

Flow/Correlation in Light Ion Collisions

p/d/³He+Au/Pb, O+O

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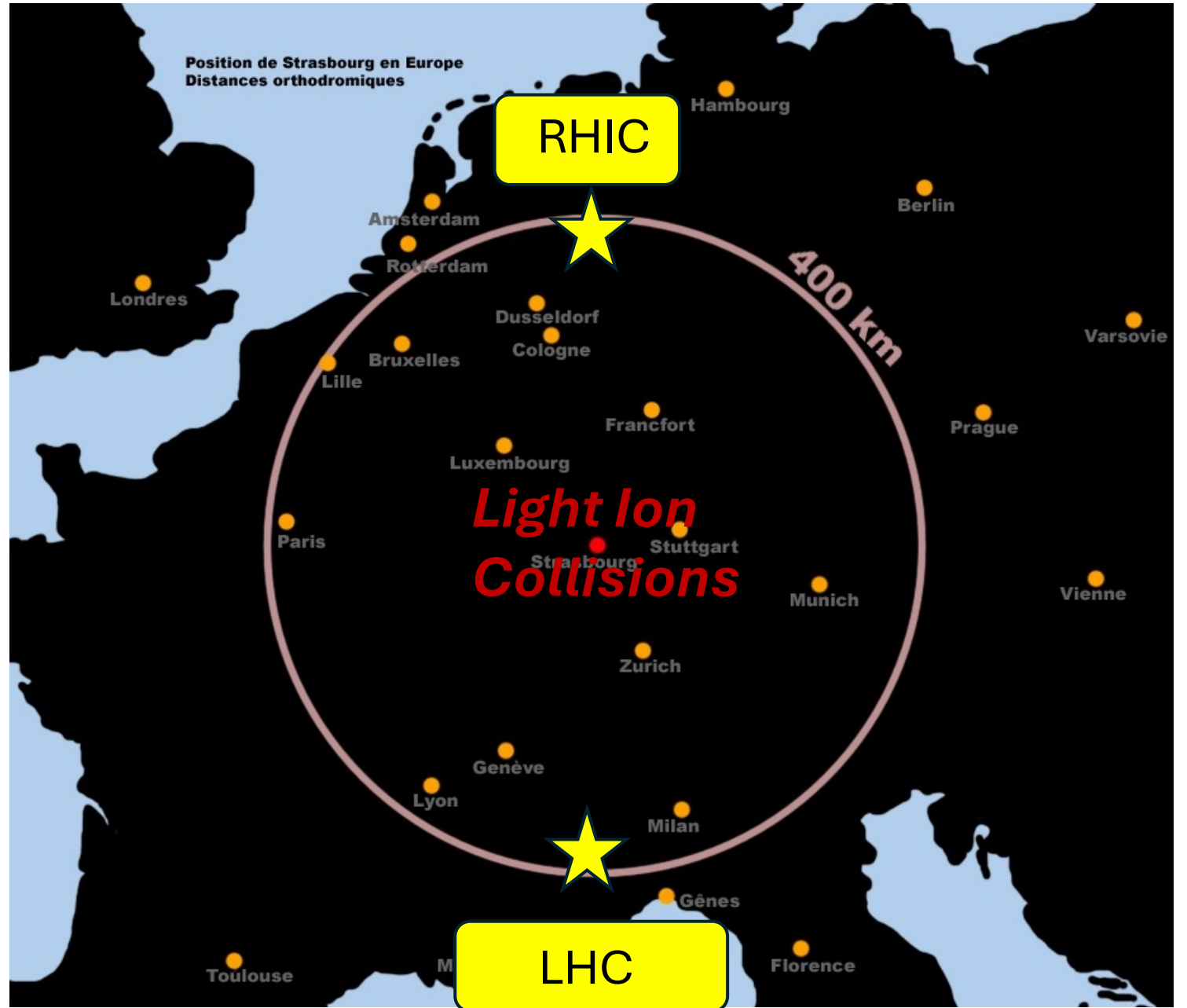
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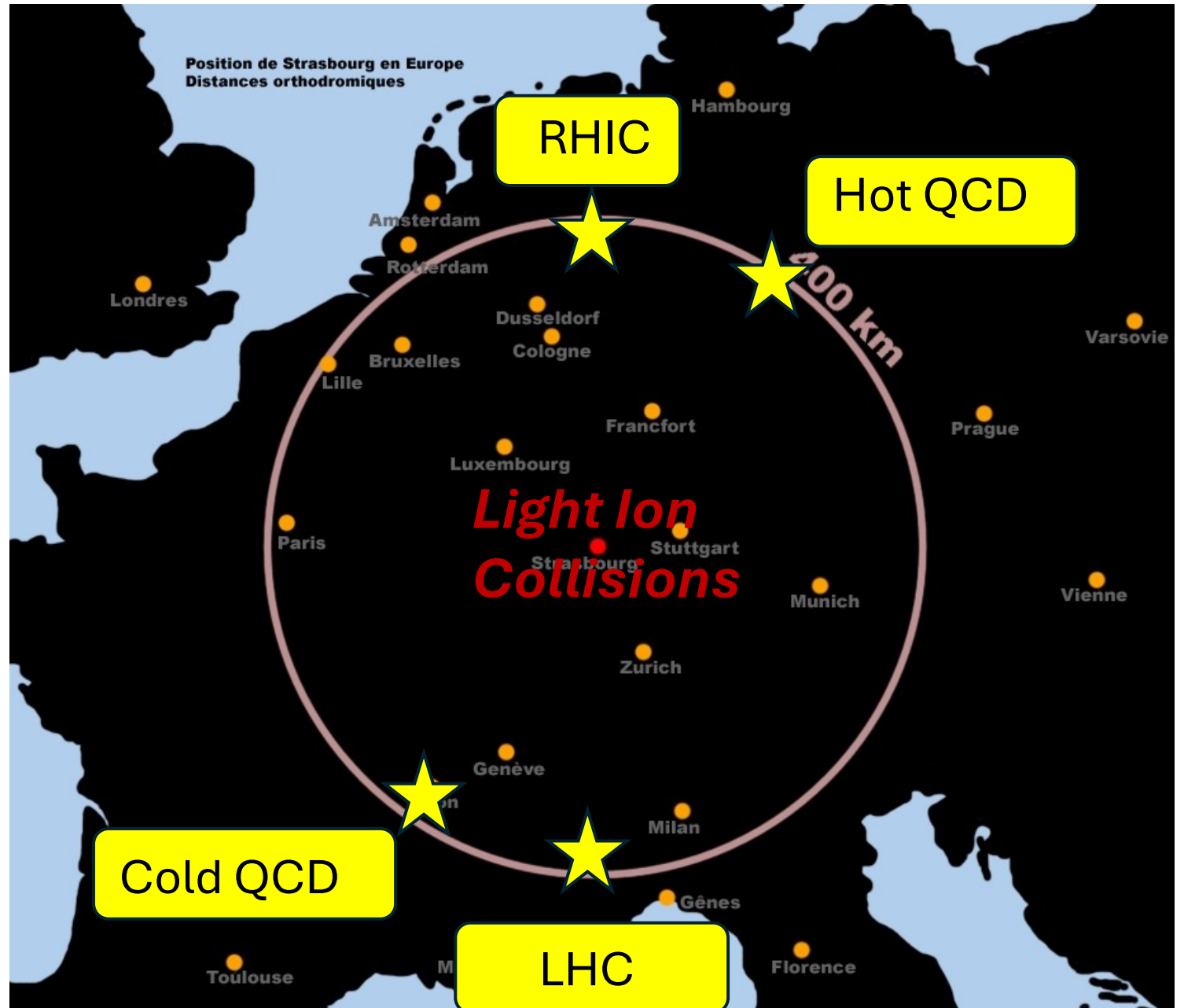
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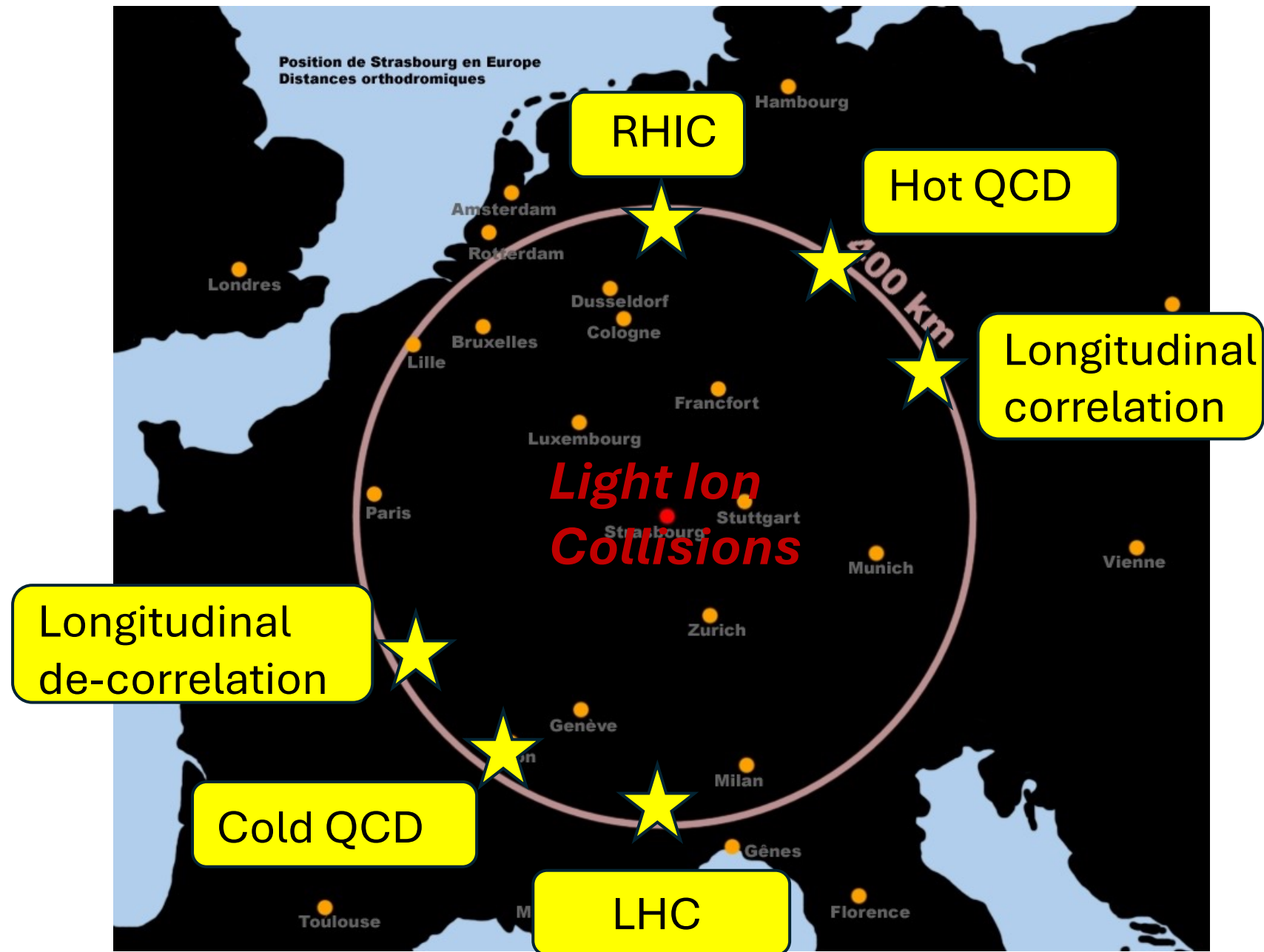
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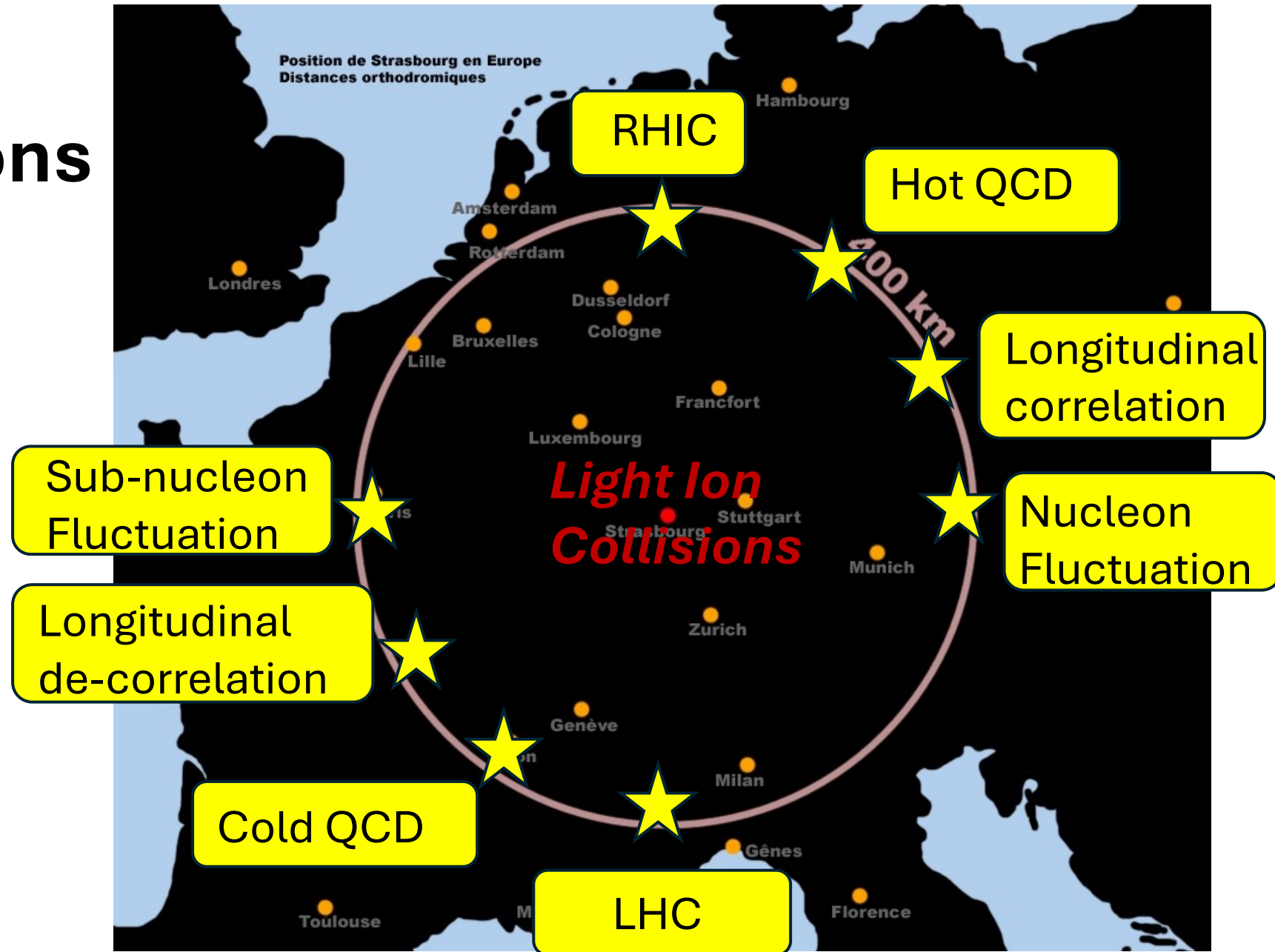
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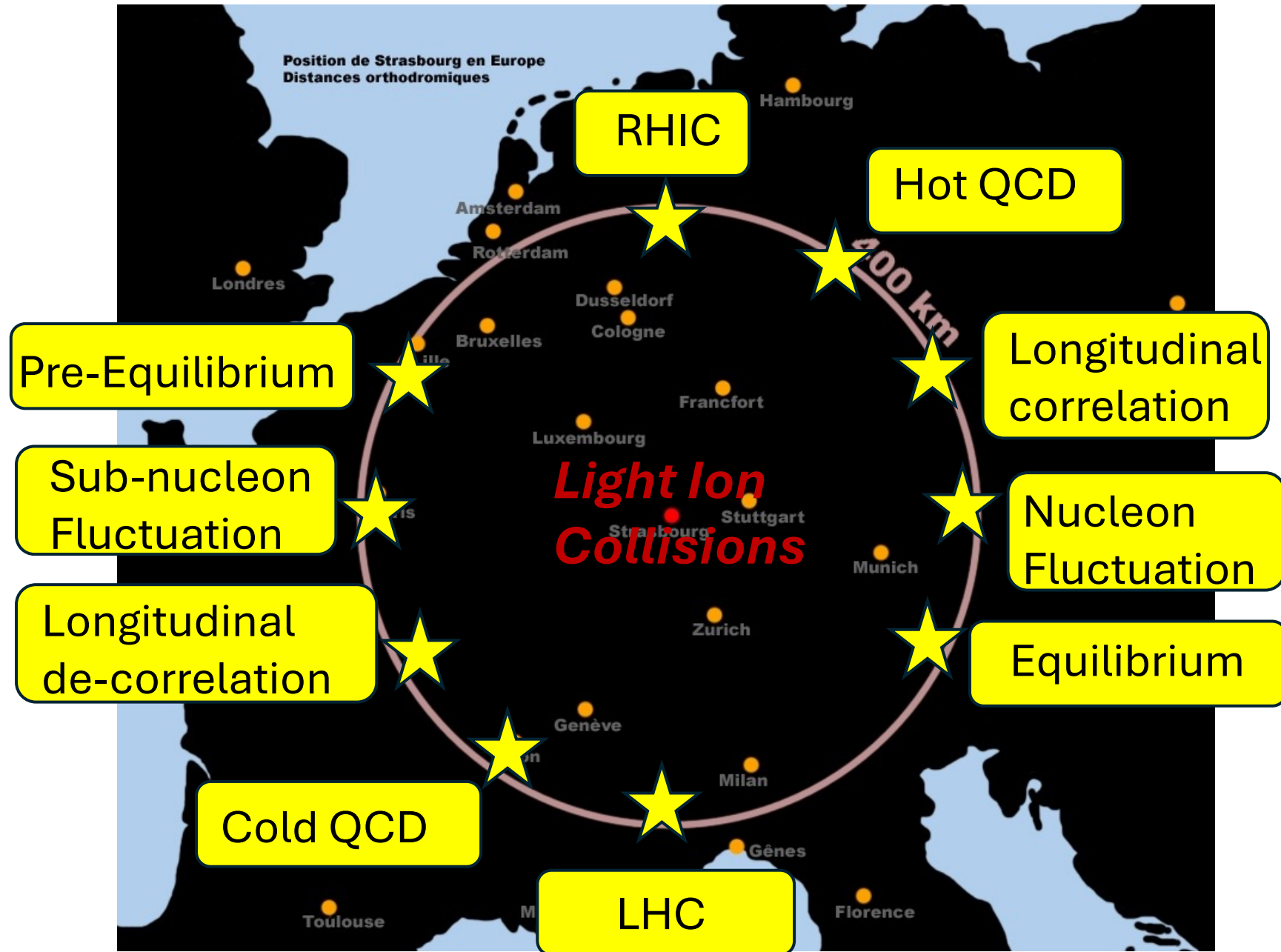
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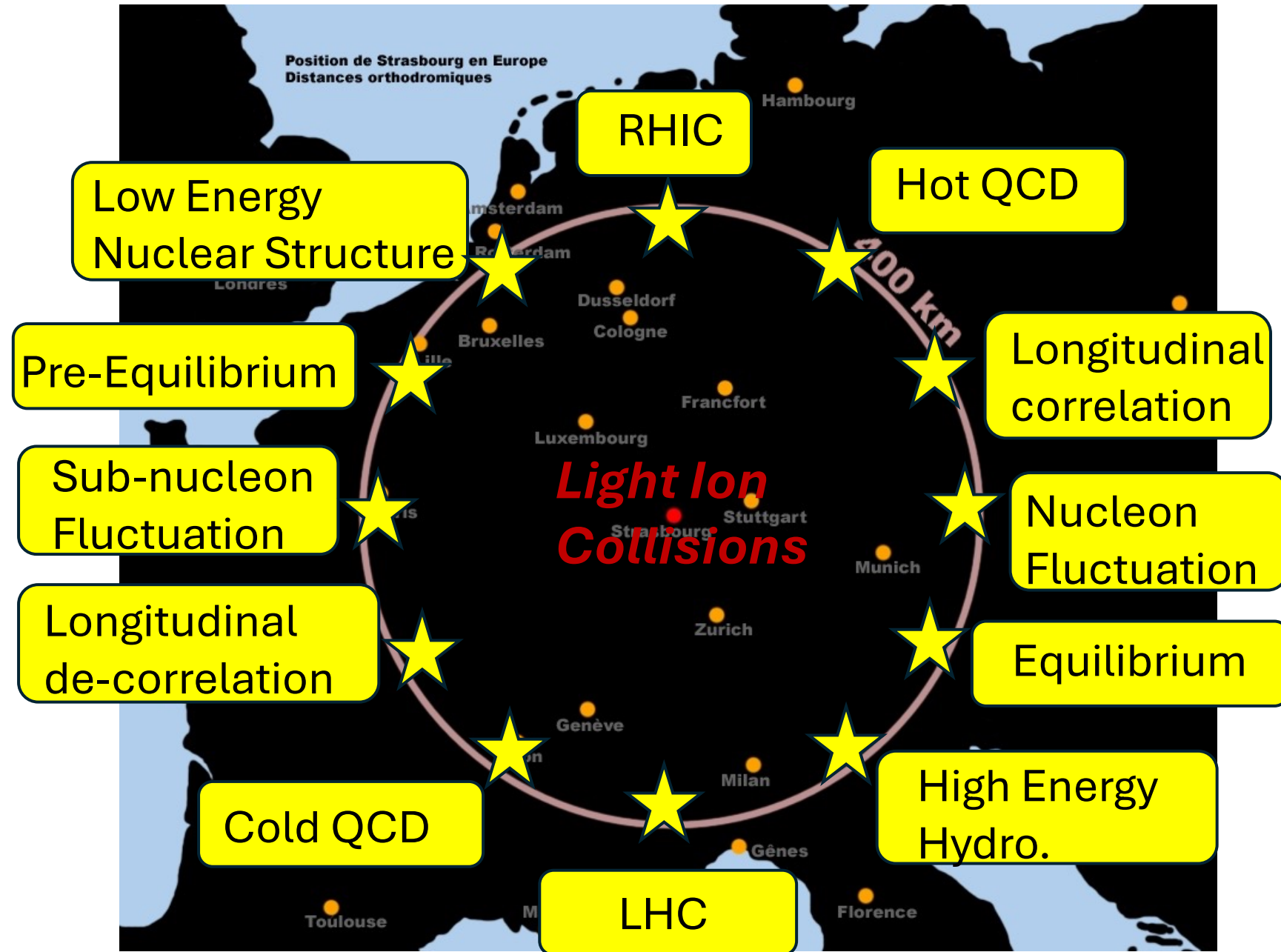
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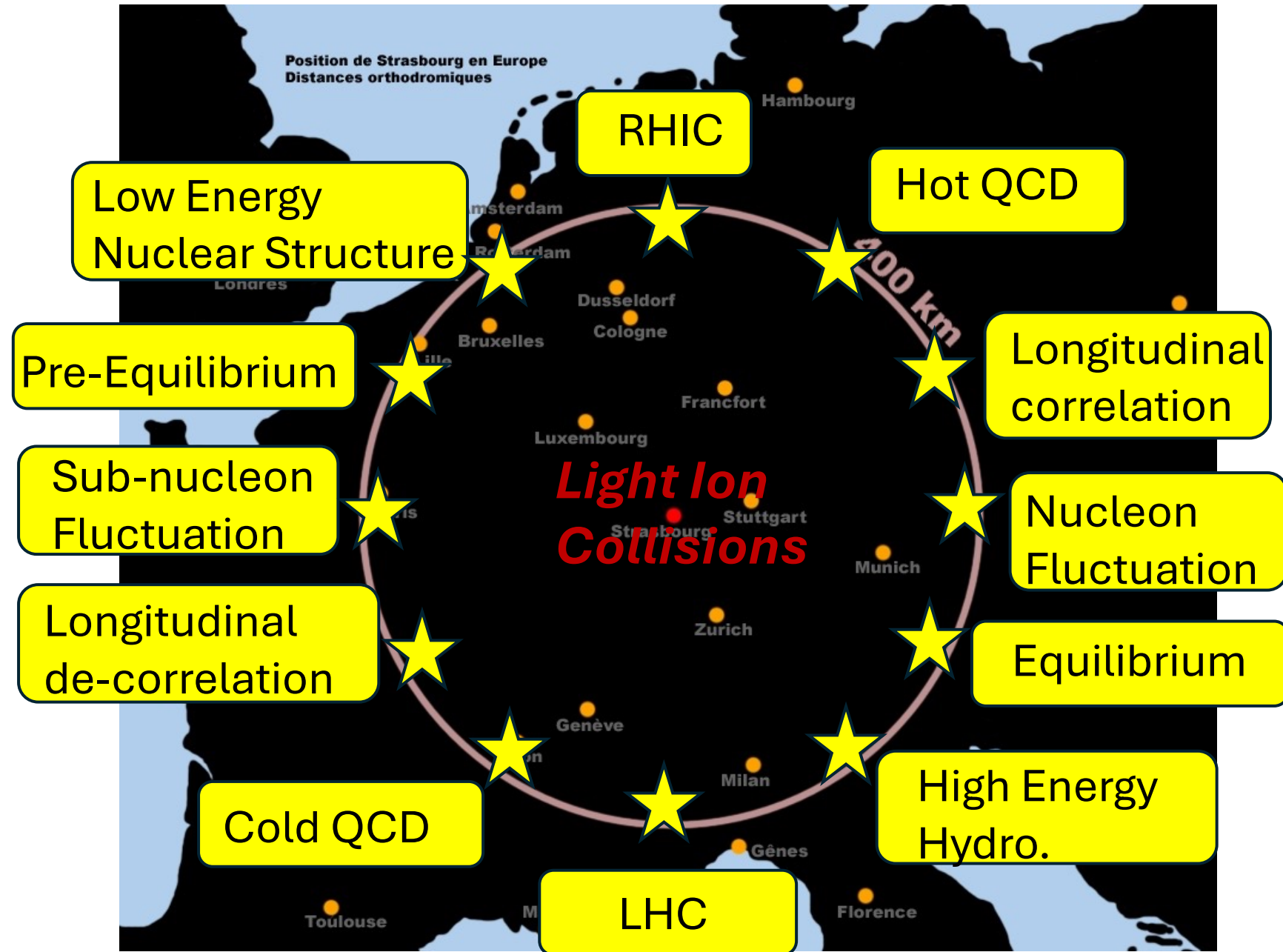


