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## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO HEAVY-ION PHYSICS**



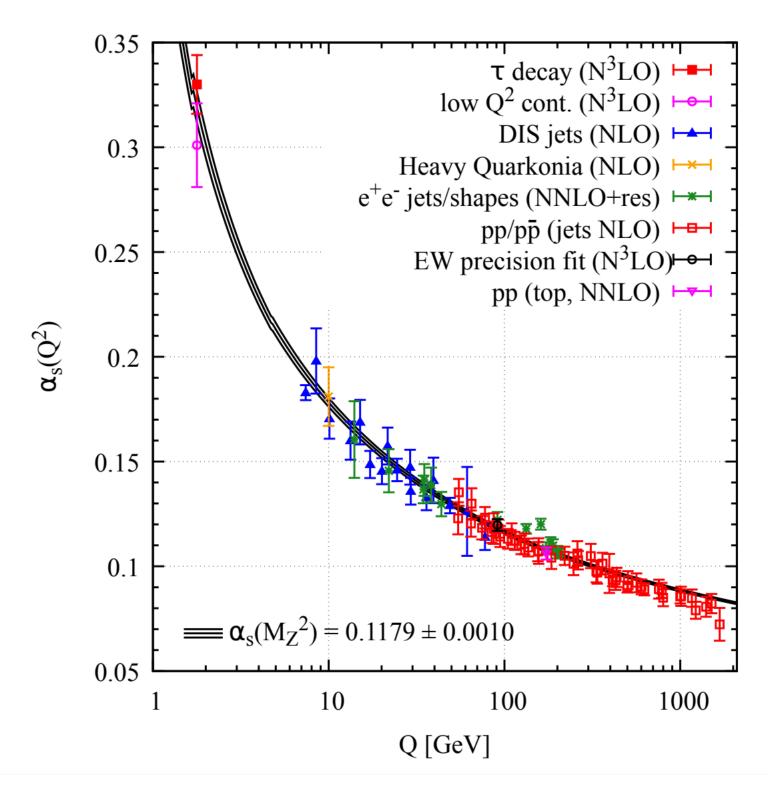


## « Heavy-ion talks always start with someone doing a weird clap with flat hands »

-A physicist from Strasbourg that I know.



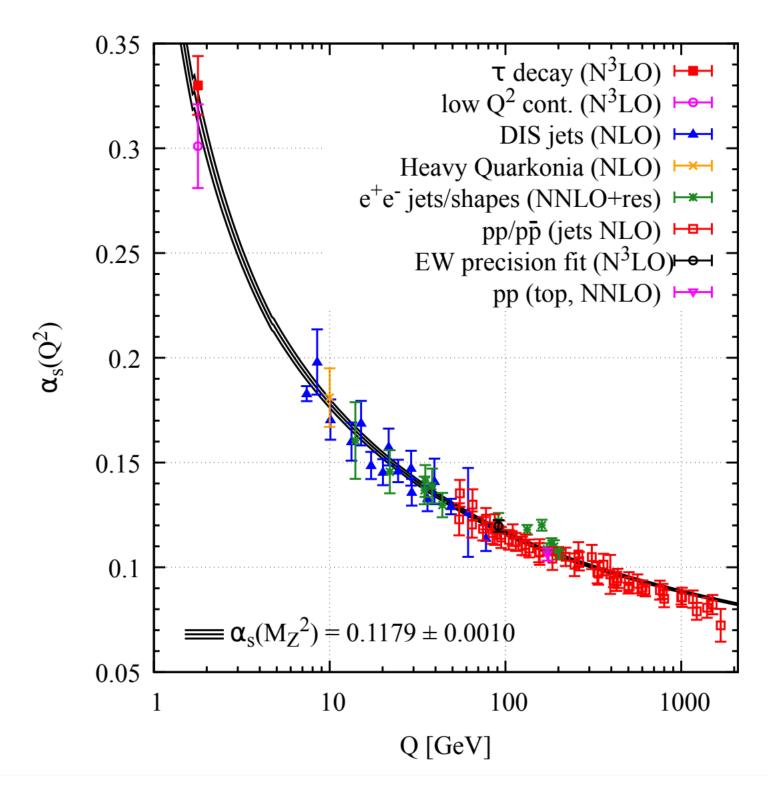
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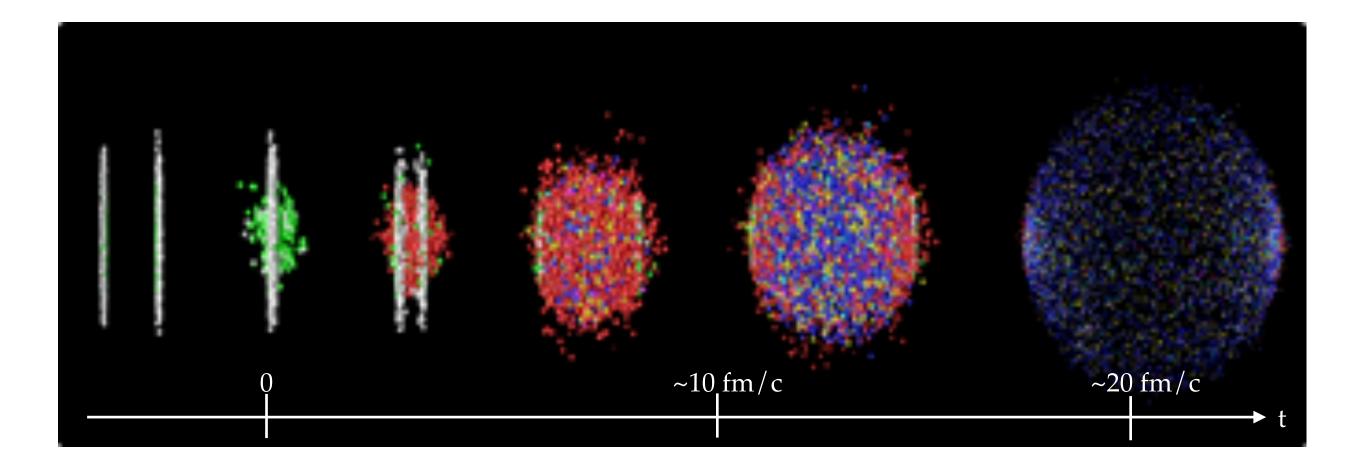
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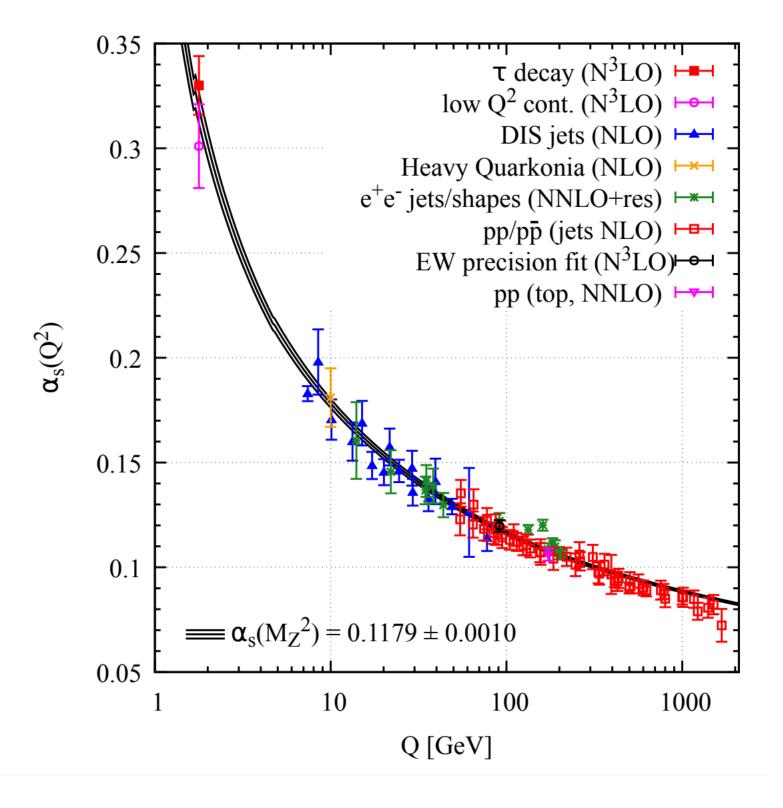


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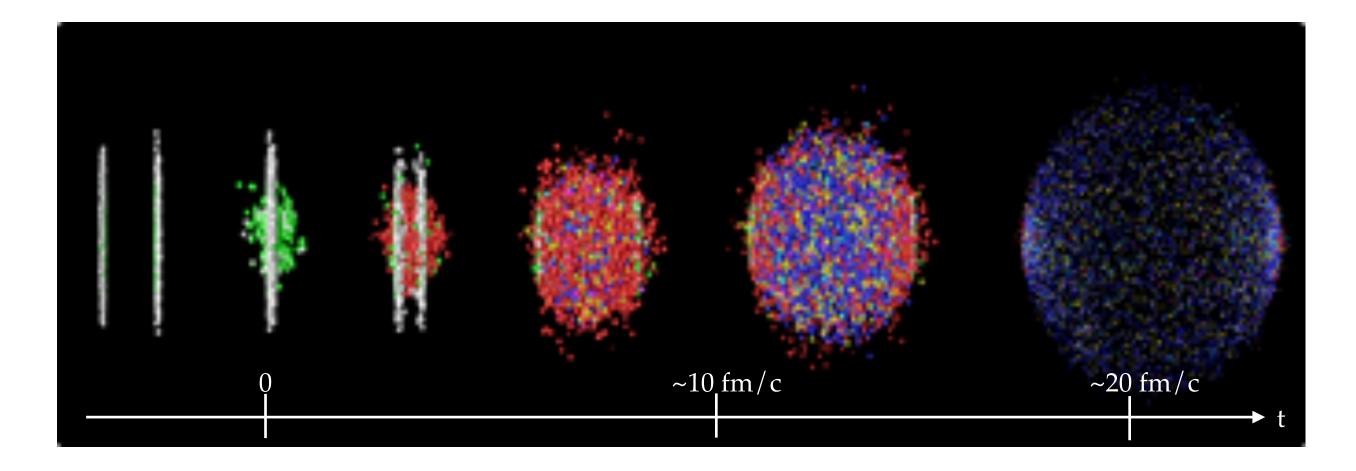
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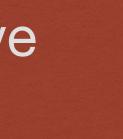
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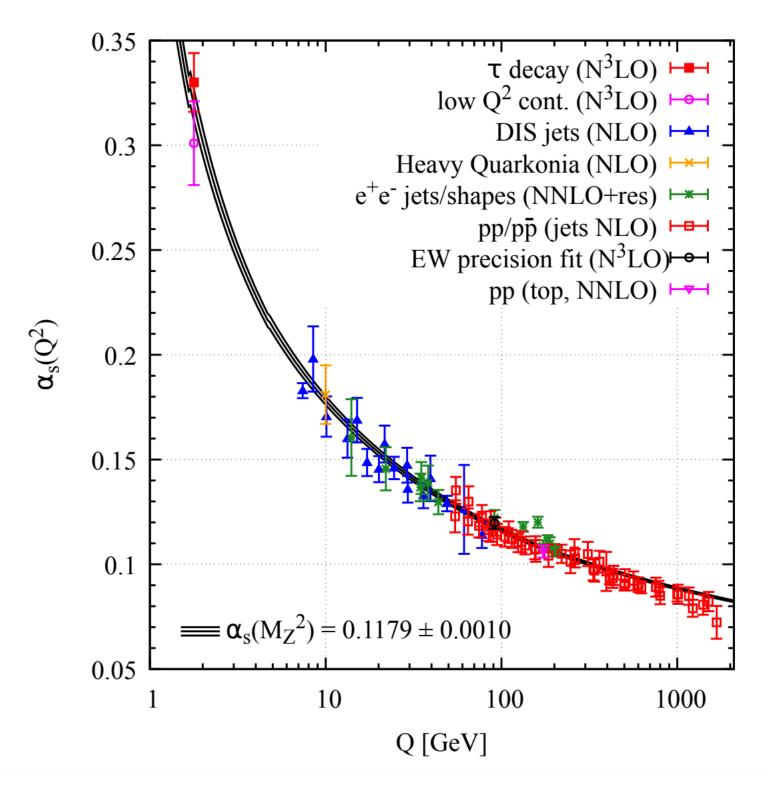


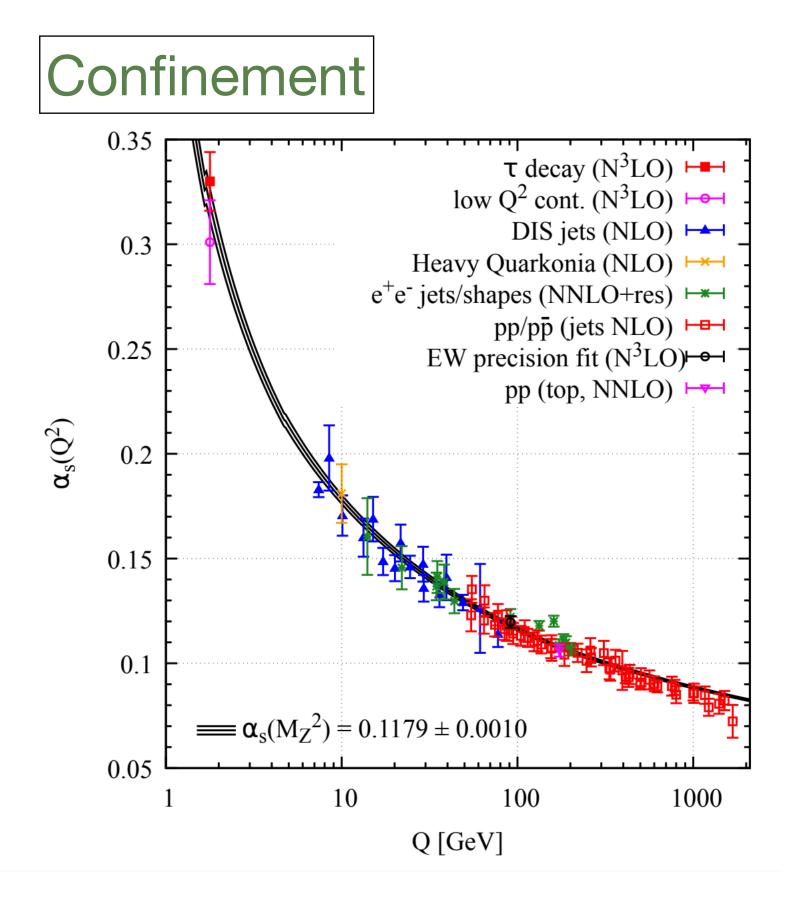
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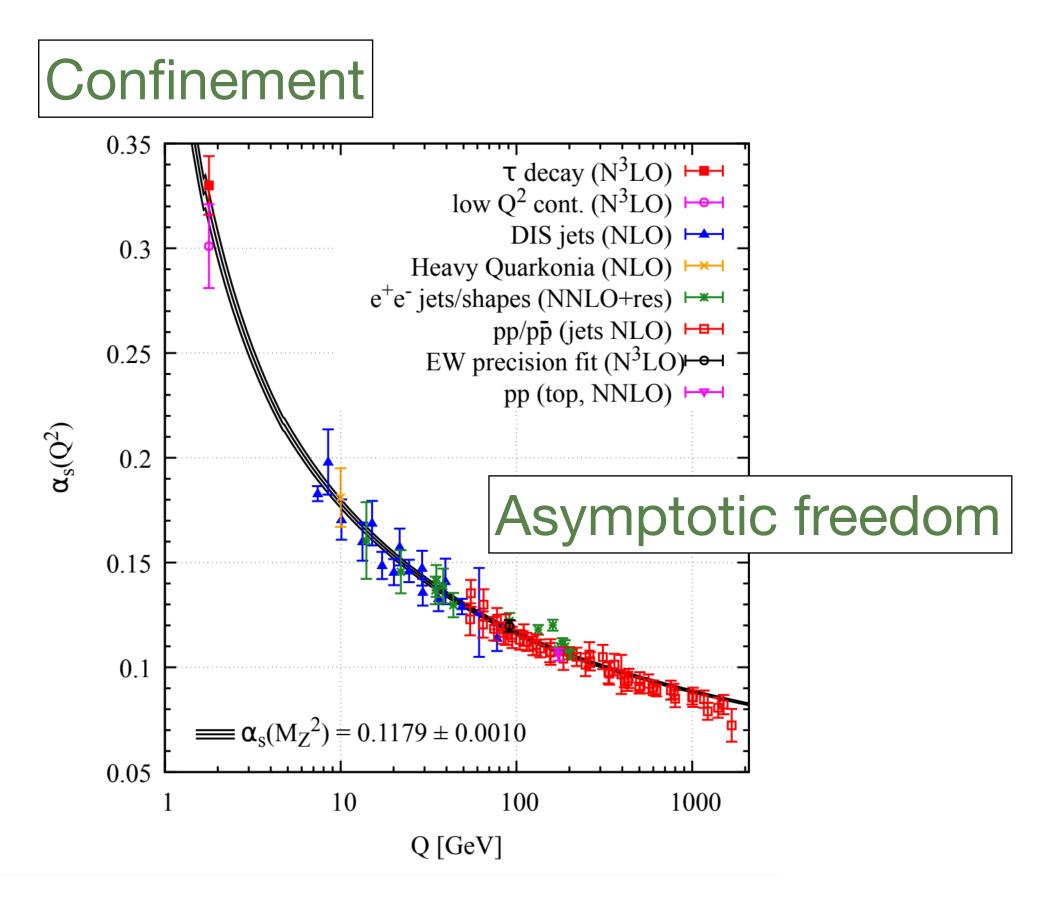
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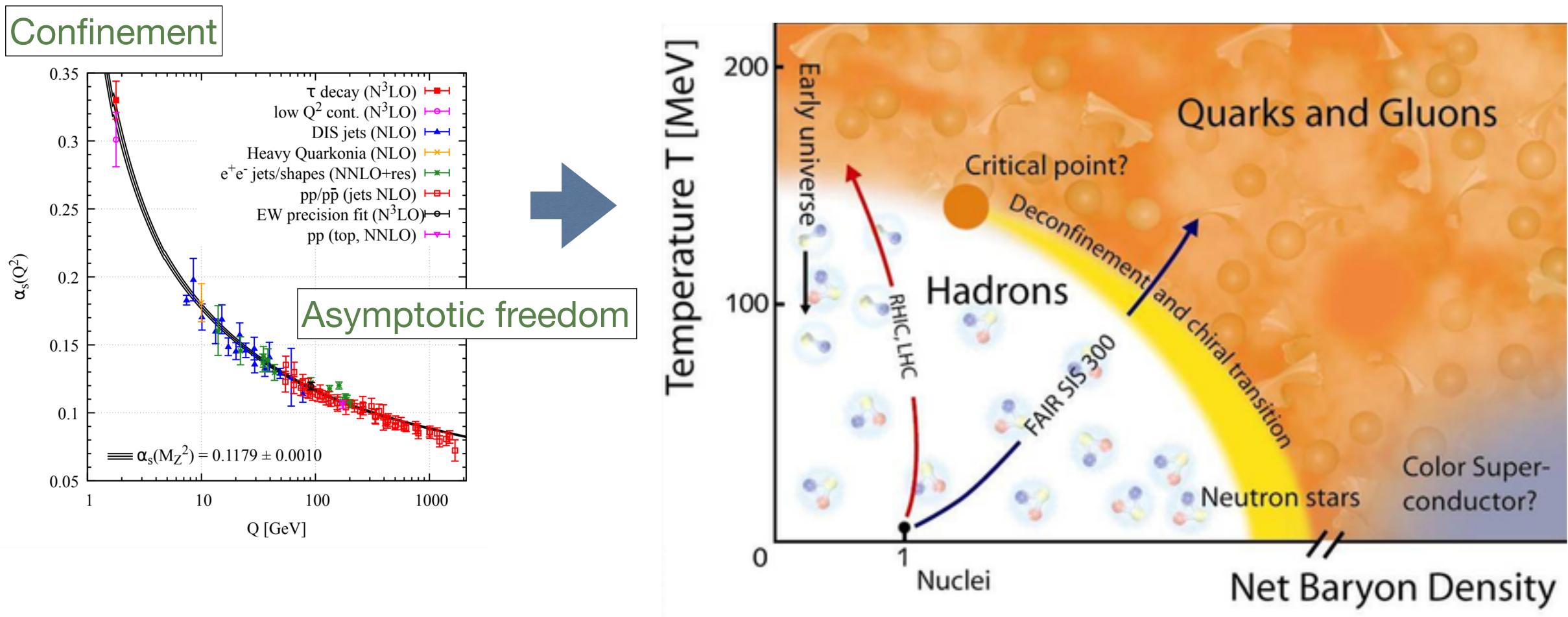






