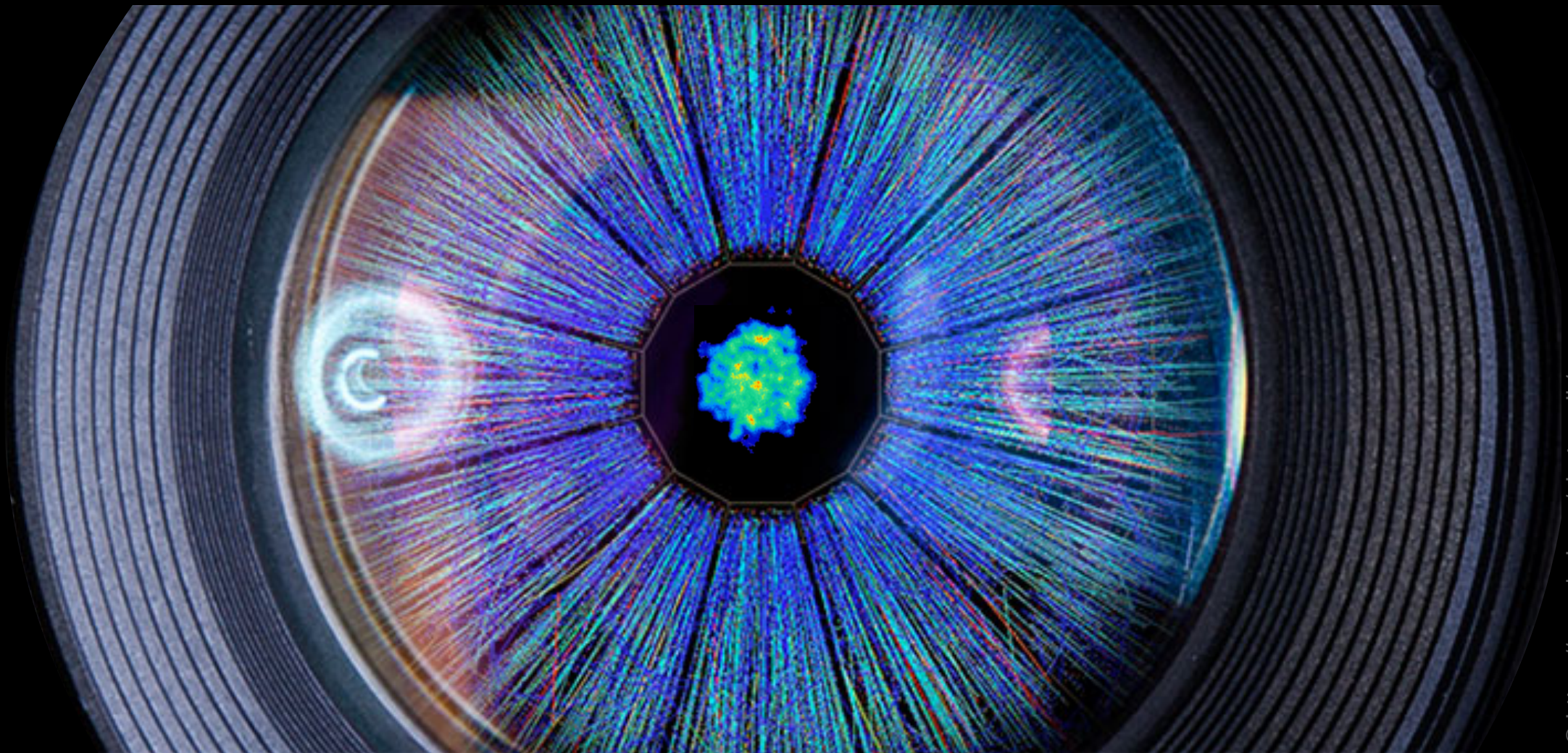


Initial Conditions in Heavy Ion Collisions

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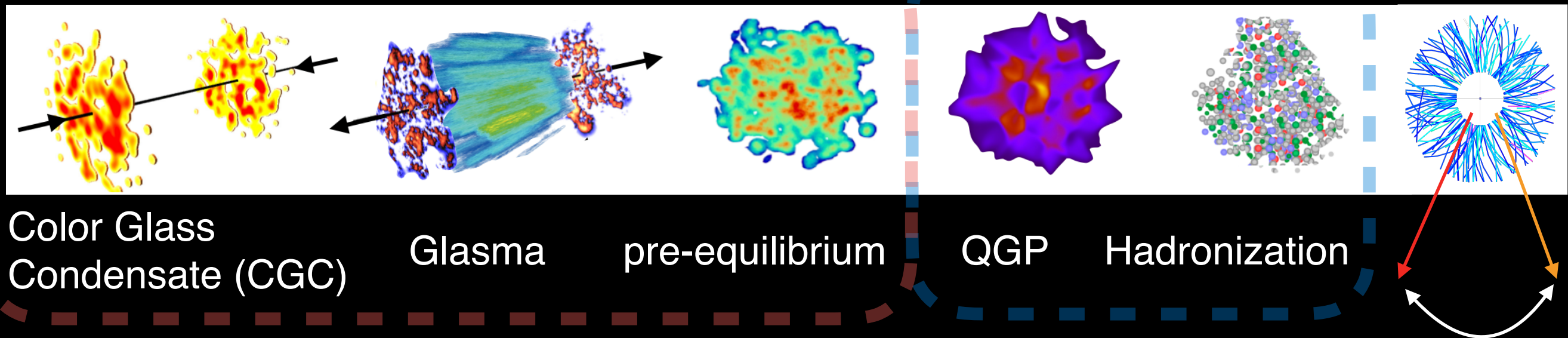


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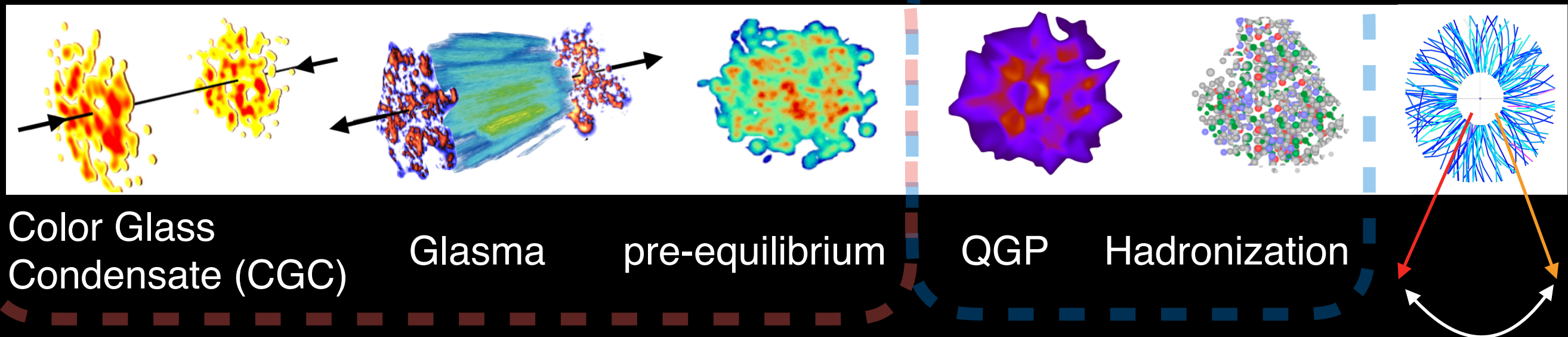
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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{N}}{\partial Y} \approx \kappa \otimes \mathcal{N} - \mathcal{N}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [D_\mu, F^{\mu\nu}] = J^\nu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p^\mu \partial_\mu f_i = C_i$$

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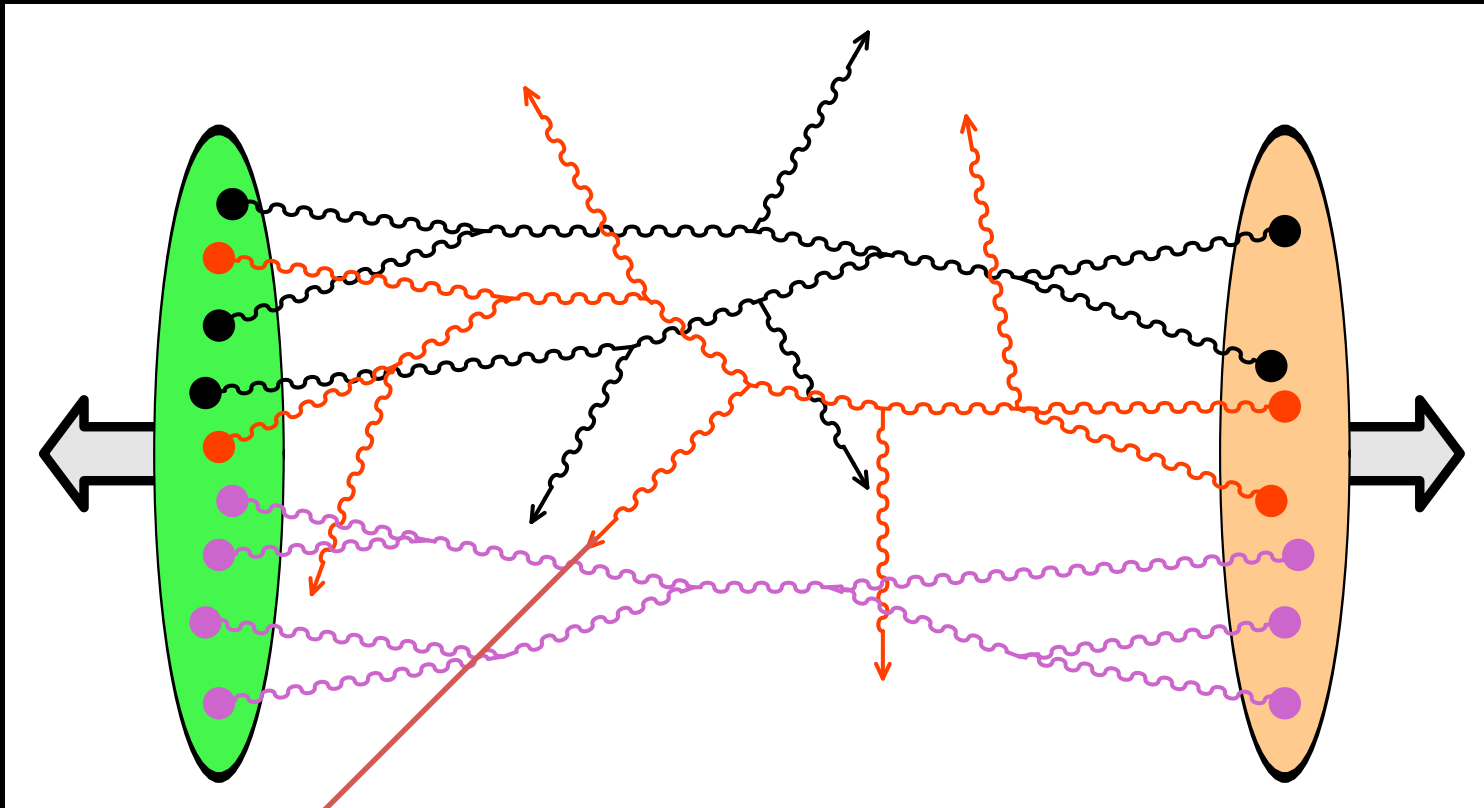
Initial conditions for hydrodynamics

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow p^\mu \partial_\mu f_i = C_i$$

At some point the system becomes describable by hydrodynamics and we need to compute the initial full $T_{\mu\nu}$

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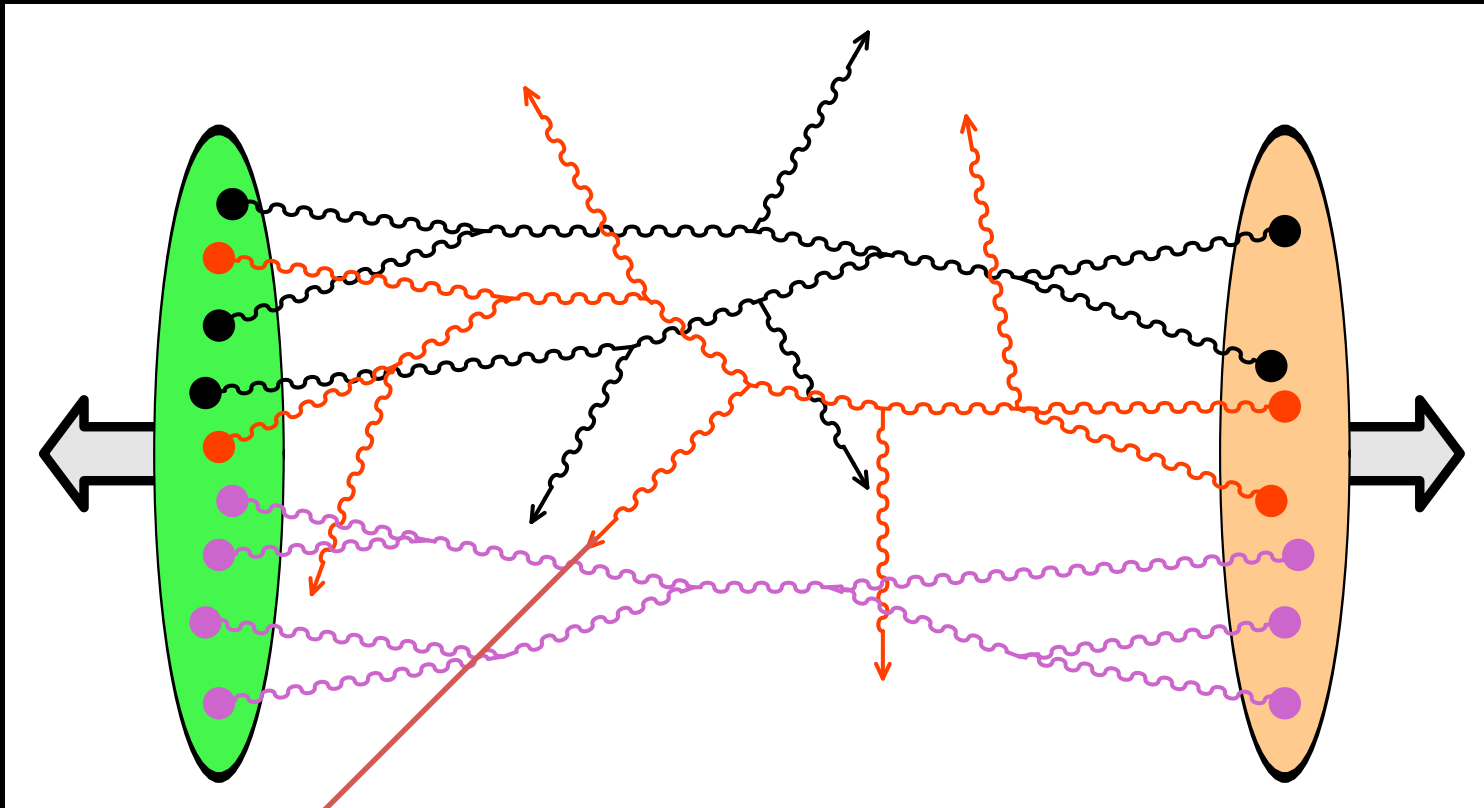
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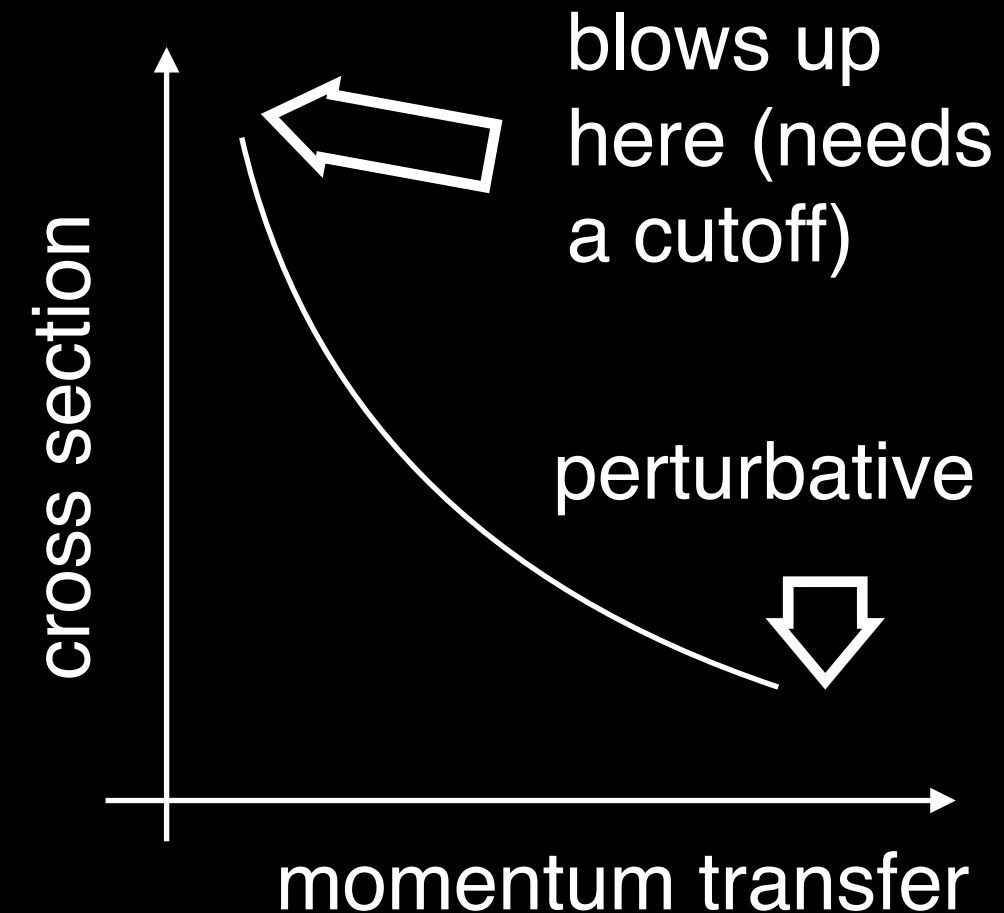
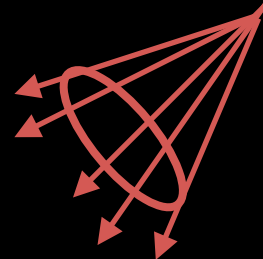
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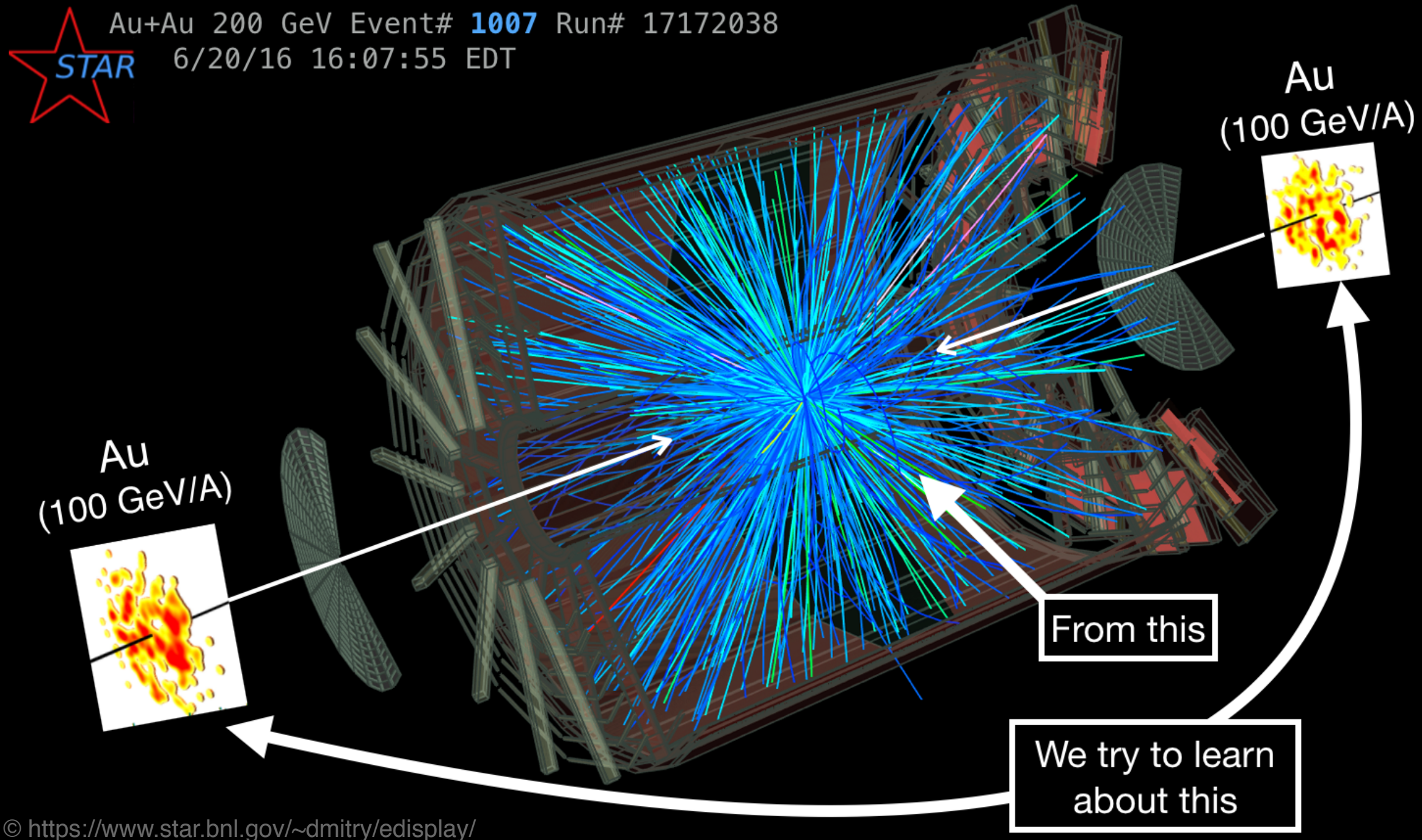


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Due to highly non-perturbative nature
of the problem, first principle theory
calculations are very challenging

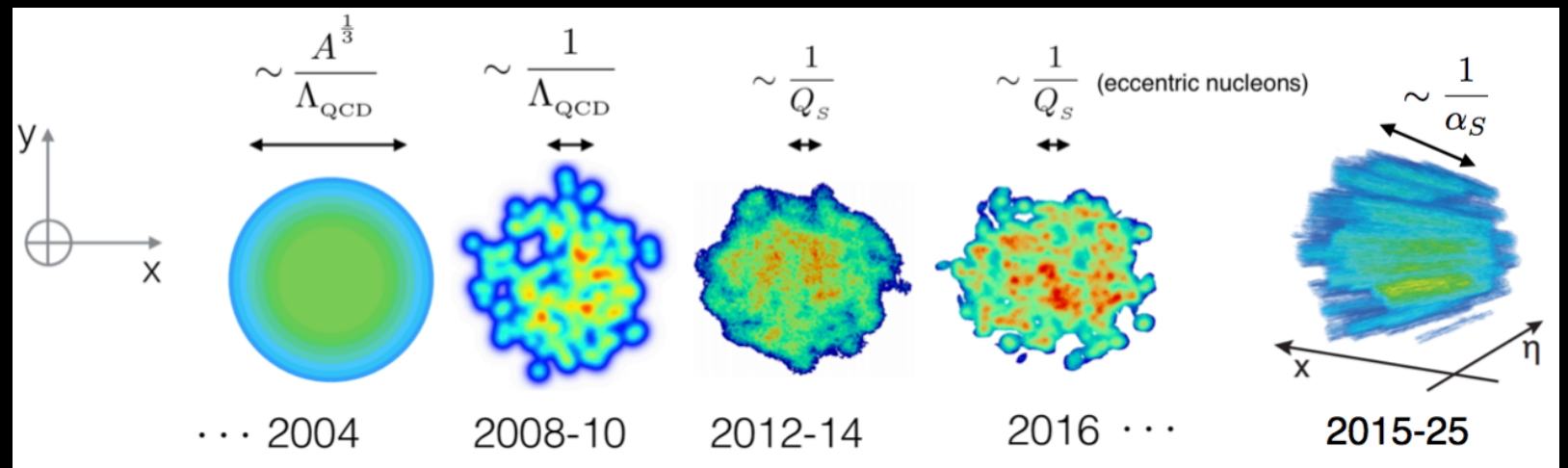
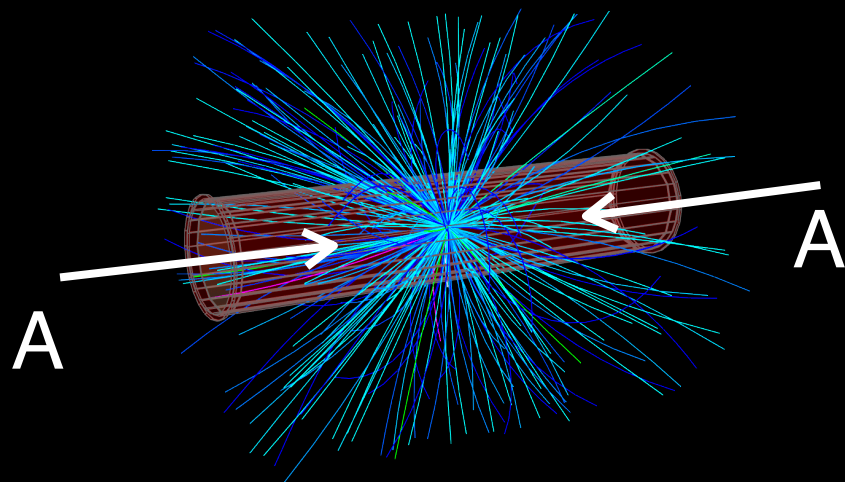
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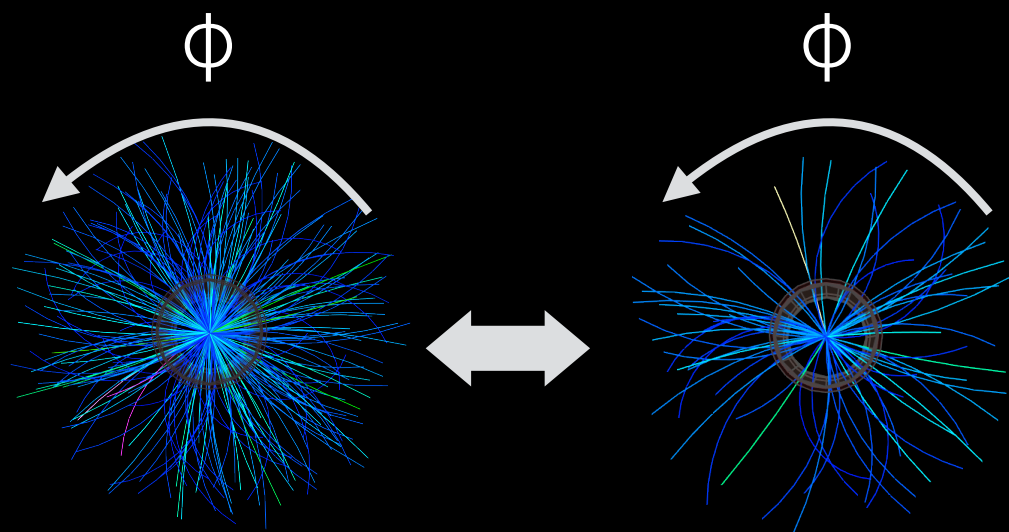
It is not straight forward to come up with measurements that directly constrain initial stages of the collisions

What has happened over the years ?

