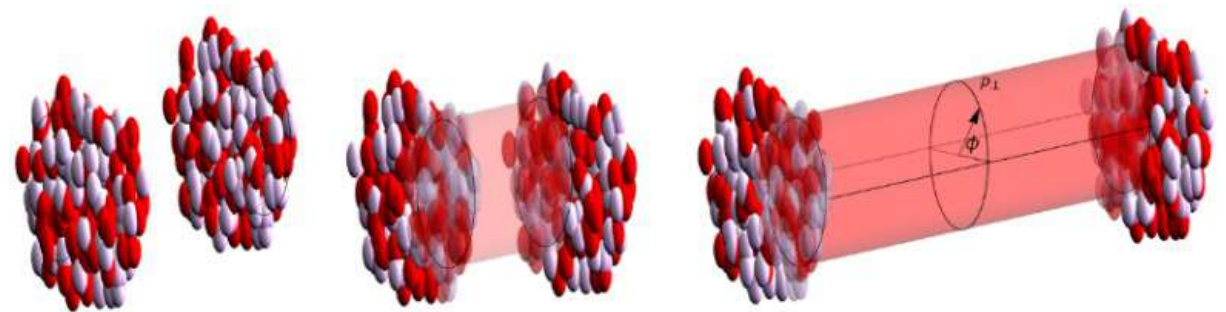




Flow and jet quenching in small systems

an inroad to the creation and properties of the densest form of matter



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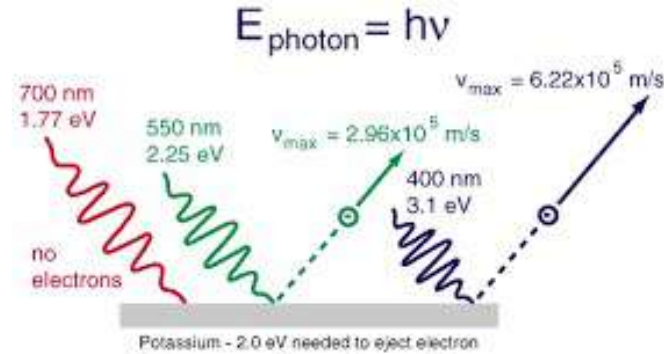
A brief history of matter

corpuscular composition of all forms of matter

1900 Planck

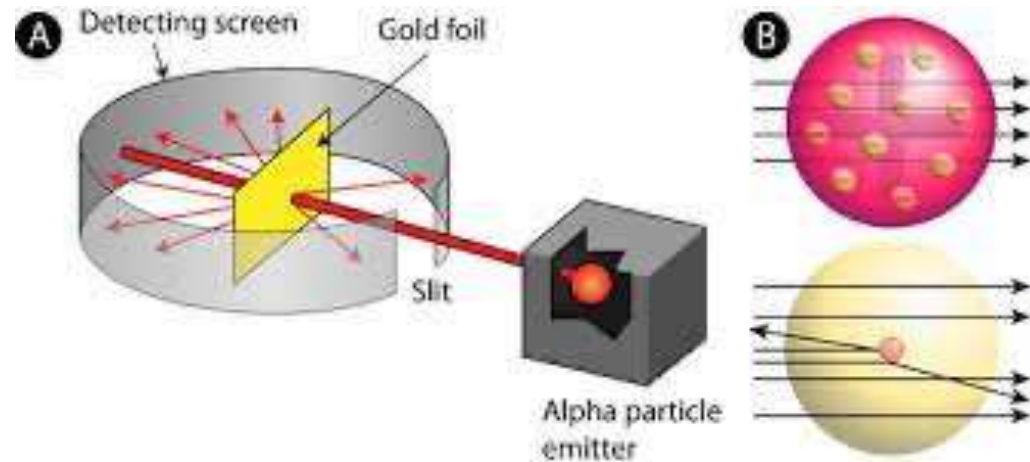
$$E = h\nu$$

1906 Einstein

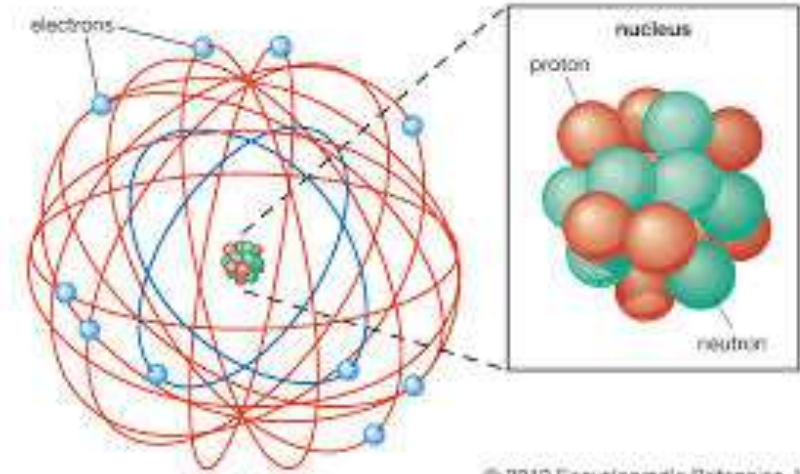


Photoelectric effect

1908-13 Rutherford



Electromagnetic interactions explain atomic structure, chemistry, ...



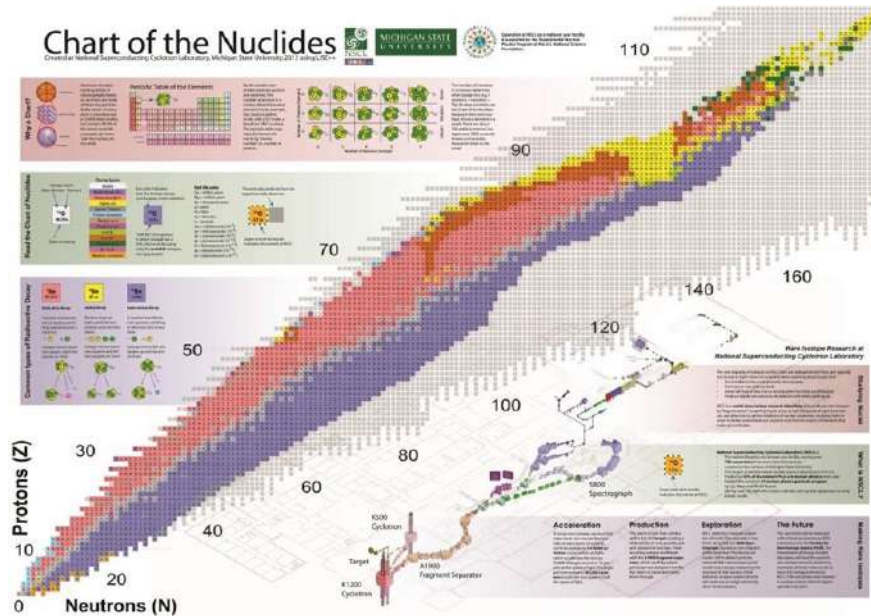
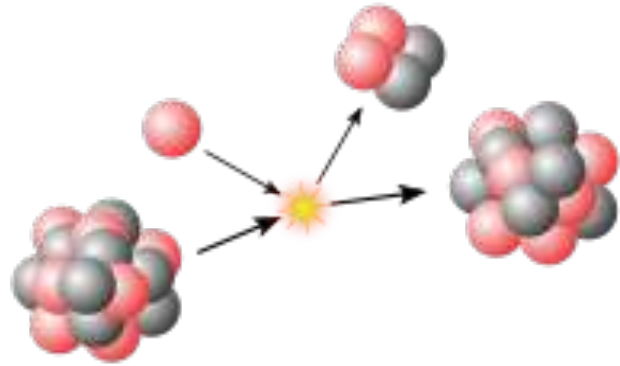
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Periodic Table of the Elements

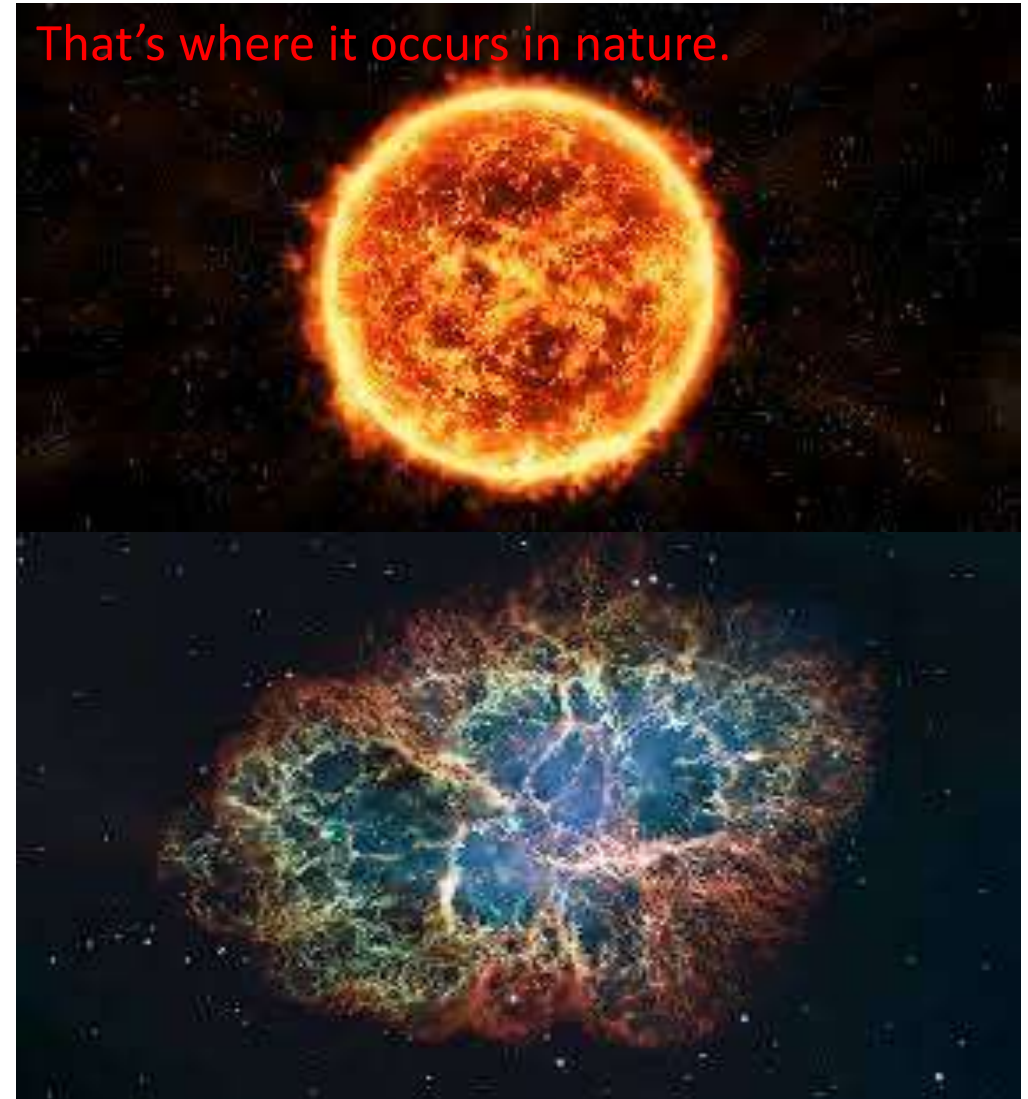
Periodic Table of the Elements																		
H																	He	
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne	
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba			Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra			Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Nh	Fl	Mc	Lv	Ts	Og
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu		
		Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr		

The world of nuclear structure

That's what we test in the laboratory.

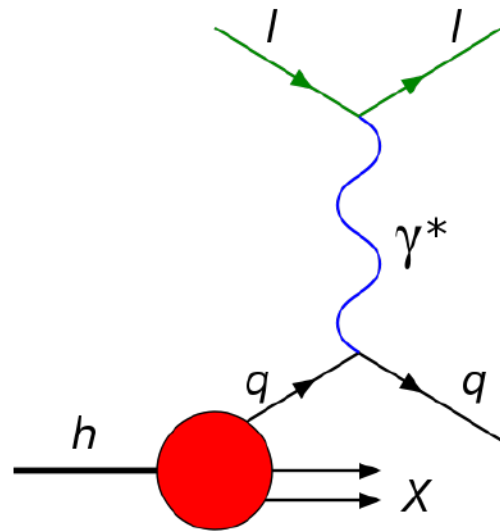


That's where it occurs in nature.



