

# Emergence of Quark-Gluon Plasma Phenomena

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# Emerging Phenomena

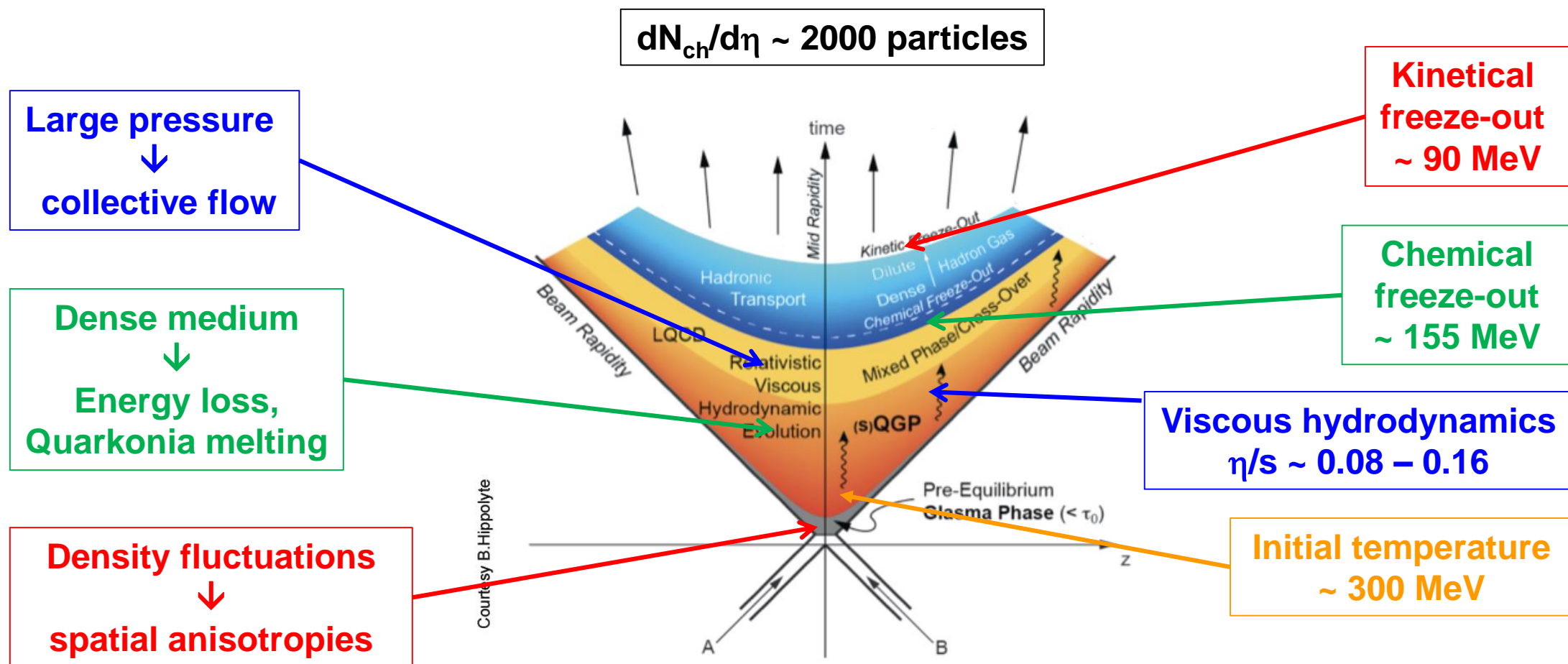


**Strokkur Geyser, Iceland**

The emergence of **Quark-Gluon Plasma** phenomena in small systems has shaken the **basic paradigms** of the heavy-ion field

This talk discusses **where we stand** and what we can **learn** from it about fundamental **quantum chromodynamics**

# Heavy-Ion Collision

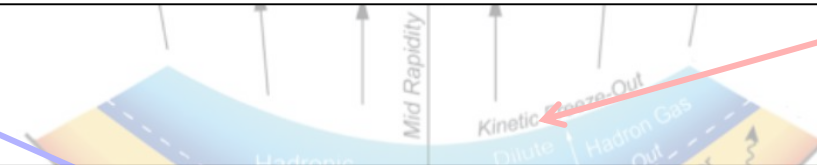


Values for LHC

# Paradigms

Theoretical description (= **HI SM**) of the phenomena observed in heavy-ion collisions involves the formation of a **deconfined state of matter**: the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)

Large p  
↓  
collective flow



Chemical

Basic paradigm: for producing a QGP, **collisions of large objects** (ions) are needed. Only these produce a large enough volume of hot and dense matter

Corollary: Small systems (pp, pA) produce **cold nuclear matter** → no QGP

Density fluctuations  
↓  
spatial anisotropies

Experimental evidence of recent years questions this paradigm

Initial temperature  
eV

# Paradigms

None of the content of this talk was known  
when LHC was proposed, and  
when LHC started

Collectivity in small systems: I  <i>Urs Wiedem...</i>	Correlations an fluctuations: I  <i>Jacquelyn No...</i>
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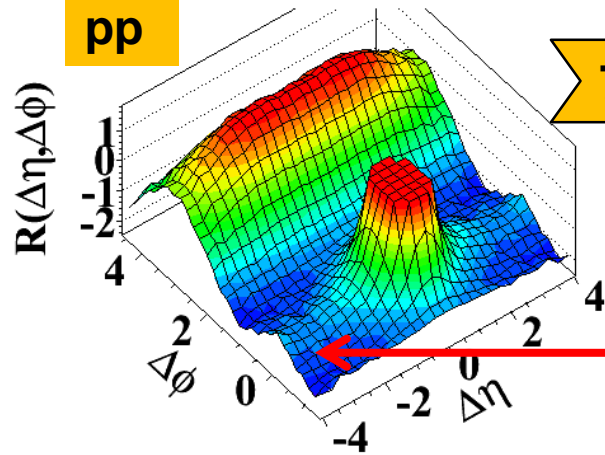
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# First Discovery: The Ridge

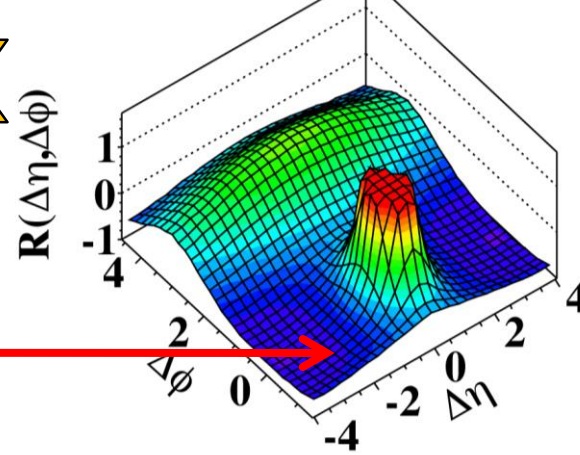
(d) CMS  $N \geq 110$ ,  $1.0 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$

pp



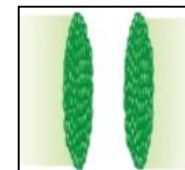
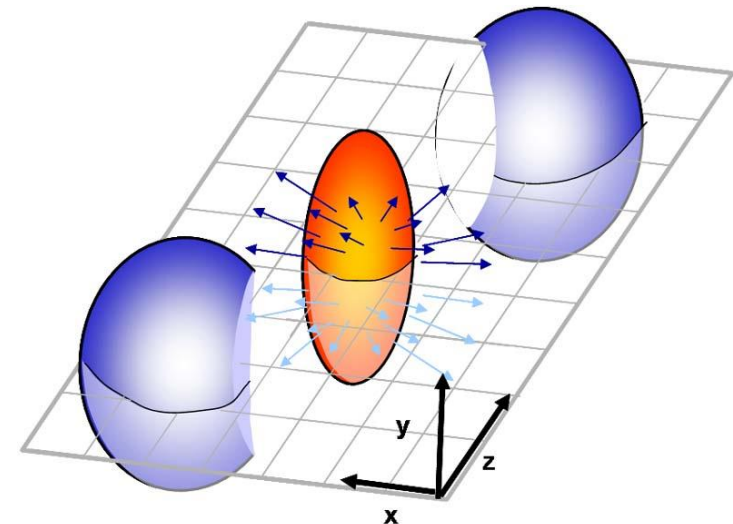
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MinBias,  $1.0 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$



**Unexpected** in pp and p-Pb collisions

Well known from A-A collisions

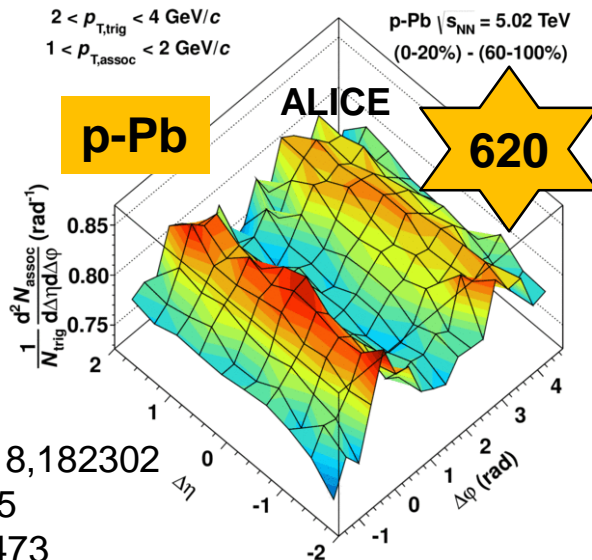


Ridges are a direct consequence in **hydrodynamic expansion** description (called flow in heavy-ion collisions)

CMS, JHEP1009(2010)091

$2 < p_{T, \text{trig}} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$   
 $1 < p_{T, \text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

p-Pb

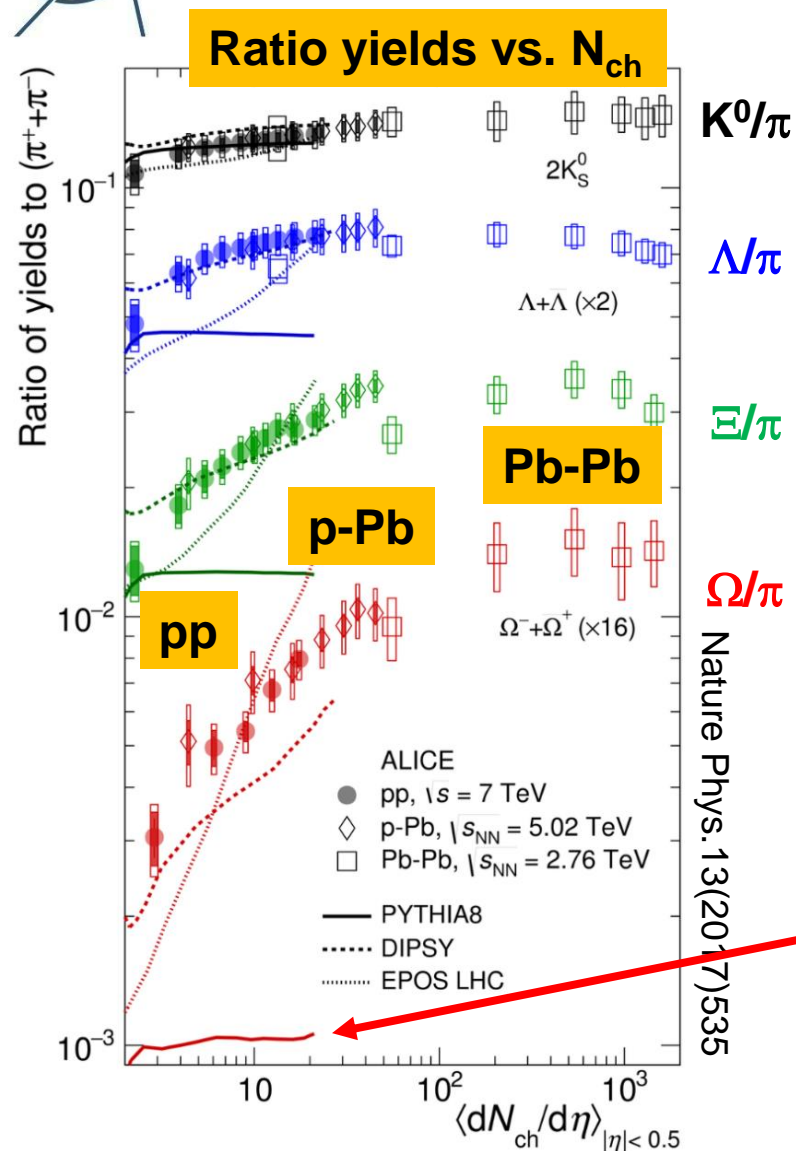


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p-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$   
(0-20%) - (60-100%)

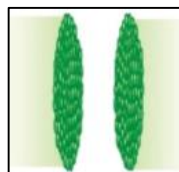
ALICE, PLB719 (2013) 29  
and ATLAS, PRL110(2013)18,182302  
and CMS, PLB718(2013)795  
and LHCb, PLB762 (2016) 473

# Second Discovery: Strangeness

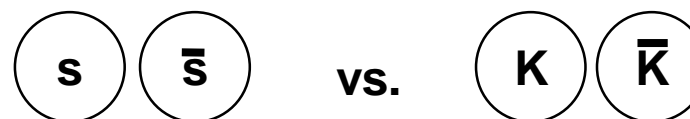


Strange baryon production increases **faster than multiplicity**

Smooth across collision system from pp to Pb-Pb



Direct consequence of **energetically cheaper** production of s-sbar in a QGP (compared to K-Kbar in vacuum)



Traditional MC codes completely fail to reproduce trend

Torbjorn Sjostrand [1808.03117]: “we lack some **fundamental** insight on baryon production”

**Intriguing proof** that high-multiplicity pp and p-Pb are **more** than an **incoherent superposition** of vacuum processes

How quickly flow can **build up** in a small system?

