

# Lecture 8: Heavy Ion Physics

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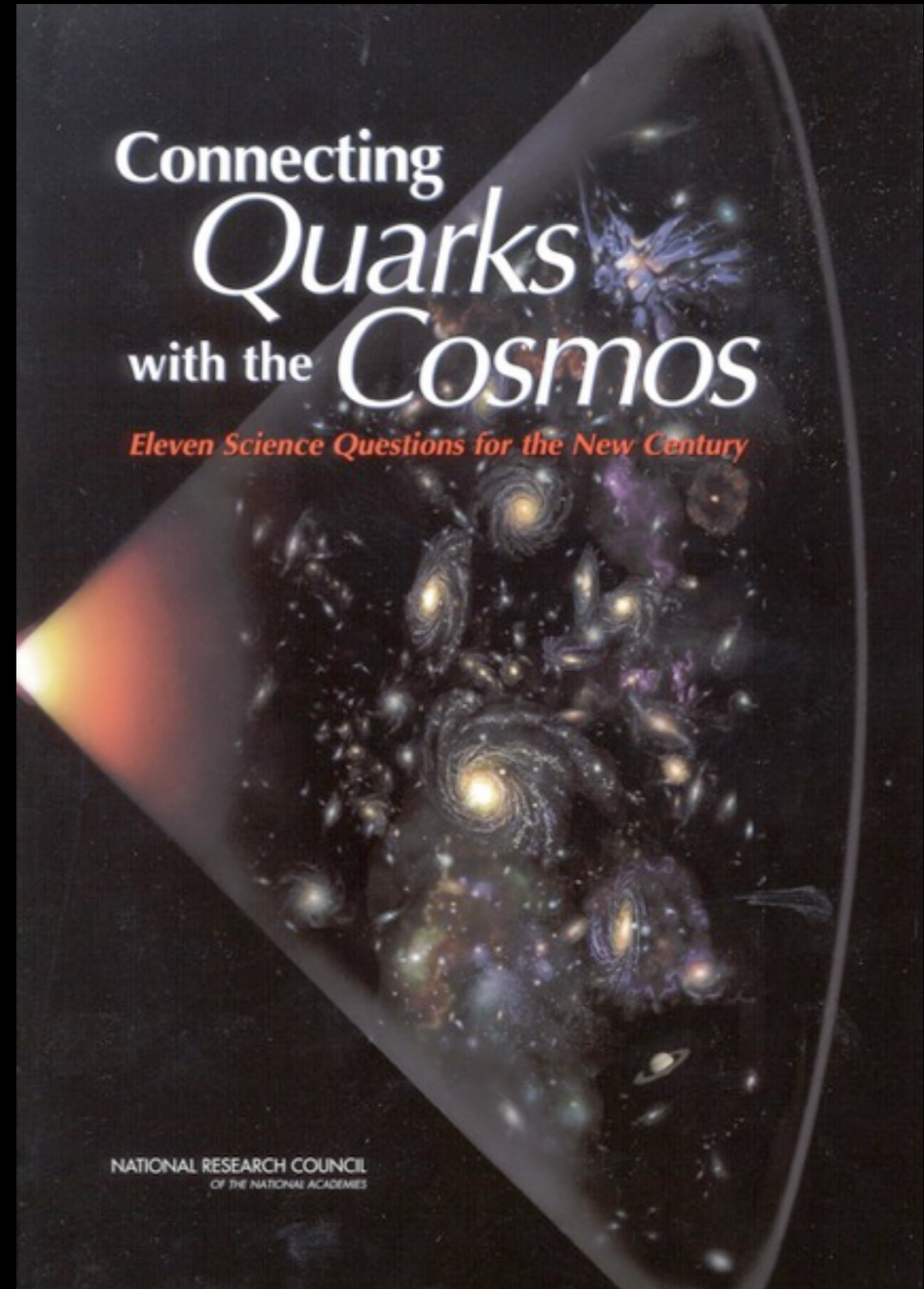
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Interesting questions to answer!!!

Fundamental questions in physics

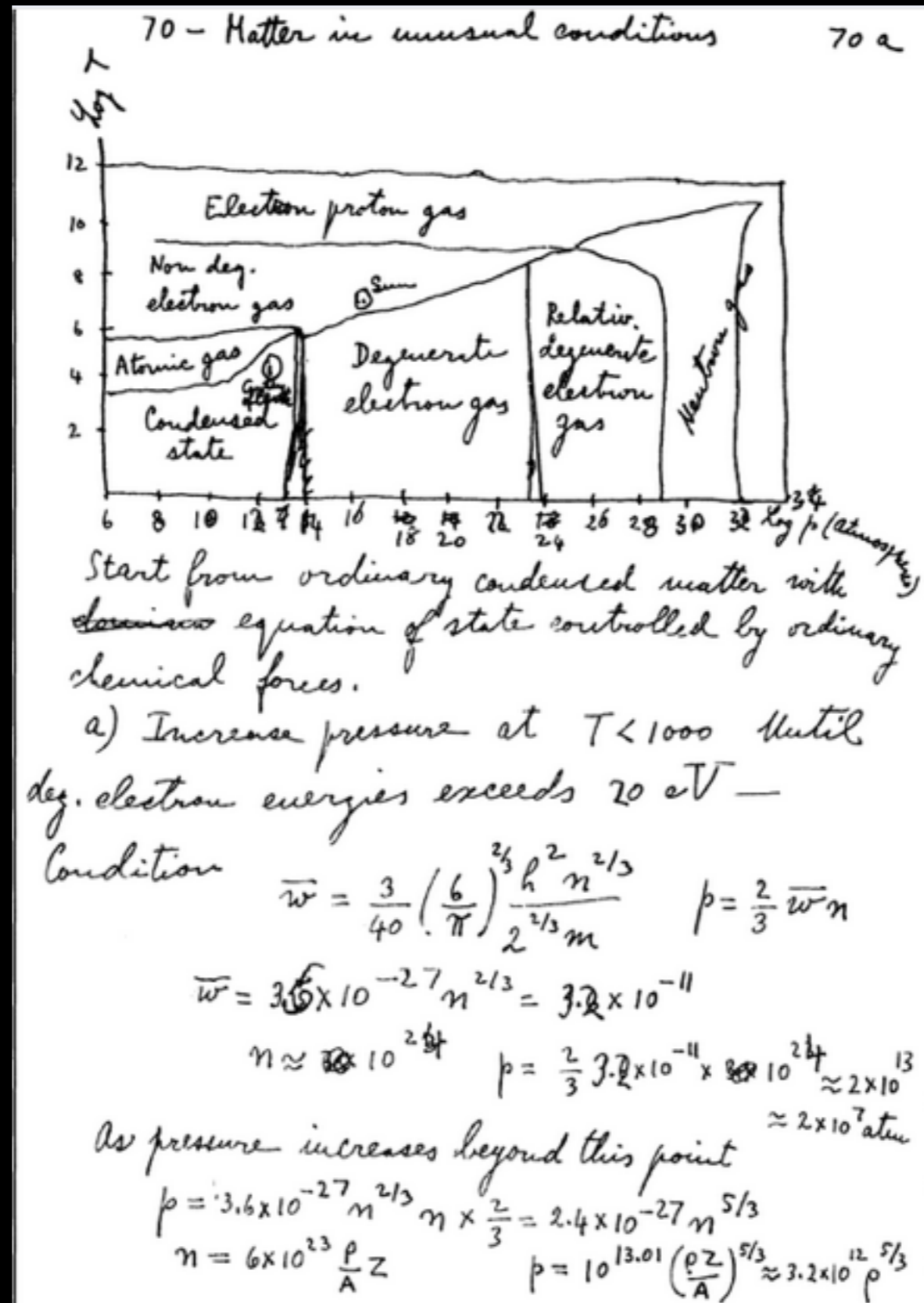
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There is evidence that during its earliest moments the universe underwent a tremendous burst of expansion, known as inflation, so that the largest objects in the universe had their origins in subatomic quantum fuzz. The underlying physical cause of this inflation is a mystery. In addition, the universe evolved passing through the EW and the strong phase transition, through a state of extreme conditions which are too of a complete mystery.

The theory of how protons and neutrons form the atomic nuclei of the chemical elements is well developed. At higher densities, neutrons and protons may dissolve into an undifferentiated soup of quarks and gluons, which can be probed in heavy-ion accelerators. Densities beyond nuclear densities occur and can be probed in neutron stars, and still higher densities and temperatures existed in the early universe.



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## Ultraviolet Behavior of Non-Abelian Gauge Theories\*

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It is shown that a wide class of non-Abelian gauge theories have, up to calculable logarithmic corrections, free-field-theory asymptotic behavior. It is suggested that Bjorken scaling may be obtained from strong-interaction dynamics based on non-Abelian gauge symmetry.

Non-Abelian gauge theories have received much attention recently as a means of constructing unified and renormalizable theories of the weak and electromagnetic interactions.<sup>1</sup> In this note we report on an investigation of the ultraviolet (UV) asymptotic behavior of such theories. We have found that they possess the remarkable feature, perhaps unique among renormalizable theories, of asymptotically approaching free-field theory. Such asymptotically free theories will exhibit, for matrix elements of currents between on-mass-shell states, Bjorken scaling. We therefore suggest that one should look to a non-Abelian gauge theory of the strong interactions to provide the explanation for Bjorken scaling, which has so far eluded field-theoretic understanding.

The UV behavior of renormalizable field theories can be discussed using the renormalization-group equations,<sup>2,3</sup> which for a theory involving one field (say  $\psi$ ) are

$$[m\partial/\partial m + \beta(g)\partial/\partial g - n\gamma(g)]\Gamma_{m\gamma}^{(n)}(g; P_1, \dots, P_n) = 0. \quad (1)$$

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<sup>2</sup>K. Symanzik (to be published) has recently suggested that one consider a  $\lambda\psi^4$  theory with a negative  $\lambda$  to achieve UV stability at  $\lambda=0$ . However, one can show, using the renormalization-group equations, that in such theory the ground-state energy is unbounded from below (S. Coleman, private communication).

<sup>3</sup>W. A. Bardeen, H. Fritzsch, and M. Gell-Mann, CERN Report No. CERN-TH-1538, 1972 (to be published).

<sup>4</sup>H. Georgi and S. L. Glashow, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **28**, 1494 (1972); S. Weinberg, *Phys. Rev. D* **5**, 1962 (1972).  
<sup>5</sup>For a review of this program, see S. L. Adler, in *Proceedings of the Sixteenth International Conference on High Energy Physics*, National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois, 1972 (to be published).

## Reliable Perturbative Results for Strong Interactions?\*

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An explicit calculation shows perturbation theory to be arbitrarily good for the deep Euclidean Green's functions of any Yang-Mills theory and of many Yang-Mills theories with fermions. Under the hypothesis that spontaneous symmetry breakdown is of dynamical origin, these symmetric Green's functions are the asymptotic forms of the physically significant spontaneously broken solution, whose coupling could be strong.



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Frank Wilczek

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2004 was awarded jointly to David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and Frank Wilczek "for the discovery of asymptotic freedom in the theory of the strong interaction".

1973: QCD

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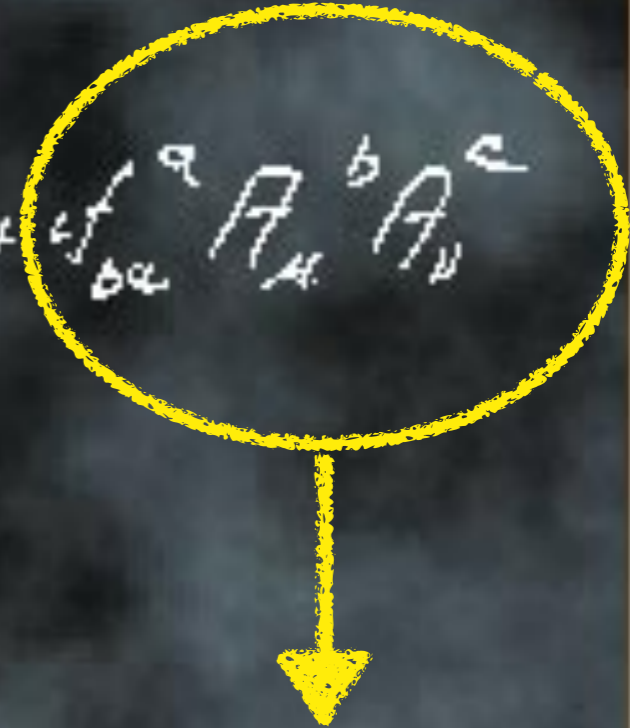
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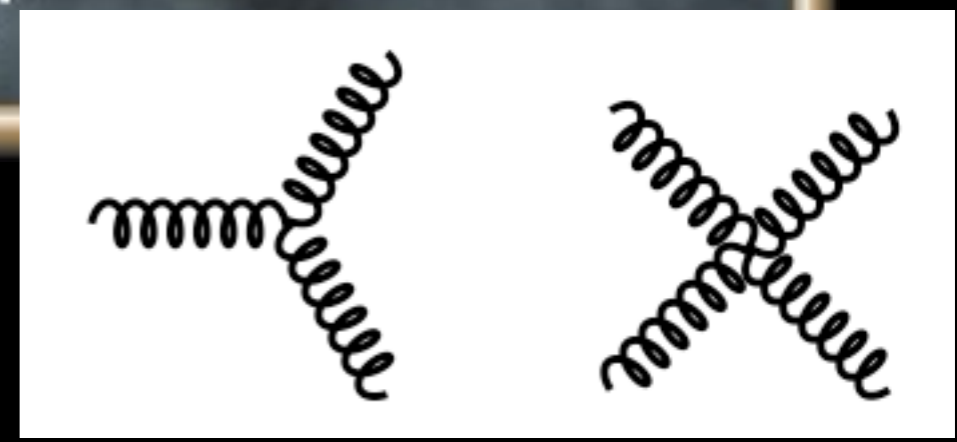
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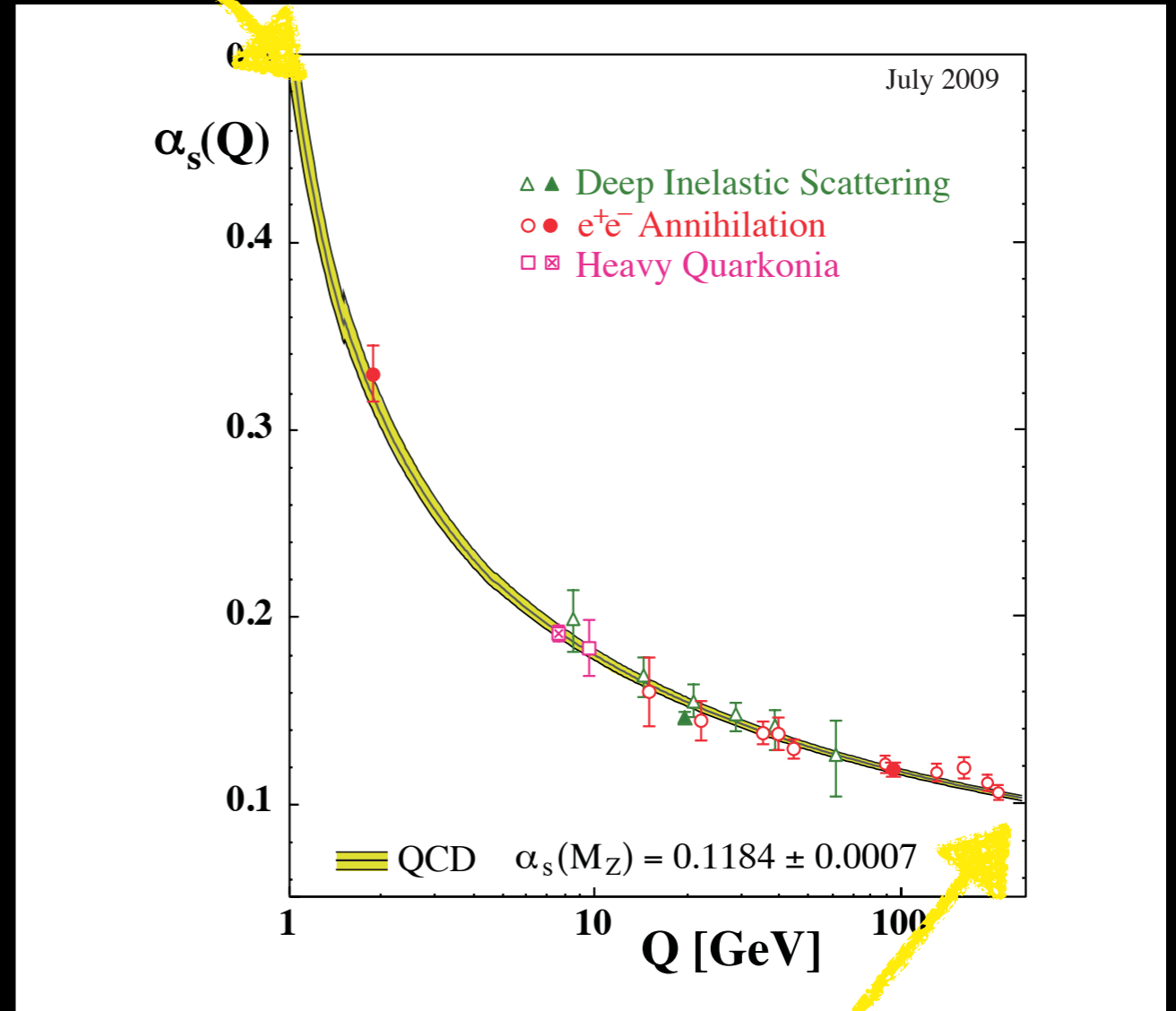


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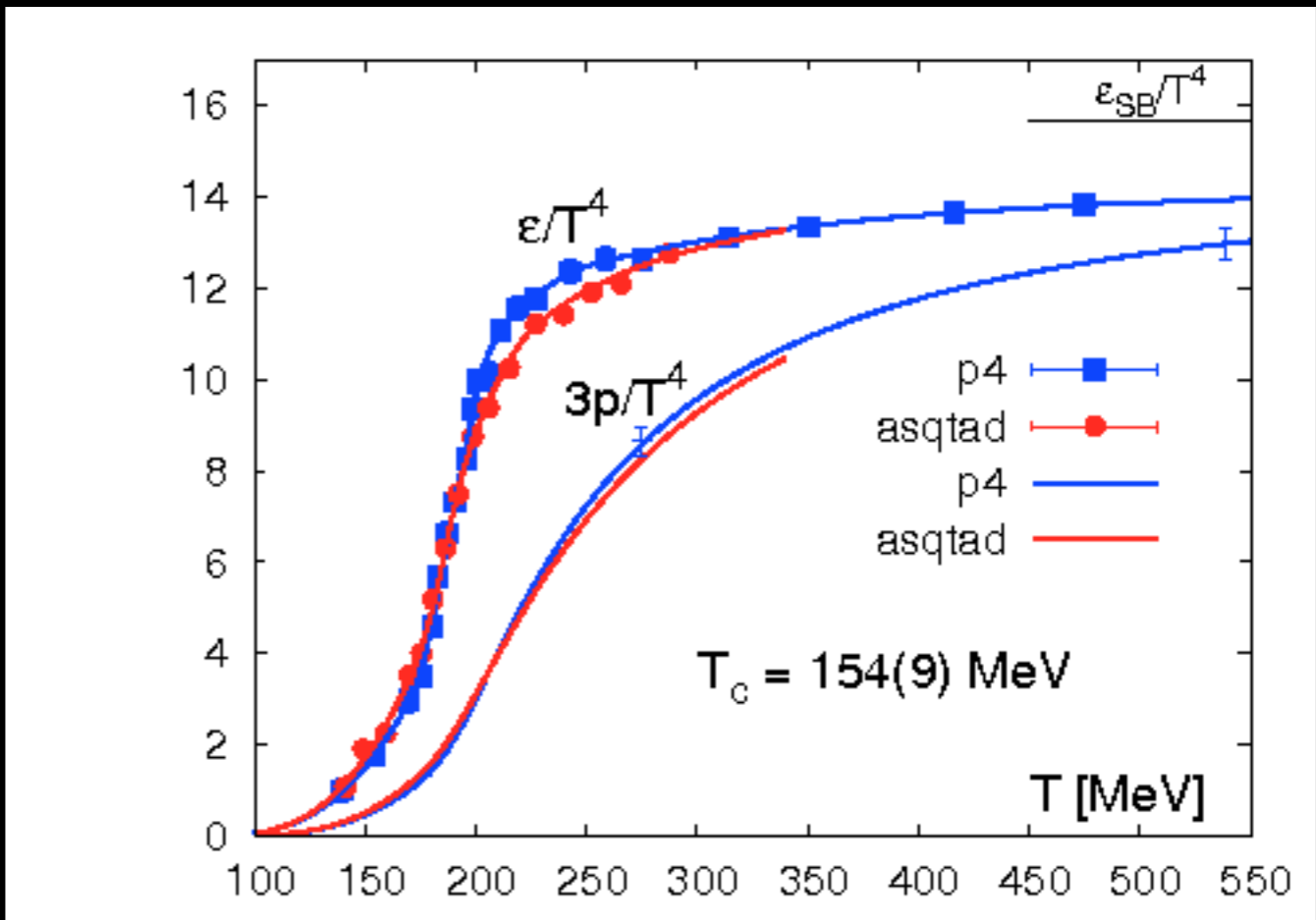
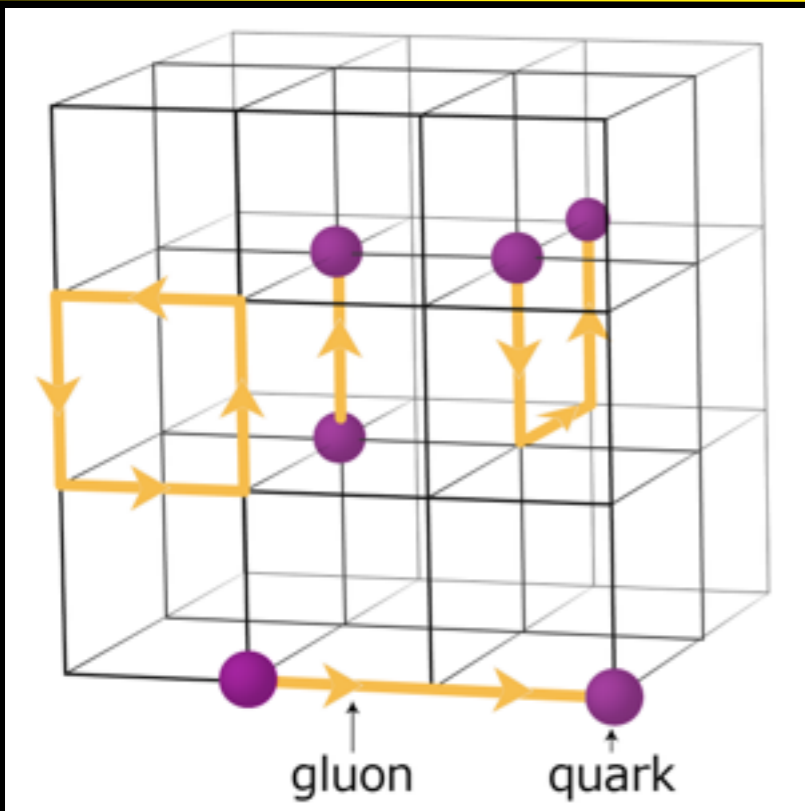
infrared slavery  
(confinement)

- Typical hadron size:  $\sim 10^{-15}\text{m} = 1\text{fm}$
- Planck's constant:  $\hbar c \sim 0.2\text{GeV}\cdot\text{fm}$
- 200 MeV is the characteristic scale of confinement
- the  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  scale



asymptotic freedom

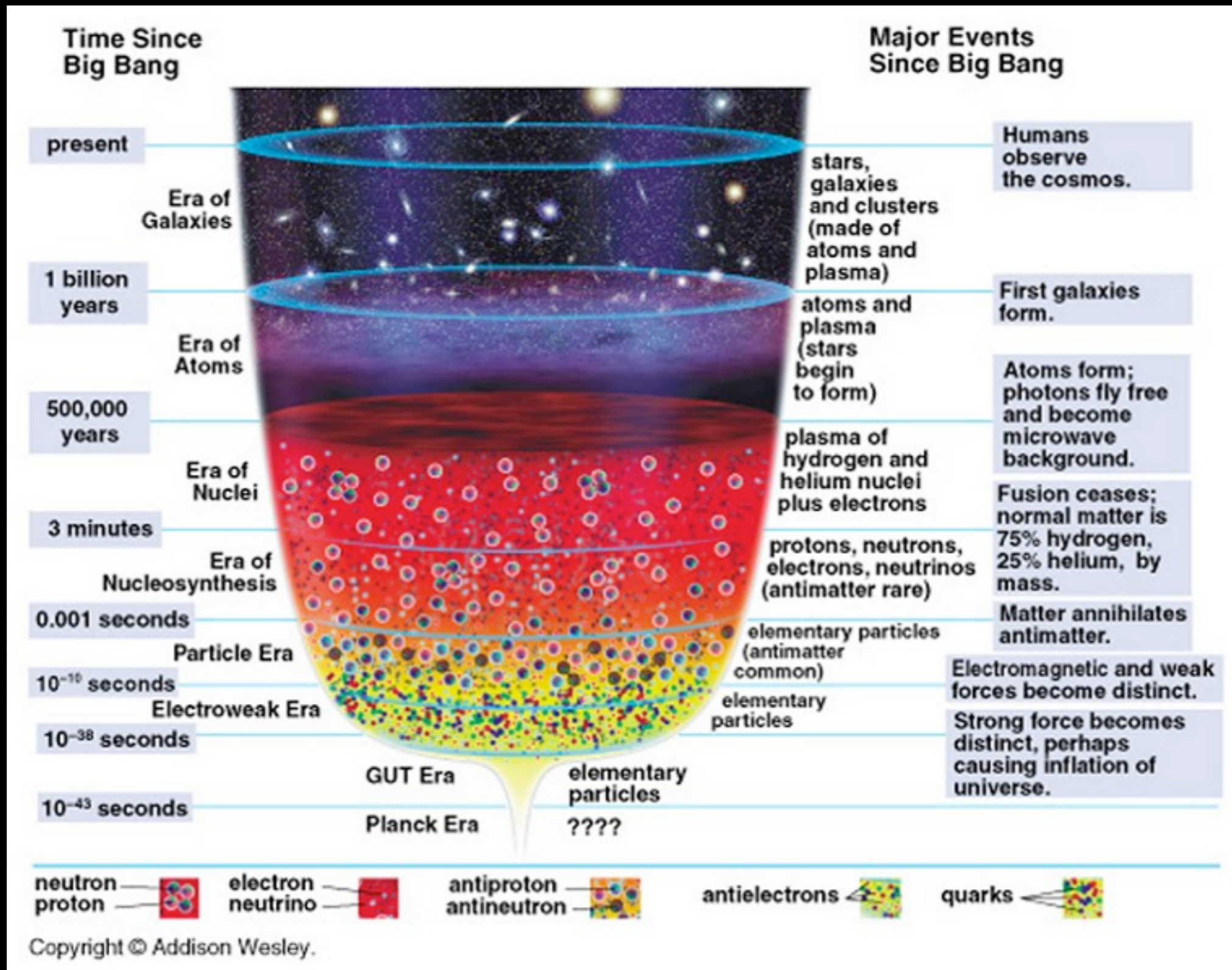
- The running coupling constant suggests the possibility of creating a new state of QCD matter where quarks and gluons are “free” → the strong phase transition
- This transition can happen at sufficiently large:
  - ★ temperature  $T$
  - ★ energy density  $\varepsilon$
- Which  $T$  and  $\varepsilon$ ?
  - ★ for massless quarks and gluons the only physical scale in QCD is the confinement scale  $\sim 1$  fm
    - $T \sim 200$  MeV
    - $\varepsilon \sim 1$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>
- At these scales the strong coupling constant becomes large
  - ★ Perturbation theory can not be applied and analytical calculations are notoriously difficult to be made
  - ★ Confinement is still poorly understood from first principles!
- Better understanding of this non-perturbative domain comes from lattice QCD calculations

