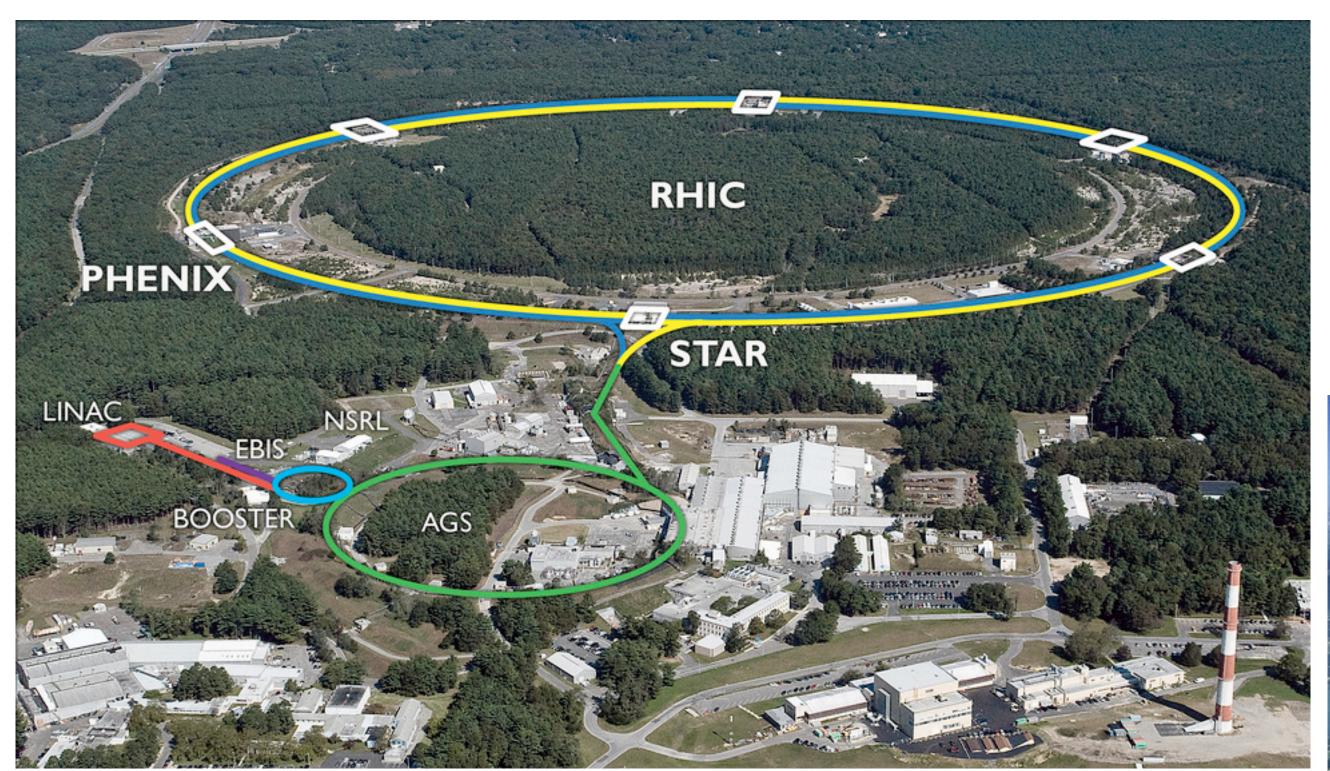
# High-Density QCD with Proton and Ion beams — an experimental perspective —

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#### Heavy-ion colliders



#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

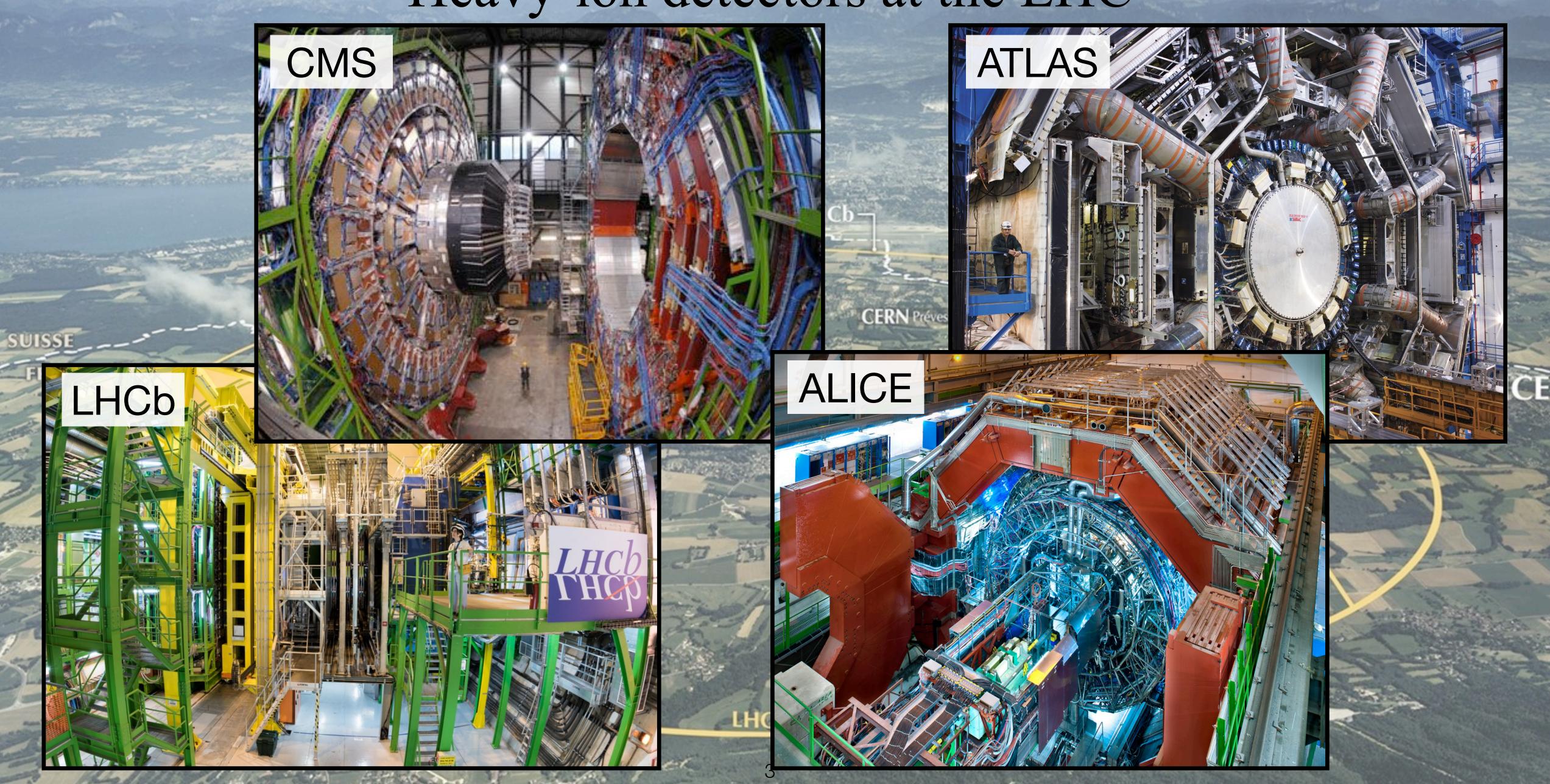
- 3.8 km circumference
- Au+Au collisions @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 200 \text{ GeV}$
- also p+p, p+Au, d+Au, <sup>3</sup>He+Au, Cu+Cu, Cu+Au, U+U

#### Large Hadron Collider

- 27 km circumference
- Pb+Pb collisions @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ , 5 TeV
- also p+p, p+Pb, Xe+Xe



## Heavy-ion detectors at the LHC



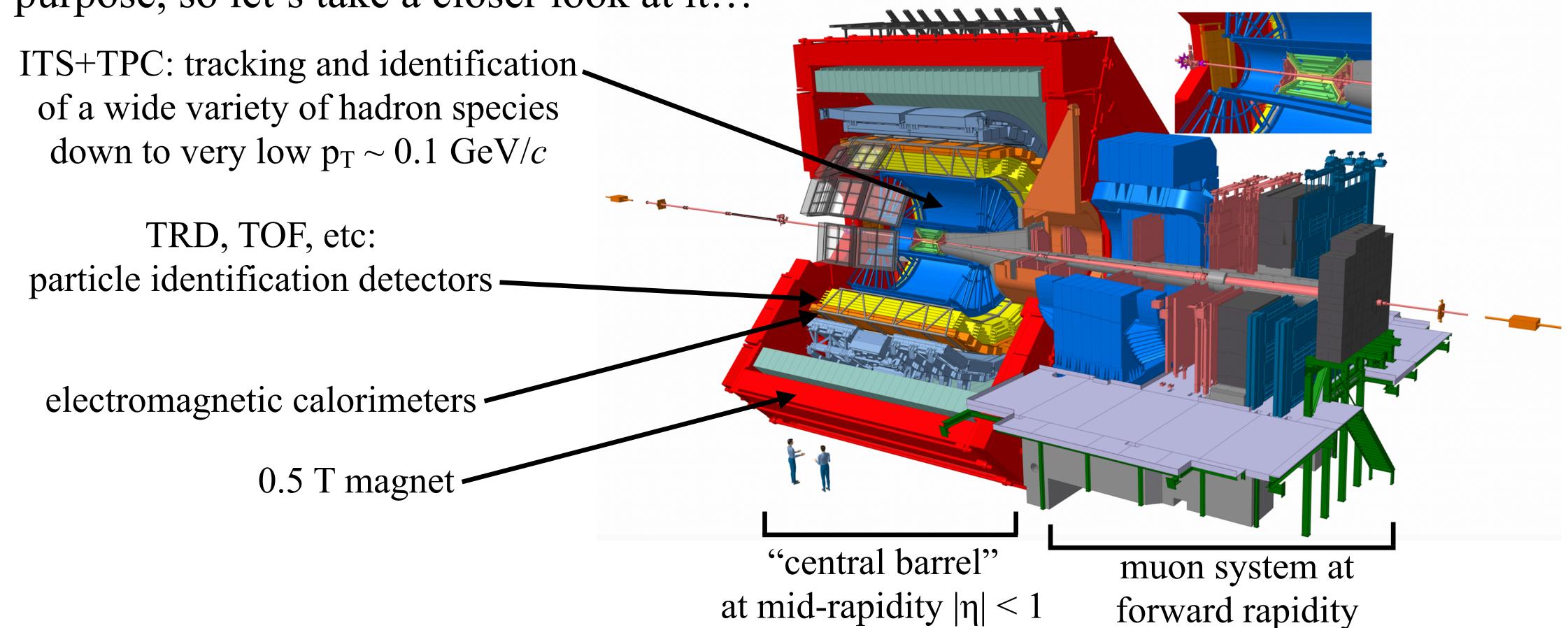
#### How to build a heavy-ion detector

- Physics goals are different for heavy-ions and high-energy physics
  - → different detector priorities (speaking in very broad generalities here...)

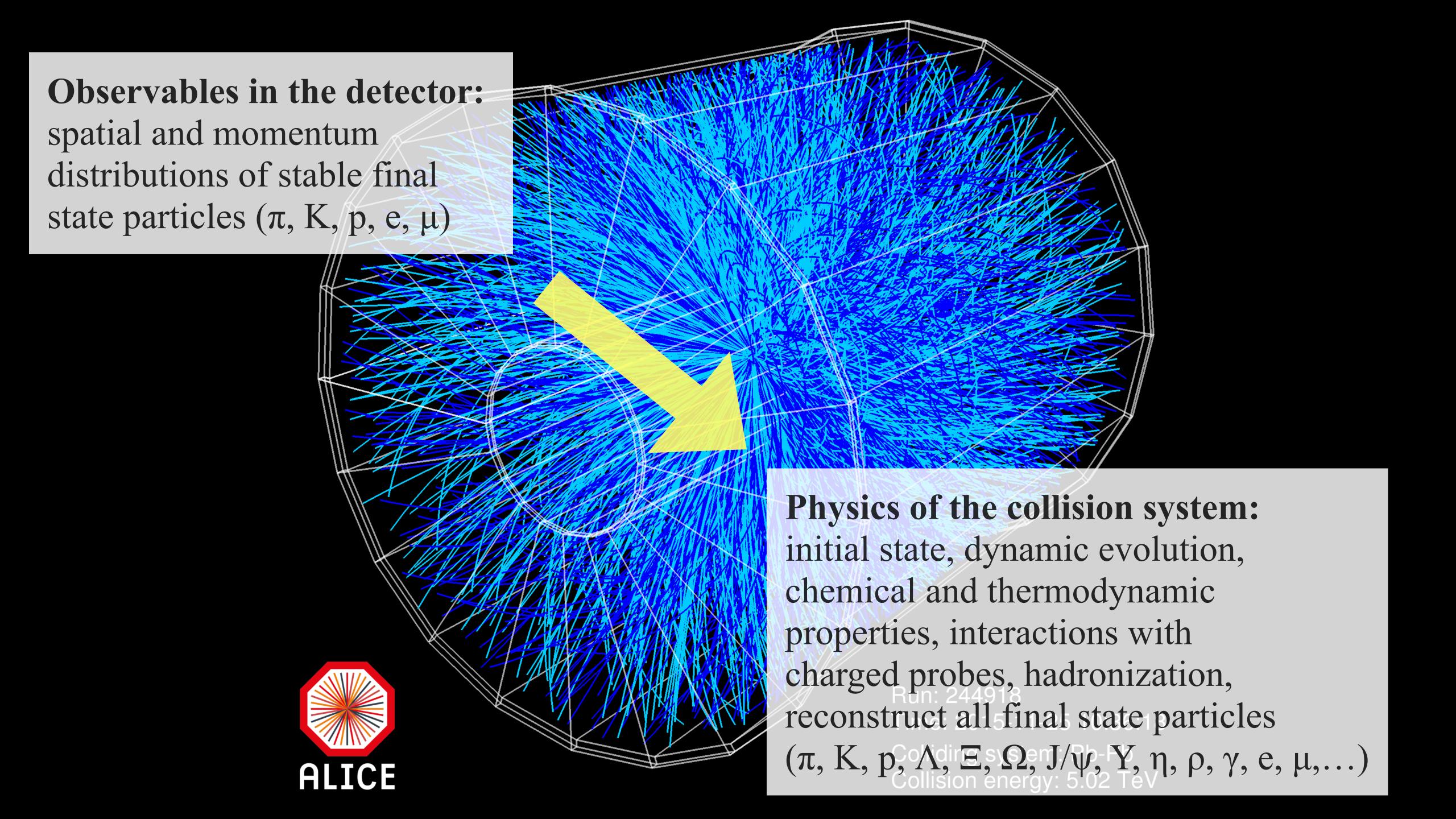
HEP (e.g. CMS/ATLAS)	HIP (e.g. ALICE)
more emphasis on hard (high- $q^2$ ) probes: measure high- $p_T$ jets and single particles	more emphasis on soft (non-perturbative) regime: measure particles down to low $p_T$
looking for rare probes: need fast triggers with high rejection factors	minimum-bias events are still interesting, also low-p <sub>T</sub> signals which are challenging to trigger on
emphasis on distinguishing hadrons, leptons, jets	emphasis on identifying hadron species
want to cover full phase space, detector should be almost hermetic	emphasis on mid-rapidity measurements

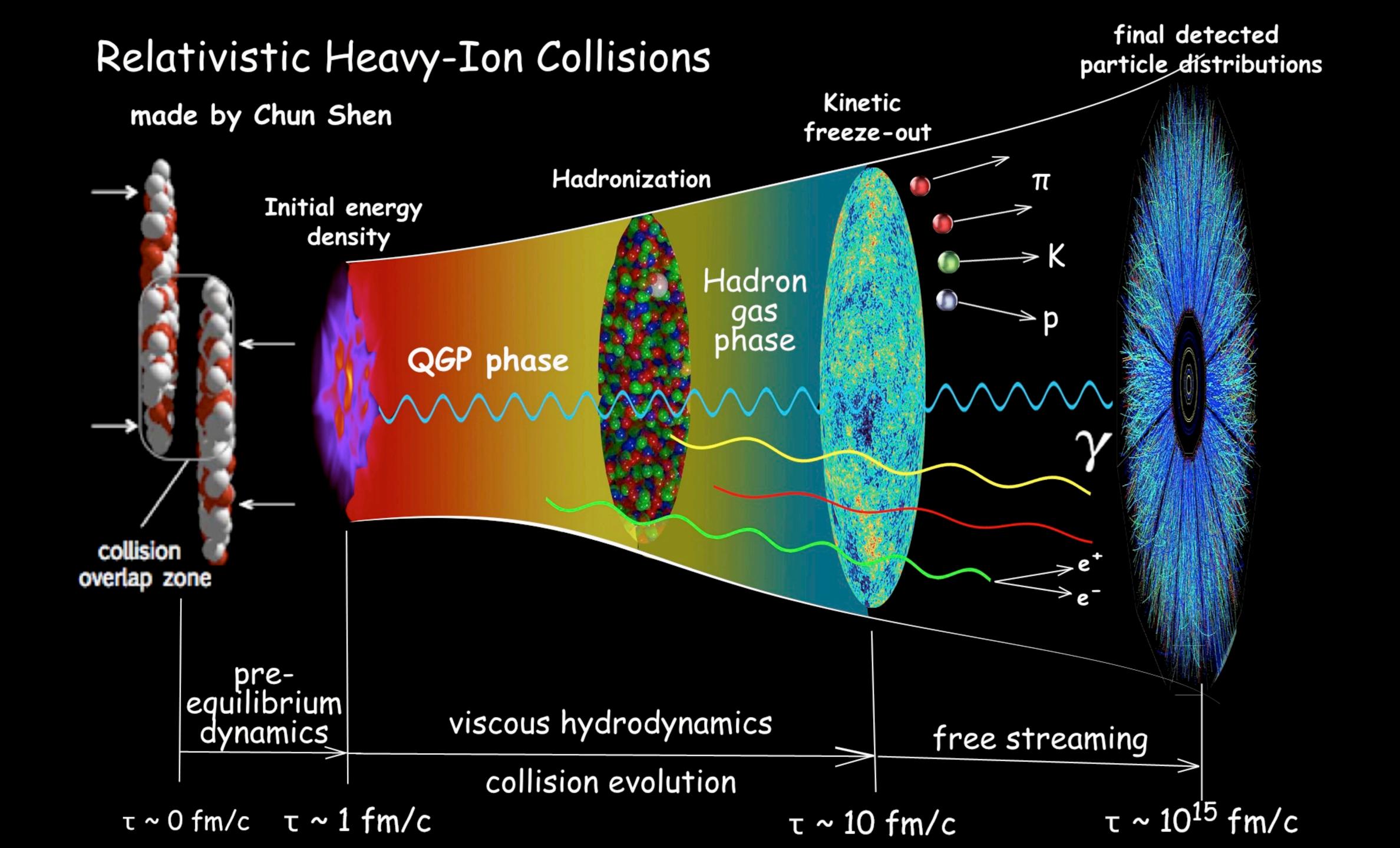
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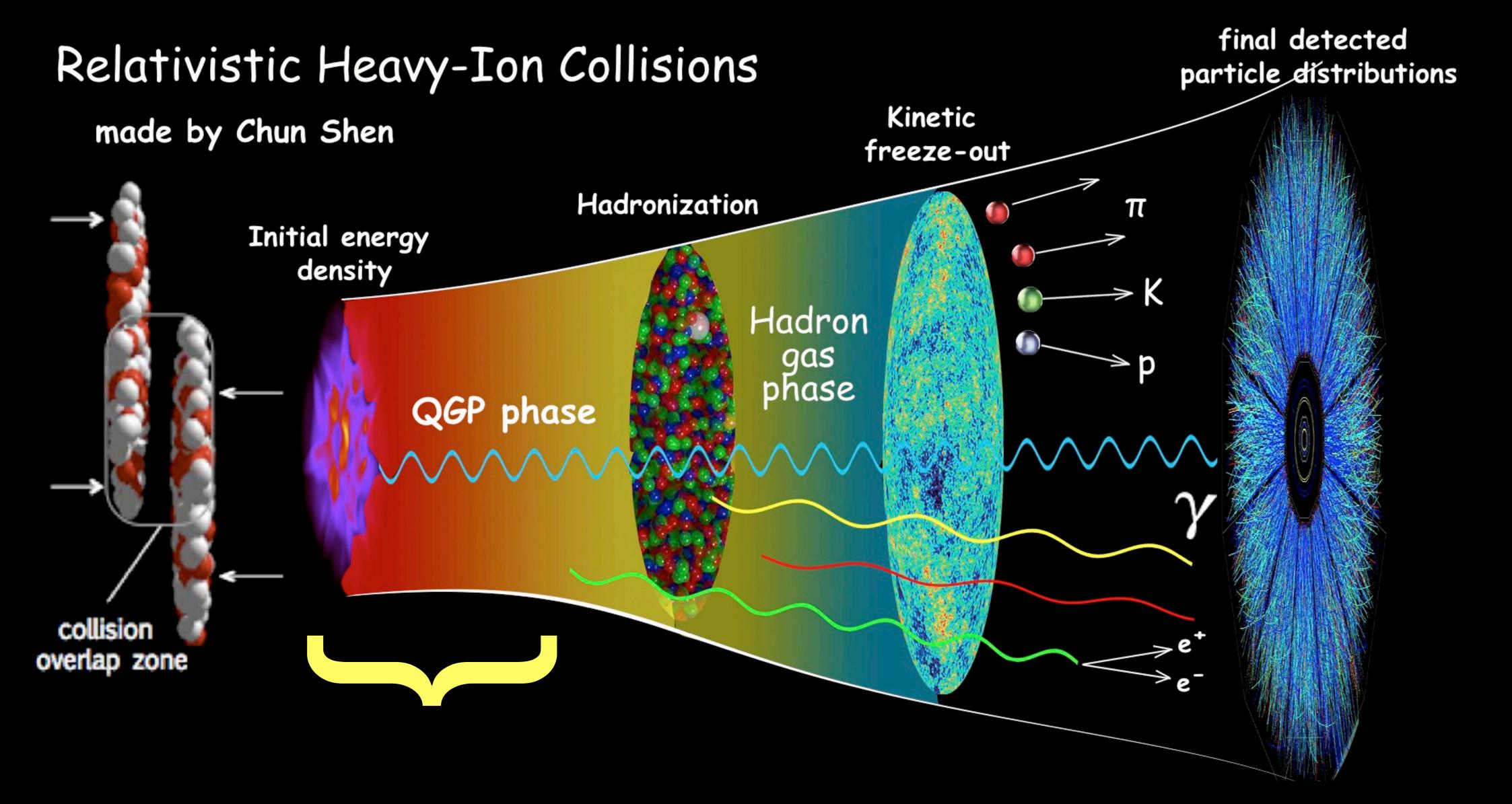
• ALICE is the dedicated heavy-ion detector at the LHC, built specifically for this purpose, so let's take a closer look at it...



• Reminder: ATLAS/CMS are also excellent detectors for heavy-ion physics, and the different detector capabilities and strengths lead to complementary physics programs!



