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COLLECTIVITY IN $p+A$ COLLISIONS

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**PHYSICS WITH HIGH-LUMINOSITY PROTON-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS AT THE LHC
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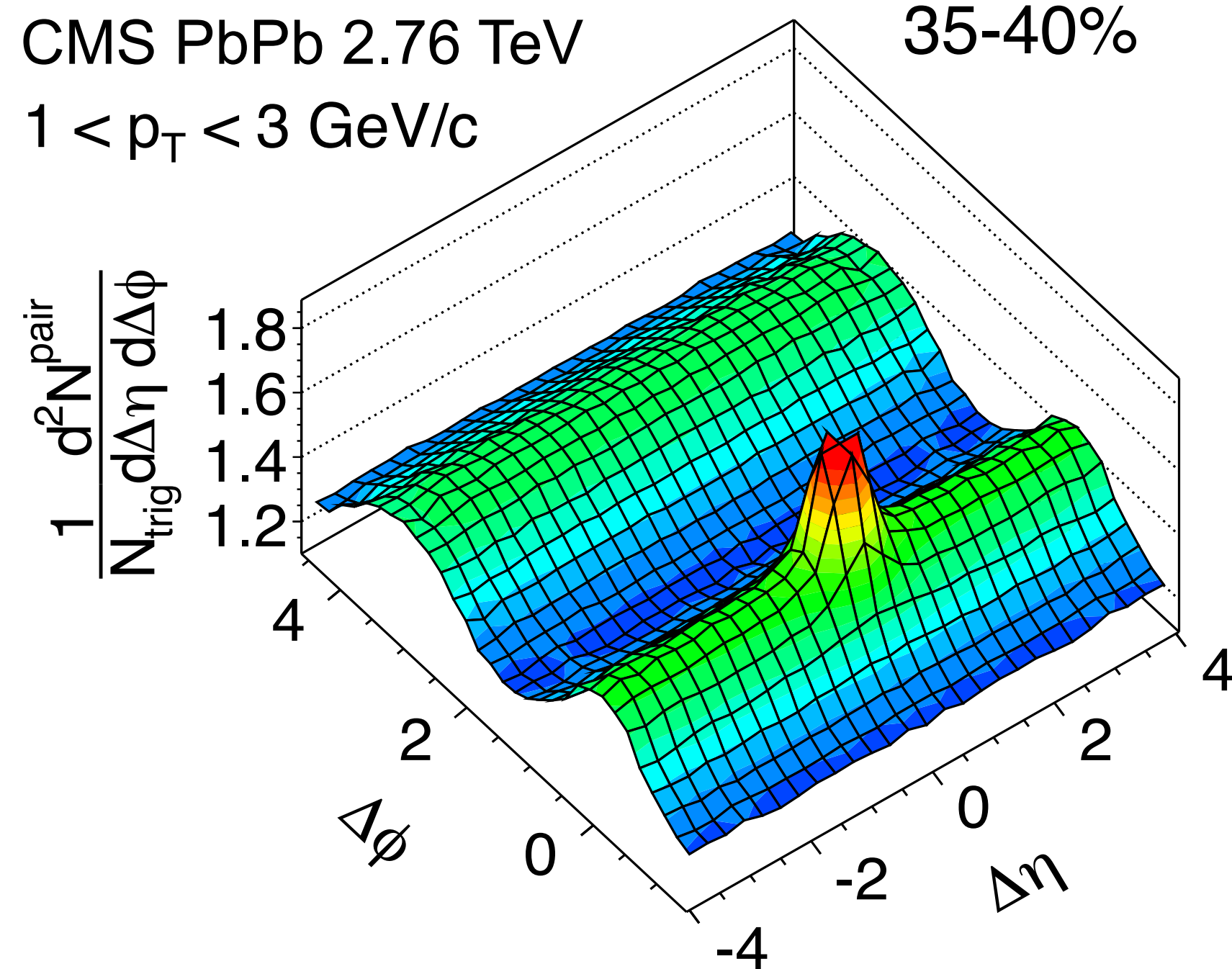
COLLECTIVITY IN NUCLEAR COLLISIONS

- Azimuthal anisotropies in particle spectra, long-range correlated in rapidity, indicate strong final state effects that convert initial geometry

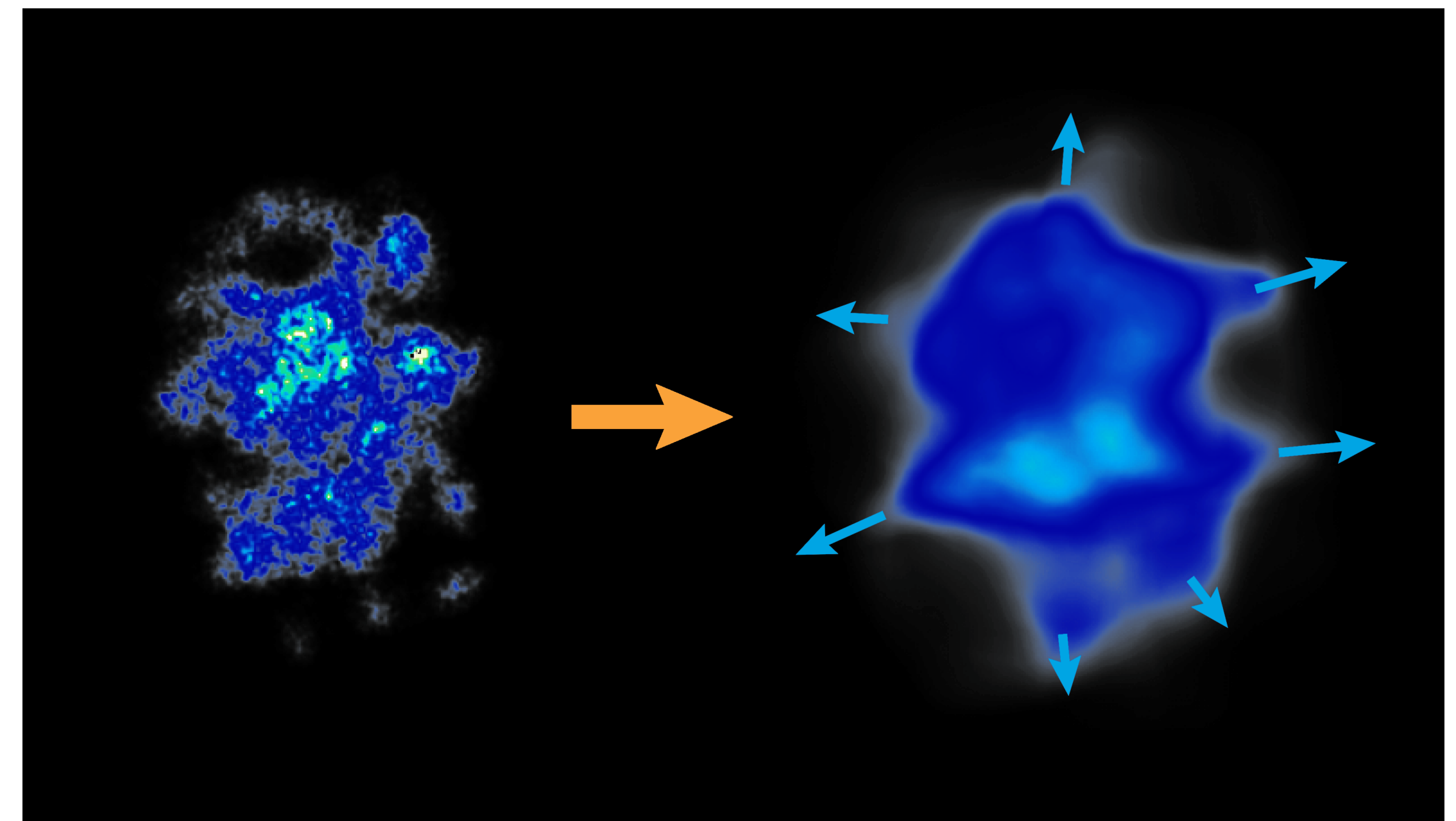
2-particle correlation vs. $\Delta\eta$ and $\Delta\phi$:

CMS PbPb 2.76 TeV
 $1 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c

35-40%



CMS COLL., EUR. PHYS. J. C72 (2012)



Initial energy density
distribution

Hydrodynamic
expansion

HISTORY OF p+A AT LHC

- First p+Pb collisions at LHC: 2012, higher luminosity in 2013

- First collectivity measurement in p+Pb (after p+p in 2010):

Long-range angular correlations on the near and away side in p–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

ALICE Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B 719 (2013) 29-41 (926 citations)

Observation of Long-Range Near-Side Angular Correlations in Proton-Proton Collisions at the LHC

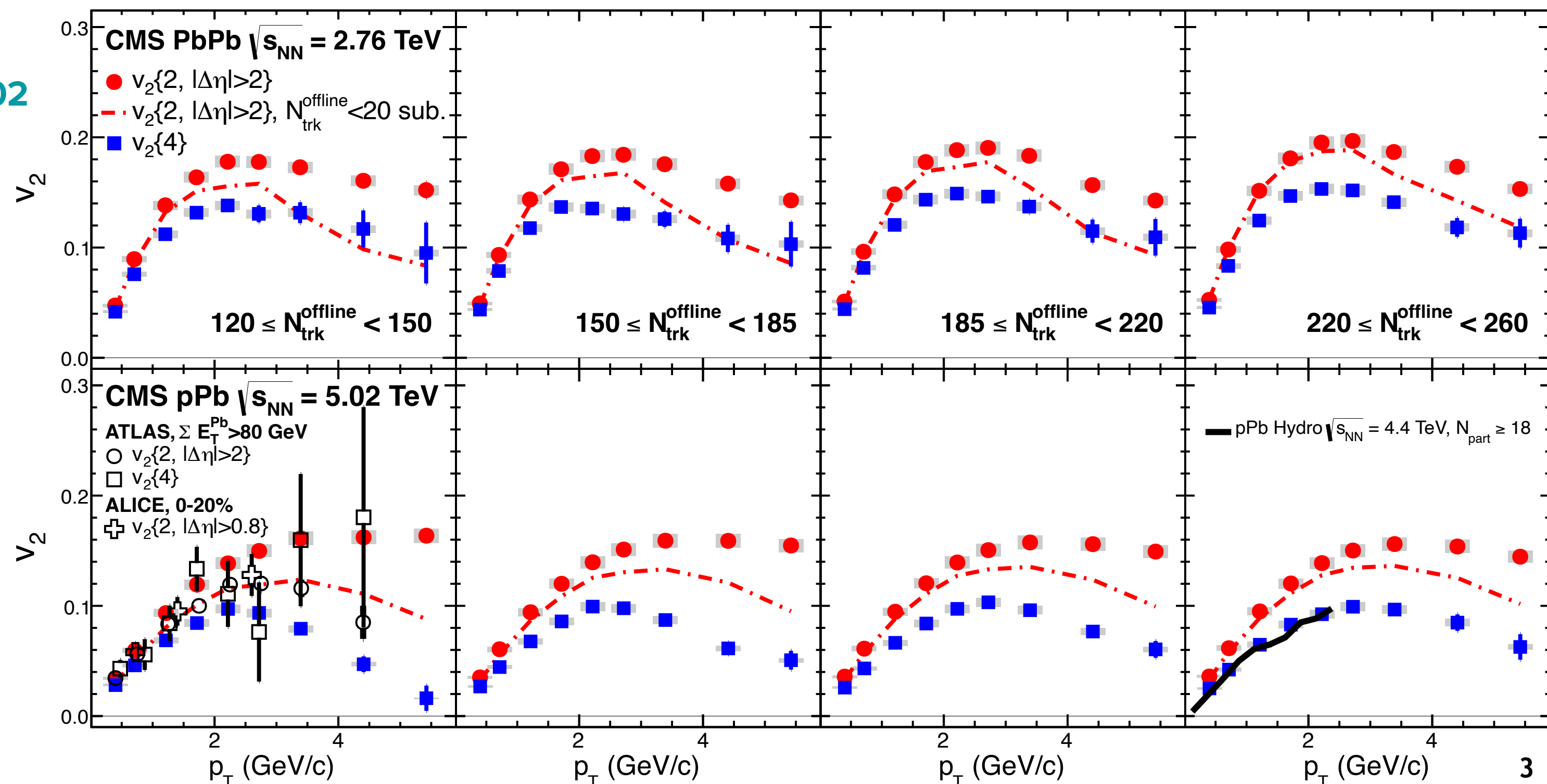
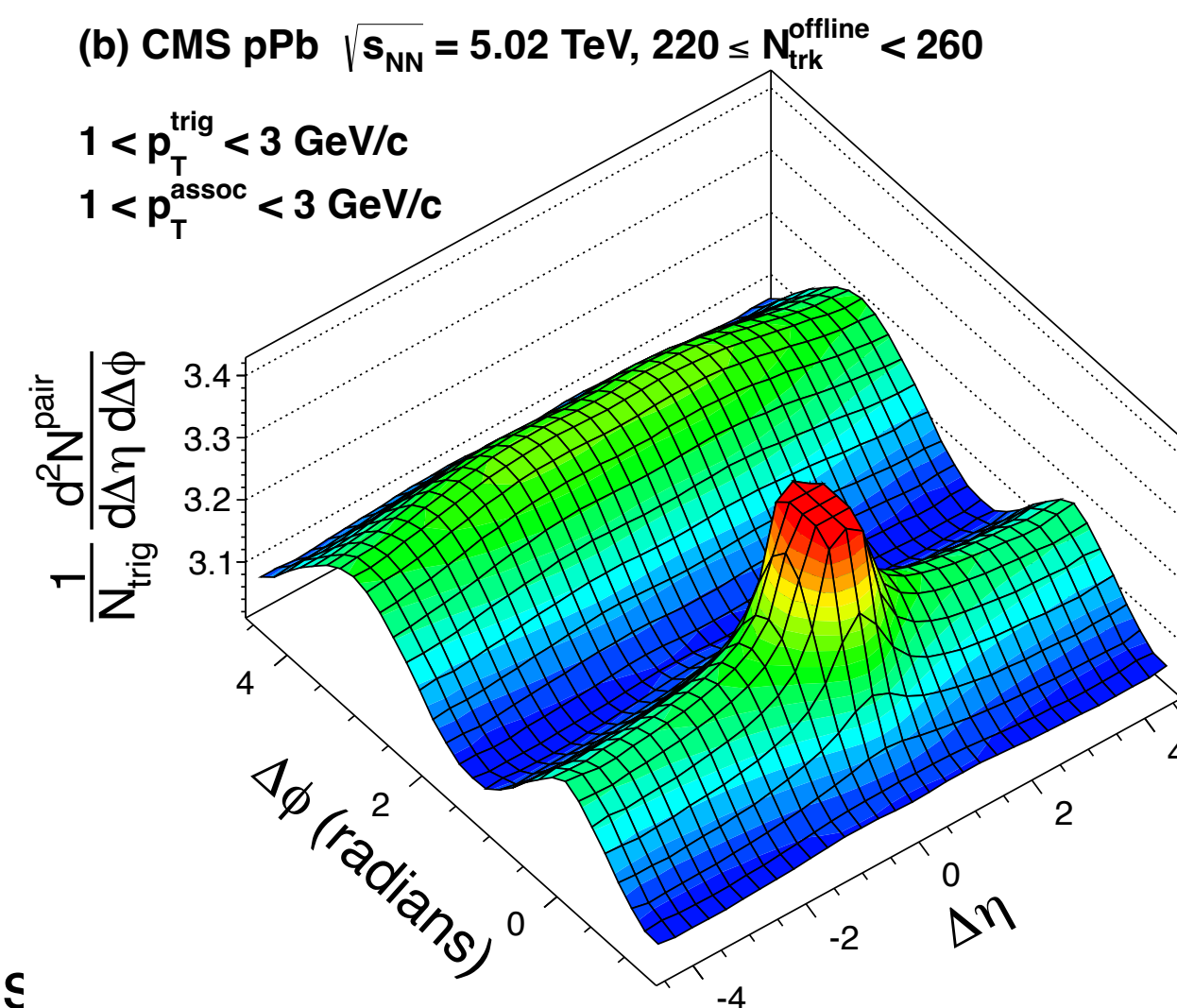
CMS Collaboration, JHEP 09 (2010) 091 (1212 citations)

- Followed by:

ATLAS Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013) 18, 182302

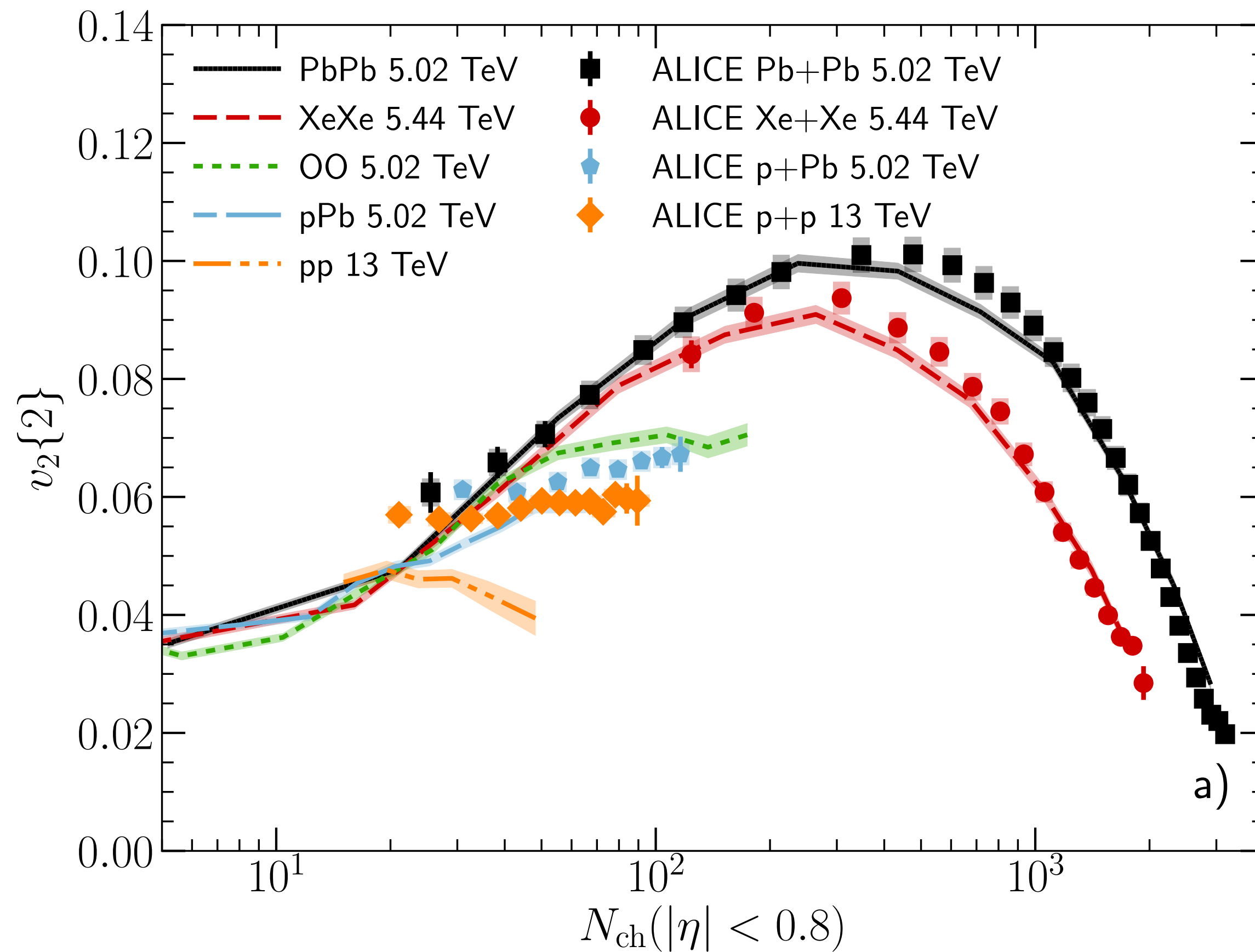
ATLAS Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B 725 (2013) 60-78

CMS Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B 724 (2013) 213-240



SUCCESS OF HYDRODYNAMICS

B. Schenke, C. Shen, P. Tribedy, Phys.Rev.C 102 (2020) 4, 044905

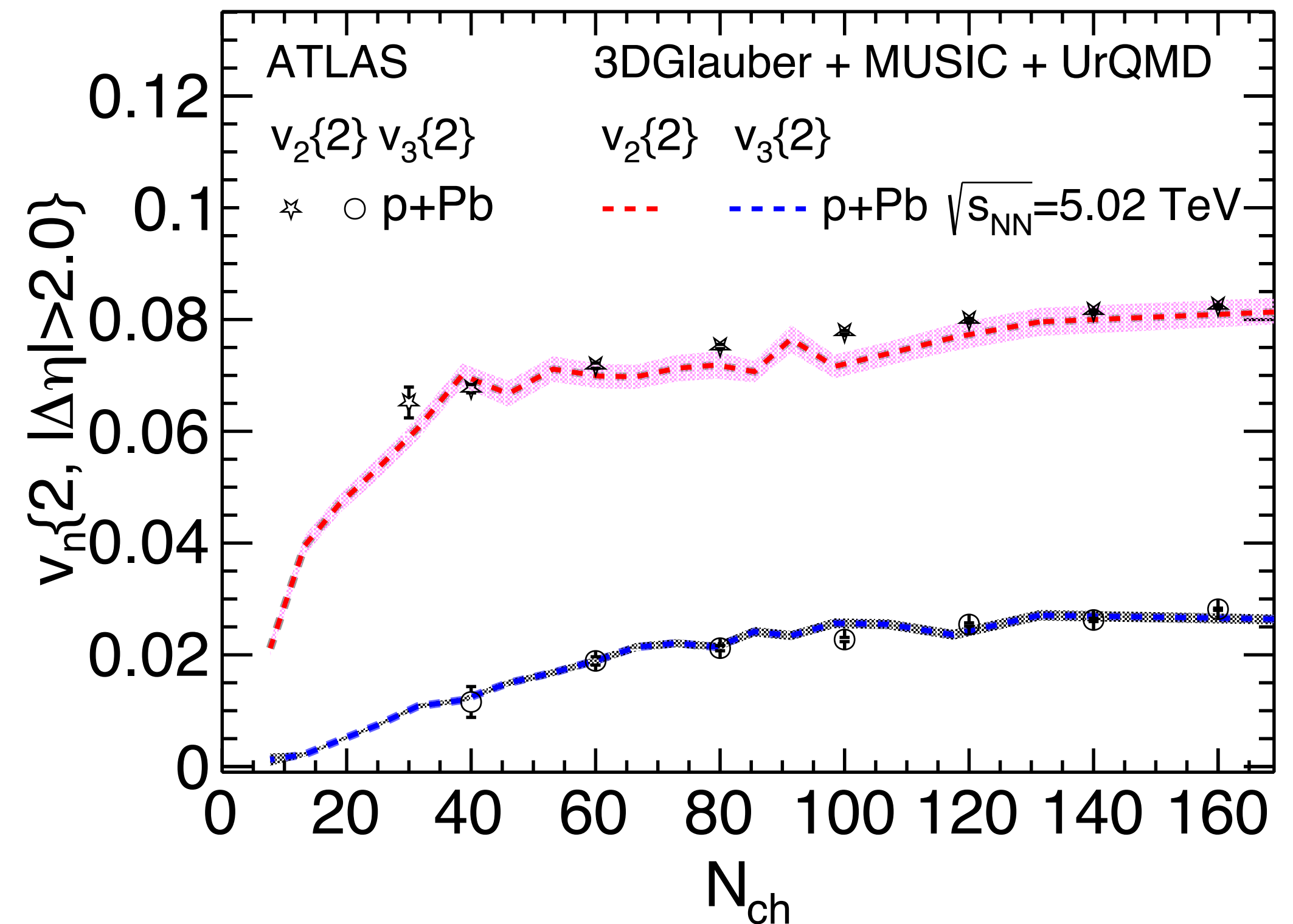
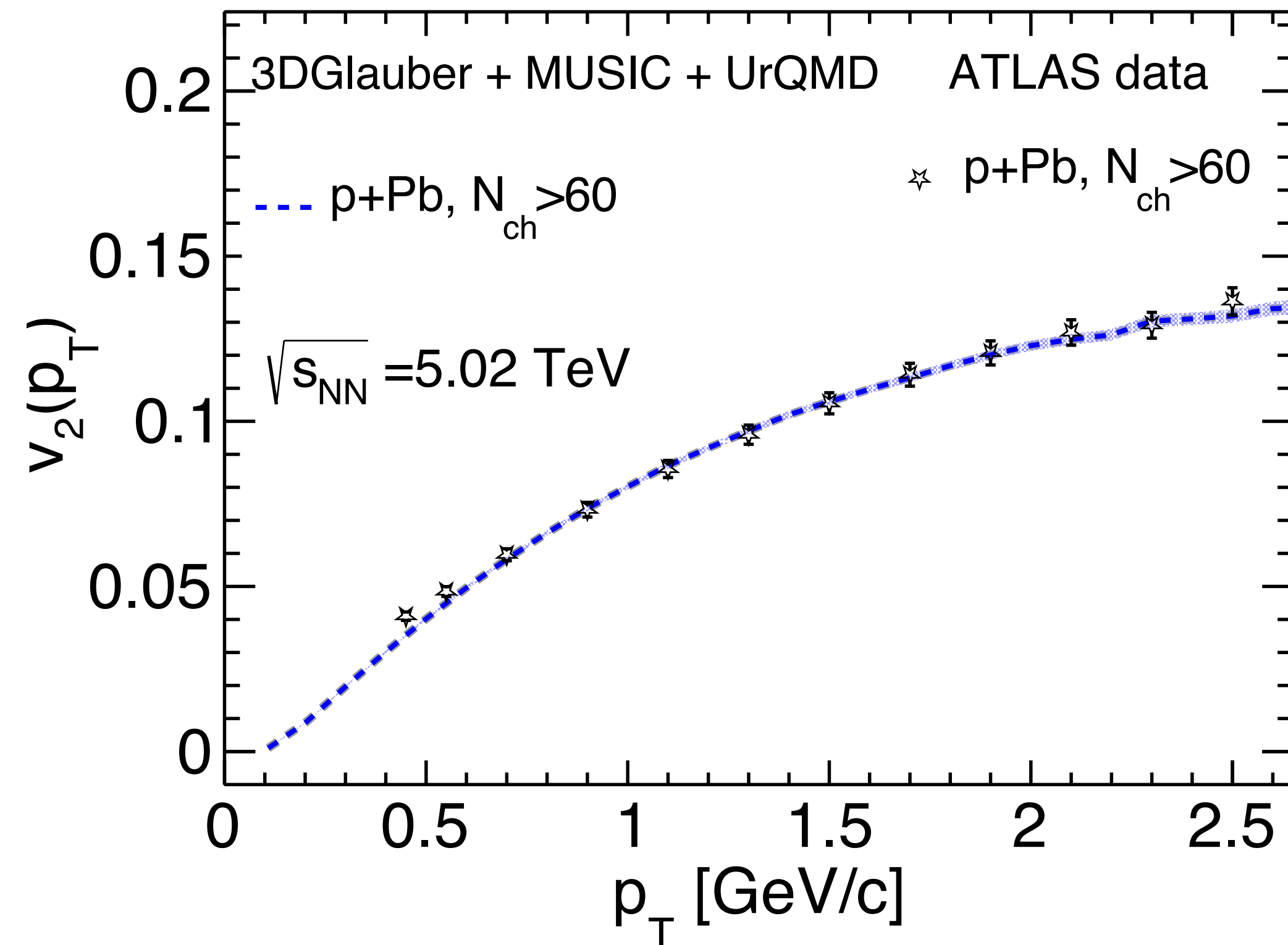


- Hydrodynamic models can describe wide range of data
- No good agreement in p+p
- But success in p+Pb had big impact

ALICE Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) 142301

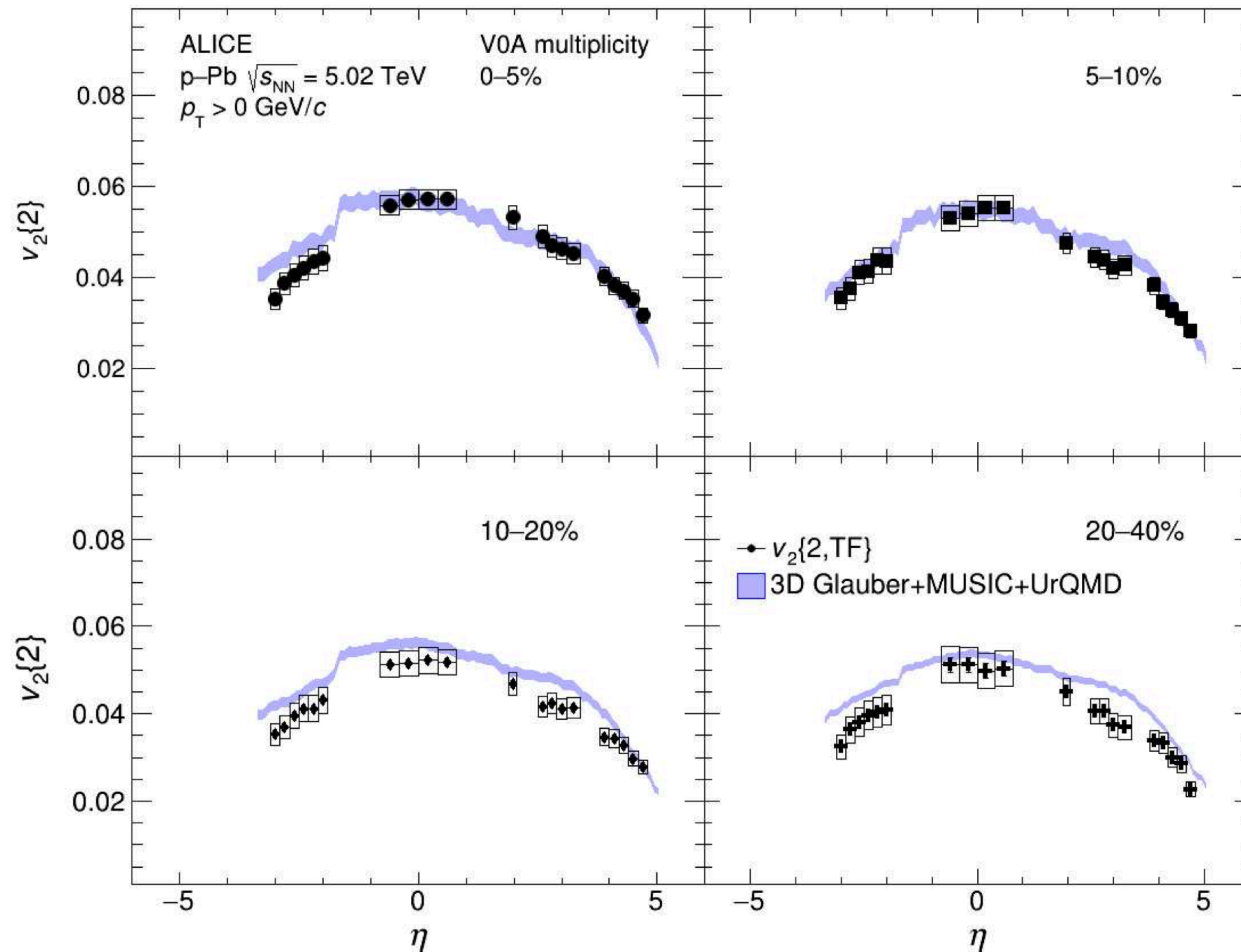
HYDRODYNAMICS DESCRIBES p+A

• 3+1D hydrodynamic models can describe p+Pb data very well



W. Zhao, C. Shen, and B. Schenke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 (2022) 252302
ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. C 96 (2017) 024908

ELLIPTIC FLOW VS. RAPIDITY



- Elliptic flow vs. pseudo-rapidity in p+Pb within 3+1D viscous fluid dynamics
- Using 3D-MC-Glauber initial state model

ALICE Collaboration, JHEP 01 (2024) 199
W. Zhao, C. Shen, and B. Schenke
Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 (2022) 252302

BIG IMPACT OF p+A PROGRAM (COLLECTIVITY)

- Triggered an intense program, both theoretical and experimental, to understand the origins of the long-range correlations
- Interpretation: Strong final state effects as in A+A collisions, or initial state correlations emerging from color correlations in the gluon fields of incoming nuclei
- Success of hydrodynamic models in describing p+A data triggered fundamental research into applicability of hydrodynamics

[New theories of relativistic hydrodynamics in the LHC era](#)

[Wojciech Florkowski, Michal P. Heller, Michal Spalinski, Rept.Prog.Phys. 81 \(2018\) 4, 046001](#)

- Motivated “small system scan” at RHIC: p+Au, d+Au, ³He+Au

[PHENIX Collaboration, Nature Phys. 15, no.3, 214-220 \(2019\)](#)

- Triggered developments of non-equilibrium transport, hybrid models, ...

