



# **Light a fire in Cold Nuclear Matters**

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## Quark Soup

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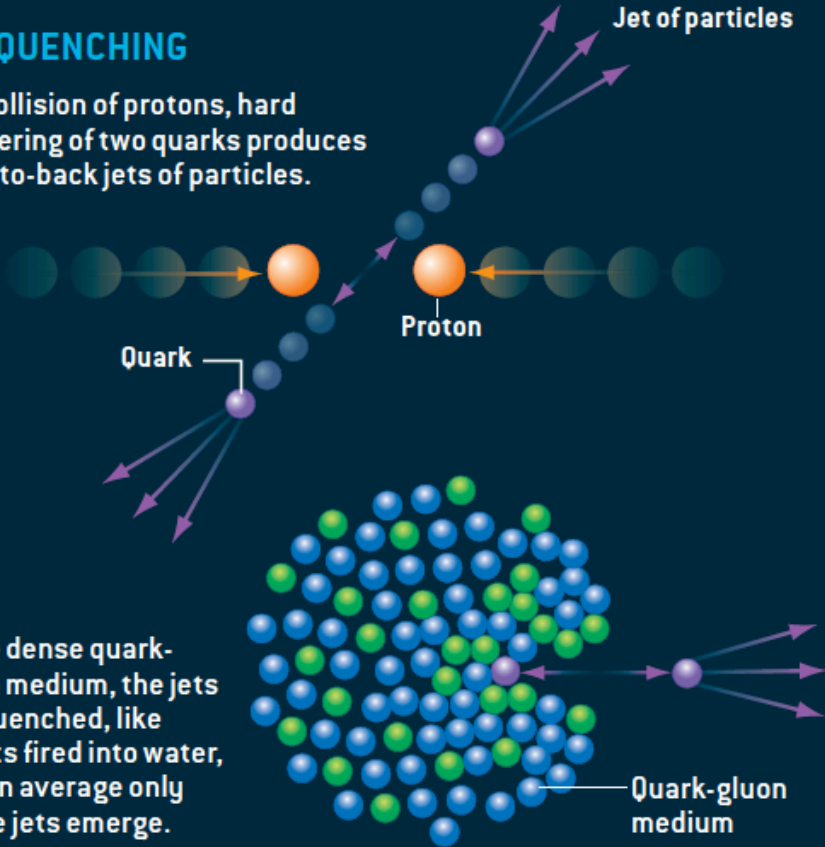


# EVIDENCE FOR A DENSE LIQUID

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

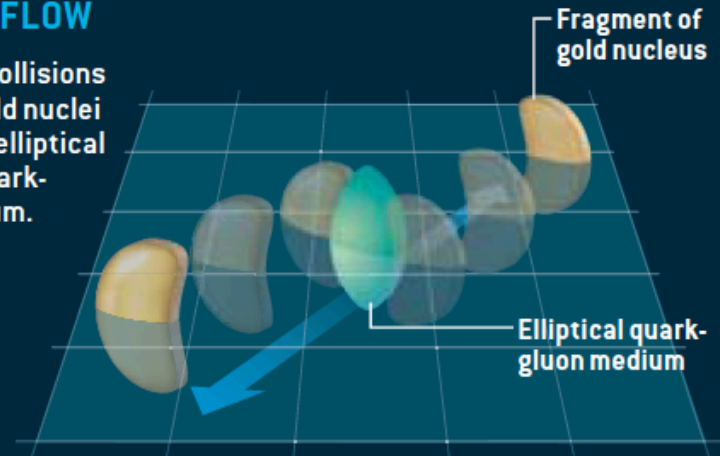
In a collision of protons, hard scattering of two quarks produces back-to-back jets of particles.



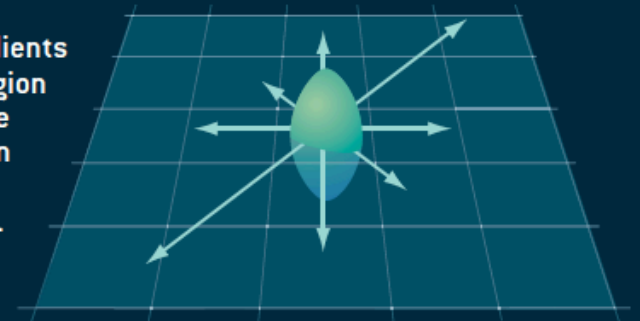
In the dense quark-gluon medium, the jets are quenched, like bullets fired into water, and on average only single jets emerge.

## ELLIPTIC FLOW

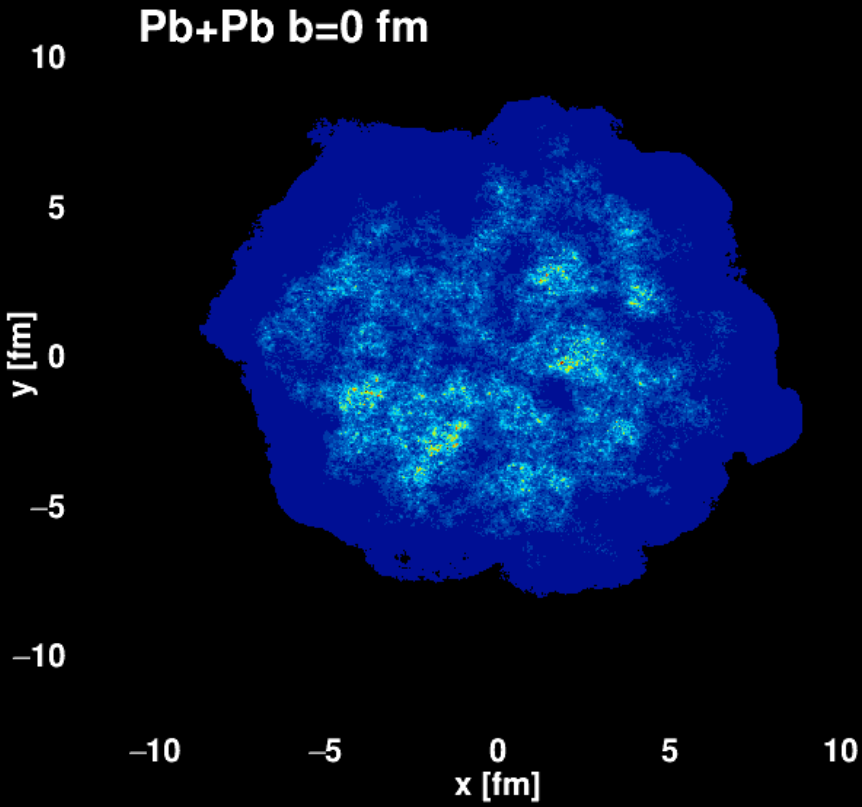
Off-center collisions between gold nuclei produce an elliptical region of quark-gluon medium.



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



# Recipe for Quark Soup

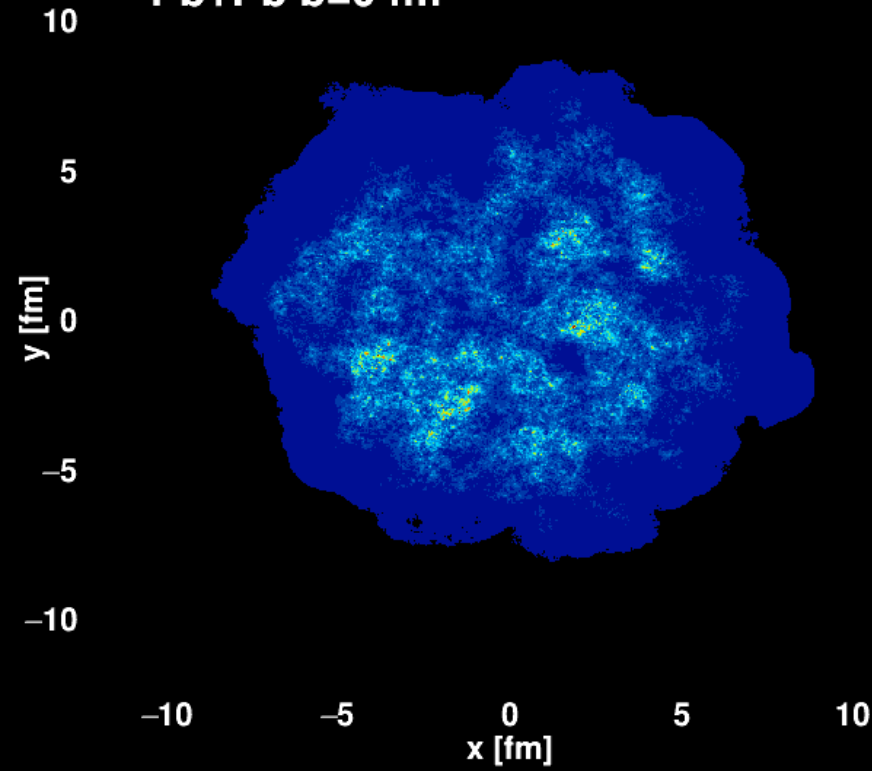


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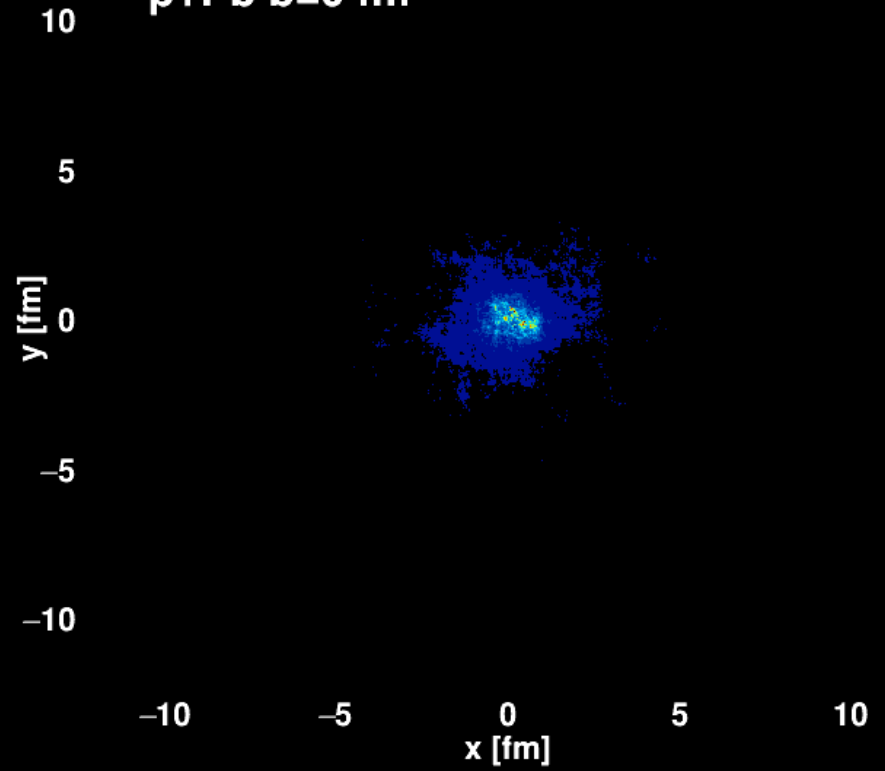
**Excellent recipe for Quark-Gluon Plasma !**