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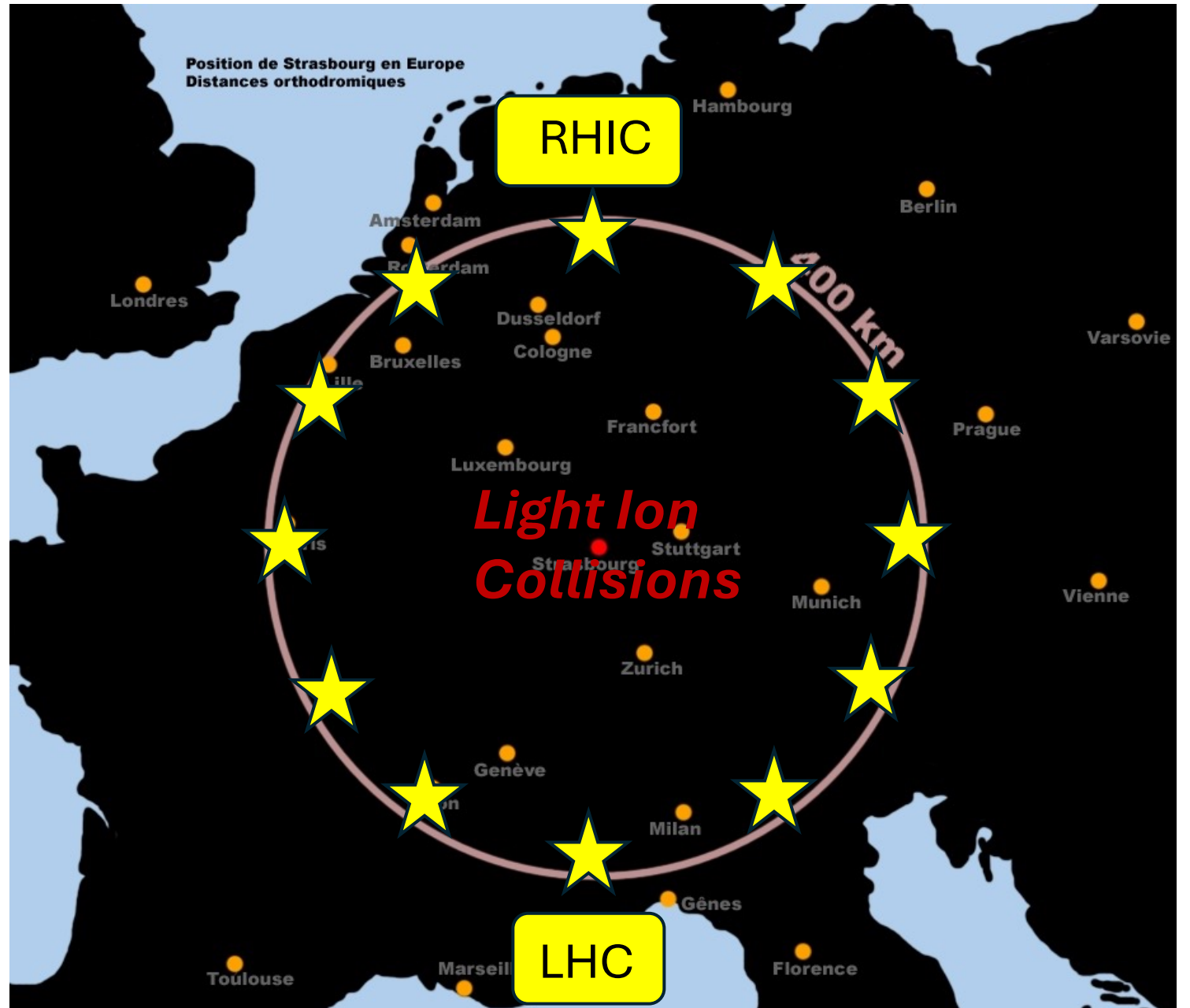
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A unique diversity help us study:

- 1) Initial stage
- 2) Thermalization

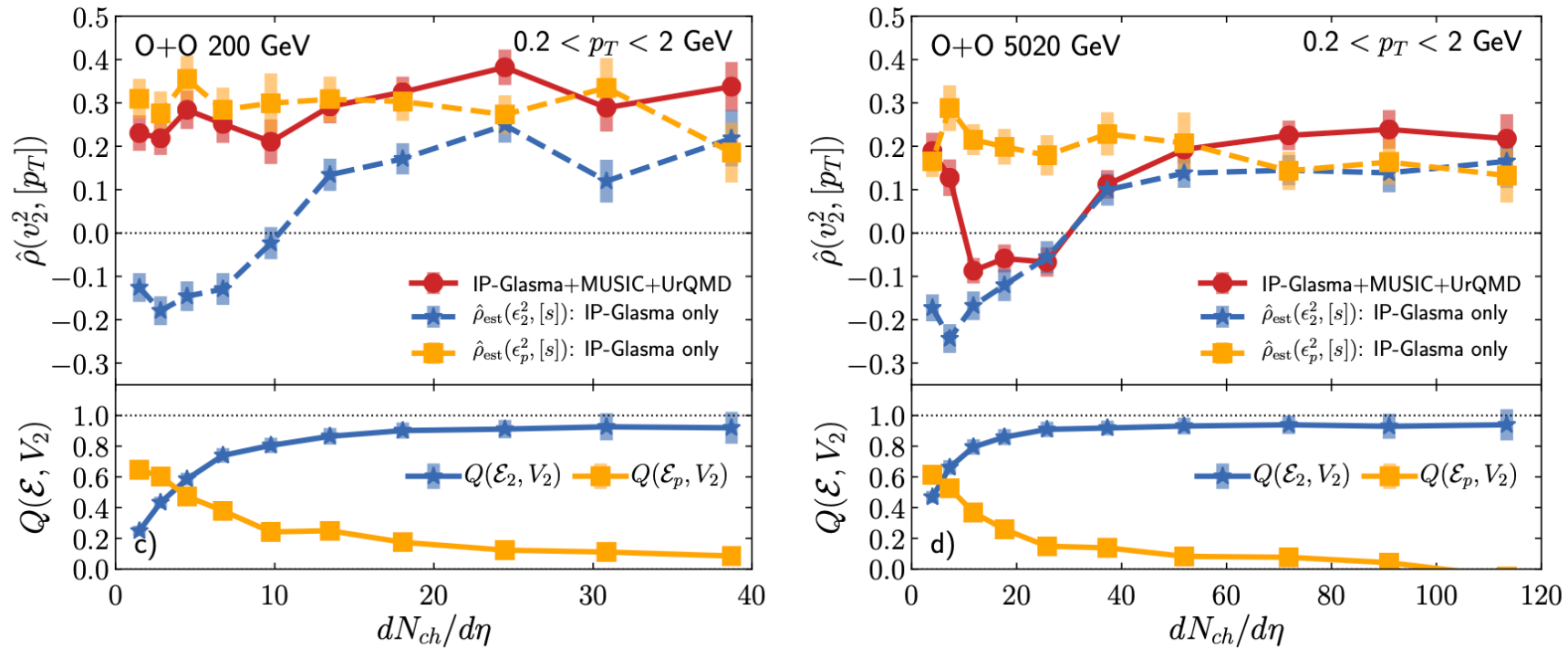


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RHIC vs LHC: Correlation from initial stage

Giuliano Giacalone, Bjoern Schenke, Chun Shen

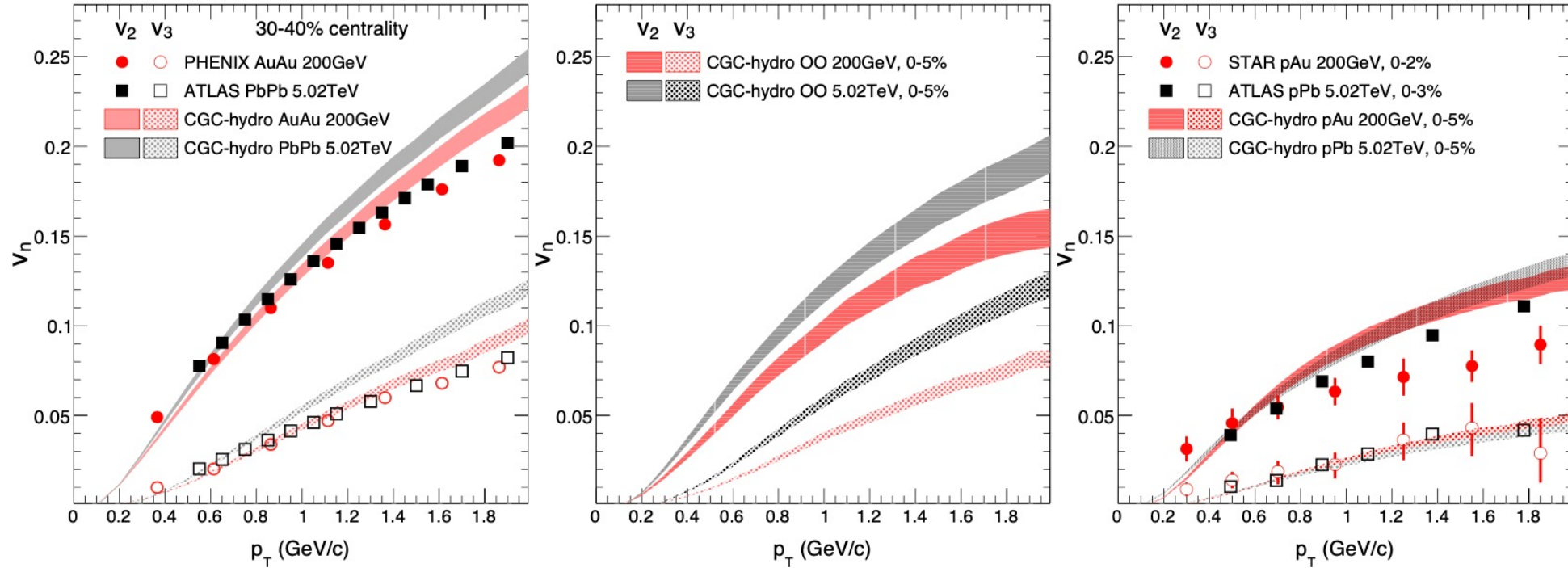


v_2 - p_T correlation at low p_T :

The initial momentum-driven correlation is positive, while the geometry-driven correlation is negative. The geometry-driven correlation is larger at the LHC than at RHIC.

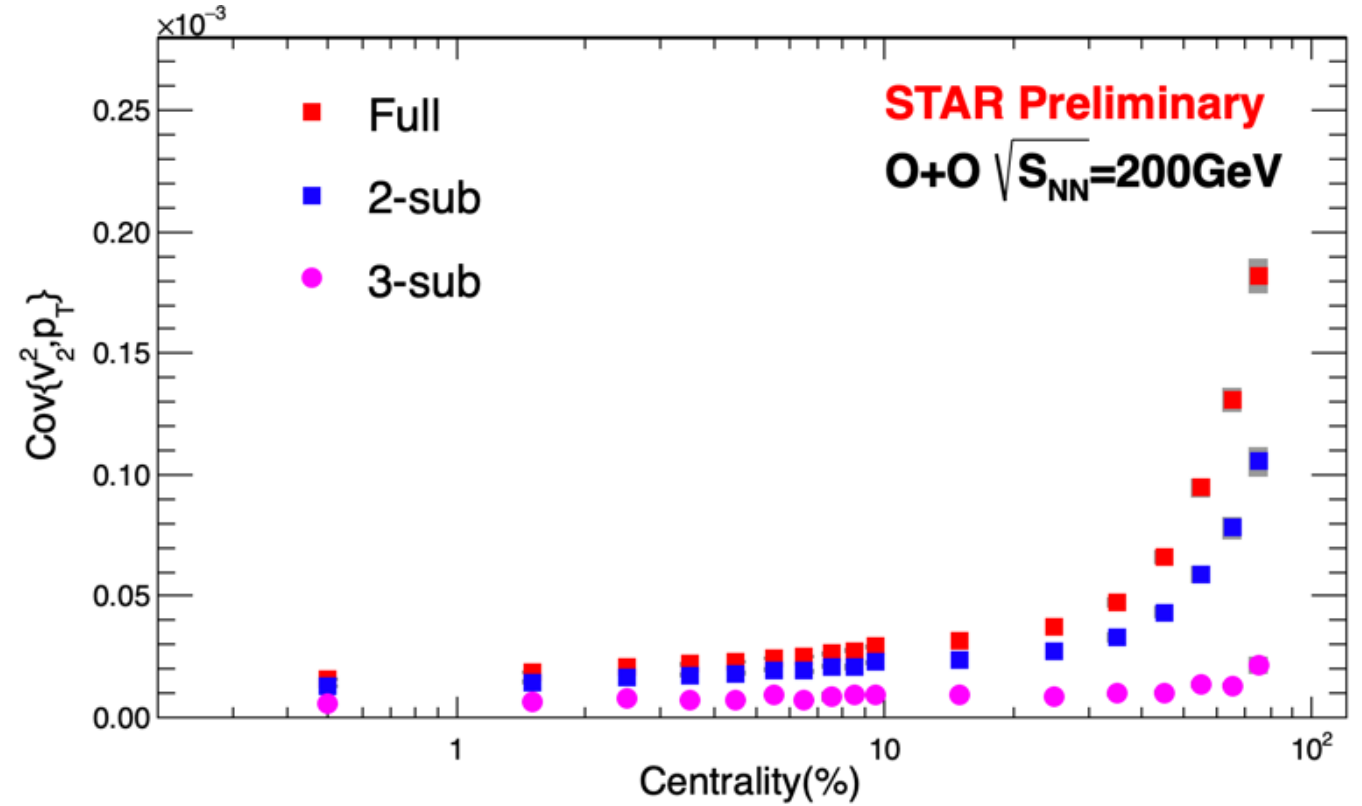
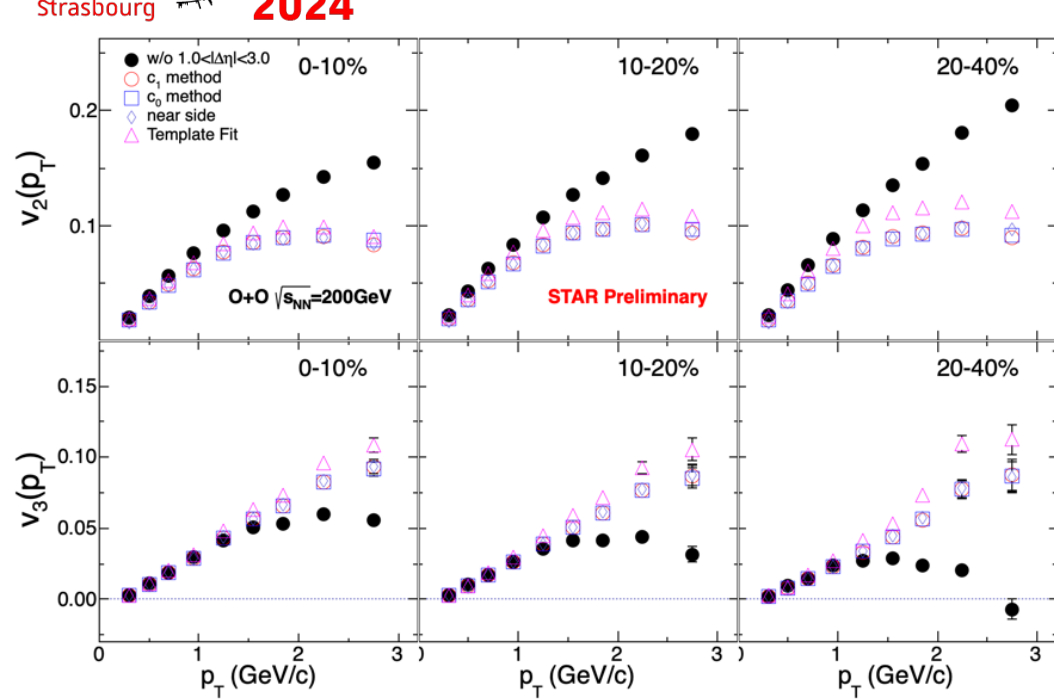
A sign change is predicted at the LHC, but not at RHIC, when combining these two effects

RHIC vs LHC: v_2, v_3



In O+O collisions, a larger v_2 and v_3 values are predicted at LHC energy compared to RHIC energy from CGC-Hydro