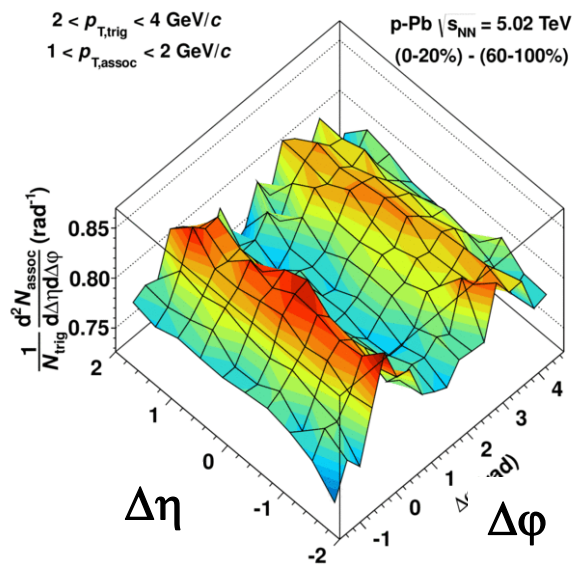
What is the role of **final-state interactions**?

What is the **microscopic mechanism** for strangeness enhancement?

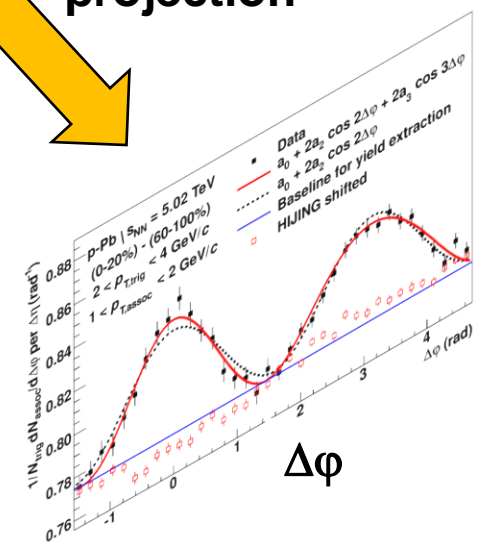
Significant experimental effort and theory development has followed and is ongoing.  
I will try to give you a flavour...



# What is $v_2$ ?



projection



Fourier decomposition

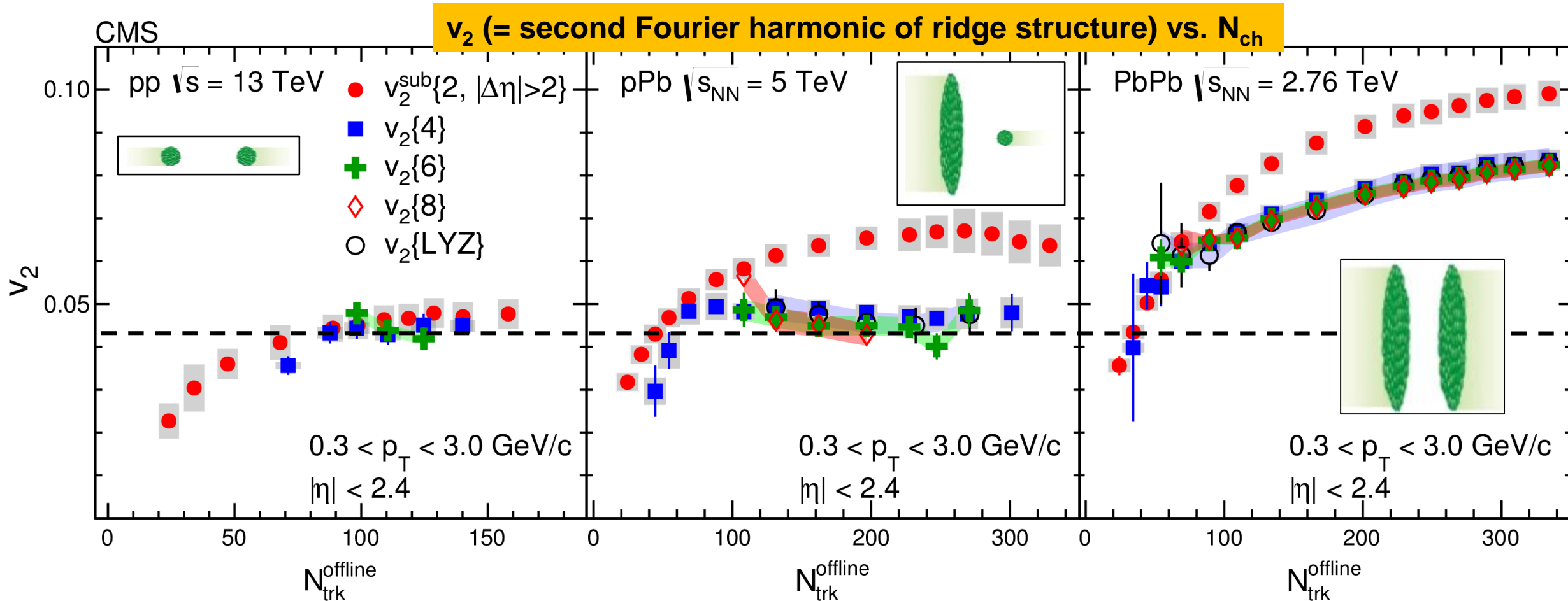


$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} = A \left( 1 + 2 \sum_n \underline{v_n} \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_n) \right)$$

Simplified view

# True Collectivity

How many particles contribute to the phenomena?

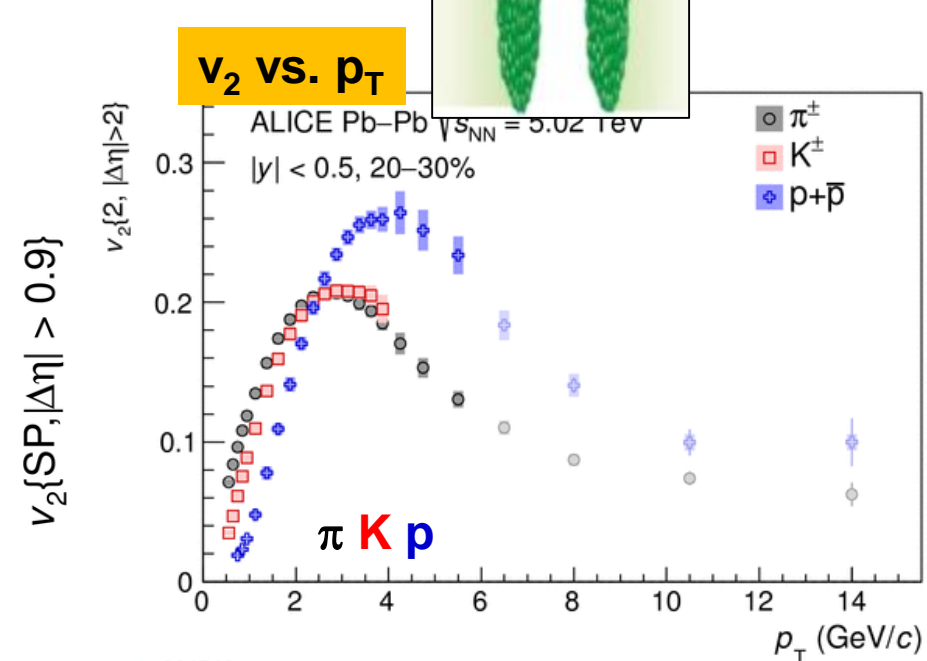
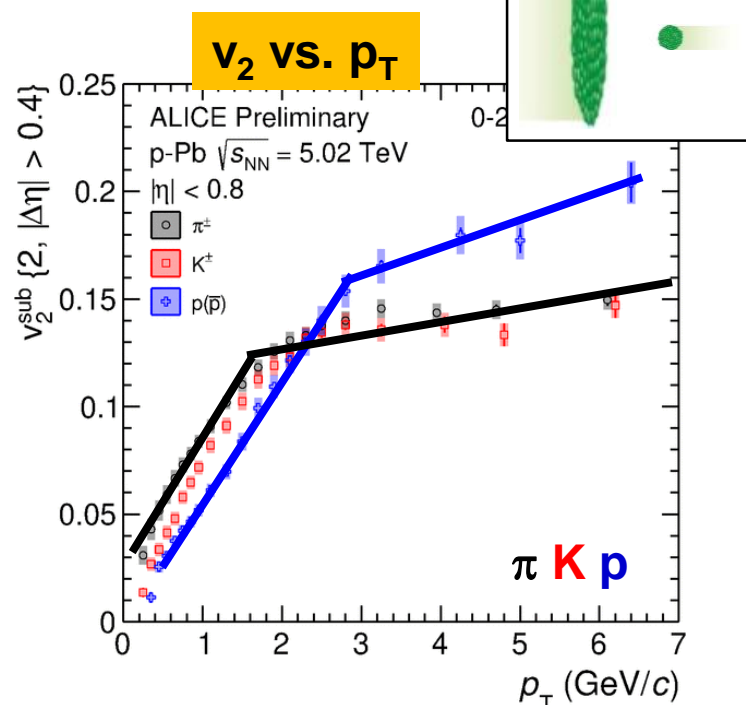
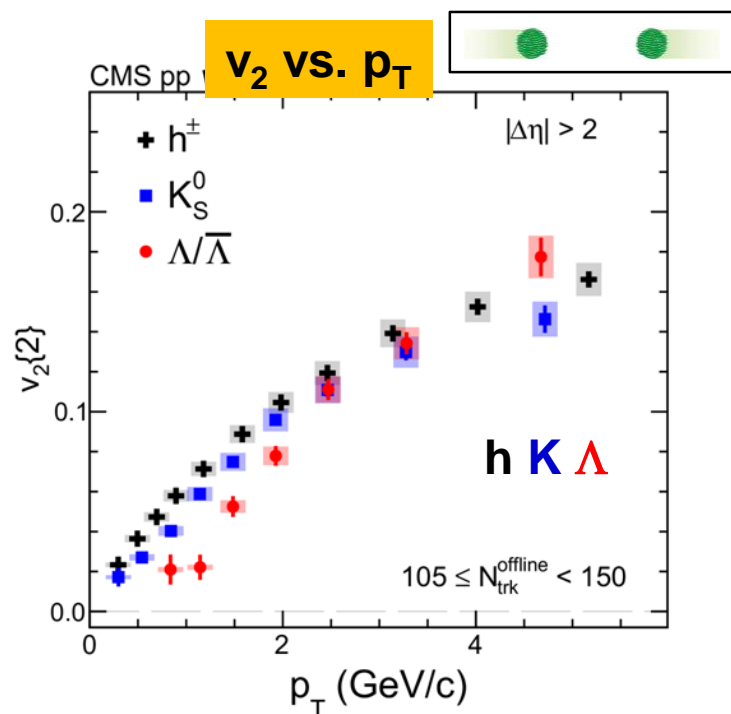


**Ridge component characterized with multi-particle correlations: pp ~ p-Pb < Pb-Pb**  
**→ At least 6 particles involved above  $N_{ch} \approx 90$**

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# Species Dependence

Which particles participate in the phenomena?



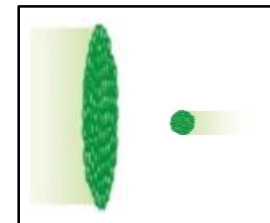
**Species dependence behaviour observed in small and large systems**