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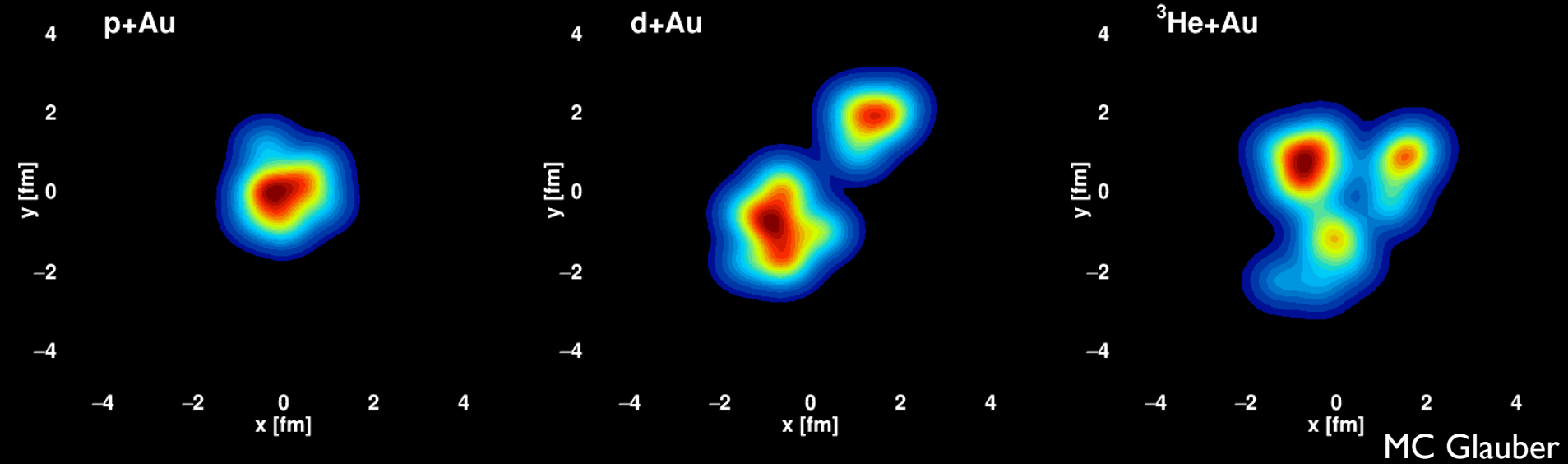
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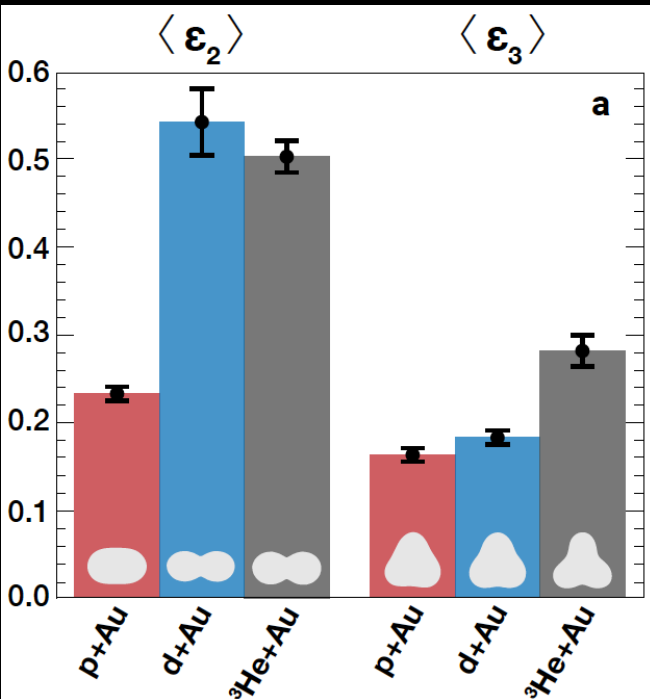
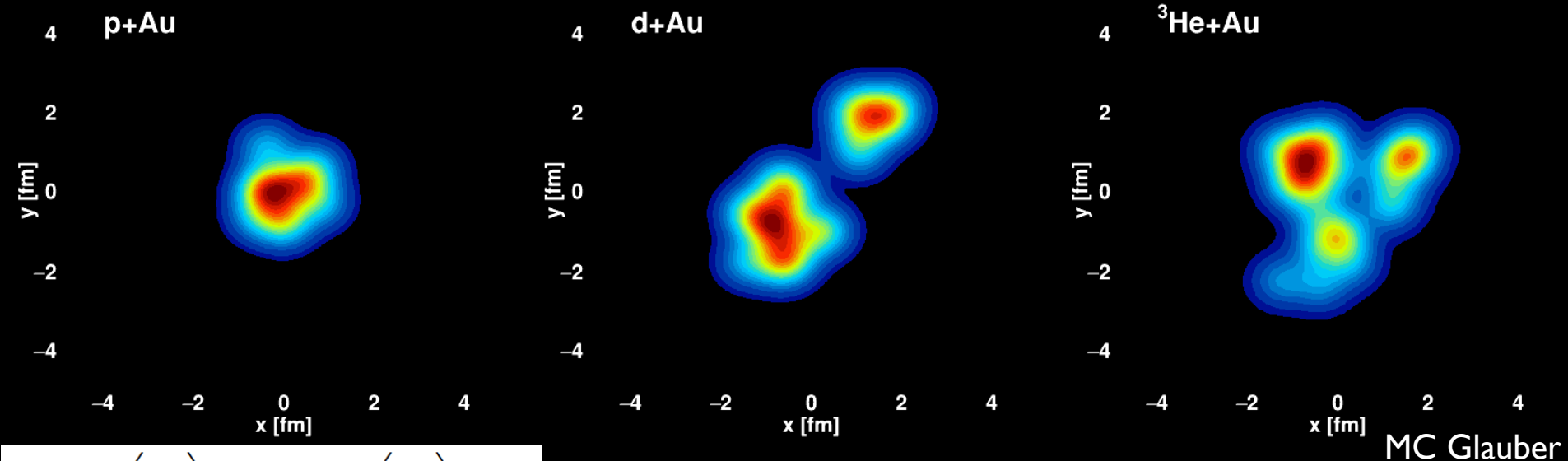
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**How about this new recipe ?**

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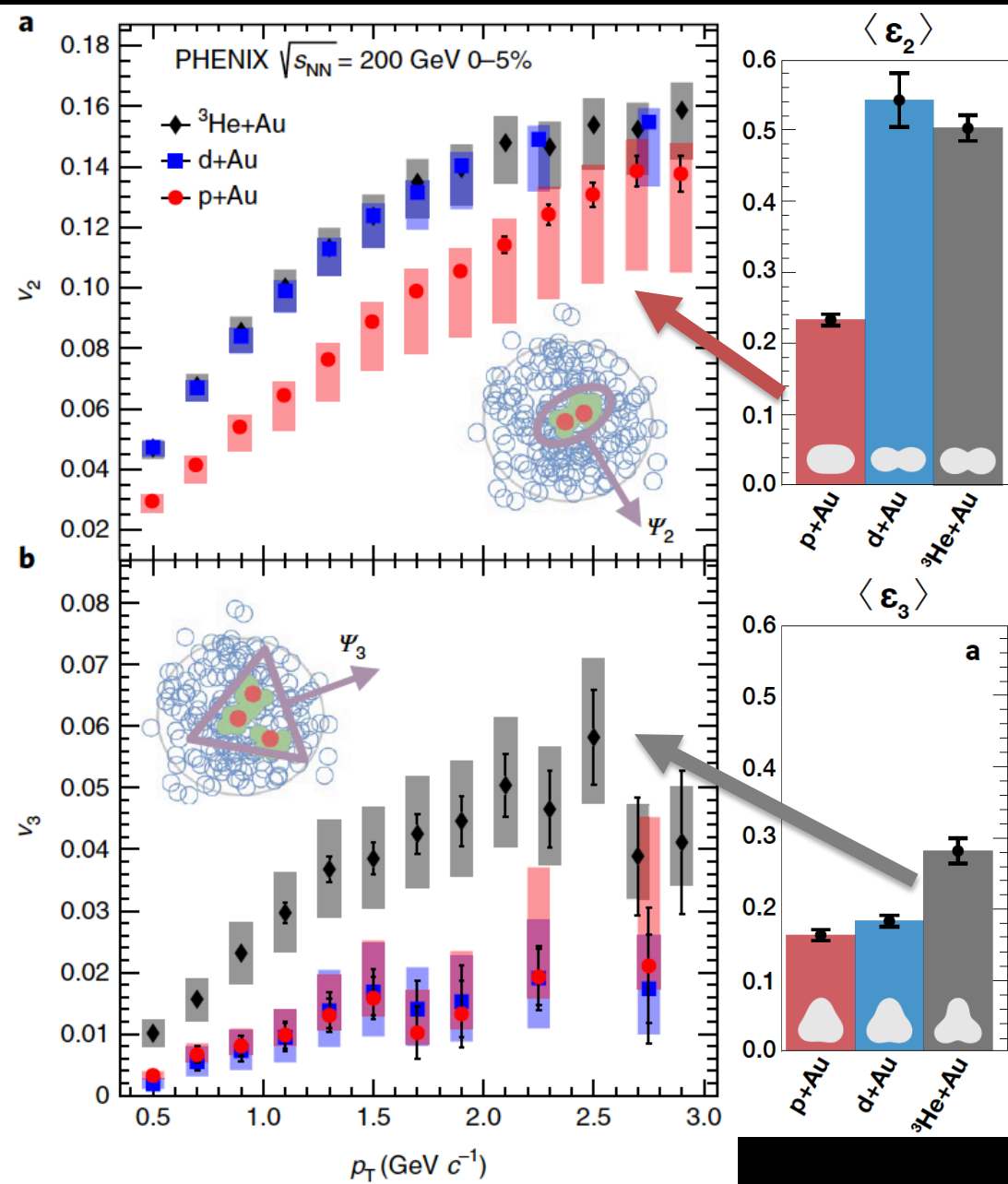
- **Clearly different initial geometry in p+Au, d+Au, and  $^3\text{He+Au}$  collisions**