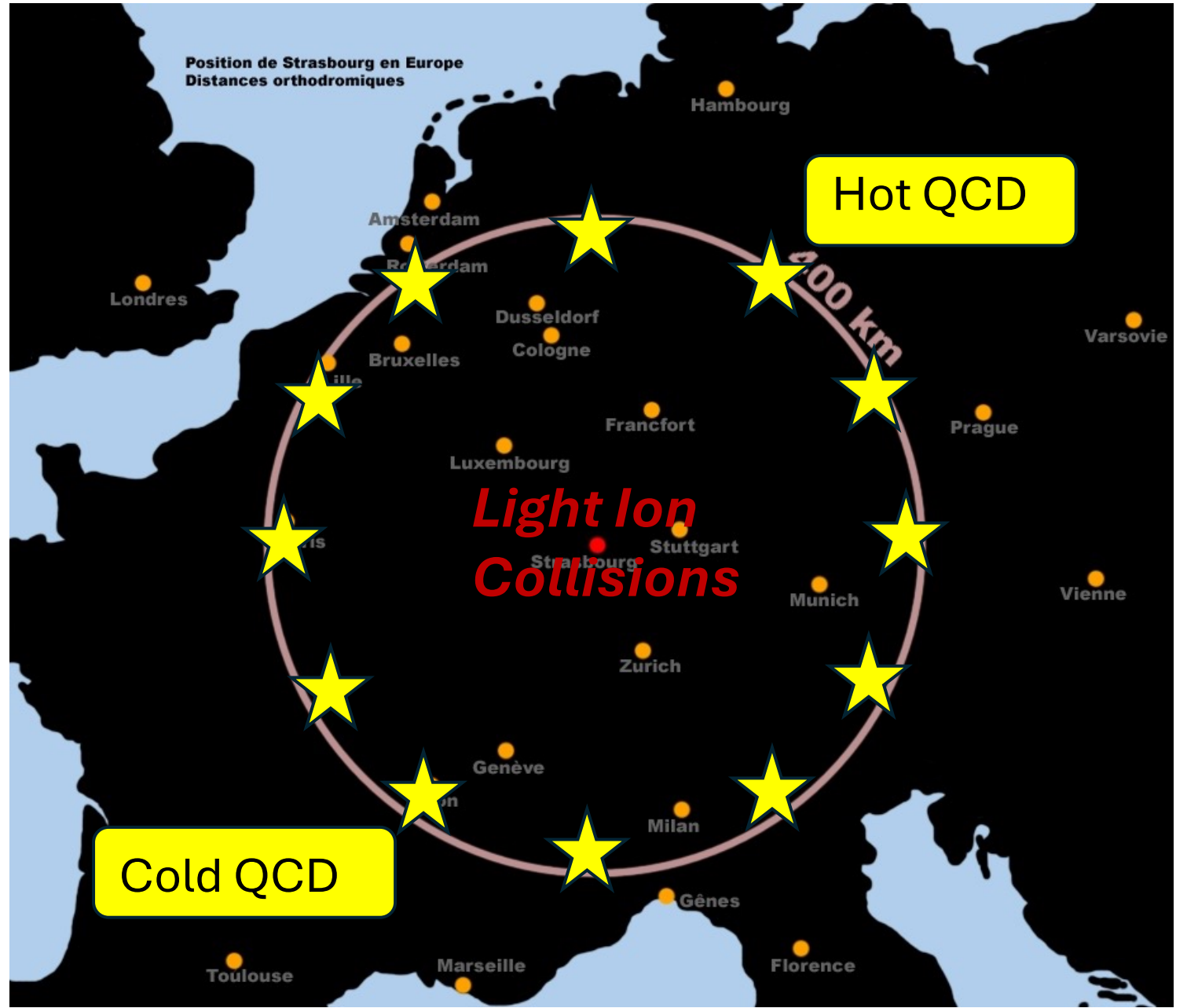
v_n and v_2 - p_T correlation in O+O at RHIC



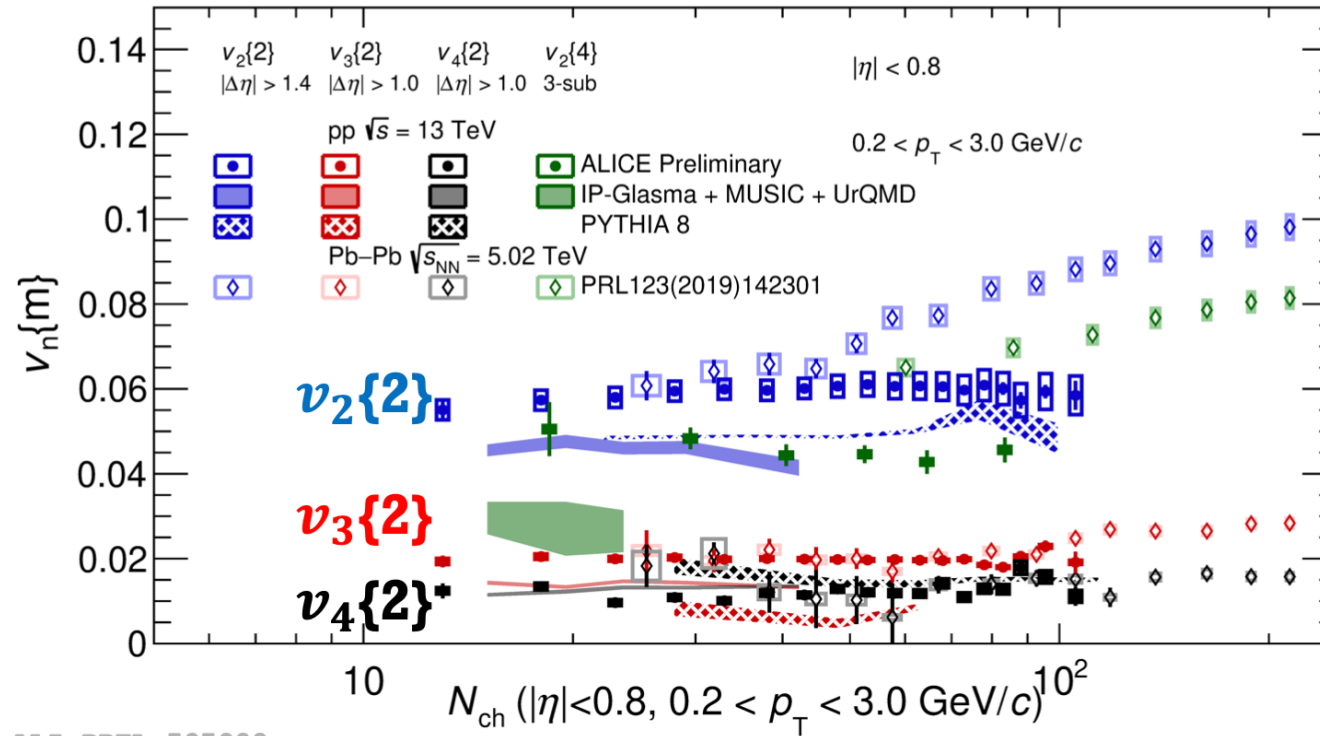
- ✓ Non-flow subtracted v_2 and v_3 show minimal method dependence.
 - ✓ A positive v_2 - p_T correlation is observed. A non-flow subtraction for peripheral collisions is under study
- Waiting results from LHC for comparison.



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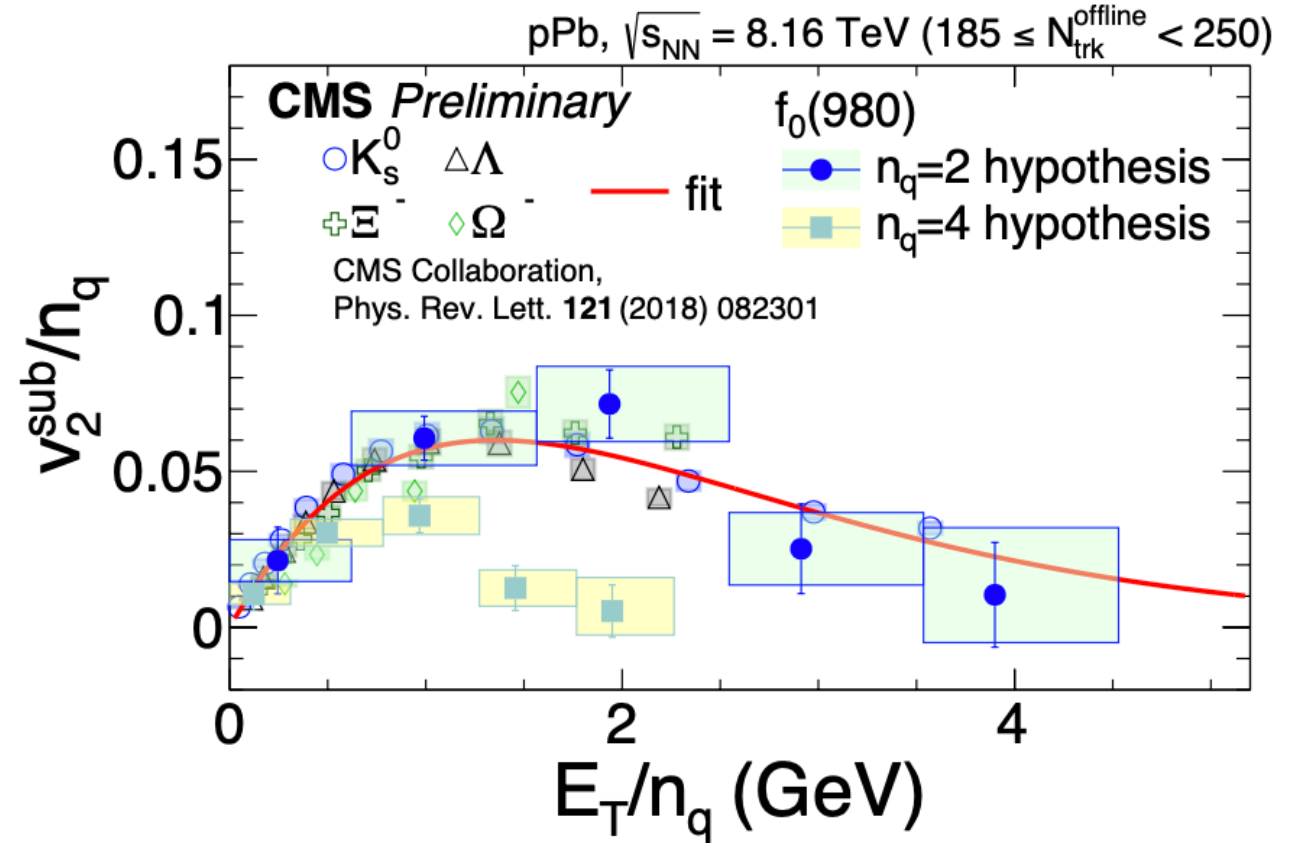
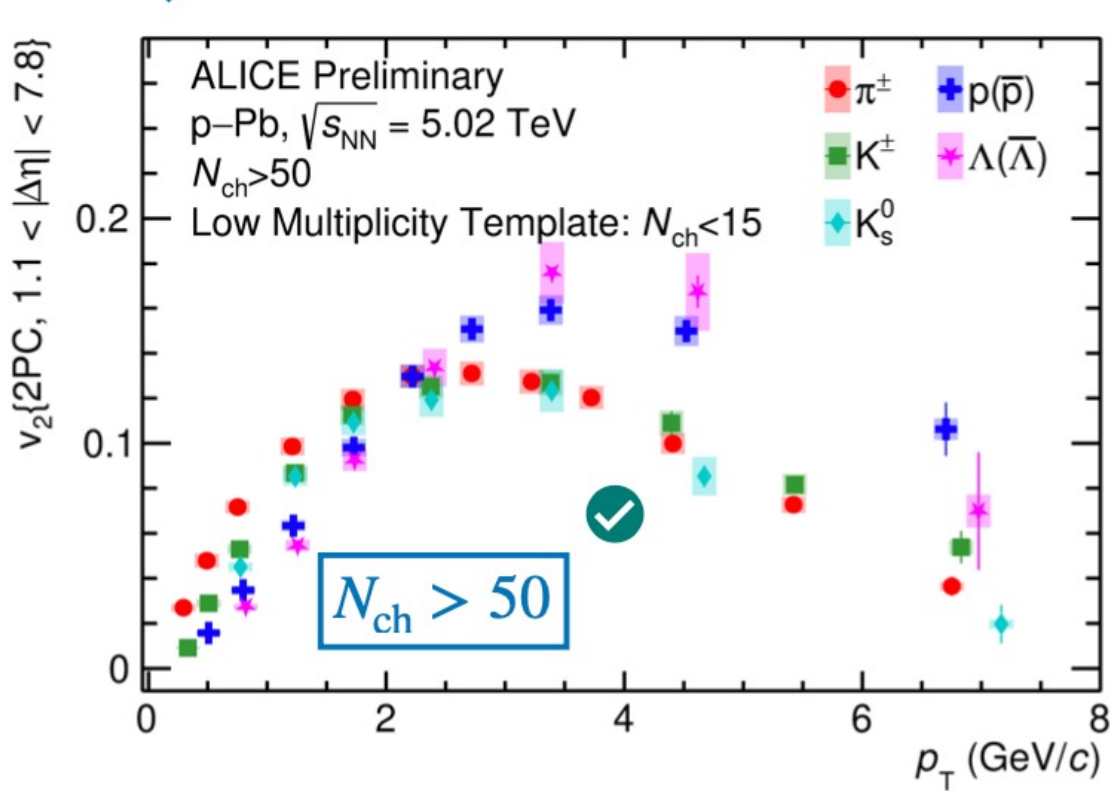
Signature of QGP in Small System: Collectivity from multi-particle cumulant



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The four-particle cumulant has been measured in p+p, p+Pb, and peripheral Pb+Pb collisions to investigate collectivity in small systems.

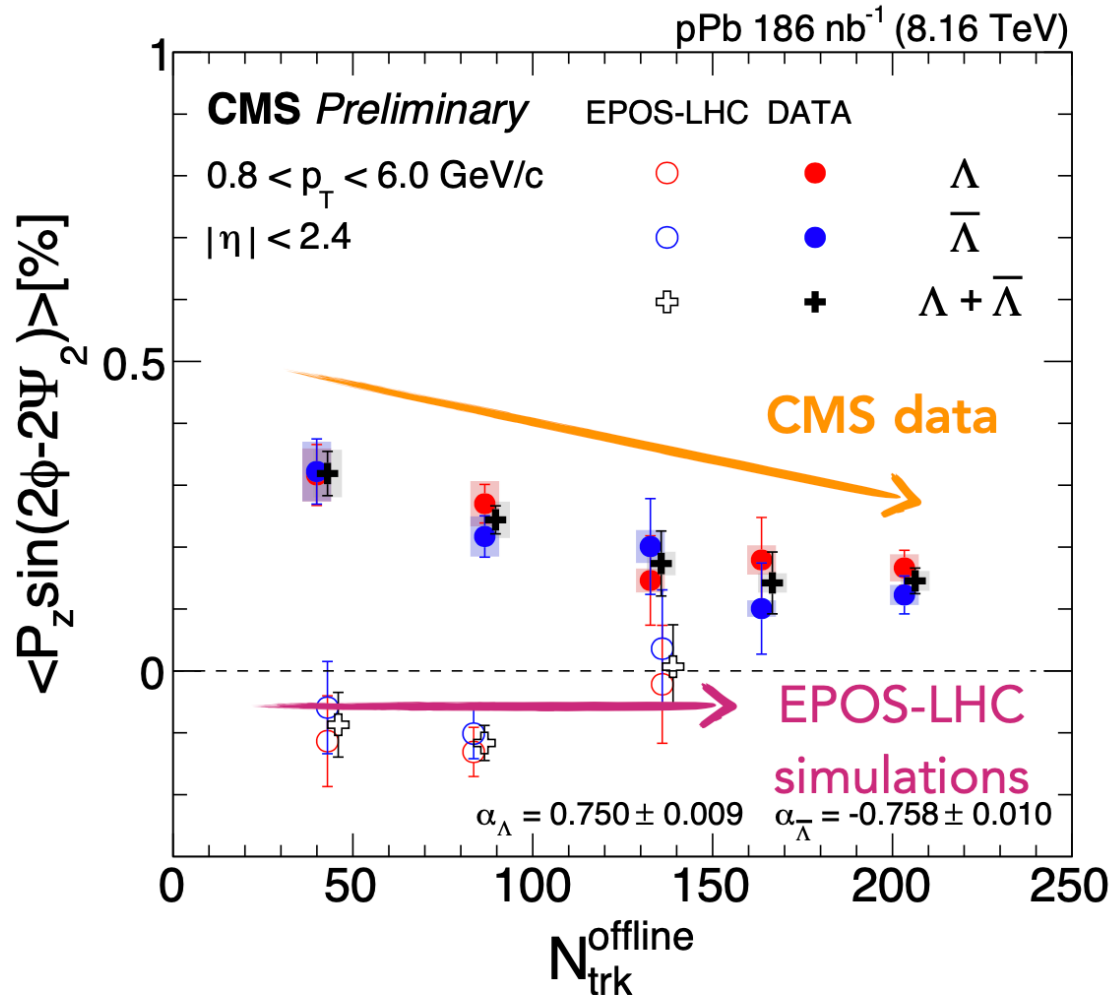
Signatures of QGP in Small System: Species dependent flow



Mass ordering is observed at low p_T for identified particle flow. Radial flow?
 NCQ scaling is also found to roughly hold for strangeness particles
 f_0 flow prefers to two-quark hadron structure

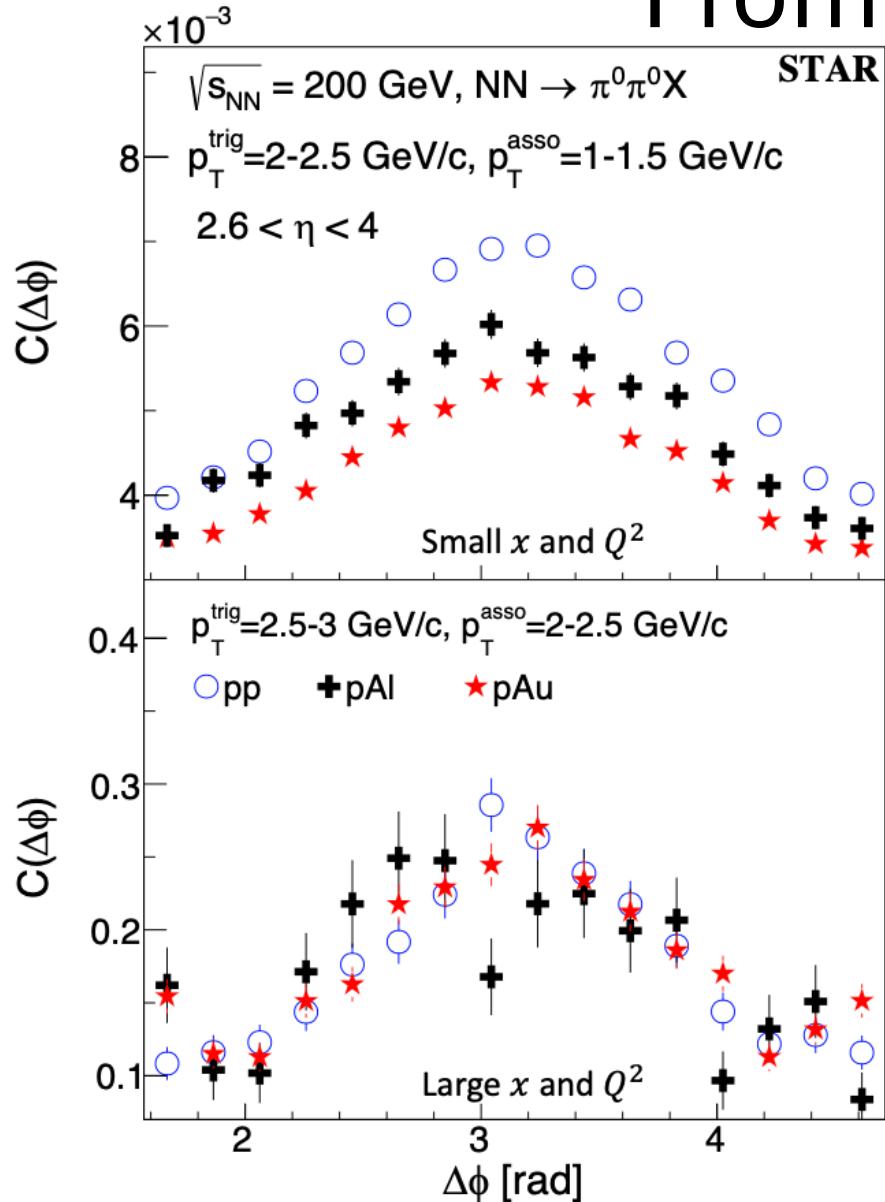
Signatures of QGP in Small System: Local polarization of hyperons

PAS HIN-24-002



Lambda local polarization is also observed in p+Pb collisions

Di-hadron correlation at small x: From equator to north pole



Di-hadron suppression is observed at small x but not at large x .

