

OVERVIEW OF HEAVY ION EXPERIMENT RESULTS AND PERSPECTIVES

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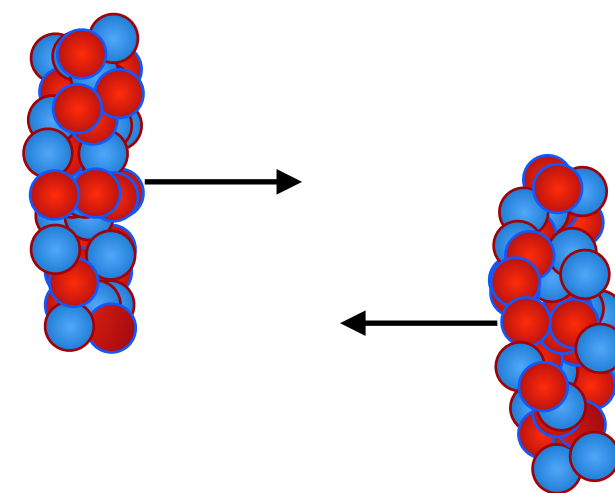
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The XIVth Quark confinement and the Hadron spectrum conference

Update: Due to Covid19 the in-person conference has been postponed to August 1st - 6th, 2022.

To bridge the gap we welcome everyone to a virtual tribute to QCHS between August 2nd-6th 2021.

- August 1st - 6th, 2022
- University of Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway
- Abstract submission & registration will open at our Indico site Dec. 2021
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(SOME OF THE) SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES (~2000)

What is dark matter?

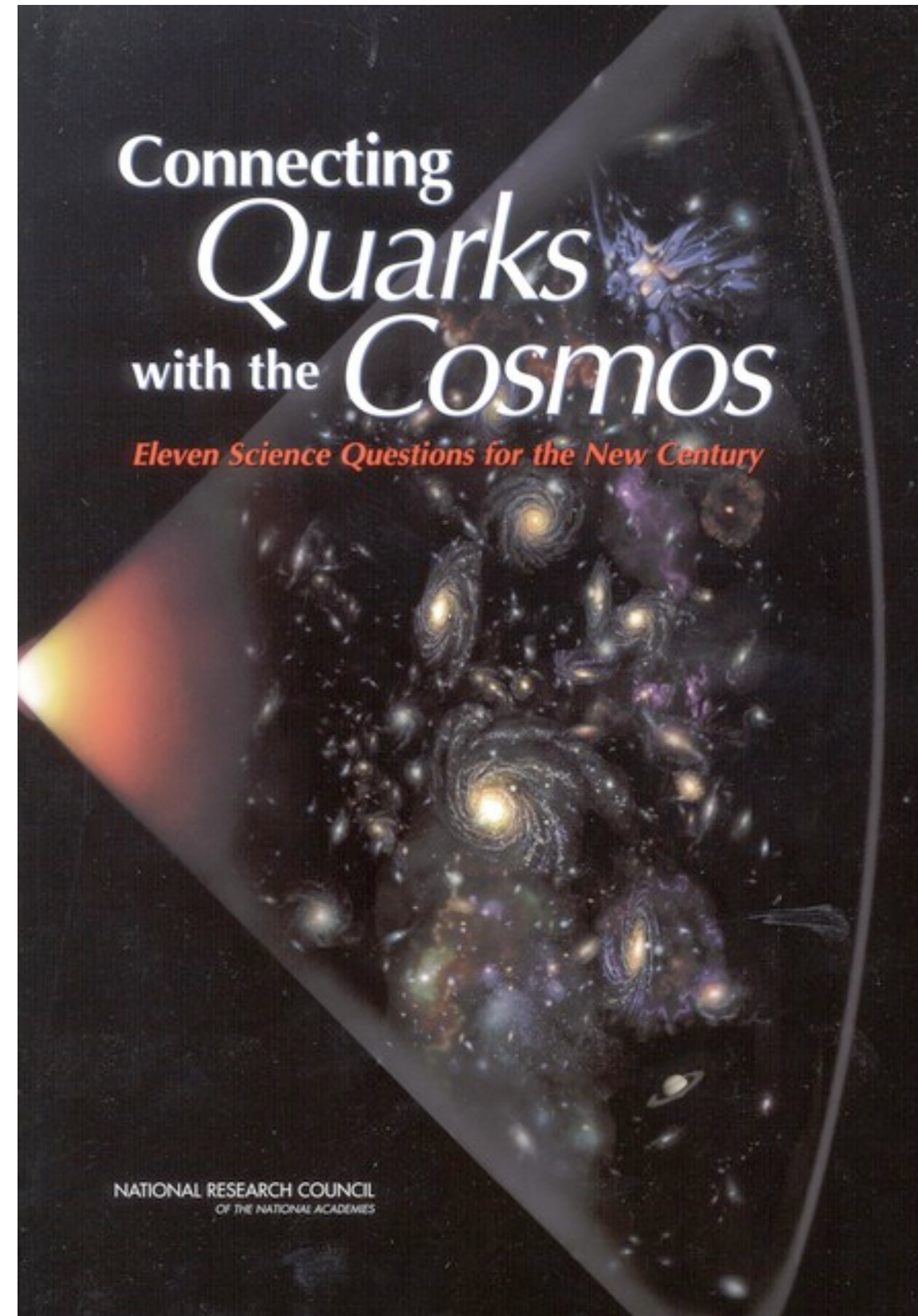
What is the nature of dark energy?

How did the universe begin and evolve?

Can we incorporate quantum effects in a general gravitational theory?

What are the neutrino masses and what is their role in the evolution of the universe?

How do Cosmic Accelerators work and what are they accelerating?



Are protons unstable?

What are the new states of matter at exceedingly high density and temperature?

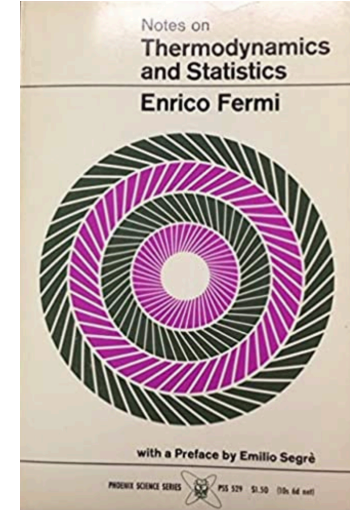
Are there additional space-time dimensions?

How were the elements from iron to uranium made?

Is a new theory of matter and light needed at the highest energies?

MATTER IN UNUSUAL CONDITIONS...

Fermi (~1953)



Hagedorn (~1965)



STATISTICAL THERMODYNAMICS OF STRONG INTERACTIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES

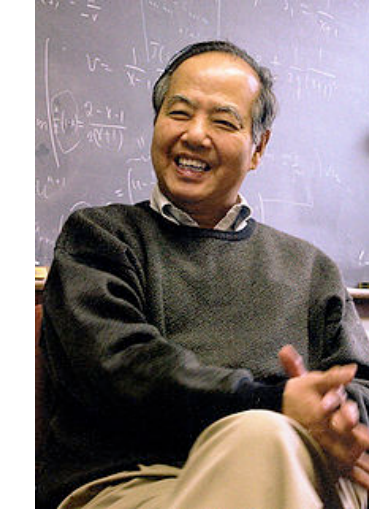
R. Hagedorn
CERN - Geneva

ABSTRACT

In this statistical-thermodynamical approach to strong interactions at high energies it is assumed that higher and higher resonances of strongly interacting particles occur and take part in the thermodynamics as if they were particles. For $m \rightarrow \infty$ these objects are themselves very similar to those which shall be described by this thermodynamics. Expressed in a slogan: "We describe by thermodynamics fire-balls which consist of fire-balls, which consist of fire-balls, which ...". This principle, which could be called "asymptotic bootstrap", leads to a self-consistency requirement for the asymptotic form of the mass spectrum. The equation following from this requirement has only a solution if the mass spectrum grows exponentially:

$$\rho(m) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{const.} \cdot m^{-5/2} \exp\left(\frac{m}{T_0}\right).$$

Lee-Wick abnormal matter (~1974)



SUPERDENSE MATTER: NEUTRONS OR ASYMPTOTICALLY FREE QUARKS?

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November 1974

ABSTRACT

We note the following: The quark model implies that superdense matter (found in neutron star cores, exploding black holes, and the early big-bang universe) consists of quarks rather than hadrons. Bjorken scaling implies the quarks interact weakly. An asymptotically free gauge theory allows realistic calculations taking full account of strong interactions.



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EXPONENTIAL HADRONIC SPECTRUM AND QUARK LIBERATION

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The exponentially increasing spectrum proposed by Hagedorn is not necessarily connected with a limiting temperature, but it is present in any system which undergoes a second order phase transition. We suggest that the "observed" exponential spectrum is connected to the existence of a different phase of the vacuum in which quarks are not confined.

It has been shown by Hagedorn [1,2] that the statistical bootstrap hypothesis leads to an exponentially increasing spectrum of hadronic states. As a consequence of this there is a critical temperature T_c which was interpreted as a limiting temperature, i.e. hadronic matter cannot exist for $T > T_c$.

In the present note we show that a bootstrap hypothesis similar to that formulated by Hagedorn is actually satisfied in any model where hadronic matter has a second order phase transition¹. This means that models which have Hagedorn-type exponential spectrum may either lead to a second order phase transition for hadronic matter, or to a limiting temperature. We will argue that the first alternative is re-

that the level density has to be defined in terms of the S -matrix. This has in fact been done by Dashen, Ma and Bernstein [6] we obtain

$$w(E) = \text{Tr} \left[S^4(E) \frac{\partial}{\partial E} S(E) \right] \cdot (4\pi)^{-1}. \quad (1)$$

In the narrow width limit $w(E)$ is simply connected to the density of resonant levels. The free energy density in the infinite volume limit, $F(\beta)$ can be written in terms of $w(E)$ as:

$$F(\beta) = \int dE w(E) \exp(-\beta E), \quad (2)$$

where $\beta = (kT)^{-1}$.

Expectation for a weakly interacting quasi-particle gas

70 - Matter in unusual conditions 70 a

Start from ordinary condensed matter with ~~chemical~~ equation of state controlled by ordinary chemical forces.

a) Increase pressure at $T < 1000$ until deg. electron energies exceeds 20 eV —

Condition $\bar{w} = \frac{3}{40} \left(\frac{6}{\pi} \right)^{2/3} \frac{h^2 m^{2/3}}{2^{2/3} m} \rho = \frac{2}{3} \bar{w} m$

$\bar{w} = 3.6 \times 10^{-27} m^{2/3} = 3.2 \times 10^{-11}$

$n \approx 10^{24} \rho \quad \rho = \frac{2}{3} 3.2 \times 10^{-11} \times 10^{24} \approx 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ at}$

As pressure increases beyond this point $\approx 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ at}$

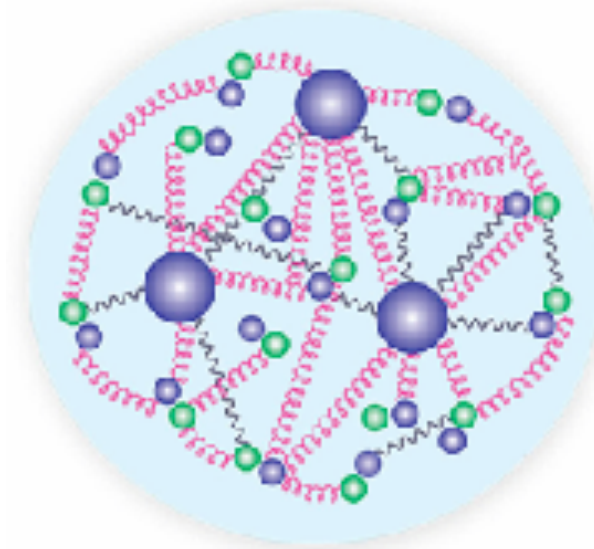
$\rho = 3.6 \times 10^{-27} m^{2/3} \quad n \times \frac{2}{3} = 2.4 \times 10^{-27} m^{5/3}$

$n = 6 \times 10^{23} \frac{\rho}{A} \quad \rho = 10^{13.01} \left(\frac{\rho Z}{A} \right)^{5/3} \approx 3.2 \times 10^{12} \rho^{5/3}$

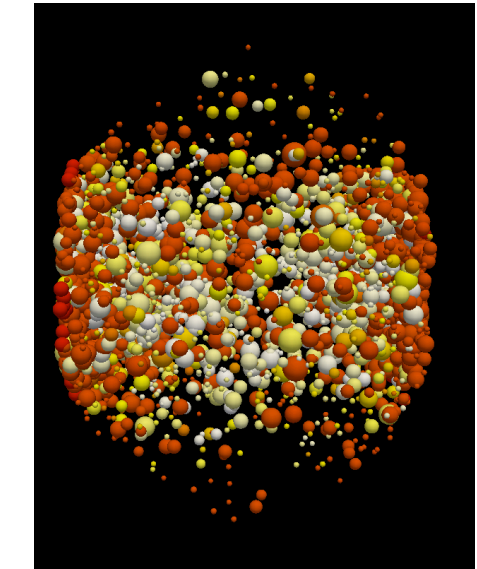



THE QUARK-GLUON PLASMA (QGP)

Nuclear matter



Quark Gluon Plasma





Shuryak

Quark Gluon Plasma - QGP (1978)

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QUARK-GLUON PLASMA AND HADRONIC PRODUCTION OF LEPTONS, PHOTONS AND PIONS

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QCD calculations of the production rate in a quark-gluon plasma and account of the space-time picture of hadronic collisions lead to estimates of the dilepton mass spectrum, p_T distributions of e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$, γ , π^0 , production cross sections of charm and pions.

Hadronic reactions, taking place at small and large distances, are treated on quite different theoretical grounds. While the former are well described by the parton model based on asymptotic freedom of QCD, the latter are still discussed in more phenomenological way. I should like to argue in this paper, that a very important intermediate region exists, namely reactions taking place far from the collision point and not obeying the parton model, but at the same time treatable by perturbative QCD methods. This region corresponds to production of particles with mass M or transverse momentum p_T such that $1 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M, p_T \ll \sqrt{s}$ ($\lesssim 4-5 \text{ GeV}$ at ISR energies).

The best known example is dilepton production ($\mu^+\mu^-$, e^+e^-), in which deviations from the Drell-Yan model [1] for dilepton mass $M \lesssim 5 \text{ GeV}$ reach a factor 10^1-10^2 . Bjorken and Weisberg [2] proposed a qualitative explanation for it: such pairs are produced at later stages of the collision, when antiquarks are more numerous and can interact repeatedly. Much earlier, Feinberg [3] ascribed them to the charge-current fluctuations in the hydrodynamical model [4] and also stressed the importance of the space-time aspect of the problem.

We assume that in hadronic collisions after some time a local [7] thermal equilibrium is established in the sense that all properties are determined by a single parameter, the temperature T , depending on time and coordinates. The schematic space-time picture of the collisions is shown in fig. 1. We are interested in the final state interaction region, limited by two lines: $T(x, t) = T_i$, the initial temperature at which the thermodynamical description becomes reasonable, and $T(x, t) = T_f \sim m_{\pi^0}$, where the system breaks into secondaries [4,7]. The medium is assumed to be the quark-gluon

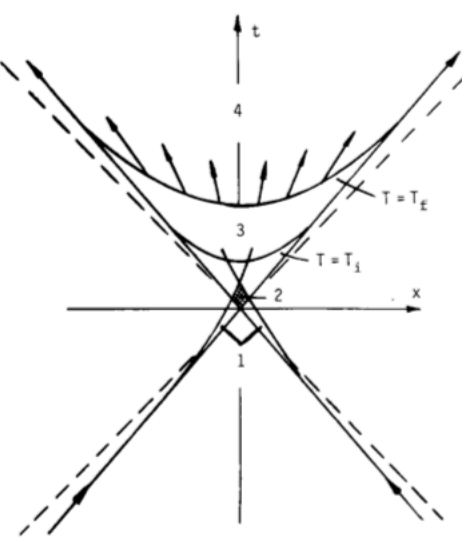
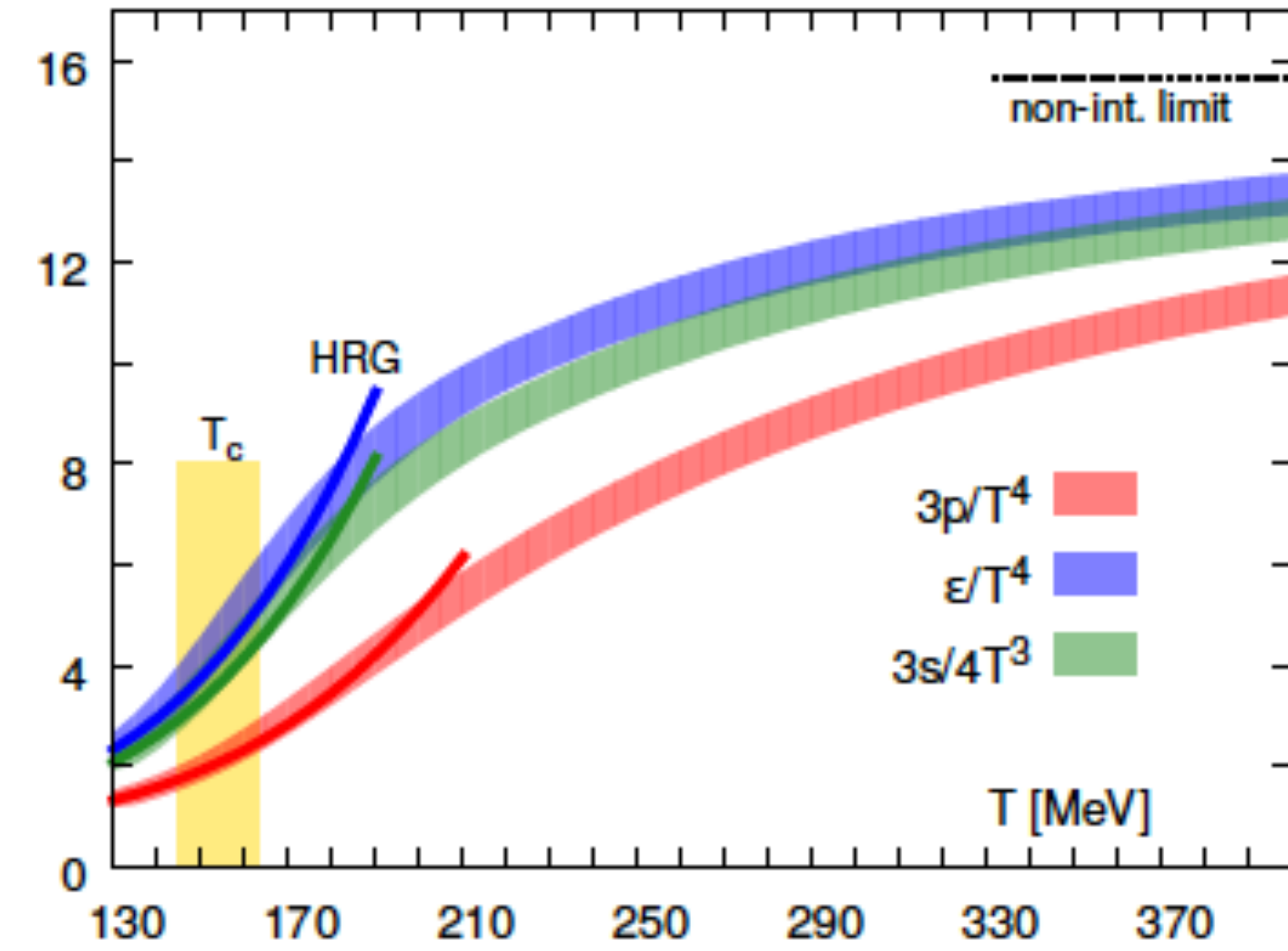


Fig. 1. The space-time picture of hadronic collisions, proceeding through the following stages: (1) structure function formation; (2) hard collisions; (3) final state interaction; (4) free secondaries.

HotQCD Collaboration:
Phys.Rev. **D90**, (2014) 094503



Phase transition beyond a critical temperature (~155 MeV) and energy density (~0.5 GeV/fm³)



STUDYING QCD MATTER AT EXTREME CONDITIONS

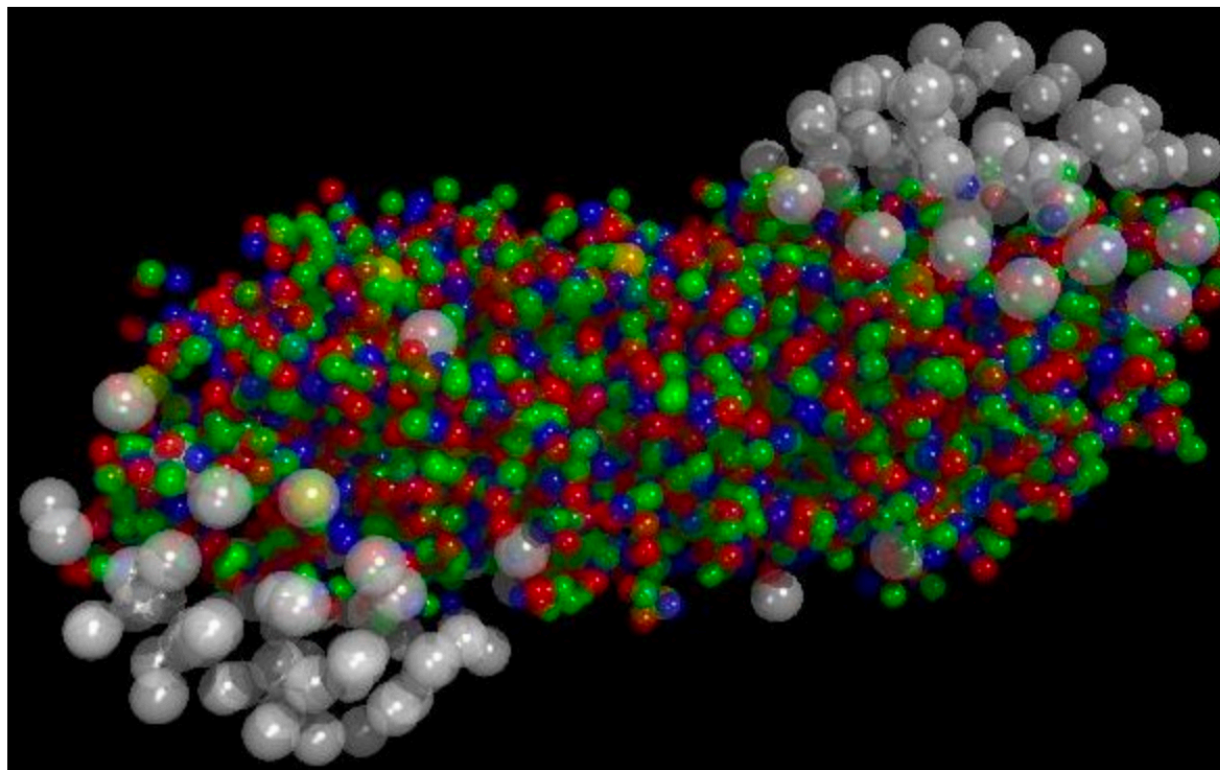
Series of experiments at:

- Bevalac (HI between 1980-1993)
- AGS (Si/Au beams ~1986-1994)
- SPS (S/Pb beams ~1987-Today)
- RHIC (Au beams, 2000-Today)
- LHC (Pb beams, 2010-Today)

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

New State of Matter created at CERN

10 Feb 2000



Geneva, 10 February 2000. At a special seminar on 10 February, spokespersons from the experiments on CERN¹'s Heavy Ion programme presented compelling evidence for the existence of a new state of matter in which quarks, instead of being bound up into more complex particles such as protons and neutrons, are liberated to roam freely.

