

A brief introduction to Experimental heavy-ion physics

Strangeness in Quark Matter 2024
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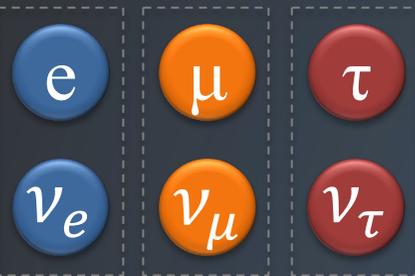
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Constituents of matter



6 leptons



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- Quarks carry color charge: Red, green, blue
- Antiquarks carry anticolor: cyan, magenta, yellow

Fundamental interactions

Electromagnetic interaction

Weak interaction

Strong interaction

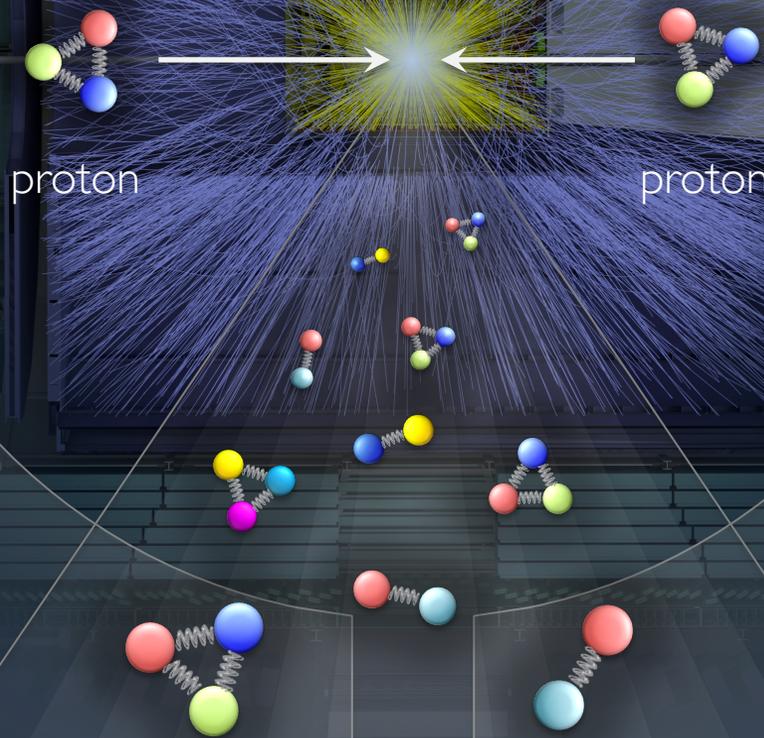
Gravity

→ Interactions occur via the exchange of force carriers: photons, Z/W, gluons and the Higgs

→ Quarks may ordinarily only be found confined into colorless hadrons

→ Can we understand **confinement and hadronization?**

The standard model of particle physics



Understanding confinement

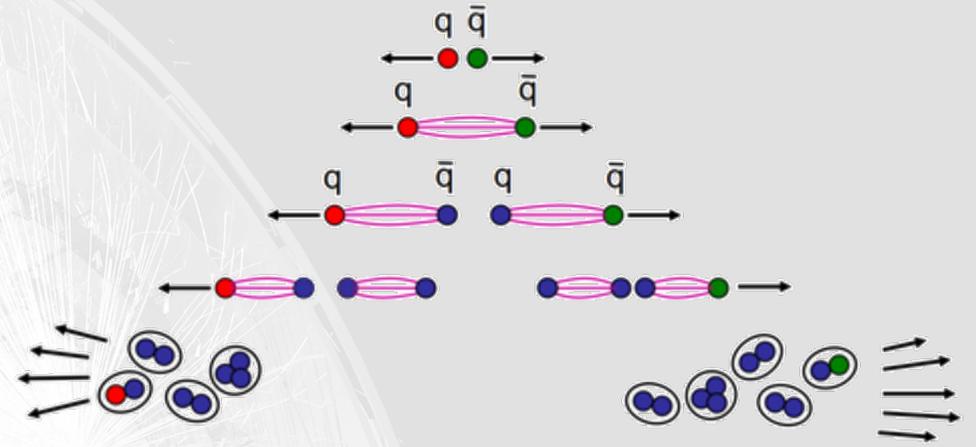
Properties of the QCD vacuum:

- Gluon-gluon self-interaction (non-abelian)
- QCD field lines compressed in flux tube (or “string”)

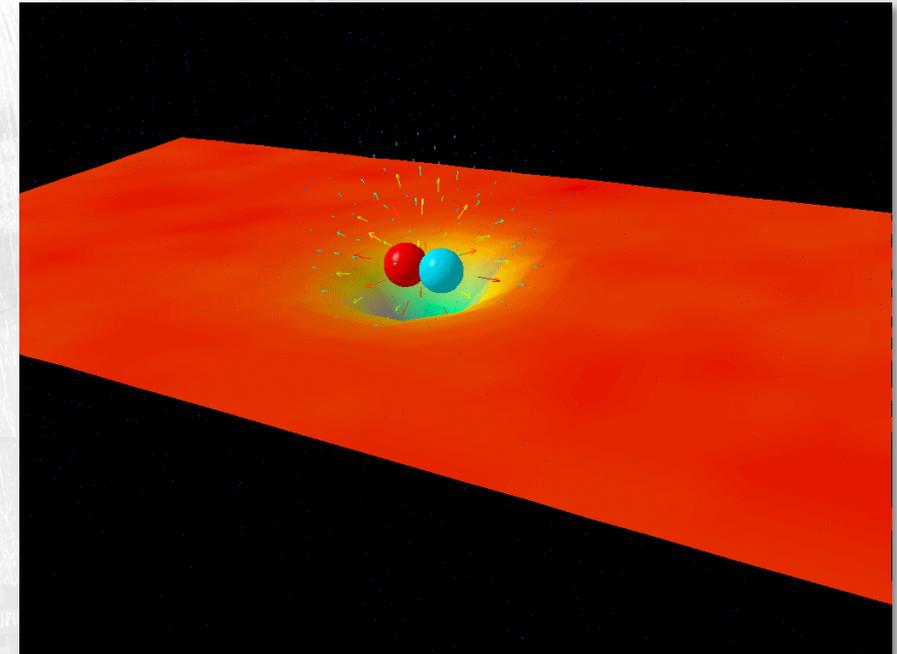
The q-qbar potential is of the form (Cornell potential):

$$V(r) = -\frac{a}{r} + \sigma r$$

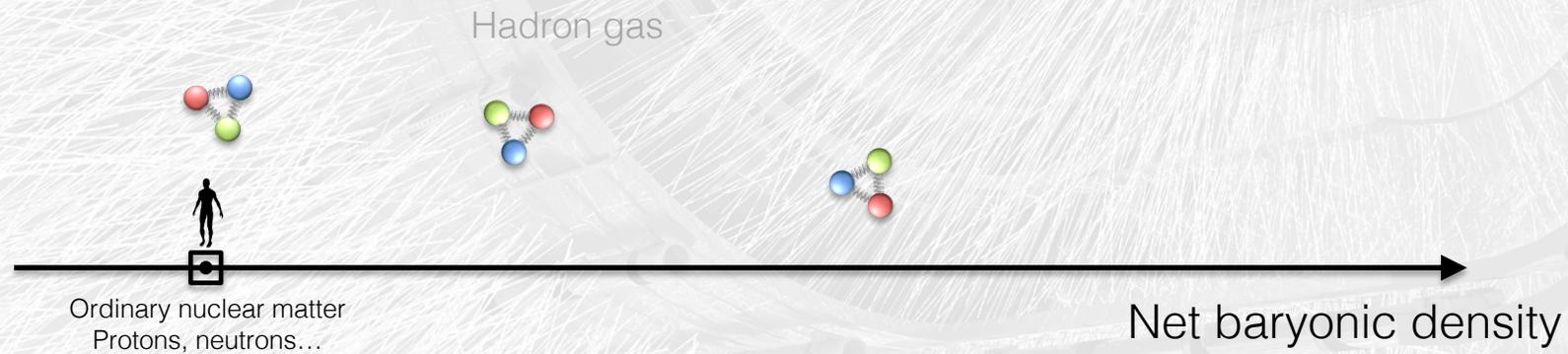
- The potential grows with distance
- If pulled apart, the energy in the string increases
- A new q-qbar pair is created once the energy is above production threshold
- No free quark can be obtained by breaking a flux tube → confinement



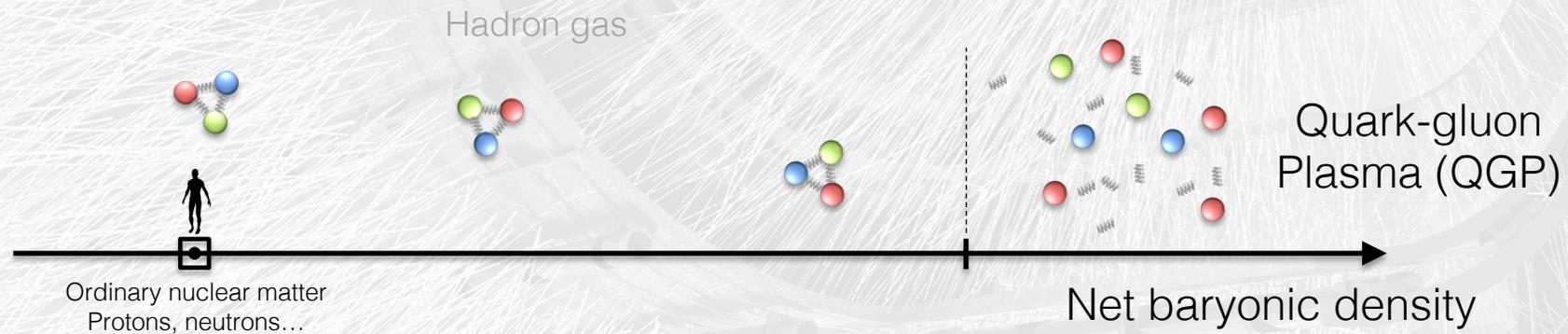
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The phase diagram of QCD matter



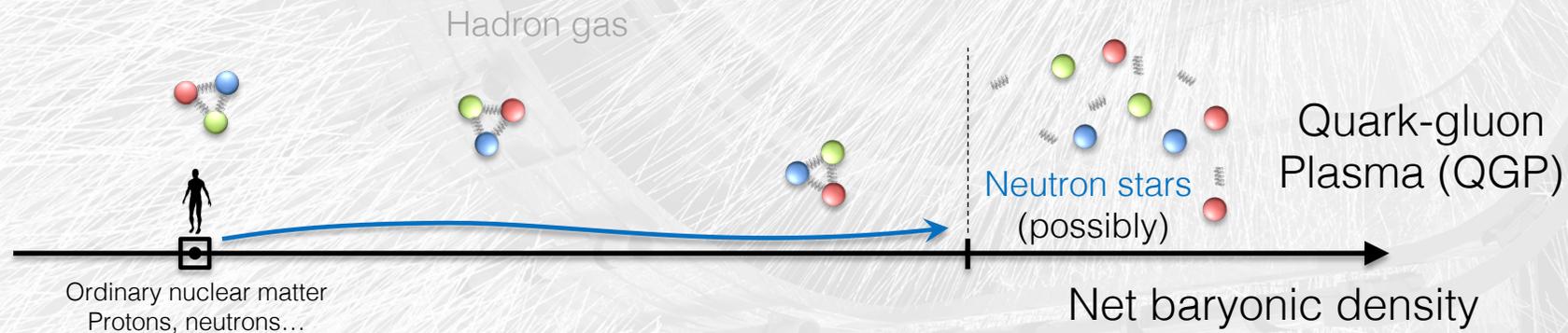
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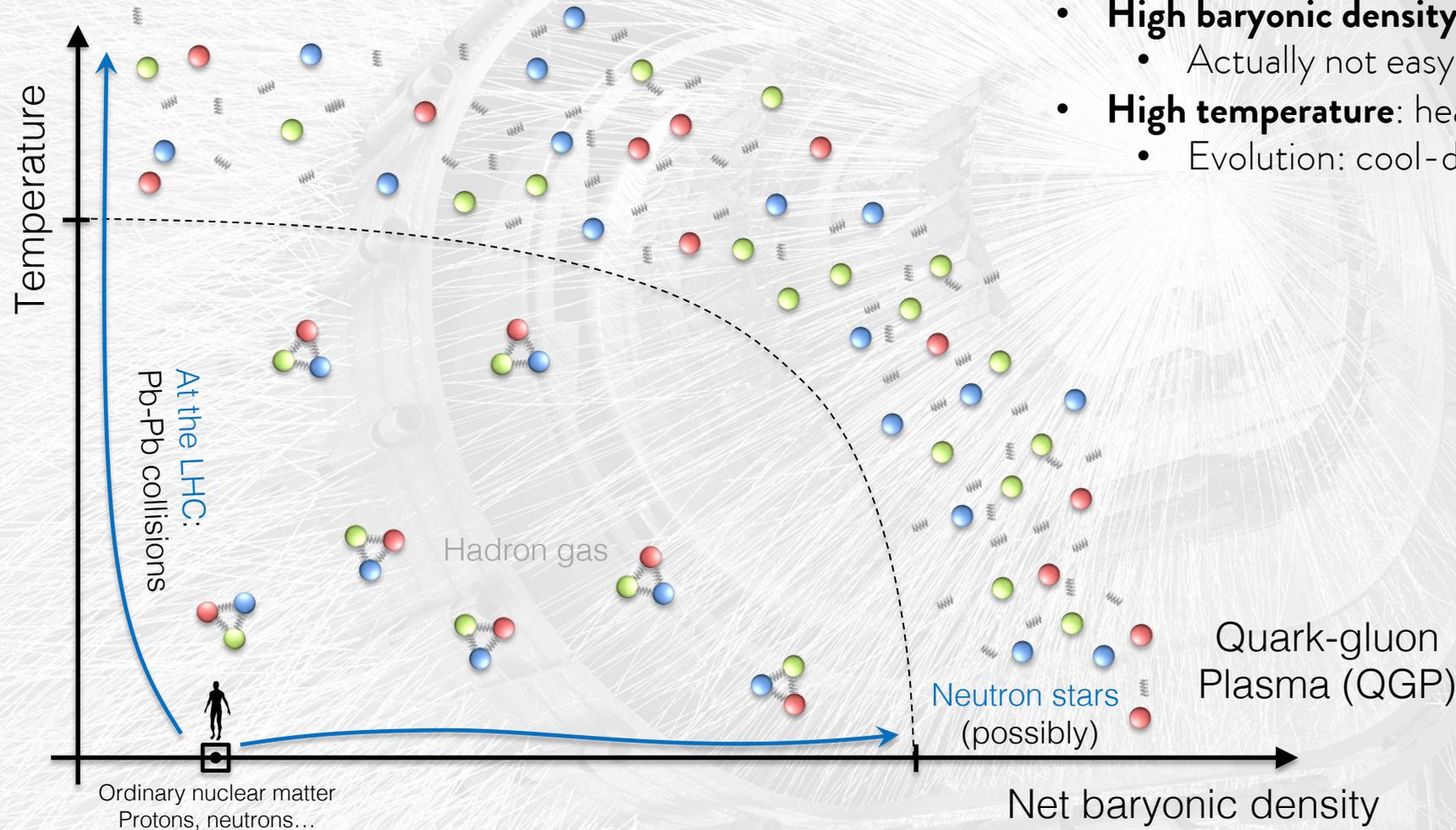
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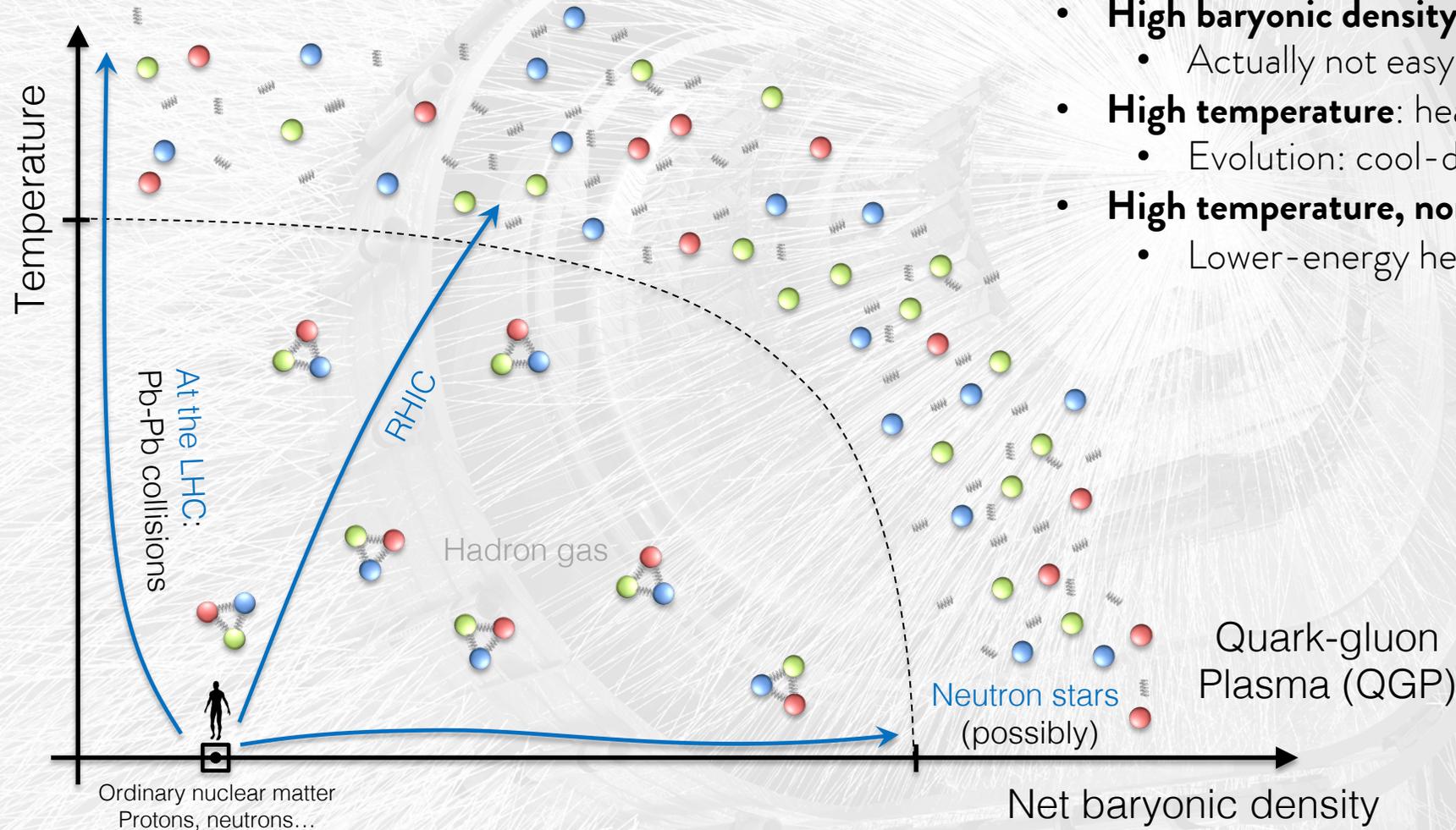
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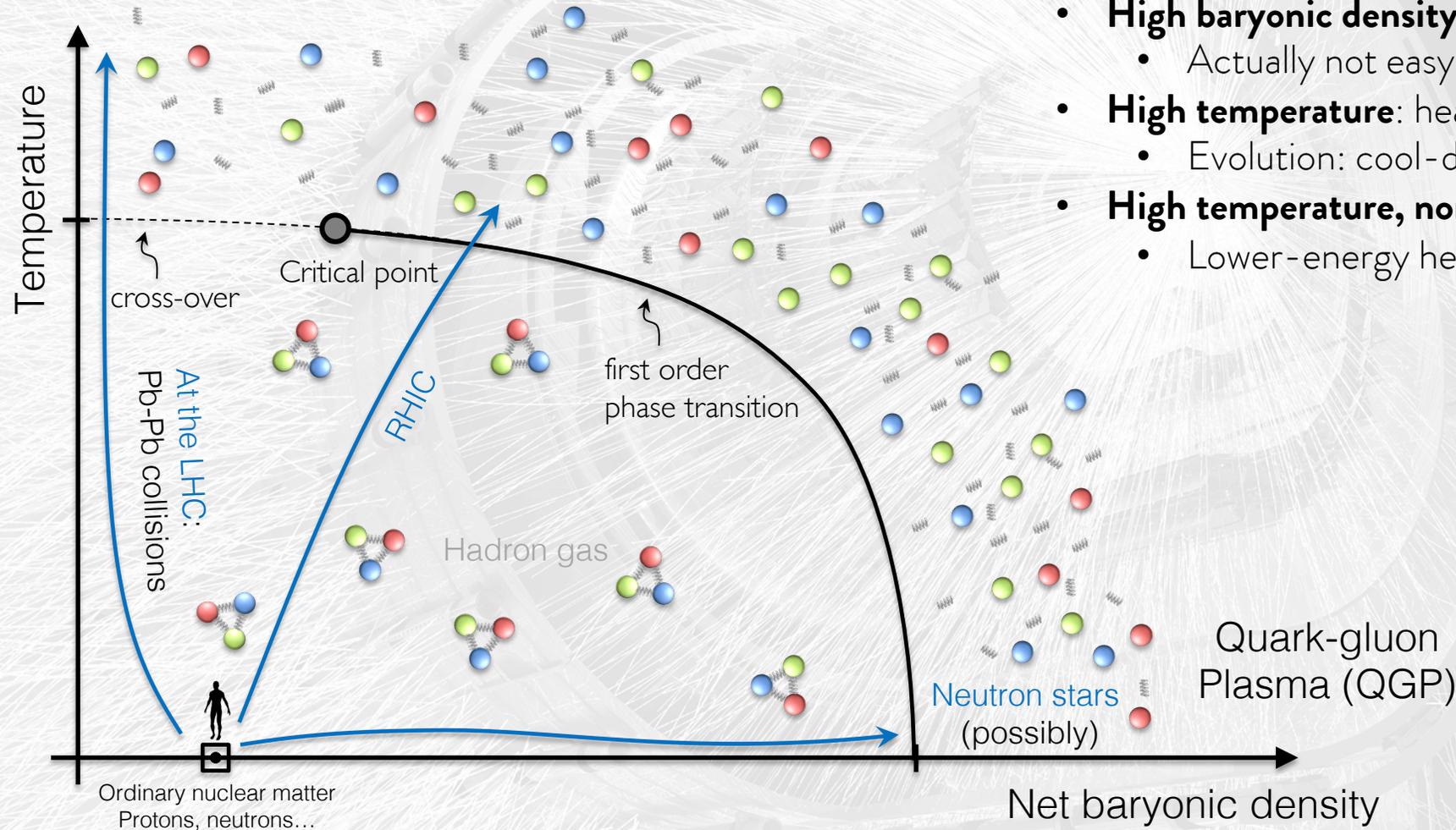
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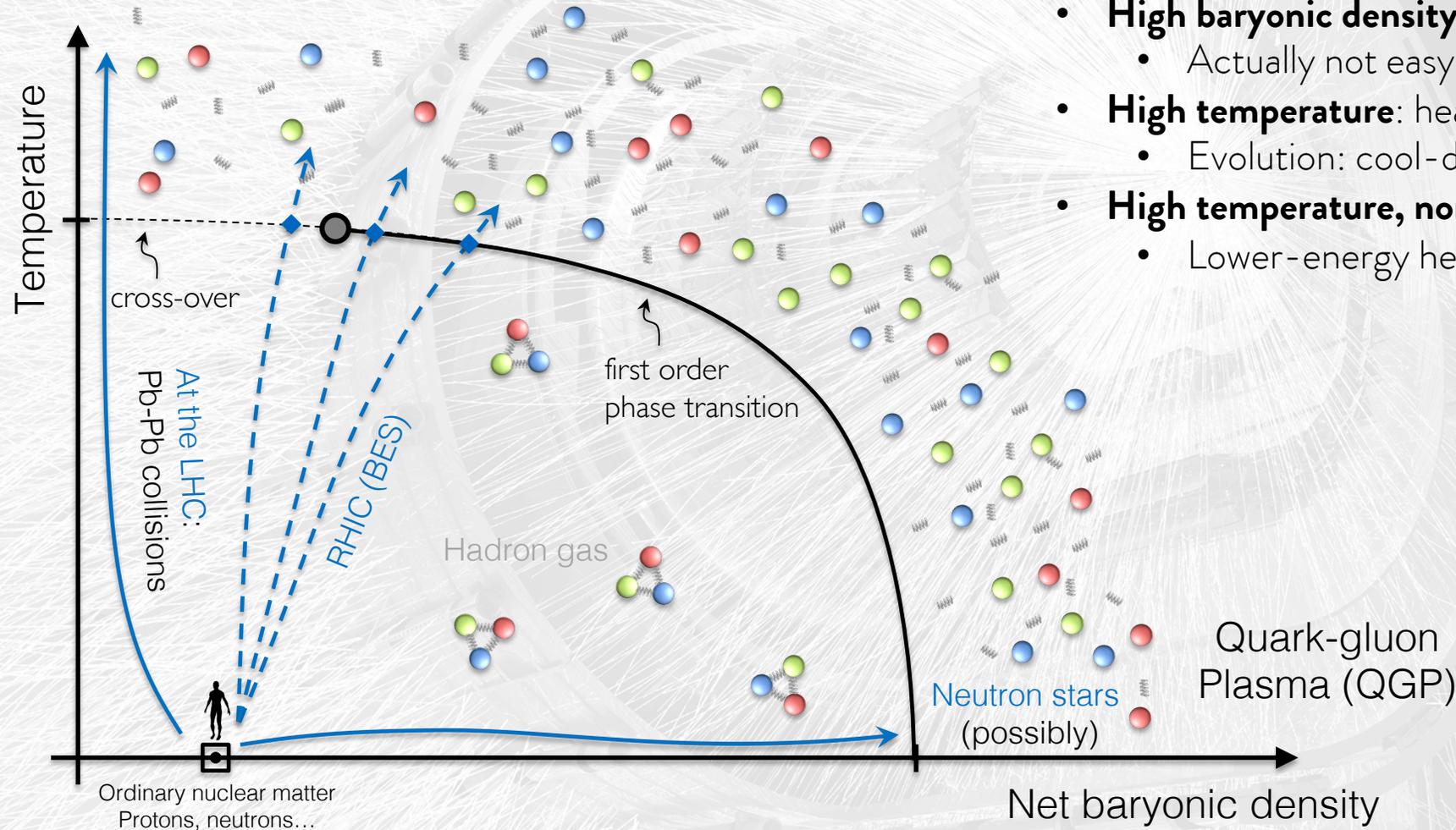
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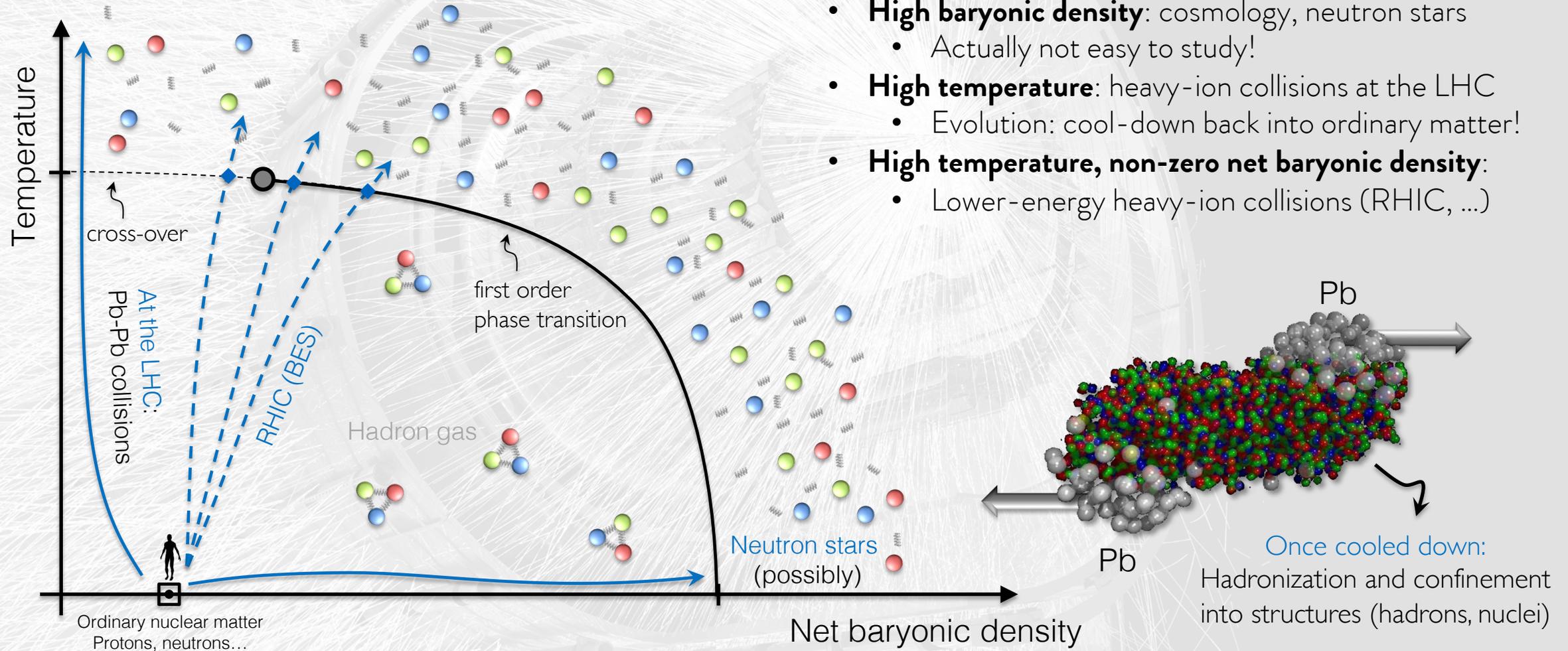
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Which QCD energy regime are we dealing with?

Having in mind:

- $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}(m_Z, N_f = 3) = 244 \text{ MeV}$

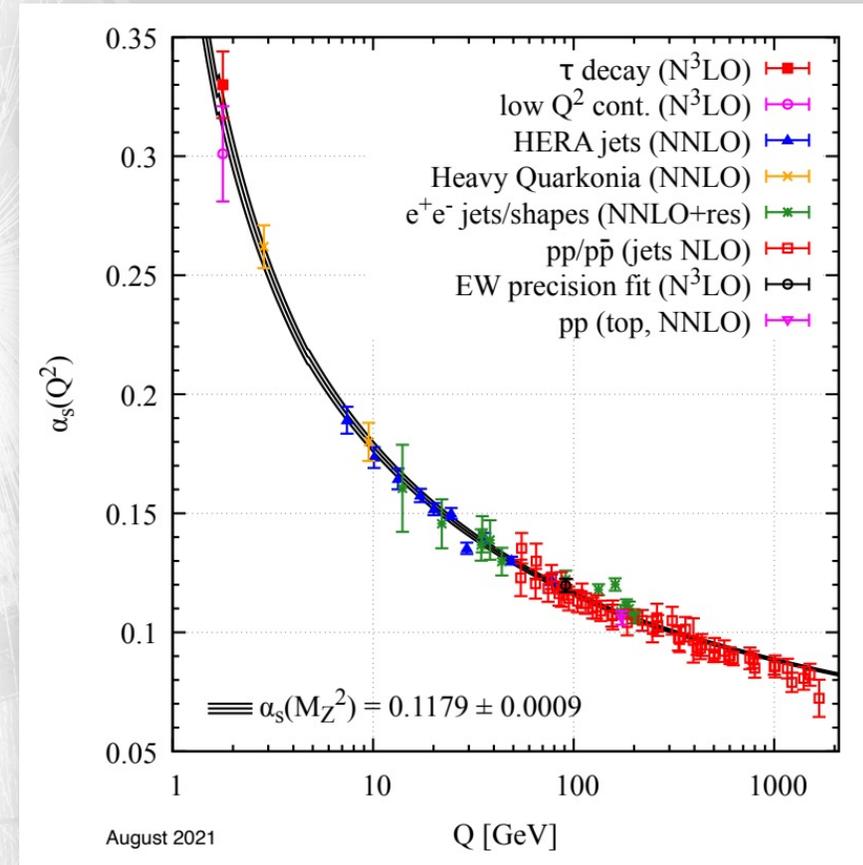
In addition, At $T = 200 \text{ MeV}$, the typical kinetic energy

- for a non-relativistic particle is $E = 3/2 k_B T = 300 \text{ MeV}$
- for a relativistic particle is $E = 3k_B T = 600 \text{ MeV}$

Low $Q \rightarrow \alpha_s$ is not small!

