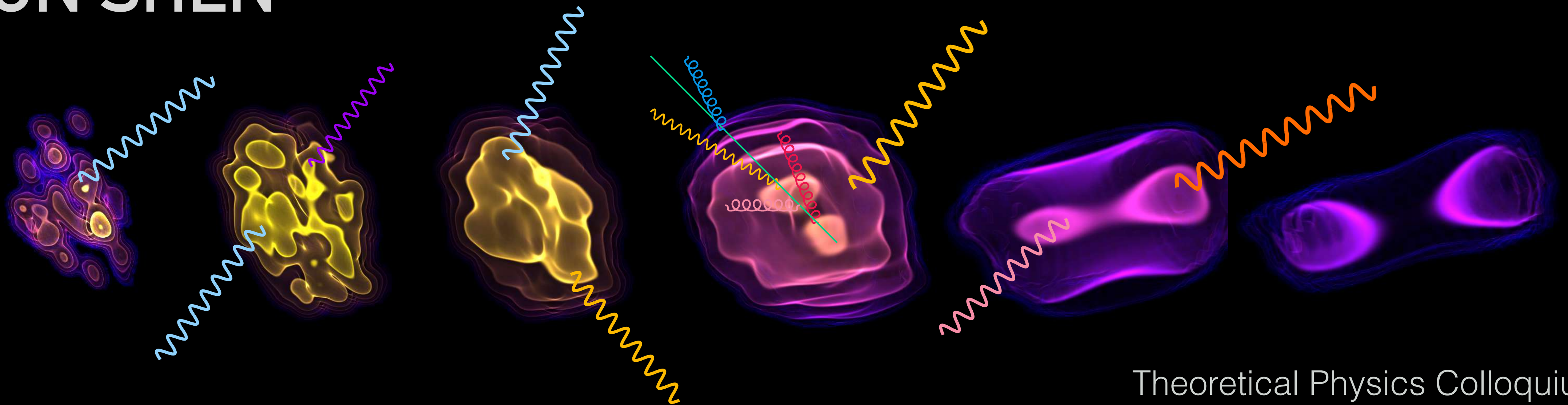




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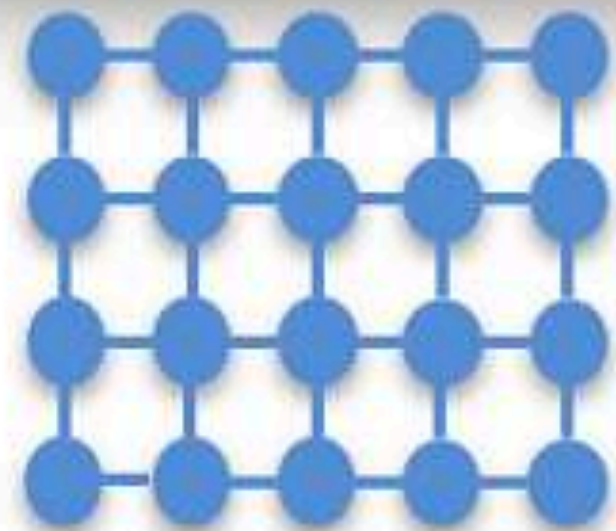
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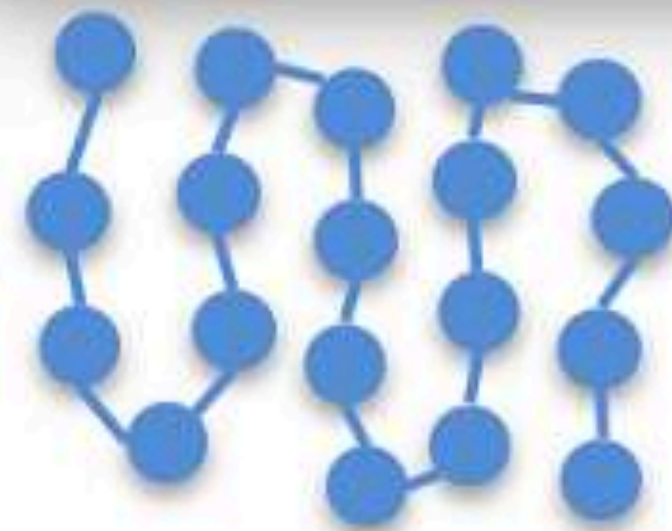
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EXPLORING THE PHASE OF MATTER

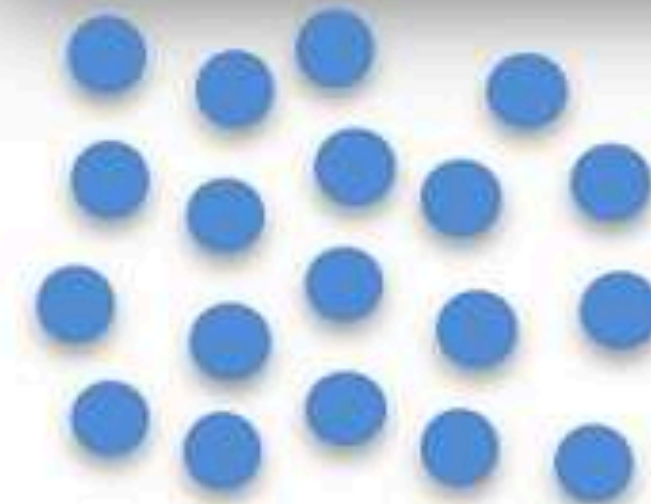
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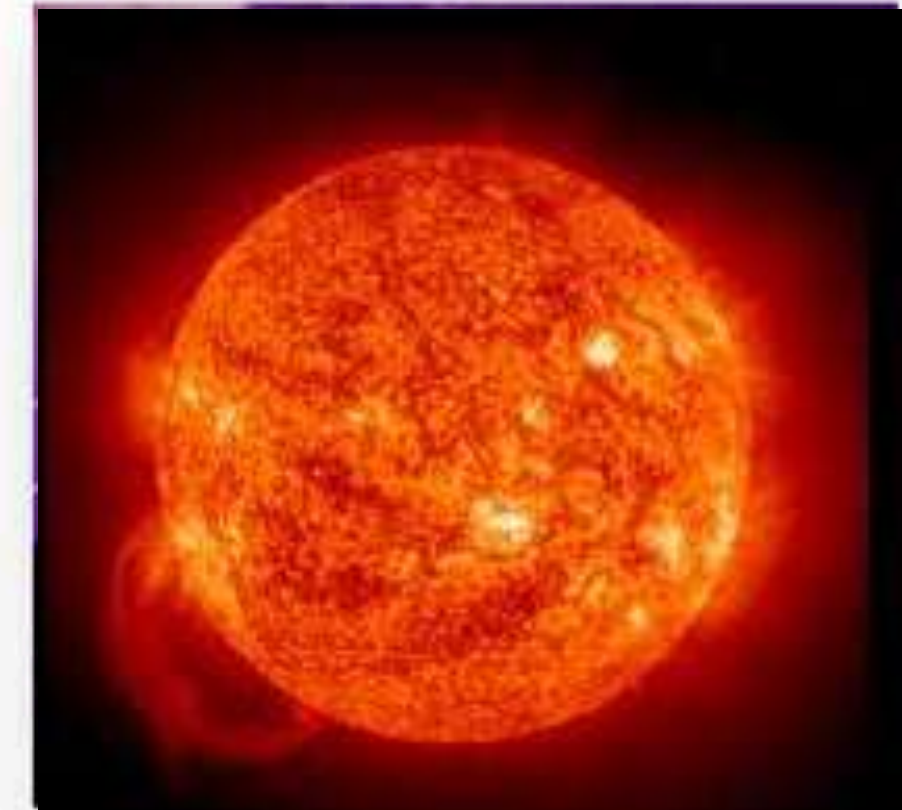
Liquid



Gas



Plasma

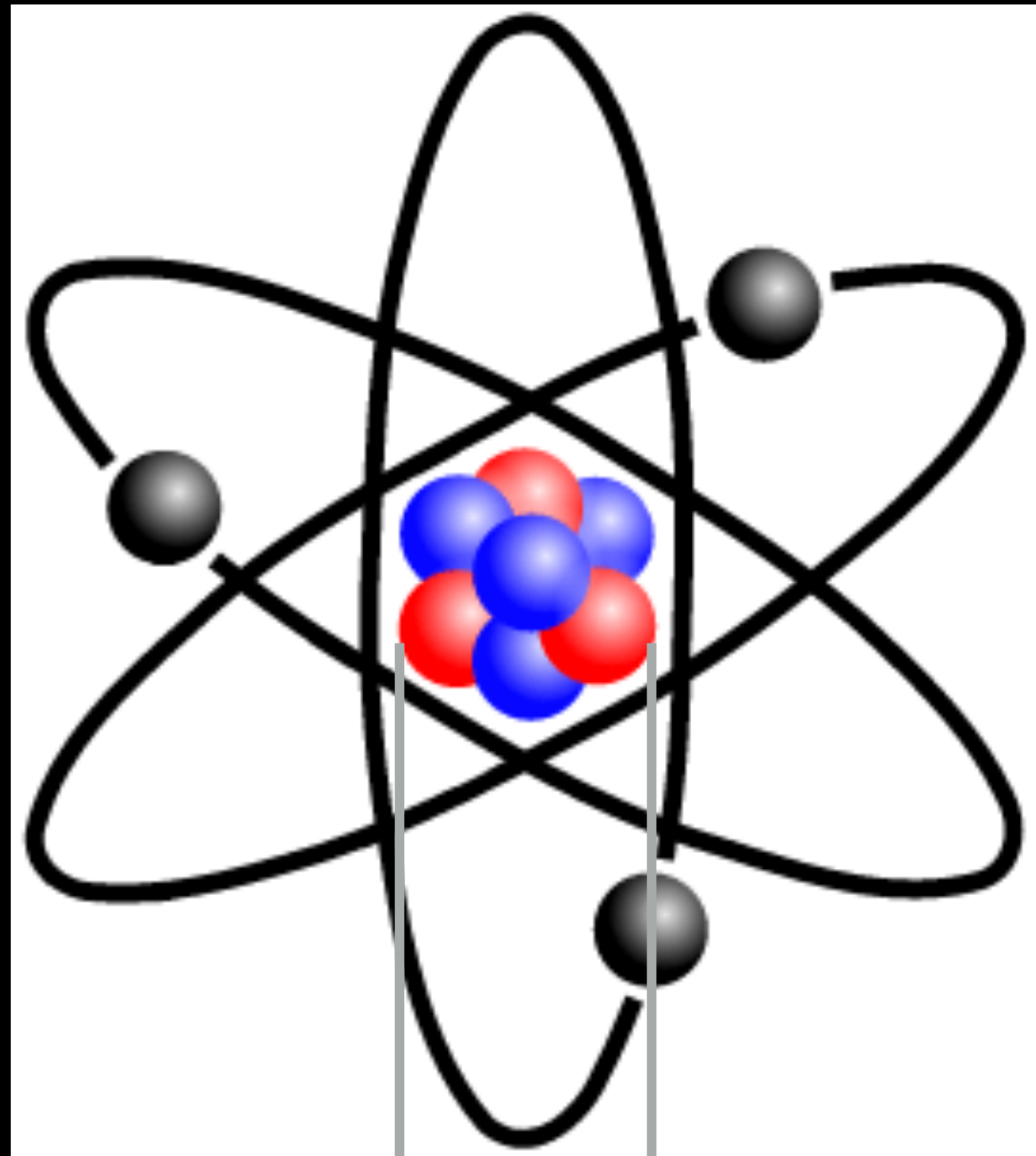


Temperature

$T \sim 10^5 - 10^7 \text{ K}$

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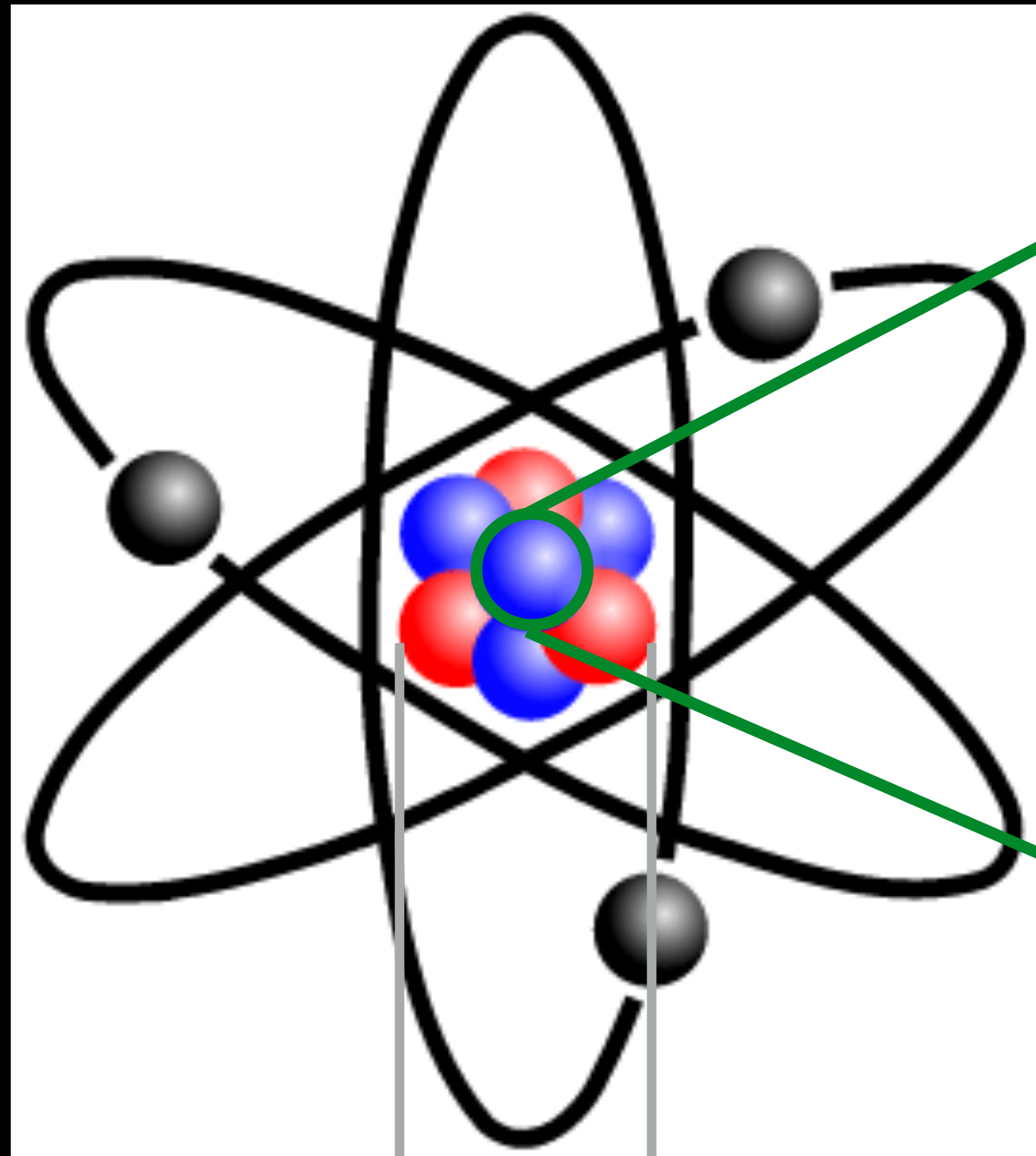
Nucleus
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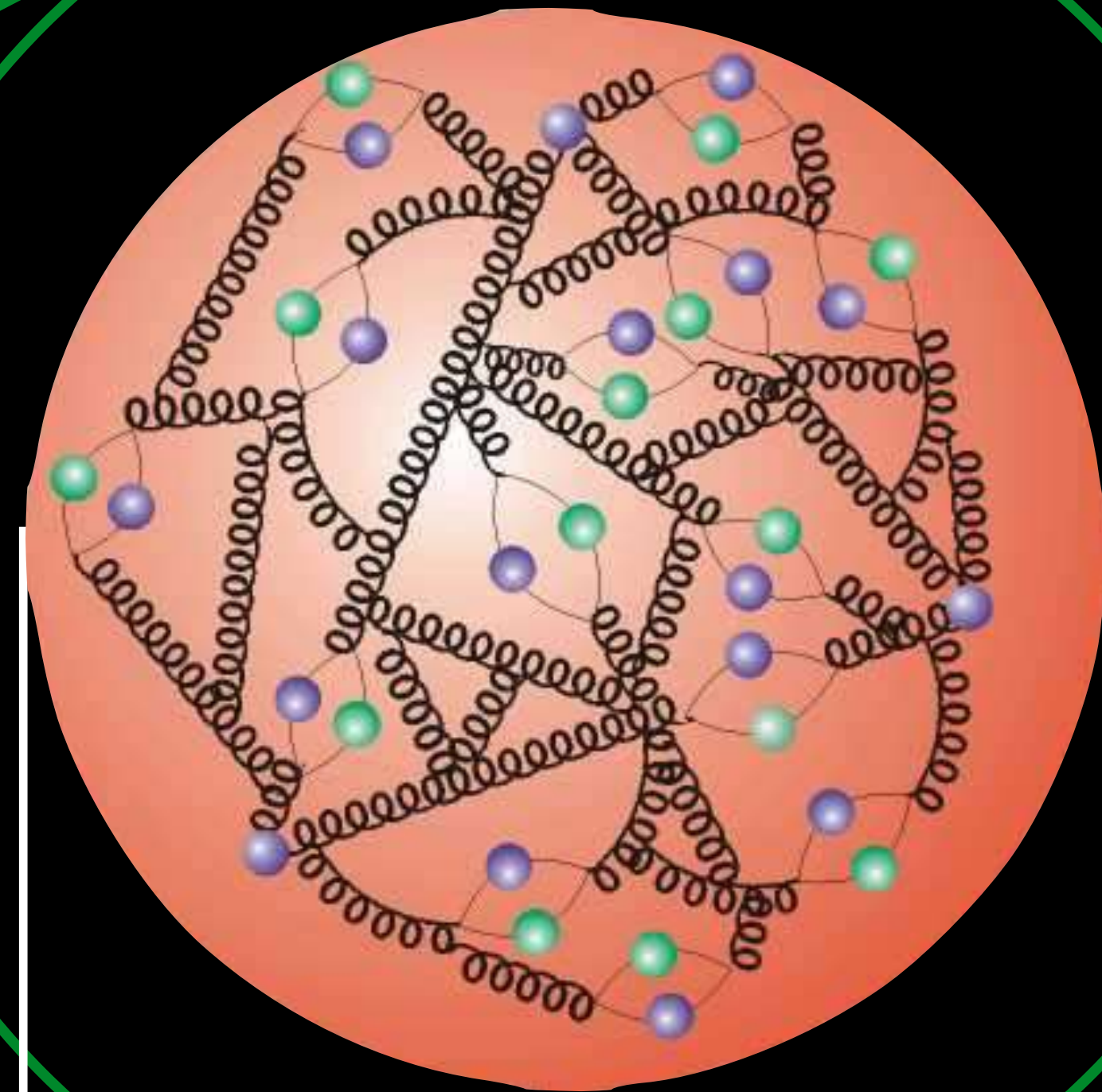
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EXPLORING THE PHASE OF MATTER

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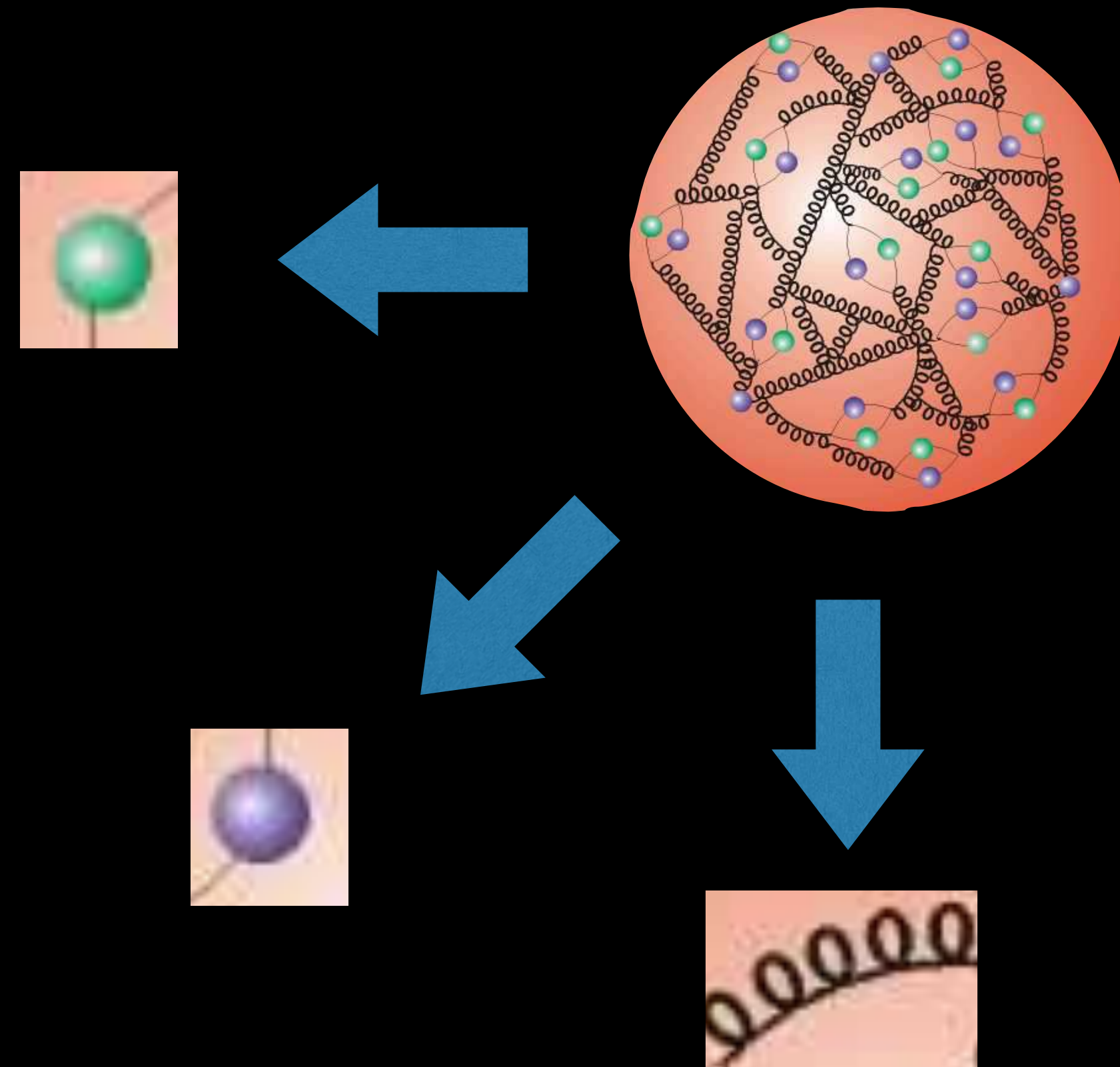


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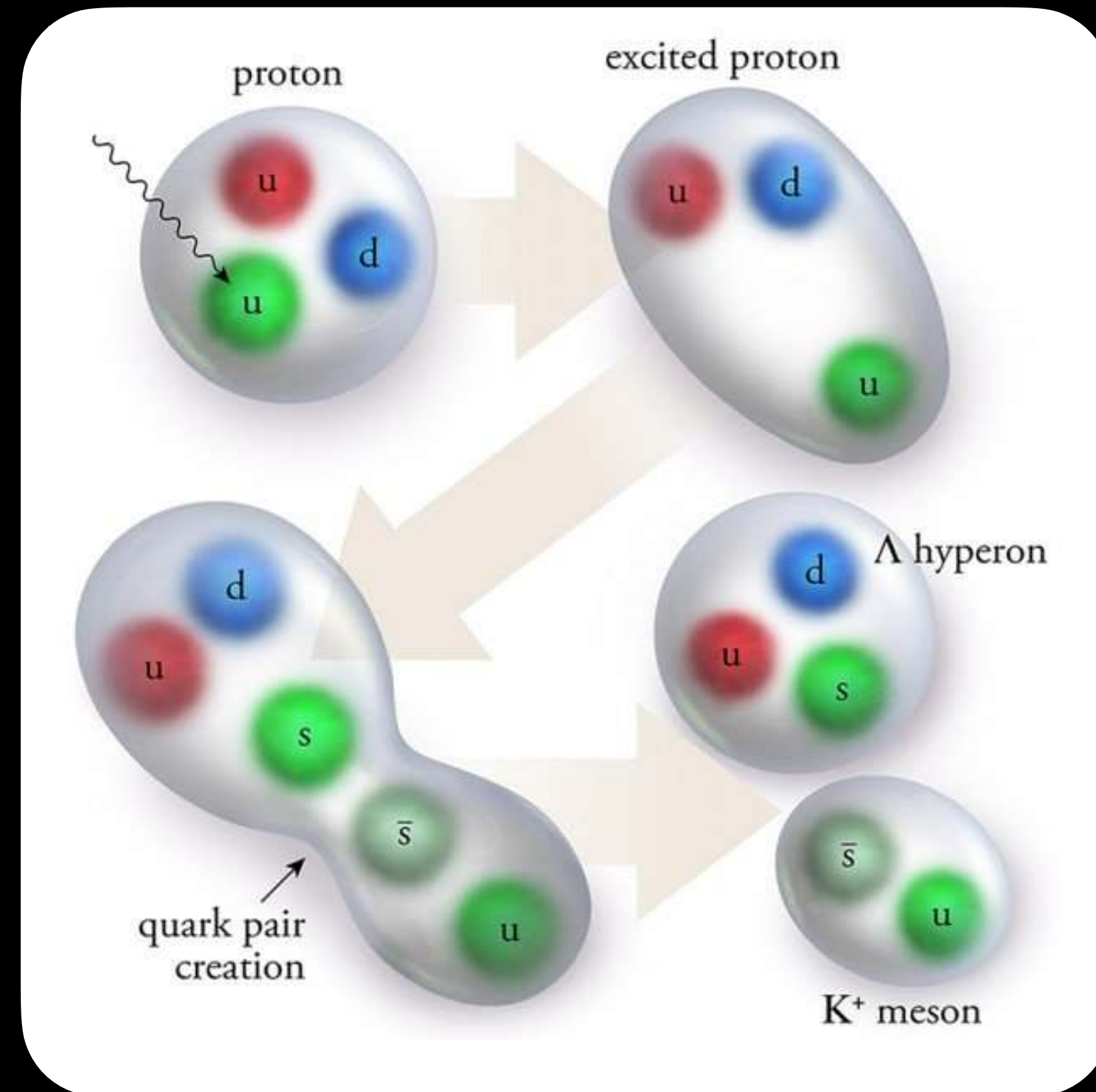
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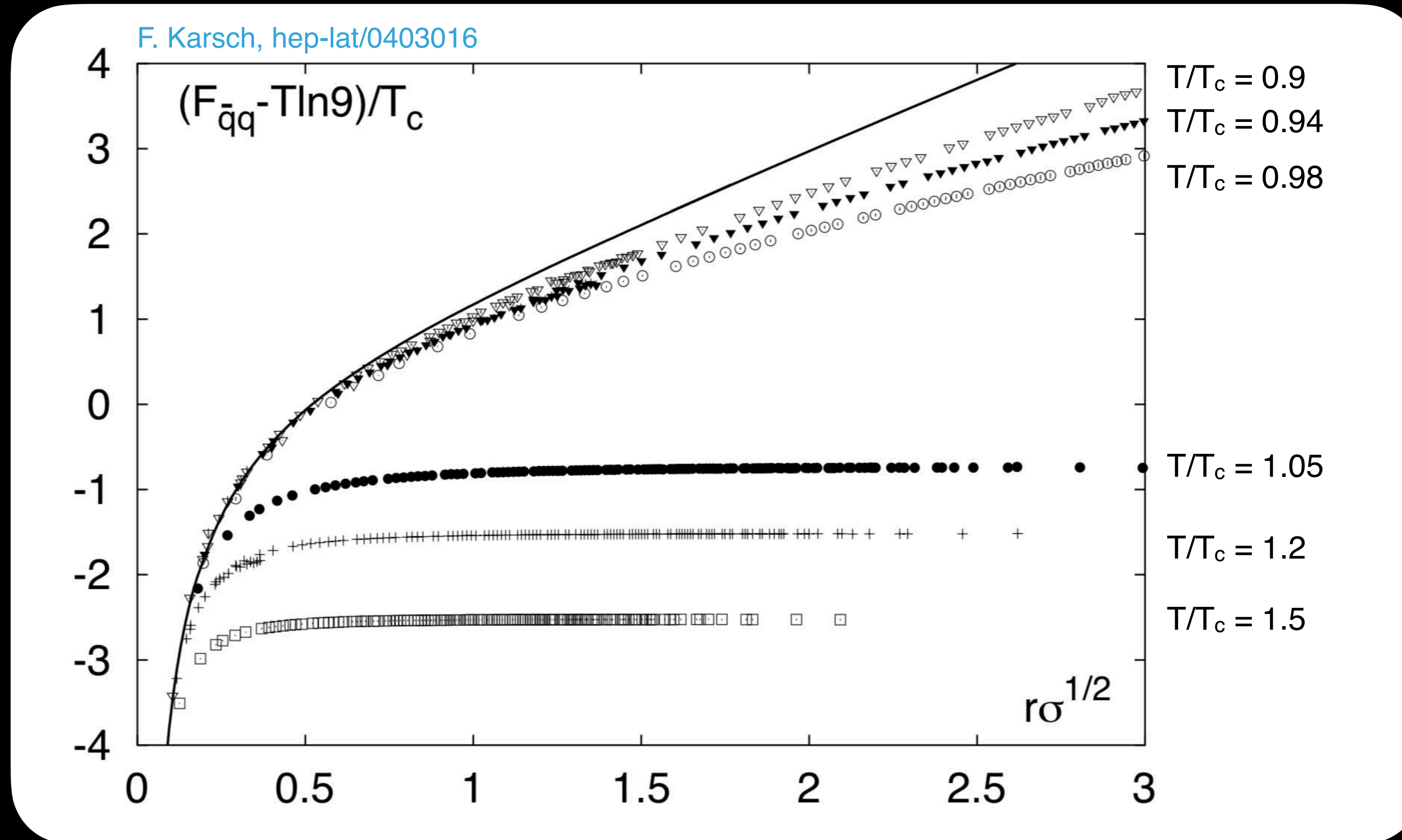
Strip off individual quarks and gluons?

EXPLORING THE PHASE OF MATTER



Impossible because of linearly increasing separation energy

COLOR SCREENING AT HIGH TEMPERATURE



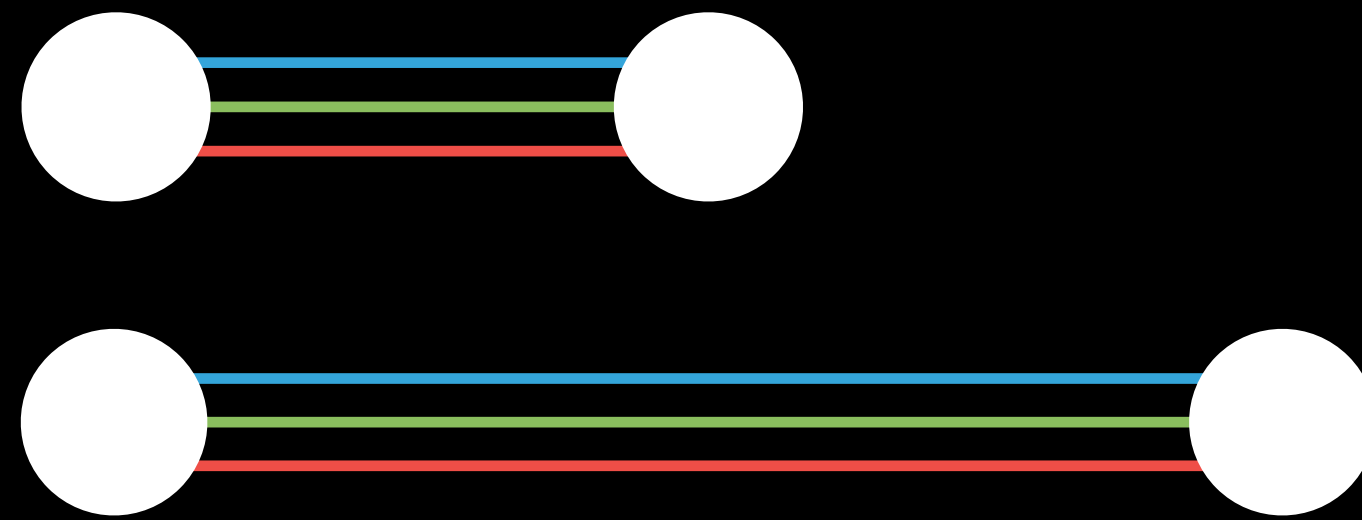
- The color averaged heavy quark free energy

Full (2+1) flavor results in Phys. Rev. D 98, 054511 (2018)

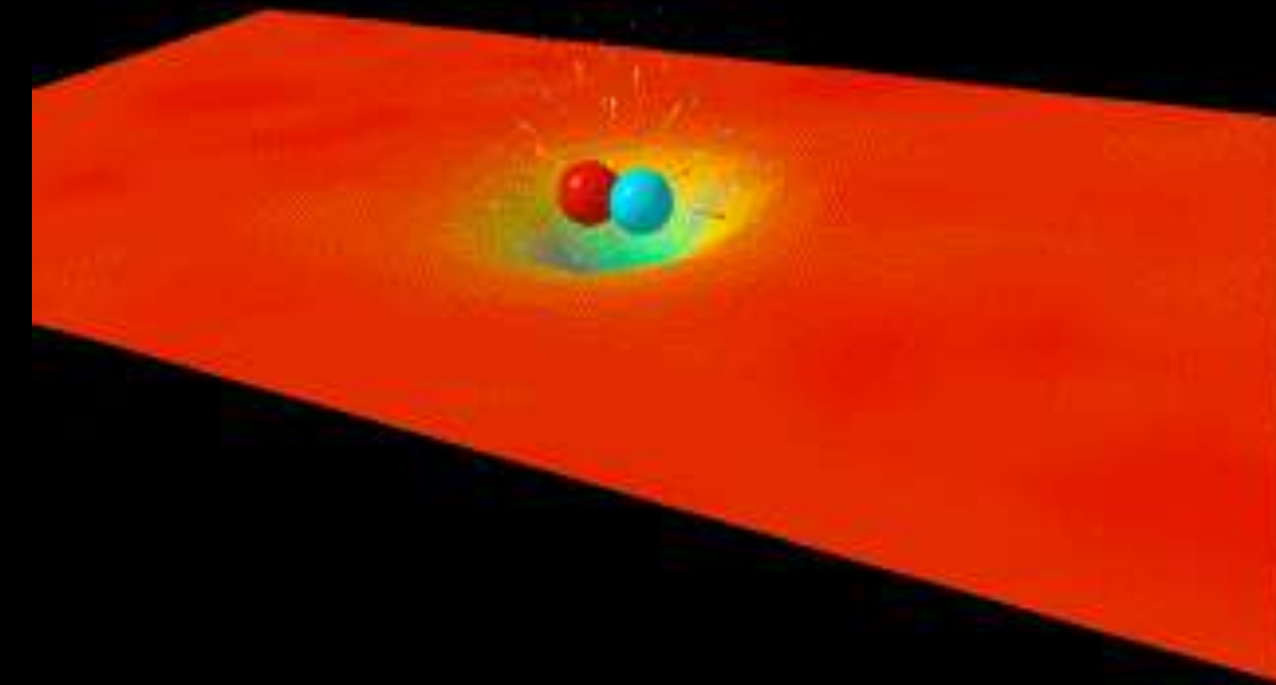
$$\phi^a = t^a \frac{\alpha_s}{r} e^{-\mu r}$$

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

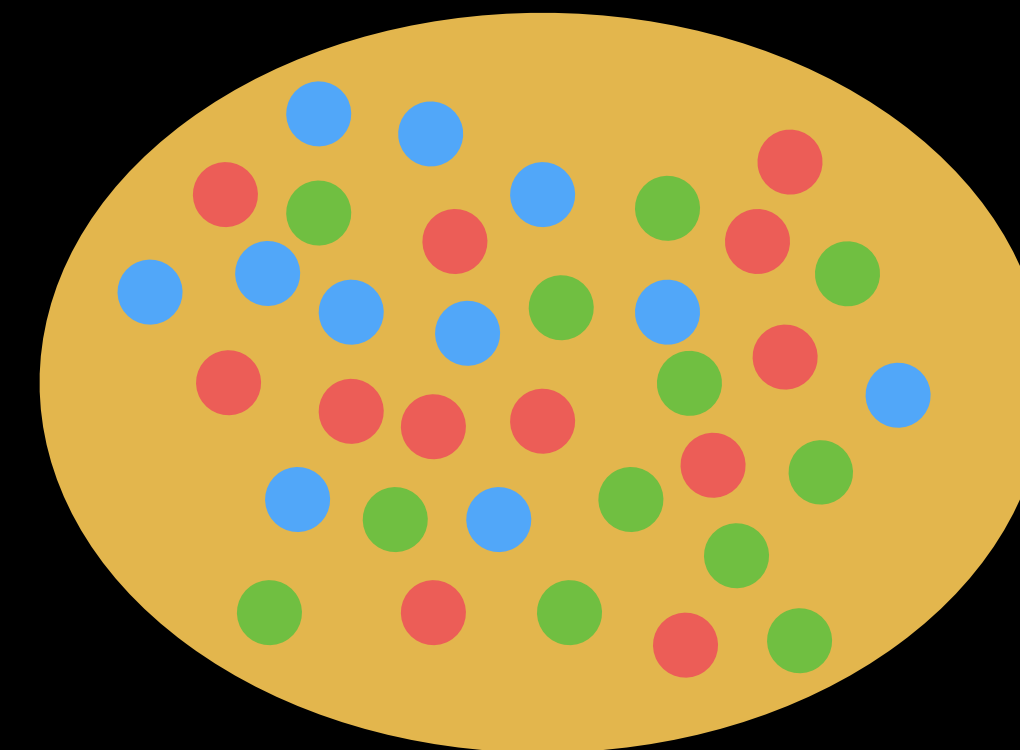
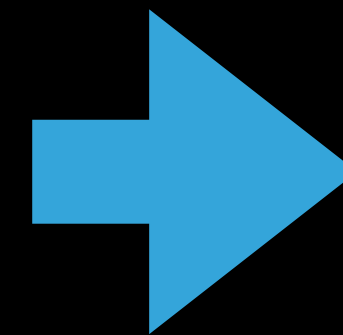
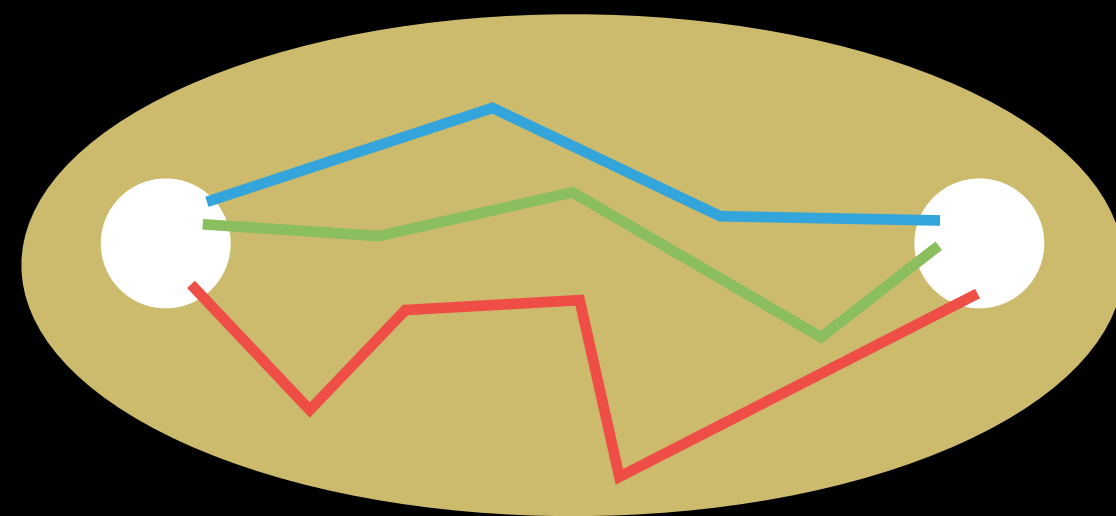
Low temperature: color flux tube extends



<http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/theory/staff/leinweber/VisualQCD/Nobel/>



At high temperature

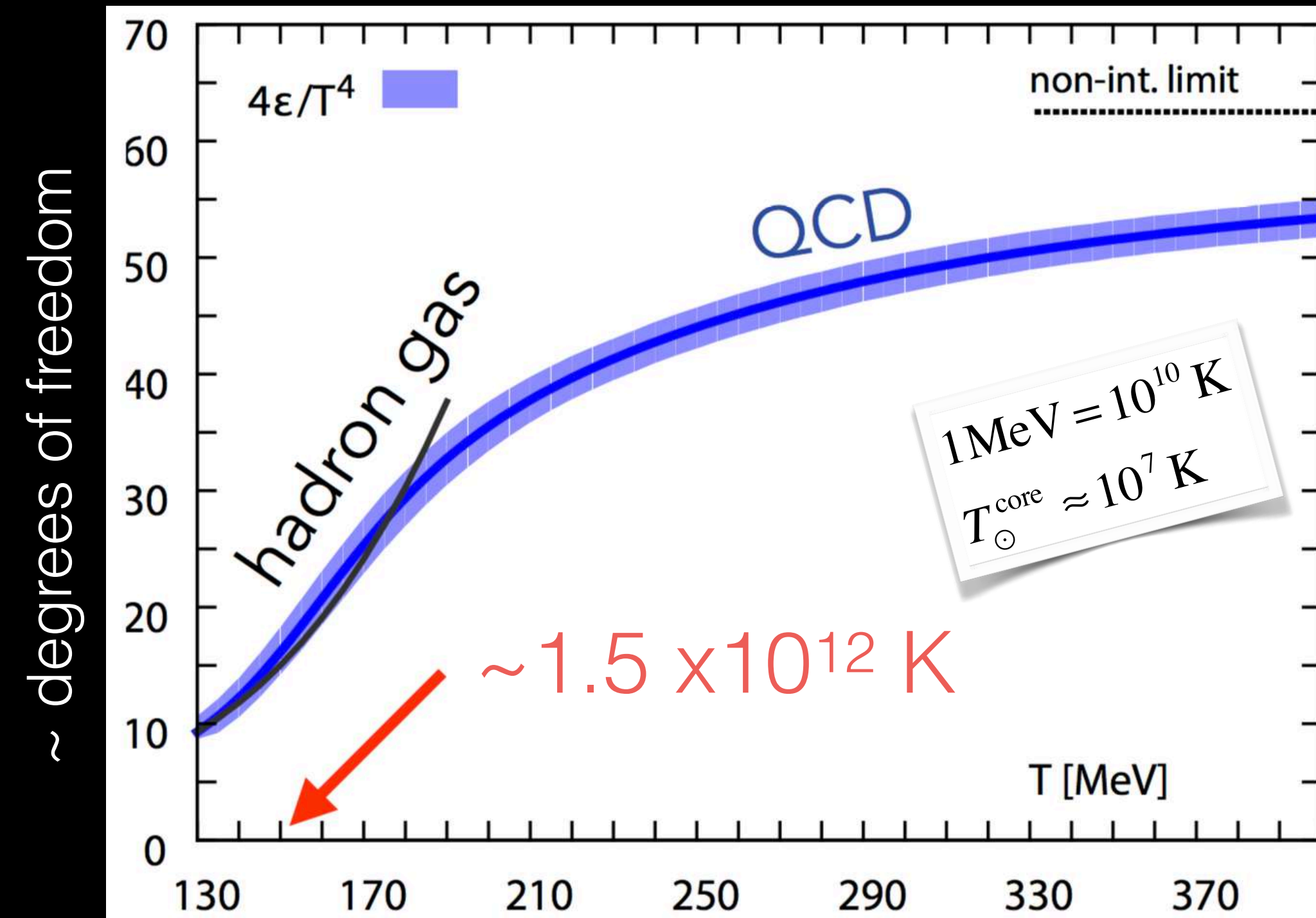


The color fields are screened;
Randomly kicked by thermal particles

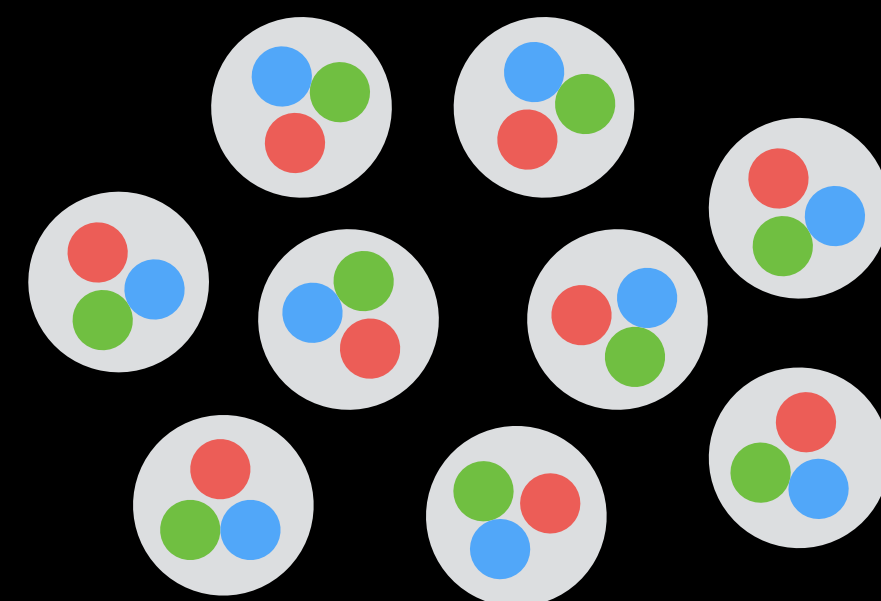
MATTER IN EXTREME CONDITIONS

HotQCD Collaboration, Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) 094503

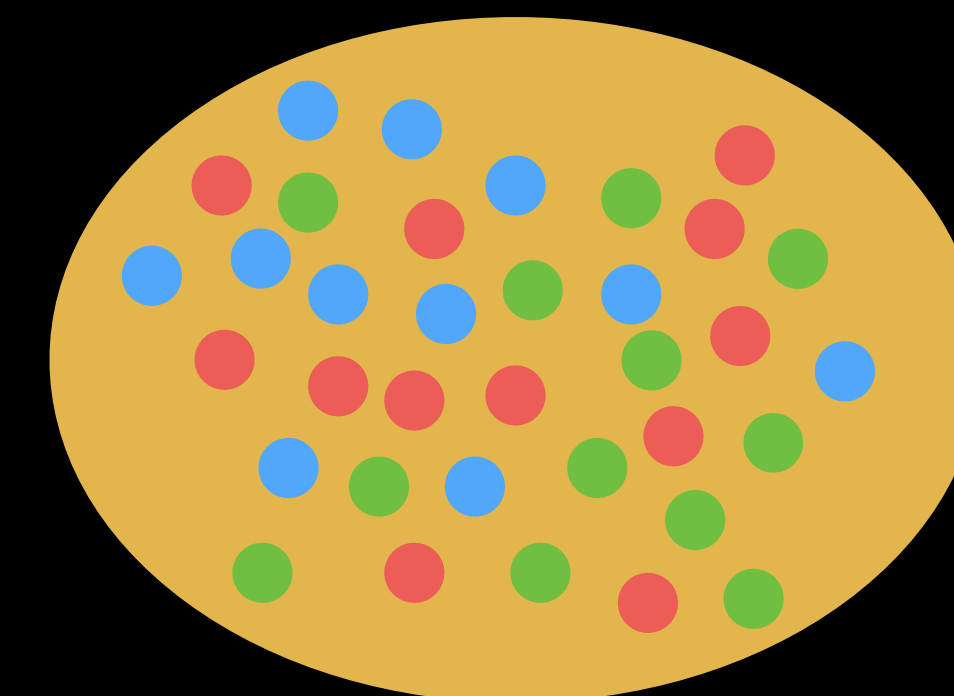
Quantum Chromo-Dynamics (QCD) predicts crossover to a system of liberated quarks and gluons above a temperature of ~ 2 trillion degrees



Quark-Gluon Plasma



$P \sim 10^{30} \text{ atm}$



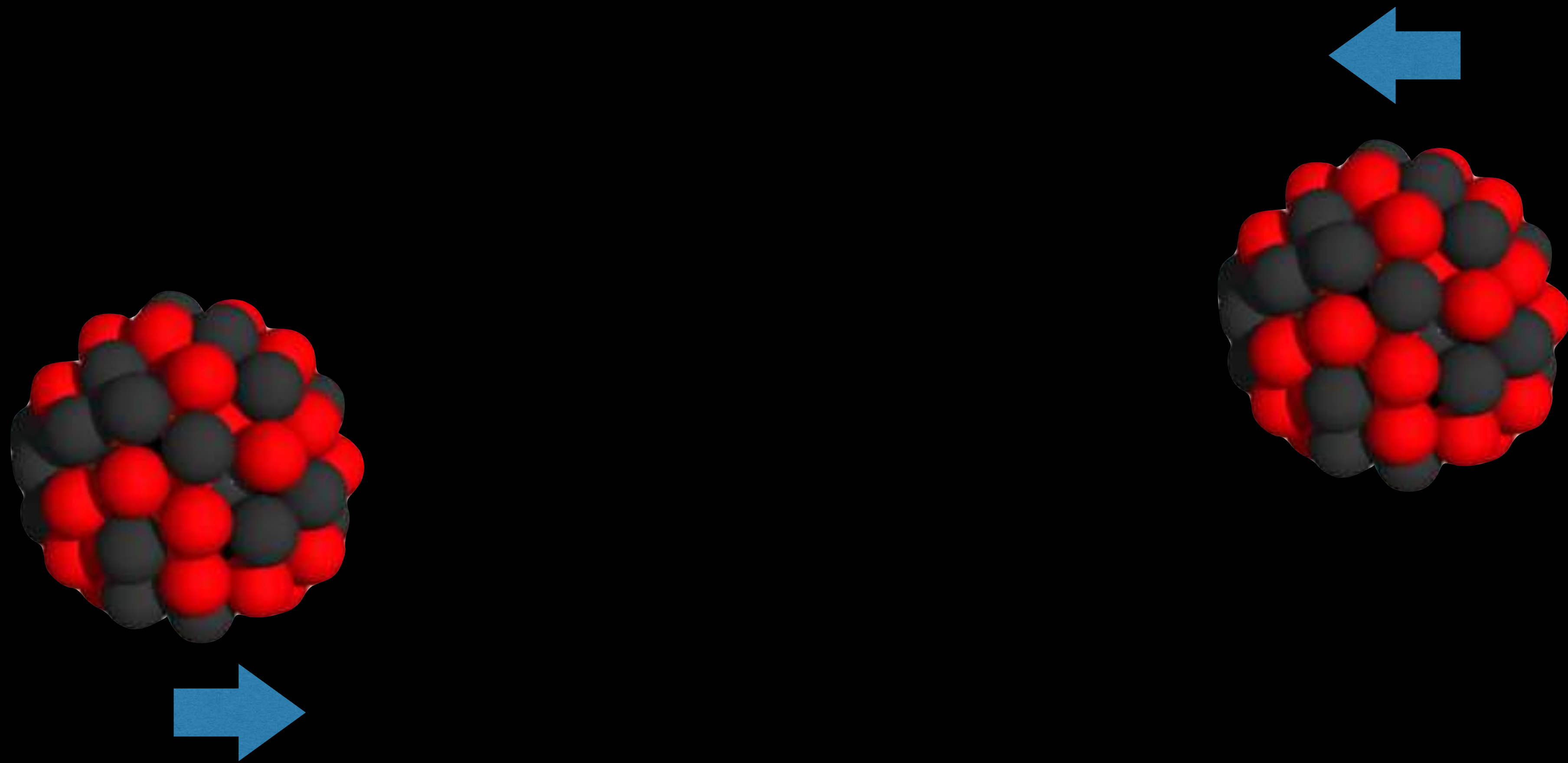
HOW TO ACHIEVE TRILLION DEGREE TEMPERATURE?