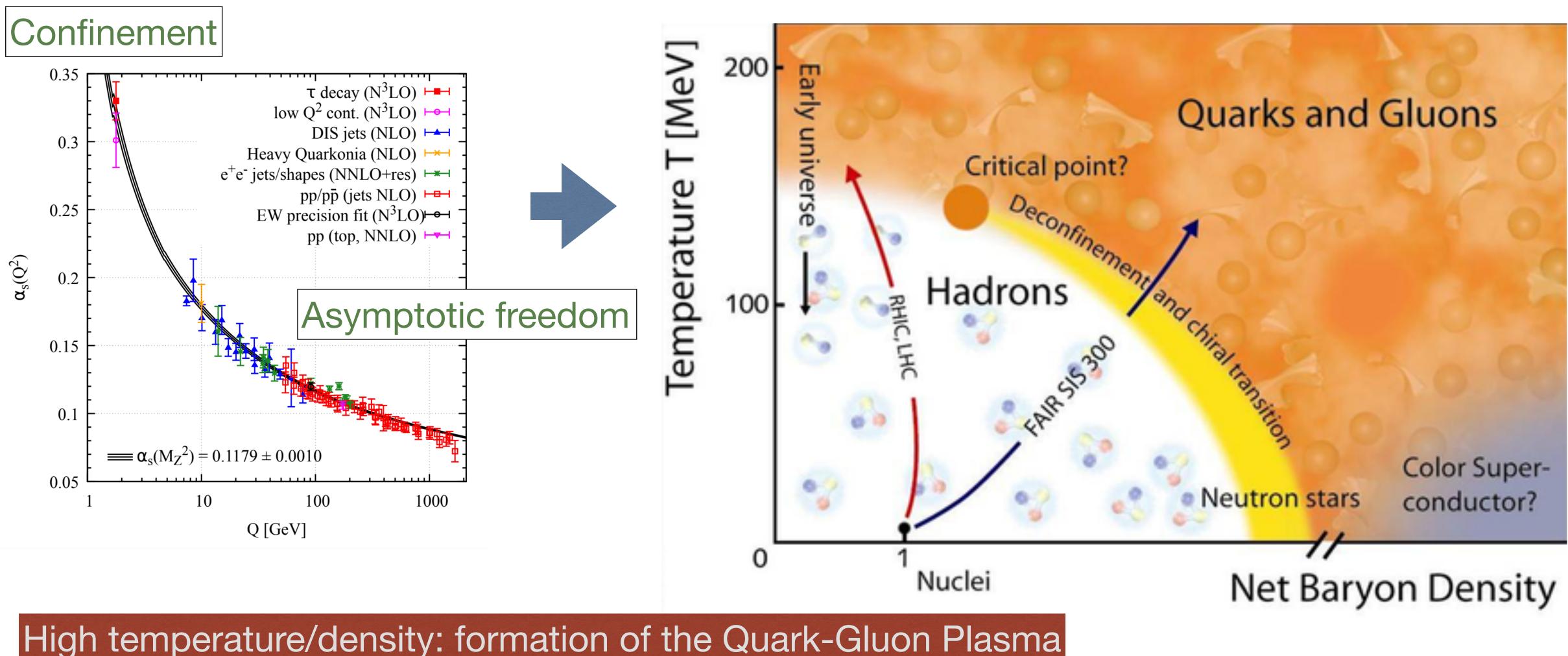


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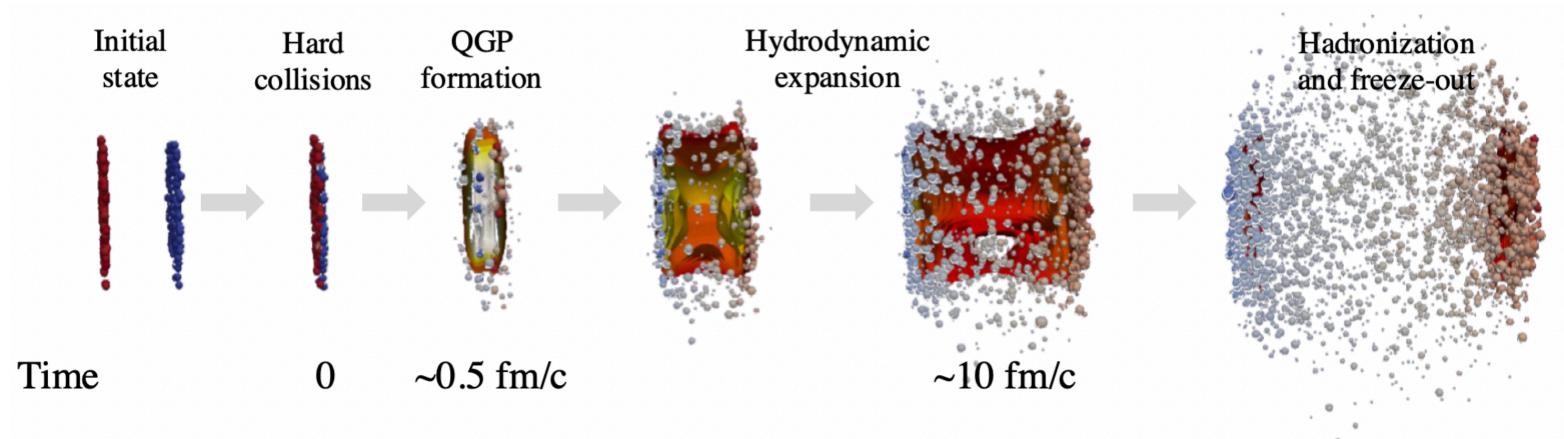


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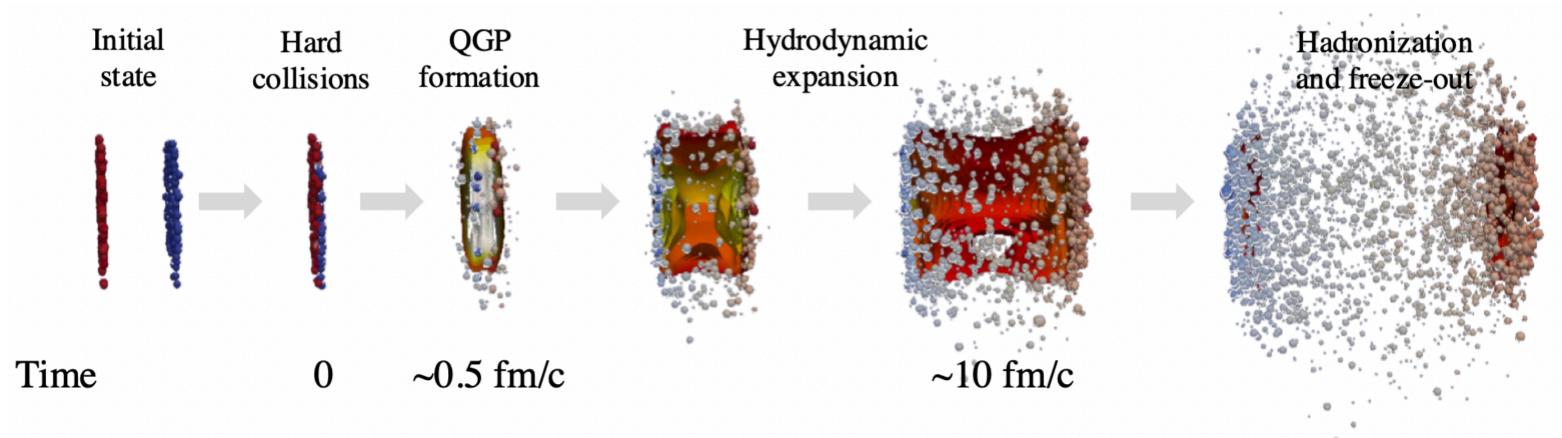
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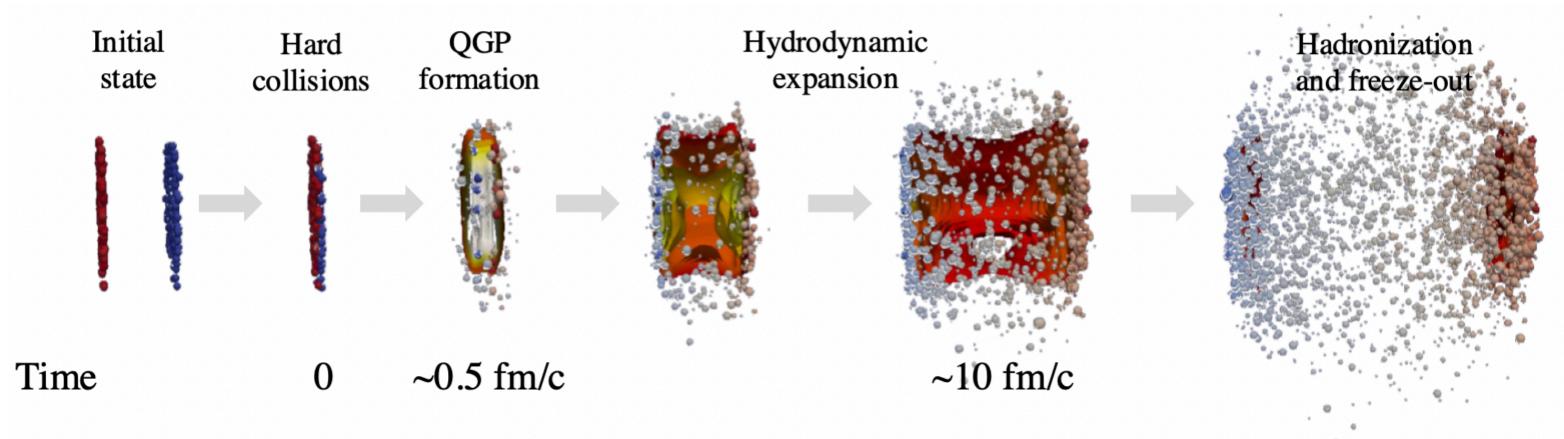
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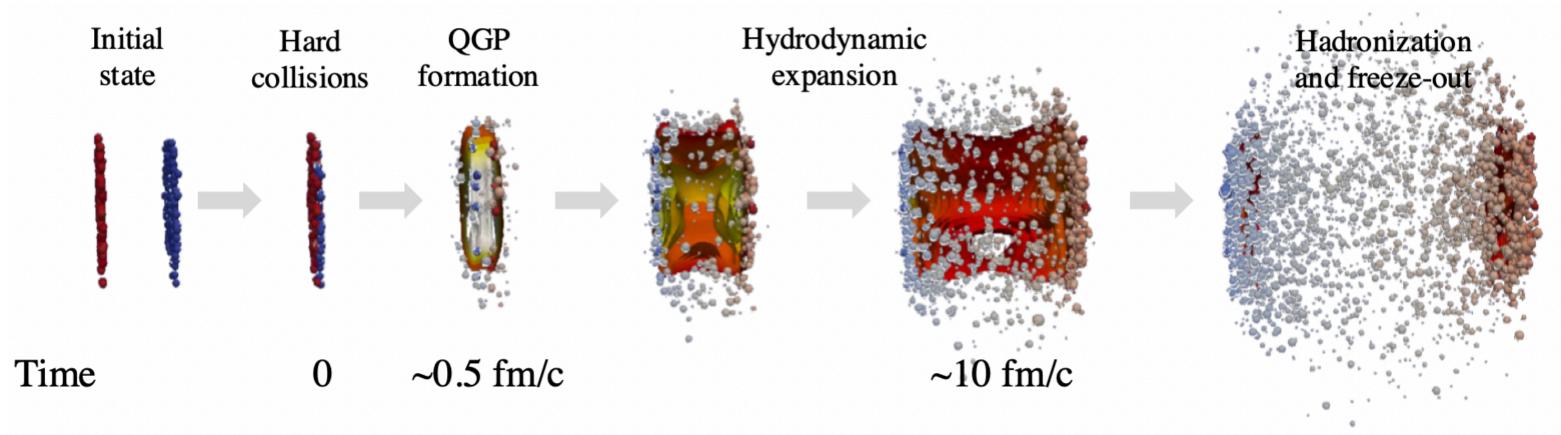
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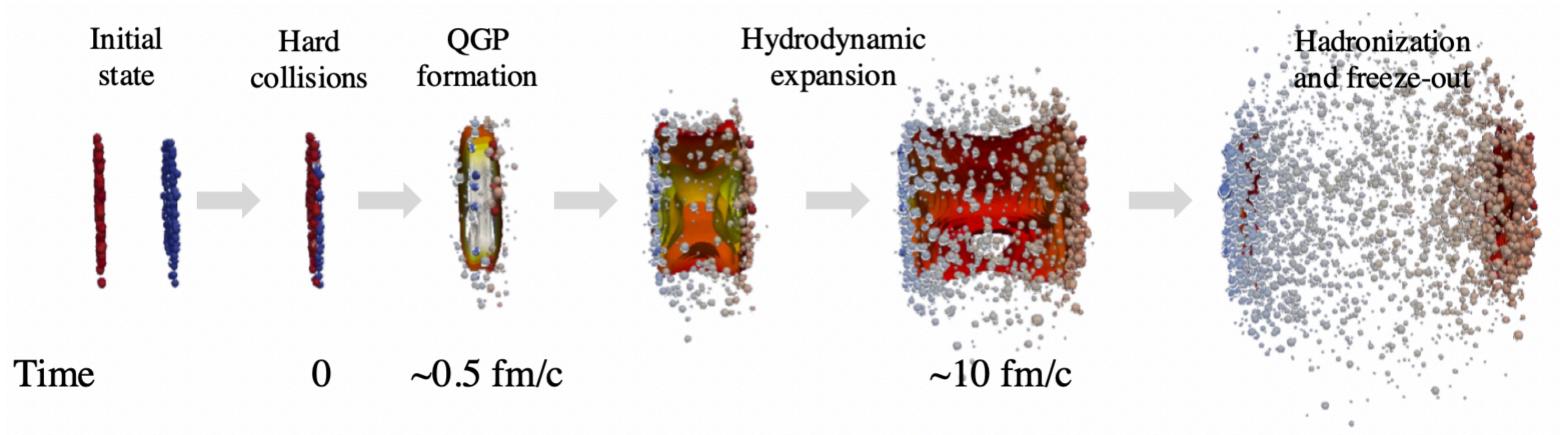
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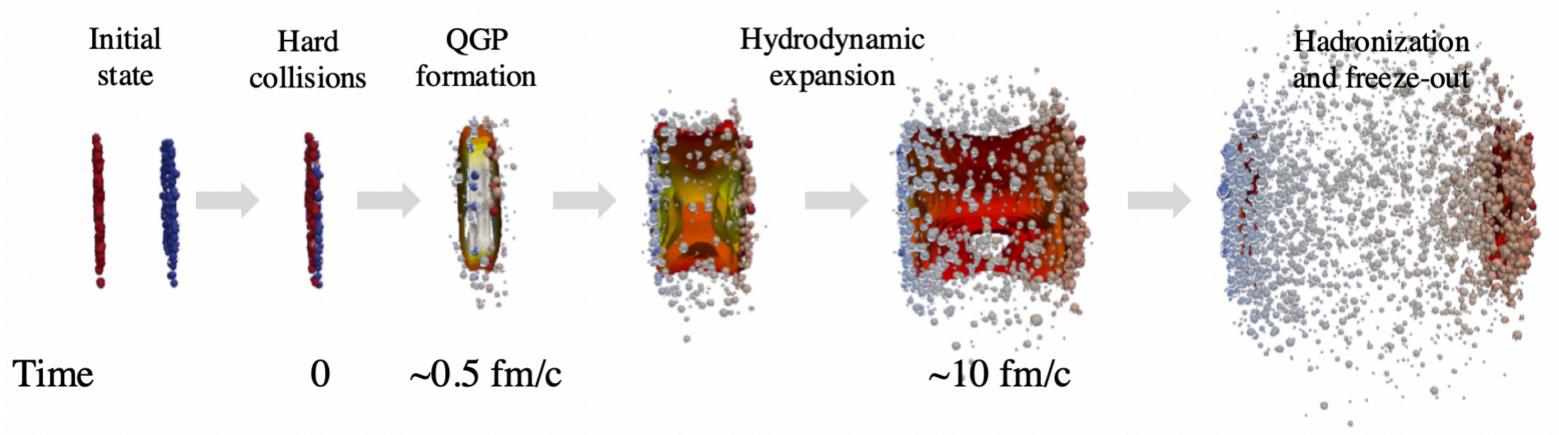
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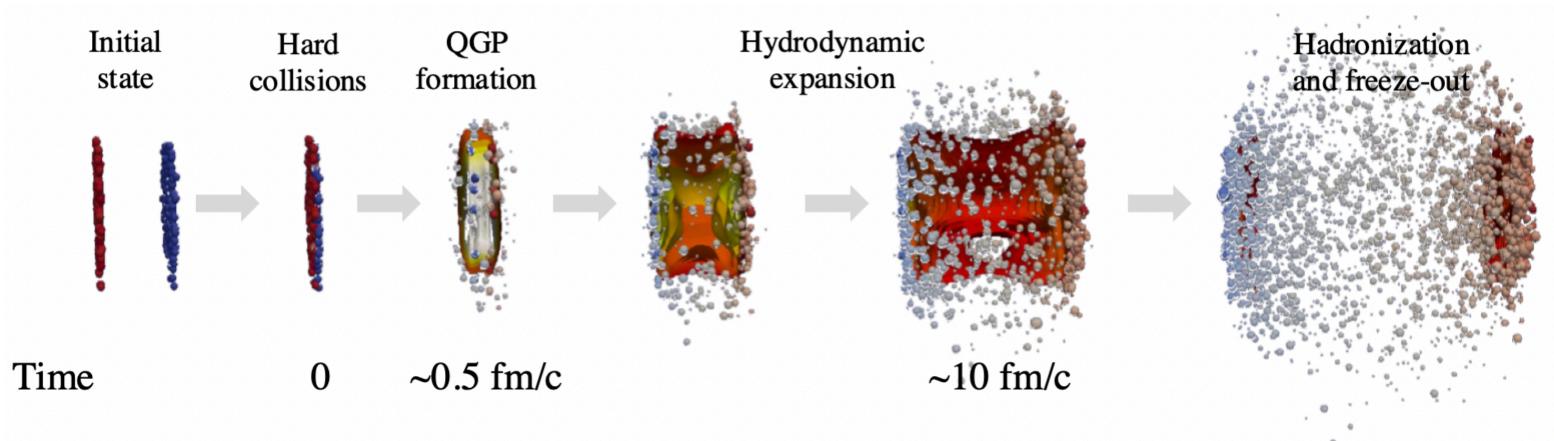
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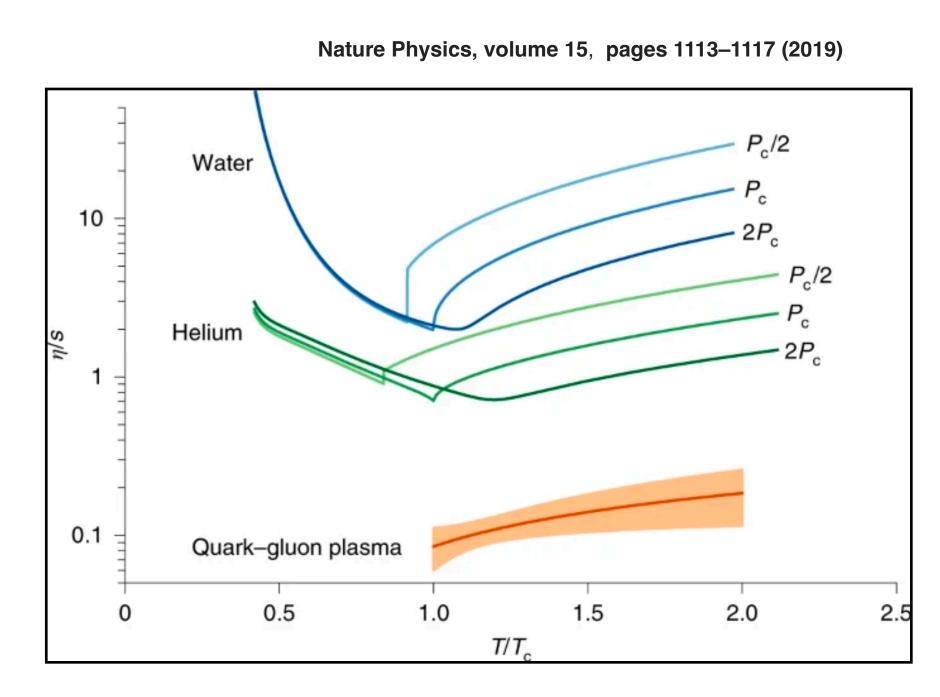
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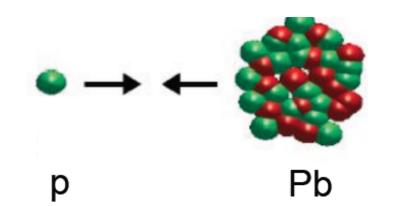
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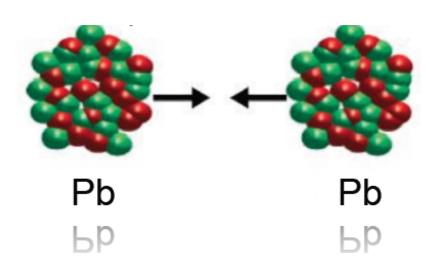
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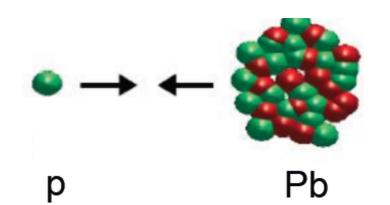


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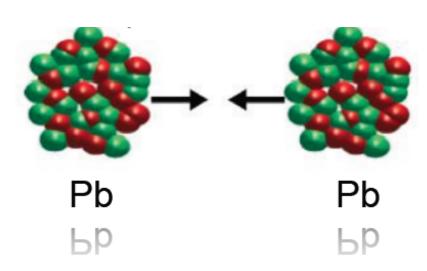


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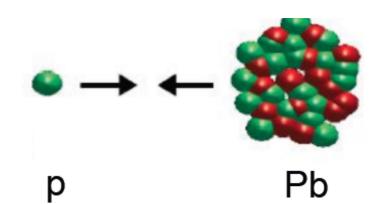
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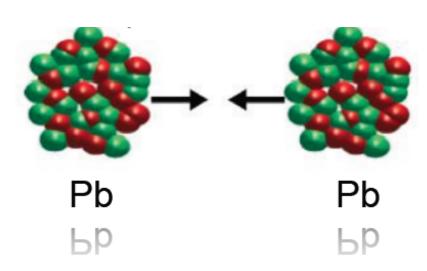
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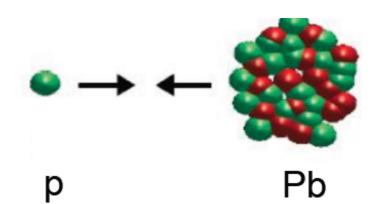




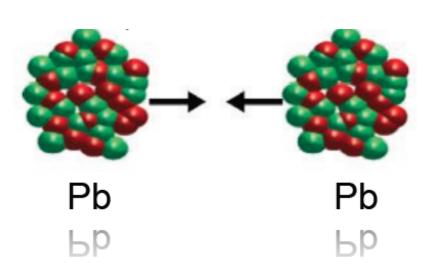
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## A QGP physicist should know everything about his/her favorite probs !