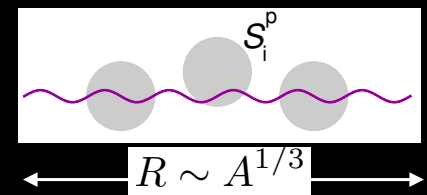
A+A physics \Rightarrow knowledge of nuclei @ high \sqrt{s}



How did we get there ? Two major steps:



1. New tools to construct nuclei at high energies & simulate A+A collisions



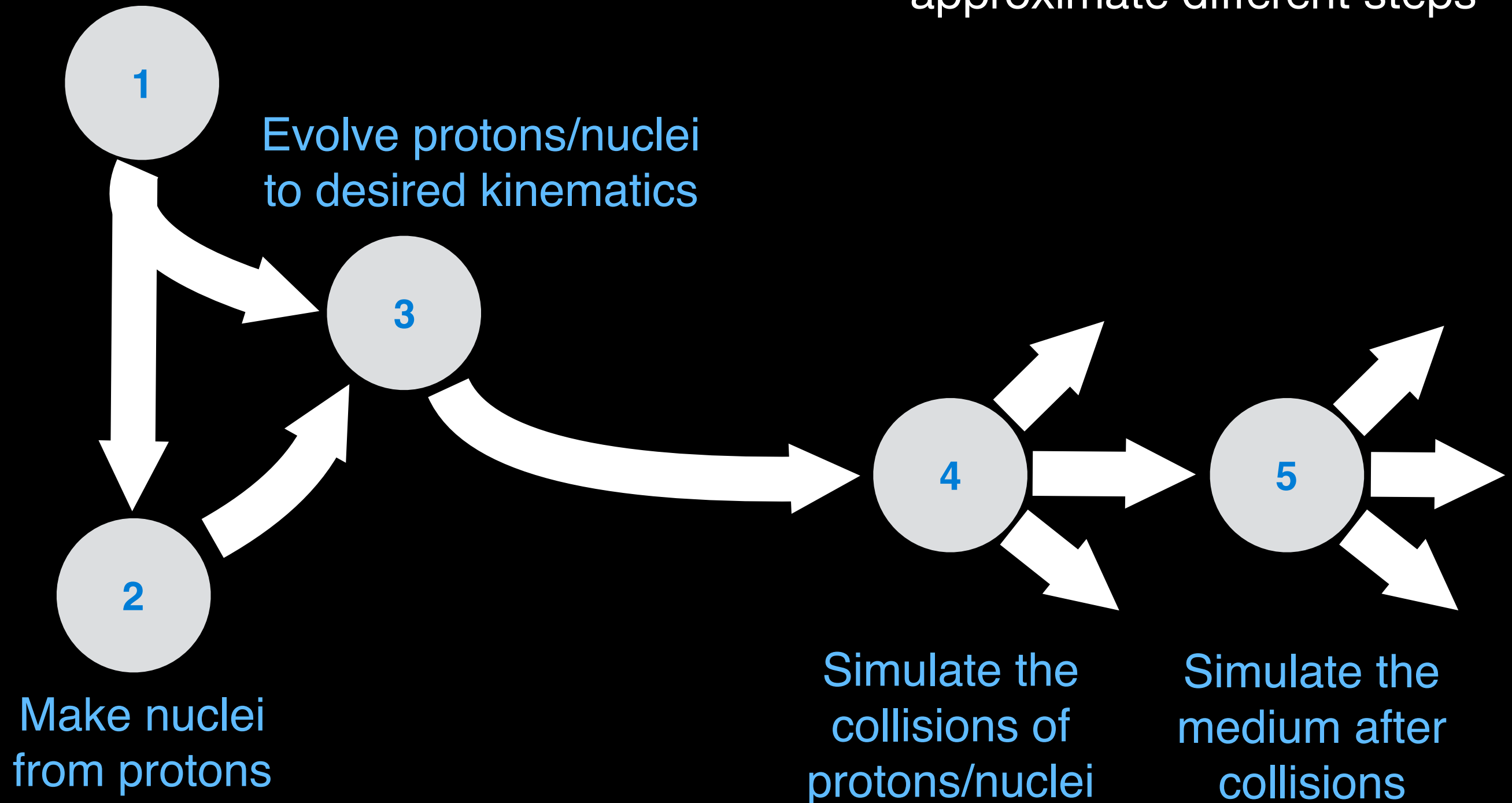
2. Measurements of angular anisotropy & its correlation with multiplicity: $P(v_n | N)$

Next decade will improve/verify/falsify our knowledge of nuclei @ high \sqrt{s}

Steps towards computing Initial conditions

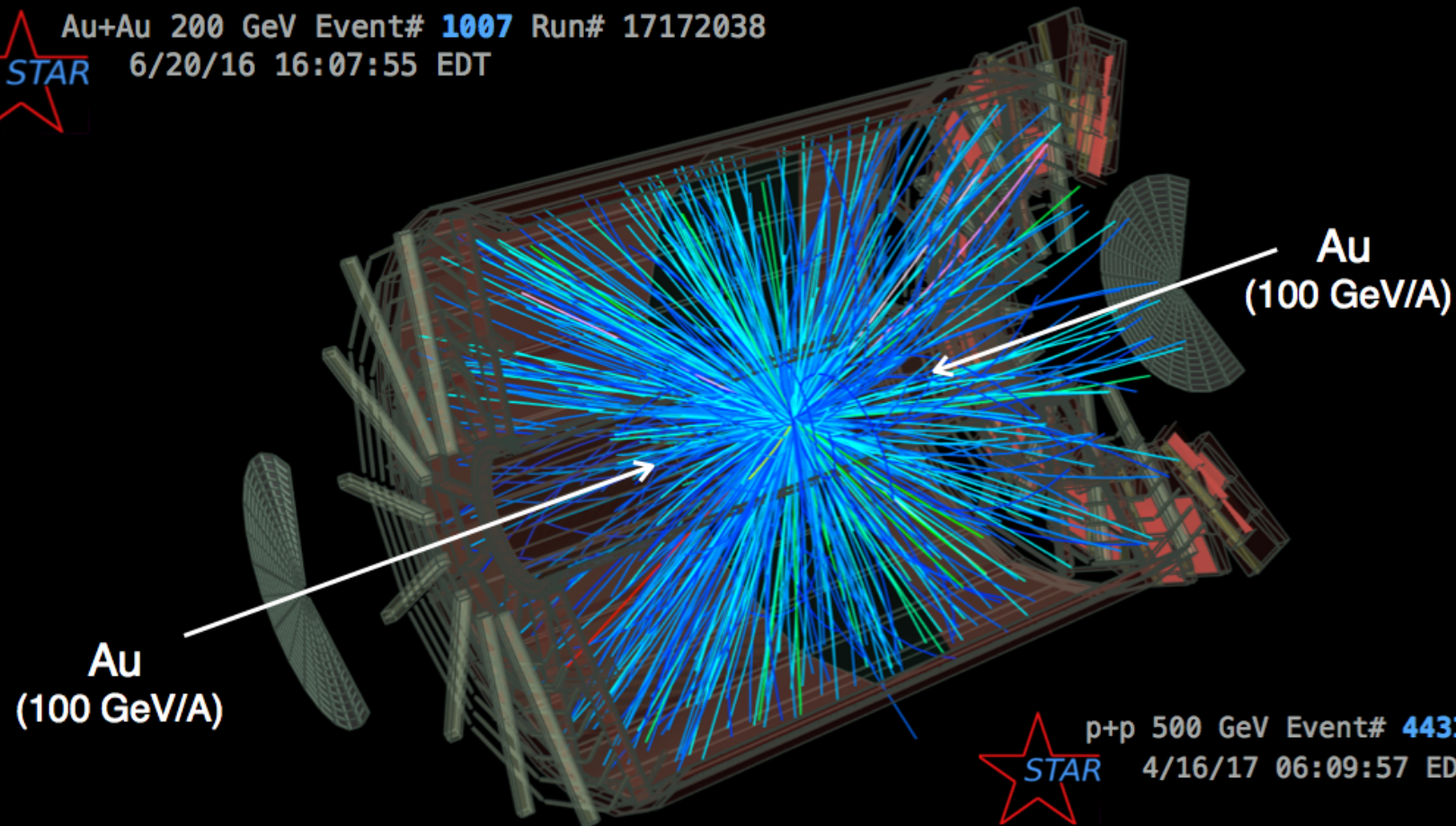
Collect Knowledge of Protons
(shape, fluctuations)

Different models \Rightarrow
approximate different steps

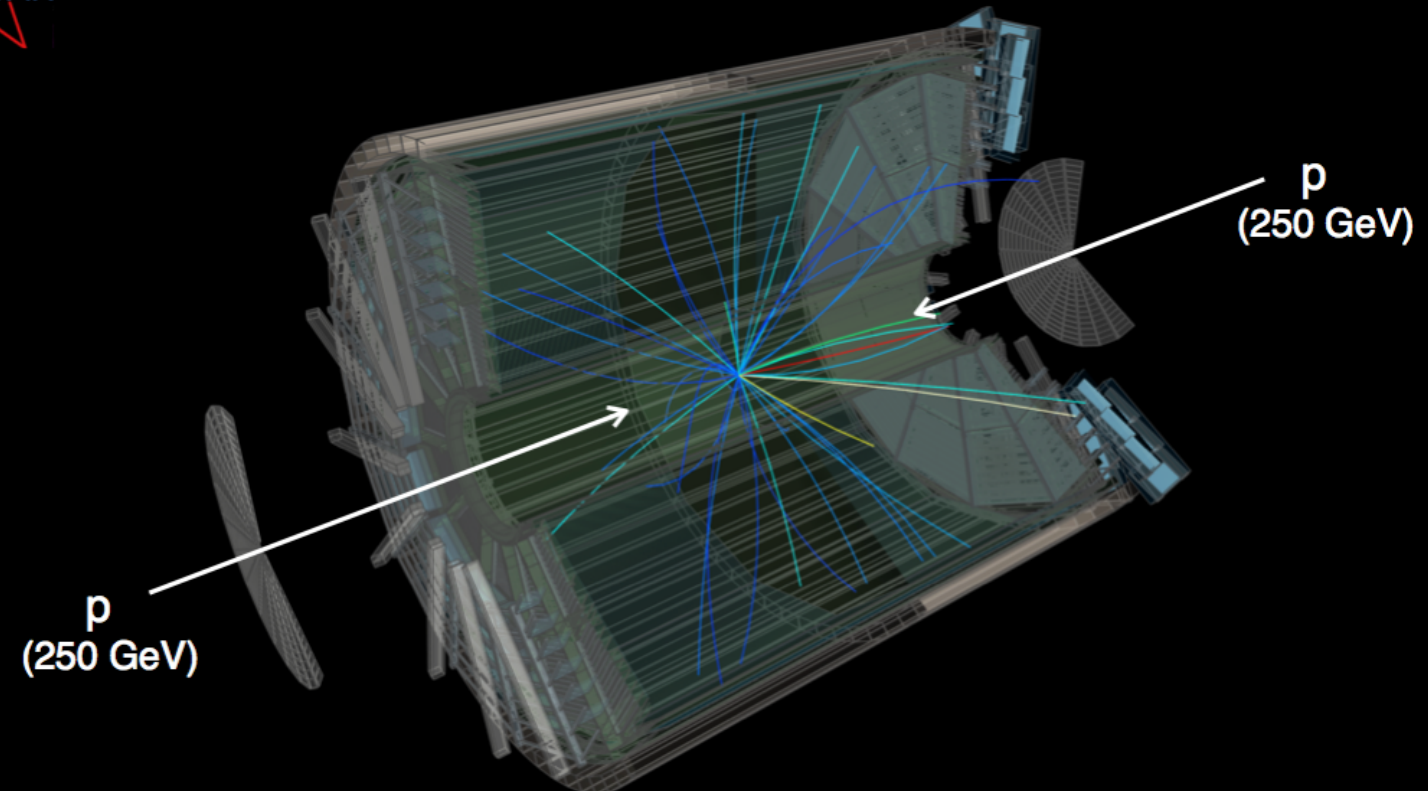


But we need something more than that

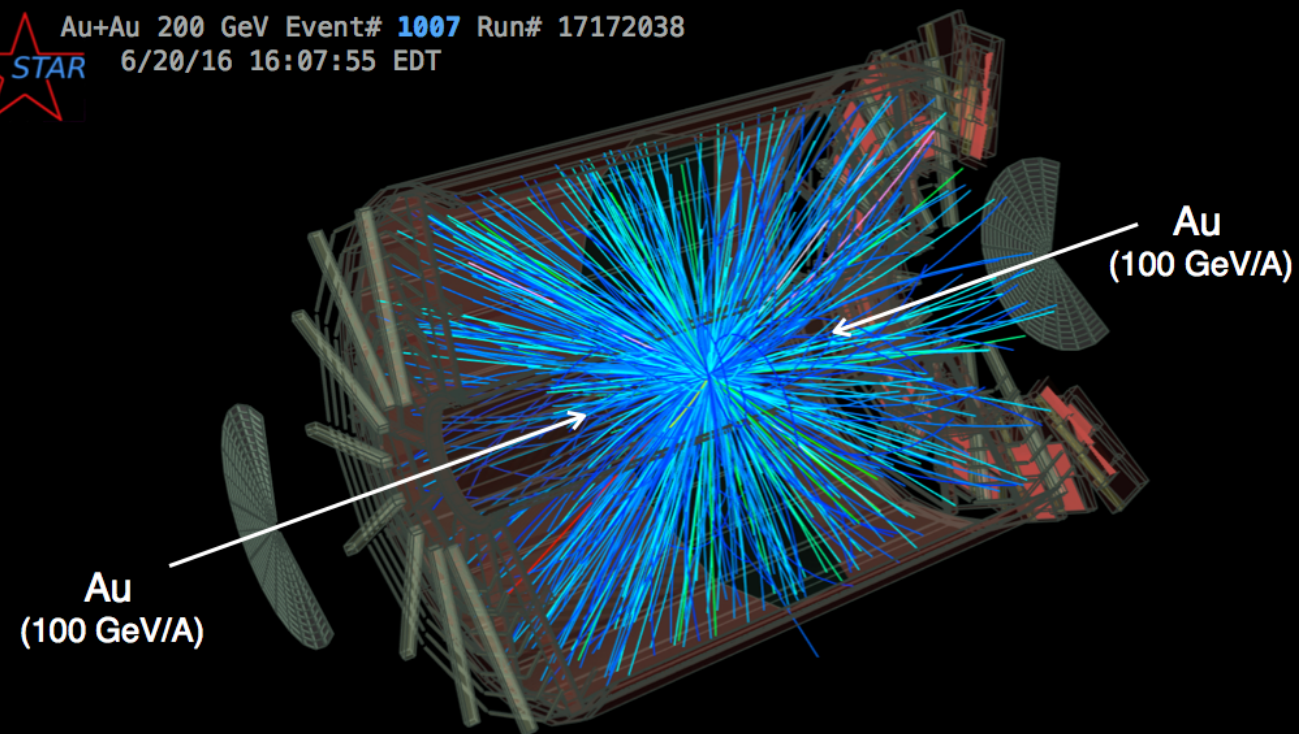
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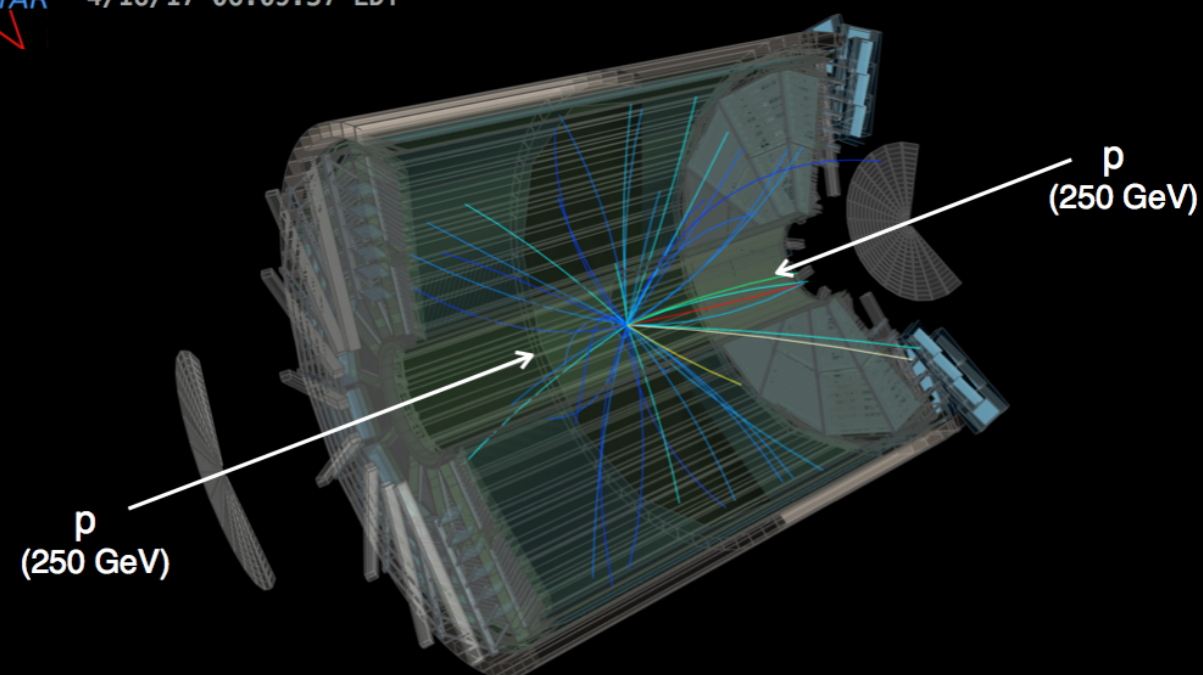
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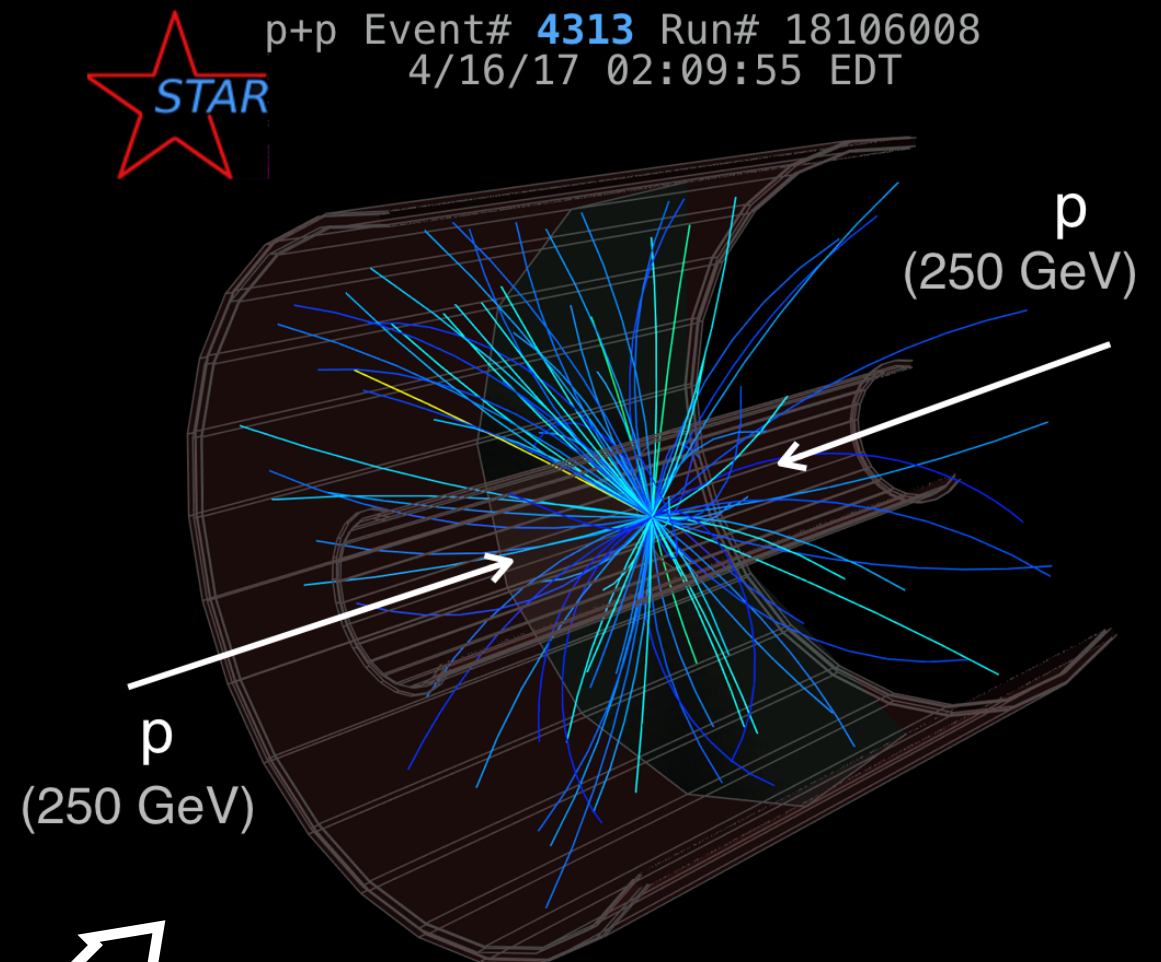
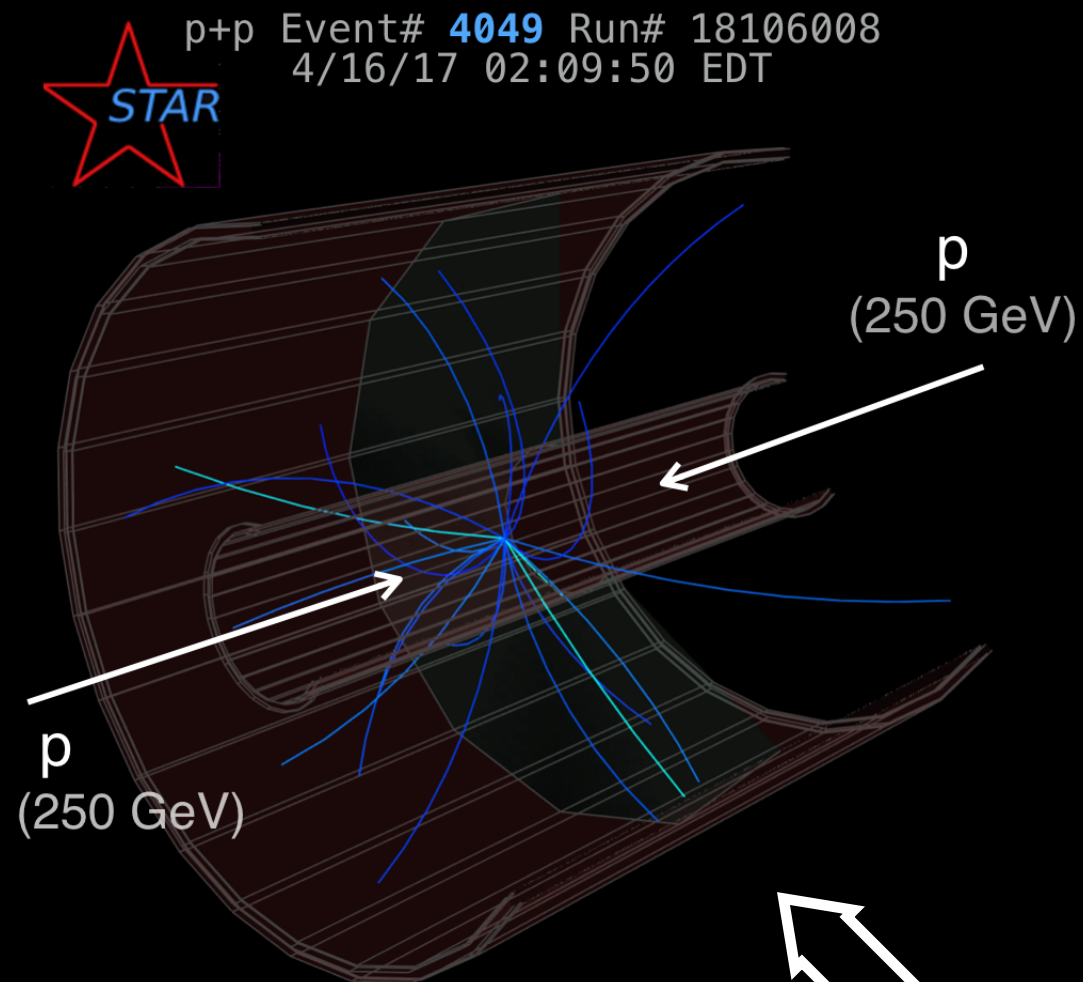
The most essential element
is the event-by-event fluctuations



Role of initial geometry & e-by-e fluctuations



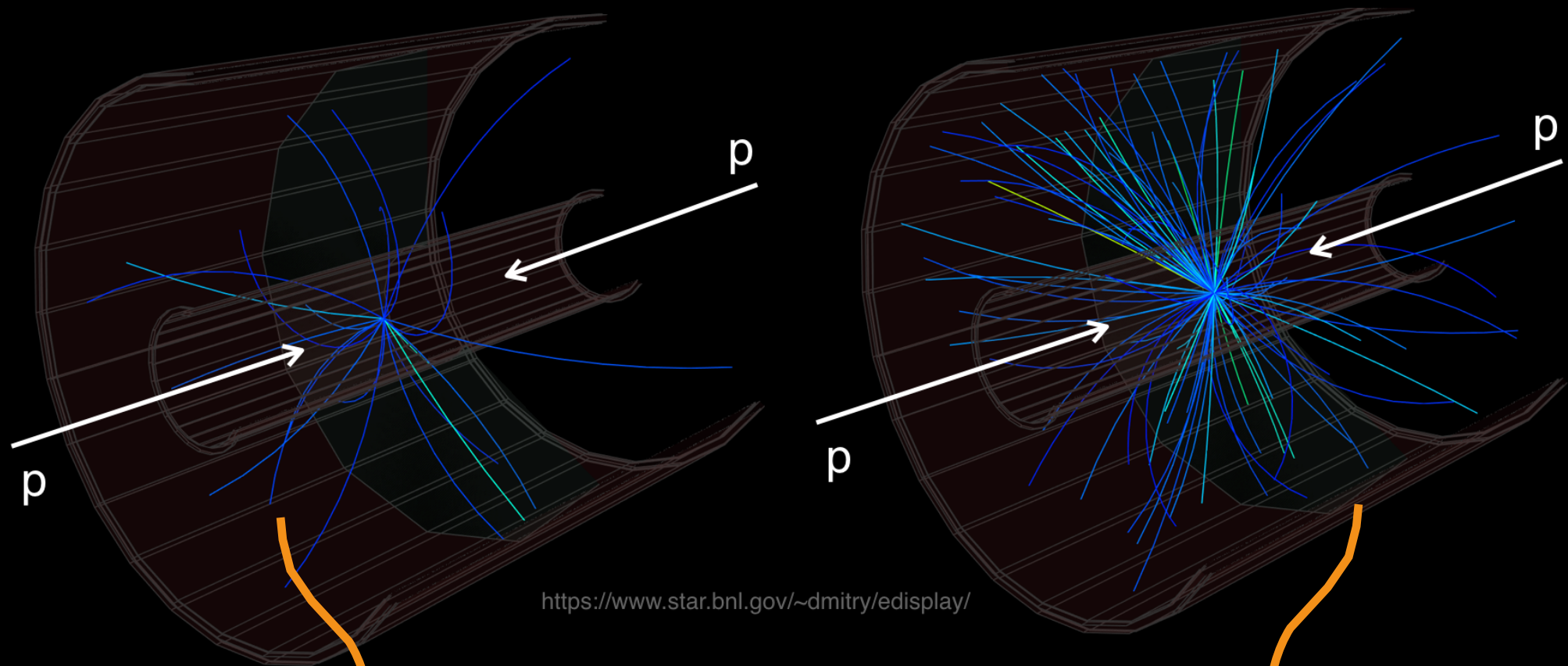
Let's start with p+p collisions



What is the main difference ??

