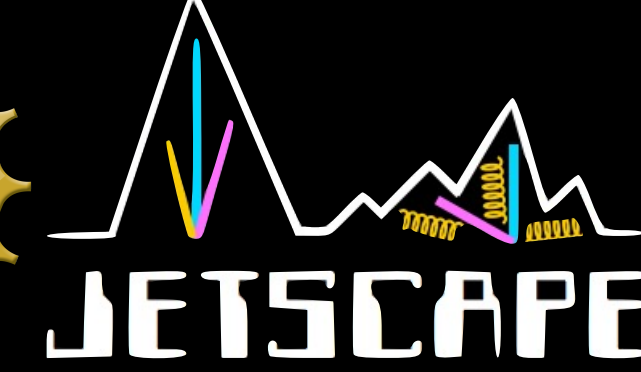
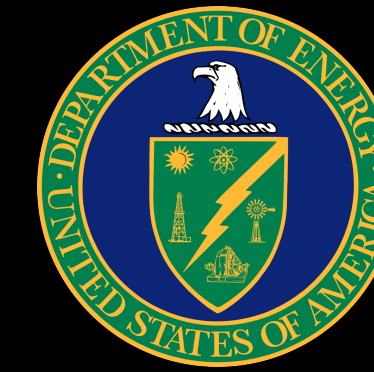


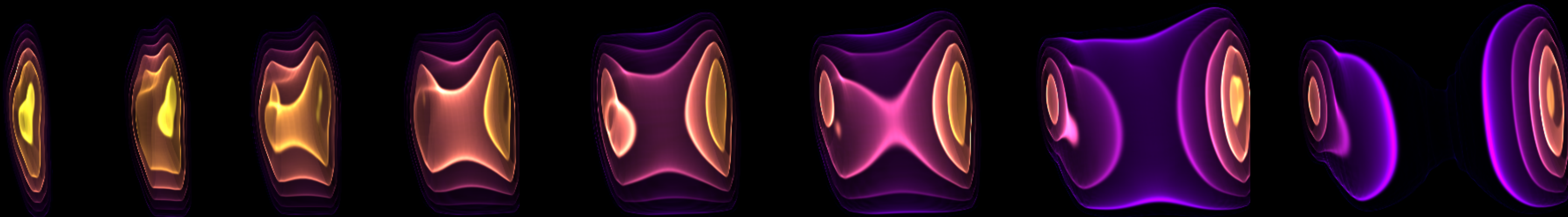


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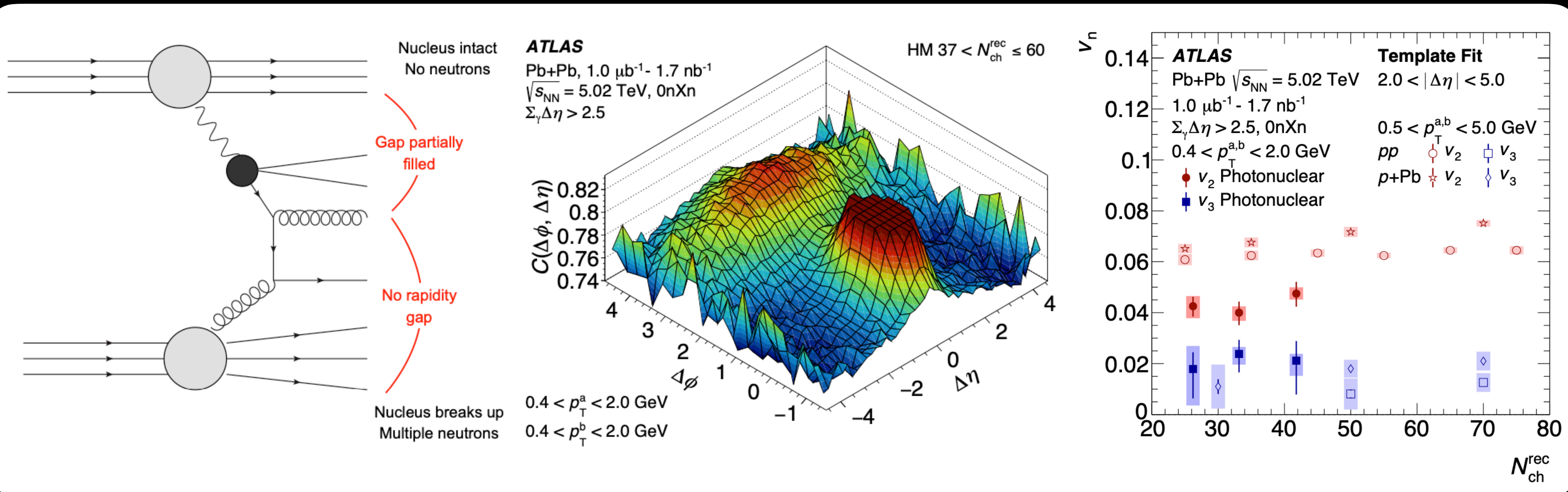
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COLLECTIVITY IN ULTRA PERIPHERAL COLLISIONS

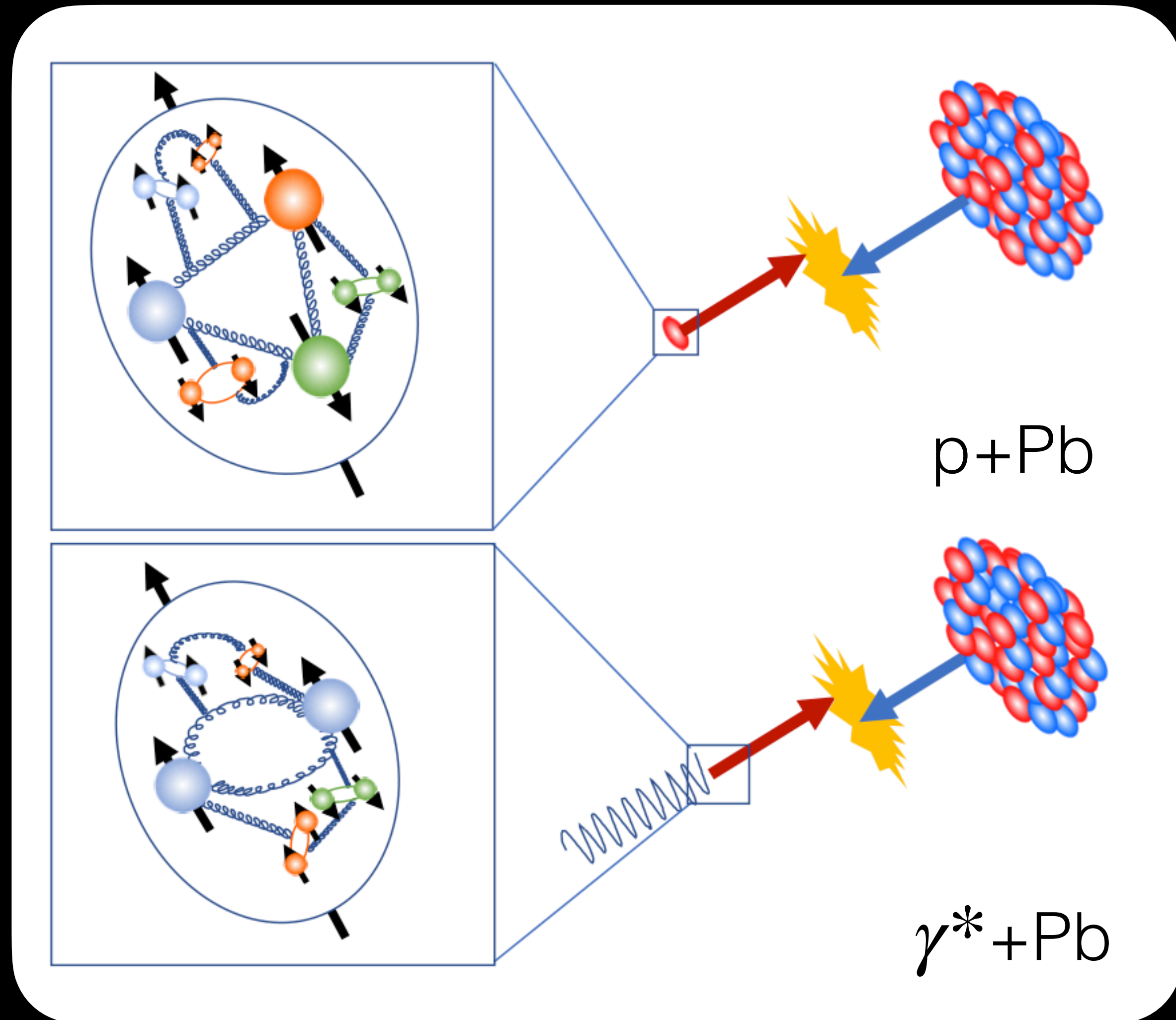
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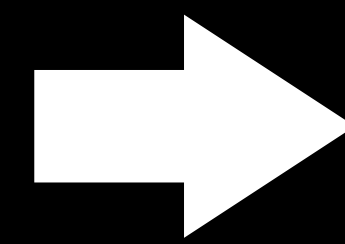
- Collective two-particle correlations were observed in the resolved photonuclear processes in ultra peripheral Pb+Pb collisions (UPC) at the LHC
- The magnitudes of v_n in UPC are comparable with those in p+p and p+Pb collisions

ORIGIN OF COLLECTIVITY IN UPC?