- Mass dependent splitting
- Crossing at  $p_T \sim 2-3$  GeV/c

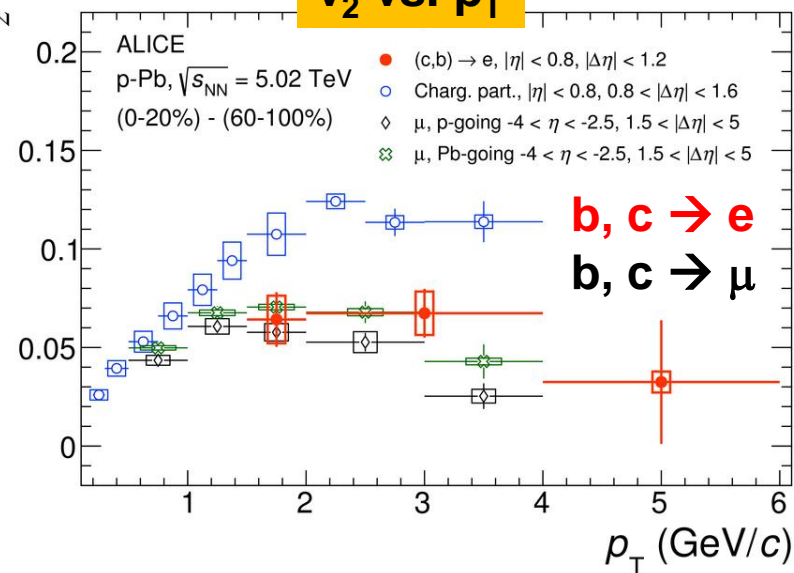


**Common velocity field**

# What about Heavier Quarks?

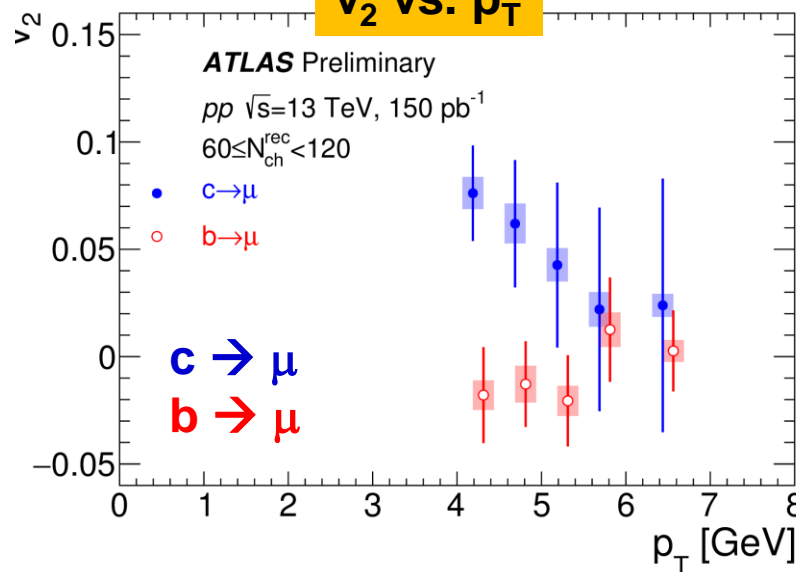


**$v_2$  vs.  $p_T$**



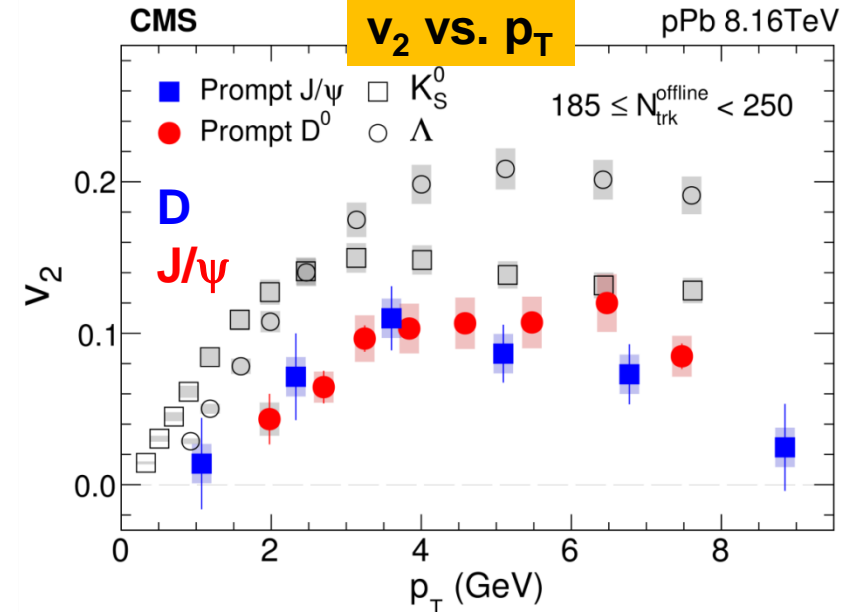
PRL122 (2019) 072301

**$v_2$  vs.  $p_T$**



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**$v_2$  vs.  $p_T$**



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- Ridge structures for **HF decay leptons, D and J/ $\psi$**
- Clear signal for open and closed charm
- No or small ridge for high  $p_T$   $b \rightarrow \mu$ . **Too heavy** to participate in system evolution?

# Low-Multiplicity Puzzle

- Low mult. dominated by jets, resonance decays (~negligible in high-multiplicity pp or p-Pb)
  - Extracting  $v_2$  coefficient requires **subtraction procedure**
  - Experimental result is procedure dependent

Template fit:  $Y(\Delta\phi) = F Y_{LM}(\Delta\phi) + G(1 + 2 \sum_n V_{n\Delta}^{fit} \cos(n\Delta\phi))$   
(ATLAS)

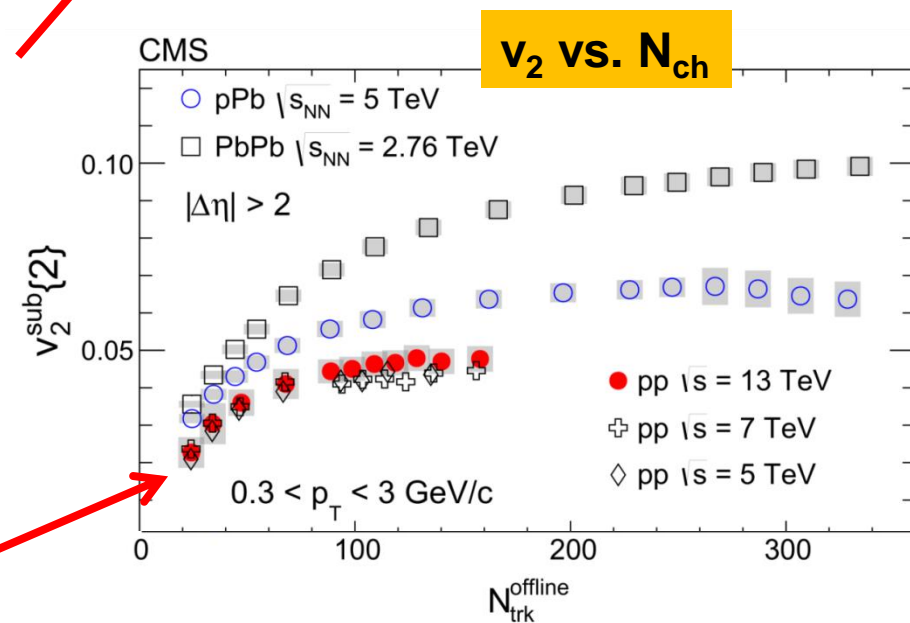
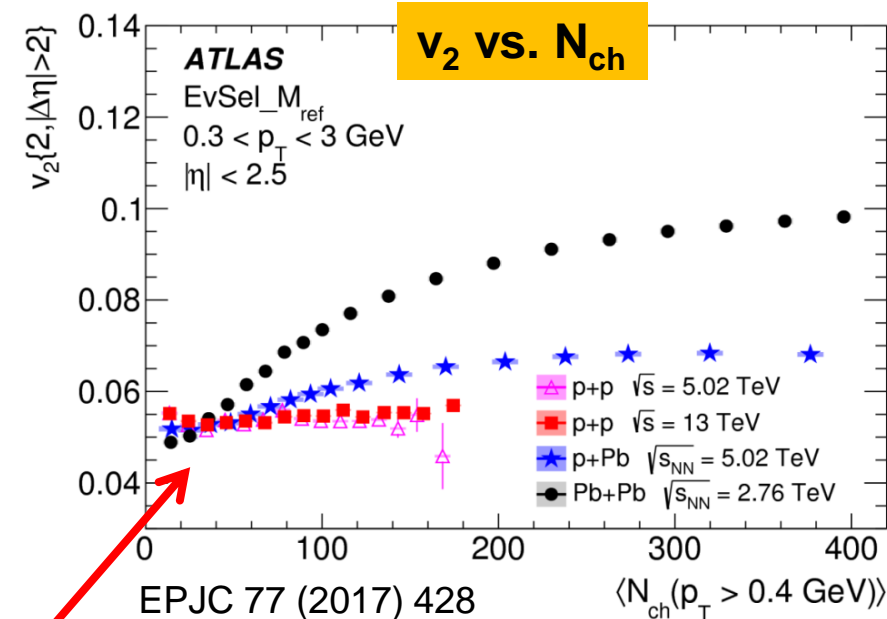
Peripheral subtraction:  $V_{n\Delta}^{sub} = V_{n\Delta}^{HM} - \alpha \frac{N_{LM}}{N_{HM}} V_{n\Delta}^{LM}$   
(ALICE, CMS)

- Large effect at low multiplicity (toy study [here](#))
- Key problem: **Ridge “too small to stick out”**



**NB to experts:  $v_2$  at low multiplicity not well defined. Focusing on near side may be a solution.**

**Collective nature of dilute systems not understood, yet**

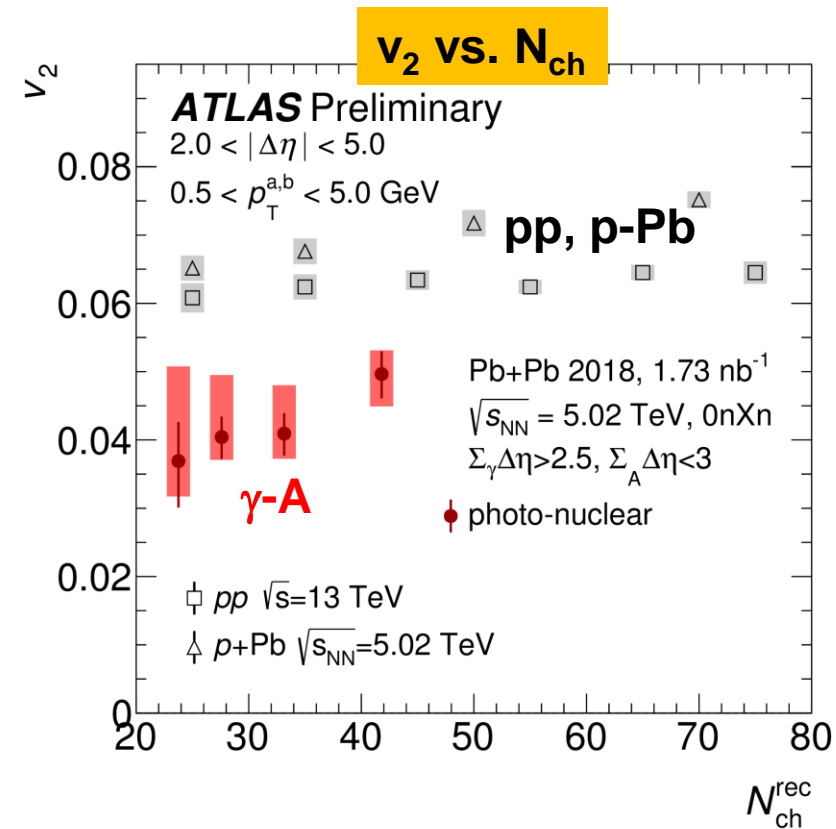
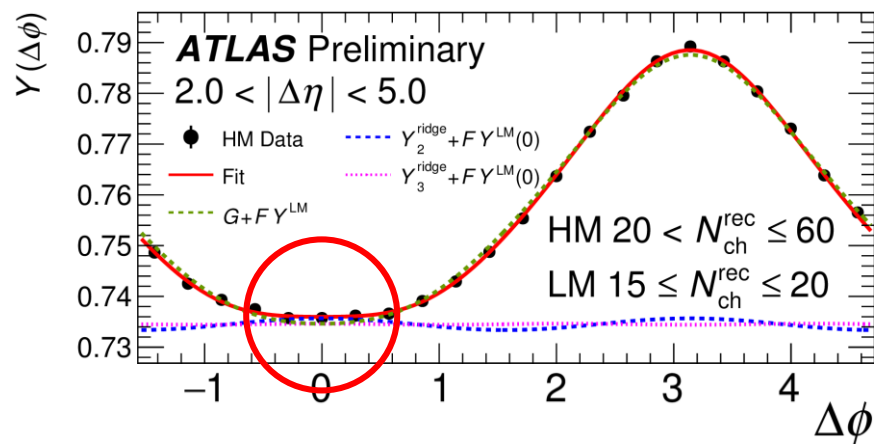
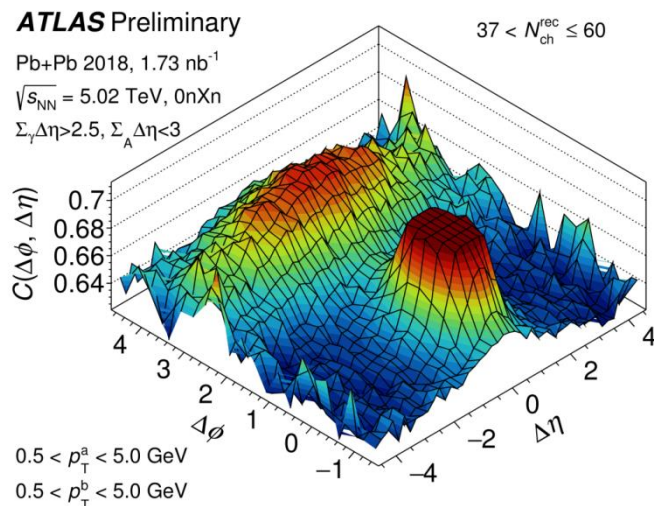


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# Ridge in $\gamma$ -A Collisions

- $\gamma$ -A collisions (in ultra peripheral Pb-Pb collisions)
  - Probe of initial state
- Template fit method. Extremely small signal!
- $v_2$  finite ( $\sim 50\%$  compared to pp and p-Pb)
  - Can be interpreted as due to **initial-state momentum correlations**



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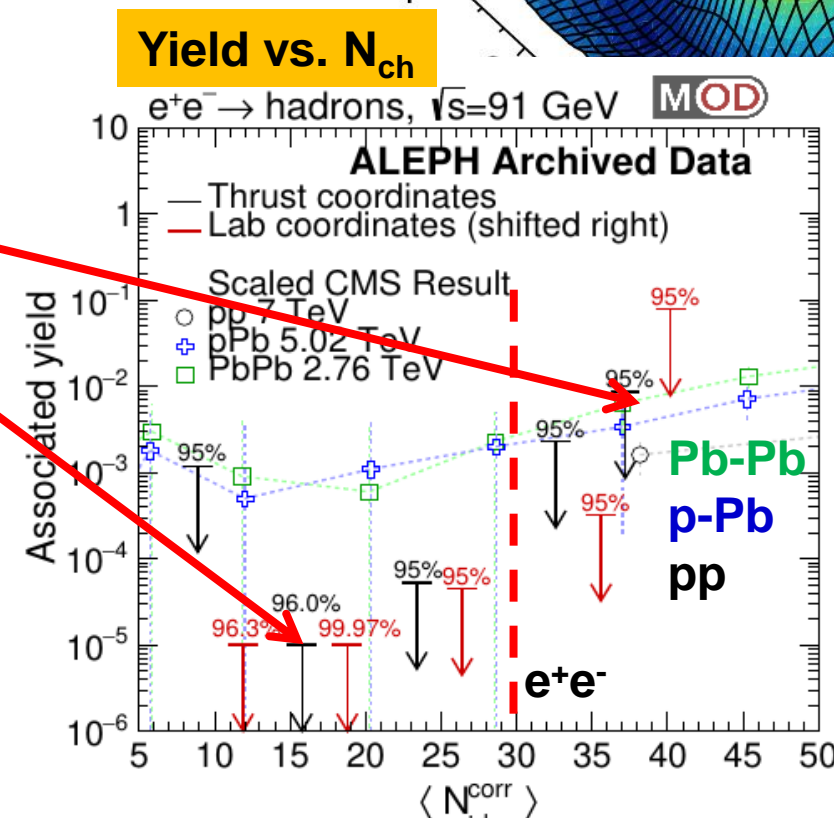
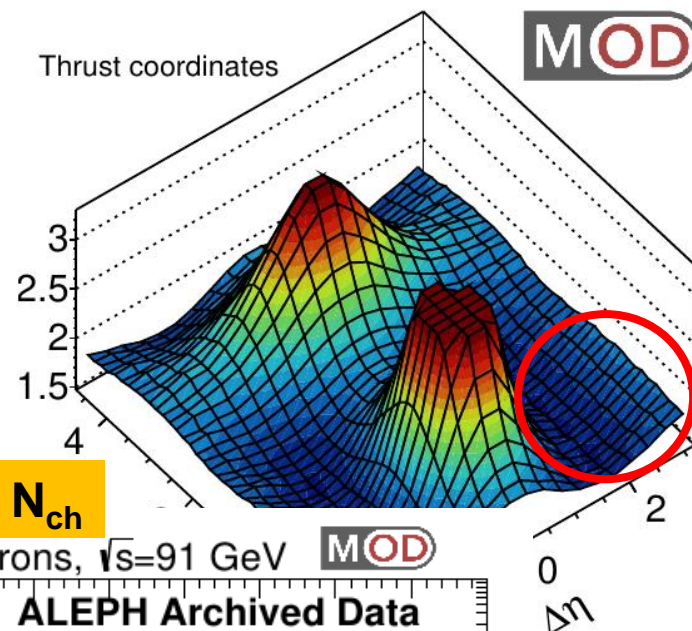
# And $e^+e^-$ ?