Quarks and their glue

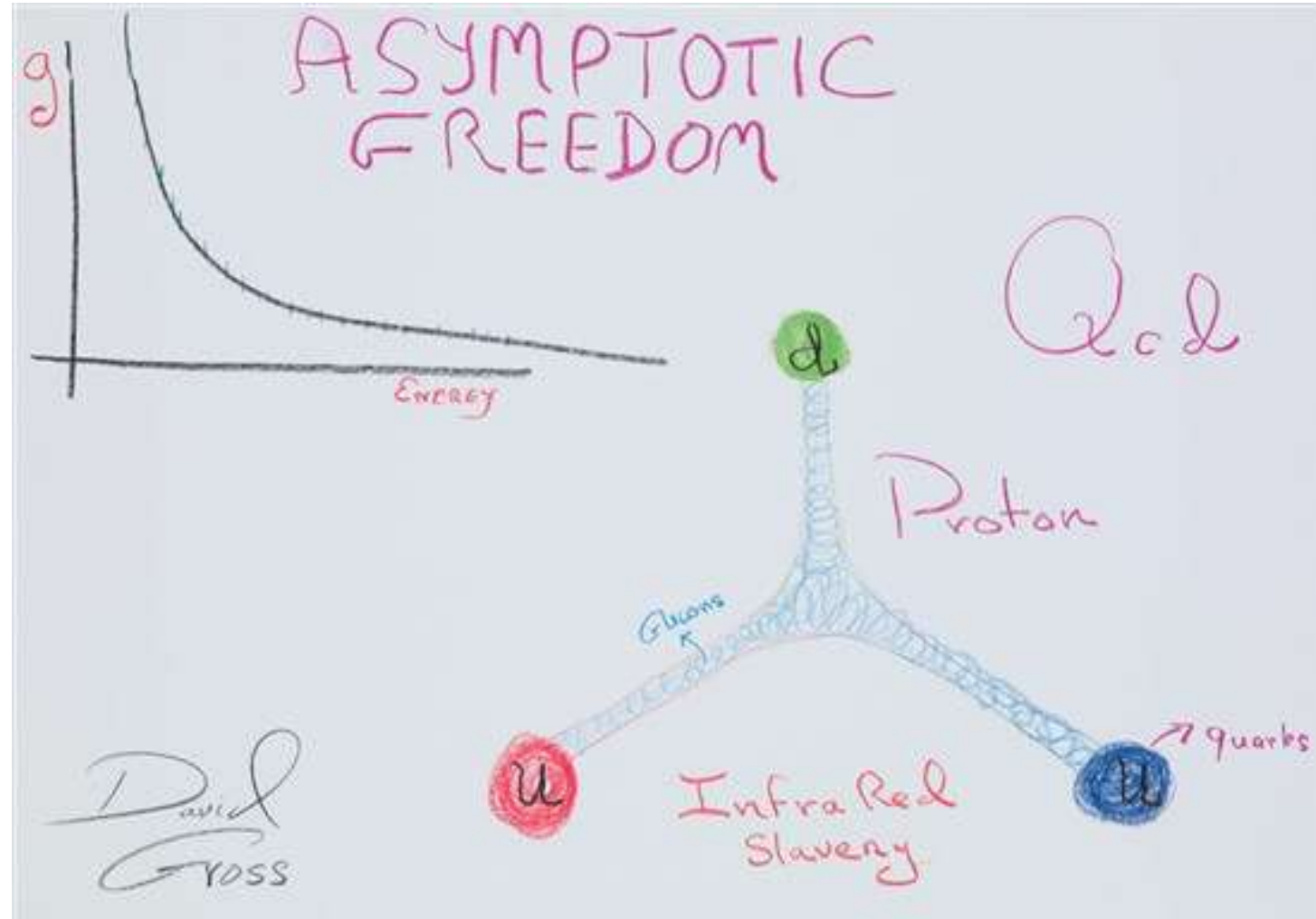
1968 SLAC deep inelastic scattering



1973 Gross, Wilczek; Politzer

Quantum Chromo Dynamics

First theory valid down to arbitrary small distances



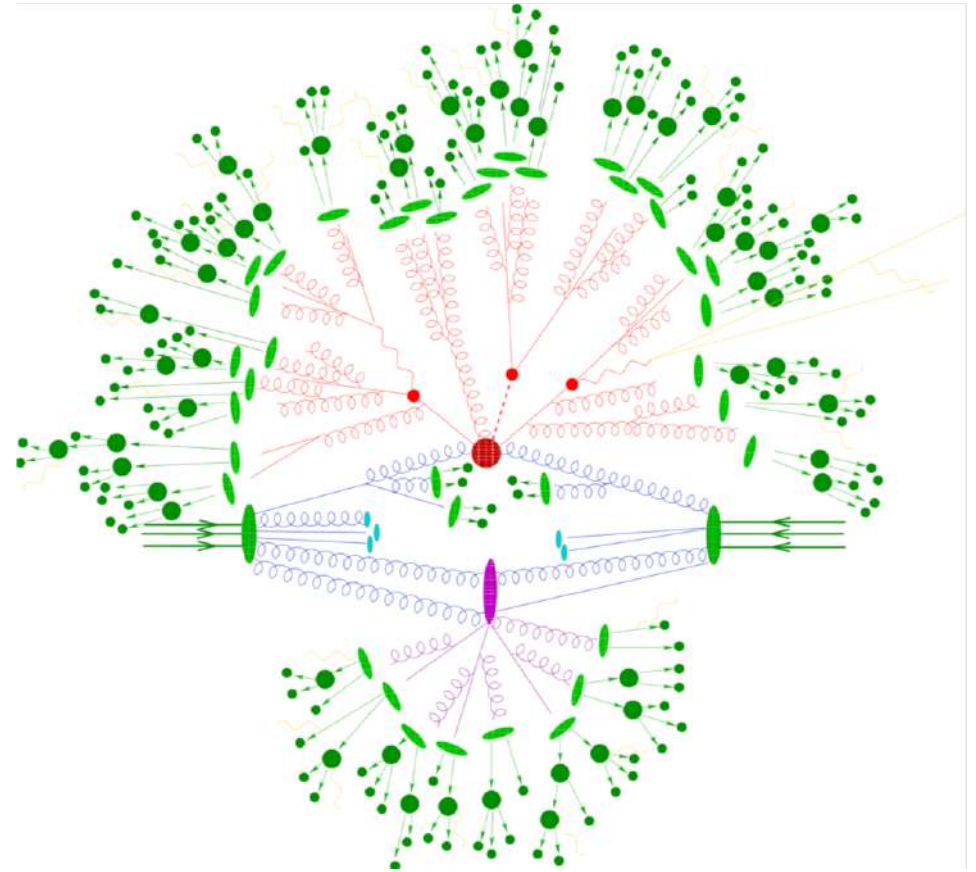
Two protons collide in the vacuum

Long distance: infrared slavery

Short distance: asymptotic freedom

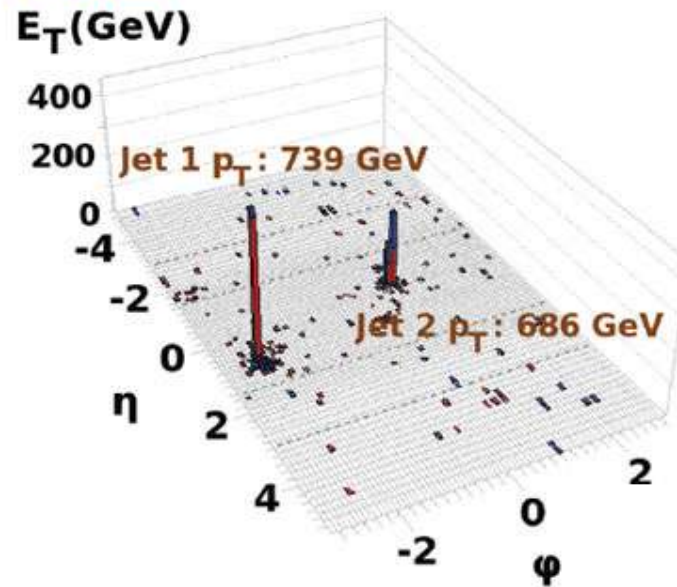
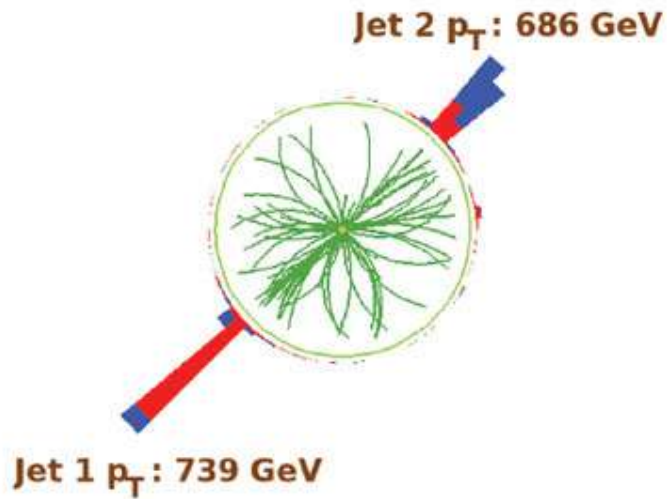
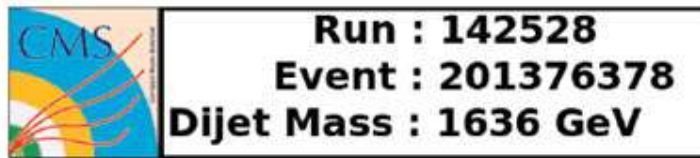
1977 Scale dependence
Stern-Weinberg Jets
1980s Factorization theorems
1990s - Monte-Carlo Simulations
2000s - Precision frontier

QCD provides quantitatively reliable description, based on free-streaming but fragmenting parton showers.



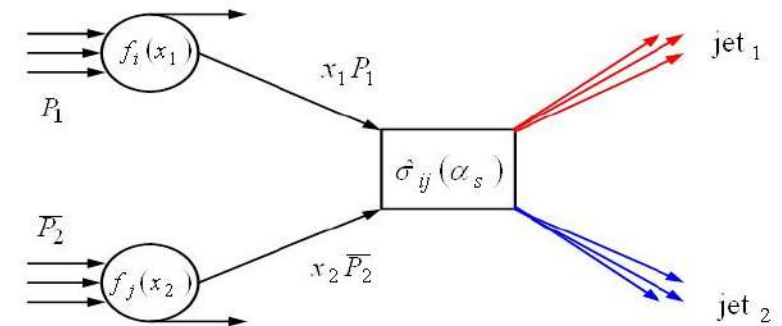
QCD Jets in the vacuum

What we measure



What we calculate

Jet Production



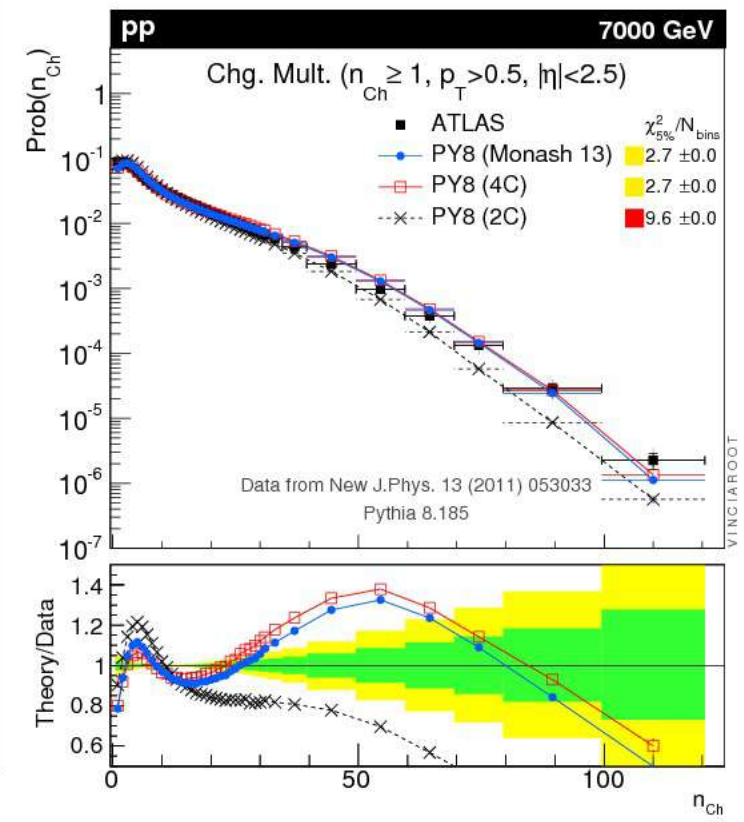
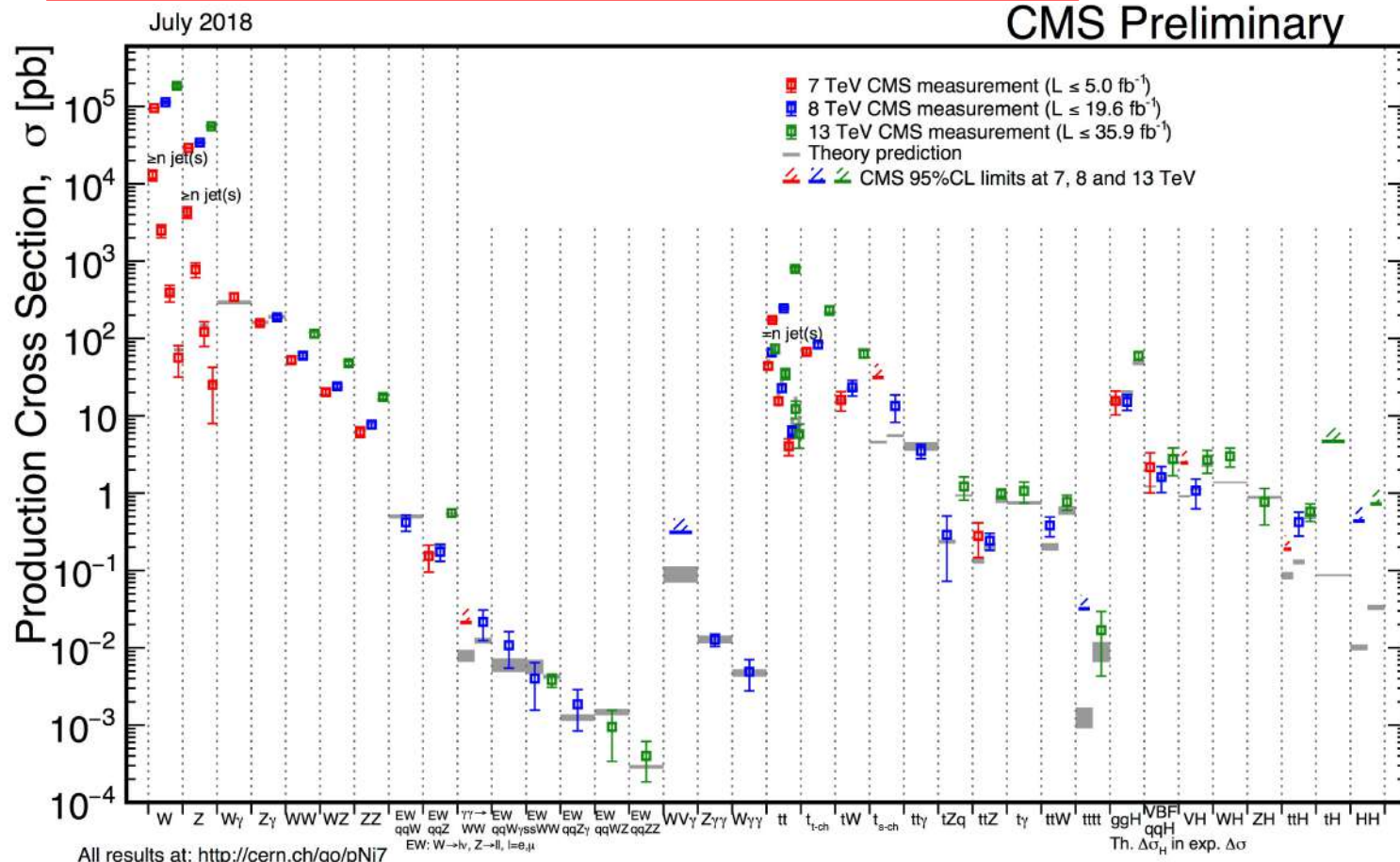
$$\sigma = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij} \left(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2, \alpha_s \left(\mu_R^2 \right) \frac{Q^2}{\mu_F^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2} \right)$$

- + parton shower + hadronization
- + jet algorithm + jet substructure
- + ...