It indicates gluon saturate at small x (CGC)

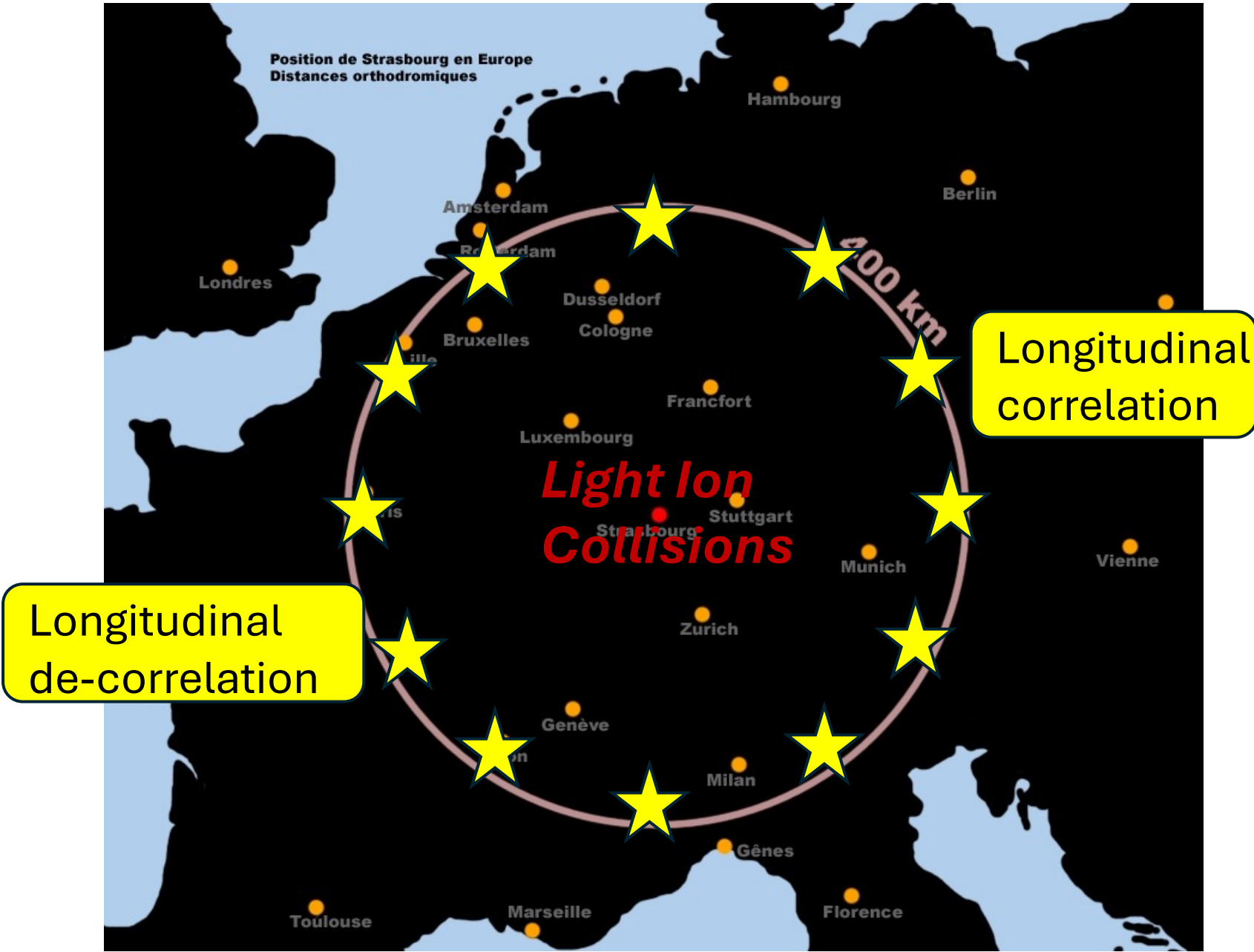
How can we isolate the final-state effects?

Would collisions such as O+O or p+p with similar multiplicities as central p+Au provide a baseline?

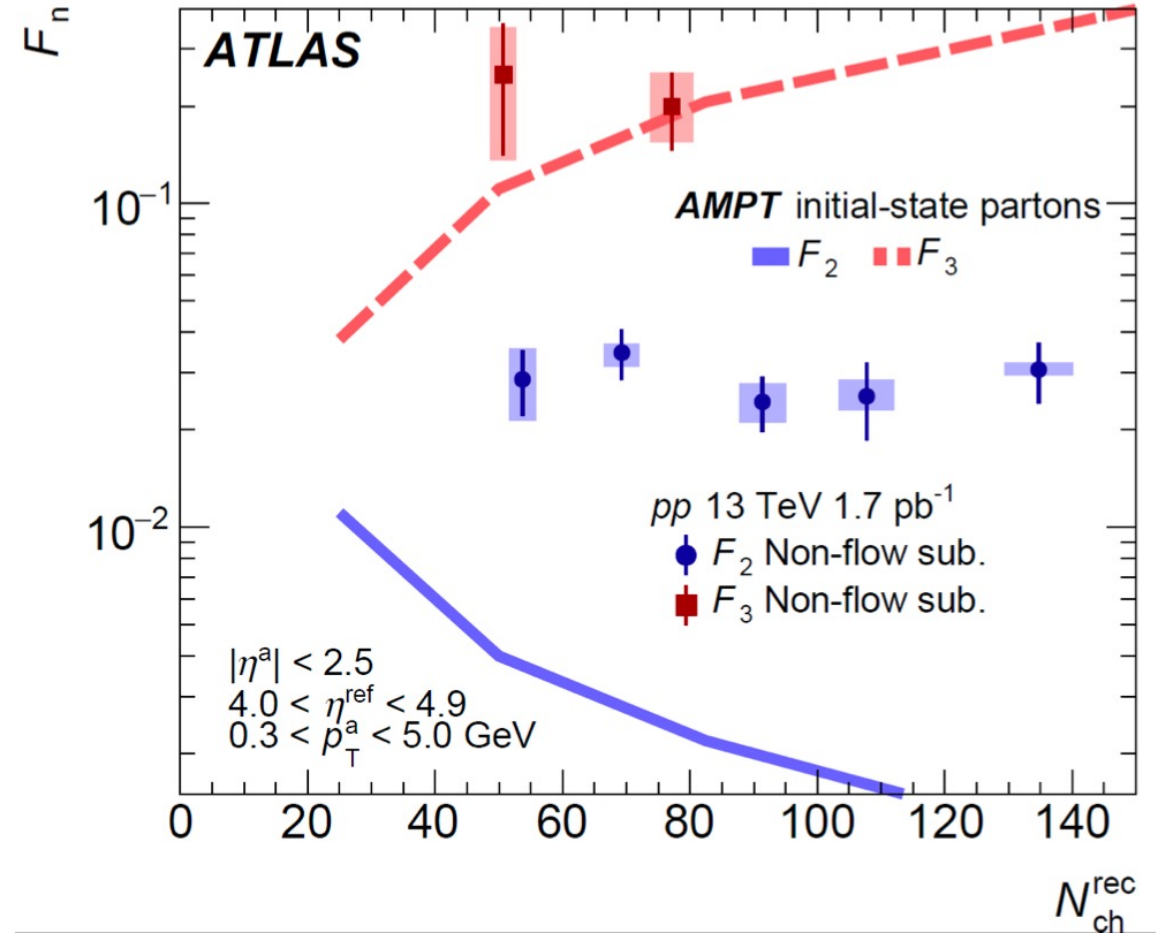
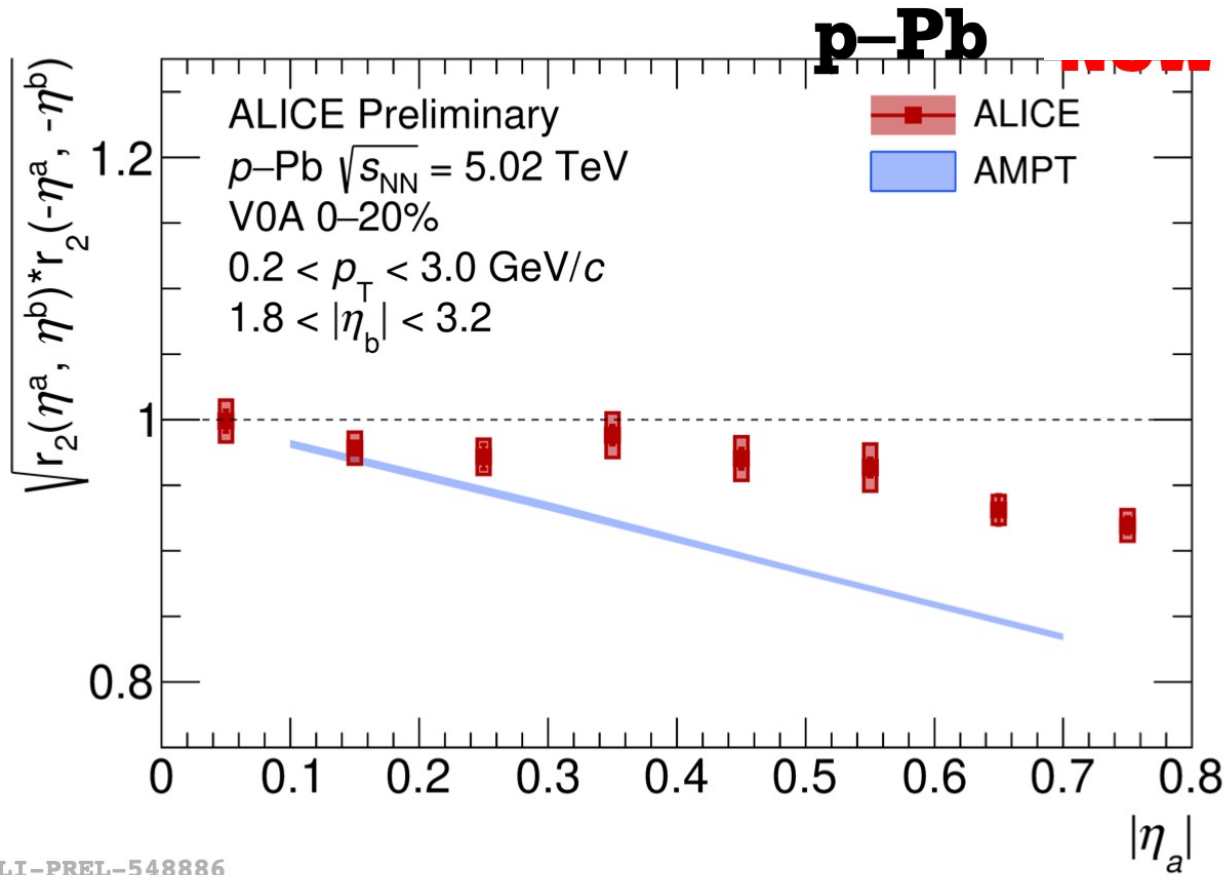
1.5 billion MB and 1.5 billion HM p+p events with tiny pile-up were recorded last month at RHIC.



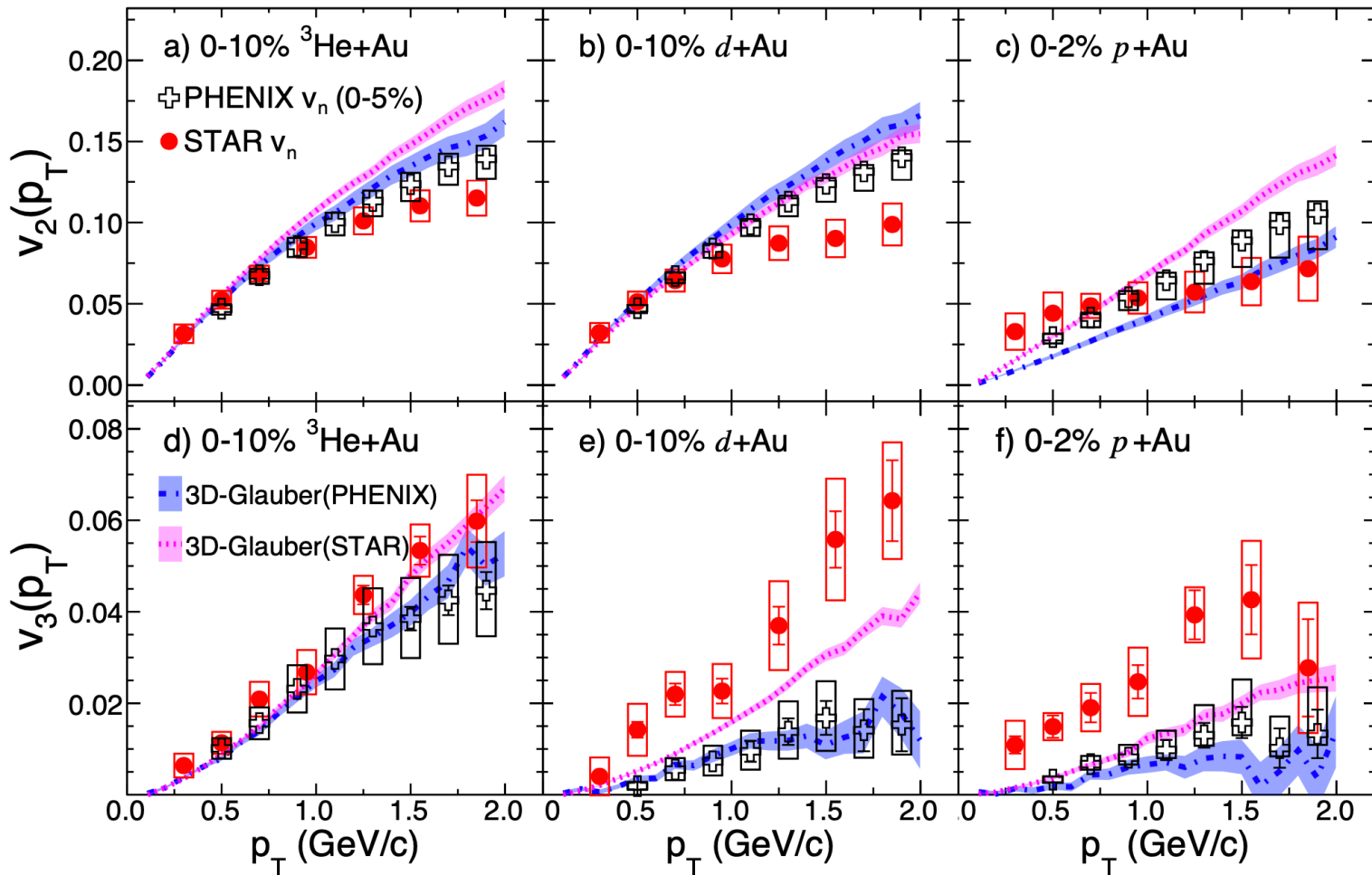
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Longitudinal De-Correlation @ LHC



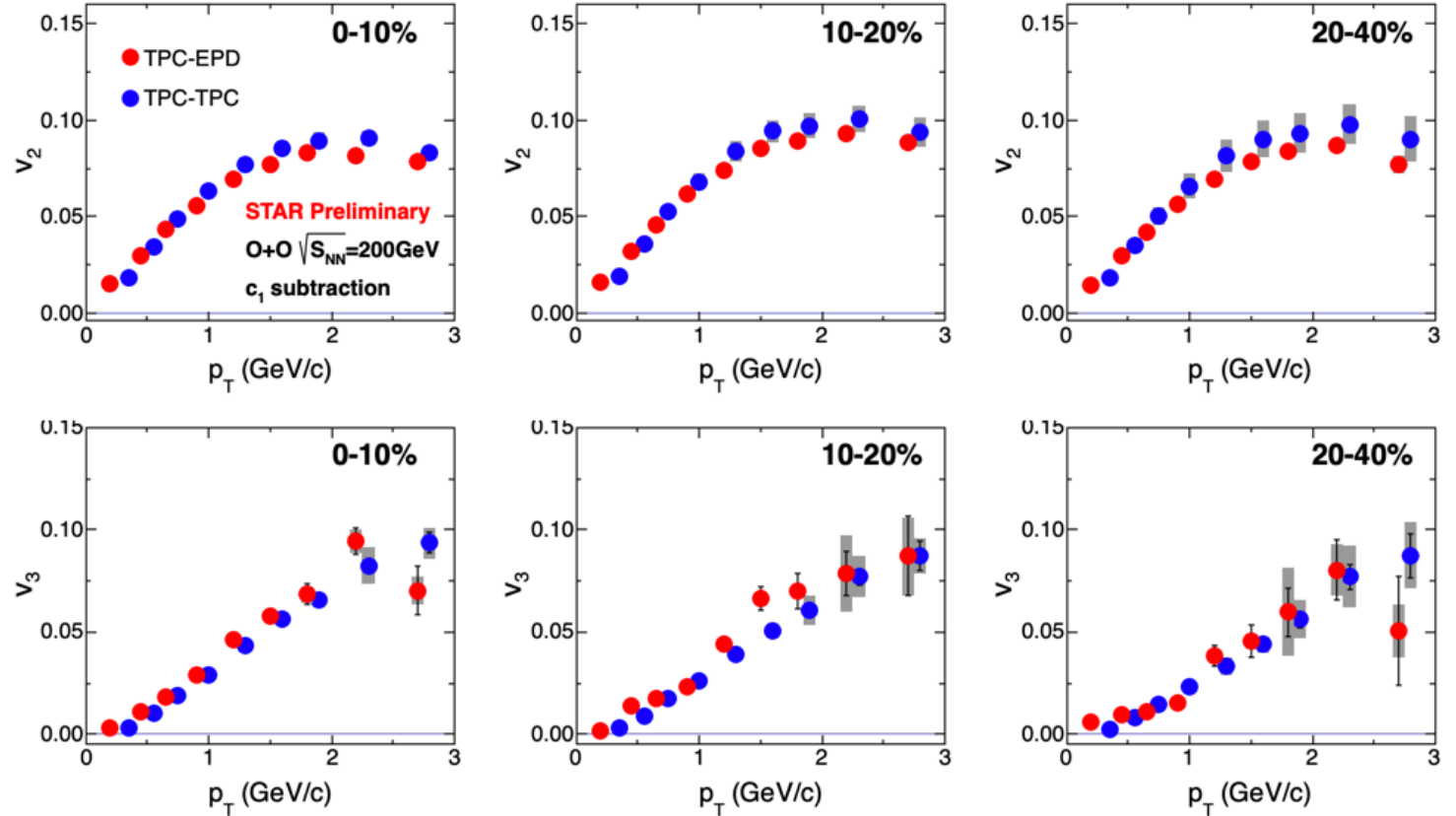
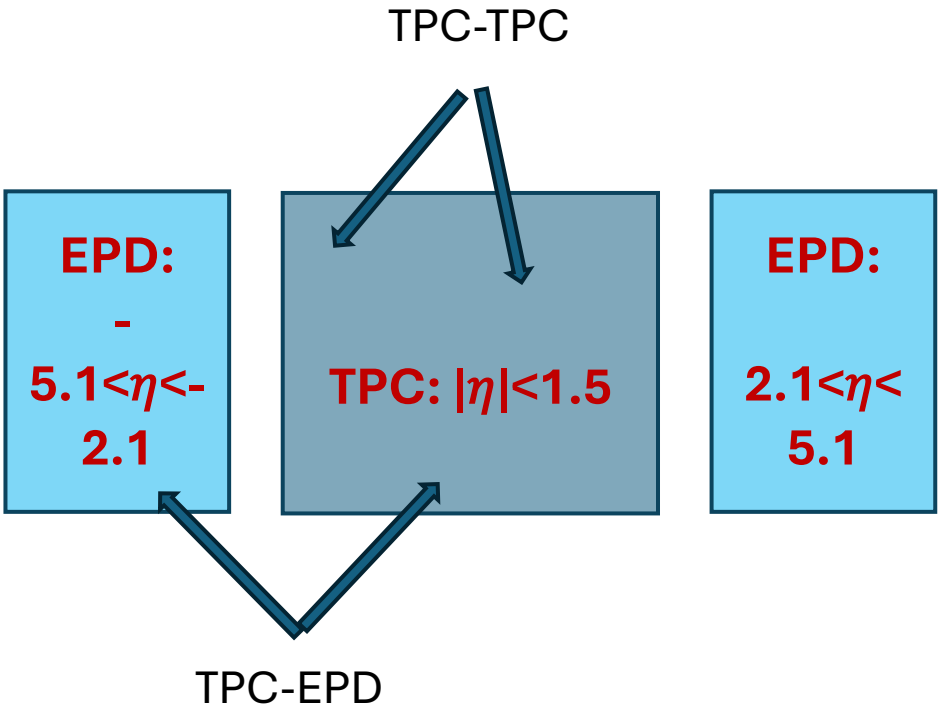
Larger longitudinal flow de-correlation is observed in p+Pb and p+p collisions. The third-order flow shows greater de-correlation than the second-order flow. AMPT captures the de-correlation for F_3 but underestimates F_2 .



In $p/d+\text{Au}$ collisions, $v_3(p_T)$ between measurements obtained from mid-mid rapidity di-hadron correlation (STAR) and those from mid-forward rapidity (PHENIX) differ by a factor of 3

This discrepancy may arise from longitudinal fluctuations (flow de-correlation), a phenomenon partially accounted for by the 3D-Glauber model.