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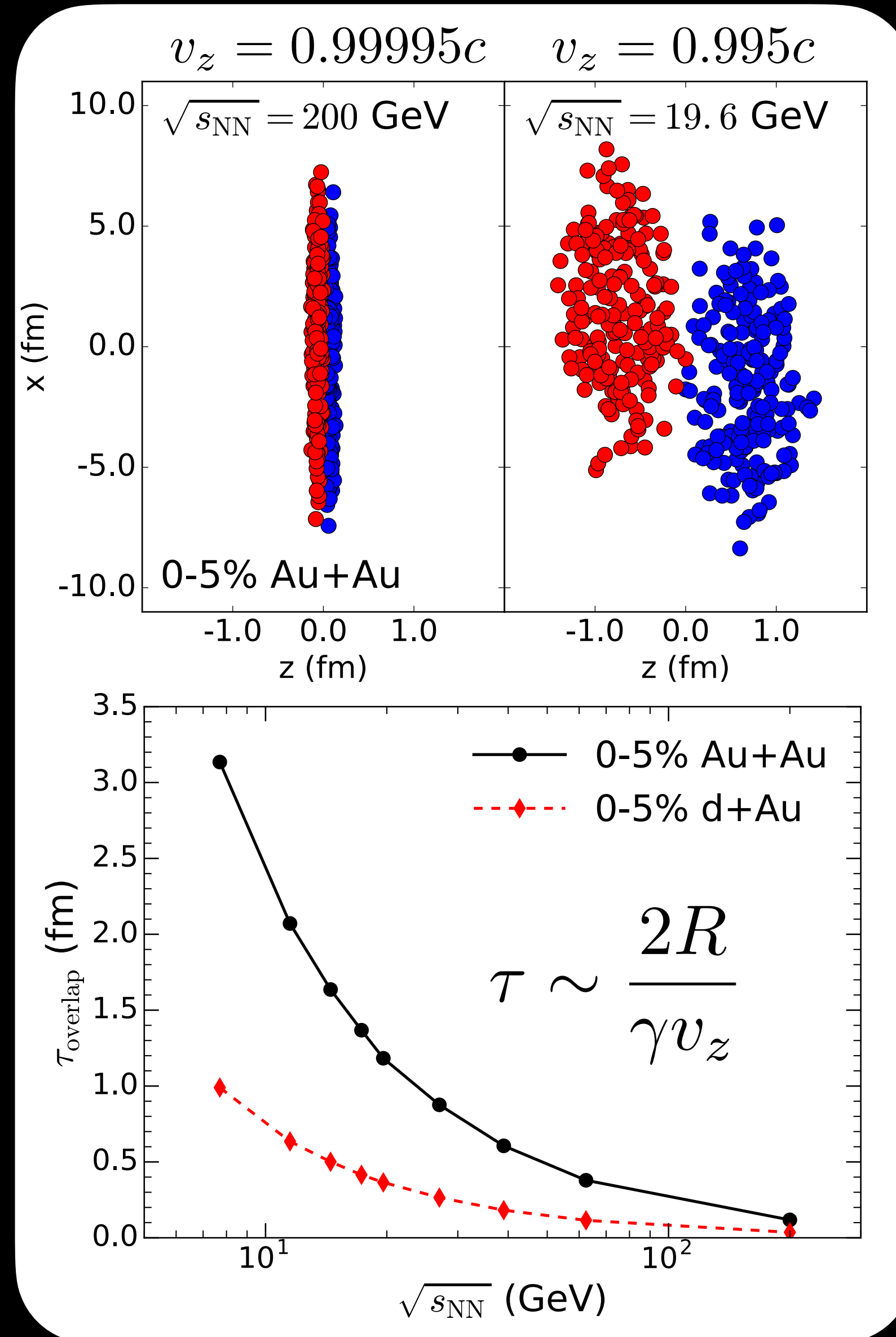
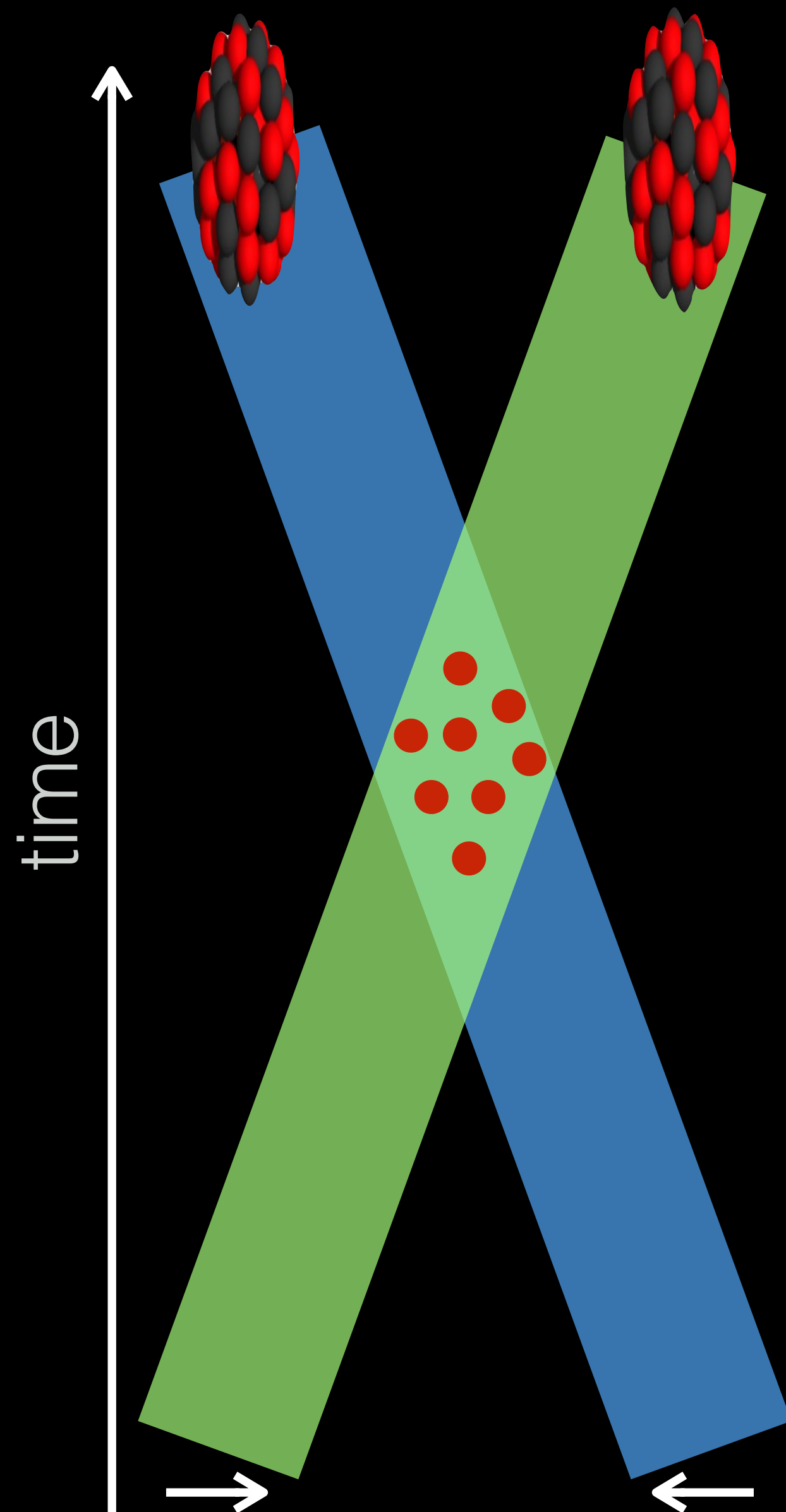


- The quasi-real photon in UPC fluctuates to a vector meson that interacts with the Pb nucleus via QCD interactions
- Similar to high multiplicity p+Pb collisions, the vector meson+Pb collisions could experience strong final-state interactions



Quest for a (3+1)D dynamical framework to quantitatively study γ^*+Pb and p+Pb collisions together

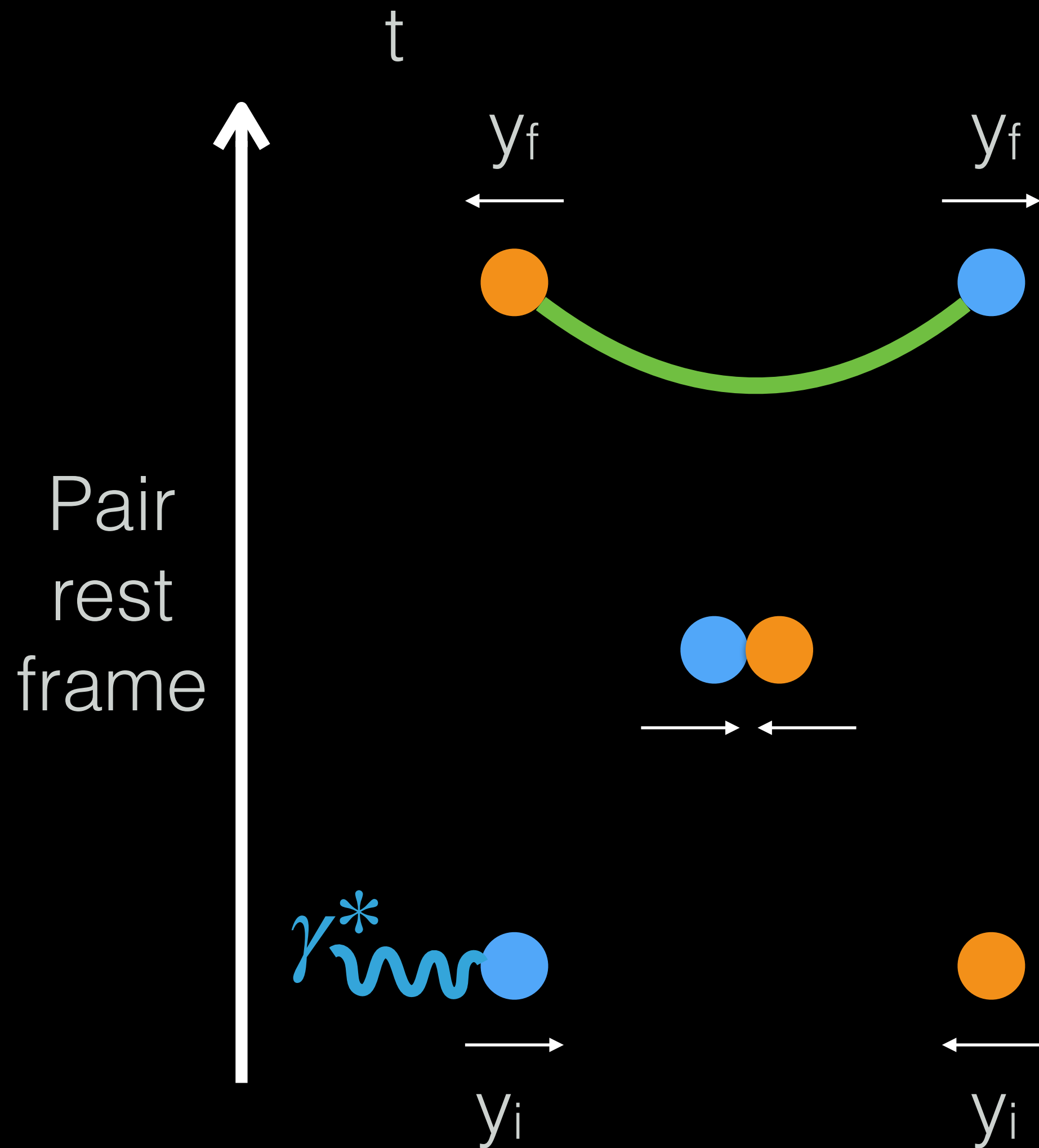
3D DYNAMICS IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR BES PROGRAMS