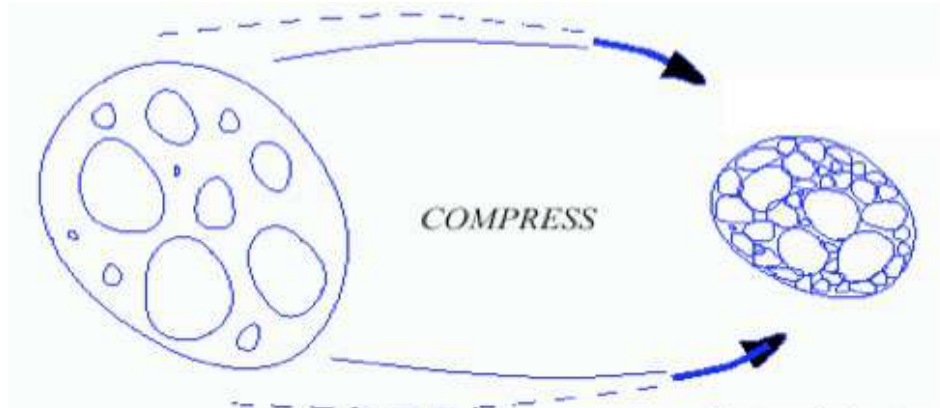
QCD in vacuum – a success story

Reliable baseline in testing electroweak interactions and searching for new physics

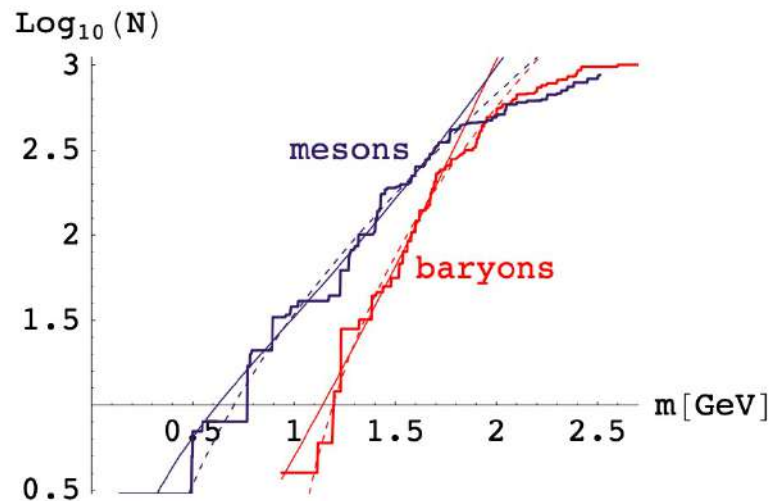
Imperfect / good modeling at low momentum transfers



The compressed hadronic world



$$\rho(m, V_c) = \frac{\text{const}}{m^3} \exp \left[\frac{m}{T_H} \right]$$



1965 R. Hagedorn's Statistical Bootstrap

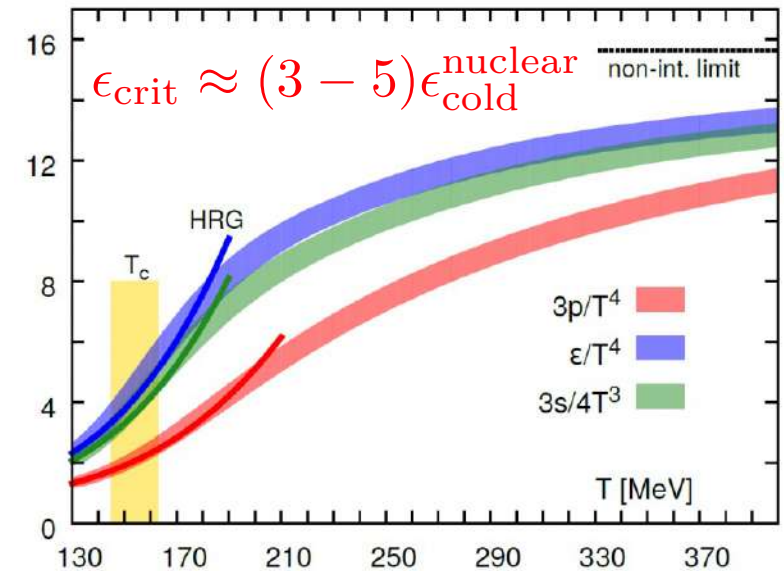
T_H - maximal temperature of hadron gas

1975 Cabbibo and Parisi:

T_H - temperature of phase transition

1990-2020 Lattice QCD*

quantitative understanding of the QCD phase transition

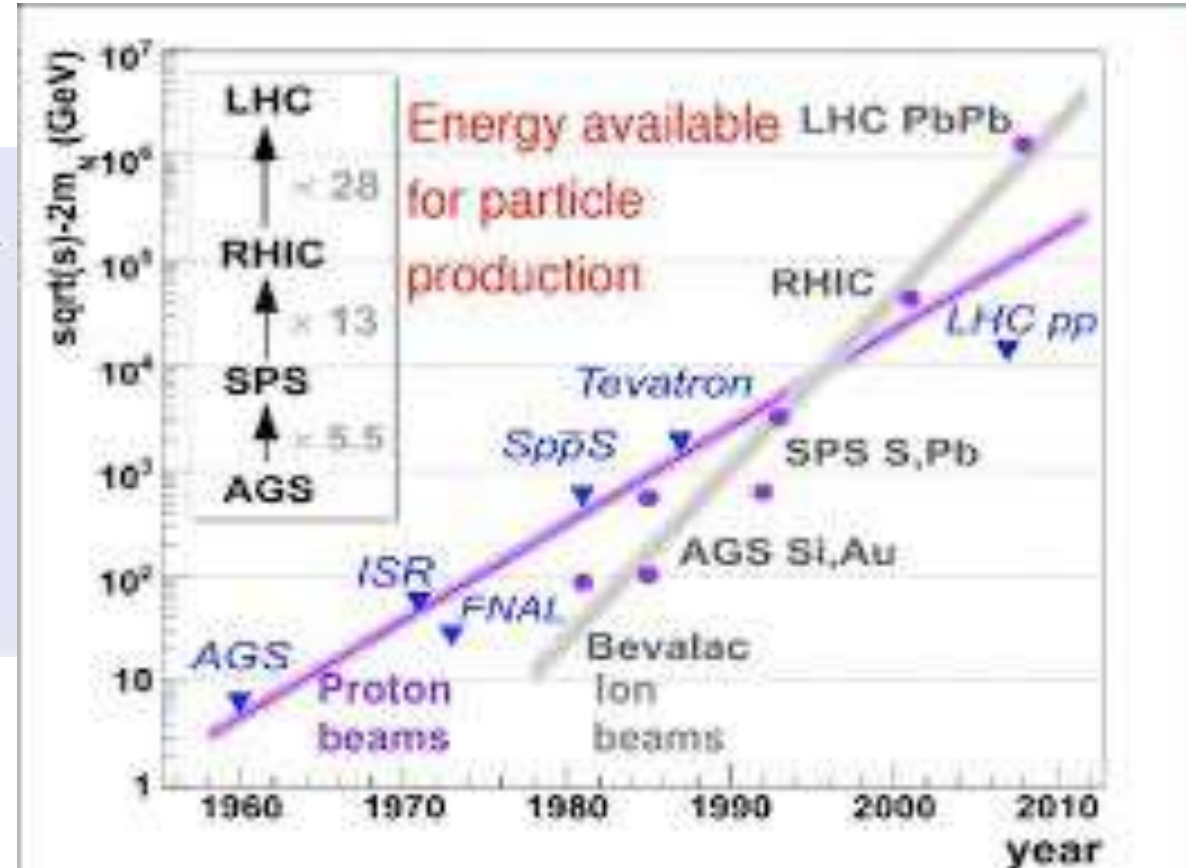
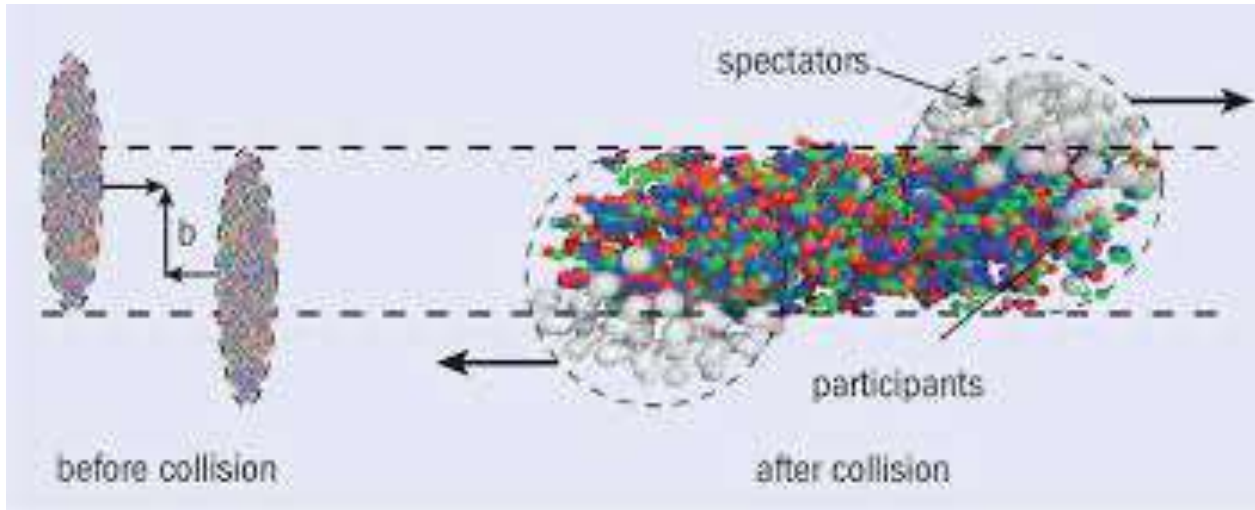


*D. Bazavov et al, The equation of state in (2+1)-flavor QCD, Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 094503

S. Borsanyi et al, JHEP 09 (2010) 073

Ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions

Compressing hadronic matter beyond $\epsilon_{crit} \approx (3 - 5)\epsilon_{cold}^{nuclear}$



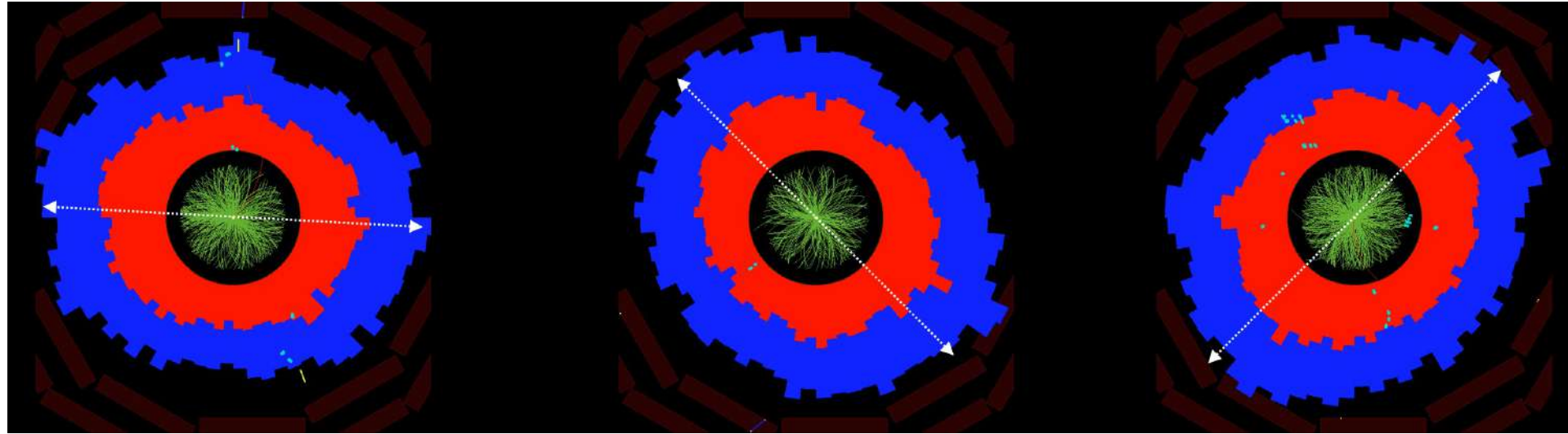
What do we see in PbPb @ LHC?



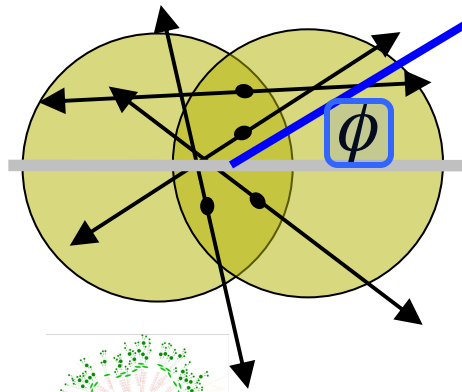
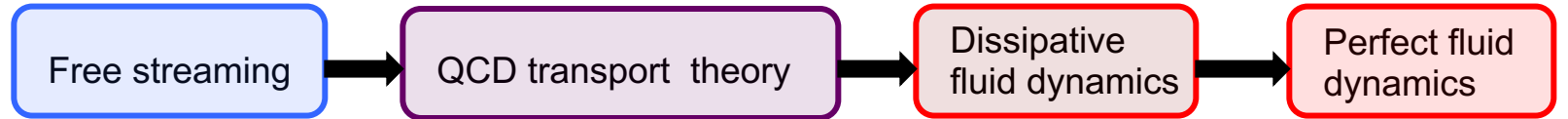
ALICE Run Control Center

Flow

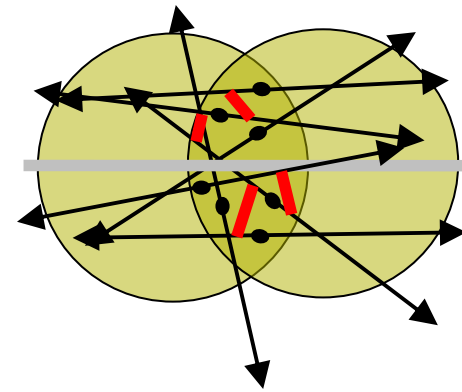
Collectivity
at soft p_T



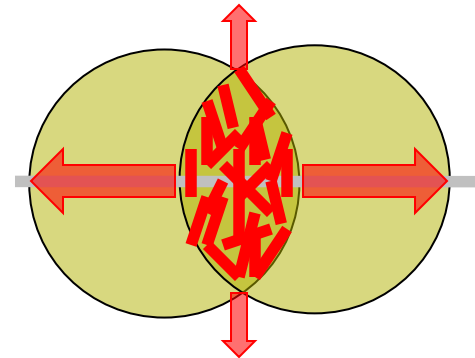
Which dynamics
is at play?