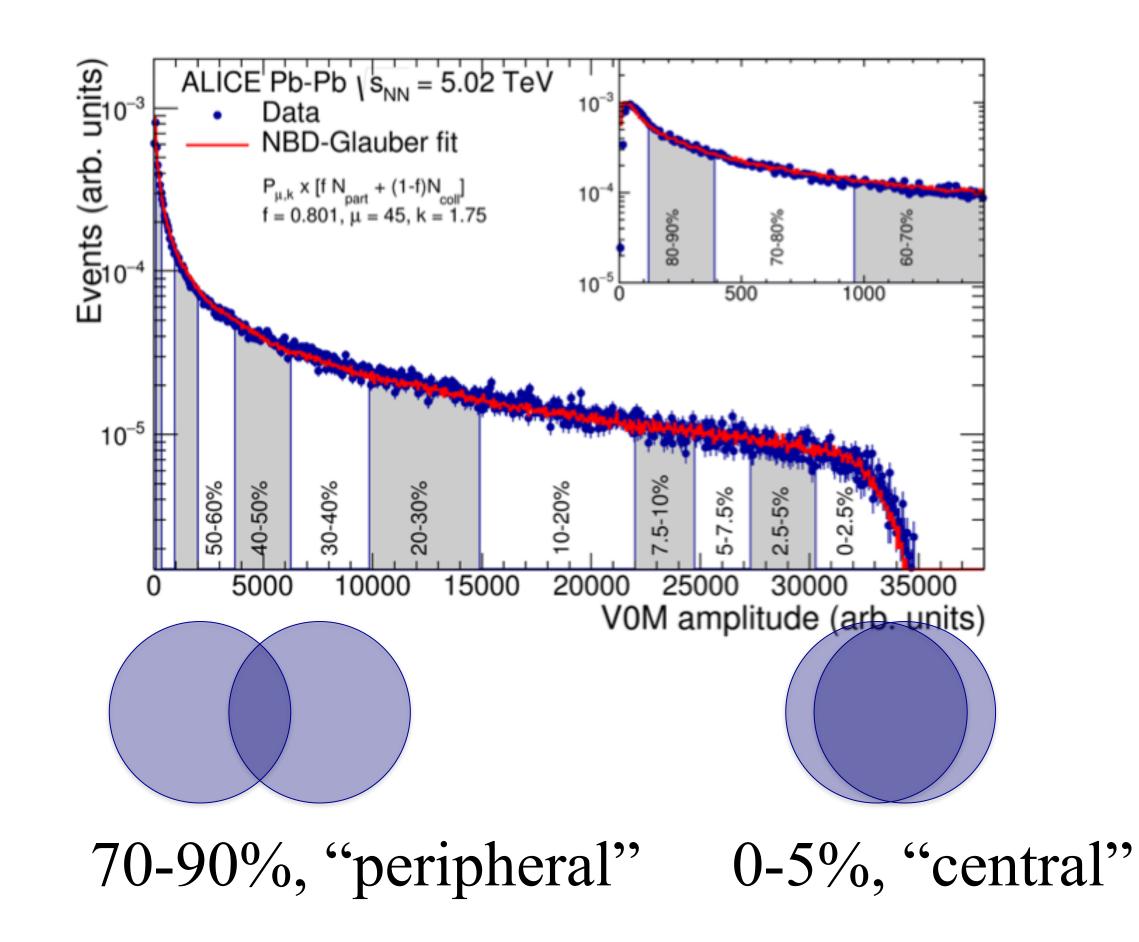




1. The soft sector: anisotropic flow coefficients

### Quick review: geometry of a heavy-ion collision

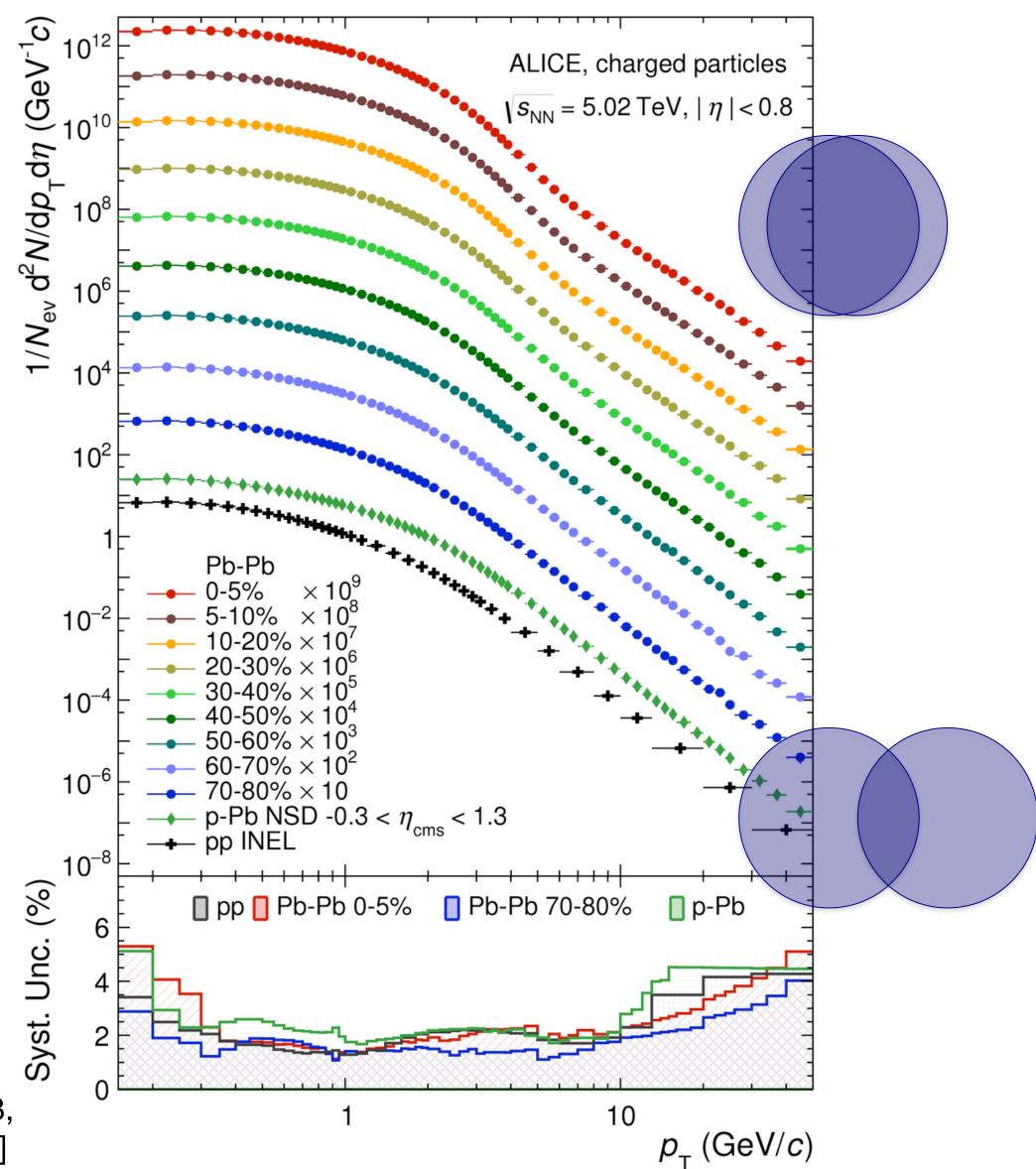
- More "head-on" collision
  - → smaller impact parameter
  - → larger overlap region
  - → more particles produced
- More "glancing" collision
  - → larger impact parameter
  - → smaller overlap region
  - → fewer particles produced
- Centrality is usually quoted as a percentage of the cross-section



• Centrality determination by counting number of particles (multiplicity) or energy deposition in a region of phase space *independent* from the measurement, to avoid biases/autocorrelations in the results

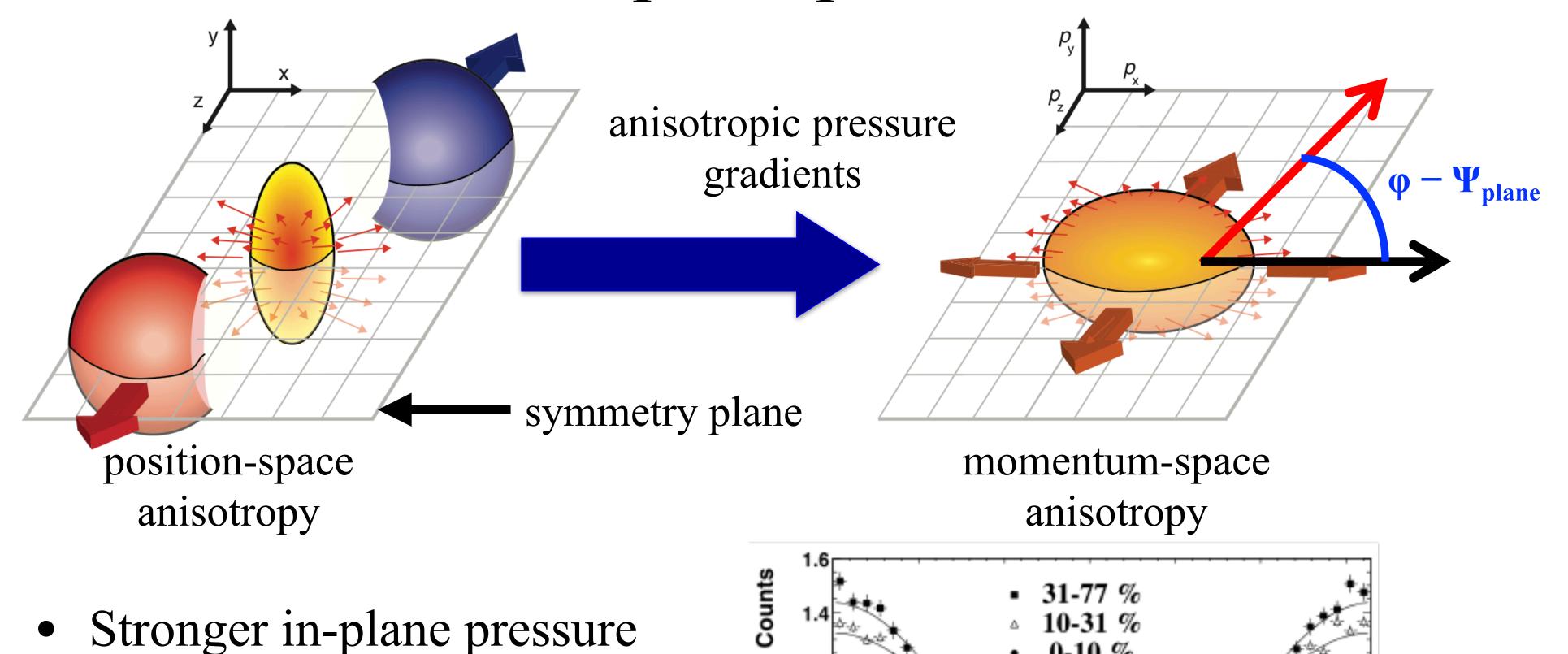
#### Isotropic expansion of the fireball

- Pressure gradients build up in the fireball
- Particles boosted in the radial direction
  - → "radial flow"
  - $\rightarrow$  higher mean  $p_{\rm T}$

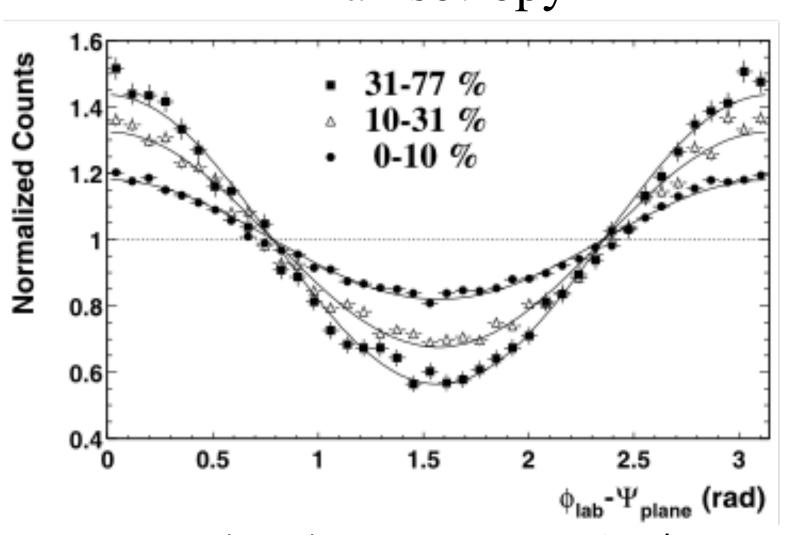


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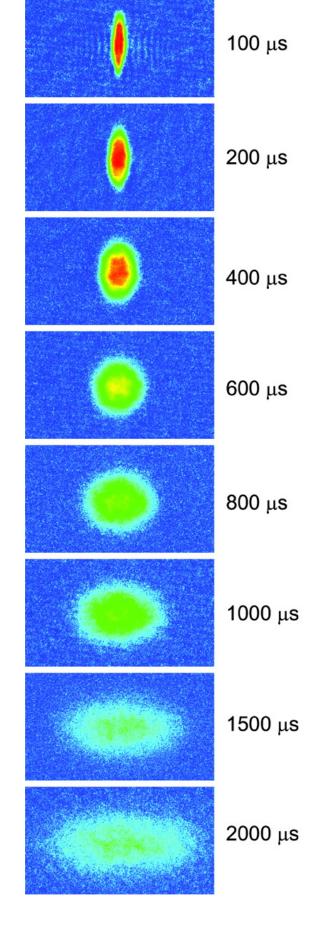
#### Anisotropic expansion of the fireball



- Stronger in-plane pressure gradients
  - → particles boosted in-plane more than out-of-plane
- Particles correlated with a "global" symmetry plane



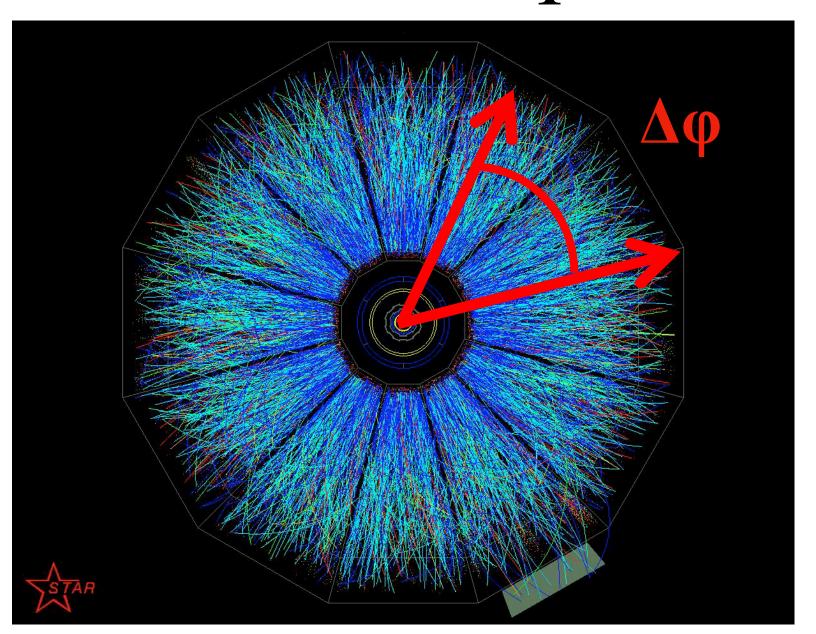
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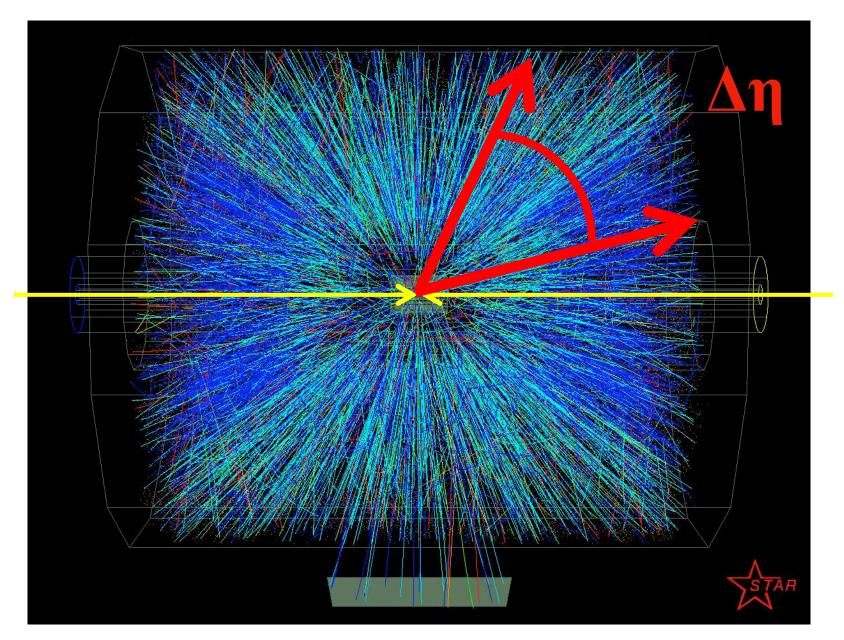


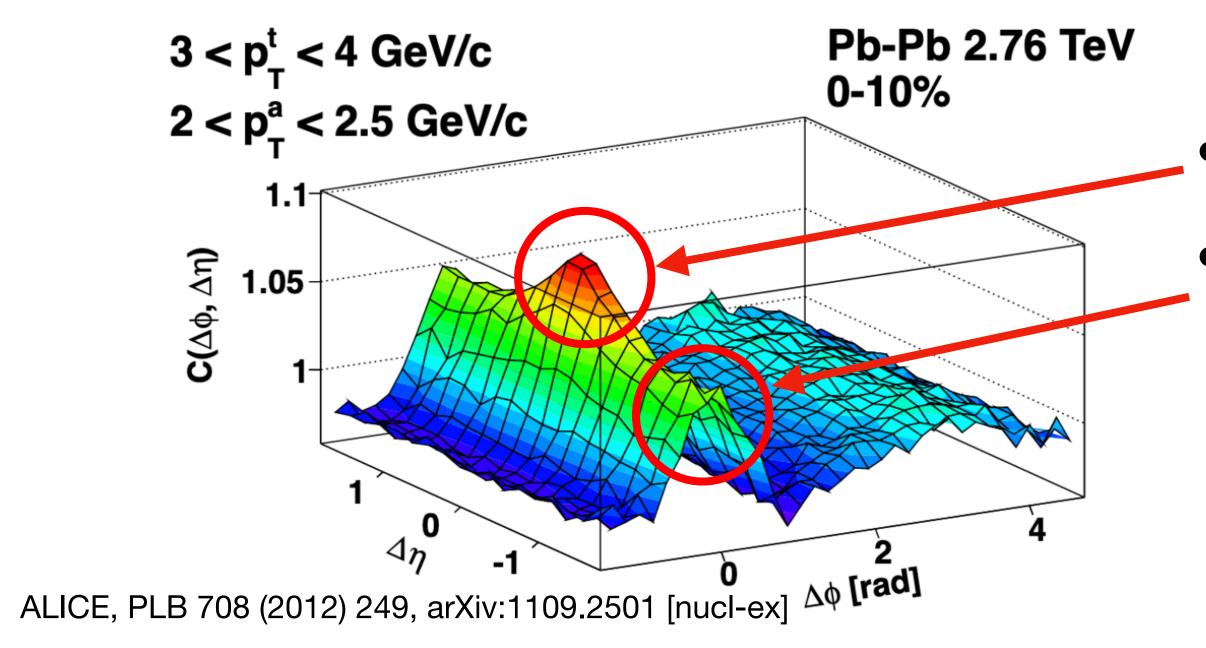
## Elliptic Flow in Ultracold Lithium

K.M. O'Hara et al., Science, 13 Dec 2002: 2179-2182

#### Two-particle correlations



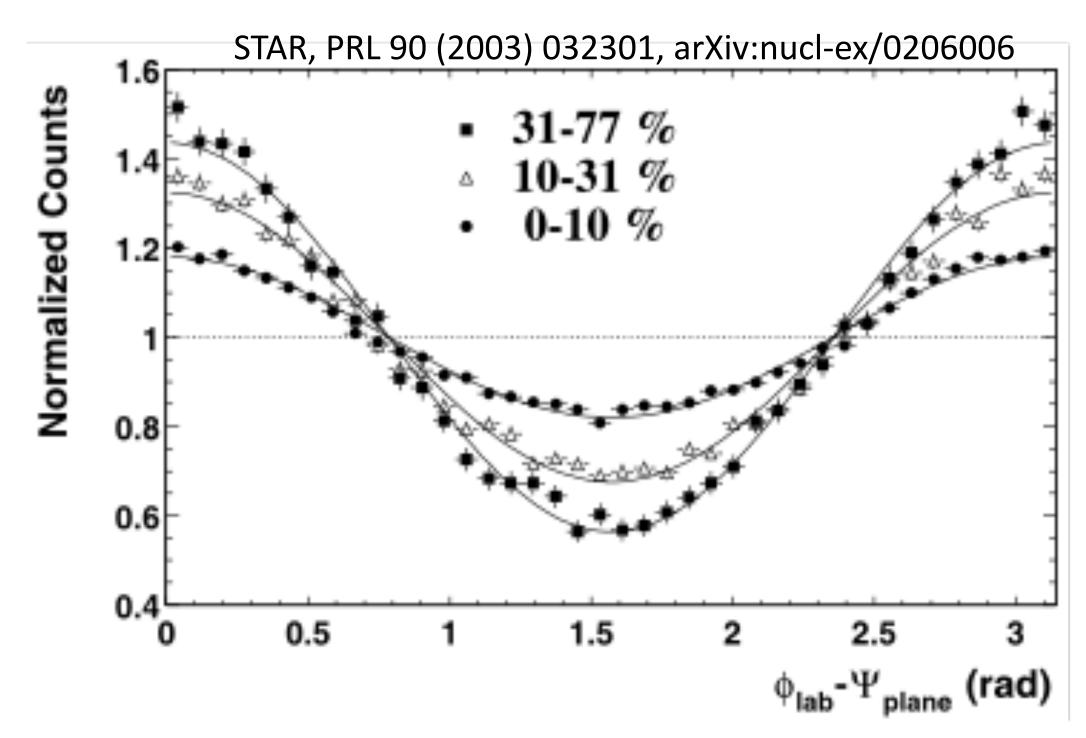




- Short-range correlations  $\rightarrow$  jets (see next slides...)
- Long-range correlations (localized in  $\Delta \phi$ , extended in  $\Delta \eta$ )
  - → anisotropic flow

#### Single-particle to Two-particle correlations

ALICE, PLB 708 (2012) 249, arXiv:1109.2501 [nucl-ex]



• Particle distribution described by a Fourier cosine series

$$dN/d\phi \sim 1 + 2v_2 cos(2(\phi - \Psi_2))$$
 A fun mathematical exercise: show this!

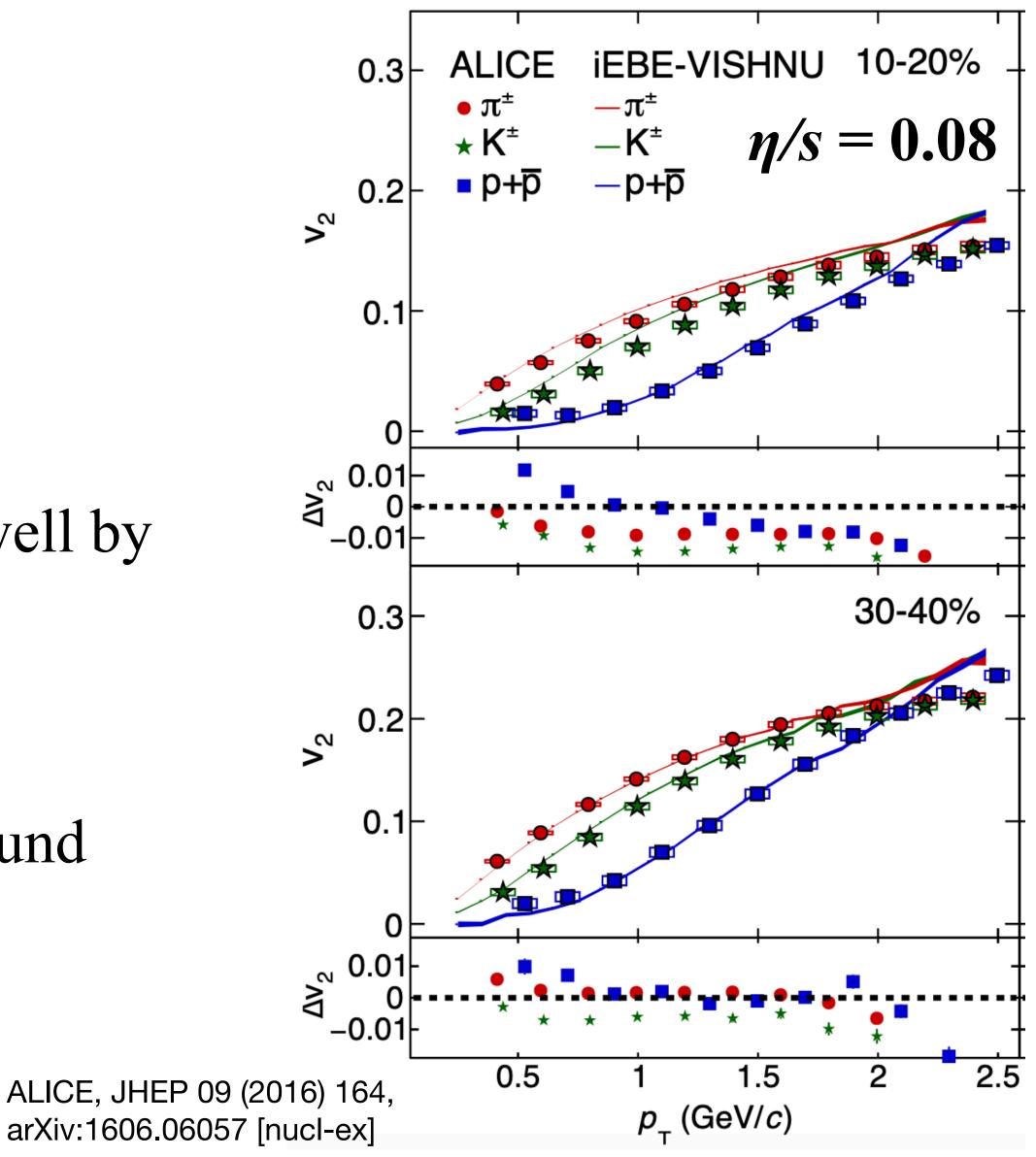
**Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV, 0-2% central**  $2 < p_{\tau}^{t} < 2.5 \text{ GeV/c}$ 1.015⊢  $1.5 < p_T^a < 2 \text{ GeV/c}$  $0.8 < I\Delta \eta I < 1.8$ 1.01 1.005 0.995 0.99  $\chi^2$ /ndf = 33.3 / 35 1.002 ratio 0.998 **Δ**φ [rad]

• Two-particle ( $\Delta \phi$ ) distribution described by Fourier series with coefficients  $v_n^2$ 

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#### Anisotropic flow coefficients

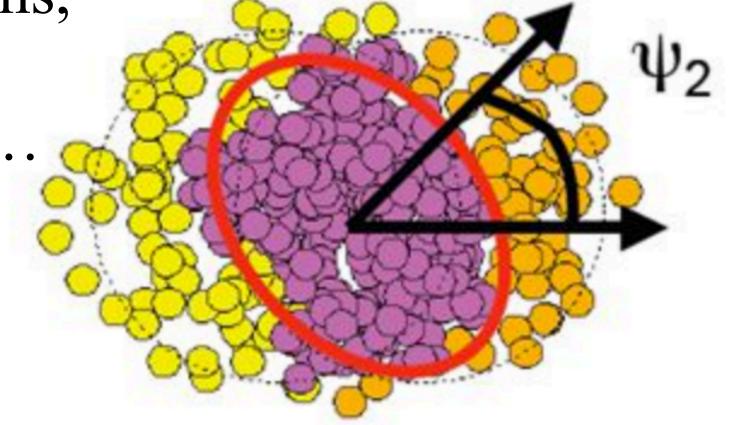
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- $v_2 \rightarrow$  "elliptic flow"
- Measurements of v<sub>2</sub> are described very well by hydrodynamic models
  - → QGP behaves as a liquid!
- Viscosity  $(\eta/s)$  is near quantum lower bound
  - → QGP is the "perfect liquid"

