

# Shaping the nuclear structure at the relativistic energies

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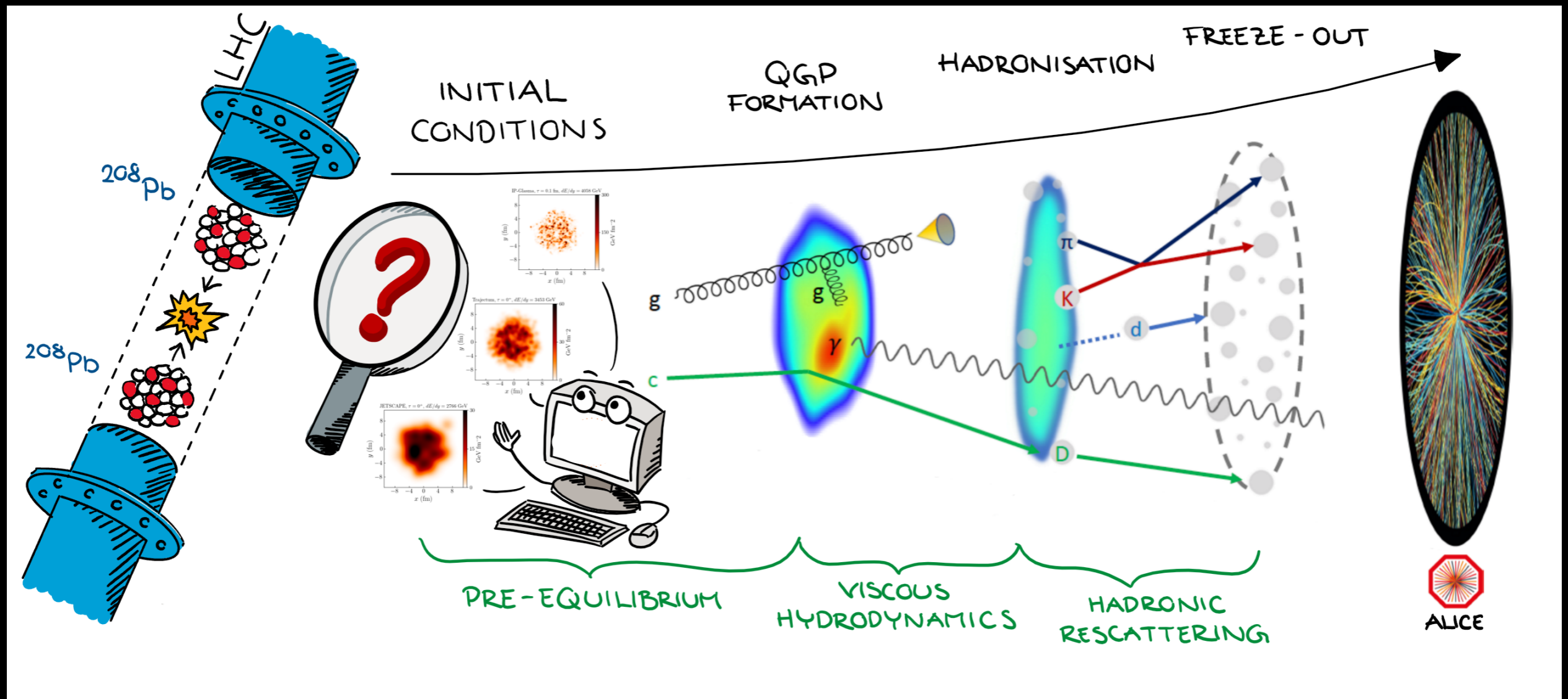


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# Evolution in the *Little Bang*

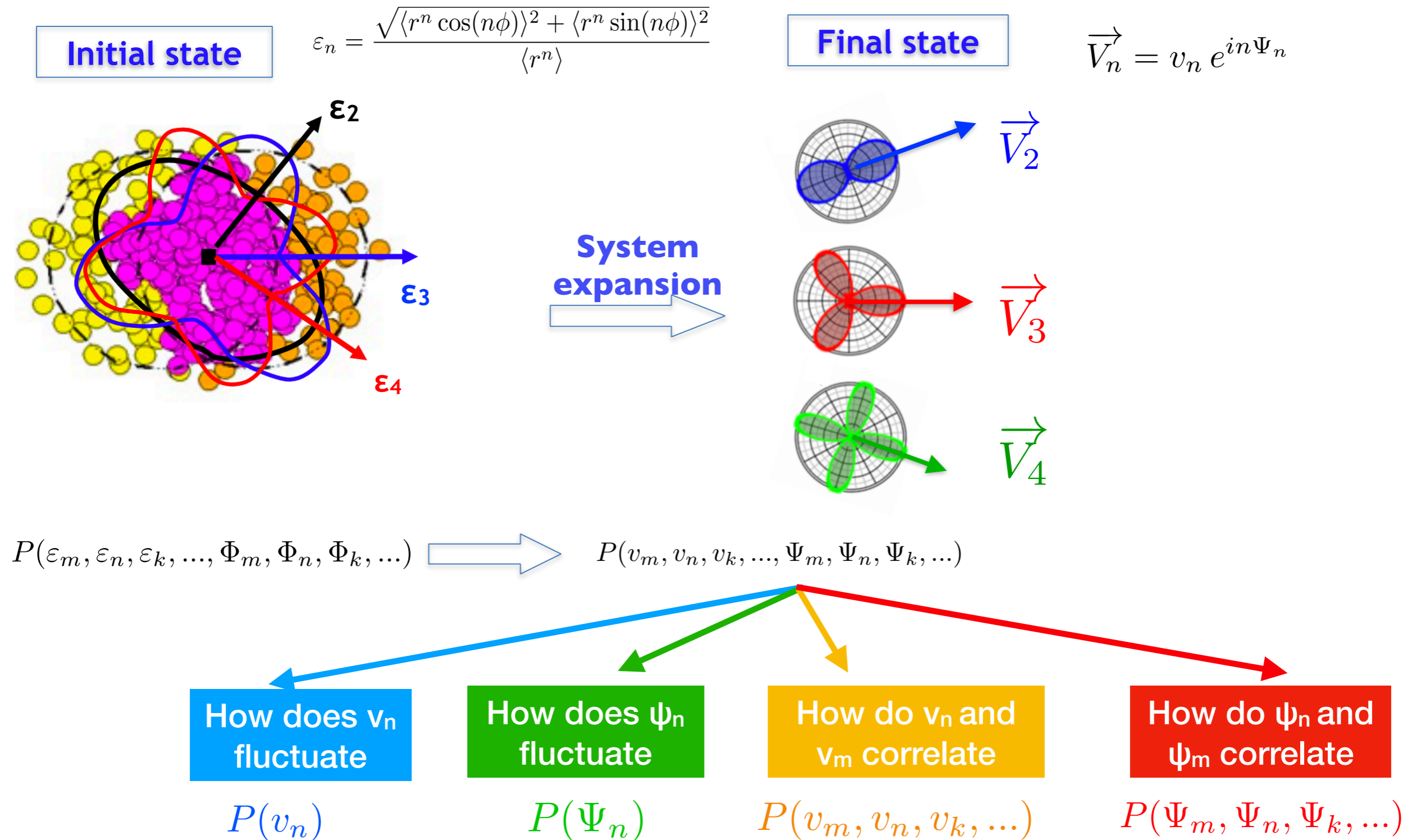


## LHC operation programs

- ★  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ - $^{208}\text{Pb}$  2.76 TeV (2010, 2011), 5.02 TeV (2015, 2018), 5.36 TeV (2022, 2023)
- ★  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ - $^{129}\text{Xe}$  5.44 TeV (2017)
- ★  $^{16}\text{O}$ - $^{16}\text{O}$  6.8 TeV (2024)

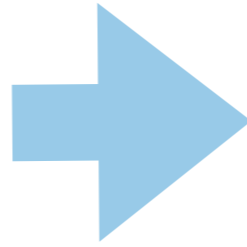
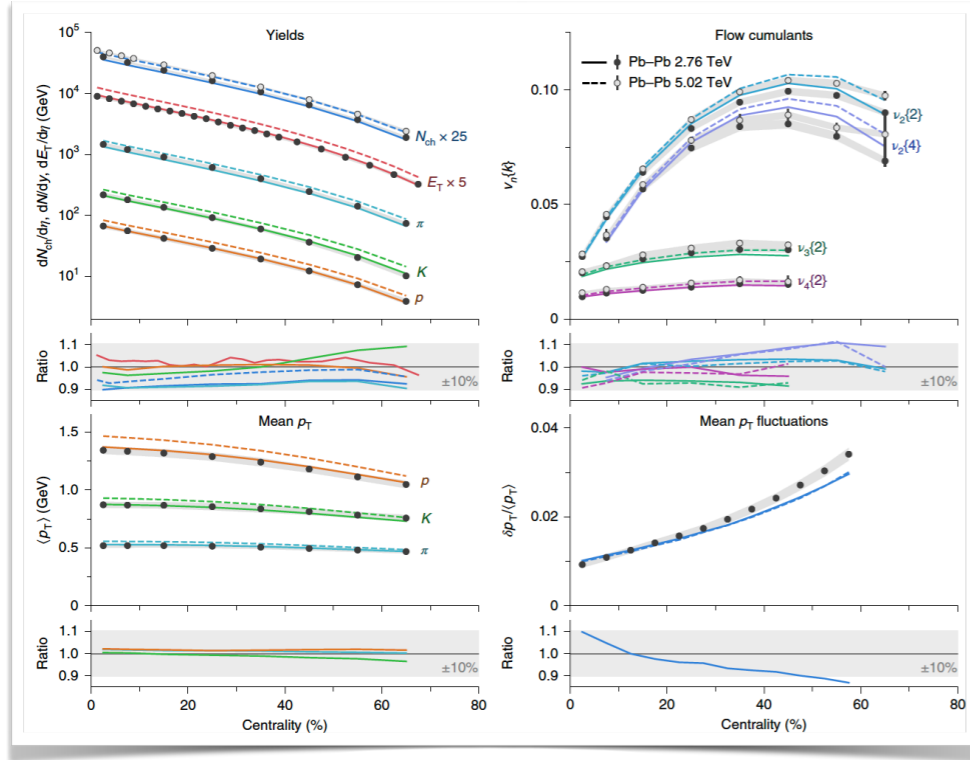


# From initial anisotropy to anisotropic flow

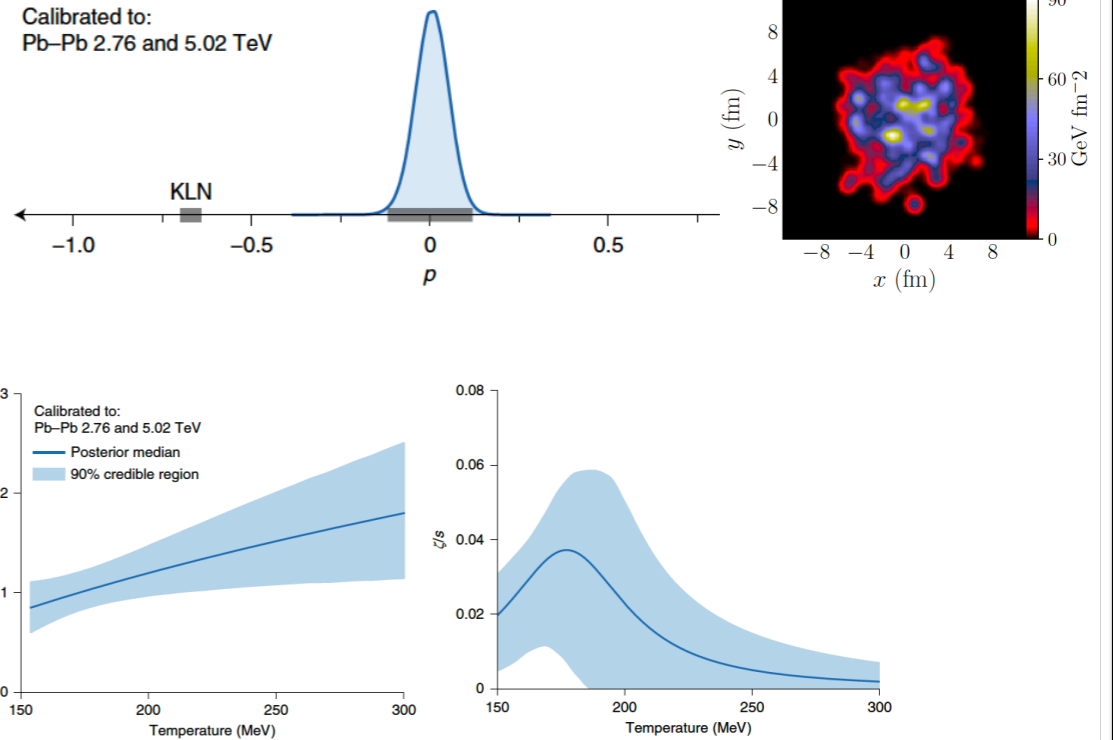


# Bayesian analyses with simple $v_n$ and $[\rho_T]$

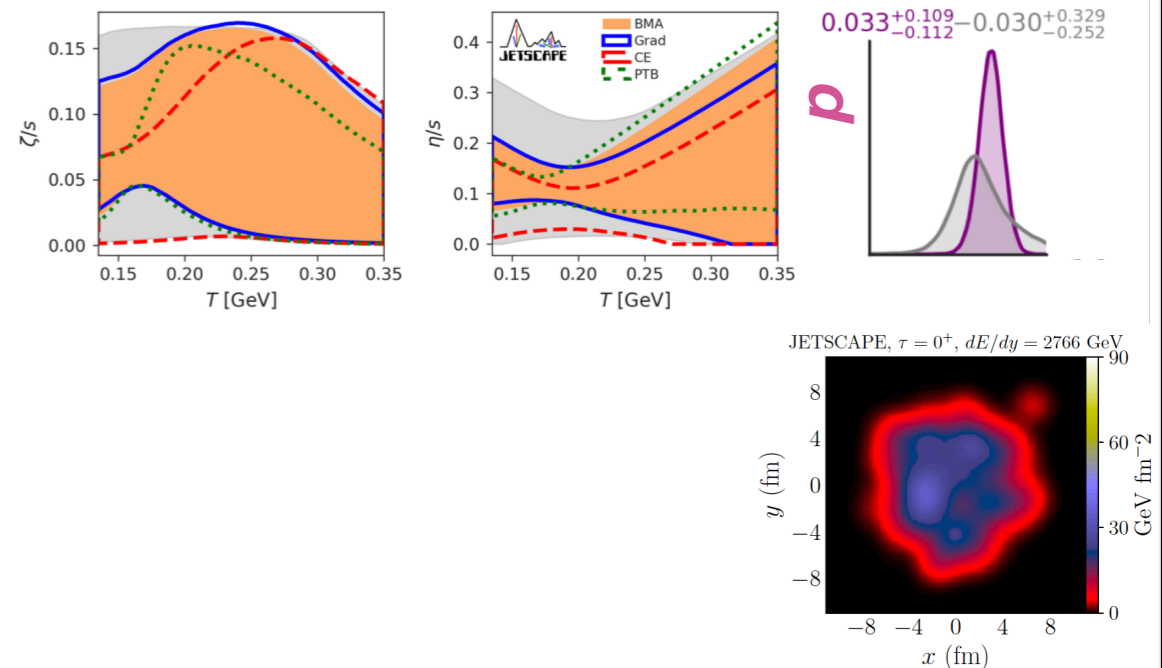
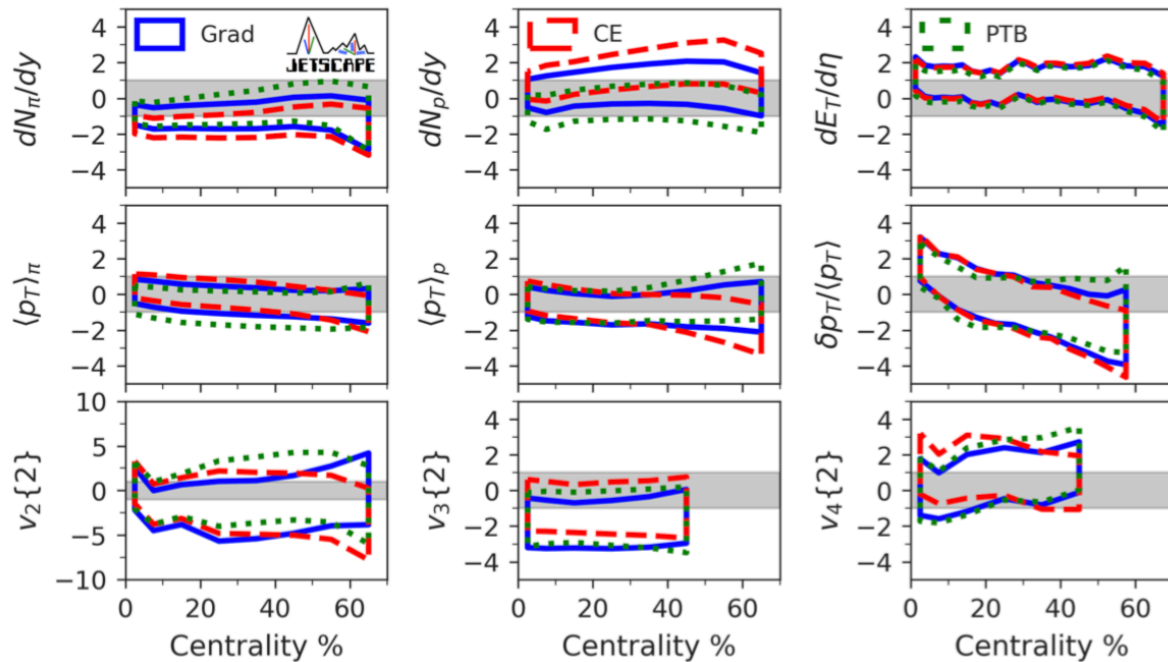
J.E. Bernhard etc, Nature Physics,15, 1113 (2019)