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.

Quark, Proton, Jet of particles, Quark-gluon medium

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.

Fragment of gold nucleus, Elliptical quark-gluon medium

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

The birth of the perfect fluid paradigm



ANISOTROPIC FLOW

Anisotropies in coordinate space

- Initial geometry and its fluctuations

Transferred to anisotropies in momentum space

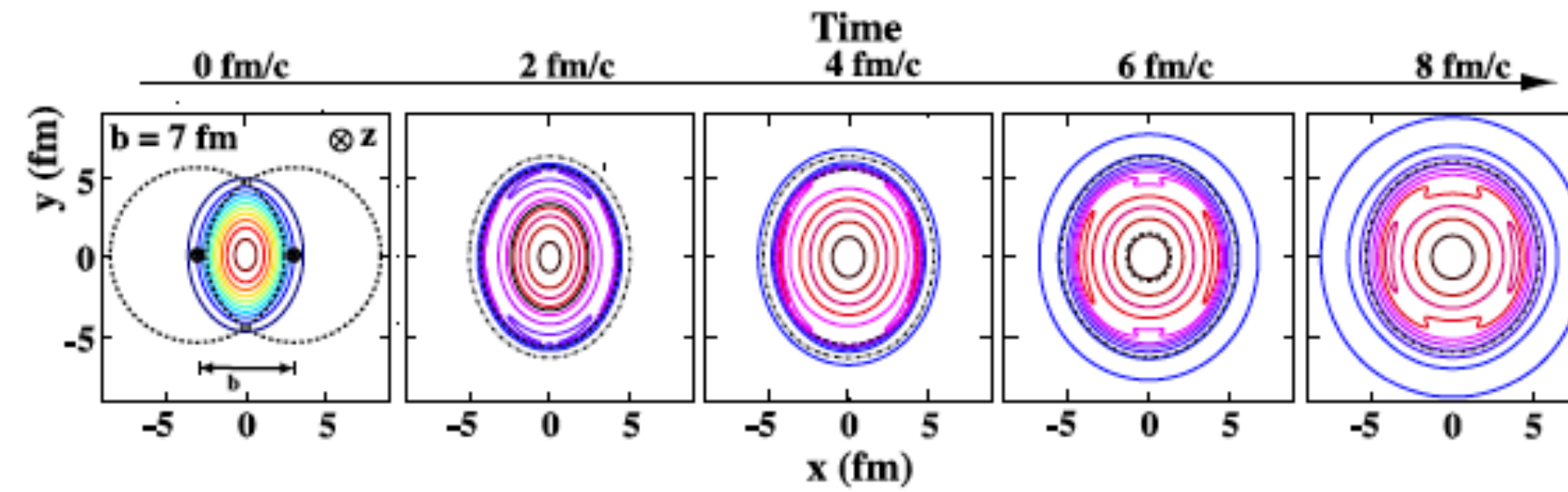
Quantified by Fourier coefficients v_n

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

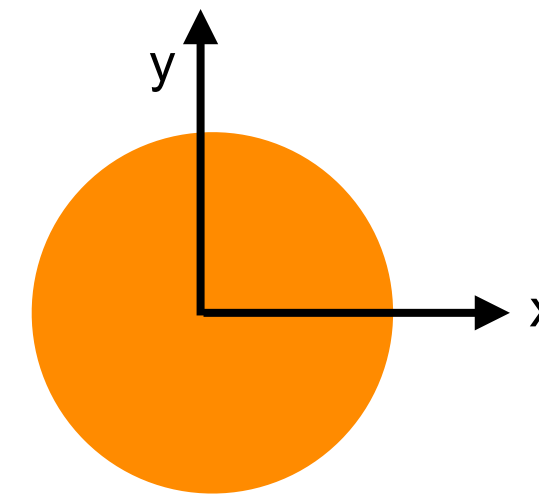
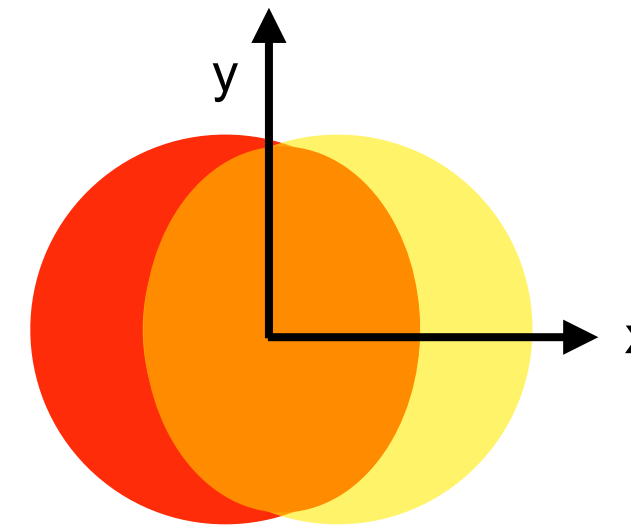
$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$

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

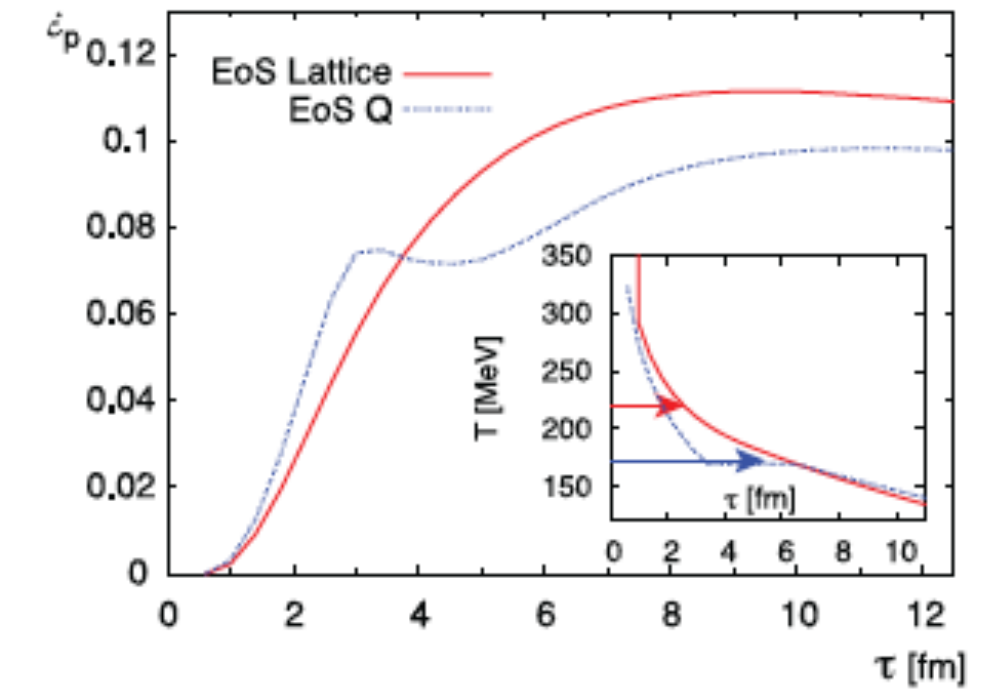
Coordinate space: eccentricities



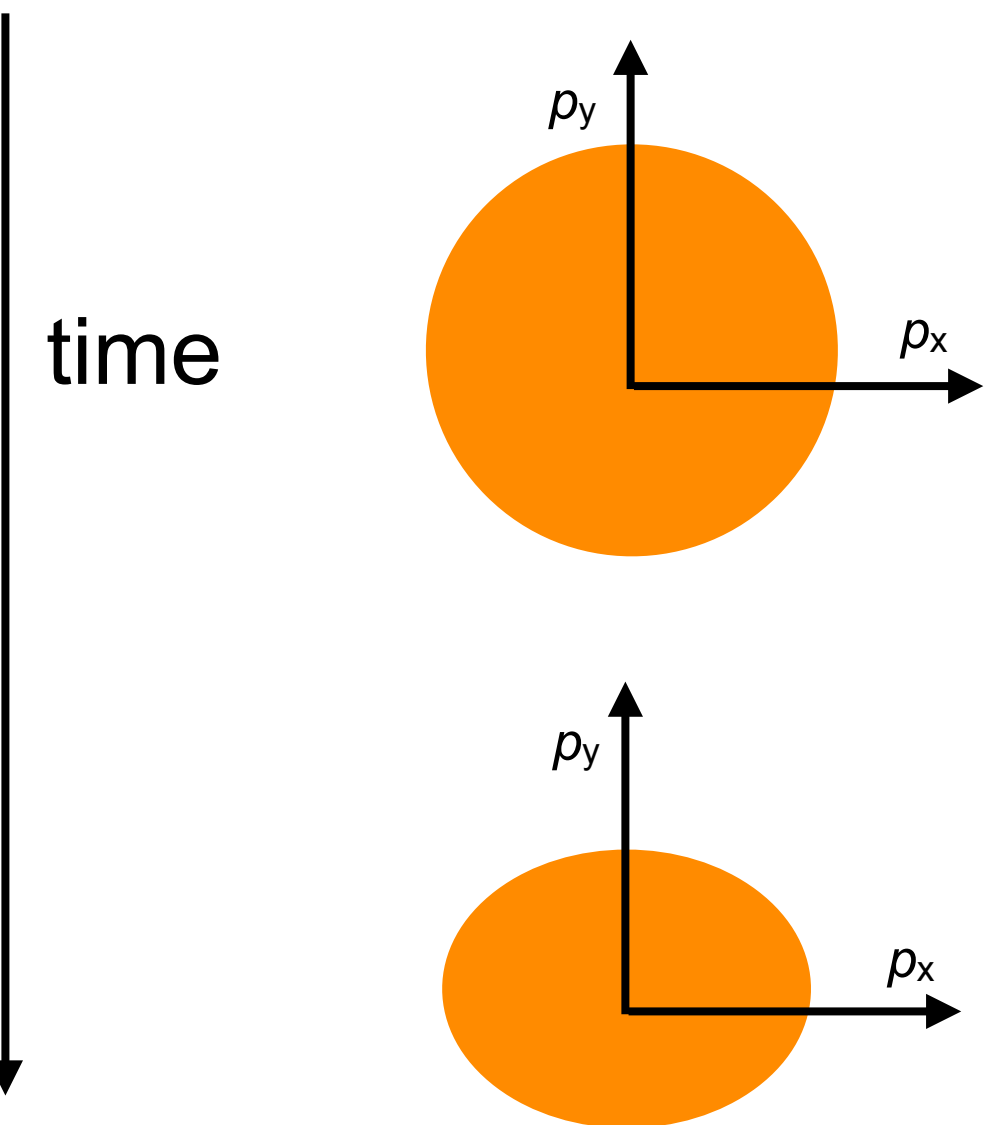
$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$



Momentum space: flow harmonics



$$\epsilon_P = \frac{\langle T_{xx} - T_{yy} \rangle}{\langle T_{xx} + T_{yy} \rangle}$$



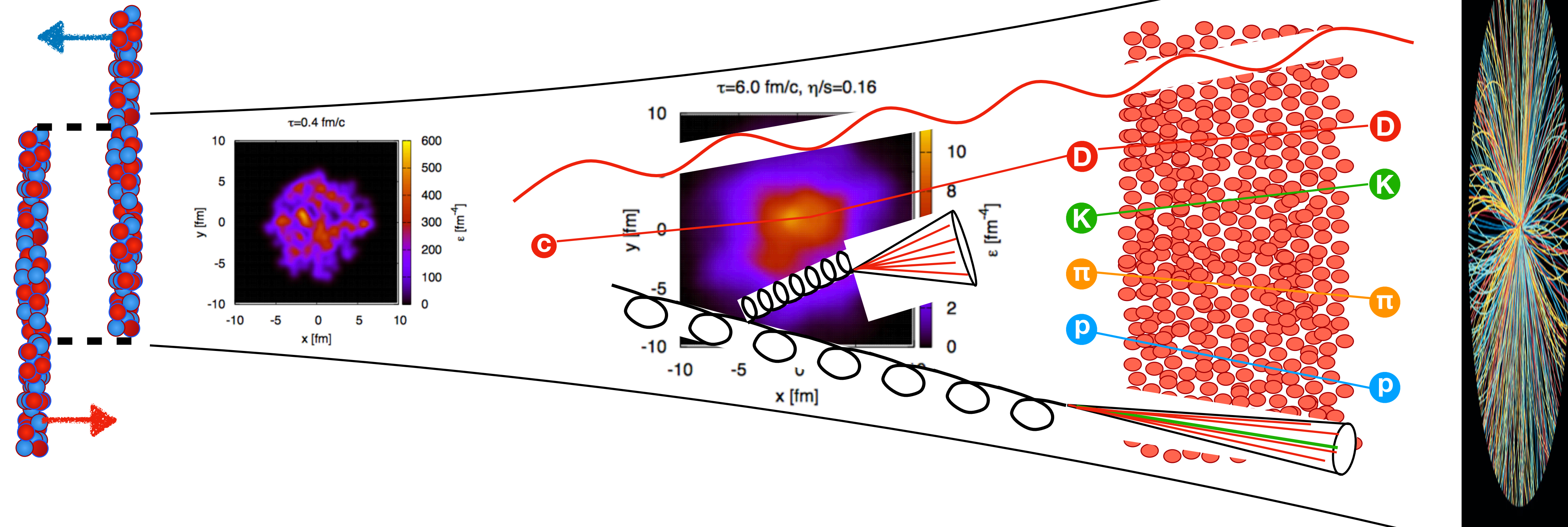
PROBING DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE EVOLUTION

Initial stage

QGP evolution

Hadronic gas

Detector



$t = 0 \text{ fm/c}$

$t < 1 \text{ fm/c}$

$t \sim 10 \text{ fm/c}$

Pre-equilibrium

Viscous hydrodynamics

Hadronic rescattering

Free streaming

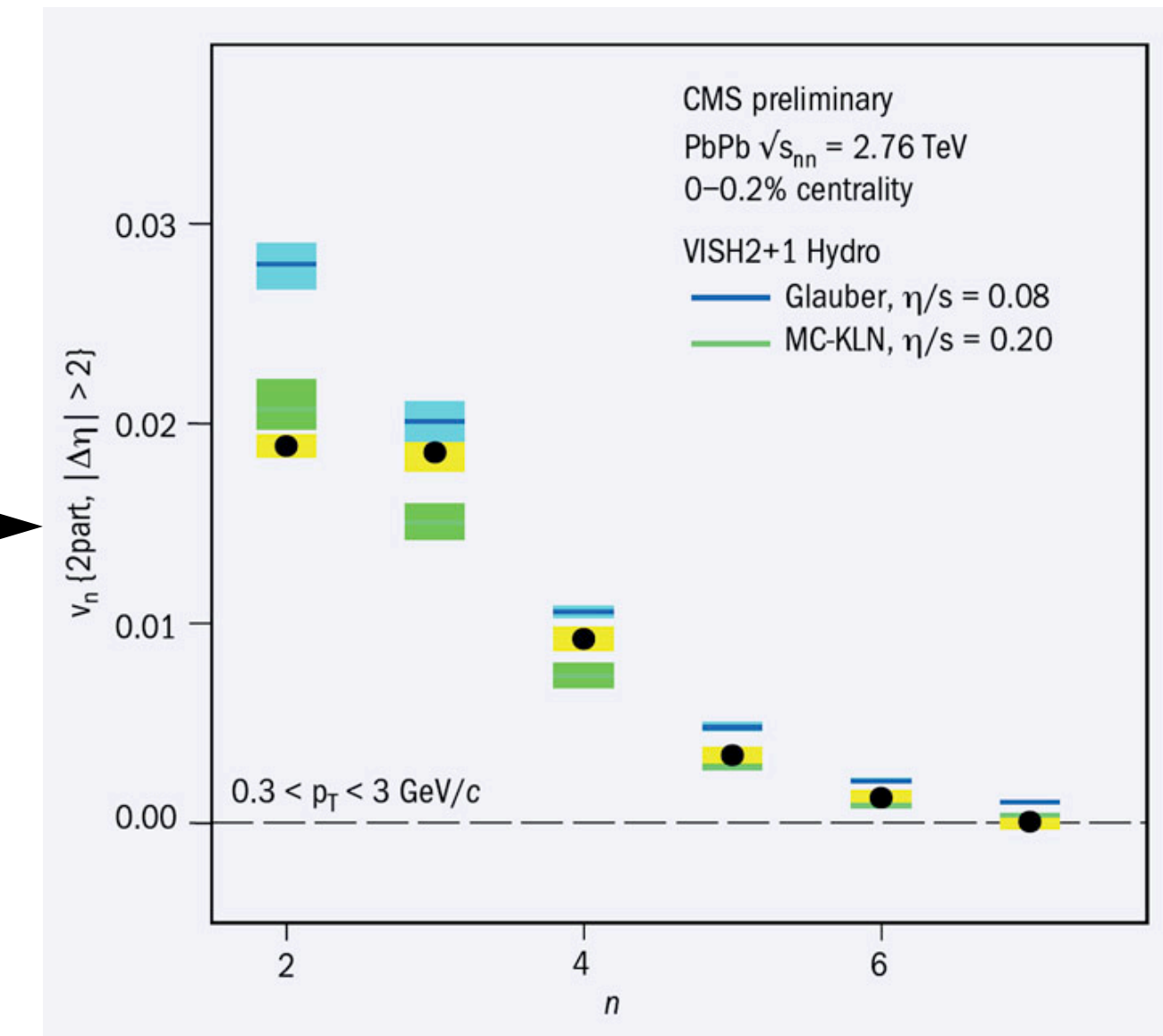
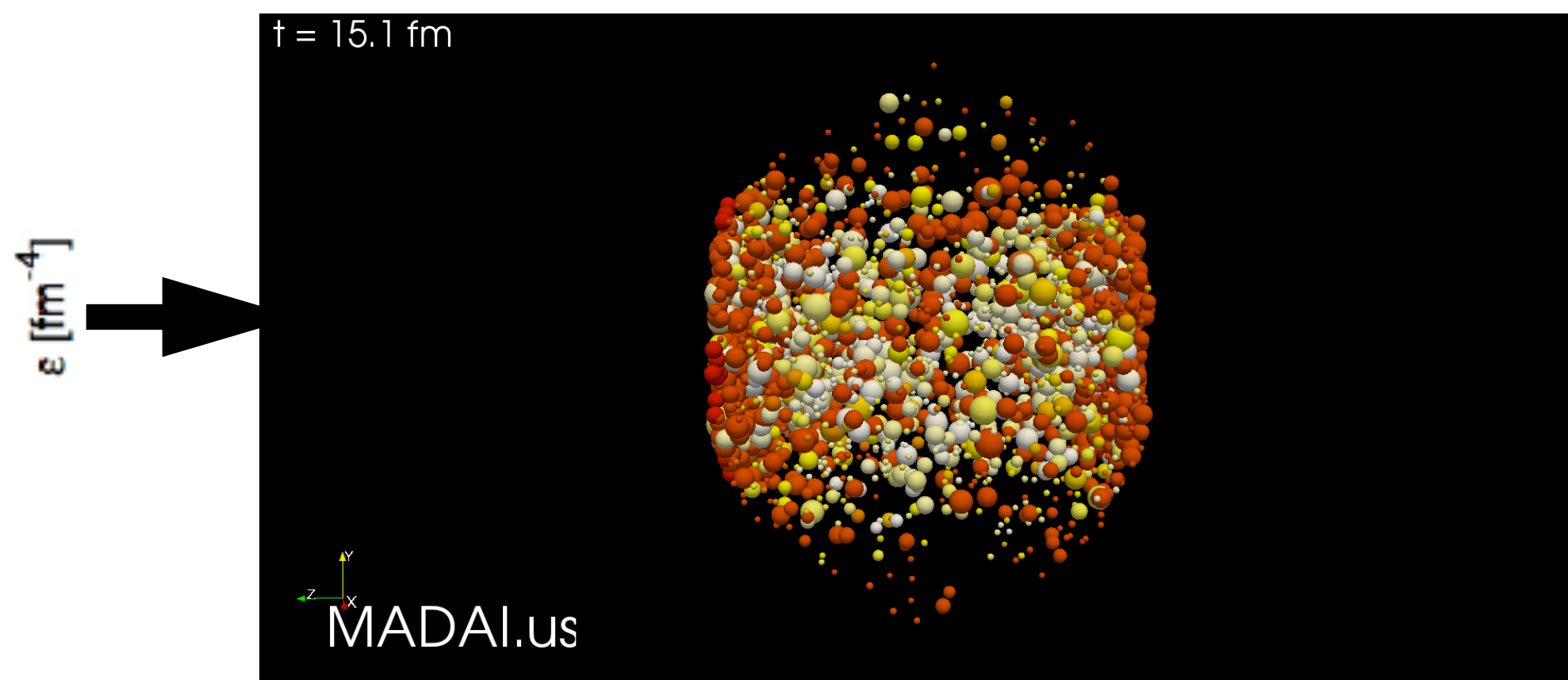
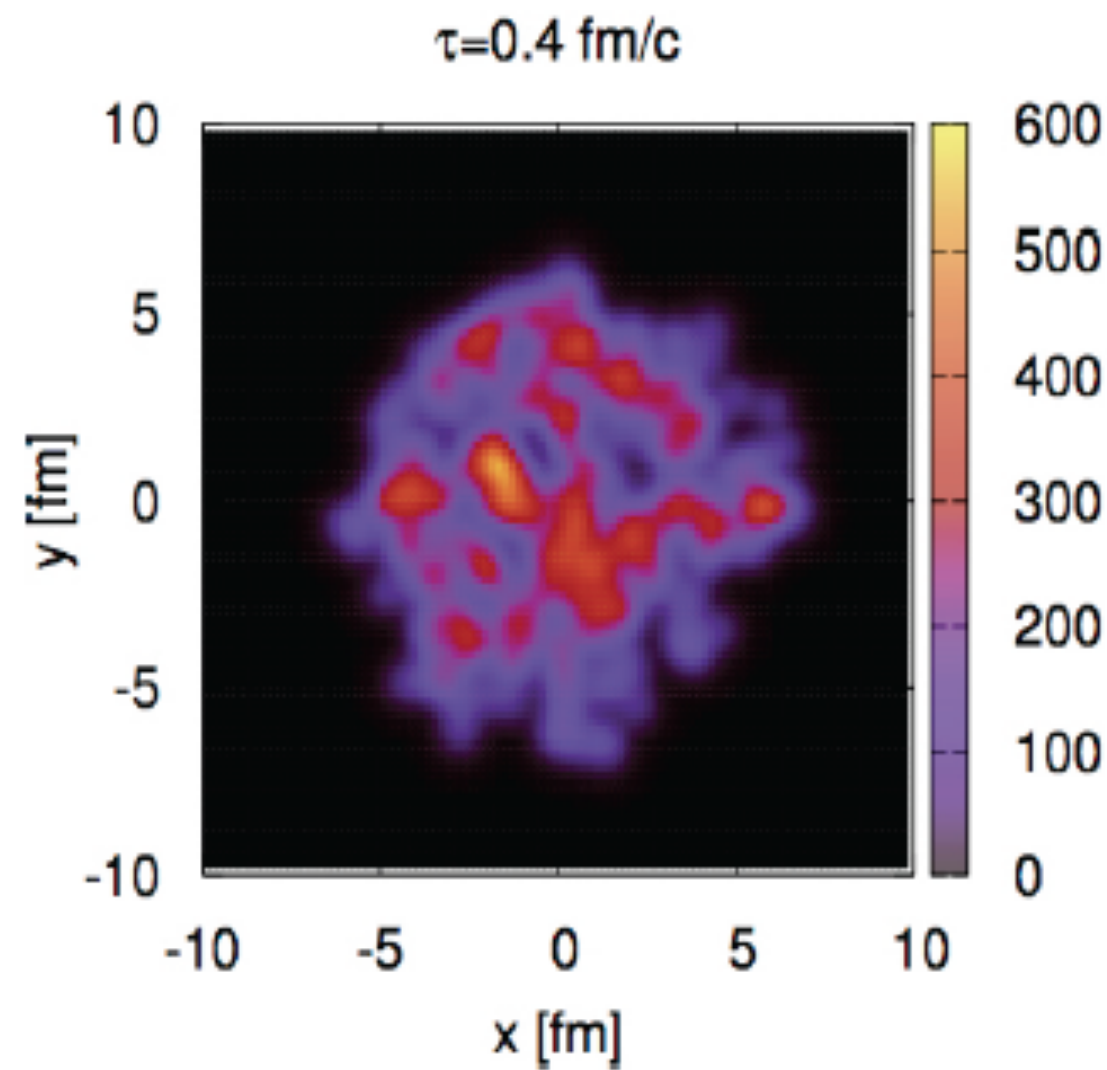