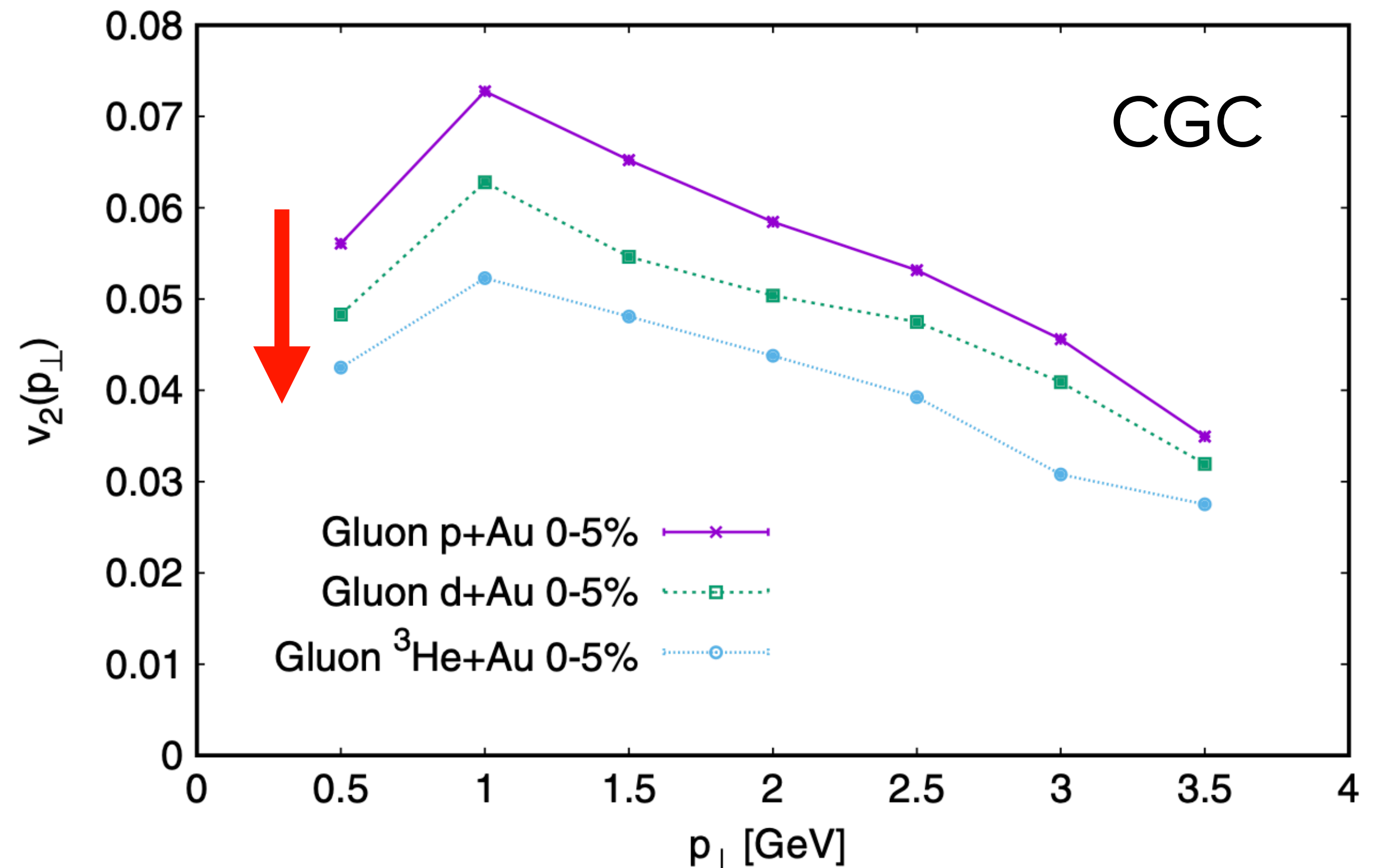
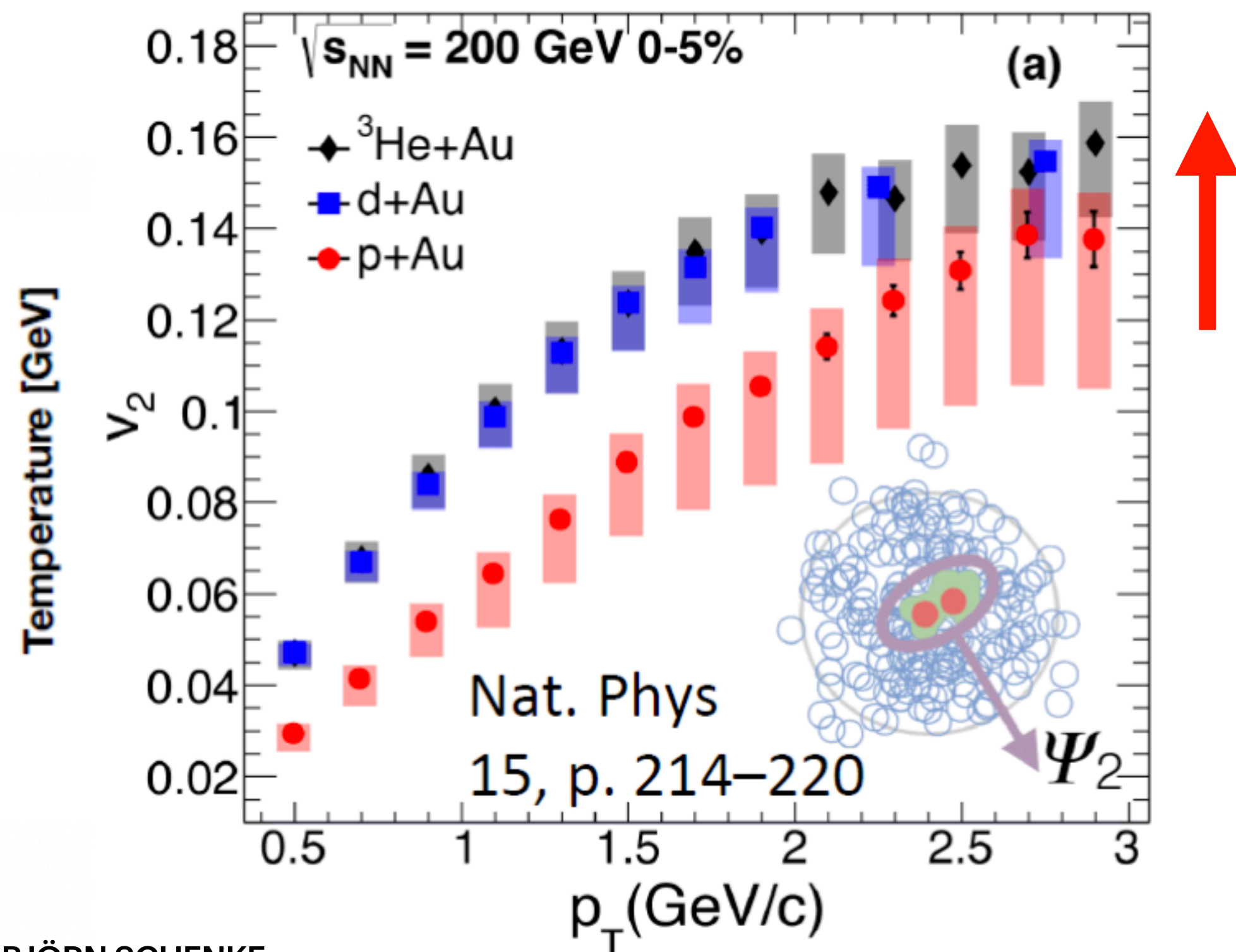
INITIAL STATE EFFECTS?

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Initial state momentum anisotropy, for example from color charge correlations in the Color Glass Condensate: Cannot get all systematics right:



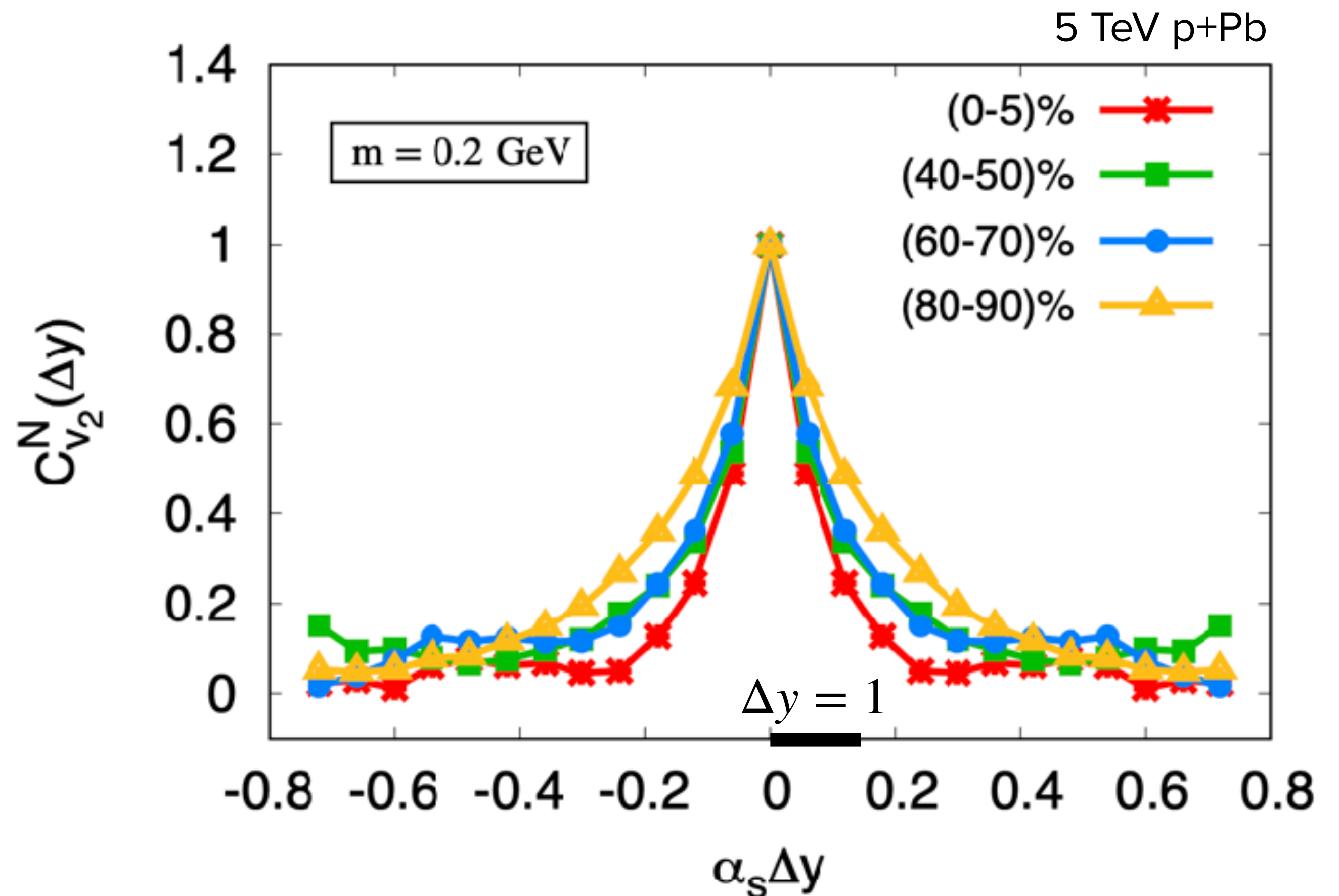
RAPIDITY DEPENDENCE OF INITIAL ANISOTROPHY

B.Schenke, S. Schlichting, and Pragma Singh, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 9, 094023

CGC based IP-Glasma
+ rapidity evolution (JIMWLK)

$$C_{\mathcal{O}}^N(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \frac{\langle \text{Re}(\mathcal{O}(\eta_1)\mathcal{O}^*(\eta_2)) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle |\mathcal{O}(\eta_1)|^2 \rangle \langle |\mathcal{O}(\eta_2)|^2 \rangle}}$$

Initial momentum anisotropy
decorrelates quickly
with rapidity difference

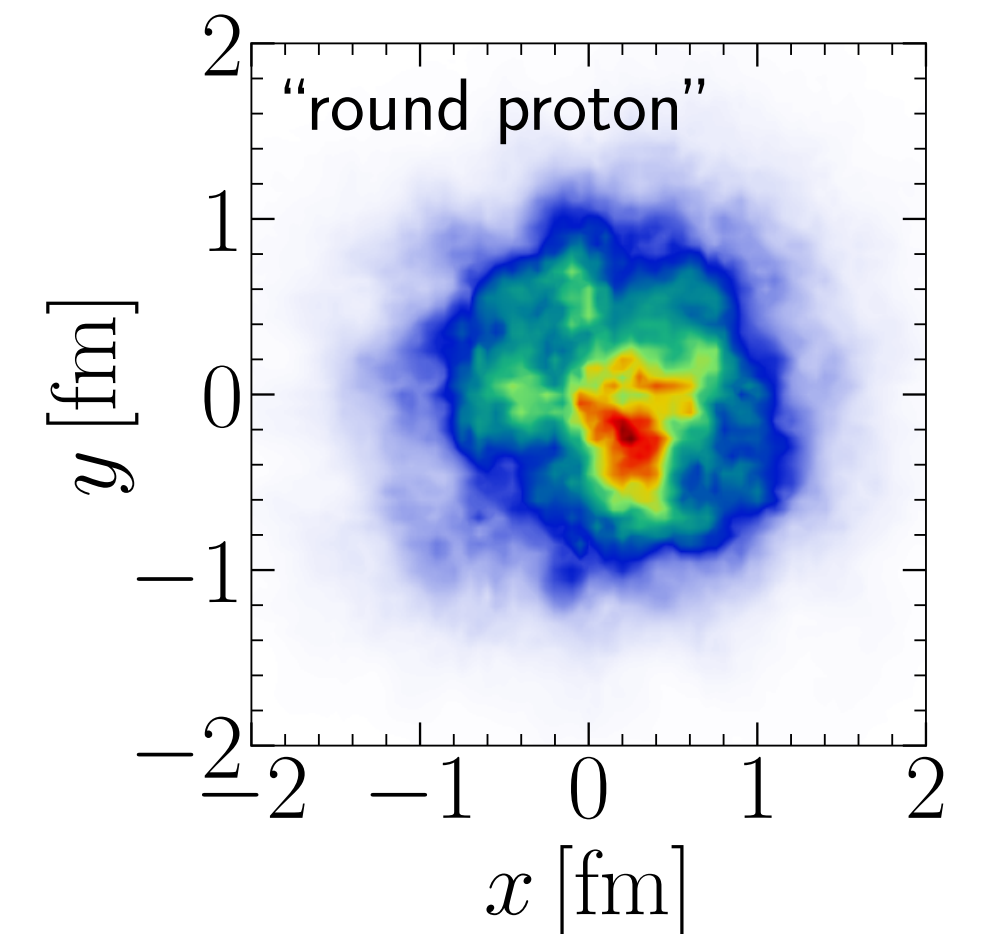
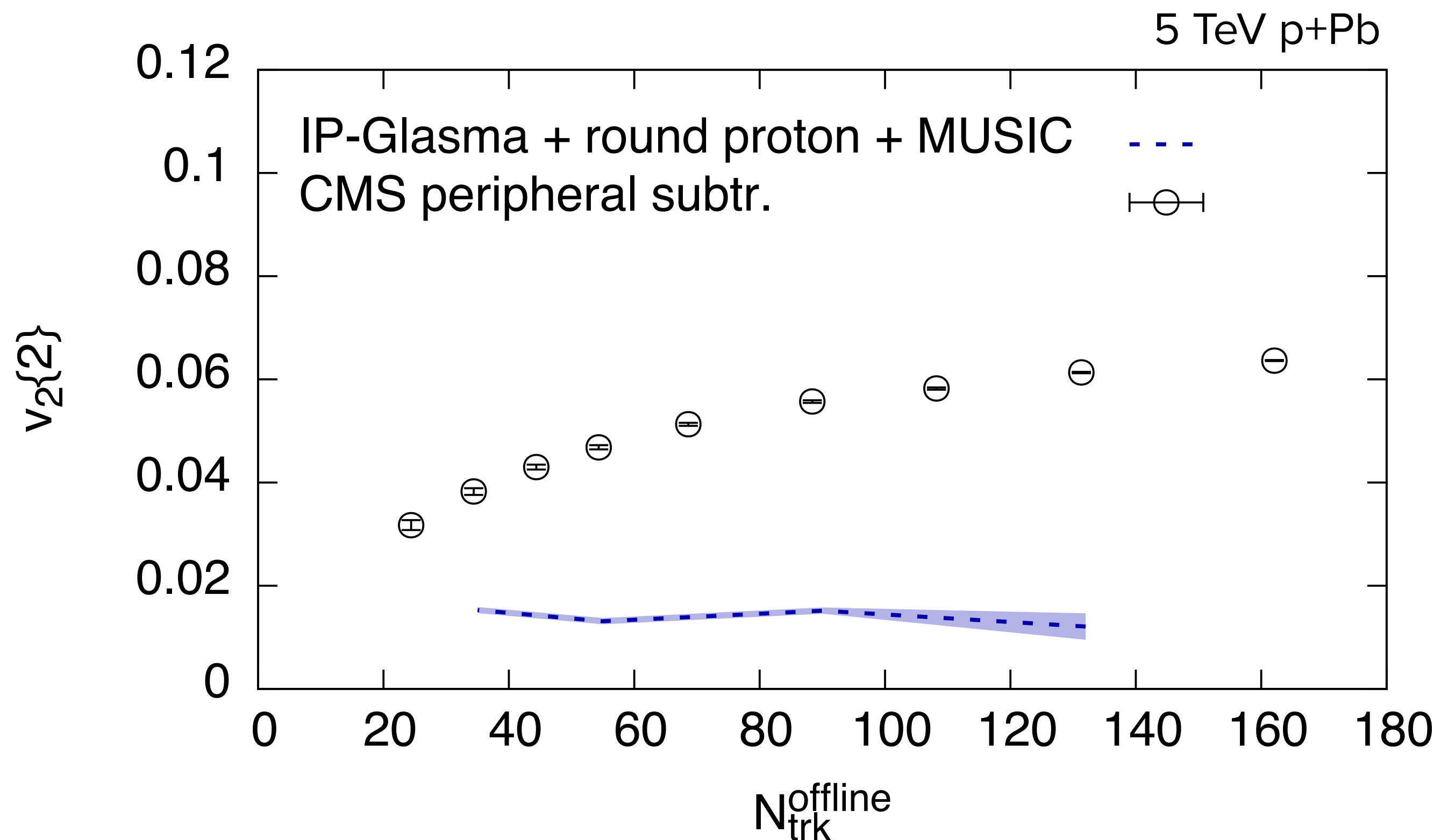


→ Strong final state interactions needed to describe data

PROTON SUBSTRUCTURE

B. Schenke, R. Venugopalan, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **113**, 102301 (2014)

Describing the data using hydrodynamic models prefers a proton with substructure:



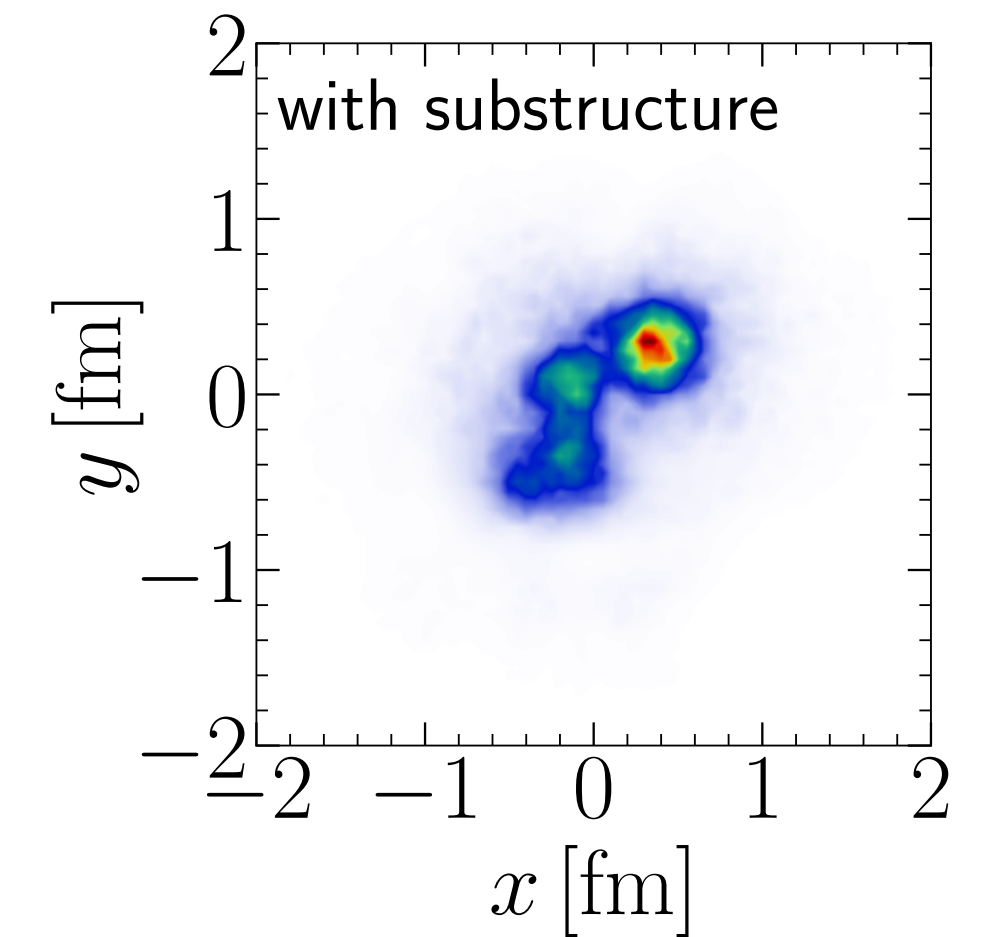
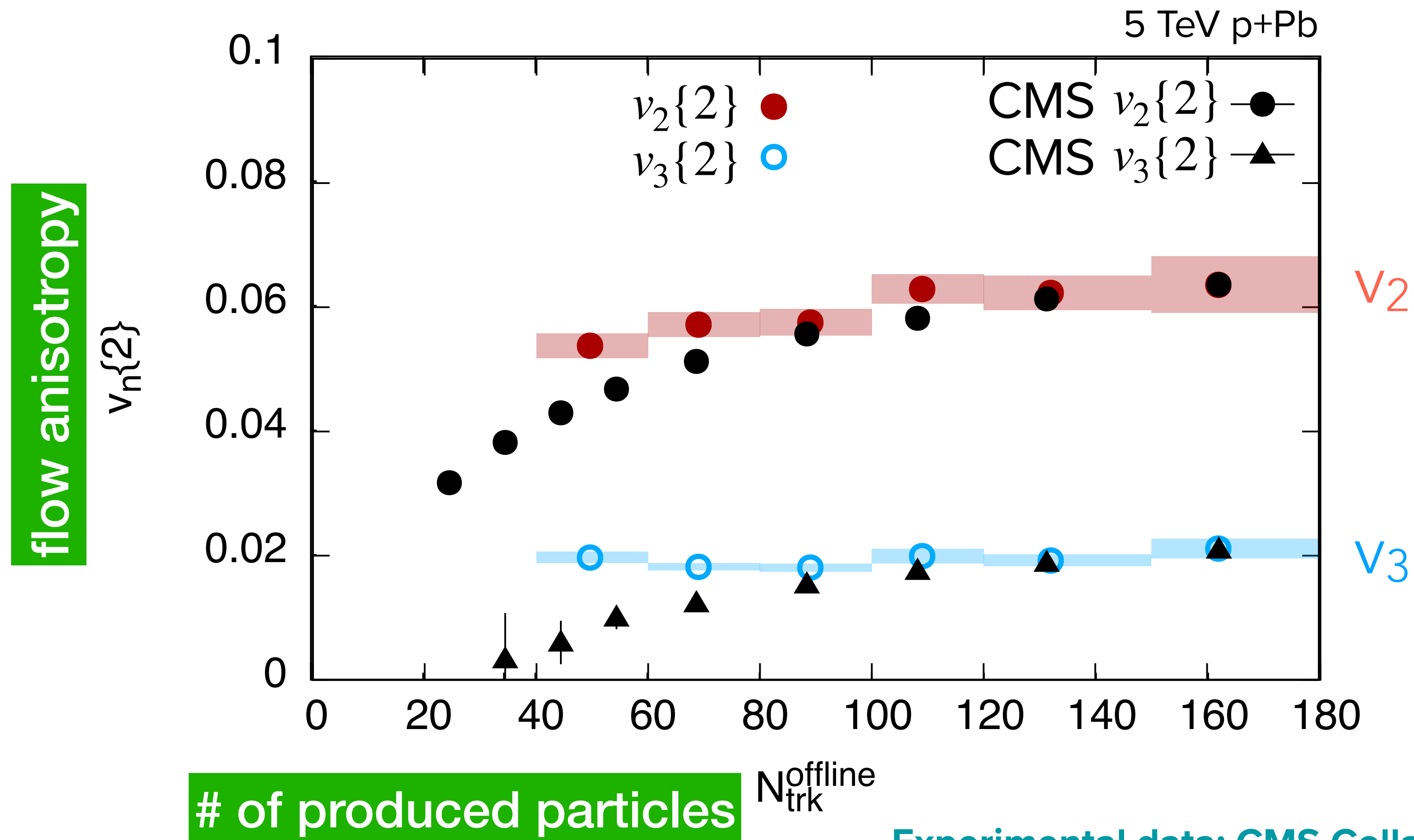
Experimental data: CMS Collaboration, *Phys.Lett.* **B724**, 213 (2013)

Proton without substructure + IP-Glasma initial state: Fails to describe the data

PROTON SUBSTRUCTURE

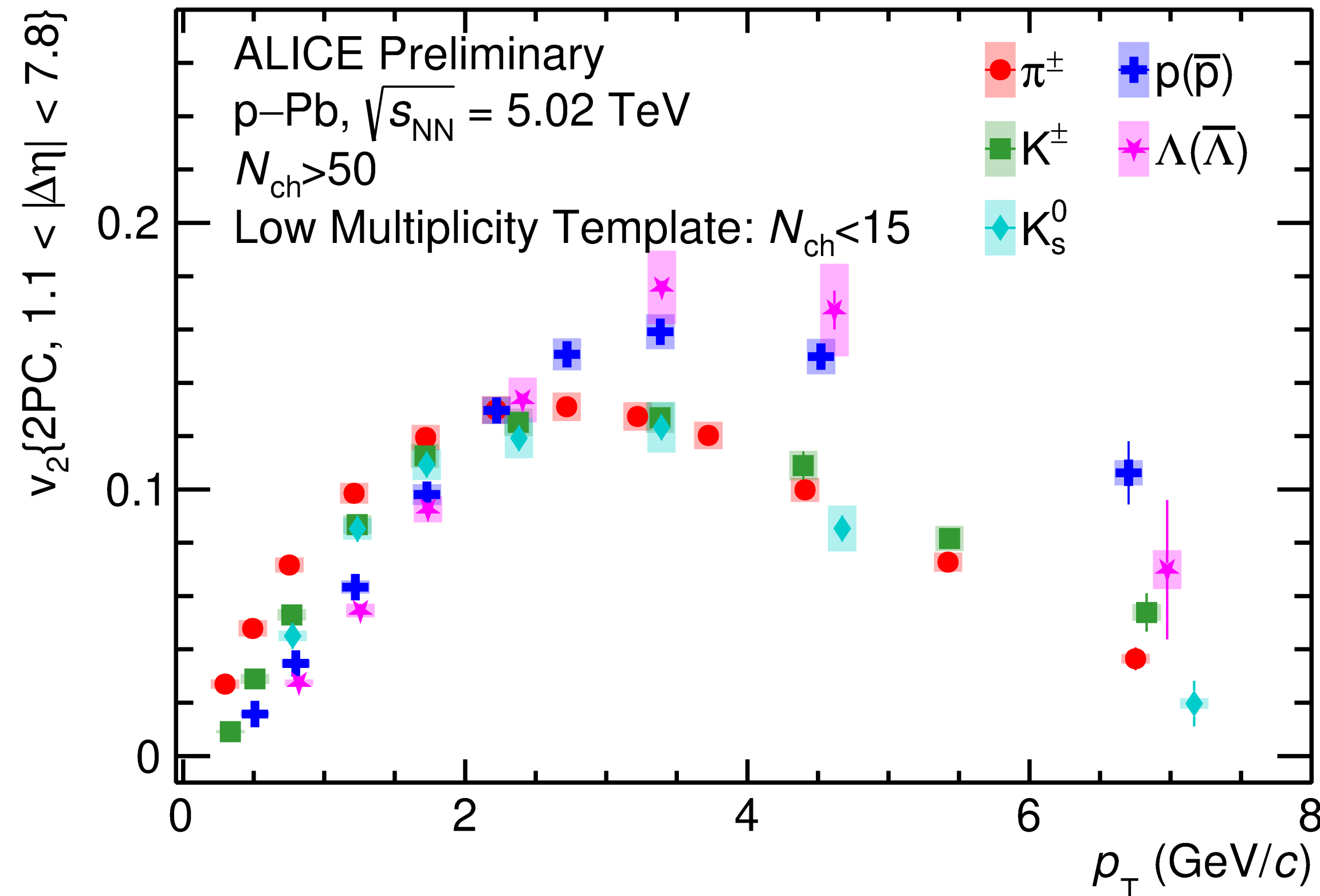
H. Mäntysaari, B. Schenke, C. Shen, P. Tribedy, Phys. Lett. B772, 681–686 (2017)

Use a fluctuating proton shape constrained by HERA incoherent diffraction data:



Experimental data: CMS Collaboration, Phys.Lett. B724, 213 (2013)

PARTONIC ORIGIN OF FLOW



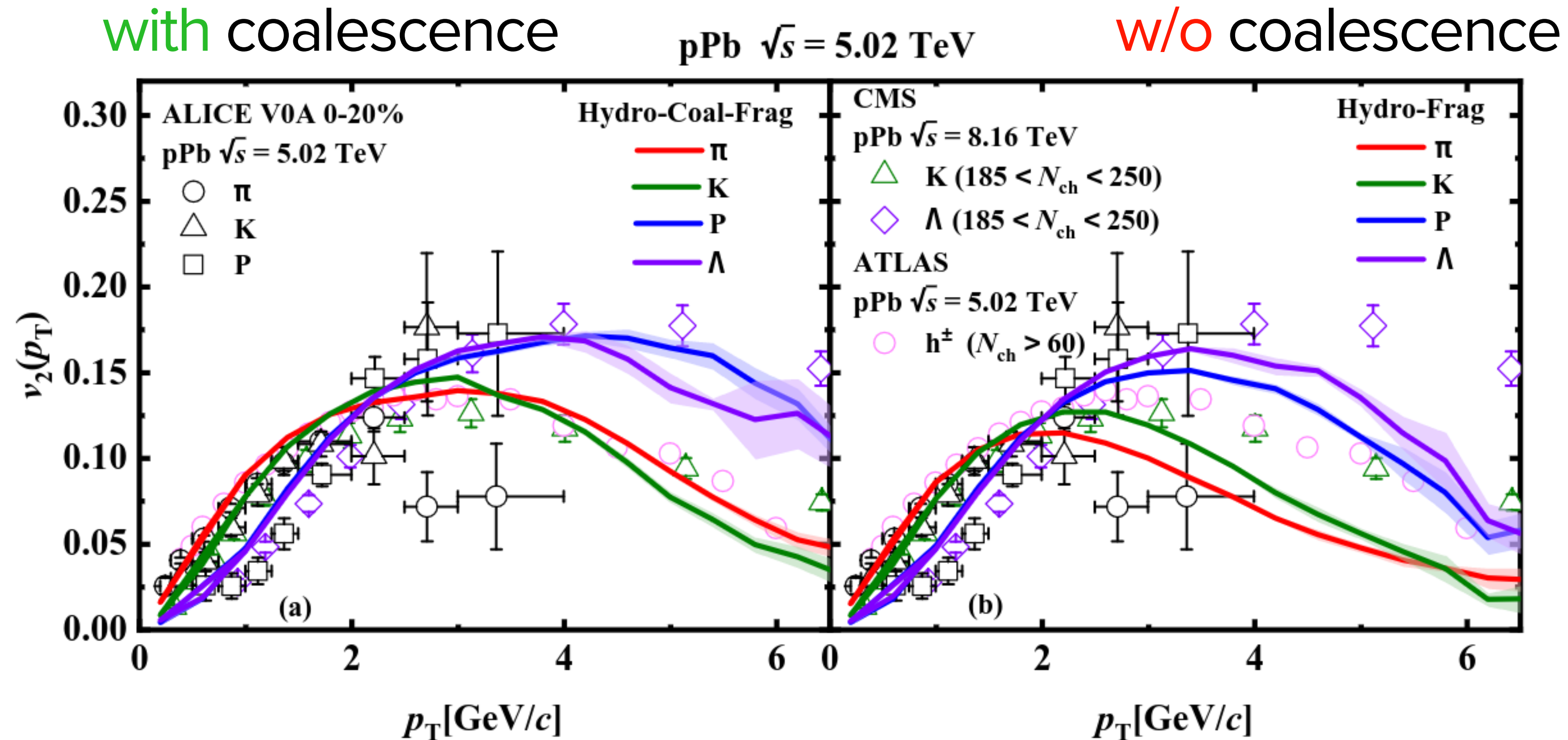
- $p_T < 3$ GeV/c - Mass ordering
- $3 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c:
 - Baryon-meson grouping ($\sim 1\sigma$ confidence)
 - Splitting between baryons and mesons v_2 ($\sim 5\sigma$ confidence)

ALI-PREL-573065

ALICE Collaboration, Y. Zhou at SQM24

PARTONIC ORIGIN OF FLOW

Y. Wang , W. Zhao, H. Song, arXiv:2401.00913

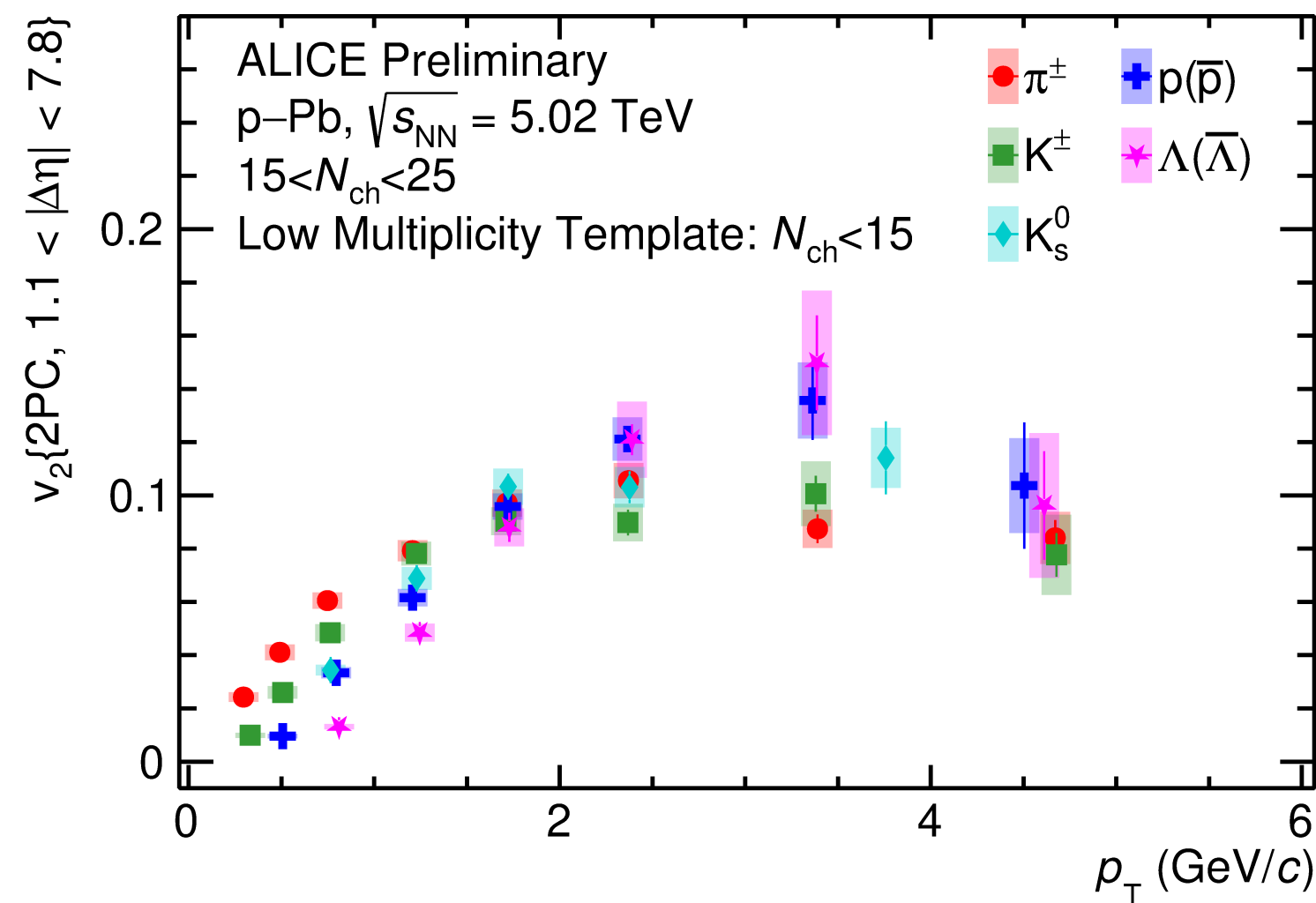


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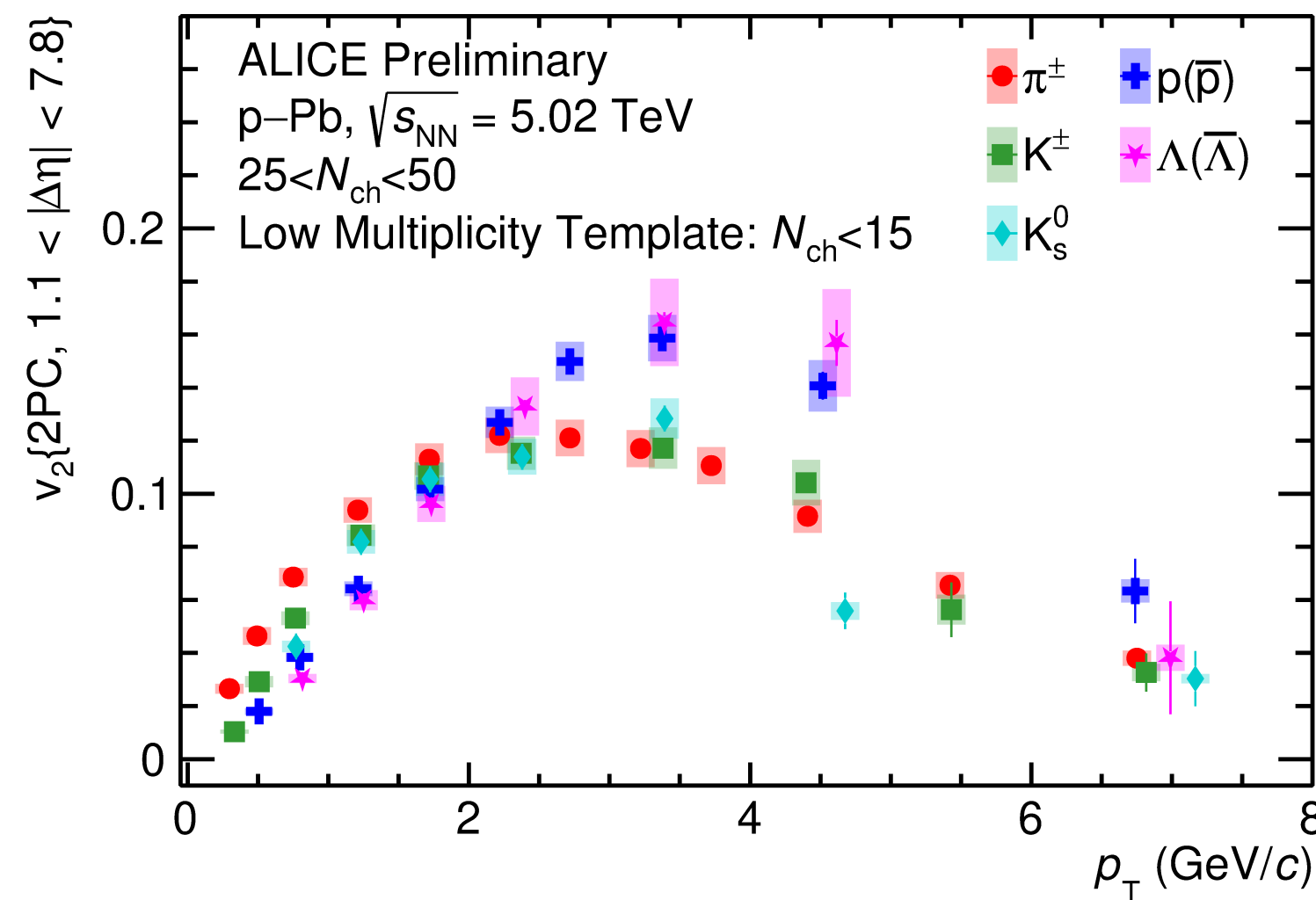
Model with quark-coalescence better reproduces v_2 at larger p_T and baryon/meson grouping and splitting