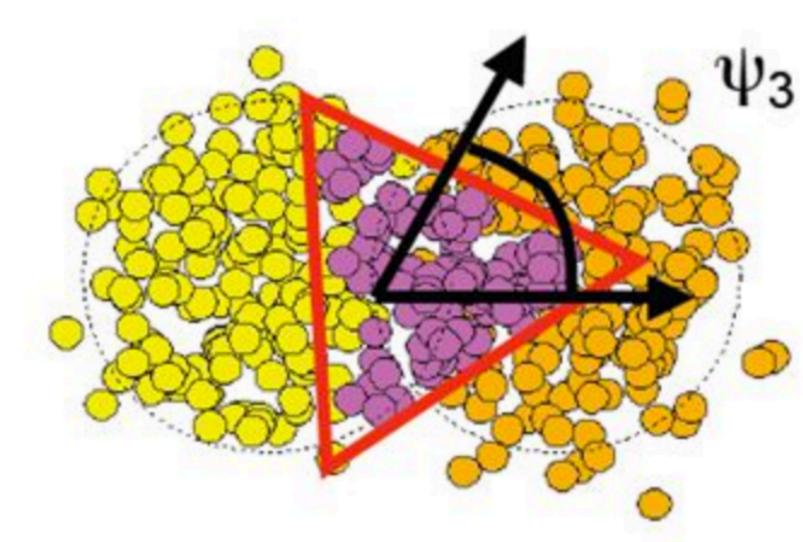


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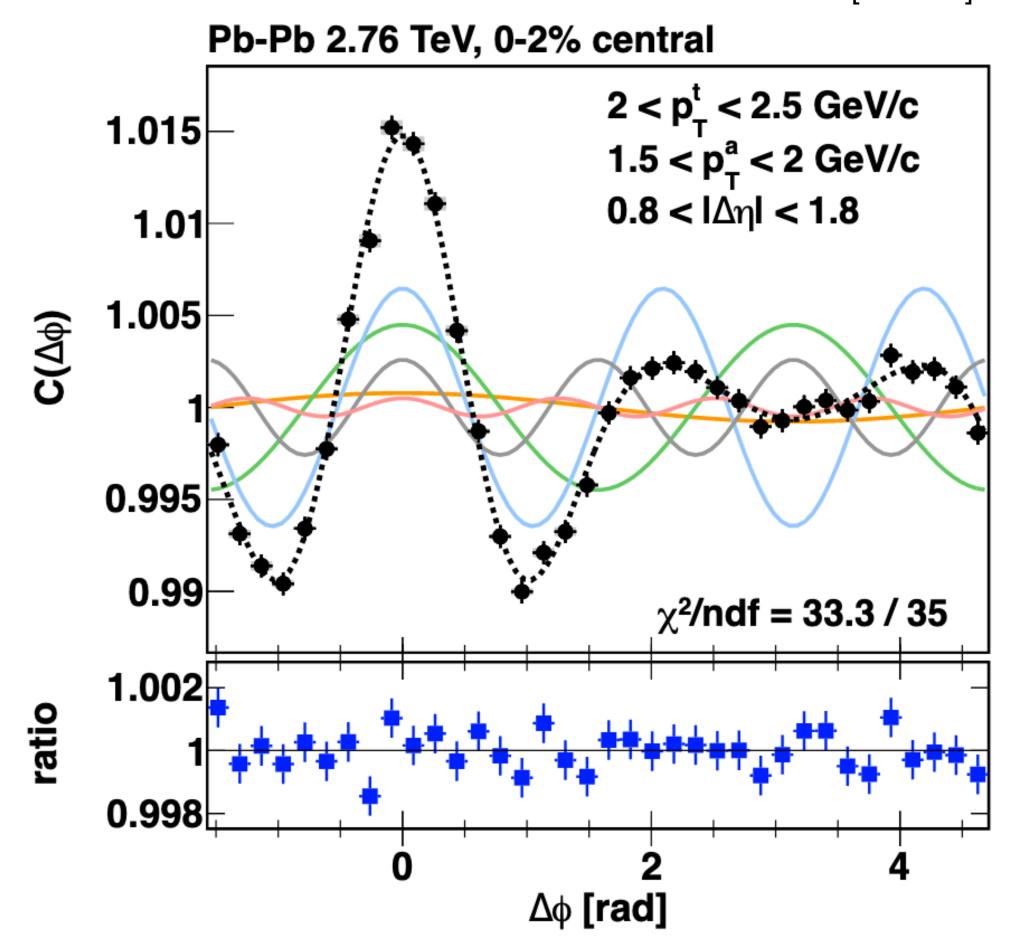
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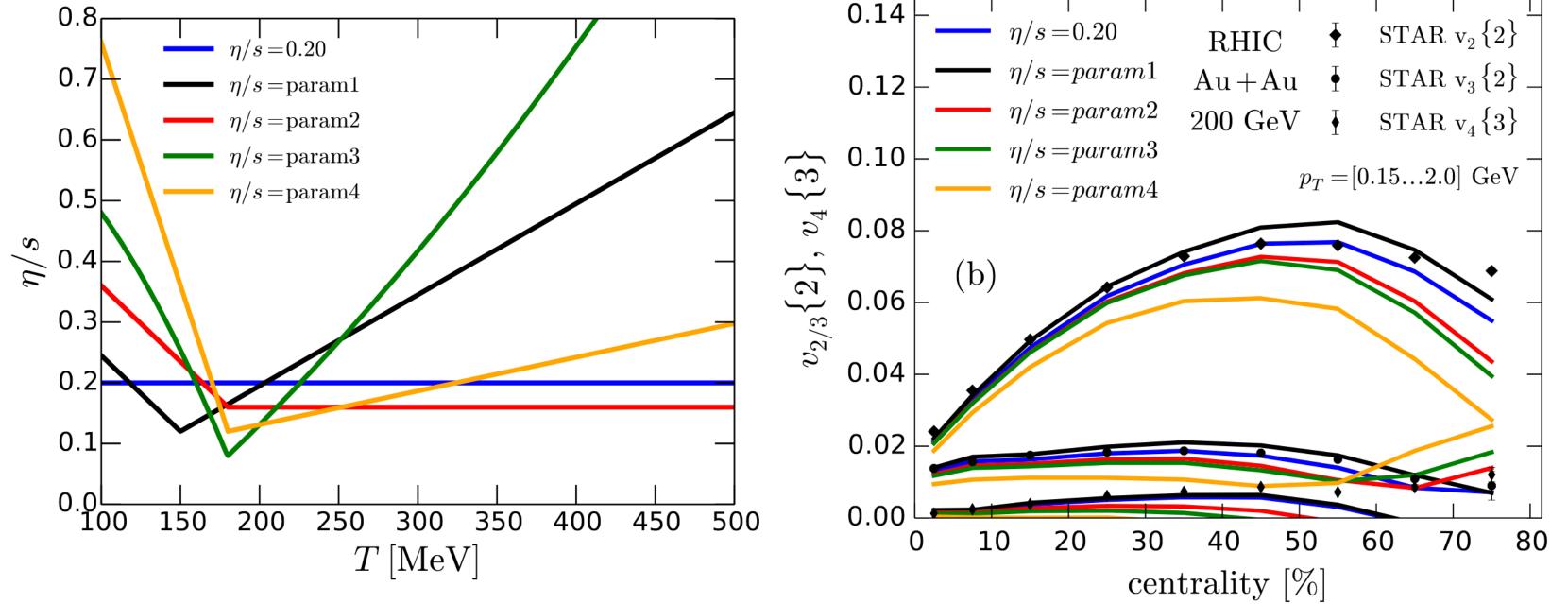
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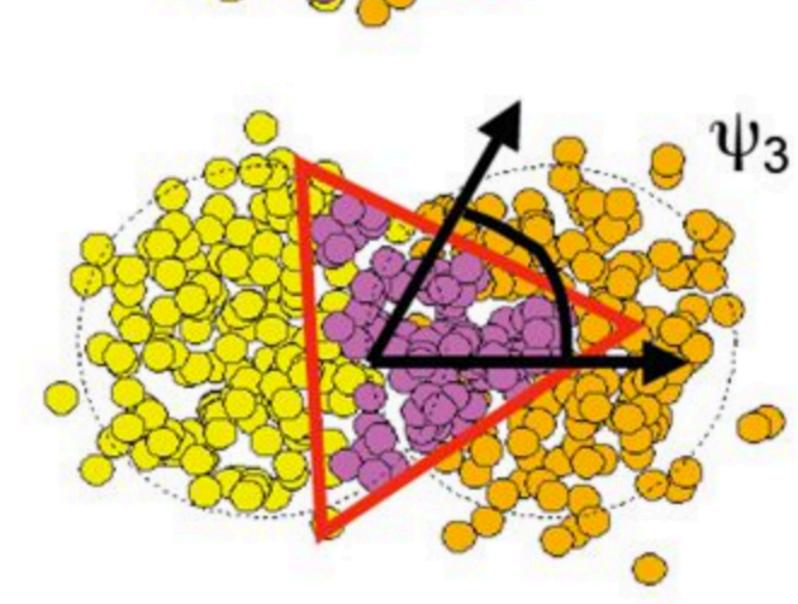
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• Higher harmonics are sensitive to hydrodynamic properties

and dynamics of the QGP

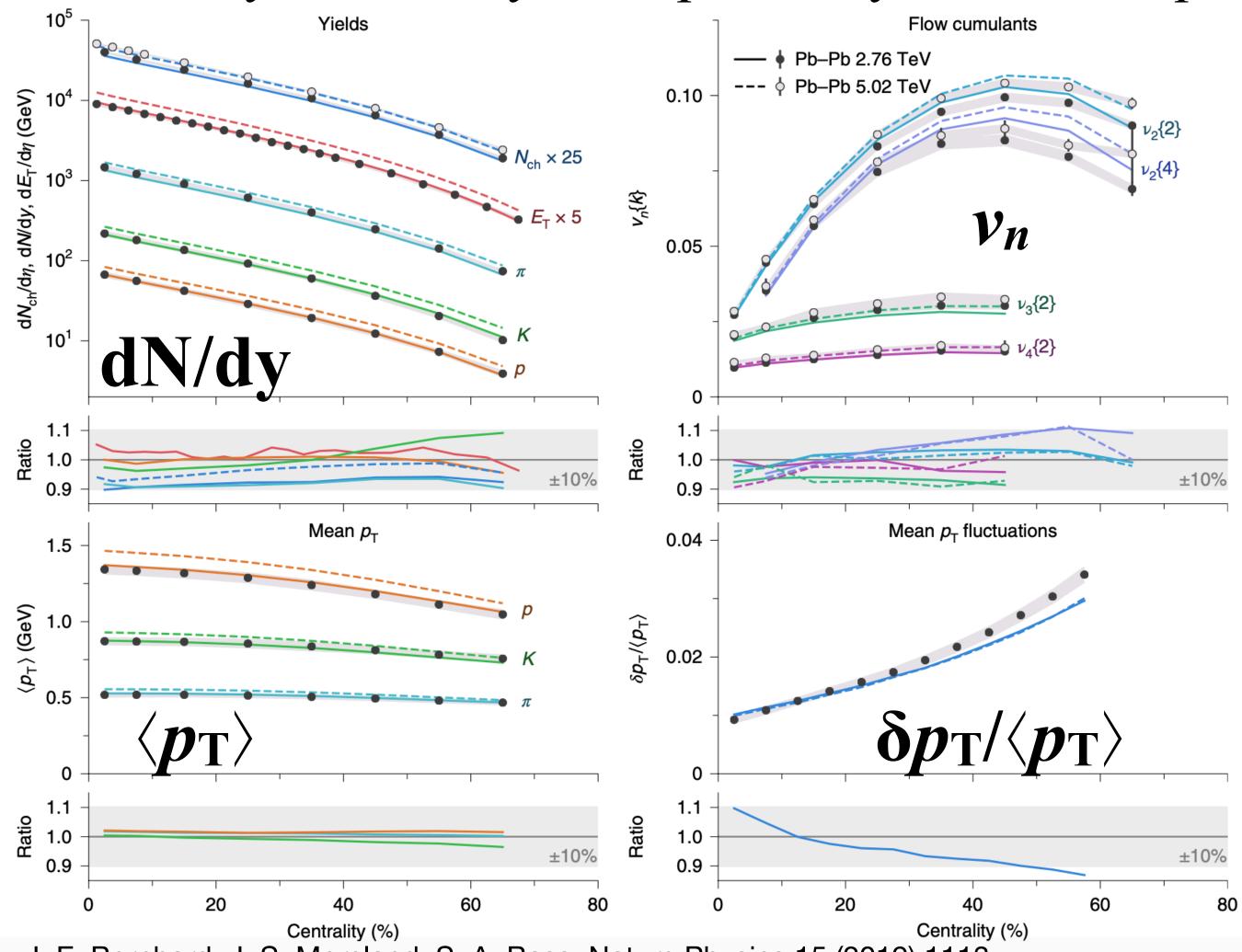






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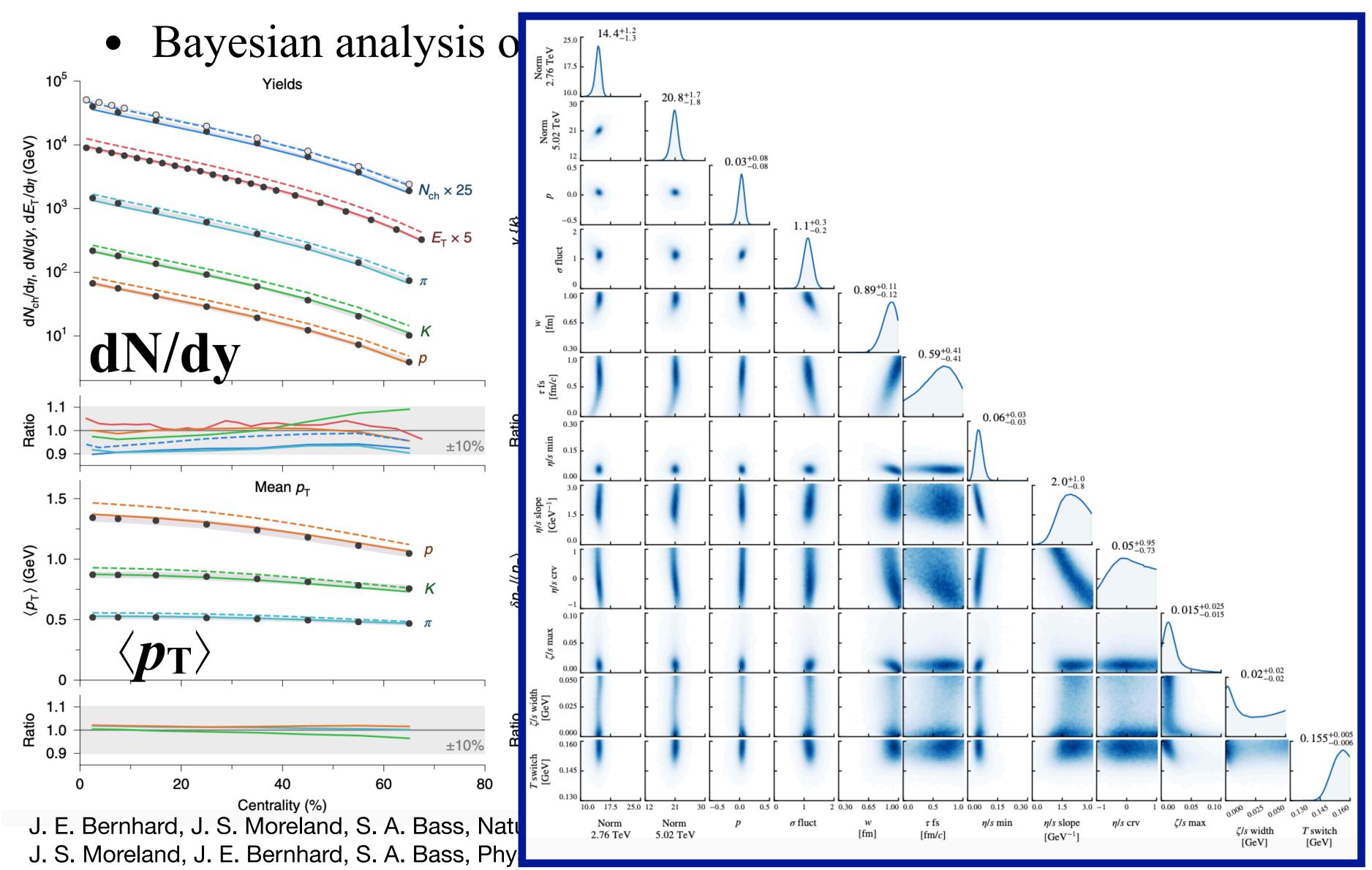
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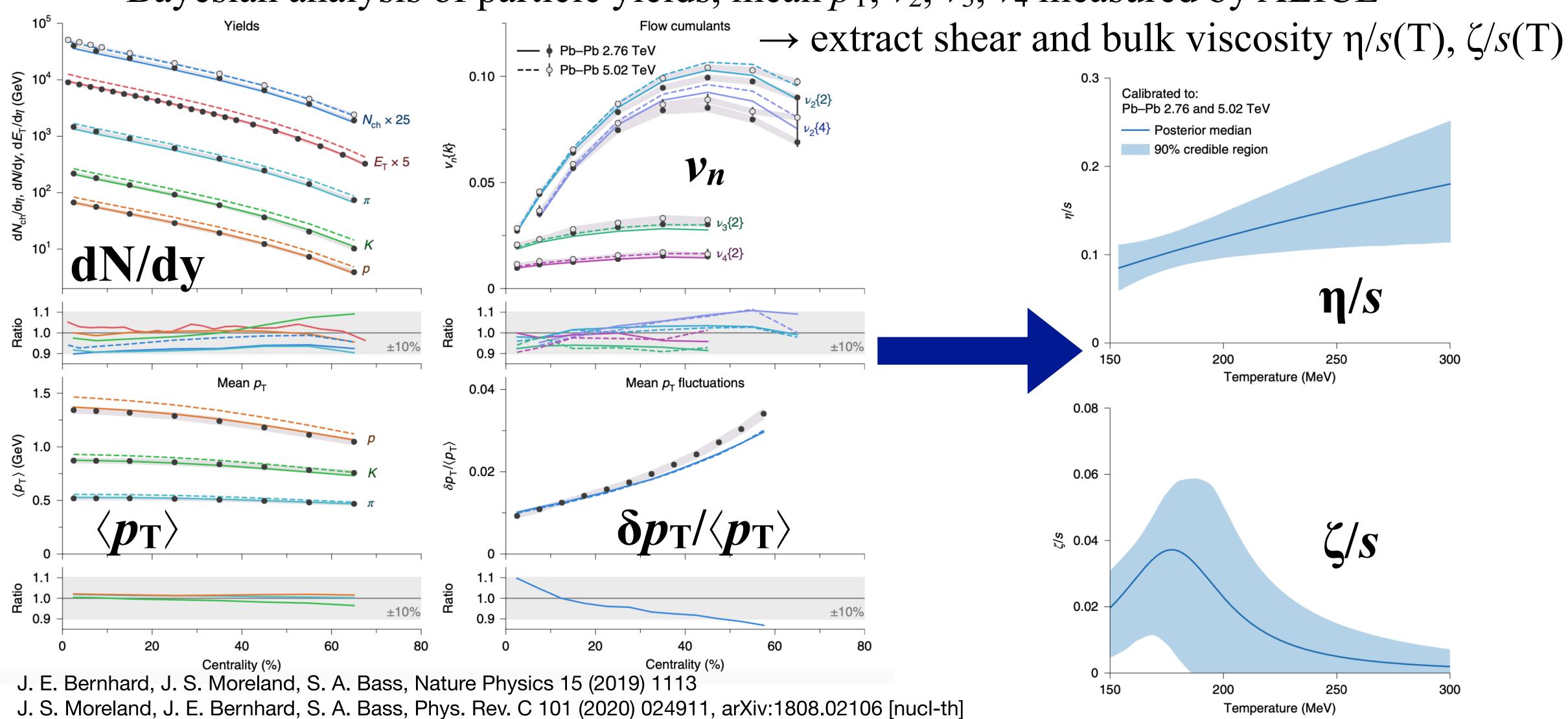
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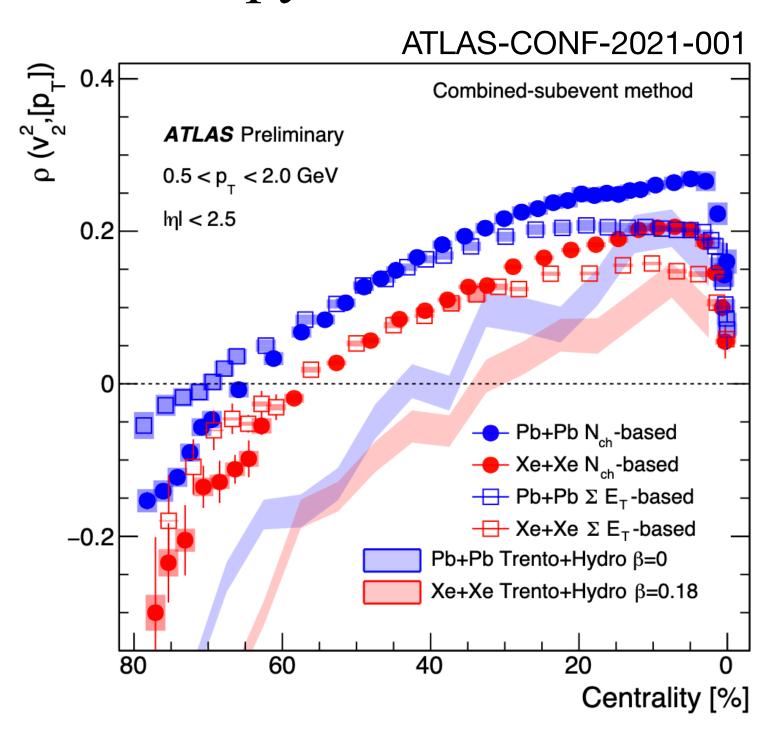
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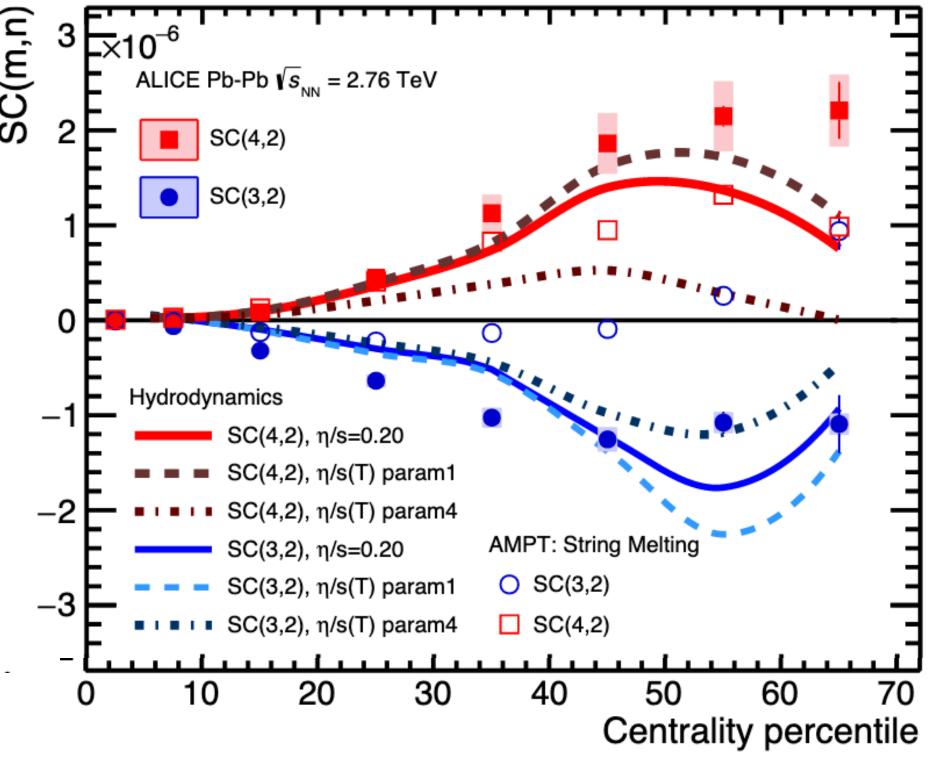


#### Beyond v<sub>n</sub>: flow correlations

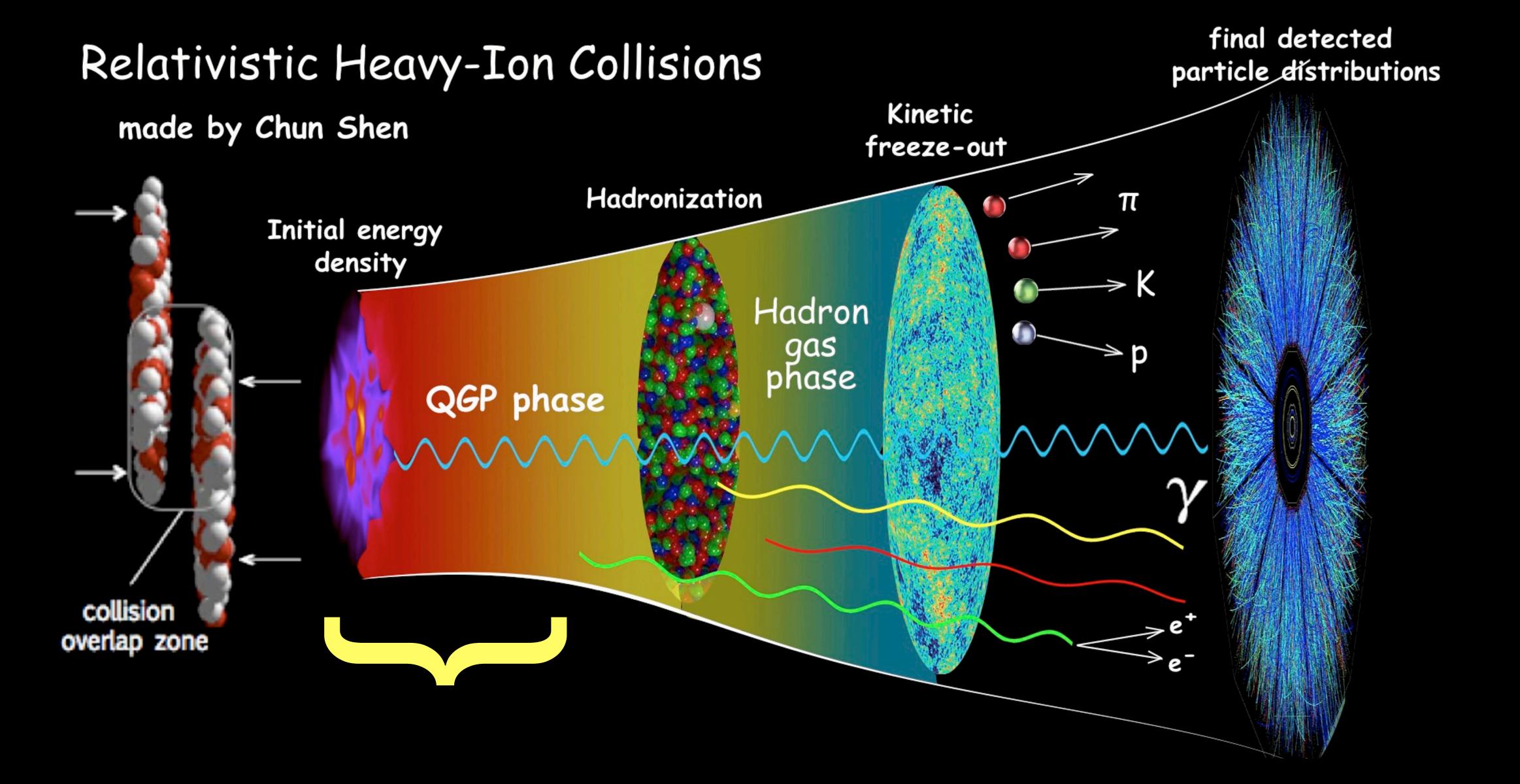
- Correlations between radial flow and anisotropic flow
  - sensitive to initial energy deposition, nuclear deformation, and interplay between system expansion and anisotropy



- Correlations between anisotropic flow harmonics of different orders
  - sensitive to initial conditions and final state interactions