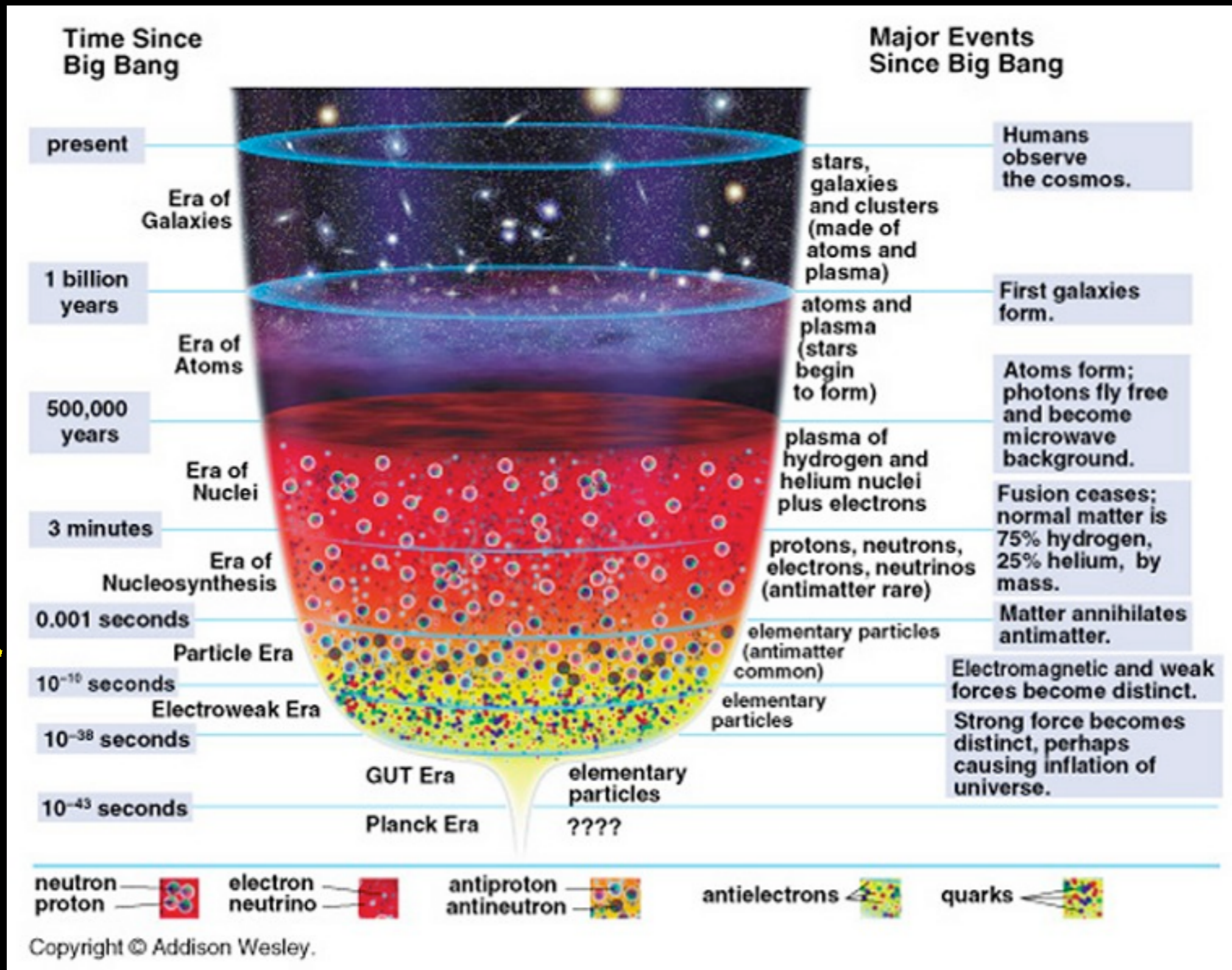


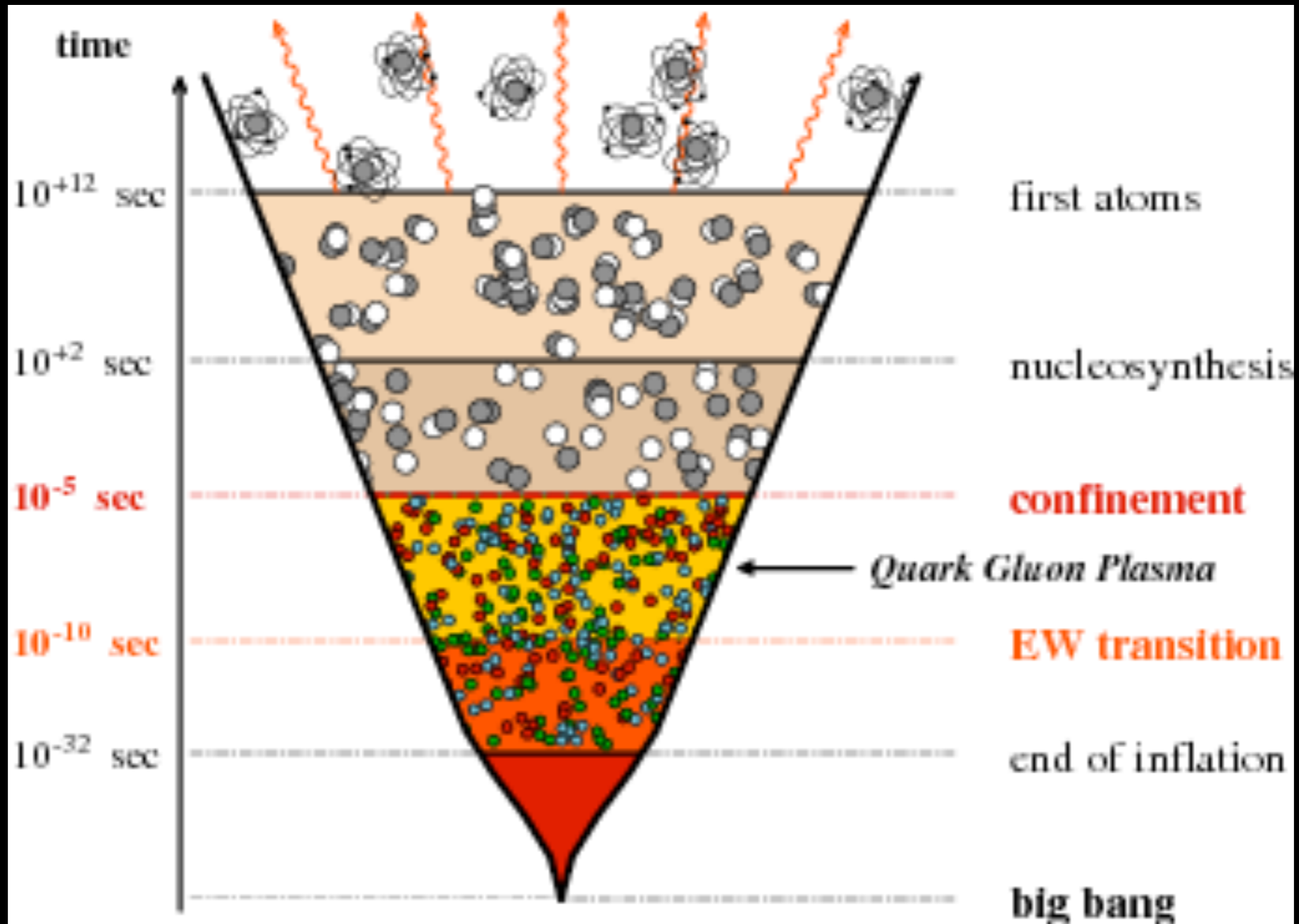
Lattice QCD: beyond a critical temperature there is a rapid rise in the number of degrees of freedom  $\Rightarrow$  phase transition to a deconfined state of quarks and gluons!!!

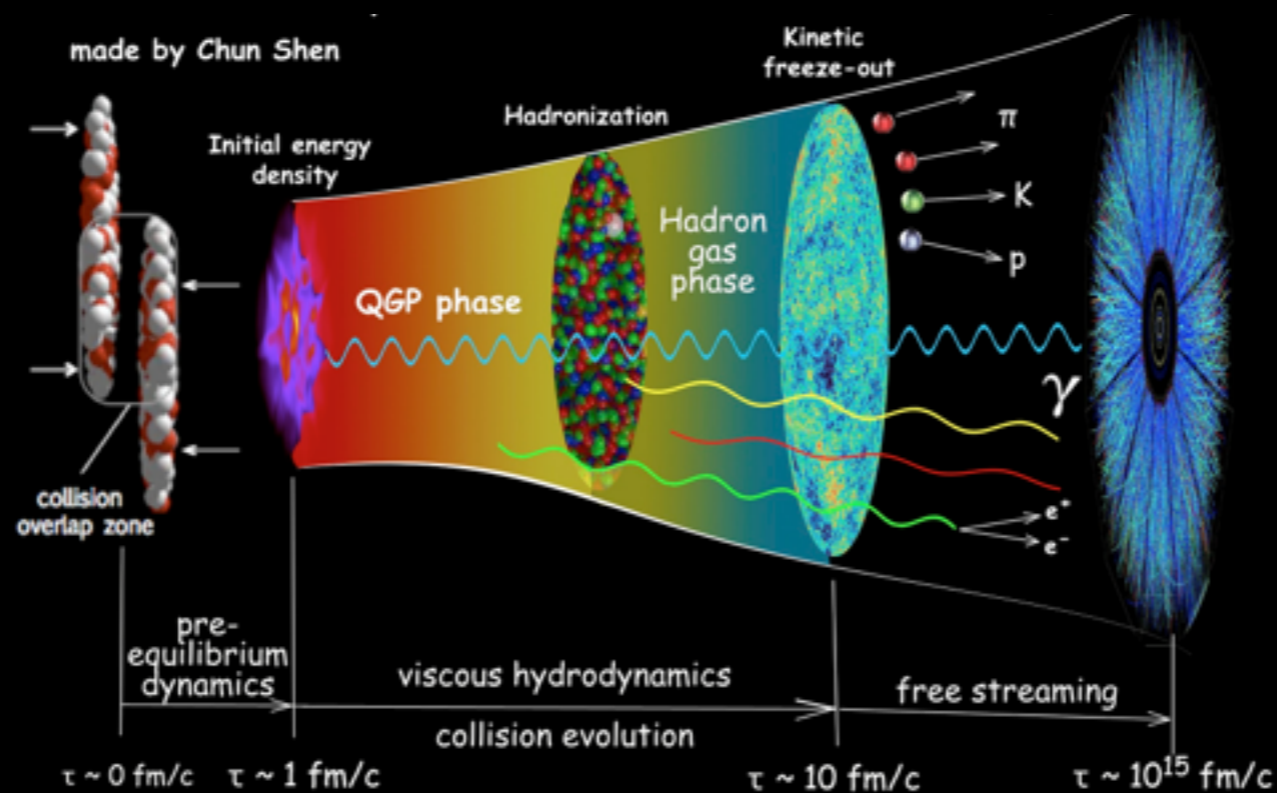
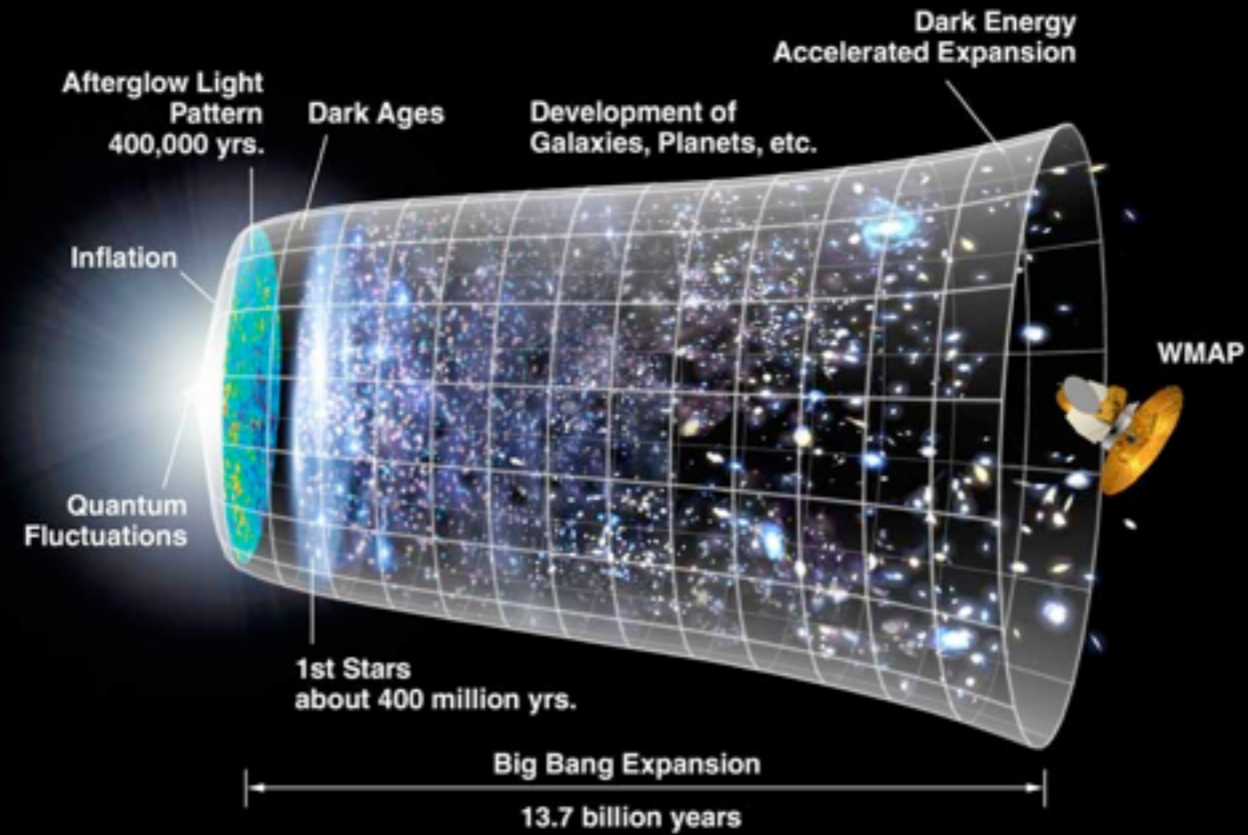


**Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

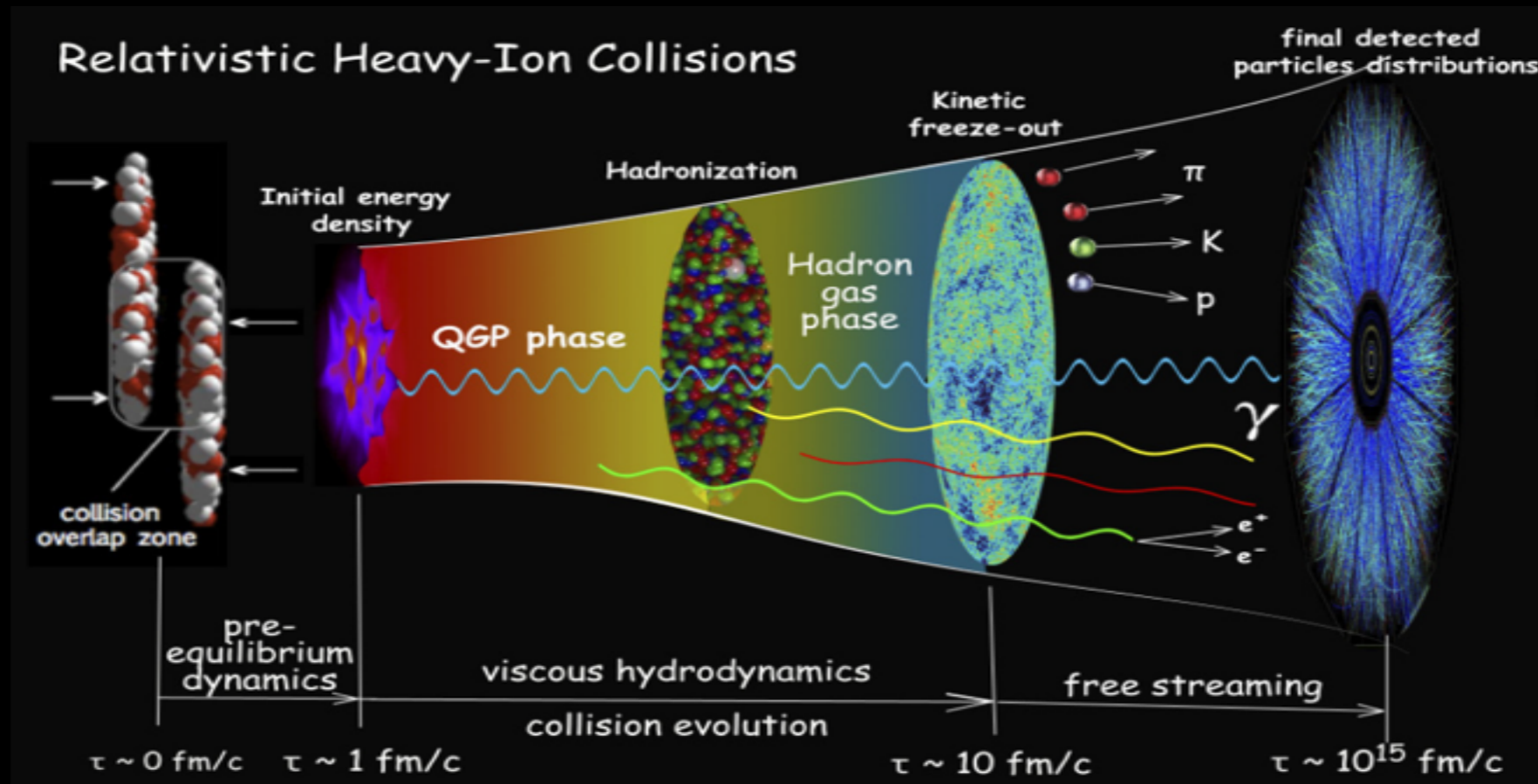












- The Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP):
  - ★ a state of matter where the quarks and gluons are the relevant degrees of freedom
  - ★ existed few  $\mu$ s after the Big-Bang (the universe crossed this phase after expanding and cooling down): Studying the strong phase transition  $\rightarrow$  study primordial matter

• QCD: Phase transition beyond a critical temperature ( $\sim 170$  MeV) and energy density ( $\sim 0.5$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>)  $\rightarrow$  accessible in the laboratory  $\rightarrow$  heavy-ion collisions

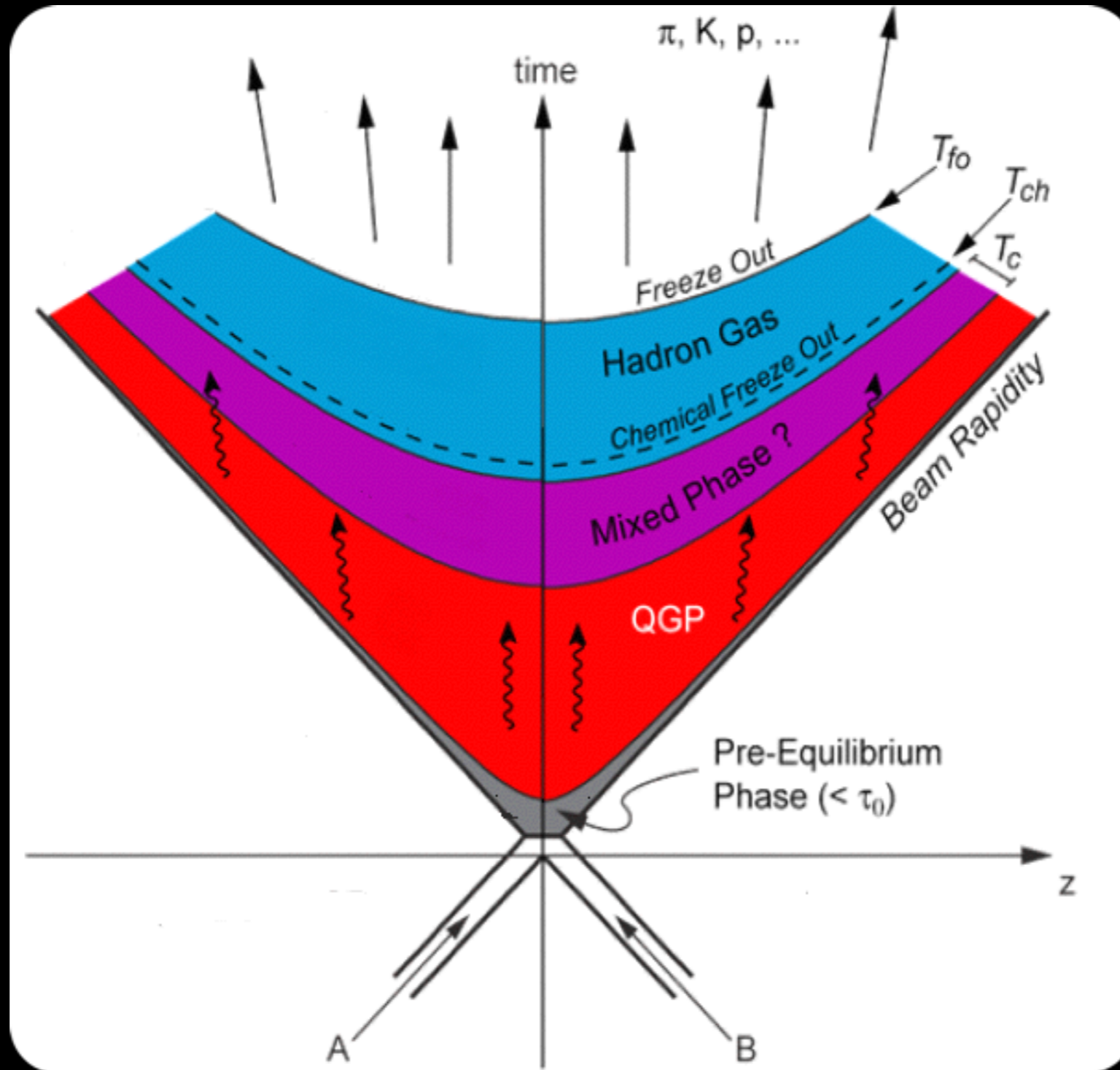
$$T_{(\text{QGP-transition})} \sim 170 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow 10^{12} \text{ degrees}$$

$$T_{(\text{Sun's core})} \sim 10^7 \text{ degrees}$$

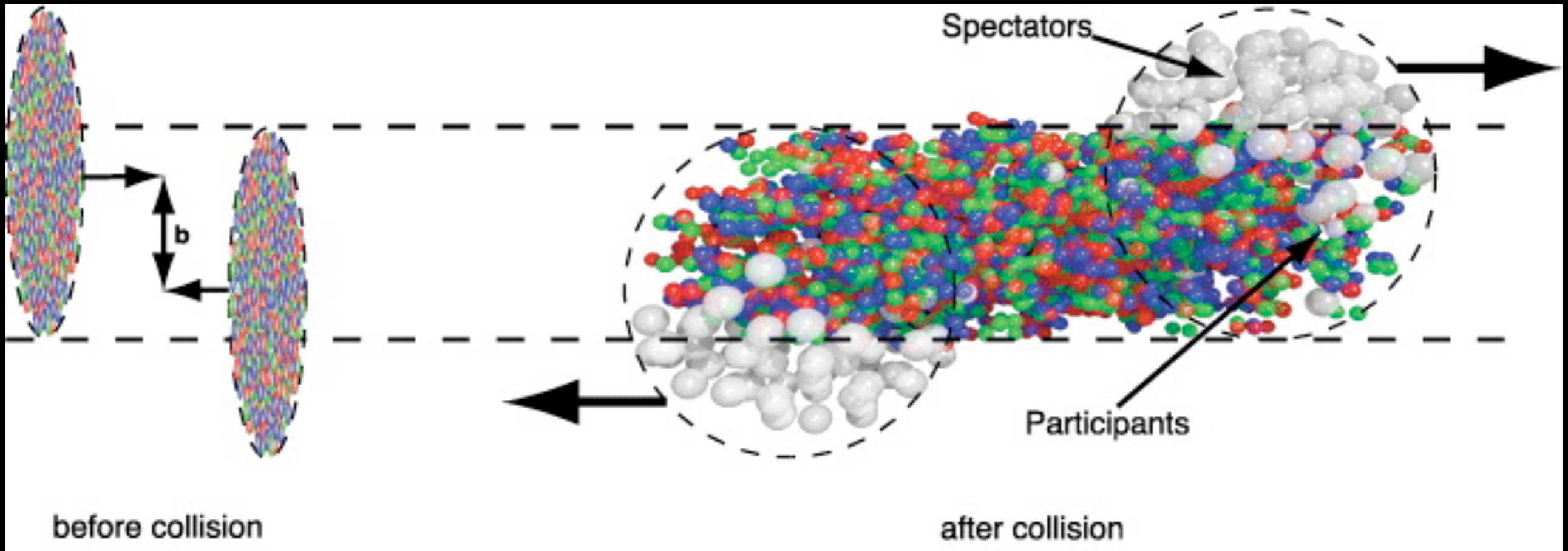
$$T_{(\text{QGP-transition})} \sim 10^5 \times T_{(\text{Sun's core})}$$

Can we constrain the equation of state and the transport properties of QGP?

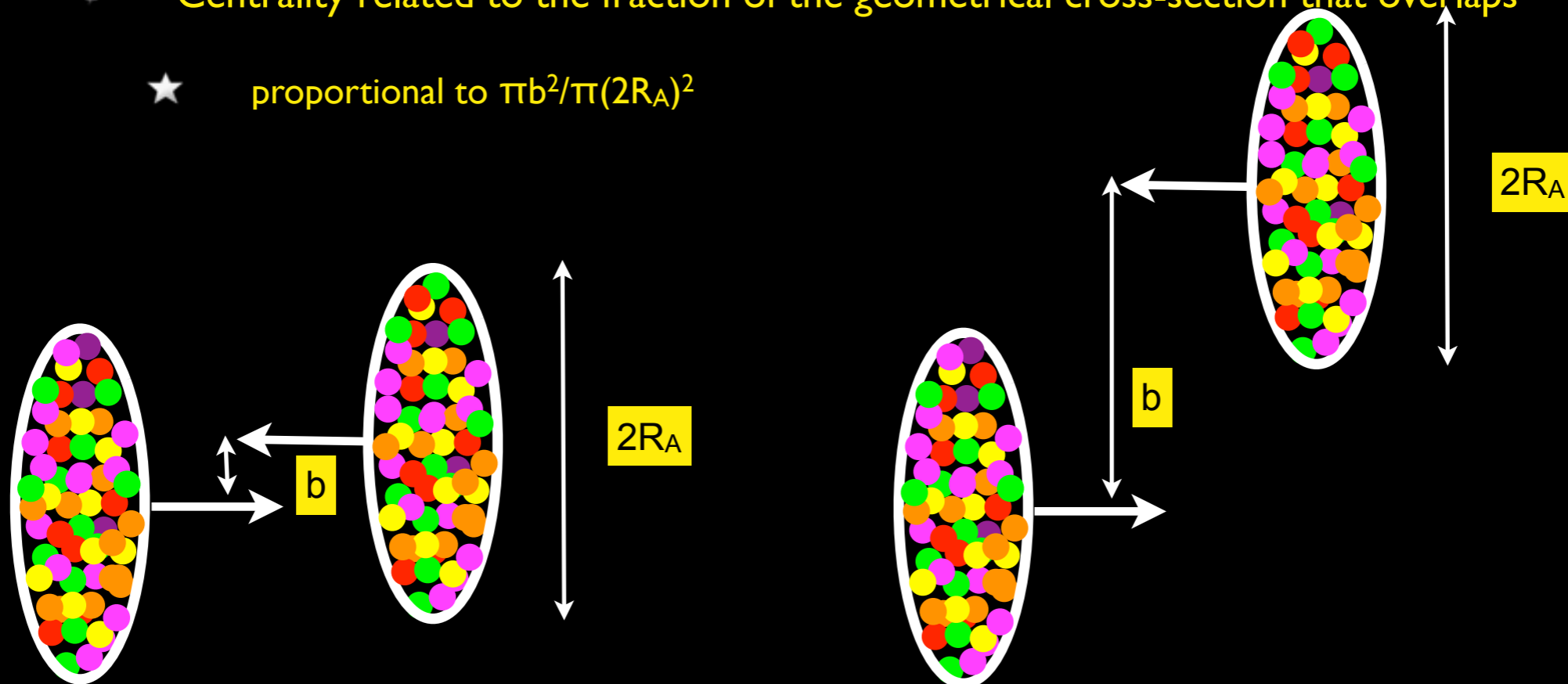
What are the properties of the QGP? EoS, transport properties (density, viscosity...)

