\ N_t \cdot N_p/N_d^2 \approx g(1+\Delta n),\ g \approx 0.29$$



Dingwei Zhang, poster at Quark Matter 2018

Can one reproduce this with pure cascade?

SMASH transport approach

Simulating

Multiple

Accelerated

Strongly-interacting

Hadrons

SMASH transport approach J. Weil et al., Phys.Rev. C94 (2016) no.5, 054905

- Monte-Carlo solver of relativistic Boltzmann equations

  BUU type approach, testparticles ansatz: $N \to N \cdot N_{test}$, $\sigma \to \sigma / N_{test}$

- Degrees of freedom
  - most of established hadrons from PDG up to mass 3 GeV
  - strings: do not propagate, only form and decay to hadrons
- Propagate from action to action (timesteps only for potentials)
  action $\equiv$ collision, decay, wall crossing
- Geometrical collision criterion: $d_{ij} \leq \sqrt{\sigma/\pi}$
- Interactions: $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ and $2 \to 1$ collisions, decays, potentials, string formation (soft - SMASH, hard - Pythia 8) and fragmentation via Pythia 8

SMASH: initialization

- "collider" - elementary or AA reactions, $E_{beam} \gtrsim 0.5\ A$ GeV
- "box" - infinite matter simulations

  detailed balance tests, computing transport coefficients, thermodynamics of hadron gas
  Rose et al., PRC 97 (2018) no.5, 055204

- "sphere" - expanding system

  comparison to analytical solution of Boltzmann equation,
  Tindall et al., Phys.Lett. B770 (2017) 532-538

- "list" - hadronic afterburner after hydrodynamics

SMASH: degrees of freedom

N	Δ	Λ	Σ	Ξ	Ω	Unflavored				Strange
N_{938}	Δ_{1232}	Λ_{1116}	Σ_{1189}	Ξ_{1321}	Ω^-_{1672}	π_{138}	$f_{0\ 980}$	$f_{2\ 1275}$	$\pi_{2\ 1670}$	K_{494}
N_{1440}	Δ_{1620}	Λ_{1405}	Σ_{1385}	Ξ_{1530}	Ω^-_{2250}	π_{1300}	$f_{0\ 1370}$	$f'_{2\ 1525}$		K^*_{892}
N_{1520}	Δ_{1700}	Λ_{1520}	Σ_{1660}	Ξ_{1690}		π_{1800}	$f_{0\ 1500}$	$f_{2\ 1950}$	$\rho_{3\ 1690}$	$K_{1\ 1270}$
N_{1535}	Δ_{1905}	Λ_{1600}	Σ_{1670}	Ξ_{1820}			$f_{0\ 1710}$	$f_{2\ 2010}$		$K_{1\ 1400}$
N_{1650}	Δ_{1910}	Λ_{1670}	Σ_{1750}	Ξ_{1950}		η_{548}		$f_{2\ 2300}$	$\phi_{3\ 1850}$	K^*_{1410}
N_{1675}	Δ_{1920}	Λ_{1690}	Σ_{1775}	Ξ_{2030}		η'_{958}	$a_{0\ 980}$	$f_{2\ 2340}$		$K_0^*{}_{1430}$
N_{1680}	Δ_{1930}	Λ_{1800}	Σ_{1915}			η_{1295}	$a_{0\ 1450}$		$a_{4\ 2040}$	$K_2^*{}_{1430}$
N_{1700}	Δ_{1950}	Λ_{1810}	Σ_{1940}			η_{1405}		$f_{1\ 1285}$		K^*_{1680}
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N_{1875}		Λ_{1890}				σ_{800}		$a_{2\ 1320}$		$K_{2\ 1820}$
N_{1900}		Λ_{2100}					$h_{1\ 1170}$			$K_4^*{}_{2045}$
N_{1990}		Λ_{2110}				ρ_{776}		$\pi_{1\ 1400}$		
N_{2080}		Λ_{2350}				ρ_{1450}	$b_{1\ 1235}$	$\pi_{1\ 1600}$		
N_{2190}						ρ_{1700}				
N_{2220}							$a_{1\ 1260}$	$\eta_{2\ 1645}$		
N_{2250}						ω_{783}				
						ω_{1420}		$\omega_{3\ 1670}$		
						ω_{1650}				

- Isospin symmetry
- Perturbative treatment of non-hadronic particles (photons, dileptons)

