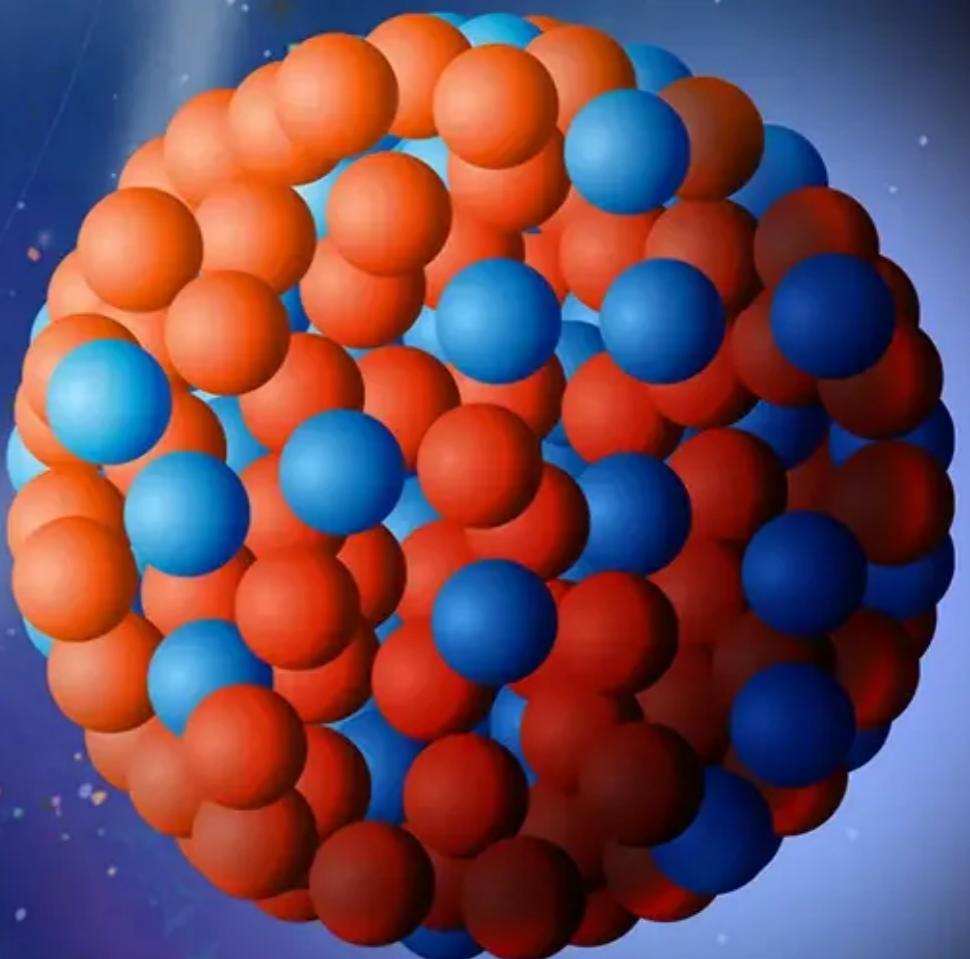


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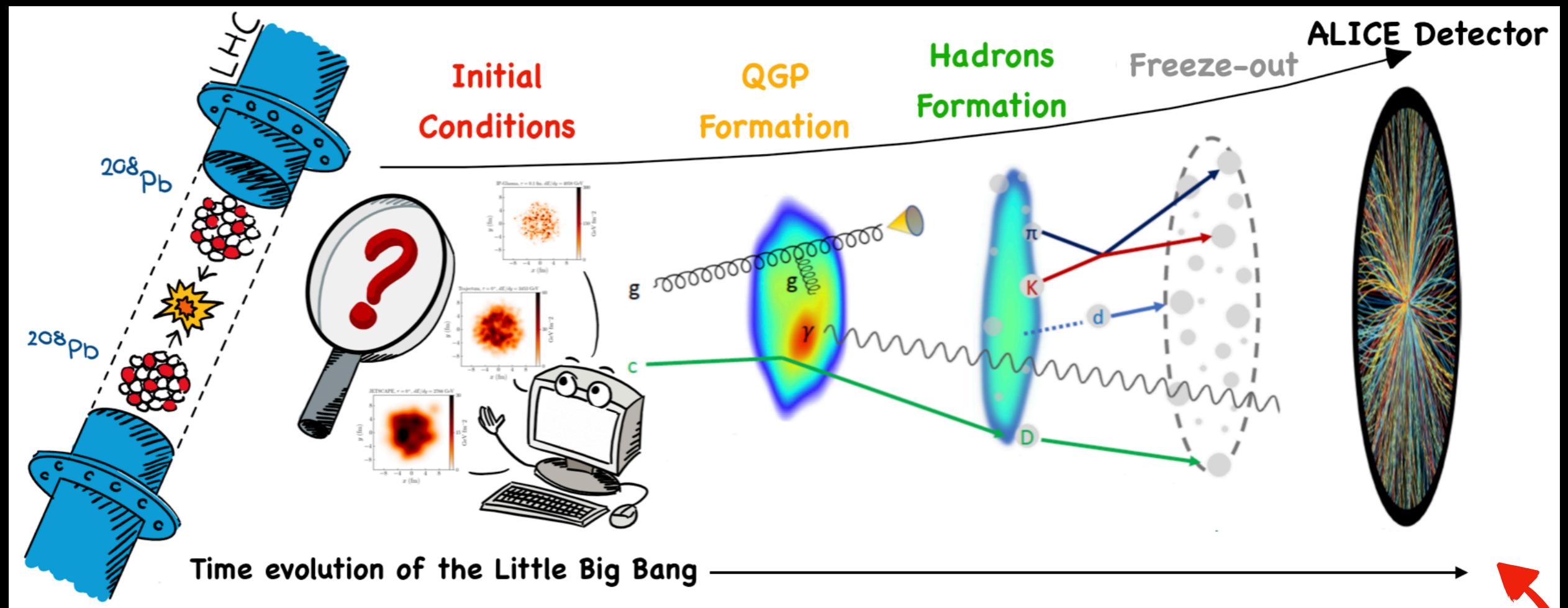
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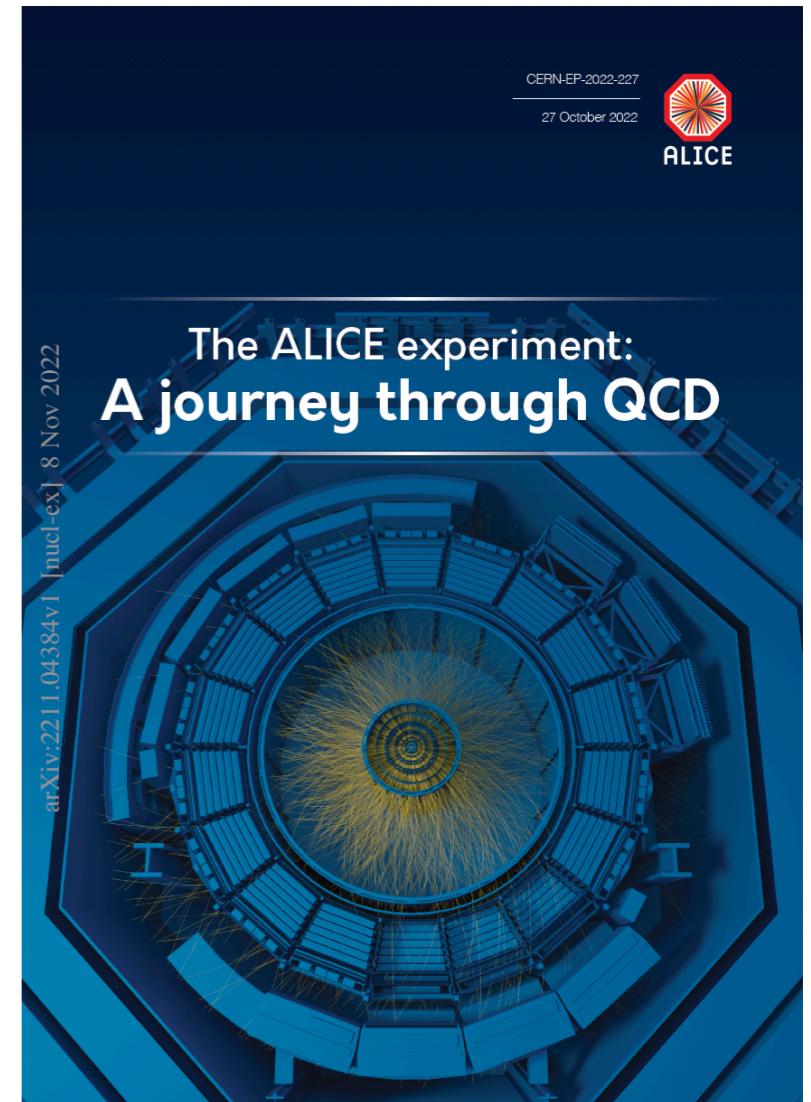
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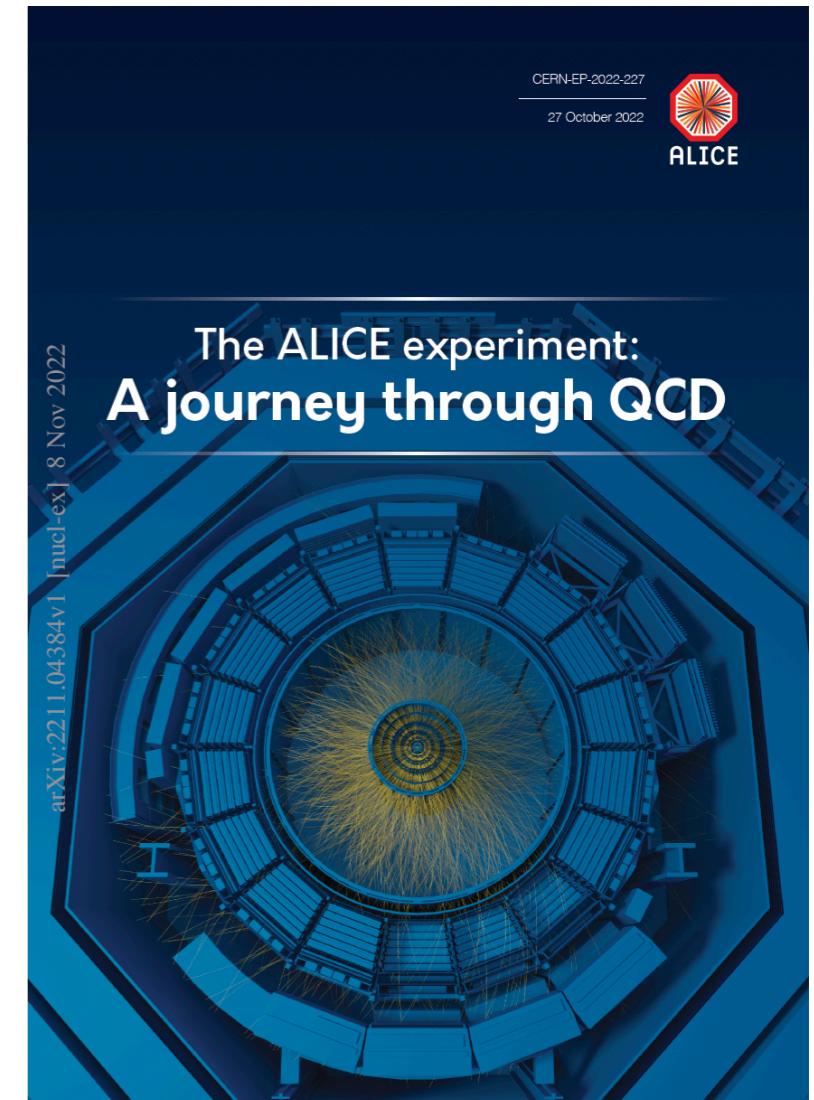
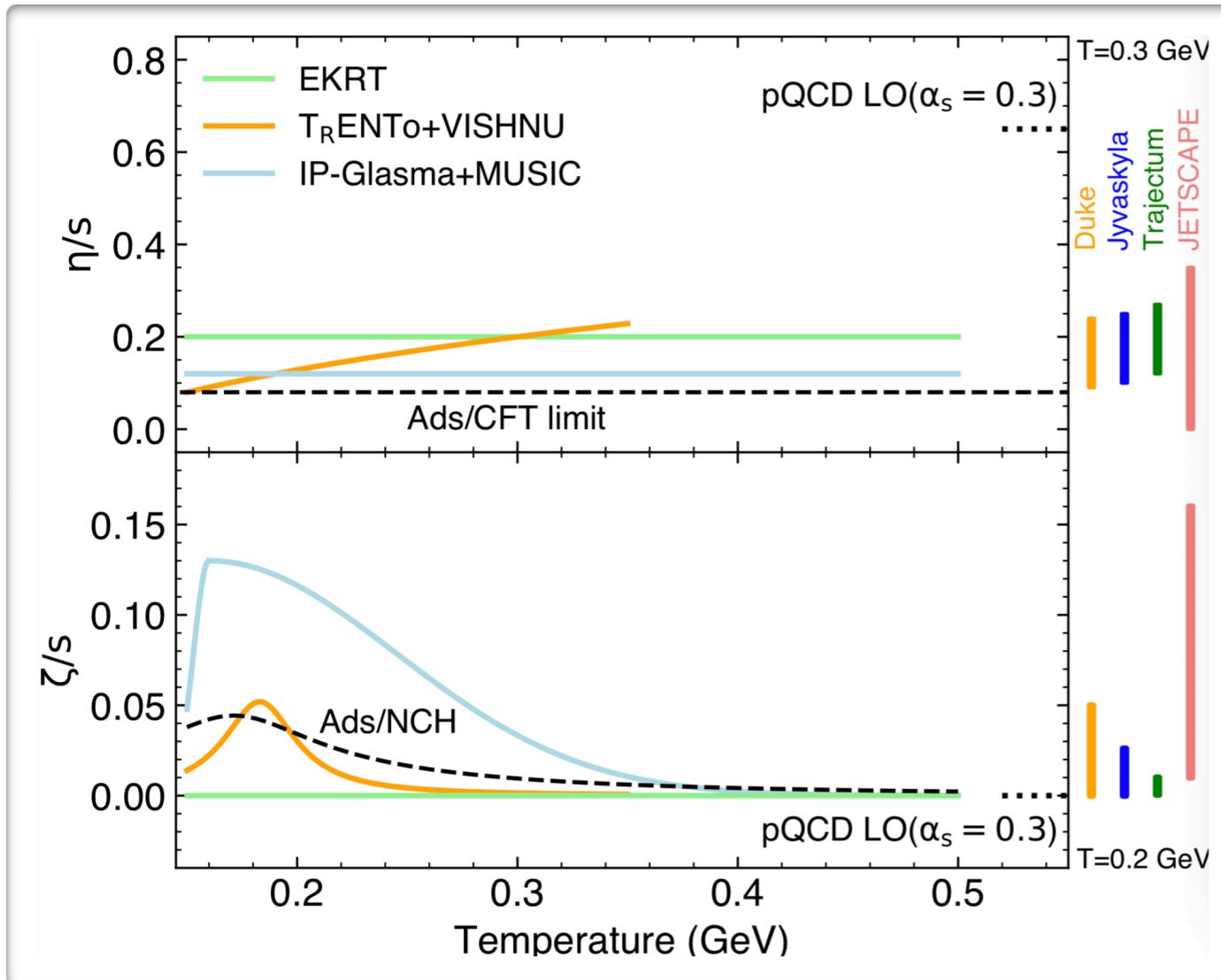


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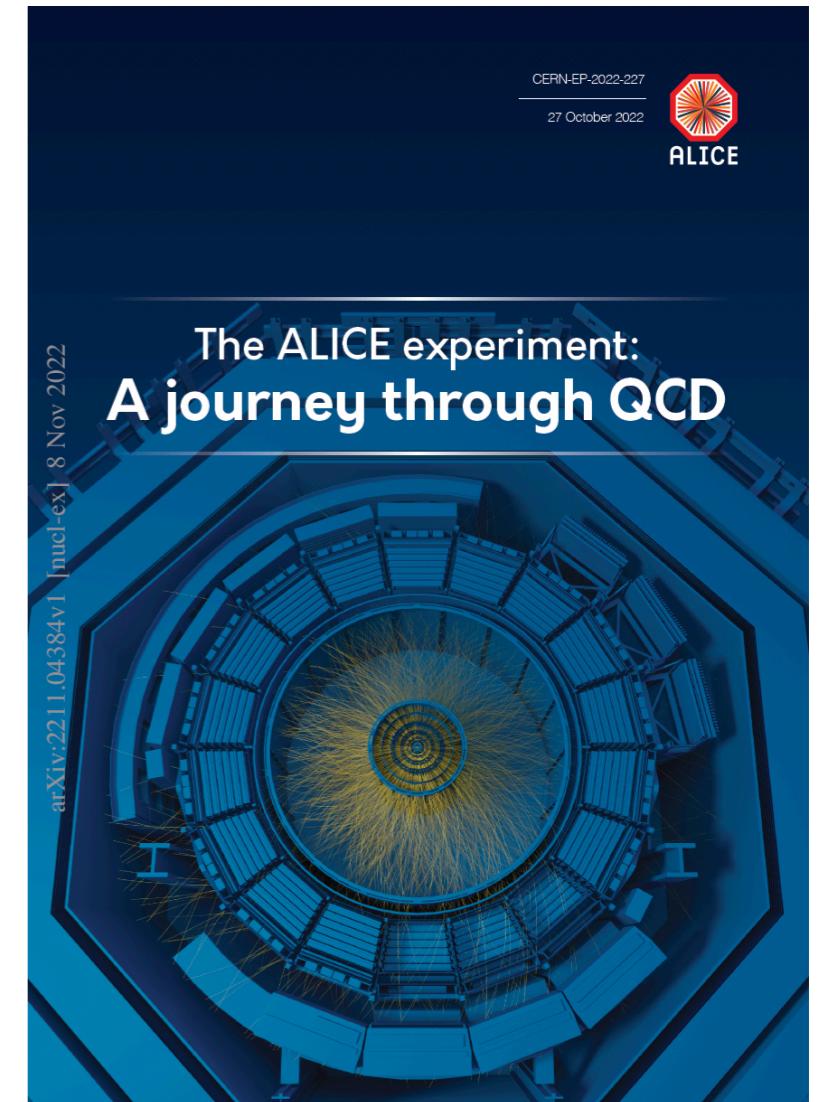
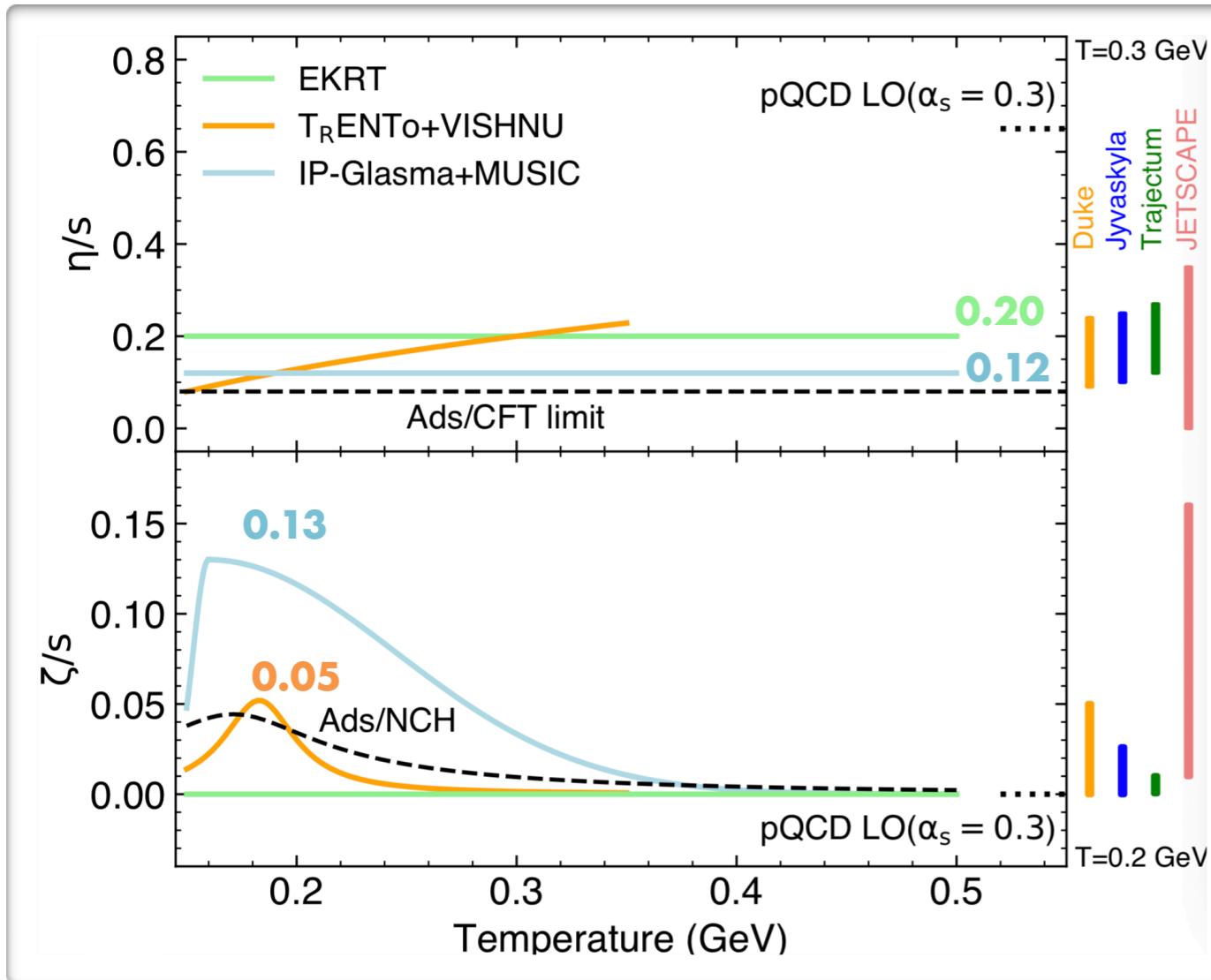


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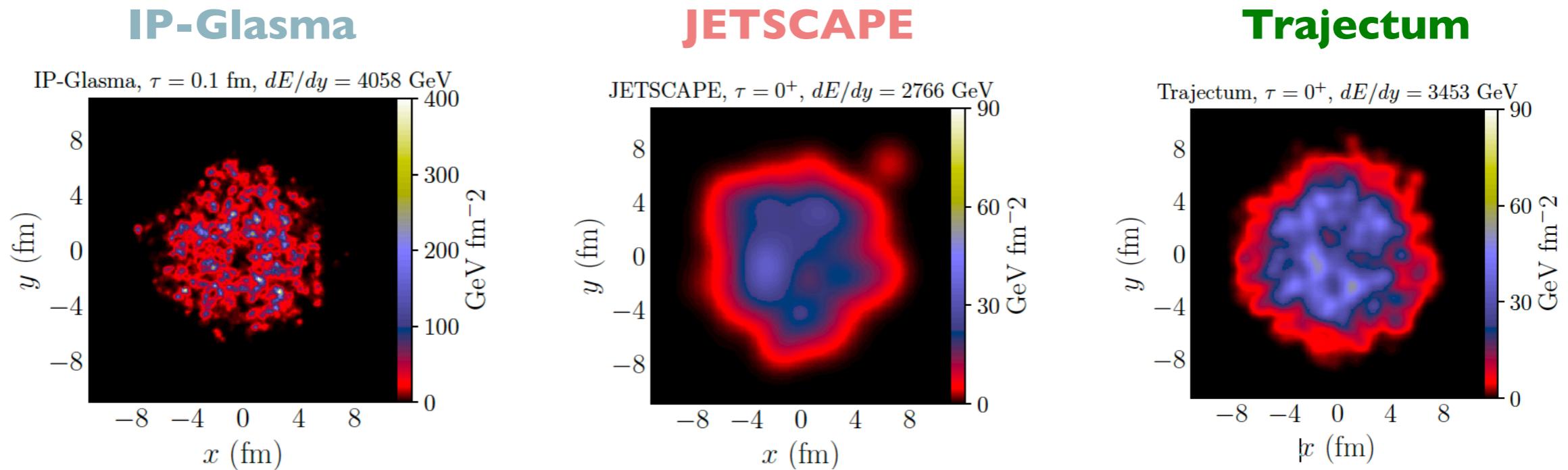
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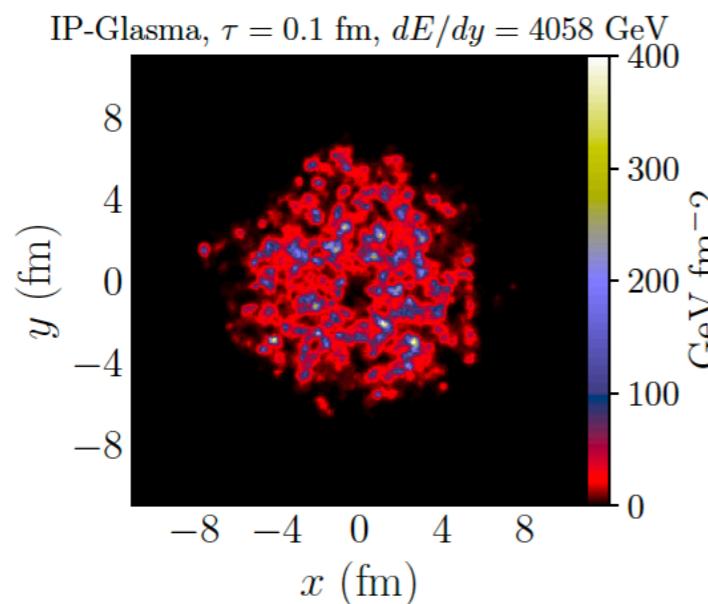


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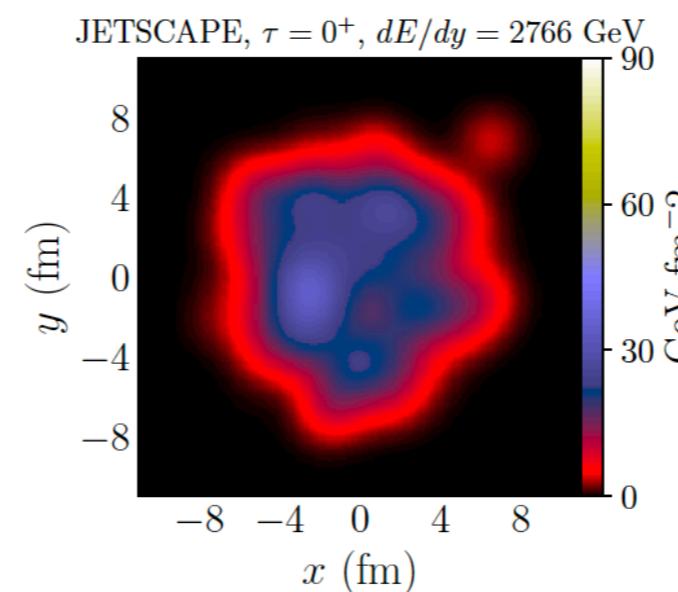


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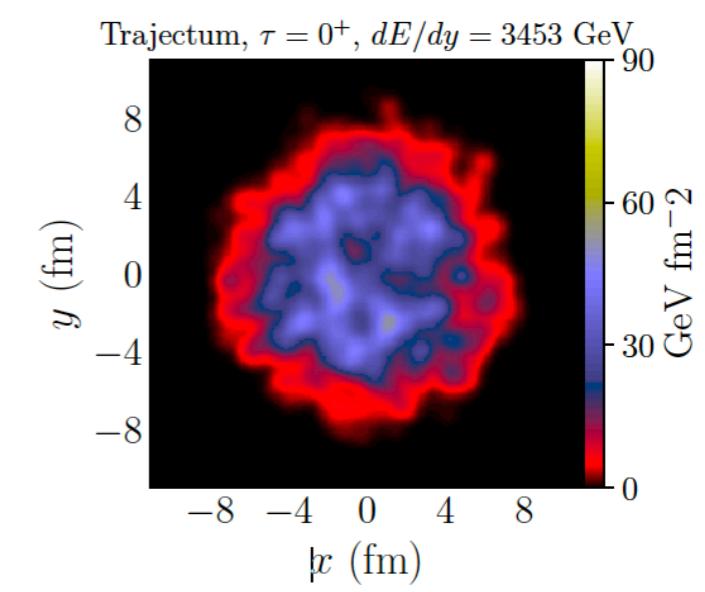
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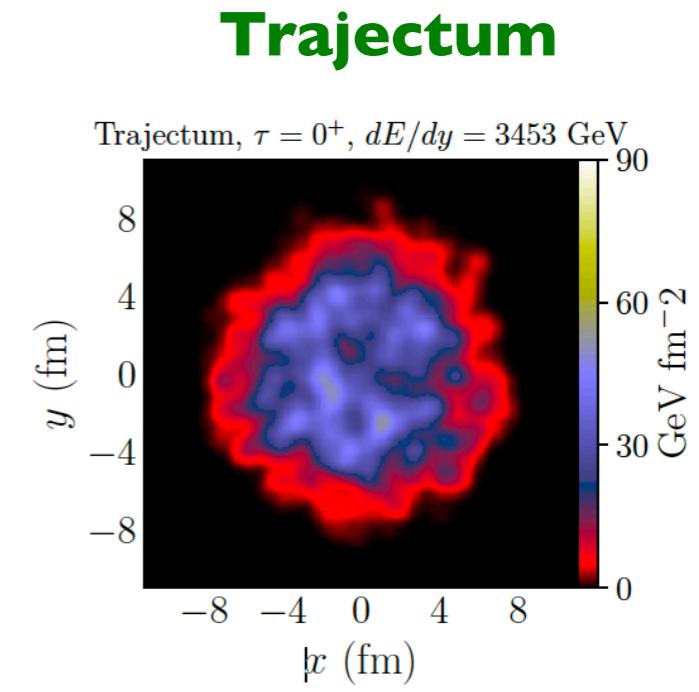
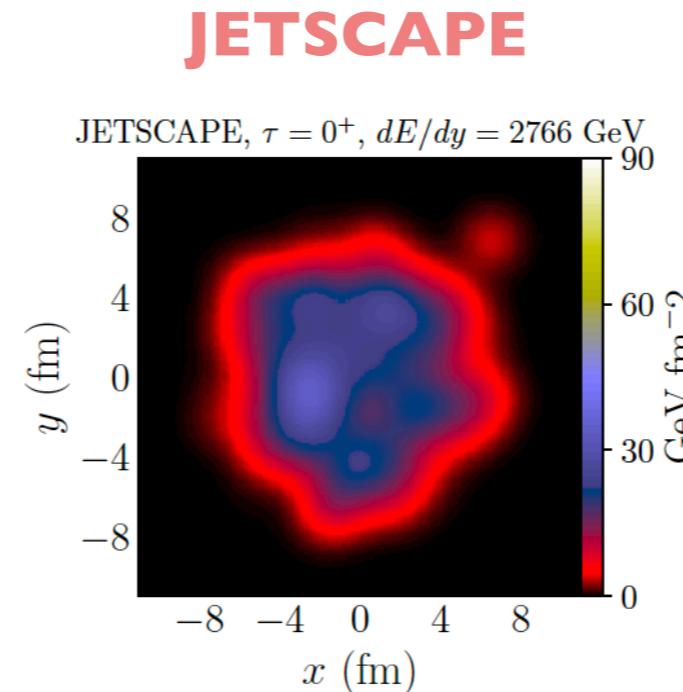
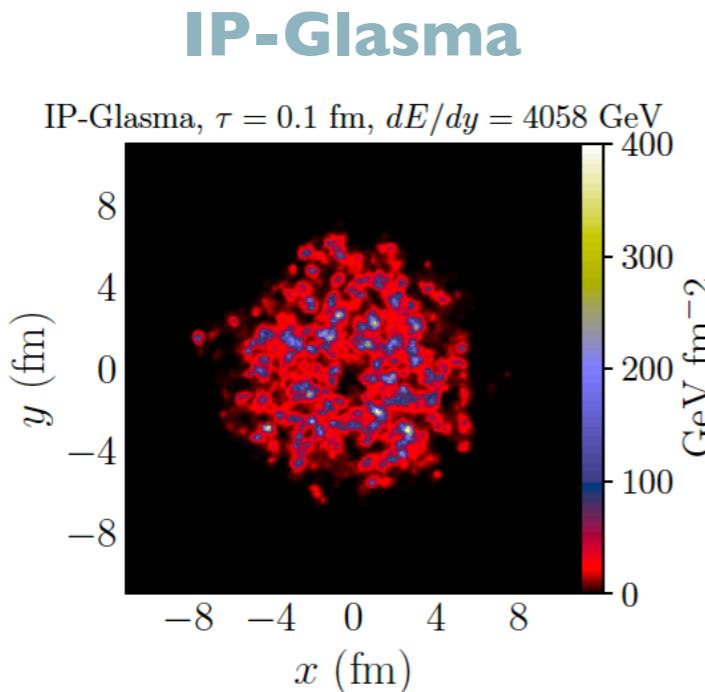
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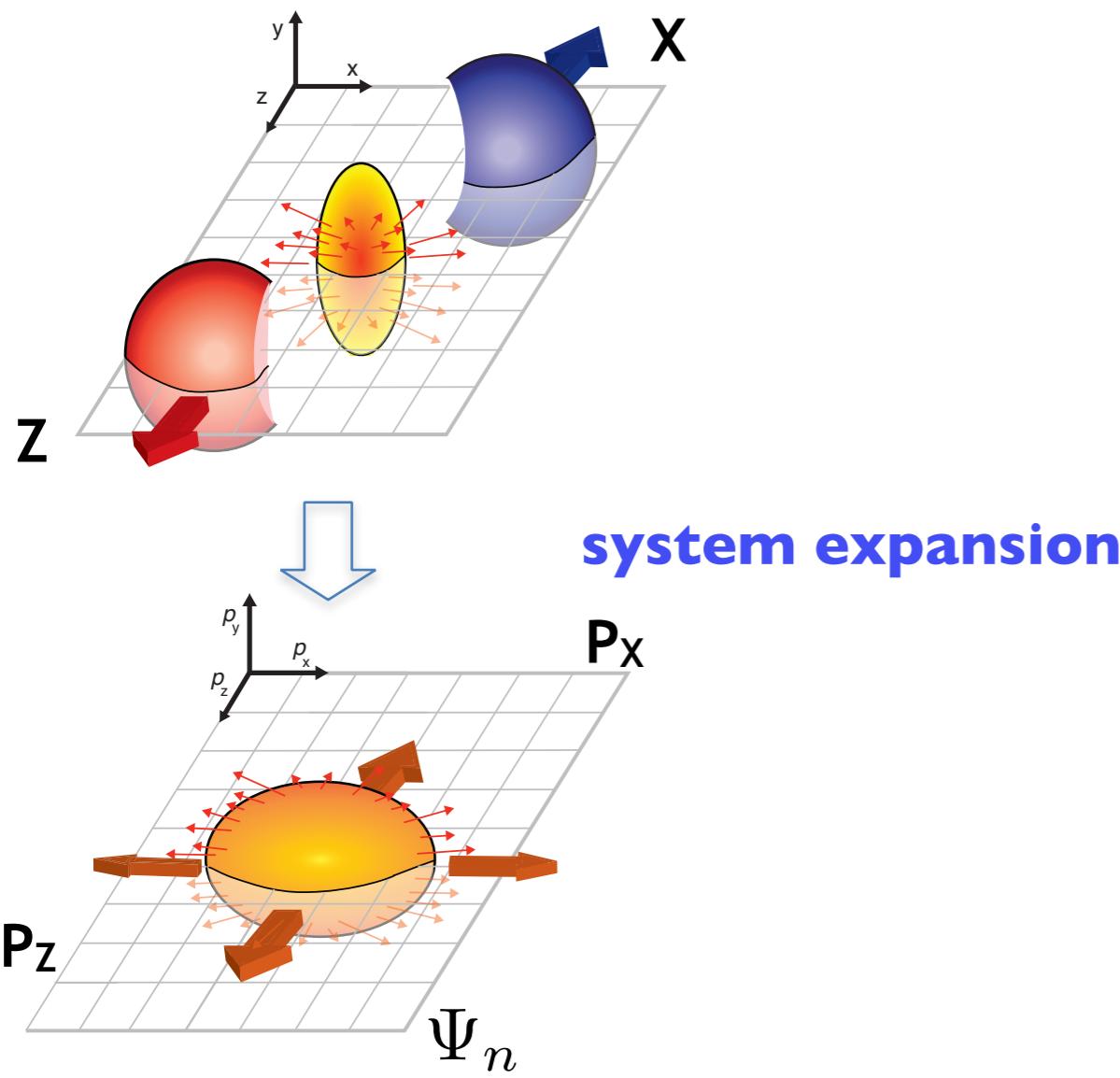
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How can we access the initial conditions in EXP ?

# From eccentricity to elliptic flow

- ❖ Spatial anisotropy in the initial state converted to momentum anisotropic particle distributions
  - known as **elliptic flow**
  - reflect initial **eccentricity** and **transport properties** of QGP



$$\varepsilon_2 = \left\langle \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2} \right\rangle$$

coordinate space **Eccentricity**

$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) \rangle$$

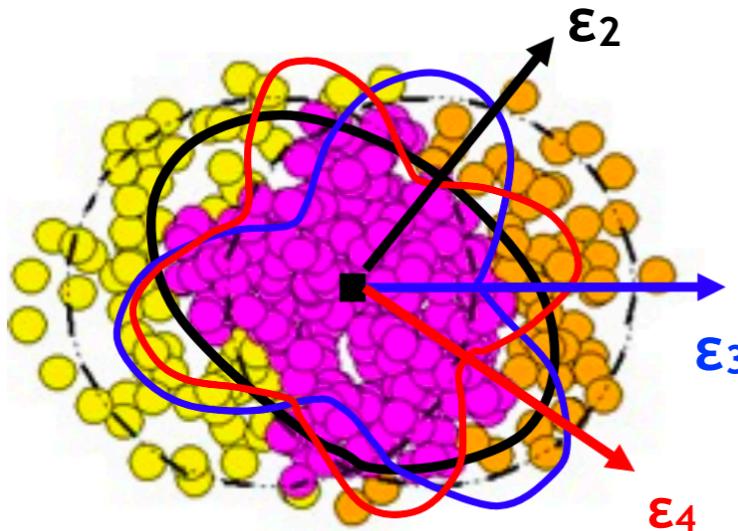
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# From initial anisotropy to anisotropic flow

Initial state

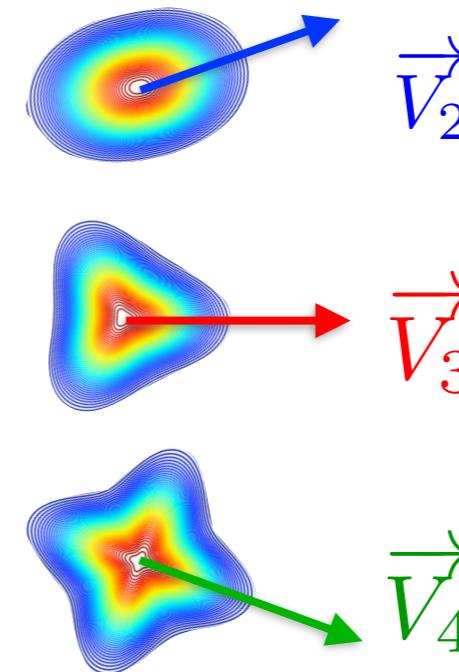
$$\varepsilon_n = \frac{\sqrt{\langle r^n \cos(n\phi) \rangle^2 + \langle r^n \sin(n\phi) \rangle^2}}{\langle r^n \rangle}$$



Final state

$$\vec{V}_n = v_n e^{in\Psi_n}$$

System expansion



$$P(\varepsilon_m, \varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_k, \dots, \Phi_m, \Phi_n, \Phi_k, \dots) \longrightarrow P(v_m, v_n, v_k, \dots, \Psi_m, \Psi_n, \Psi_k, \dots)$$

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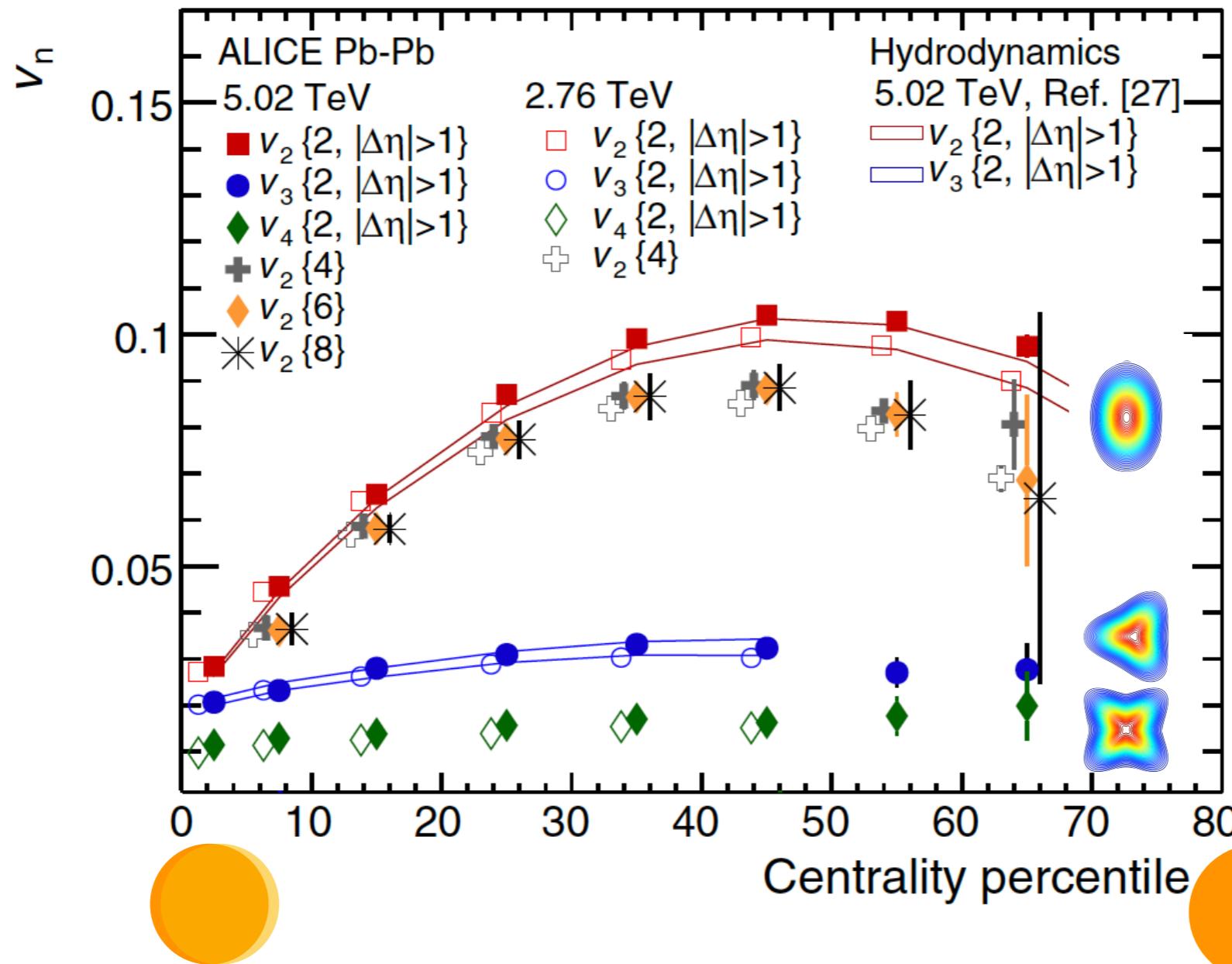
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# Probe QGP properties with Flow

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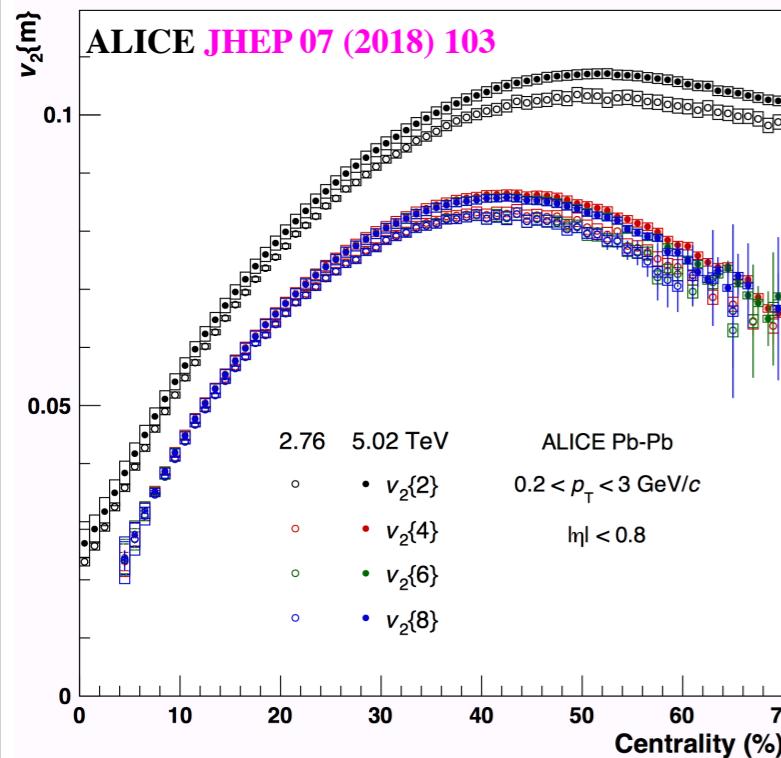
- ❖ Flow measurements at the top LHC energies agree with hydrodynamic predictions
  - The Quark-Gluon Plasma behaves like a perfect fluid
  - Constrain initial state models
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    - TRENTo
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    - MC-KLN
    - MC-Glauber