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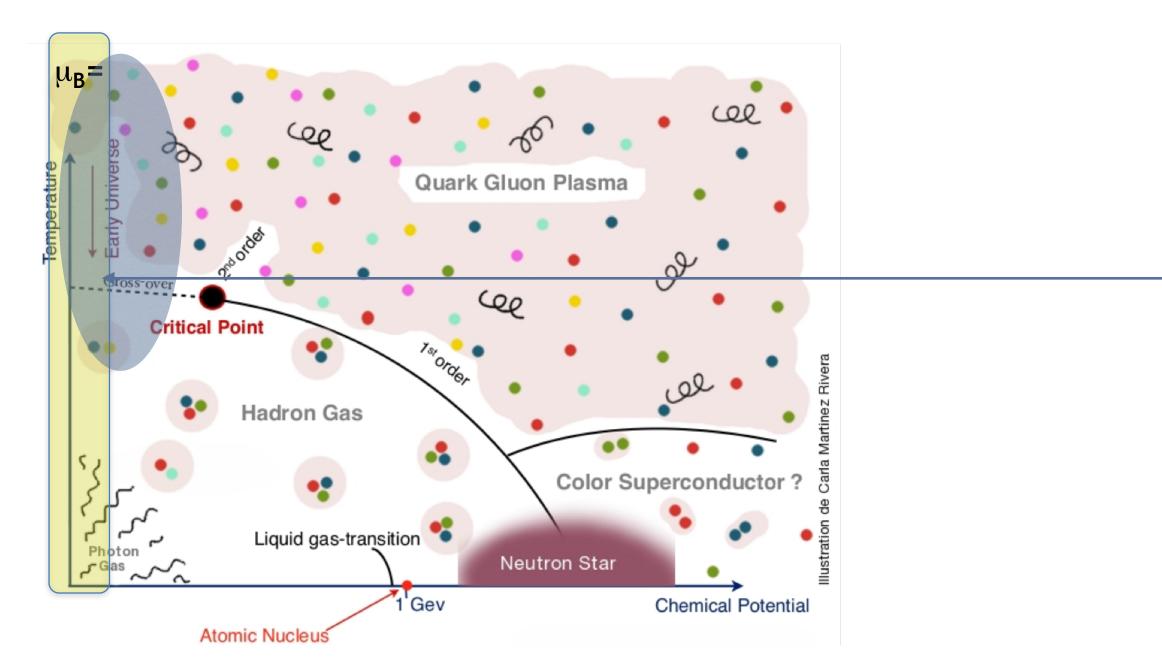


# **MODELING A HIC : HYDRODYNAMICS**

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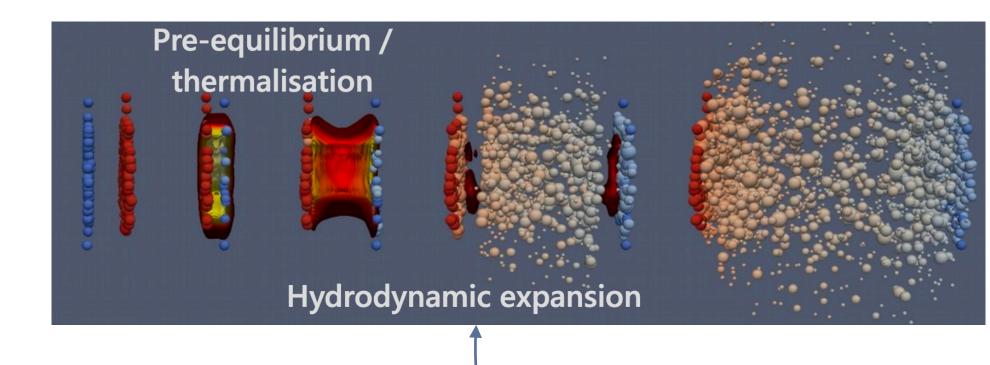


# From the phase diagram to the collision



### \* The basic approach strategy :

- « Hey, let's take two big nuclei and smash them as hard as we can!»
- \* The immediate answer :
  - « Oh cool ! ... but how does it look like, a heavy-ion collisions ?»



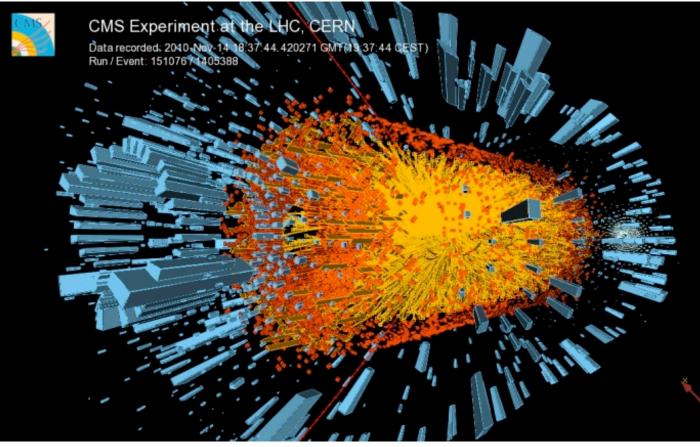
Goal for today : get to this representation !



# Hydro: a good approach

- Why Hydrodynamics :
  - Heavy-ion collisions (HIC) : a bunch of quarks and gluons happily colliding together.
  - Ideal tool to study bulk properties and dynamical evolution.
- \* Assumptions :  $\langle \lambda \rangle << L$  where :
  - $\langle \lambda \rangle$  : the mean free path of particles between two interactions.
  - L : the size of the system.
- # Hydro's pros :
  - Simple : all the informations encoded in thermo. properties.
  - General : only assume thermal equilibrium.

\* This talk : we go through basic hydro. model and derive basic hydro. features !



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Nuclear Shock Waves in Heavy-Ion Collision

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nuclear matter is compressed during the encounte ocity of the nuclei is larger than the velocity of first sound in nuclear matter and for isospin T=0, nuclear shock waves occur. They lead to densitie are 3-5 times higher than the nuclear equilibrium density  $\rho_0$ , de

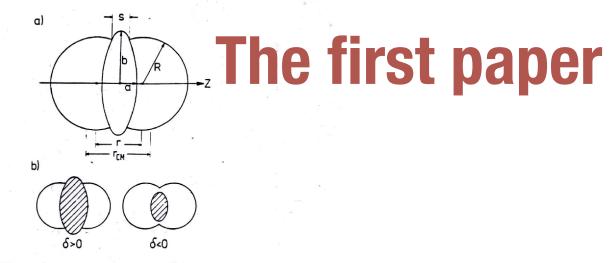


FIG. 1. (a) Geometric parameters of the model (b) Two cases  $\delta > 0$  and  $\delta < 0$ . The unphysical situation  $\delta < 0$  is excluded by forces of constraints.





# Relativistic thermodynamics

- \* Standard thermodynamics : assume a global equilibrium of the system.
- \* This is clearly **not the case** in HIC collisions !
- \* But at first we can assume *local* thermodynamic equilibrium :
  - For any point, P and T vary slowly in some neighborhoods around it (fluid element)
- In the ideal (inviscid) case, one must derives the following equations : \*

**Local conservation**  $\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu}_{id} =$  of energy-momentum

**Energy-momentum** Net Baryon tensor current

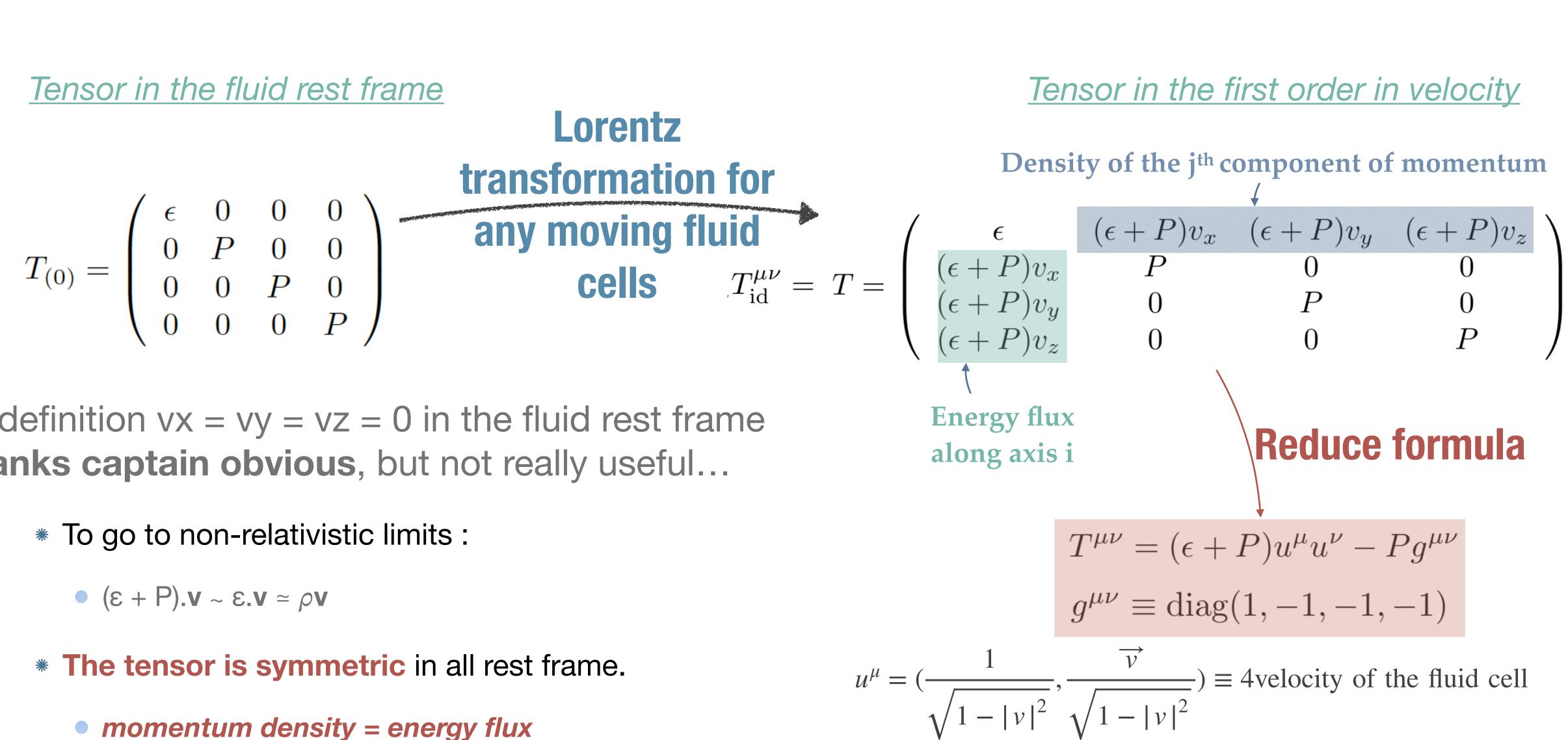
$$= 0 , \quad \partial_{\mu} J_{B}^{\mu} = 0$$

## Conservation of baryon flux





# The Energy-Momentum tensor



• By definition vx = vy = vz = 0 in the fluid rest frame • Thanks captain obvious, but not really useful...

- \* The equation  $\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{B} = 0$  can also be written as
- \* There are similar equations for any conserved charges.
- \* To close the equations system, one must add the equation of state :  $P = P(\epsilon, n_i)$
- \* For the sake of arguments :

• 3 comp. of  $u + \varepsilon + P + n_i(i=1,...,M) = 4 + M + 1$  equations

\* Let's now try to get a model out of all these eq. !

$$\partial_{\mu}(nu^{\mu}) = 0$$

# THE BJORKEN SCENARIO

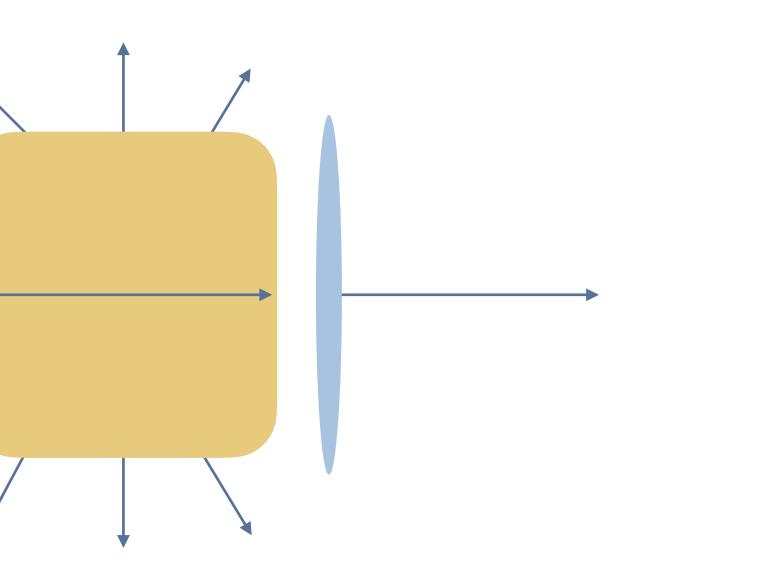




# Simple picture : the Bjorken scenario

### Initial conditions :

- We assume fast thermalization.
- We assume  $\langle p_x \rangle = \langle p_y \rangle = 0 \rightarrow$  Flow (see later) only comes from Hydro. phase.
- \* Bjorken's prescriptions : <u>the fluid rapidity = the space-time rapidity</u>

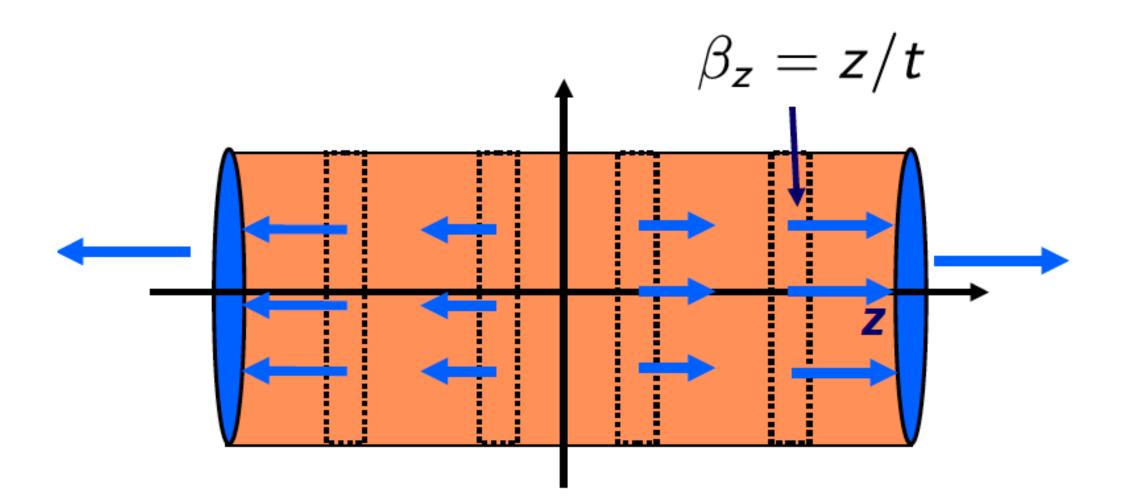


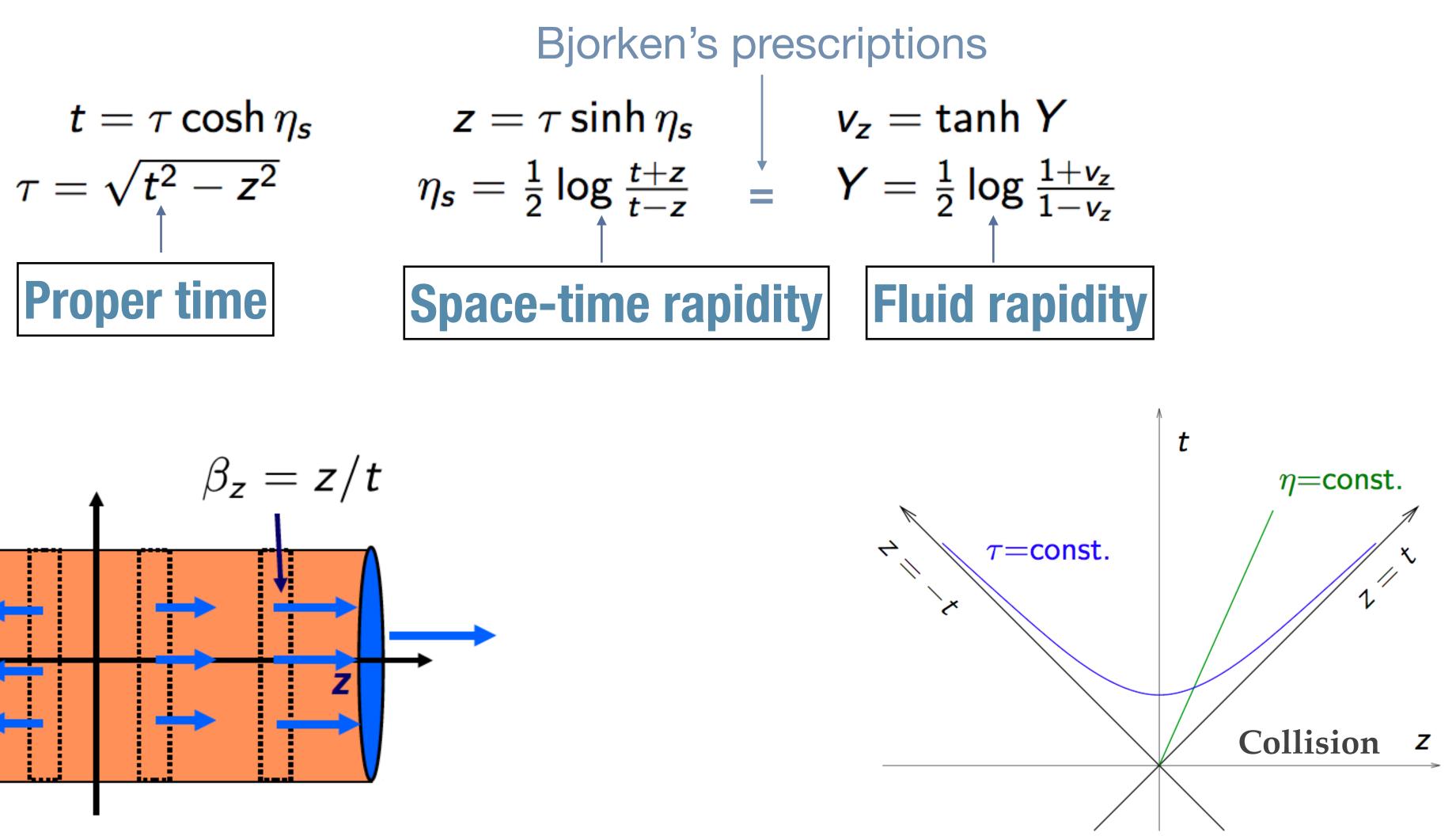
• Highly boosted « pancakes » in the centre-of-mass system, that cross within  $\tau_{cross} \sim 2R/\gamma$ .

• Note that  $\gamma_{SPS} \sim 10 < \gamma_{RHIC} \sim 100 < \gamma_{LHC} \sim 2500-7000$ , thus  $\tau_{cross} < \tau_{QCD} \sim 1 / \Lambda_{QDC} \sim 1 \text{ fm/c}$ .