Ruled out !

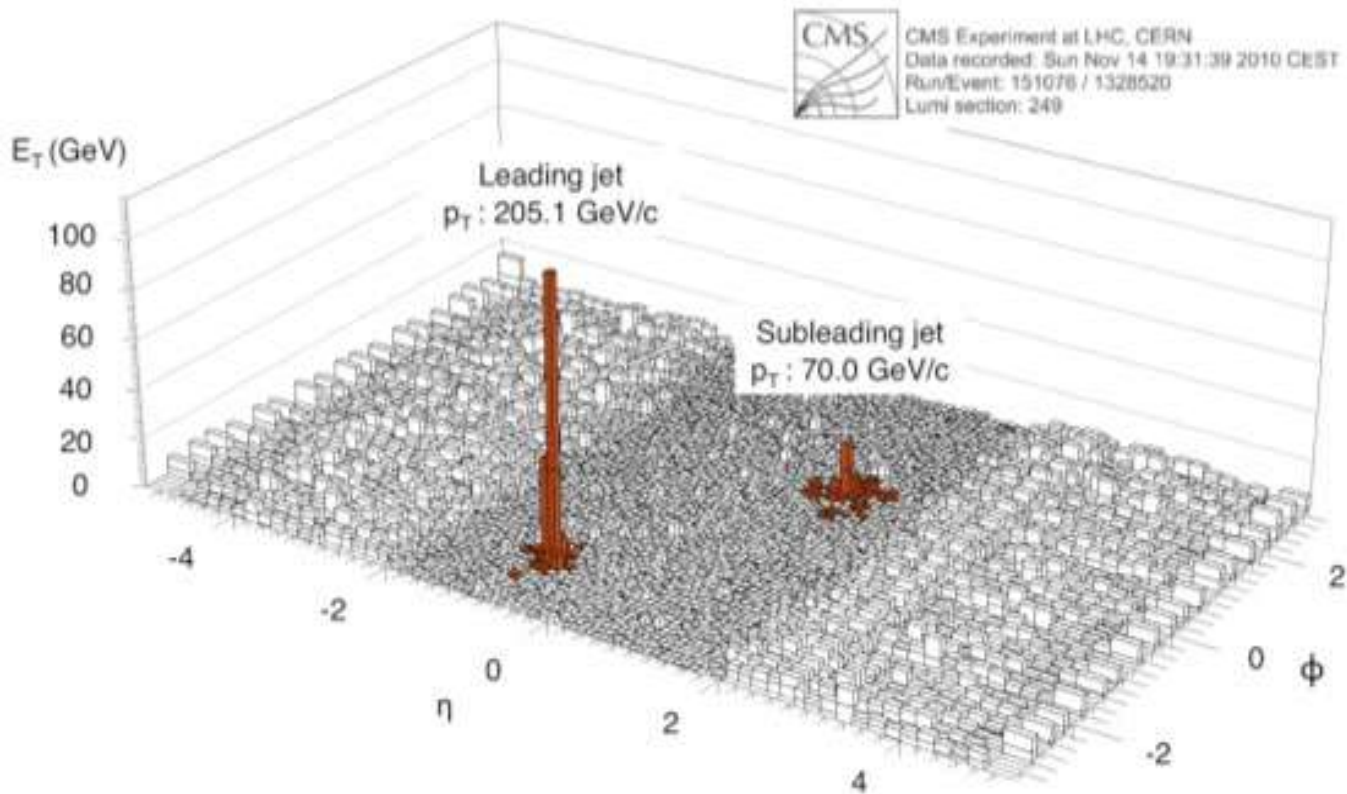


To be tested quantitatively !

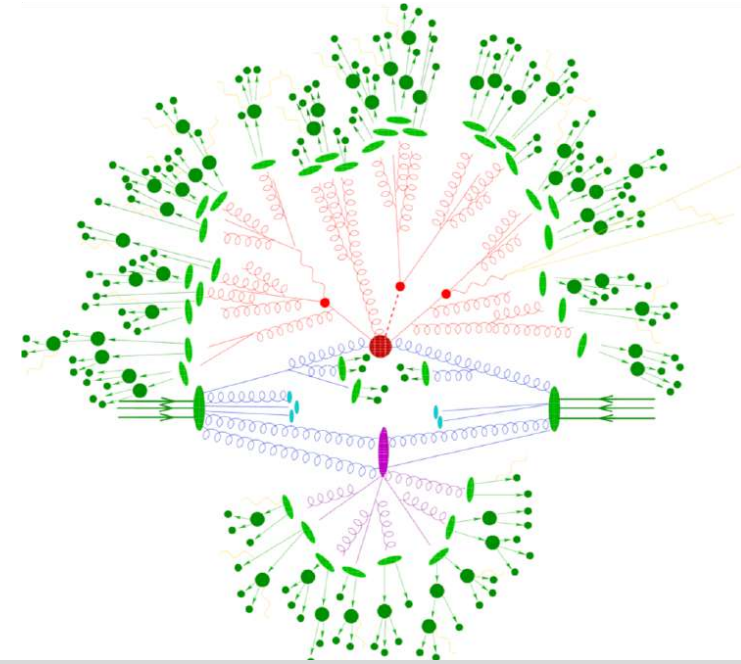


Jet quenching

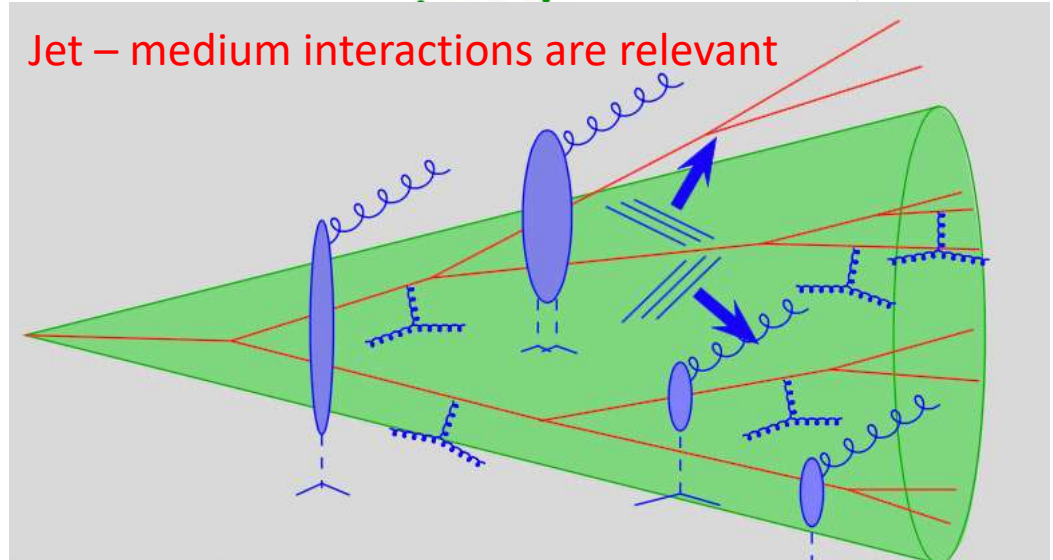
Deviation from free-streaming & fragmentation at high p_T



This is not sufficient!



Jet – medium interactions are relevant



How do we test medium properties?

- Excite medium
- Listen to response
- Analyze

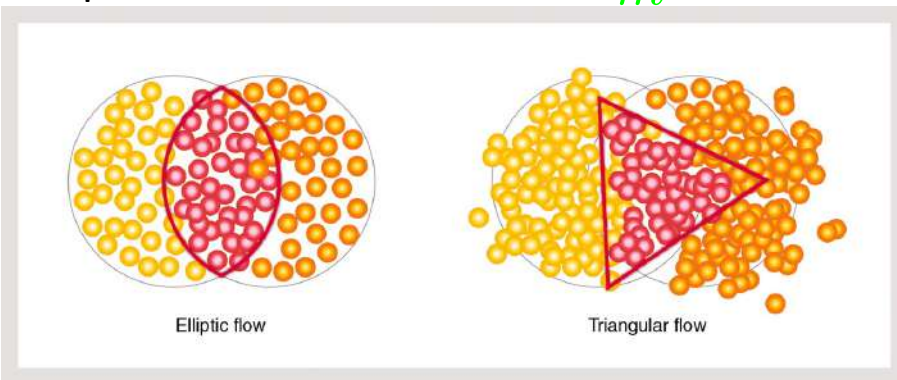
In theory:

$$G_{R}^{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta} = \frac{\delta T^{\mu\nu}}{\delta h_{\alpha\beta}}$$



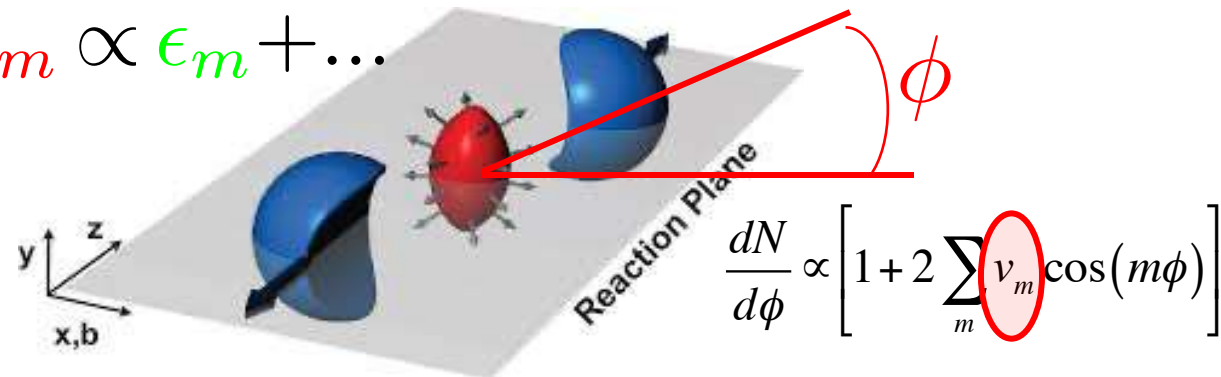
In experiment:

Prepare different **excitations** ϵ_m



measure their **response**

$$v_m \propto \epsilon_m + \dots$$



Analyzing medium response

$$G_R(t, k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \underbrace{\tilde{G}_R(\omega, k)}_{\in \mathbb{C}} e^{-i\omega t} = c_{\text{hyd}} \exp[-\Gamma_s k^2 t] + c_{\text{non-hyd}} \exp[-t/\tau_R]$$

➤ **Hydrodynamic excitations, e.g.**

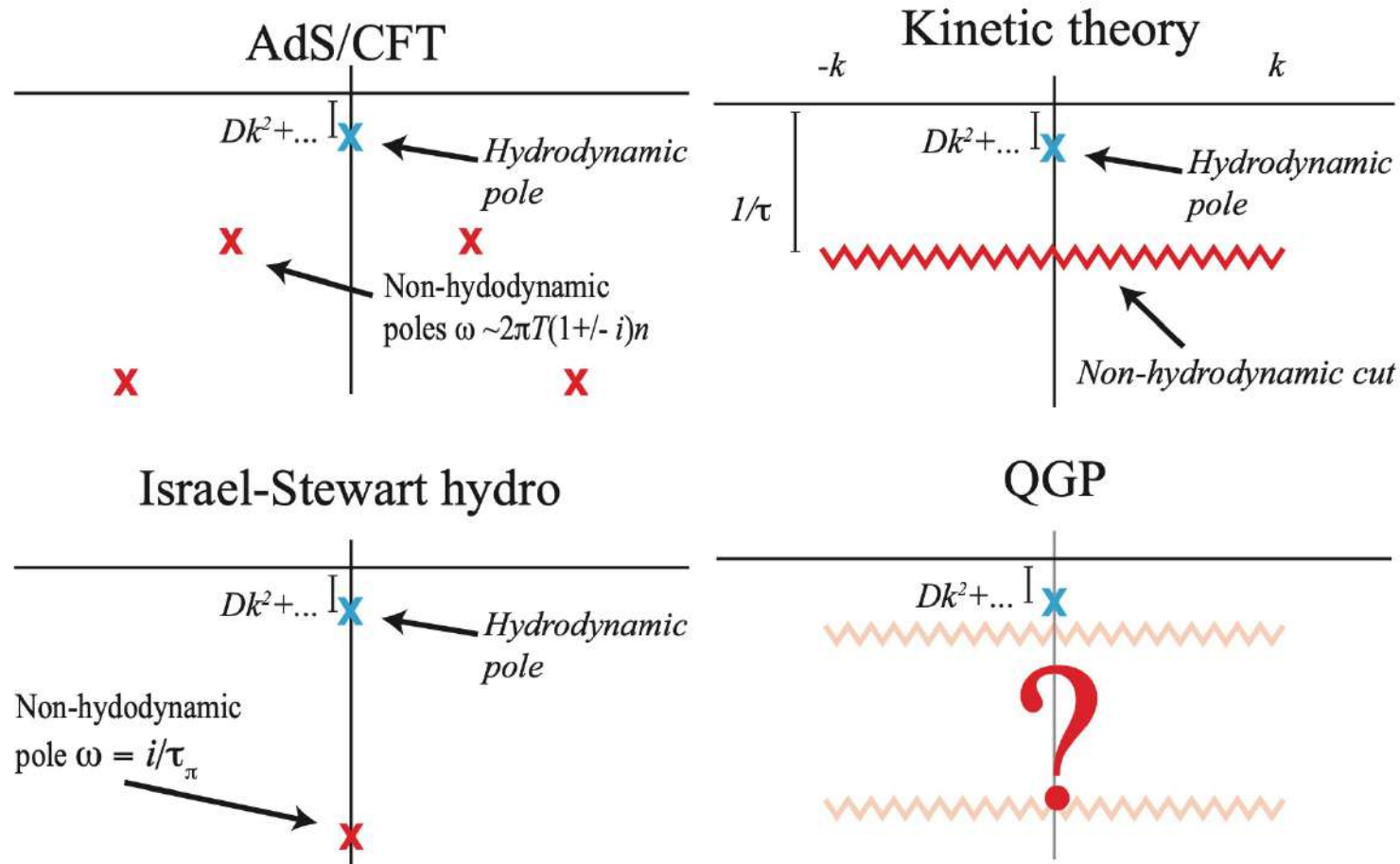
$$\omega_{\text{pole}}^{\text{hyd}}(k) = -i \underbrace{\frac{\eta}{sT}}_{\equiv \Gamma_s} k^2$$

- Universal in QFTs
- Consequence of conservation laws
- Described by gradient expansion $k \leftrightarrow \nabla$

➤ **Non-hydro excitations, e.g.**

$$\omega_{\text{pole}}^{\text{non-hyd}}(k) = -i \frac{1}{\tau_\pi}$$

- No QFTs without non-hydro modes
- Consequence of causality
- Not described by gradient expansion



What do we learn from hydro?