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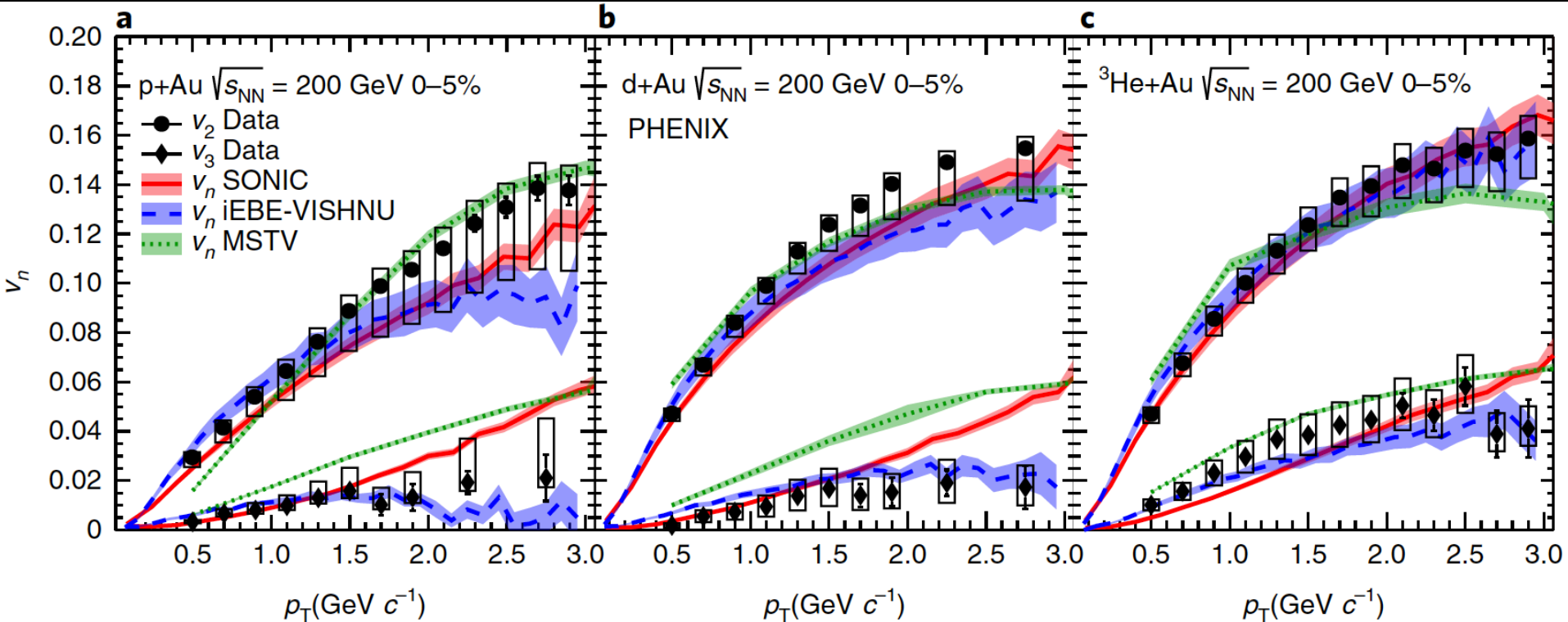
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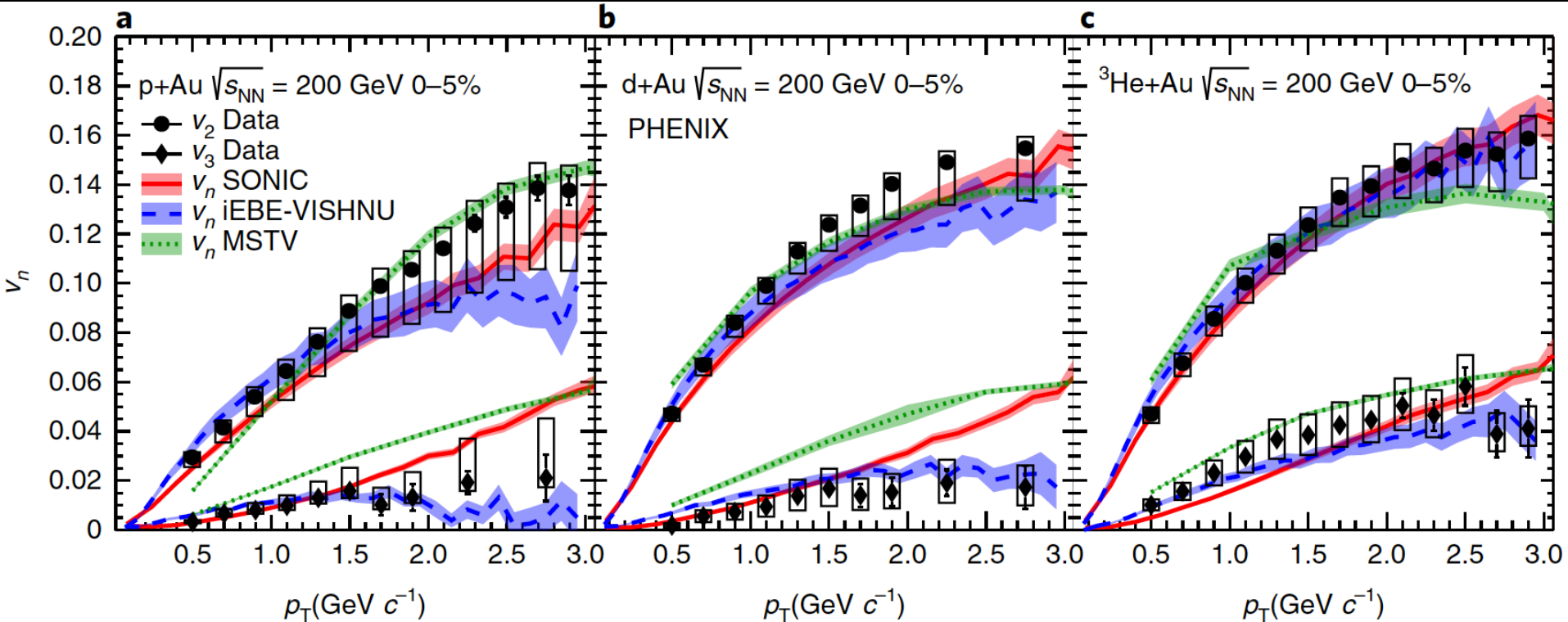
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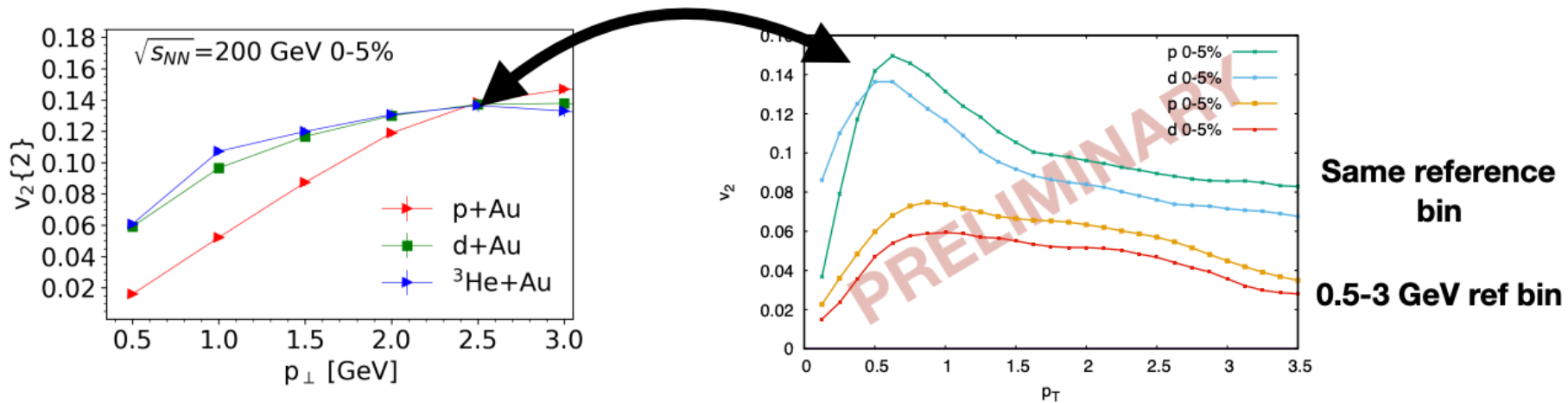
→ **Incorrect!**