# Initial geometry fluctuations

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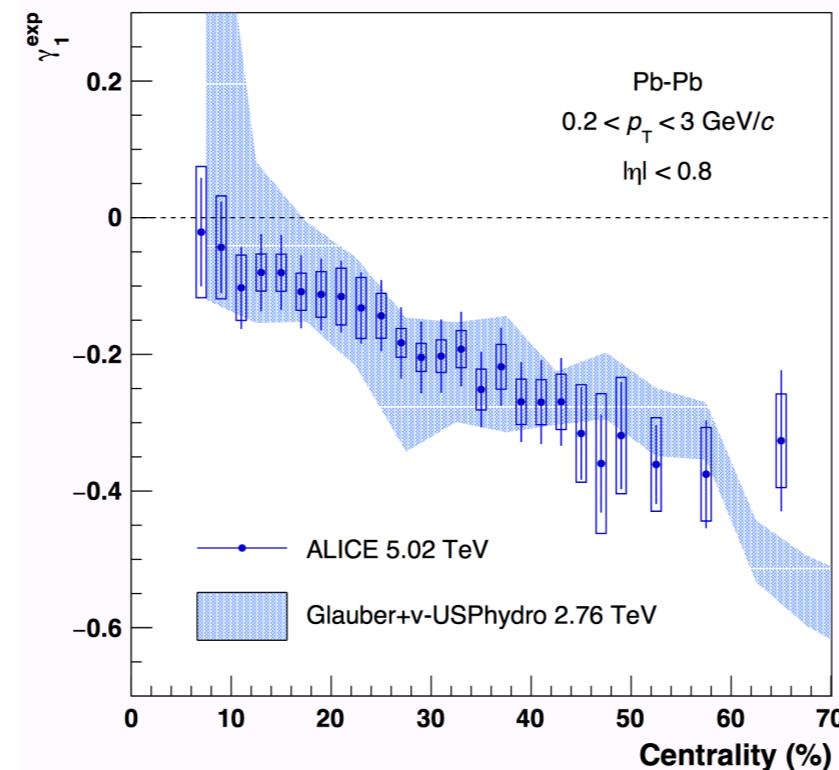
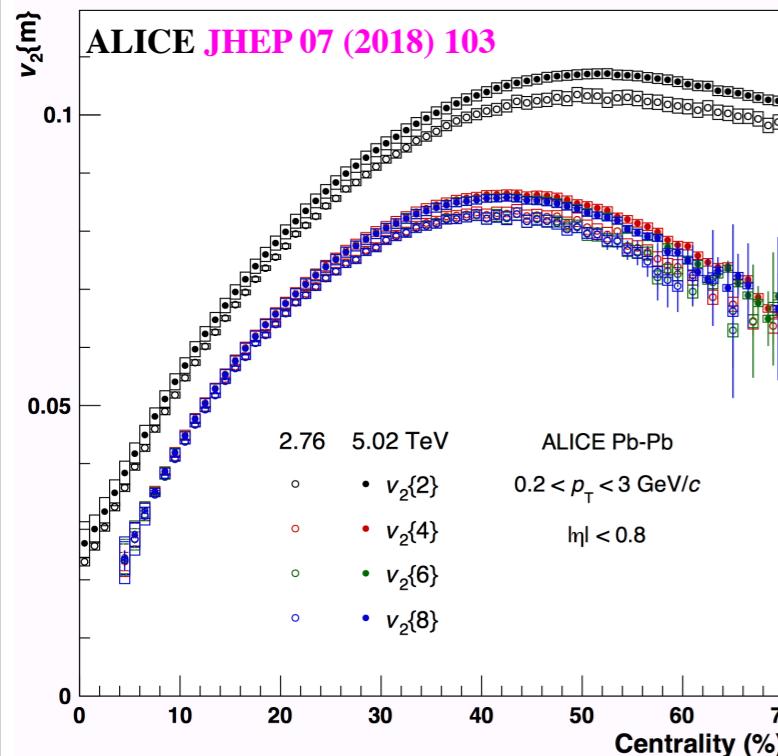
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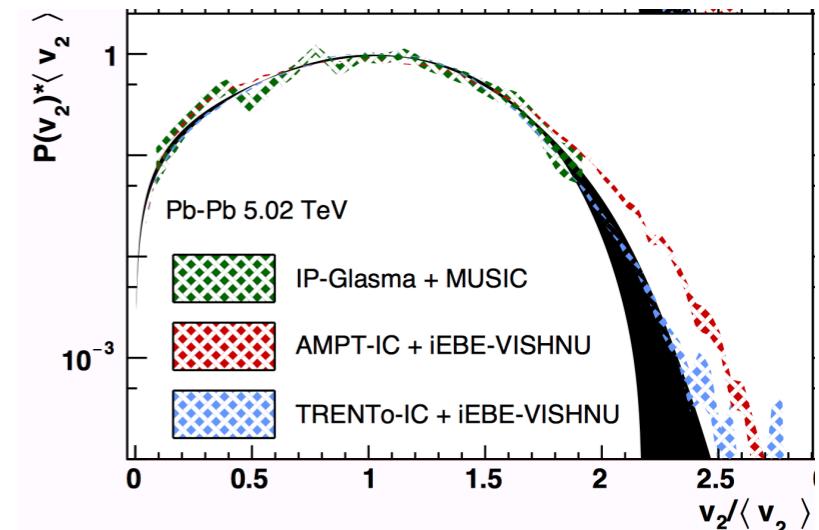
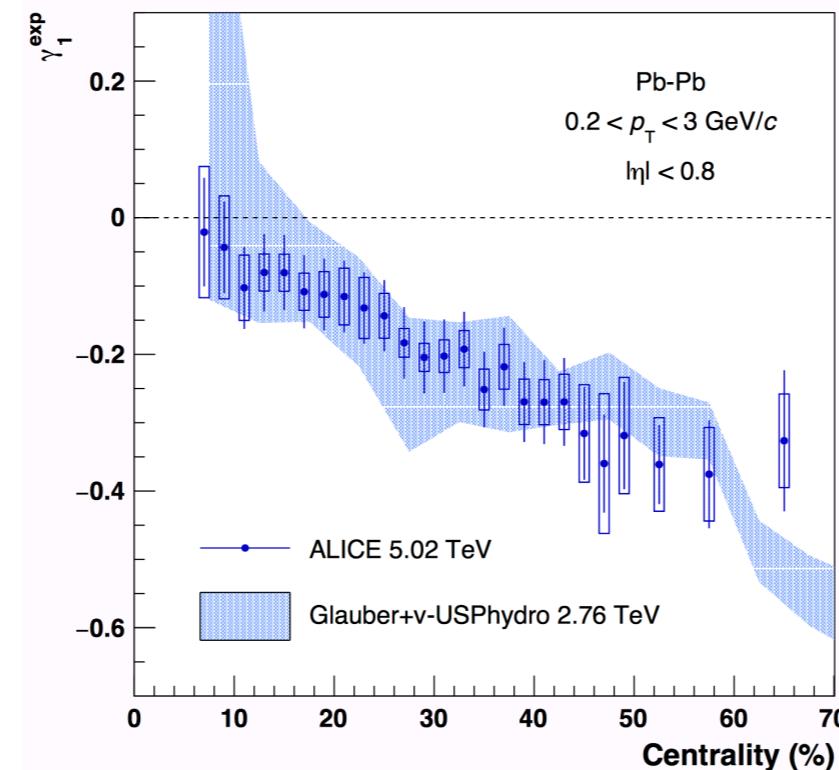
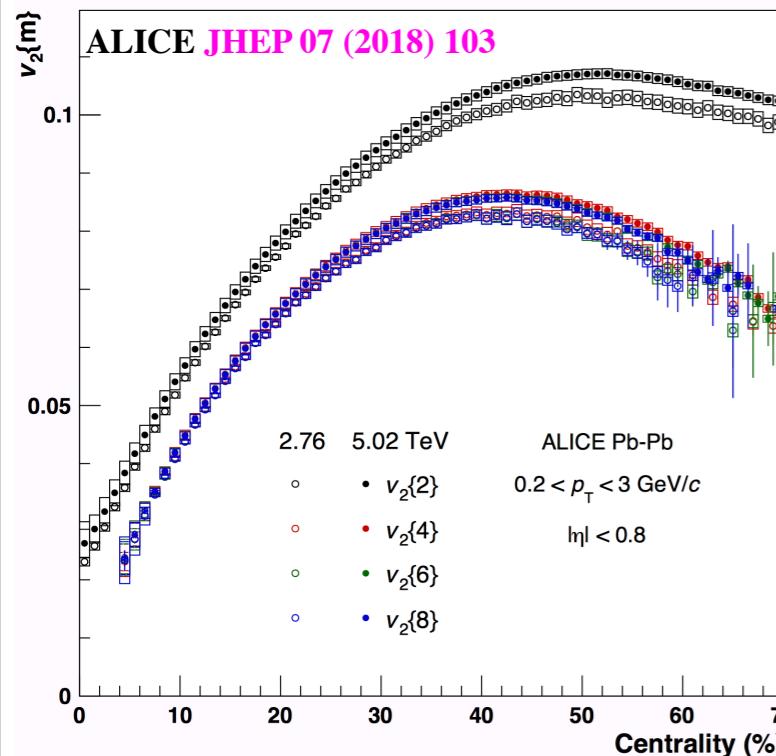
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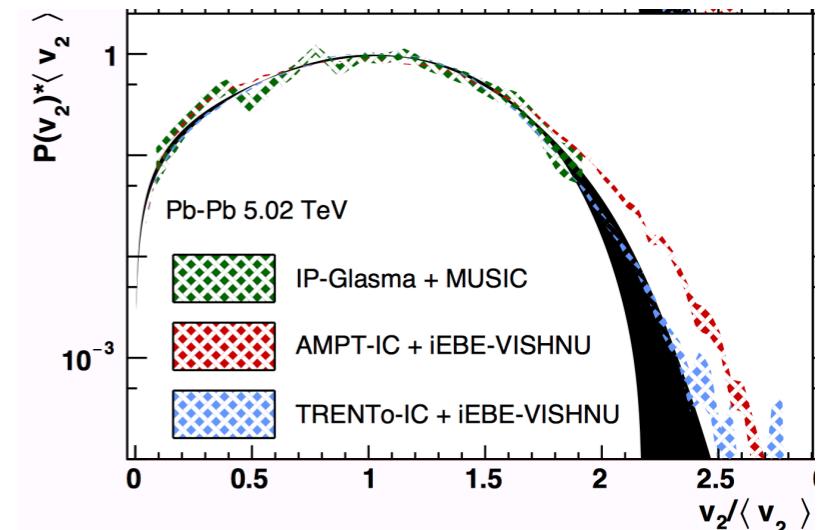
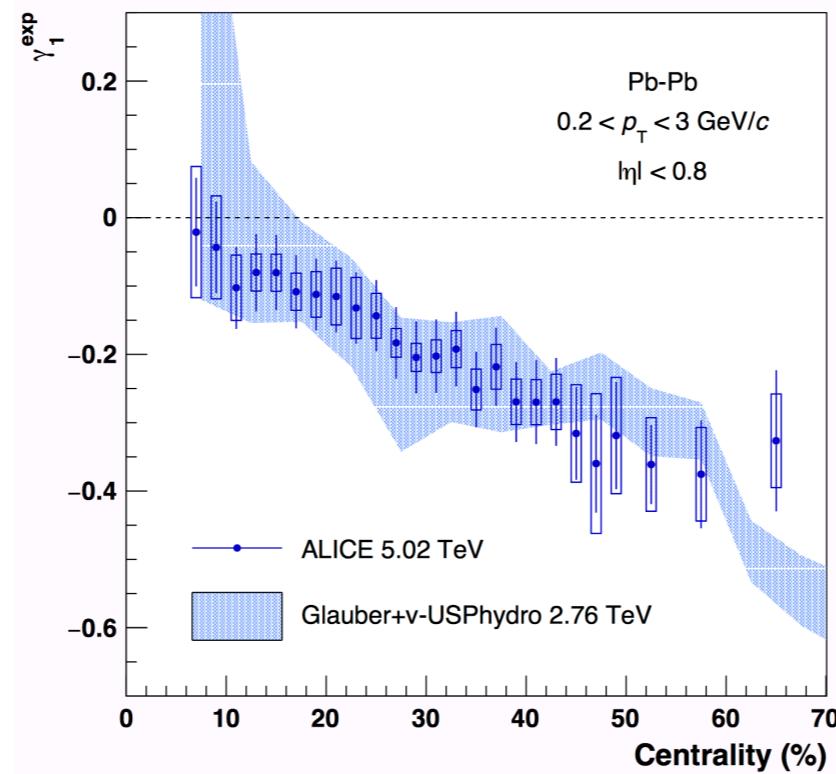
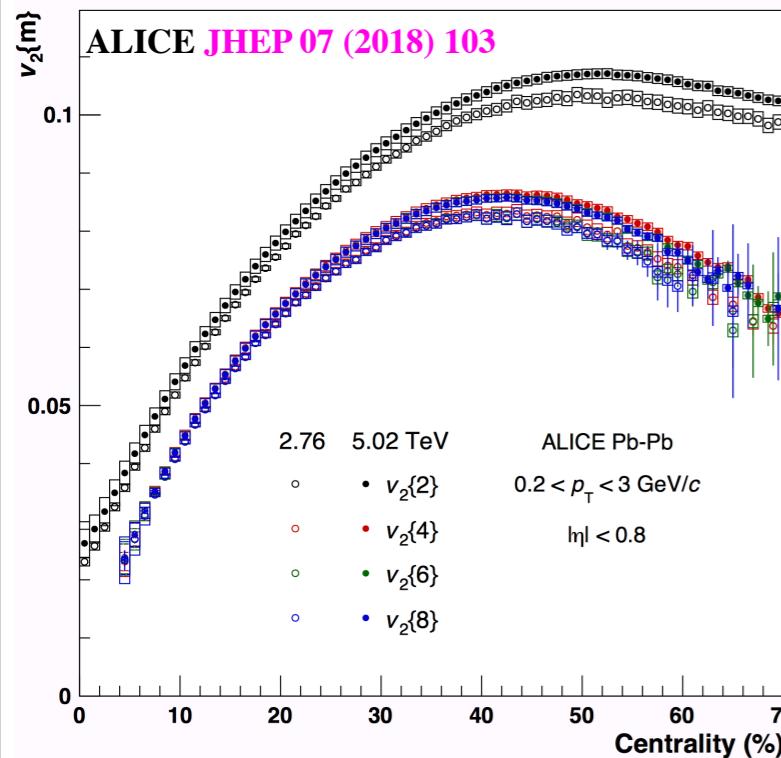
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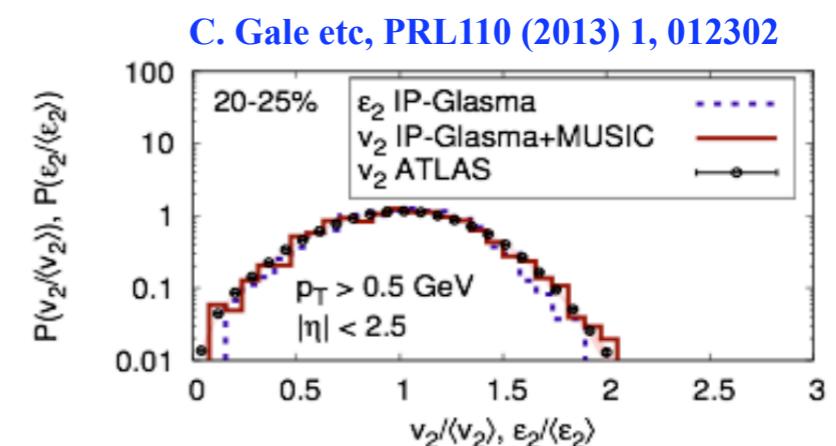
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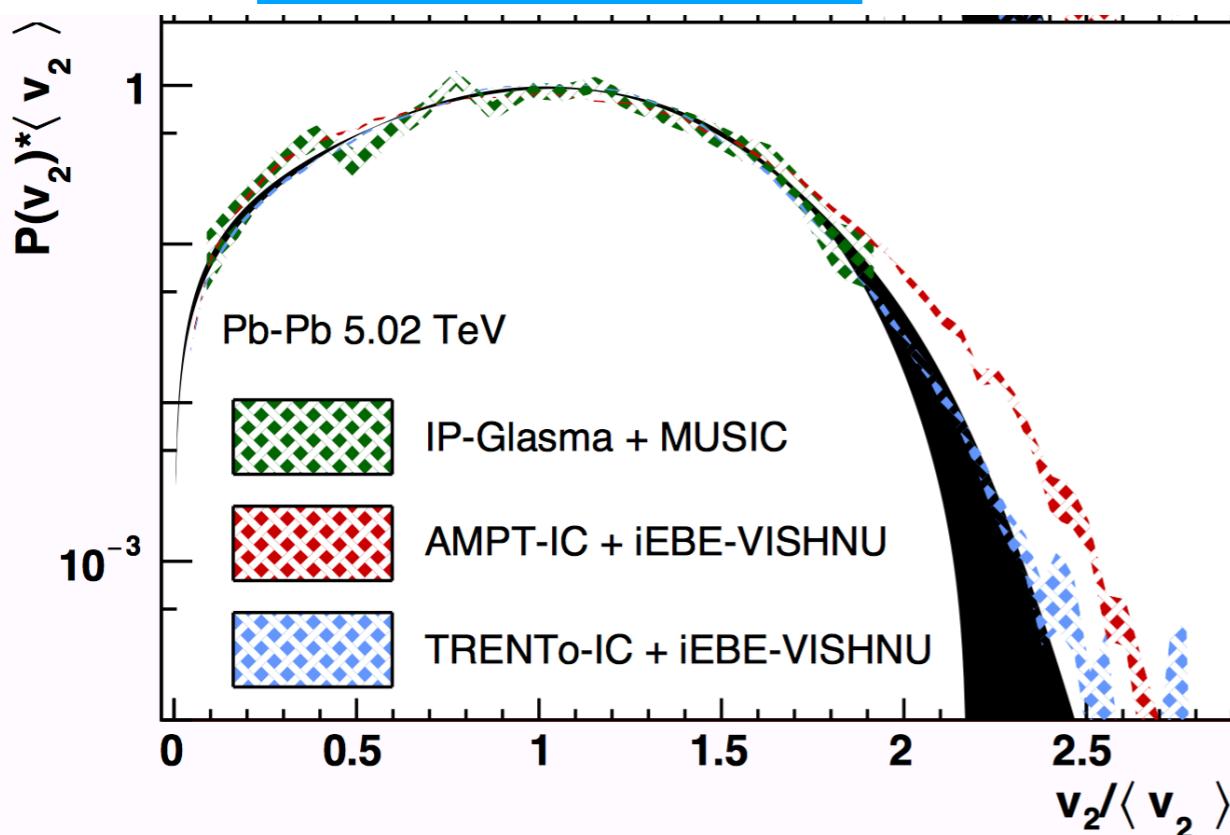
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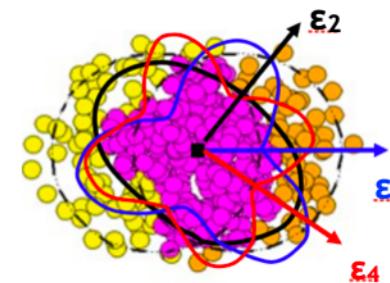


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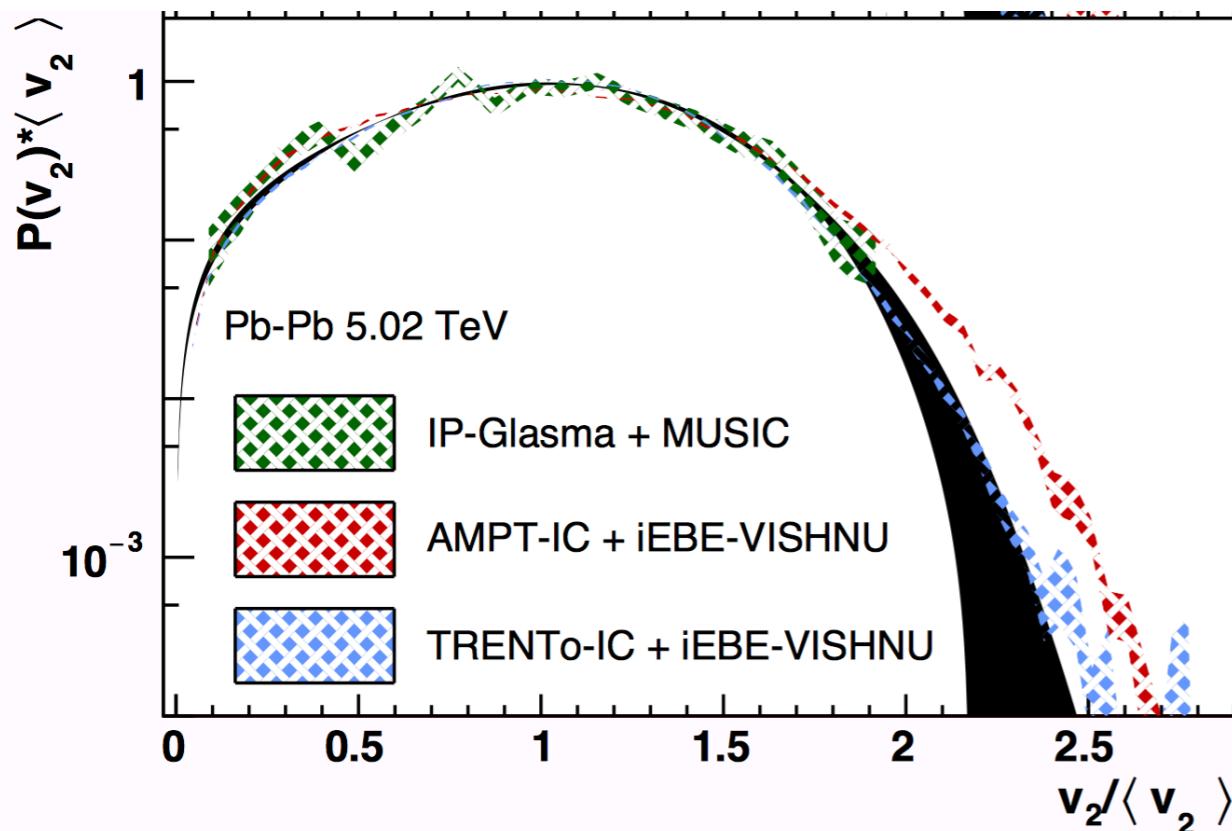
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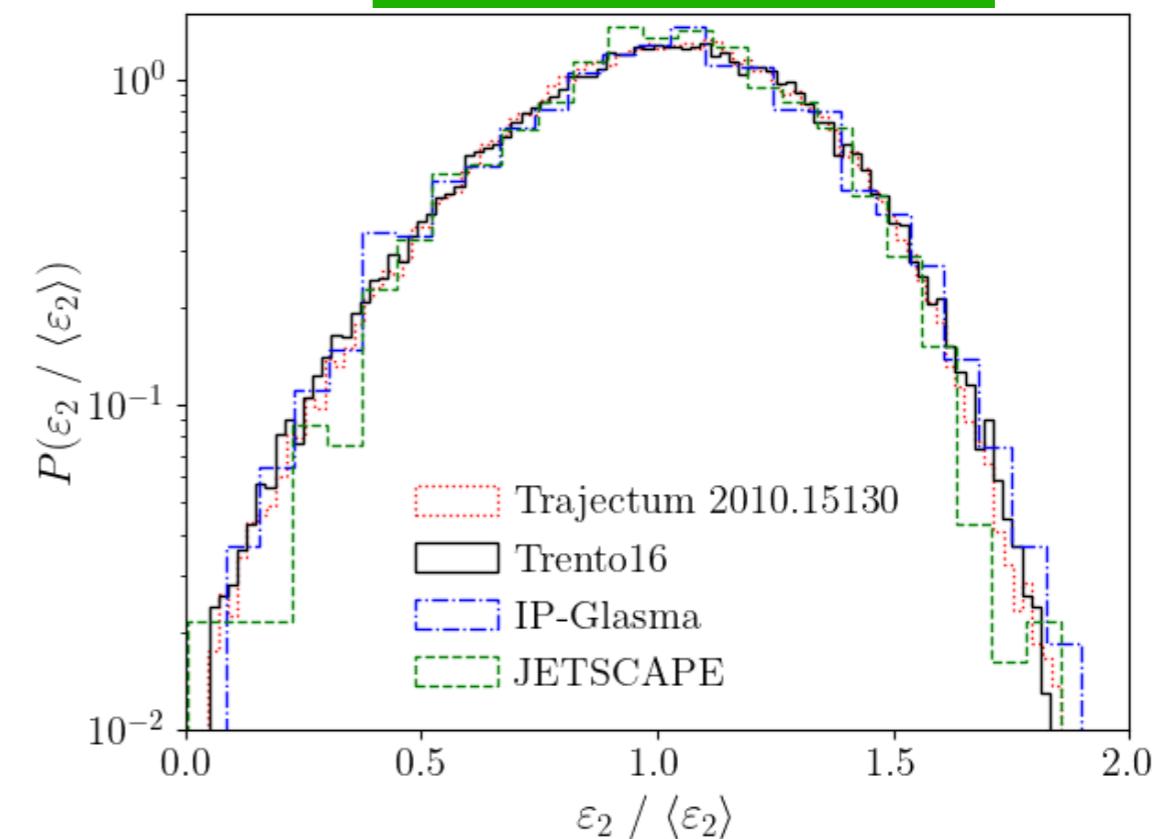
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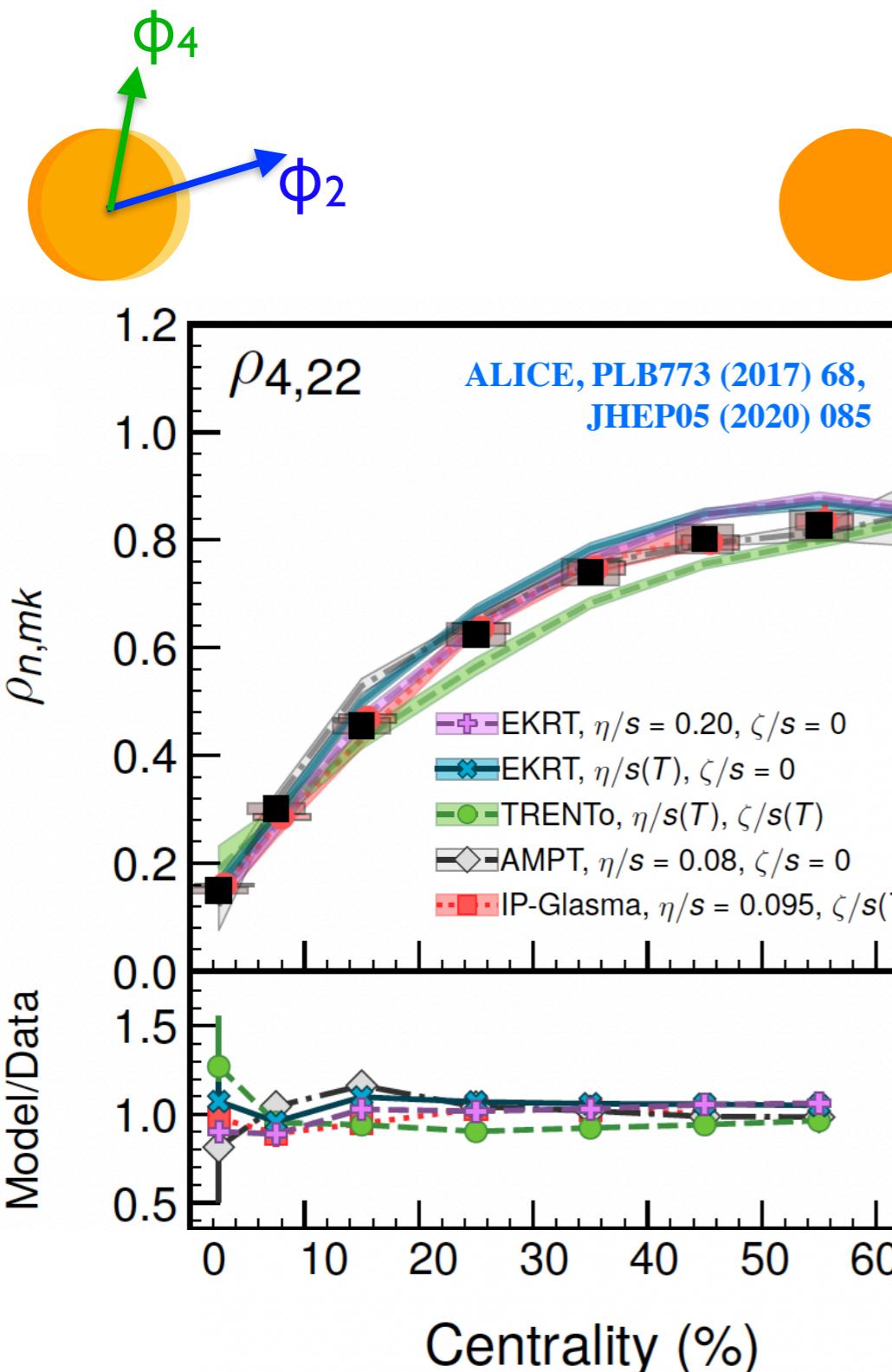
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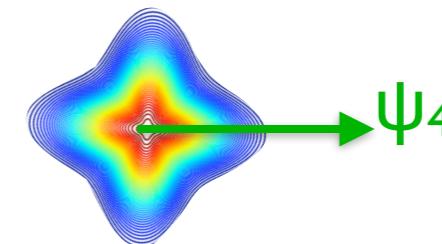
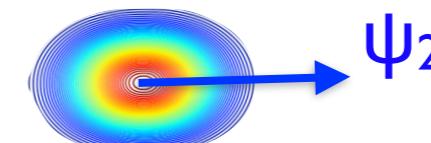


# $\Psi_n - \Psi_m$ correlations

How do  $\Psi_n$  and  $\Psi_m$  correlate



$$\rho_{4,22} \approx \langle \cos(4\Psi_4 - 4\Psi_2) \rangle$$



- **Central collision:**

- Initial  $\Phi_2, \Phi_4$  randomly fluctuate, weak correlations
- $\langle \cos 4(\Psi_2 - \Psi_4) \rangle$  is small

- **Peripheral collisions:**

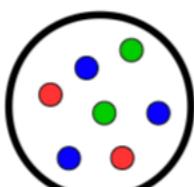
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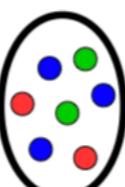
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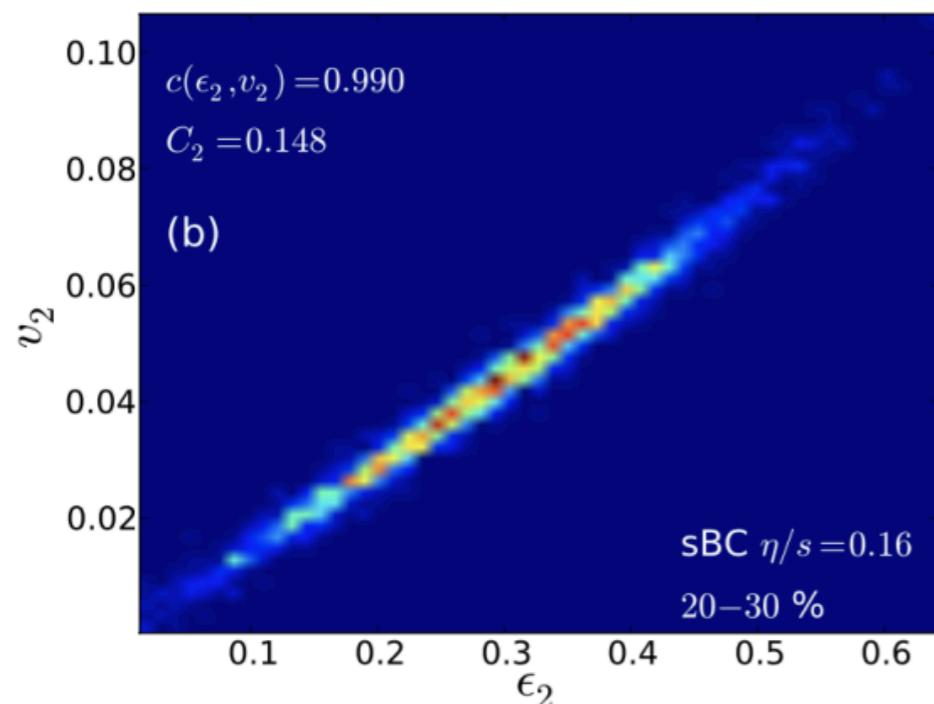
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small  $v_2$



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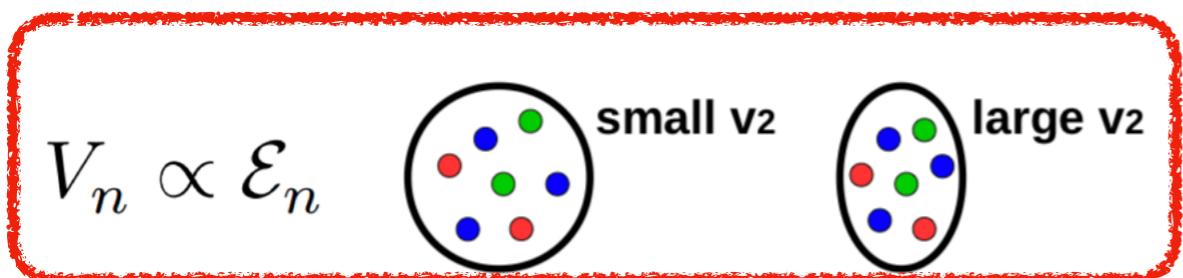
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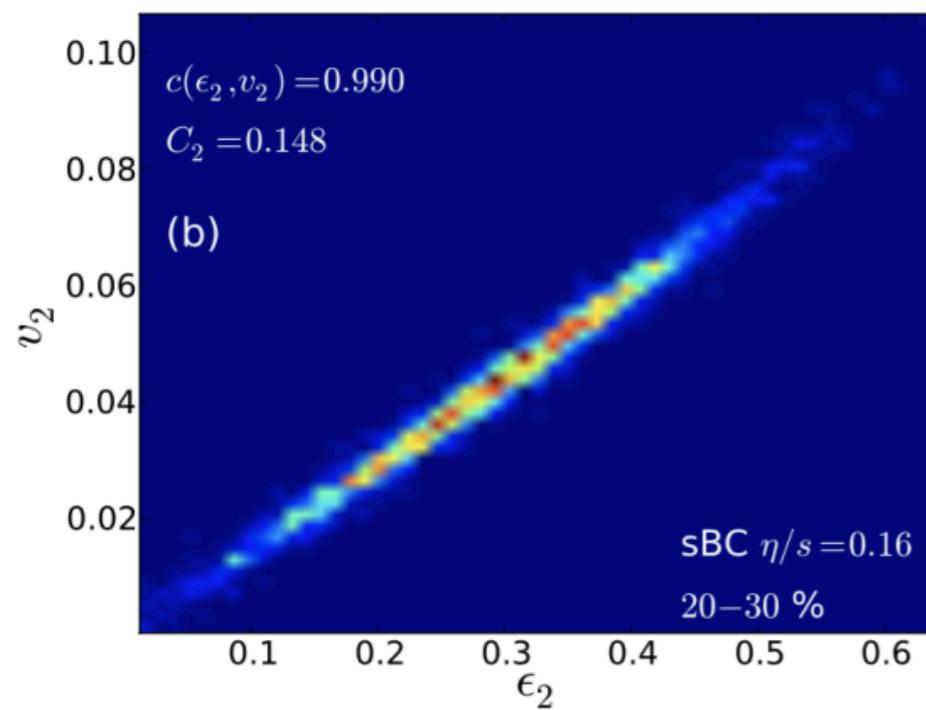
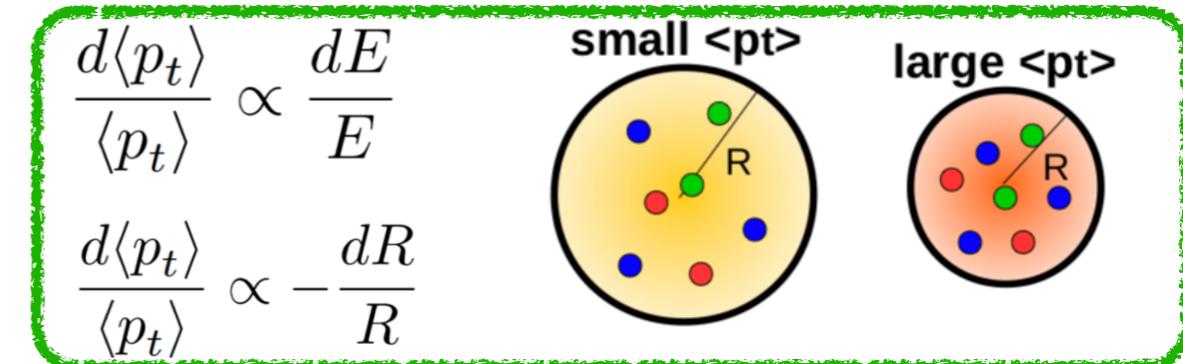


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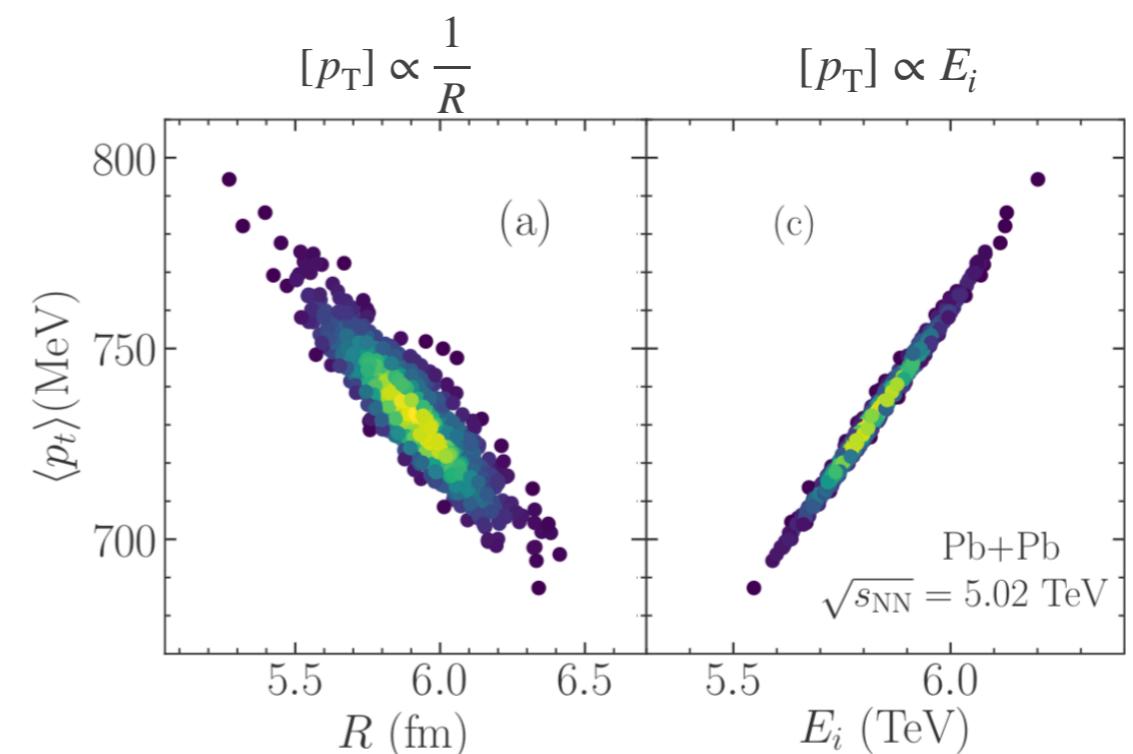
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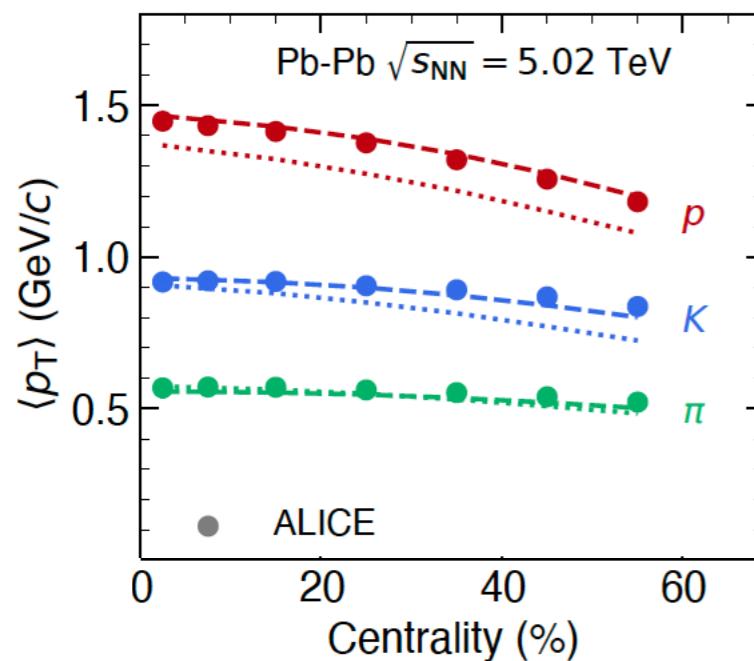


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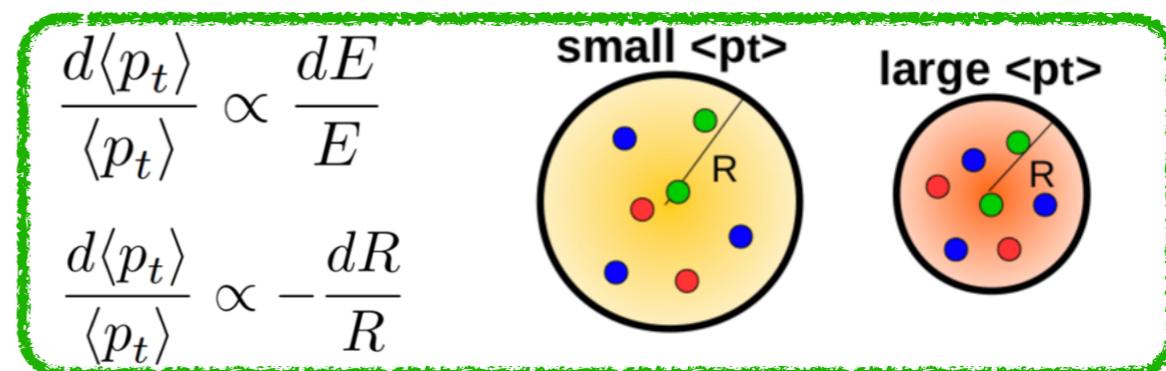


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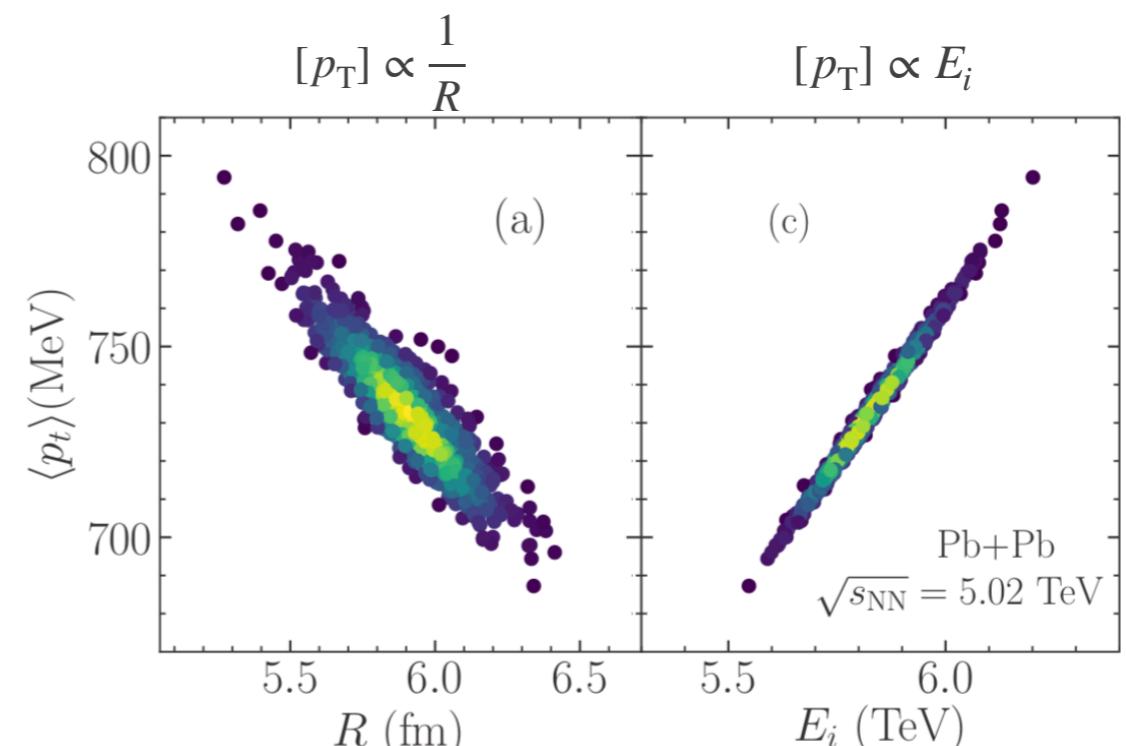


❖ Multi-particle [ $p_T$ ] correlations:

$$\langle p_T \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{ch}} p_{T,i}}{N_{ch}}$$

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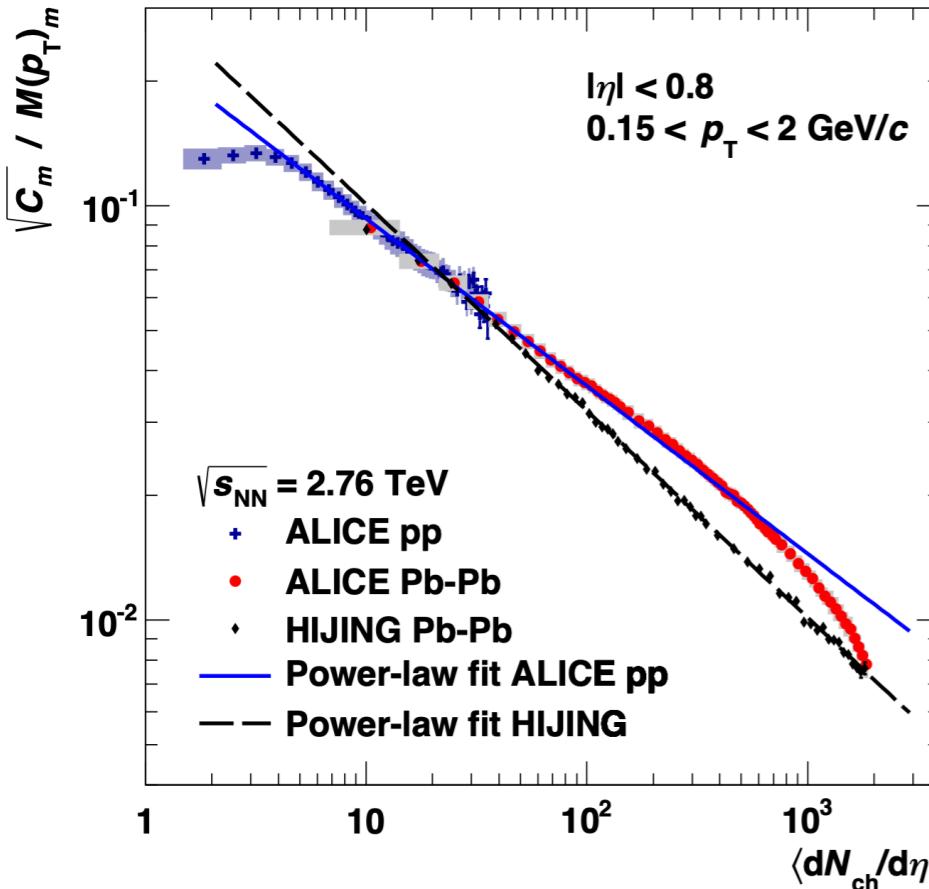