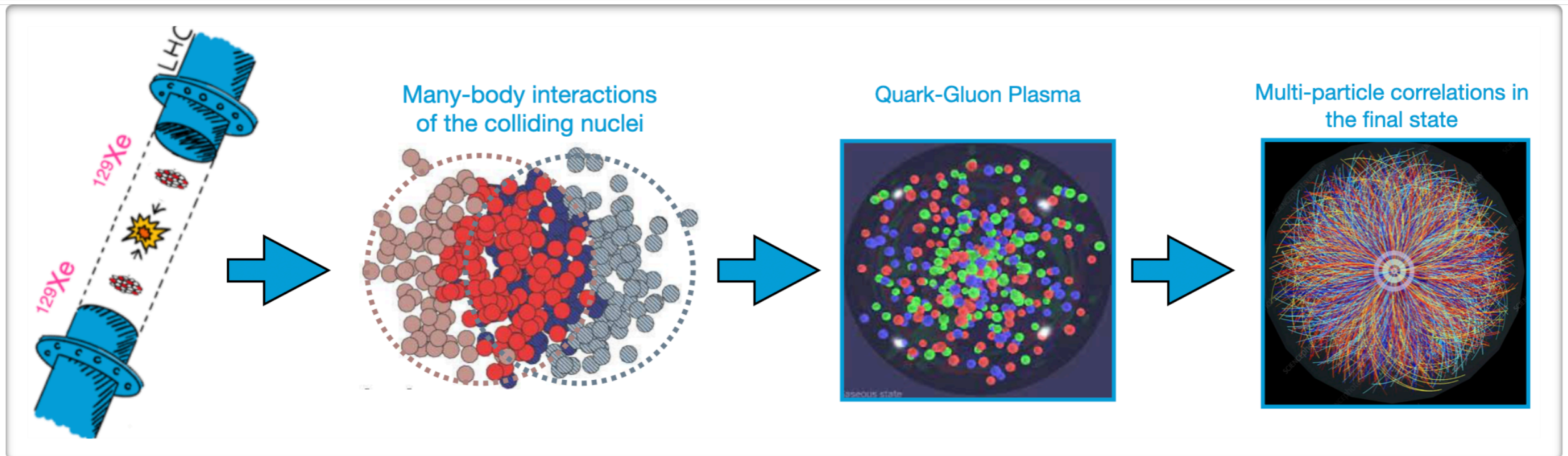
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Pb-Pb 2.76 and 5.02 TeV



JETSCAPE, Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 242301 (2021)

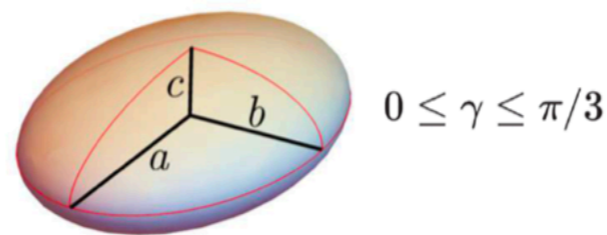
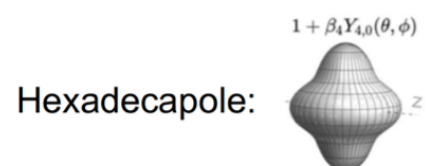
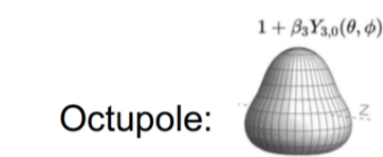
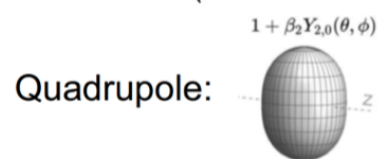


# Nuclear structure at high energies



$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-R(\theta, \phi))/a_0}}$$

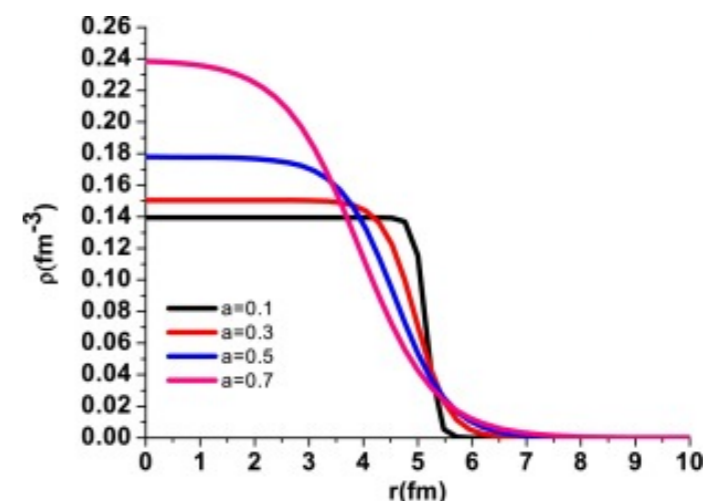
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left( 1 + \beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}] + \beta_3 \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \beta_4 \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m} \right)$$



Prolate:  $a=b < c \rightarrow \beta_2, \gamma=0$

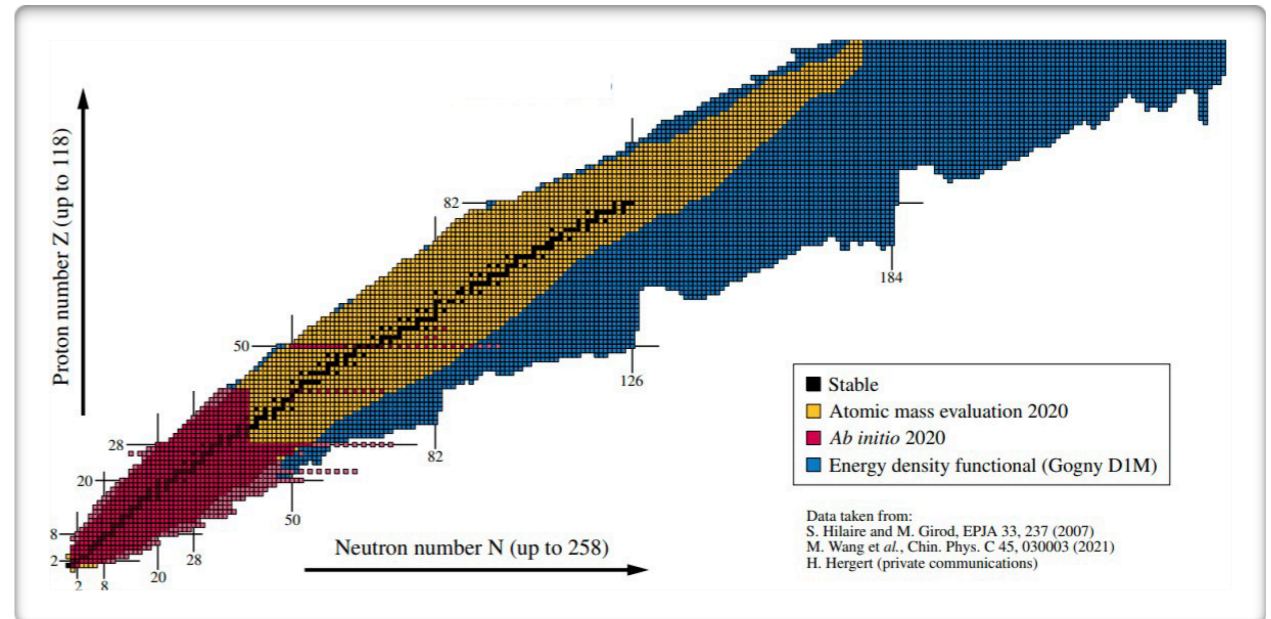
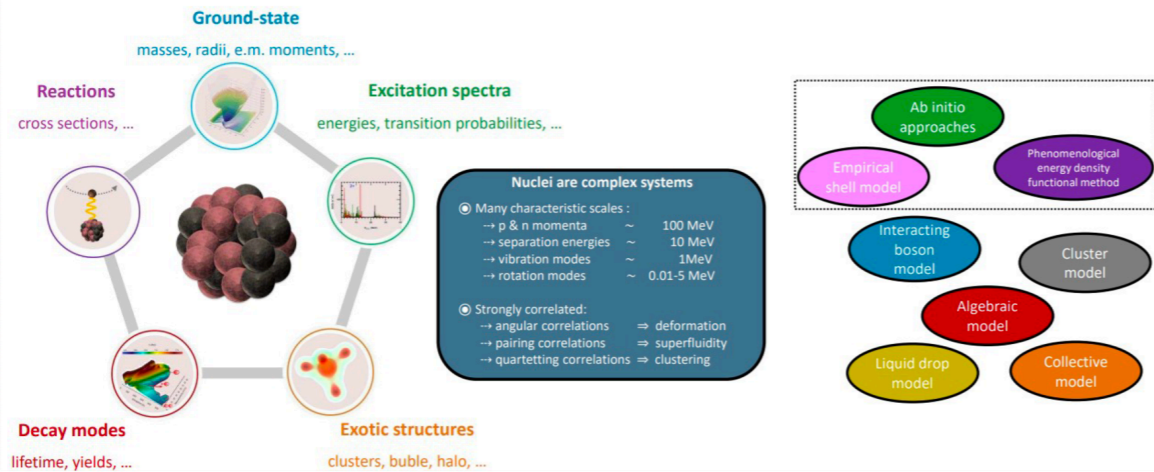
Oblate:  $a < b=c \rightarrow \beta_2, \gamma=\pi/3$

Triaxial:  $a < b < c \rightarrow \beta_2, \gamma=\pi/6$

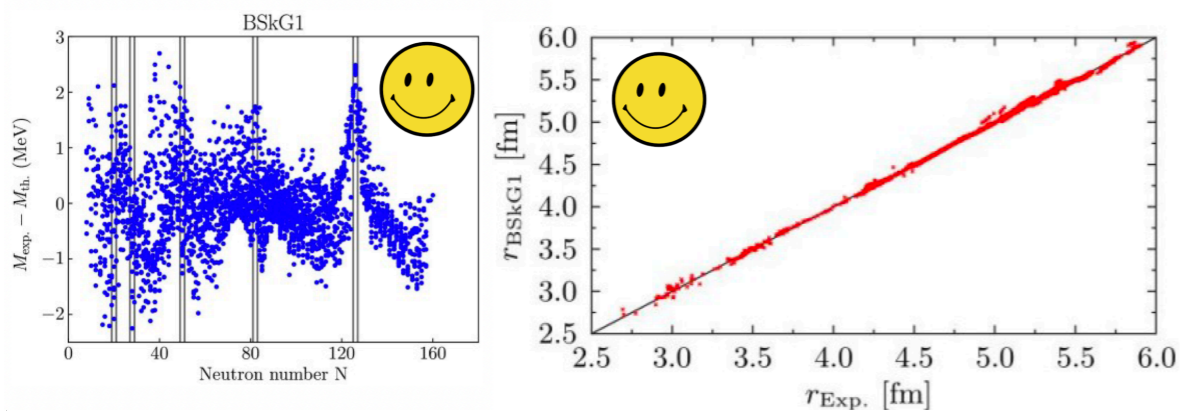


# Nuclear structure at low energies

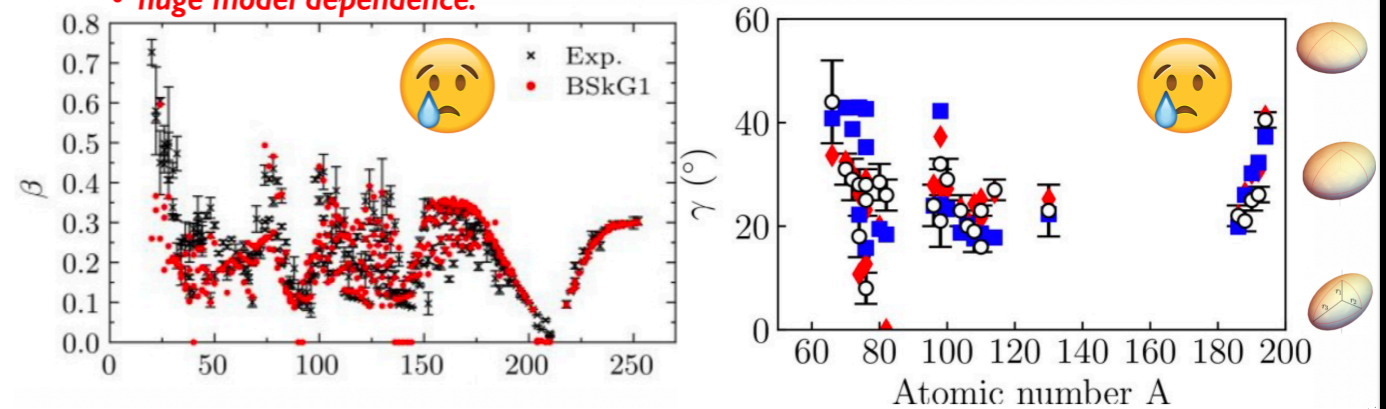
Atomic nuclei have rich phenomenology. Rooted in the strong nuclear force. Nuclear structure is a very old field. Many different approaches.



Energy density function method : accurate description of masses and radii

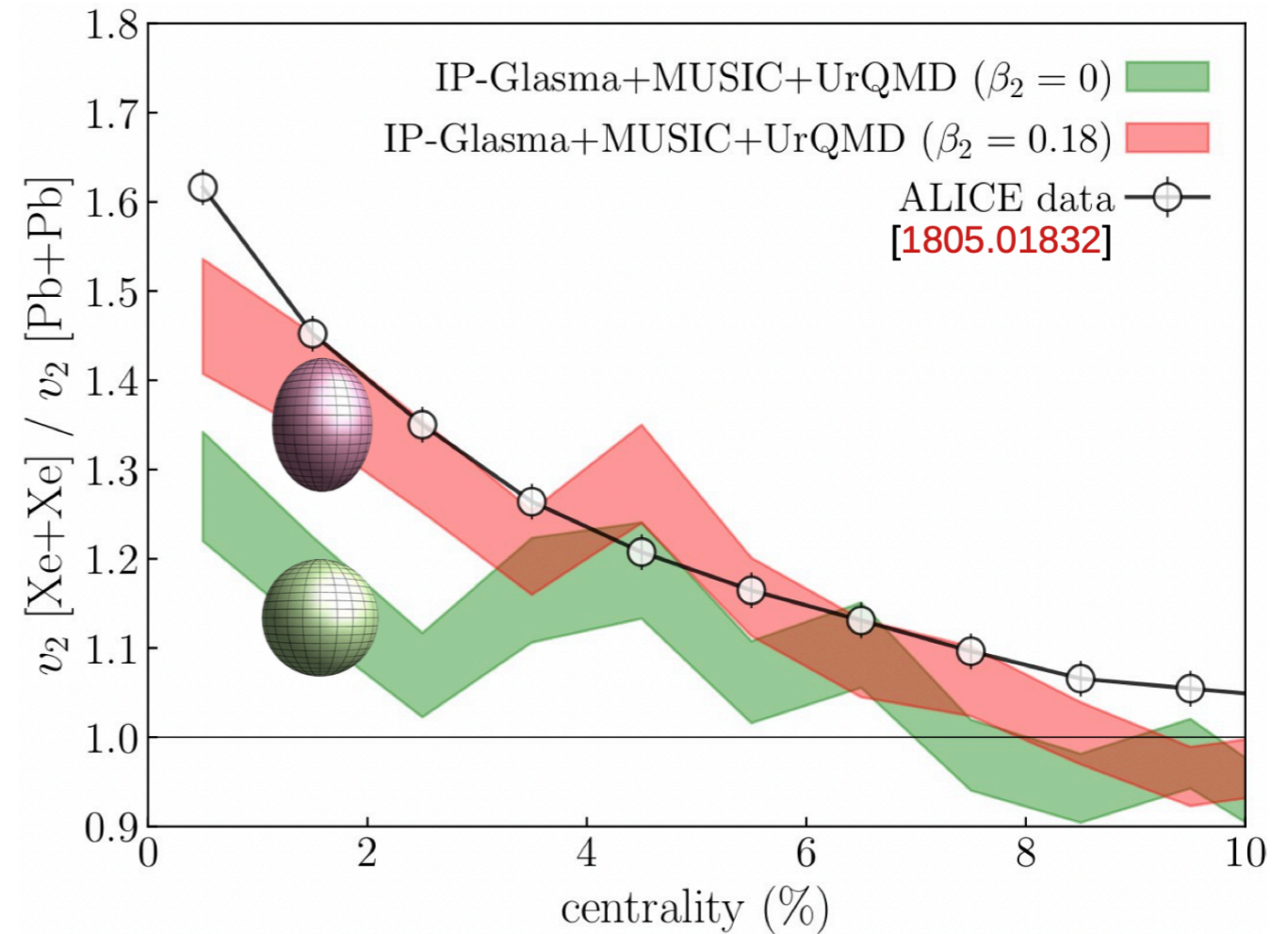
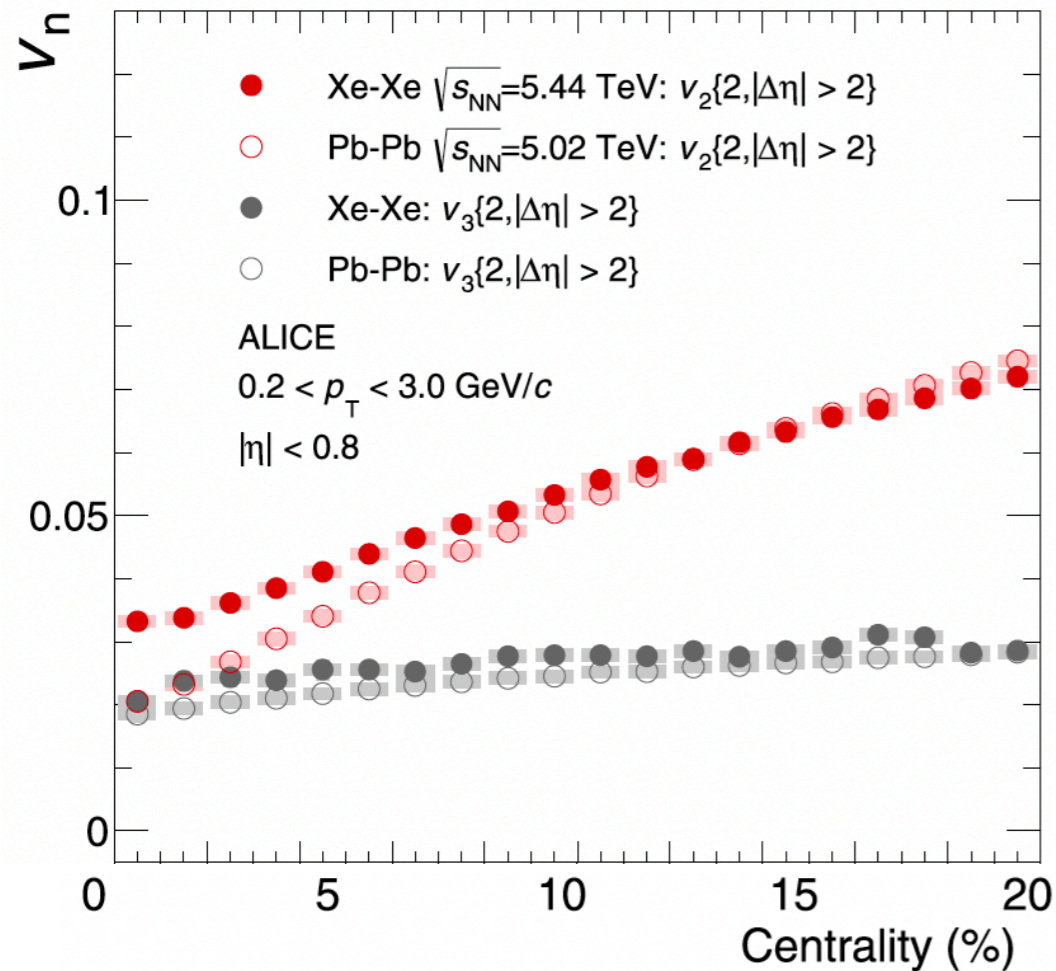


- there are no real probes of multi-nucleon correlations
- huge model dependence.