PROBING THE INITIAL STATE

Initial state fluctuations

transferred via the low viscosity QGP

into final state correlations (higher, odd harmonics)

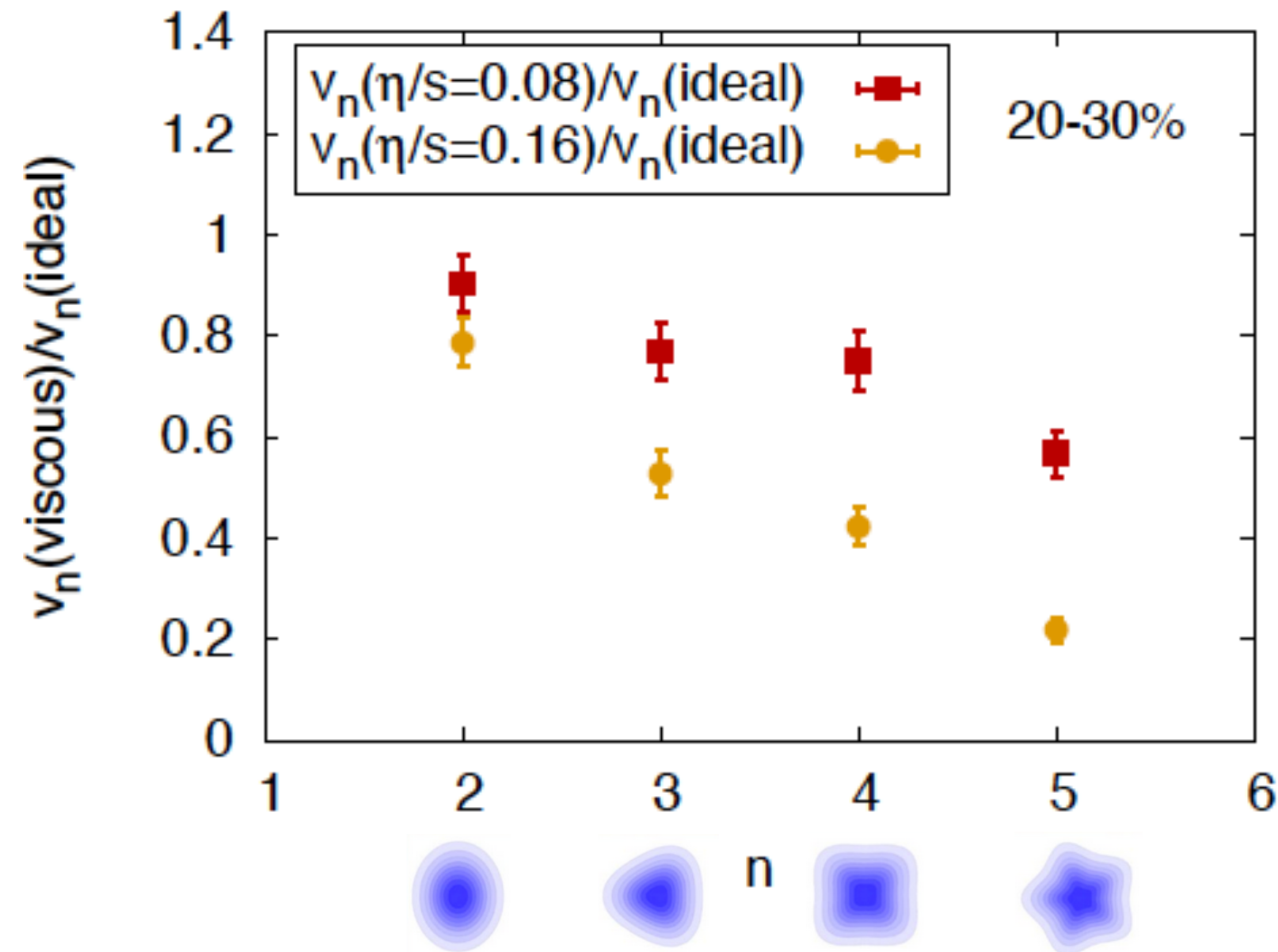


Higher anisotropic flow harmonics represent modulations in smaller spatial scales

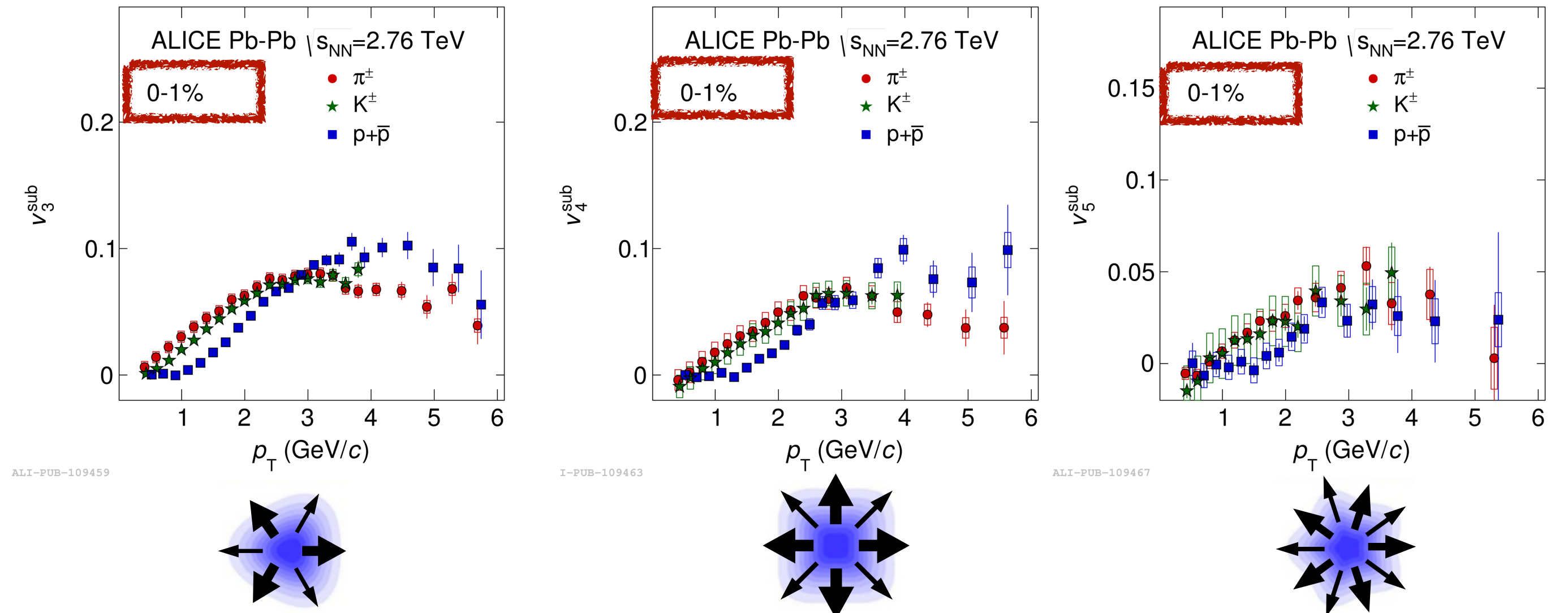
- Unique tool to constrain the IS

PROBING THE QGP TRANSPORT COEFFICIENTS

B. Schenke *et al.*, Phys.Rev. **C85** (2012) 024901



B. Abelev *et al.* (ALICE Collaboration), JHEP **09** (2016) 164

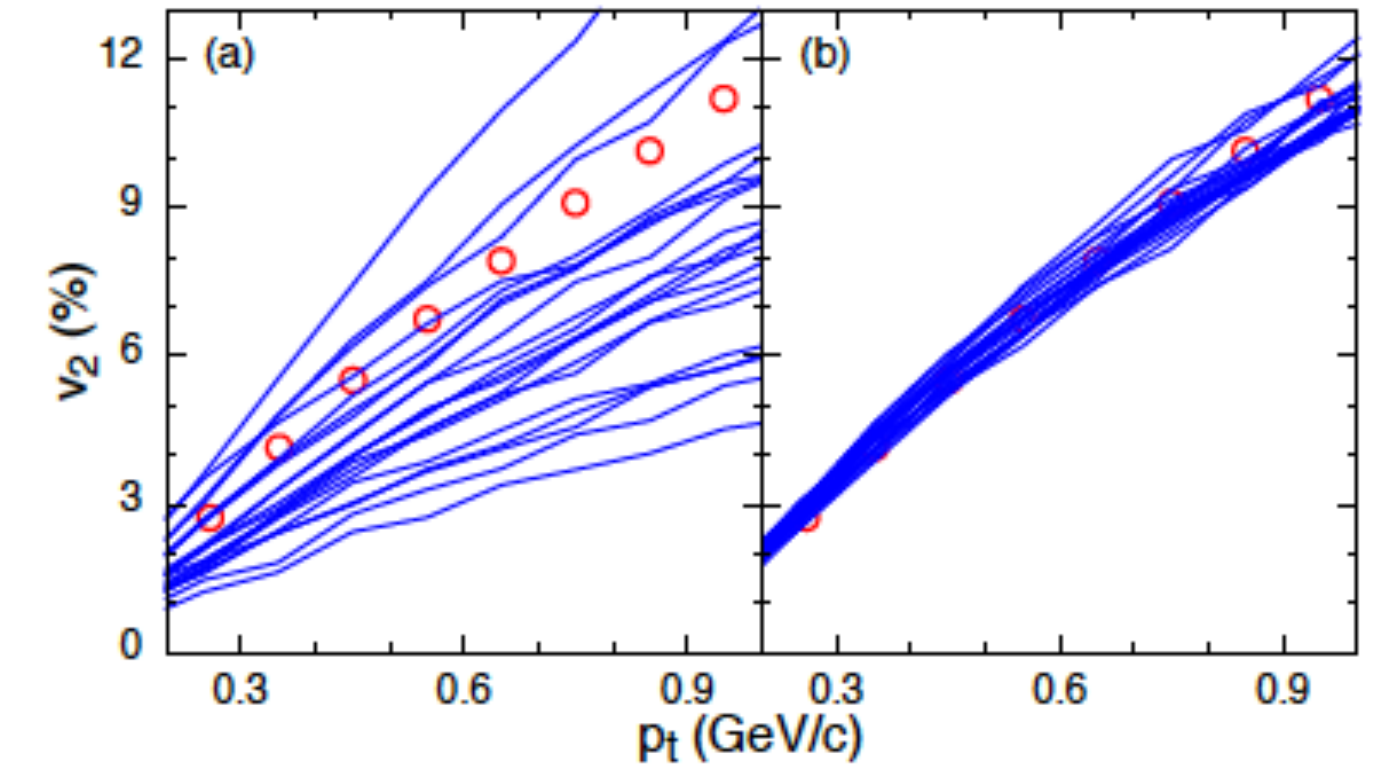
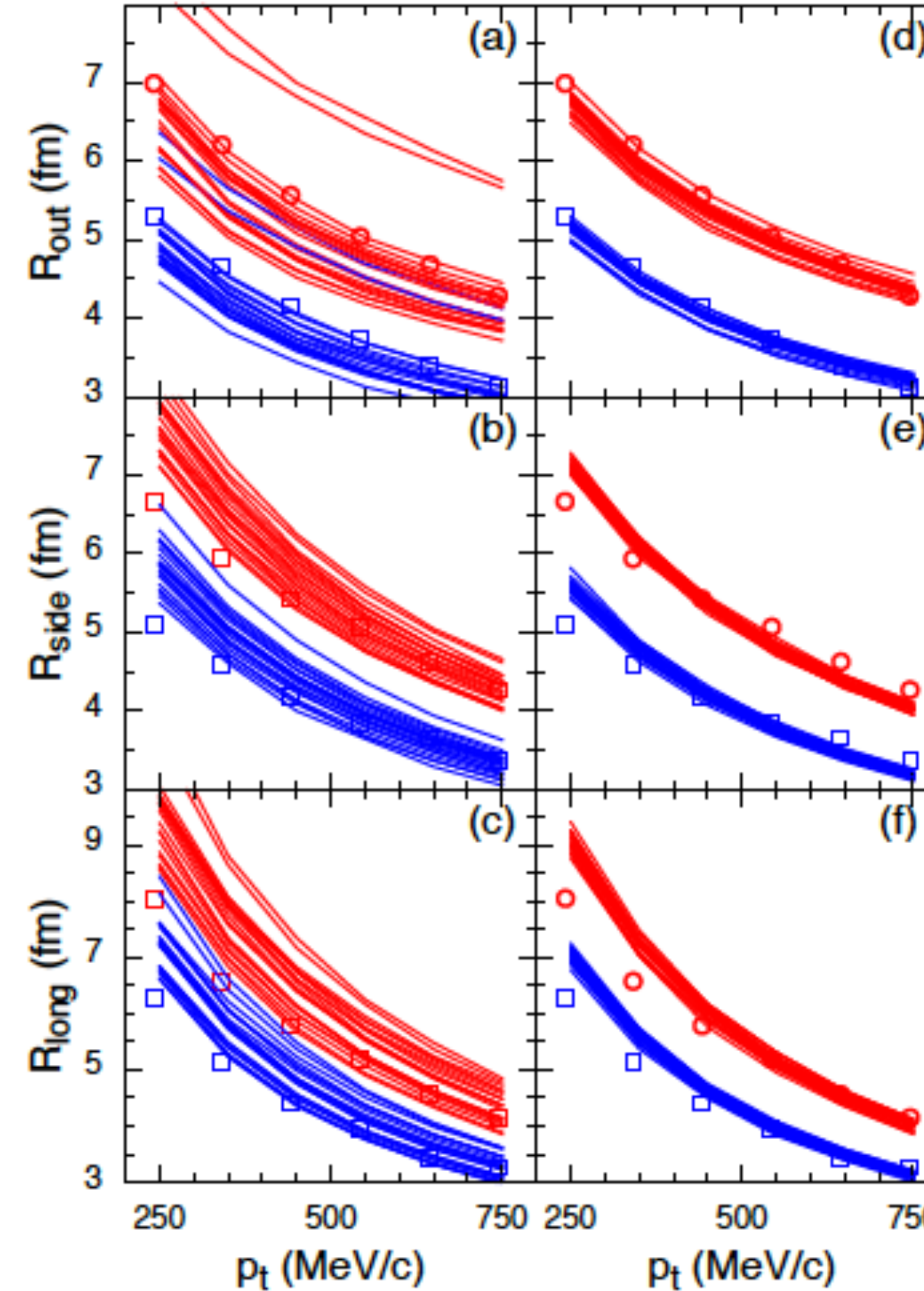
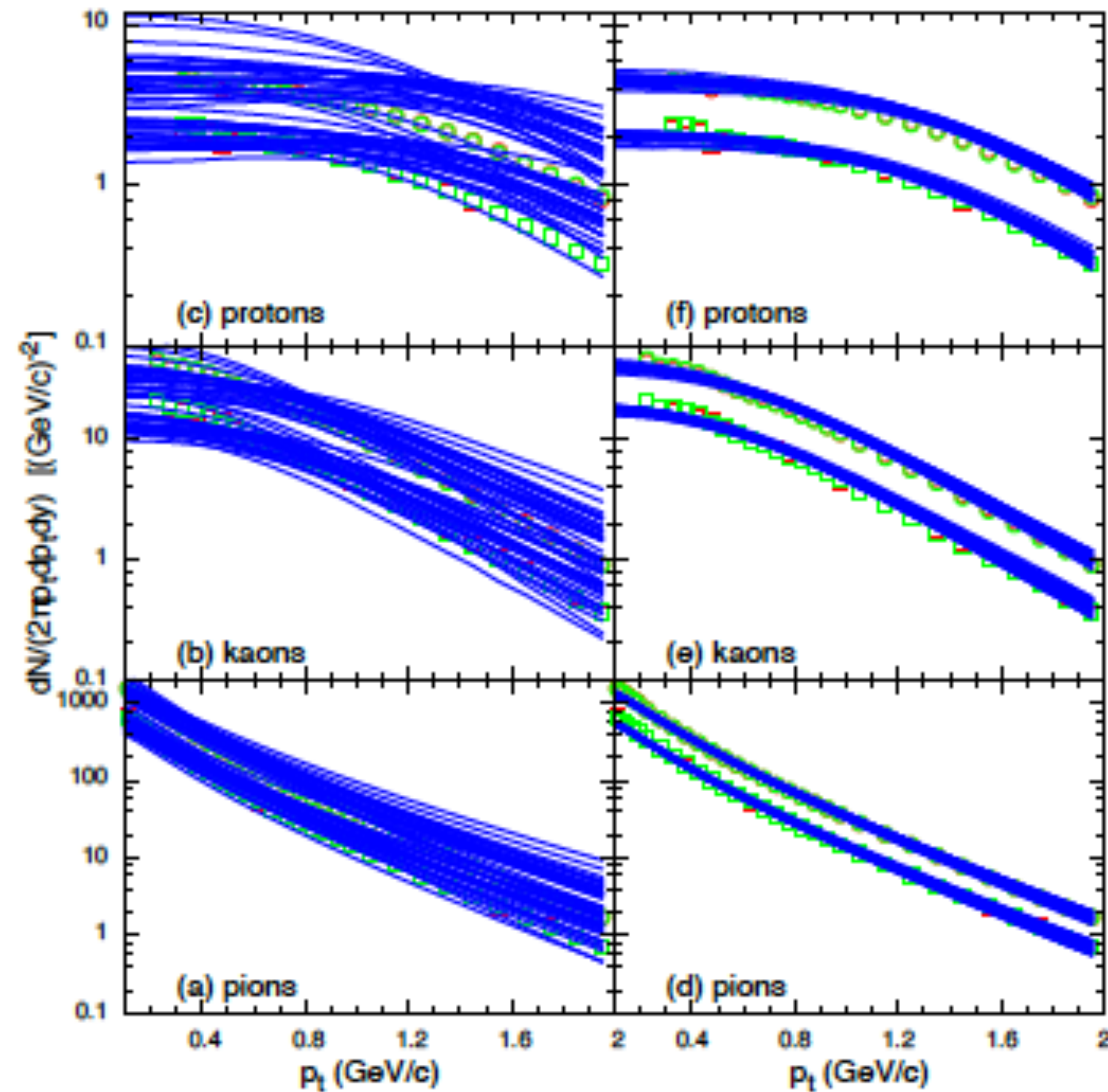


Higher anisotropic flow harmonics represent modulations in smaller spatial scales

- Unique tool to constrain the IS
- More sensitive probes of the QGP transport properties

