



# Hadron-hadron correlations in heavy-ion collisions

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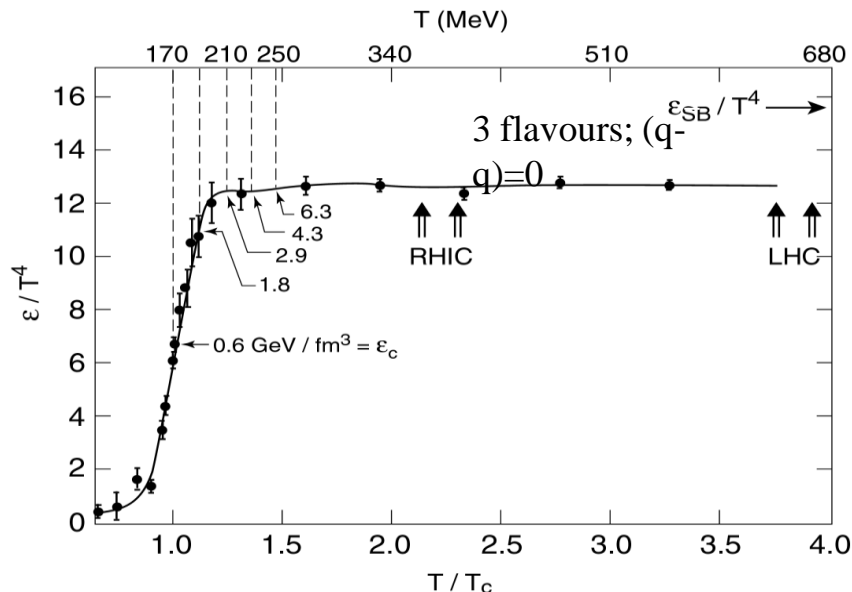
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# Introduction

## Lattice QCD

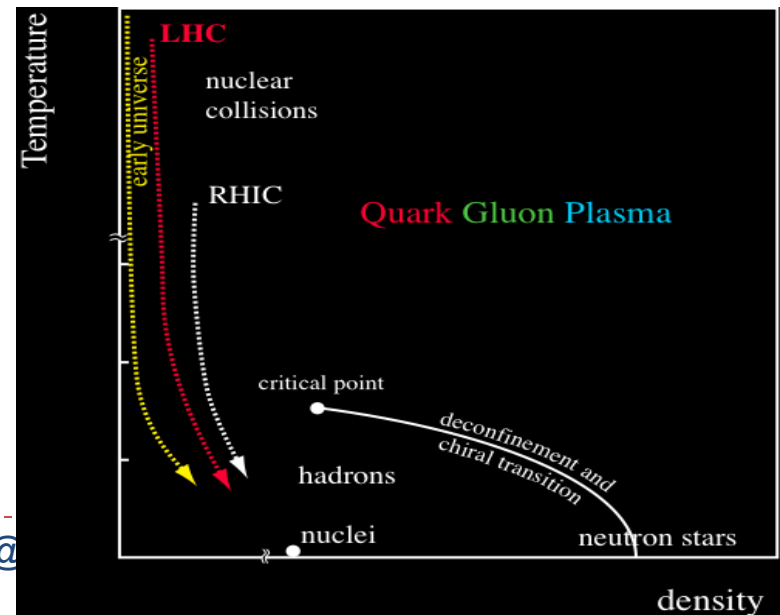


- ▶ At the critical temperature a strong increase in the degrees of freedom gluons, quarks  $\Rightarrow$  deconfinement
- ▶ Transition expected to occur around  $0.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$

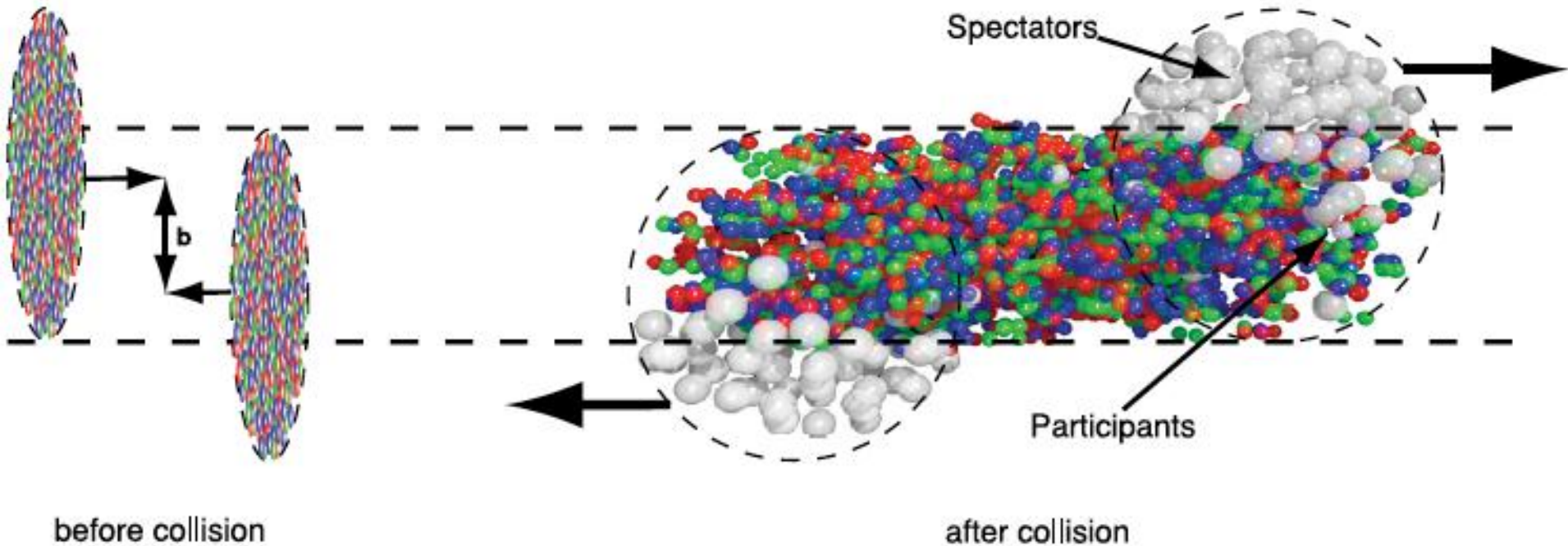
Borsanyi et al. JHEP 11 (2010) 077

## HI physics: explore properties of QGP

- ▶ What happens when you heat and compress matter to very high temperatures and densities?
- ▶ From macroscopic quantities of the QGP to better understanding of the underlying microscopic theory (QCD) in the non-perturbative regime



# Heavy ion collision



very hot and dense nuclear matter in more central collisions while we approach “simple” nucleon-nucleon collisions in very peripheral collisions

# Correlations

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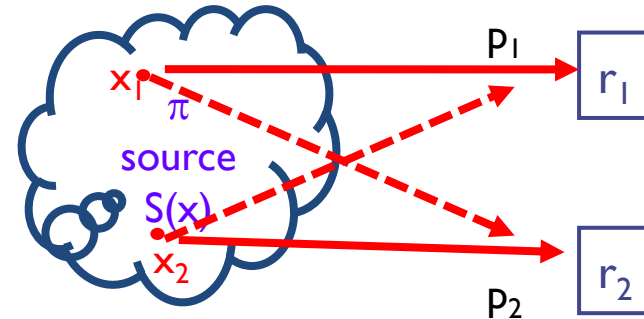
- ▶ Correlations in “loose” sense:  $\rho(p_1, p_2) \neq \rho(p_1)\rho(p_2)$
- ▶ Different sources (this classification is only an illustration)
  - ▶ Conservation laws (energy-momentum, charge, baryon number, etc)
  - ▶ Resonances
  - ▶ Quantum effects: Hanbury Brown – Twiss (HBT) interferometry / Bose – Einstein correlations (BEC) => femtoscopy
  - ▶ Collective effects: anisotropic flow
  - ▶ Medium effects (energy loss, quenching, re-scattering)
  - ▶ Interaction dynamics (jets, mini-jets, initial stage fluctuations, etc)
  - ▶ Final state re-scattering (e.g. Coulomb interaction)
  - ▶ Detector effects: acceptance, efficiency, trigger, reconstruction artifacts (e.g. fakes, track splitting)
  - ▶ Background (e.g. gamma conversion)
- ▶ For experts: Workshop on Particle Correlations and Femtoscopy

# Femtoscscopy

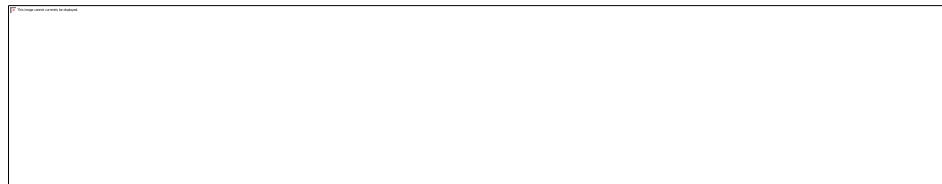
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# Physics motivation

- ▶ Quantum phenomenon: enhancement of correlation function for identical bosons
- ▶ First used with photons in the 1954 by astronomers Hanbury Brown and Twiss
  - ▶ measured size of star (Sirius) by aiming at it two photomultipliers separated by a few meters
- ▶ Goldhaber et al (PRL 3(1959) 181: application in particle physics
- ▶ Long history (see [Csörgö@WPCF'11](#))



Bosons (pions)  $\Rightarrow$  symmetric wave function  
Approximation:  
plane-wave, no multi-particle symmetry,  
source thermalization, no coherent emission

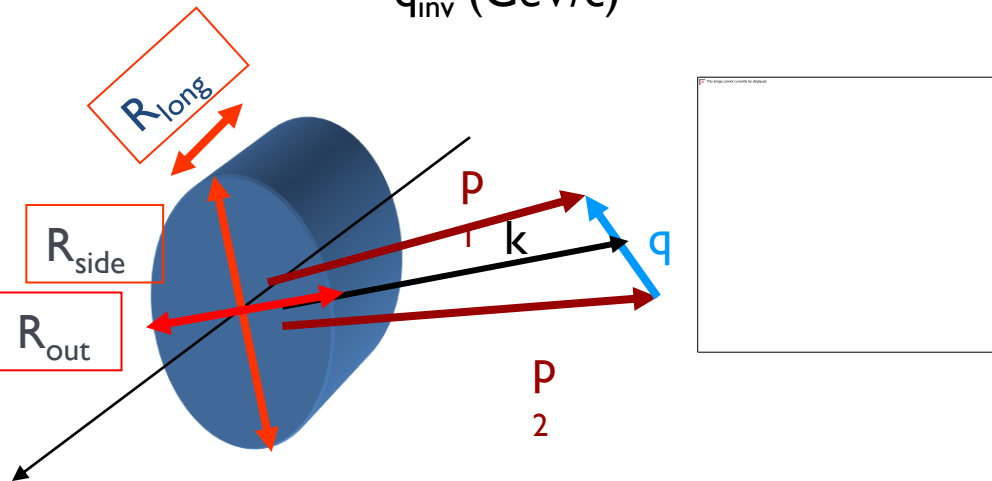
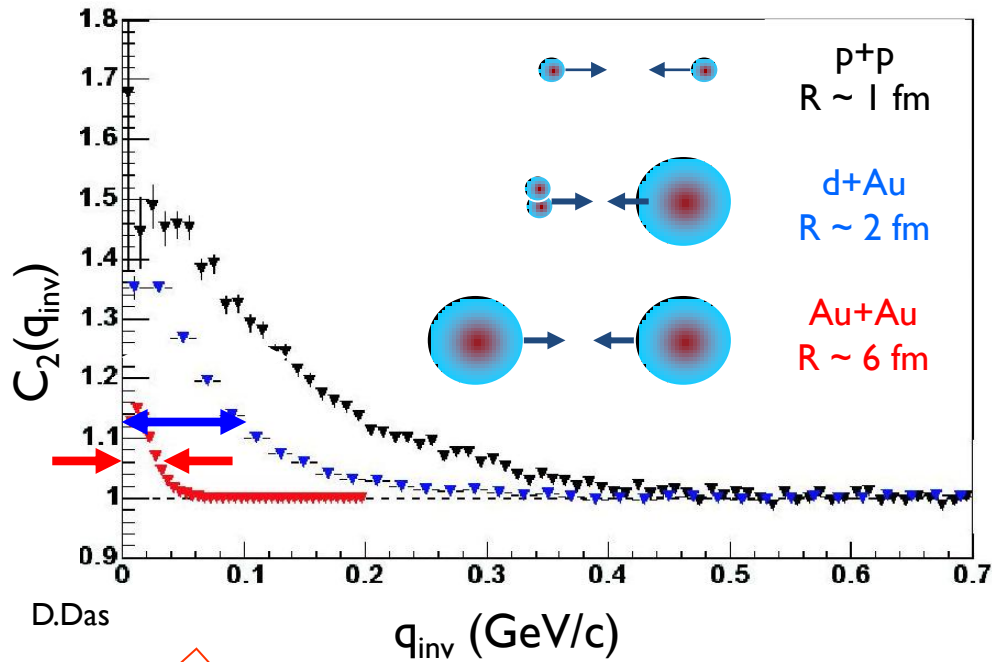


Space-time extension: Koonin – Pratt equation



if gaussian source

# Typical measurement: details



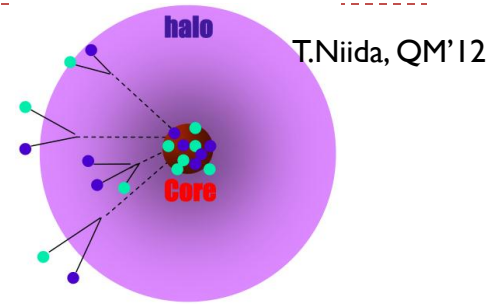
- ▶  $C_2(q) = A(q)/B(q)$ ,  
 $A(q)$  is the **measured** distribution,  
 $B(q)$  is the distribution from **mixed events**
- ▶ **ID analysis** using invariant relative momentum  $q_{inv}$ : average size over all directions
- ▶ **3D analysis** in “*Out-Side-Long*” co-moving system where the pair momentum in *long* vanishes (Bertsch-Pratt).
  - ▶ *long* || beam axis
  - ▶ *out* || pair momentum
  - ▶ *side* perpendicular to the others



# Typical measurement: details

## ▶ Fitting the correlation function

- ▶ Core – halo model with gaussian source: the particles in the core are affected by Coulomb interaction. This is corrected by the factor  $K(q_{inv})$ : squared Coulomb wave function averaged over a spherical source (Sinyukov, 1998).