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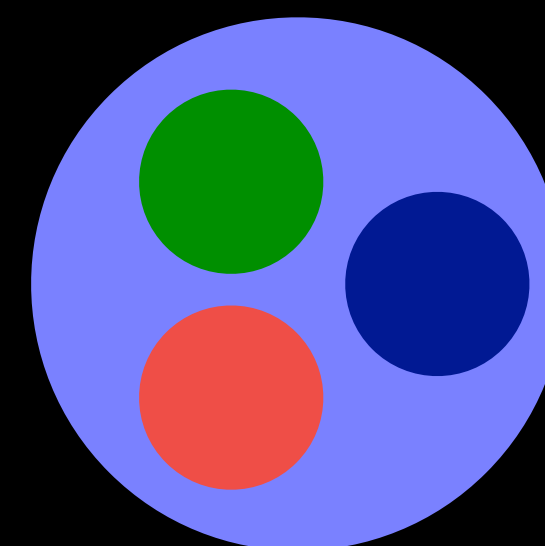
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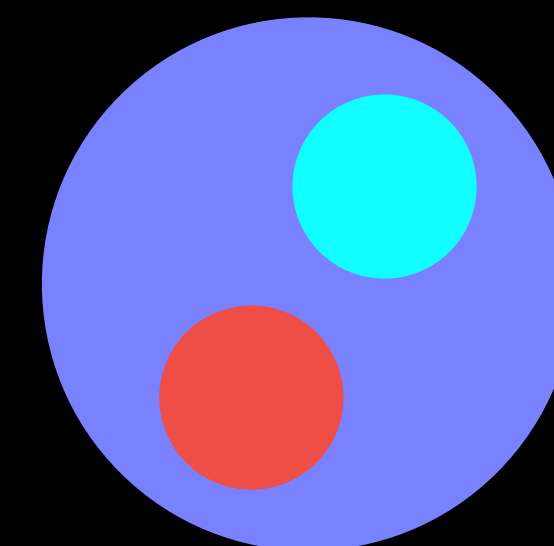


- Collision geometry is determined by MC-Glauber model
- Hot spots associated with valence quarks are sampled from PDF + a soft partonic cloud carrying small x partons
- Hot spots are randomly picked to lose energy during a collision

nucleon



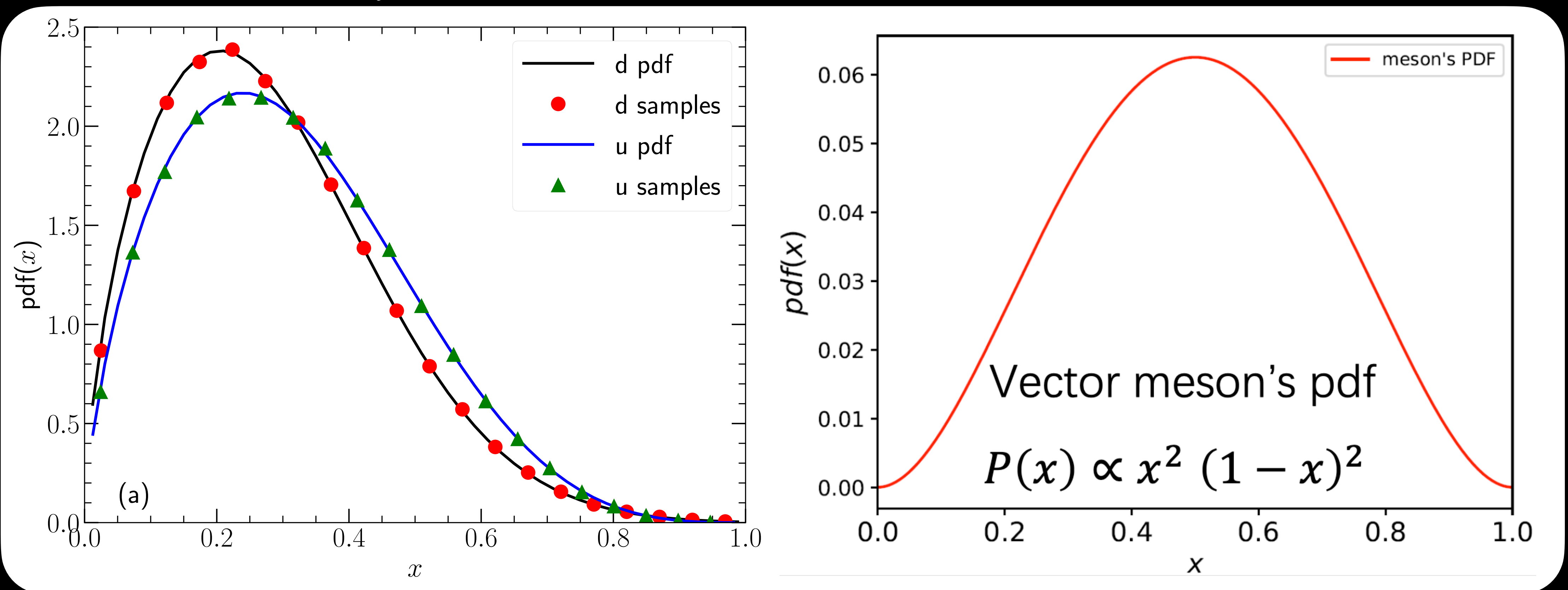
vector meson



IMPROVED PDF SAMPLING FOR MULTIPLE PARTONS

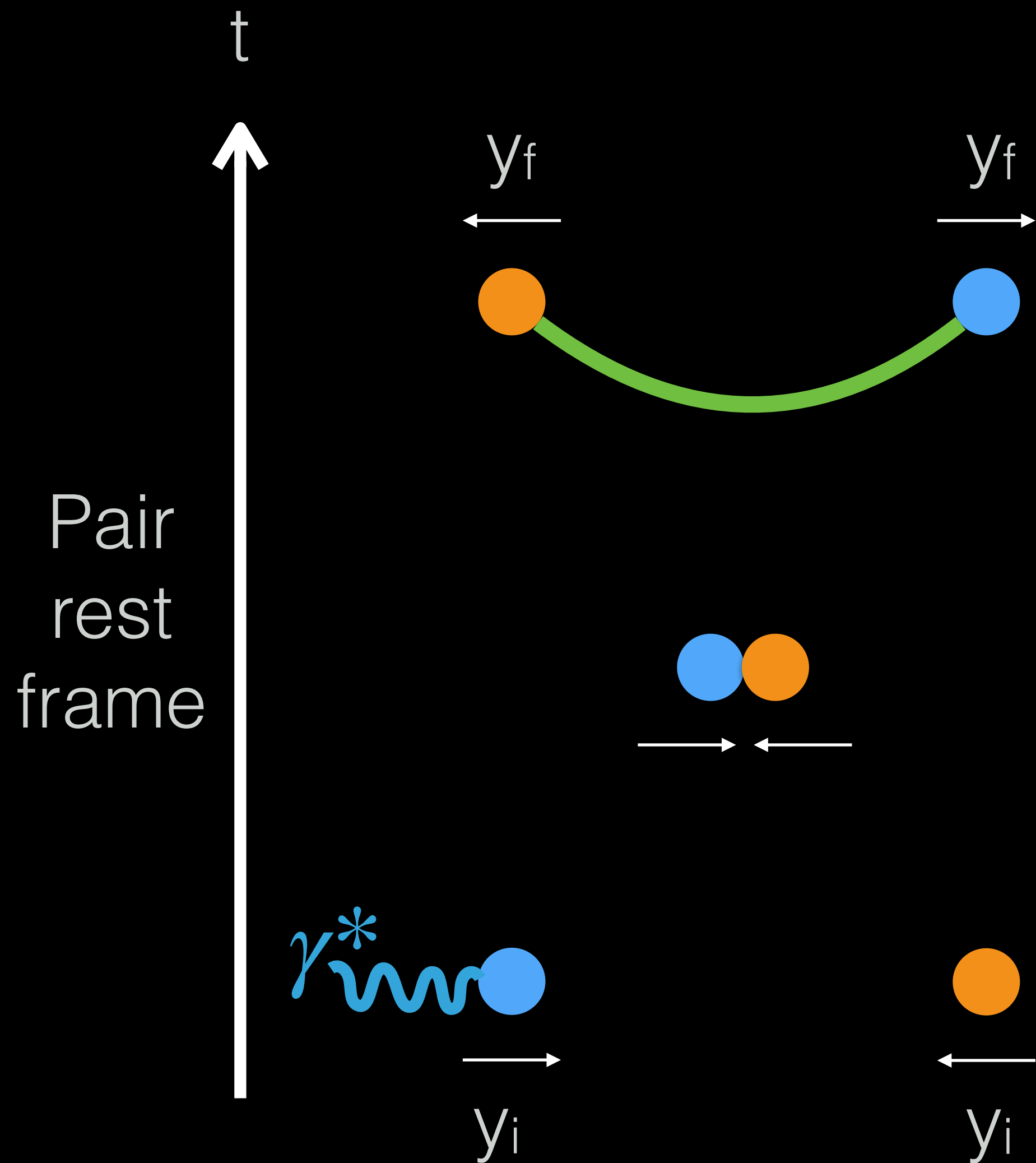
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- We develop a Metropolis algorithm to sample multiple partons from PDFs with constraint $\sum_i x_i \leq 1$



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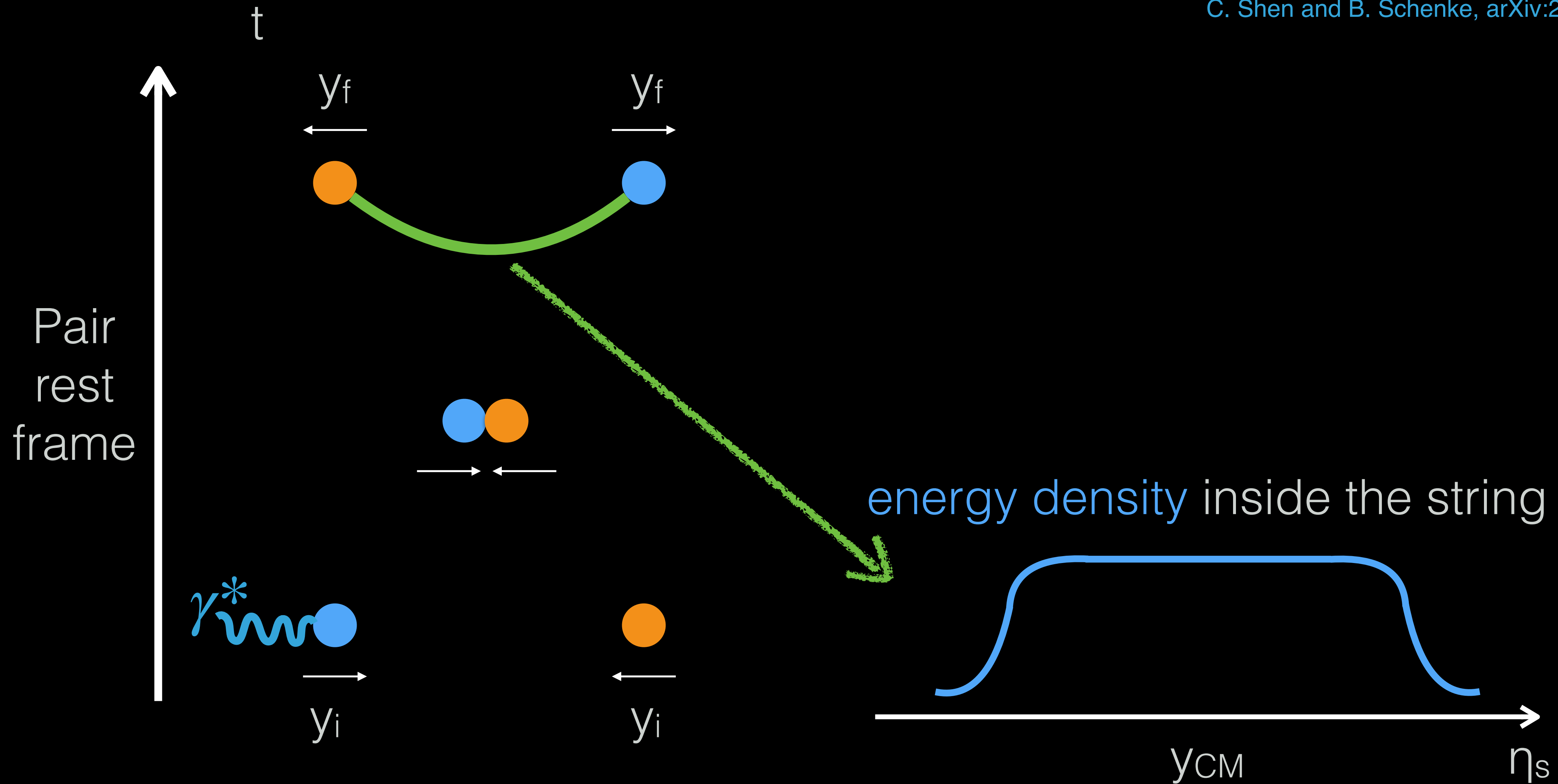
- Collision geometry is determined by MC-Glauber model
- Hot spots are sampled from PDF and randomly picked to lose energy during a collision
- Incoming quarks are decelerated with a classical string tension,