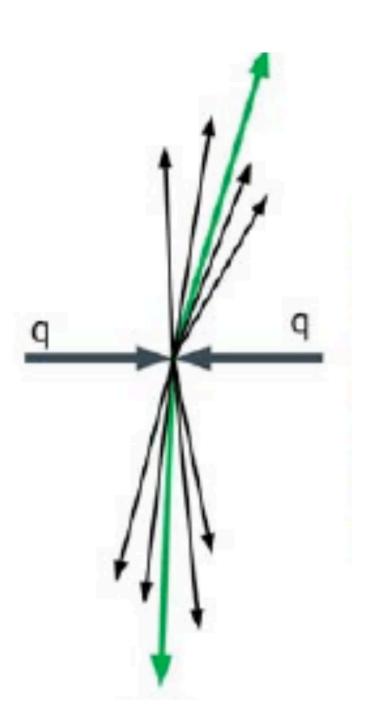
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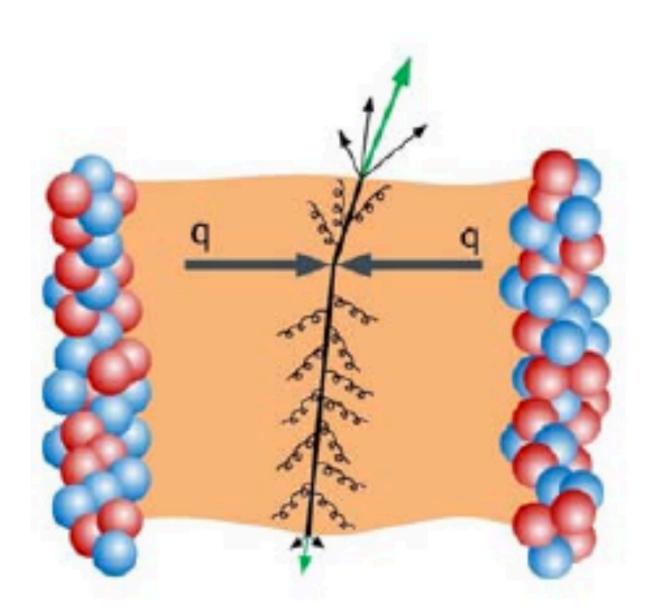
2. The hard sector: jets

#### A colored probe in a colored medium

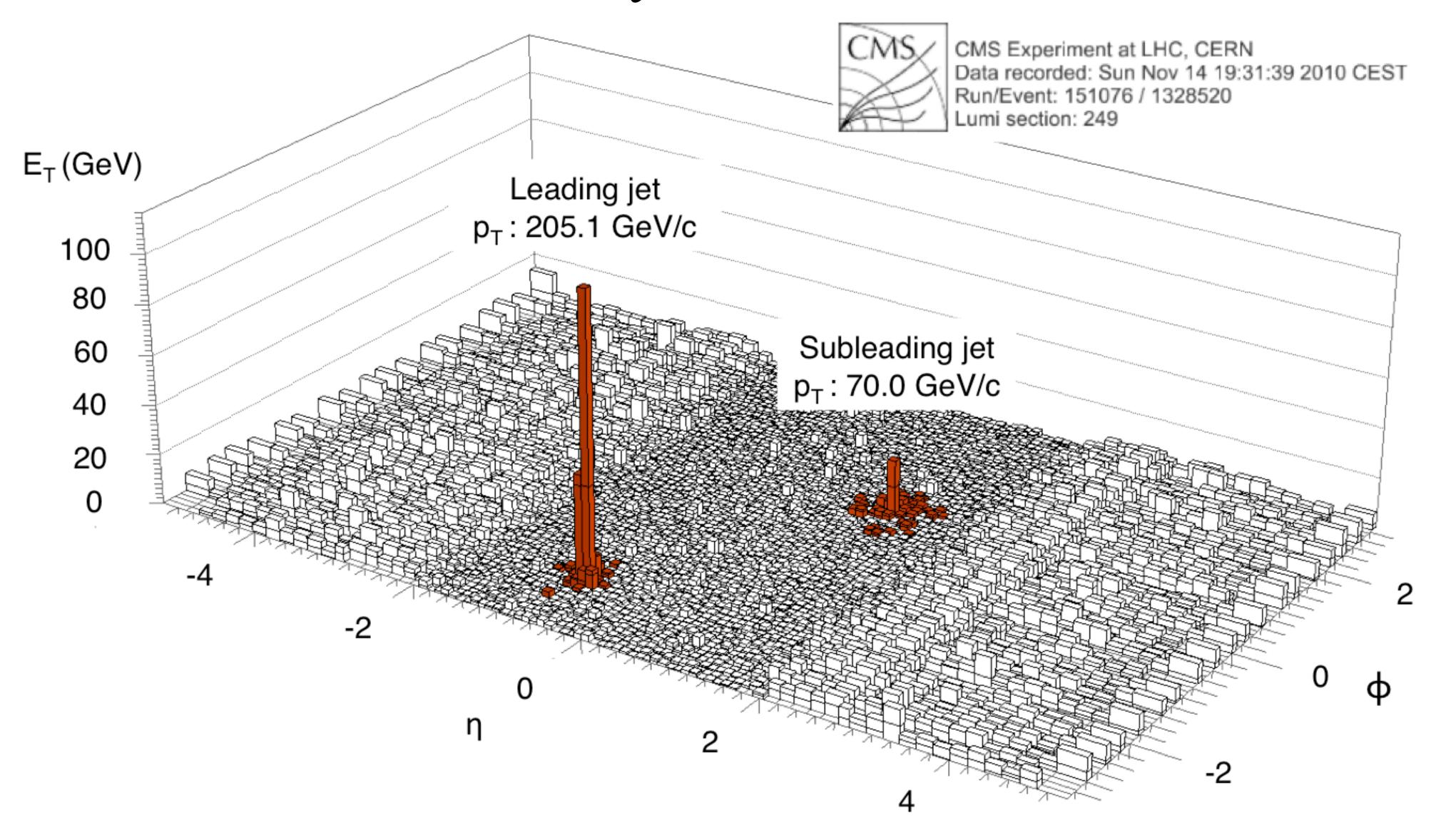
 Hard scatterings in the early stages of the collision produce back-to-back recoiling partons, which fragment into collimated clusters of hadrons



- As they traverse the QGP, partons interact with the medium
  - → "jet quenching"
- Characterize the nature of this energy loss to understand properties of the QGP and the interactions of a colored probe with a colored medium



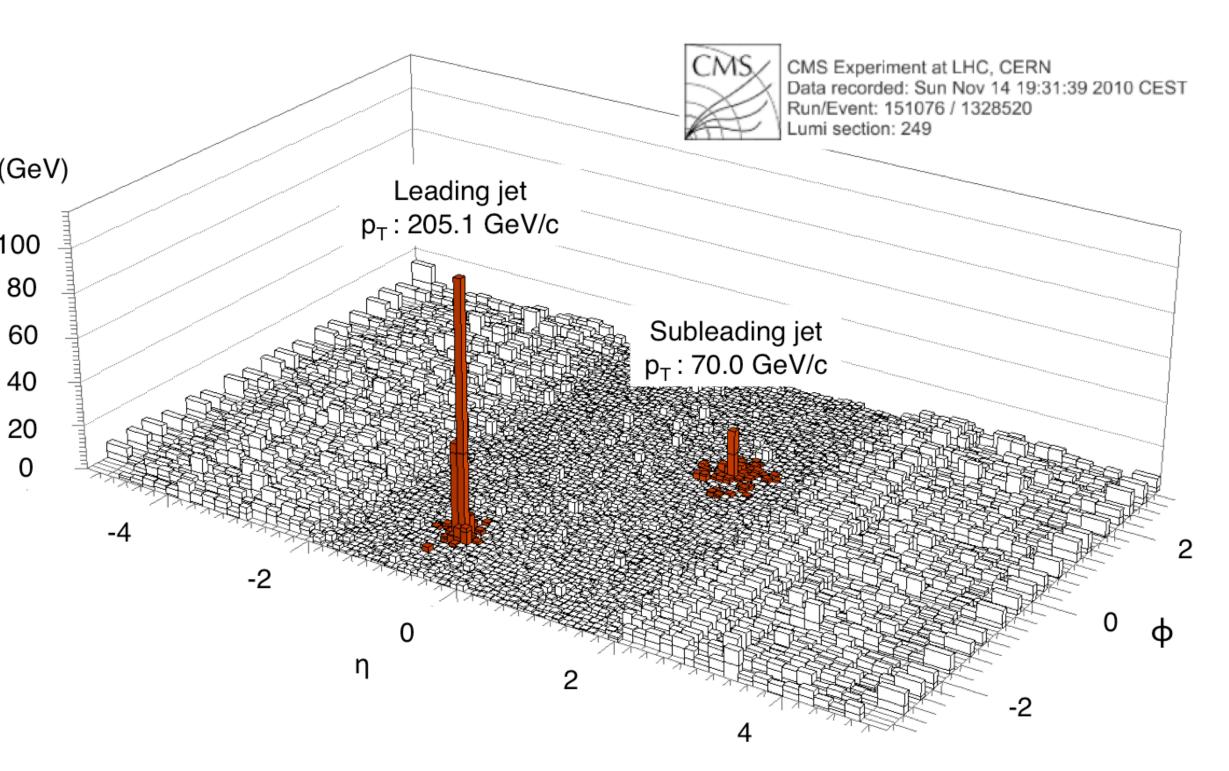
#### Jets in heavy-ion collisions



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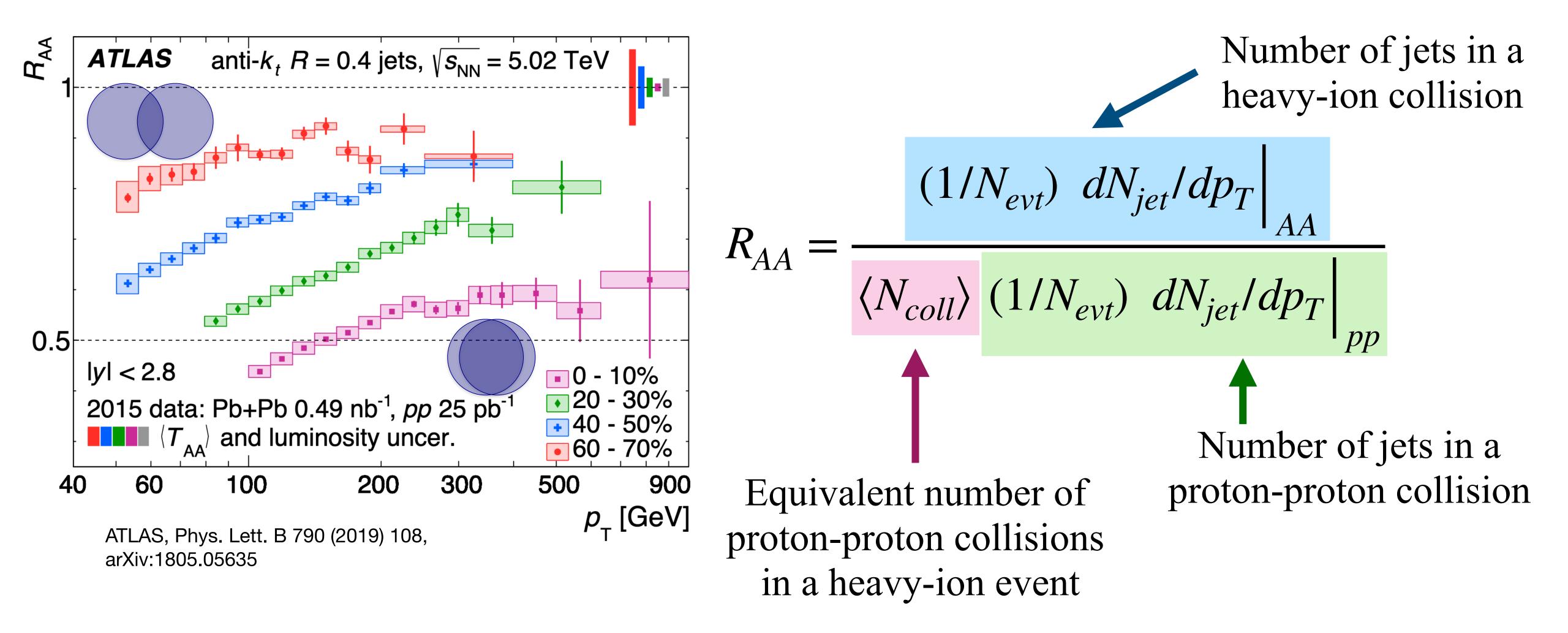
- Use clustering algorithms developed in pp collisions to reconstruct jets from their fragments
  - $\rightarrow$  most common is the anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm:  $^{100}_{80}$  starting with the high-p<sub>T</sub> particles,  $^{60}_{100}$  iteratively cluster hadrons based on their  $^{40}_{200}$  distance  $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta \phi^2 + \Delta \eta^2)}$  and p<sub>T</sub>  $^{0}$   $\rightarrow$  common cone sizes in heavy-ion collisions: R = 0.2-0.6
- The challenge: the large and fluctuating background!

In 0-10% central Pb+Pb collisions at 5 TeV:  $\rho = p_T^{bkg}/A \sim 220\text{-}280 \text{ GeV}/c$   $p_T^{bkg} \sim 110\text{-}140 \text{ GeV}/c \text{ for } R = 0.4$   $\sigma[p_T^{bkg}] \sim 16 \text{ GeV}/c$ 



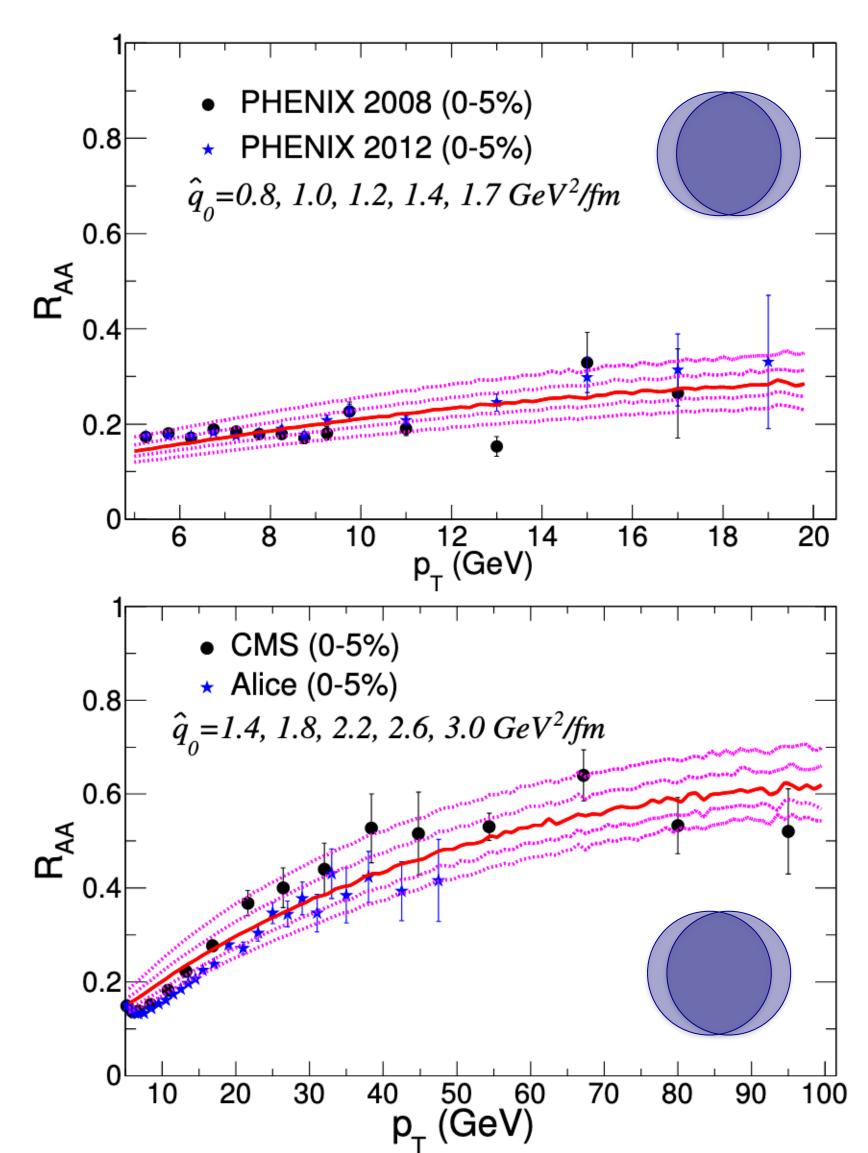
Compare to the energy of the jets we want to measure!  $p_T^{jet} \sim 10\text{-}100~\text{GeV/}c$ 

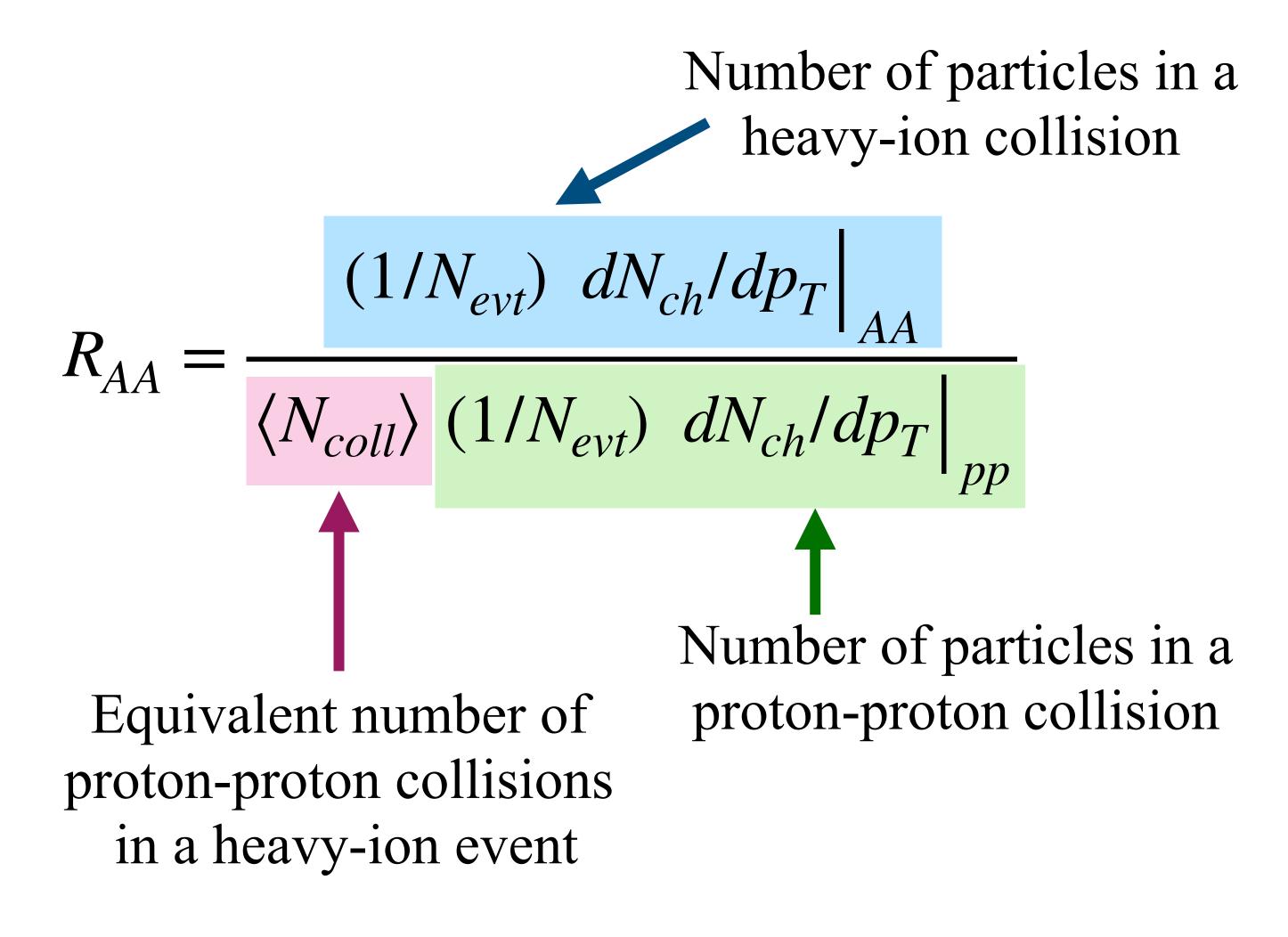
#### Jet quenching



• Significant suppression of jets in central heavy-ion collisions!

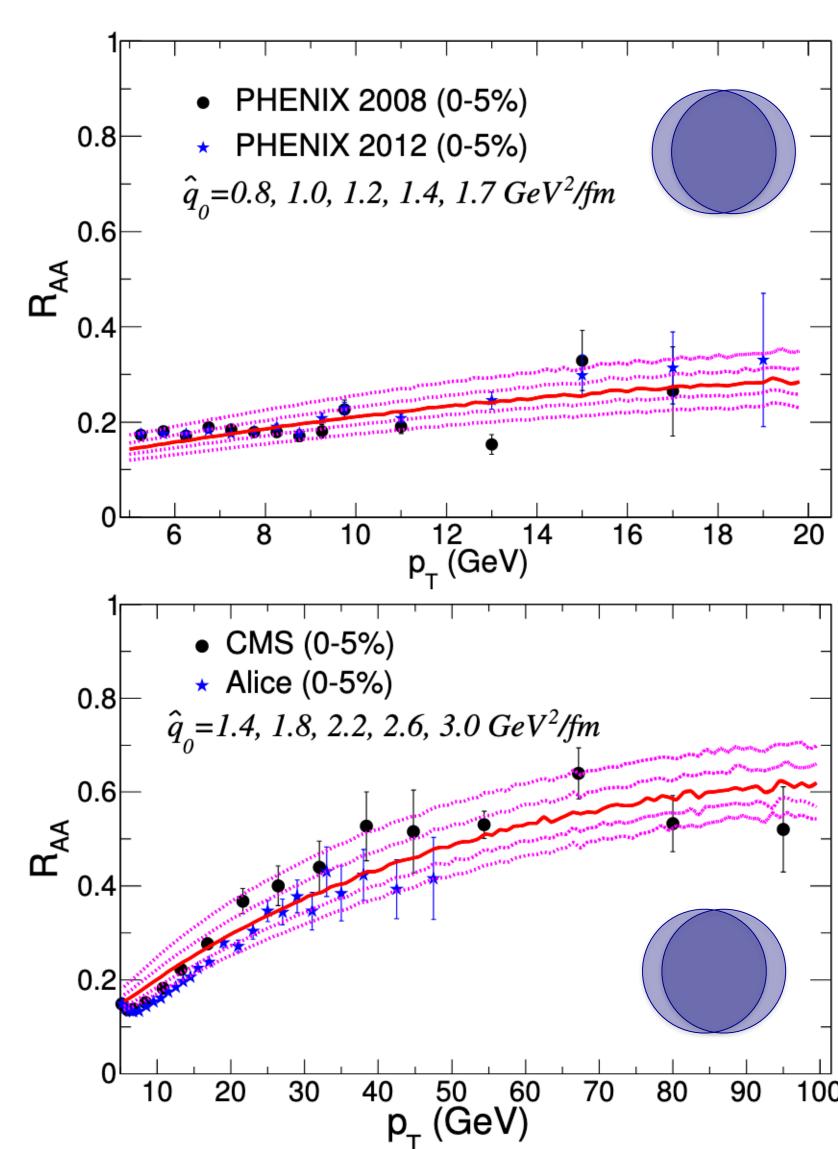
#### Charged particle R<sub>AA</sub>





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#### Charged particle RAA



• By comparing with a wide variety of models, extract the *jet transport coefficient* 

$$\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3} pprox \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 4.6 \pm 1.2 & {
m at~RHIC}, \ 3.7 \pm 1.4 & {
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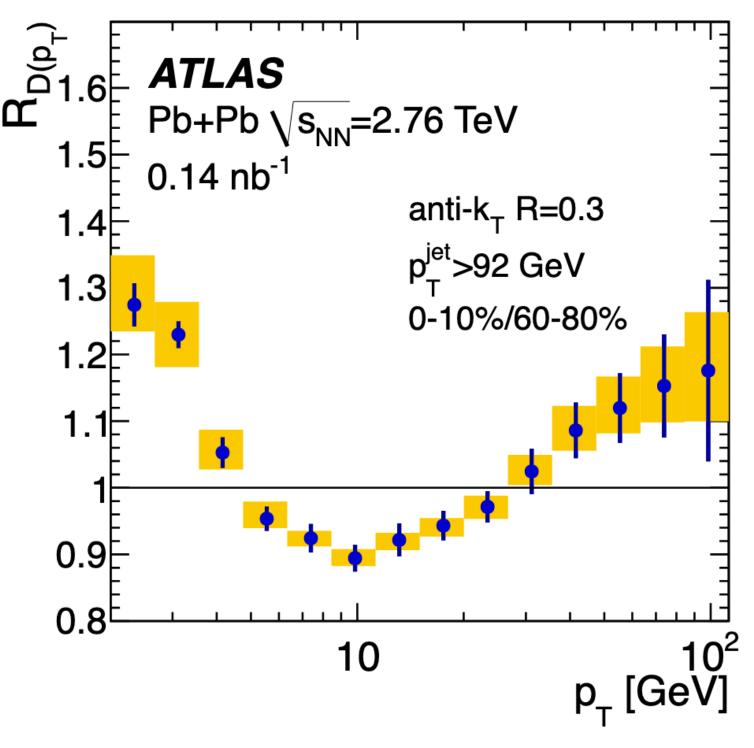
• for a quark jet with E = 10 GeV

$$\hat{q} \approx \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1.2 \pm 0.3 \\ 1.9 \pm 0.7 \end{array} \right. \, \mathrm{GeV^2/fm} \, \, \, \mathrm{at} \, \, \, \, \, \, \frac{\mathrm{T}{=}370 \, \, \mathrm{MeV}}{\mathrm{T}{=}470 \, \, \mathrm{MeV}} \right.$$