$R_{long}$ : Longitudinal size, depends on the total evolution time  
 $R_{side}$ : Transverse (geometrical) size  
 $R_{out}$ : Transverse size + emission duration  
 $R_{os}$ : Cross term between Out and Side  
 $\lambda$ : Describes correlation strength  
 $B$ : Account for non-femtoscopic background (e.g. resonances)

# Measured sizes

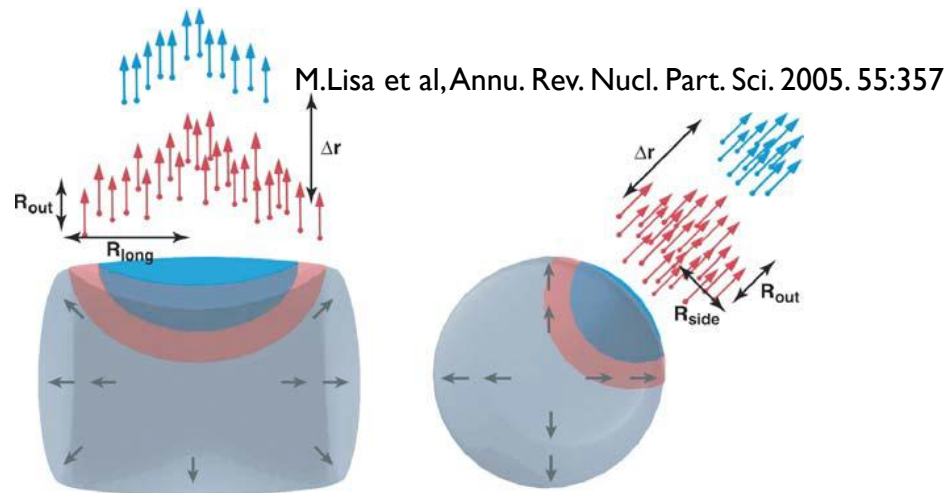
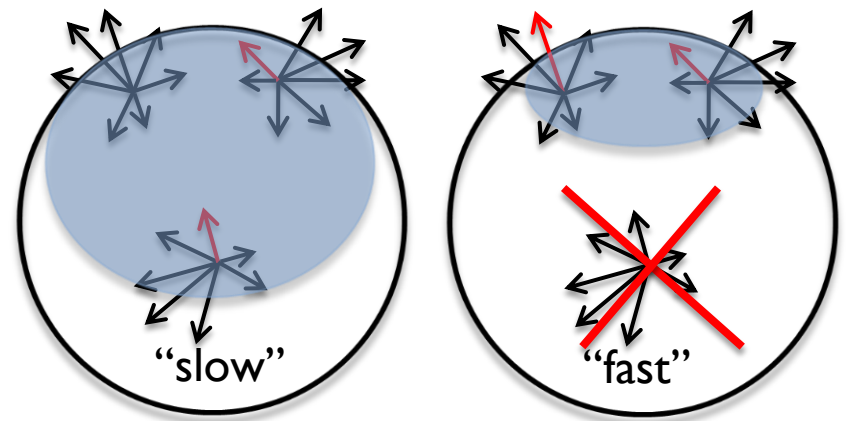
- ▶ Expanding source
  - ▶ The longitudinal expansion is “scaling”: almost flat distribution in rapidity
  - ▶ The transverse expansion leads to deformation of  $p_T$  slope
- ▶ Each particle has collective velocity and thermal (random) velocity
- ▶ When the observed  $p_T$  grows, the region emitting such particles becomes smaller and shifted to the outside:

“homogeneity size” (Sinyukov, 1995).

This size corresponds roughly to

**collective velocity  $\geq$  thermal velocity**

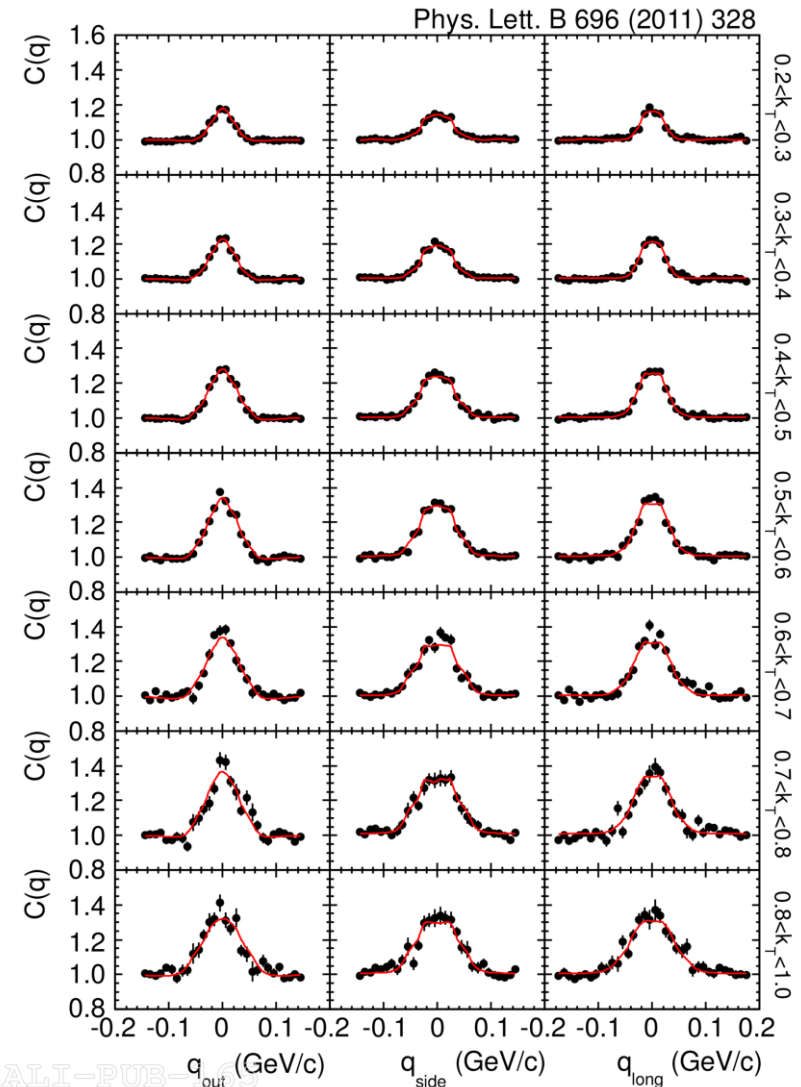
- ▶ Radial flow: higher  $m_T \Rightarrow$  emission close to the surface  $\Rightarrow$  smaller volume, radial offset
- ▶ Longitudinal flow: higher  $m_T \Rightarrow$  lower thermal velocity  $\Rightarrow$  smaller  $R_{long}$



$\tau_f$ : decoupling time,  $T$ : freeze-out temperature

# Example of fit (ALICE)

- ▶ 3D correlation function fitted in bins of  $k_T$
- ▶ 1D projections of the data and 3D fit for  $q_{out}$ ,  $q_{side}$ ,  $q_{long}$  while the other two  $q$ 's are in the interval  $(-0.03, 0.03)$



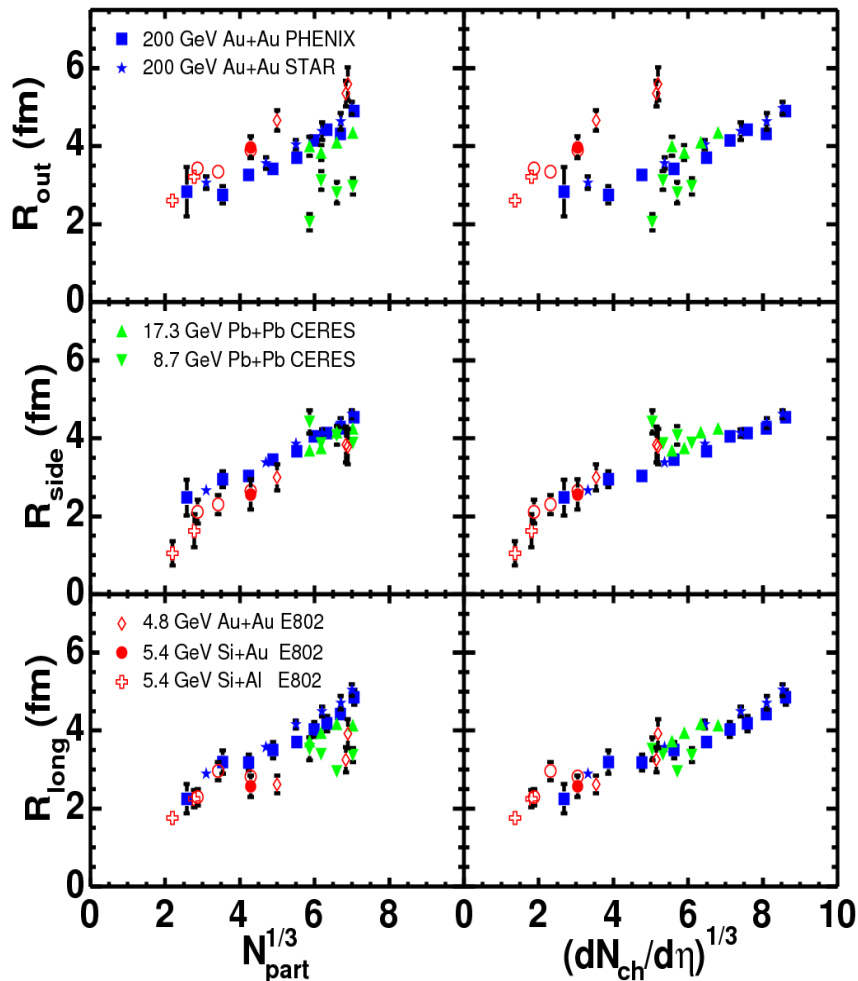
# Measurement: alternative approaches

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- ▶ Use different fitting functions
  - ▶ Non-”Out-Side-Long” systems, e.g. spherical harmonics
  - ▶ Non-gaussian form (e.g. account for resonances => exponential terms, etc)
- ▶ Unfolding of the source distribution (1D and 3D)
  - ▶ Numerical inversion of the Koonin-Pratt equation: difficult computing problem
  - ▶ Model independent results consistent with gaussian shape (Chung, WPCF’11)
- ▶ Comparison with transport models (hydro + additional effects)
  - ▶ RHIC Hydro-HBT puzzle:
    - ▶ First hydro calculations struggle to describe femtoscopic data: predicted too small  $R_{side}$ , too large  $R_{out}$  – too long emission duration
    - ▶ No evidence of the first order phase transition
  - ▶ Solution: revisited hydrodynamic assumptions (S.Pratt, 2009)
    - ▶ accounting for the buildup of collective flow in the first instants of the collision before thermalization is attained
    - ▶ realistic (stiffer) equation of state
    - ▶ smooth crossover instead of first order transition
    - ▶ resonance propagation and decay as well as particle rescattering after freeze-out need to be taken into account: similar in effects to viscosity

# “Pre-LHC” experimental results

M.Lisa et al, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2005. 55:357

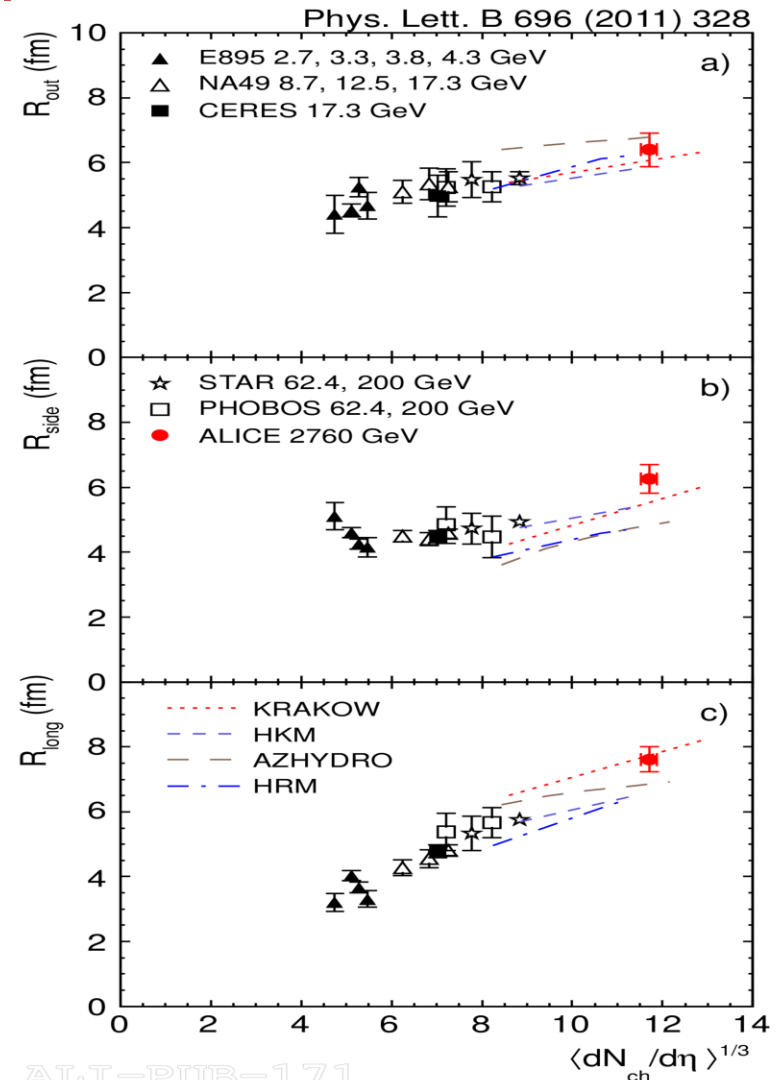


- ▶ Sizes measured in heavy-ion collisions scale with the observed particle density
- ▶ The scaling is linear over a broad range of system types, collision energies and centralities
- ▶ Observed multiplicity is a final state observable, for initial state ones (such as  $N_{part}$ ) scaling is not as good
- ▶ Femtoscopy characterized the final state of the system

