

# Energy density of the formed medium in small collision systems at LHC energies

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# Outlook



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## Model

- String Percolation Model
- Color Reduction Factor
- Initial geometry and size

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## Thermodynamic Observables

- Temperature
- Energy Density

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## Results

- Energy density, entropy density and Pressure evolution.

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## Conclusions

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# Abstract

Results on **small collision systems** are still under study to characterize whether a strongly interacting perfect fluid is formed or not. In this work we present an estimate of the **initial state energy density** on small collision systems. Results consider **effects of initial state fluctuations on geometry** and **finite volume** in a **clusterization of color sources** framework. The results are compared with Lattice QCD calculations. This work presents a perspective of how high energy densities can be reached in such small collision systems at the LHC energies. The results give a collective description of the system.

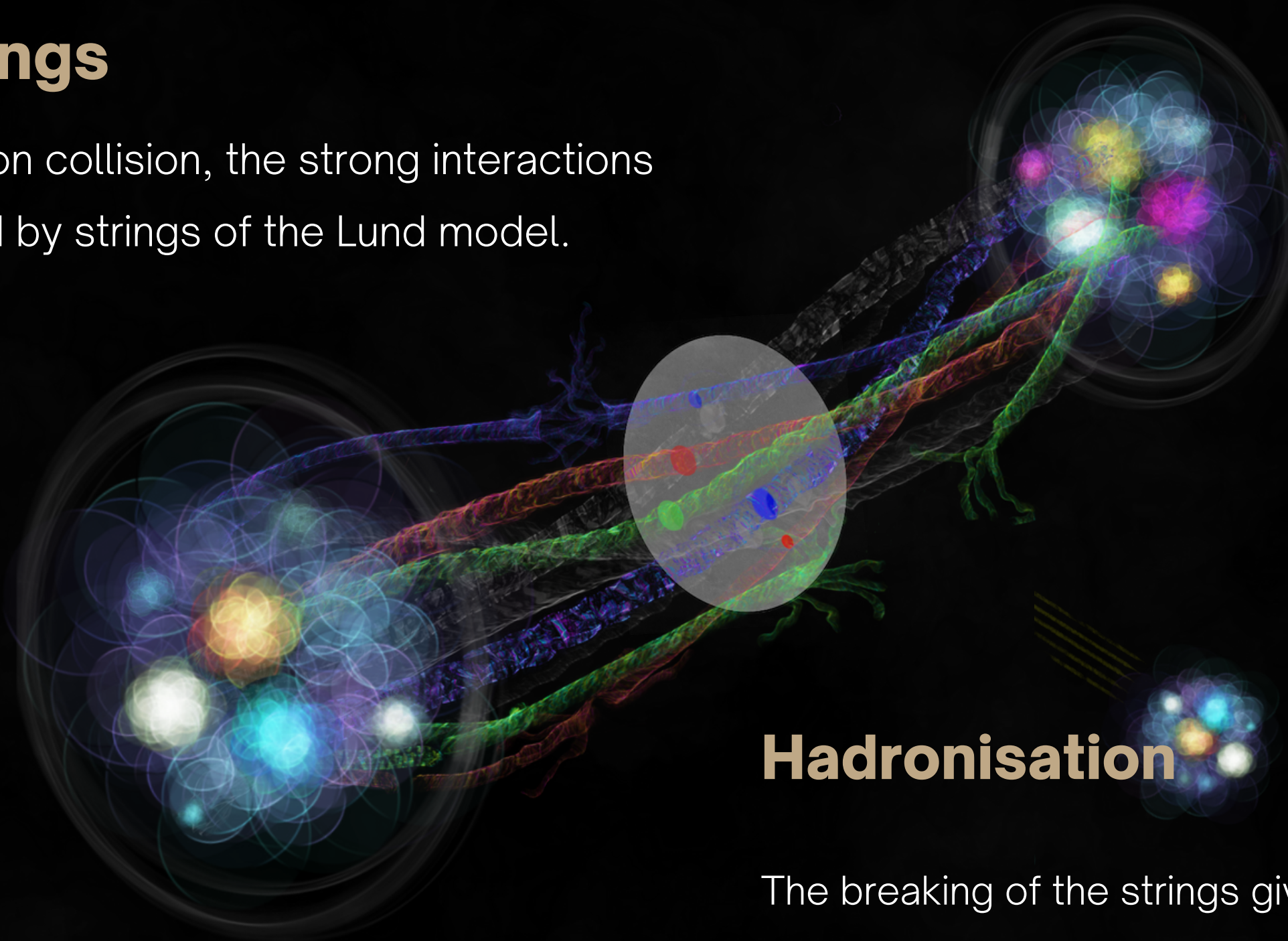
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# Color String Percolation Model

## Color Strings

In a proton-proton collision, the strong interactions can be modeled by strings of the Lund model.

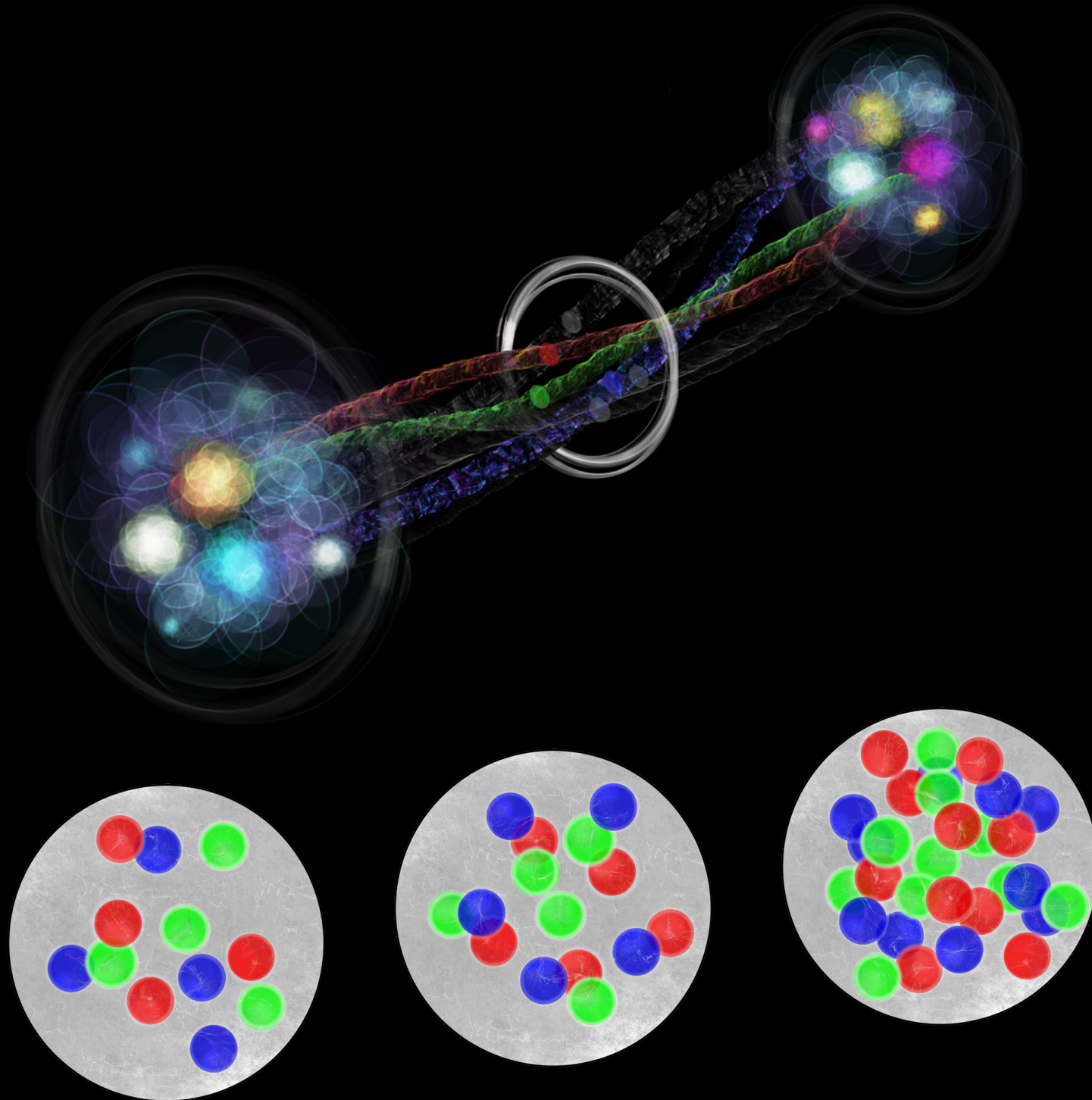


## Hadronisation

The breaking of the strings gives rise to the creation of pairs of quarks, which then hadronize.