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Lab

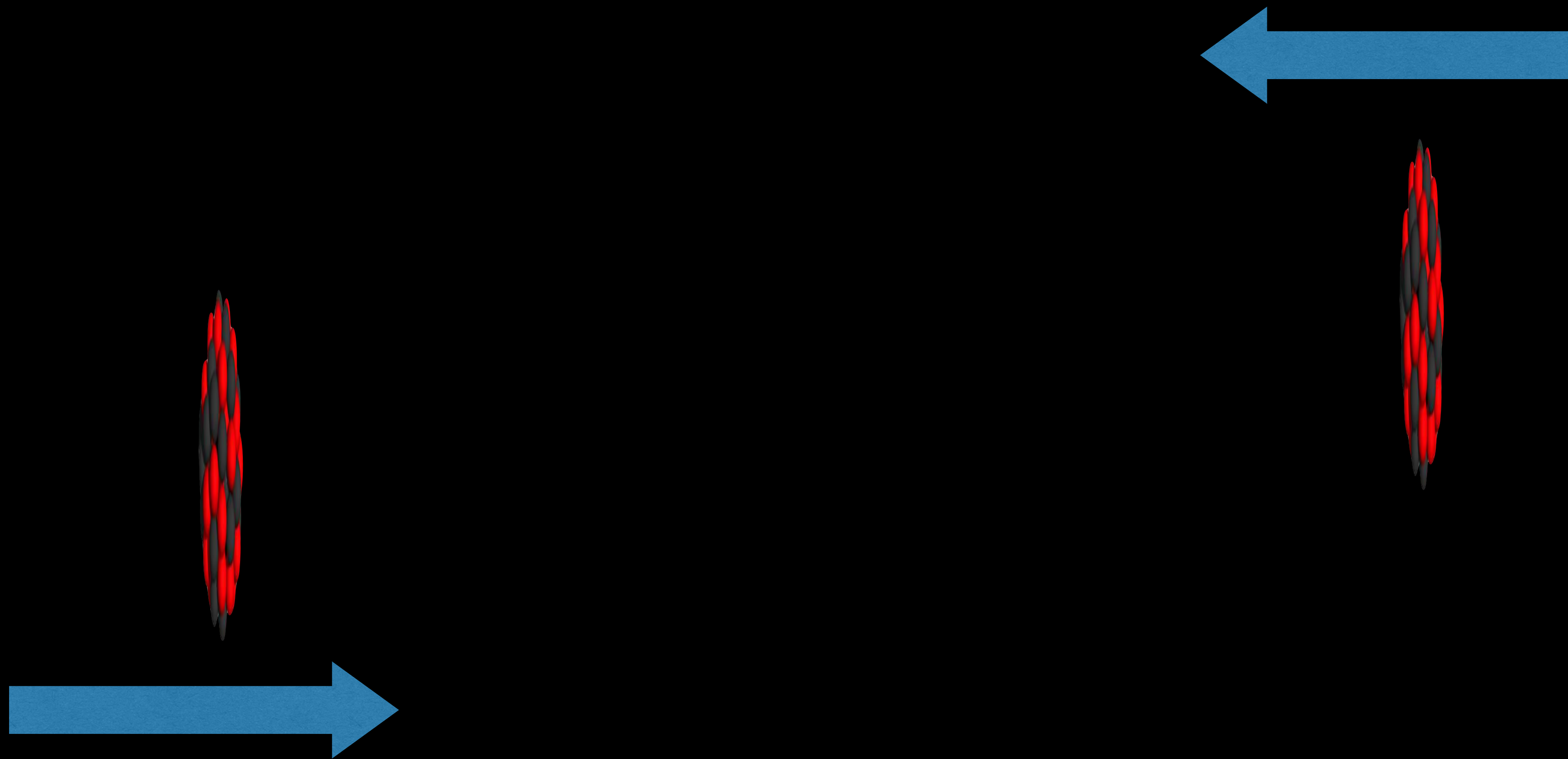
Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN



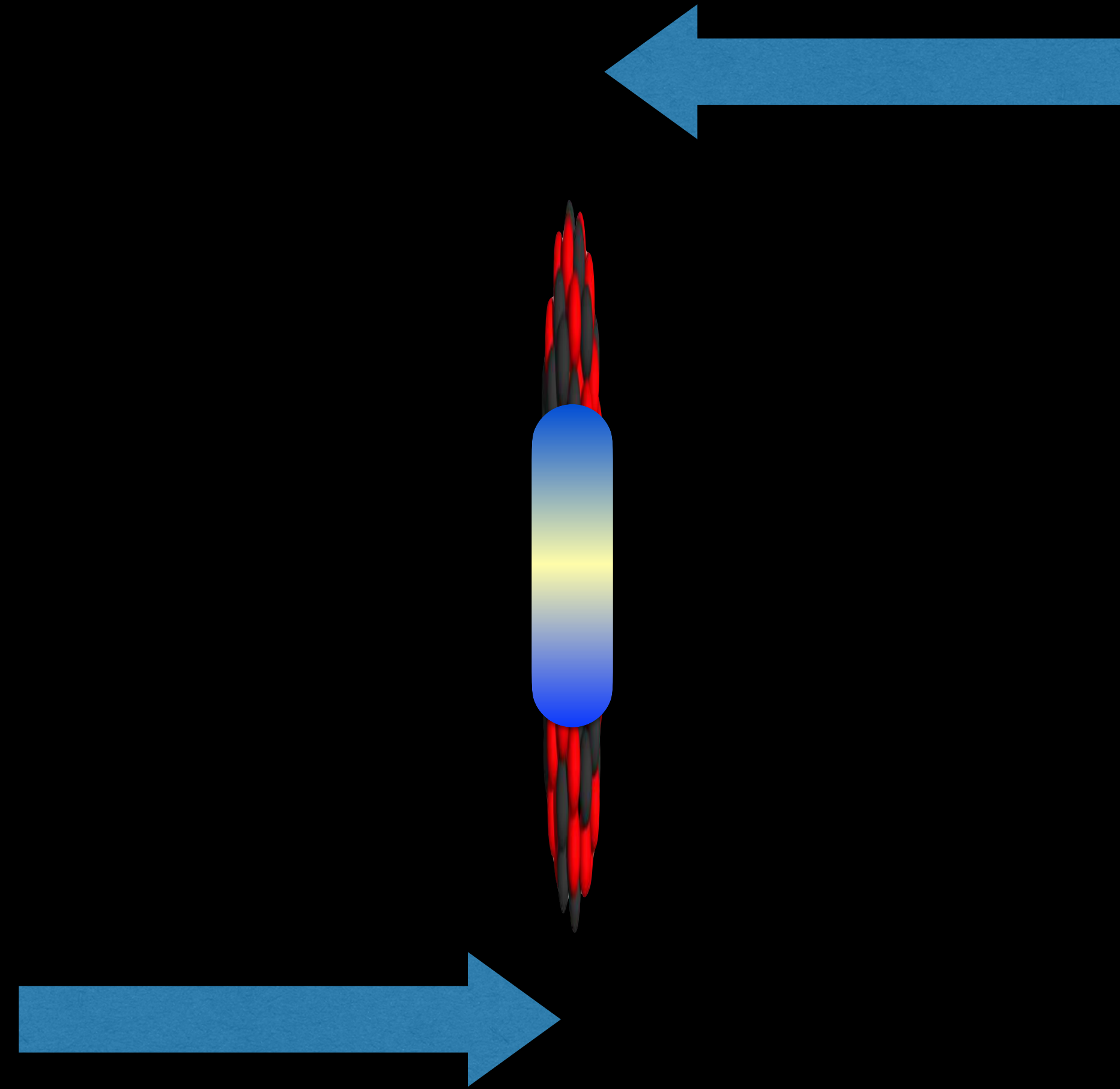
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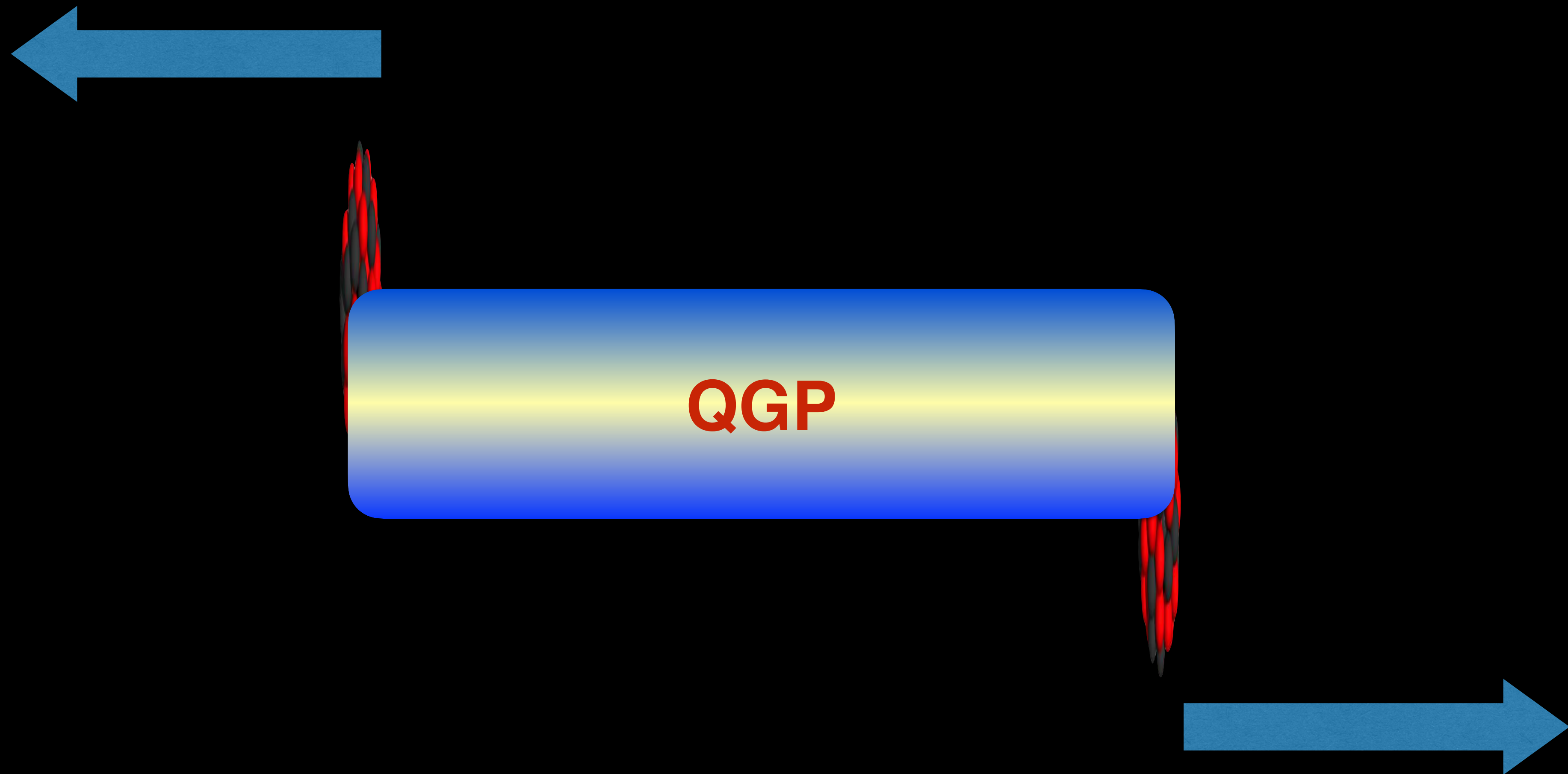
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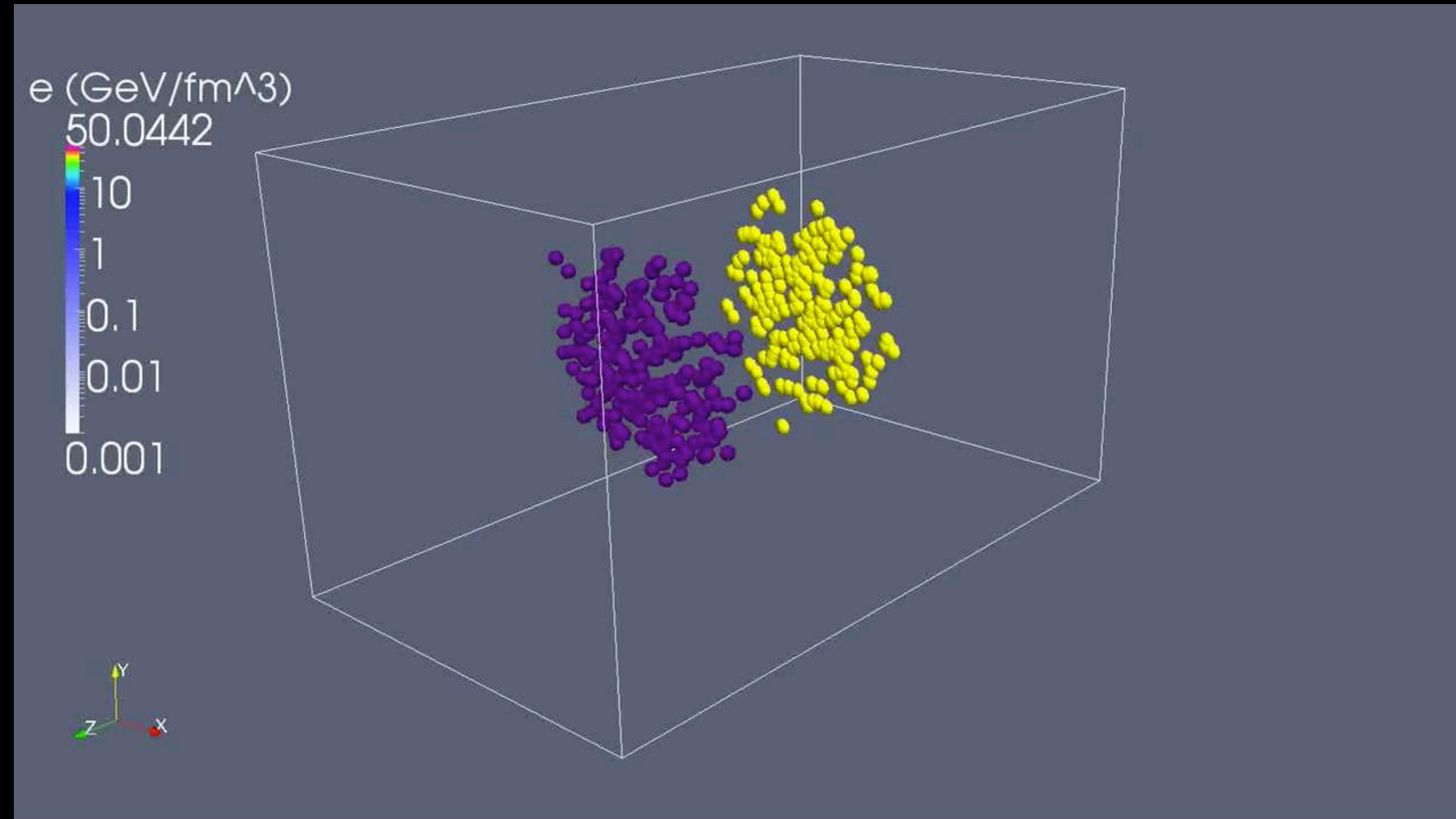
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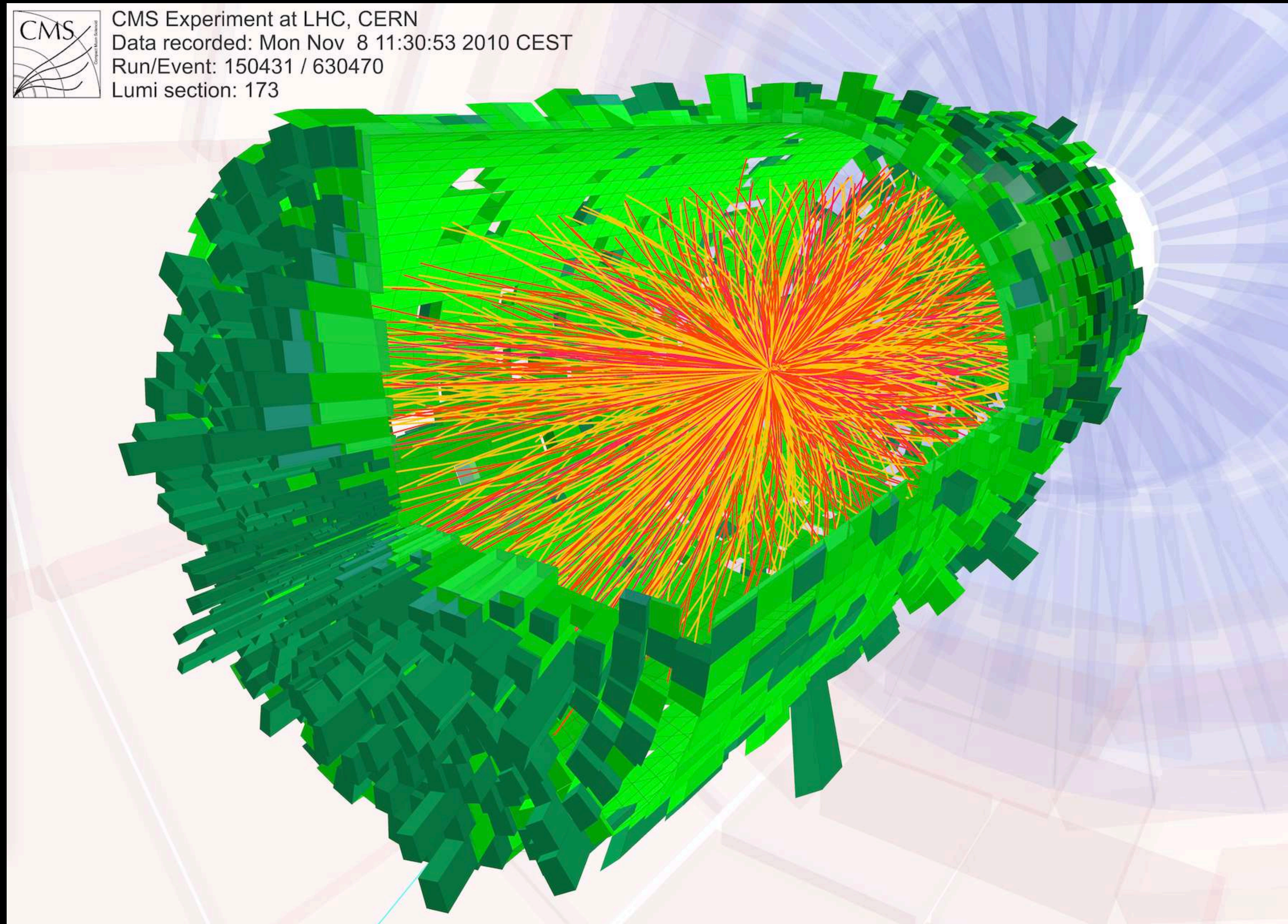


A “LITTLE BANG”

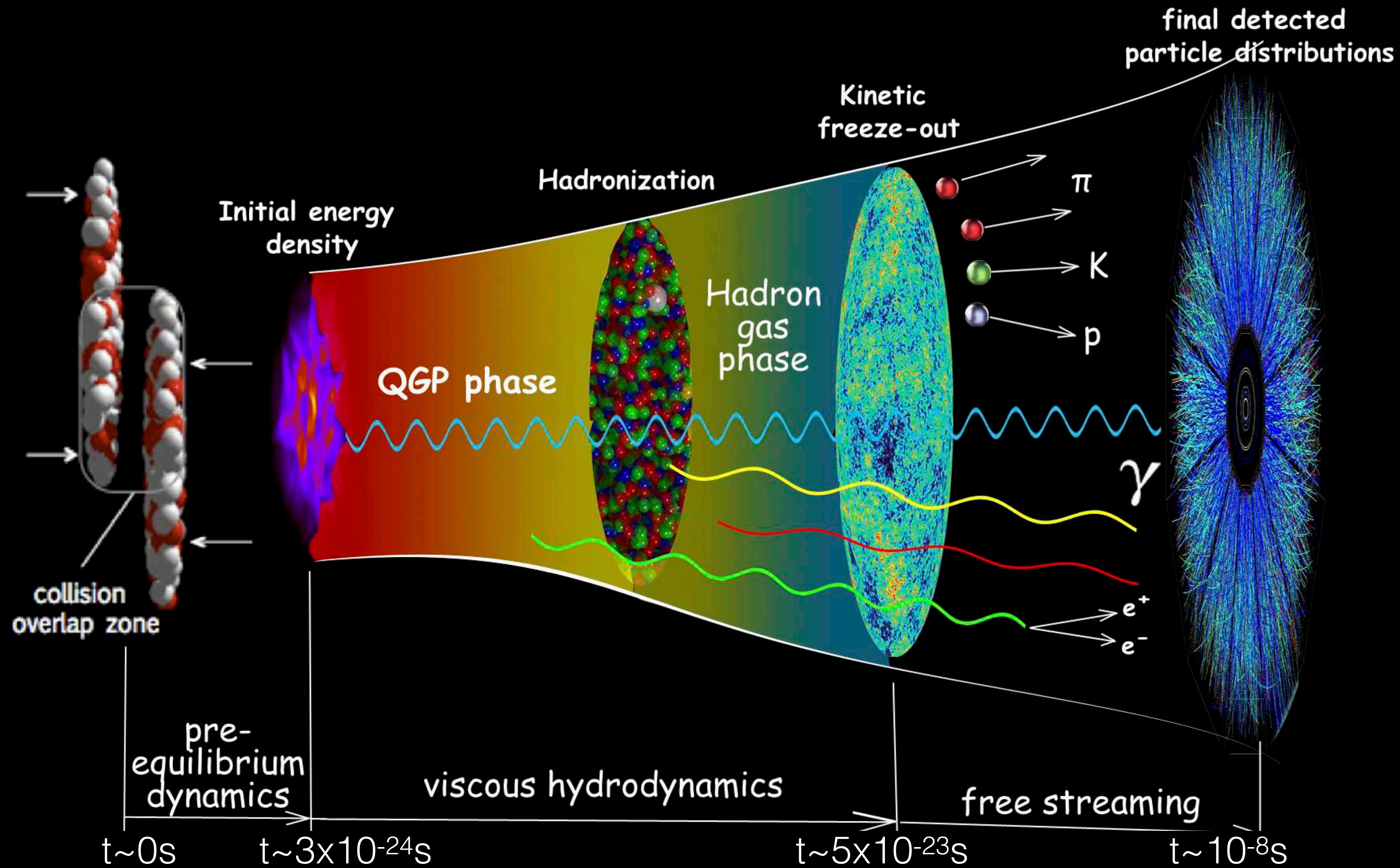


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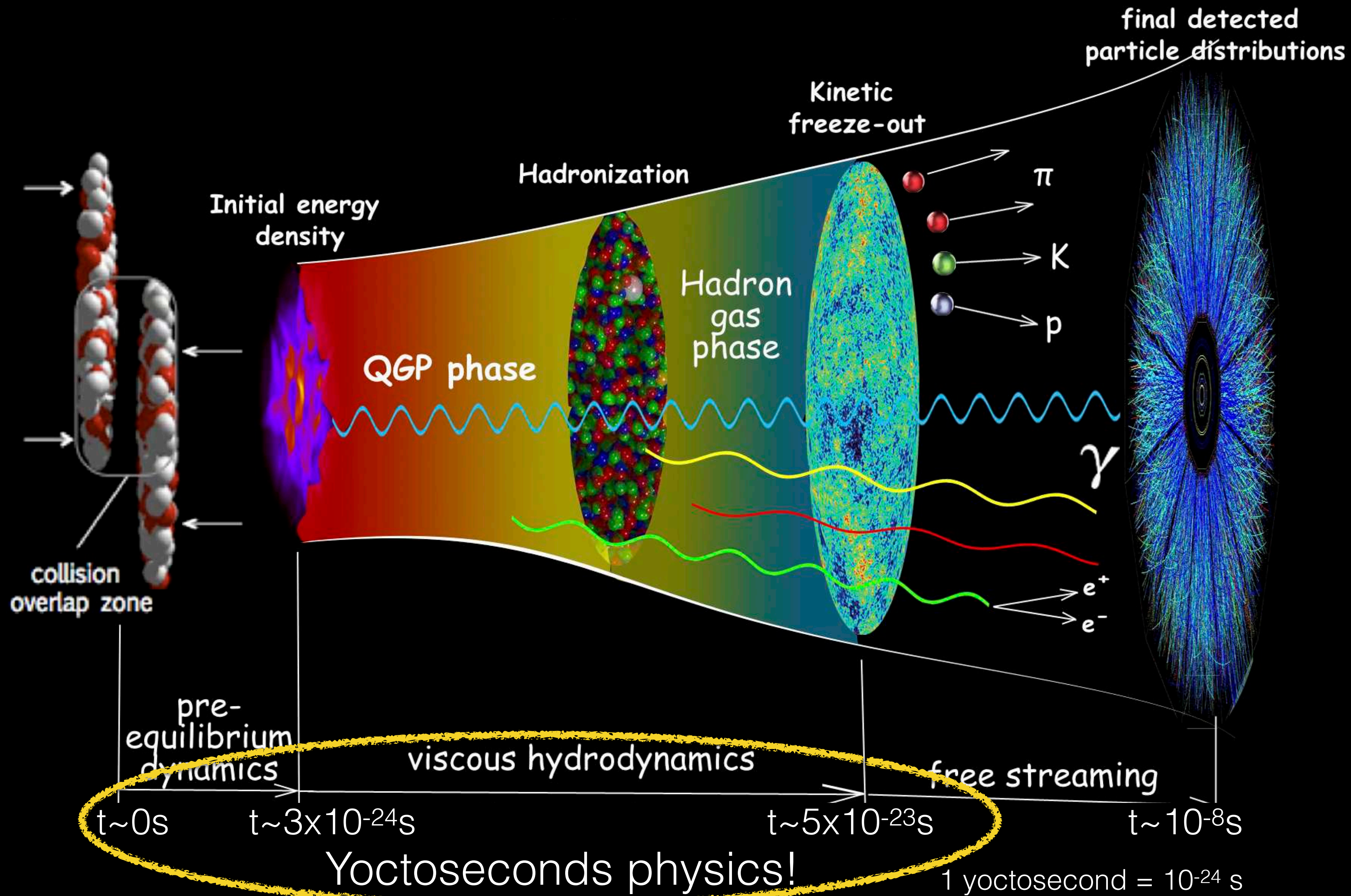
A PB+PB COLLISION AT THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER



RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

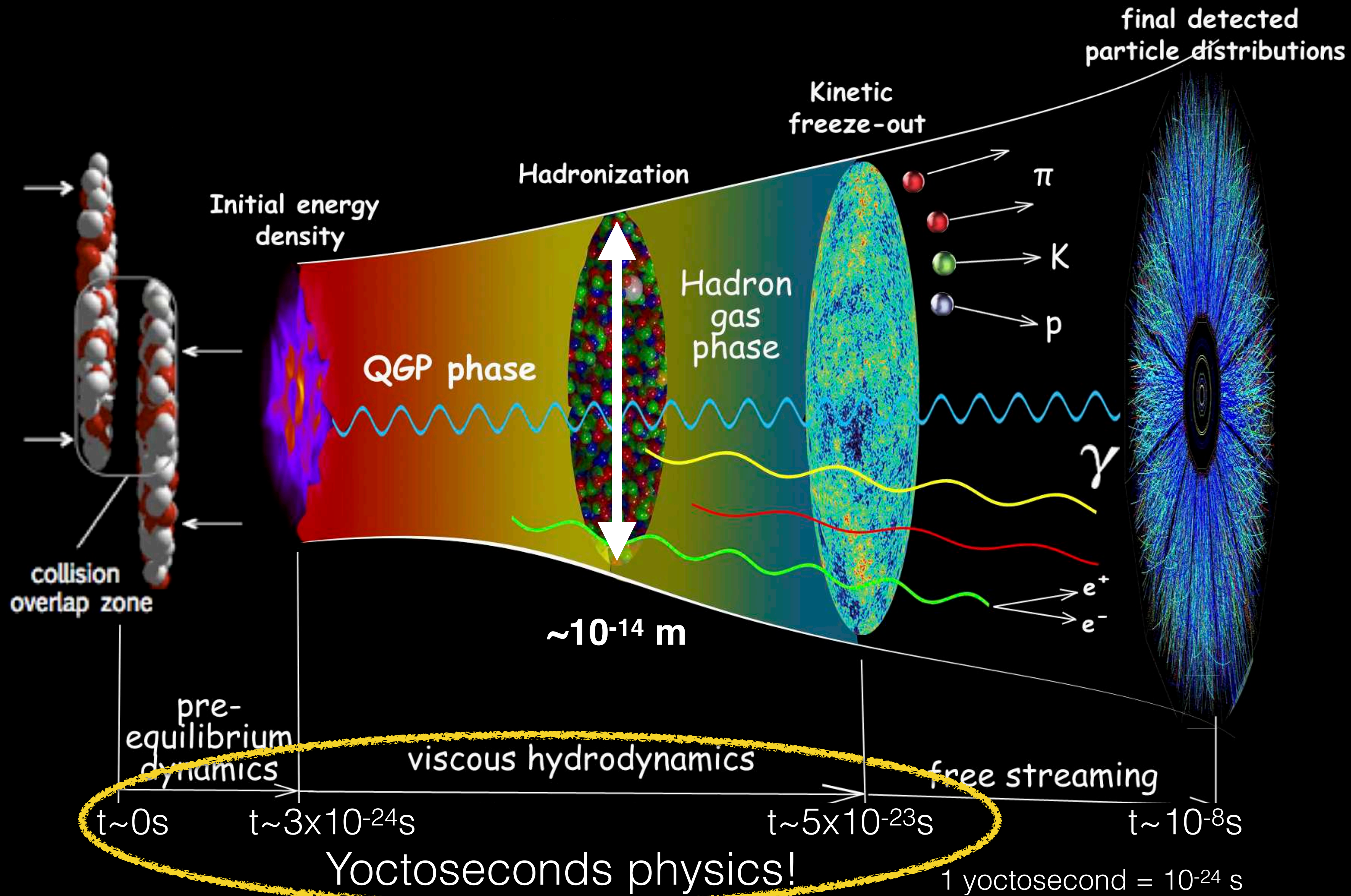


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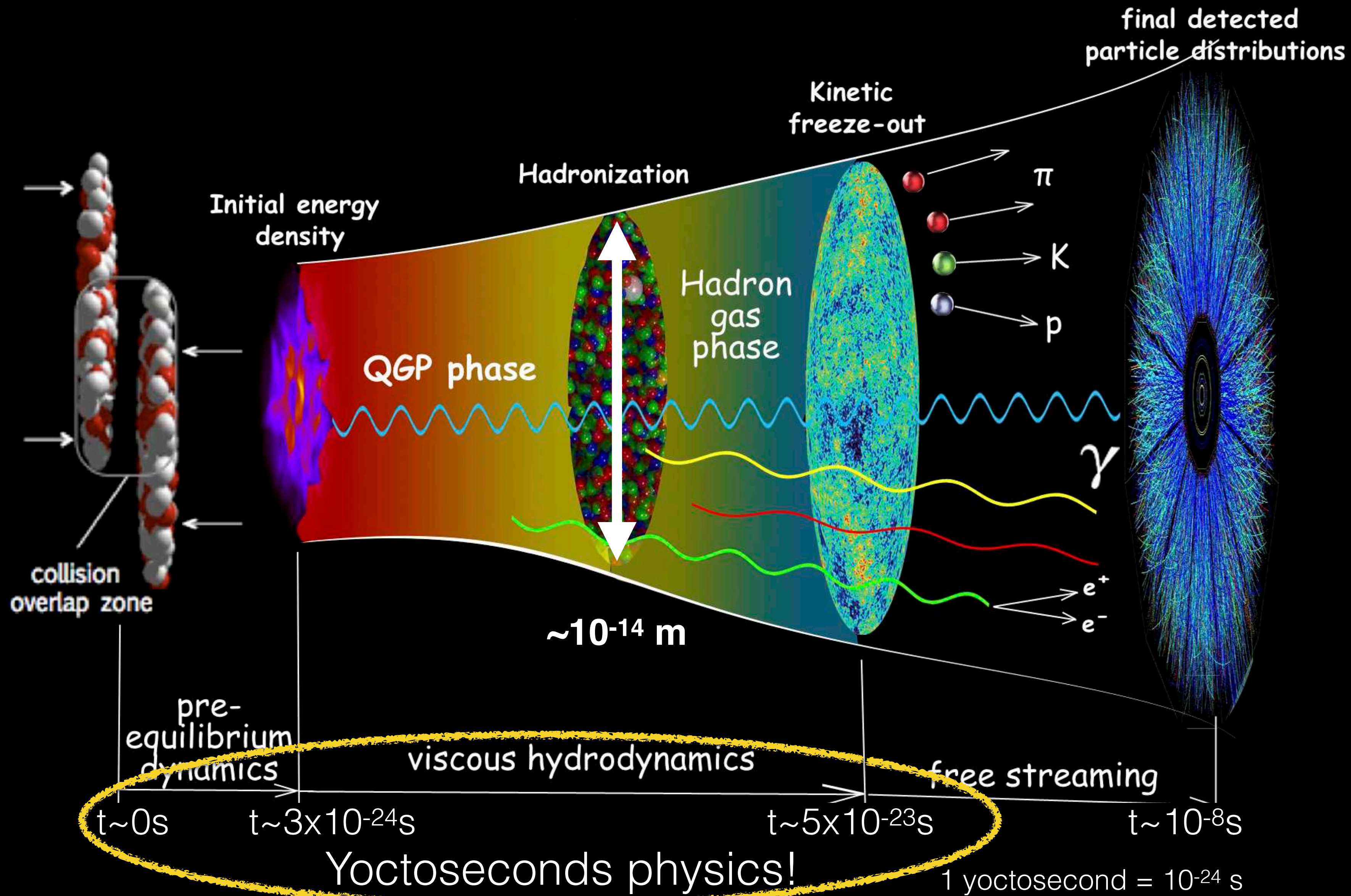
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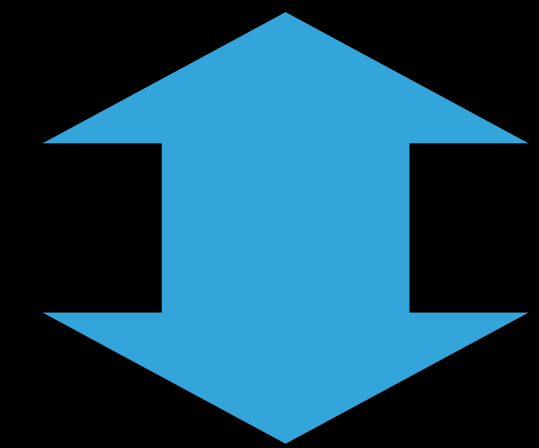
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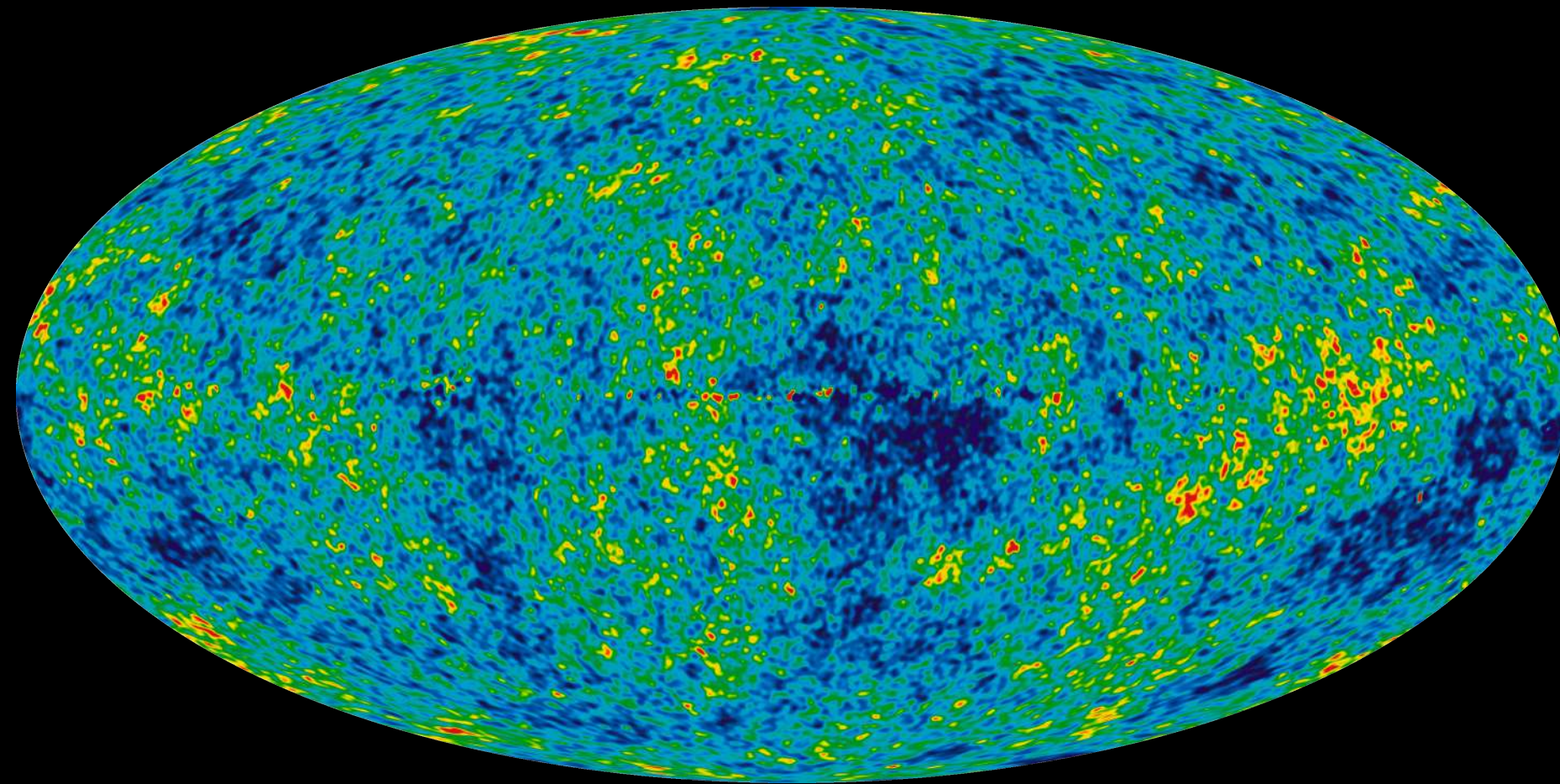
A variety of particles are emitted from the collisions



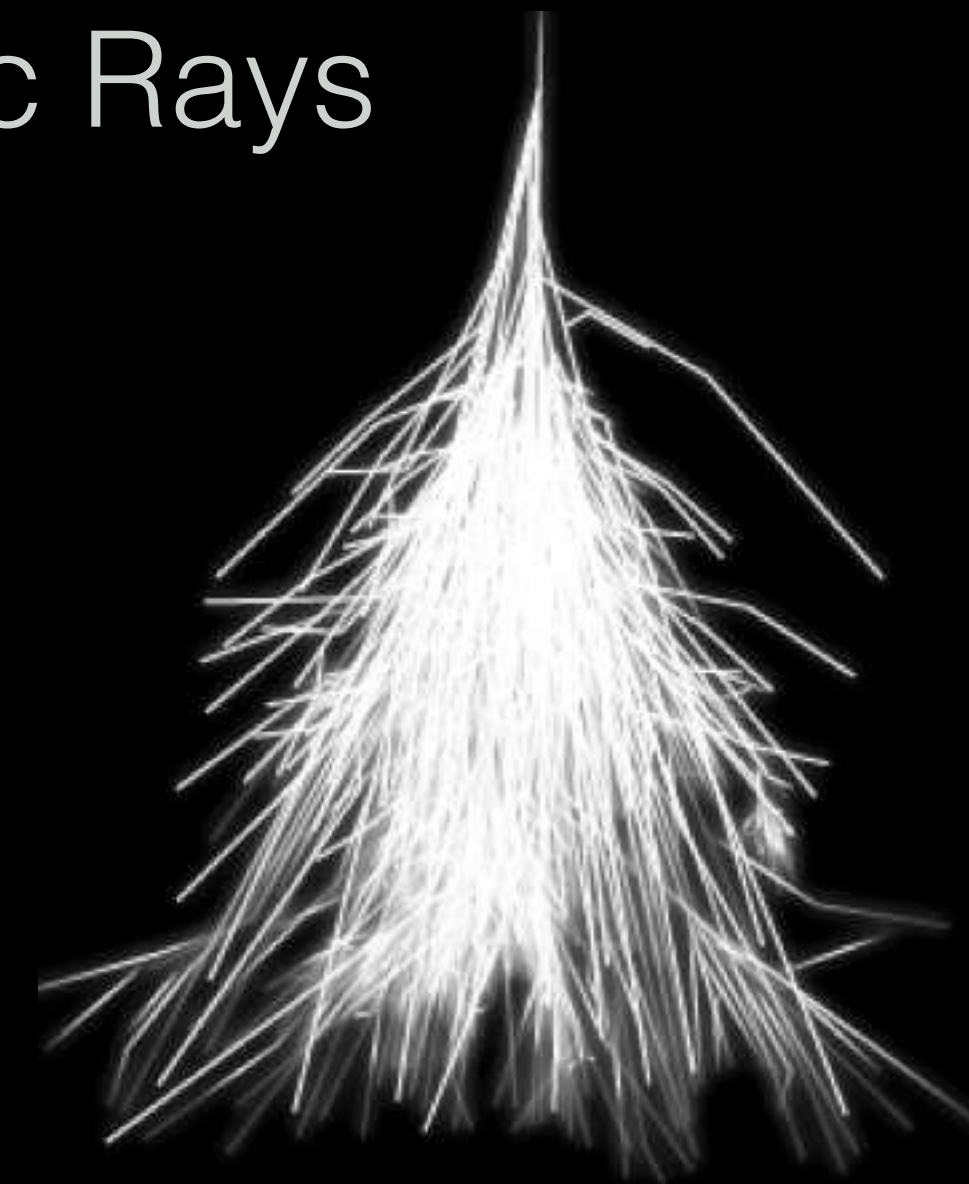
Multi-messenger nature of heavy-ion physics

MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

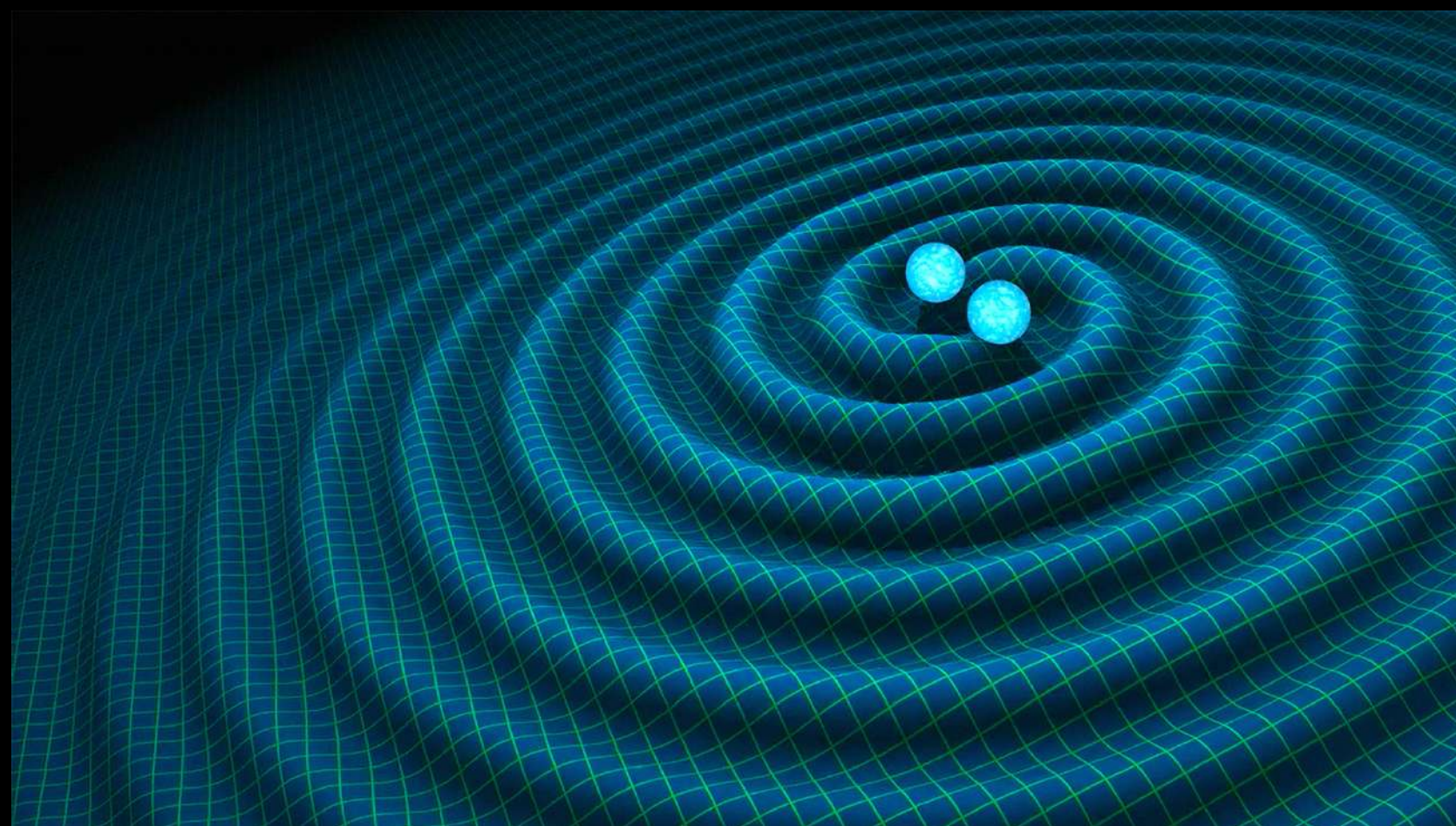
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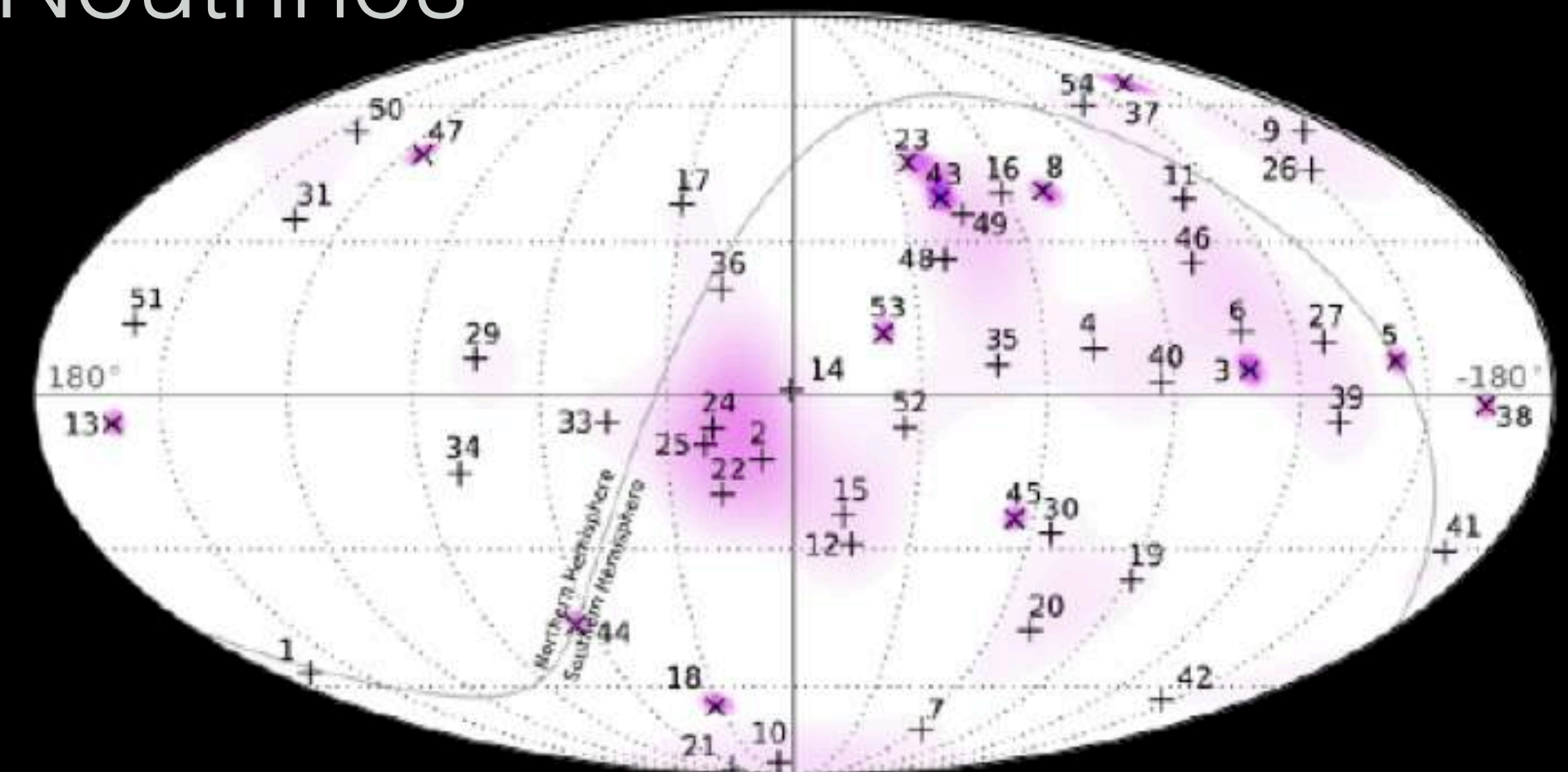
Cosmic Rays



