



BEYOND BOLTZMANN-GIBBS: A NONADDITIVE STATISTICAL STUDY OF ENERGY LOSS IN HIGH-ENERGY COLLISIONS

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Are extreme deviations rare?

*Our everyday experience
says - yes*

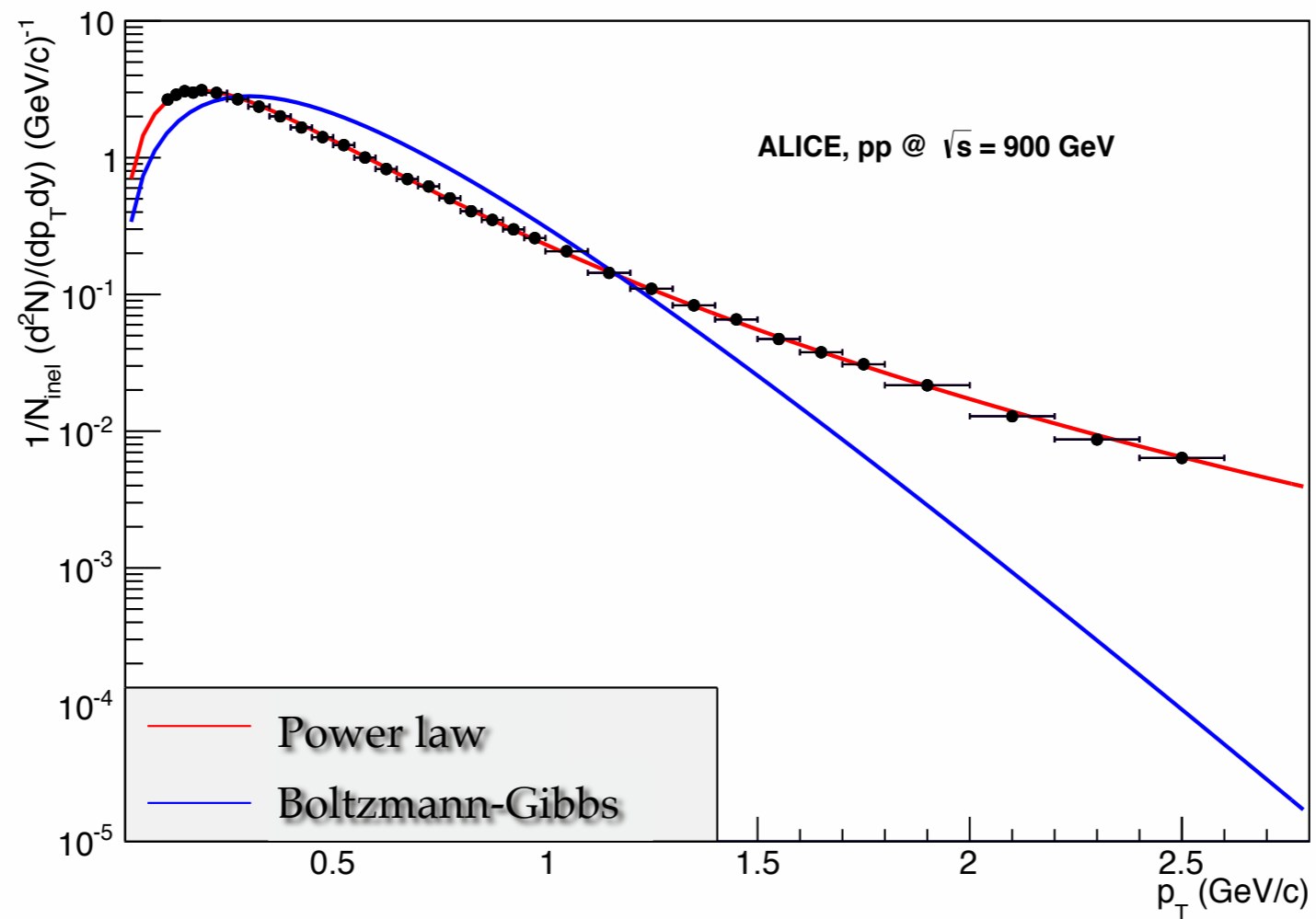
Whether it a massive flood, a stock market crash, or a huge measurement error

But they happen far more
often than our intuition
suggests

Earthquakes, word frequency,, high-energy collisions

Power law vs exponential

Transverse momentum spectrum of charged π^+ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV




