

Connections between Heavy-ion Collisions and Electron-Ion Collisions

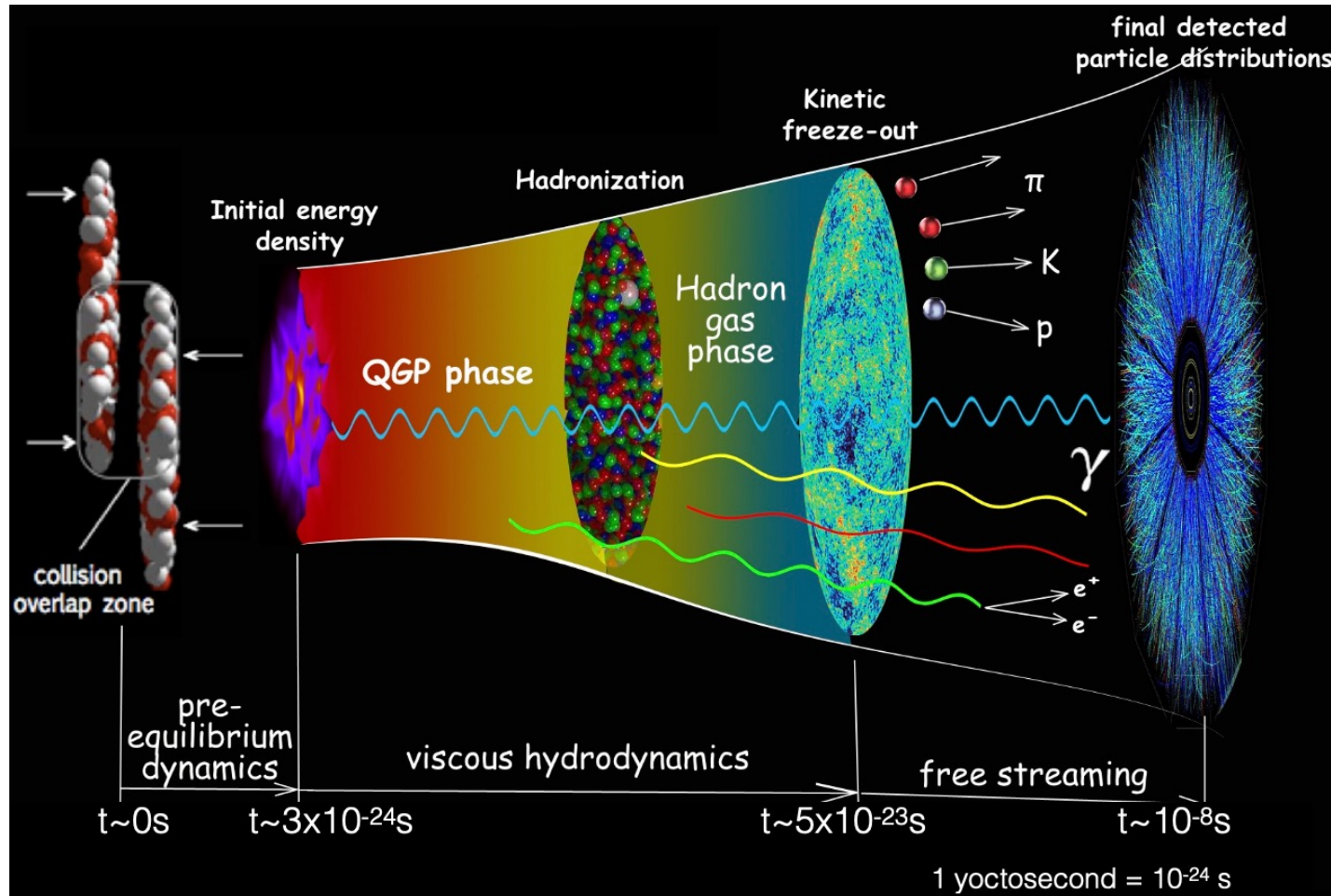
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Nuclear Matter under Extreme Conditions

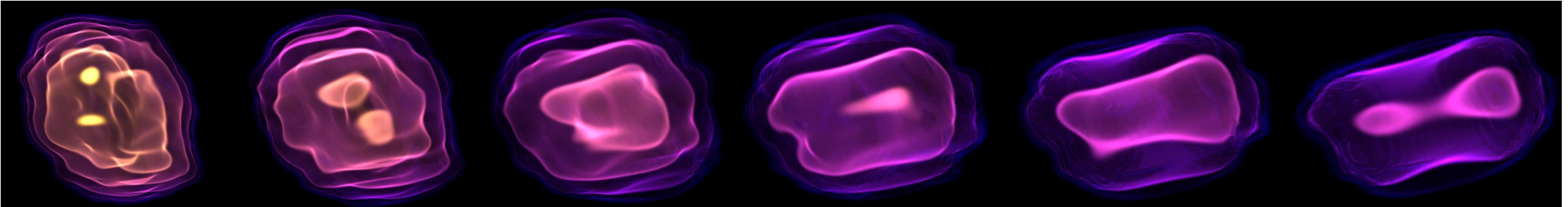


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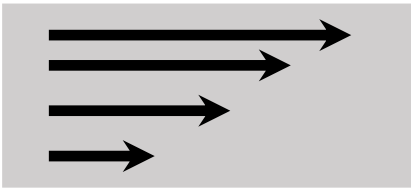
- Heavy-ion collision dynamics is complex with multiple length/time scales.
- What is the **smallest QGP droplet**?
- What is the **structure of QCD phase diagram**?
- How does the strongly coupled liquid emerge from fundamental QCD interactions?
- Constrain the **nuclear structures** by final state observables.
- Hard Probes, jet, heavy flavours, interact with medium.
- Probe Hadron structures, exotic hadrons.

QGP transport property

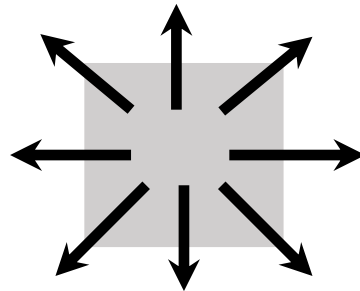
- Quark Gluon Plasma behaviors like fluid, evolved in relativistic viscous hydrodynamics.



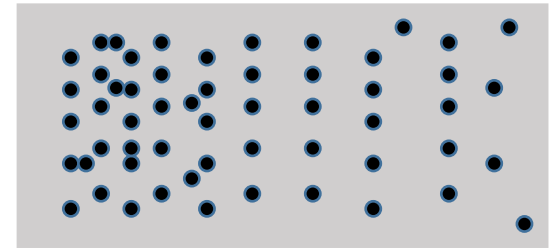
- Effects from dissipative components.



Shear viscosity acts against the buildup of flow gradients.

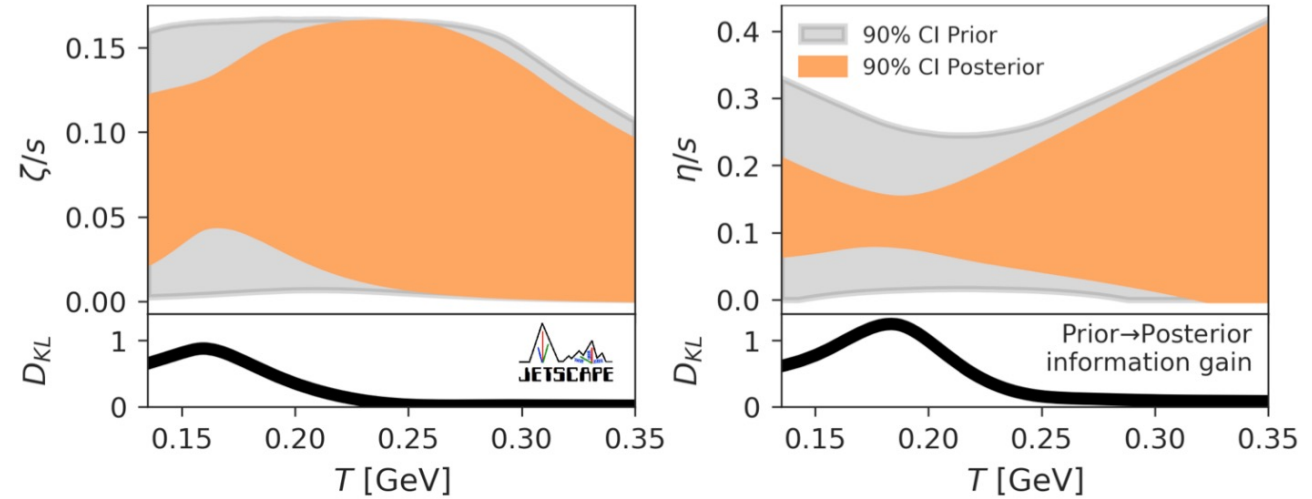
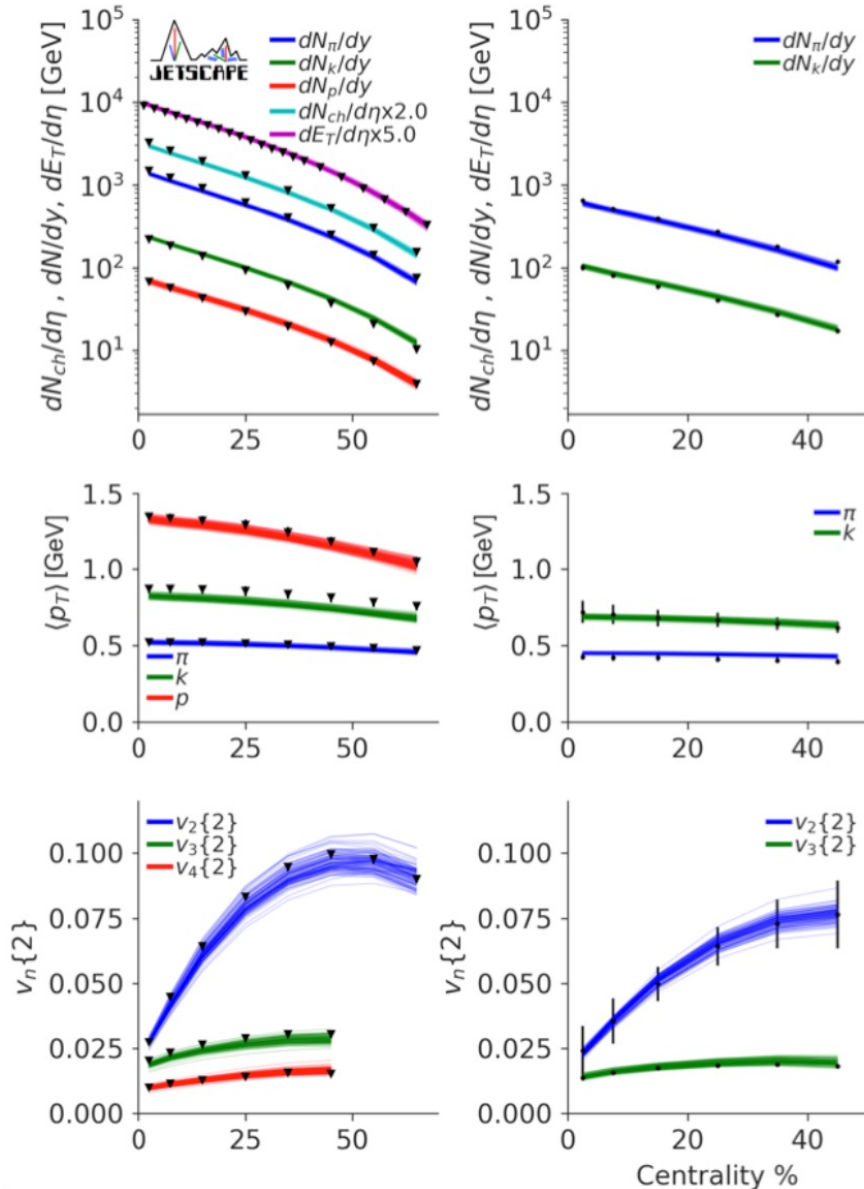


Bulk viscosity acts against the buildup of radial flow and longitudinal expansion



Diffusion current acts against the buildup of charge density inhomogeneity (smooth out such gradients)

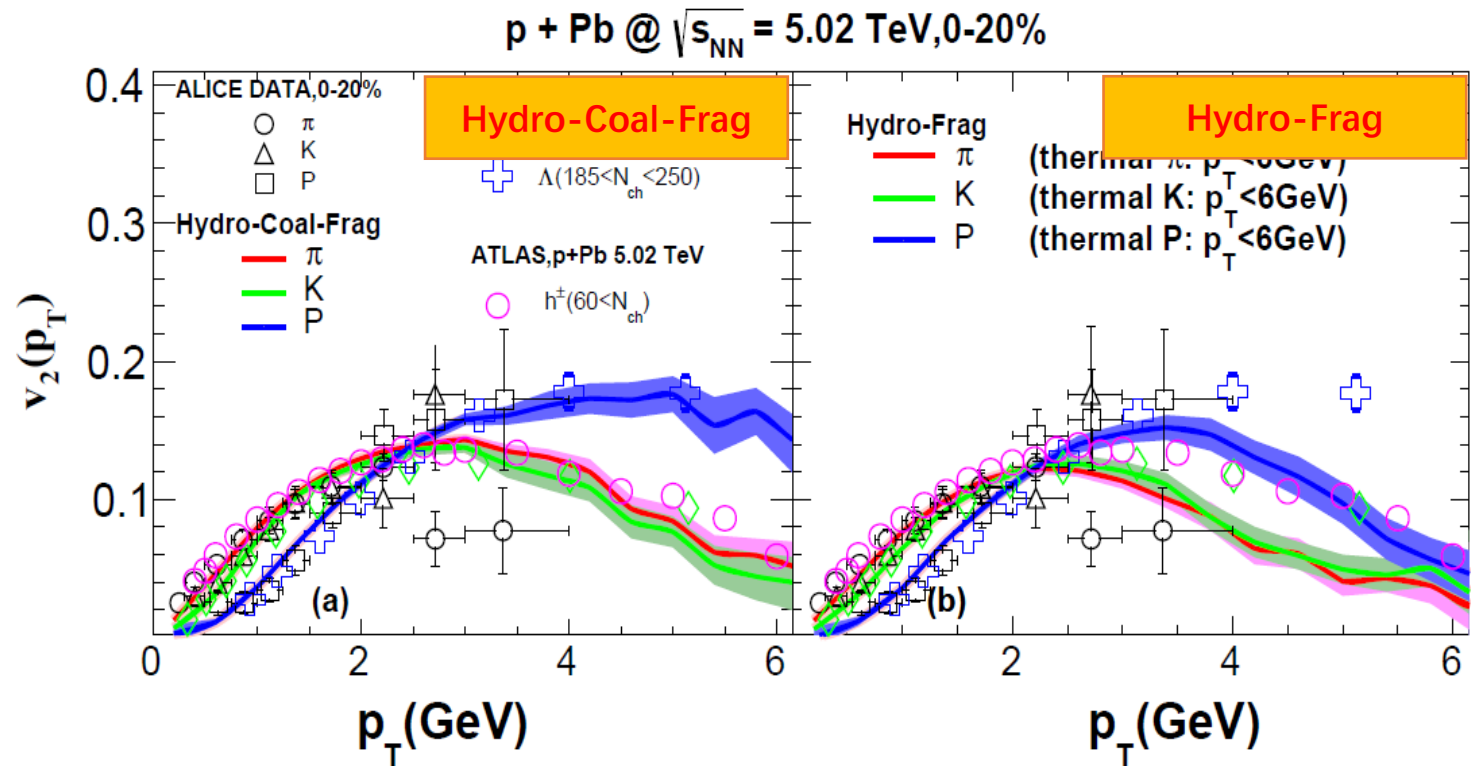
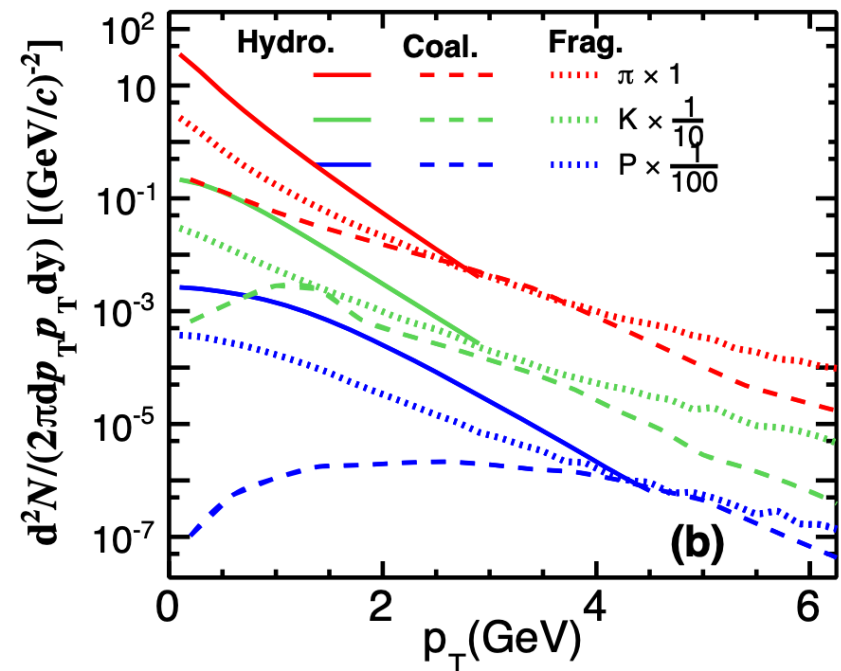
Global Bayesian Constrains on QGP Viscosity



- An era of extracting robust and precise properties of QCD matter from **multi-messenger** measurements.

JETSCAPE, Everett et al.,
PRL. 126 (2021) 24, 242301; PRC 103 (2021) 5, 054904 .
Bernhard et al., Nature Phys. 15, no.11, 1113-1117 (2019).

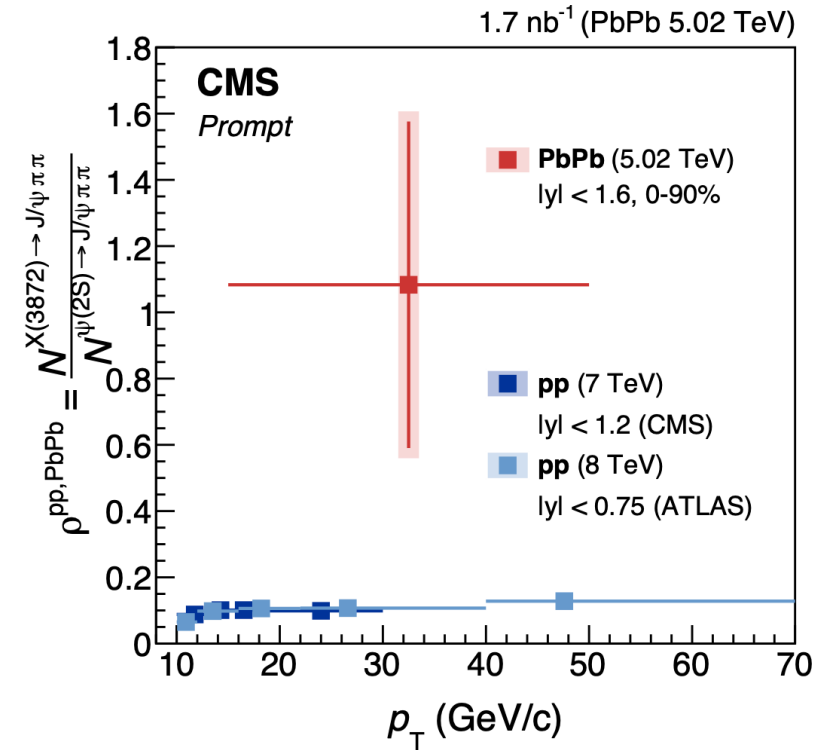
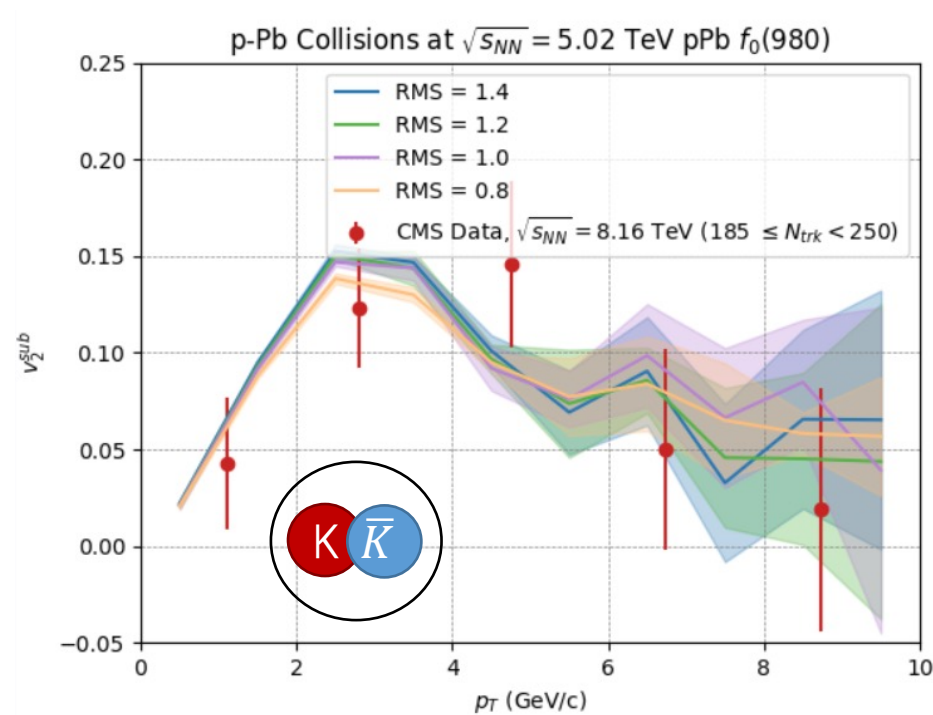
Study the hadronization mechanisms



W,Zhao, Ko, Liu, Qin and Song, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125, 072301 (2020).
ALICE: [arXiv:2411.09323].

- Probe the **partonic degree of freedom** in heavy-ion Collisions.

Exotic hadron productions



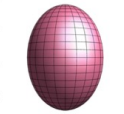
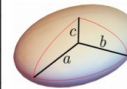
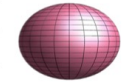
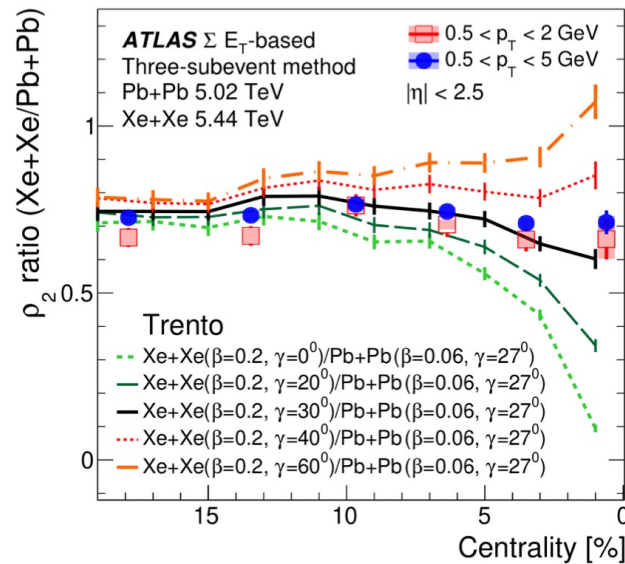
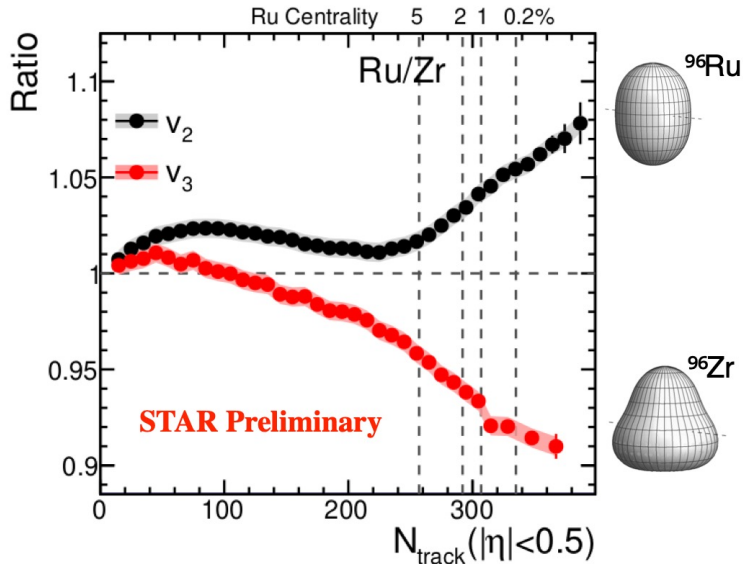
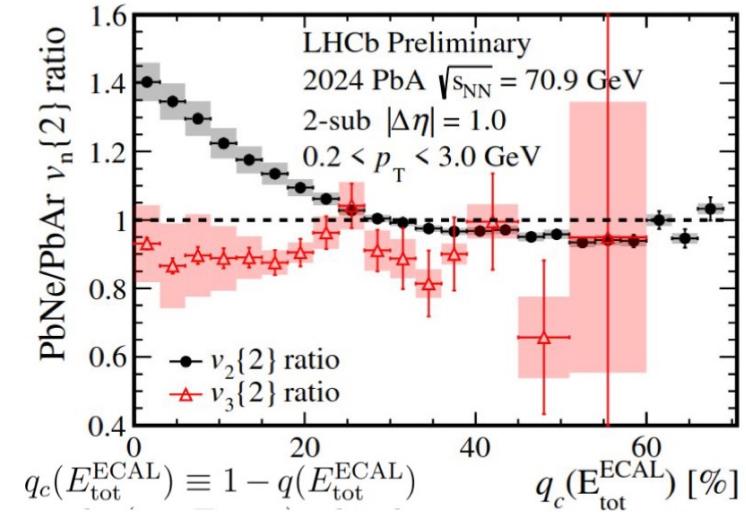
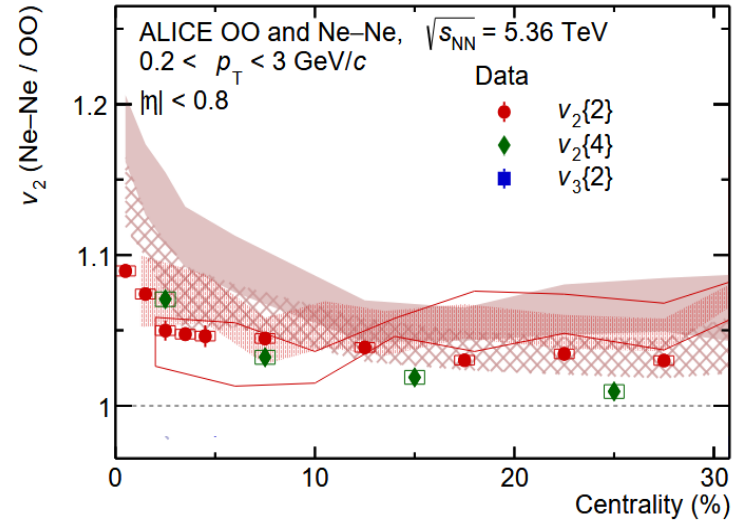
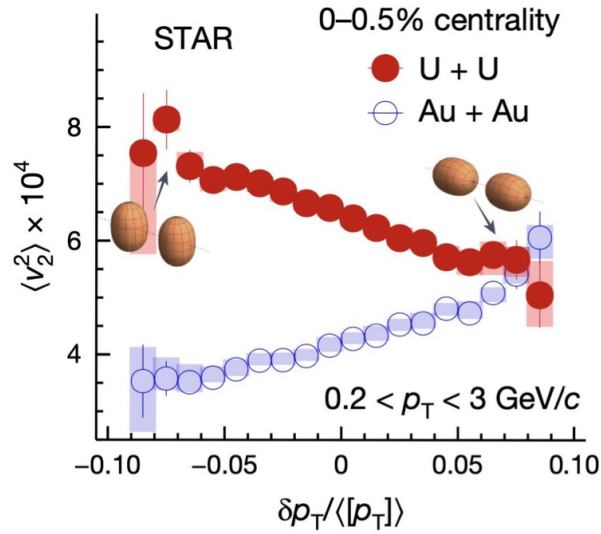
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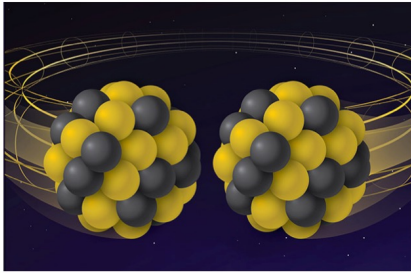
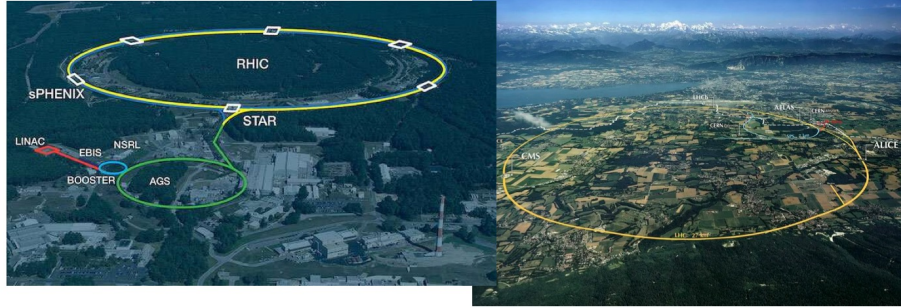
- The CMS flow measurement is the consistent with **$K - \bar{K}$ molecular** picture of $f_0(980)$.
- X-3872 productions in Heavy-ion Collisions.

Imaging the Nuclear Structures



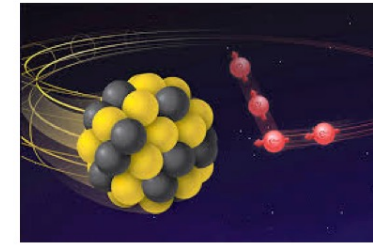
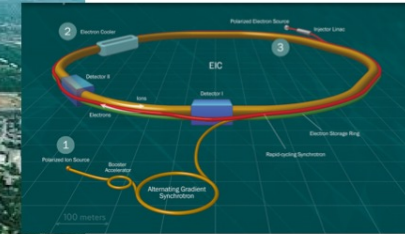
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- CMS: [arXiv:2510.02580].
- LHCb: [arXiv:2509.12399].
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Heavy-ion Collisions and DIS/UPC

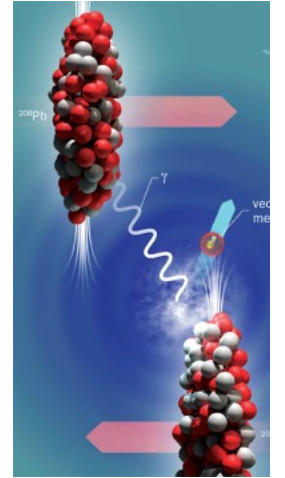


- **Heavy-ion Collisions:** High center-of-mass energies available.
- **Multi-Stage process:**
Initial state $\Rightarrow$ QGP $\Rightarrow$ Hadronic Scatter

- It is the same nucleus at small x : probe the initial state in DIS/UPC, then apply to heavy ion simulations.