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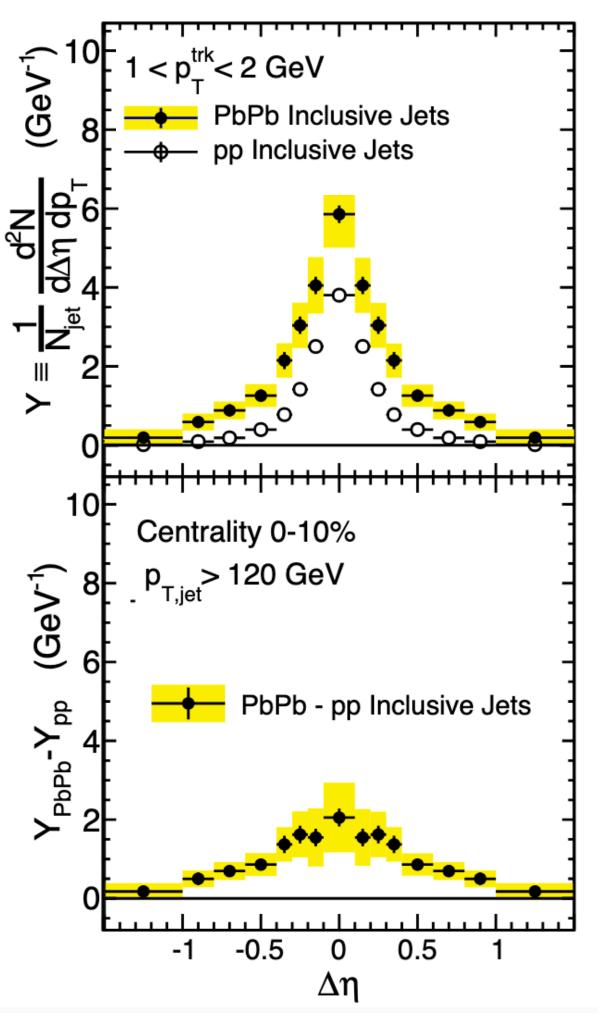
- Many detailed studies of the *shape and structure* of jets give insight into the specifics of jet modification mechanisms due to interactions with the medium
  - Fragmentation functions
  - Correlations: jet-hadron ( $\Delta \varphi, \Delta \eta$ ) correlations, ...
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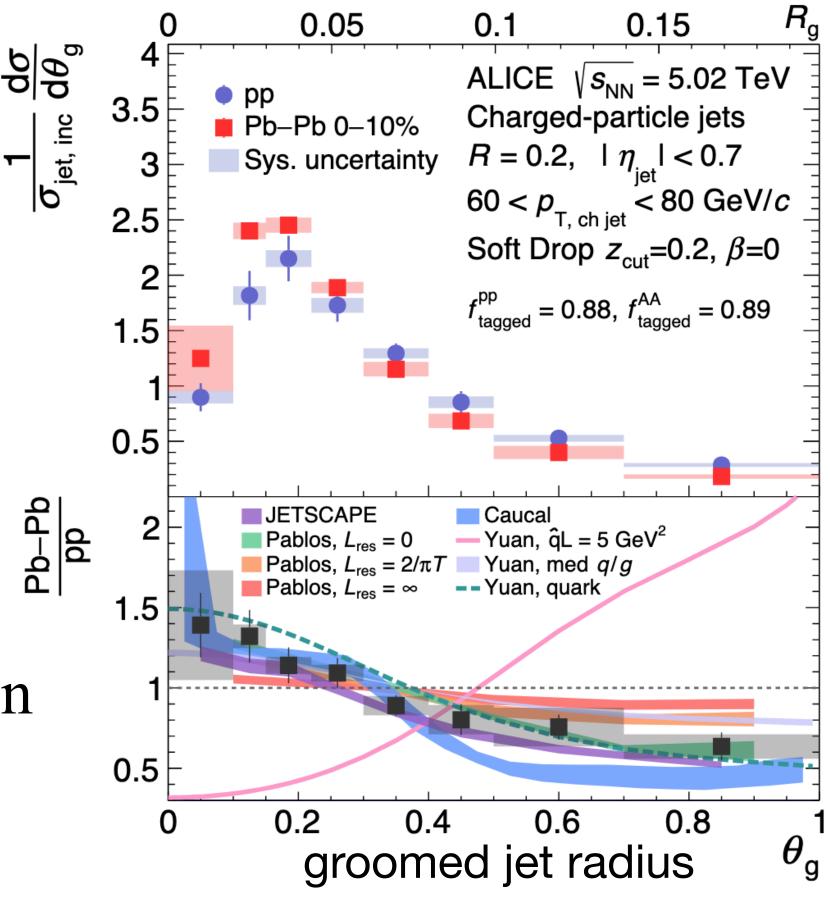
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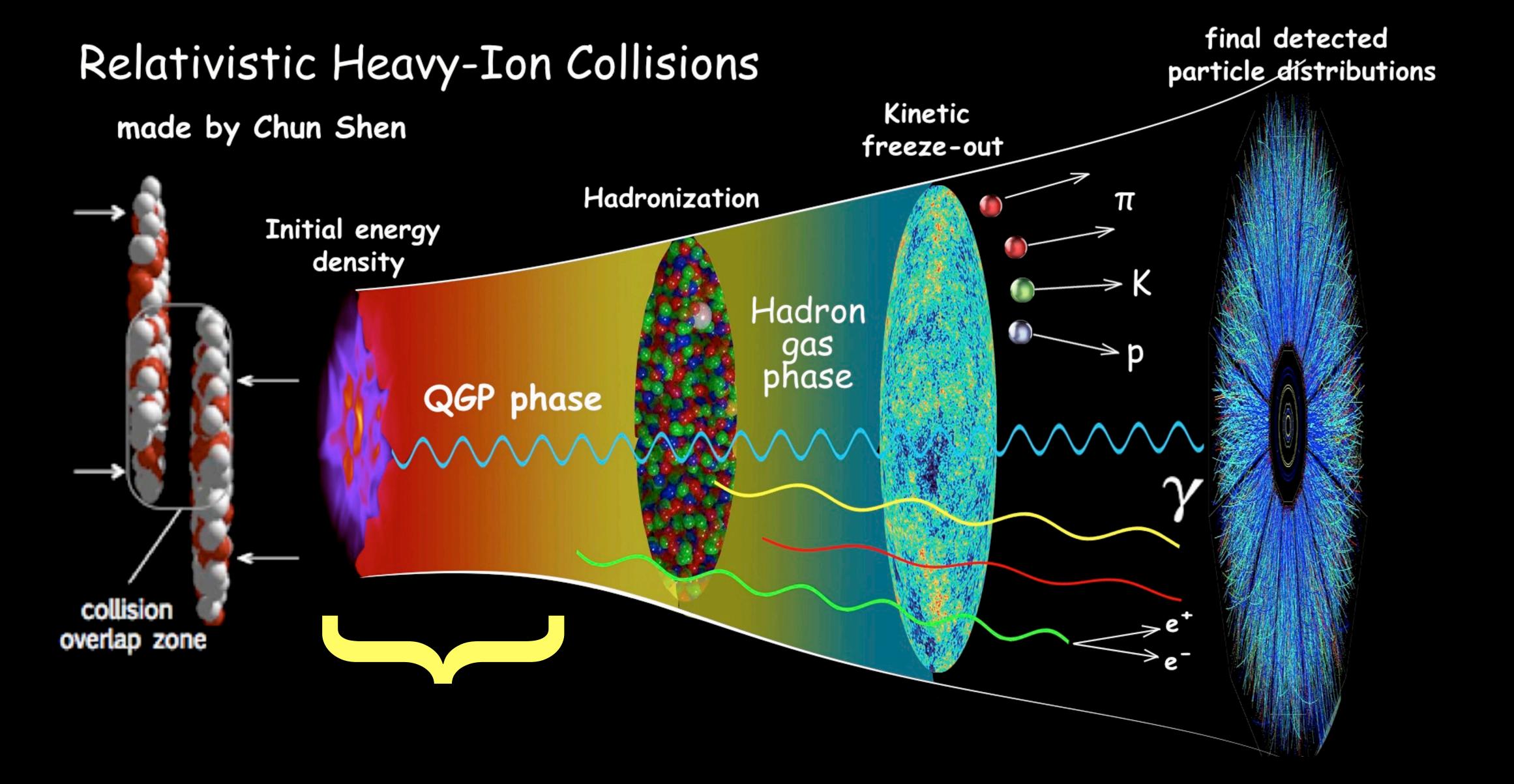
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- In general, analyses tend to indicate that jets in heavy-ion collisions are softer and broader than in p+p collisions (caveat: conclusions depend on details of the reconstruction and selection of the jets, and the observable)



ALICE, submitted to PRL, arXiv:2107.12984 [nucl-ex]

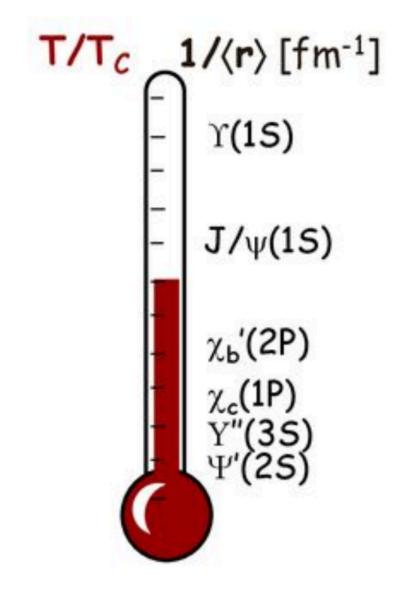
For a comprehensive review of jet measurements in heavy ion physics, see for example M. Connors, C. Nattrass, R. Reed, S. Salur, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 (2018) 025005, arXiv: 1705.01974 [nucl-ex]

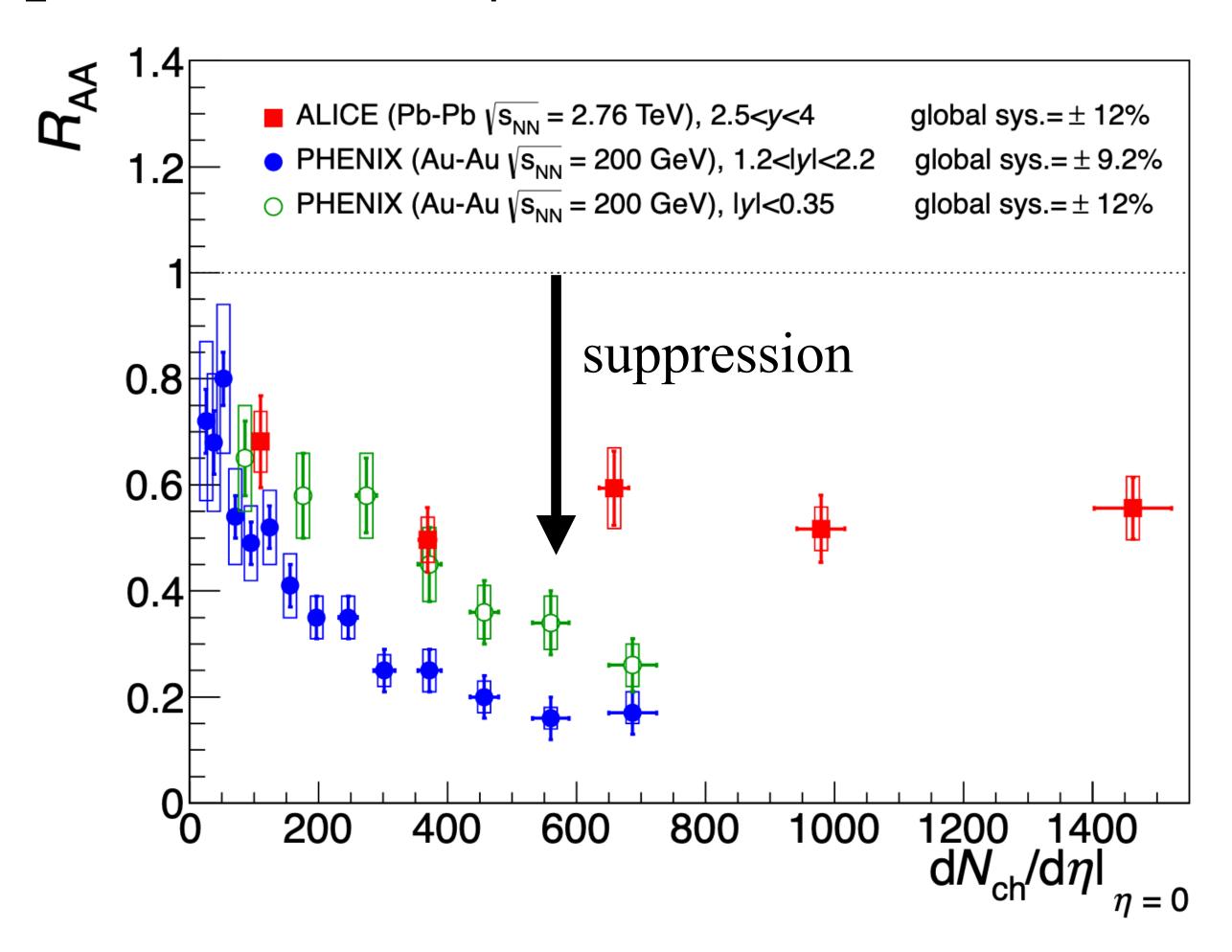


3. The hard sector: heavy flavor

#### Melting of quarkonia: J/ψ

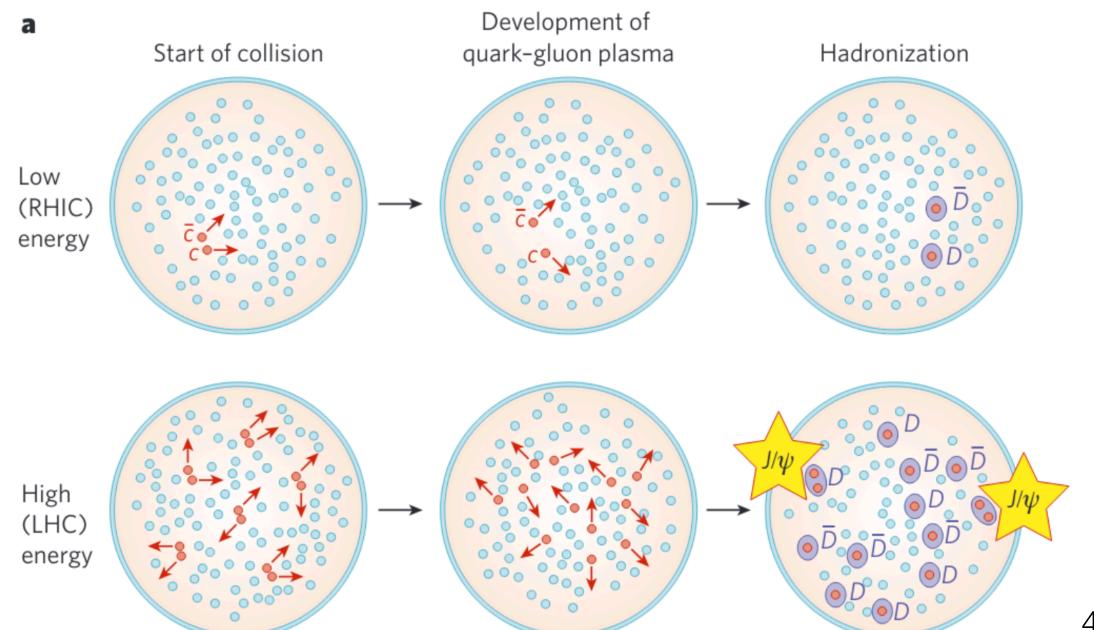
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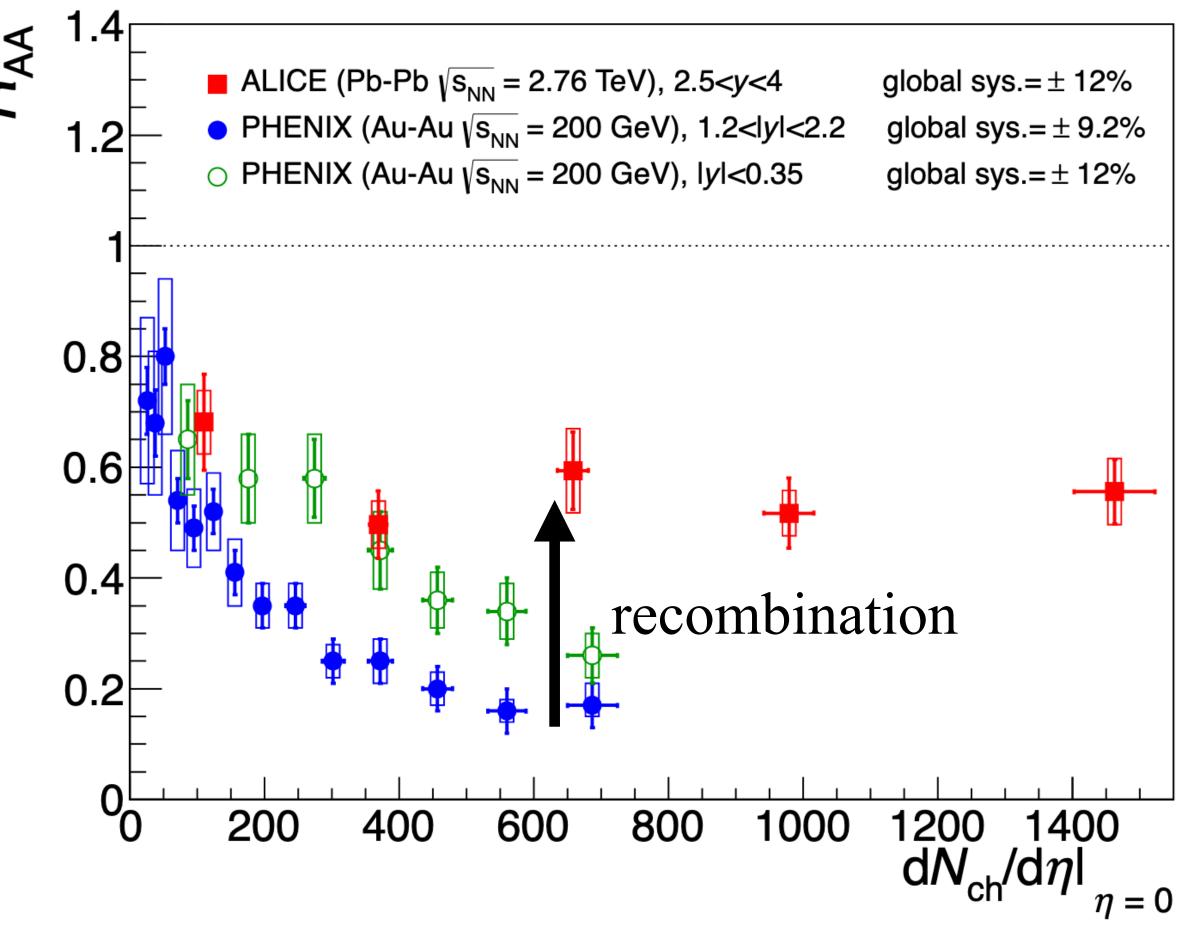




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- More charm quarks available to form hadrons at LHC than at RHIC
   → recombination





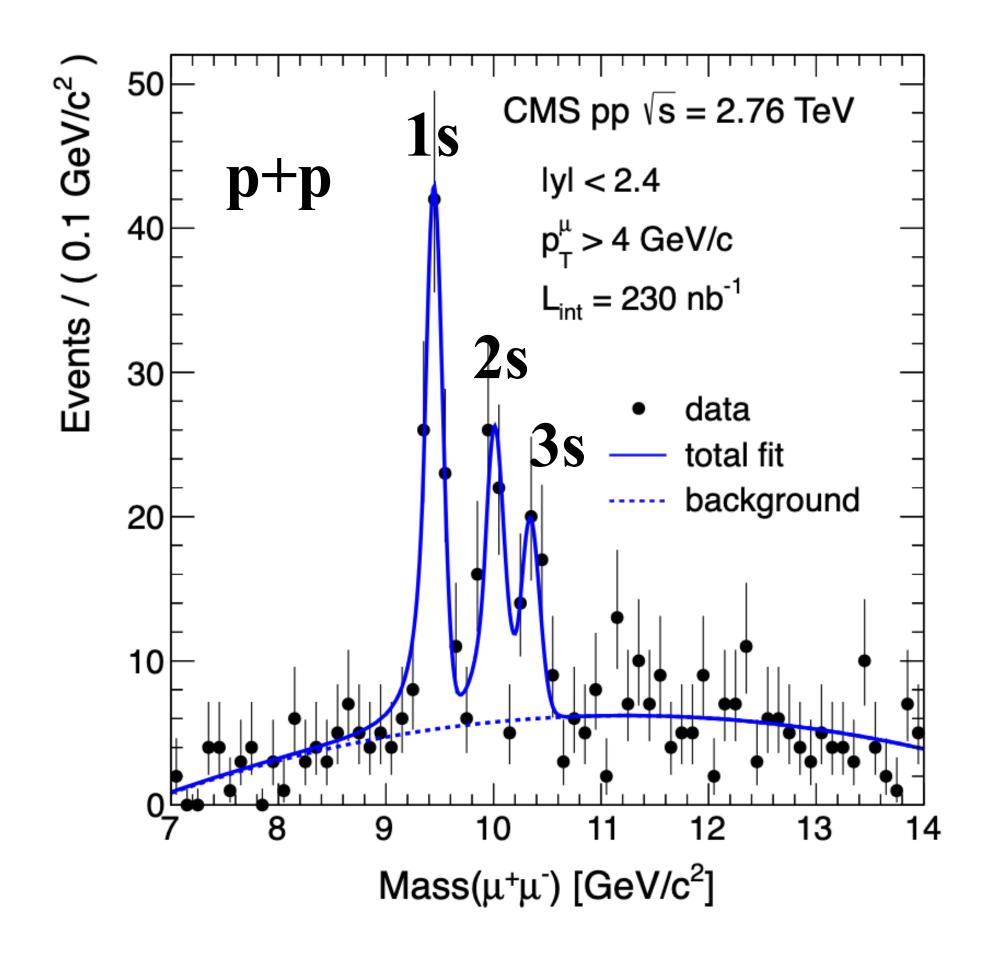
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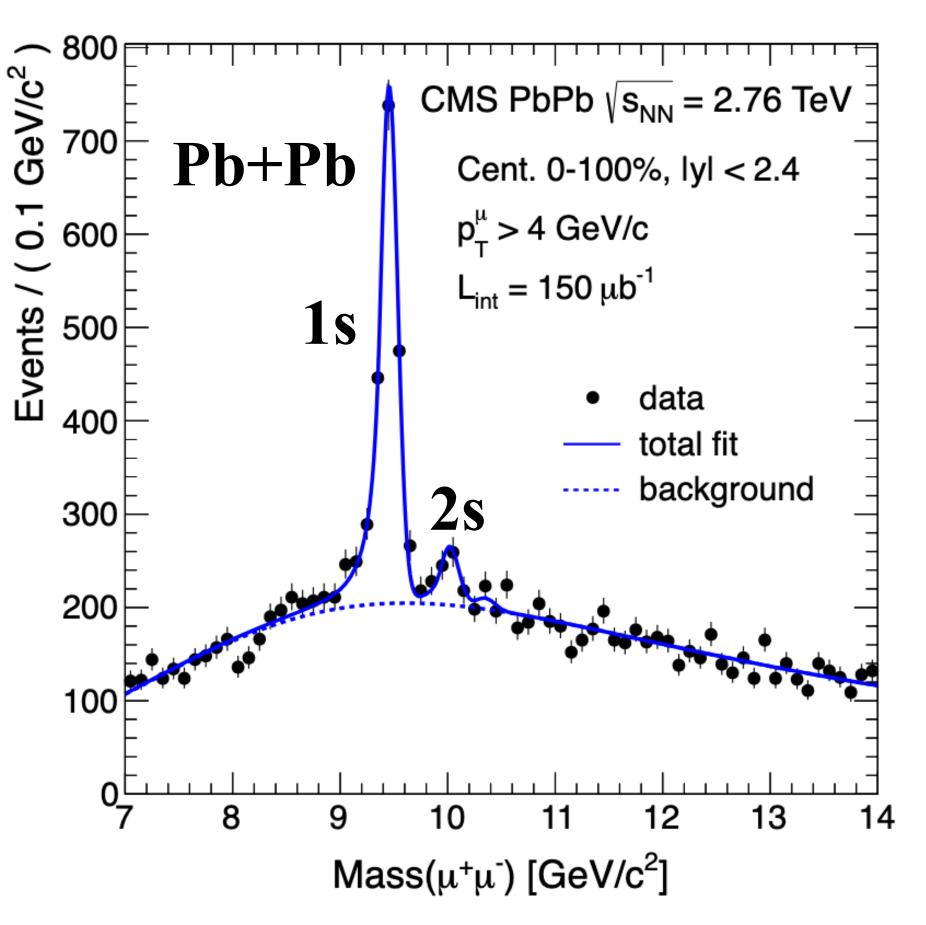
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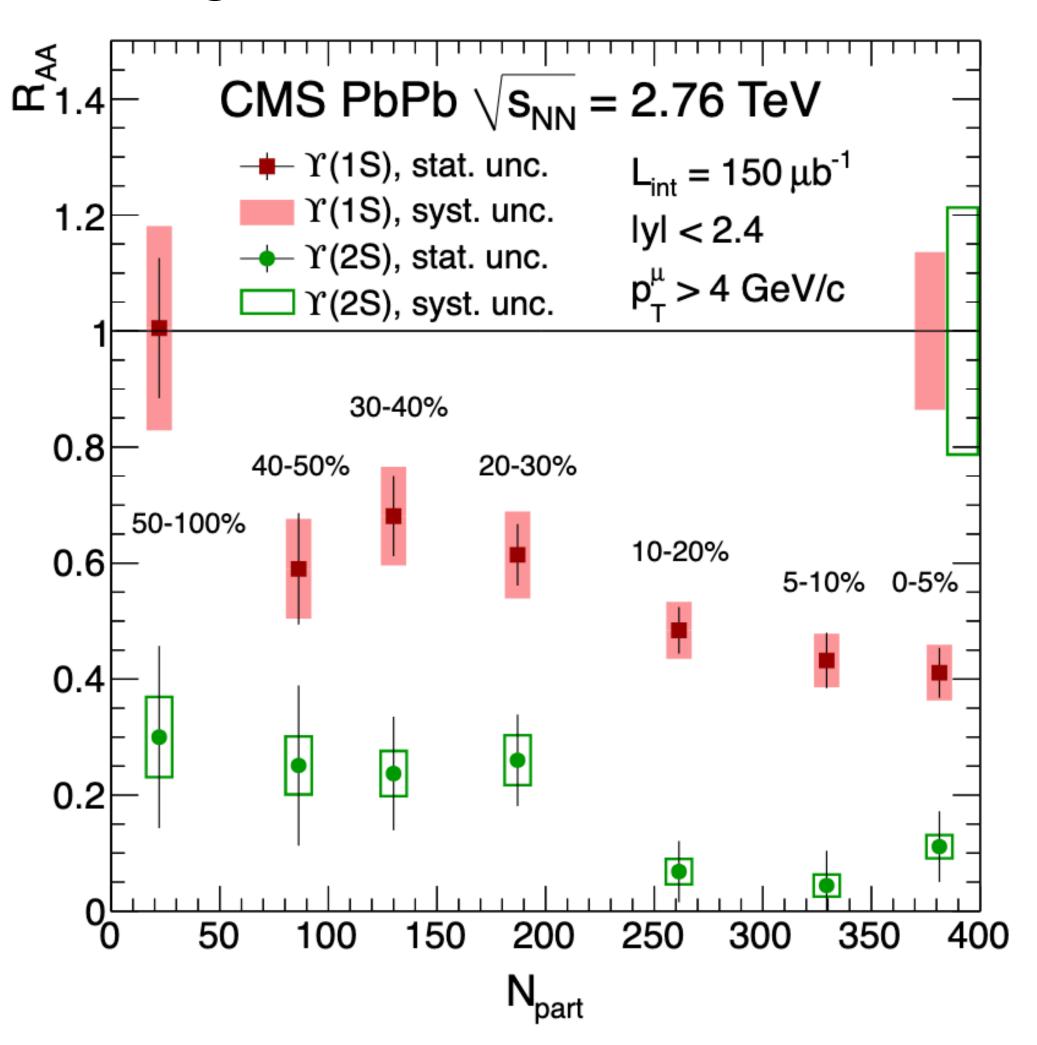
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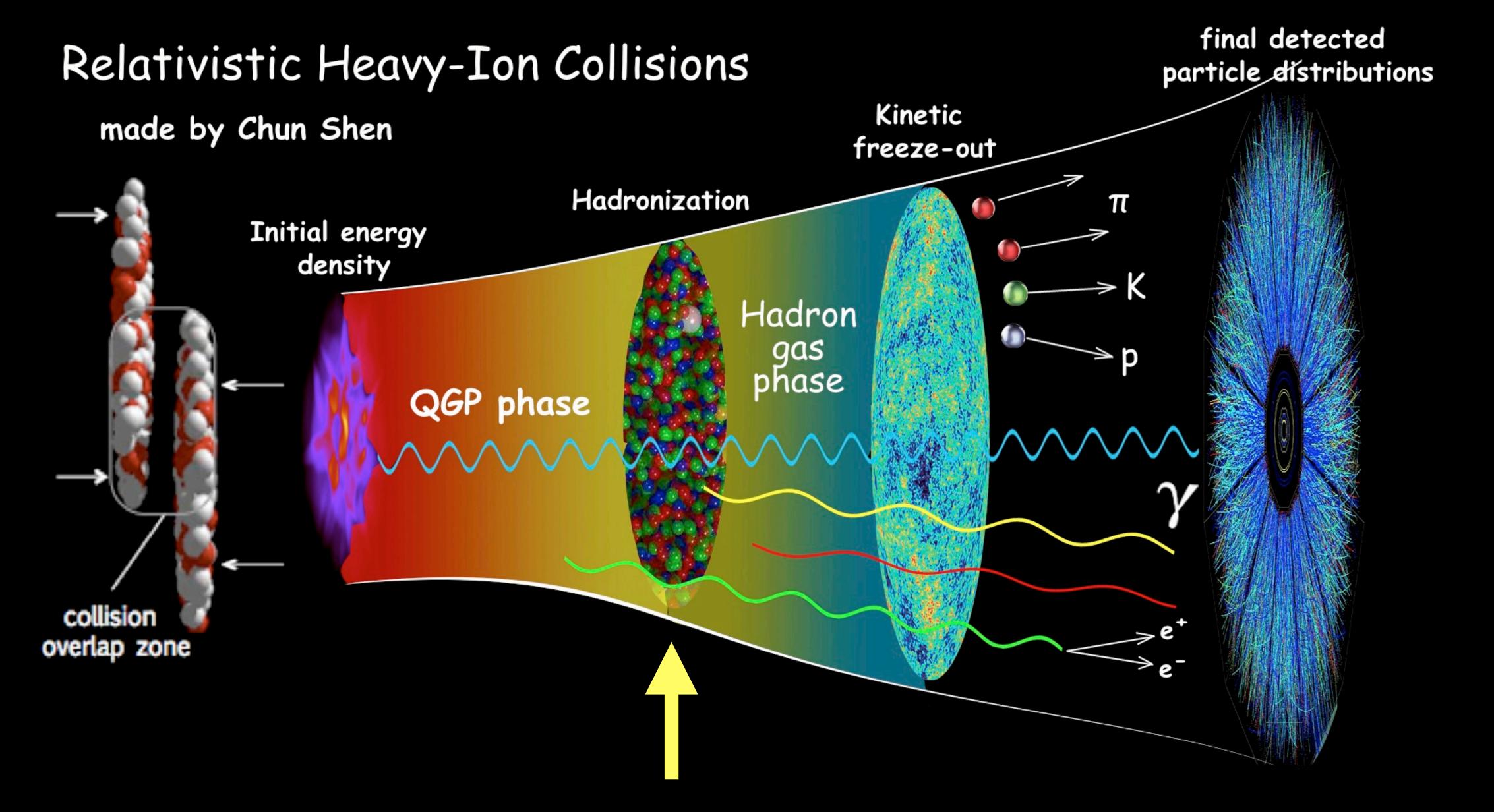