Two different p+p collisions at the same energy are very different
In some rare events many particles are produced, how this happen ?

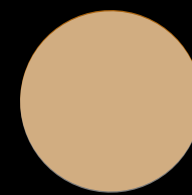
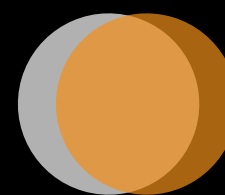
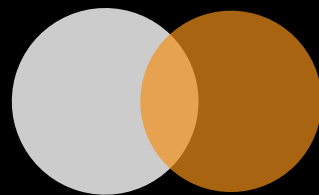
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Average configuration

Peripheral
(few particles)

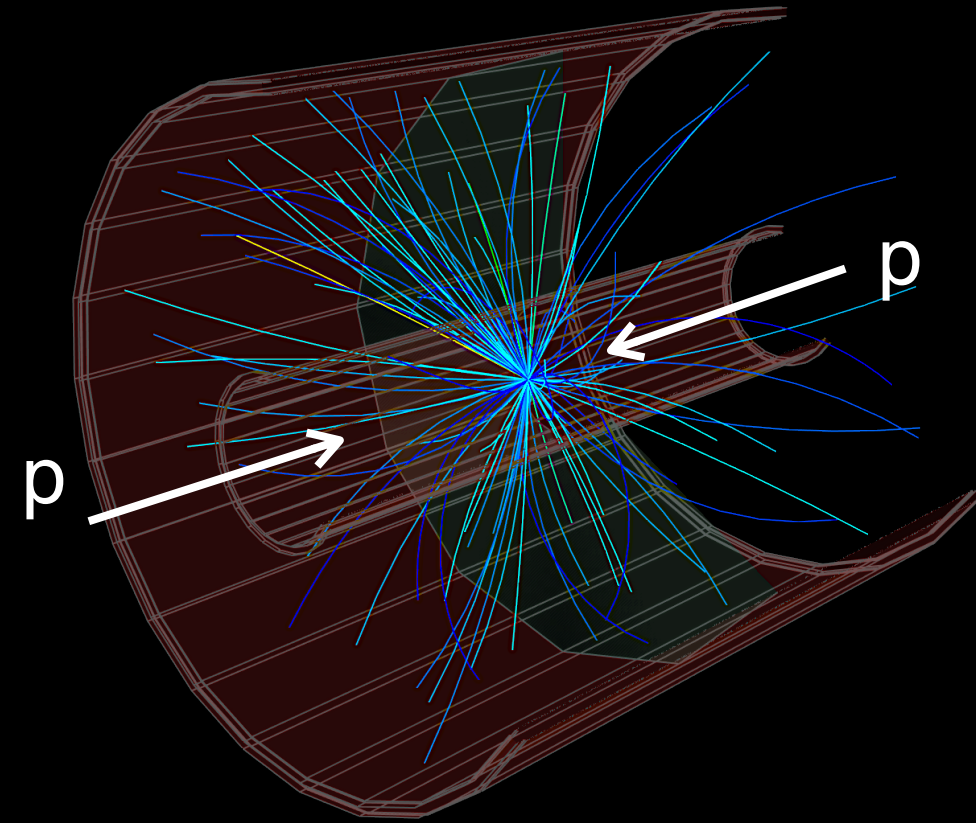
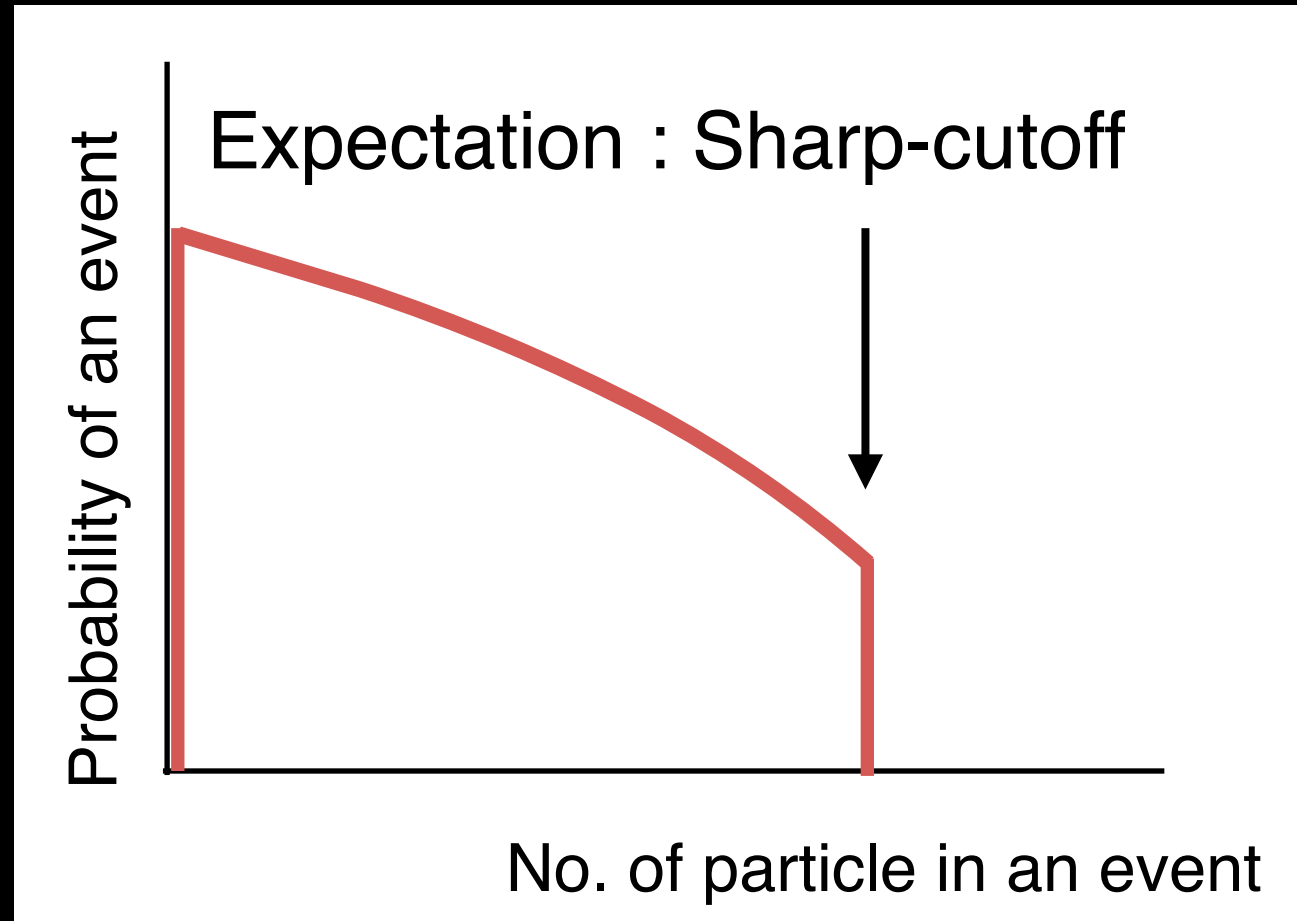


Central
(many particles)

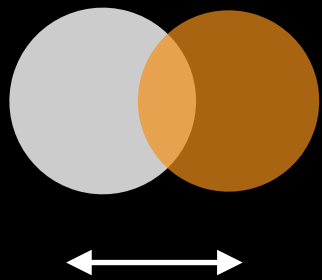
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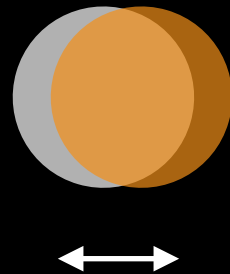
What leads to rare events in p+p collisions?



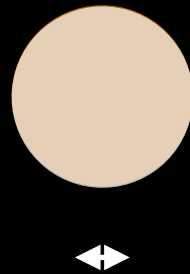
Peripheral



Average



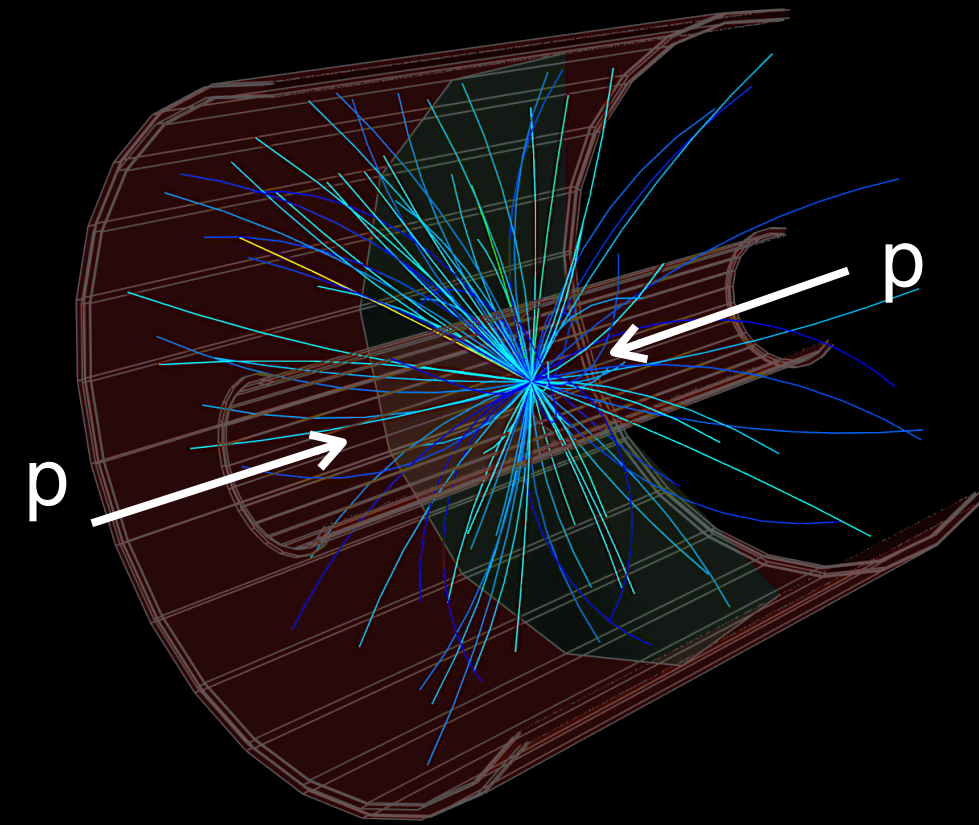
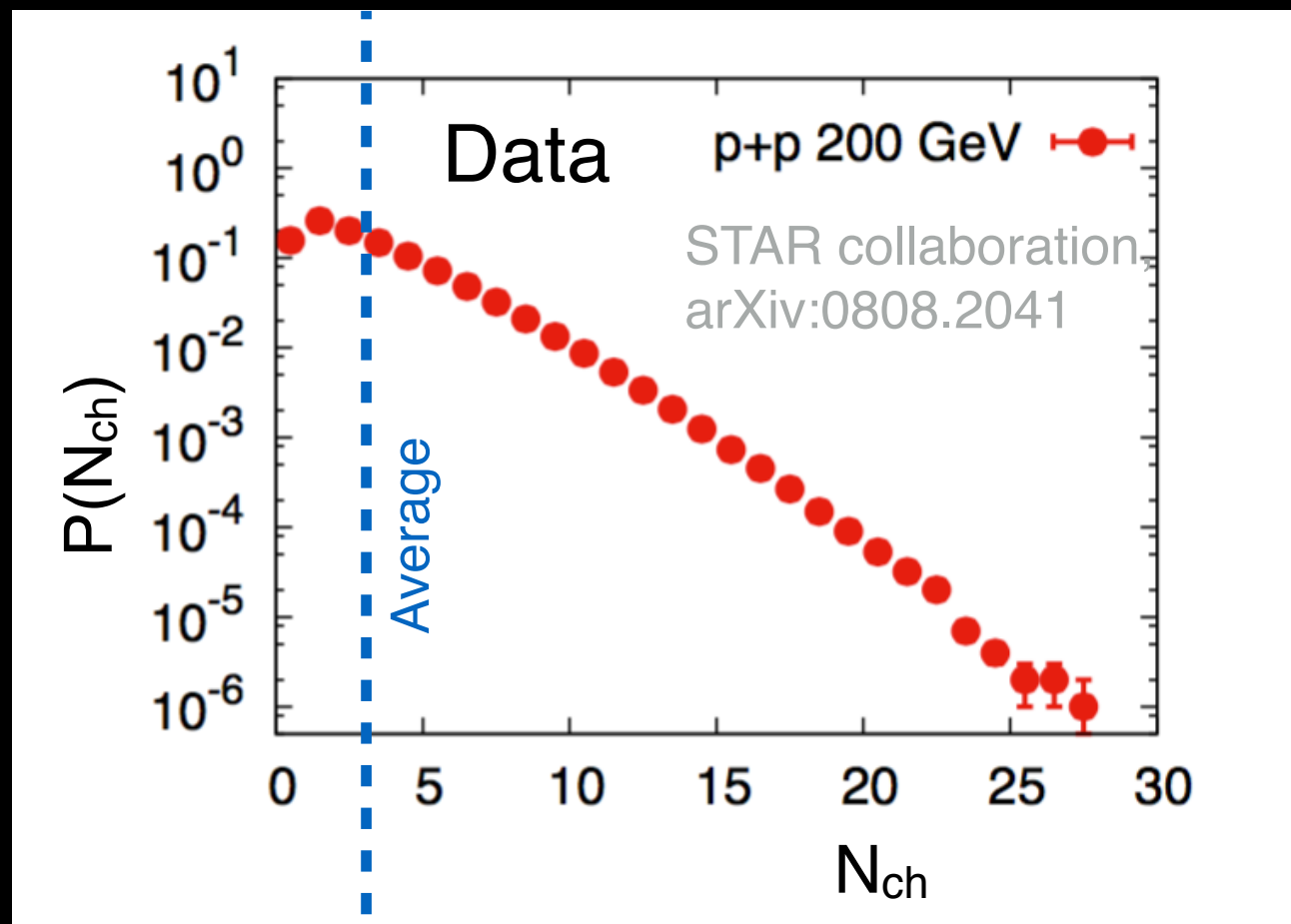
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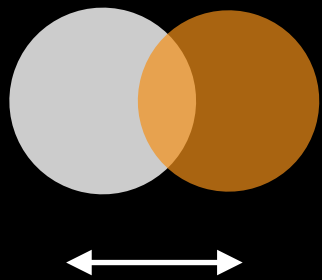
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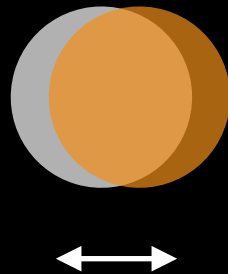
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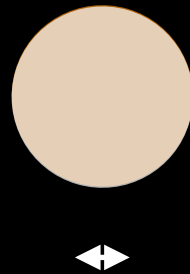
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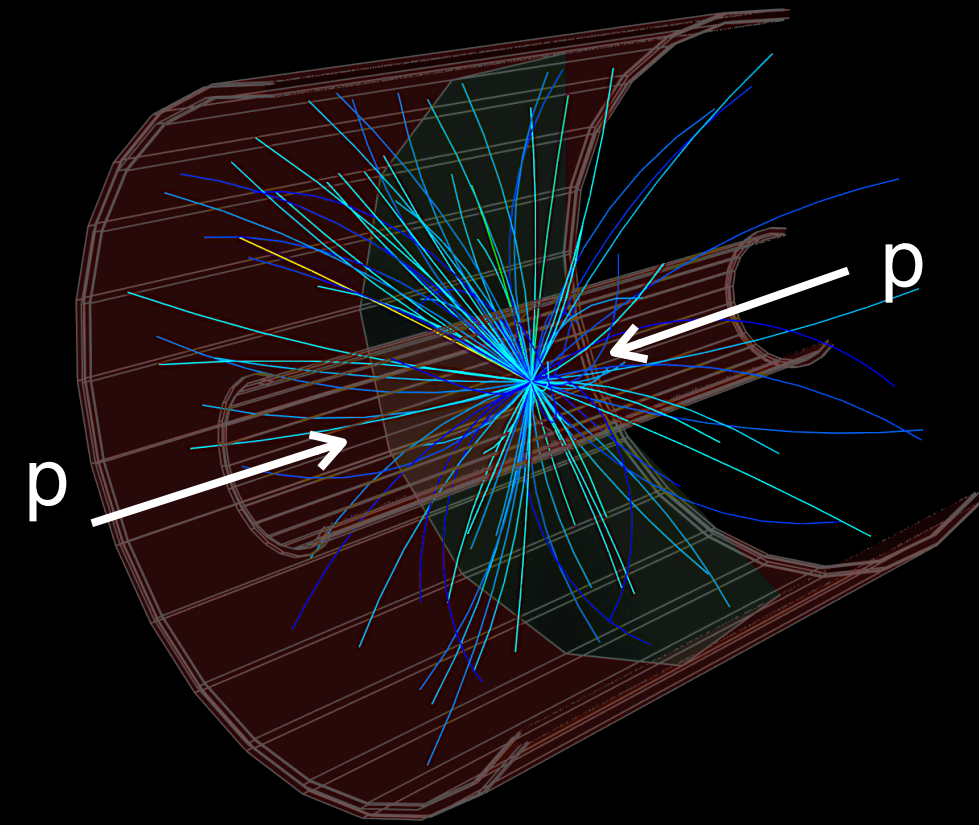
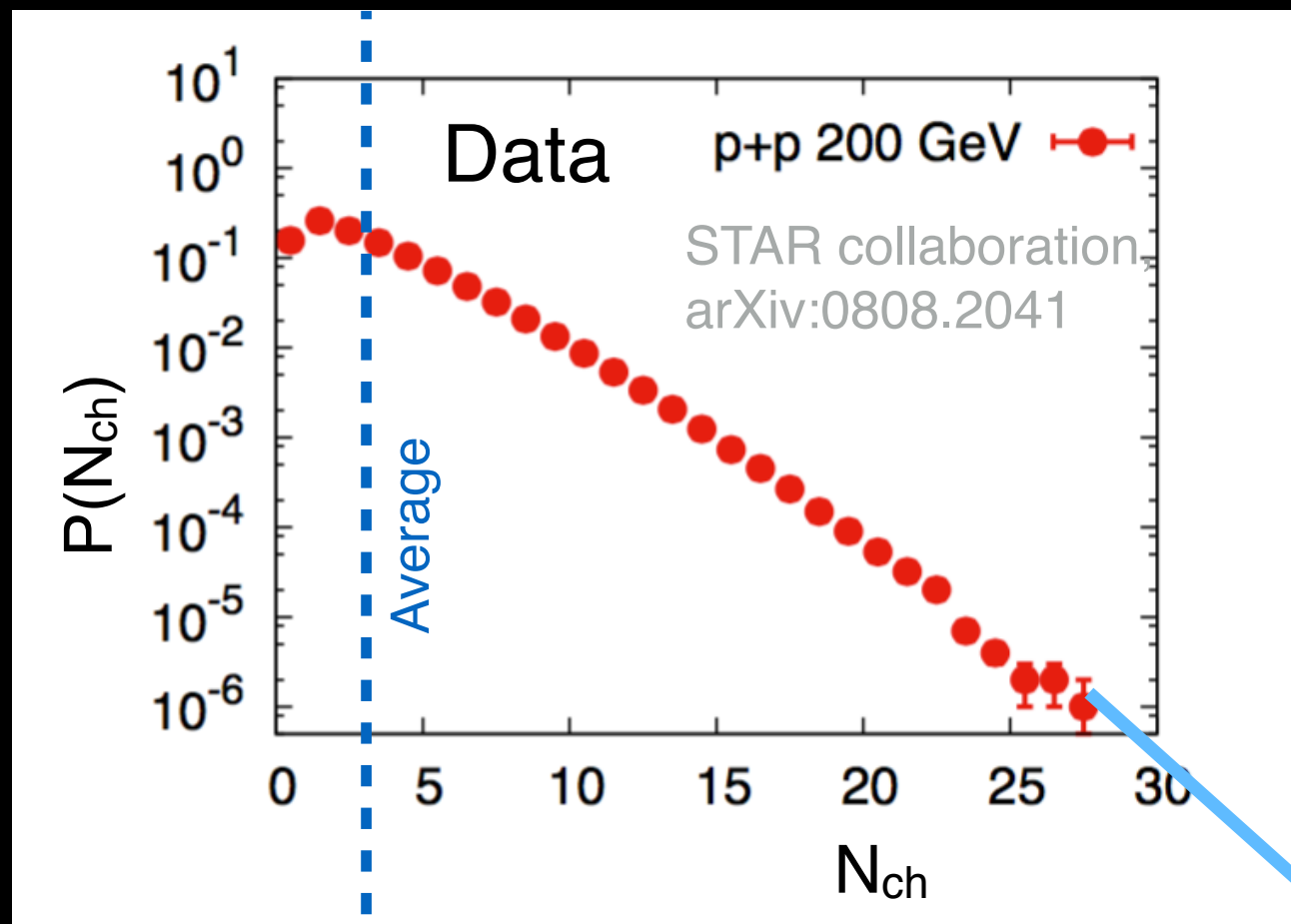
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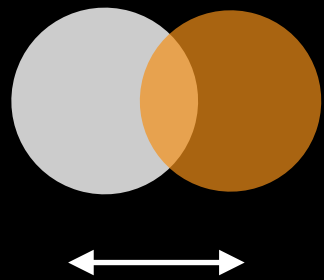
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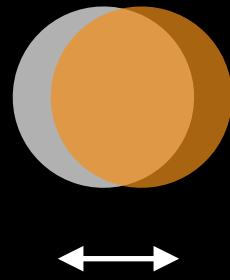
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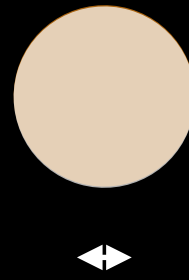
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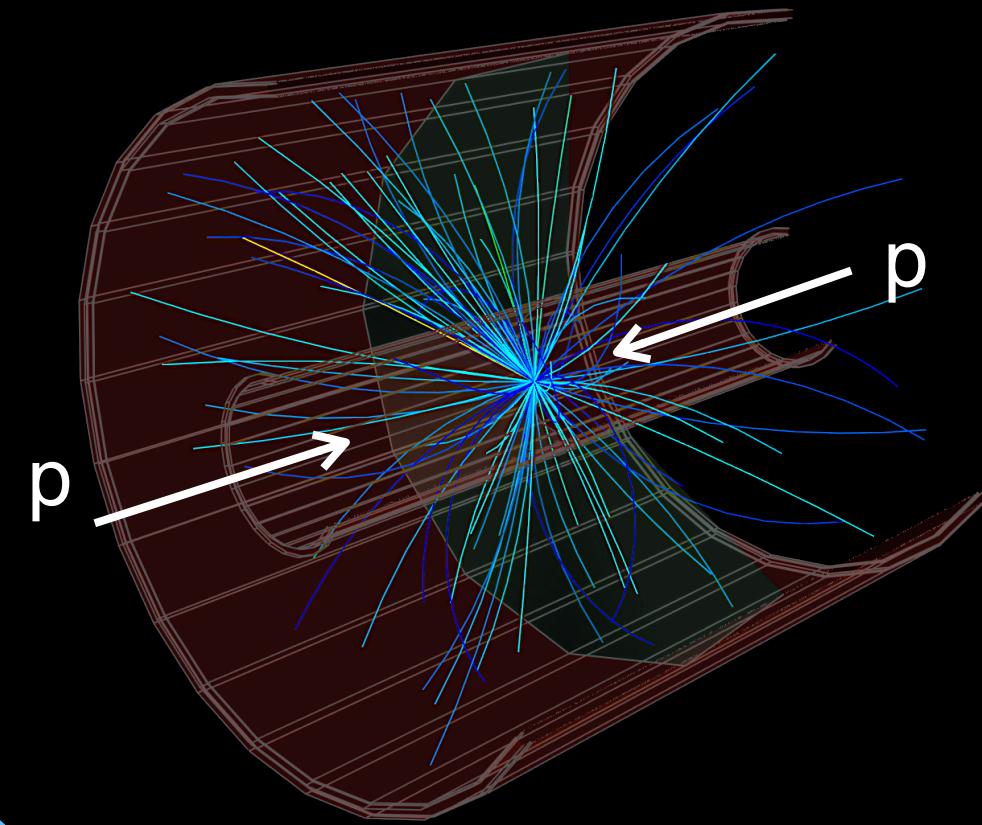
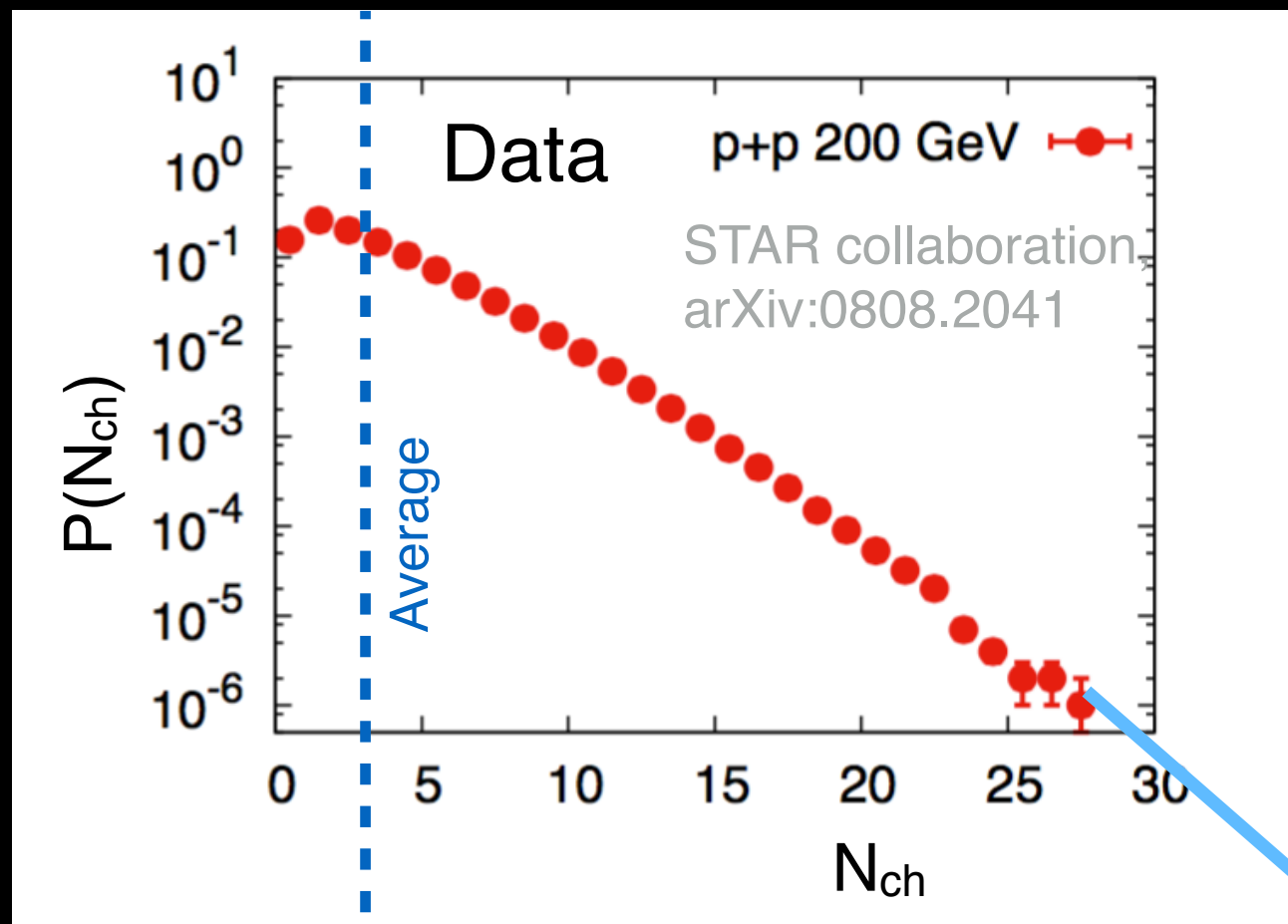


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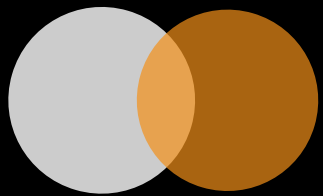
Possibilities:

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2. There are **other fluctuations** inside the protons ?