Hadrons and decay modes configurable via human-readable files

Interactions in SMASH

- Resonance formation and decay

  Ex. $\pi\pi \to \rho \to \pi\pi$, quasi-inlastic scattering
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- (In)elastic $2 \to 2$ scattering

  parametrized cross-sections $\sigma(\sqrt{s}, t)$ or
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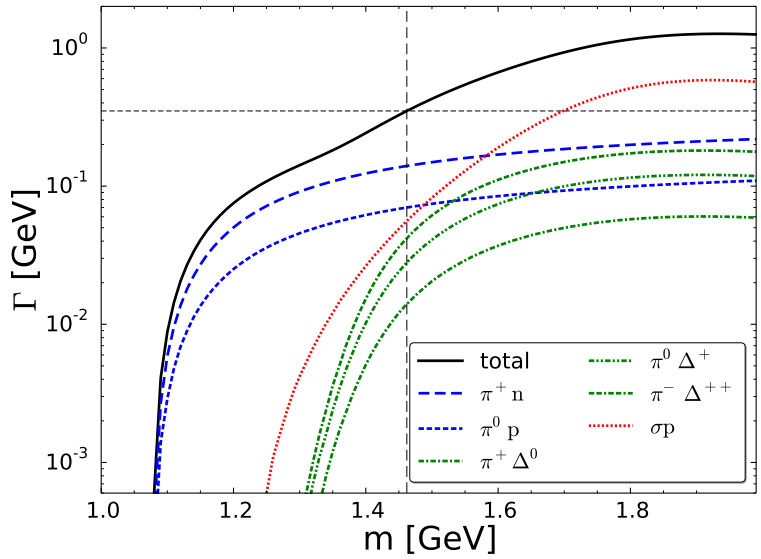

For every resonance:

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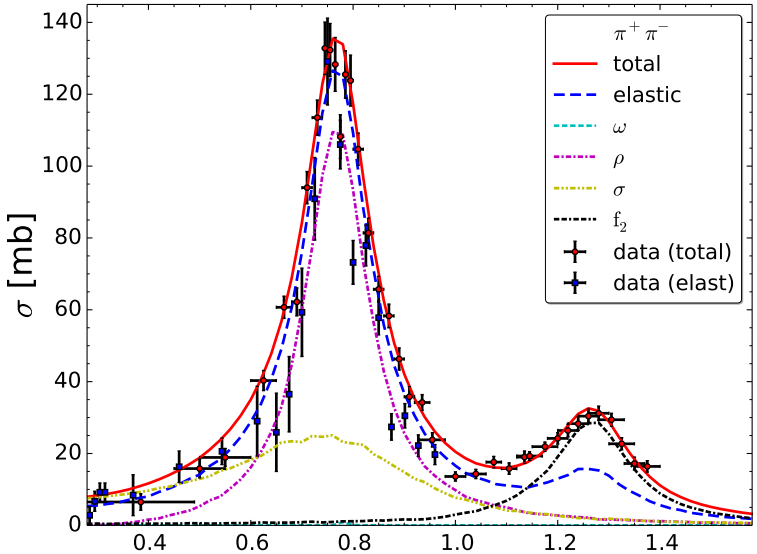

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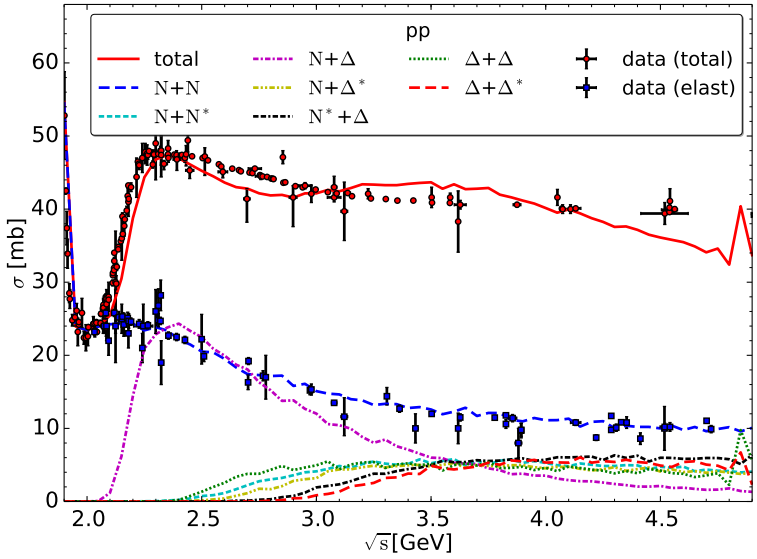

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  - $NN \to NN^*$, $NN \to N\Delta^*$, $NN \to \Delta\Delta$, $NN \to \Delta N^*$, $NN \to \Delta\Delta^*$

    angular dependencies of $NN \to XX$ cross-sections implemented

  - Strangeness exchange $KN \to K\Delta$, $KN \to \Lambda\pi$, $KN \to \Sigma\pi$

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10 string model parameters

currently under tuning

- String (soft or hard) fragmentation: always via Pythia 8
- Hard scattering and string formation: Pythia
- Soft string formation: SMASH
  - single/double diffractive
  - $B\bar{B}$ annihilation
  - non-diffractive

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  - Skyrme and symmetry potential
  - $U = a(\rho/\rho_0) + b(\rho/\rho_0)^\tau \pm 2S_{\text{pot}}\frac{\rho_{I3}}{\rho_0}$

    ρ - Eckart rest frame baryon density
    ρ_{I3} - Eckart rest frame density of I_3/I
    $a = -209.2$ MeV, $b = 156.4$ MeV, $\tau = 1.35$, $S_{\text{pot}} = 18$ MeV
    corresponds to incompressibility $K = 240$ MeV
    assures stability of a nucleus with Fermi motion

Transverse radius of Cu