B. Andersson, The Lund Model, Cambridge University Press, 1998.

# String density



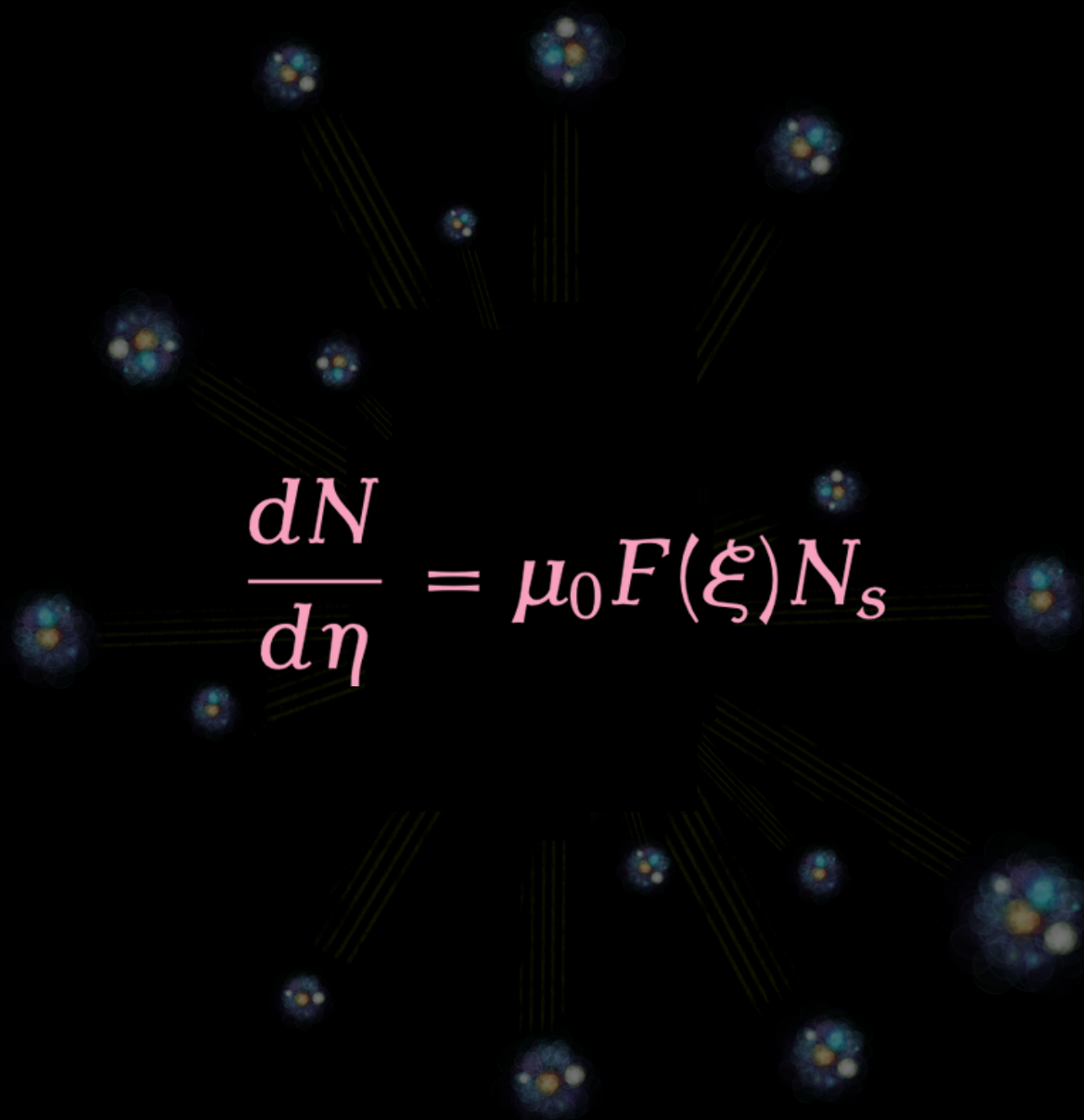
## The impact parameter plane

The strings project their area onto the overlap area of the colliding protons and define a certain distribution characterized by a **string density**

$$\xi = \frac{S_0}{S} N_s$$

where  $S_0$  is the transverse area of a single string,  $S$  is the overlapping area over transverse plane and  $N_s$  is the number of strings.

# Supression Factor



$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} = \mu_0 F(\xi) N_s$$

## Saturation scale

**Particle production** is directly proportional to the number of strings and is suppressed by a string density-dependent **geometric scaling function** we call the **Color Reduction Factor**

$$F(\xi) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - e^{-\xi}}{\xi}}$$

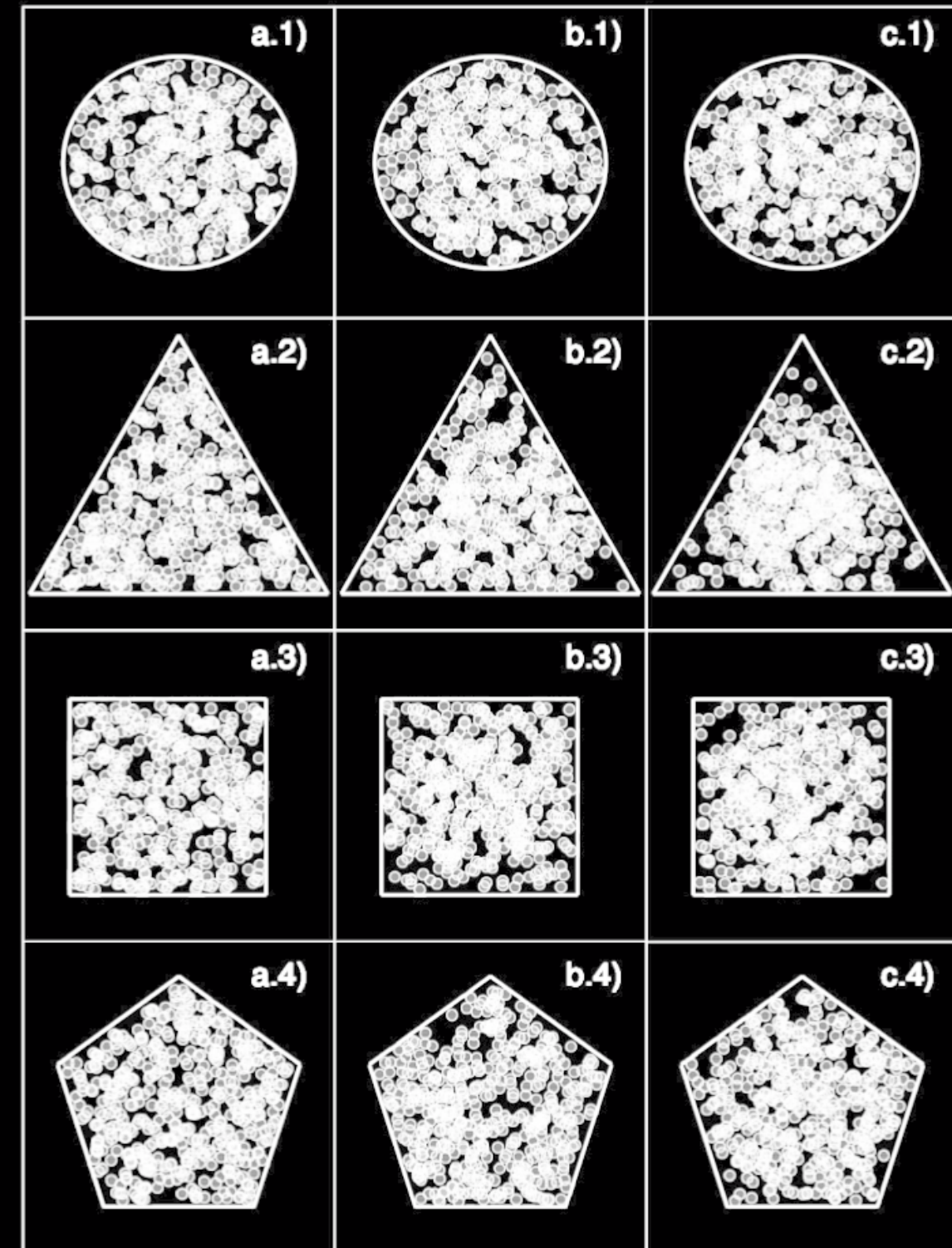
For nuclear collisions in the thermodynamic limit the CRF has the form above.

# Areas covered by disks

## Effects for geometry

Different types of geometry and distribution profiles can cause the areas covered by discs to give rise to **different saturations**.