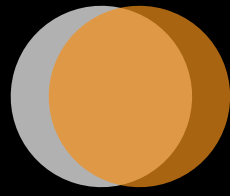
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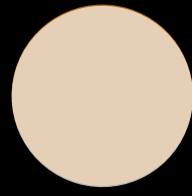
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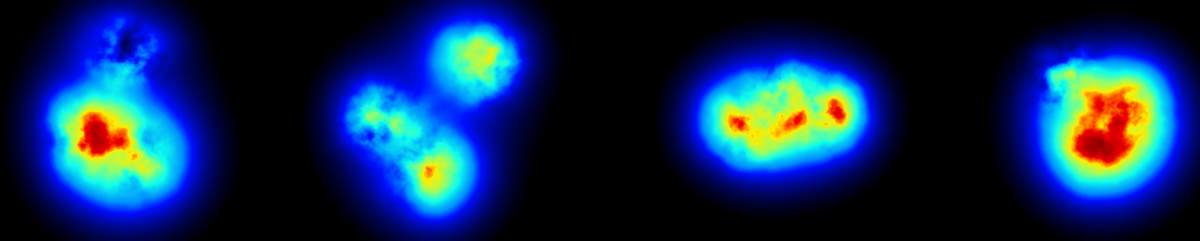
Average



Central



+



Sub-nucleonic fluctuations

fig: arXiv:1603.04349

A combination of proton geometry & fluctuations can explain p+p data

This essential feature of the data must be incorporated in modeling of I.C.

Steps towards computing Initial conditions

Collect Knowledge of Protons
(shape, fluctuations)



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Understanding the shape of a proton

A closer look at the proton shape

Deep inelastic scattering of electron with proton ($e+p$)

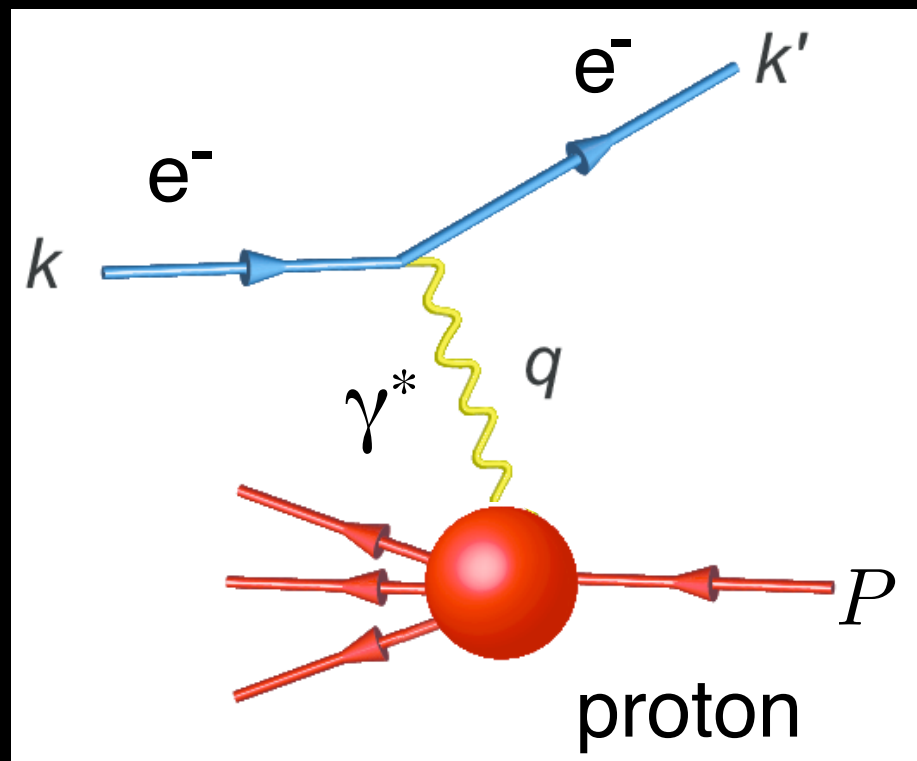


fig: Accardi *et al* arXiv:1212.1701



Hadron-Electron Ring Accelerator (HERA)
at DESY, Hamburg (1992-2007)

Growth of gluons in electron-proton collisions

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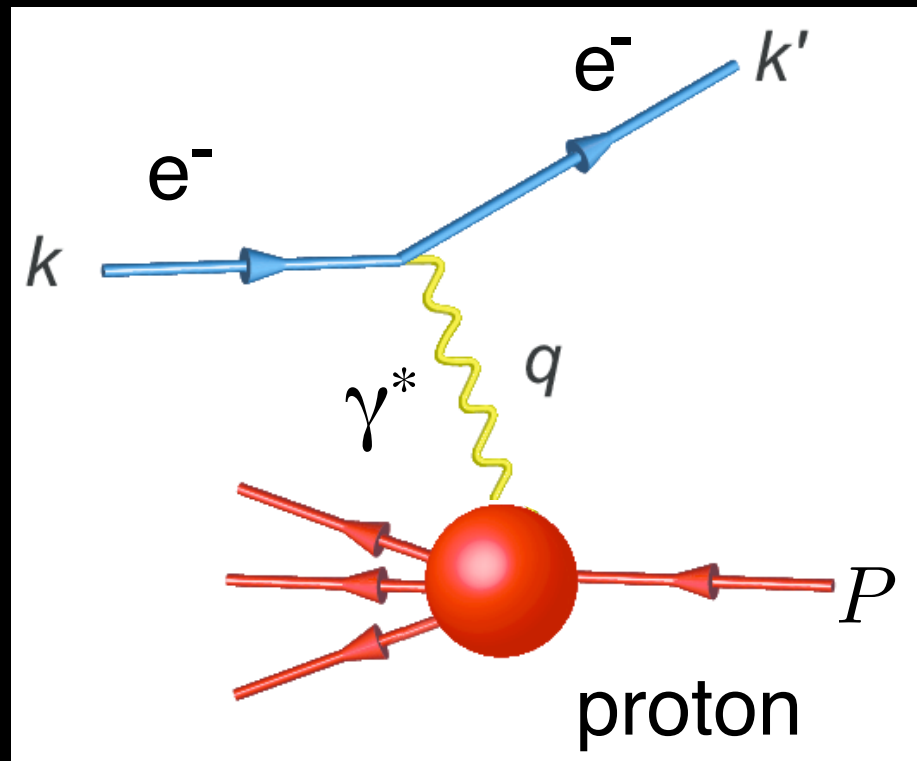
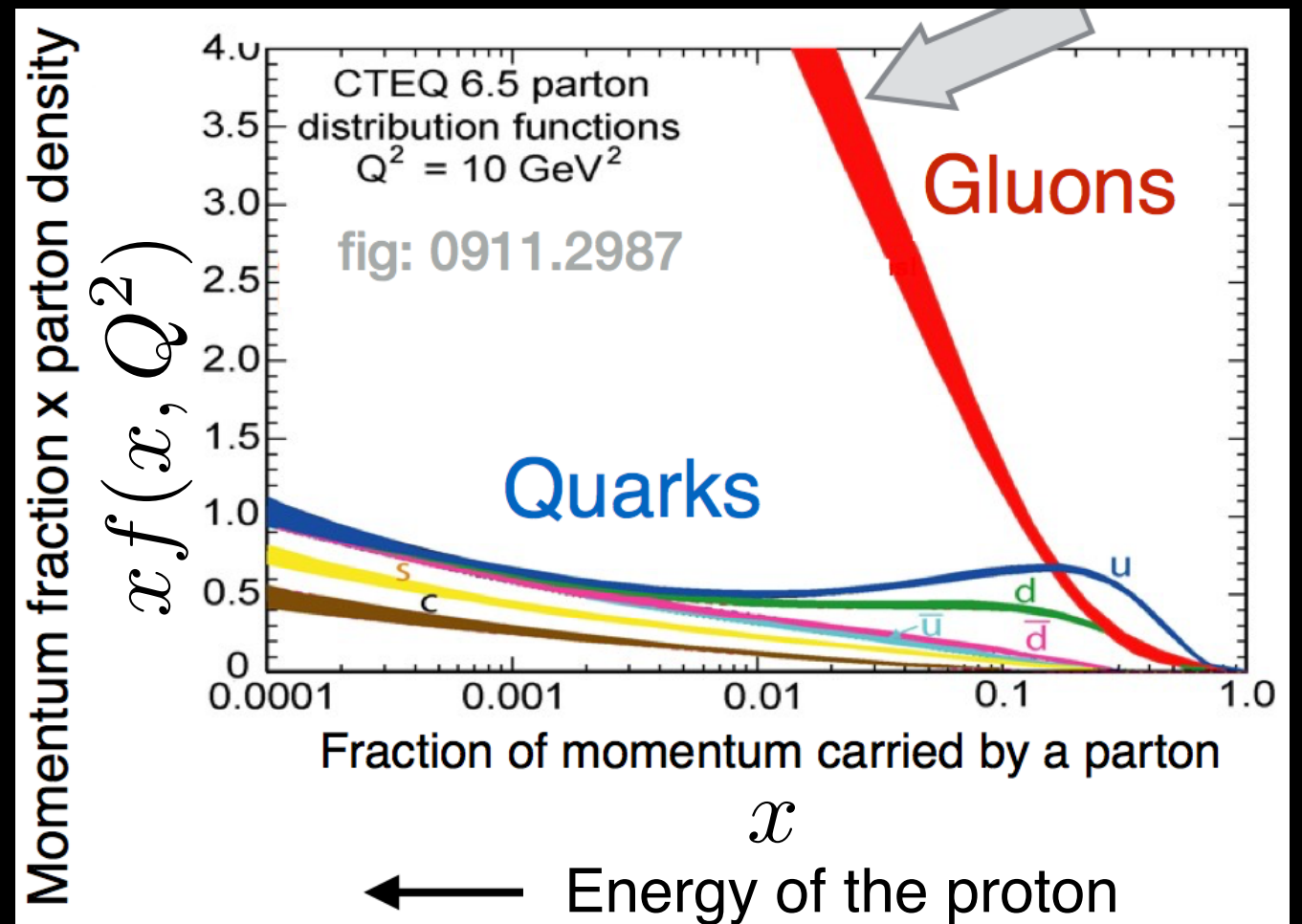


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Rapid growth of gluon density



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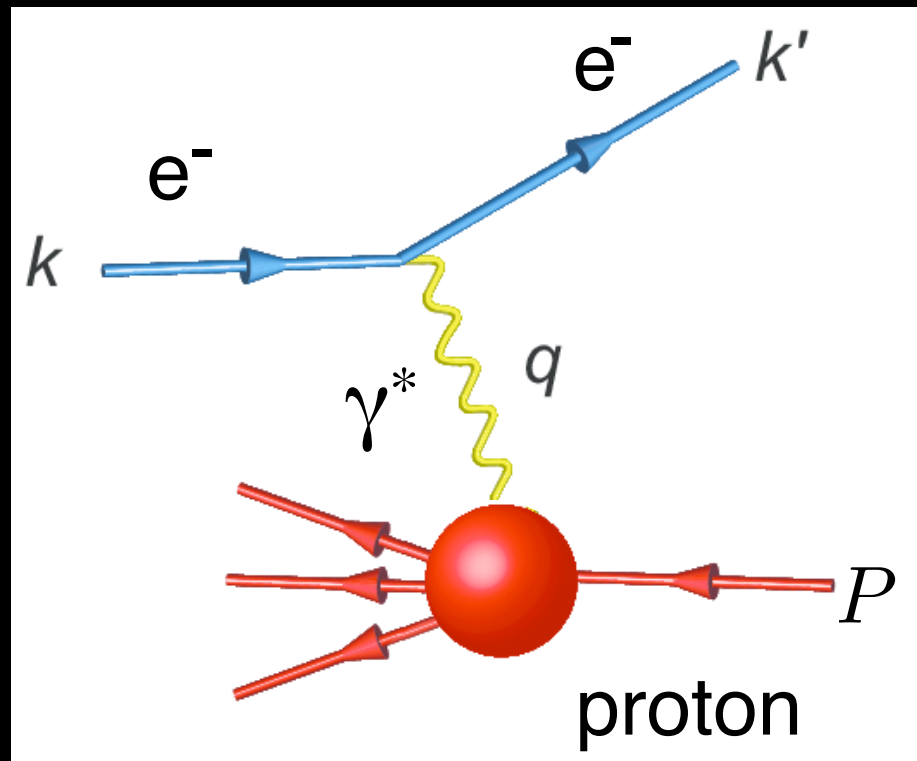


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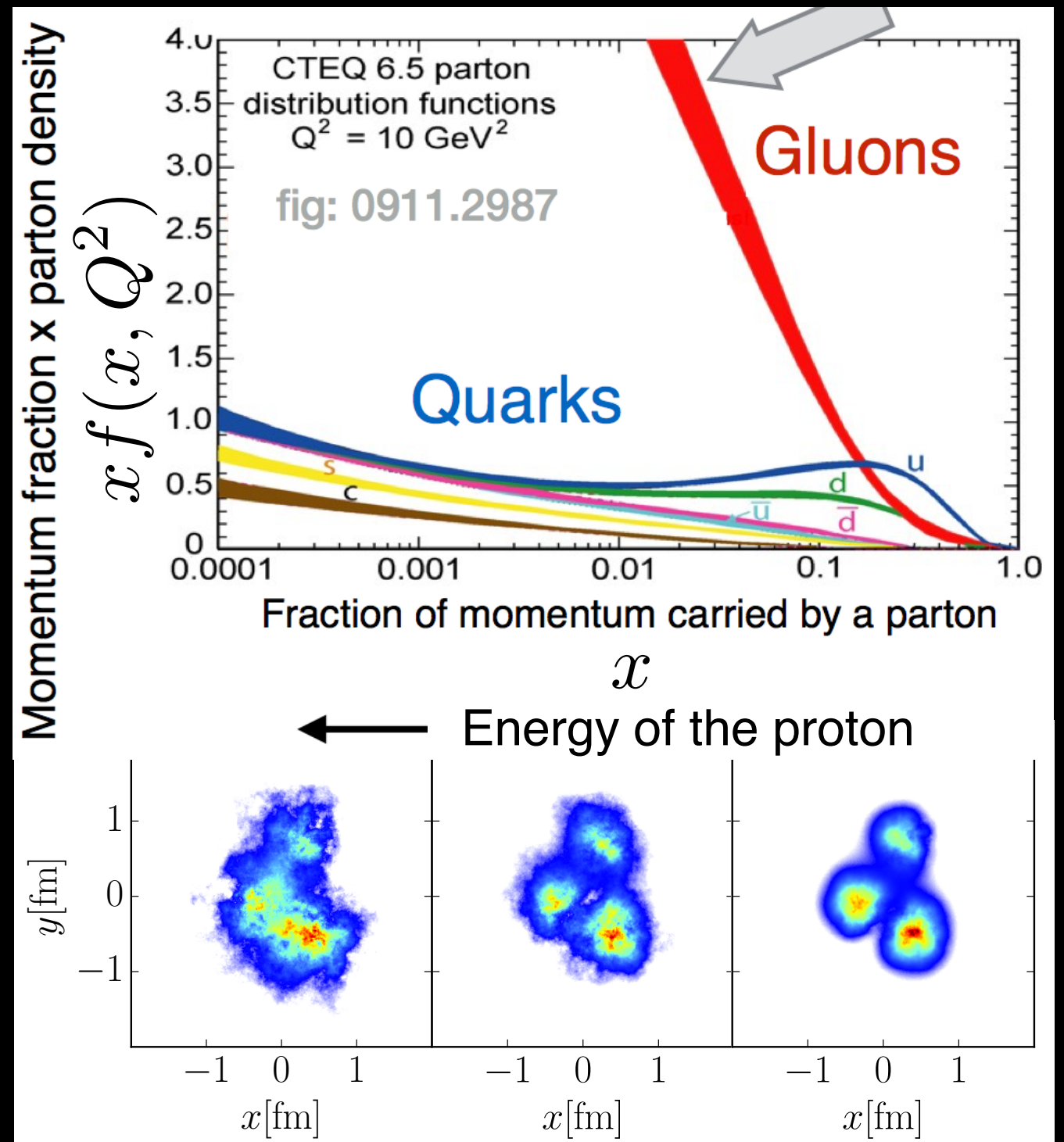
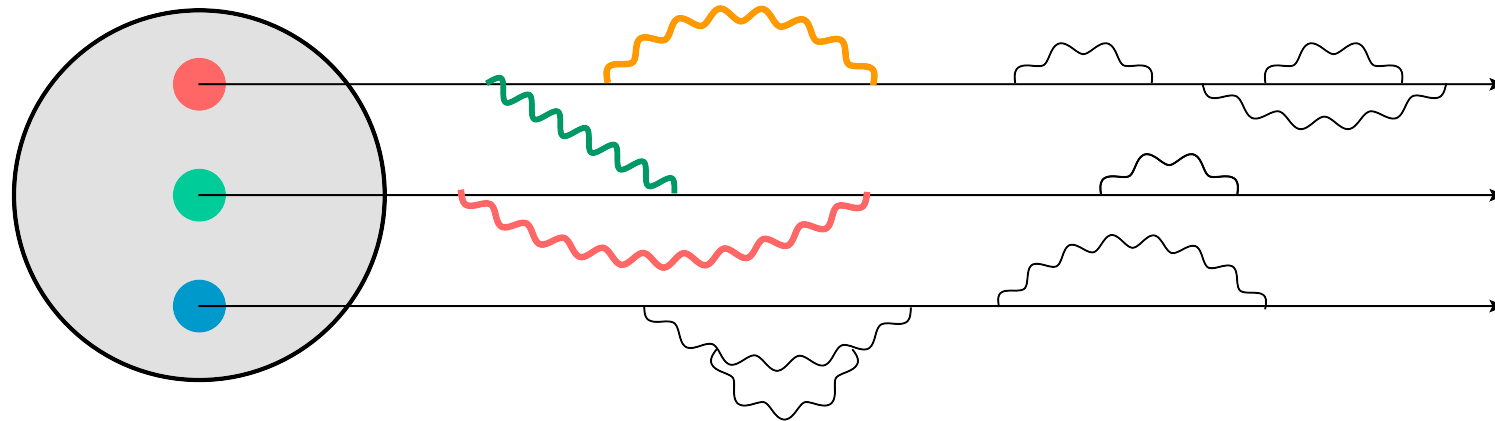


fig: Mantysaari, Schenke arXiv:1806.06783

Proton at rest vs fast moving proton

Rest
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$$|H\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + \cdots + |qqqgg \dots gg\rangle$$

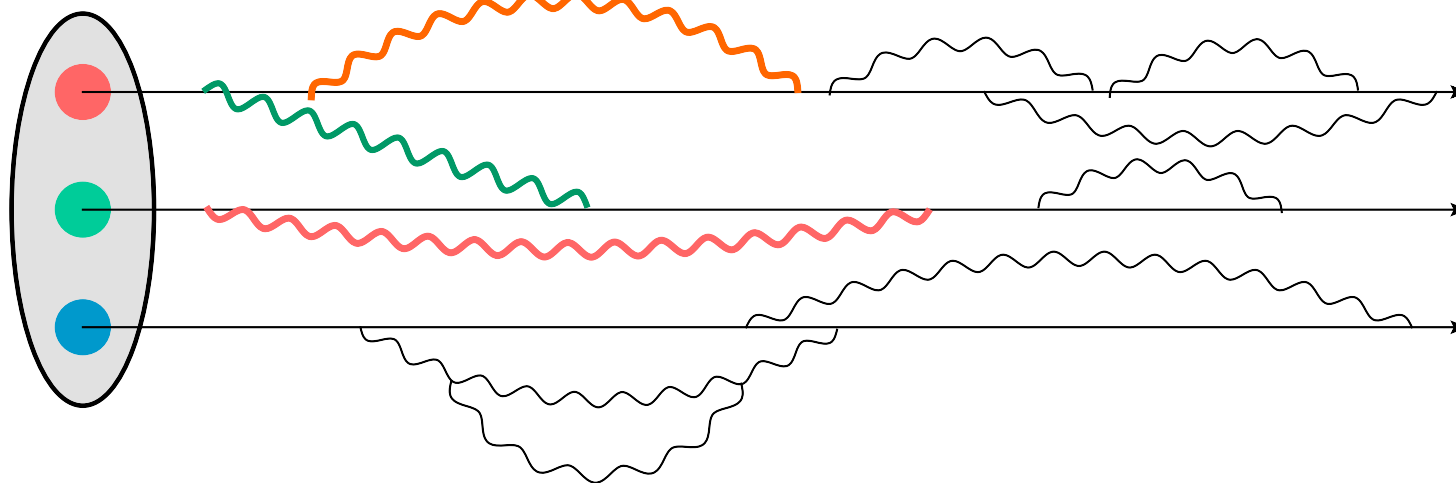


Quantum
fluctuations

$$\Delta t_{\text{fluc}} = \Delta t_{\text{RF}}$$

Boosted
frame

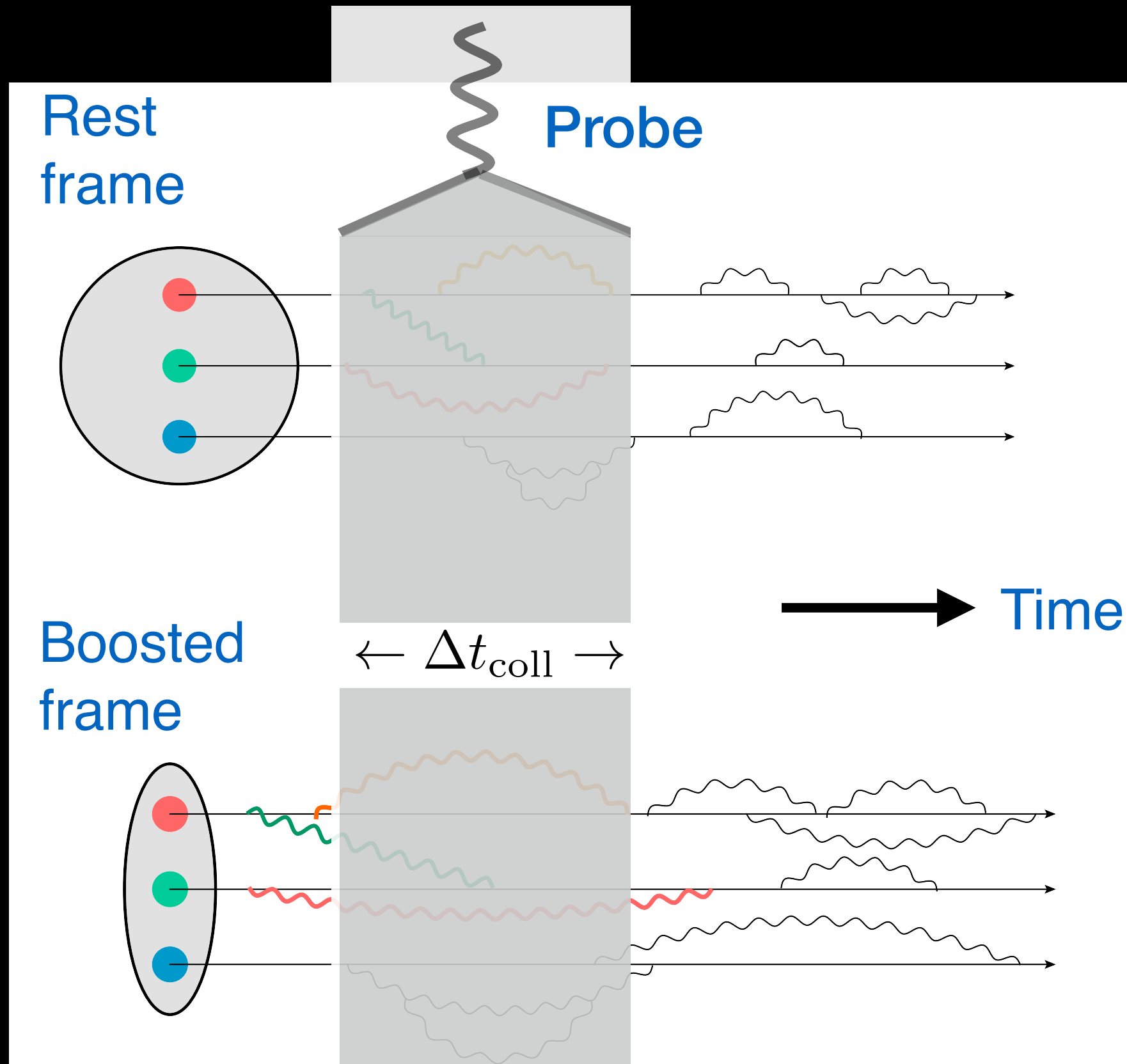
Time



Long-lived
Quantum
fluctuations

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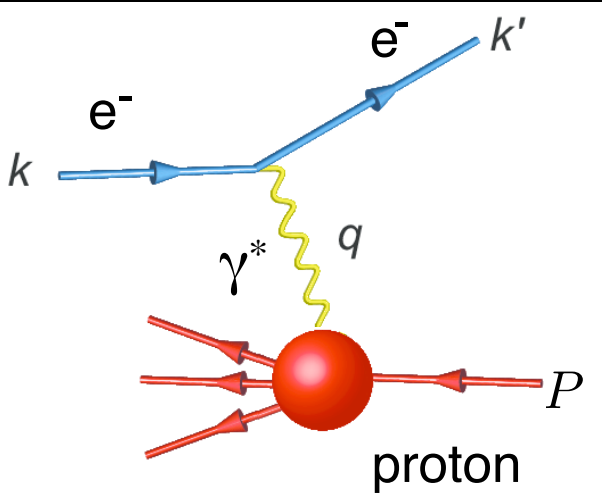