- based only on: E-p conservation: $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$
- 2nd law of thermodynamics: $\partial_\mu S^\mu(x) \geq 0$
- sensitive only to properties of matter that are

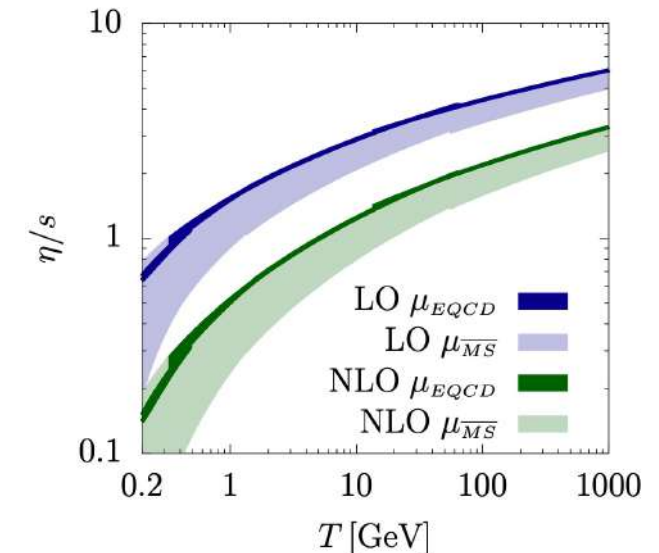
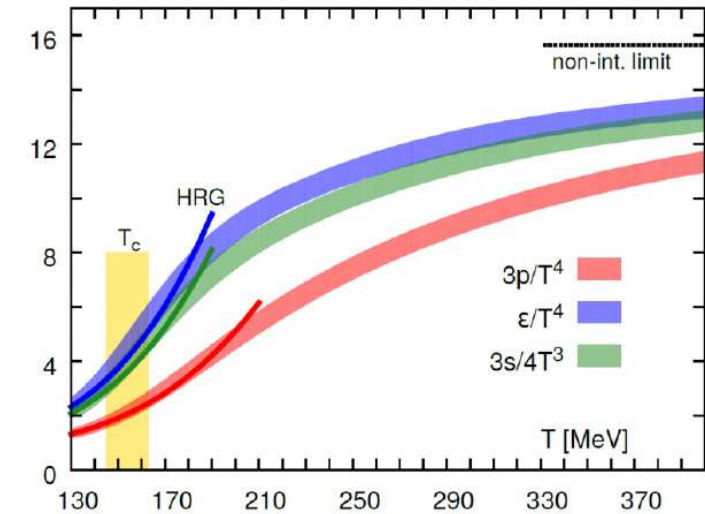
calculable from first principles in quantum field theory

- **EOS**: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(p, n)$ and **sound velocity** $c_s = \partial p / \partial \varepsilon$
- **transport coefficients**: shear η , bulk ξ viscosity, ...

$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\omega} \int dt dx e^{i\omega t} \left\langle \left[T^{xy}(x, t), T^{xy}(0, 0) \right] \right\rangle_{eq}$$

- **relaxation times**: $\tau_\pi, \tau_\Pi, \dots$

Testing the thermal sector of fundamental quantum fields.



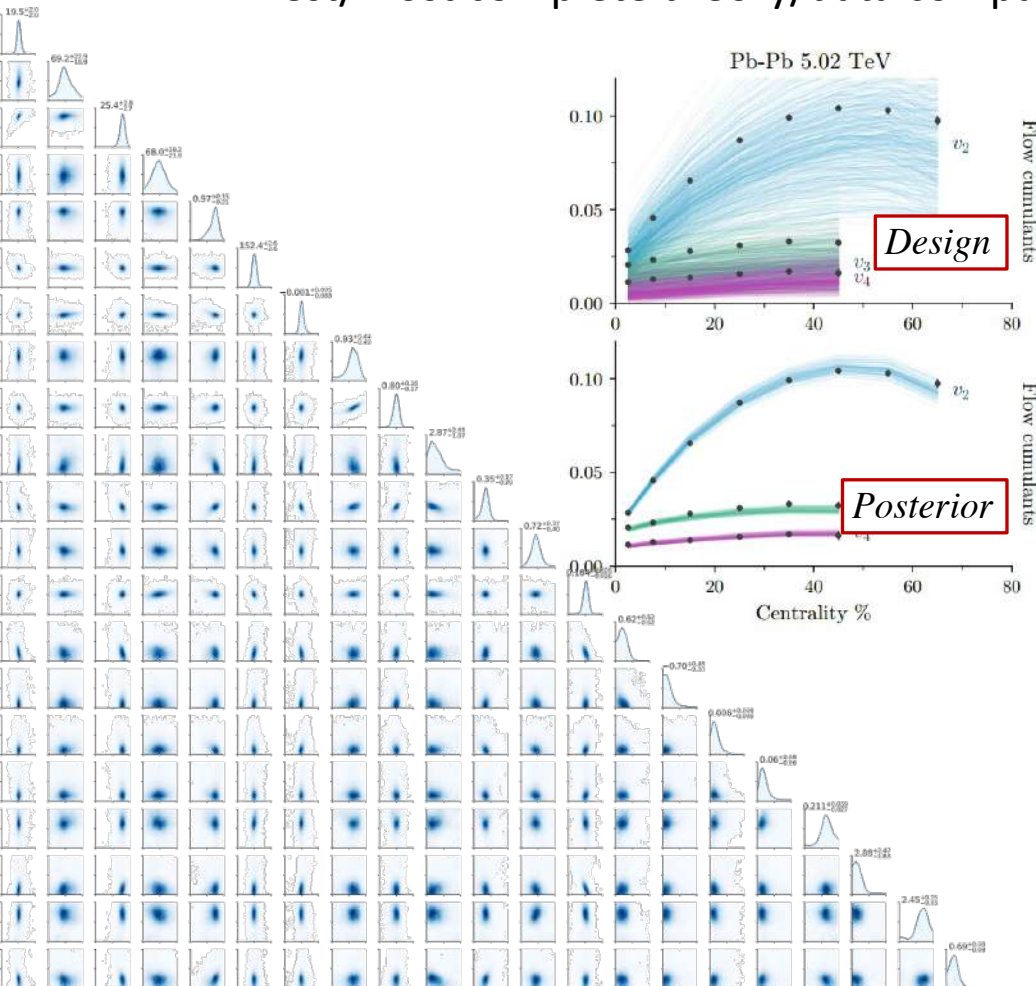
Lattice QCD =>

Finite Temp pQCD =>

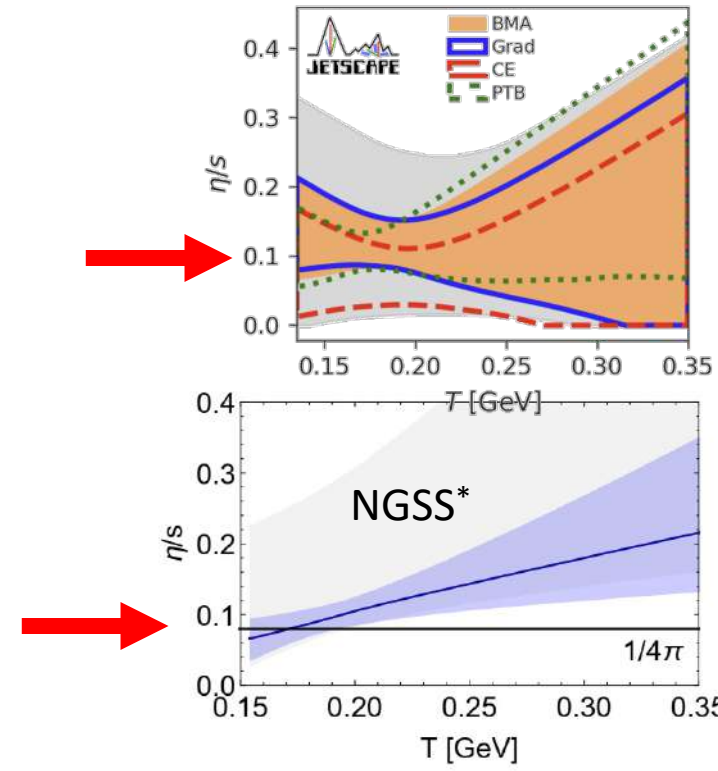
Ads/CFT =>

Bayesian Inference

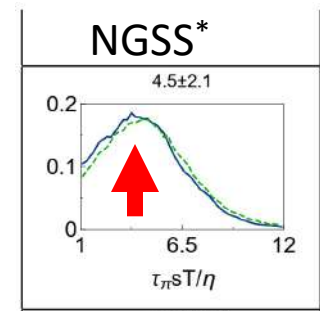
- More than fluid dynamics but constrains fluid dynamics
- Best/most complete theory/data comparison at soft p_T



State of the art: 514 data points,
20 parameters, unprecedented detail.



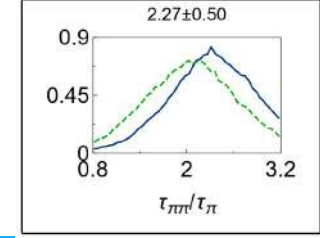
$$\frac{\tau_{\pi} s T}{\eta}$$



AdS/CFT
 $4 - \log(4) \approx 2.61$

kinetic theory
5

$$\frac{\tau_{\pi\pi}}{\tau_{\pi}}$$



$\frac{88}{35(2 - \log 2)} \approx 1.92$

$\frac{10}{7} \approx 1.43$

How fluid is the fluid?



- N=4 SYM plasma has no internal structure

“universal” lower bound $\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$ 2001 Policastro, Son, Starinets*

- 1-d Bjorken expansion is **isentropic** if $\frac{d(\tau s)}{d\tau} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}\eta}{\tau T} \ll s \implies \frac{\eta}{s} \ll \underbrace{\tau T}_{>1}$



- Hydro-modes dominate if

$$\frac{\eta}{sT} k^2 \ll \frac{1}{\tau_\pi} \approx \frac{1}{5} \frac{sT}{\eta}$$

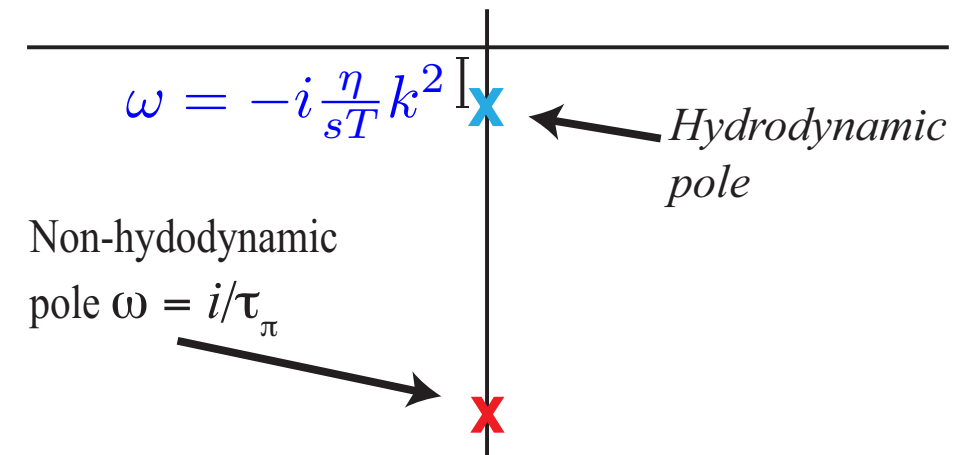
- Hydro-dominated wavelengths satisfy

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} \gg \underbrace{2\pi\sqrt{5}}_{10} \underbrace{\frac{\eta}{s}}_{0.1} \underbrace{\frac{1}{T}}_{1 \text{ fm}}$$

Such wavelengths do not fit into a proton !

Experimental access of non-hydro modes seems feasible.

Israel-Stewart hydro



How non-fluid is the fluid?

That depends on its size R:

□ Smallest wavenumber

$$k \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

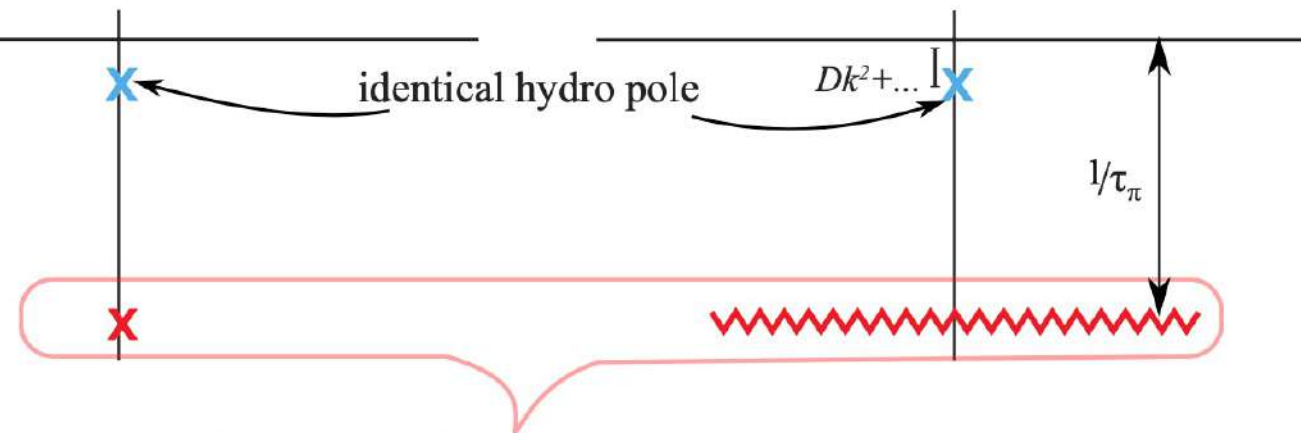
□ Longest propagation time

$$t \sim R$$

$$G_R(t, k) = \underbrace{c_{\text{hyd}} \exp[-\Gamma_s k^2 t]}_{\text{reduced for smaller R}} + \underbrace{c_{\text{non-hyd}} \exp[-t/\tau_R]}_{\text{enhanced for smaller R}}$$

Non-hydro excitations become testable in systems of sufficiently small size R:

Can we test the nature of non-hydro modes?