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# Experimental results: comparison with pre-LHC and with transport models

- ▶ The general trends observed at RHIC are confirmed
- ▶ The hydrodynamic models which were extensively tuned to reproduce the RHIC data work also at the LHC
- ▶ Only the models which introduce all the features important at RHIC (initial flow, crossover phase transition, realistic equation of state, full inclusion of resonances) continue to work at the LHC



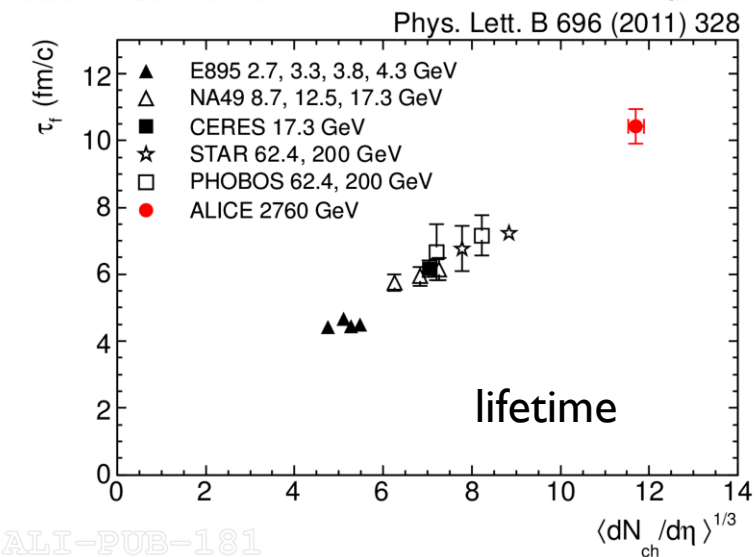
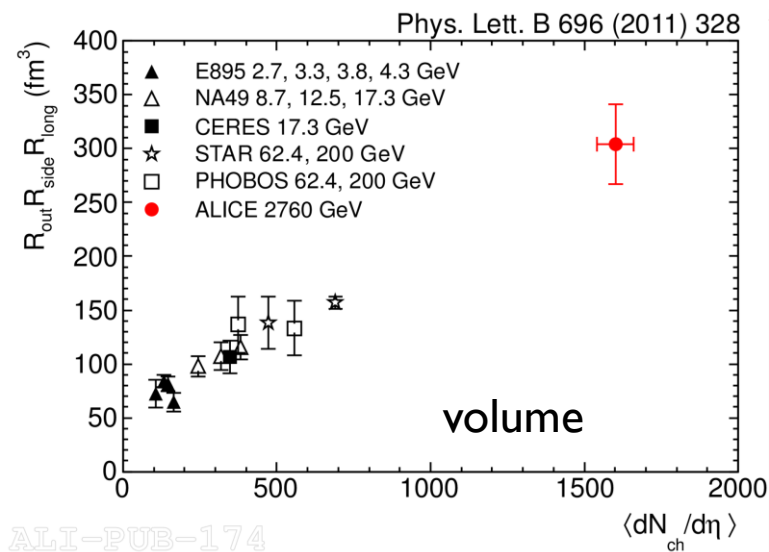
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# Experimental results: volume and lifetime

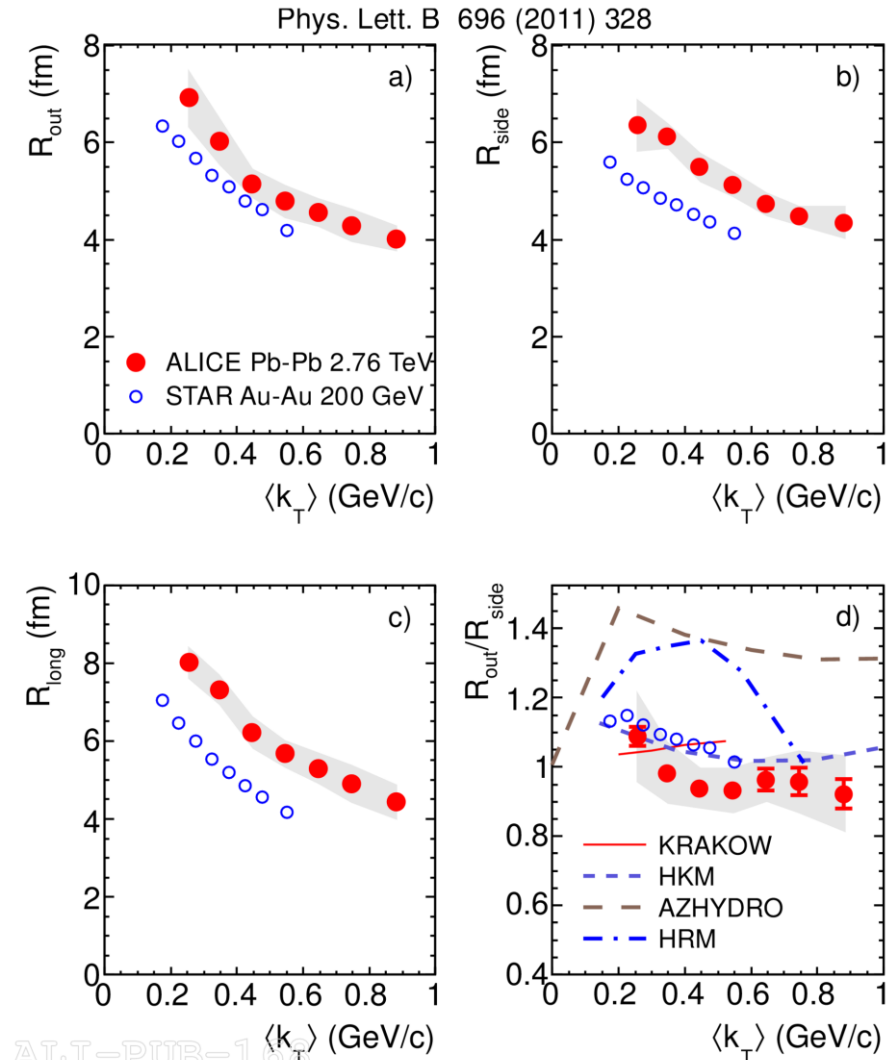
- ▶ The general trends observed at lower energy are maintained
- ▶ Clear increase of the emitting region size and the system lifetime between the largest system to date (central full energy RHIC) and the central LHC.



# Experimental results: $k_T$ dependence

- ▶ All the expected trends are observed:
  - ▶ Overall increase of the radii as compared to RHIC
  - ▶ Strong dependence of the radii on  $k_T$
  - ▶  $R_{\text{out}}/R_{\text{side}}$  ratio even smaller than the one at RHIC
- ▶ The “standard” model from RHIC, extrapolated to the LHC appears to work well

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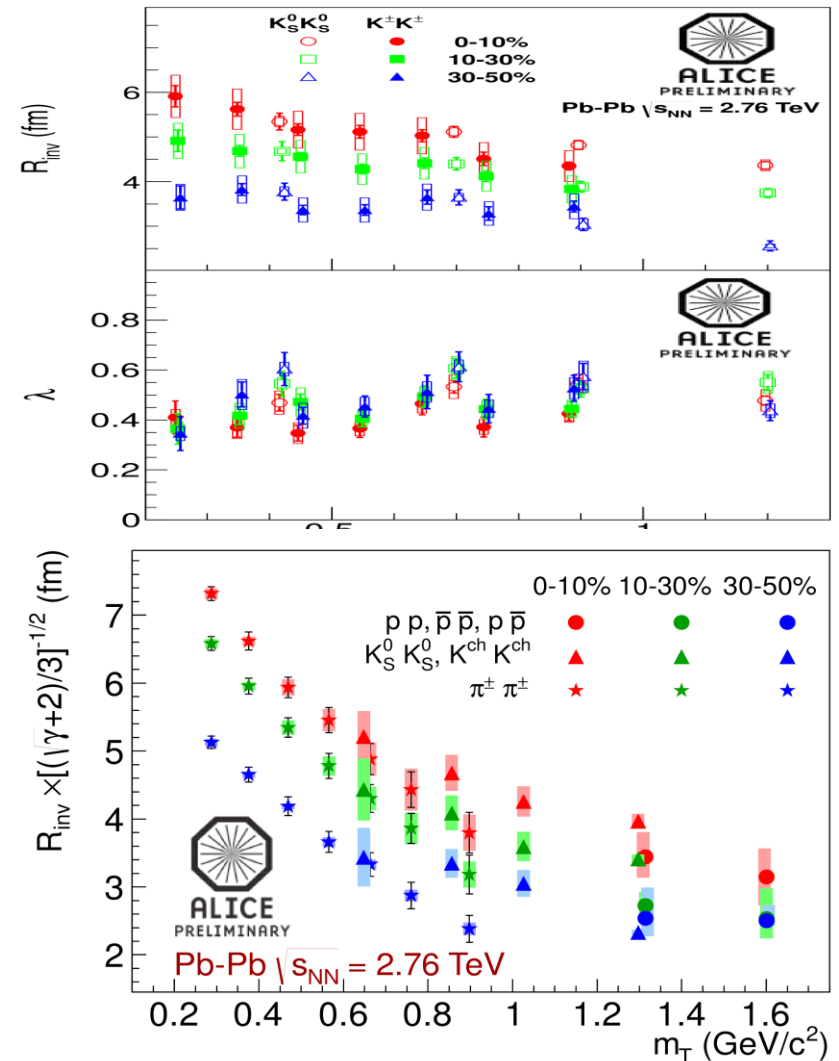
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# Meson and baryon femtoscopy in heavy-ion collisions at ALICE

- ▶ Complete set of femtoscopic results (pions, kaons and protons)
  - ▶ Different sources of correlations: Quantum Statistics (QS), Coulomb and Strong Final State Interactions (FSI)
- ▶  $m_T$  scaling for pions, kaons and protons observed with proper  $R_{inv}$  scaling (account for kinematics)
- ▶ Baryon-antibaryon correlations show significant annihilation which might be responsible for the decrease of proton yield at LHC energies

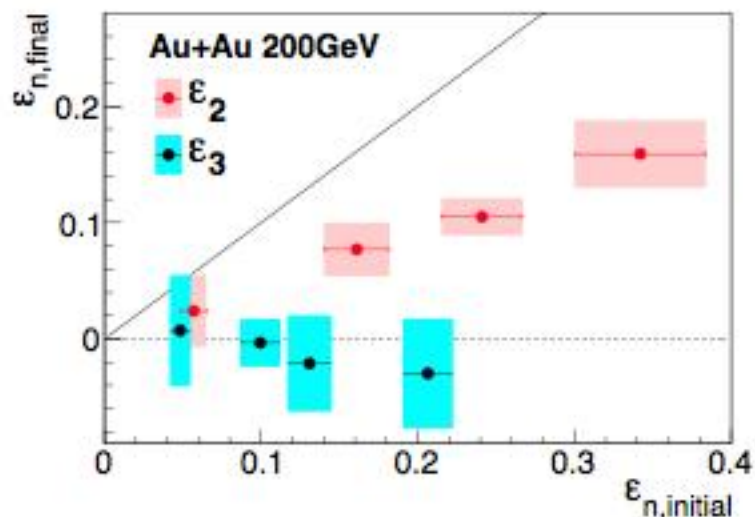


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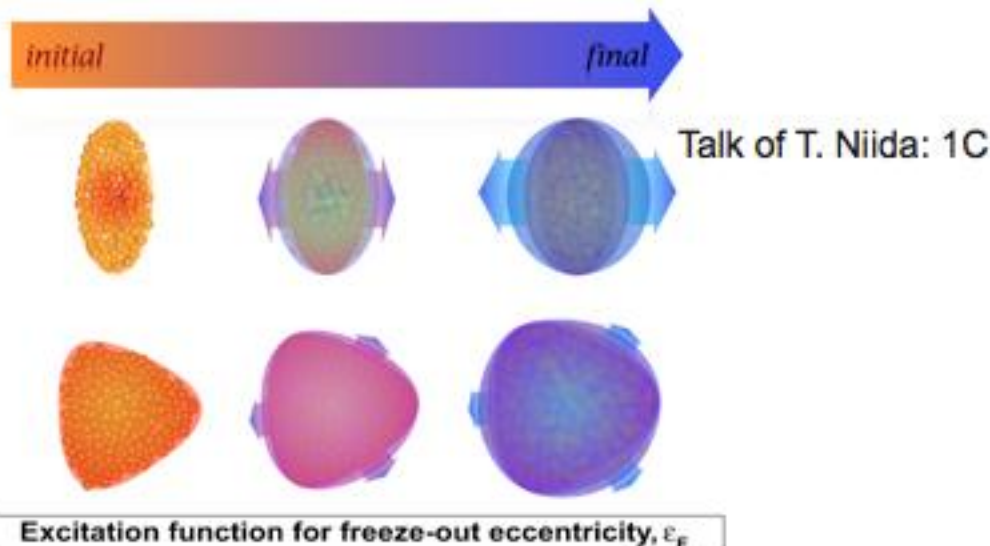
# EVOLUTION WASHES OUT HIGHER HARMONIC ANISOTROPHY