Gravitational Waves

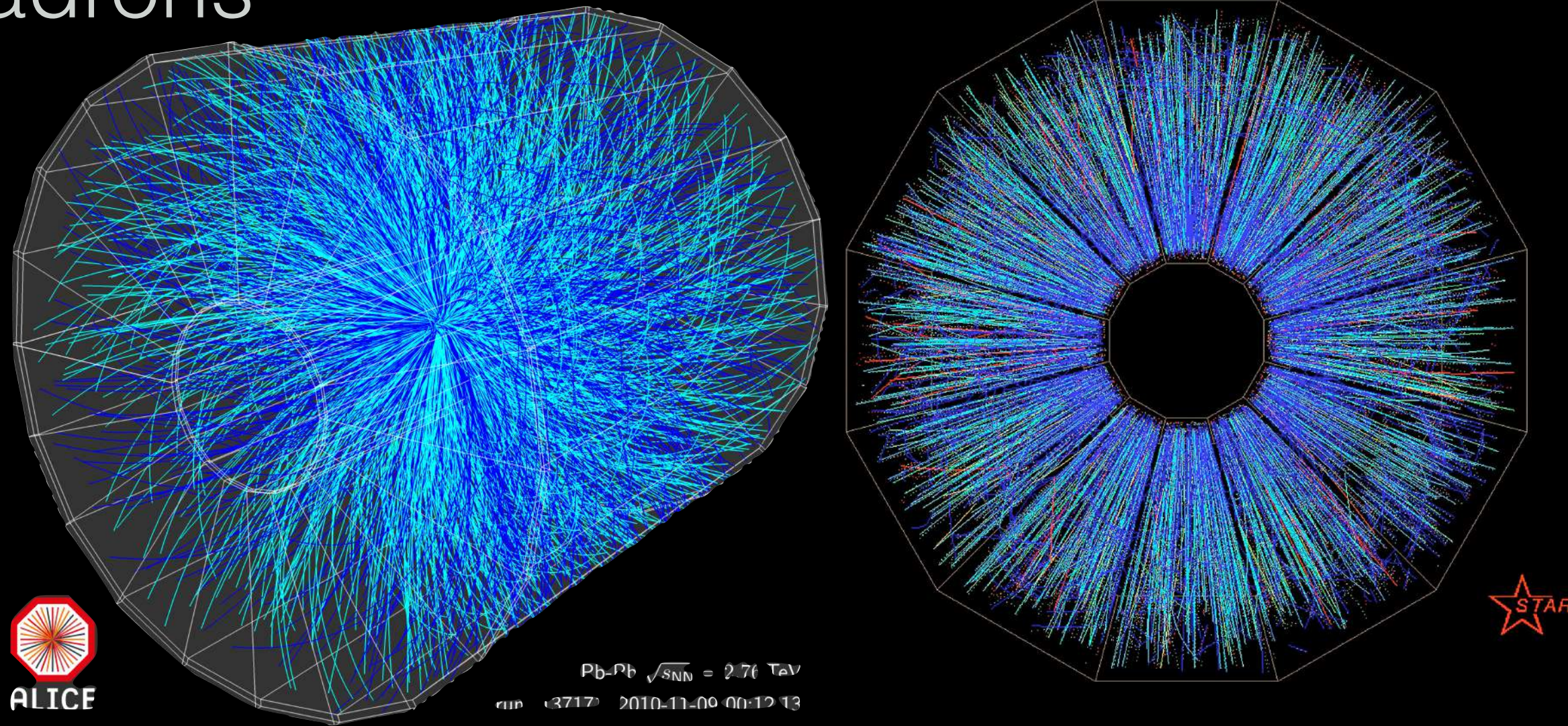


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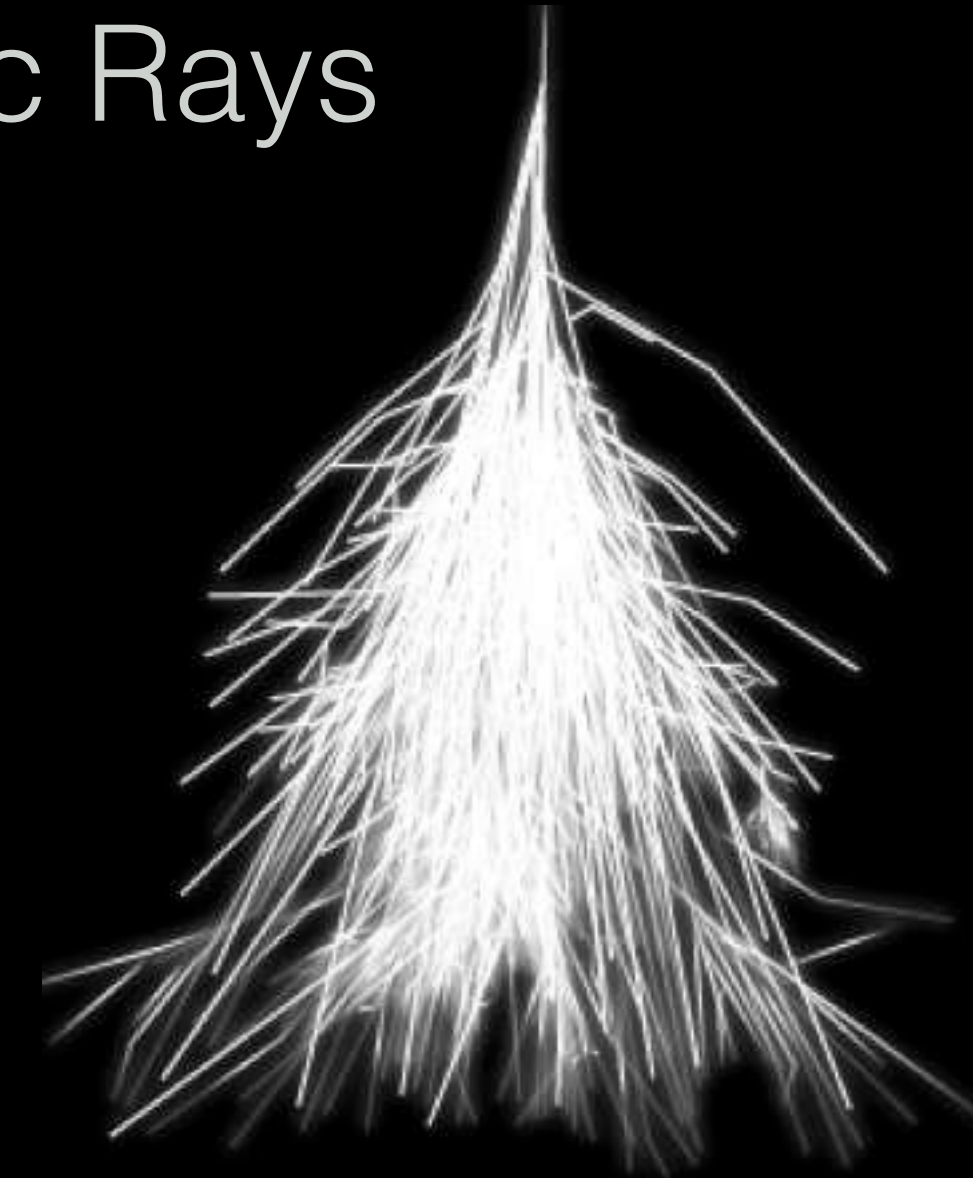


MULTI-MESSENGER HEAVY-ION PHYSICS

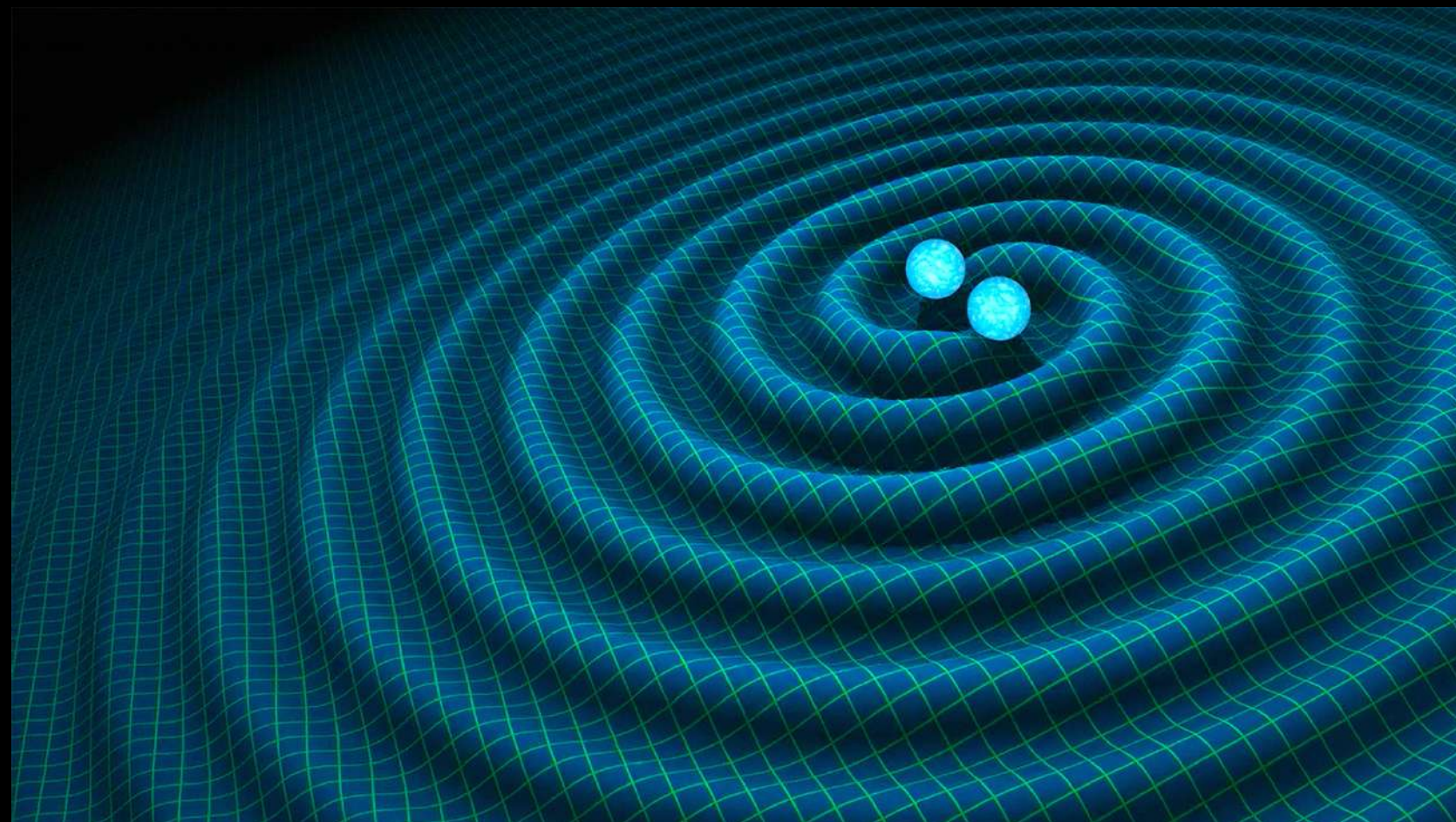
Hadrons



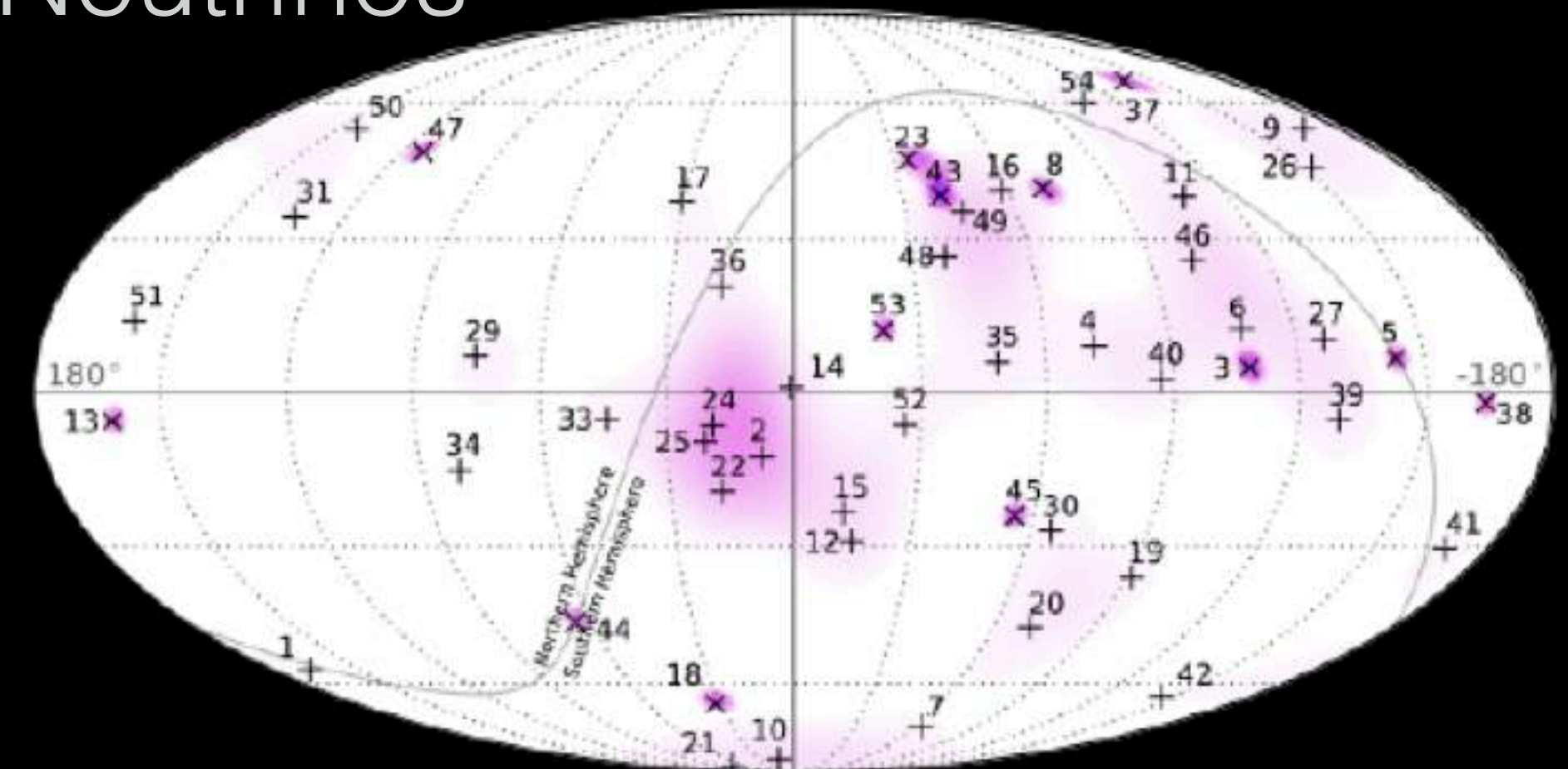
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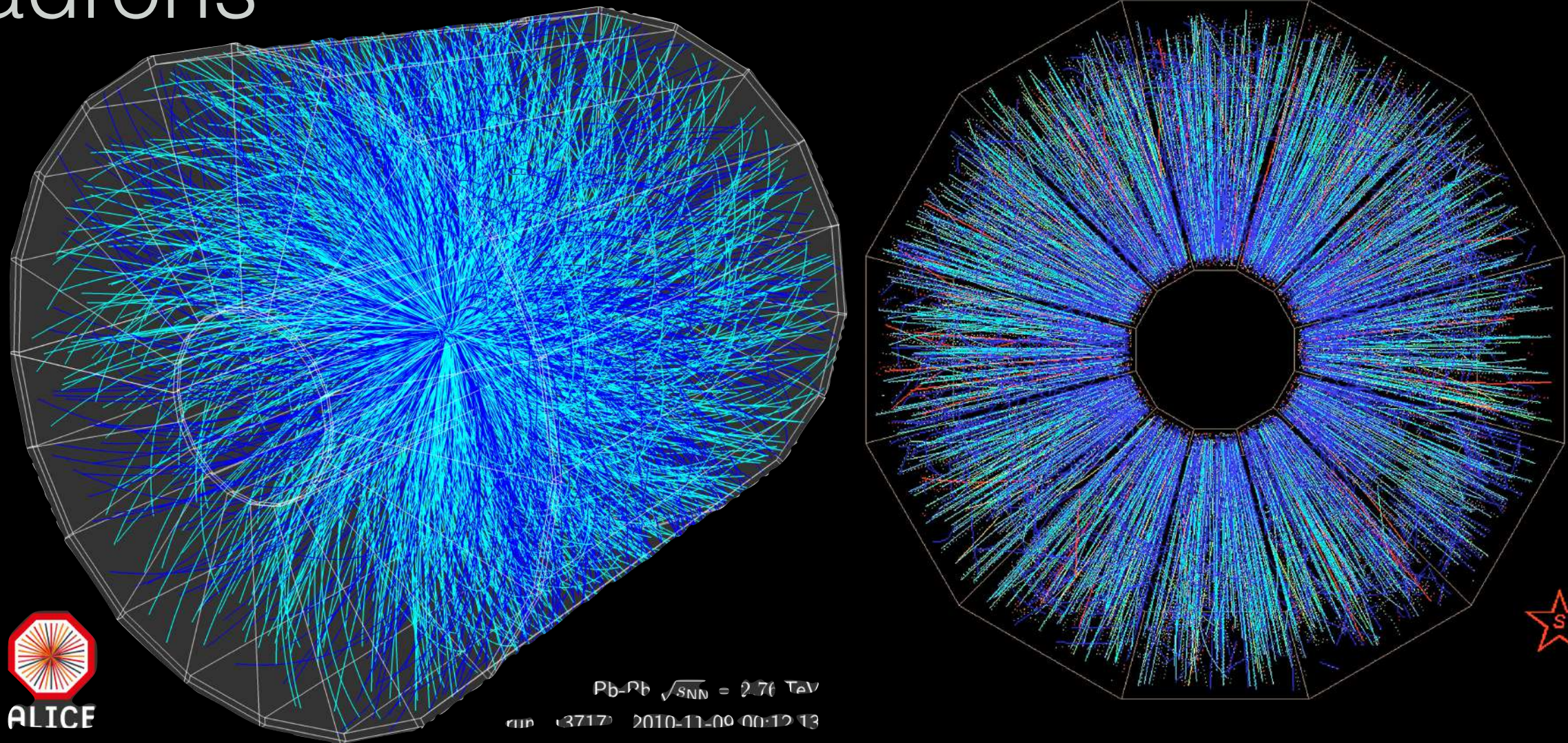


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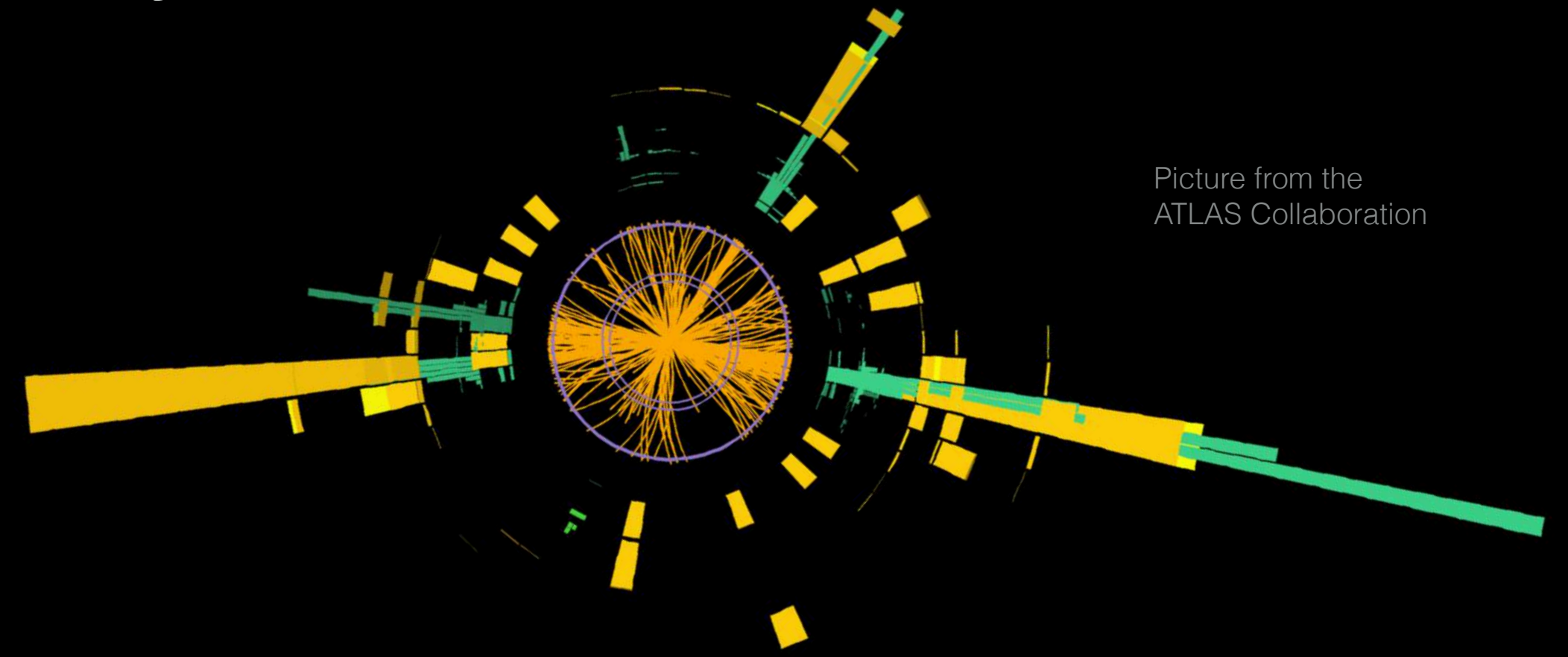


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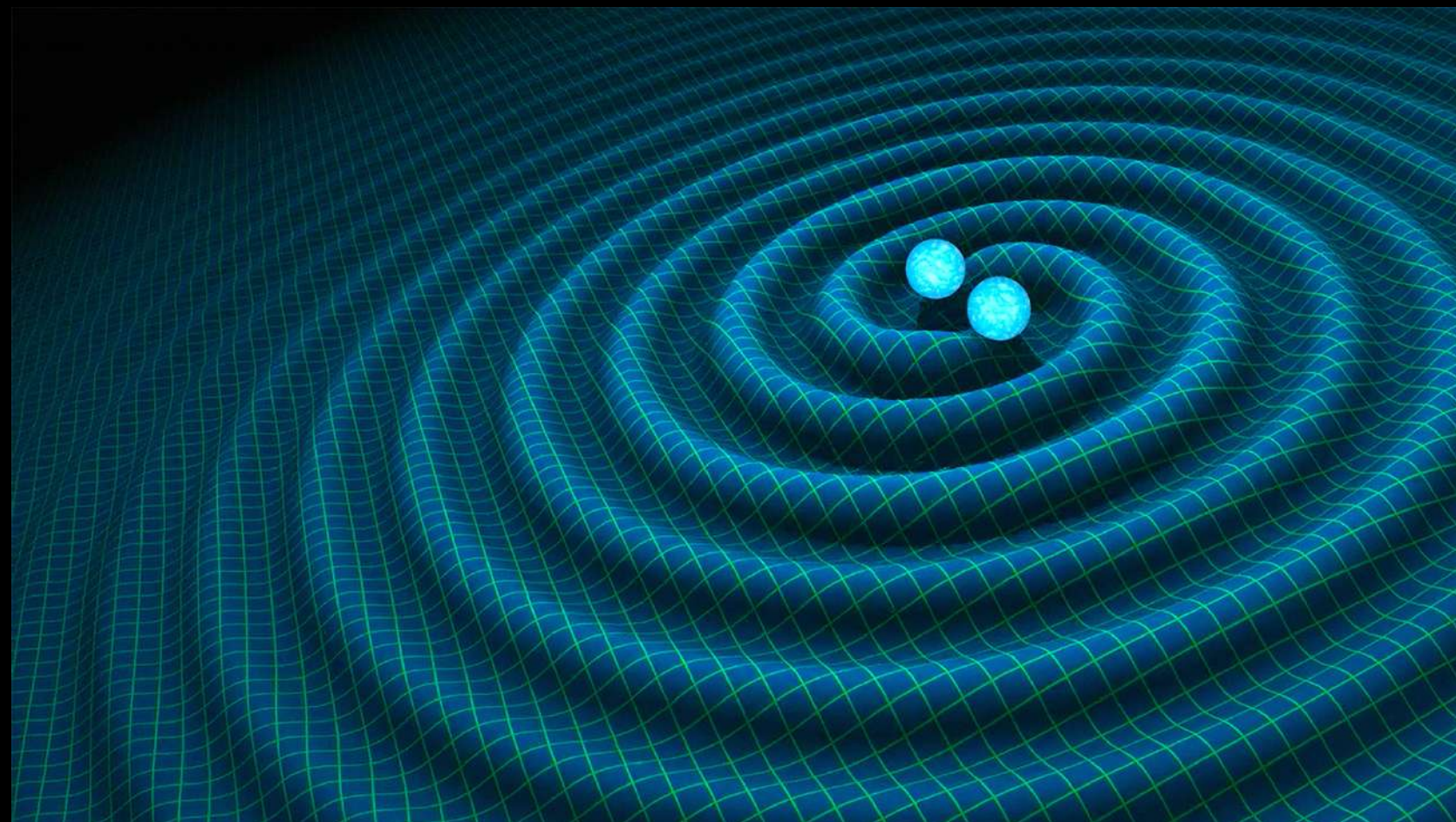


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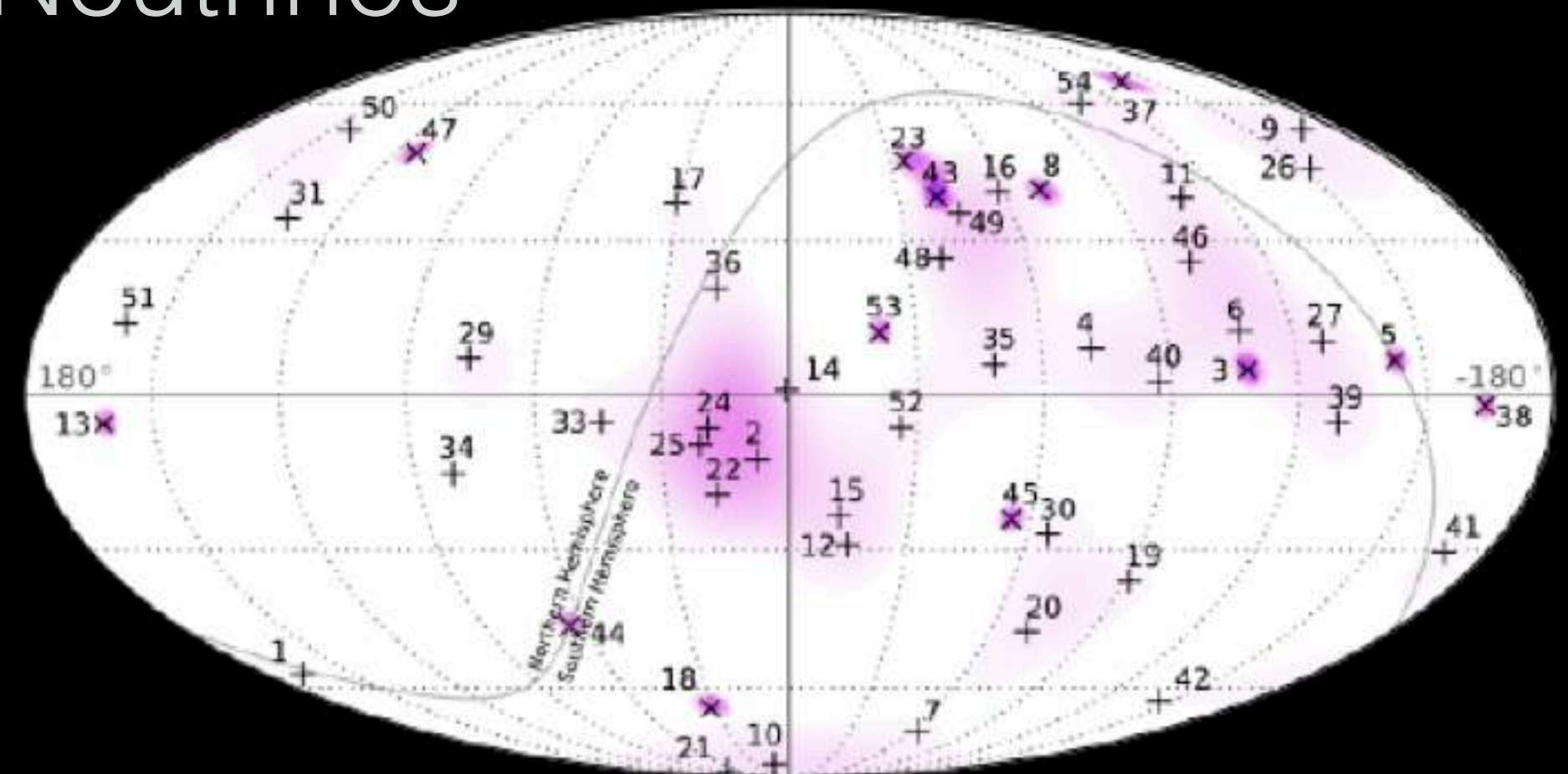


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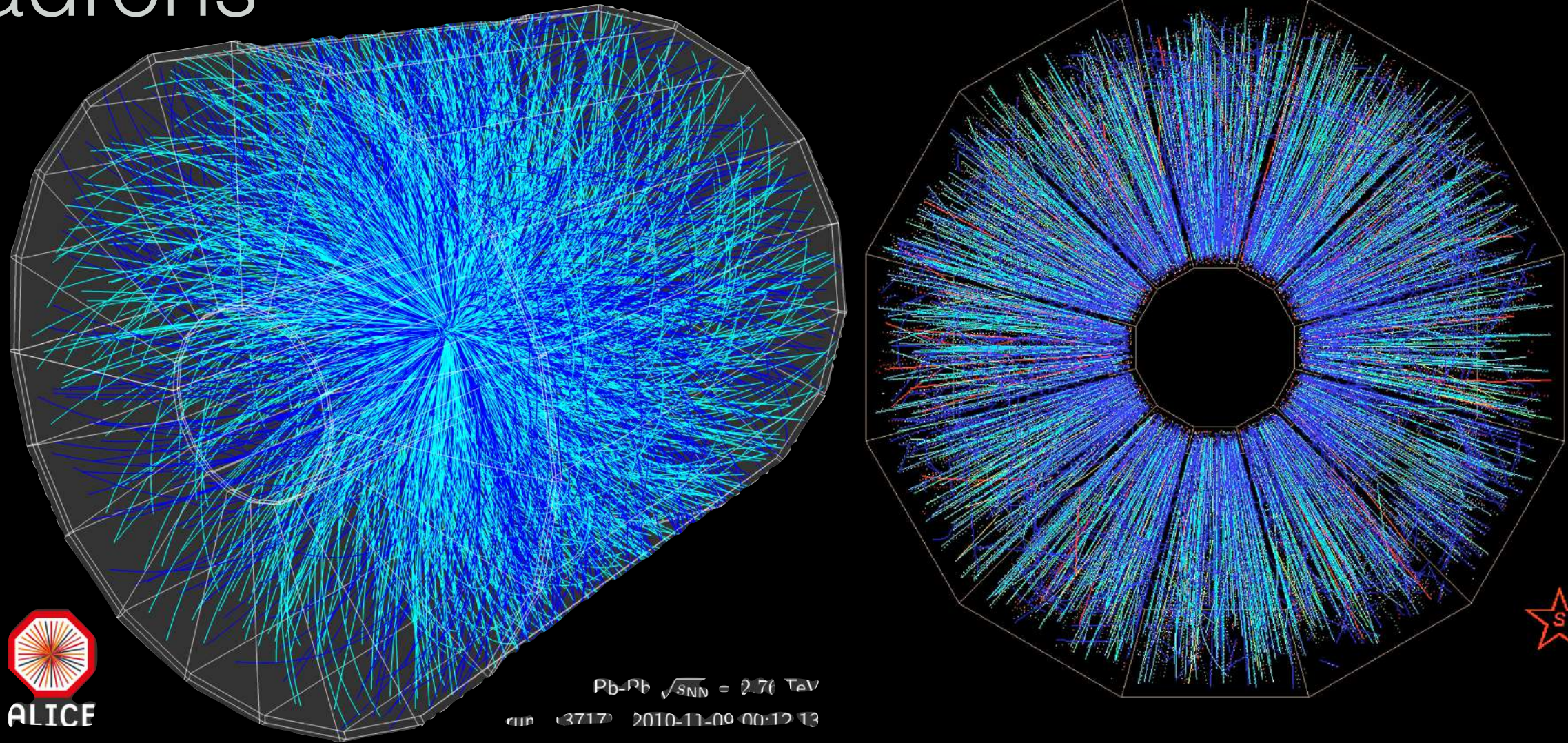


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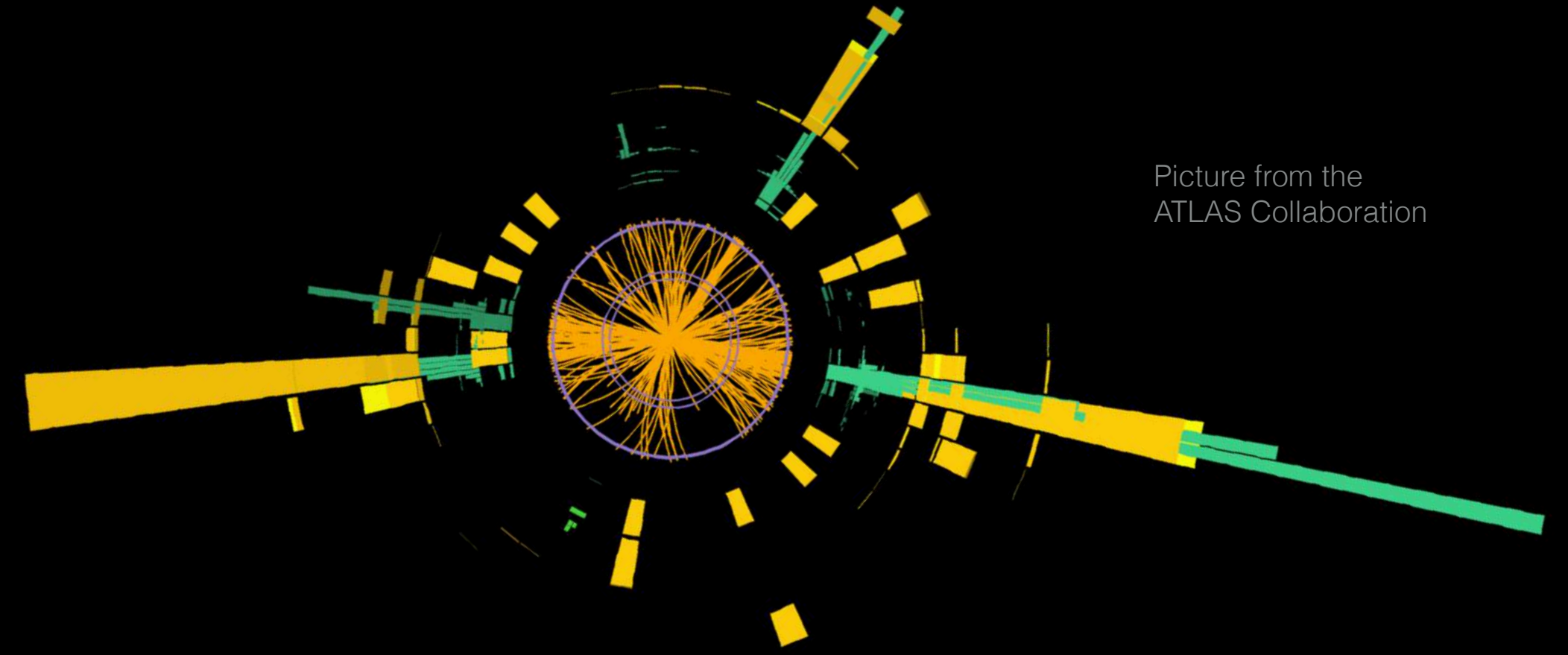


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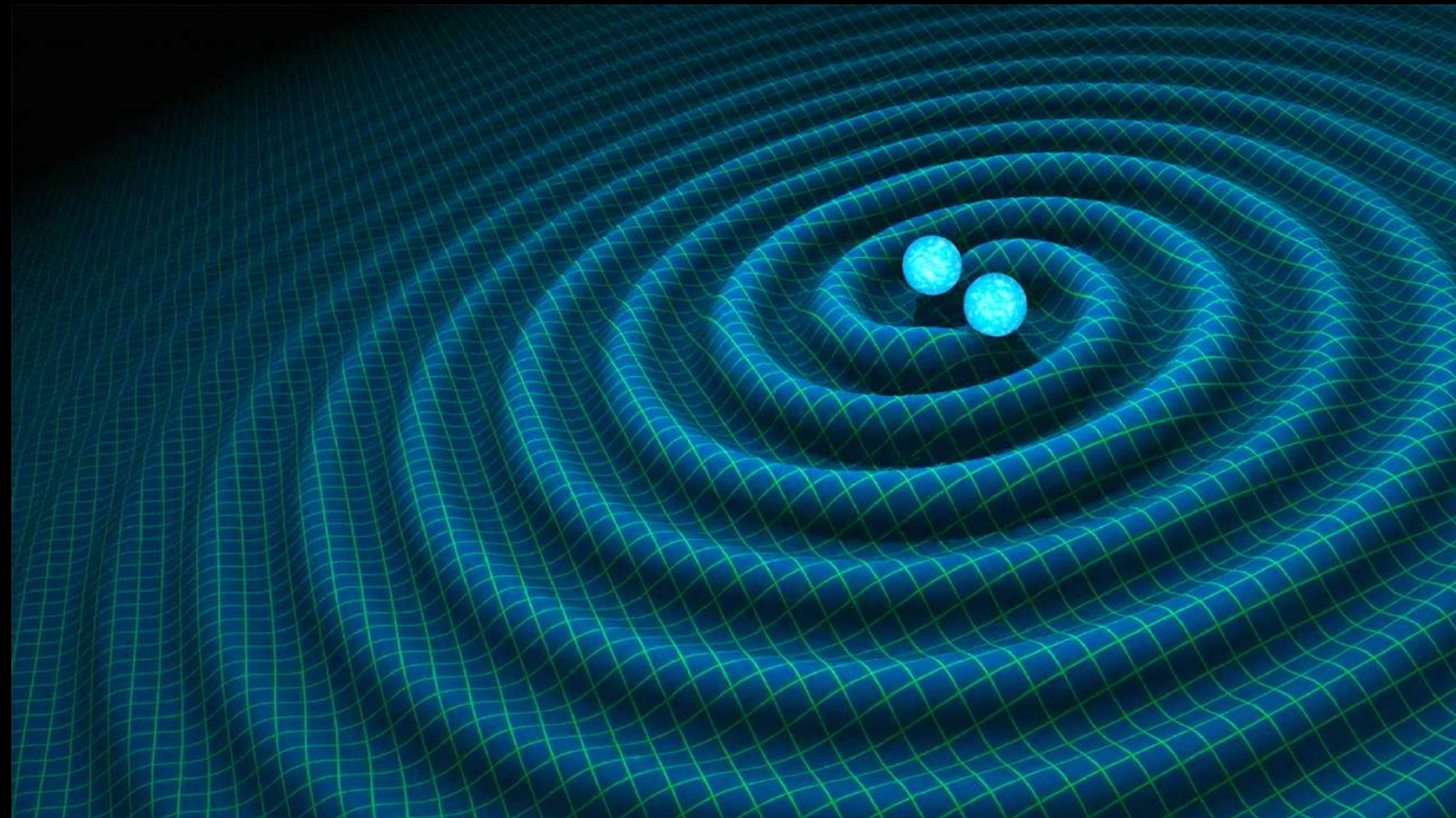


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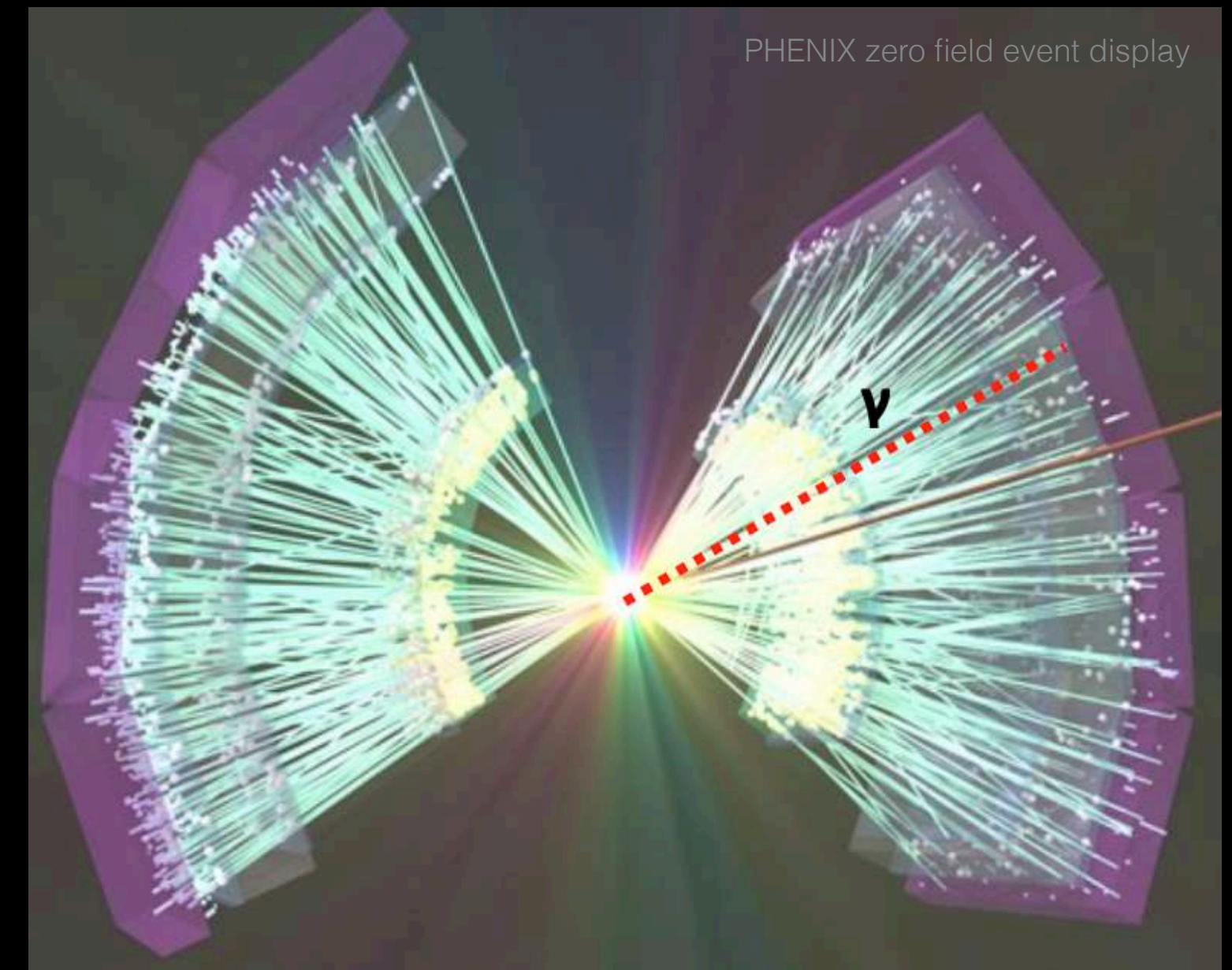


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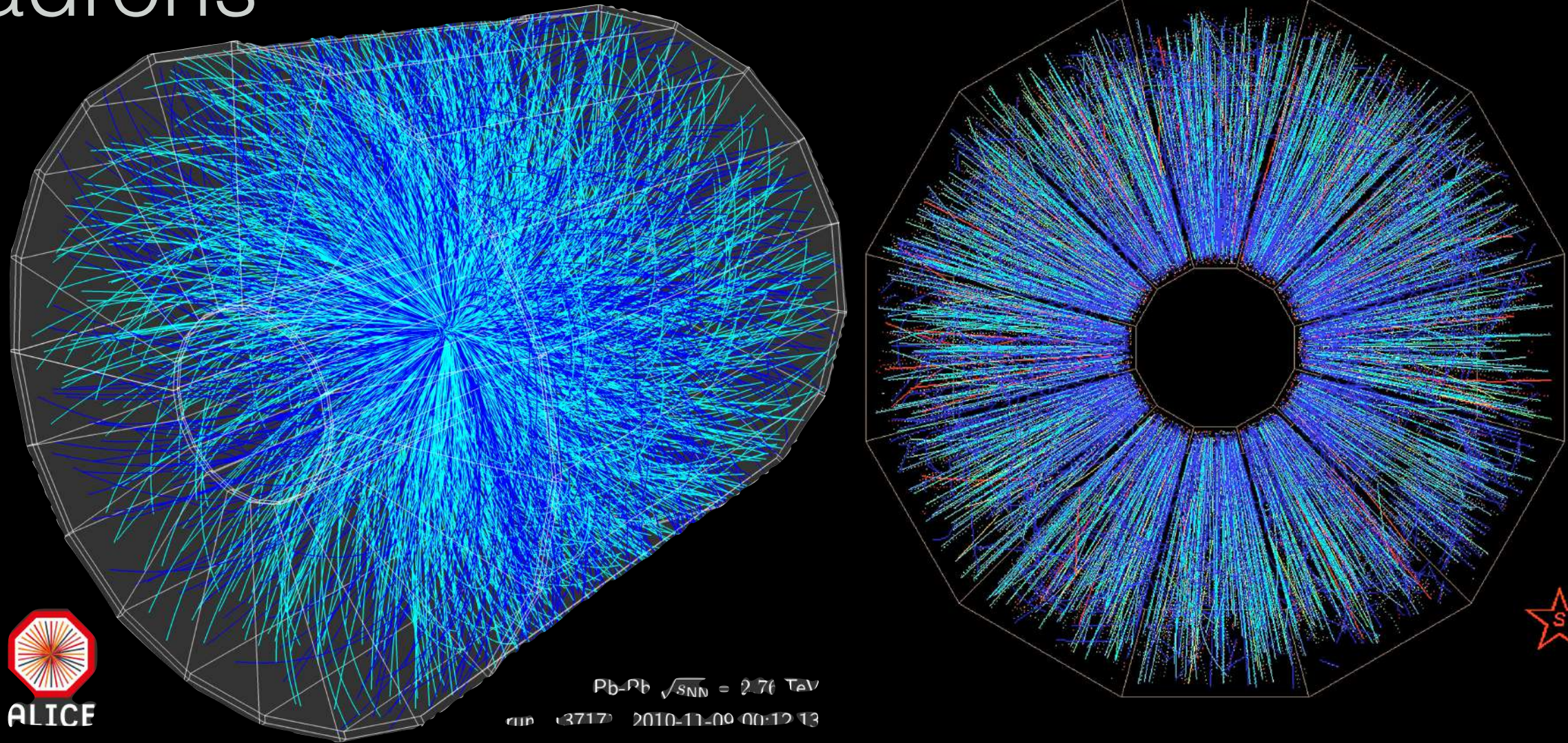
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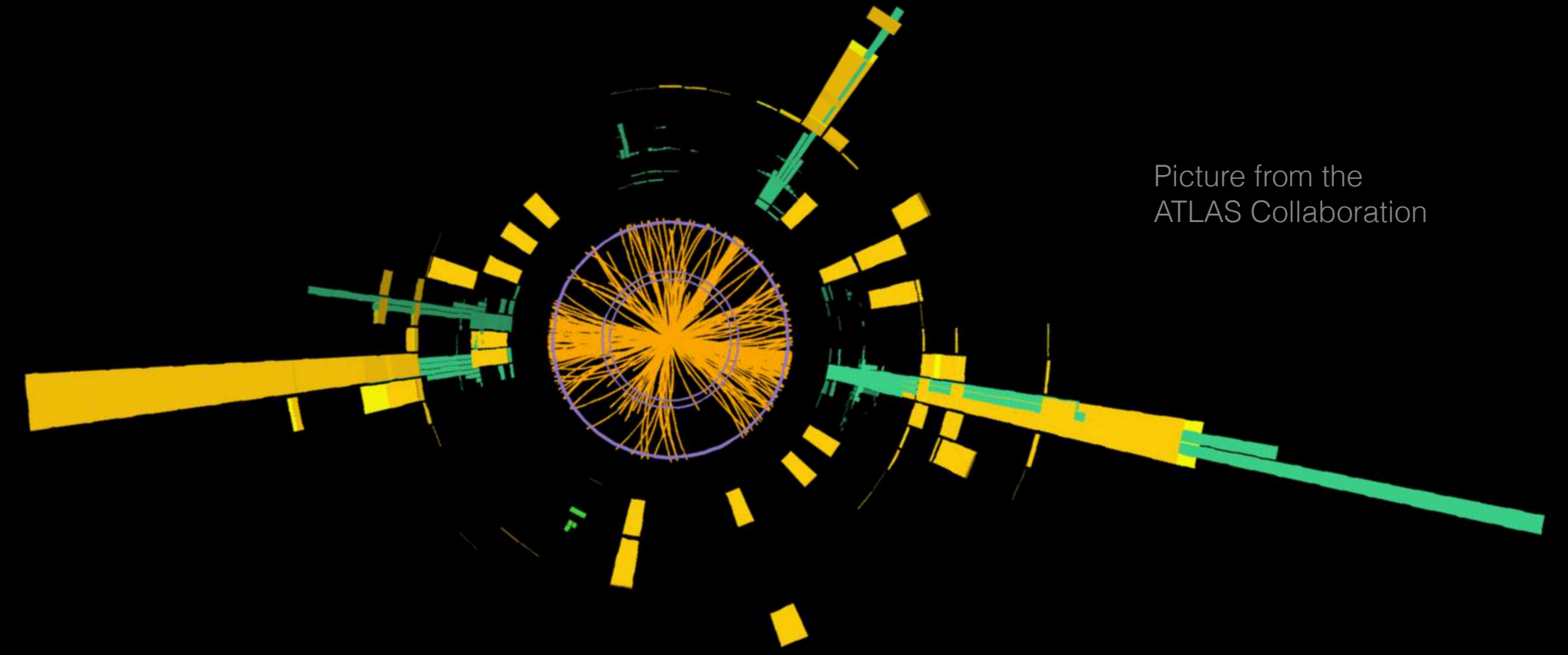
PHENIX zero field event display