$$dp^\mu = -T^{\mu\nu}d\Sigma_\nu$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sigma \end{pmatrix} \quad d\Sigma_\nu = (dz, 0, 0, -dt)$$

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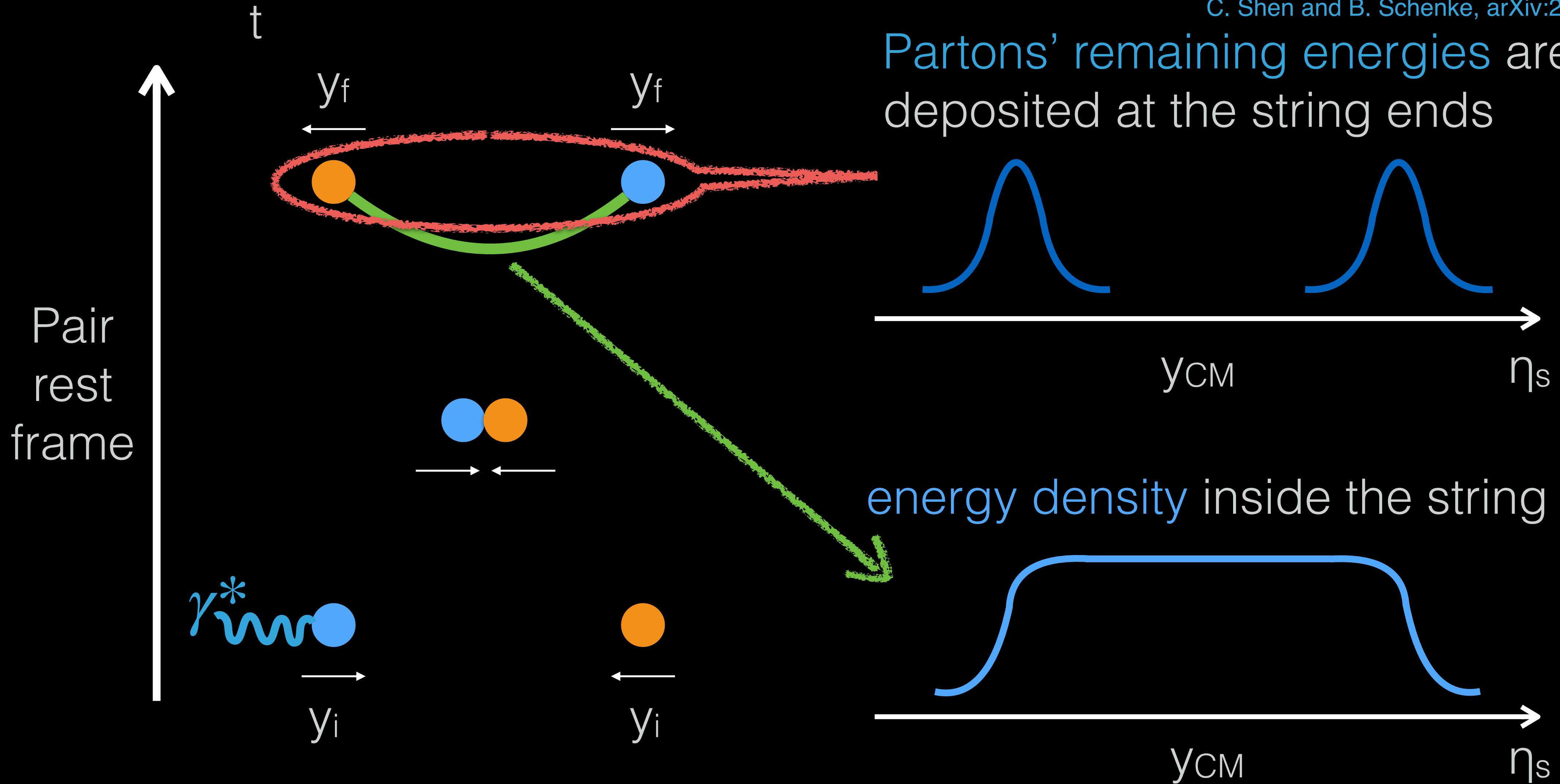
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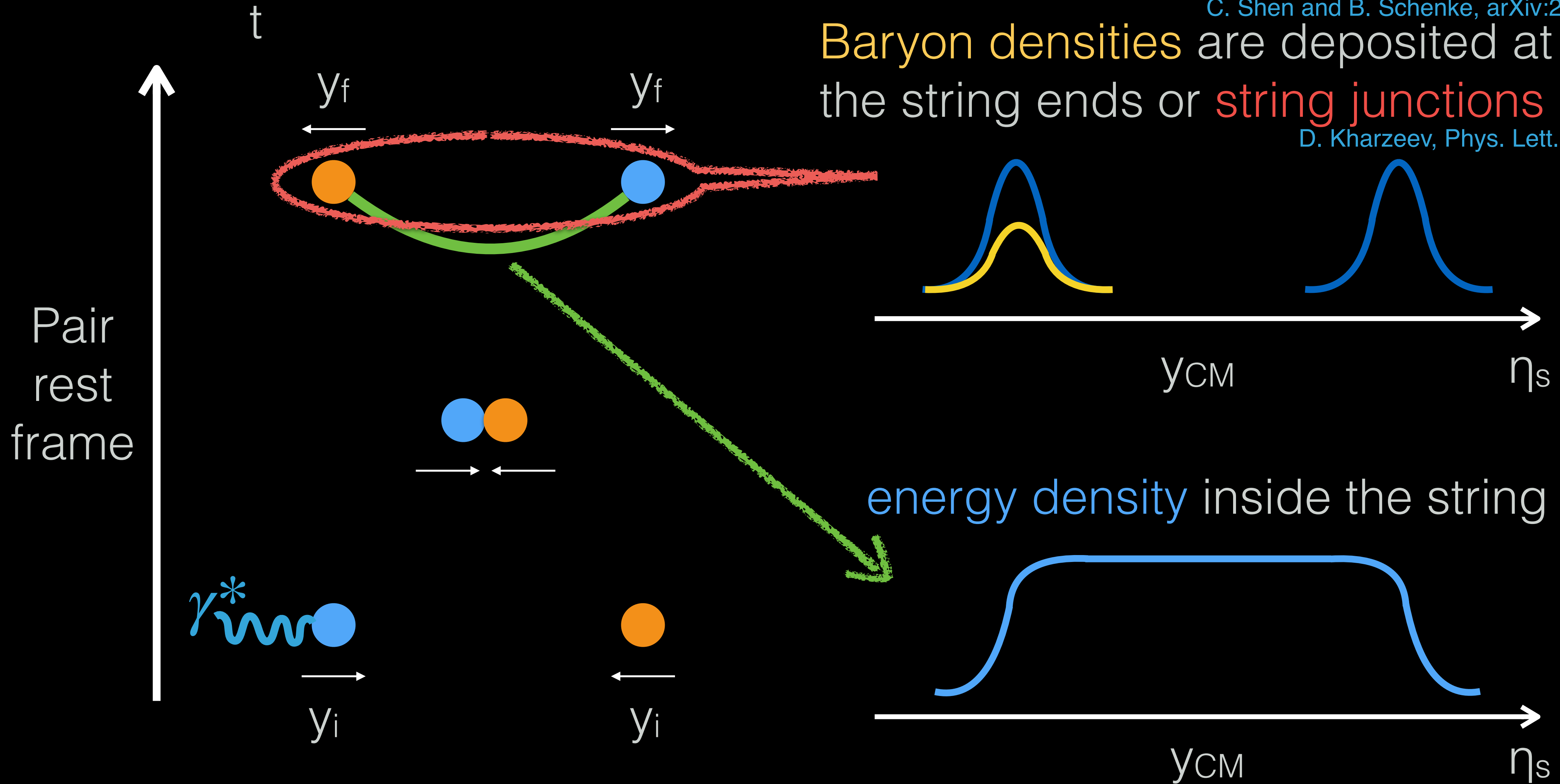
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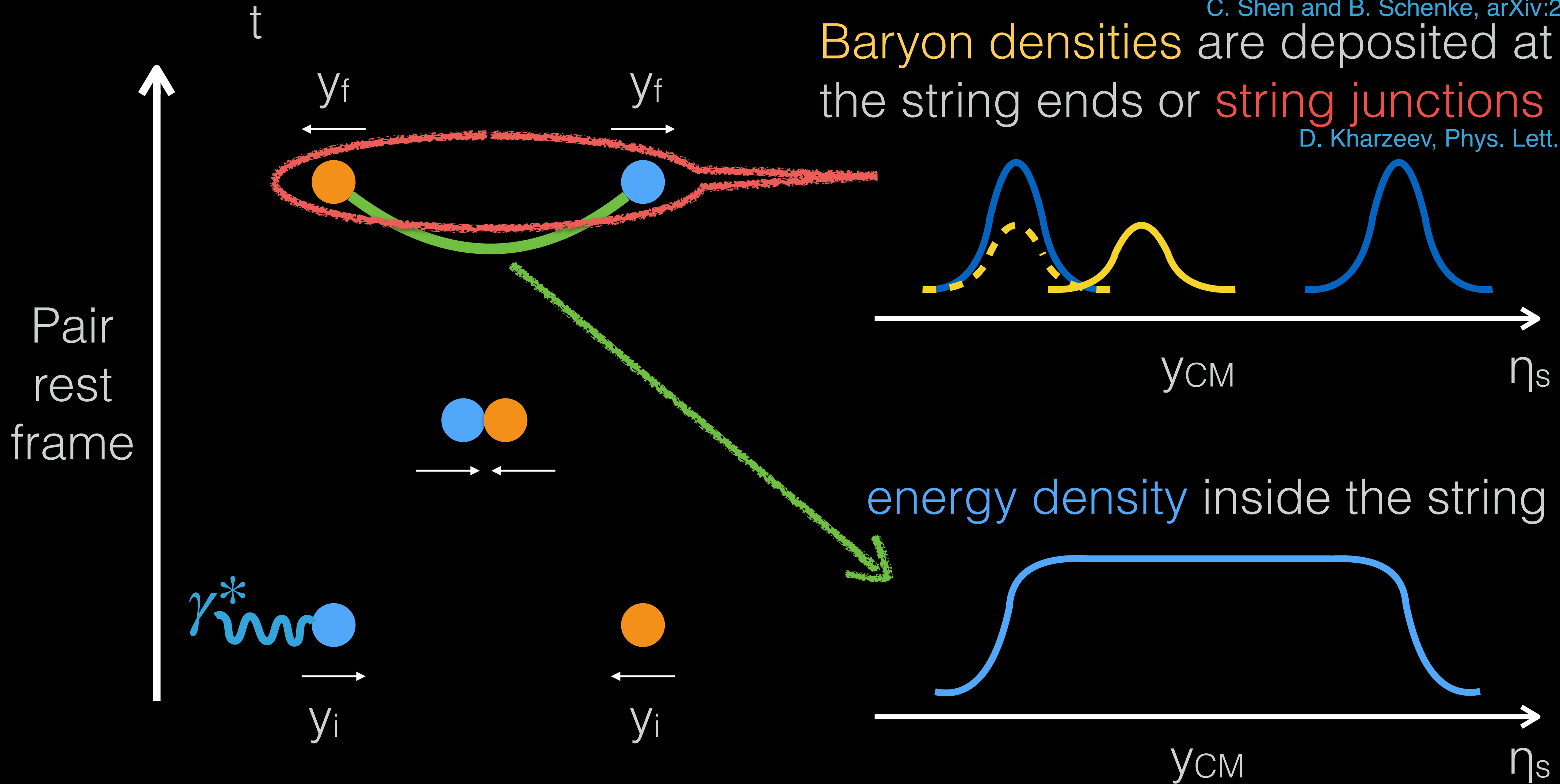
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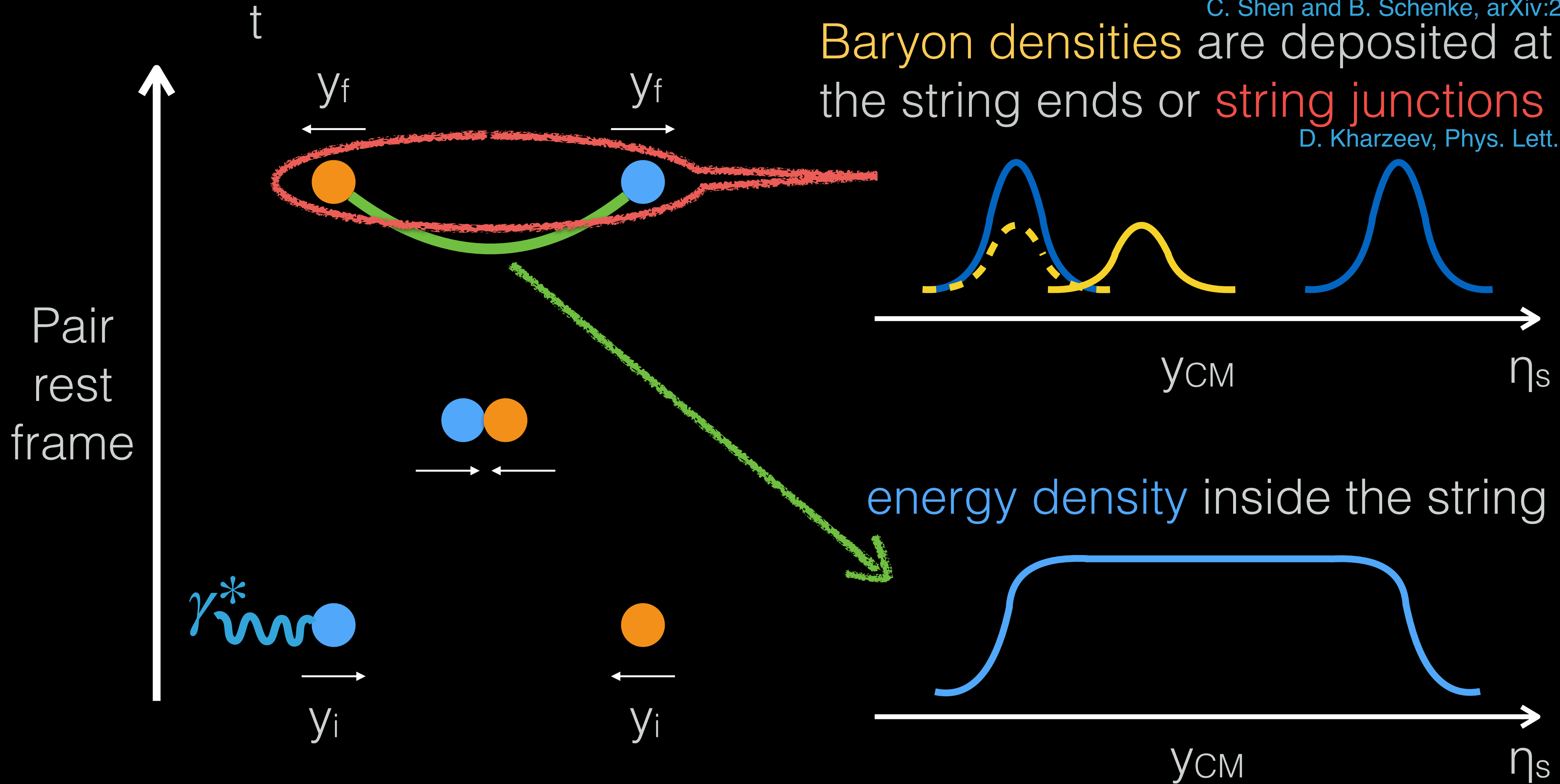
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Imposed conservation for energy, momentum, and net baryon density