Adapted from a presentation by Jean Cleymans

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 $q \rightarrow 1$

Boltzmann-Gibbs Maxwell-Boltzmann

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Physical scenarios

Fluctuating ambience,
long-range correlations, finite size, fractal
dynamics

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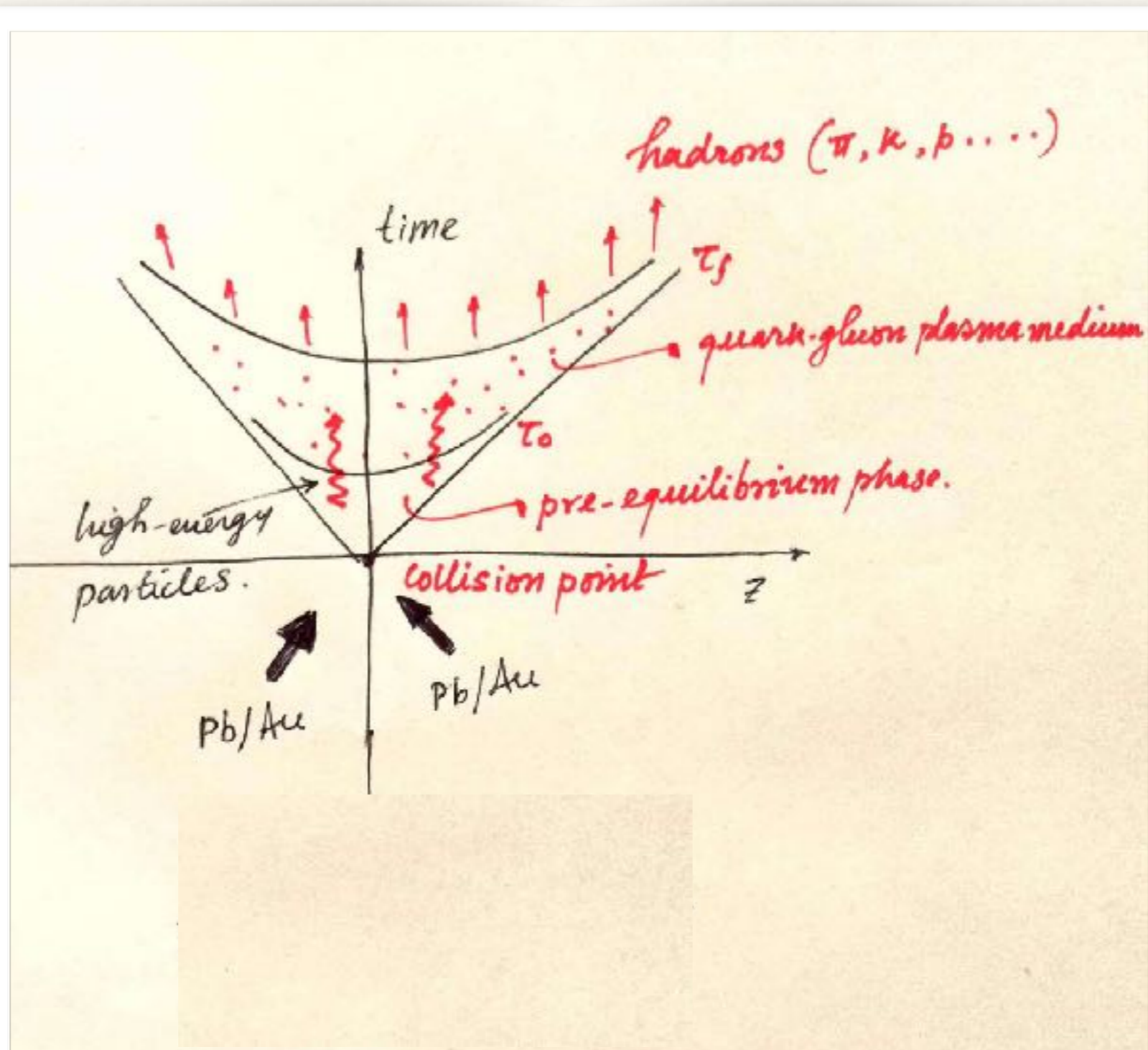
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- ❖ In this lecture we discuss the transport of energetic particles through the QGP in the framework of nonadditive statistics



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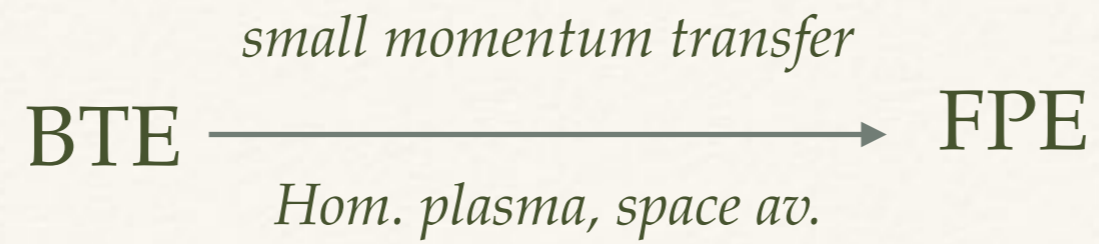
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We study evolution 1