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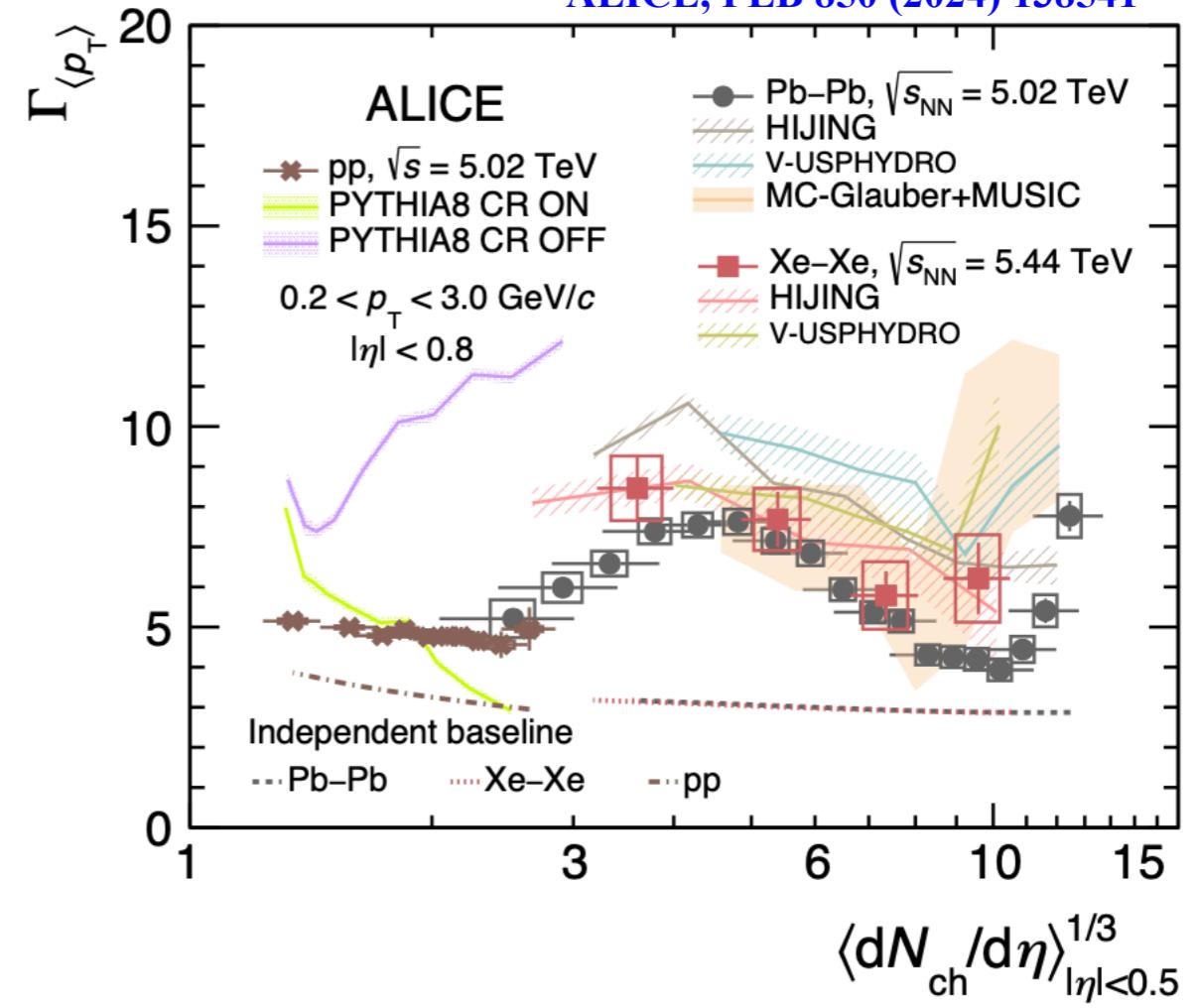
# [ $p_T$ ] fluctuations

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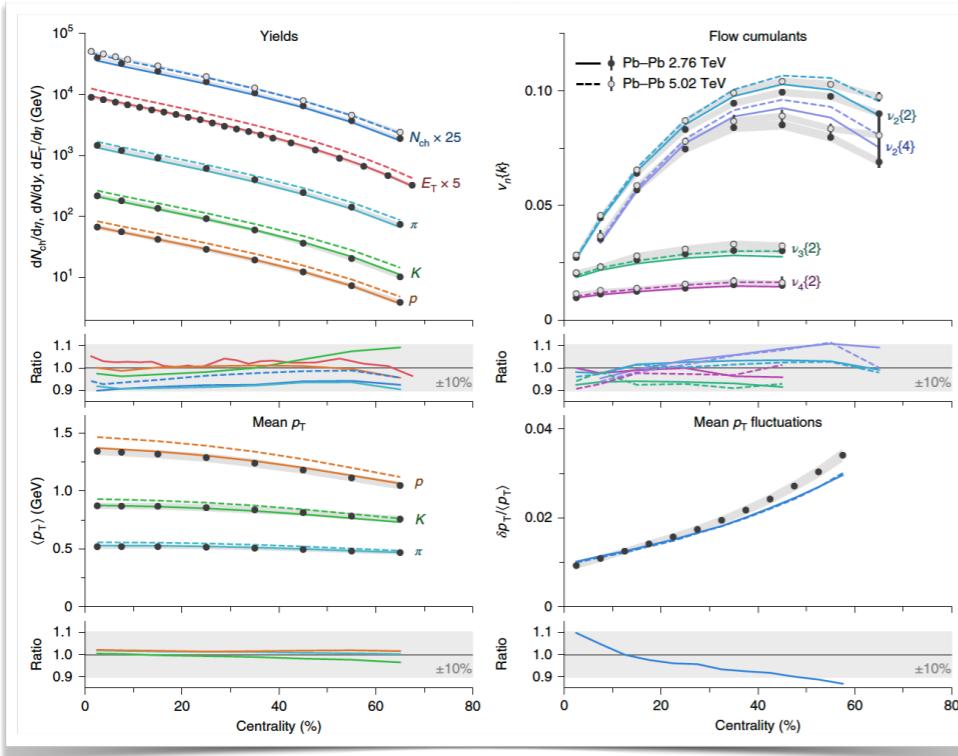
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- [ $p_T$ ] and its event-by-event fluctuations measured in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC -> probe initial **size** and **size fluctuations**



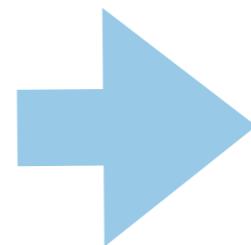
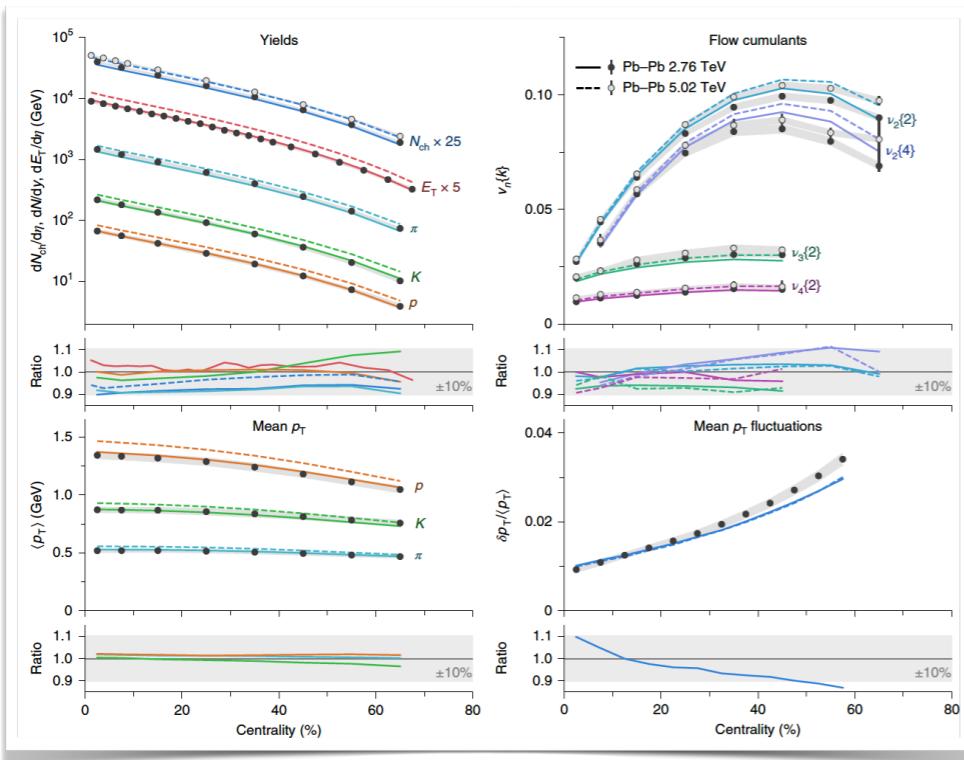
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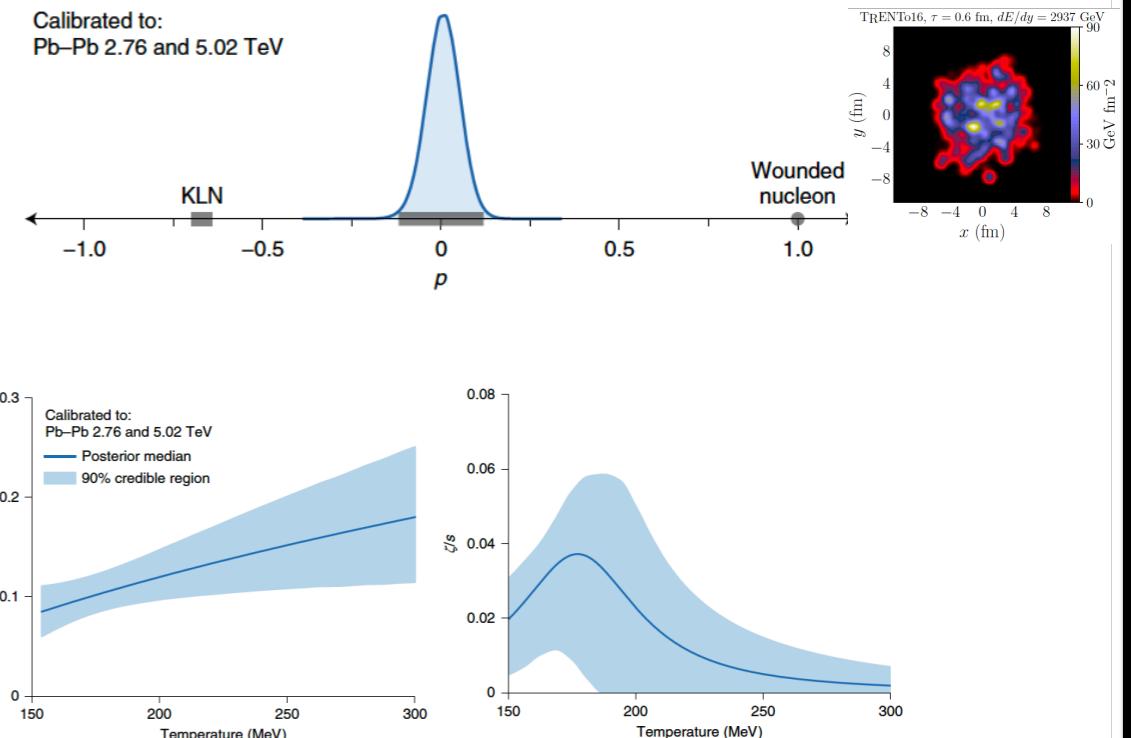


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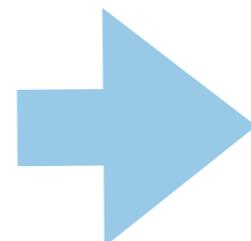
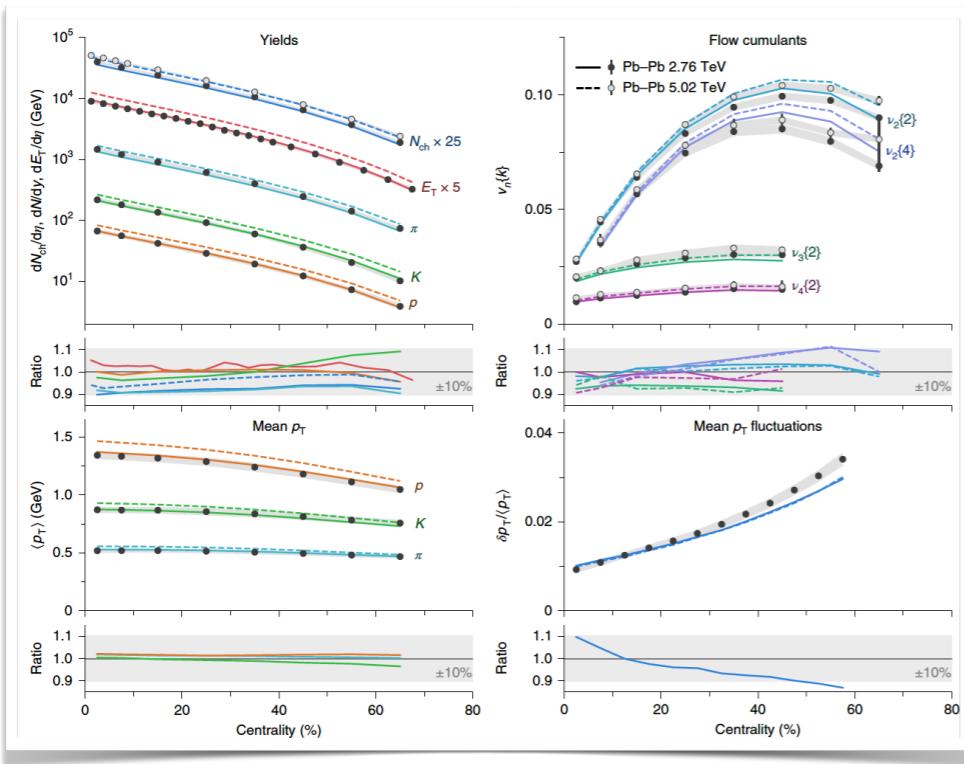


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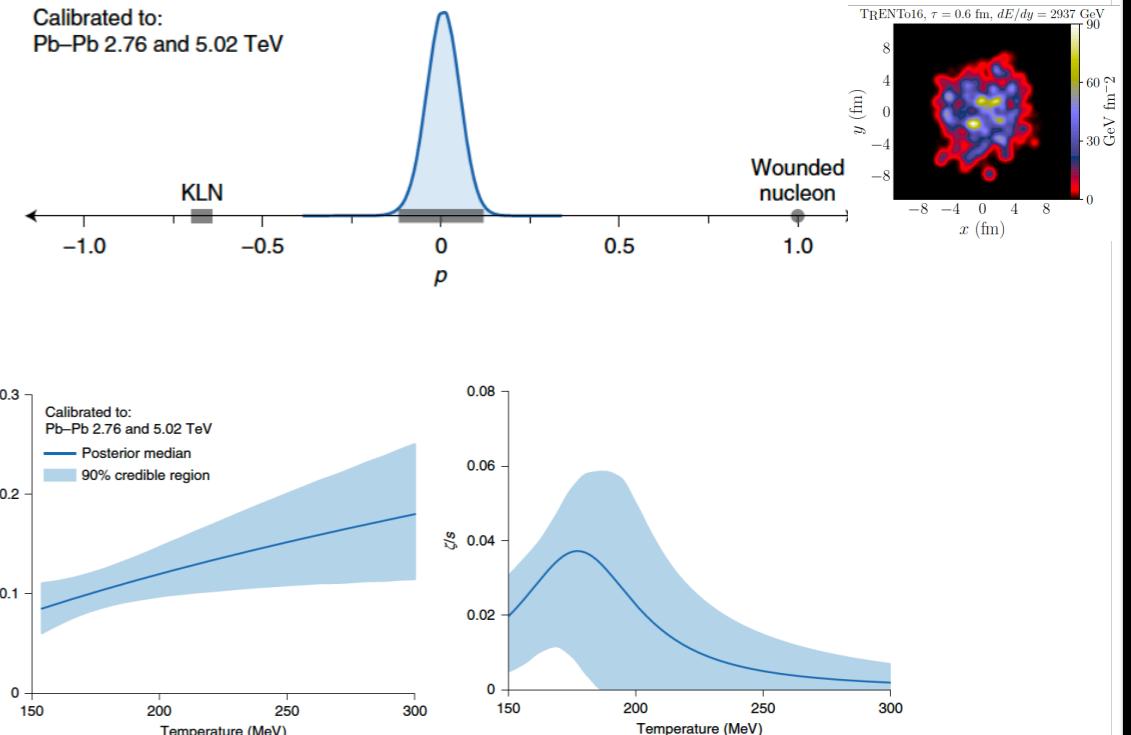


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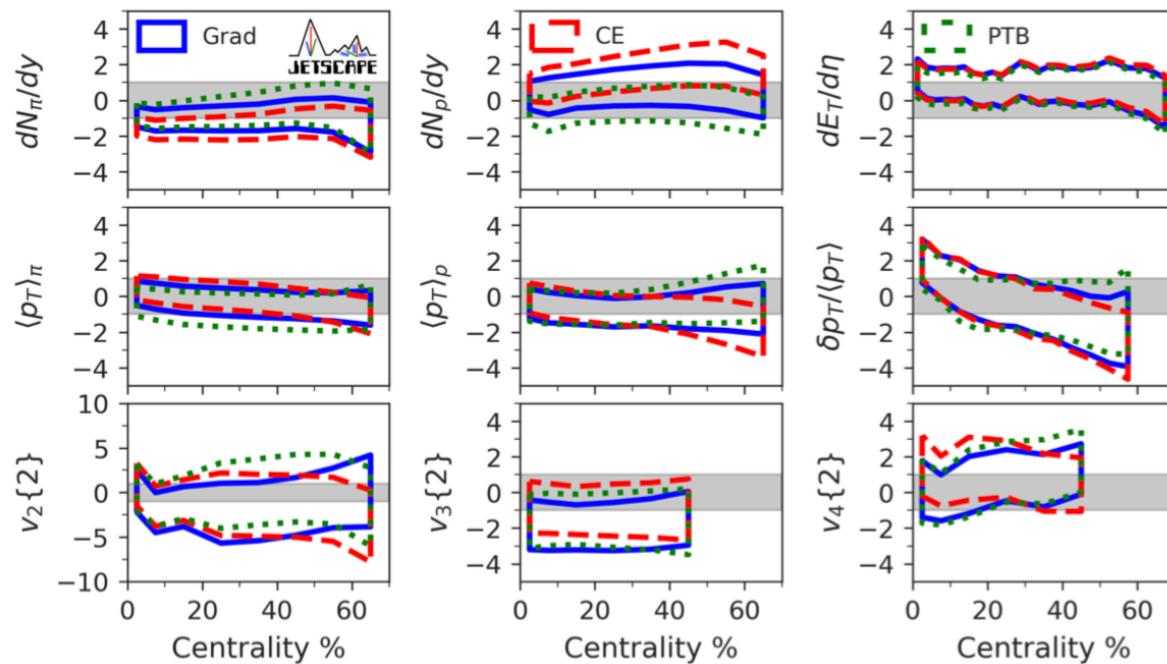
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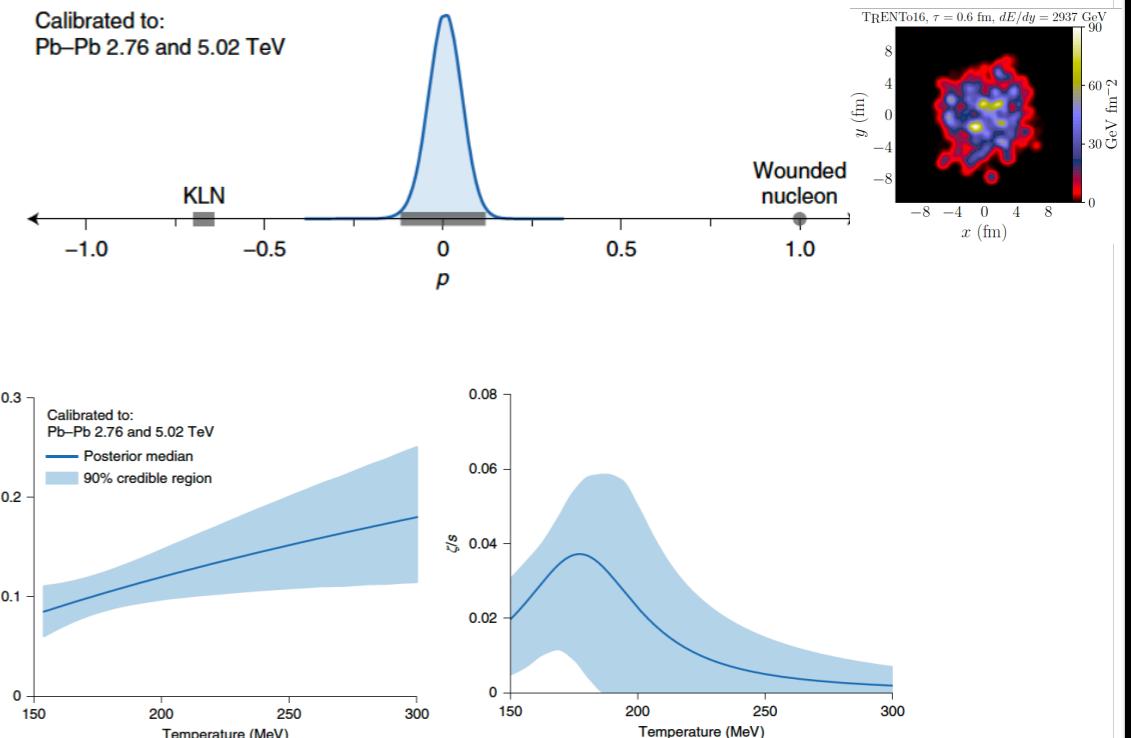
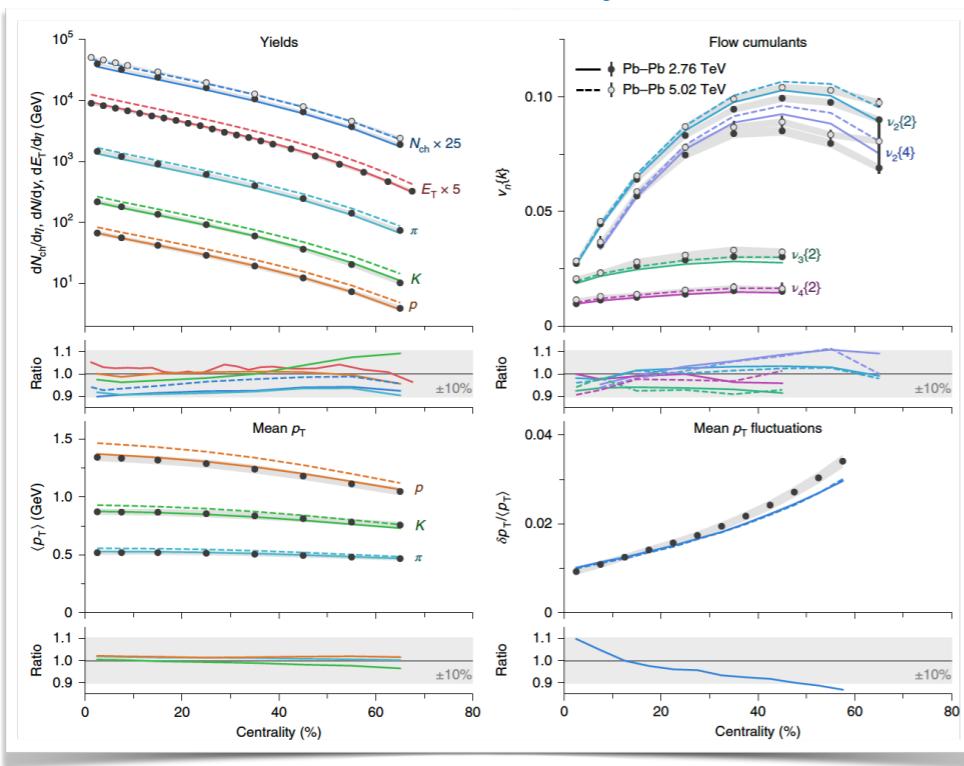


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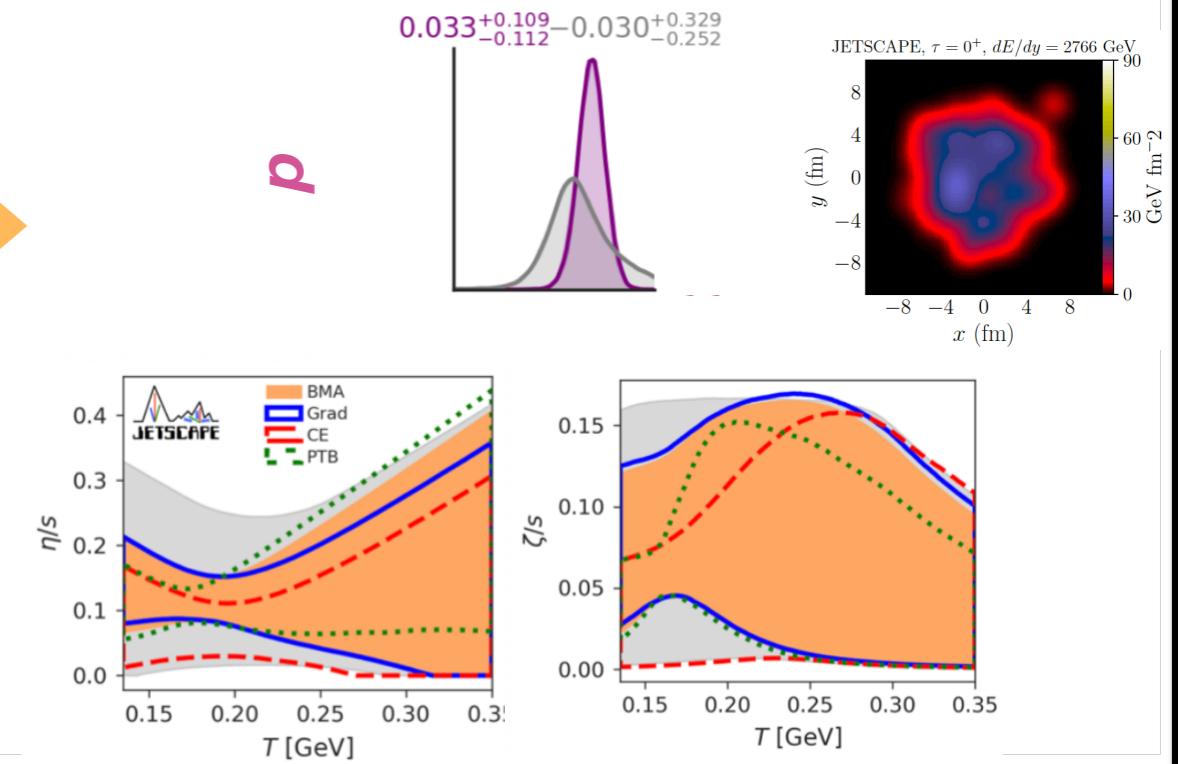
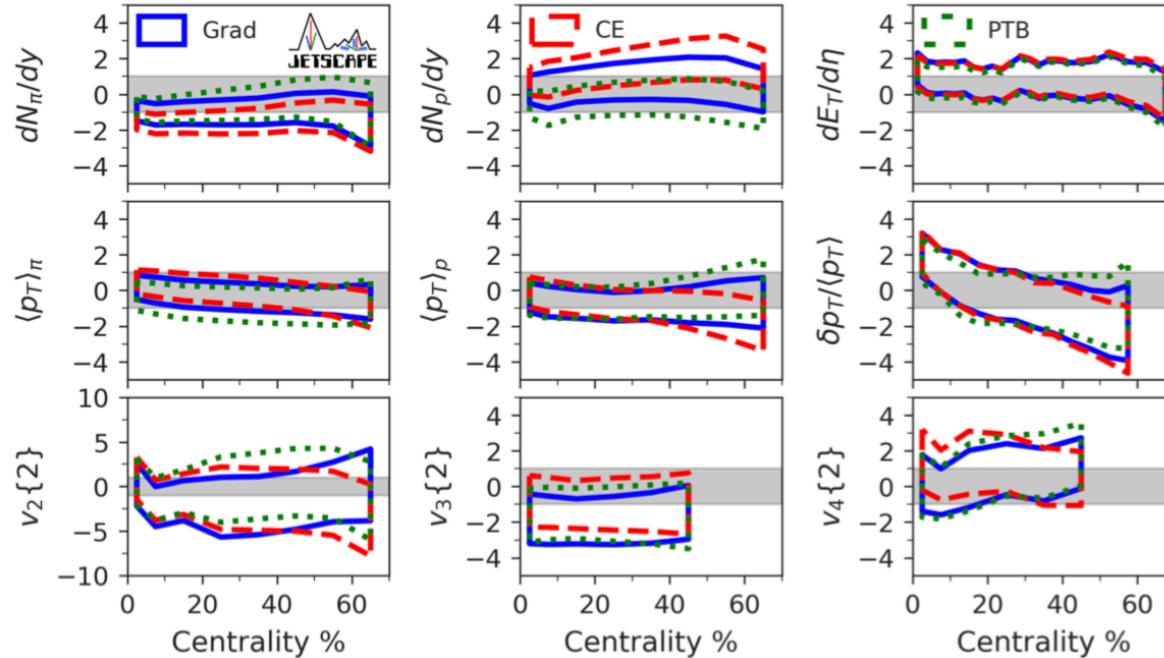


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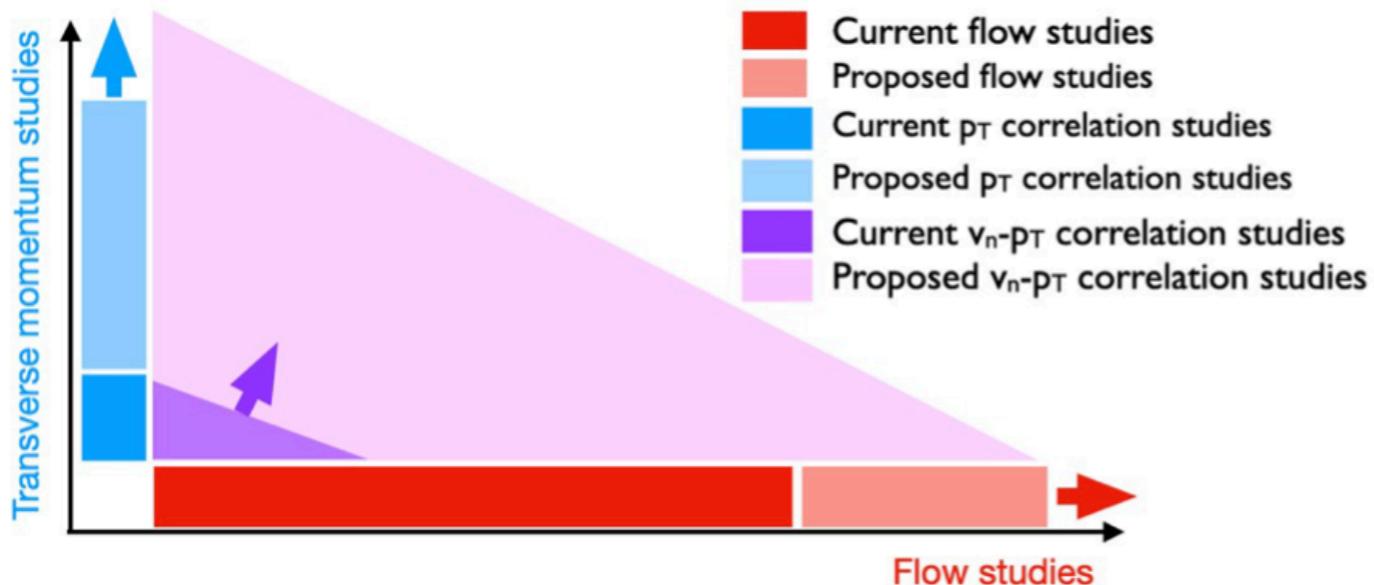
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# $v_n$ -[ $p_T$ ] correlations



❖ **Shape** of the fireball: Anisotropic flow

❖ **Size** of the fireball: radial flow, [ $p_T$ ]

❖ Final state: correlation between  $v_n$  and  $p_T$

$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{var}(v_n^2)} \sqrt{\text{var}([p_T])}}$$

P. Bozek etc, PRC96 (2017) 014904

❖ Considering  $v_n \propto \varepsilon_n$ ,  $[p_T] \propto E_0$

$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$$

*final-state* model  
calculation

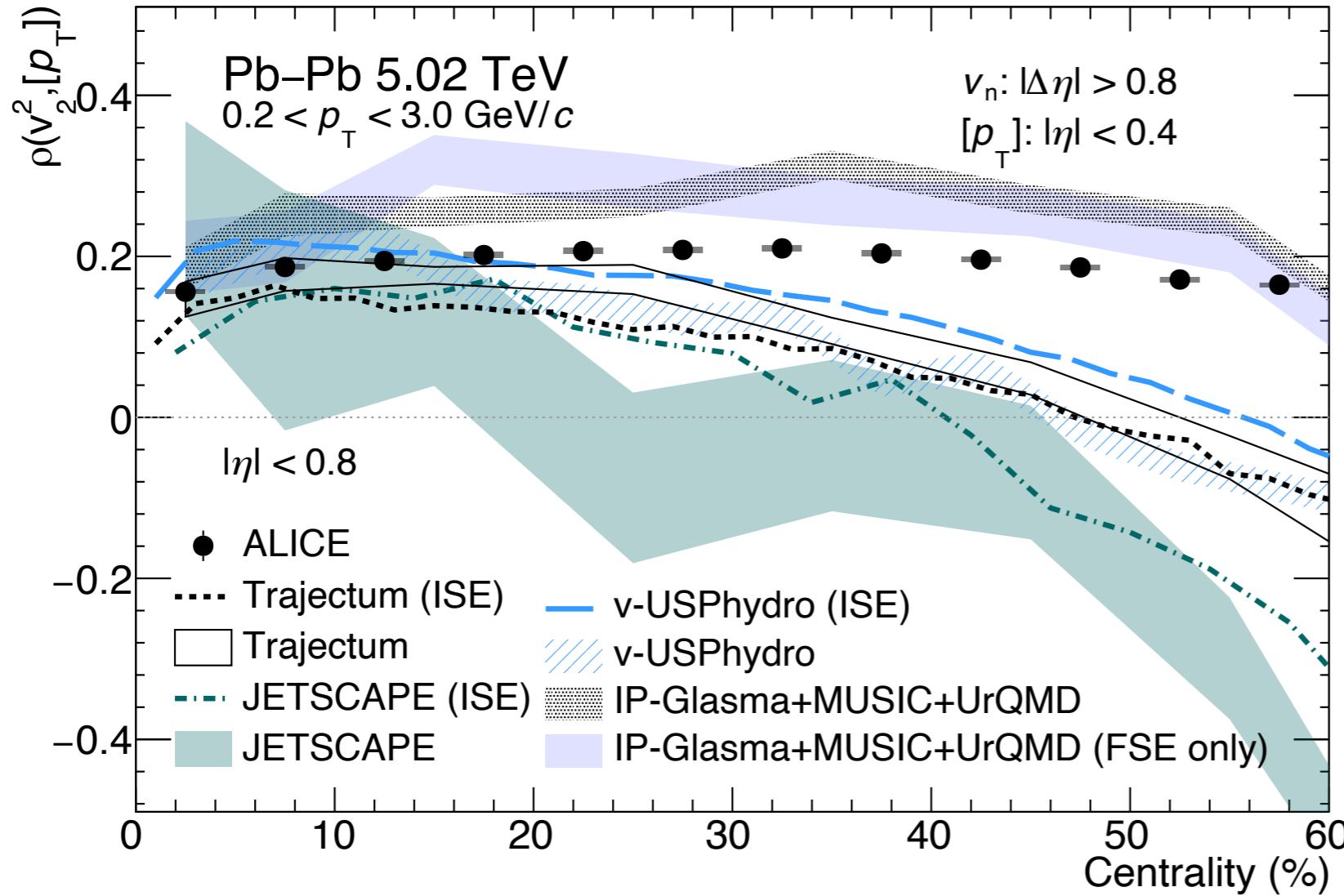
*Initial-state* model  
estimation

❖ One can compare  $\rho(v_n^2, [p_T])$  measurements to  $\rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$  calculations, to constrain the initial state model



# $\rho(v_n^2, [p_T])$ in Pb-Pb

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$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{cov(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{var(v_n^2)}\sqrt{var([p_T])}}$$

v-USPhydro, PRC103 (2021) 2, 024909  
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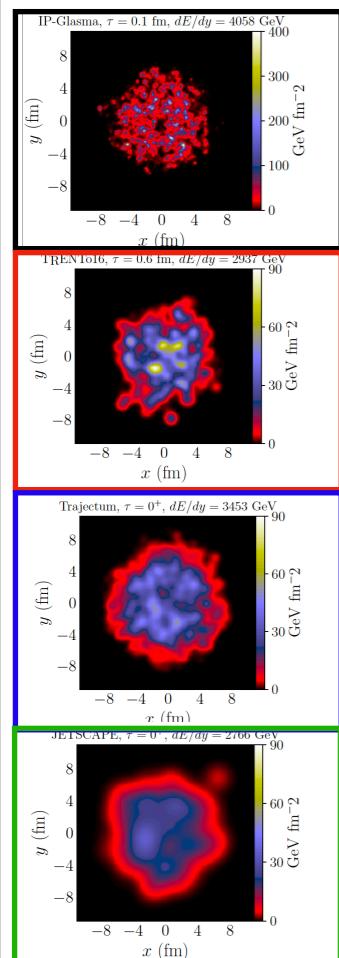
- ❖ IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD shows a weak centrality dependence and describe the data fairly well
- ❖ State-of-the-art Bayesian results (Trajectum, JETSCAPE) with TRENTo initial conditions all show strong centrality dependence, negative values for centrality >40%



# Constraining nucleon width

❖ Sensitive to the nucleon width parameter (size of nucleon)

- IP-Glasma  $\sim 0.4$  fm; v-USPhydro  $\sim 0.5$  fm; Trajectum  $\sim 0.7$  fm; JETSCAPE (T<sub>R</sub>ENTo)  $\sim 1.1$  fm
- $w(\text{IP-Glasma}) < w(\text{v-USPhydro}) < w(\text{Trajectum}) < w(\text{JETSCAPE})$
- New constraints on the **nucleon size**

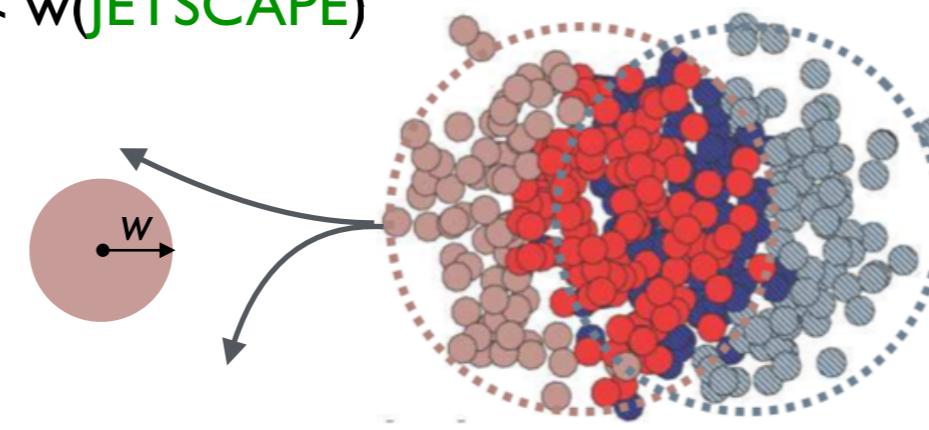
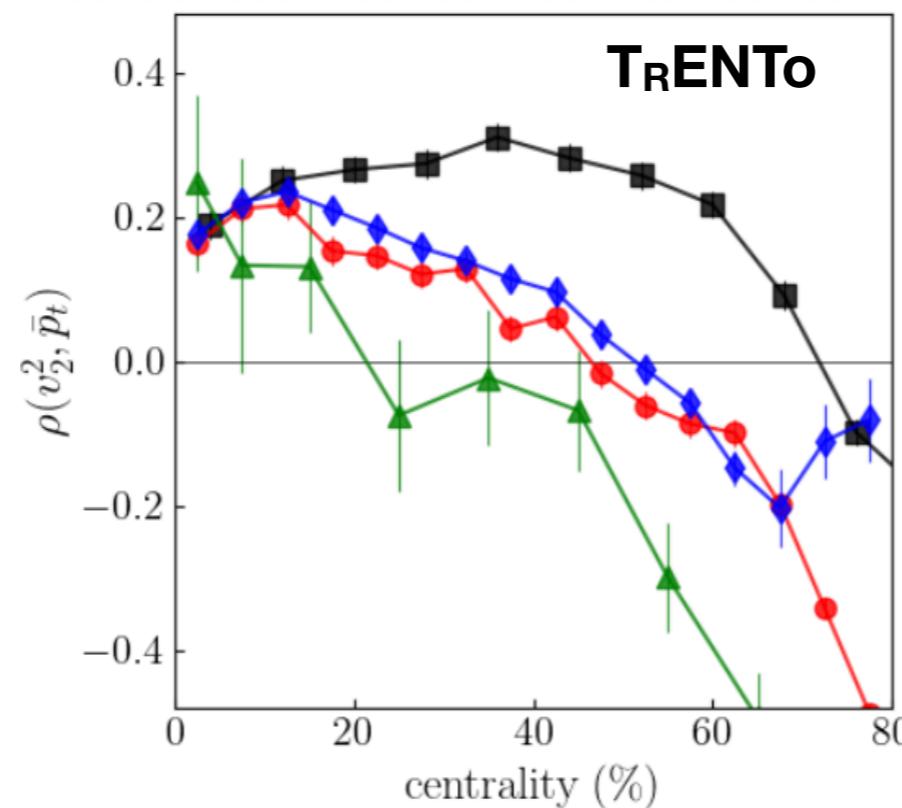


$w \sim 0.4$

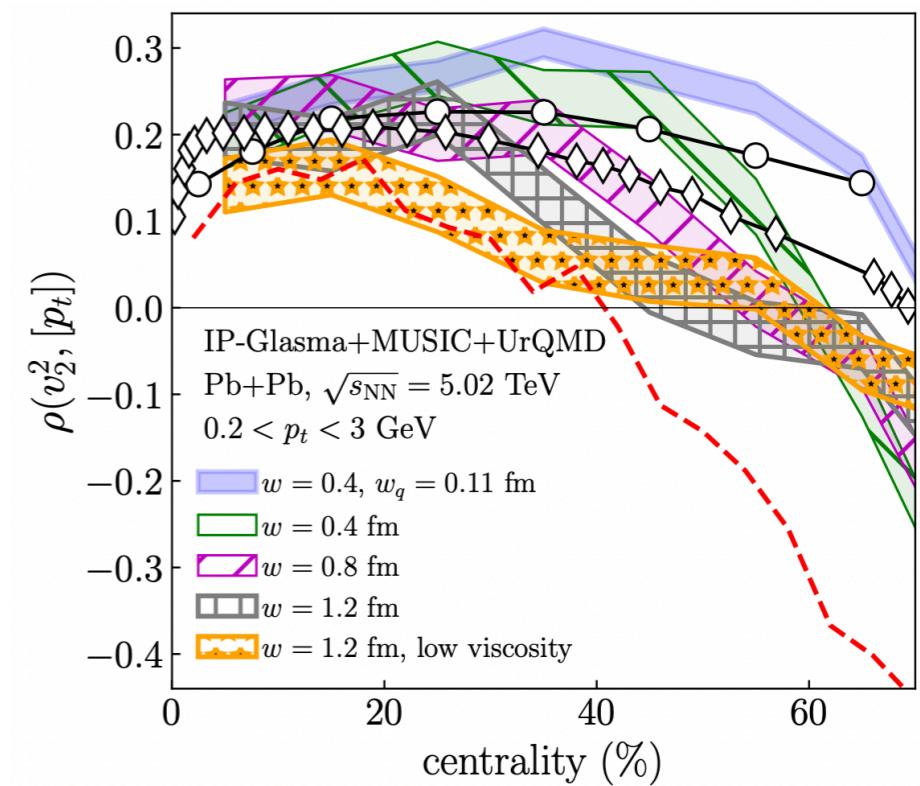
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$w \sim 0.7$