# Probe nuclear structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$ with $v_n$

*ALICE, Physics Letters B 784 (2018) 82*



- ❖ Significant  $v_2$  enhancements in central Xe-Xe collisions, originated from large deformation
- ❖ Help to constrain  $\beta_2$

# Probe Nuclear structure with NSC

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 89, 064904 (2014)

## Generic framework for anisotropic flow analyses with multiparticle azimuthal correlations

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## Normalised Symmetric cumulants:

$$v_2 \propto \varepsilon_2$$

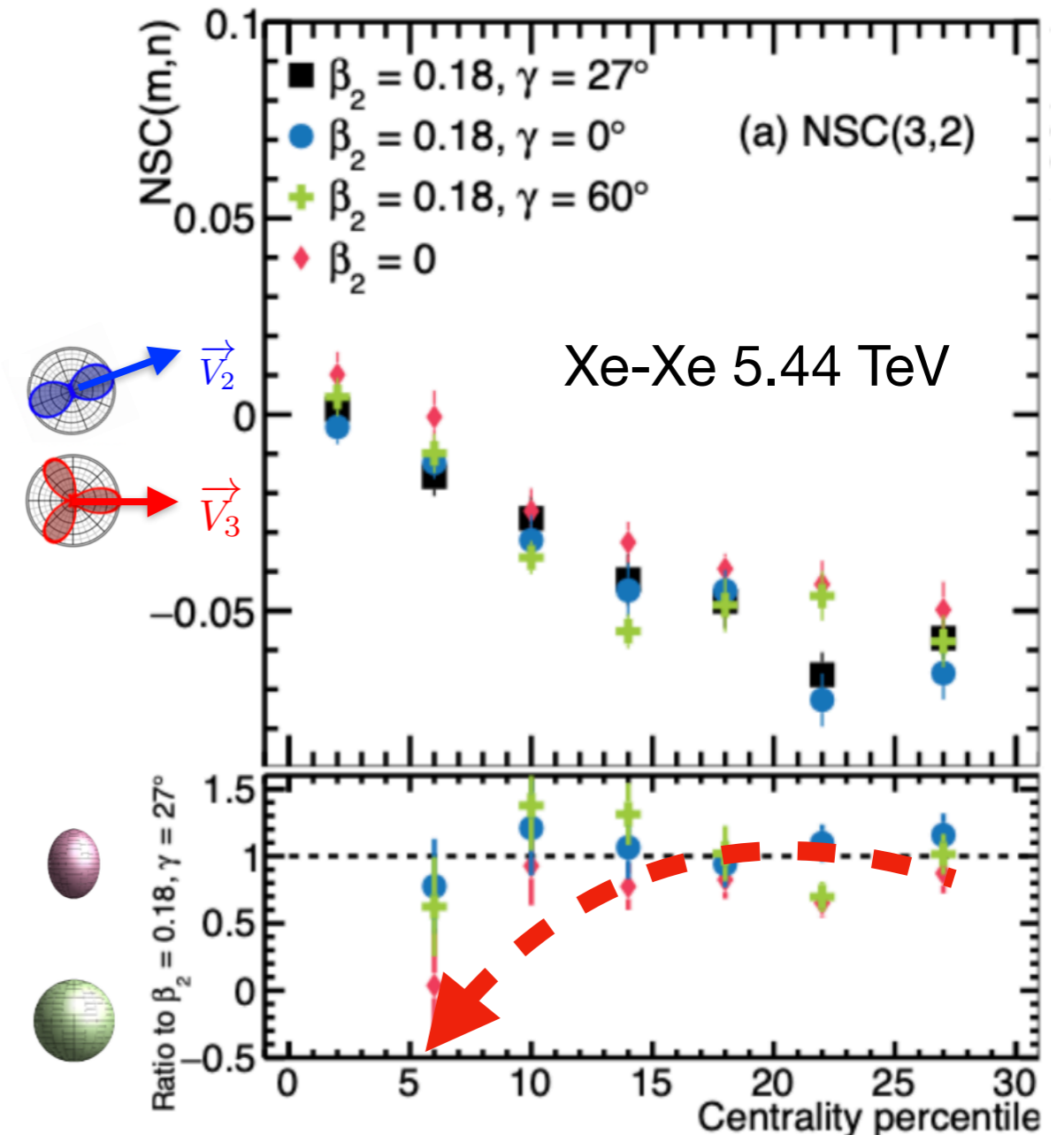
$$v_3 \propto \varepsilon_3$$



$$\frac{\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle}{\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}$$

$$\text{Or: } NSC^v(3, 2) = NSC^\varepsilon(3, 2)$$

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❖ Different results due to nuclear deformation observed in NSC(3,2)

❖ New measurements should allow the constrain the  $\beta_2$  but not  $\gamma$

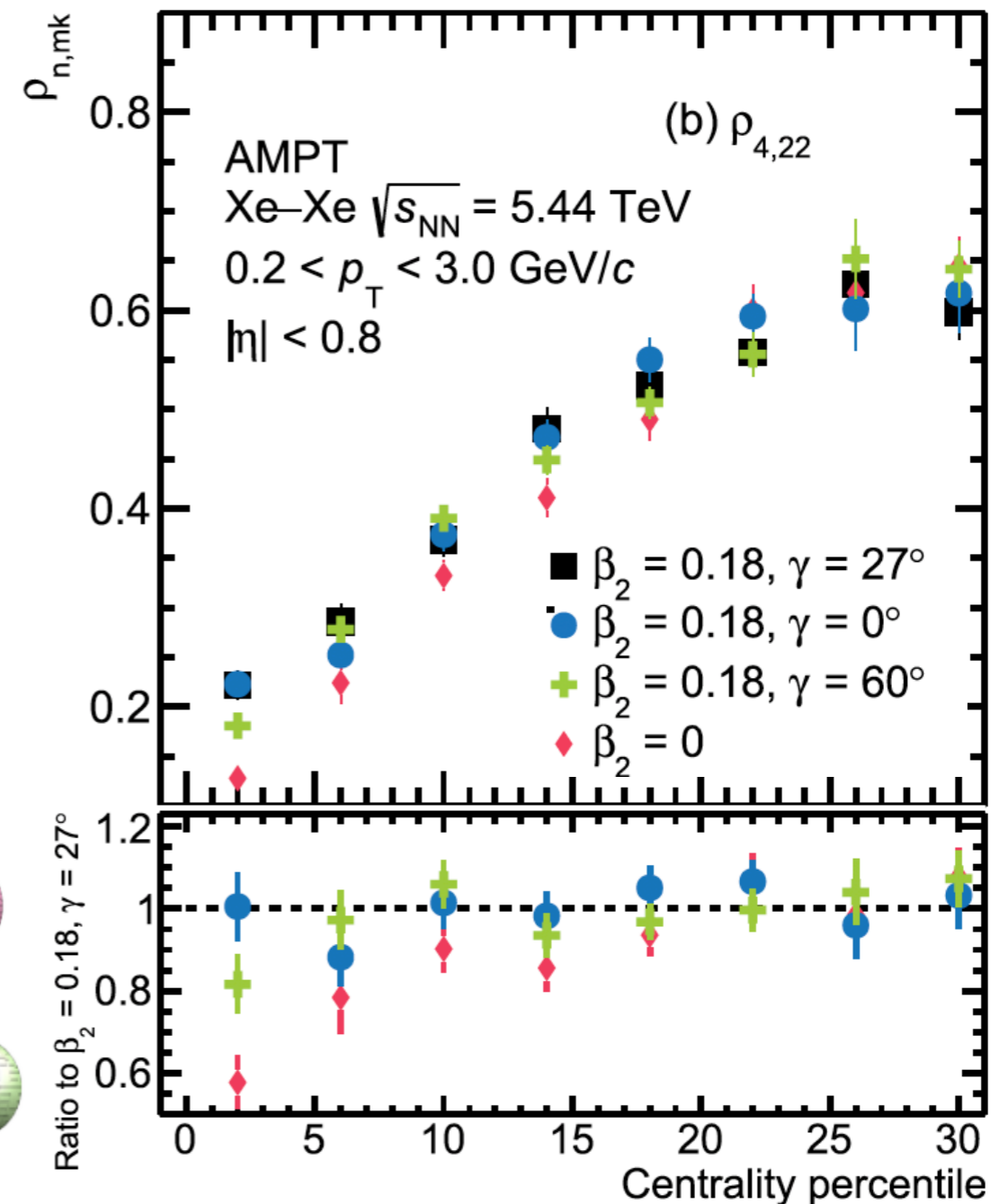
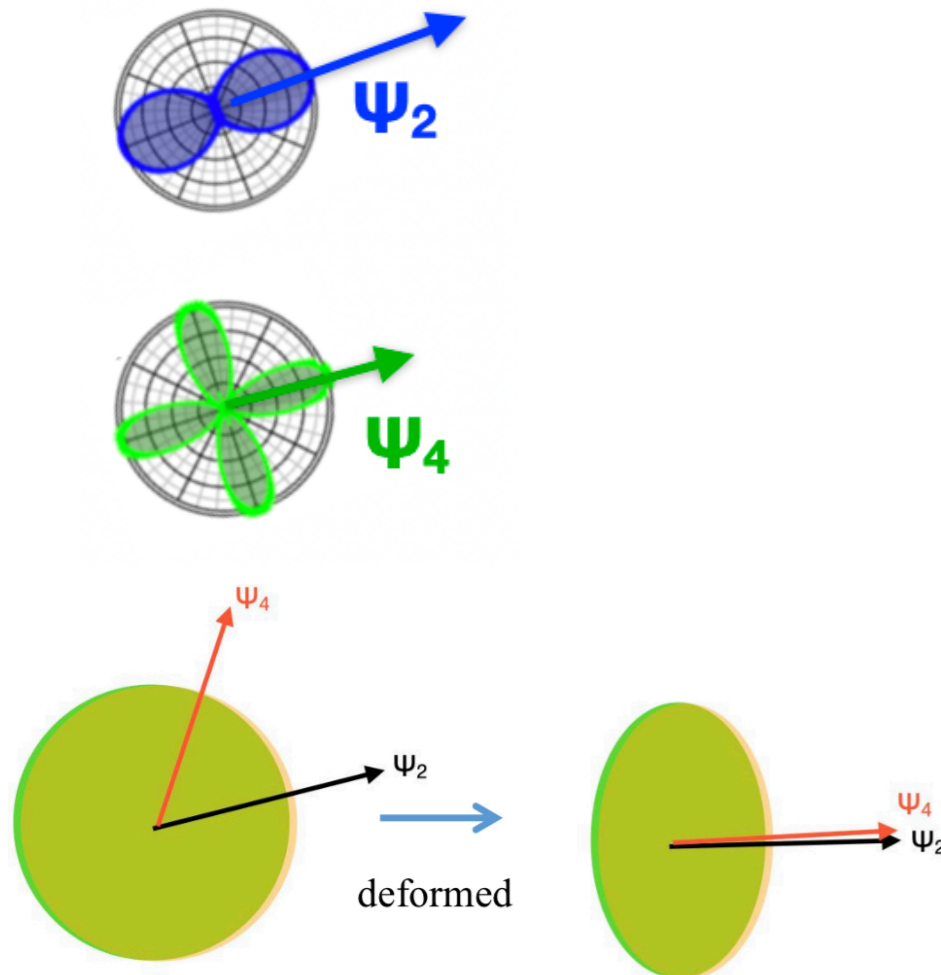




# Enhanced $\Psi_n$ correlations in models

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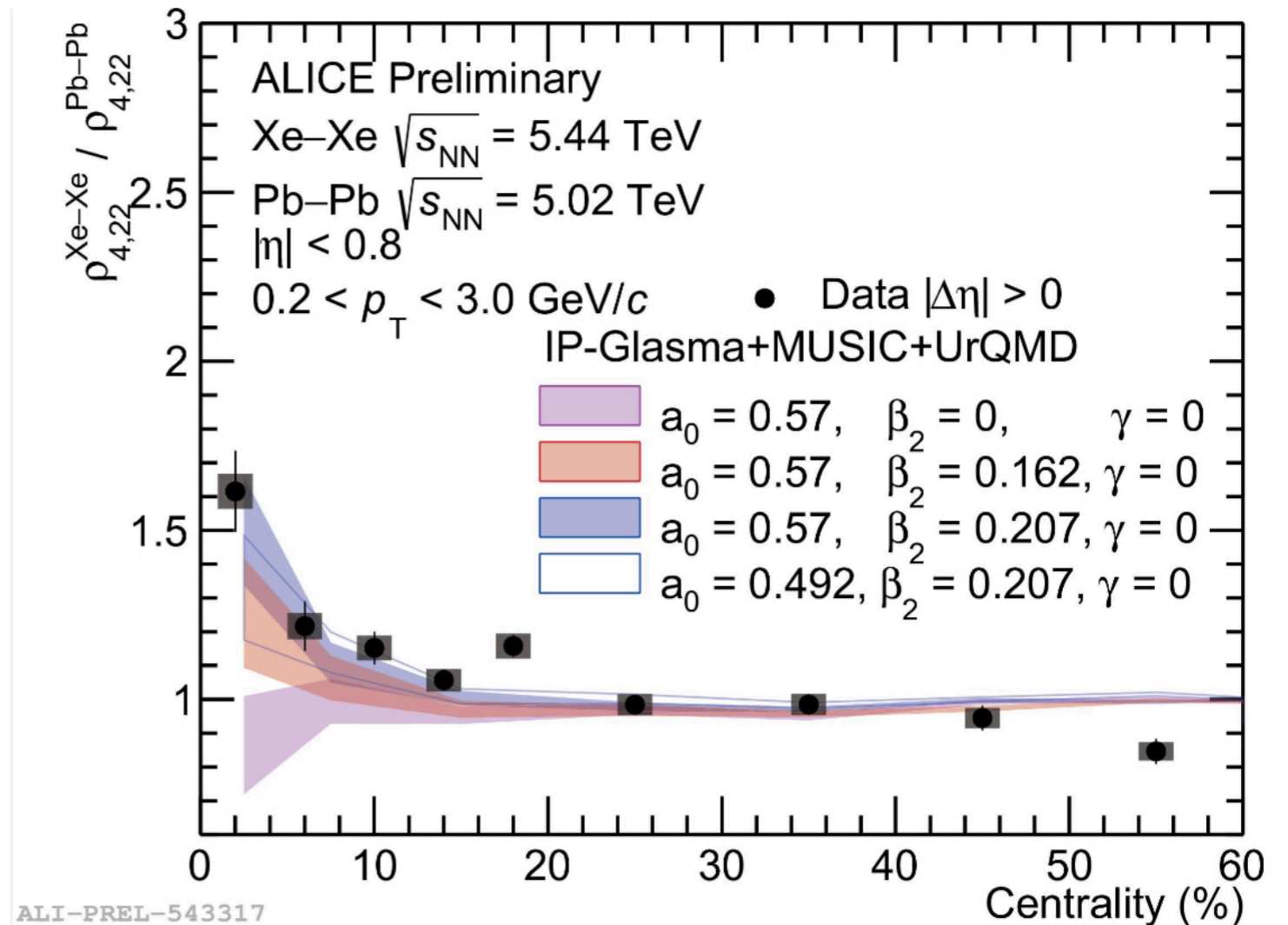
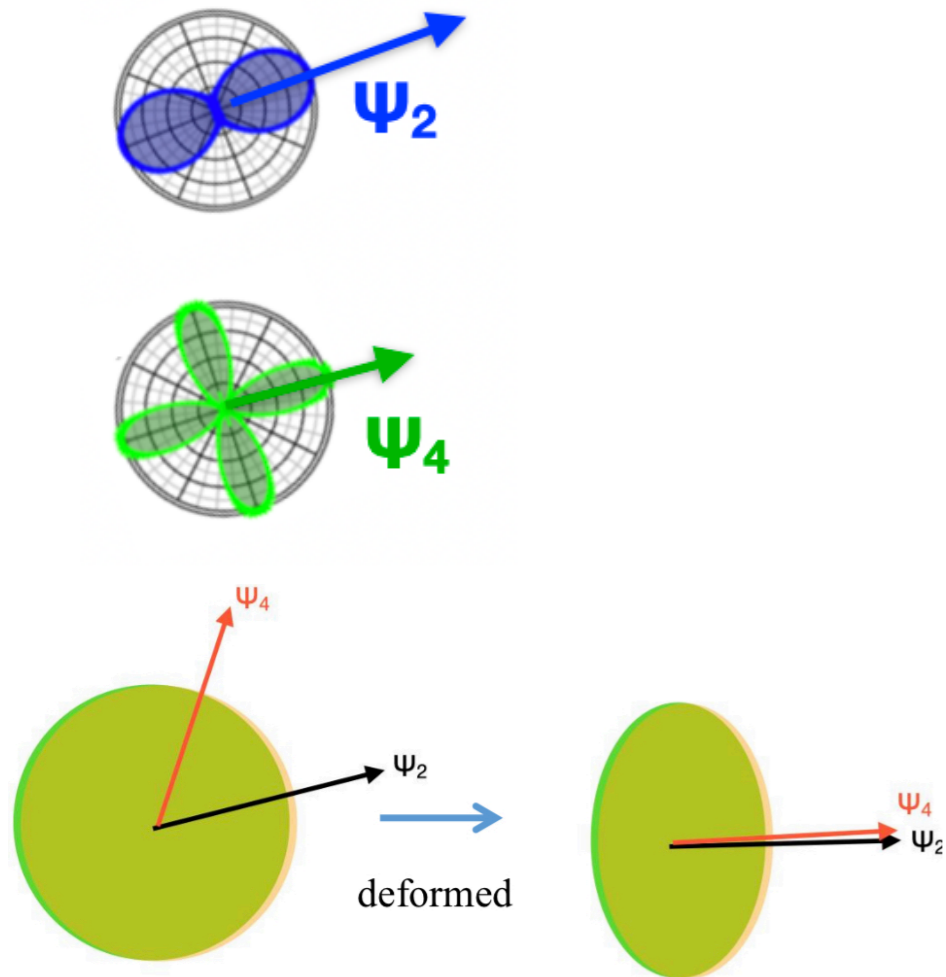
- ❖  $\rho_{4,22}$  probes correlations between  $\Psi_2$  and  $\Psi_4$   
 $\sim \langle \cos 4(\Psi_2 - \Psi_4) \rangle$