EOS CONSTRAINS

S.Pratt *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**, (2015) 202301



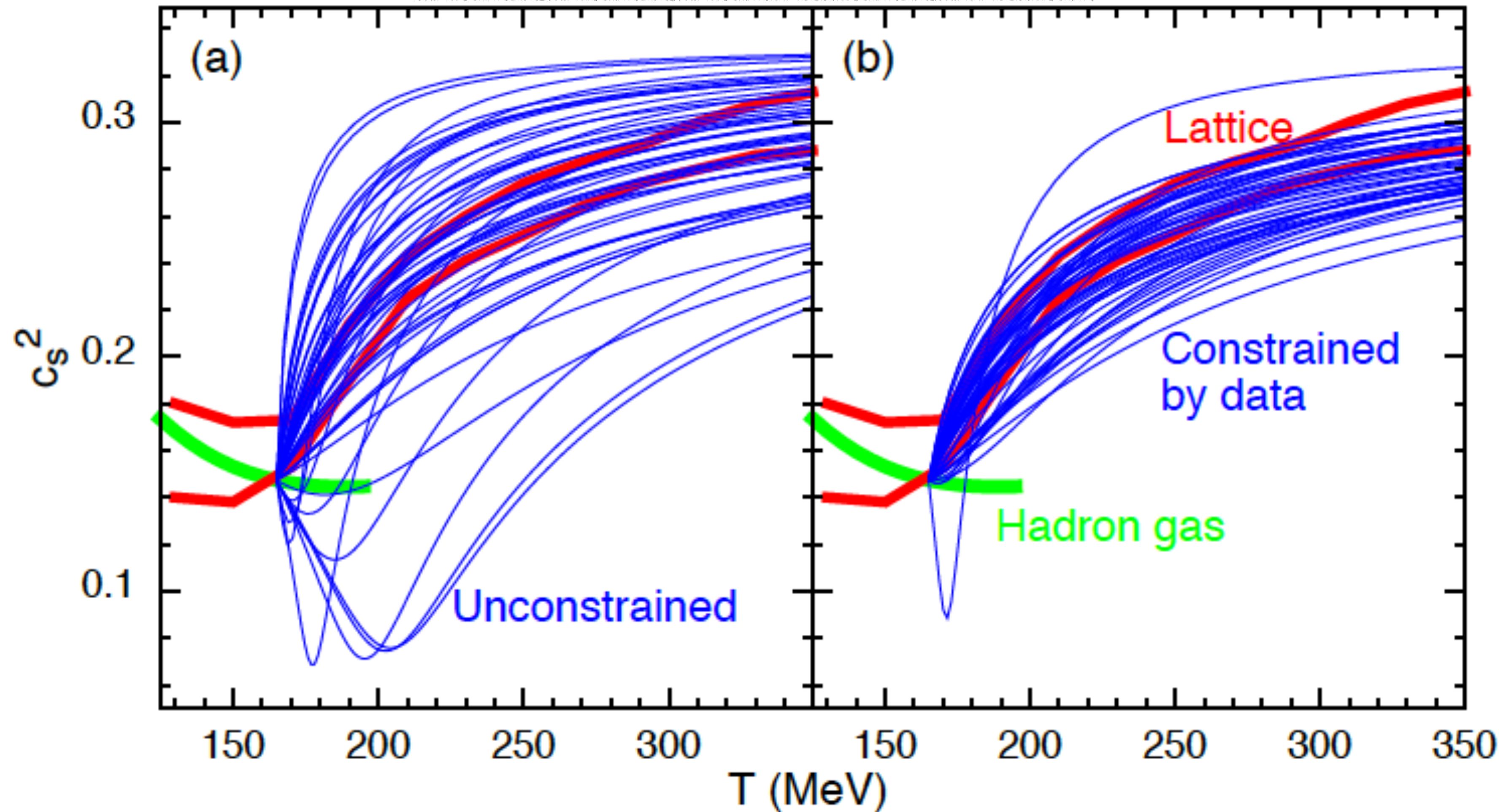
One of the first attempts for a global fit on data

- Spectra
- HBT radii
- $v_2(p_T)$

EOS CONSTRAINS

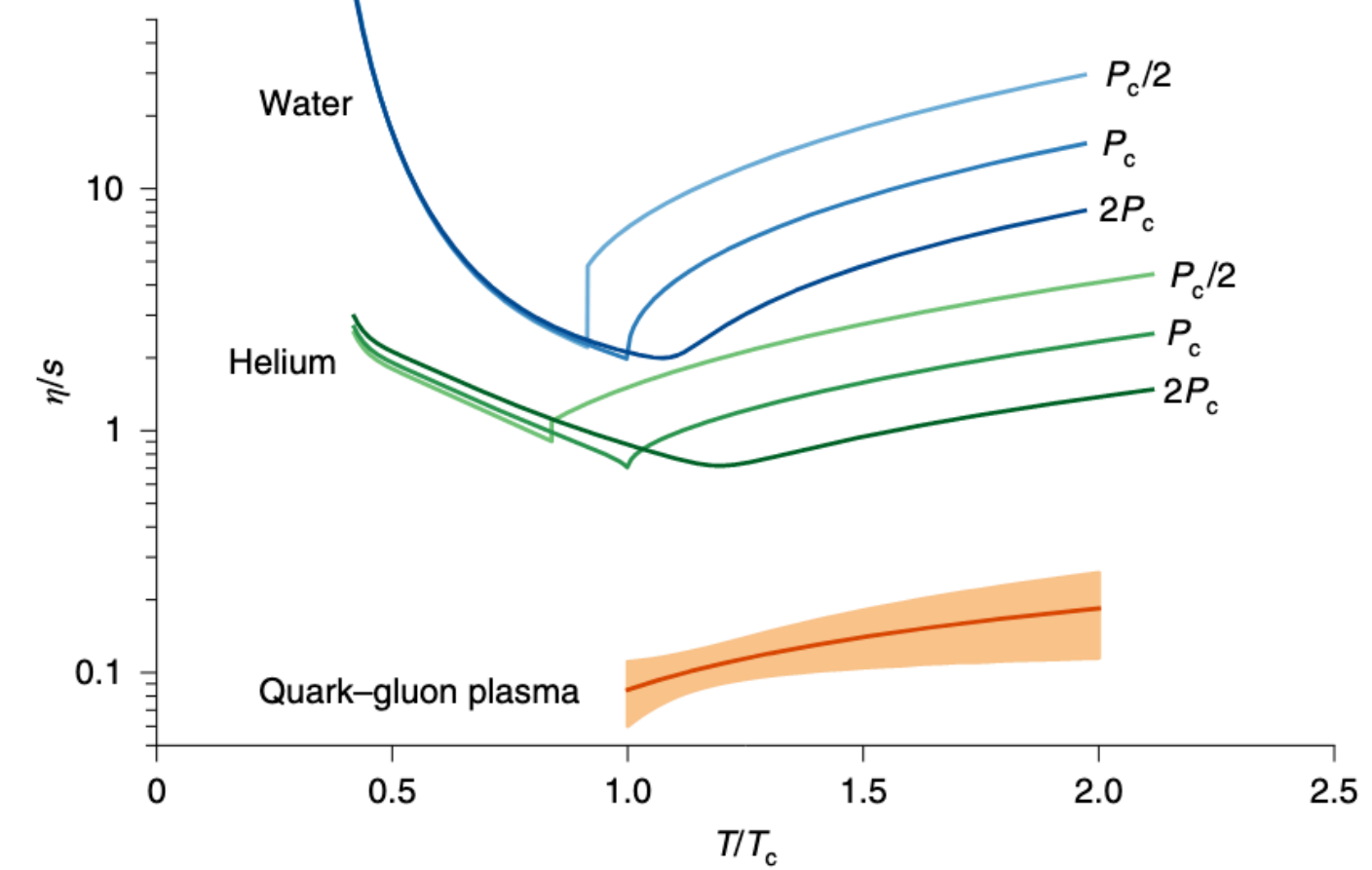
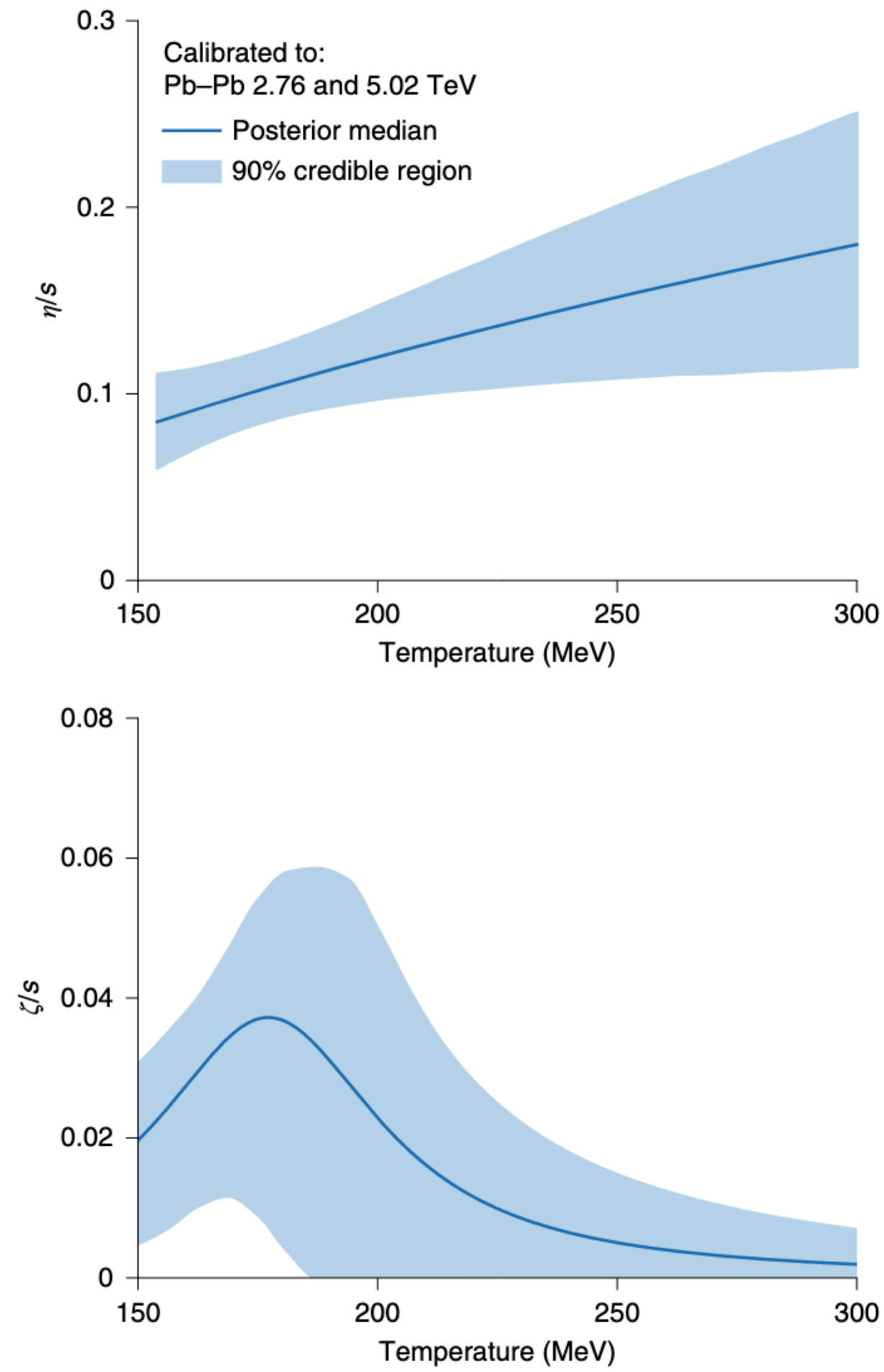
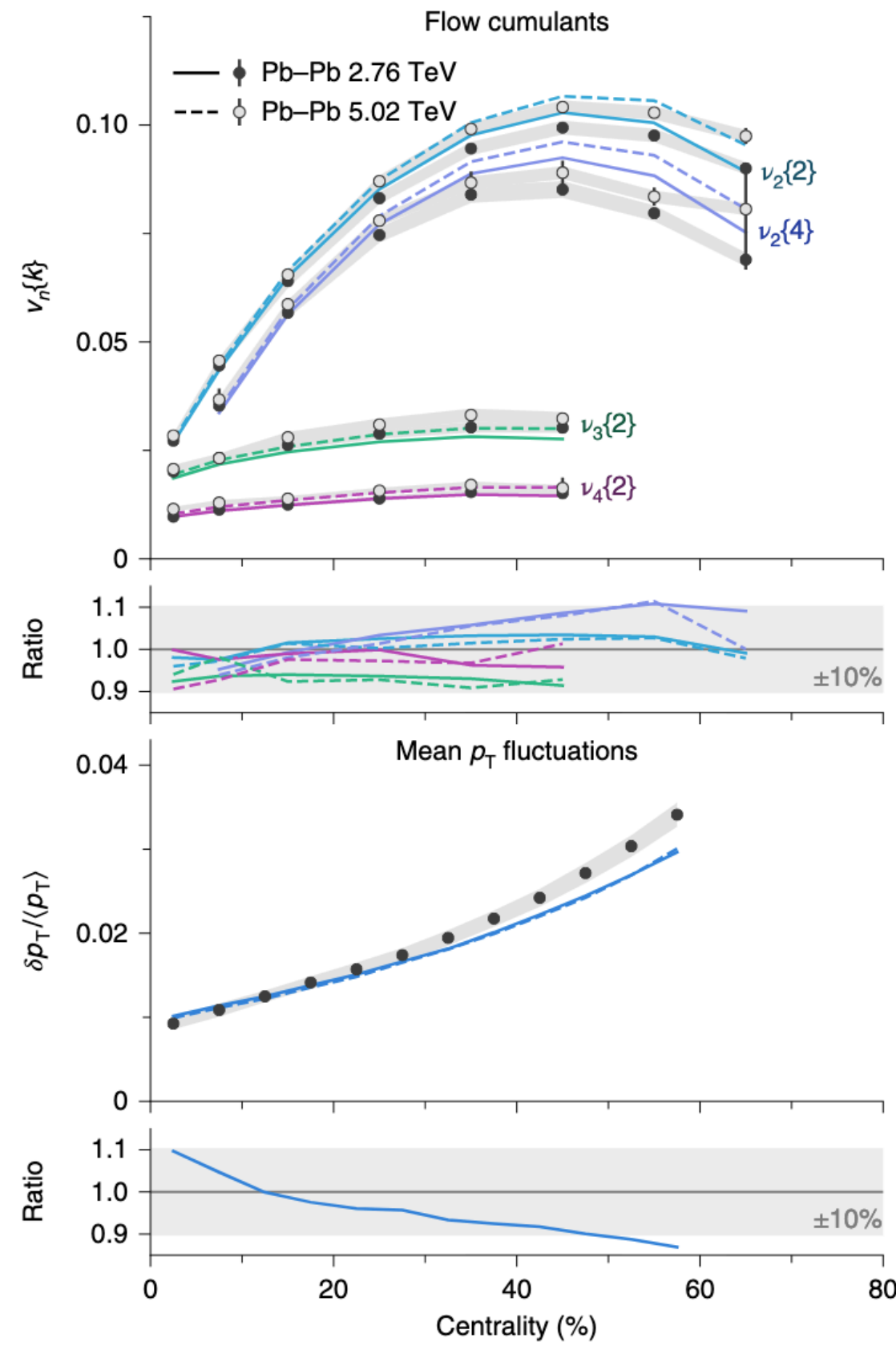
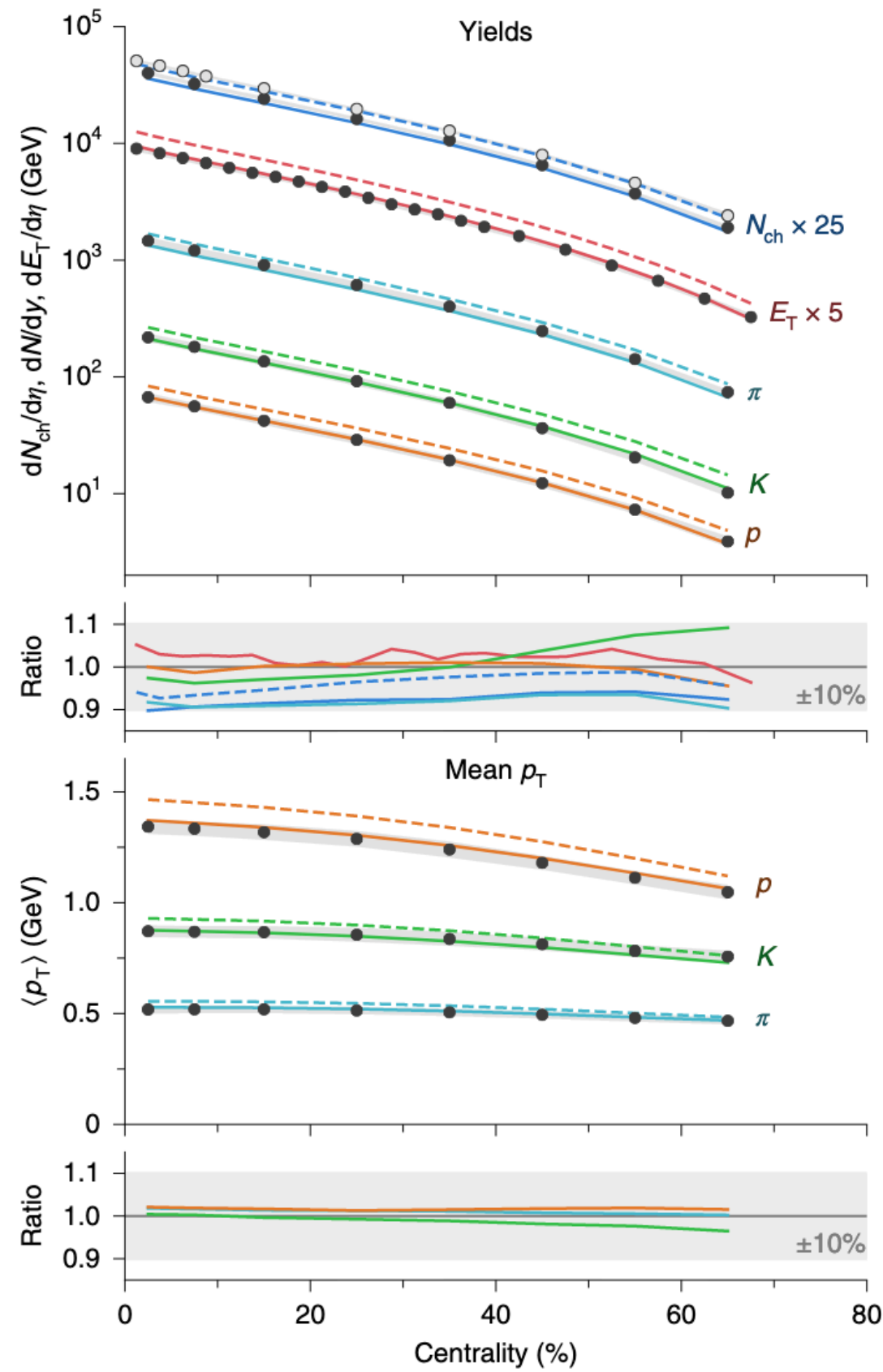
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$$c_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \epsilon}$$



TRANSPORT PROPERTIES CONSTRAINS @ LHC

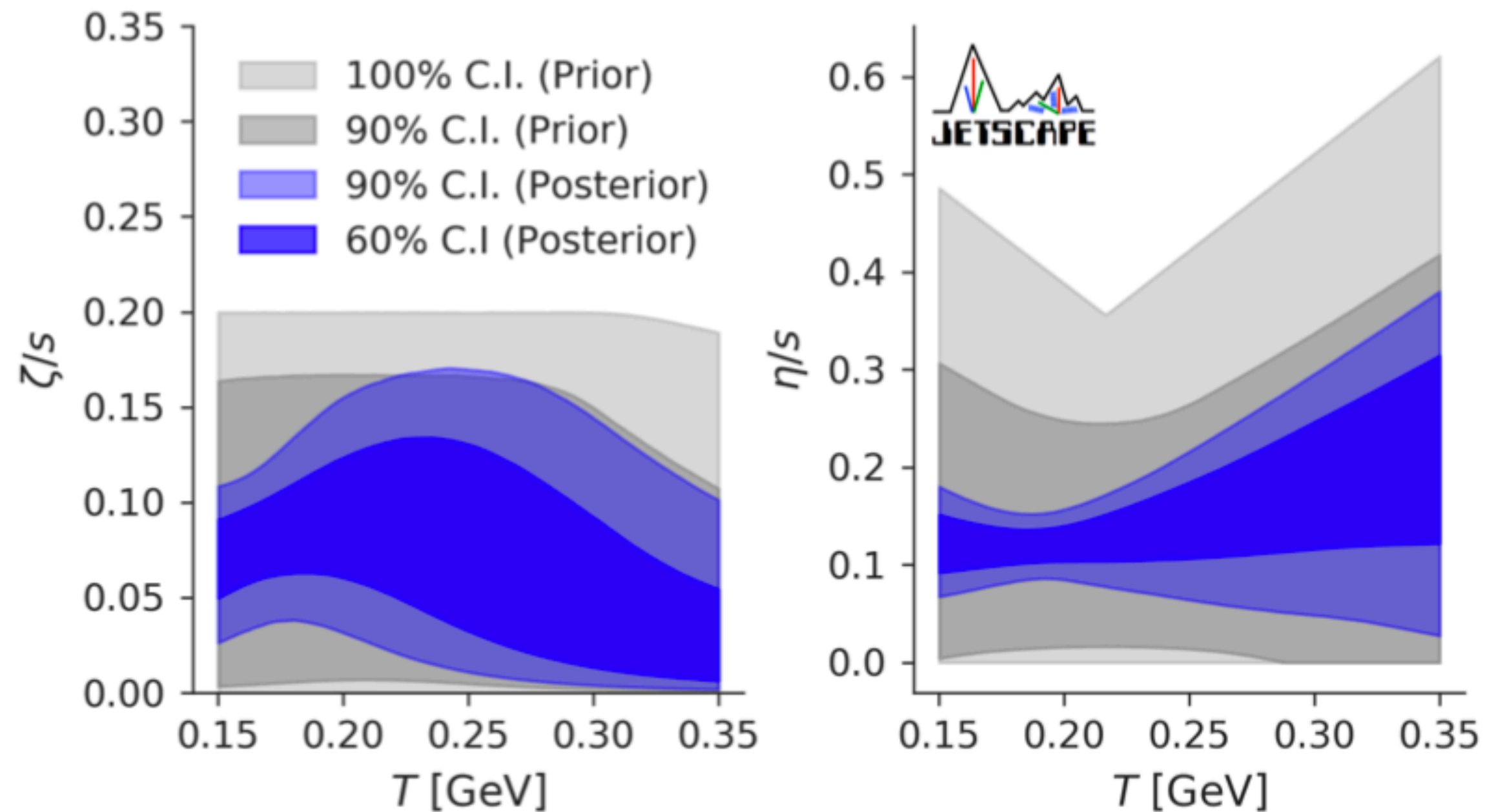
J. E. Bernhard *et al.*, Nature Phys. 15, 214 (2019)