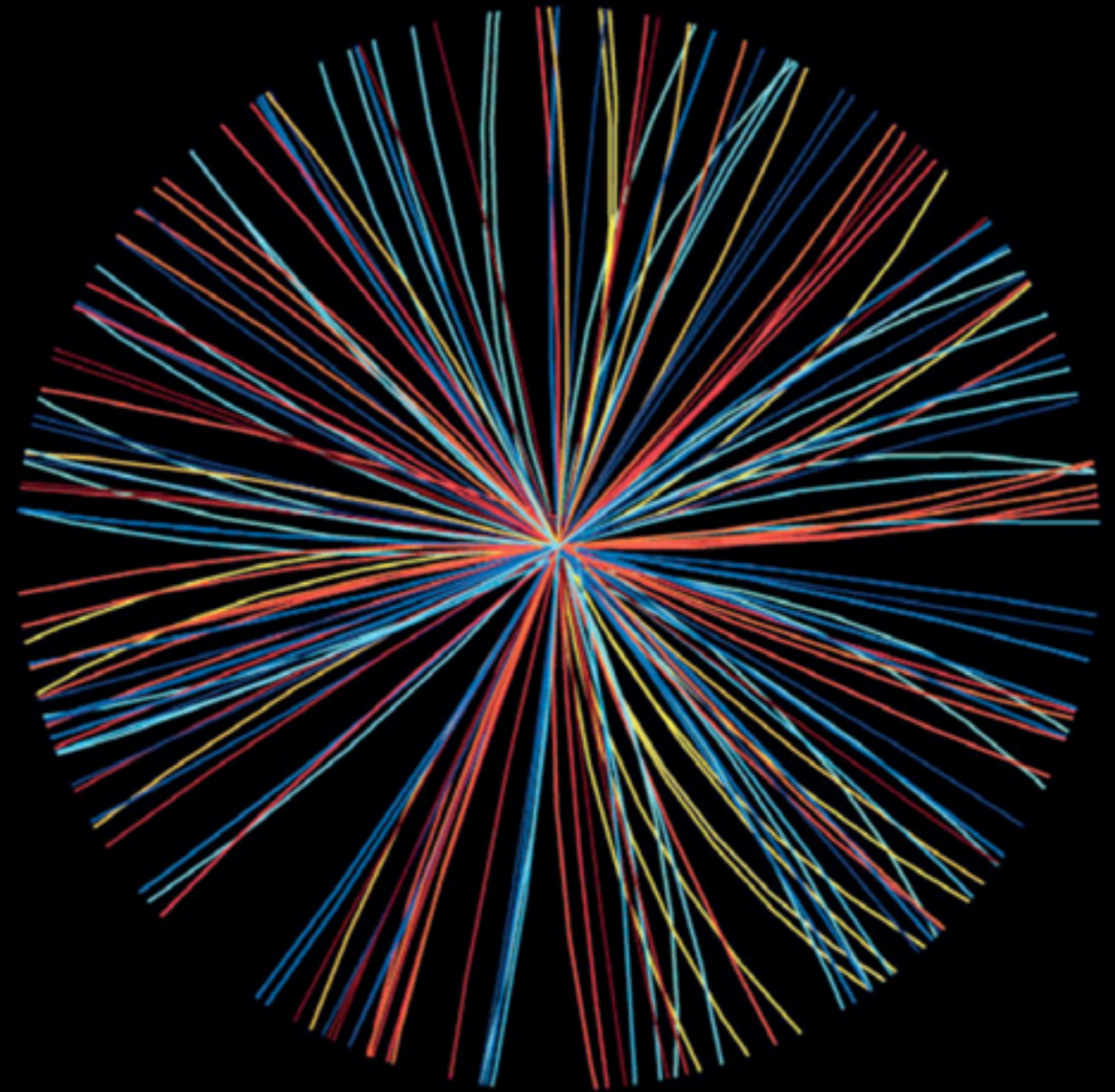
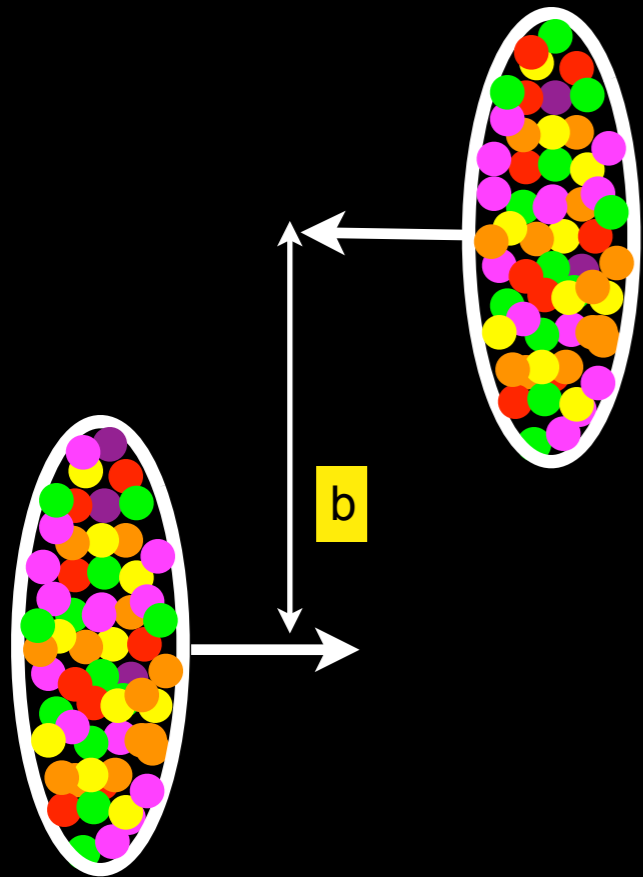


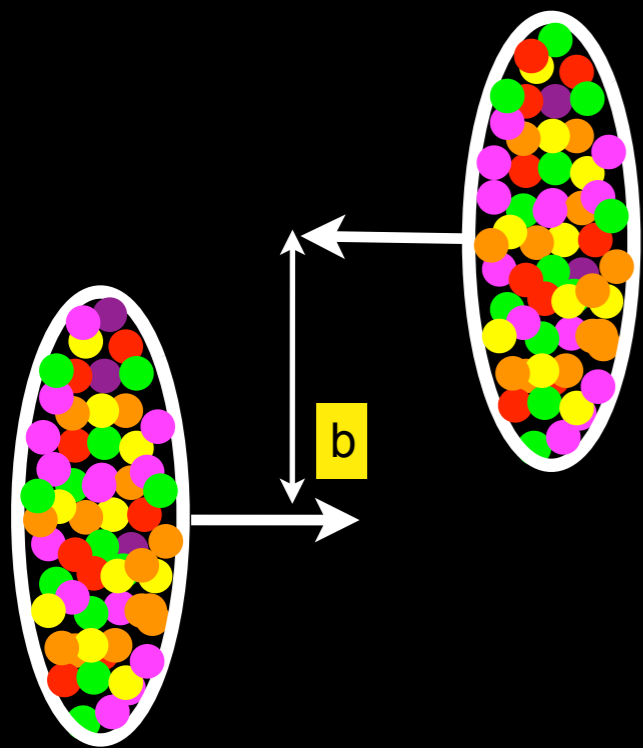
Need to study as many observables as possible as a function of centrality

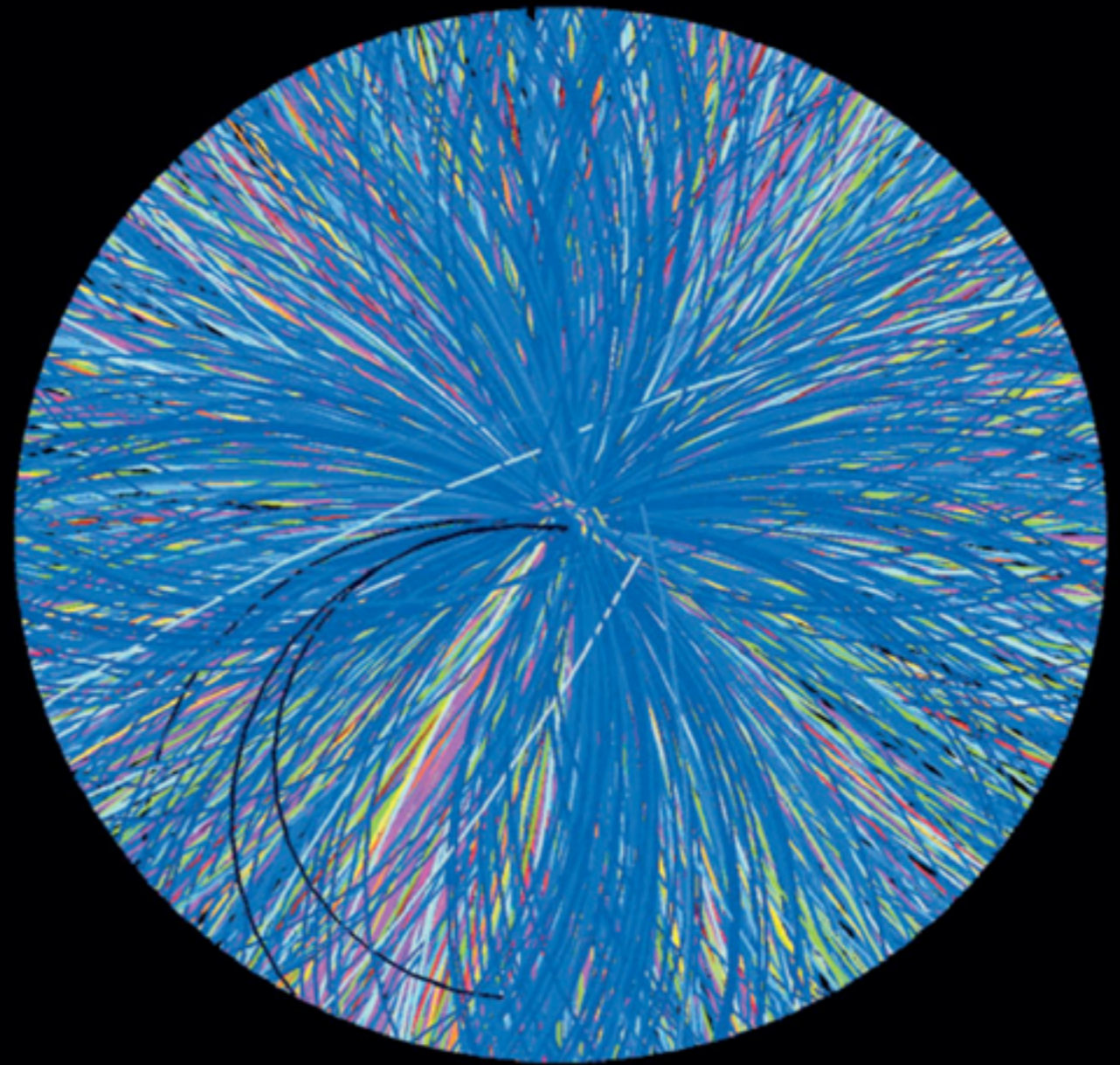
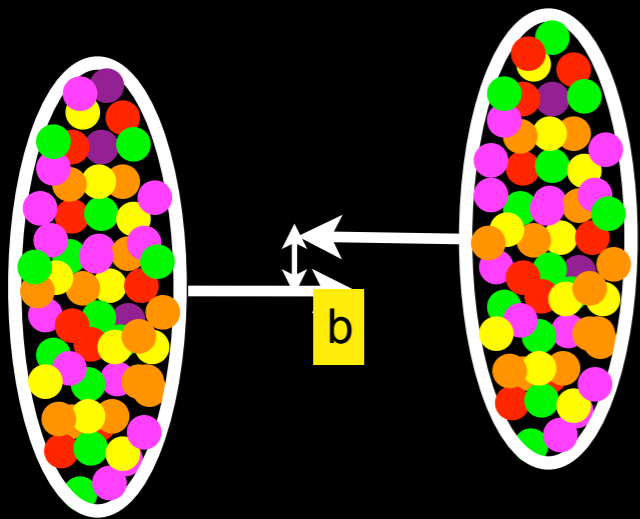


- Heavy ions are not point-like objects
- Collisions can create systems with different properties depending on whether they are head-on (i.e. large overlap region) or if the nuclei graze each other (i.e. small overlap region)
- Centrality defined geometrically by the impact parameter  $b$ 
  - ★ Distance between the centers of the two nuclei
  - ★ Perpendicular to the beam axis
- Centrality related to the fraction of the geometrical cross-section that overlaps
  - ★ proportional to  $\pi b^2 / \pi (2R_A)^2$

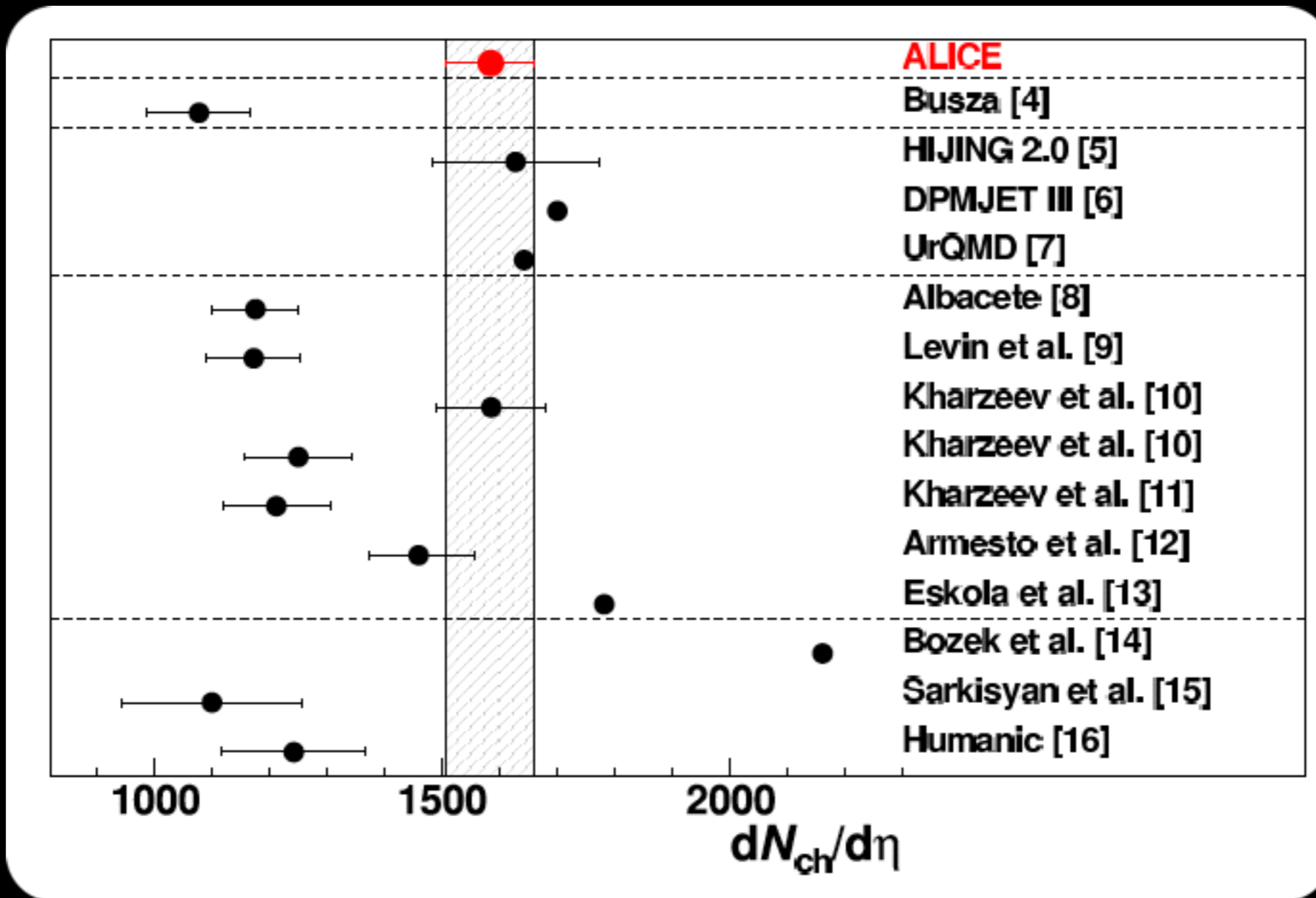








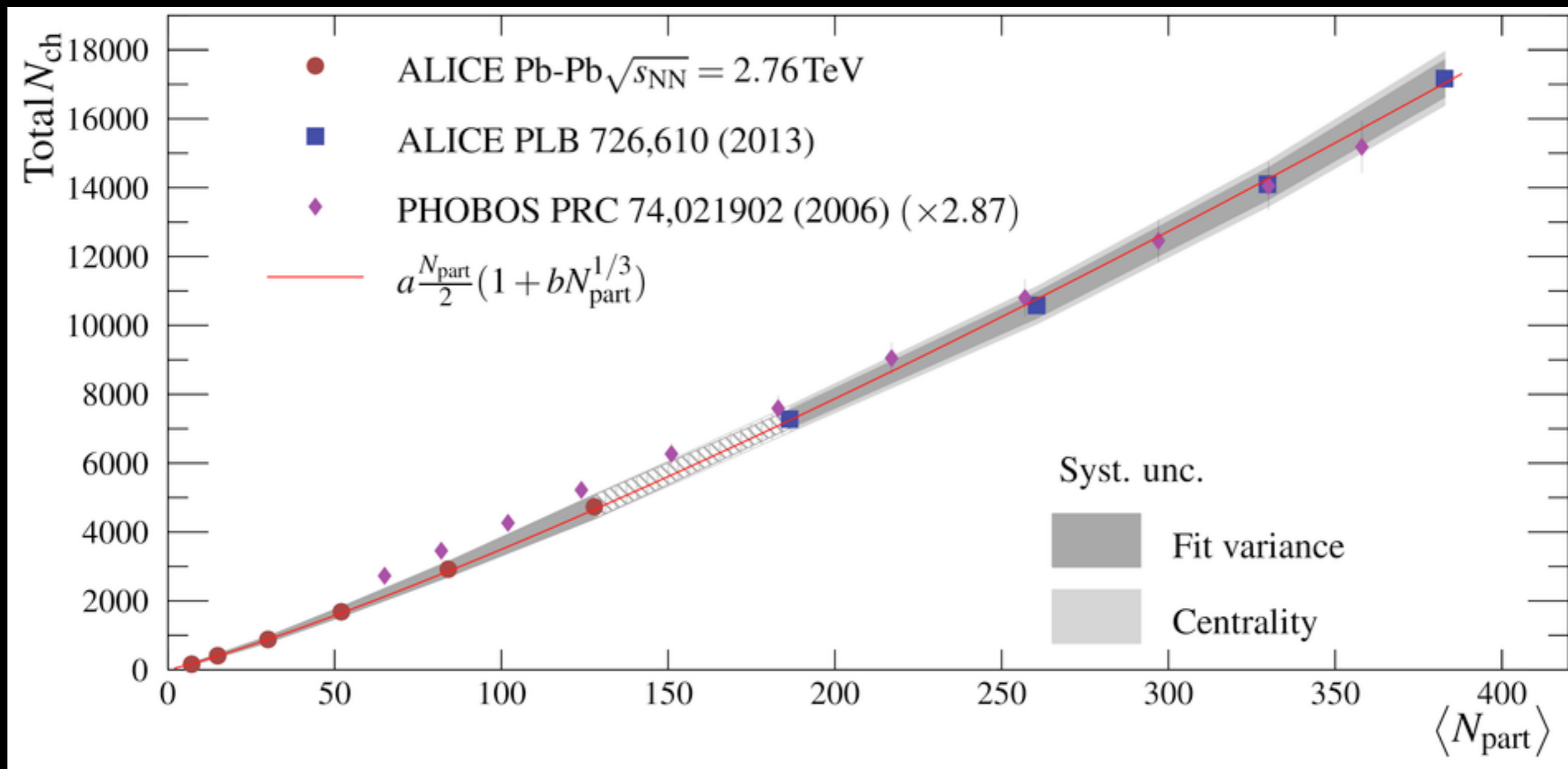
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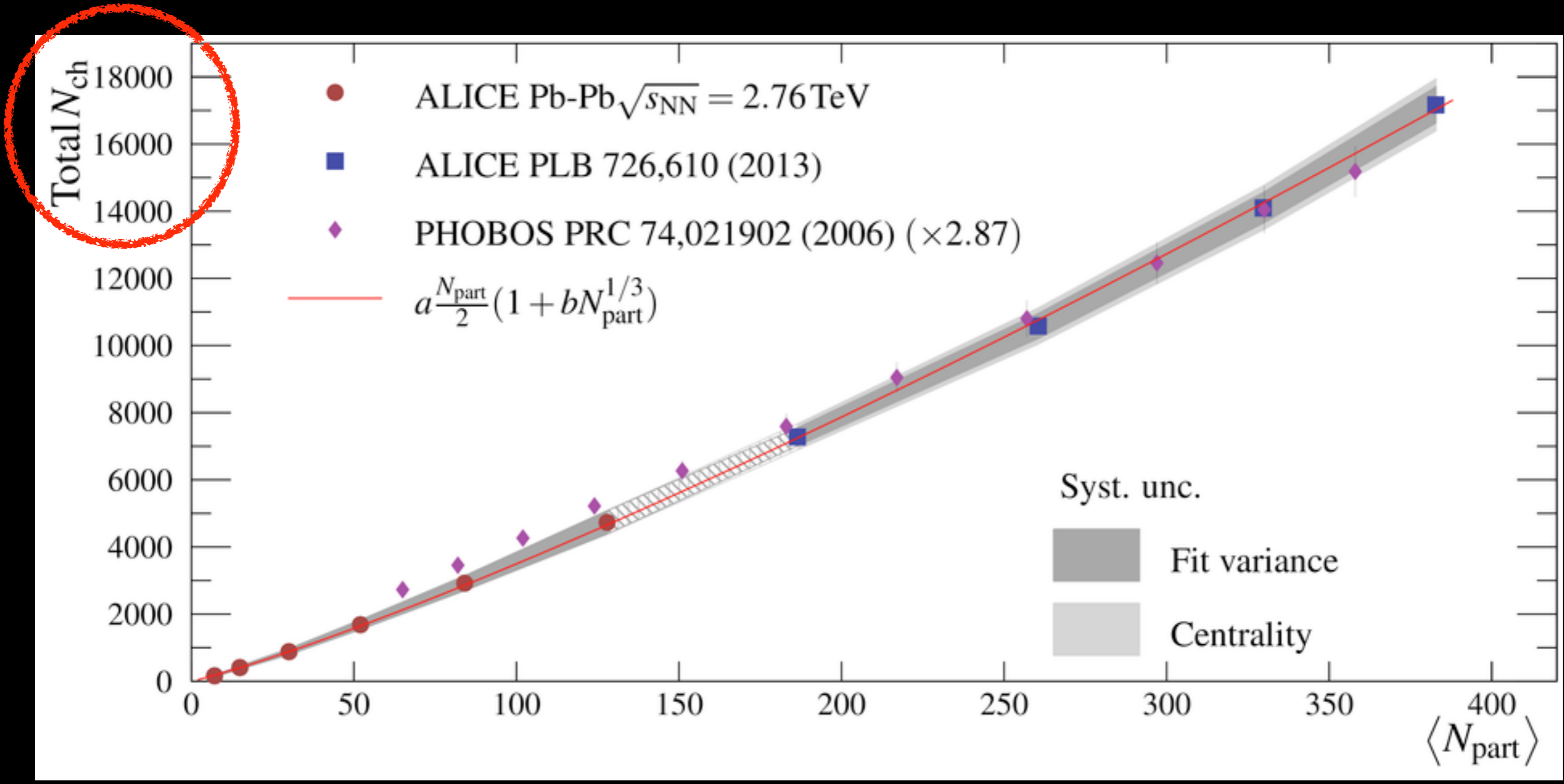
~1600 particles in the central region (not the whole phase space) in central Pb-Pb collisions!!!



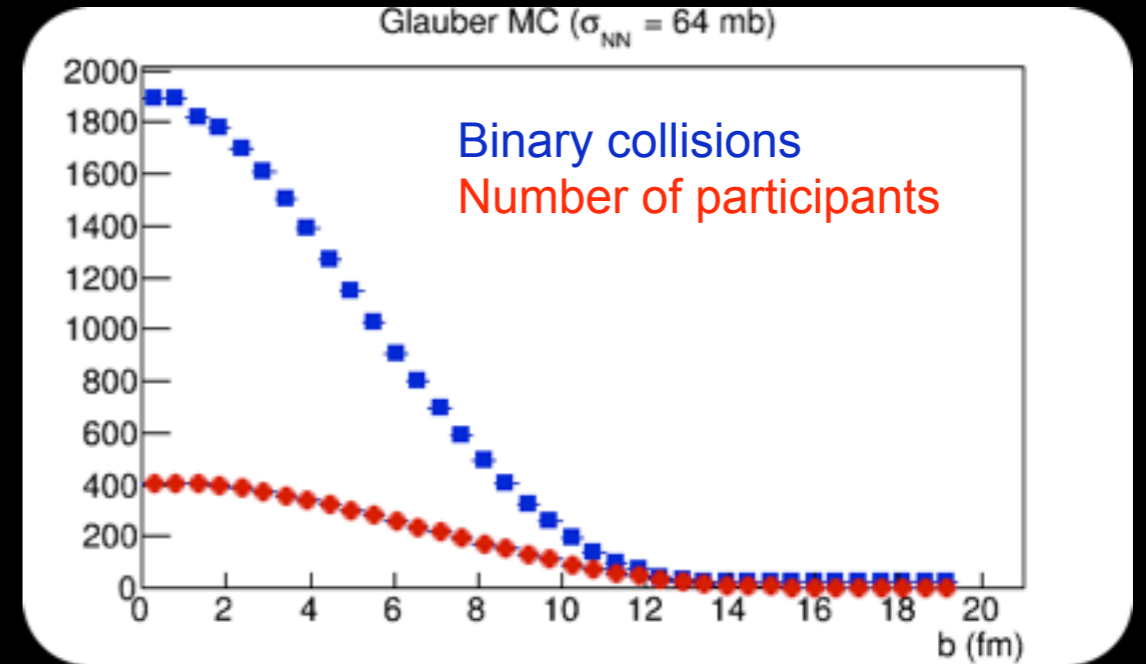
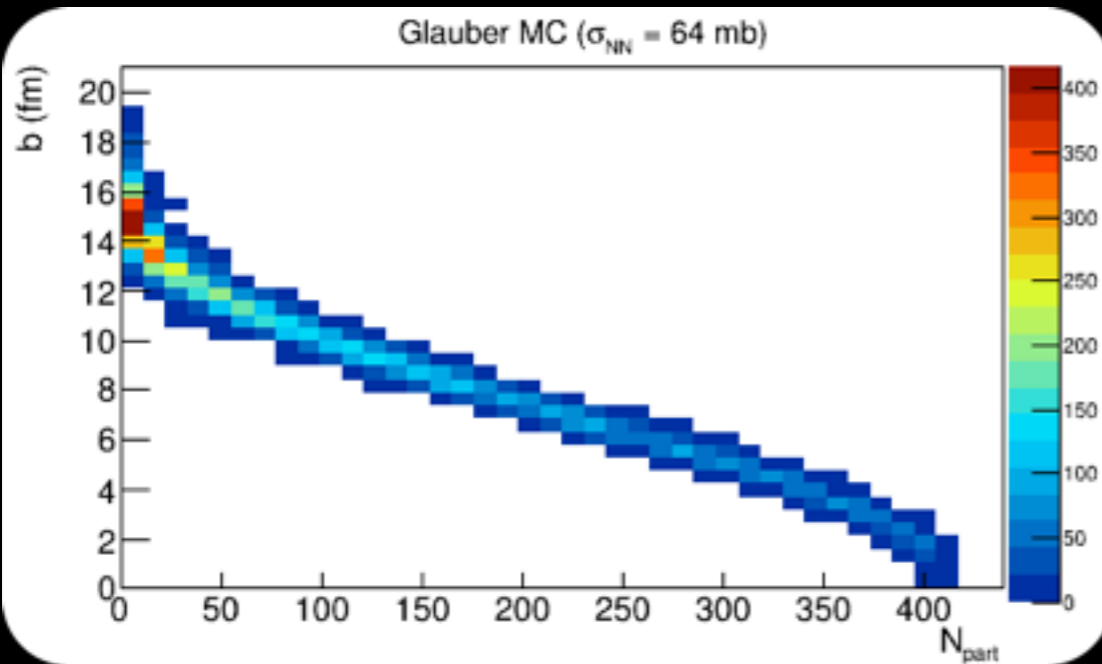
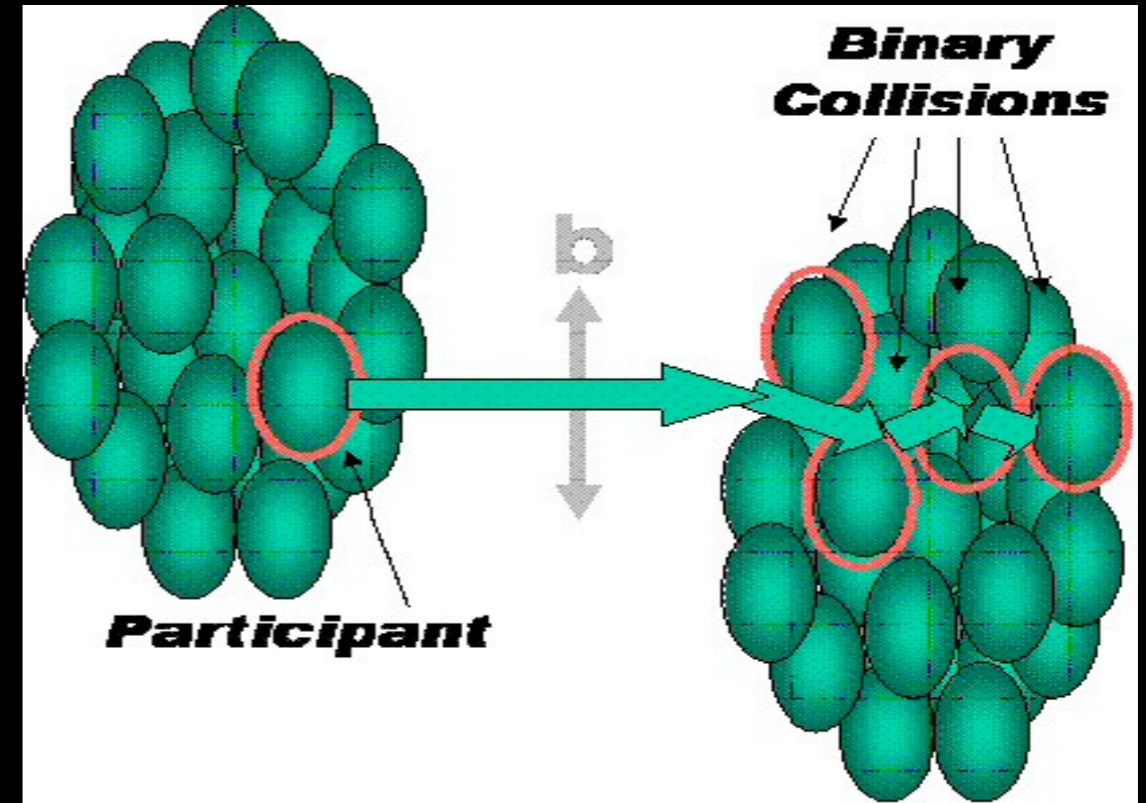
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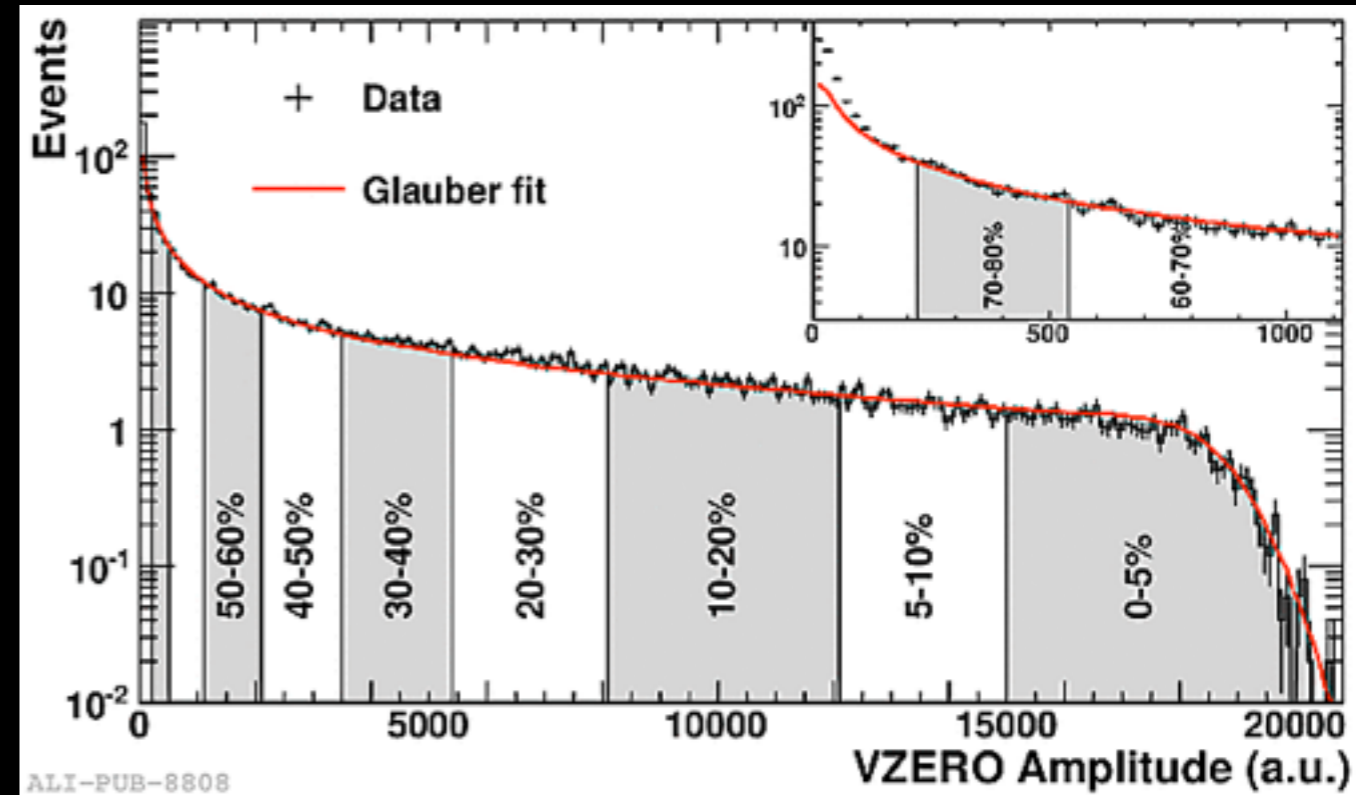
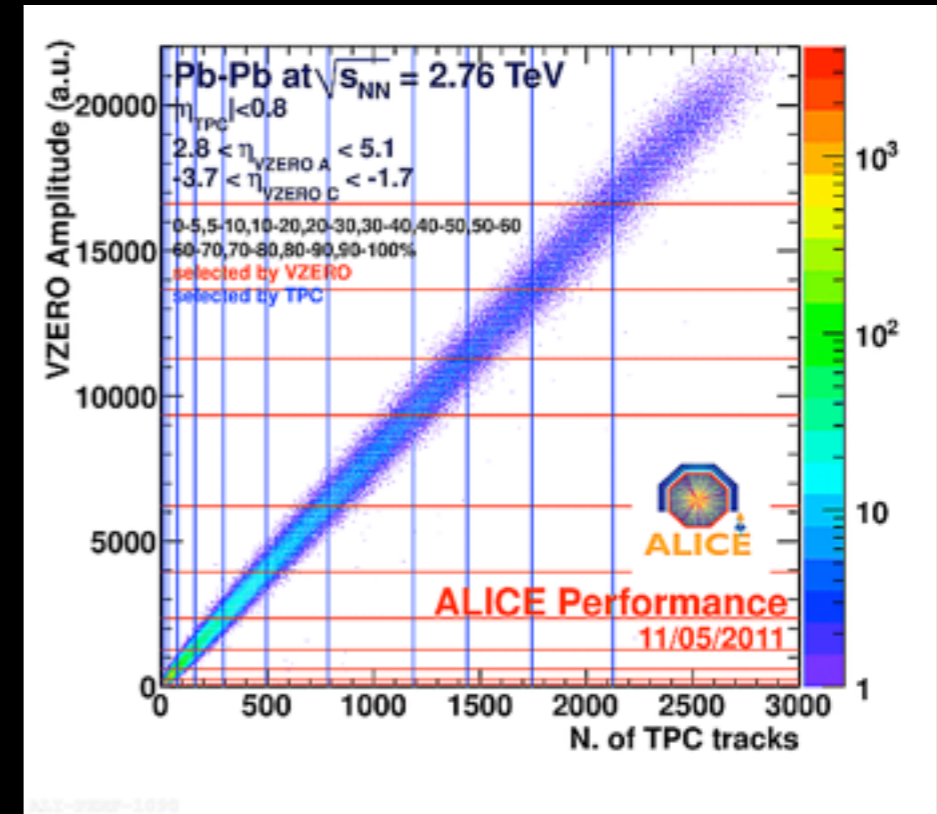
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- Number of participants ( $N_{part}$ ): nucleons undergoing at least one collision
- ★ Scale with volume  $\sim 2A$
- Number of binary collisions ( $N_{coll}$ ): inelastic collisions between a nucleon of one nucleus and at least one nucleon of the other nucleus
- ★ Scale with  $A \times A^{1/3} = A^{4/3}$
- Number of spectators ( $N_{spec}$ ): nucleons that do not lie in the overlap region and thus fly away without interacting