COLLISION KINEMATICS IN UPC

A. J. Baltz *et al.* Phys. Rept. 458, 1-171 (2008)

- The energy of incoming quasi-real photon fluctuates event by event

$$\frac{dN^\gamma}{dk_\gamma} = \frac{2Z^2\alpha}{\pi k_\gamma} \left[w_R^{AA} K_0(w_R^{AA}) K_1(w_R^{AA}) - \frac{(w_R^{AA})^2}{2} (K_1^2(w_R^{AA}) - K_0^2(w_R^{AA})) \right]$$

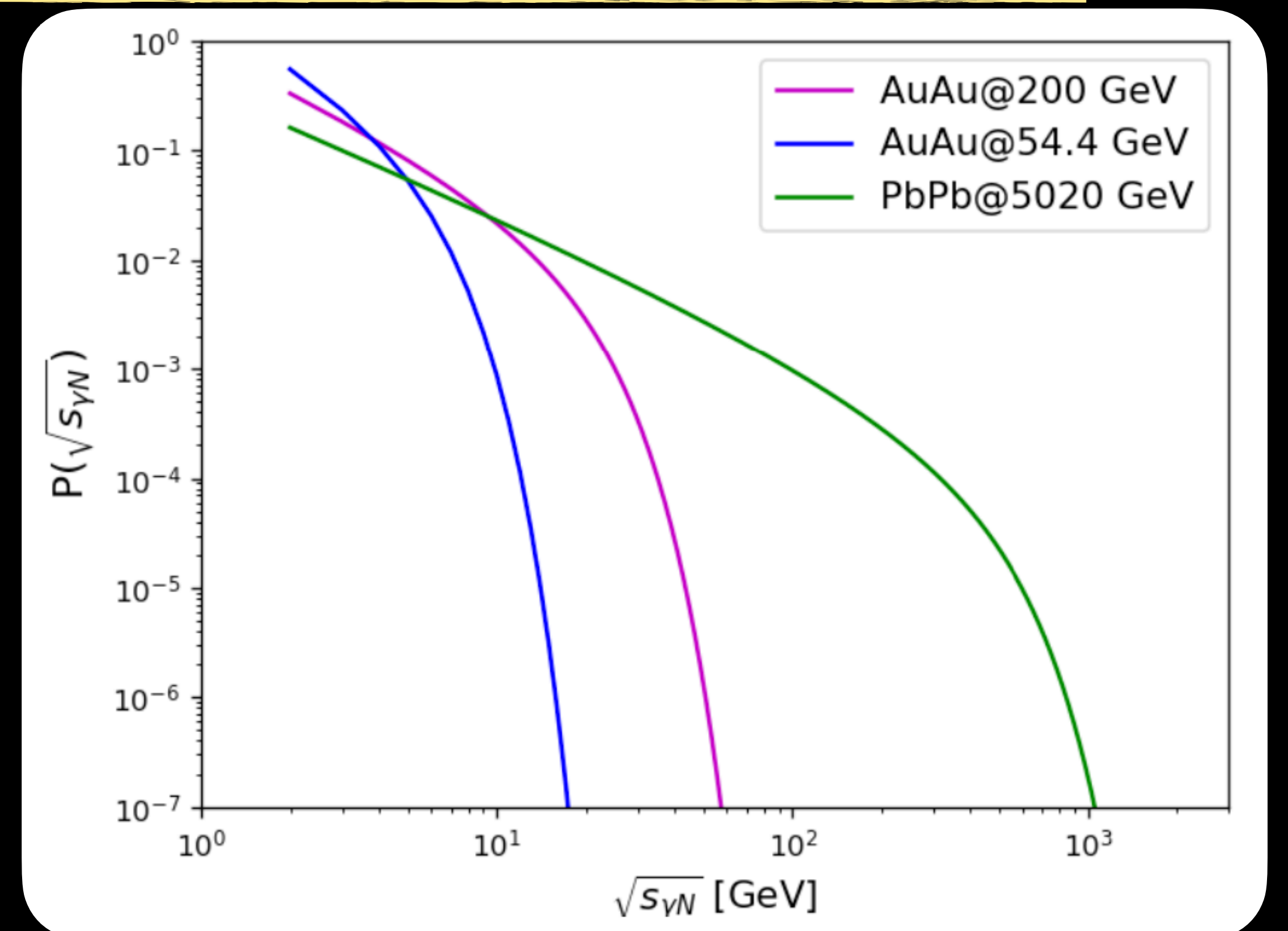
$$w_R^{AA} = 2k_\gamma R_A / \gamma_L, \quad \gamma_L = \sqrt{s_{NN}} / (2m_N)$$