## Azimuthal HBT

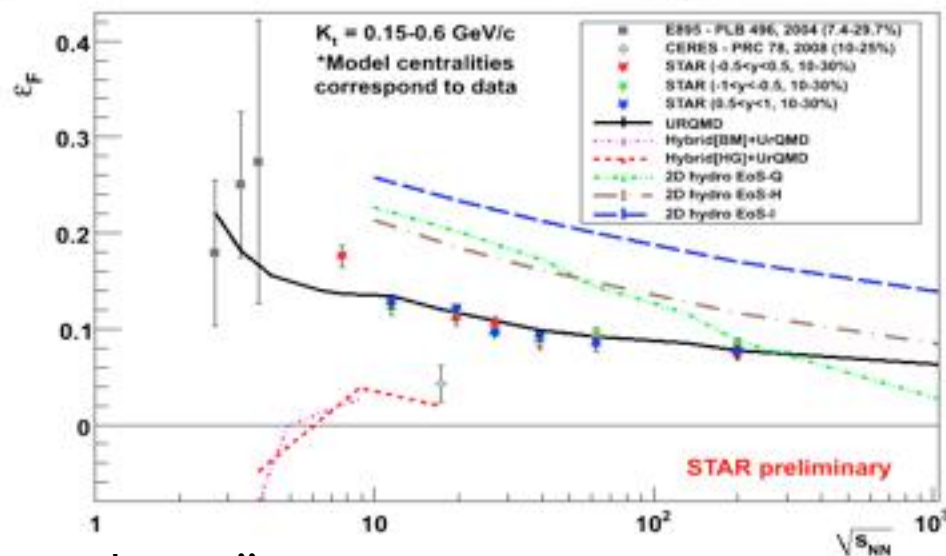


Excitation function of final eccentricity shows a monotonic behaviour

Talk of N. Shah: 1C



Excitation function for freeze-out eccentricity,  $\epsilon_F$



# Femtoscscopy of identified particles at STAR

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## ▶ Proton femtoscopy

- ▶ BES measurements shows source size increases with  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  and for more central collisions
- ▶ Measurement of homogeneity length for deuteron through coalescence agrees well with the proton femtoscopy measurements

## ▶ Systematic of nucleon-hyperon femtoscopy suggests strong baryon-strangeness correlations as compared to baryon-baryon correlations

## ▶ $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ correlation

- ▶ Attractive  $\Lambda\Lambda$  interaction
- ▶ Current fit from different potential models to data gives indication towards non-existence of bound H-dibaryon

## ▶ Azimuthal HBT

- ▶ A monotonic decrease in the freeze-out eccentricity with increasing collision energy from 7.7 – 200 GeV

## ▶ $\Lambda$ -K correlation

- ▶  $\Lambda$ -K emission asymmetry observed in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV

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# PHENIX: Detailed HBT measurement with respect to event plane and collision energy in Au+Au collisions

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- ▶ Azimuthal HBT radii w.r.t  $v_2$  plane
  - ▶ Final eccentricity increases with increasing  $m_T$ , but not enough to explain the difference between  $\pi/K$ 
    - ▶ Difference may indicate faster freeze-out of K due to less cross section
  - ▶ Relative amplitude of  $R_{out}$  in 0-20% doesn't depend on  $m_T$ 
    - ▶ It may indicate the difference of emission duration between in-plane and out-of-plane
- ▶ Azimuthal HBT radii w.r.t  $v_3$  plane
  - ▶ First measurement of final triangularity have been presented. It seems to vanish at freeze-out by expansion.
  - ▶ while  $R_{out}$  clearly has finite oscillation in most central collisions
    - ▶ It may indicate the difference of emission duration between  $\Delta\phi=0^\circ/60^\circ$  direction
- ▶ Low energy in Au+Au collisions
  - ▶ No significant change between 200, 62 and 39 [GeV]
  - ▶ Volume is consistent with global trends

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# Femtoscscopy: Summary and outlook

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- ▶ The long development of femtosopic methods led to reliable measurement of “homogeneity sizes” for different collision systems
- ▶ These methods can be applied to any pair of (identified) particles taking into account different sources of correlations (e.g. annihilation in the FSI)
- ▶ They can be combined with the flow measurements to study in more details the source shape: azimuthal HBT
- ▶ Femtoscopy provides valuable data to the transport models and stimulates their development
- ▶ New results appear regularly

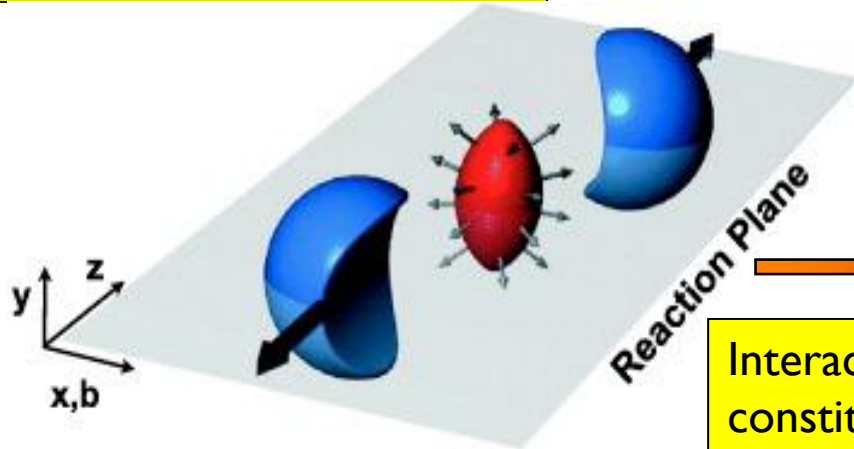
# Anisotropic flow

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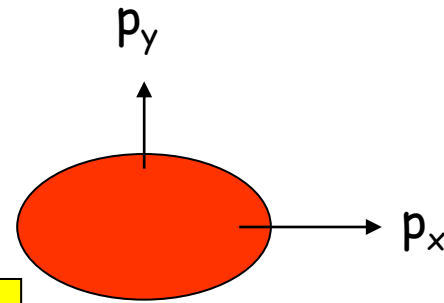
# Physics motivation

- ▶ Initial spatial eccentricity of the collision fireball  
=> final momentum eccentricity

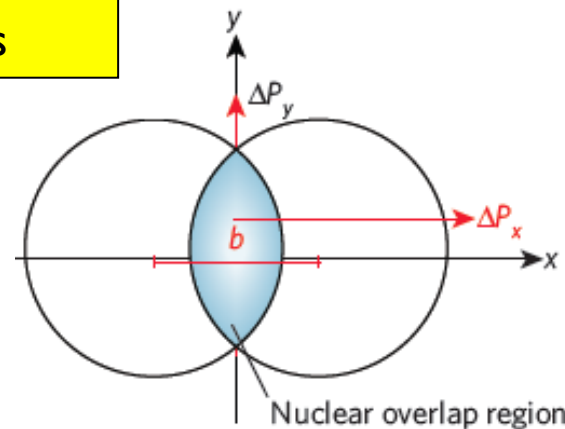
Initial spatial anisotropy



Final momentum anisotropy



Interaction of constituents



- ▶ Anisotropic pressure gradients drive particles in-plane
- ▶ Strong coupling + low specific viscosity => hydrodynamic flow

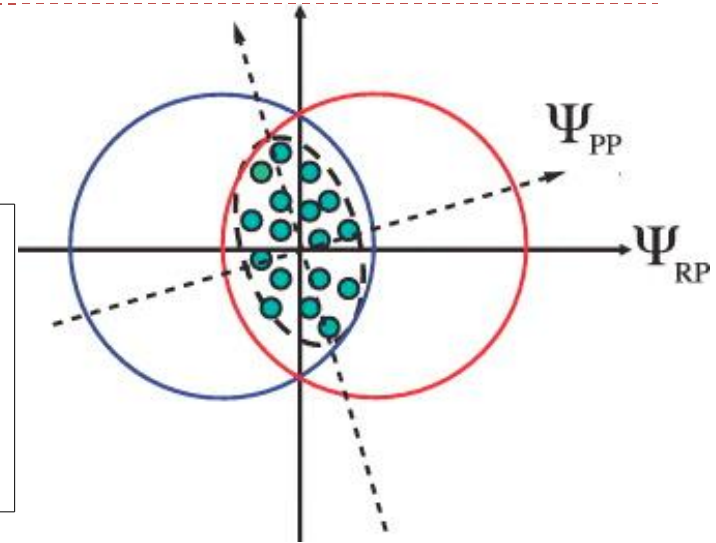
Plasma hydrodynamic

Koib & Heinz 2001

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# Measurement: Event plane method

- ▶ Azimuthal distribution described by a Fourier expansion



- ▶  $\Psi_{RP}$  is the ideal reaction plane: averaging on all particles from one event
- ▶ Fluctuations: symmetry axes rotated from collision coordinates
- ▶ The  $n^{\text{th}}$  order event plane (of participants) is measured



C depends on the splitting to sub-events a,b;

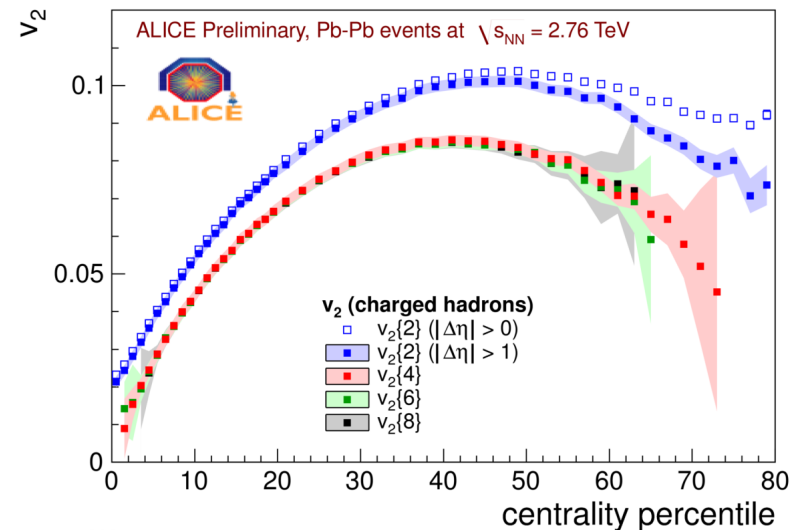


# Measurement: multi-particle cumulants

- ▶ No event plane measurement required
- ▶ 2-particle and 4-particle cumulants (average over all particles within an event, then average over all events)



- ▶ Different sensitivity to fluctuations and non-flow



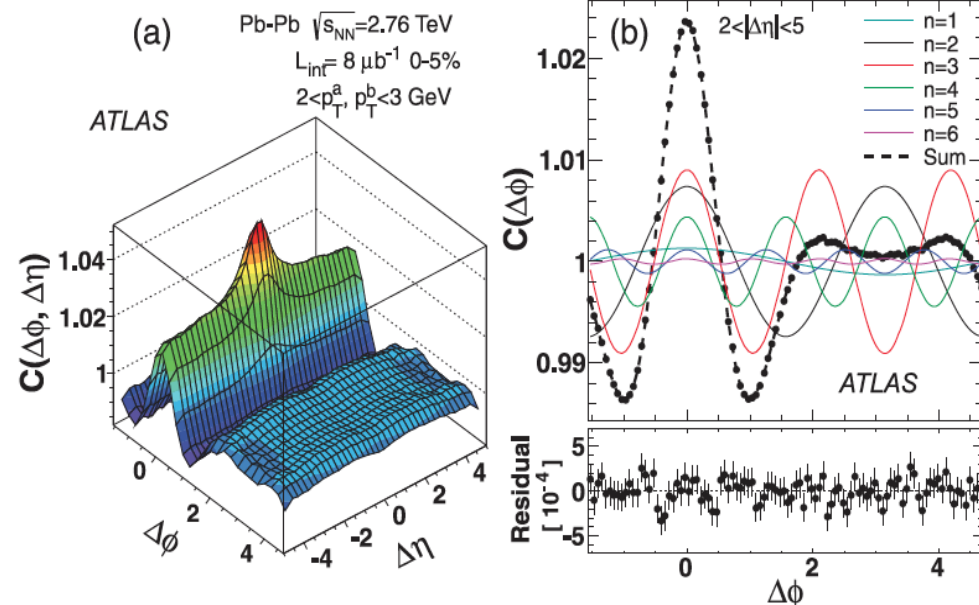
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# Measurement: Fourier decomposition