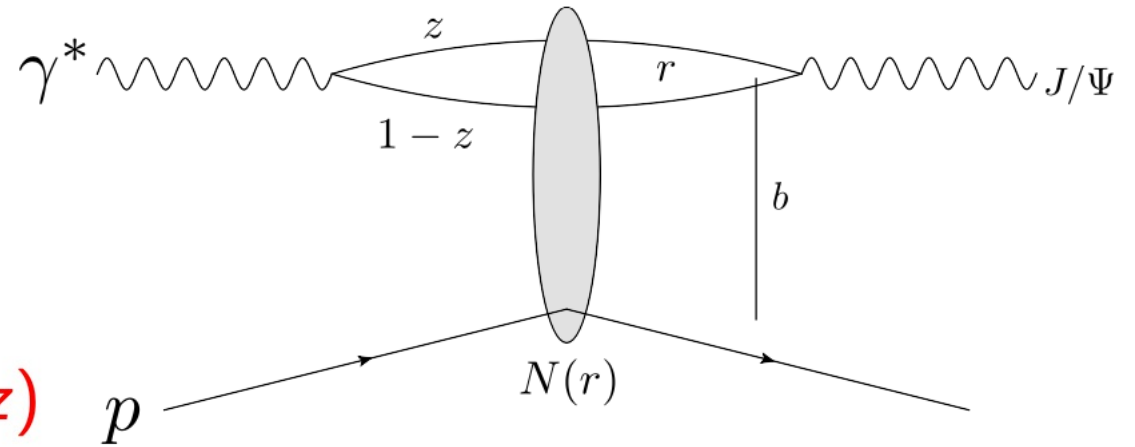
- **DIS/UPC:**
- Pin down kinematics, clean probes of QCD dynamics.
- Collision energy is limited.



Imaging nuclei with photon-nucleus reactions

High energy factorization:

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wave function $\Psi^\gamma(r, Q^2, z)$
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Diffractive scattering amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p} \sim \int d^2 b d z d^2 r \Psi^{\gamma^*} \Psi^V(r, z, Q^2) e^{-i b \cdot \Delta} N(r, x, b)$$

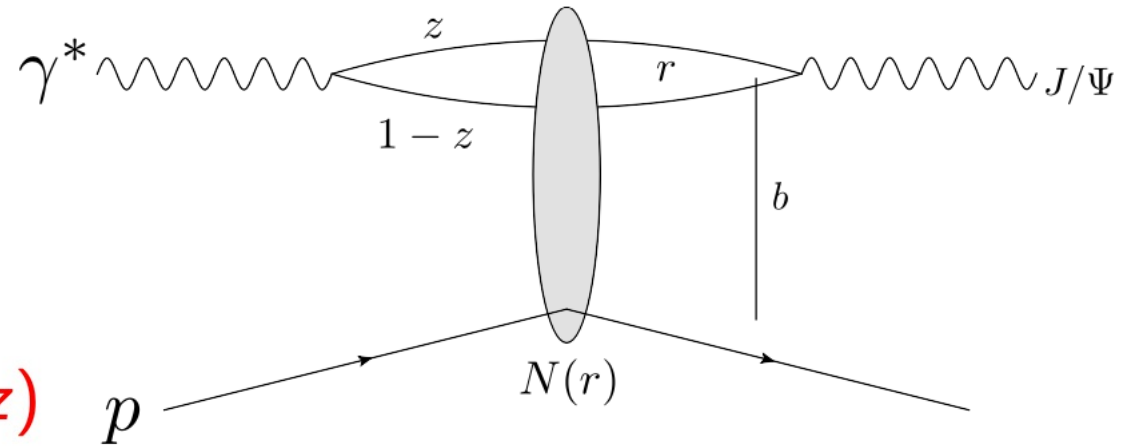
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$A \sim$ Fourier transform of the spatial structure function of target ($T_{p/A}$).

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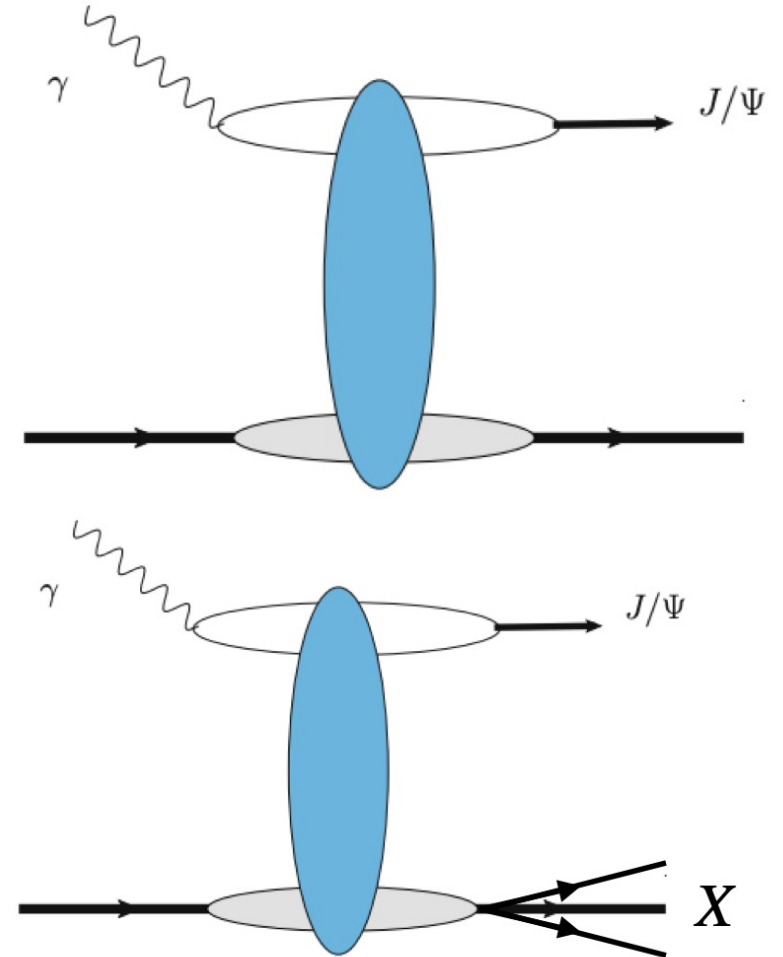
Coherent and incoherent processes

- **Coherent** $\sigma_{\text{coherent}} \sim |\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\Omega}|^2$

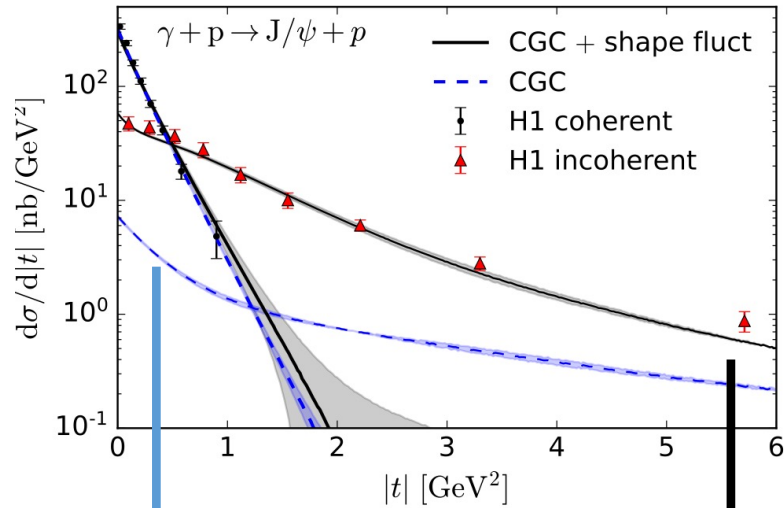
Target stays intact, ($|\text{initial state}\rangle = |\text{final state}\rangle$)
Probes the average shape of the target.

- **Incoherent** $\sigma_{\text{incoherent}} \sim \langle |\mathcal{A}|^2 \rangle_{\Omega} - |\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\Omega}|^2$

Target breaks apart, ($|\text{initial state}\rangle \neq |\text{final state}\rangle$)
Probes the variance of event-by-event initial state fluctuations in target structure.



Proton geometry fluctuations

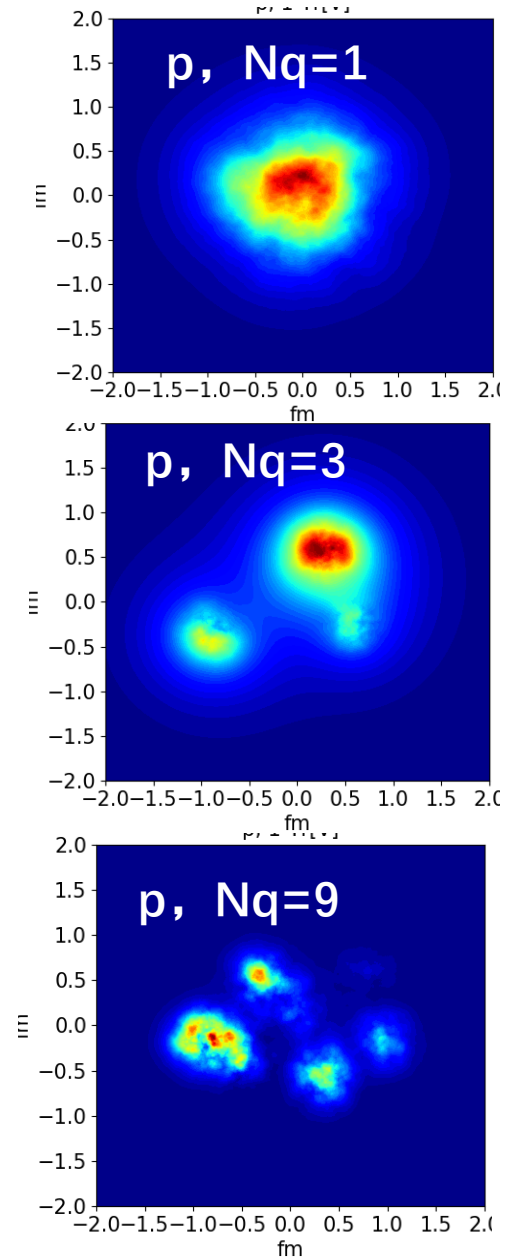


No subnucleon fluctuations

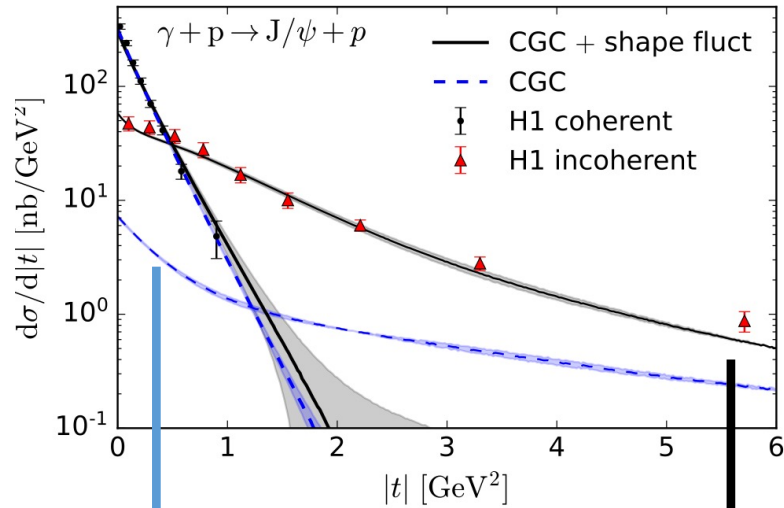
With subnucleon fluctuations

- Probe the event-by-event sub-nucleon fluctuations.

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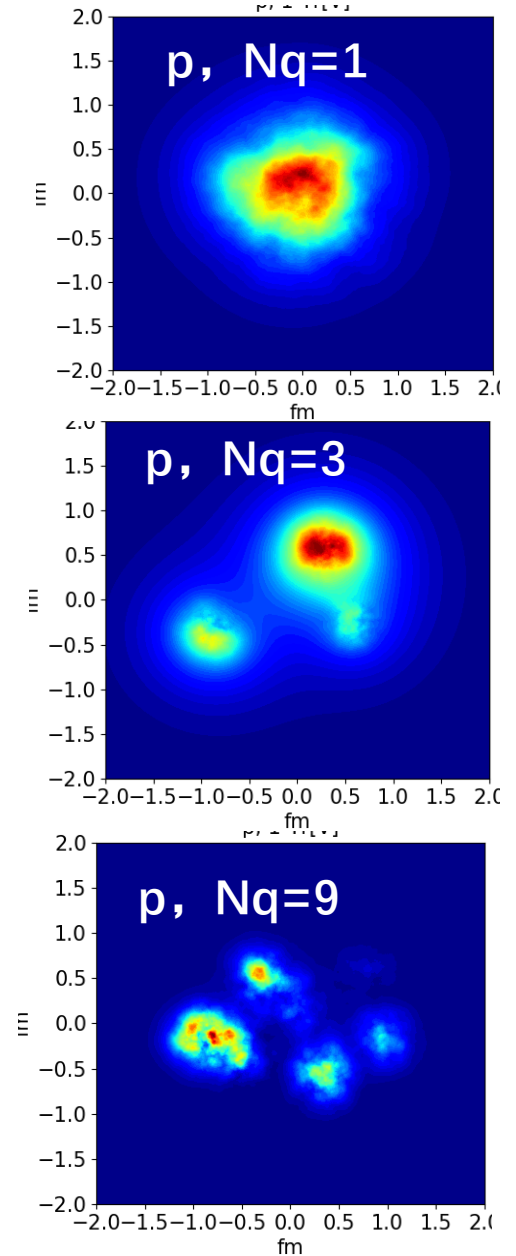
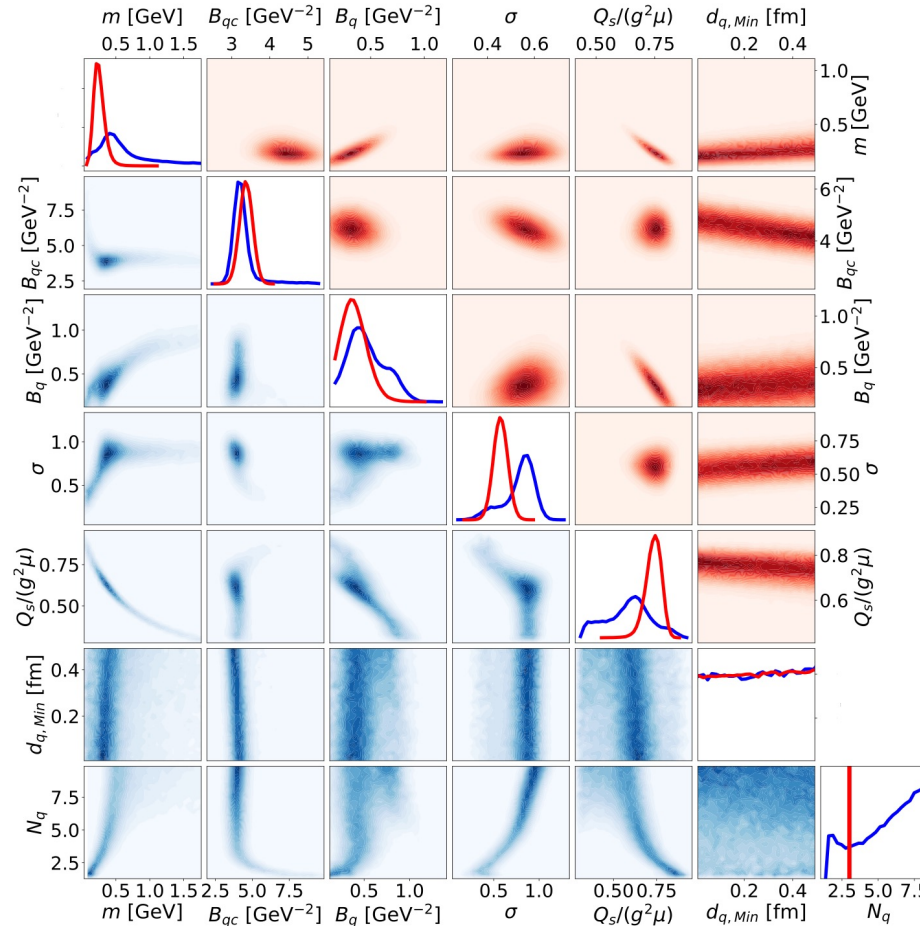


Proton geometry fluctuations



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- Probe the event-by-event sub-nucleon fluctuations.
- Bayesian inference of the fluctuating proton shape.
- The extracted 2D RMS proton radius $R_{rms} = \sqrt{2(B_{qc} + B_q)} \sim \mathbf{0.6 \text{ fm}}$.

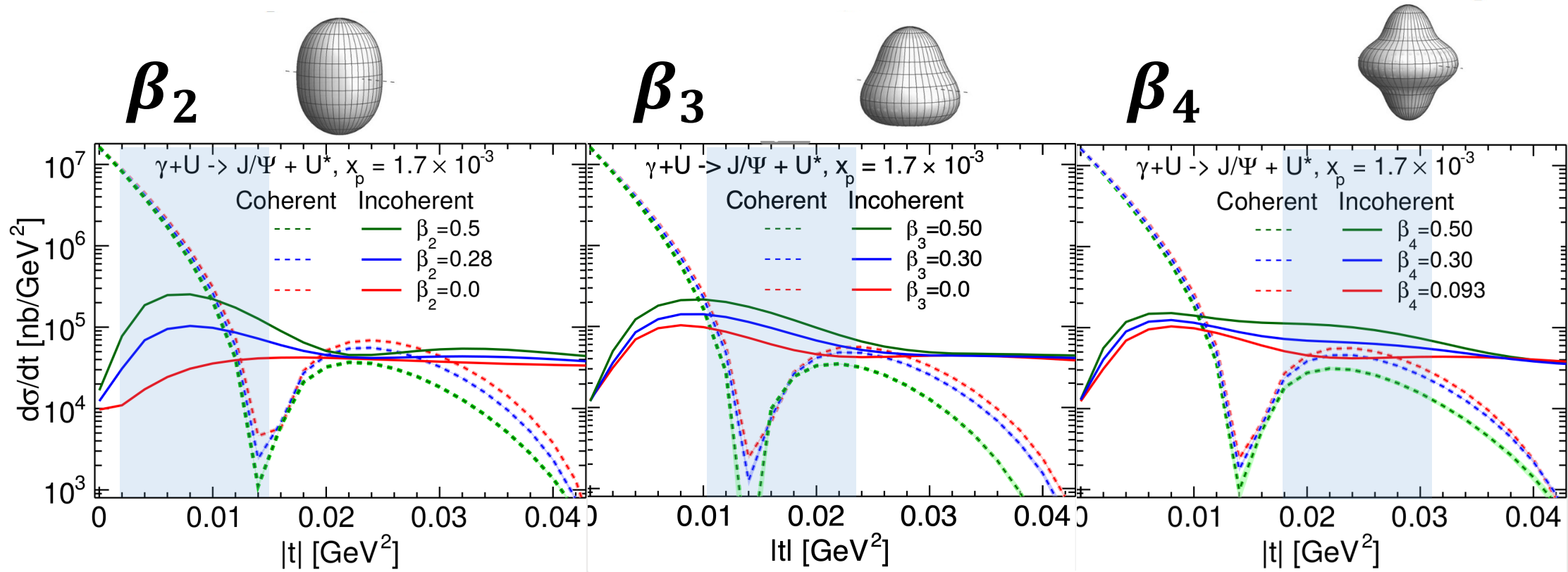
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Multi-scale imaging of Nuclear shape

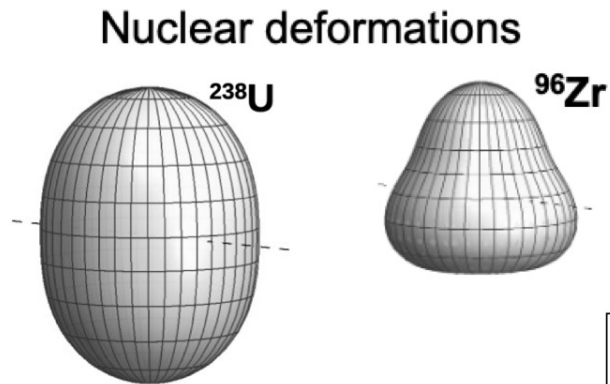
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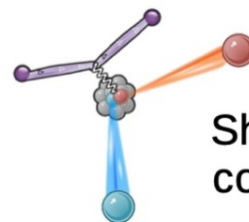
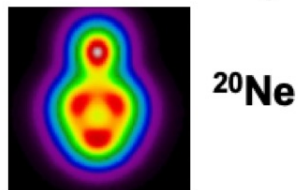
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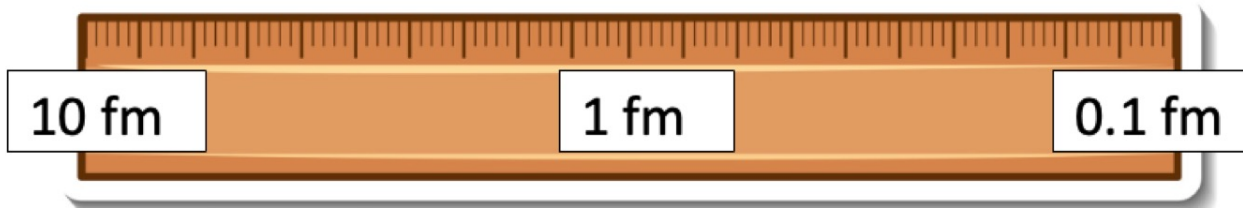
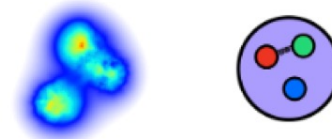
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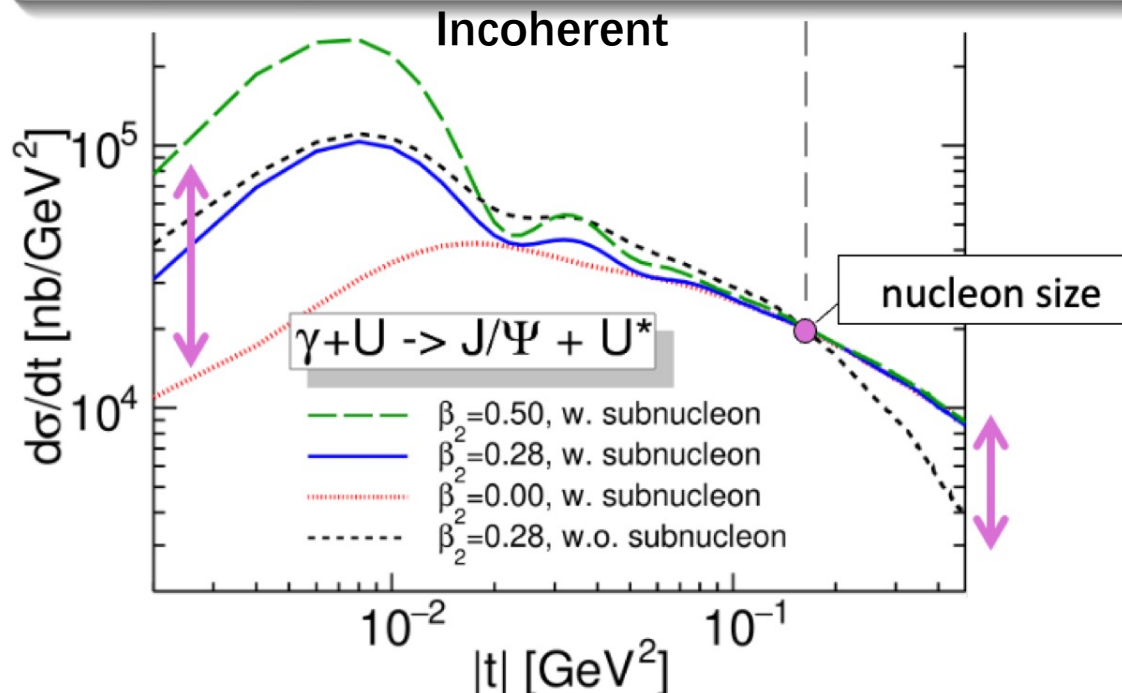
Nucleon clustering



Saturated hot spots
Di-quarks
Double parton distributions



Incoherent diffractive
vector meson production
is sensitive to fluctuations
in the target



The transverse
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sets the length scale
we probe

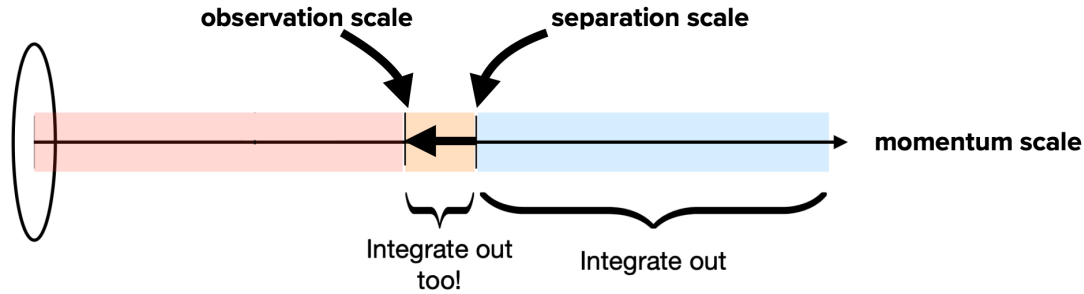
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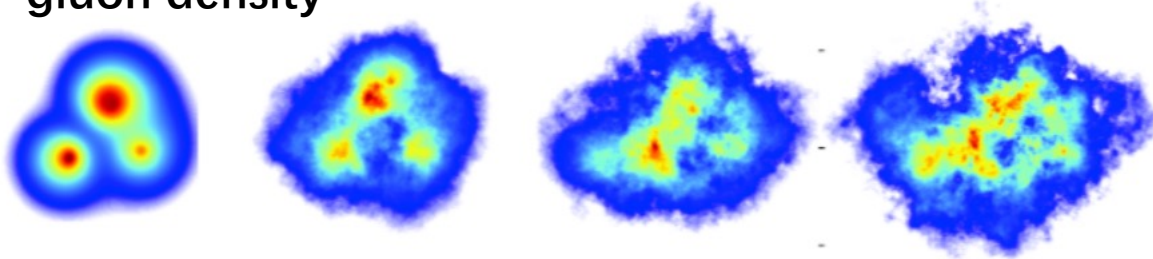
Energy Evolution of Initial Conditions

Energy evolution of initial state



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gluon density



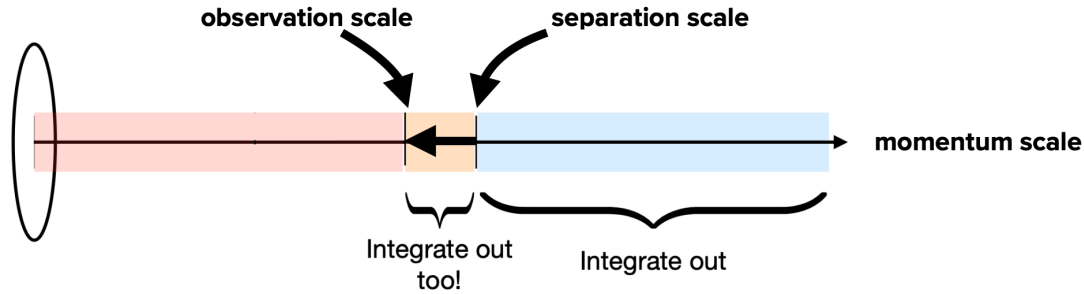
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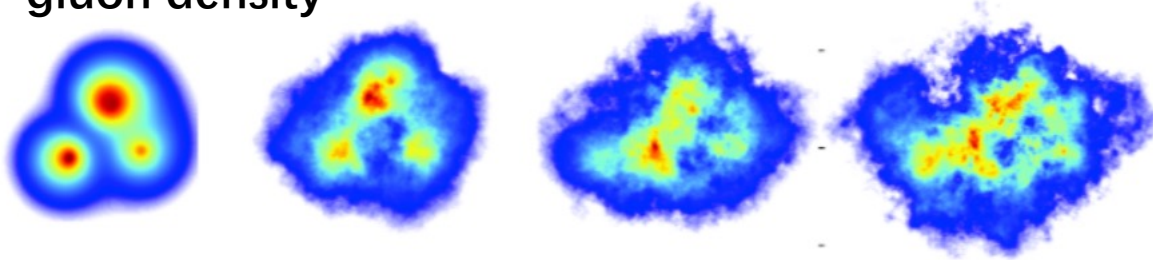
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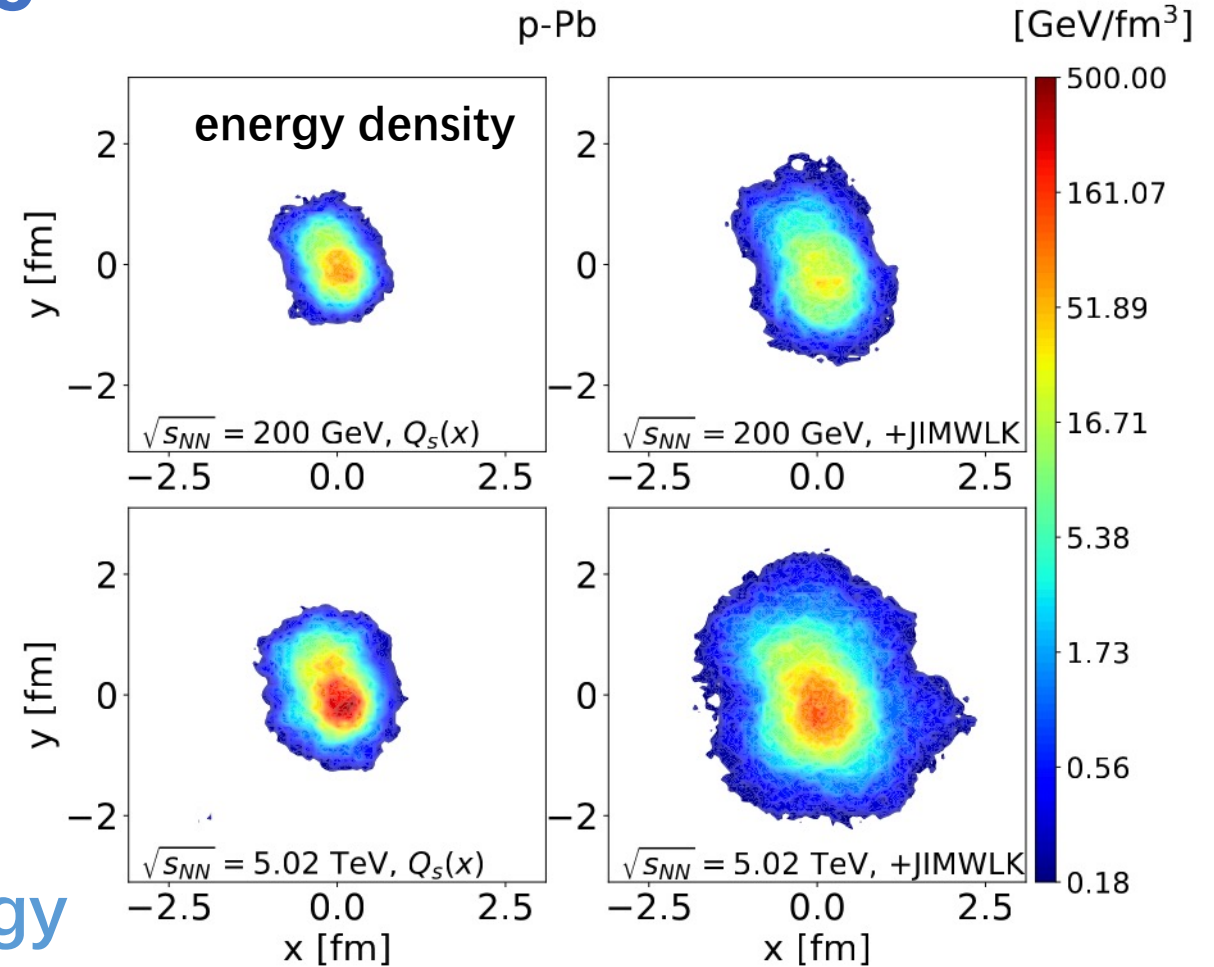