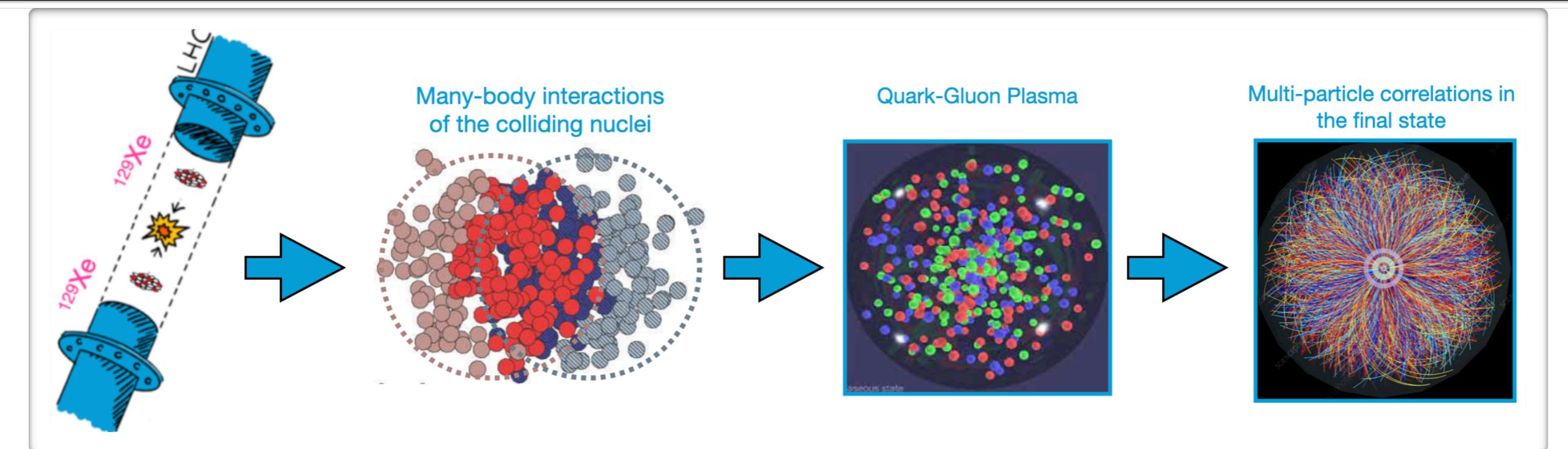
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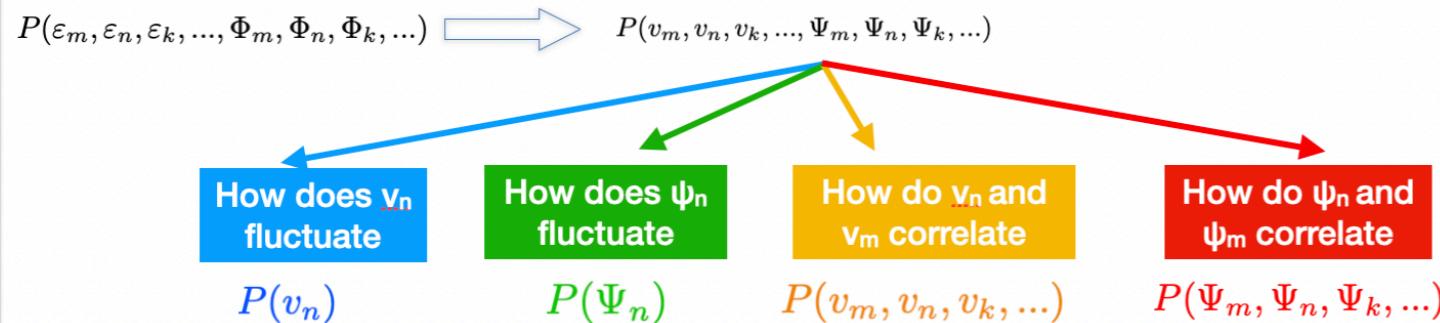
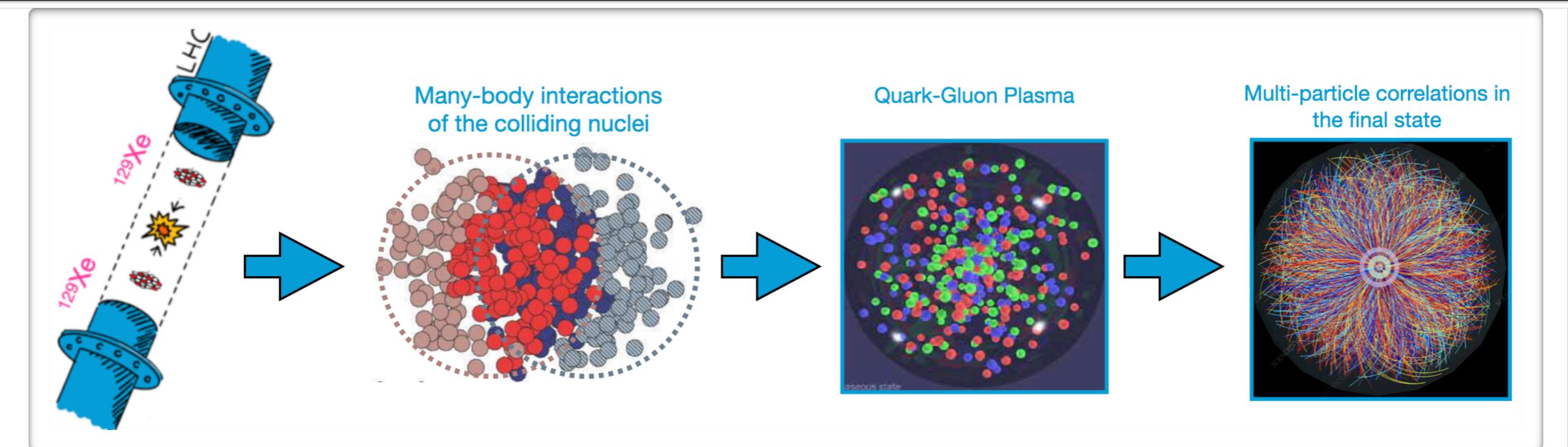
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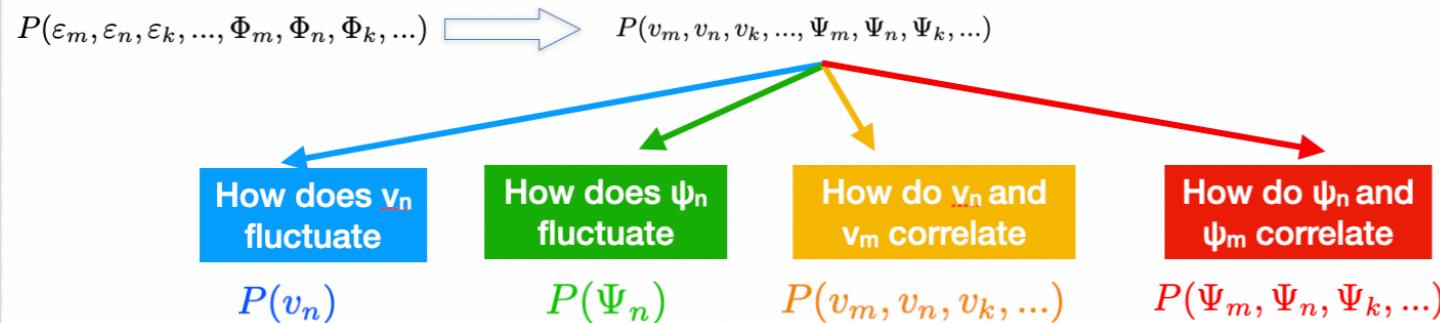
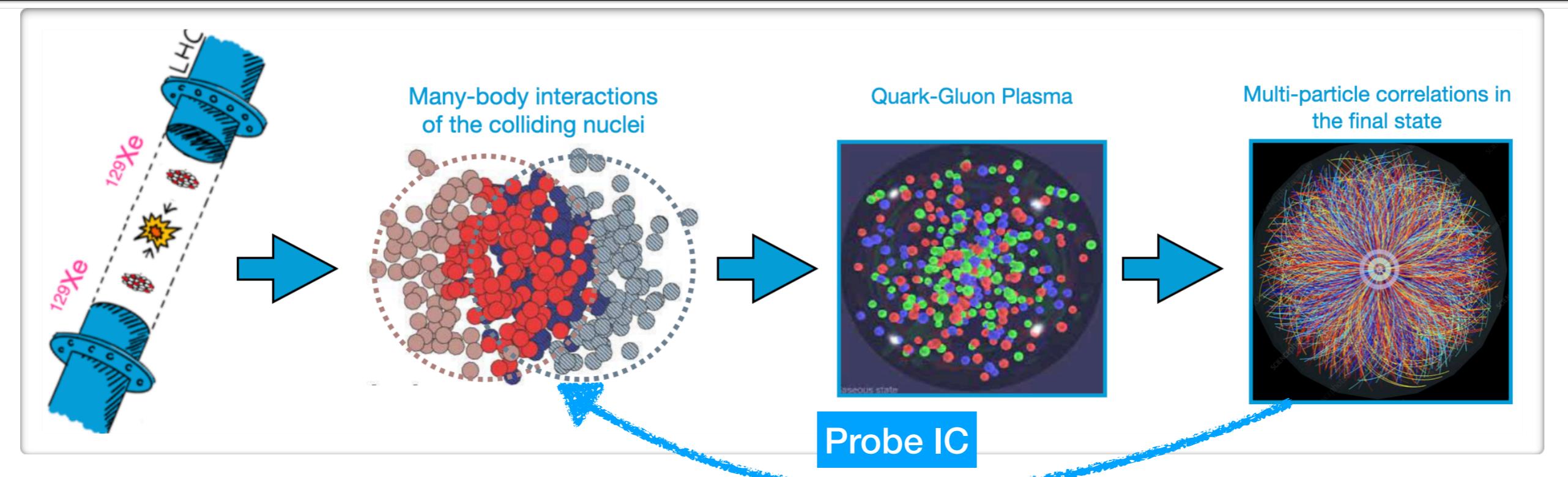
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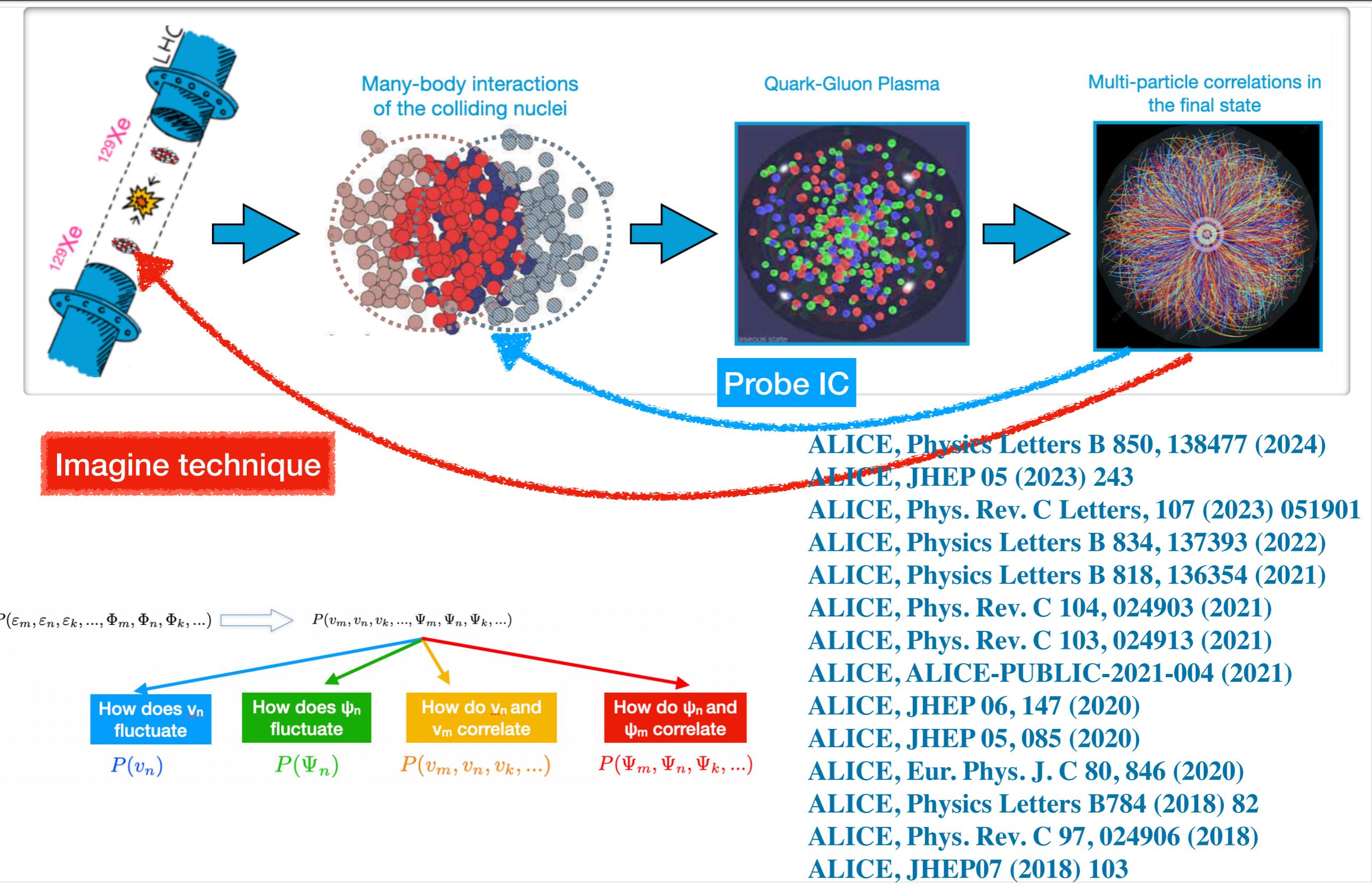
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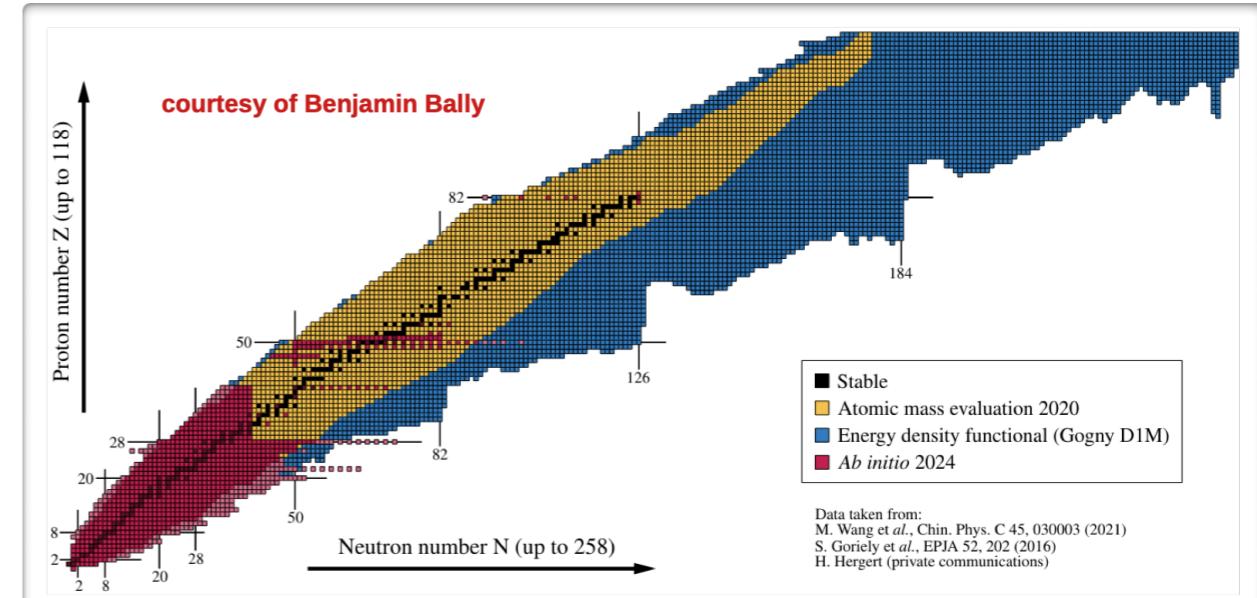
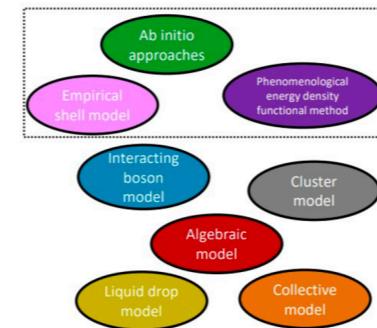
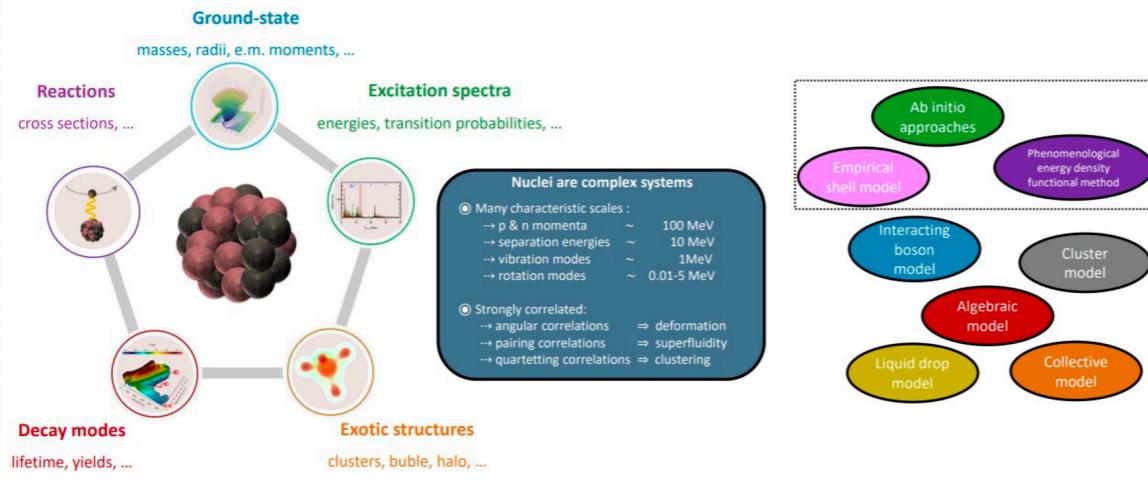


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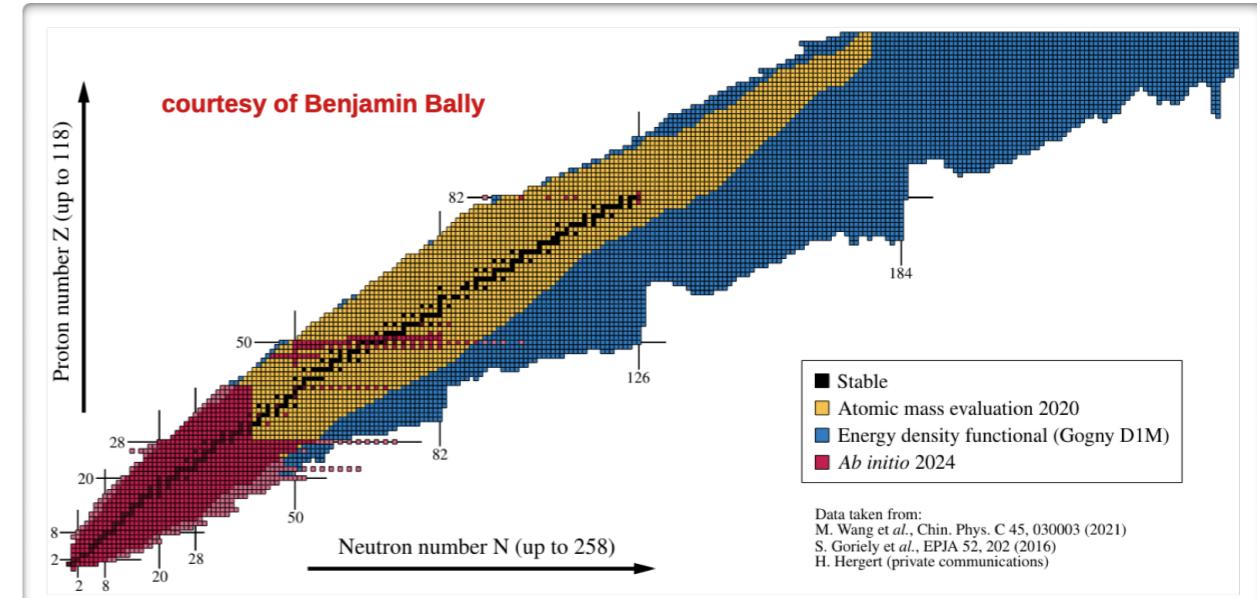
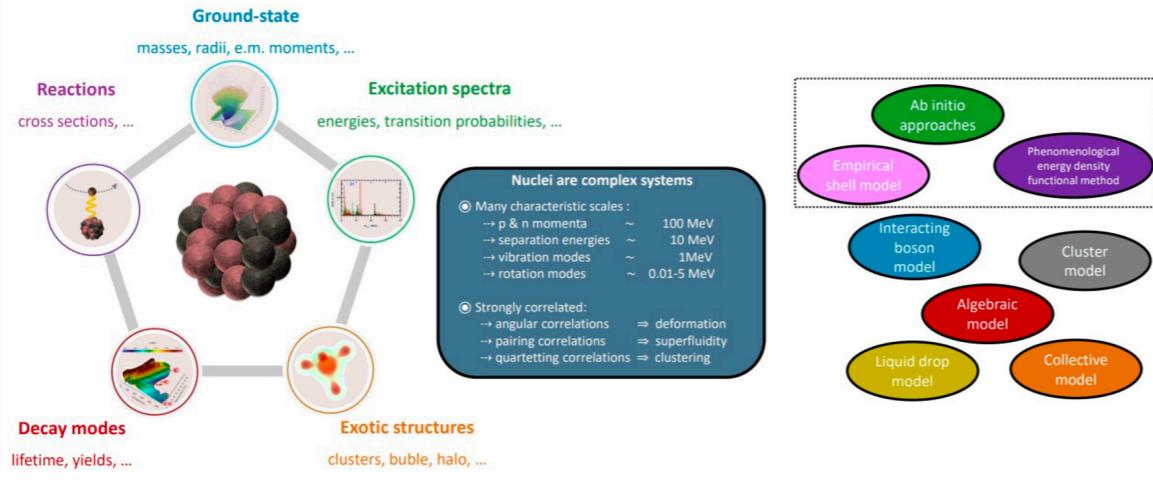
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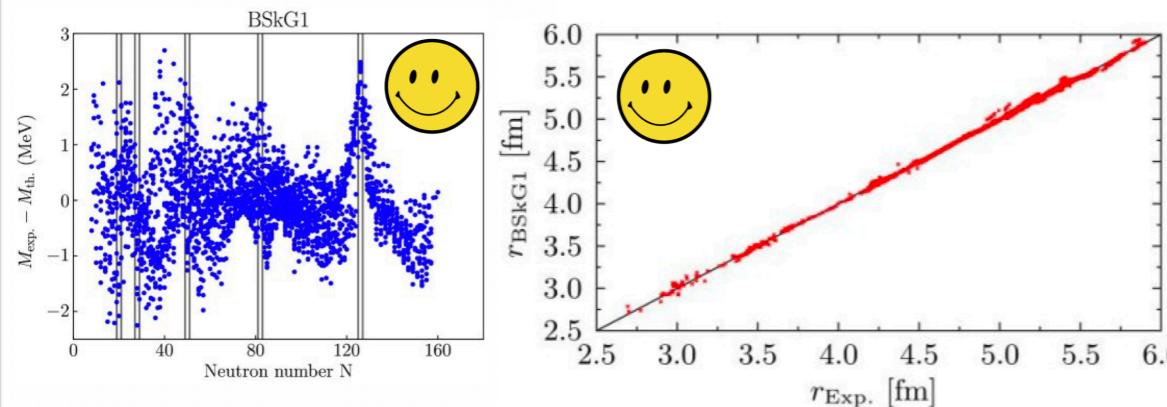


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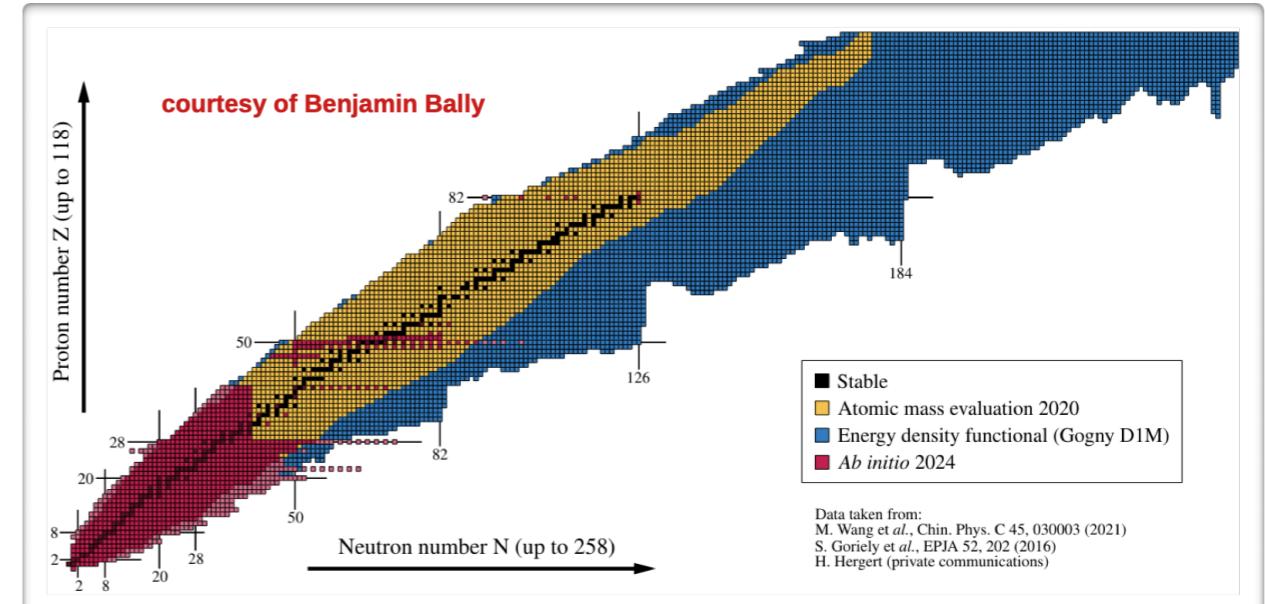
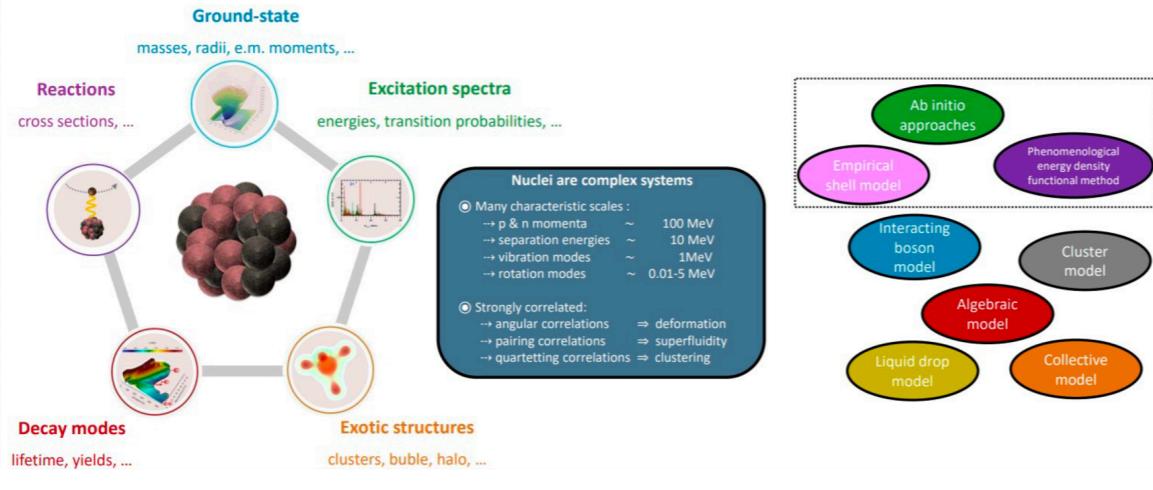


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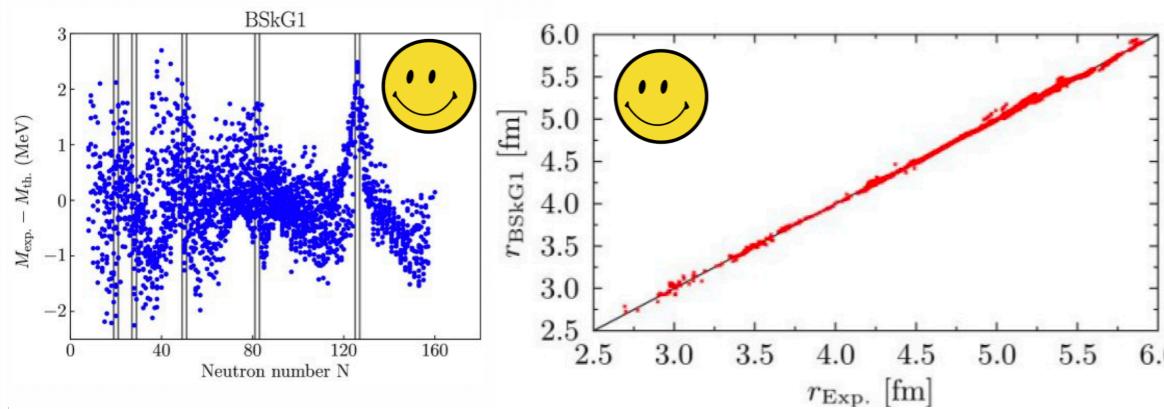


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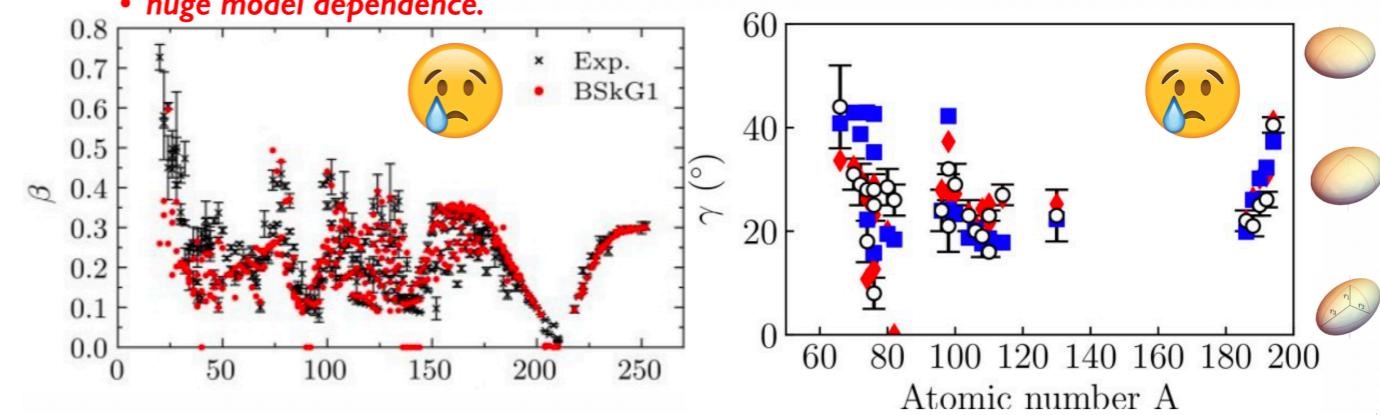
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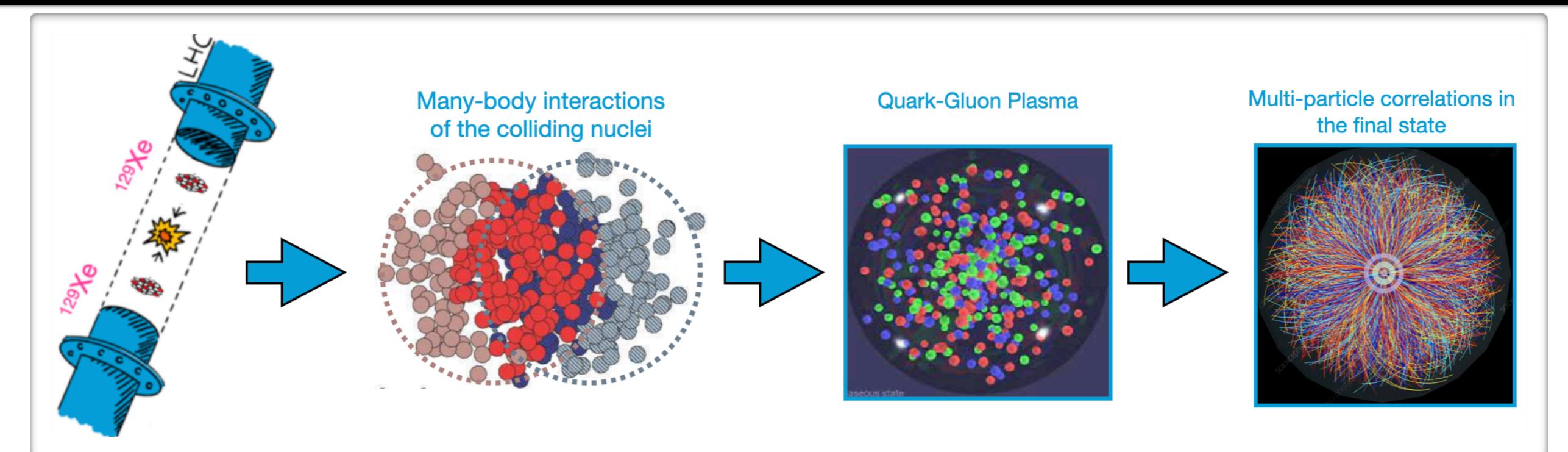
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- there are no real probes of multi-nucleon correlations
- huge model dependence.



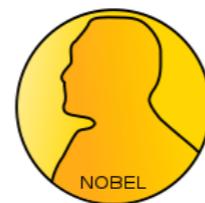
# Nuclear Structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$



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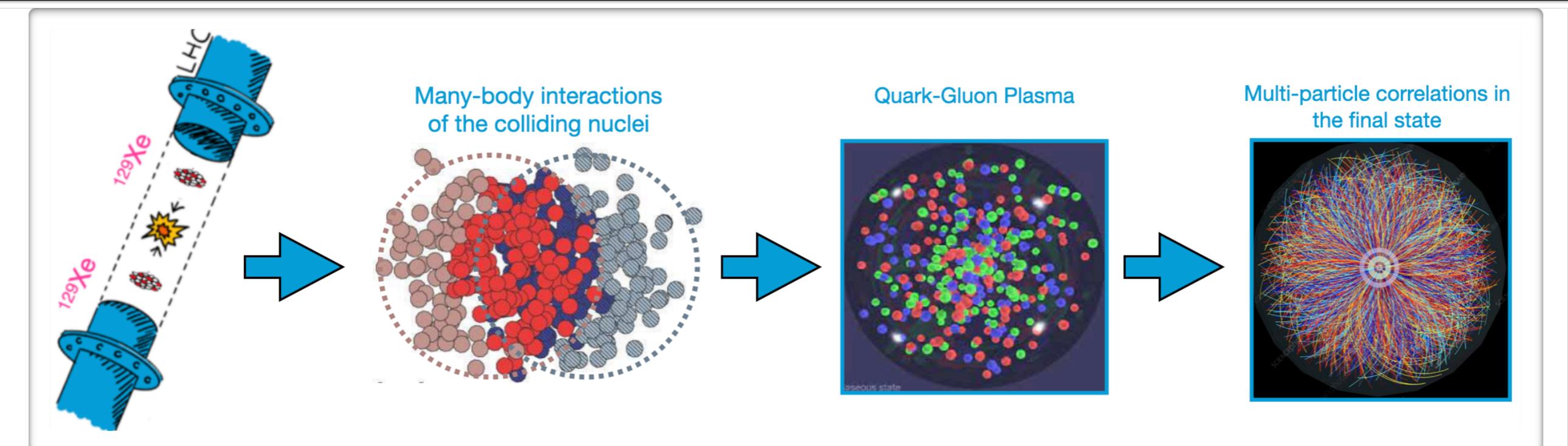
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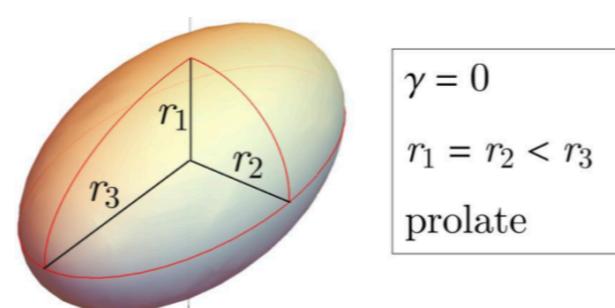
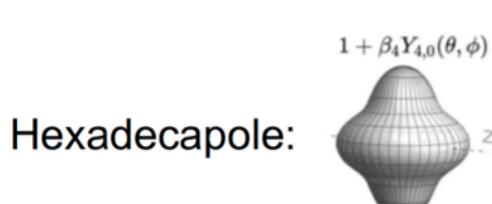
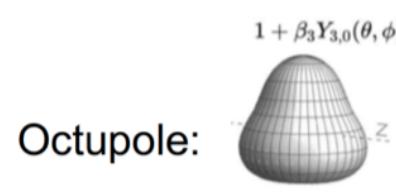
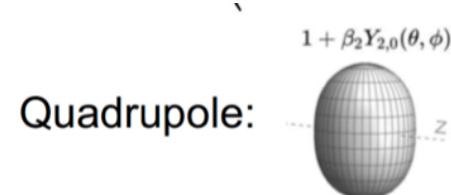
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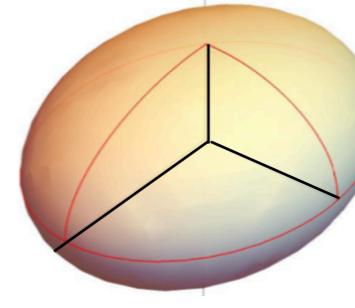


$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r - R(\theta, \phi))/a_0}}$$

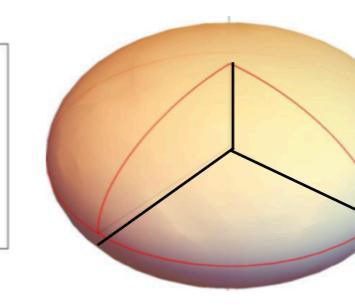
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left( 1 + \beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}] + \beta_3 \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \beta_4 \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m} \right)$$



$\gamma = 0$   
 $r_1 = r_2 < r_3$   
 prolate



$\gamma = 30^\circ$   
 $r_1 \neq r_2 \neq r_3$   
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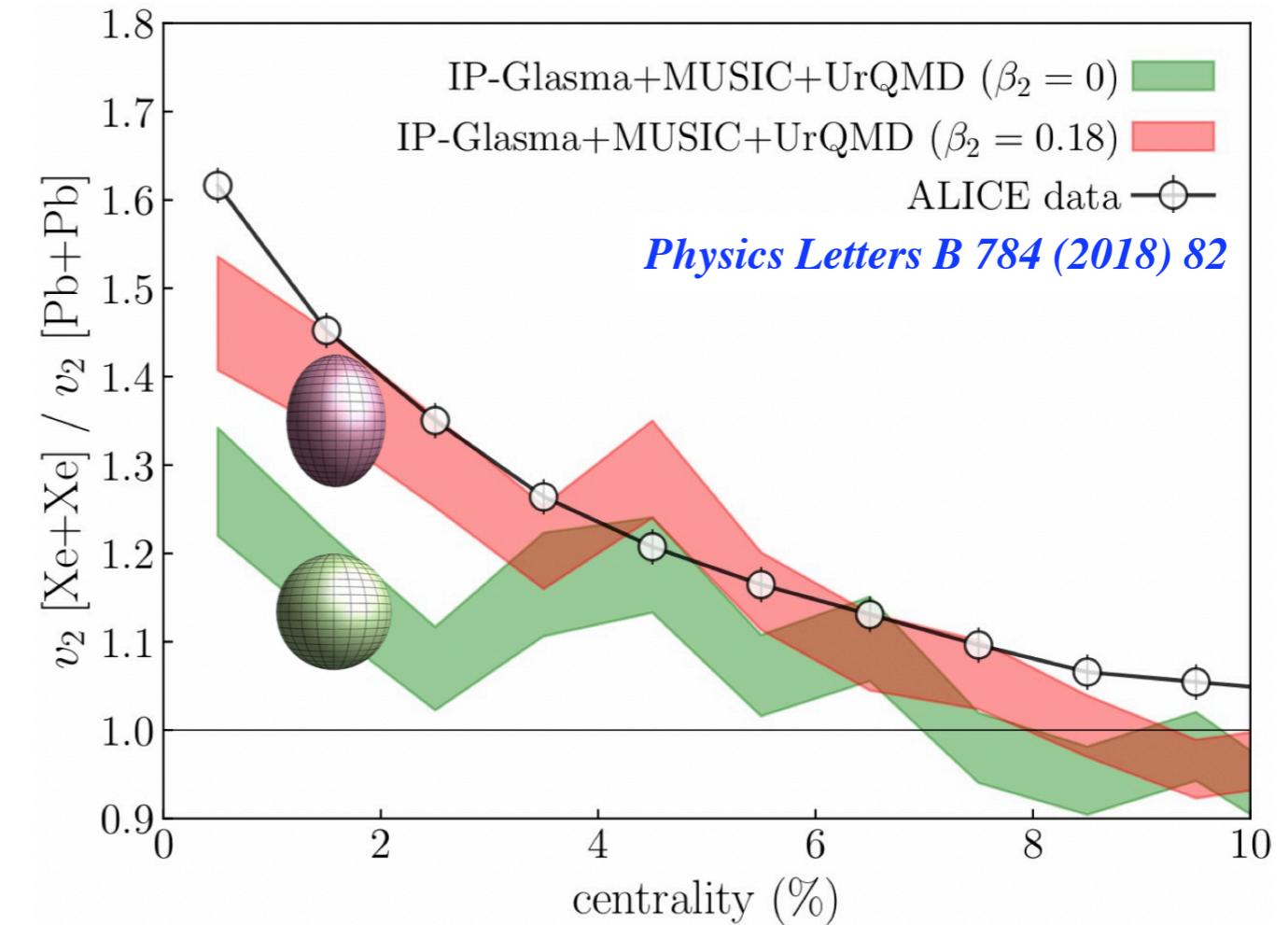
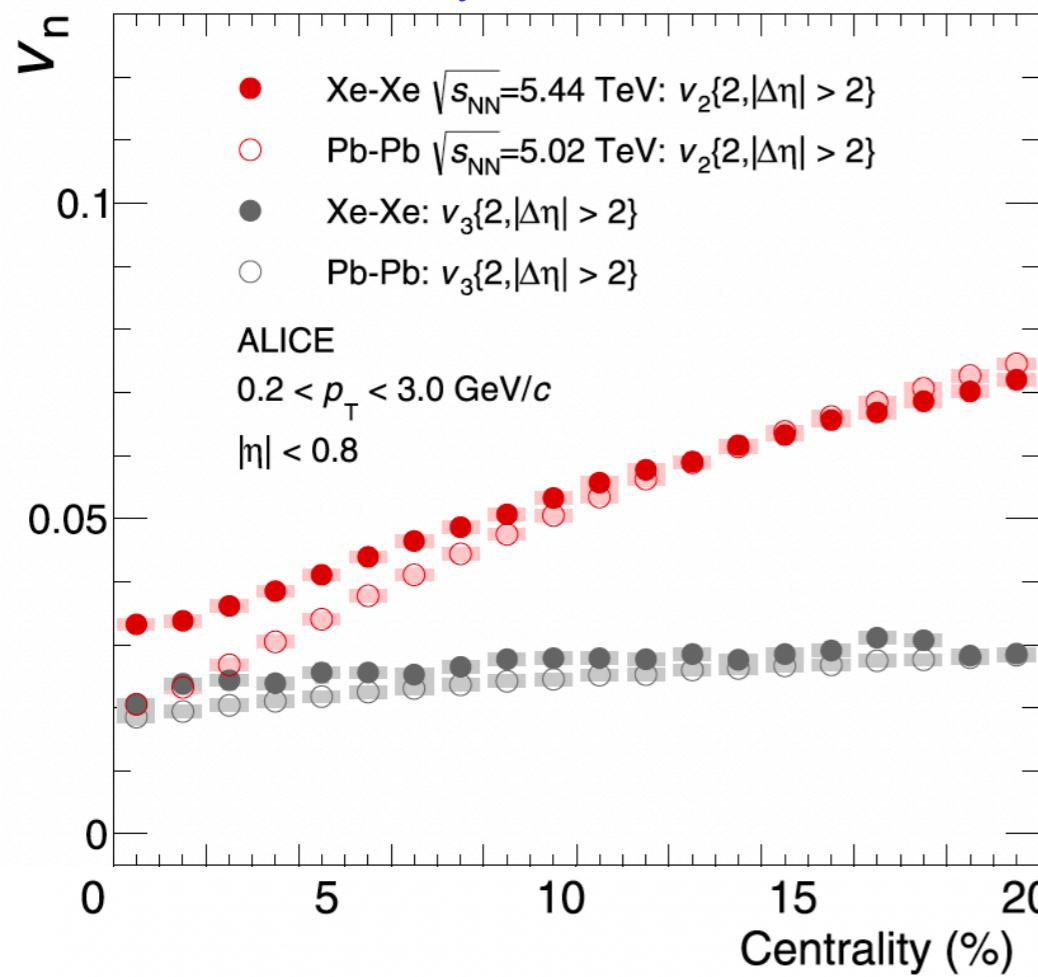


$\gamma = 60^\circ$   
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 oblate



# Probe nuclear structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$ with $v_n$

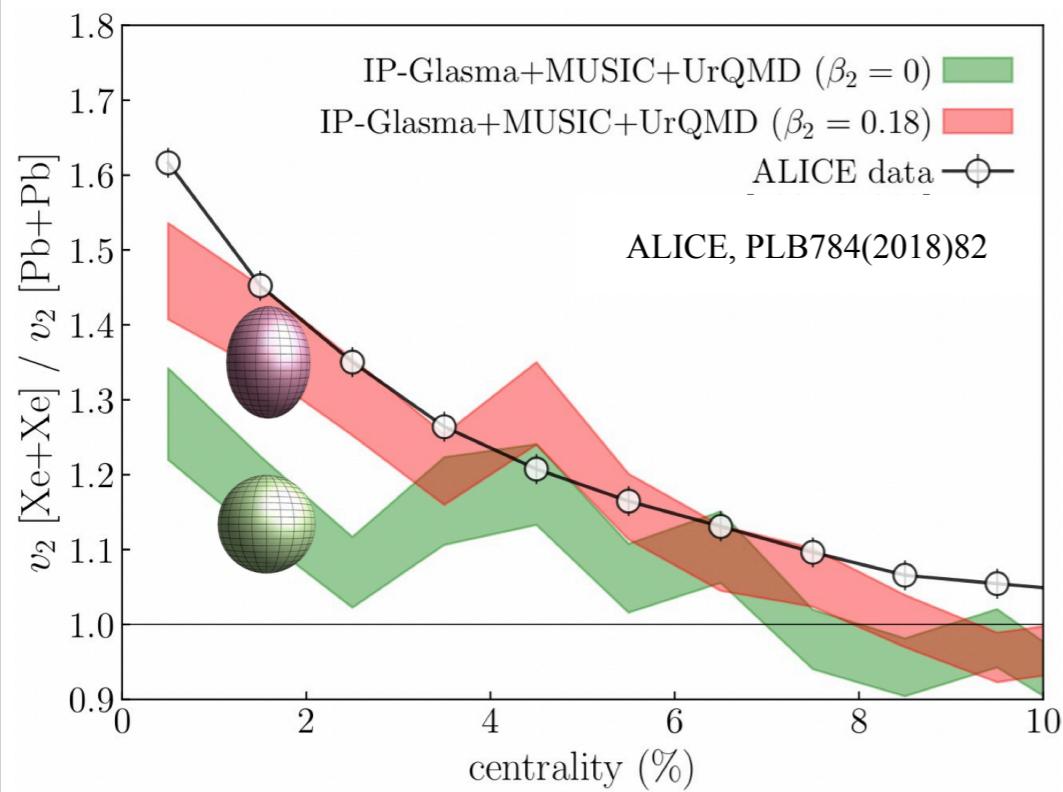
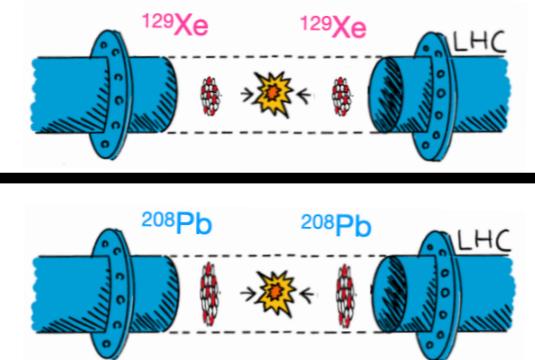
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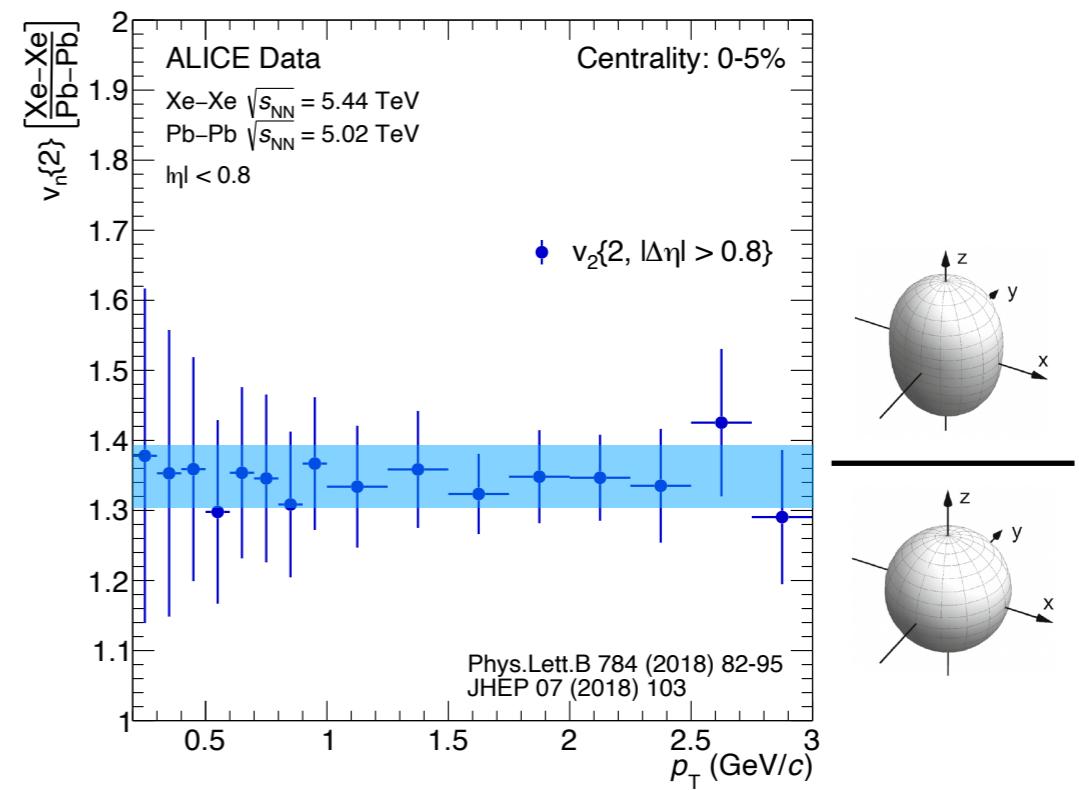
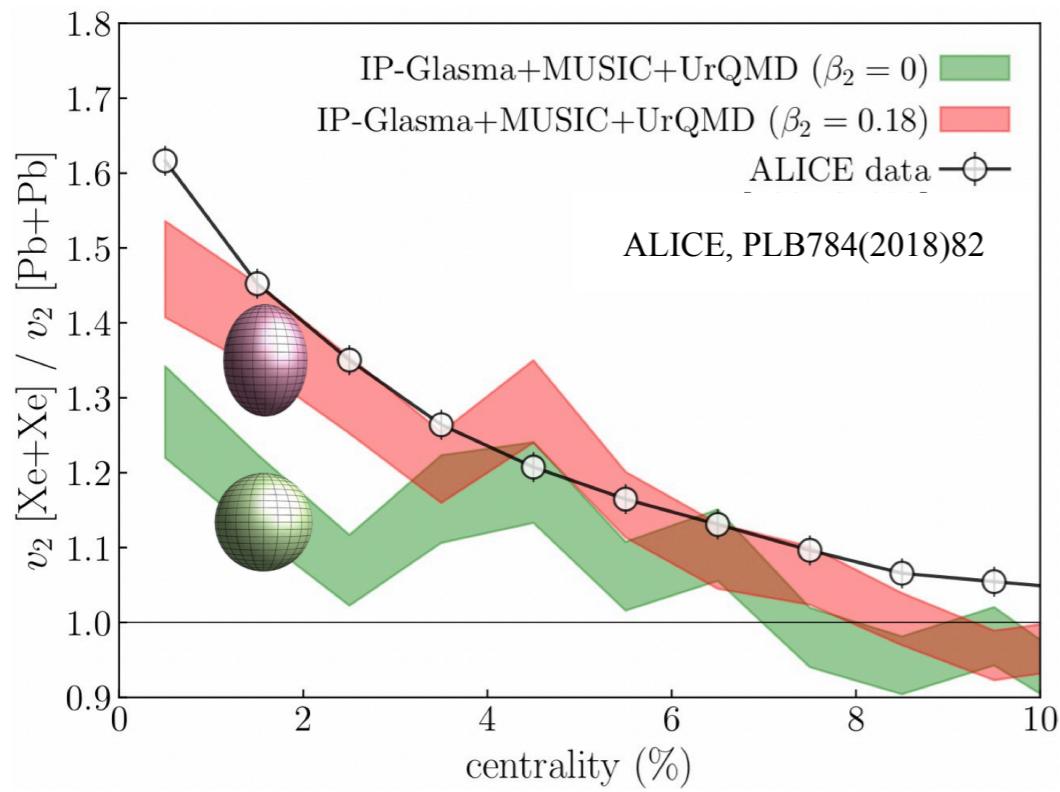
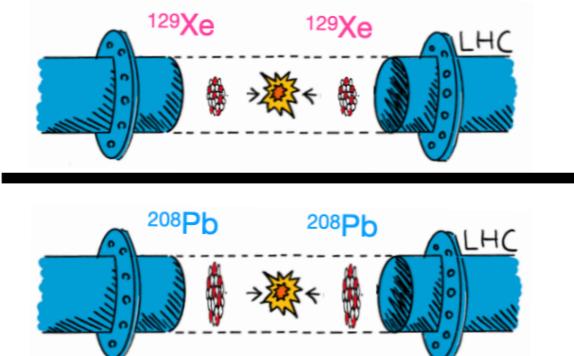
- ❖ Significant  $v_2$  enhancements in central Xe-Xe collisions
- ❖ LHC data clearly suggests a non-zero  $\beta_2$  (deformation of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ )



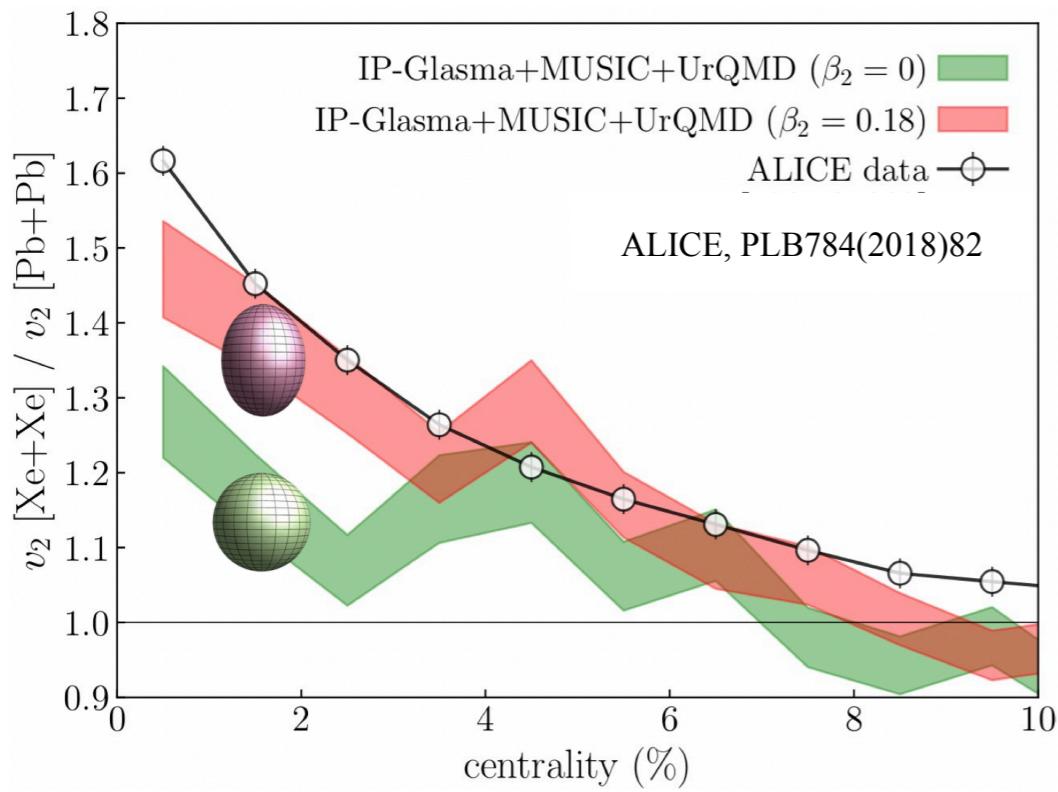
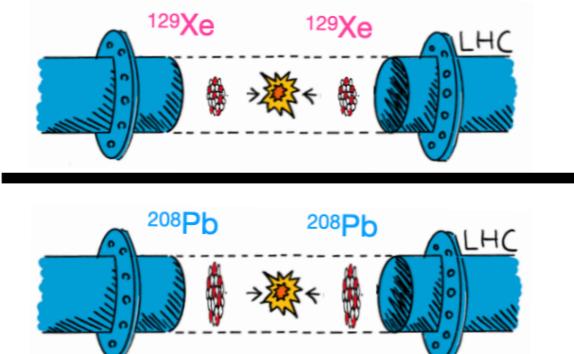
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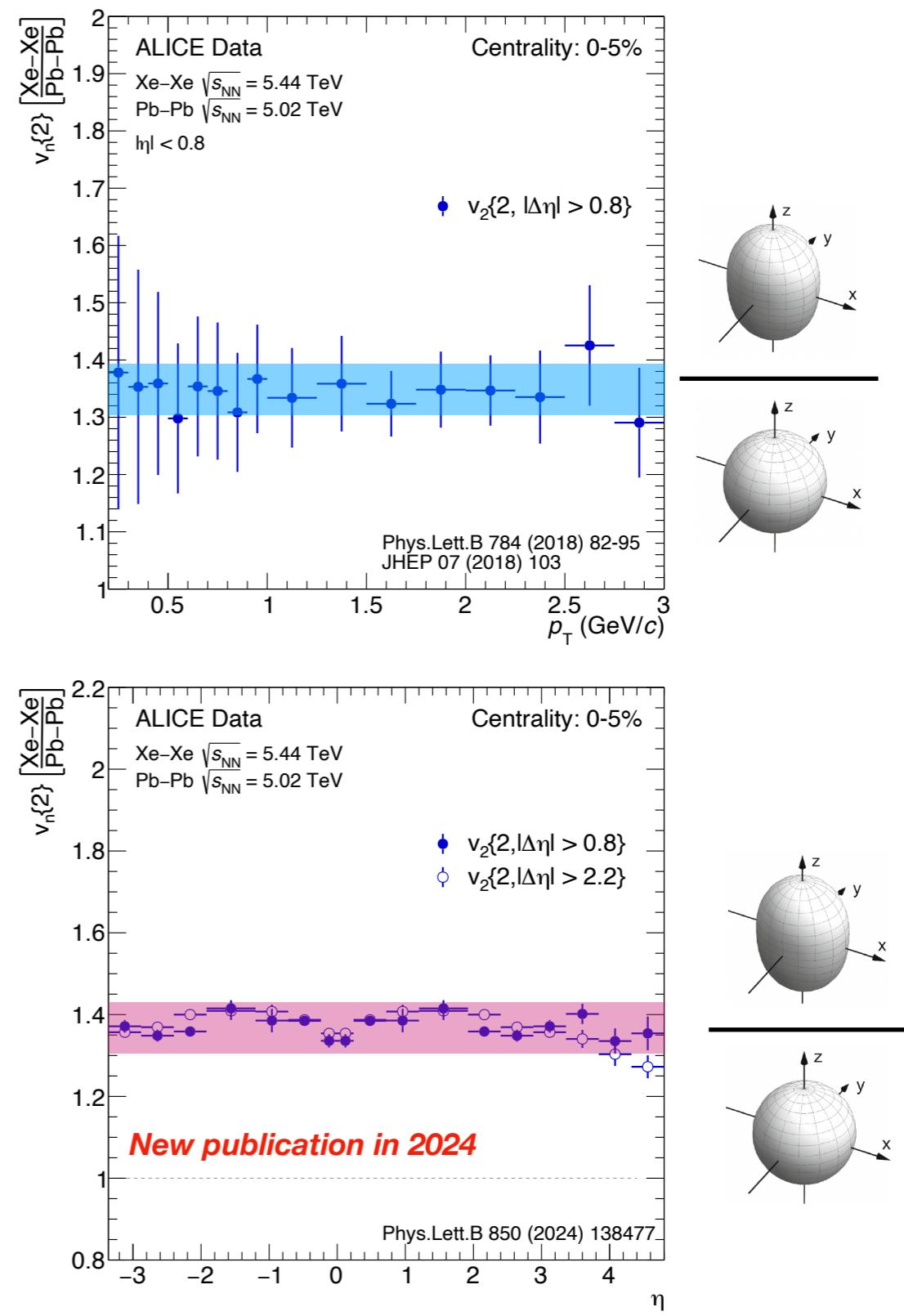
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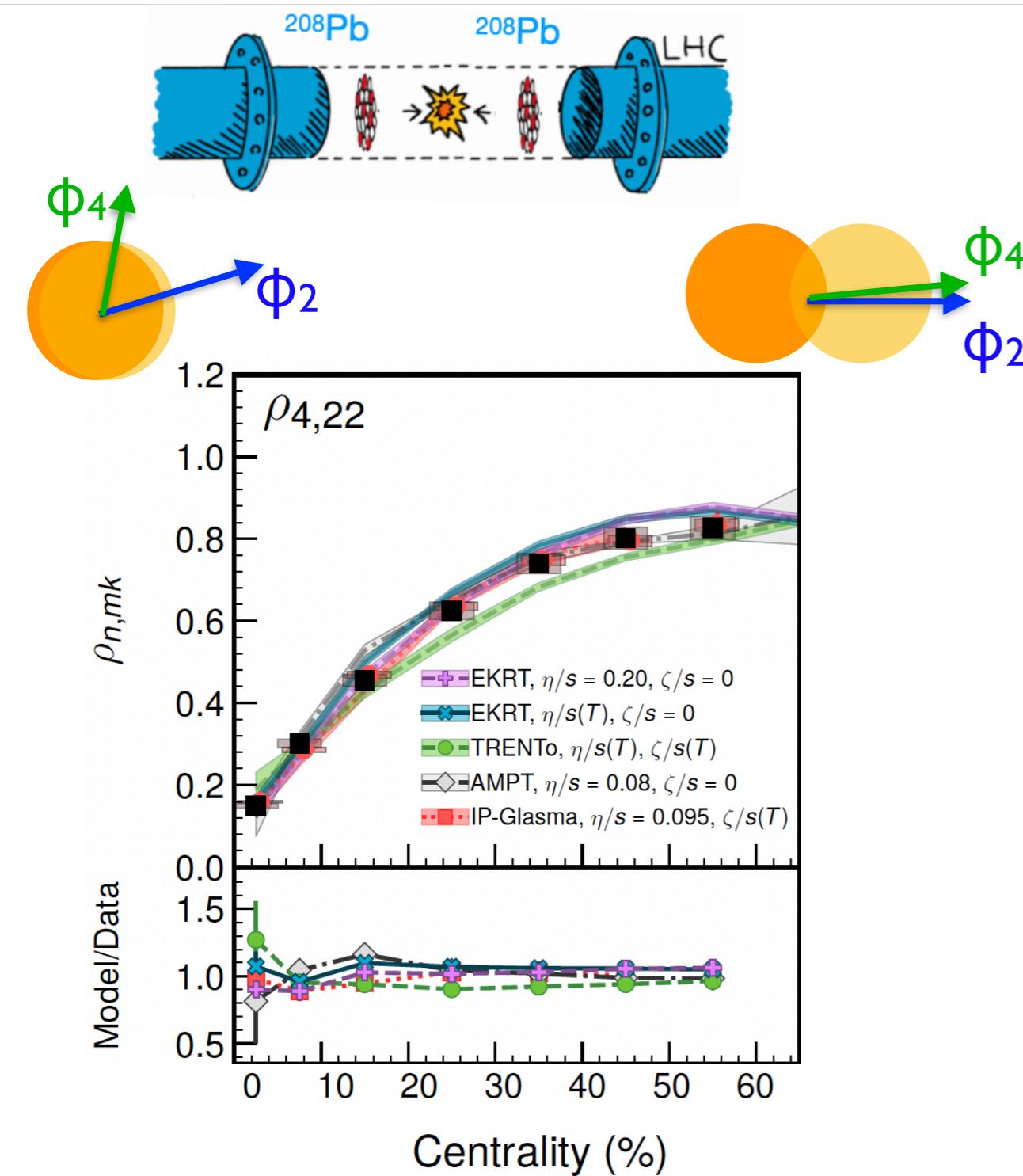


- ❖ For the first time observe the impact of NS over a very wide pseudorapidity range ( $-3.5 < \eta < 5.0$ )
  - New input for the low-x physics



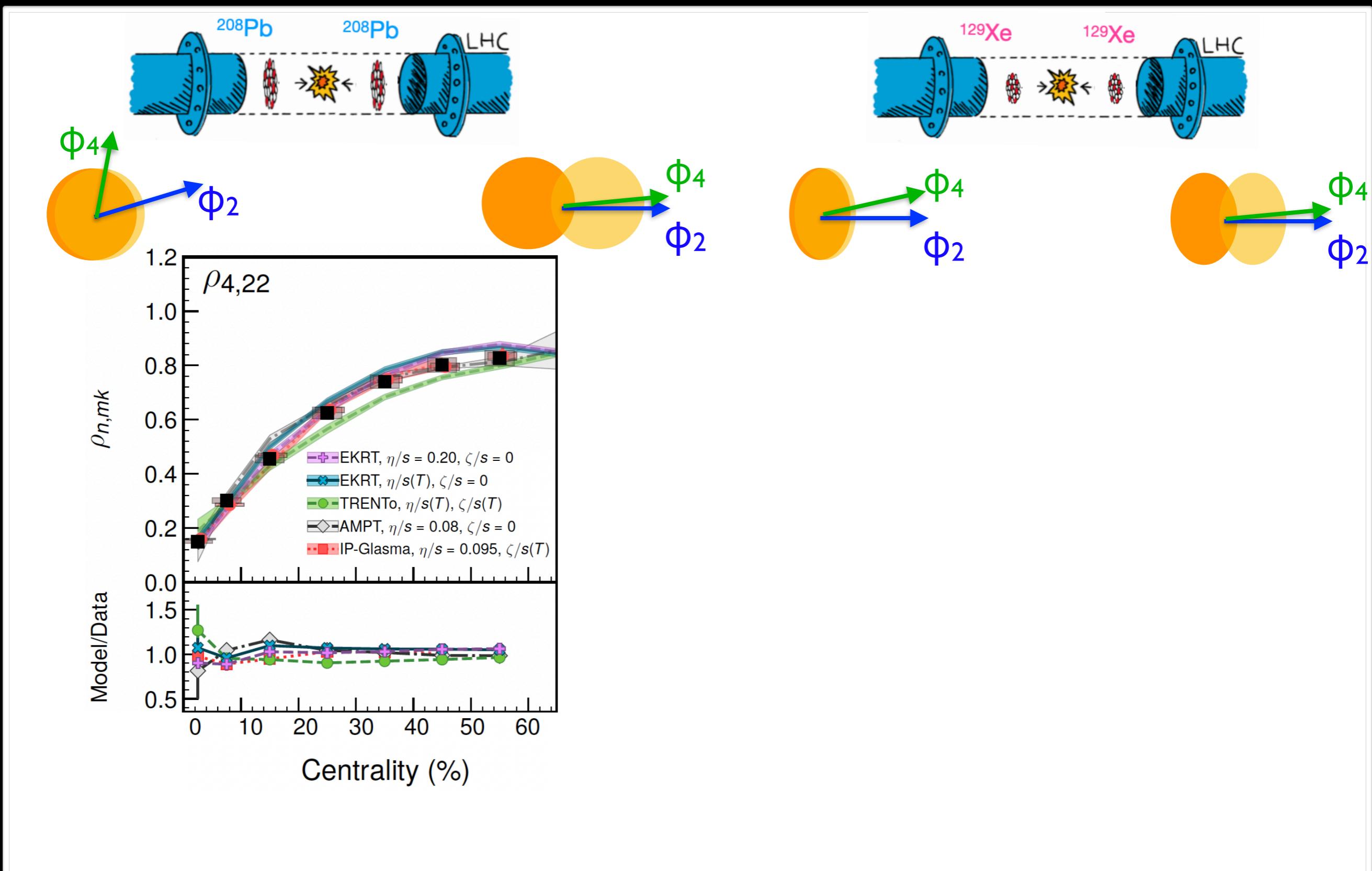
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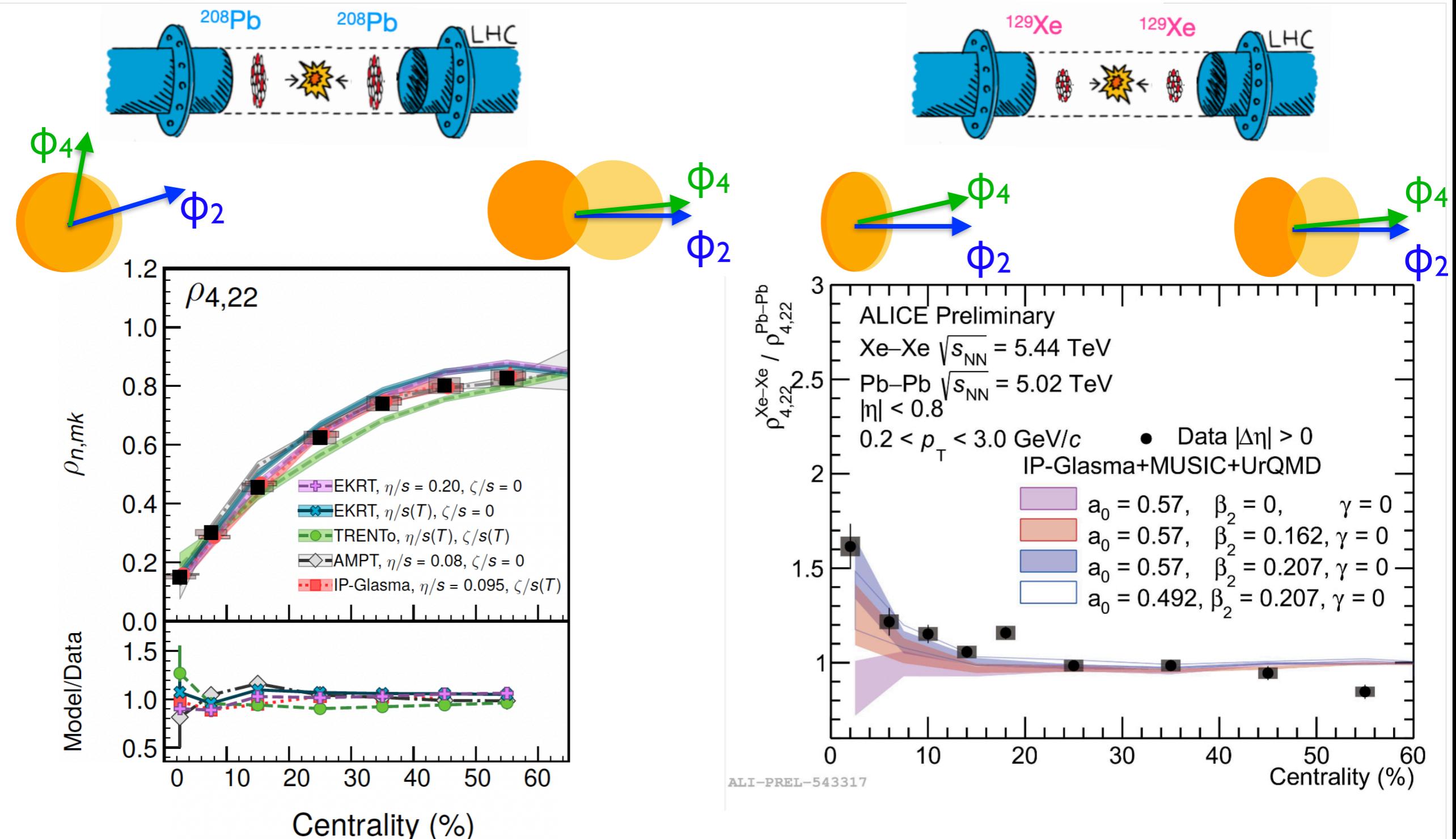
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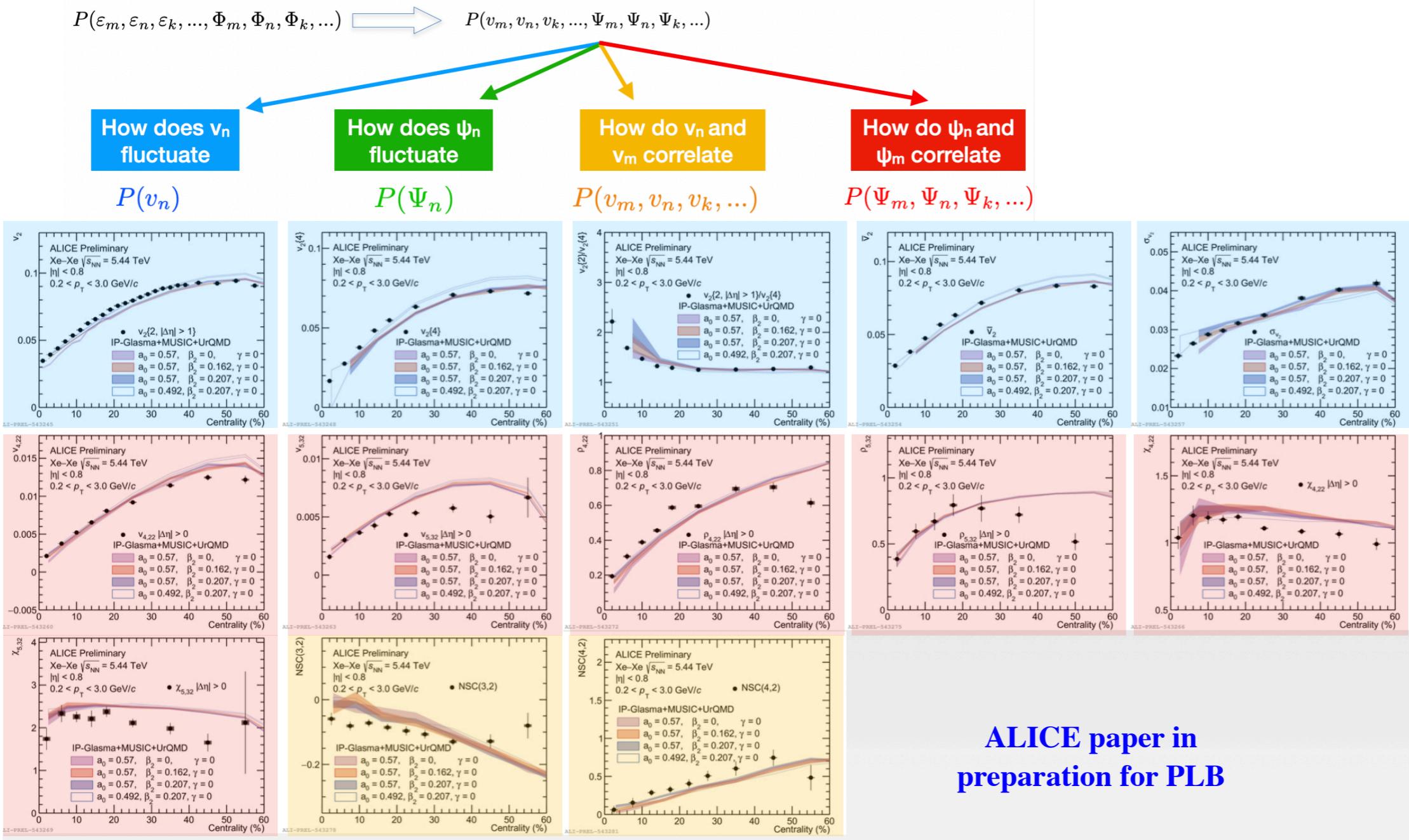
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❖ A **stronger** correlation is observed in the Xe-Xe collisions.



# Nuclear structure with Standard flow studies



- Promising sensitivities to the nuclear deformation  $\beta_2$  in central Xe-Xe collisions
- **Insensitive** to triaxial structure



# Probe NS with two-particle [p<sub>T</sub>] correlations

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## Generic multi-particle transverse momentum correlations as a new tool for studying nuclear structure at the energy frontier

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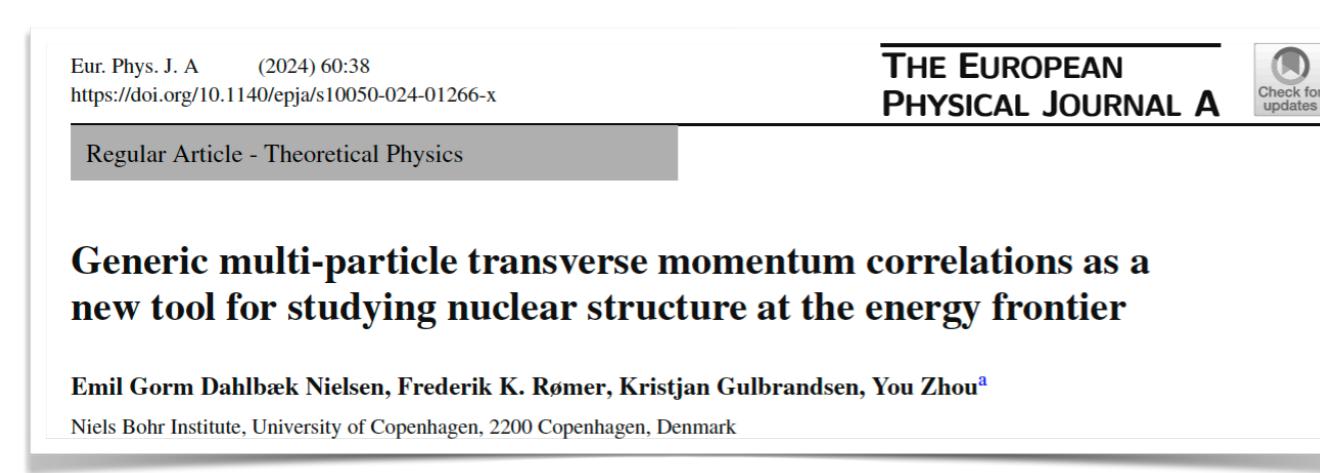
Final state Cumulant	Initial state Cumulant	Liquid-drop Model
$\kappa_2$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$	$\frac{1}{32\pi} \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle$
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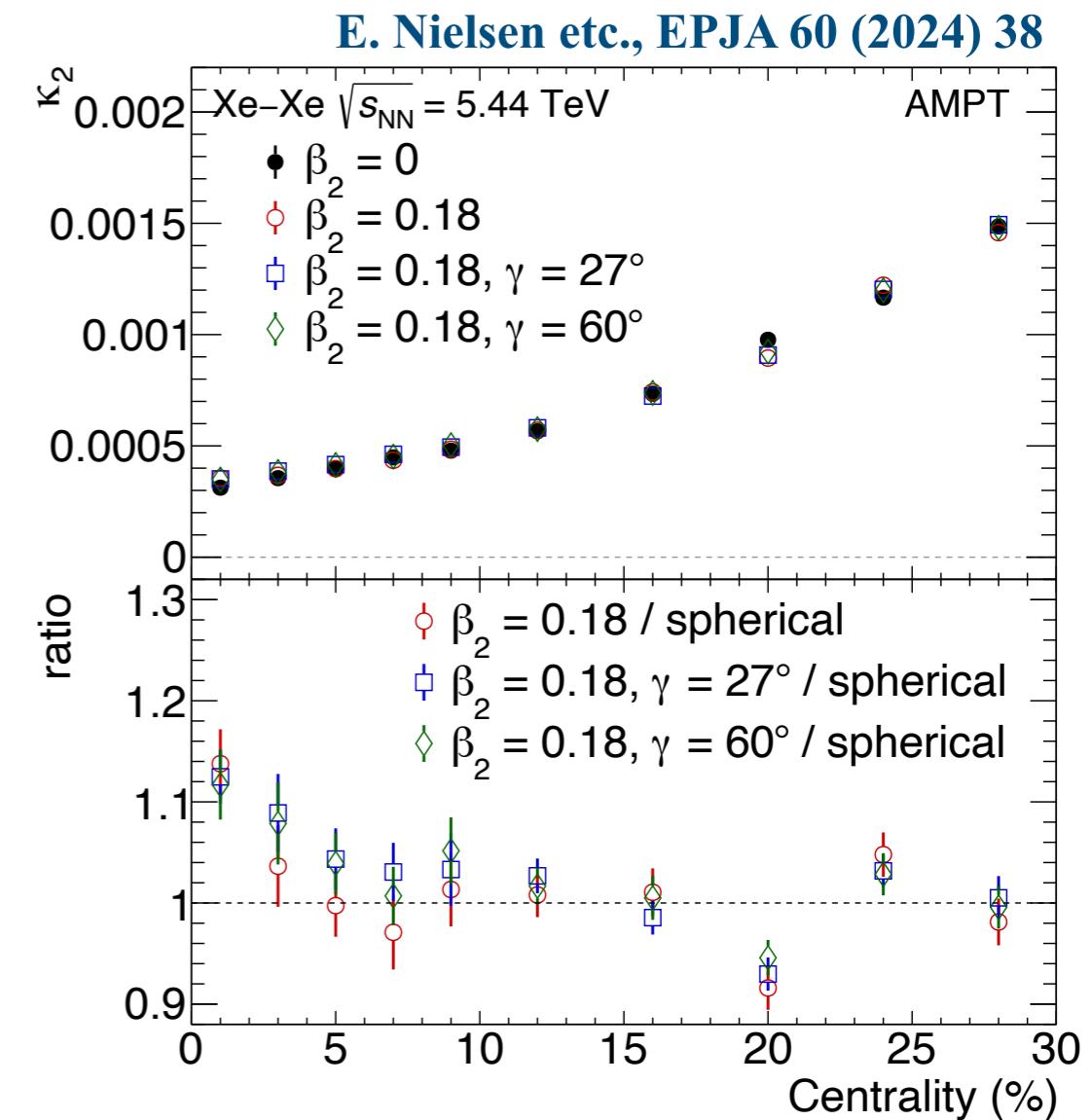
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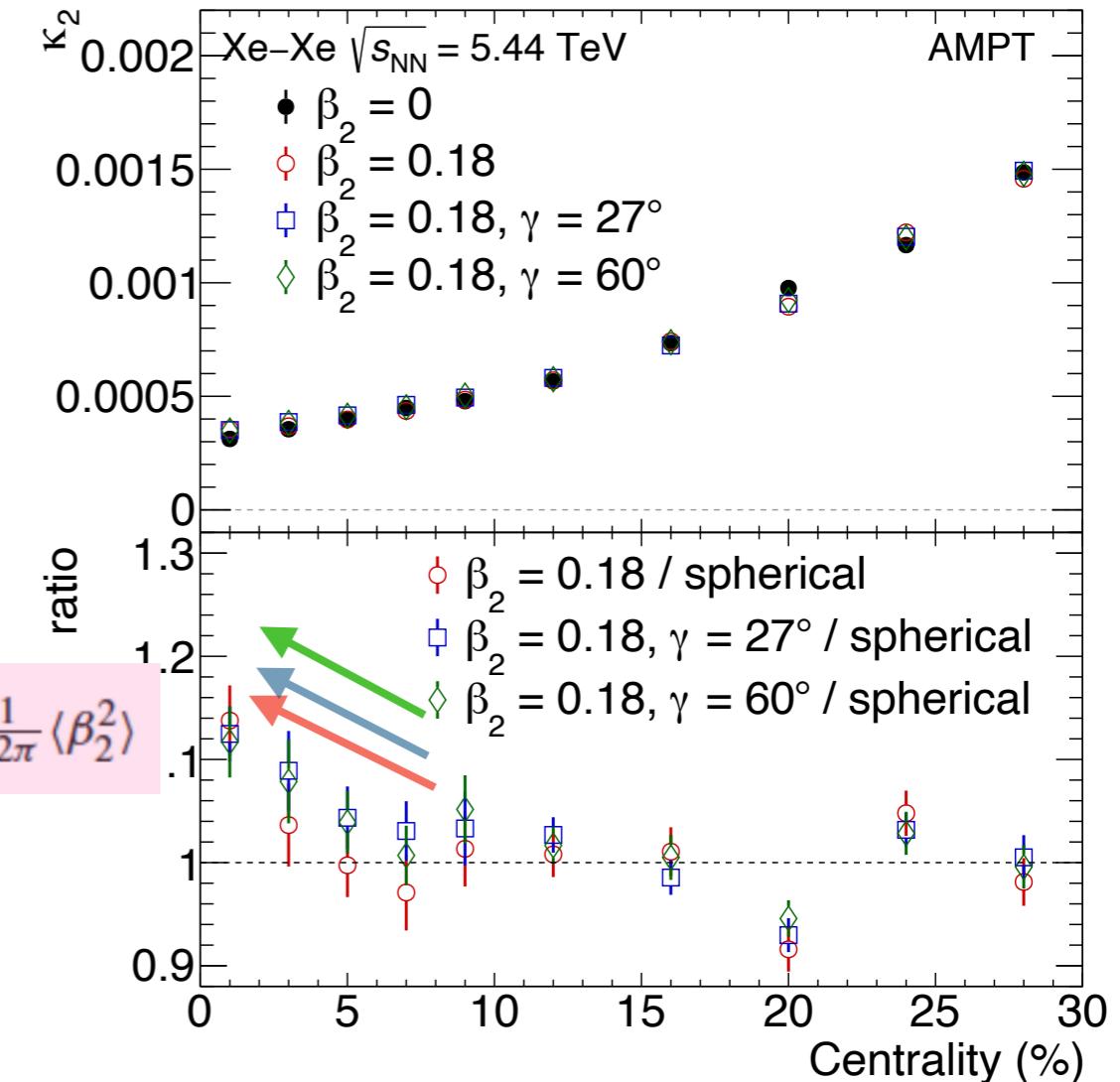
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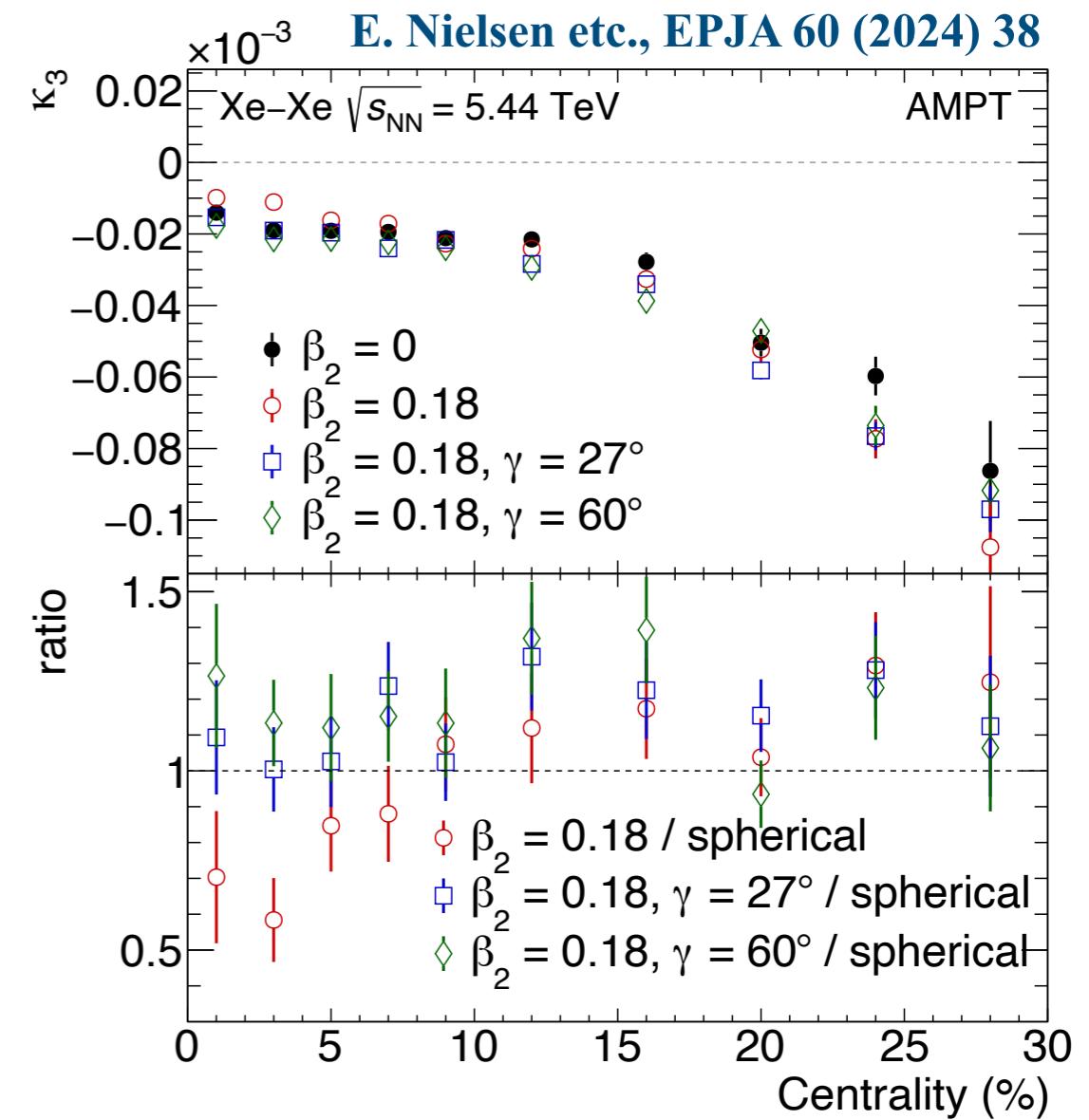
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$\kappa_8$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^8 \right\rangle - 28 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^6 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$ $+ 420 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^4 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2$ $- 35 \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^4 \right\rangle^2 - 630 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle^4$ $+ 560 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle^2 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$ $- 56 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^5 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle$	$\frac{5}{142748942336\pi^4} (2144142\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^4 - 3063060\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle \beta_2^4 \rangle$ $- 340\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle (2288(\cos(3\gamma)\beta_2^3)^2 - 35(49\langle \beta_2^6 \rangle$ $+ 4(\cos(6\gamma)\beta_2^6)) + 25(21879\langle \beta_2^4 \rangle^2$ $+ 14144(\cos(3\gamma)\beta_2^3)(\cos(3\gamma)\beta_2^5)$ $- 35(79\langle \beta_2^8 \rangle + 16(\cos(6\gamma)\beta_2^8)))$



# Probe NS with multi-particle [p<sub>T</sub>] correlations

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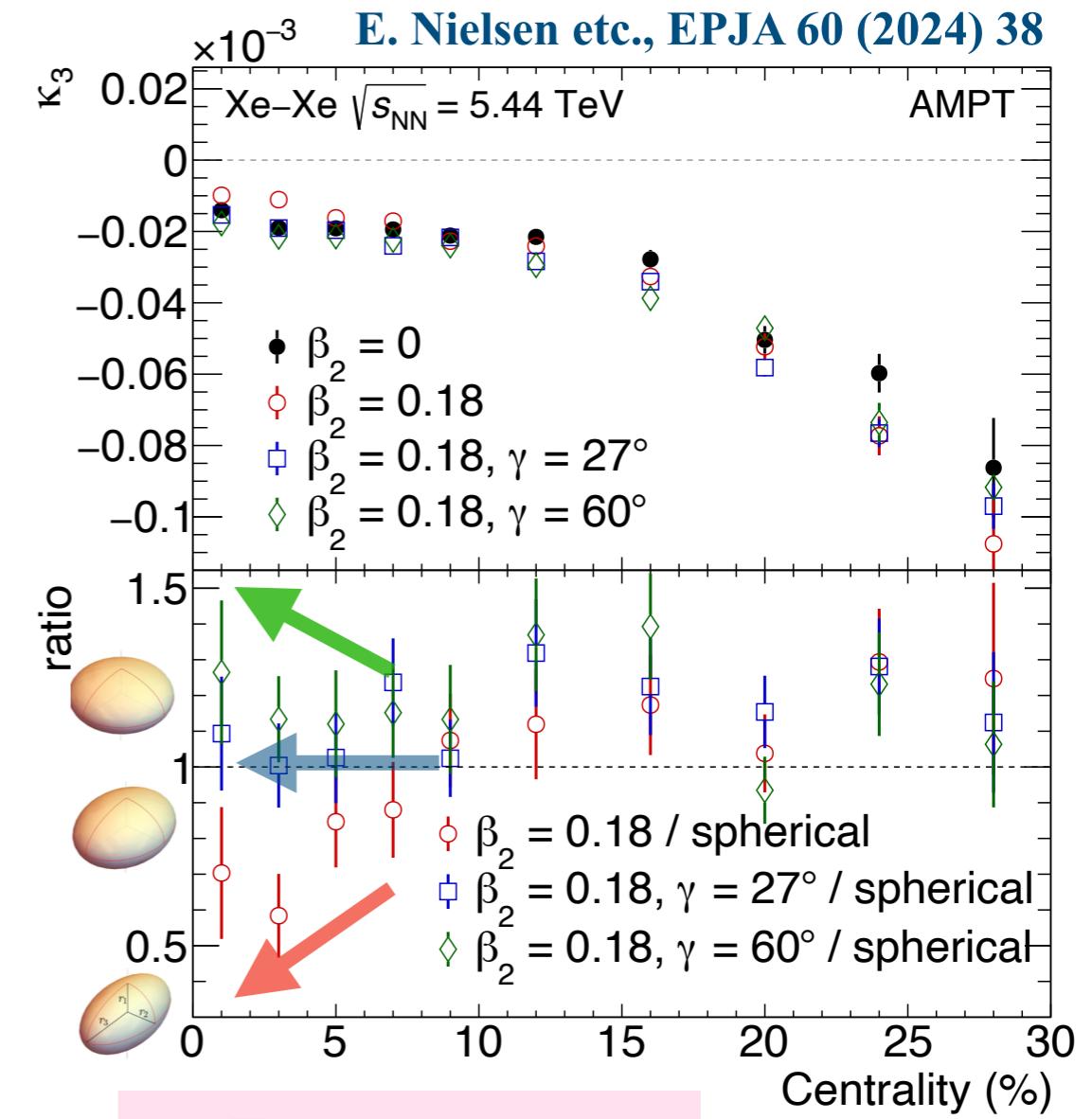
## Generic multi-particle transverse momentum correlations as a new tool for studying nuclear structure at the energy frontier

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**Table 2** The cumulants of  $d_{\perp}$  up to eighth order in a liquid-drop model potential averaged over random orientations. The first three entries are given in [29]