- Could ridge be related to **fundamental process**?
- Re-analysis of archived ALEPH data
  - No ridge structure  $\rightarrow$  limit
- Also no signal in ep (ZEUS), see [link](#)

Small uncertainties in pPb, PbPb  
Large uncertainties in ee

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Small uncertainties in ee

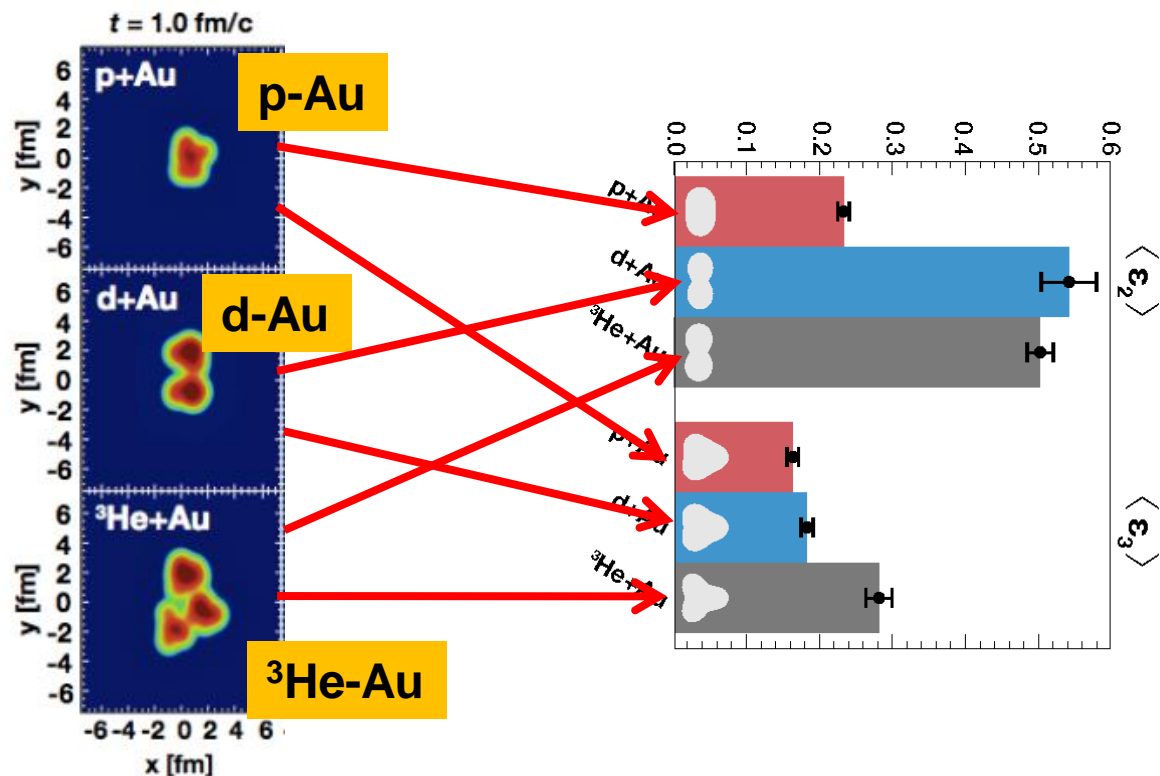
- However, compatible with pp and p-Pb
  - Call is still out!
- What is the **smallest droplet of matter** showing these phenomena?



Badea et al, arXiv:1906.00489

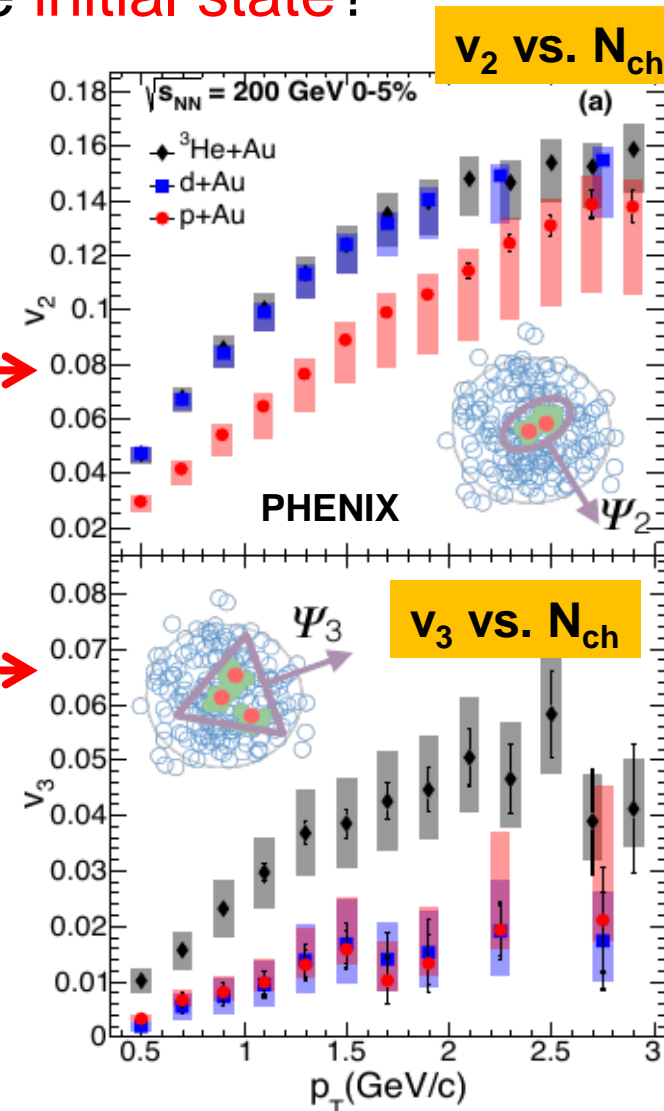
# Quark-Gluon droplets engineered

What is the relation to the overlap shape of the **initial state**?



Ellipticity  
 $\epsilon_2$  and  $v_2$

Triangularity  
 $\epsilon_3$  and  $v_3$



**Initial-state anisotropy imprinted on final-state observable**  
**Requires hydrodynamic expansion (spatial  $\rightarrow$  momentum)**

Initial-state momentum correlation models cannot reproduce the effect, see [backup](#)

Nature Physics 15, 214 (2019)

# Energy Loss

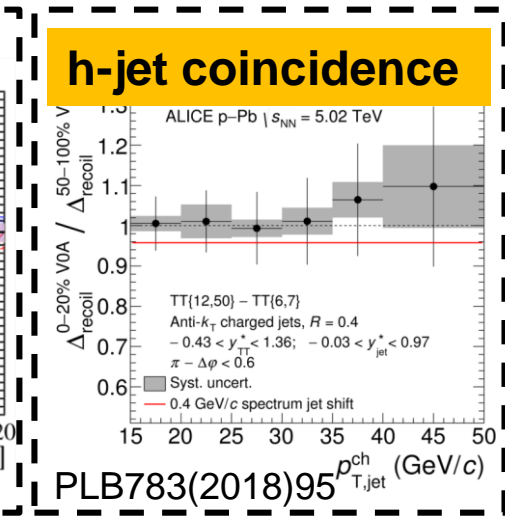
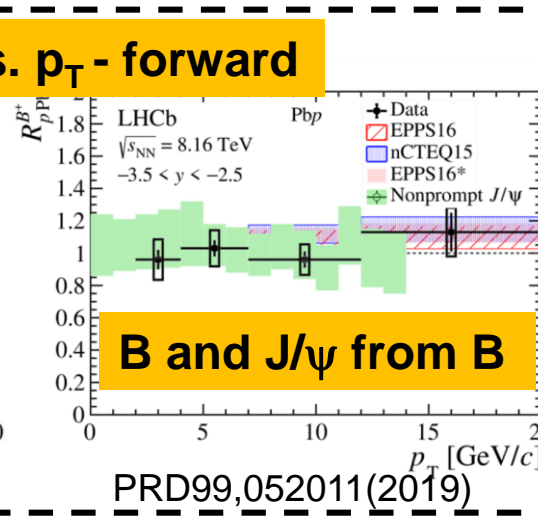
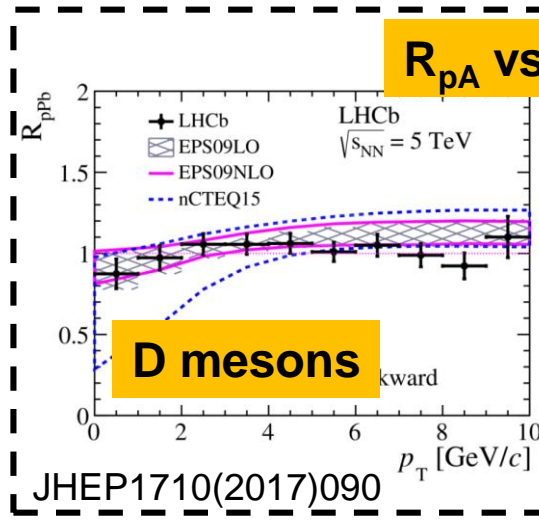
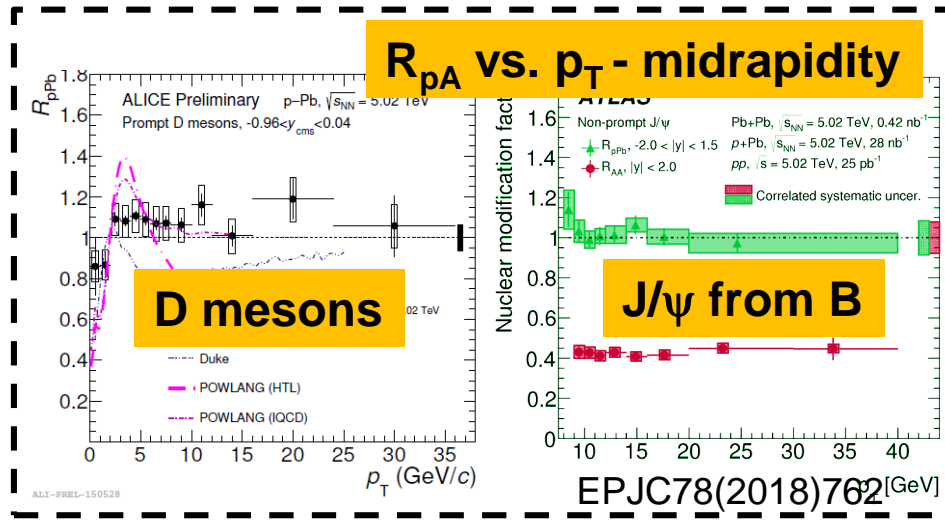
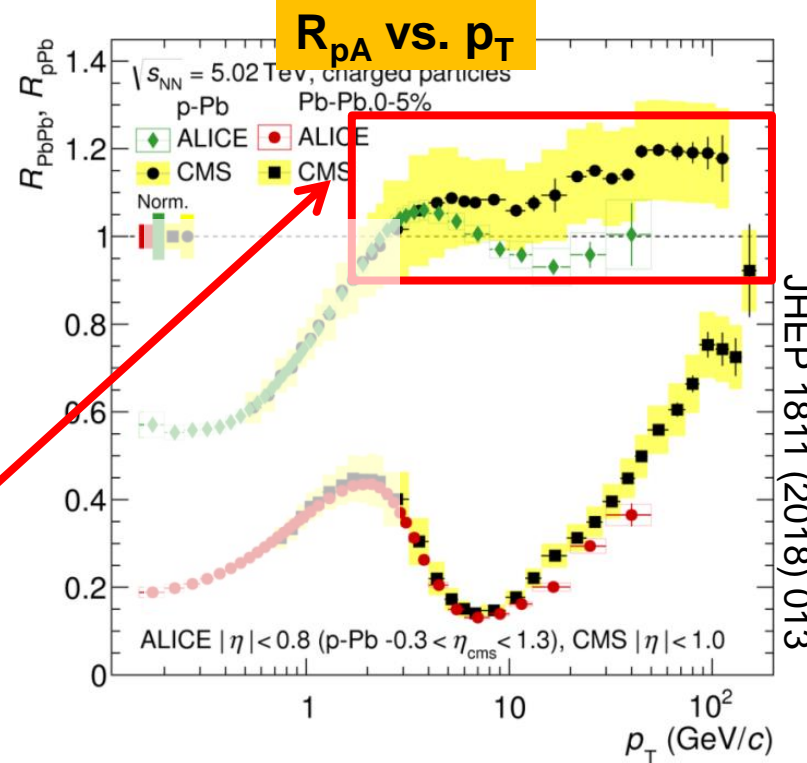
- If observed phenomena are due to final-state interactions, partons should **lose energy**
  - Traditional heavy-ion observable  $R_{AA}$