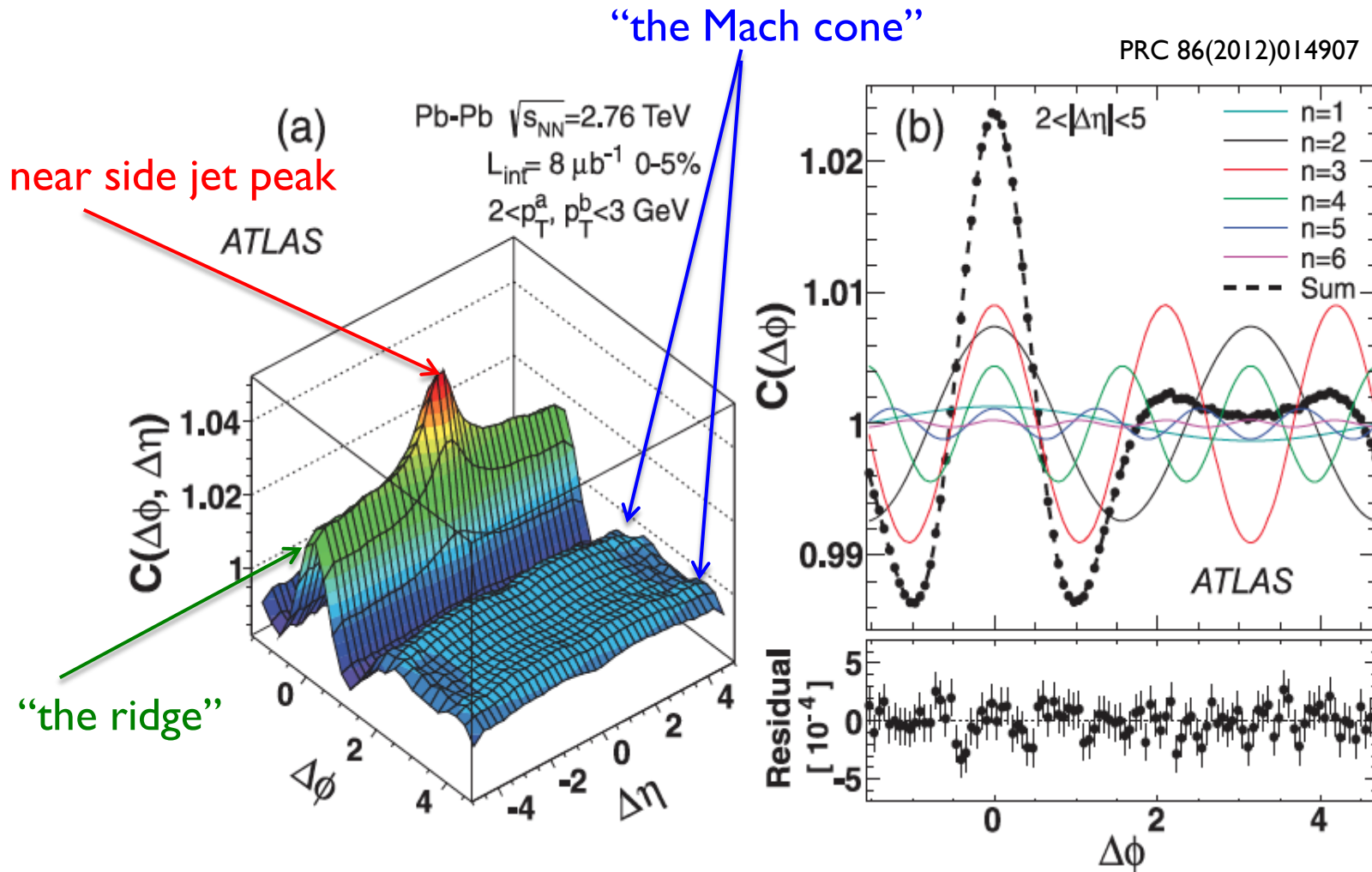
- ▶ Extract harmonics from 2-particle correlation function
- ▶ Suppress the non-flow (peak at 0,0 from jets, resonances, etc) excluding  $\Delta\eta$  region
- ▶ Harmonic amplitude  $\equiv v_{n\Delta}$  (ALICE, CMS) a.k.a.  $v_{n,n}$  (ATLAS)
- ▶ Discrete Fourier transformation and calculation of  $v_n$



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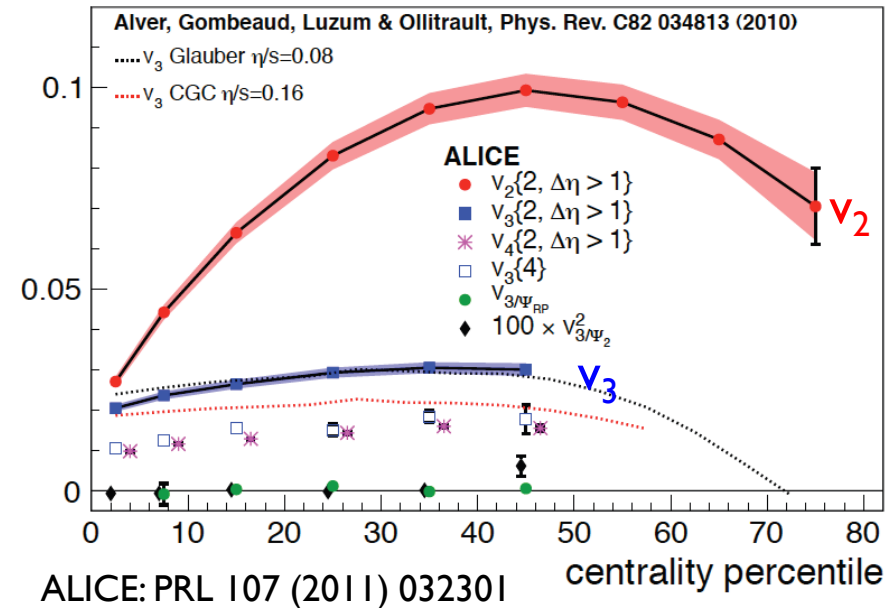
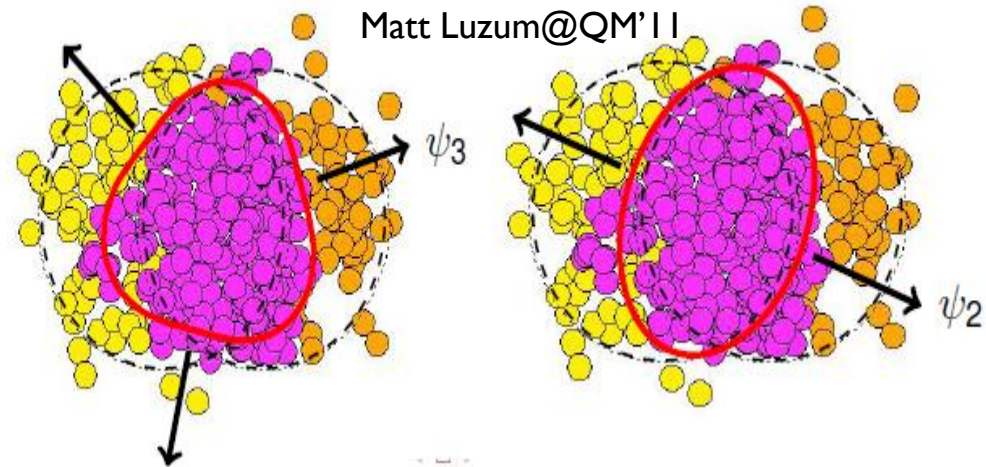


Two particle azimuthal correlations can be described efficiently with the first 6  $v_n$  coefficients and naturally explain the so called **ridge** and **Mach cone** structure first observed at RHIC which were thought to be due to jet induced medium modifications.

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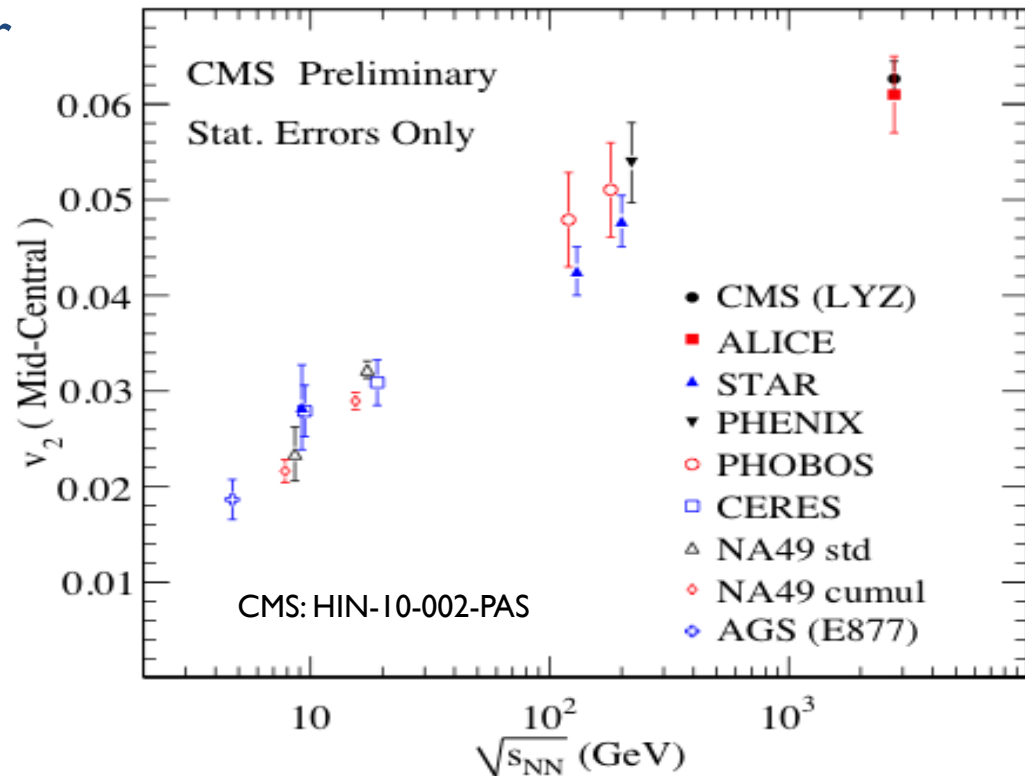
# Initial state fluctuations => $v_3$

- ▶ “ideal” shape of participants’ overlap is  $\sim$  elliptic
  - ▶ in particular: no odd harmonics expected
  - ▶ participants’ plane coincides with event plane
- ▶ fluctuations in initial conditions:
  - ▶ participants plane  $\neq$  event plane
  - $v_3$  (“triangular”) harmonic appears [B Alver & G Roland, PRC81 (2010)054905]
- ▶  $v_3$  has weaker centrality dependence than  $v_2$
- ▶ when calculated wrt participants plane,  $v_3$  vanishes
  - ▶ as expected, if due to fluctuations...



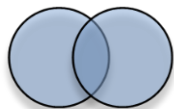
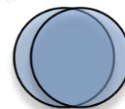
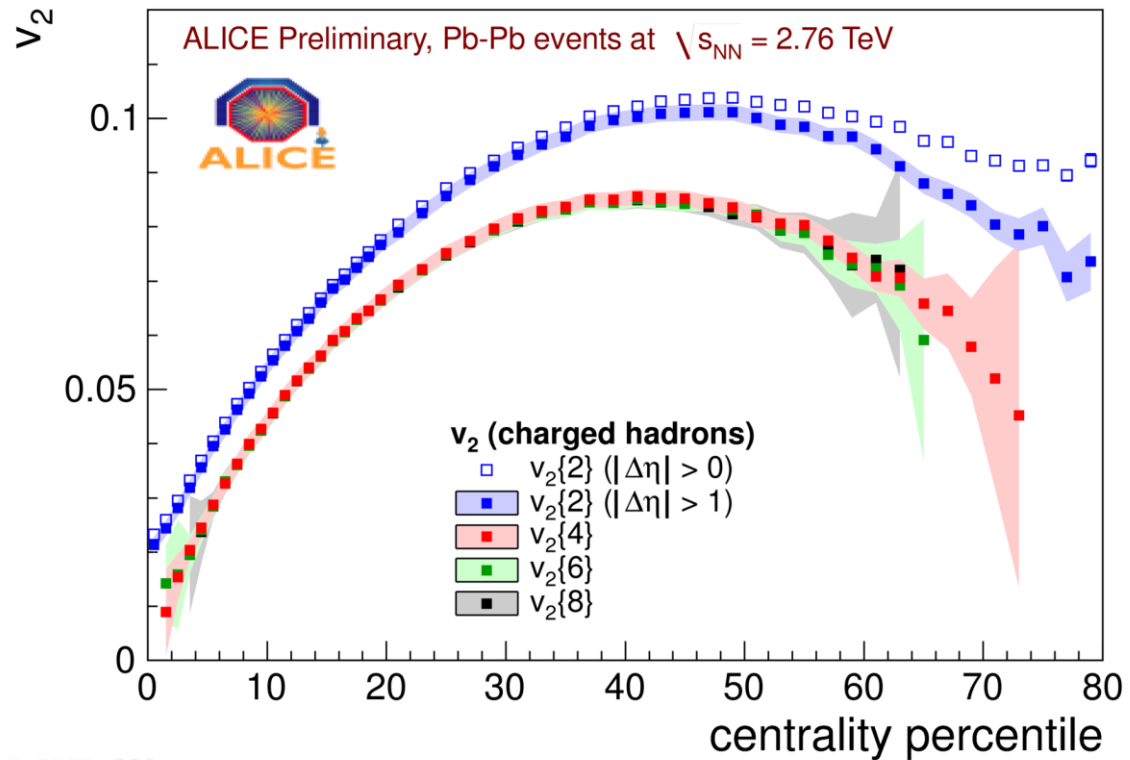
# $v_2$ vs. collision energy

- ▶ 20-30% most central collisions
- ▶ Good agreement between CMS and ALICE
- ▶ Hydro behavior follows extrapolated RHIC trend
  - ▶ Flow is 30% higher than at RHIC
  - ▶ Expected: larger radial flow velocity  $\Rightarrow$  higher  $\langle p_T \rangle$