PARTONIC FLOW AT LOWER N_{ch}

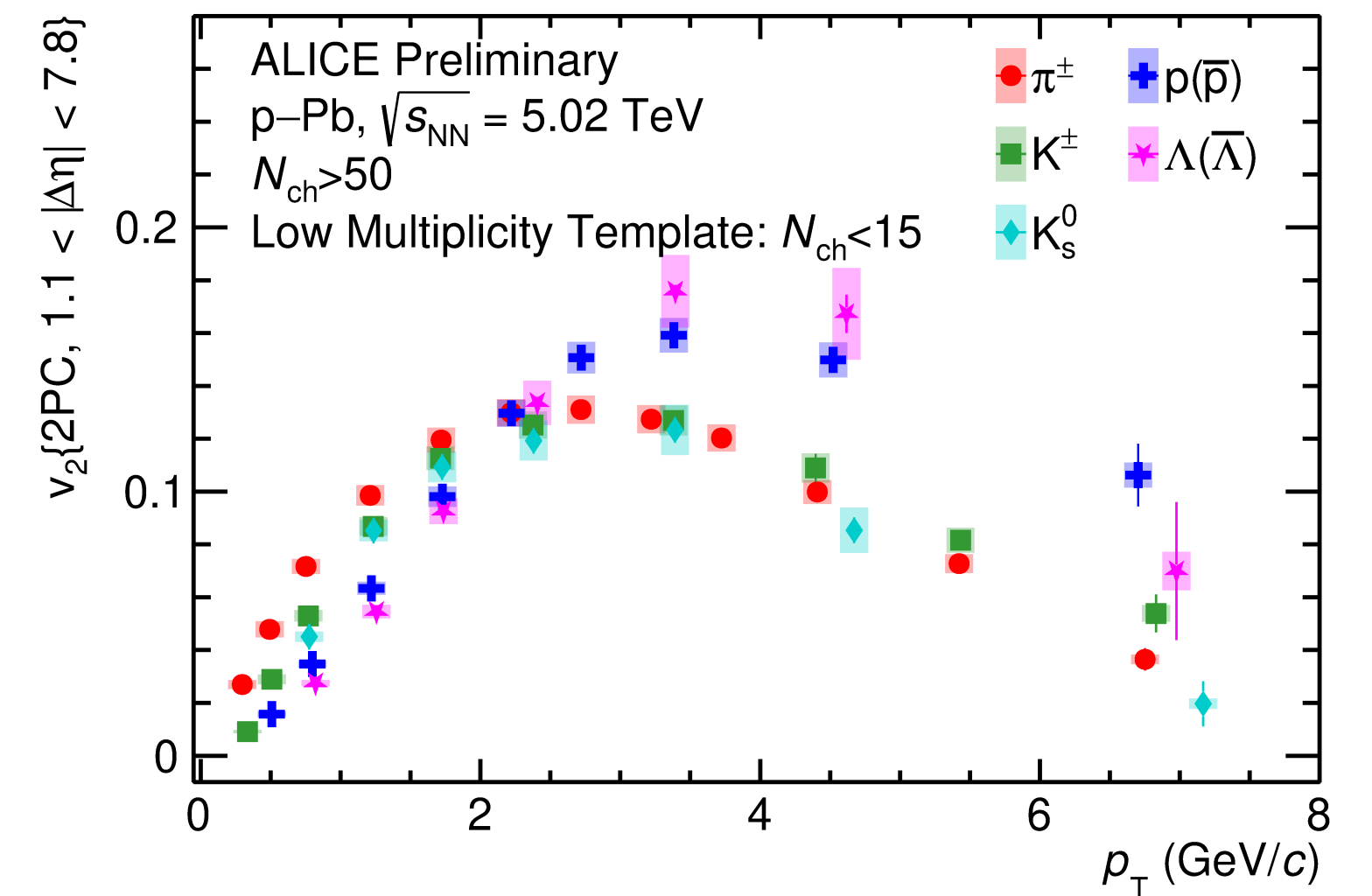
increasing N_{ch}



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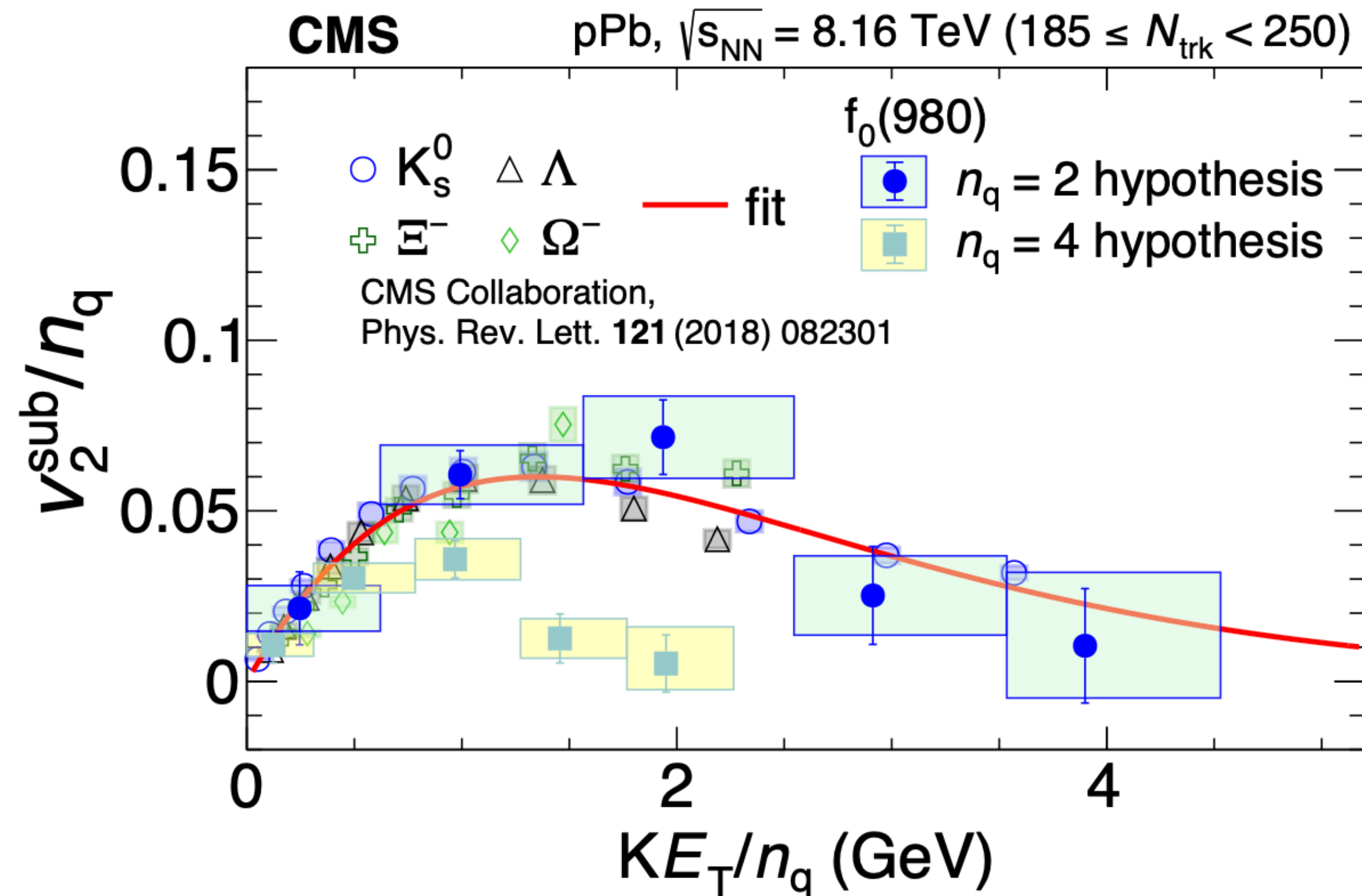
ALICE Collaboration

$N_{ch} > 25$: Baryon-meson grouping and splitting of v_2 at intermediate p_T

$15 < N_{ch} < 25$: grouping and splitting (within 2σ confidence), partonic flow picture not clear

Future: PID flow differential in η ? Learn more about conserved charge transport

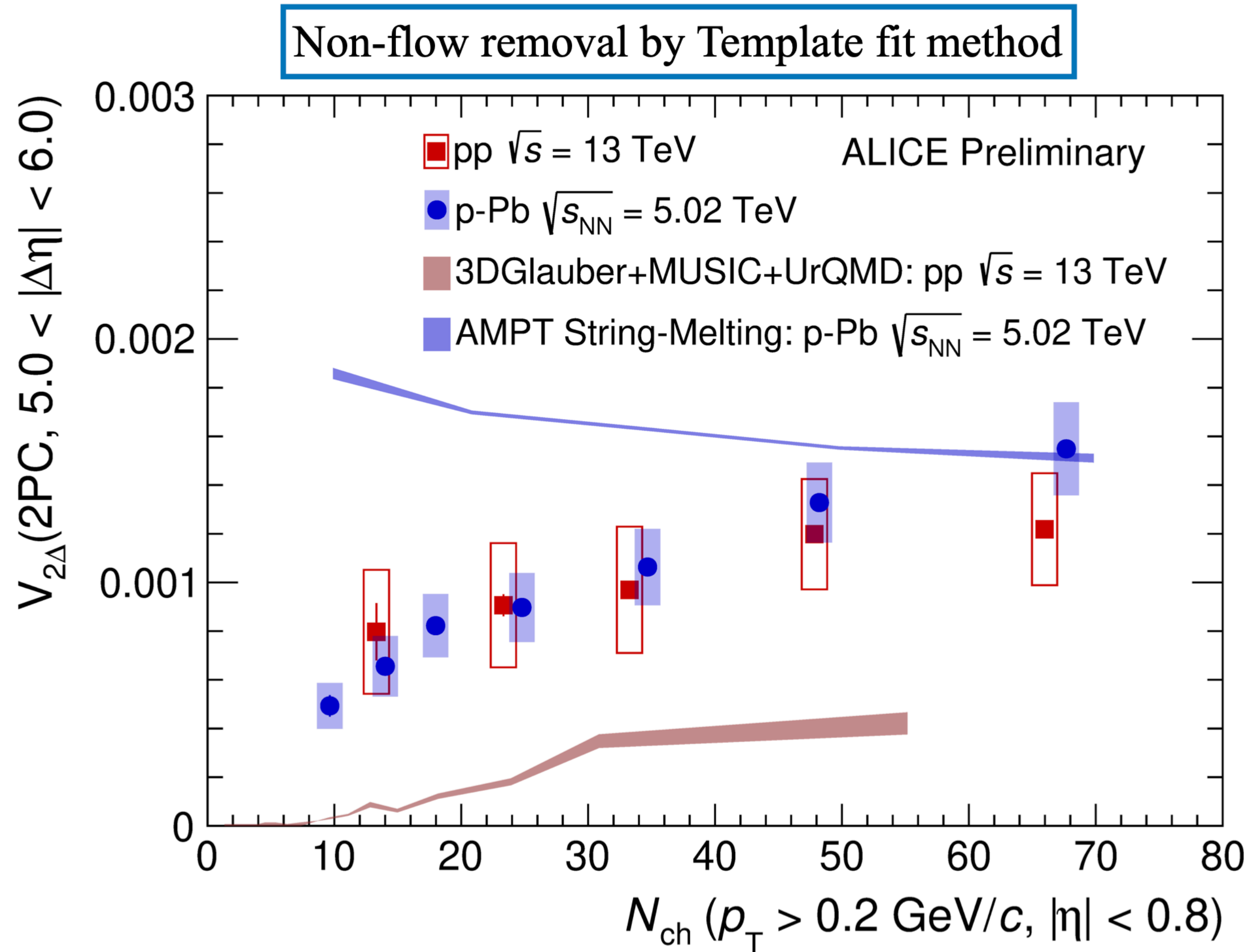
QUARK CONTENT OF HADRONS



- Inferring the quark content of $f_0(980)$ from its elliptic flow in p+Pb collisions

CMS Collaboration, [arXiv:2312.17092](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.17092)

ULTRA-LONG RANGE CORRELATION

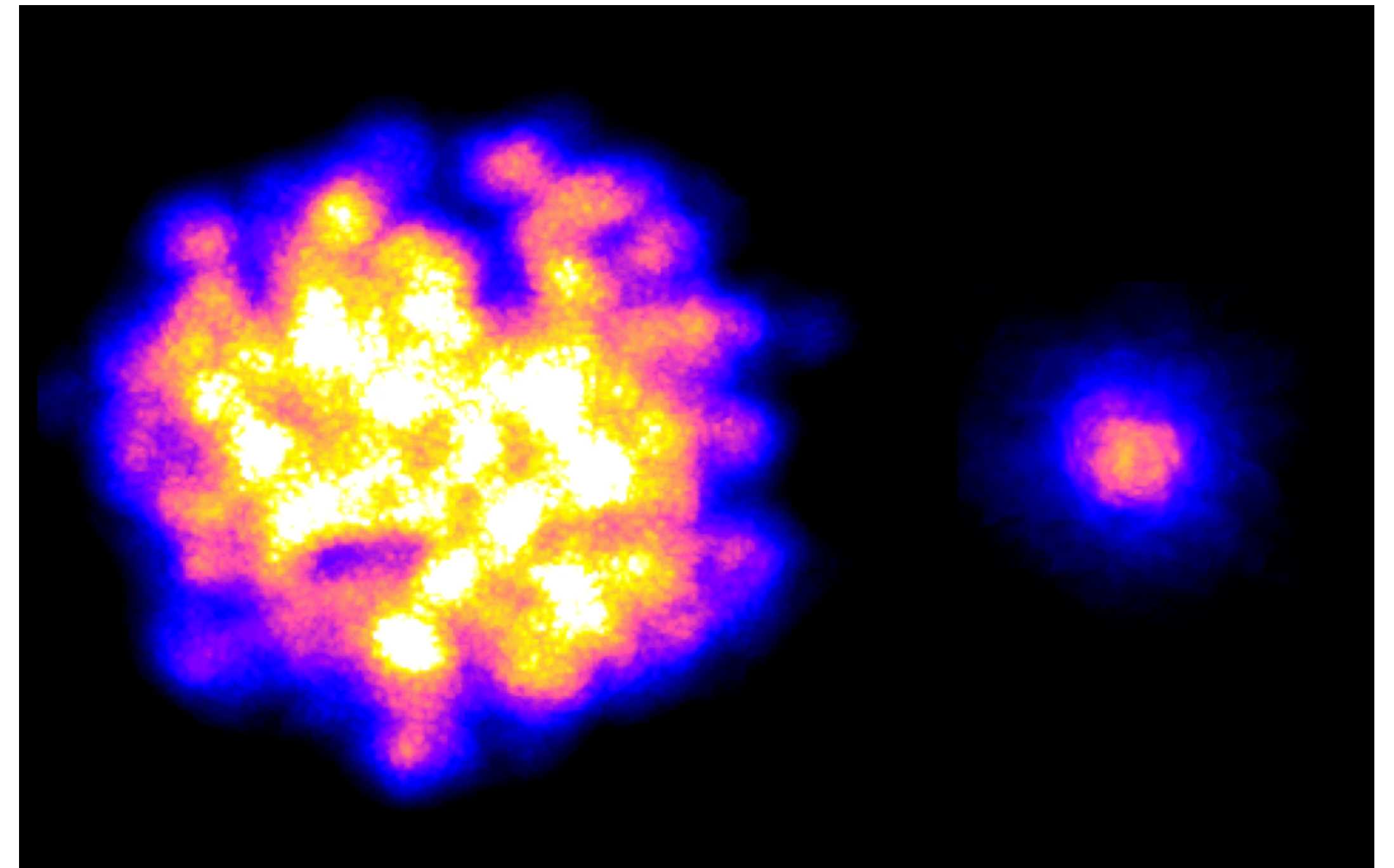


- p+p collisions at 13 TeV
- p+Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV
- $5 < |\Delta\eta| < 6$
- Models do not describe the data
- p+A can help constrain models of 3D geometry
- Applicability of hydrodynamics?

ALICE Collaboration, ALI-PREL-573662

QUESTIONS ABOUT HYDRODYNAMICS

- Initial transverse volume in small systems $\sim 40 \times$ smaller than in central Pb+Pb
- Locally large Knudsen (macroscopic scale / microscopic scale) and inverse Reynolds numbers (ratio of viscous forces to inertial forces)
- How can hydrodynamics work so well to describe p+A collisions?



central Pb+Pb

p+Pb

HYDRODYNAMIC THEORY

- Results from p+A collisions triggered fundamental research into foundations of hydrodynamics and its applicability beyond the regime of small Knudsen number

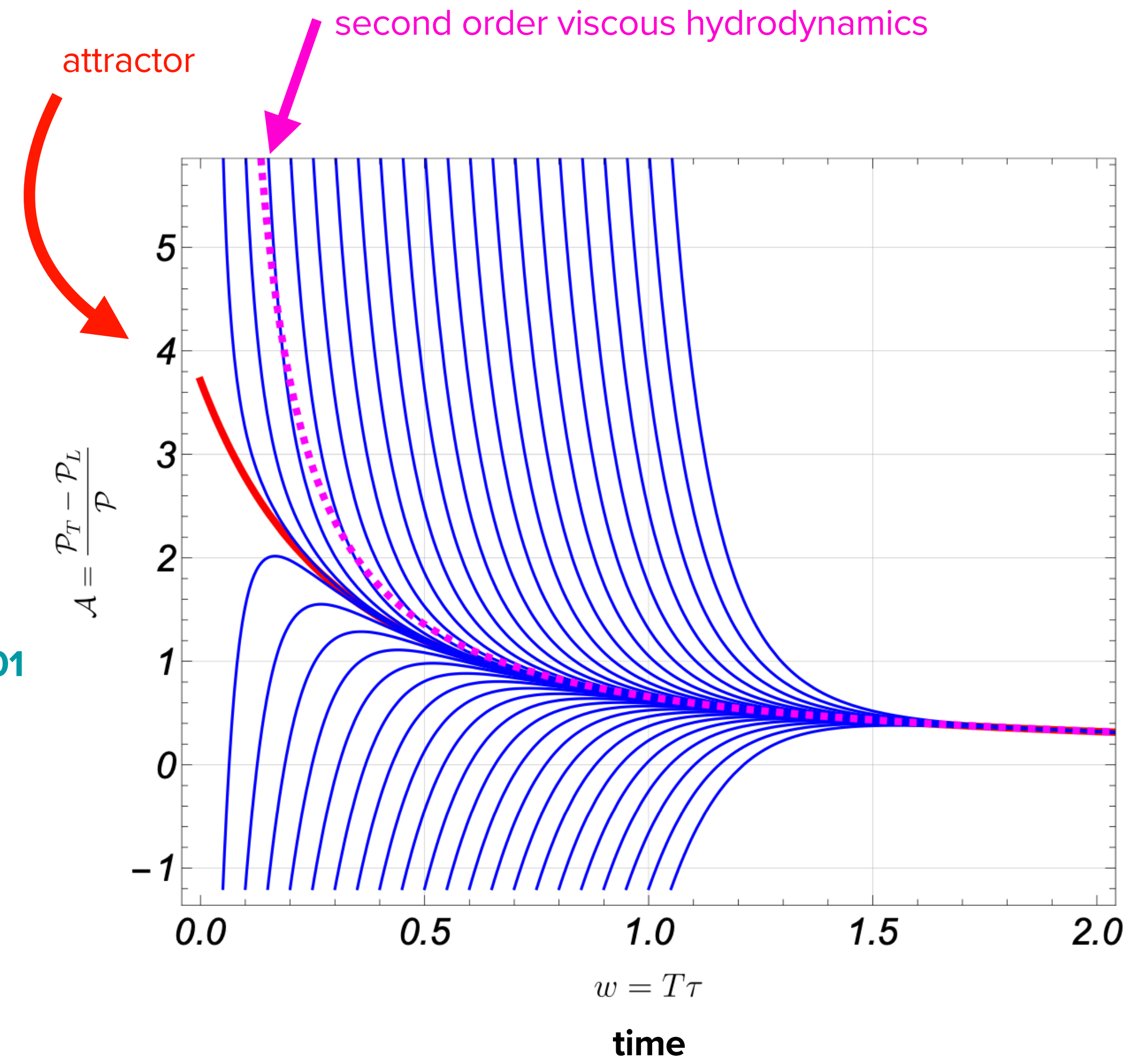
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M. Strickland, J. Noronha, and G. Denicol, *Phys. Rev. D.* **97**(3), 036020 (2018)
J. Jankowski, M. Spalinski, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* **132**, 104048 (2023)

- The solution of the dynamical equations converges quickly to an attractor through non-hydrodynamic mode decay

M. P. Heller, R. A. Janik, and P. Witaszczyk, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **110**(21), 211602 (2013)
A. Buchel, M. P. Heller, J. Noronha, *Phys. Rev. D* **94**(10), 106011 (2016)

- The nonlinear hydrodynamic gradient series can diverge, but the series may be (Borel-)resummed to give rise to the hydrodynamic attractor

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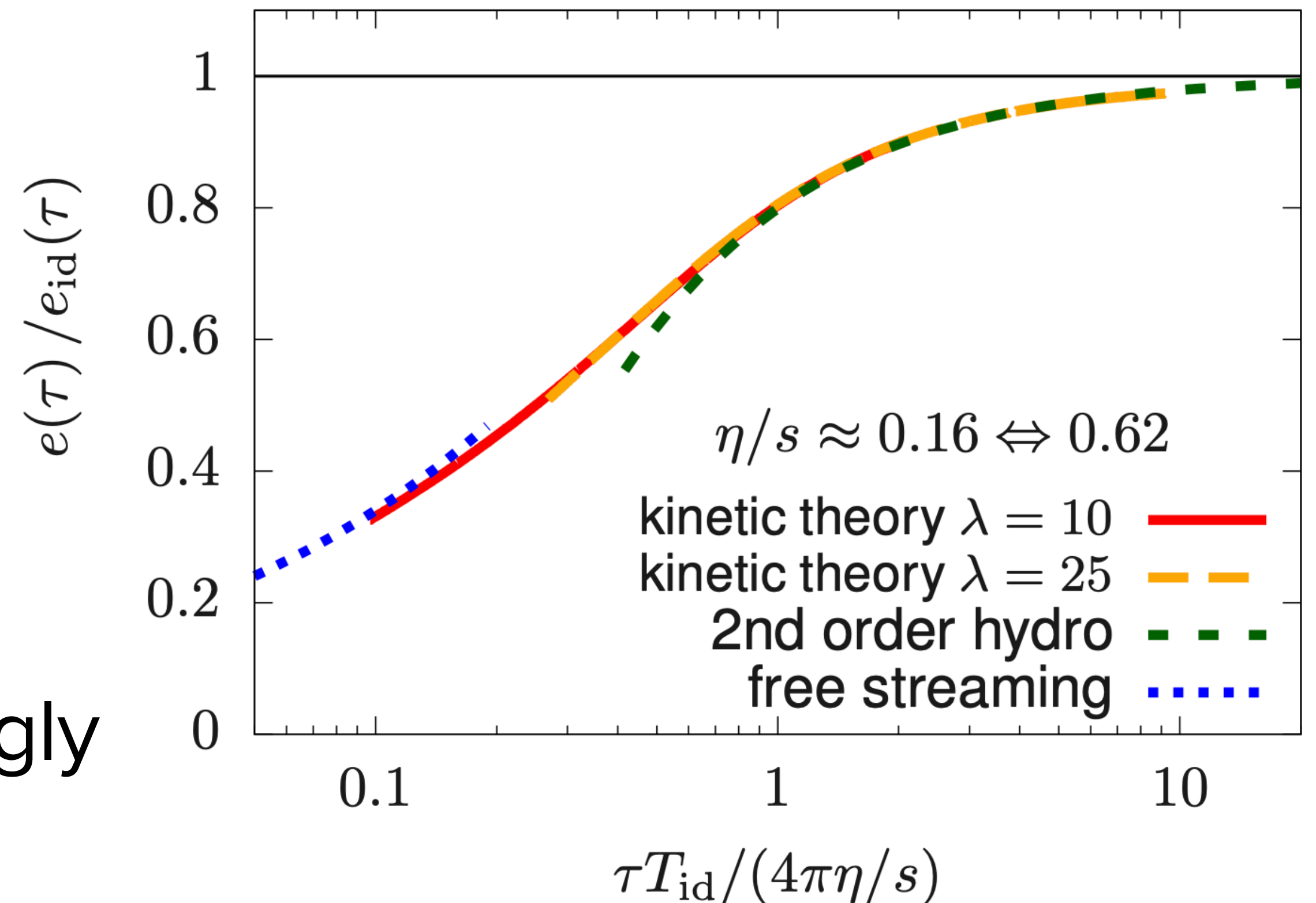


SMOOTHLY CONNECTING TO HYDRODYNAMICS

- p+A collisions motivated developments of non-equilibrium early time descriptions, for example using effective kinetic theory

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 122(12), 122302 (2019)

- The non-equilibrium evolution follows a universal attractor curve which smoothly interpolates between free streaming at early times and viscous hydrodynamics at late times
- See also Soeren Schlichting's talk for proposal to measure how strongly interacting system is



APPLICABILITY OF HYDRODYNAMICS

- Attractor explains why hydro works eventually
- But far from equilibrium situation could still lead to inaccurate results
- Far from equilibrium, causality can be violated
- Alternative to Israel-Stewart like theories, BDNK, can be shown to be causal

BDNK:

F. S. Bemfica, M. M. Disconzi, and J. Noronha, *Phys. Rev. X.* 12(2), 021044 (2022)

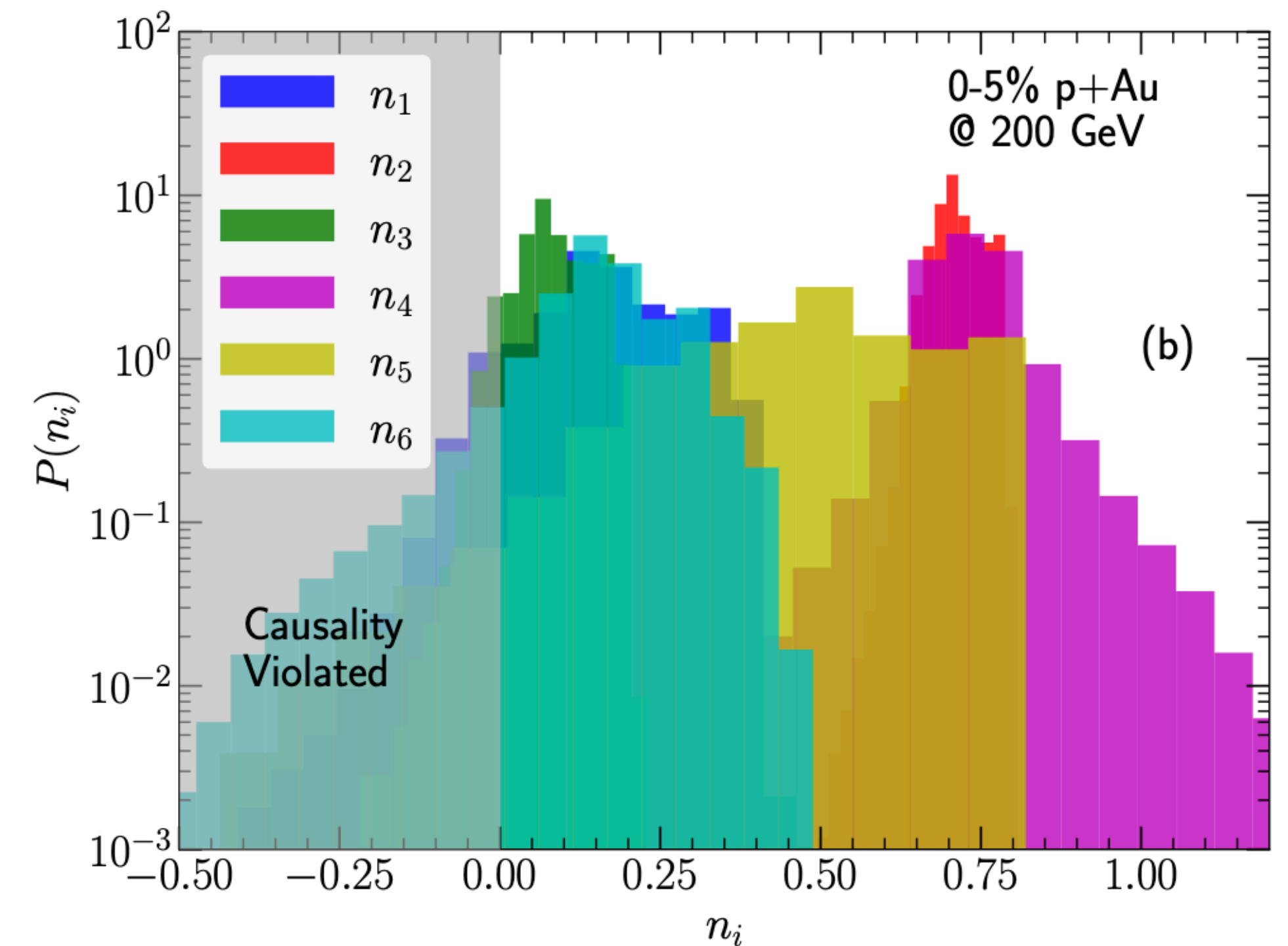
P. Kovtun, *JHEP* 10 (2019) 034

Causality:

C. Plumberg, D. Almaalol, T. Dore, J. Noronha, J. Noronha-Hostler, *Phys. Rev. C.* 105(6), L061901 (2022)

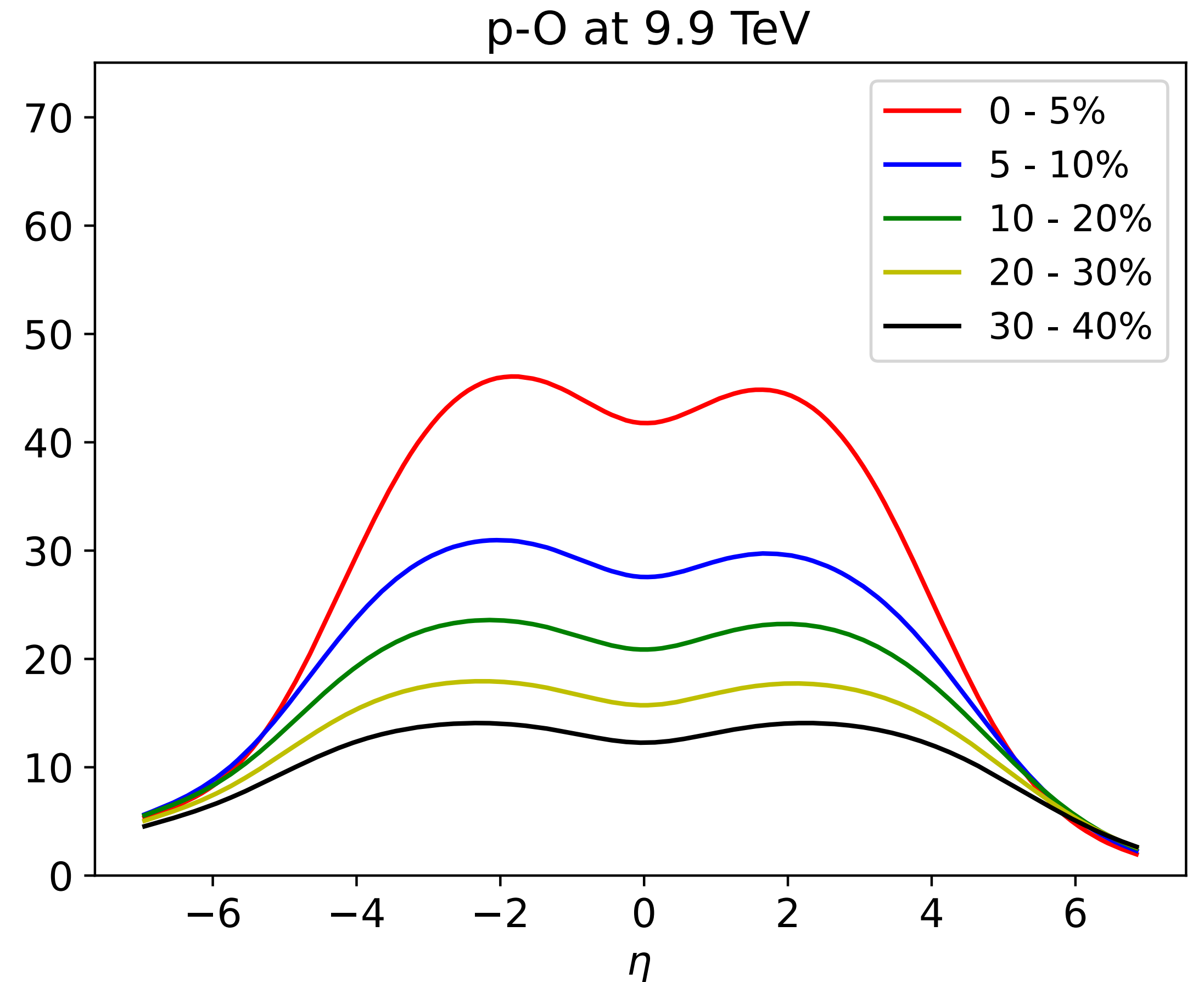
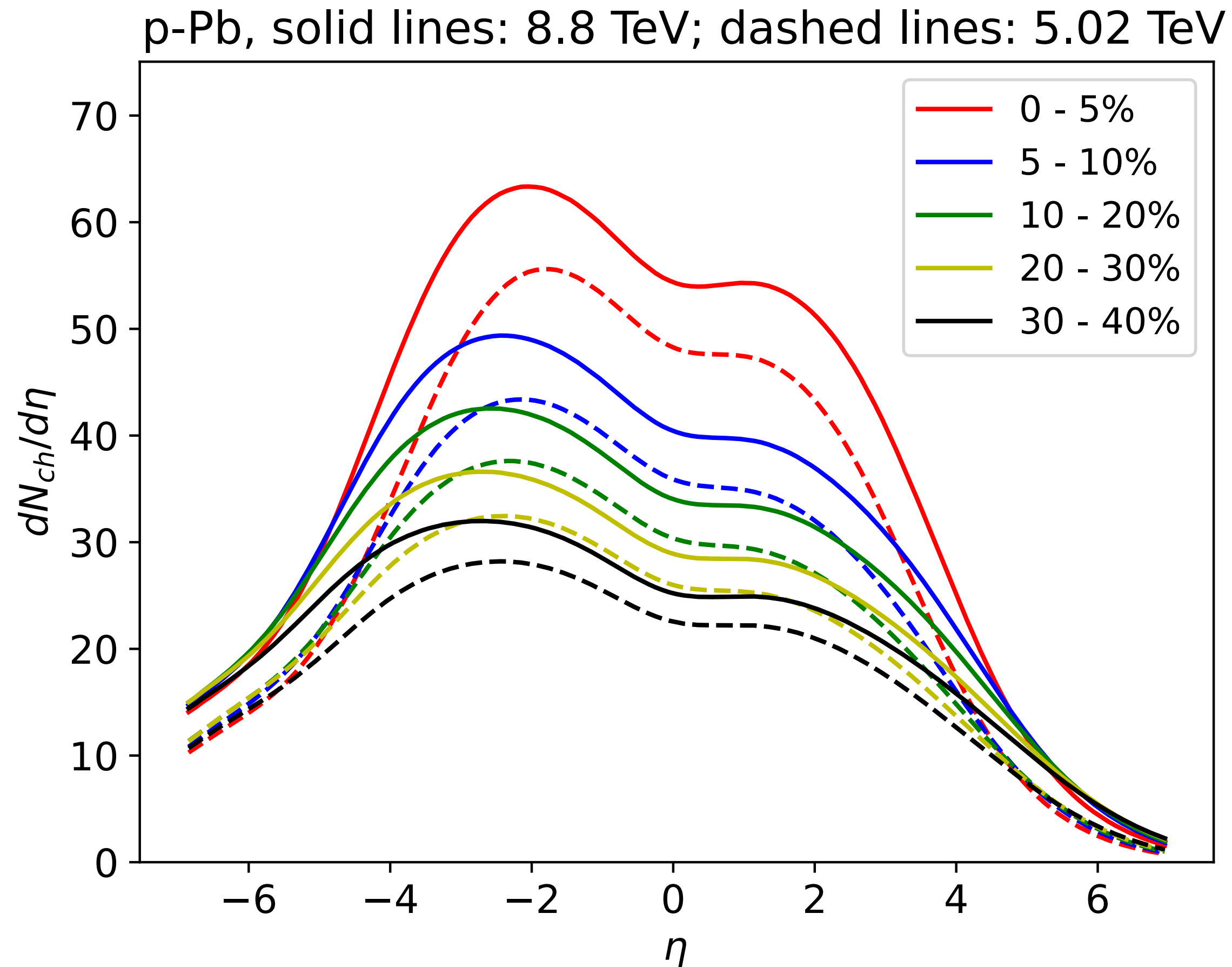
C. Chiu and C. Shen, *Phys. Rev. C.* 103(6), 064901 (2021)

ExTrEMe Collaboration, R. Krupczak et al., *Phys.Rev.C* 109 (2024) 3, 034908



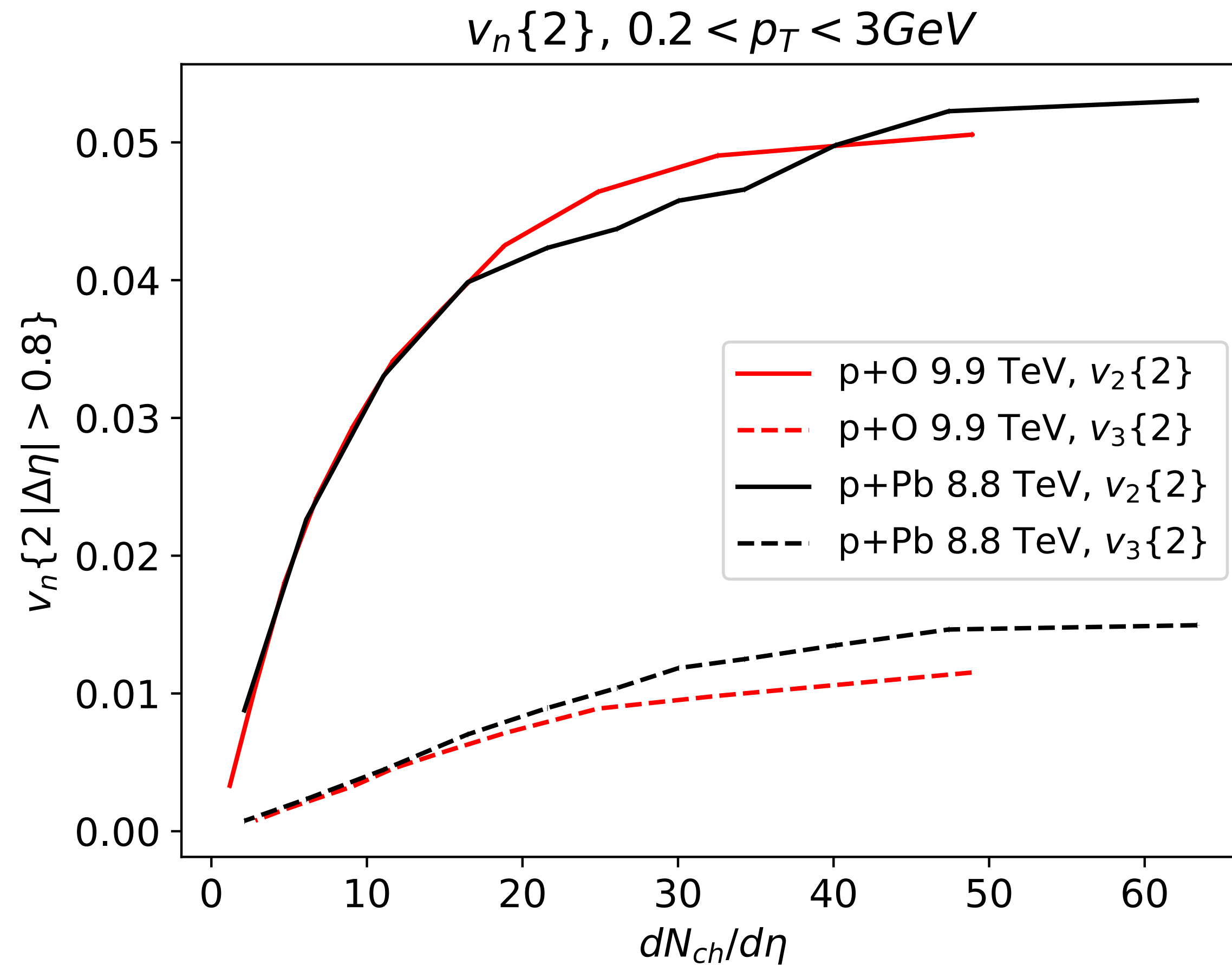
HIGHER ENERGY p+Pb AND p+O

3+1D Hydrodynamics, W. Zhao, C. Shen, B. Schenke



ANISOTROPIC FLOW

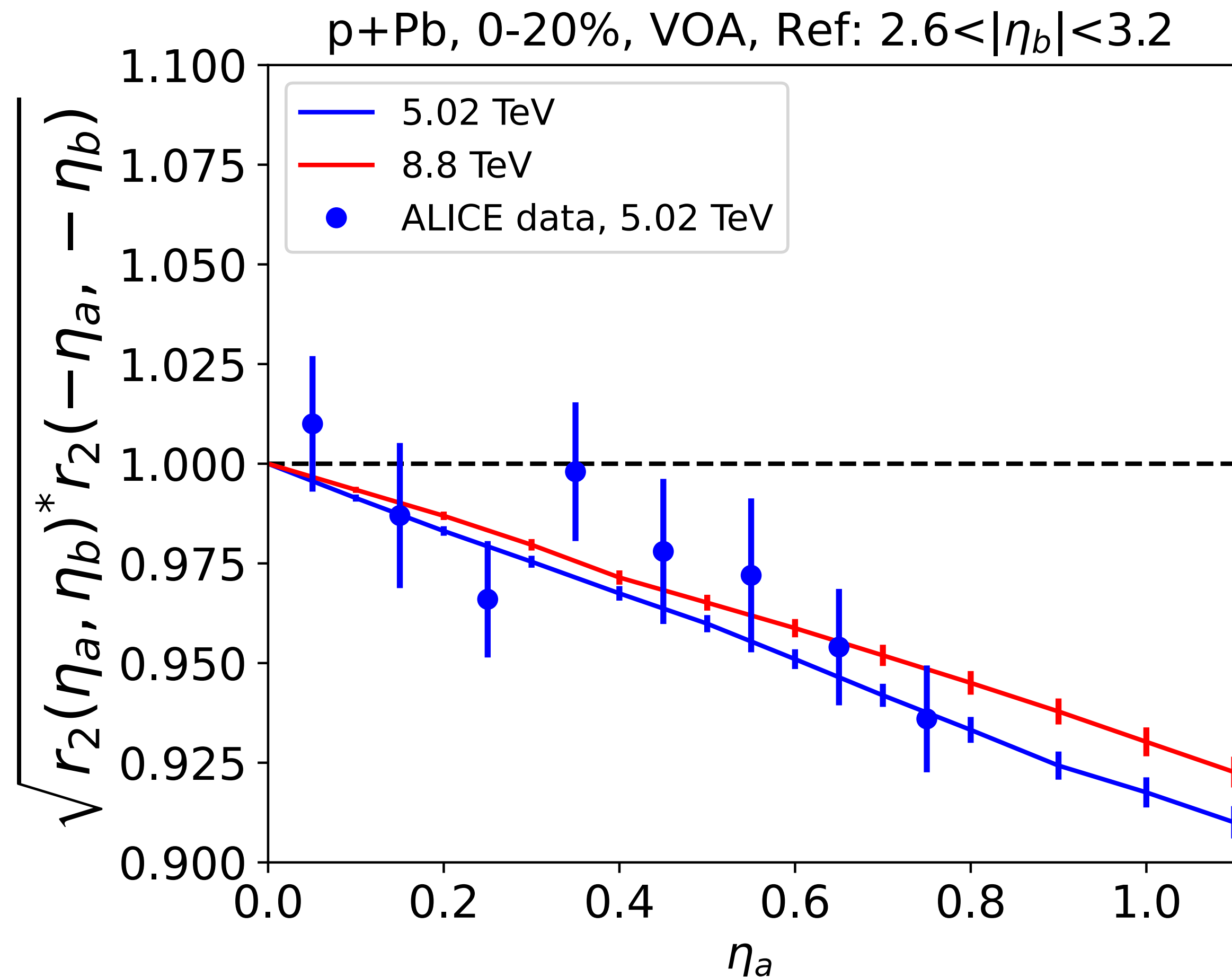
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- 3+1D hydrodynamics predicts similar v_2 and v_3 in p+Pb and p+O at the same multiplicity

LONGITUDINAL STRUCTURE

3+1D Hydrodynamics, W. Zhao, C. Shen, B. Schenke



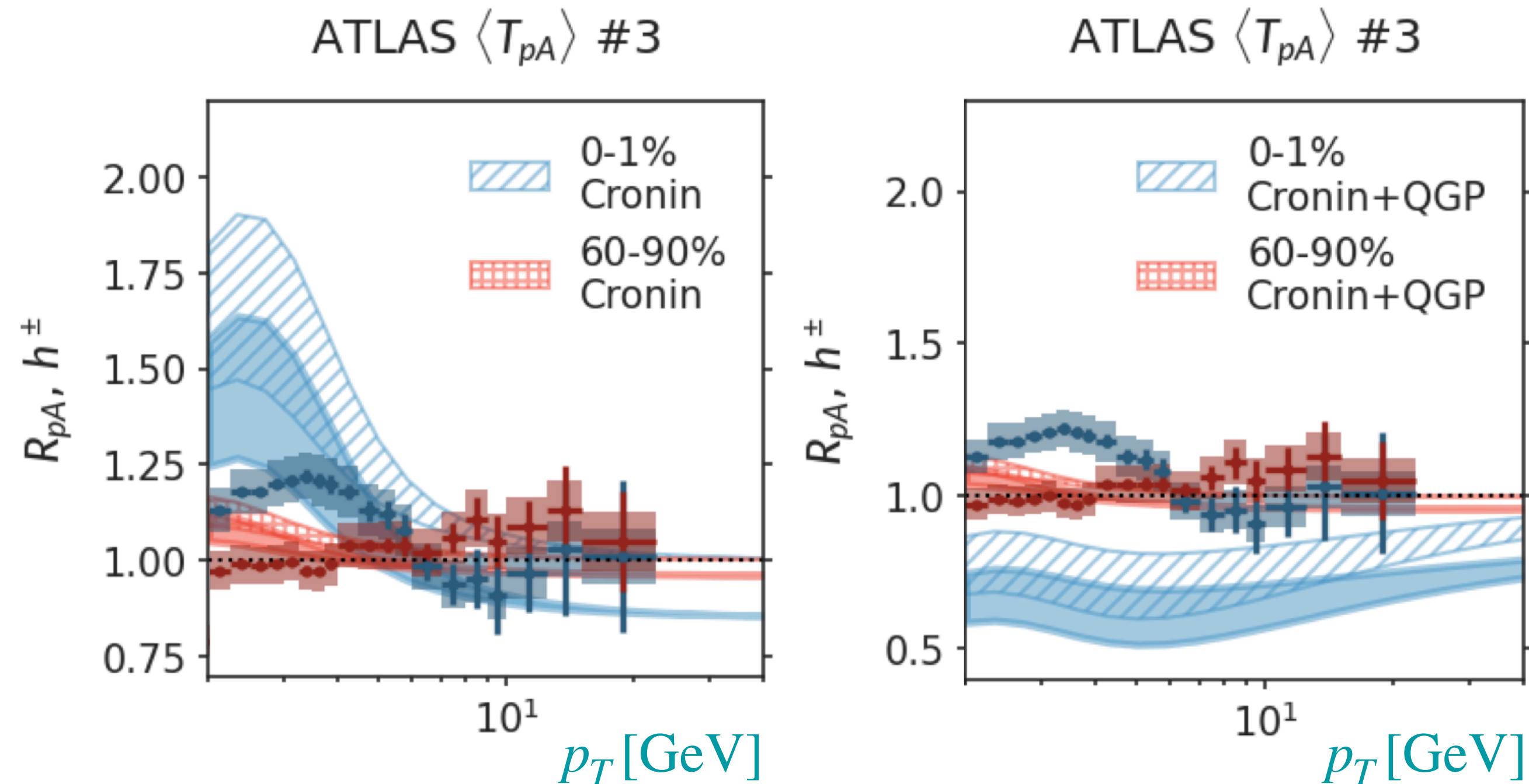
Data from ALICE Collaboration, ALI-PREL-548886

$$r_n(\eta_a, \eta_b) = \frac{V_{n\Delta}(-\eta_a, \eta_b)}{V_{n\Delta}(\eta_a, \eta_b)}$$

- then symmetrized, because we have an asymmetric system
- less decorrelation at higher energy: system stretched in rapidity (slightly more boost-invariant)
- p+A crucial to constrain 3D initial state models/understand energy deposition and baryon stopping

HARD PROBES

W. Ke, I. Vitev, *Phys.Rev.C* 107 (2023) 6, 064903



Calculation including cold nuclear matter effects

Same + QGP energy loss using SCET

Model of QGP formation in p+A as described by hydrodynamics leads to quenching of hadron spectra that is inconsistent with the p+Pb data

Agreement in d+Au collisions is better! (data has opposite high p_T behavior with centrality) \rightarrow

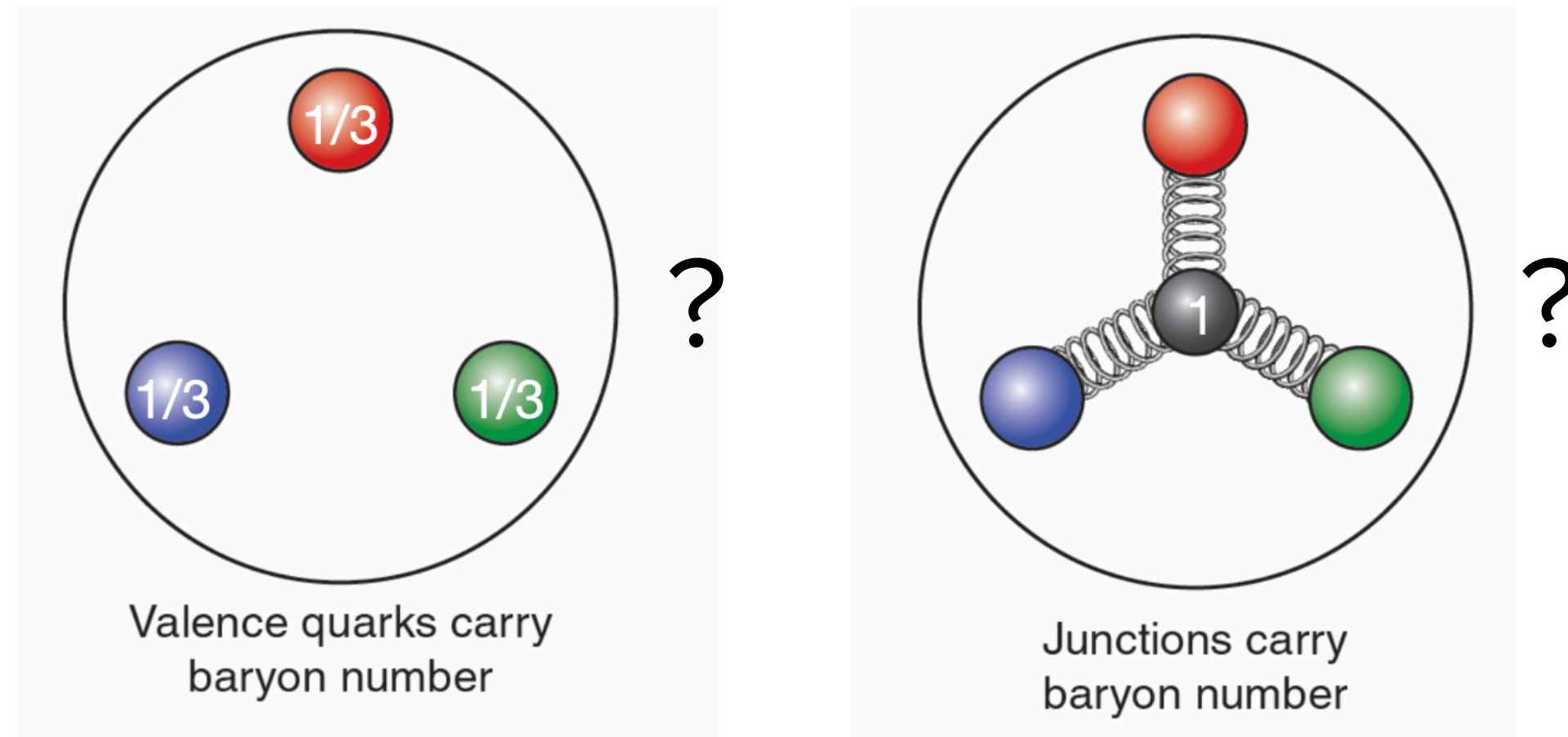
Centrality determination is critical

Correlation between hard and soft degrees of freedom important

A. Majumder for JETSCAPE, [arXiv:2308.02650](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.02650)

BARYON JUNCTIONS

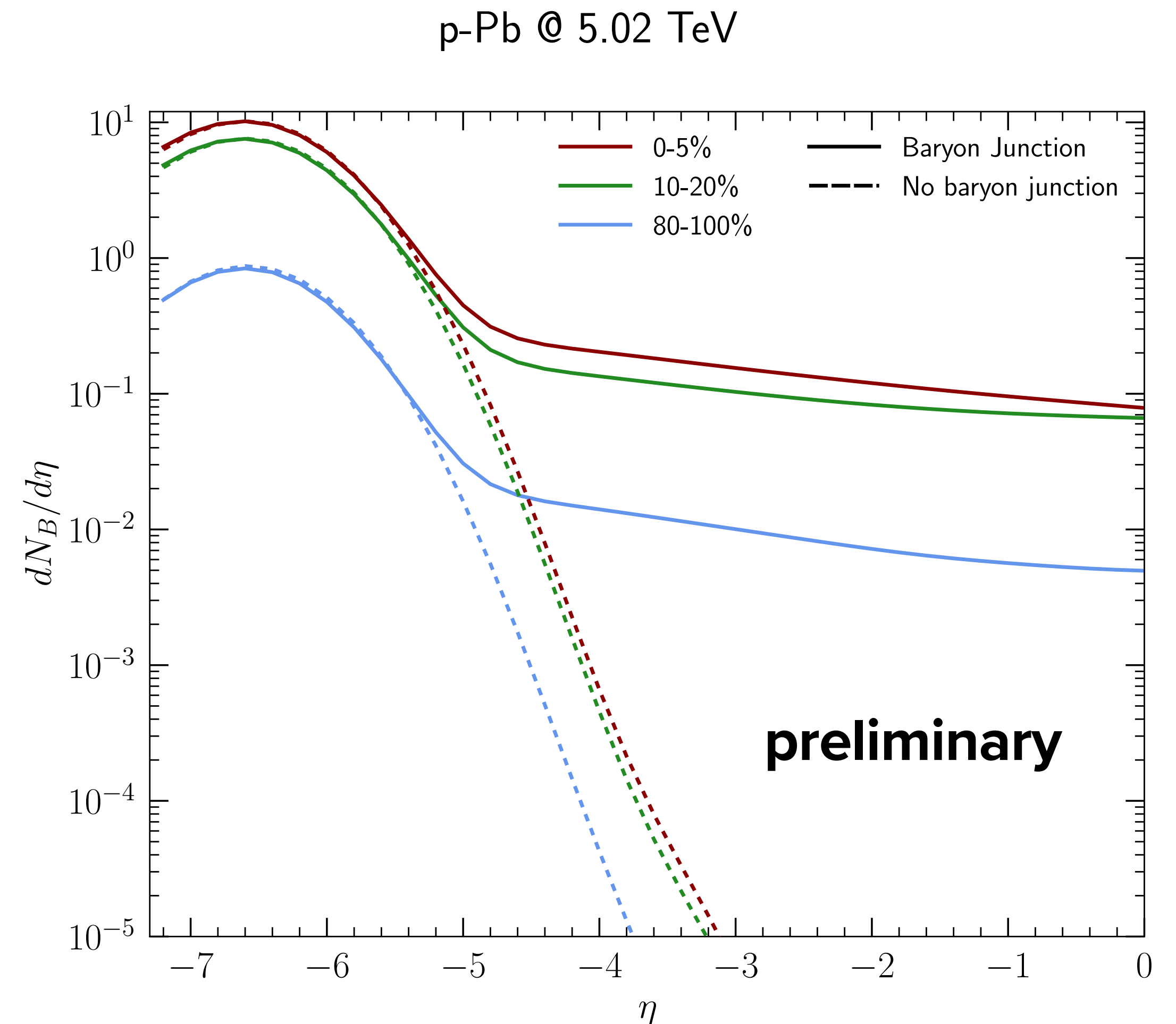
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- p+A collisions could help understand what carries baryon number and how it is transported in a collision
- Junction picture predicts certain rapidity dependence for baryon stopping

D. Kharzeev, *Phys. Lett. B* **378**, 238 (1996)

G.Pihan, A. Monnai, B. Schenke, C. Shen, arXiv:2405.19439

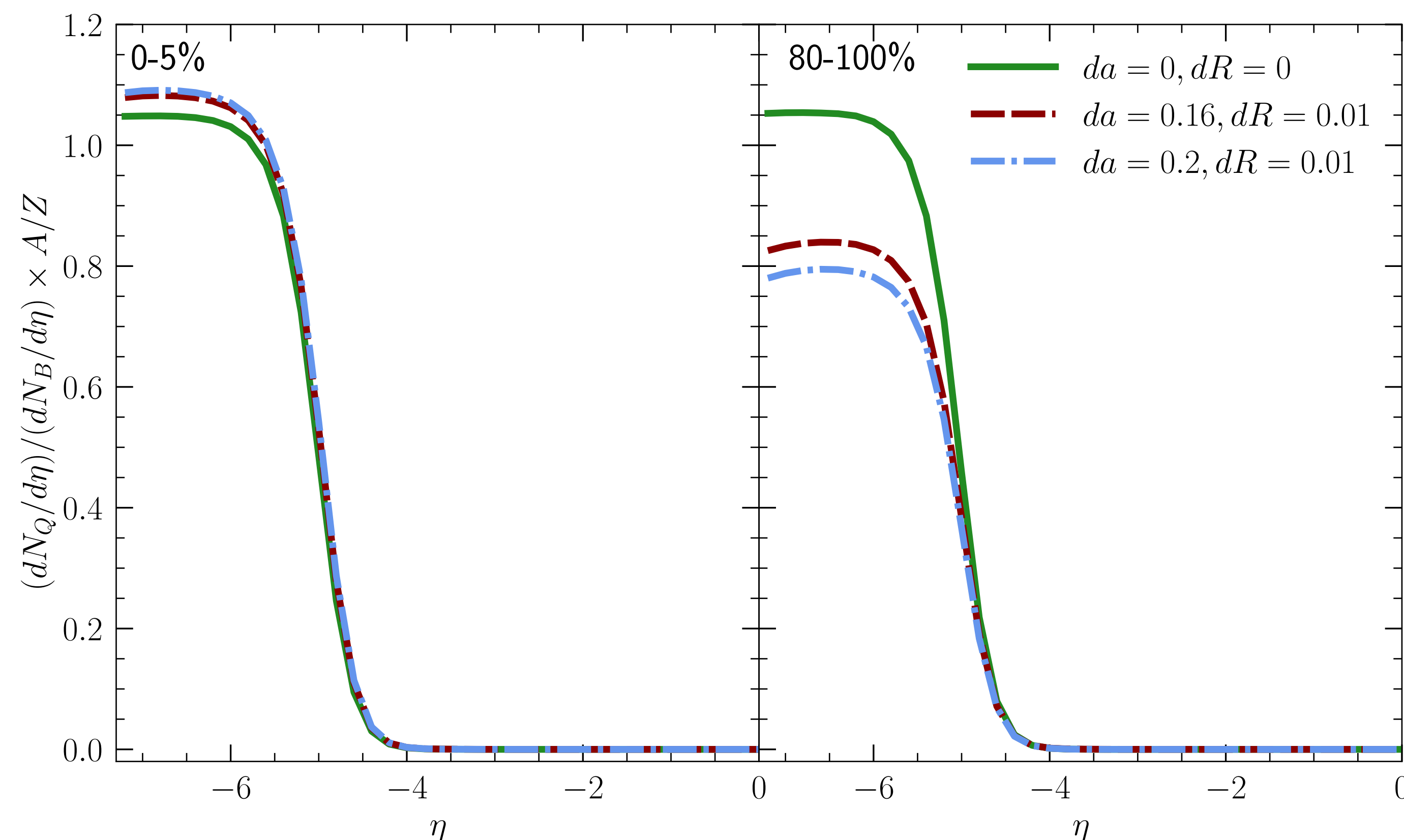


NEUTRON SKIN

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- Studying both baryon and electric charge stopping one could extract information on the neutron skin of the target

p-Pb @ 5.02 TeV



- ← **no neutron skin**
- ← **neutron skin from older results**
- ← **PREX-2 size neutron skin**

- Ratios between p+Pb and p+p at similar multiplicity could help reduce systematic errors on net-charge measurements

SUMMARY

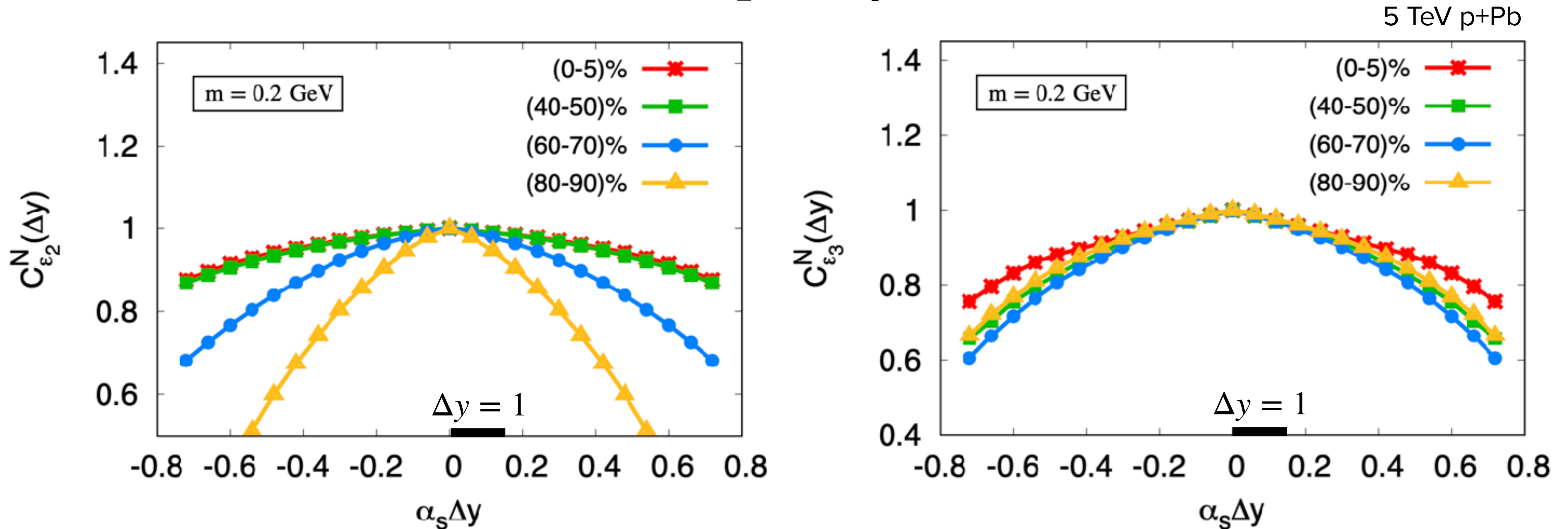
- The p+A program had a significant impact on our understanding of collectivity in heavy ion collisions
- Triggered fundamental theoretical research into relativistic fluid dynamics, kinetic theory, thermalization, and correlations in the initial state
- Are we creating the smallest, most perfect fluid in these collisions?
- We can learn about QCD many-body physics
- Measurements can provide insight into proton structure
- Potential to also measure nuclear structure effects, like neutron skin in Pb
- 3D collision geometry in asymmetric systems provides important information on energy deposition, conserved charge stopping

BACKUP

RAPIDITY DEPENDENCE OF GEOMETRY

B.Schenke, S. Schlichting, and Pragma Singh, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 9, 094023

The geometry, quantified here with ε_2 and ε_3 , decorrelates slowly



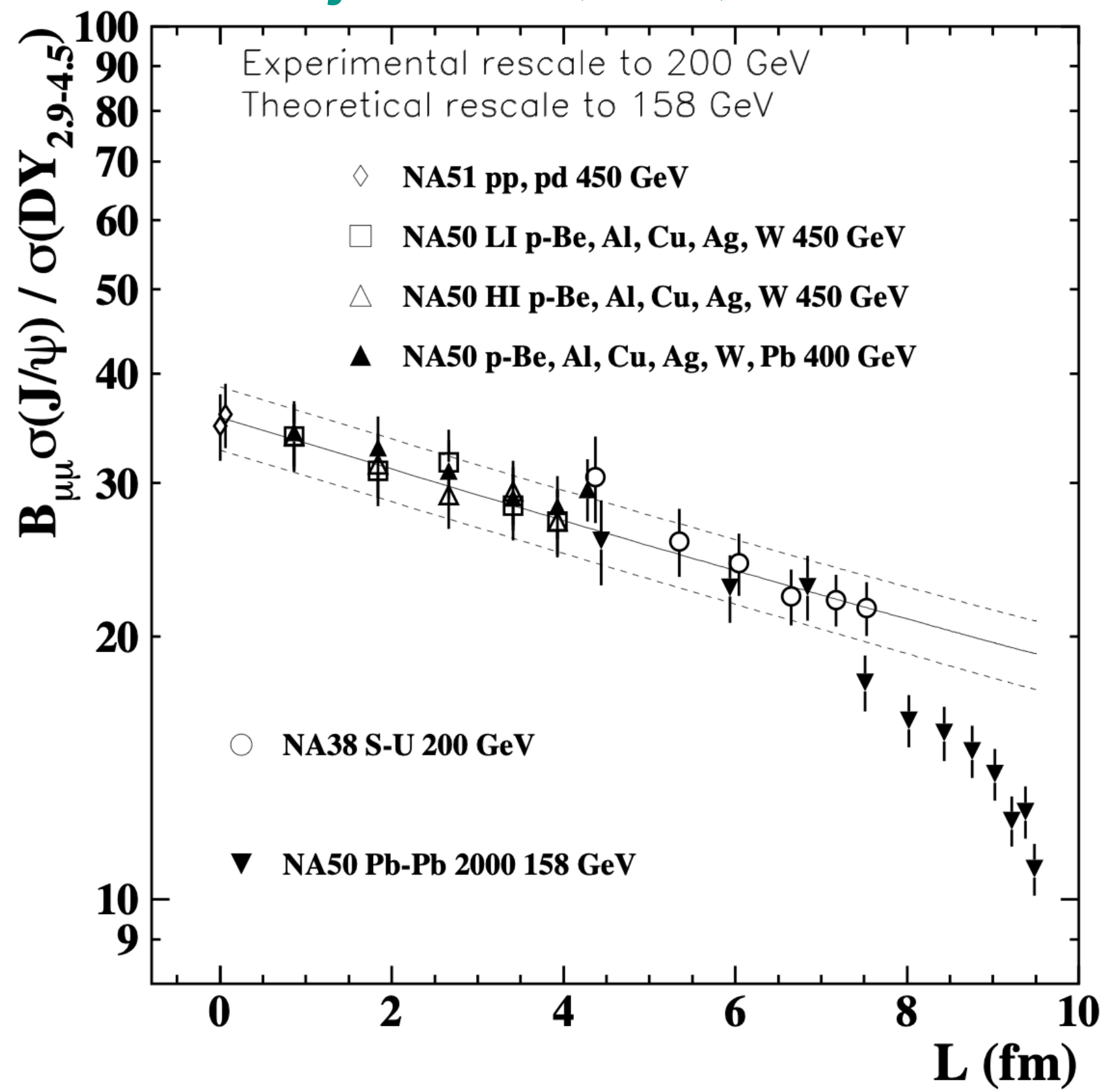
but rapidity dependence is not insignificant

$$C_{\mathcal{O}}^N(n_1, n_2) = \frac{\langle \text{Re}(\mathcal{O}(n_1)\mathcal{O}^*(n_2)) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle |\mathcal{O}(n_1)|^2 \rangle \langle |\mathcal{O}(n_2)|^2 \rangle}}$$