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$

$R_{AA} = 1 \rightarrow$  no modification

$R_{AA} \neq 1 \rightarrow$  medium effects

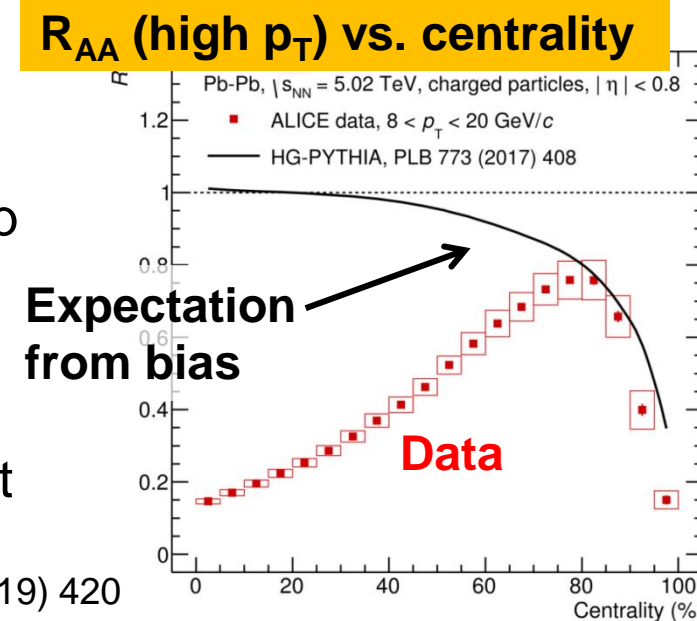
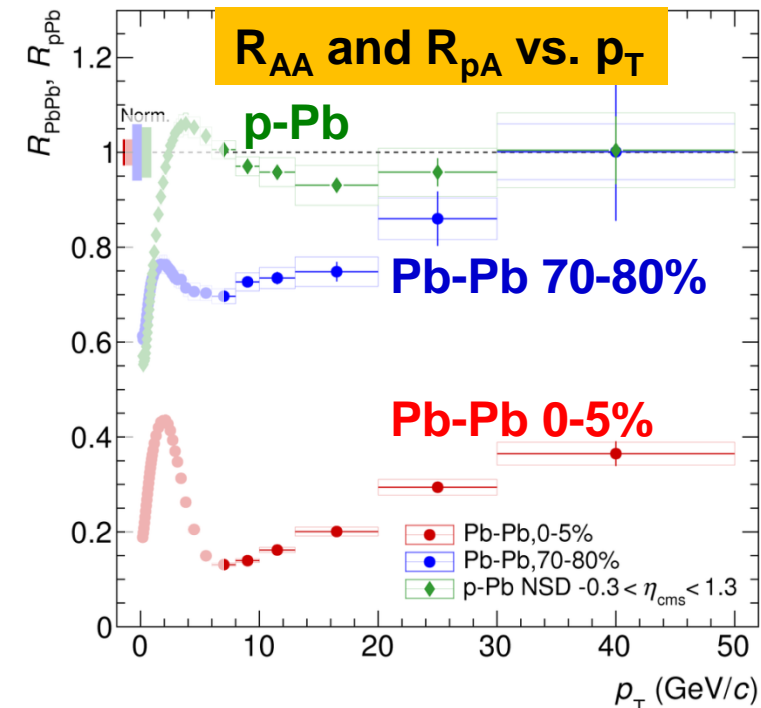
- No sign** of suppression for hadrons, D and B





# Absence of Energy Loss

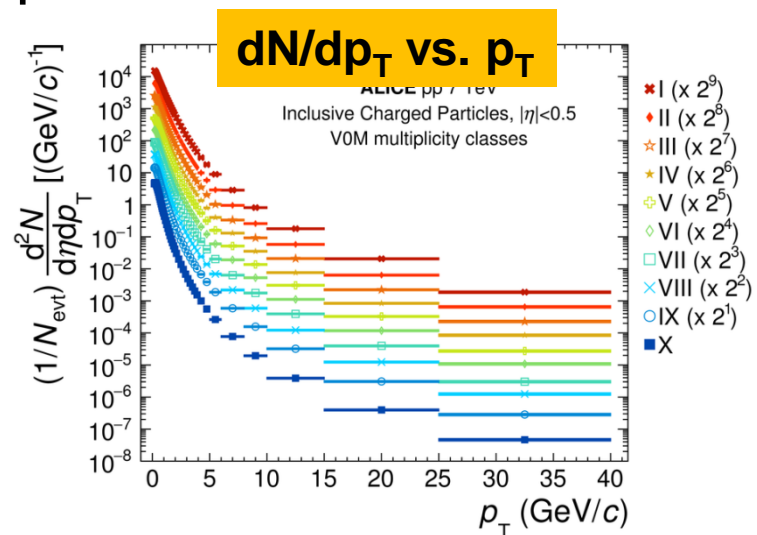
- No evidence of parton energy loss in p-Pb
  - However, present in all Pb-Pb collisions
- When does energy loss **turn on**?
- Peripheral Pb-Pb has same size as average p-Pb
  - $R_{AA} \sim 0.8$  (peripheral Pb-Pb) vs.  $R_{pA} \sim 1$  (p-Pb)
- Measurement in 80-100% clarified inconsistency
  - Reproduced by simple superposition model HG-PYTHIA (Loizides, Morsch, PLB773 (2017) 408)
  - Peripheral Pb-Pb: **average NN impact parameter** larger than in pp
- **No energy loss** in peripheral collisions
- Stresses relation of (soft) yields and (high  $p_T$ ) spectra
  - Positive correlation between hard scattering and underlying event





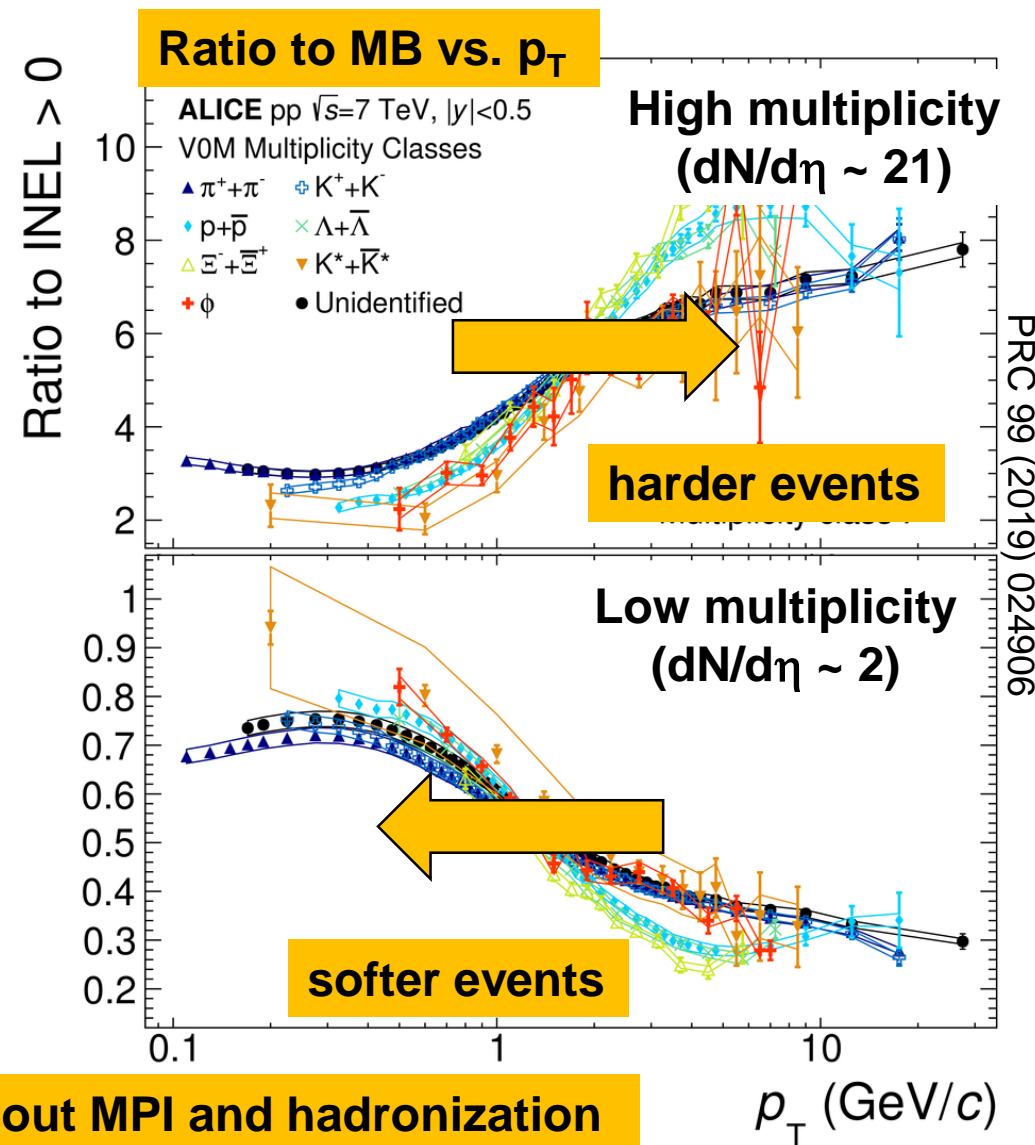
# Spectra “vs.” Yields

- Mentioned biases already **present in pp**
- Detailed characterization of particle production as function of forward multiplicity

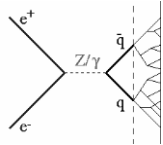

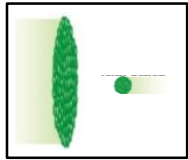















- Hardening of spectra with multiplicity
  - More pronounced for particles with larger mass

**Rich and complex dynamics with multiplicity – teaches about MPI and hadronization**



# Interim Summary

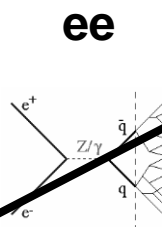
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Long-range correlations (ridges)	 Limit			
Strangeness enhancement				
Energy loss			 Limit	

# Interim Summary

Long-range correlations  
(ridges)

Strangeness enhancement

Energy loss



Limit



pp

pA

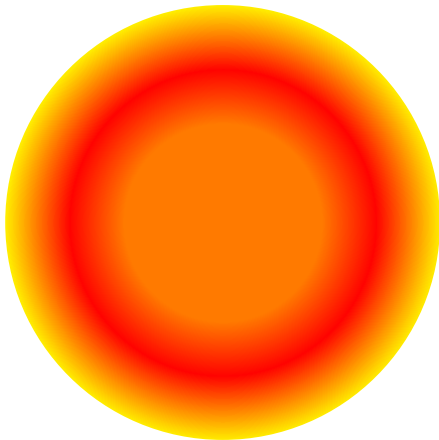
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Observable or effect	Pb-Pb	p-Pb (high mult.)	pp (high mult.)
Low $p_T$ spectra ("radial flow")	yes	yes	yes
Intermediate $p_T$ ("recombination")	yes	yes	yes
Particle ratios	GC level	GC level except $\Omega$	GC level except $\Omega$
Statistical model	$\gamma_s^{\text{GC}} = 1, 10\text{--}30\%$	$\gamma_s^{\text{GC}} \approx 1, 20\text{--}40\%$	MB: $\gamma_s^{\text{C}} < 1, 20\text{--}40\%$
<b>Wealth of measurements a legacy for QCD modeling</b>			
(from two particle correlations)			
Characteristic mass dependence	$v_2\text{--}v_5$	$v_2, v_3$	$v_2$
Directed flow (from spectators)	yes	no	no
Charge-dependent correlations	yes	yes	yes
Higher-order cumulants (mainly $v_2\{n\}, n \geq 4$ )	"4 $\approx$ 6 $\approx$ 8 $\approx$ LYZ" +higher harmonics	"4 $\approx$ 6 $\approx$ 8 $\approx$ LYZ" +higher harmonics	"4 $\approx$ 6"
Symmetric cumulants	up to SC(5, 3)	only SC(4, 2), SC(3, 2)	only SC(4, 2), SC(3, 2)
Non-linear flow modes	up to $v_6$	not measured	not measured
Weak $\eta$ dependence	yes	yes	not measured
Factorization breaking	yes ( $n = 2, 3$ )	yes ( $n = 2, 3$ )	not measured
Event-by-event distributions	$n = 2, 4$	not measured	not measured
Direct photon production	yes	yes	yes
Jet quenching through $R_{\text{AA}}$	yes	not observed	not observed
Jet quenching through correlations	yes (Z-jet, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet)	not observed (h-jet)	not measured
Heavy flavor anisotropy	yes	yes	not measured
Quarkonia production	suppressed <sup>†</sup>	suppressed	not measured

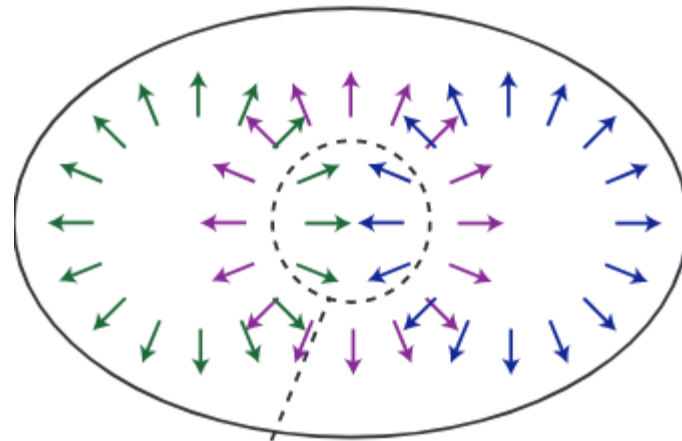
**Small systems is a complete program in itself**