The initial shape of the distribution of color interactions is responsible of shifts in the percolation thresholds, therefore, in the **phase transitions critical values**.

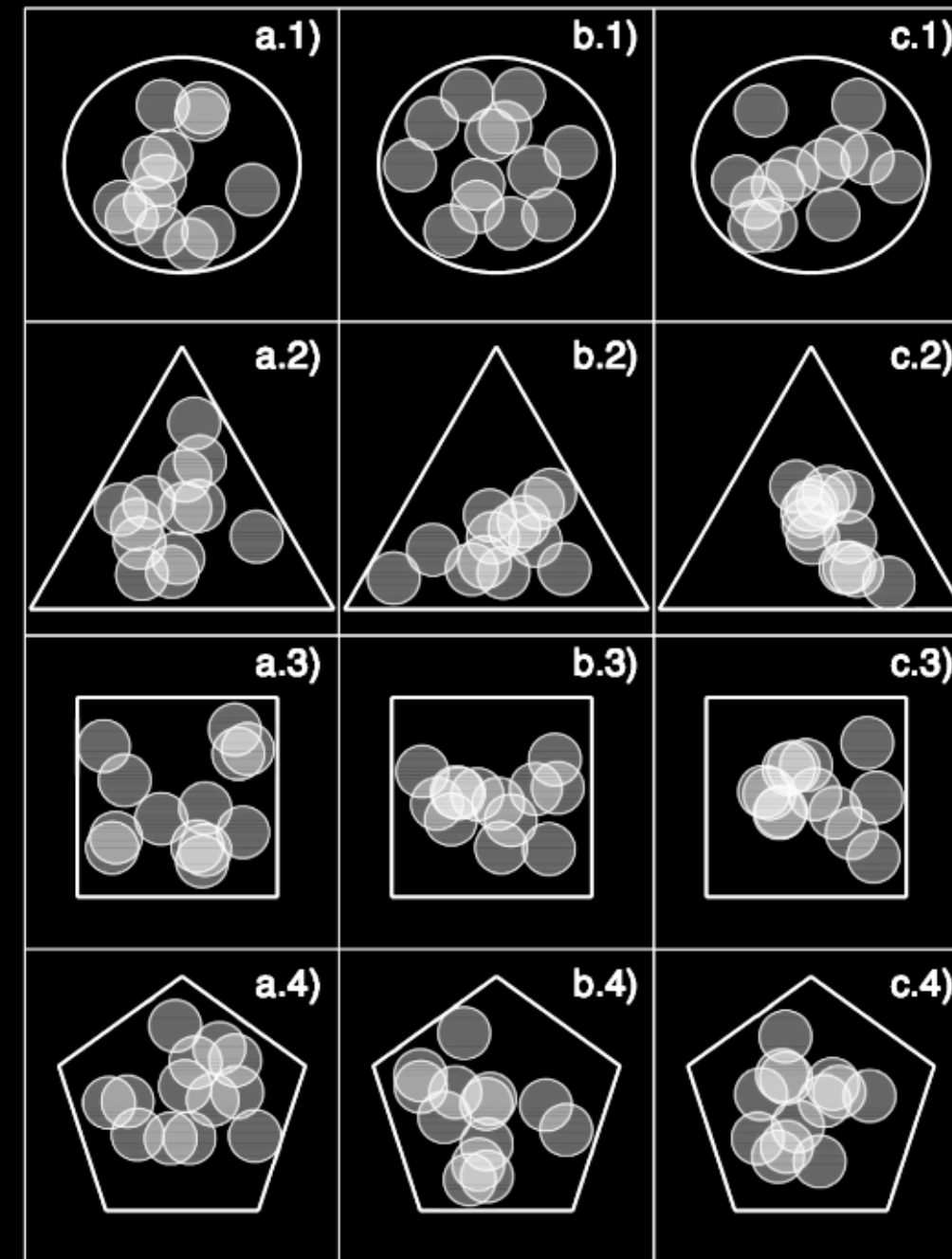


# Areas covered by disks

## Effects for size

Boundary effects become especially relevant when there are few interactions at very high energies (small collisions systems at LHC energies).

In these cases, the CRF as a function of the **filling parameter** is far from the thermodynamic limit. There are multiple origins that give rise to modifications in the expressions applied to Heavy Ion Collisions.





# Filling areas

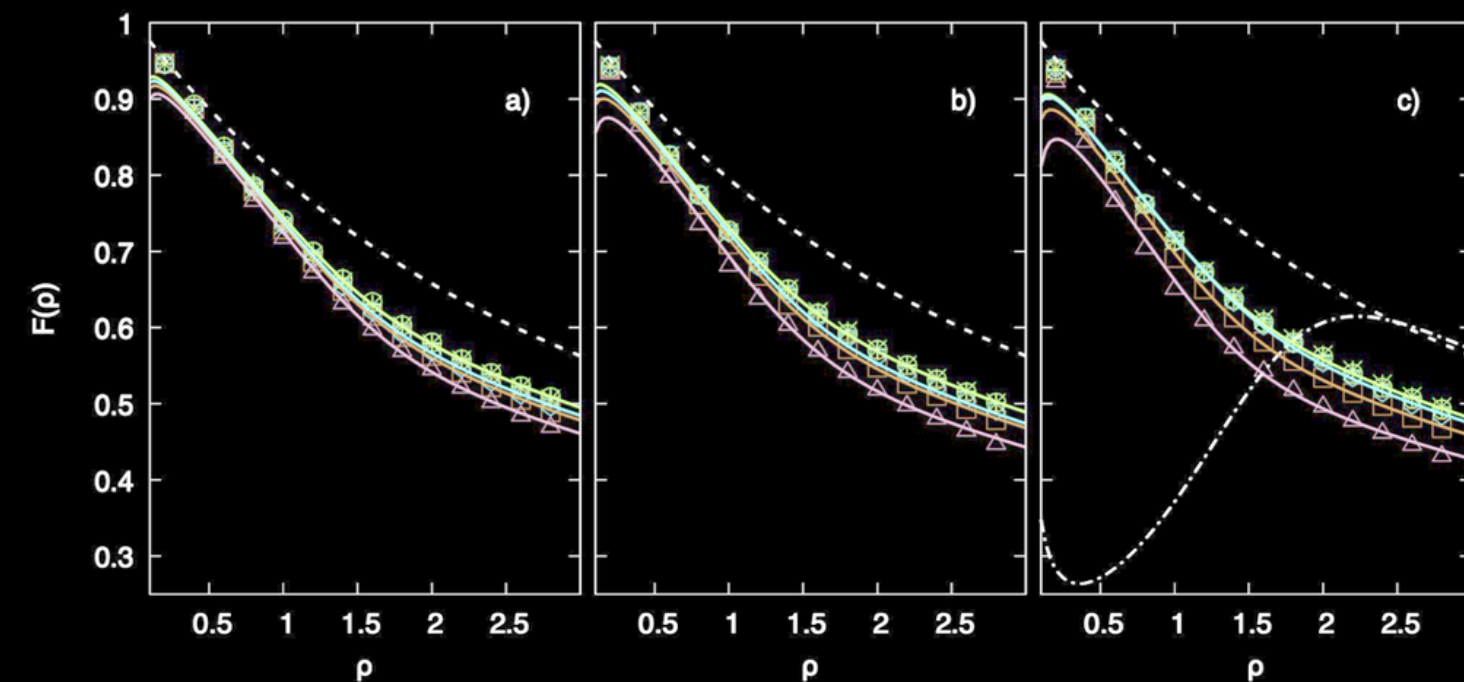
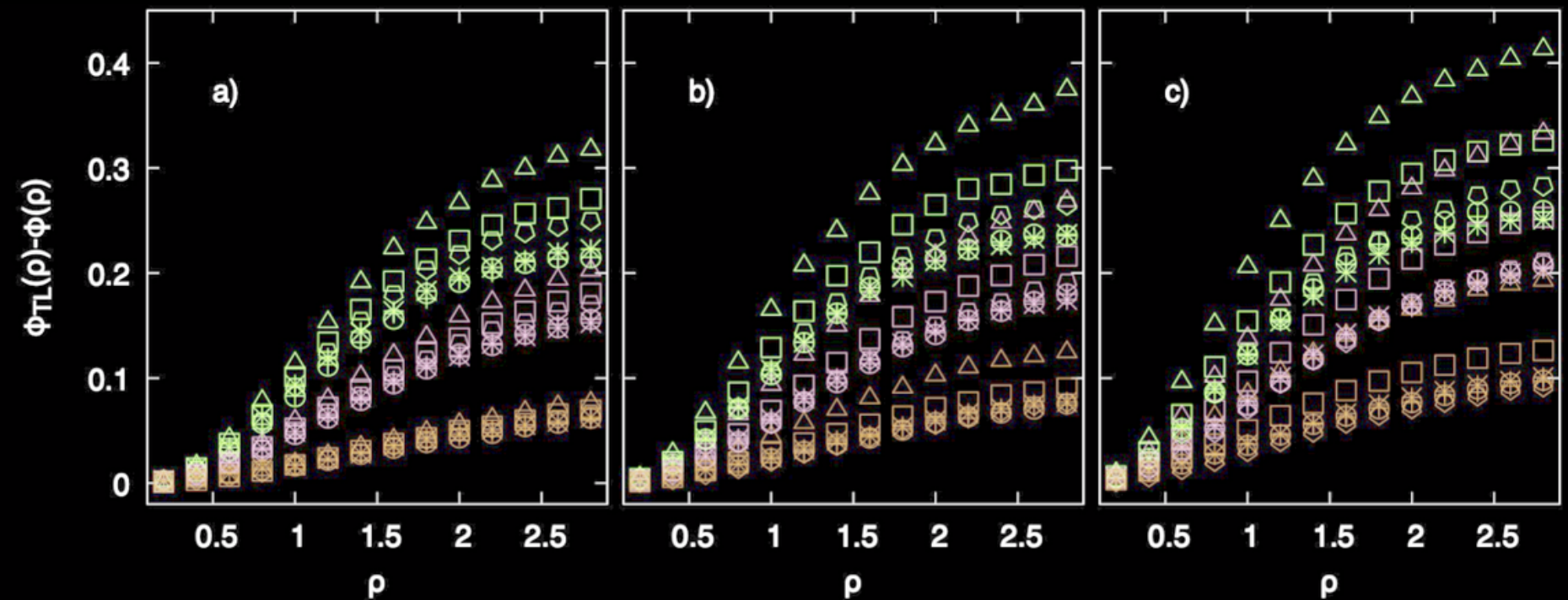
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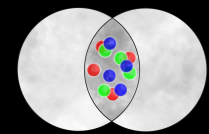
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# Small systems