## New variables

**Proper time** 

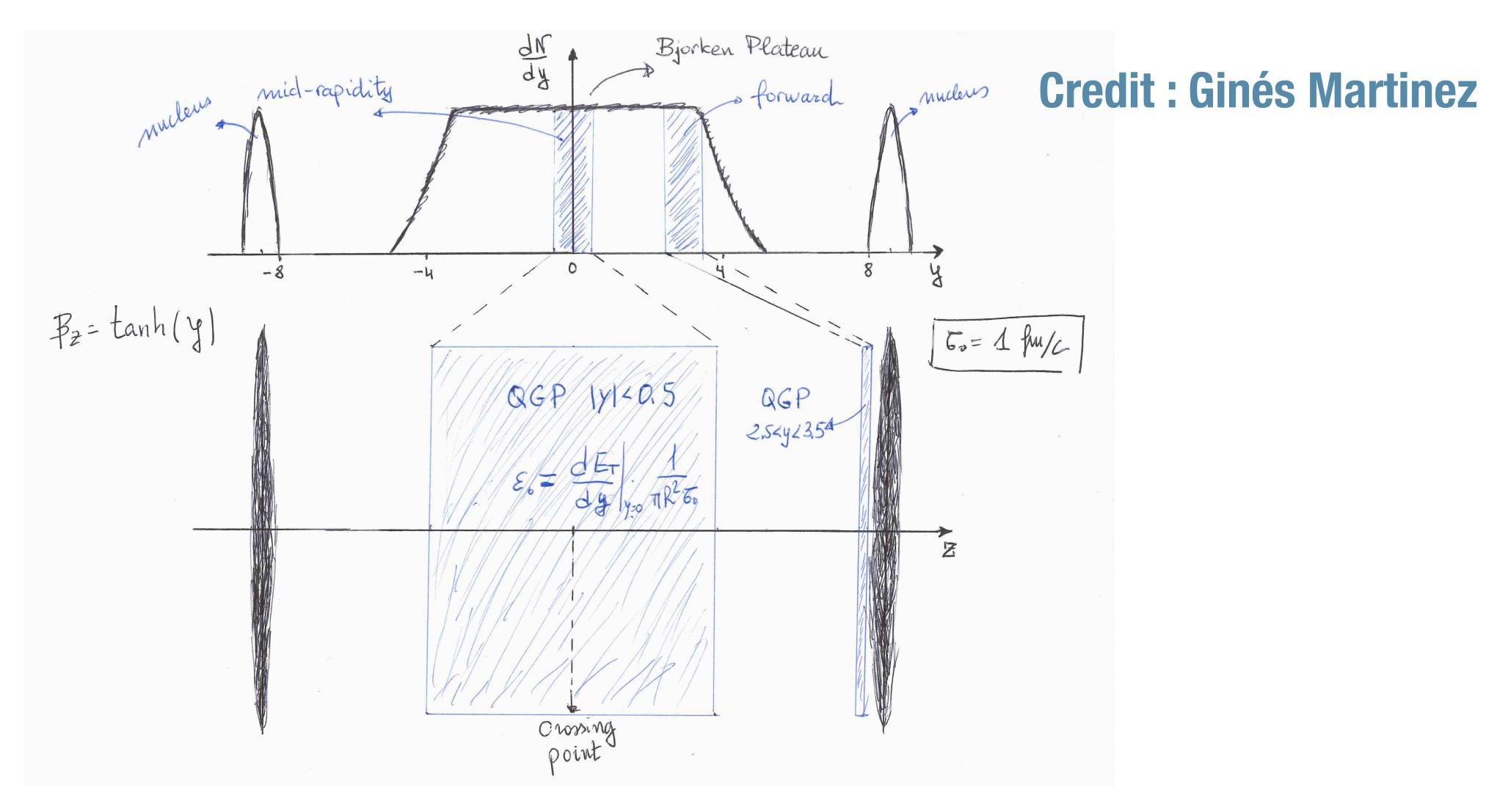




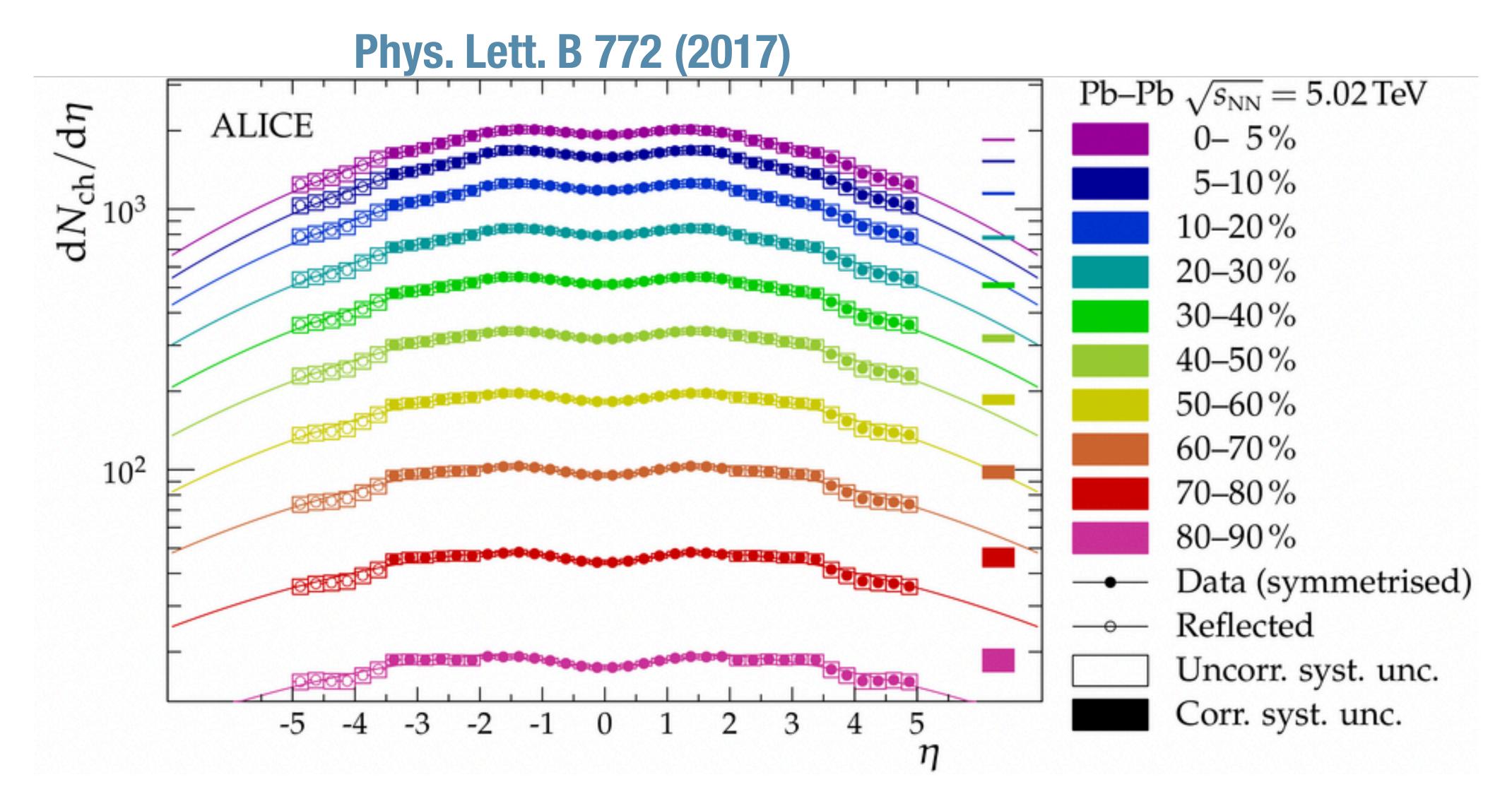
Space -time representation of a collision



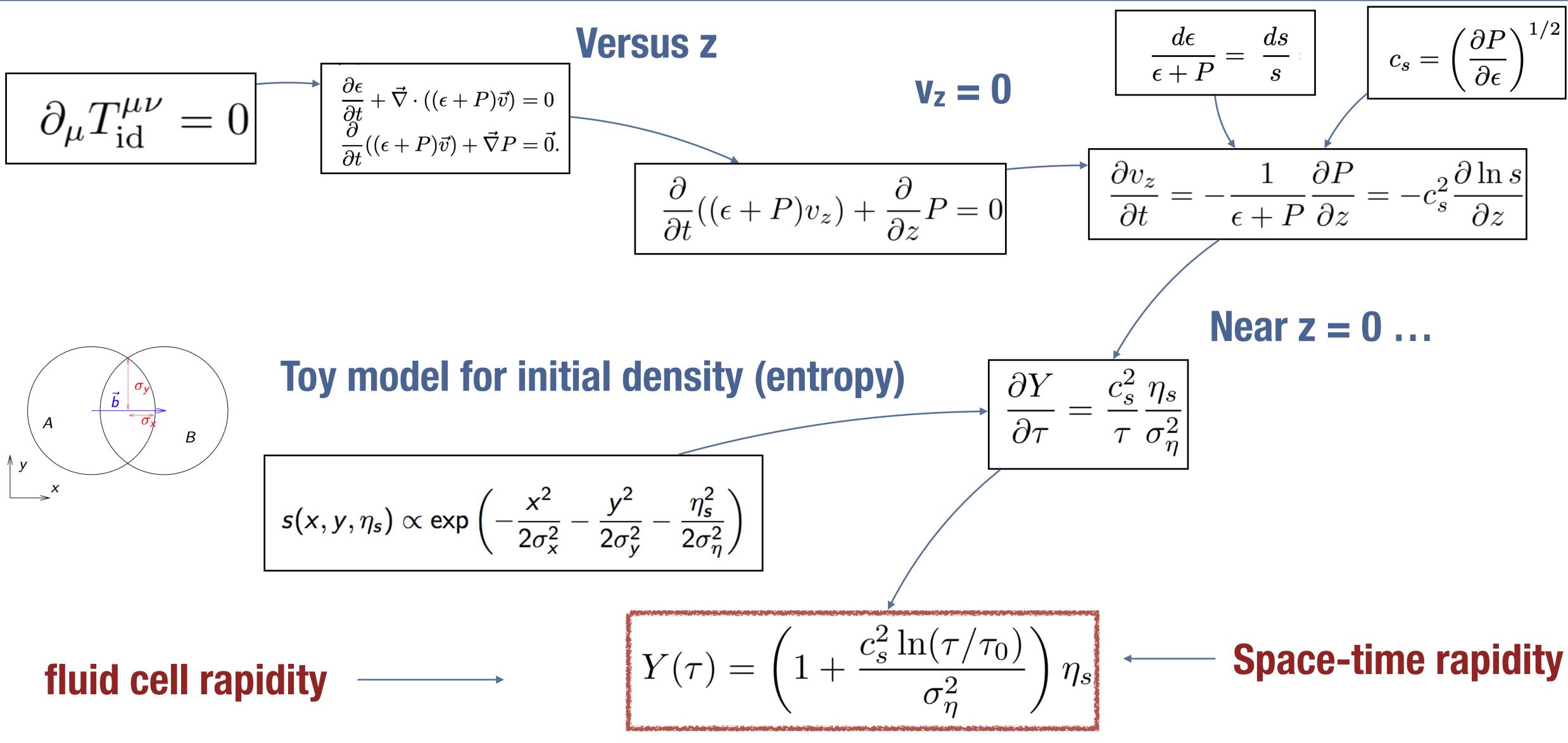
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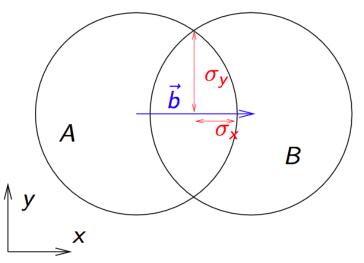


# The famous Bjorken's plateau?



## Back to hydro with Bjorken's prescription





$$s(x, y, \eta_s) \propto \exp\left(-rac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - rac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} - rac{\eta_s^2}{2\sigma_\eta^2}
ight)$$

# To which extend Bjorken is valid?

- \*  $C_s$  = speed of sound
- \* Y proportional to  $\eta_s$
- \* Bjorken :  $Y = \eta_s$
- \* Good approximation as long as t <<  $\sigma_x/c_s$ ,  $\sigma_y/c_s \rightarrow$  before longitudinal expansion !
- expansion.

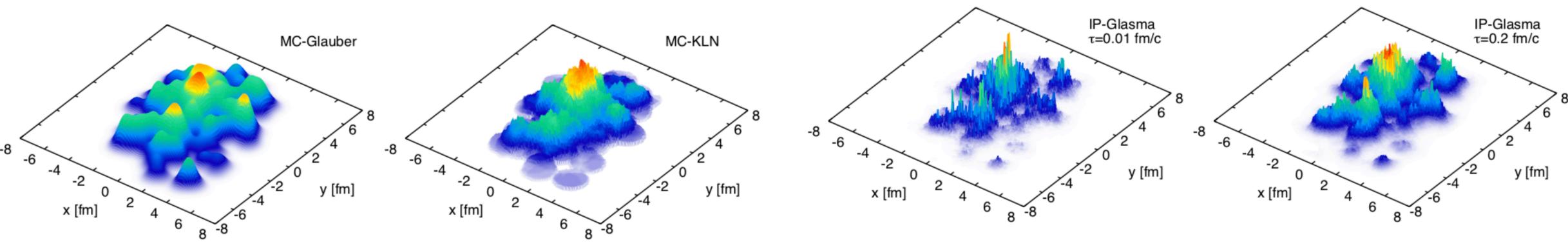
$$Y(\tau) = \left(1 + \frac{c_s^2 \ln(\tau/\tau_0)}{\sigma_\eta^2}\right) \eta_s$$

\* We will see later that transverse expansion acts like a cut-off for the longitudinal



# Initial conditions

- \* For our toy model, we assumes
- \* In reality, many prescriptions can be used :

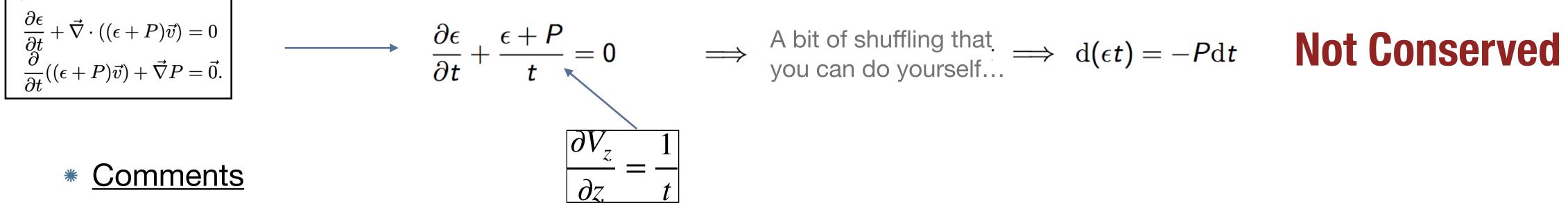


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# Longitudinal expansion

- \* Similarly with the baryon density around z=0:
- \* The energy density :



- Longitudinal cooling  $\rightarrow \varepsilon_{init} > \varepsilon_{fin}$
- No experimental evidence of longitudinal cooling (we measure final state particles), but we can still probe the initial stage with electromagnetic probes (thermal photons ...).
- Comoving energy decreases due to negative work of pressure forces  $\rightarrow$  only appear as a result of a thermalization process.

 $\frac{\partial s}{\partial t}$  +

- = 0

\* However, entropy density is conserved :

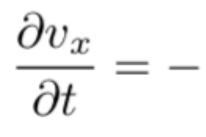
$$d\epsilon = Tds + \mu dn$$

From thermodynamics

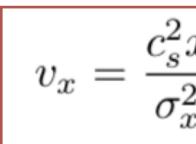
- $\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{n}{t} = 0 \qquad \implies nt = \text{const.}$ Conserved

#### st = const.= No heat diffusion between fluid cells

## Transverse momentum expansion



\* Assuming c<sub>s</sub> constant :



#### \* Comments :

- Very smooth process.
- dominates.

\* The initial transverse velocity is usually zero, but acceleration is not :

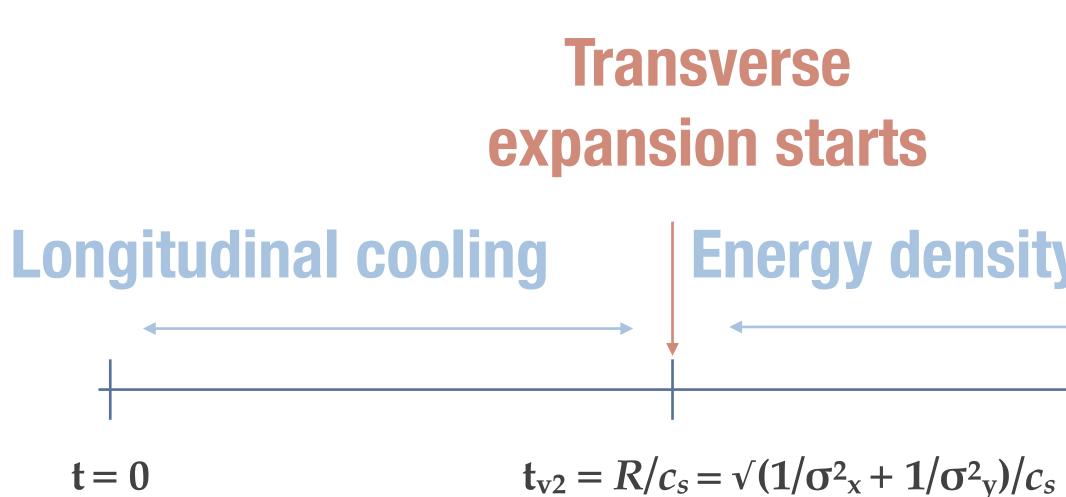
$$\frac{1}{\epsilon + P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = -c_s^2 \frac{\partial \ln s}{\partial x}$$

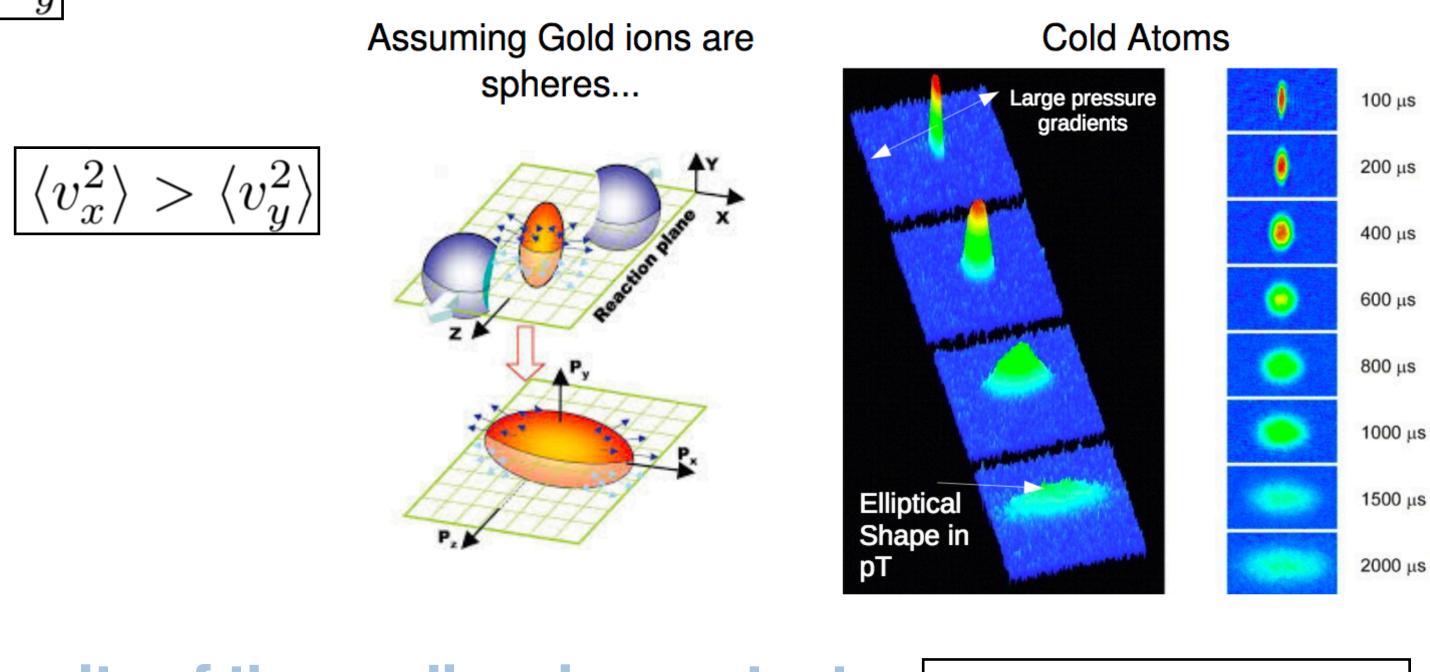
$$\frac{x}{\frac{2}{x}}t, \quad v_y = \frac{c_s^2 y}{\sigma_y^2}t.$$

#### • Typical time-scale $\sigma_x/c_s$ . For t << $\sigma_x/c_s$ ~*R*/*c*<sub>s</sub>, longitudinal expansion

### Predictions from Hydro - angular correlation

- In non-central collisions :  $\sigma_x < \sigma_y$
- \* This leads to a elliptical flow v<sub>2</sub>:
- \* Typical time scale:





#### **Energy density of the medium is constant**

 $\frac{dN}{d\phi}$  $\propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi$ 