J/PSI SUPPRESSION IN SMALL SYSTEMS

NA50 Collaboration

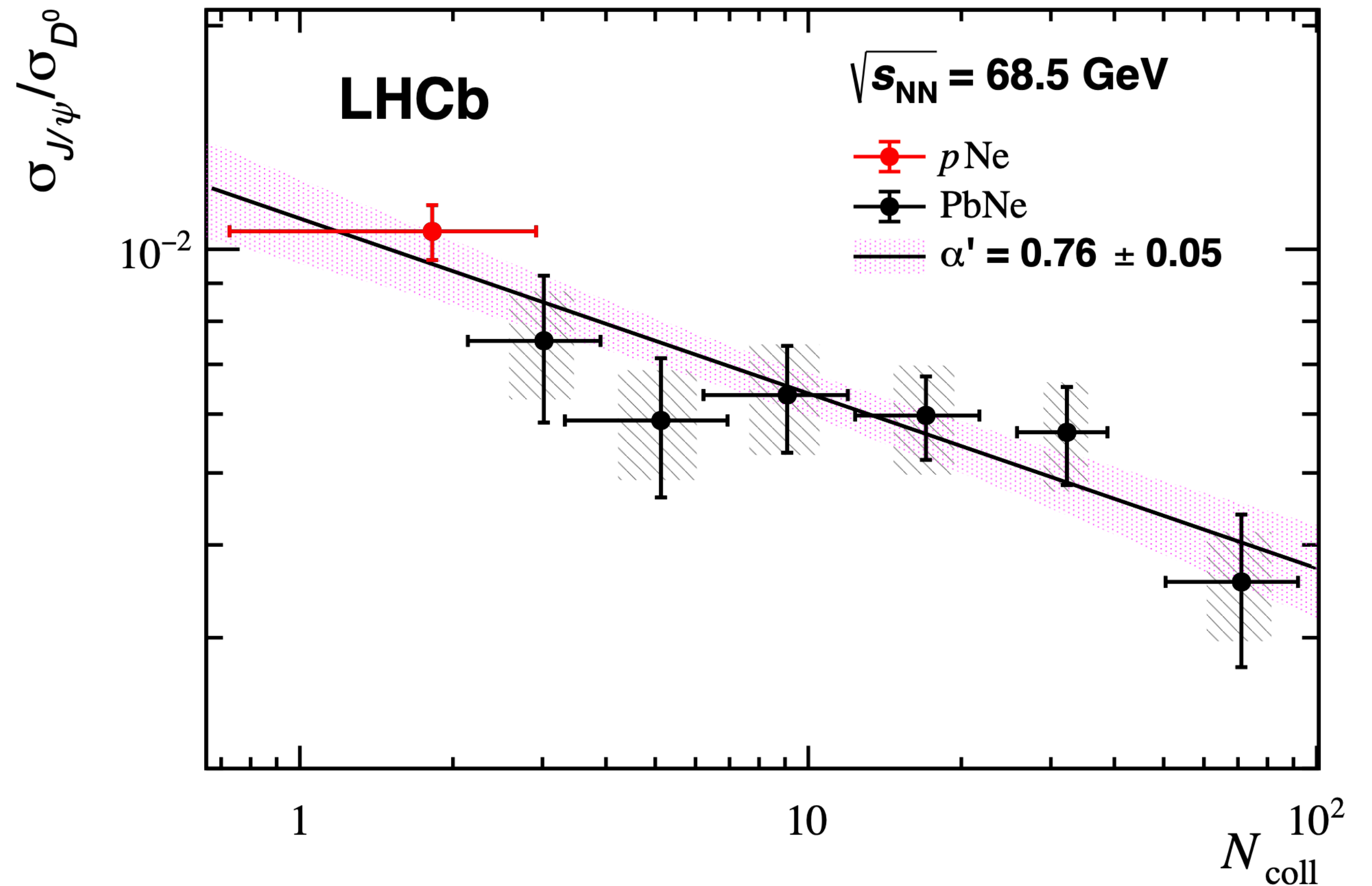
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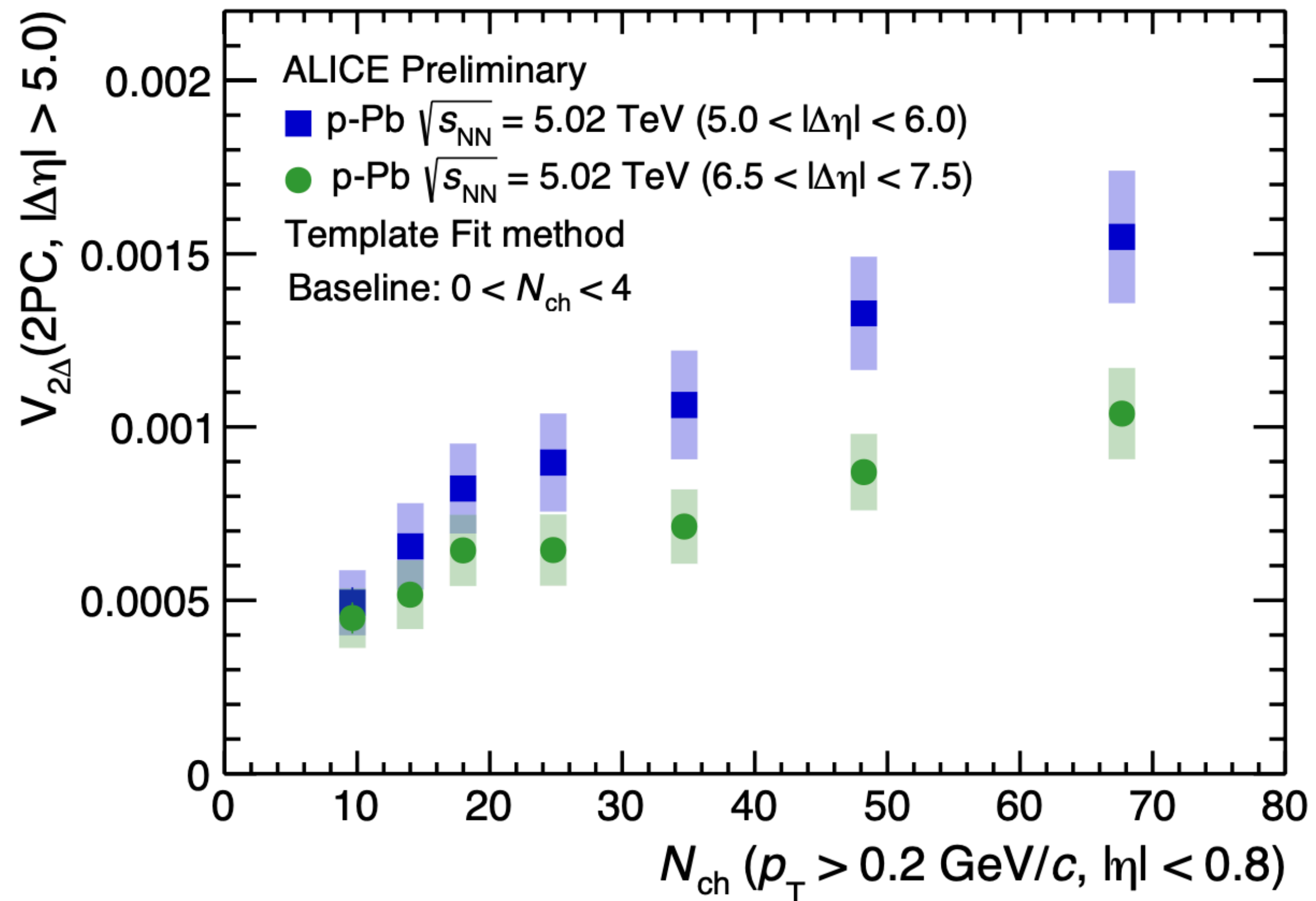
system size →

No QGP-like J/ψ suppression in Pb+Ne

LHCb Collaboration, Eur.Phys.J.C 83 (2023) 7, 658



ULTRA-LONG RANGE CORRELATION



p+Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV

$5 < |\Delta\eta| < 6$

$6.5 < |\Delta\eta| < 7.5$

ALICE Collaboration, preliminary

FAR FROM EQUILIBRIUM HYDRODYNAMICS

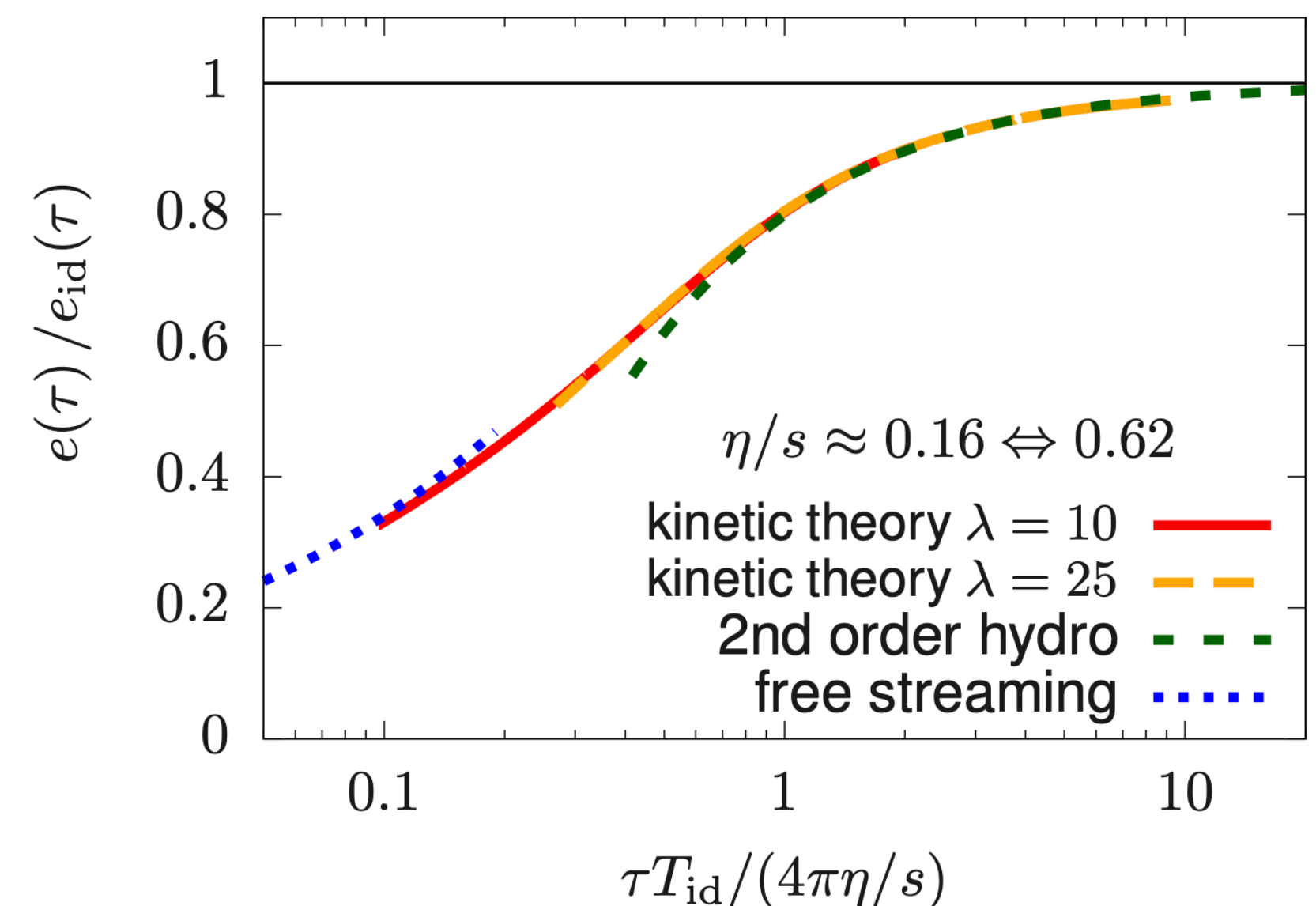
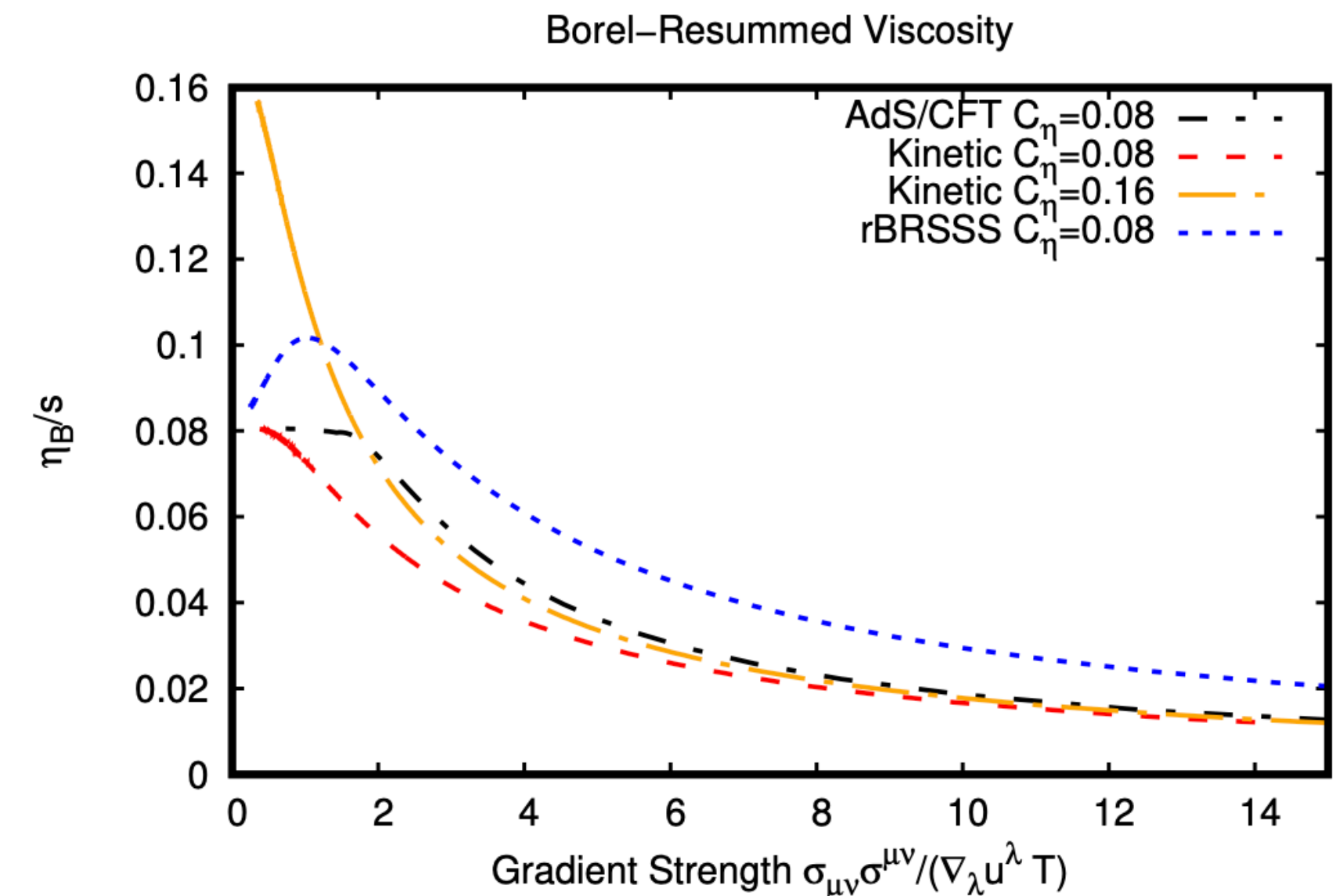
- Resummation of the gradient series may also provide a way to define transport coefficients far from equilibrium
- For large gradient strength (far from equilibrium), the effective viscosity $\eta_B/s \rightarrow 0$

P. Romatschke, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **120**(1), 012301 (2018)

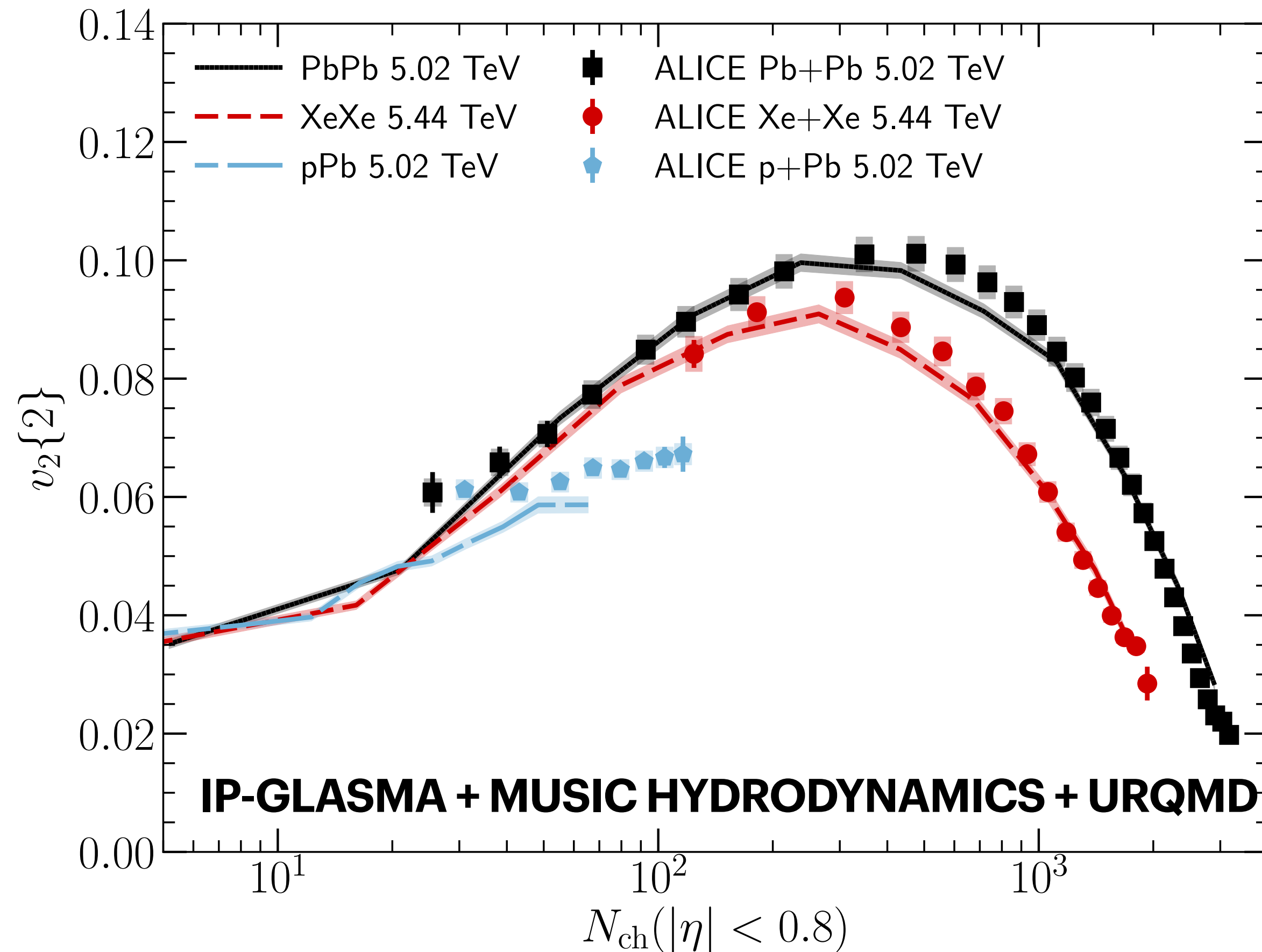
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FLOW IN SMALL SYSTEMS



Anisotropic flow in heavy ion collisions is driven by **final state response to the initial geometry**

There is evidence that the same is true in high multiplicity small systems

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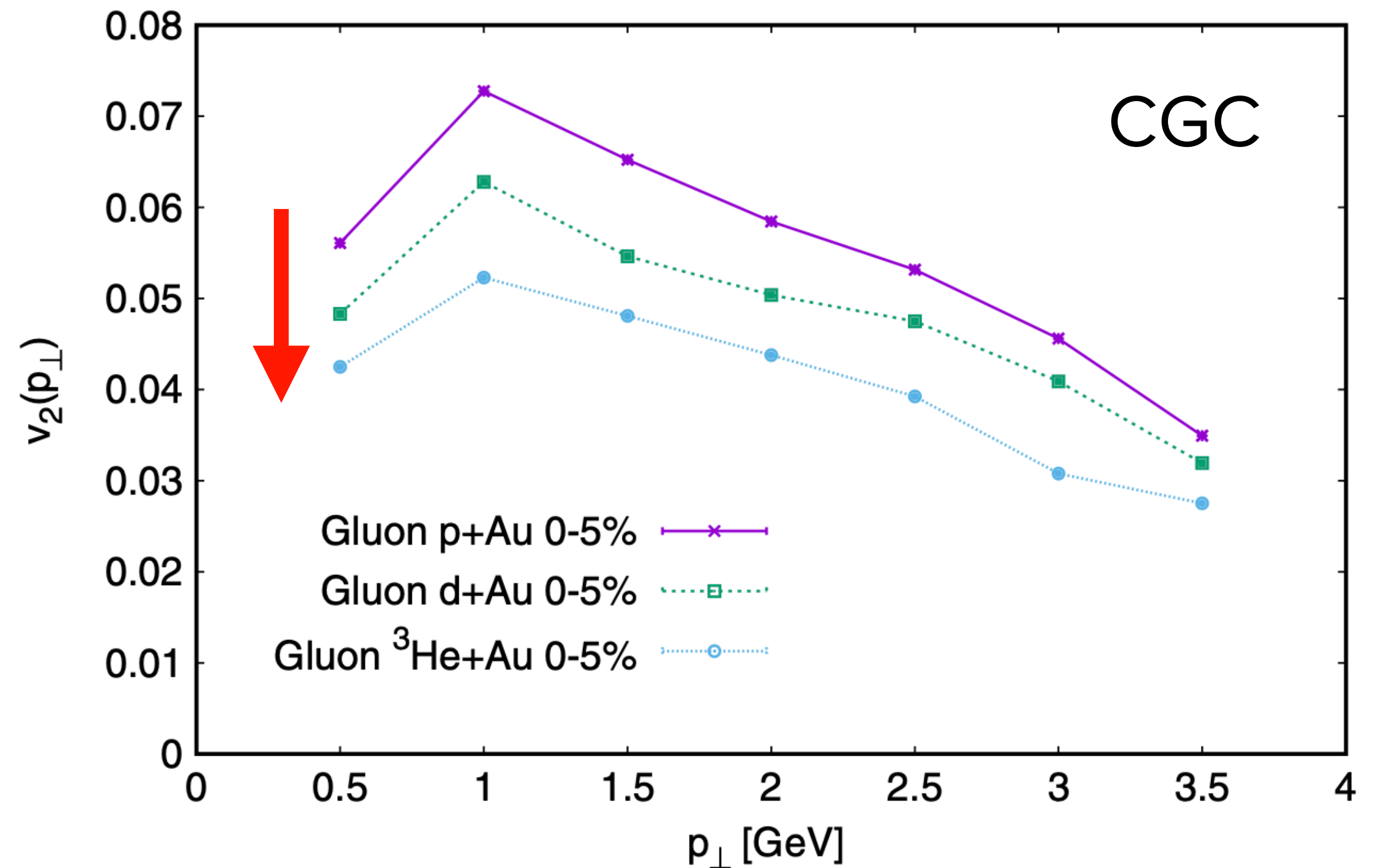
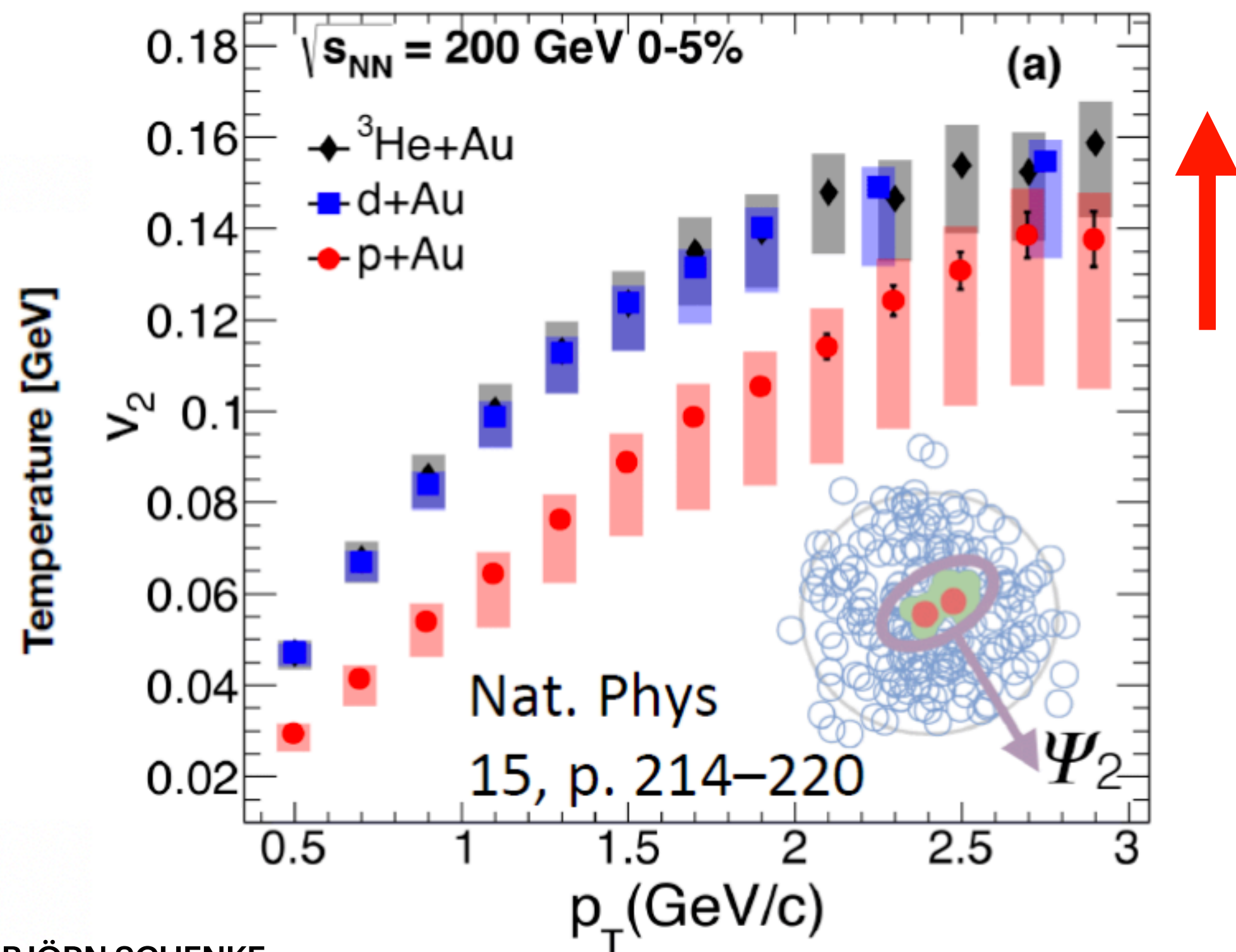
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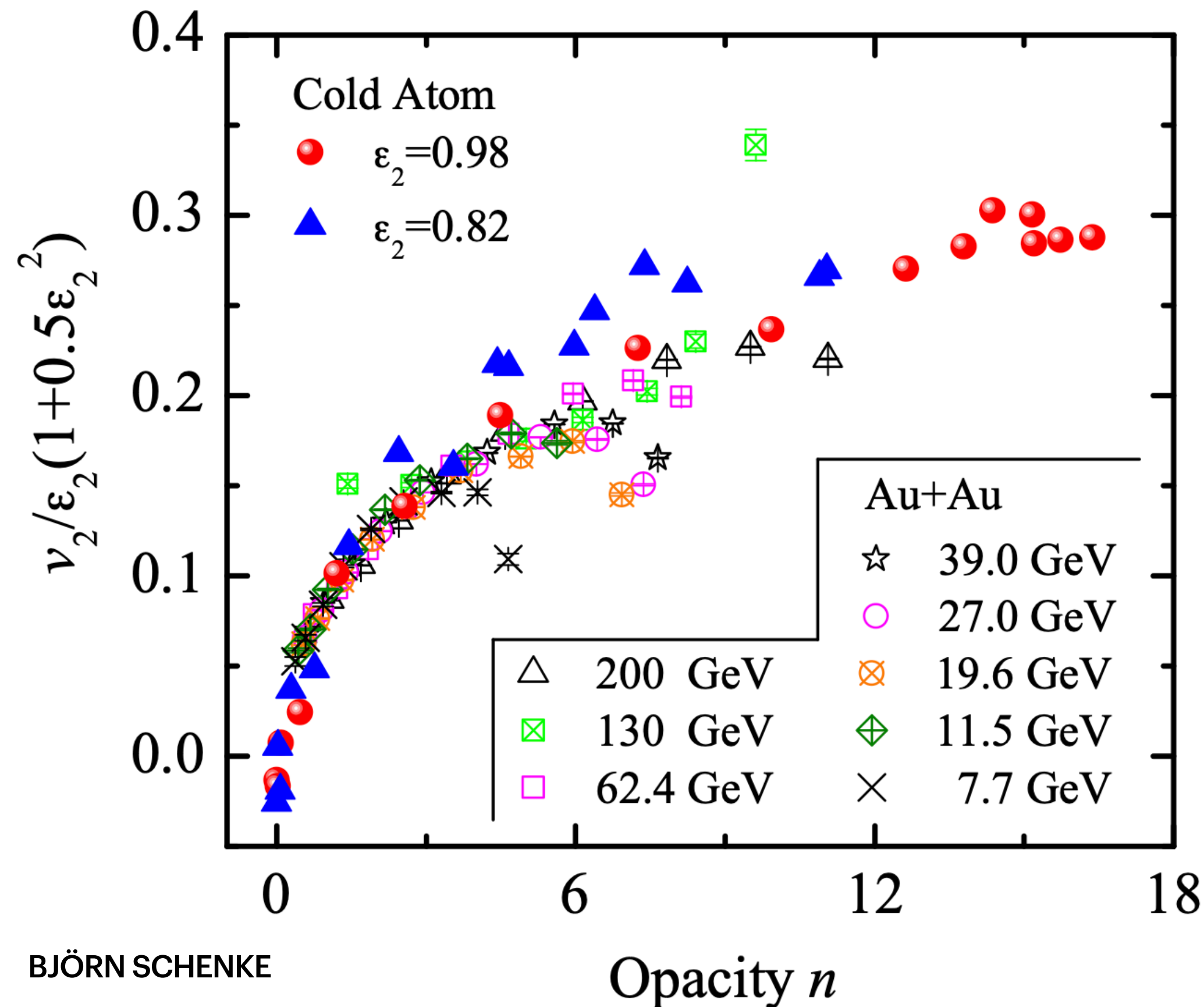


INSIGHTS FROM COLD ATOMS

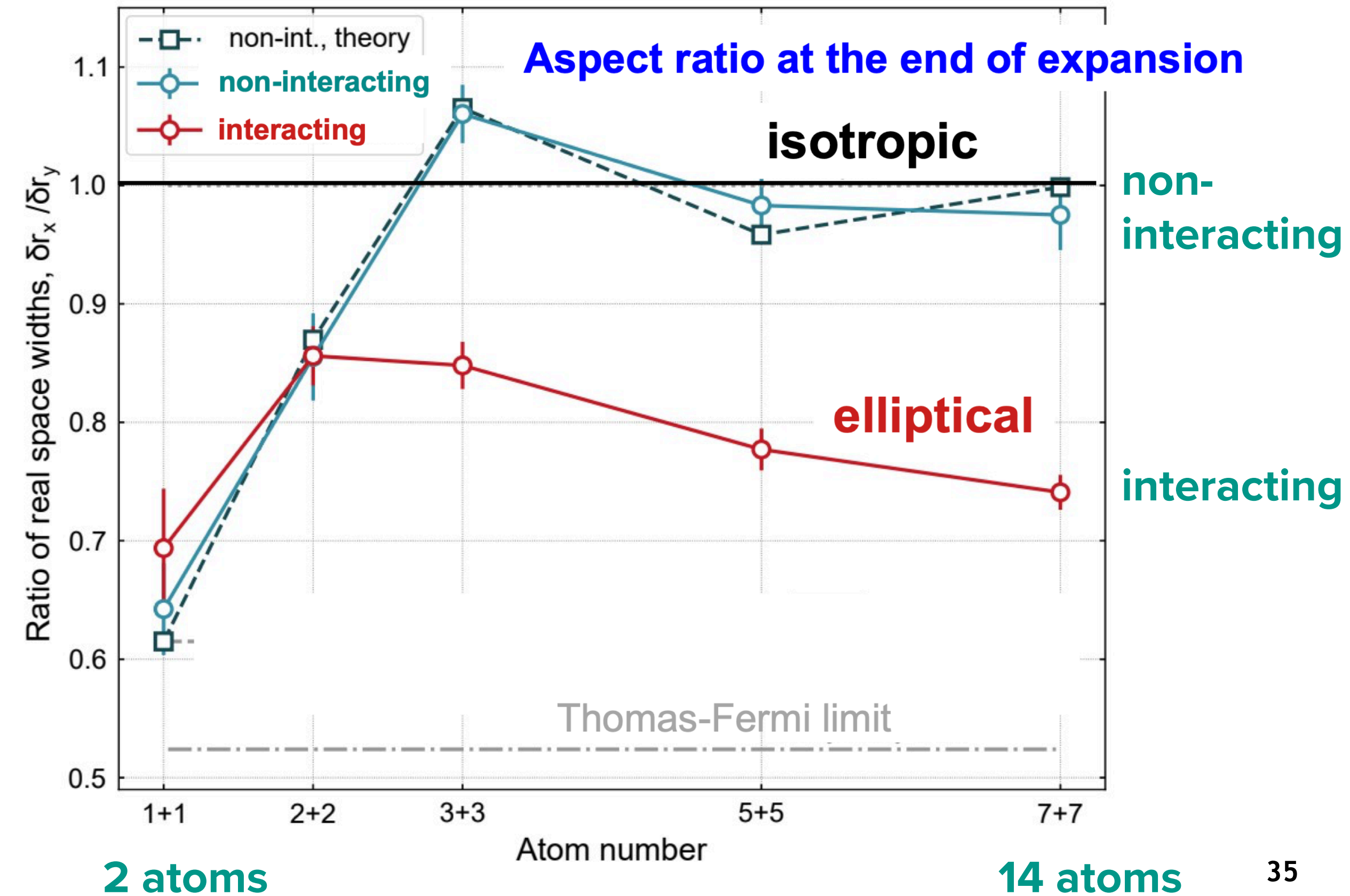
K. Li, H.-F. Song, Y.-L. Sun, H.-J. Xu, F. Wang, arXiv:2405.02847