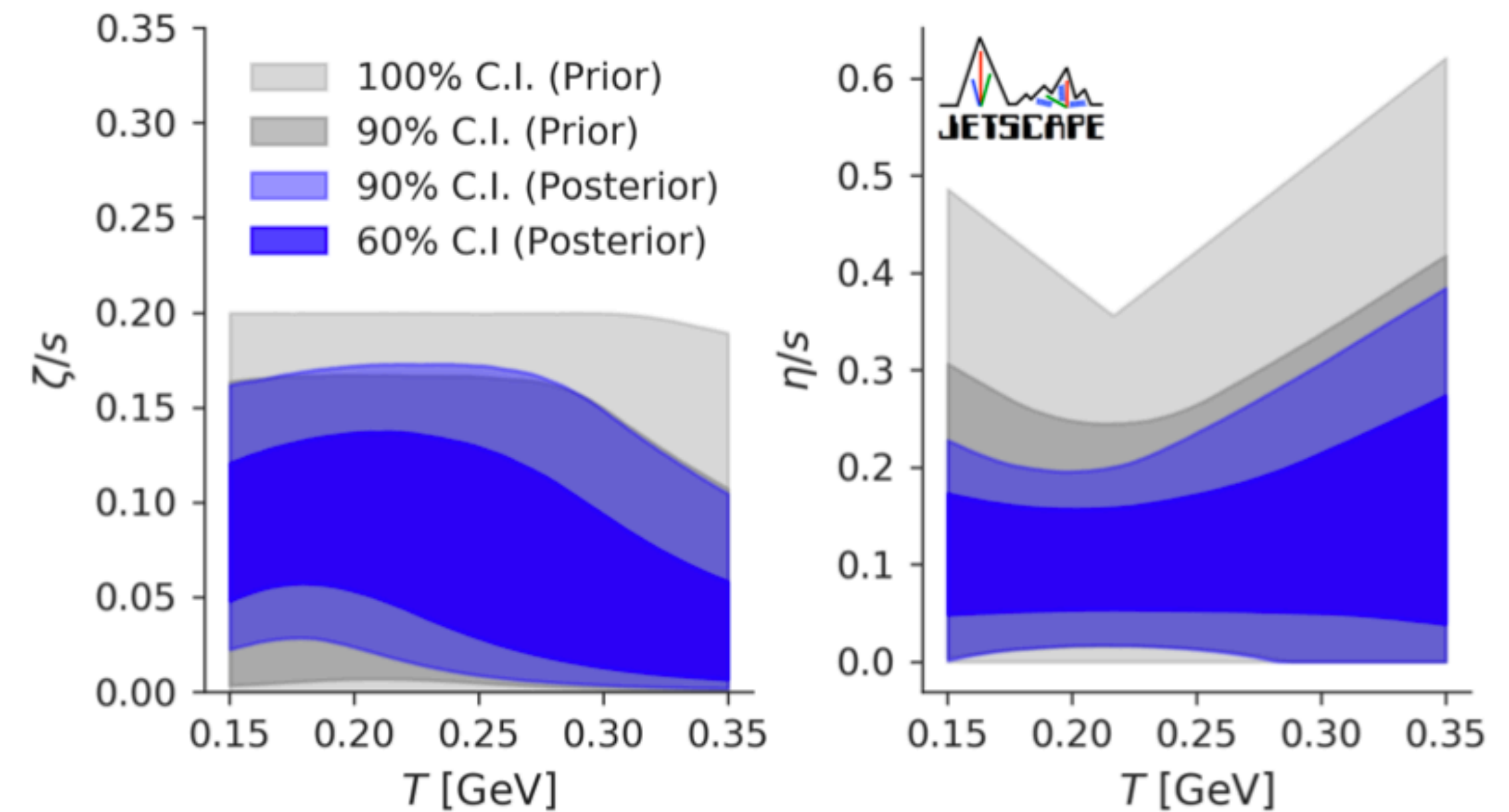
TRANSPORT PROPERTIES CONSTRAINS @ RHIC

(JETSCAPE Collaboration) Phys. Rev. C 103, 054904 (2021)

Posterior from LHC data



Posterior from RHIC data

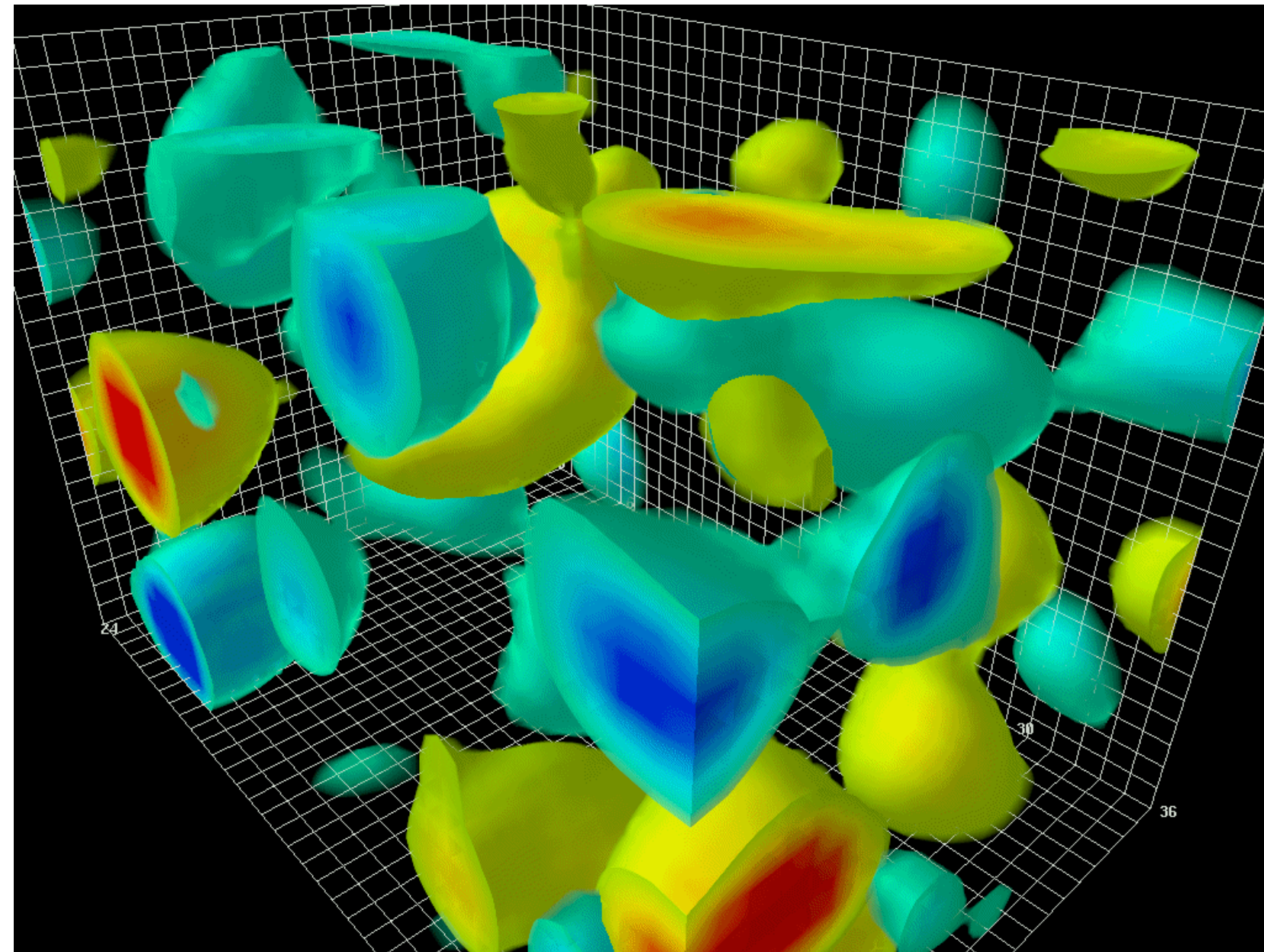


Coherent physics description of experimental data at various energies from a single model with a common set of parameters (except the initial energy density)

SEARCH FOR NOVEL QCD PHENOMENA...

Ingredients

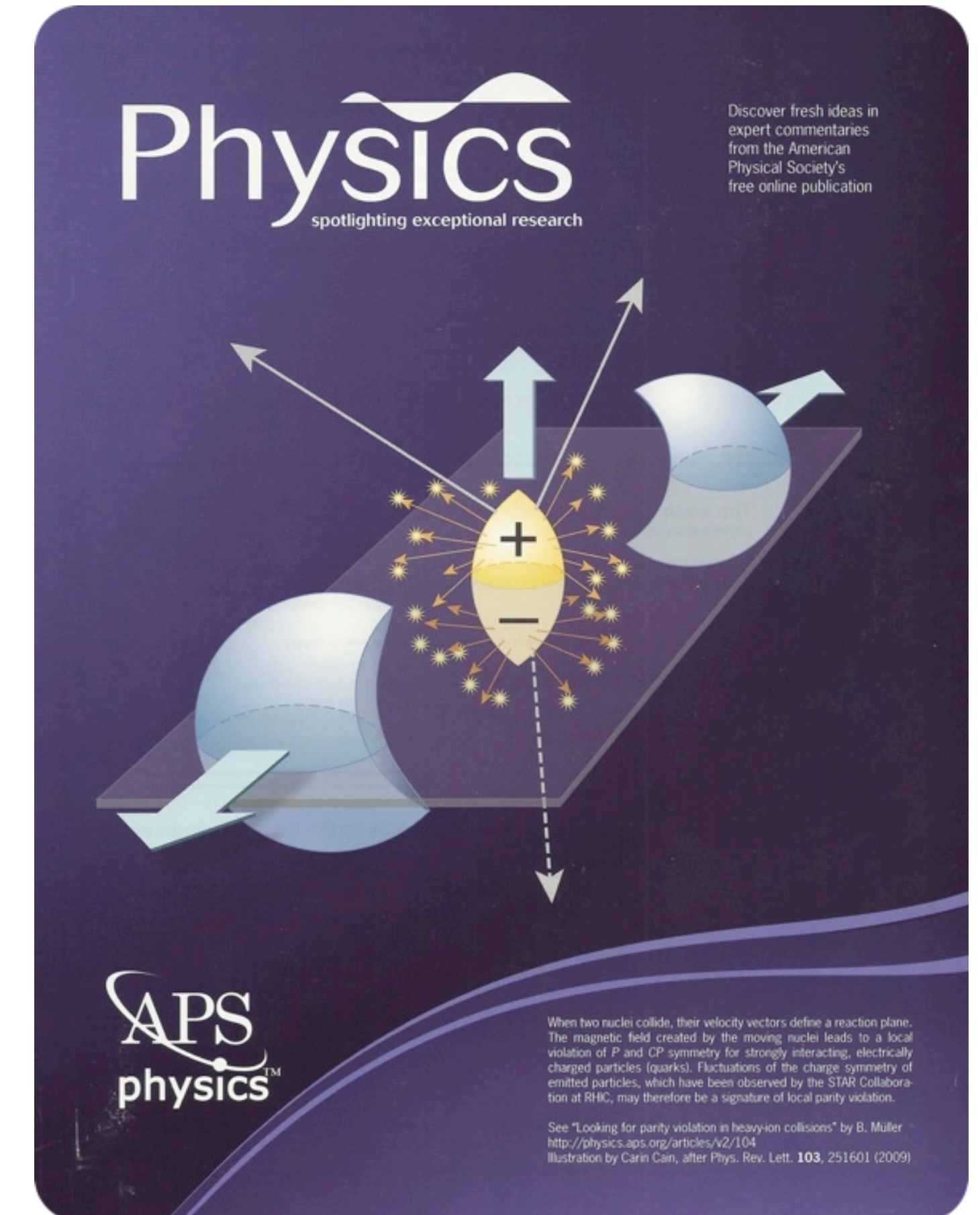
Animation @ <http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/theory/staff/leinweber/VisualQCD/Nobel/>



Strong magnetic field
Chirality imbalance
Chiral quarks
Collective flow
Hadronisation

The Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME)

D. Kharzeev *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, (1998) 512
D. Kharzeev, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **75** (2014) 133



THE STRONGEST MAGNETIC FIELD IN NATURE...

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{Id\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$

$$B \approx \gamma Ze \frac{b}{R^3}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{2m_p}$$

Au-Au collisions @ RHIC Pb-Pb collisions @ LHC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ GeV

$\gamma = 100$

$\gamma = 1.38 \times 10^3$

$Z = 79$

$Z = 82$

$b = R_{Au} \sim 7$ fm

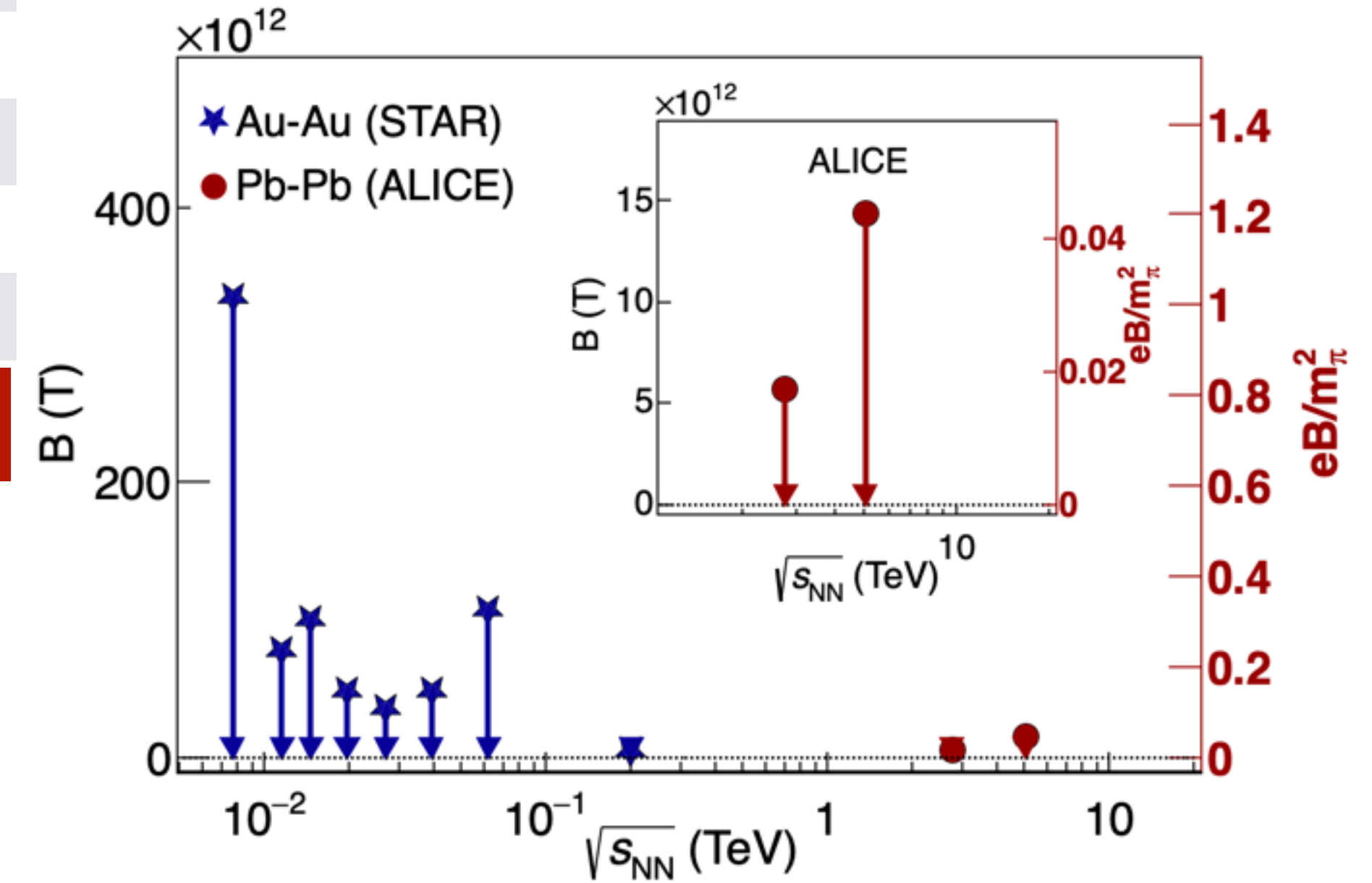
$b = R_{Au} \sim 7$ fm

$eB \sim m_\pi^2$

$eB \sim 10m_\pi^2$

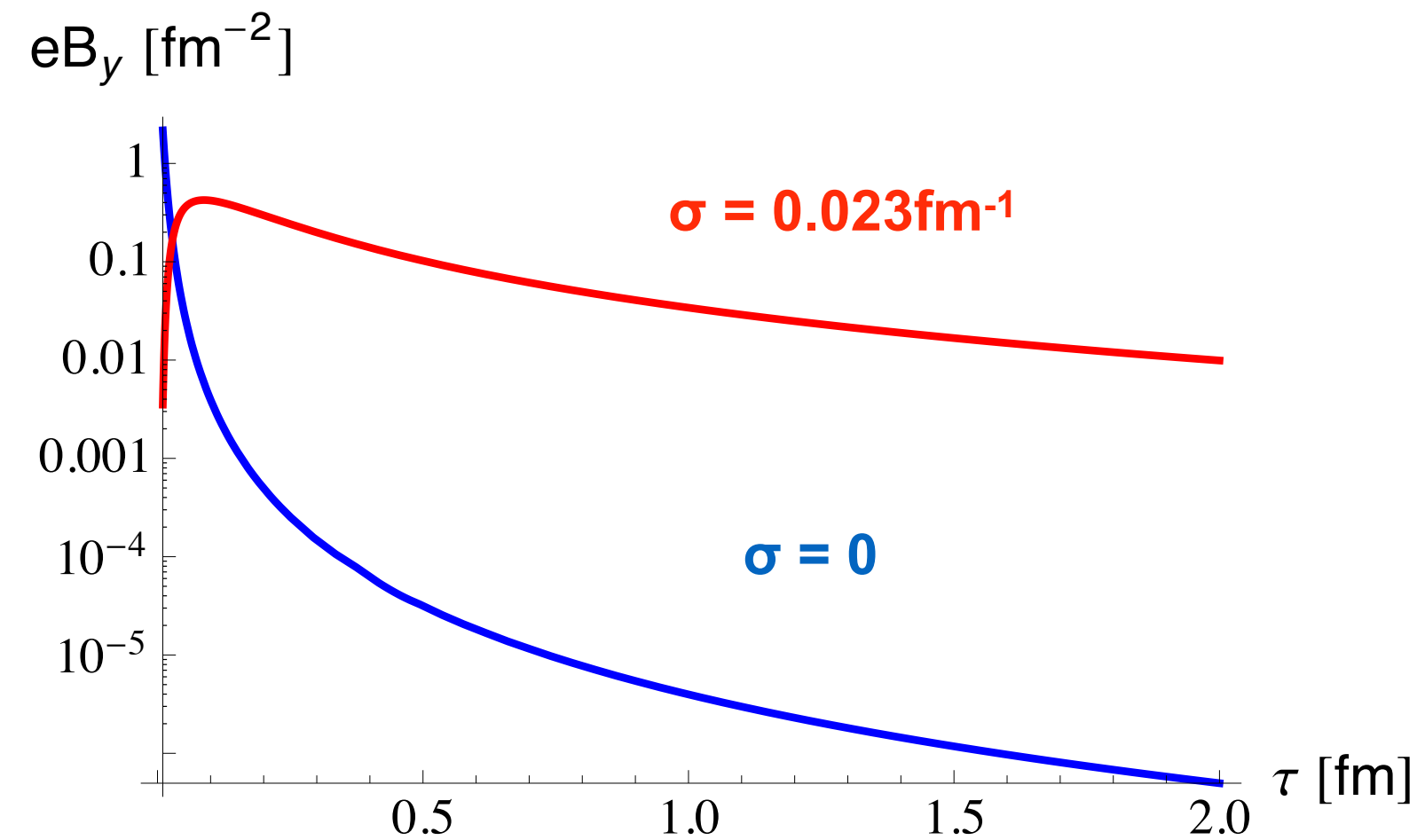
Heavy ion collisions: $\sim 10^{19} - 10^{20}$ G

Limits for B @ freeze-out



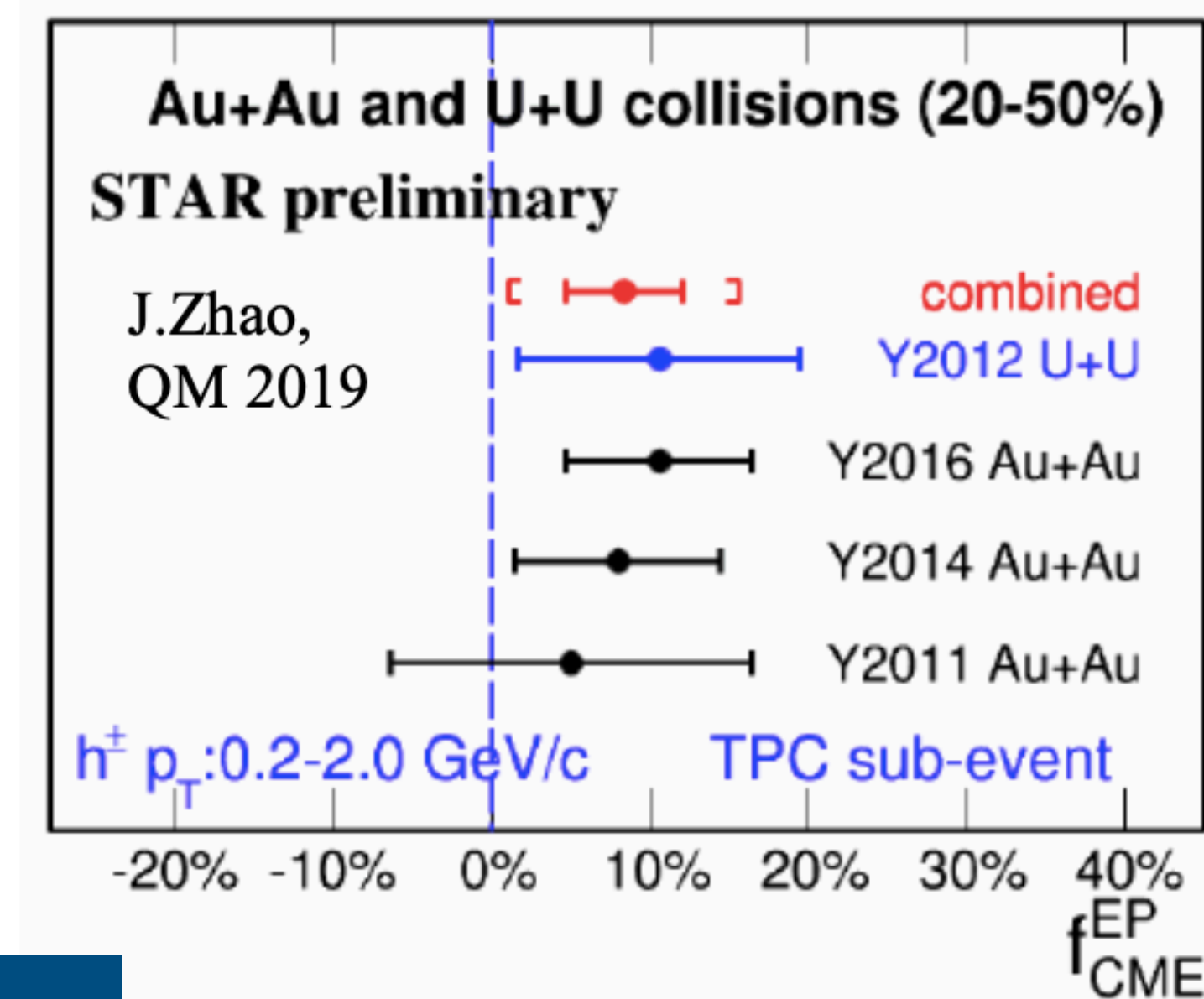
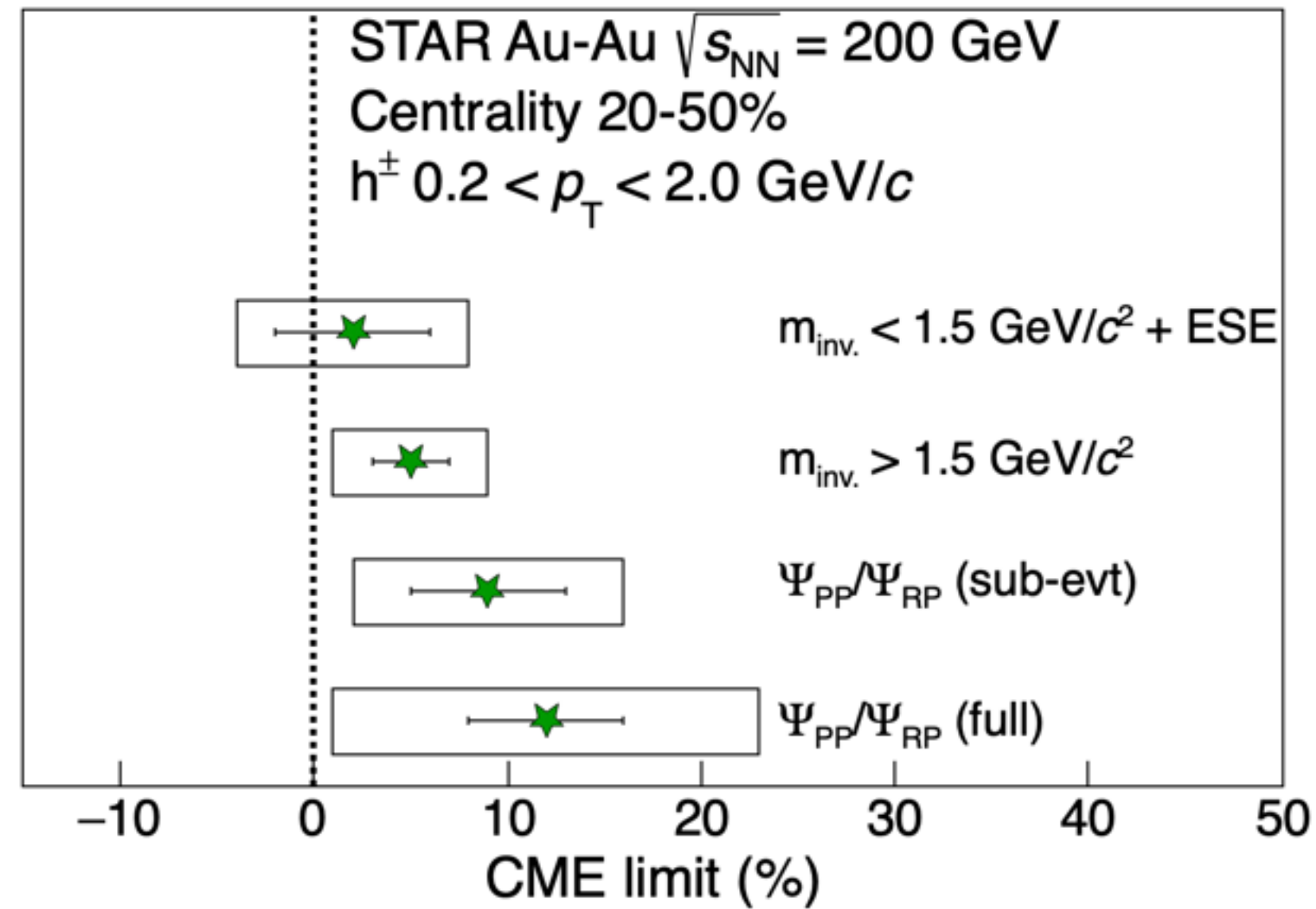
Magnetar's field: $10^{12} - 10^{15}$ G