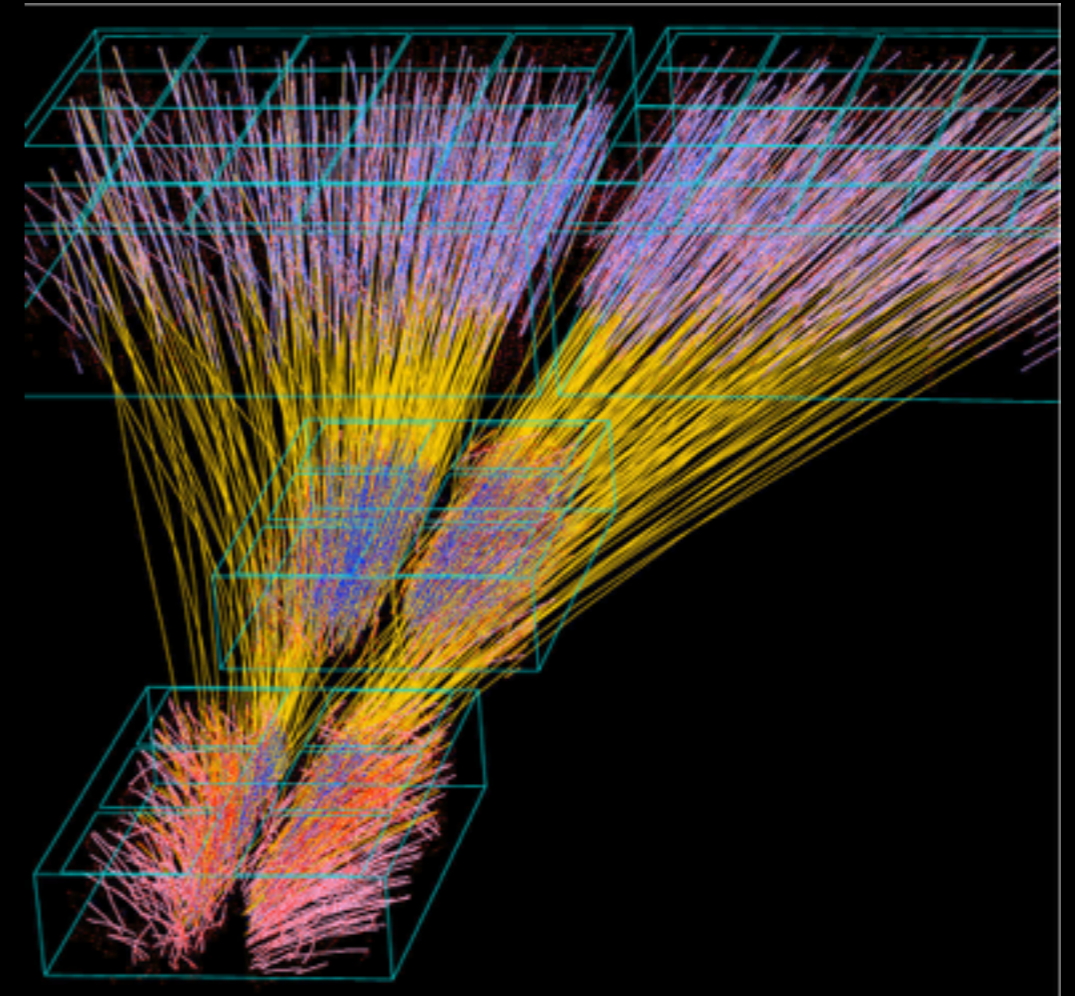


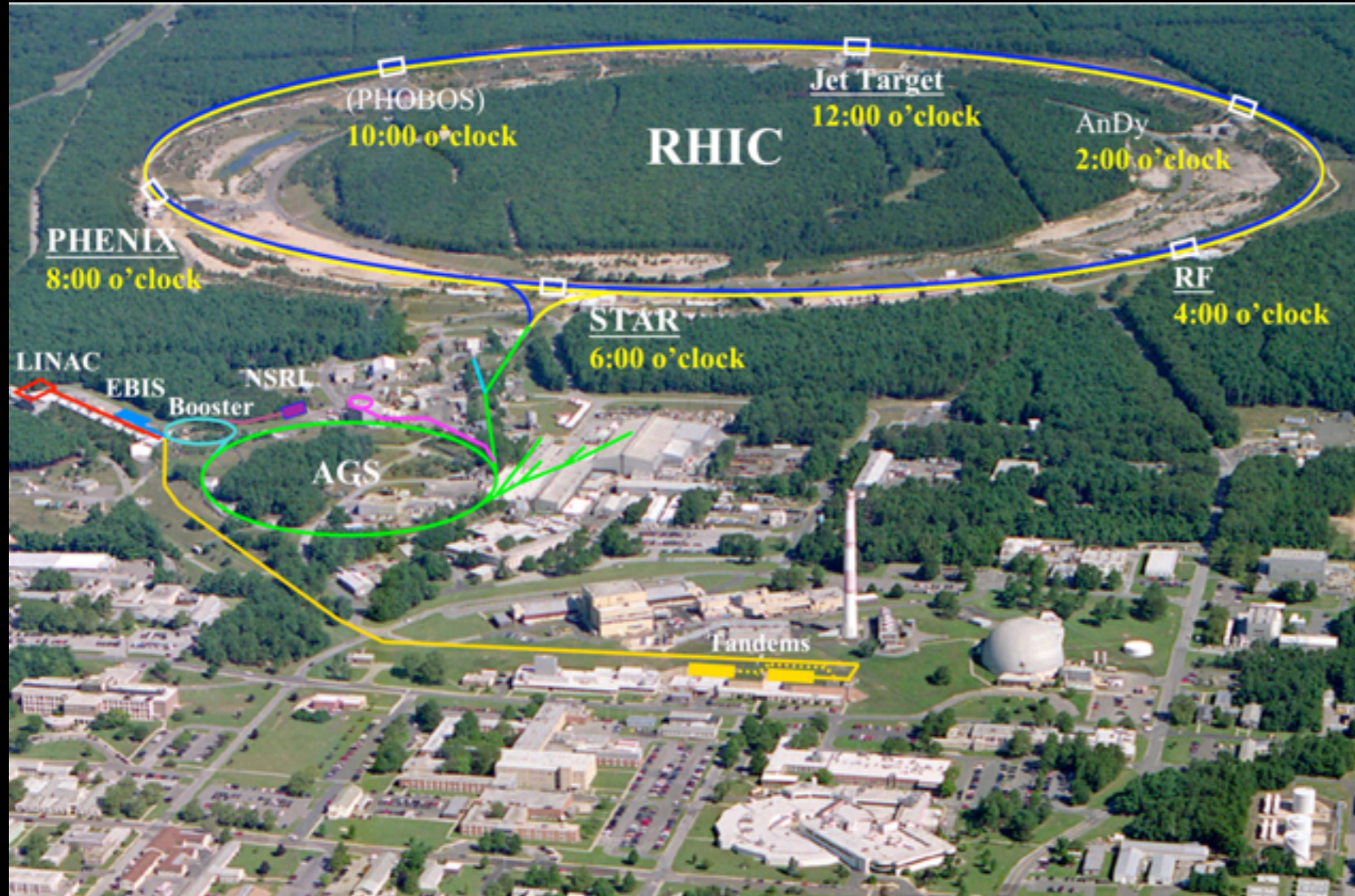
- Experimentally neither the impact parameter nor the  $N_{part}/N_{spec}$  can be measured
- Have to rely on experimental measurements:
  - ★ Multiplicity (central or/and forward regions)
    - Large (small) for central (peripheral) collisions
  - ★ Zero degree calorimeters (energy deposited by spectator nucleons)
    - $E_{ZDC}$  small (large) for central (peripheral) collisions
- Expressed as the percentage of the total nuclear interaction cross section
  - ★ e.g. 5% most central Pb-Pb (or Au-Au) collisions are the 5% with the highest multiplicity



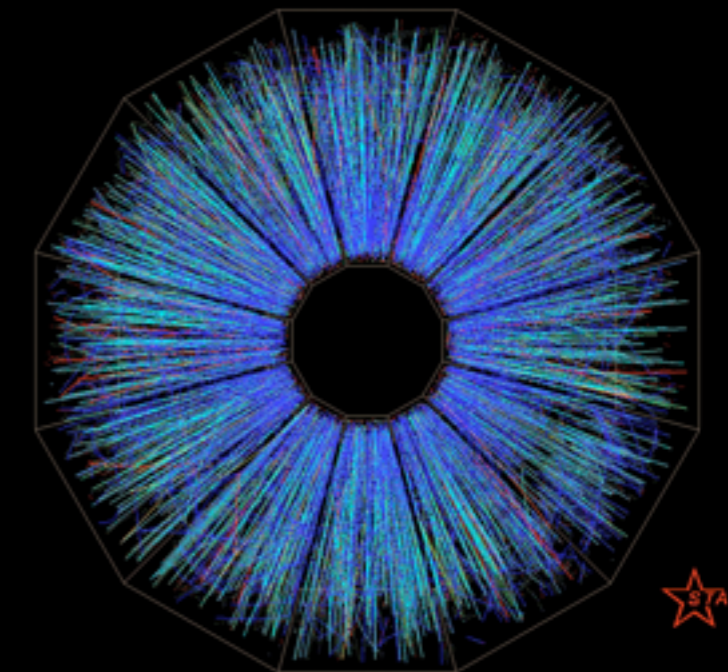
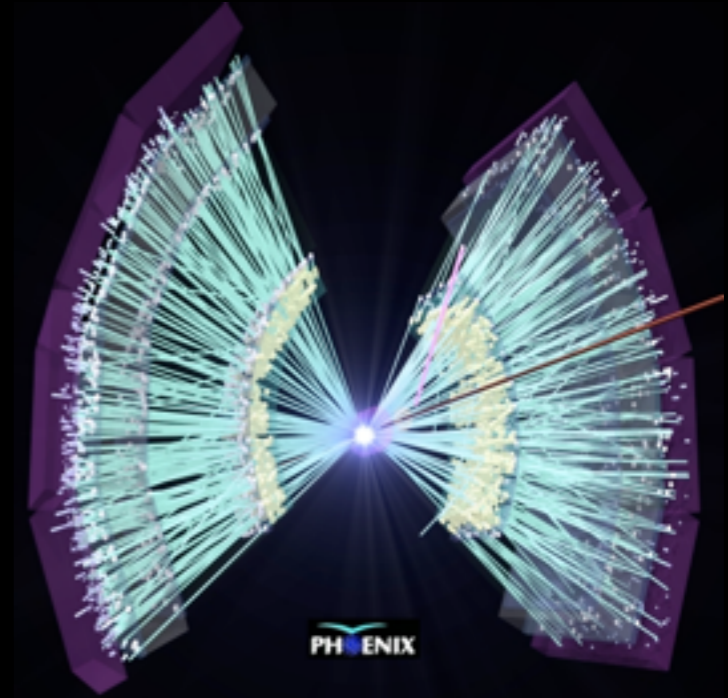


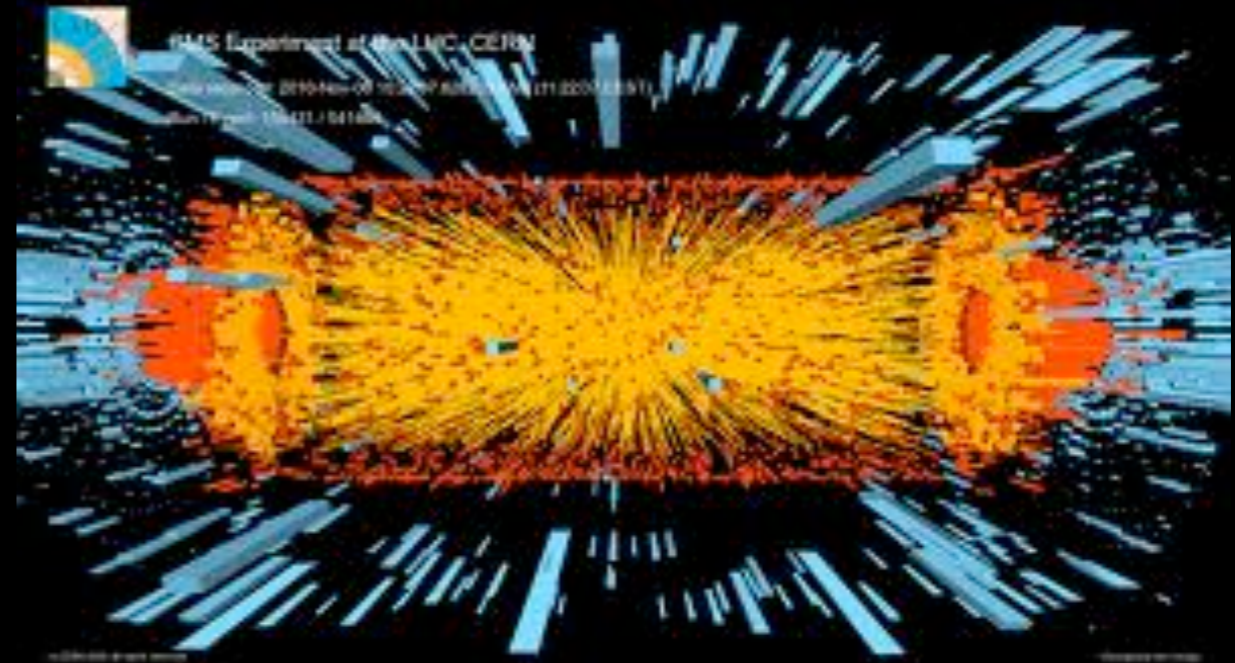
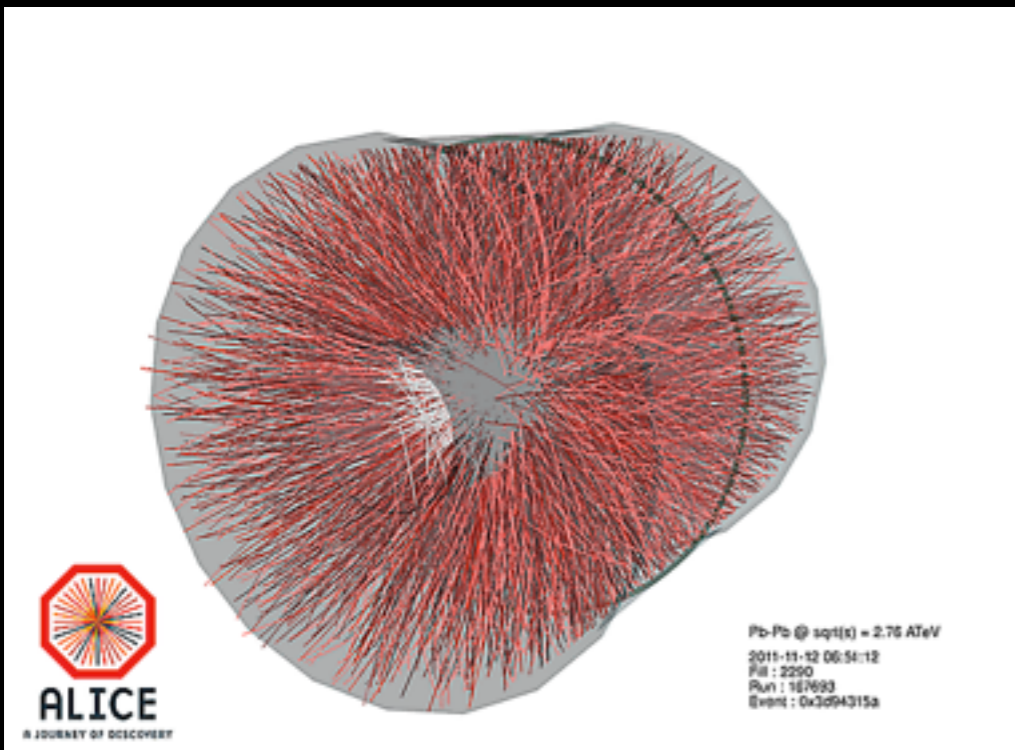
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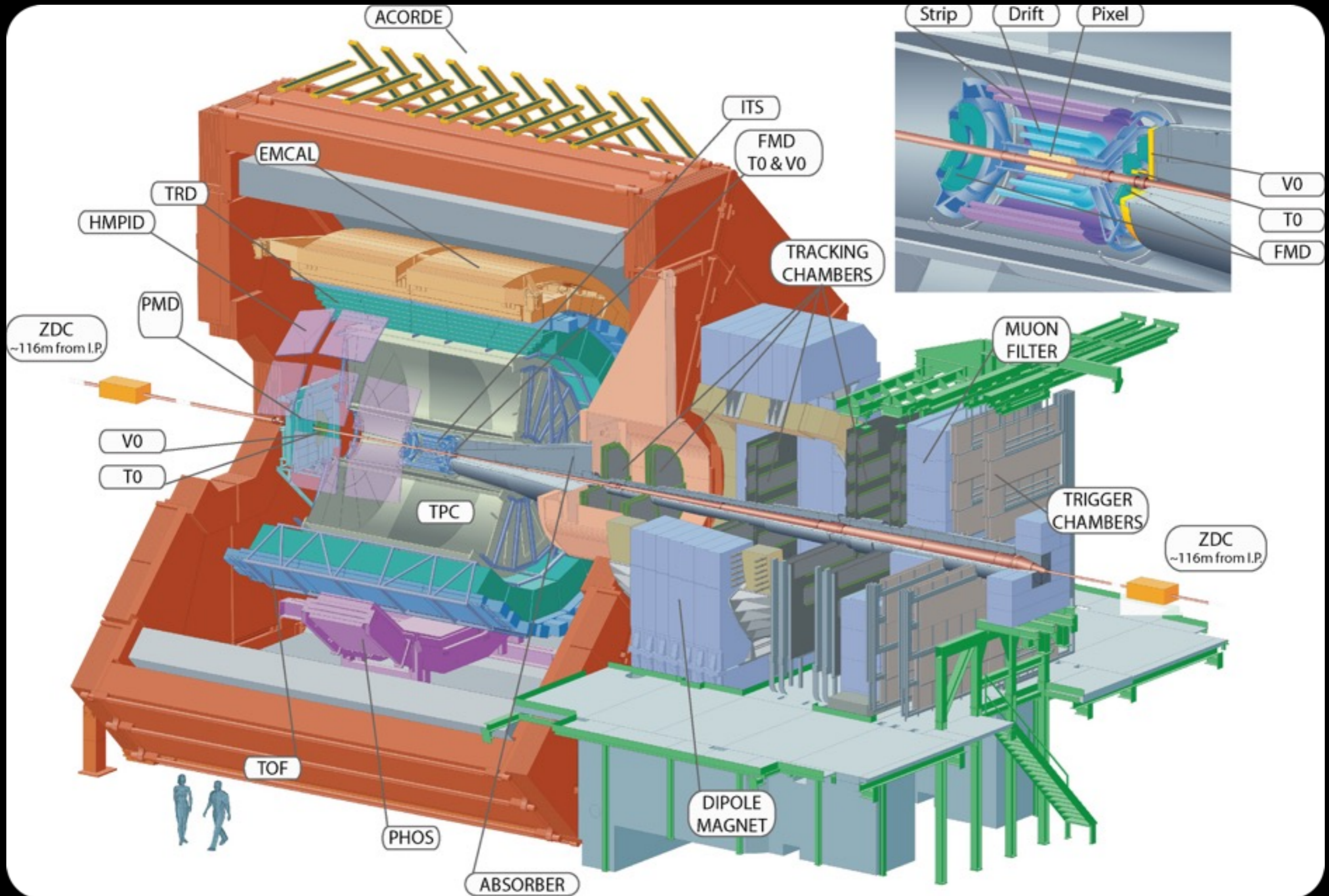


Collider experiments  
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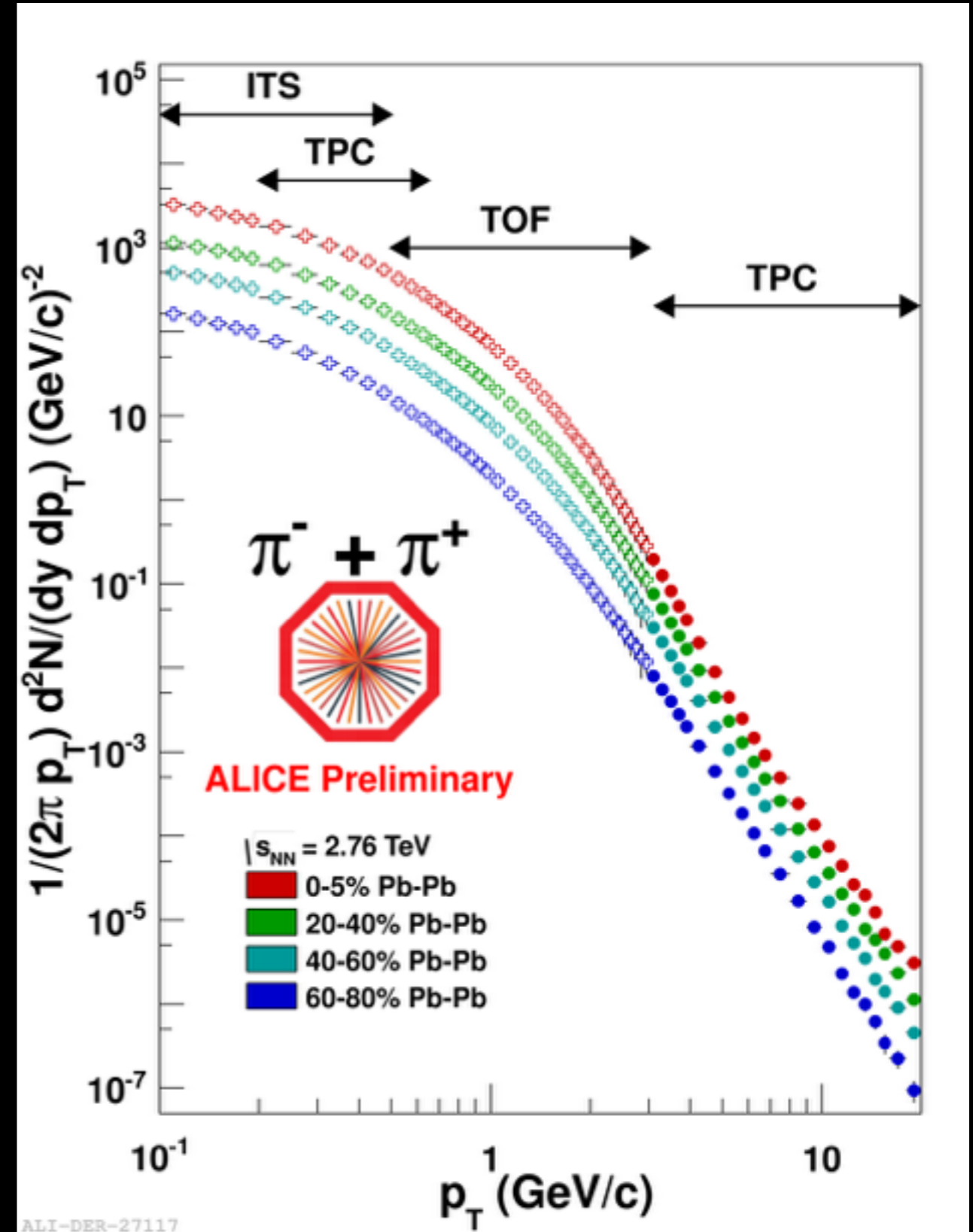