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Gribov, Levin Ryskin 1983



The competition between two processes leads to gluon saturation

Rapid growth of gluon density

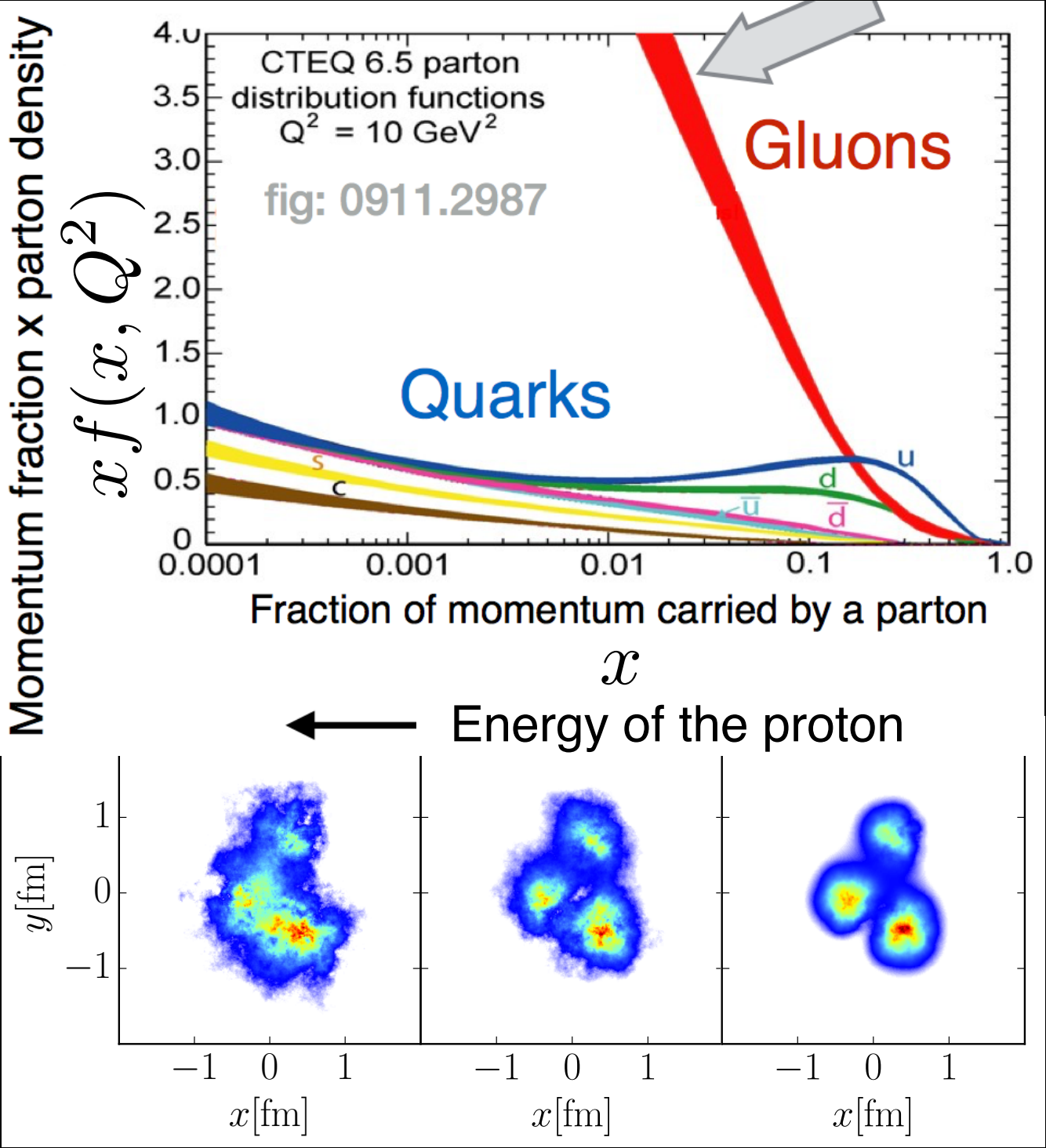


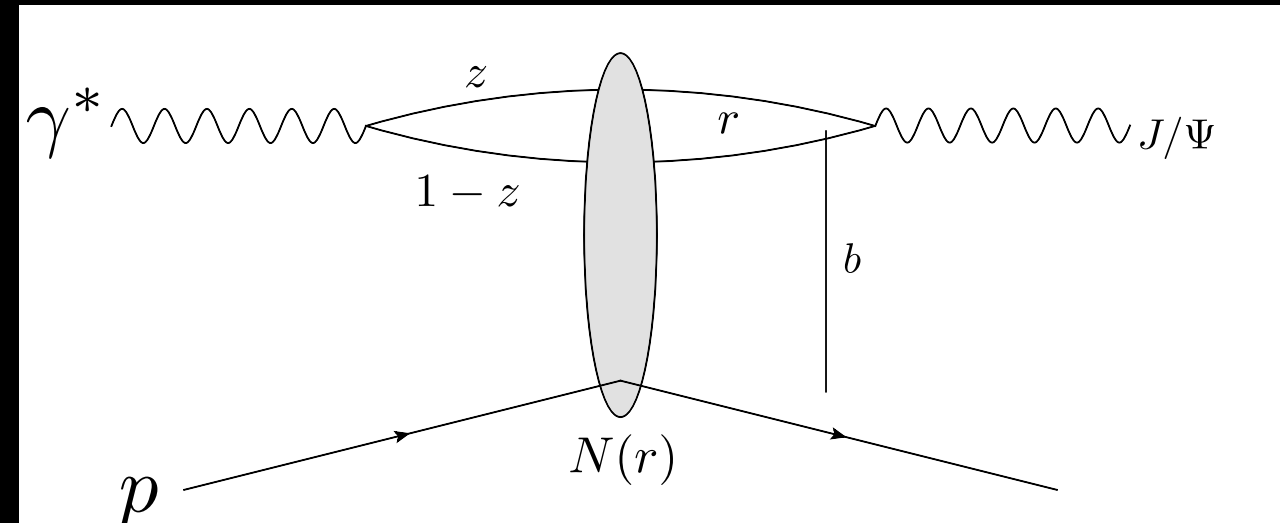
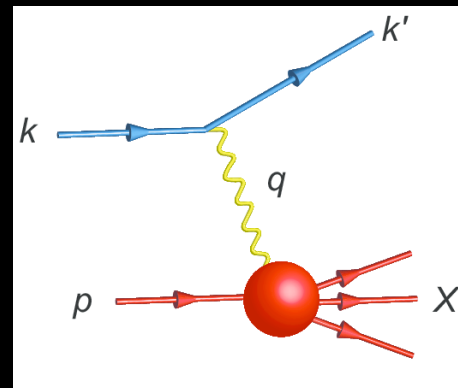
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How do we know the shape of a proton?

We study exclusive diffractive vector meson production in DIS e+p :
 $\gamma^* + p \rightarrow J/\psi + p$, no color exchange between the proton & the probe

Kowalski, Teaney hep-ph/0304189v3

Mantysaari, Schenke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 052301 (2016), Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) 034042



Coherent diffraction :

Proton remains intact, probes to **average** gluon distribution

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\Psi p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} |\langle A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta) \rangle|^2$$

Incoherent diffraction :

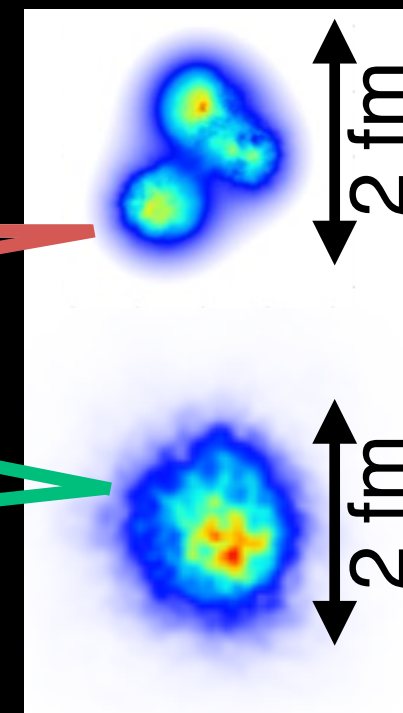
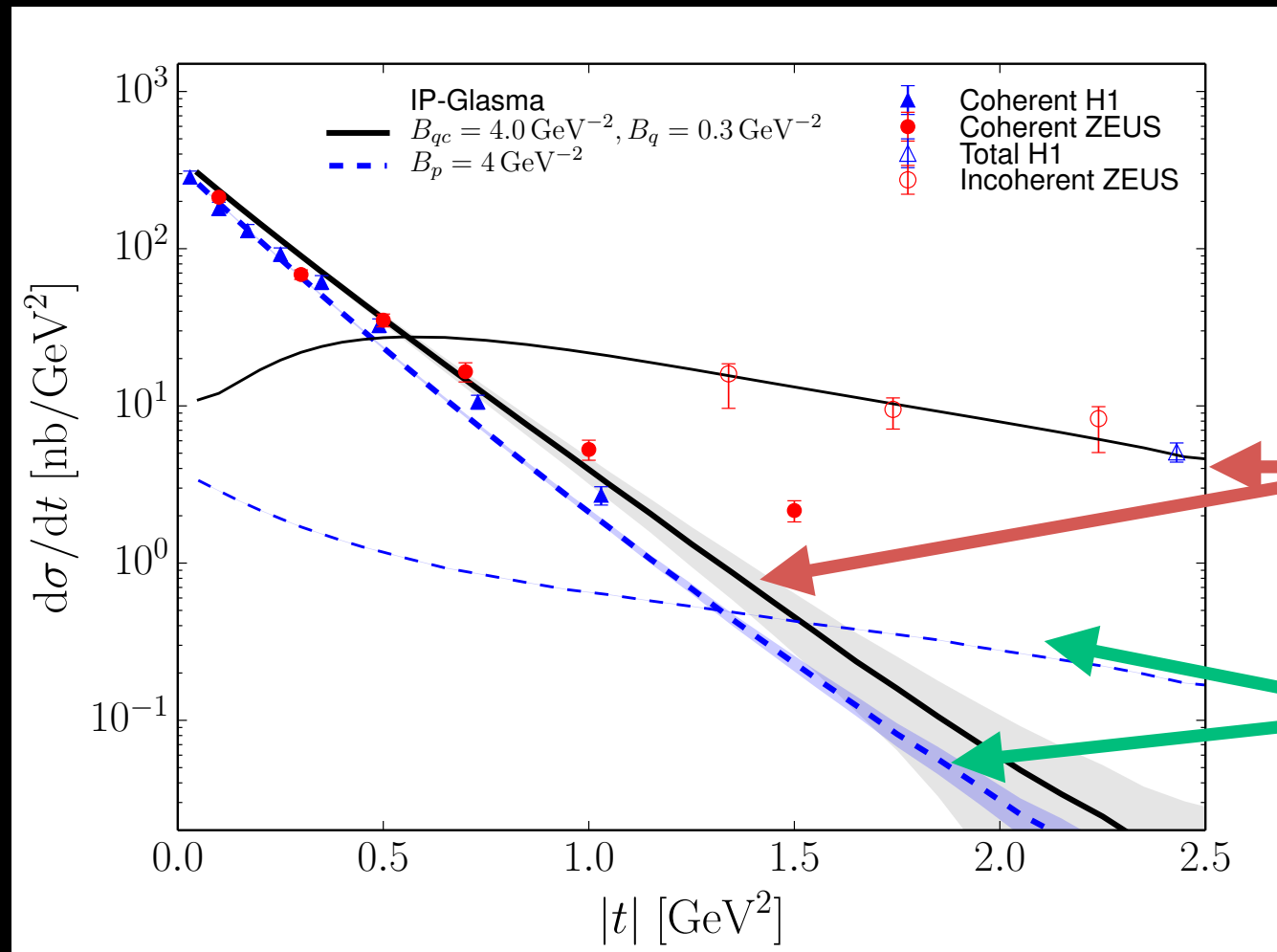
Proton breaks up, probes the **shape fluctuations** of the proton \Rightarrow

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* N \rightarrow J/\Psi N^*}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left(\langle |A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta)|^2 \rangle - |\langle A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta) \rangle|^2 \right)$$

The shape & fluctuations inside a proton

Mantysaari, Schenke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 052301 (2016), Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) 034042

Differential e-p DIS cross section :



Gluon saturation +
Eccentric proton
(fits coherent &
incoherent data)

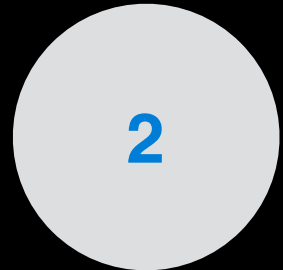
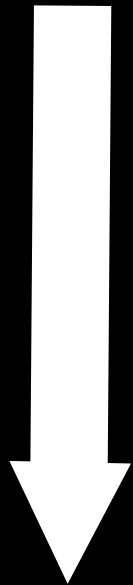
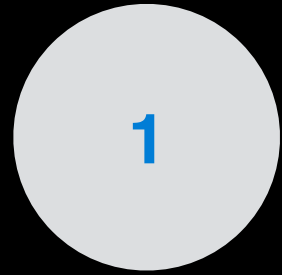
Gluon saturation +
Round proton
(fits coherent data)

Quark structure (hotspots) → successful ansatz to describe DIS data

Bottom line : DIS e+p data → crucial input on proton shape & fluctuations

Steps towards computing Initial conditions

Collect Knowledge of
Protons (shape, pdf)



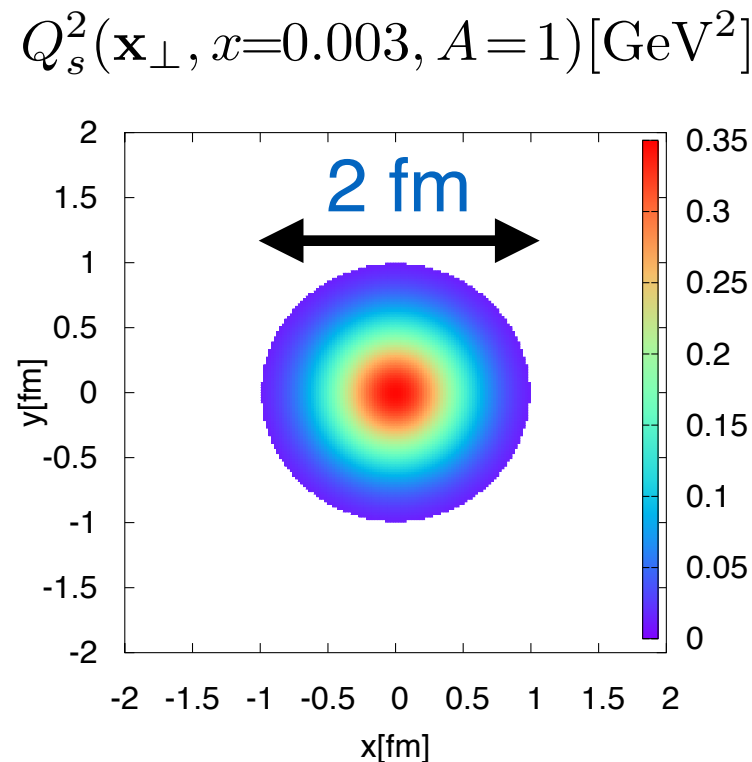
Make nuclei
from protons

Constructing a nuclei from a proton

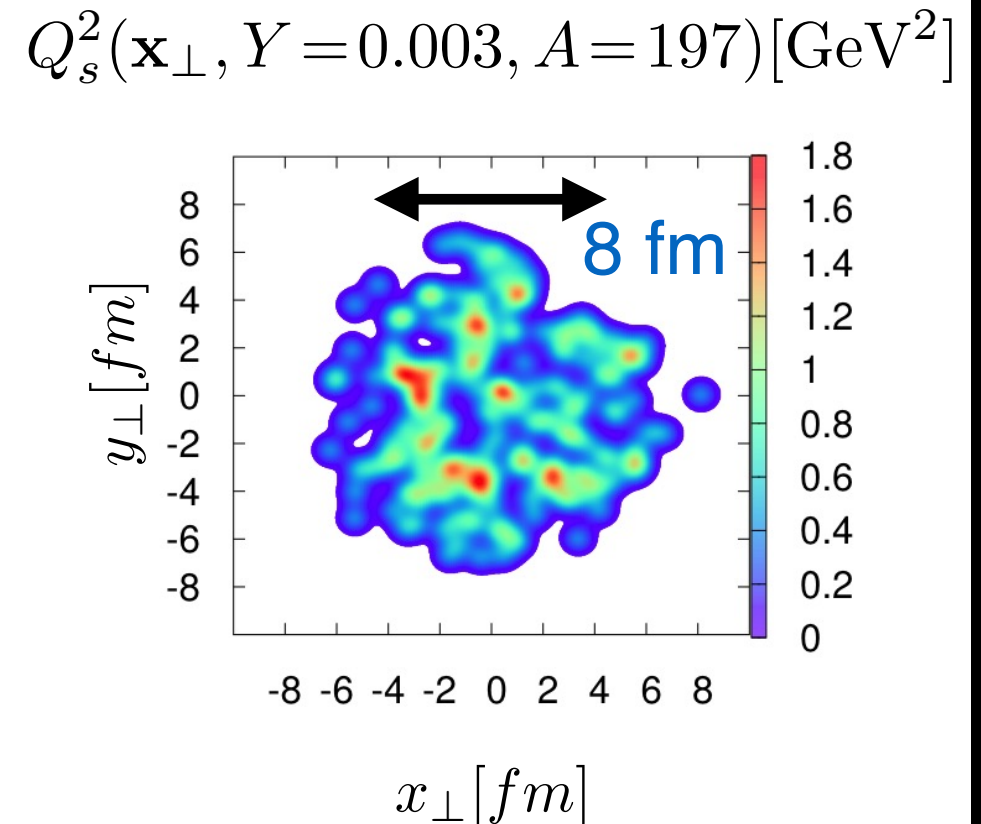
IP-Sat : saturation models of DIS

Kowalski, Teaney hep-ph/0304189v3

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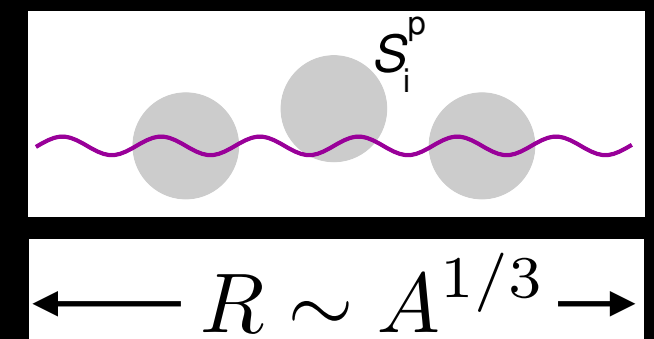
Lumpy Nucleus (single conf.)



Less boost is needed to saturate a nucleus, larger $A \rightarrow$ larger Q_s

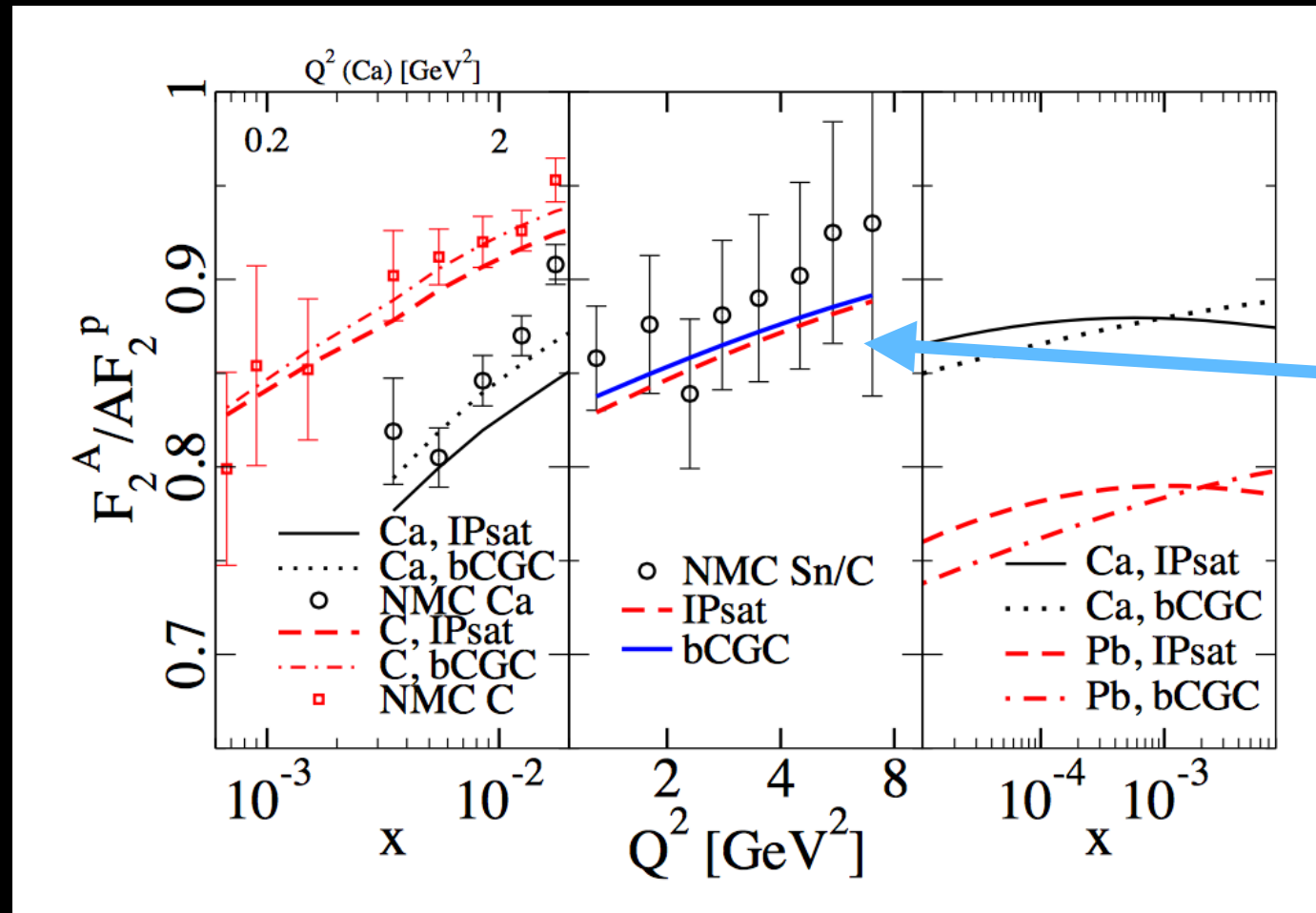
Nucleus \rightarrow multiple scattering centers :

$$S_{\text{dip}}^A(\mathbf{r}_\perp, x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \prod_{i=0}^A S_{\text{dip}}^p(\mathbf{r}_\perp, x, \mathbf{b}_\perp)$$

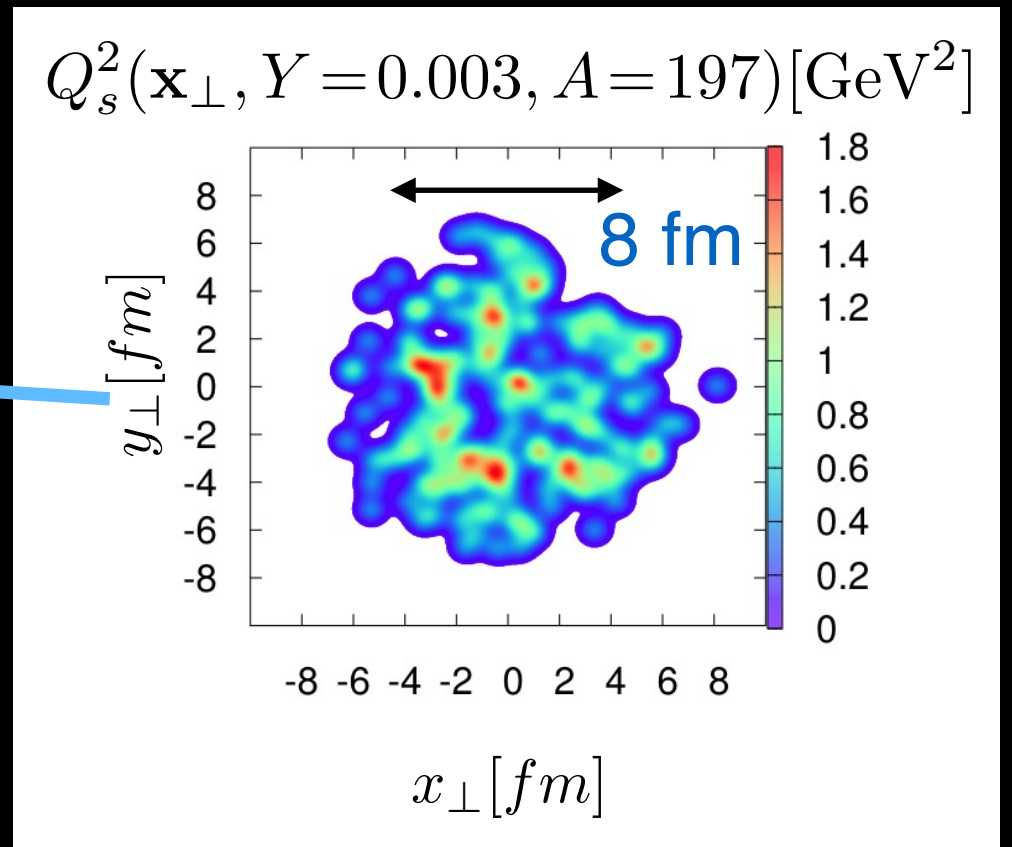


How do we know our nuclei are correct ?