- ❖ A Stronger correlation is predicted for the deformed nuclei using hydrodynamic framework

# Enhanced $\psi_n$ correlations observed in EXP

- ❖  $\rho_{4,22}$  probes correlations between  $\Psi_2$  and  $\Psi_4$   
 $\sim \langle \cos 4(\Psi_2 - \Psi_4) \rangle$



- ❖ A Stronger correlation has been observed in Xe-Xe collisions
  - confirm the deformed  $^{129}\text{Xe}$

# Nuclear structure with Standard flow studies

How does  $v_n$  fluctuate

$$P(v_n)$$

How does  $\psi_n$  fluctuate

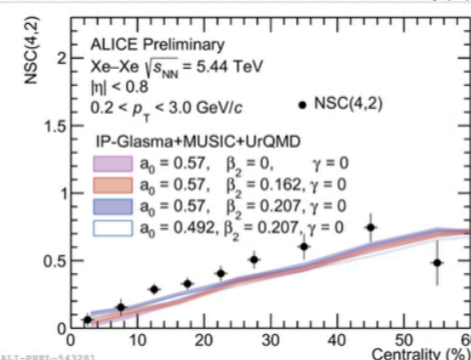
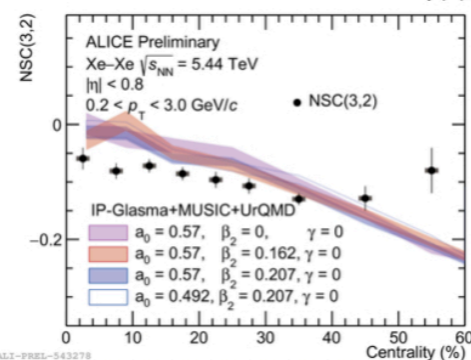
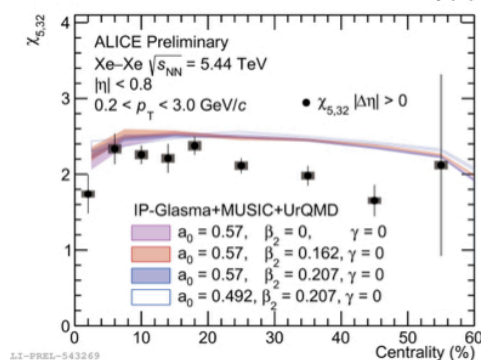
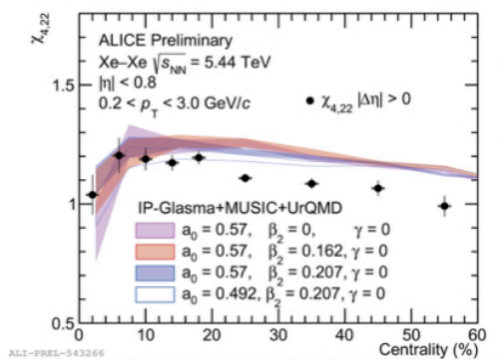
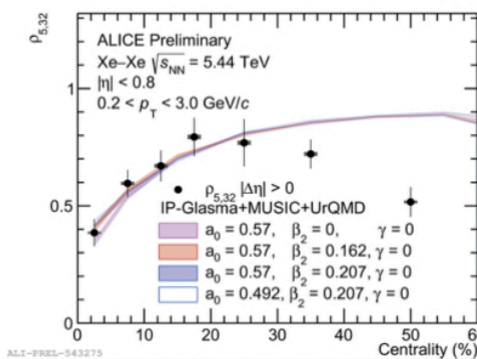
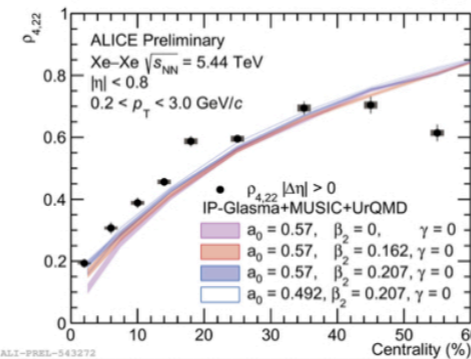
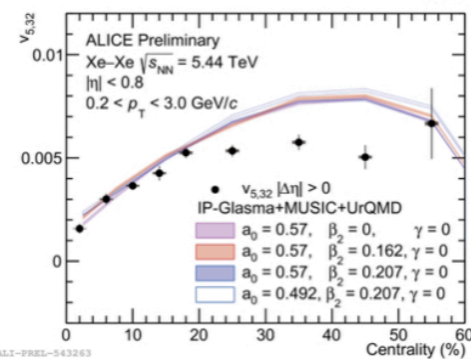
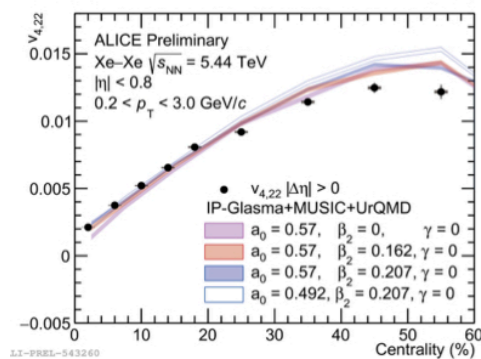
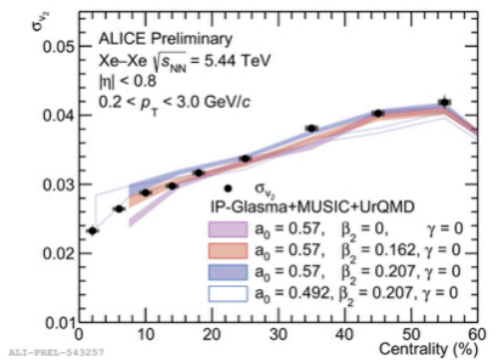
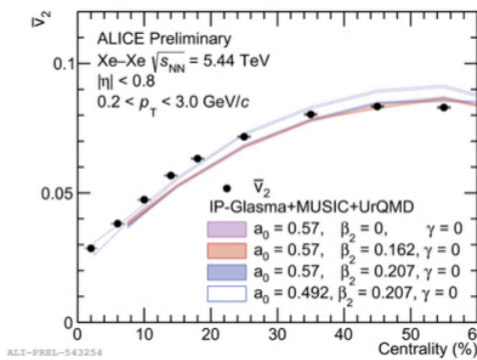
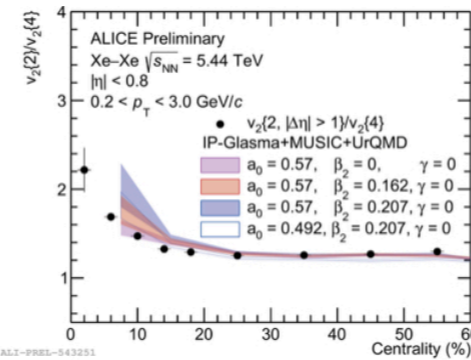
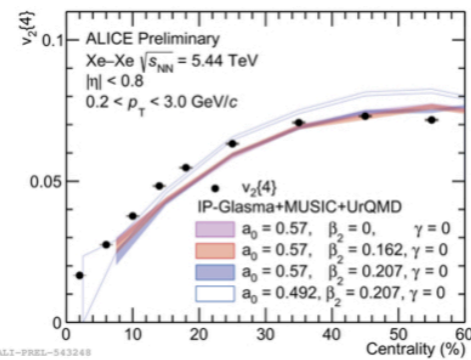
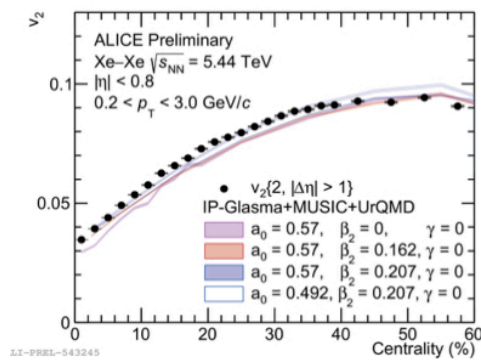
$$P(\Psi_n)$$

How do  $v_n$  and  $v_m$  correlate

$$P(v_m, v_n, v_k, \dots)$$

How do  $\psi_n$  and  $\psi_m$  correlate

$$P(\Psi_m, \Psi_n, \Psi_k, \dots)$$

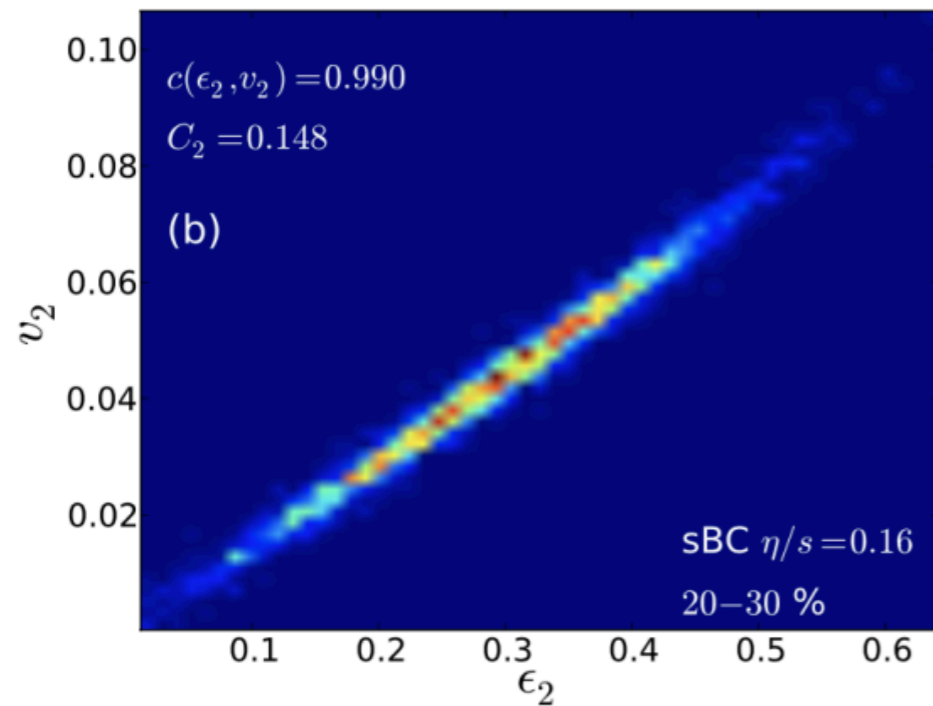
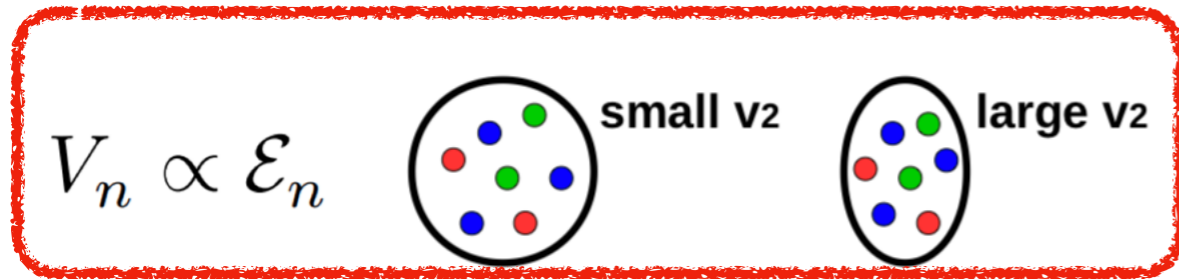


- **Several** observable are sensitive to the nuclear **deformation**  $\beta_2$  in central Xe-Xe collisions
- **None** of the existing anisotropic flow observables have sensitivity to the **triaxial** structure



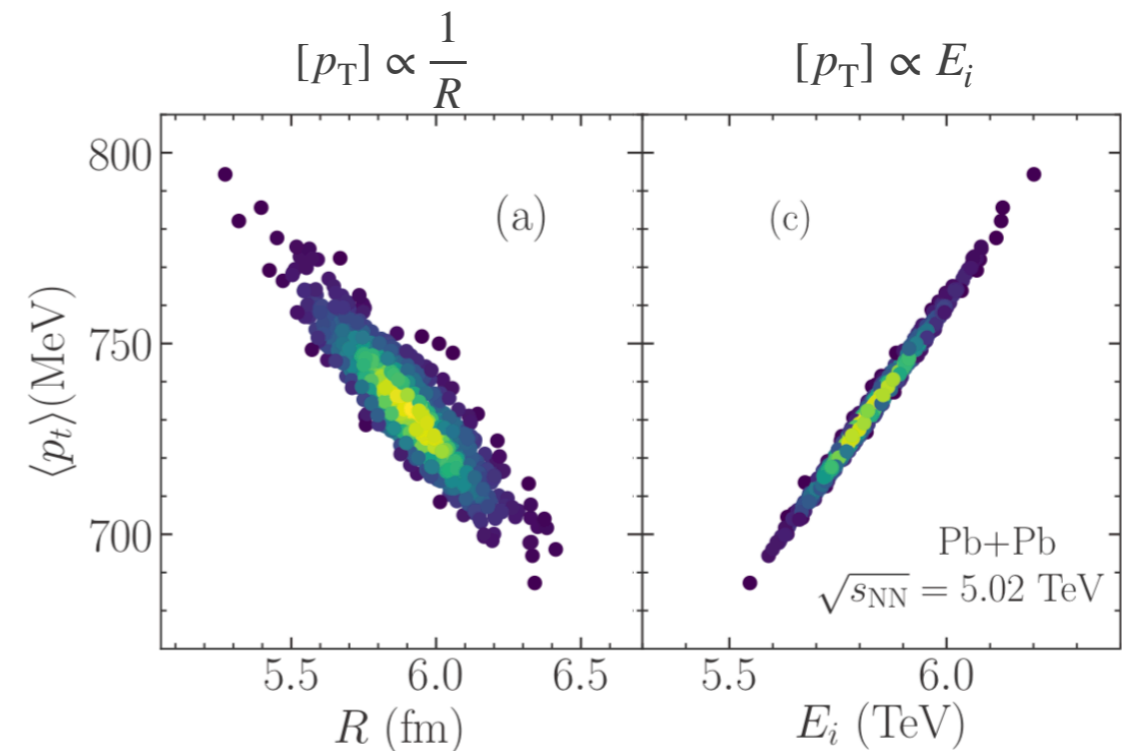
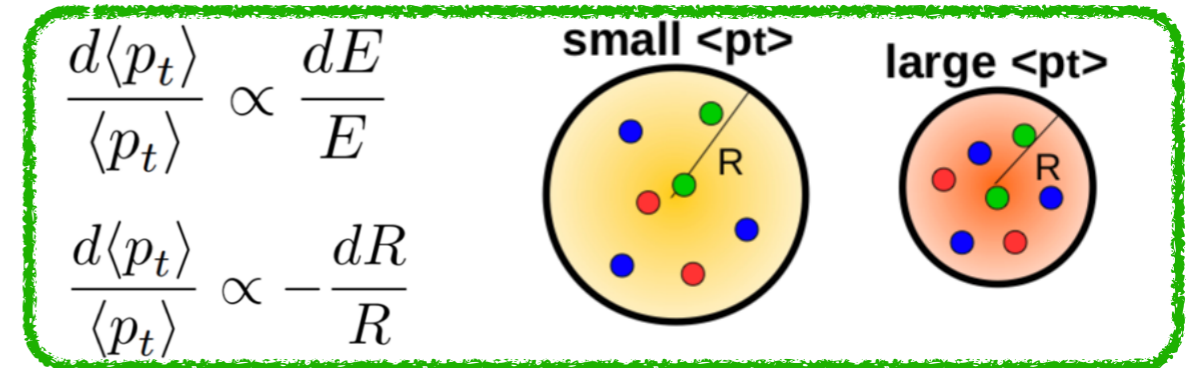
# Initial conditions through $[p_T]$