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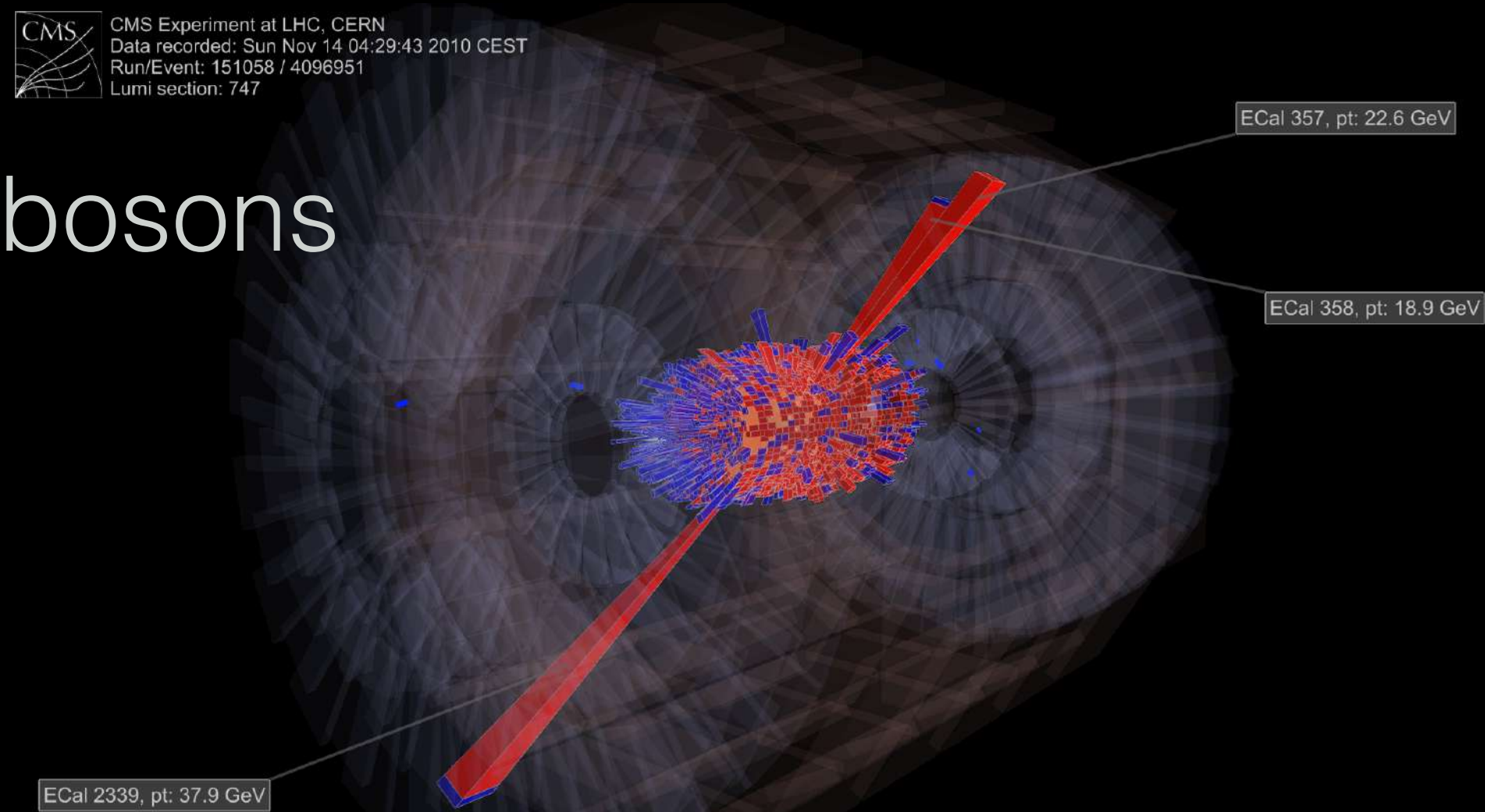
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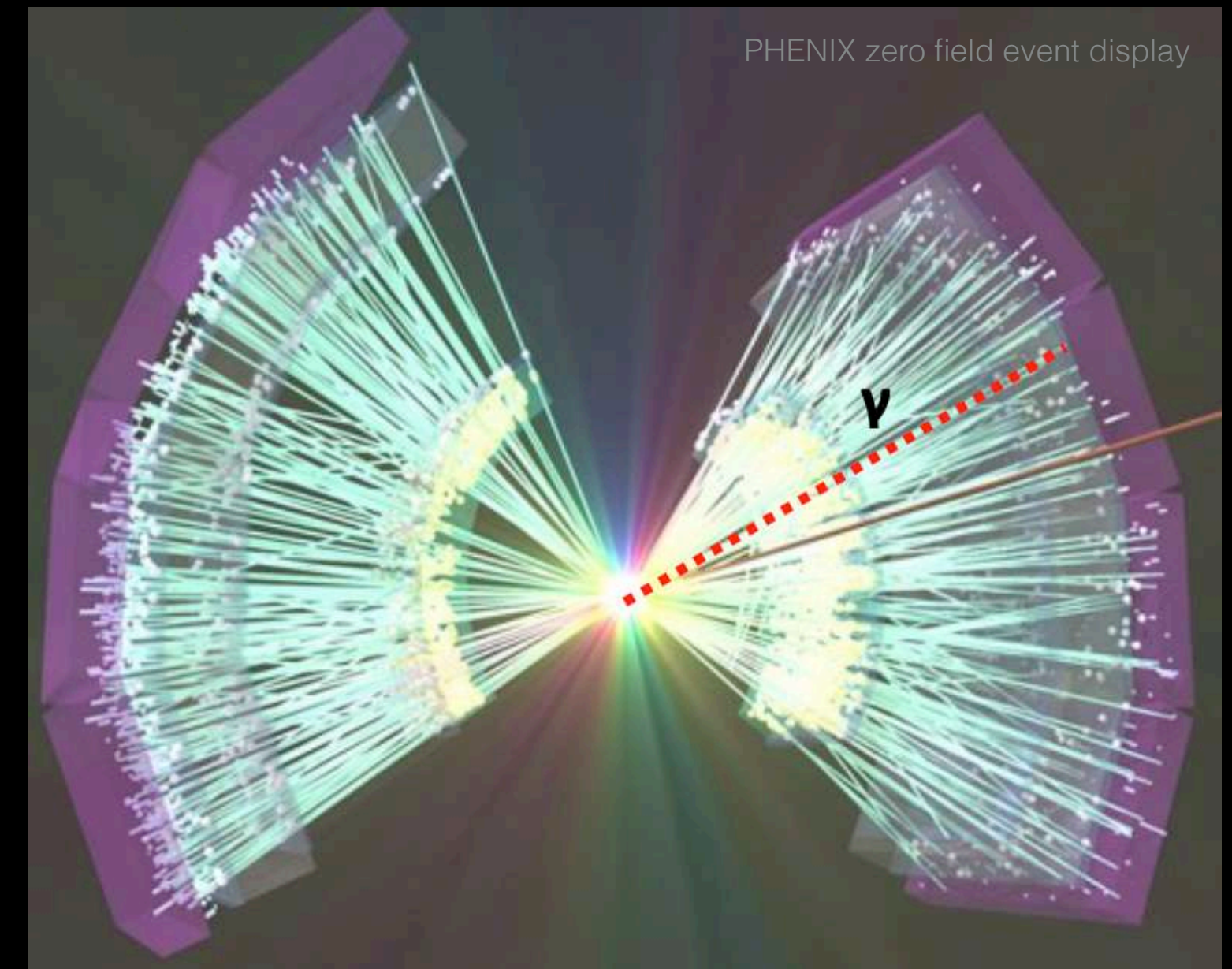
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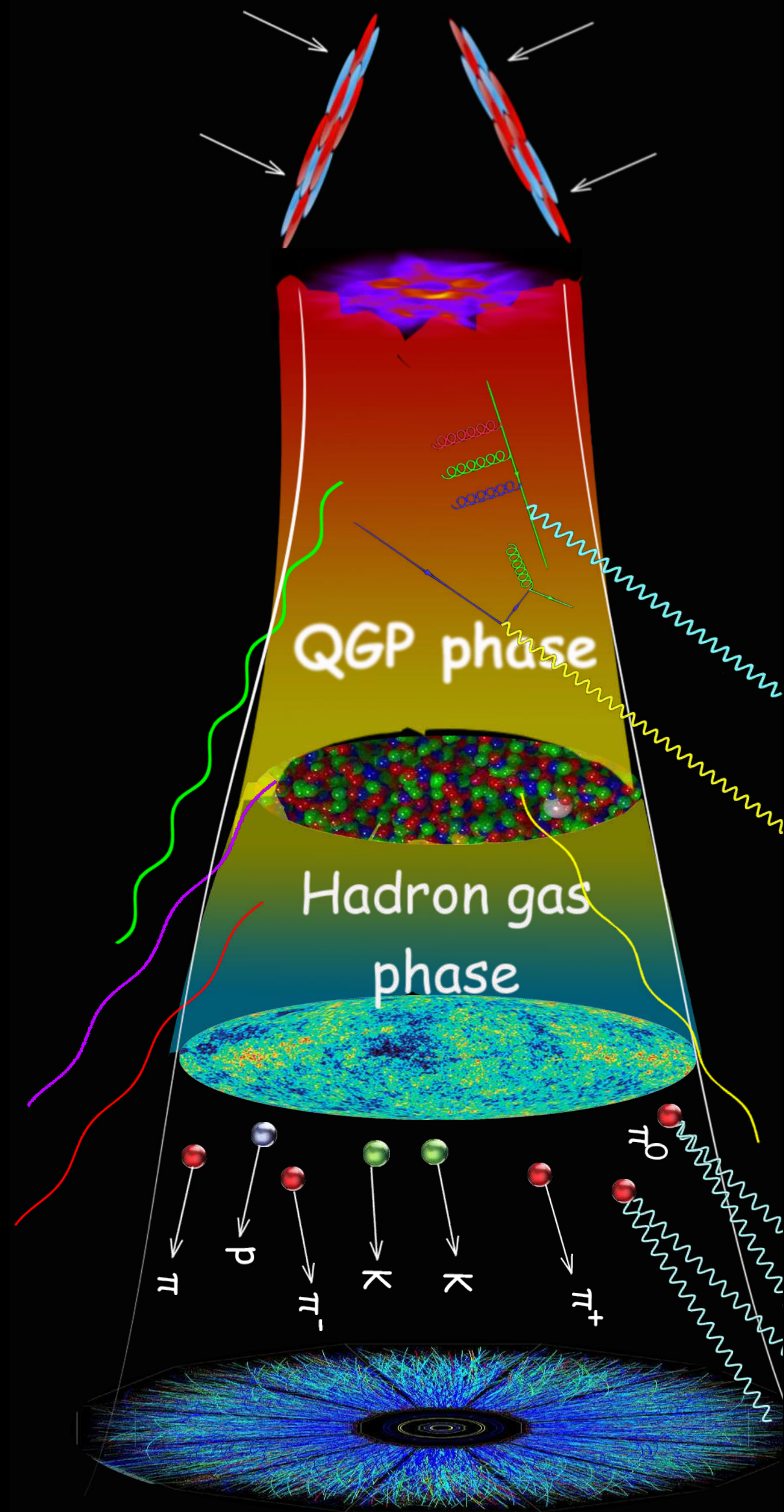


EM radiations



DEFINING THE QUARK-GLUON PLASMA

Which **properties of hot QCD matter** can we determine from relativistic heavy ion data (LHC, RHIC, and future FAIR/NICA/JPAC)?



Equation of State $T^{\mu\nu} \iff e, P, s$
 $c_s^2 = \partial P / \partial e|_{s/n}$

Shear and bulk viscosities
 $\eta/s(T, \mu_B), \zeta/s(T, \mu_B)$

Charge diffusion D_B, D_Q, D_S

Electromagnetic emissivity

Energy-momentum transport
 $\hat{q}, \hat{e}, \hat{e}_2, \dots$

Spectra, collective flow, femtoscopy

Anisotropic flow v_n
Flow correlations

Balance functions

Photons and dileptons

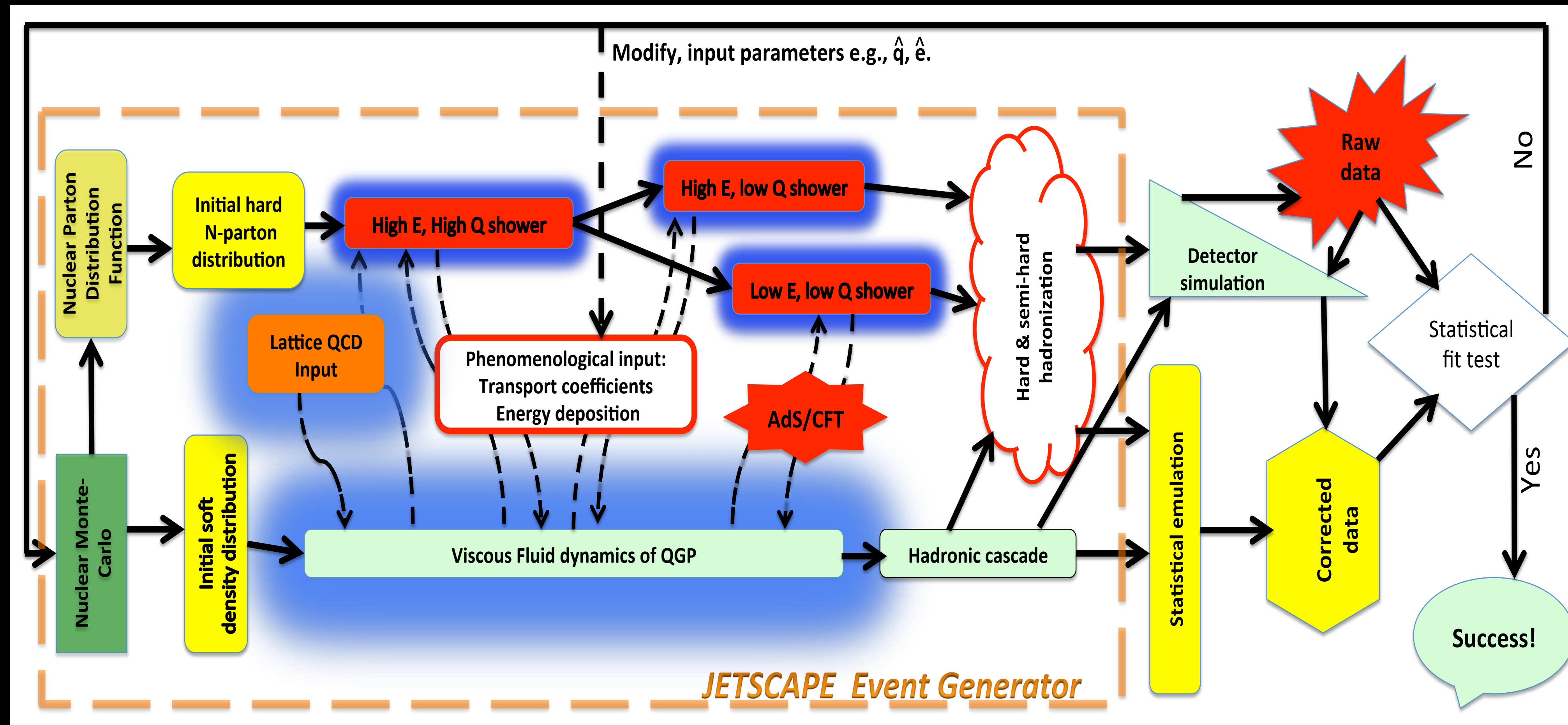
Jets and heavy-quarks

THE JETSCAPE FRAMEWORK



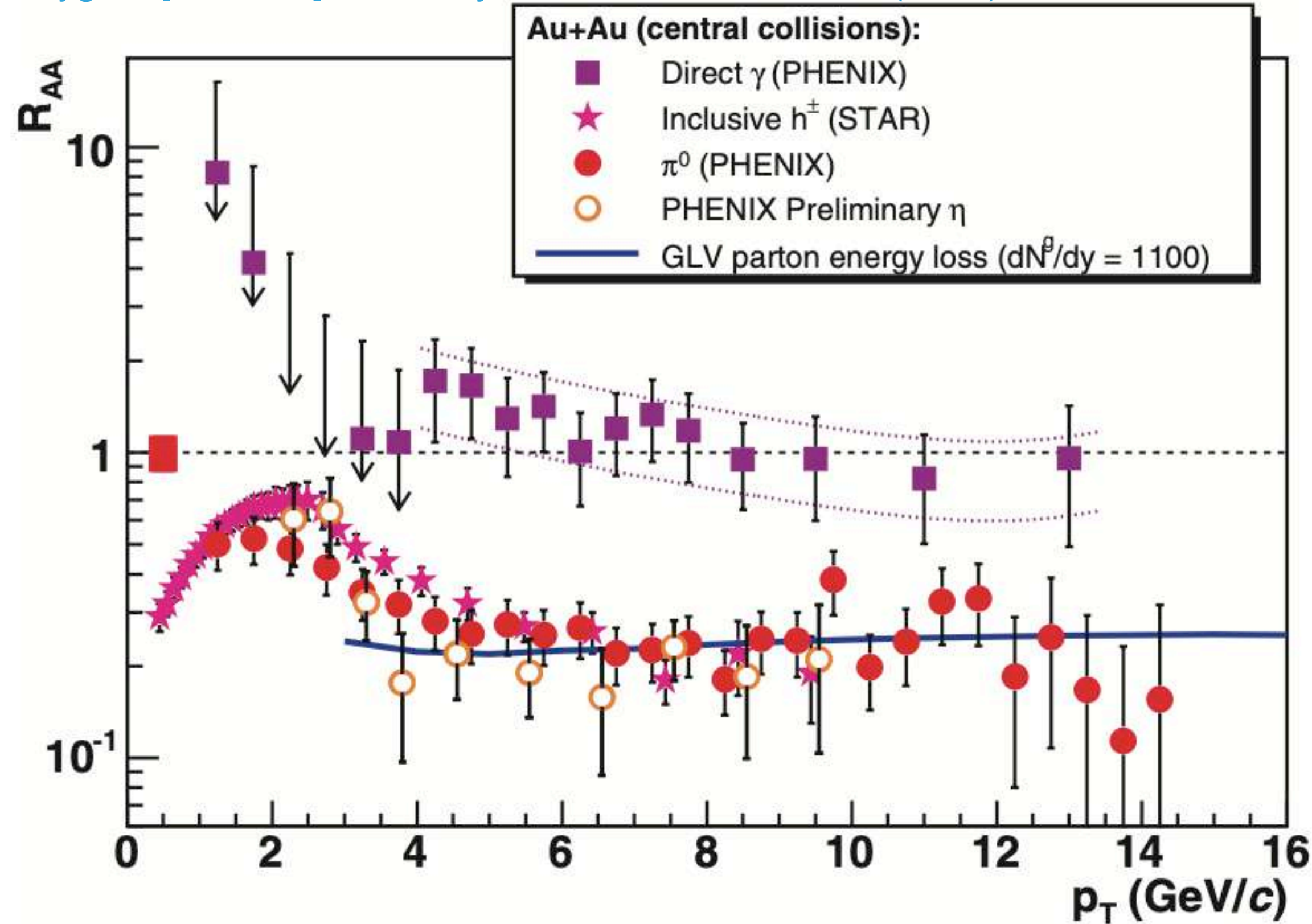
“The JETSCAPE framework,” arXiv:1903.07706 [nucl-th]

- A unified event-generator for the high energy nuclear physics community

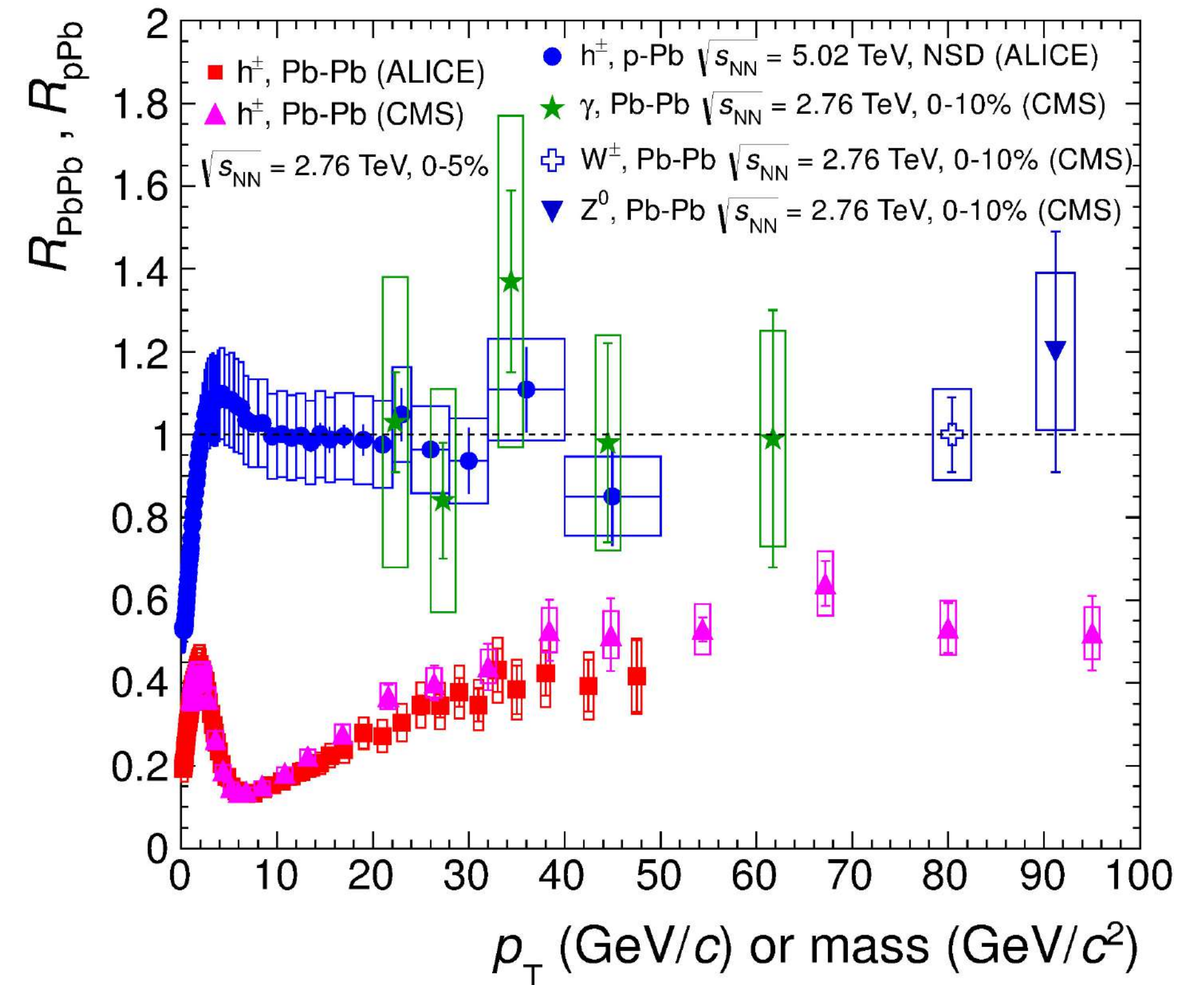


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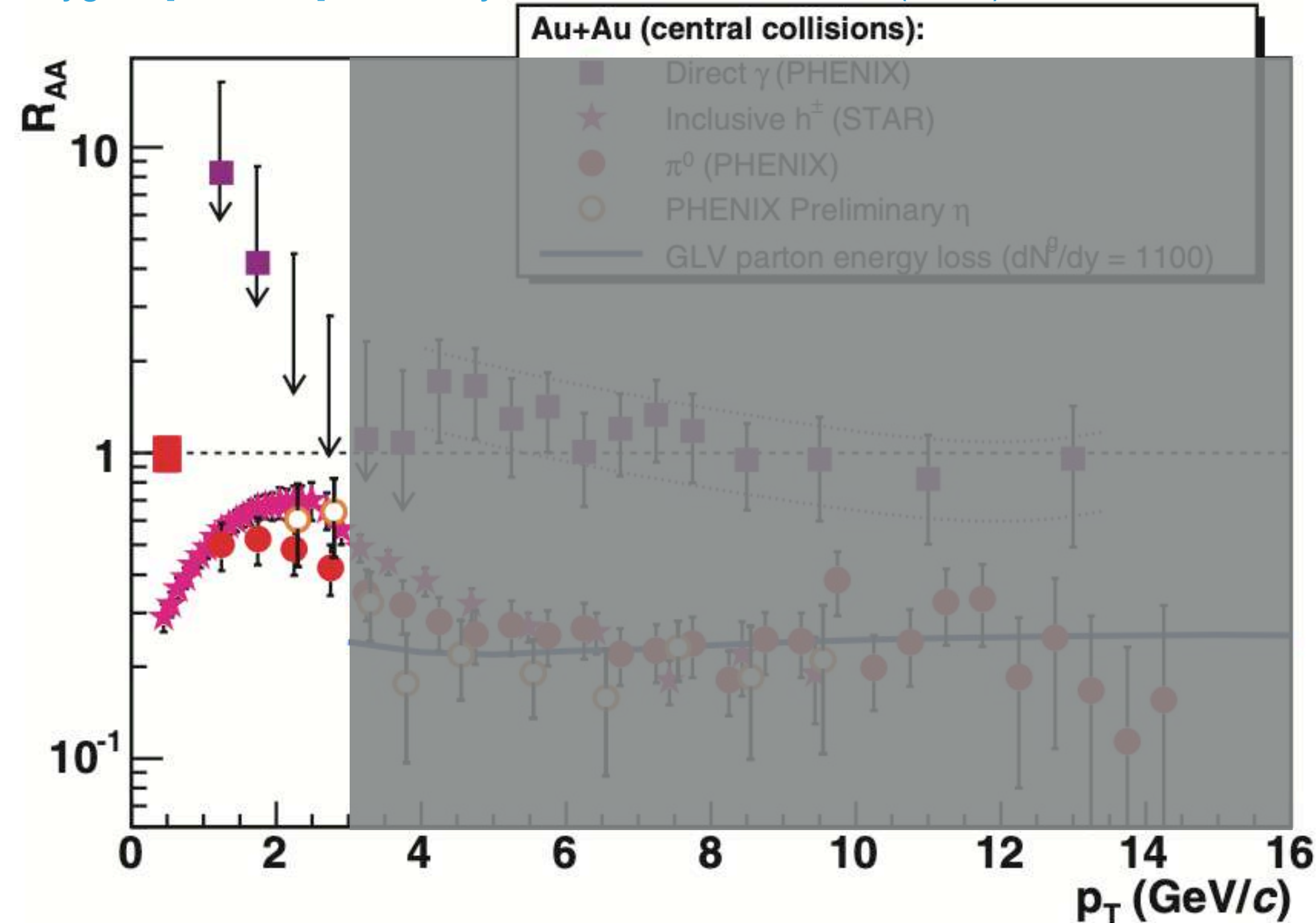


- Different species of particles carry their unique information about the hot QGP medium

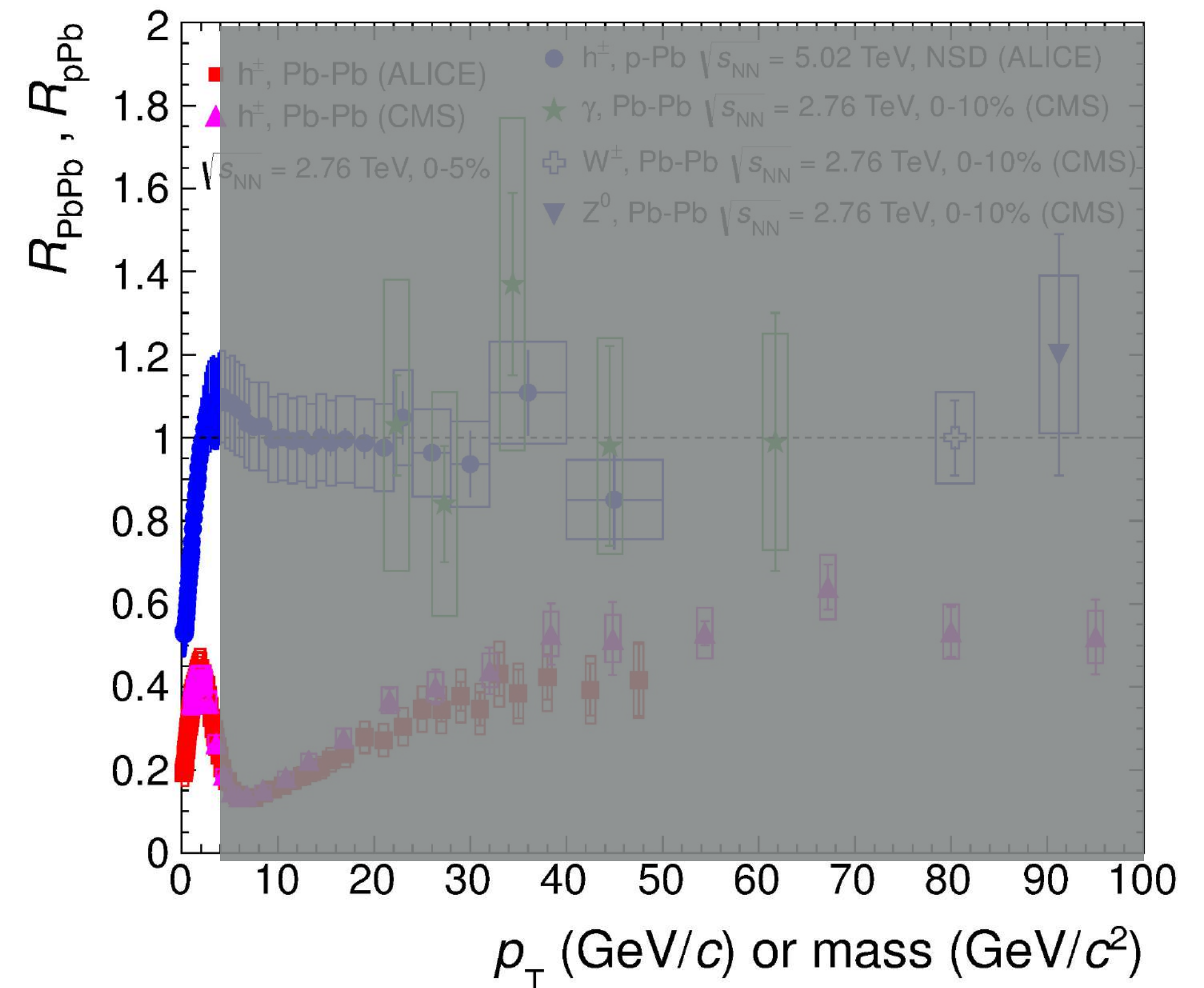
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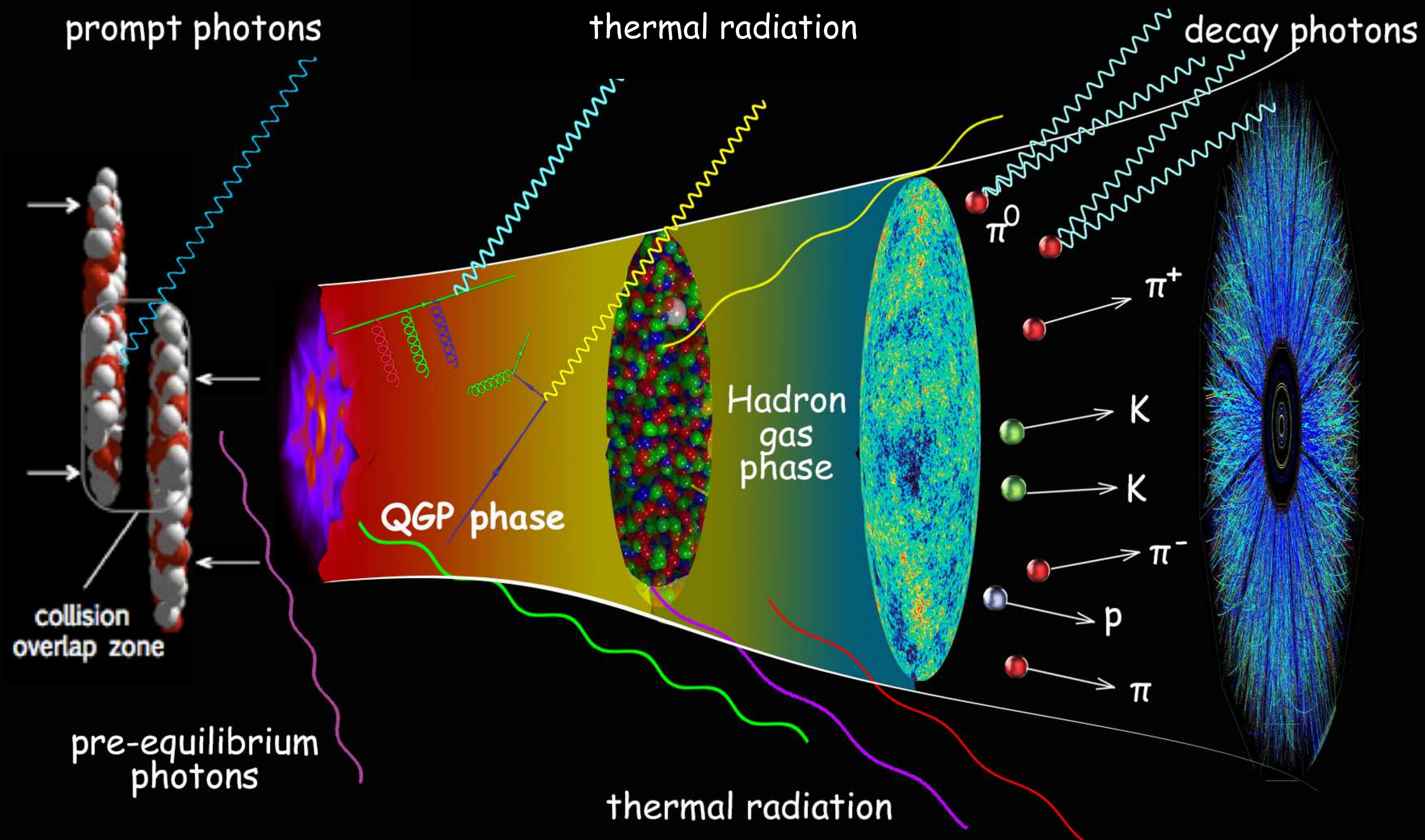
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- Let's focus on **soft** particles with momentum below 3 GeV (99% of all particles)
- Their momentum information carries the system's thermodynamic and dissipative properties

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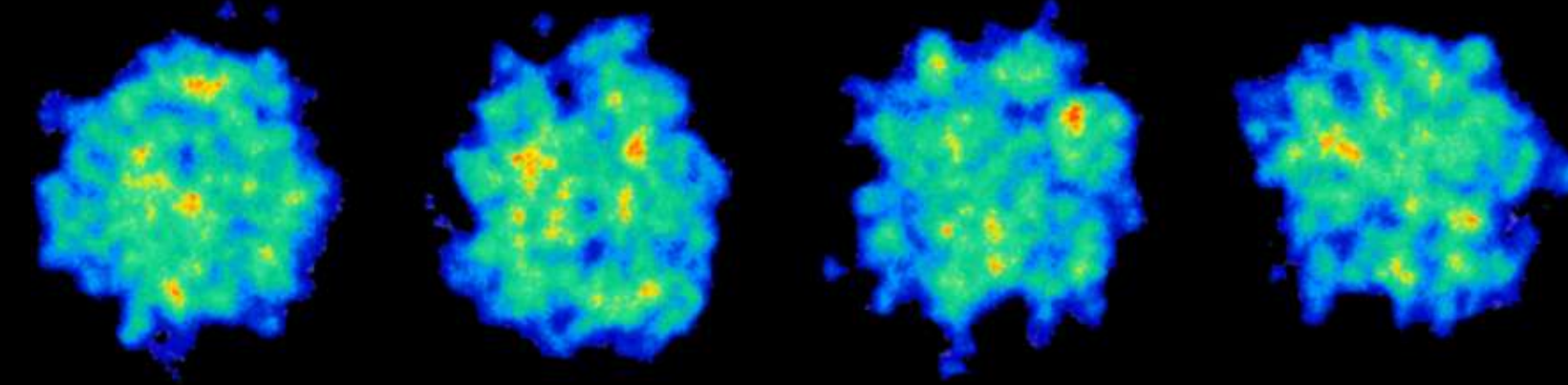
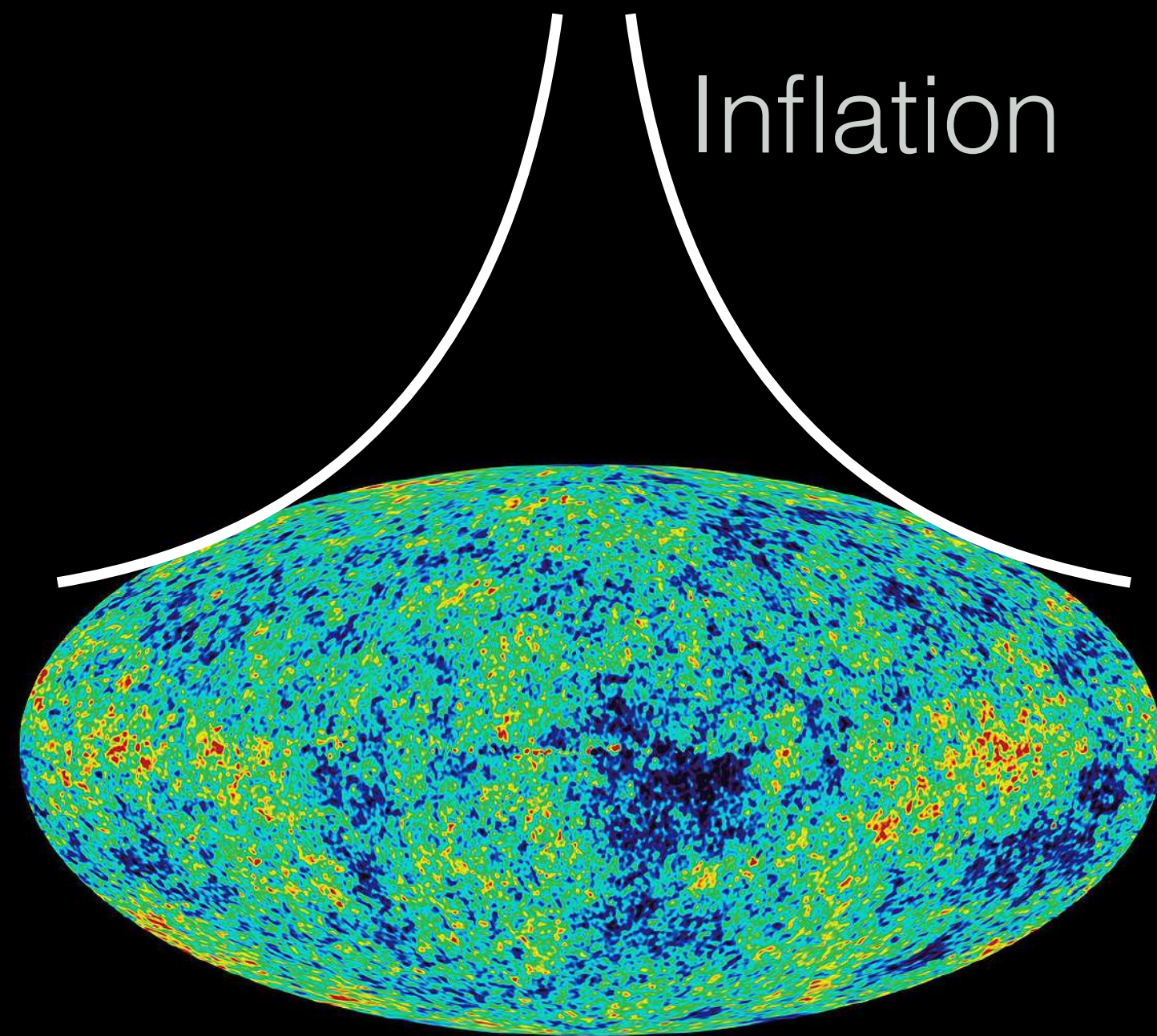
SOFT PROBES OF HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



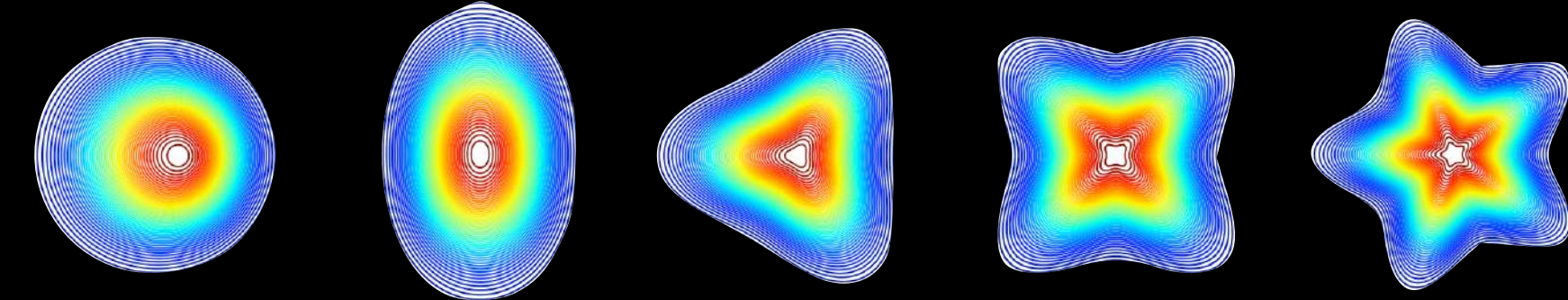
Electromagnetic radiation is the unique *soft* and *penetrating* probe of heavy-ion collisions over the full space-time volume

Hadrons are free at the late stage of evolution; they lose (part of) their memory along the way

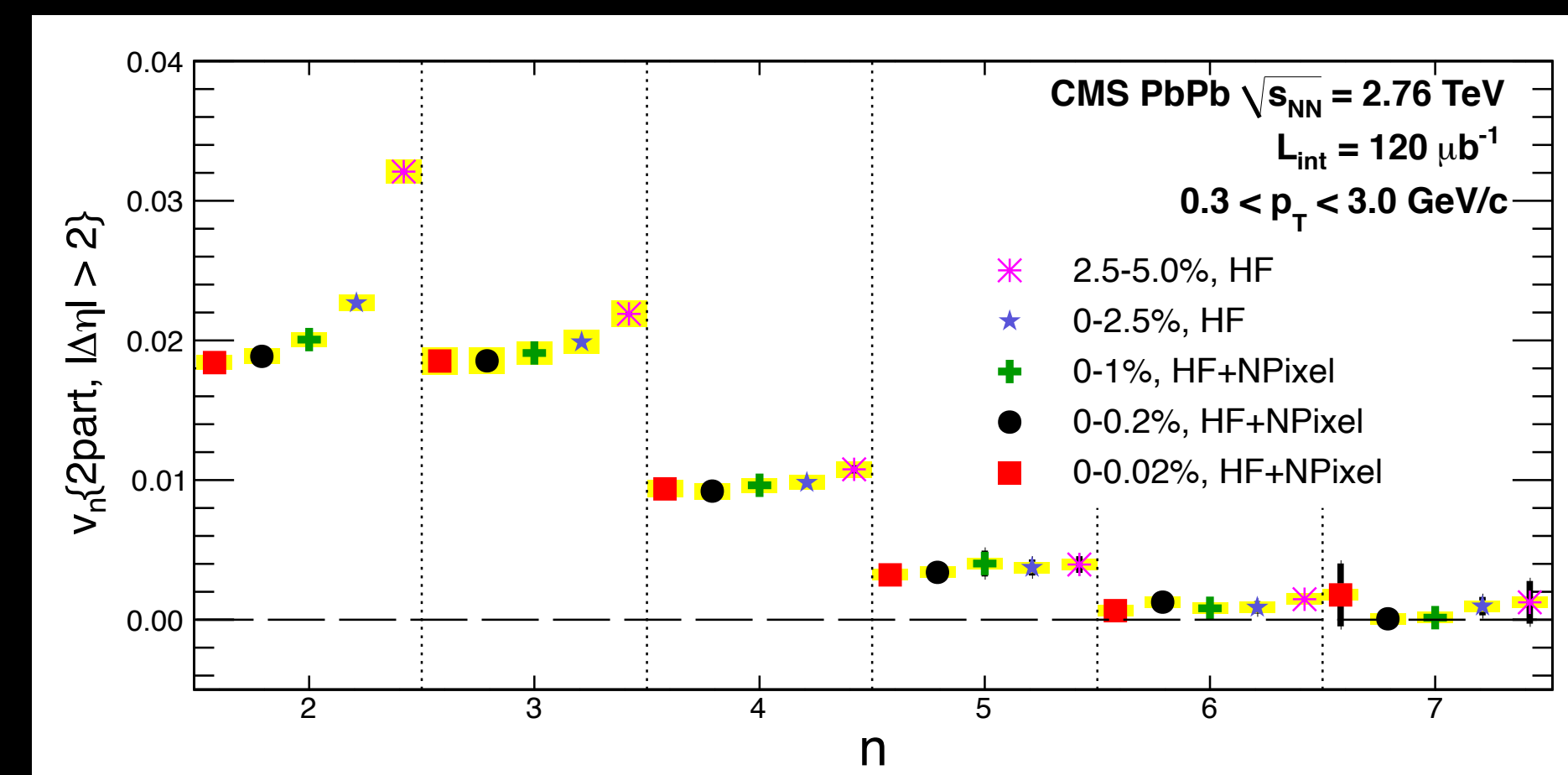
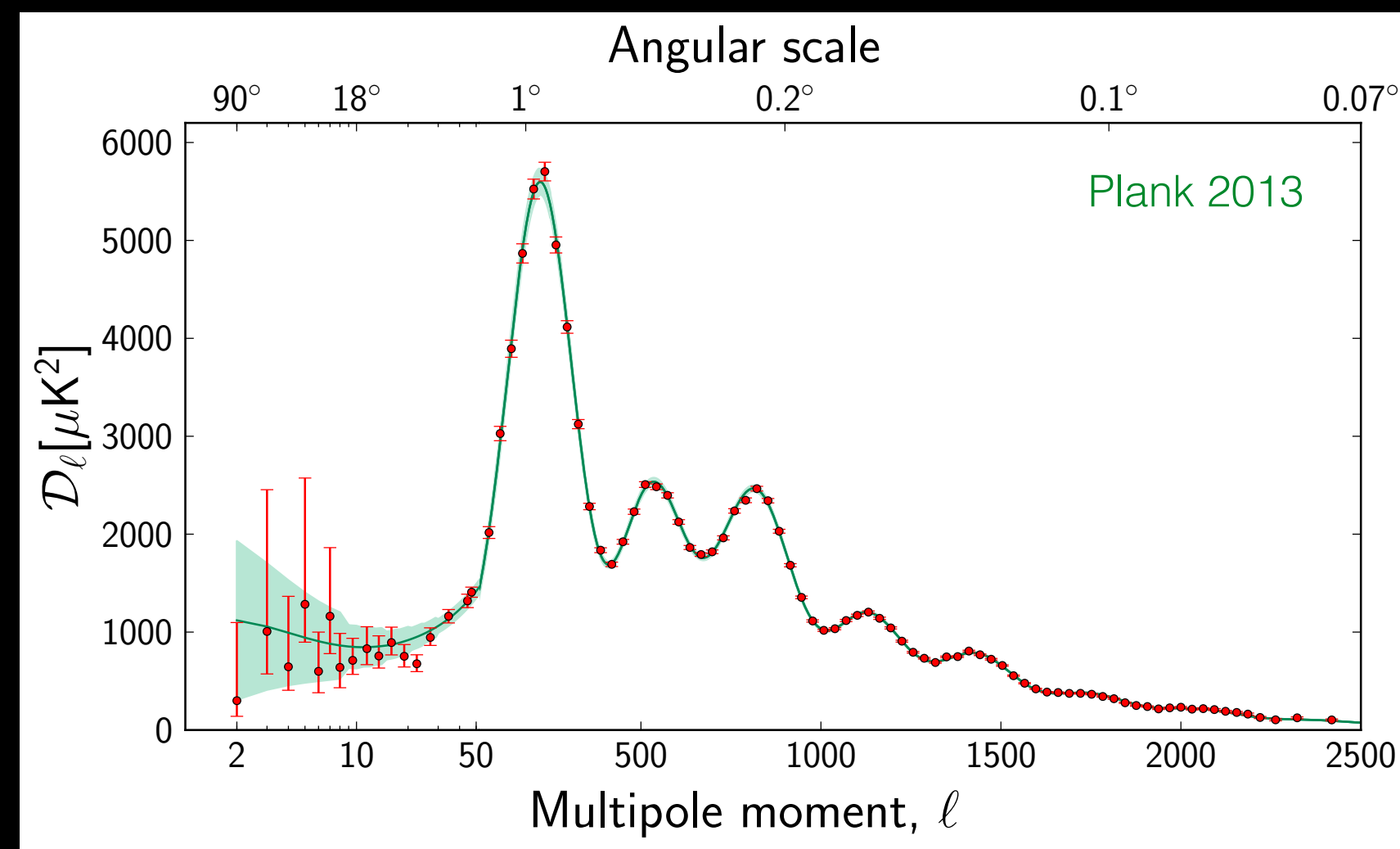
HADRON FLUCTUATION POWER SPECTRUM