How much difference can this make?

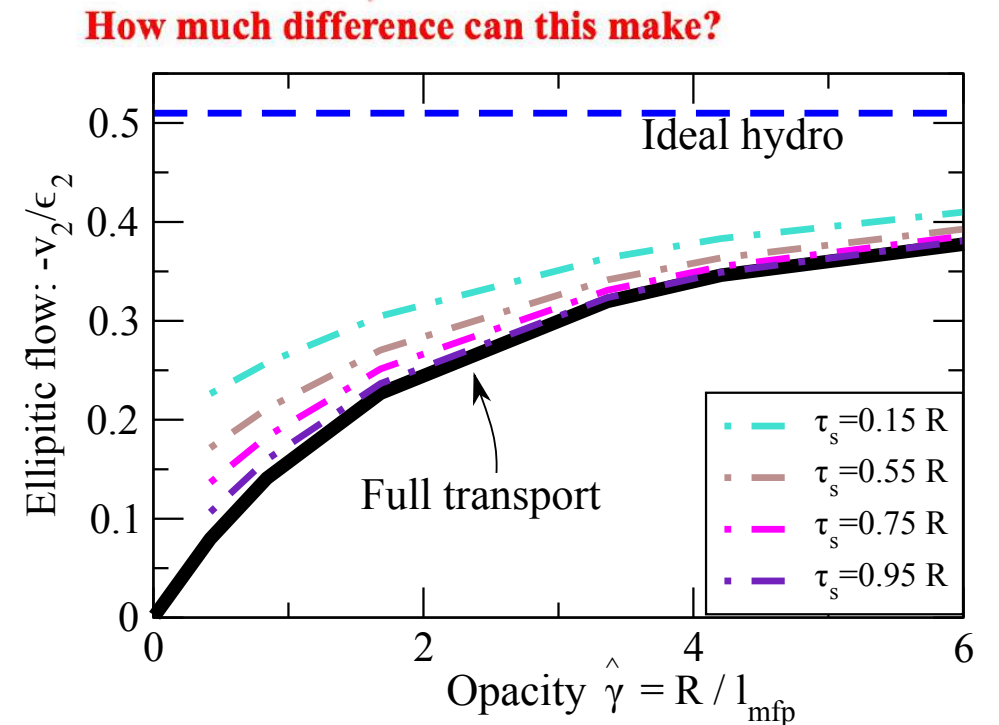
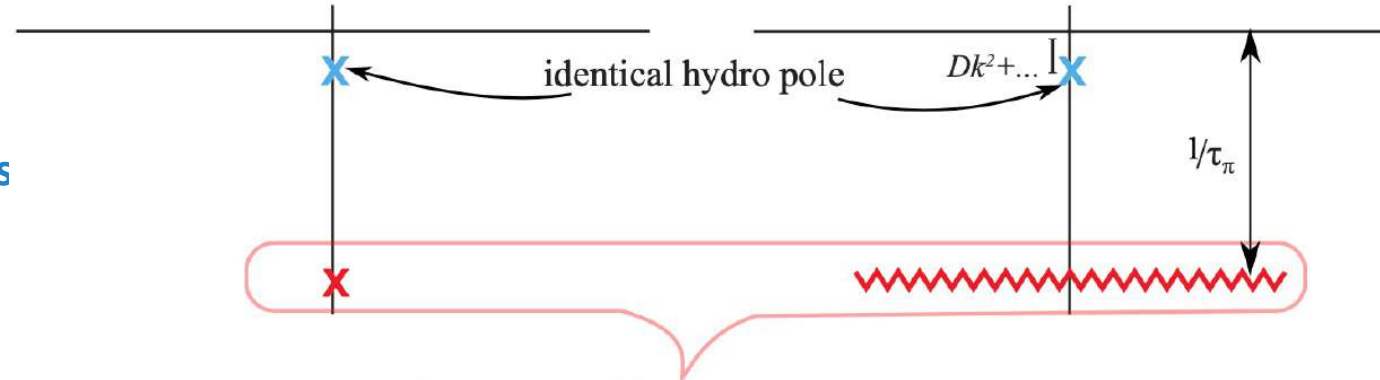
A proof of principle (a toy model)

Construct a theory with **identical hydro poles** but **different non-hydro excitations** of the same relaxation time τ_π

Switching from one theory to the other at time τ_s leads to **differences in the response** v_2/ϵ_2 though the hydrodynamics did not change.

The differences increase with decreasing R .

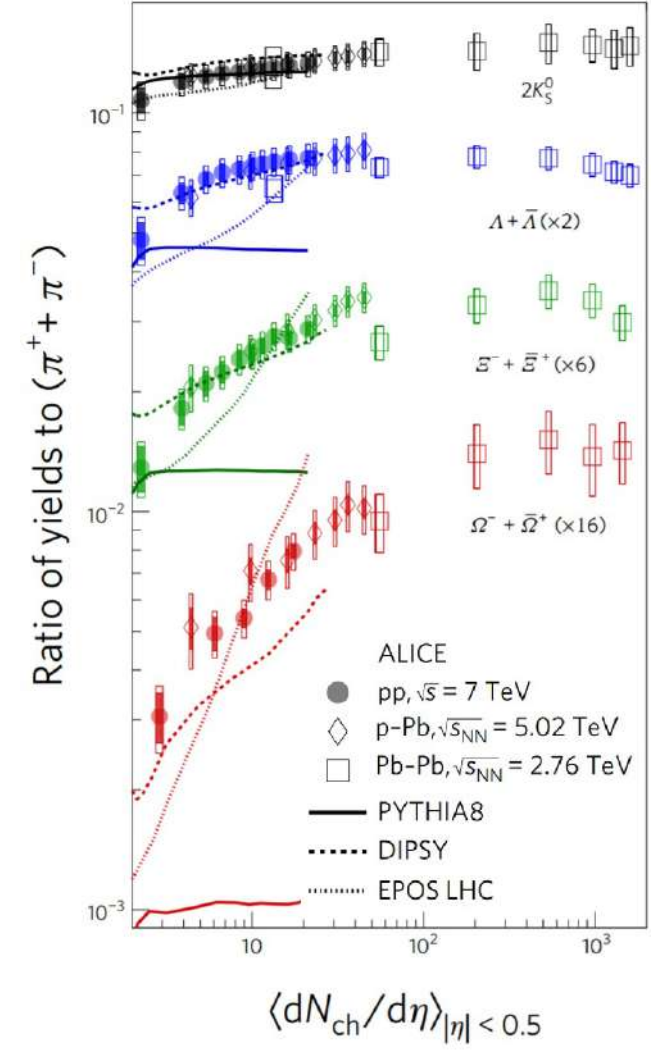
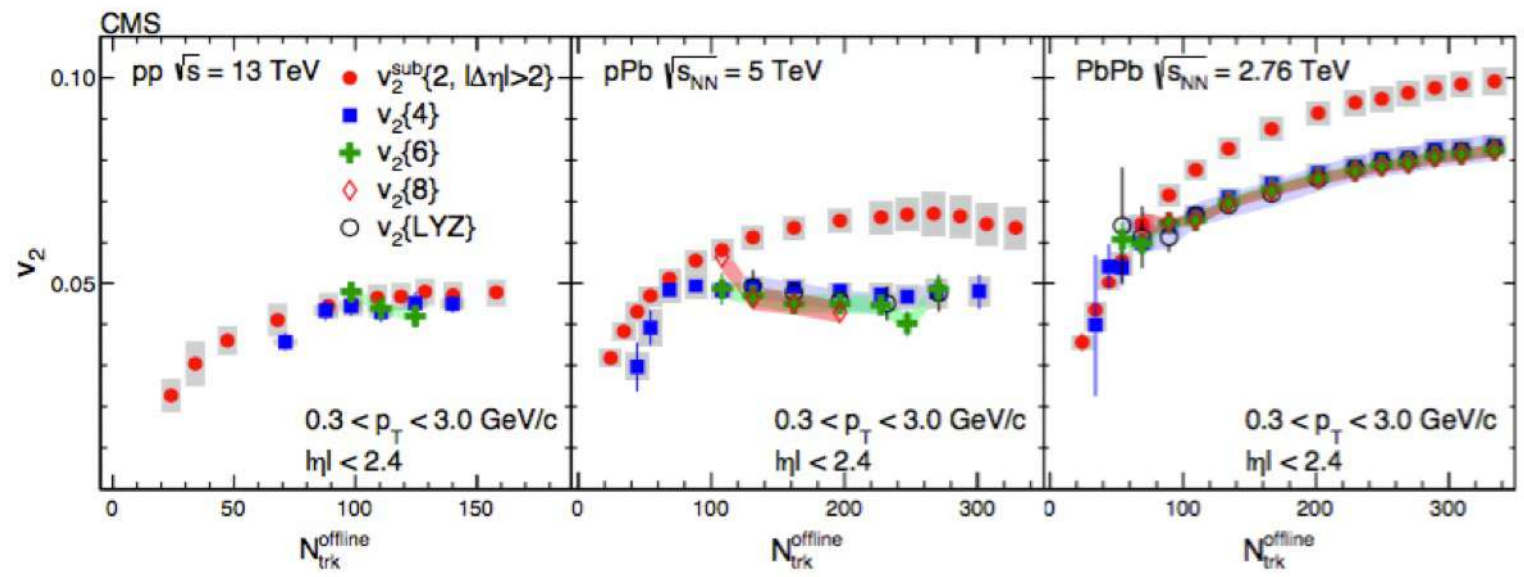
Elliptic flow is sensitive to non-hydro modes.



Discovery of collectivity in pp and pPb @ LHC

Hypothesis (consistent with what we know)

If collectivity persists to the smallest systems, it is not mediated by hydro modes alone.

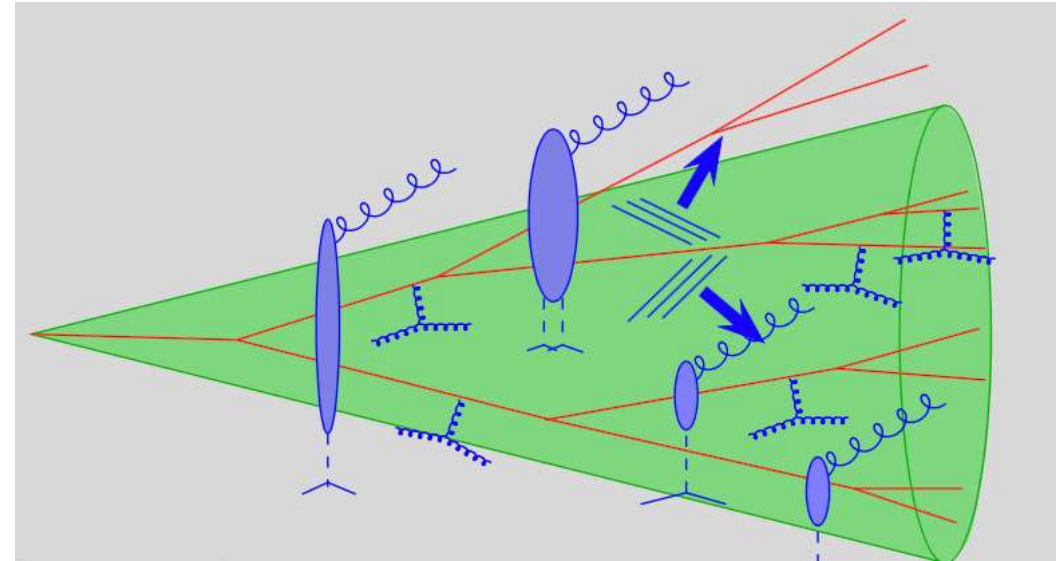


Jet quenching – a *peculiar* kinetic transport

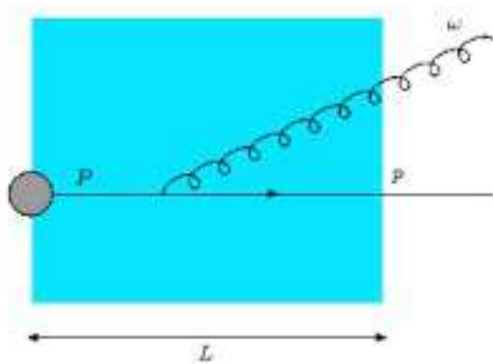
A generic quenching model implements

$$\partial_t f_g(x, p) = -C_{2 \rightarrow 2}[f] - C_{1 \rightarrow 2}[f]$$

- ❑ Hard partons $p \gg T$
- ❑ Embedded in medium
- ❑ 1- \rightarrow 2 LPM (and DGLAP)
- ❑ 2- \rightarrow 2 elastic



What is *peculiar*? Soft emittees are emitted first.