\rightarrow The QCD transition is a non-perturbative QCD problem

- Need models to deal with (phenomenology)
- Use Lattice QCD for calculations from first principles



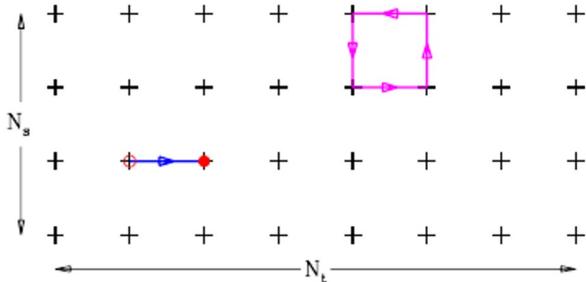
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QCD on the lattice (LQCD): non-perturbative QCD calculations

[Wittig, U. Mainz LQCD](#), sl. 14

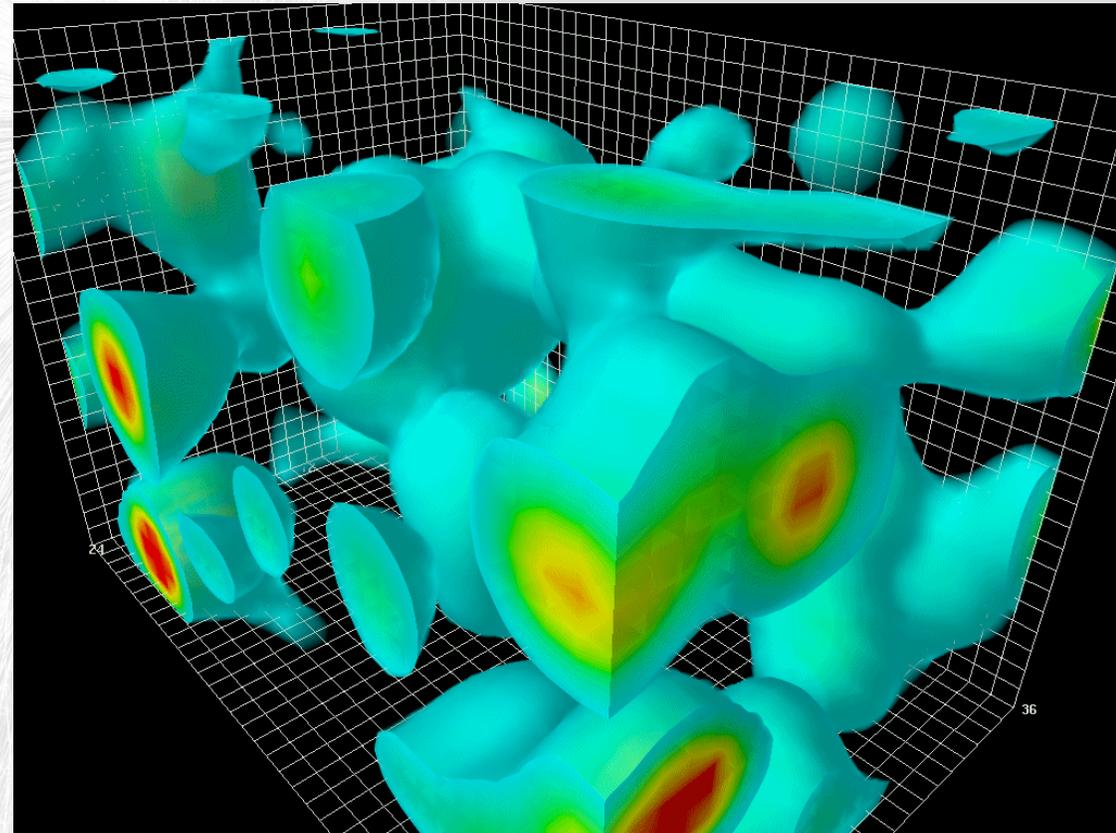
Minkowski space-time, continuum \longrightarrow Euclidean space-time, discretised

Lattice spacing a , $a^{-1} \sim \Lambda_{\text{UV}}$, $x_\mu = n_\mu a$
 Finite volume $L^3 \cdot T$, $N_s = L/a$, $N_t = T/a$



(anti)quarks: $\psi(x), \bar{\psi}(x)$ lattice sites
 gluons: $U_\mu(x) = e^{aA_\mu(x)} \in \text{SU}(3)$ links
 field tensor: $F_{\mu\nu}(x) = U_\mu(x)U_\nu(x+a\hat{\mu})U_\mu^\dagger(x+a\hat{\nu})U_\nu^\dagger(x)$ "plaquettes"

Fluctuating quark / gluon fields
in discrete space-time lattice



LQCD

[→ Wikipedia - LQCD](#)

[→ Wittig, U. Mainz LQCD](#)

(If theoretical interest for LQCD, R. Gupta, 150 pages, [Introduction to LQCD](#))

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So far, so good...

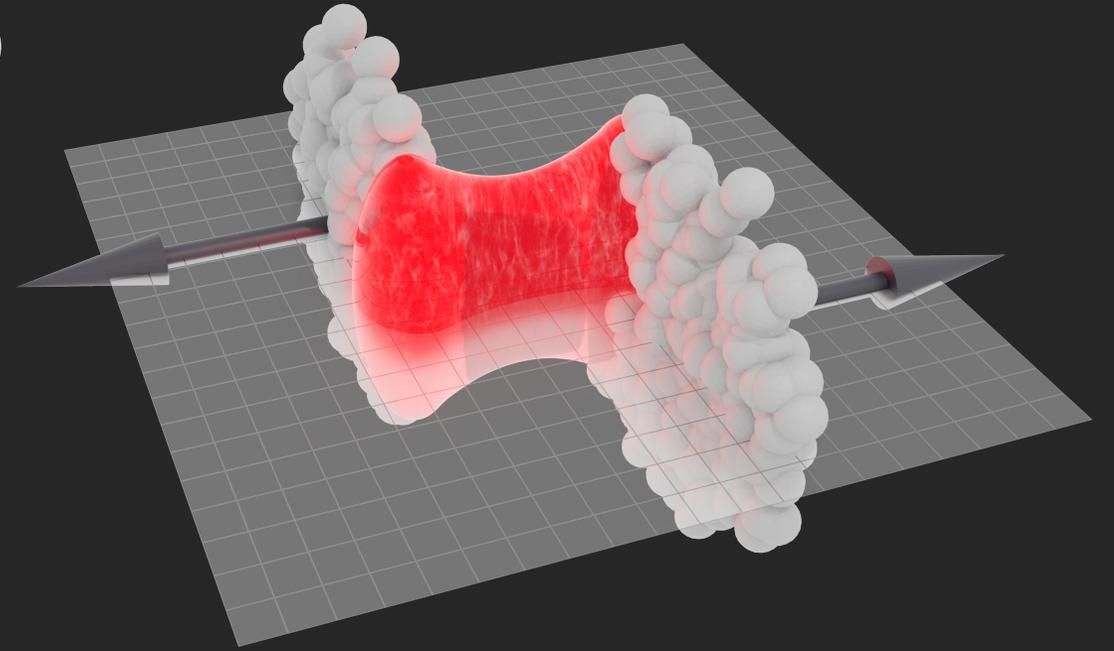
The QGP is a state of strongly-interacting matter resulting from the phase transition of nuclear/hadronic (color-neutral) matter under extreme conditions of pressure or temperature

→ the universe up to $O(1-10\mu\text{s})$ after the Big Bang

→ the properties of the QGP (have to!) emerge from the fundamental properties of the strong interaction

More is different! – P.W. Anderson

→ physics of condensed QCD matter

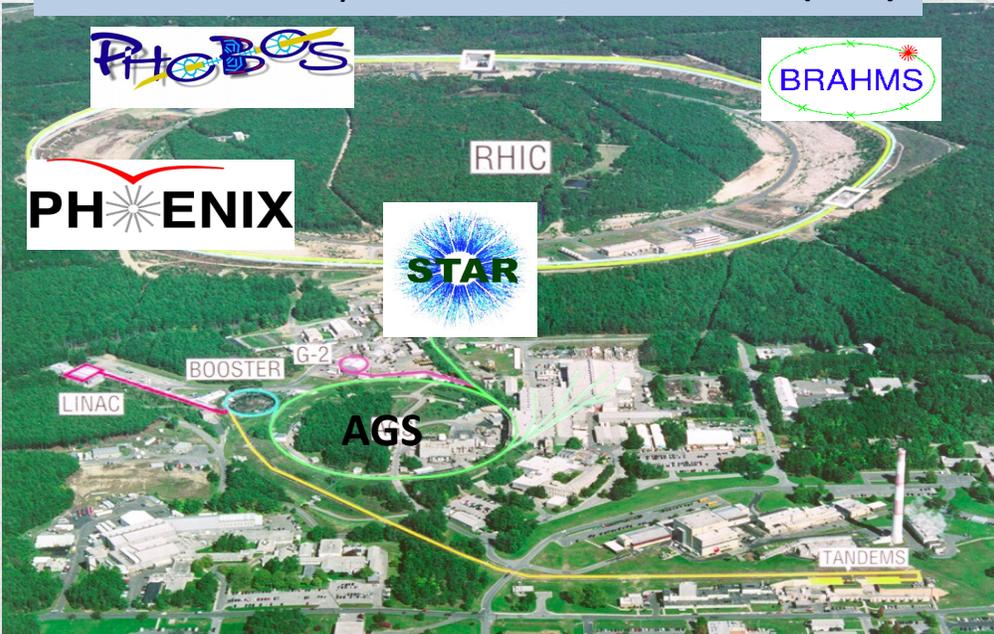


The basic question to this point:

How do I do **measurements** about the QGP and QCD at high densities?

Heavy-ion physics worldwide: present / high energy

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, Brookhaven (USA)



Brookhaven RHIC

- Operating since 2000
- Circumference 3.83 km, 2 rings
- Superconducting magnets
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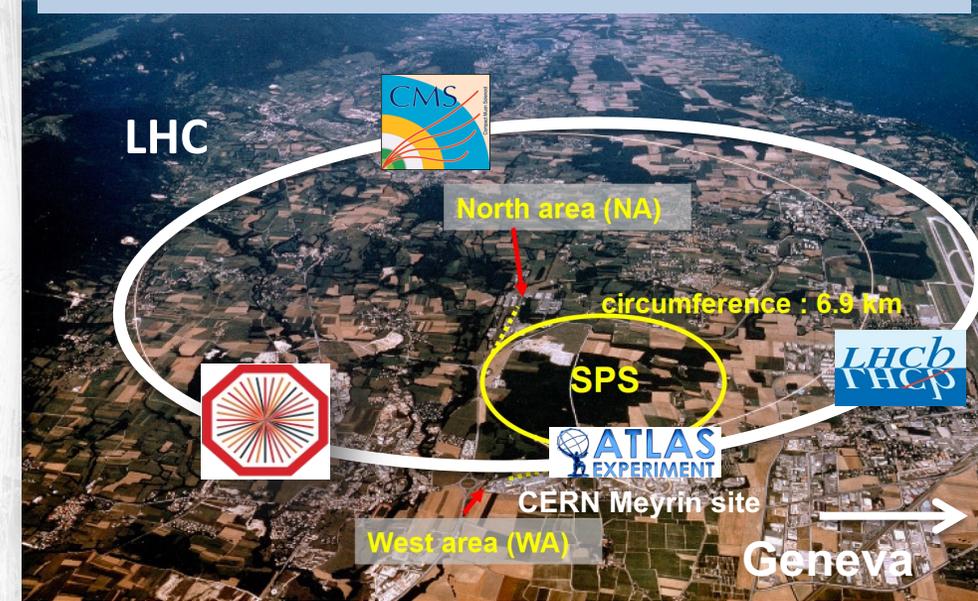
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CERN SPS

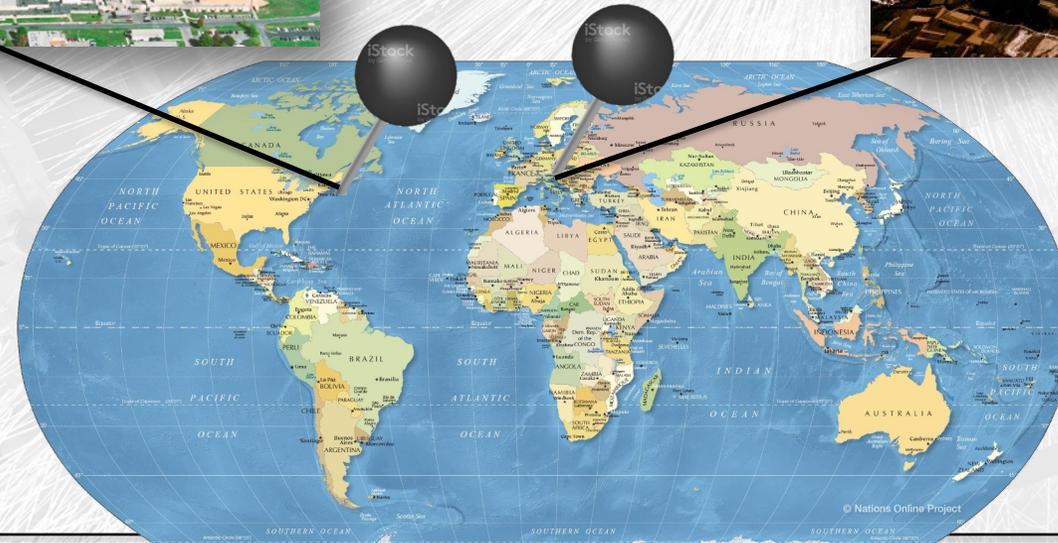
- Operating since 1986
- Circumference 6.9 Km
- max $p = 450 A/Z$ GeV
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 20$ GeV
- Ongoing: NA61/Shine

Super Proton Synchrotron and Large Hadron Collider, CERN (Switzerland/France)



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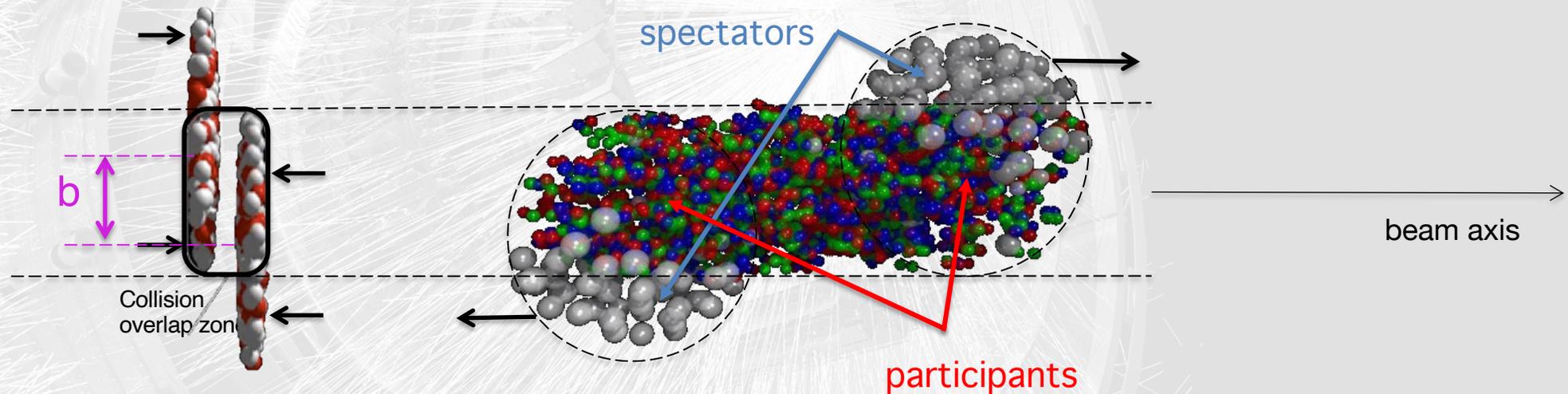
CERN LHC

- Operating since 2009
- Run III: started in 2022
- Circumference: 27 km
- B-field: 8 T, superconducting
- pp $\sqrt{s} = 0.9 - 13.6$ TeV
- Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76-5.5$ TeV
- Main ongoing: ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb

Characterising a heavy-ion collision

We can control a posteriori the geometry of the collision by selecting in **centrality**.

Centrality = fraction of the total hadronic cross section of a nucleus-nucleus collision, typically expressed in percentile, and related to the impact parameter (b)



Other variables related to centrality:

- N_{coll} , number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions
- N_{part} number of participating nucleons

Centrality selection in heavy-ion collisions

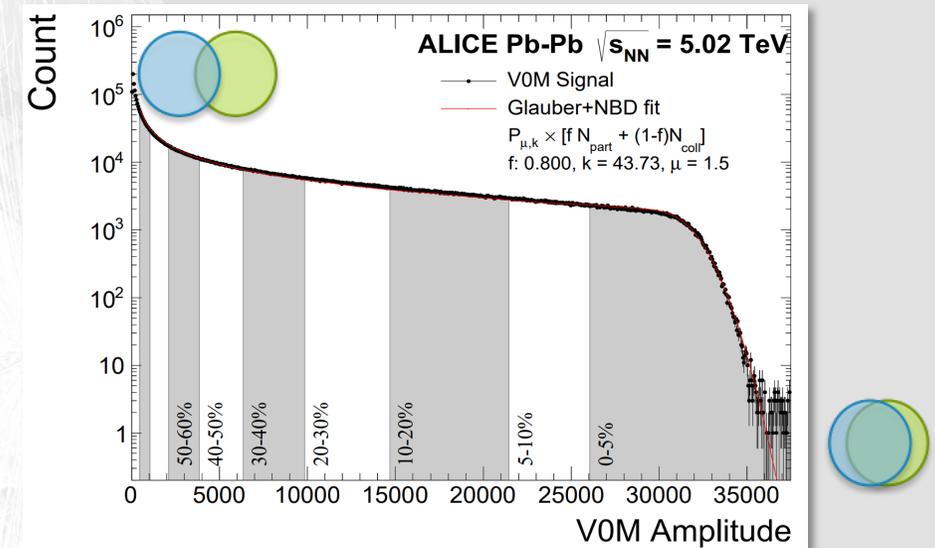


- More **central**, ie. “head-on” collisions
- smaller impact parameter
 - larger overlap region
 - more participants
 - more particles produced

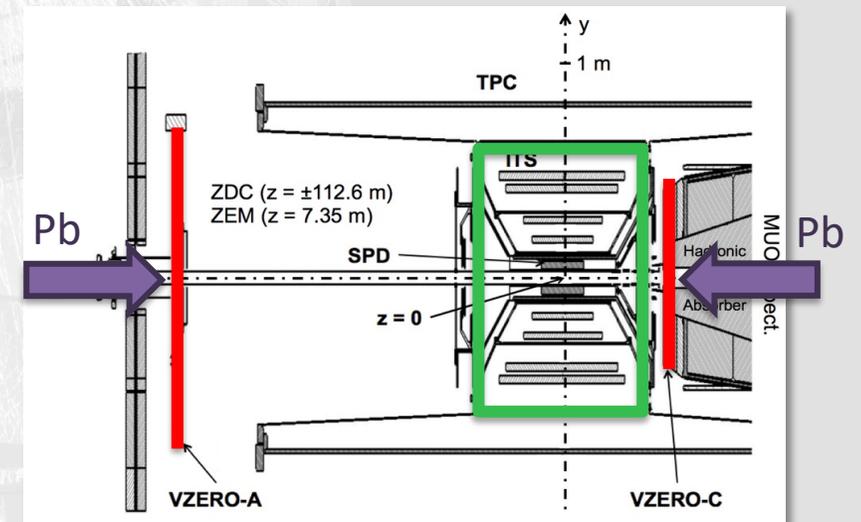
- More **peripheral** collision
- larger impact parameter
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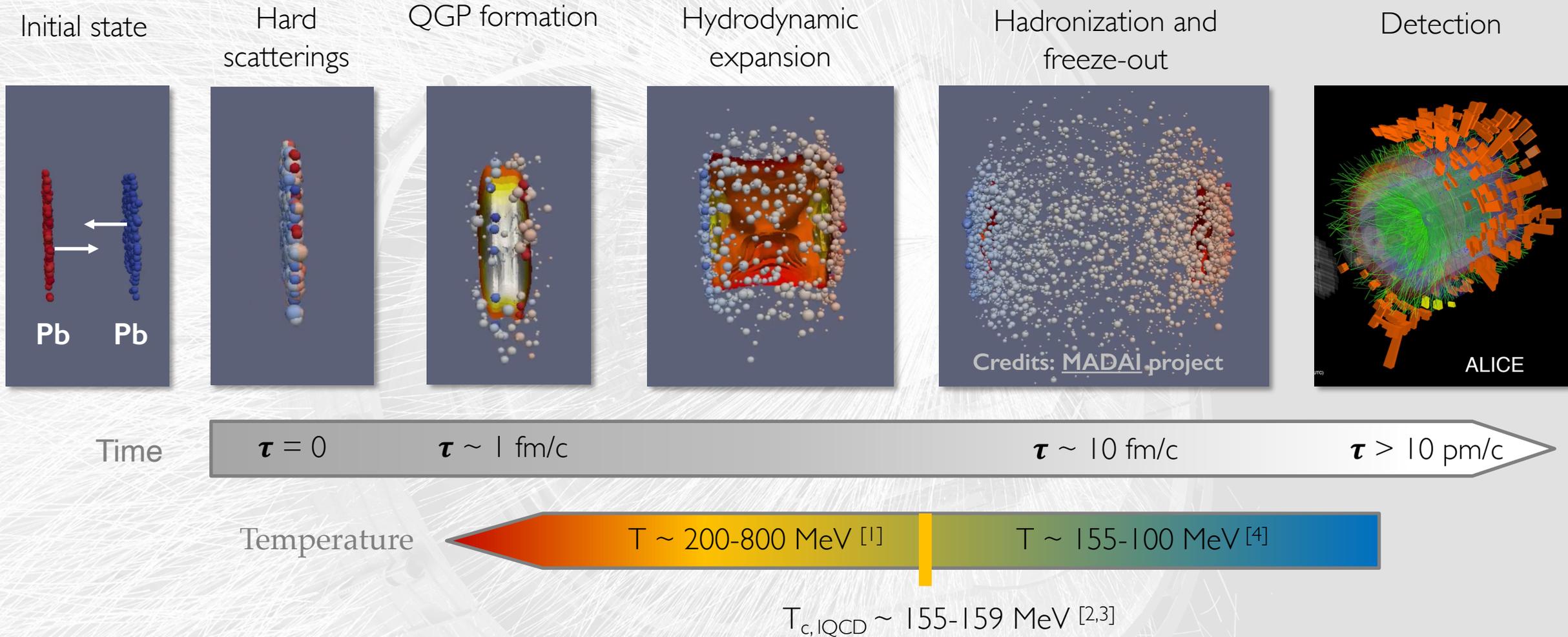
Centrality is determined by *counting the number of particles* (multiplicity) or *measuring the energy deposition in a **region of phase space independent from the measurement***, to avoid biases/autocorrelations in the results.



ALICE, PRL 106 (2011) 032301, PRC 91 (2015) 064905



The standard model of heavy-ion collisions



No direct observation of the QGP is possible
 → rely on emerging particles as “probes”

- [1] F. Gardim et al. Nature Phys. 16 (2020) 6, 615-619
- [2] A. Bazavov et al., Phys. Lett. B 795 (2019)
- [3] Borsaniy et al. PRL 125 (2020) 5, 052001
- [4] A. Andronic et al., Nature 561 (2018) 7723, 321-330

The hadron gas phase and freeze-outs

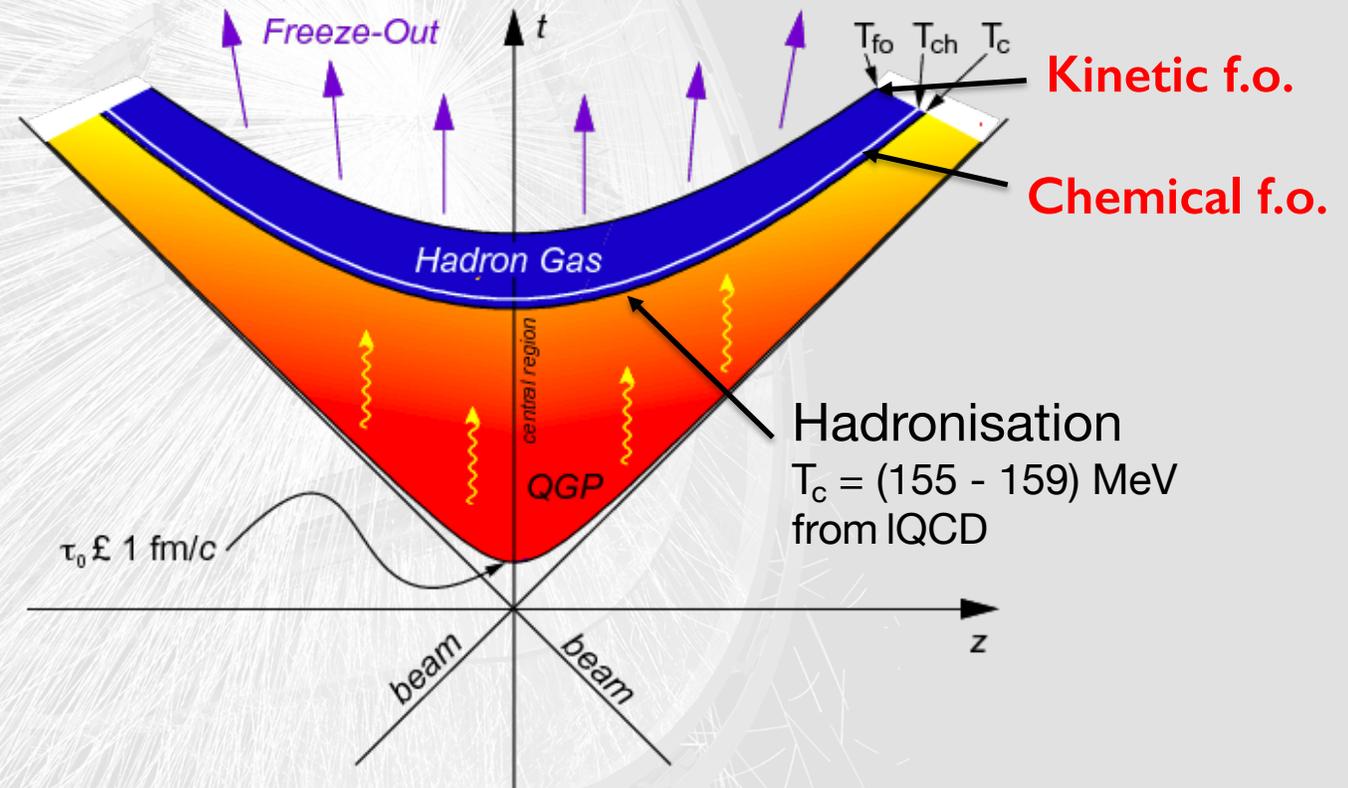
After hadronisation, the system is a hot ($T < 155$ MeV) and dense gas of hadrons and resonances.

Chemical freeze-out

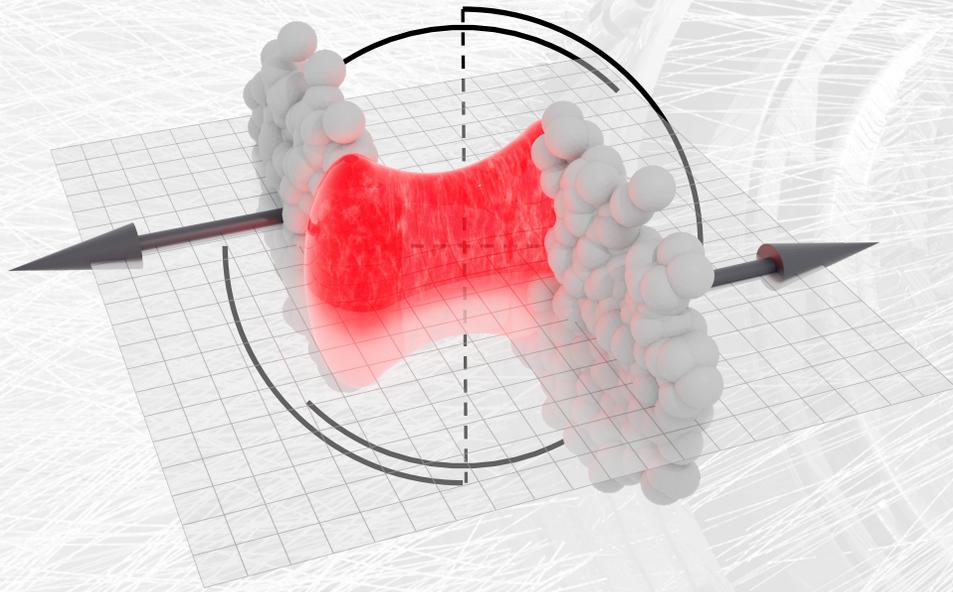
- Inelastic collisions stop
- Relative particle abundances are fixed

Kinetic freeze-out

- (pseudo)elastic collisions stop
- Momentum distributions are fixed



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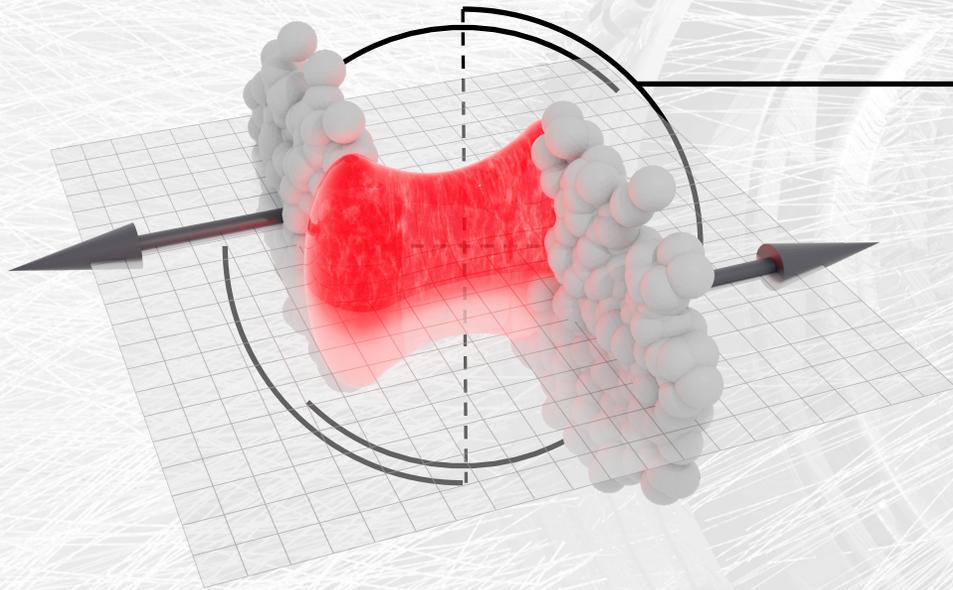


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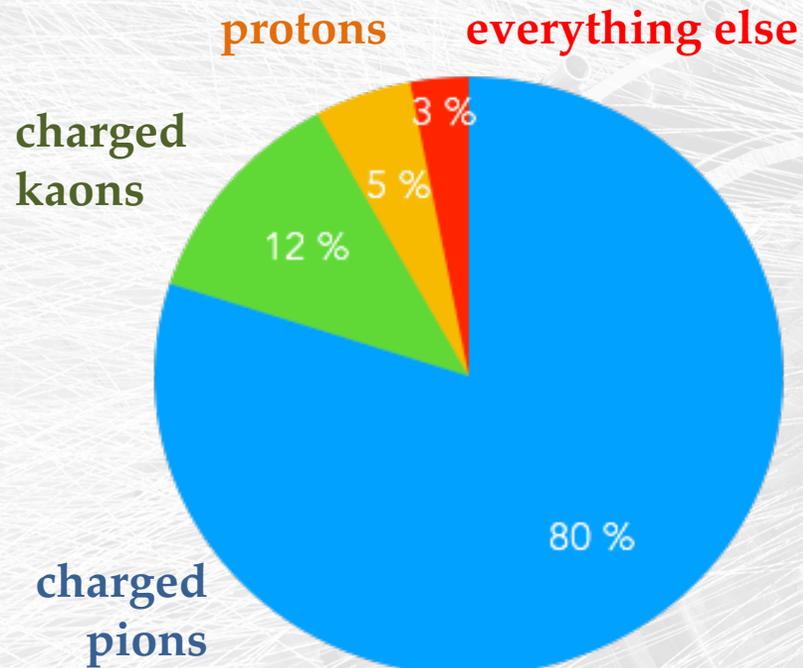
- Particle species are determined exclusively due to mass and quantum numbers of each species (‘thermal’ chemical/species spectrum)
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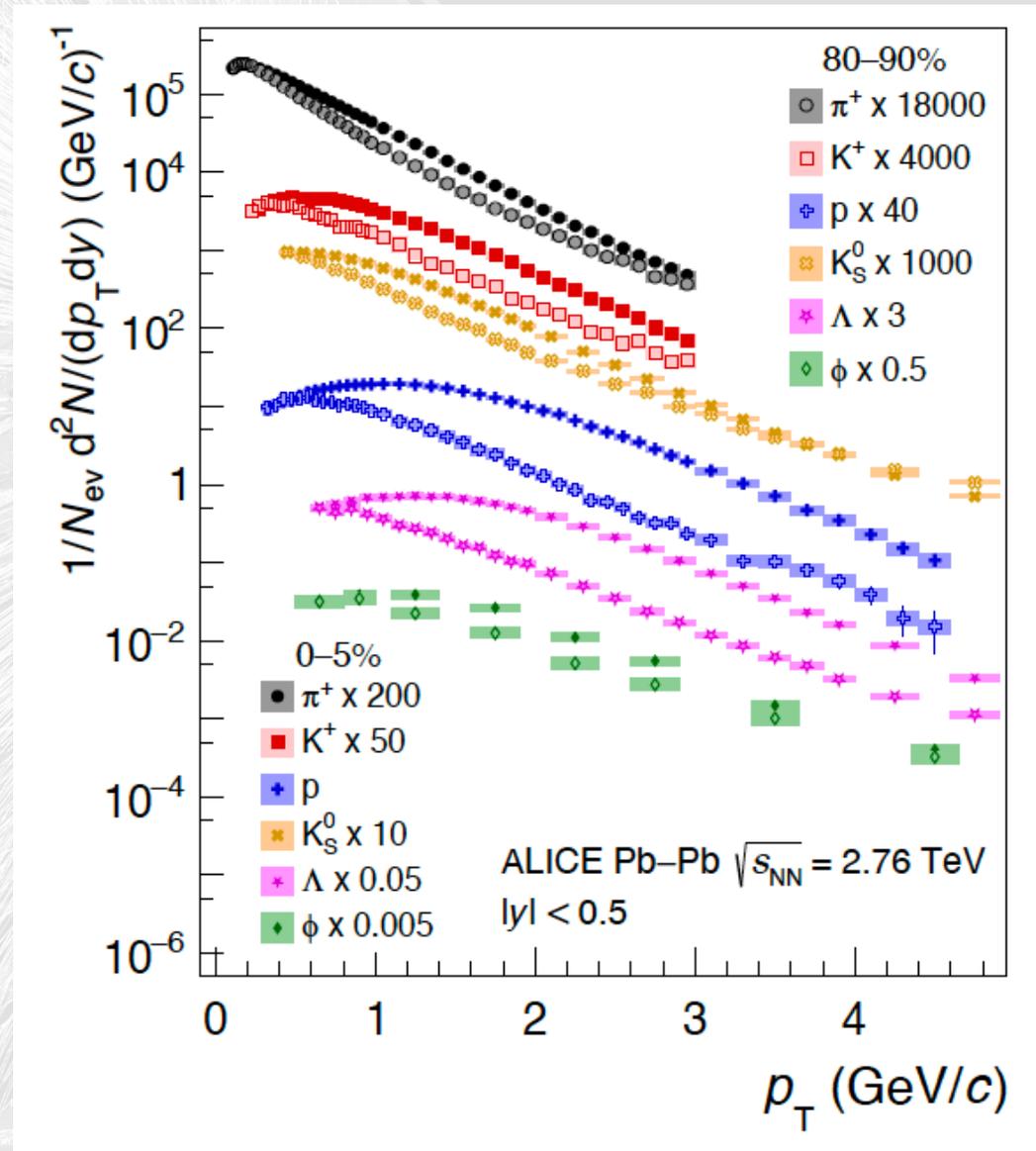
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Measuring identified particle production rates



π ., K and p are the most abundant hadronic species produced in the collision
 \rightarrow Integrate $d^2N/(dydp_T)$ spectra over p_T to extract yields: dN/dy .