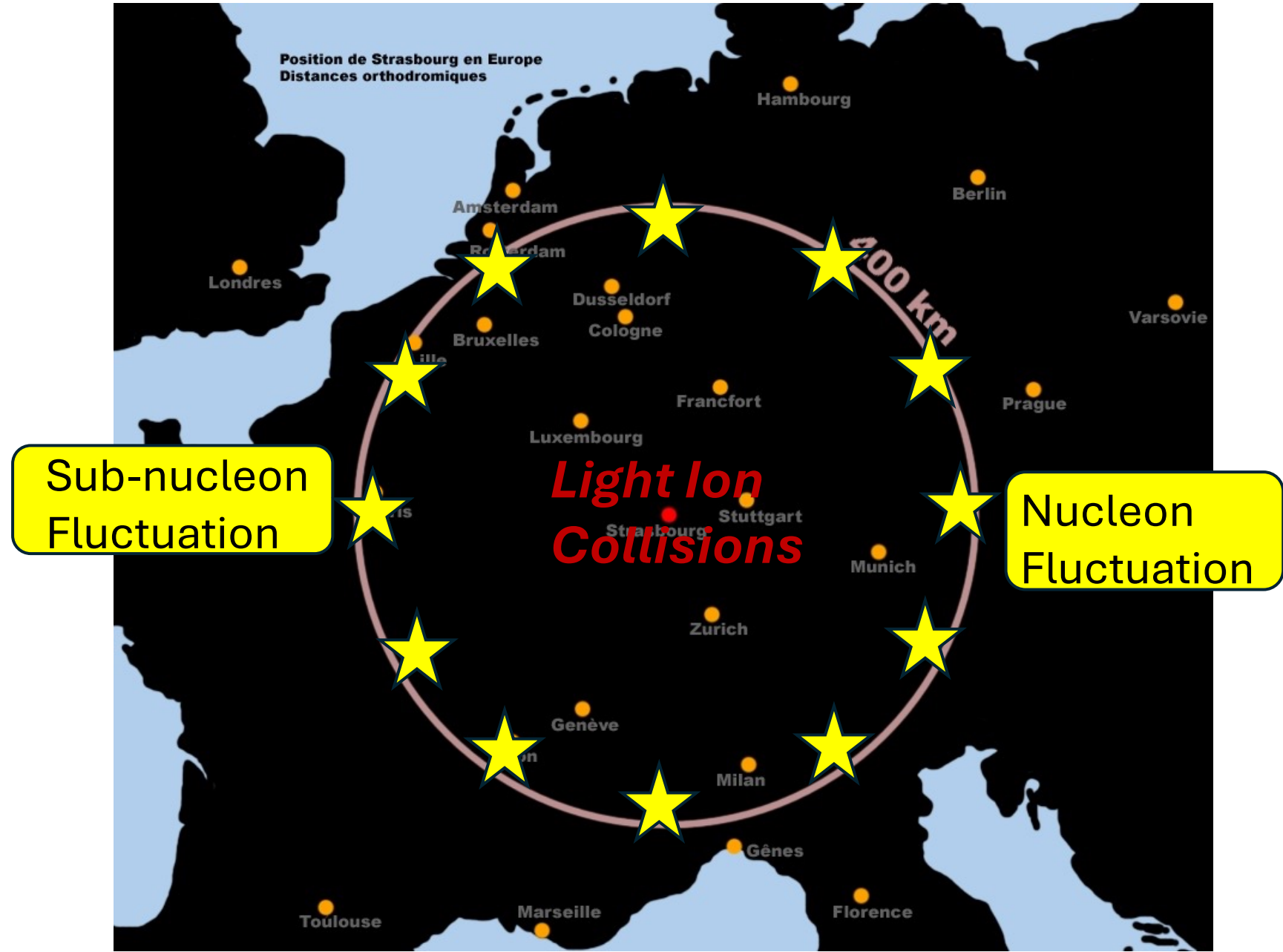
Mid-Mid vs Mid-Forward correlation in O+O



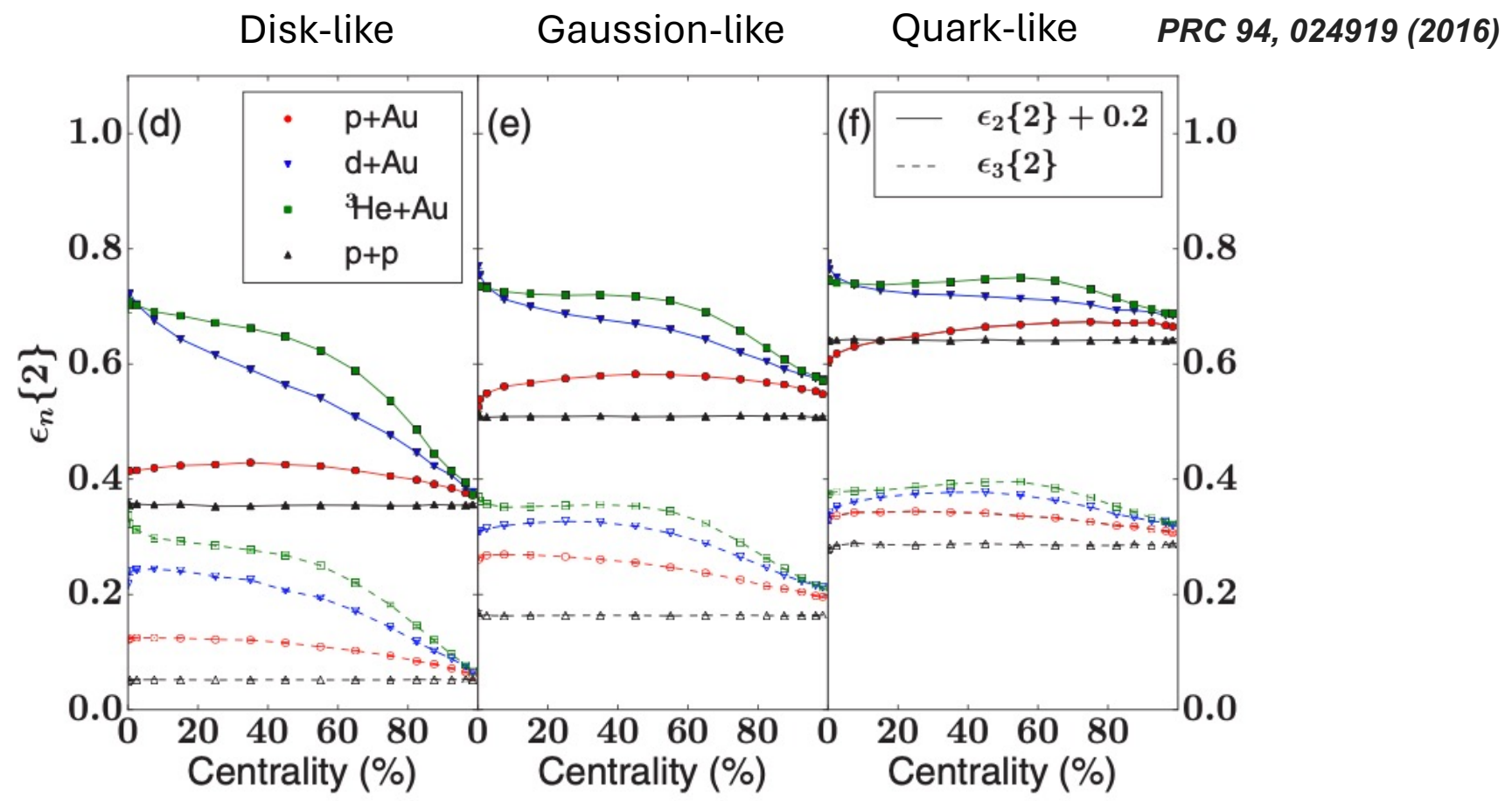
- ✓ V_n measured from mid-mid(TPC-TPC) and mid-forward(EPD-TPC) correlations are similar
- Flow decorrelation is weak in symmetric ion collision with larger sizes**
- ✓ Results from the new STAR d+Au dataset will shed more light on flow decorrelation



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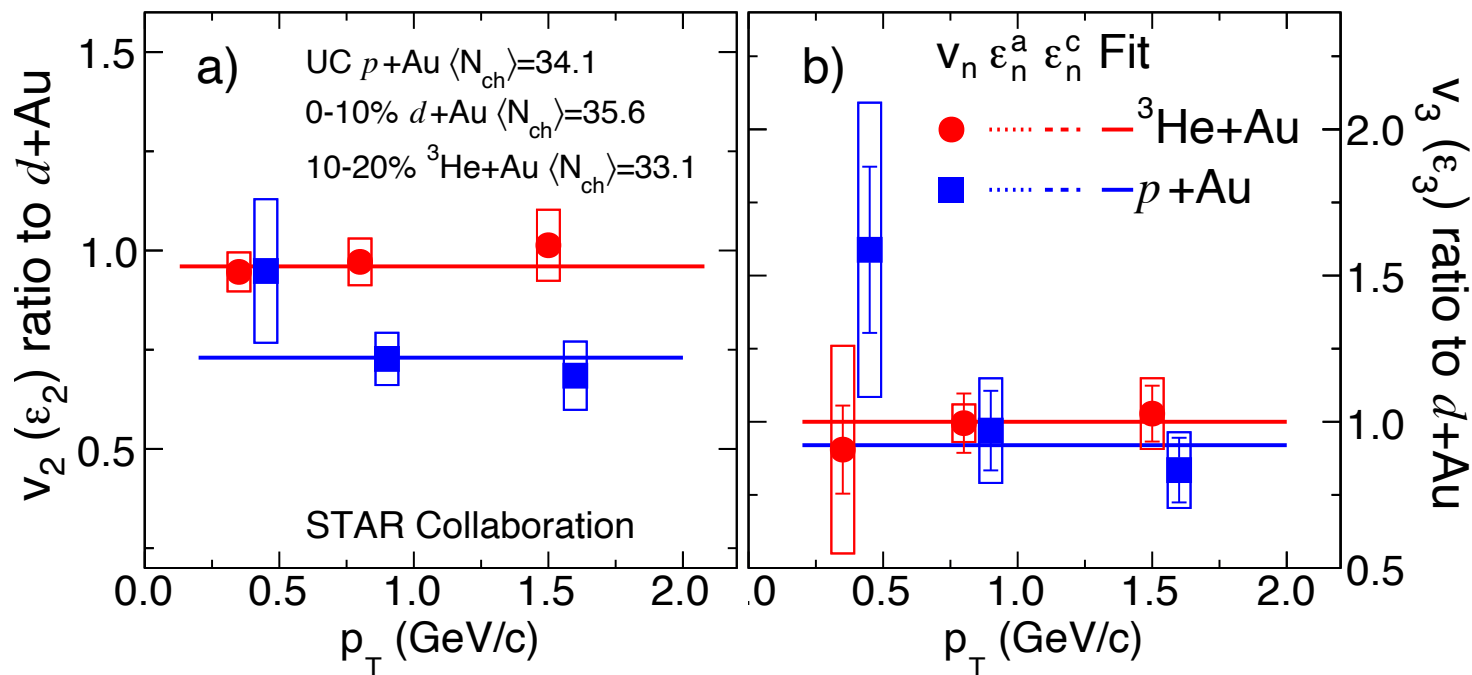


Sub-Nucleon Fluctuation in small system



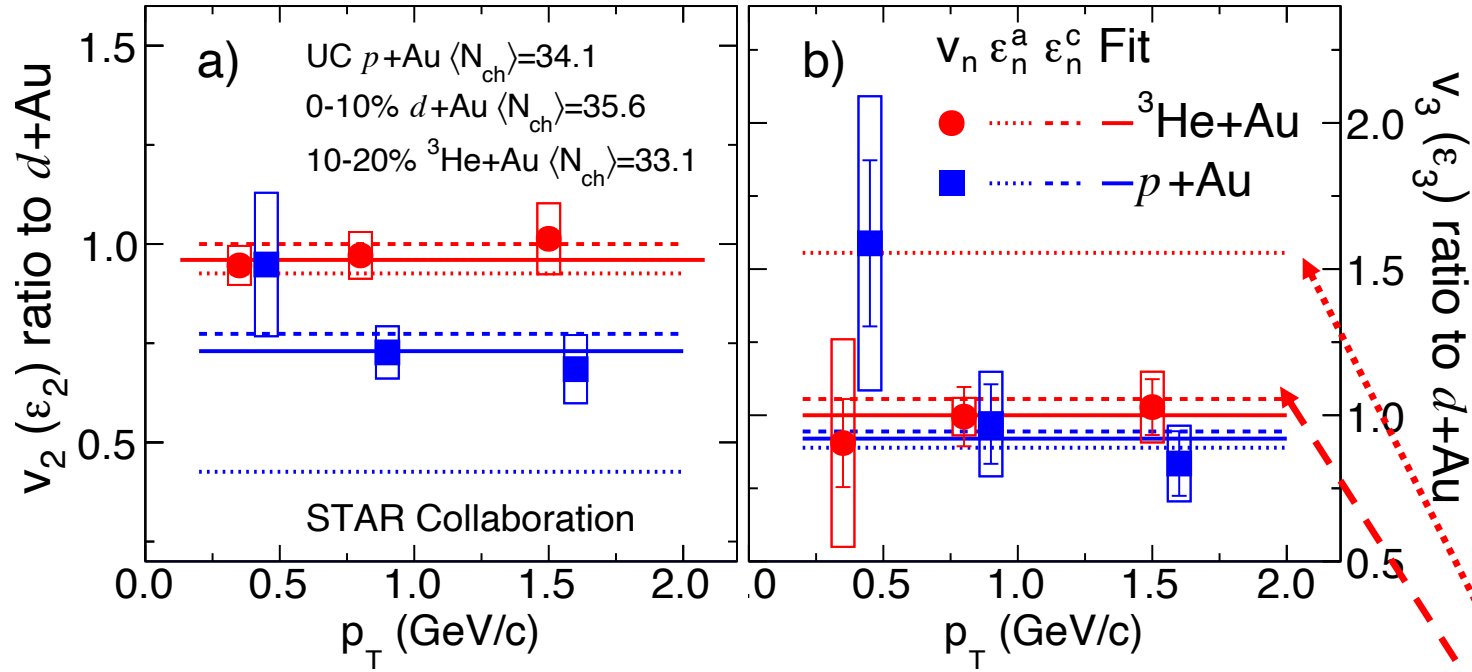
Eccentricity difference between p+p, p+Au, d+Au and $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ is substantially mitigated by the sub-nucleon fluctuation

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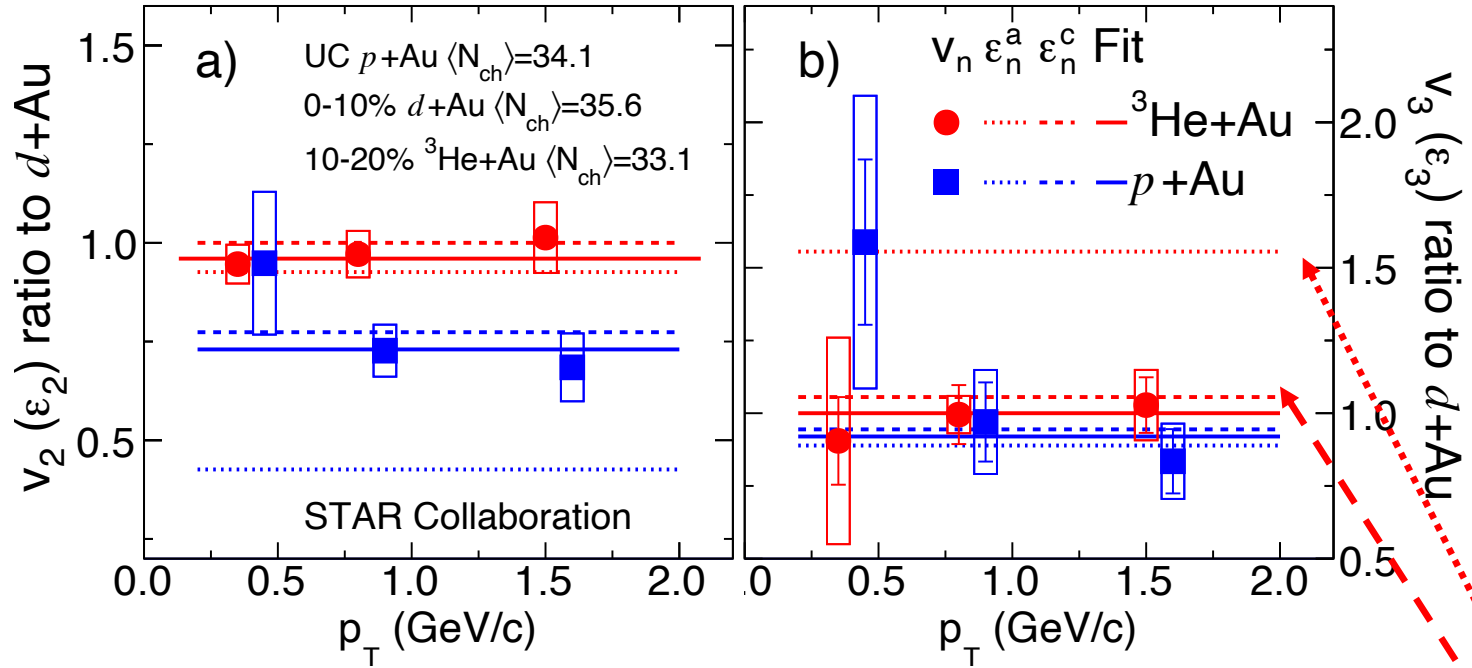
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Two Base Lines:
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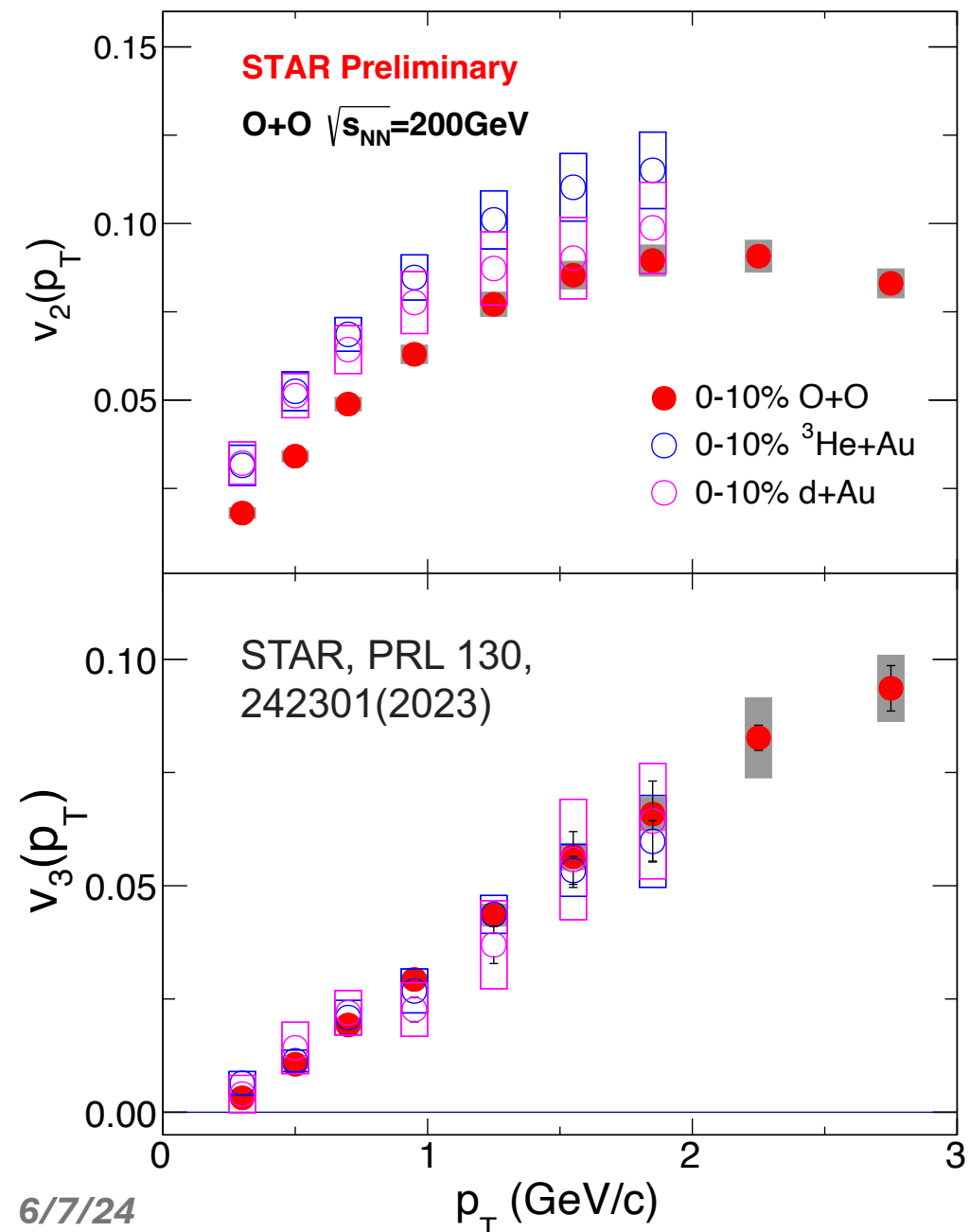
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STAR measurements prefer to the sub-nucleon fluctuation



Symmetric and asymmetric collisions



Model	point-like quark	fluctuated gluon field
	$\epsilon_2^c\{2\}(\epsilon_3^c\{2\})$	$\epsilon_2^d\{2\}(\epsilon_3^d\{2\})$
0-10% $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$	0.61(0.47)	0.53(0.38)
0-10% d+Au	0.71(0.45)	0.53(0.36)
0-10% $^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$ (NLEFT)	0.44(0.43)	

Quark Glauber:
PRC **94**, 024914(2016)
Gluon field:
PRC **94**, 024919(2016)

$$v_2(\text{O}+\text{O}) < v_2(\text{d}+\text{Au}) \approx v_2(^3\text{He}+\text{Au})$$

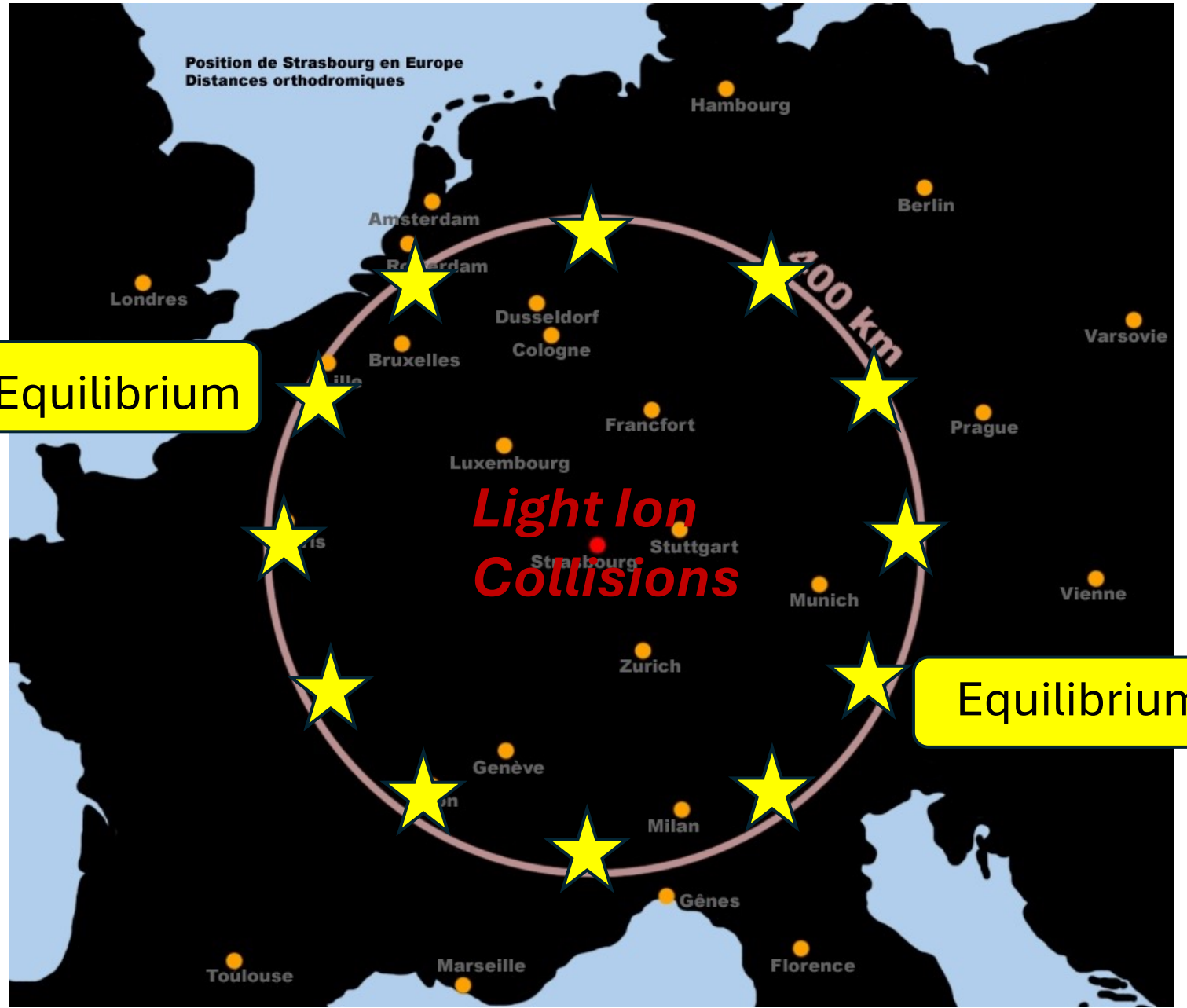
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Consistent with expectation of sub-nucleon fluctuation