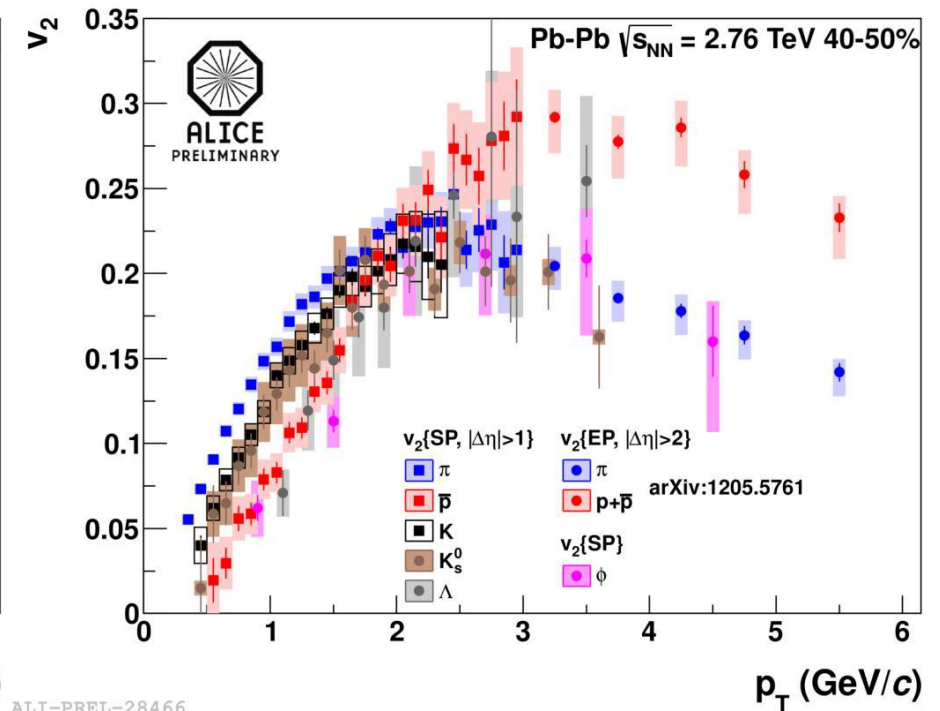
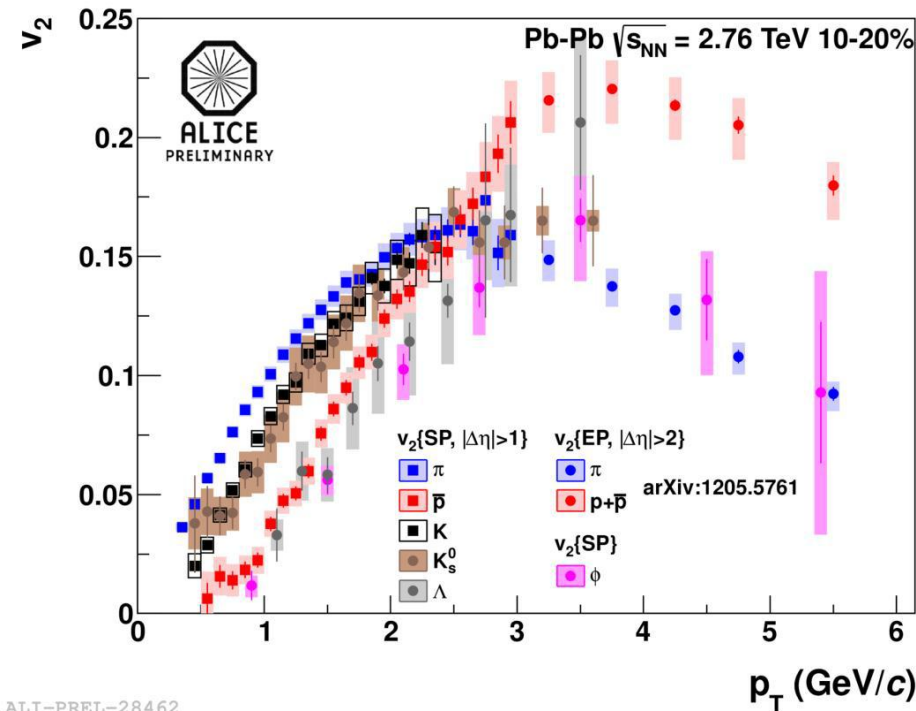
# $v_2$ vs. centrality

- ▶ Sharp rise from central to mid-central collisions
  - ▶ reflects increasing eccentricity
- ▶ Declines in most peripheral events
  - ▶ weaker pressure from smaller system
- ▶ Large difference between 2- and 4-particle cumulants
  - ▶ Quantifies fluctuations



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# $v_2$ of identified particles

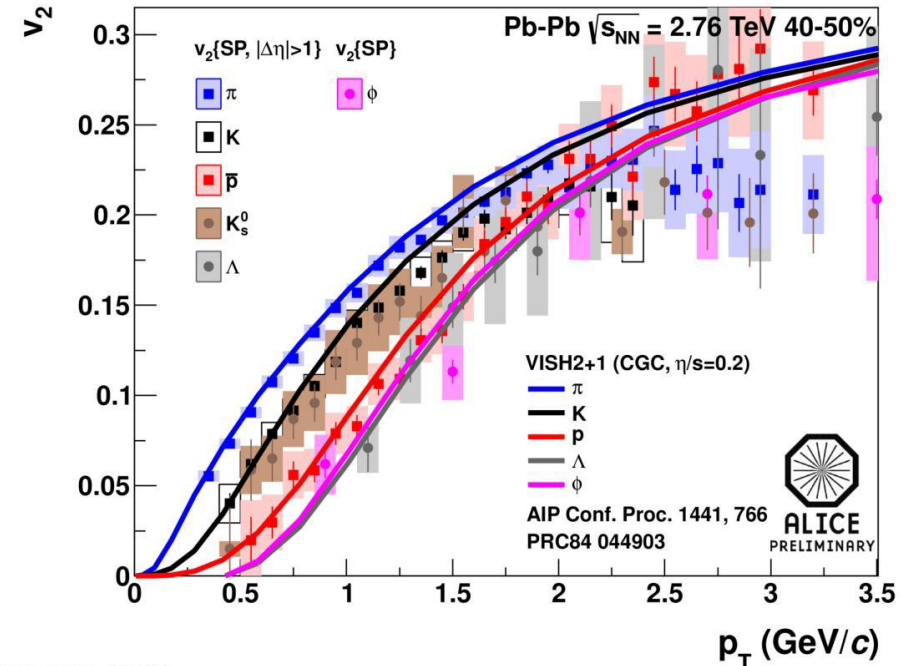
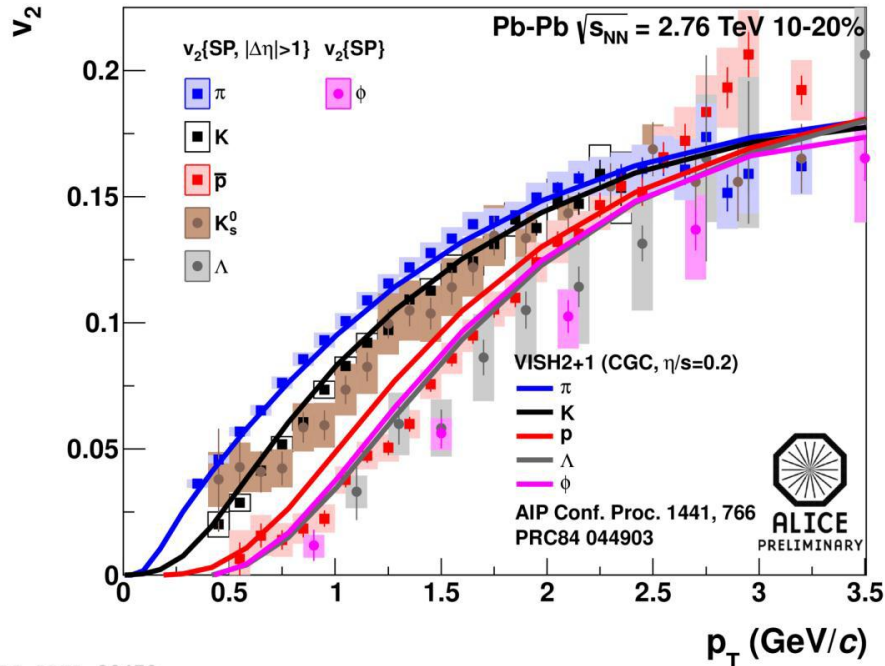


- ▶  $v_2$  is measured for a number of particles with light and strange quark content:  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p/pbar$ ,  $K^0s$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\phi$
- ▶ Evident mass hierarchy at low and high  $p_T$  which changes with the collision centrality

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# Identified particle $v_2$ vs. hydro



Viscous hydrodynamic model calculations reproduce the main features of  $v_2$  at  $p_T$ :

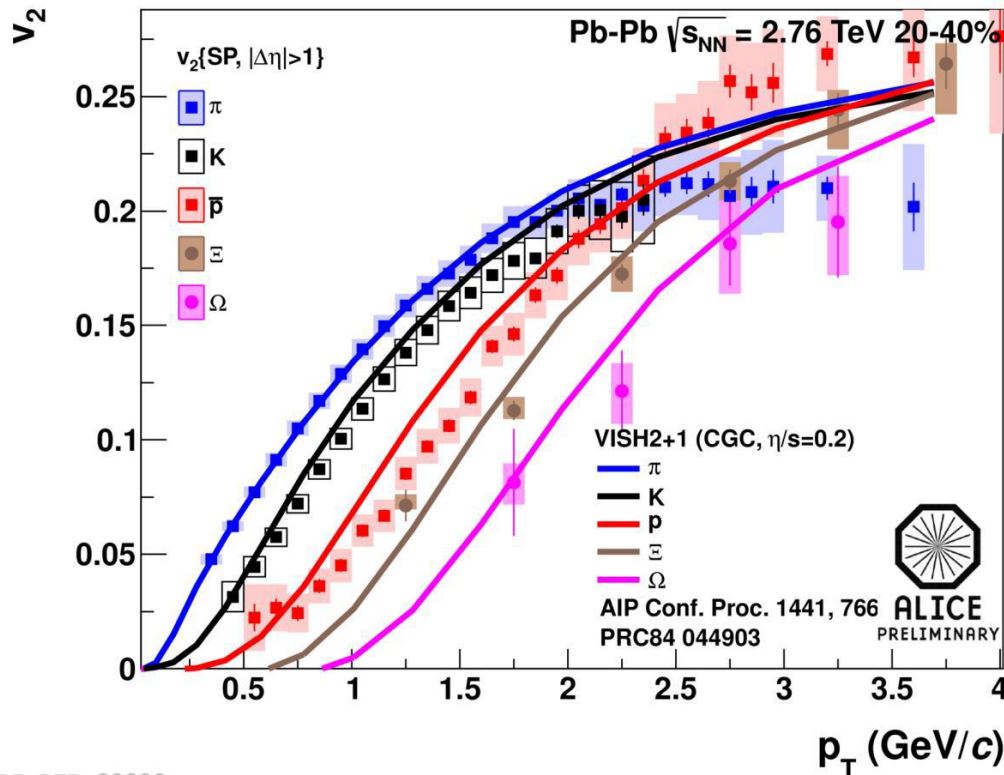
- ▶ mass dependence is better modeled for peripheral collisions
- ▶ for central collisions overestimate proton flow
- ▶ Adding hadronic rescattering phase improves the agreement with data

Heinz, Shen, Song, AIP Conf. Proc. 1441, 766 (2012)

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# □ and □ flow vs. hydro



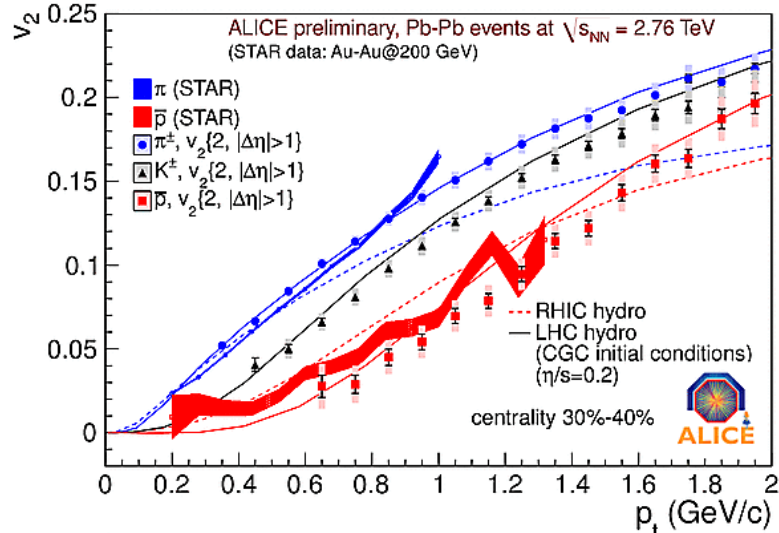
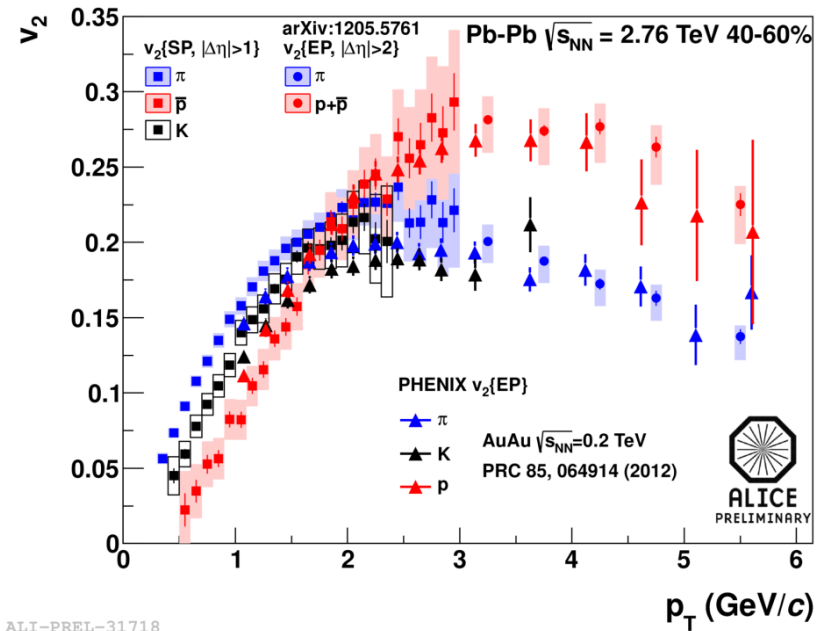
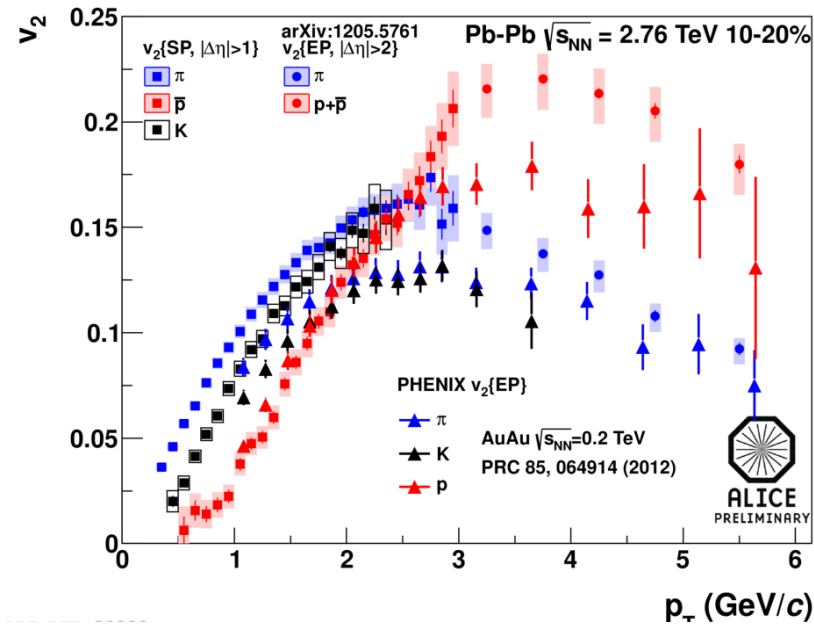
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- ▶ Hydrodynamic model calculations reproduce larger boost towards higher  $p_T$  for □ and □