# Experimental setup

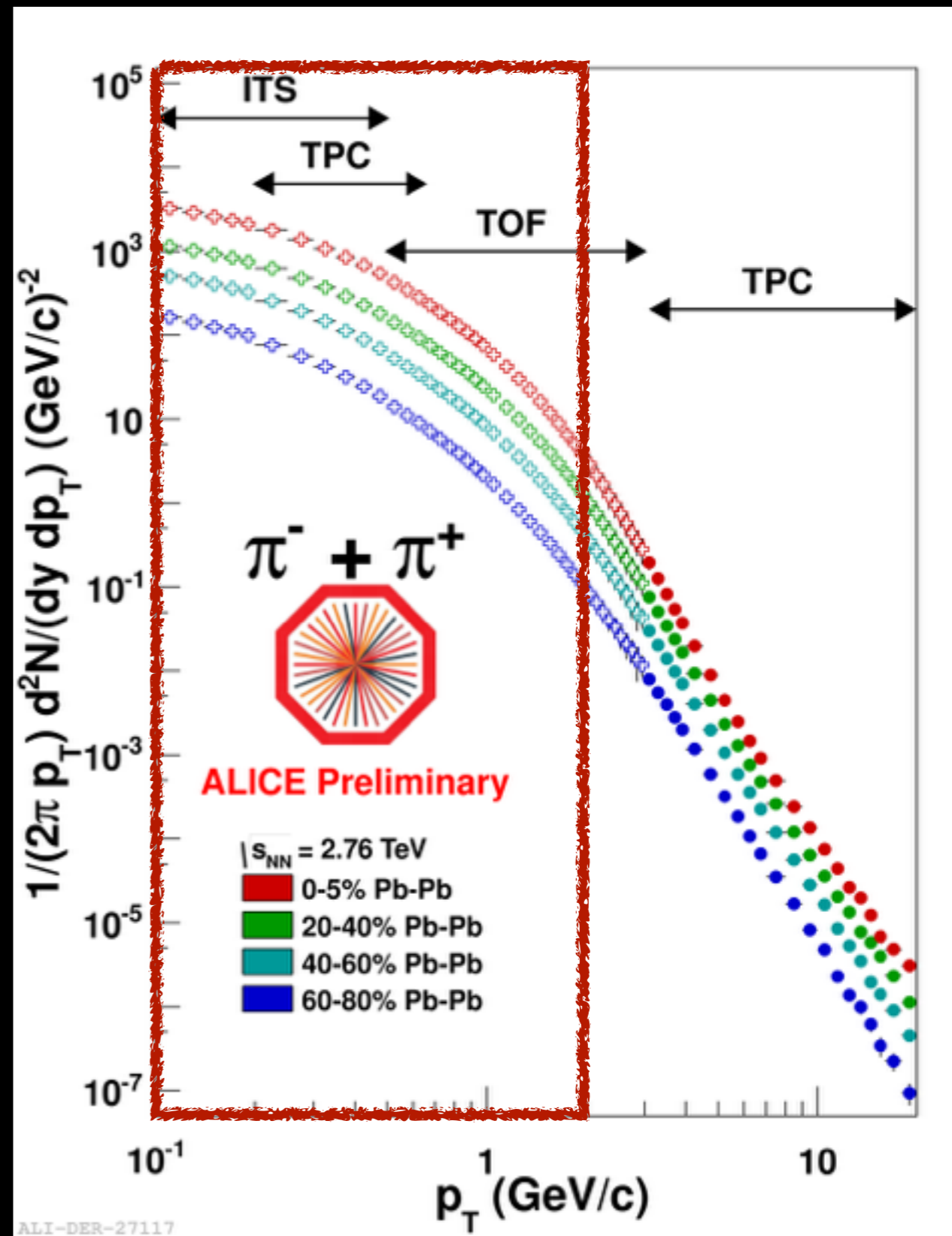




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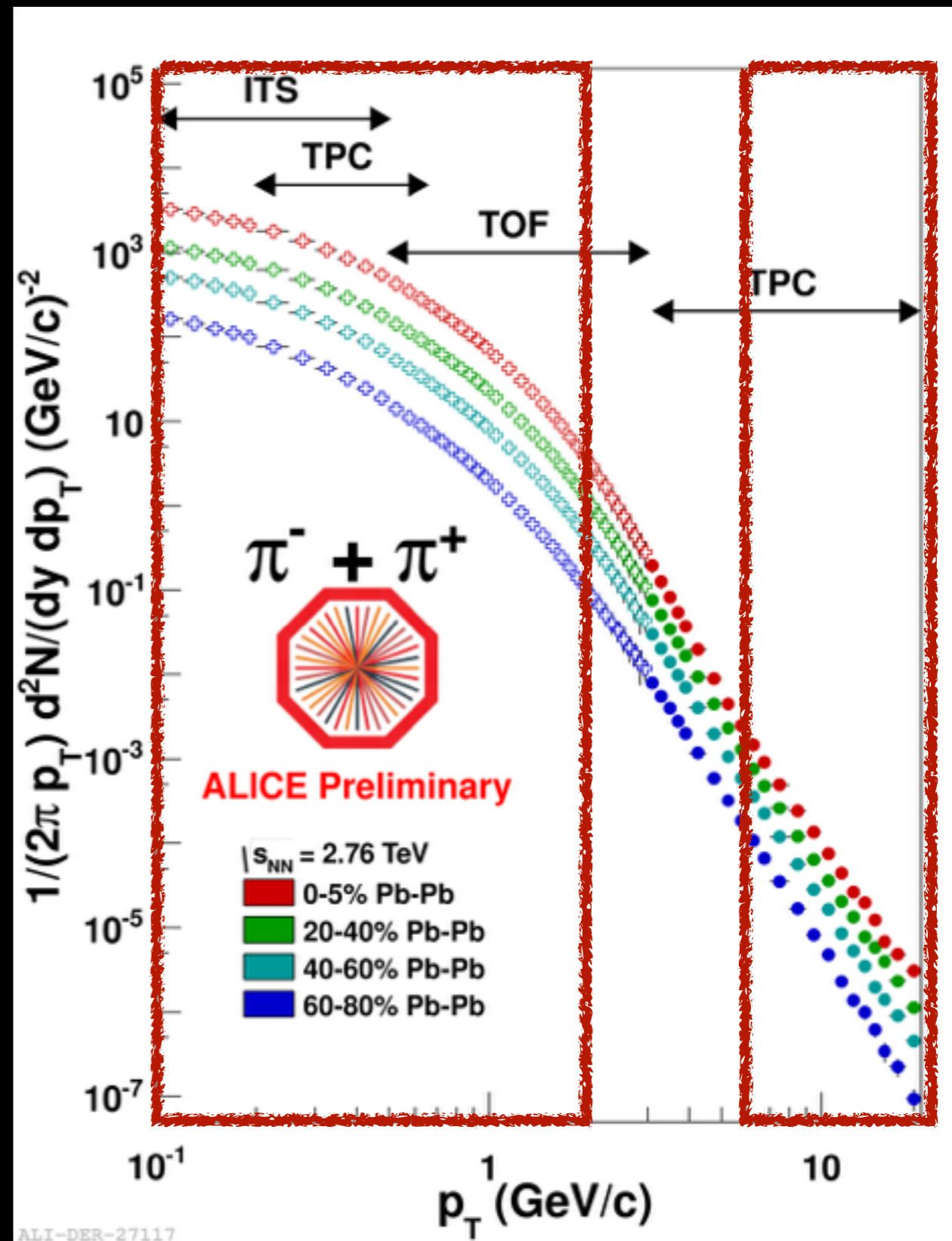
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★ Hard (rare) probes with  $p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}/c$

👁️ High  $p_T$  hadrons

👁️ Jets

👁️ Heavy flavour (e.g. charm-mesons)



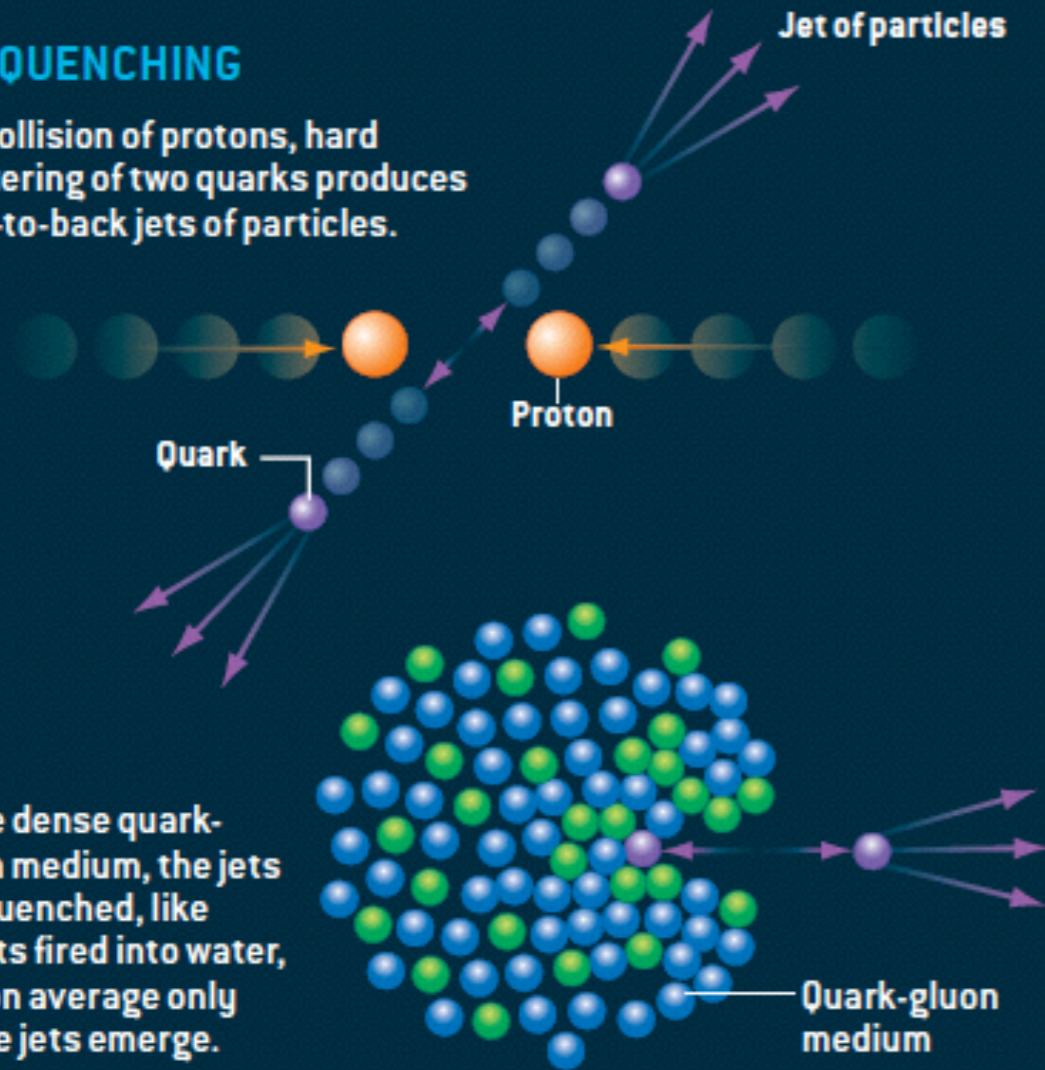
M. Roirdan and W. Zajc, Scientific American 34A May (2006)

EVIDENCE FOR A DENSE LIQUID

Two phenomena in particular point to the quark-gluon medium being a dense liquid state of matter: jet quenching and elliptic flow. Jet quenching implies the quarks and gluons are closely packed, and elliptic flow would not occur if the medium were a gas.

JET QUENCHING

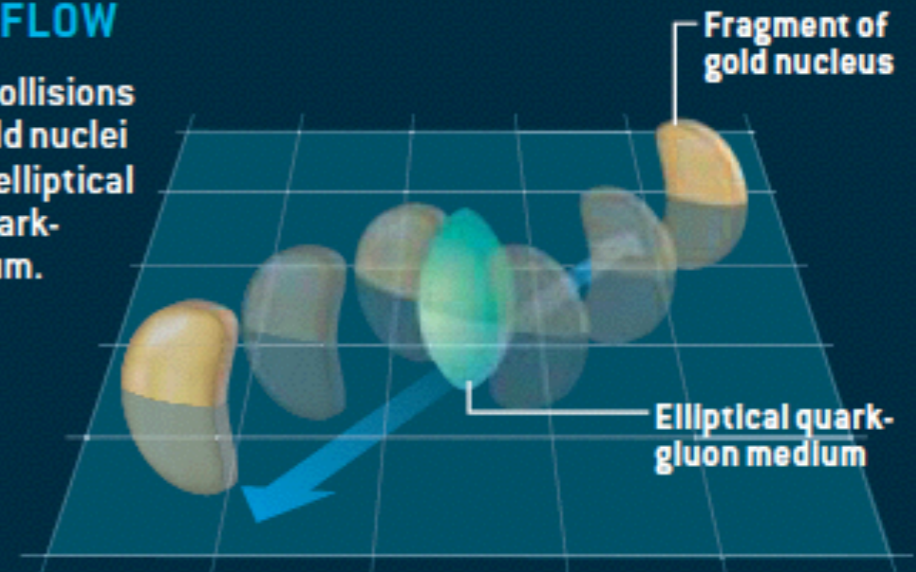
In a collision of protons, hard scattering of two quarks produces back-to-back jets of particles.



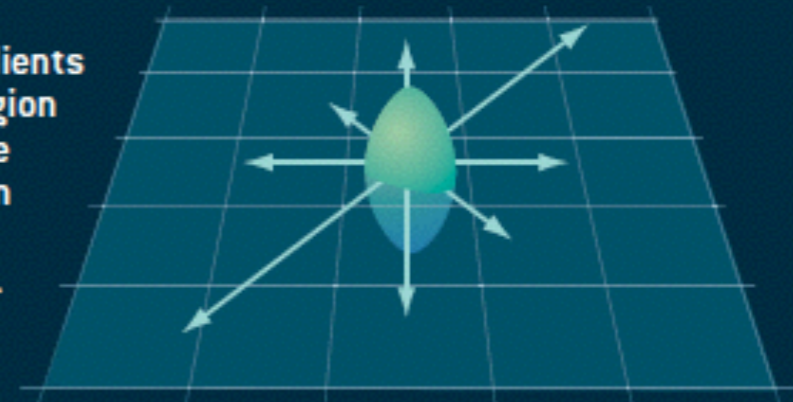
In the dense quark-gluon medium, the jets are quenched, like bullets fired into water, and on average only single jets emerge.

ELLIPTIC FLOW

Off-center collisions between gold nuclei produce an elliptical region of quark-gluon medium.

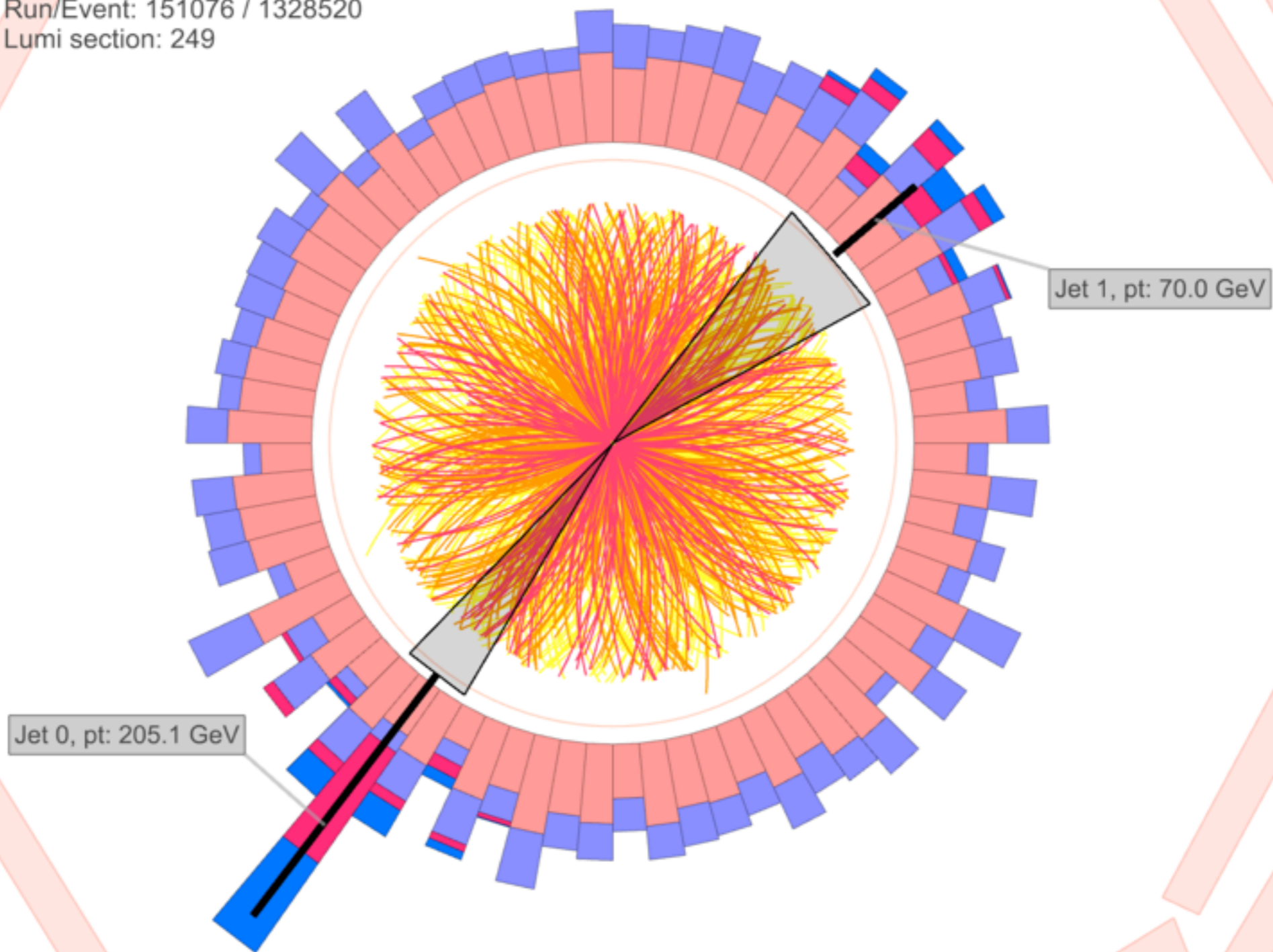


The pressure gradients in the elliptical region cause it to explode outward, mostly in the plane of the collision (arrows).



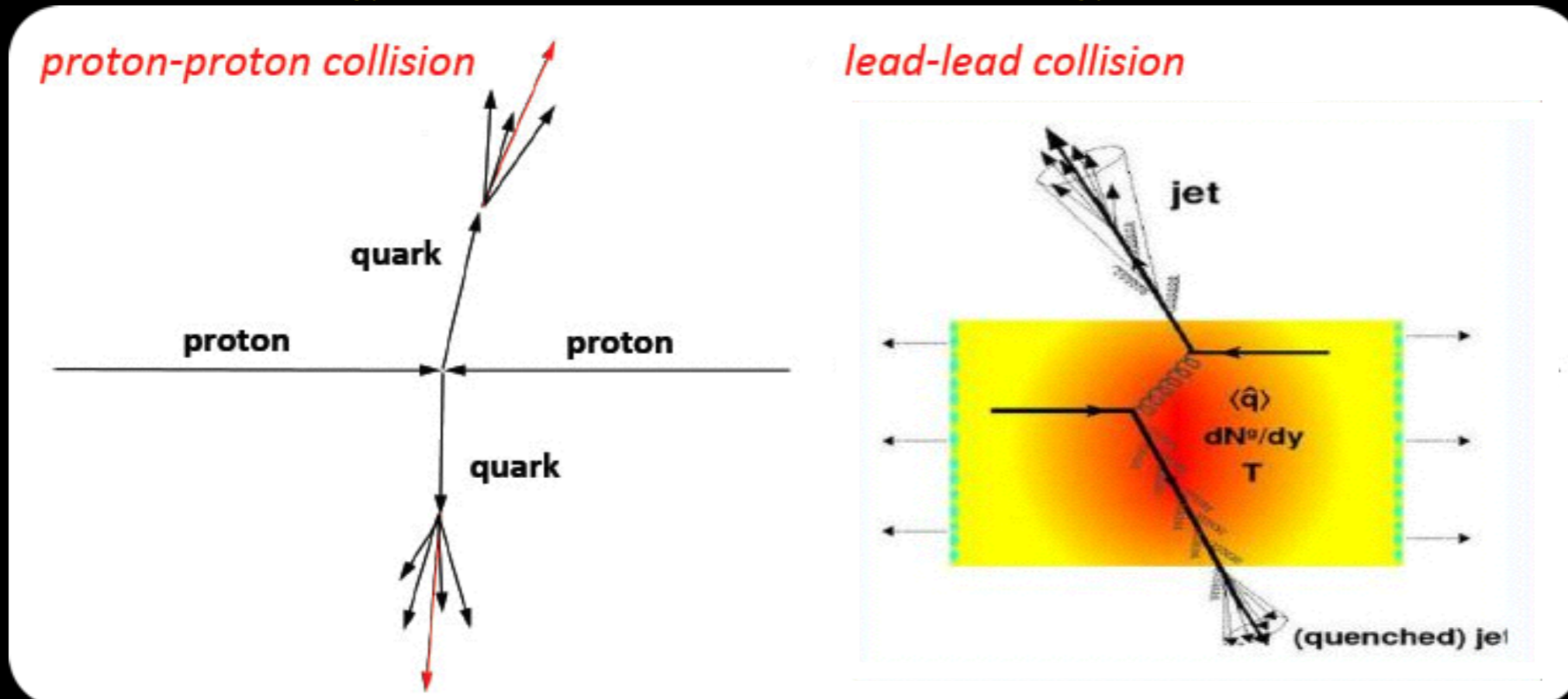


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- Hard process scale:  $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- High  $p_{\text{T}}$  parton with  $Q \sim p_{\text{T}}$
- These partons are formed early during the evolution of the system
  - ★ They fragment and create jets and high transverse momentum hadrons
  - ★ These processes can be calculated in perturbative QCD
- During the propagation through the medium, these objects interact with the medium and lose energy either via collisional or radiative energy loss
- Experimental consequence:
  - ★ Suppression of high transverse momentum particles
  - ★ Attenuation of energy of jets
  - ★ Modification of soft particle production

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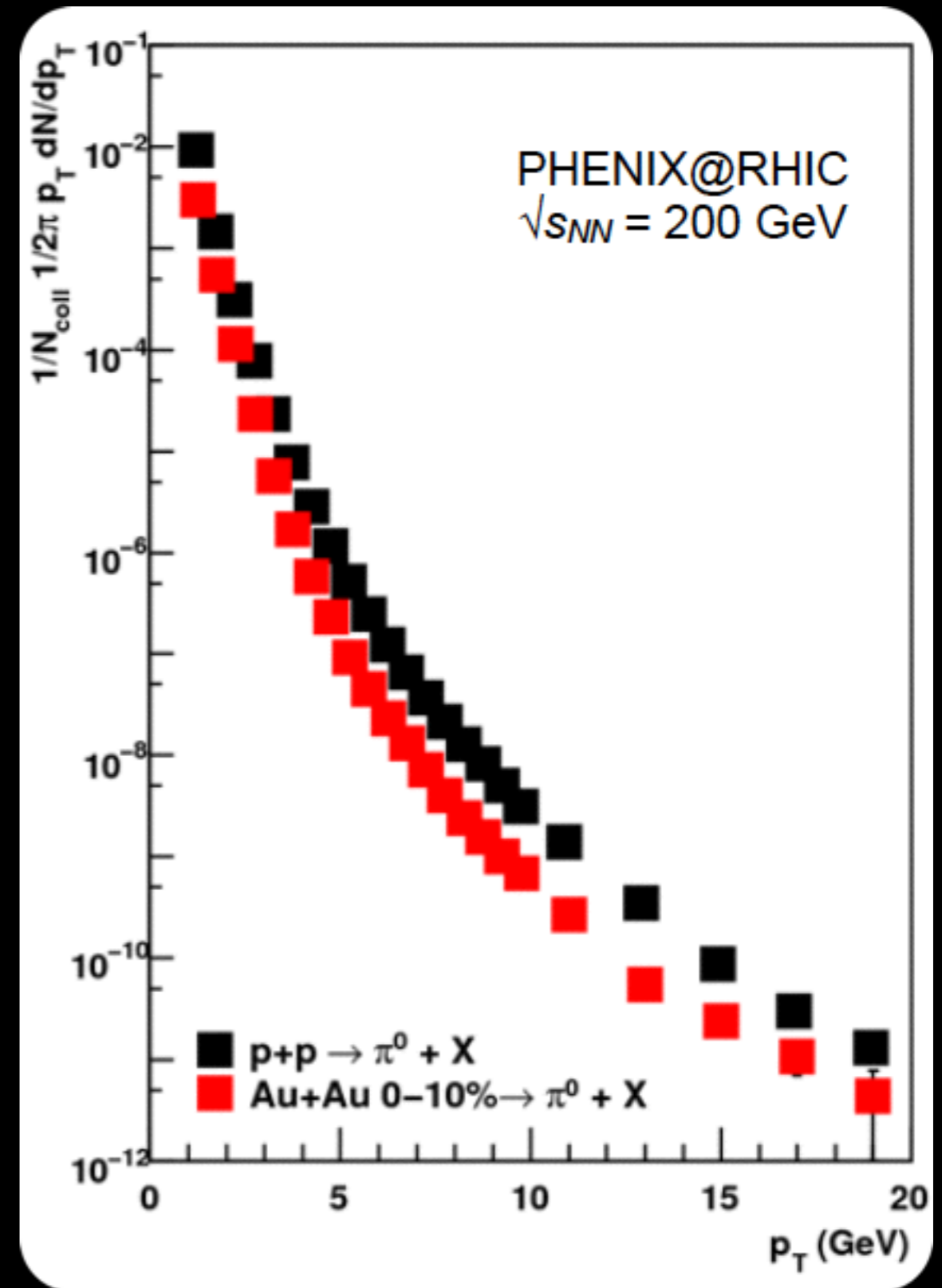
- We need to compare particle production
  - ★ In the vacuum (pp collisions)
  - ★ In the QGP medium (heavy-ion collisions)

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{QCD medium}}{\text{QCD vacuum}} = \frac{\left(\frac{d^2N}{dp_T d\eta}\right)_{AA}}{N_{coll} \left(\frac{d^2N}{dp_T d\eta}\right)_{pp}}$$