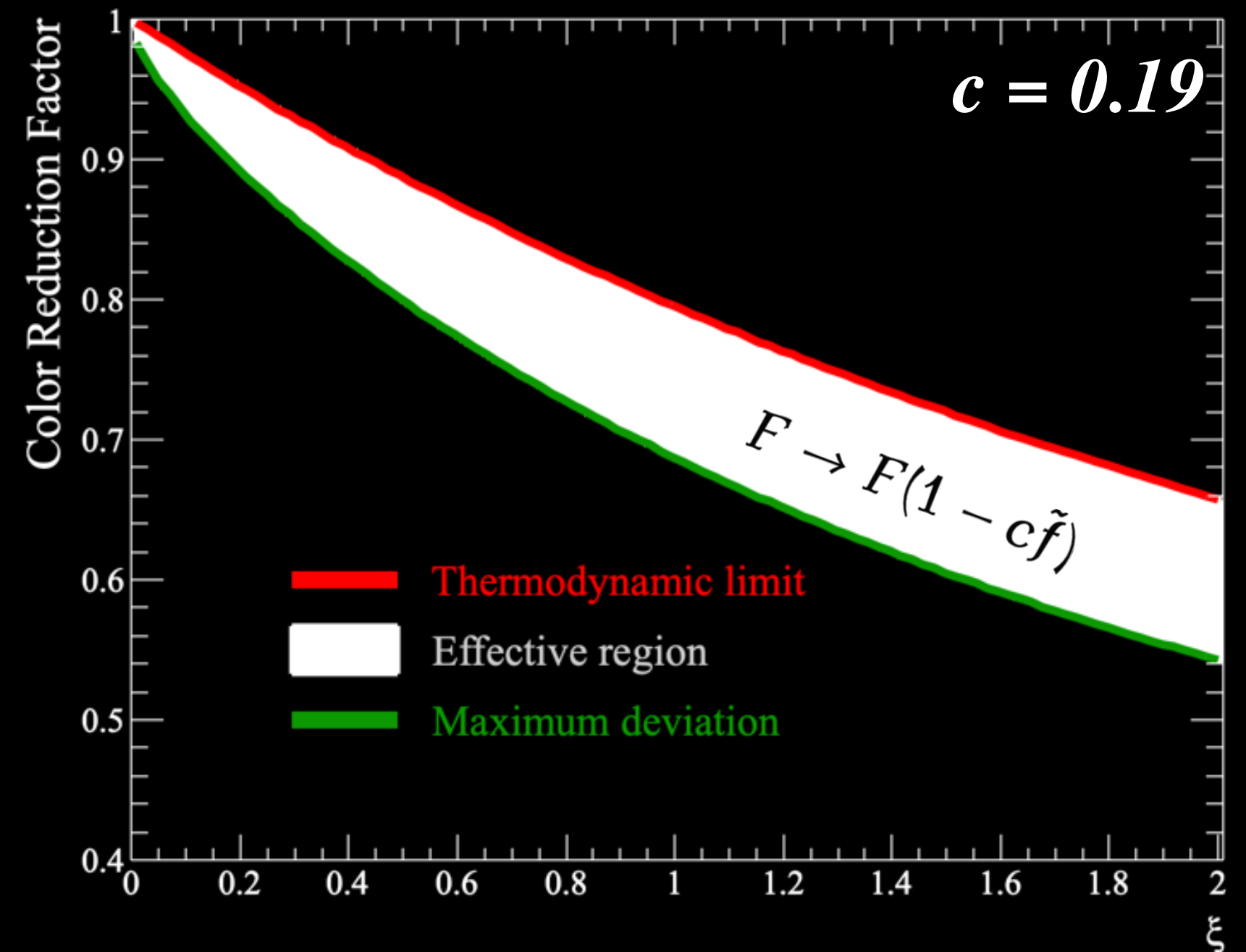
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$$\tilde{f} = \sqrt{\tanh(\xi/2)}$$

# Momentum spectra

## Particle production

Particle production in the **low  $p_T$  region** can be described by the Schwinger mechanism

$$\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \sim \exp\left(-\pi \frac{p_T^2}{x^2}\right)$$

where  $x$  is the tension of the strings.

## Thermal temperature

From which we can estimate the average thermal temperature as

$$T(\xi) = \sqrt{\frac{\langle p_T^2 \rangle_0}{2F(\xi)}}$$

## Thermal distribution

Fluctuations in the chromo-electric field determine a thermal distribution of the form

$$\sim \exp\left(-p_T \sqrt{\frac{2F(\xi)}{\langle p_T^2 \rangle_0}}\right)$$

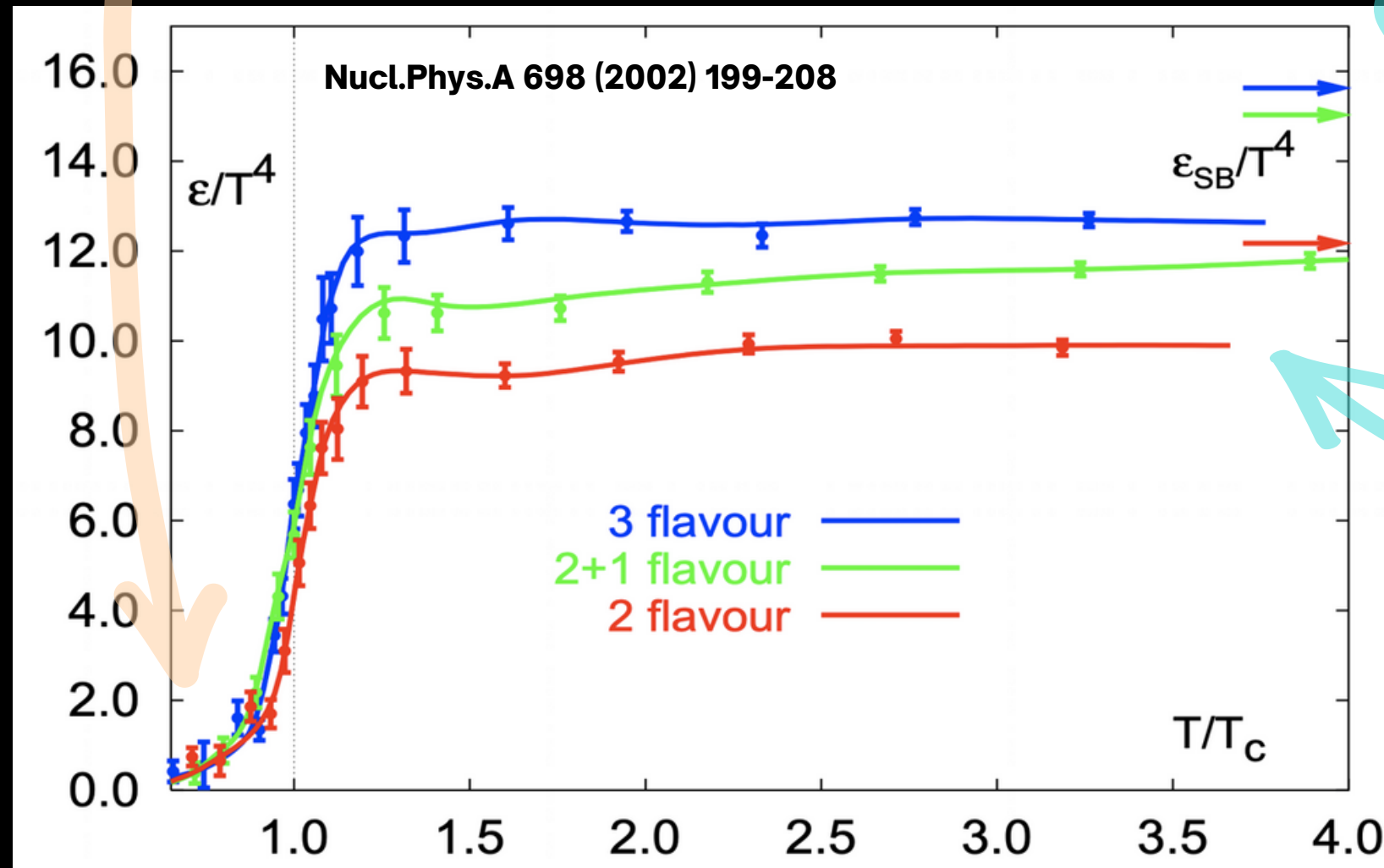
considering the average squared transverse momentum of a string.