(Heinz, Shen, Song, AIP Conf. Proc. 1441, 766 (2012); PRC84 044903)

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# $v_2$ of $\pi$ , K, p at LHC vs. RHIC



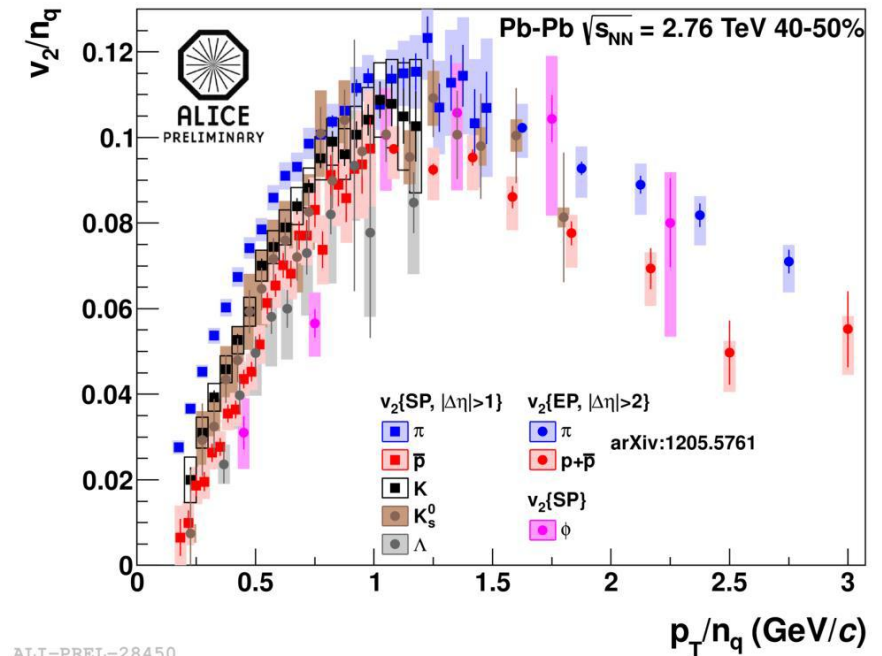
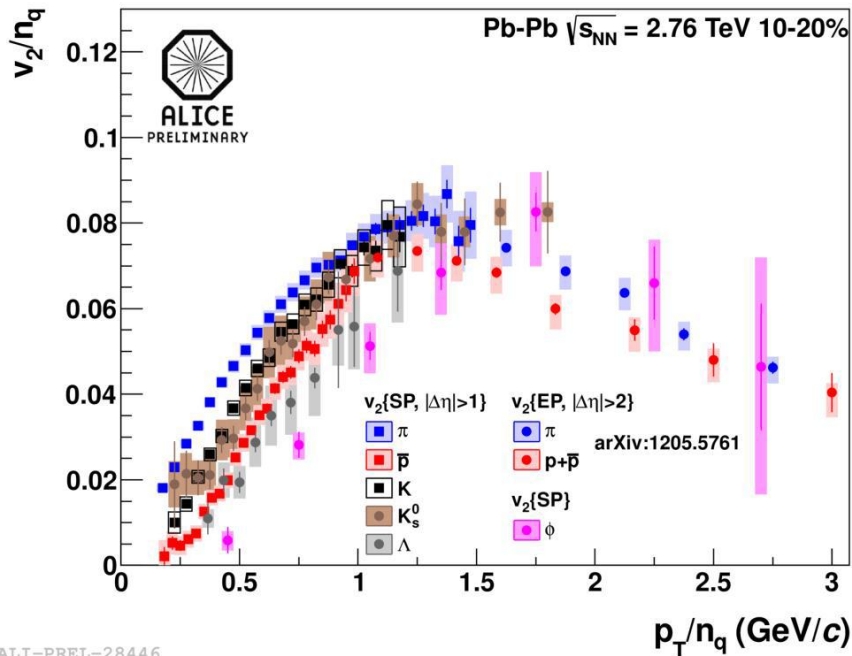
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- ▶  $v_2$  measured at the LHC is slightly above the RHIC  $v_2$  for pions and kaons
- ▶  $v_2$  of (anti-)protons reflects effect of larger radial flow at LHC

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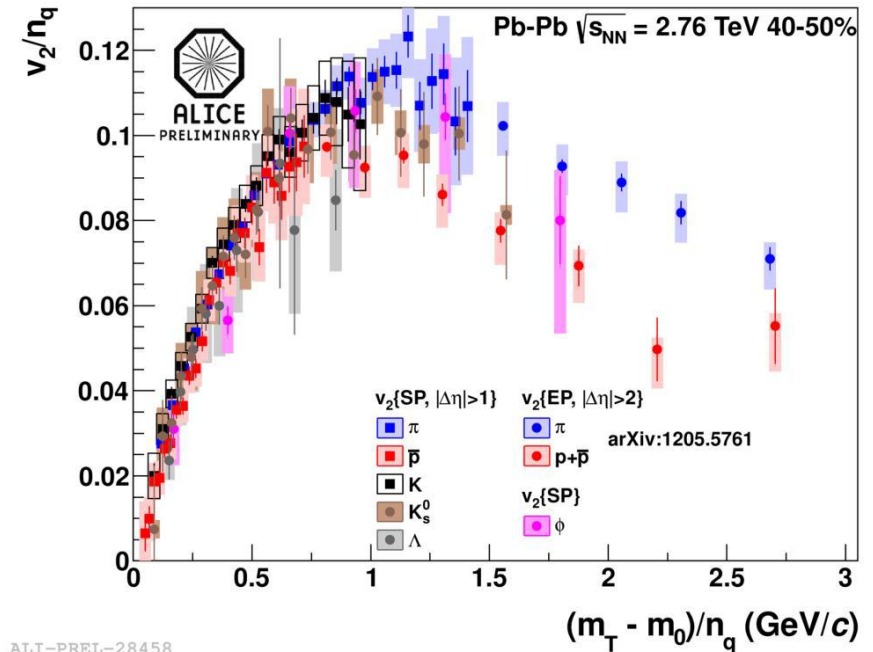
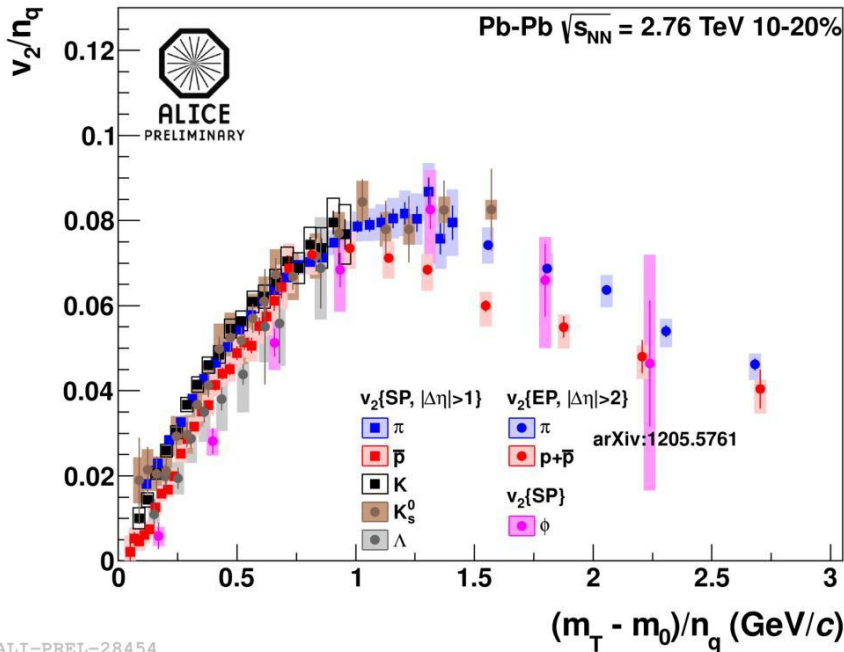
# Number of Constituent Quarks (NCQ) scaling of $v_2$



- ▶  $v_2$  measured in the  $p_T$  region of 3-6 GeV/c can be used to test the model of the hadron production via quark coalescence
- ▶  $v_2/n_q$  vs.  $p_T/n_q$  ( $n_q$  is the number of quarks per meson/baryon) shows that if such scaling exists it is only approximate (holds within 20%)

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# NCQ scaling of $v_2$ vs. transverse kinetic energy



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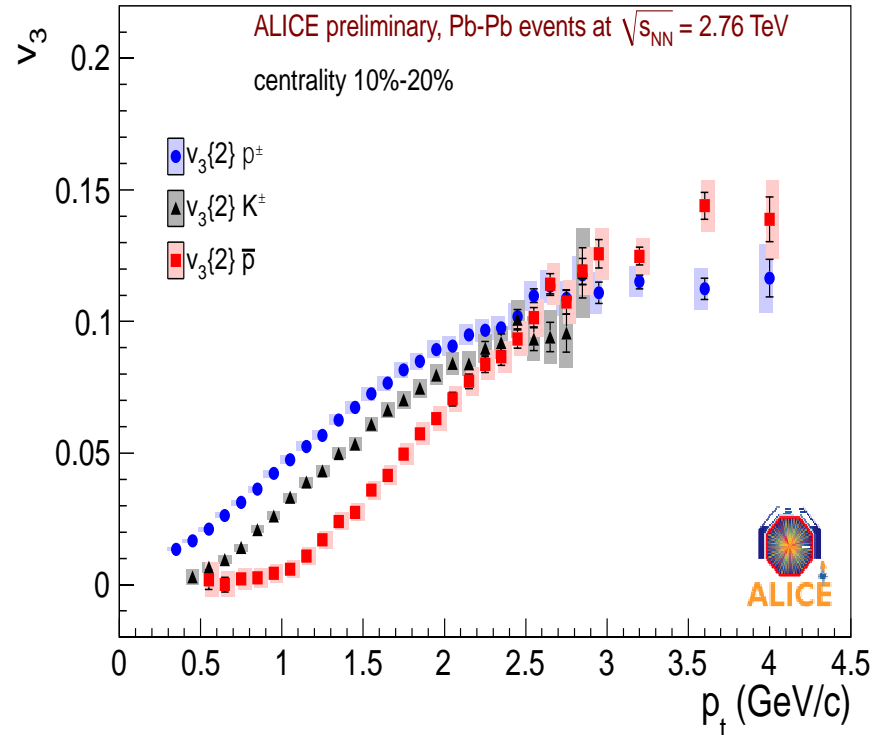
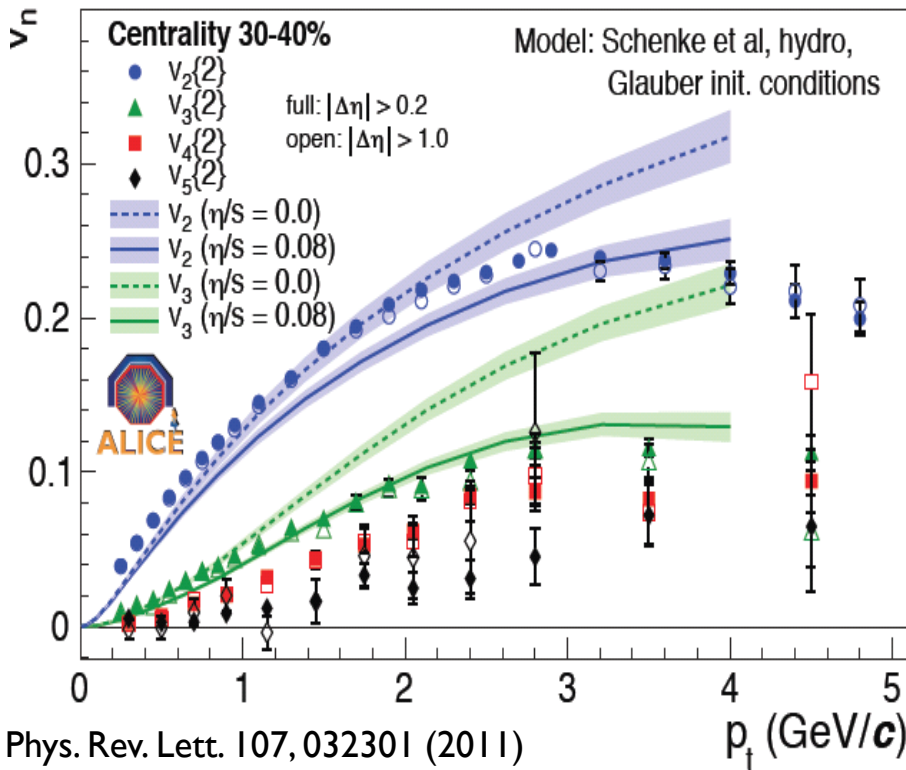
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- ▶ For low  $p_T$ :  $v_2/n_q$  together with  $KE_T$  scaling is violated at LHC
- ▶ For  $KE_T/n_q > 1$  GeV/c antiproton's  $v_2$  is lower than that of pions
- ▶ NCQ scaling maybe violated also for heavier particles, including the  $\square$ -meson