❖ Shape of the fireball: **Anisotropic flow**



[H. Niemi et al., PRC 87 (2013) 5, 054901]

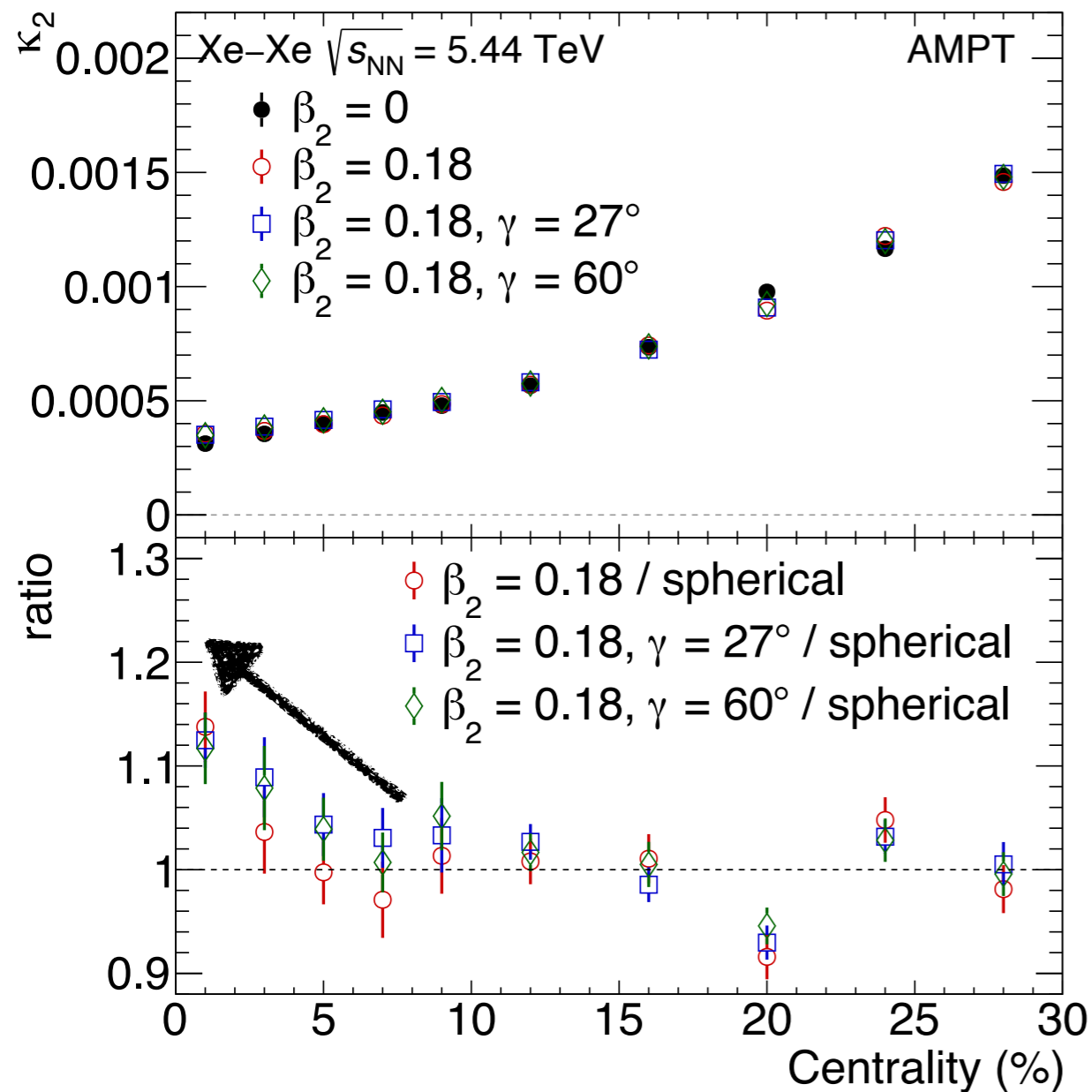
❖ Size of the fireball: radial flow,  $[p_T]$



[G. Giacalone et al., PRC103 (2021) 2, 024909]

# Two-particle $p_T$ correlations

E. G. Nielsen etc, arXiv: 2312.00492



Generic multi-particle transverse momentum correlations as a new tool for studying nuclear structure at the energy frontier

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$$\kappa(p_T^{\prime 2}) = \langle\langle p_T^{\prime 2} \rangle\rangle - \langle\langle p_T^{\prime 1} \rangle\rangle^2$$

Final state  
cumulant

Liquid-drop  
model

$\kappa_2$

$\frac{1}{32\pi} \langle\beta_2^2\rangle$

- ❖  $[P_T]$  and its fluctuations can be studied via multi-particle  $p_T$  fluctuations.
- ❖ These multi-particle  $p_T$  correlations provide a new way to probe **deformation** of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ .



# Multi-particle $p_T$ correlations

E. G. Nielsen etc, arXiv: 2312.00492

$$\kappa(p_T^3) = \langle\langle p_T^3 \rangle\rangle - 3\langle\langle p_T^1 \rangle\rangle\langle\langle p_T^2 \rangle\rangle + 2\langle\langle p_T^1 \rangle\rangle^3$$

Final state  
cumulant

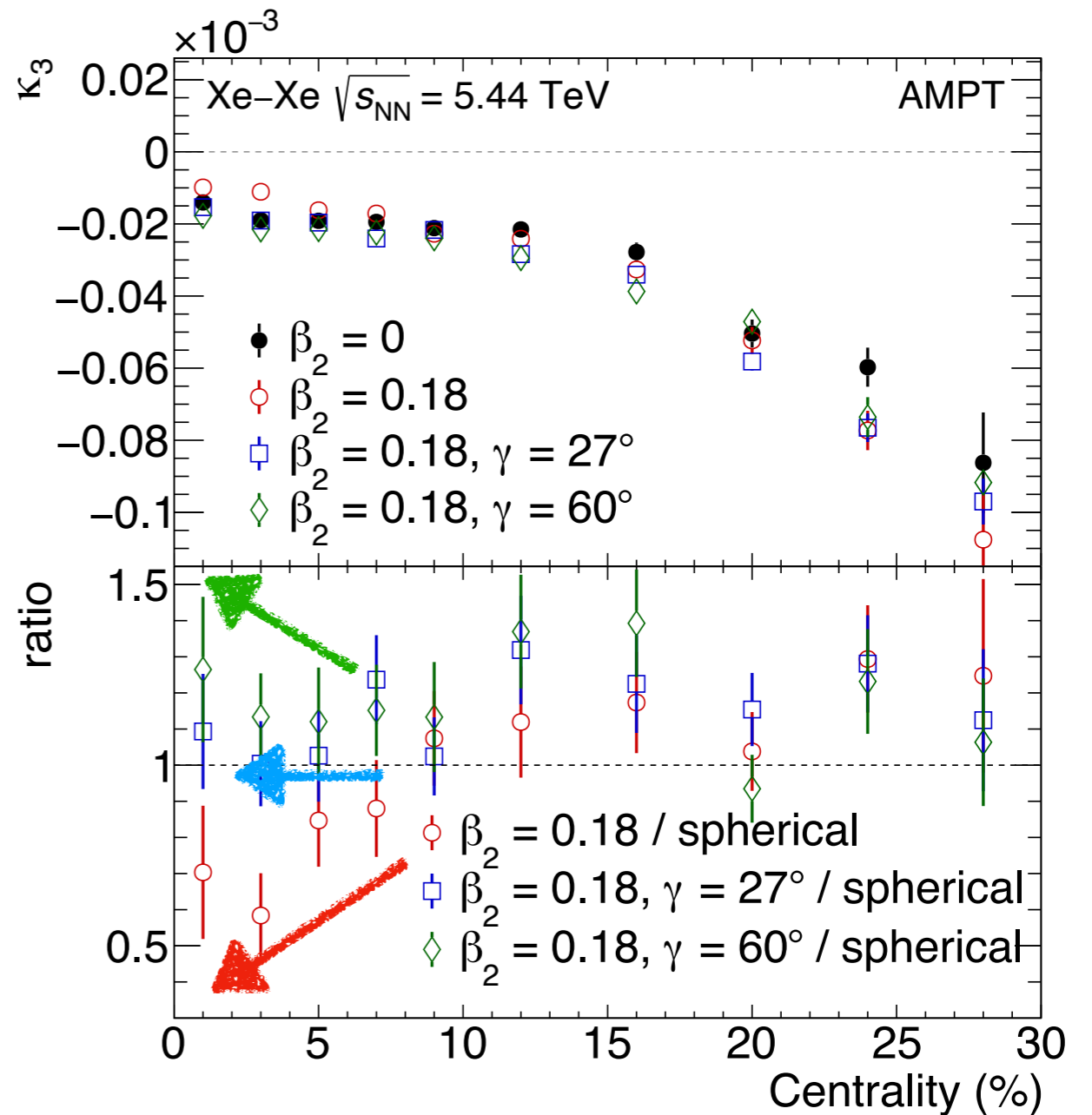
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$\kappa_2$

$$\frac{1}{32\pi} \langle\beta_2^2\rangle$$

$\kappa_3$

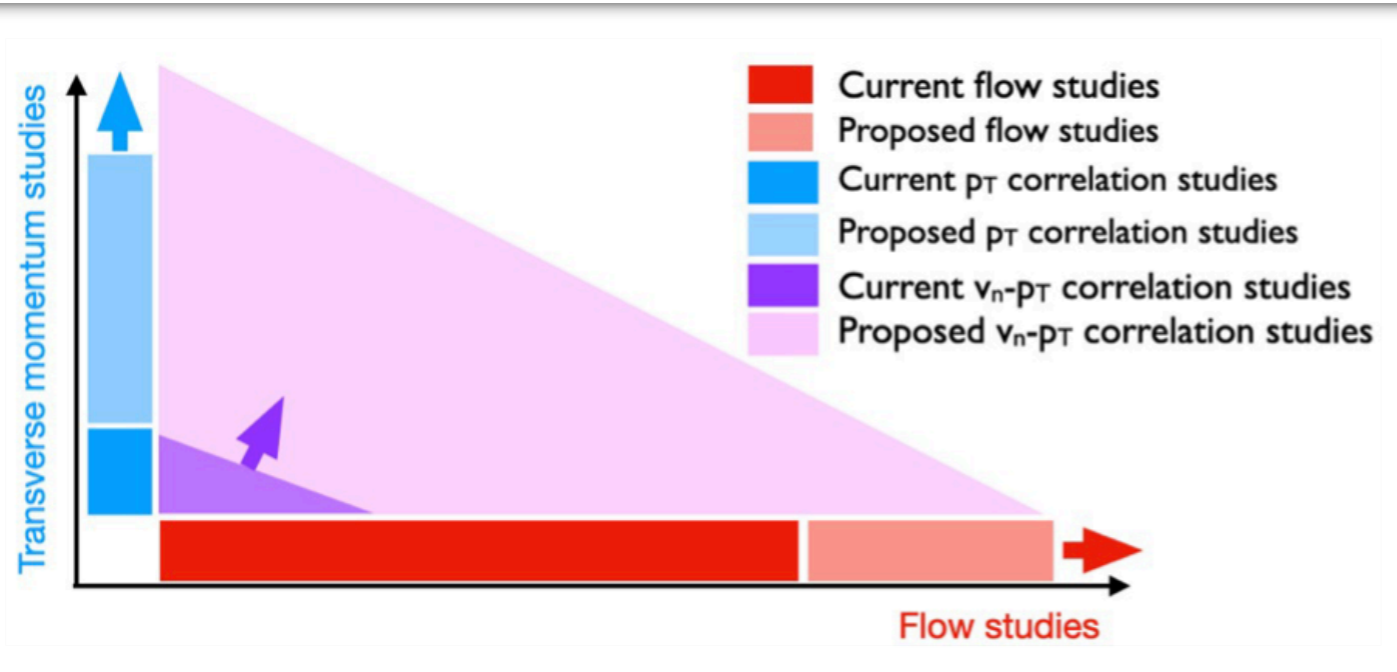
$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{896\pi^{3/2}} \langle\cos(3\gamma)\beta_2^3\rangle$$



- ❖ The first time to observe sensitive to triaxial structure with  $\kappa_3$
- ❖ These multi-particle  $p_T$  correlations provide a new way to probe **deformation** and **triaxial** structures of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ .



# $v_n$ - $[p_T]$ correlations



❖ **Shape** of the fireball: **Anisotropic flow**

❖ **Size** of the fireball: radial flow,  $[p_T]$

❖ Final state: correlation between  $v_n$  and  $p_T$

$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{var}(v_n^2)}\sqrt{\text{var}([p_T])}}$$

P. Bozek etc, PRC96 (2017) 014904

❖ Assuming  $v_n \propto \varepsilon_n$ ,  $[p_T] \propto E_0$

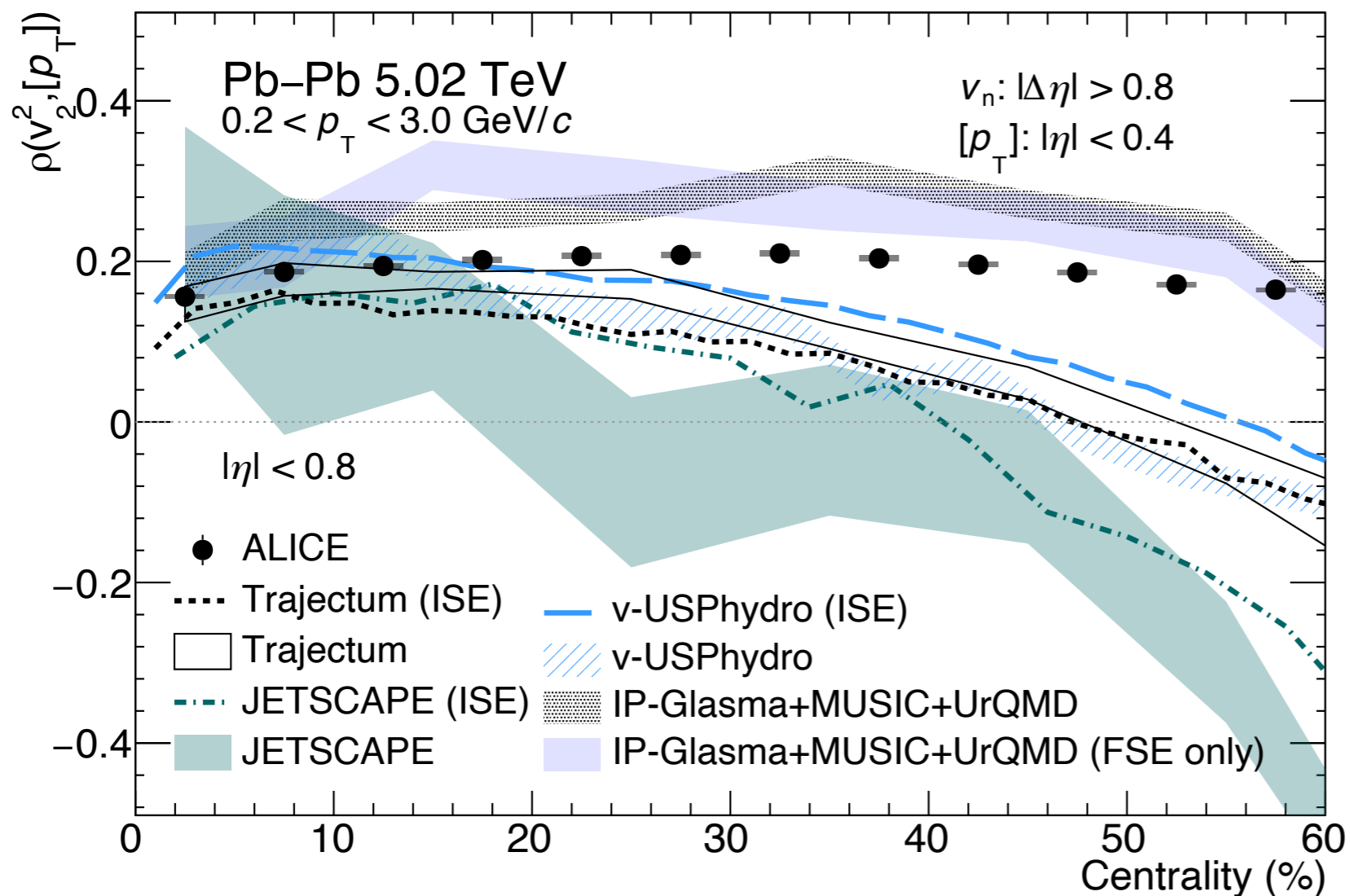
$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$$

*final-state* model  
calculation

*Initial-state* model  
estimation

❖ One can compare  $\rho(v_n^2, [p_T])$  measurements to  $\rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$  calculations, to constrain the initial state model