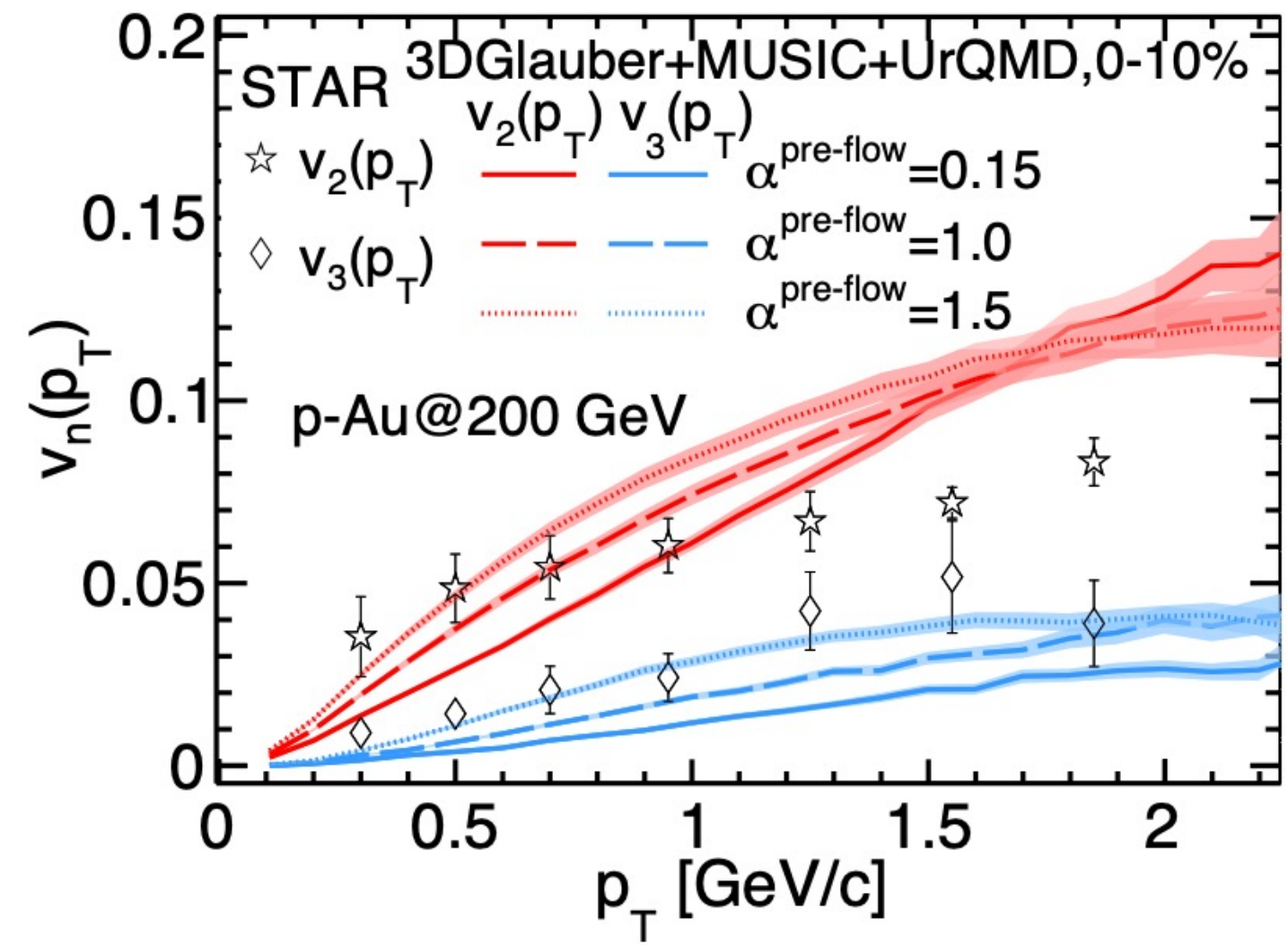


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Pre-Equilibrium

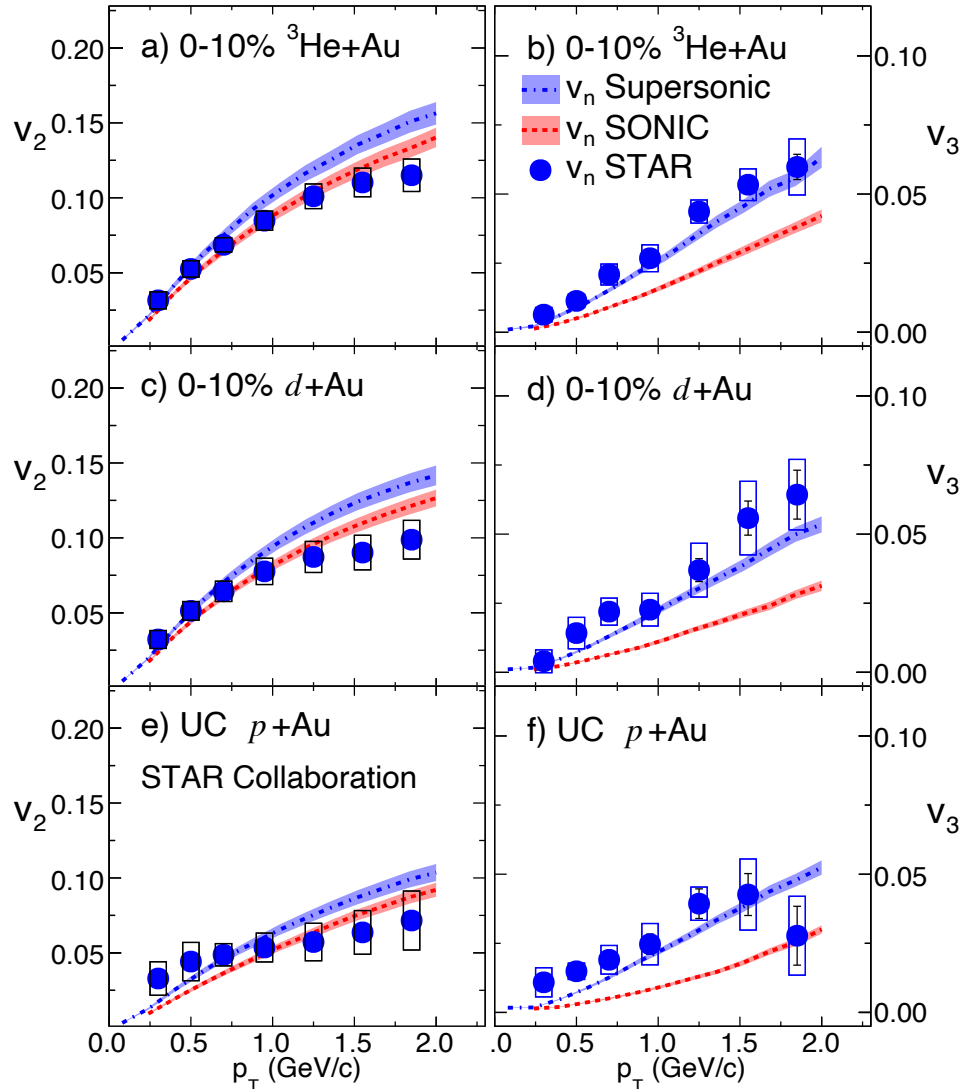


Pre-flow in 3D-Glauber



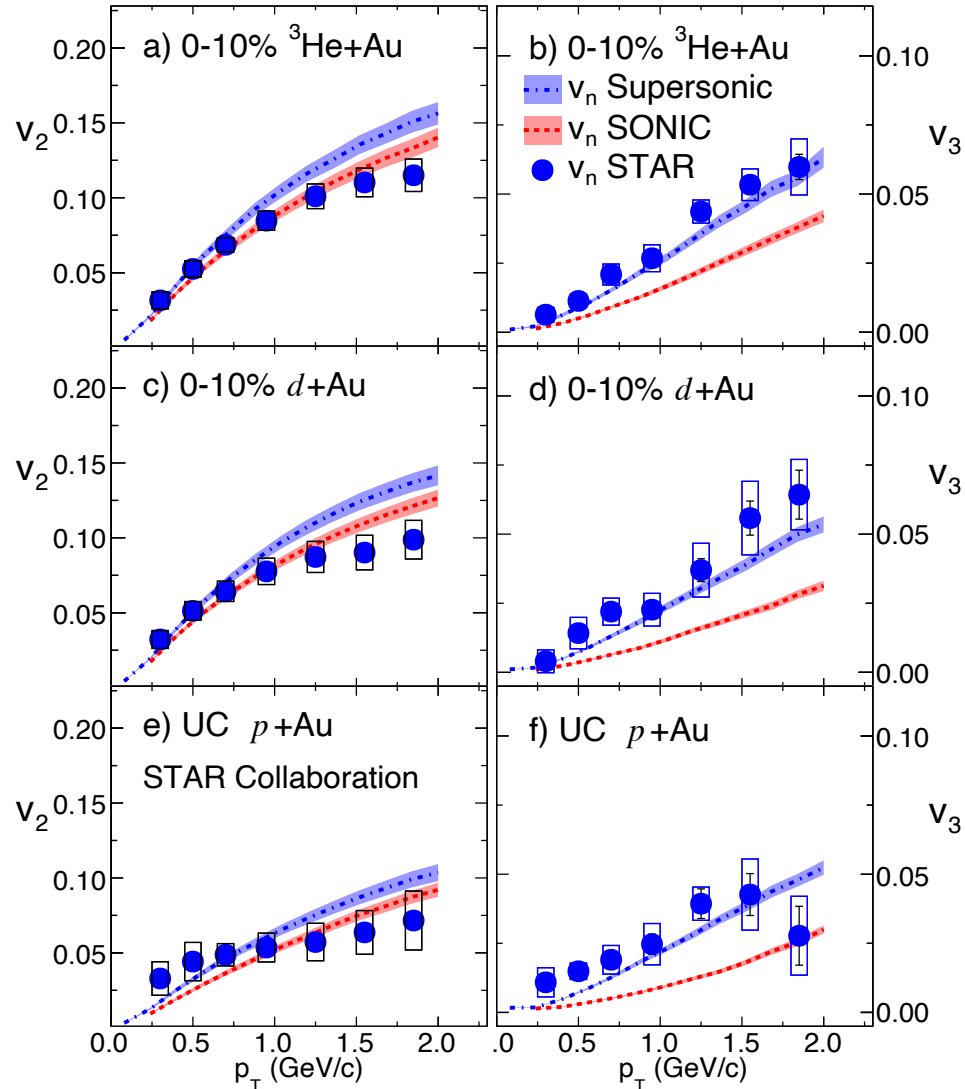
Pre-flow will boost the v_2 and v_3 in 3D-Glauber+Hydro model

Sonic and superSONIC Model



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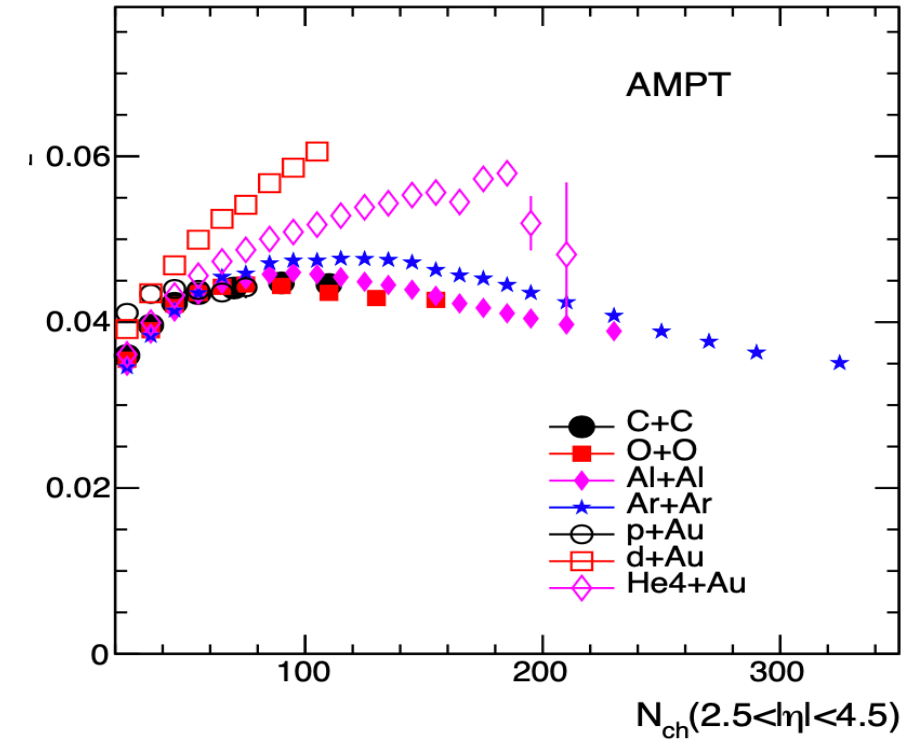
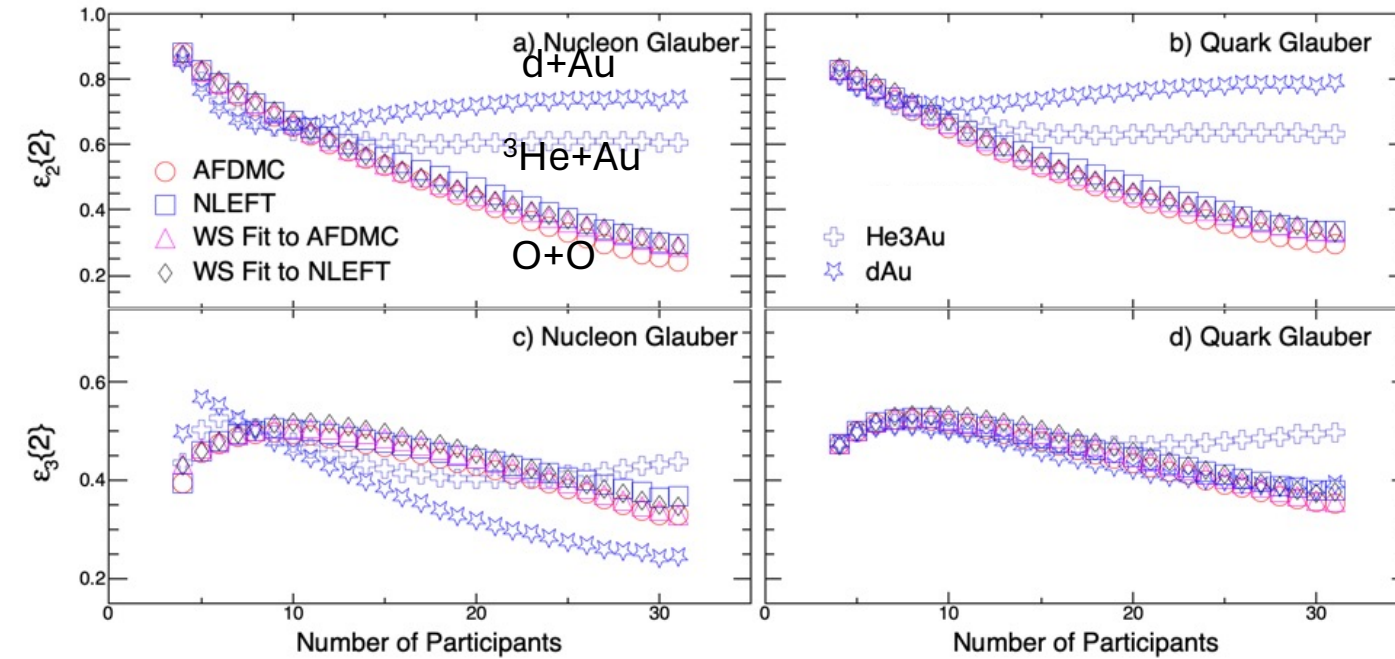
➤ *superSONIC model* with pre-equilibrium flow can reproduce the v_3 even without sub-nucleon fluctuations

Sub-nucleon fluctuation or pre-flow?

Can we do the geometry scan in small system?

Symmetric and Asymmetric Systems: A True Geometry Scan

S.Huang, Z.Chen, J.Jia, W.Li: PhysRevC.101.021901x



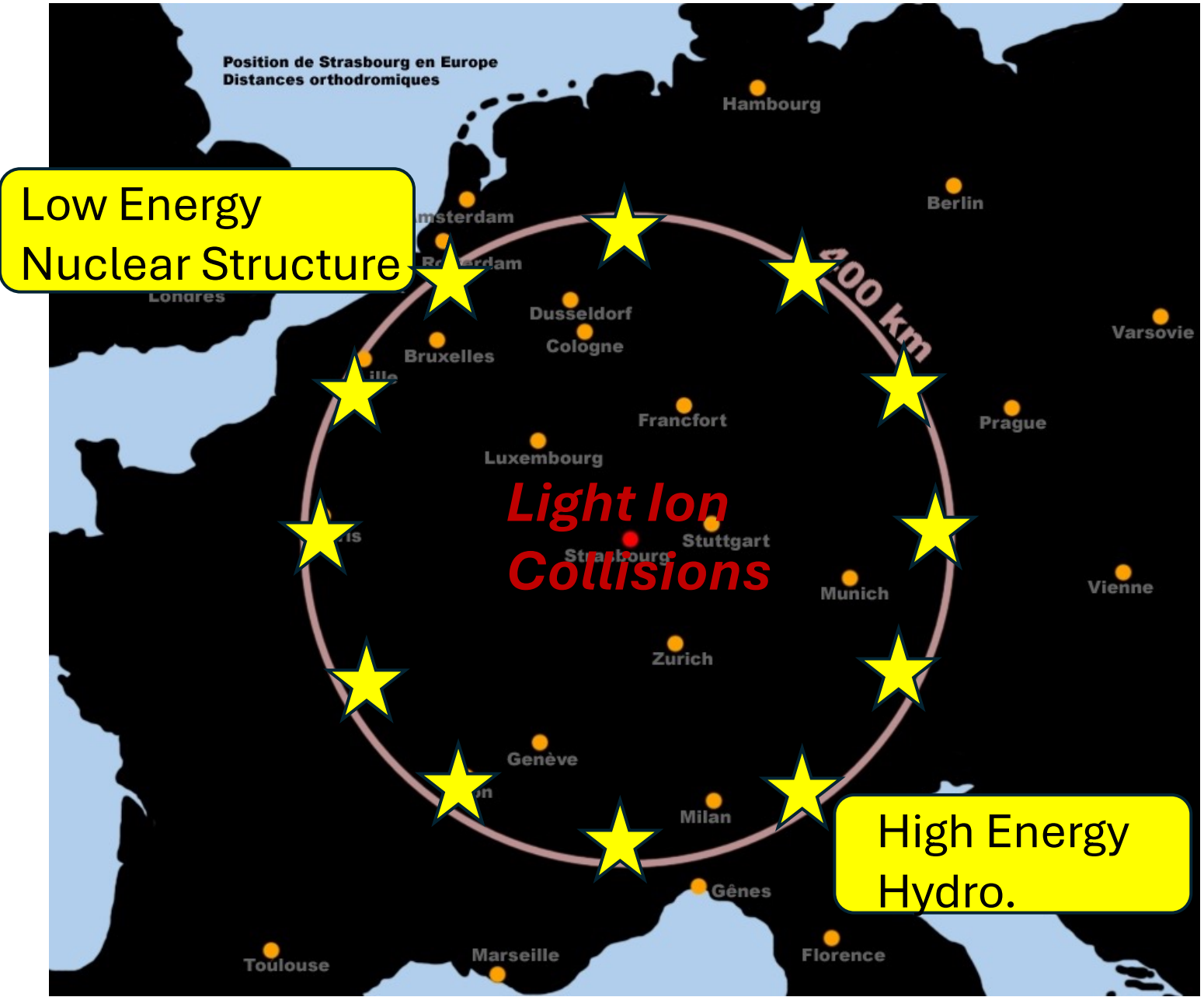
Different multiplicity dependent ϵ_n
 O+O: nuclei shape + (sub-)nucleon fluctuation
 $^3\text{He}/\text{d}+\text{Au}$: (sub-)nucleon fluctuation

AMPT: Different flow behaviors between symmetric and asymmetric systems

Comparison v_2 between symmetric and asymmetric systems will provide direct information to study final state contribution