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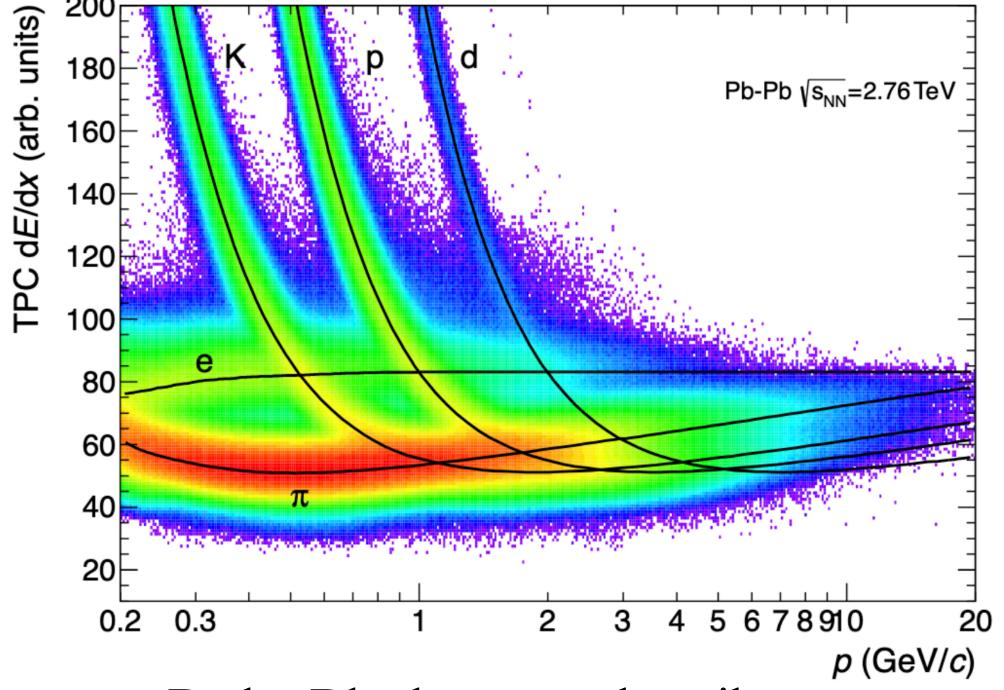




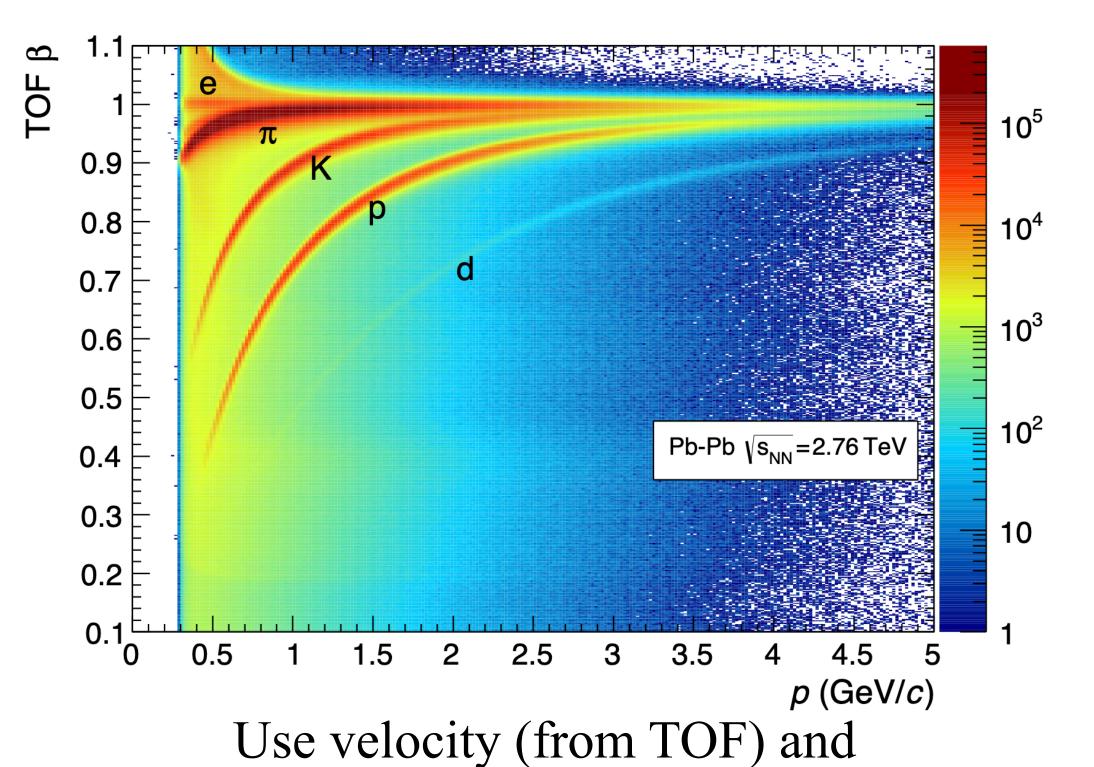
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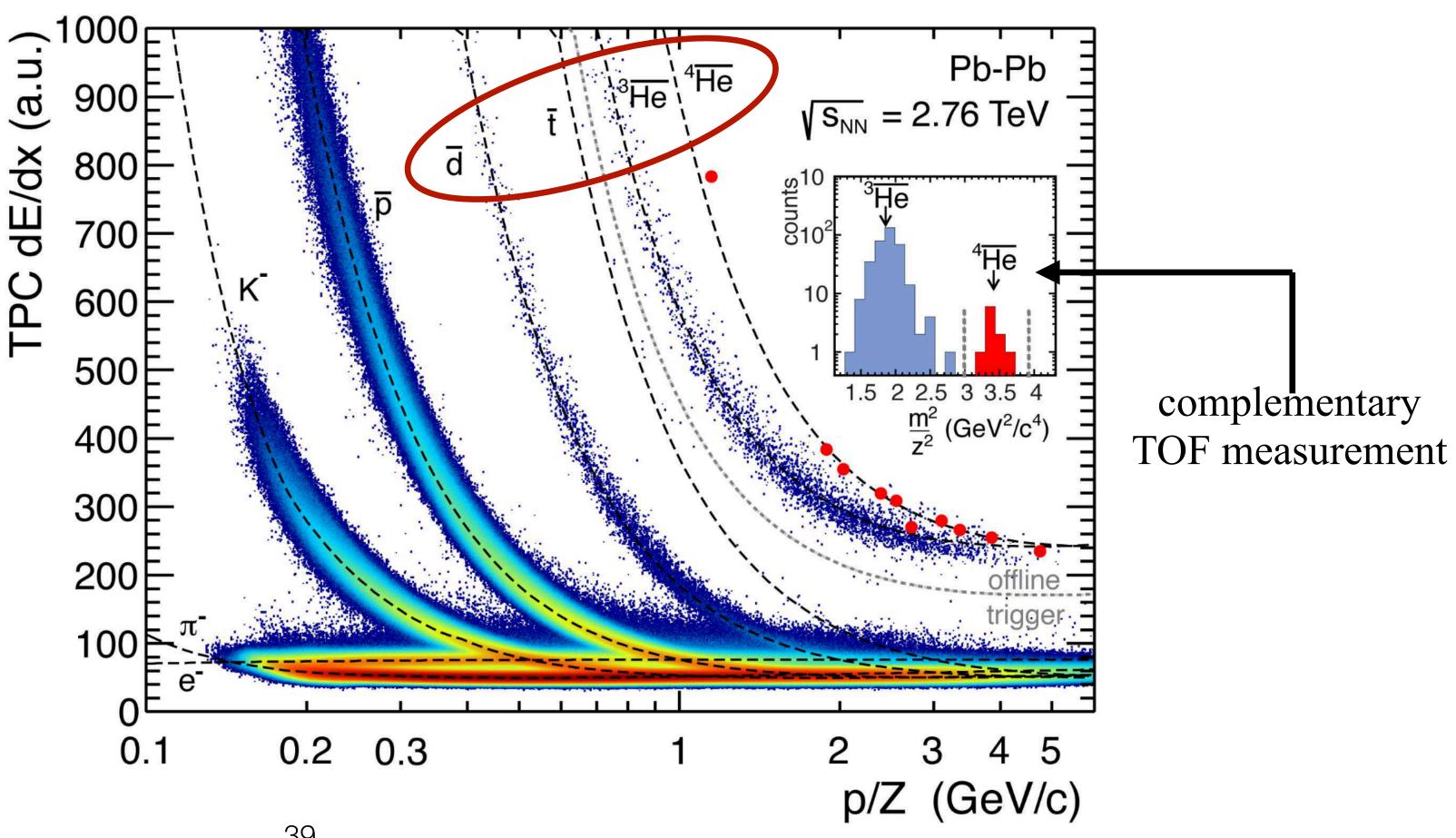
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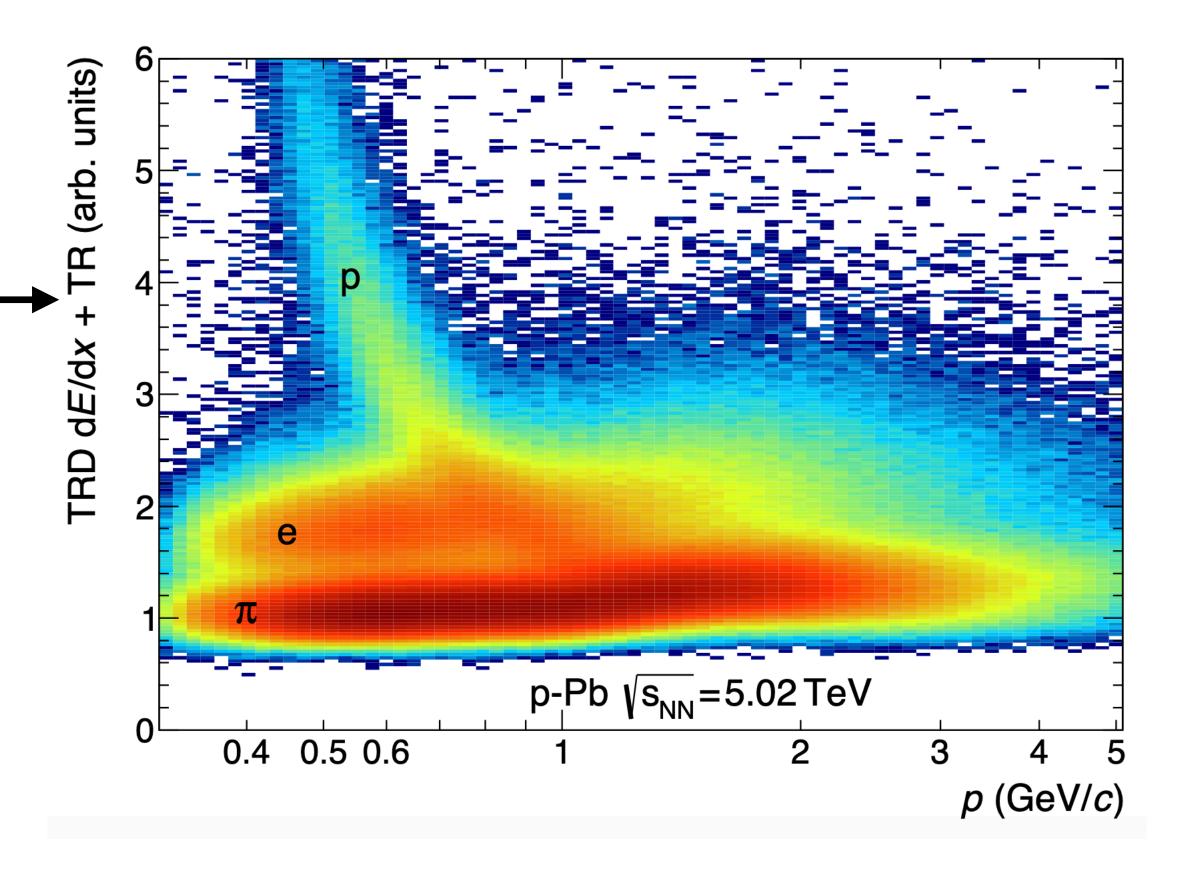
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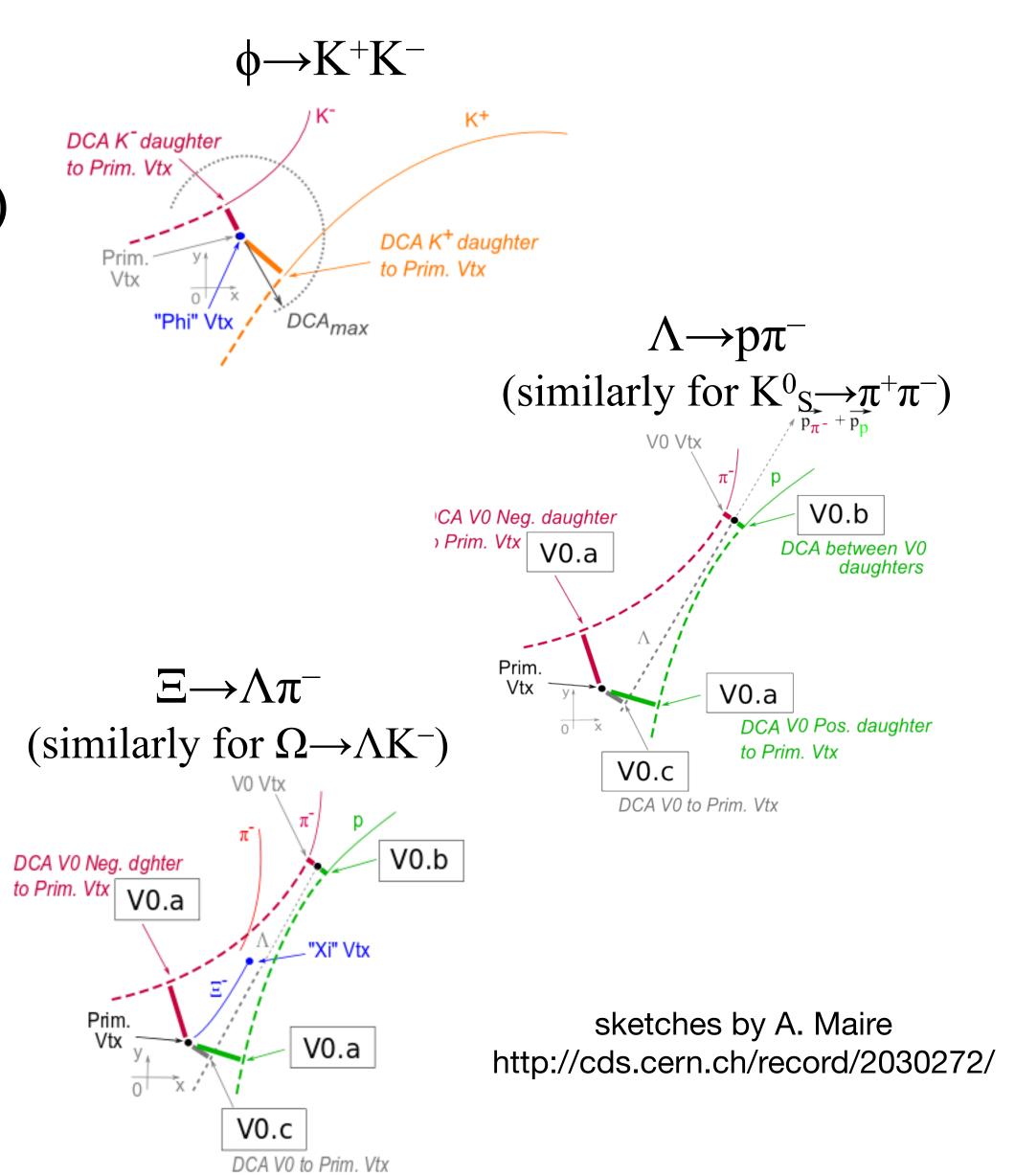
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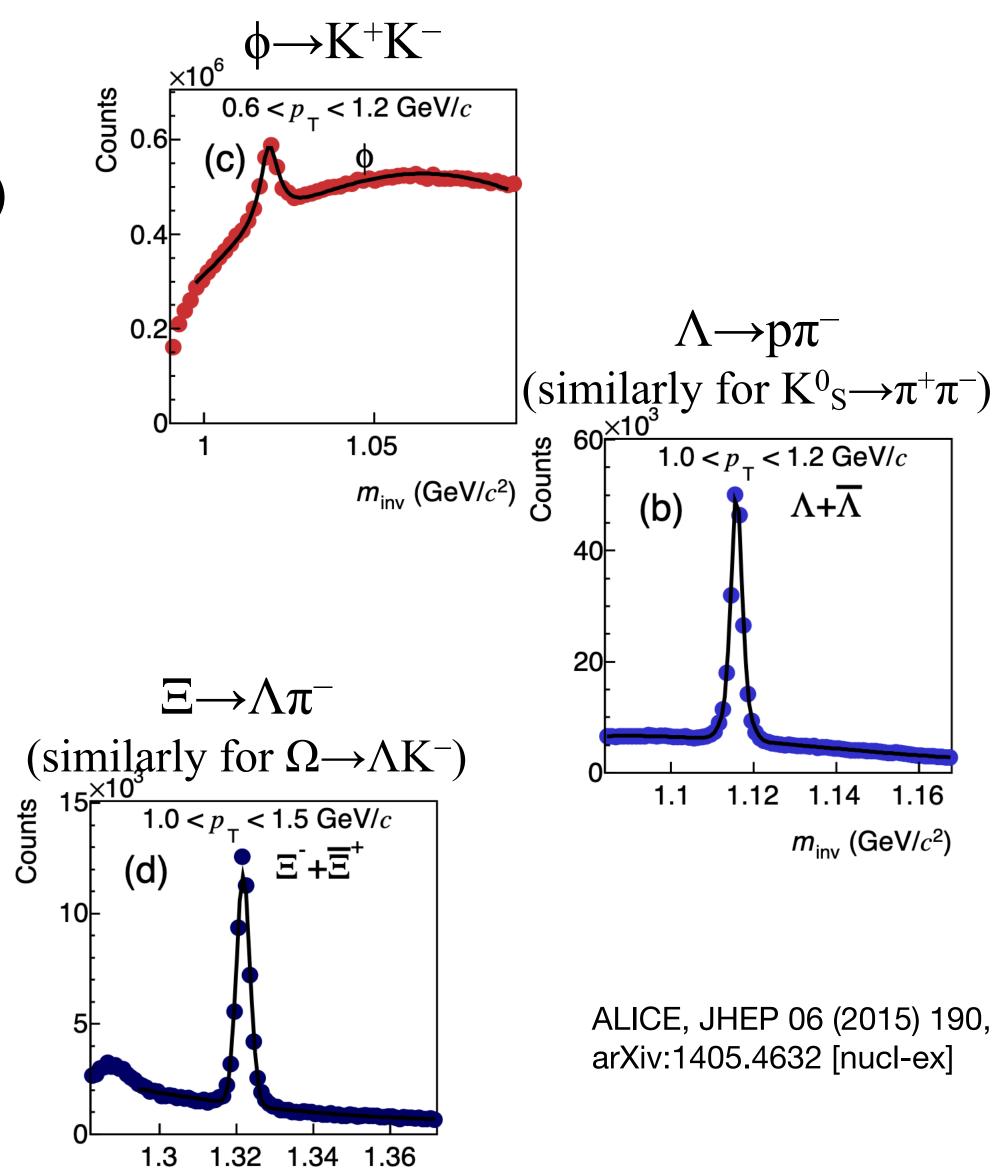
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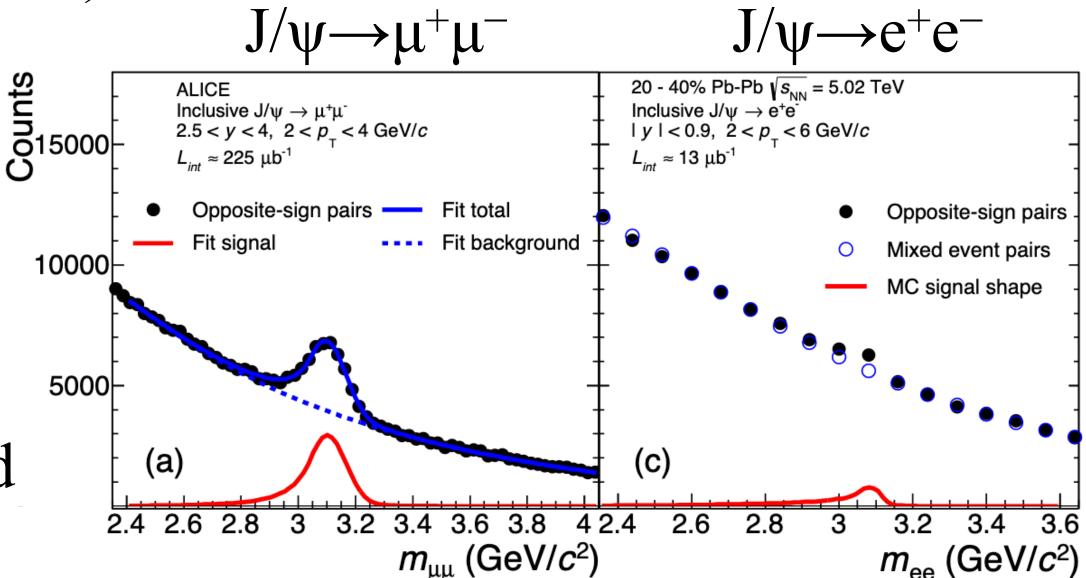