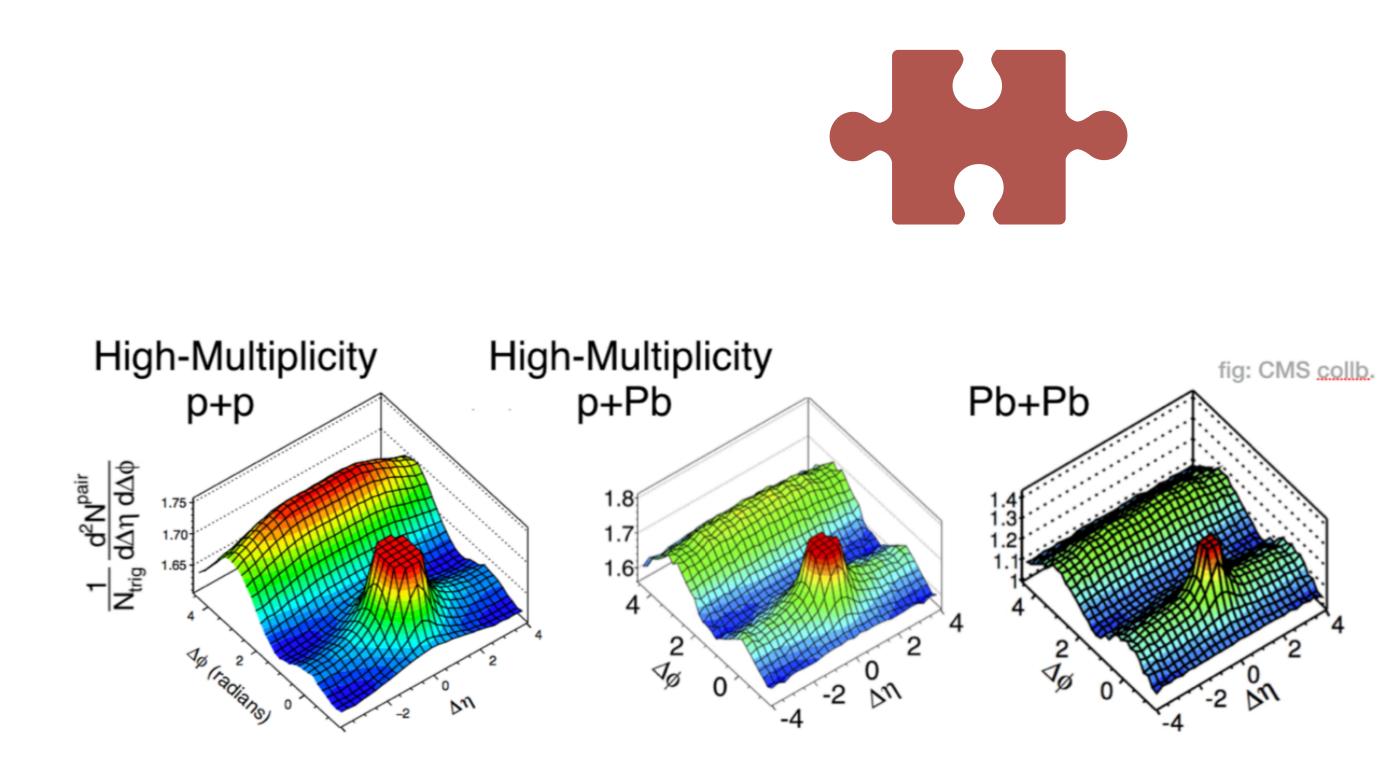
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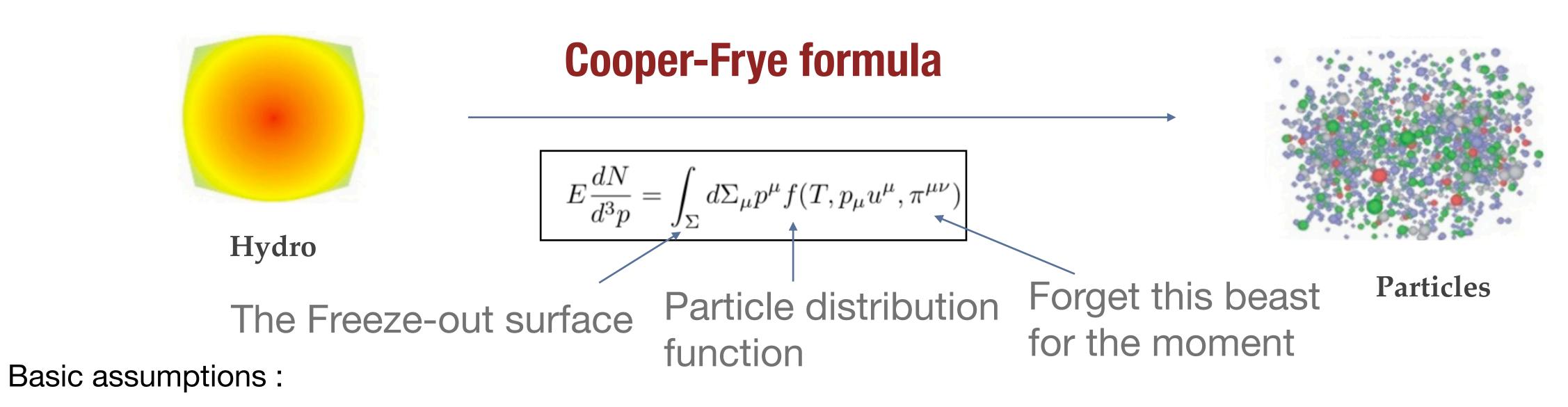


### A puzzle : high-multiplicity events in small system

- Striking similarities between all the colliding system.
- Many questions and possible origin :
  - Momentum space
     correlation
  - \* Position space correlation
  - \* Other ?



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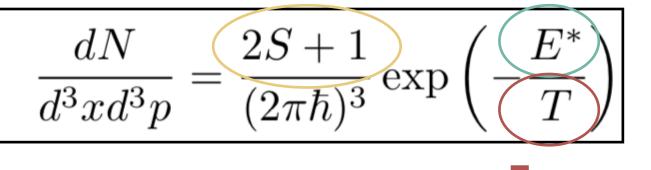


- $p^{\mu_{\text{fluid}}} = p^{\mu_{\text{freeze-out}}}$  for all the particles.
- The fluid = ideal gaz.

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\* If we ask momentum distributions to follow Boltzmann statistics :

#### **Spin degrees**



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Energy of the particle in the fluid rest frame =  $p_{\mu}u^{\mu}$ 

**Freeze-out temperature** 

# Last step : particle spectra

#### \* What does this formula tell us :

- *parallel* to the fluid momentum.
- particle velocity to write down :

$$E^* = p^\mu u_\mu = m_t u^0$$

$$\frac{dN}{d^3xd^3p} = \frac{2S+1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \exp\left(-\frac{E^*}{T}\right)$$

More particles when  $E^*$  is minimum  $\rightarrow$  particles move with the fluid.

• For fast particles ( $E^*$ >m),  $E^*$  is minimum when particle momentum is

• For simplicity, we assume  $p_z=0$  and that the fluid velocity is parallel to the

$$m_t = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}$$

 $-p_t u$ ,

## Particle spectra

- \* pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV near p
- \* Clear scaling with transverse mass.
- \* What about Au-Au?

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$$D_{Z} = 0.$$

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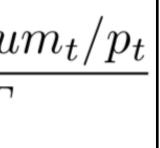


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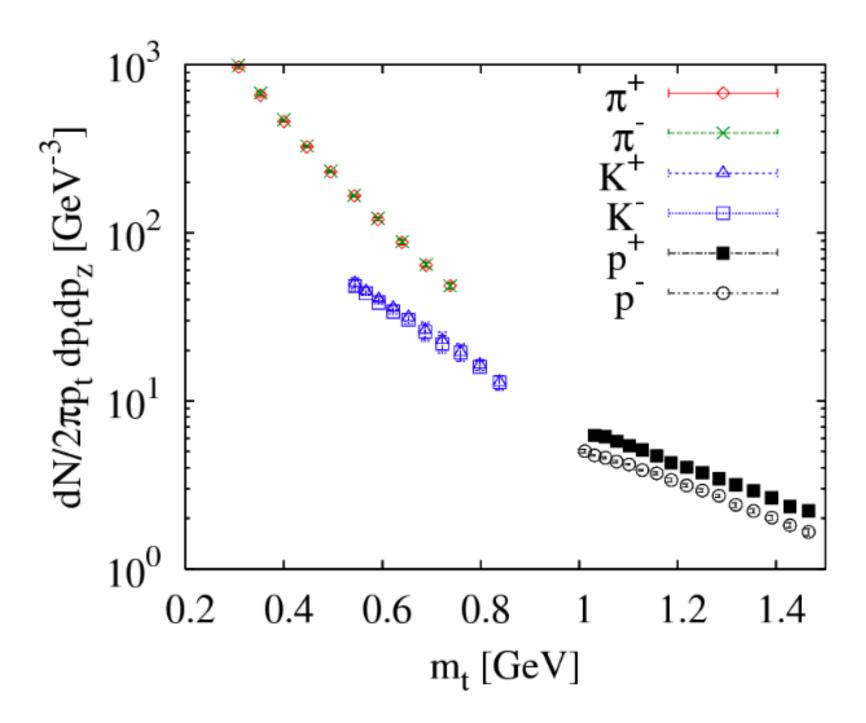
- \* Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV near  $p_z = 0$
- \*  $m_t$  scaling is broken  $\rightarrow$  collective velocity.
- \* To convince you :

$$\frac{d}{dm_t} \log\left(\frac{dN}{2\pi p_t dp_t dp_z}\right) = \frac{-u_0 + u_0}{T}$$

Those results show evidence of transverse flow.



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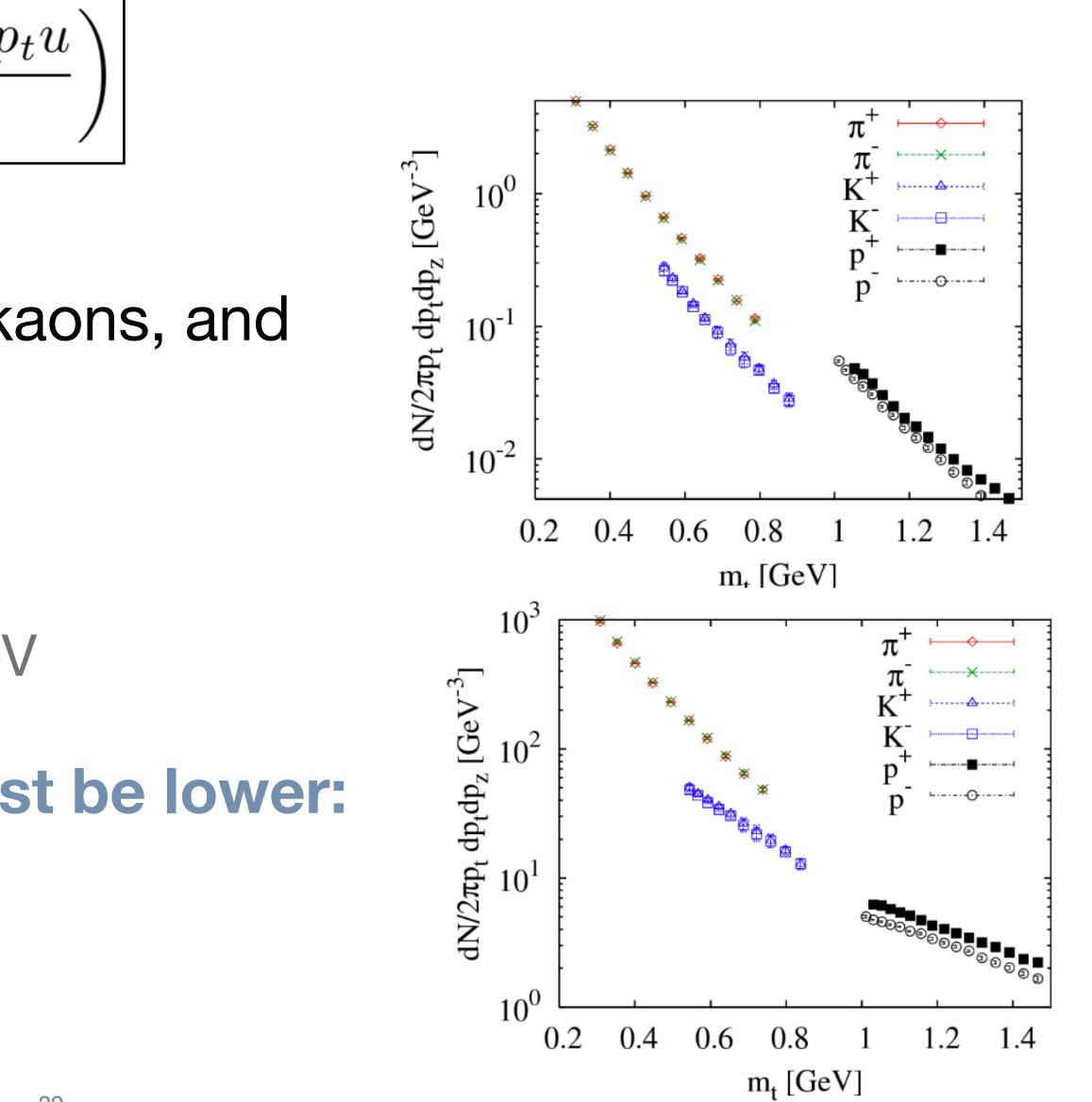




## On the freeze-out temperature

$$\frac{dN}{2\pi p_t dp_t dp_z} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-m_t u_0 + T_t T_t}{T_t}\right)$$

- Same relative abundances of pions, kaons, and (anti)protons in pp and Au-Au.
- \* Particle ratios only depends on T:
  - « Chemical Freeze-out »  $T_c \simeq 170 \text{ MeV}$
- \* But in Au-Au due to radial flow, T must be lower:
  - « Kinetic Freeze-out »  $T_f \simeq 100$  MeV



## Consequences on V<sub>2</sub>

\* We can rewrite :

$$\frac{dN}{2\pi p_t dp_t dp_z} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-m_t u_0 + p_t u}{T}\right)$$

\* Since the fluid velocity is larger on the x-axis than the y-axis,  $u(\phi)$  can be parameterized as :

\* Finally, experiment suggests  $a \sim 4\%$ . Using  $u^0 = \sqrt{(u^2 + 1)}$  and expanding to first order in  $\alpha$ :

$$u^0(\phi) = u^0 + 2v\alpha\cos^2$$

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$$2\phi$$

$$v = u/u_0$$

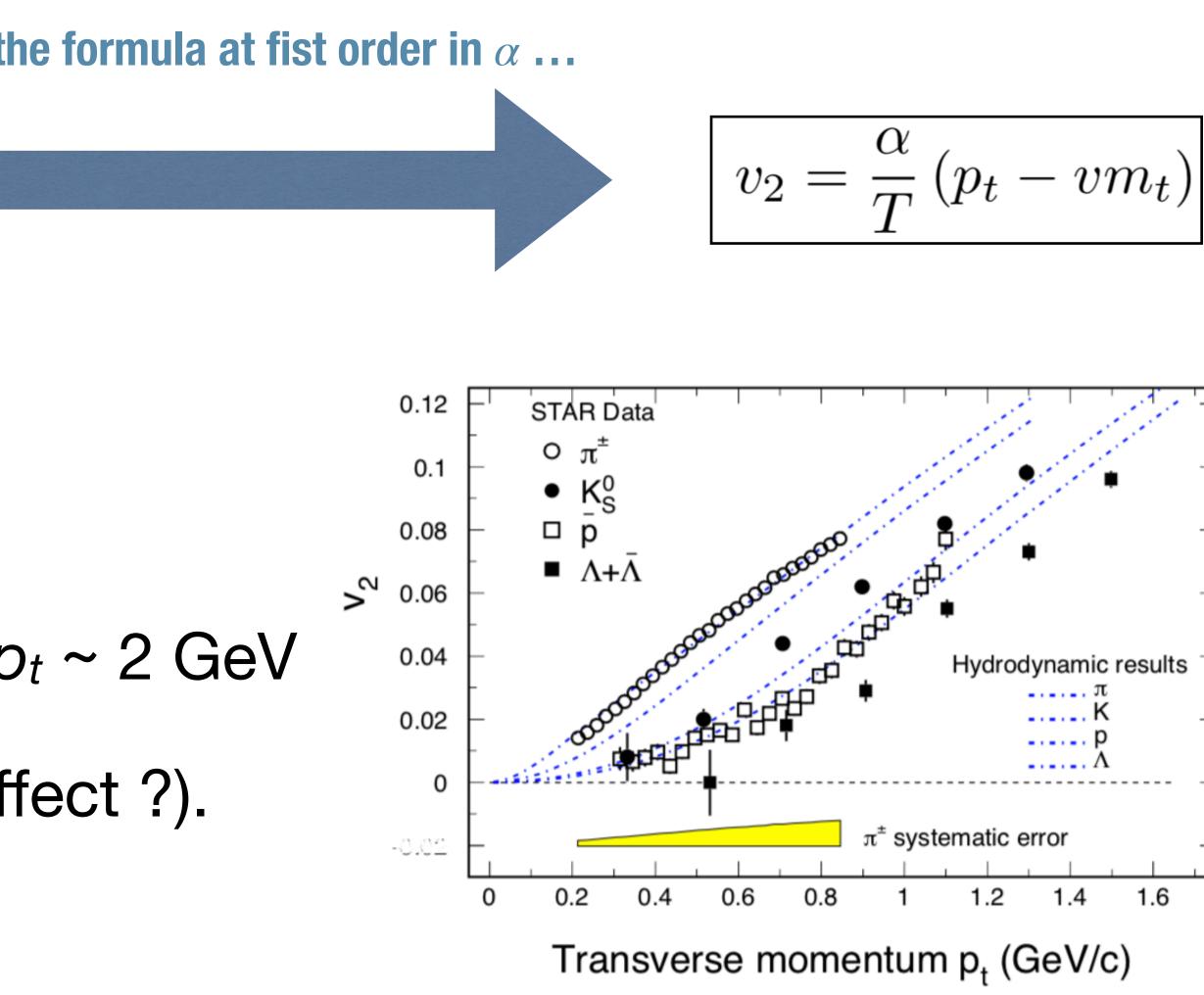
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Take all t
$$u(\phi) = u + 2\alpha \cos 2\phi, \qquad \frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi$$

$$u^0(\phi) = u^0 + 2v\alpha \cos 2\phi$$

#### \* Mass ordering for the $v_2$ .

- Good agreement data/theory up to  $p_t \sim 2$  GeV \*
- At higher  $p_t$ :  $v_2$  saturates (viscous effect ?). 業





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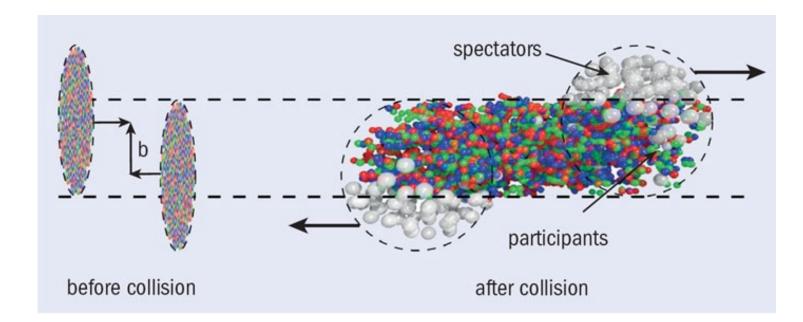
# THE GLAUBER MODEL





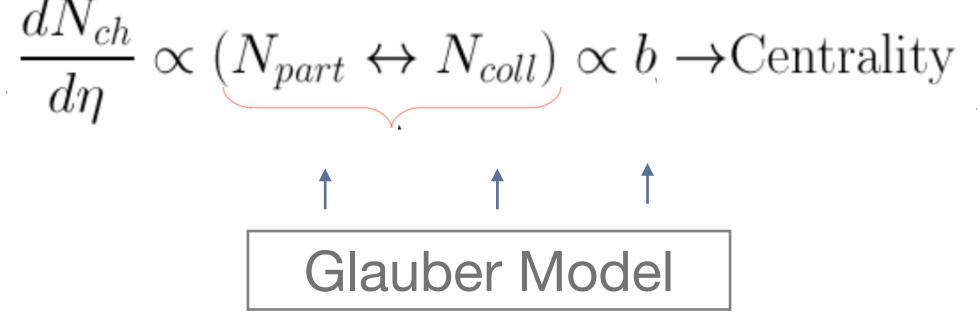
# Centrality and Glauber Model

#### \* The quantity that relate if a (A-A) collision is head-on or more peripheral is called *centrality*.



#### **Question** : How do we determine this quantity ? \*

Experimental Observable



What we want

# History of Glauber Model



#### \* Roy Glauber :

- (among other things).

#### **Glauber model assumptions :**

- nucleon underwent before

<u>1950's</u>: Used quantum mechanical scattering techniques to analytically describe multi-body scattering of composite systems.

<u>1970's</u>: Beams of protons and ions are scattered off nuclear targets and Glauber's work was found useful for computing total cross-sections.