The Boltzmann Transport Equation

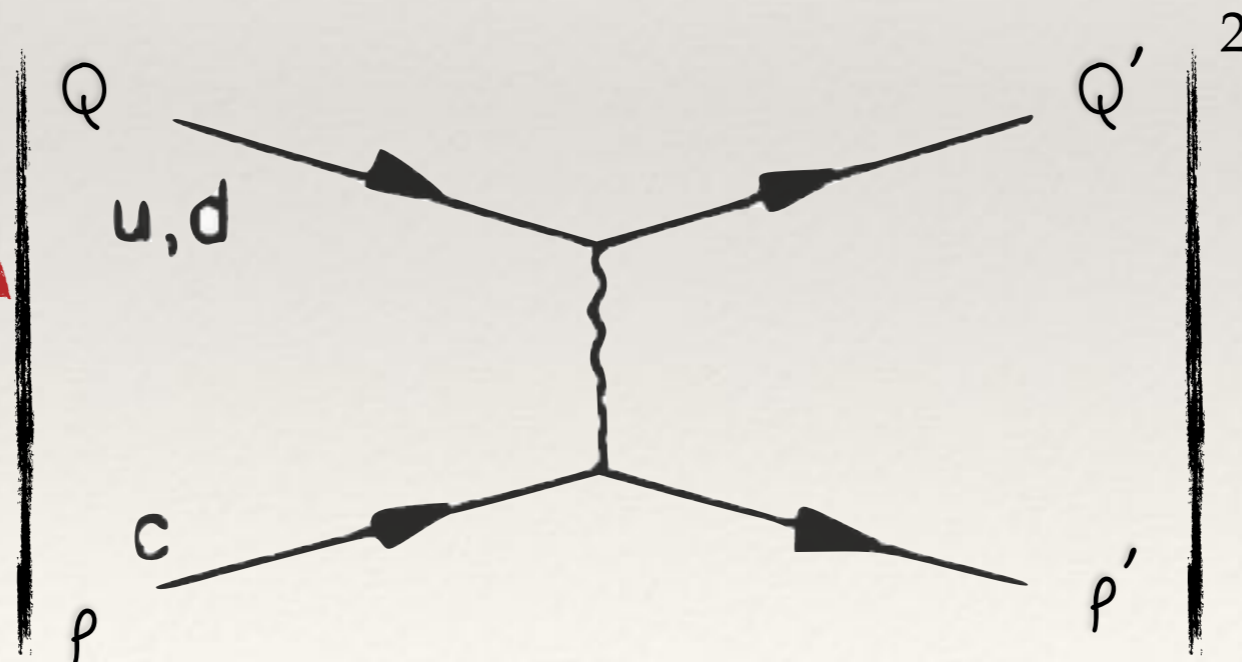
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r f + \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p f = C[f]$$



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FPE: drag and diffusion

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- ❖ Molecular chaos

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Ansatz

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$$A_i(\vec{p}, T) = B_{ij}(\vec{p}, T) \frac{\partial \Phi(\vec{p})}{\partial p_j} - \frac{\partial B_{ij}(\vec{p}, T)}{\partial p_j}$$

“Fluctuation-dissipation relation”

FPE: exponential stationary solution?

We know the stationary distribution if we know the transport coefficients

Do we know the transport coefficients?

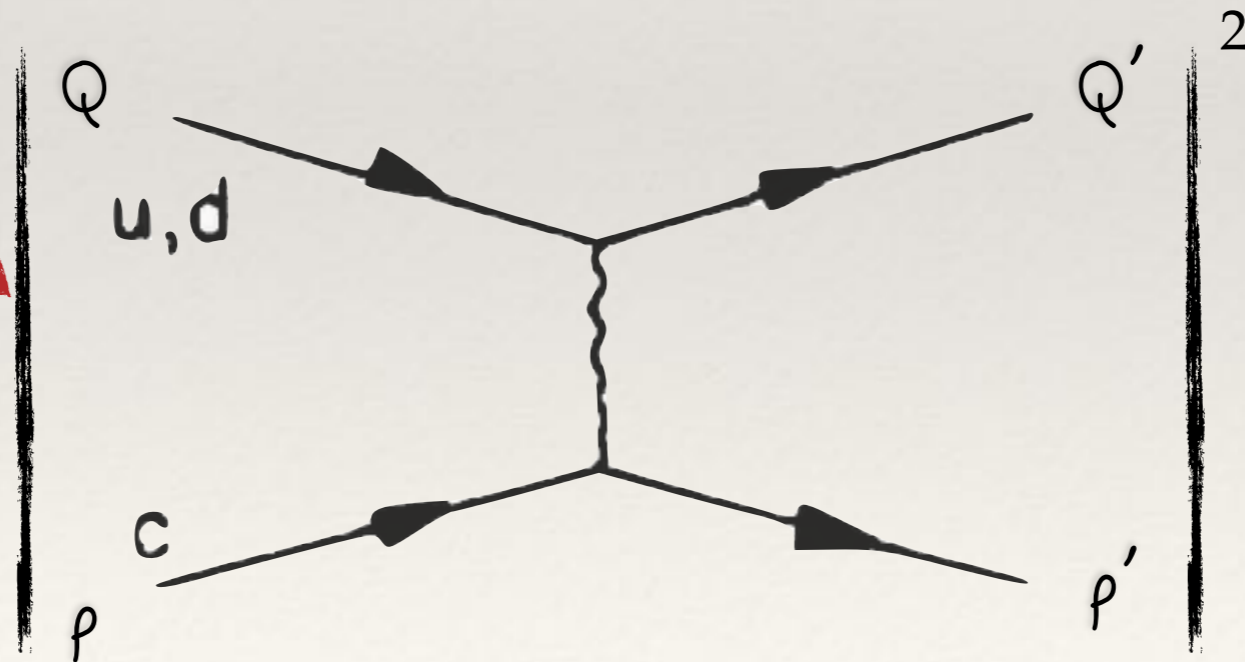
Yes.....