in-medium effects

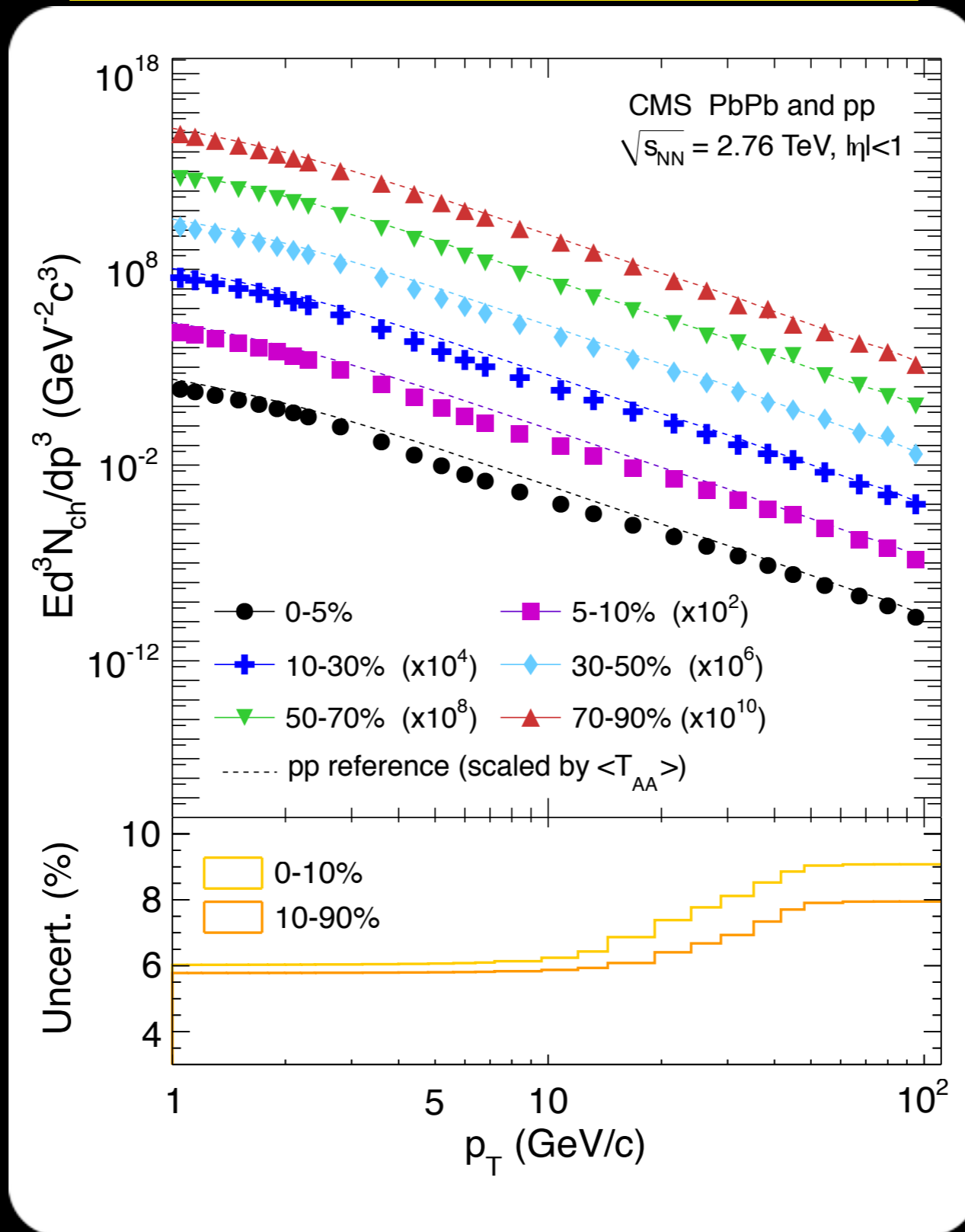


no in-medium effects

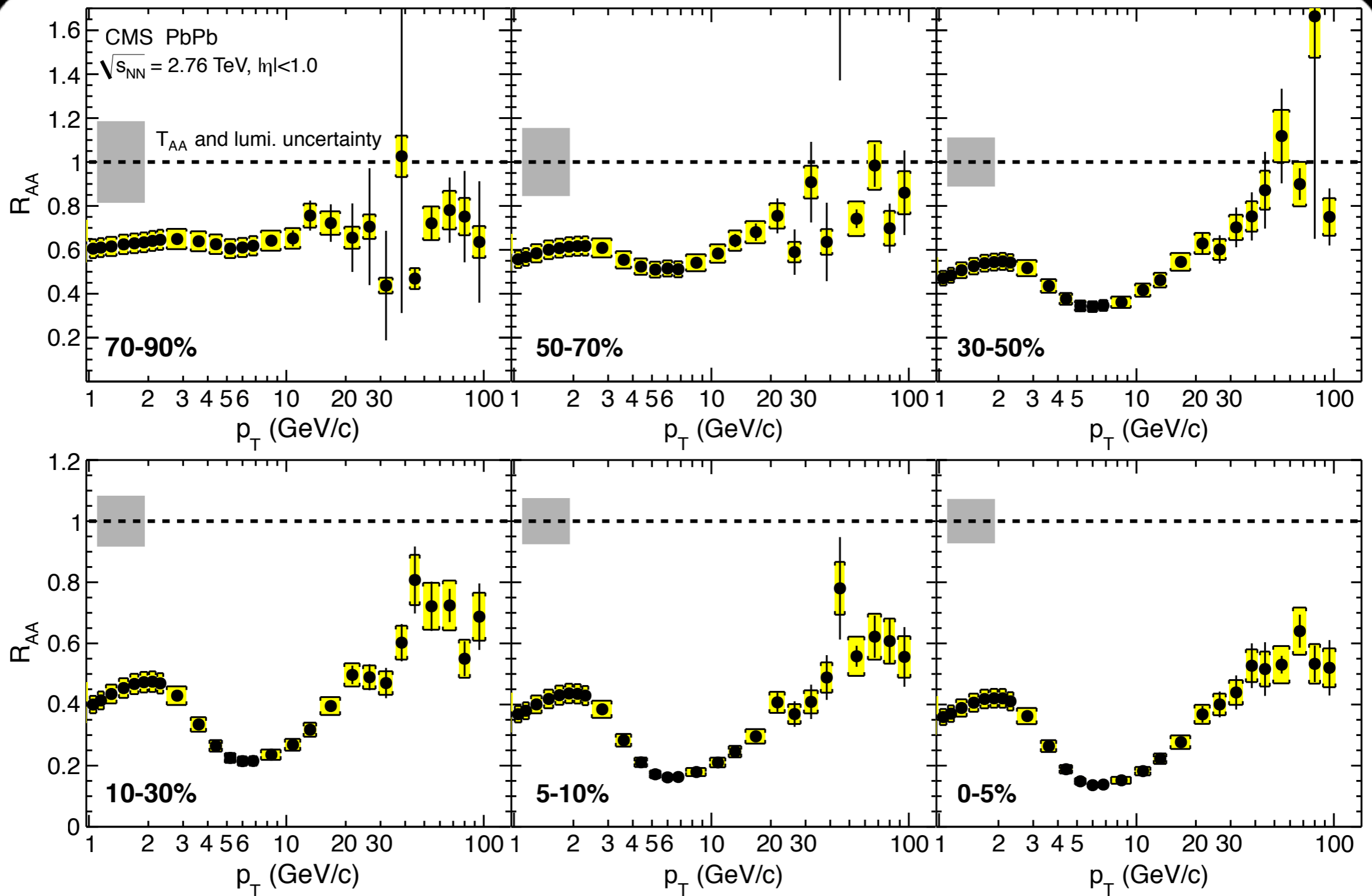




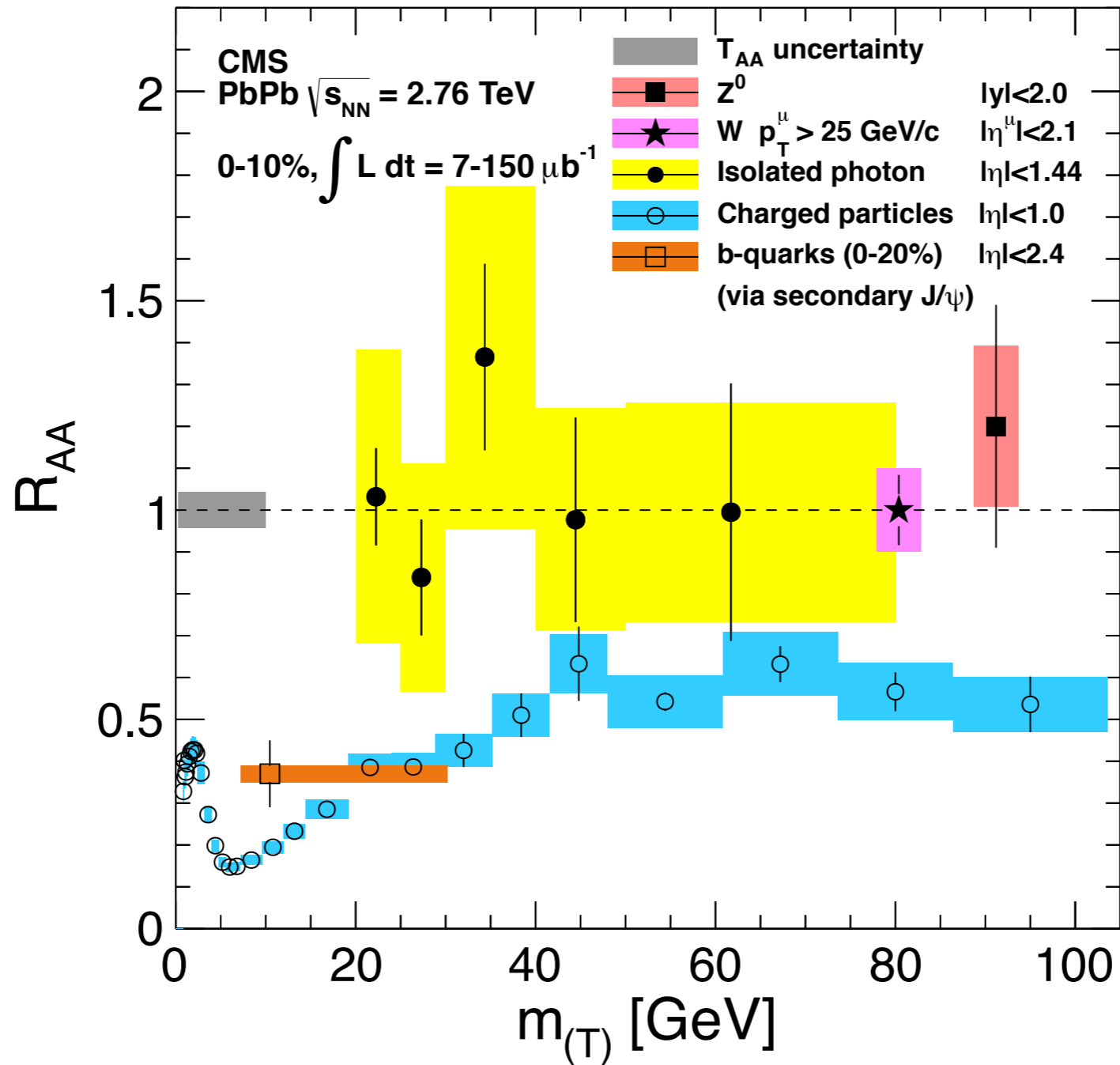
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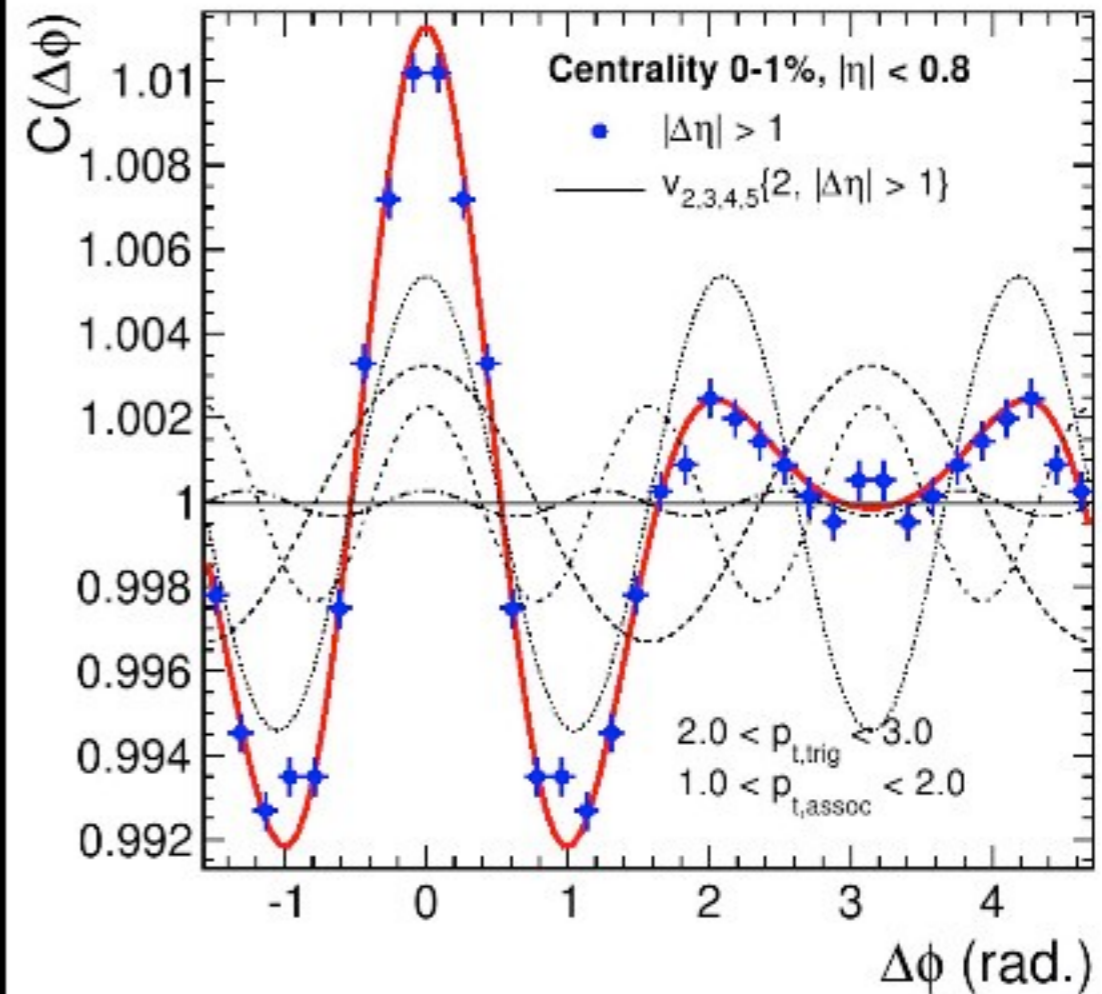


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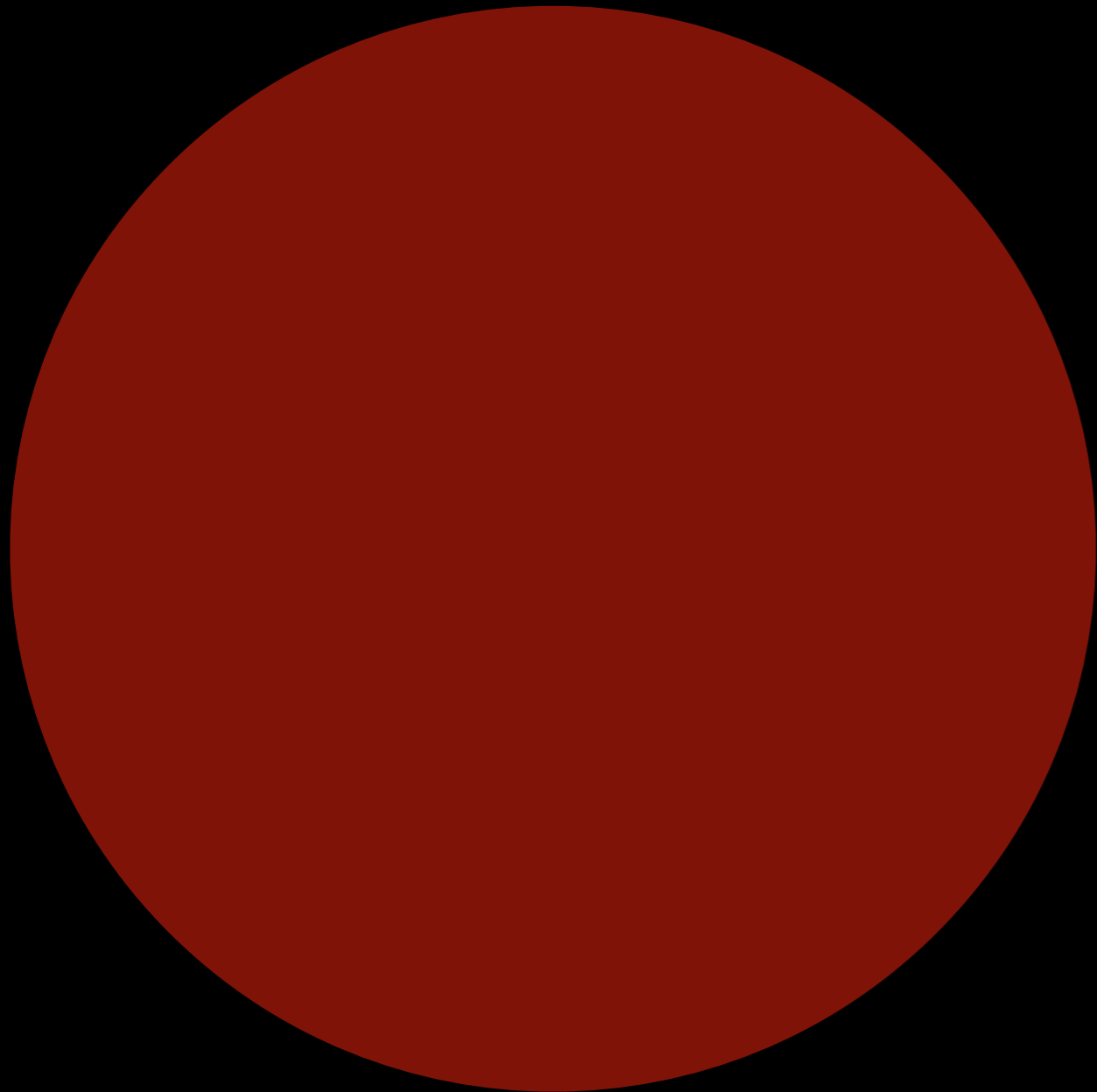


Particles not interacting with the medium (e.g.  $\gamma$ ,  $Z^0$ ,  $W$ ) do not show any in medium effects

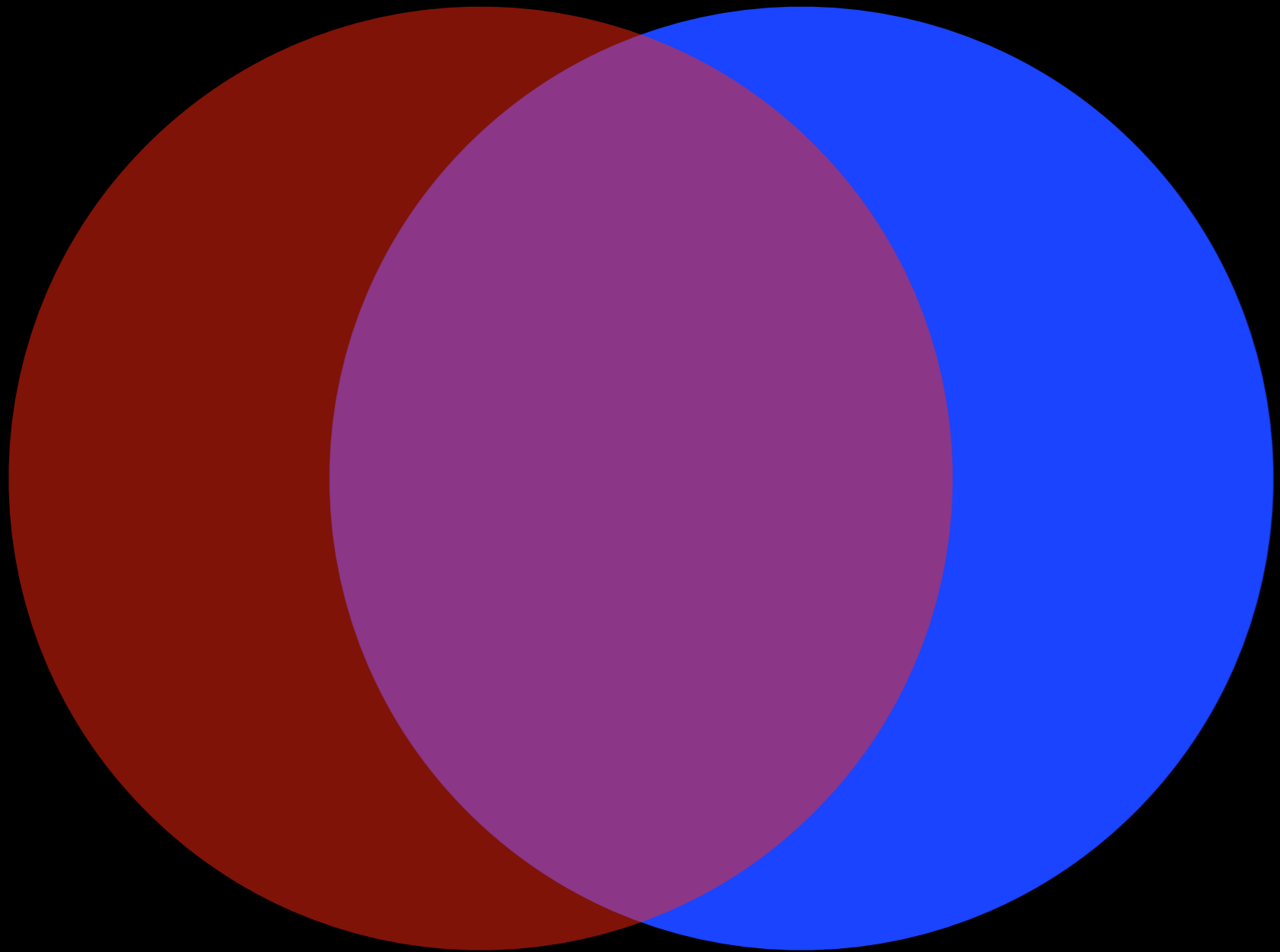
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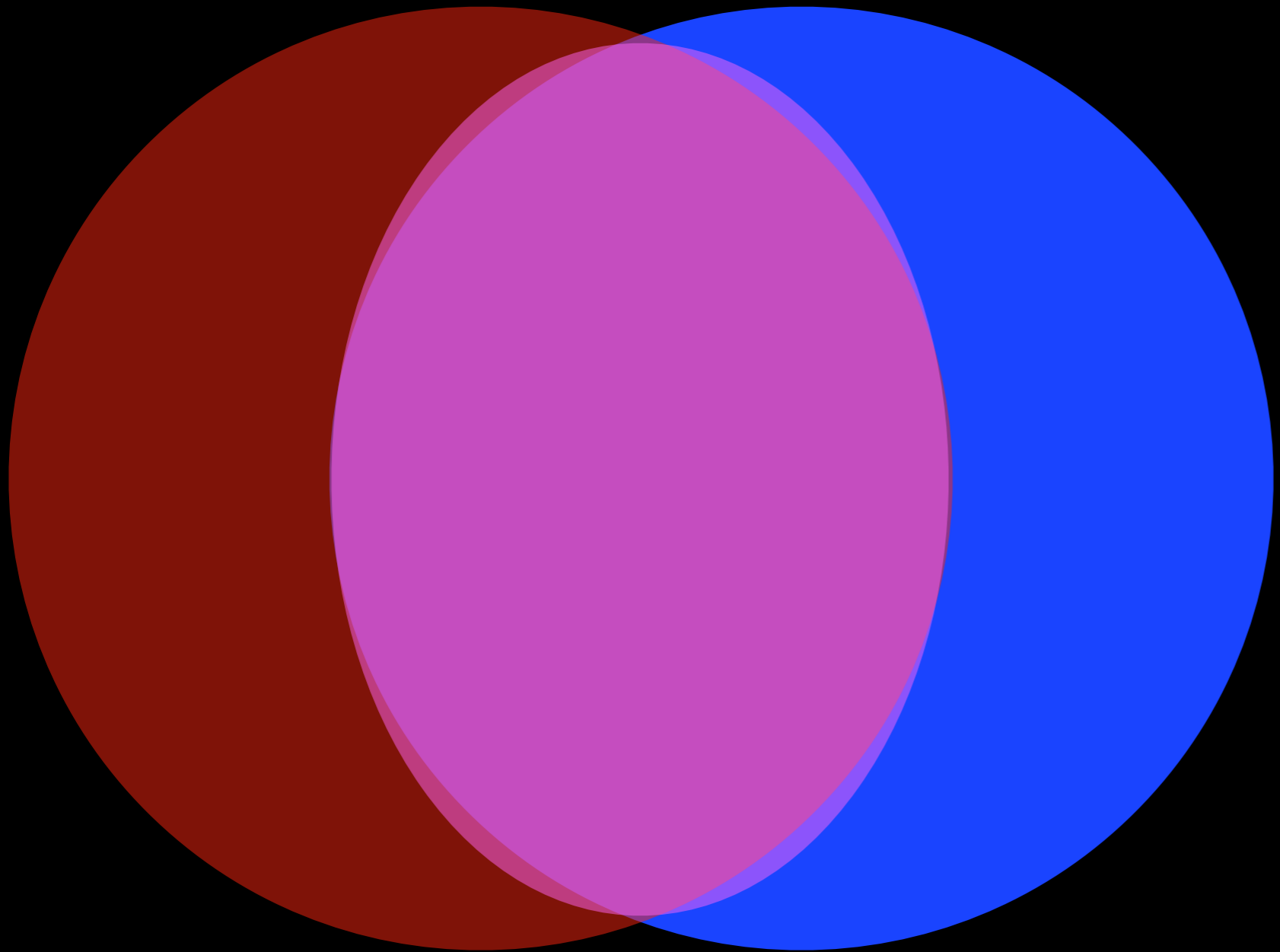


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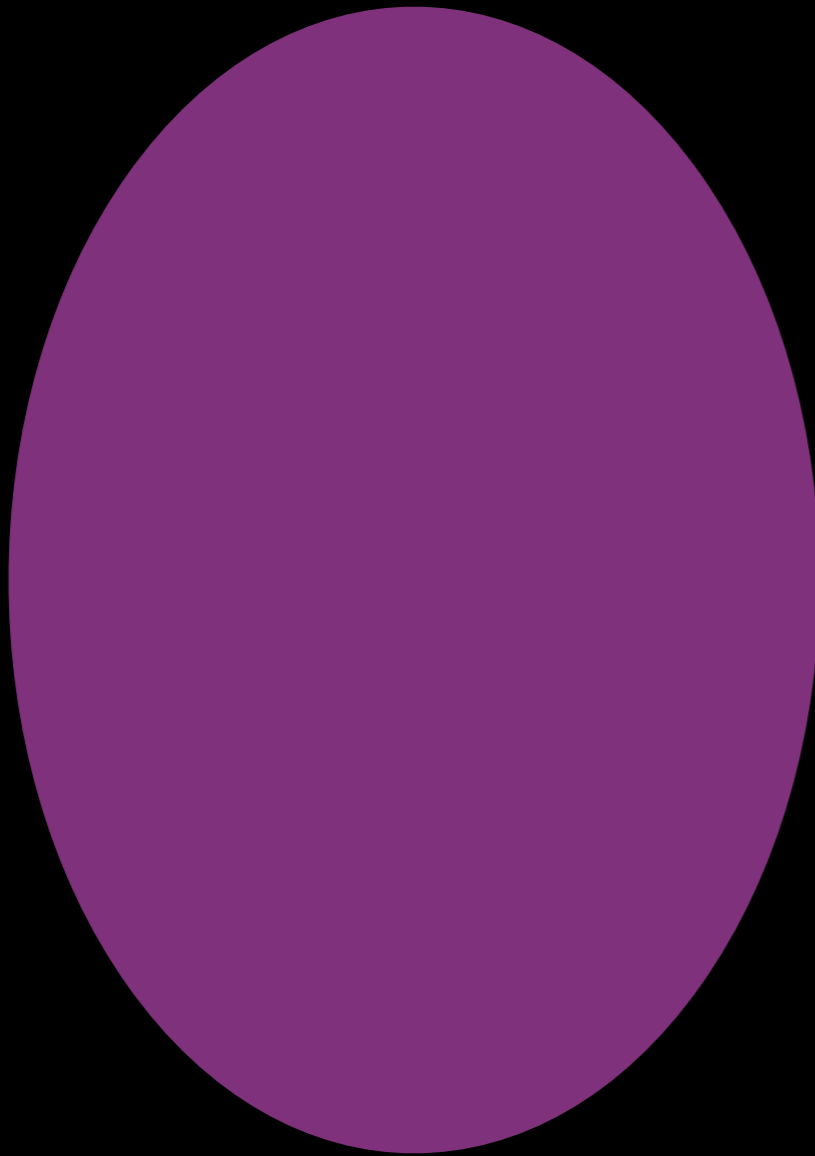
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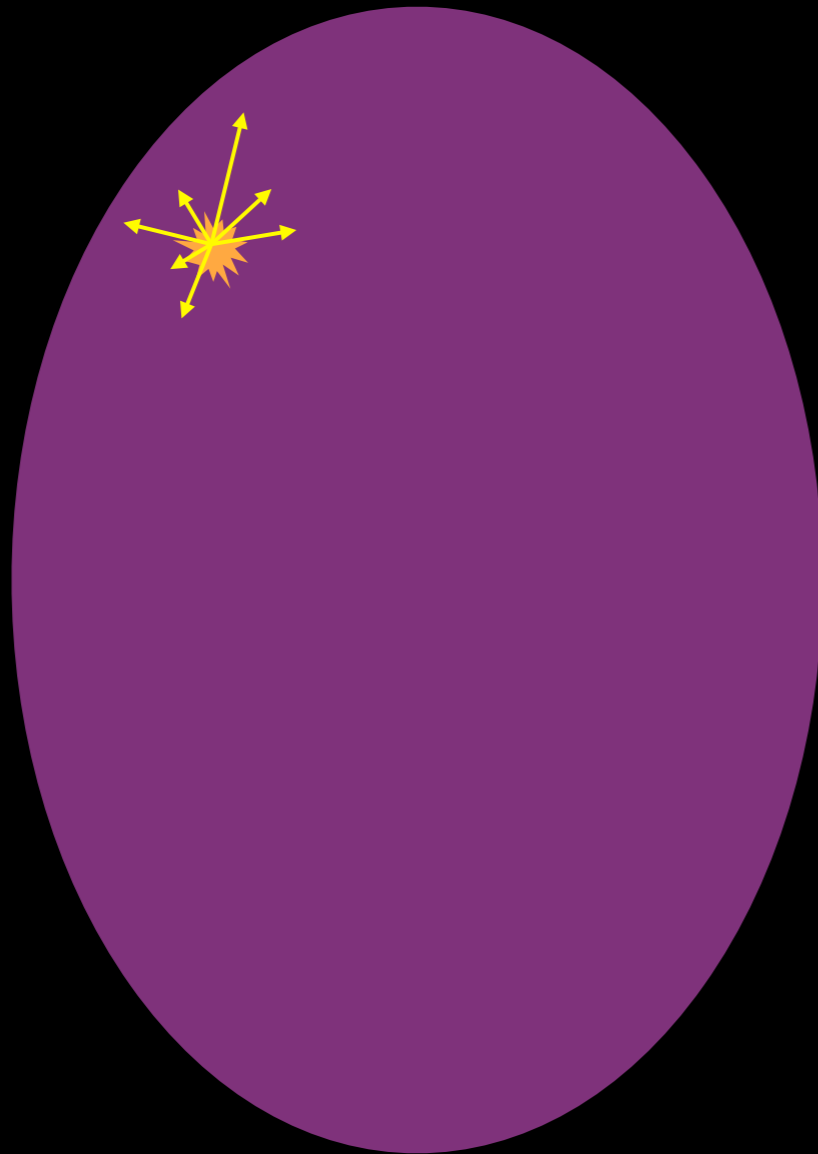
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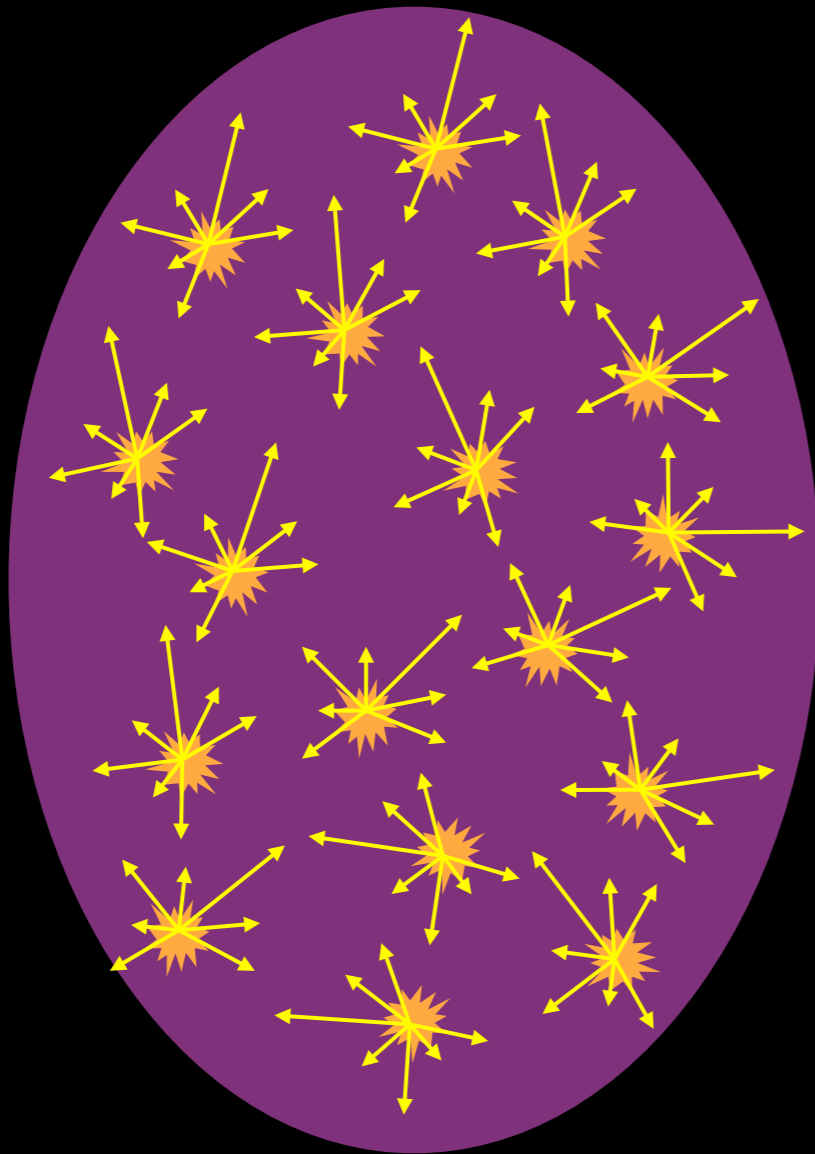


