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Wounded quarks at the LHC

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We apply the wounded quark model to particle production and properties of the initial fireball in $A+A$, $p+A$, and $p+p$ collisions at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). We find uniformity of the approach, as similar production of initial entropy per source is needed to explain particle production in all studied reactions and at all centralities. We also investigate event-by-event initial eccentricities and sizes, finding results as good or better than from the Glauber model with nucleons. In conclusion, the wounded quarks can be used as effective degrees of freedom at the LHC.

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