❑ In vacuum

➤ Time $\tau_{\text{form}}^{\text{vac}} \simeq \frac{\omega}{k_{\perp}^2} = \frac{1}{\Theta^2 \omega}$

- Hard gluons first
- **Soft gluons late**

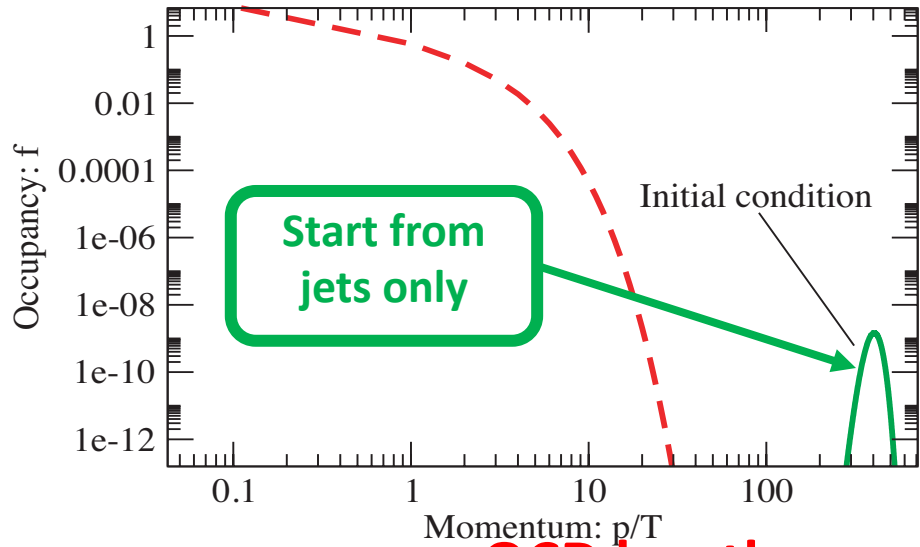
medium never

❑ In medium

➤ Time $\tau_{\text{form}}^{\text{med}} \simeq \frac{\omega}{k_{\perp}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$

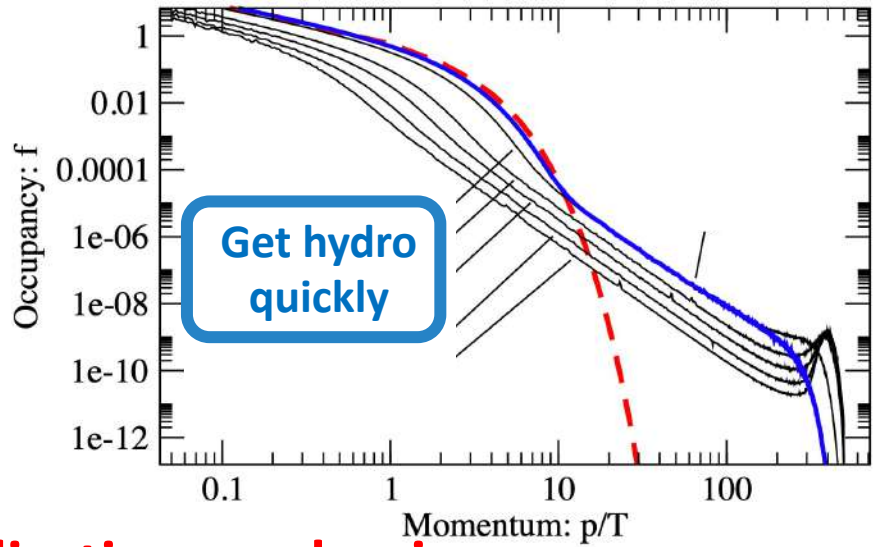
- **Soft gluons first**
- medium forms fast (PTO)

Jet quenching = fast perturbative hydrodynamization

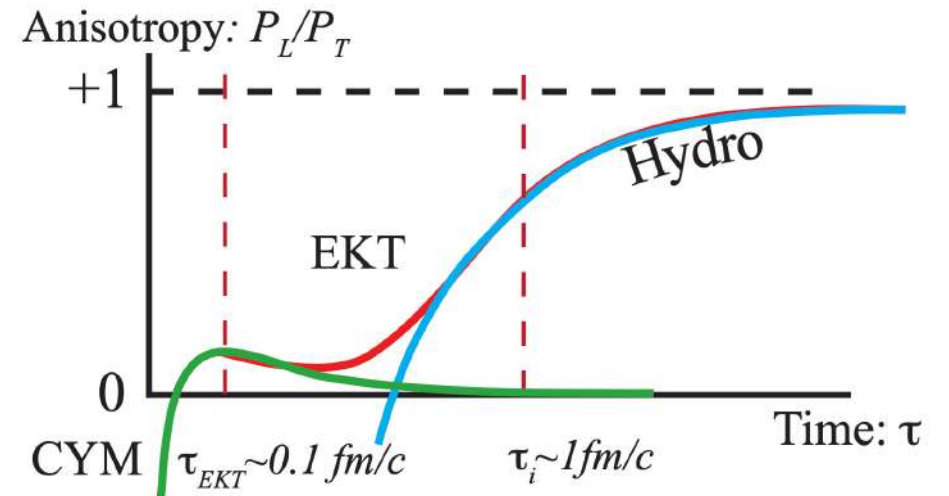
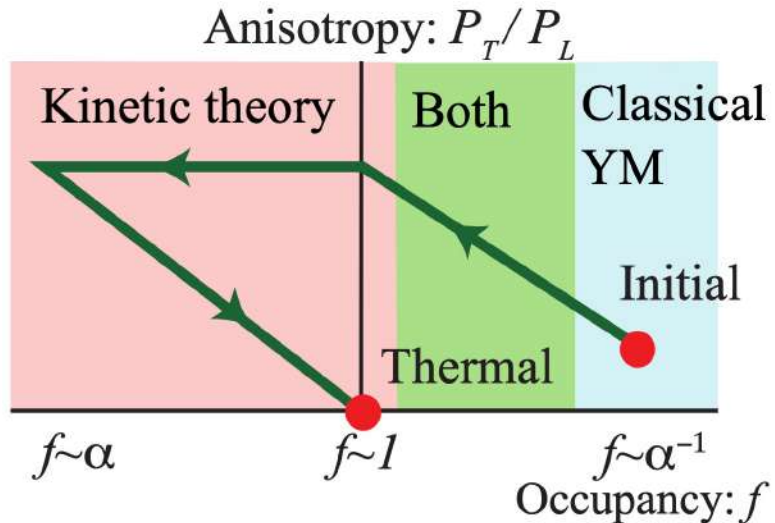


“Bottom-up”

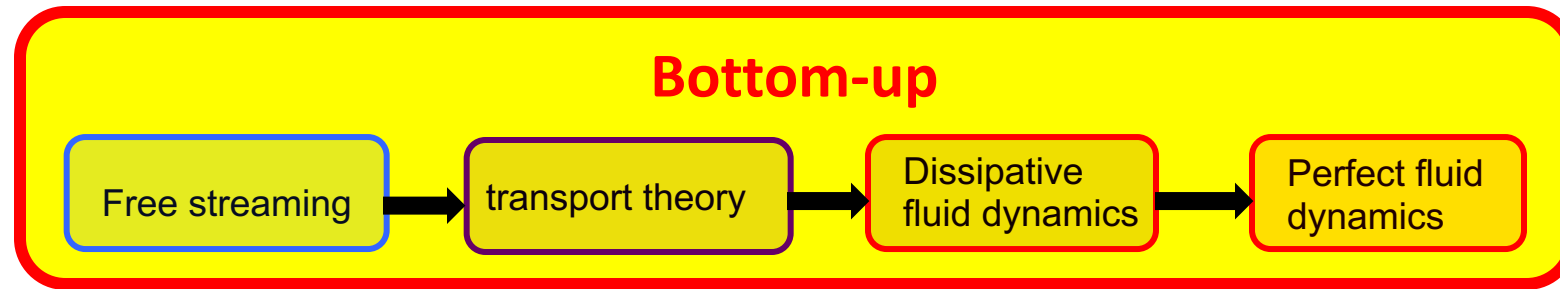
$\partial_t f_g(x, p) = -C_{2 \rightarrow 2}[f] - C_{1 \rightarrow 2}[f]$



pQCD has the most remarkable thermalization mechanism



Bottom-up is a more encompassing HI paradigm than the perfect fluid



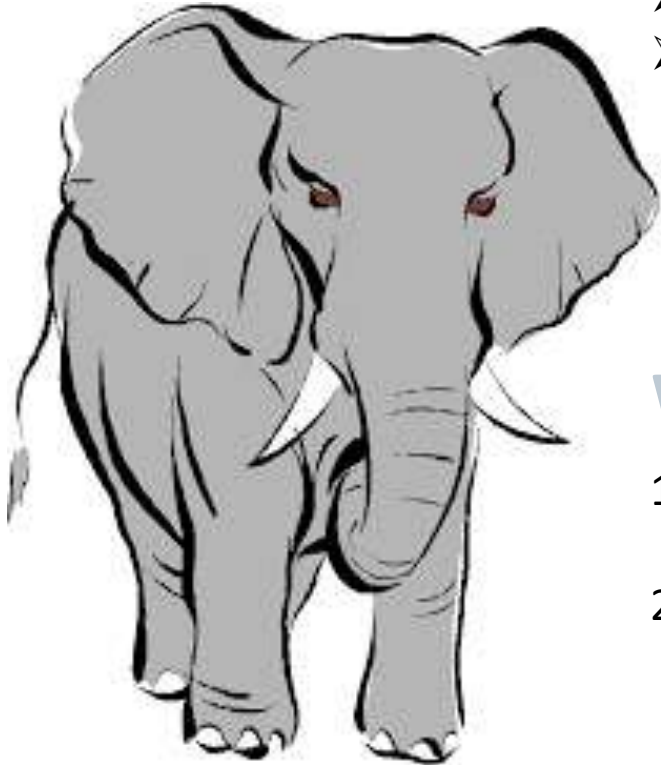
Bottom-up includes:

- **pre-equilibrium dynamics***
from $f \sim O(1/\alpha_s)$ to $f \sim 1$
- **Close-to-perfect fluidity**
(with specific non-hydro modes)
- **Jet quenching**

Many open questions:

- Nature of non-hydro excitations?
- **Onset of jet quenching**
- Origin of hadrochemical equilibration
- Transport of heavy flavor
- ...

Jet quenching in small systems

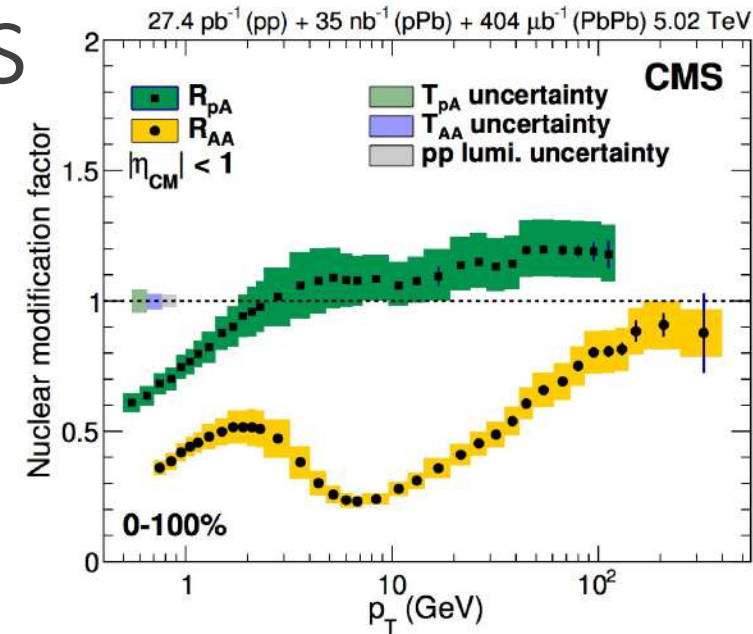


- Collectivity requires final state interaction
- Final state interactions imply jet quenching
- Jet quenching not seen in pPb or peripheral PbPb

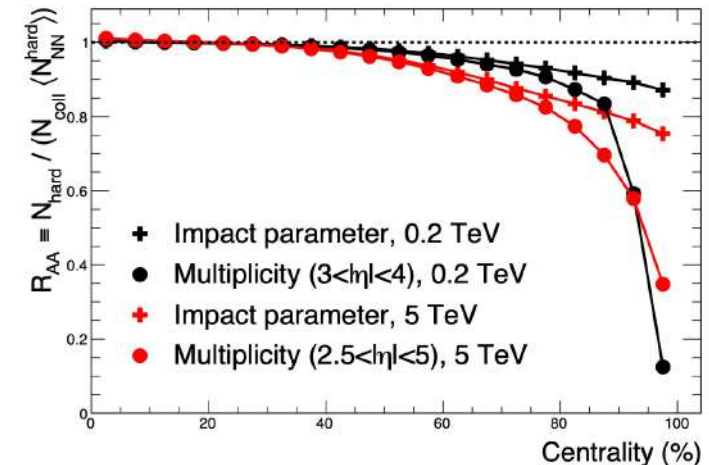
$$R_{AA} = \frac{Y_{AA}}{N_{\text{coll}} Y_{pp}} = \frac{Y_{AA}}{T_{AA} \sigma_{pp}}$$

Why?

1. Because the effect is not there.
Then, what I told you so far is wrong!
2. Because the effect is too small to be measured.
How to improve accuracy of null-hypothesis on top of which an effect could be seen?