(N.B.: “dy” often denotes measurements at $|y| < 0.5$)



Thermal particle production: statistical hadronization models

... serve to model an ideal relativistic gas of hadrons and resonances in **chemical equilibrium** (as the result of the hadronization of a QGP in thermodynamical equilibrium)

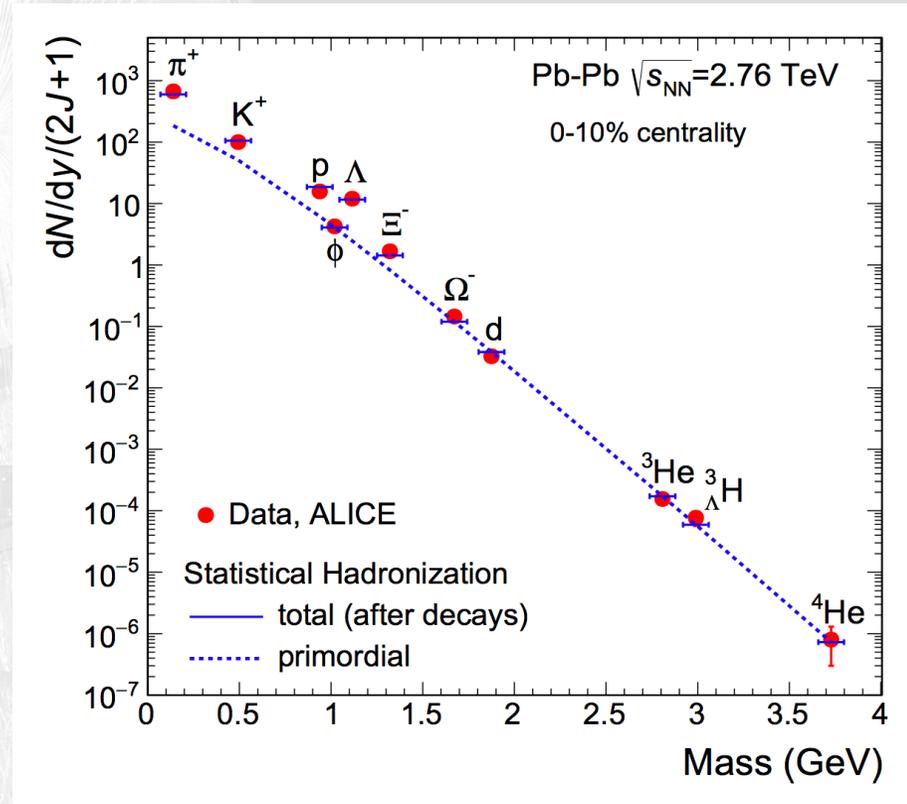
Particle abundances are obtained from the partition function of a Grand Canonical (GC) ensemble

$$n_i = N_i/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1}$$

where chemical potentials for quantum numbers are constrained with conservation laws.

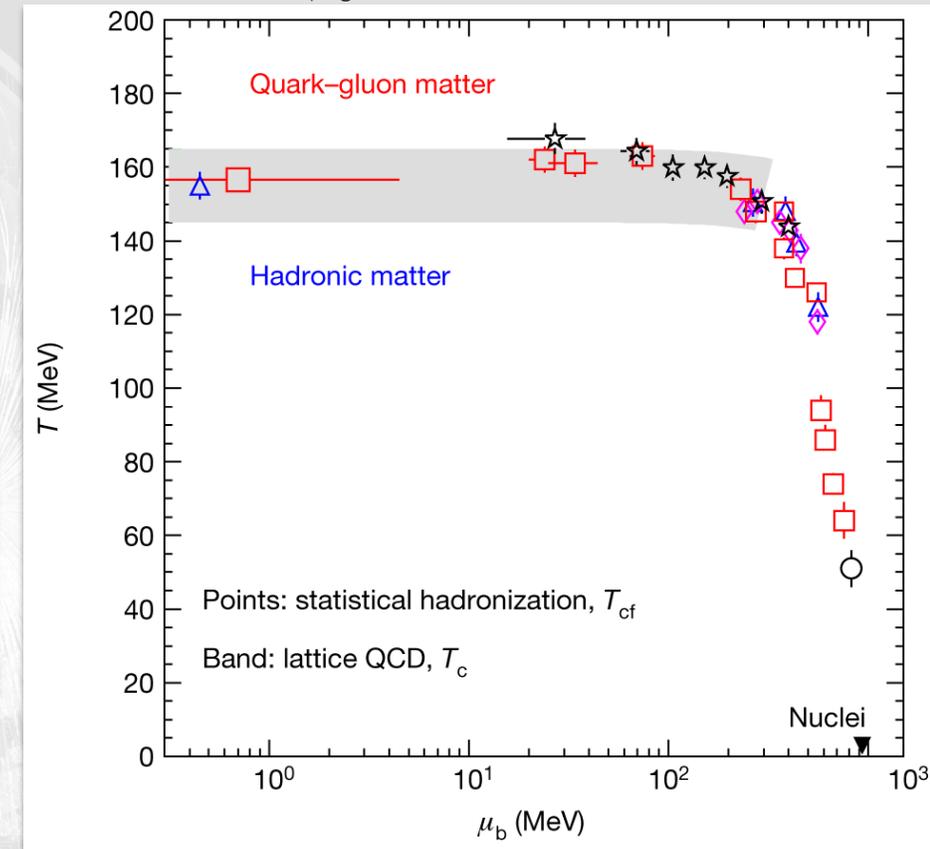
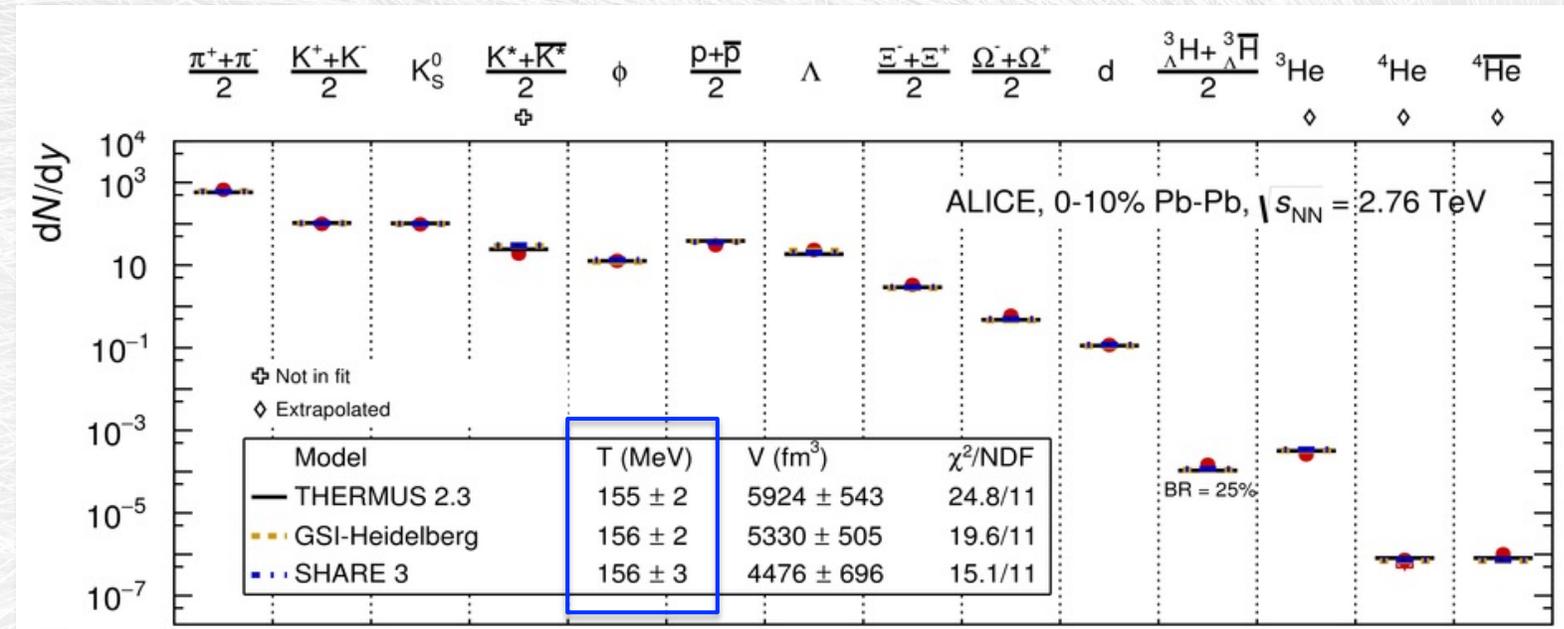
$$\mu_i = \mu_B B_i + \mu_S S_i + \mu_{I_3} I_{3,i} + \mu_C C_i$$

- Predict **yields** (see right figure) at a given temperature
- Fit measured **particle yields** (or ratios) to extract μ_B, T_{ch}, V .



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Chemical freeze-out temperature



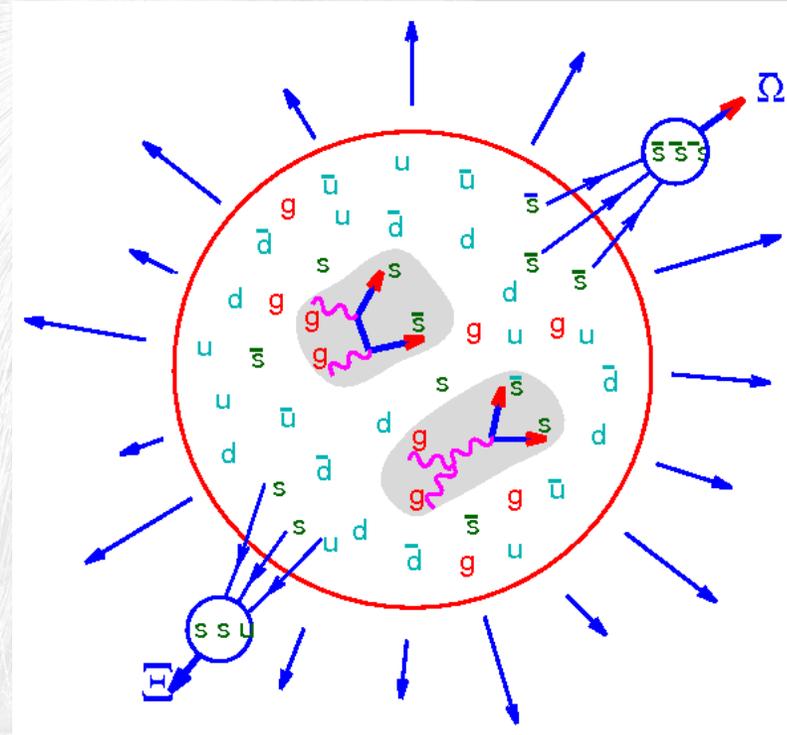
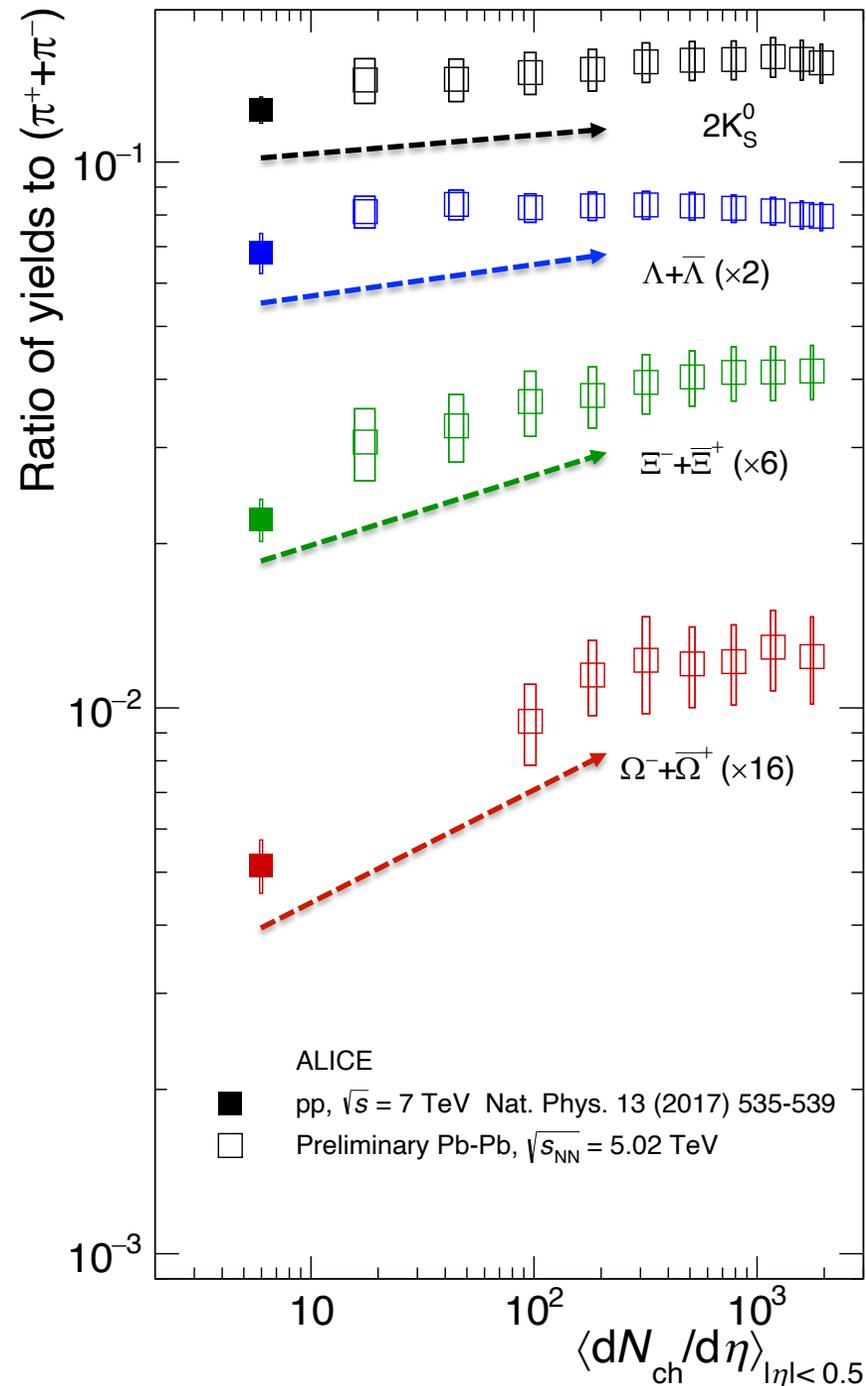
Production of (most) light-flavour hadrons (and anti-nuclei) is described ($\chi^2/ndf \sim 2$) by thermal models with a **single chemical freeze-out temperature, $T_{ch} \approx 156$ MeV**

→ Approaches the critical temperature roof from lattice QCD: **limiting temperature** for hadrons!

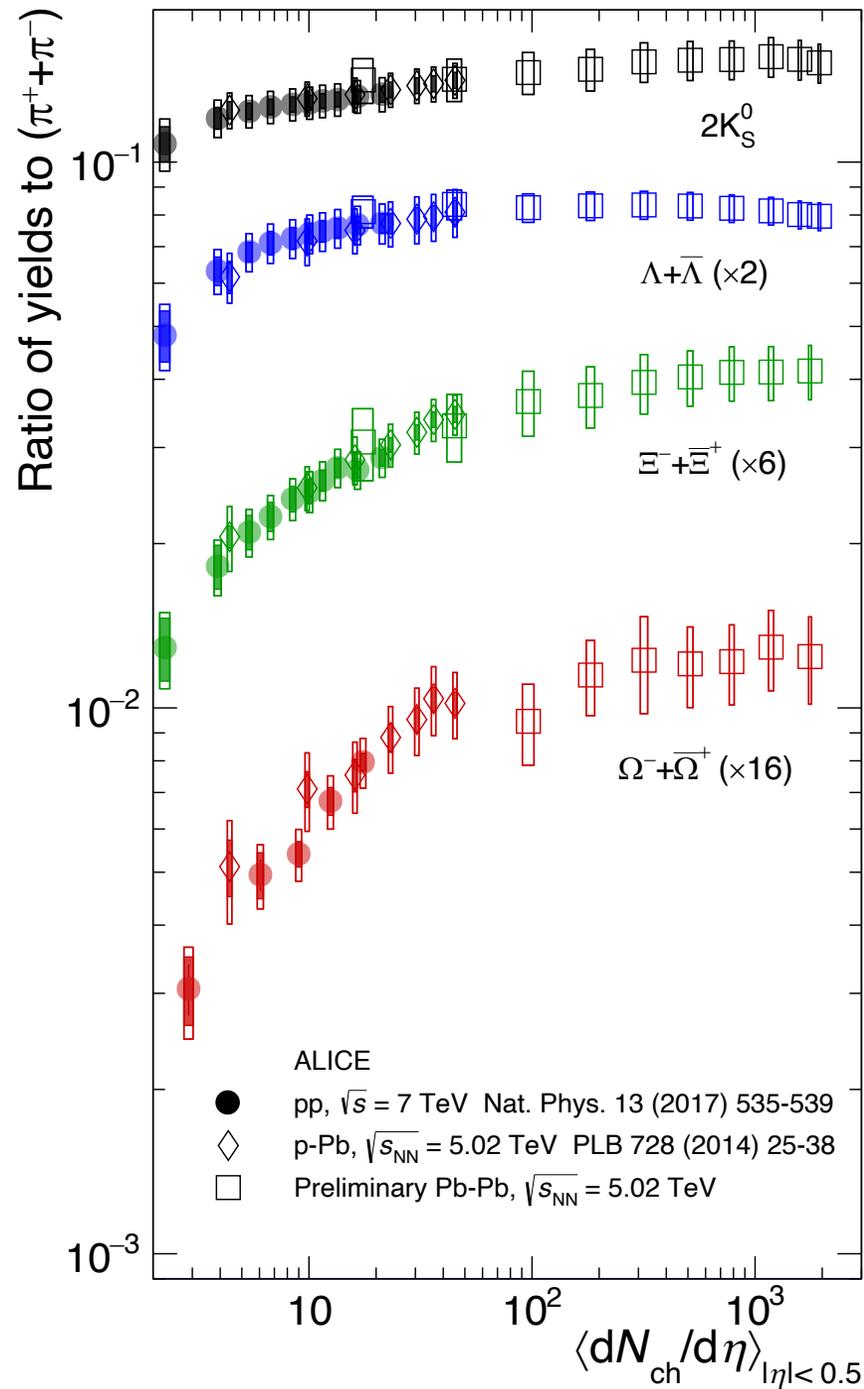
→ the success of the model in fitting yields over 10 orders of magnitude supports the picture of a system in **local thermodynamical equilibrium**

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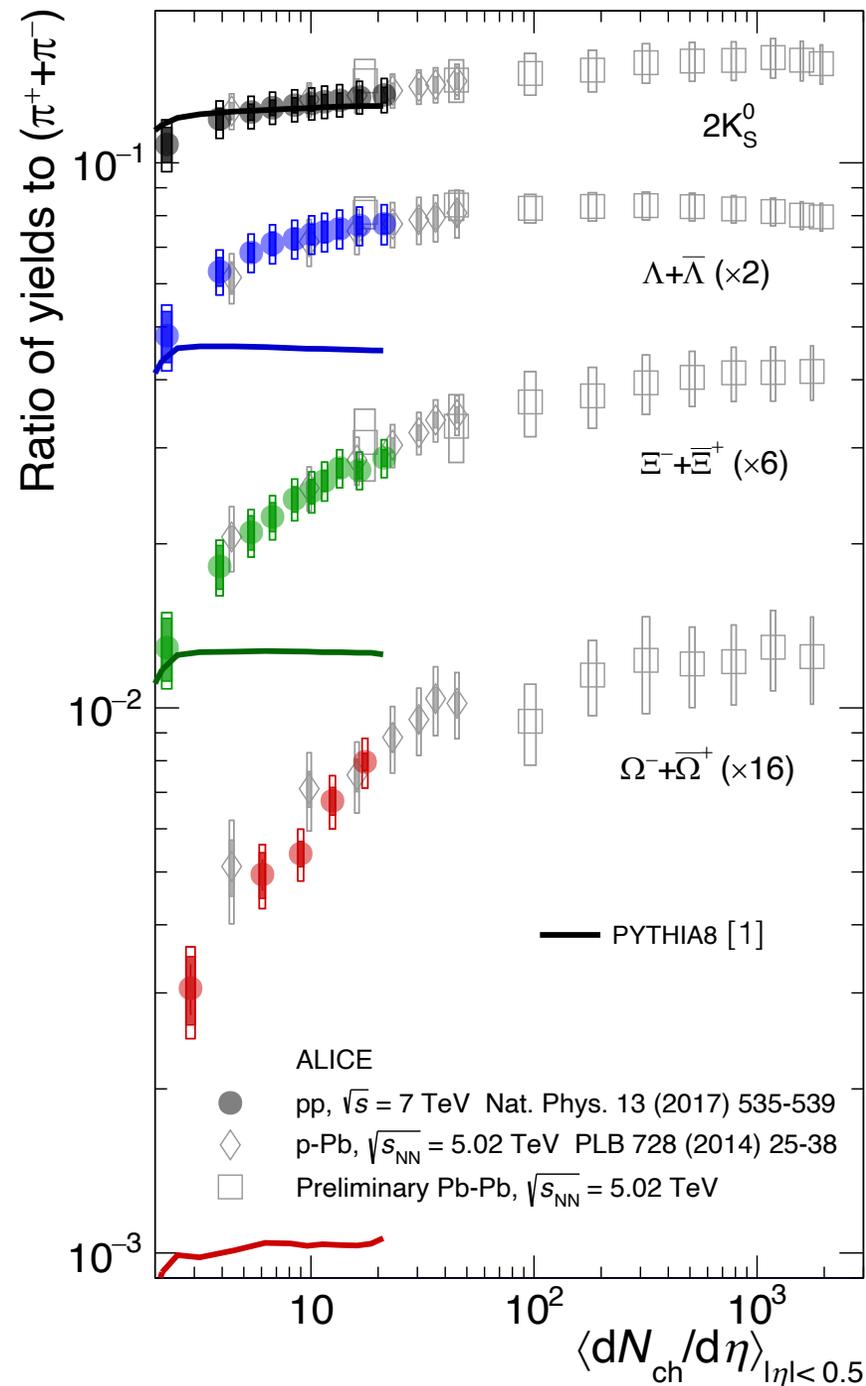


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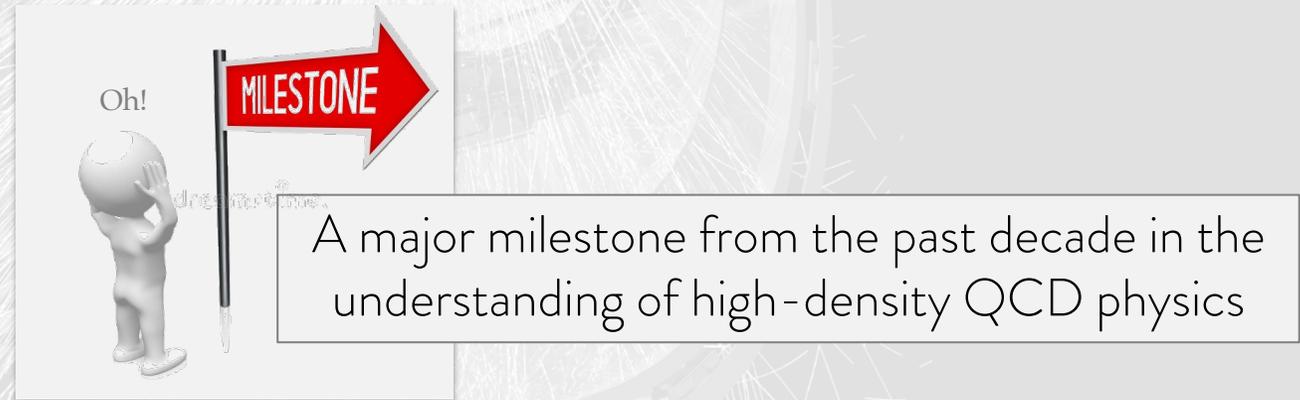


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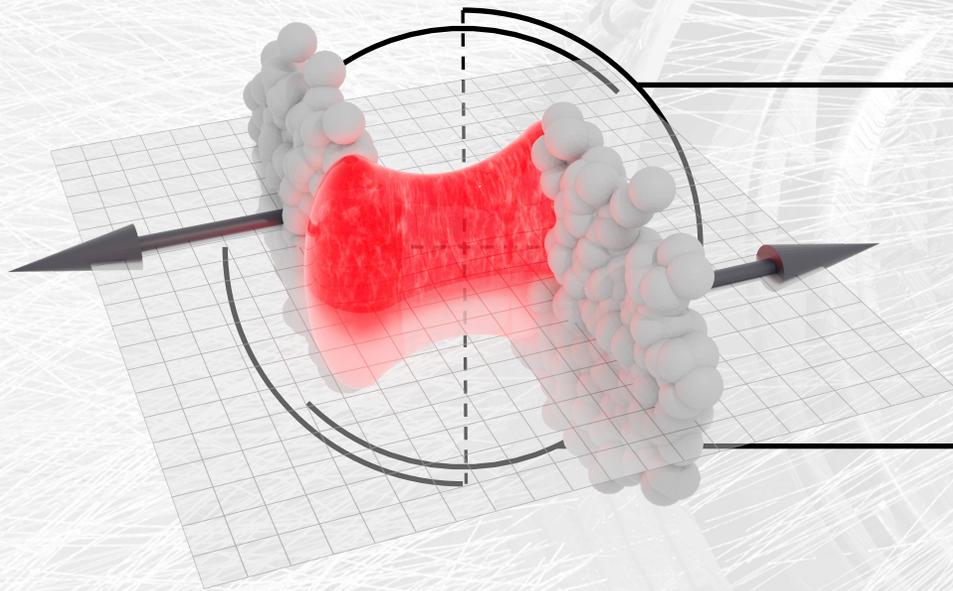


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Collectively expanding medium

- The formation of a new state of strongly interacting matter will lead to many particles emitted with common properties (‘collectively’)
- The intensity of collective expansion encodes properties of the medium, e.g. energy density \leftrightarrow pressure
- Broadly measured via **momentum measurements**
- Broadly described via hydrodynamic expansion models (‘hydro’), particle transport models

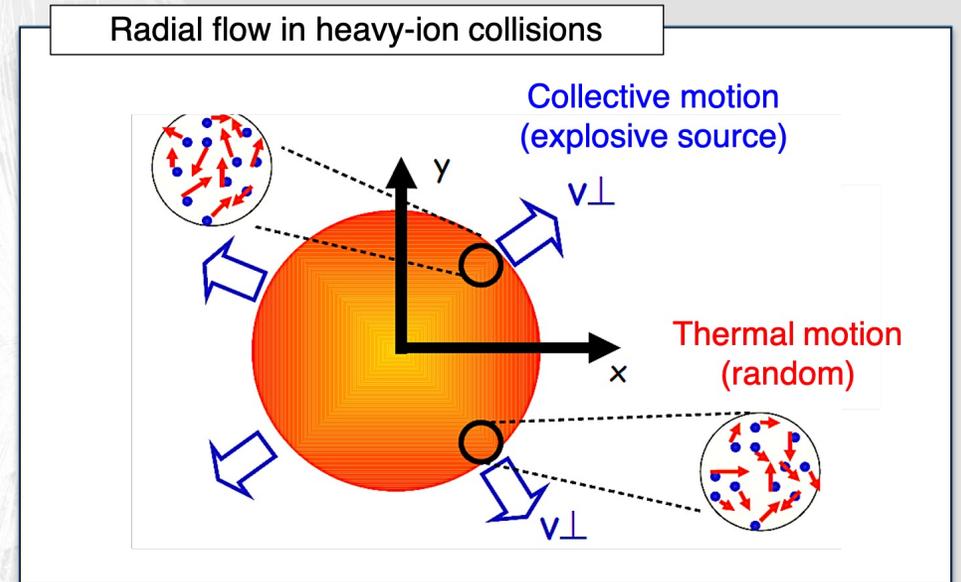
A collectively expanding fluid: radial flow

A **collective motion** is superimposed to the thermal motion of particles → the system as a **medium**

Radial flow: radial expansion of a medium in the vacuum under a **common velocity field**

→ Affects the low p_T distribution of hadrons and their ratios in a mass-dependent way

→ **higher mass** leads to higher momentum if **velocity similar!**

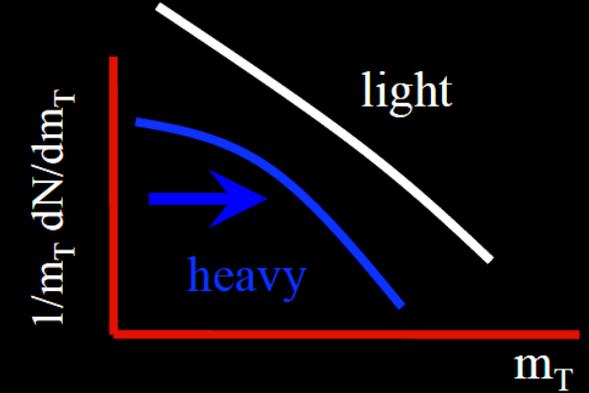
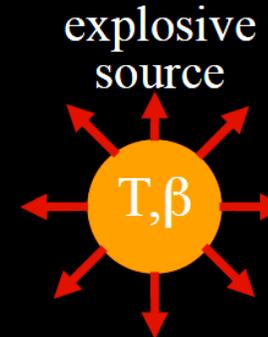
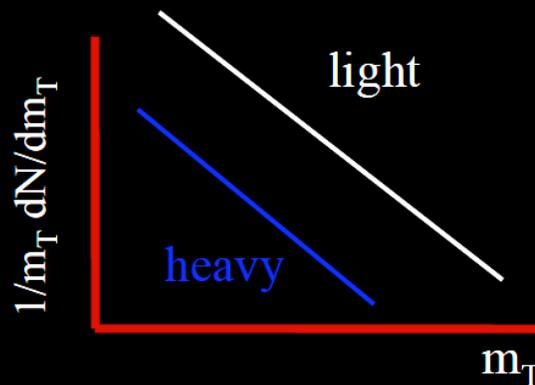


$$m_T = \sqrt{(m^2 + p_t^2)}$$

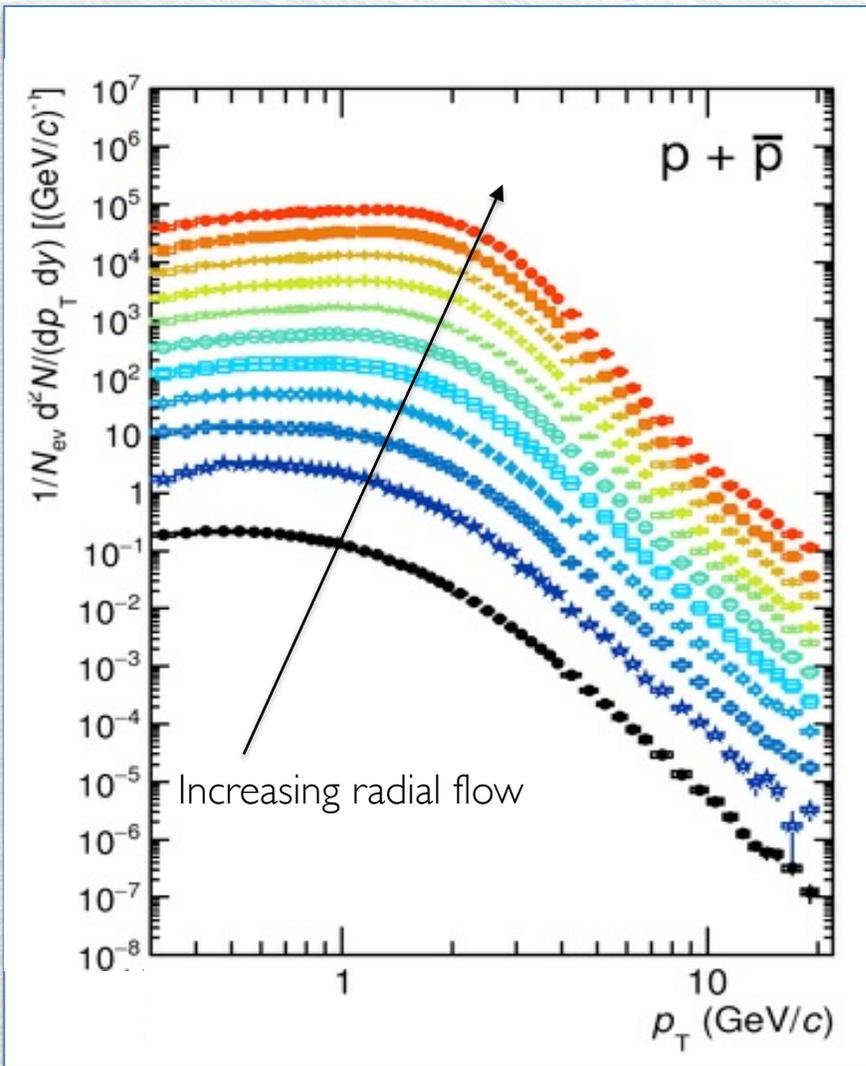
$$\frac{dN}{m_T dm_T} \propto e^{-m_T/T}$$

R. Snellings

purely thermal source

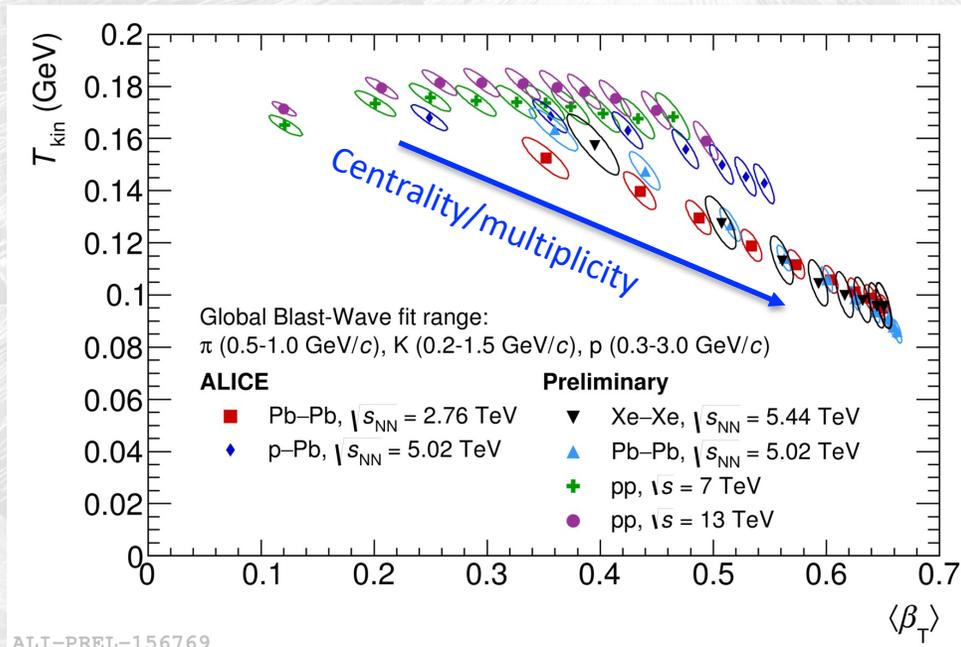


Radial flow in the proton spectra



- At low p_T , radial flow “pushes” particles to higher momenta
- spectra get “harder” for more central collisions
- mass dependence

A simplified hydrodynamical model, the Boltzmann-Gibbs blast-wave model is used to **quantify radial flow and the kinetic freeze-out temperature.**



- More central (higher multiplicity) events have:
- lower T_{kin}
 - higher flow velocity

$$T_{kin} \sim 100-140 \text{ MeV}$$

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An expanding medium and anisotropic flow

Initial geometrical anisotropy ("almond" shape) in non-central HI collisions \rightarrow eccentricity

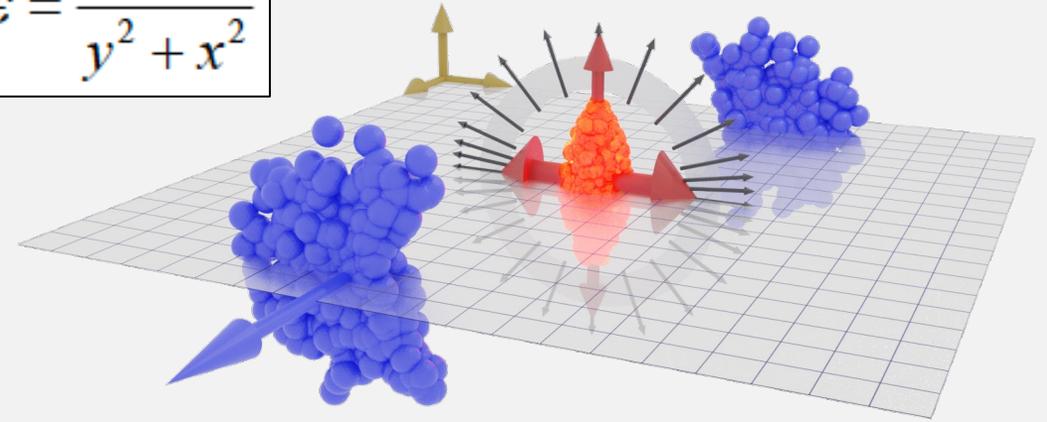
Pressure gradients develop \rightarrow more and faster particles along the reaction plane than out-of-plane

Scatterings among produced particles convert **anisotropy** in coordinate space into an observable momentum anisotropy

\rightarrow **anisotropic flow**

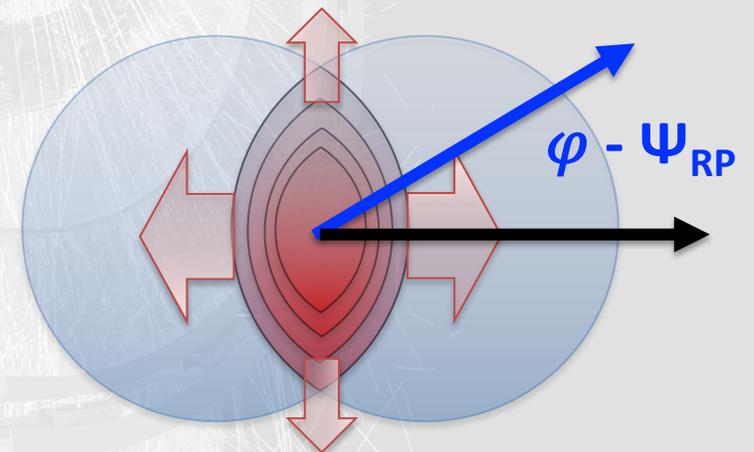
\rightarrow quantified by a Fourier expansion in azimuthal angle φ

$$\varepsilon = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2}$$



$v_n = \text{harmonics}$

$$E \frac{d^3N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \right),$$



Anisotropic flow measurements

The **strong centrality dependence** of v_2 reflects the degree of “anisotropy” in initial geometry.