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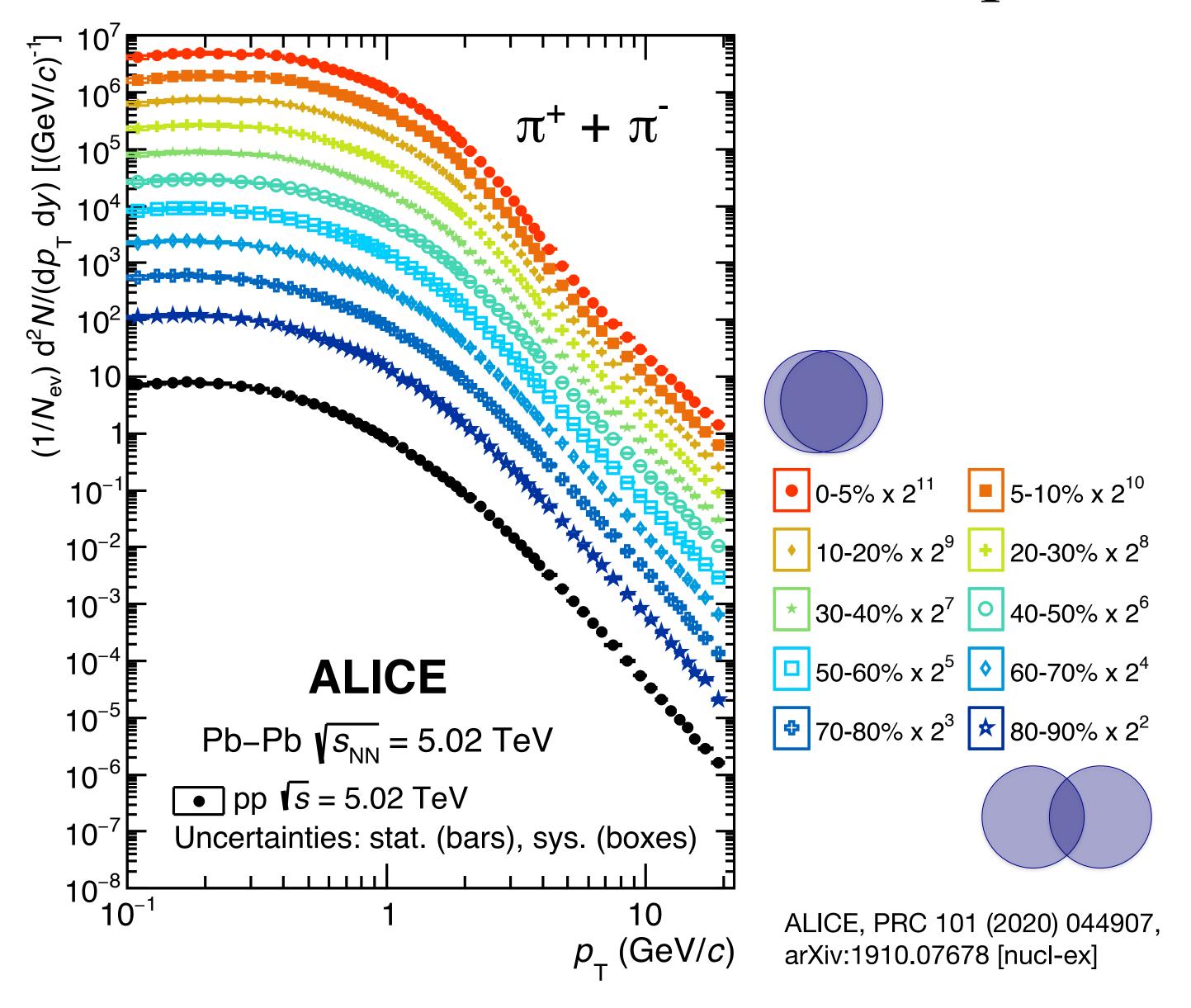
 $m_{\rm inv}$  (GeV/ $c^2$ )

- Stable particles (e.g.  $\pi$ , K, p) identified via
  - specific energy loss (dE/dx) in the detector (e.g. the Time Projection Chamber in ALICE)
  - time of flight (TOF)
- Also: heavier/rarer nuclei (d, t, <sup>3</sup>He, <sup>4</sup>He)
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- Quarkonia detected through leptonic decays

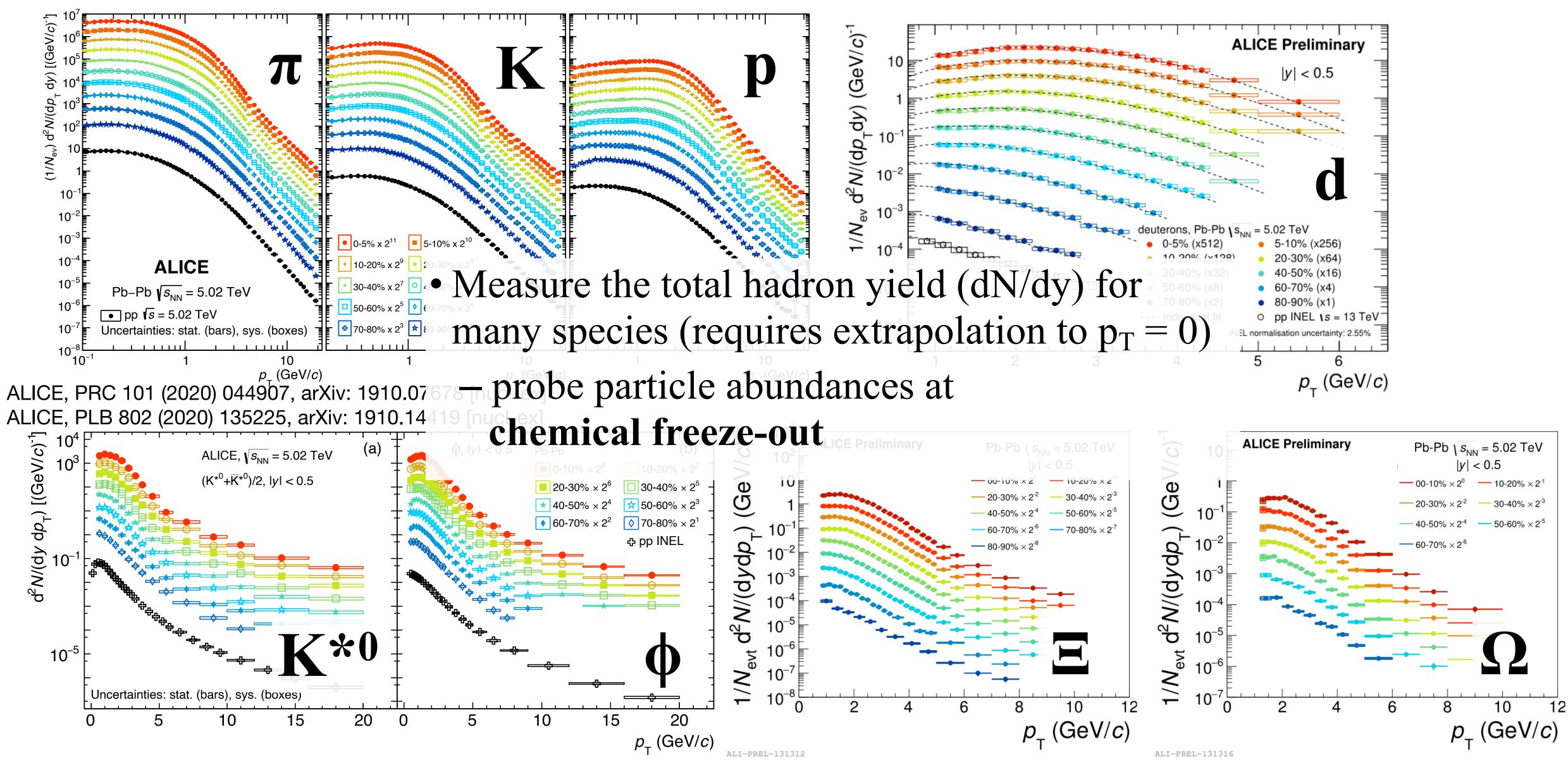


ALICE, PRL 119 (2017) 242301, arXiv:1709.05260 [nucl-ex]

## Identified particle spectra

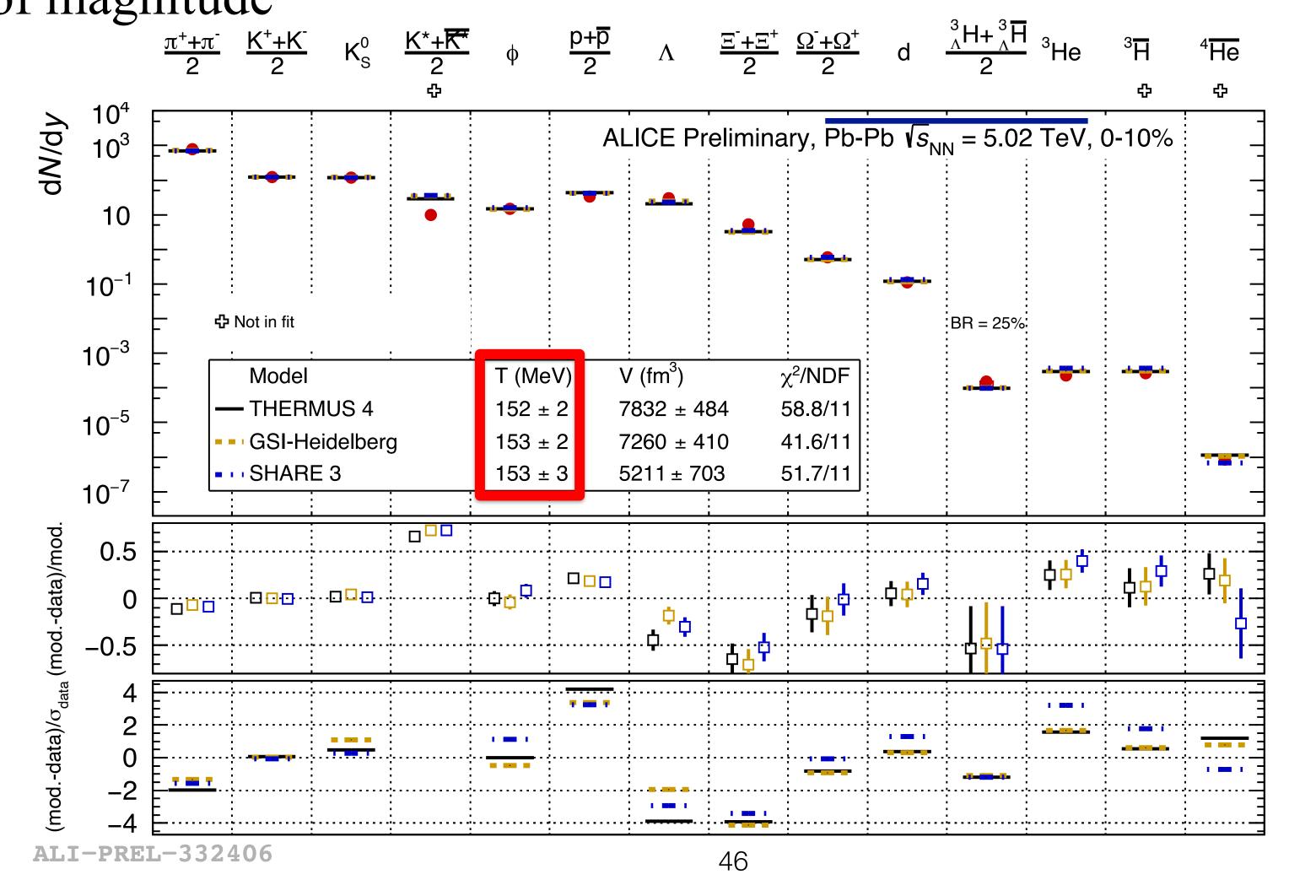


# Hadrochemistry at chemical freeze-out

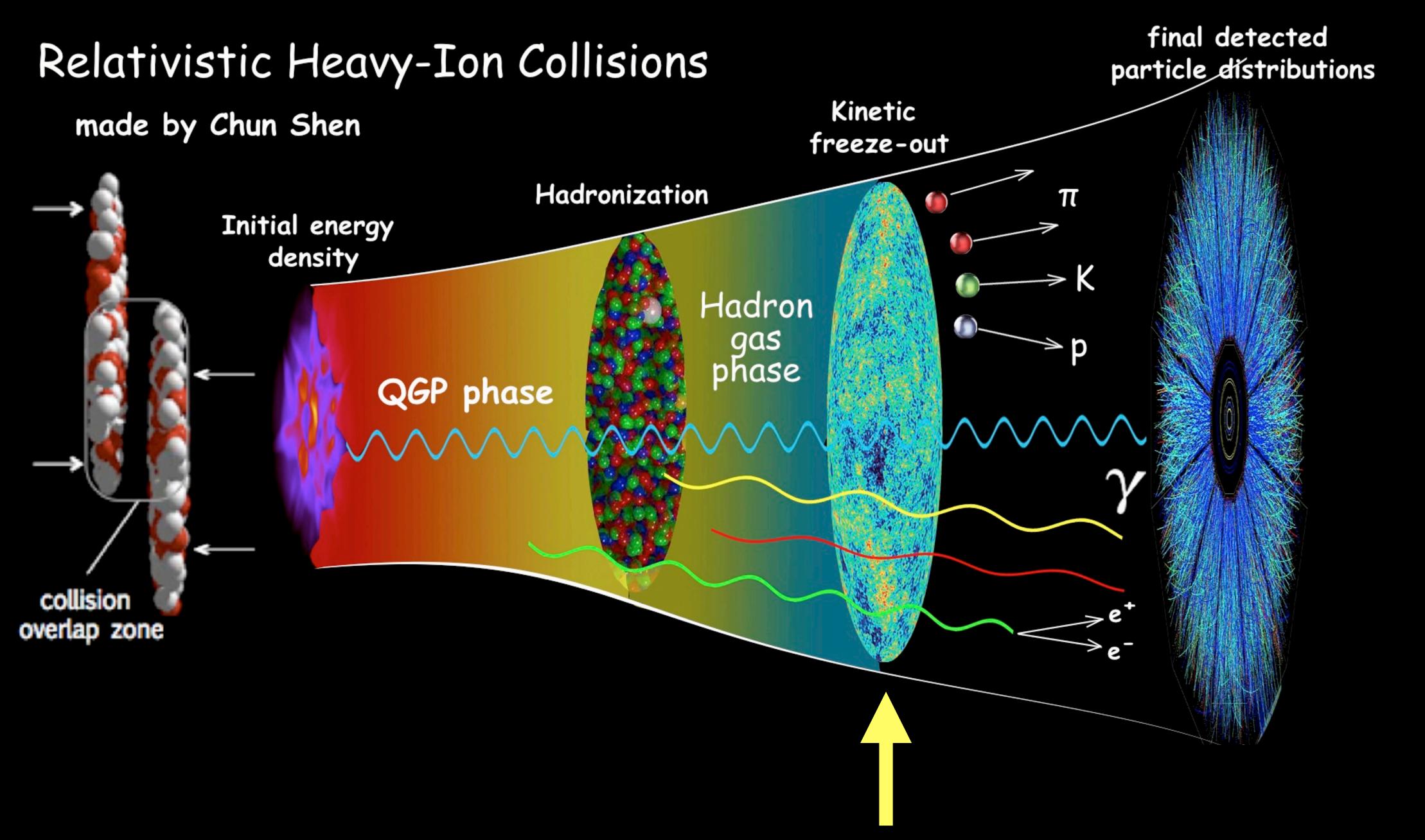


## Statistical model of particle production

• Calculation of particle yields in thermal equilibrium with a common chemical freeze-out temperature (T<sub>chem</sub>) shows excellent agreement with the data over seven orders of magnitude

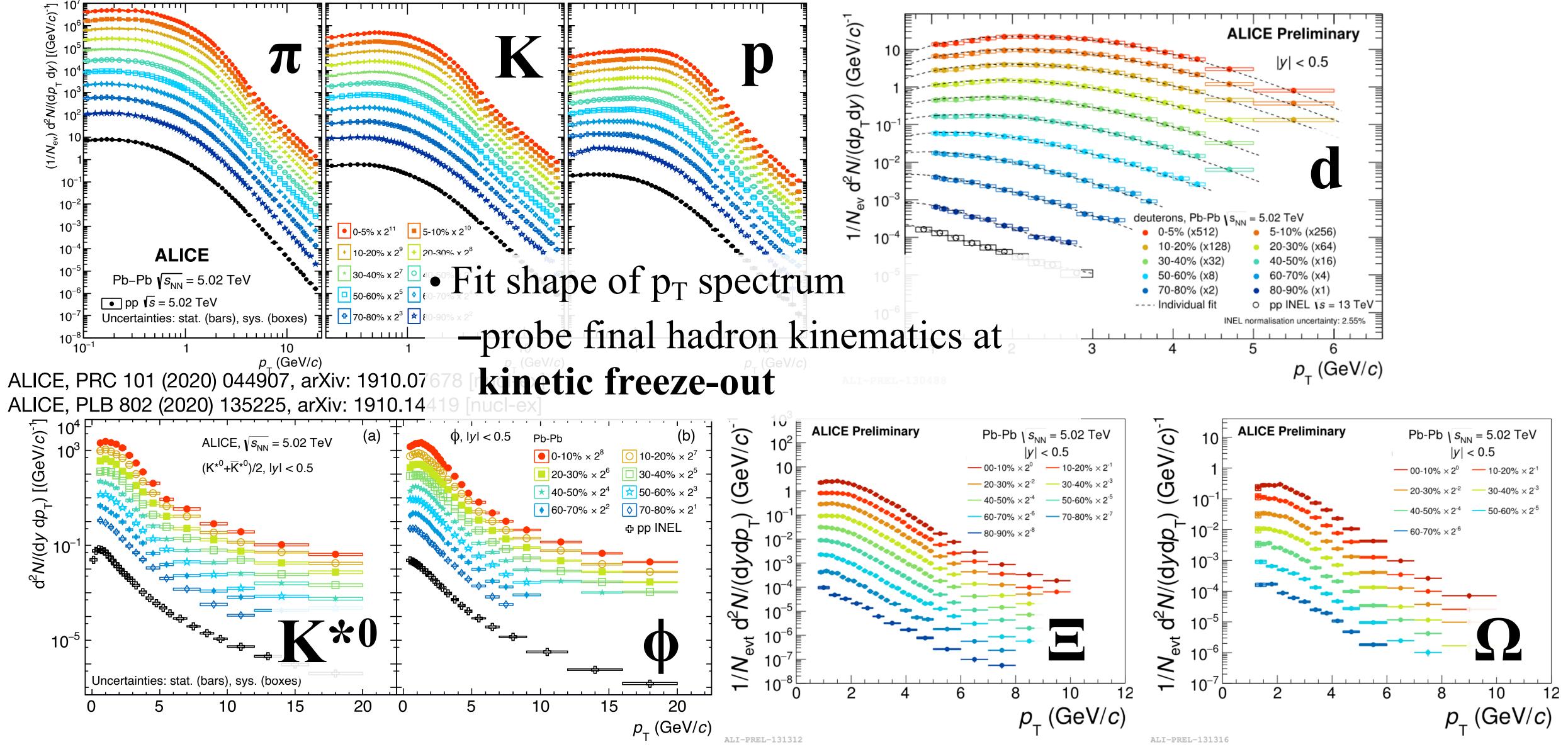


Pb-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV: ALICE, Nucl. Phys. A 971 (2018) 1, arXiv:1710.07531 [nucl-ex]



5. Kinetic freeze-out: identified particle spectra

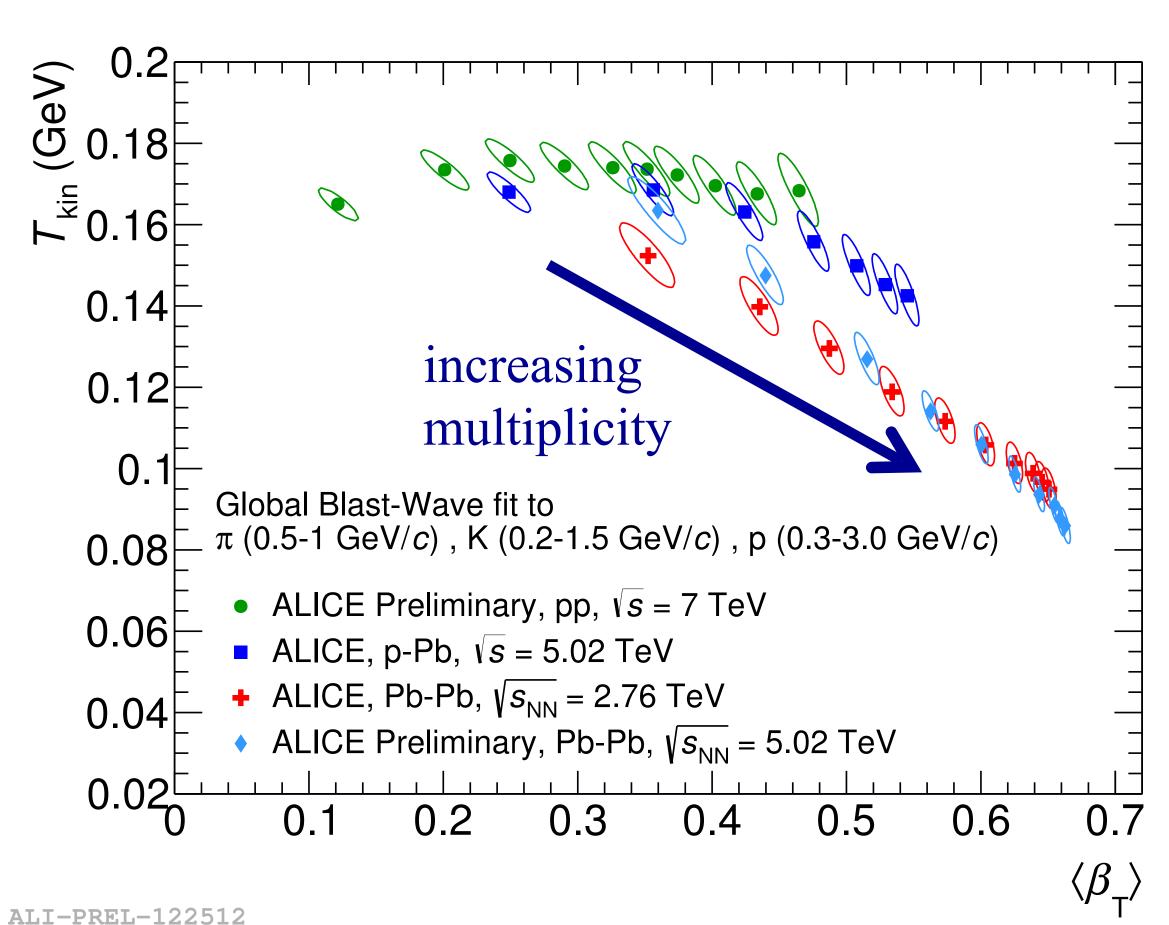
## Identified particle kinematics



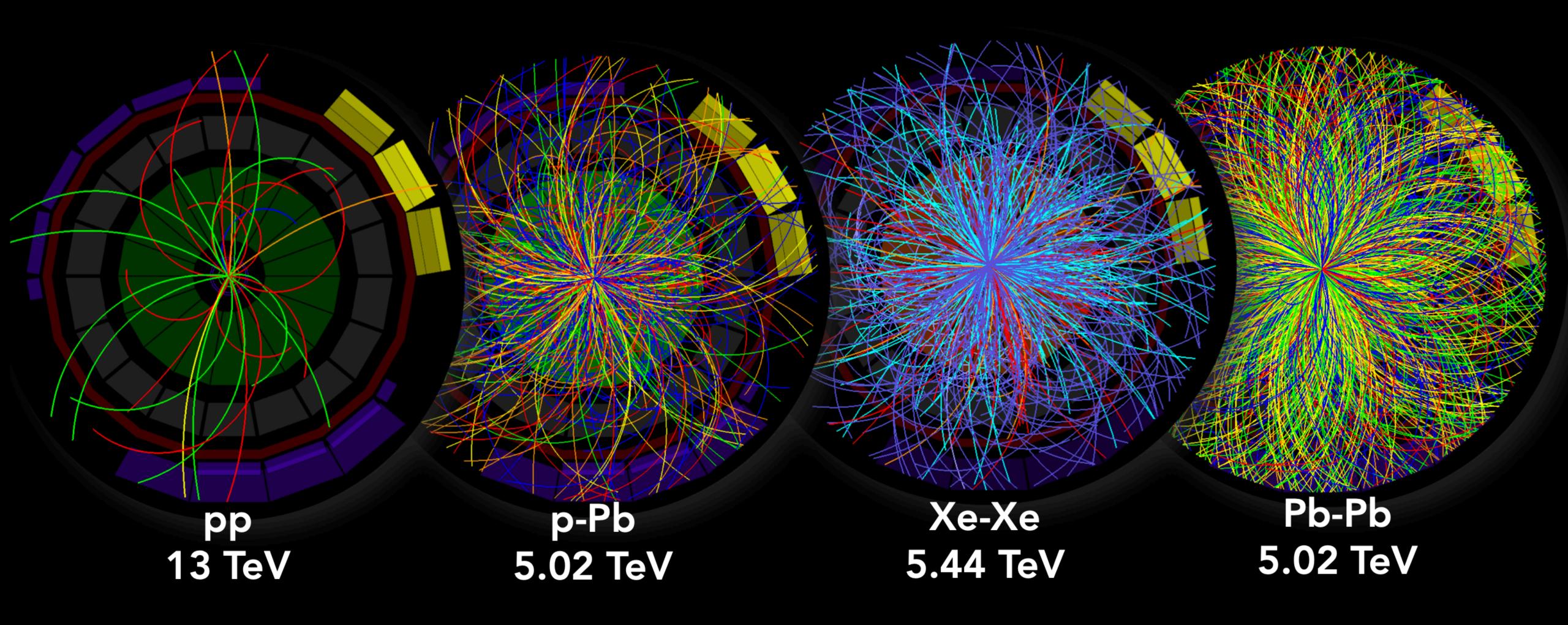
## Kinematics – freeze-out parameters

- Boltzmann-Gibbs Blast-Wave model: a simplified hydrodynamic model
- Simultaneous fit to  $\pi$ , K, p spectra to obtain
  - radial expansion velocity  $\beta_T$
  - kinetic freeze-out temperature T<sub>kin</sub>

• More central (higher multiplicity) events have lower  $T_{kin}$  and higher expansion rate



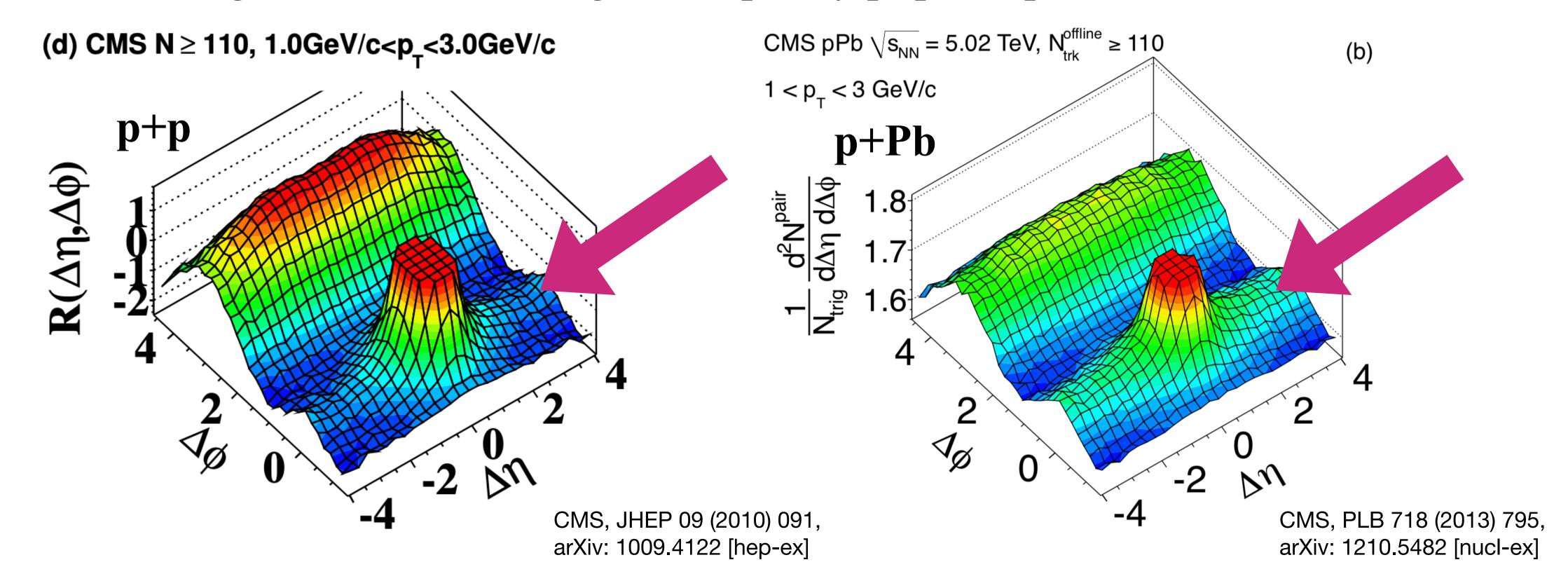
### From large to small systems...