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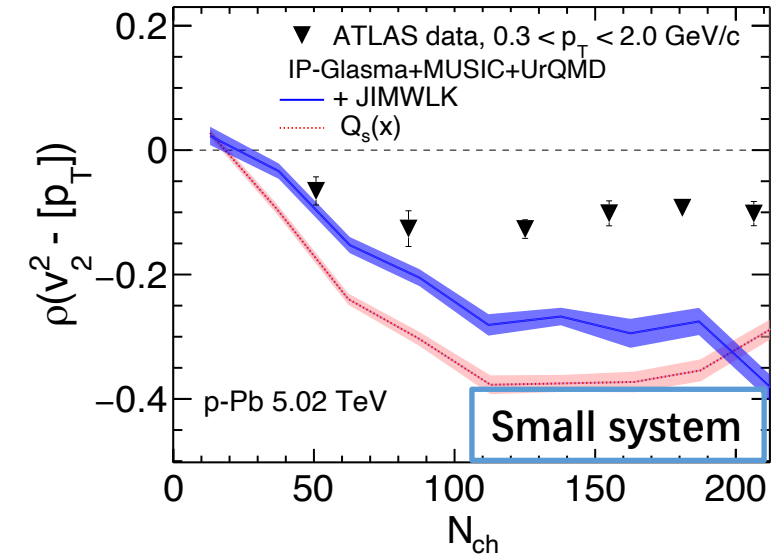
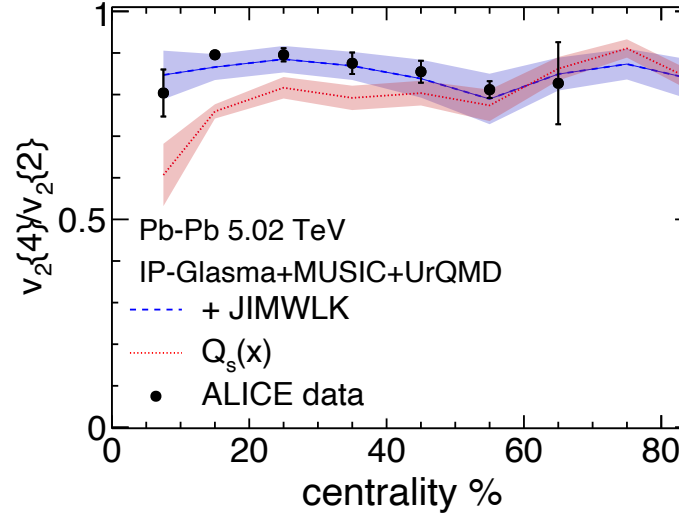
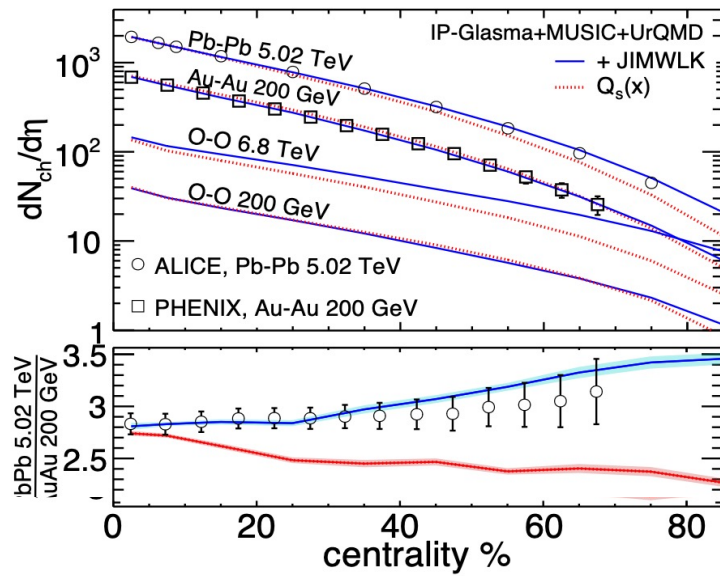
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Effects of energy evolution on heavy-ion observables



+ **JIMWLK**: CGC + energy evolution + Hydrodynamics

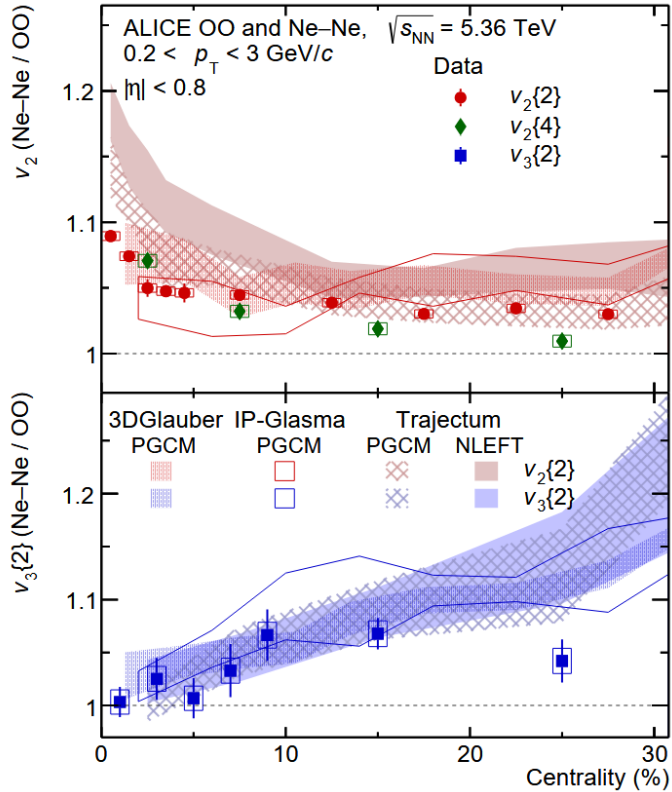
$Q_s(x)$: CGC (change the $Q_s(x)$ only for different energies) + Hydrodynamics

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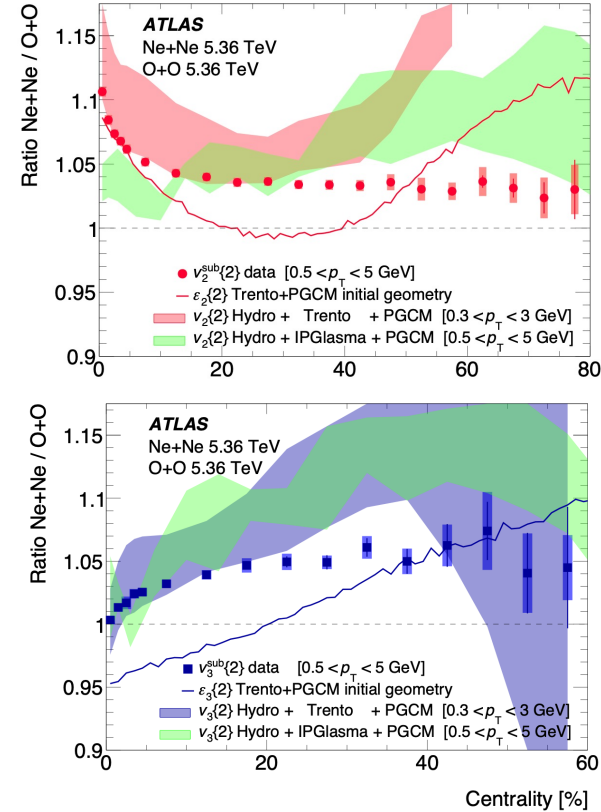
- The energy evolution of the initial state is important in Bayesian analysis when comparing data across different collision energies.

Flow ratio NeNe/OO

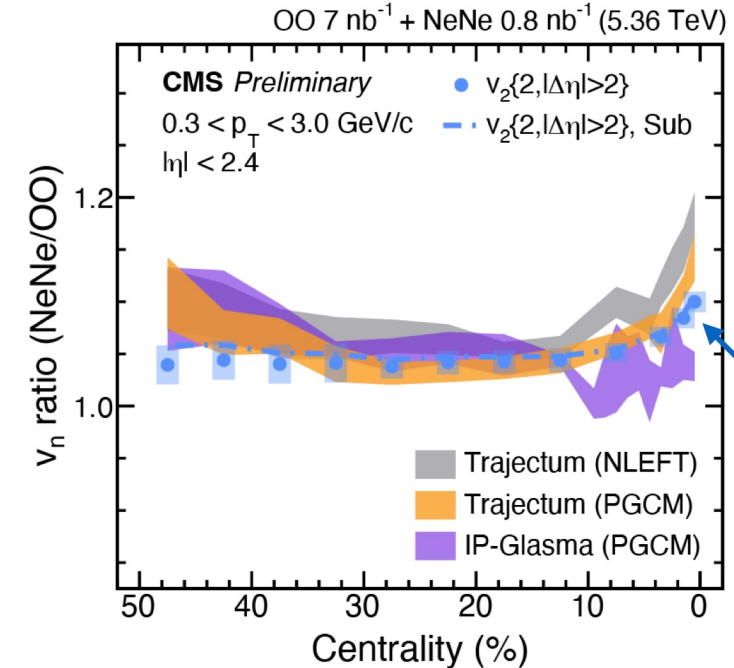
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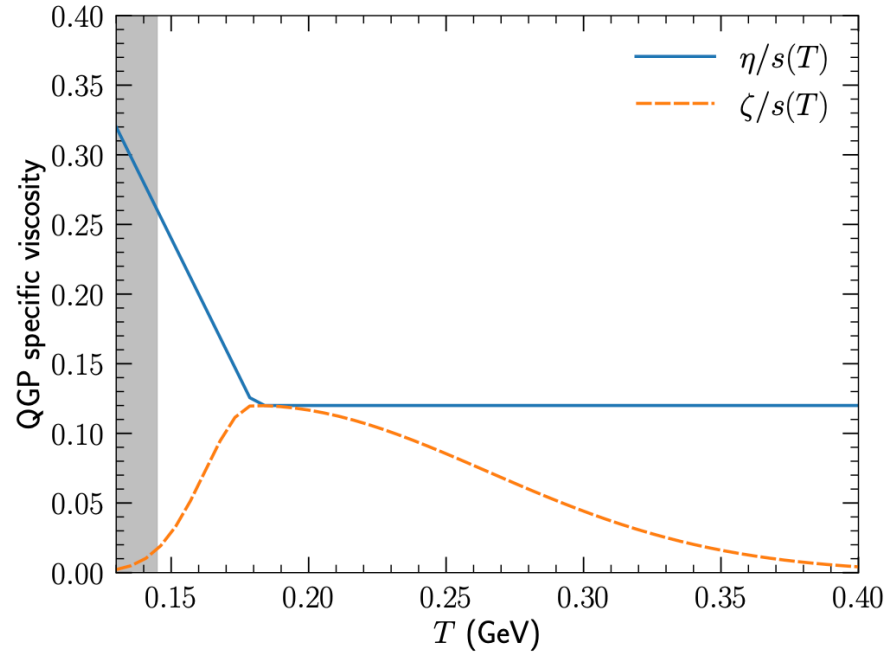


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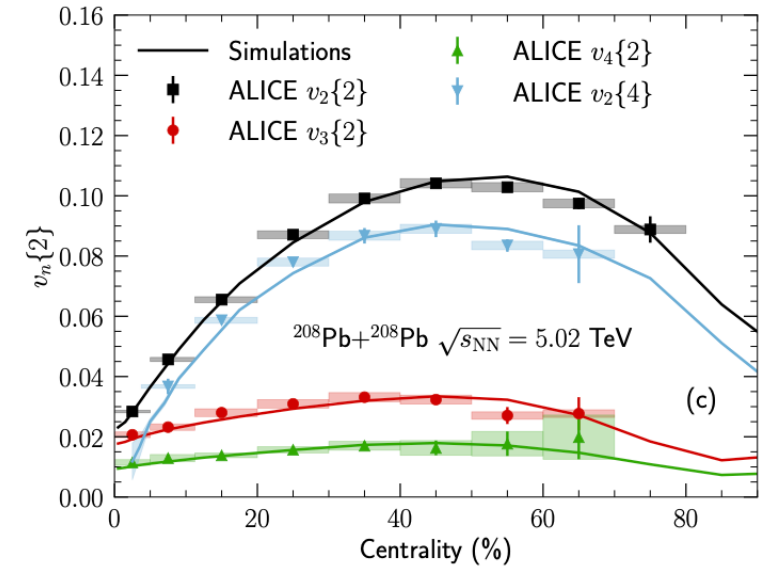
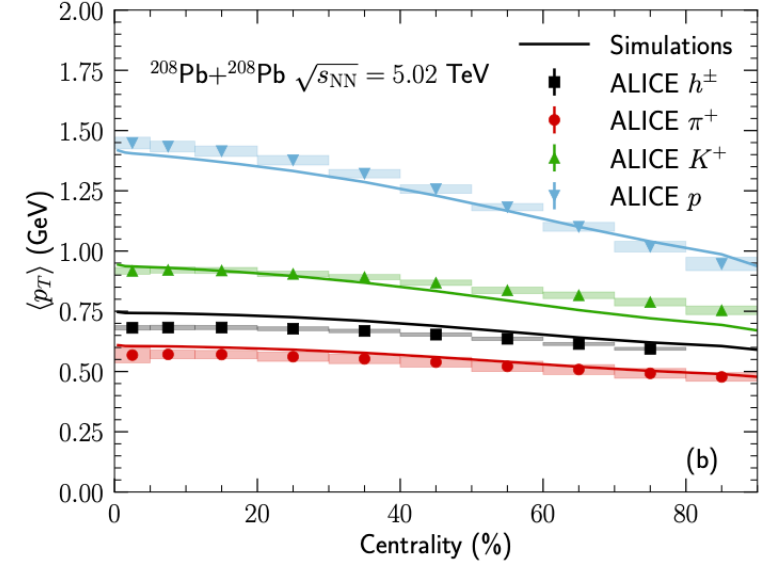
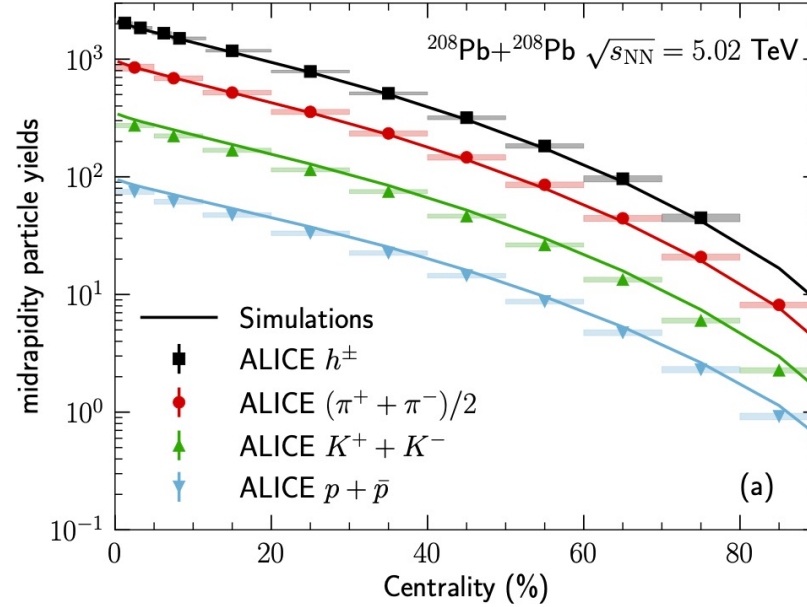
- **Trajectum:** Fit Pb-Pb LHC flow data, [PRL,135, 012302]
- **IPGlasma + JIMWLK:** Fit J/Ψ data + energy evolution [PRL, 135,022302]
- **3D-Glauber:** Fit dAu, AuAu at RHIC, then extrapolate to LHC. [JETSCAPE, in preparation]

Probing nuclear structure in high energy heavy ions

Hydrodynamic baseline

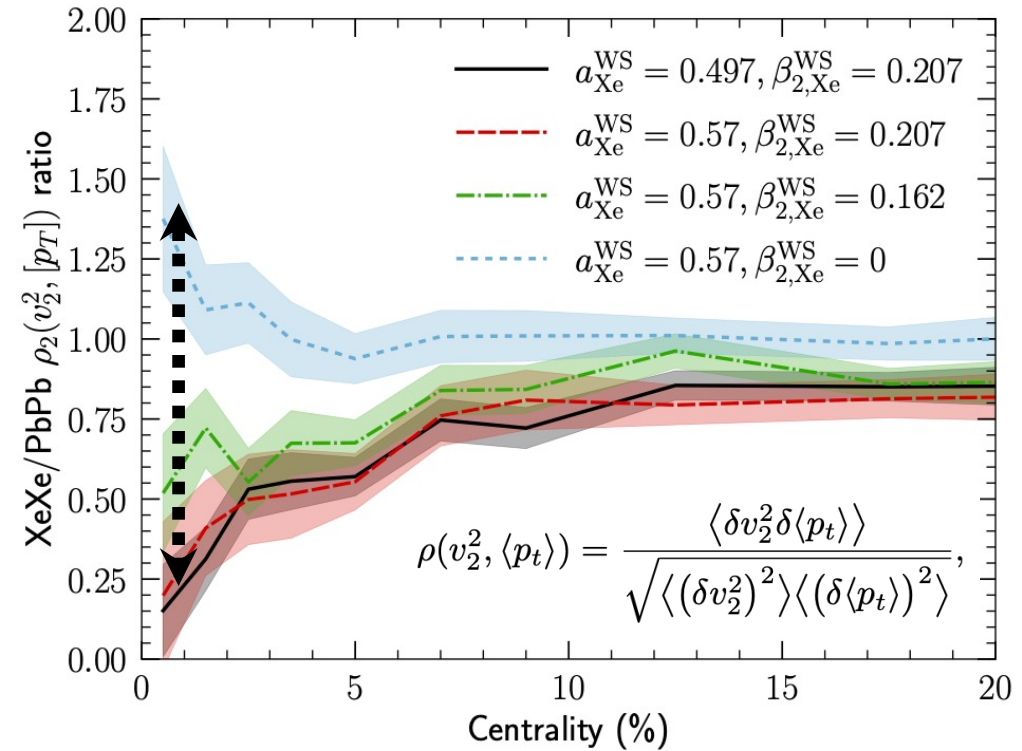
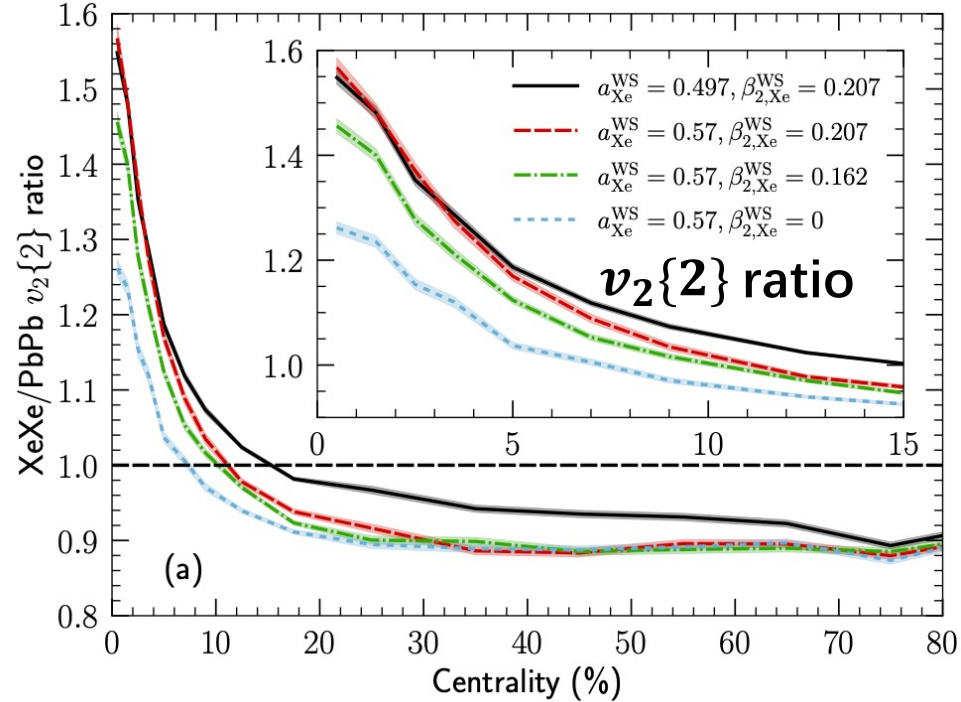


- Hydrodynamic parameters are turned to fit the multiplicity, mean p_T and integrated flow in Pb-Pb.



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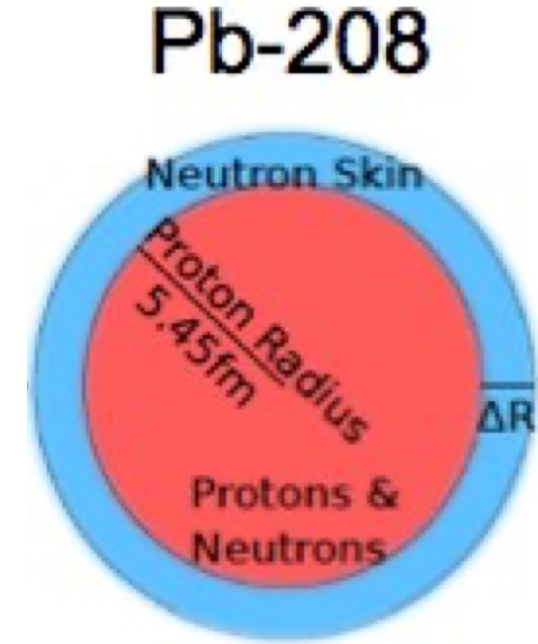
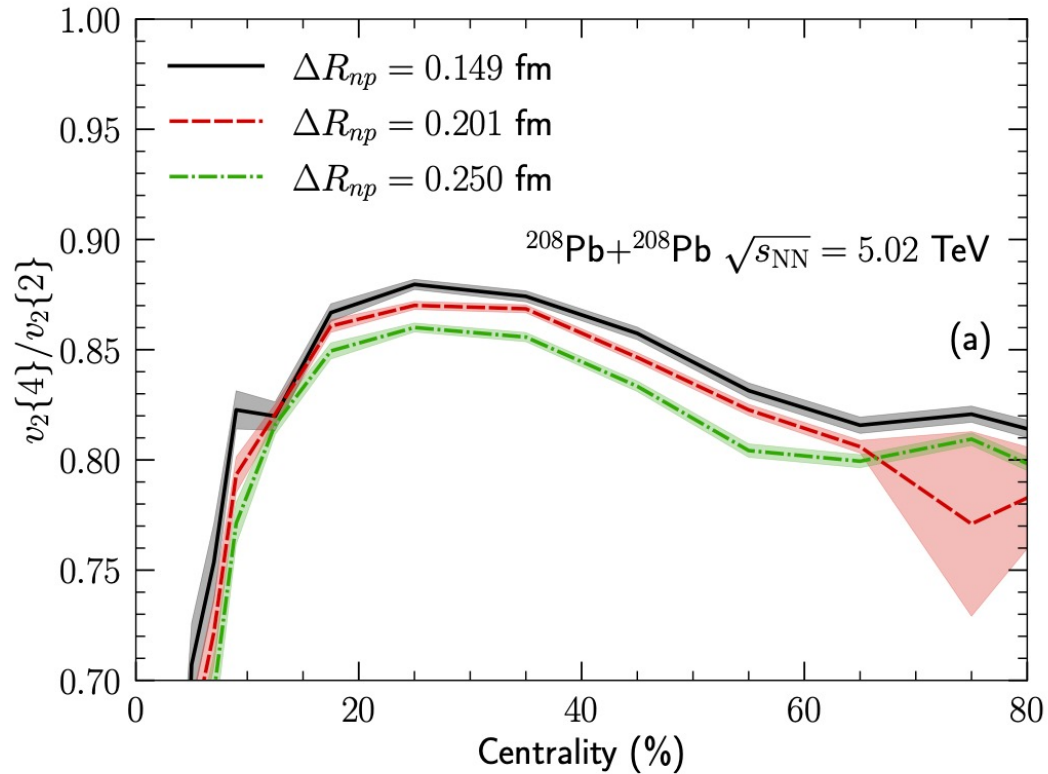
Deformations



- v_2 ratios sensitive to β_2 .
- $v_2 - [p_T]$ correlator is very sensitive to β_2 .

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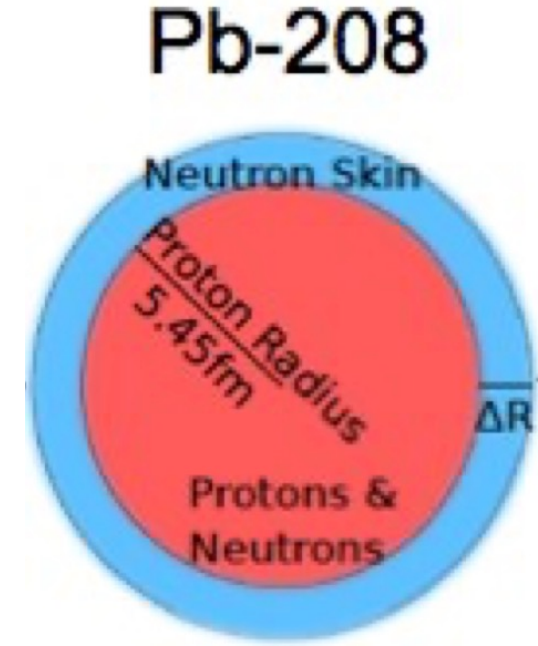
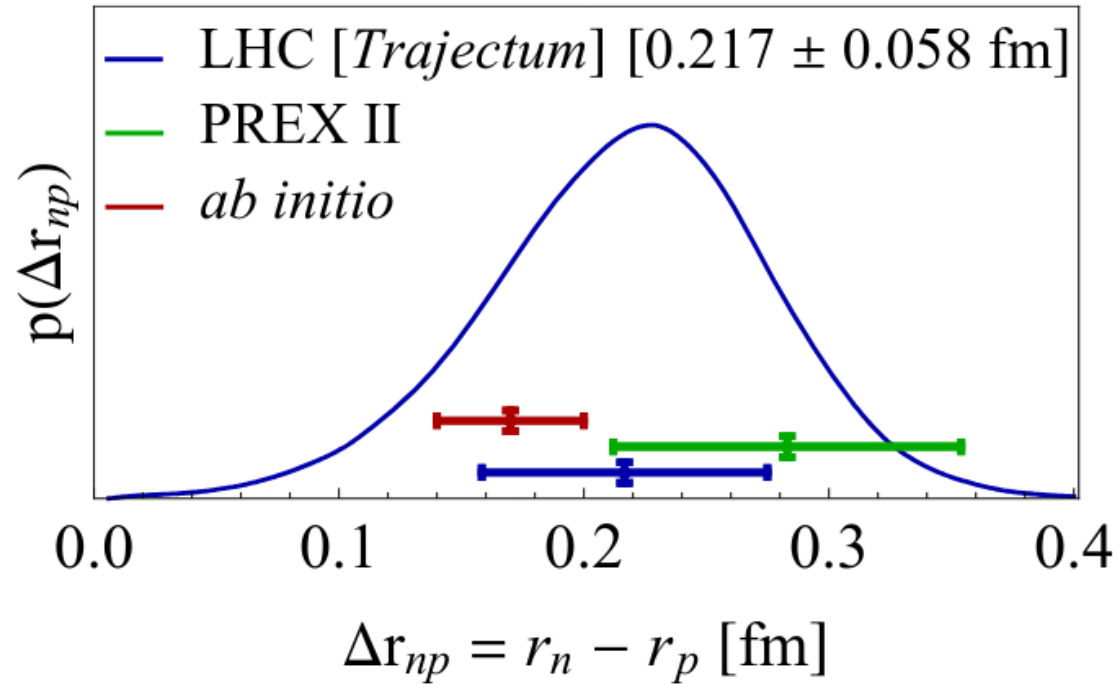
$$\Delta R_{np} = R_p - R_n,$$

$$R_{p,n} = \sqrt{\int d^3r r^2 \rho_{p,n}^{\text{WS}}(r, \theta) / \int d^3r \rho_{p,n}^{\text{WS}}(r, \theta)}.$$

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- $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ is a sensitive probe to skin depth of the nuclear mass density.

Constraining the neutron skin of Pb-208



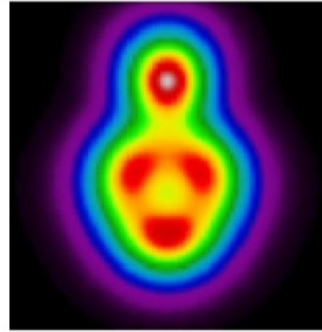
$$\Delta R_{np} = R_p - R_n,$$

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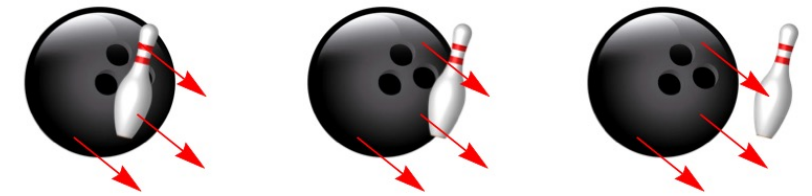
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- Bayesian inference of the Pb-208 neutron skin.