Fluctuations of the initial state energy-density lead to different shapes of the overlap region

→ **non-zero higher-order flow** coefficients (“harmonics”)

Xe-Xe Pb-Pb

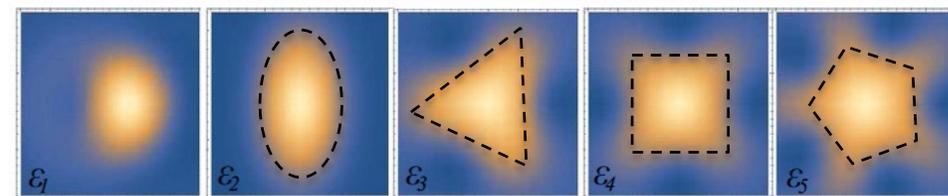
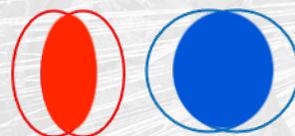
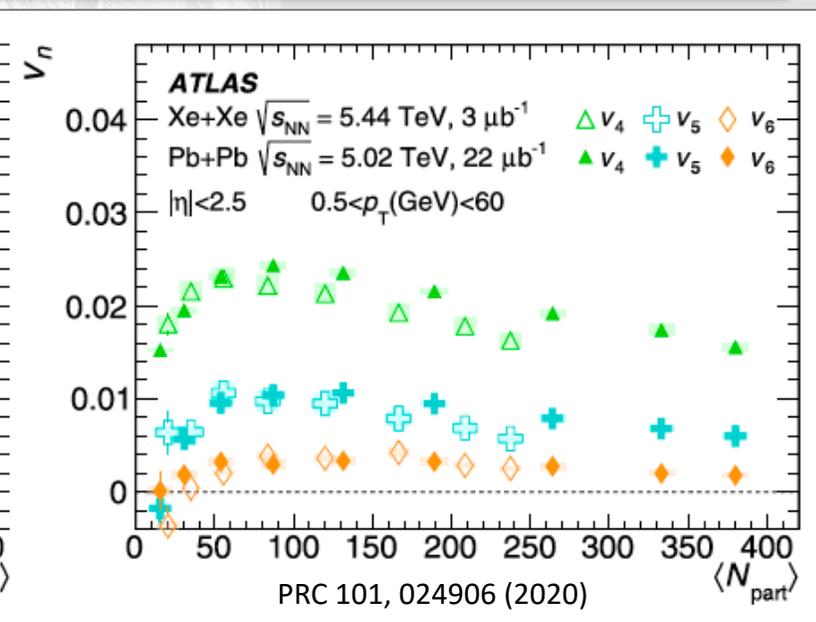
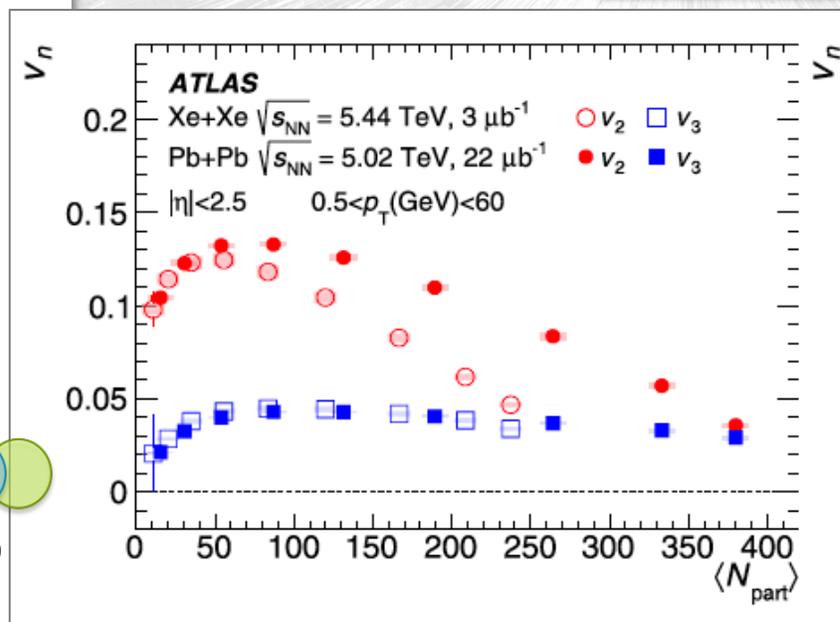
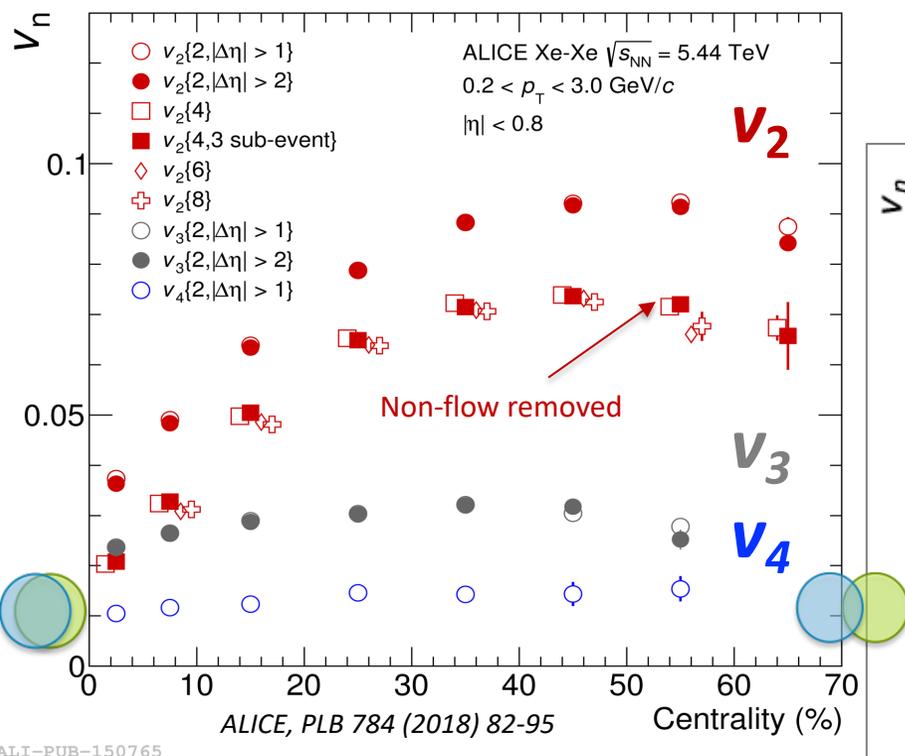


Fig. 2. (color online) Characteristic shapes of the deformed initial state density profile, corresponding to anisotropies of $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \epsilon_4$ and ϵ_5 (from left to right).
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Hydrodynamical modeling

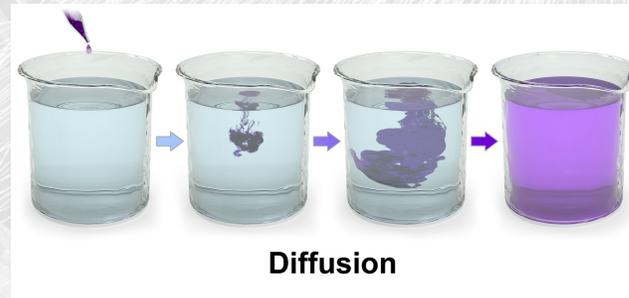
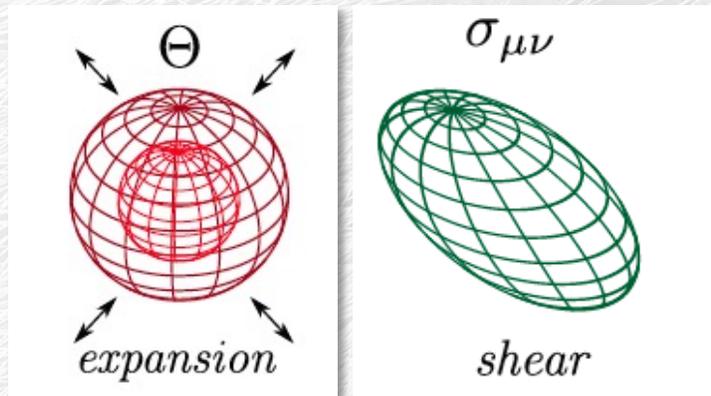
Ideal hydrodynamics

- applies to a system in **local equilibrium** (e.g. thermodynamical)
- requires energy and charge conservation
- system is described by energy density ϵ , pressure P , velocity u^ν , and charge n and by 5 equation of motion, closed by one **equation-of-state** (EOS) $\epsilon = \epsilon(P)$
- The response of the system to external influence is controlled by the EOS

Viscous hydrodynamics

- Includes corrections for **dissipative effects**:
bulk ζ and shear viscosity η , charge diffusion, κ

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \nabla_\mu J_B^\mu = 0$$



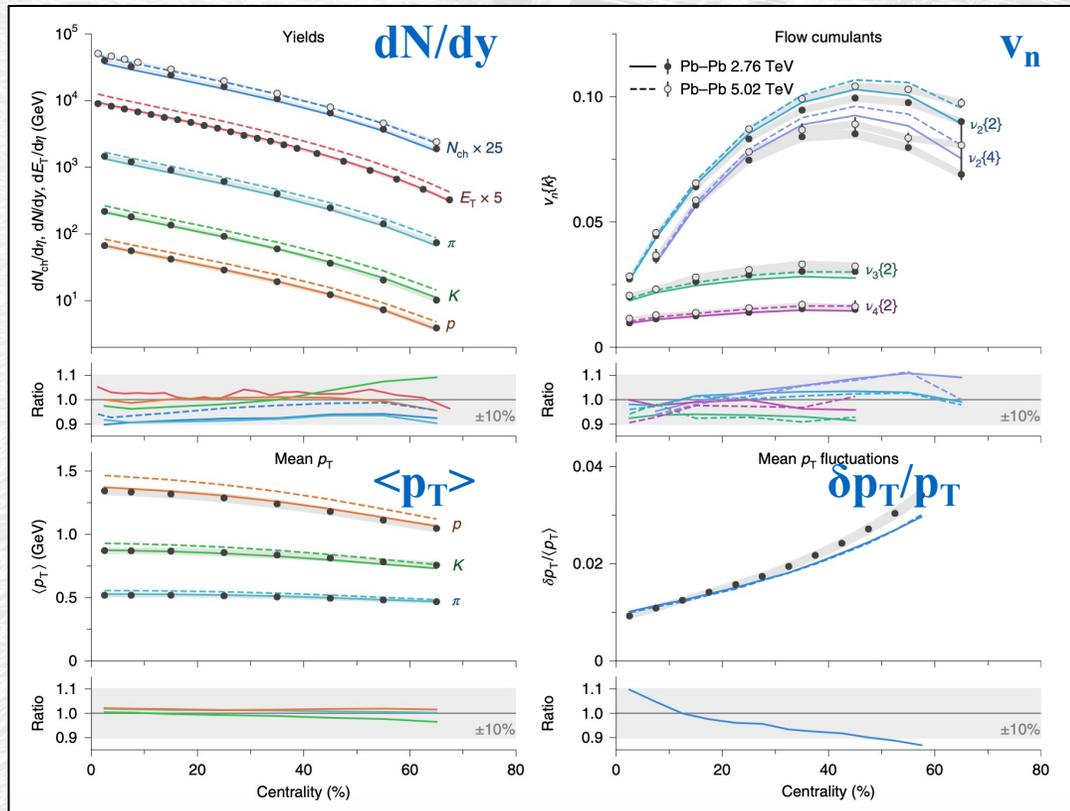
Figs. from Rezzolla and Zanotti, 2013

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - (P - \zeta \Theta) \Delta^{\mu\nu} - 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

$$J^\mu = qu^\mu + \kappa \nabla_\perp^\mu (\mu/T)$$

Characterizing the QGP using multiple measurements

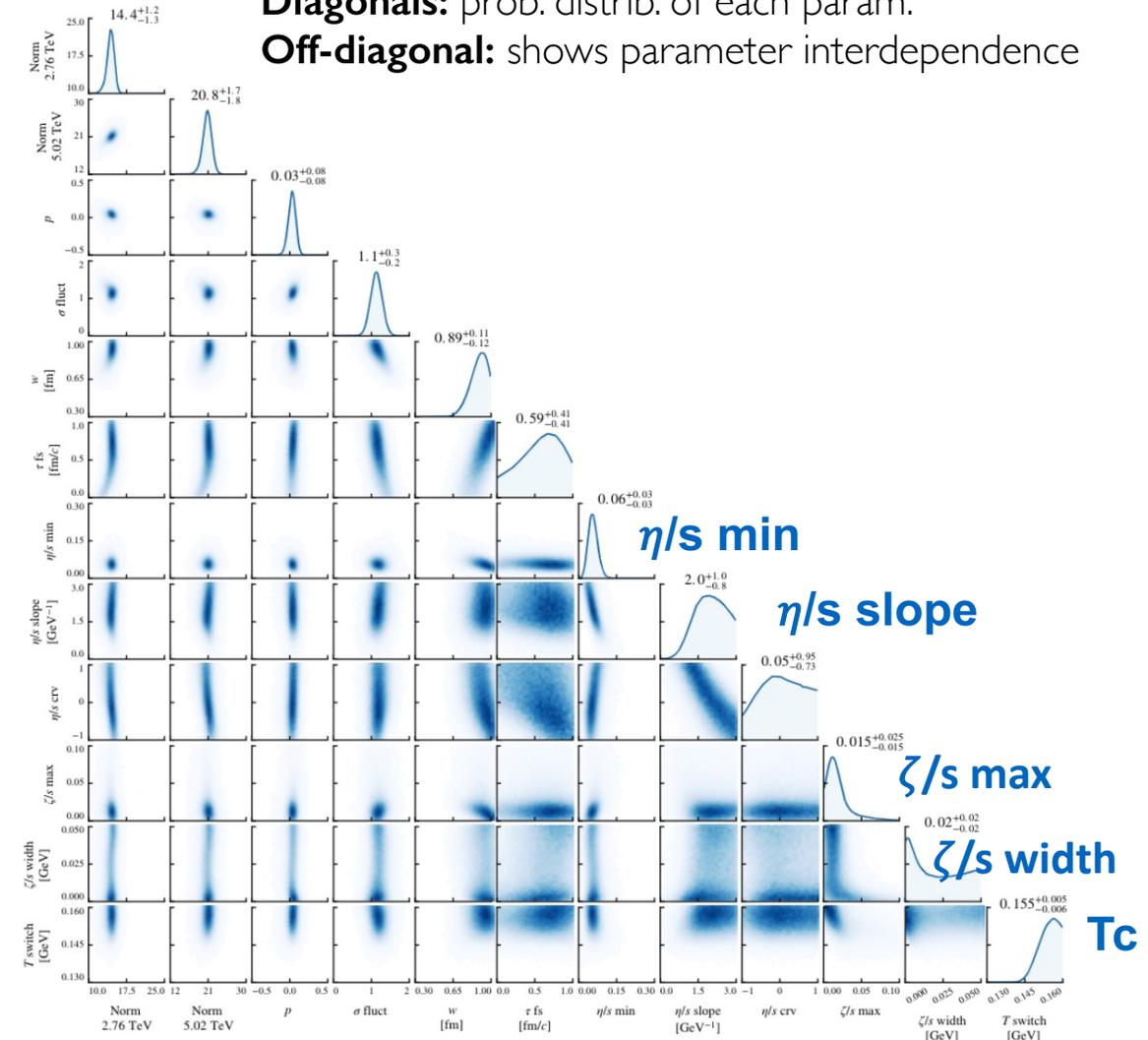
Bayesian analysis of yields, mean p_T , flow harmonics measured by ALICE has been used to **extract QGP properties**



J. E. Bernhard et al, Nature Physics 15 (2019) 1113

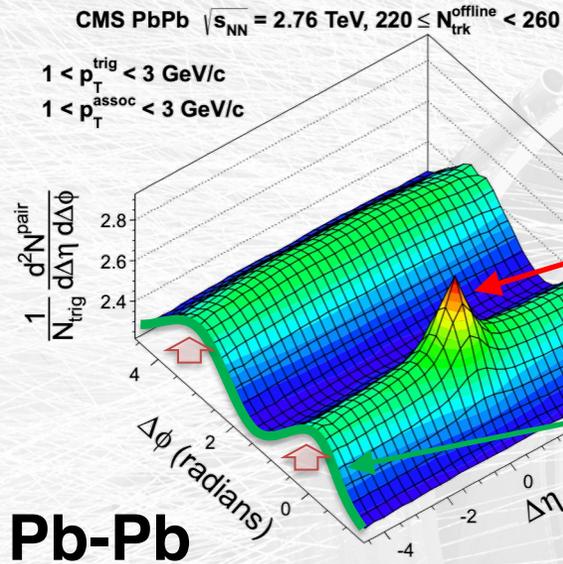
S.A. Bass et al. / Nuclear Physics A 967 (2017) 67–73

Diagonals: prob. distrib. of each param.
Off-diagonal: shows parameter interdependence



Elliptic flow across systems

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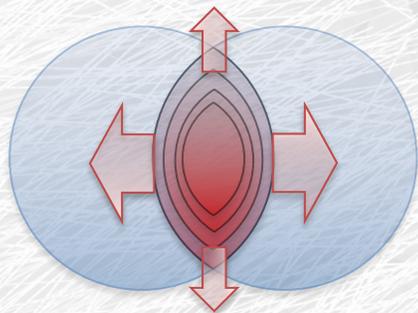


Peak at $\Delta\eta \sim 0$:

short-range correlations \rightarrow **jets**

Broad "ridge" in a wide $\Delta\eta$ range:

long-range correlations emerging from early times (causality) \rightarrow **anisotropic flow**

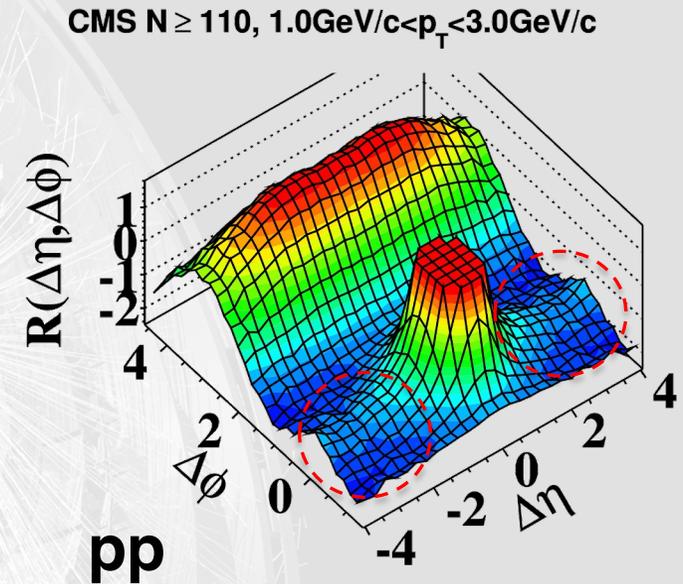
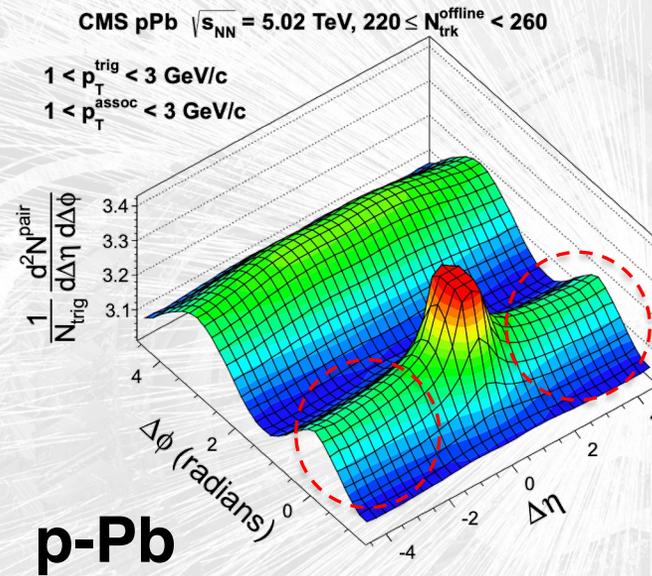
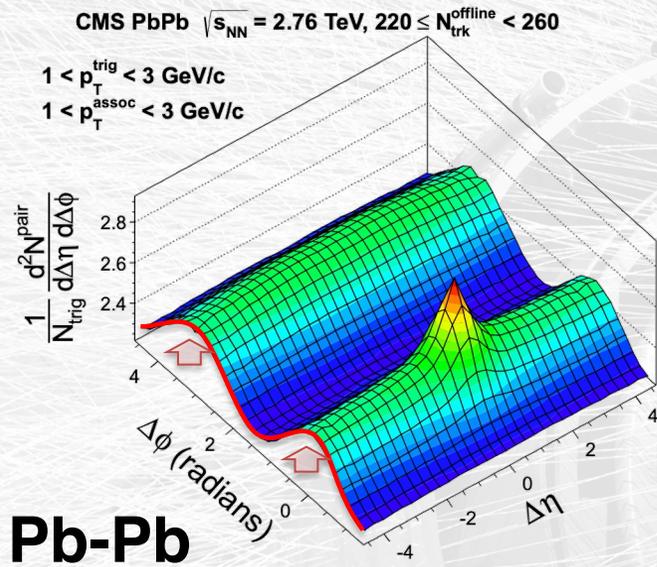


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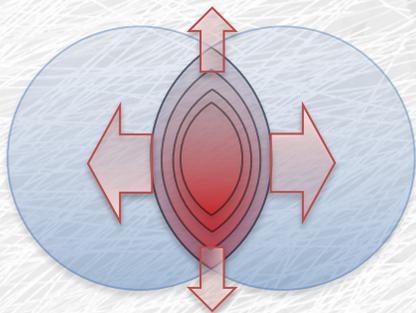
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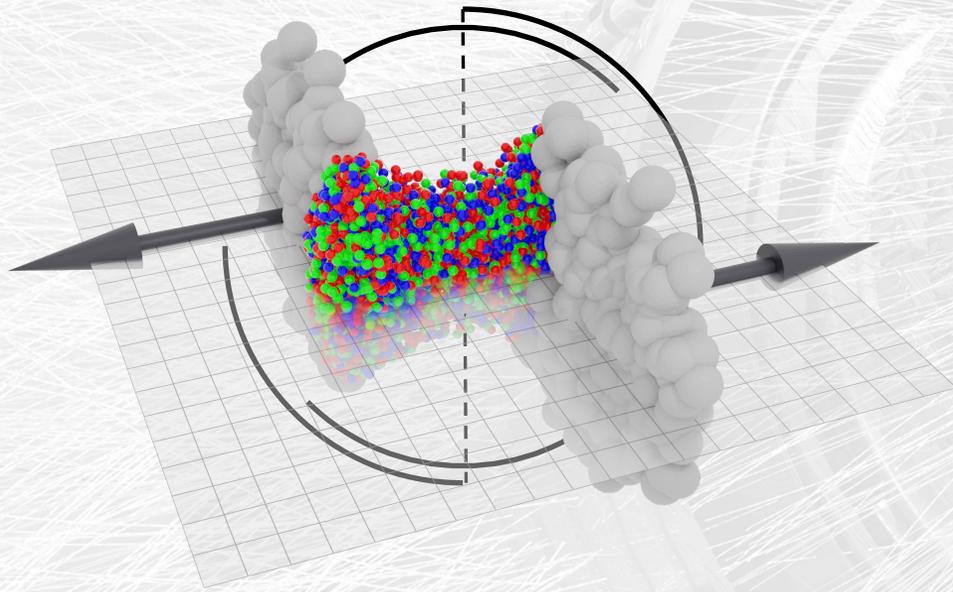


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- Also observed in p-Pb and pp
 - Initial condition not necessarily elliptic
 - **Experimental:** under which conditions does this **not** happen?
 - **Pheno/theory:** collective expansion also at play? Or some other (common?) phenomenon?



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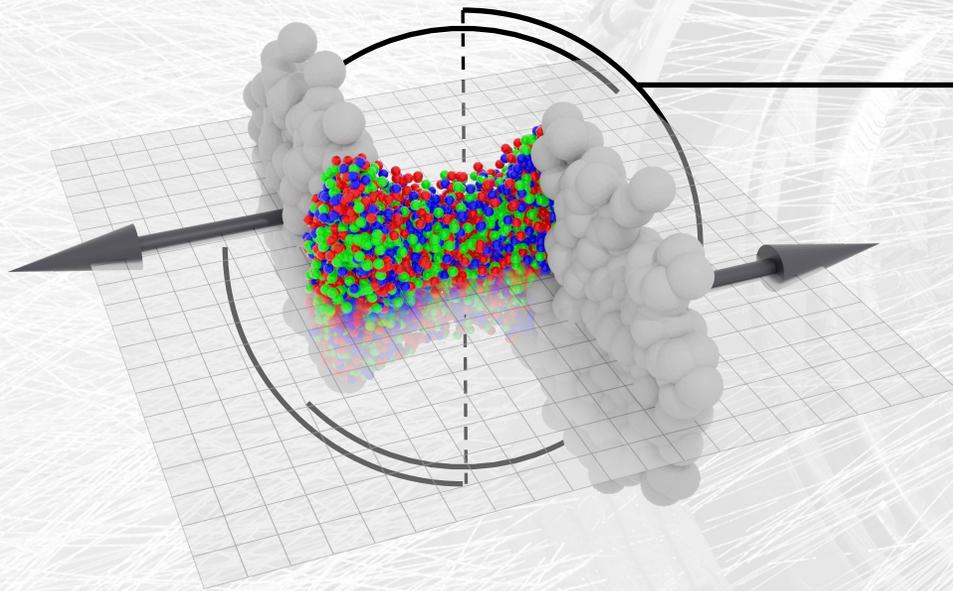
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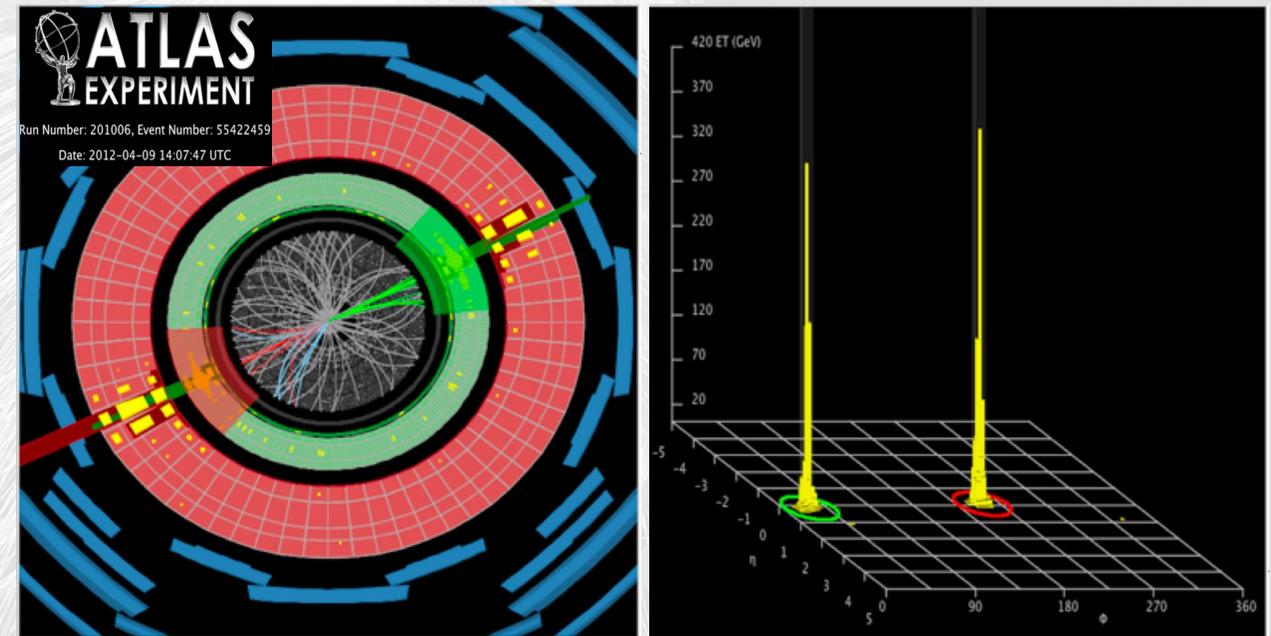
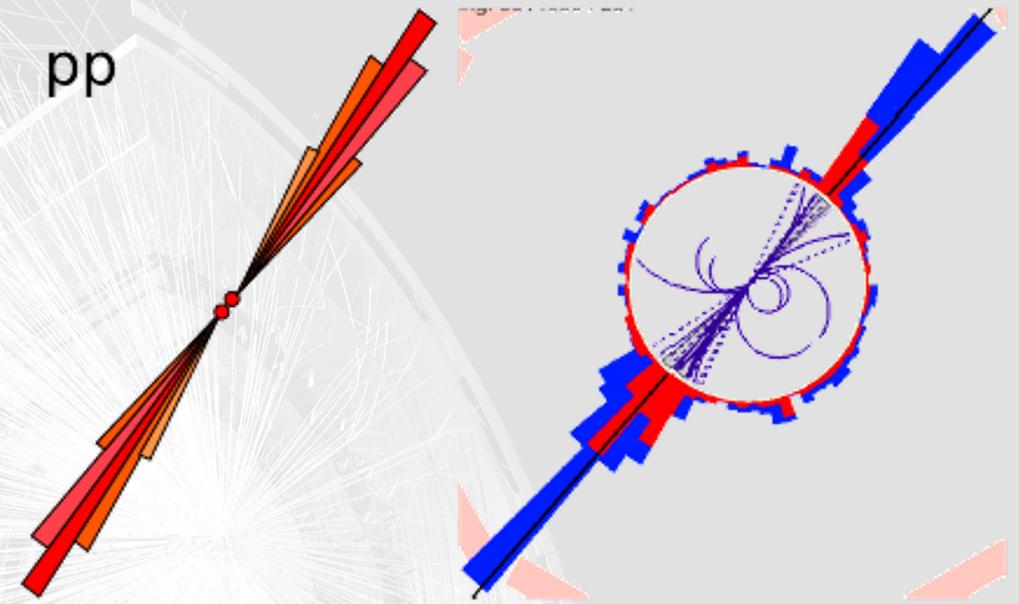
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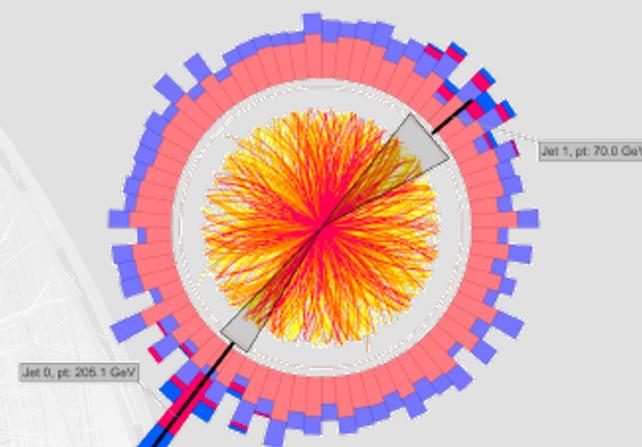
When a QGP is formed, the colored partons traverse and interact with a colored medium.