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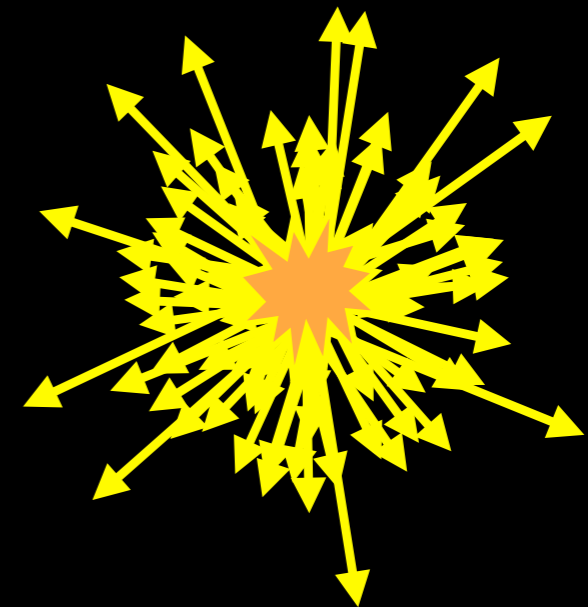
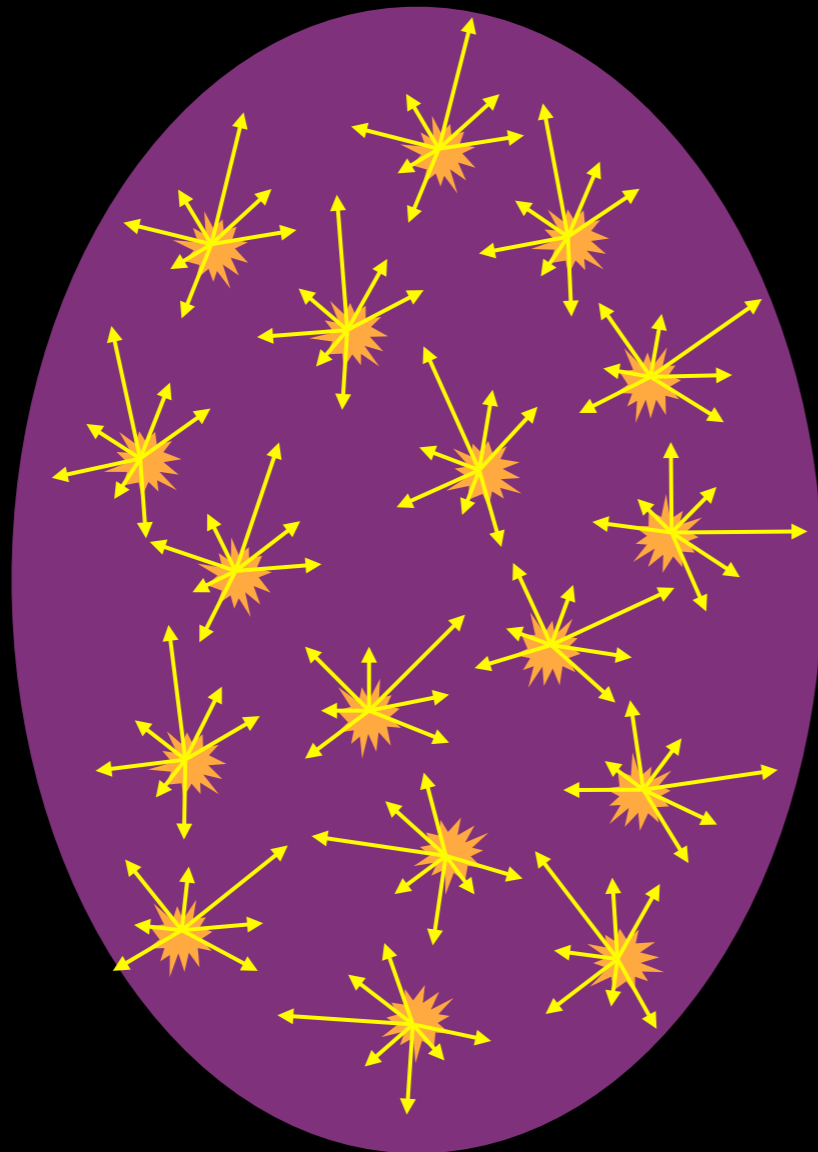


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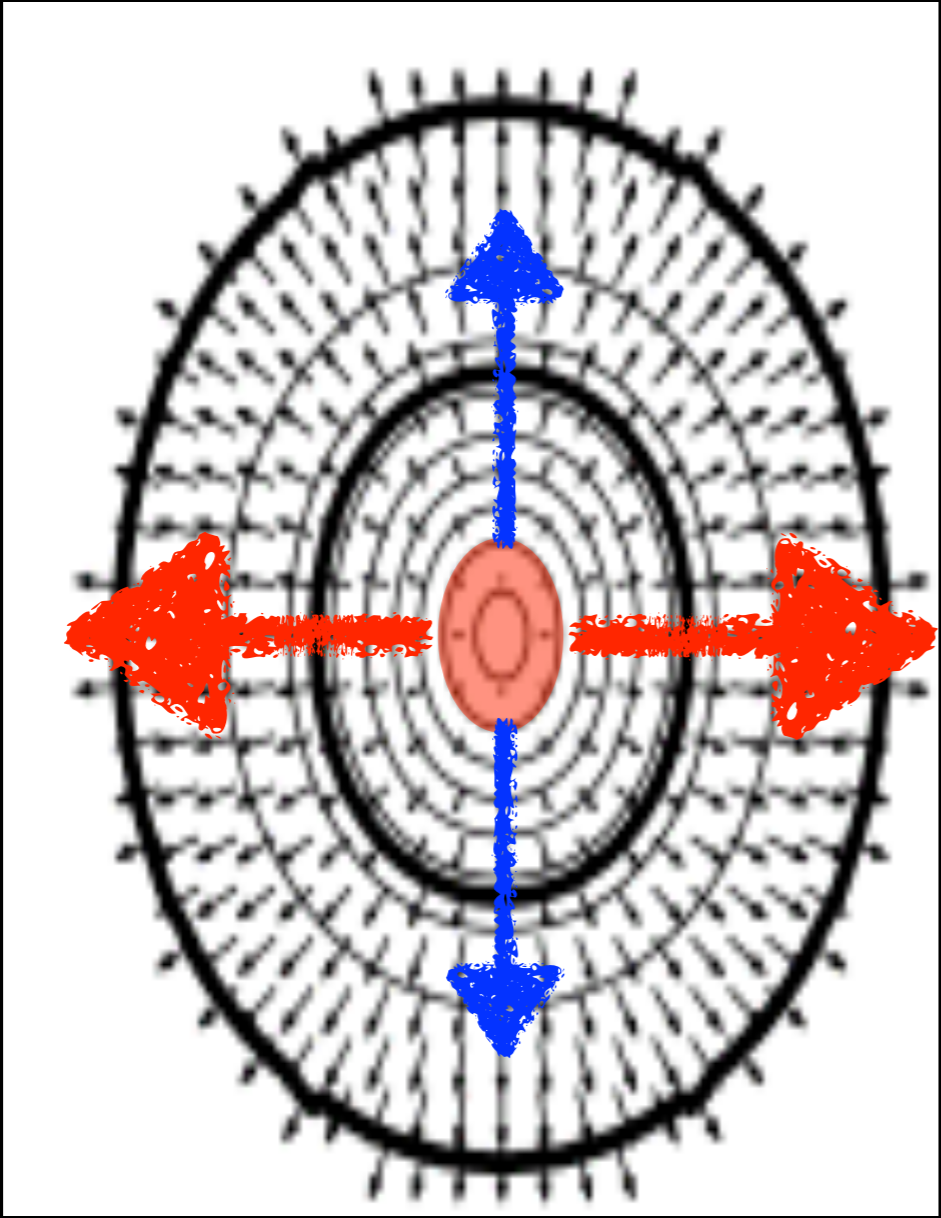
Momenta pointing at random directions relative to the reaction plane

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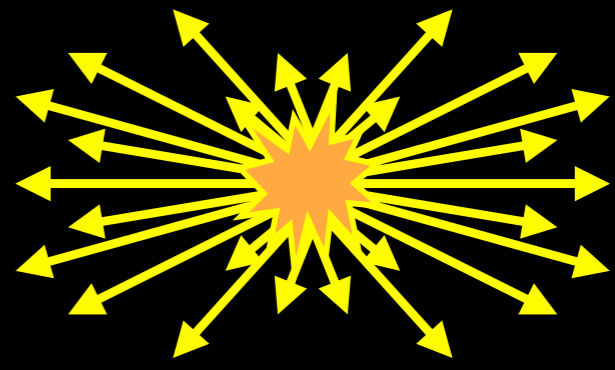
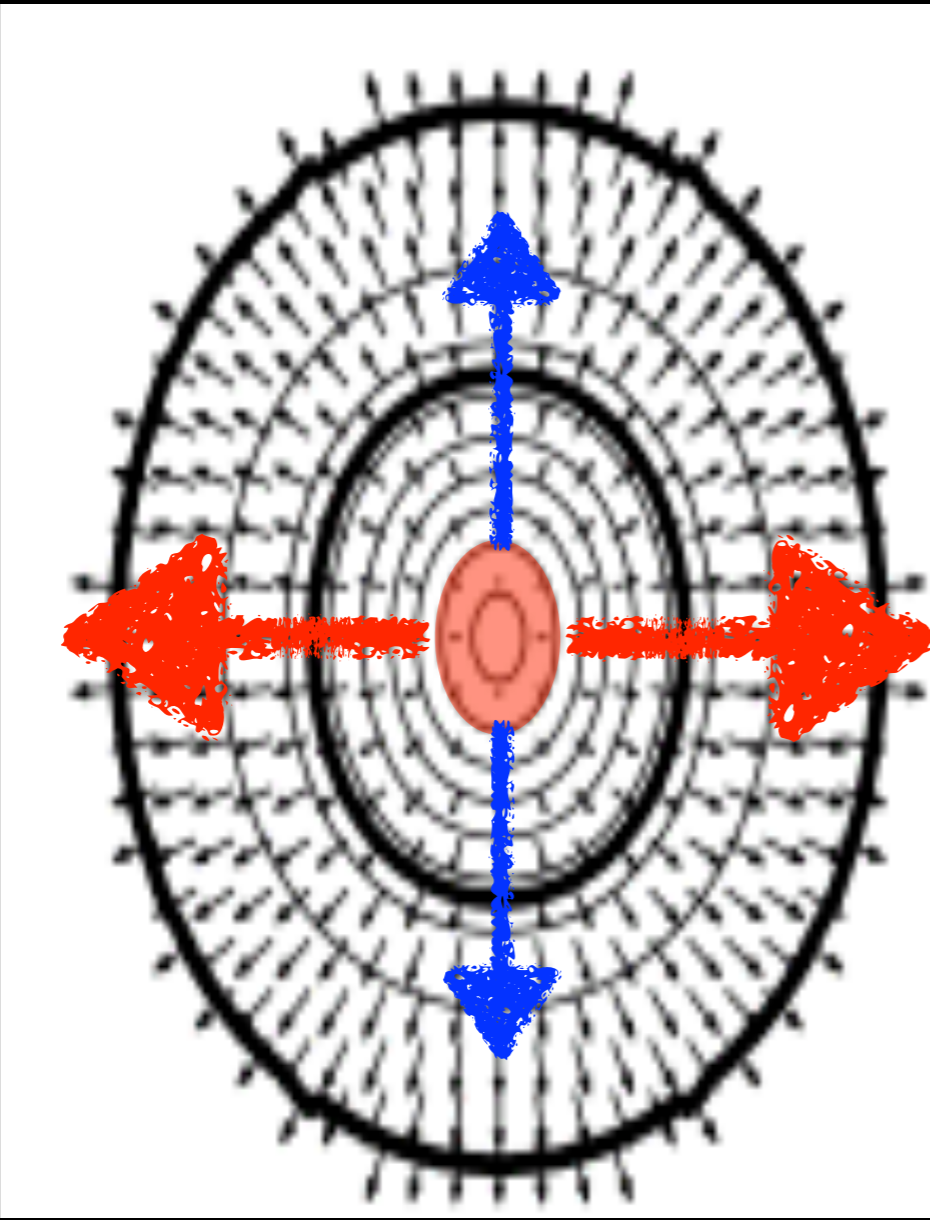
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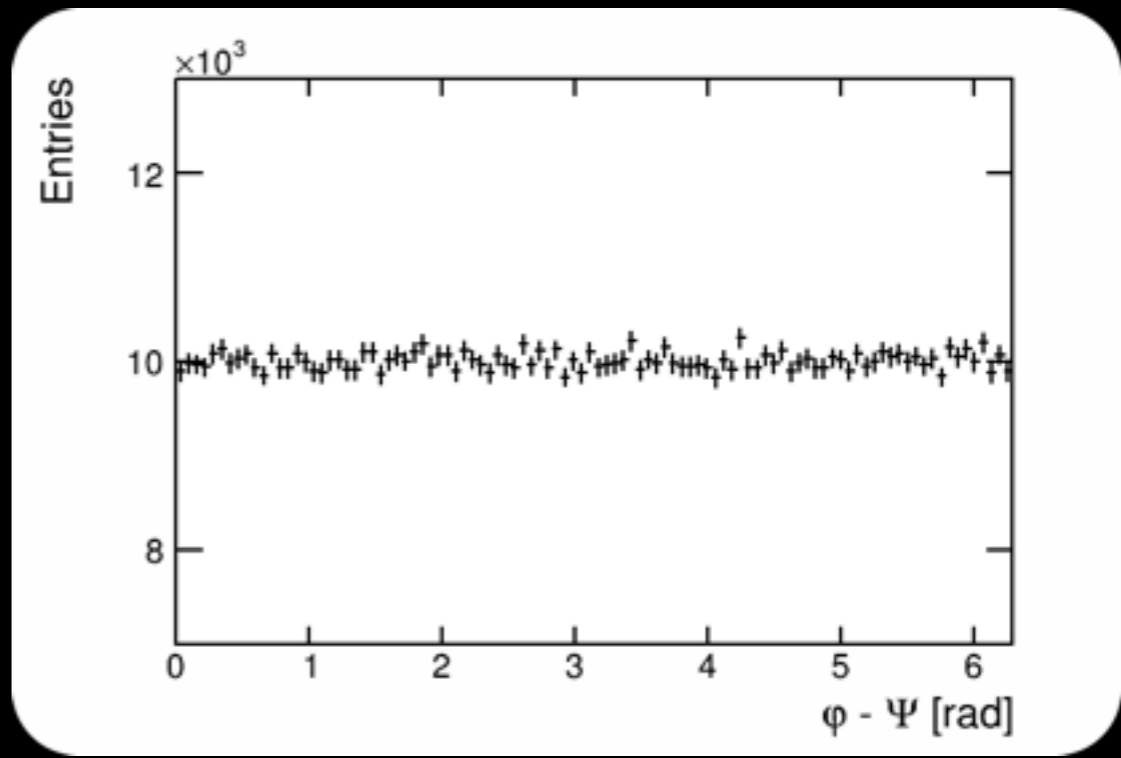
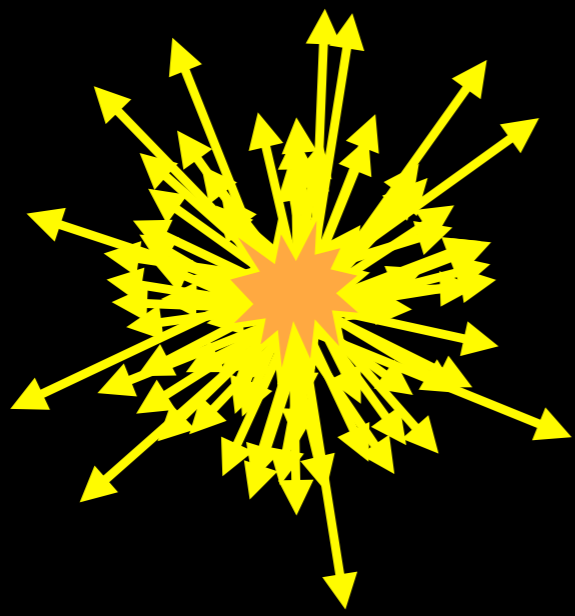
More and faster particles in-plane than out-of-plane

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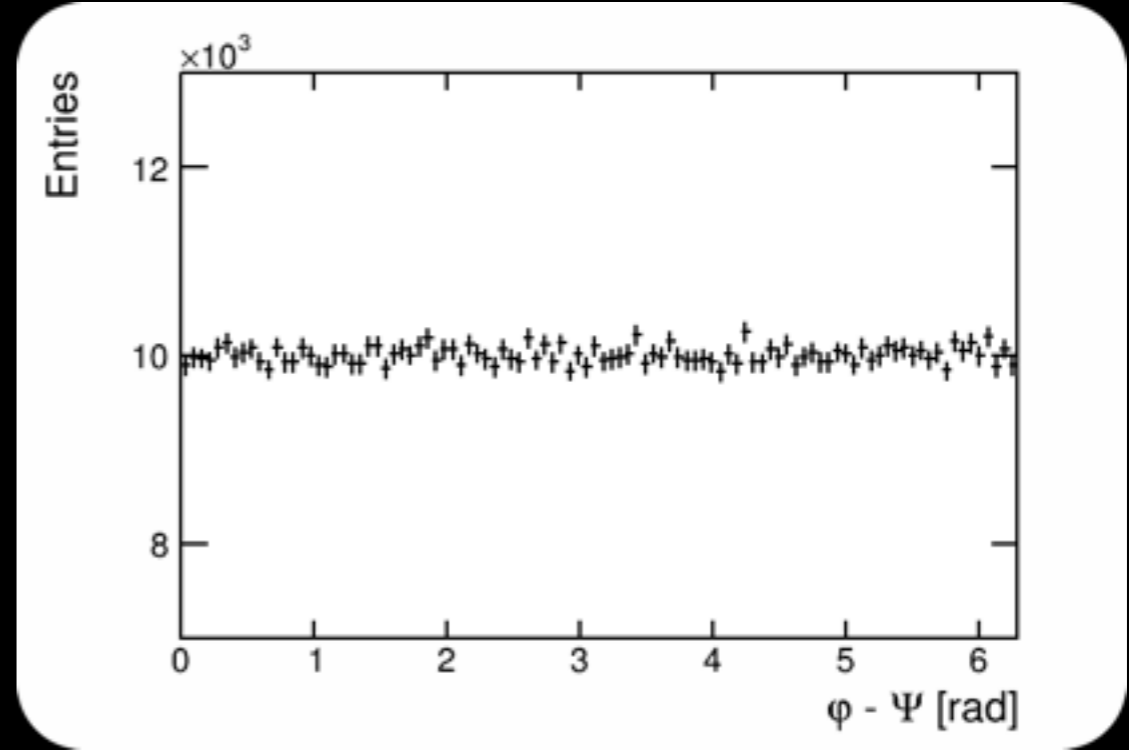
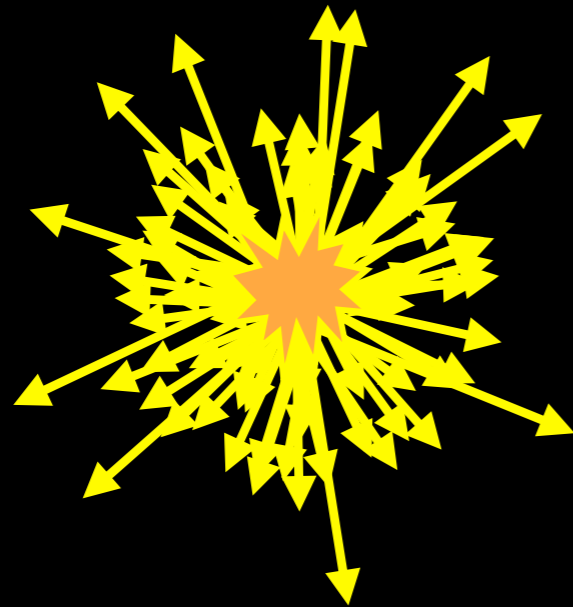
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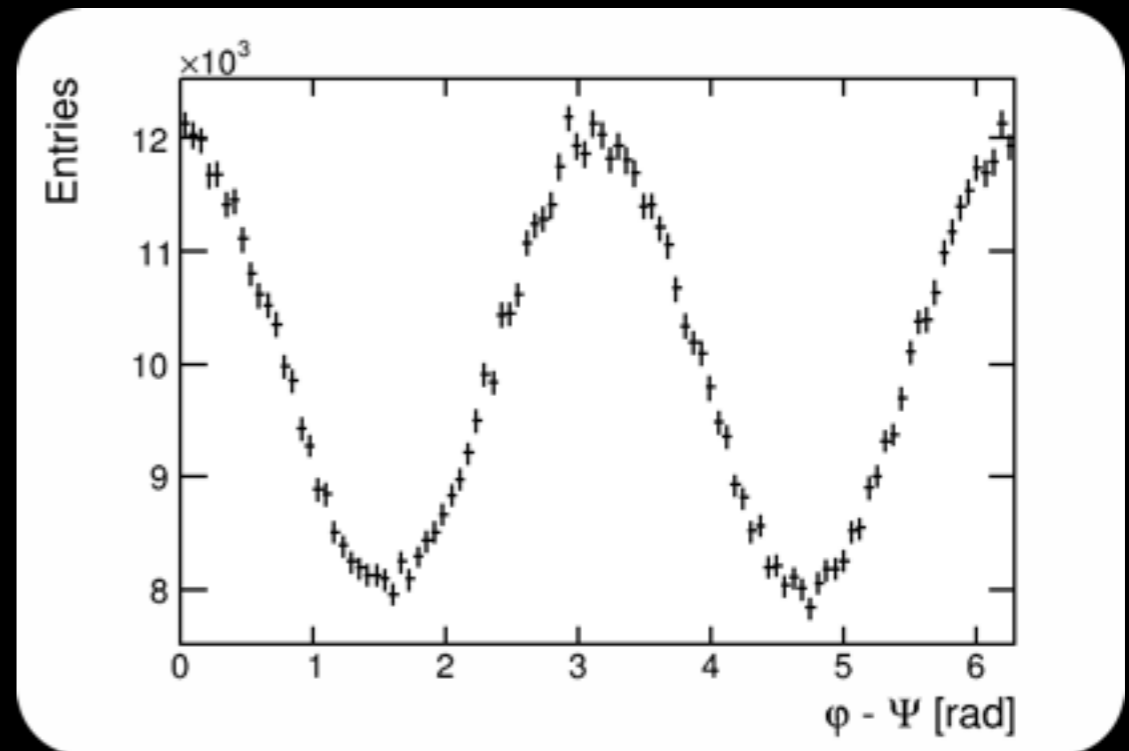
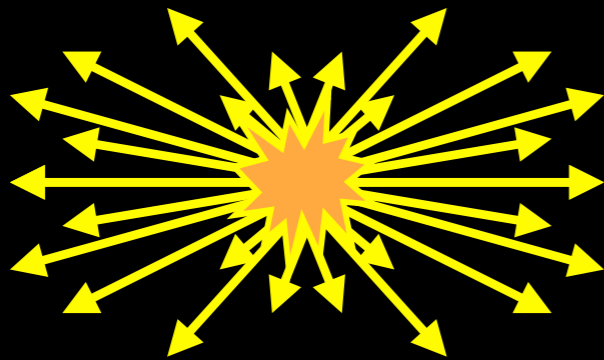
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## Evolution as a bulk system



- In non-central collisions the coordinate space configuration is anisotropic (e.g. almond shape)
- ★ The initial momentum distribution is isotropic (spherically symmetric)
- The interactions among constituents generate a pressure gradient that transforms the initial coordinate space anisotropy into the observed momentum space anisotropy
- ★ Azimuthal anisotropy quantified by a Fourier expansion
  - $v_1$ : directed flow,  $v_2$ : elliptic flow,  $v_3$ : triangular flow,  $v_4$ : quadrangular flow,...
- Connection to equation of state and to the system's transport properties (e.g.  $\eta/S$ )