NMC collab. hep-ph/9503291
Kowalski, Lappi, Venugopalan

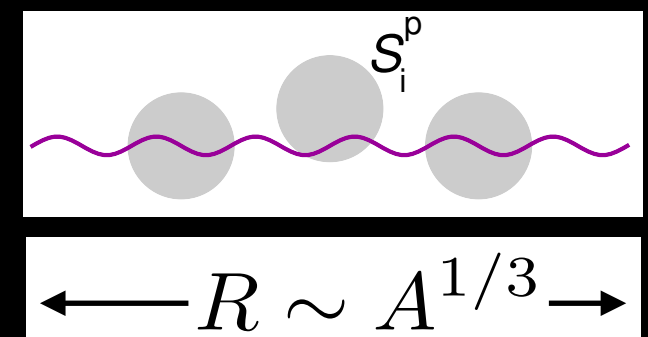


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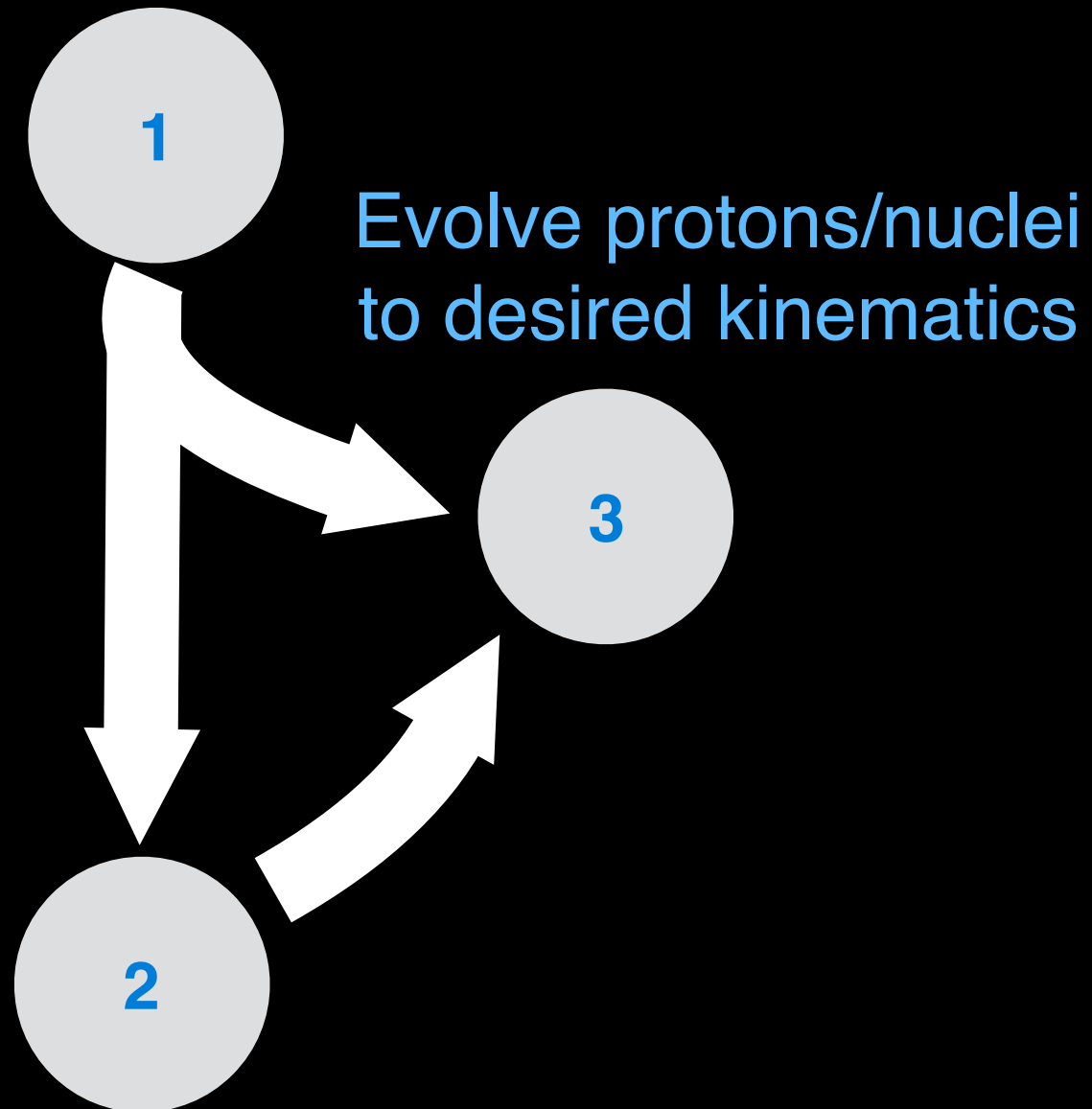
F_2 data from DIS $\mu+A$ provide some constraints, but measurements @EIC will be the best (my talk at the workshop)

Bottom line : We need an EIC



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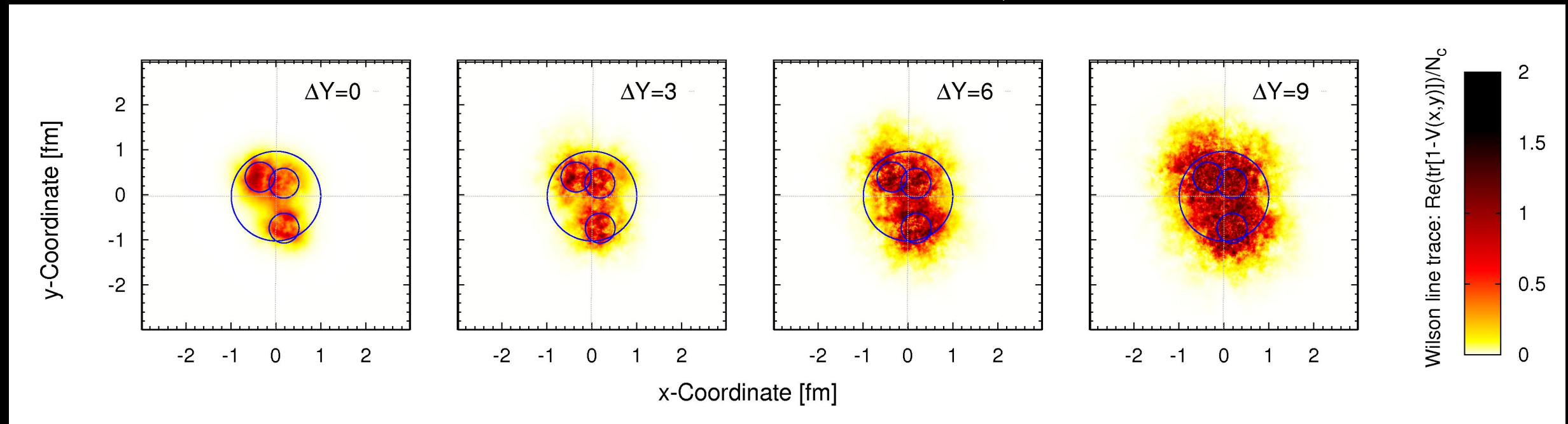
Make nuclei
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Modeling the rapidity or energy dependence

Proton

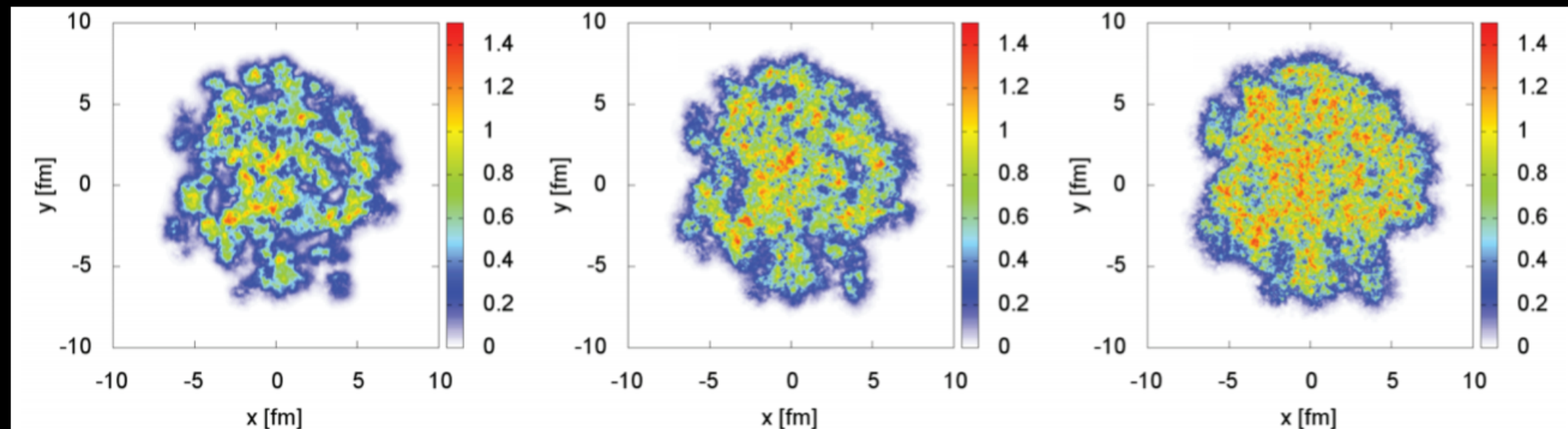
Small x, higher energy

Schenke, Schlichting 1407.8458
Mantysaari, Schenke arXiv:1806.06783



Nucleus

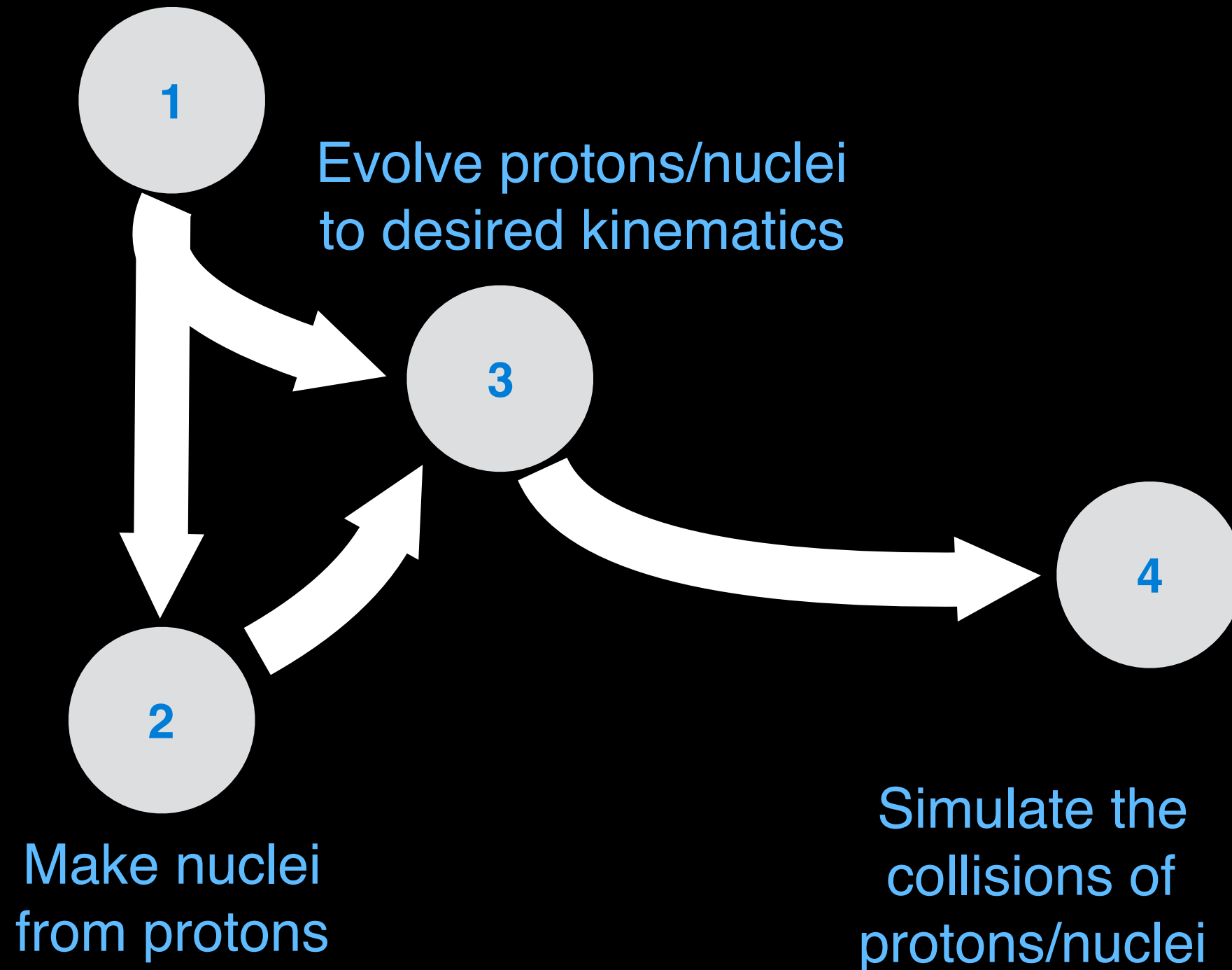
fig : Schenke, Schlichting 1605.07158



RG evolution eqs. (BK-JIMWLK) describe such growth @ high \sqrt{s}

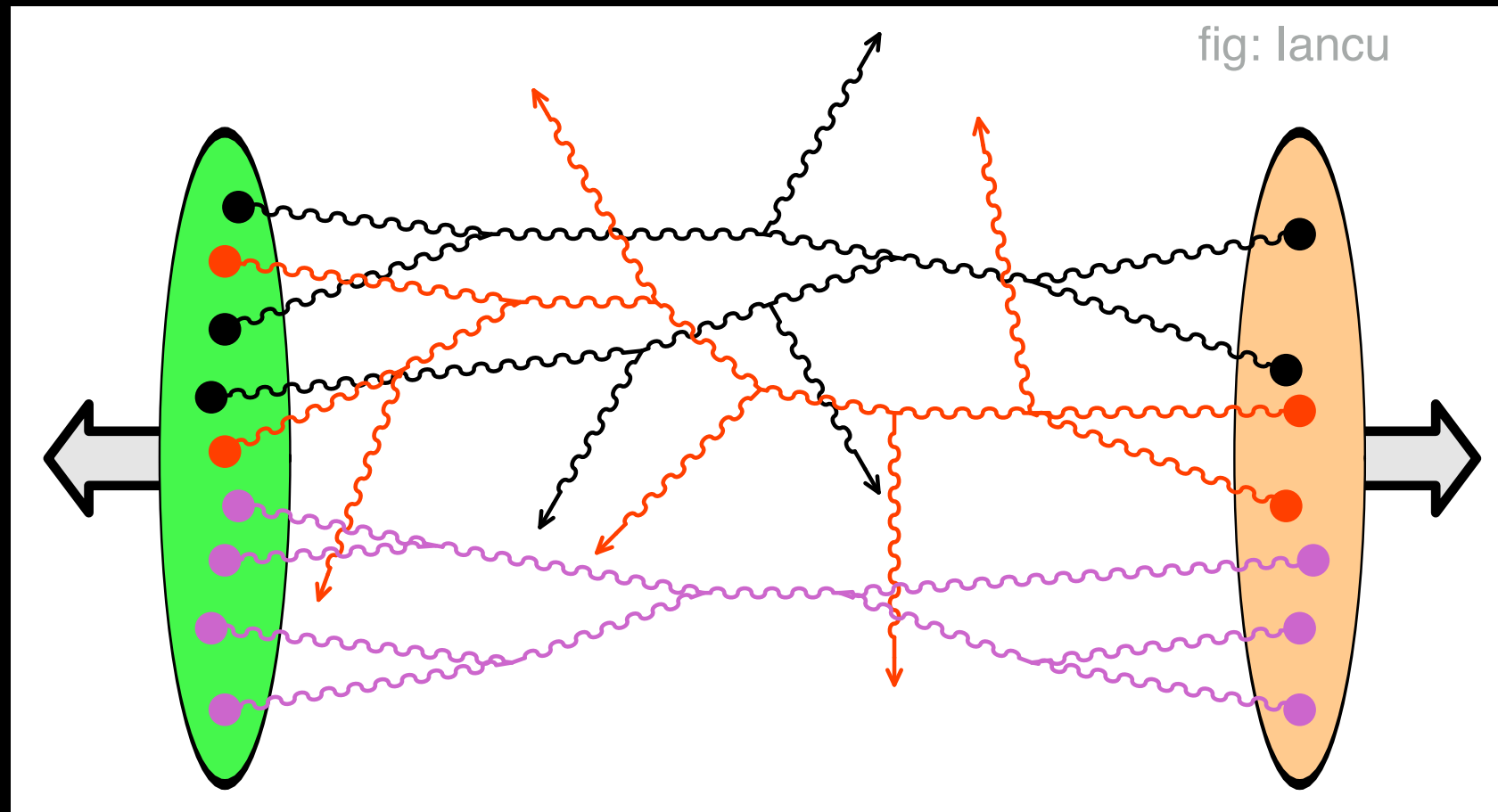
Steps towards computing Initial conditions

Collect Knowledge of
Protons (shape, pdf)



Simulating the collisions: Why challenging ?

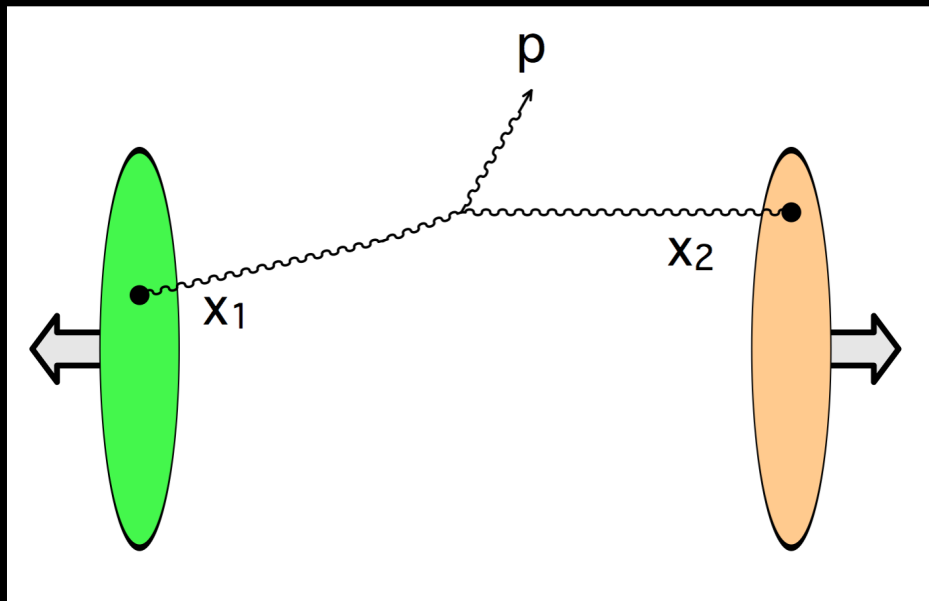
Even if we can learn a great deal about the colliding object, the biggest challenge is how to simulate the collision



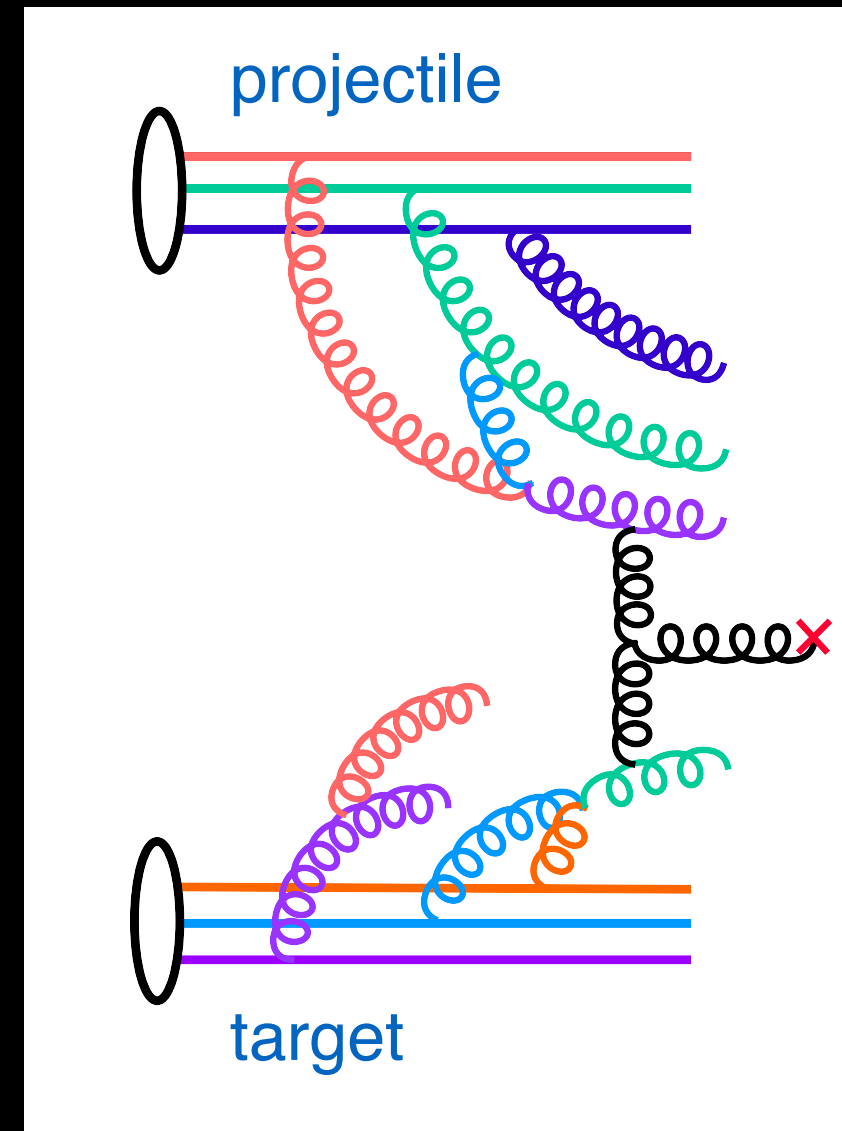
1. Mostly t-channel processes
2. Only a fraction of the processes are perturbative (large p like jets)
3. Multiple scattering & soft processes dominate \rightarrow highly non-perturbative

A closer look

A single process could be quite complex



This is an intrinsically complicated problem that is highly non-perturbative



How to handle this & compute the essential elements of an I.C. ?

1. Dynamical modeling with effective theories
2. Geometry based Density prescriptions

Many approaches to the problem



Dynamical models

Dynamical model of initial stages

- Implement approaches based on first principles
- Constrained from independent analyses
- Focus on broad aspects, can be multipurpose
- Numerically intense

Density of partons



pQCD mini-jets, strings

EKRT, PYTHIA,
HIJING, AMPT,
Angantyr

Color-Glass-Condensate

MC-rcBK, MC-KLN, IP-Glasma

Gribov
Regge
Theory

neXus, EPOS

AdS/CFT

Strength of coupling



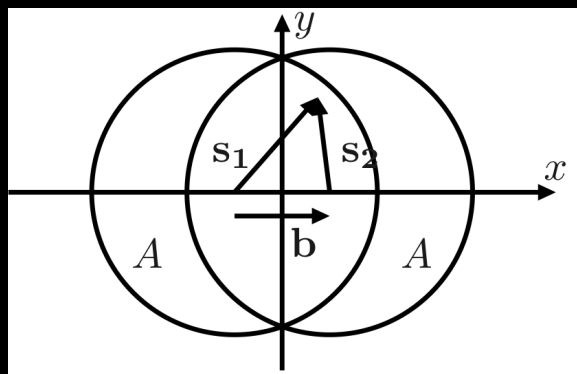
Modeling the collisions : pQCD approaches

EKRT : pQCD (shadowing) + saturation

Niemi, Eskola, Paatelainen 1505.02677

Computes NLO pQCD cross section of mini-jets :

$$\frac{dE_T}{d^2s} (p_0, \sqrt{s}, \Delta y, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{b}) = T_A(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{b}/2) T_B(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{b}/2) \sigma \langle E_T \rangle_{p_0, \Delta y}$$



Geometry

pQCD + nPDF

Implementation of saturation when : $\frac{dE_T}{d^2r dy} (2 \rightarrow 2) \sim \frac{dE_T}{d^2r dy} (3 \rightarrow 2)$

Time evolution \rightarrow Bjorken like expansion

Conventional pQCD Monte-Carlo: PYTHIA, HIJING, AMPT, Angantyr

Modeling the collisions : effective theories

neXus, EPOS : Parton-Based Gribov Regge Theory

Drescher, Hladik, Ostapchenko, Pierog, Werner, hep-ph/0007198.

Werner, Liu, and Pierog, hep-ph/0506232

Pierog, Karpenko, Katzy, Yatsenko, Werner, 1306.0121

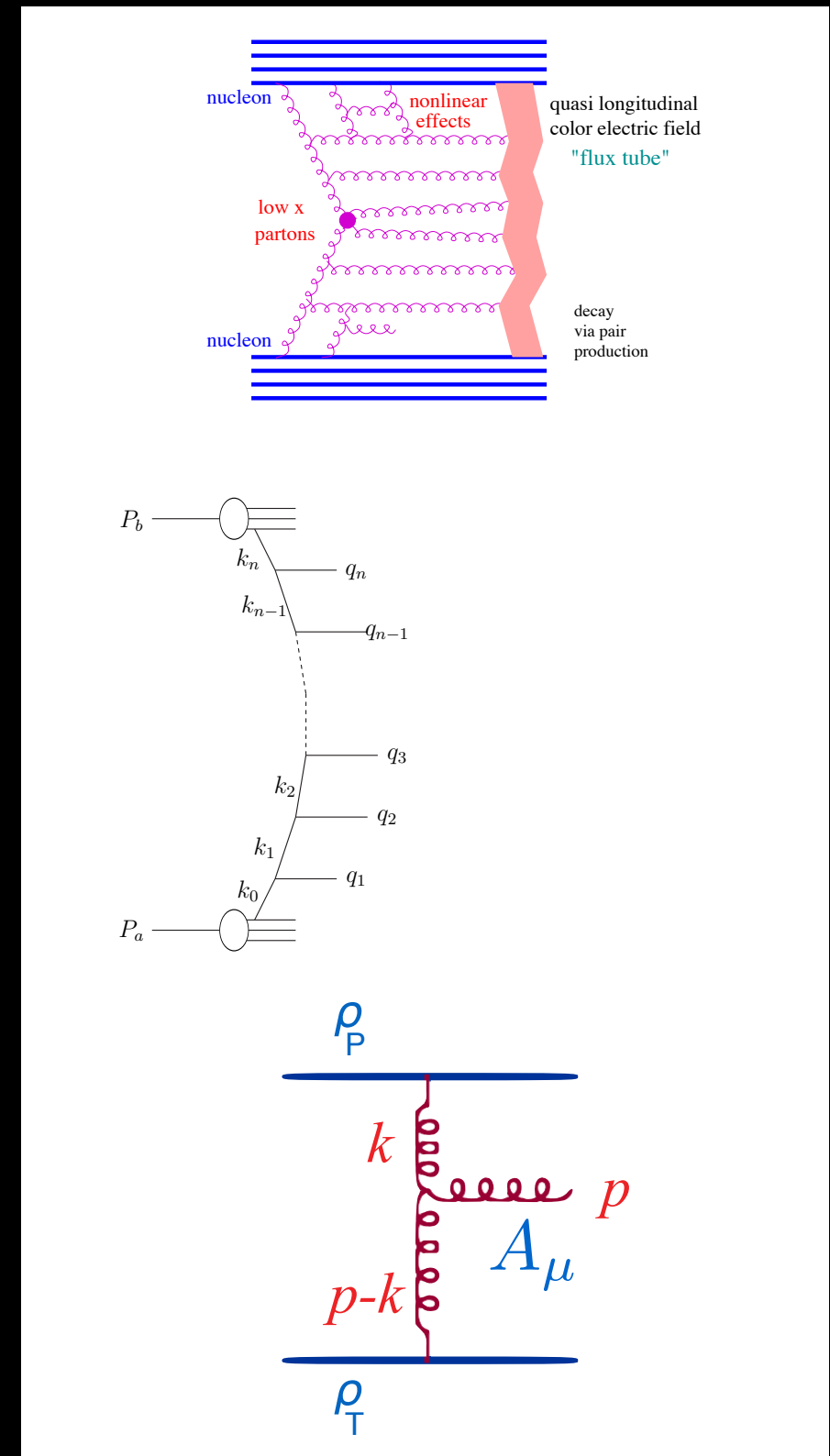
DIPSY : saturation + BFKL cascade

Flensburg Gustafson Lönnblad 1103.4321

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CGC factorization : KLN model, f-KLN, MC-KLN, MC-rcBK

Kharzeev, Levin, Nardi, hep-ph/0111315, Drescher, Nara 0707.0249, Albacete, Dumitru 1011.5161