U. Gürsoy *et al.*, Phys. Rev. **C89**, (2014) 054905



Decay rate depends on the electric conductivity of the medium \rightarrow poorly constrained experimentally

CME FRACTION UPPER LIMITS



Summary of upper limits @ LHC (95% CL)

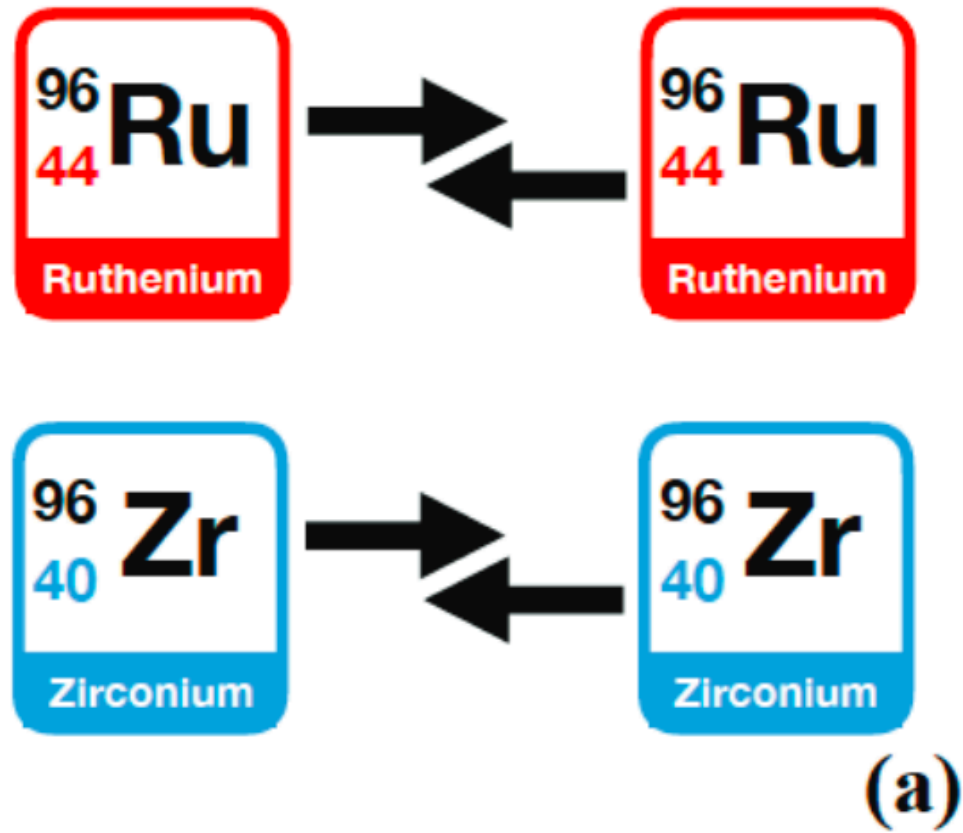
ALICE	ESE in Pb-Pb collisions	26-33%
	Higher harmonics in Pb-Pb collisions	11-15%
CMS	p-Pb collisions	13%**
	ESE in Pb-Pb collisions	7%*

(ALICE Collaboration) Phys. Lett. **B777**, (2018) 151
(CMS Collaboration) Phys.Rev.C 97 (2018) 4, 044912
(ALICE Collaboration) JHEP 2020, (2020) 160

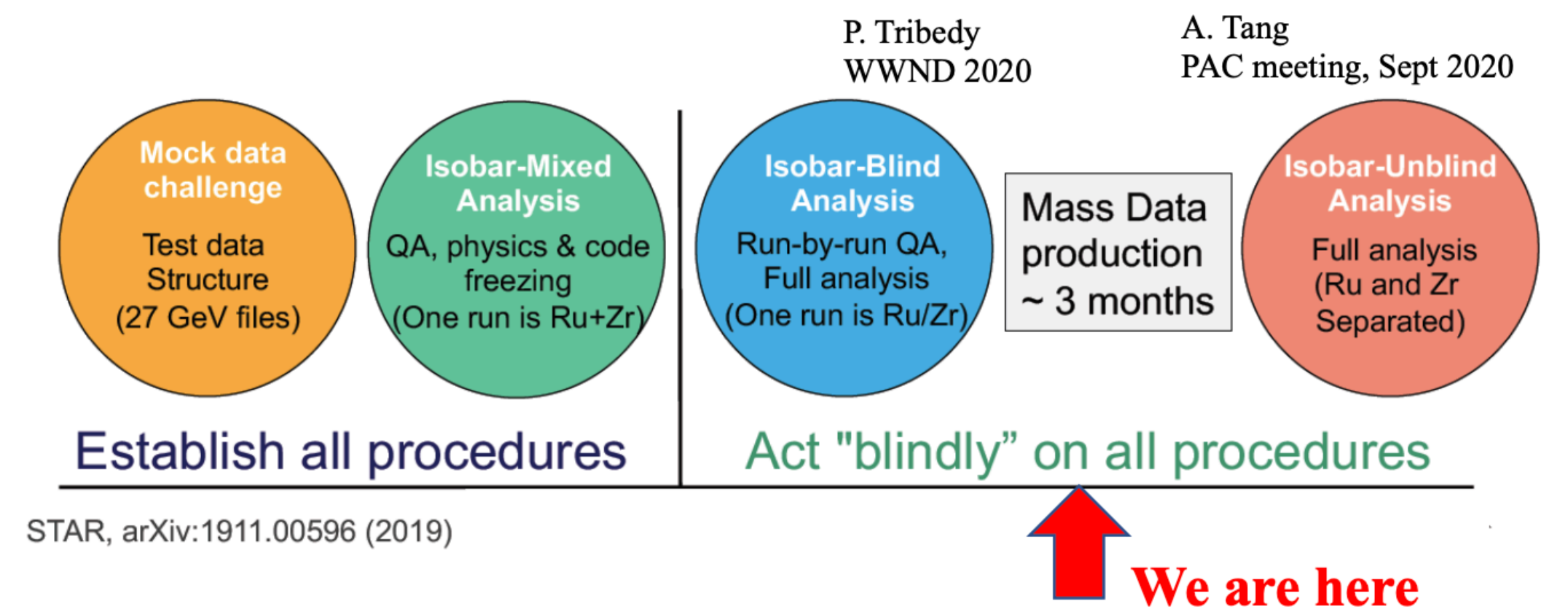
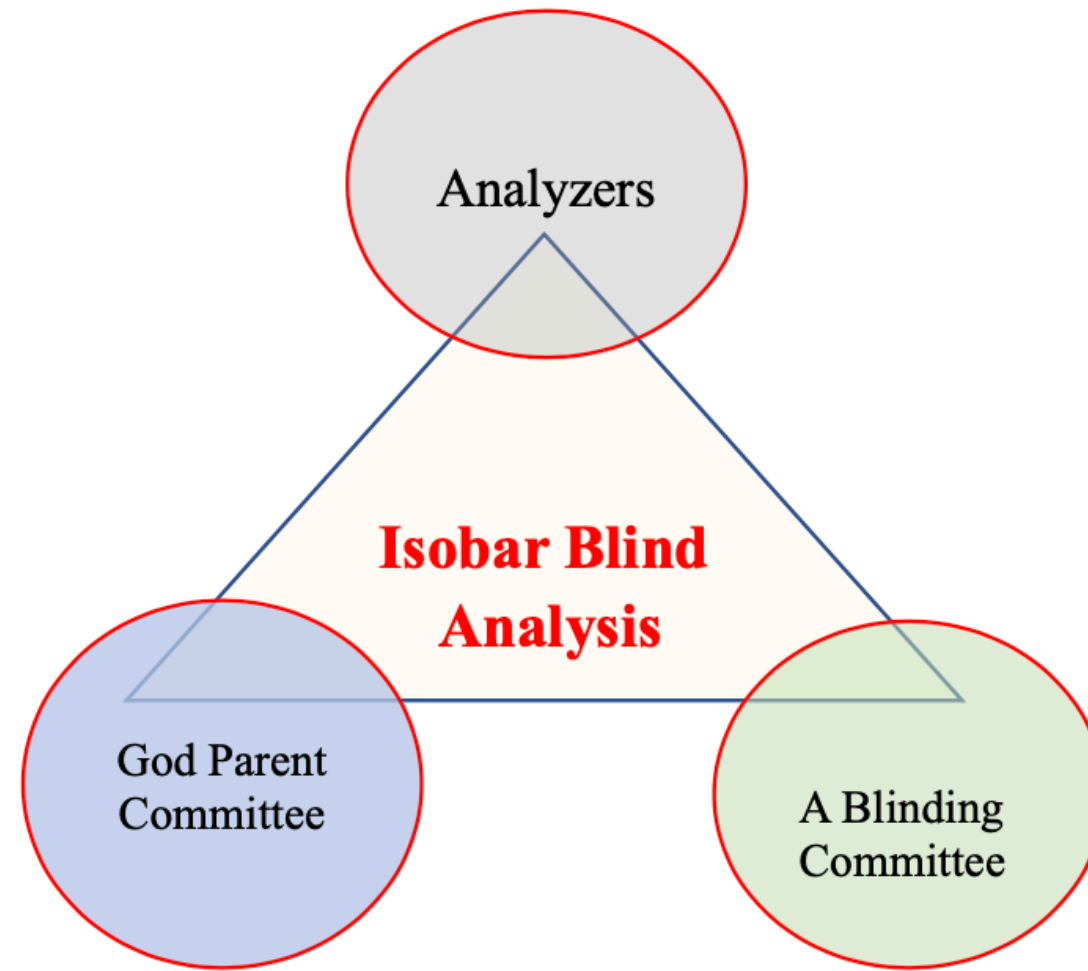
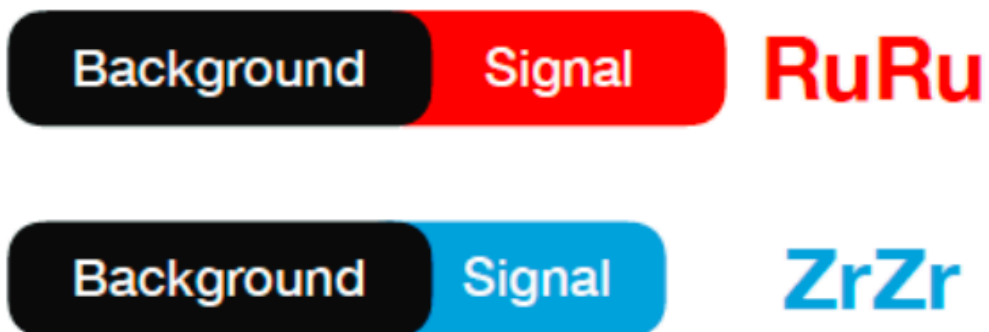
Current analyses provide stringent upper limits for the CME fraction at both RHIC and LHC energies → CME signal, if any, at the level of few %

FUTURE PROSPECTS: ISOBAR ANALYSIS

❖ **Isobar Analysis:**
A large, collective effort



**Charge Asymmetry
Correlation Measurement**



- 5-Isobar Blind Analyses**
- $\Delta\gamma, \Delta\delta$ and κ
 - $\Delta\gamma, \Delta\delta$ and $\Delta\gamma(\Delta\eta)$
 - $\Delta\gamma$ in PP/SP and $\Delta\gamma(M_{inv})$
 - $\Delta\gamma$ in PP/SP
 - $R(\Delta S)$ Correlator.
- 1-Isobar Unblinded Analysis**
- The signed balance function

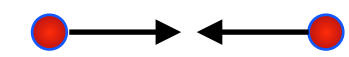
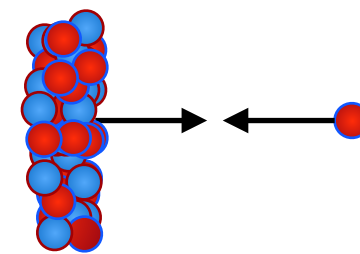
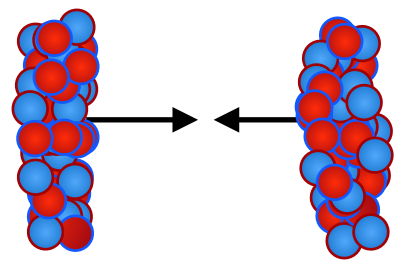
- Case for CME:**
- $\Delta\gamma$ and its derivatives
 - $\Delta\gamma/v_2(\text{Ru/Zr}) > 1$
 - $\Delta\gamma_{112}/v_2(\text{Ru/Zr}) > \Delta\gamma_{123}/v_3(\text{Ru/Zr})$
 - $\kappa(\text{Ru/Zr}) > 1$
 - $\Delta\gamma^{\text{Ru}} - a'r'\Delta\gamma^{\text{Zr}} > 0$
 - $R(\Delta S)$ (Ru/Zr) show concave shape
 - $f_{CME}^{\text{Ru}} > f_{CME}^{\text{Zr}} > 0$

Slide "stolen" from talk of Niseem Magdy Abdelrahman @ RHIC & AGS Annual User's meeting

BNL, CCNU, Fudan, Huzhou, Purdue, SINAP, Stony Brook, Tsukuba, UCLA, UIC and Wayne State



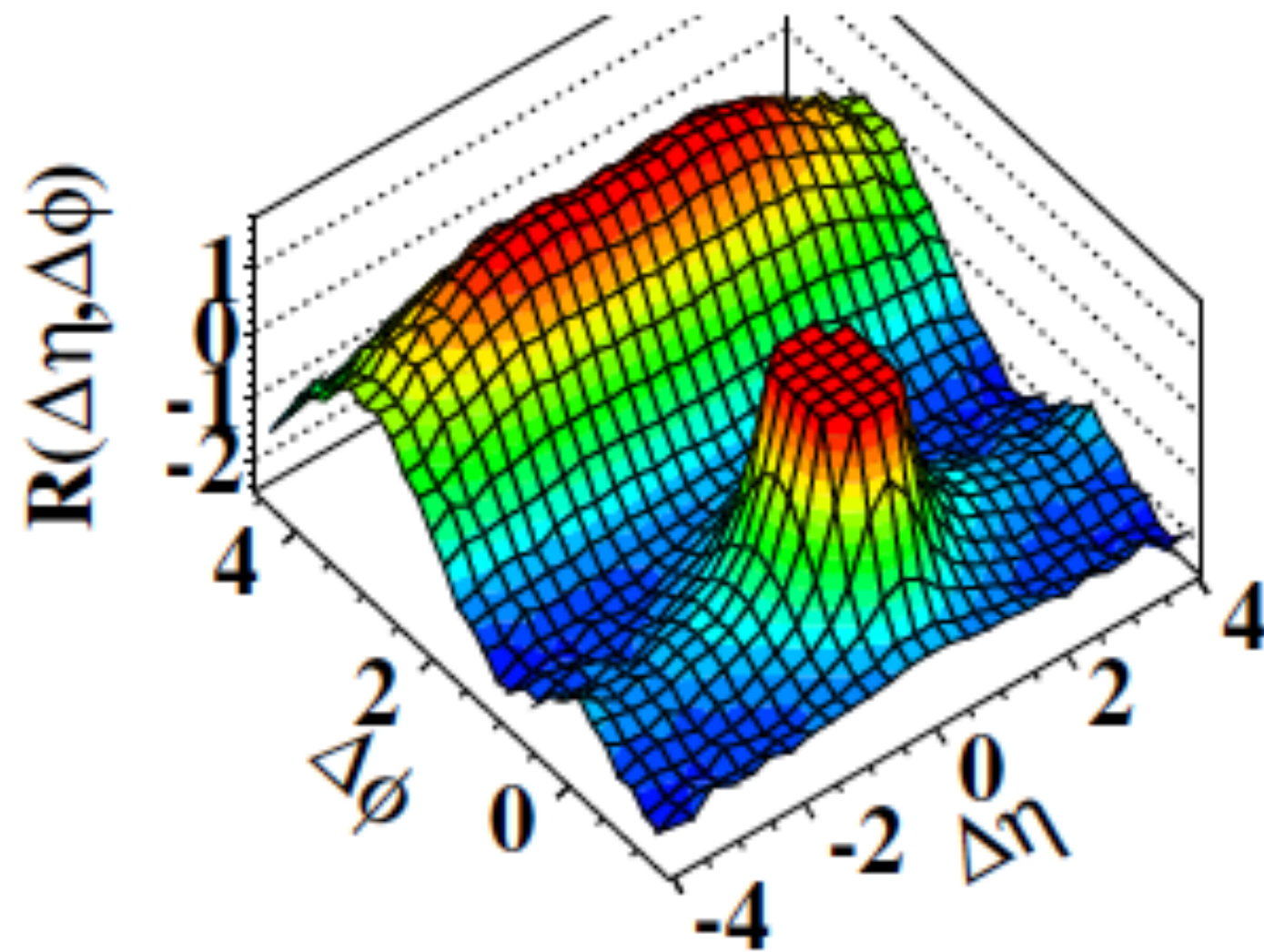
FROM LARGE TO SMALL SYSTEMS



COLLECTIVITY IN SMALL COLLISION SYSTEMS

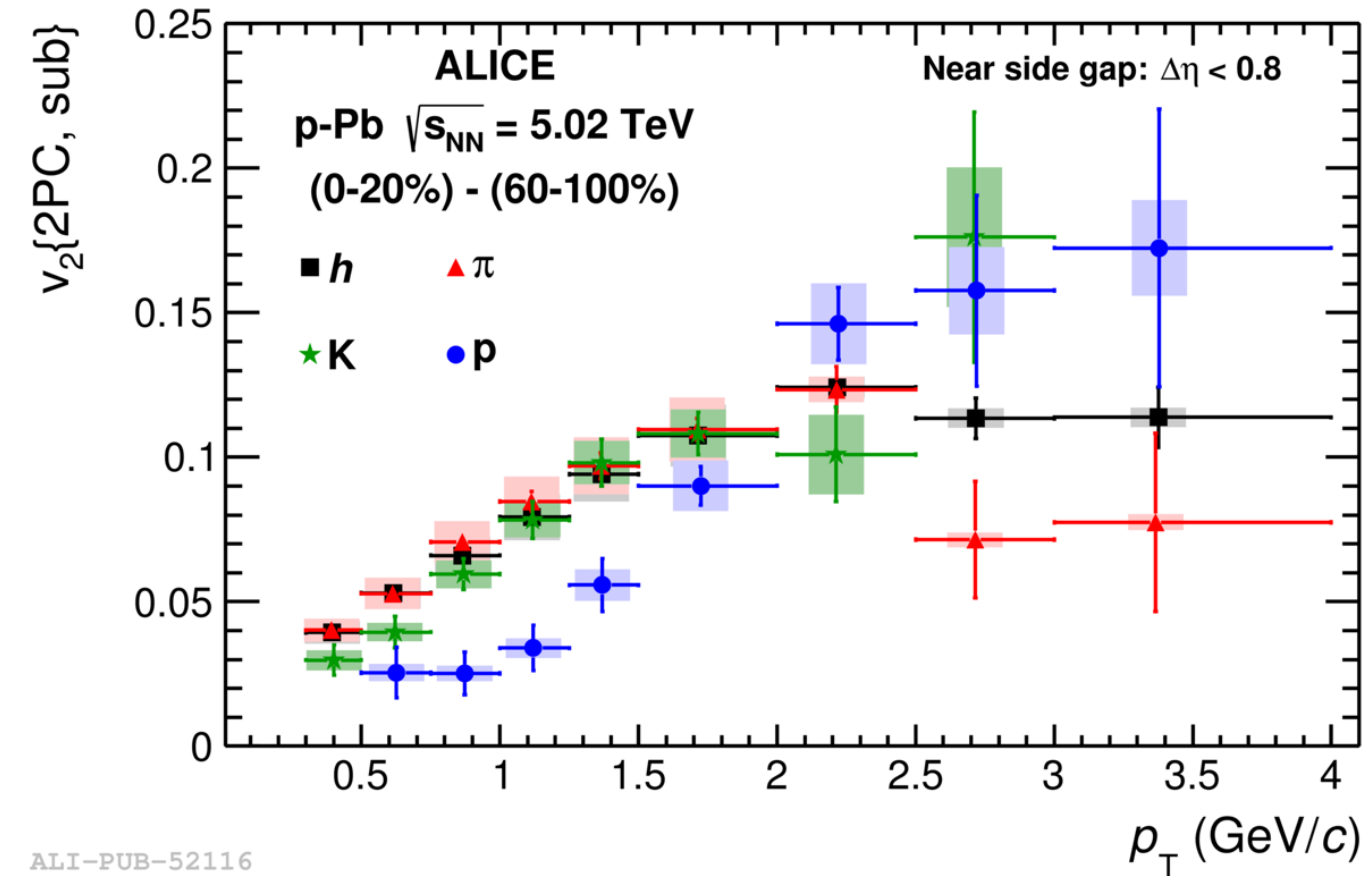
Ridges in pp collisions → pp collisions stopped being just a reference for the heavy-ion physics programs