<u>2005</u>: Nobel prize in physics for his contributions to quantum optics

Present: Glauber Monte Carlo models are used to determine centrality in HIC

Nucleons travel on straight trajectories

Nucleon-nucleon cross-section is independent of the number of collisions a

• Assume « optical limit » : particles have momenta such that they are deflected very little as they pass through each other

#### \* Complete review : <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/nucl-ex/0701025.pdf</u>

# Analytical model

\* Thickness function :

$$\hat{T}_A(\mathbf{s}) = \int \hat{\rho}_A(\mathbf{s}, z_A) dz_A$$



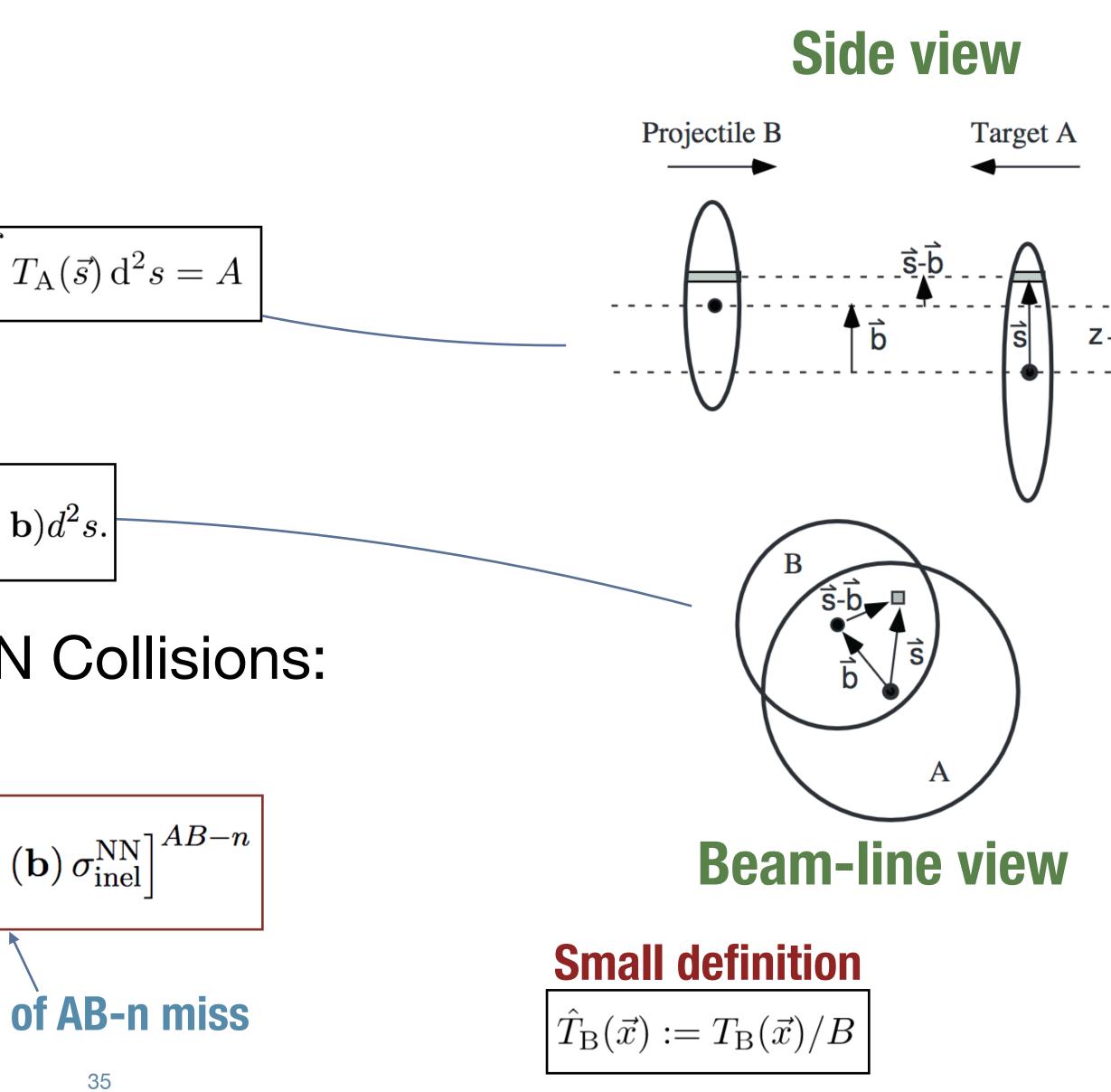
\* Overlap Function:

$$\hat{T}_{AB}\left(\mathbf{b}\right) = \int \hat{T}_{A}\left(\mathbf{s}\right) \hat{T}_{B}\left(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}\right)$$

\* Probability of having n such NN Collisions:

$$P(n, \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} AB \\ n \end{pmatrix} \left[ \hat{T}_{AB} (\mathbf{b}) \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \right]^n \left[ 1 - \hat{T}_{AB} (\mathbf{b}) \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \right]^n \left[ 1 - \hat{T}_{AB} (\mathbf{b}) \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \right]^n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} AB \\ n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{(AB)!}{n!(AB-n)!}$$
Probability of n hits
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# Analytical model

#### \* Total inelastic cross-section :

#### \* Number of Binary collisions :

#### \* Number of participant (wounded) nucleons :

$$egin{aligned} N_{ ext{part}}\left(\mathbf{b}
ight) &= & A\int \hat{T}_{A}\left(\mathbf{s}
ight) \left\{1-\left[1-\hat{T}_{B}\left(\mathbf{s}-\mathbf{b}
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$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{A+B}} = \int_{0}^{\infty} 2\pi b db \left\{ 1 - \left[ 1 - \hat{T}_{AB} \left( b \right) \sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \right]^{AB} \right\}$$

$$N_{\text{coll}}\left(b\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{AB} nP\left(n,b\right) = AB\hat{T}_{AB}\left(b\right)\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}}$$

# MC Glauber

#### \* In practice, solving analytically Glauber requires a 2x(A+B+1) dimensional integral ... No thanks !

- Receipt for a MC Glauber model :
  - \* <u>Step 1 : Create nuclei</u>
    - Saxon
  - \* <u>Step 2 : Define Orientations of Nuclei</u>

    - \* Draw Random Impact Parameter from  $d\sigma/db = 2\pi b$
    - \* Rotate Nucleon position vectors and translate by b
  - \* Step 3 : Compute Ncoll and Npart

\* For each nucleon specify a position vector by drawing random p = (x,y,z) location from Woods-

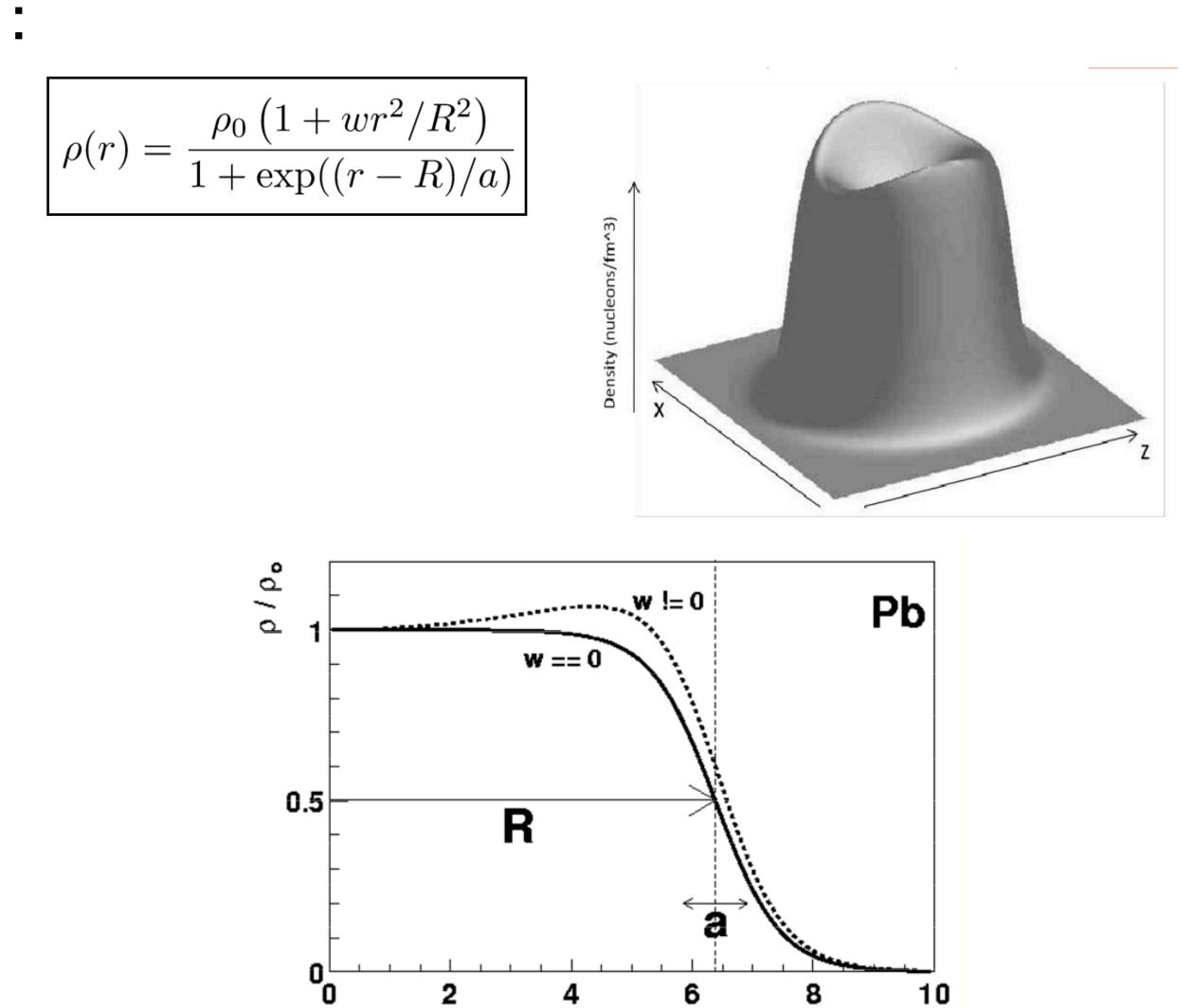
\* Generate 3 random numbers in range [0,1] to uniformly sample phase space transform thusly...

# Step 1 – Creating Nuclei

- Woods-Saxon nuclear density profile :
- Woods-Saxon parameters typically determined by electron scattering.
- Differences between neutron and proton distributions are small and typically neglected.

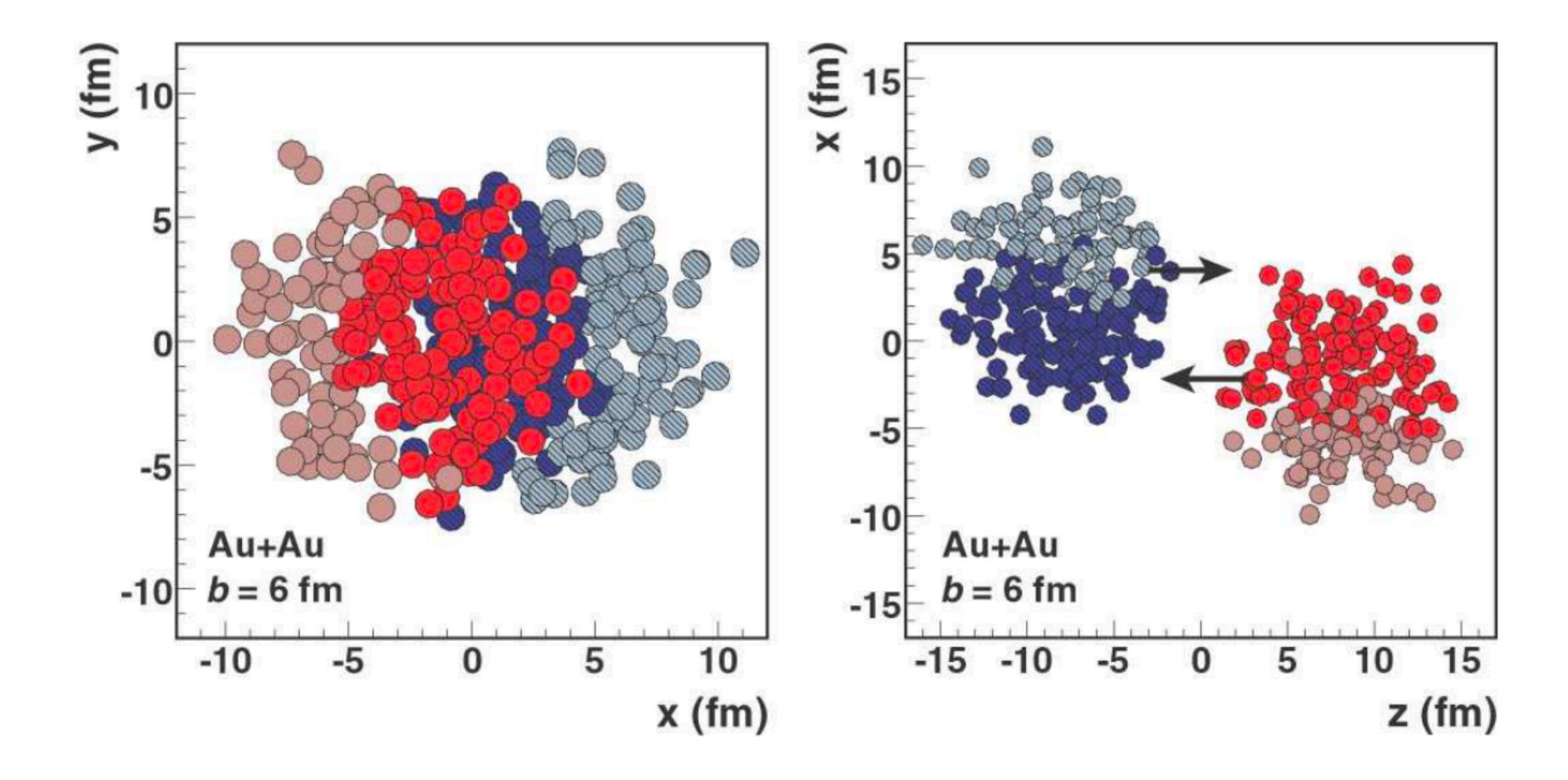
Nucleus	Α	R (fm)	a ( <u>fm</u> )	W
С	12	2.47	0	0
0	16	2.608	0.513	-0.051
AI	27	3.07	0.519	0
S	32	3.458	0.61	0
Ca	40	3.76	0.586	-0.161
Ni	58	4.309	0.516	-0.1308
Cu	63	4.2	0.596	0
W	186	6.51	0.535	0
Au	197	6.38	0.535	0
Pb	208	6.68	0.546	0
U	238	6.68	0.6	0

H. DeVries, C.W. De Jager, C. DeVries, 1987

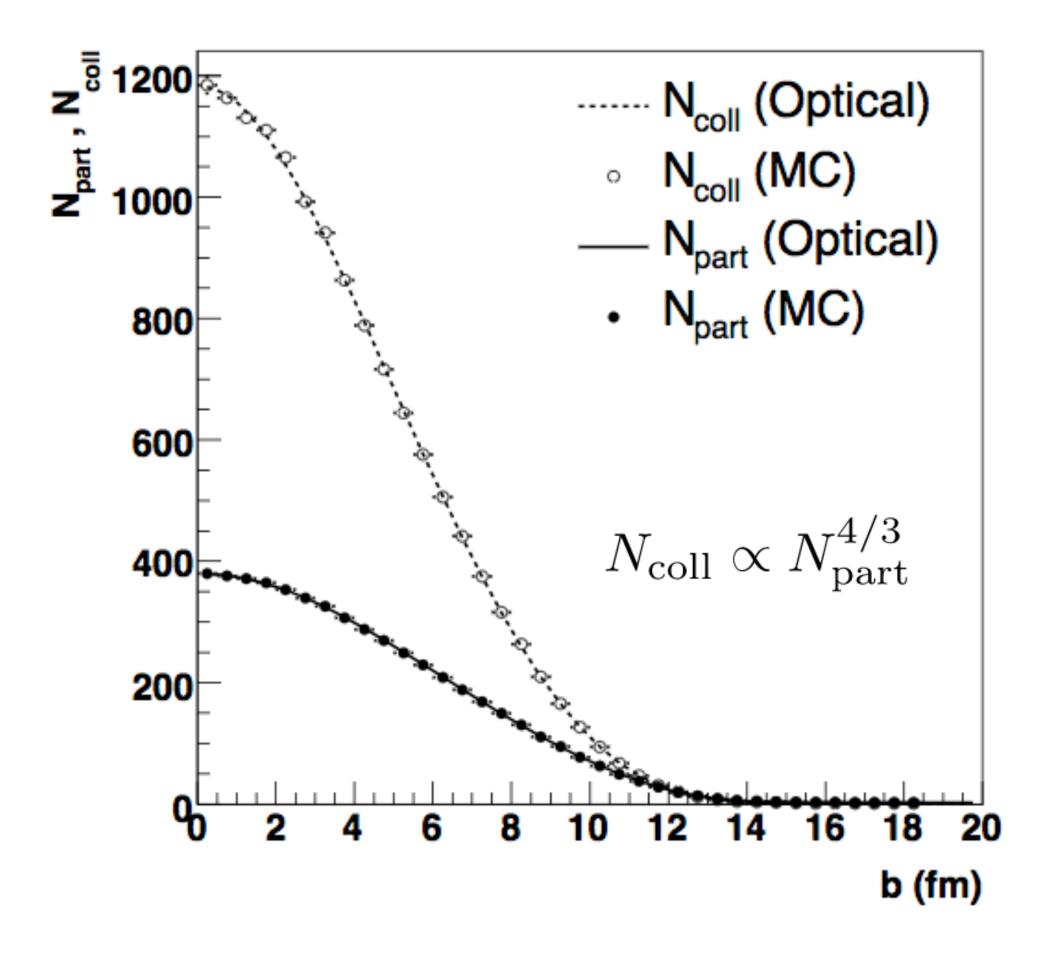


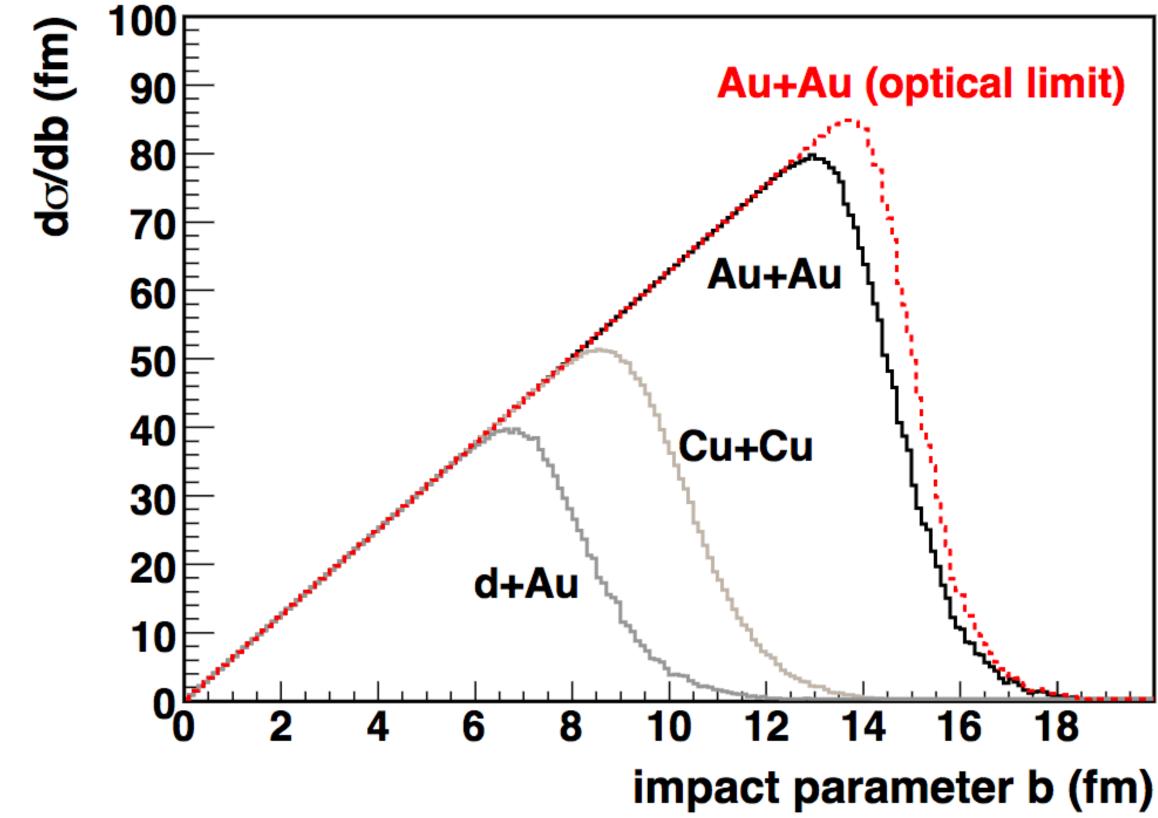
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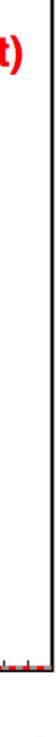
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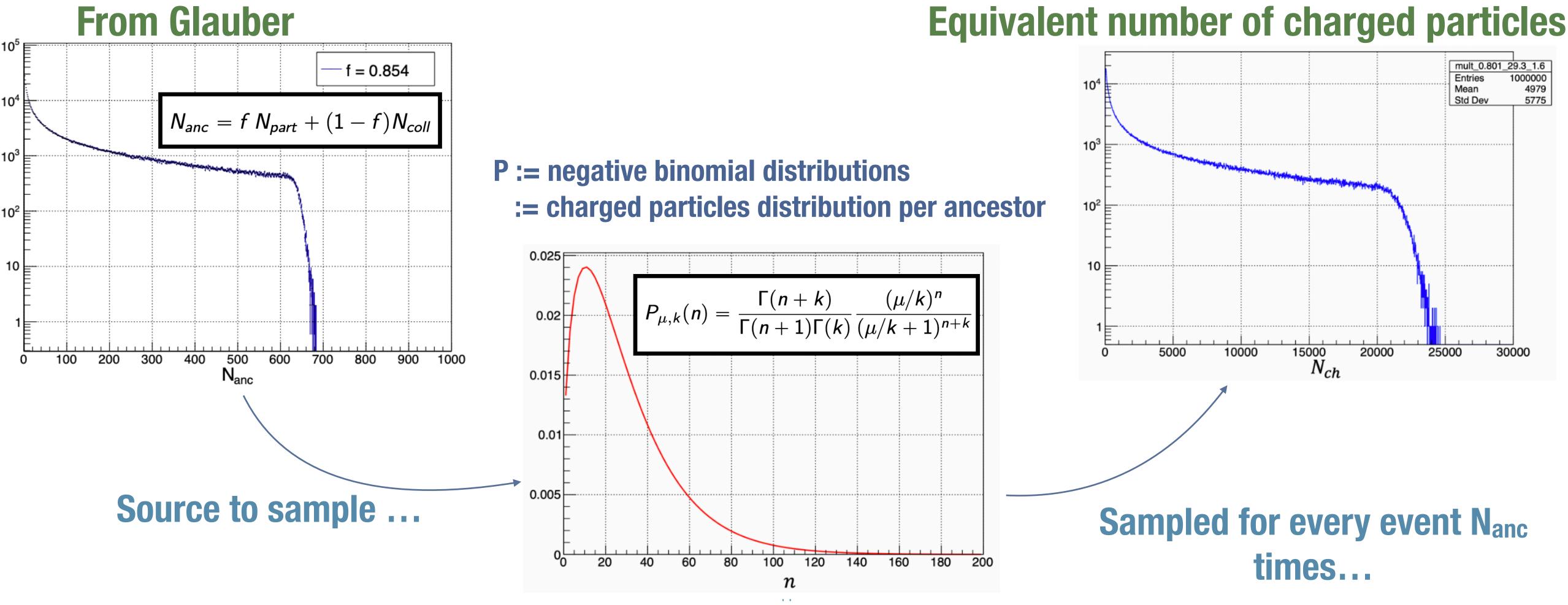