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Recapitulation

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$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} f_{\text{st}} = f_{\text{BG}} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{E(p)}{T} \right\}$$

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Walton and Rafelski investigate if the stationary distribution may be exponential and conclude that it is rather given by a nonadditive distribution.

Another equation: same stationary solution

Generalized BTE / FPE (gBTE /
gFPE) with a power-law
stationary solution

How to generalize?

- ❖ Molecular chaos

$$F^{(2)} = f_{\text{HQ}}^{(1)} \times f_{\text{bath}}^{(1)} = e^{\ln[f_{\text{HQ}}^{(1)}]} \times e^{\ln[f_{\text{bath}}^{(1)}]}$$

How to generalize?

- ❖ Generalize molecular chaos

$$F^{(2)} = f_{\text{HQ}}^{(1)} \otimes_q f_{\text{bath}}^{(1)} = e_q^{\ln_q[f_{\text{HQ}}^{(1)}]} \times e_q^{\ln_q[f_{\text{bath}}^{(1)}]}$$

$$e_q(x) = [1 - (q - 1)x]_+^{1/(1-q)} ; \ln_q(x) = \frac{1 - x^{1-q}}{q - 1}$$

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- ❖ Also consider energy and momentum conservation

How to generalize?

$$\frac{\partial f^q}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r f^q + \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p f^q = C_q[f]$$

gBTE in the RTA

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- ❖ An approximate iterative analytical closed solution of q BTE in the RTA is proposed

$$f_i = f_{i-1} + \epsilon_i, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}^>$$

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{f_{i-1}}{\sum_{r=0}^i f_{\text{eq}}^r f_{i-1}^{i-r}} \left(f_{i-1}^{i+1-q}(\mathcal{K}, \theta) + \sum_{r=0}^i \frac{f_{\text{eq}}^r f_{i-1}^{i-r}}{r+1-q} \right).$$

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small momentum transfer

gBTE \longrightarrow gFPE / PPE

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left(A_{i,q} f \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} B_{ij,q} f^{2-q} \right)$$

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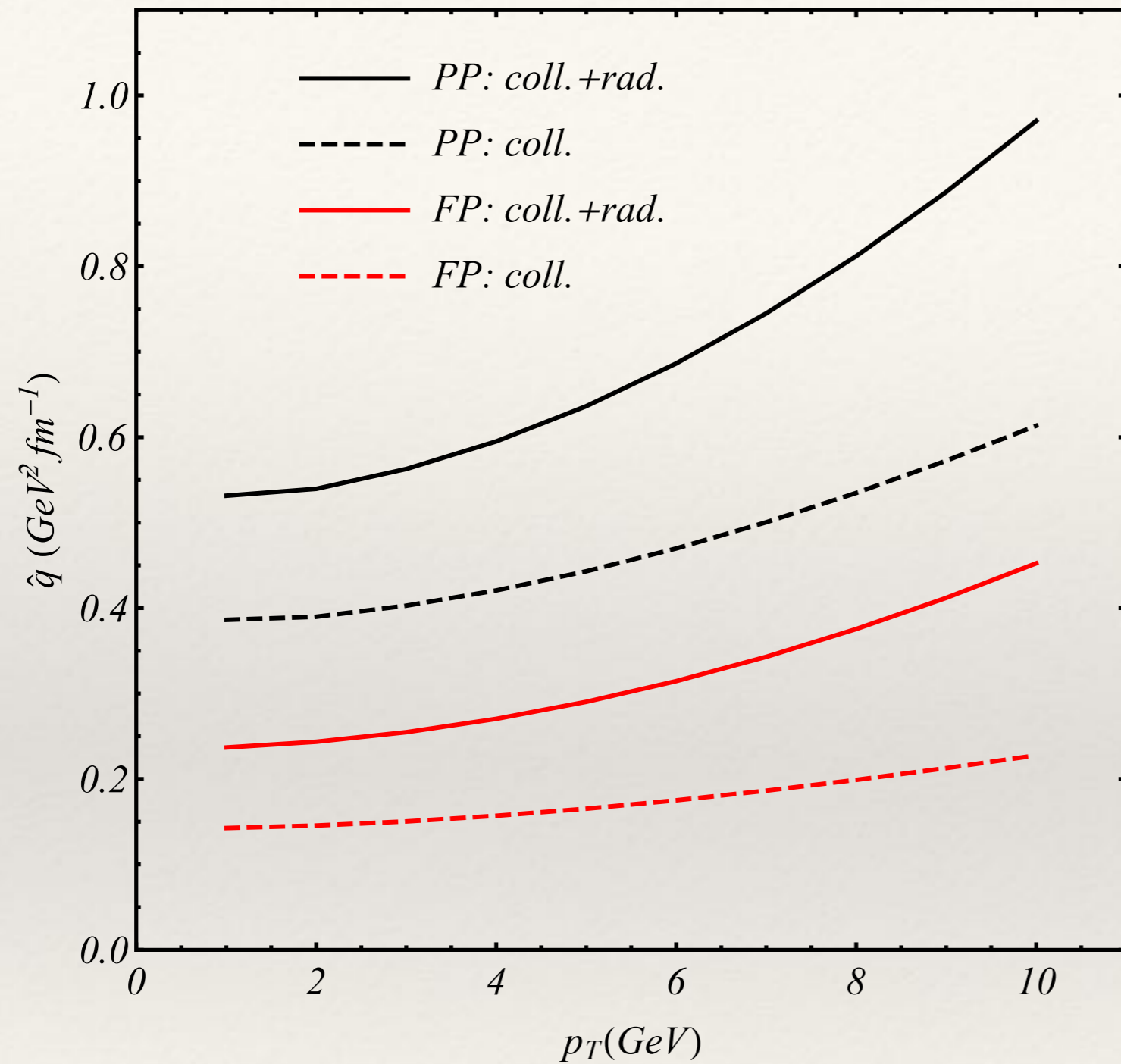
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Plastino-Plastino transport coefficients