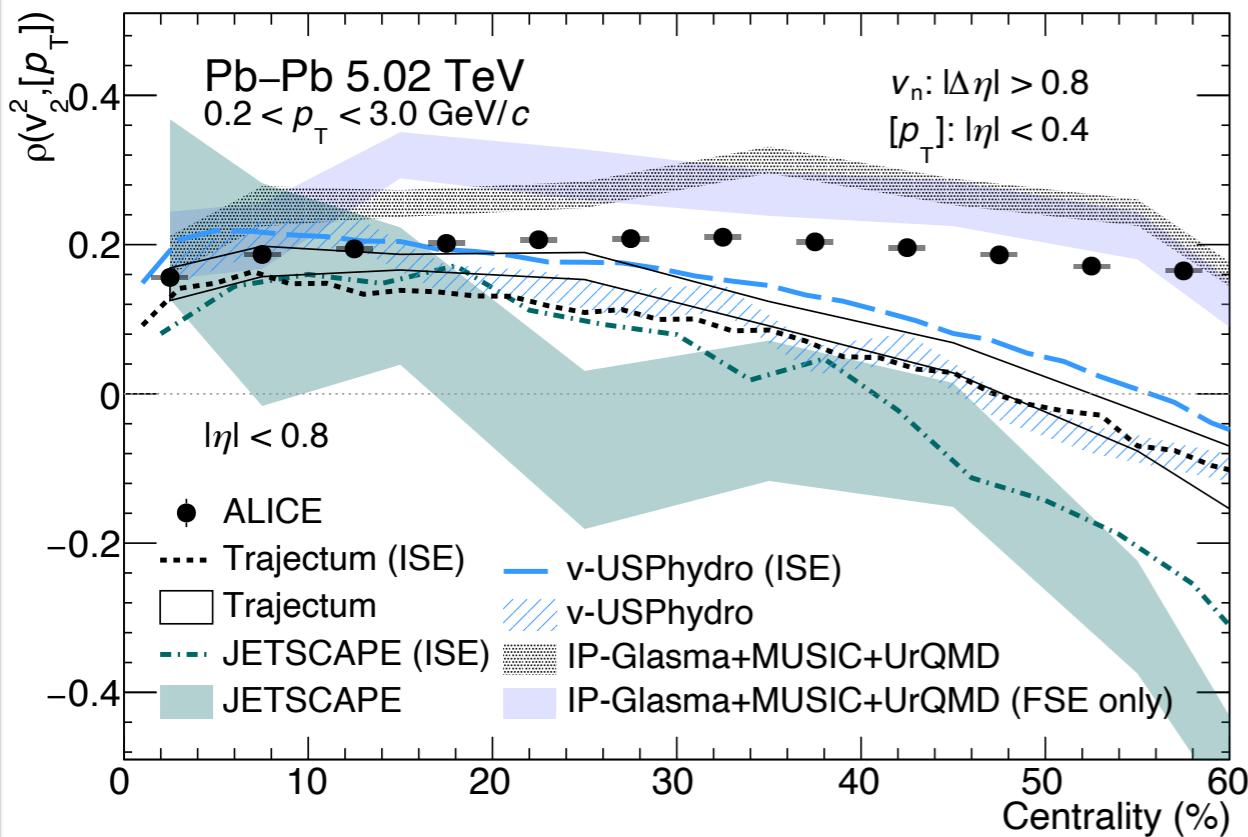
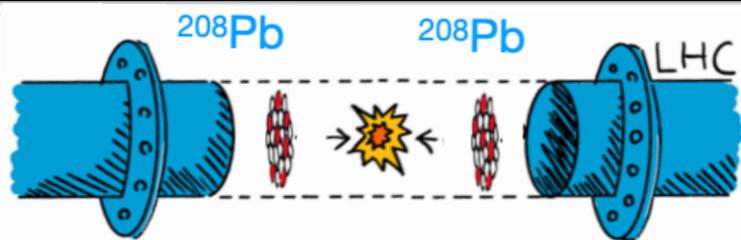
Final state Cumulant	Initial state Cumulant	Liquid-drop Model
$\kappa_2$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$	$\frac{1}{32\pi} \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle$
$\kappa_3$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle$	$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{896\pi^{3/2}} \langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle$
$\kappa_4$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^4 \right\rangle - 3 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2$	$-\frac{3}{14336\pi^2} (7\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^2 - 5\langle \beta_2^4 \rangle)$
$\kappa_5$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^5 \right\rangle - 10 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$	$-\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{315392\pi^{5/2}} (11\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle - 5\langle \beta_2^5 \rangle)$
$\kappa_6$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^6 \right\rangle - 15 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^4 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle + 30 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle^3 - 10 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle^2$	$\frac{5}{918412504\pi^3} (42042\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^3 - 5720\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle^2 - 45045\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle \langle \beta_2^4 \rangle + 8575\langle \beta_2^6 \rangle + 700\langle \cos(6\gamma) \beta_2^6 \rangle)$
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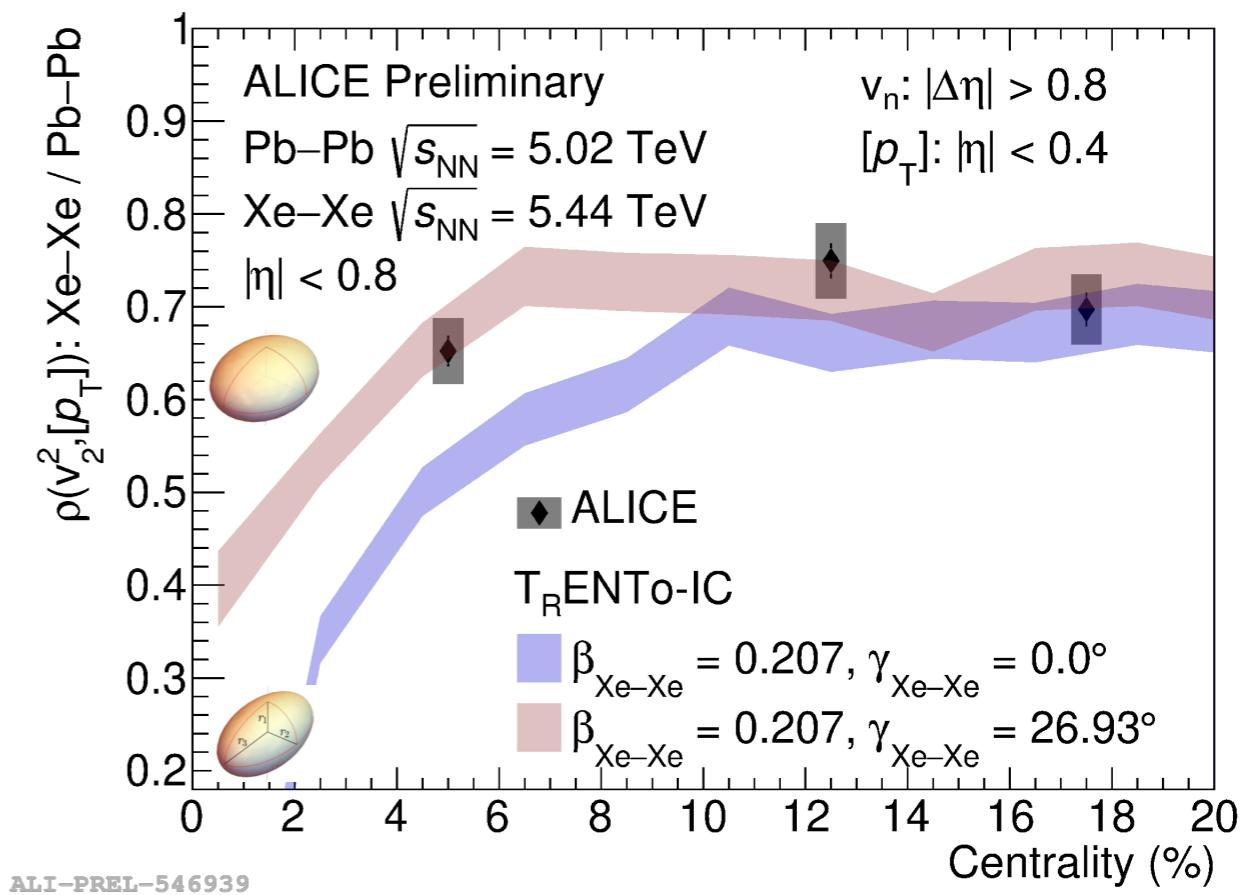
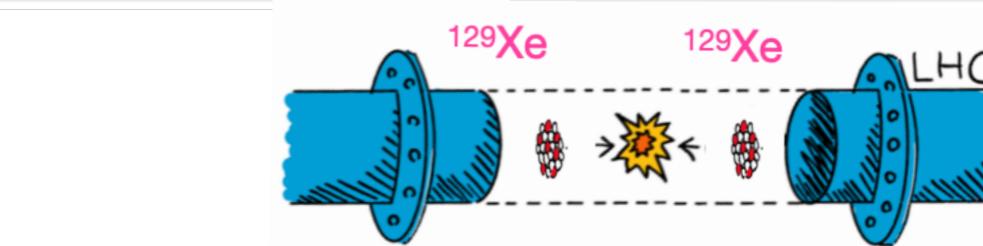
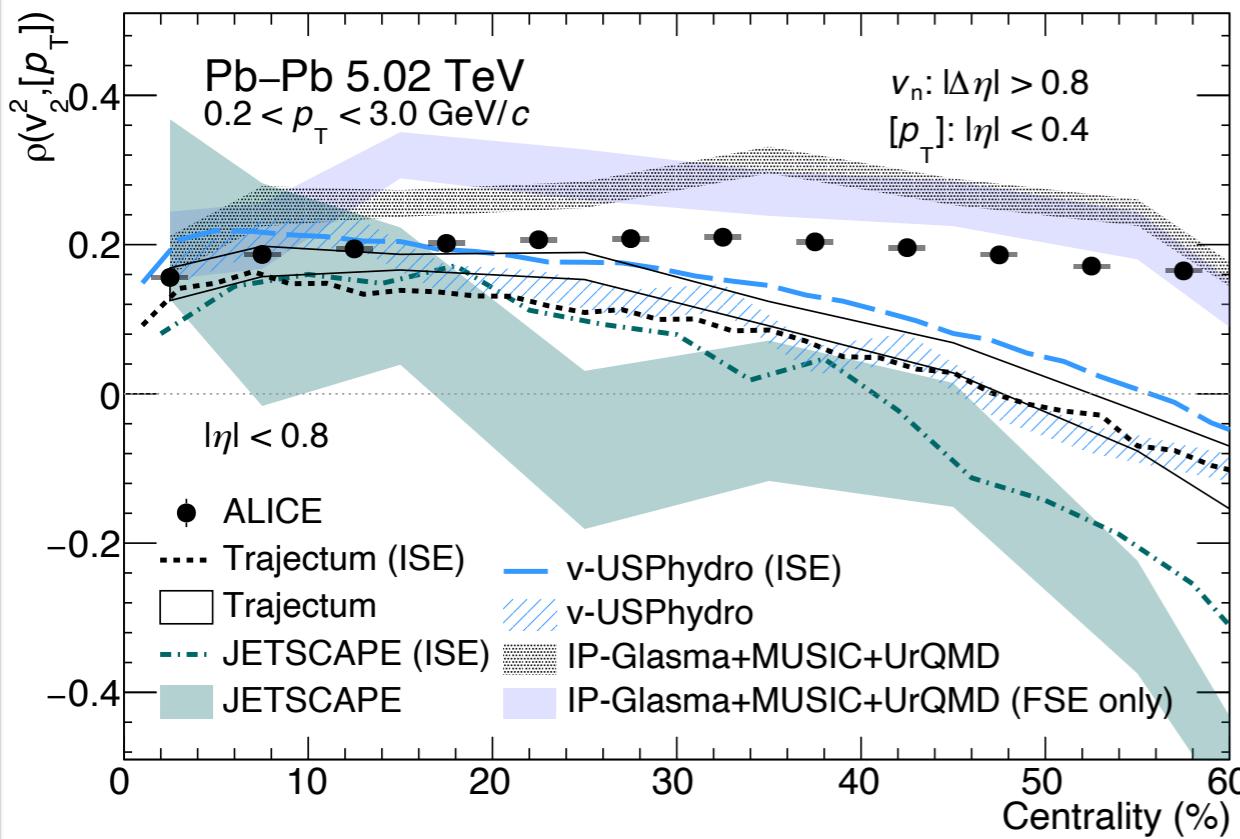
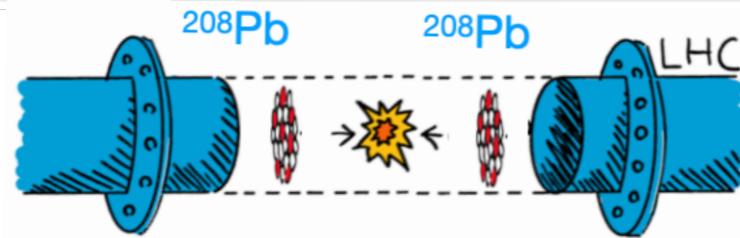
- Multi-particle [p<sub>T</sub>] correlation reflects the initial size fluctuations, also bring new information on the **triaxial** structure.



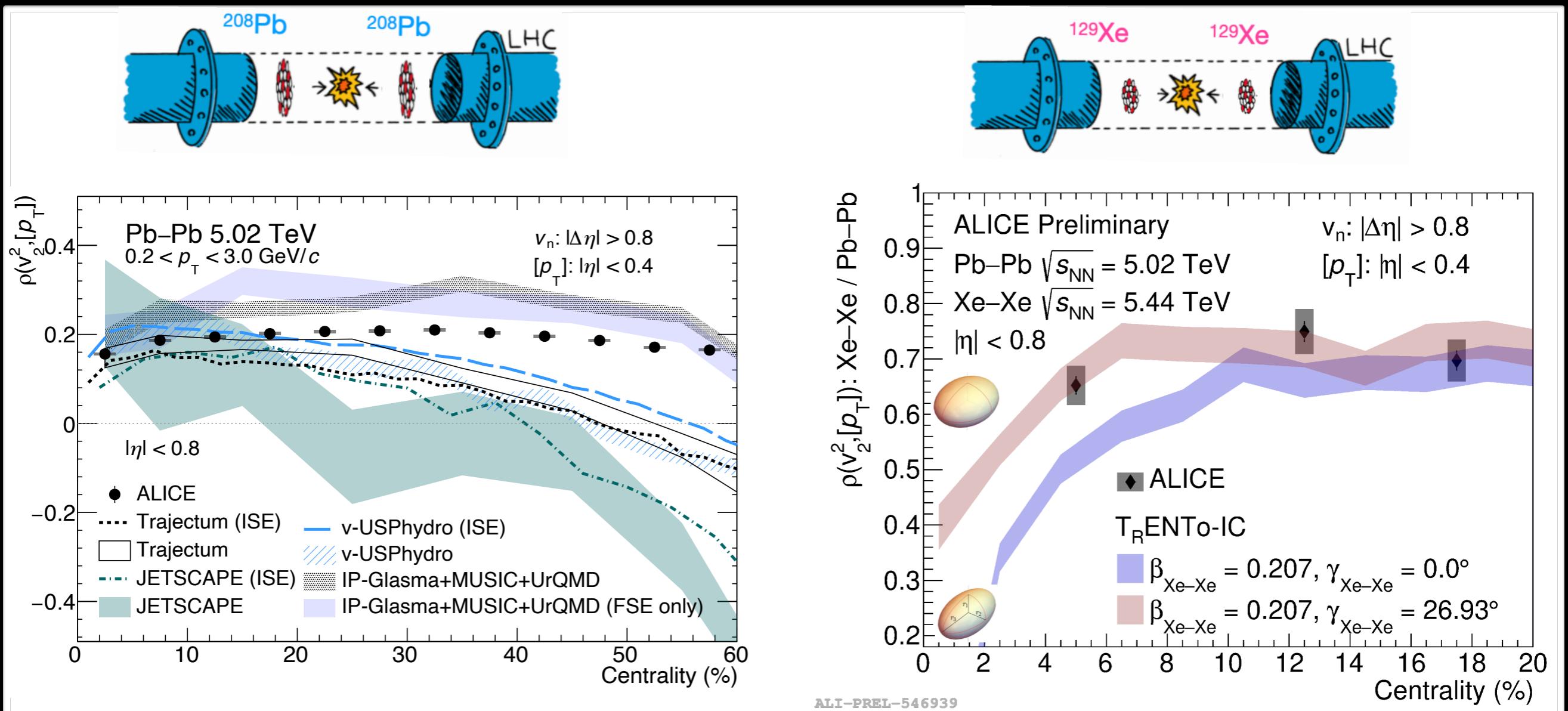
# Probe triaxial structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$



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- ❖ Better agreement between LHC data and calculations with  $\gamma = 26.93^\circ$ 
  - First study of triaxial structure of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  at high energy collisions at the LHC
  - Similar results confirmed by ATLAS
  - **Evidence of triaxial structure of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ ?** B. Bally etc, PRL128 (2022) 8, 082301



# Probe $\gamma$ -soft structure of $^{129}\text{Xe}$

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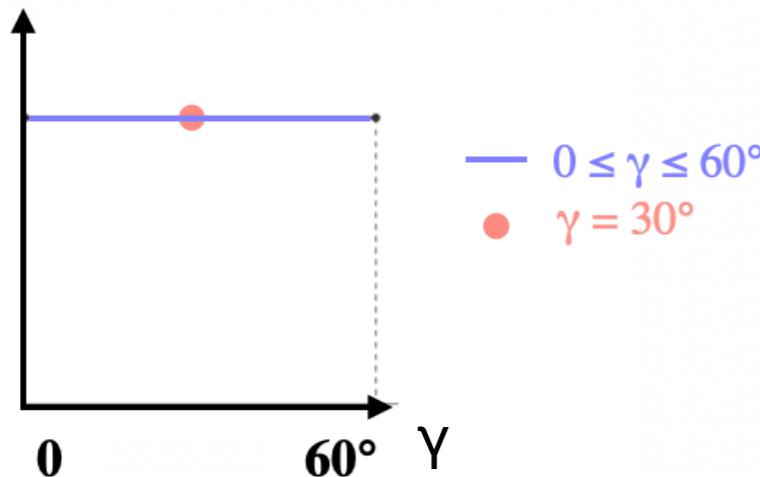
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[Submitted on 12 Mar 2024]

## Exploring the Nuclear Shape Phase Transition in Ultra-Relativistic $^{129}\text{Xe} + ^{129}\text{Xe}$ Collisions at the LHC

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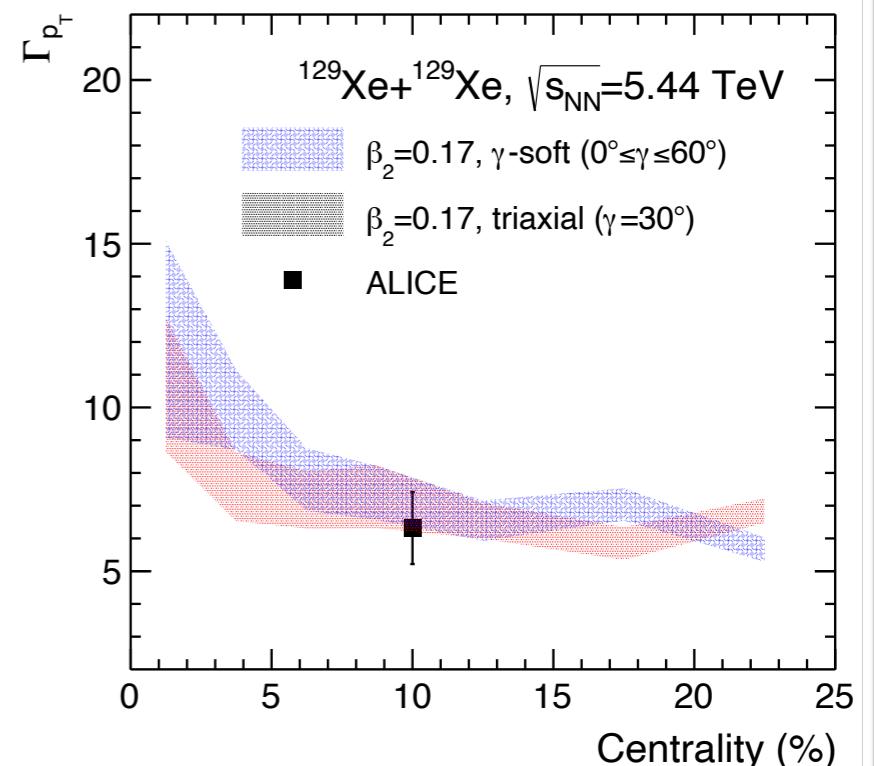
The shape phase transition for certain isotope or isotone chains, associated with the quantum phase transition of finite nuclei, is an intriguing phenomenon in nuclear physics. A notable case is the Xe isotope chain, where the structure transits from a  $\gamma$ -soft rotor to a spherical vibrator, with the second-order shape phase transition occurring in the vicinity of  $^{128-130}\text{Xe}$ . In this letter, we focus on investigating the  $\gamma$ -soft deformation of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  associated with the second-order shape phase transition by constructing novel correlators for ultra-relativistic  $^{129}\text{Xe} + ^{129}\text{Xe}$  collisions. In particular, our iEBE-VISHNU model calculations show that the  $v_2^2 - [p_T]$  correlation  $\rho_2$  and the mean transverse momentum fluctuation  $\Gamma_{p_T}$ , which were previously interpreted as the evidence for the rigid triaxial deformation of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ , can also be well explained by the  $\gamma$ -soft deformation of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ . We also propose two novel correlators  $\rho_{4,2}$  and  $\rho_{2,4}$ , which carry non-trivial higher-order correlations and show unique capabilities to distinguish between the  $\gamma$ -soft and the rigid triaxial deformation of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  in  $^{129}\text{Xe} + ^{129}\text{Xe}$  collisions at the LHC. The present study also provides a novel way to explore the second-order shape phase transition of finite nuclei with ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions.



- ❖ As soon as the  $\langle \cos(3\gamma) \rangle$  is the same, the  $\rho_2$  and  $\Gamma_{p_T}$  are identical
  - One can **NOT** distinguish triaxial (fixed  $\gamma = 30^\circ$ ) and  $\gamma$ -soft (fluctuating  $\gamma$ ) structures with existing 3-particle correlations

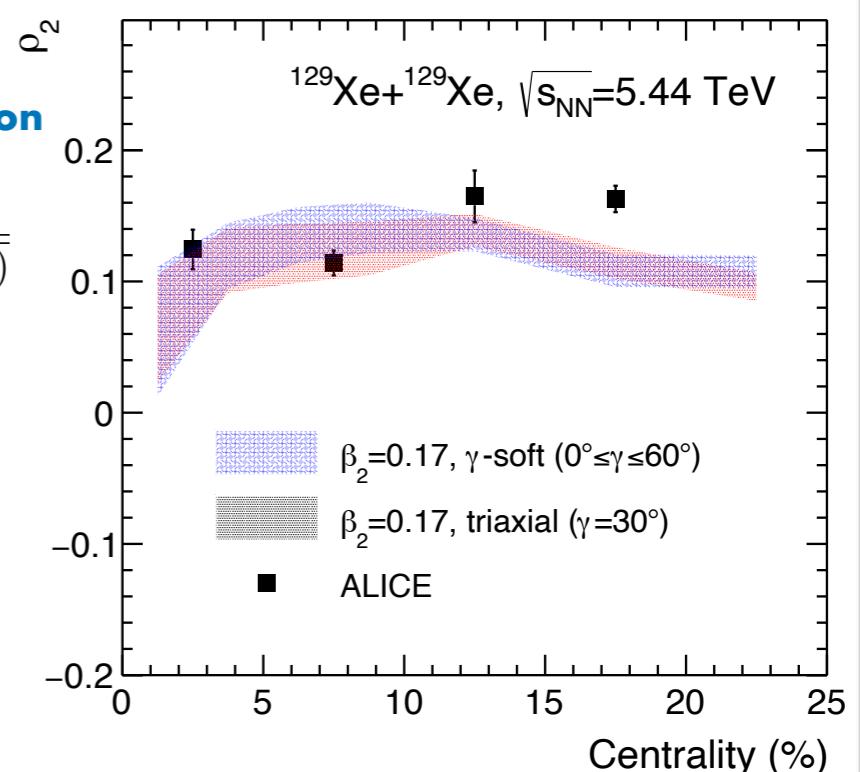
### 3-particle $[p_T]$ correlation

$$\Gamma_{p_T} = \frac{\langle \delta p_{T,i} \delta p_{T,j} \delta p_{T,k} \rangle \langle [I] \rangle}{\langle \delta p_{T,i} \delta p_{T,j} \rangle^2}$$

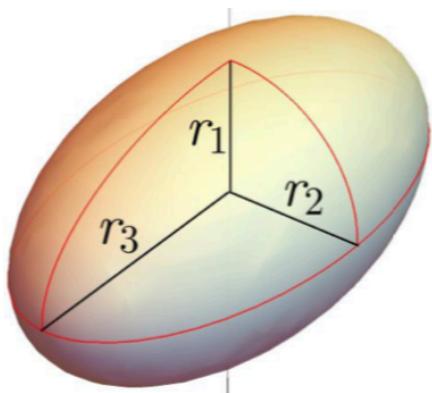


### 3-particle $v_n^2 - [p_T]$ correlation

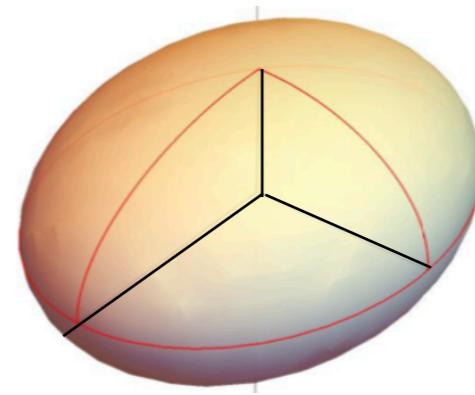
$$\rho_2 \equiv \frac{\text{cov}(v_2\{2\}^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{var}(v_2\{2\}^2)} \sqrt{\text{var}([p_T])}}$$



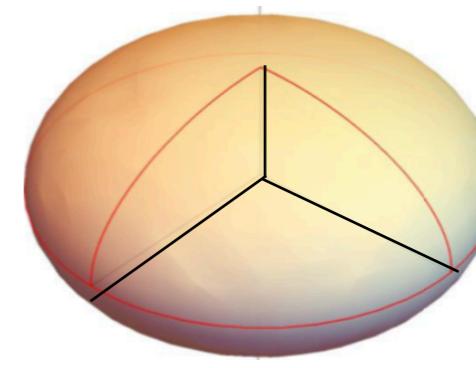
# Simple logic



$\gamma = 0$   
 $r_1 = r_2 < r_3$   
prolate

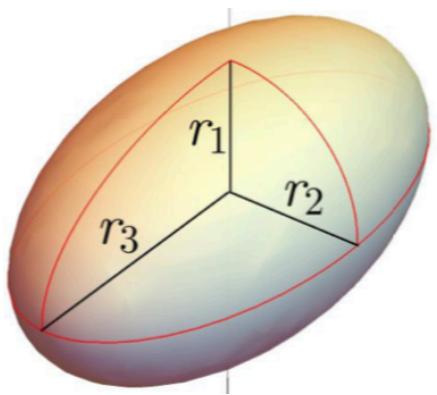


$\gamma = 30^\circ$   
 $r_1 \neq r_2 \neq r_3$   
triaxial

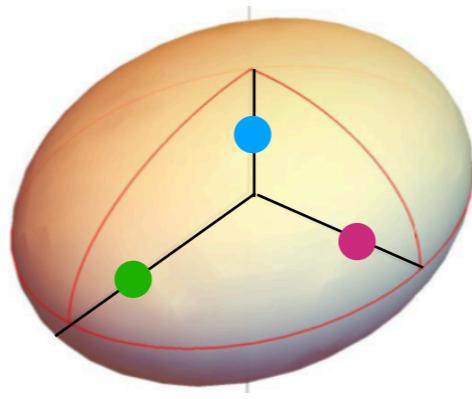


$\gamma = 60^\circ$   
 $r_1 < r_2 = r_3$   
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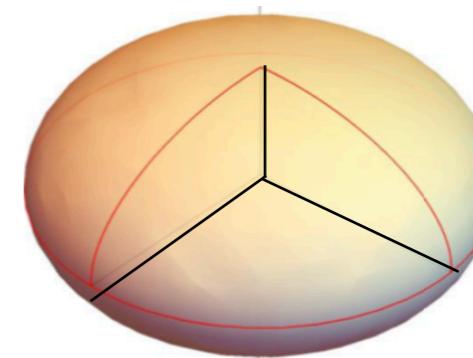
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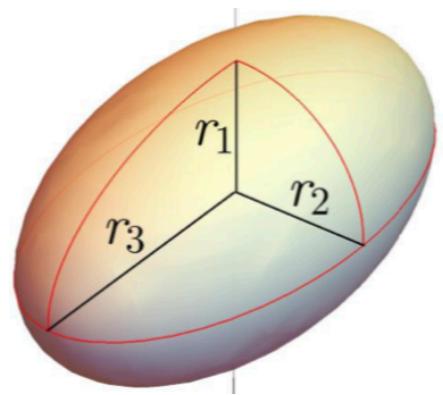
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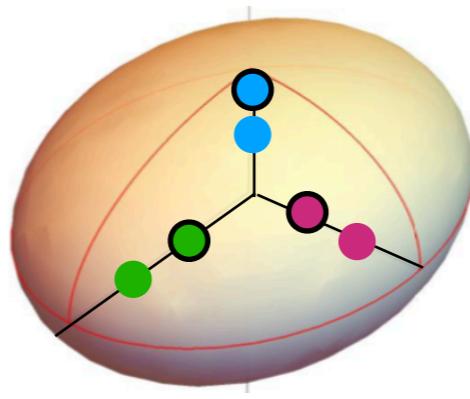
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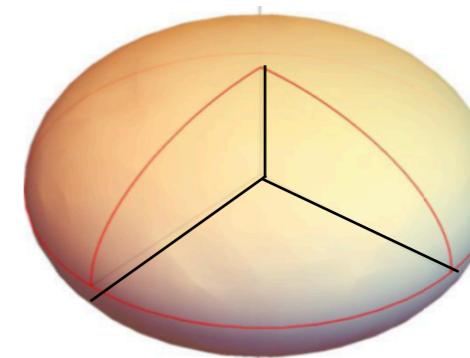
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- ❖ To probe the relation of  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$  and  $r_3$ , we need 3-particle correlations
- ❖ To probe the  $\gamma$  fluctuations, we need 6-particle correlations

# New probe for the $\gamma$ -soft structure

New proposals:

$$\rho_{4,2} \equiv \left( \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \rangle \langle d_\perp \rangle^2} \right)_c \equiv \frac{1}{\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \rangle \langle d_\perp \rangle^2} [\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle + 4\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^4 \rangle \langle \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle - 4\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle - 4\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \delta d_\perp \rangle^2]$$

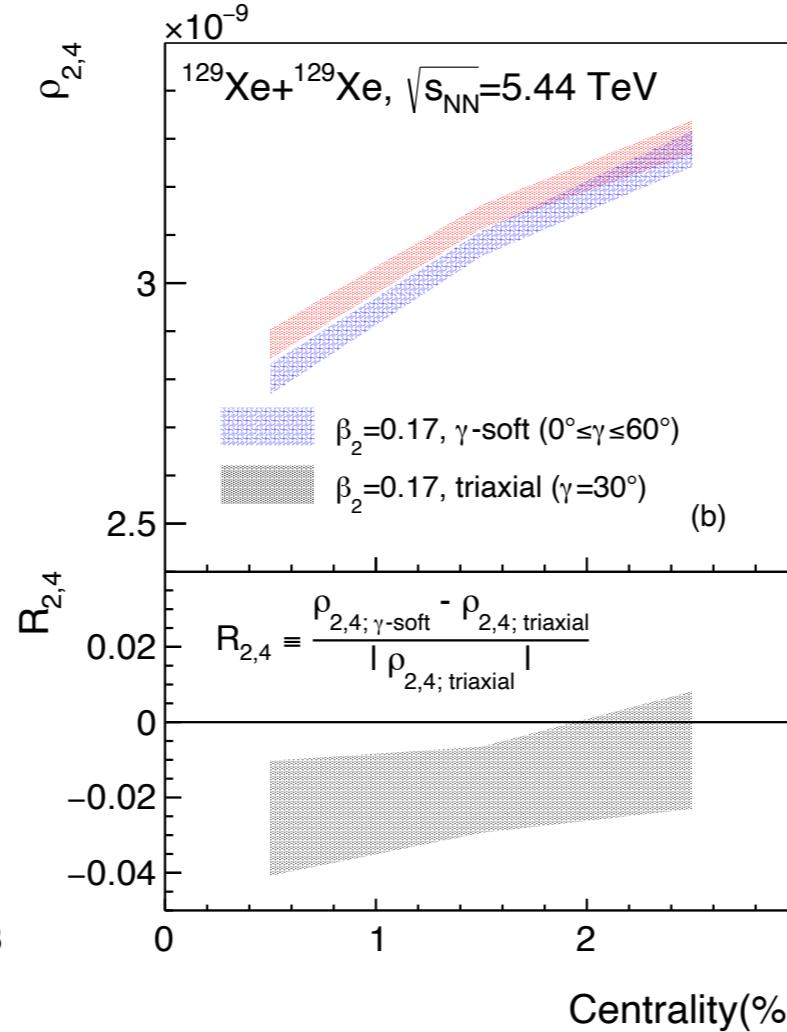
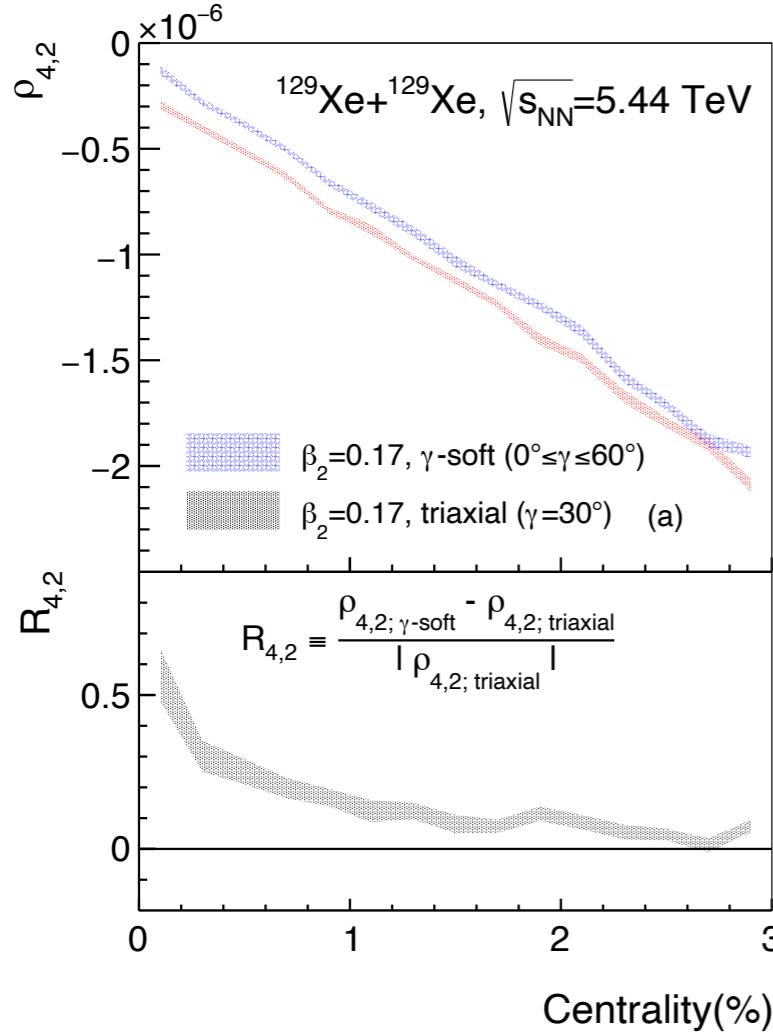
$$\rho_{2,4} \equiv \left( \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp^4 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle d_\perp \rangle^4} \right)_c \equiv \frac{1}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle d_\perp \rangle^4} [\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp^4 \rangle - 6\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle \langle \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle - 4\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp \rangle \langle \delta d_\perp^3 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \delta d_\perp^4 \rangle + 6\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle (\langle \delta d_\perp^2 \rangle)]$$

Expectations:



$$\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \rangle \rho_{4,2} = A \beta_2^6 (53 + 16 \langle \cos(6\gamma) \rangle) + f_{4,2}(\beta_2^6, \langle \cos(3\gamma) \rangle)$$

$$\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \rho_{2,4} = \frac{A}{16} \beta_2^6 (43 - 14 \langle \cos(6\gamma) \rangle) + f_{2,4}(\beta_2^6, \langle \cos(3\gamma) \rangle)$$



- The six-particle correlations allow to differentiate triaxial (fixed  $\gamma = 30^\circ$ ) and  $\gamma$ -soft (fluctuating  $\gamma$ ) structures.

- Difference in  $\rho_{4,2}$  can reach 50% in the ultra-central collisions.

- Opening a new pathway to probe nuclear shape phase transition at the ultra-relativistic energies.**



# Massive Pb-Pb data



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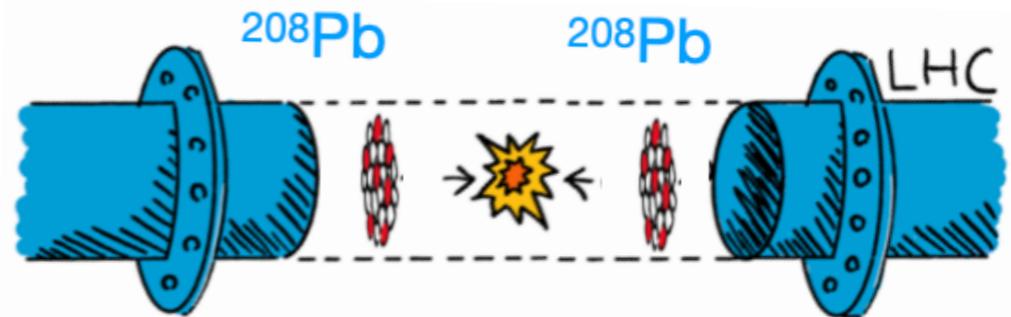
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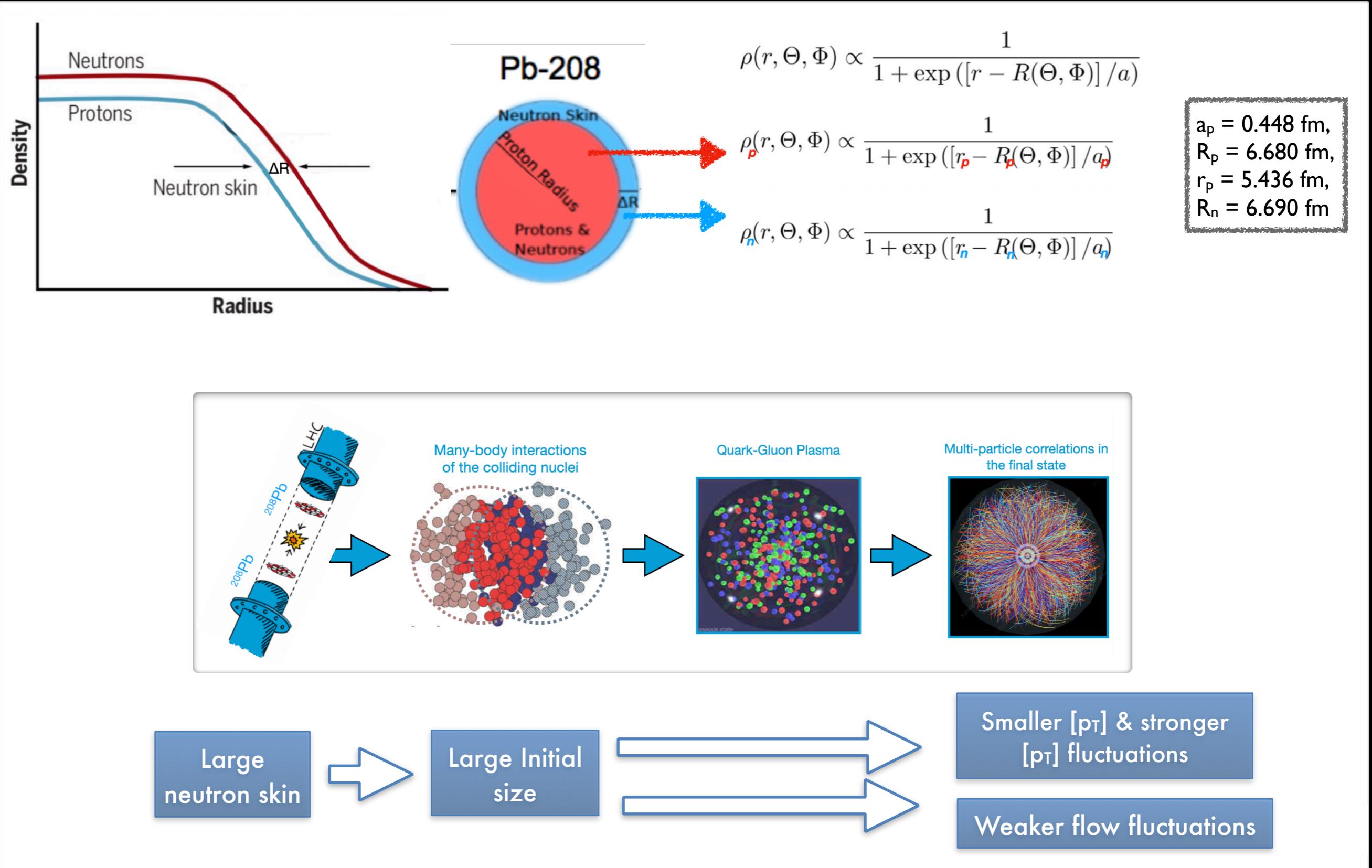
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**8 hours** data taken

**4-6 weeks** each period



# Neutron skin study at High Energy



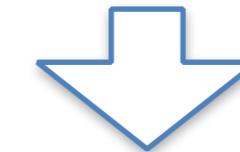
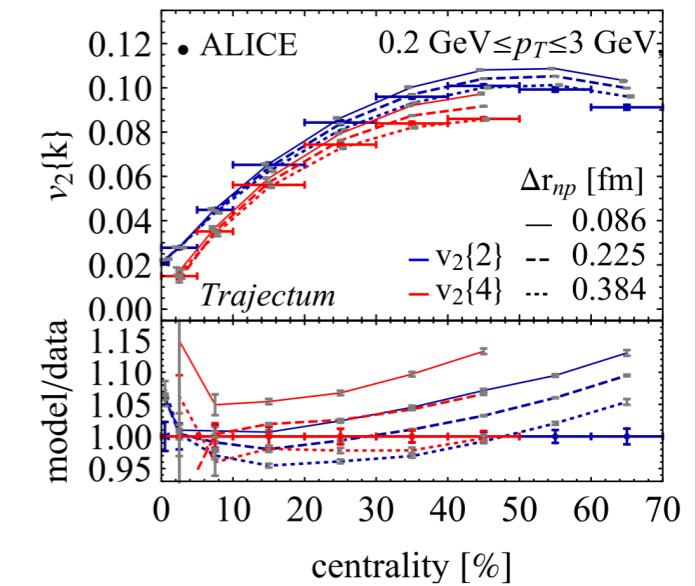
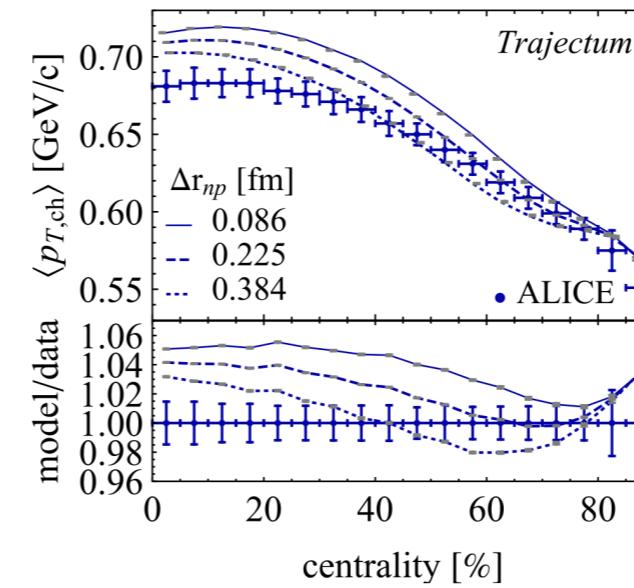
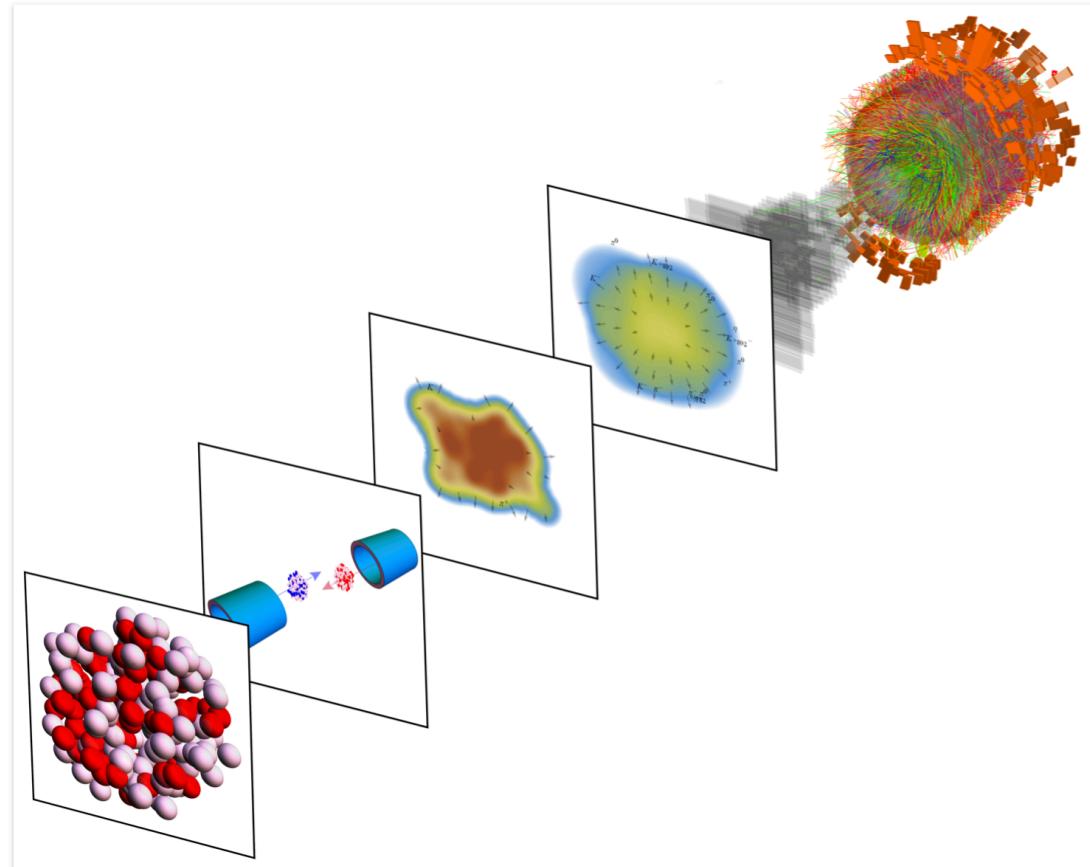
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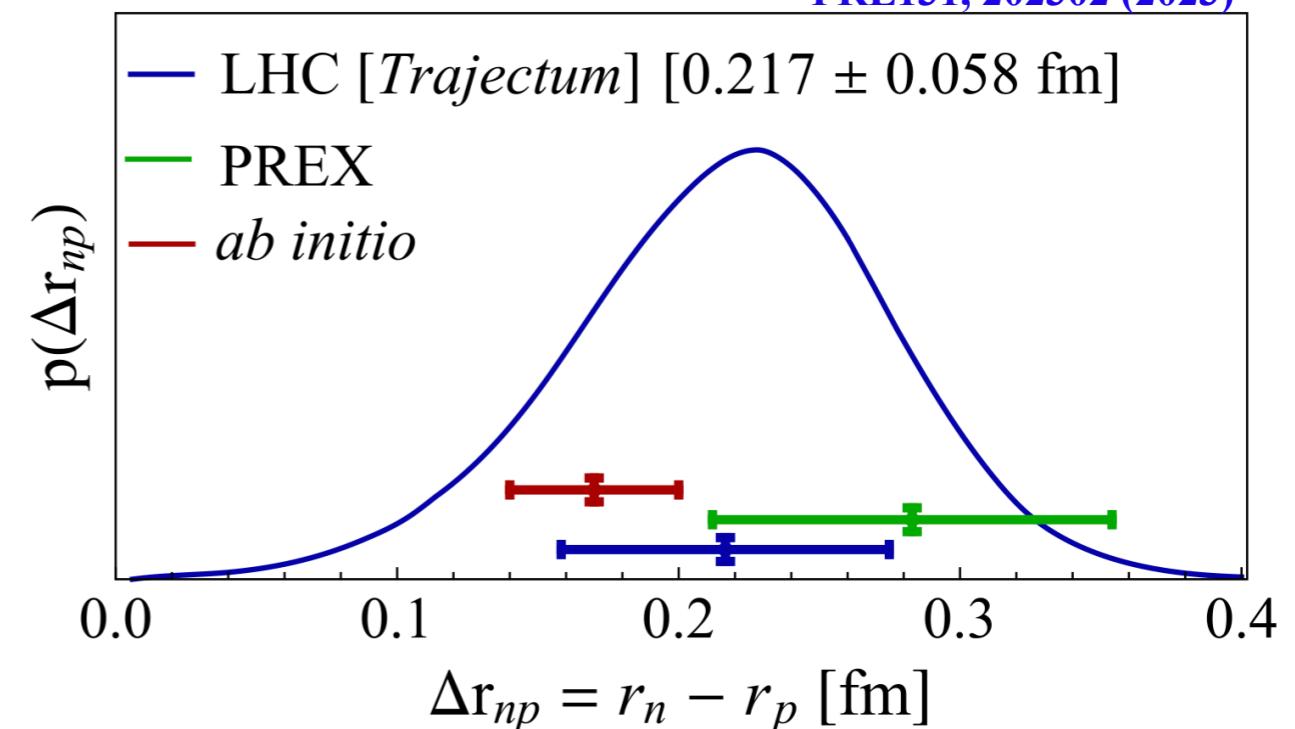
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This is the first measurement of the neutron skin of lead-208 using exchanges predominantly involving gluons and it can provide insight into the structure of nuclei and neutron stars