# Explanations

Hydrodynamic evolution

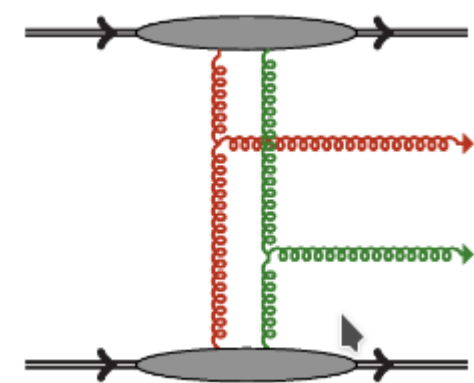


Escape mechanism



PLB783(2018) 274  
PLB753(2016)506

Initial-momentum correlations



PRD87(2013) 9,094034

Many scatterings



Few scatterings

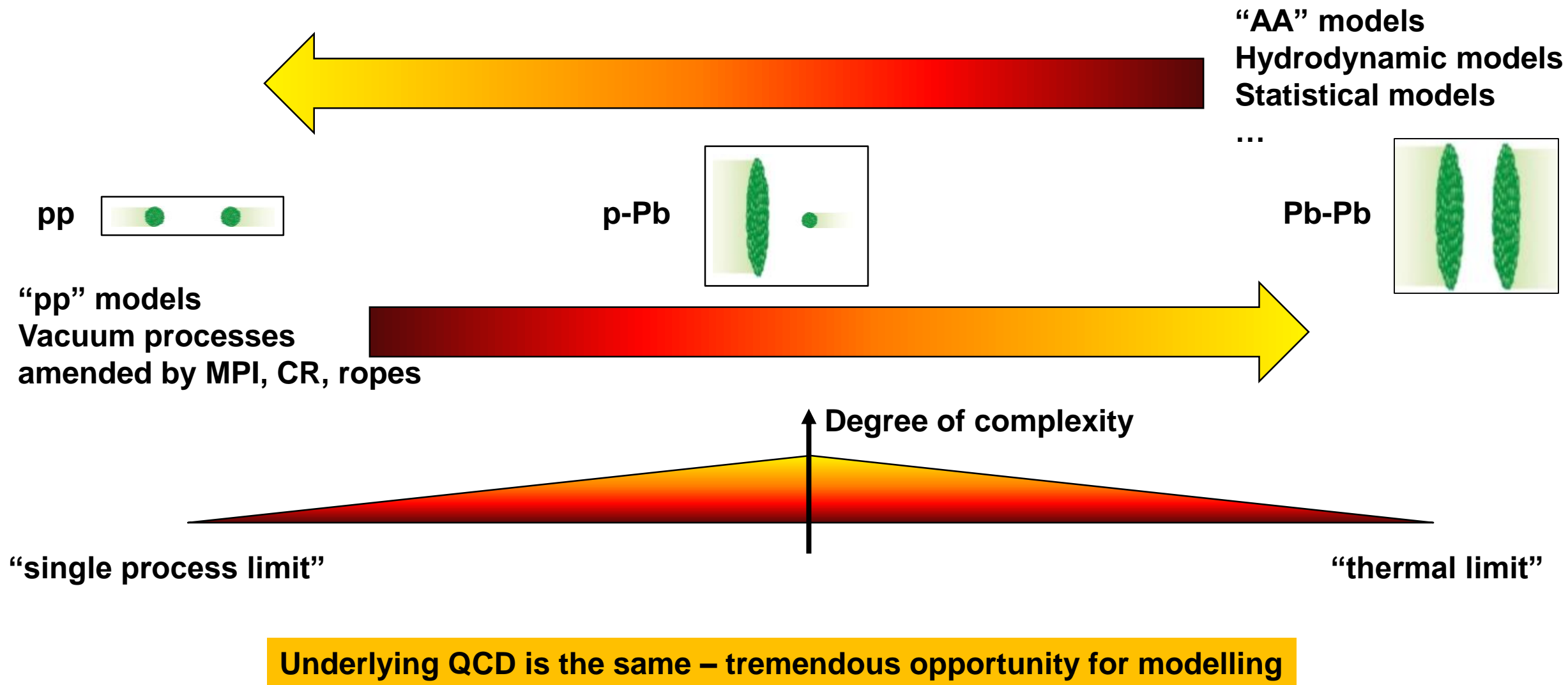


Initial conditions

(Perfect) fluid dynamics  $\leftrightarrow$  free streaming limit

**Theory spans still today a wide field**

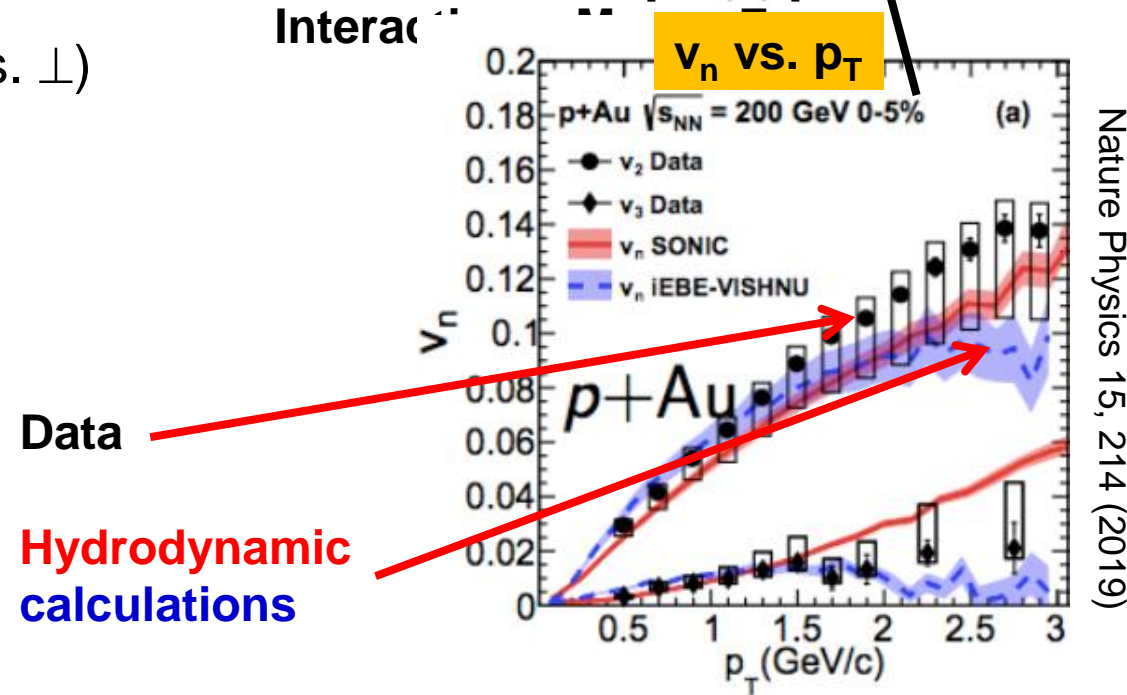
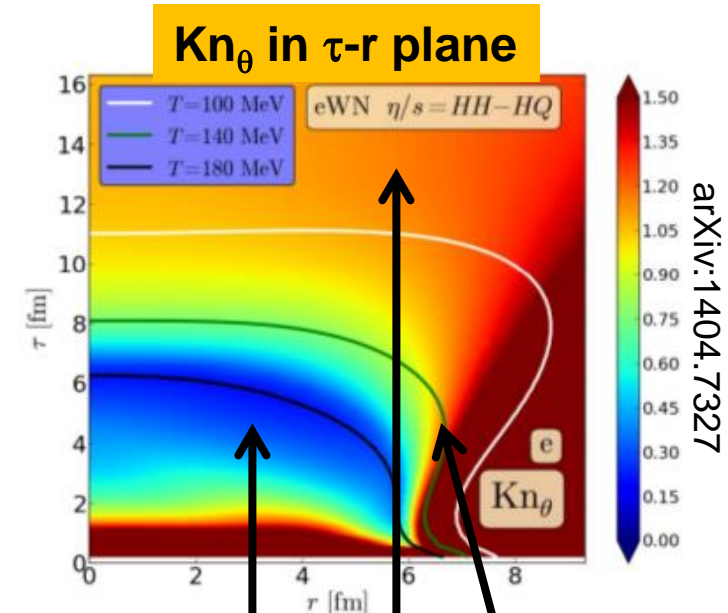
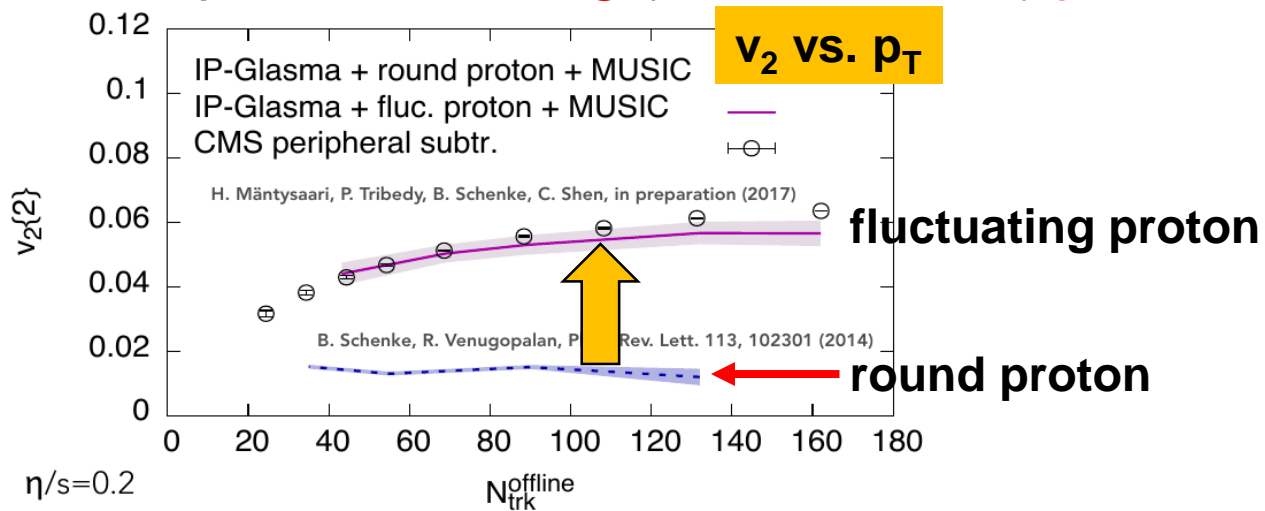
# Modelling





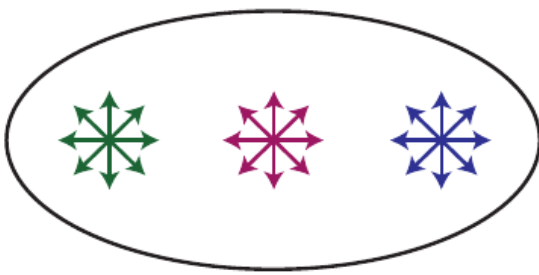
# Hydrodynamics

- Hydrodynamics requires **local thermal equilibrium**
  - Needs sufficient interactions vs. short lifetime
  - Knudsen number  $\sim$  microscopic over macroscopic length scale
- However, calculations quantitatively successful
  - even **far from equilibrium**
  - for large pressure anisotropy in expansion (L vs.  $\perp$ )
- Requires **fluctuating** (and not round) **proton**

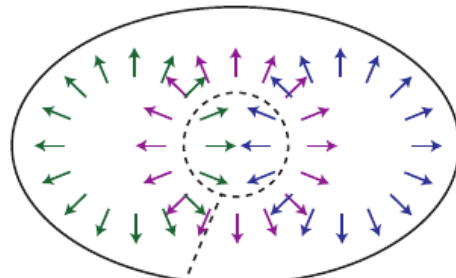


# “Escape” Mechanism / Kinetic Theory

- Few interactions are sufficient for anisotropy
    - Partons more likely to escape in the short direction
- He et al, PLB753(2016)506



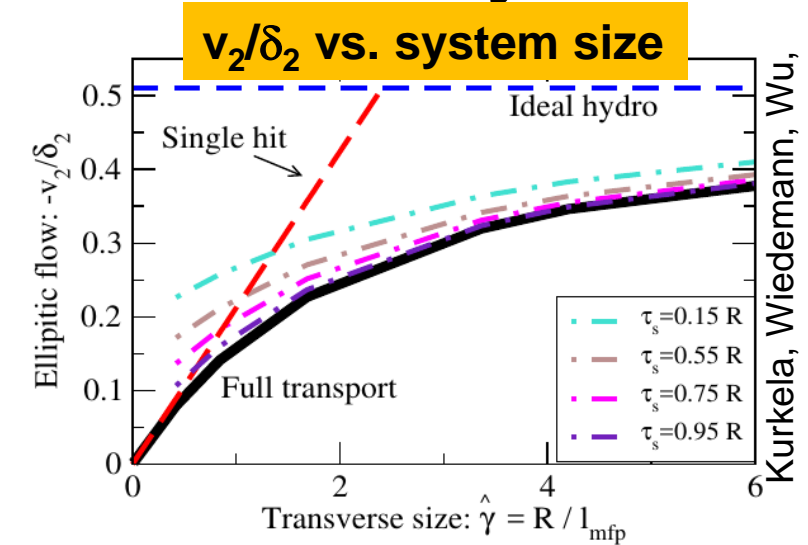
Initially isotropic momentum distribution



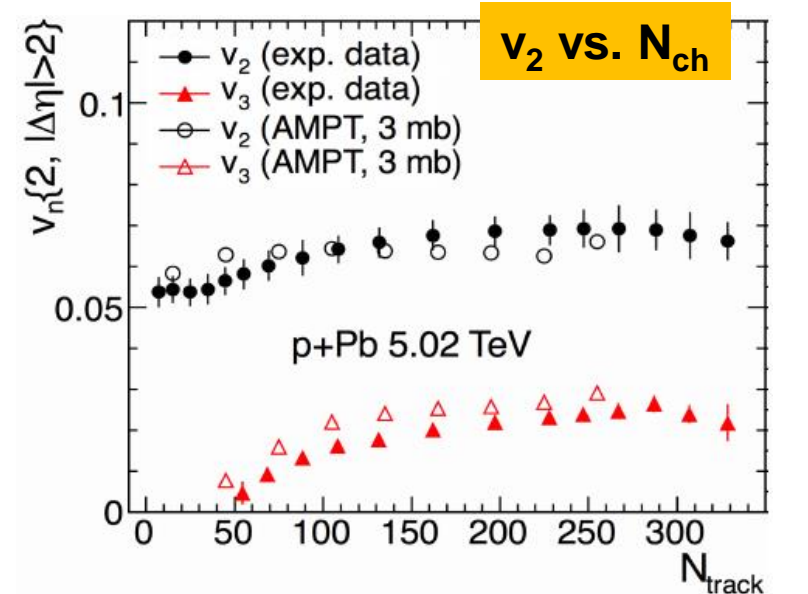
More particles moving in  $\pm x$ -direction