(d) CMS $N \geq 110$, $1.0 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$



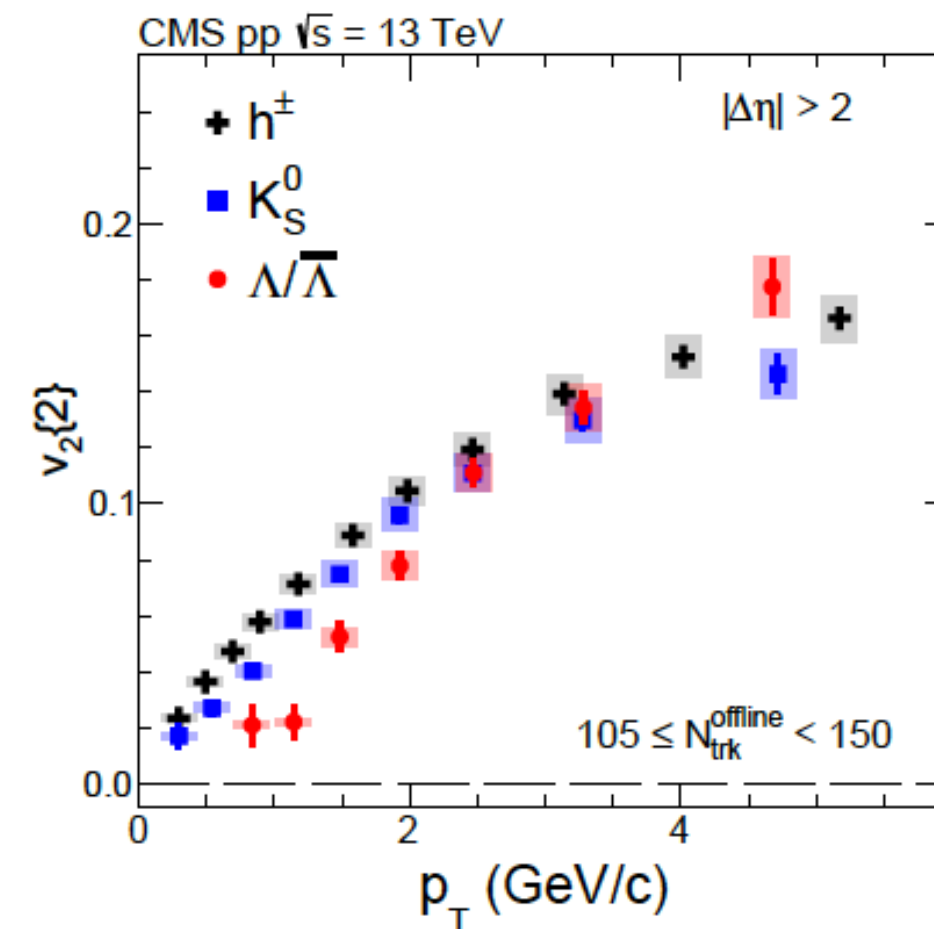
High event activity pp collisions @ $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Lett. **B726**, (2013) 164

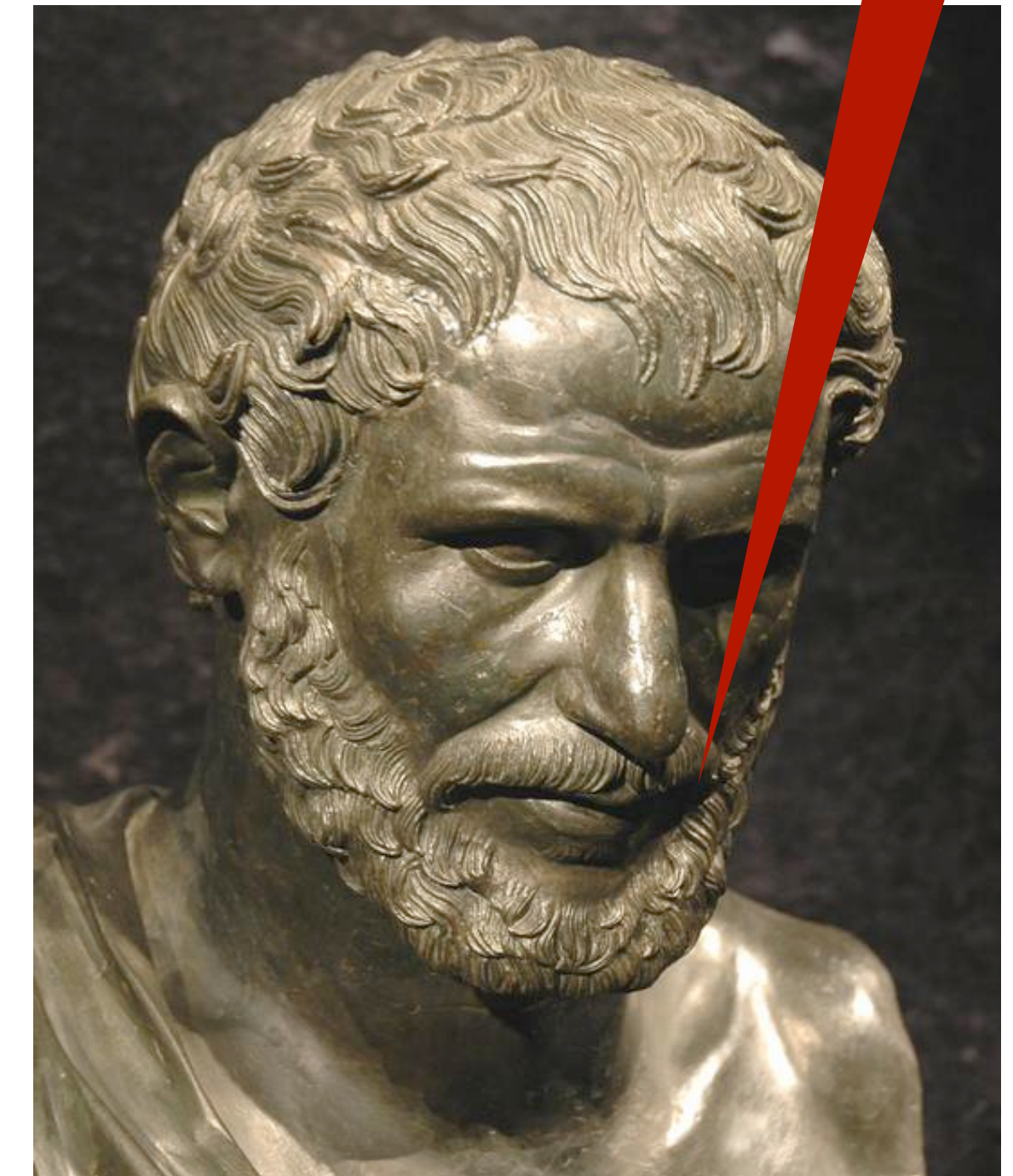


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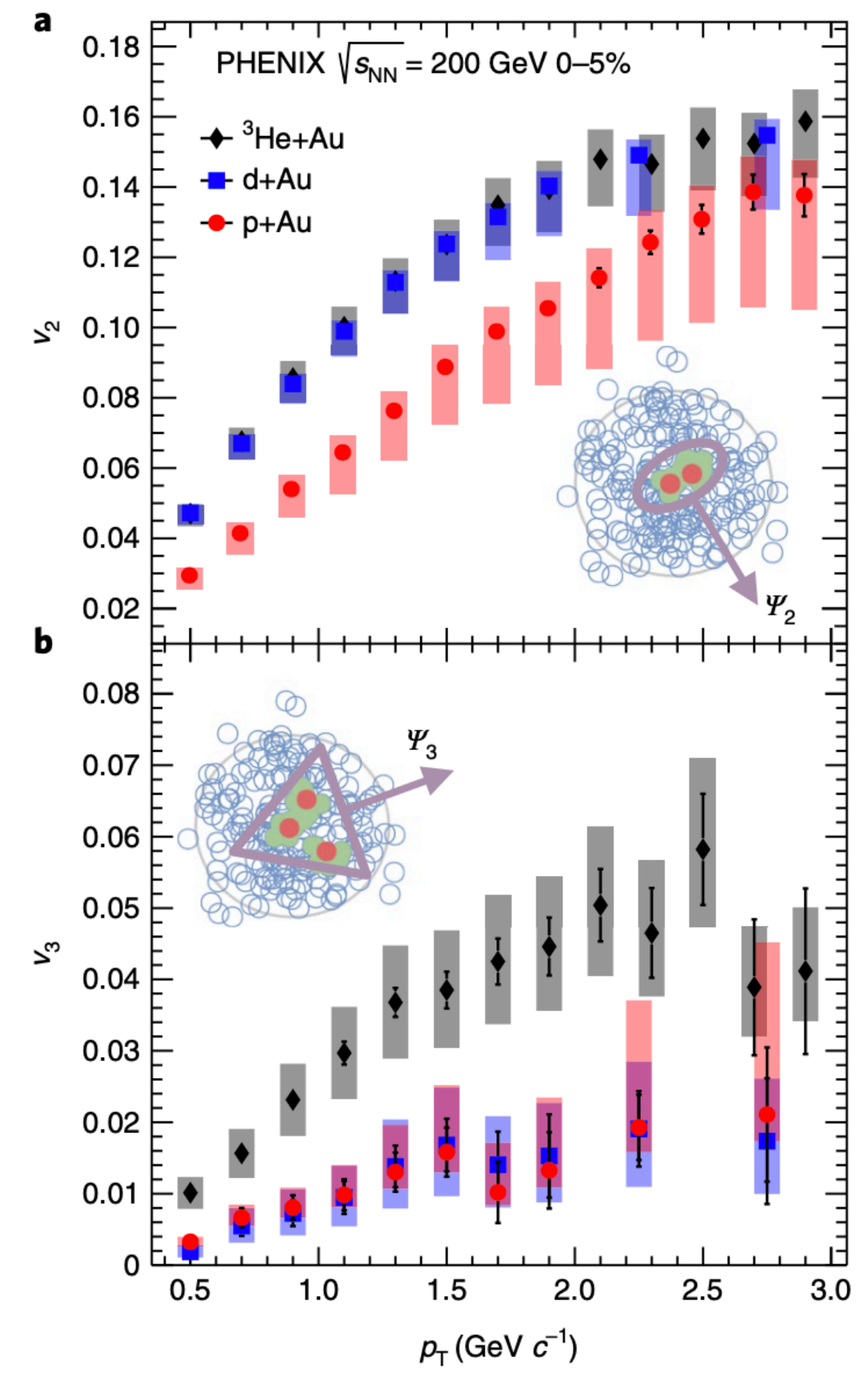
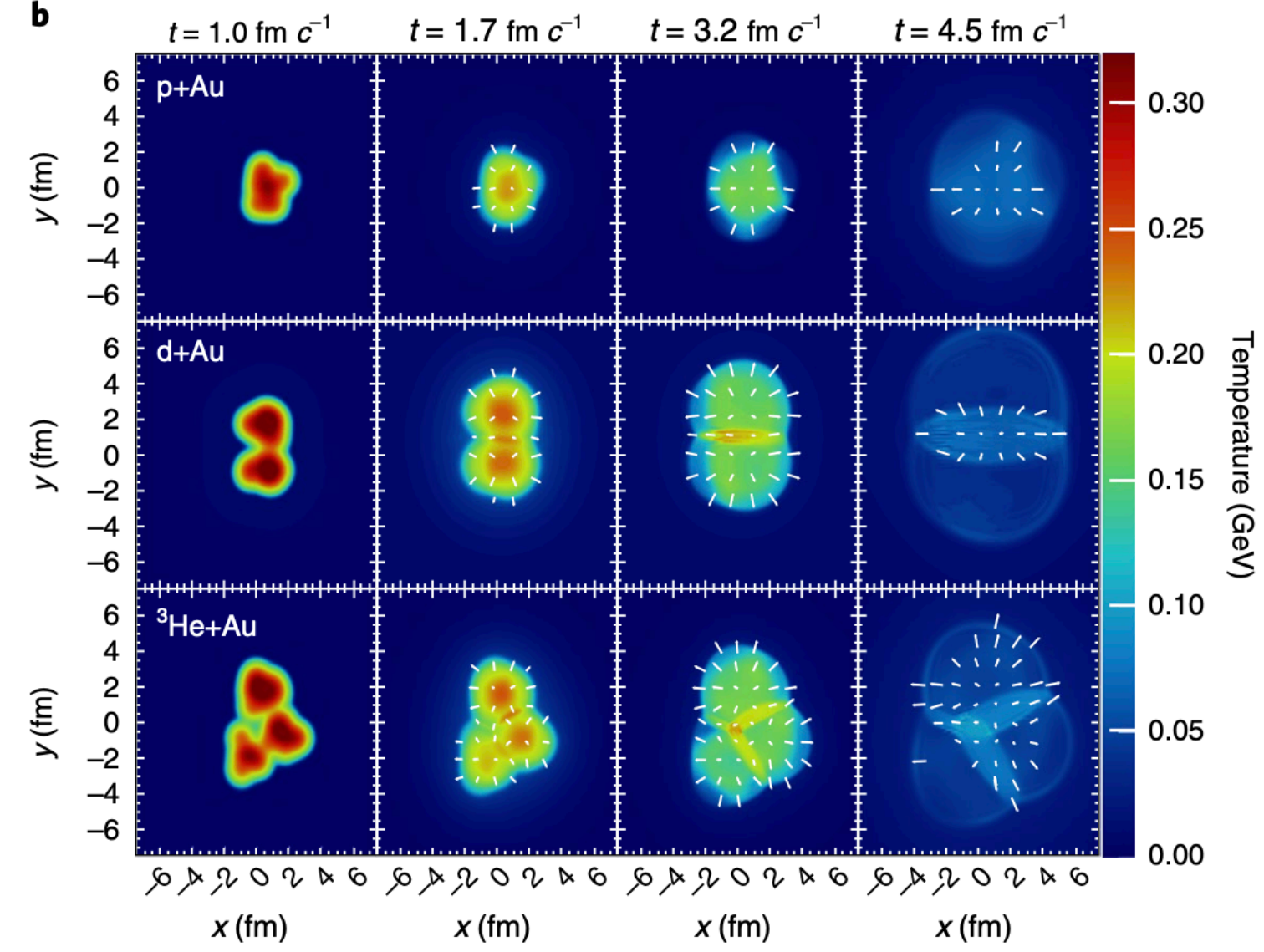
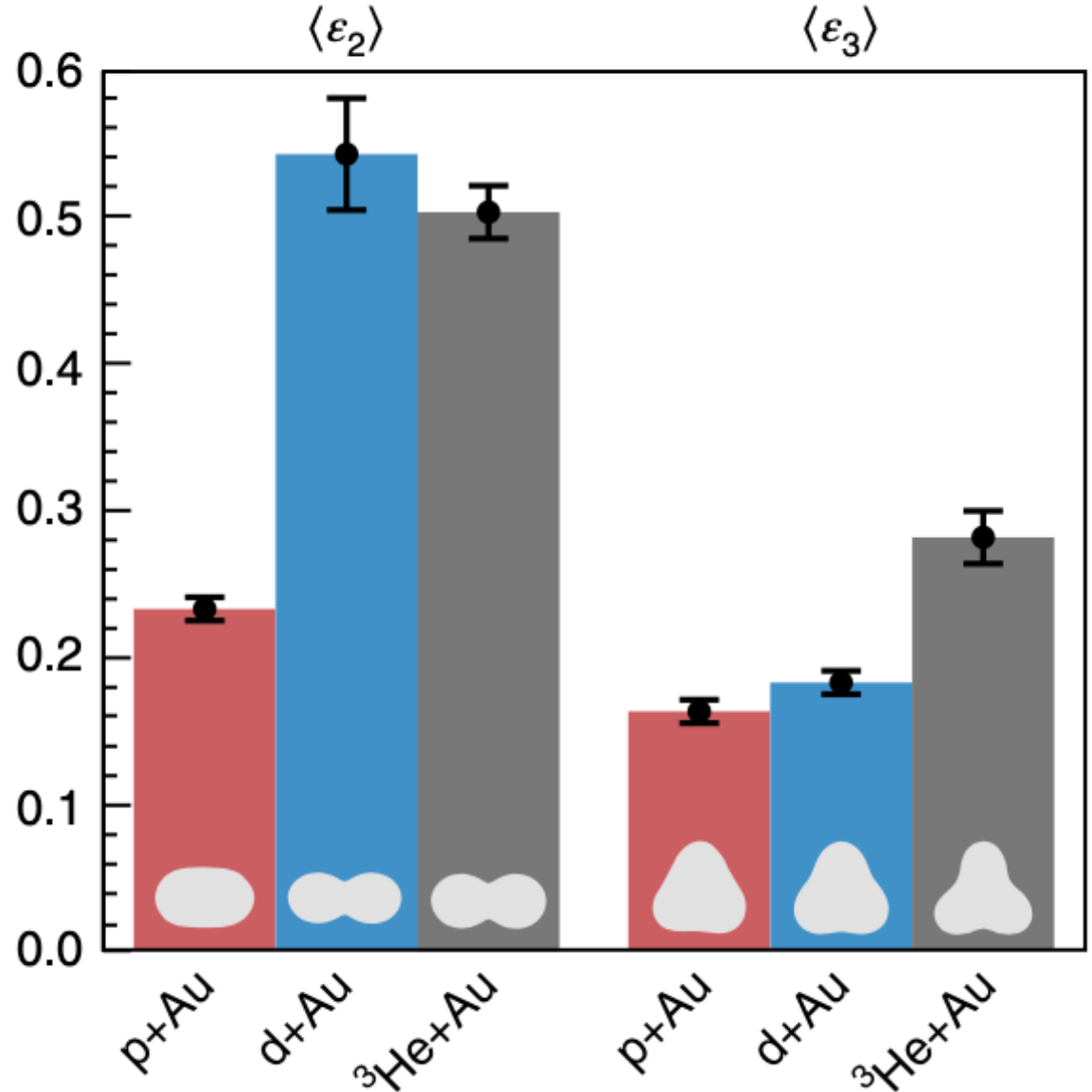
Τα πάντα ρει...
(everything flows)



Ηράκλειτος (Heraclitus) ~535 - 475 BC

RHIC SYSTEM SCAN

Hydrodynamical models → initial geometry vs IS momentum correlation models
 Explore different initial collision geometry in p-Au, d-Au and He³-Au



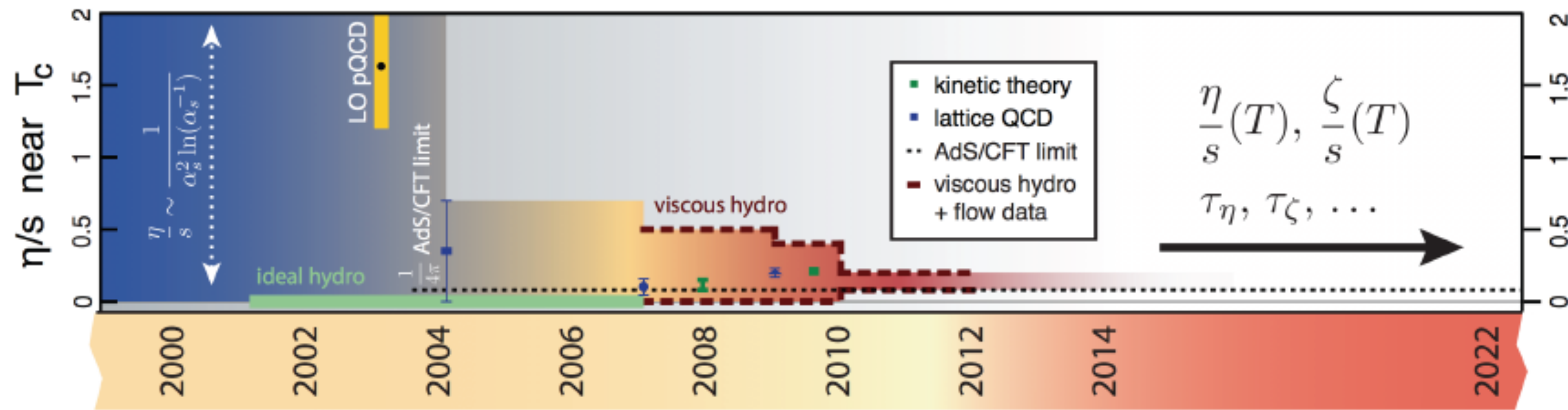
- Smaller $\langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$ in p-Au → smaller v_2
- Larger $\langle \epsilon_3 \rangle$ in He³-Au → smaller v_3

Proof (?) of geometry + hydrodynamics
 Reproduced only by hydrodynamical models



A LOT OF PROGRESS...

How does a strongly coupled QGP emerge from QCD?



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu + m_f) \psi_f$$

where $G_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

and $D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + i t^a A_\mu^a$

That's it!

- Additional precision measurements (e.g. heavy quarks, jets) → knowledge of poorly constrained parameters
- New phenomena (e.g. vorticity, magnetic fields, CME, CMW...)
- Origin of collectivity in small systems → can this lead to a unified picture of how QCD matter evolves as a function event activity?
- Critical point in QCD phase diagram?
- Connection with GW physics → how does QCD matter behave at large values of μ_B ?