→ **in-medium fragmentation**

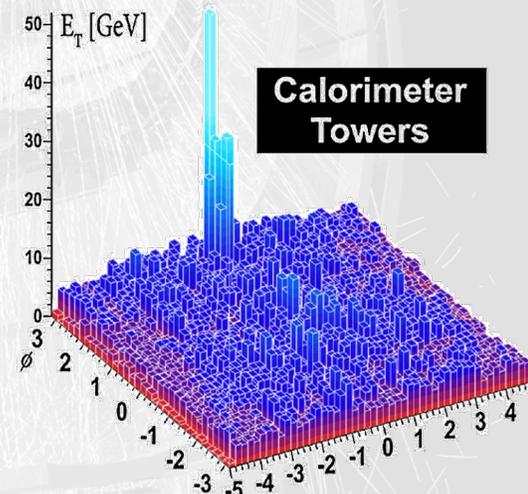
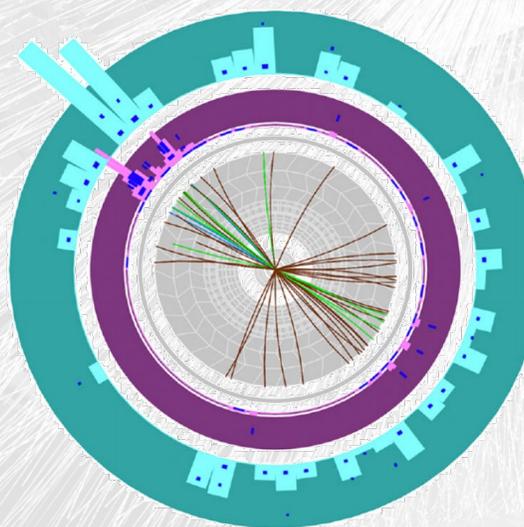
→ **jet “quenching” (energy loss)**

Goal: understand the nature of this energy loss to characterize the strongly-interacting QGP

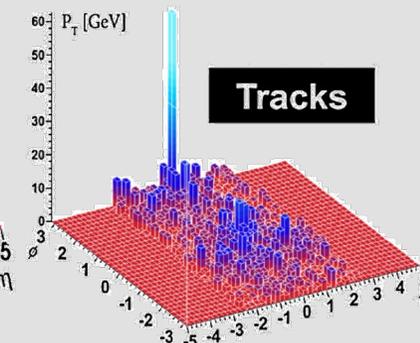
PbPb



CMS event displays



Calorimeter Towers



Tracks

ATLAS

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The nuclear modification factor: R_{AA}

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$

If a AA collision is a incoherent superposition of independent pp collisions, the p_T spectra in AA collisions can be obtained by scaling the p_T spectra in pp collisions by the number of nucleon-nucleon collisions, N_{coll} :

$$dN_{AA} / dp_T = N_{coll} \times dN_{pp} / dp_T$$

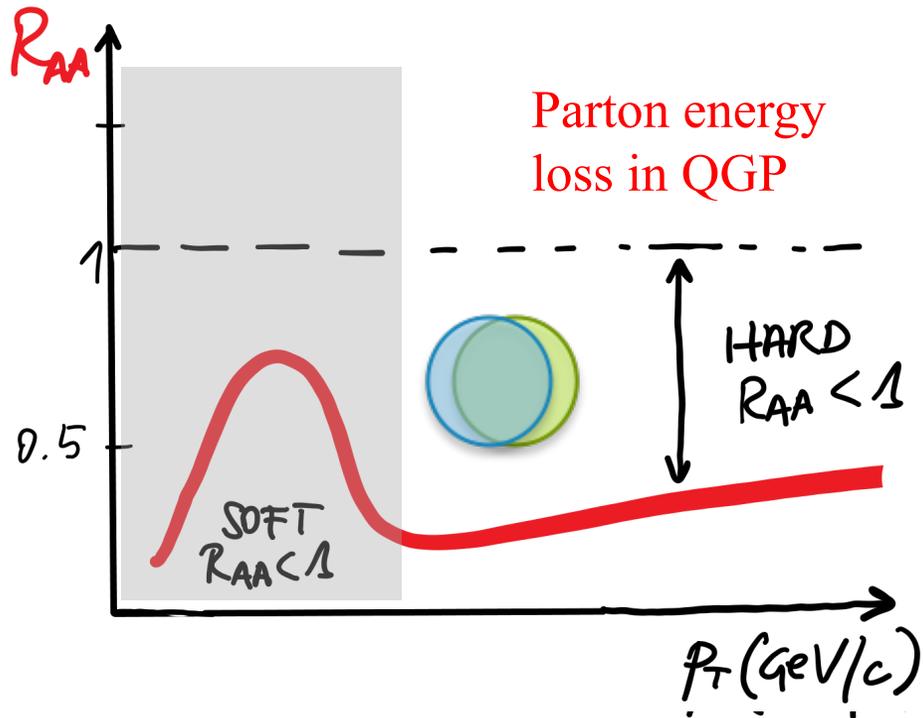
and $R_{AA} = 1$ at high p_T

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If $R_{AA} < 1$ at high p_T

→ the medium is opaque to the passage of partons

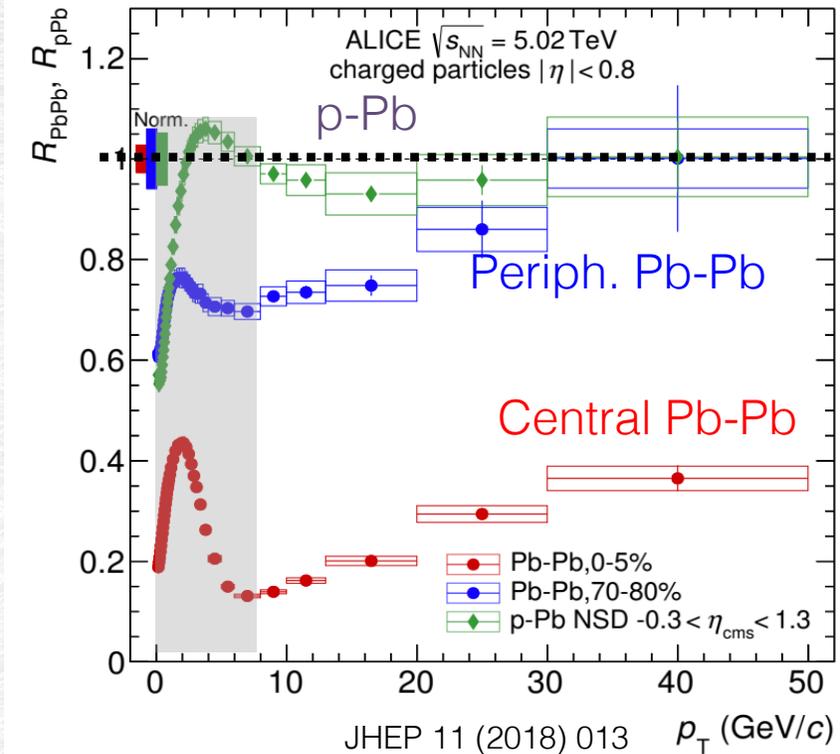
→ **parton-medium final state interactions, energy loss, modification of fragmentation in the medium**



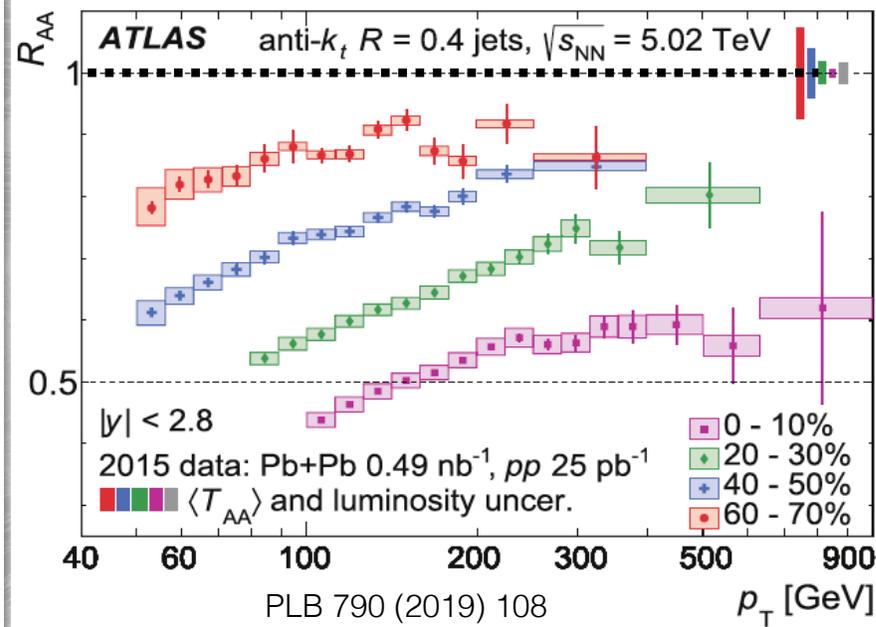
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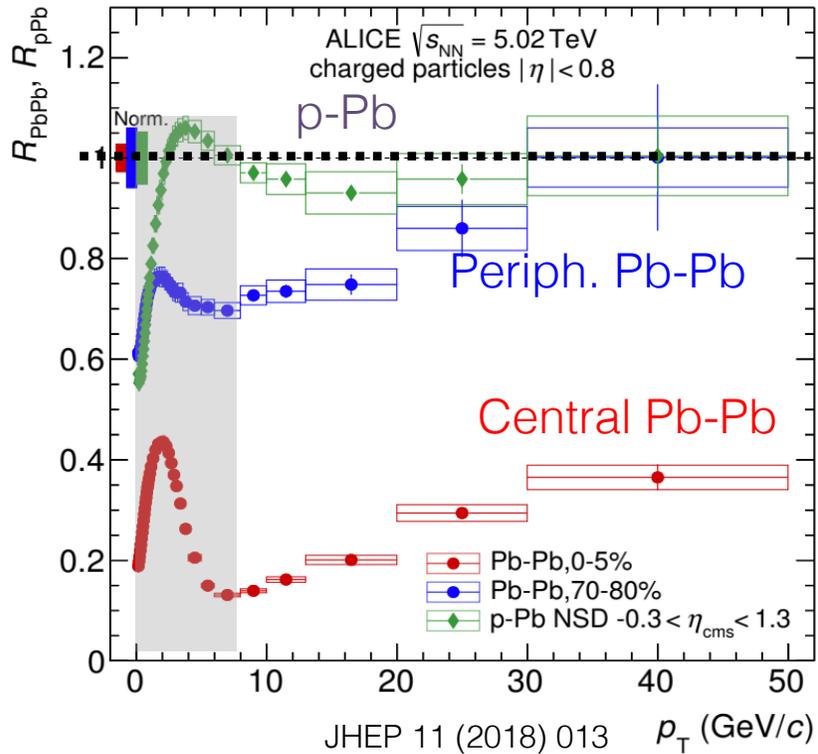


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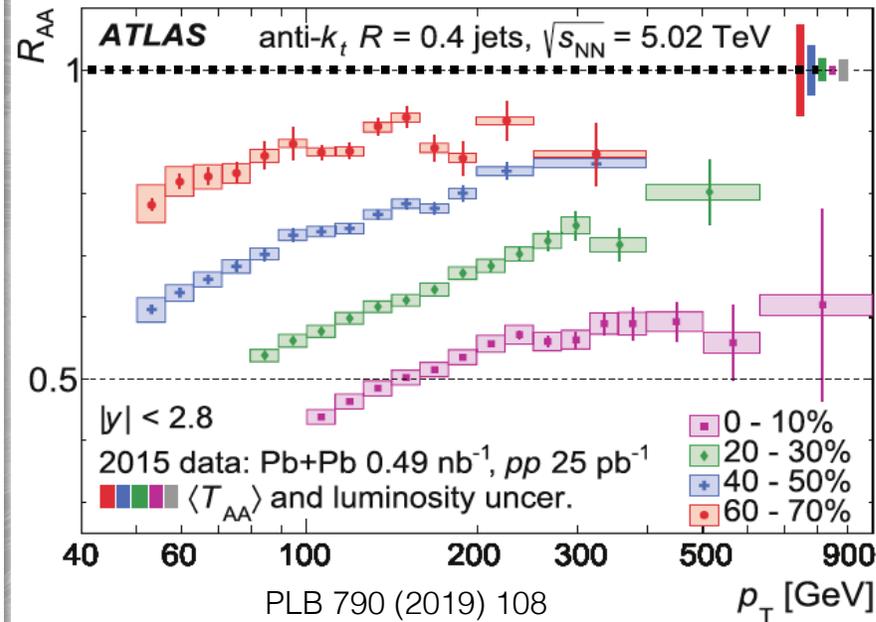
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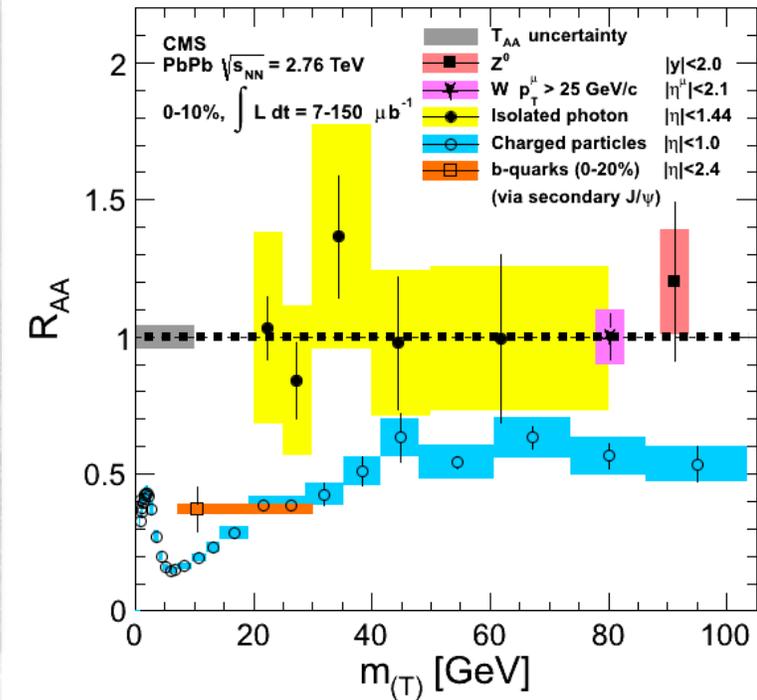
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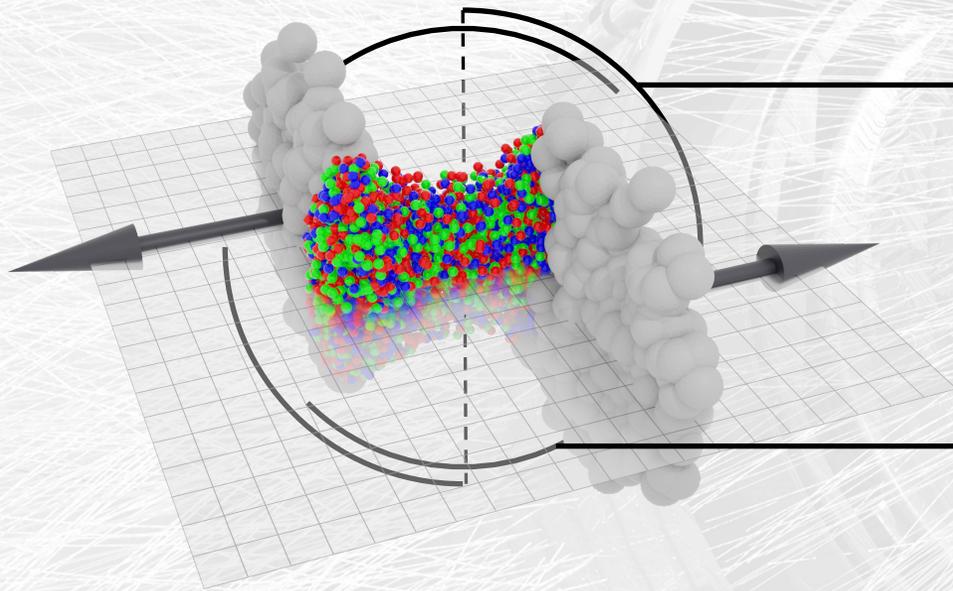


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 No suppression observed in p-Pb collisions, nor for the color-less Z bosons and photons.

→ Jet quenching is explained as **parton energy loss in a strongly interacting plasma**

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Heavy flavour quarks: charm, beauty and quarkonia

- Flavour dependence of medium interactions
- Ideal probes of the QGP: production only via hard scattering since mass much larger than medium temperature
- N.B.: not necessarily ‘hard’ in terms of final momentum
- Broadly measured via **heavy-flavour particle identification / tagging**
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Charm and beauty

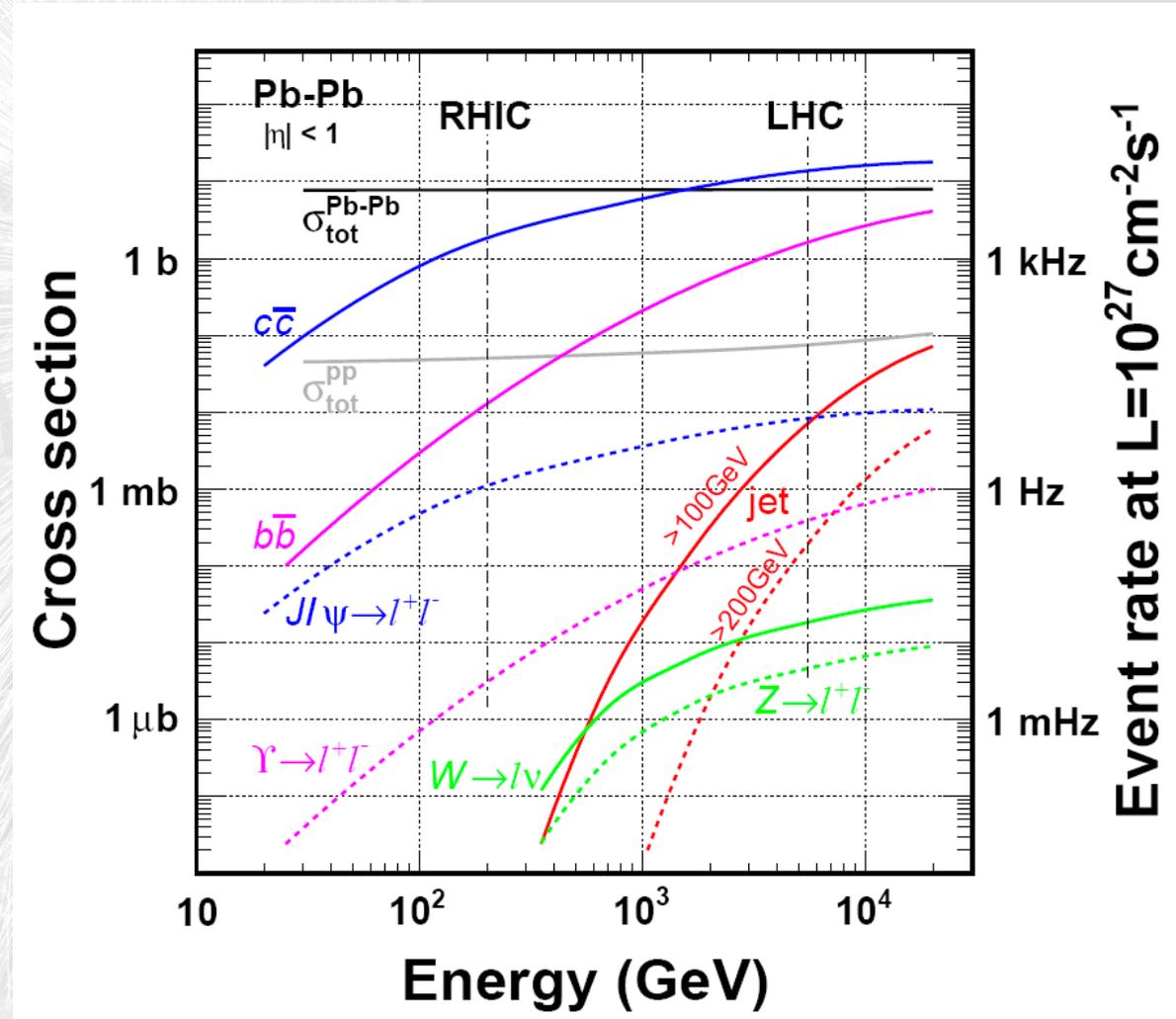
Heavy flavour quarks:

$$m(\text{charm}) \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$m(\text{beauty}) \sim 4.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

are ideal probes of the QGP at the LHC:

- large production cross sections
- Produced in initial hard parton scatterings
- controlled values of mass and colour charge of the propagating parton
- “brownian” motion through the medium, diffusion
- sensitive to QGP hadronisation (baryon/meson)



Energy loss of charm and beauty

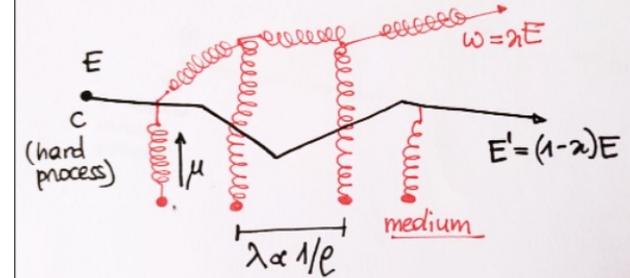
Charm and beauty lose energy via gluon radiation + elastic collisions

Due to the large masses, radiative energy loss is subject to the dead cone effect = suppression of the gluon radiation emitted by a (slow) heavy quark at small angles, $\vartheta < \vartheta_{DC} \sim m_q/E_q$

→ hierarchy in energy loss: $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$

→ radiative energy loss reduced by 25% (c) and 75% (b) [$\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$]

In-medium E_{loss}



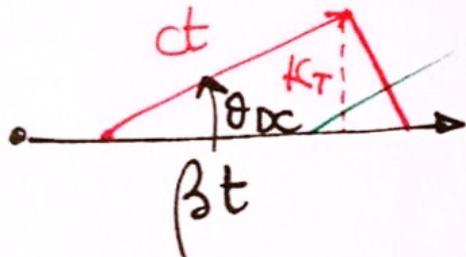
Baier-Dokshitzer-Mueller-Peigné-Schiff,
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$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_s C_r \hat{q} L^2$$

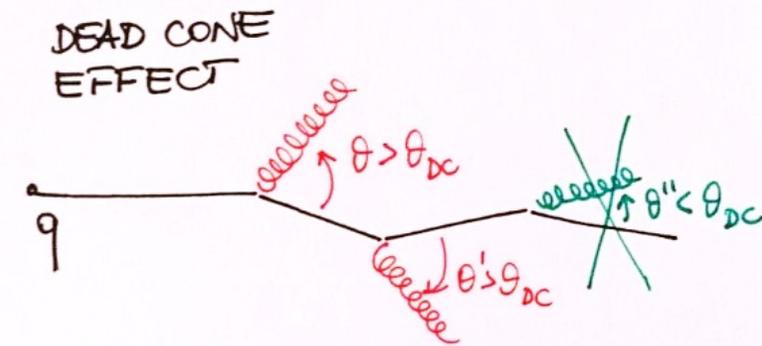
$$\hat{q} = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}$$

Average transverse momentum transfer
Mean free path $\sim 1/\text{density}$

Dead cone effect



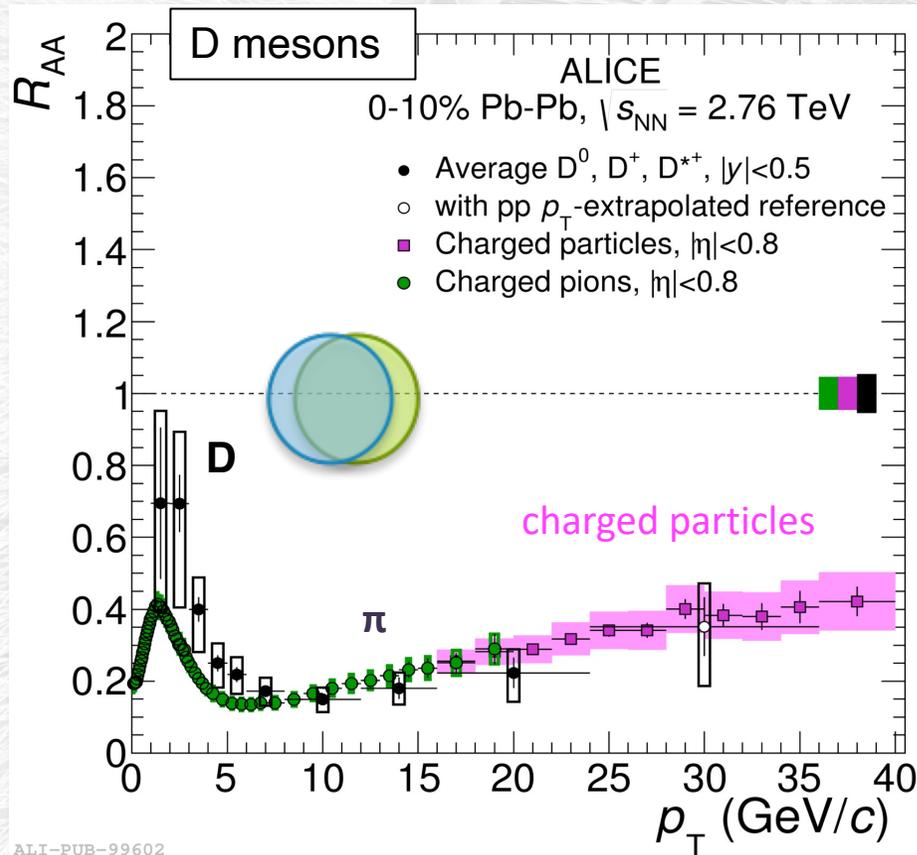
$$\sin \theta_{DC} = 1 - \beta^2 = \left(\frac{M}{E} \right)^2$$



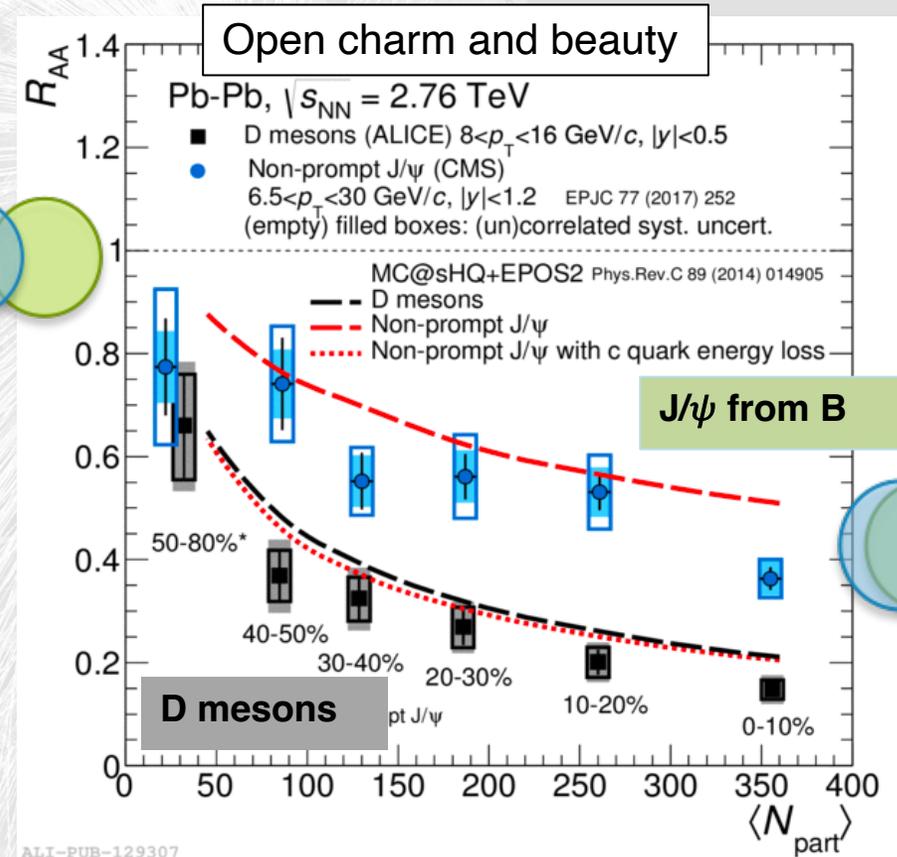
Nuclear modification of charm and beauty

A strong suppression is observed in the R_{AA} of D mesons J/psi from b decay.

J/ψ from beauty is less suppressed than D mesons from charm $\rightarrow \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$

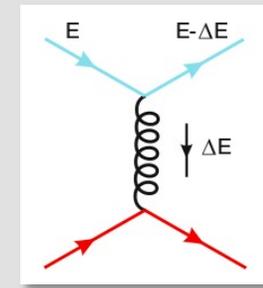


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Collisional energy loss



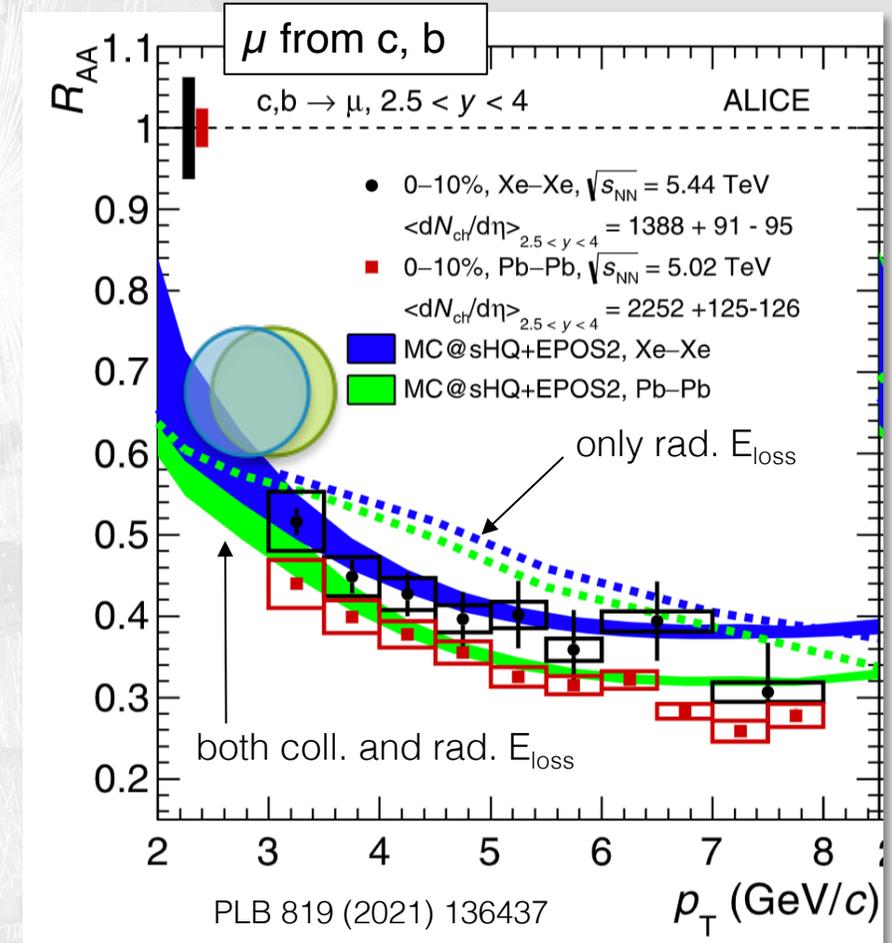
It depends on

- path length through the medium, L (linearly)
- parton type
 - For light quarks
 - For heavy quarks
- temperature of the medium, T
- mass of the heavy quark M
- average transverse momentum transfer μ in the medium

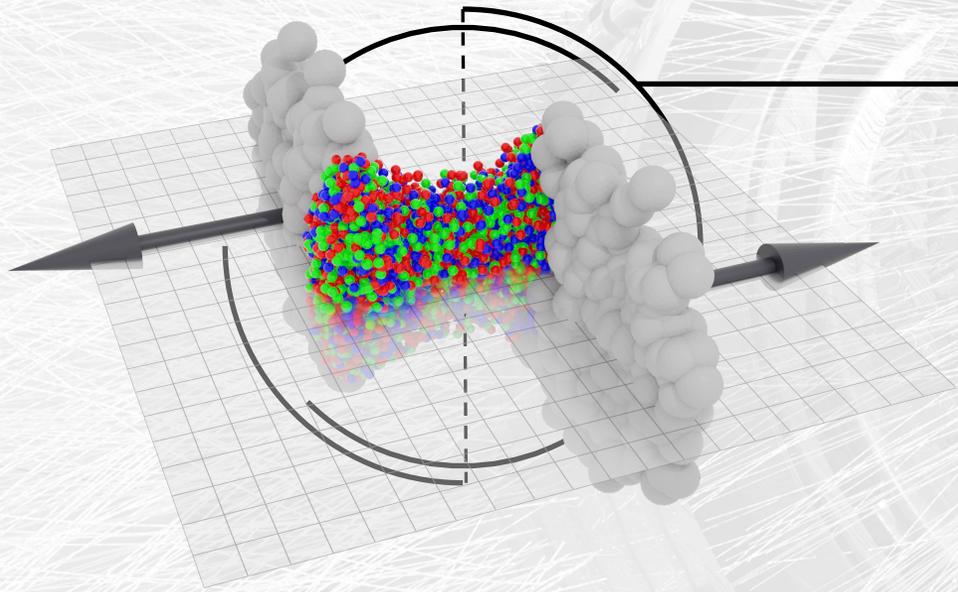
$$\Delta E_{q,g} \sim \alpha_S C_R \mu^2 L \ln \frac{ET}{\mu^2}$$

$$+ \alpha_S^2 T^2 C_R \mu^2 L \ln \frac{ET}{M^2}$$

→ Data are well described by models that include both collisional and radiative E_{loss}



And beyond ...