$$B_{ij,q} = \int \text{dynamics} \otimes \text{phase space("interplay")} \times (p_i - p'_i)(p_j - p'_j)$$

Jet-quenching parameter



$$\hat{q} \sim \frac{4E}{p_L} B_{\perp}$$

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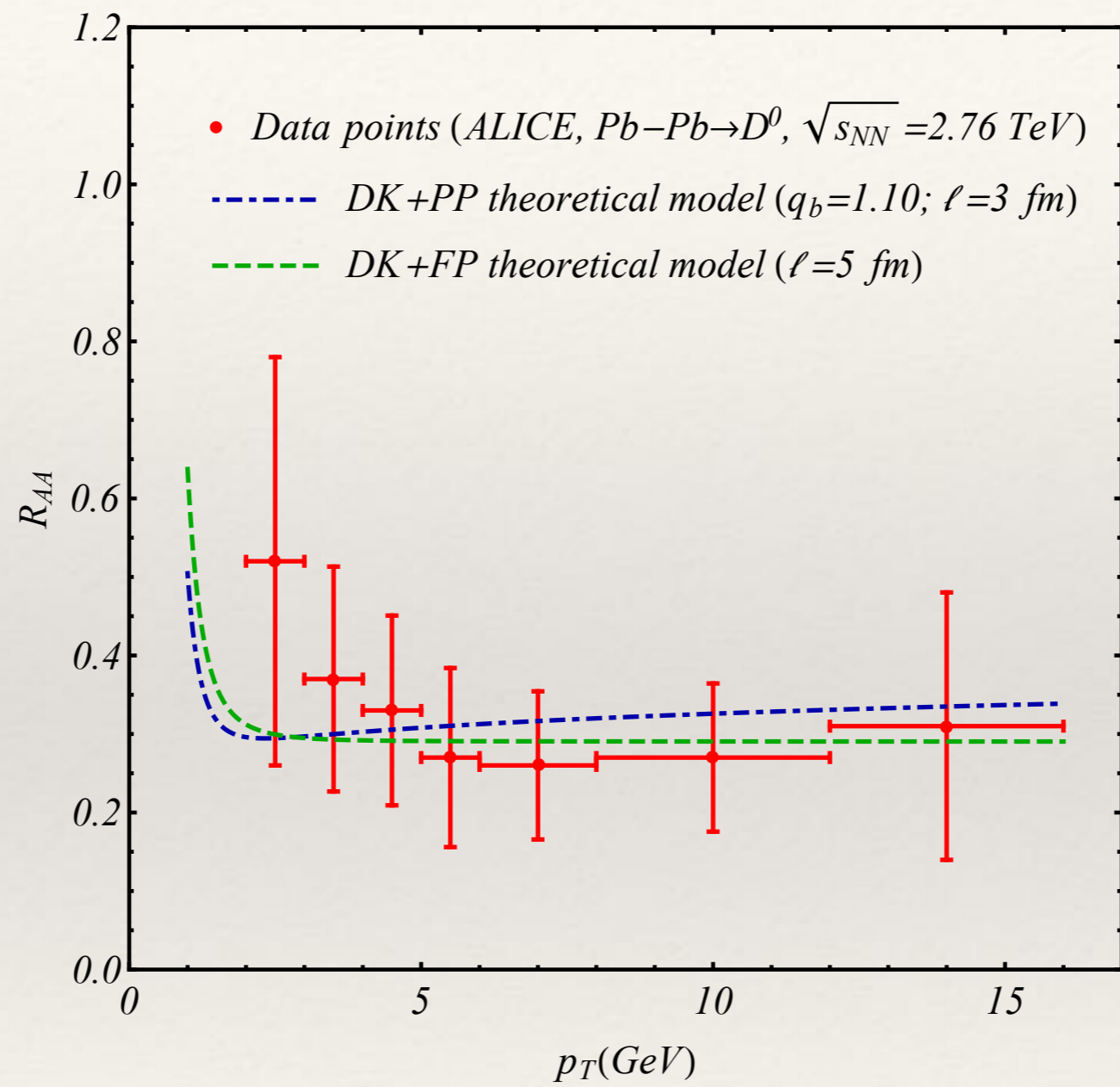
Differential energy loss

$$-\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_q \equiv \left\langle\left\langle \frac{E - E'}{v} \right\rangle\right\rangle_q = \left\langle\left\langle \frac{E^2 - E E'}{p} \right\rangle\right\rangle_q$$