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

$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

S. Voloshin and Y. Zhang, Z. Phys. **C70**, 665 (1996)



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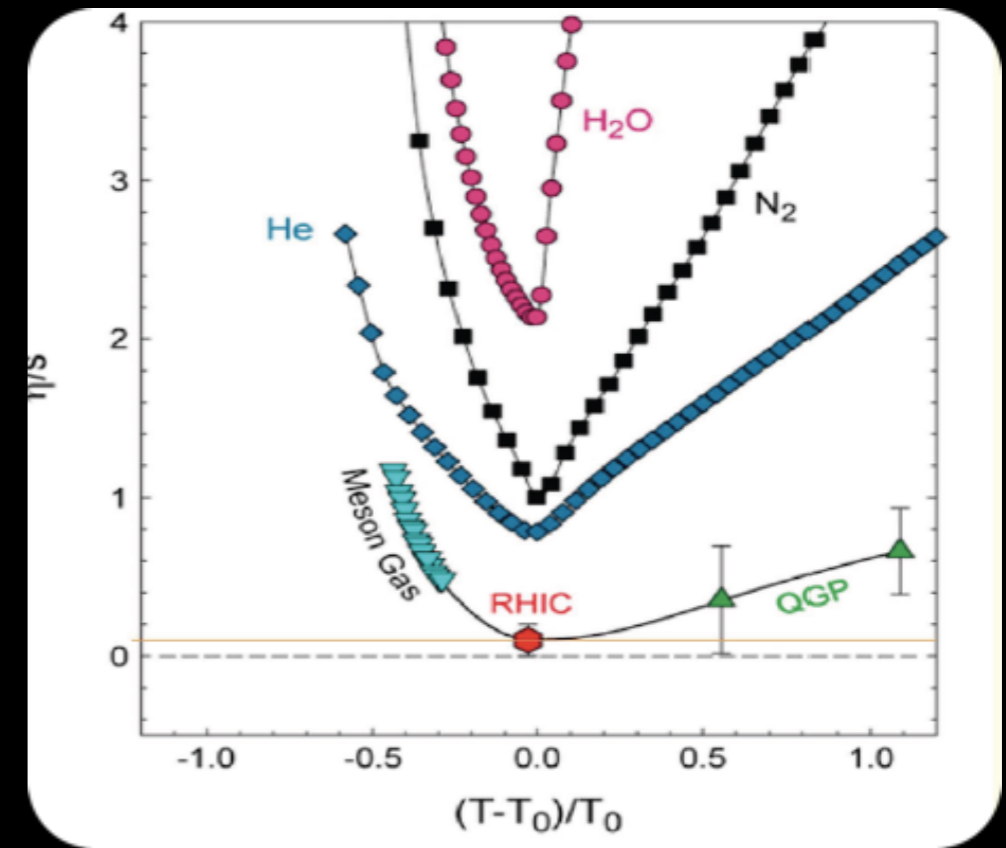
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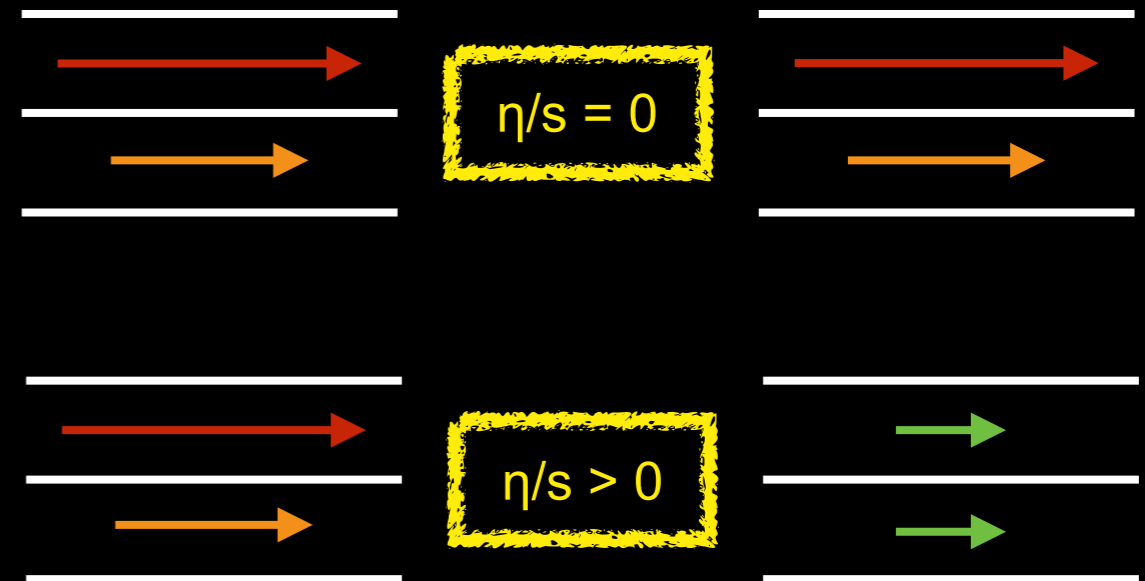
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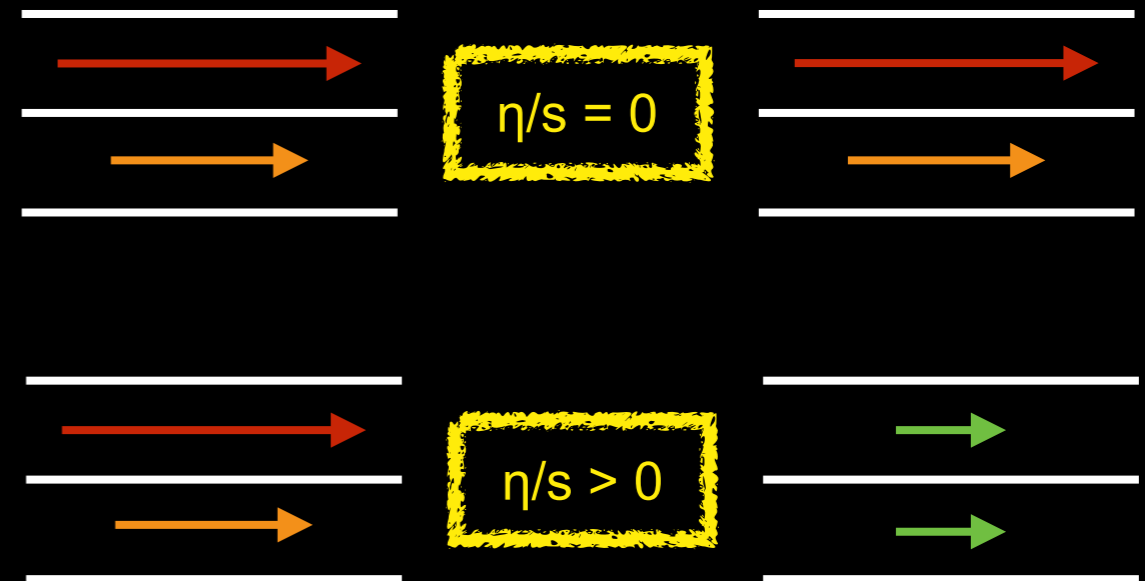
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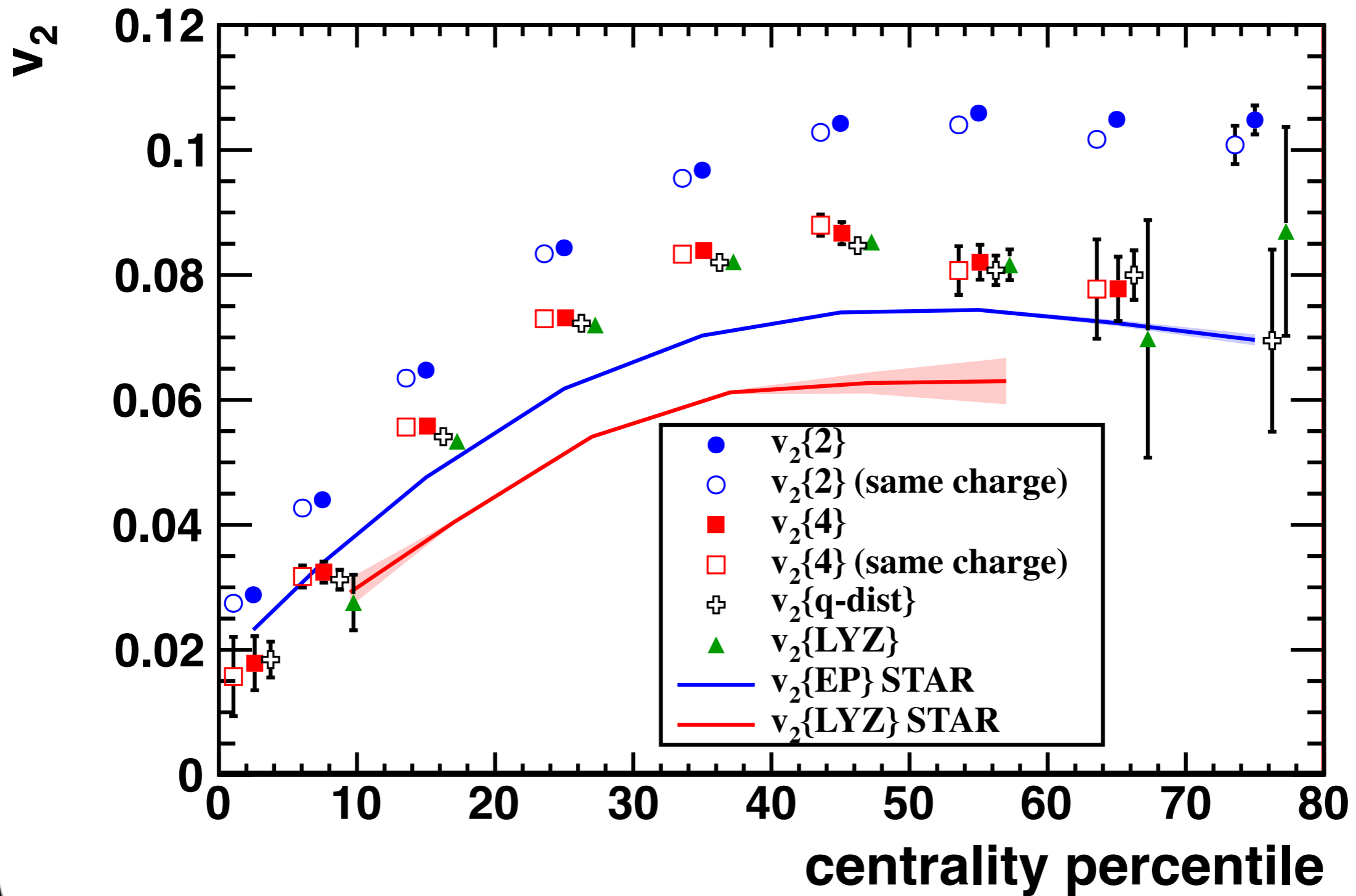
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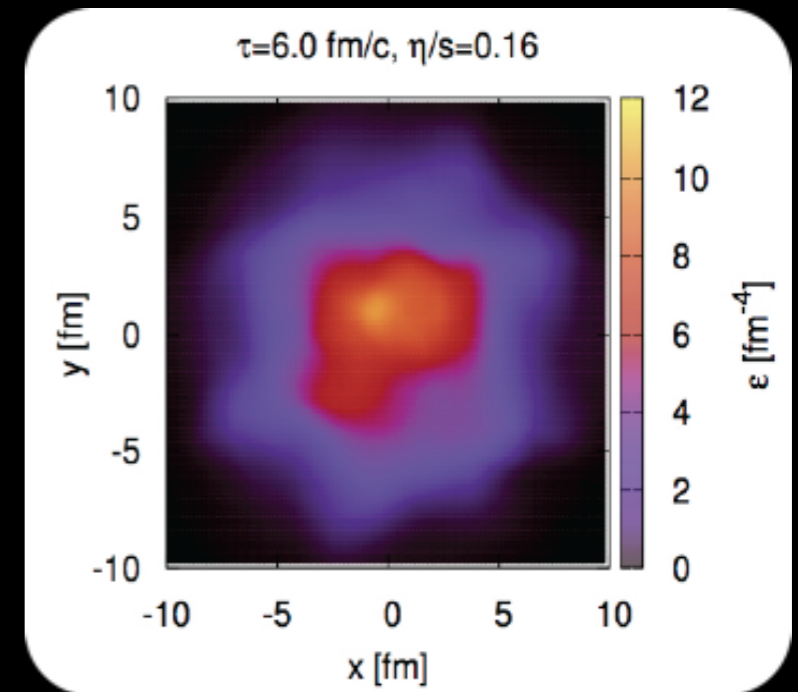
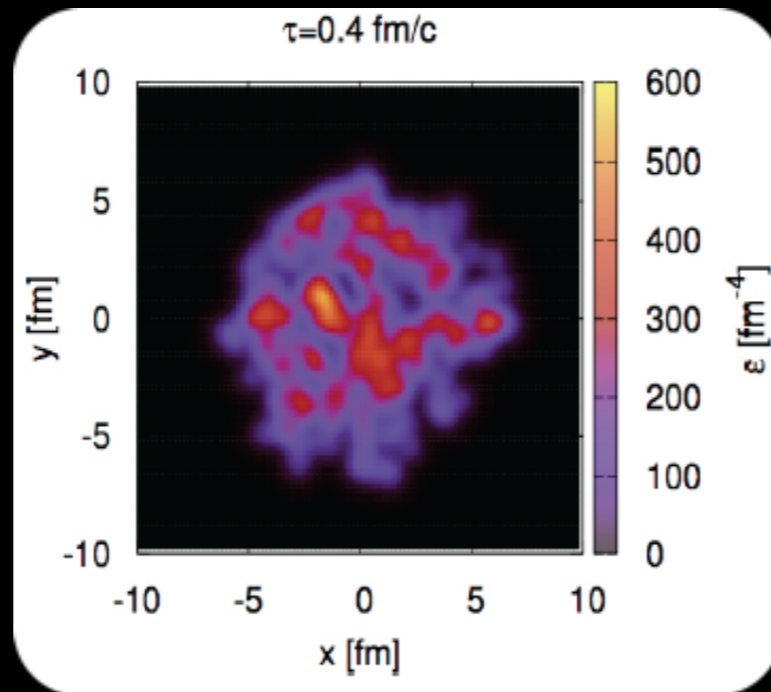
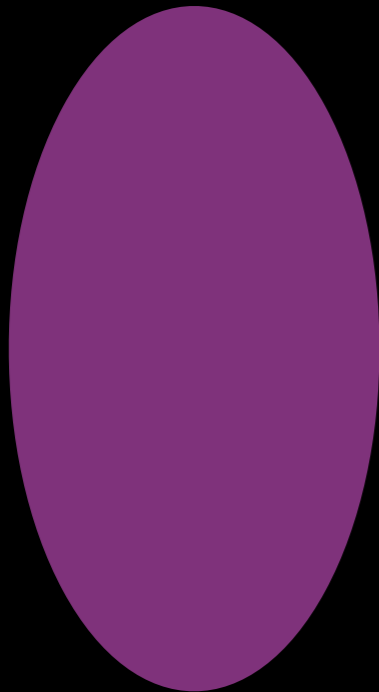
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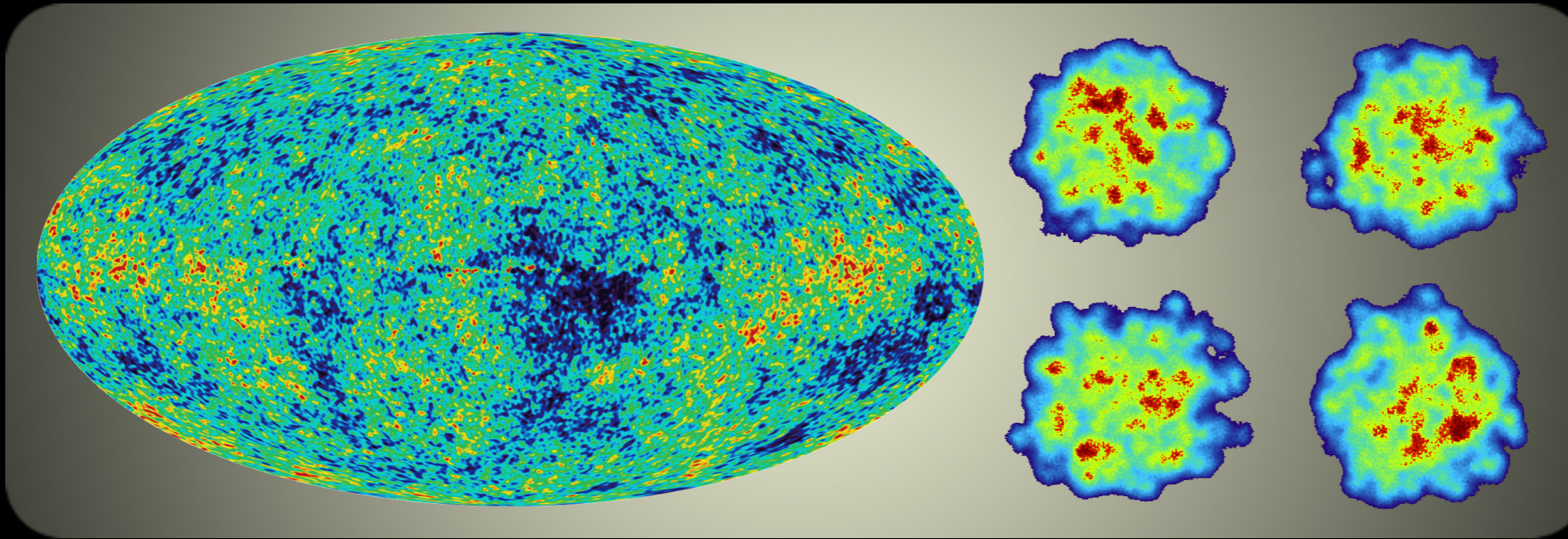
# There are also fluctuations...

- Initial geometry not described by the (ideal) almond shape
  - ★ Fluctuations of the initial energy/pressure distributions lead to “irregular” shapes that fluctuate from one event to the other
  - ★ Higher order (odd) harmonics develop, each one having its own symmetry plane
- Higher order harmonics more sensitive to the value of  $\eta/S$

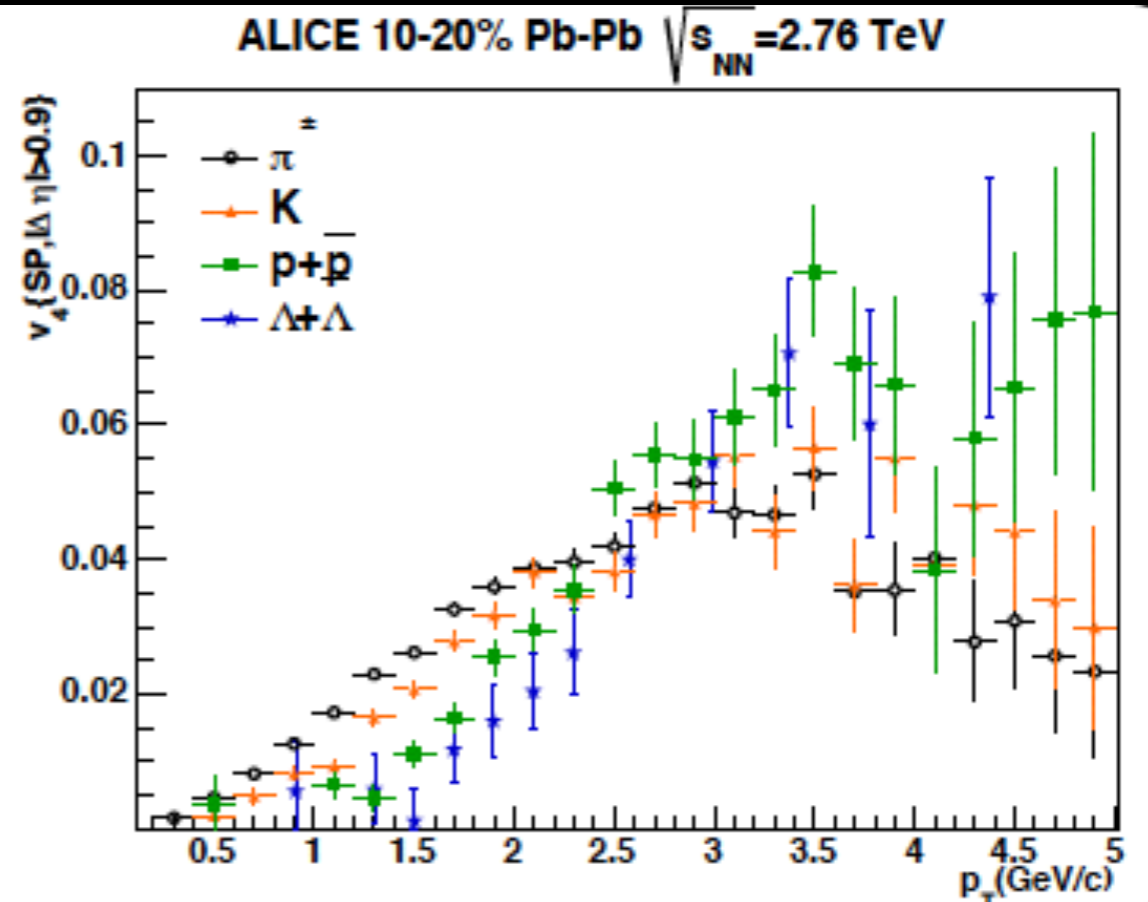
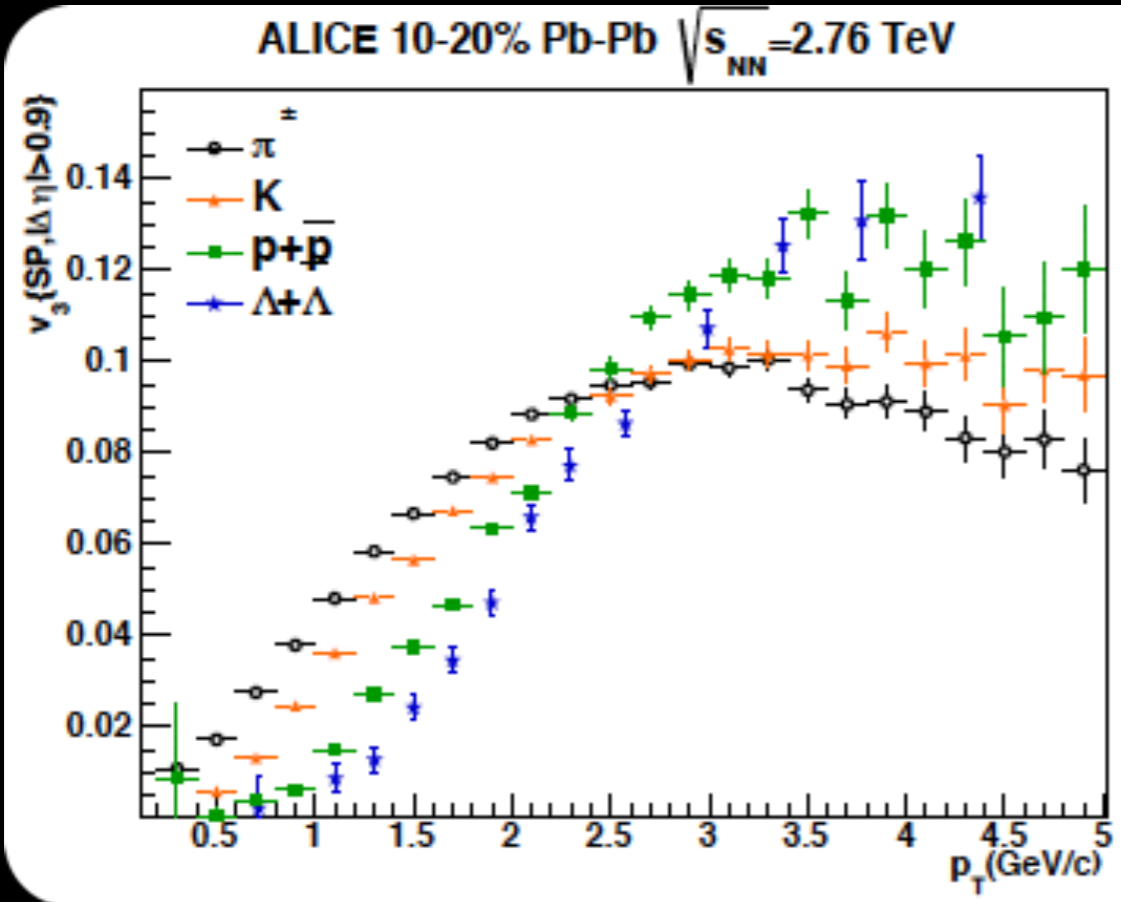


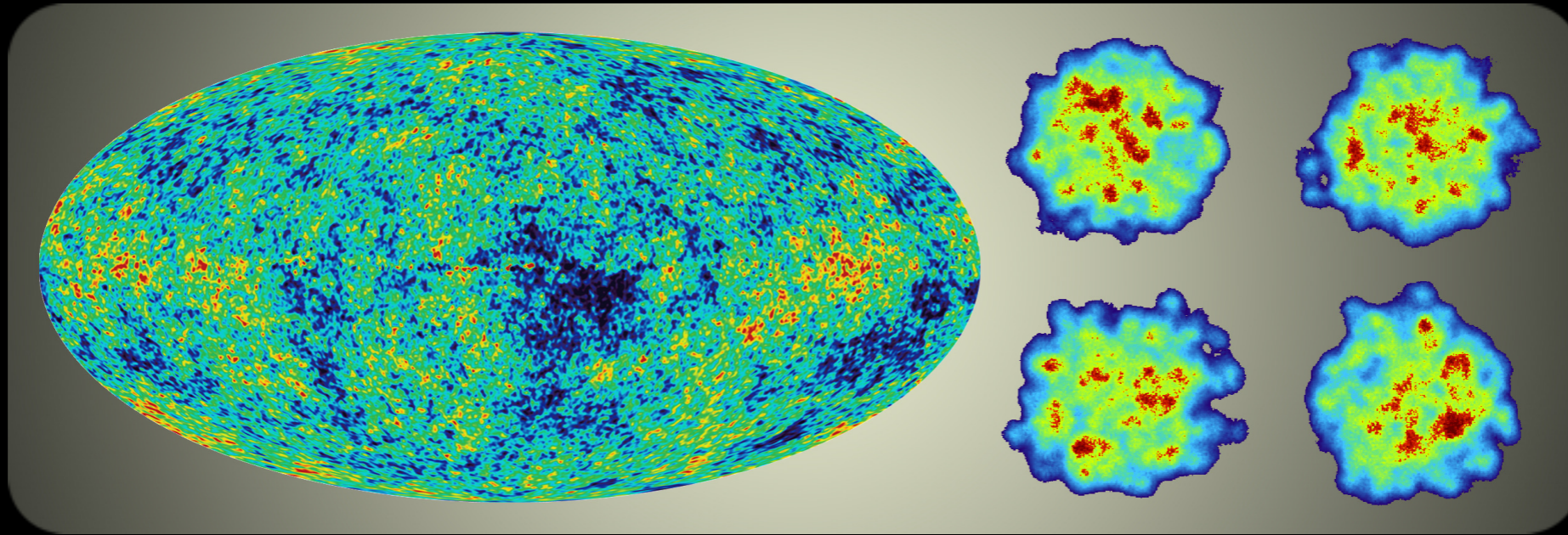
- But initial conditions not known precisely enough (model dependent)
  - ★ Data can be described by different combinations of initial conditions and  $\eta/S$

$$v_n(\eta, p_T) = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$



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### Abstract

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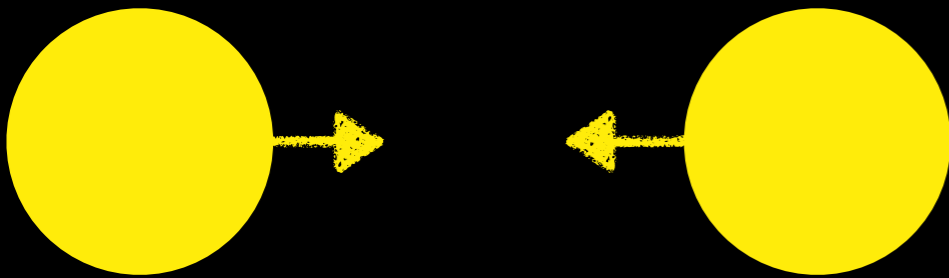
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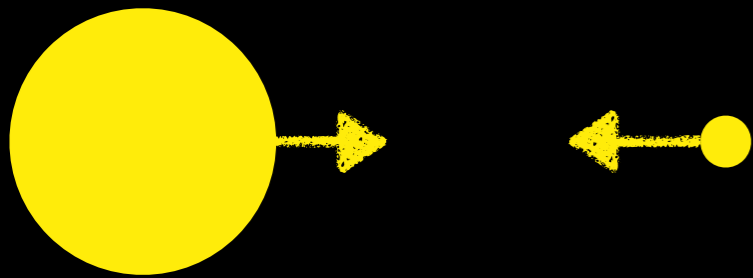
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p-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV

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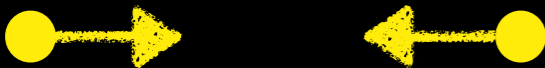


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pp  
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# Backup

## Event plane method

$$v_n = \frac{v_n^{obs}}{R_n}$$

## Scalar product method

$$v_n = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\langle M_a M_b \rangle}}{\langle M \rangle - 1} \right) \frac{\langle Q_n u_{n,i}(p_T, \eta) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle Q_n^a Q_n^b \rangle}}$$

- Uses the length of the Q-vector as a weight
- $u$ : unitary vector of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle which is excluded from the Q-vector calculation

## Q-cumulants: 2 and multi-particle correlations

$$C_n\{2\} = \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)} \rangle \rangle = \langle v_n^2 \rangle$$

In the absence of non-flow and flow fluctuations!!!

$$C_n\{4\} = \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4)} \rangle \rangle - 2 \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)} \rangle \rangle^2 = -\langle v_n^4 \rangle$$

A. Bilandzic, R. Snellings, S. Voloshin, Phys. Rev. **C83**, 044913 (2011)

- Correlations not connected to the common symmetry plane
  - ★ resonances, jets, femtoscopic correlations,...
- Suppressed utilizing multi-particle techniques,  $\eta$ -gap analysis (e.g. event plane or SP methods with forward detectors), different charge combinations,...

$$C_n\{2\} = \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)} \rangle \rangle = \langle v_n^2 \rangle + \delta_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_n\{4\} &= \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4)} \rangle \rangle - 2 \langle \langle e^{in(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)} \rangle \rangle^2 = \\ &= \langle v_n^4 \rangle + 4 \langle v_n^2 \rangle \delta_2 + 2 \delta_2^2 - 2 (\langle v_n^2 \rangle + \delta_2)^2 + \delta_4 \\ &= -\langle v_n^4 \rangle + \delta_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_2 \sim \frac{1}{M} \Rightarrow v_n \gg \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$$

$$\delta_4 \sim \frac{1}{(M-3)(M-2)(M-1)} \sim \frac{1}{M^3} \Rightarrow v_n \gg \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{M^3}}$$

- For a typical Pb-Pb LHC collision at 2.76 TeV,  $M \sim 400-500$  for 30-40% centrality
  - ★  $v_n \gg 5\%$  for the 2-particle correlation technique
  - ★  $v_n \gg 1\%$  for the 4-particle correlation technique



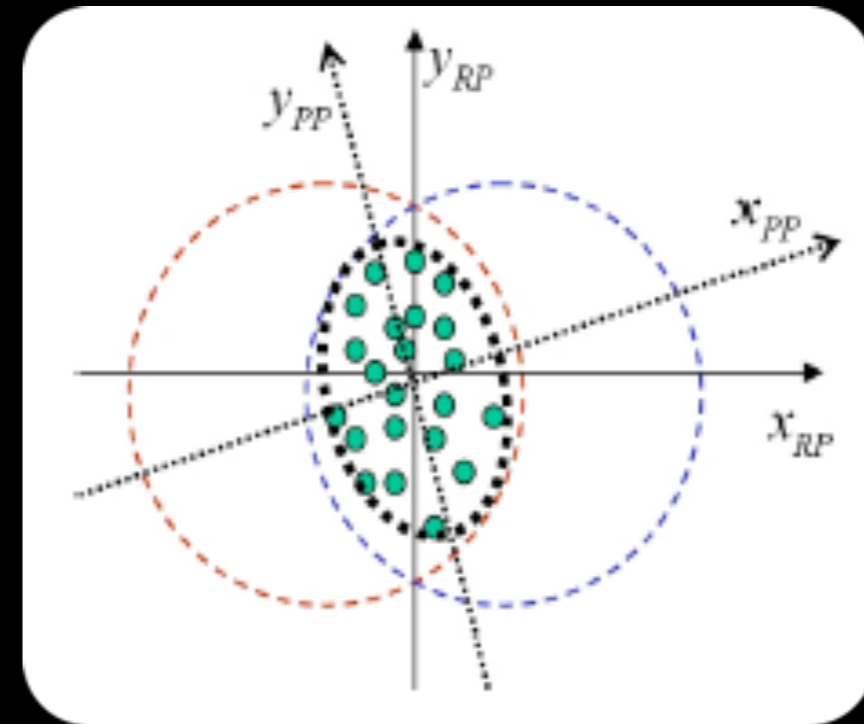
$$\langle v_n^2 \rangle \neq \langle v_n \rangle^2$$

$$\langle v_n^2 \rangle = \langle v_n \rangle^2 + \sigma_v^2$$

$$\langle v_n^4 \rangle = \langle v_n \rangle^4 + 6\sigma_v^2 \langle v_n \rangle^2$$

$$\langle v_n^6 \rangle = \langle v_n \rangle^6 + 15\sigma_v^2 \langle v_n \rangle^4$$

$$\langle v_n^8 \rangle = \langle v_n \rangle^8 + 28\sigma_v^2 \langle v_n \rangle^6$$



$$v_2\{2\} = \sqrt{\langle v_2^2 \rangle} = \dots = \langle v_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_v^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$

$$v_2\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{2\langle v_2^2 \rangle^2 - \langle v_2^4 \rangle} = \dots = \langle v_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_v^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$

$$v_2\{6\} = \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{4} (\langle v_2^6 \rangle - 9\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_2^4 \rangle + 12\langle v_2^2 \rangle^3)} = \dots = \langle v_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_v^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$