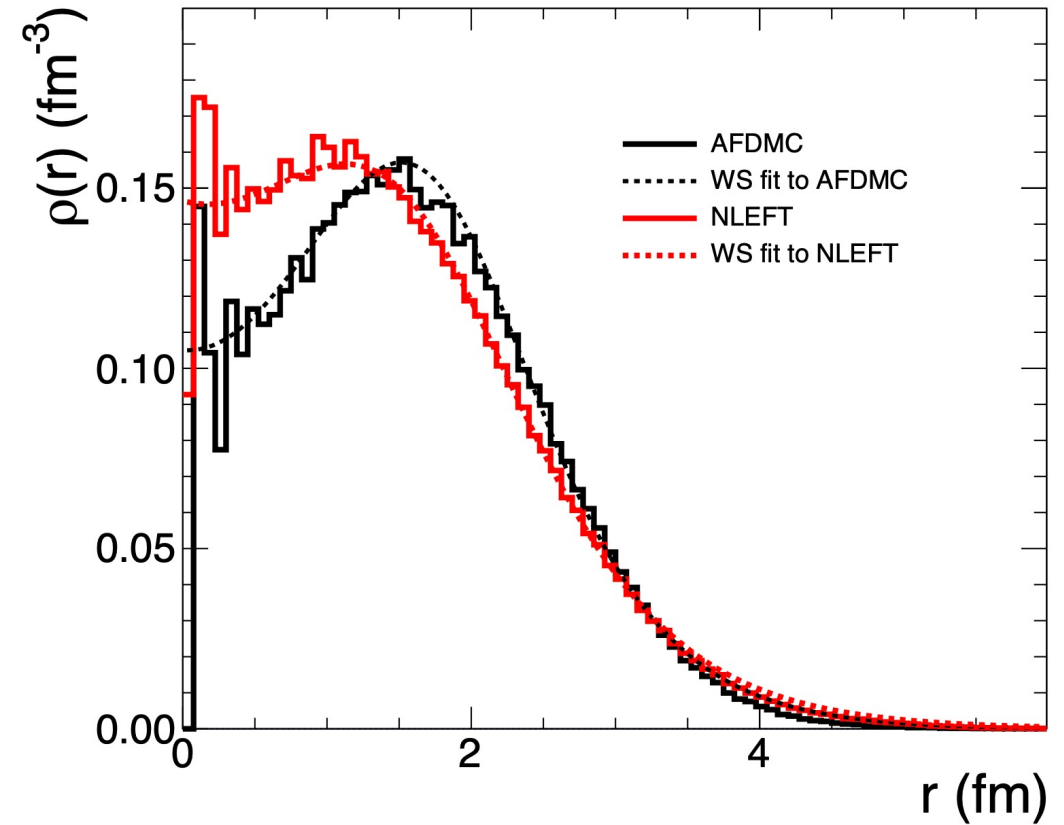


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Effective Field Theory of low energy QCD

One-body distribution



NLEFT: Lu *et al.*, PLB **797** (2019) 134863

AFDMC: Lonardoni *et al.*, PRC **97** (2018) 4, 044318

AFDMC(VMC) model: Auxiliary Field Diffusion MC

NLEFT model: Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory

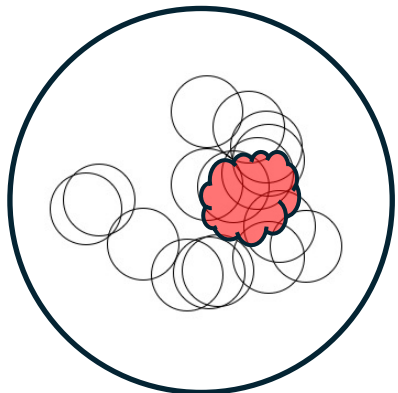
Two types of *ab initio* EFT models with different choice of the nuclear Hamiltonian and a numerical method to solve the Schrödinger equation

Two types of 3PF fitting to the one body distribution from VMC and NLEFT

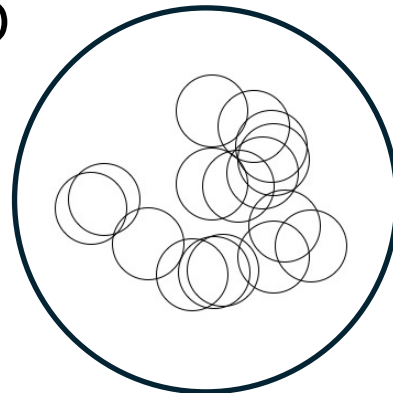
AFDMC/NLEFT: with many-body correlation

3PF fit: without many-body correlation

^{16}O



^{16}O



Eccentricity Fluctuation in $^{16}\text{O}+^{16}\text{O}$

Eccentricity Fluctuation: $\sigma^2 = \langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_n \rangle^2$

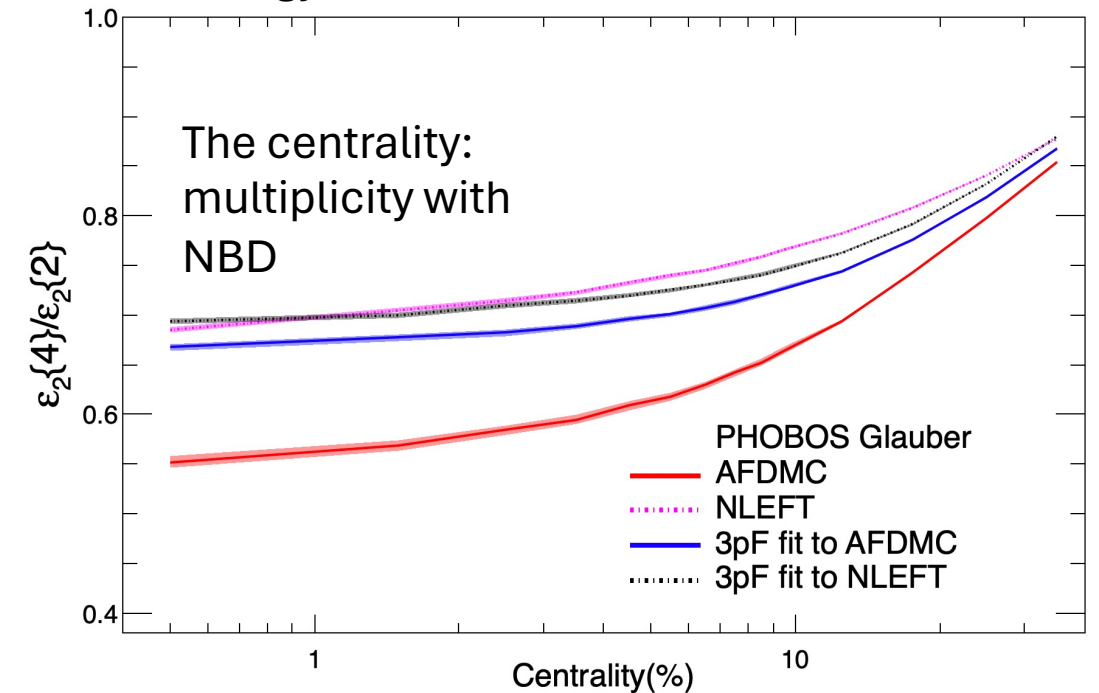
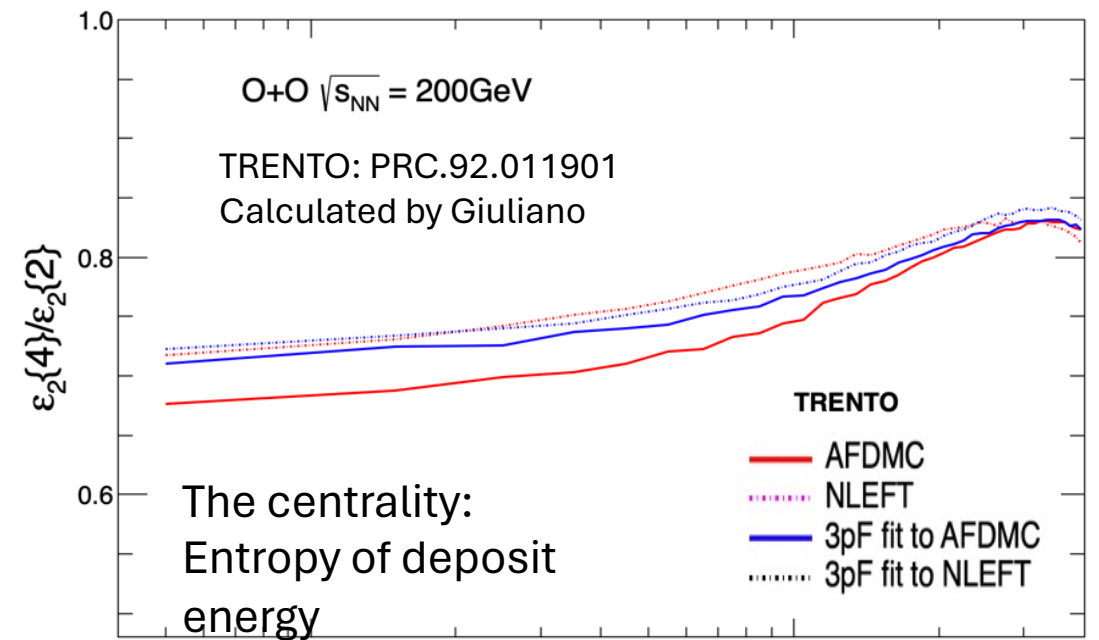
$$(\varepsilon_n\{2\})^2 = \langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle = \langle \varepsilon_n \rangle^2 + \sigma^2$$

$$(\varepsilon_n\{4\})^2 = \sqrt{2} \langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_n^4 \rangle \approx \langle \varepsilon_n \rangle^2 - \sigma^2$$

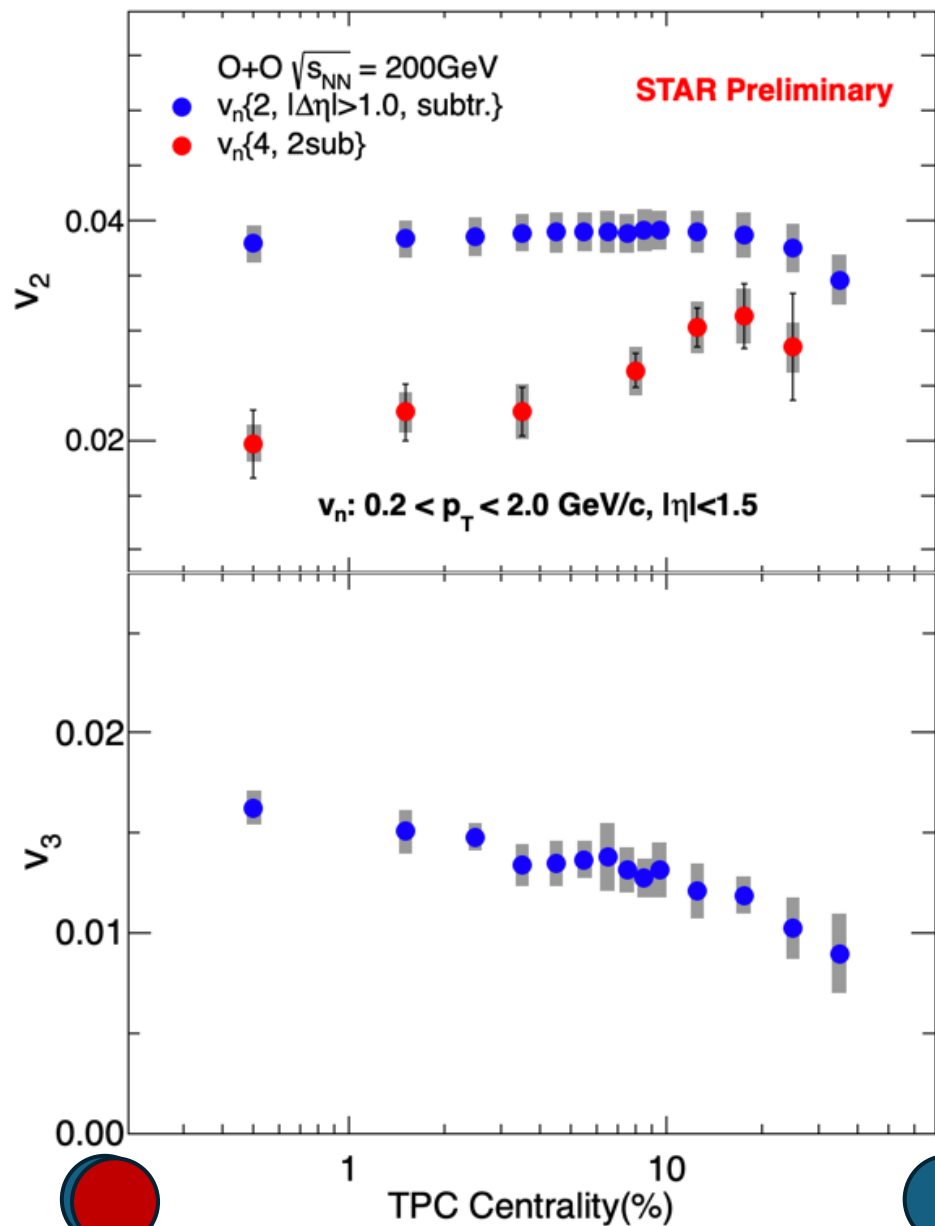
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Eccentricity fluctuation from two types of 3PF are similar in both TRENTO and PHOBOS Glauber

Stronger eccentricity fluctuations from NLEFT than that of AFDMC in PHOBOS Glauber



Four-particle cumulant in O+O



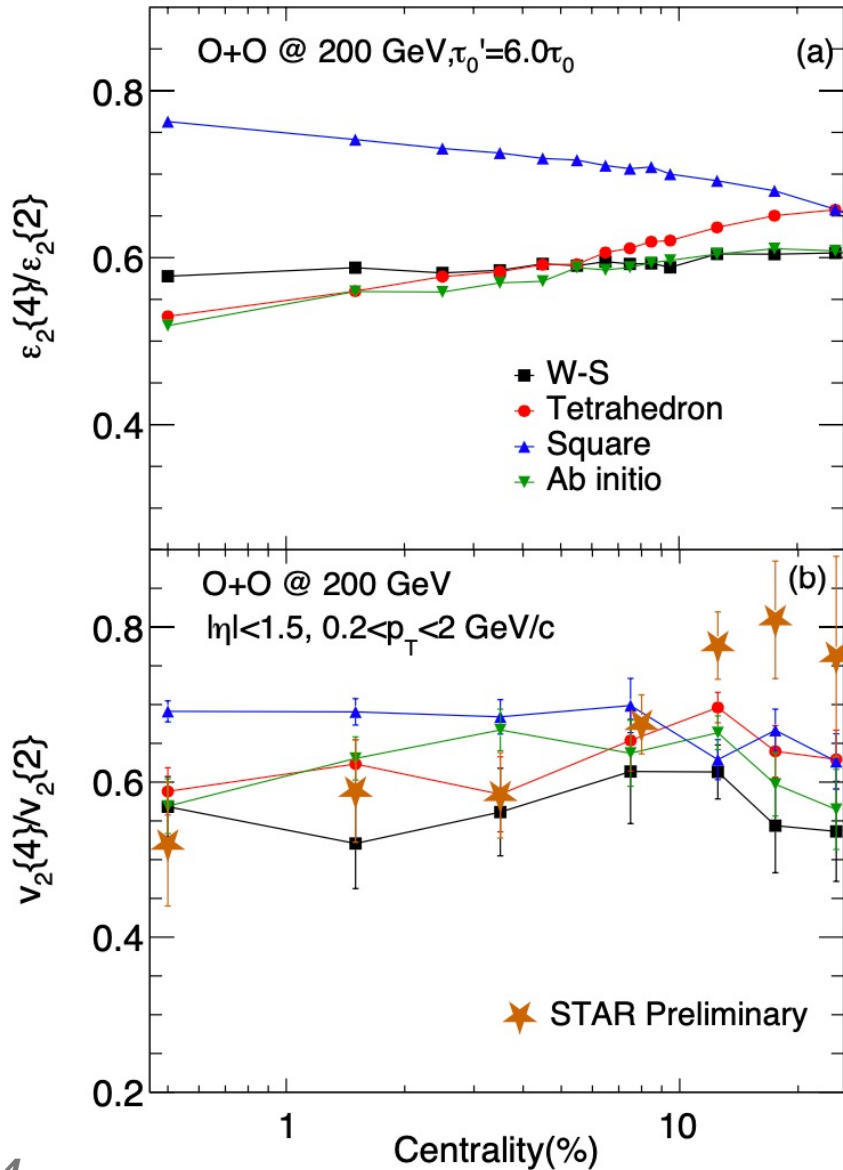
In central collisions:

The $v_2\{2\}$ is nearly flat

The $v_3\{2\}$ increases slightly

However, $v_2\{4\}$ clearly decreases

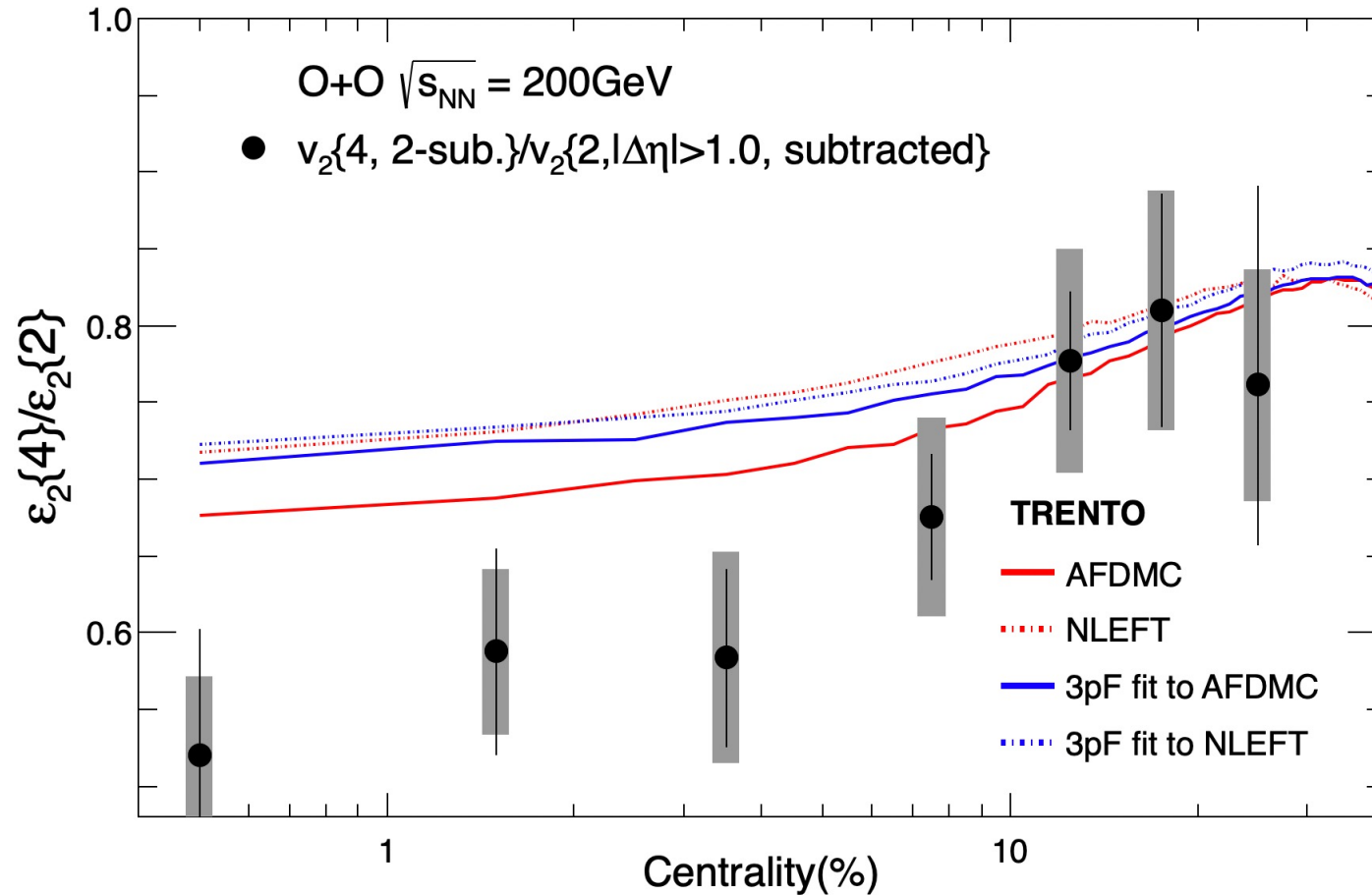
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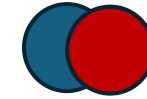
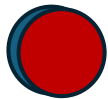
- $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ from data shows a strong centrality dependence while it is almost flat from AMPT

- $\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\} \approx v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ from AMPT. Final state effect has been largely canceled?