Hydrodynamics

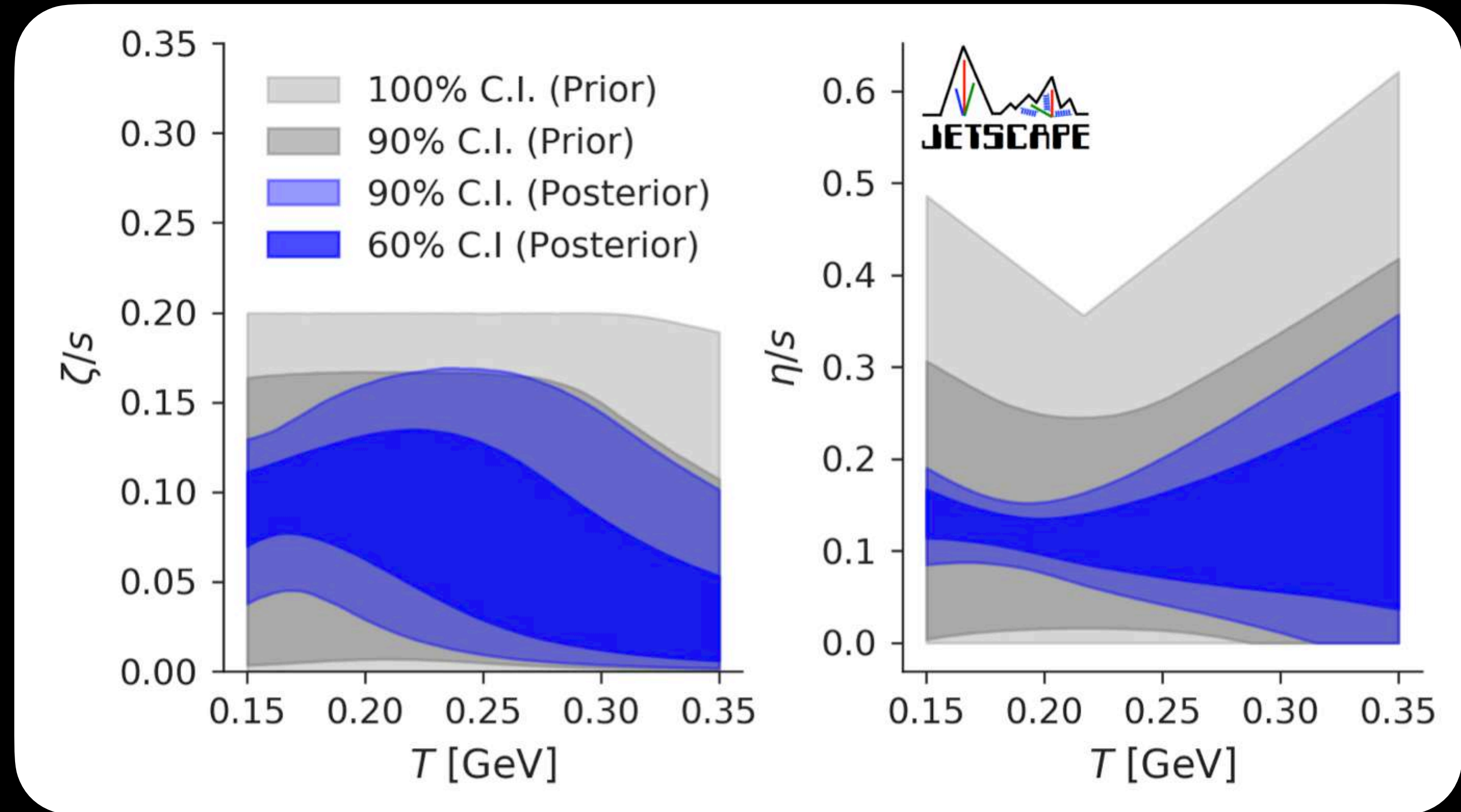
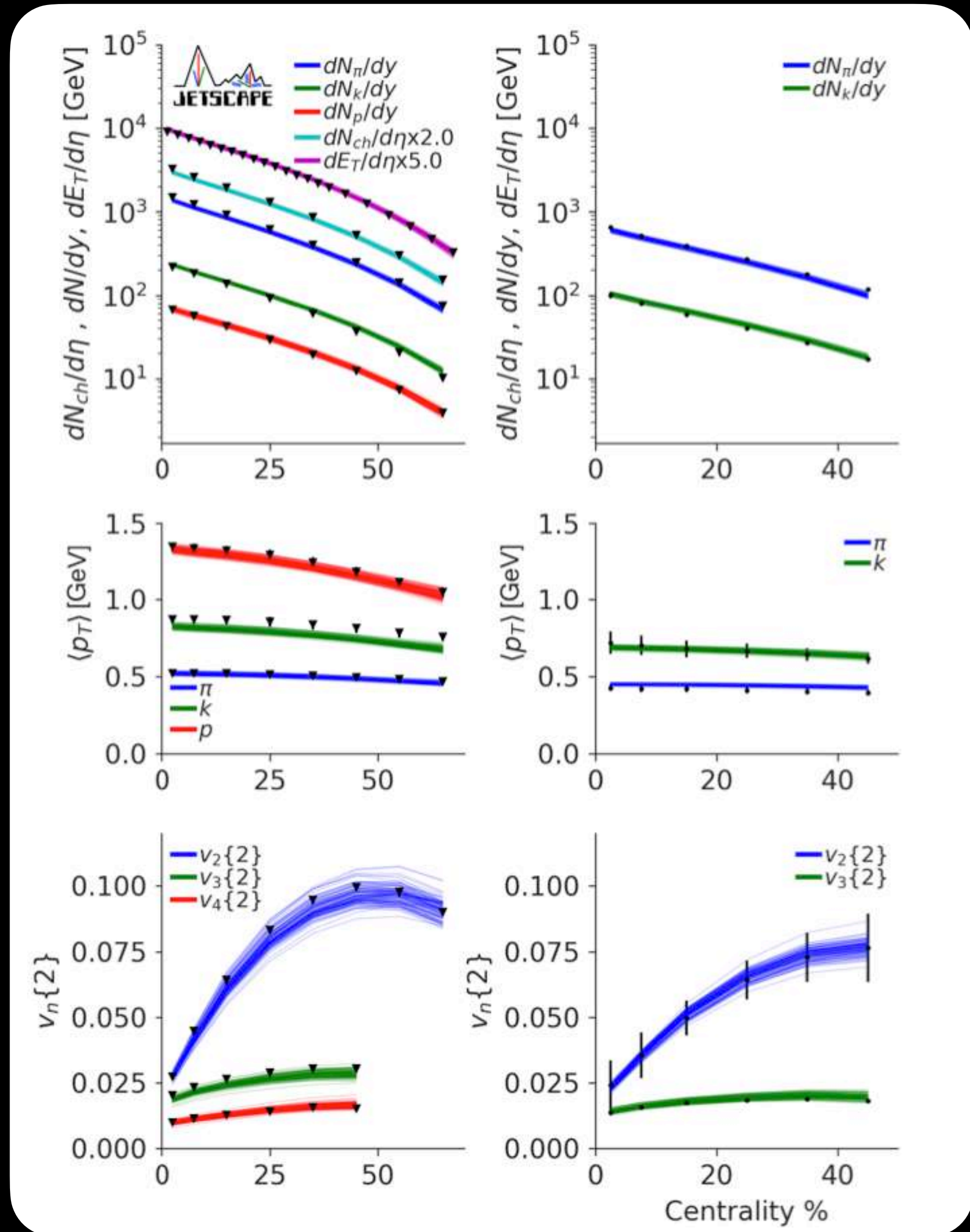


V1 V2 V3 V4 V5



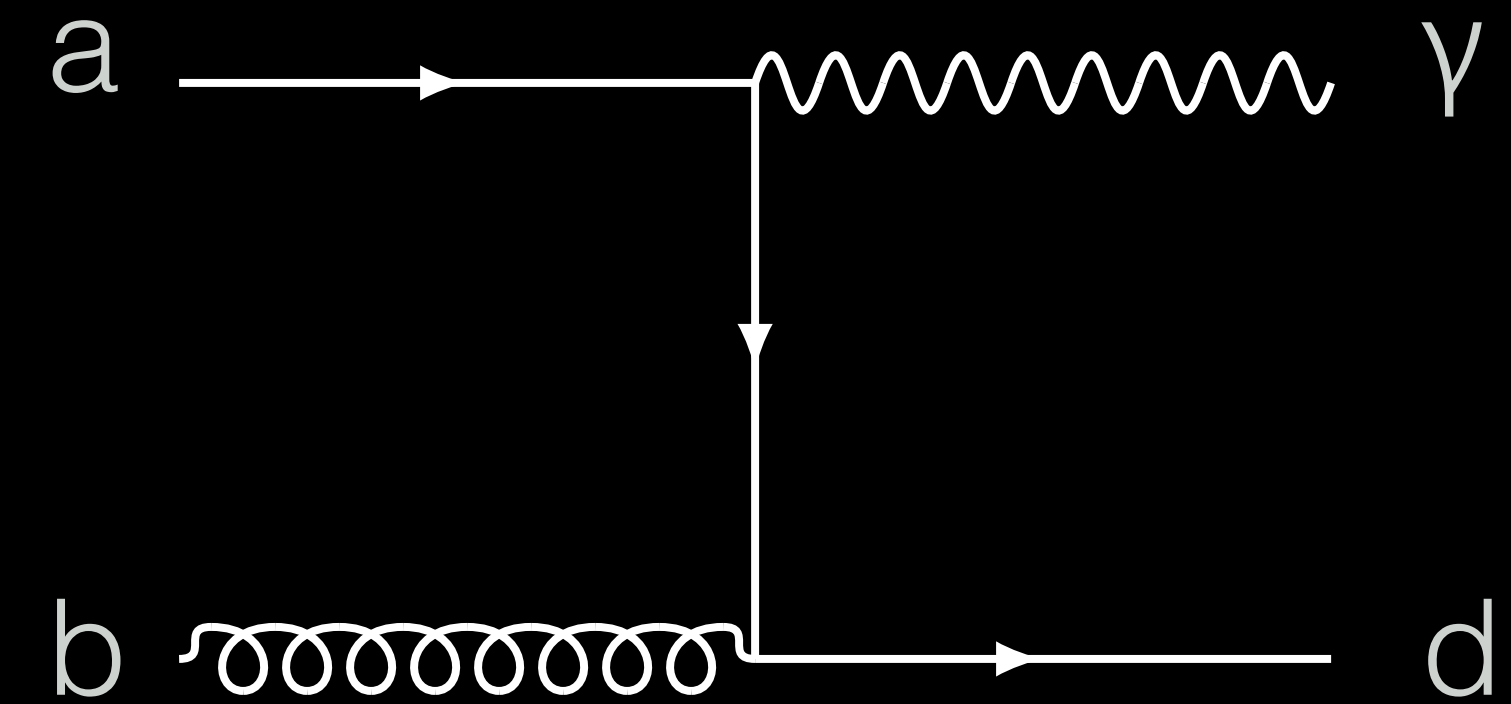
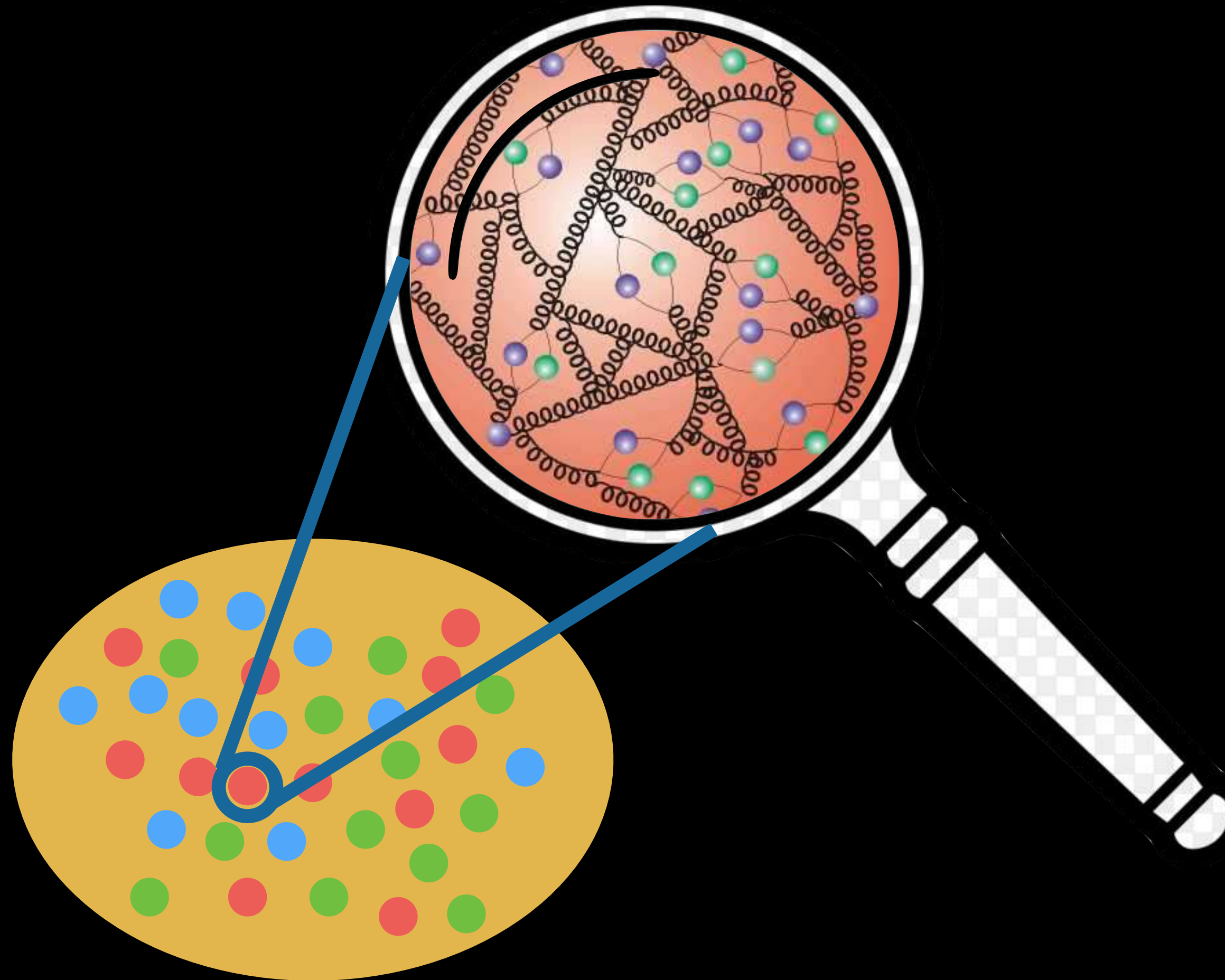
GLOBAL BAYESIAN CONSTRAINTS ON QGP VISCOSITY

J. E. Bernhard, J. S. Moreland and S. A. Bass, *Nature Phys.* 15, 1113-1117 (2019)
 G. Nijs, W. Van Der Schee, U. Gursoy and R. Snellings, *arXiv:2010.15134 [nucl-th]*
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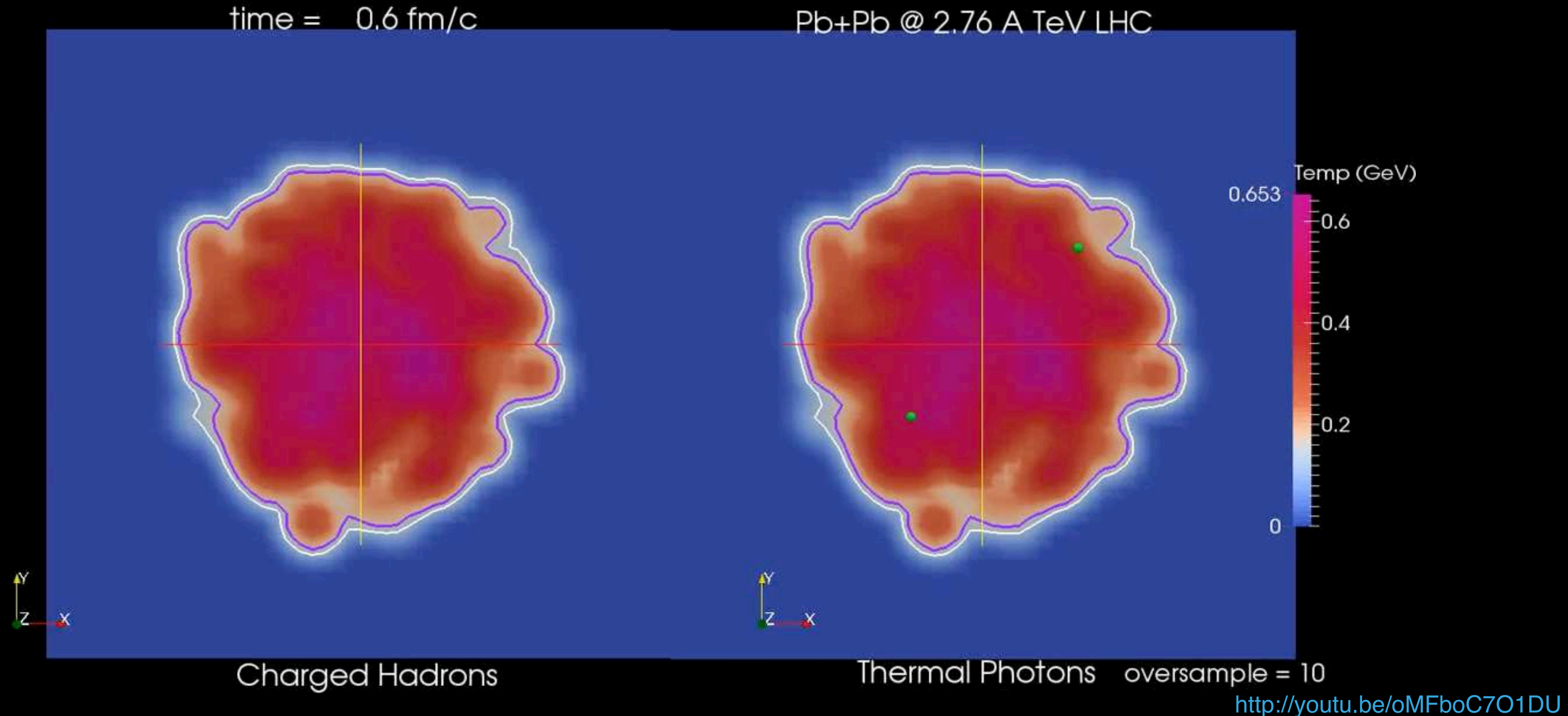
- Precision hadronic measurements systematically constrain the QGP viscosity

PHOTON AS A MICROSCOPE FOR THE QCD MATTER



$$E_p \frac{dN^\gamma}{d^3p} \propto f_a(p)$$

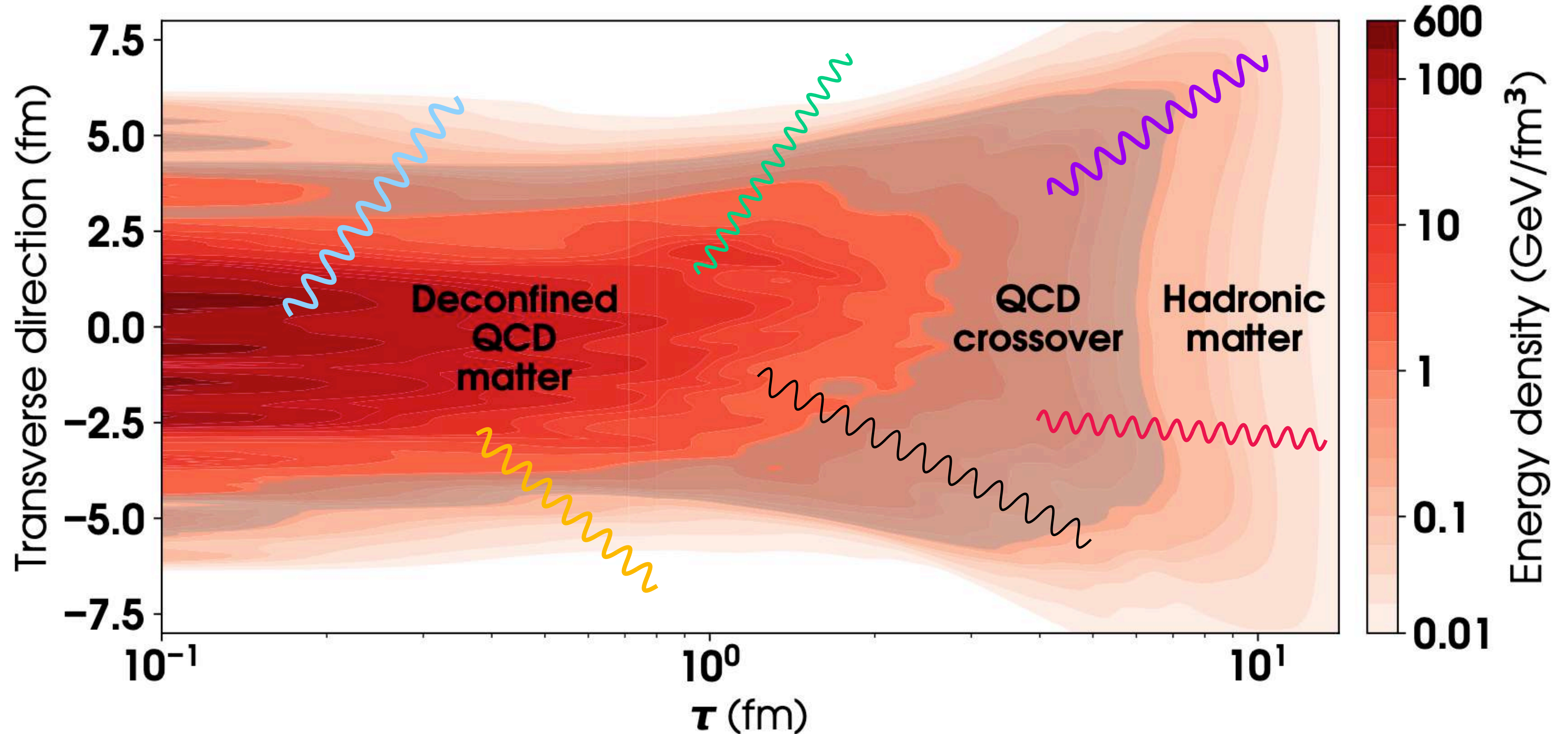
PHOTONS ARE TOMOGRAPHIC PROBES OF THE QGP



Electromagnetic probes emerge from *entire space time volume*
Hadrons emerge from the freeze-out surface

PHOTONS PROBES OF THE INNER WORKING OF QGP

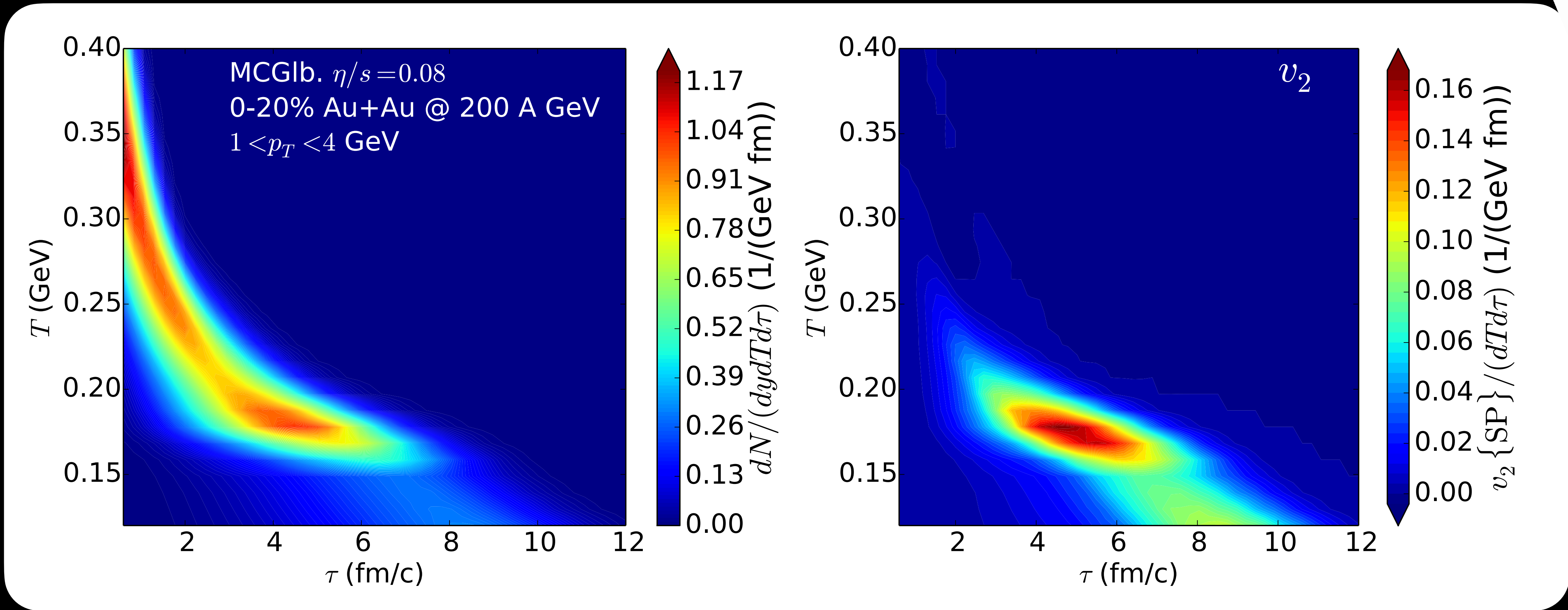
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THERMAL PHOTON TOMOGRAPHY



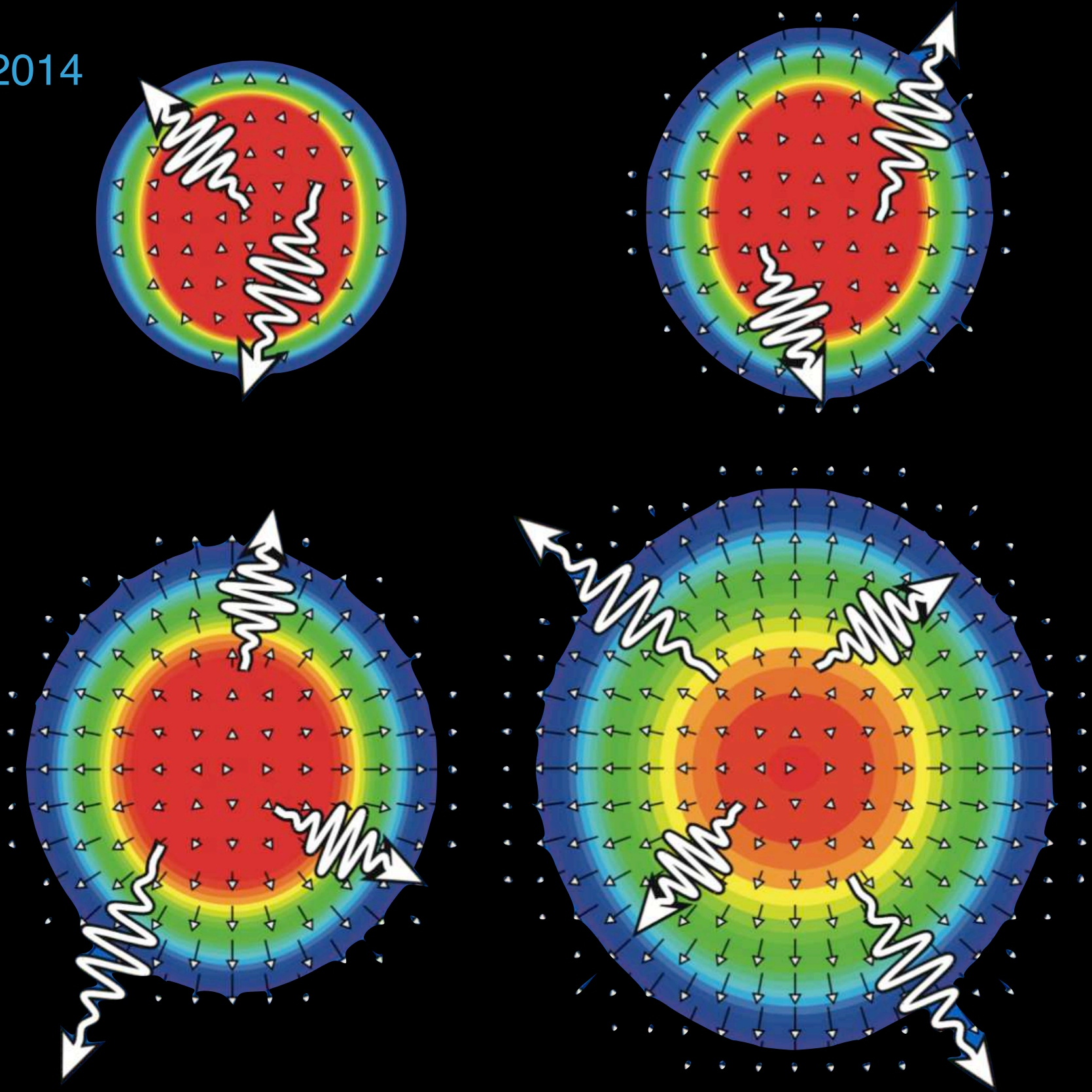
C. Shen, U. Heinz, J. F. Paquet, I. Kozlov, and C. Gale, Phys. Rev. C 91, 024908 (2015)



- We observe a two-wave structure in thermal photon emission
- Thermal photon v_2 is mostly coming from the transition region, $T = 150 \sim 200$ MeV, $\tau = 3 \sim 8$ fm @ RHIC

DOPPLER EFFECT IN HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

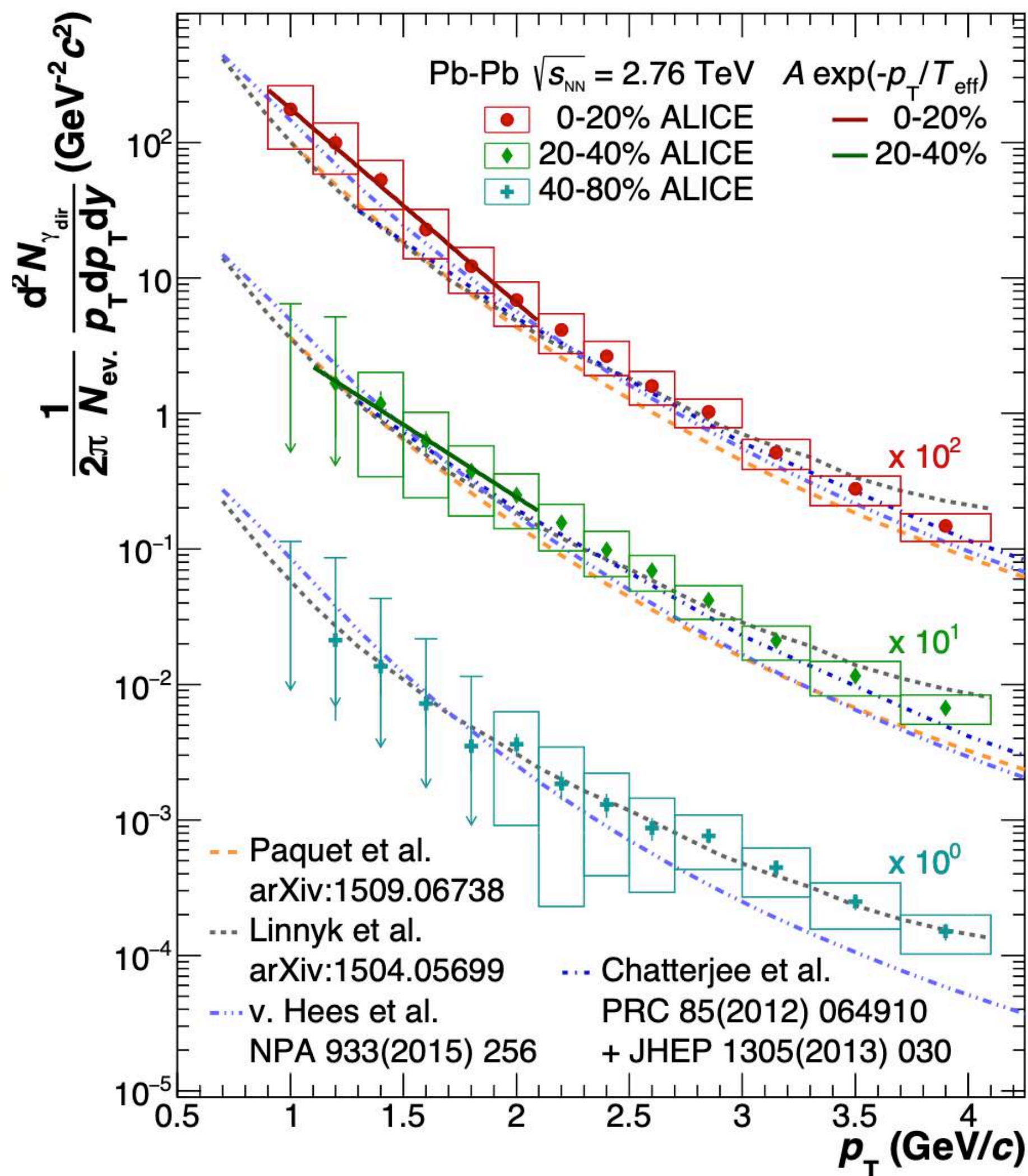
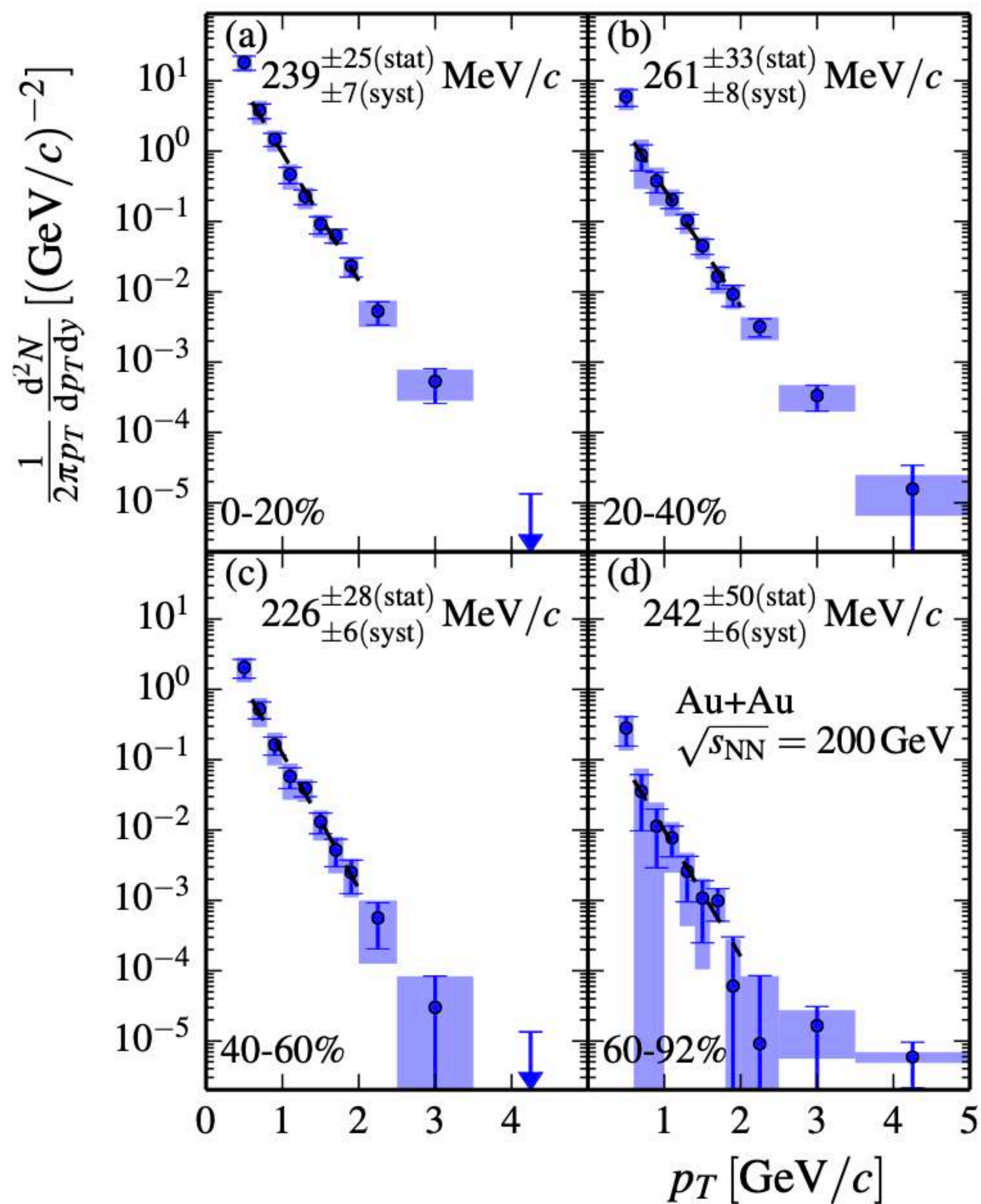
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$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} \sim \int d^4x \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\exp[p^\mu u_\mu / T] \pm 1} \quad T_{\text{slope}} \sim T \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}}$$

BLUE-SHIFTED BLACK BODY RADIATION

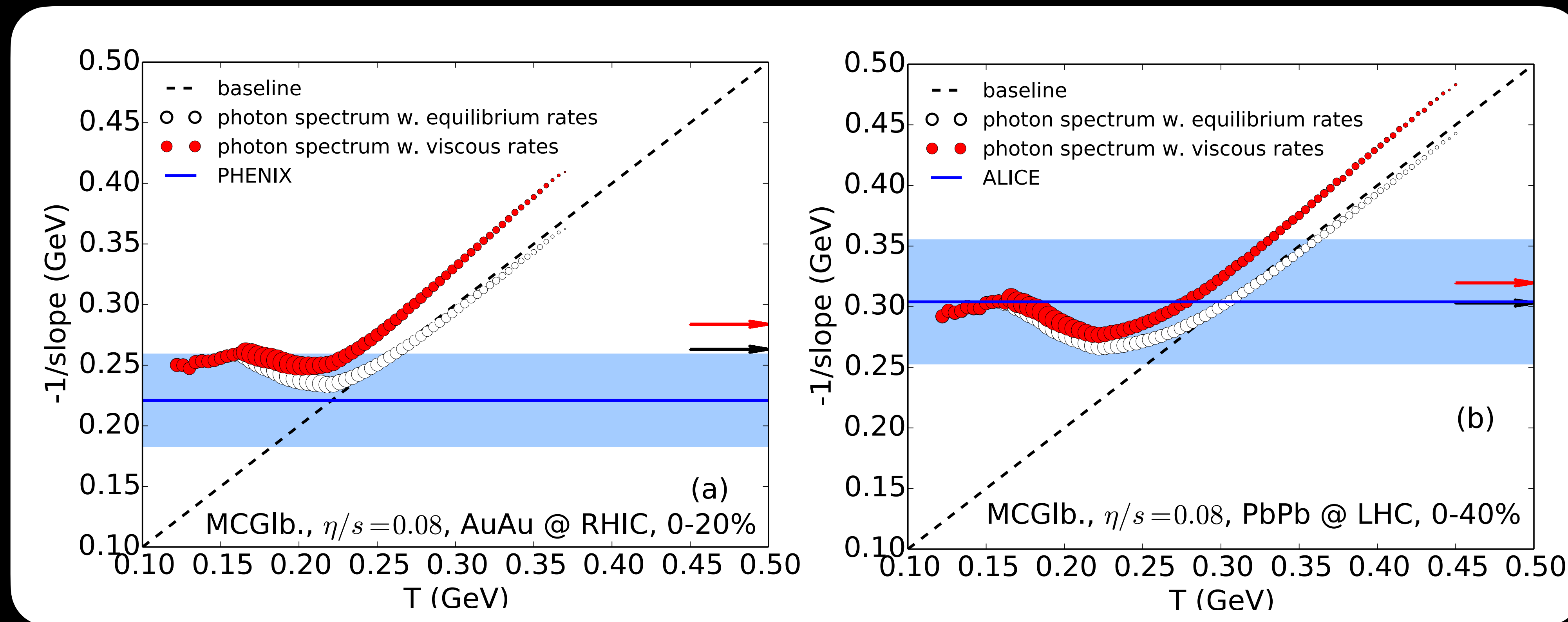
A. Adare *et al.* [PHENIX], Phys. Rev. C91, 064904 (2015) J. Adam *et al.* [ALICE], Phys. Lett. B 754, 235-248 (2016)



- How to extract physical information from the inverse slope of direct photon spectra?

DECODING THE INVERSE SLOPE

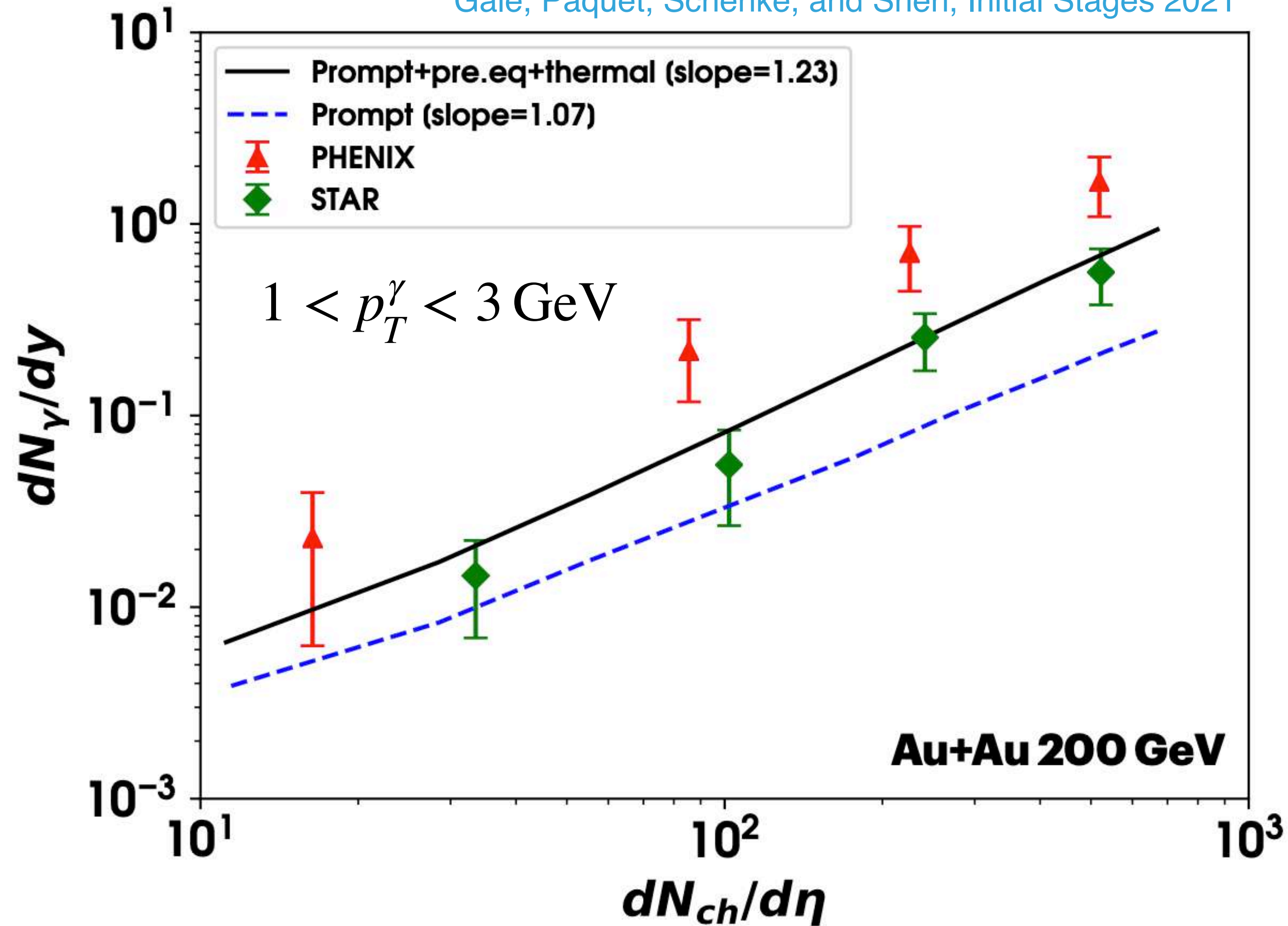
C. Shen, U. Heinz, J.-F. Paquet and C. Gale, Phys. Rev. C 89, 044910 (2014)



- **All** photons with $T < 250$ MeV at RHIC and < 300 MeV at LHC carries T_{eff} within the experimental fitted region
- About **50-60%** of photons are emitted from $T = 165 \sim 250$ MeV, they are strongly blue shifted by radial flow

CENTRALITY SCALING OF DIRECT PHOTON YIELD

Gale, Paquet, Schenke, and Shen, Initial Stages 2021



PHENIX Collaboration, Phys.Rev.C91 (2015) 6, 064904

STAR Collaboration, Phys.Lett.B770 (2017) 451-458; Phys.Rev.C79 (2009) 034909

- The direct photon yield shows a stronger centrality dependence than charged hadrons

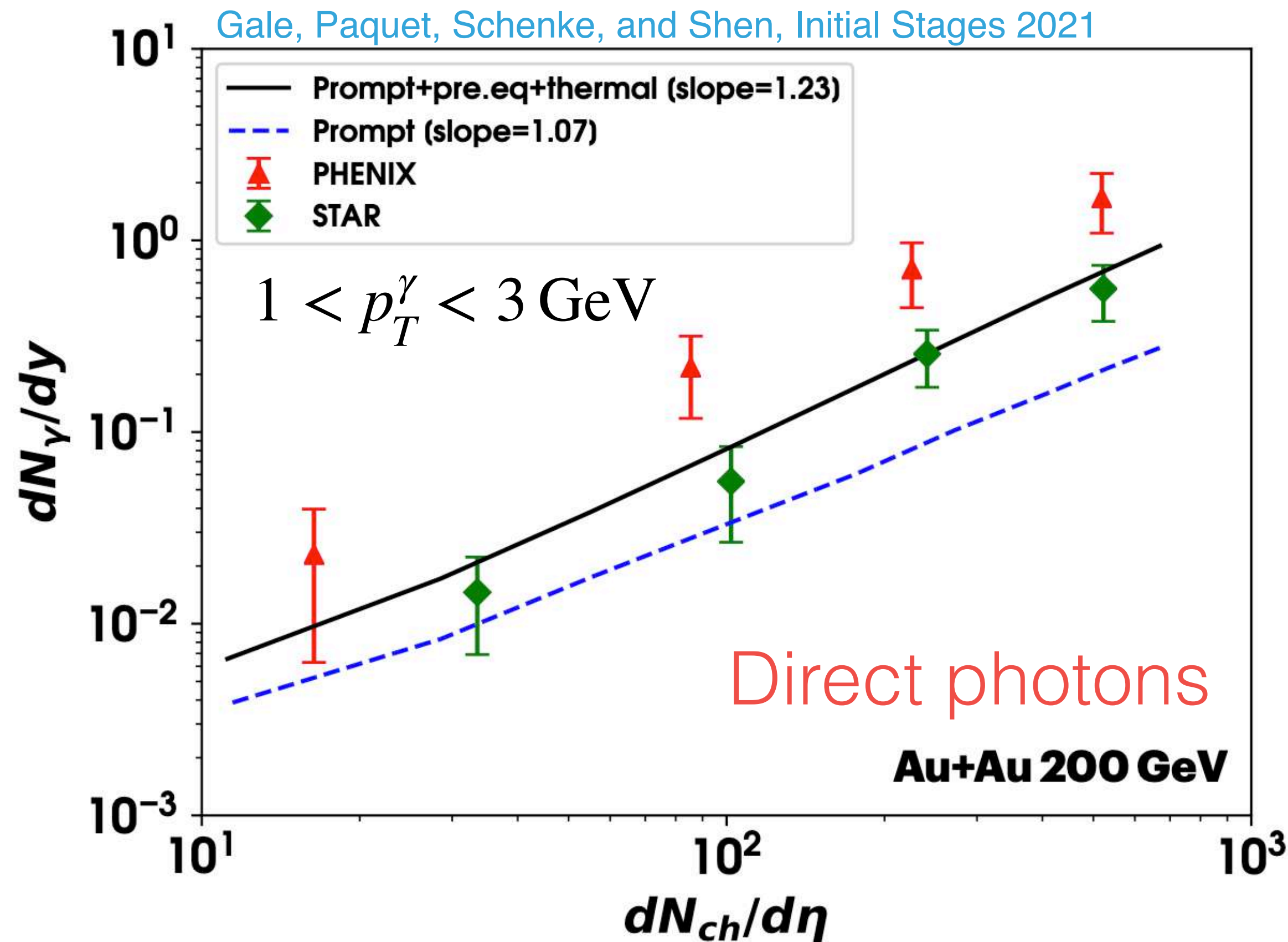
Thermal photons:

$$\frac{dN_{\text{thermal}}^\gamma / dy}{dN^{\text{ch}} / dy} \propto \frac{\langle T^4 V_4 \rangle}{\langle s V_3 \rangle} \propto \langle T \rangle \tau_f$$

Prompt photons:

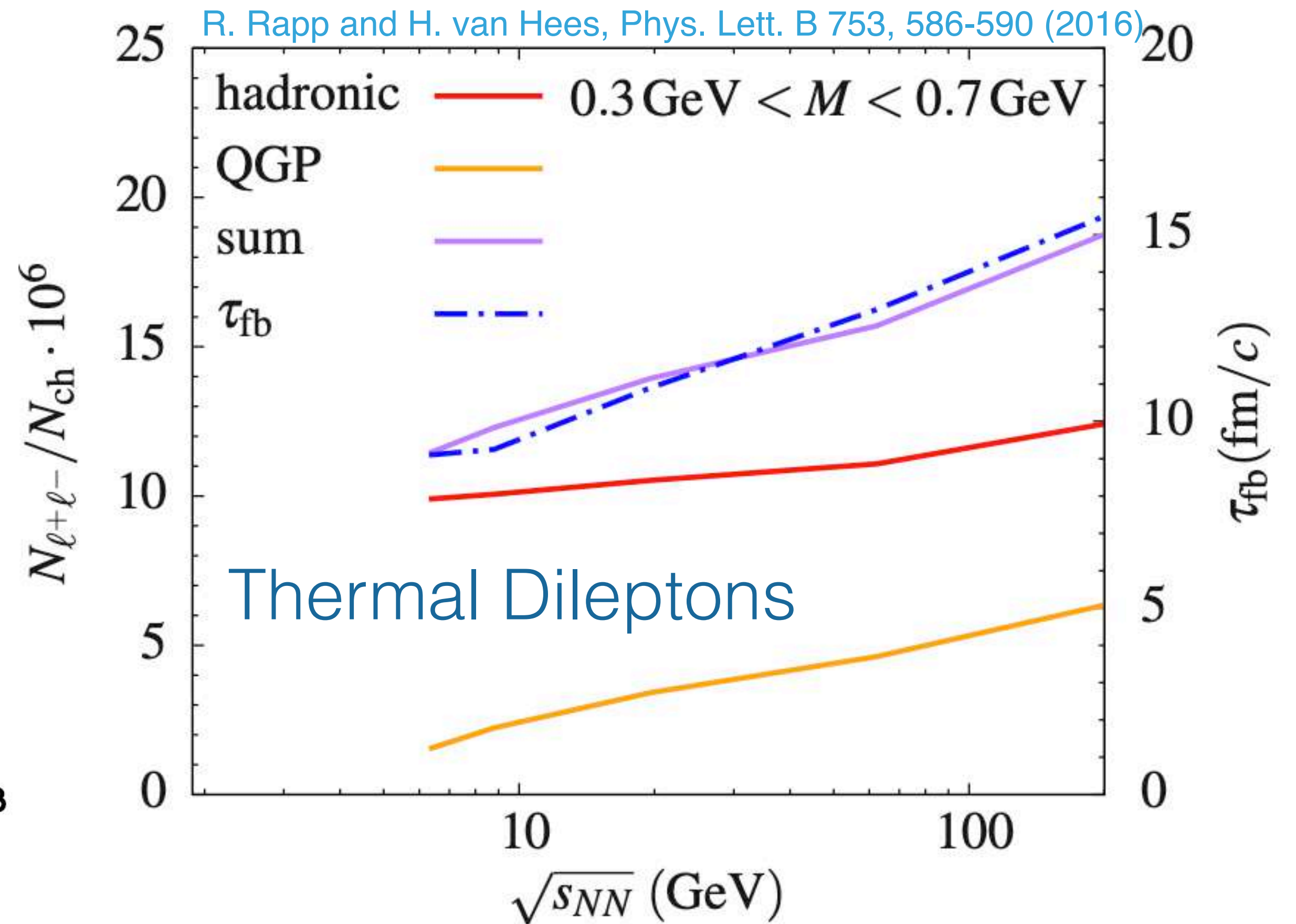
$$\frac{dN_{\text{prompt}}^\gamma / dy}{dN^{\text{ch}} / dy} \propto \frac{N_{\text{coll}}}{N_{\text{part}}}$$