$$\frac{dN}{d^2k} [\text{GeV}^{-2}] \stackrel{!}{=} f(k') [\text{fm}^2]$$

Effectively, all results were off by in momenta factor of  $\hbar c$

# What does this mean

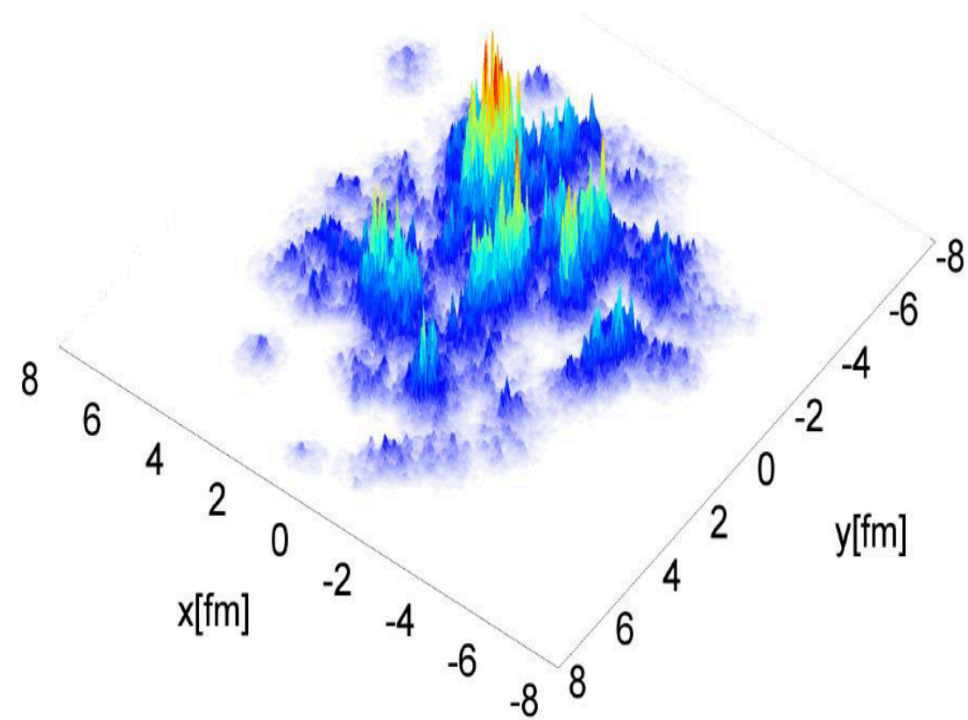
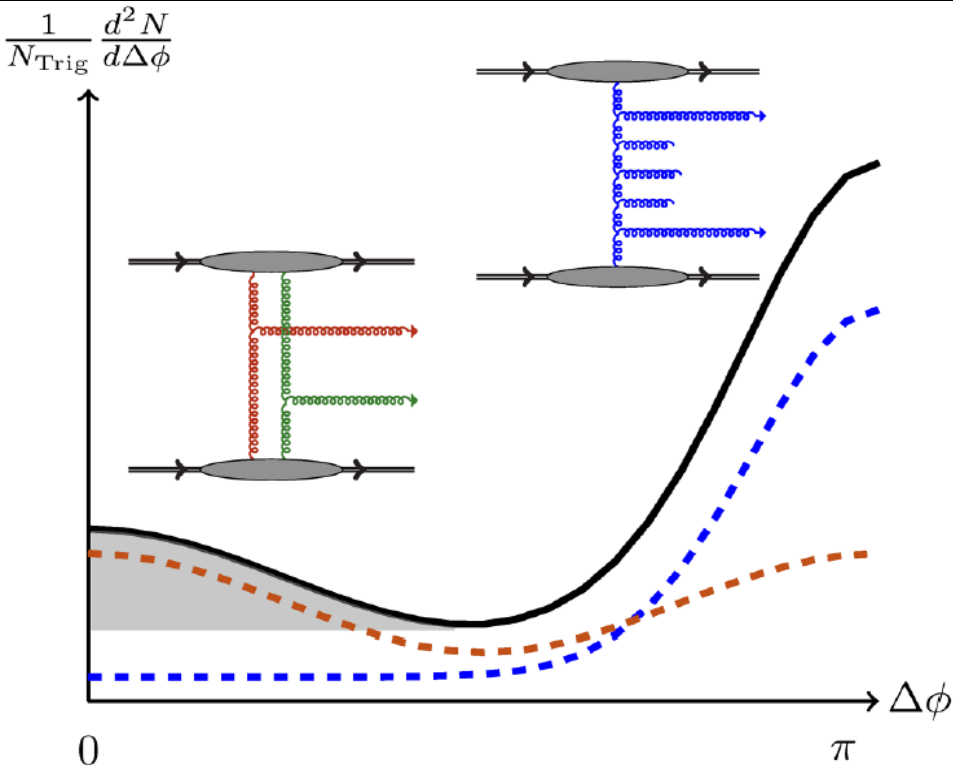
Effectively, nuclei were *zoomed in on* by incorrectly considering only small momenta



With corrections to momenta factors (including reference bin), CGC appears to be unable to describe data systematics, i.e.

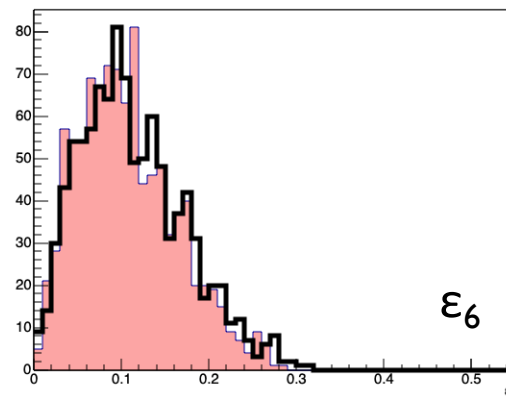
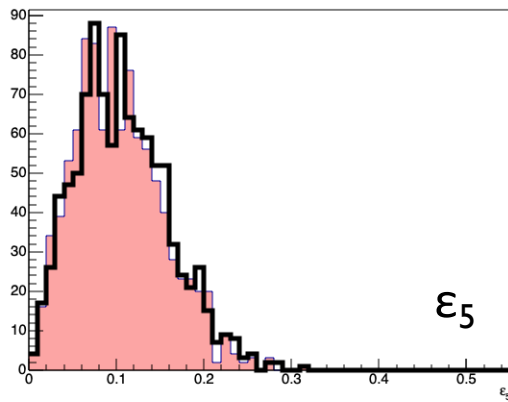
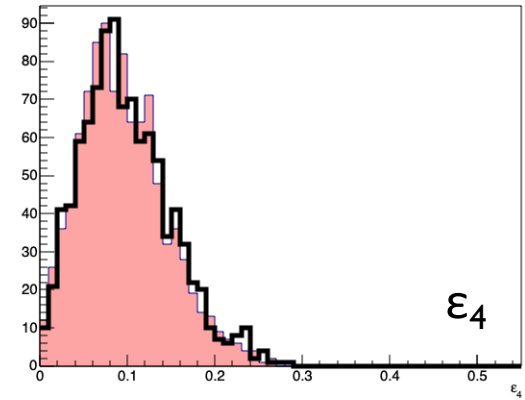
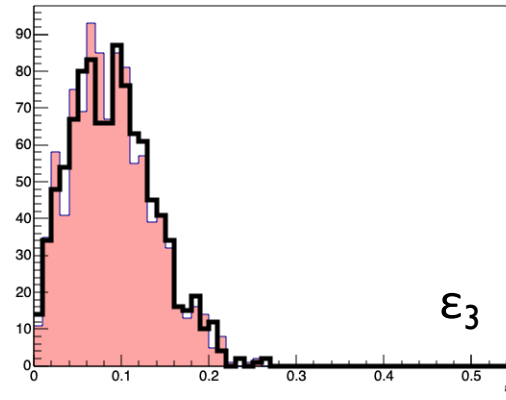
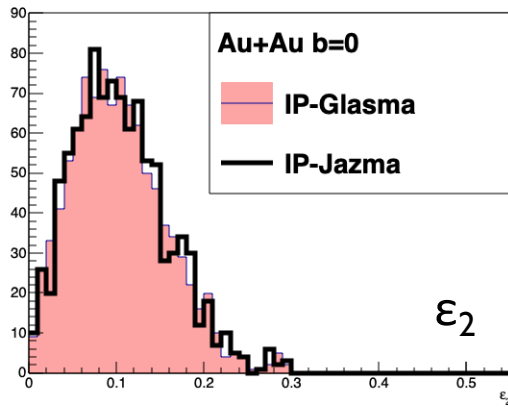
$$v_2(p \text{ 0-5\%}) > v_2(d \text{ 0-5\%}) > v_2(^3\text{He} \text{ 0-5\%})$$

# Searching for colorful domain



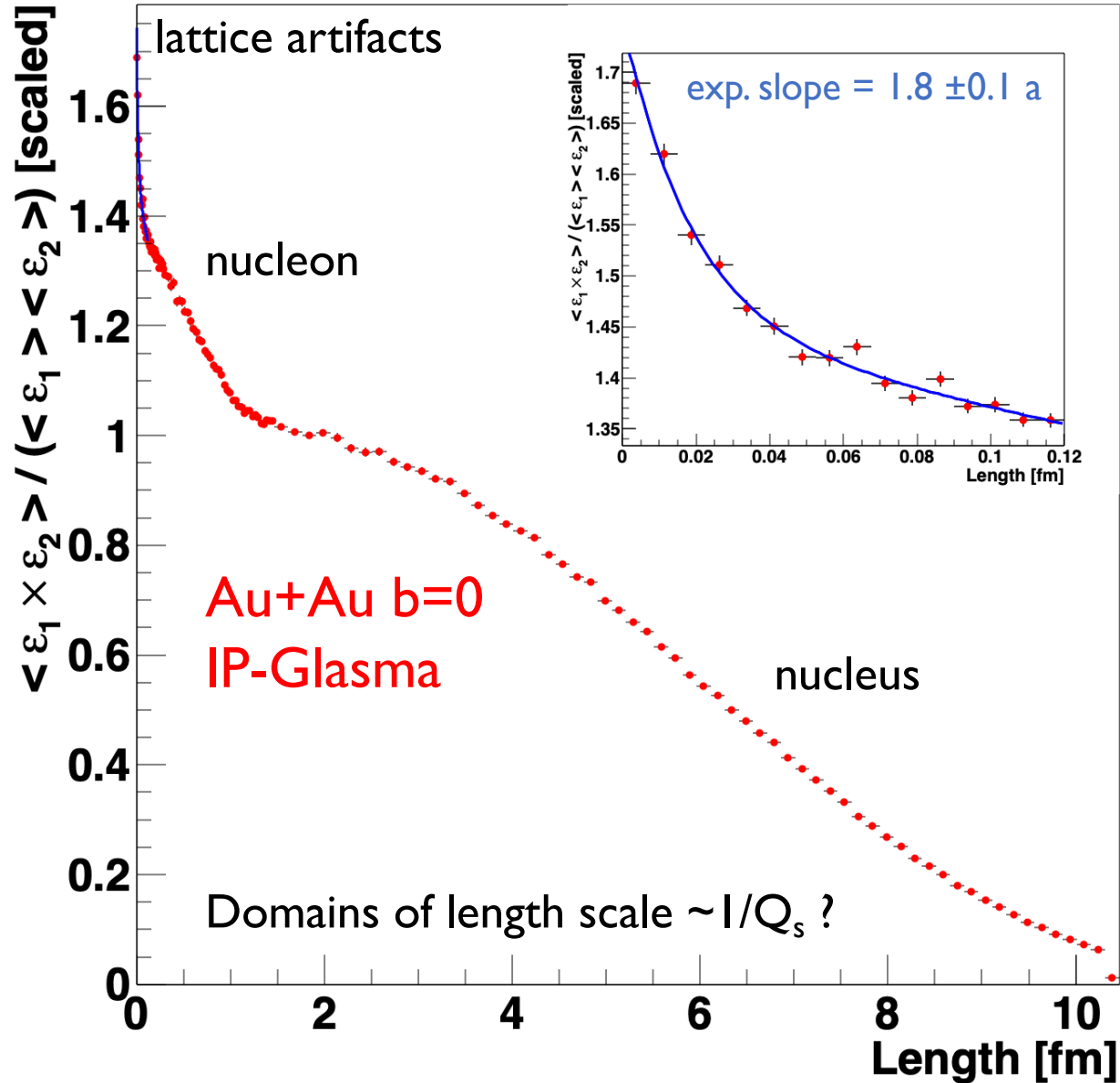
- The effect from CGC model can be studied by comparing another model including other phenomenological pieces (*IP-Jazma*, arXiv:1808.01276)
  - MC Glauber for nucleons
  - IP-Sat for  $Q_s$
  - Multiplication of gluon densities in two nuclei for energy density