- The center of mass collision energy for the $\gamma^* + A$ system fluctuates

$$\sqrt{s_{\gamma N}} = (2k_\gamma \sqrt{s_{NN}})^{1/2}$$

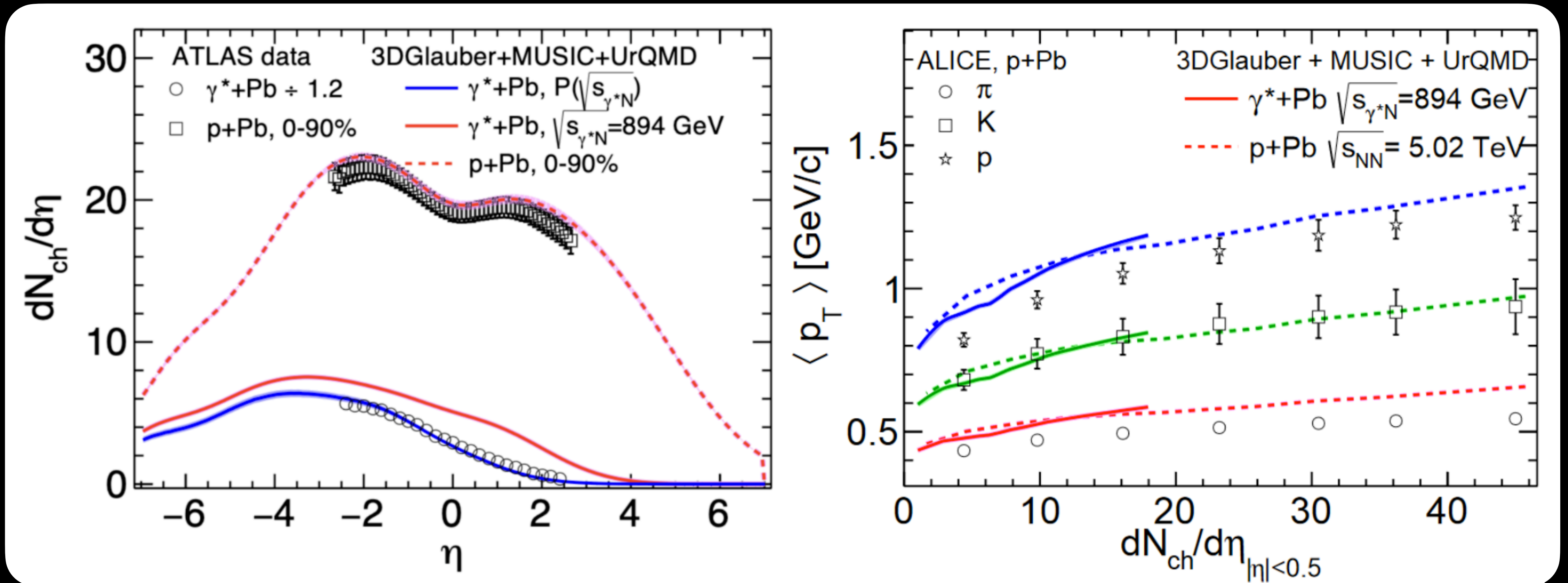
- The center of mass rapidity of $\gamma^* + A$ collision fluctuates in the lab frame

$$\Delta y = y_{\text{beam}}(\sqrt{s_{\gamma N}}) - y_{\text{beam}}(\sqrt{s_{NN}})$$



MULTIPLICITY AND $\langle p_T \rangle$ IN pA AND γA COLLISIONS

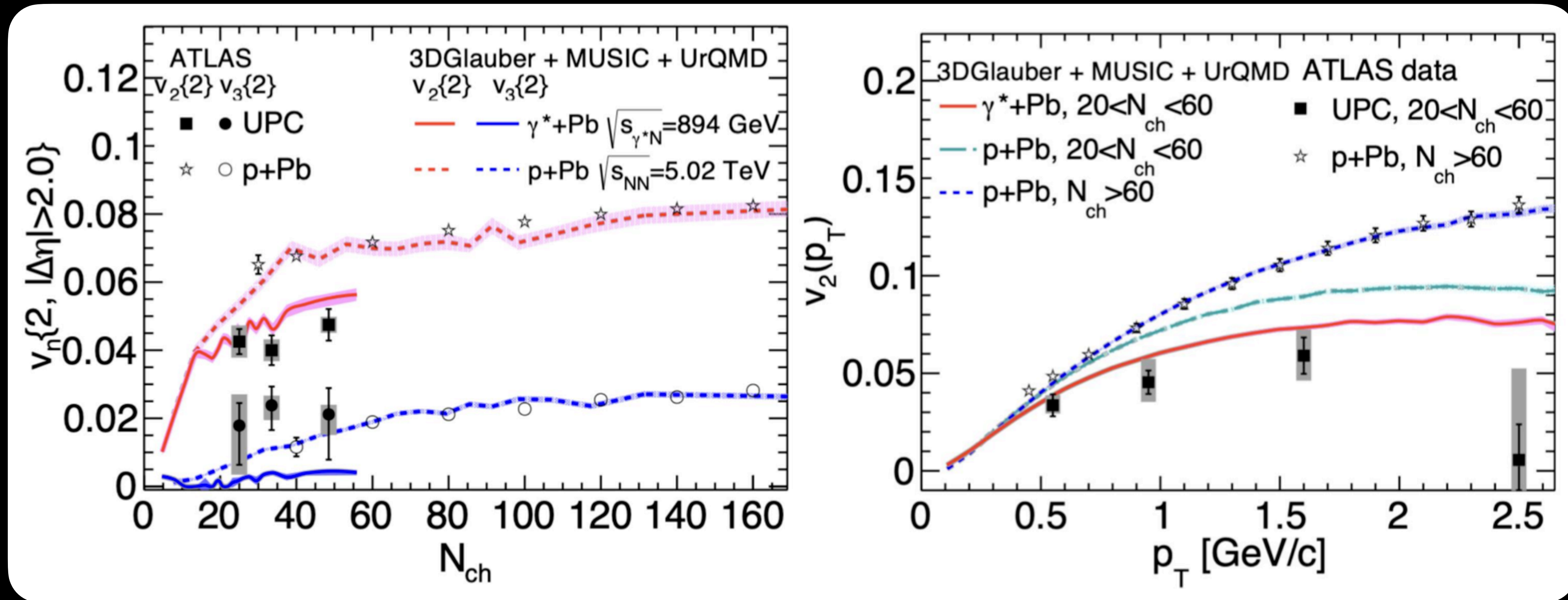
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- Our model with fluctuating $\sqrt{s_{\gamma^*N}}$ reproduces the shape of $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ very well
- Hydrodynamic radial flow leads to mass ordering in identified particle $\langle p_T \rangle$

ANISOTROPIC FLOW IN pA AND γA COLLISIONS

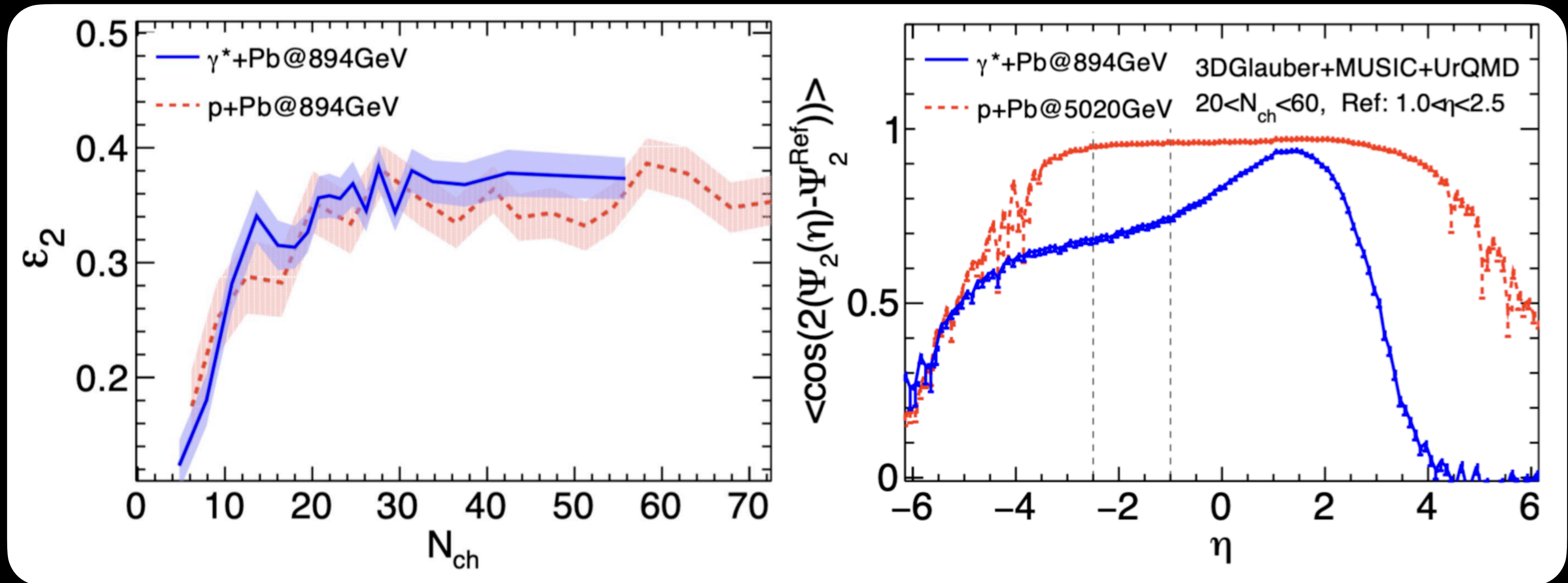
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- Our dynamical model reproduces well the hierarchy and values of $v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2(p_T)$ in p+Pb and $\gamma^* + Pb$ collisions
- The $v_3\{2\}$ in $\gamma^* + Pb$ collisions are underestimated because of geometry decorrelation