# $\rho_2$ in Pb-Pb



$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{var}(v_n^2)}\sqrt{\text{var}([p_T])}}$$

ALICE, PLB 834 (2022) 137393

v-USPhydro, PRC103 (2021) 2, 024909

IP-Glasma, PRC102, 034905 (2020)

JETSCAPE, PRL126, 242301 (2021)

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Trajectum, PRL126, 202301 (2021)

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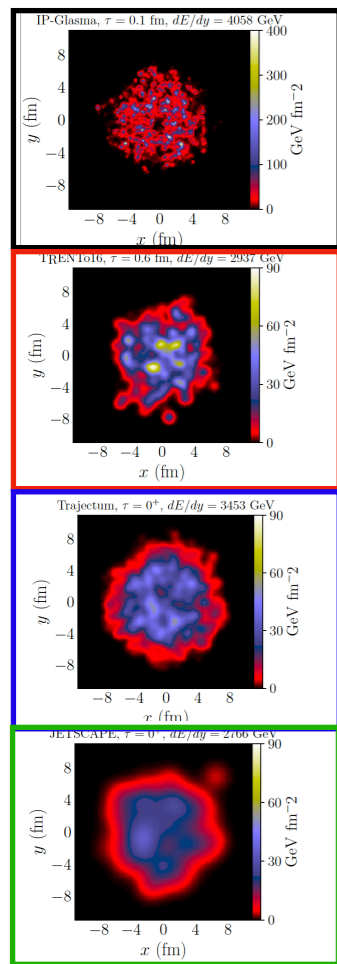
- ❖ IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD shows a weak centrality dependence and describe the data fairly well
- ❖ TRENTo-IC based calculations (v-USPhydro, Trajectum, JETSCAPE) all show strong centrality dependence, negative values for centrality >40%



# Accessing the initial conditions

❖ Sensitive to the nucleon width parameter (size of nucleon)

- IP-Glasma  $\sim 0.4$  fm; v-USPhydro  $\sim 0.5$  fm; Trajectum  $\sim 0.7$  fm; JETSCAPE (T<sub>R</sub>ENTo)  $\sim 1.1$  fm
- $w(\text{IP-Glasma}) < w(\text{v-USPhydro}) < w(\text{Trajectum}) < w(\text{JETSCAPE})$
- New constraints on the **nucleon size**

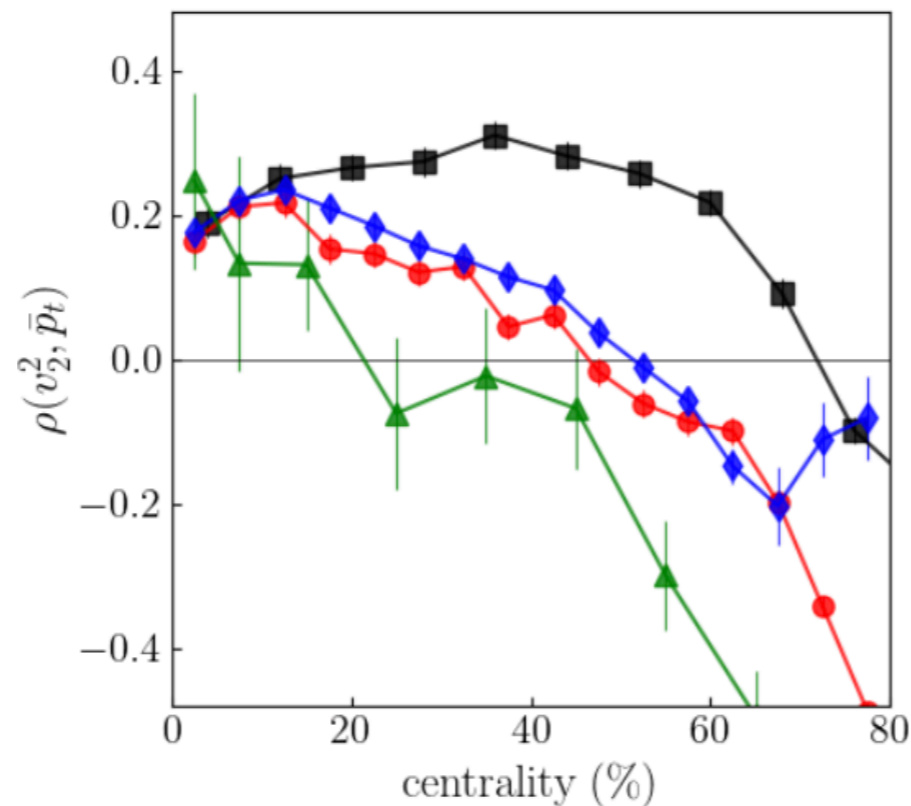


$w \sim 0.4$

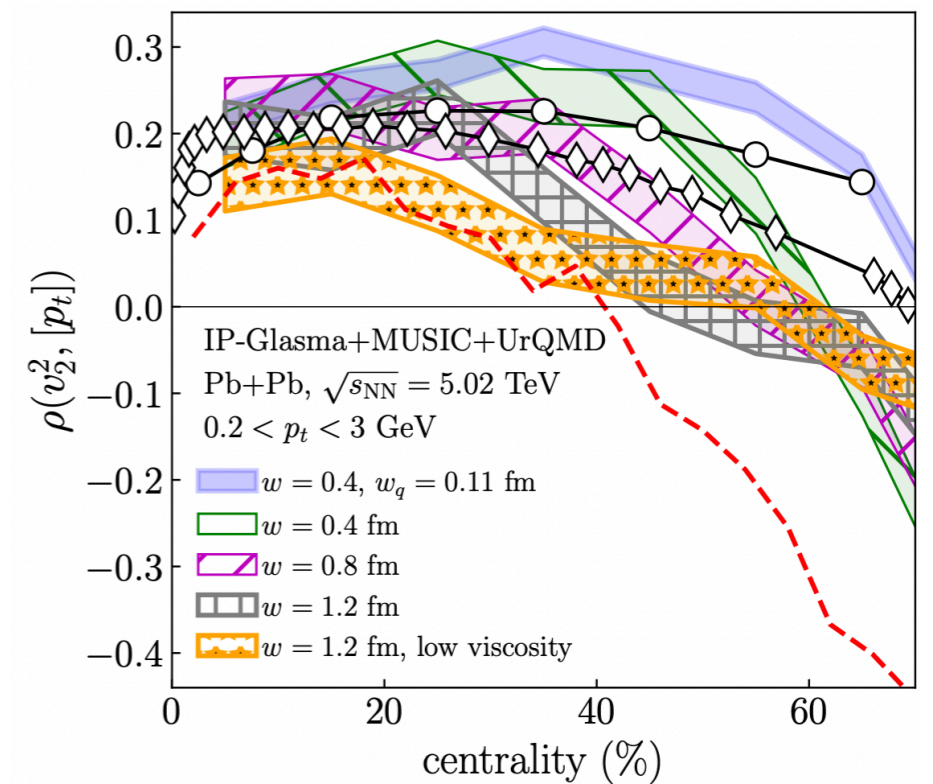
$w \sim 0.5$

$w \sim 0.7$

$w \sim 1.1$

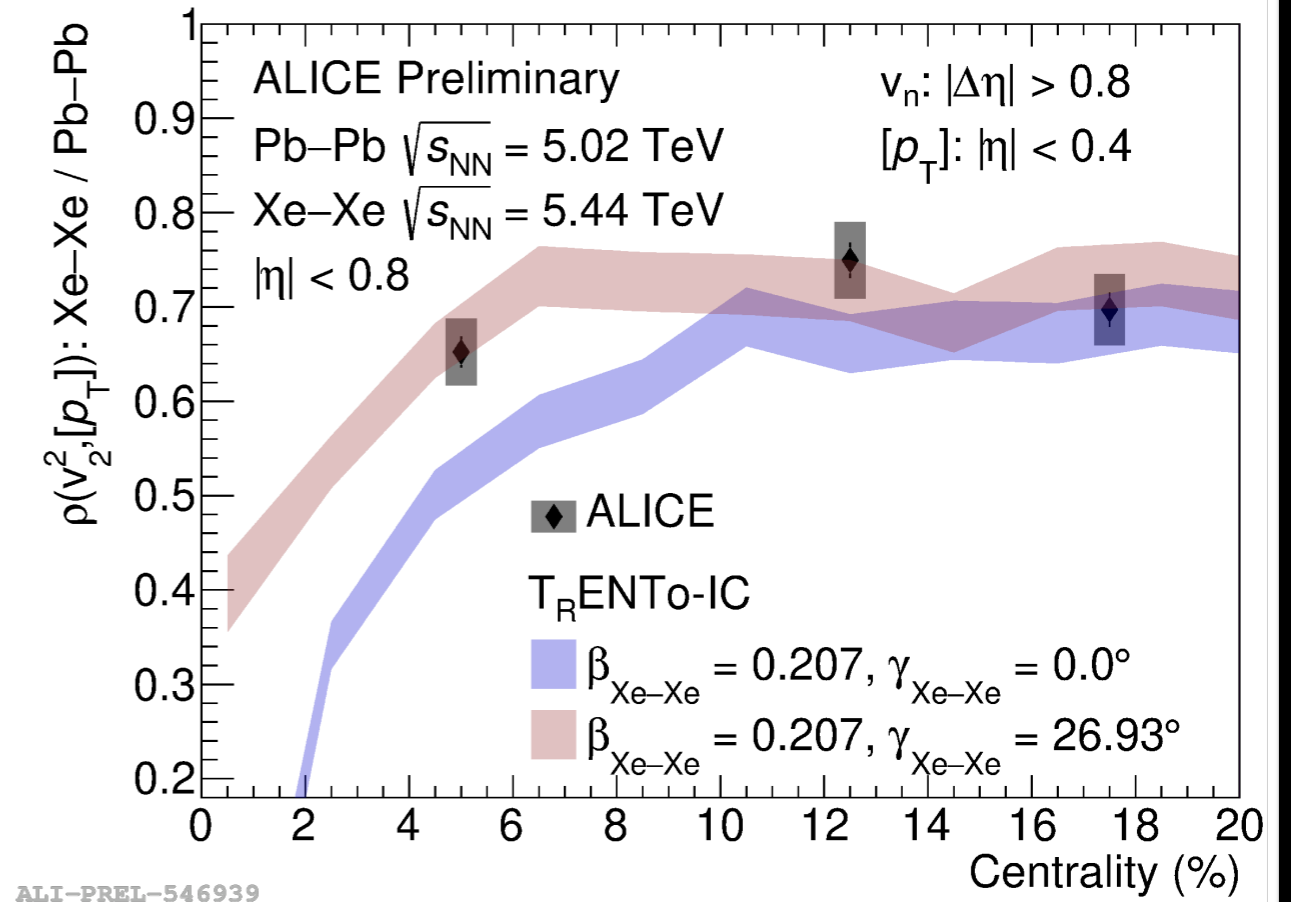
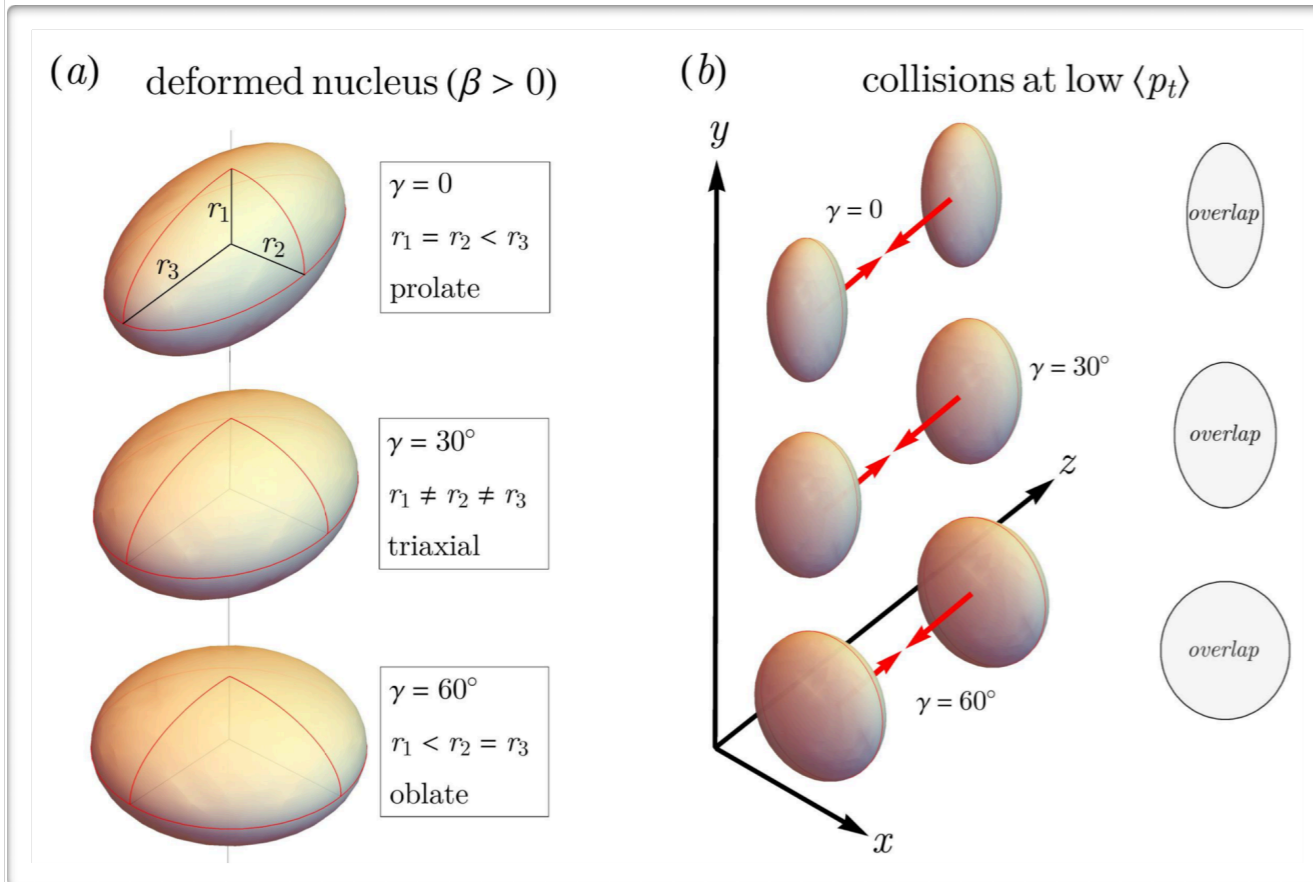


G. Giacalone etc., PRL128, 042301 (2022)



# Probe triaxial structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$

B. Bally etc, PRL128 (2022) 8, 082301

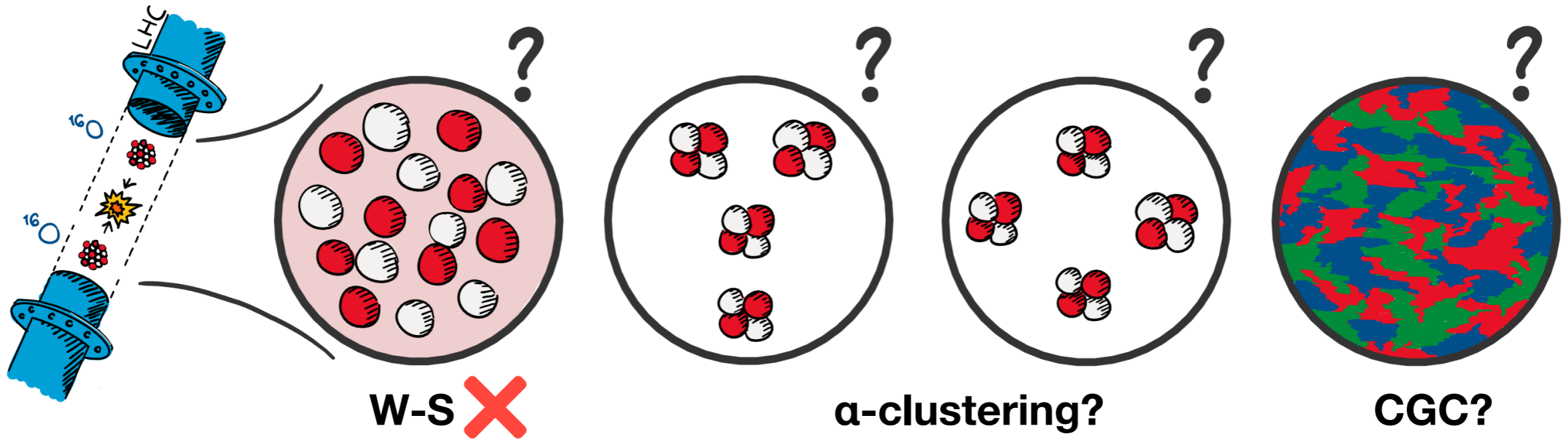


❖ Better agreement between LHC data and calculations with  $\gamma = 26.93^\circ$

- **First observation of triaxial structure of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  at high energy collisions at the LHC**
- New connection of high-energy heavy-ion physics and low-energy nuclear (structure) physics