Kurkela, Wiedemann, Wu, PLB783 (2018) 274

- In a small system, the **single hit kinetic transport** is equivalent to a full hydrodynamical transport
- MC implementation: AMPT
  - Reproduces  $v_n$  with small number of interactions



Kurkela, Wiedemann, Wu, arXiv:1805.04081



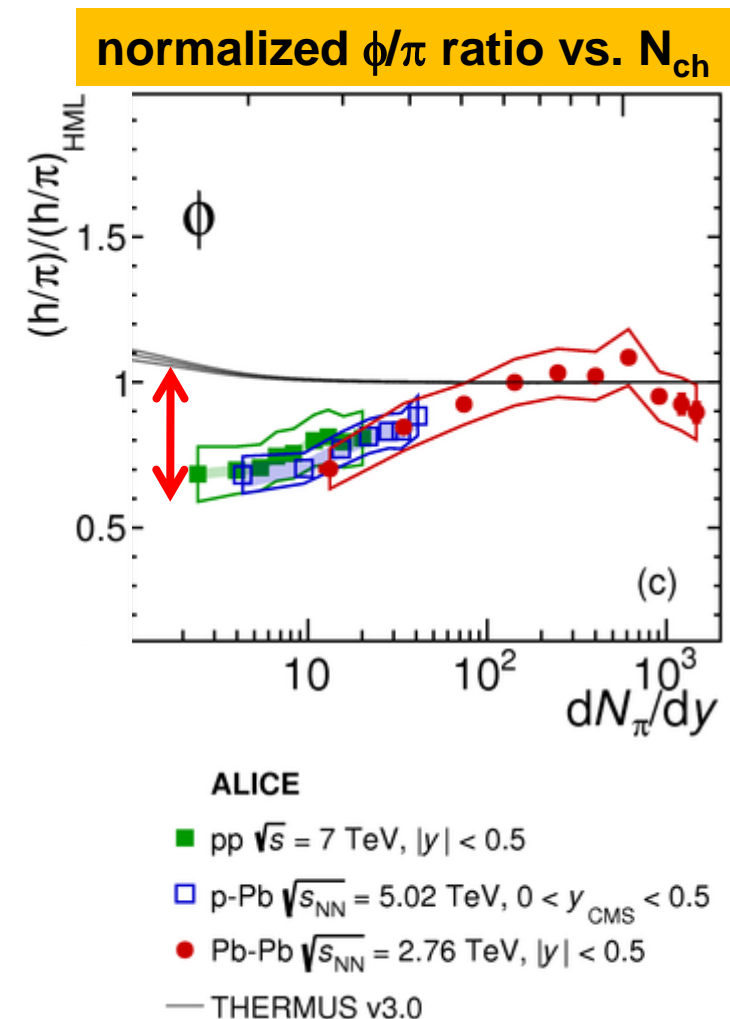
Bzdak, Ma, PRL113, 252301

# Thermo-Statistical Models

- Class of models which assumes **equilibrated matter** to predict particle yields
  - Few parameters:  $V$ ,  $T$ ,  $\mu_B$
  - Very successful in describing 12+ species in HI collisions
- Extension into small systems attempted
  - Needs “fudge” factor  $\gamma_S$  to correctly describe strangeness

$$z \rightarrow \gamma_S^s \bar{z} \quad \leftarrow \text{number of strange quarks}$$

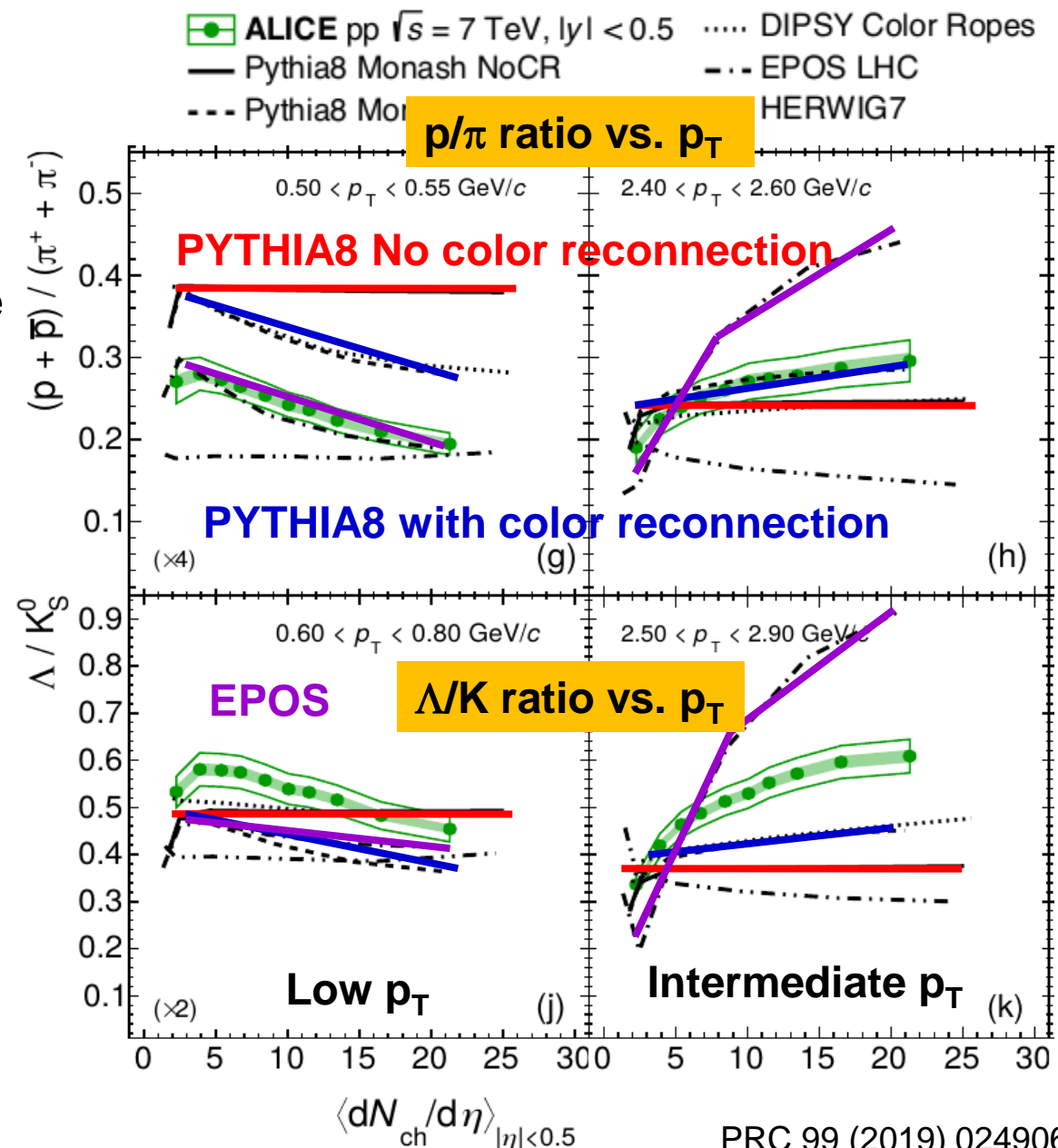
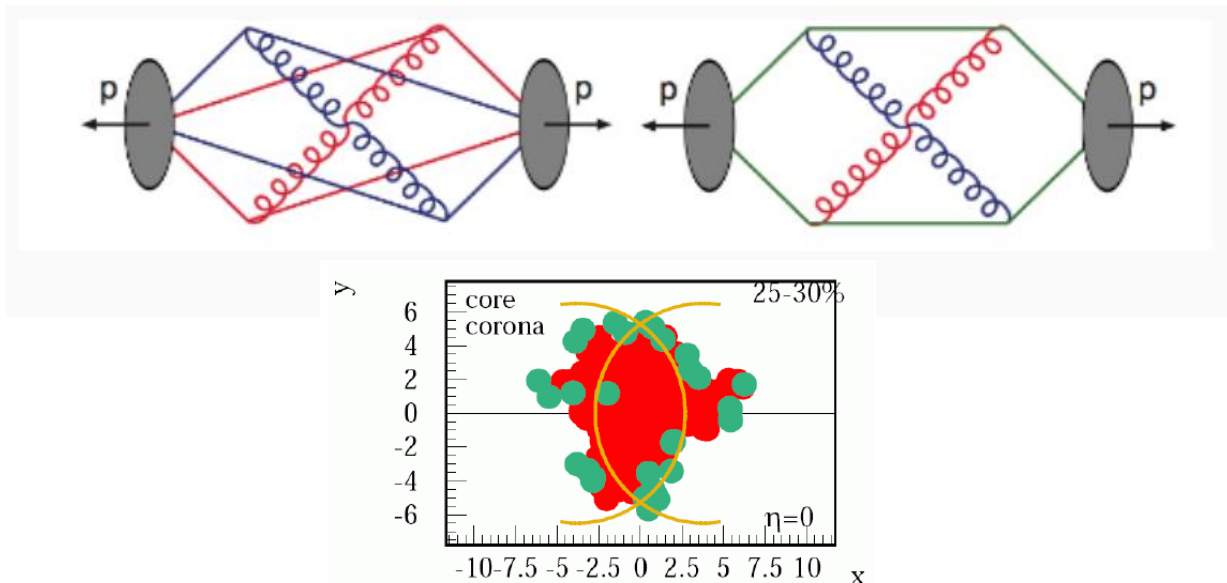
- Effect of extension into **non-equilibrated** / partially equilibrated region



PRC 99, 024906

# Baryon Production

- Models do not get baryon production right
  - Torbjorn Sjostrand [1808.03117]: “we lack some **fundamental** insight on baryon production”
- Incoherent superposition not successful
- Colour reconnection (PYTHIA, DIPSY), or collective expansion (EPOS) closer to data

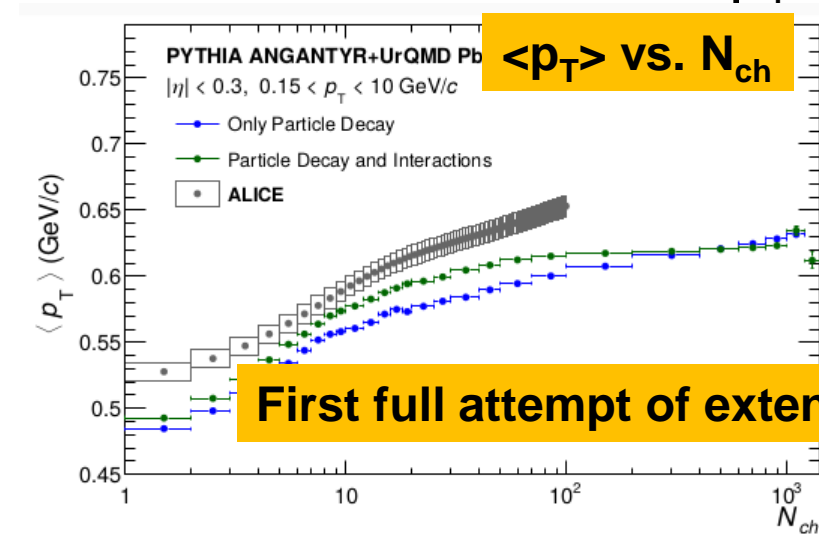
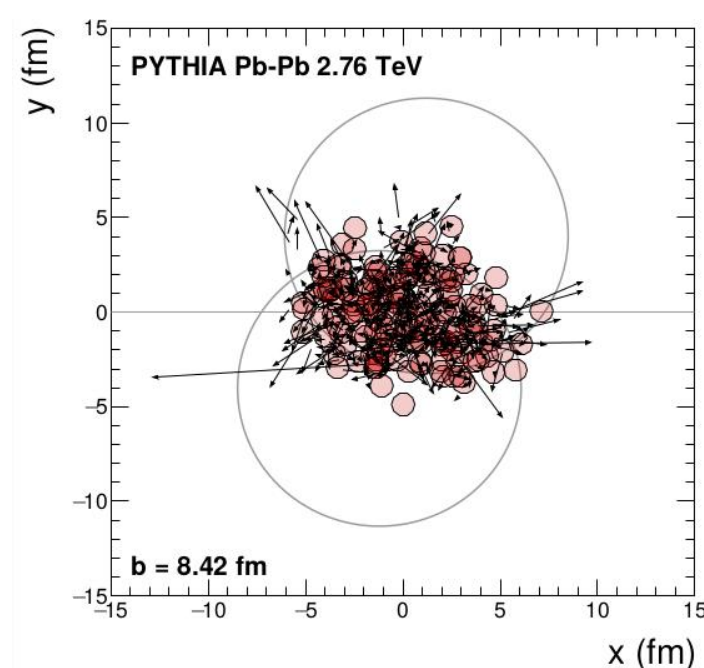