# Energy density

Hadron Gas

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\pi^2}{30} 3T^4 \rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{30} \left[ 2 \times 8 + \frac{7}{8} \times 2(3) \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \right] T^4$$

Quark-Gluon Plasma



## Degrees of freedom count

A phase transition to a system with a high energy density is predicted for a certain critical temperature.

# Energy density

## Order parameters

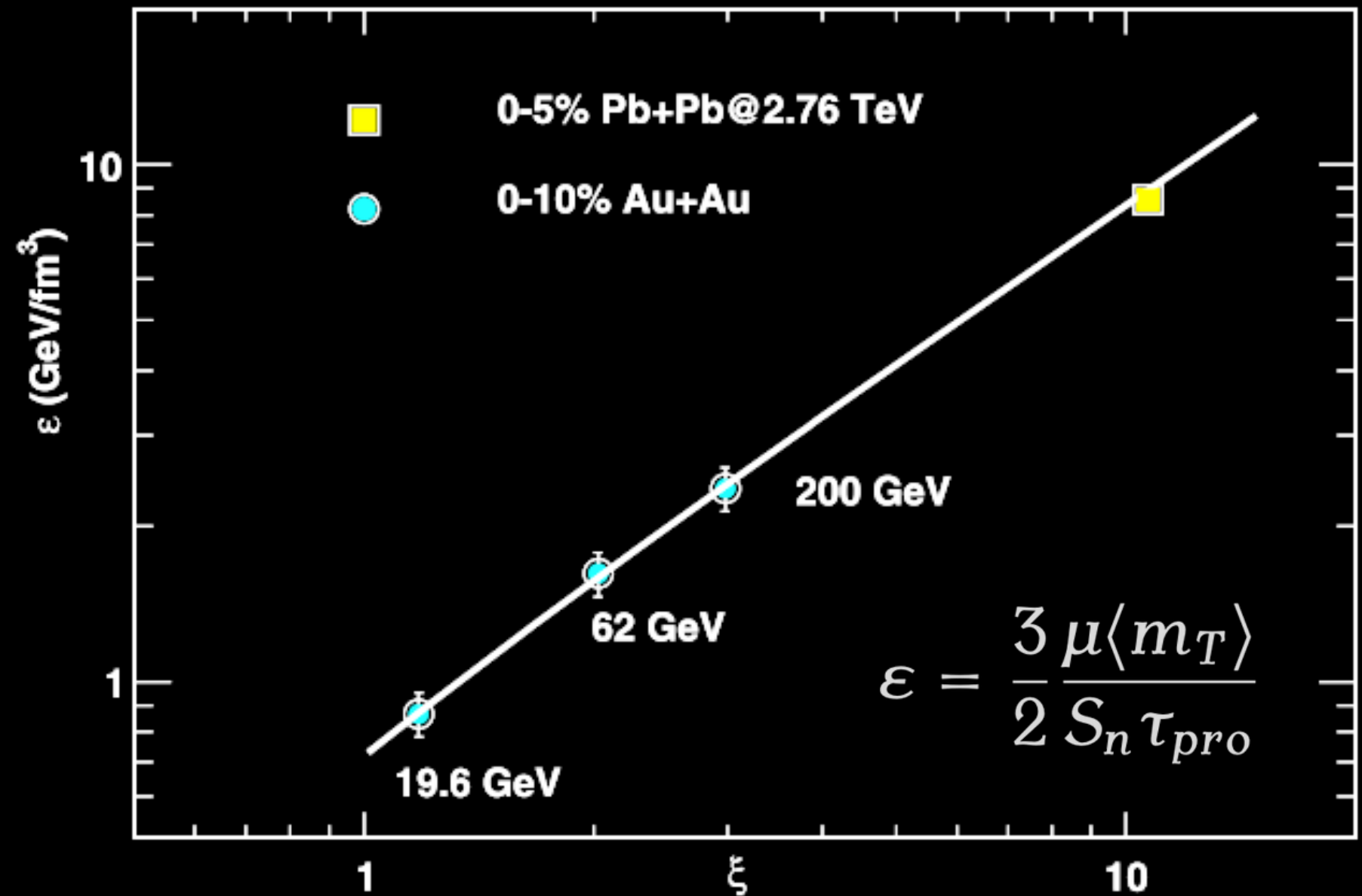
Energy density is the order parameter in the phase transition from HG to QGP, while the string density serves as the order parameter in the geometric phase transition in SPM.

It has been seen that both parameters share a direct relationship, in fact

$$\epsilon = \zeta \xi$$

where

$$\zeta = \epsilon_c / \xi_c = 0.5601 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$