Photon measurements

- Reveal information about QGP temperature

Event-by-event / correlation measurements

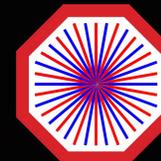
- Correlations in flow reveal more about origin of collectivity
- Quantum number correlations shed light on QGP dynamics

Hadron physics

- Femtoscopy as tool to study hadron-hadron interactions
- Characterisation (and formation) of heavy nuclei
- Strong connections to astrophysics and other fields

Relating traditional heavy-ion and particle physics

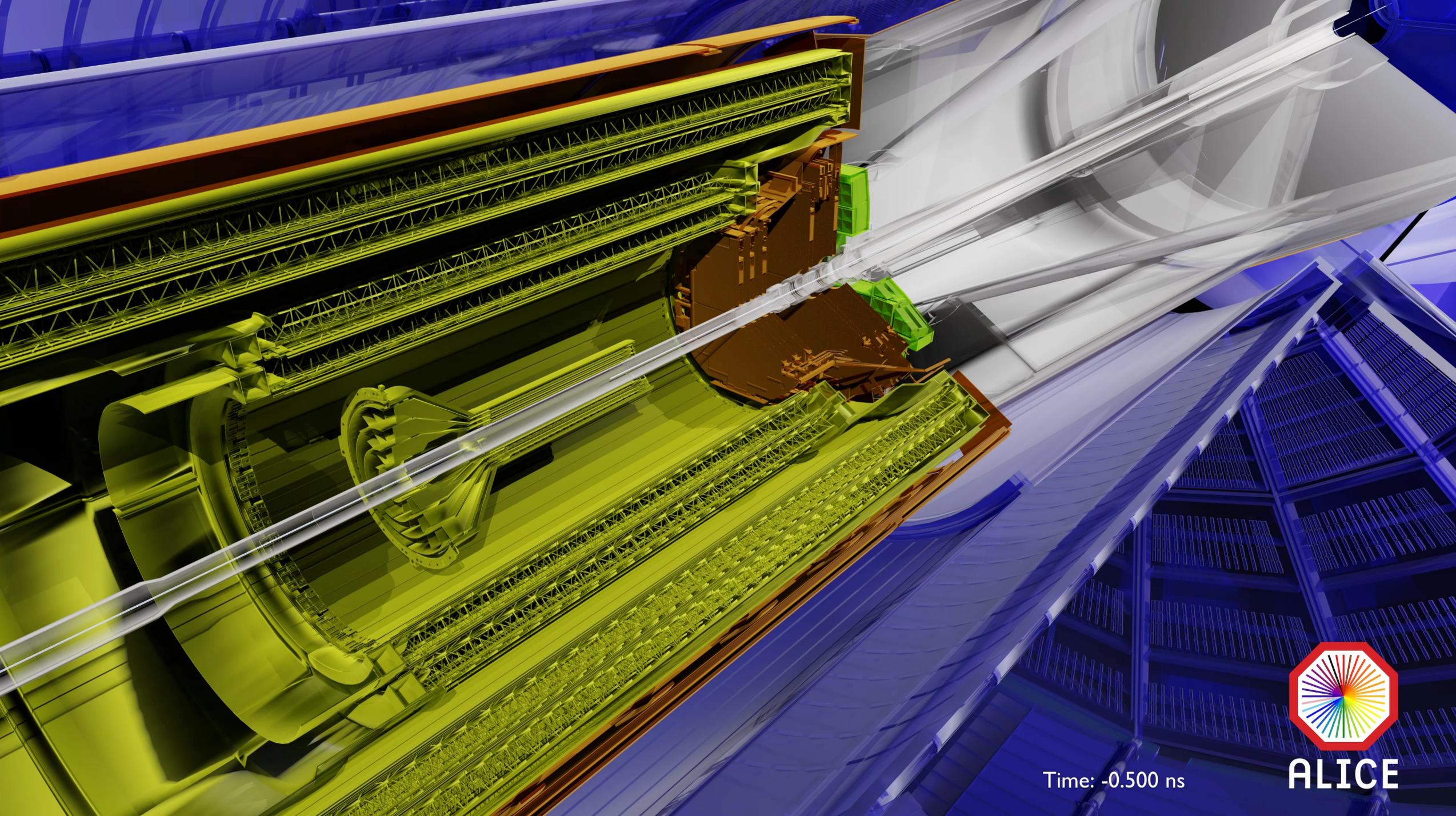
- Small systems studies: how do different views relate?



ALICE

Pb-Pb Run 2
 $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$

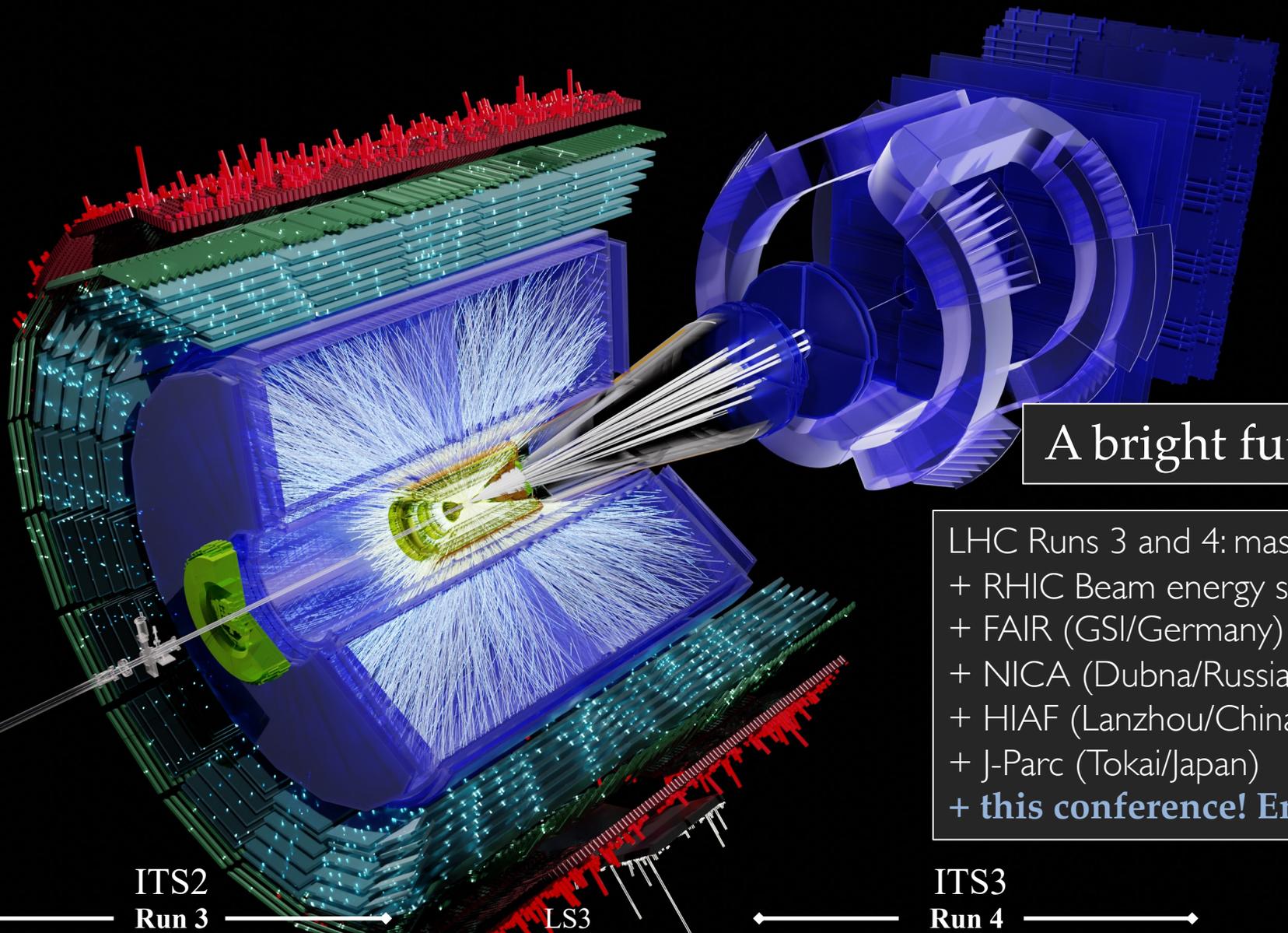
Where do we go from here?



Time: -0.500 ns



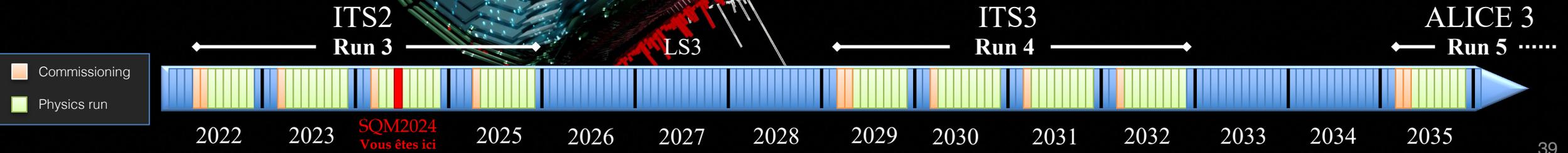
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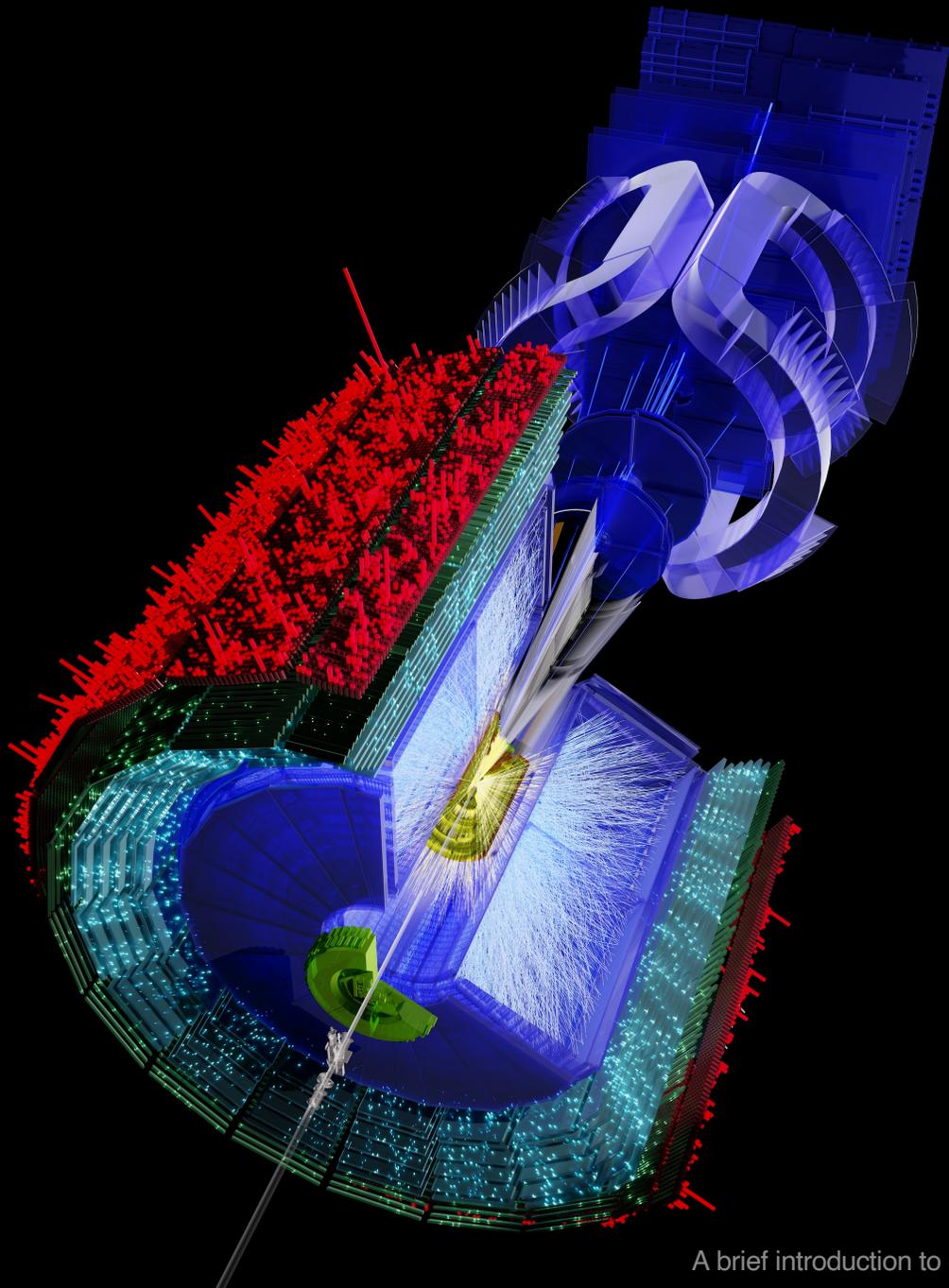


A bright future ahead !

LHC Runs 3 and 4: massive data samples
 + RHIC Beam energy scan
 + FAIR (GSI/Germany)
 + NICA (Dubna/Russia)
 + HIAF (Lanzhou/China)
 + J-Parc (Tokai/Japan)
 + **this conference! Enjoy!**

Thank you!





Extras

(Intermezzo: kinematic variables in collider physics)

Momentum and transverse momentum: $p = \sqrt{p_L^2 + p_T^2}$

Transverse mass: $m_T := \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2}$

Rapidity (generalizes longitudinal velocity $\beta_L = p_L / E$): $y := \operatorname{arctanh} \beta_L = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \beta_L}{1 - \beta_L} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_L}{E - p_L}$

- In a collider where 2 beams of different ions: $y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{Z_1 A_2}{A_1 Z_2}$
- In fixed-target mode: $y_{CM} = (y_{\text{target}} + y_{\text{beam}}) / 2 = y_{\text{beam}} / 2$

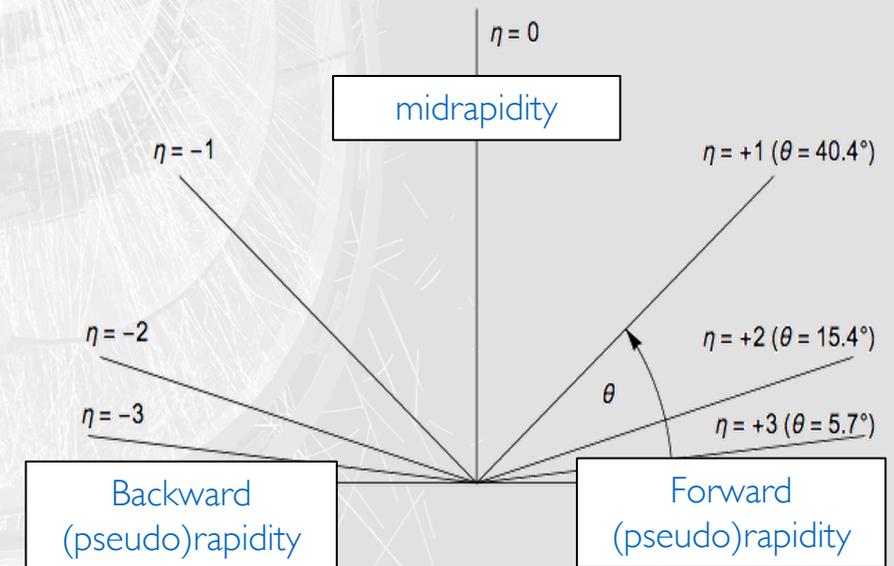
The rapidity can be approximated by pseudorapidity in the ultra-relativistic limit ($p \gg m$):

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p \cos \vartheta}{E - p \cos \vartheta} \stackrel{p \gg m}{\approx} \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \cos \vartheta}{1 - \cos \vartheta} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}} = -\ln \left[\tan \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right] =: \eta$$

$$\cos(2\alpha) = 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \alpha$$

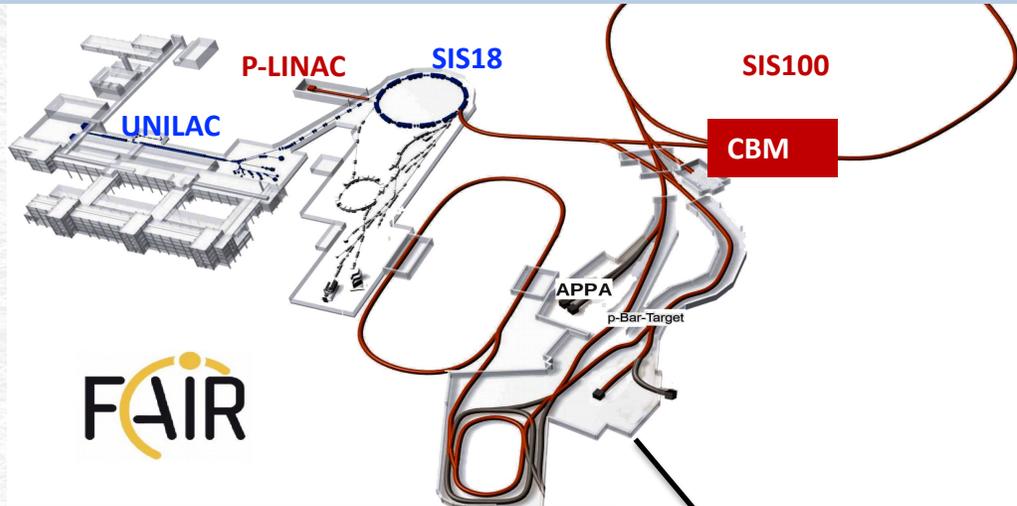
where ϑ is the angle between the direction of the beam and the particle.

In general $y \neq \eta$, especially at low momenta.

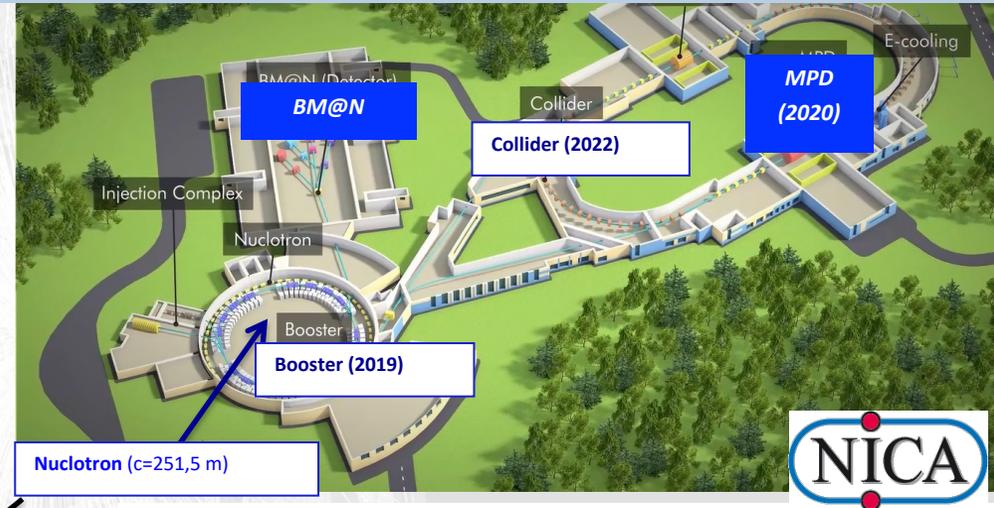


Heavy-ion physics worldwide: future / low energy

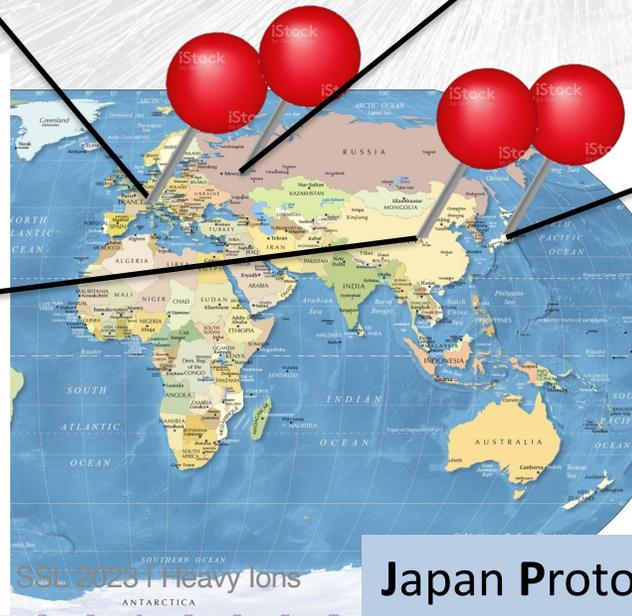
Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research, GSI, Germany



Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility, JINR, Dubna

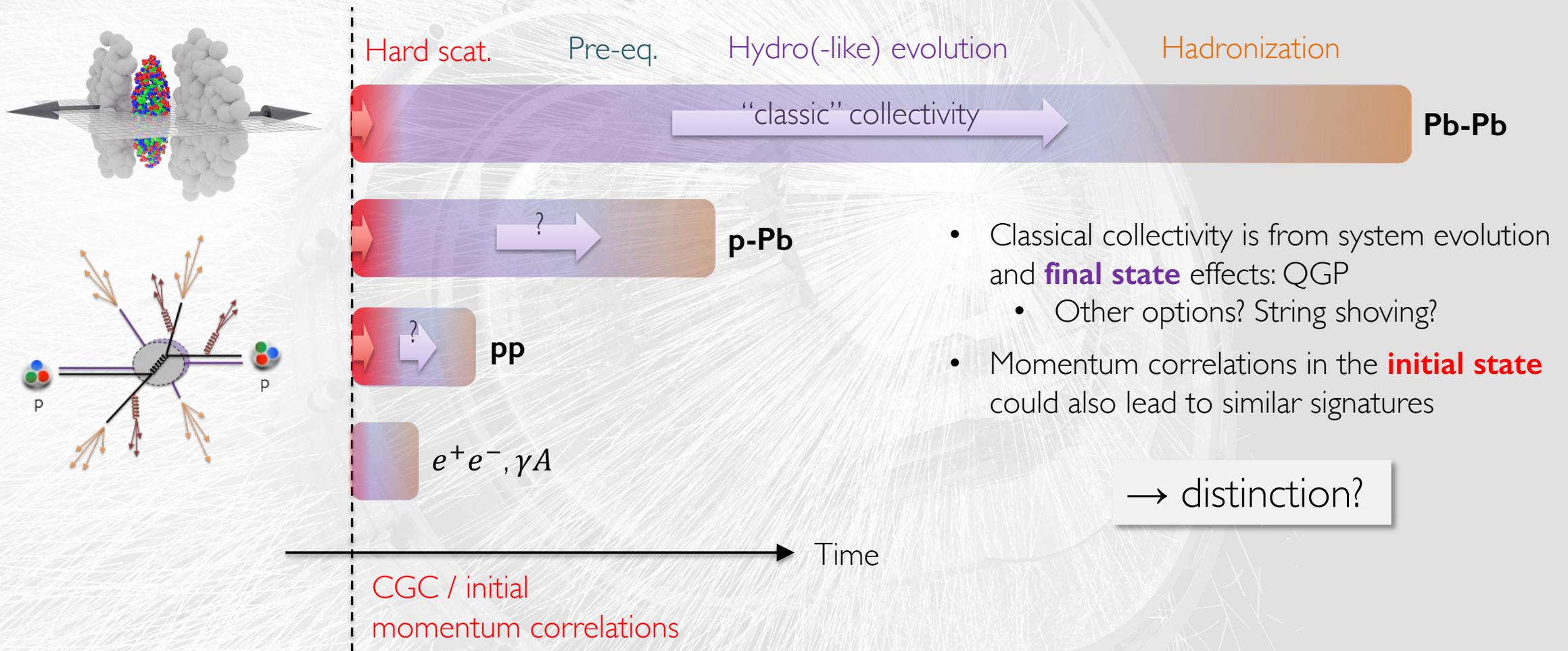


High-Intensity Heavy Ion Accelerator Facility, Lanzhou, China



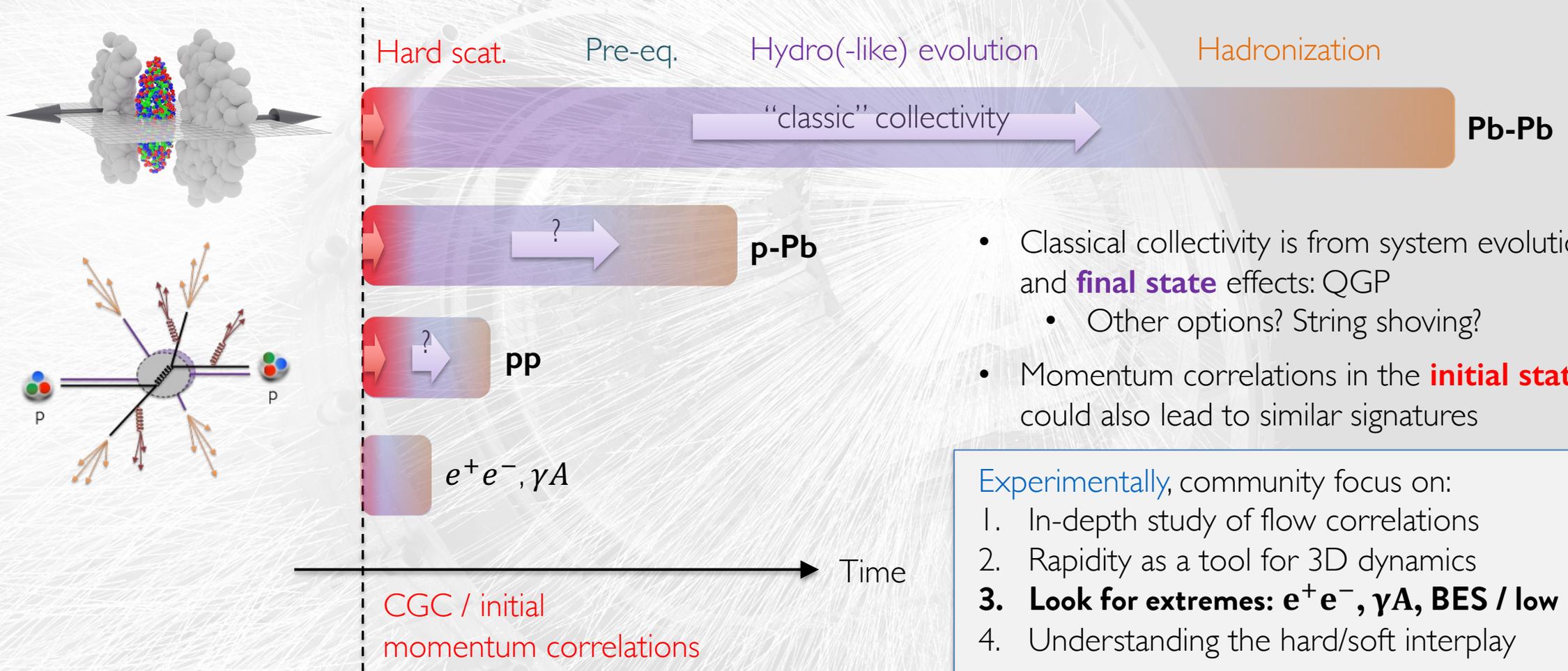
Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex, Japan

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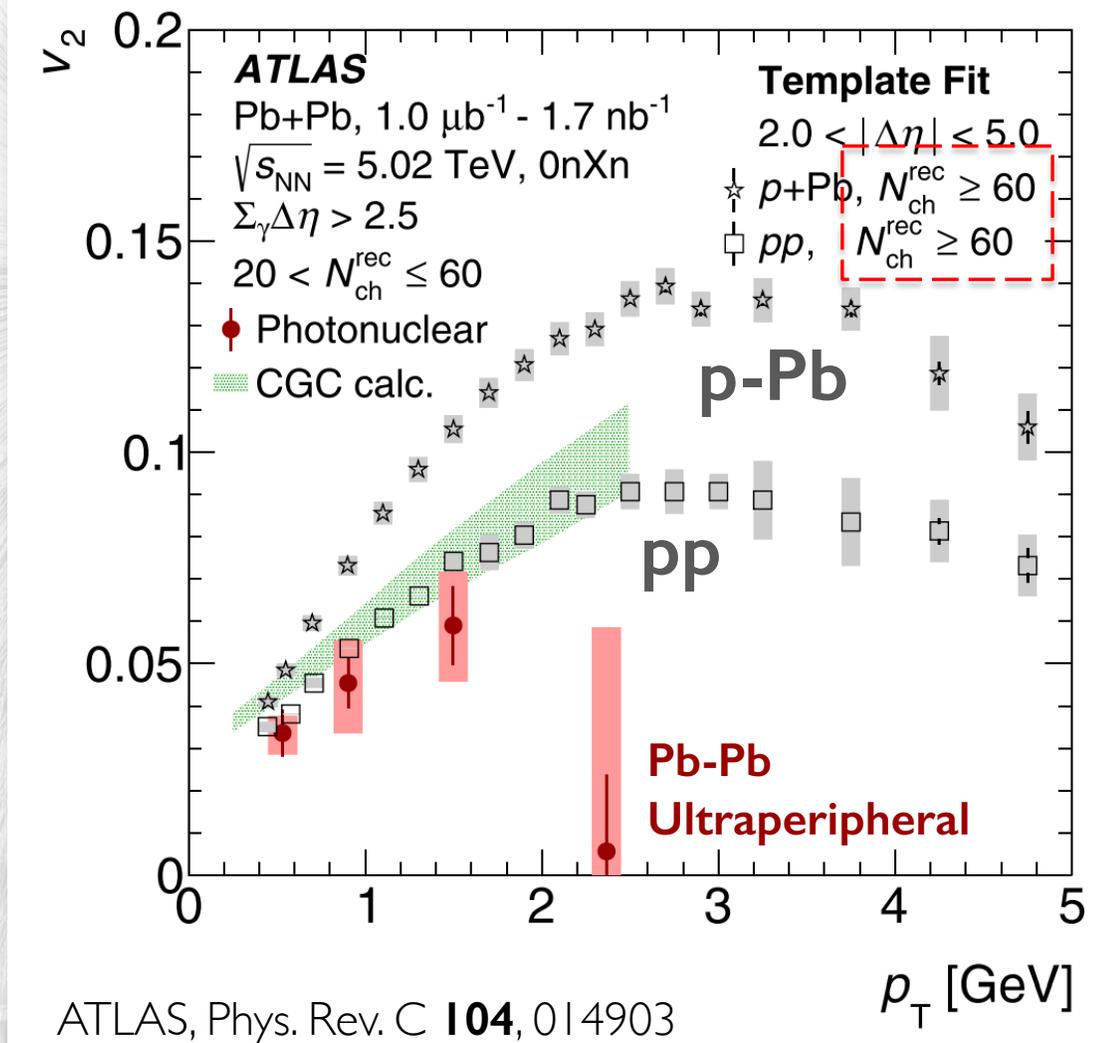
- Experimentally**, community focus on:
1. In-depth study of flow correlations
 2. Rapidity as a tool for 3D dynamics
 3. **Look for extremes: e^+e^- , γA , BES / low E**
 4. Understanding the hard/soft interplay

Observation of non-zero flow in photo-nuclear events

- Ultra-peripheral collisions: photonuclear processes
 - High-multiplicity events selected for analysis
 - Non-zero v_2 ,
...but lower than hadron-hadron collisions!
- Similar to result by CMS [2] in γp interactions (in p-Pb)
- Can be explained using CGC predictions [1]
- Caveat: v_2 coefficients vulnerable to (residual) non-flow
- Begs the question: can we characterize these collisions?
 - What about other QGP signatures?