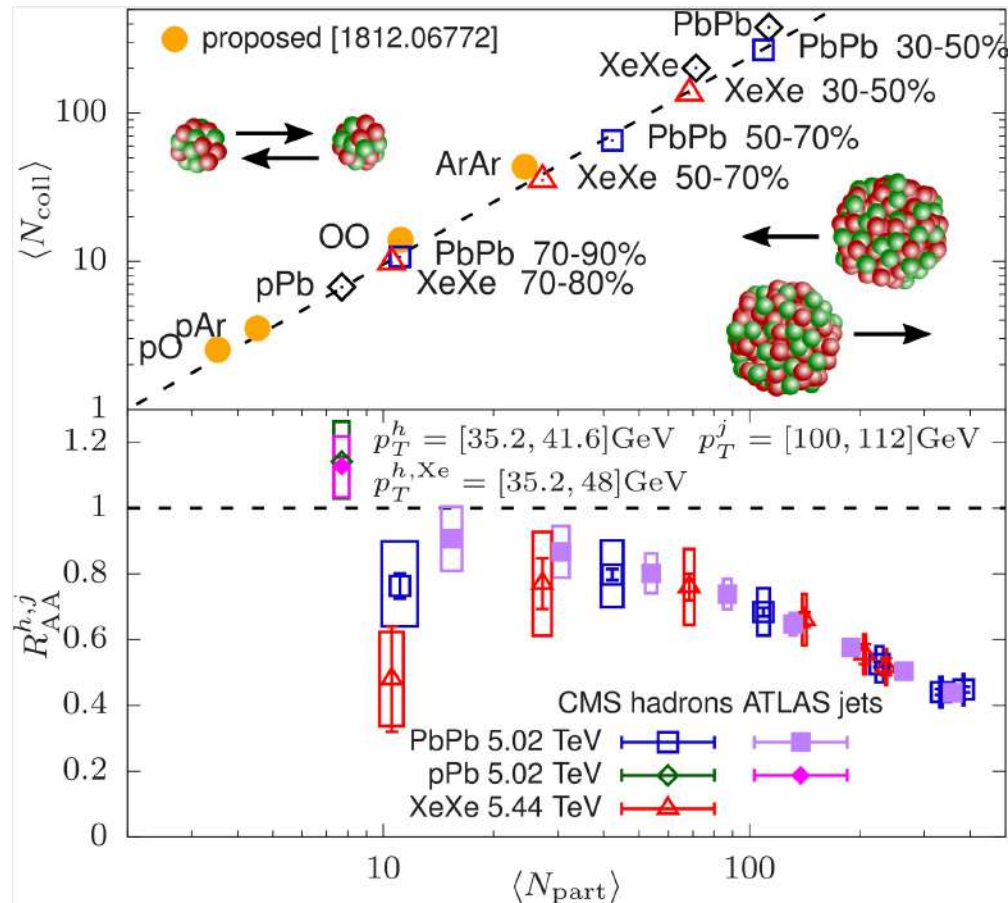
Soft physics modelling uncertainties increase in small systems*



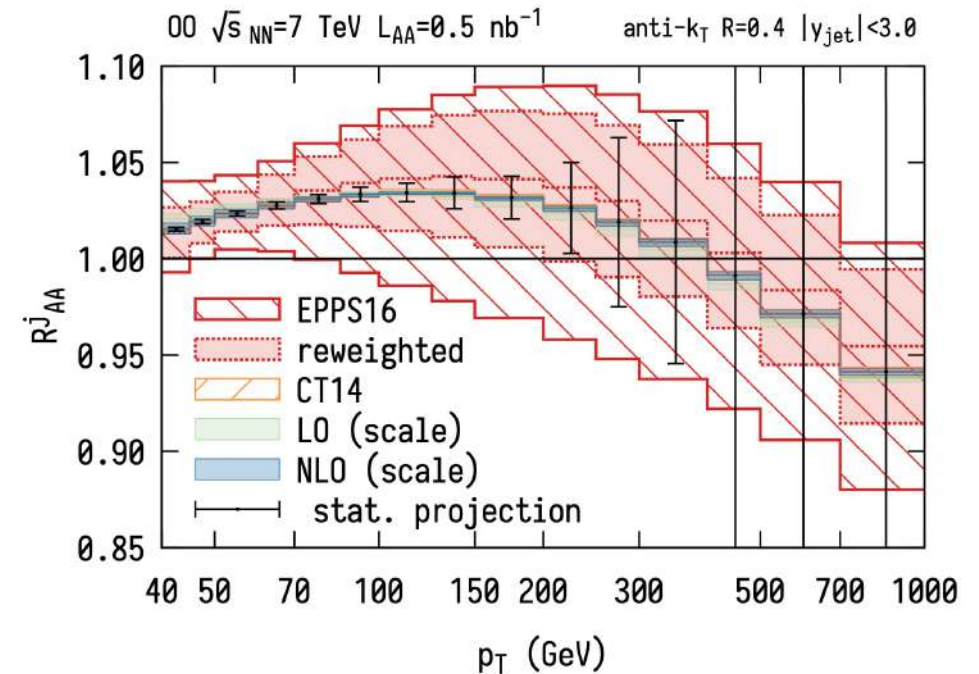
A small system: Oxygen-Oxygen @ LHC

➤ **Inclusive OO** ~ 70-90 % PbPb, perturbatively controlled baseline

$$R_{AA}^{h,j}, \text{ minbias} = \frac{1}{A^2} \frac{\frac{d\sigma_{AA}}{dp_T dy}}{\frac{d\sigma_{pp}}{dp_T dy}}$$



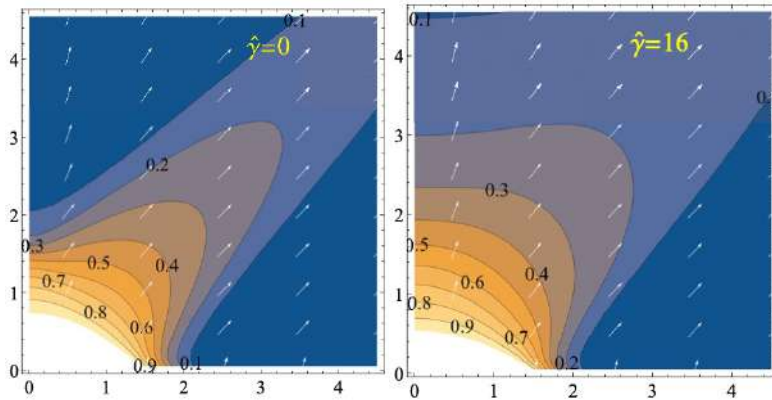
➤ **2-5 % theory precision on no-quench baseline***
systematically controlled pQCD standard



How to estimate quenching signal in OO?

➤ Vary freely what you don't know

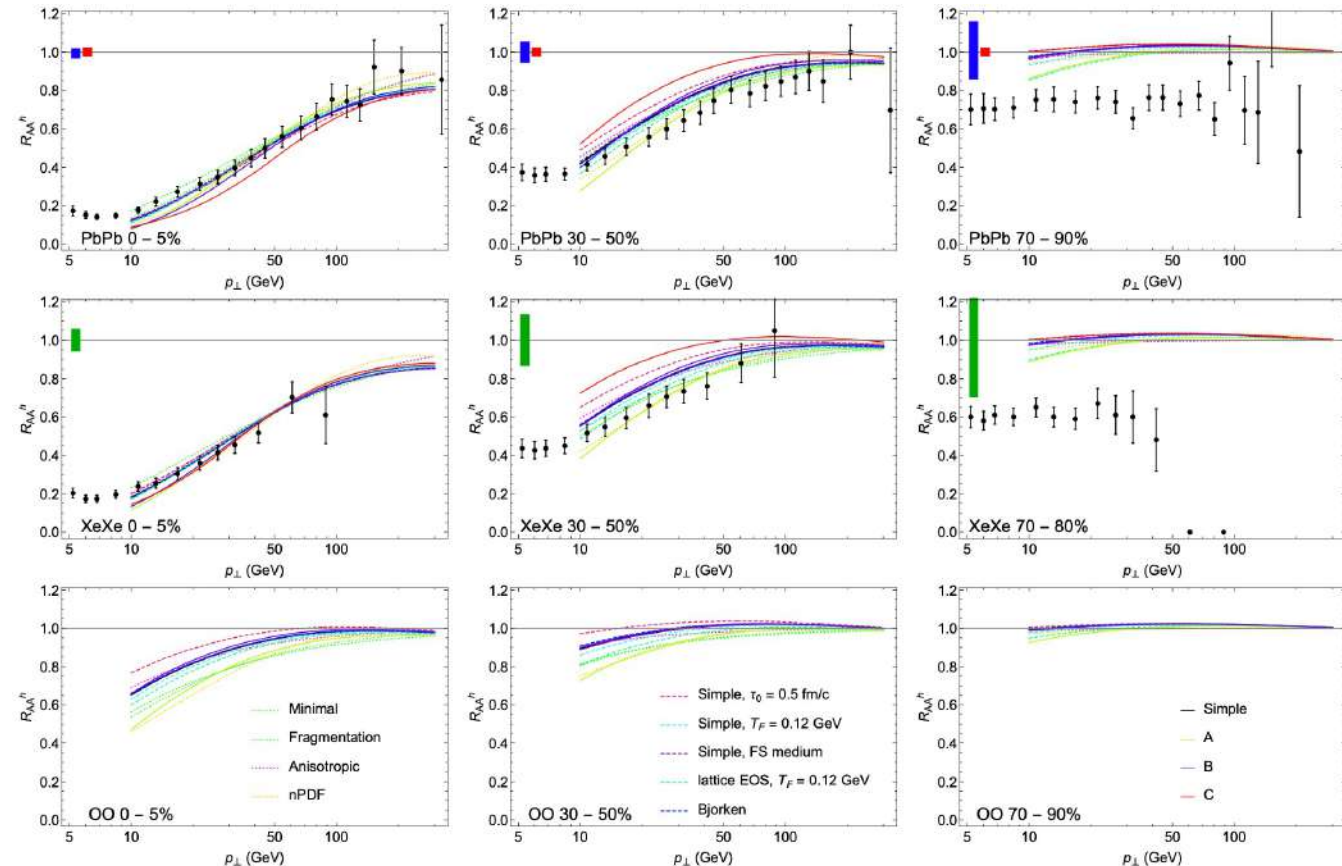
- Initial conditions
- collective expansion



- microscopic dynamics

model	nPDF	$\langle R \rangle$	$\langle N_{part} \rangle$	$\langle N_{coll} \rangle$	$\langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$	T evolution	Energy loss	Fragmentation	\hat{q}/T^3 or κ
Minimal	no	optical Glauber	no	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	no	0.90 ± 0.25		
Anisotropic	no	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	no	0.85 ± 0.24		
nPDF	yes	optical Glauber	no	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	no	1.08 ± 0.27		
Fragmentation	no	optical Glauber	no	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	yes	2.93 ± 0.87		
Simple	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	yes	3.63 ± 0.91		
Simple, $\tau_0 = 0.5\text{fm}/c$	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	yes	6.78 ± 1.73		
Simple, $T_F = 0.12\text{GeV}$	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	yes	3.15 ± 0.77		
Free streaming	yes	TrENTo	no	free streaming	BDMPS-Z	yes	2.25 ± 0.57		
Lattice EOS	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	BDMPS-Z	yes	2.38 ± 0.57		
Bjorken	yes	TrENTo	yes	$\propto \tau^{-1/3}$	BDMPS-Z	yes	3.01 ± 0.76		
A	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	$dE/dx \sim \tau^{0.4} T^{1.2}$	yes	2.83 ± 0.58		
B	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	$dE/dx \sim \tau T^3$	yes	2.70 ± 0.57		
C	yes	TrENTo	yes	kinetic	Stopping	yes	2.41 ± 0.18		

➤ Anchor on what is measured and extrapolate

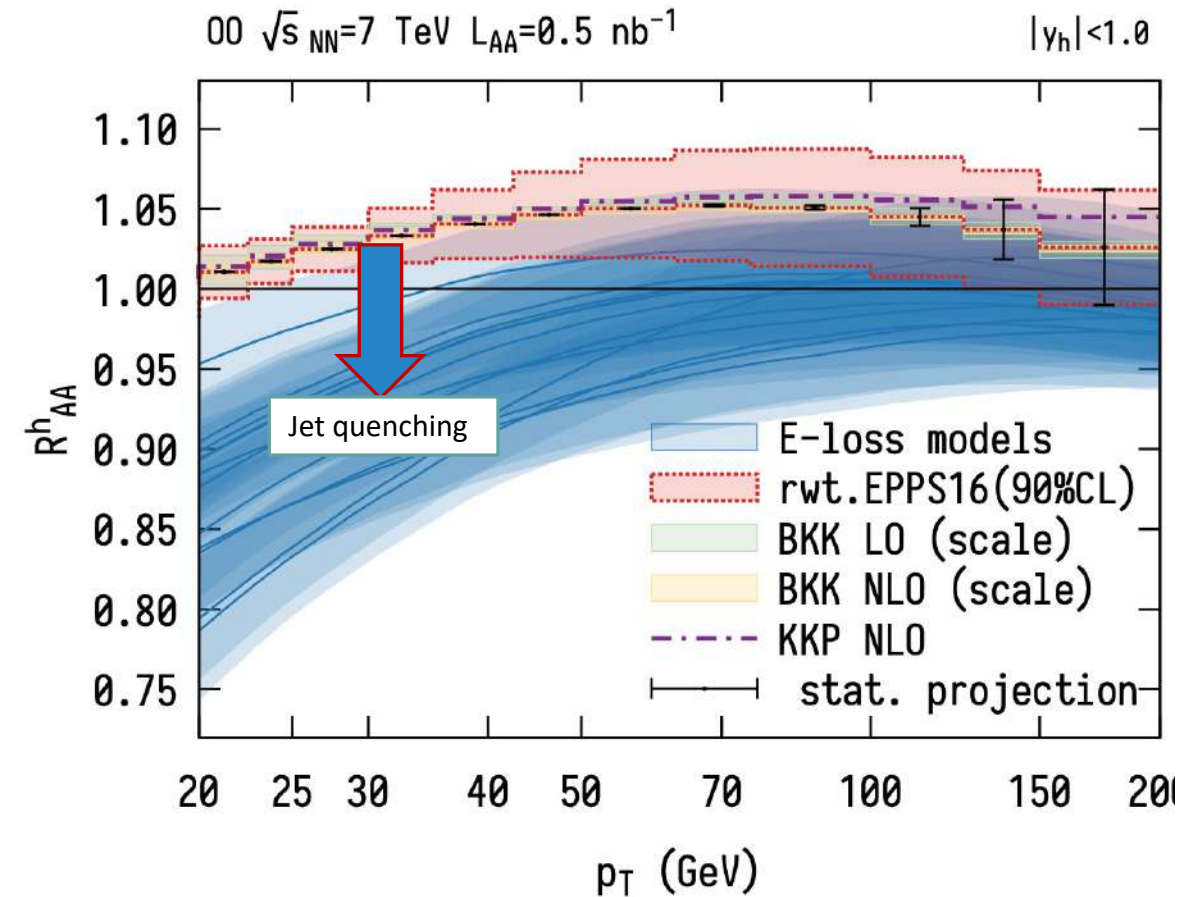


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Discovering jet quenching in OO & LHC

- should be possible since **extrapolated jet quenching effects** can be separated from **precisely known no-quench baseline**



This is only one of many

opportunities at the LHC

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Take-home message

Heavy ion collisions

- provide unique tests of how collectivity and thermal properties arise in the fundamental non-abelian quantum field theory **QCD**.
- Understanding hydrodynamic properties of **QCD**-matter starts reaching maturity.
- We start being sensitive to non-hydrodynamic excitations of **QCD**-matter:
 - these excitations probe the **"inner workings of the QGP"**
 - testing bottom-up, a more encompassing HI paradigm?
- Many **Opportunities** for interplay between theory and experiment in the coming decade*