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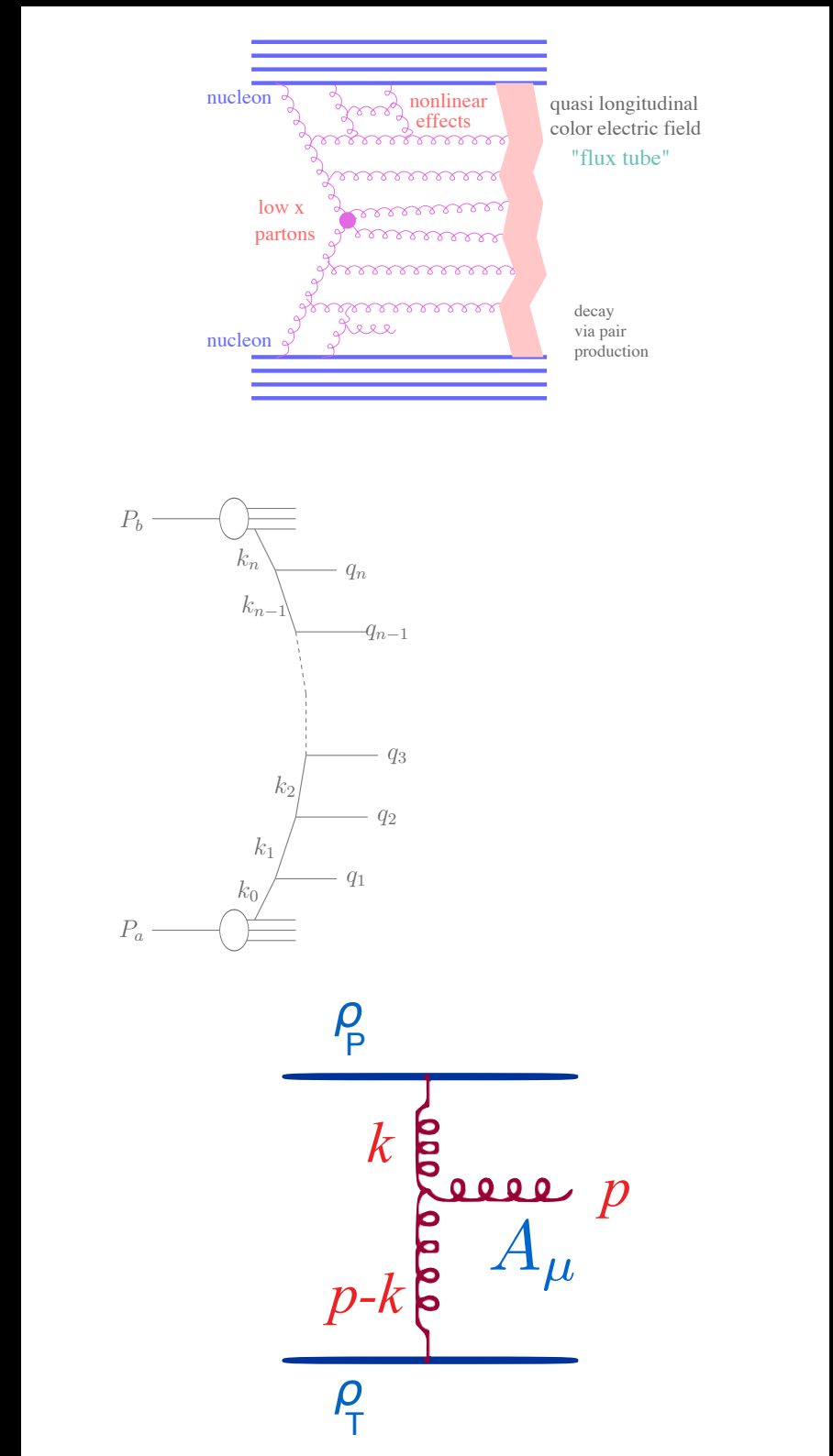
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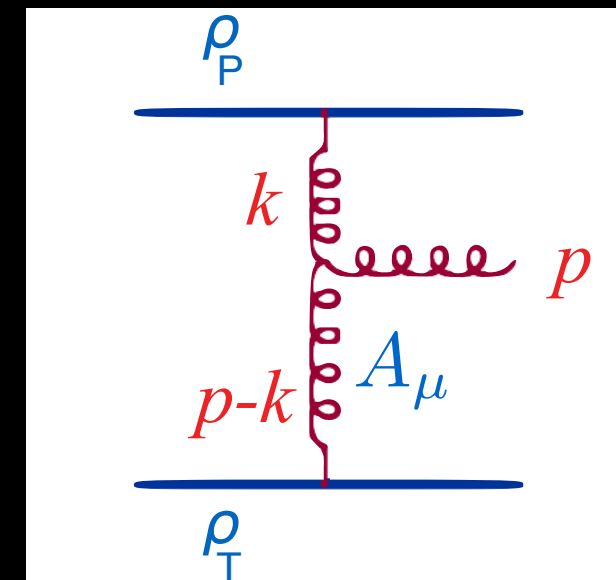
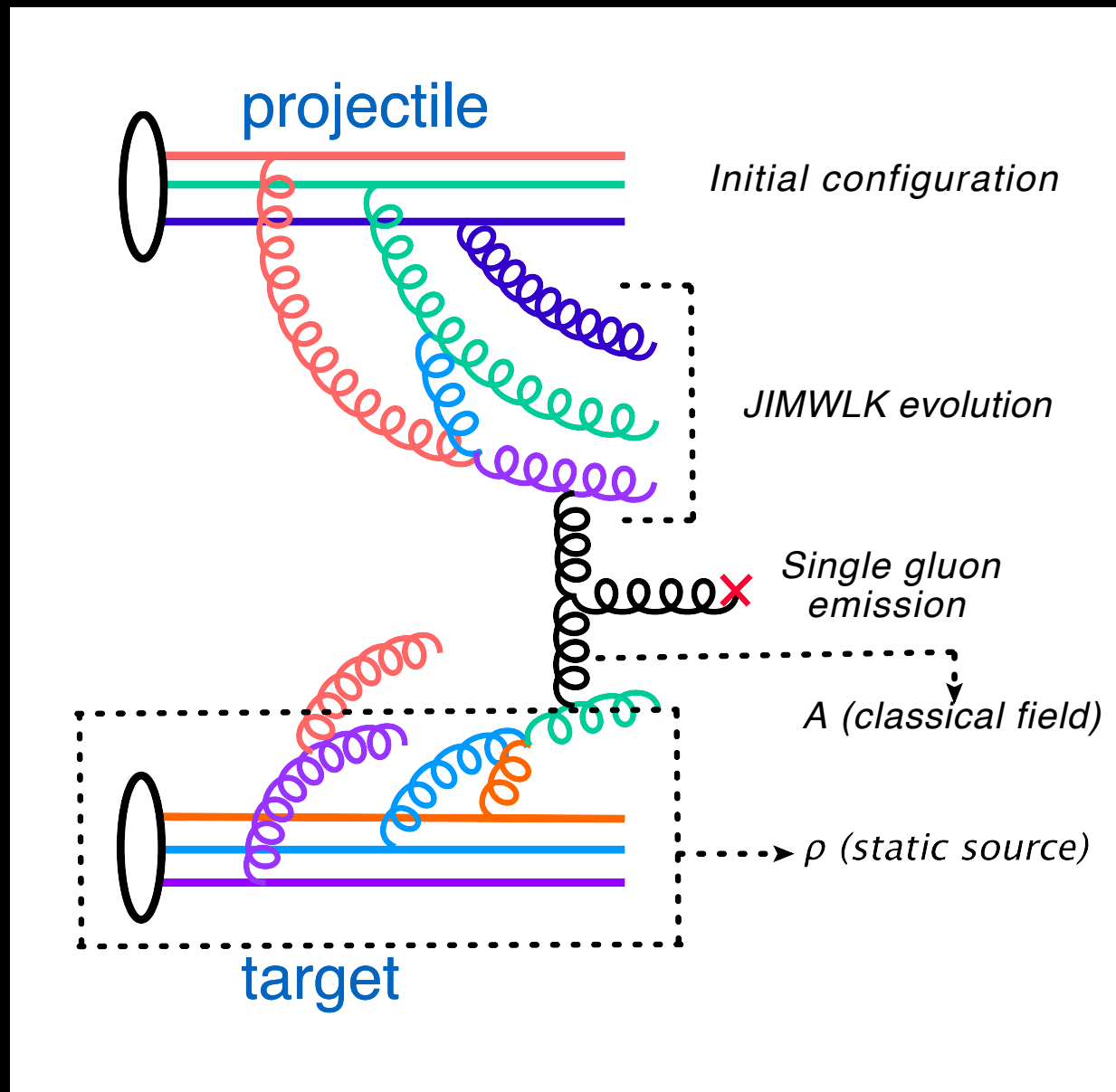
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Modeling the collisions : CGC

McLerran & Venugopalan hep-ph/9309289, 9311205

The actual problem of a collision

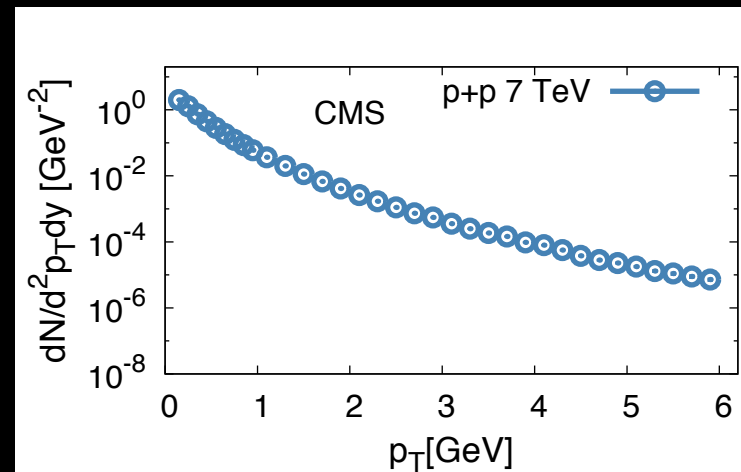
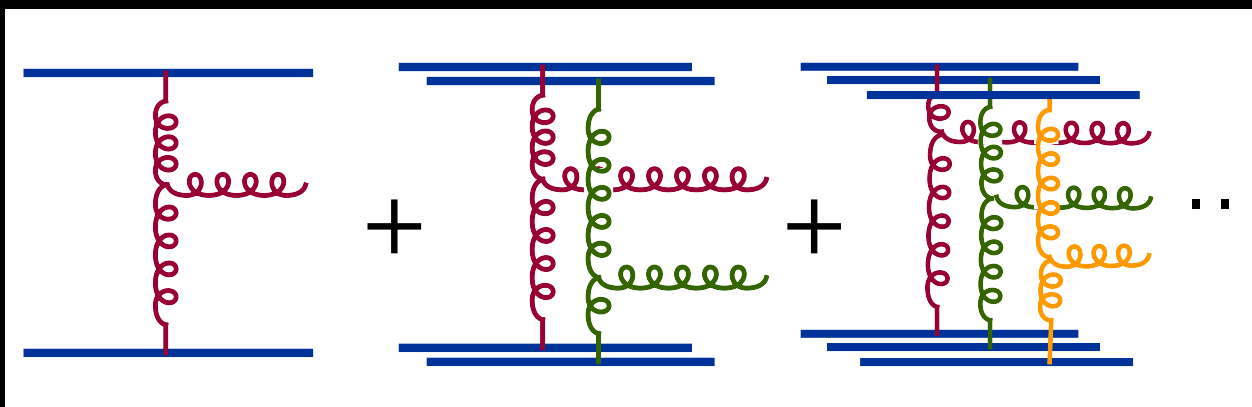
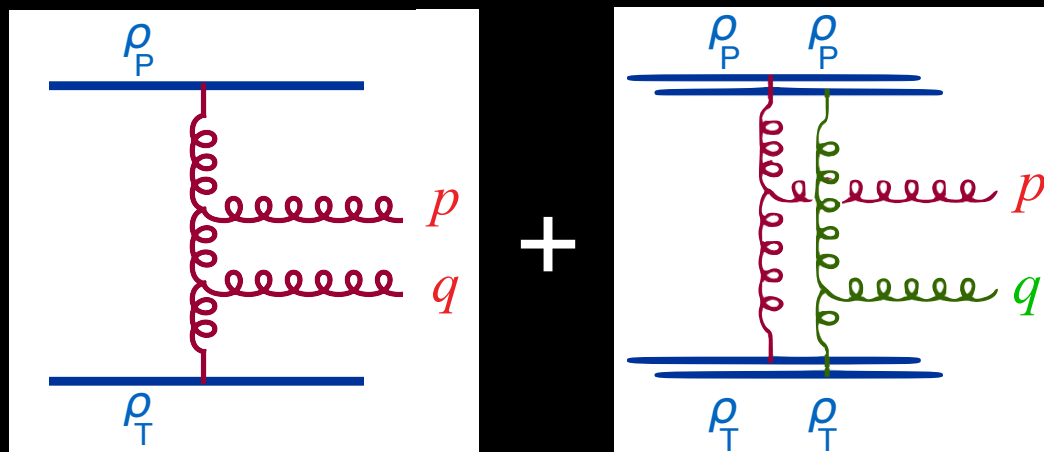
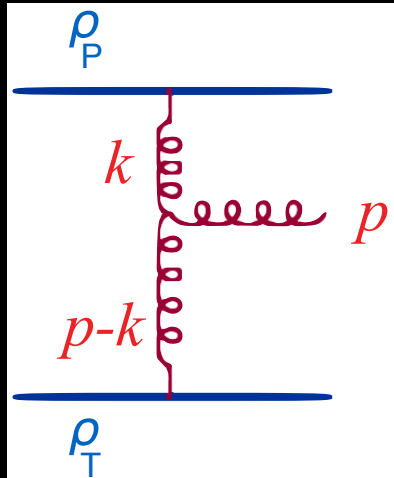


In CGC effective theory

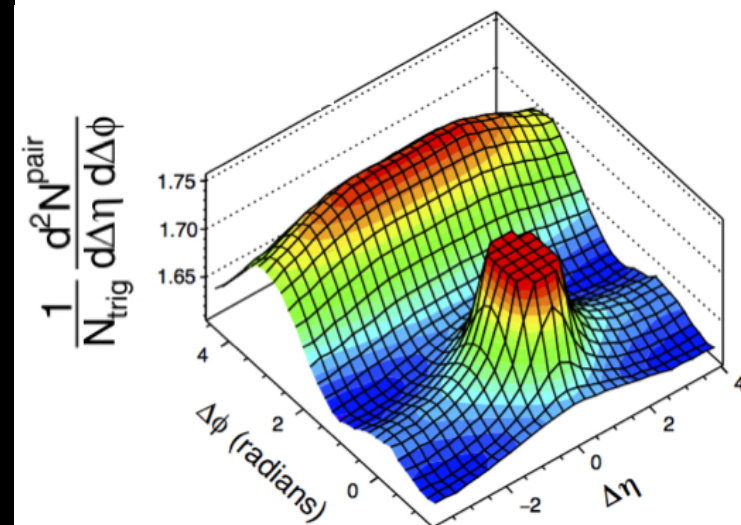
Color Glass Condensate (CGC) effective theory makes the life easier

Modeling the collisions: CGC perturbative

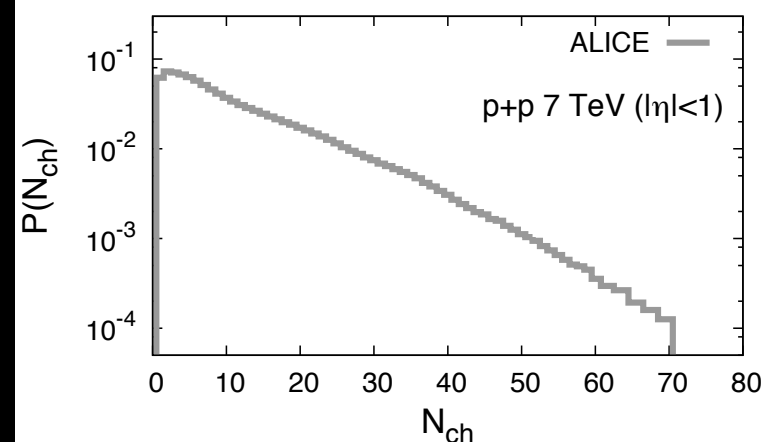
Ab initio approach of n-gluon production but cumbersome & approximate



Single-particle
production



Two-particle
production
(Di-jet+ridge)



Multi-particle
production

Beyond factorization/perturbative: IP-Glasma

IP-Glasma model in a nutshell

Schenke, PT, Venugopalan Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 252301

Colliding nuclei:

→ Classical color charge distribution

$$\langle \rho^a(\mathbf{x}_\perp) \rho^b(\mathbf{y}_\perp) \rangle \propto \delta^{ab} \delta^2(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{y}_\perp) Q_s^2(\mathbf{x}_\perp)$$

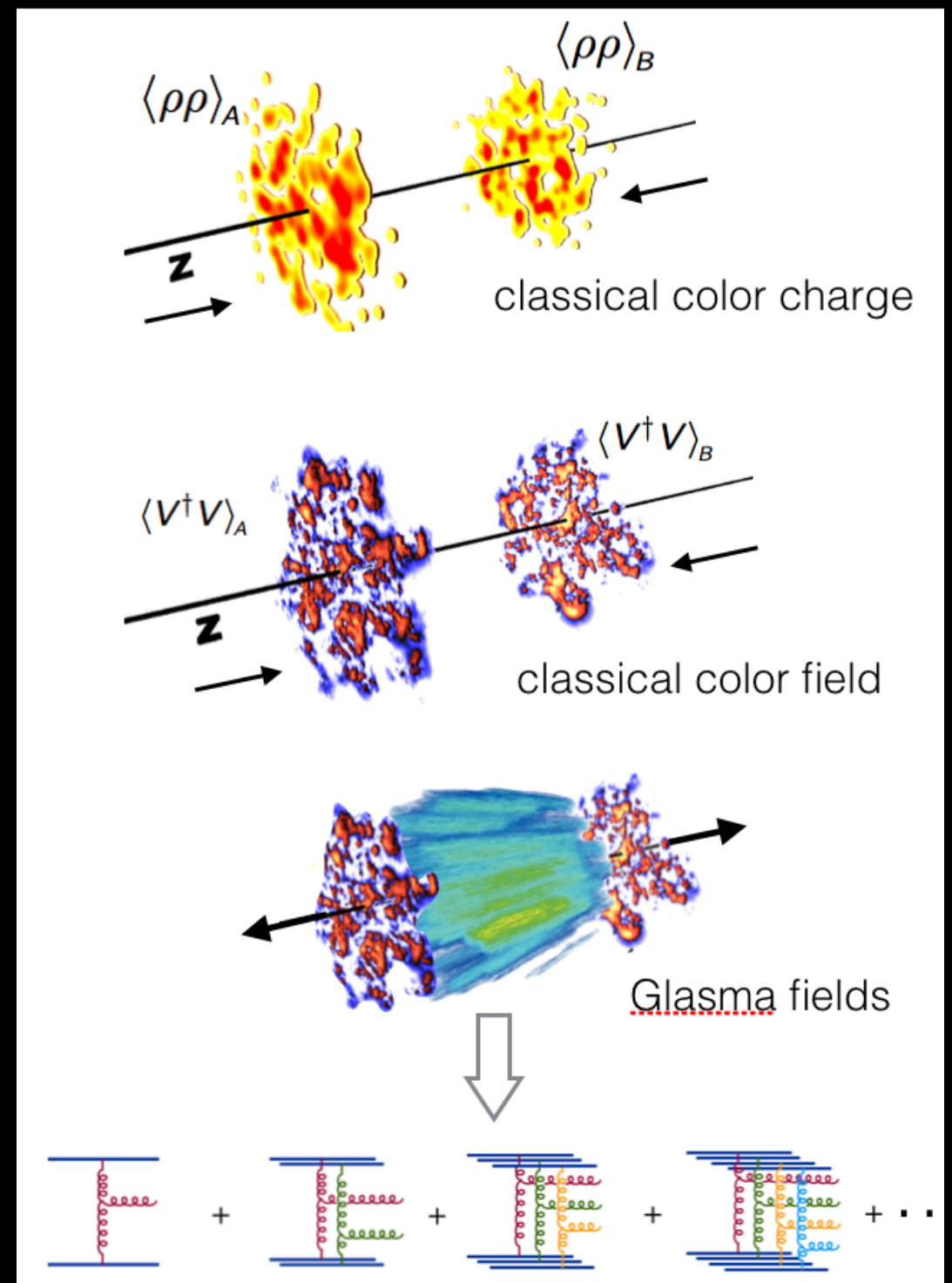
→ Classical color fields that follows

$$[D_\mu, F^{\mu\nu}] = J^\nu$$

After collisions:

→ Glasma gluon fields

$$A^i = A_{(A)}^i + A_{(B)}^i \quad A^\eta = \frac{ig}{2} [A_{(A)}^i, A_{(B)}^i]$$

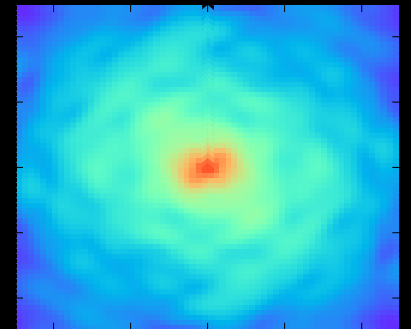


IP-Glasma: what are the unique features

Momentum space correlations : n-gluon distribution

$$\frac{dN_g}{dy} = \frac{2}{N^2} \int \frac{d^2 k_T}{\tilde{k}_T} \left[\frac{g^2}{\tau} \text{tr} (E_i(\mathbf{k}_\perp) E_i(-\mathbf{k}_\perp)) + \tau \text{tr} (\pi(\mathbf{k}_\perp) \pi(-\mathbf{k}_\perp)) \right]$$

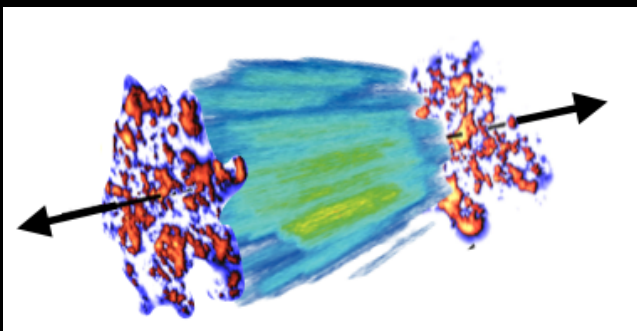
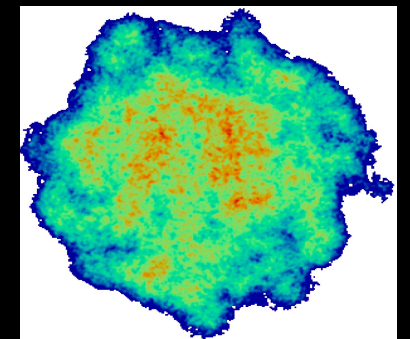
Input to PYTHIA, p+p/A collisions



Position space correlations : Stress-Energy Tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = -g^{\gamma\delta} F^\mu_\gamma F^\nu_\delta + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^\gamma_\delta F^\delta_\gamma$$

Input to hydro, transport,
p+A, A+A collisions



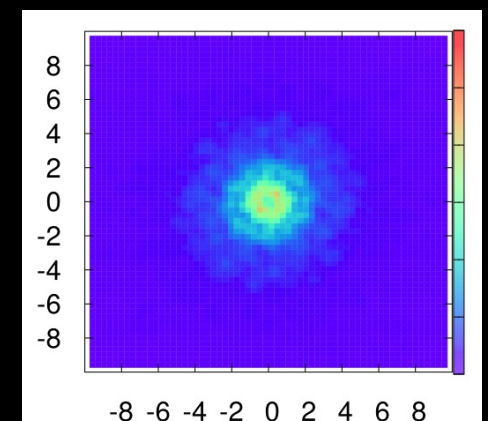
Light-cone gauge-fields

$$U(\mathbf{x}_T) = \mathbb{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int dx^- A^+(x^-, \mathbf{x}_T) \right\}$$

Wave functions: Dipole-gluon & WWs TMDs

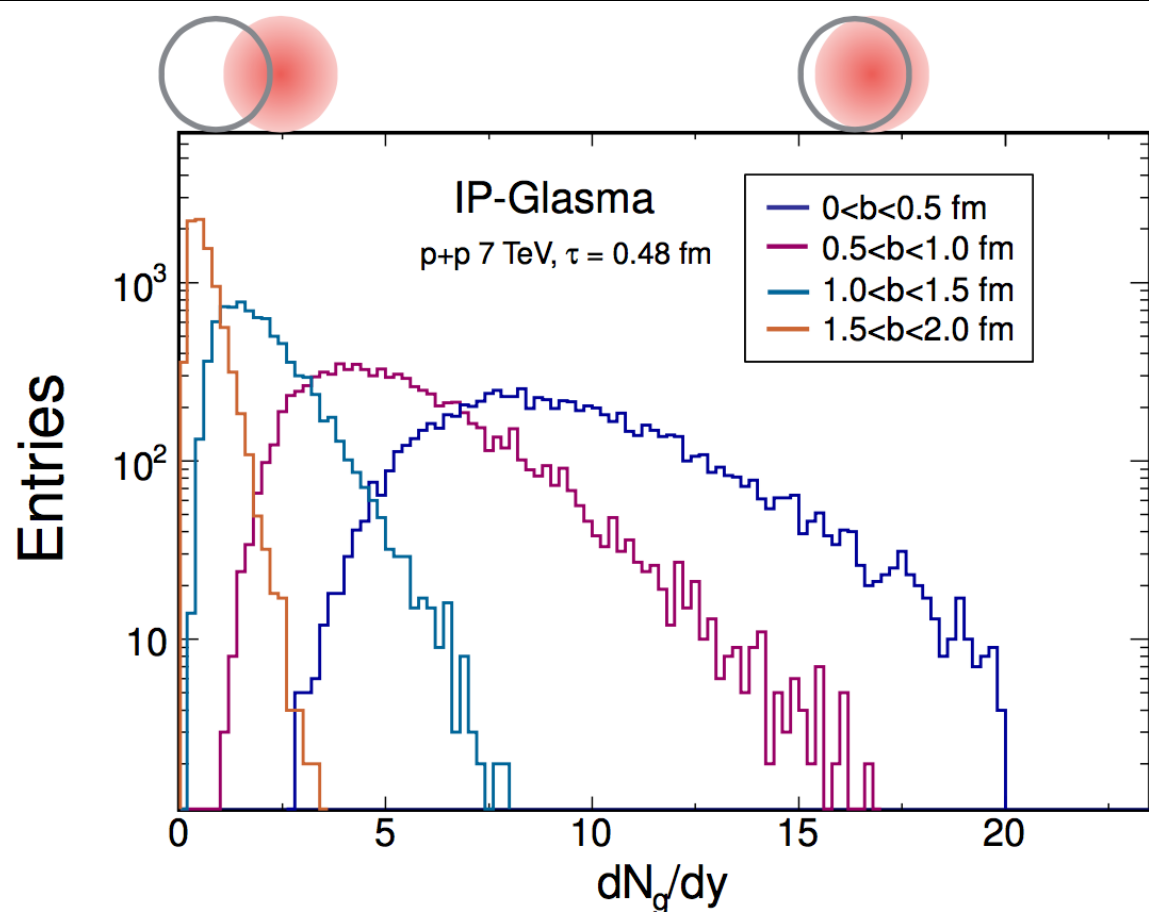
$$xG_{\text{WW}}^{ij}(x, \vec{k}) = \frac{8\pi}{L^2} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_T}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_T \cdot (\mathbf{x}_T - \mathbf{y}_T)} \times \langle A_a^i(\mathbf{x}_T) A_a^j(\mathbf{y}_T) \rangle$$