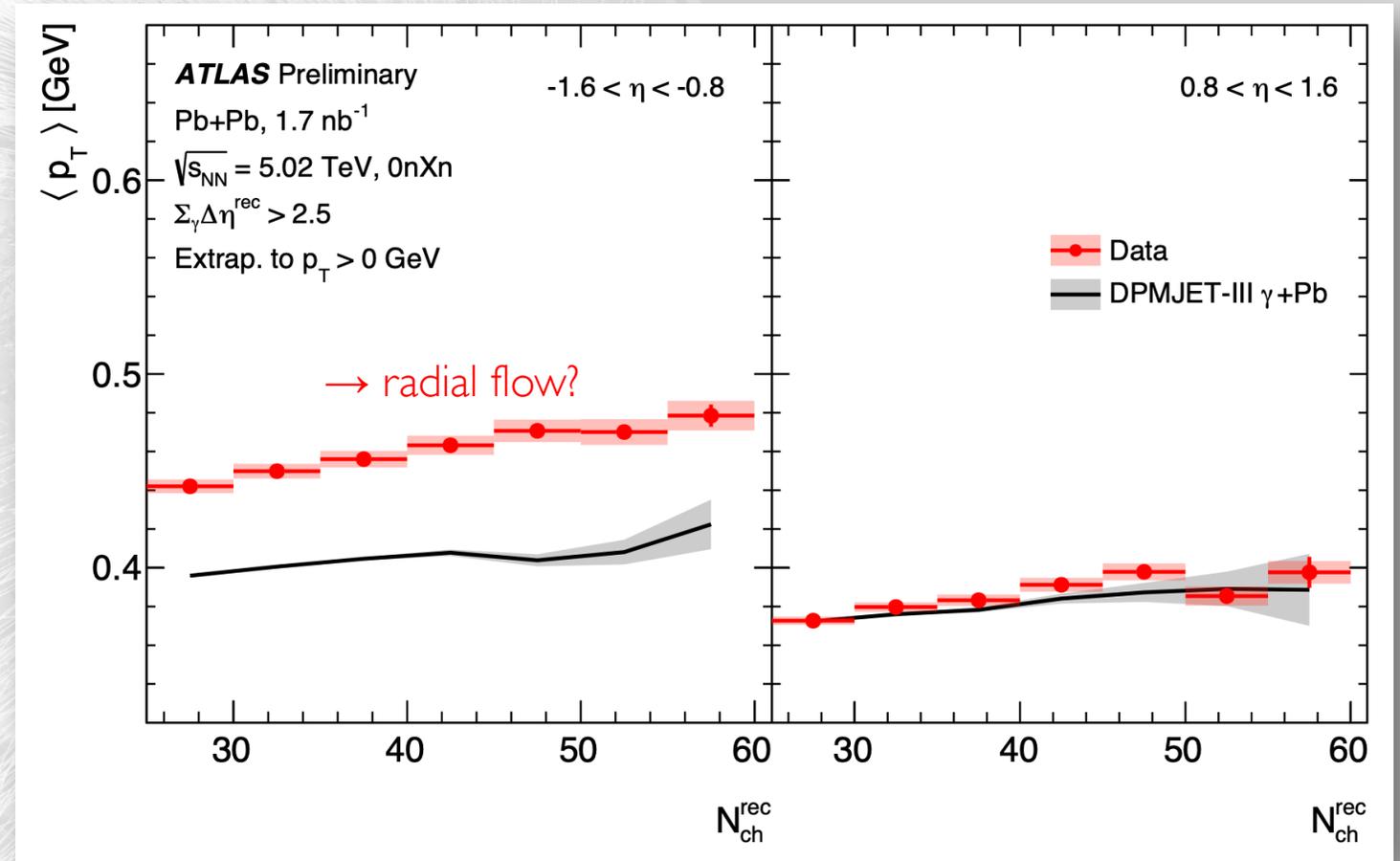
[1] Phys. Rev. D **103**, 054017

[2] <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.13486>



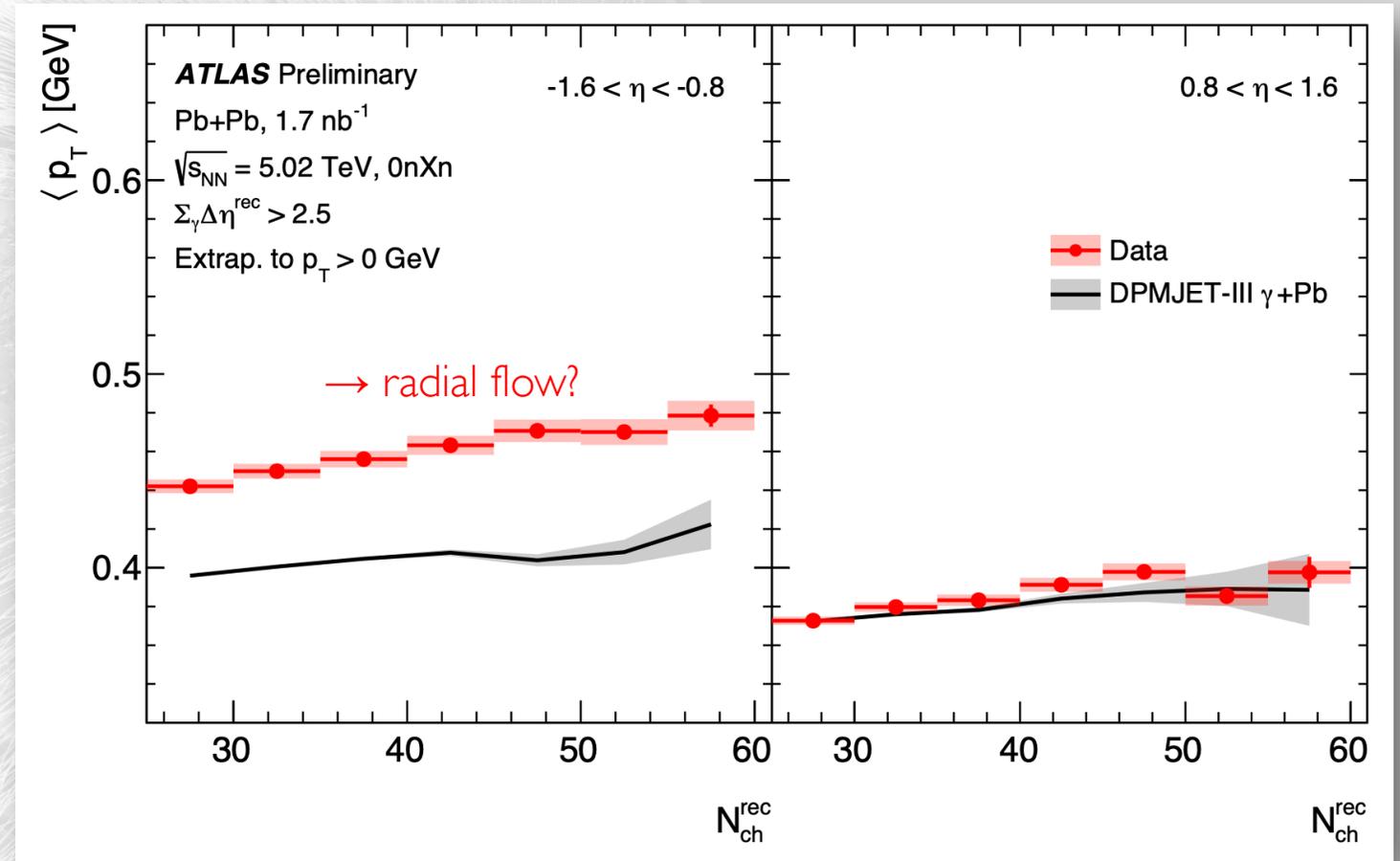
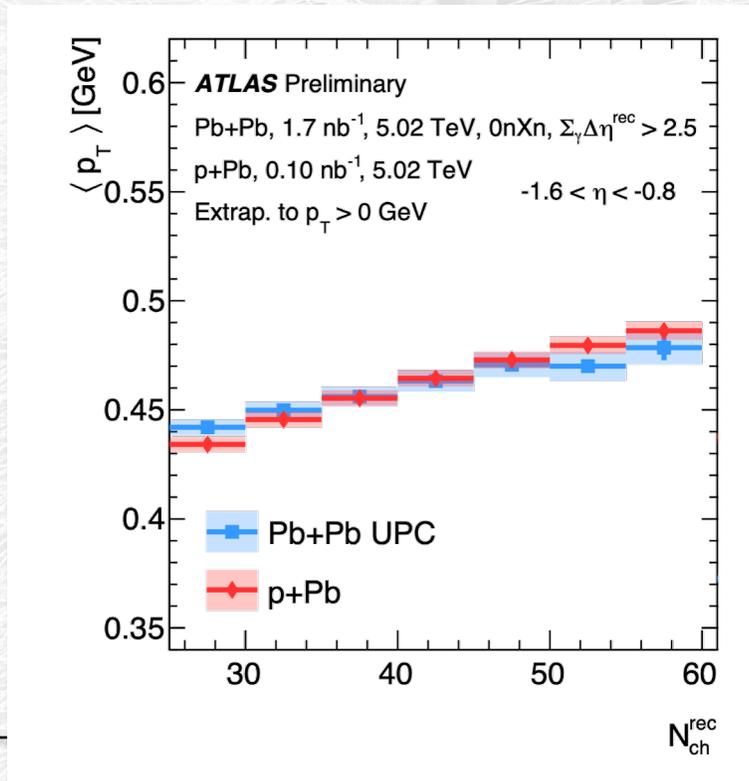
Search for QGP signatures in photo-nuclear events

- Indications of [radial flow in UPC collisions](#)
 - In backward pseudorapidity region
 - Excess not described well by AMPT



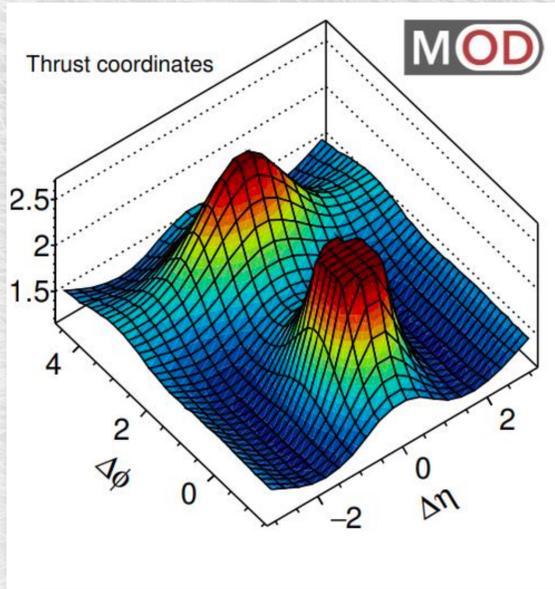
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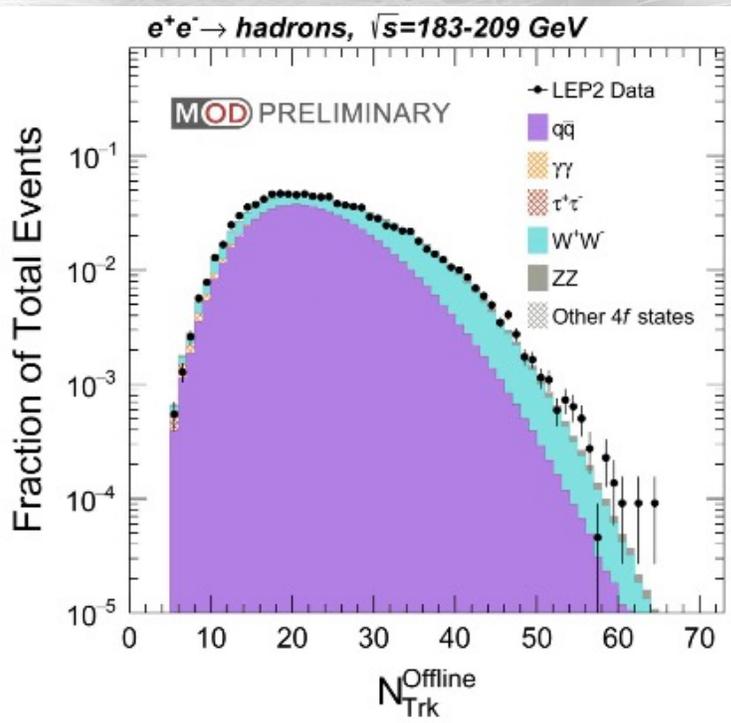
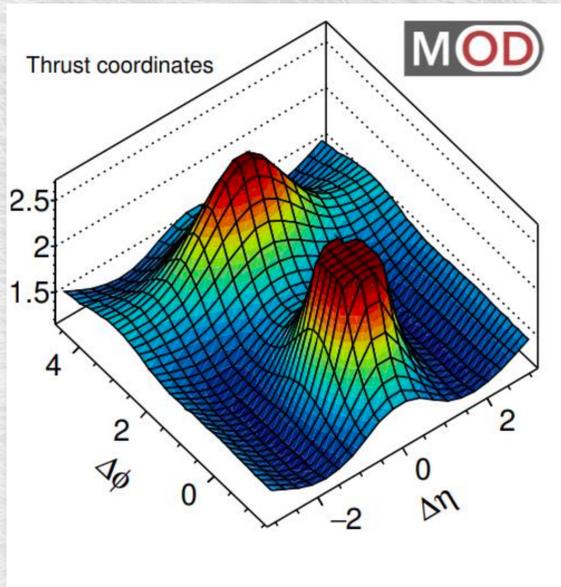


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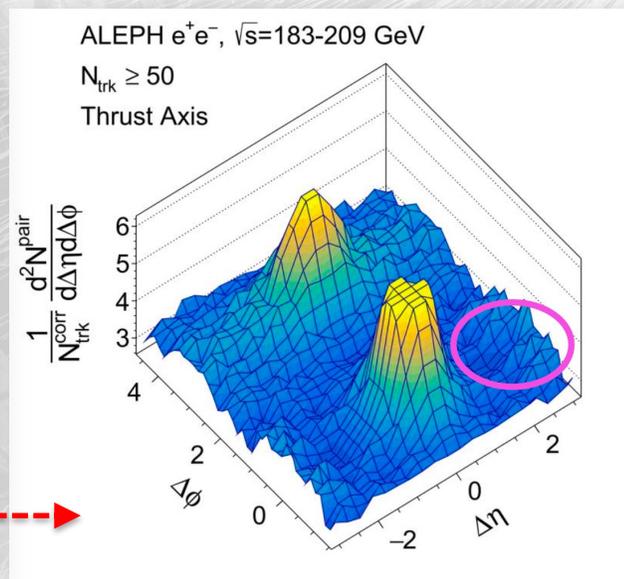
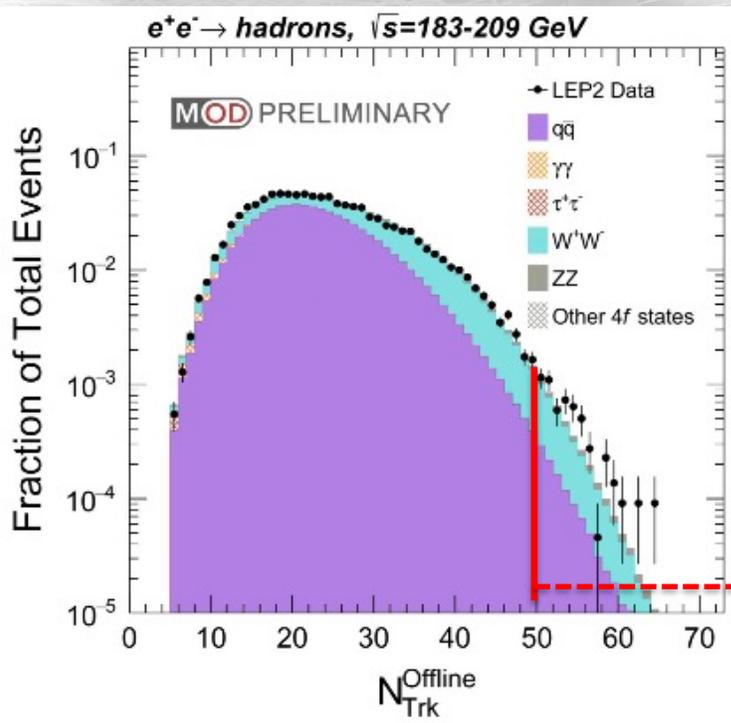
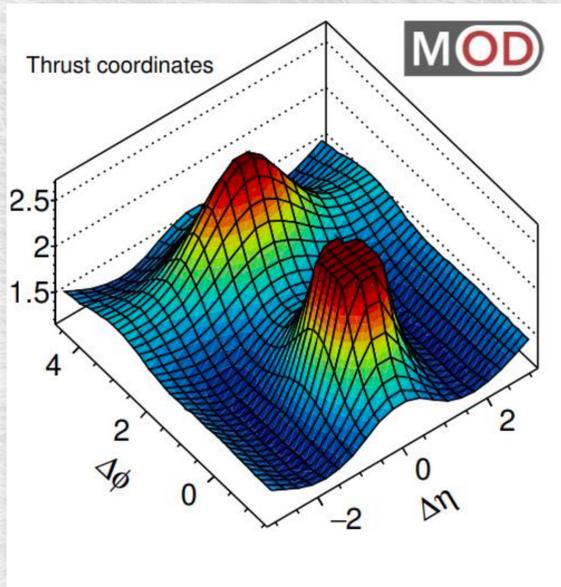
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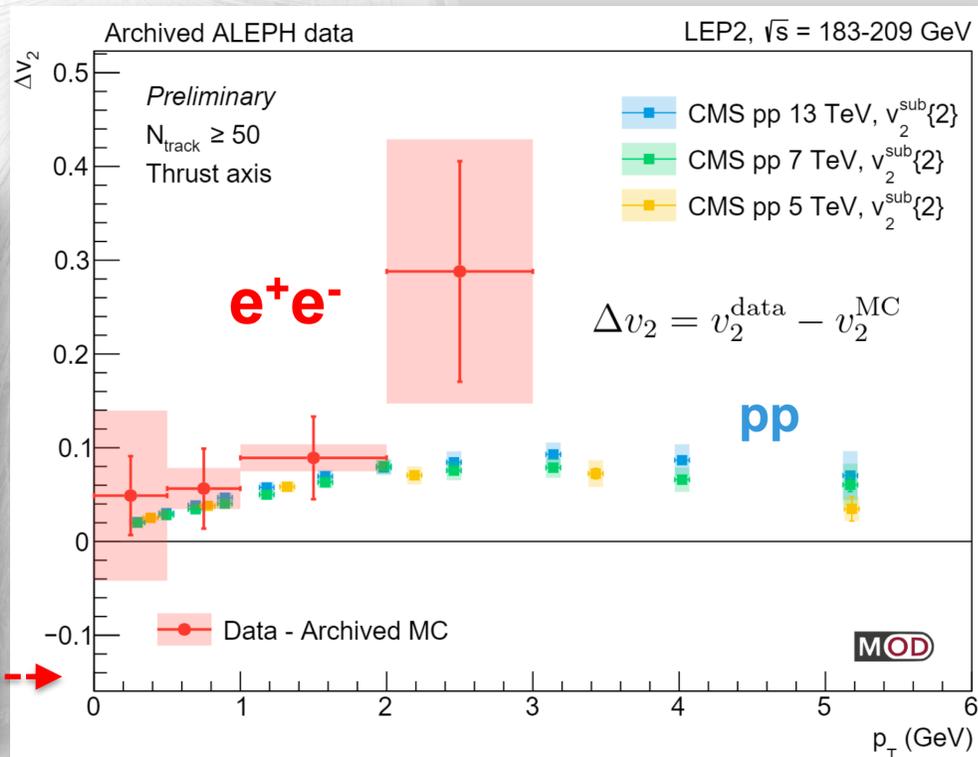
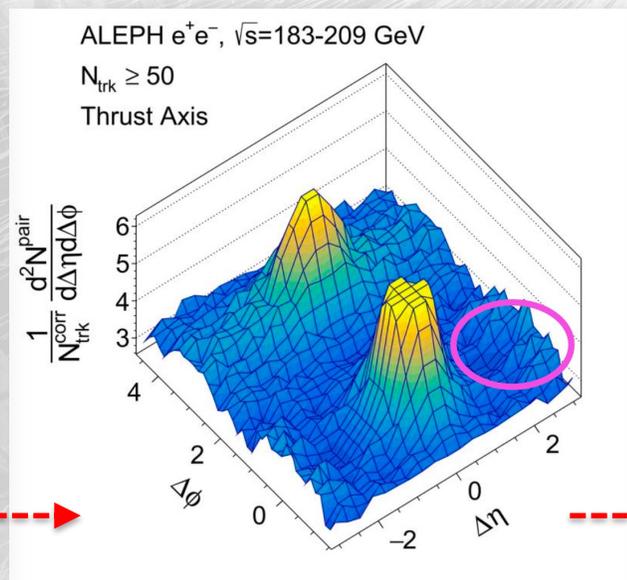
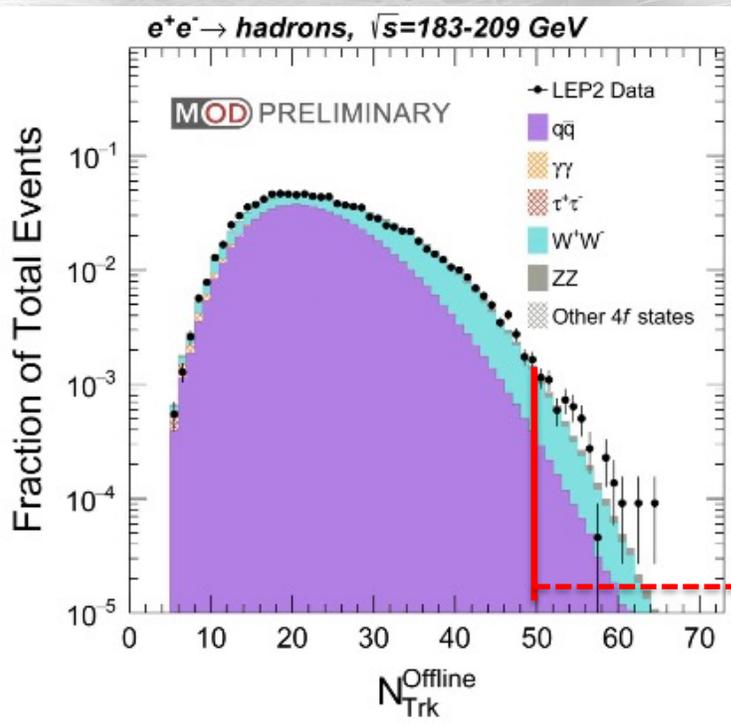
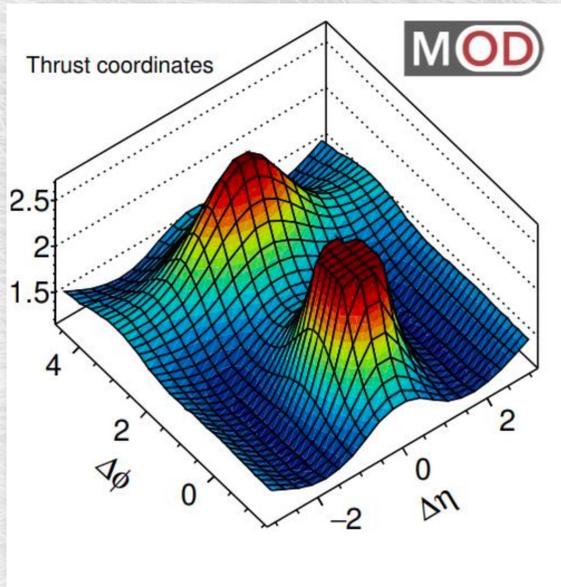
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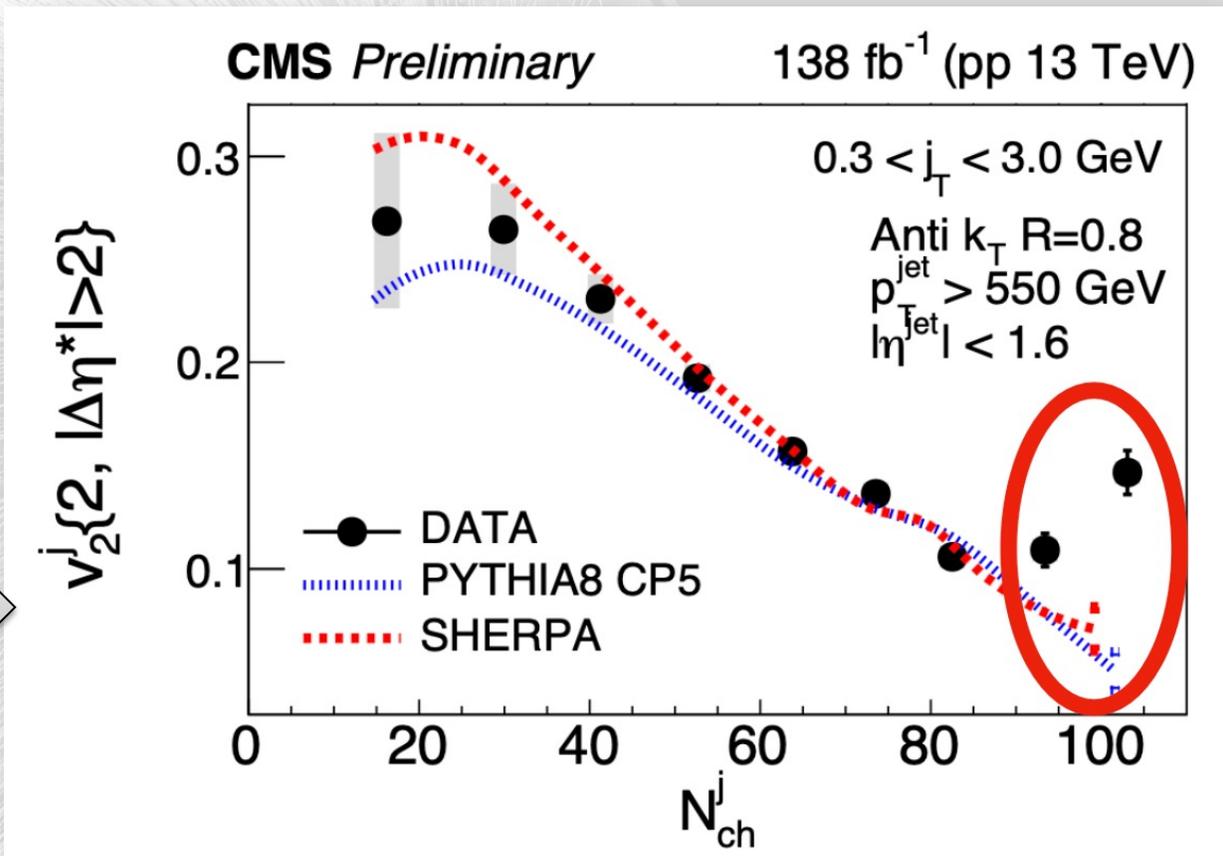
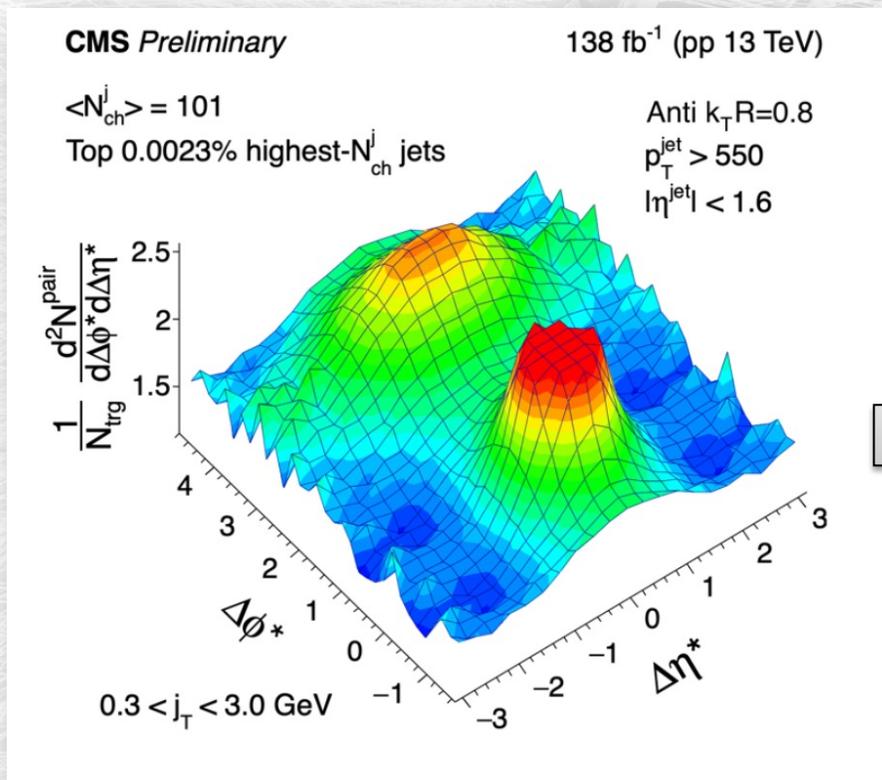
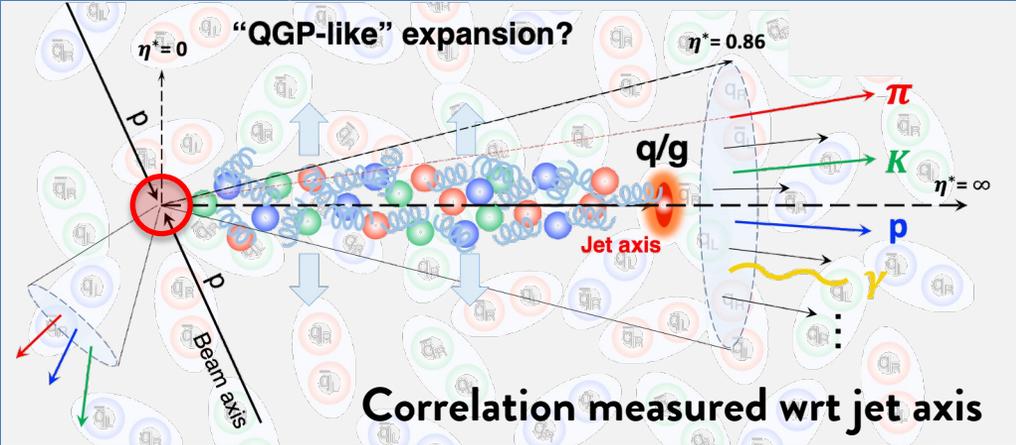
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• $\Delta v_2 = v_2^{\text{Data}} - v_2^{\text{MC}}$

Flow in individual jets?

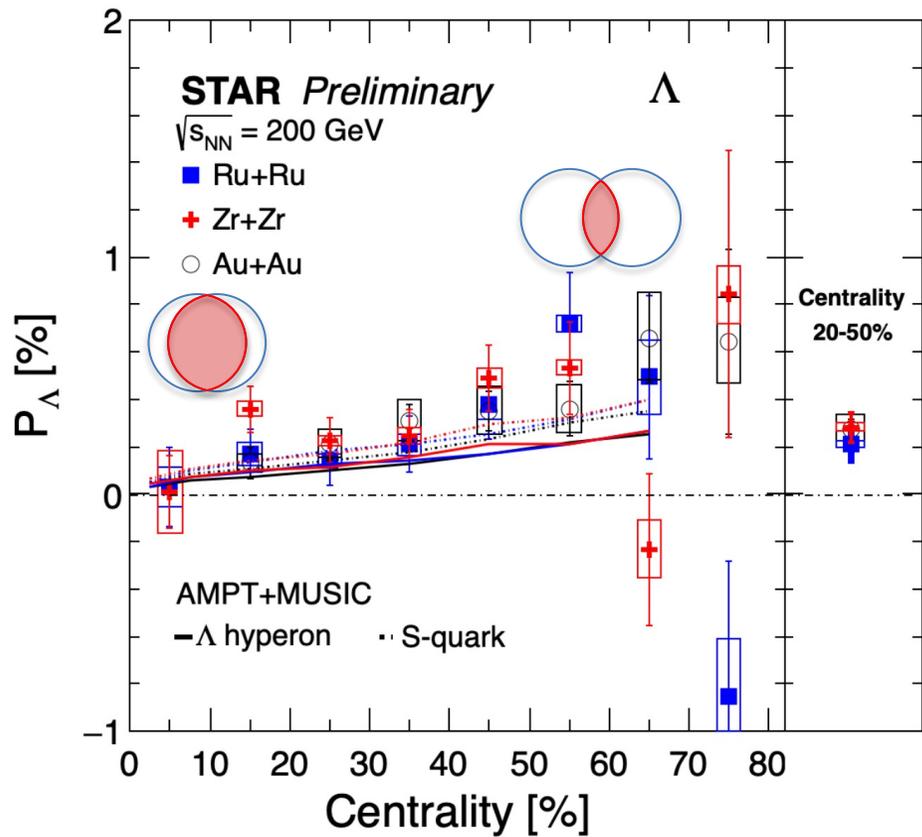
→ See [talk by Parker Gardner](#)



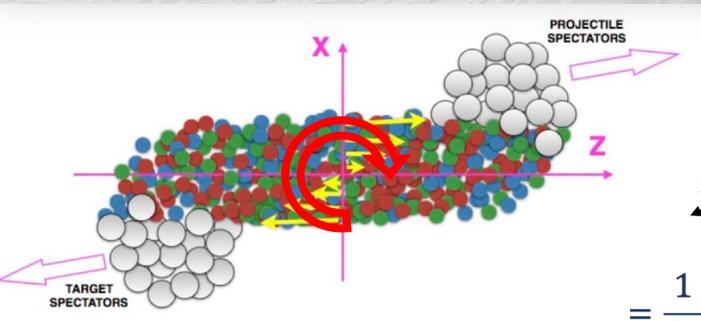
- ✓ Flow correlations
- ✓ Hard/soft interplay

- Elliptic flow with respect to jet axis anomalously high for high N_{ch}^j
- Possibly a sign of **collectivity in jets?**

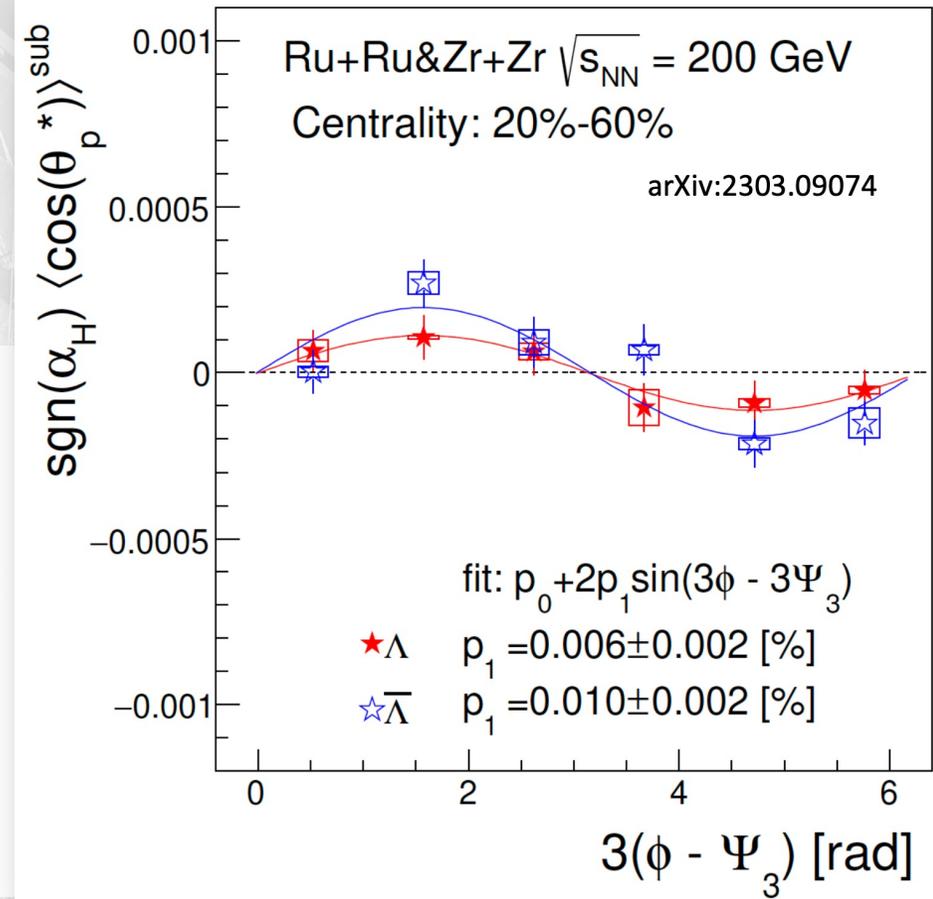
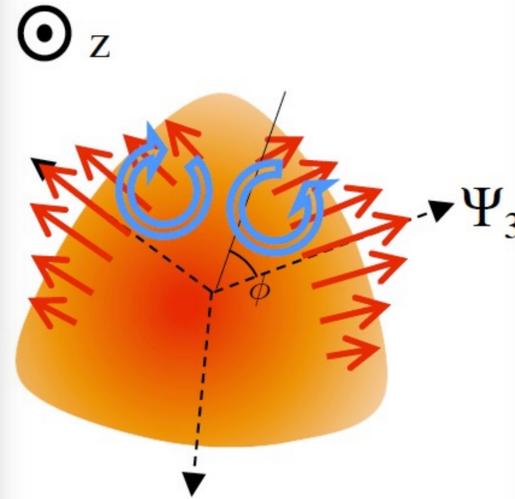
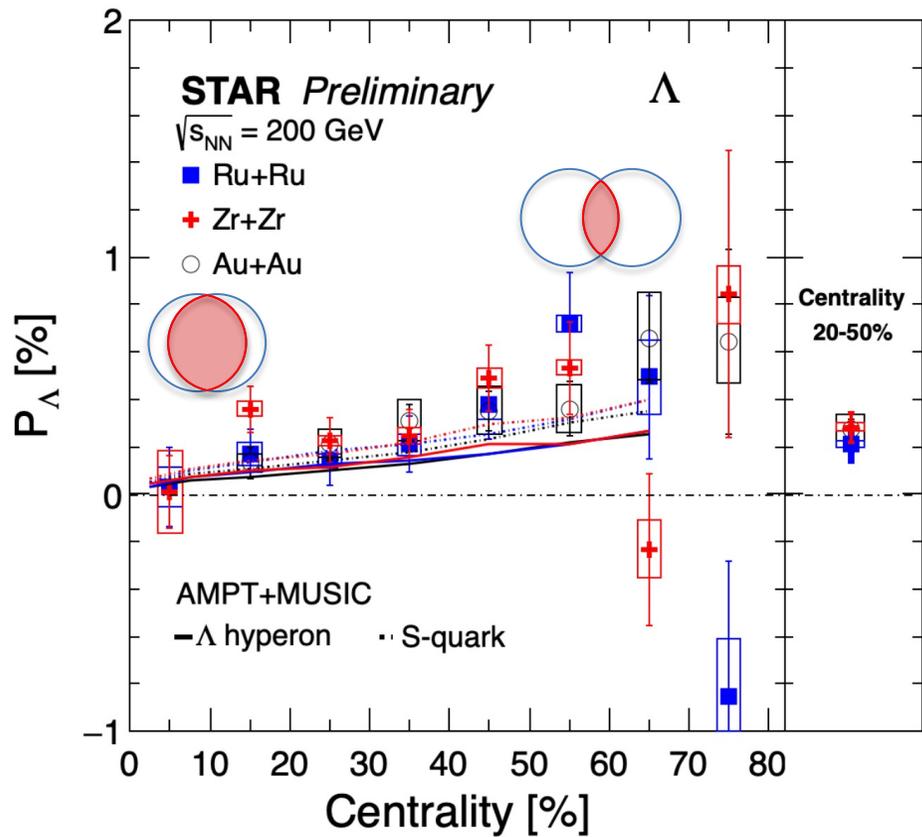
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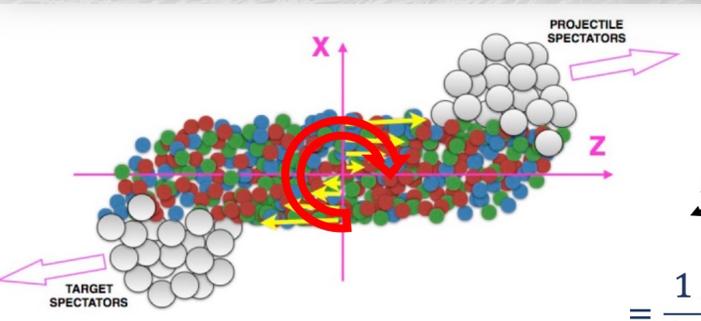
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- Now: first observation of polarization wrt third-order event plane
- Other directions of polarization studies being explored: hard/soft interplay and jet quenching