### Connecting MC Glauber to Centrality : LHCb case

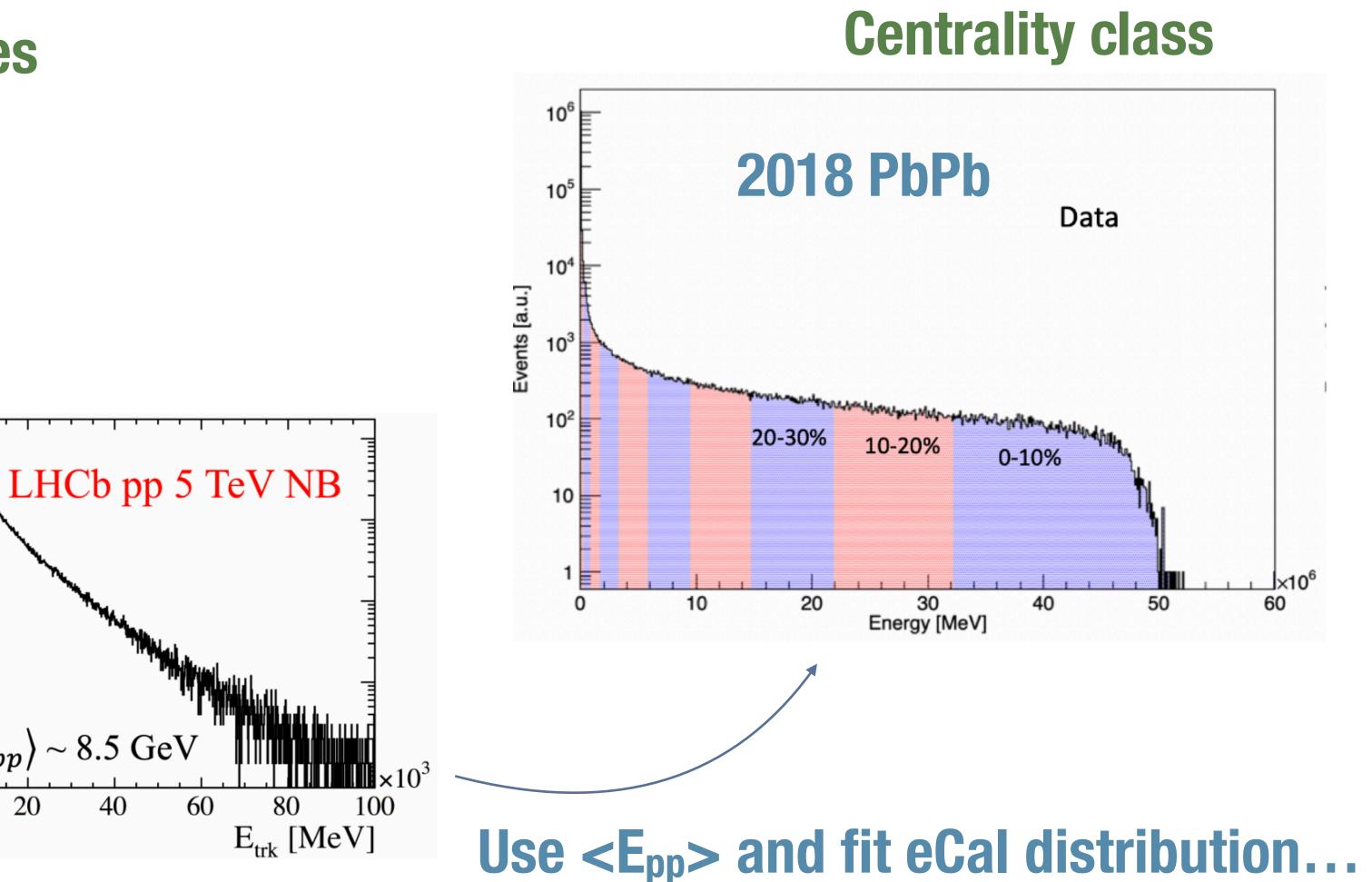
#### <u>Step one : translate <Ncoll> into an equivalent number of charged particles.</u>



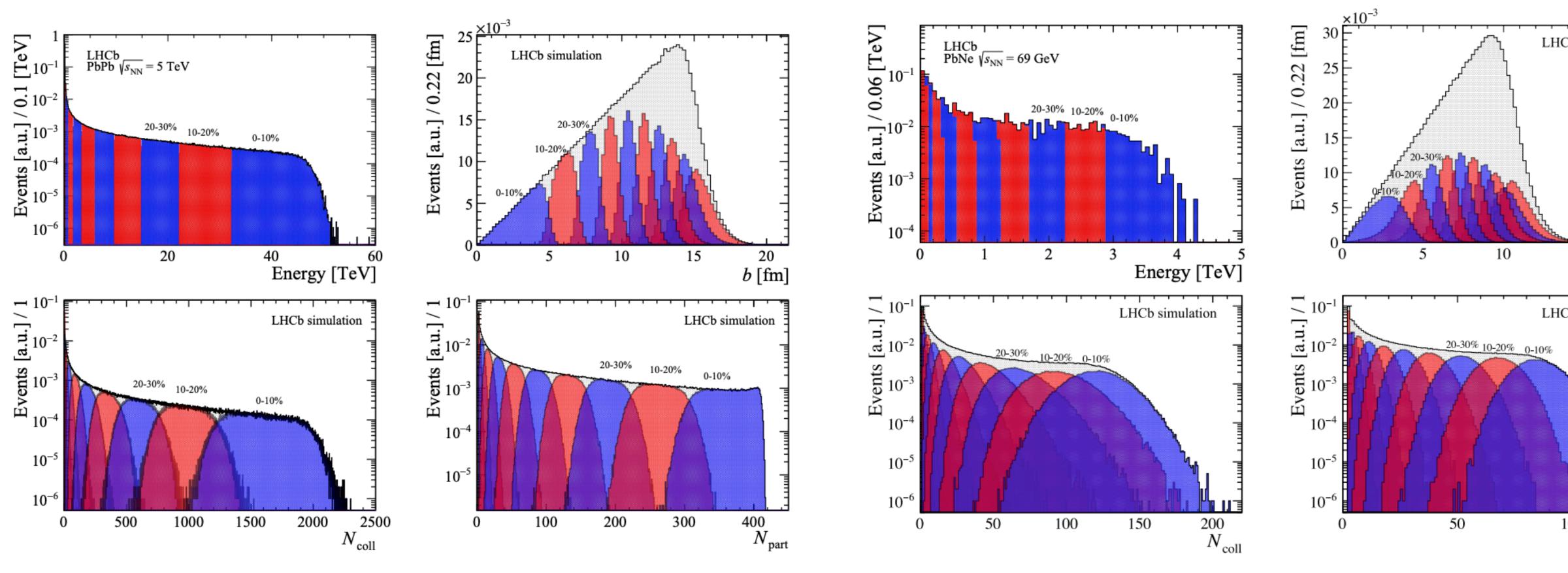
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<u>Step two</u> : translating to energy deposit.

#### **Equivalent number of charged particles** mult 0.801 29.3 1.6 Entries 1000000 10<sup>4</sup> 4979 Mean Std Dev 5775 $10^{3}$ 10<sup>2</sup> 10 $10^{4}$ $10^{3}$ 15000 20000 5000 10000 25000 30000 N<sub>ch</sub> $10^{2}$ 10 $\langle E_{pp} \rangle \sim 8.5 \text{ GeV}$ 20 40 Source to sample ...

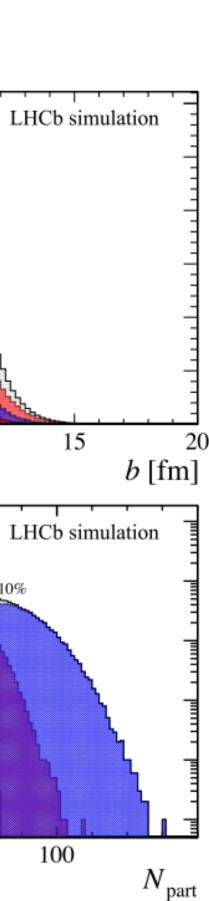


# Small detour: centrality



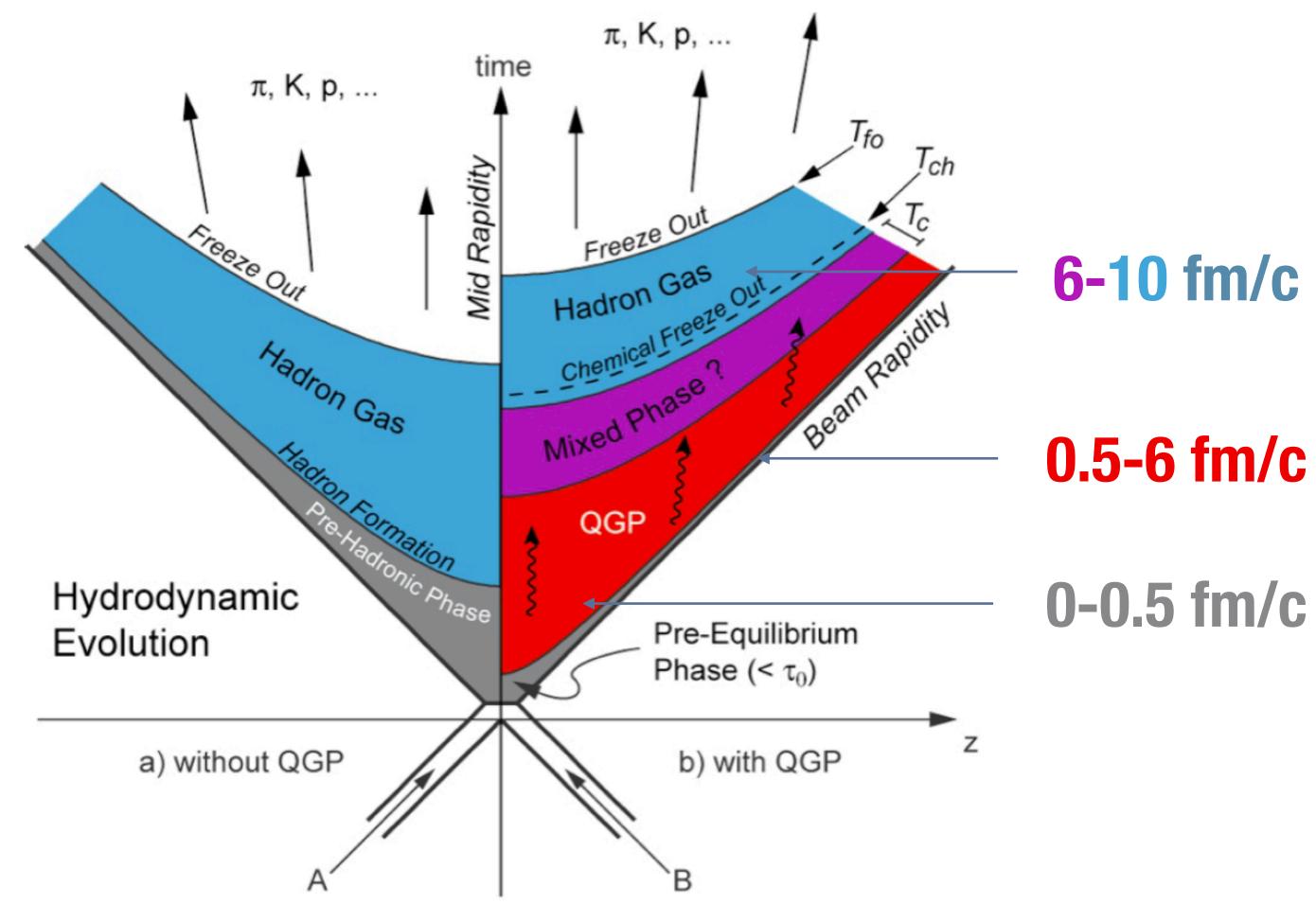


#### $E_{tot}^{cal} \otimes \text{Glauber fit} = \text{centrality}$



#### Points to take home: Evolution of a nucleus-nucleus collisions

- \* Hydro : very nice approach to descibe the evolution of the bulk :
  - Predicts particle correlations and mass ordering of the  $v_2$ .
- From fitting the current data with hydro models from LHC@2.76TeV:
  - Initial energy density : 12–14 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>
  - Effective temperature of the early QGP  $\approx 297$ MeV
  - Chemical freeze-out :  $T_{ch} \approx 156 \text{ MeV}$
  - Kinetic freeze-out :  $T_{kin} \approx 96 \text{ MeV}$
  - Size of the QGP in 0-5% centrality ~5000 fm<sup>3</sup>





# **OUTRO: HYDRO IN SMALL SYSTEMS ??**



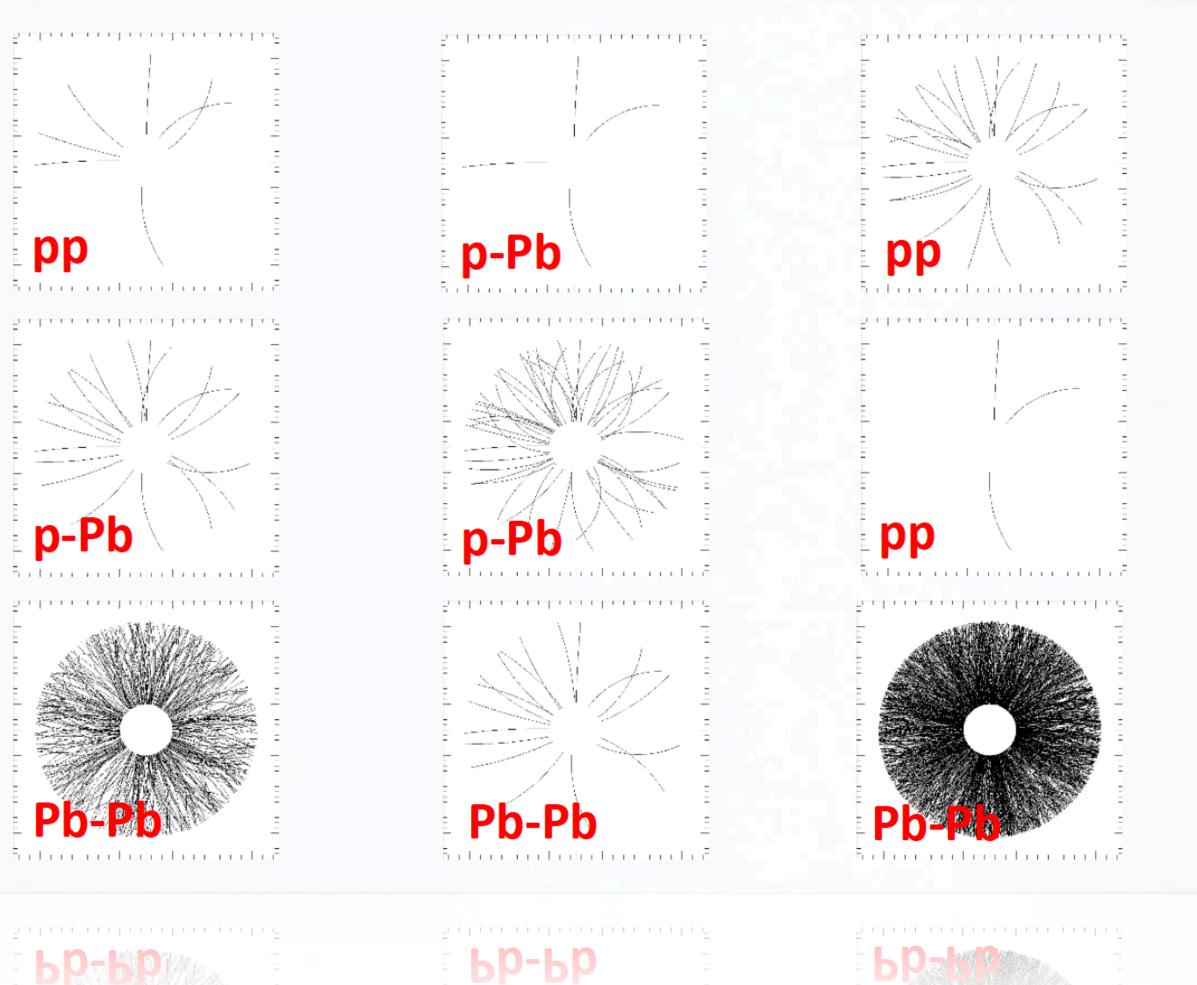
# What are « small systems » ?

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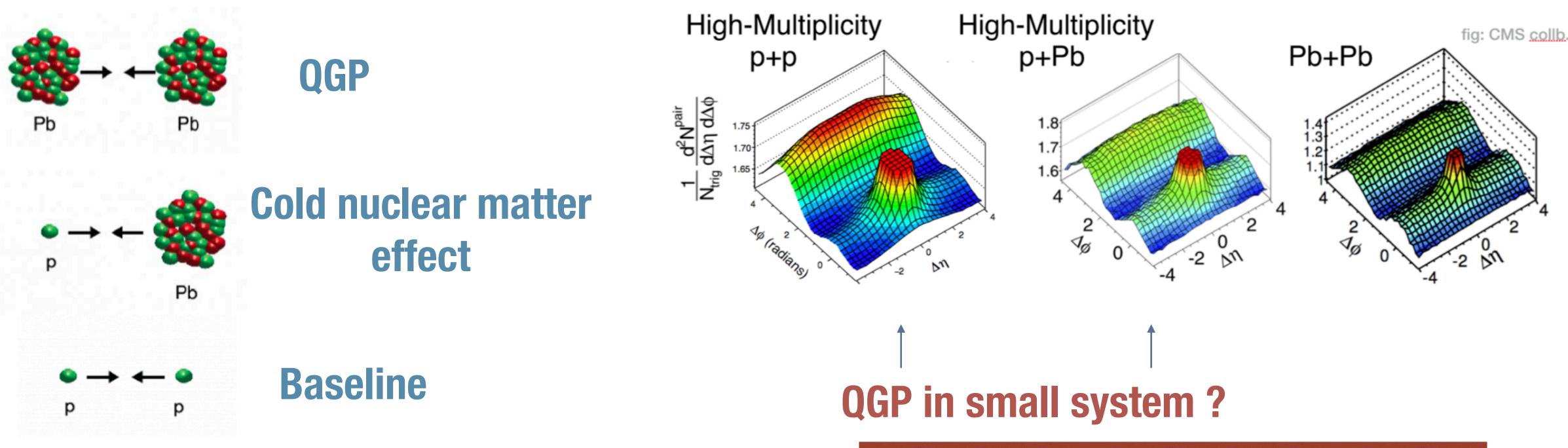
#### \* Small refers to :

• Size of colliding objects.

- Size of created medium.
  - \* Ncoll, Npart
  - \* <u>Multiplicity</u>



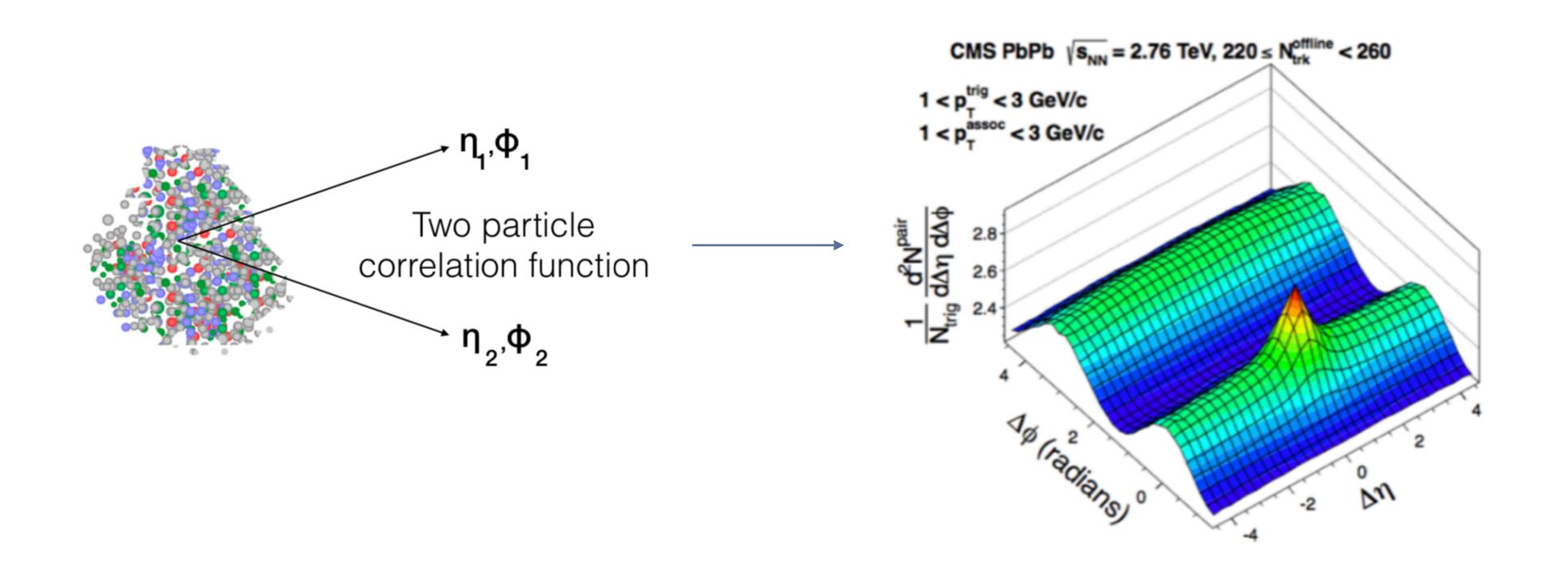
# What do we search for in small system?