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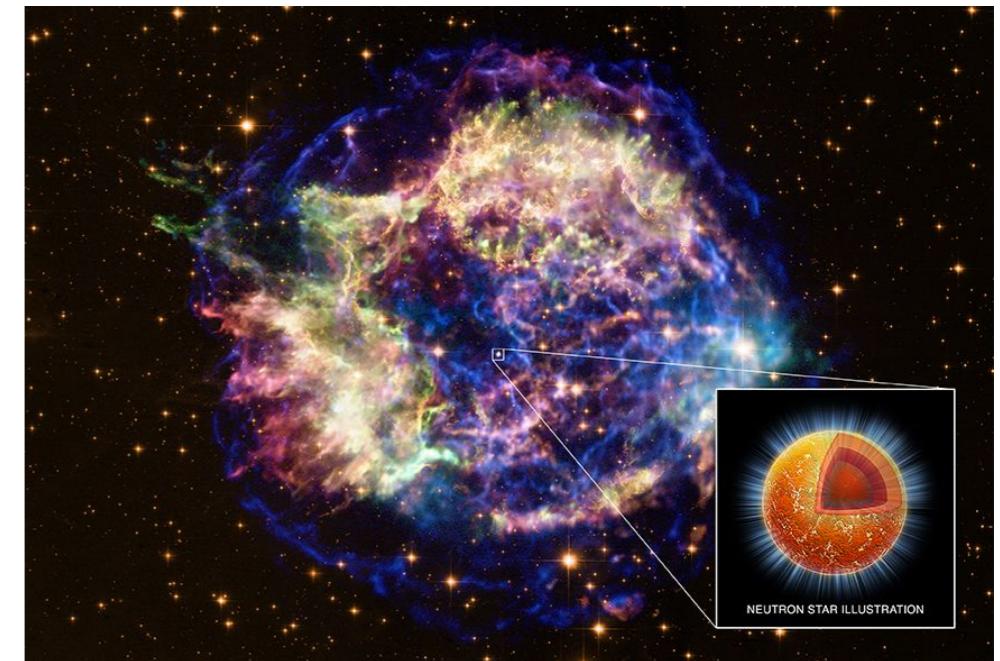
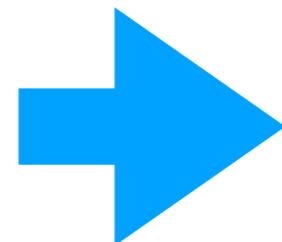
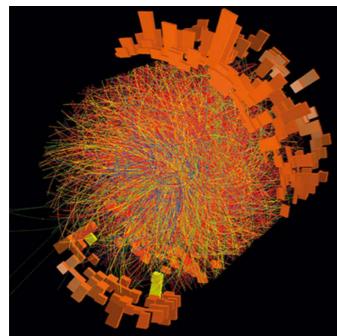
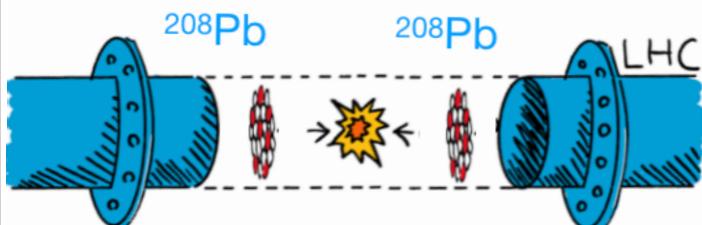
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Jiaxuan Luo, Xinpai Li, Zebo Tang, Xin Wu, and Wangmei Zha  
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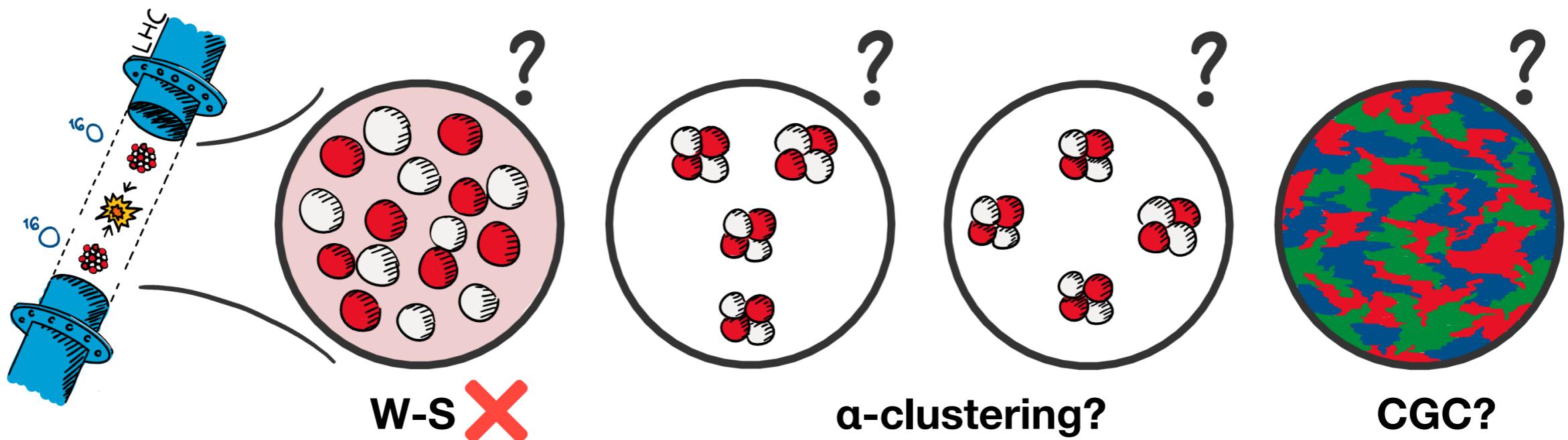
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**Nuclear deformation effects in photoproduction of  $\rho$  mesons in ultraperipheral isobaric collisions**

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# O-O collisions at the LHC in 2025



arXiv: 2402.05995

The unexpected uses of a bowling pin: exploiting  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  isotopes for precision characterizations of collectivity in small systems

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arXiv: 2404.08385

*Ab-initio* nucleon-nucleon correlations and their impact on high energy  $^{16}\text{O} + ^{16}\text{O}$  collisions

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Investigating nucleon-nucleon correlations inherent to the strong nuclear force is one of the core goals in nuclear physics research. We showcase the unique opportunities offered by collisions of  $^{16}\text{O}$  nuclei at high-energy facilities to reveal detailed many-body properties of the nuclear ground state. We interface existing knowledge about the geometry of  $^{16}\text{O}$  coming from *ab-initio* calculations of nuclear structure with transport simulations of high-energy  $^{16}\text{O} + ^{16}\text{O}$  collisions. Bulk observables in these processes, such as the elliptic flow or the fluctuations of the mean transverse momentum, are found to depend significantly on the input nuclear model and to be sensitive to realistic clustering and short-range repulsive correlations, effectively opening a new avenue to probe these features experimentally. This finding demonstrates collisions of oxygen nuclei as a tool to elucidate initial conditions of small collision systems while fostering connections with effective field theories of nuclei rooted in quantum chromodynamics (QCD).

arXiv:2404.09780

Nuclear cluster structure effect in  $^{16}\text{O} + ^{16}\text{O}$  collisions at the top RHIC energy

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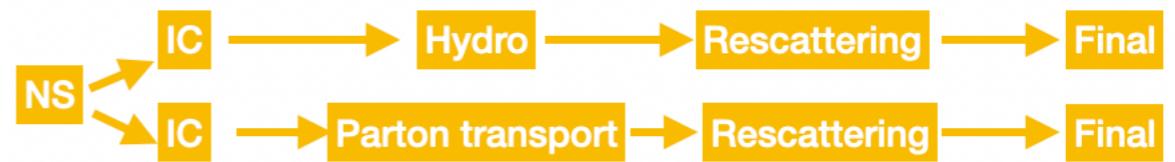
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The impact of nuclear structure has garnered considerable attention in the high-energy nuclear physics community in recent years. This work focuses on studying the potential nuclear cluster structure in  $^{16}\text{O}$  nuclei using anisotropic flow observables in  $\text{O} + \text{O}$  collisions at 200 GeV. Employing an improved AMPT model with various cluster structure configurations, we find that an extended effective parton formation time is necessary to align with the recent STAR experimental data. In addition, we reveal that the presented flow observables serve as sensitive probes for differentiating configurations of  $\alpha$ -clustering of  $^{16}\text{O}$  nuclei. The systematic AMPT calculations presented in this paper, along with comprehensive comparisons to forthcoming experimental measurements at RHIC and the LHC, pave the way for a novel approach to investigate the  $\alpha$ -clustering structure of  $^{16}\text{O}$  nuclei using  $\text{O} + \text{O}$  collisions at the ultra-relativistic energies.



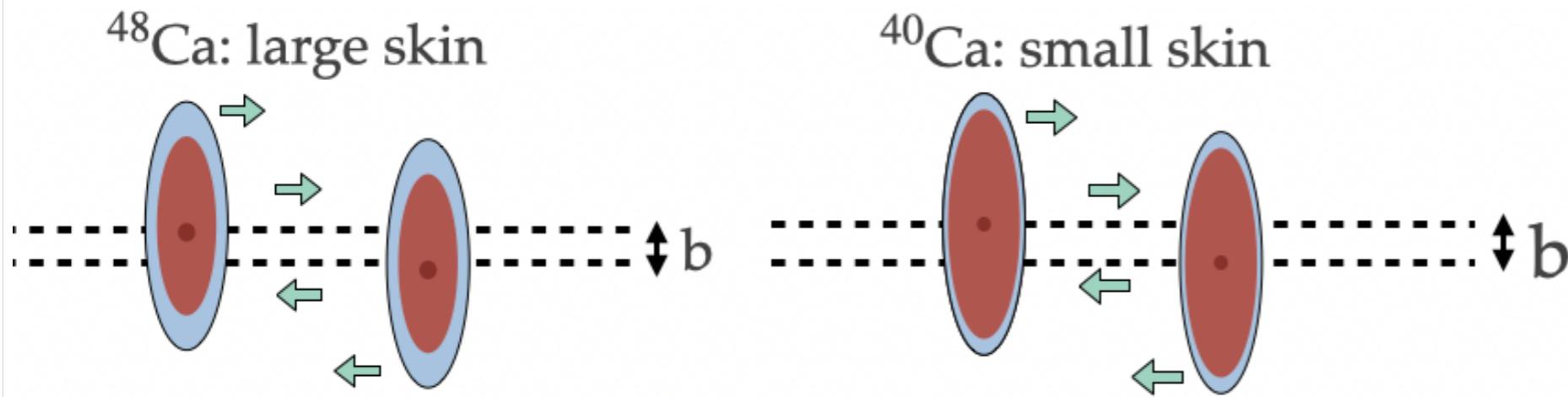
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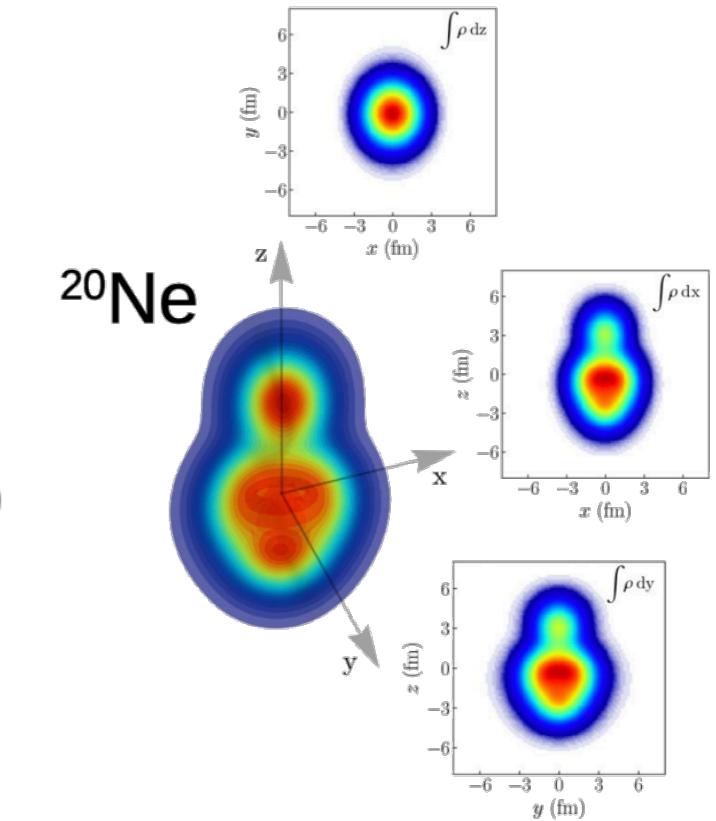
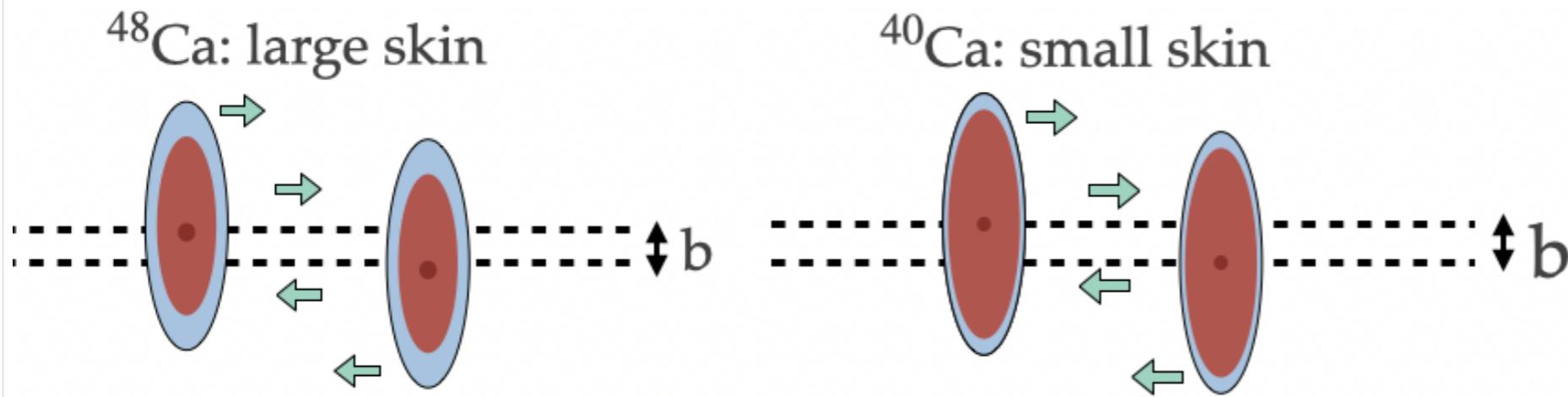
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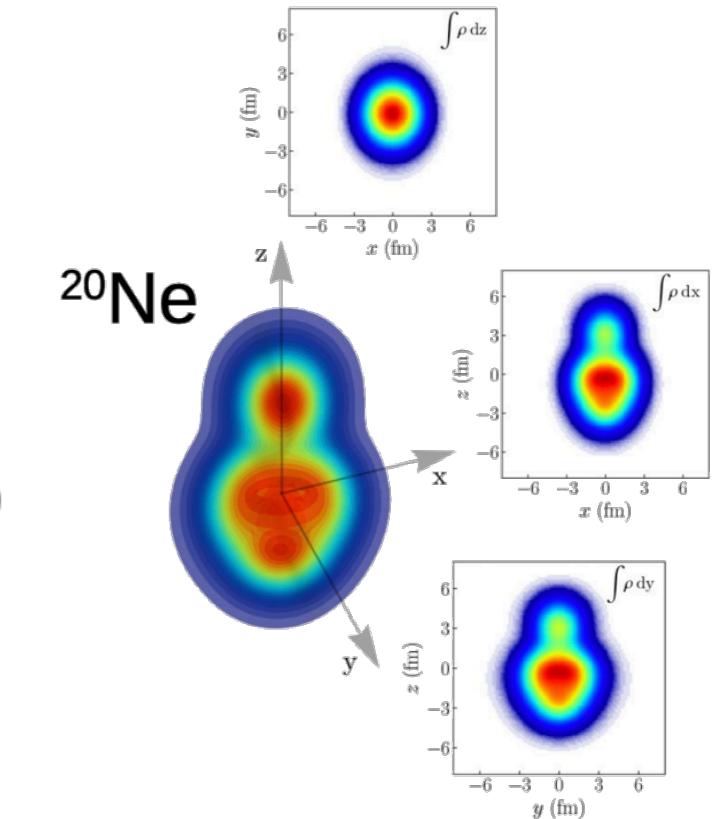
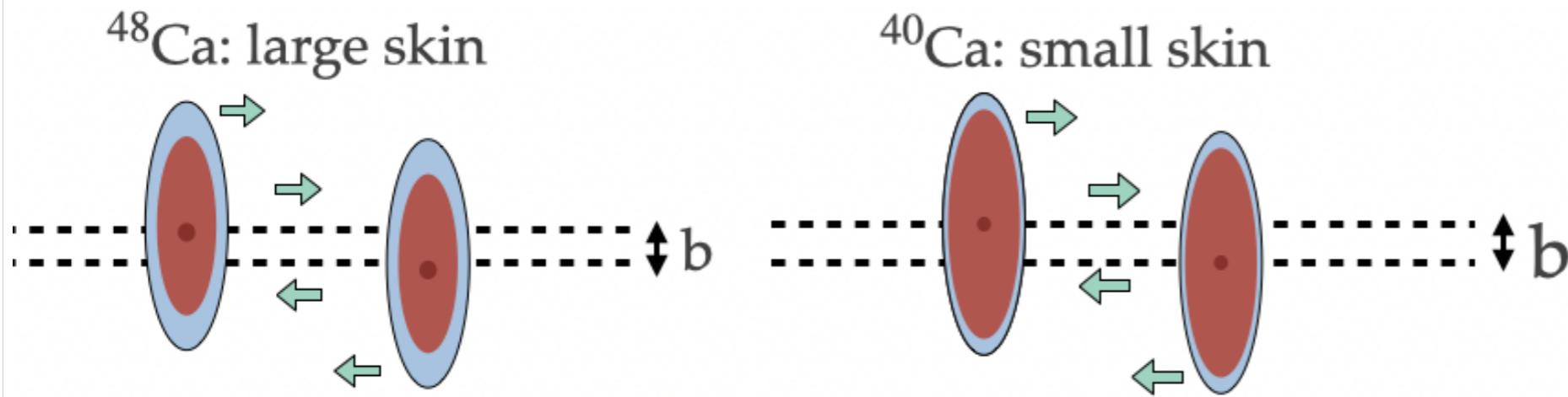
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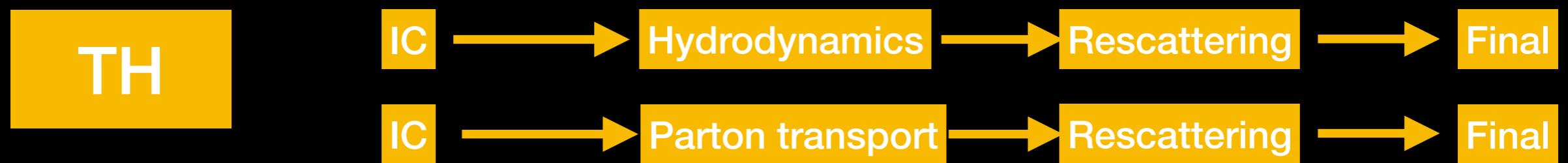


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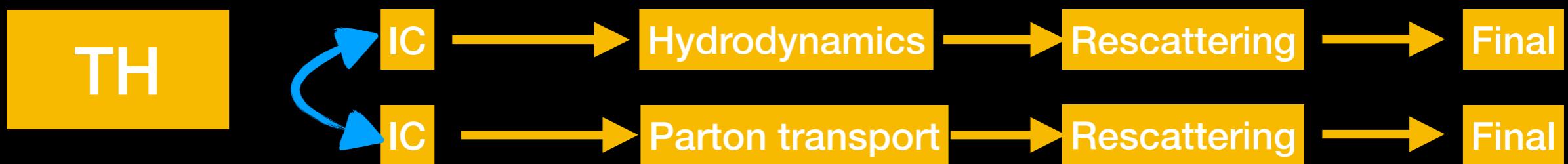


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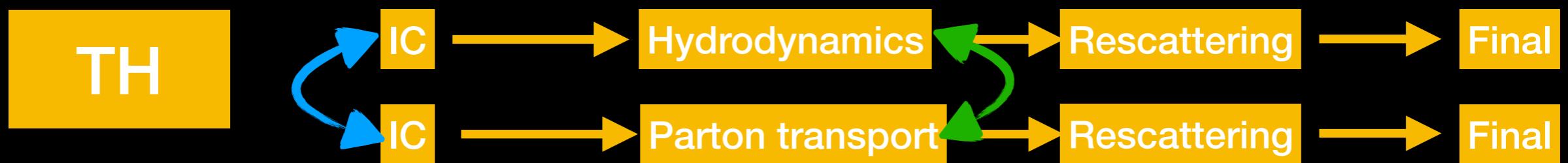
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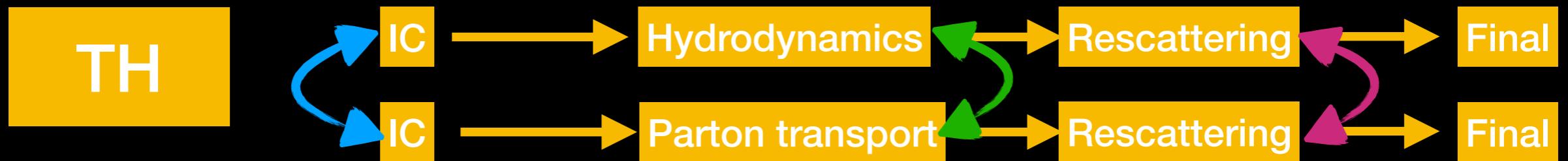
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**Q: Will the choices of hadronic rescattering models (SMASH, UrQMD, ART) matter for the NS study?**

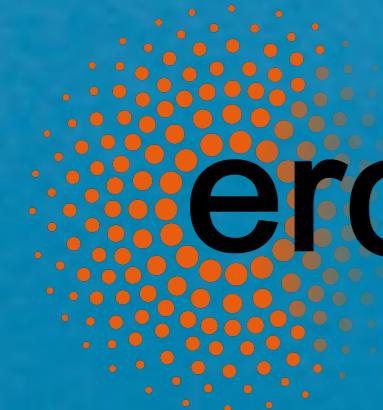


# Conclusion Remarks

- ★ The nuclear structure studies at the high energies (i.e., RHIC & LHC) can not replace the efforts of NS at low energies, OBVIOUSLY.
- ★ They complement each other
  - ★ *NS@LE covers much wider range in the nuclide chart*
  - ★ *NS@HE enables novel opportunity to resolve some challenging questions (many-body, shape etc) with a few selected nuclei*
- ★ The interactions between two communities are crucial
  - ★ *Can we have a unified description of nuclear structure through the entire energy scale from MeV to TeV*

Thanks !



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# Recent Activities @ High Energies

BNL (01.2022)

RIKEN BNL Research Center

## Physics Opportunities from the RHIC Isobar Run

This workshop will be held virtually.  
January 25–28, 2022

[link](#)

GSI (05.2022)



## EMMI Rapid Reaction Task Force: "Nuclear physics confronts relativistic collisions of isobars" (part 1/2)

30 May 2022 to 3 June 2022  
Heidelberg University

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GSI (10.2022)



## EMMI Rapid Reaction Task Force: "Nuclear physics confronts relativistic collisions of isobars" (part 2/2)

12-14 October 2022  
Heidelberg University

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CEA, Saclay  
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Deciphering nuclear phenomenology across energy scales

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## Intersection of nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions

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# Activities in 2024 and beyond

**PKU (04.2024)**  
**Beijing**

(Program + workshop  
for two communities)

**RHIC (0.2 TeV):**

- **U-U vs Au-Au**
- **Zr-Zr vs Ru-Ru**
- **O-O**

**LHC (~ 5 TeV):**

- **Xe-Xe vs Pb-Pb**
- **O-O**

## Exploring nuclear physics across energy scales 2024: intersection between nuclear structure and high energy nuclear collisions

15–26 Apr 2024

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**Introduction:** Recently, it has been realized that relativistic heavy ion collisions could provide new approaches to study some fundamental properties of atomic nuclei. It is therefore timely to gather scientists from both the low-energy and high-energy nuclear physics communities to discuss the recent progress and future perspective in this research direction. The two-week program+workshop on "Exploring Nuclear Physics across Energy Scales" emphasizes the intersection between nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions, with a focus on the following questions: How does the low-energy structure of nuclei manifest in high-energy collisions? How do the observations made at colliders complement our knowledge of nuclear structure? During the program days (April 15-18, April 23-26) the two invited speakers each day are expected to give a one-hour seminar with sufficient time for discussions. The embedded workshop (20-22 April) will be 3 days with 25-30 invited talks and 3 short discussion sections.

The scientific program includes the following topics, which emphasises the intersections between nuclear structure and high-energy collisions.

- Manifestation of nuclear deformations across energy scales
- Neutron skin determinations and applications
- Many-body correlations and clustering in light nuclei
- Bayesian analysis for high-energy collisions and nuclear structure
- Role of nuclear structure in low- and intermediate-energy collisions
- Connection to Ultra-peripheral Collisions (UPCs) and the future Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)
- Opportunities with colliding new species at future high-energy experiments



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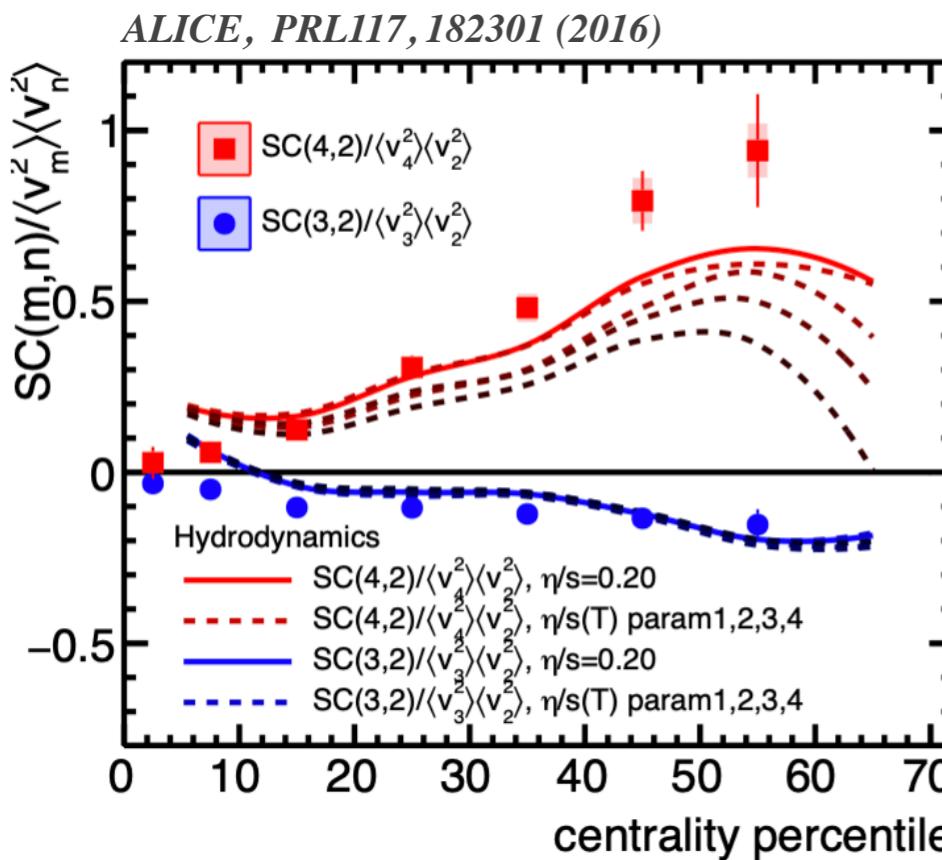
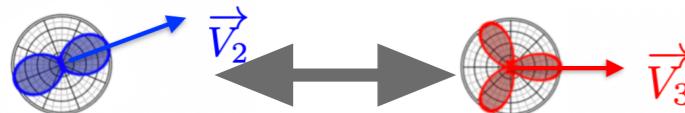
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# (Normalized) Symmetric Cumulant

How do  $v_n$  and  $v_m$  correlate

## Symmetric cumulants:

$$SC(m, n) = \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle$$



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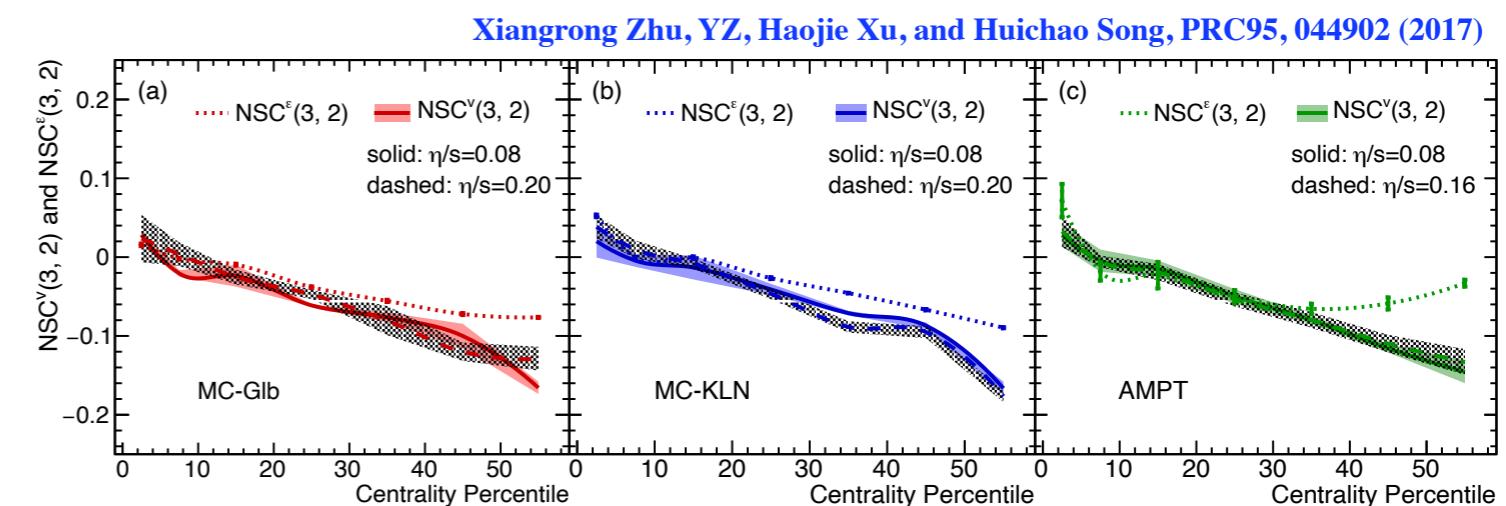
## Generic framework for anisotropic flow analyses with multiparticle azimuthal correlations

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$$v_2 \propto \varepsilon_2$$

$$v_3 \propto \varepsilon_3$$



$$\frac{\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle}{\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}$$

Or:  $NSC^v(3, 2) = NSC^e(3, 2)$

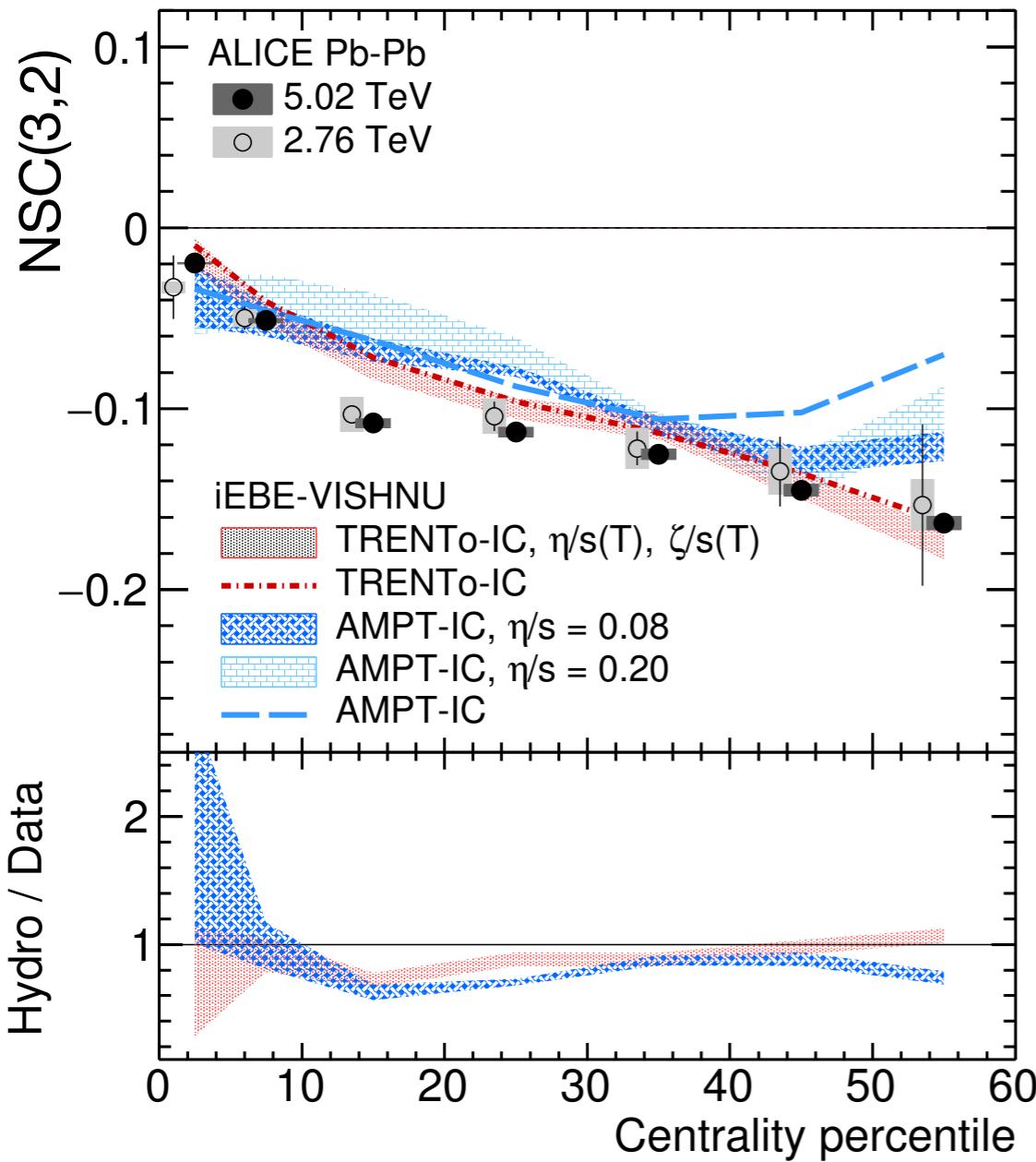
- ❖ The very first direct measurement of correlations between  $v_n$  and  $v_m$ 
  - NSC(3,2) is insensitive to  $\eta/s$
  - NSC(3,2) measurements provide a direct access into the initial conditions (despite details of systems evolution)
  - Can we use NSC to explore the nuclear structure?



# Probe IC with NSC(3,2)

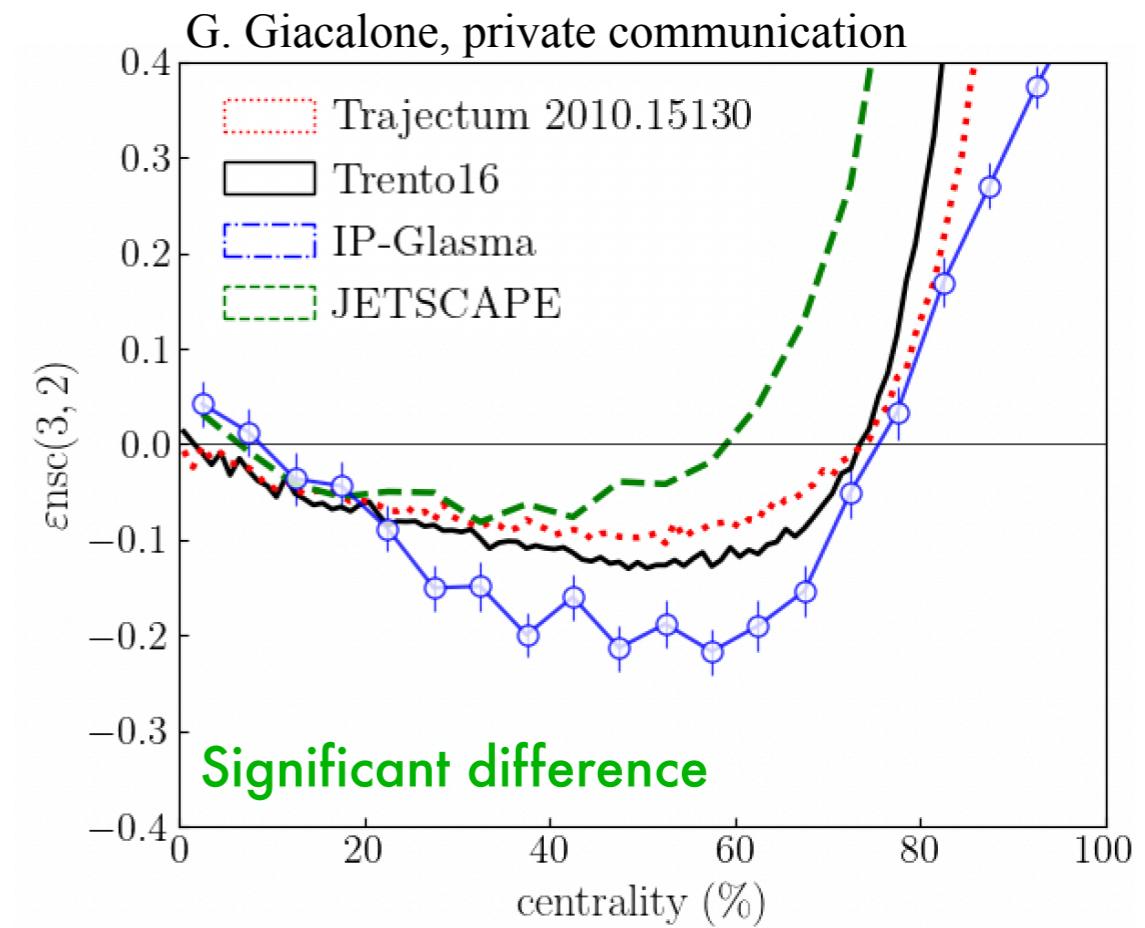
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$$NSC^v(3,2) = NSC^\varepsilon(3,2)$$



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iEBE-VISHNU, M. Li, YZ etc, PRC104, 024903 (2021)



- ❖ Precision NSC(3,2) data provides tight constraints on the initial state models
- ❖ what is the general correlation between any order of  $v_n^k$  and  $v_m^p$  and the correlations among multiple flow coefficients



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## A reminder

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	pdfs	cumulants
Flow-amplitudes	$p(v_n)$	$v_n\{2k\}, k = 1, 2, \dots$
	$p(v_n, v_m)$	$\langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle - \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle, n \neq m$
		...
	$p(v_n, v_m, v_l)$	$\langle v_n^2 v_m^2 v_l^2 \rangle + 2\langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_l^2 \rangle - \langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_l^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 v_l^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_l^2 v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle$ $n \neq m \neq l$
	...	...
EP-correlation	Obtained recursively as above	
	$p(\Phi_n, \Phi_m, \dots)$	$\langle v_n^{ c_n } v_m^{ c_m } \dots \cos(c_n n \Phi_n + c_m m \Phi_m + \dots) \rangle$ $\sum_k k c_k = 0$
Mixed-correlation	$p(v_l, \Phi_n, \Phi_m, \dots)$	$\langle v_l^2 v_n^{ c_n } v_m^{ c_m } \dots \cos(c_n n \Phi_n + c_m m \Phi_m + \dots) \rangle - \langle v_l^2 \rangle \langle v_n^{ c_n } v_m^{ c_m } \dots \cos(c_n n \Phi_n + c_m m \Phi_m + \dots) \rangle$ $\sum_k k c_k = 0, n \neq m \neq l \dots$

- ❖ One algorithm for any particle cumulant
  - Multi-particle mixed harmonic cumulants
  - correlation between  $v_m^k, v_n^l$  and  $v_p^q$
  - correlation between  $v_m^k$  and  $v_n^l$
  - No need of any package !

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## Generic algorithm for multiparticle cumulants of azimuthal correlations in high energy nucleus collisions

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```
complex Cumulant(int* harmonic, int n, bool remove_zeros=true, int negsplit=-1,
                  int mult = 1, int skip = 0)
{
    bool remove_term = false;
    if (remove_zeros)
    {
        int har_sum = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < mult; ++i) har_sum += harmonic[n-1+i];
        if (har_sum != 0) remove_term = true;
    }
    complex c = 0;
    if (!remove_term)
    {
        c = Corr(harmonic+(n-1), mult);
        if (n == 1) return c;
        c *= negsplit*Cumulant(harmonic, n-1, remove_zeros, negsplit-1);
    }

    int h_hold = harmonic[n-2];
    for (int counter = 0; counter <= n-2-skip; ++counter)
    {
        harmonic[n-2] = harmonic[counter];
        harmonic[counter] = h_hold;
        c += Cumulant(harmonic, n-1, remove_zeros, negsplit, mult+1, n-2-counter);
        harmonic[counter] = harmonic[n-2];
    }
    harmonic[n-2] = h_hold;
    return c;
}
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## m-particle cumulant

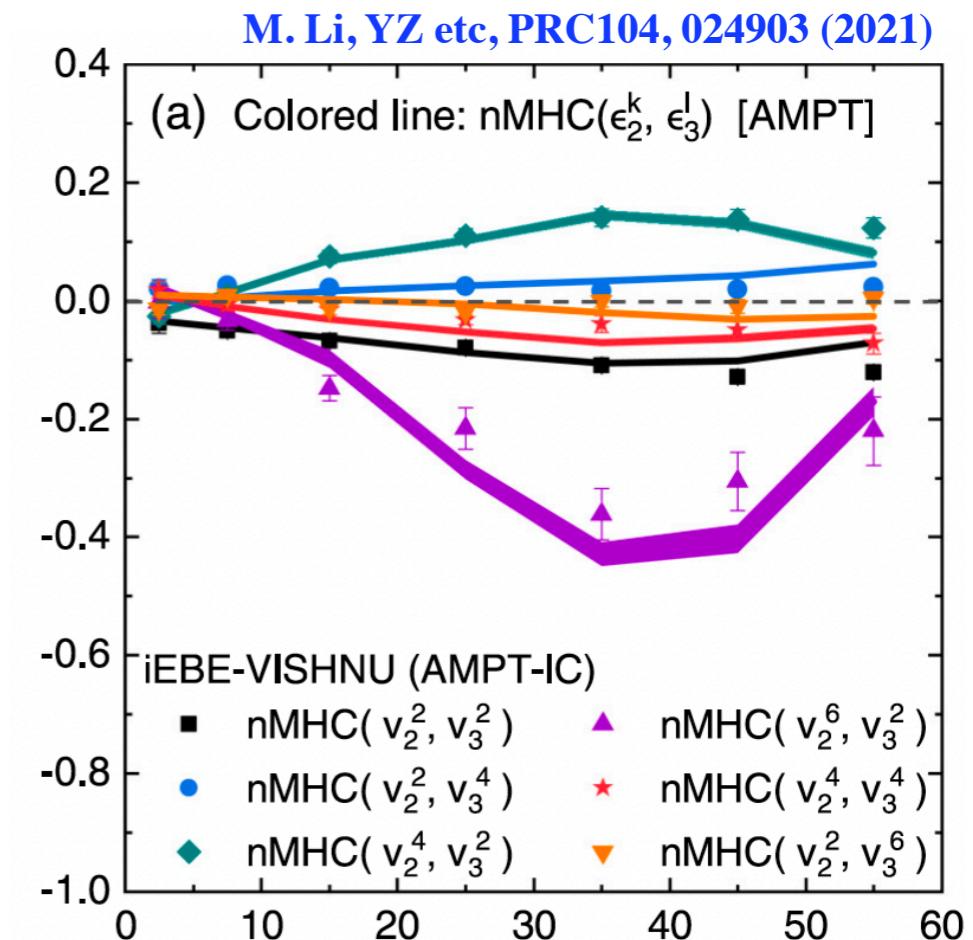
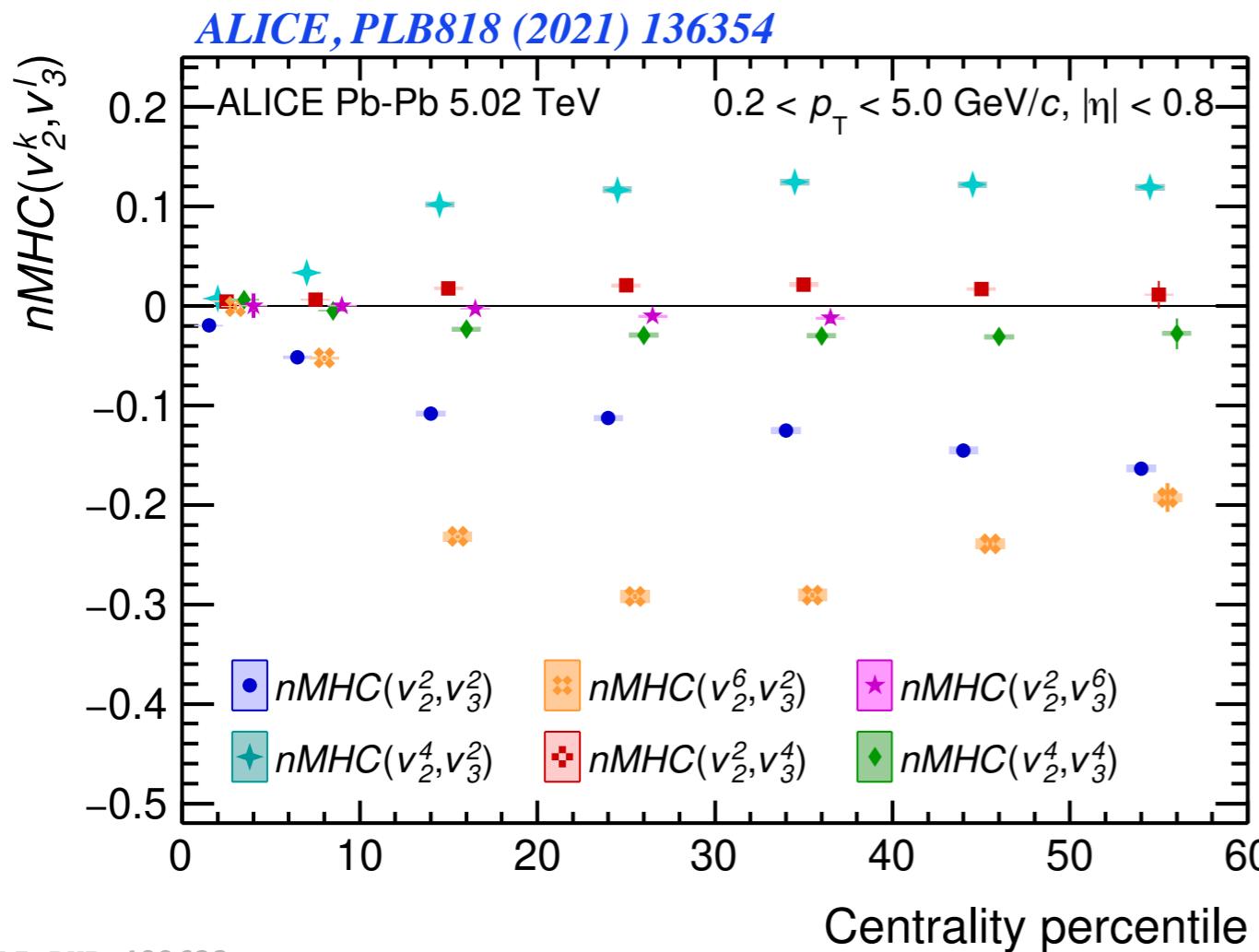
```
complex Correlator(int* harmonic, int n, int mult = 1, int skip = 0)
{
    int har_sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < mult; ++i) har_sum += harmonic[n-1+i];
    complex c(Q(har_sum, mult));
    if (n == 1) return c;
    c *= Correlator(harmonic, n-1);
    if (n == 1+skip) return c;

    complex c2 = 0;
    int h_hold = harmonic[n-2];
    for (int counter = 0; counter <= n-2-skip; ++counter)
    {
        harmonic[n-2] = harmonic[counter];
        harmonic[counter] = h_hold;
        c2 += Correlator(harmonic, n-1, mult+1, n-2-counter);
        harmonic[counter] = harmonic[n-2];
    }
    harmonic[n-2] = h_hold;
    return c-mult*c2;
}
```