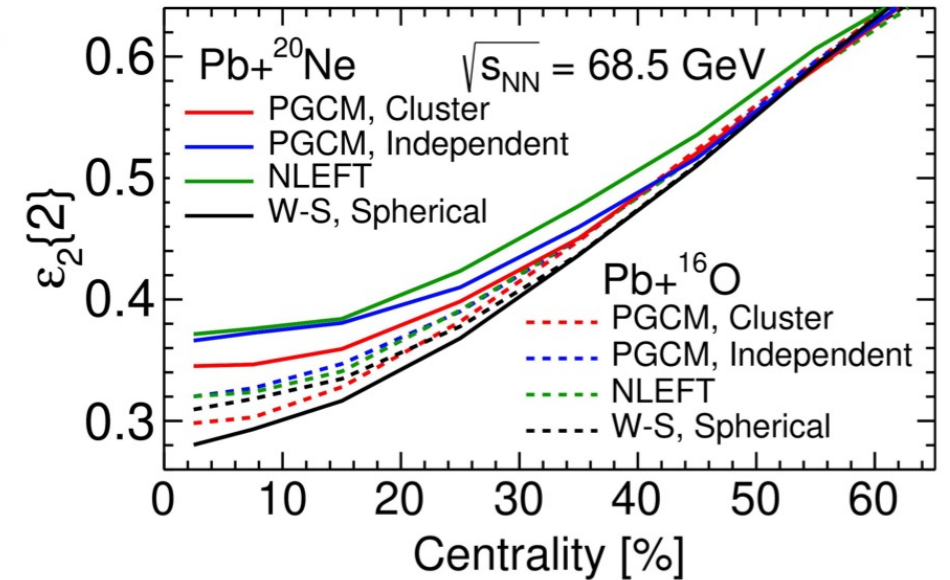
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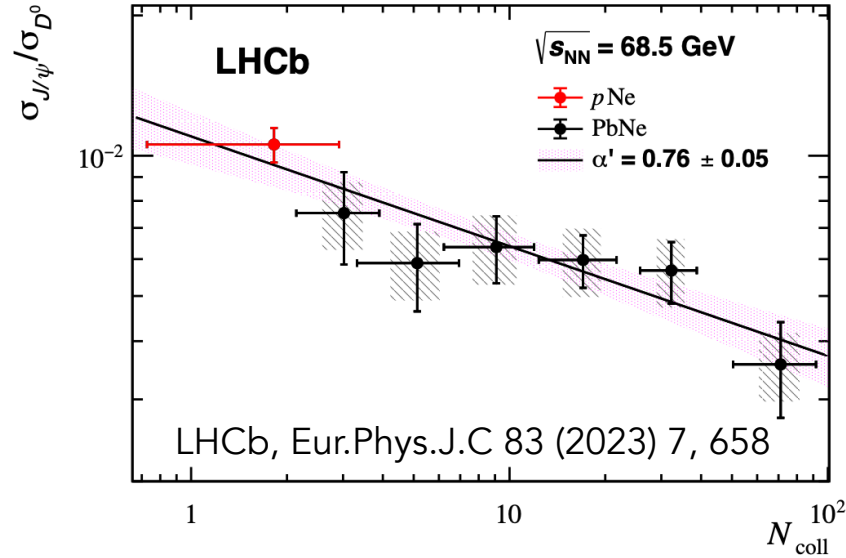
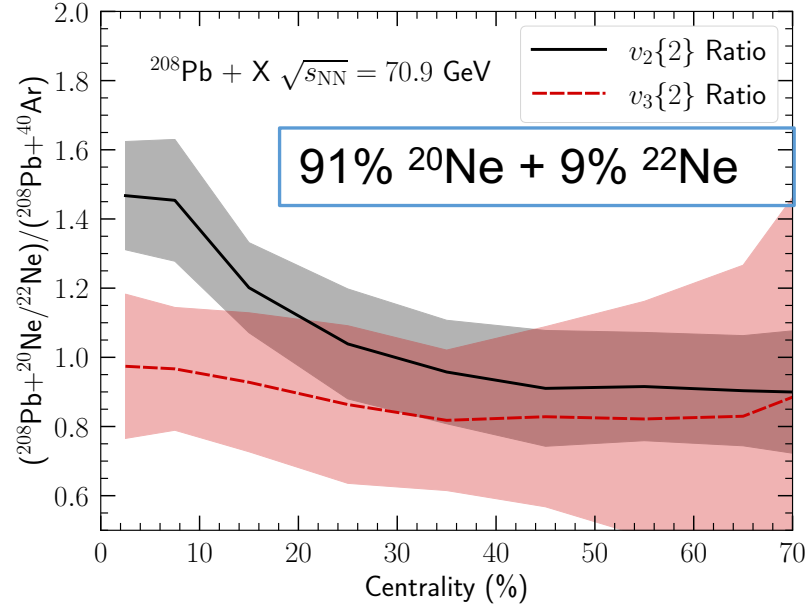


Pb + Ne-20 collisions: A high energy bowling allay!

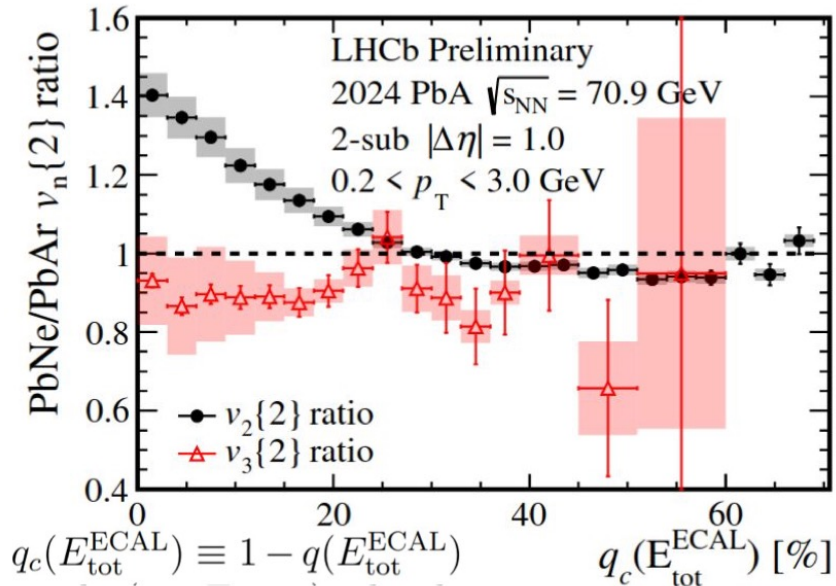
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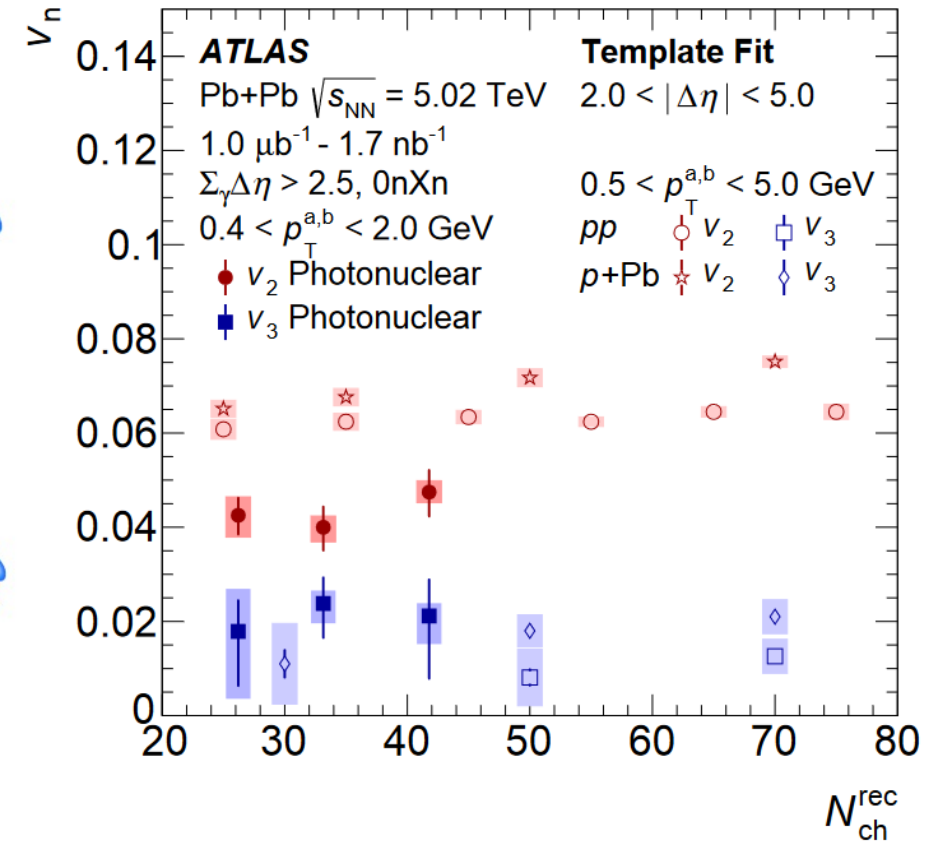
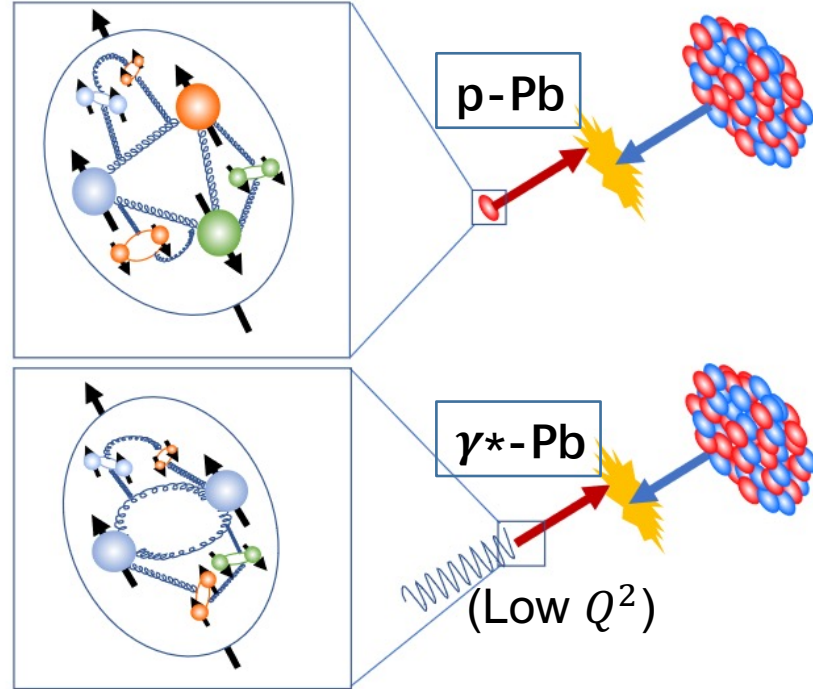
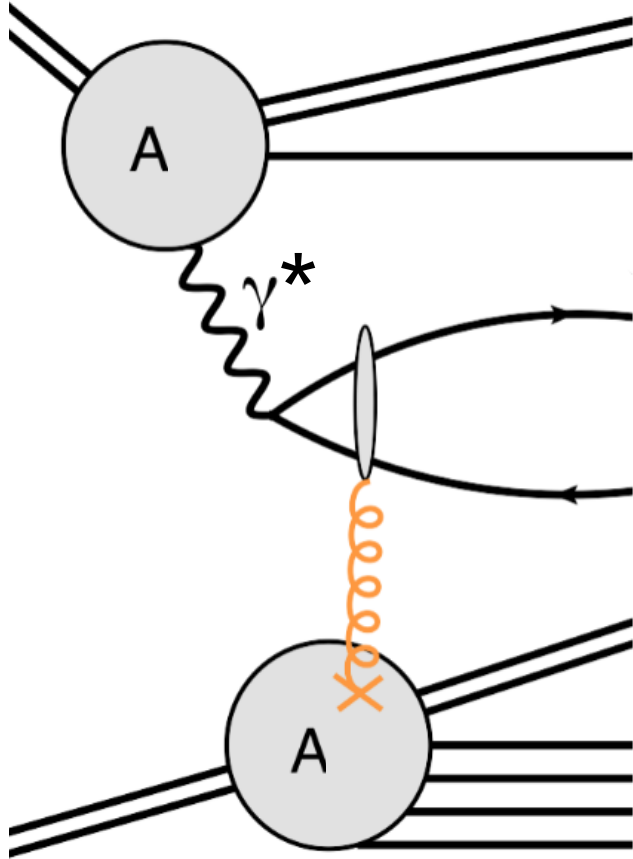
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Searching the “smallest” droplet

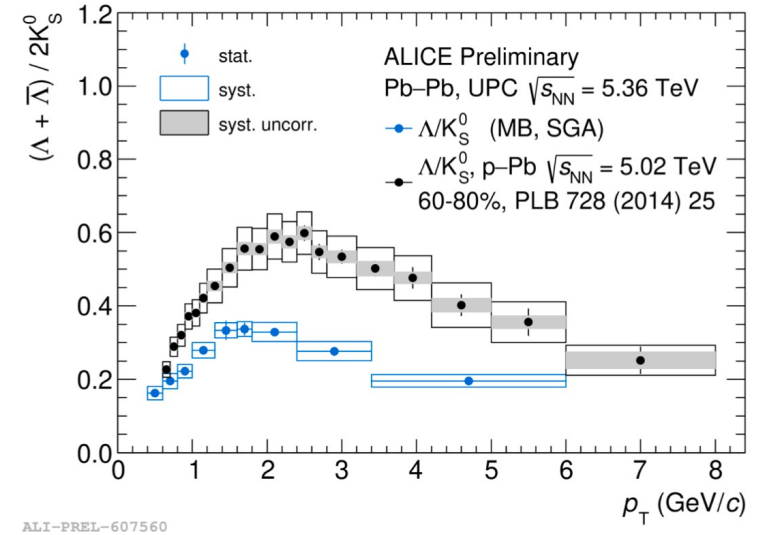
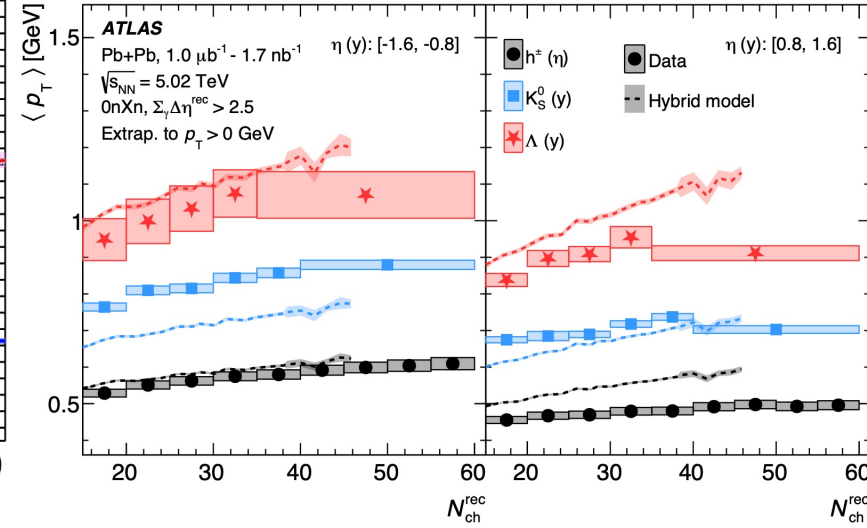
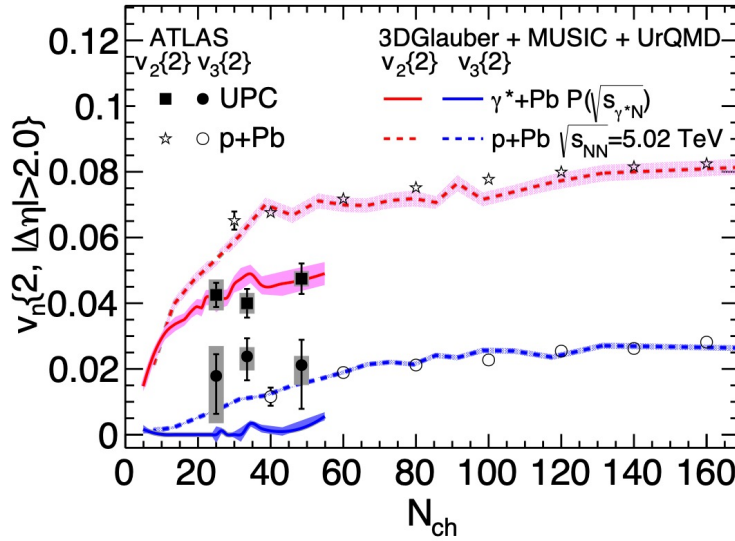
“Collectivity” in UPC



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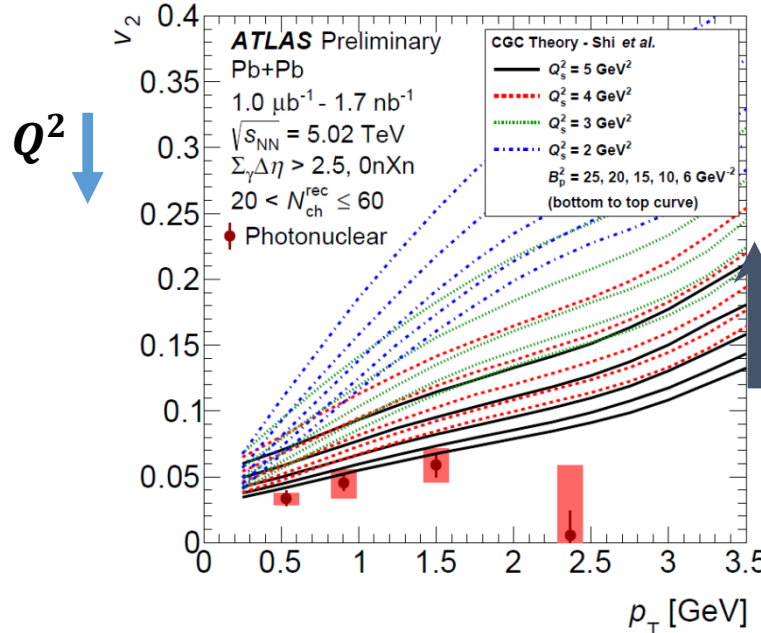
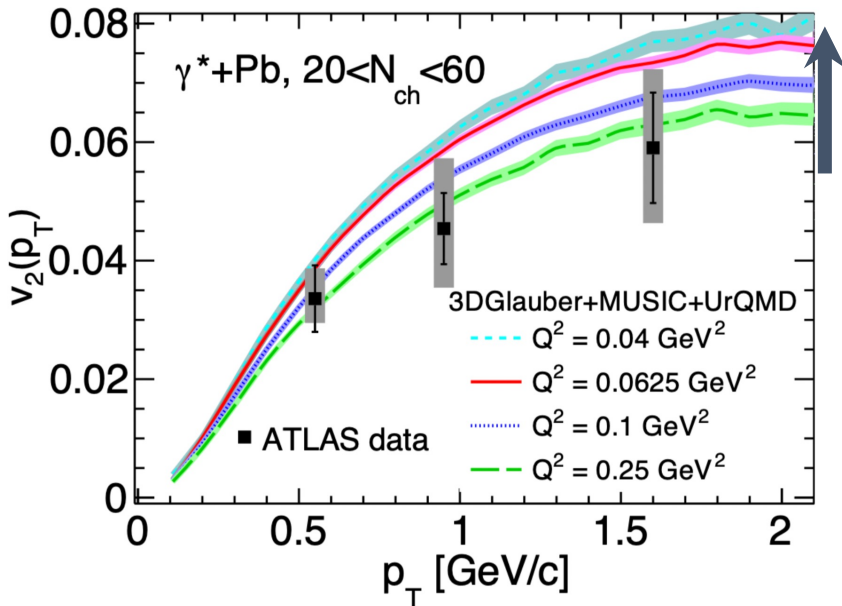
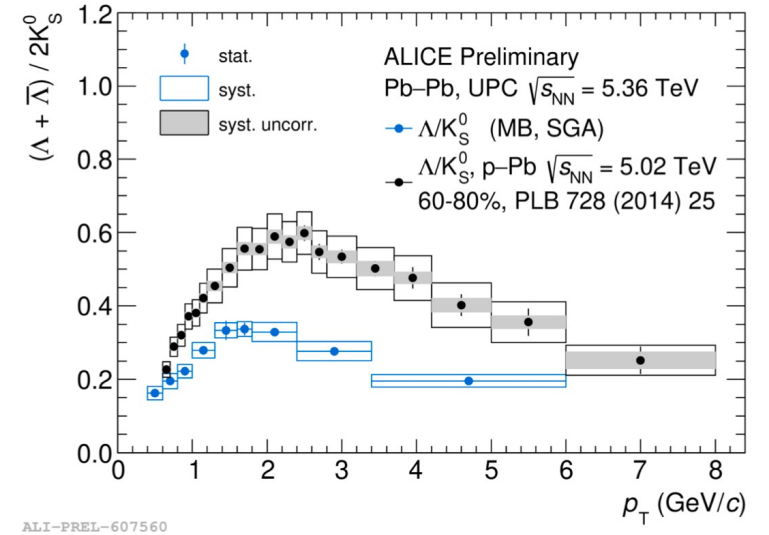
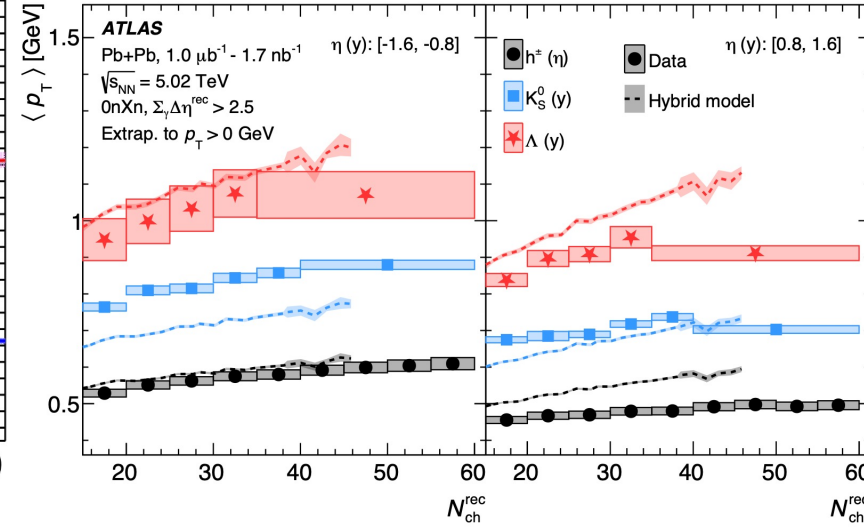
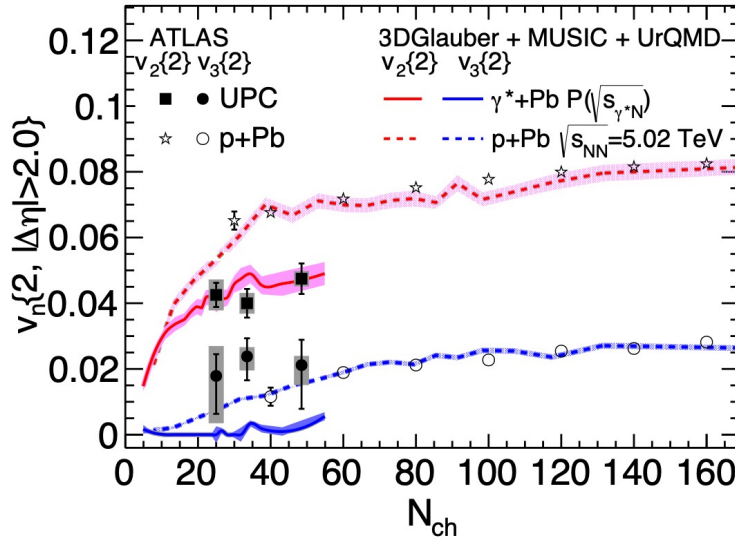
- UPCs have a similar order of magnitude and trends of collectivity as other previously measured hadronic systems

Search “QGP” in UPCs



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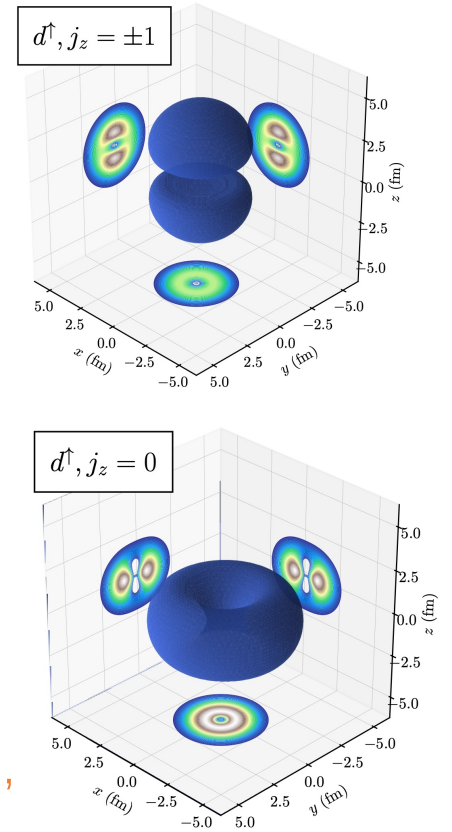
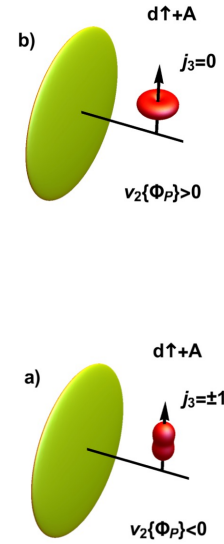
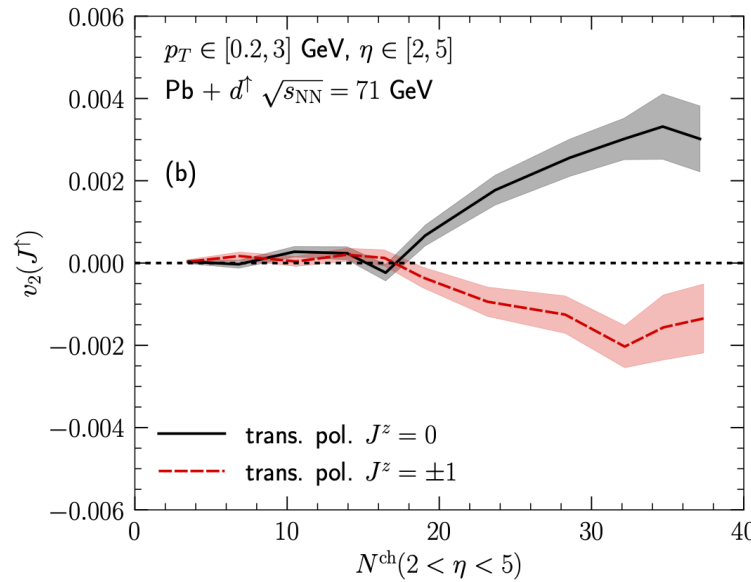
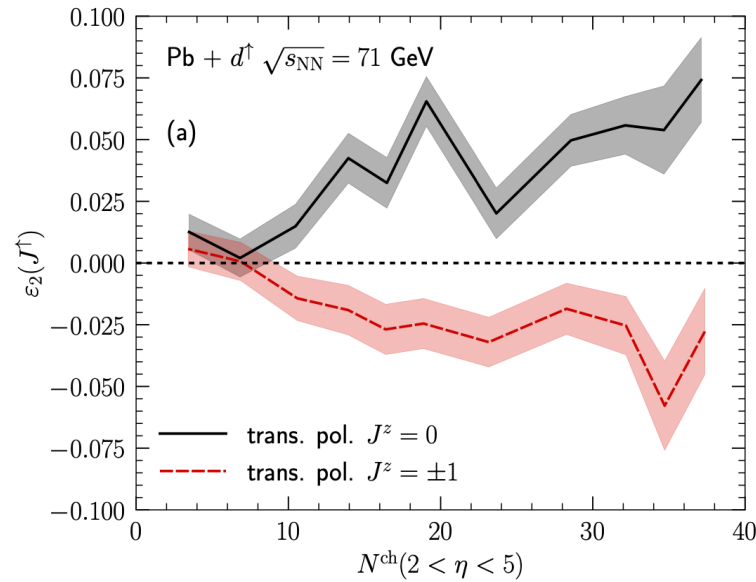
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Collective flow in Polarized deuterons + Nuclei