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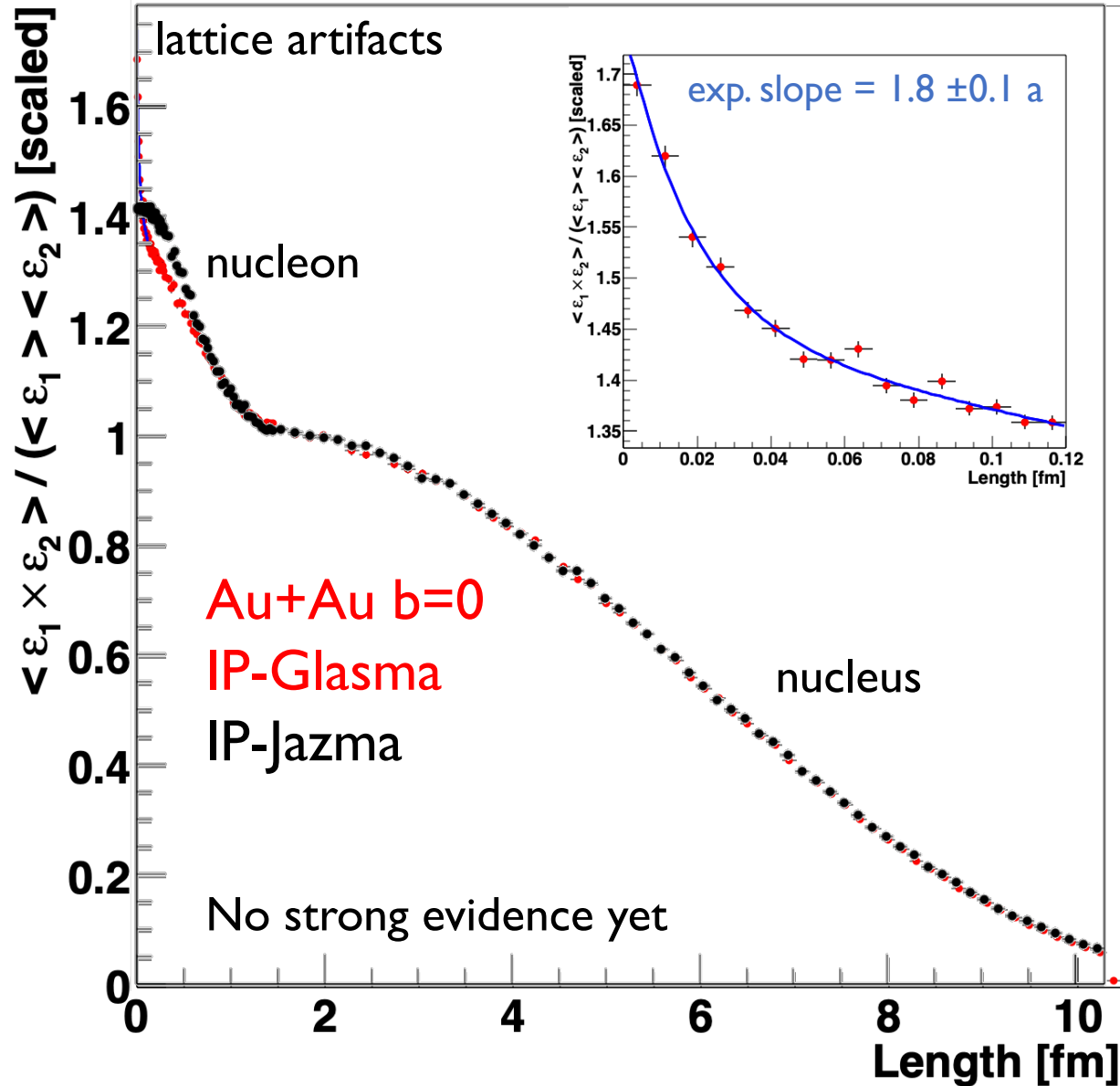


- **Quite consistent initial geometry**

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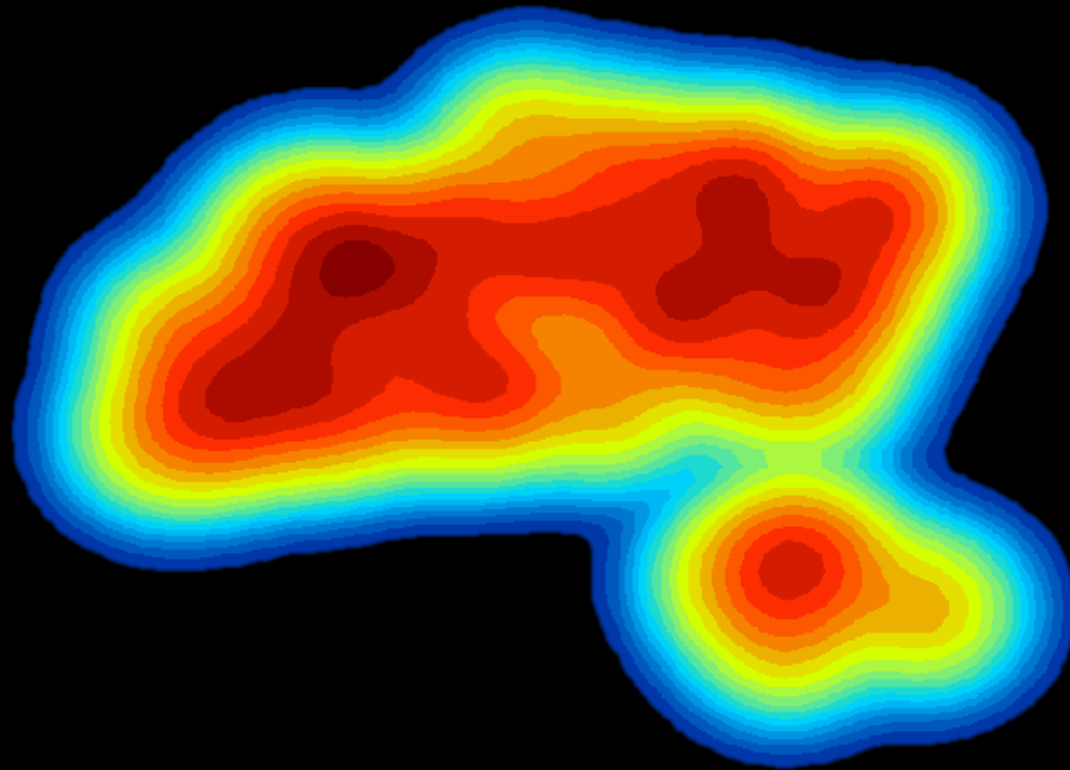


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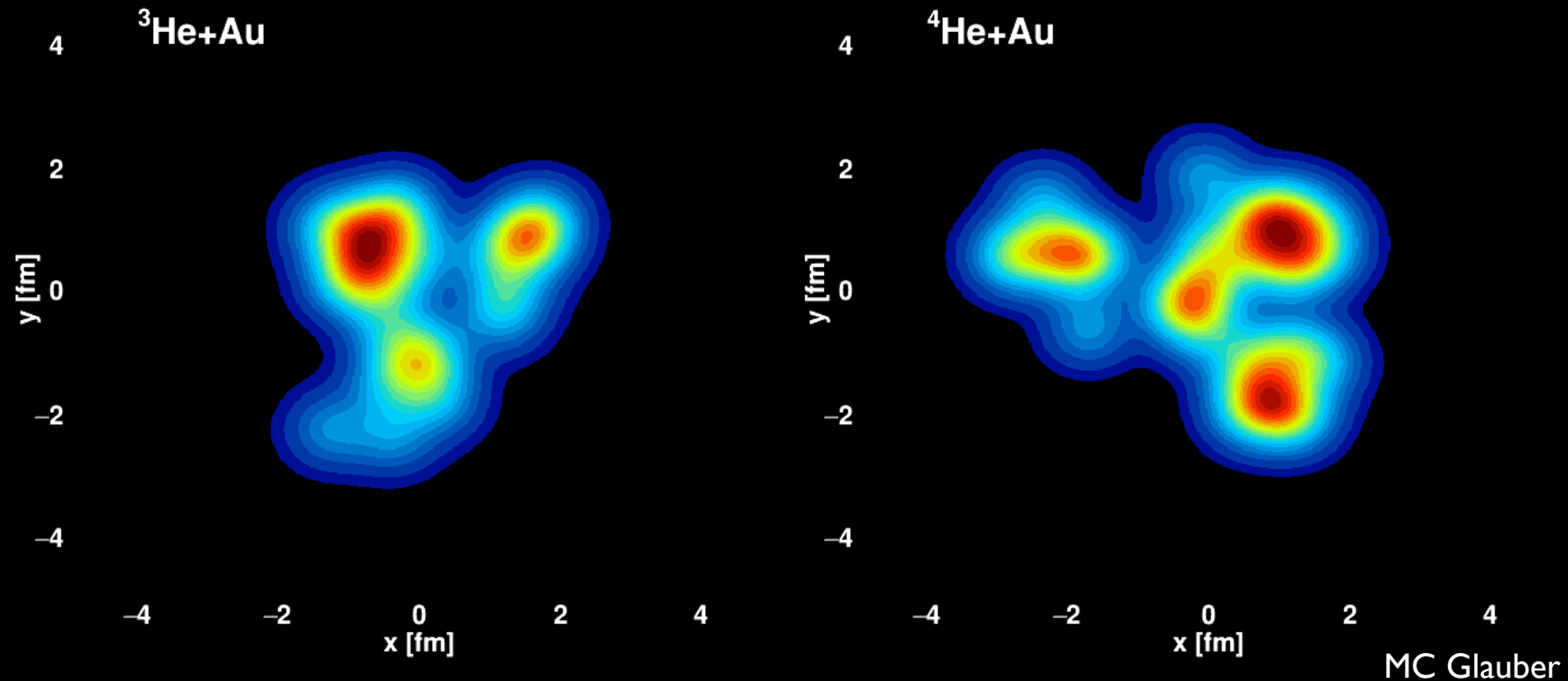
**Can you see initial correlation?**  
**Flat-Flat in IP-Glasma w/  $Q_s \sim 1$  GeV**