Discover the proper microscopic picture that describes the macroscopic behaviour of the QGP

LOOKING AT THE FUTURE: NICA - FAIR

MPD @ NICA

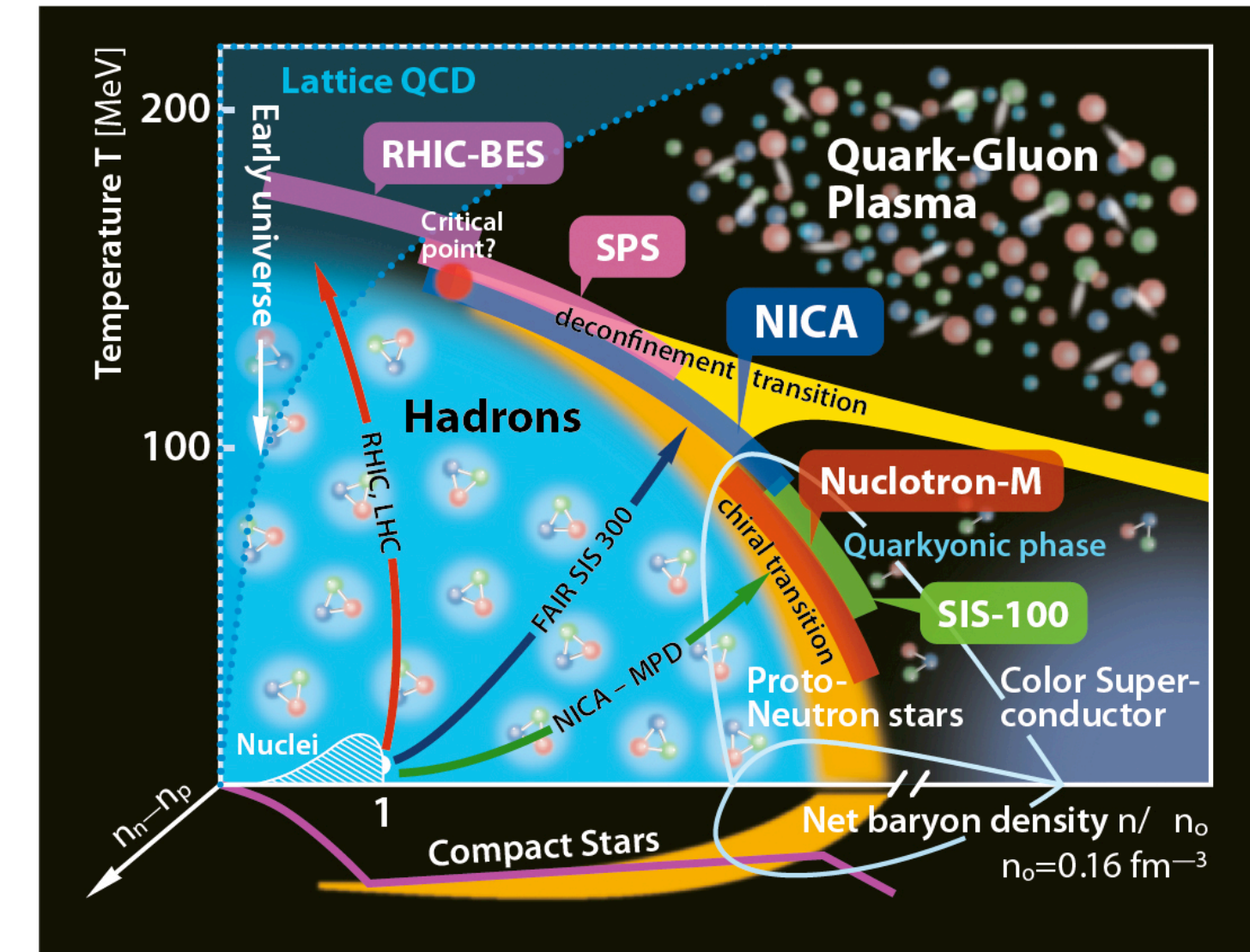
- TPC as central tracking detector
- MRPC Time-of-flight system
- Calorimetry

CBM @ FAIR

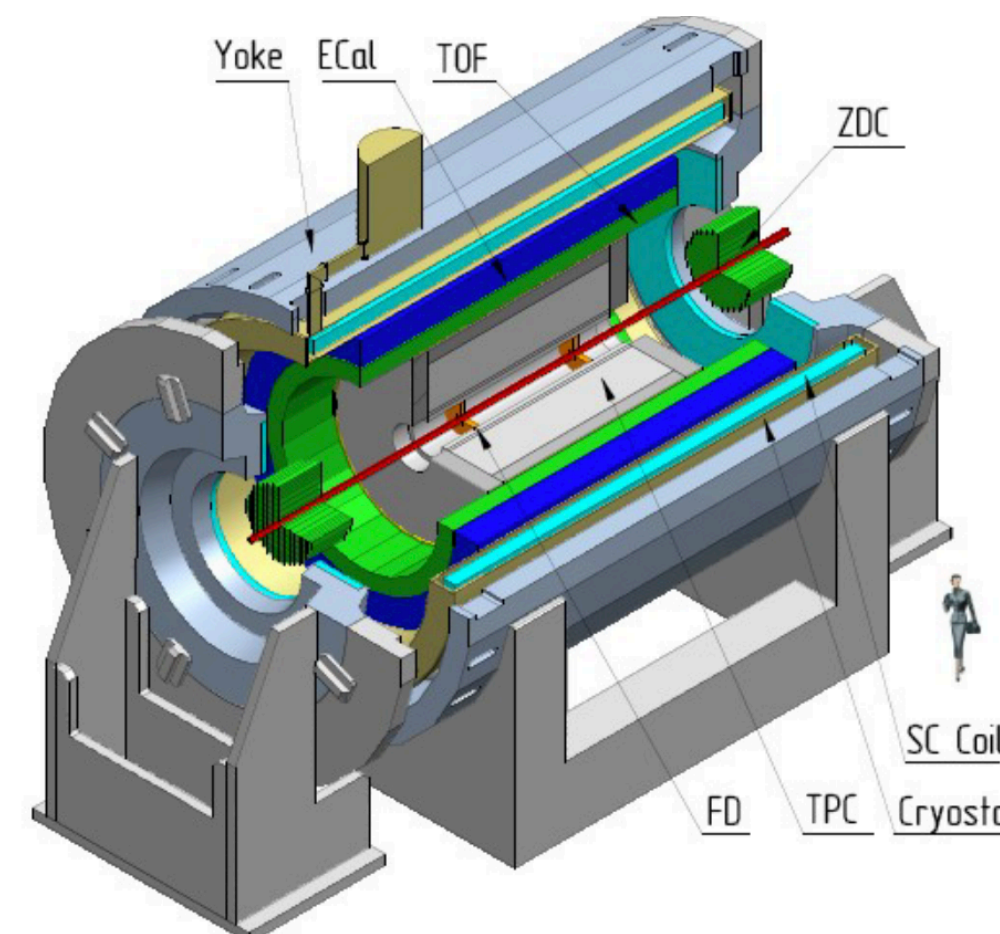
- Si-based vertexer
- TOF, TRD

EoS of QCD matter at high μ_B

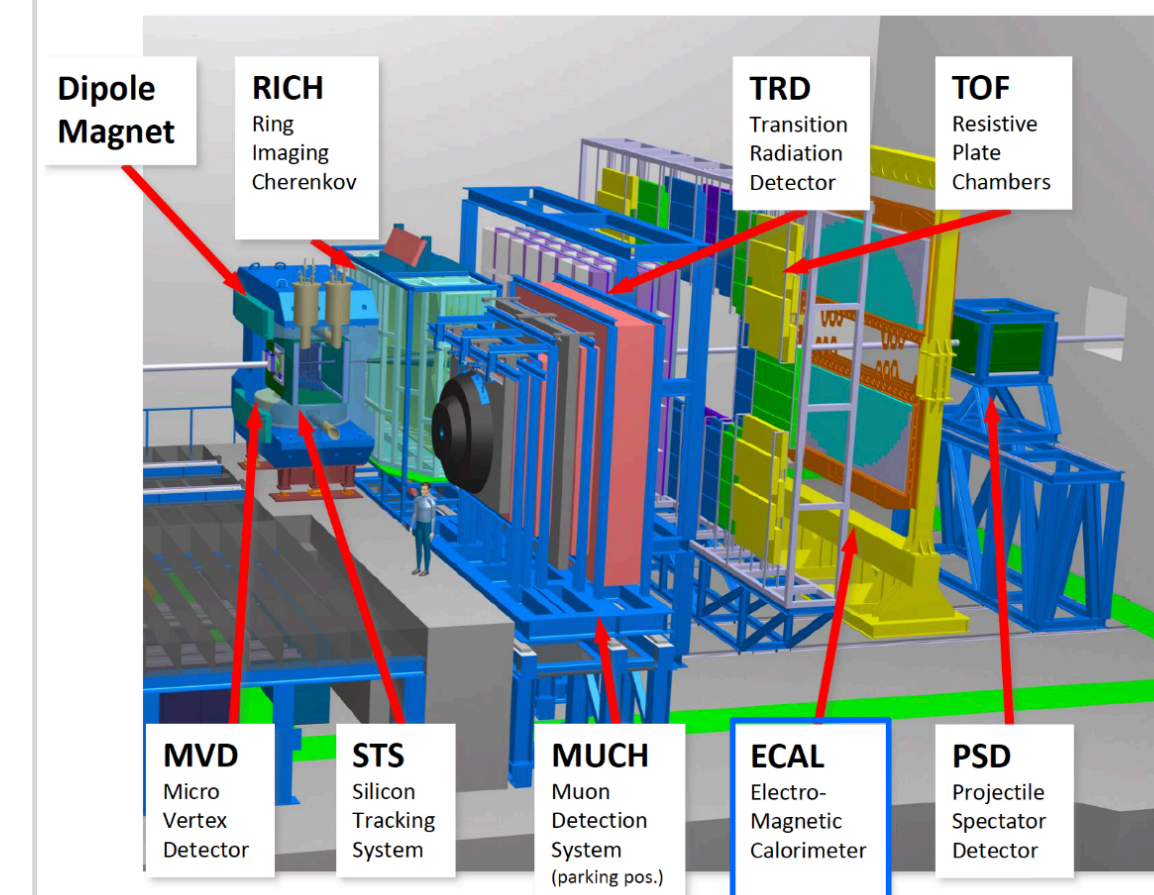
- Heavy flavour in cold and dense matter
- Strange matter



MPD @ NICA (2023 +)



CBM @ FAIR (2025 +)



LOOKING AT THE FUTURE: RHIC

Full azimuthal coverage with $|\eta| < 1.1$

Full ECAL+HCAL

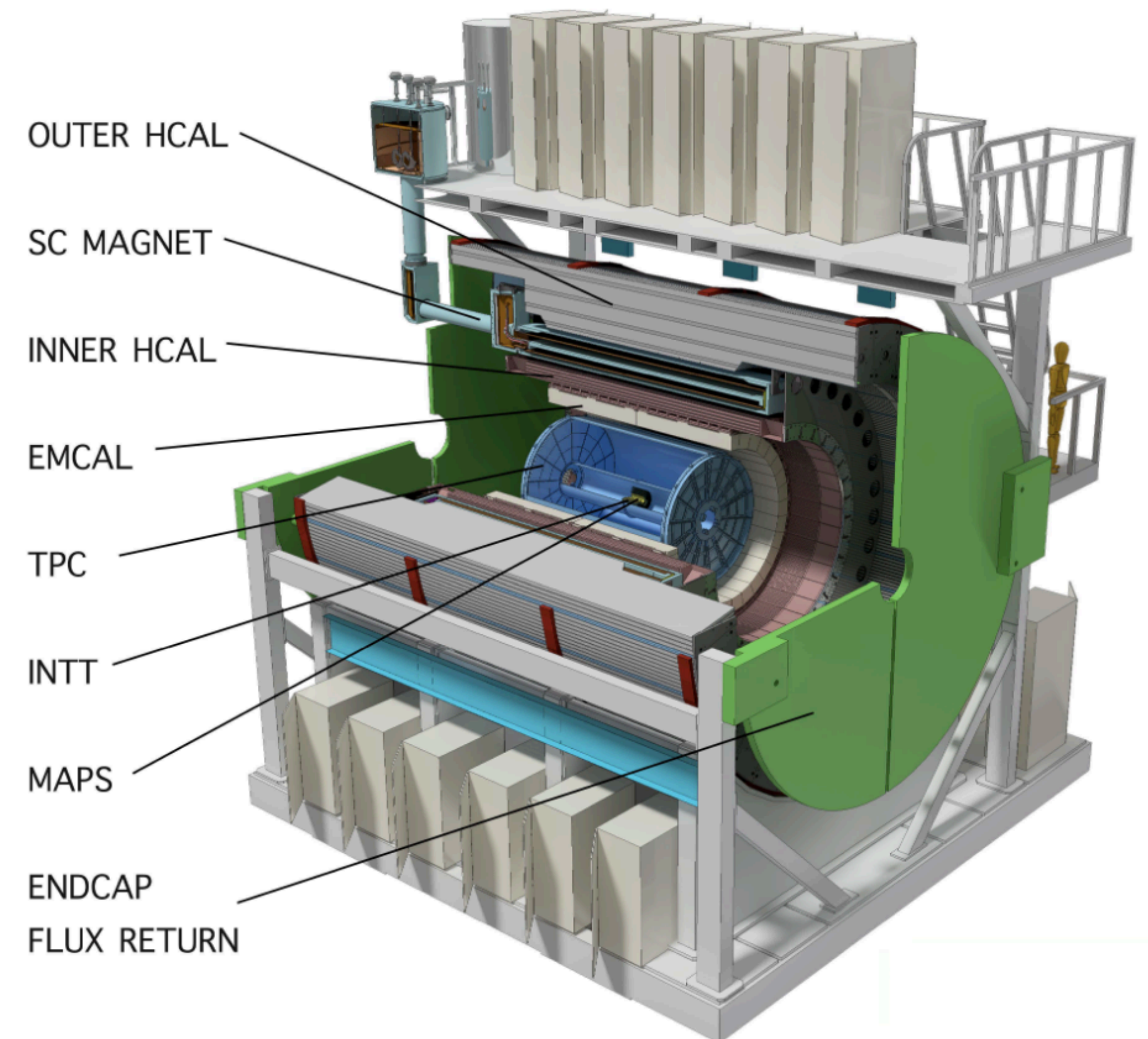
Vertexer based on MAPS

TPC based on GEM (continuous readout)

Physics focus

- Jets
- Open heavy flavour
- Quarkonia states
- Photons

sPHENIX (2023+)



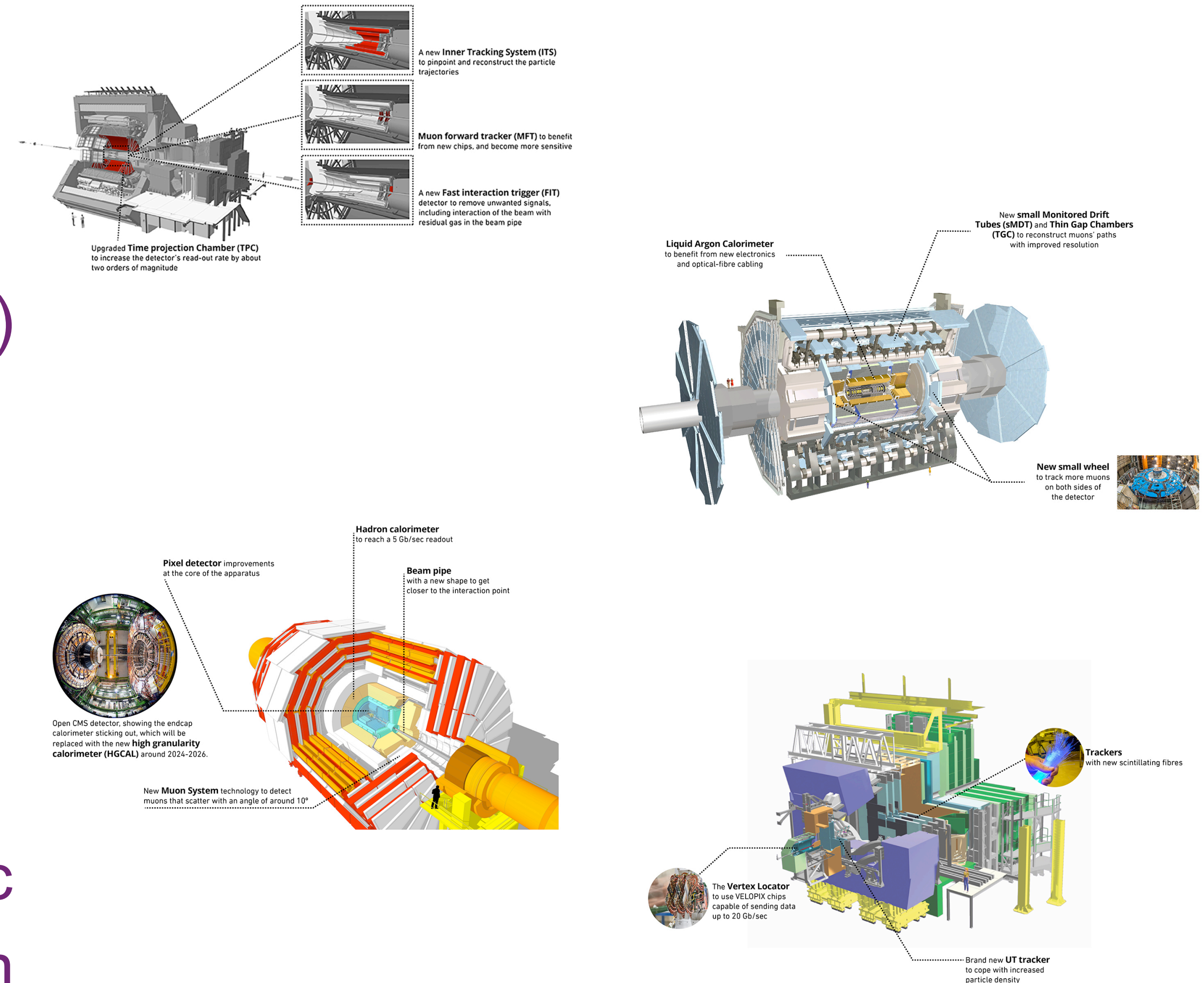
LOOKING AT THE FUTURE: HI@LHC 2022-2029

Physics focus

- Origin of collectivity in small systems
- Hard probes (Jets, Heavy flavour,...)
- Novel QCD phenomena, vorticity & magnetic fields

How does a strongly coupled QGP emerge from QCD

- Connection of the macroscopic QGP behaviour with the microscopic description of its degrees of freedom



LOOKING AT THE FUTURE: HI@LHC 2030+

Full azimuthal coverage with $|\eta| < 4$

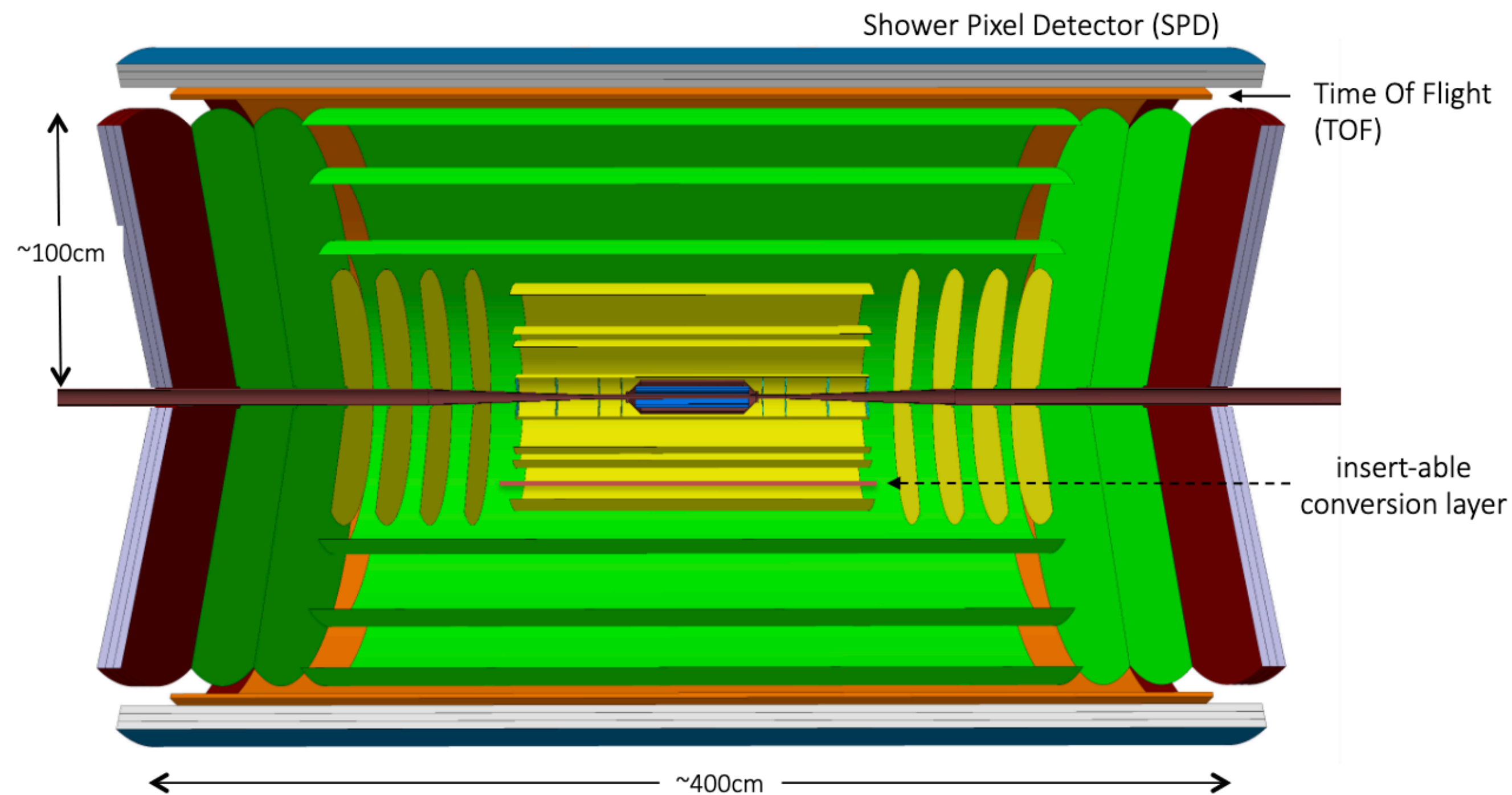
Retractable first layers inside the beam pipe

Fast timing silicon detectors, TOF, RICH, muon detector

Physics focus

- (Multi-)heavy flavour states
- Quarkonia states
- Soft photons
- Exotic states
- Chiral symmetry restoration

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01211>



Thank you for
your attention!



BACKUP