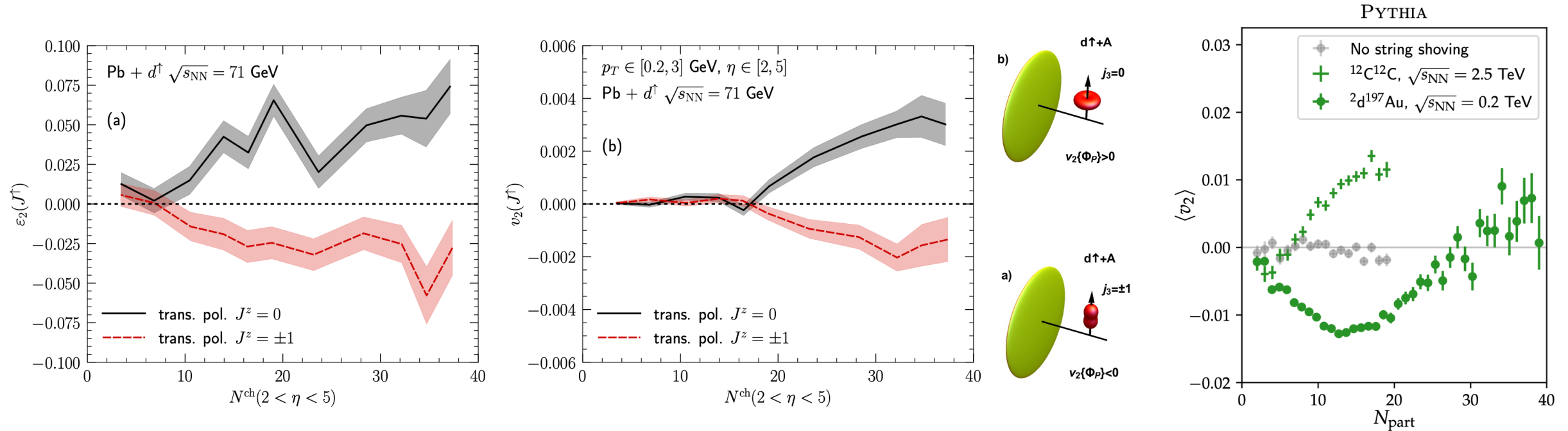


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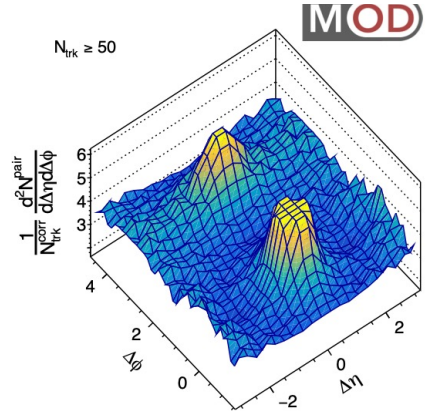
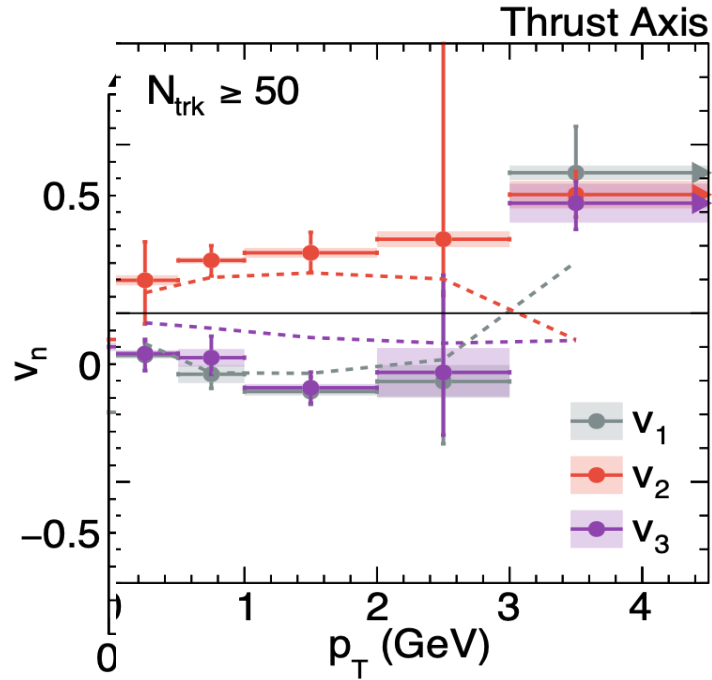
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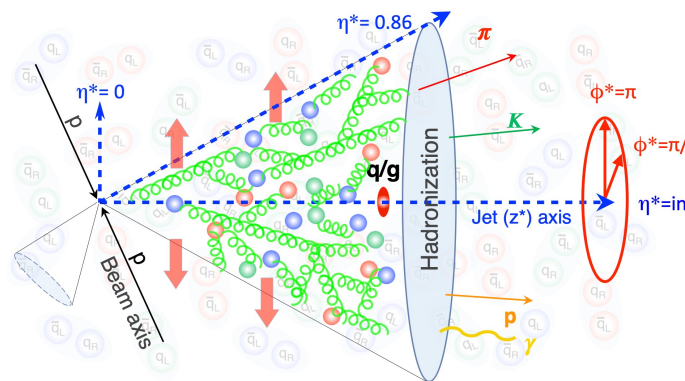
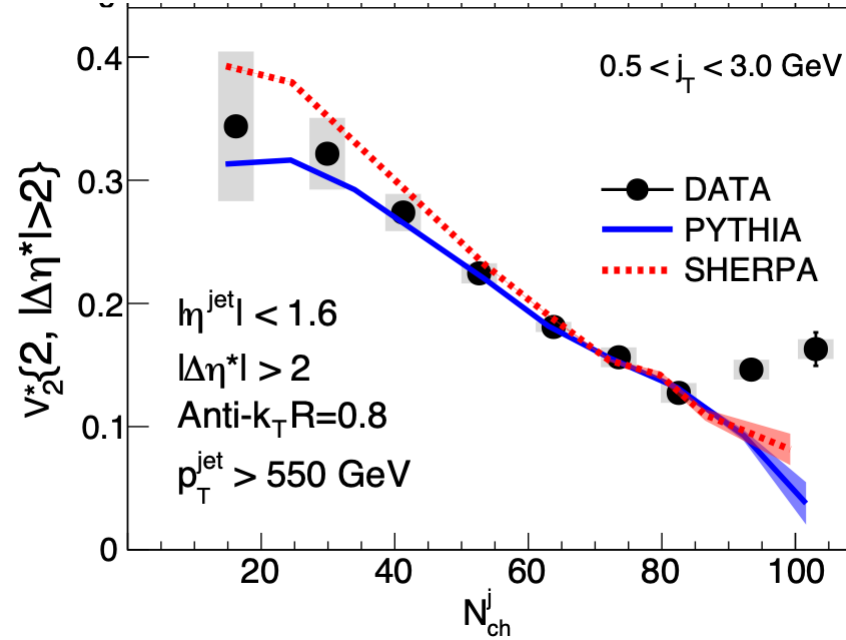
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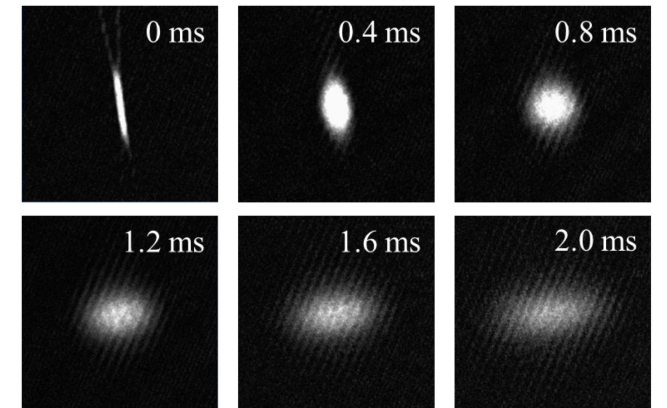
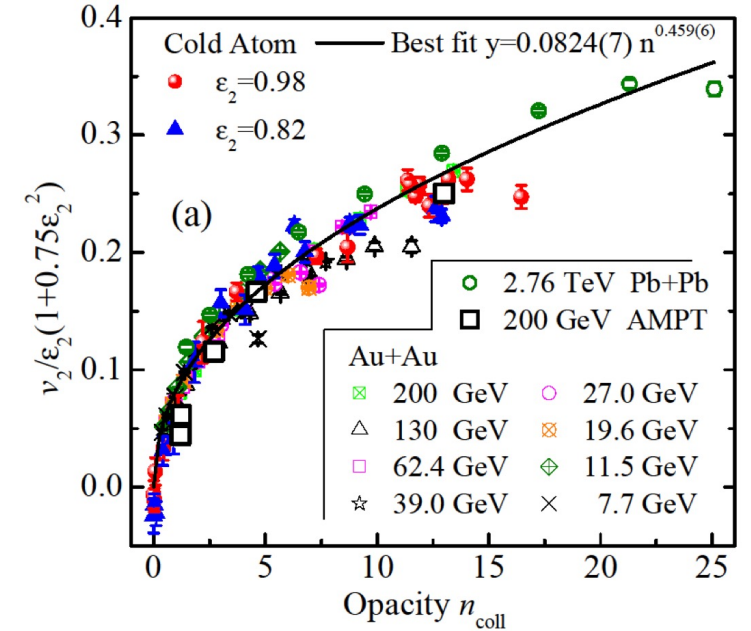
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- “Collectivity” inside jet.



CMS: arXiv: 2312.17103.

- “Collectivity” in Cold atom.



[arXiv:2405.02847]

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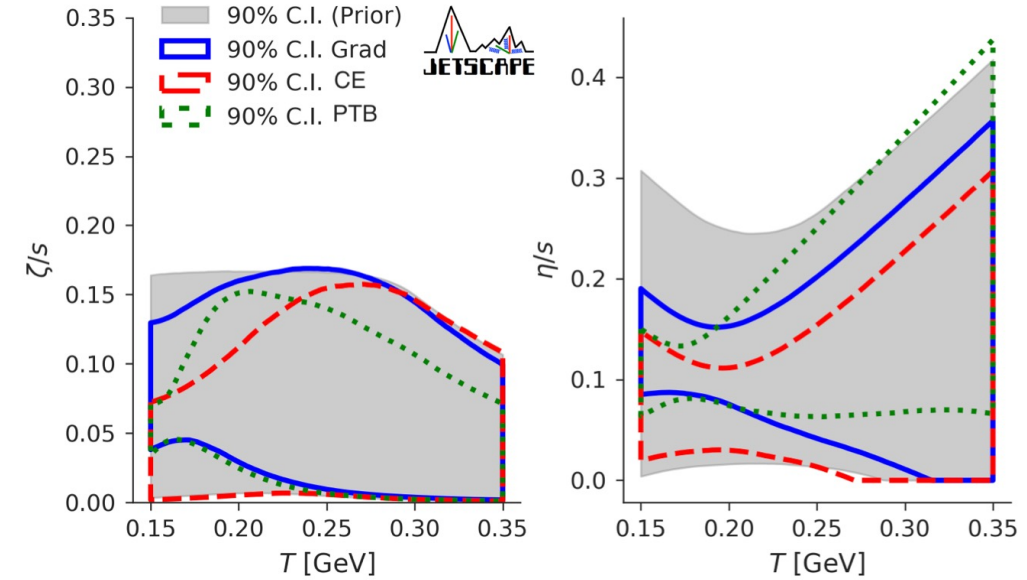
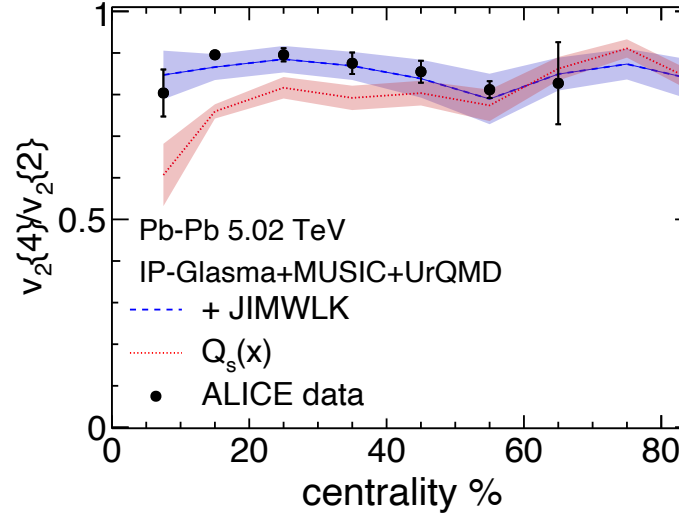
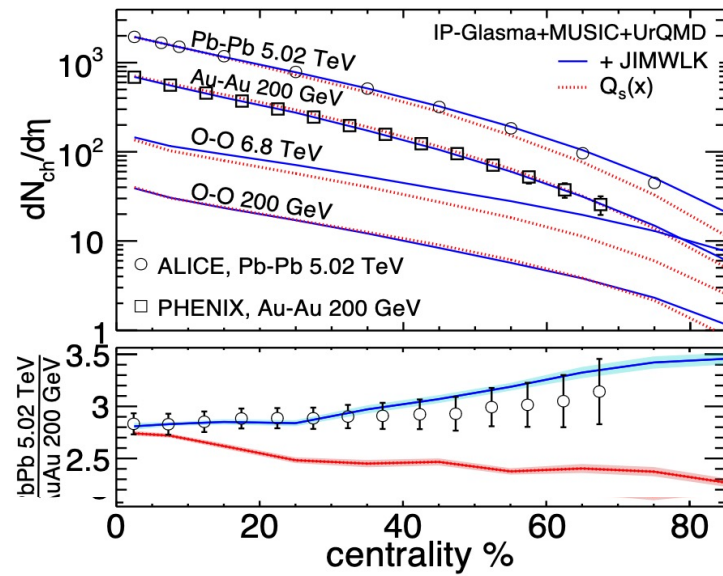
- Heavy-ion Collision have been into the **multi-messenger** era.
- We are searching the "**smallest droplet**" on the earth.
- UPC/EIC provide **a multi-scale image** tool for nuclei, serve as a **complementary tool** to heavy-ion observables to constrain initial conditions.
- A comprehensive analysis of UPC/DIS and heavy-ion collision data across various energies will provide a precise understanding of **gluon saturation**, the **initial conditions** of heavy-ion collisions, and the **QGP properties**.

Thanks for Your Attention!

Back Up

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Effects of energy evolution on heavy-ion observables



+ **JIMWLK**: CGC + energy evolution + Hydrodynamics

$Q_s(x)$: CGC (change the $Q_s(x)$ only for different energies) + Hydrodynamics

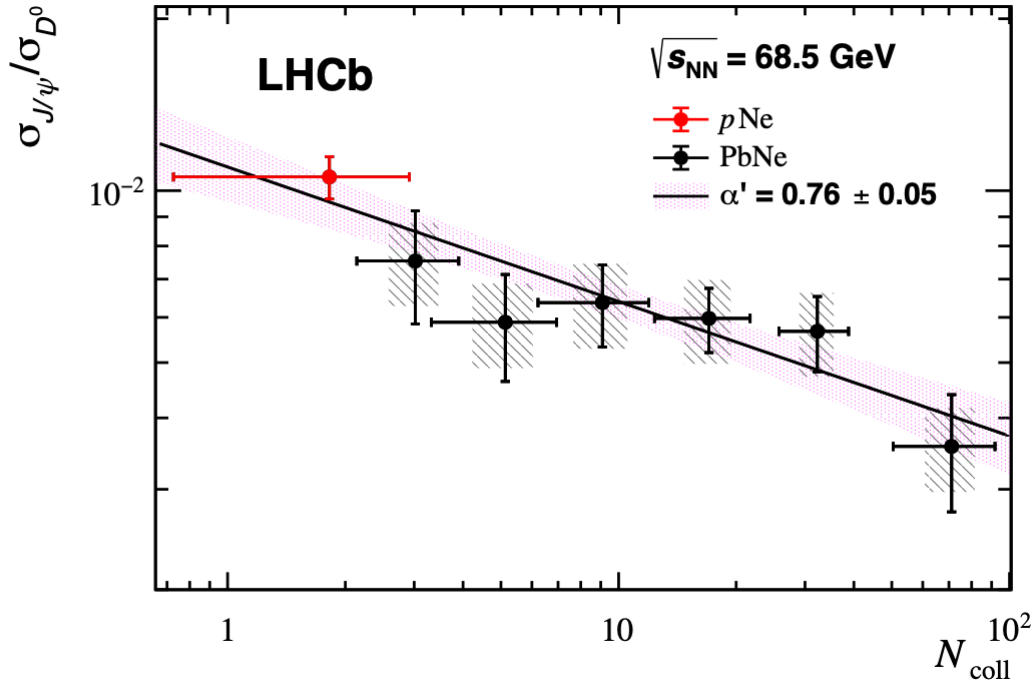
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Bayesian fitting to the RHIC and LHC data.

H. Mäntysaari, B. Schenke, C. Shen and W. Zhao, PRL. 135, 022302 (2025)

- The energy evolution of the initial state is important in Bayesian analysis when comparing data across different collision energies.

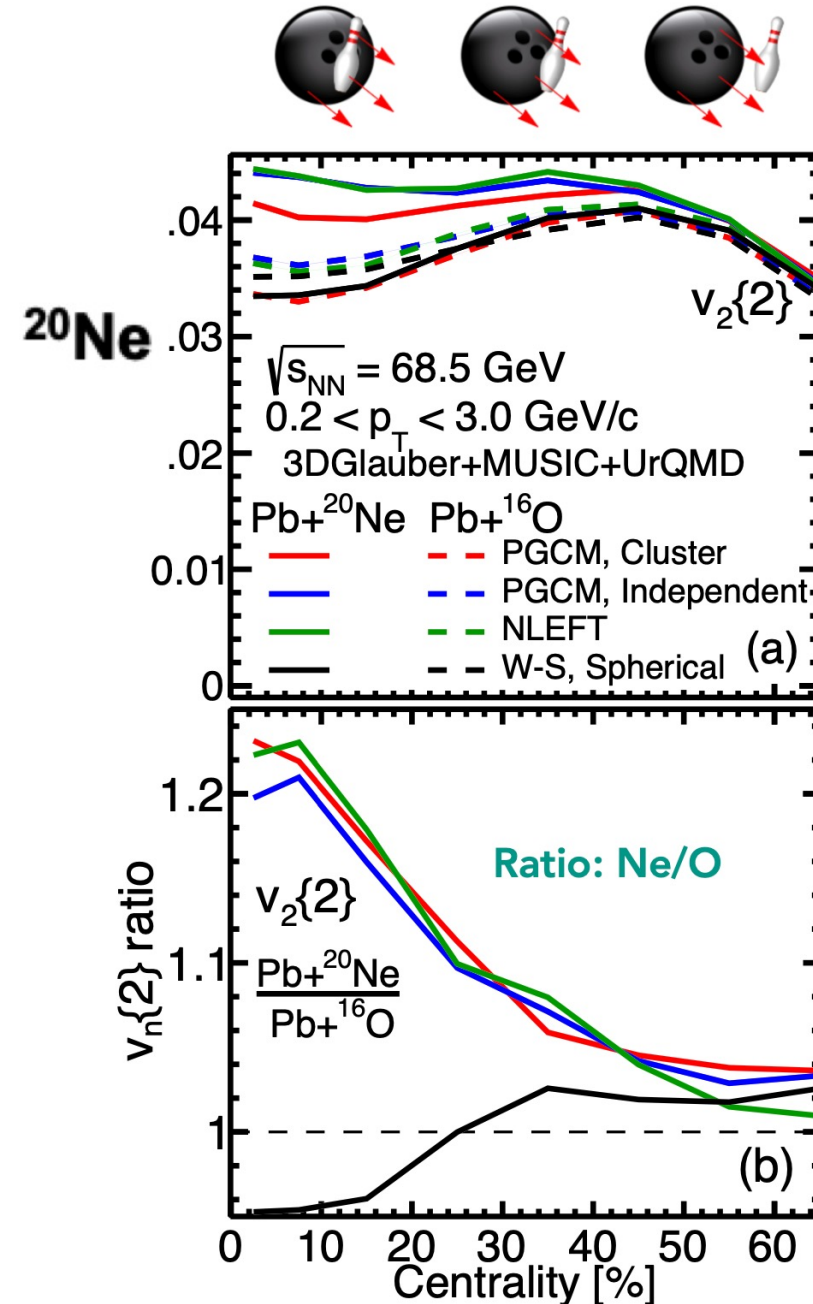
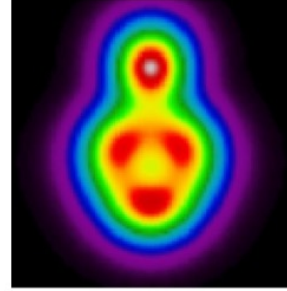
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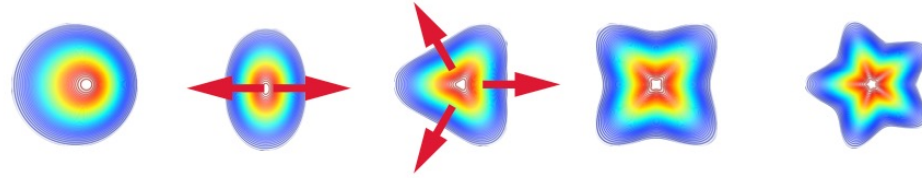
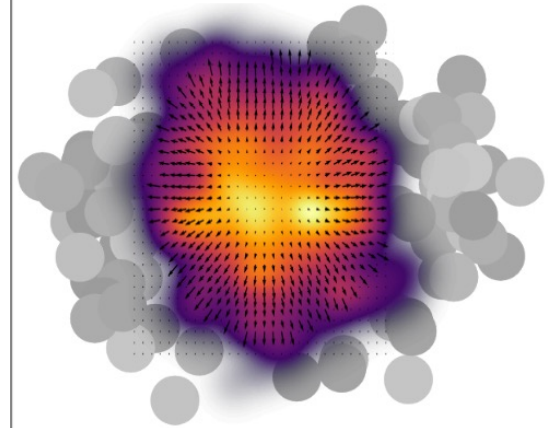
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Anisotropic Flows



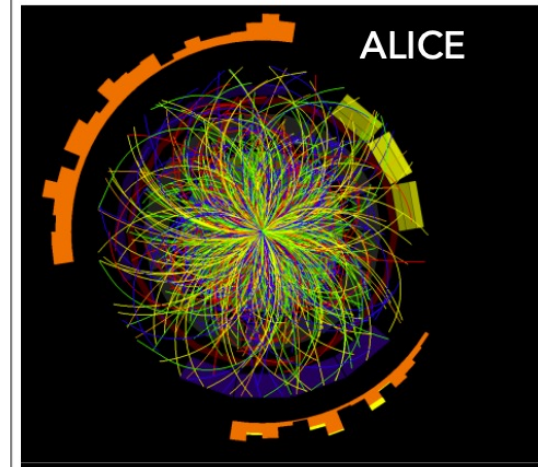
initial fluctuating geometric deformation can be decomposed into spatial eccentricities

Initial spatial eccentricities

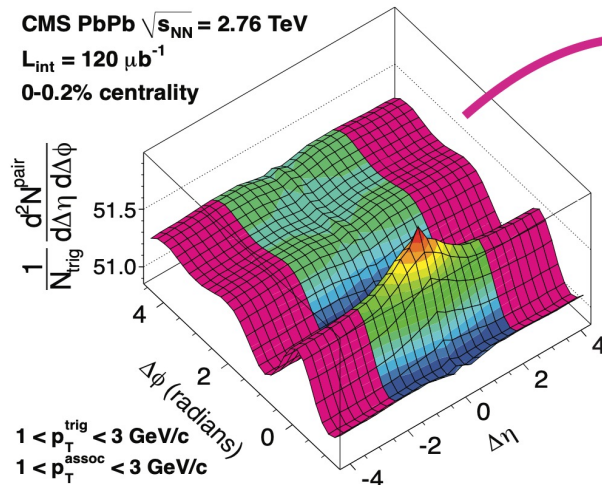
$$\epsilon_n = \sqrt{\frac{\langle r^n \cos n\phi \rangle^2 + \langle r^n \sin n\phi \rangle^2}{\langle r^n \rangle^2}}$$

average over energy density

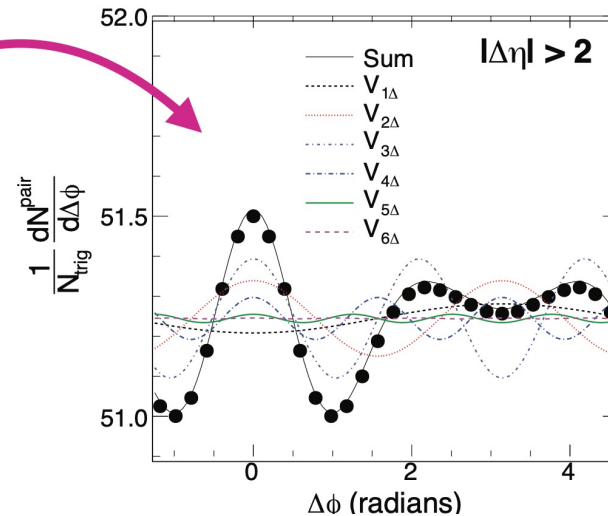
ϵ_2 ellipticity, ϵ_3 triangularity, ...



CMS PbPb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV
 $L_{int} = 120 \mu b^{-1}$
 0-0.2% centrality



$1 < p_T^{trig} < 3$ GeV/c
 $1 < p_T^{assoc} < 3$ GeV/c



Fourier decomposition of final particle azimuthal distribution

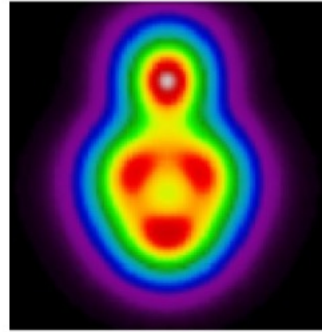
$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos[2(\phi - \Psi_2)] \rangle$$

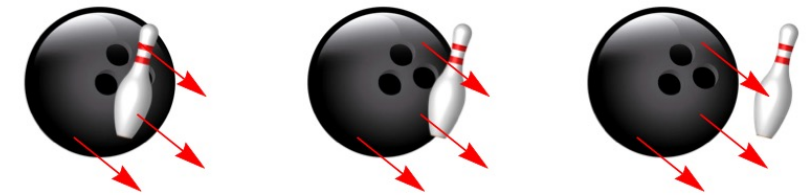
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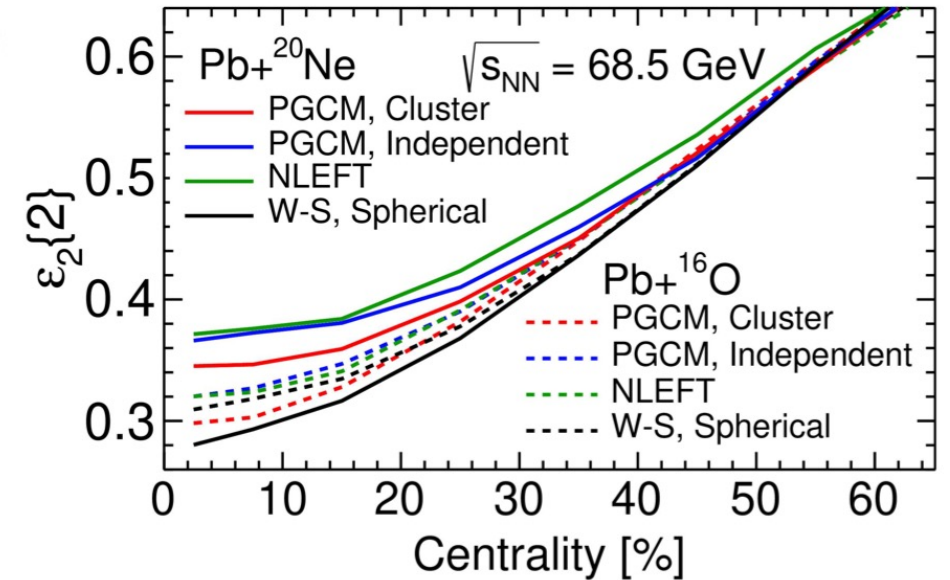
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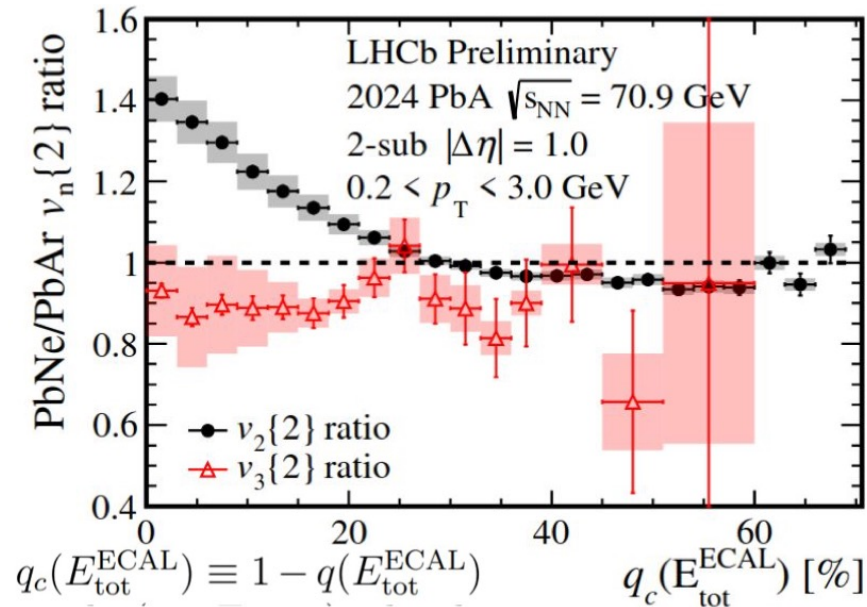
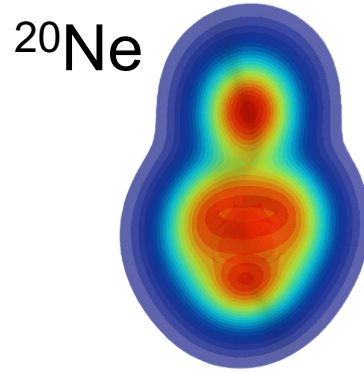
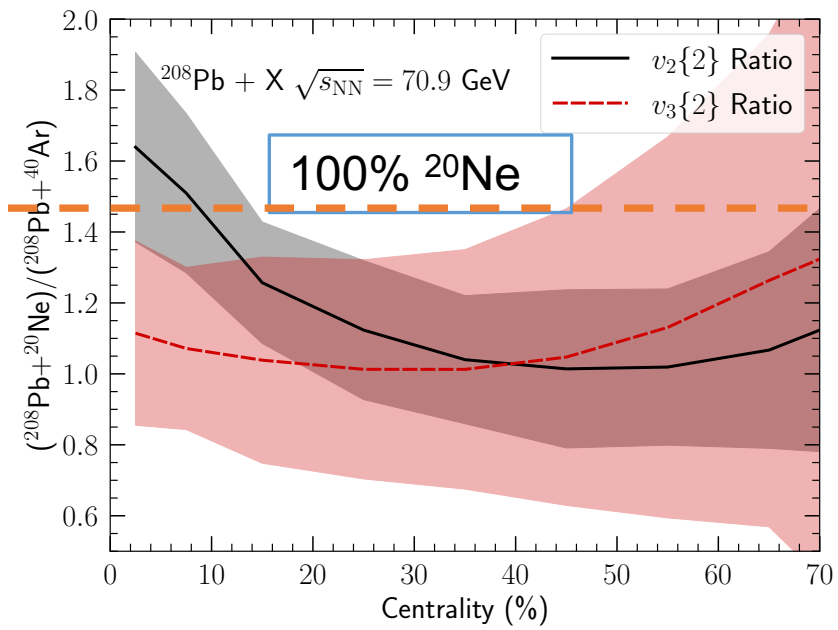
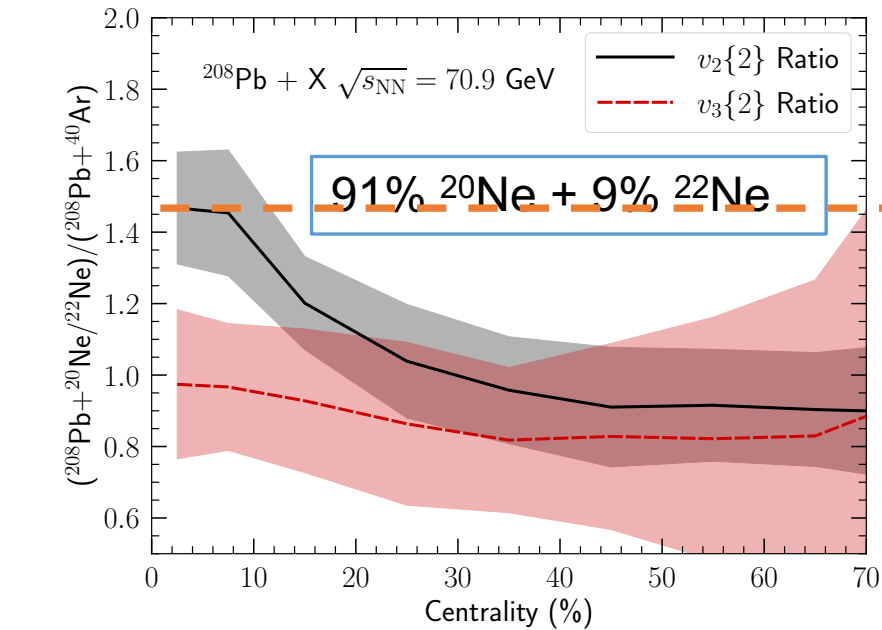


Pb + Ne-20 collisions: A high energy bowling allay!