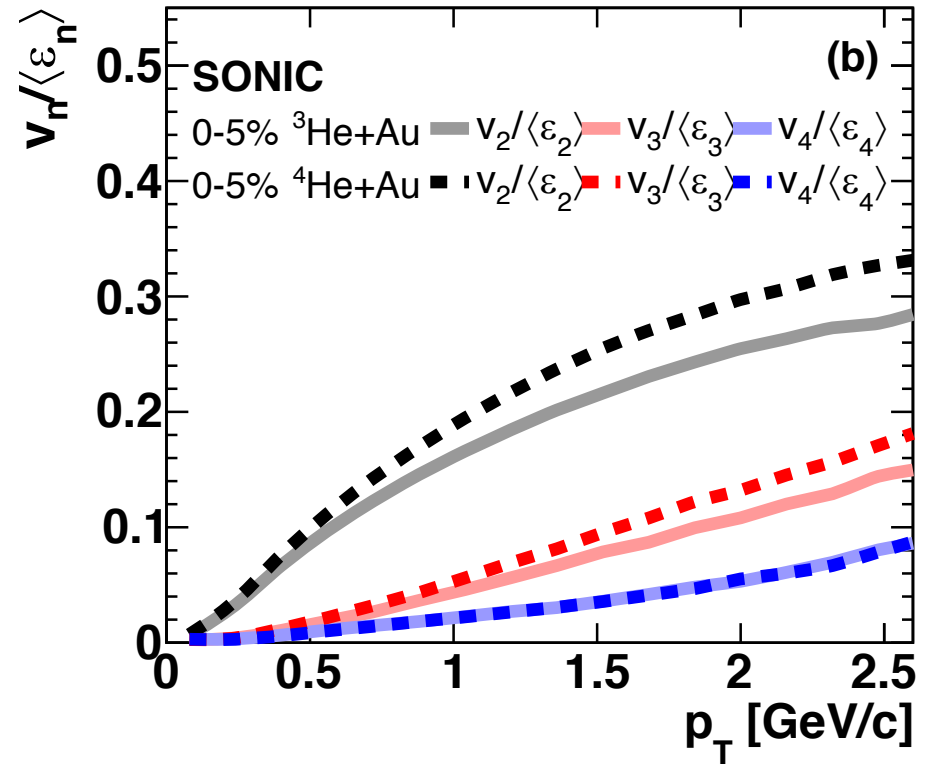
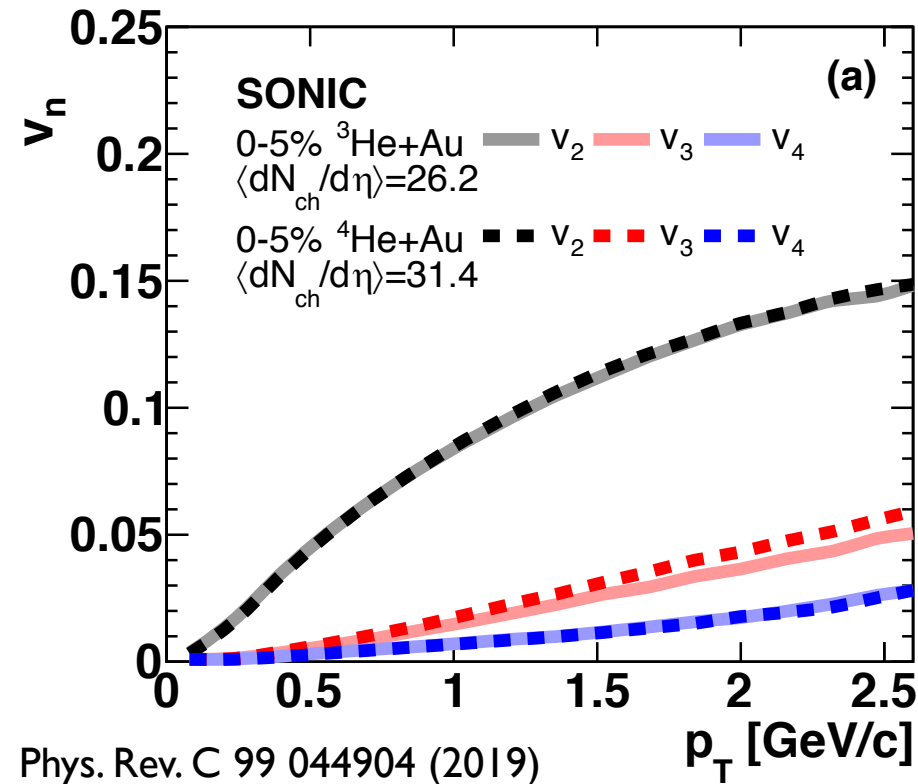
**Imagine new geometry!**

# How about ${}^4\text{He}$ ?



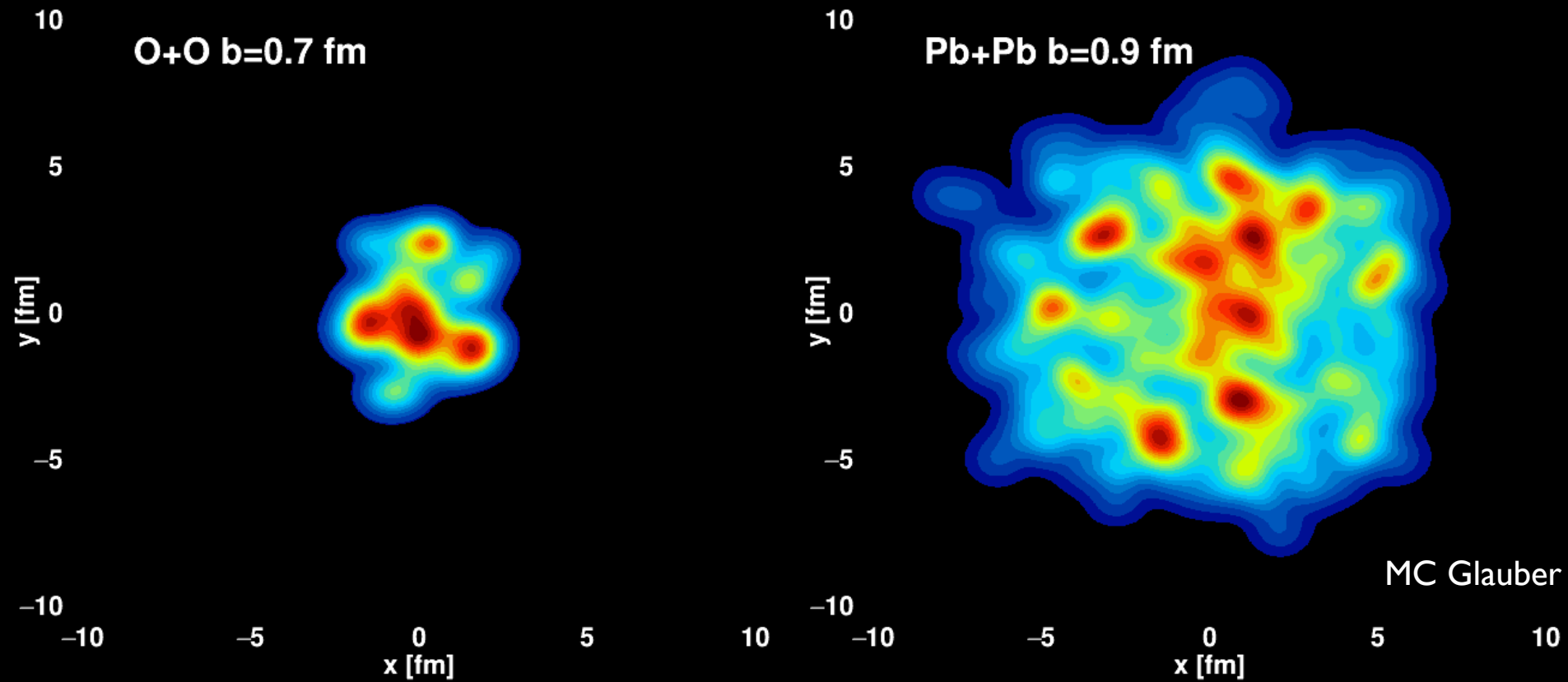
- Even with additional nucleon in  ${}^4\text{He}$ , the size is more compact than  ${}^3\text{He}$ 
  - RMS for nucleon central coordinates: *1.46 fm for  ${}^4\text{He}$  and 1.57 fm for  ${}^3\text{He}$*