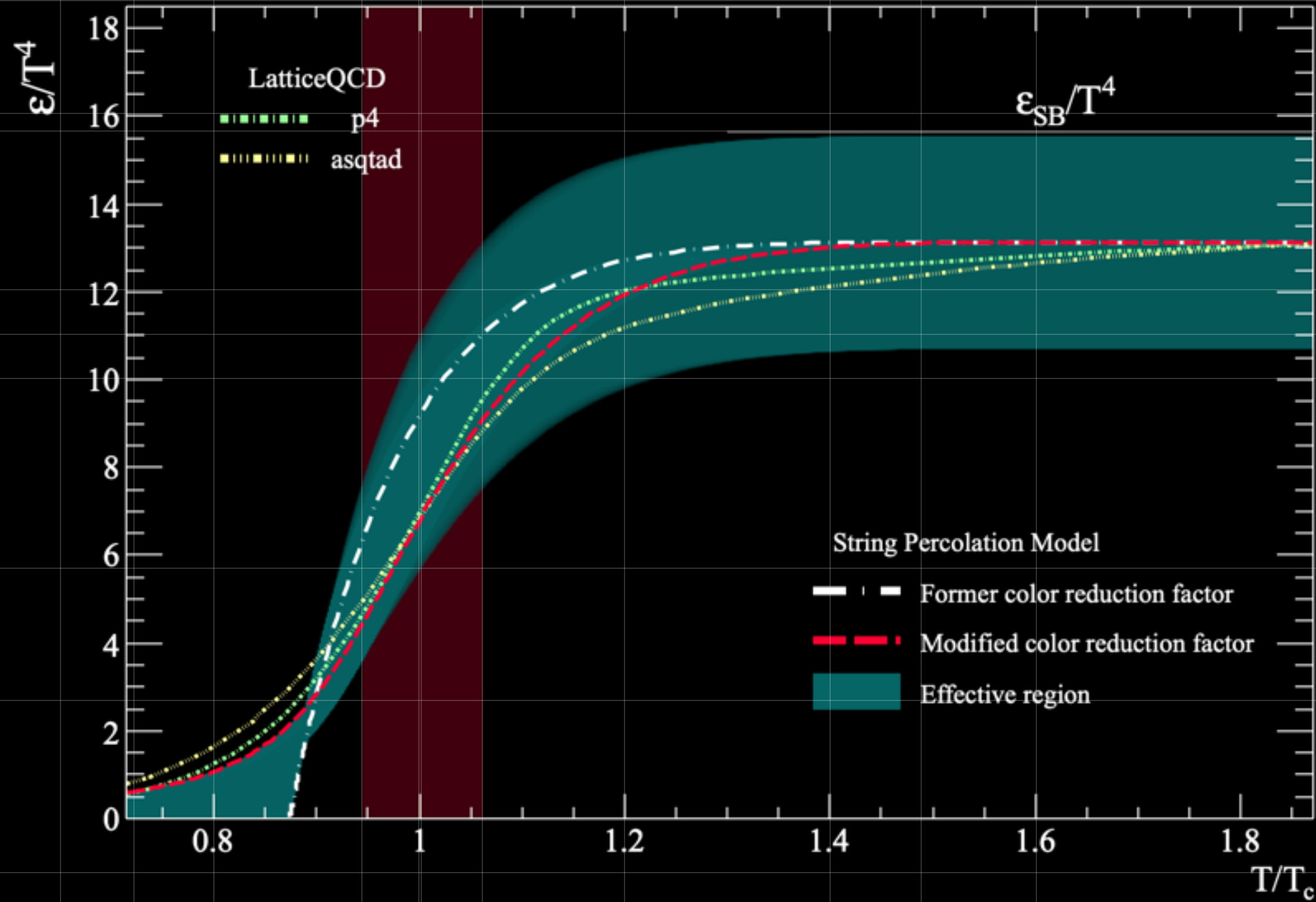
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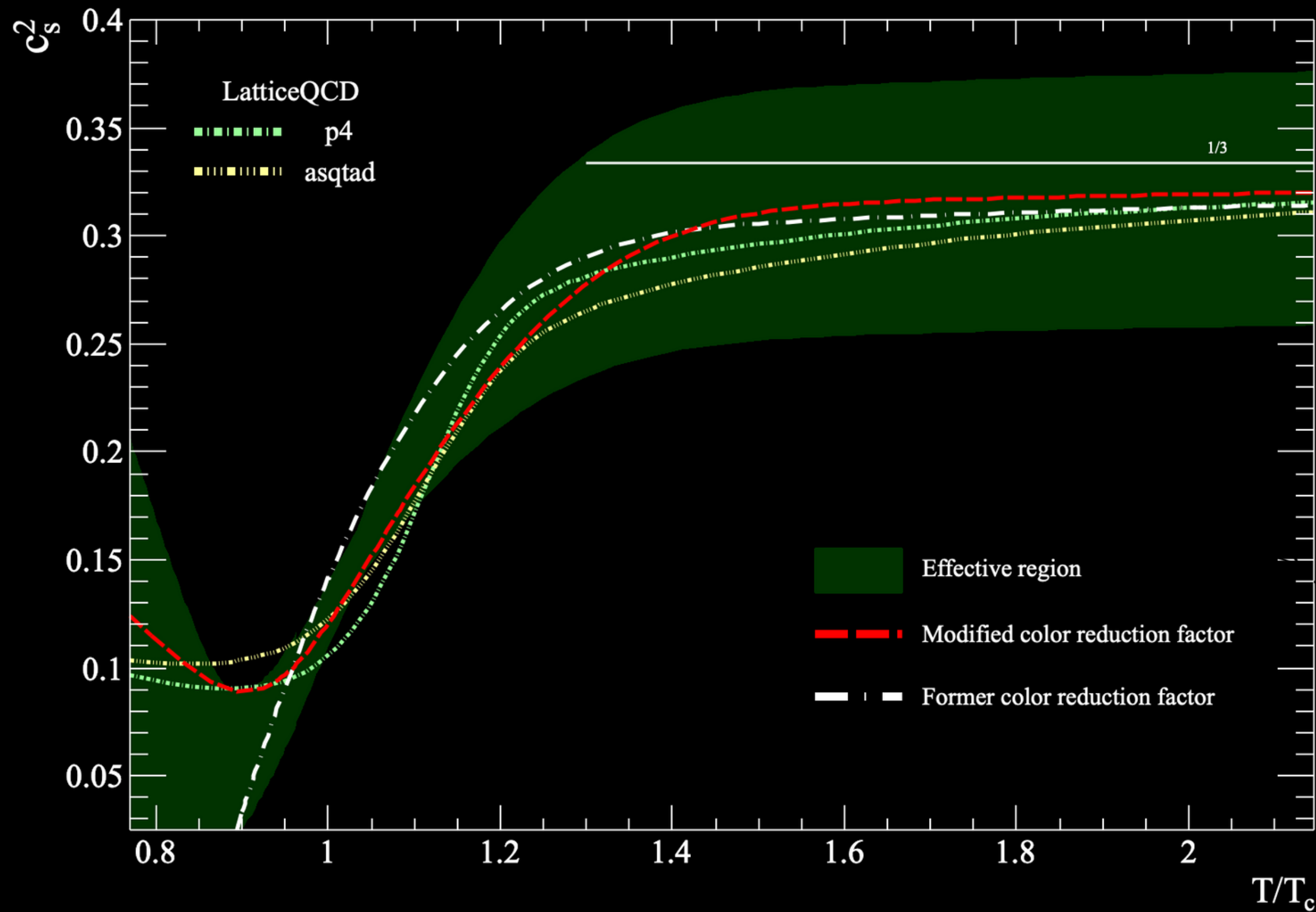
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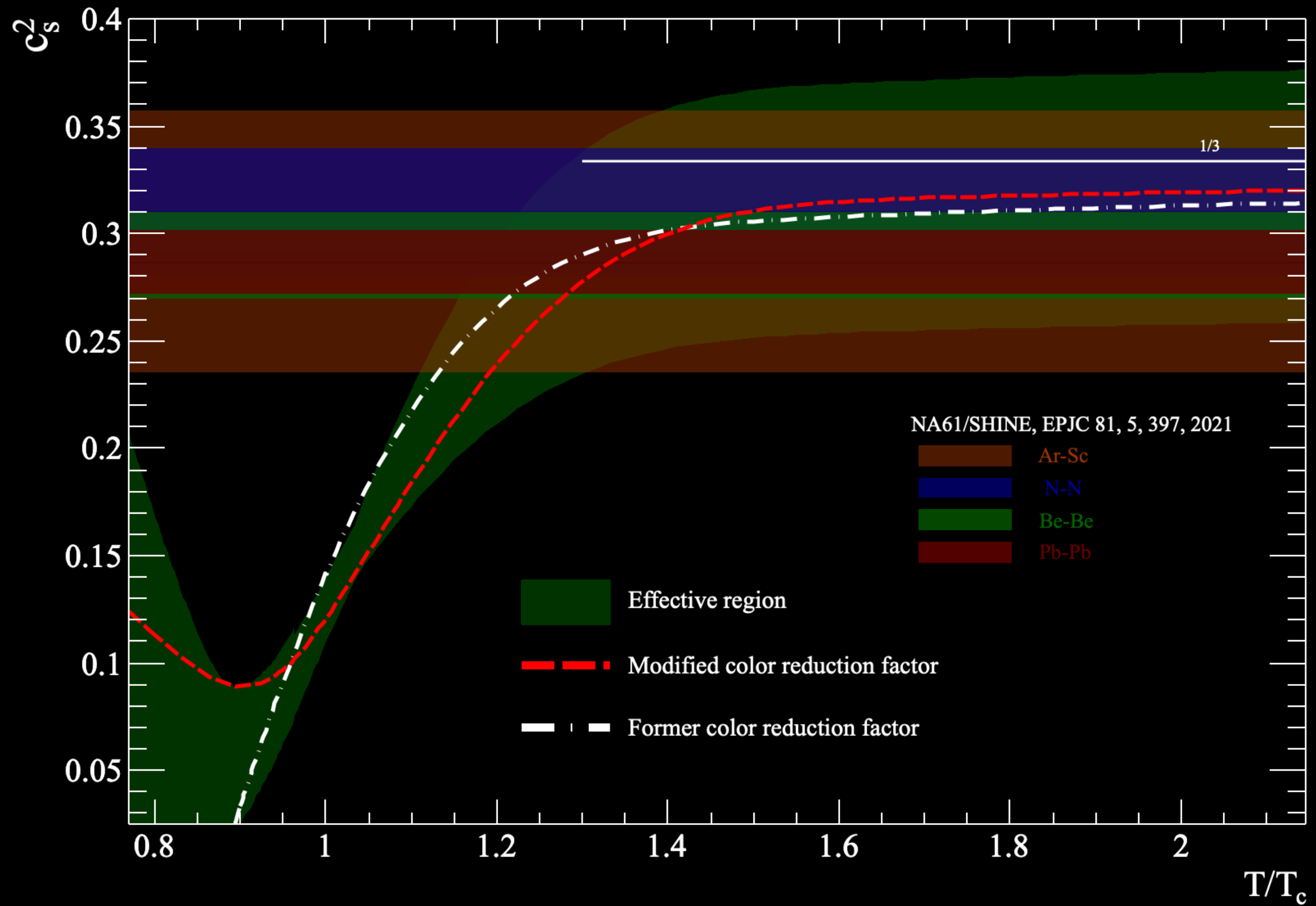
# Speed of Sound