UNDERSTAND THE v_2 HIERARCHY BETWEEN pA AND γ^*A

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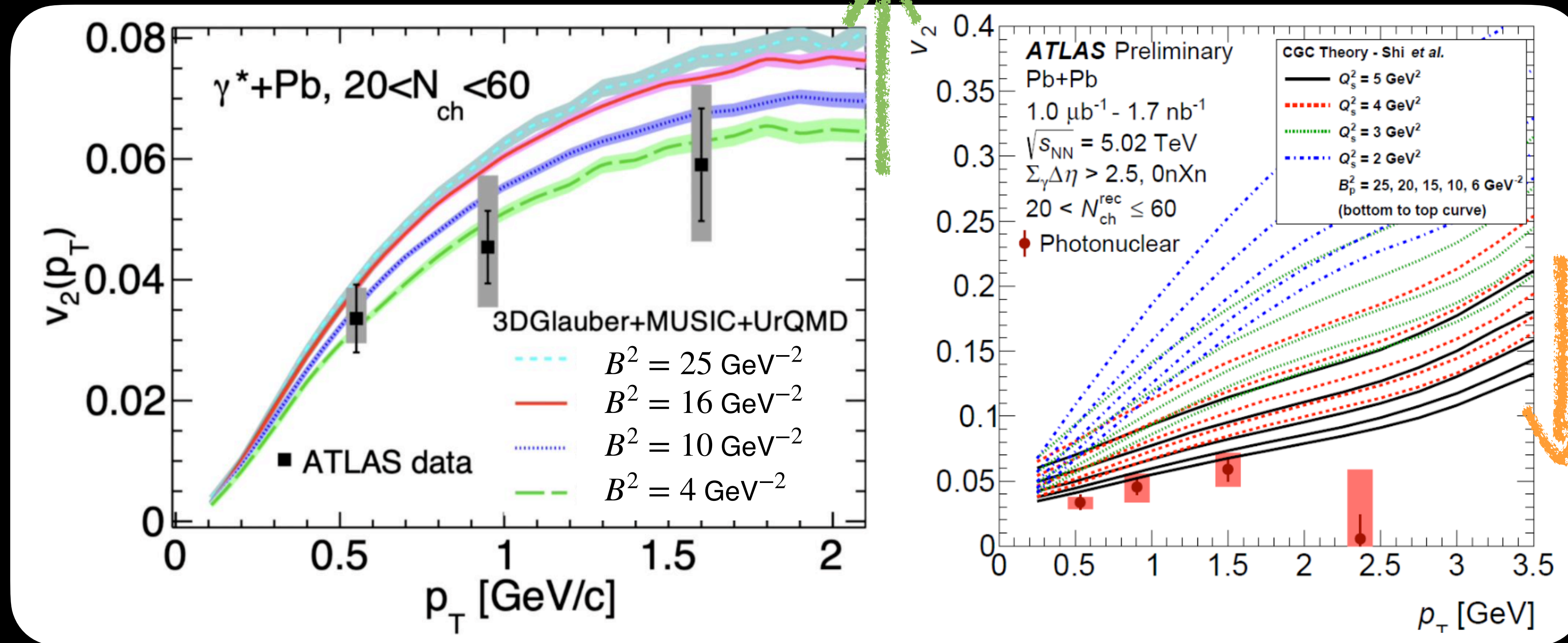


- Initial eccentricities are comparable between $p+Pb$ and γ^*+Pb systems
- The lower $\sqrt{s_{\gamma N}}$ leads to a larger event-plane decorrelation and results in smaller $v_2\{2\}$ than that in $p+Pb$ collisions at the same N_{ch}

TEST GEOMETRY RESPONSE IN eA COLLISIONS AT EIC

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transverse size
 $\propto B^2$

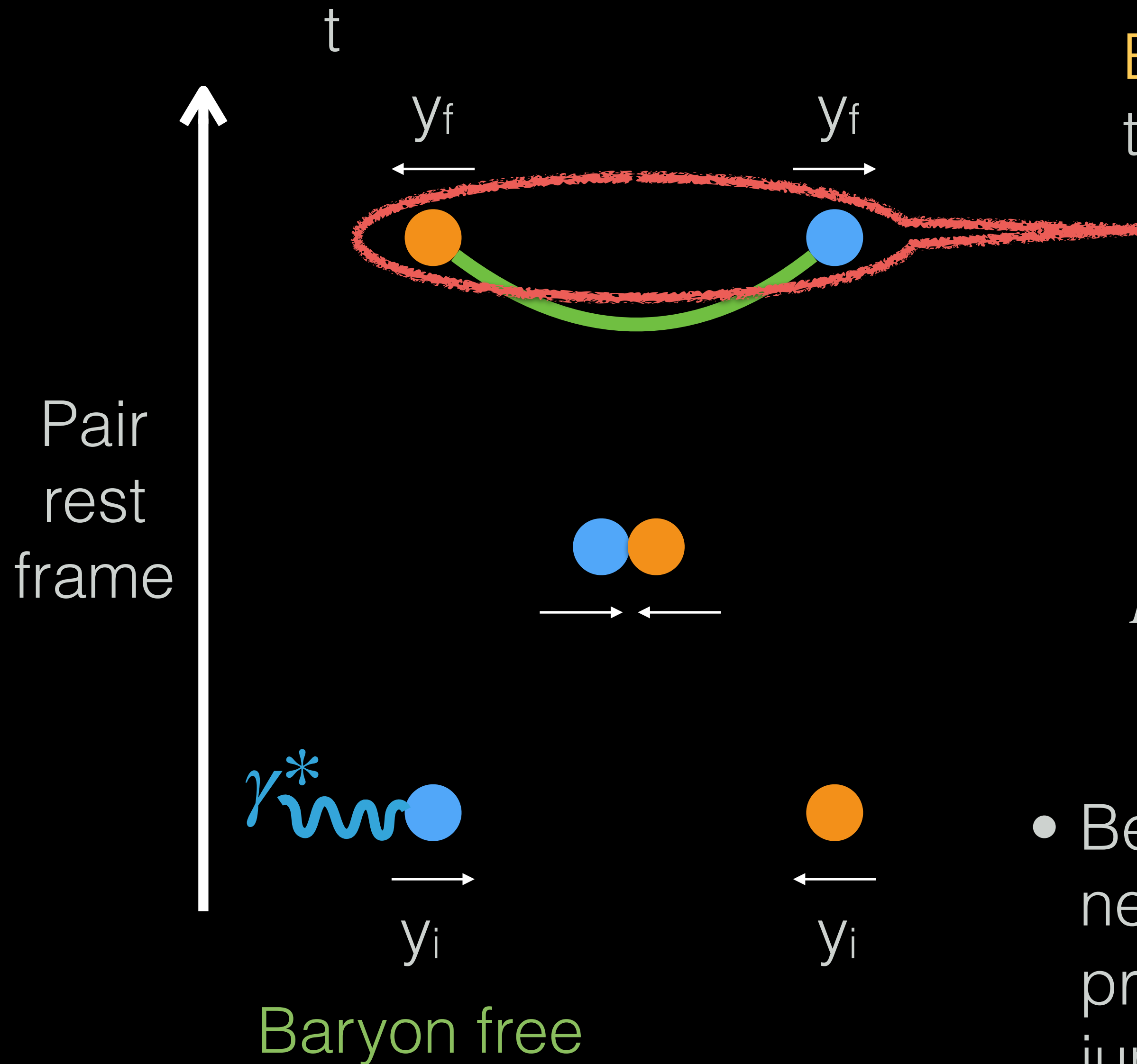
- Hydrodynamics: a larger B^2 allows a larger transverse area for geometry to fluctuate
- CGC: a larger B^2 leads to a larger number of independent domains

$$v_2 \propto B^2$$

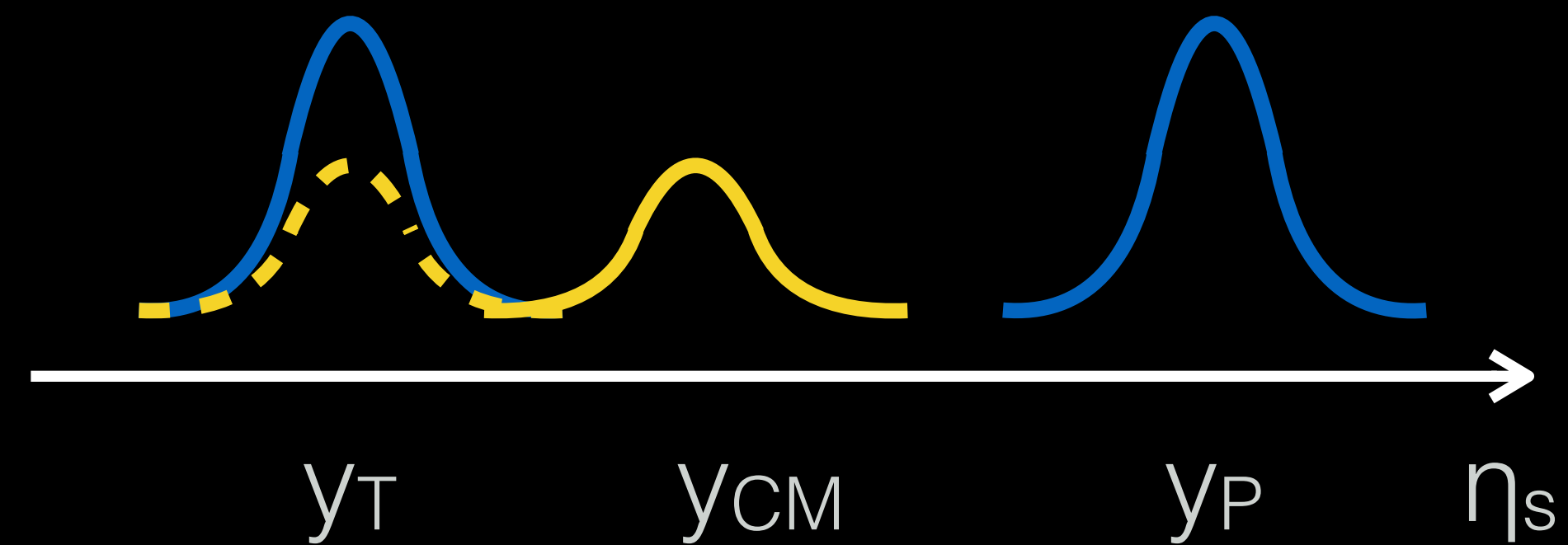
$$v_2 \propto 1/B^2$$

PROBING BARYON JUNCTION IN γ^*A COLLISIONS

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$$P(y_T^B) = (1 - \lambda_B)y_T + \lambda_B \frac{e^{(y_T^B - (y_P + y_T)/2)/2}}{4 \sinh((y_P - y_T)/4)}$$