# O-O collisions at the LHC Run 3 (2024)



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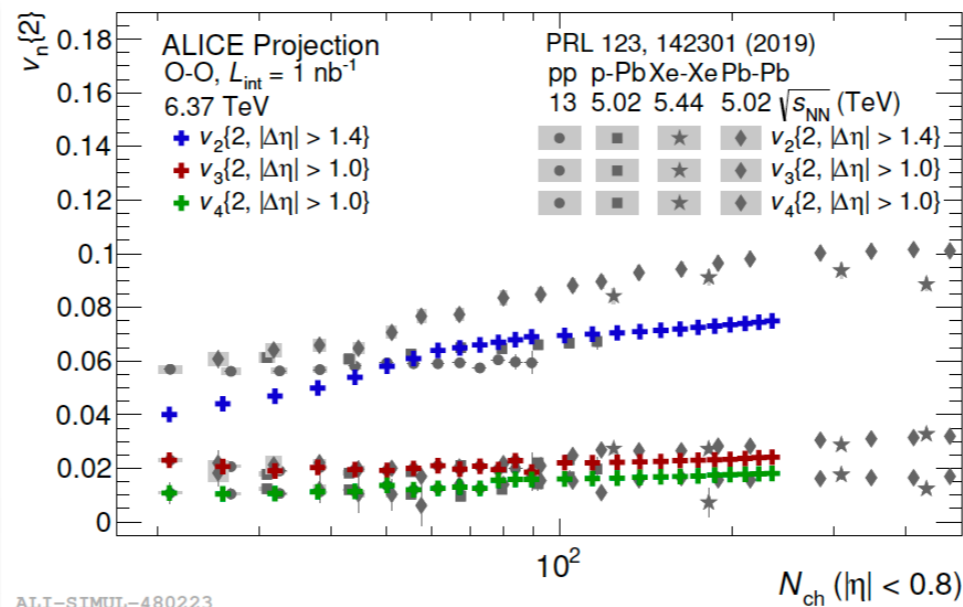
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ALICE physics projections for a short oxygen-beam run at the LHC

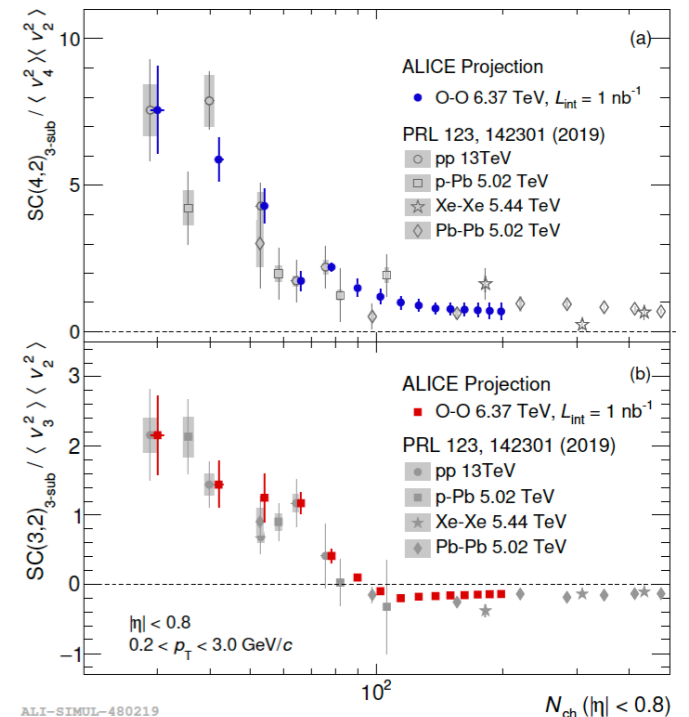
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Abstract

This document collects performance projections for a selection of measurements that can be carried out with a short O-O run during the LHC Run 3. The baseline centre-of-mass energy per nucleon-nucleon collision is  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 6.37$  TeV and measurement uncertainties are given for the integrated luminosity  $L_{int} = 1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ . Some projections for p-O collisions are also included. These studies were presented at the CERN workshop on Opportunities of O-O and p-O collisions at the LHC [1,2].



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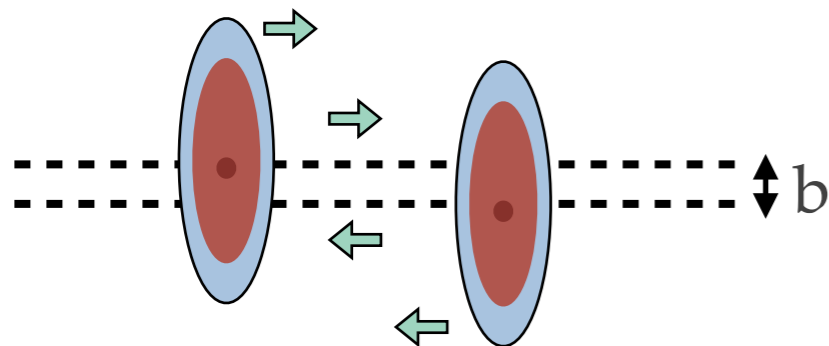
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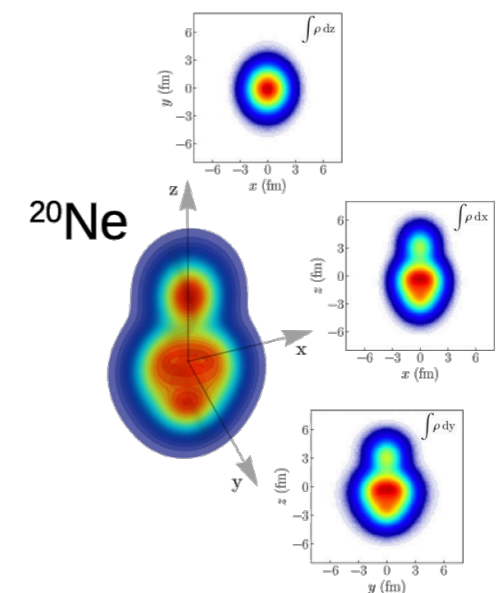
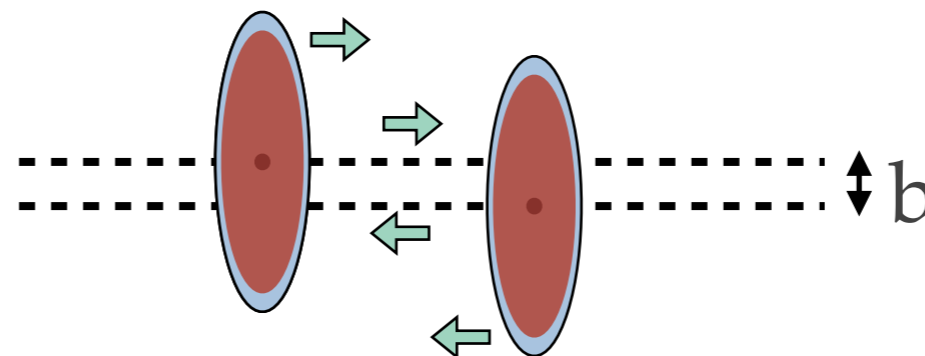
# Future possibilities

	Initial eccentricity fluctuations	Initial size (entropy) fluctuations	Nucleon width	Nuclear structure	Nuclear skin depth	Neutron skin
Anisotropic flow	✓			✓		✓
$\rho_T$ correlations		✓		✓	✓	✓
$v_n$ - $\rho_T$ correlations	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

$^{48}\text{Ca}$ : large skin



$^{40}\text{Ca}$ : small skin



- ❖ Neutron skin i.e.,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$
- ❖ Further understanding on the  $\alpha$ -clustering structure with  $^{20}\text{Ne}$
- ❖ New isobar runs  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  vs  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  (well within the capability of nuclear EFT calculations)

# Recent Activities @ High Energies

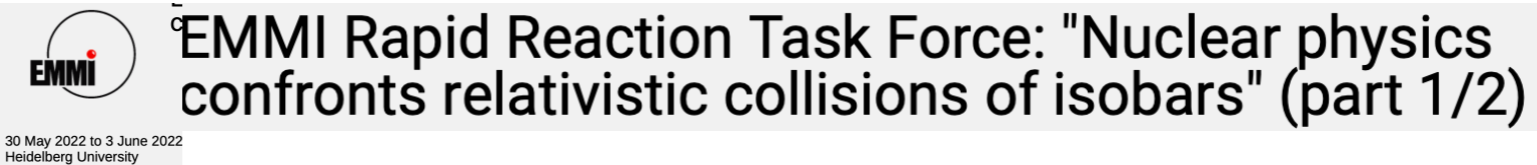
**BNL (01.2022)**




RIKEN BNL Research Center  
**Physics Opportunities from the RHIC Isobar Run**  
This workshop will be held virtually.  
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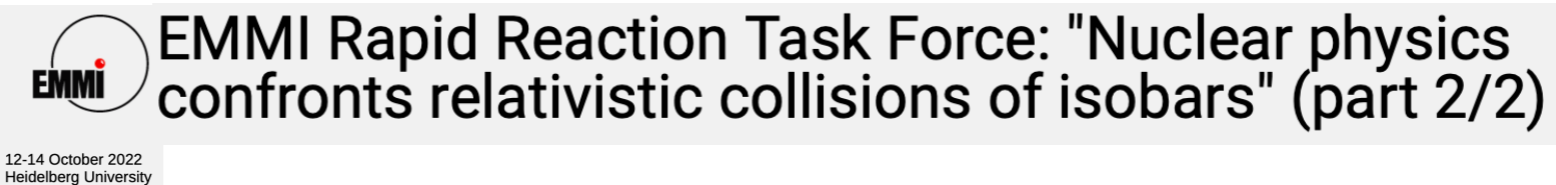
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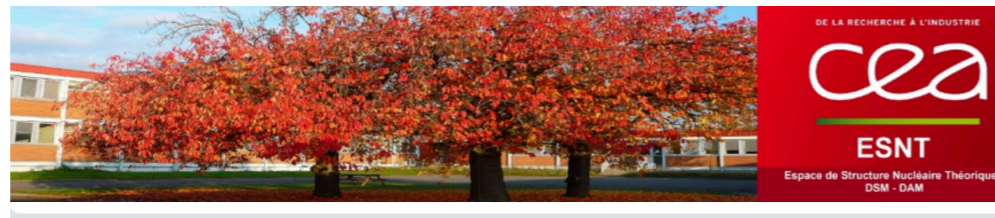
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**INT (02.2023)**



 **INSTITUTE for NUCLEAR THEORY**  
INT PROGRAM INT-23-1A

Intersection of nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions

[link](#)

**NBI (06.2023)**



 The VII-th International Conference on the **Initial Stages** of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions (IS2023), Copenhagen.



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# Follow-up activities

**PKU (04.2024)**  
**Beijing**

## Exploring nuclear physics across energy scales 2024: intersection between nuclear structure and high energy nuclear collisions

15–26 Apr 2024  
Asia/Shanghai timezone

**Overview**

- Participant List
- Committees
- Meeting and Hotel Information
- About Beijing
- Visa to China
- Transportation

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**Introduction:** Recently, it has been realized that relativistic heavy ion collisions could provide new approaches to study some fundamental properties of atomic nuclei. It is therefore timely to gather scientists from both the low-energy and high-energy nuclear physics communities to discuss the recent progress and future perspective in this research direction. The two-week program+workshop on "Exploring Nuclear Physics across Energy Scales" emphasizes the intersection between nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions, with a focus on the following questions: How does the low-energy structure of nuclei manifest in high-energy collisions? How do the observations made at colliders complement our knowledge of nuclear structure? During the program days ([April 15-18](#), [April 23-26](#)) the two invited speakers each day are expected to give a one-hour seminar with sufficient time for discussions. The embedded workshop ([20-22 April](#)) will be 3 days with 25-30 invited talks and 3 short discussion sections.

**The scientific program** includes the following topics, which emphasises the intersections between nuclear structure and high-energy collisions.

- Manifestation of nuclear deformations across energy scales
- Neutron skin determinations and applications
- Many-body correlations and clustering in light nuclei
- Bayesian analysis for high-energy collisions and nuclear structure
- Role of nuclear structure in low- and intermediate-energy collisions
- Connection to Ultra-peripheral Collisions (UPCs) and the future Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)
- Opportunities with colliding new species at future high-energy experiments

(Program + workshop for a limited number of participants)

**CERN (10.2024)**  
In preparation

(Hopefully) Form concrete proposals for the future HI runs @ LHC



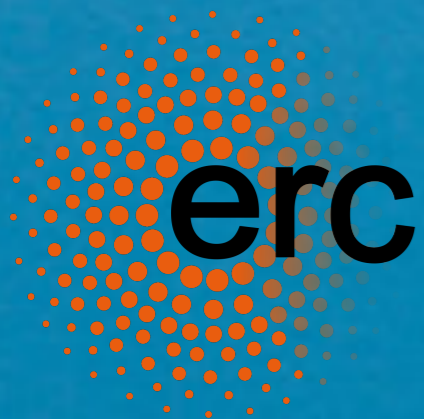
# Conclusion

- ❖ **Heavy-ion collisions offer a unique, precision imaging tool of the nuclear structure with cross field applications**
  - Complements low-energy nuclear physics, which rely on modelling to obtain the structure
- ❖ **Multi-particle correlations (for anisotropic flow and mean transverse momentum) are the key tool in probing the nuclear structure**
  - Higher-order correlations can reveal additional sensitivities to more complex shapes
- ❖ **Future runs at the LHC (i.e., O-O, Ne-Ne) allow us to test cutting edge *ab-initio* nuclear structure methods**
  - Reducing our uncertainty on QGP properties while providing valuable information for hydrodynamic and transport model simulations and nuclear pdfs
- ❖ **Huge potential from Bayesian analysis and Machine Learning**
  - To be explored when more data is available

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  - Complements low-energy nuclear physics, which rely on modelling to obtain the structure
- ★ **The nuclear structure studies at the high energies (i.e., RHIC & LHC) can not replace the efforts of NS at low energies, OBVIOUSLY.**
- ❖ Muon scattering (large momentum) are the key tool in probing the nuclear structure
  - Additional sensitivities to more complex shapes
- ★ **They complement each other**
  - ★ *NS@LE covers much wider range in the nuclide chart*
  - ★ *NS@HE enables novel opportunity to resolve some challenging questions (many-body, shape etc) with a few selected nuclei*
- ❖ Future ab-initio calculations
  - Reducing our uncertainty on QGP properties while providing valuable information
- ★ **The interactions between two communities are crucial**
  - ★ *Can we have a unified description of nuclear structure through the entire energy scale from MeV to TeV*
- ❖ Huge data analysis and Machine Learning
  - To be explored when more data is available

Thanks !





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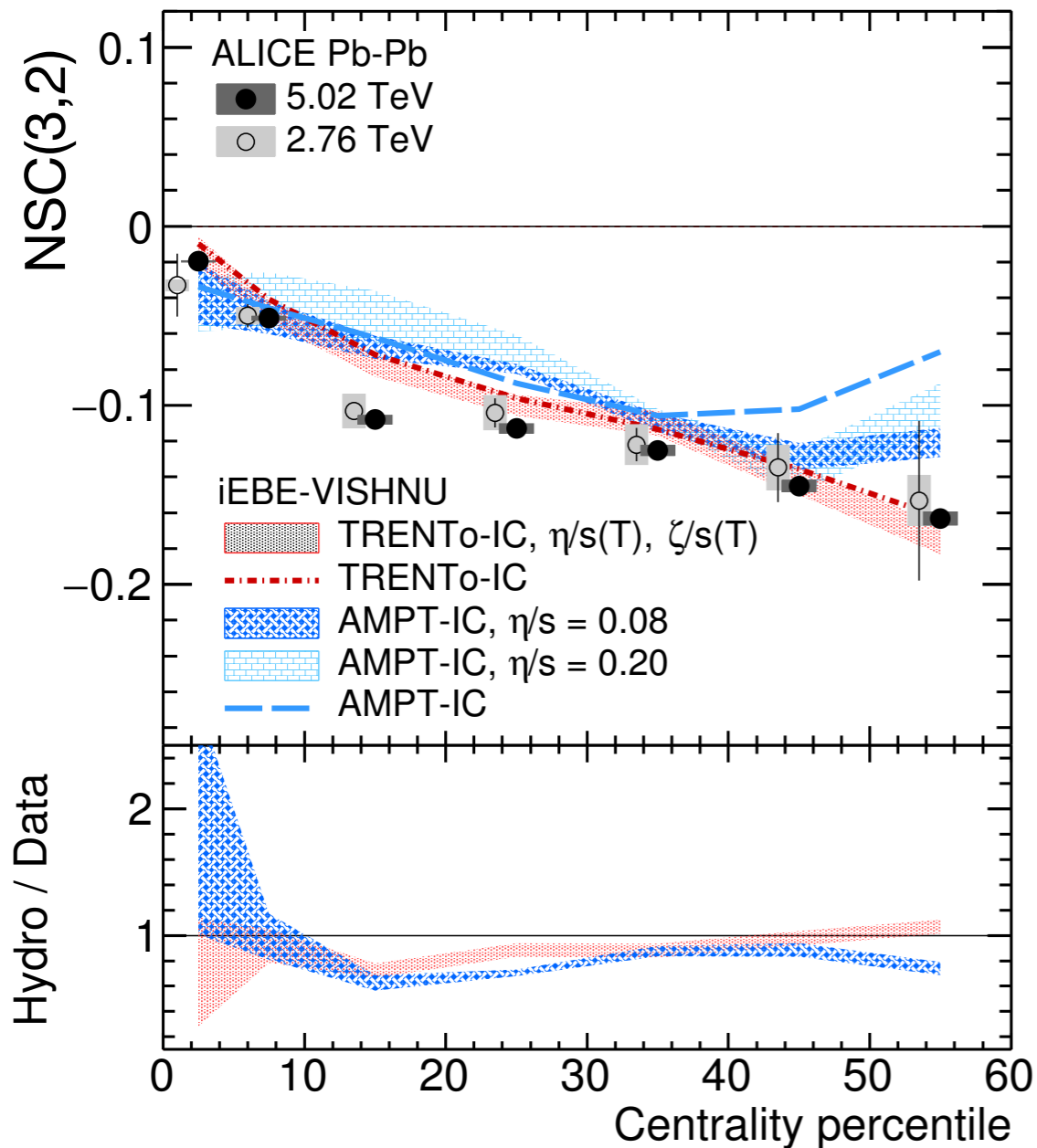