CENTRALITY SCALING OF EM PROBES



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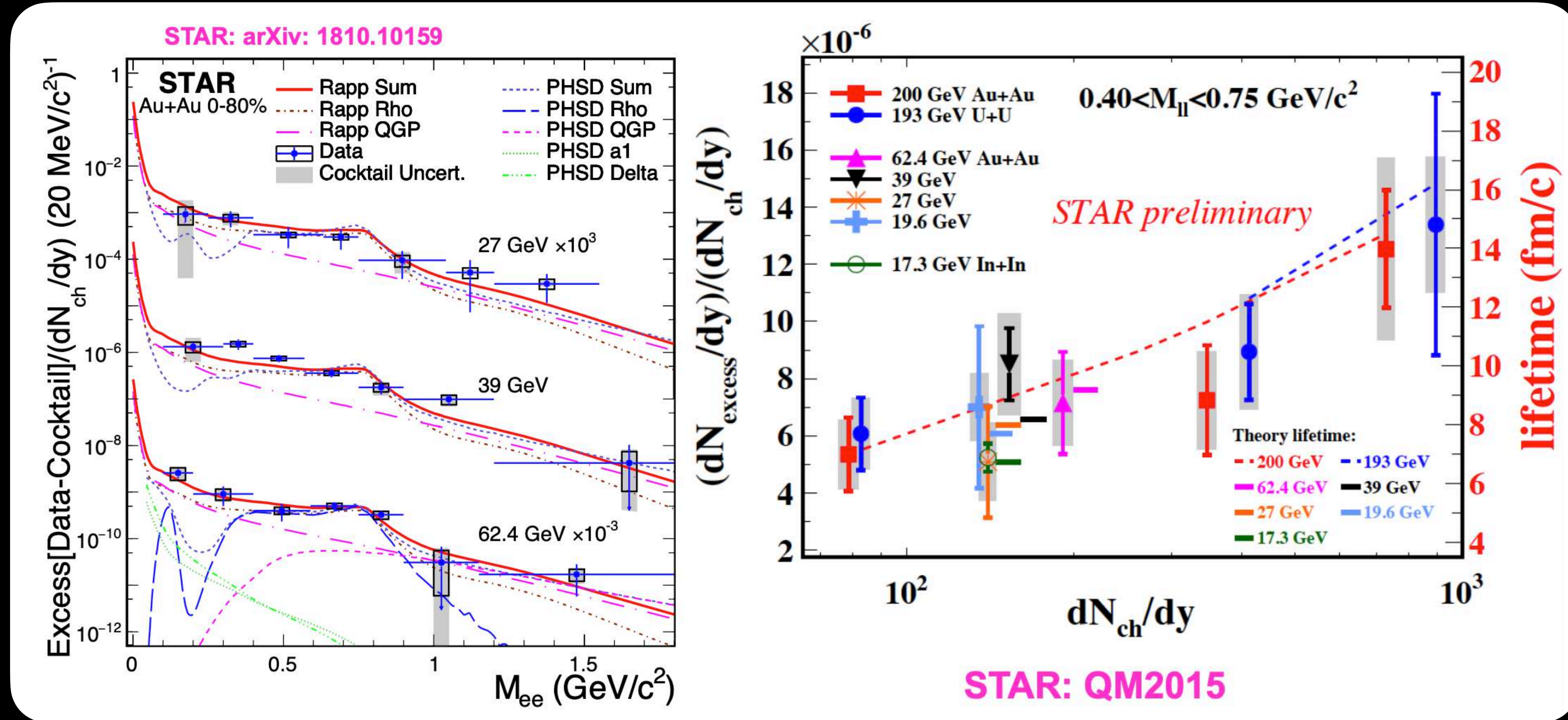
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- Low mass thermal dileptons showed a similar excitation function, which has strong correlation with fireball lifetime

$$\frac{dN_{\text{thermal}}^{\gamma}/dy}{dN^{\text{ch}}/dy} \propto \langle T \rangle \tau_f$$

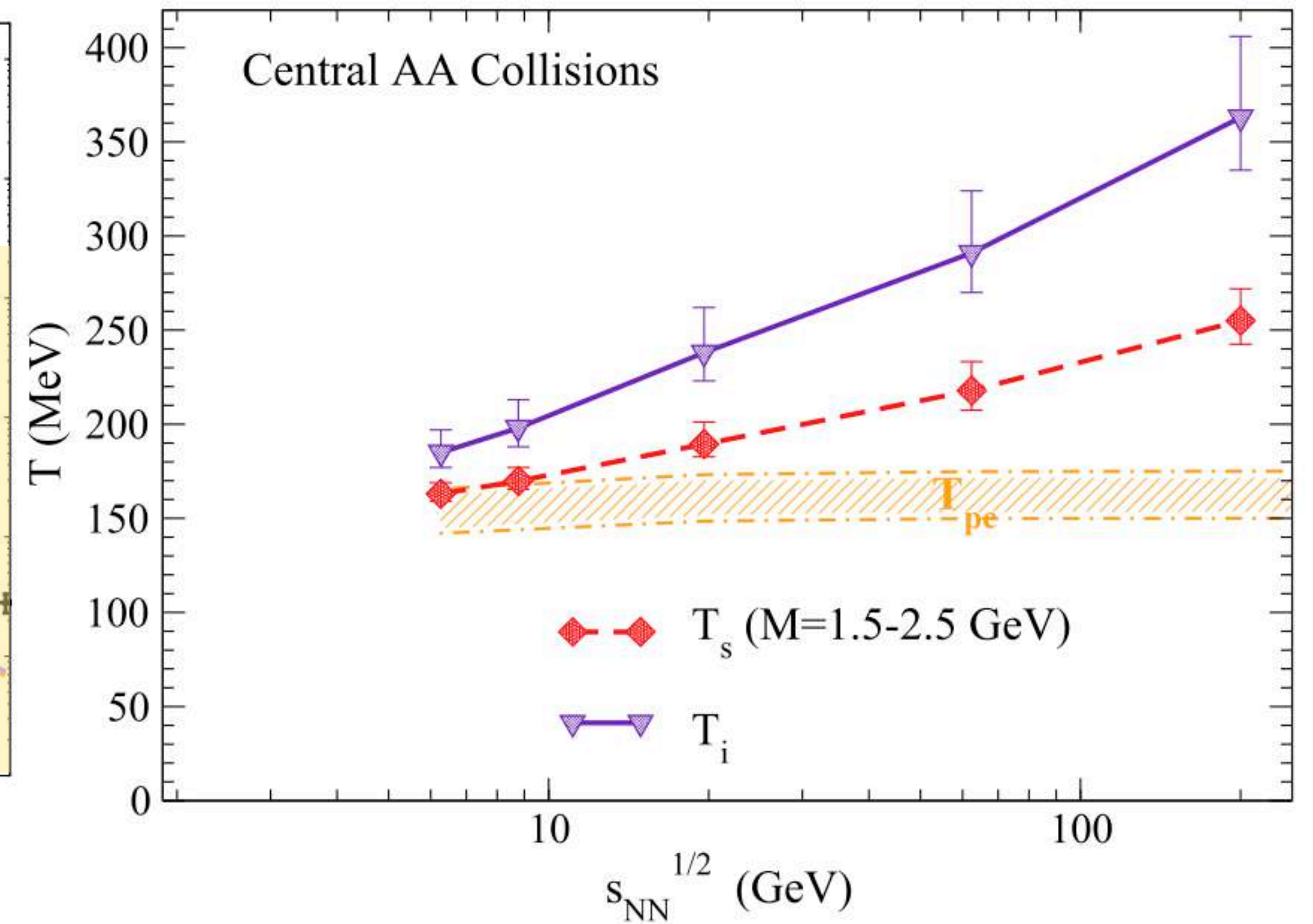
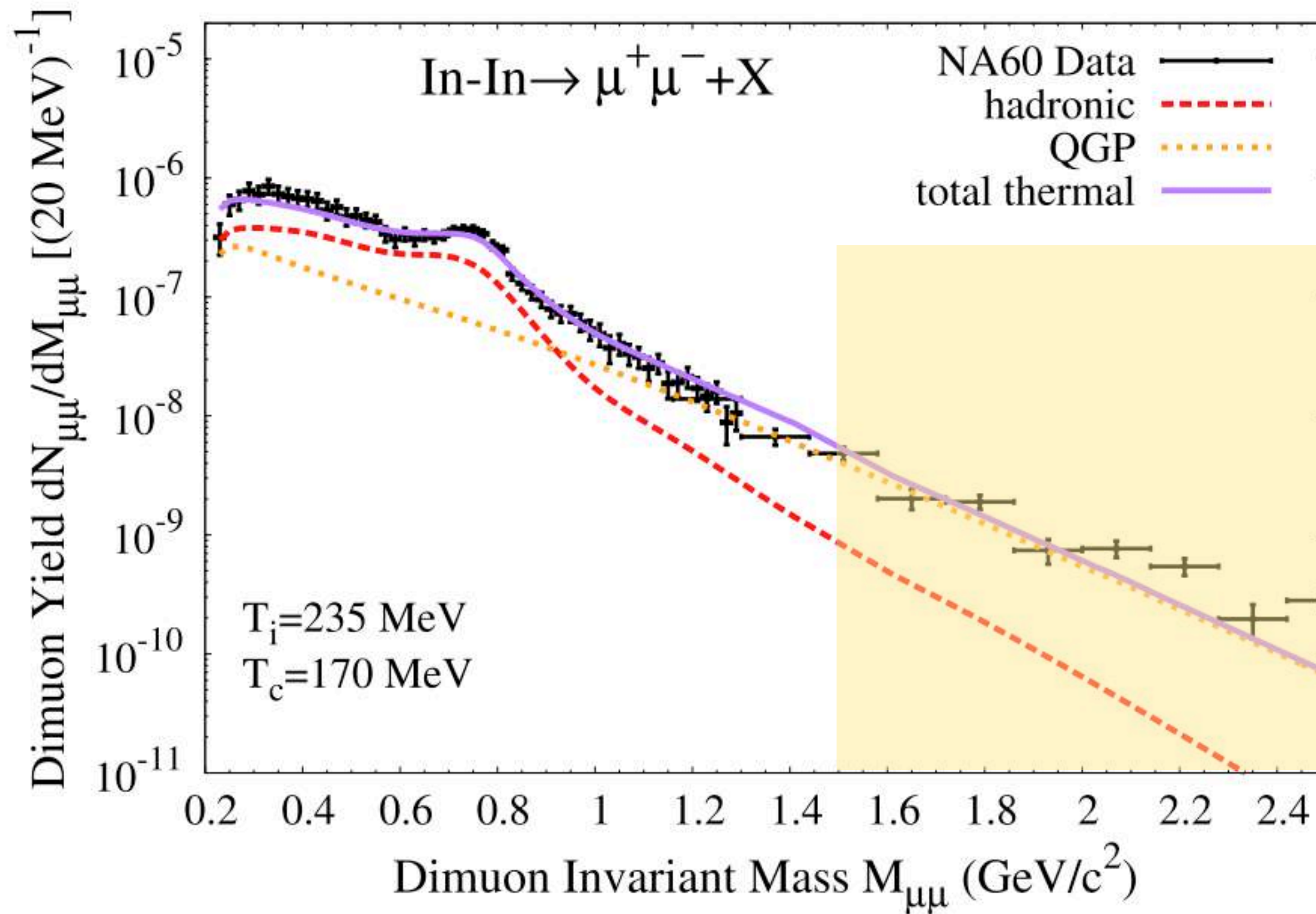
THE DIELECTRON EXCESS SPECTRUM: LIFETIME INDICATOR



A broadened ρ -spectral function consistently describes the low mass dielectron excess for different collisions energies, which is correlated with fireball lifetime

THERMAL DILEPTON AS A QGP THERMOMETER

R. Rapp and H. van Hees, Phys. Lett. B 753, 586-590 (2016)

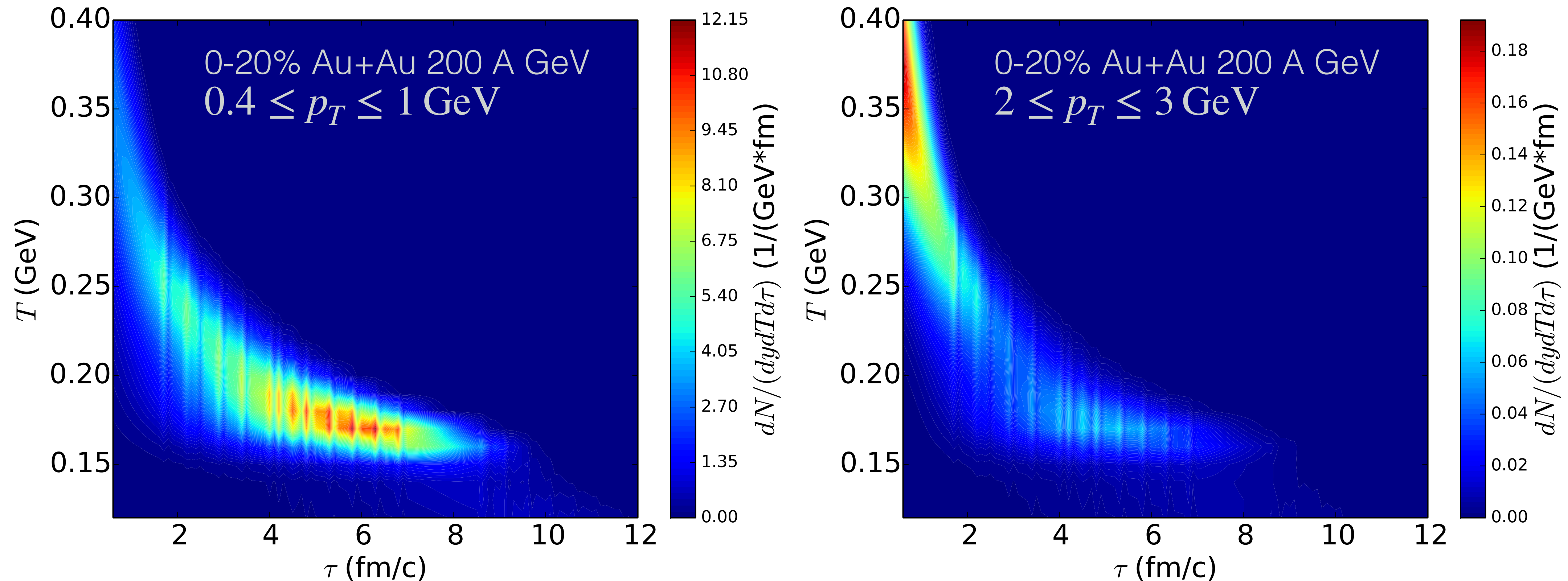


$$\frac{dR_{ll}}{dM} \propto (MT)^{3/2} \exp(-M/T)$$

- Thermal dilepton invariant mass spectrum is independent of blue-shift effects and can reveal true medium temperature

PROBING EARLY STAGES OF COLLISIONS

C. Shen, U. W. Heinz, J. F. Paquet, I. Kozlov and C. Gale, Phys. Rev. C91, 024908 (2015)



- High p_T thermal photons are emitted from high temperature fluid cells at early time

EFFECTS OF PRE-EQUILIBRIUM STAGE ON HADRONS

Gale, Paquet, Schenke, and Shen, in preparation

0^+ 0.1 0.4 0.8 $\rightarrow \tau$ (fm)

IP-Glasma

Hydrodynamics

Transport

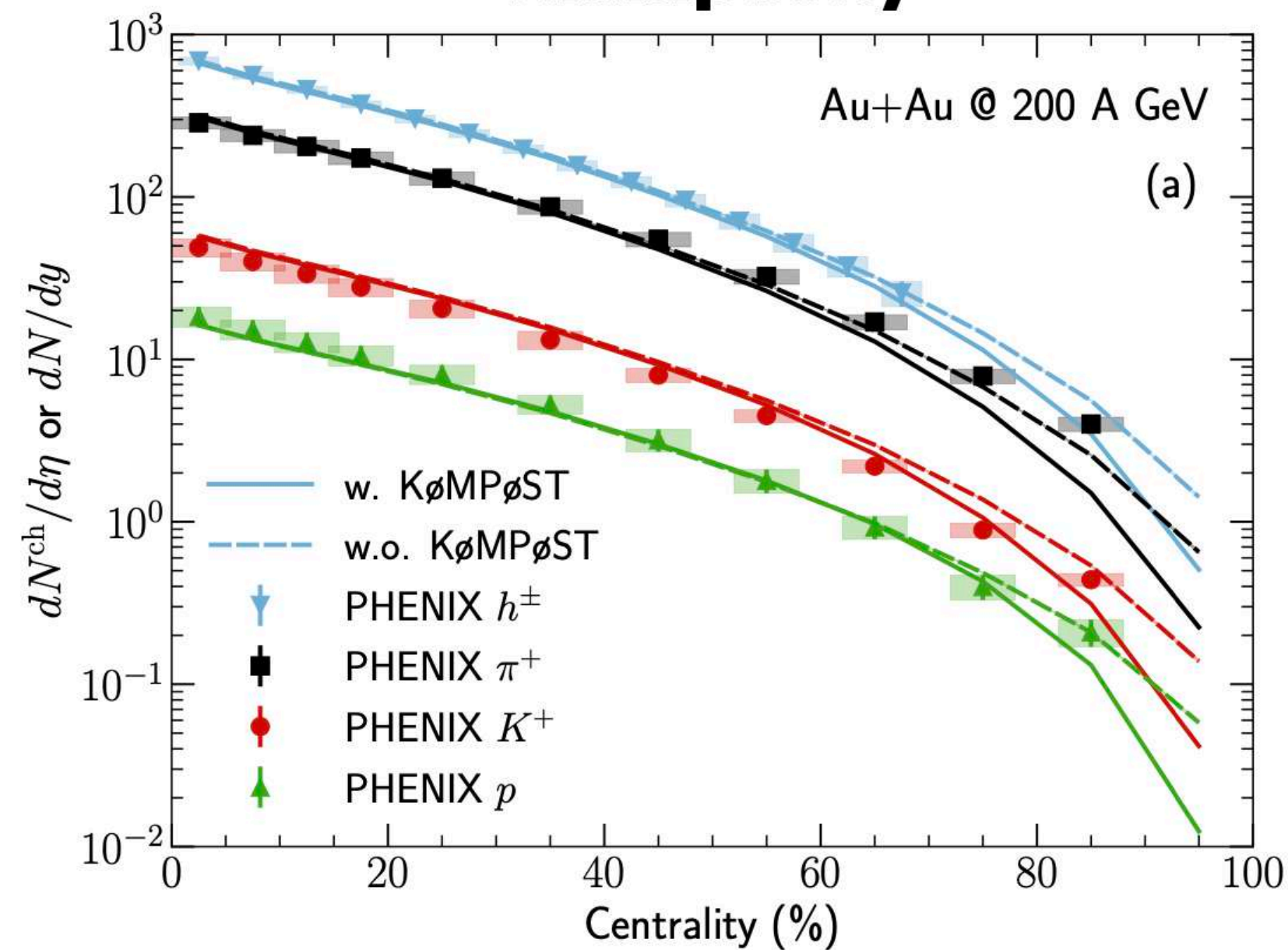
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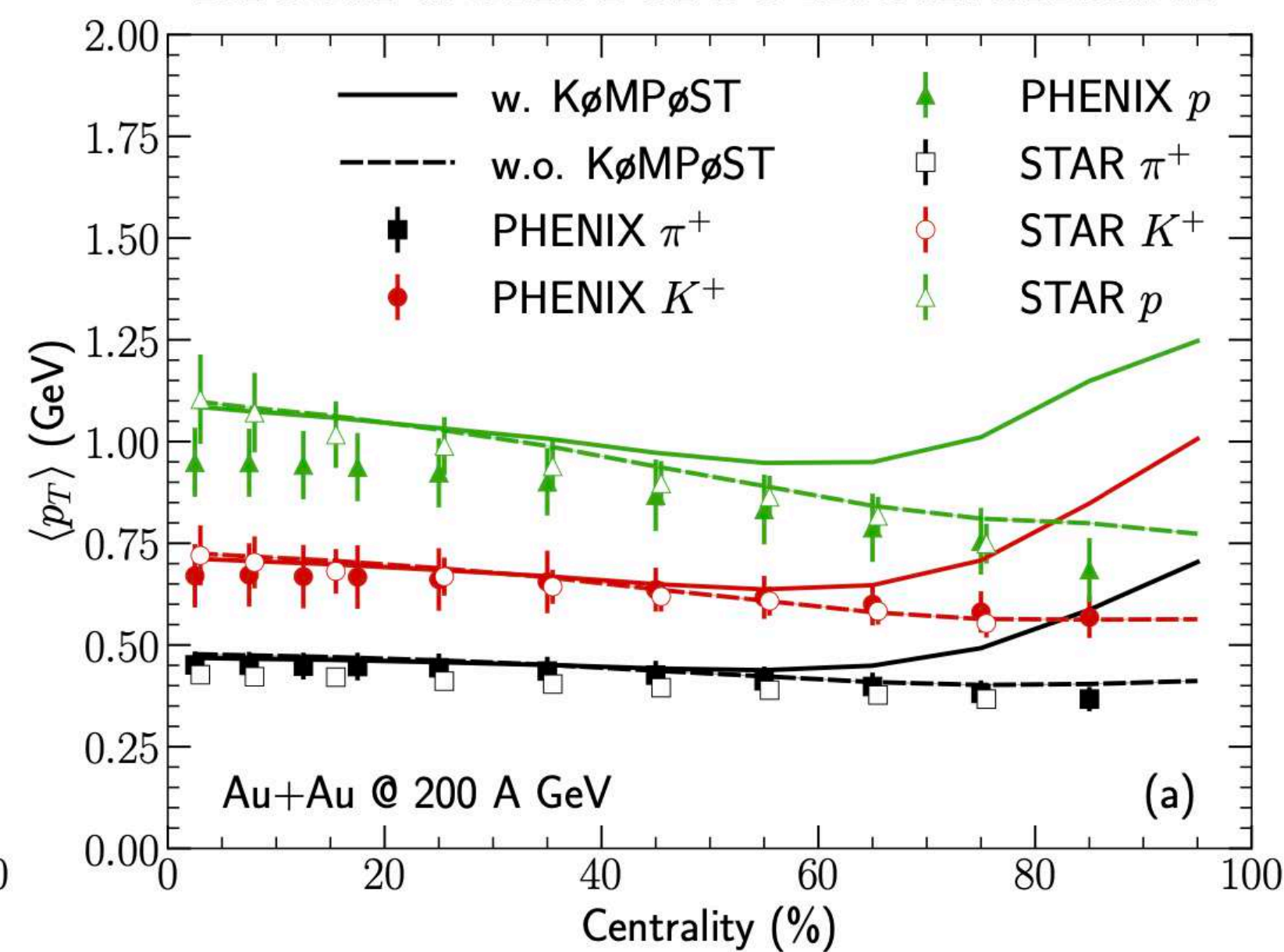
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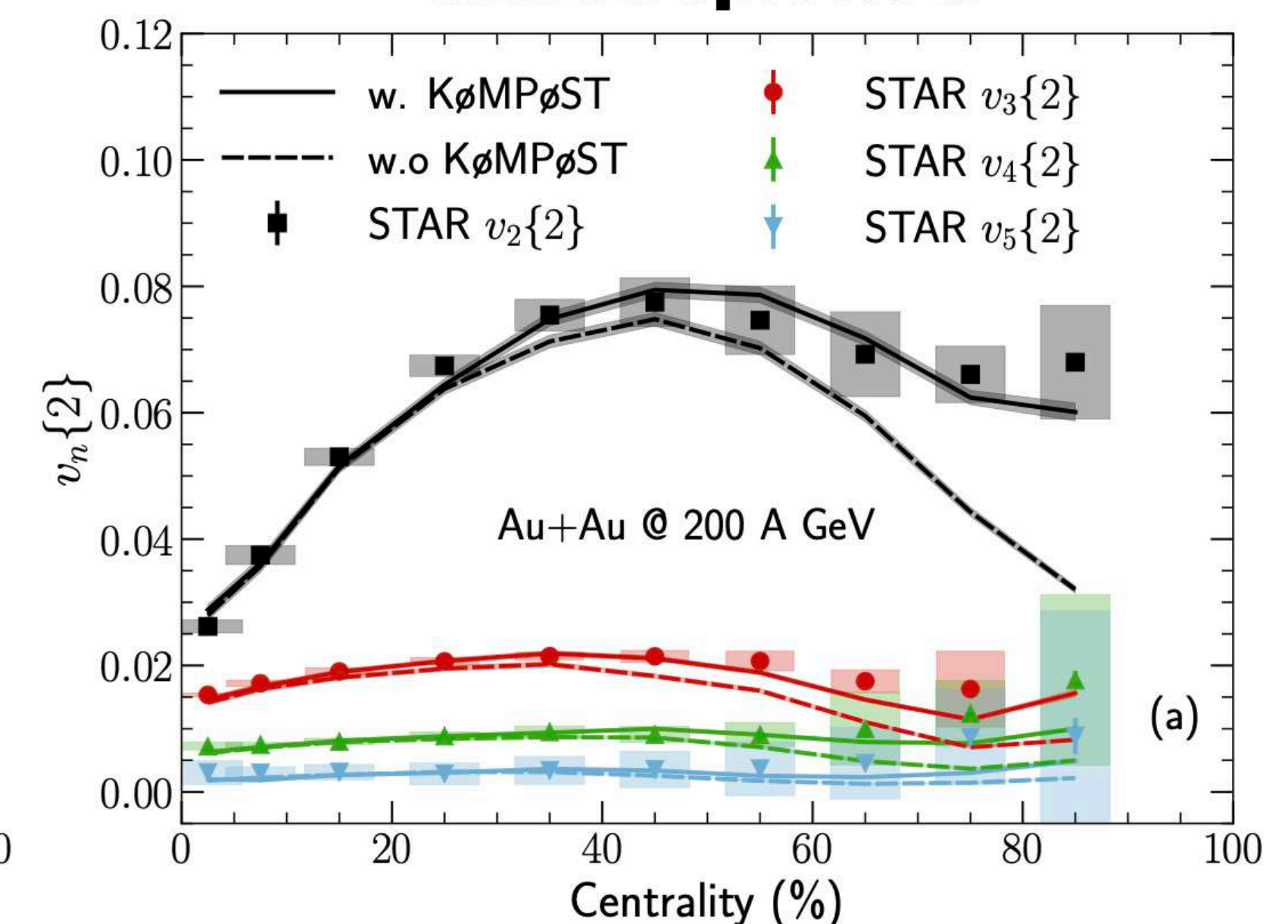
multiplicity



mean transverse momentum

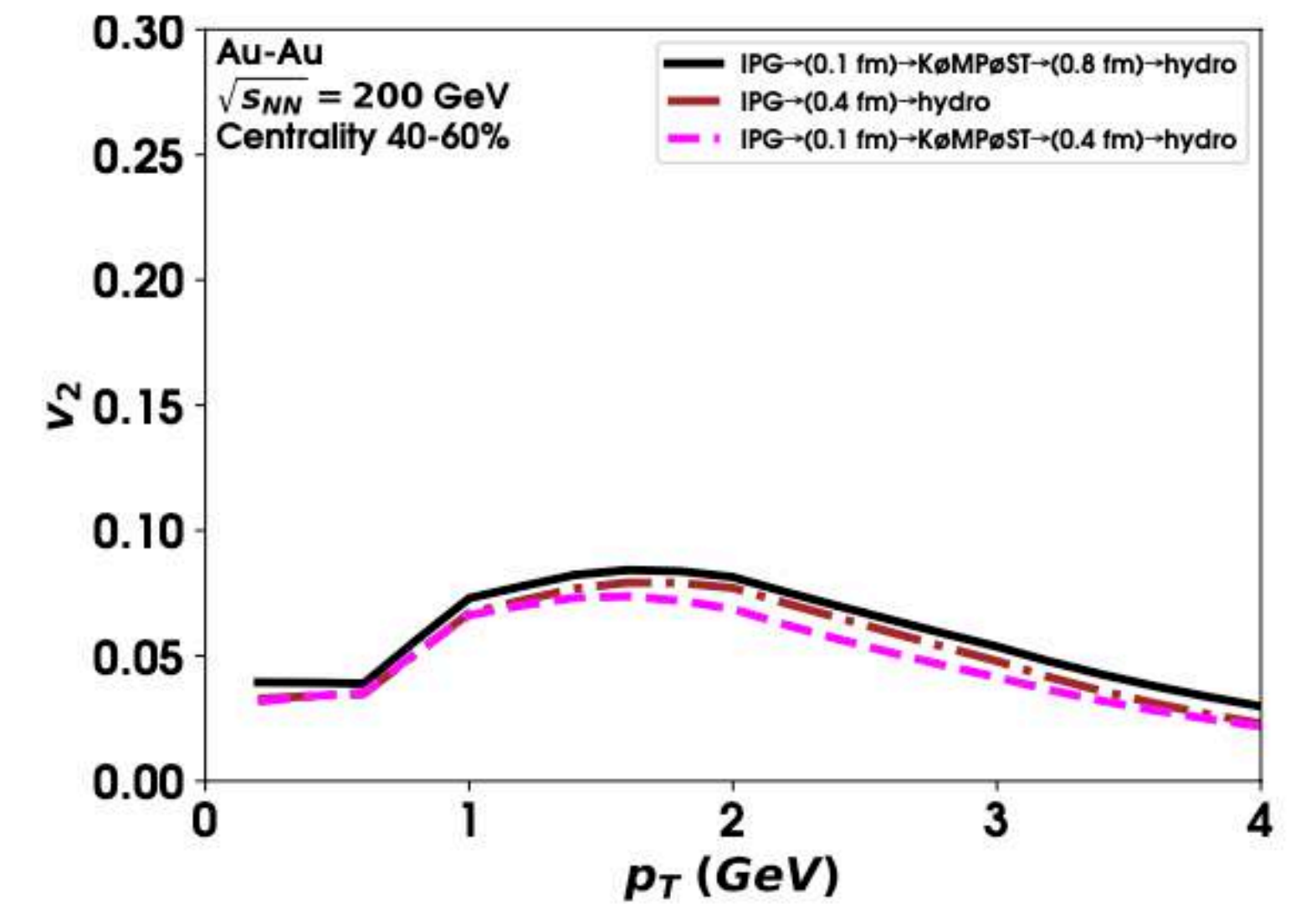
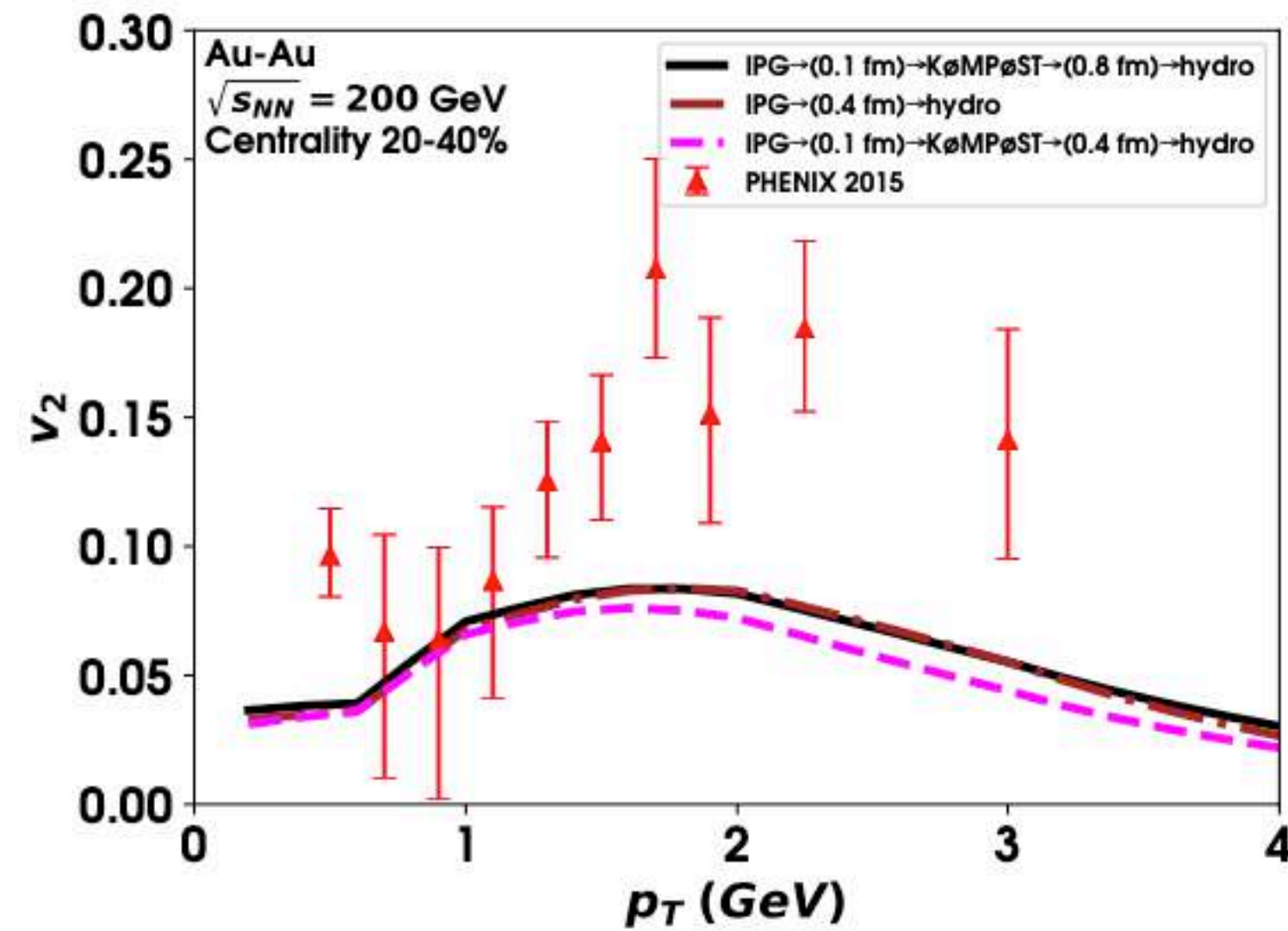
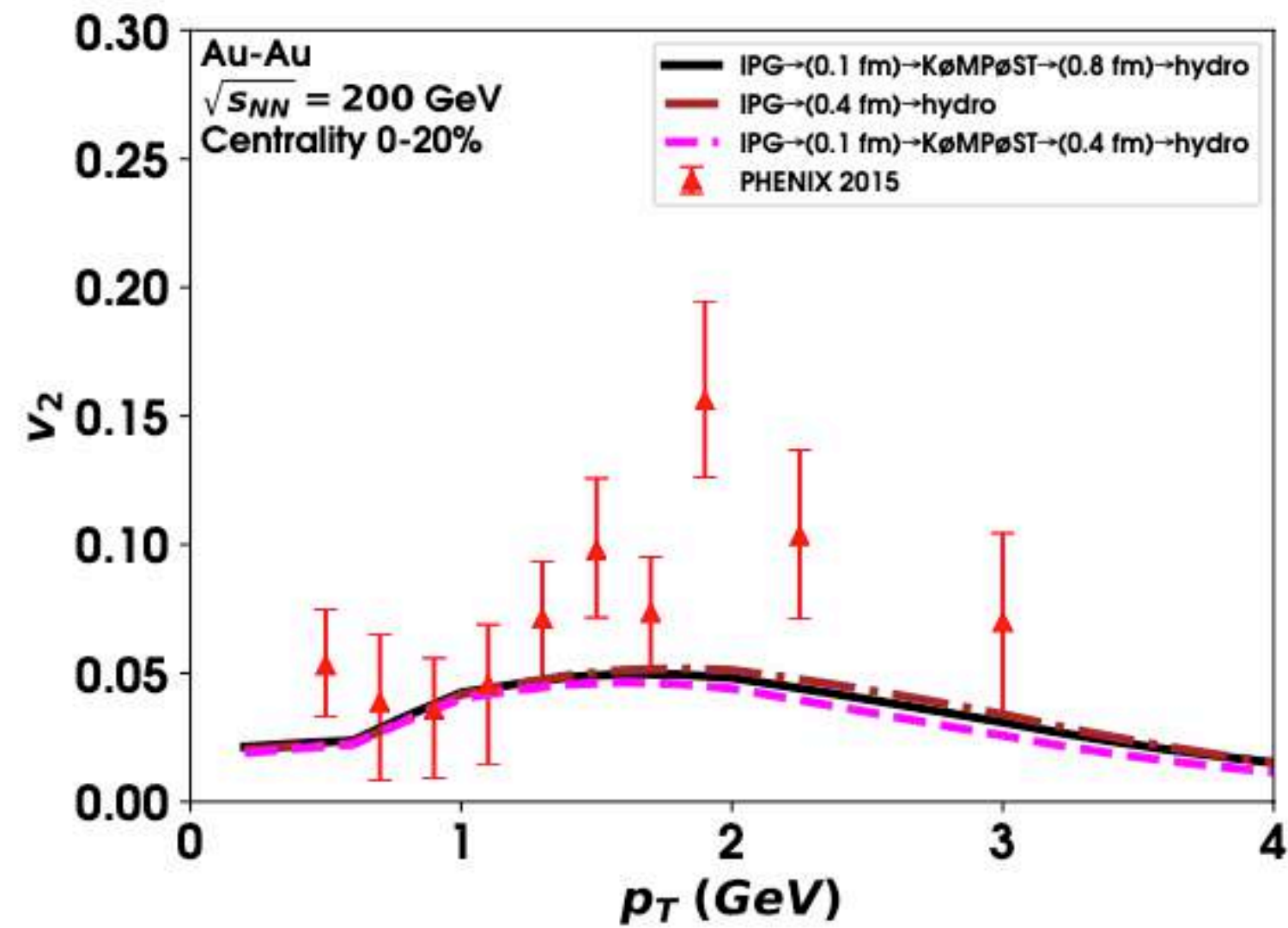
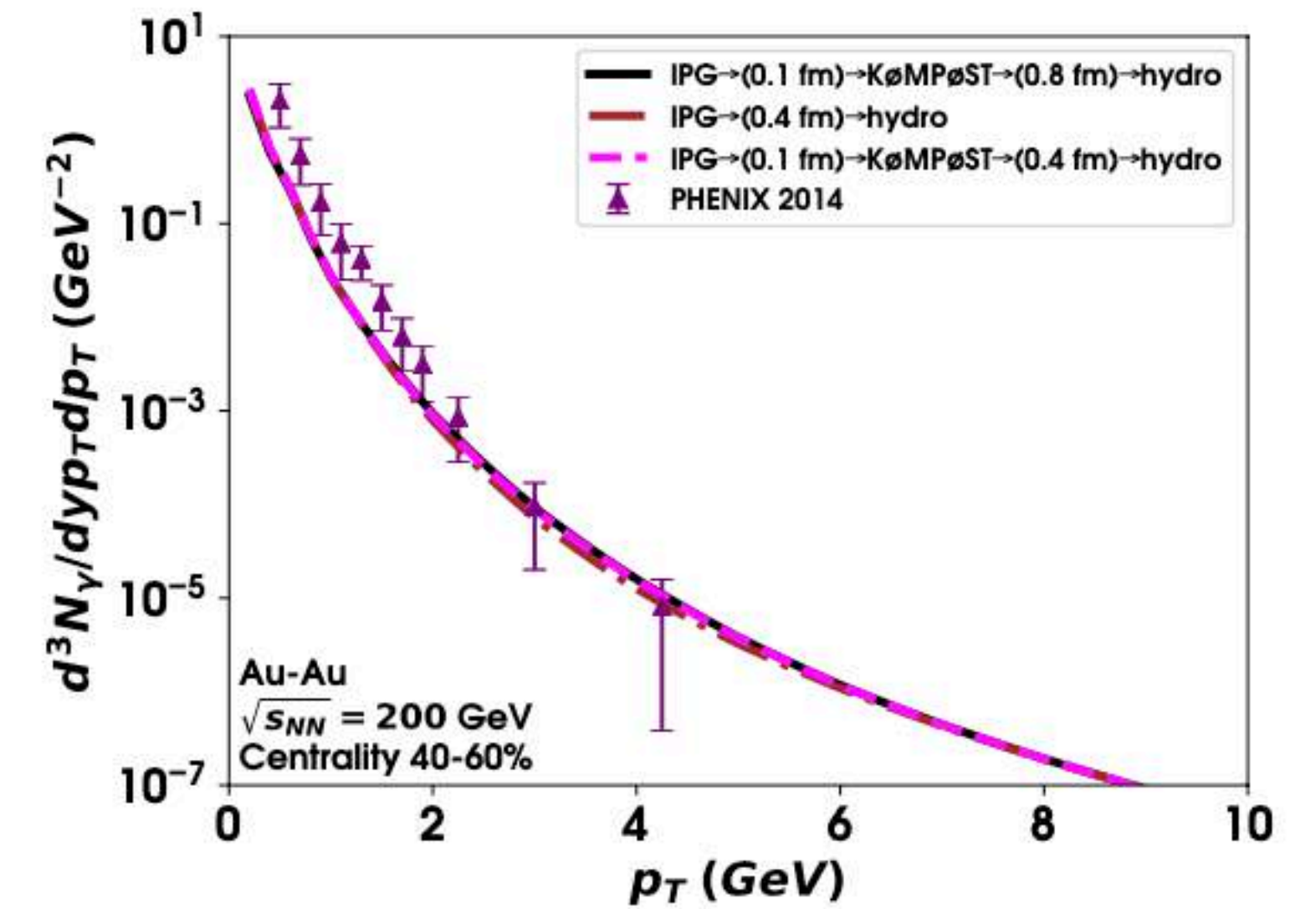
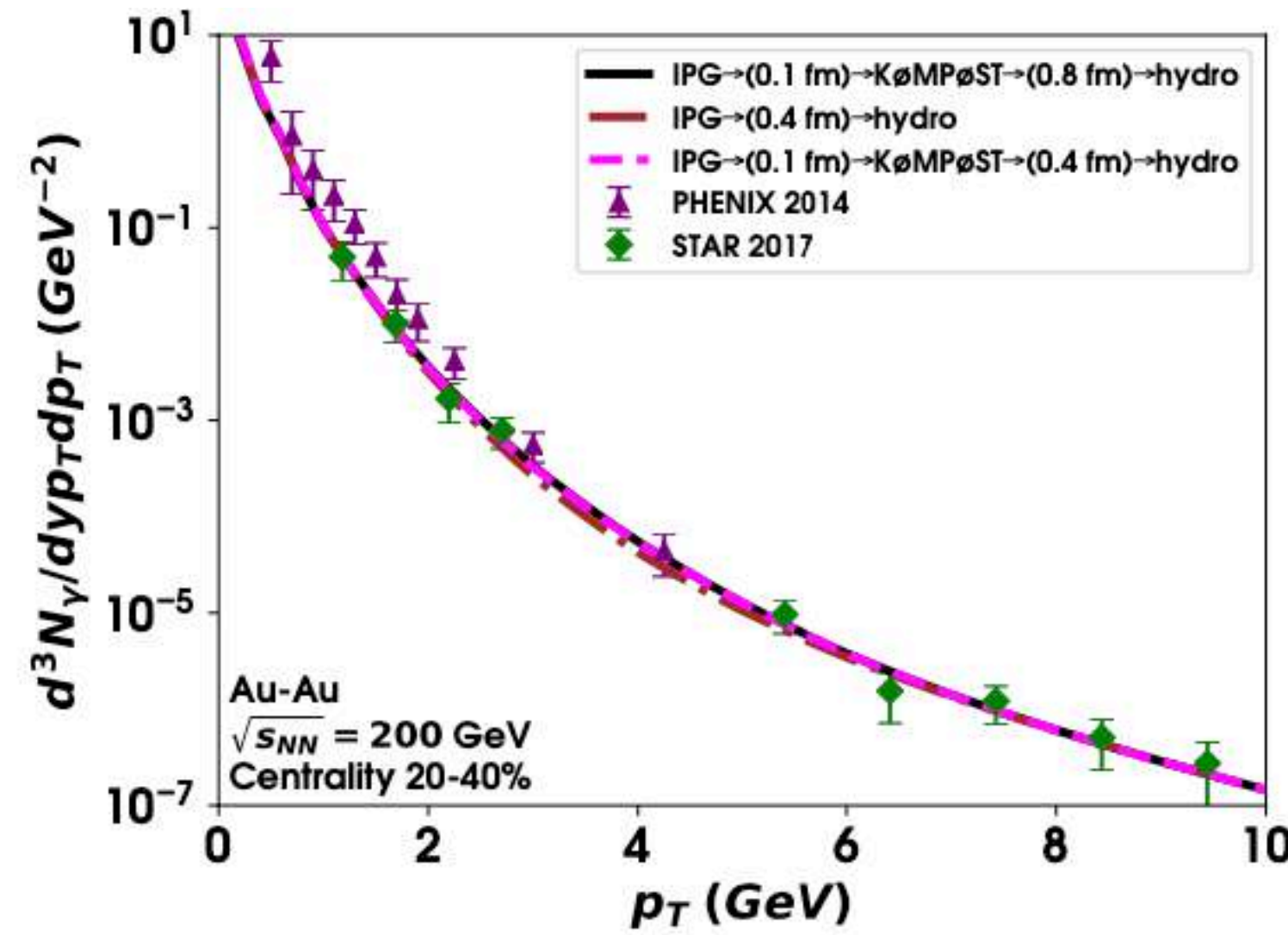
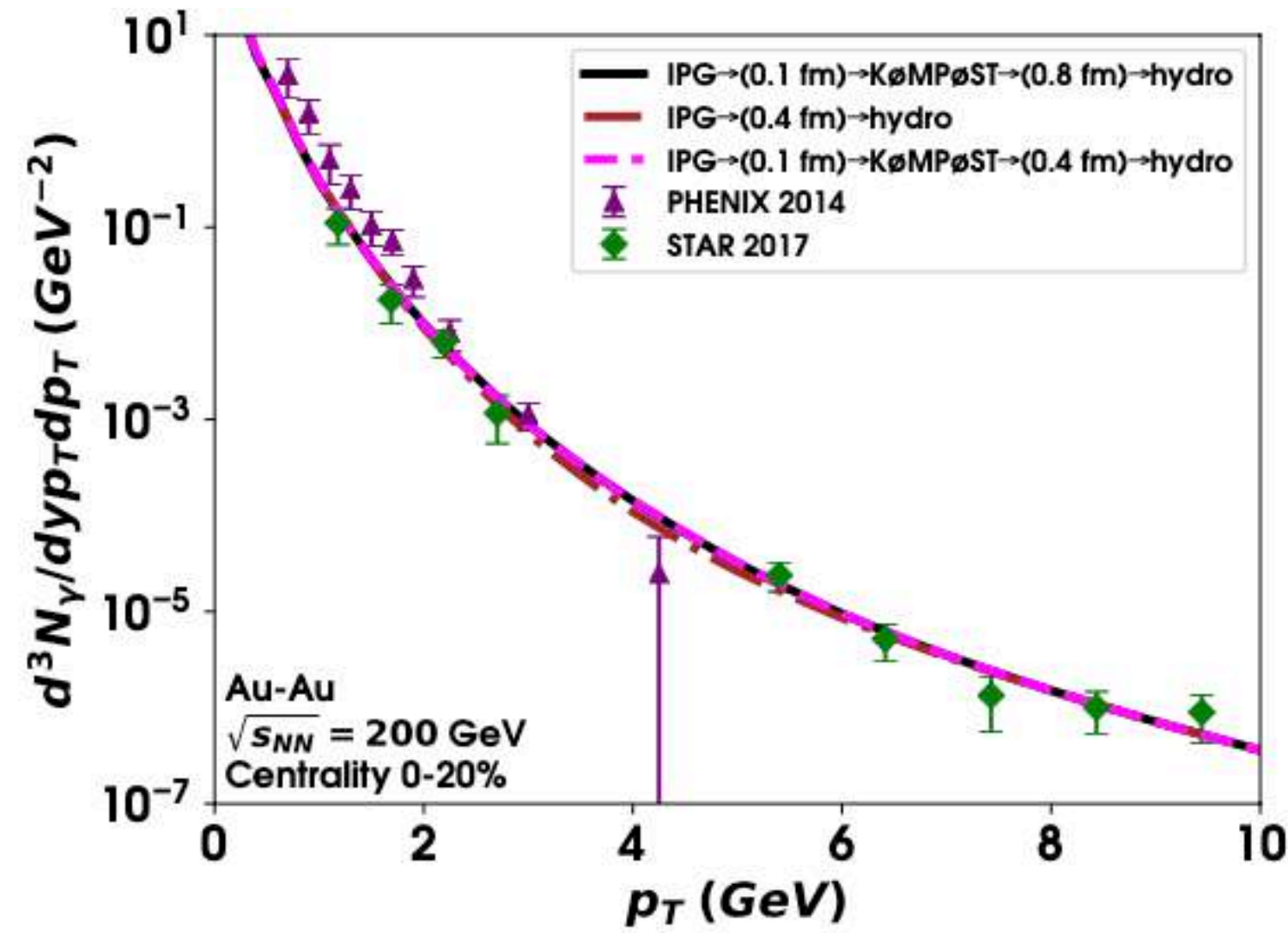