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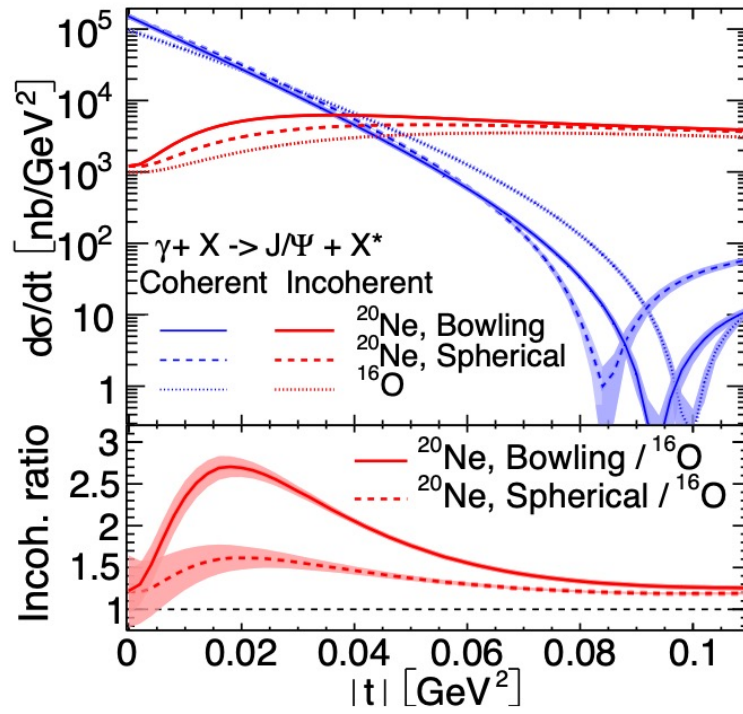
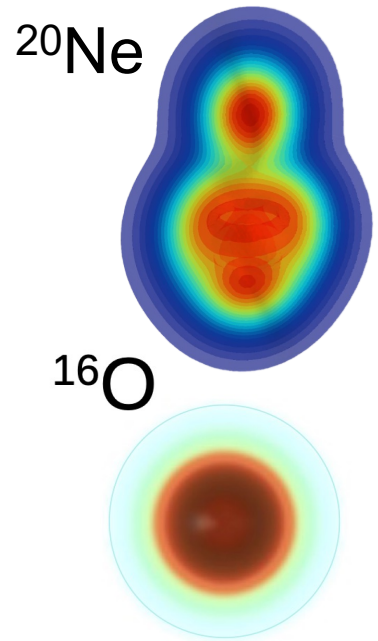
Playing Relativistic Bowling Ball



- Mixing 9% of ^{22}Ne has a sizable effect on the v_n ratio.

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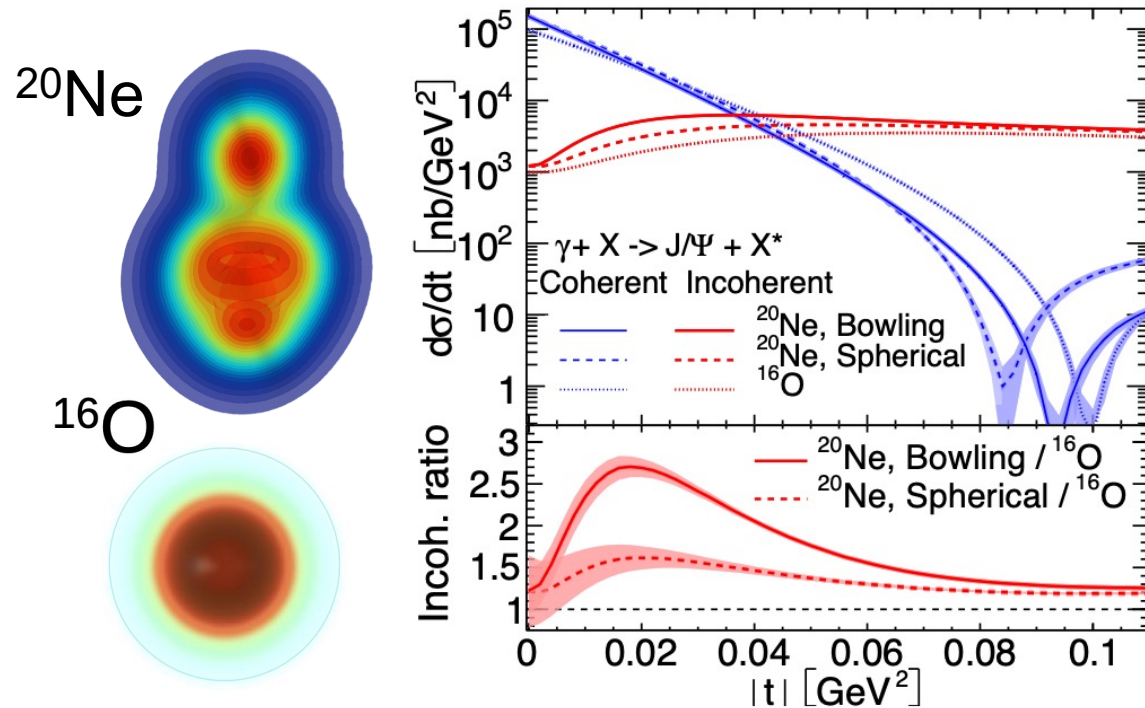
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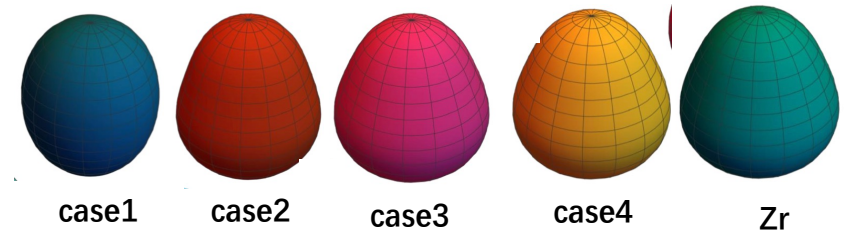
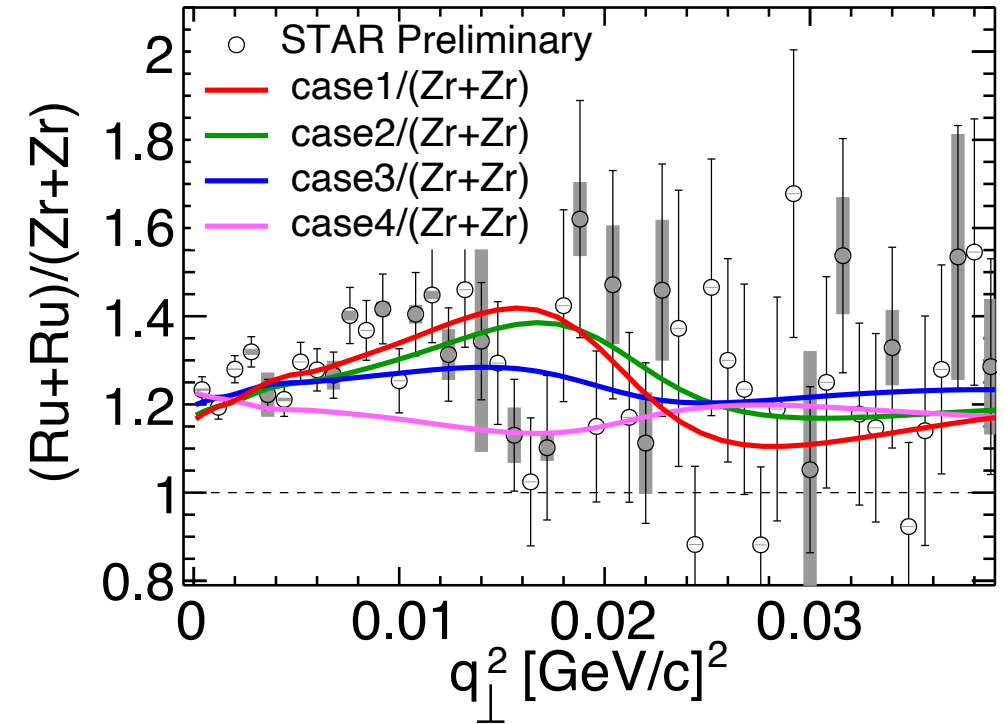
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- Probe light nuclear structures by diffractive V.M. productions, complementary to heavy-ion observables. (See also J. P. Blaizot and G. Giacalone, [arXiv:2504.15421].)

Proton geometry fluctuations

- Proton's event-by-event fluctuating density profile:

$$T_p(\mathbf{b}_\perp) = \frac{1}{N_q} \sum_{i=1}^{N_q} p_i T_q(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}_{\perp,i}), \quad P(\ln p_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left[-\frac{\ln^2 p_i}{2\sigma^2} \right].$$

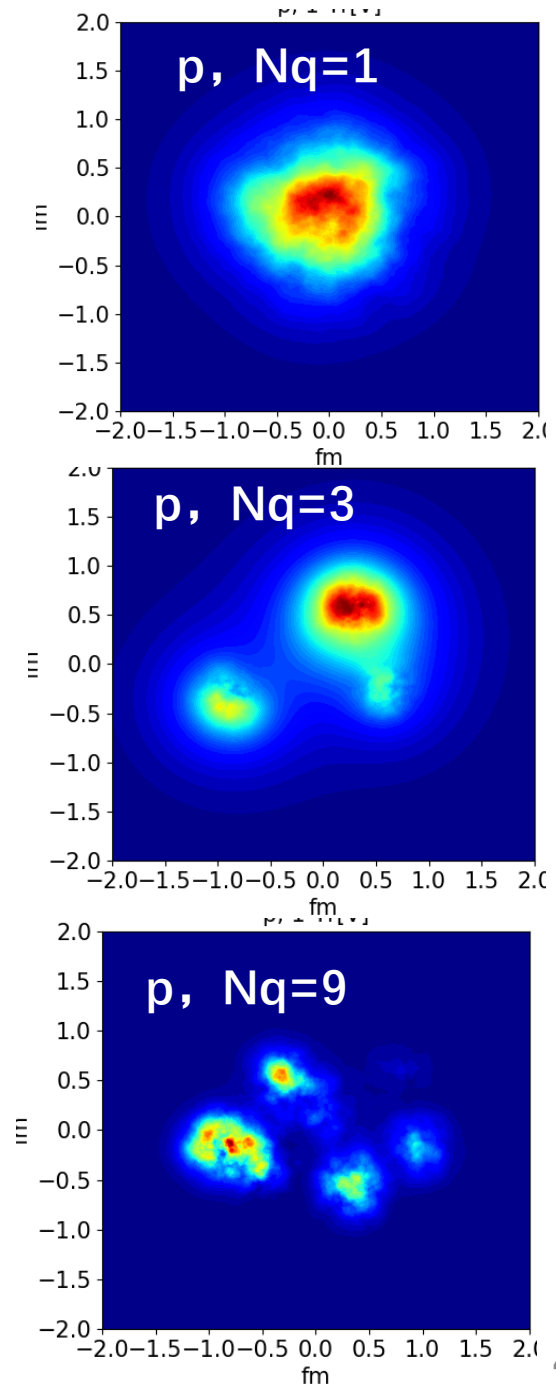
- The density profile of each spot is:

$$T_q(\vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2\pi B_q} e^{-b^2/(2B_q)}$$

- The spot positions $\vec{b}_i$ are sampled from:

$$P(b_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi B_{qc}} e^{-b_i^2/(2B_{qc})}$$

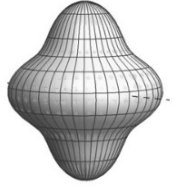
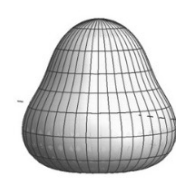
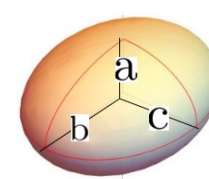
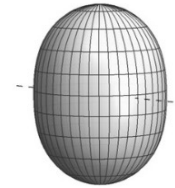
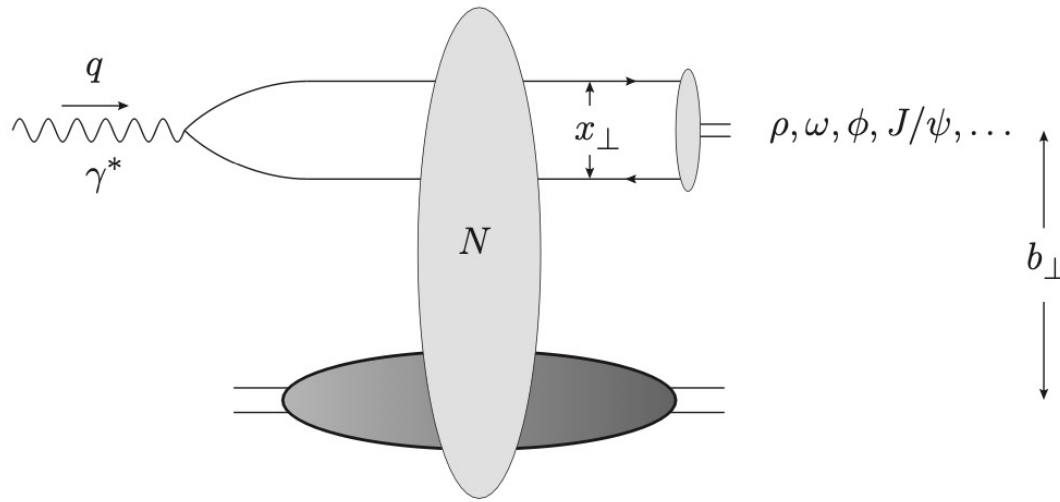
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Nuclear structure

Generalized Woods-Saxon profile

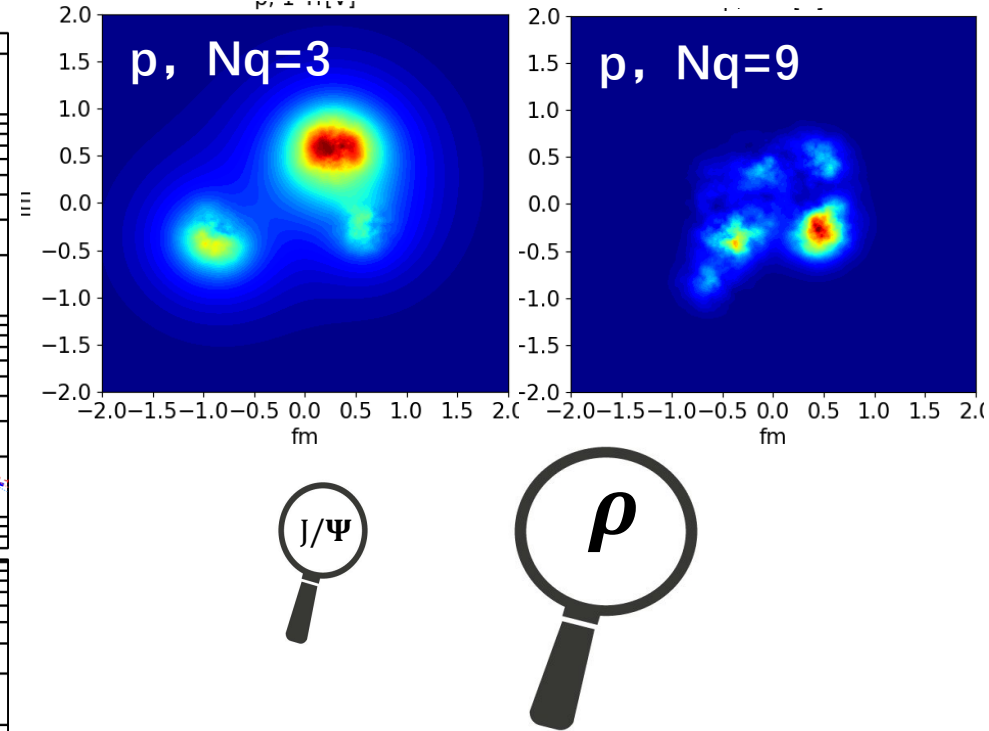
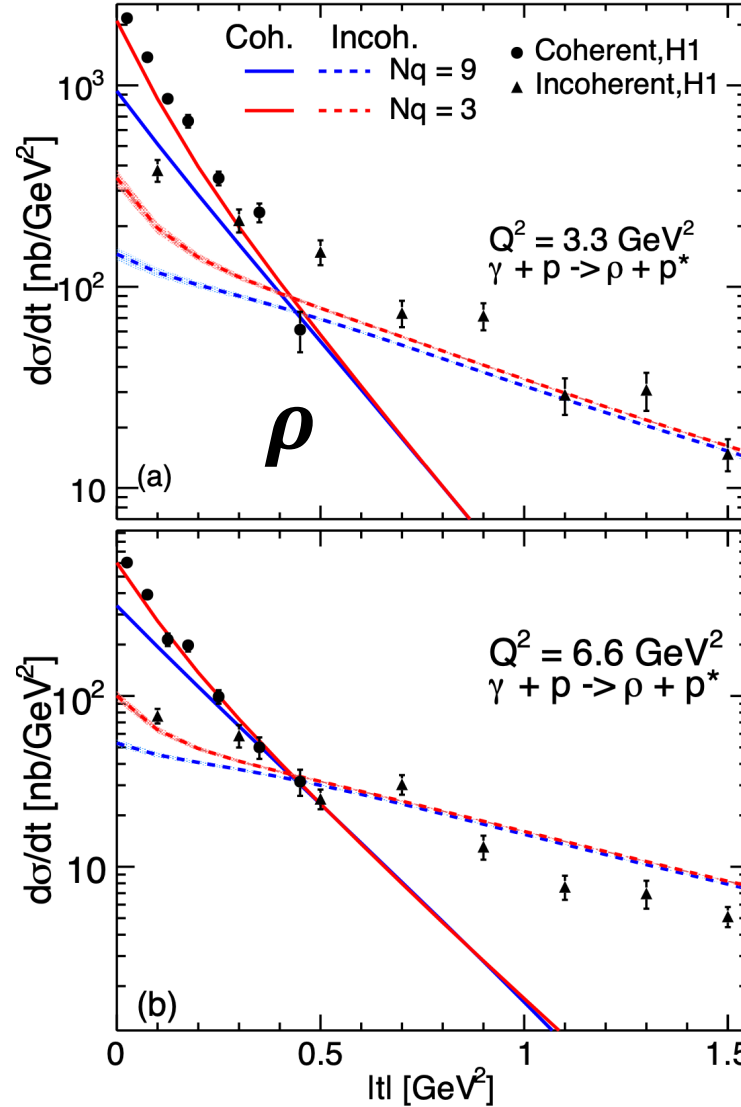
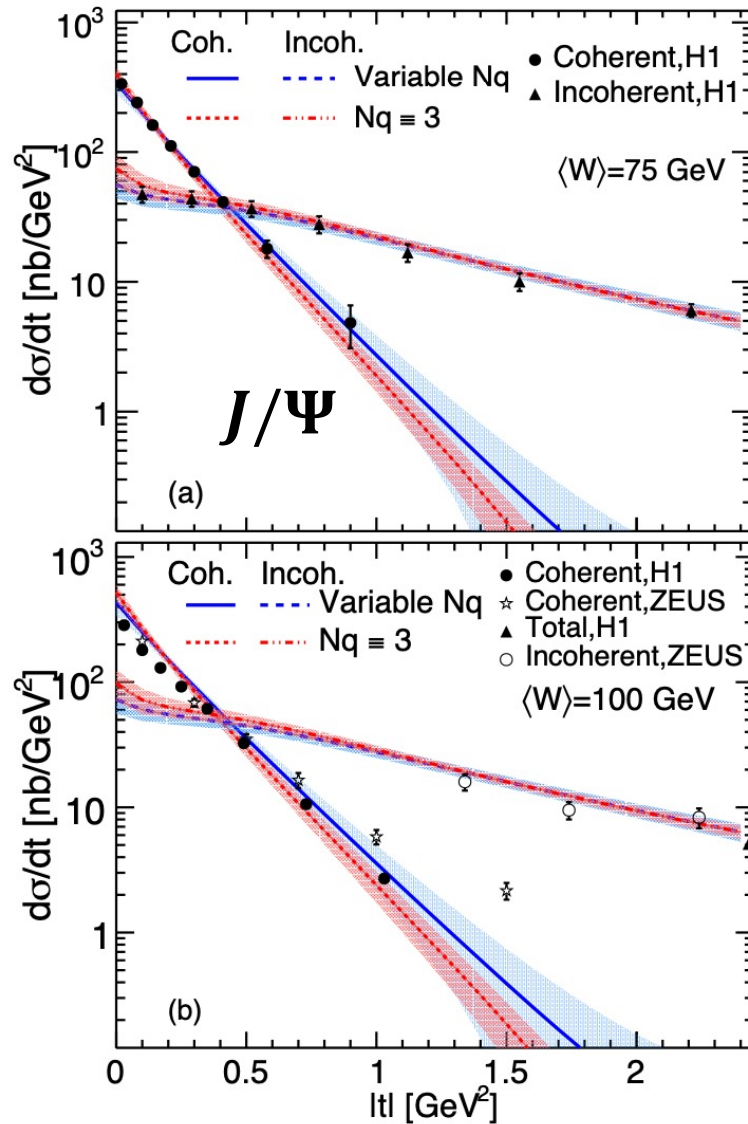
$$\rho(r, \Theta, \Phi) \propto \frac{1}{1 + \exp([r - R(\Theta, \Phi)]/a)} , \quad R(\Theta, \Phi) = R_0 \left[1 + \underline{\beta_2} \left(\cos \gamma Y_{20}(\Theta) + \sin \gamma \underline{Y_{22}}(\Theta, \Phi) \right) + \underline{\beta_3} Y_{30}(\Theta) + \underline{\beta_4} Y_{40}(\Theta) \right]$$



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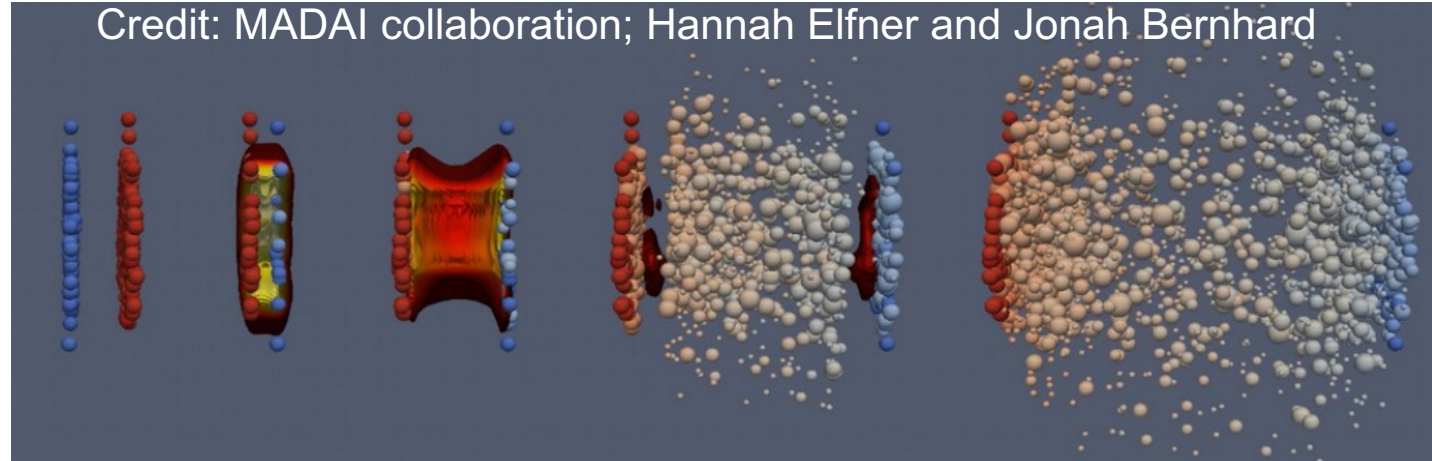
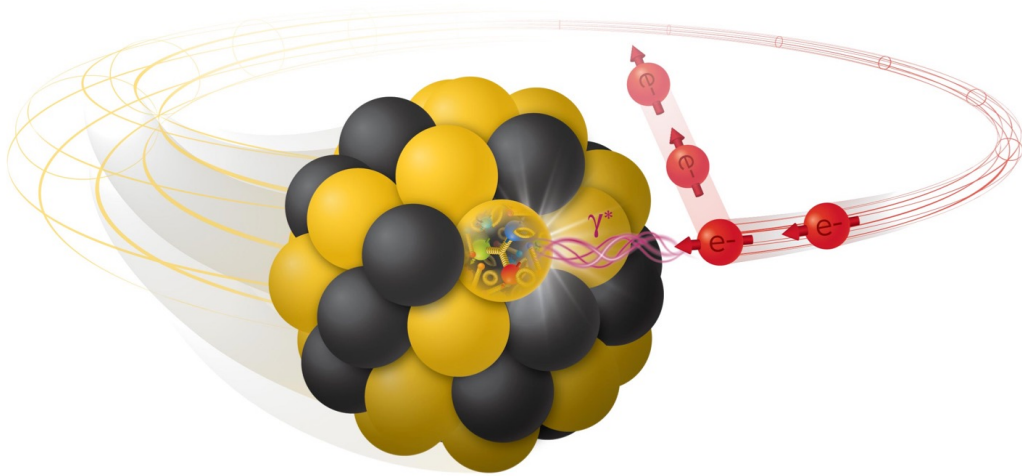
- Different deformation parameters controls the geometric deformation at **different length scale**.

Probing nucleon at different resolutions



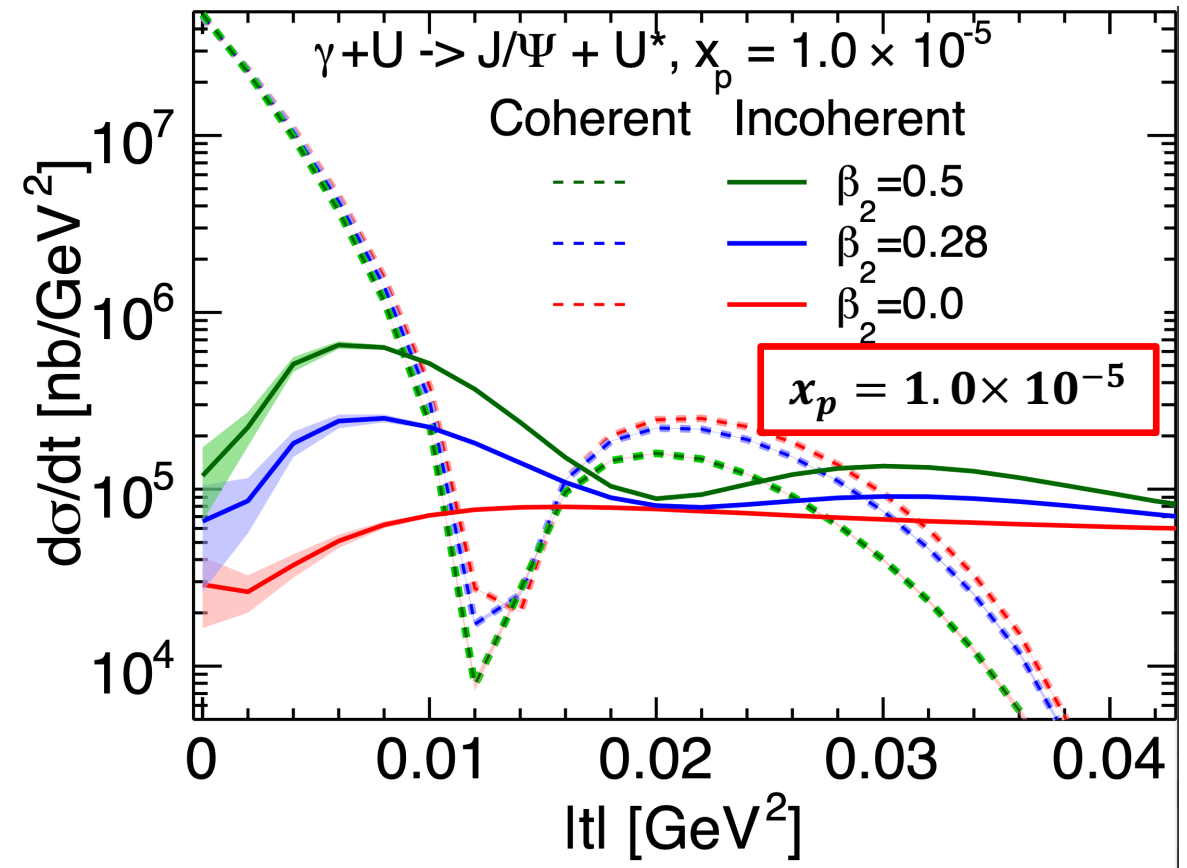
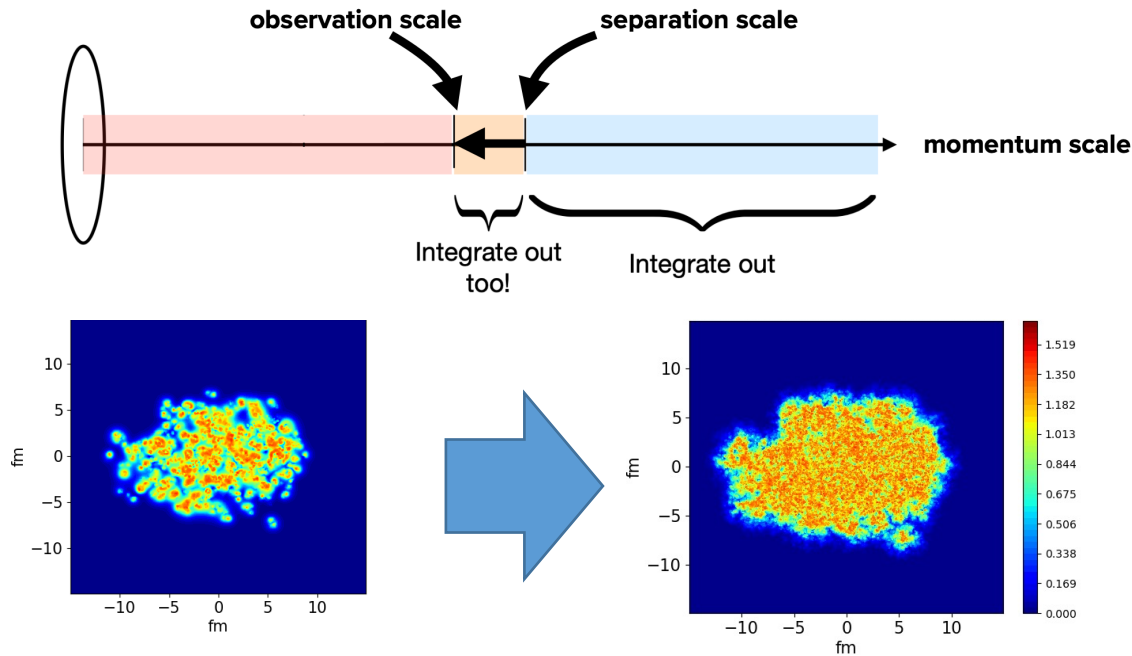
- The ρ mesons probe proton fluctuations at large length scales.
- Sizeable differences observed for ρ productions between $Nq=3$ and $Nq=9$ MAPs.