A modified form of E. Braaten and M.H. Thoma, Phys. Rev.
D 44, R2625 (1991) formula

$$R_{AA}^h(P_T, \ell) \simeq \exp \left[-\frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\sqrt{\pi}} \ell \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q} \mathcal{L}_h^{\text{abs}}}{P_T}} + \frac{16\alpha_s C_F}{9\sqrt{3}} \ell \left(\frac{\hat{q} m^2}{m^2 + P_T^2} \right)^{1/3} \right].$$

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Summary and conclusions

- ❖ We find that the power-law stationary distributions arise in the studies of energetic particles passing through the quark-gluon plasma.
- ❖ We motivate the use of a generalized transport equation that yields such a stationary state.
- ❖ We discuss methods of computing transport coefficients (drag, diffusion, jet quenching parameter) and differential energy loss.
- ❖ We investigated a connection with an experimental observable (nuclear suppression factor).
- ❖ Numerical solutions with the input of transport coefficients, collectivity

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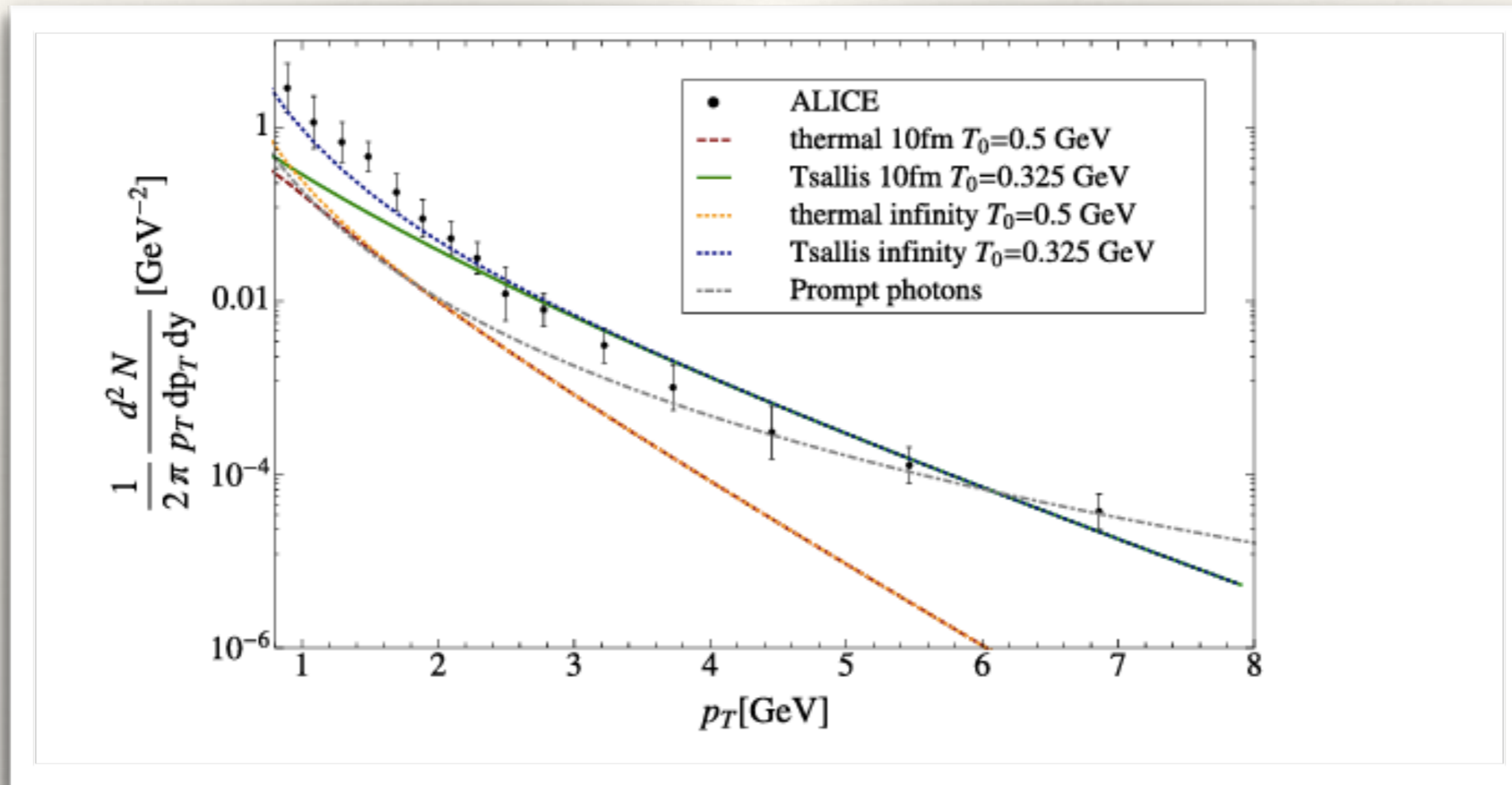
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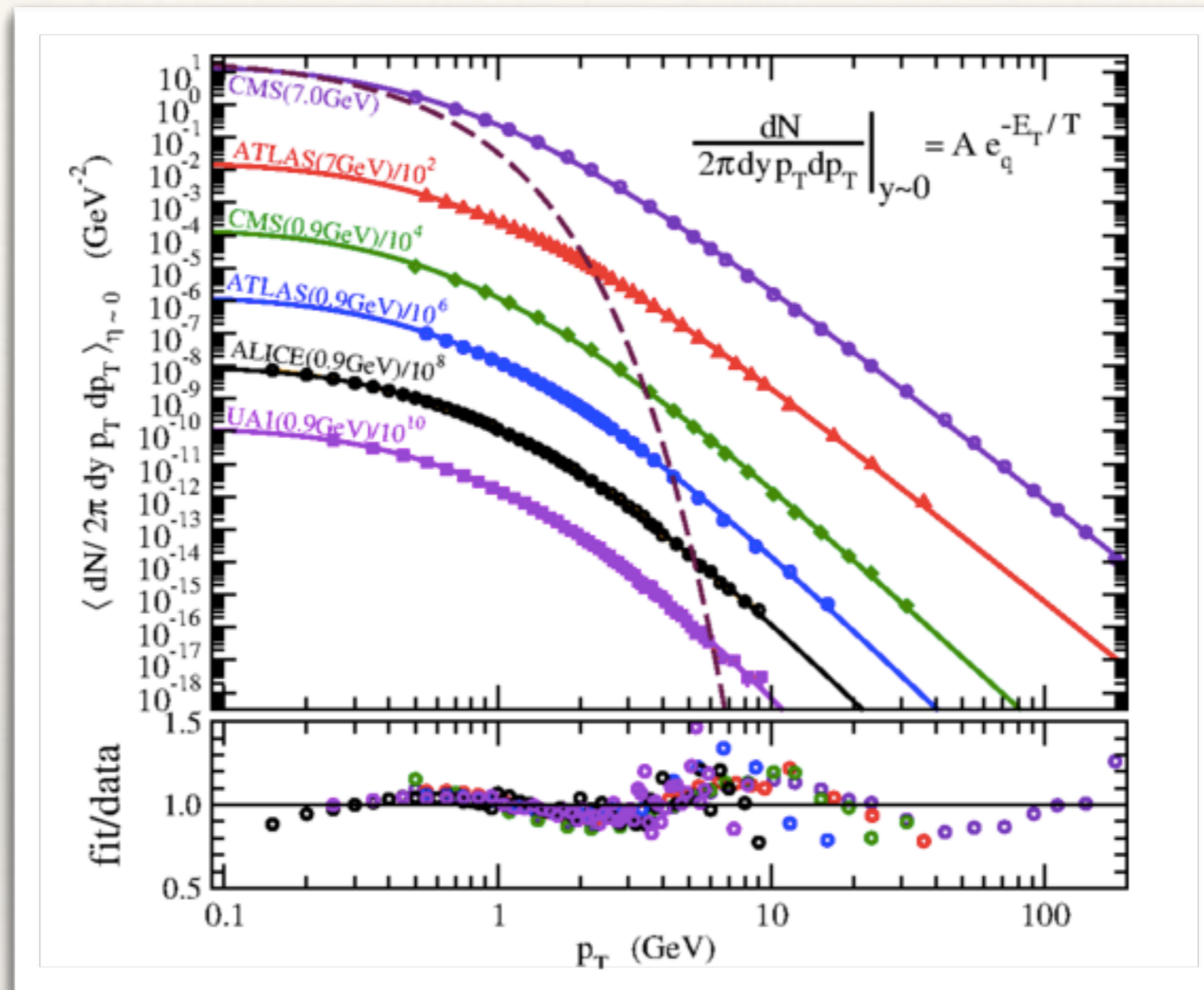
“Complex systems, by their nature, pose challenges to our understanding. They typically involve many components intricately connected through networks. Neither the parts nor the networks are static. Instead, they mutually influence each other as they co-evolve”