#### \* Small systems are traditionally considered « control systems » for HIC.

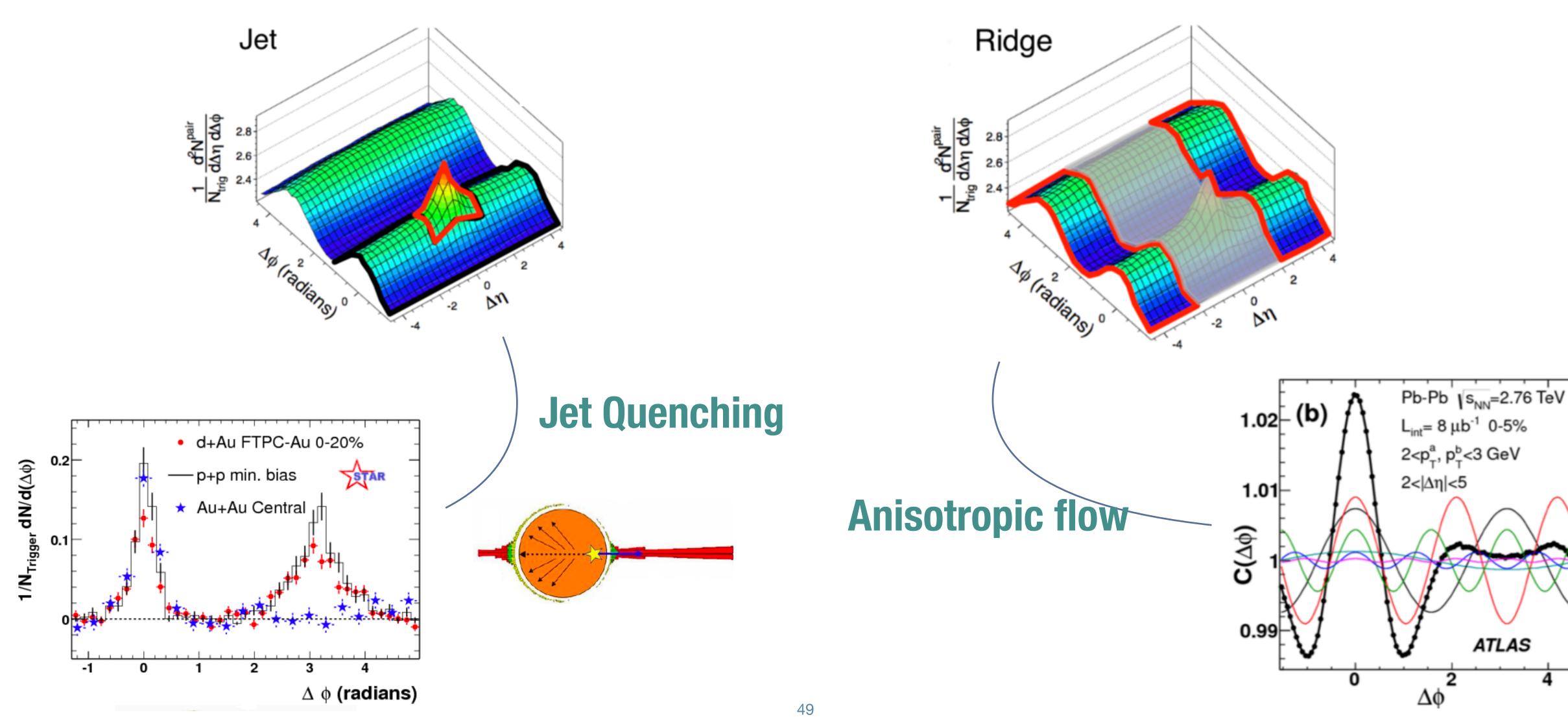
We need to change our perspectives and look closely at small systems

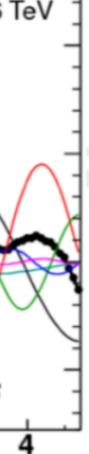
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#### \* What are those structures on the correlation matrice ?

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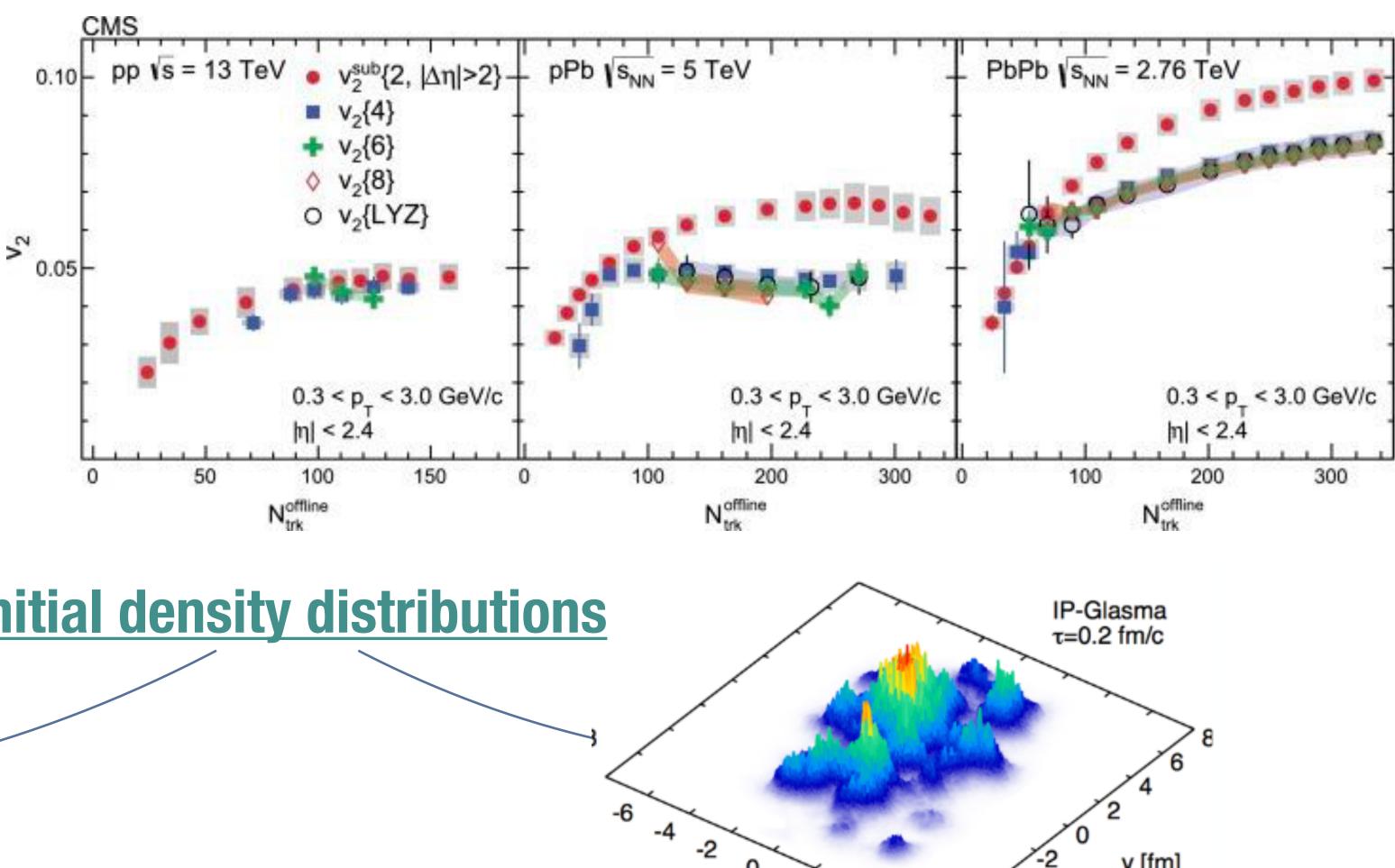


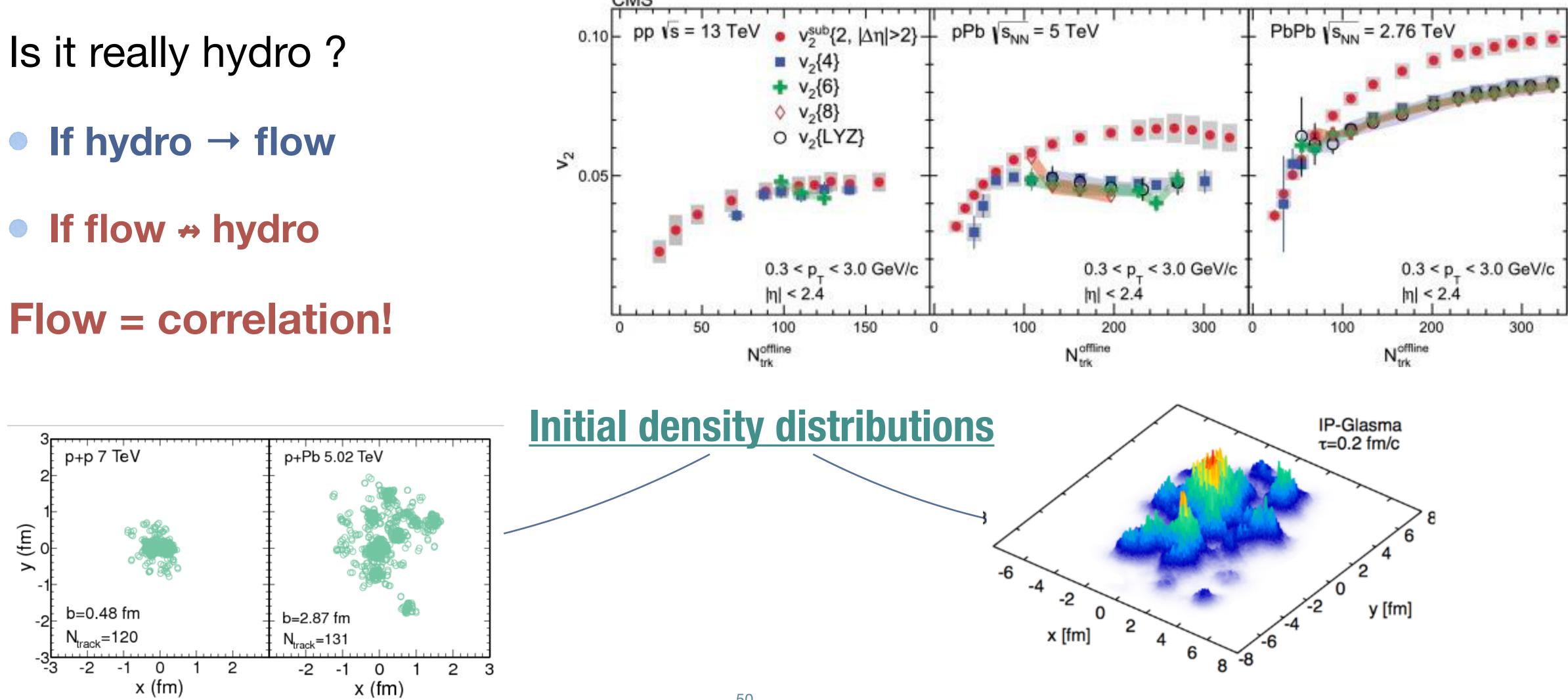


# Elliptic flow in small systems

- \*  $v_2 > 0$  for all systems !
- Is it really hydro ?



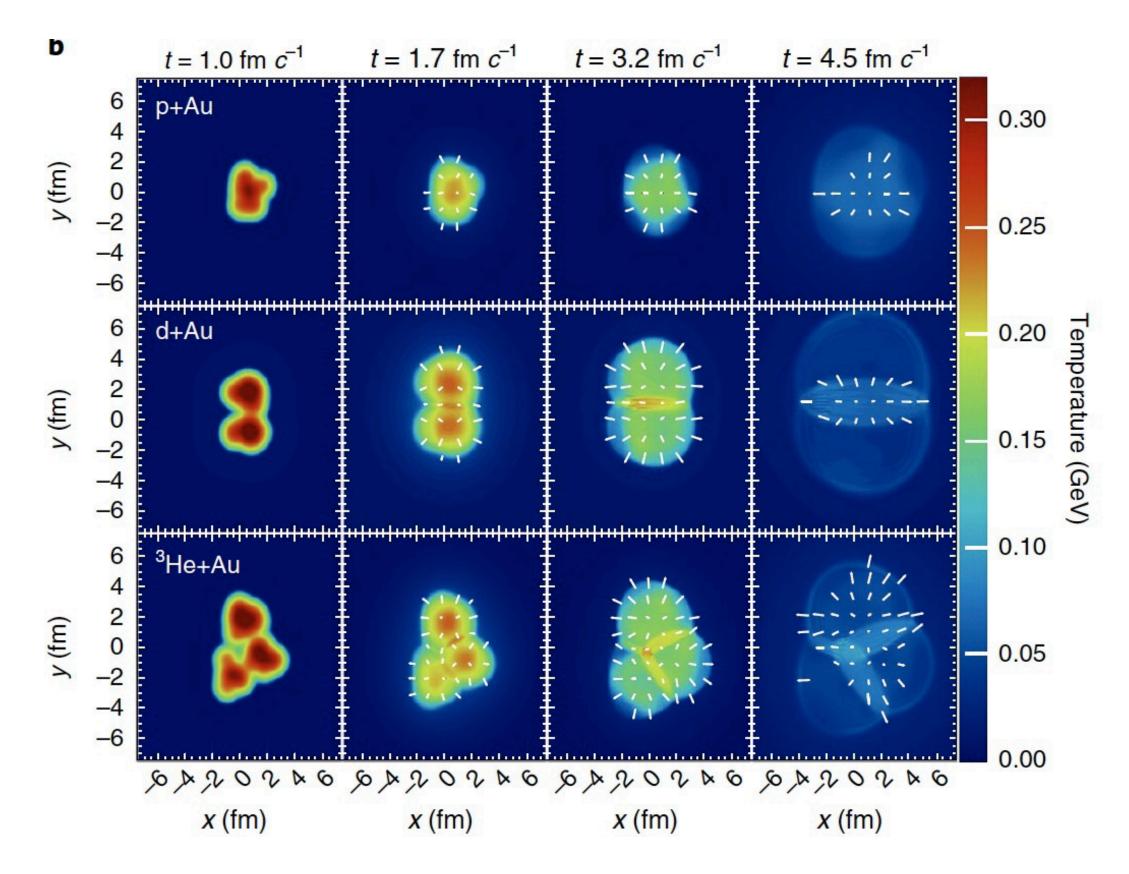




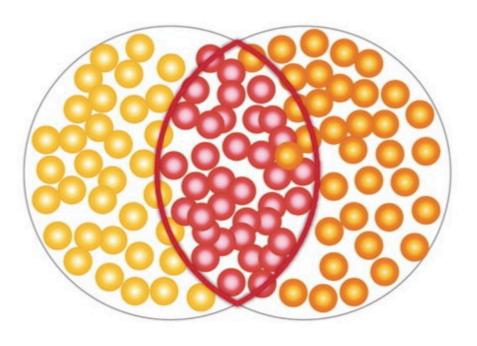
#### Slides from Matt Durham - LHCb week Angular flow: latest result from PHENIX

#### **PHENIX, Nature Physics 15 214–220 (2019)**

Creation of quark–gluon plasma droplets with three distinct geometries

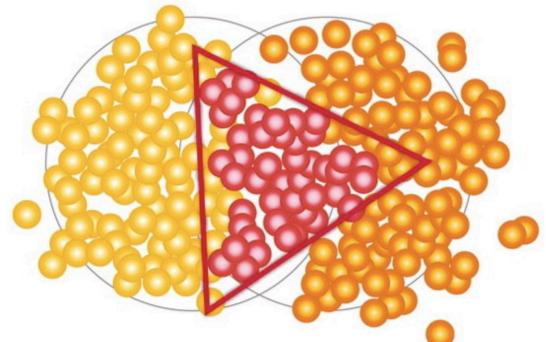


#### **Hydro simulation**



Elliptic flow

d+A collisions have intrinsic ellipticity: enhanced v2



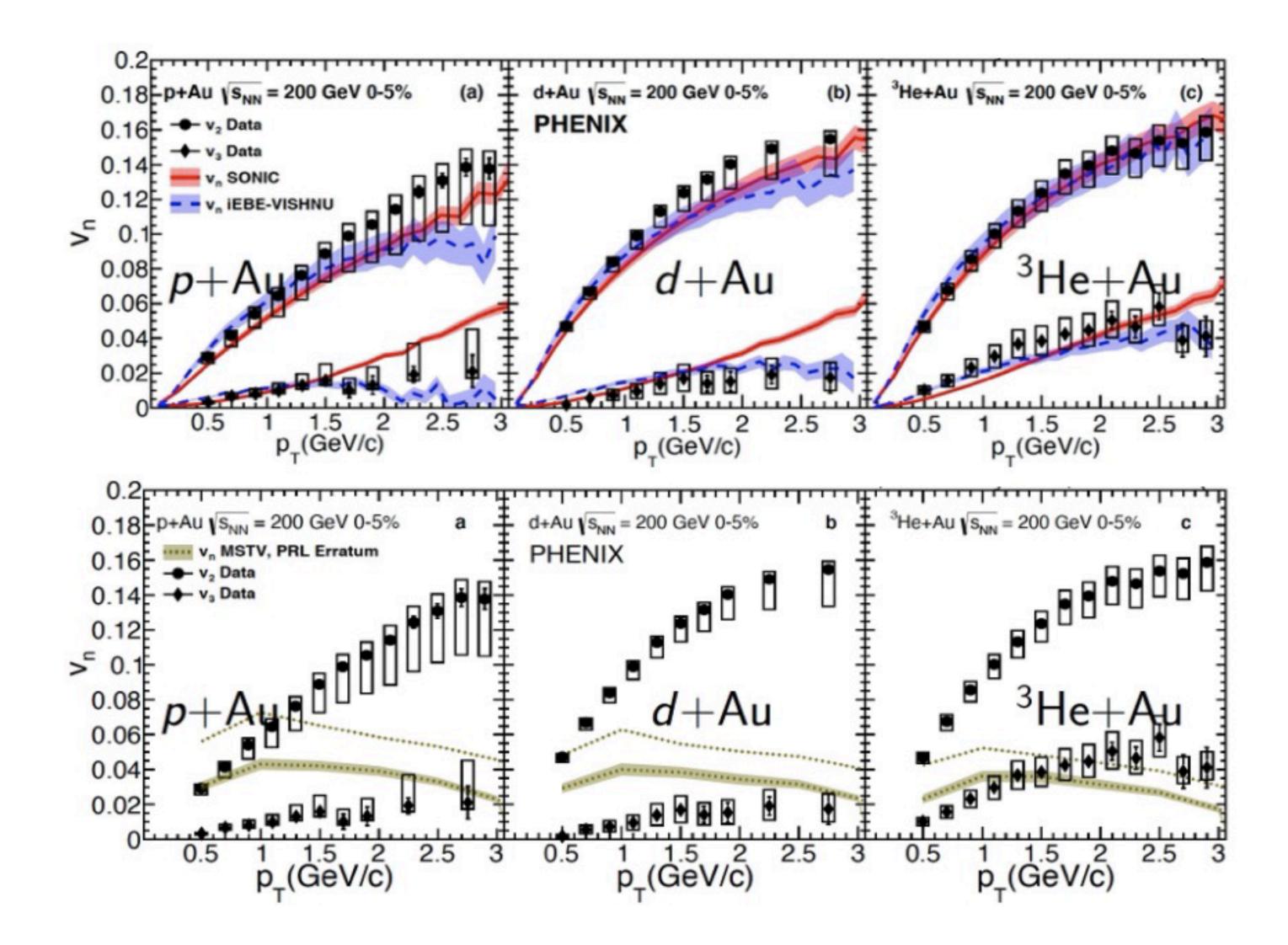
**Triangular flow** 

<sup>3</sup>He+A collisions have intrinsic triangularity: enhanced v3

$$v_2^{p+Au} < v_2^{d+Au} \approx v_2^{^{3}He+Au}$$
$$v_3^{p+Au} \approx v_3^{d+Au} < v_3^{^{3}He+Au}$$



### The results ....



# **SONIC** and **iEBE-VISHNU**: hydrodynamics predictions

# MSTV: initial state calculation, does not match data

Small system flow depends on intial geometry, just like large systems. Points to similar origin.