Bandstetter, Lunt, Heintze, Giacalone, Heyen, Gałka, Subramanian, Holten, Preiss, Floerchinger, Jochim arXiv:2308.09699

Heavy ions vs. cold ${}^6\text{Li}$ ions with varying interaction strength: v_2/ε_2 agree

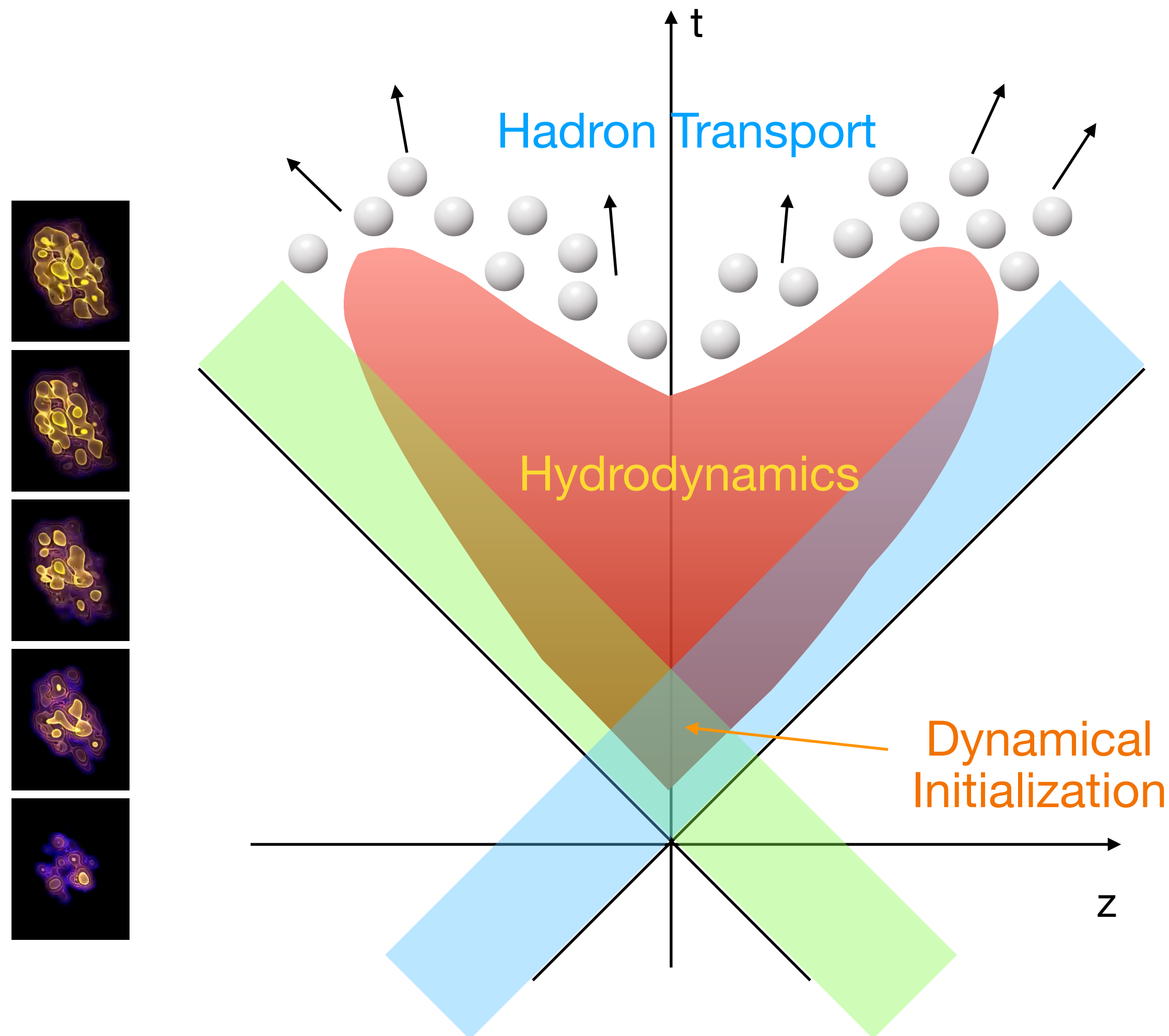


Very few particles: interaction drives elliptic flow for $N_{\text{atoms}} \geq 6$ see talk by Lars Heyen

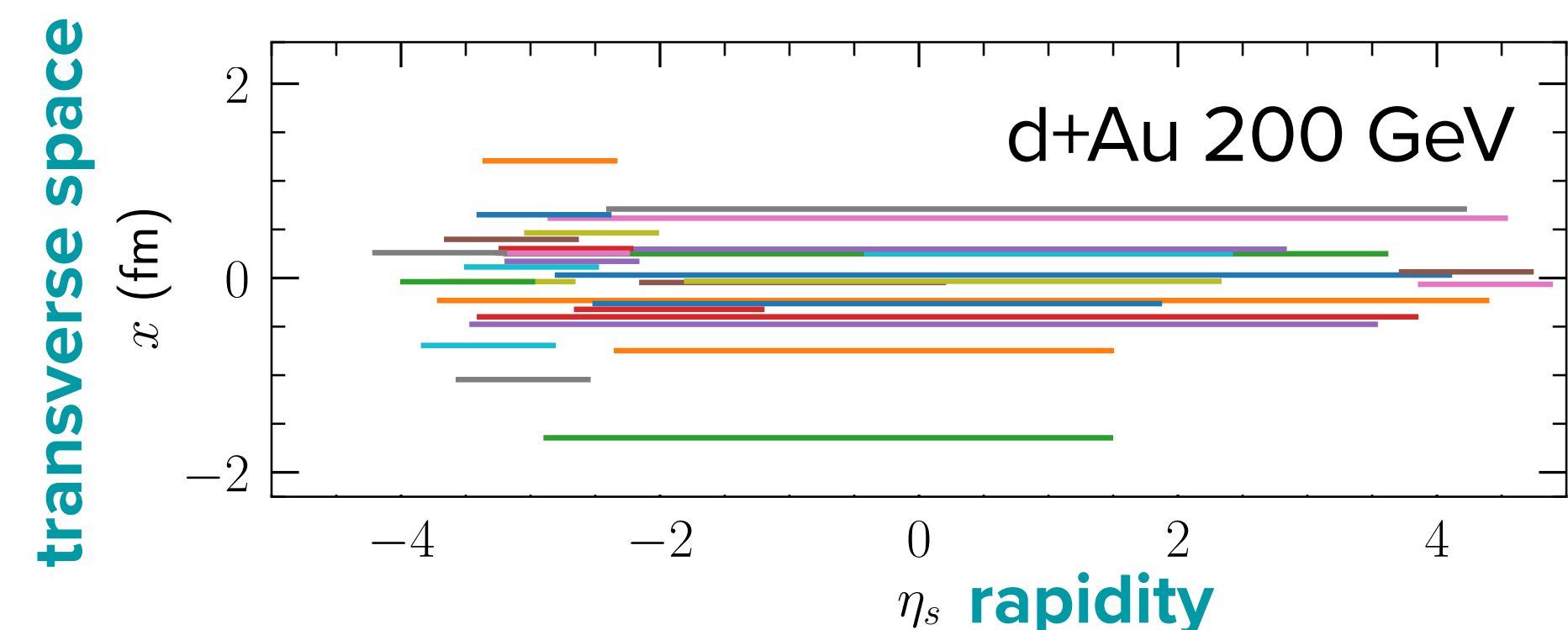


DYNAMIC 3+1D SIMULATION

C. Shen and B. Schenke, Phys.Rev. C97 (2018) 024907; Phys. Rev. C 105, 064905 (2022)

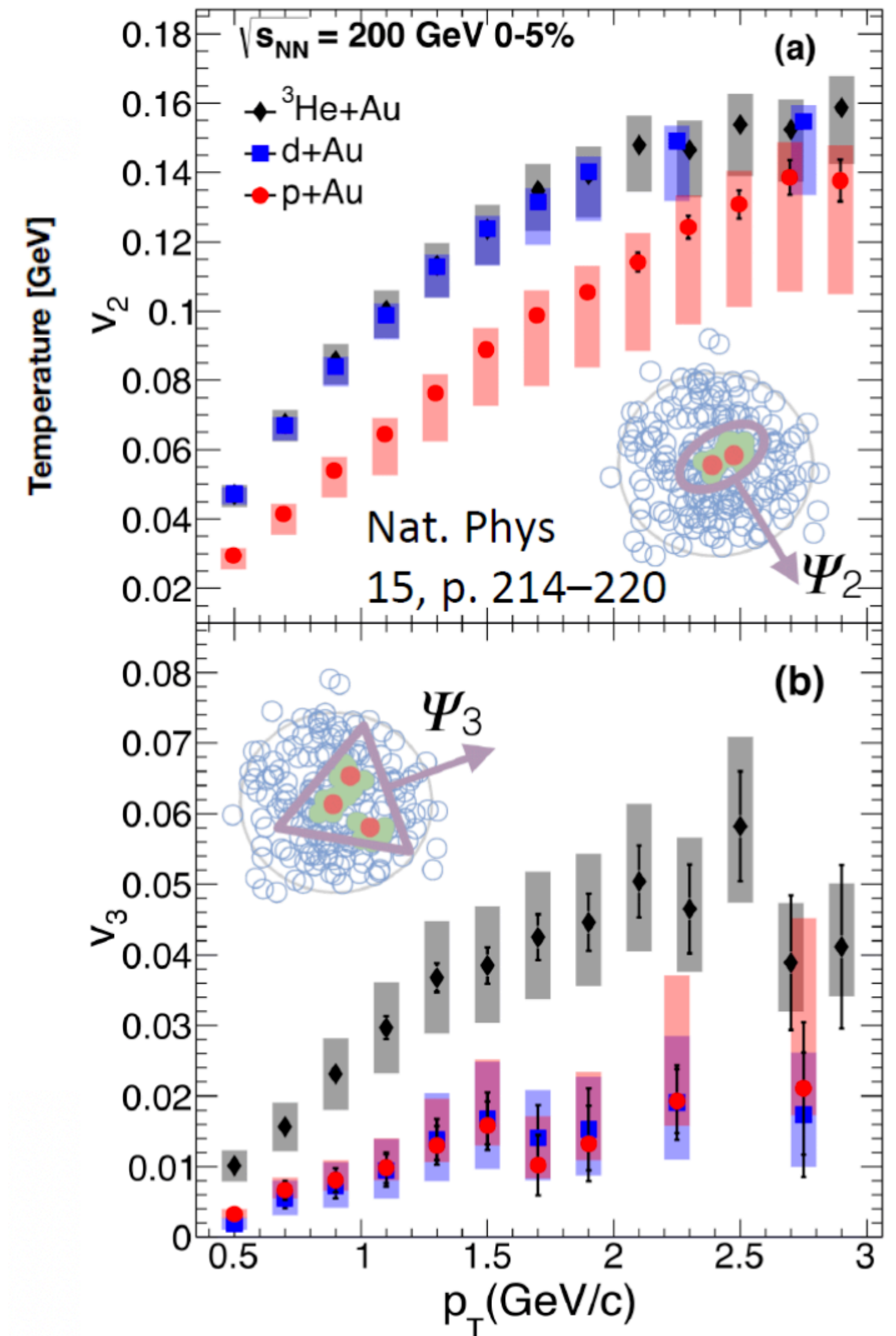
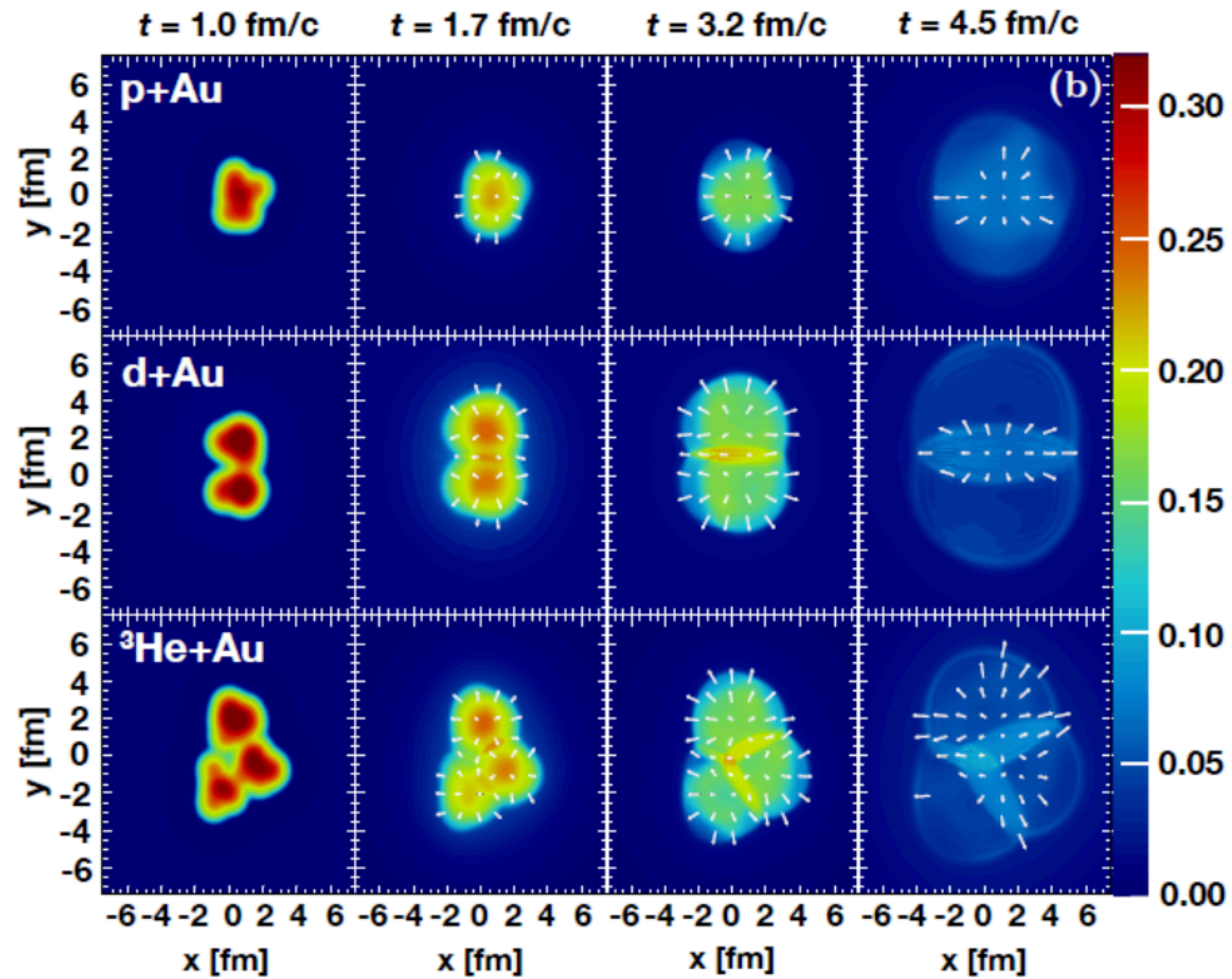


- Simulate small systems dynamically in 3+1D
- Initialize using MC-Glauber + string deceleration model with source terms in hydro
- Provides fluctuating transverse+longitudinal geometry



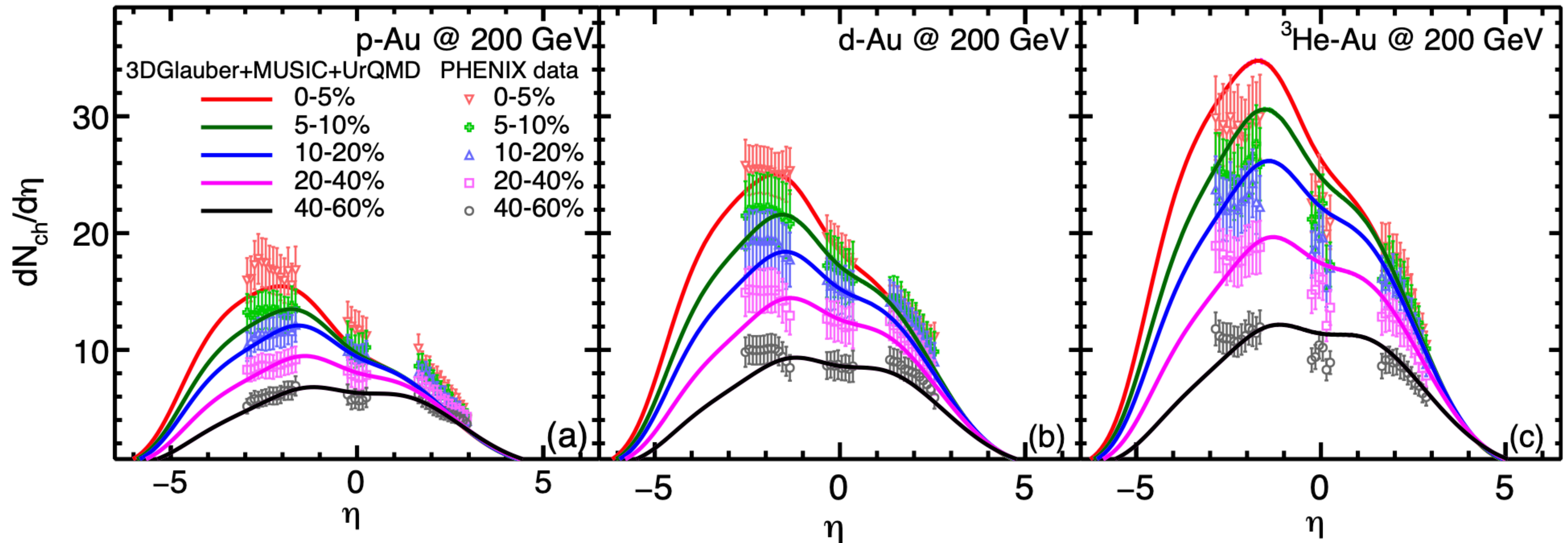
SMALL SYSTEM SCAN AT RHIC

PHENIX Collaboration, Nature Phys. 15, no.3, 214-220 (2019)



MULTIPLICITY VS. RAPIDITY

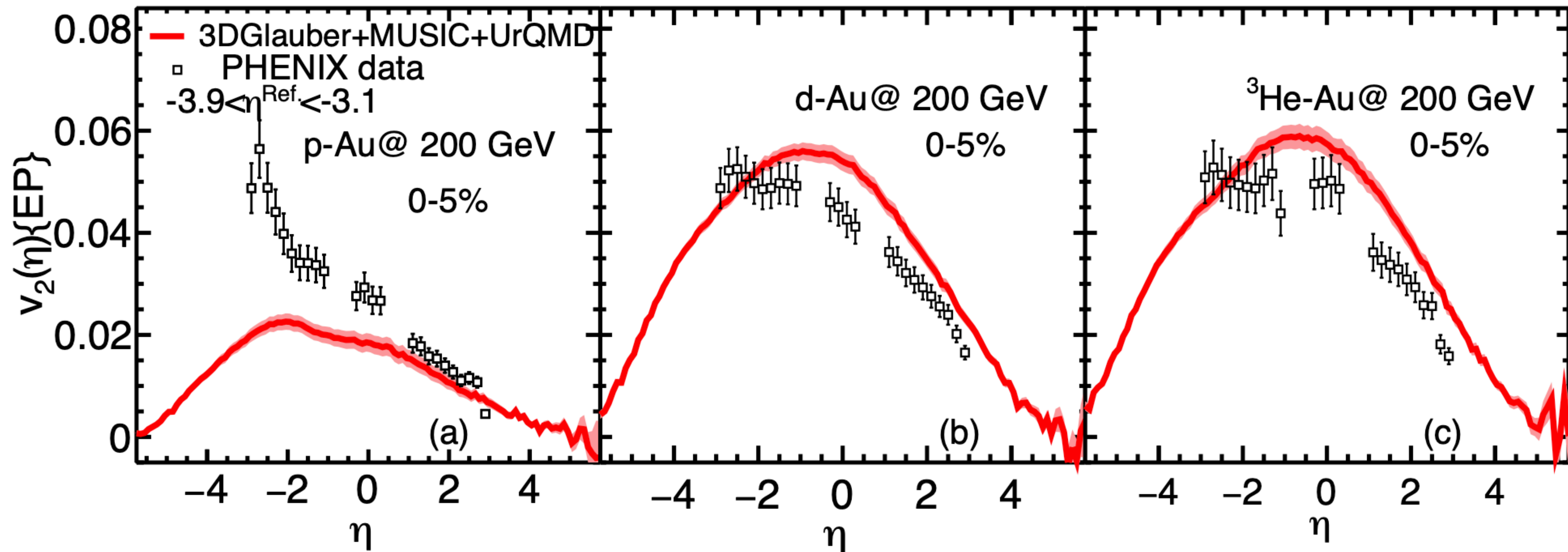
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The (3+1)D hybrid model captures the rapidity and centrality dependence of $dN^{ch}/d\eta$ for all asymmetric systems

ANISOTROPIC FLOW VS RAPIDITY

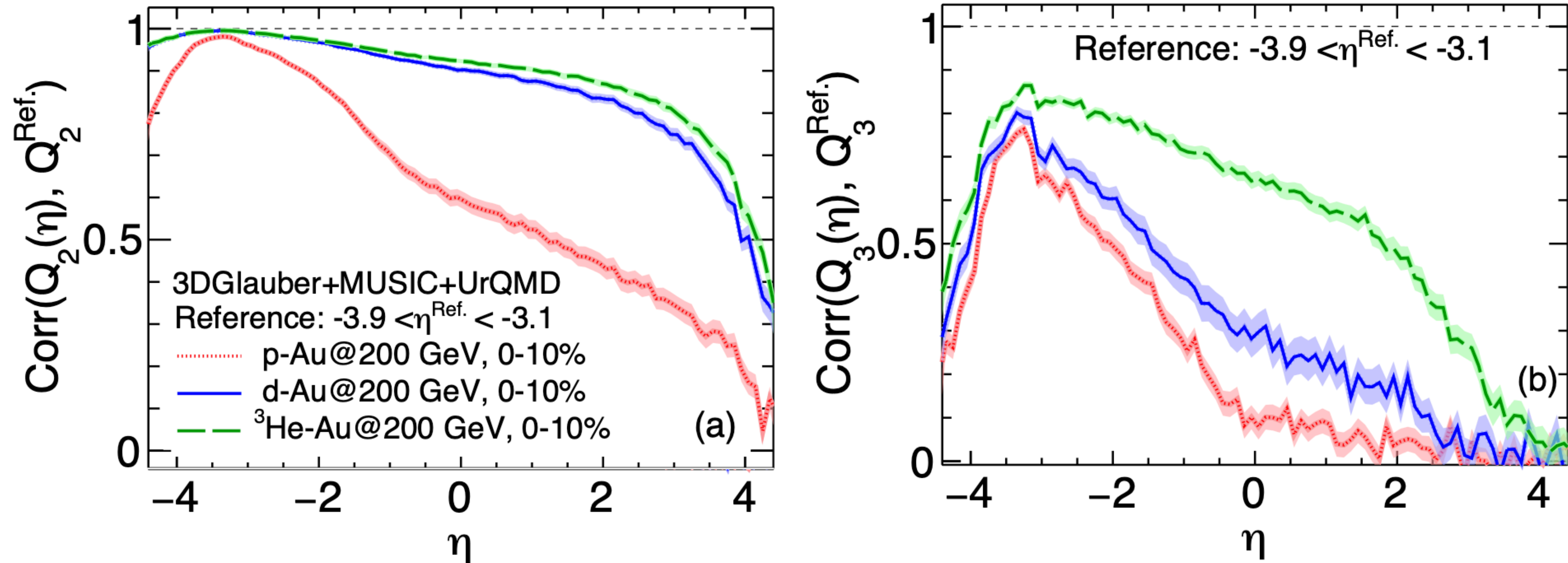
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- Pseudo-rapidity dependence of $v_2\{EP\}$ reproduced for d+Au and ^3He +Au
- The elliptic flow in $\eta < 1$ in p+Au collisions is underestimated because of the strong longitudinal flow decorrelation in our model + potential non-flow

FLOW VECTOR DECORRELATION

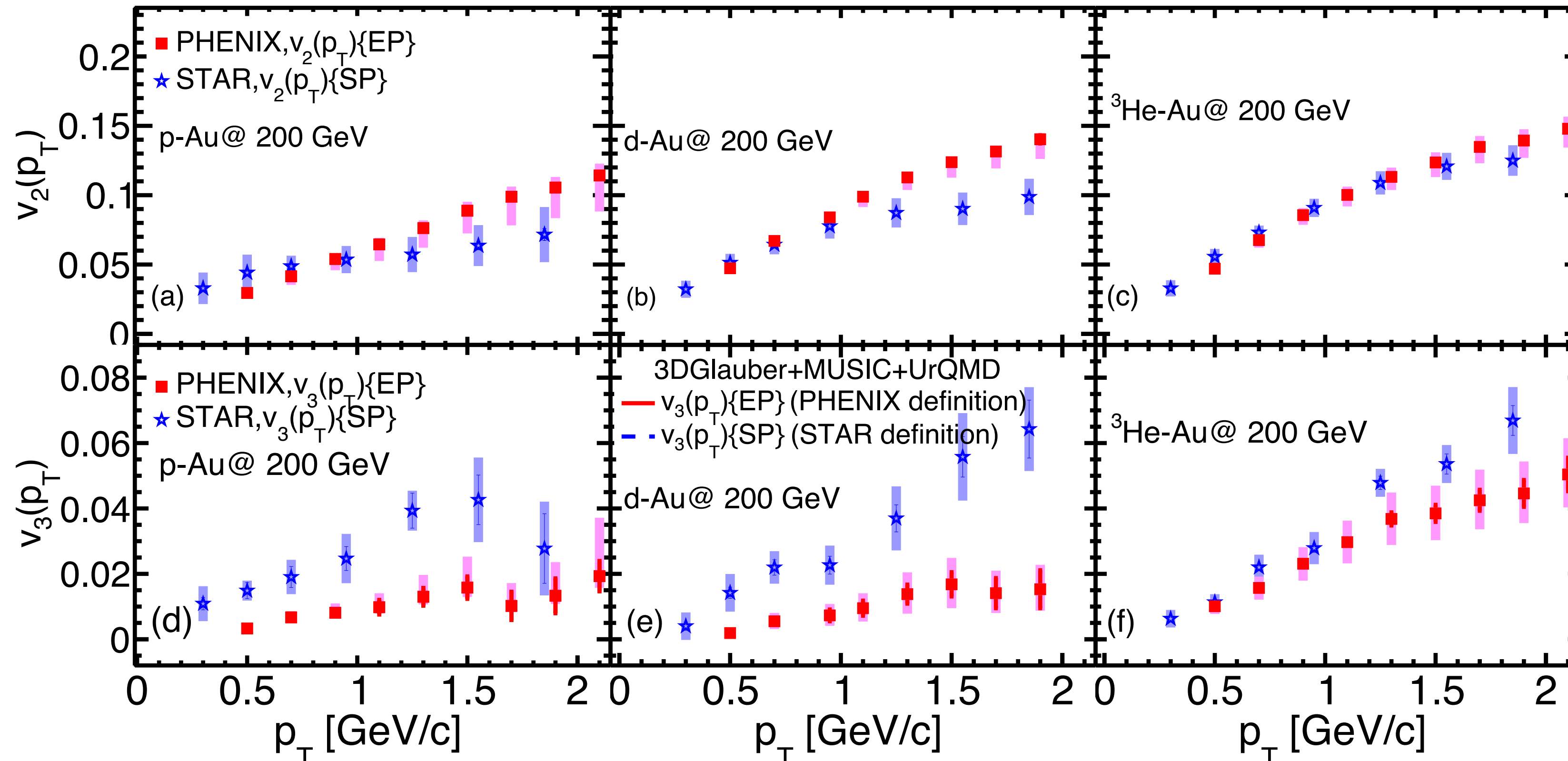
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- Decorrelation is much stronger in the smaller p+Au system
- Decorrelations of v_3 flow vectors are much stronger than v_2
- **Hierarchy between v_n and systems driven by decorrelation in this model**

COMPARING PHENIX WITH STAR DATA

PHENIX Collaboration, Nature Phys. 15, no.3, 214-220 (2019) STAR Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett. 130 (2023) 24, 242301



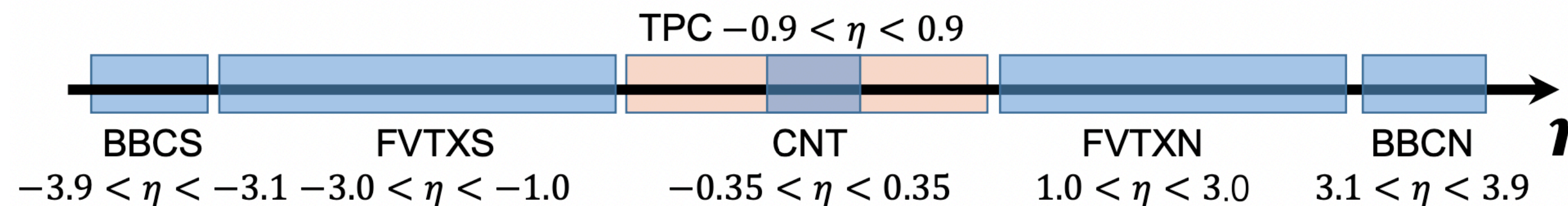
PHENIX:

(p, d)+Au: $\eta_1 \in [-3.9, -3.1]$,
 $\eta_2 \in [-0.35, 0.35]$

$^3\text{He+Au}$: $\eta_1 \in [-3, -1]$,
 $\eta_2 \in [-0.35, 0.35]$

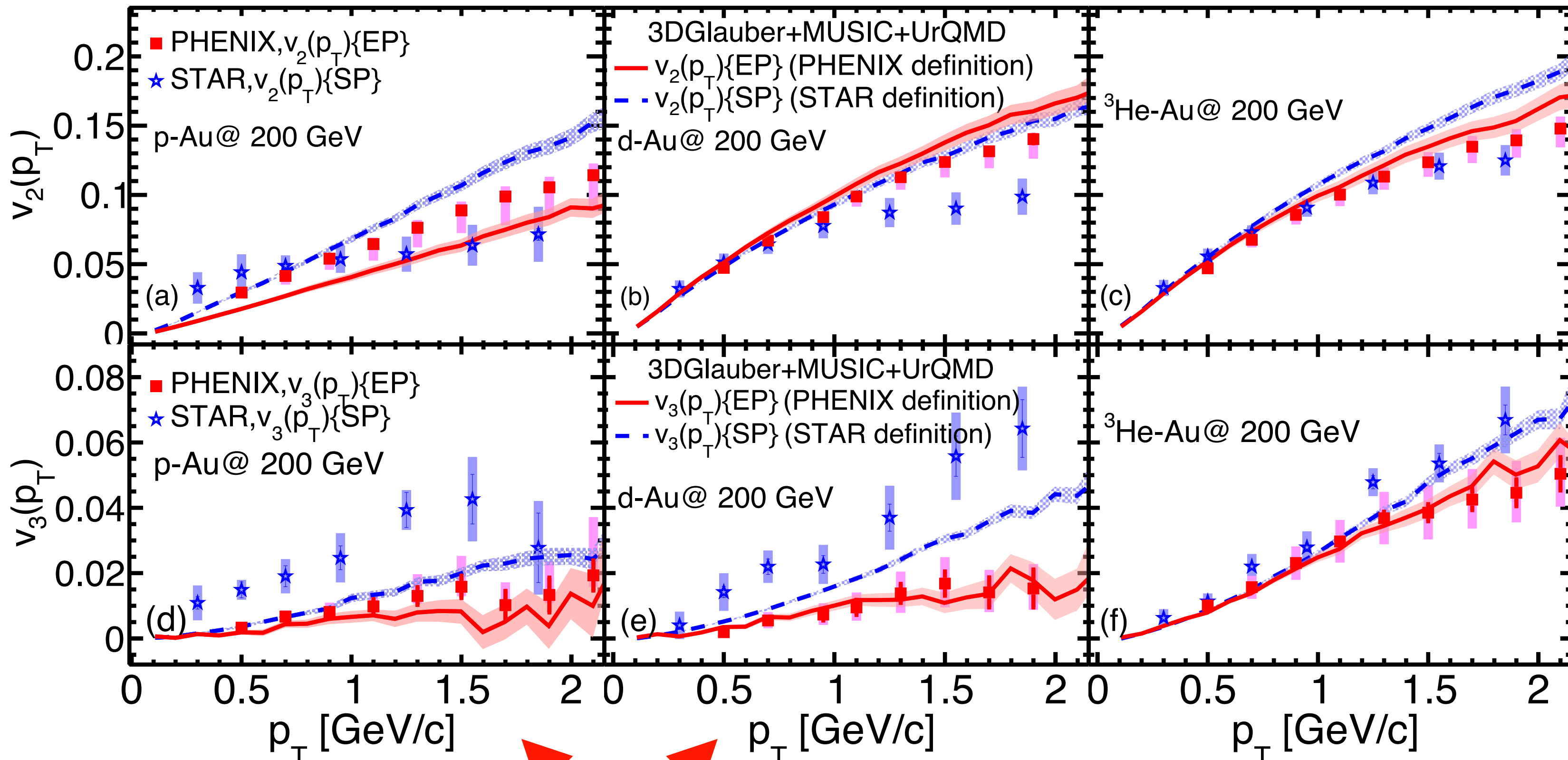
STAR:

$\eta \in [-0.9, 0.9]$ with $|\Delta\eta| > 1$



DIFFERENT RAPIDITY BINS, DIFFERENT RESULTS

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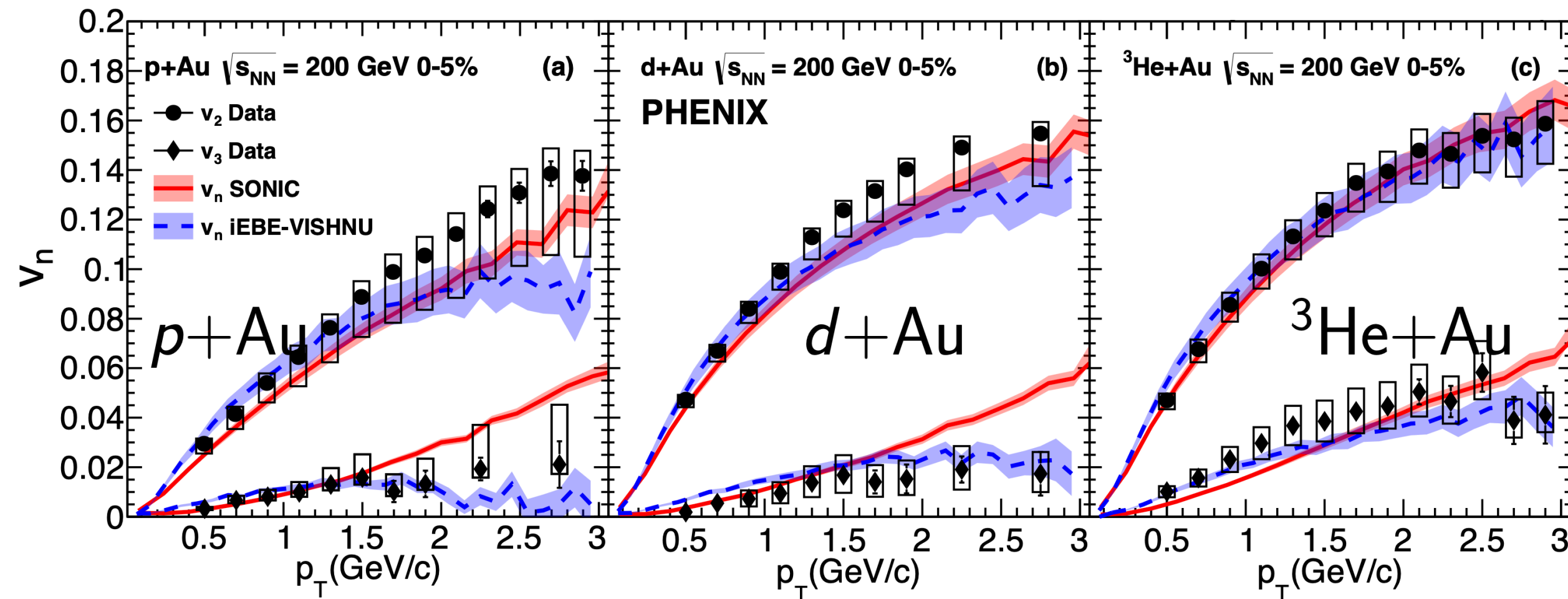
$\eta \in [-0.9, 0.9]$ with $|\Delta\eta| > 1$

Tune to ^3He +Au
 PHENIX $v_n(p_T)$ in
 (d, ^3He)+Au collisions
 well described

Longitudinal flow decorrelations lead to smaller $v_3(p_T)$ for PHENIX, explaining $\sim 50\%$ of the difference between the two measurements

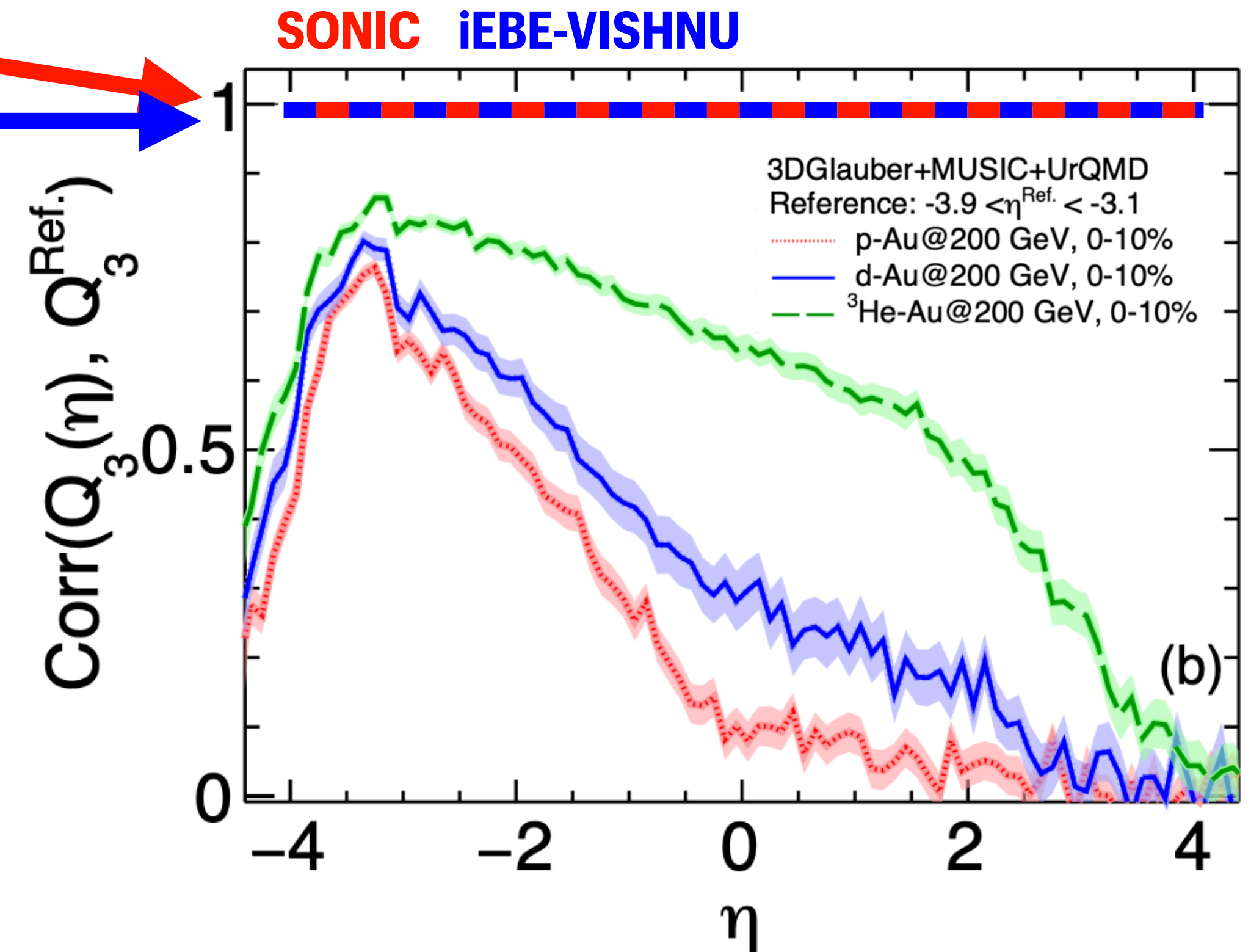
COMPARISON WITH BOOST INVARIANT MODELS

W. Zhao, S. Ryu, C. Shen and B. Schenke, *Phys.Rev.C* 107 (2023) 1, 014904



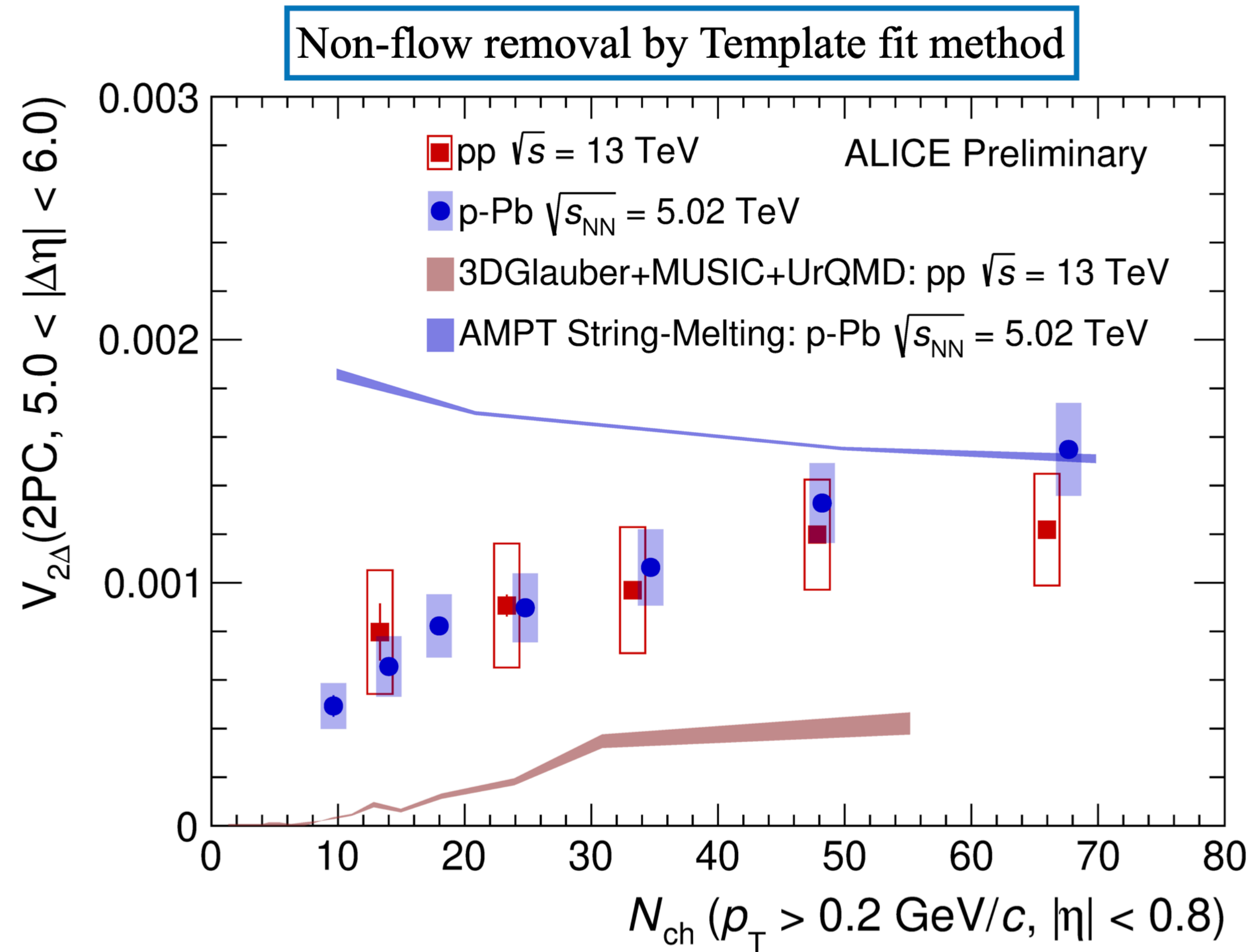
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- Meaningful comparison?
- Assuming boost invariance and ignoring decorrelation can cause large errors
- Same problem for all boost invariant models



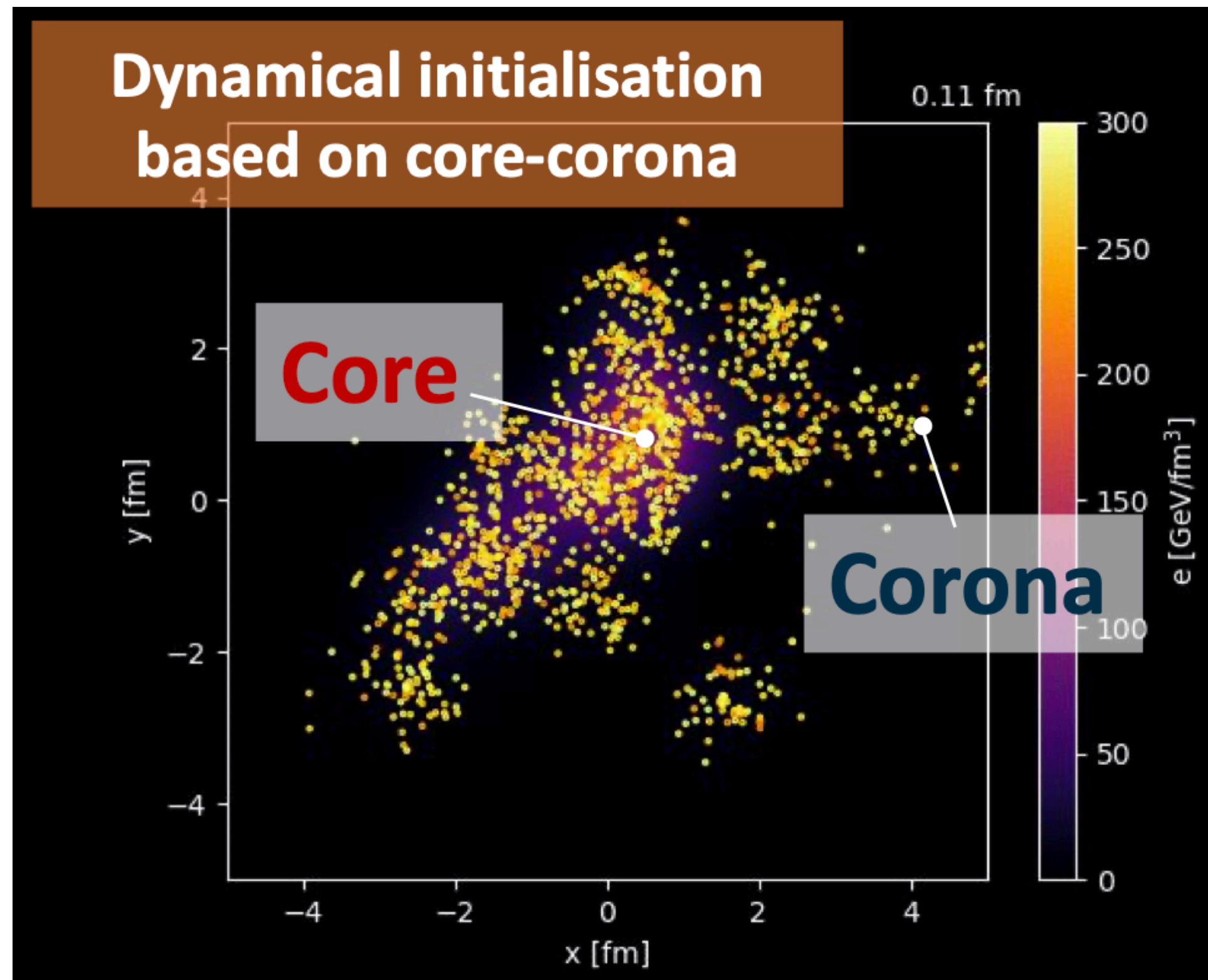
VERY LONG RANGE CORRELATIONS

ALICE Collaboration, ALI-PREL-573662, talk by Debojit Sarkar



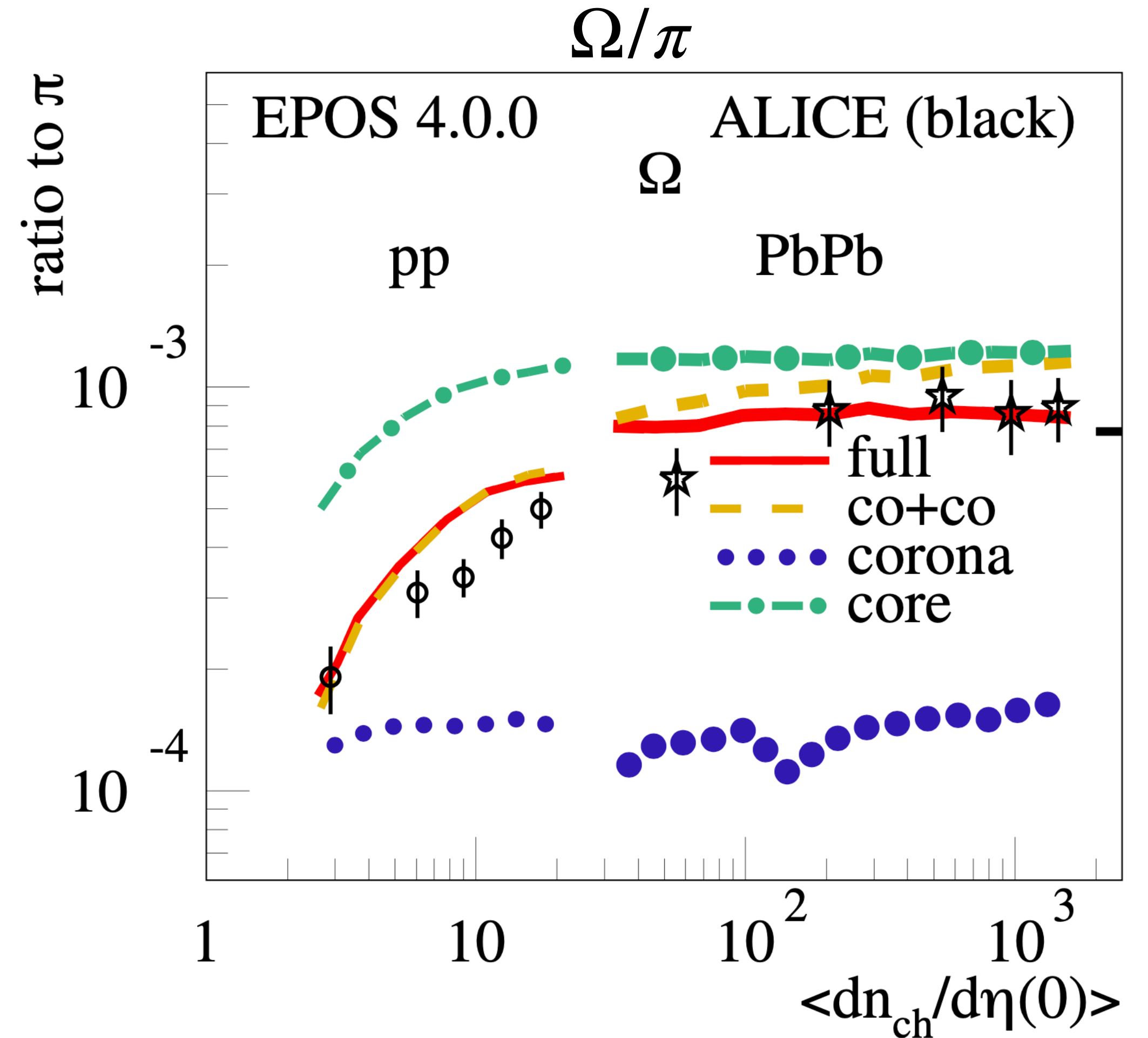
- p+p collisions at 13 TeV
- $5 < |\Delta\eta| < 6$
- Models do not describe the data
- Need better description of 3D geometry
- Applicability of hydrodynamics?

CORE+CORONA PICTURE



Y. Kanakubo, Quark Matter 2023

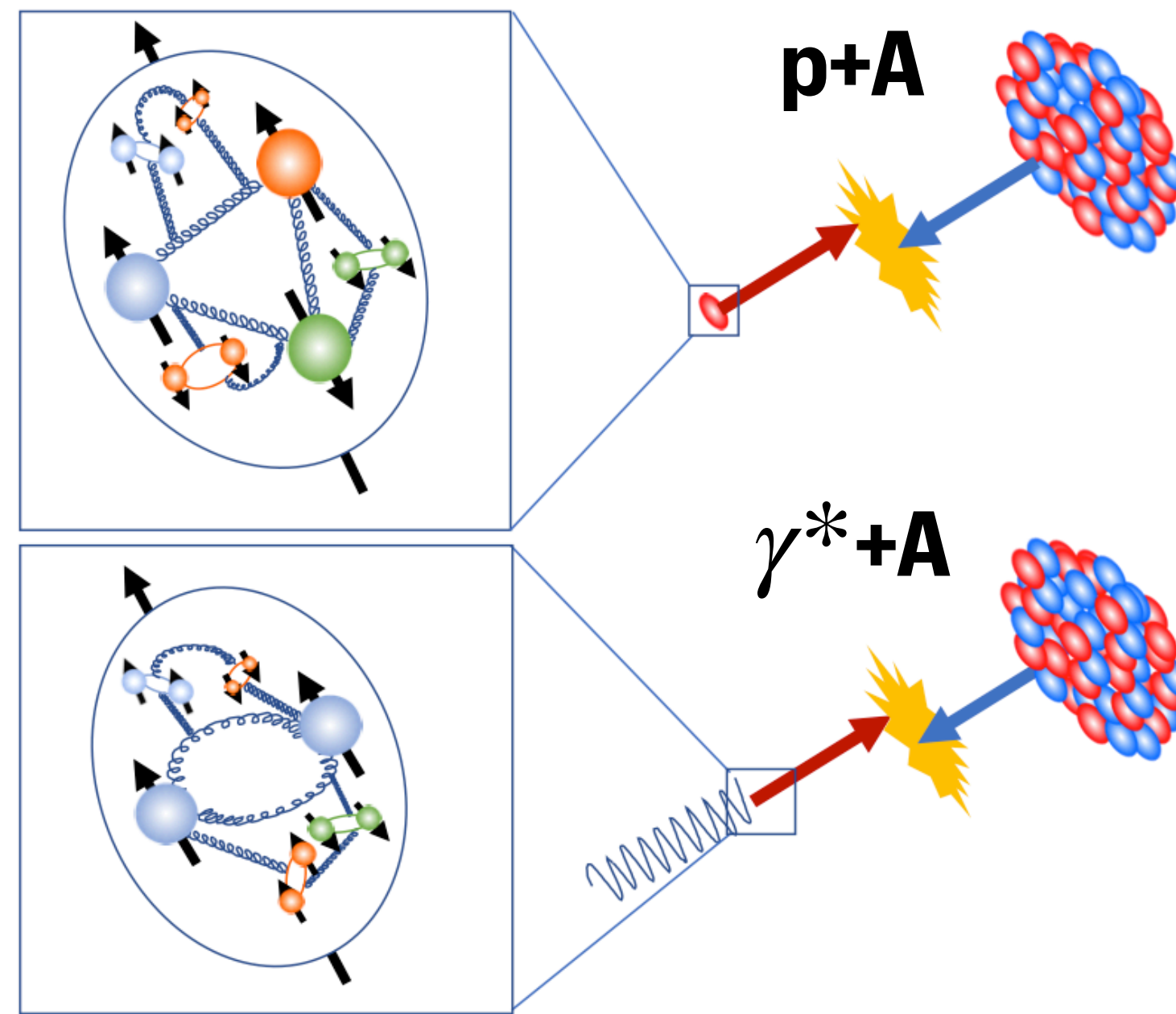
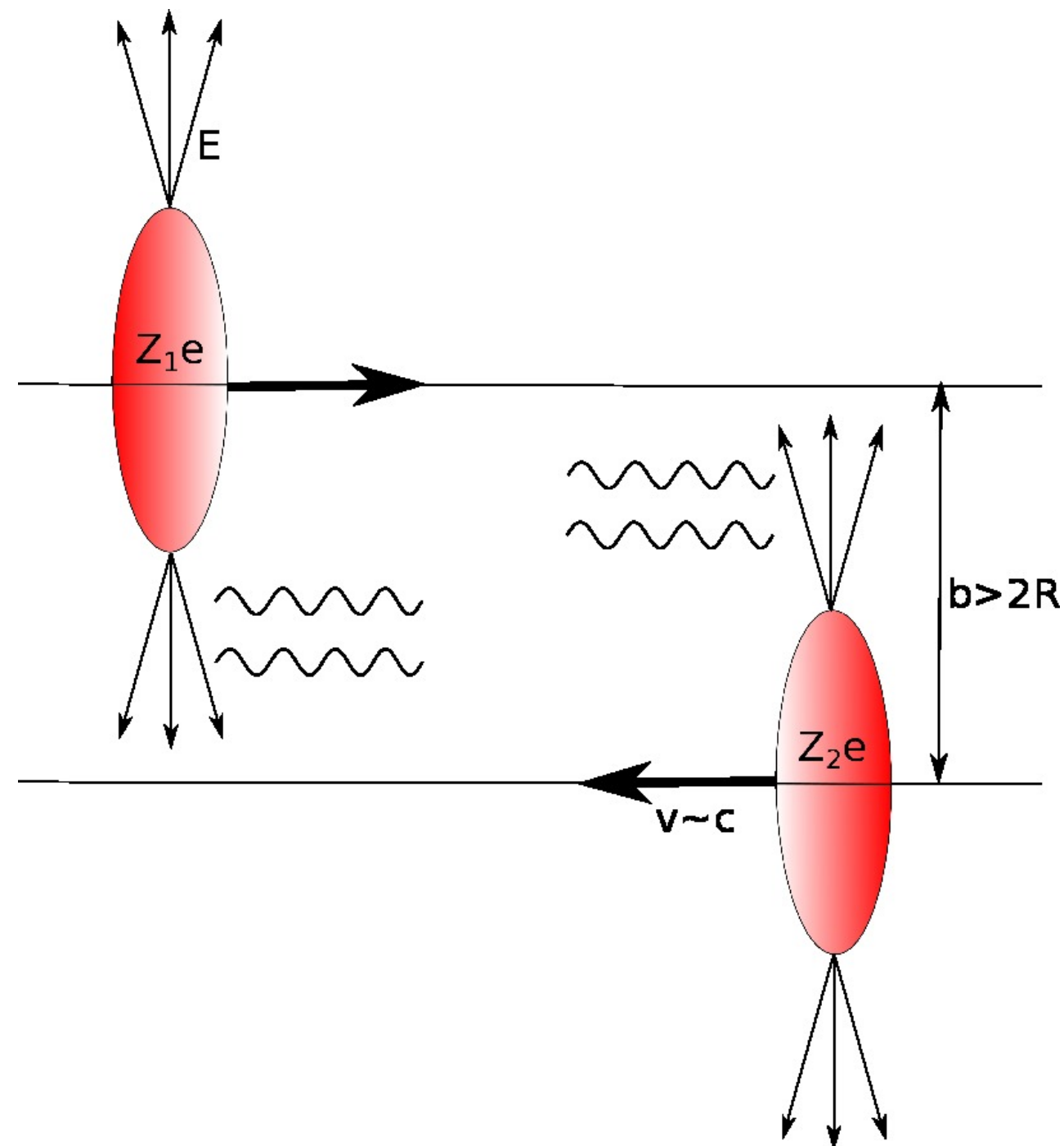
Hydro-like core begins to dominate for $dN_{ch}/d\eta \approx 10 - 20$



K. Werner, Phys.Rev.C 108 (2023) 6, 064903
see talk by P.B. Gossiaux

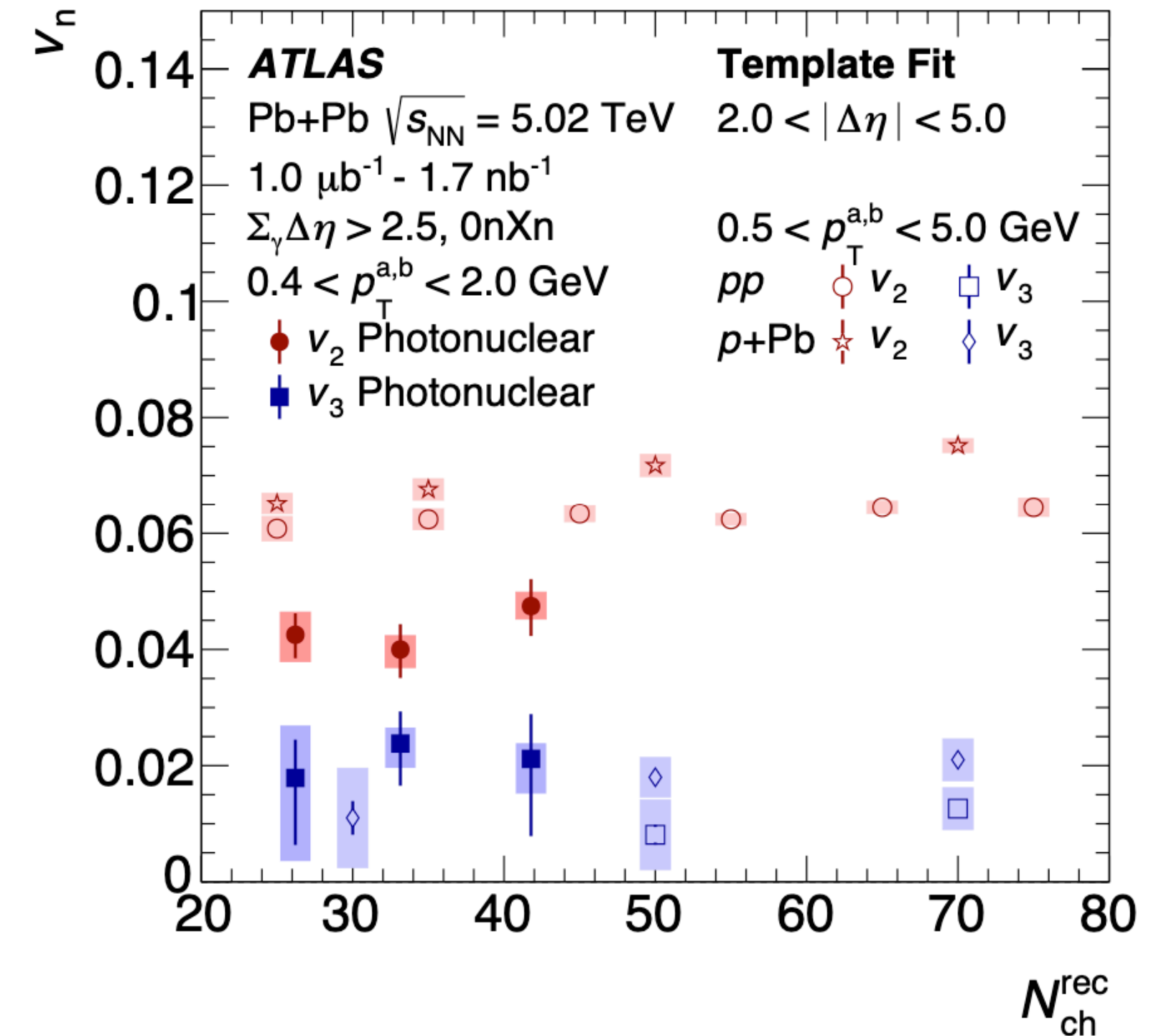
SMALLER: ULTRAPERIPHERAL COLLISIONS

W. Zhao, C. Shen and B. Schenke, Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022) 25, 252302



Phys. Rev. D 103, 054017 (2021)

ATLAS Phys. Rev. C 104, 014903 (2021)

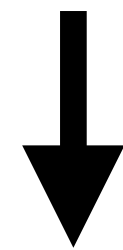


- Long range two-particle correlations were observed in photo-nuclear processes in ultra-peripheral Pb+Pb collisions (UPC) at the LHC
- The magnitudes of v_n in UPCs are comparable with those in p+Pb collisions

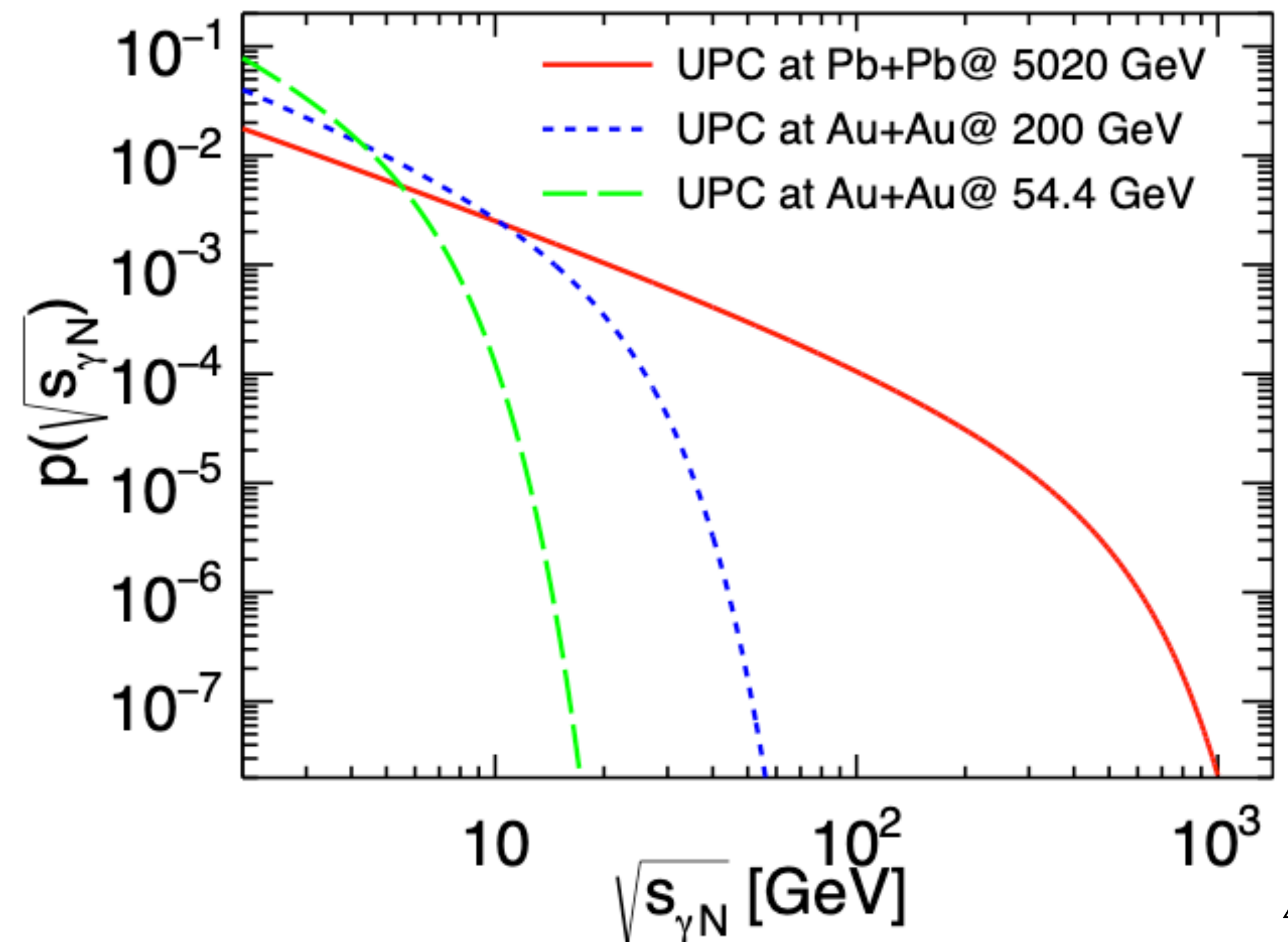
MODELING $\gamma^* + \text{Pb}$

A. J. Baltz *et al.* Phys. Rept. 458, 1-171 (2008); W. Zhao, C. Shen and B. Schenke, Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022) 25, 252302

- Same 3+1D hydrodynamic model
- Virtual photon described as vector meson: quark-antiquark pair plus soft cloud
- Energy of the incoming photon fluctuates event by event