From the webpage of **Complexity Science Hub, Vienna**

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{dE}{dr} &= \left\langle\left\langle \frac{E^2 - EE'}{P} \right\rangle\right\rangle^{PP} = \left\langle\left\langle \frac{P^2 + m^2 - EE' - \vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}' + \vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}'}{P} \right\rangle\right\rangle^{PP} \\
&= \left\langle\left\langle \frac{1}{P} \left[P^2 - \vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}' + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ E^2 - P^2 + E'^2 - P'^2 - 2EE' + 2\vec{P} \cdot \vec{P}' \right\} \right] \right\rangle\right\rangle^{PP} \\
&= \left\langle\left\langle \left[\frac{P_i K_i}{P} + \frac{1}{2P} \left\{ (E - E')^2 - (\vec{P} - \vec{P}')^2 \right\} \right] \right\rangle\right\rangle^{PP} \\
&= \frac{P_i}{P} \langle\langle K_i \rangle\rangle^{PP} + \frac{1}{2P} \langle\langle (E - E')^2 \rangle\rangle^{PP} - \frac{1}{2P} \langle\langle (\vec{P} - \vec{P}')^2 \rangle\rangle^{PP}
\end{aligned}$$



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Fractals, nonextensive statistics, and QCD

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In this work, we analyze how scaling properties of Yang-Mills field theory manifest as self-similarity of truncated n -point functions by scale evolution. The presence of such structures, which actually behave as fractals, allows for recurrent nonperturbative calculation of any vertex. Some general properties are indeed independent of the perturbative order, what simplifies the nonperturbative calculations. We show that for sufficiently high perturbative orders a statistical approach can be used, the nonextensive statistics is obtained, and the Tsallis index, q , is deduced in terms of the field theory parameters. The results are applied to QCD in the one-loop approximation, where q can be calculated, resulting in a good agreement with the value obtained experimentally. We discuss how this approach allows us to understand some intriguing experimental findings in high energy collisions, as the behavior of multiplicity against collision energy, long-tail distributions, and the fractal dimension observed in intermittency analysis.