Is derived directly from the previous formulae

$$c_s^2 = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \epsilon} \right)_s = s \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \epsilon} \right)_s = -\frac{sT}{2\zeta F} \cdot \frac{dF}{d\xi}$$

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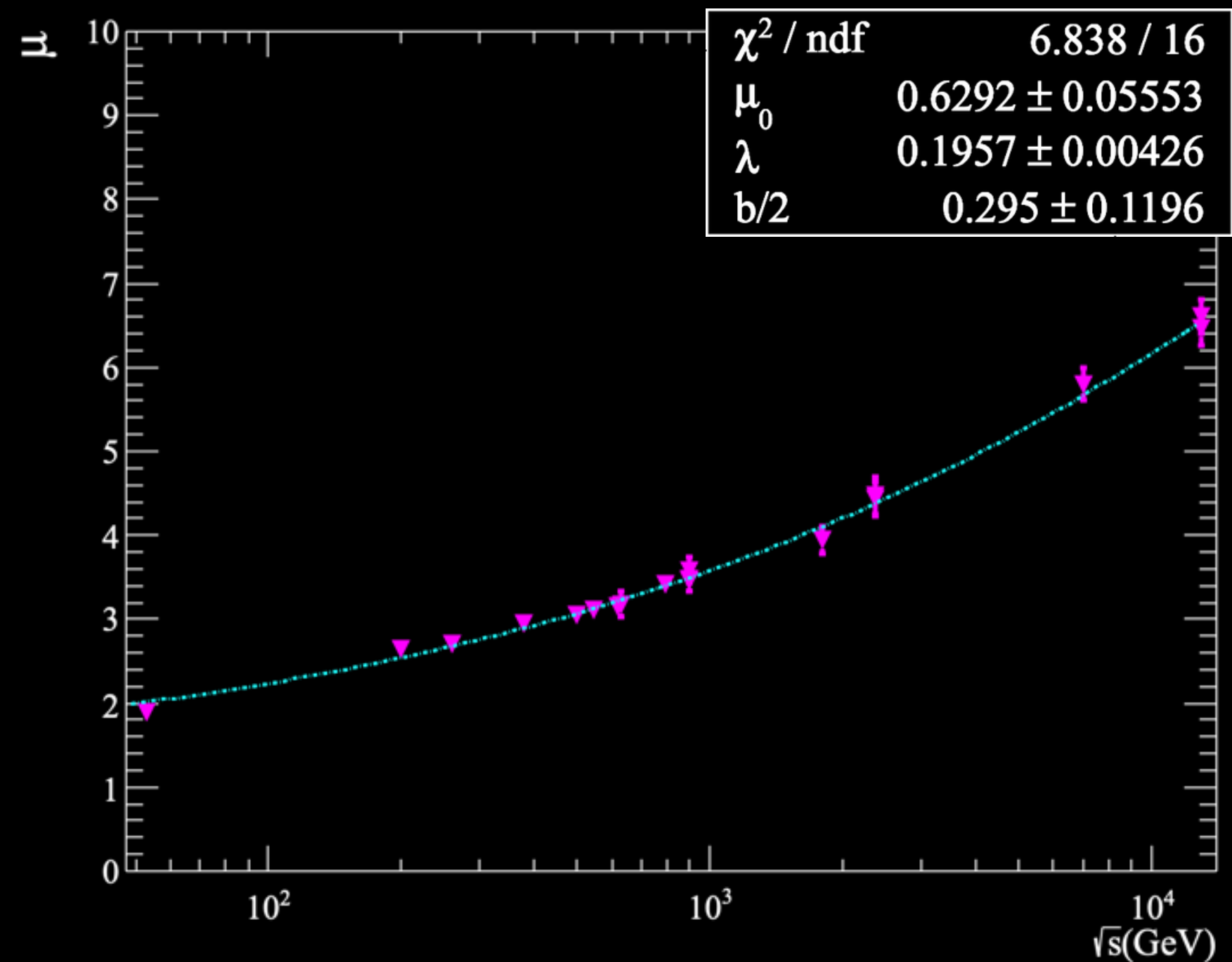


# Energy dependence

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} = \mu_0 F(\xi) N_s$$

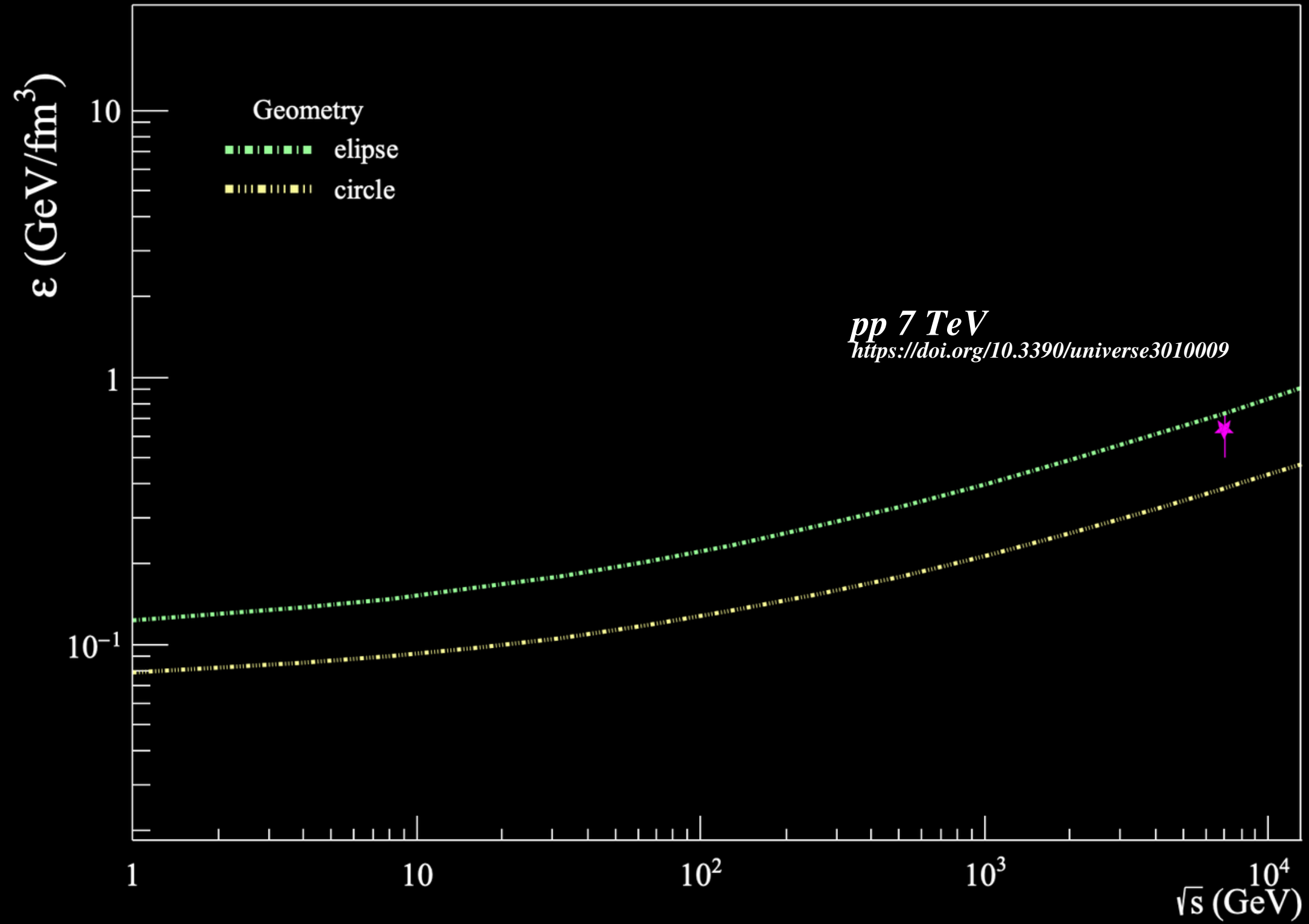
$$N_s = 2 + 4 \frac{S_0}{S} \left( \frac{\sqrt{s}}{m_p} \right)^{2\lambda}$$

$$S = \pi \left( R_p - \frac{b}{2} \right) \sqrt{R_p^2 - \left( \frac{b}{2} \right)^2} \simeq \pi R_p^2$$