# Collectivity in ${}^4\text{He}+\text{Au}$ 200 GeV



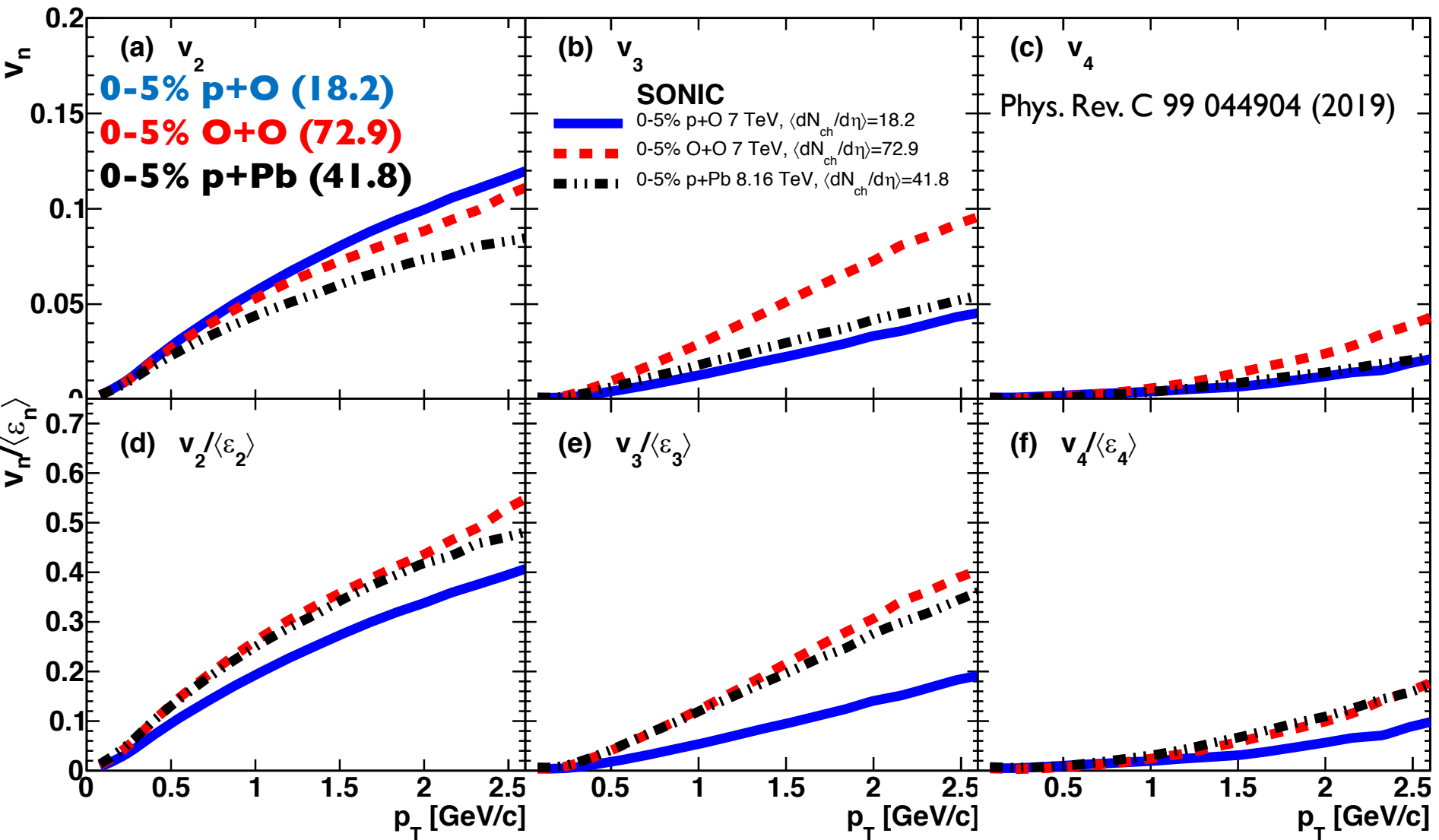
- $v_n$  relative to initial geometry ( $v_n/\langle \epsilon_n \rangle$ ) in  ${}^4\text{He}+\text{Au}$  is larger
- *More compact  ${}^4\text{He}$  induced hot spot leads to larger translation of geometry to  $v_n$*

# New collision system at the LHC



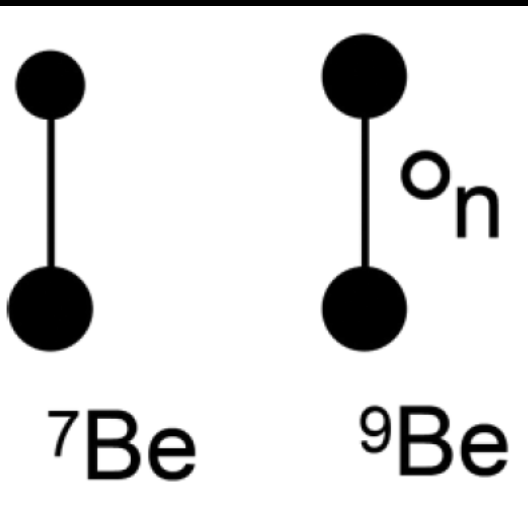
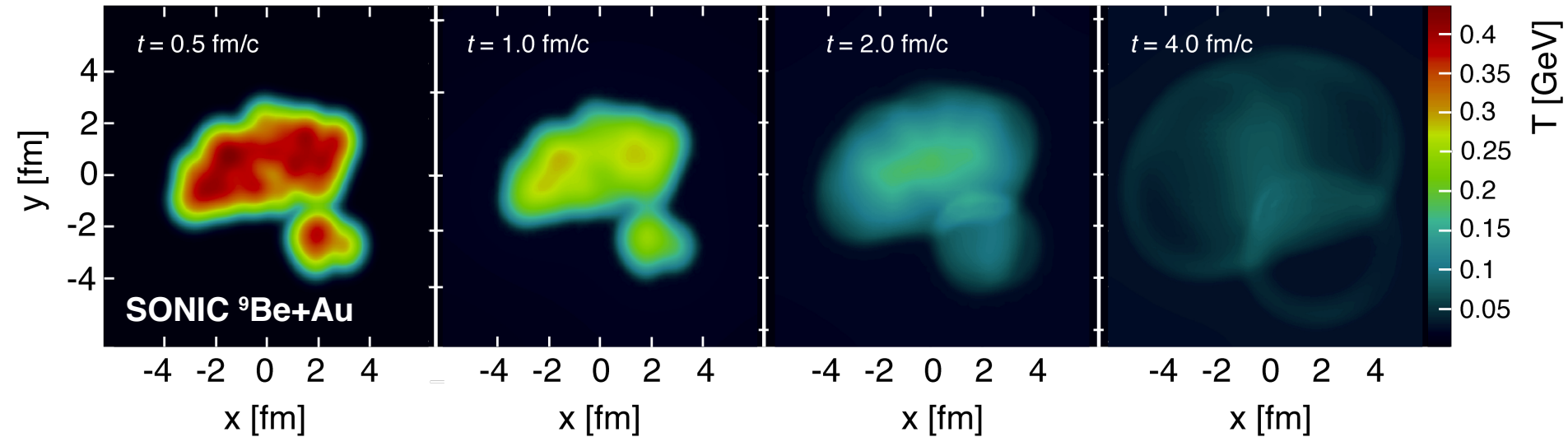
Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Time	$L_{int}$	arXiv:1812.06772
2021	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	$2.3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	$3 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ALICE), $300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ATLAS, CMS), $25 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (LHCb)	
2022	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	$3.9 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	
	O–O, p–O	1 week	$500 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ and $200 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$	
2023	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	$0.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ATLAS, CMS), $0.3 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ALICE, LHCb)	
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	$1.5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ALICE), $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)	

# Collectivity in p/O+O 7 TeV



- Similar  $v_n / \langle \epsilon_n \rangle$  between p+Pb and O+O and smaller in p+O

# $\alpha$ -clustering in ${}^9\text{Be}+\text{Au}$

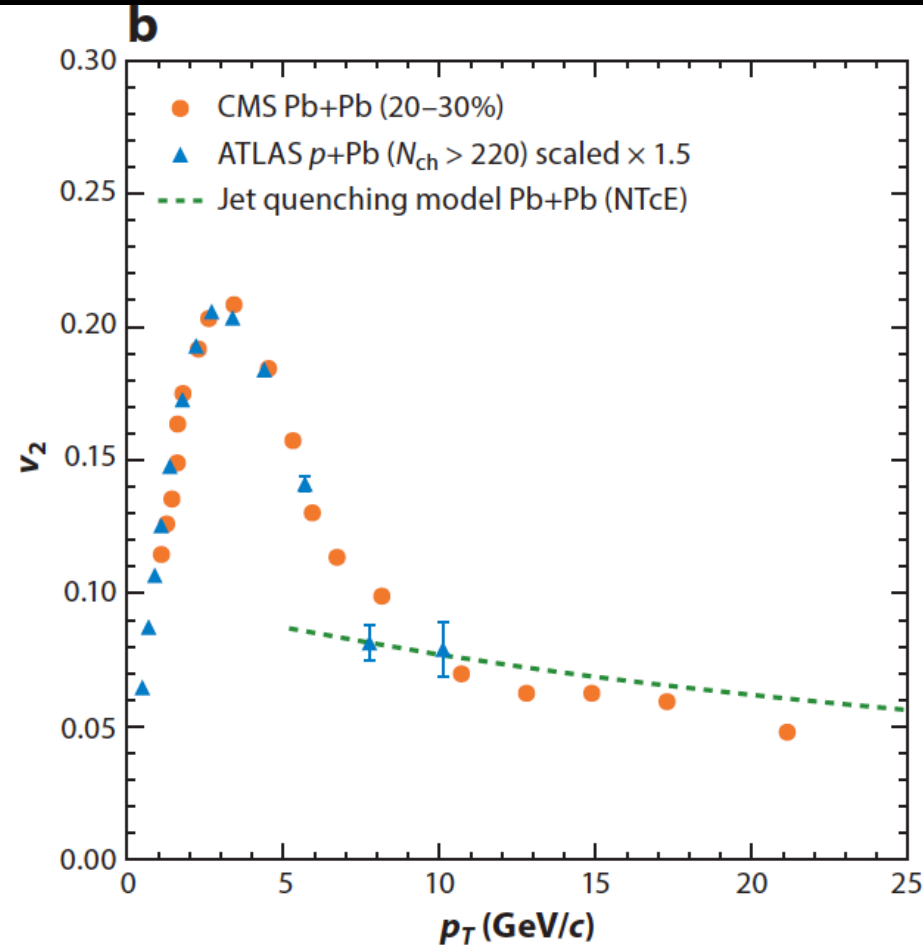
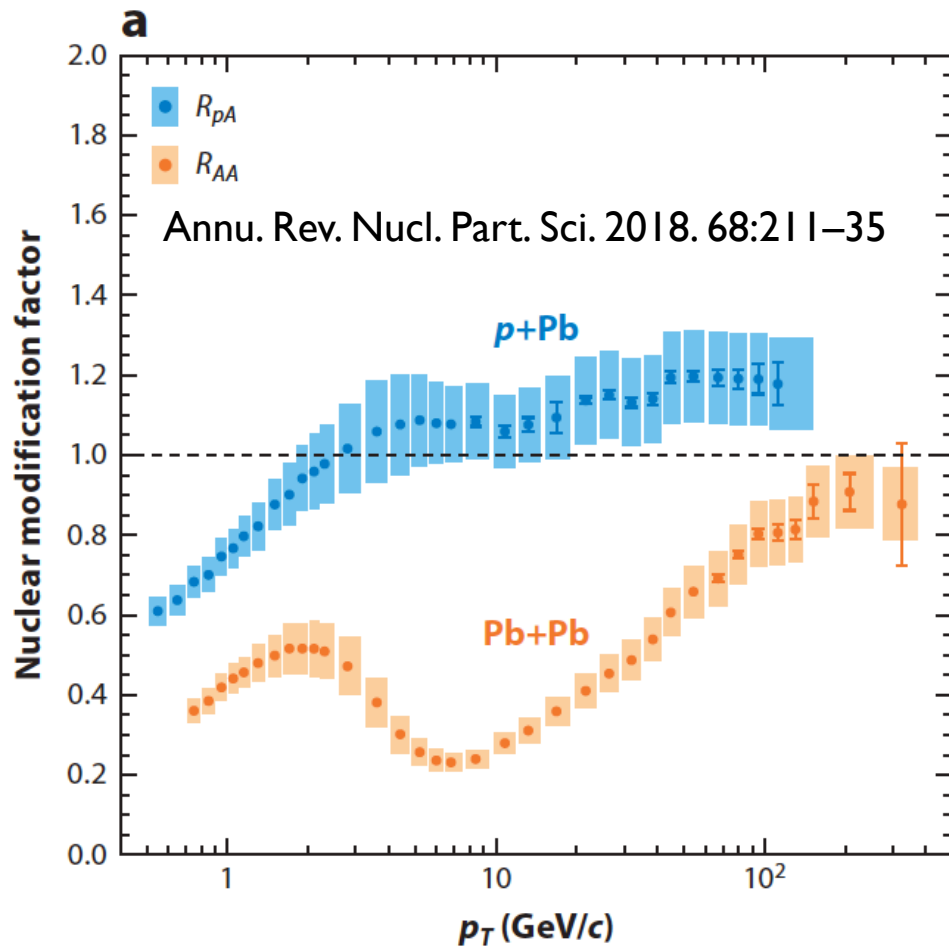