## m-particle correlation

# Mixed harmonic cumulants

How do  $v_n$  and  $v_m$  correlate



- ❖ First measurement of correlations between higher order moments of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ 
  - Final state results quantitatively reproduced by the initial state correlations
  - Experimental data provides direct constraints on the correlations of higher order moments of eccentricity coefficients from initial state models



# TRENTo IC

- ❖ Fully parametrised initial conditions

$$P_{\text{wounded}} = 1 - \exp \left( -\sigma_{gg} \int d\mathbf{x} \rho_A(\mathbf{x}) \rho_B(\mathbf{x}) \right), \quad \rho_{A/B} \propto \exp \left( \frac{-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{A/B}|^2}{2w^2} \right)$$

- ❖ Deposit energy into each nucleus' thickness function

$$T_{A/B} = \sum_{i \in \text{wounded } A/B} \gamma \exp(-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|^2/2w^2)$$

- ❖ Modify to include quark constituents  $\rho_A = \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} \rho_c(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$

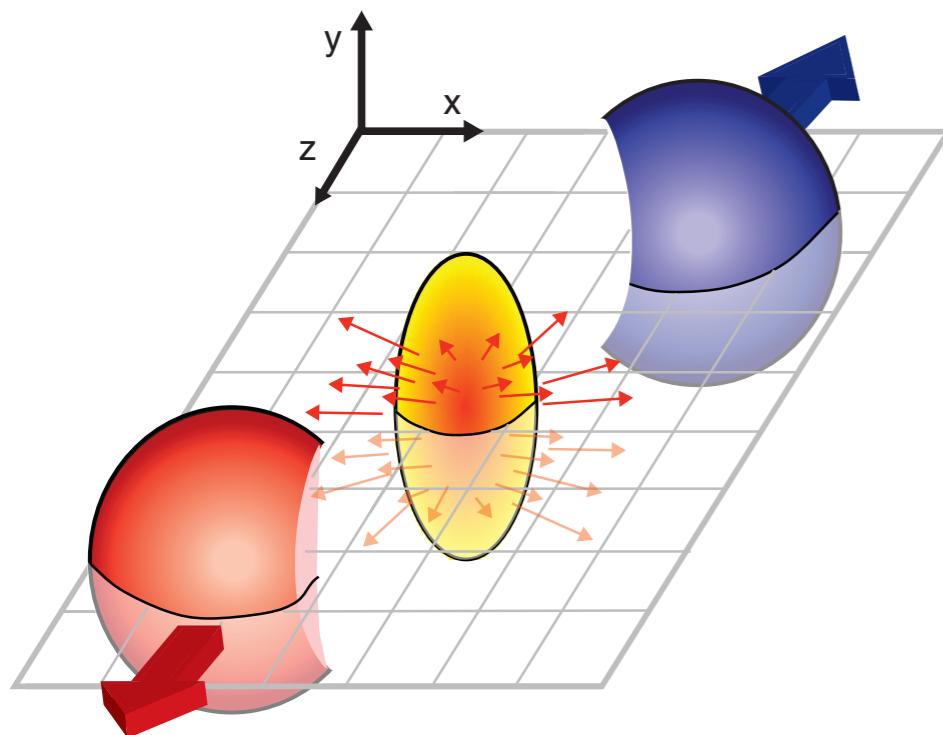
- ❖ Generalised mean of thickness functions

$$\frac{dS}{d^2x_\perp d\eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \propto \left( \frac{(T_A + T_B)^p}{2} \right)^{1/p} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{dS}{d\eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \propto \begin{cases} \max(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow +\infty \\ (T_A + T_B)/2 & p = +1 \text{ (arithmetic)} \\ \sqrt{T_A T_B} & p = 0 \text{ (geometric)} \\ 2T_A T_B / (T_A + T_B) & p = -1 \text{ (harmonic)} \\ \min(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$



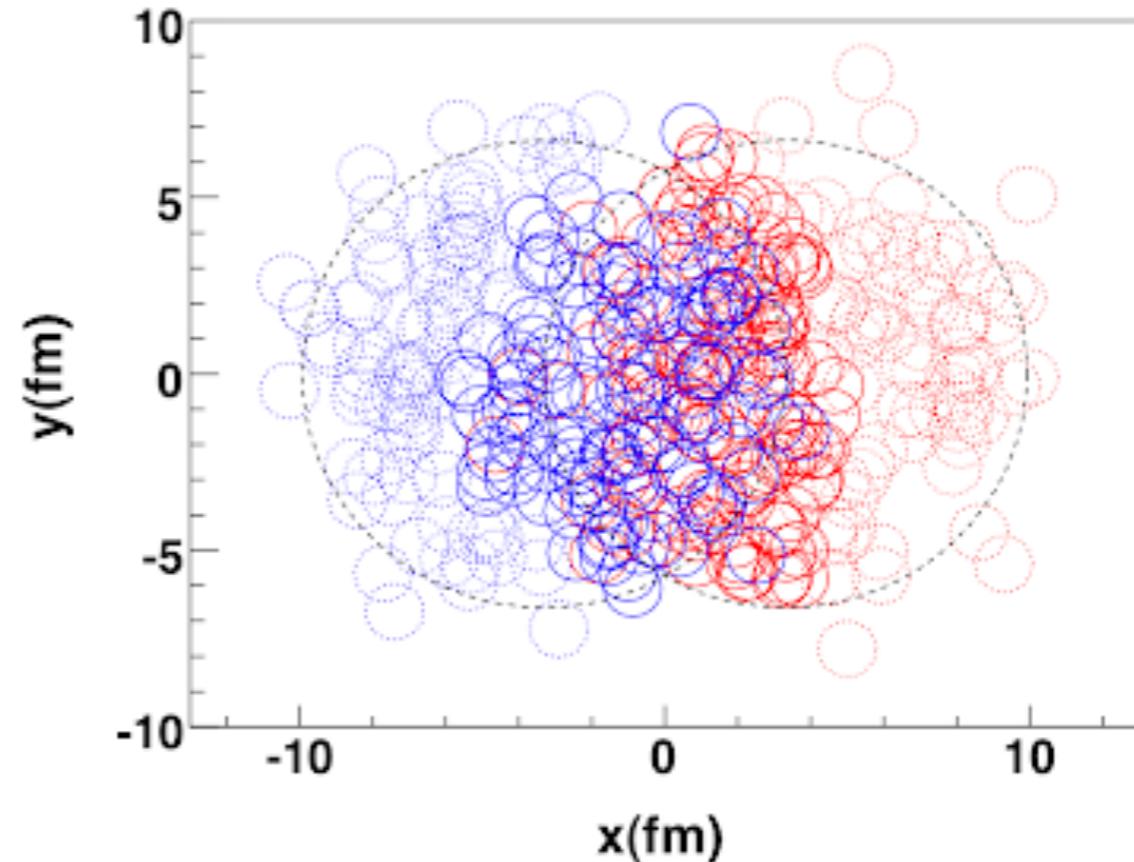
# Pictures at low energy and high energy

Low energy



High energy

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r - R(\theta, \phi))/a_0}}$$
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left( 1 + \beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}] + \beta_3 \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \beta_4 \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m} \right)$$



- ❖ Even with the fixed parameters (nuclear structure), the nucleon distributions are not fixed (not identical but vary from one event to the other)

# Initial geometry correlations

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## Generic framework for anisotropic flow analyses with multiparticle azimuthal correlations

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### Symmetric cumulants:

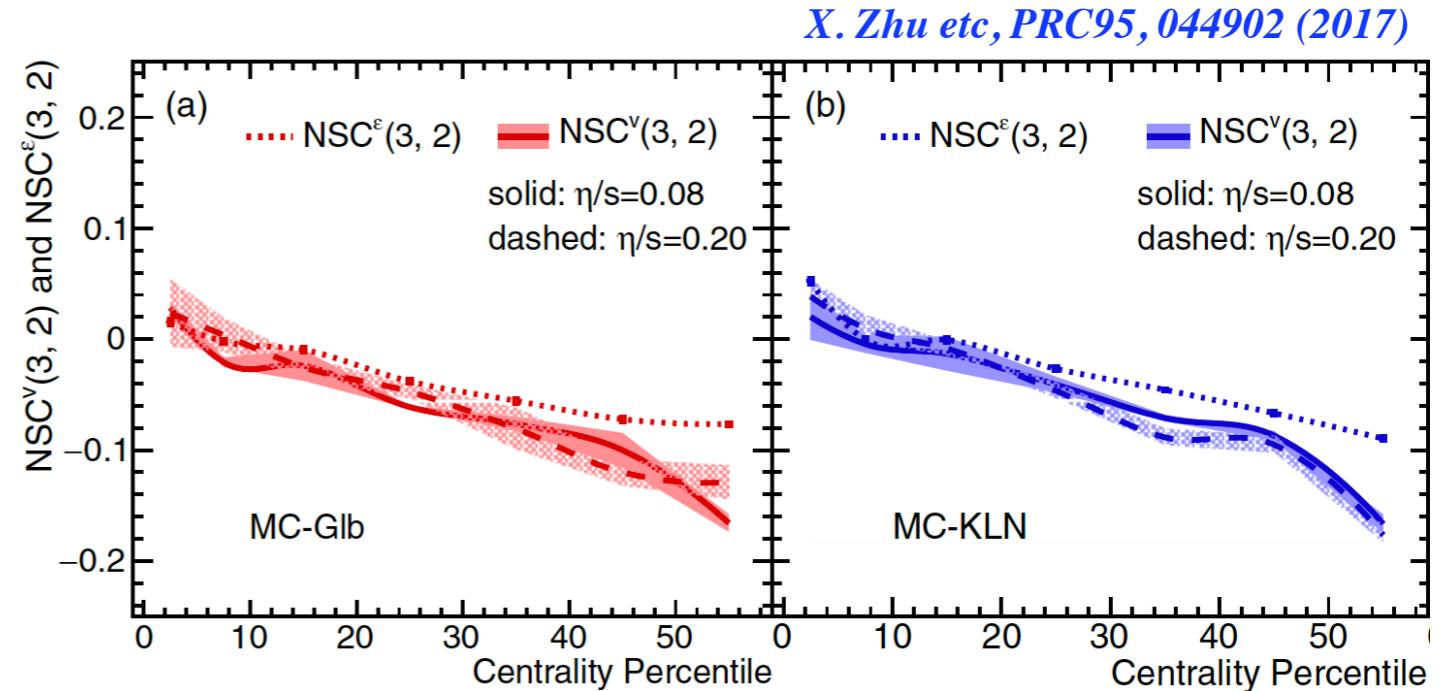
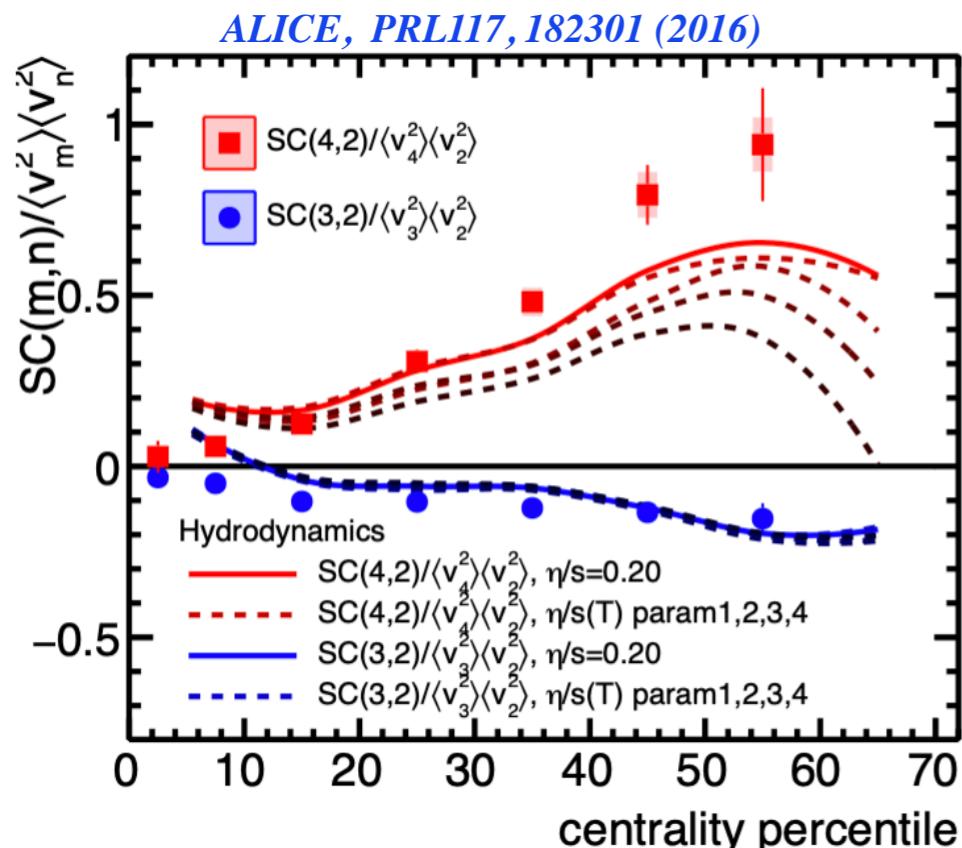
$$SC(m, n) = \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_2 &\propto \varepsilon_2 \\ v_3 &\propto \varepsilon_3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle}{\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}$$

Or:  $NSC^v(3, 2) = NSC^\varepsilon(3, 2)$



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# Probe Nuclear structure with NSC(3,2)

**Normalised Symmetric cumulants:**

$$v_2 \propto \varepsilon_2$$

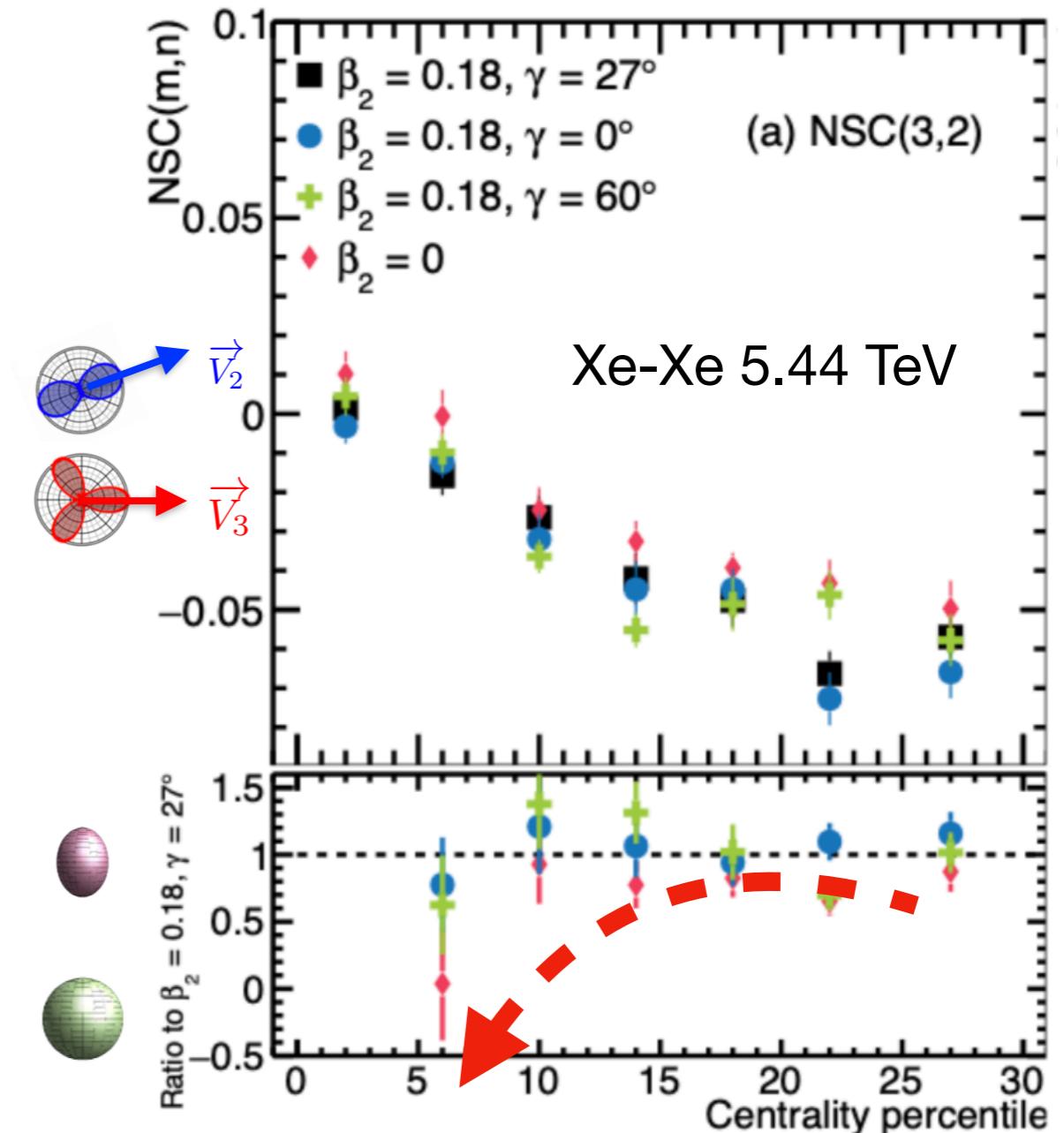
$$v_3 \propto \varepsilon_3$$



$$\frac{\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle}{\langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \langle \varepsilon_3^2 \rangle}$$

Or:  $NSC^v(3,2) = NSC^\varepsilon(3,2)$

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- ❖ Different results due to nuclear deformation observed in NSC(3,2)
- ❖ New measurements should allow the constrain the  $\beta_2$  but not  $\gamma$



### Skewness of mean transverse momentum fluctuations in heavy-ion collisions

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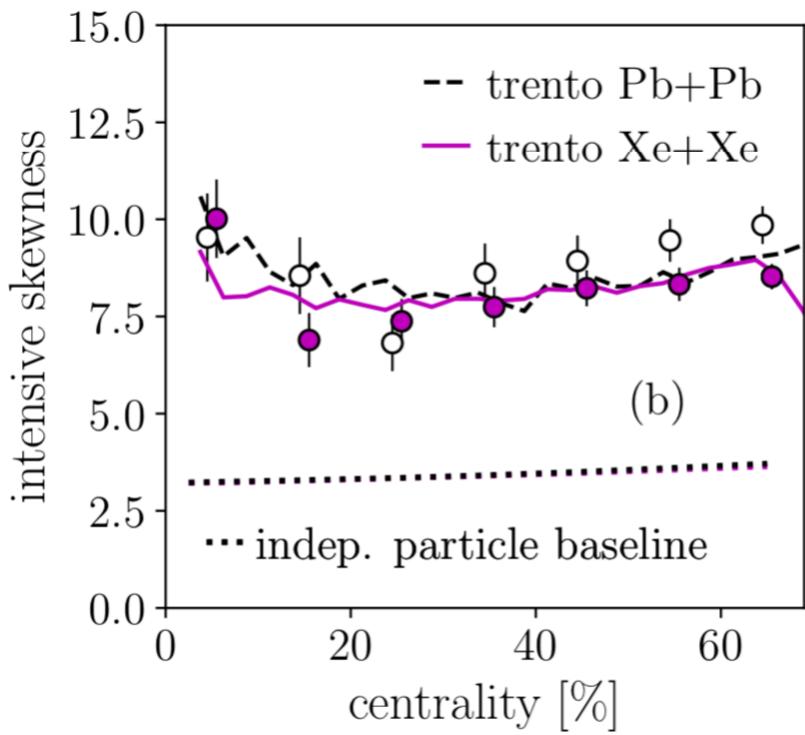
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$$\Gamma_{p_t} \equiv \frac{\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \Delta p_k \rangle \langle\langle p_t \rangle\rangle}{\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle^2}$$



### Higher-order transverse momentum fluctuations in heavy-ion collisions

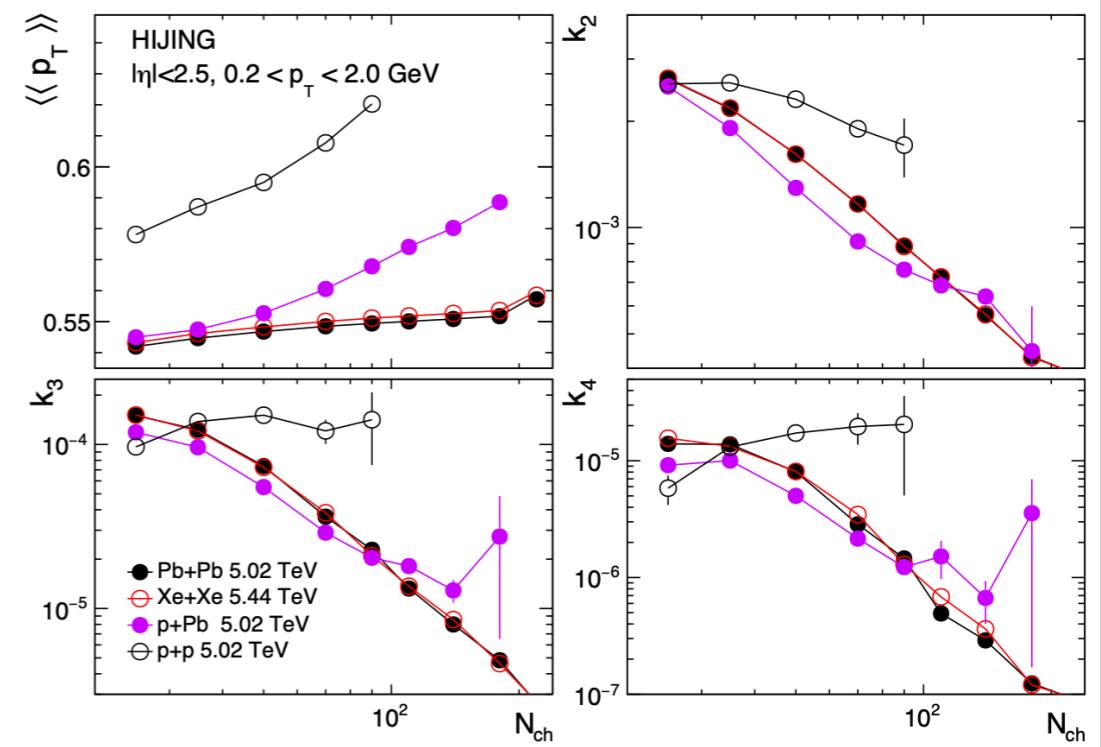
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$$d_\perp = \sqrt{N_{\text{part}} / \langle r_\perp^2 \rangle}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \beta_2 \left( \cos(\gamma) D_{0,0}^2(\Omega) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\sin(\gamma)}{\sqrt{2}} [D_{0,2}^2(\Omega) + D_{0,-2}^2(\Omega)] \right)\end{aligned}$$

Final state cumulant	Initial state cumulant	Liquid-drop model
$\kappa_2$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle$	$\frac{1}{32\pi} \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle$
$\kappa_3$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle$	$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{896\pi^{3/2}} \langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle$
$\kappa_4$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^4 \right\rangle - 3 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2$	$-\frac{3}{14336\pi^2} (7\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle - 5\langle \beta_2^4 \rangle)$
$\kappa_5$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^5 \right\rangle - 10 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle$	$-\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{315392\pi^{5/2}} (11\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle - 5\langle \beta_2^5 \rangle)$
$\kappa_6$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^6 \right\rangle - 15 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^4 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle + 30 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle^3 - 10 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle^2$	$\frac{5}{918412504\pi^3} (42042\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^3 - 5720\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle^2 - 45045\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle \langle \beta_2^4 \rangle + 8575\langle \beta_2^6 \rangle + 700\langle \cos(6\gamma) \beta_2^6 \rangle)$
$\kappa_7$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^7 \right\rangle - 21 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^5 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle + 210 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2 - 35 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^4 \right\rangle$	$-\frac{15\sqrt{5}}{524812288} (2002\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle + 715\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle \langle \beta_2^4 \rangle + 910\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^5 \rangle \langle \beta_2^2 \rangle - 175\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^7 \rangle)$
$\kappa_8$	$\left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^8 \right\rangle - 28 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^6 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle + 420 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^4 \right\rangle \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2 - 35 \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^4 \right\rangle^2 - 630 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle^4 + 560 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle^2 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle - 56 \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^5 \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^3 \right\rangle$	$\frac{5}{142748942336\pi^4} (2144142\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^4 - 3063060\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle \beta_2^4 \rangle - 340\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle (2288\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle^2 - 35(49\langle \beta_2^6 \rangle + 4\langle \cos(6\gamma) \beta_2^6 \rangle)) + 25(21879\langle \beta_2^4 \rangle^2 + 14144\langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3 \rangle \langle \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^5 \rangle - 35(79\langle \beta_2^8 \rangle + 16\langle \cos(6\gamma) \beta_2^8 \rangle))$



# Multi-particle $p_T$ correlations

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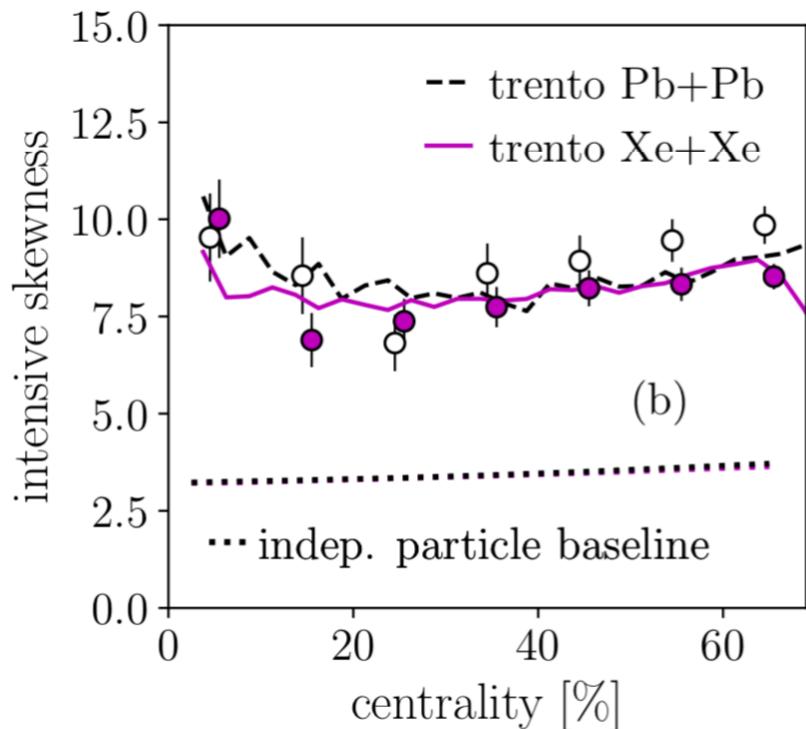
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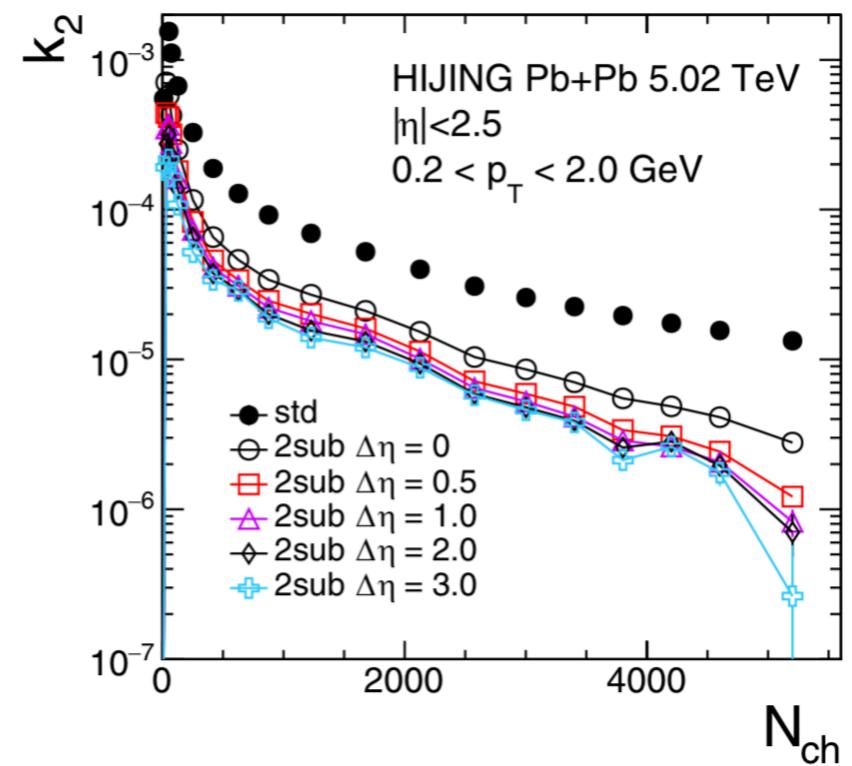
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- $[p_T]$  and its event-by-event fluctuations measured in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC -> probe initial **size** and **size fluctuations**

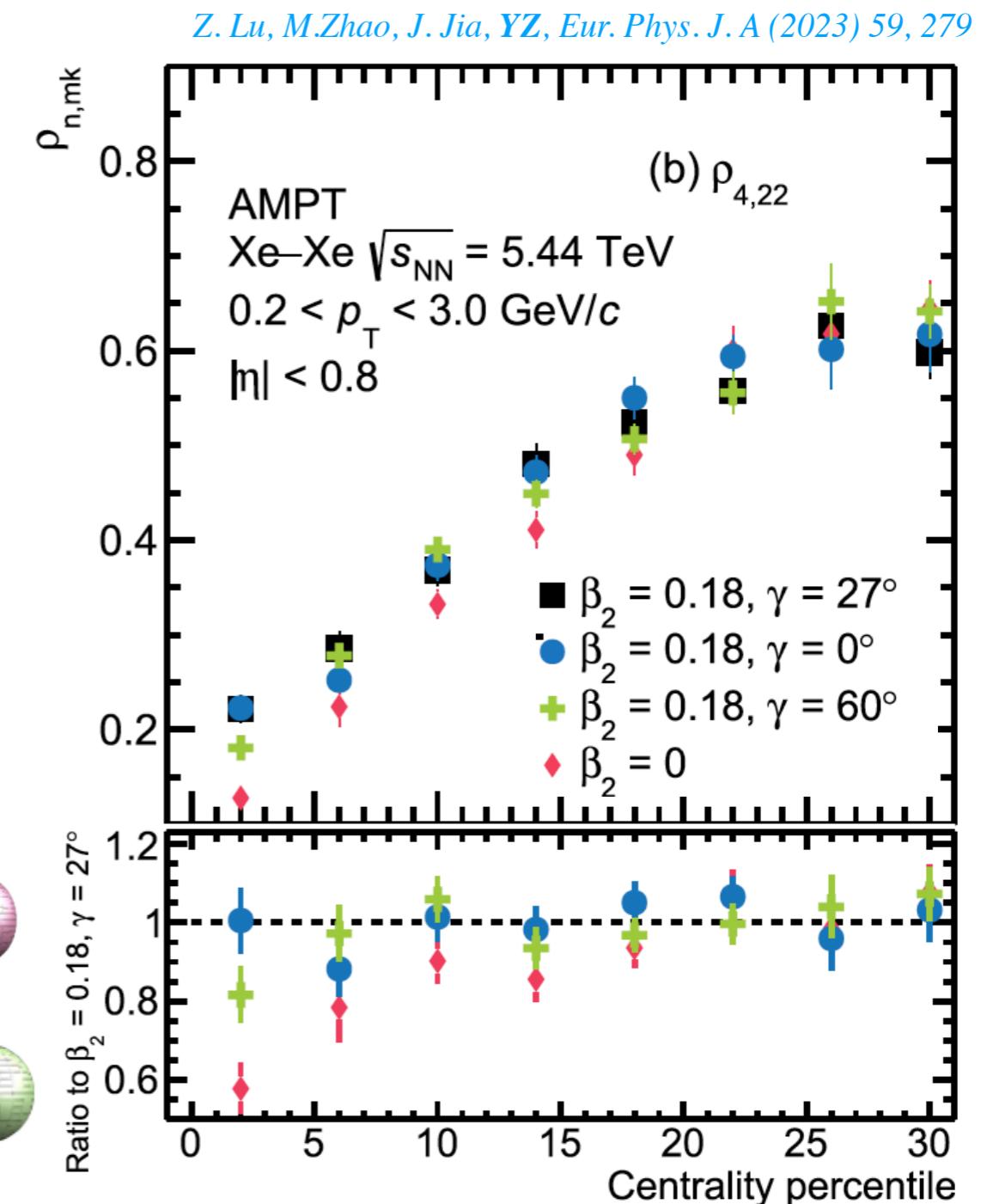
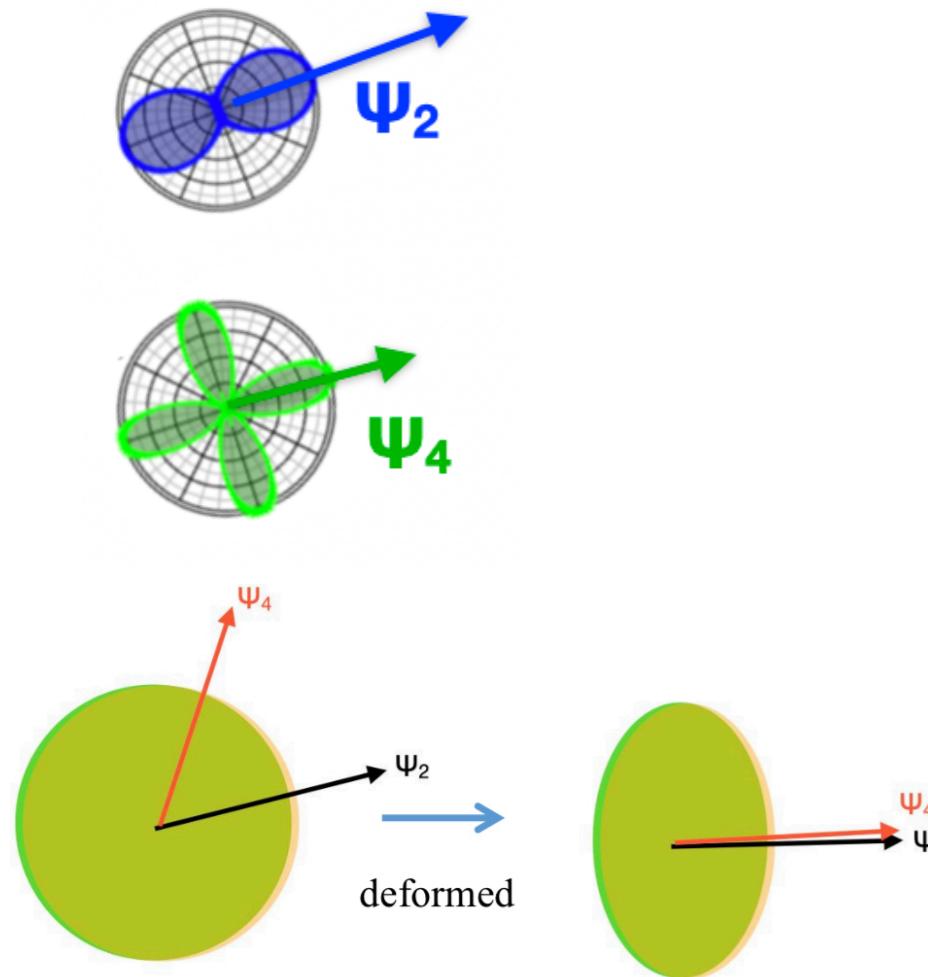


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# Enhanced $\Psi_n$ correlations in models

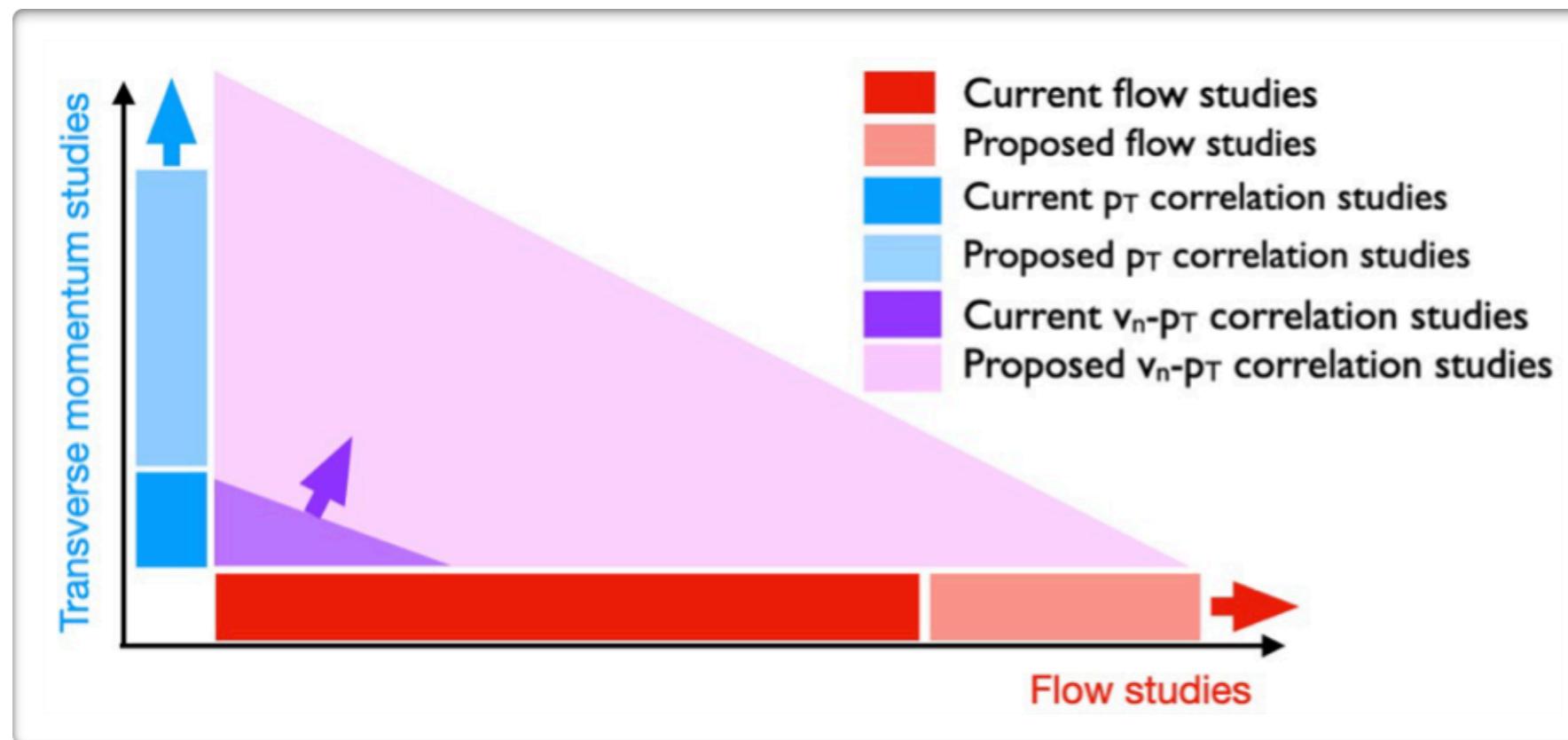
- ❖  $\rho_{4,22}$  probes correlations between  $\Psi_2$  and  $\Psi_4$   
 $\sim \langle \cos 4(\Psi_2 - \Psi_4) \rangle$



- ❖ A stronger correlation is well explained by the transport model using deformed  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  nuclei using transport model



# $[p_T]$ - $v_n$ correlations



- ❖ **Shape** of the fireball: Anisotropic flow
- ❖ **Size** of the fireball: radial flow  $[p_T]$
- ❖ Final state: correlation between  $v_n$  and  $p_T$

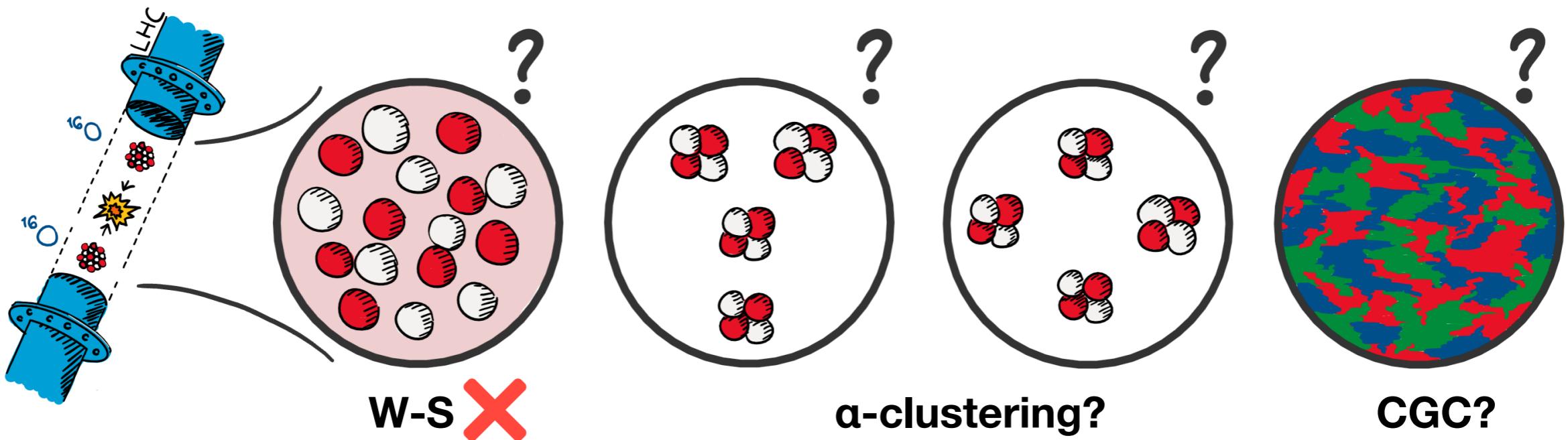
$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{cov(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{var(v_n^2)}\sqrt{var([p_T])}}$$

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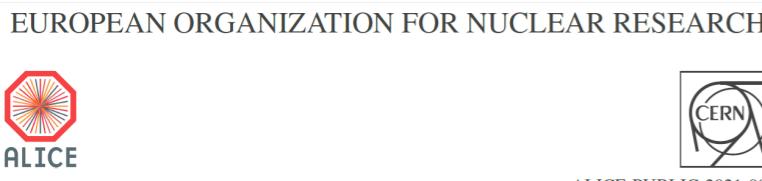
- ❖ Assuming  $v_n \propto \varepsilon_n$ ,  $[p_T] \propto E_0$ 
  - $\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$
  - final-state* model calculation
  - Initial-state* model estimation
- ❖ One can compare  $\rho(v_n^2, [p_T])$  measurements to  $\rho(\varepsilon_n^2, [E_0])$  calculations, to constrain the initial state model



# O-O collisions at RHIC and the LHC



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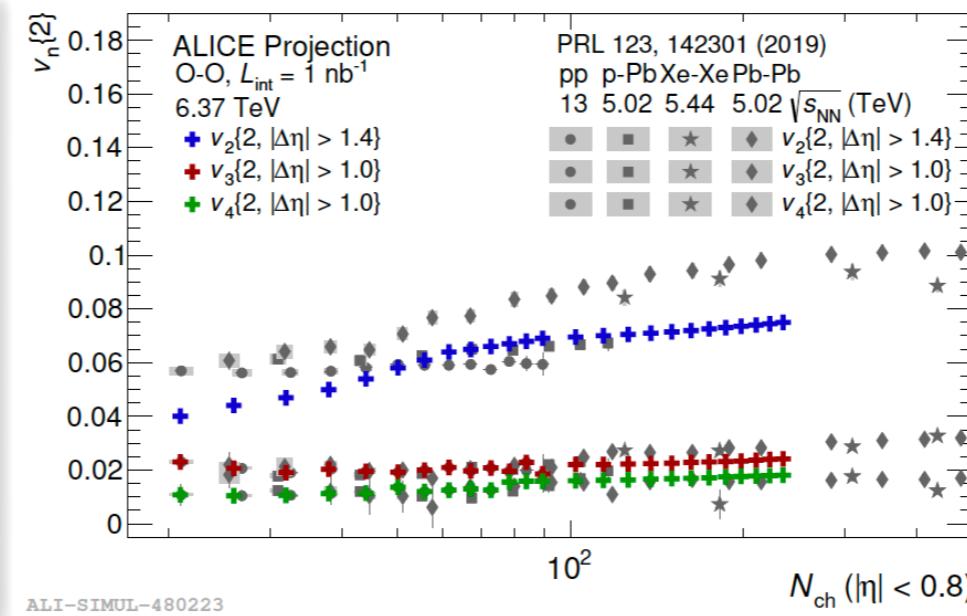


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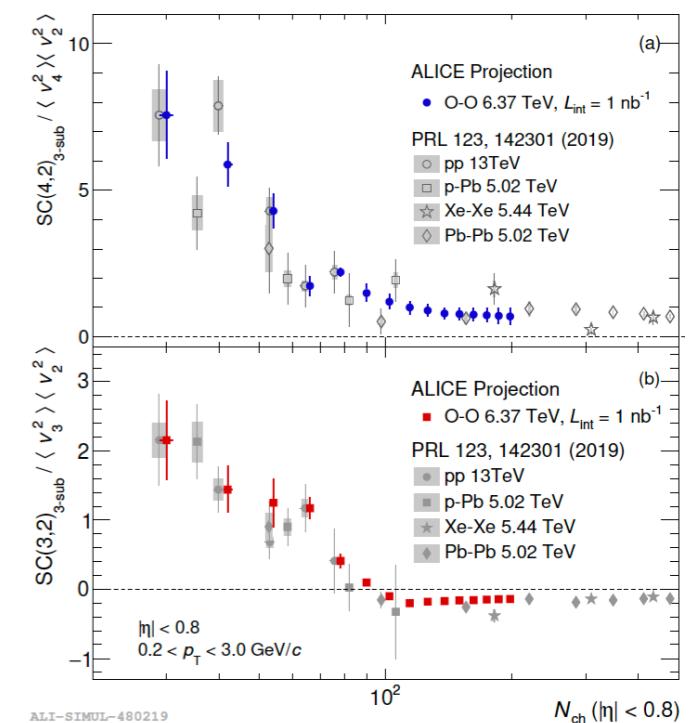
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## Abstract

This document collects performance projections for a selection of measurements that can be carried out with a short O-O run during the LHC Run 3. The baseline centre-of-mass energy per nucleon-nucleon collision is  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 6.37$  TeV and measurement uncertainties are given for the integrated luminosity  $L_{int} = 1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ . Some projections for p-O collisions are also included. These studies were presented at the CERN workshop on Opportunities of O-O and p-O collisions at the LHC [1][2].



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