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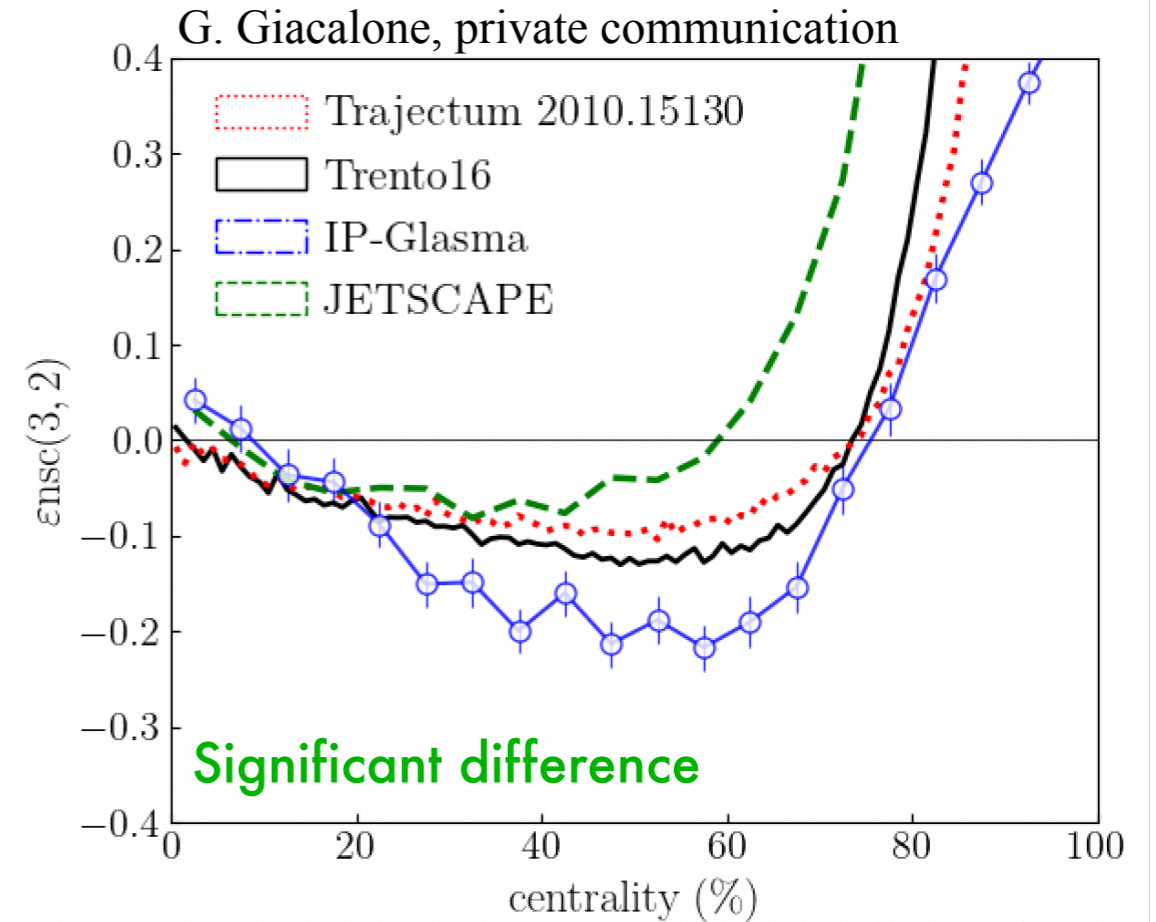
# Probe IC with NSC(3,2)

$$NSC^v(3,2) = NSC^\epsilon(3,2)$$



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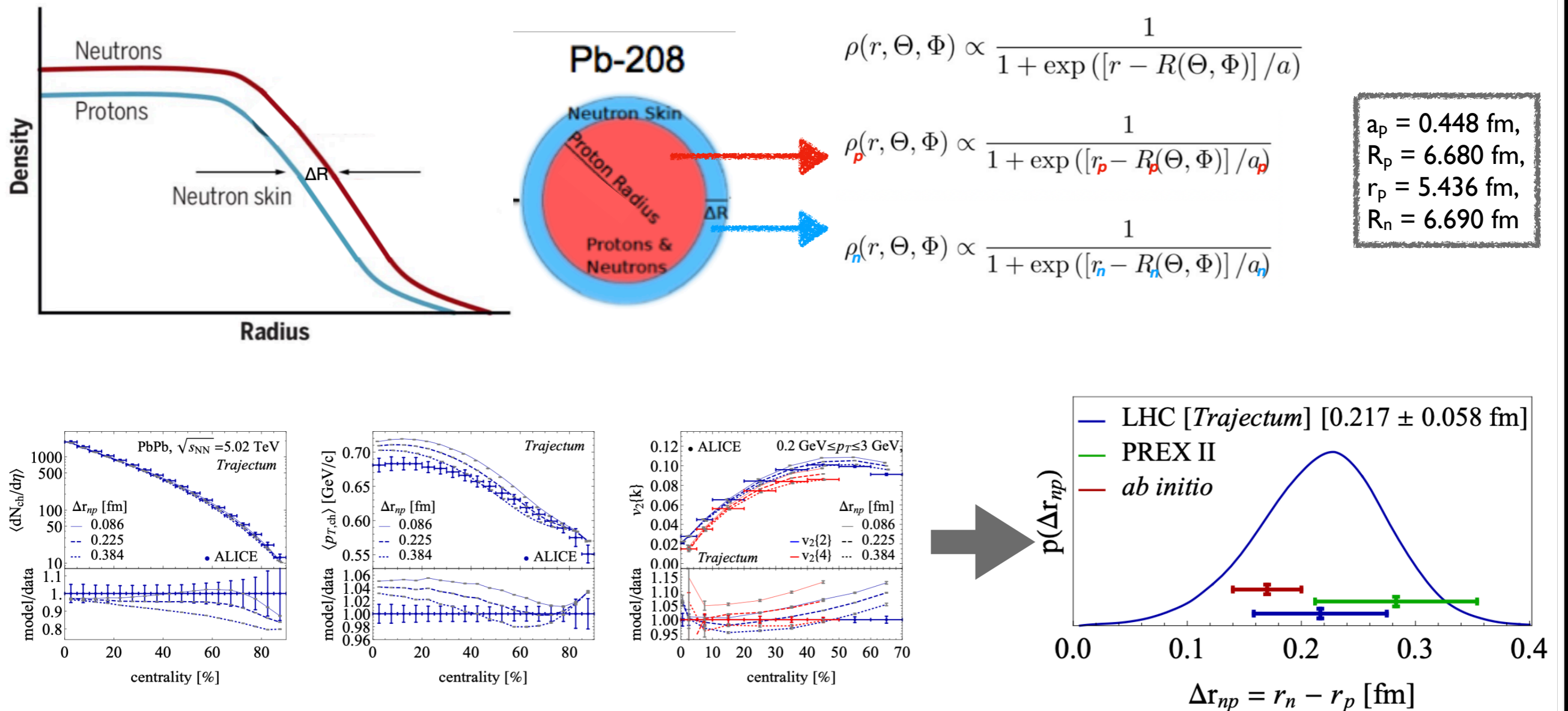
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- ❖ Precision NSC(3,2) data provides tight constraints on the initial state models
- ❖ what is the general correlation between any order of  $v_n^k$  and  $v_m^p$  and the correlations among multiple flow coefficients



# Neutron skin of $^{208}\text{Pb}$



❖ Extracted neutron skin of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  compatible with the state-of-the-art low-energy study

- PREX II:  $0.278 \pm 0.078$  (exp.) +  $0.012$  (theo.) fm
- LHC [Trajectum]:  $0.217 \pm 0.058$  (theo.) fm

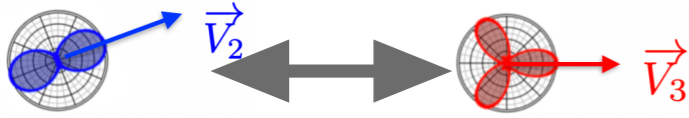
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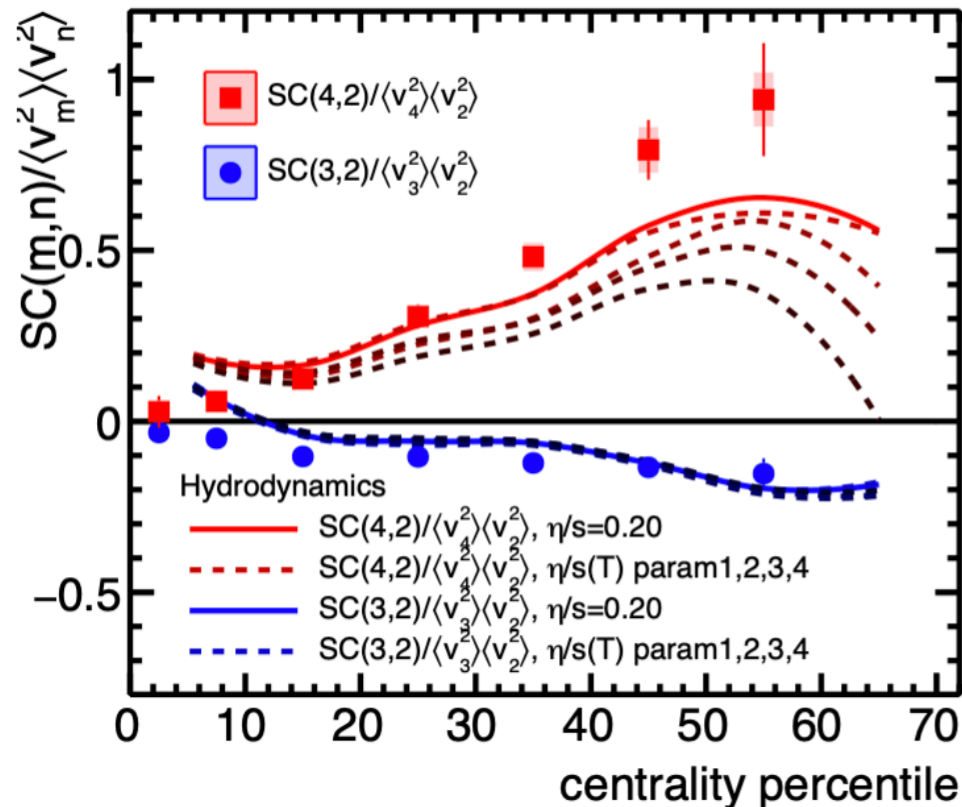
# (Normalized) Symmetric Cumulant

## Symmetric cumulants:

$$SC(m, n) = \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle$$



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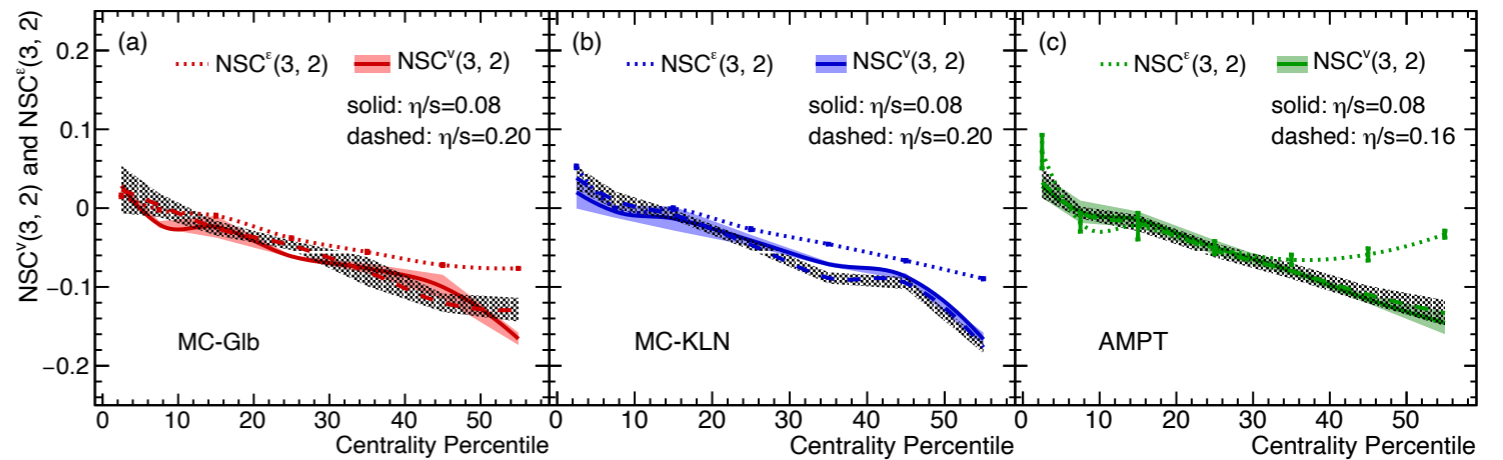
PHYSICAL REVIEW C 89, 064904 (2014)

**Generic framework for anisotropic flow analyses with multiparticle azimuthal correlations**

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Xiangrong Zhu, YZ, Haojie Xu, and Huichao Song, PRC95, 044902 (2017)



$$v_2 \propto \varepsilon_2$$

$$v_3 \propto \varepsilon_3$$



$$\frac{\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle}{\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}$$

Or:  $NSC^v(3,2) = NSC^e(3,2)$

❖ The very first direct measurement of correlations between  $v_n$  and  $v_m$

- $NSC(3,2)$  is insensitive to  $\eta/s$
- $NSC(3,2)$  measurements provide a direct access into the initial conditions (despite details of systems evolution)
- Can we use  $NSC$  to explore the nuclear structure?



# Future possibilities

## ★ Proposal for NuPECC Long-range plan

Imaging nuclear structure and quark-gluon plasma  
at the Large Hadron Collider

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### Abstract:

It has been established recently that nuclear collision experiments performed in high-energy collider machines, such as the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC), provide a novel tool to observe signatures of the shape and the radial structure of atomic nuclei. By taking *snaphots* of the state of the colliding ions at the interaction point, such experiments open an access route to a range of phenomena shaped by the collective behavior of nucleons that emerge from the strong nuclear force, such as nuclear deformations and neutron skins. The European nuclear community should explore the potential of a program of high-energy collisions across the Segrè chart to be pursued beyond LHC Run 3 to exploit the synergy between two areas of nuclear science. This will permit us, on the one hand, to advance our knowledge of the conditions that set the stage for the formation of quark-gluon plasma (QGP) in heavy-ion collisions and better constrain key physical parameters associated with the Hubble-like expansion of this medium. On the other hand, full exploitation of the LHC as an imaging tool will advance our understanding of strongly-correlated nuclear systems via probes and techniques complementary to those utilized in low-energy applications. Such studies will ultimately yield unique insight into the behavior of quantum chromodynamics (QCD) across systems and energy scales.

## Proposals for $^{20}\text{Ne}$ , $^{40}\text{Ca}$ & $^{48}\text{Ca}$ at the LHC

## ★ Proposal for US Long-range plan

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### Nuclear Experiment

[Submitted on 22 Sep 2022]

#### Imaging the initial condition of heavy-ion collisions and nuclear structure across the nuclide chart

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A major goal of the hot QCD program, the extraction of the properties of the quark gluon plasma (QGP), is currently limited by our poor knowledge of the initial condition of the QGP, in particular how it is shaped from the colliding nuclei. To attack this limitation, we propose to exploit collisions of selected species to precisely assess how the initial condition changes under variations of the structure of the colliding ions. This knowledge, combined with event-by-event measures of particle correlations in the final state of heavy-ion collisions, will provide in turn a new way to probe the collective structure of nuclei, and to confront and exploit the predictions of state-of-the-art ab initio nuclear structure theories. The US nuclear community should capitalize on this interdisciplinary connection by pursuing collisions of well-motivated species at high-energy colliders.

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Subjects: **Nuclear Experiment (nucl-ex)**; High Energy Physics - Phenomenology (hep-ph); Nuclear Theory (nucl-th)

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### NuPECC (2017)



### NSAC (2015)



# Multi-particle $p_T$ correlations

Generic multi-particle transverse momentum correlations as a new tool for studying nuclear structure at the energy frontier

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$$[p_T^{(1)}] = \frac{P_1}{W_1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M w_i p_{T,i}}{\sum_{i=1}^M w_i} = [p_T],$$

$$[p_T^{(2)}] = \frac{P_1^2 - P_2}{W_1^2 - W_2},$$

$$[p_T^{(3)}] = \frac{P_1^3 - 3P_2P_1 + 2P_3}{W_1^3 - 3W_2W_1 + 2W_3}$$

$$[p_T^{(4)}] = \frac{P_1^4 - 6P_2P_1^2 + 3P_2^2 + 8P_3P_1 - 6P_4}{W_1^4 - 6W_2W_1^2 + 3W_2^2 + 8W_3W_1 - 6W_4}$$

# TRENTo IC

- ❖ Fully parametrised initial conditions

$$P_{\text{wounded}} = 1 - \exp\left(-\sigma_{gg} \int d\mathbf{x} \rho_A(\mathbf{x}) \rho_B(\mathbf{x})\right), \quad \rho_{A/B} \propto \exp\left(\frac{-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{A/B}|^2}{2w^2}\right)$$

- ❖ Deposit energy into each nucleus' thickness function

$$T_{A/B} = \sum_{i \in \text{wounded } A/B} \gamma \exp(-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|^2 / 2w^2)$$

- ❖ Modify to include quark constituents  $\rho_A = \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} \rho_c(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$

- ❖ Generalised mean of thickness functions

$$\left. \frac{dS}{d^2x_{\perp} d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \propto \left( \frac{(T_A + T_B)^p}{2} \right)^{1/p} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left. \frac{dS}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \propto \begin{cases} \max(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow +\infty \\ (T_A + T_B)/2 & p = +1 \text{ (arithmetic)} \\ \sqrt{T_A T_B} & p = 0 \text{ (geometric)} \\ 2T_A T_B / (T_A + T_B) & p = -1 \text{ (harmonic)} \\ \min(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$