- In collisions between  ${}^7,{}^9\text{Be}$  and large nucleus, a significant deformation of ellipticity with  ${}^9\text{Be}$  because of additional neutron

**Collective behaviors have been observed everywhere!**

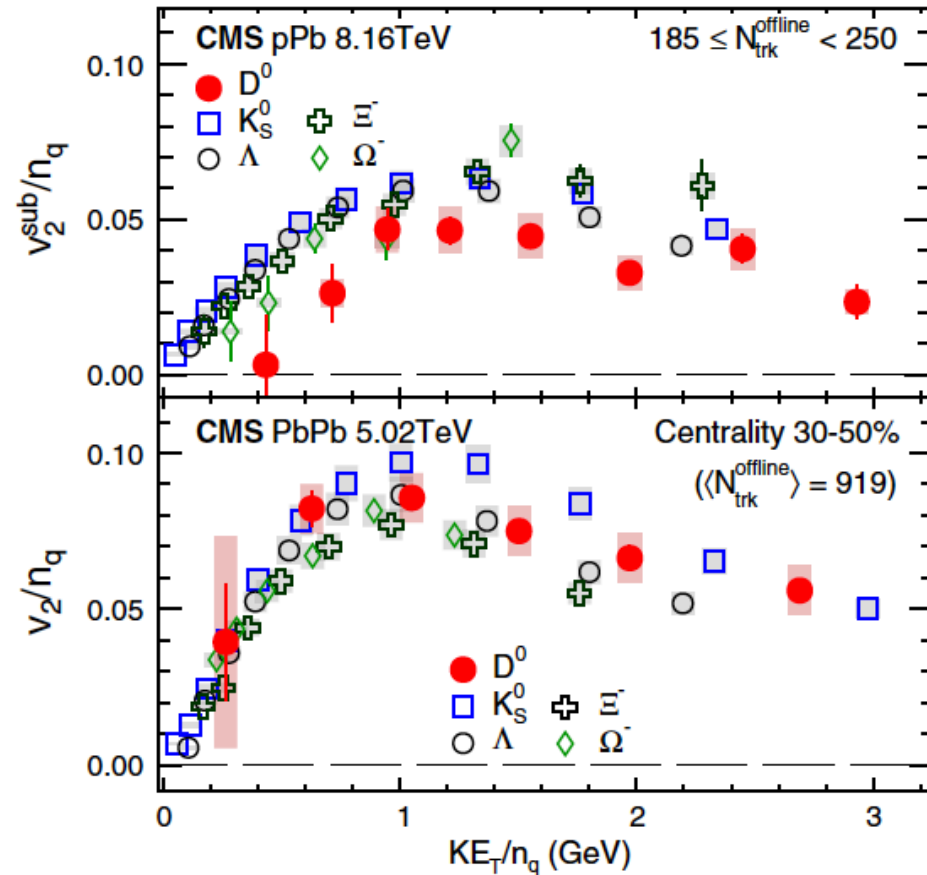
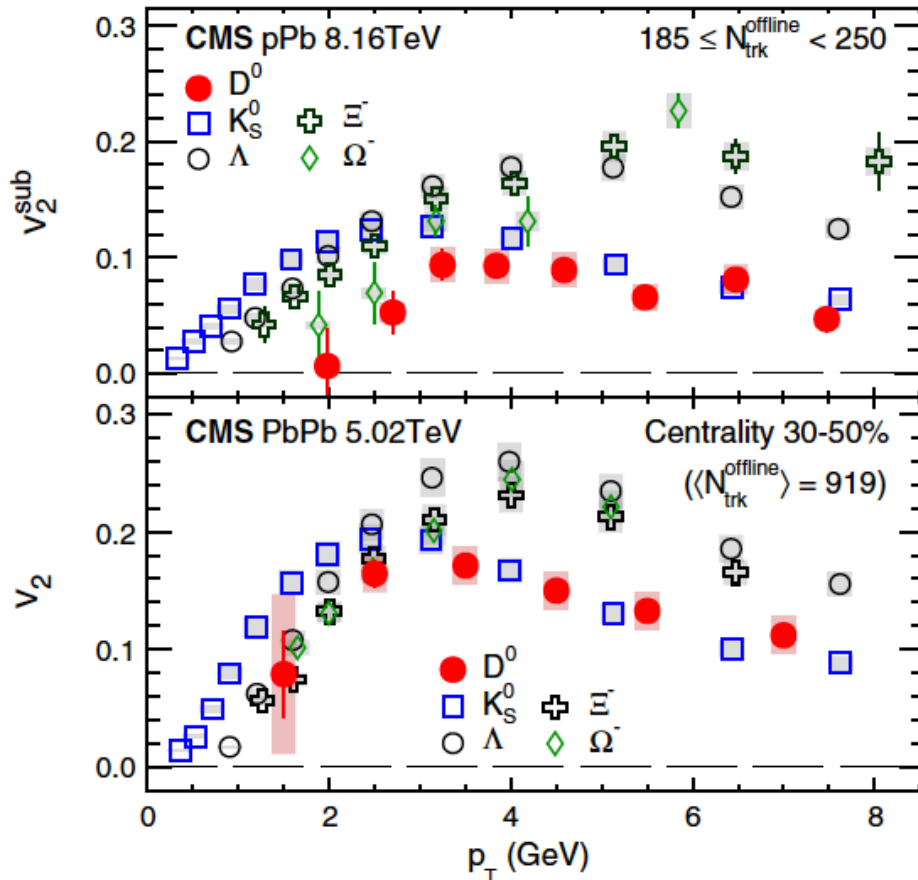
***Can we learn more by searching for  
particles not participating into the collective behavior?***

# High $p_T$ in small systems



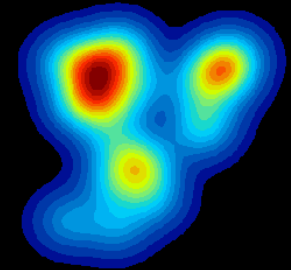
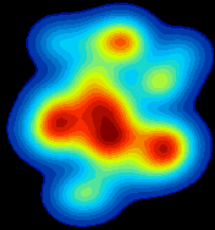
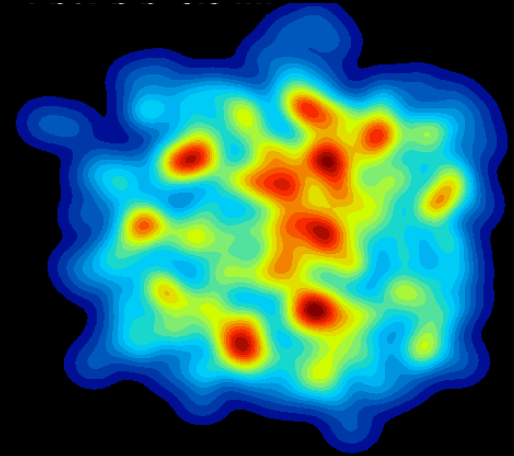
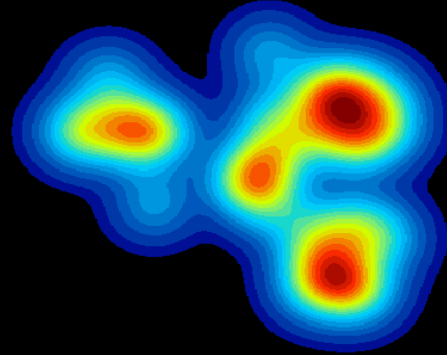
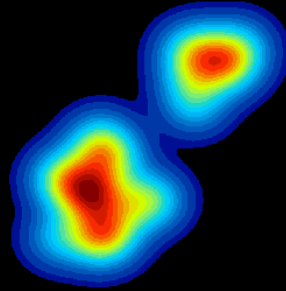
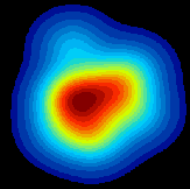
- One of explanation of high  $p_T$   $v_2$  in heavy-ion is differential energy loss
- Interesting study of high  $p_T$   $v_2$  in small systems where no clear evidence of energy loss has been observed yet





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- Strong flow for charm quarks in p+Pb and Pb+Pb
- *How about bottom quarks?*



**Many recipes for Quark-Gluon Soup!**

**Lots of efforts are on going to find out key ingredients!**

**BACKUP**