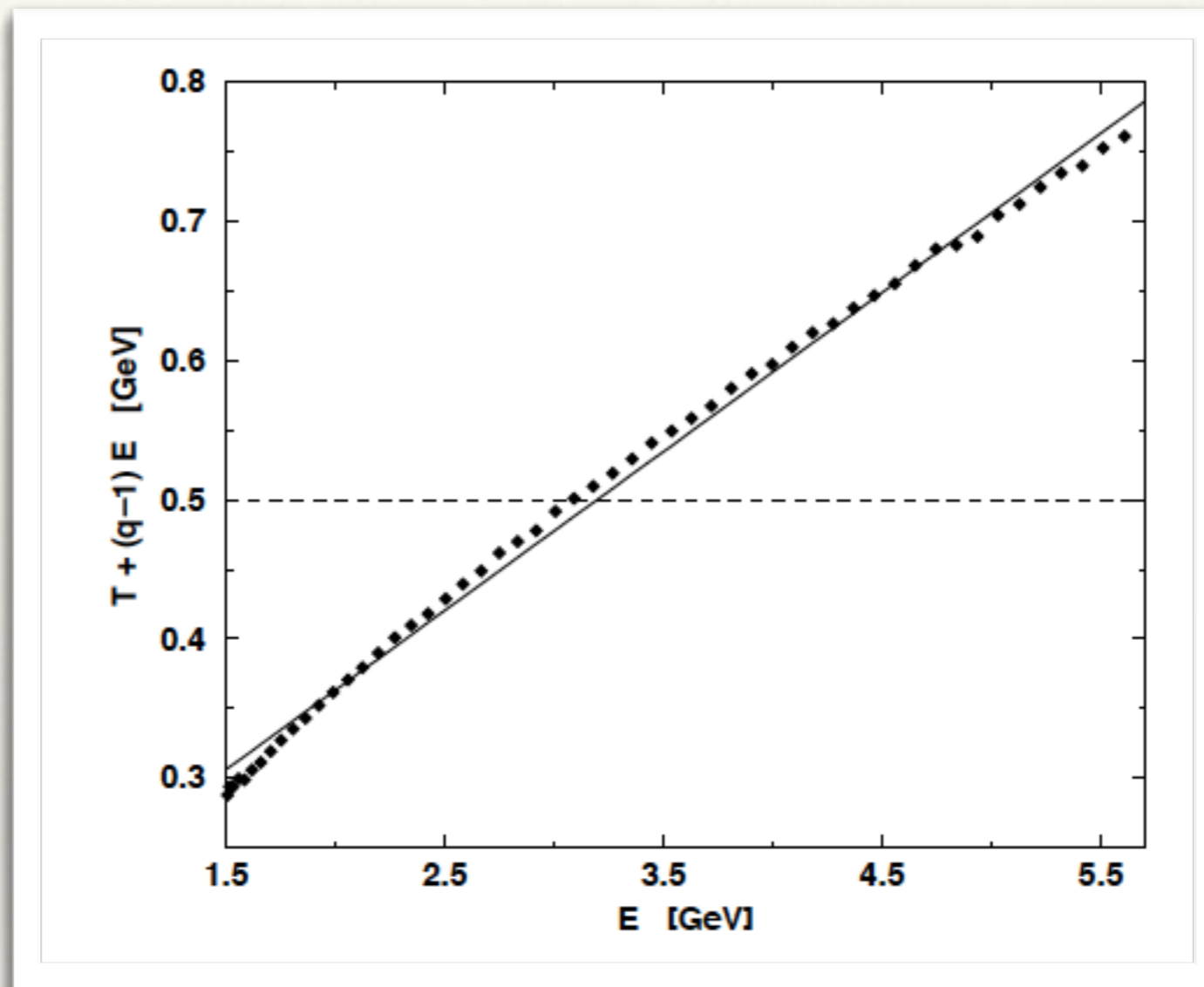
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$$A(p, T) = \frac{1}{p} \frac{d\Phi}{dp} B_{\parallel}(p, T) - \frac{1}{p} \frac{dB_{\parallel}}{dp} - \frac{n-1}{p^2} [B_{\parallel}(p, T) - B_{\perp}(p, T)],$$

n=3

$$\Phi_{Ts} = \frac{1}{q-1} \ln \left(1 + (q-1) \frac{E(p)}{T} \right)$$

$$T + (q-1)E = \frac{dE}{dp} \frac{B_{\parallel}}{pA + \frac{dB_{\parallel}}{dp} + \frac{n-1}{p}(B_{\parallel} - B_{\perp})}.$$



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