... and back again

## Two-particle correlations in small systems

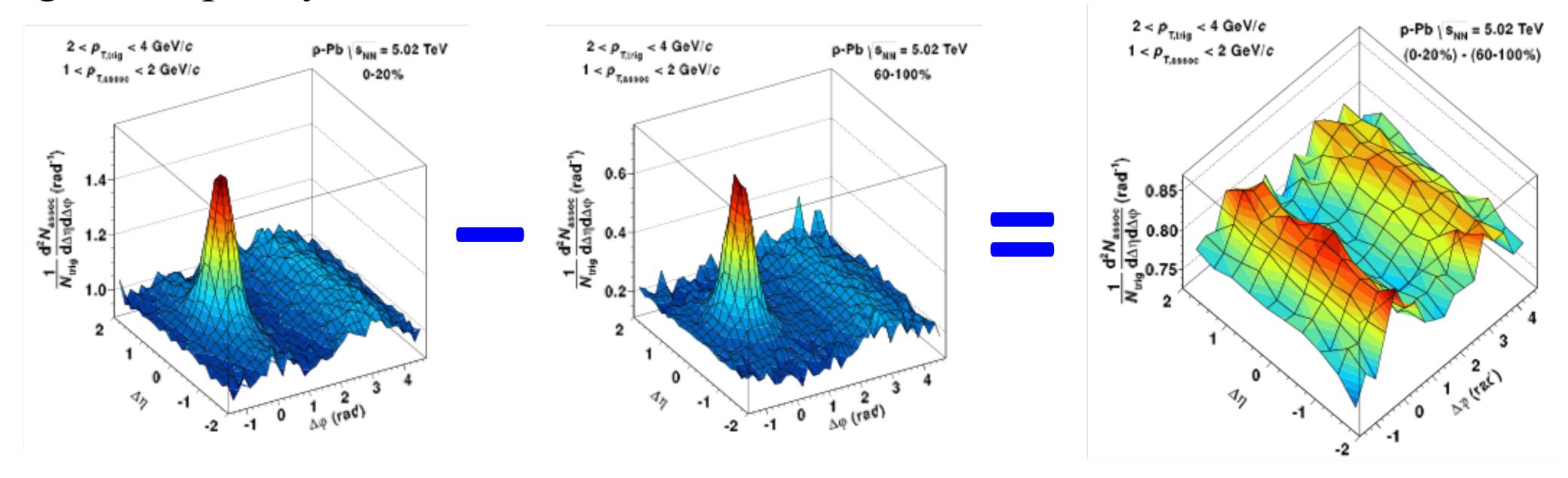
• Similar v<sub>2</sub> signals observed in high-multiplicity p+p and p+Pb collisions as well!



- Long-range correlations had been viewed as a signature of hydrodynamic expansion of a QGP medium. Surprise!
- What does this mean for our understanding of heavy-ion collisions? What does this mean for our understanding of p+p collisions?

## Double ridge structure in p+Pb collisions

• Remove jet structures by subtracting correlations in low-multiplicity collisions from high-multiplicity events



ALICE, PLB 719 (2013) 29, arXiv: 1212.2001 [nucl-ex]

• Fit remaining long-range correlations with a Fourier series to extract v<sub>n</sub> coefficients

## Multi-particle correlations in small systems

- Are these correlations a true "collective" (many-particle) effect, or just between few (~2) particles?
- Measure multi-particle cumulants Example: four-particle cumulants

$$c_{2}\{4\} = \langle\langle\cos 2\left(\varphi_{1} + \varphi_{2} - \varphi_{3} - \varphi_{4}\right)\rangle\rangle \quad \text{four-particle correlation}$$

$$- \langle\langle\cos 2\left(\varphi_{1} - \varphi_{3}\right)\rangle\rangle\langle\langle\cos 2\left(\varphi_{2} - \varphi_{4}\right)\rangle\rangle \quad \text{subtract two-particle correlations}$$

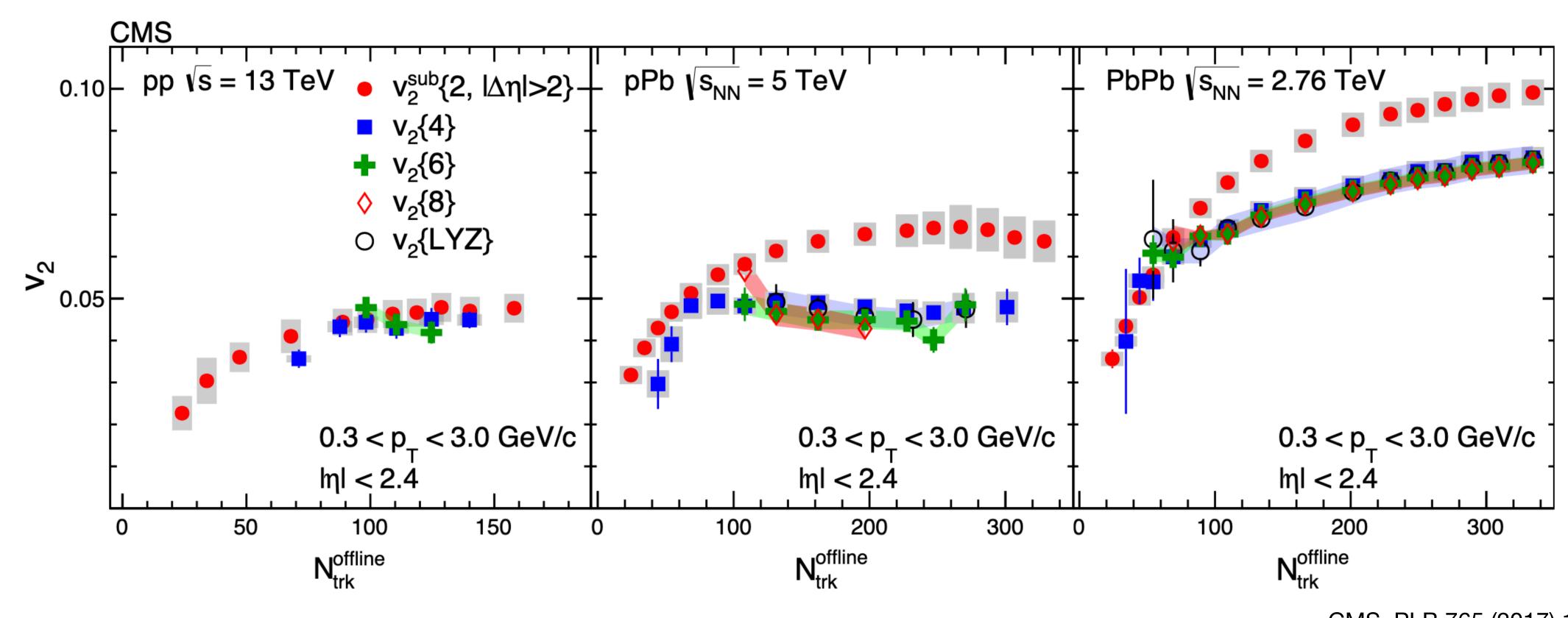
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$$v_{n}\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{-c_{n}\{4\}}$$

• Similarly for six-particle, eight-particle cumulants

## v<sub>n</sub> coefficients in p+p and p+Pb collisions

• Higher-order cumulants are non-zero! →True multi-particle correlation effect!

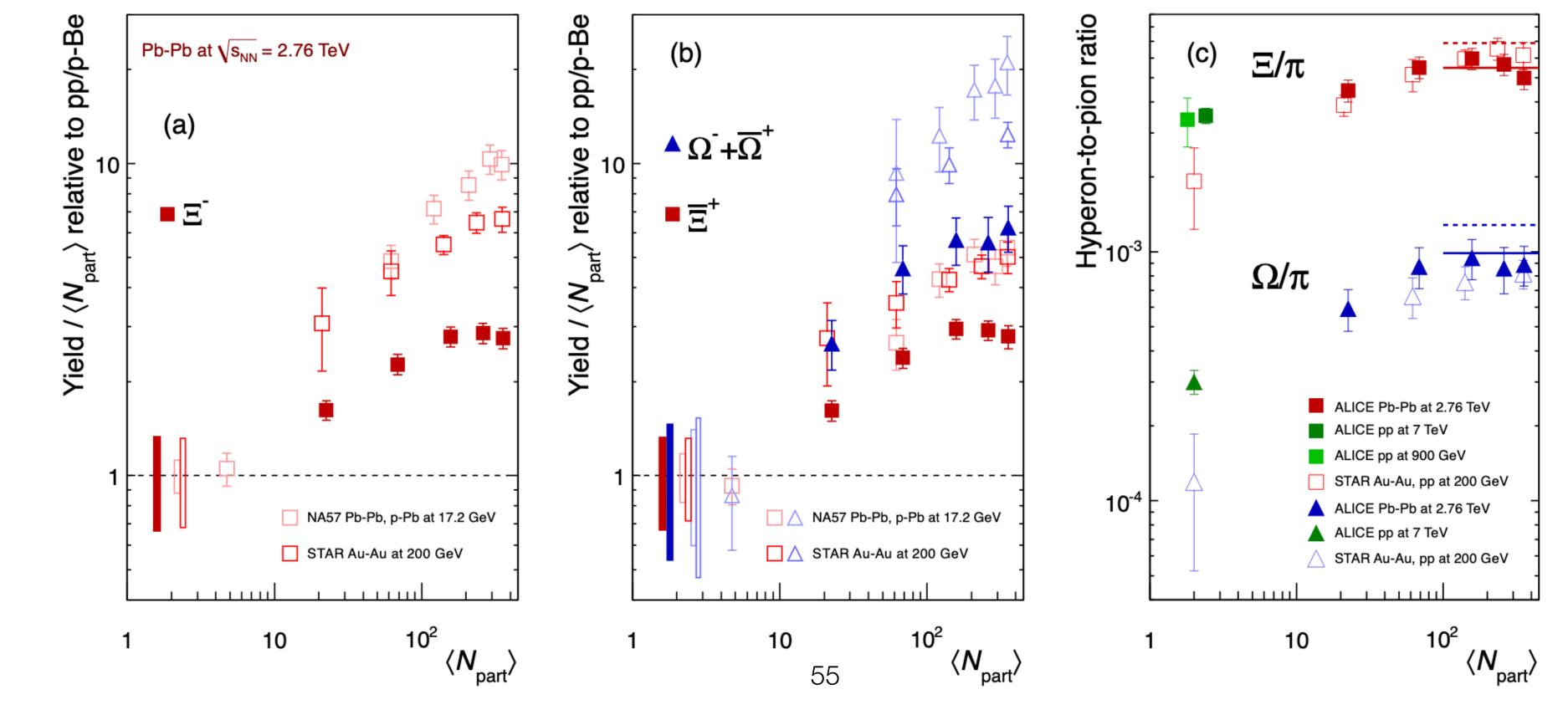


CMS, PLB 765 (2017) 193, arXiv: 1606.06198 [nucl-ex]

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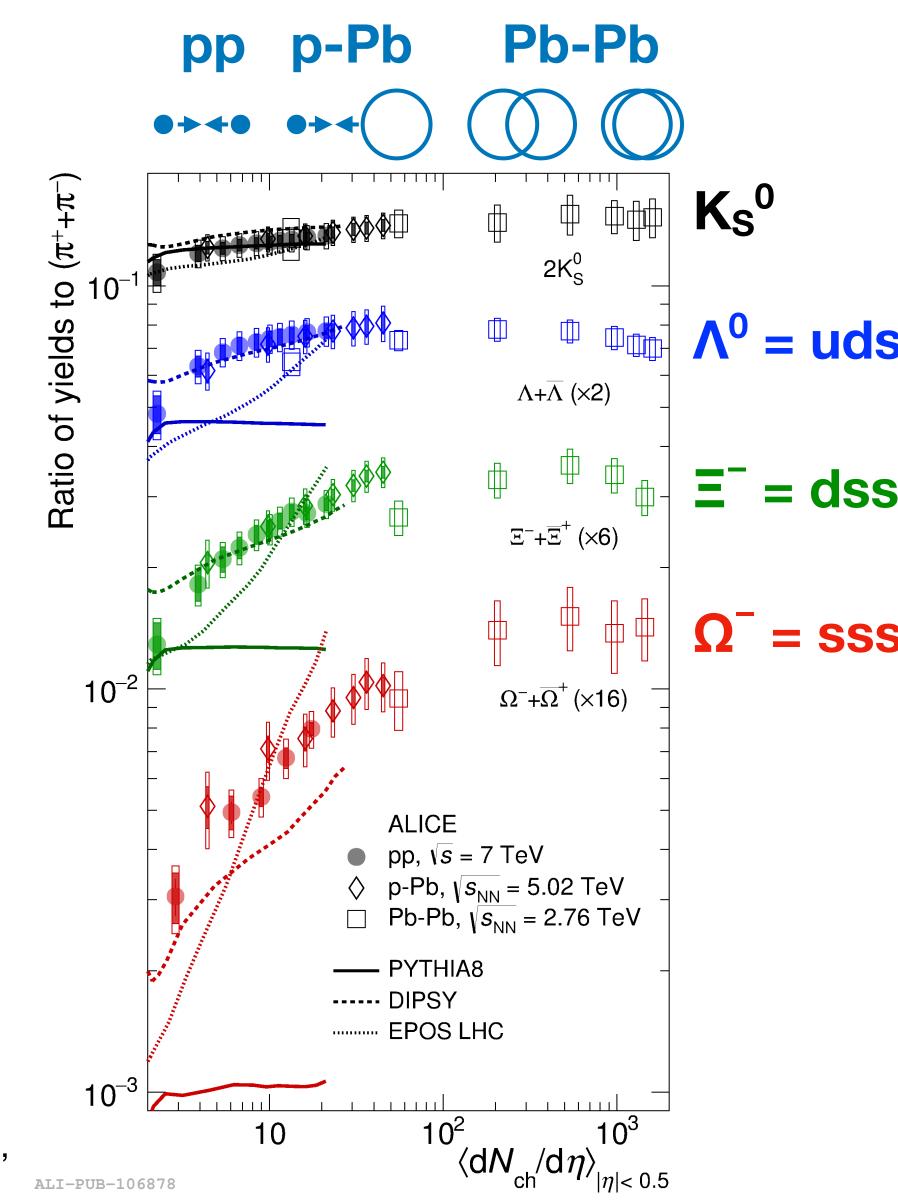
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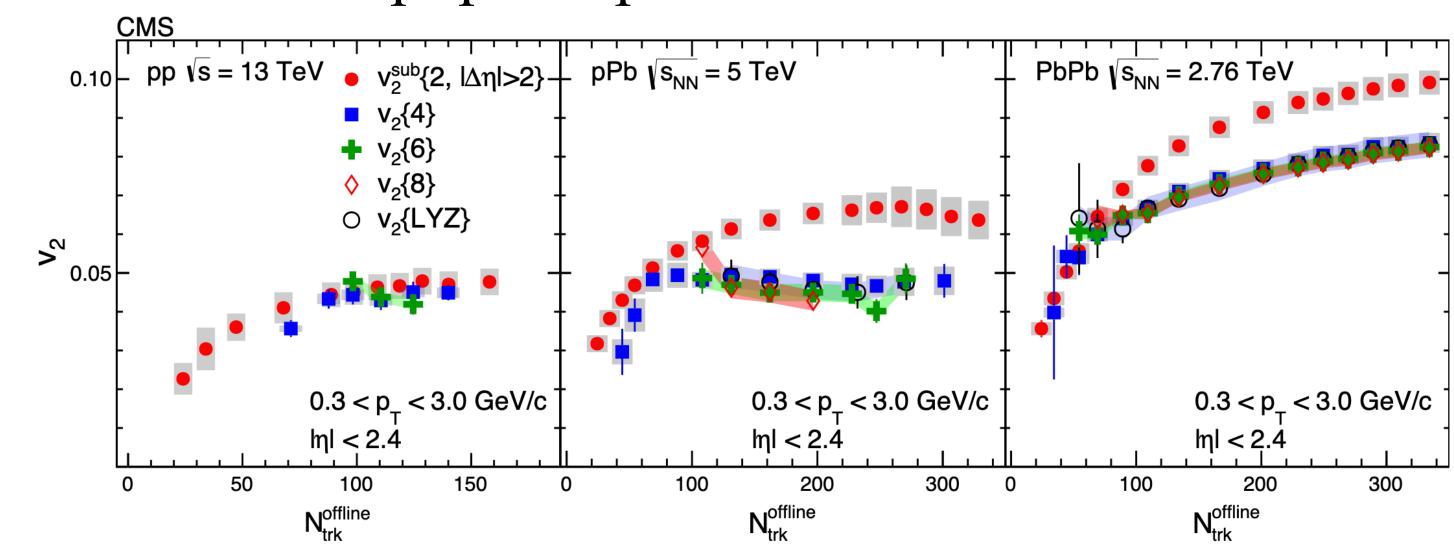
• But the smooth increase of strange particle yields (w.r.t. pions) as a function of multiplicity was observed from p+p to p+Pb to Pb+Pb!



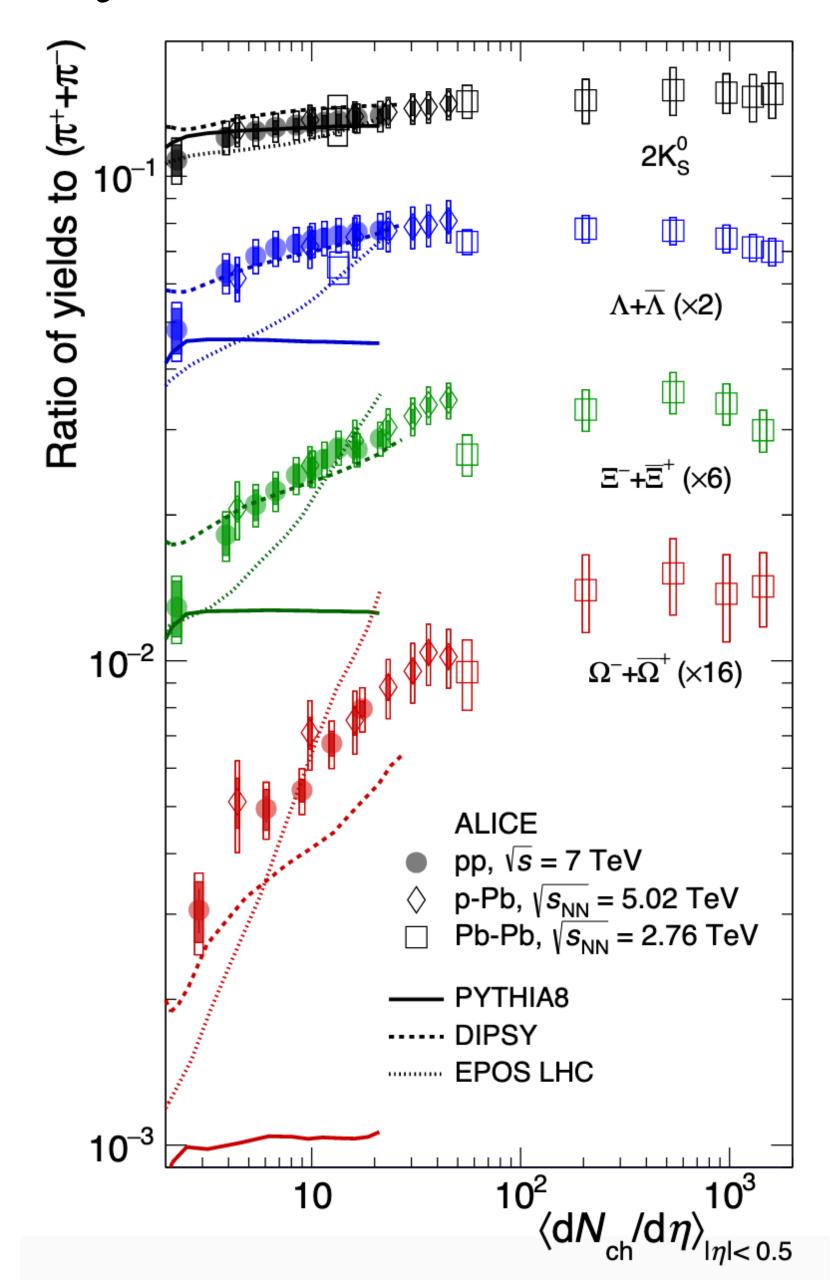
ALICE, Nature Physics 13 (2017) 535, arXiv: 1606.07424 [nucl-ex]

## Heavy-ion-like effects in small systems

• Collective effects and strangeness enhancement were observed in p+p and p+Pb collisions



- Is there a non-hydrodynamic explanation for these signatures? (Is there an alternative description of heavy-ion collisions?)
- Is there QGP in small systems? (Is our understanding of p+p collisions incomplete?)

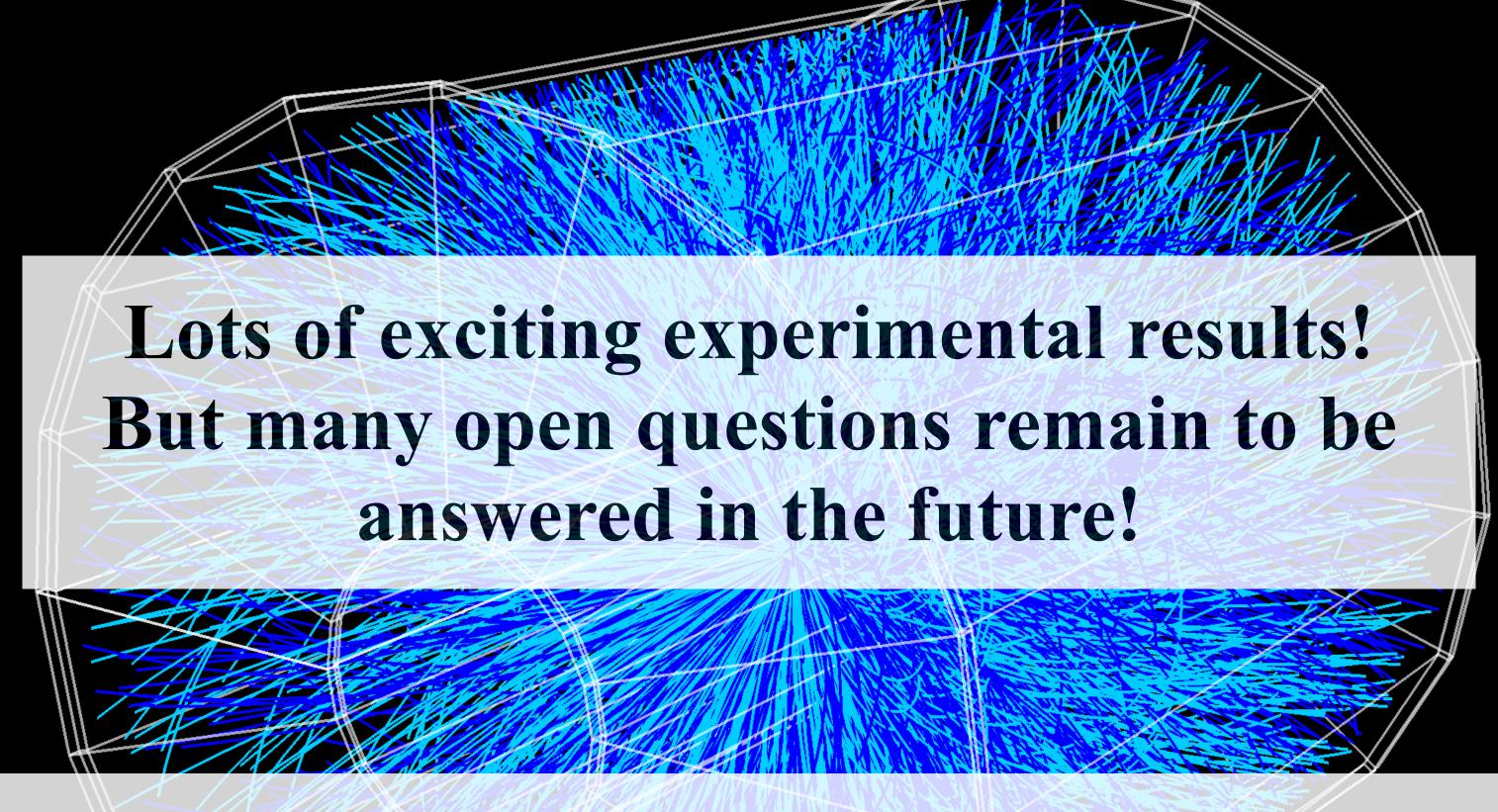


### Summary

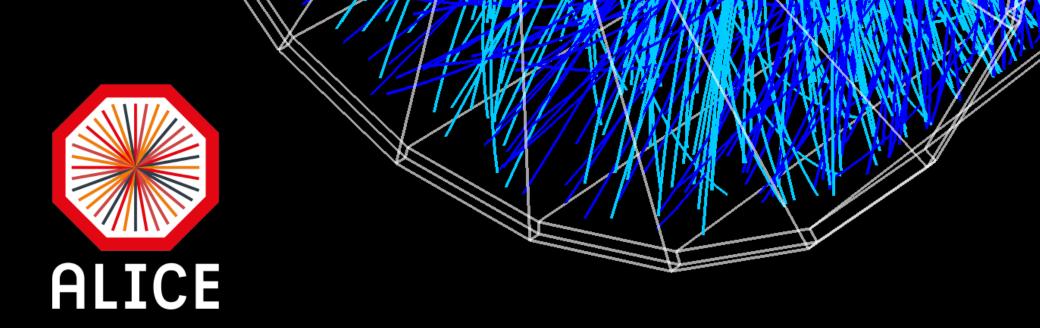
- Experimental probes of the properties, dynamics, and evolution of the quark-gluon plasma:
  - Jets → Strong quenching and medium-induced modification
  - Flow coefficients  $\rightarrow$  Collective behavior with very low shear viscosity  $(\eta/s)$ ,

    Precise descriptions of initial state and geometrical evolution
  - Quarkonium suppression → Melting of states as a function of temperature,

    Recombination
  - Identified particle spectra  $\rightarrow$  High temperatures, mostly statistical particle production ( $T_{chem}$ ,  $T_{kin}$ )
- Collective effects and strangeness enhancement, typically viewed as signatures of a deconfined QGP, are also observed in small collision systems



Aleksas and I will also join the discussion sessions after this to answer any questions or chat further.



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Colliding system: Pb-Pb Collision energy: 5.02 TeV