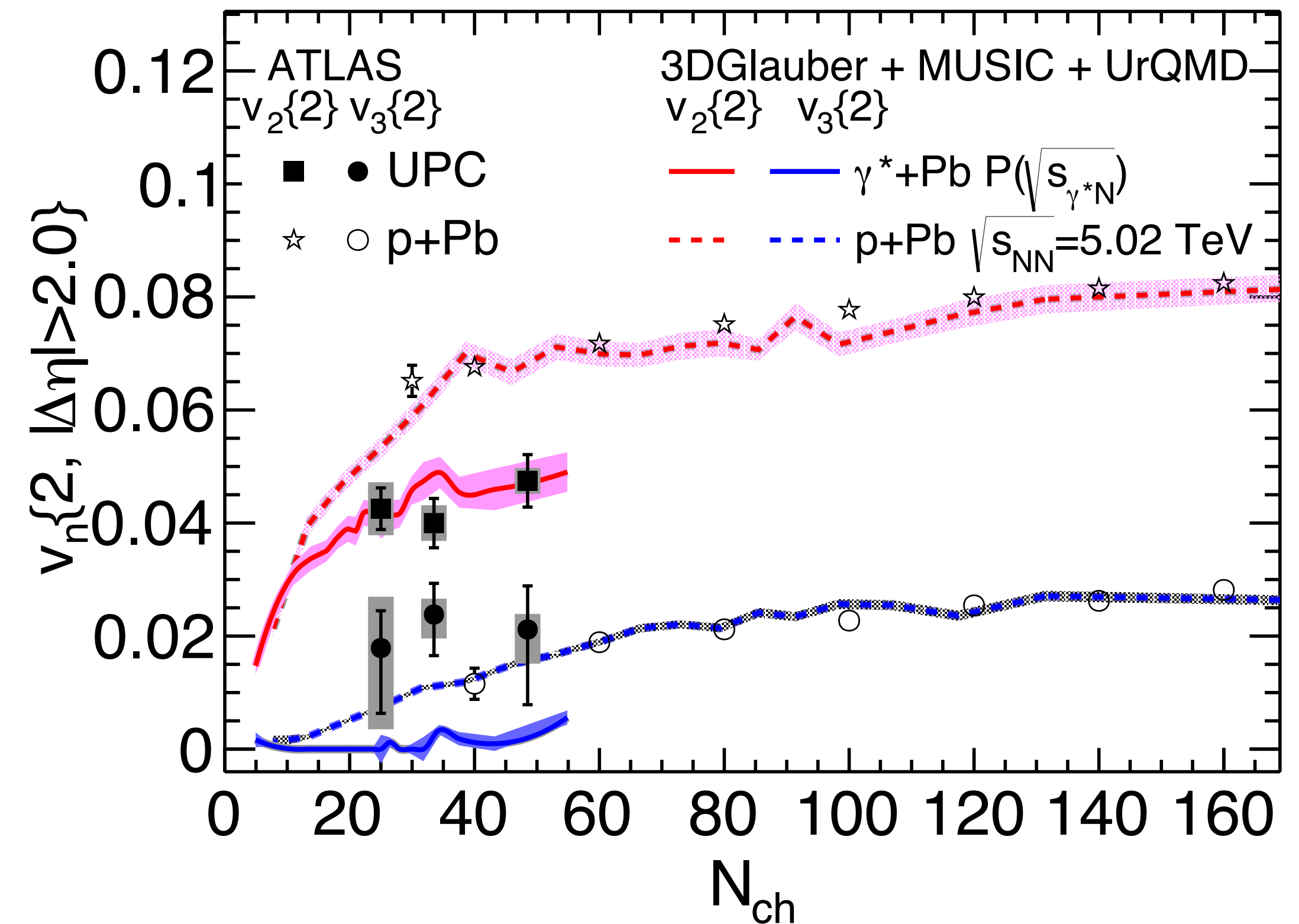
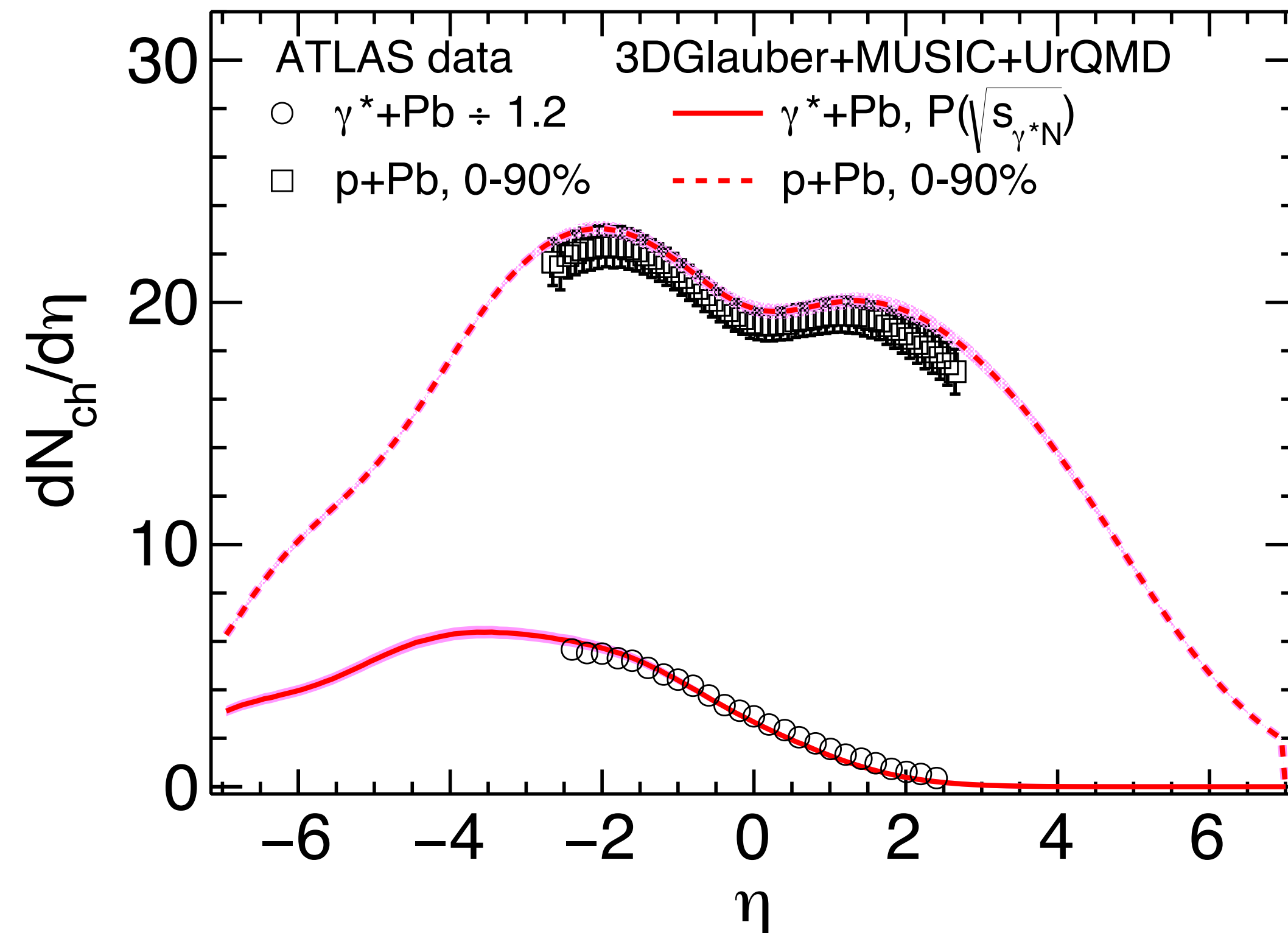


- Center of mass collision energy for the $\gamma^* + A$ system fluctuates
- Center of mass rapidity of $\gamma^* + A$ collision fluctuates in the lab frame



PARTICLE PRODUCTION AND FLOW IN p+A AND γ^*+A

W. Zhao, C. Shen and B. Schenke, Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022) 25, 252302

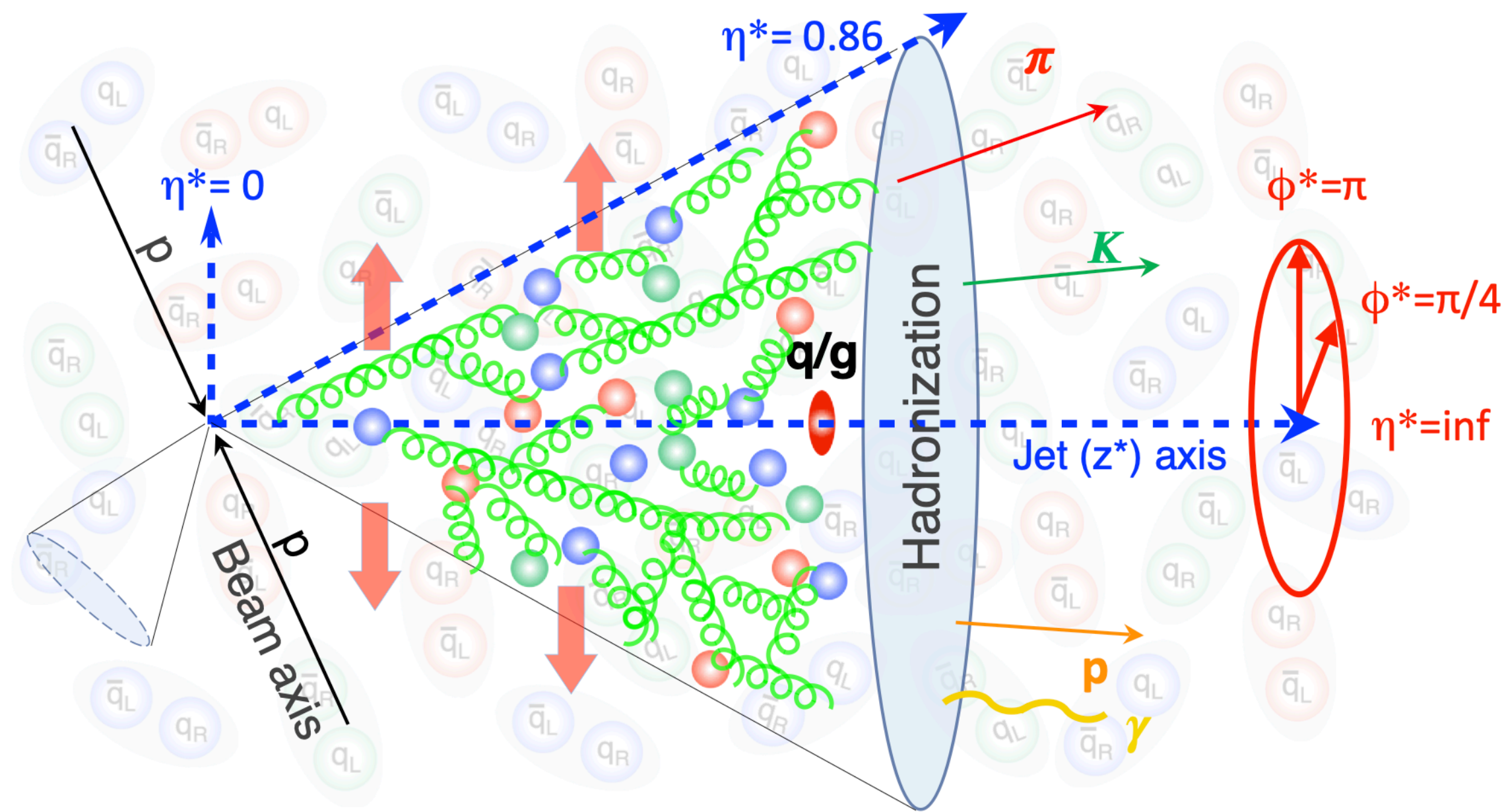


- Shapes of $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ reproduced for p+Pb and γ^*+Pb collisions
- Elliptic flow difference between p+Pb and γ^*+Pb collisions reproduced
Driven by different amount of longitudinal flow decorrelation

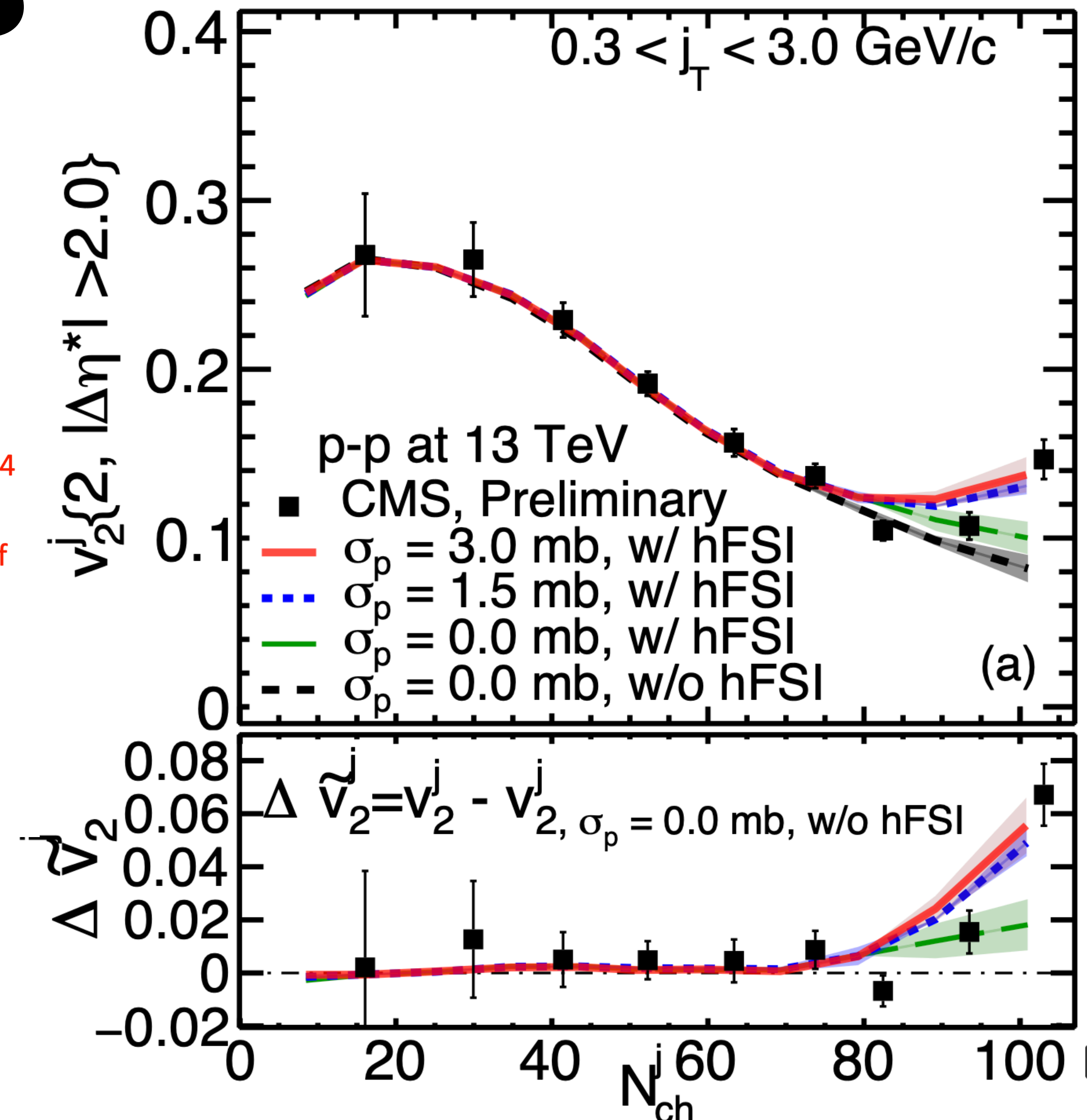
FLOW INSIDE JETS

CMS Collaboration, arXiv:2312.17103

W. Zhao, Z.-W. Lin, X.-N. Wang, arXiv:2401.13137

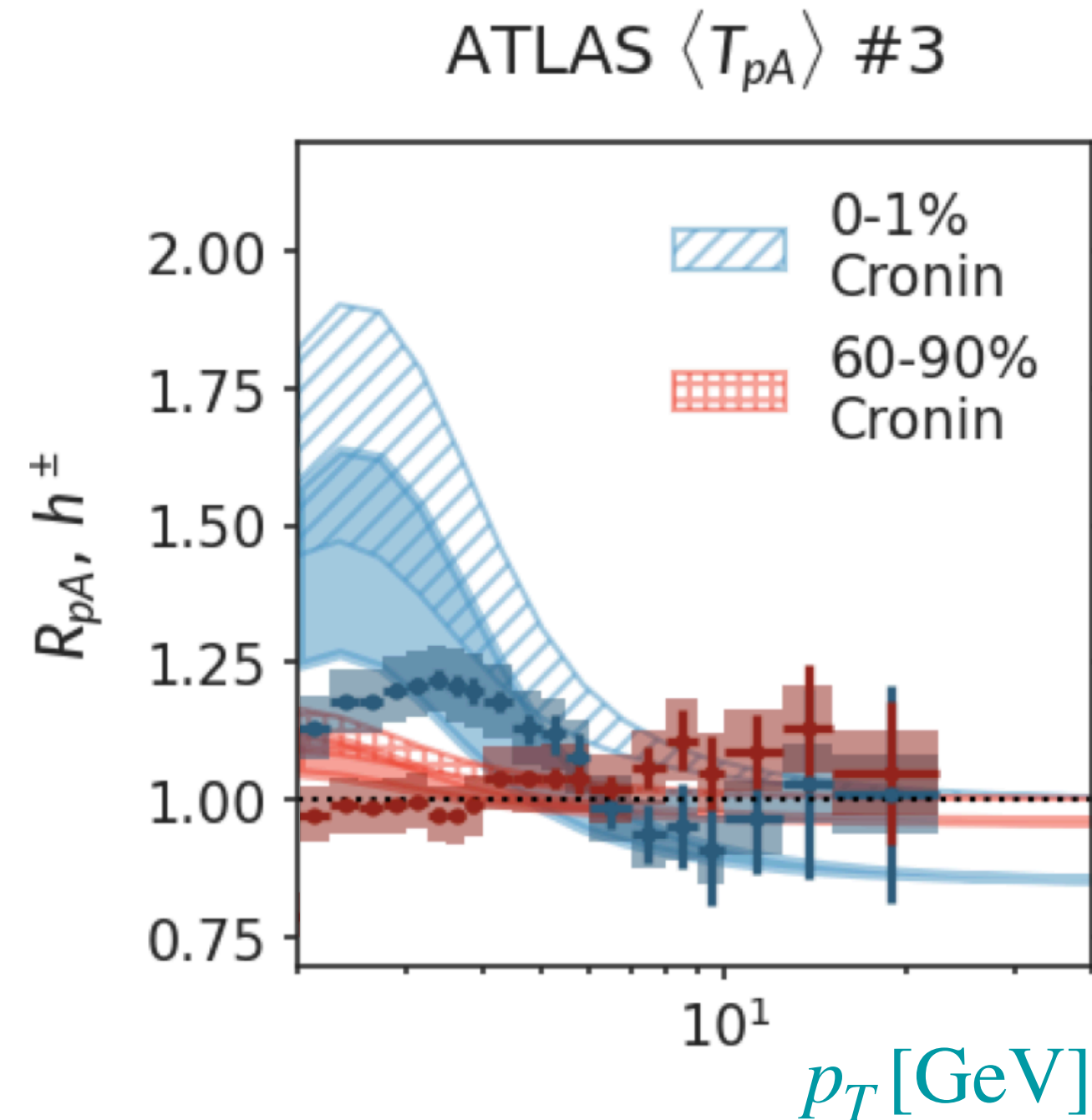


Final state effects can explain increase of v_2 at high multiplicity

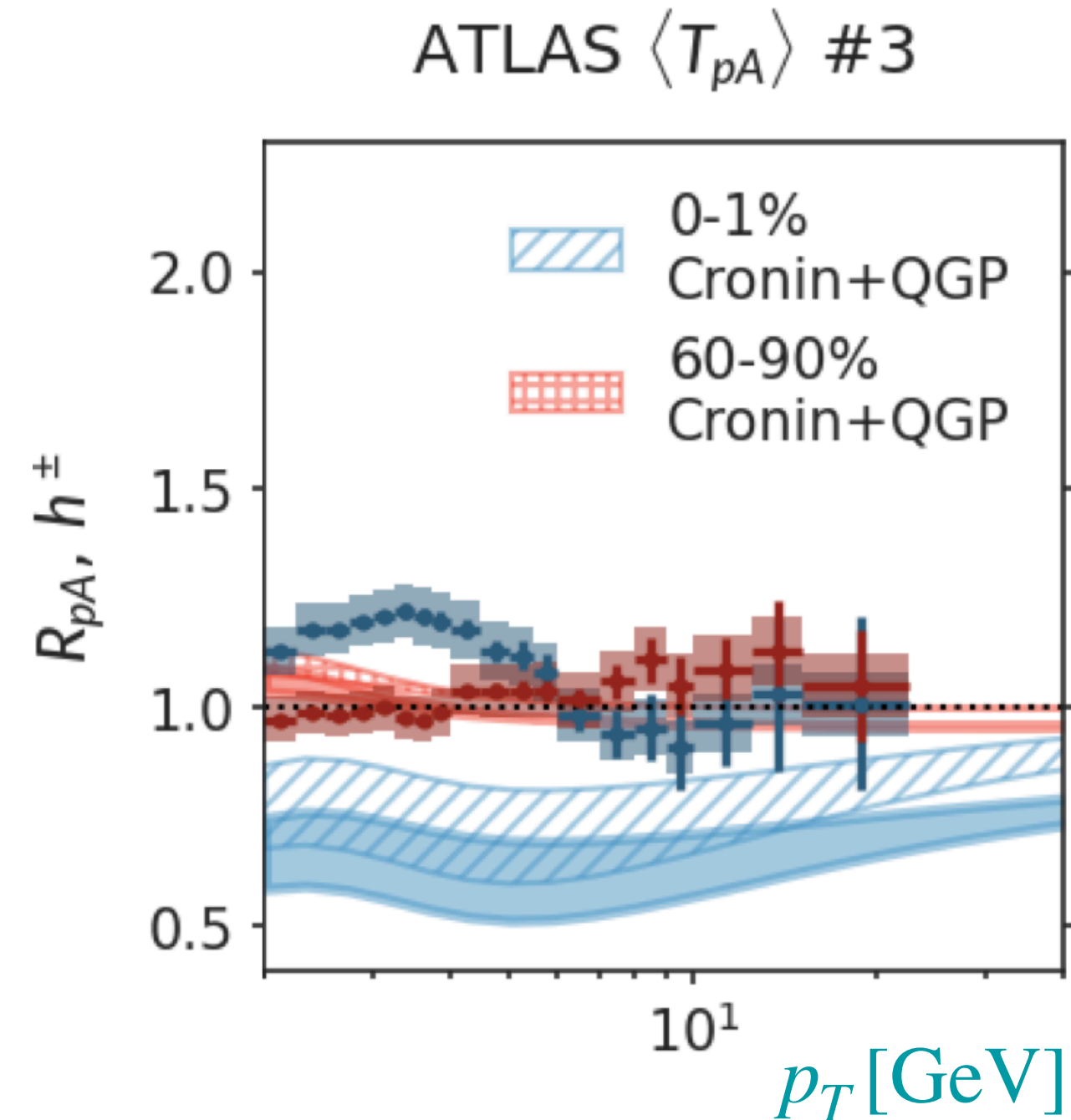


HARD PROBES

W. Ke, I. Vitev, *Phys.Rev.C* 107 (2023) 6, 064903



Calculation including cold nuclear matter effects



Same + QGP energy loss using SCET

Model of QGP formation in p+A as described by hydrodynamics leads to quenching of hadron spectra that is inconsistent with the p+Pb data

Agreement in d+Au collisions is better! (data has opposite high p_T behavior with centrality) \rightarrow

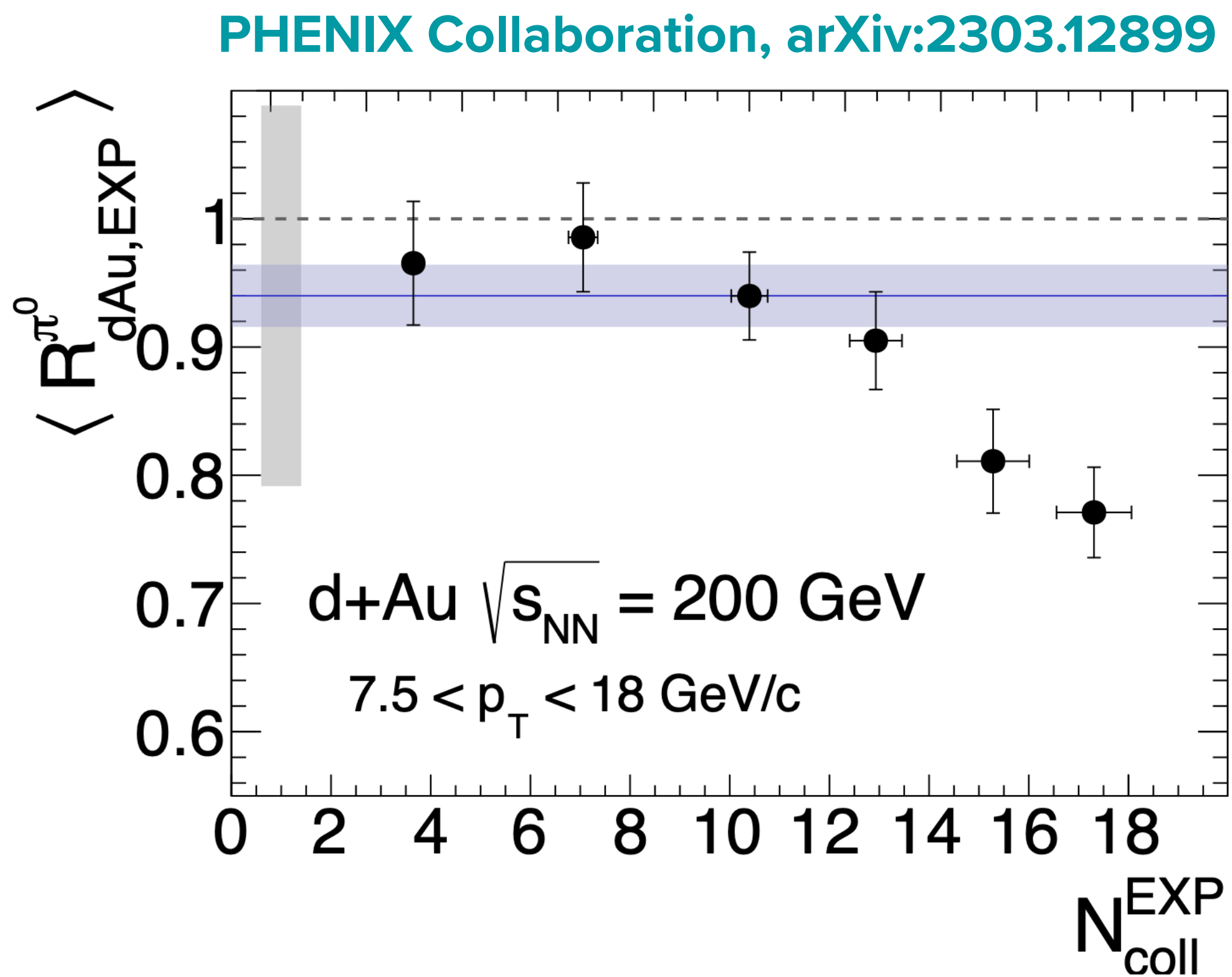
Centrality determination is critical

Correlation between hard and soft degrees of freedom important

A. Majumder for JETSCAPE, [arXiv:2308.02650](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.02650)

HARD PROBES - EXPERIMENTAL N_{coll}

Removing centrality selection bias in π^0 suppression in d+Au collisions:



event activity from
direct photons

- Direct photons as benchmark for particle production from hard-scattering processes

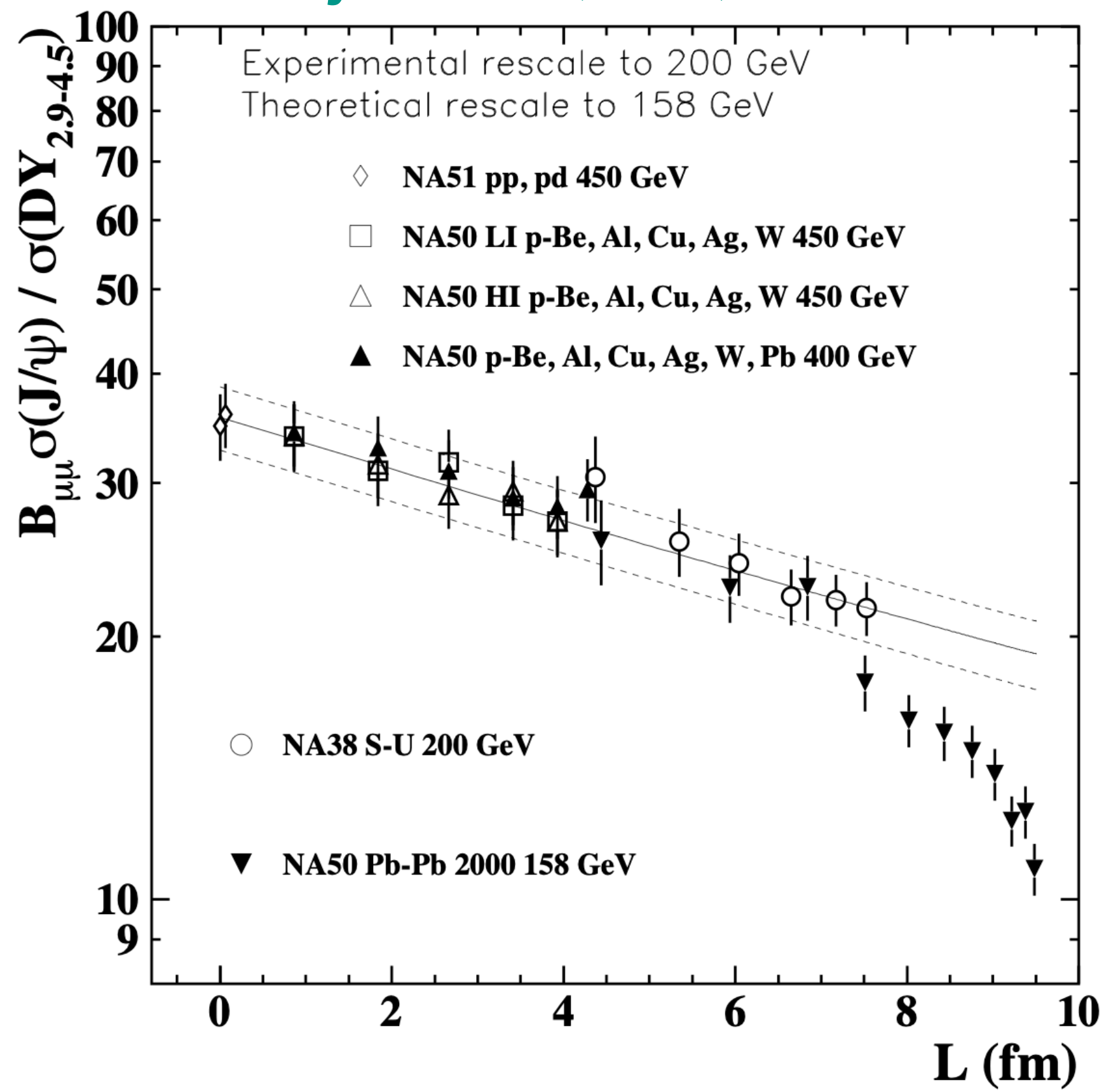
$$N_{\text{coll}}^{\text{EXP}} = Y_{dAu}^{\gamma^{\text{dir}}} / Y_{pp}^{\gamma^{\text{dir}}}$$

- Using a Glauber model N_{coll} led to enhancement at low N_{coll} \rightarrow now removed
- Suppression at large N_{coll} remains

J/PSI SUPPRESSION IN SMALL SYSTEMS

NA50 Collaboration

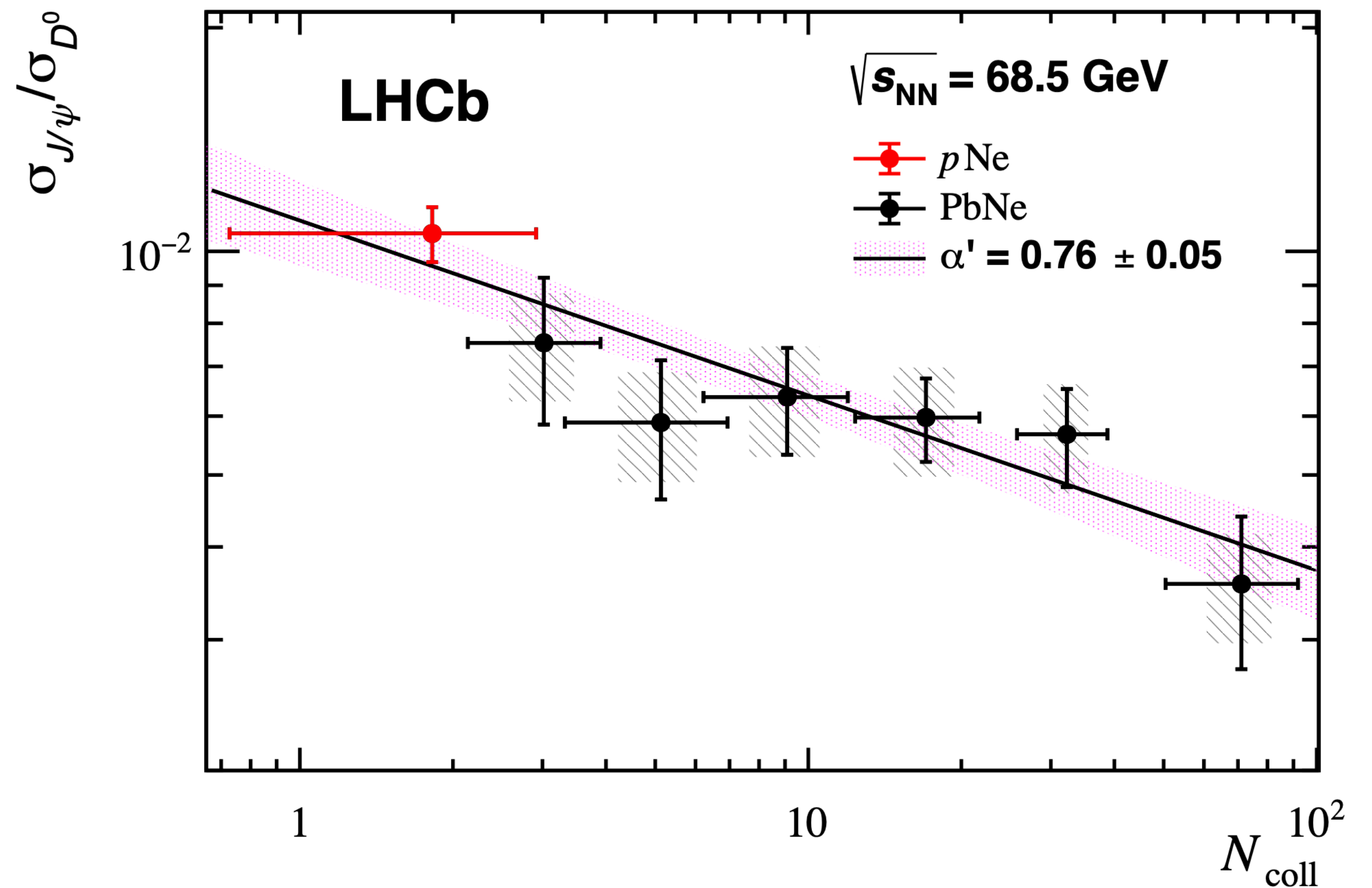
Eur.Phys.J.C 39 (2005) 335-345



system size →

No QGP-like J/ψ suppression in Pb+Ne

LHCb Collaboration, Eur.Phys.J.C 83 (2023) 7, 658



Pb+Ne and Pb+O

G. Giacalone et al, arXiv:2405.20210

- Flow sensitive to shapes of Ne and O
- Clear predictions from fluid dynamics with input from ab initio calculations of the structure of ^{16}O and ^{20}Ne
- Further test hydrodynamic picture at LHC
see talk by G. Giacalone