anisotropic flow



DIRECT PHOTON OBSERVABLES AT RHIC

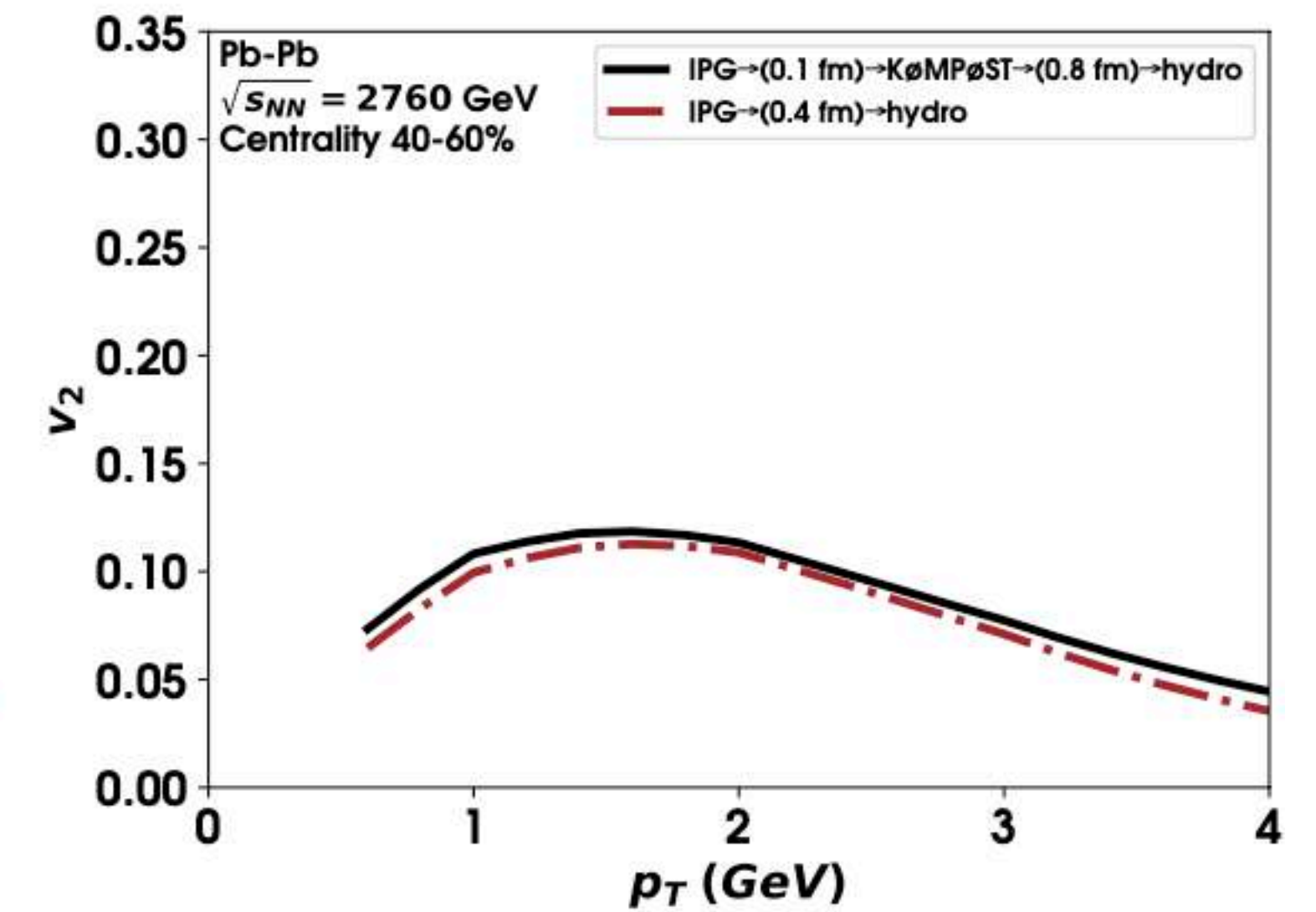
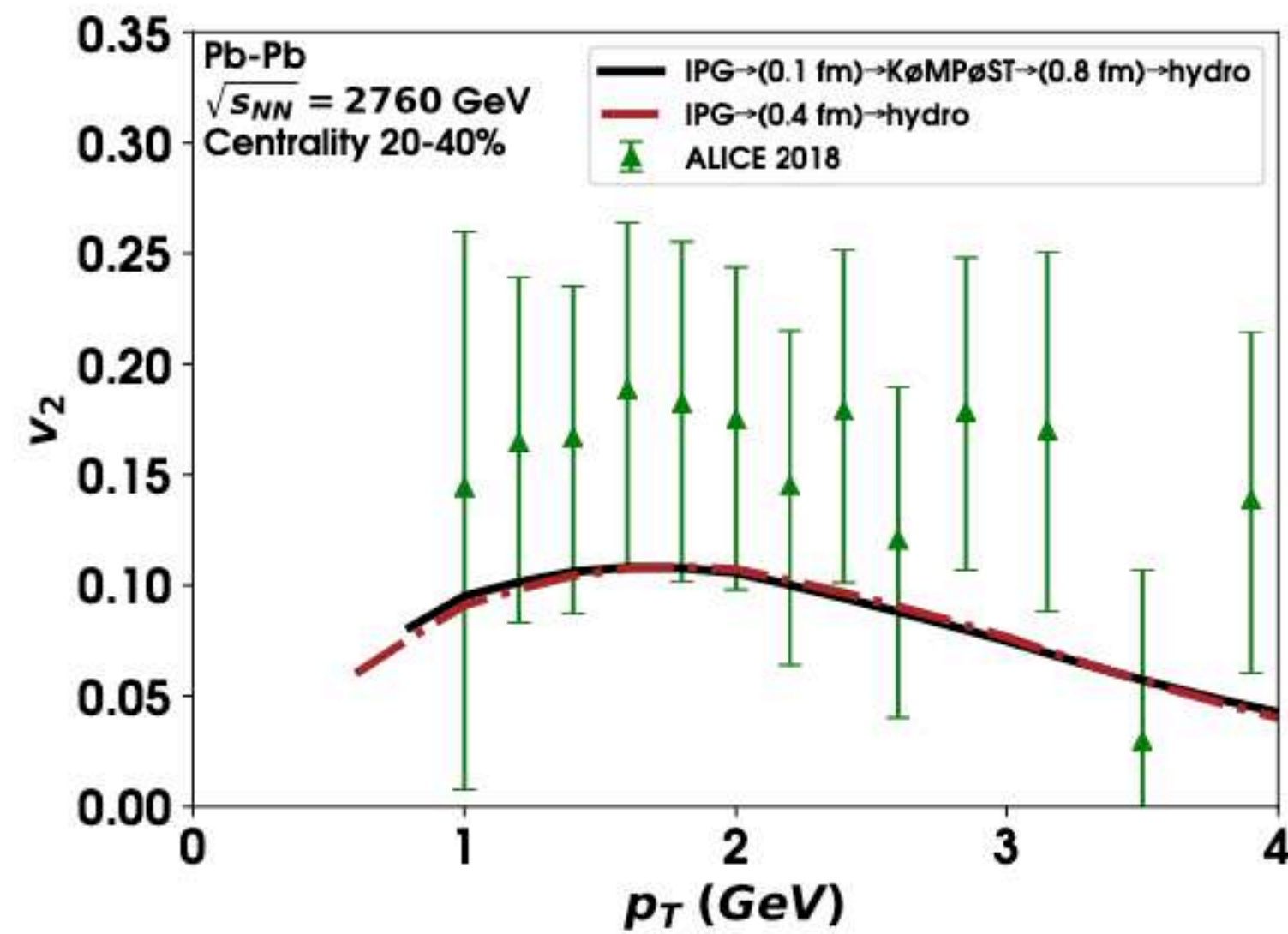
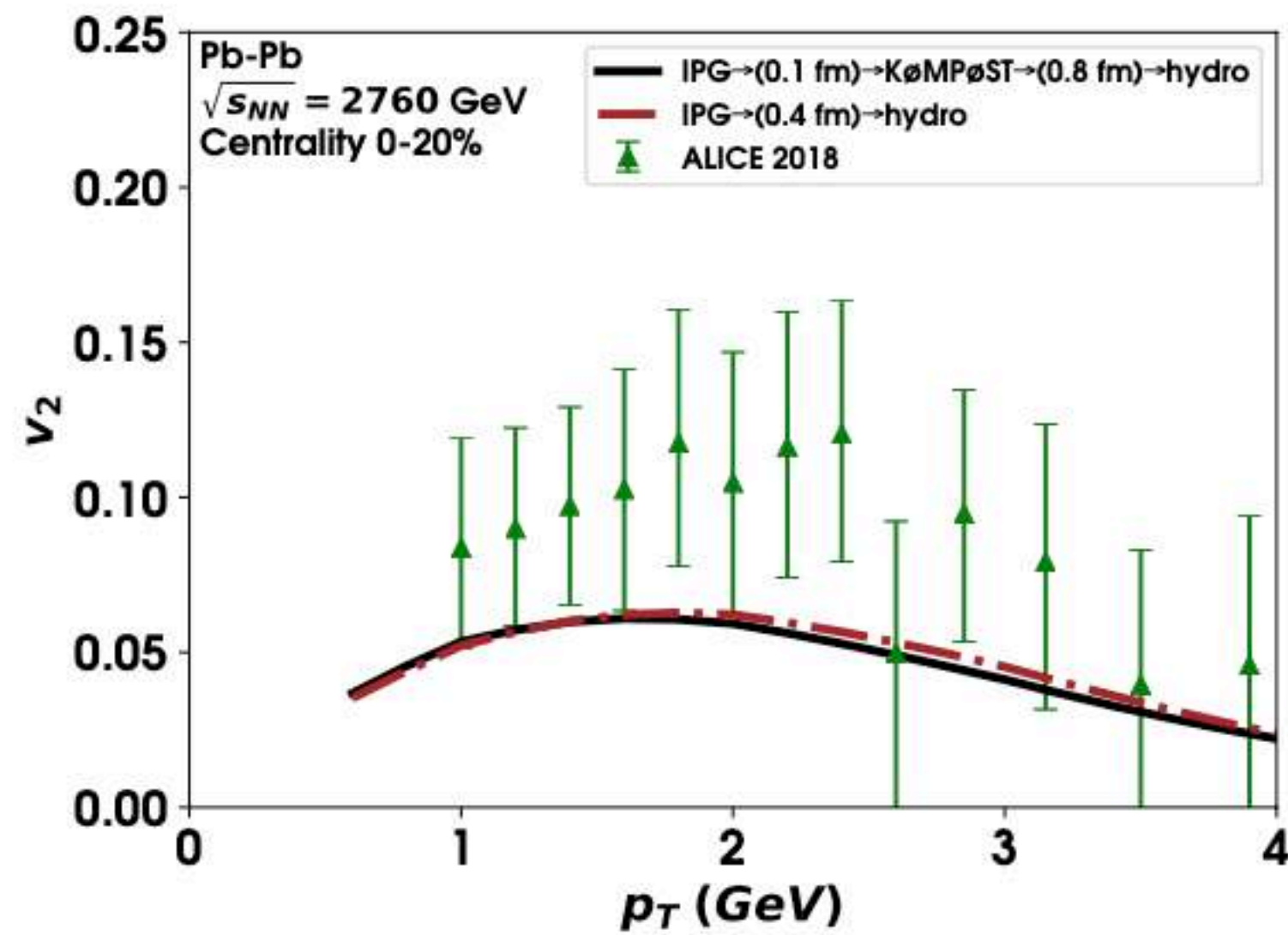
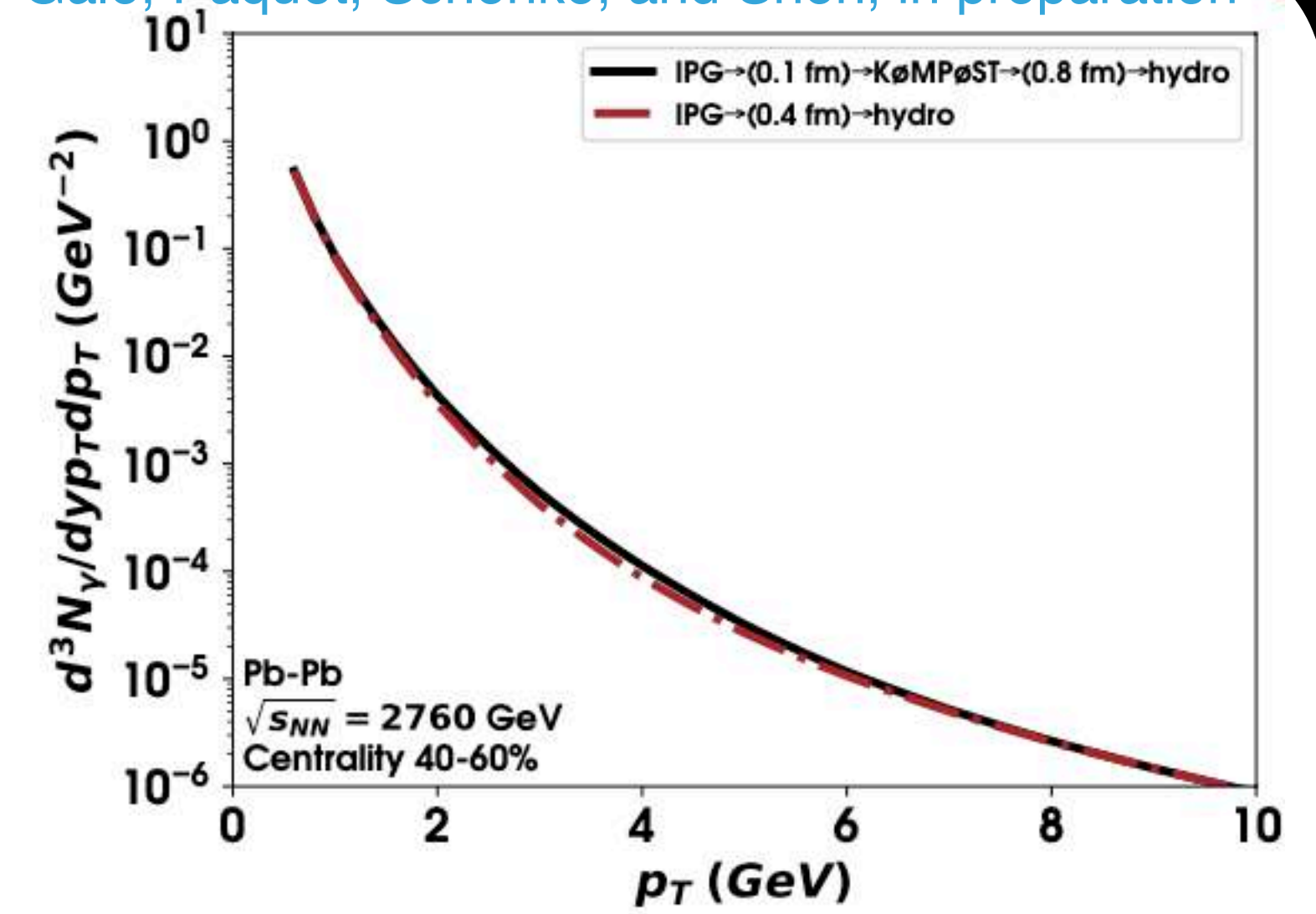
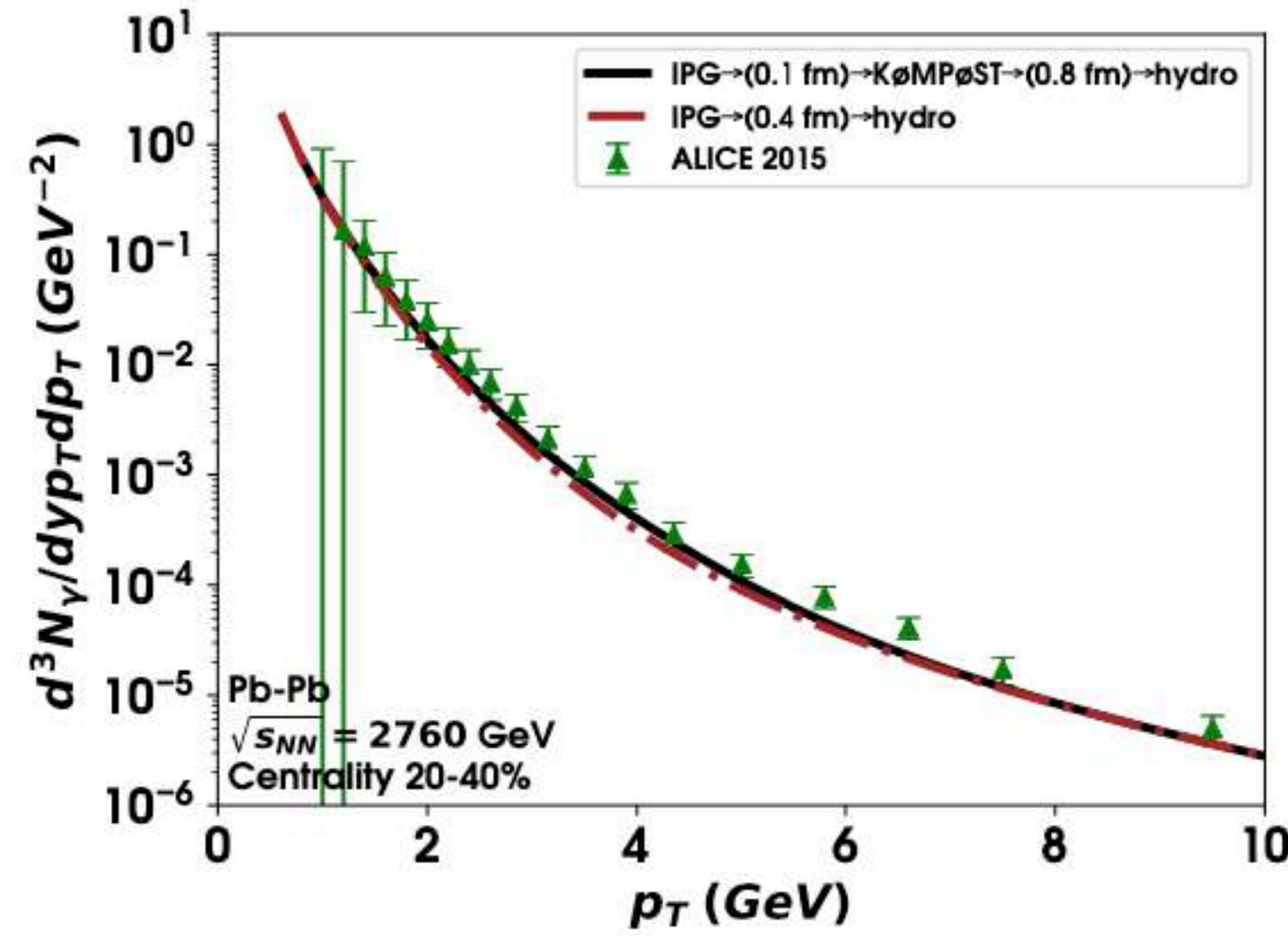
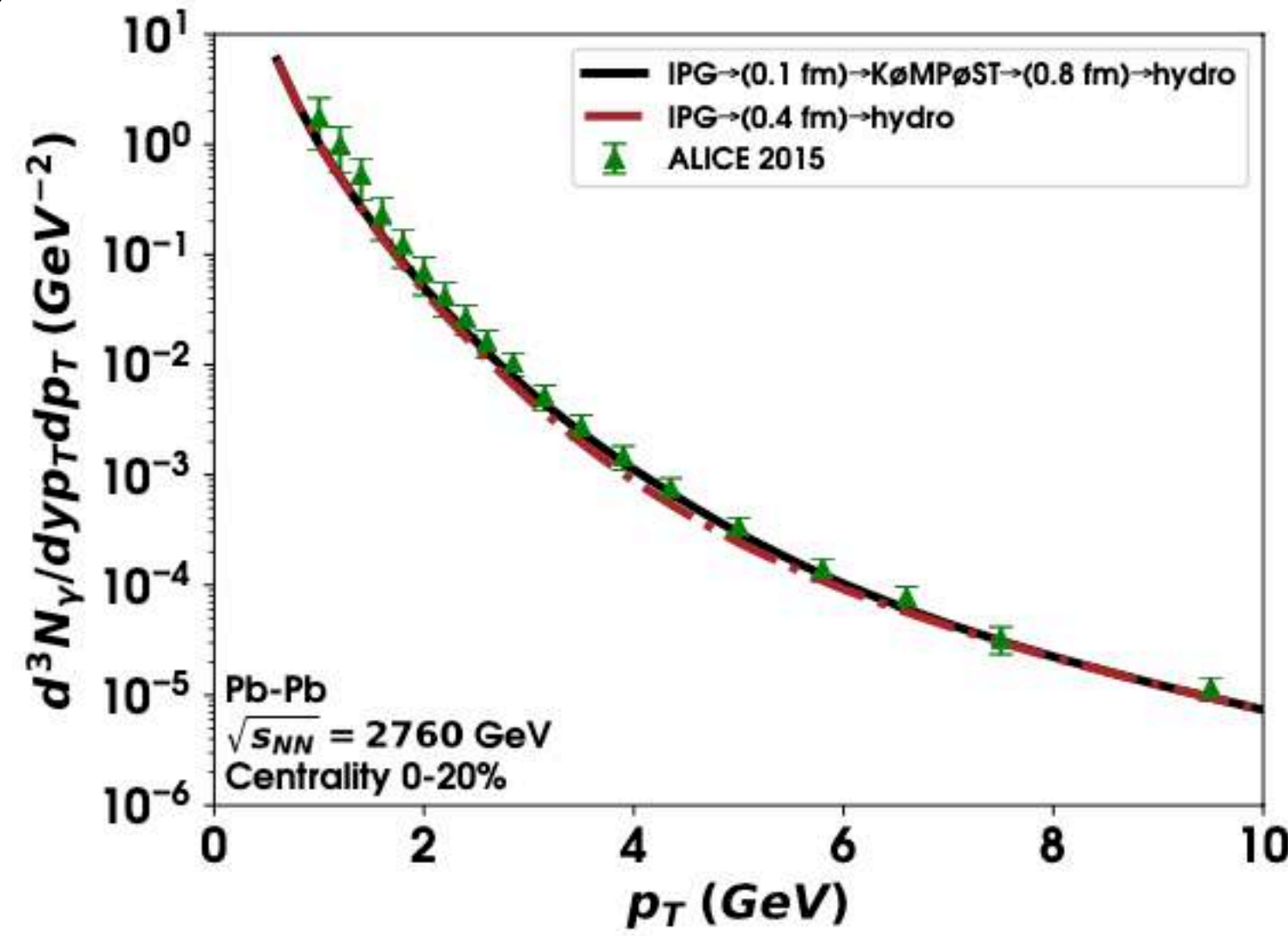
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DIRECT PHOTON OBSERVABLES AT LHC

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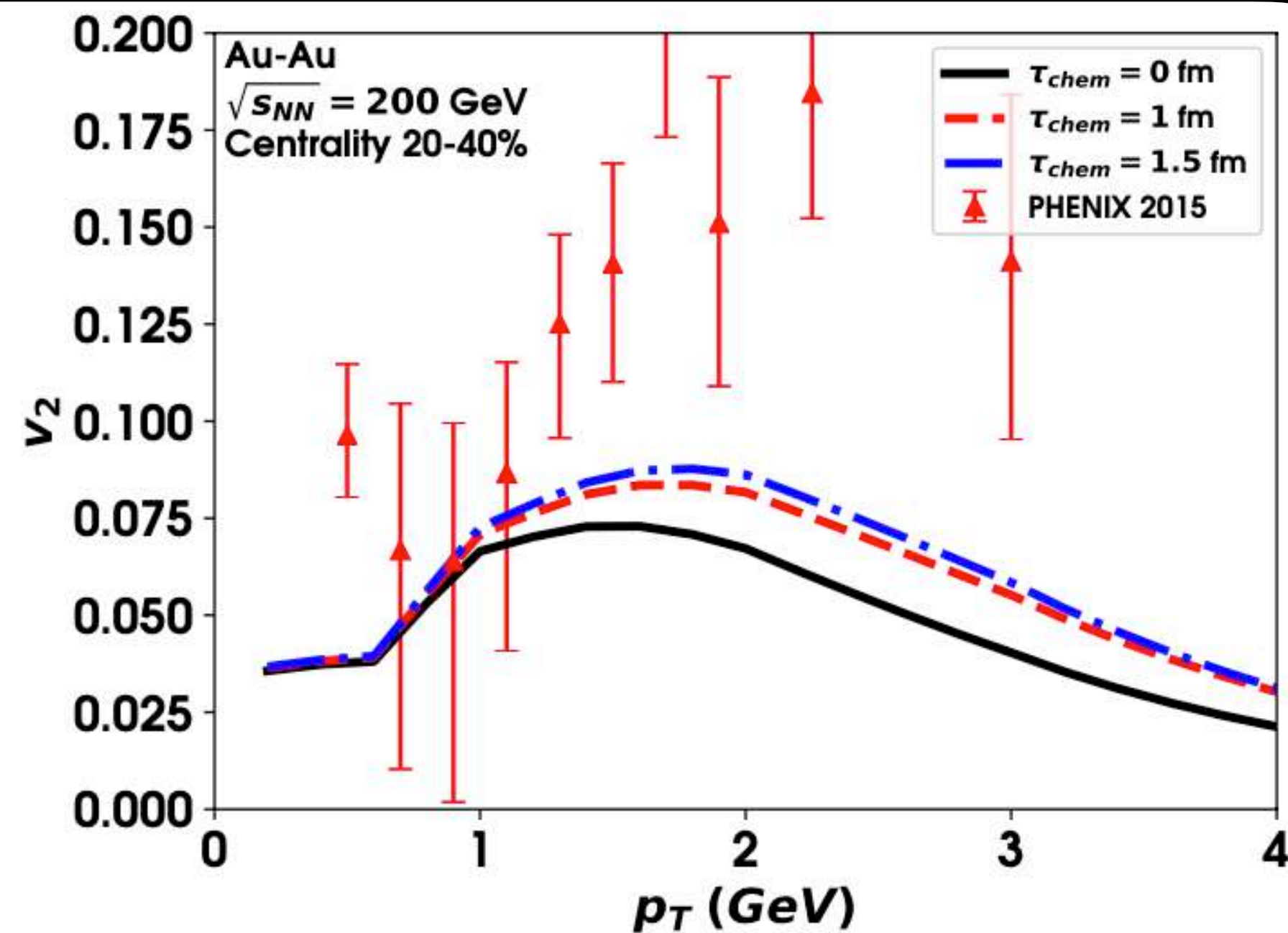
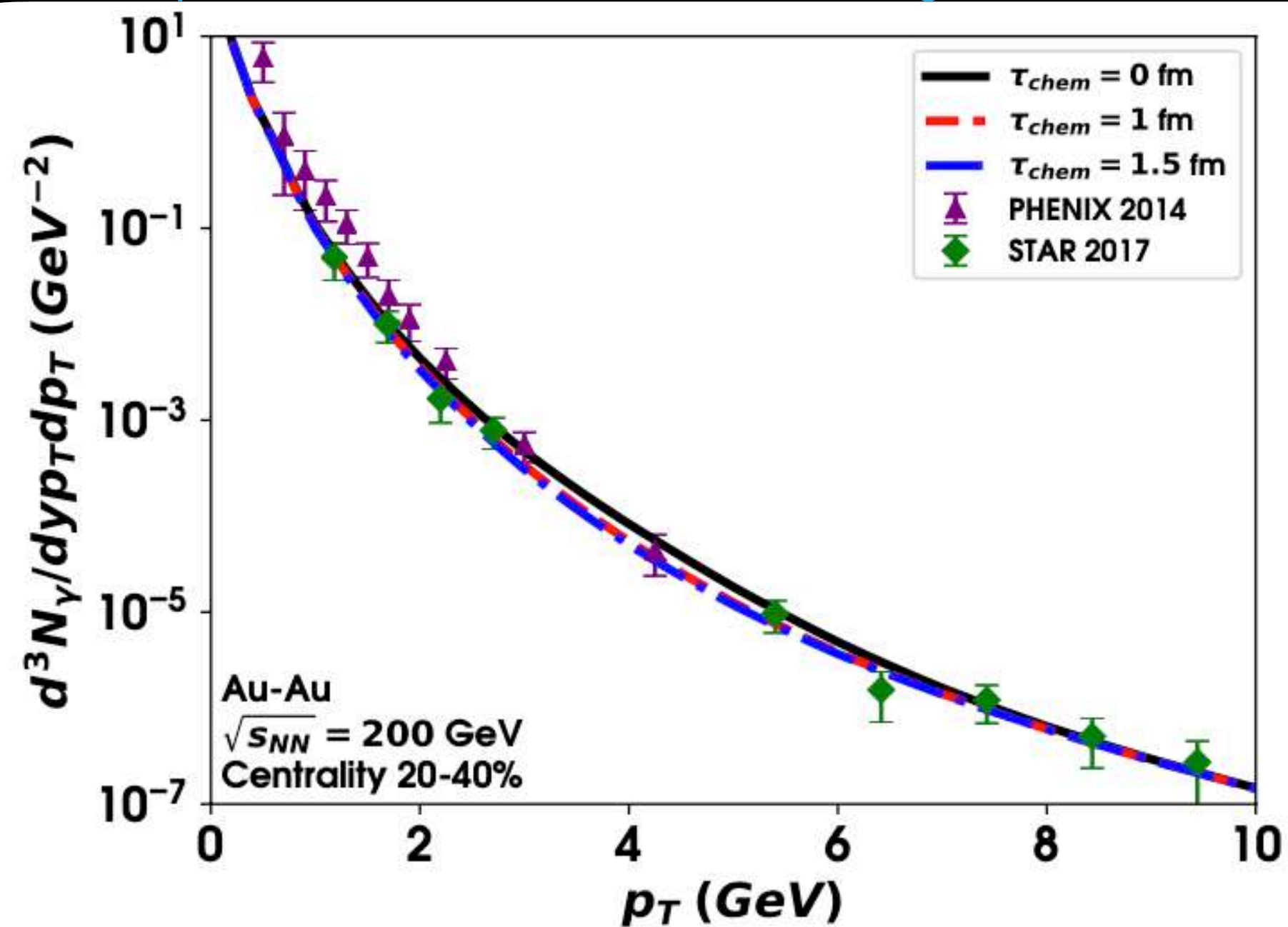
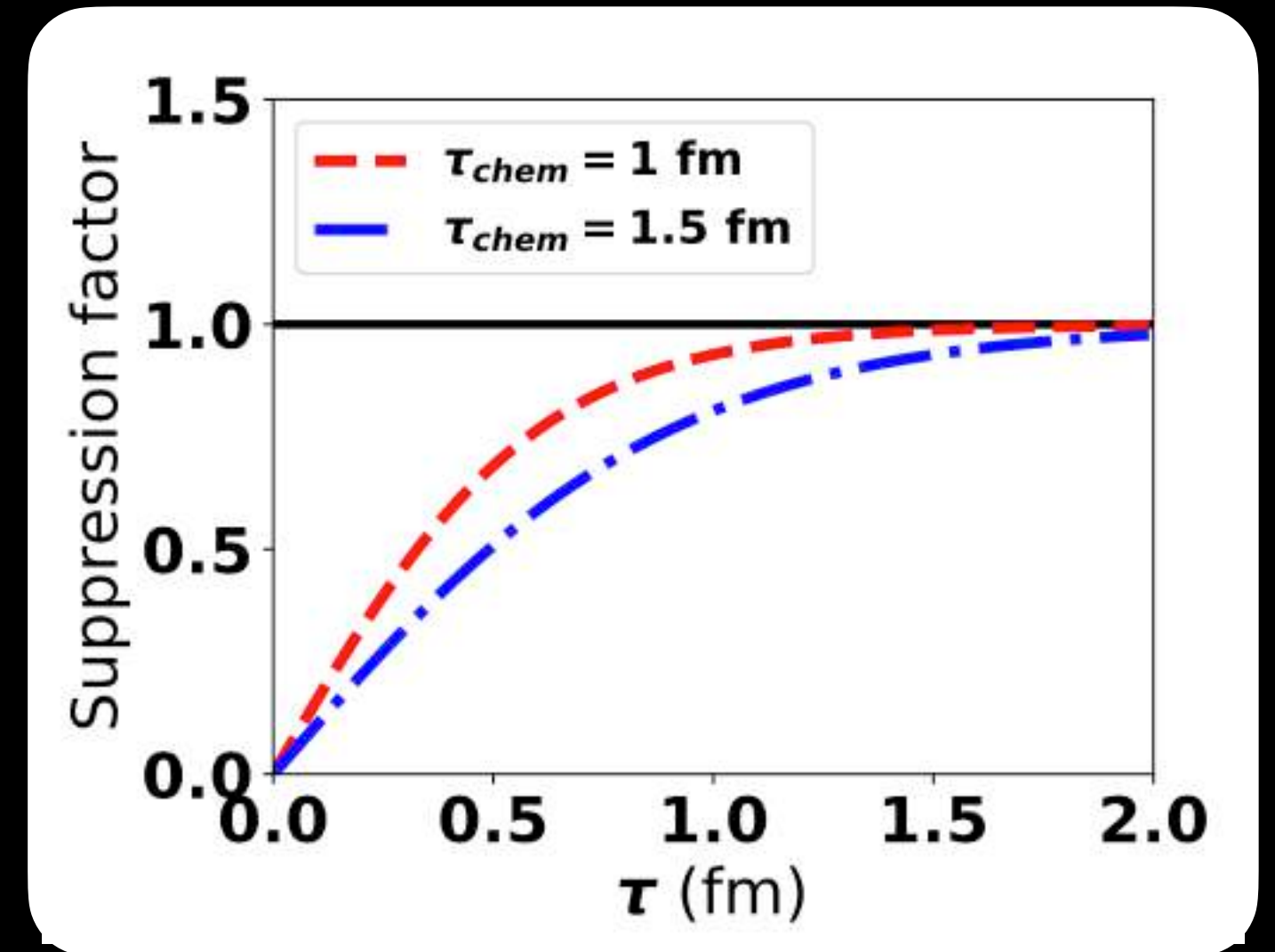
PROBING THE EARLY-STAGE CHEMICAL EQUILIBRATION

Account for chemical non-equilibration in the pre-equilibrium phase by suppressing the photon rate

$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{d^3p} = \text{Suppression}(\tau) \int d^4x \frac{dR_\gamma}{d^3p}$$

Estimated from [Phys.Rev.Lett. 122 \(2019\) 142301](#)

Gale, Paquet, Schenke, and Shen, Initial Stages 2021

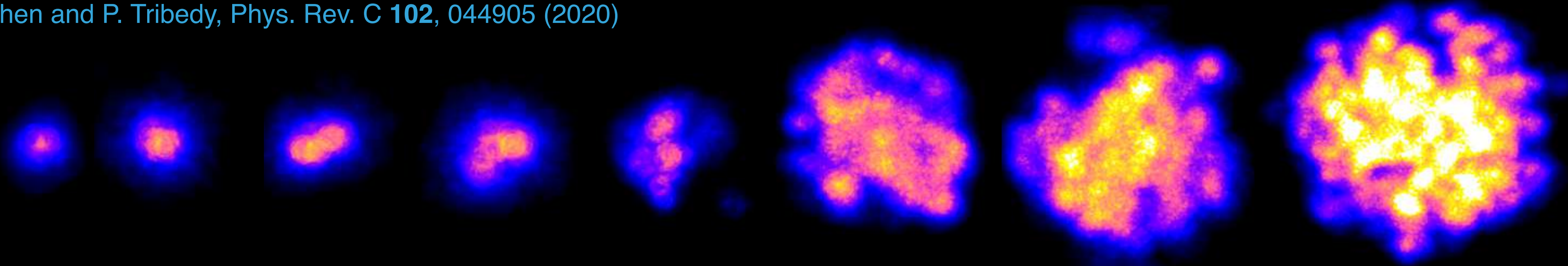


Direct photon v_2 is sensitive to the early-stage chemistry

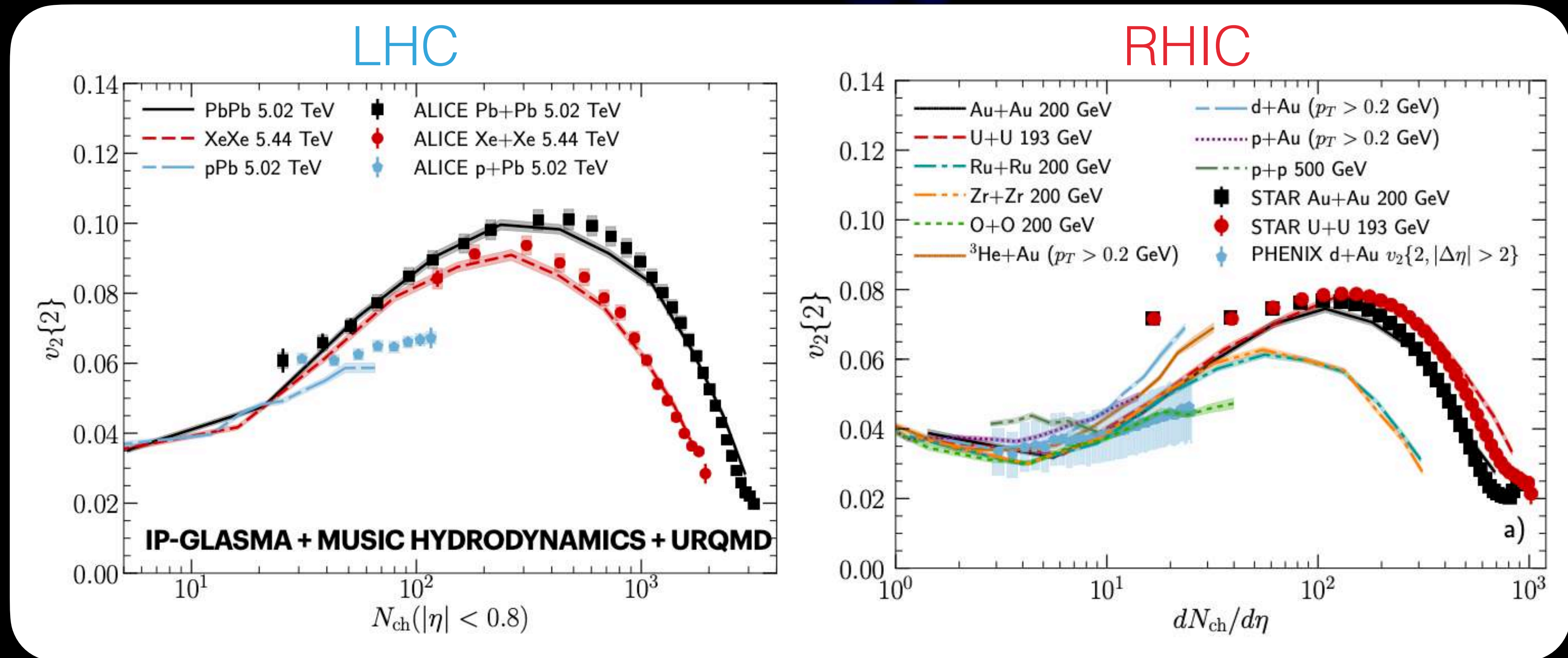
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SHRINKING QGP DROPLETS

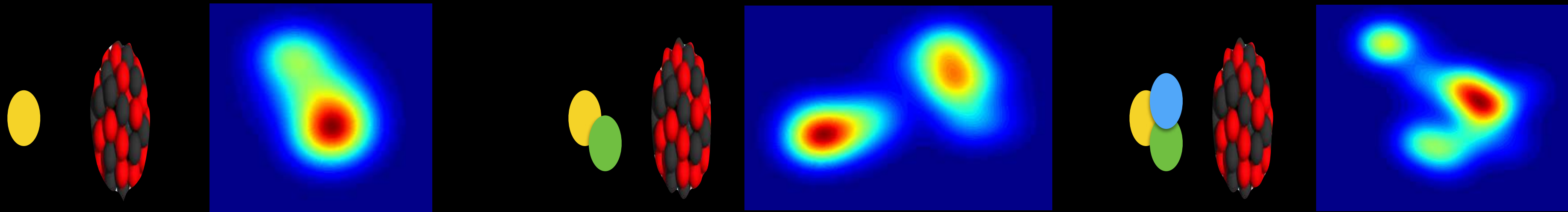
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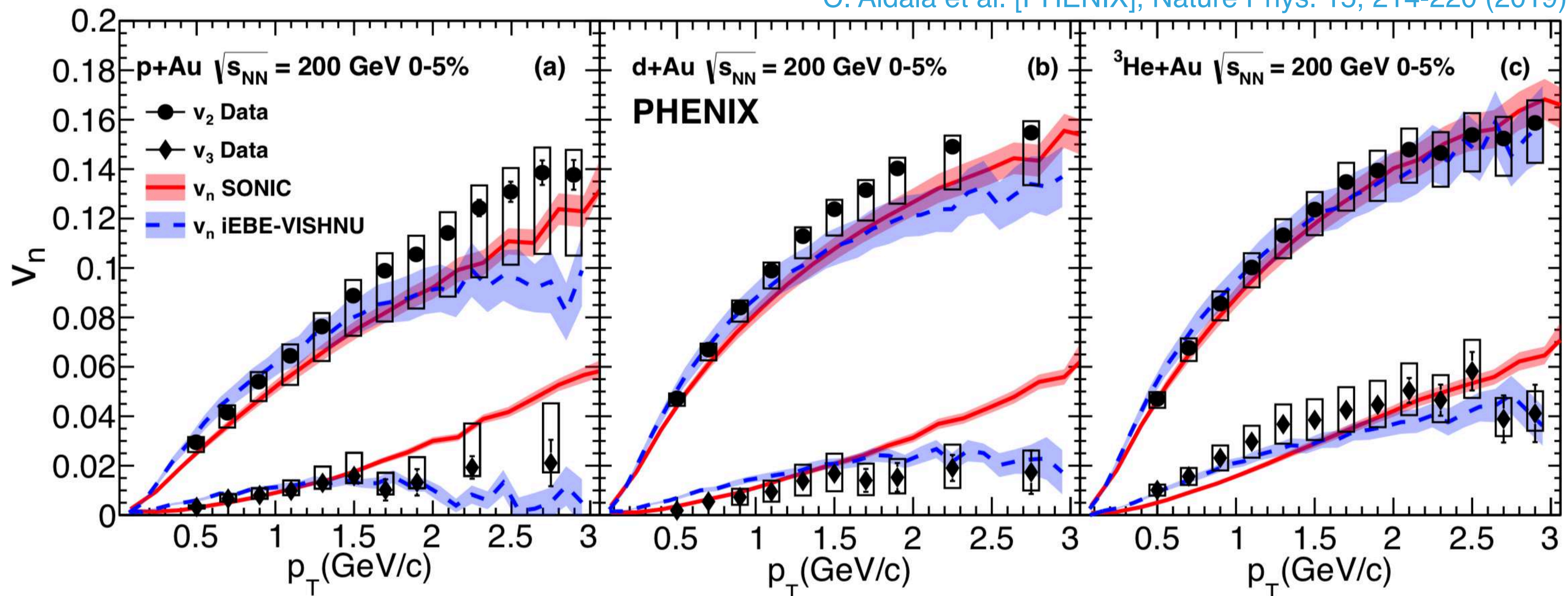
- Collective behavior persists in small collision systems
- Hot small QGP droplets?



SMALL SYSTEMS WITH DIFFERENT GEOMETRY

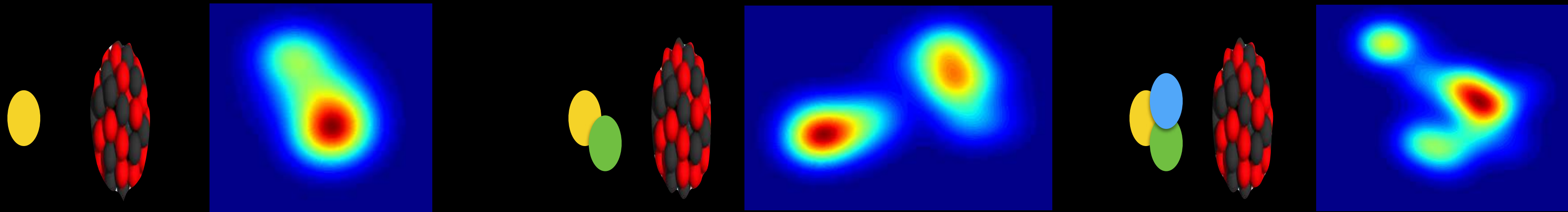


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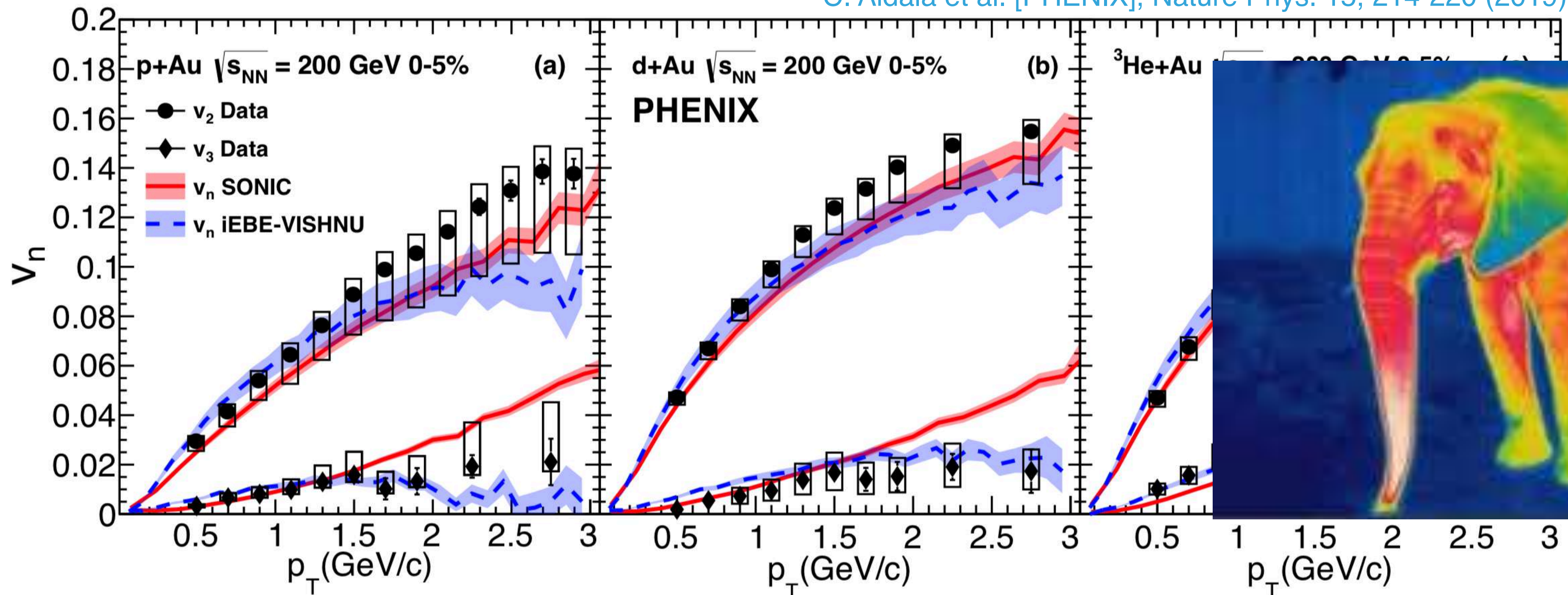


- Hydrodynamic response converts spatial gradients into measured momentum anisotropy

SMALL SYSTEMS WITH DIFFERENT GEOMETRY



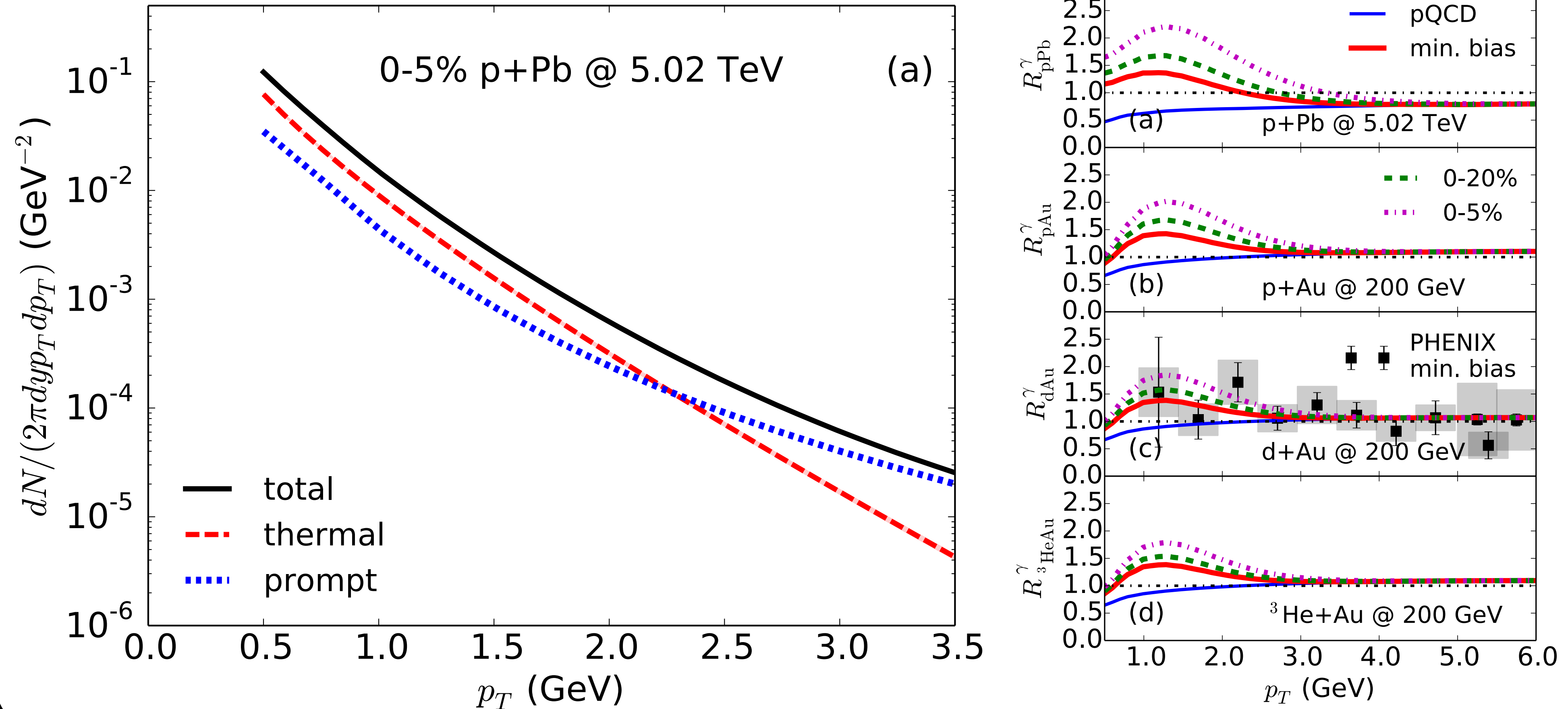
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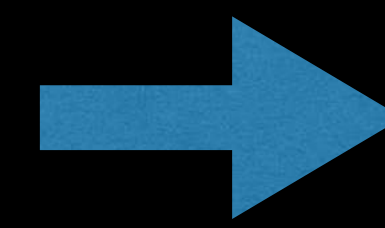
- How about **thermal radiation** from these small collisions?