Studying how particles are emitted with respect to each other



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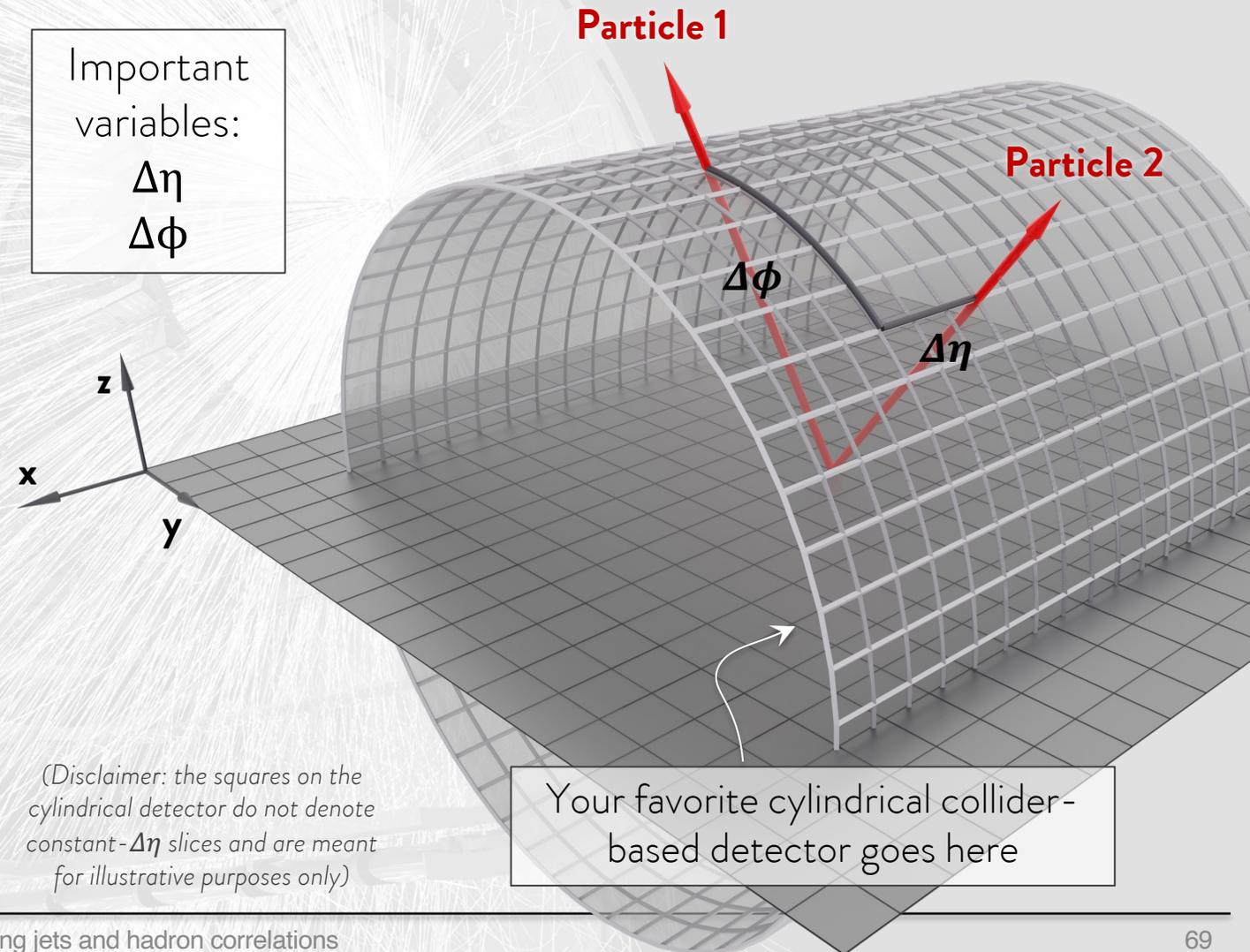
Toward a Standardization of Jet Definitions ·

We propose to use a **standard jet definition using cones in $\eta-\phi$ space.** This has the advantage that it is related to the prescription for handling radiation in QCD introduced by Sterman and Weinberg [7]. The cone algorithms in

Let's attempt something slightly different:

- Let's try to look into how each particle is laid out with respect to others in $\eta - \phi$ space!
- This allows us to study jets from a different, **complementary point of view**
- ...and look at **a few other phenomena** as well

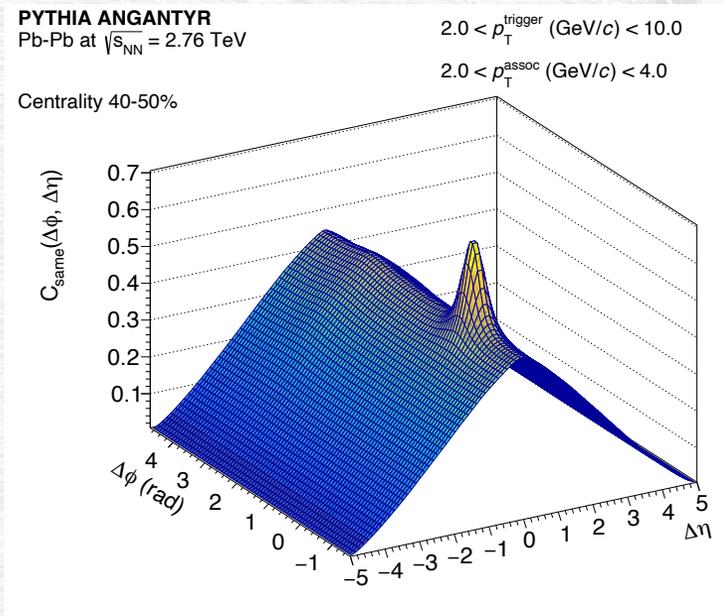
Important variables:
 $\Delta\eta$
 $\Delta\phi$



(Disclaimer: the squares on the cylindrical detector do not denote constant- $\Delta\eta$ slices and are meant for illustrative purposes only)

Your favorite cylindrical collider-based detector goes here

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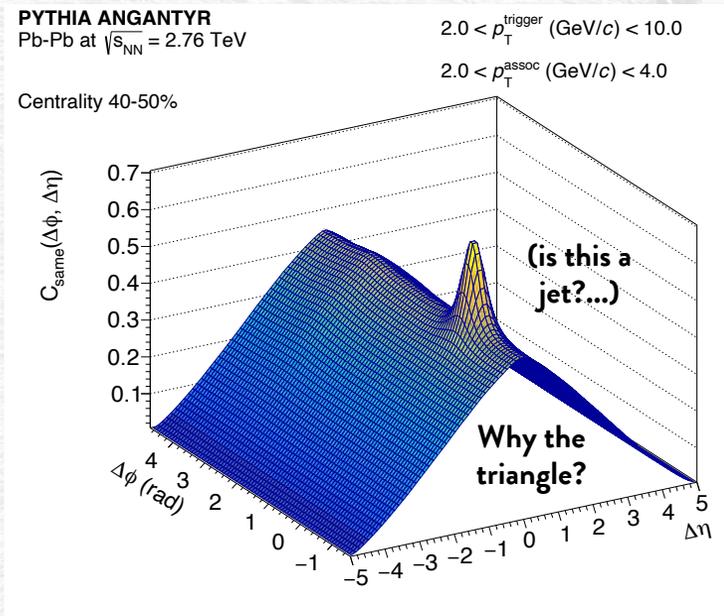


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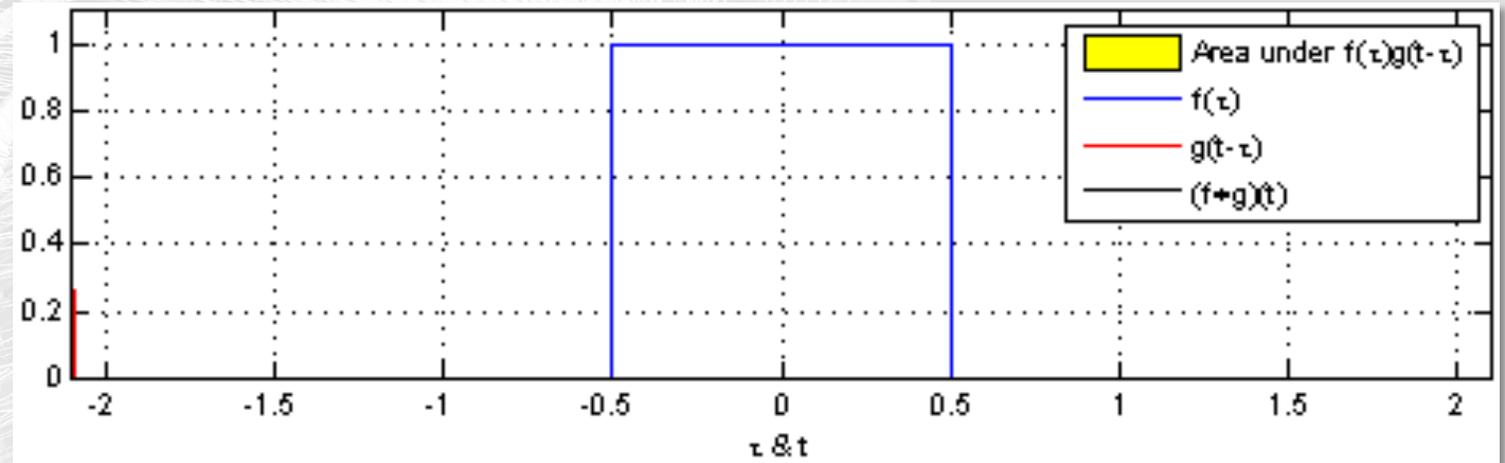
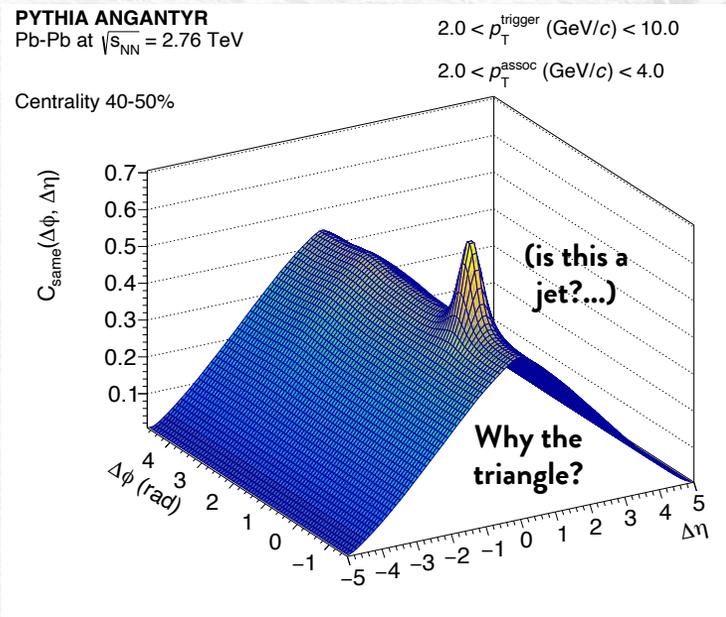


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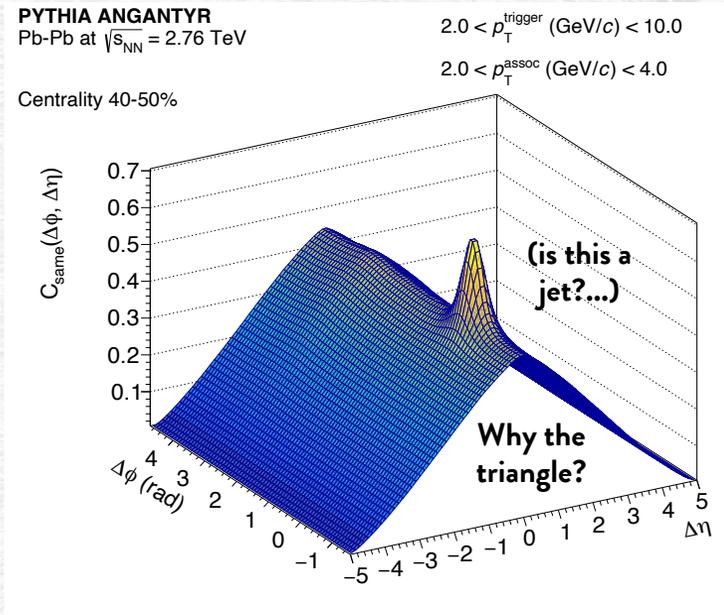
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Turns out this is **an acceptance effect**.

- Whenever you have a **trigger**, a **certain region of pseudorapidity will be removed** because you ran out of detector to measure it.
- This is an effect you do not want! → correction needed
- And it is probabilistic (meaning: multiplicative...)

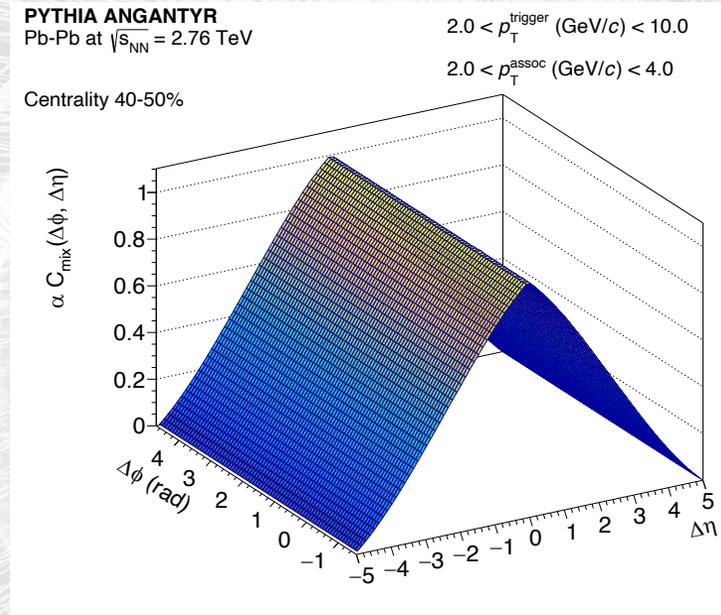
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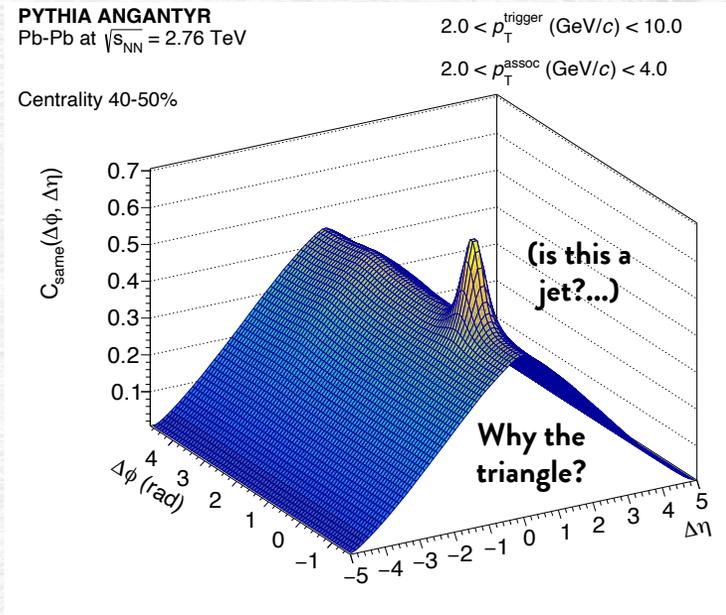
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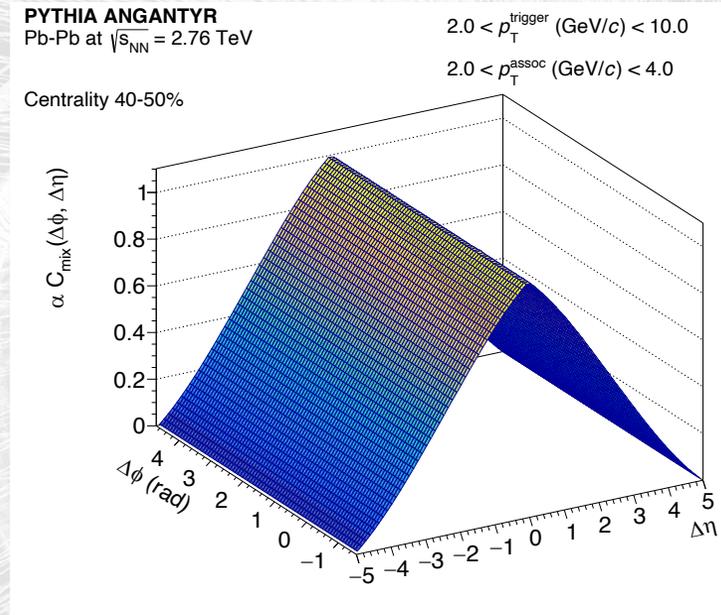
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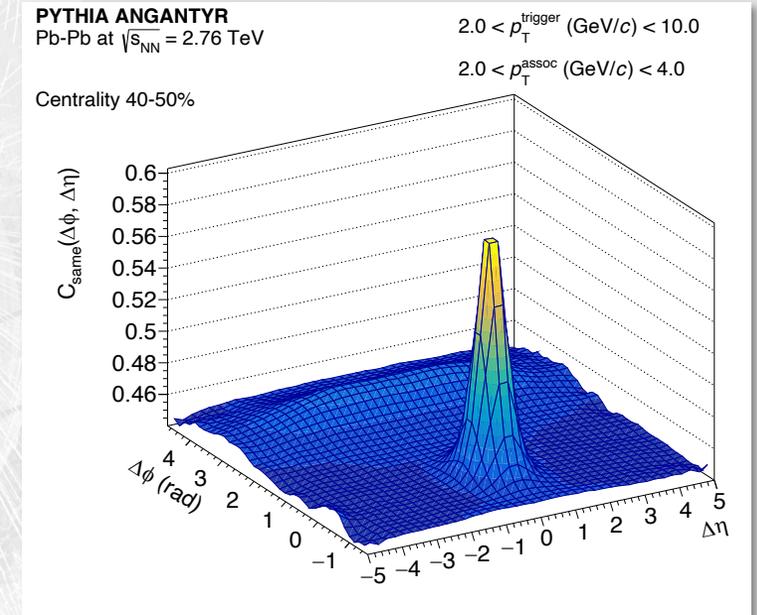


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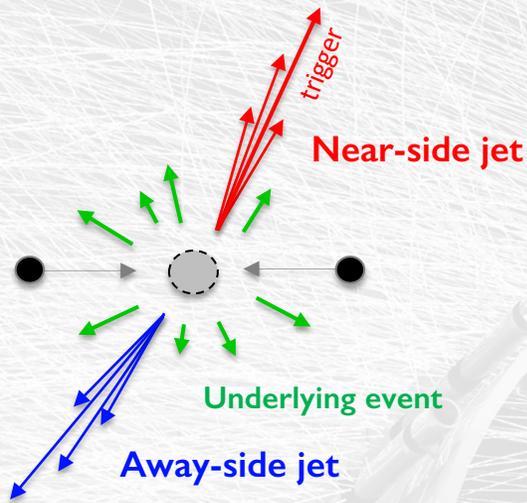


Corrected correlation function:

$$C(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{C_{\text{same}}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{C_{\text{mixed}}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

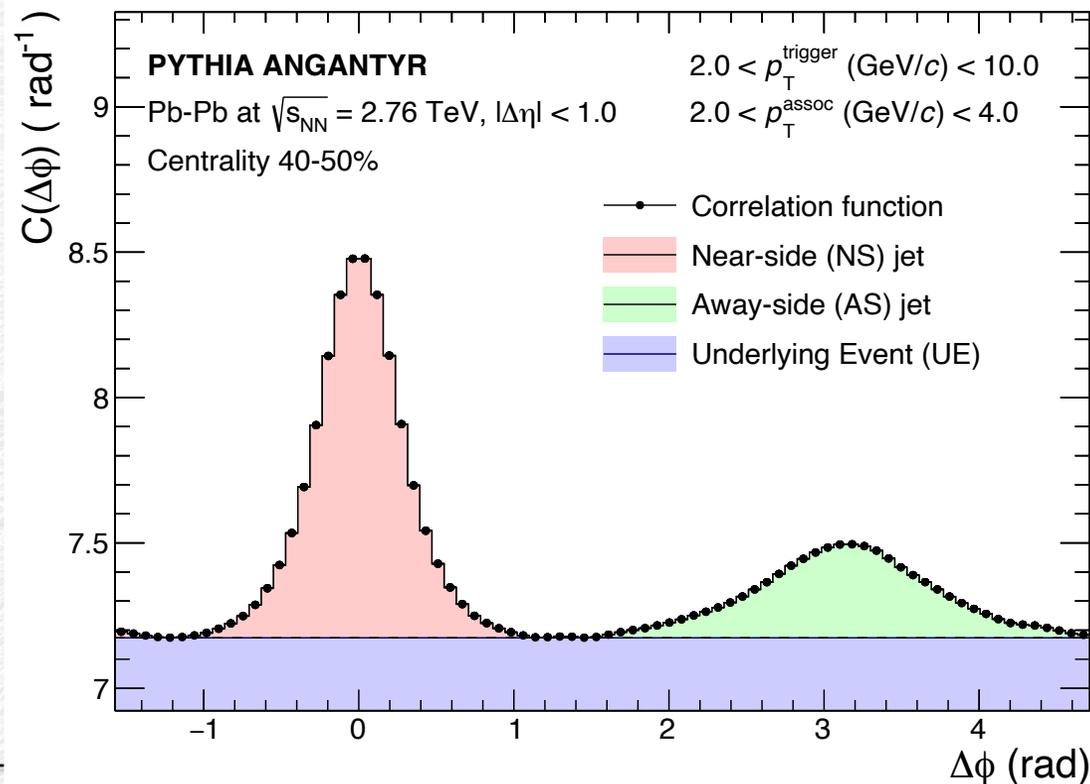
→ ok, that's the one!

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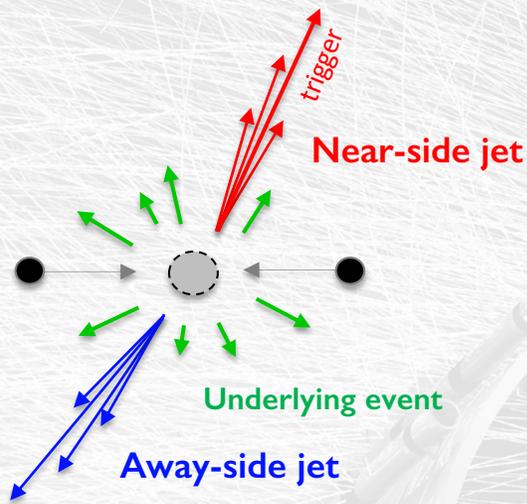
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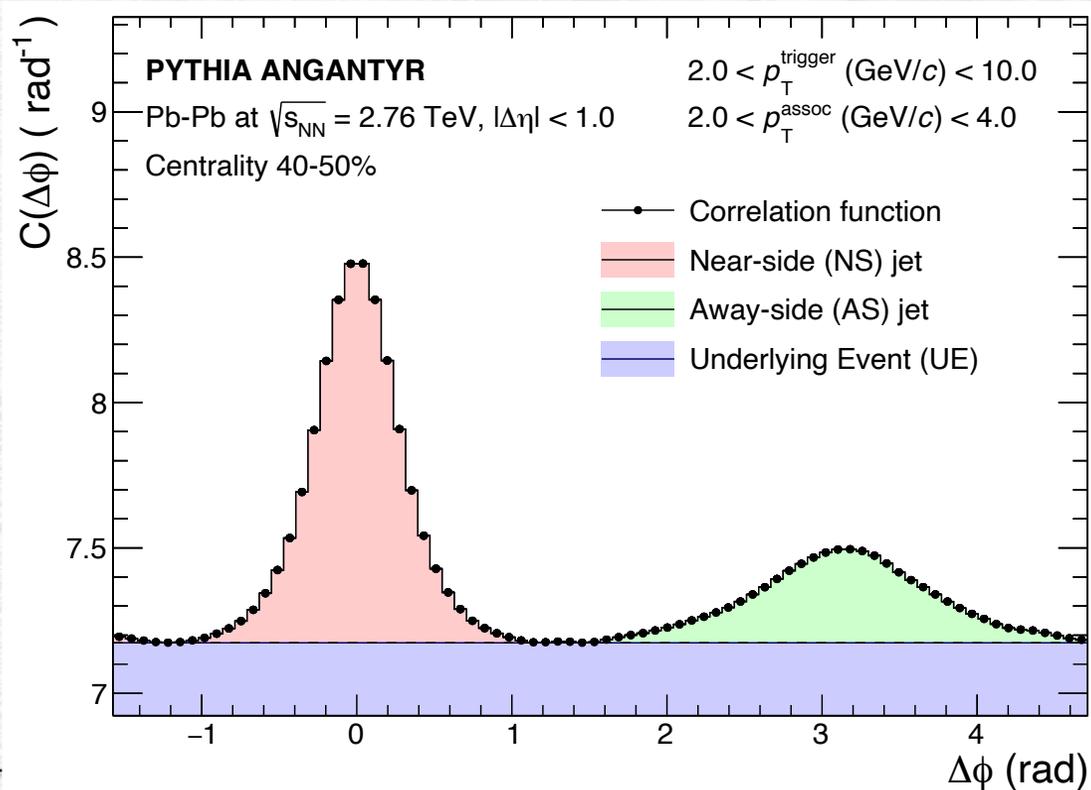
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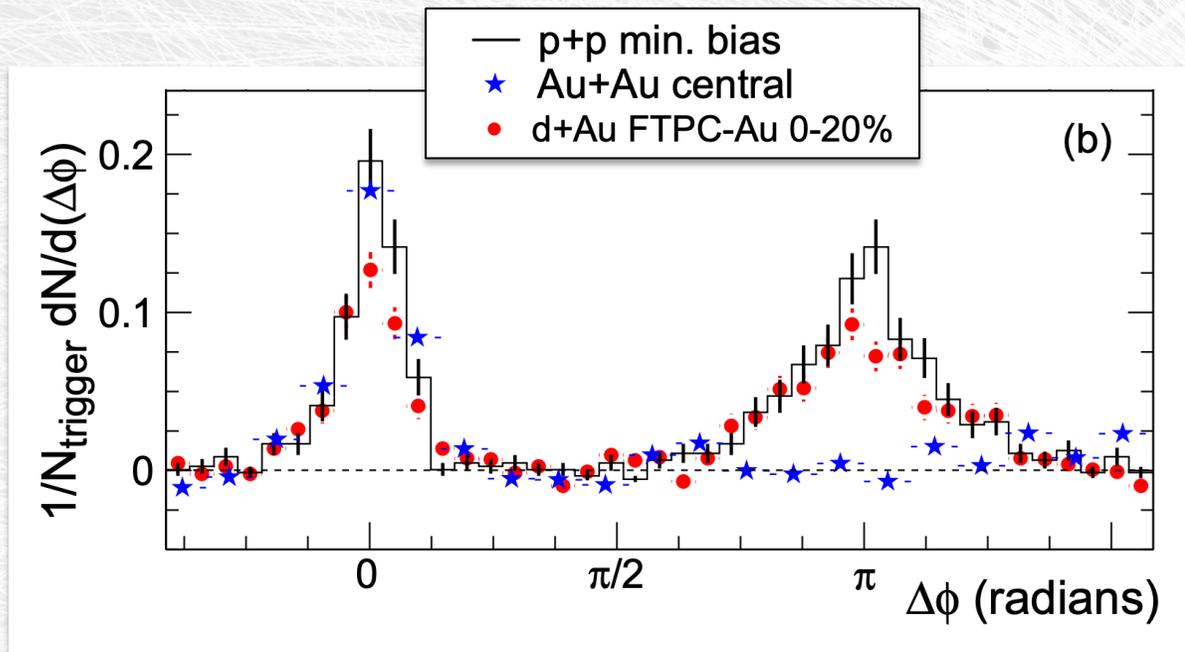
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- **Warning 1:** this is an *average* emission function effectively calculated for many jet-like particle structures
- **Warning 2:** the underlying event is *not* free of jets!
- **Warning 3:** Many *resonances* decay into two particles...

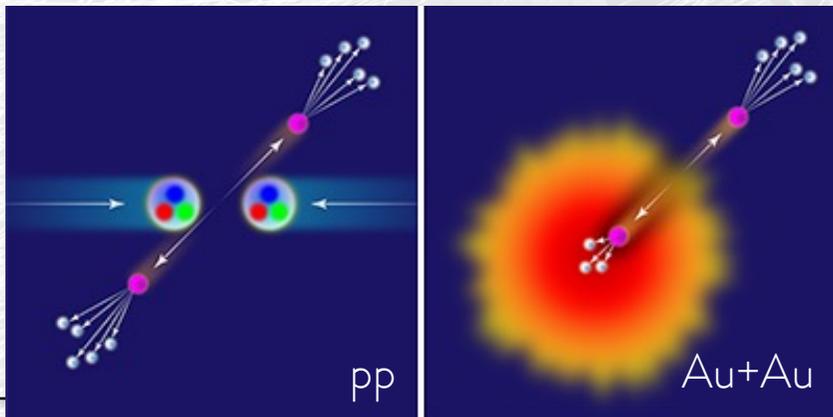
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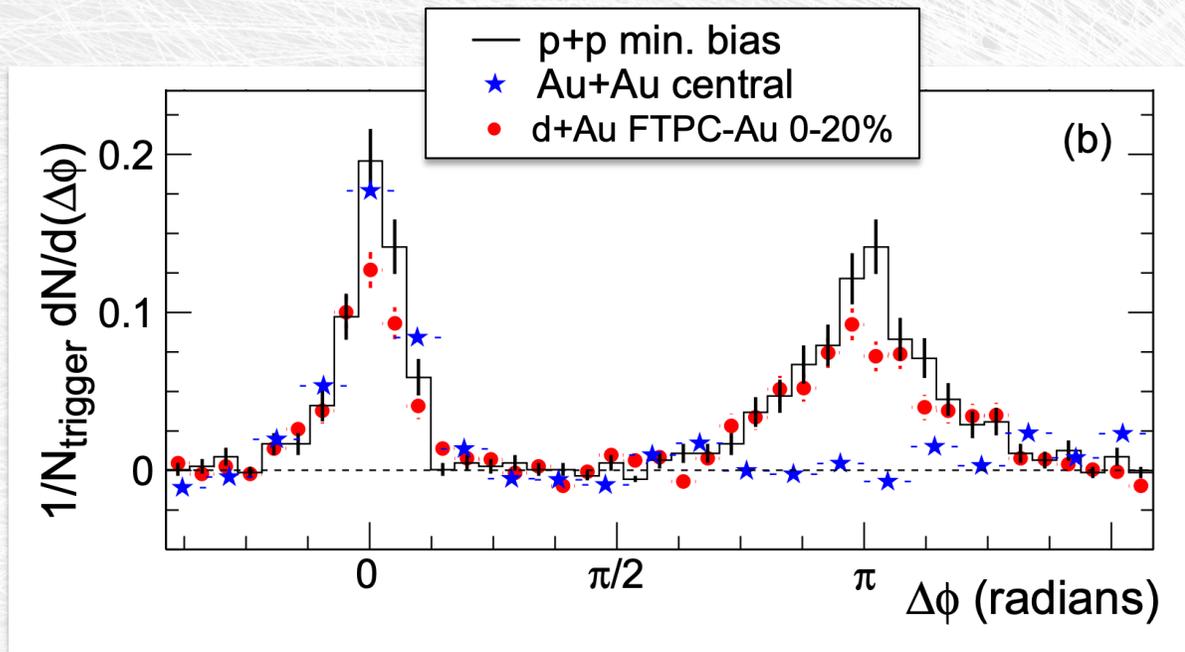
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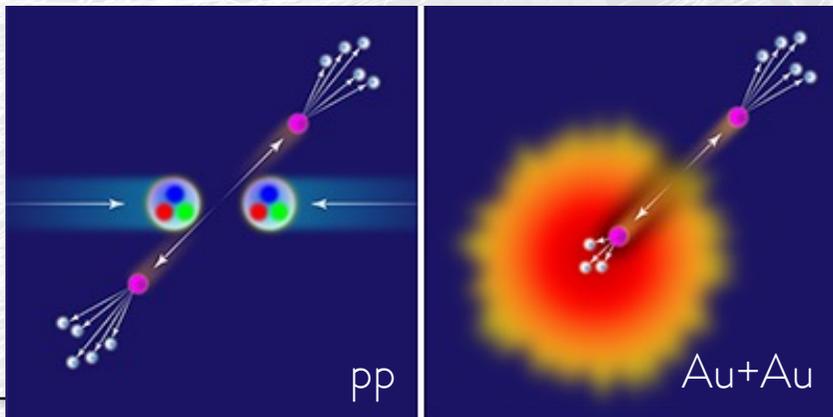
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However: in order to do this measurement, some background effects and correlations unrelated to jets had to be accounted for ...

→ **What are those effects?**