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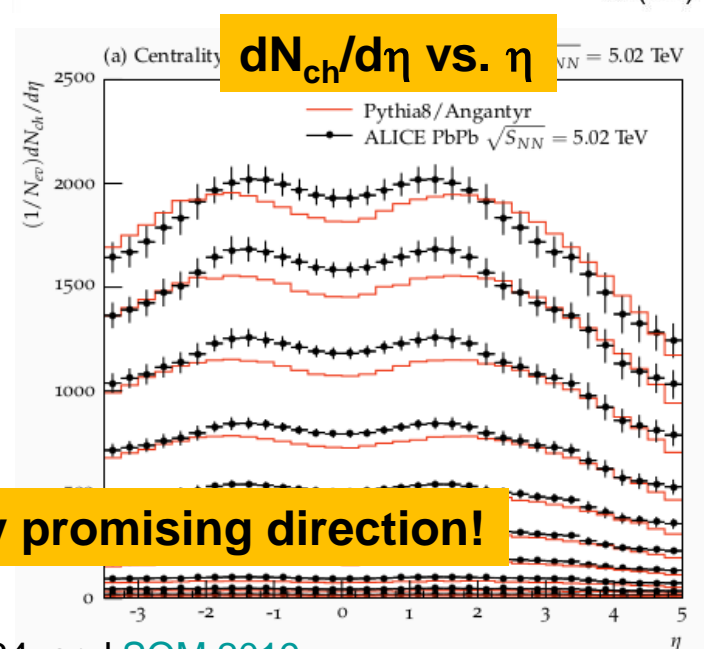
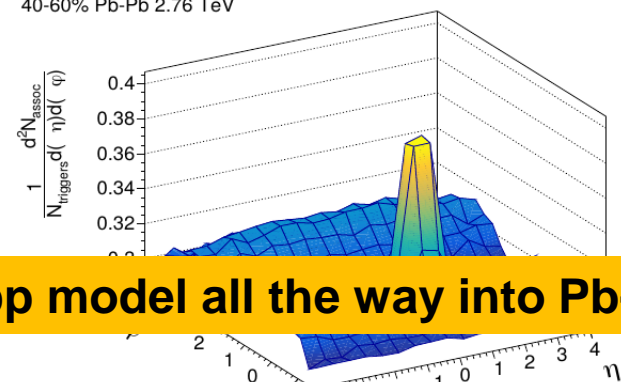


# Angantyr

- Pythia MPI + CR model recently extended to heavy ions
  - Aim: produce a **QGP-free final** state
  - However: could **microscopic dynamics** make a mini-QGP?
  - AA through Glauber with Gribov colour fluctuations
  - Interfaced to UrQMD for multi-body hadronic phase  
[S. Bass et al.: Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys 41 (1998) 225]
- Good results for  $\langle p_T \rangle$ , flow, charged particles



PYTHIA Angantyr + UrQMD  
Decays and Interactions  
40-60% Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV



**First full attempt of extending a pp model all the way into Pb-Pb. Very promising direction!**

Bierlich et al, JHEP 1810 (2018) 134, and [SQM 2019](#)



# Résumé

**Tremendous experimental and theoretical progress in last years**

## Run 1 + 2

- **Discovery of heavy-ion like phenomena in small systems**
- **Characterization of multi-particle correlations and strangeness enhancement**
- **Absence of parton energy loss**

**Non-flow-free correlation measurements**  
→ nature of higher-order correlations

**Energy-loss signals**  
→ role of final-state interactions

**Thermal radiation**  
→ isotropization and equilibration

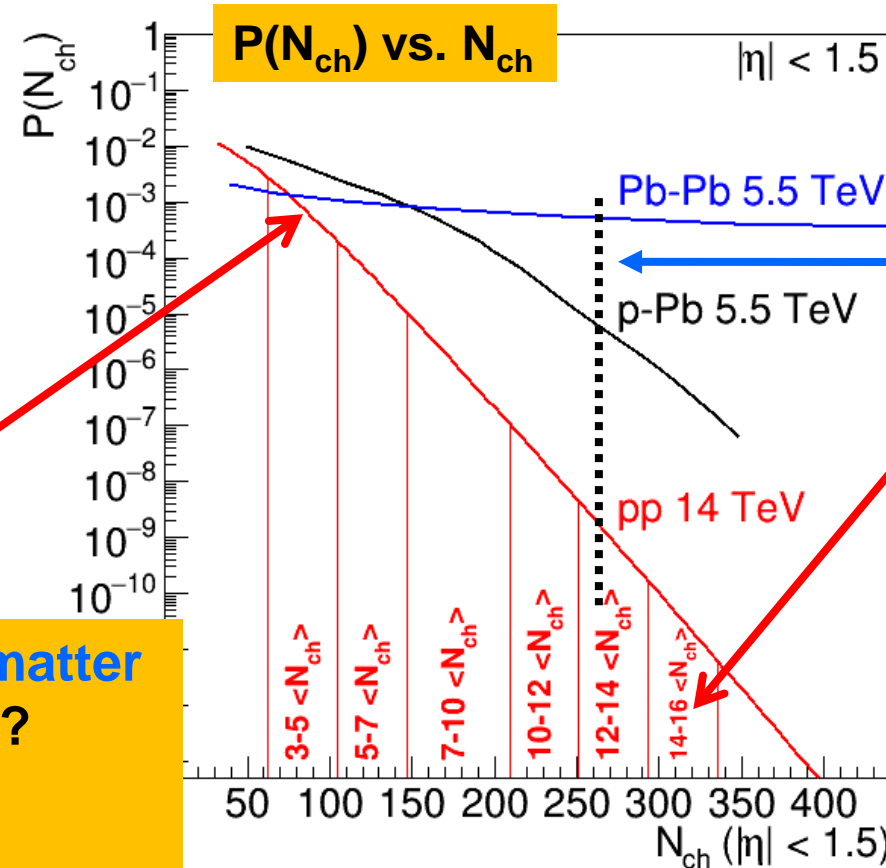
**Strangeness enhancement**  
→ insight into baryon production (incl. HF)

**What's next?**

**Short excerpt** in the following – for full details see HL-LHC Yellow Report: arXiv:1812.06772

# Multiplicity Distribution

- Run 3: 200 pb<sup>-1</sup> 14 TeV high-multiplicity pp program → **extremely rare** events



65% central in Pb-Pb

>25k events @ 14-16  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$   
~ 300 particles in  $|\eta| < 1.5$

What is **smallest droplet of matter** showing collective behavior?

Origin of collectivity in few particle system?

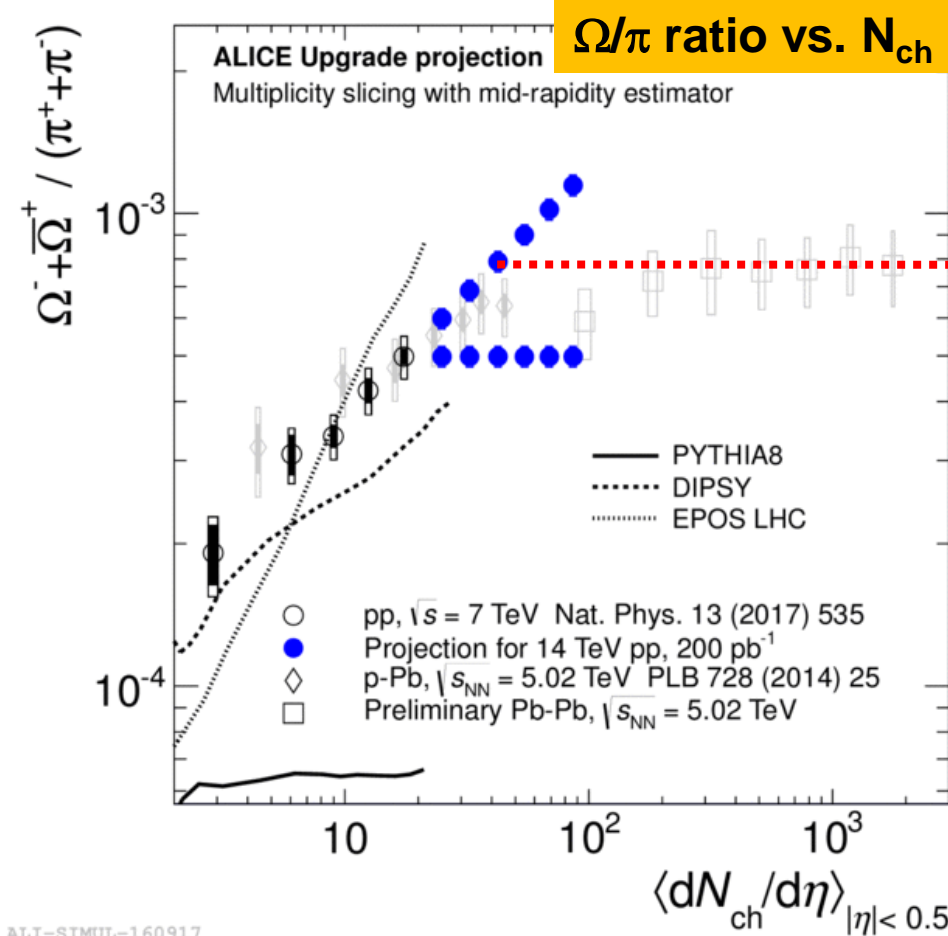
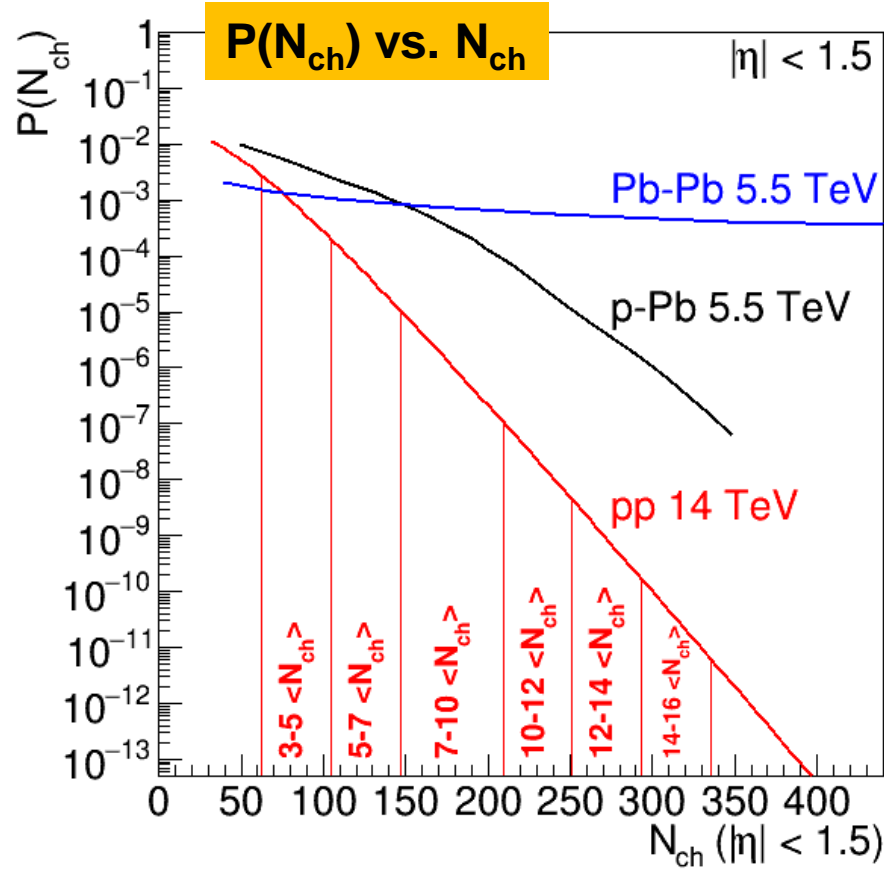
Significant overlap between pp and PbPb

If pp behaves as PbPb, we can look for “standard” PbPb physics

arXiv:1812.06772

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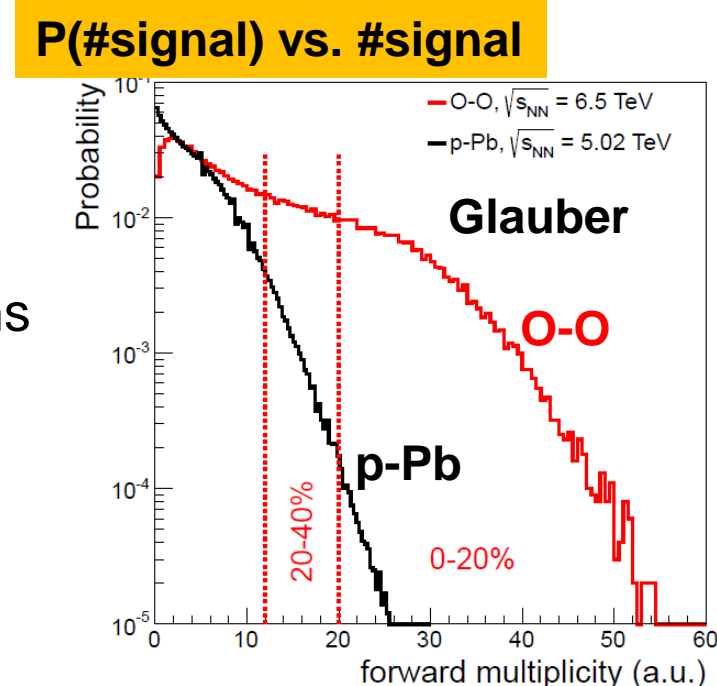


**Thermal limit** in grand canonical ensemble  
(= many body system in equilibrium)

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# Puzzling Absence of Energy Loss

- h-jet,  $\gamma$ -jet, Z-jet correlations (in p-Pb and pp collisions)
  - Stringent **limit for energy transfer**  $\sim 21$  MeV/c  
(400 times smaller than measured in PbPb, and 20 times smaller than current limit)
- Recent idea: Oxygen-oxygen collisions
  - Symmetric but small collision system
    - Centrality should allow **geometry selection** ( $N_{\text{coll}}$ ,  $\epsilon_2$ )
    - System large enough to exhibit jet quenching
  - Critical test of understanding of energy loss for short path lengths
    - If no quenching in O-O  
→ also p-Pb has insufficient energy density for quenching
  - Under discussion at **LHC** ( $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 6.5$  TeV) and **RHIC** (200 GeV)



# Summary

- Small system observations challenge **two paradigms** at once
  - Smallest system in which heavy-ion “standard model” remains valid?
  - Can the standard tools for pp physics remain standard?
- Traditional HEP and traditional HI studies grow together
  - Tremendous experimental and theoretical progress in last 5+ years
  - The underlying QCD *is* the **same theory**
- Aim: Demonstrate that **unified description** from pp (ee) to Pb-Pb is feasible **or** show that **different mechanisms** are justified

**Thank you for your attention!**



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