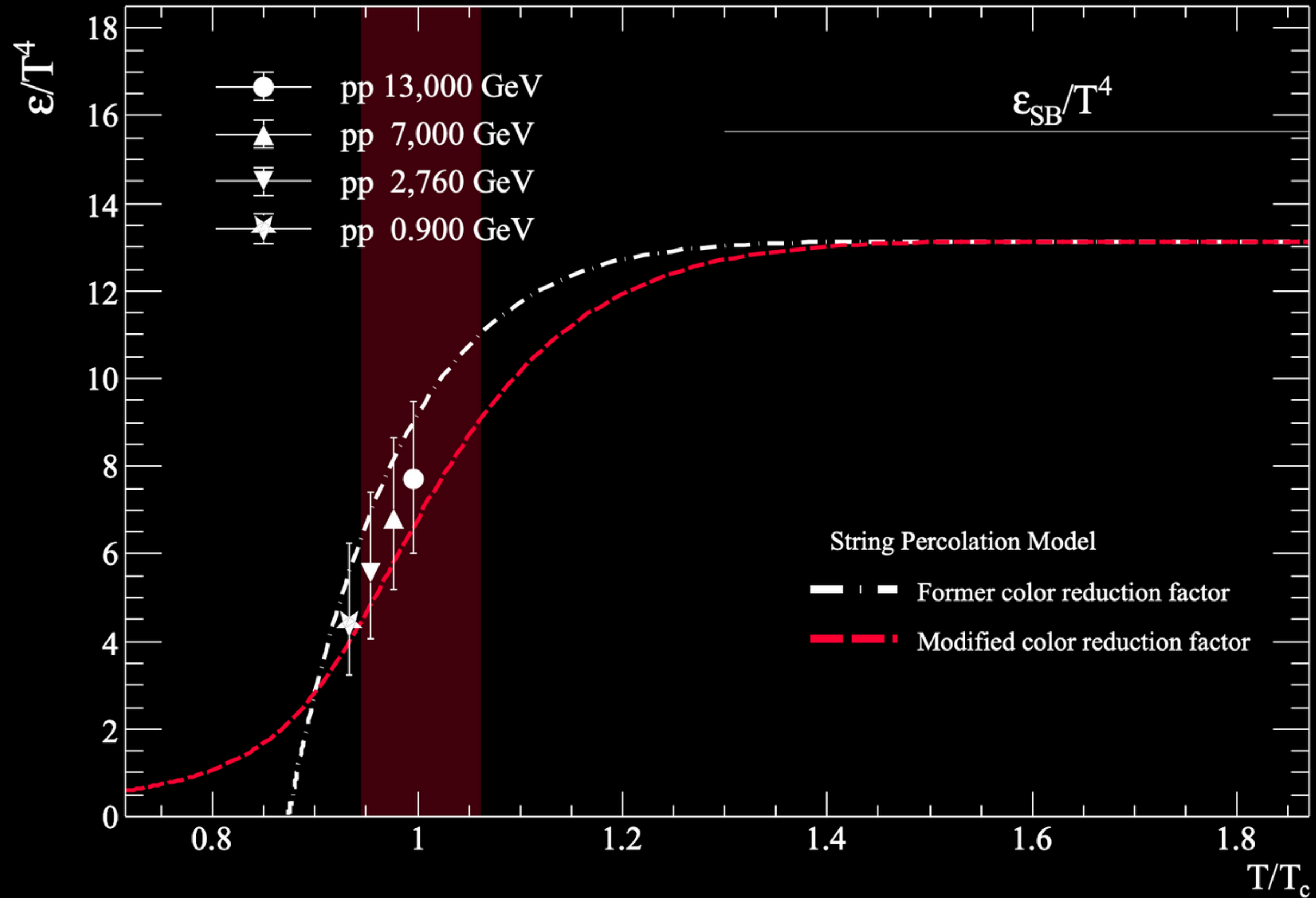


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# Conclusions

- We have presented the calculation of energy density corresponding to the formed medium in small collisions systems based on LHC data, by including size and initial geometry fluctuation effects.
- The results indicate a clear phase transition which is consistent with the recent collective effects measured for high multiplicity events in small collision systems.

# Thanks!

# Viscosity limits

The **shear viscosity** of strongly coupled N=4 supersymmetric Yang-Mills plasma (AdS/CFT).

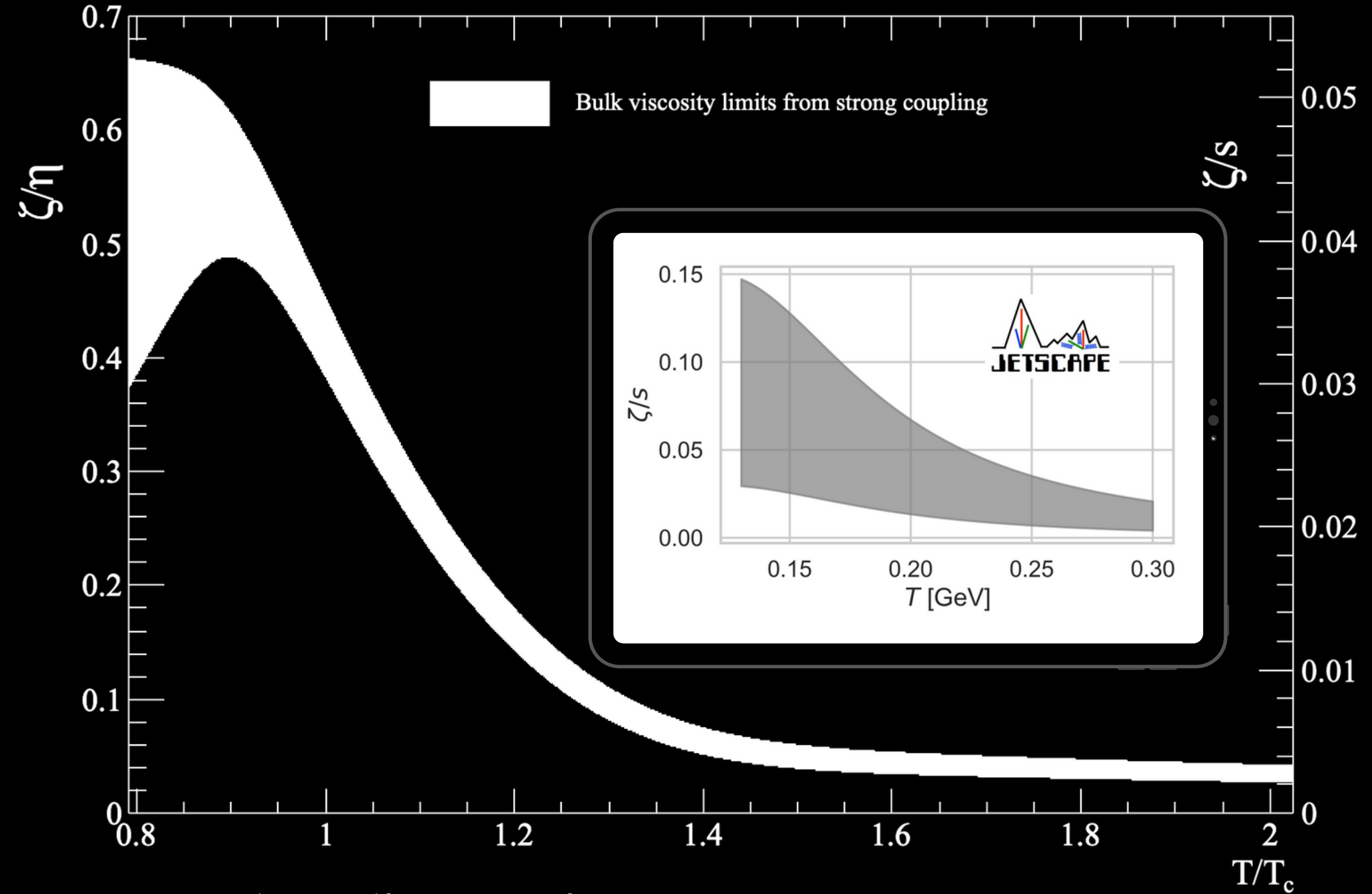
$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

And the conformal of gauge theory plasma at strong coupling establish a lower limit of the **bulk over shear viscosity** coefficient:

$$\frac{\zeta}{\eta} \geq 2 \left( \frac{1}{3} - c_s^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{\zeta}{s} \geq 2 \left( \frac{1}{3} - c_s^2 \right) \frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} - c_s^2 \right)$$

# Viscosity limits



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# Viscosity reported