$v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ vs. TRENTO Model

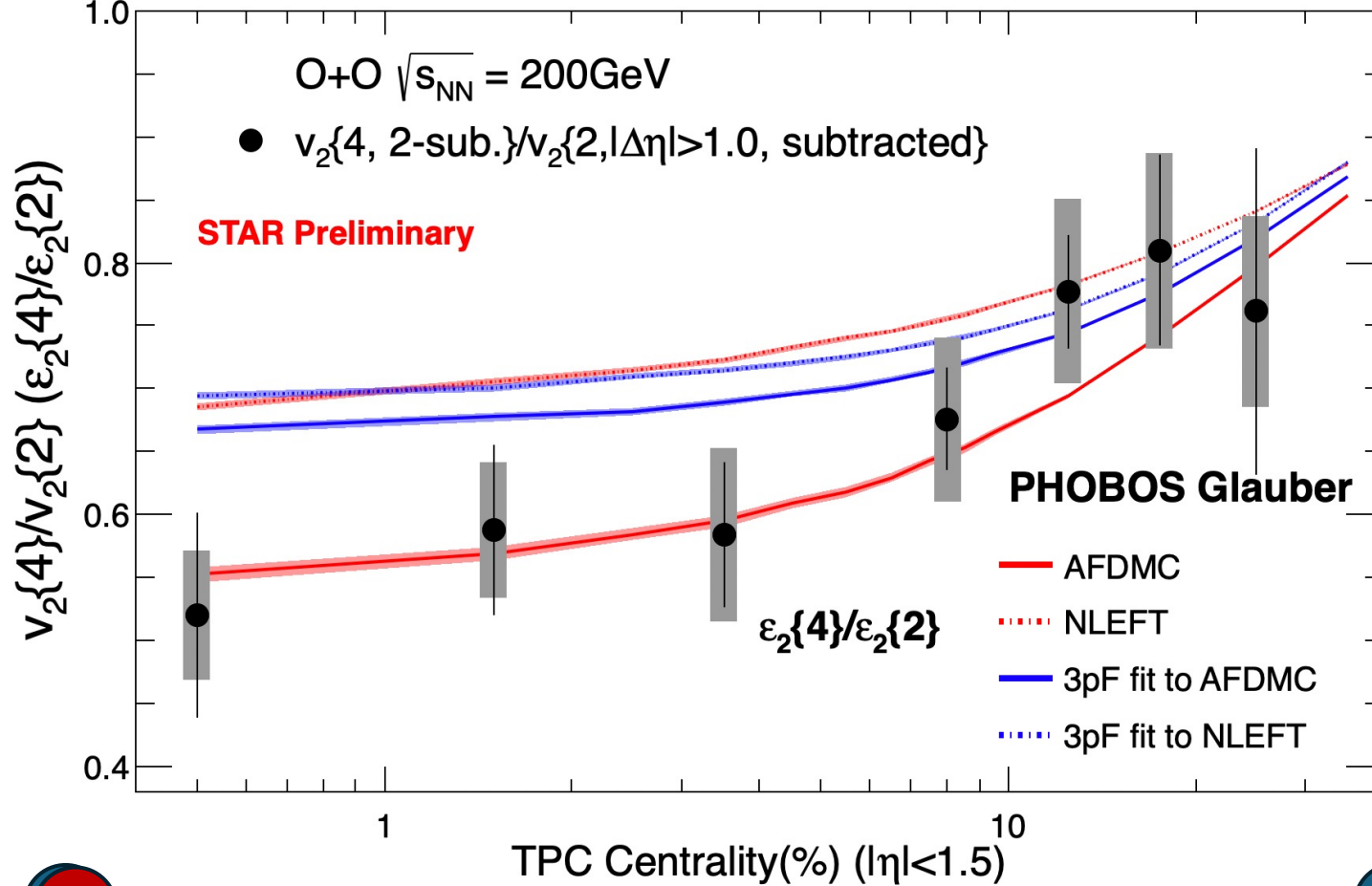


TRENTO:
 PRC.92.011901(2015)
 Calculated by Giuliano

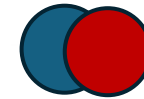
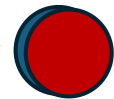


- $\varepsilon_2\{4\}/\varepsilon_2\{2\}$ from TRENTO with NLEFT, AFDMC and 3PF are similar.
- Larger than $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$.

$v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ vs. PHOBOS Glauber

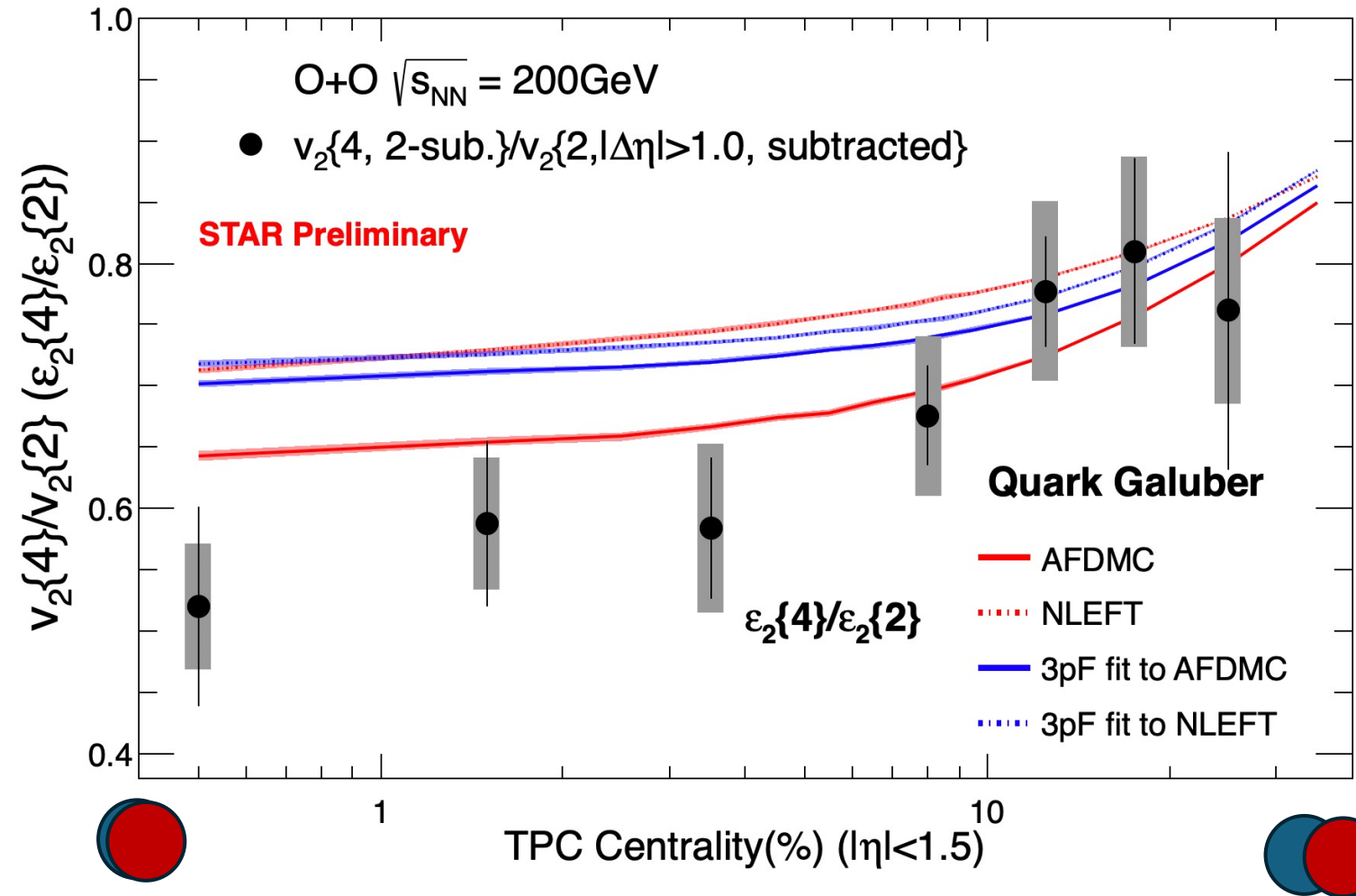


PHOBOS Glauber:
[arXiv:0805.4411](https://arxiv.org/abs/0805.4411)



$\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\}$ from AFDMC model in PHOBOS Glauber are much close to $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$
 → many-nucleon correlation (e.g. α cluster) enhances the flow fluctuation?

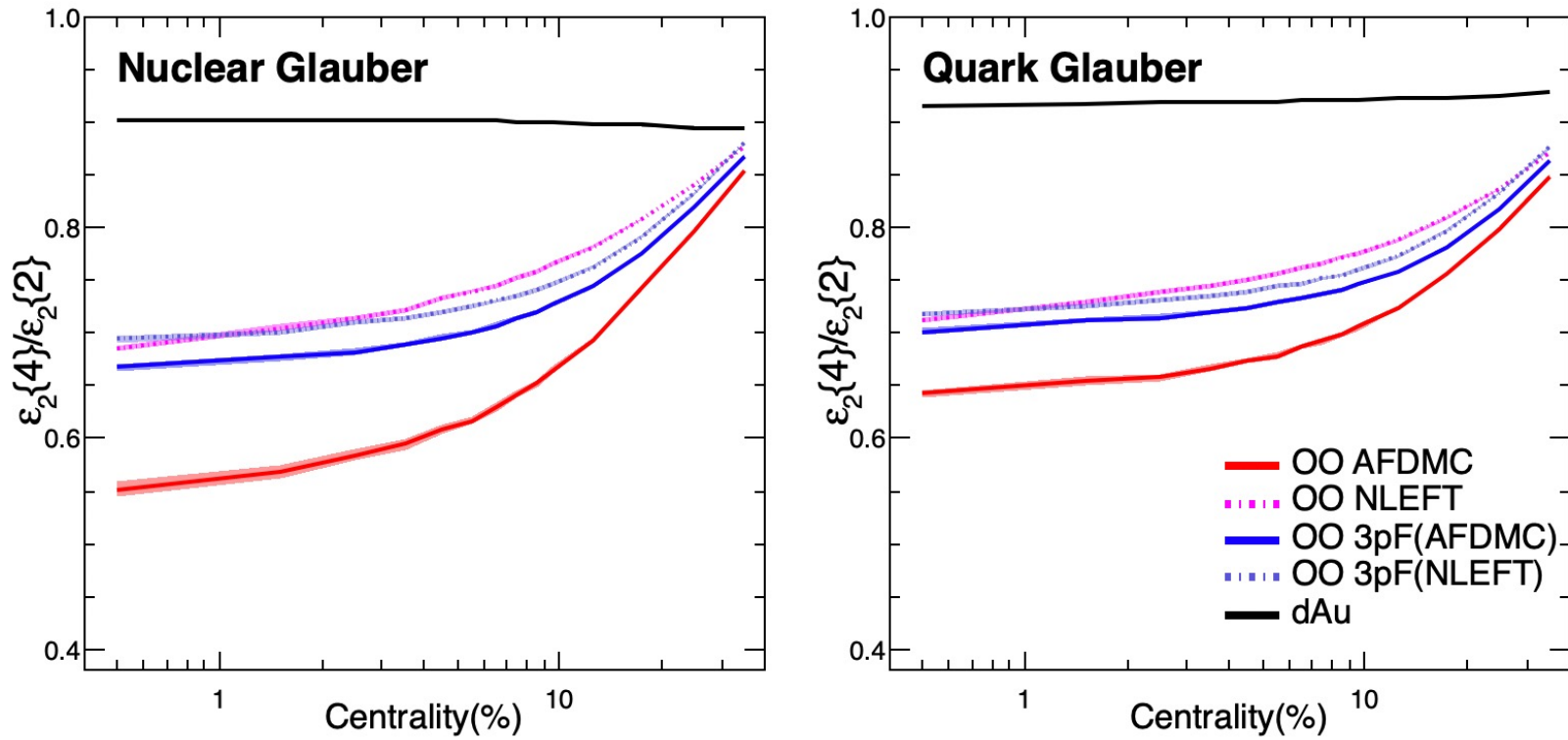
$v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ vs. Quark Glauber



Quark Glauber:
PRC **94**, 024914 (2016)

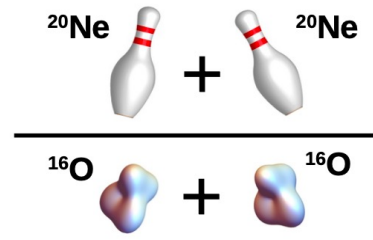
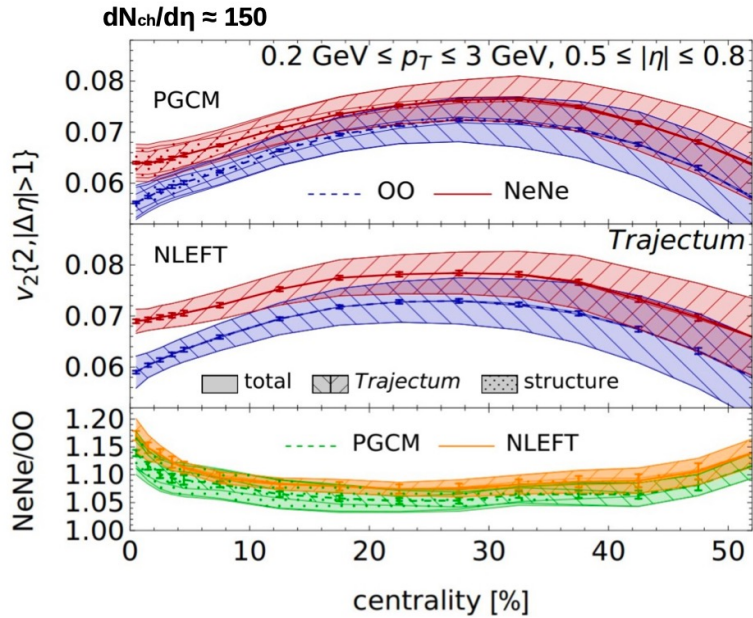
- ✓ $\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\}$ from quark Glauber over-predicts the $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$
- ✓ Many-nucleon correlation is diluted by sub-nucleon fluctuation?

Outlook: $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ in small system

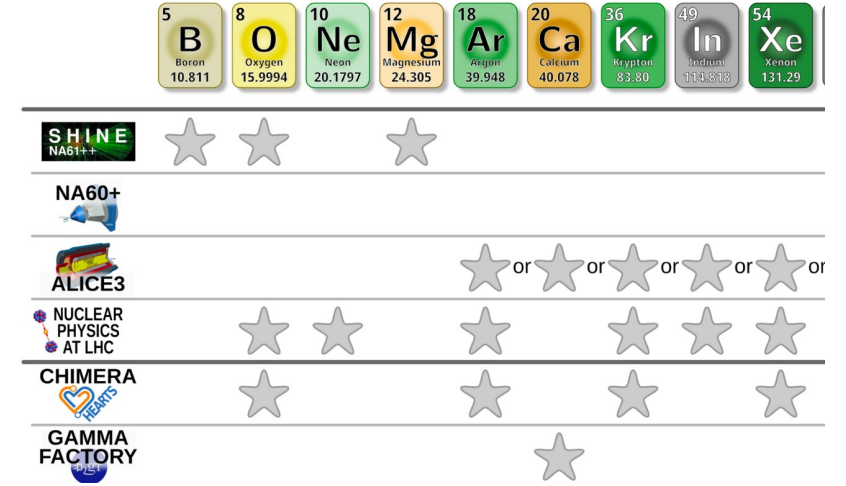


- The ratio $\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\}$ remains constant as a function of centrality and is insensitive to sub-nuclear fluctuations in d+Au collisions
- Similarly, $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ in d+Au collisions will serve as a good reference for understanding the same ratio in O+O collisions.

Future RUN@LHC



Collider mode












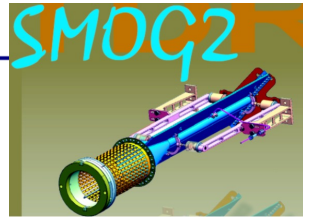
SMOG2 fixed target mode: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 65 - 110 \text{ GeV}$

SMOG2 will provide different ions for system scans in fixed-target mode at the LHCb.

Will RHIC run beyond 2025?

Summary of possible gas targets

	H	validated for O(100) h/year
	D	as above (not tested yet)
	He	
	N	not tested yet, but ok from simulations
	O	to be validated, should be possible at least for short runs
	Ne	
	Ar	
	Kr	to be validated, should be possible for short runs at end of data-taking
	Xe	to be validated, should be possible for short runs at end of data-taking

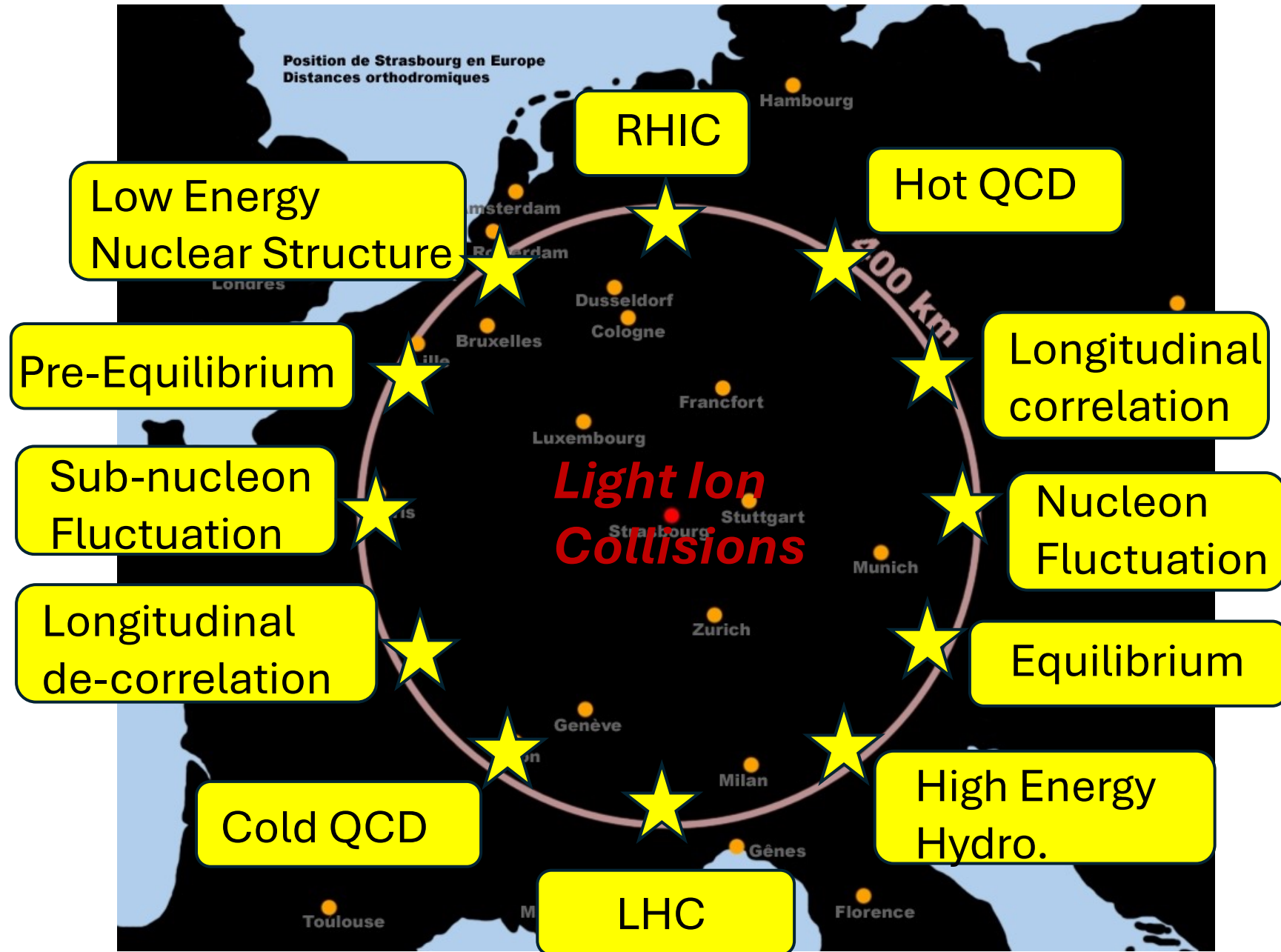


Summary

Many interesting measurements has been done in light ion collisions

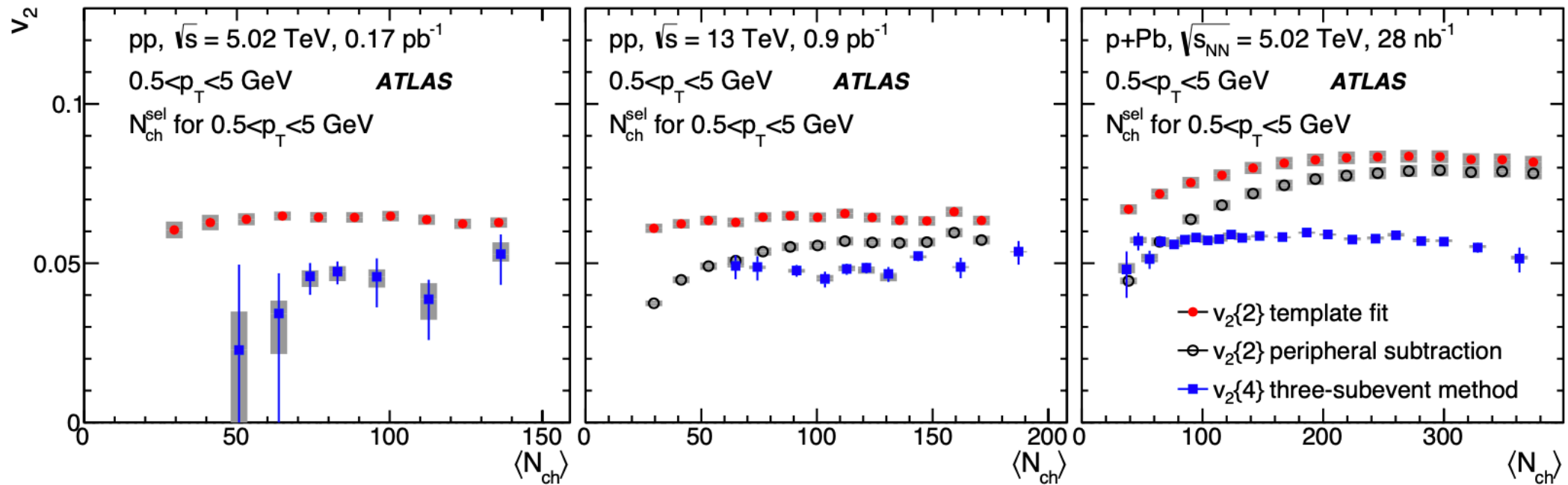
However, the story is just beginning.

Let us wait for O+O collisions at the LHC in 2025 and for more system scans from RHIC and the LHC





Outlook: $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ in small system



- $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ show very weak multiplicity and system dependence from pp to p+Pb
- Will it help to find the relation between $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ and $\epsilon_2\{4\}/\epsilon_2\{2\}$?