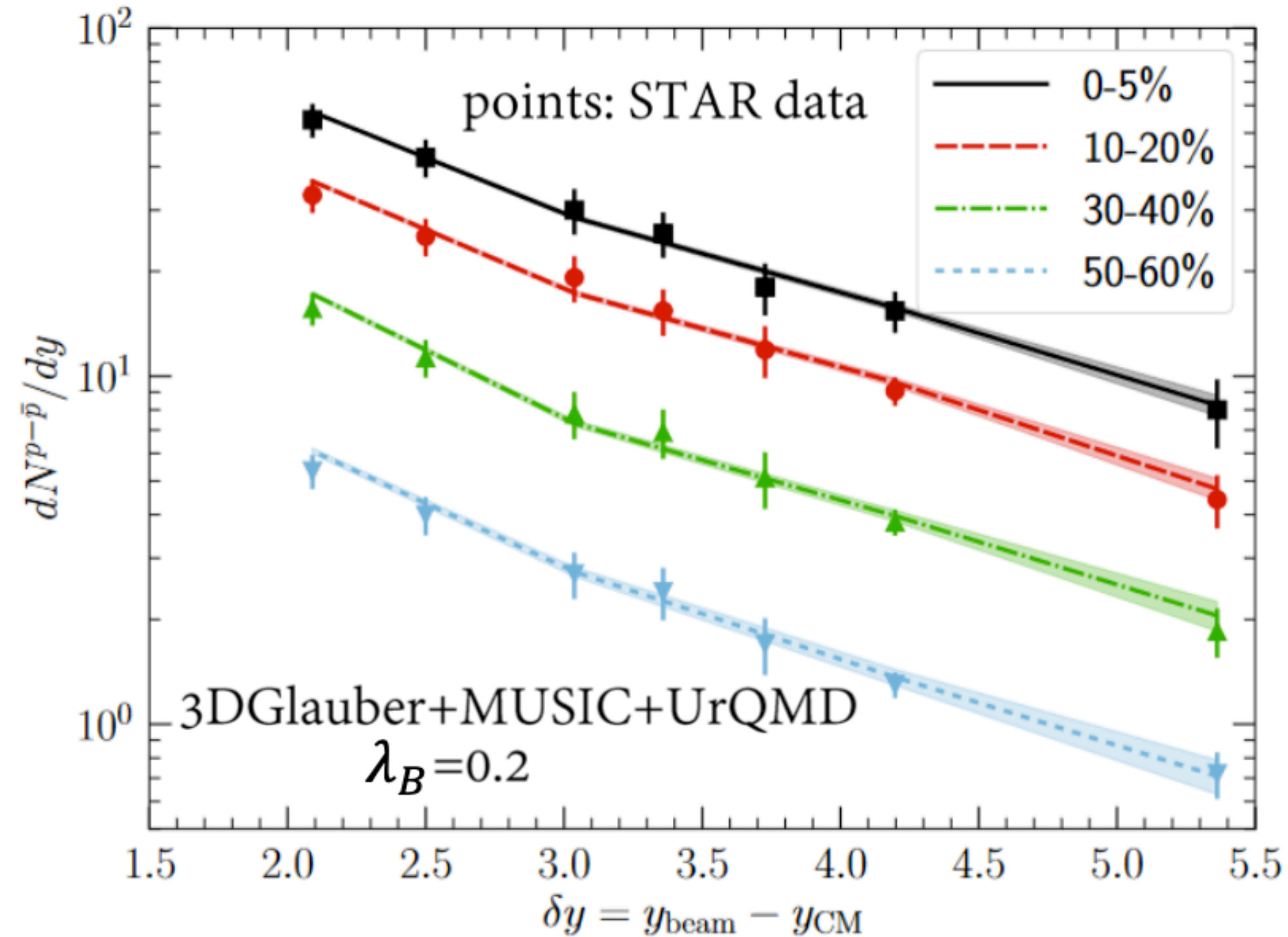
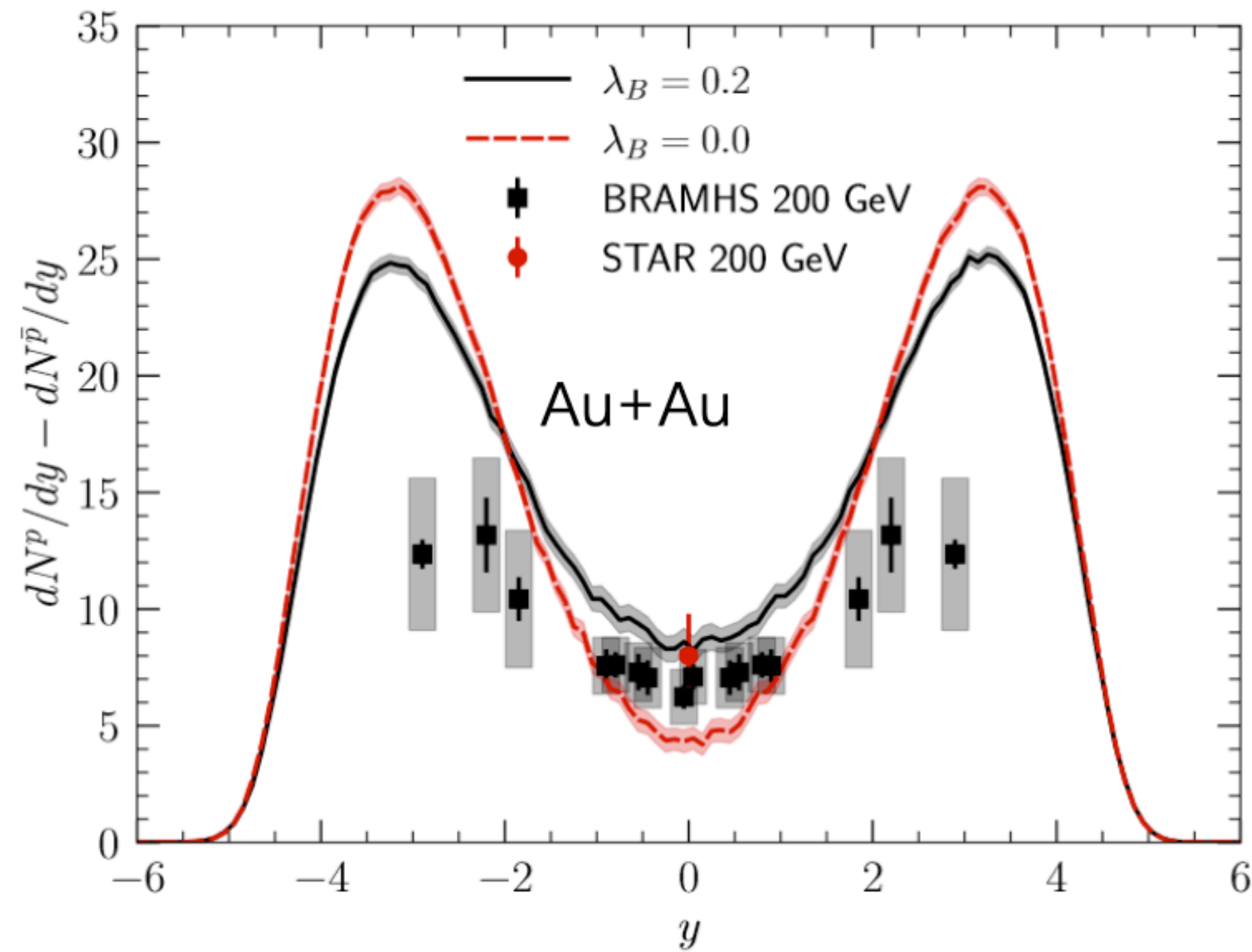
Fragmentation

String Junction

- Because the vector meson does not carry net baryon charges, γ^*A collisions can probe the baryon charges at the string junctions more easily

CALIBRATE BARYON JUNCTION IN AA COLLISIONS

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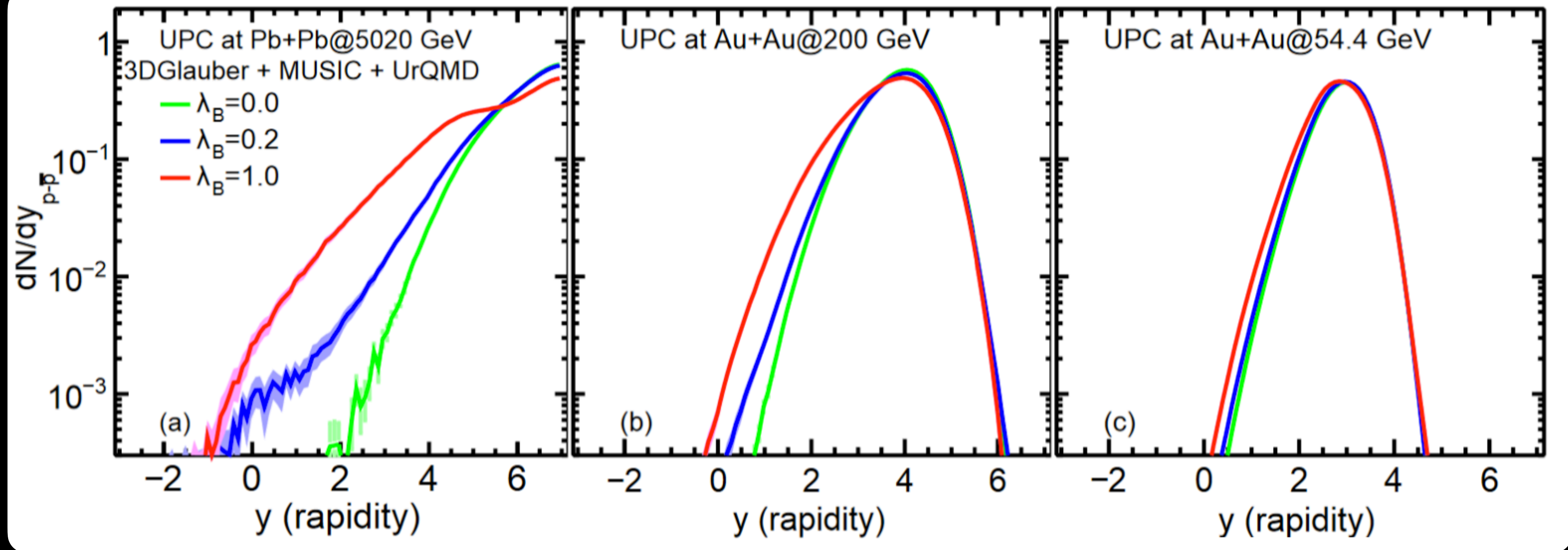


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- Au+Au collisions at RHIC BES energies prefer 20% of baryon charges ($\lambda_B = 0.2$) to fluctuate to the string junctions in the initial state

PREDICTIONS OF NET PROTON dN/dy IN UPC

W. Zhao, C. Shen and B. Schenke, in preparation



- No net protons from the vector meson's fragmentation region
- The baryons at the string junctions lead to a flatter slope of net proton dN/dy near the mid-rapidity in UPC events at LHC and the top RHIC energies
- The shape of net proton dN/dy at 54.4 GeV is dominated by fragmentations

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- We develop a (3+1)D dynamical model to study the collectivity in **highly asymmetric** relativistic nuclear collisions, such as p+A collisions and $\gamma^* + A$ in the ultra-peripheral A+A collisions (UPC) at RHIC and LHC energies
- The elliptic flow hierarchy between p+Pb and $\gamma^* + Pb$ collisions at the LHC can be explained by the **larger geometry decorrelation** in the UPC events — (3+1)D simulations are essential!
- The net proton rapidity distributions in UPC provide a **clean** measurement whether incoming baryon charges are carried by the string junctions
- Our work **connects** the current studies of small system collectivity and initial-state baryon stopping in heavy-ion collisions with the future $e + A$ collisions at the Electron-Ion Collider