PREDICTION OF THERMAL RADIATION IN SMALL SYSTEMS

C. Shen, J. F. Paquet, G. S. Denicol, S. Jeon and C. Gale, Phys. Rev. C95, 014906 (2017)



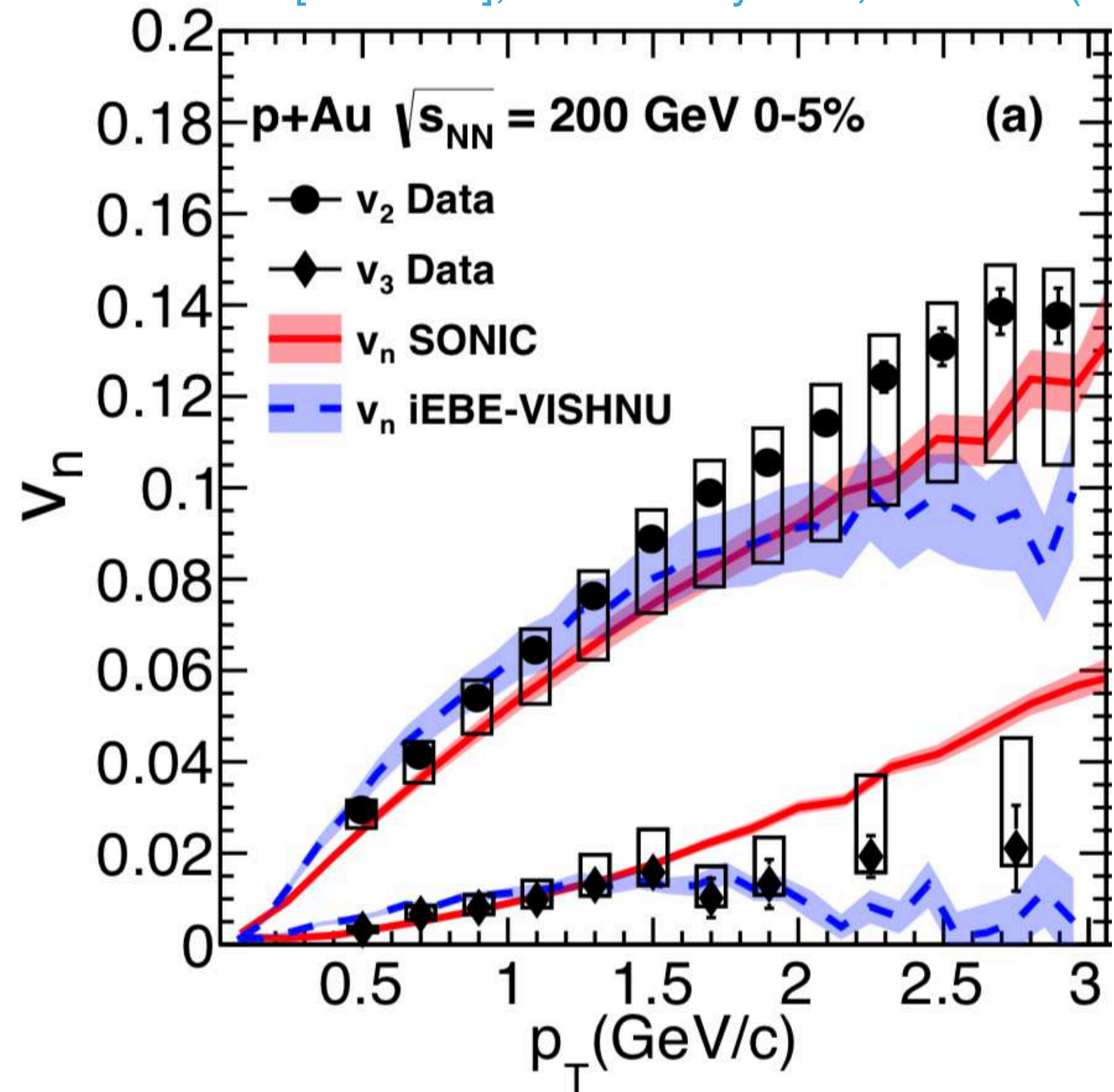
- Thermal photon radiation can leave **visible imprint** at low $p_T R_{pA}^\gamma$



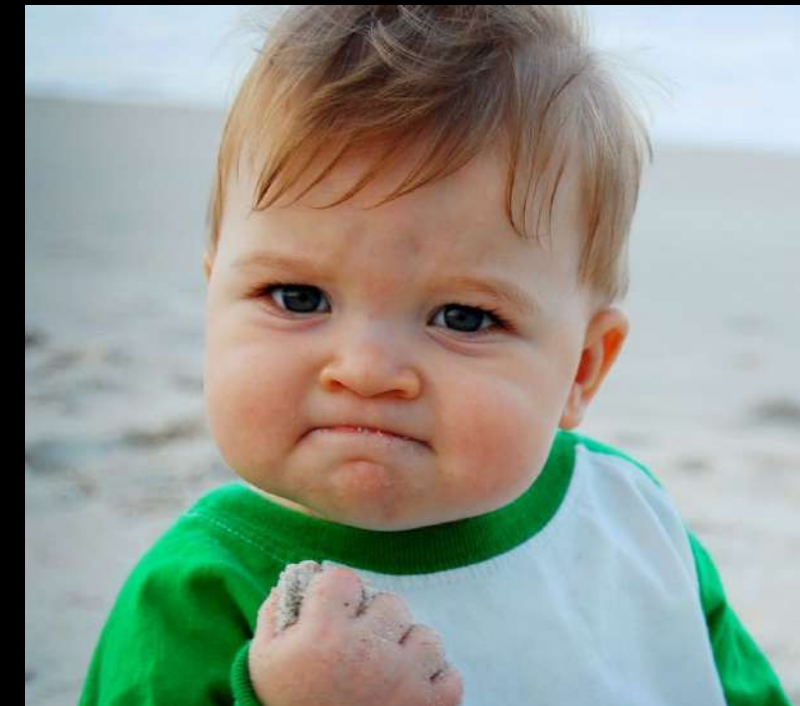
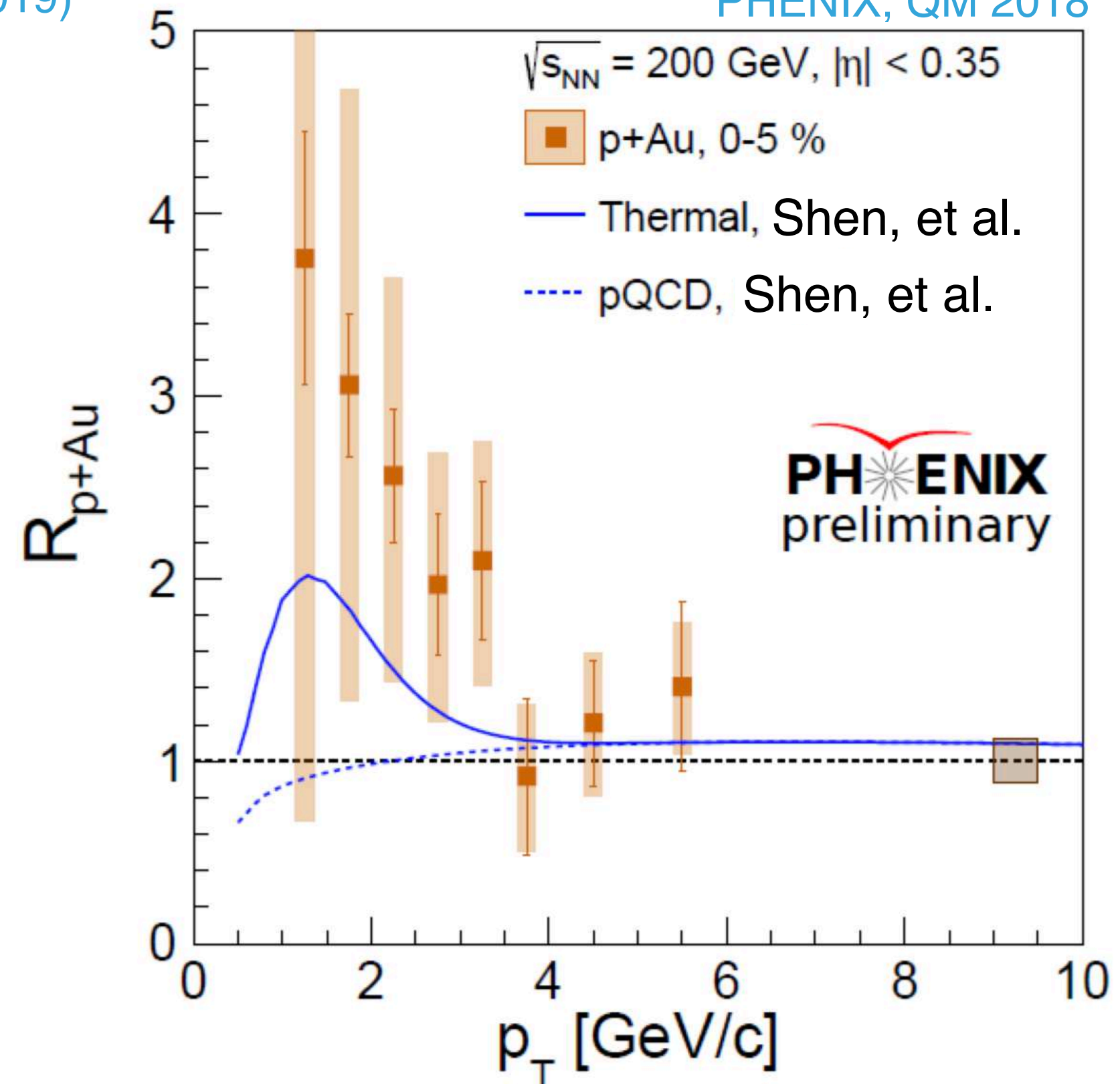
a **signature** of hot QGP medium

WHAT DOES THE MEASUREMENT SAY?

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PHENIX, QM 2018



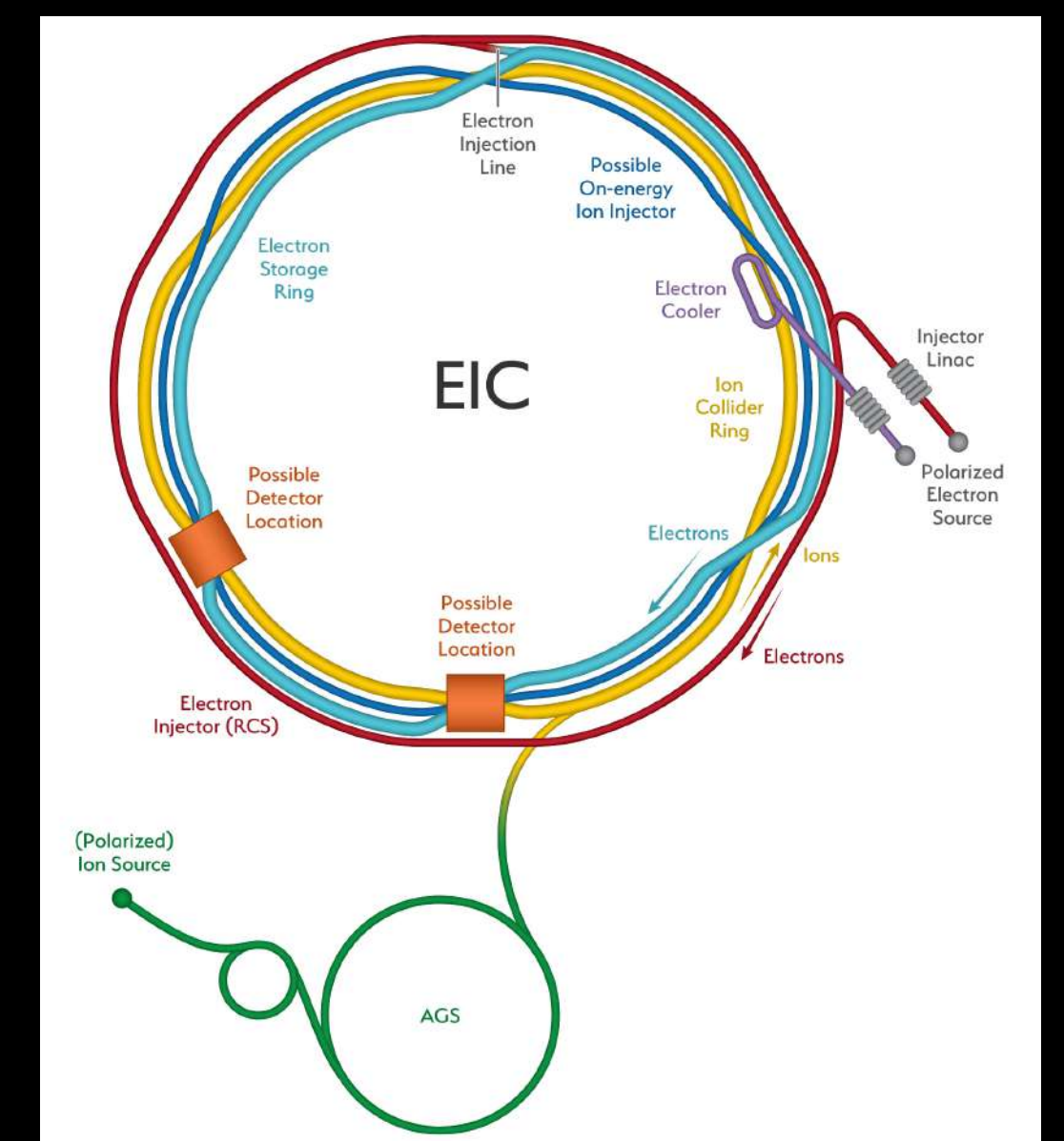
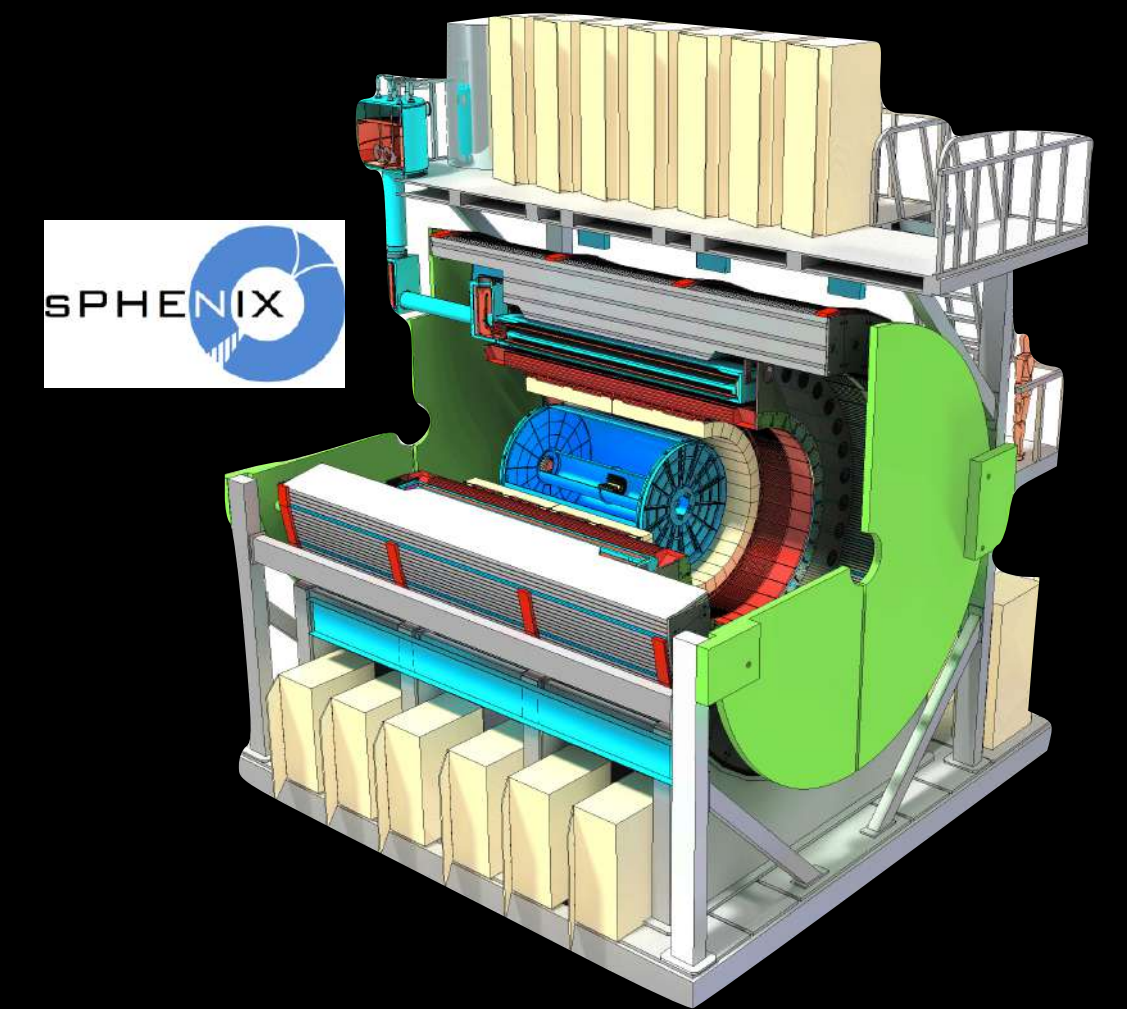
- The preliminary PHENIX data shows a promising sign of thermal photon enhancement in central pAu collisions
- Precise hadron and photon measurements together could provide **strong** evidence of hot QGP in central pAu collisions

OTHER INTERESTING TOPICS ABOUT EM PROBES

- EM emission rates from first-principles lattice QCD calculations
precision calculations of EM spectral functions [G. Jackson et al., JHEP 1911, 144 \(2019\)](#)
- Probing the effect of chiral symmetry restoration
in-medium ρ spectral function [R. Rapp and J. Wambach, Adv. Nucl. Phys. 25, 1 \(2000\)](#)
[P. M. Hohler and R. Rapp, Phys. Lett. B 731, 103-109 \(2014\)](#)
- Quantifying out-of-equilibrium dynamics with photons and dileptons
QGP transport properties [C. Shen et al., Phys. Rev. C91, 024908 \(2015\)](#)
[G. Vujanovic et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 044904 \(2020\)](#)
[B. S. Kasmaei and M. Strickland, Phys. Rev. D102, 014037 \(2020\)](#)
- UPC Breit-Wheeler process and vacuum birefringence
probing extreme electromagnetic fields [J. Adam et al. \[STAR\], arXiv:1910.12400 \[nucl-ex\]](#)
[S. Klein et al., Phys. Rev. D102, 094013 \(2020\)](#)
- Effects from early strong magnetic field
potentially enhance photon elliptic flow [G. Basar et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 202303 \(2012\)](#)
[X. Wang et al., Phys. Rev. D102, 076010 \(2020\)](#)

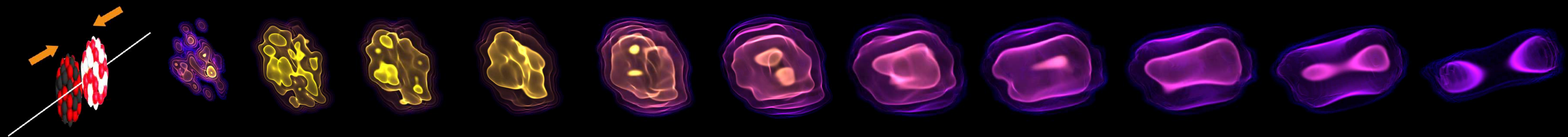
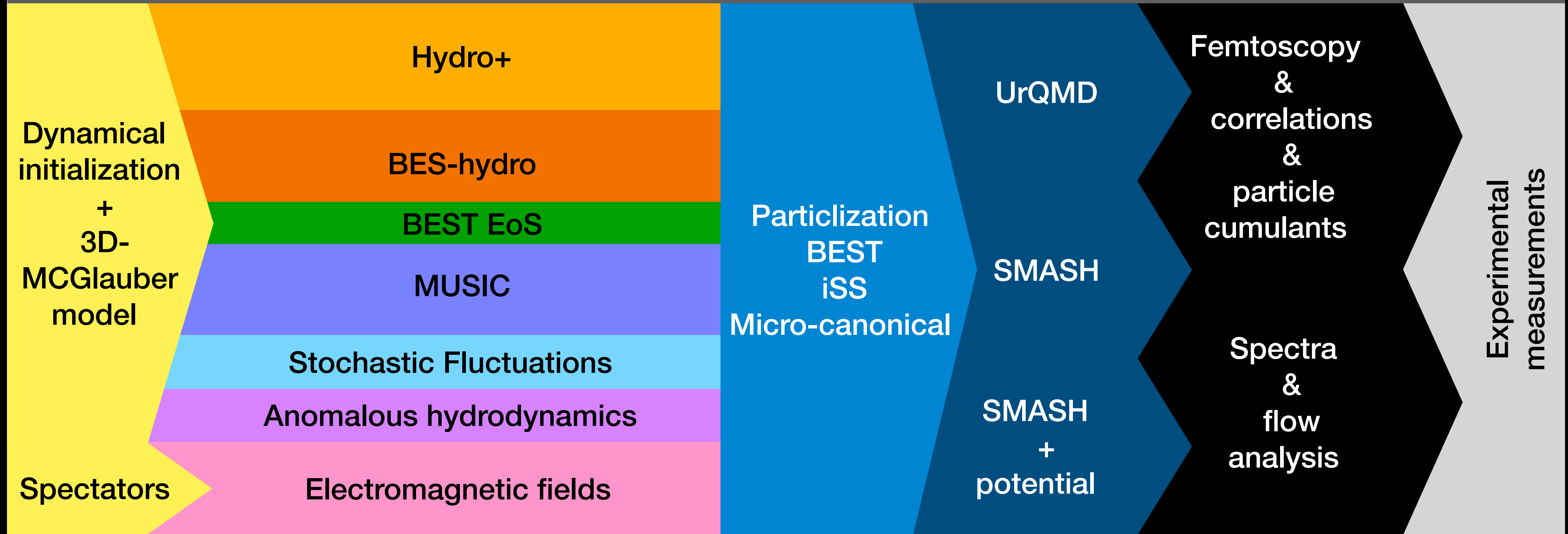
THE ERA OF MULTI-MESSENGER HEAVY-ION PHYSICS

- RHIC: STAR upgrade and sPHENIX program
Probing QCD at high net baryon density
Study fully resolved jets, Upsilon states, and heavy quarks as QGP structure probes
- LHC: ALICE, CMS, ATLAS upgrades
High energy and high luminosity frontier
Precision measurements for rare probes
- HADES, FAIR, NICA, J-PAC-HI
Phase structure of hot QCD matter
- Future Electron-Ion Collider
Tomography of nucleon and nucleus

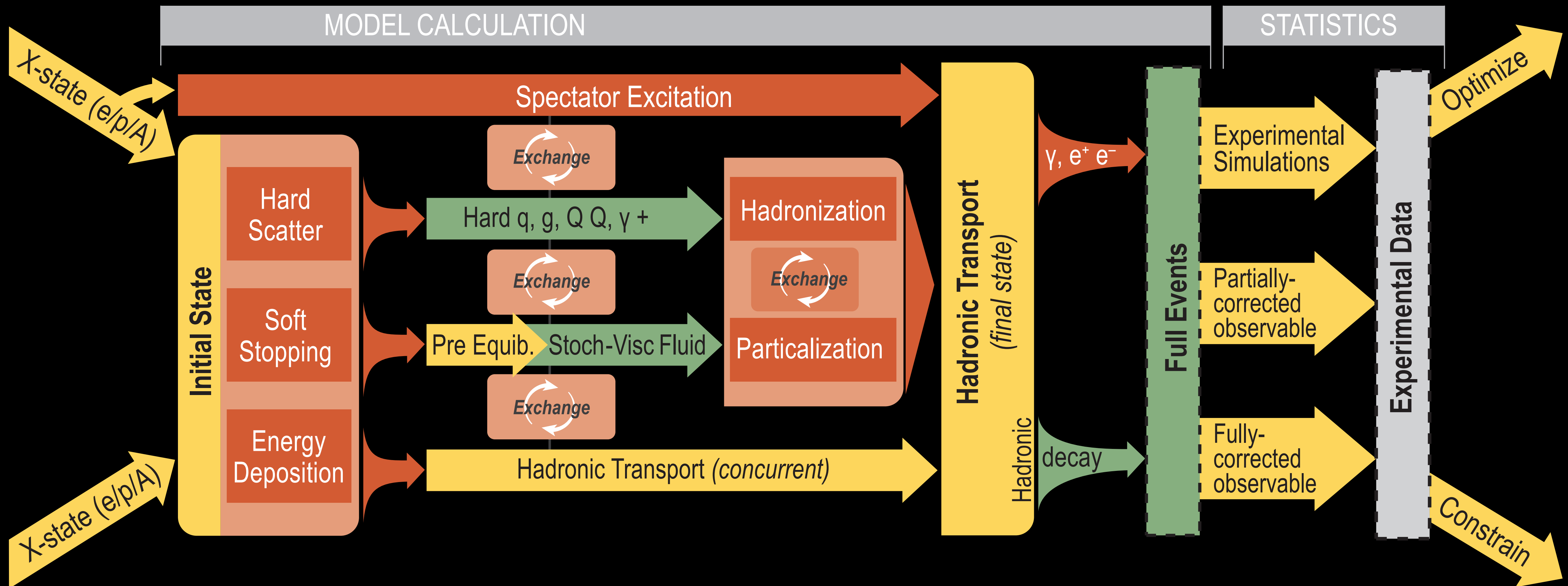


THE BEST FRAMEWORK

The BEST Framework



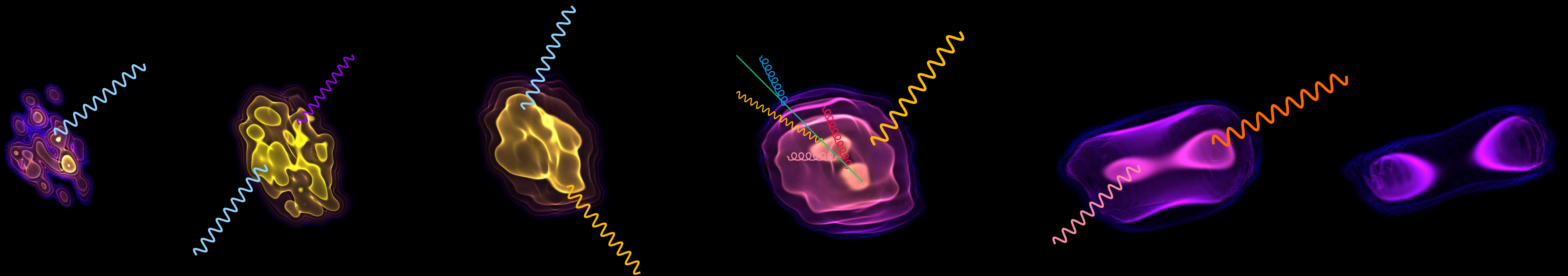
THE NEXT GENERATION XSCAPE FRAMEWORK



- A unified event-generator for high energy nuclear physics community

SUMMARY

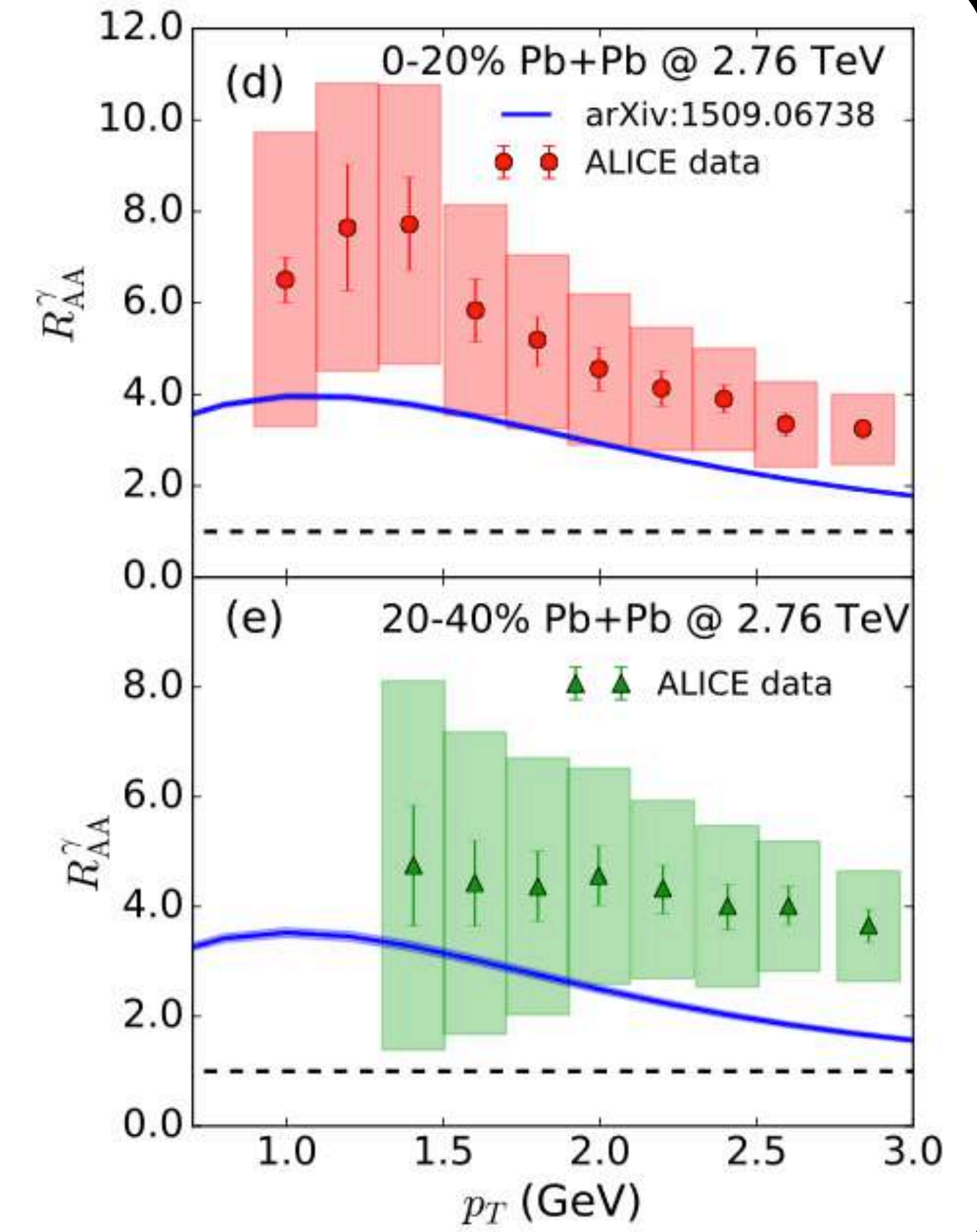
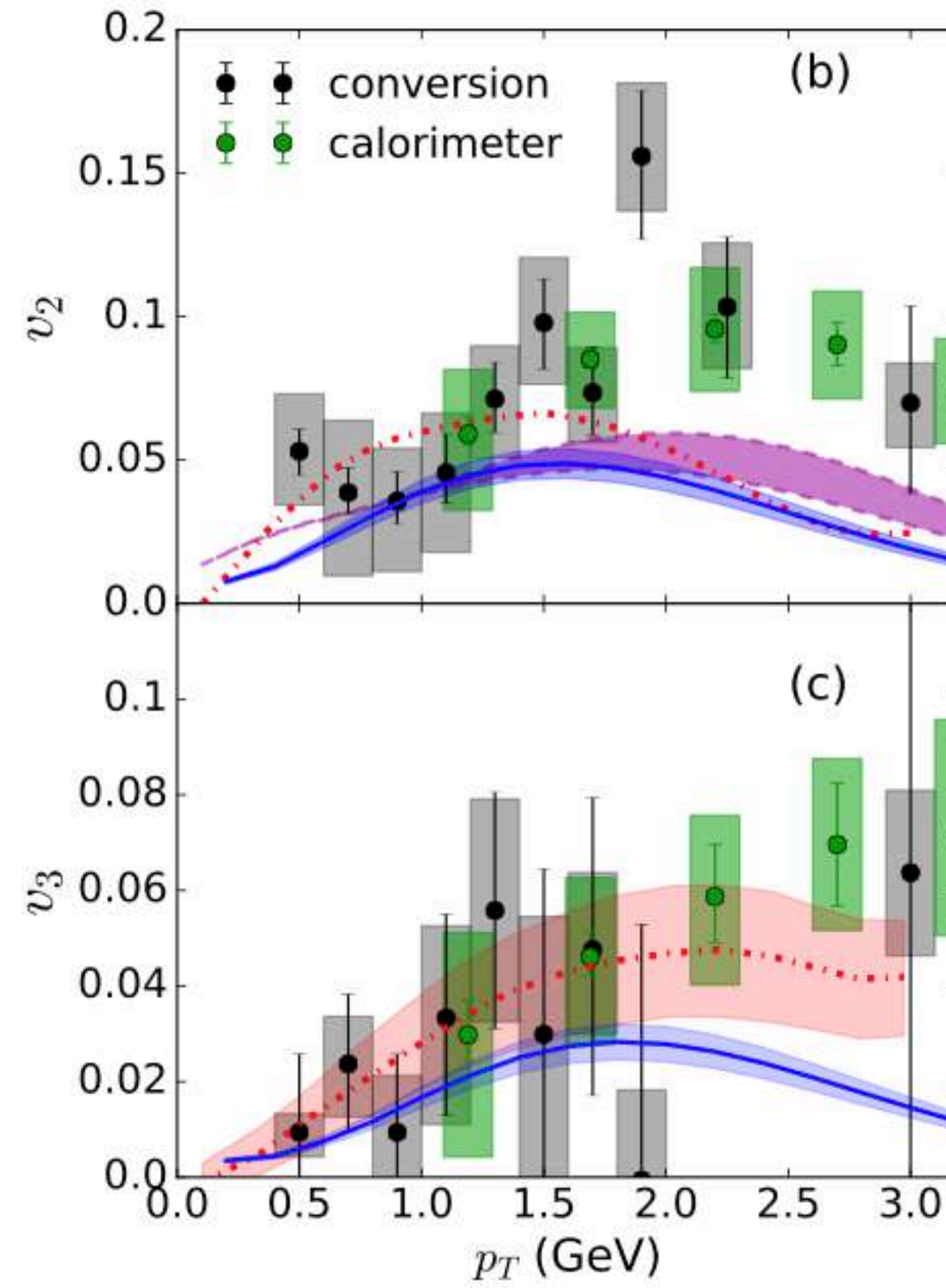
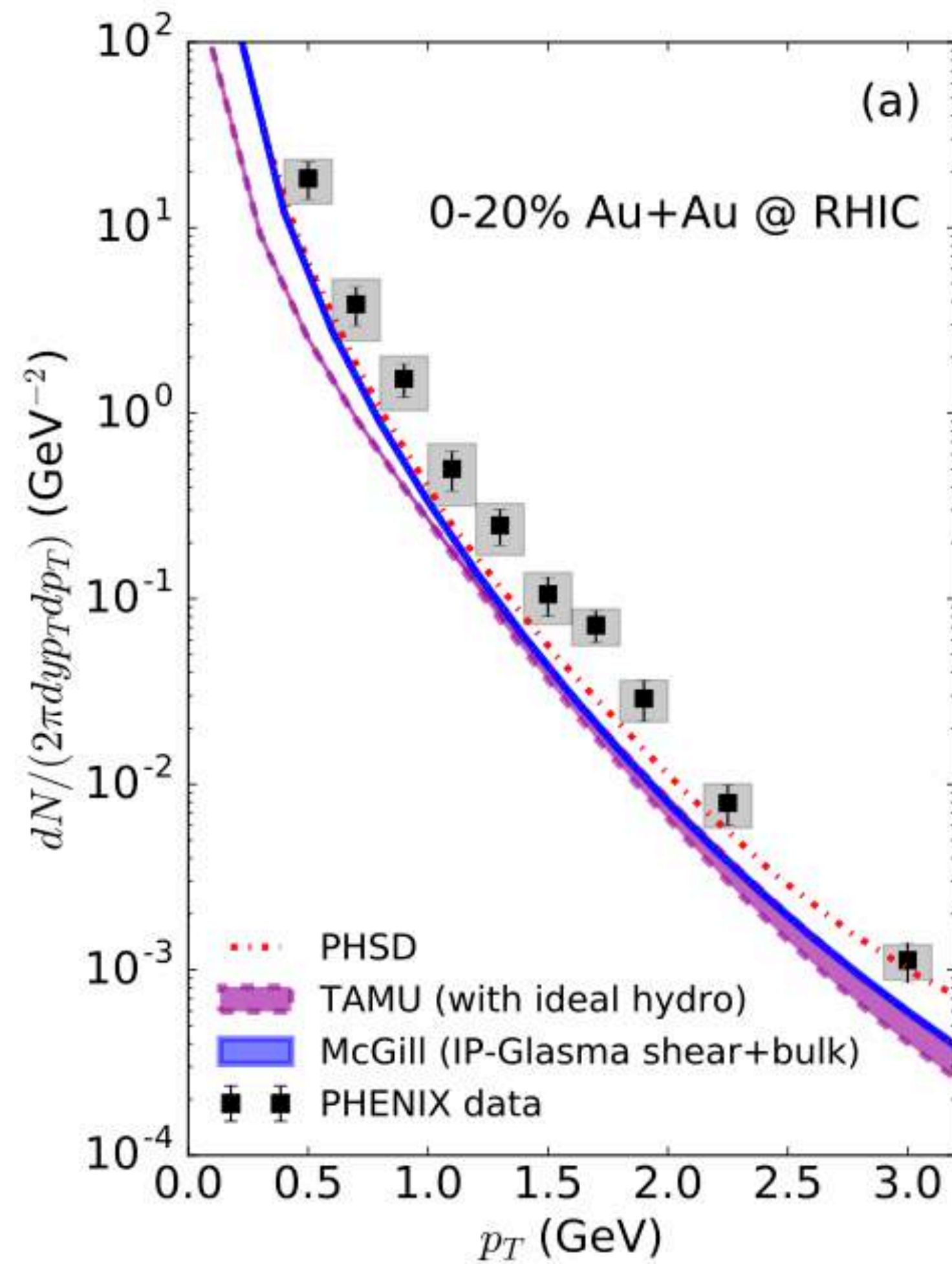
- The vibrant experimental programs with precision measurements have been driving heavy-ion physics to the **multi-messenger** era
 - **Unified** theoretical + statistical frameworks are *essential* to unravel physics
- The combined hadronic + EM probes analysis is a powerful tool to elucidate soft dynamics of hot QCD matter
- Further embracing high p_T observables can fully **characterize** the properties of QGP





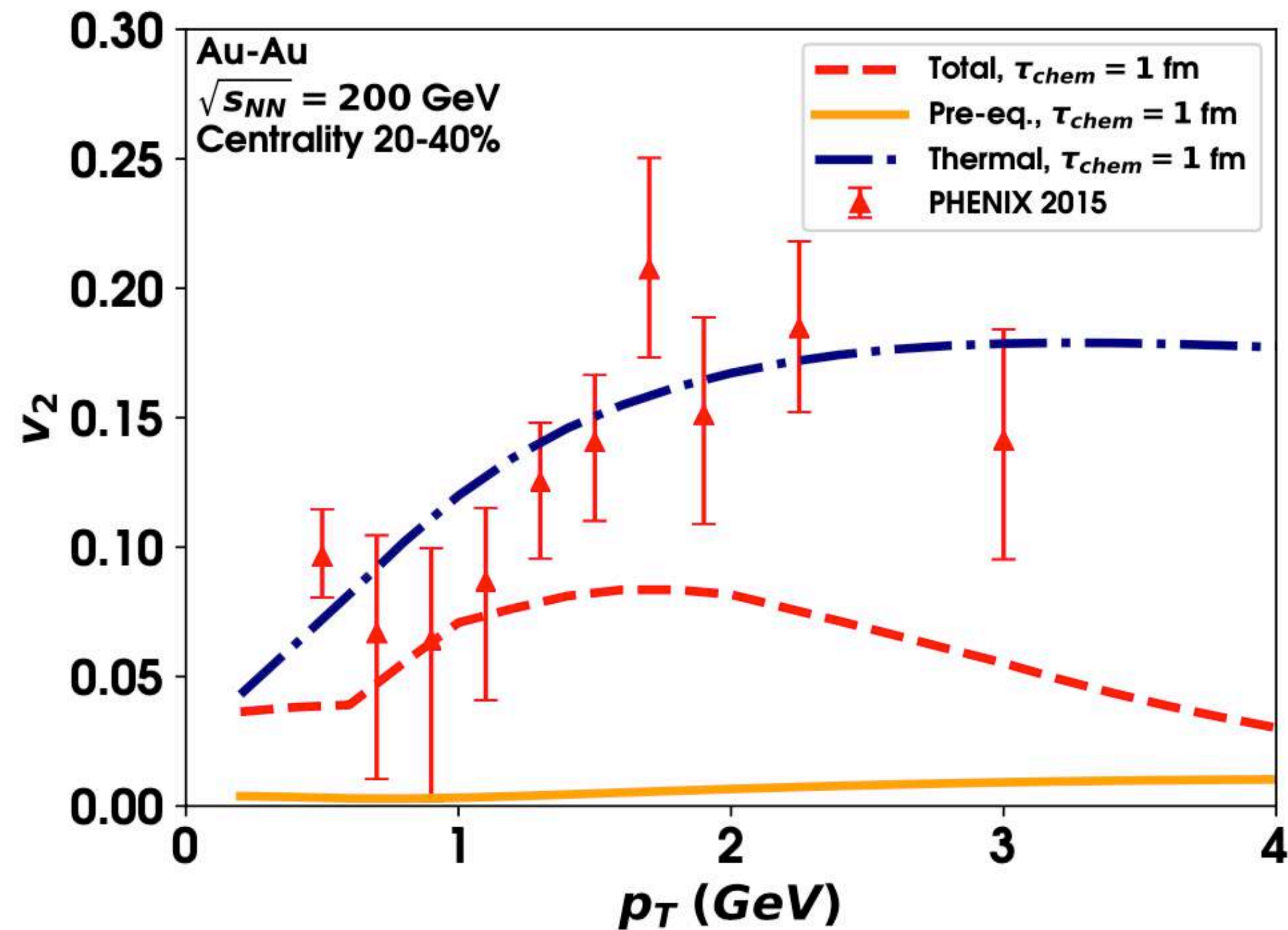
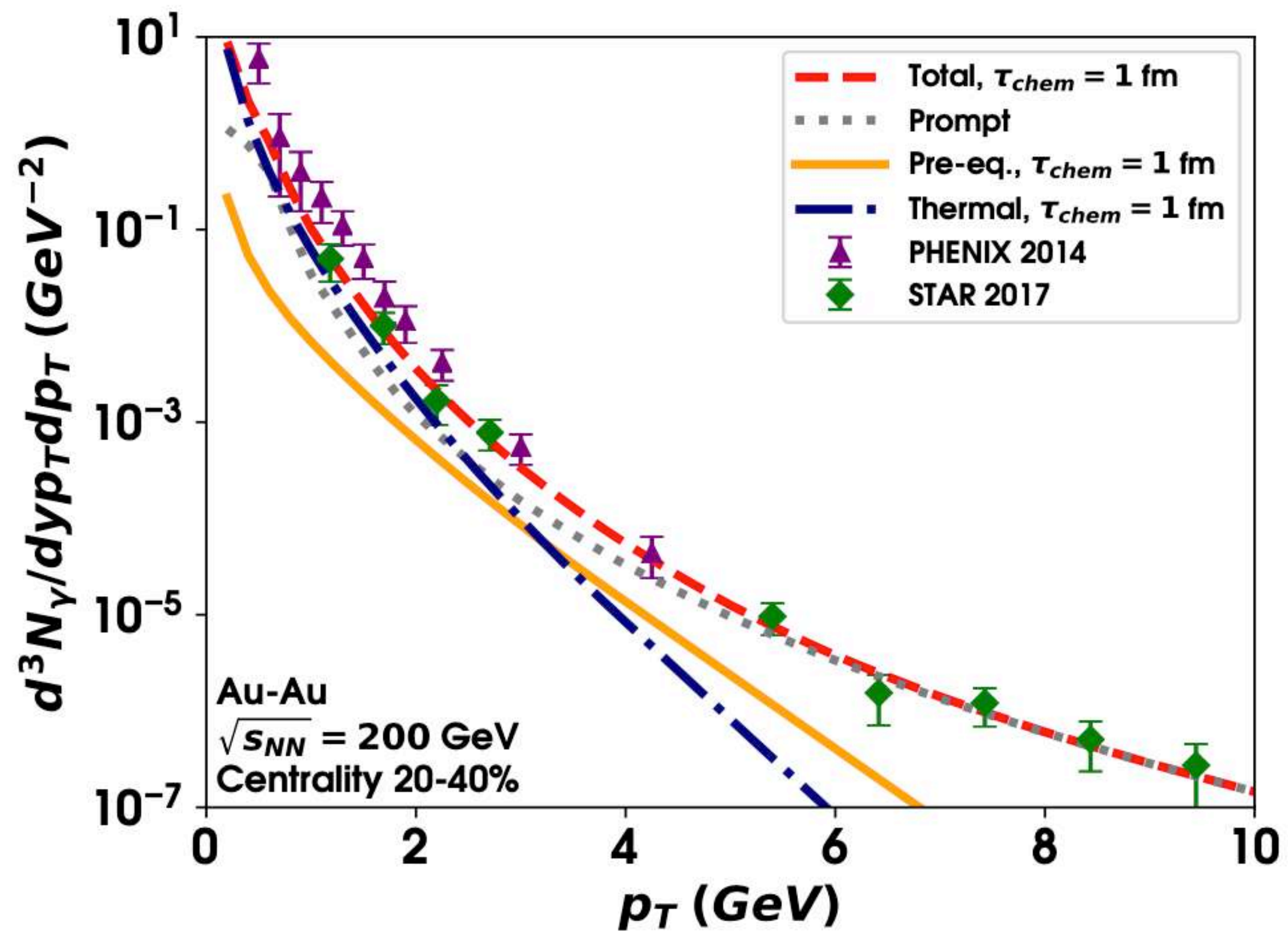
STATUS OF THE DIRECT PHOTON FLOW PUZZLE

C. Shen, Nucl. Phys. A 956, 184-191 (2016)



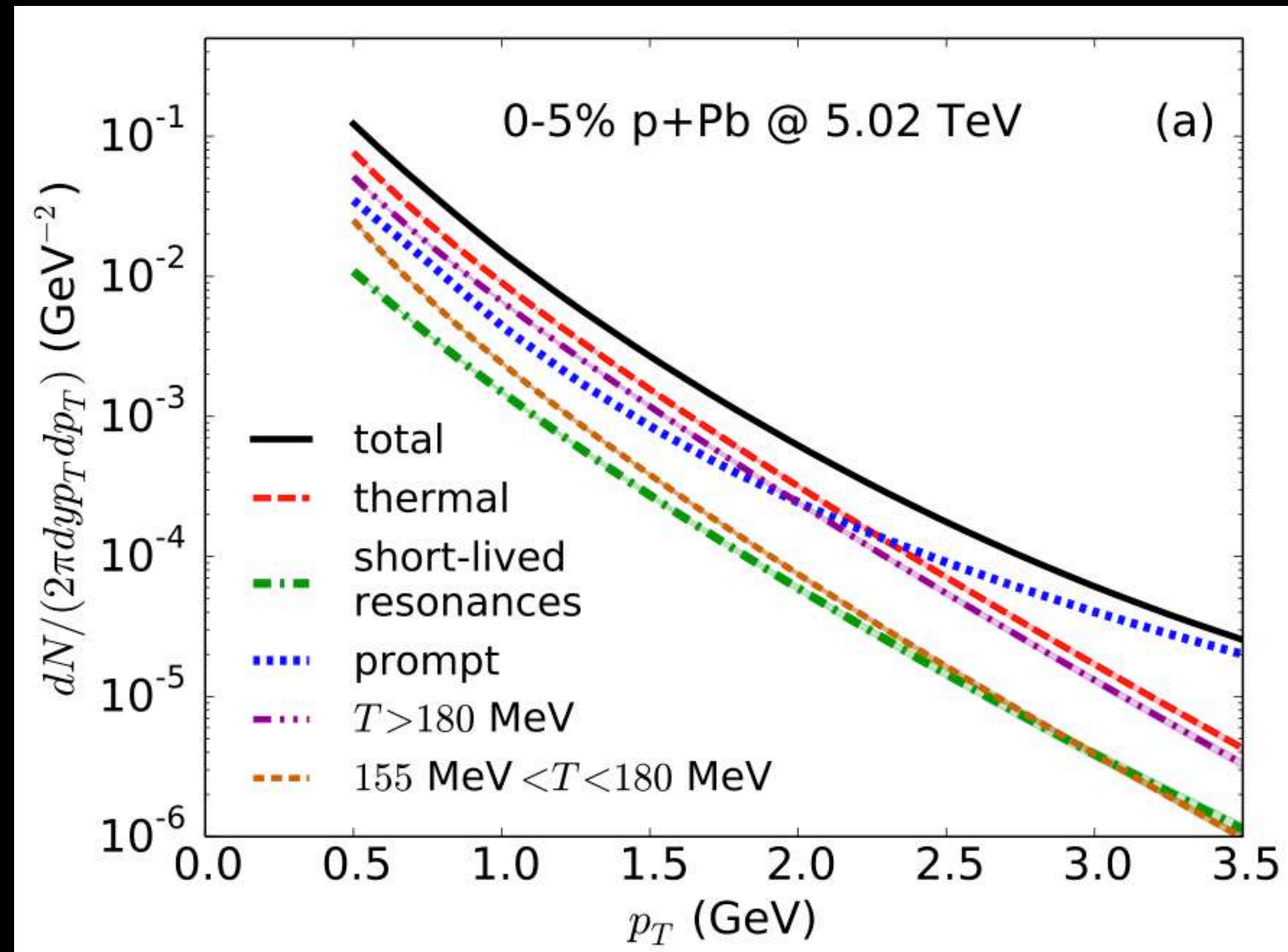
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