UPC/DIS and Heavy-ion Collisions



- **UPC/DIS:**
 - Clean probes of QCD dynamics
 - Collision energy is limited.
- It is the same nucleus at small x : probe the initial state in UPC/DIS, then apply to heavy ion simulations.
- **Heavy-ion Collisions:** High center-of-mass energies available.
- **Multi-Stage process:**
Initial state $\Rightarrow$ QGP $\Rightarrow$ Hadronic Scatter

Energy evolution to smaller x



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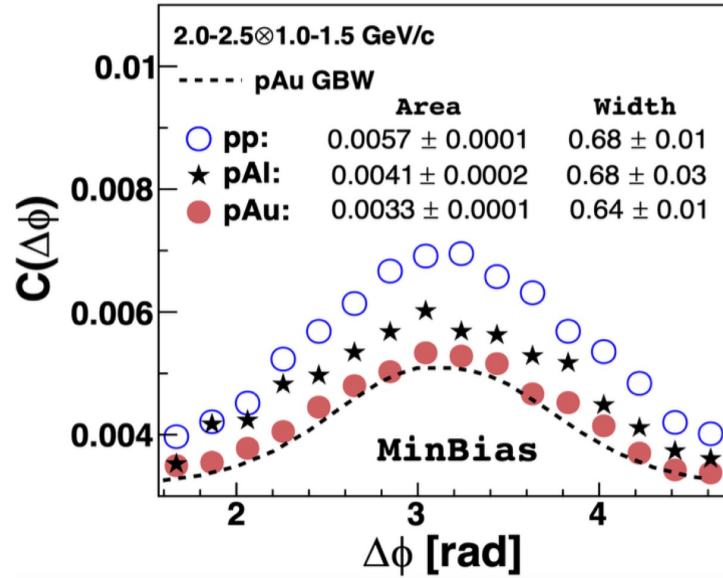
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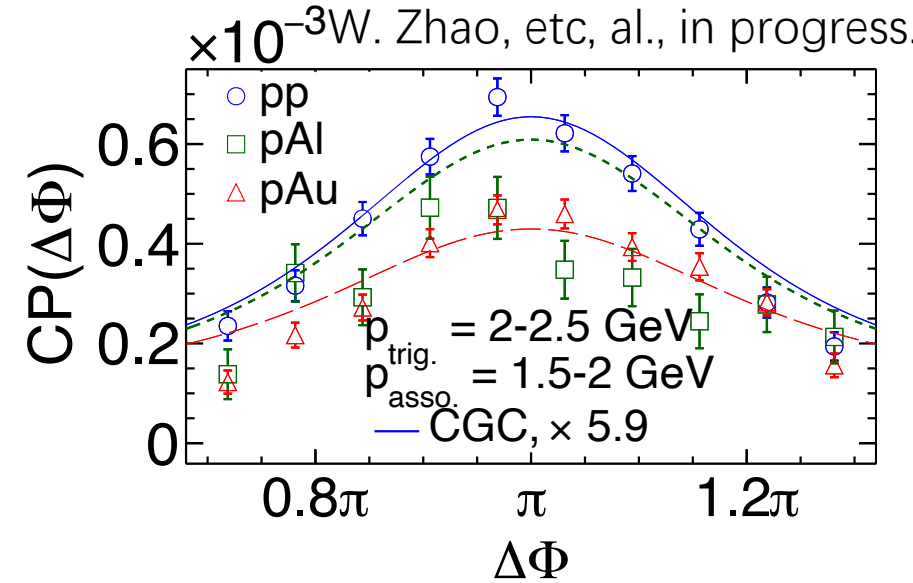
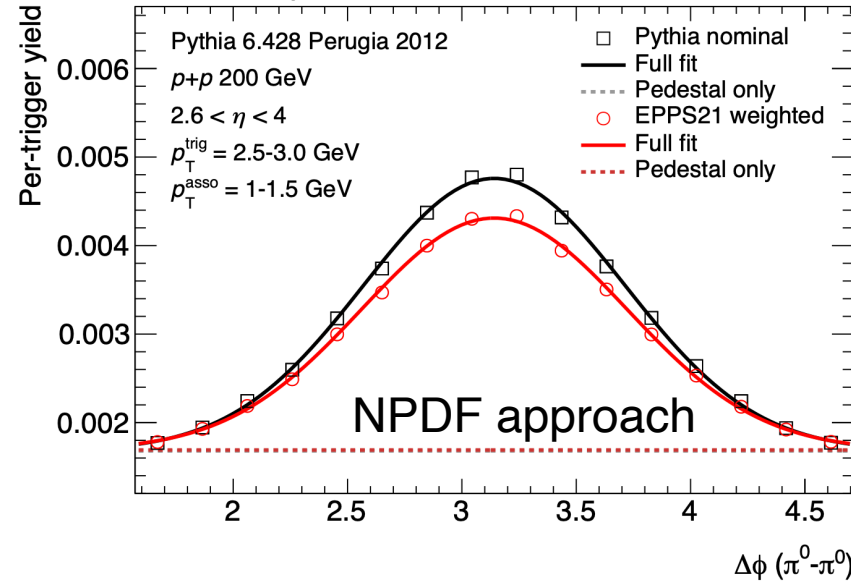
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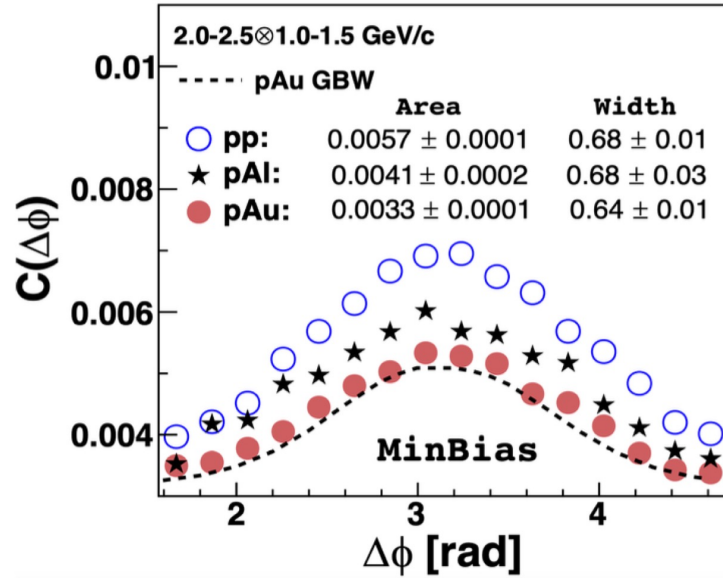
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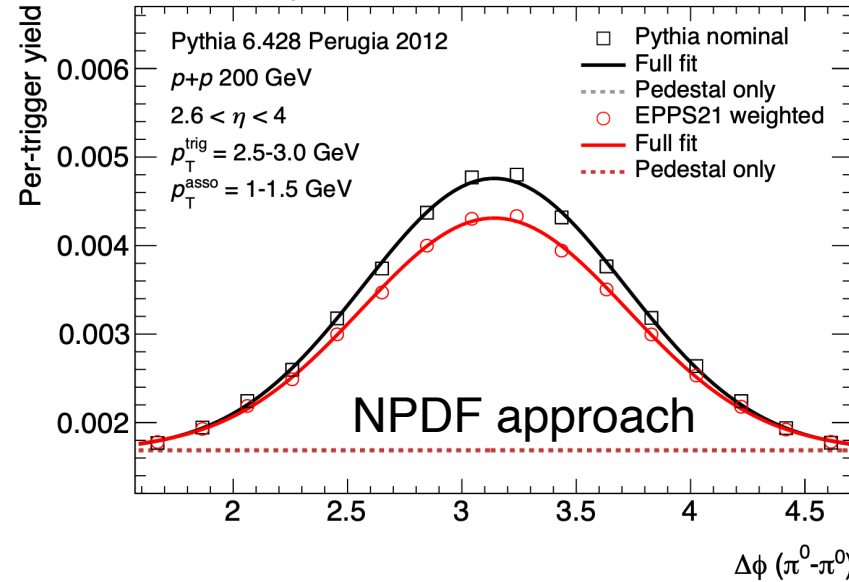
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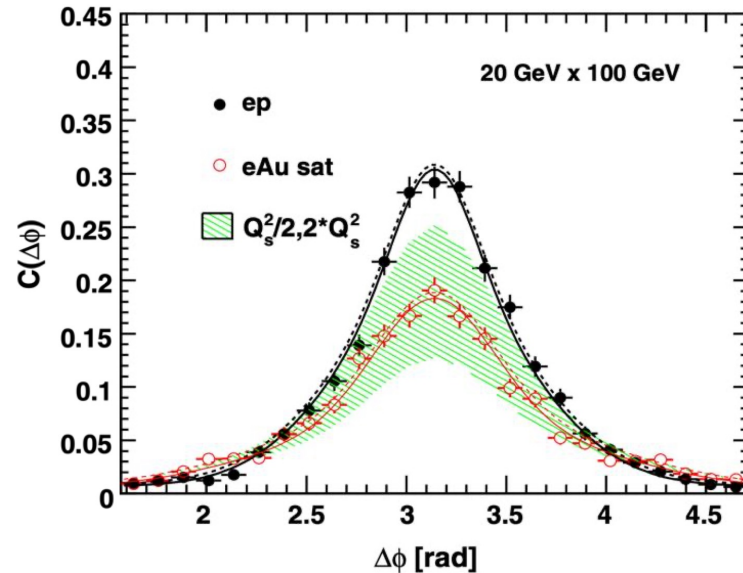
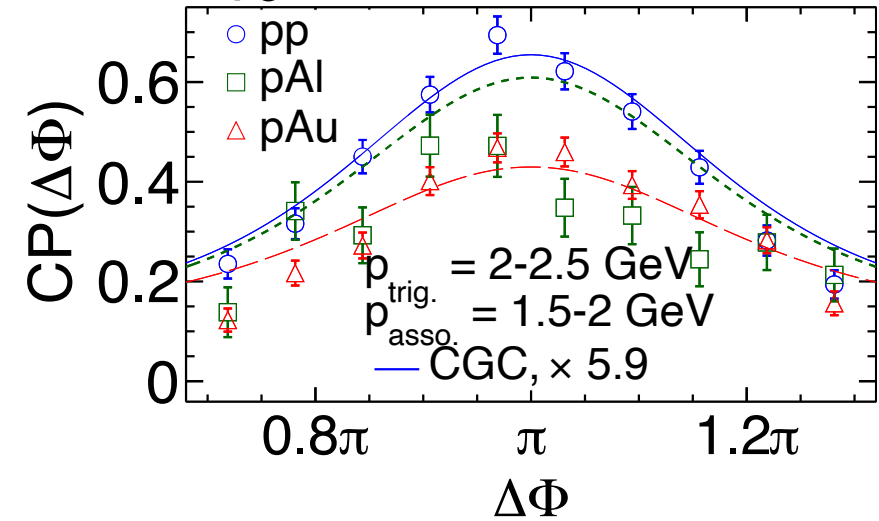
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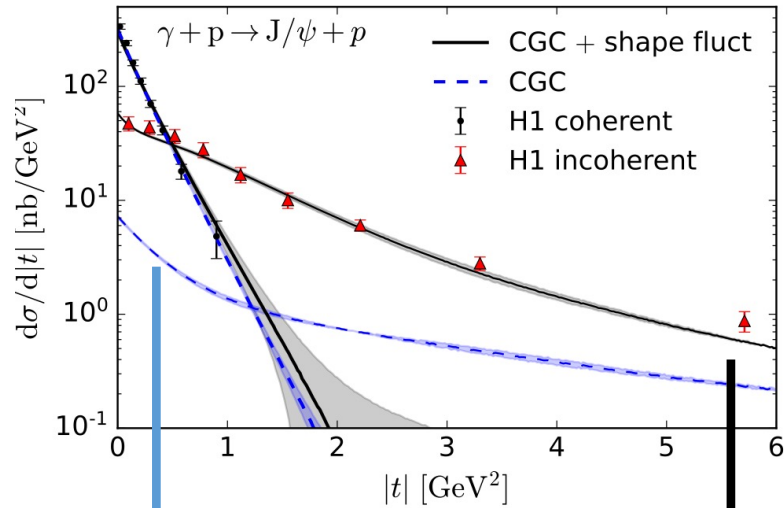
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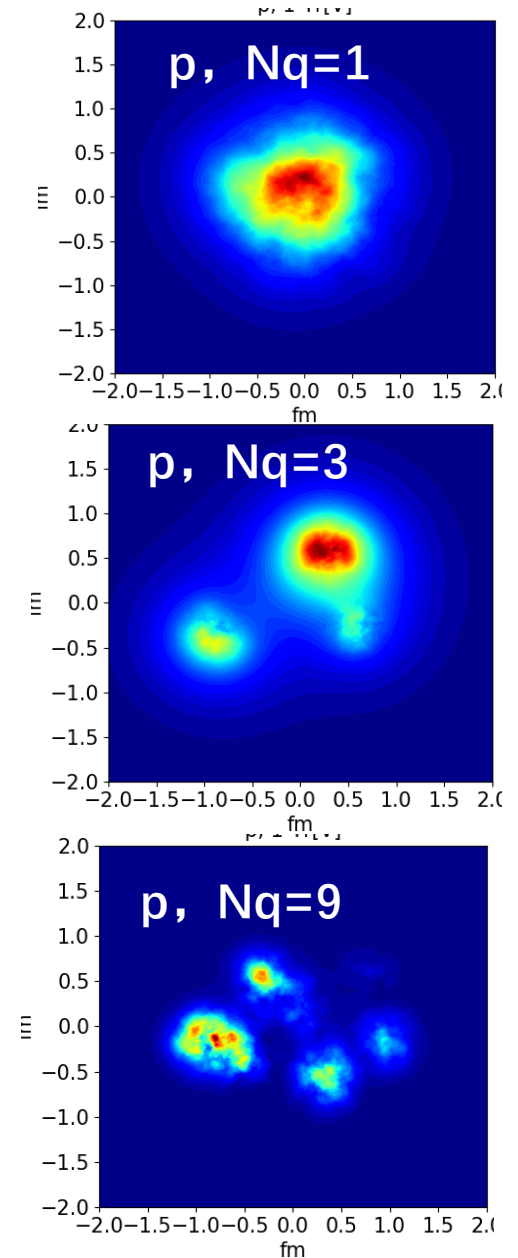


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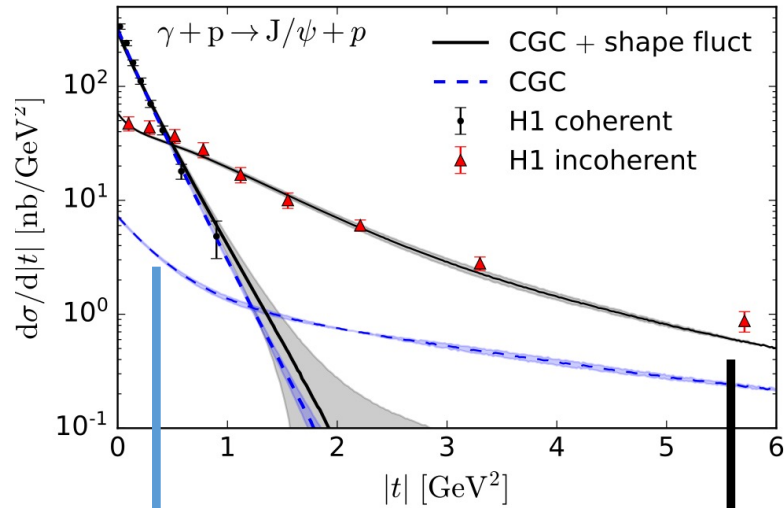
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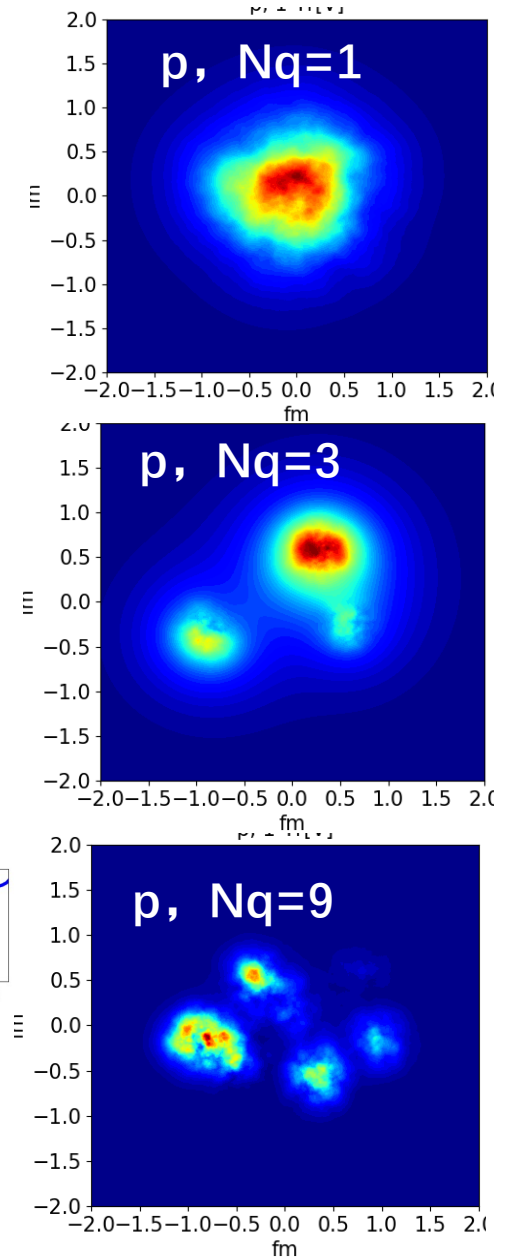
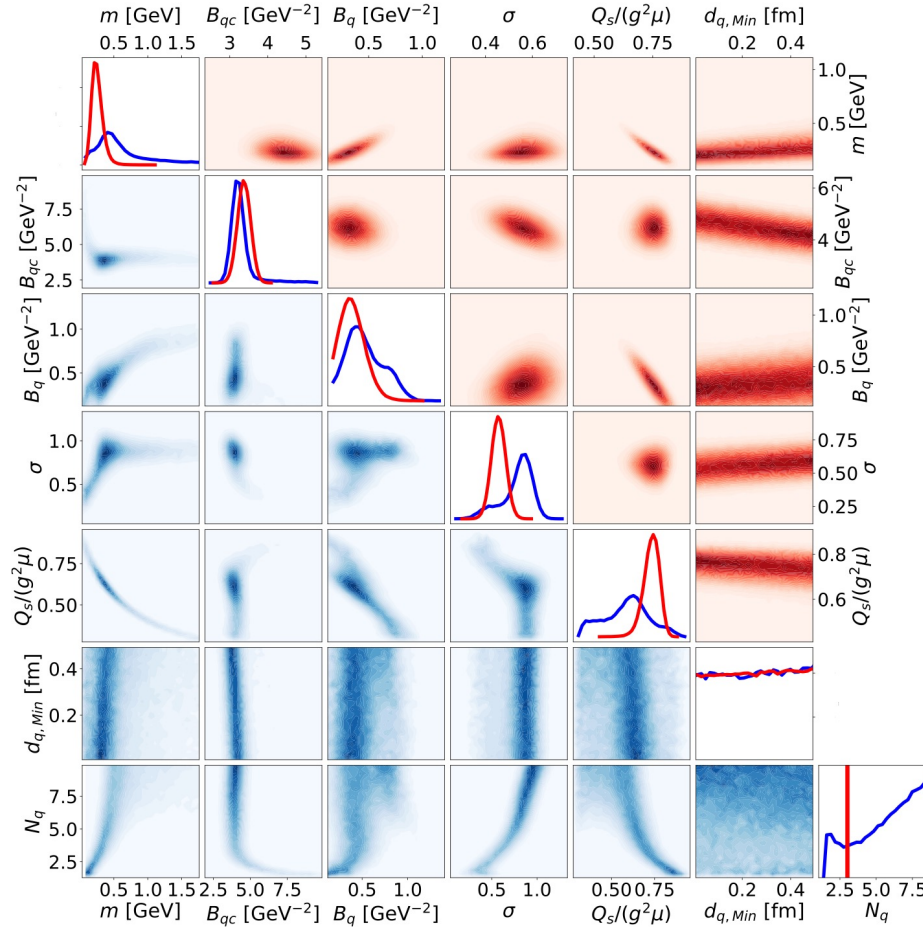


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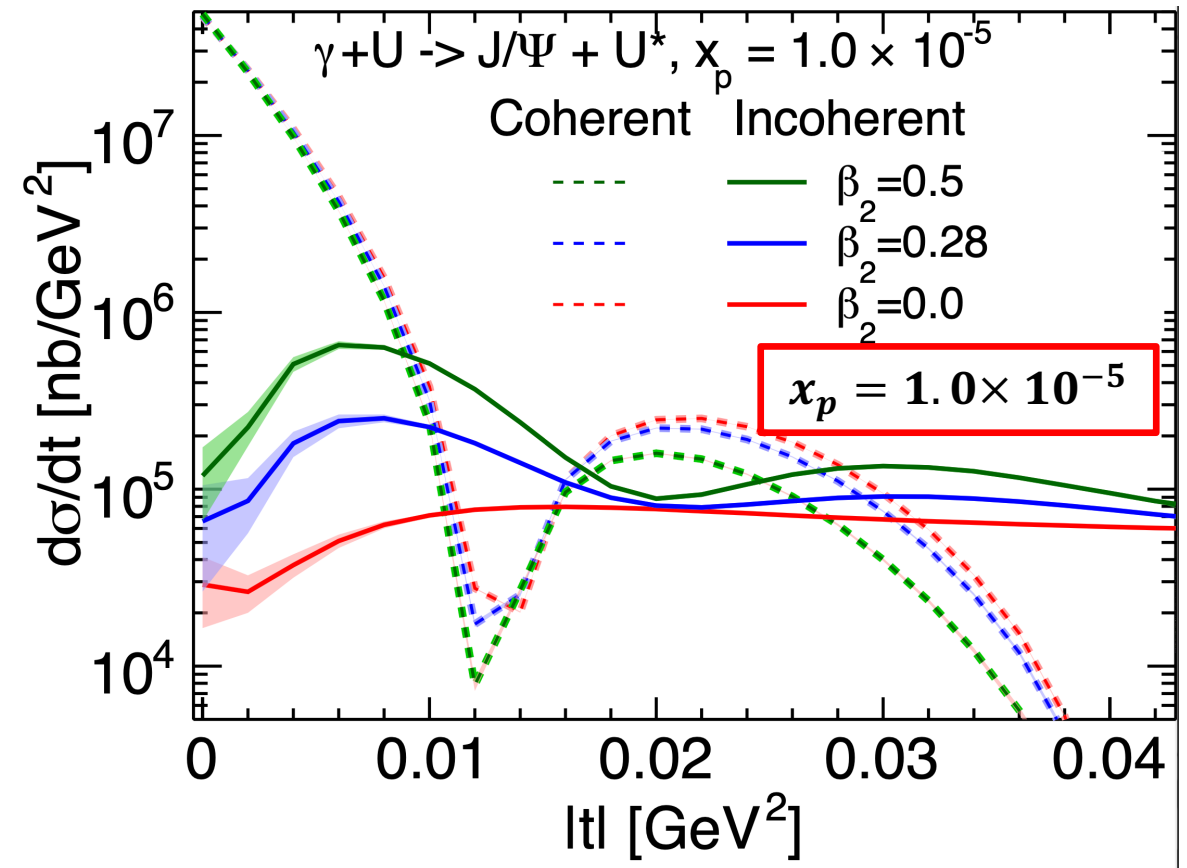
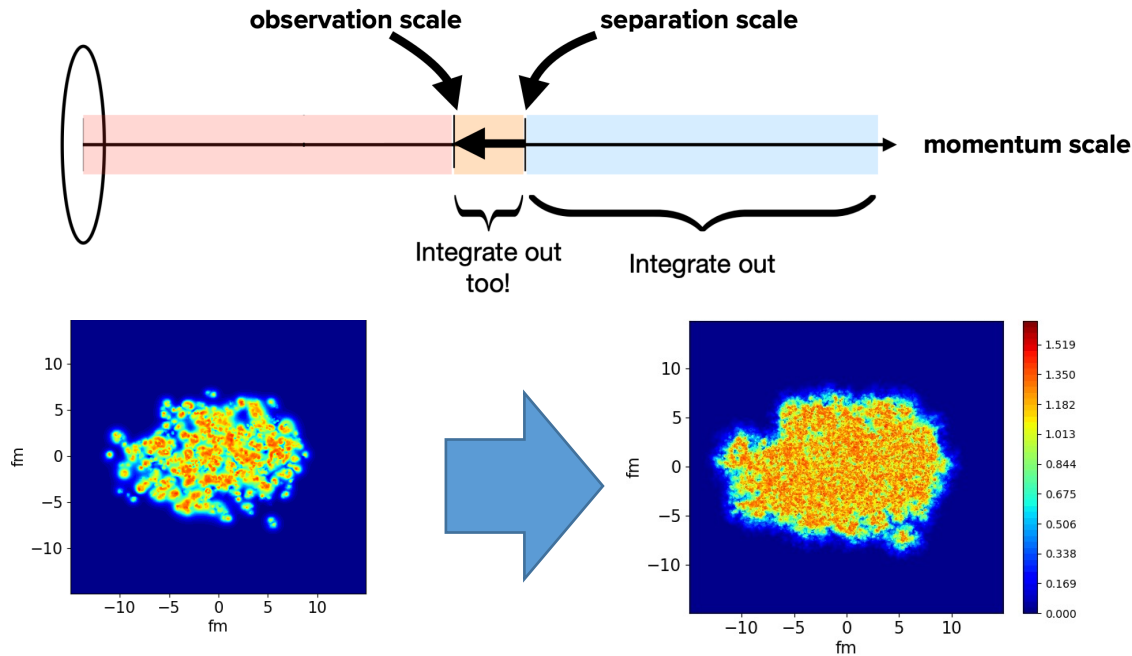
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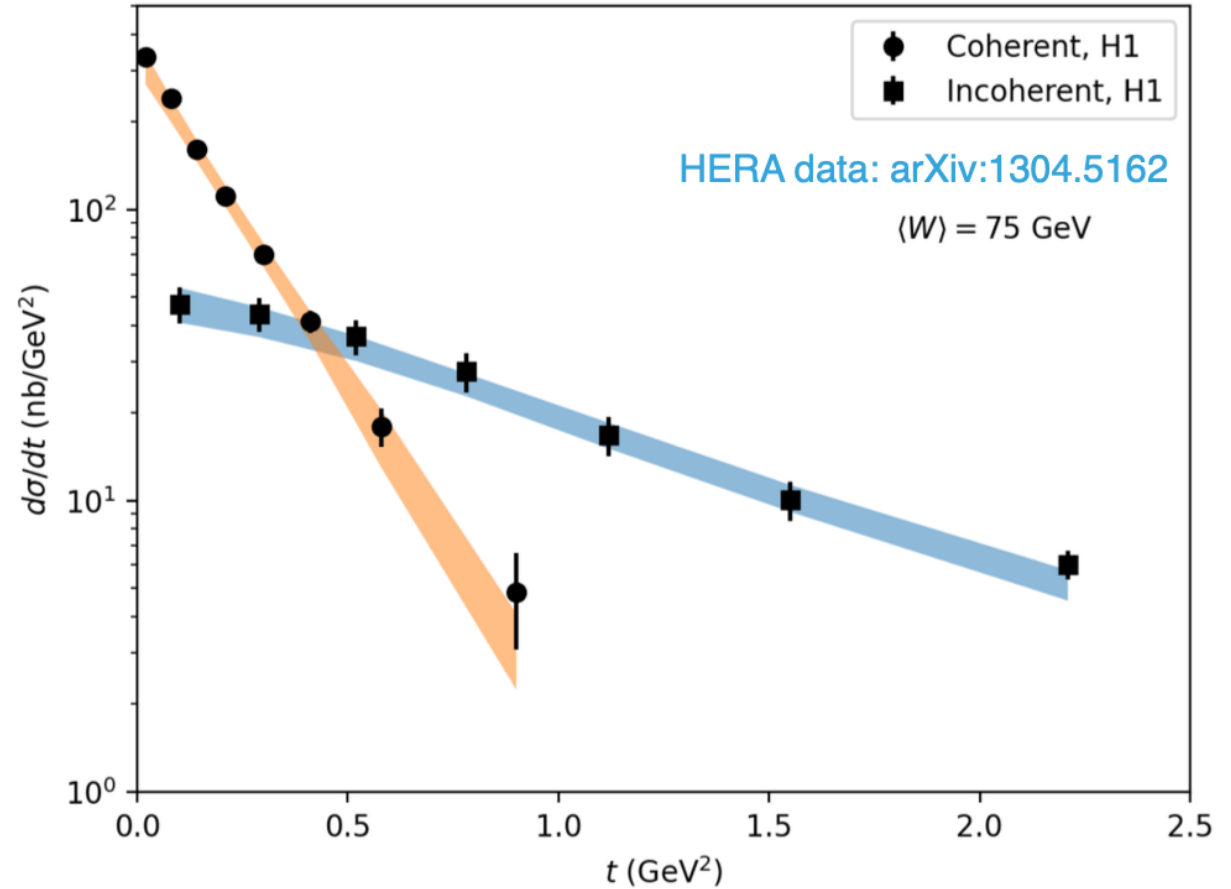
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Model parameters and the Exp. Data ($\gamma^* + p \rightarrow J/\psi + p^*$)

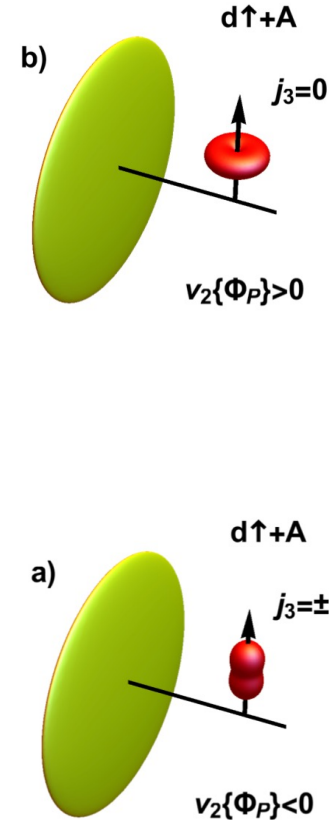
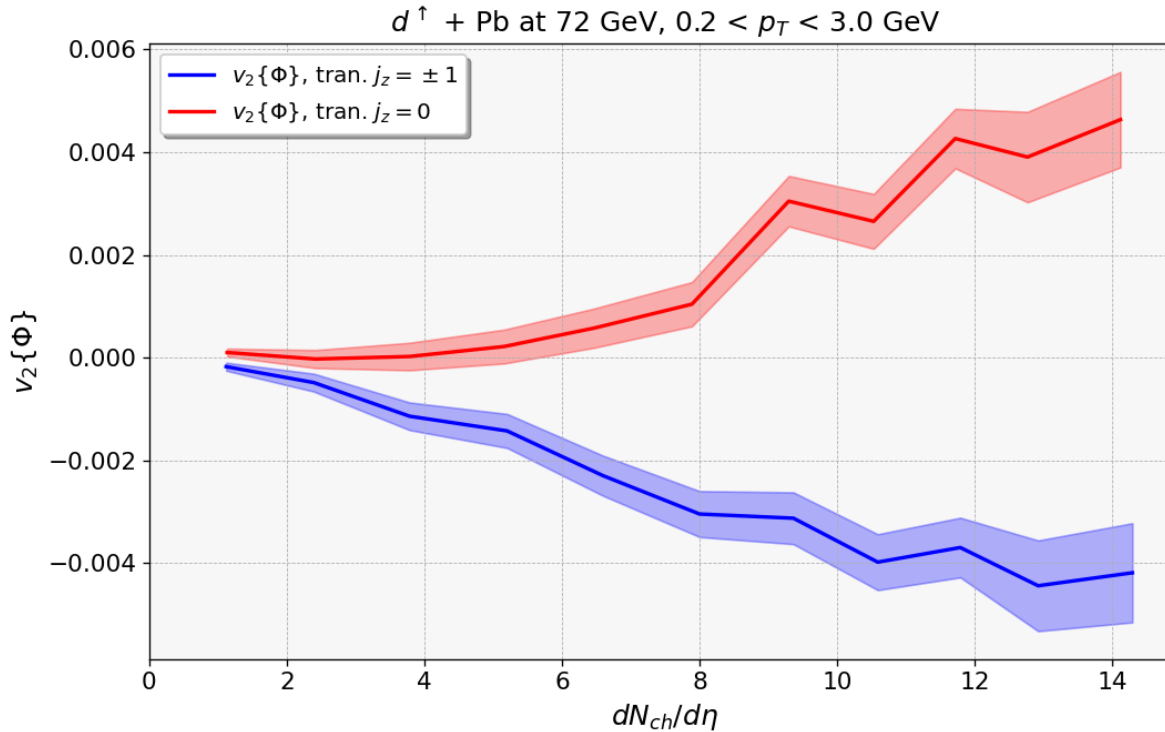
Parameterize proton shape (T_p)