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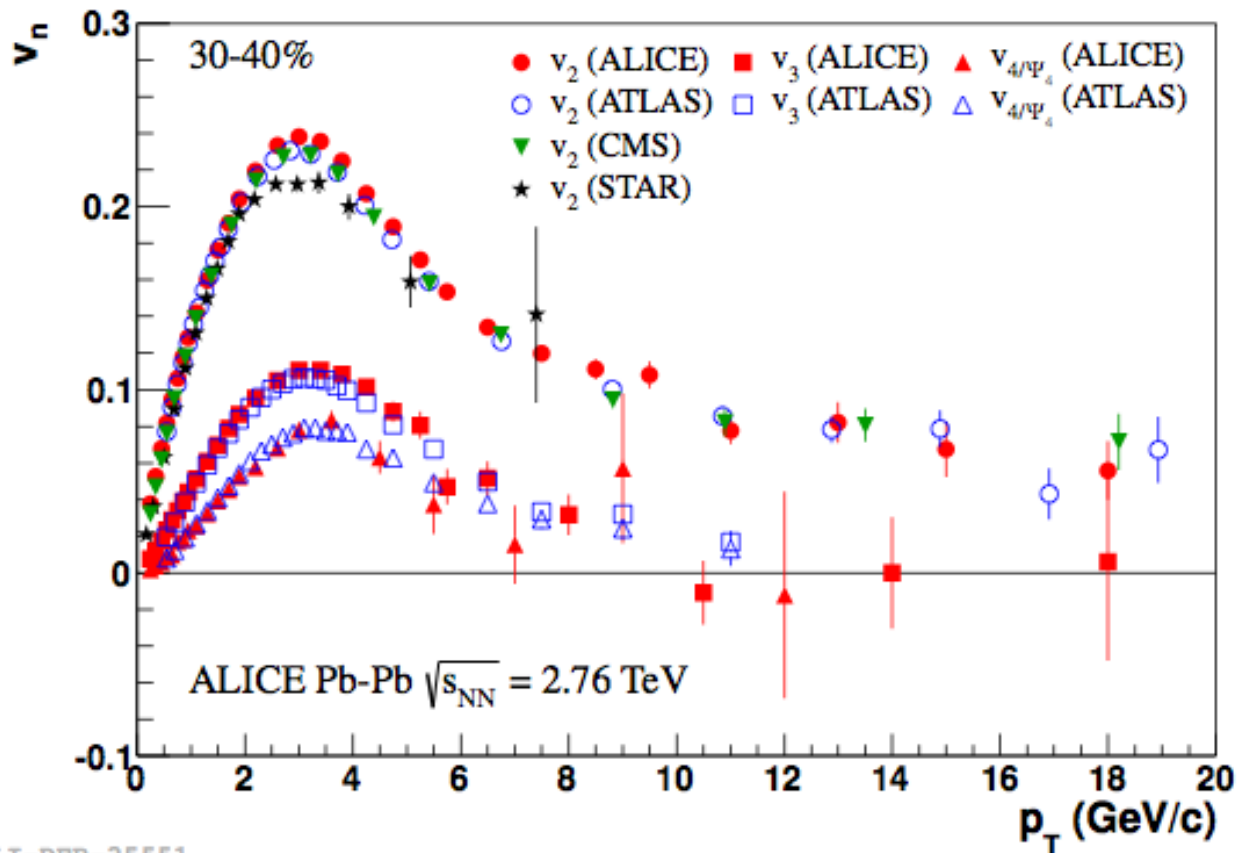
# Triangular flow: results



- ▶ Models can not describe successfully the elliptic and triangular flow with the same values of  $\eta/s$  (shear viscosity/entropy density)
- ▶ Similar mass splitting expected by hydro

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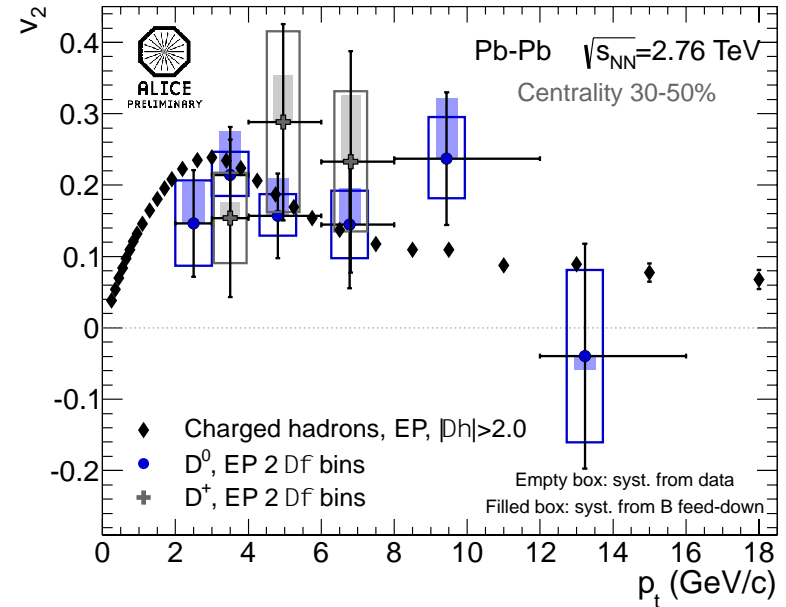
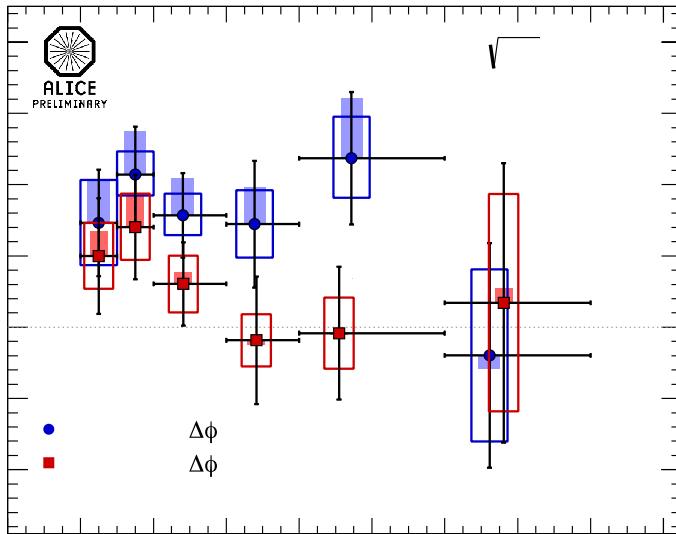
# $v_n$ vs. $p_T$



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- ▶ Good agreement between the experiments
- ▶ From flow anisotropy at low  $p_T$  to anisotropic quenching at high  $p_T$

# Heavy flavor elliptic flow



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- ▶ Elliptic flow measured with the event plane method at two centralities
- ▶ First indication of a non-vanishing  $v_2$  for  $D^0$
- ▶ Elliptic flow values compatible with the charged hadrons within the large uncertainties.

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# Future directions

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Can we probe hydrodynamic flow at the partonic level?

What is the nature of the initial state?

What are the state properties of the QGP (sound speed,  $\eta/s$ , ...)

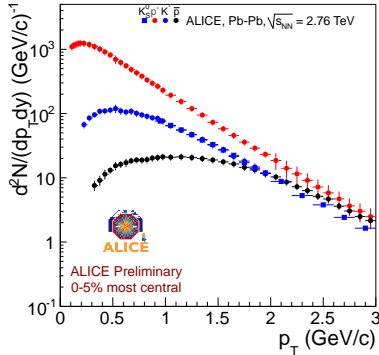
How does hadronization occur?

- ▶ Experimental:
  - ▶ Joint-harmonic observables (e.g. PRC 84, 034910 (2011))
  - ▶ PID at high  $p_T$   $\leftarrow$  constituent quark scaling violation?
  - ▶ Prompt photons (both thermal and hard QCD  $\gamma$ s)
  - ▶ Heavy flavor
  - ▶  $v_n$  of fully reconstructed jets
- ▶ Theoretical: enormous recent progress.
- ▶ Given the recent bounty of data, much catching up to do!
  - ▶  $v_n$  for higher harmonics ( $n > 3$ )
  - ▶ models predicting suppression ( $R_{AA}$ ) and  $v_n$  simultaneously (especially for heavy quarks)
  - ▶ Full evolution: initial state, hydro, freeze-out/hadronization matching data

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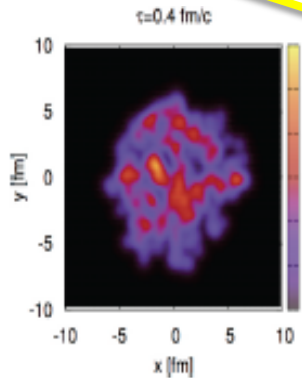
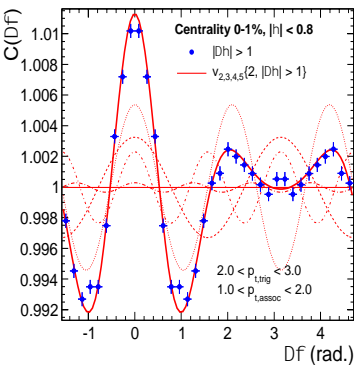


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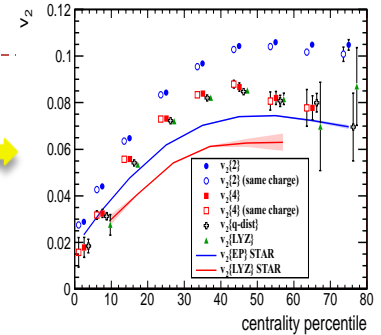
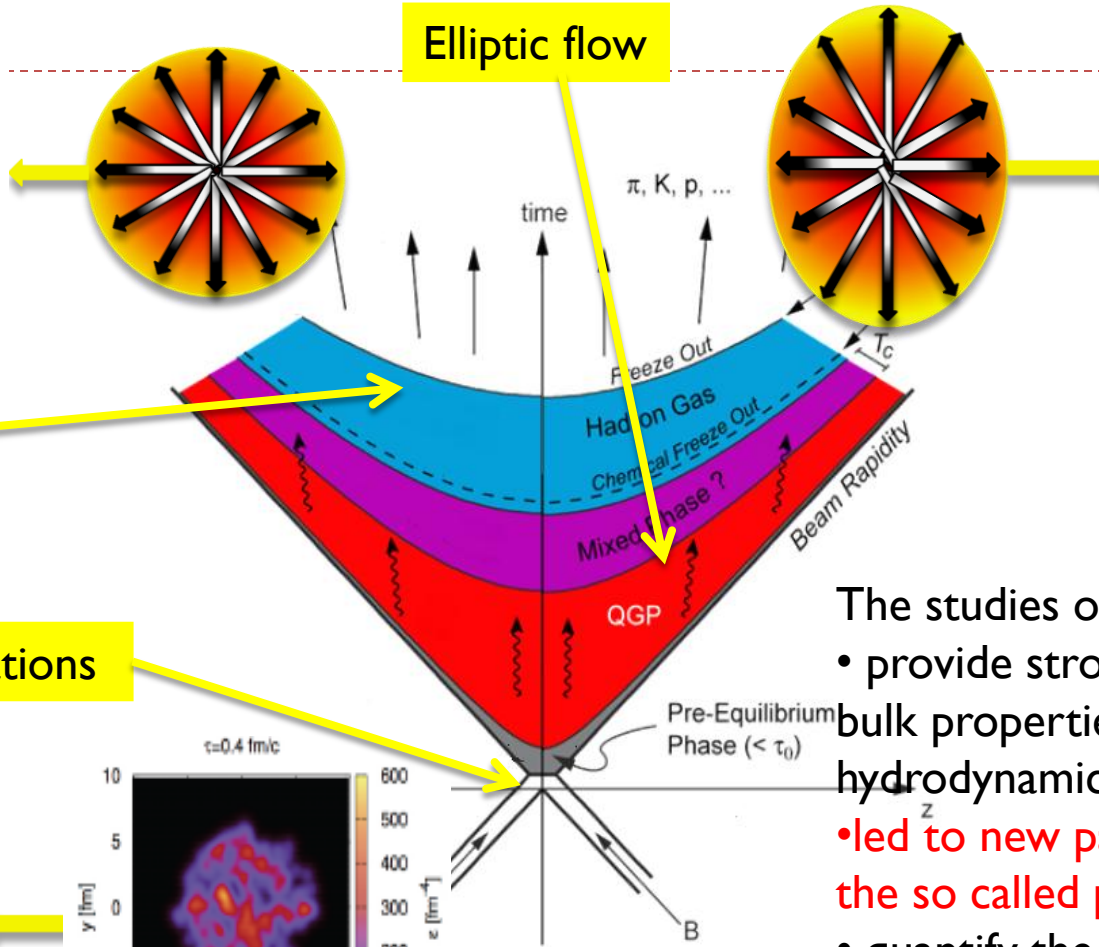


Bulk: Radial flow

Initial state fluctuations



Elliptic flow



The studies of anisotropic flow:

- provide strong constraints on the bulk properties described by the hydrodynamic models
- led to new paradigm of QGP as the so called perfect liquid
- quantify the fluctuations of the initial state eccentricity (geometry) and further constrained  $\eta/s$  and initial conditions