- Number of hot spots N_q
- Proton size B_{qc}
- Hot spot size B_q
- Hot spot density fluctuations σ
- Min. distance between hot spots $d_{q,min}$
- Overall color charge density: $Qs(x)/g^2\mu$
- Infrared regulator m

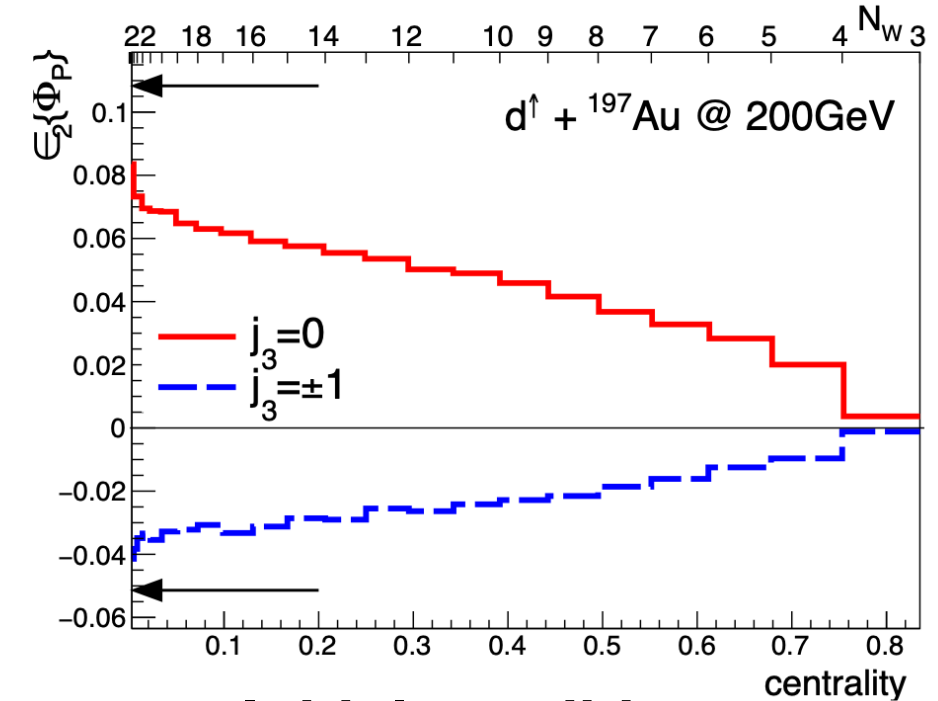


- 7D parameter space; generated 1000 training points for the model emulator

Collective flow in Polarized deuterons + Nuclei



$$\vec{\epsilon}_n = - \frac{\int \rho d\rho d\alpha e^{in\alpha} \rho^n f(\vec{\rho})}{\int \rho d\rho d\alpha \rho^n f(\vec{\rho})}$$



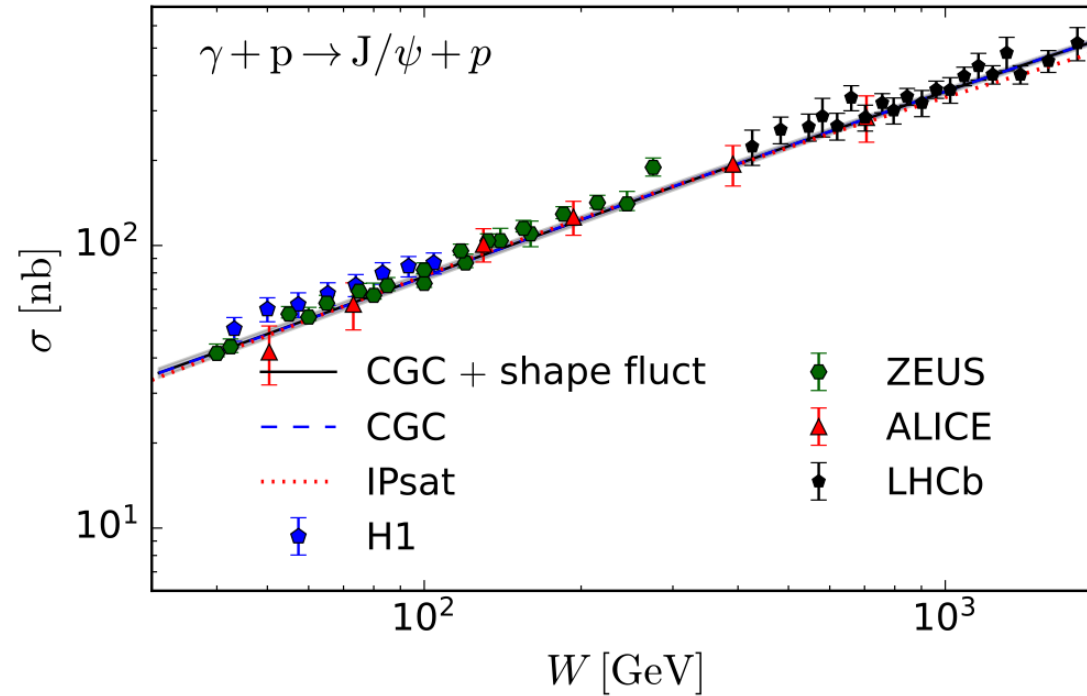
Initial conditions

- Opposite sign of $v_2\{\Phi\}$ between $j_z = \pm 1$ and $j_z = 0$ in $d^\uparrow + \text{Pb}$.
- Could be tested in the coming LHCb measurement.

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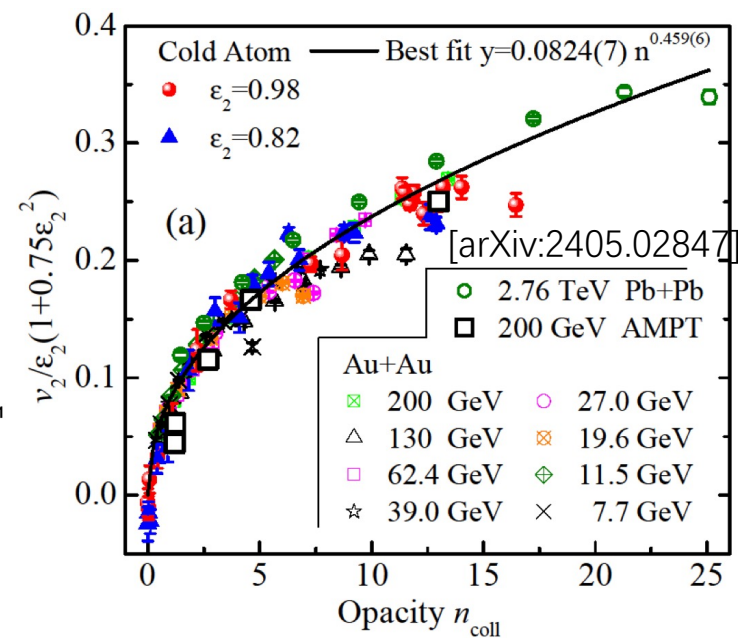
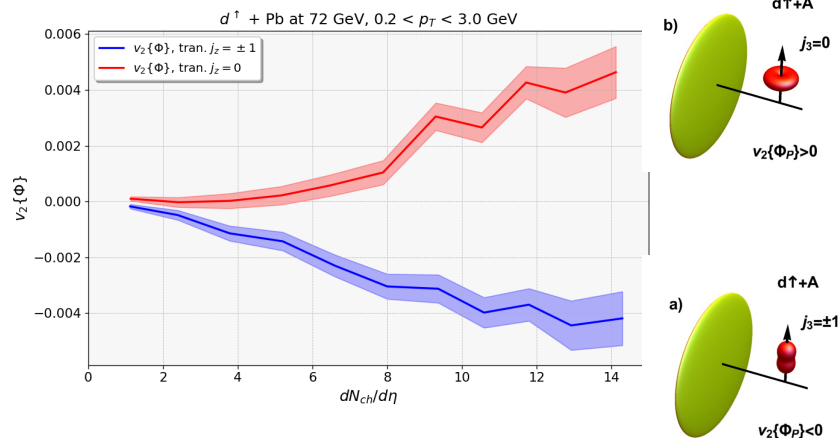
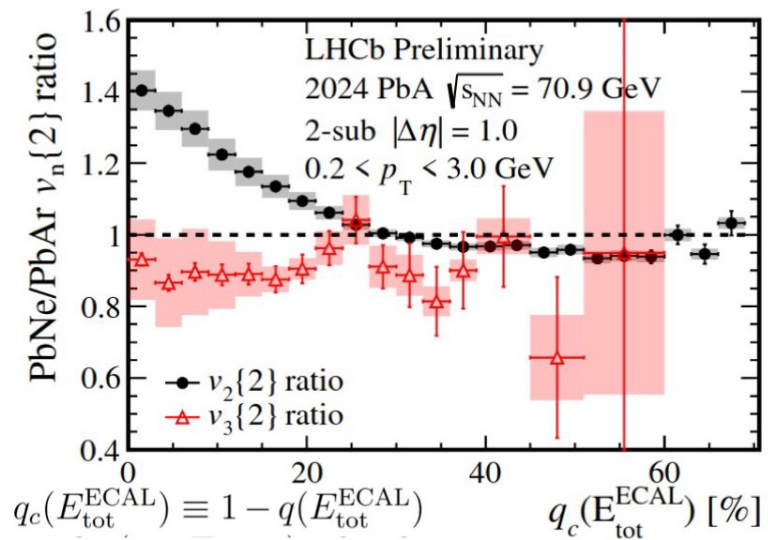
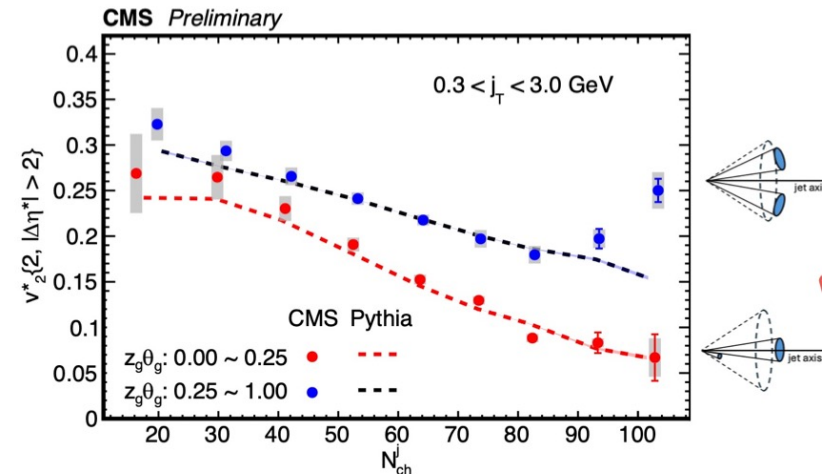
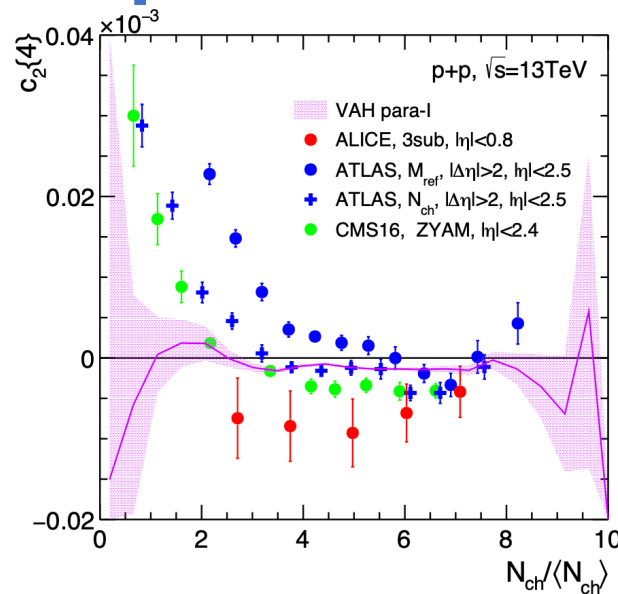
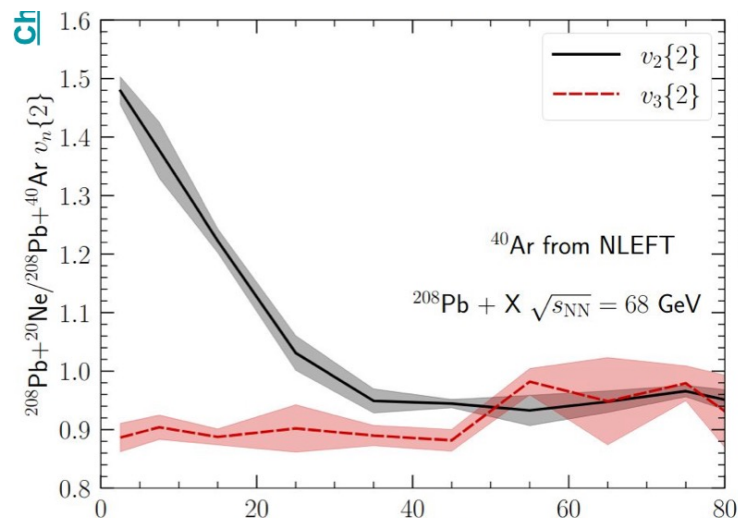
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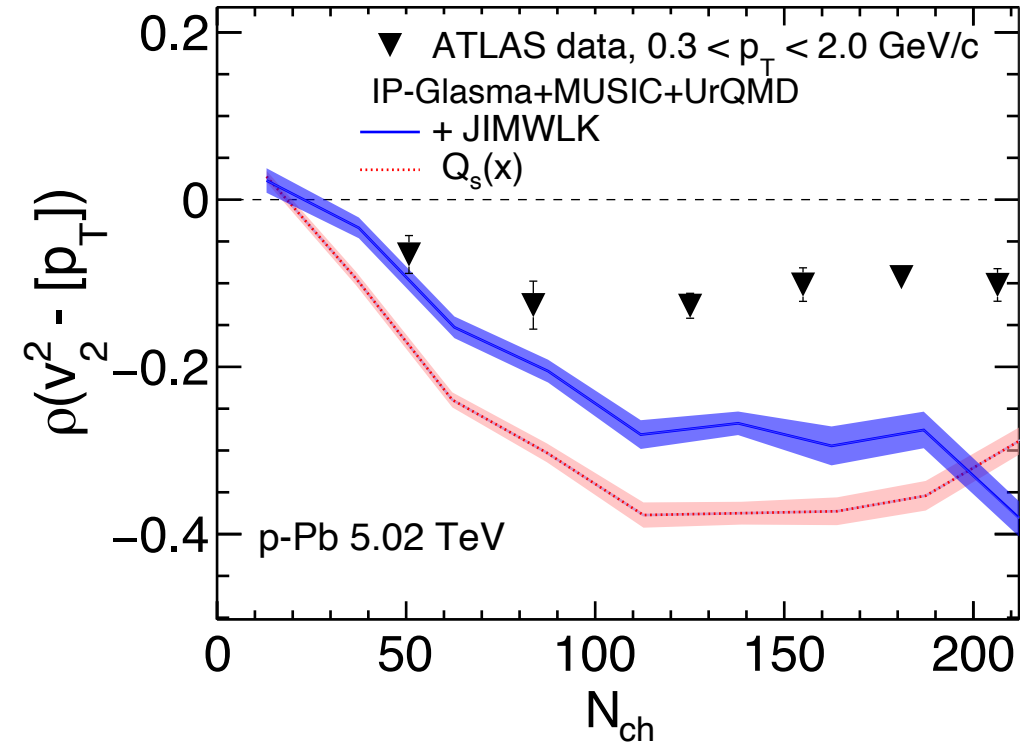
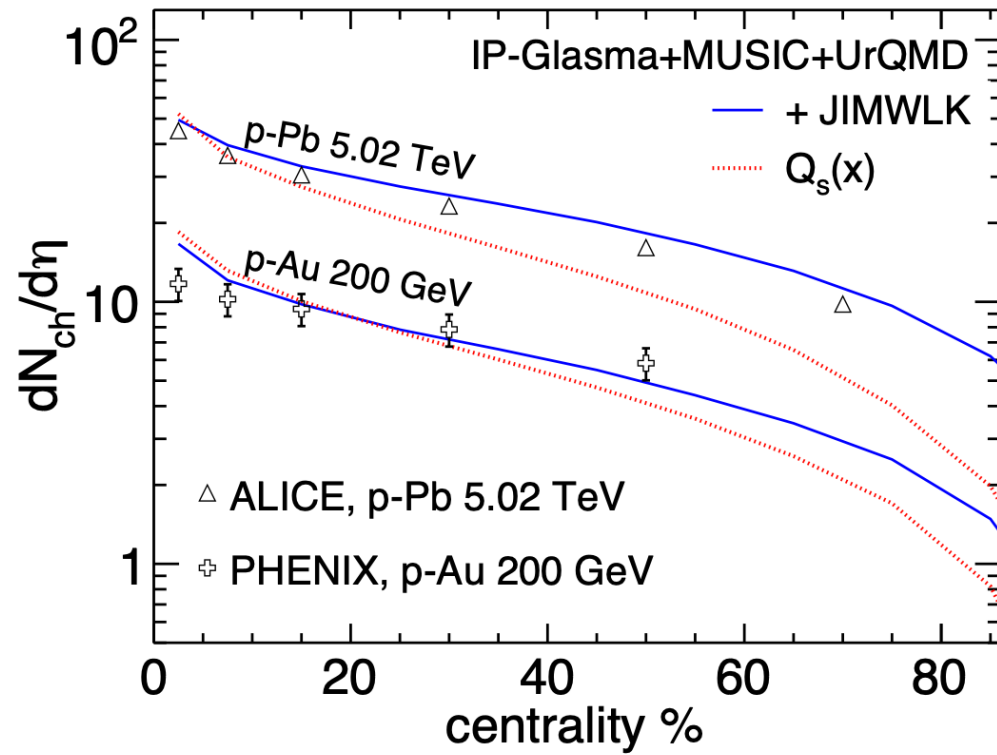


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Searching “smallest” droplet



Effects of energy evolution on small systems

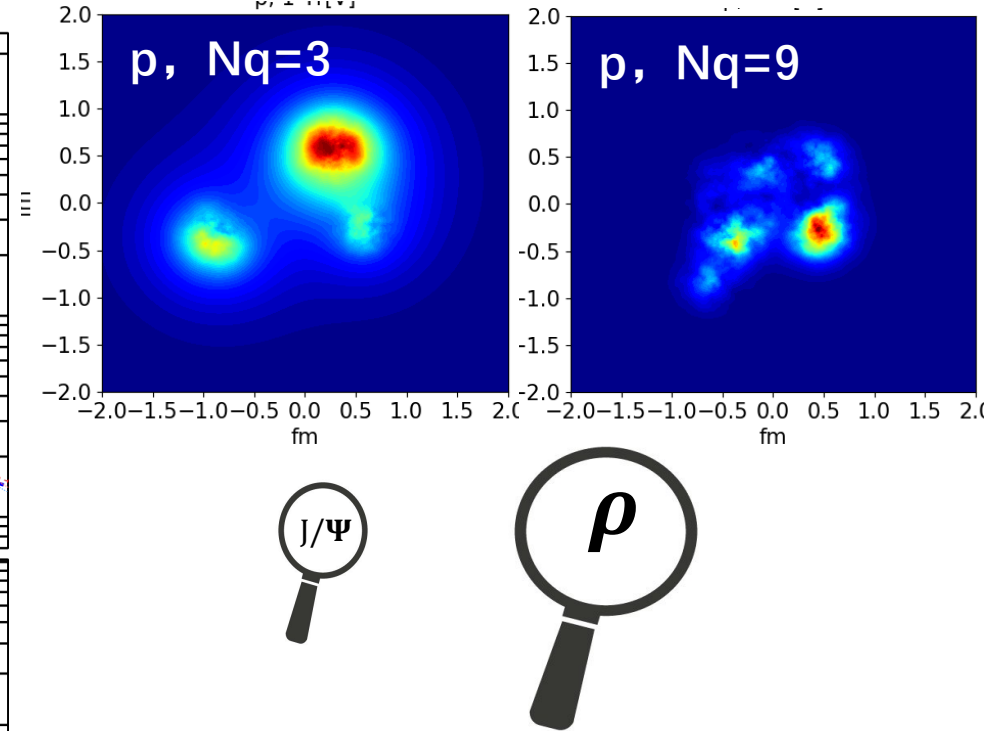
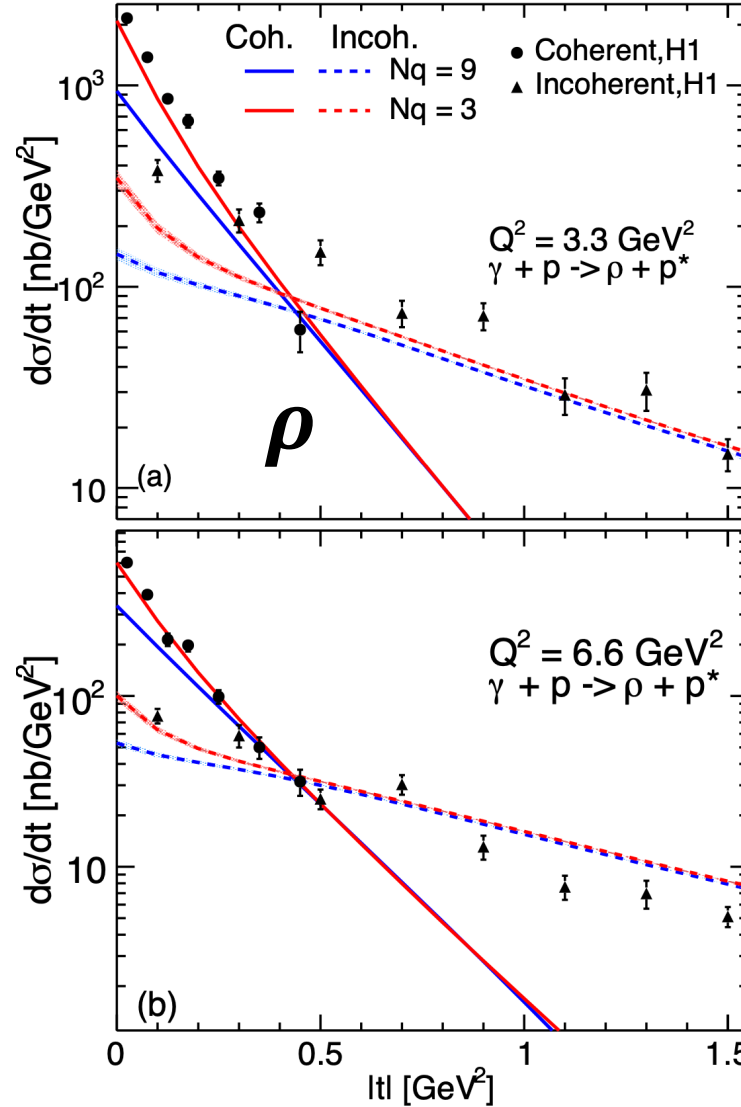
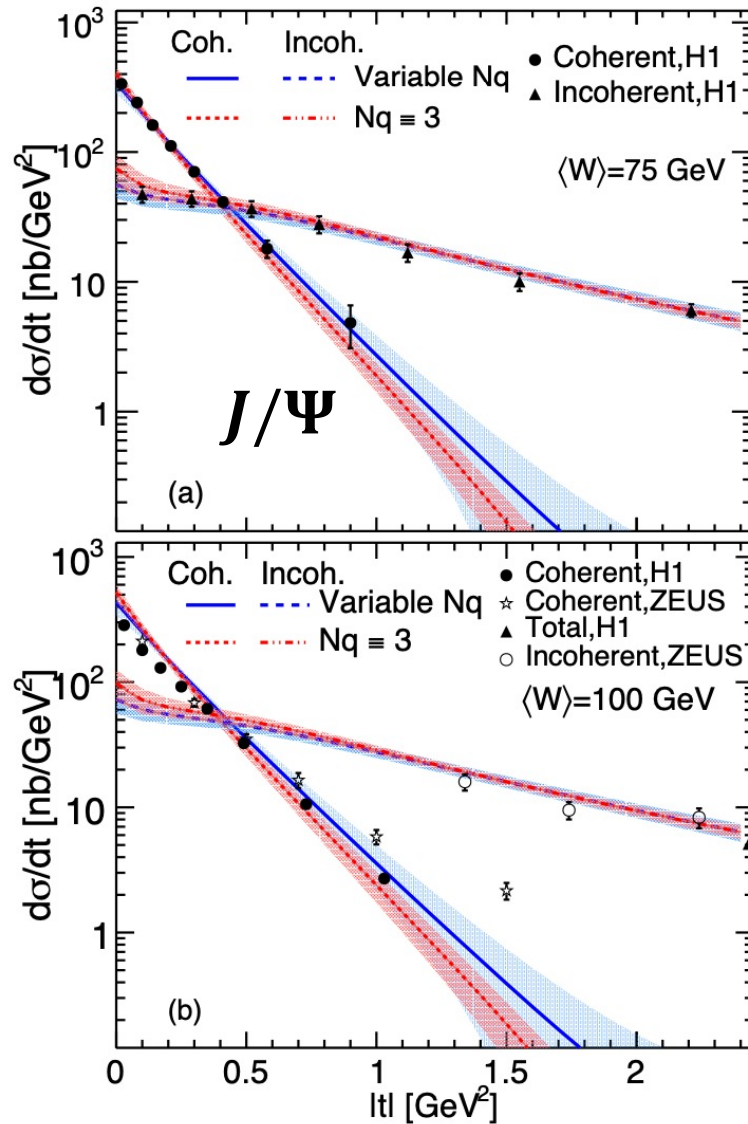


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+ JIMWLK: CGC + energy evolution + Hydrodynamics

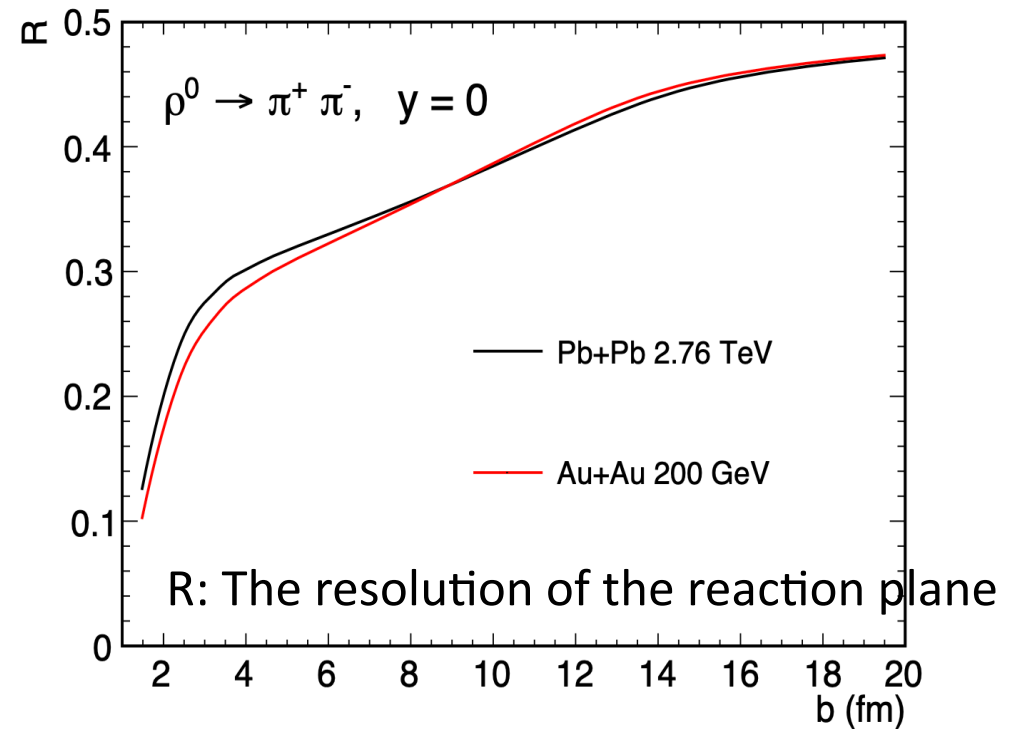
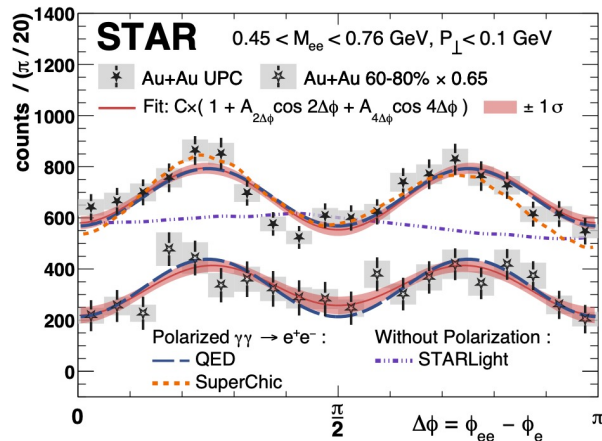
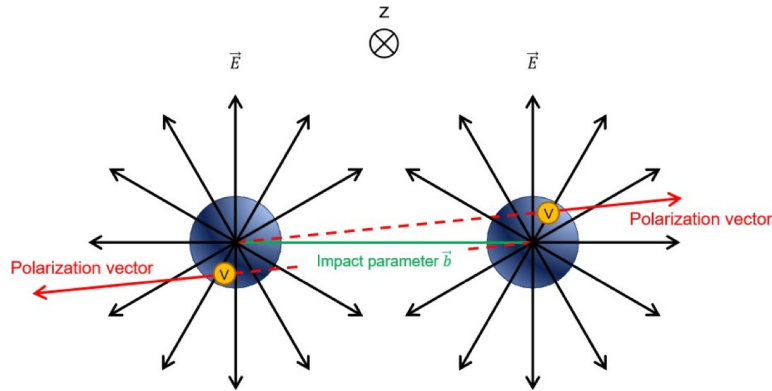
$Q_s(x)$: CGC (change the $Q_s(x)$ only for different energies) + Hydrodynamics

Probing nucleon at different resolutions



- The ρ mesons probe proton fluctuations at large length scales.
- Sizeable differences observed for ρ productions between $Nq=3$ and $Nq=9$ MAPs.

Determine the Reaction Plane



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B-dependence at 0-1% and 0-0.1%