Input for EIC observables e+p/A collisions

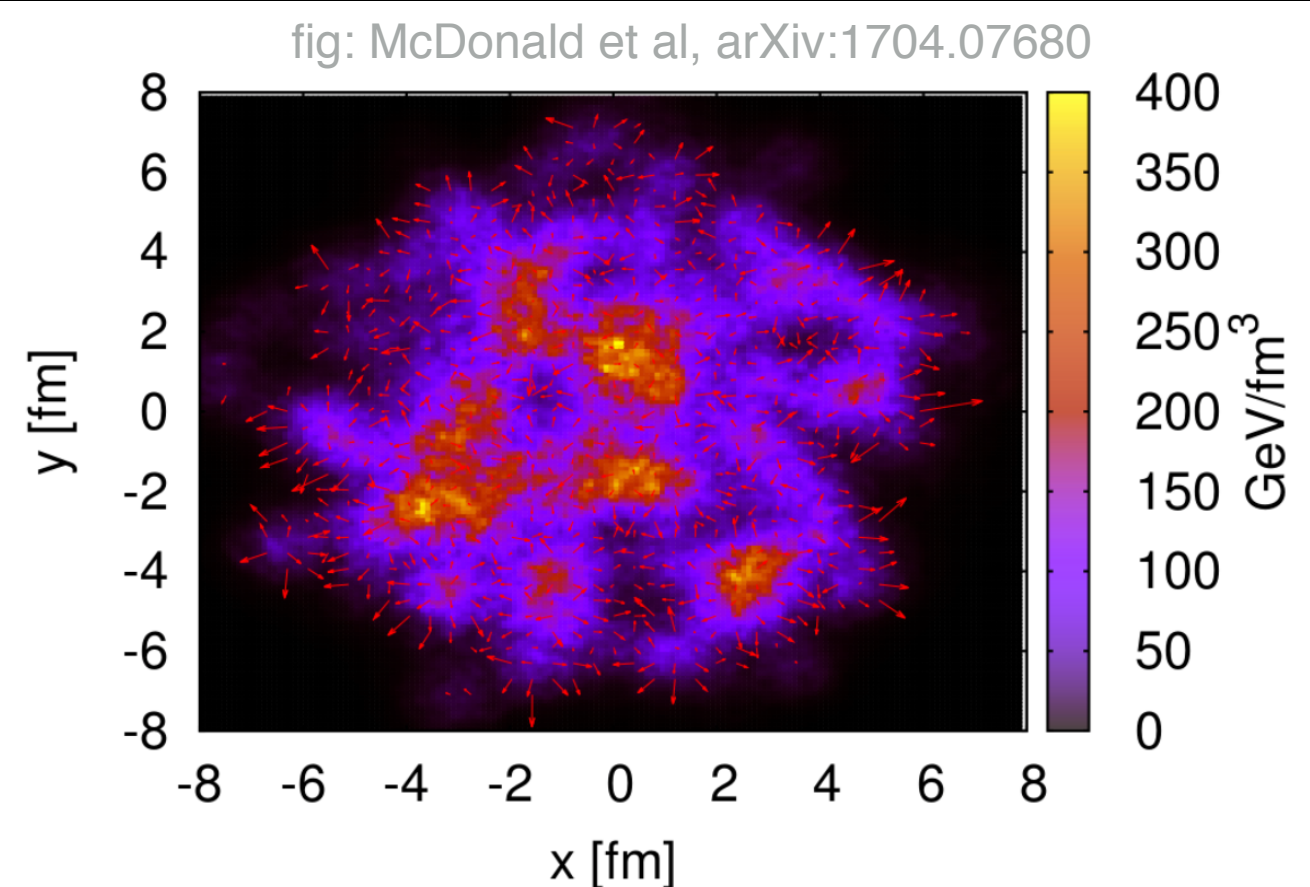


Two unique features of IP-Glasma

These features of IP-Glasma are **not put by hand** but appears naturally



Negative Binomial fluctuations

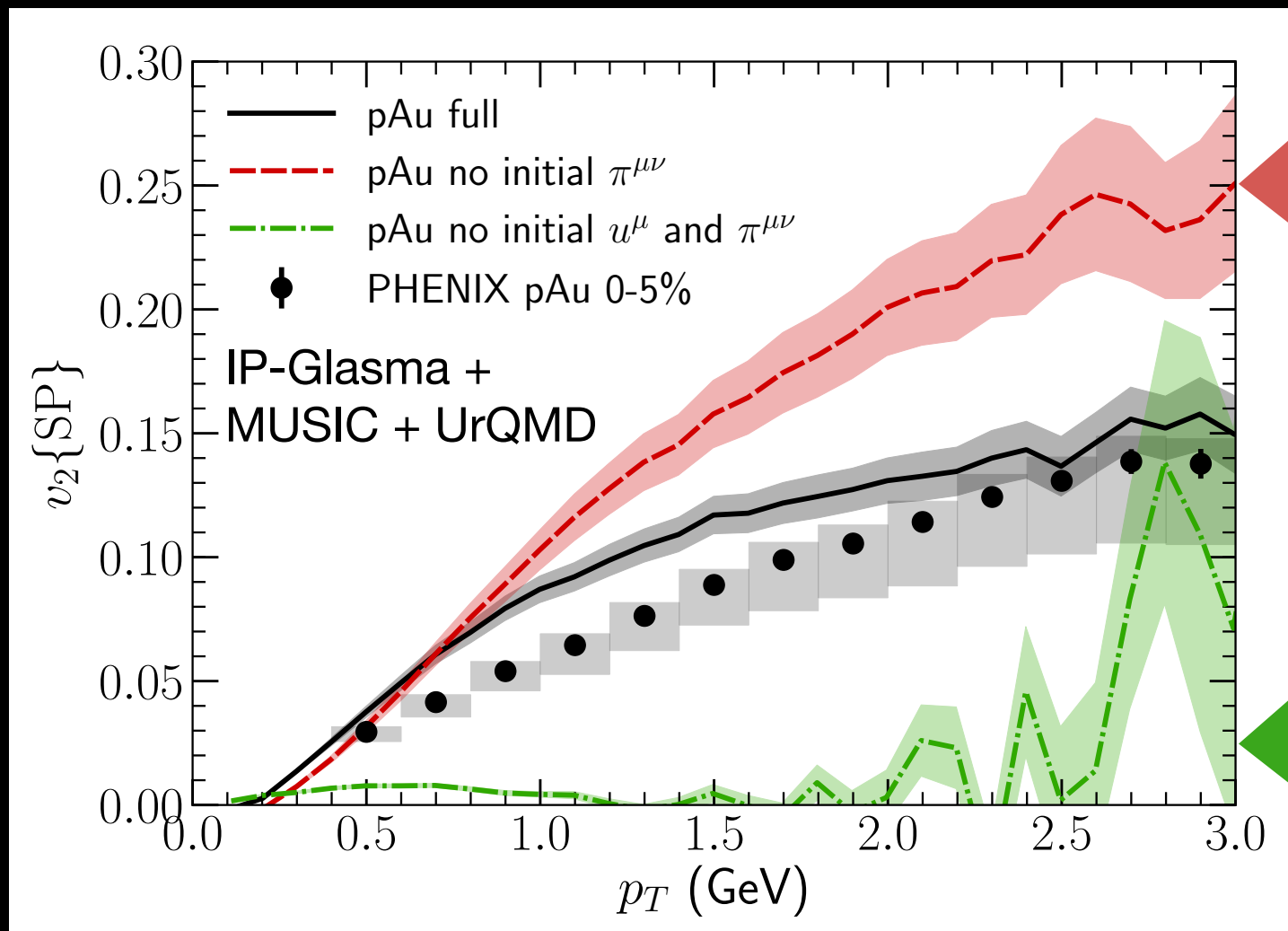
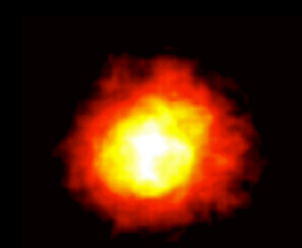


Full stress-energy tensor/ initial flow

Features that are important for small systems

Flow in d+A using a hybrid framework constrained by A+A data at RHIC

B. Schenke, C. Shen, P. Tribedy, in preparation



Too large without full $T^{\mu\nu}$

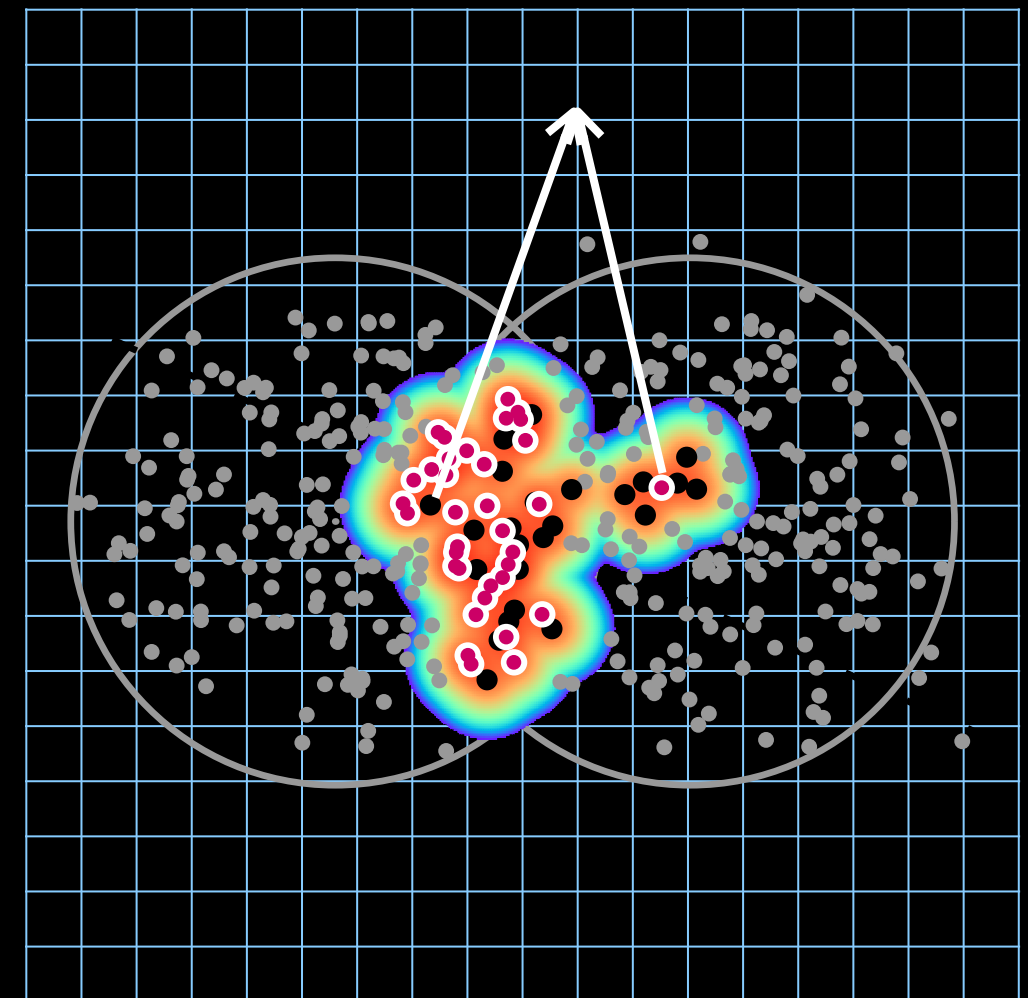
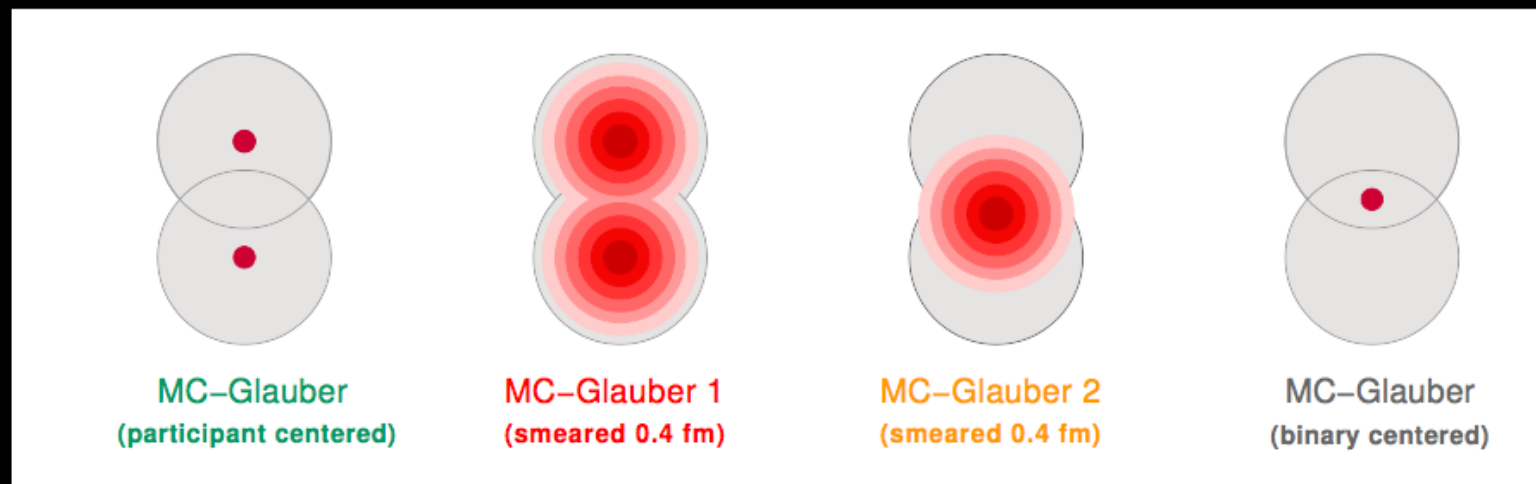
Too little if no initial flow

Density prescriptions

Geometry based Density prescriptions

- Tuned to capture many features of the dynamical models but not all.
- Most widely used framework
- Requires an ansatz to compute densities
- Less numerically intense.

MC-Glauber (2-component)

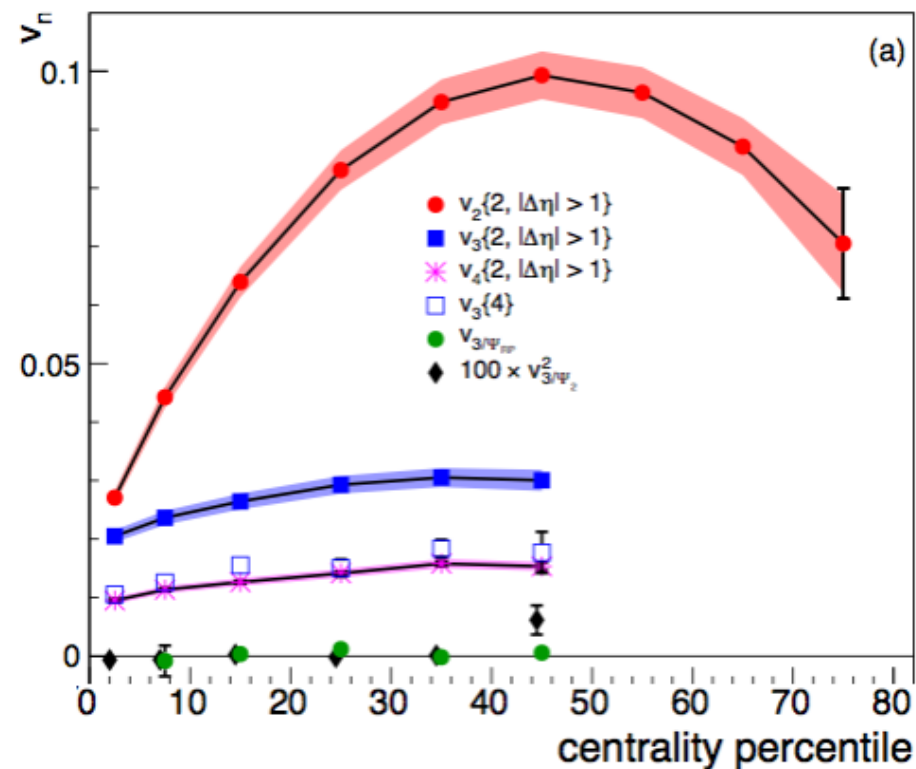


Which one is the right prescription ?

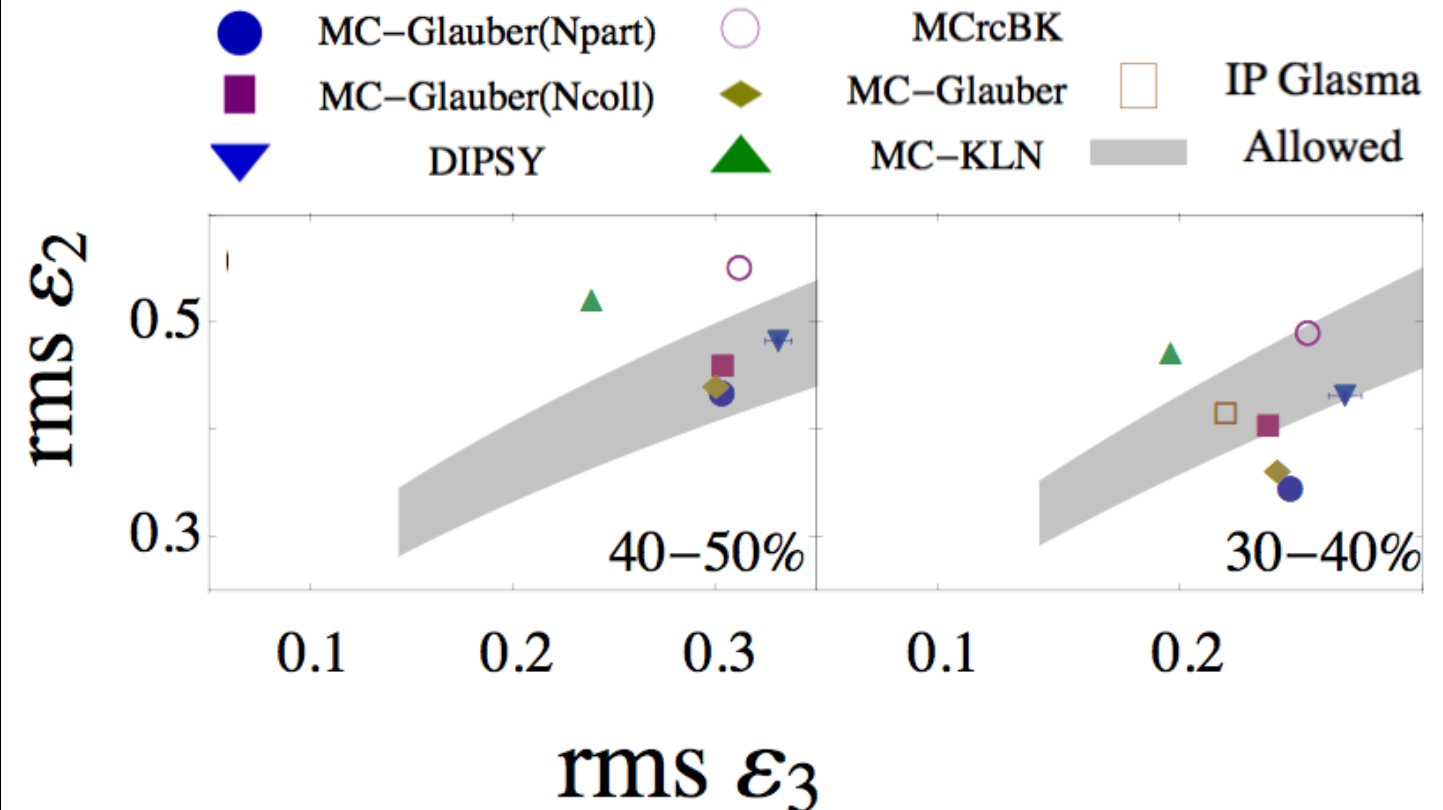
1. Data that nailed it down: v_n @ RHIC/LHC

Retinskaya, Luzum, Ollitrault 1311.5339

v_n @ RHIC/LHC



Constraints @ RHIC/LHC

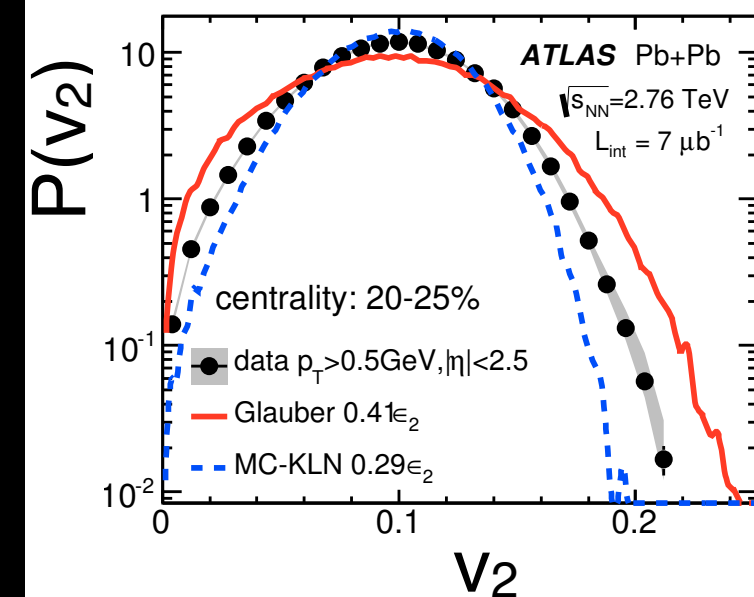


RHIC and LHC v_n data rules out several initial state models
Rules out Mc-Glauber (N_{part}) but not Mc-Glauber (N_{coll})

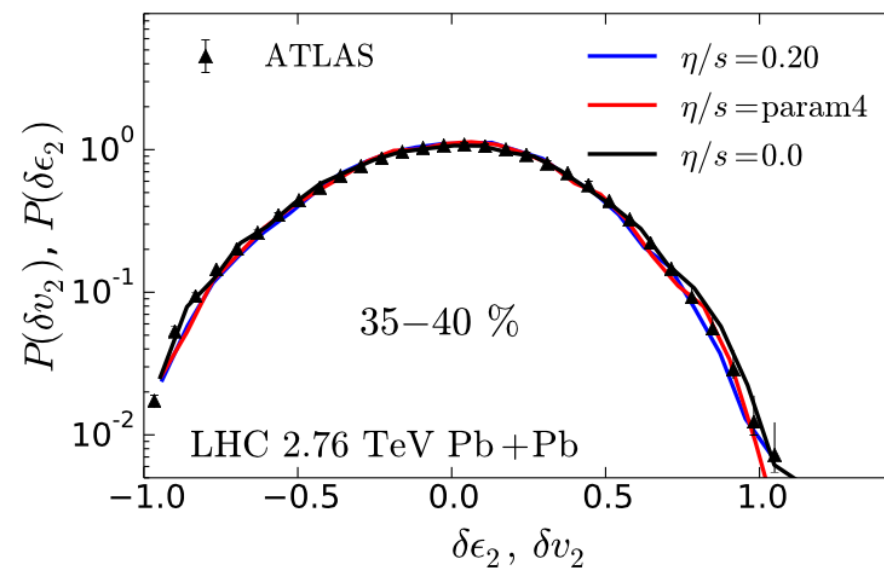
2. Data that nailed it down: $P(v_n)$

ATLAS Collaboration, 1305.2942

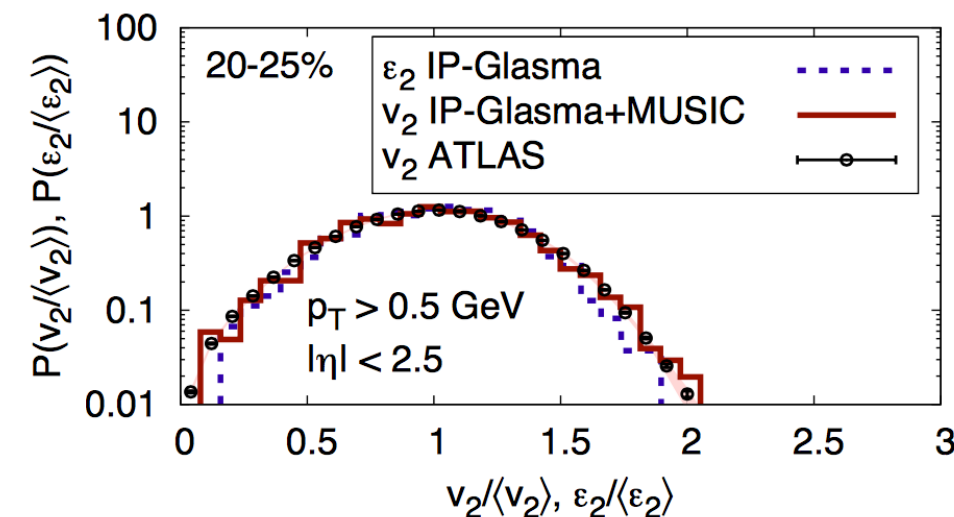
Glauber, KLN



EKRT

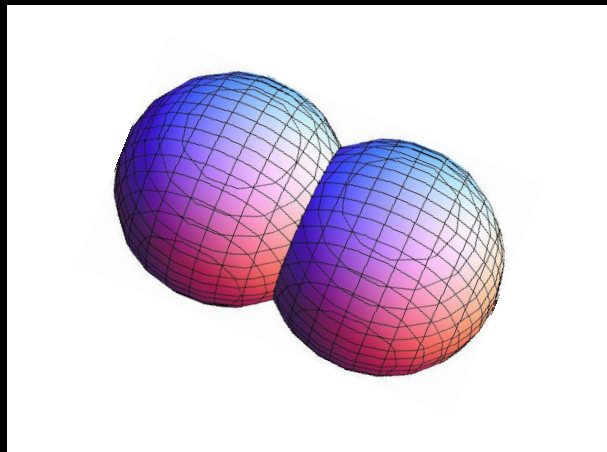


IP-Glasma



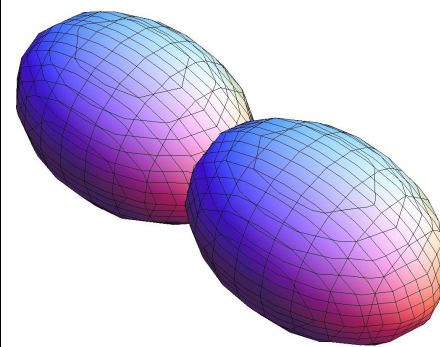
3. Data that nailed it down: ultra-central U+U

Gold nucleus
(little deformation)

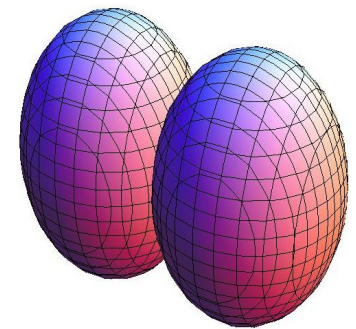


Transverse overlap is different

Uranium nucleus
(large prolate deformation)



collisions
on tips

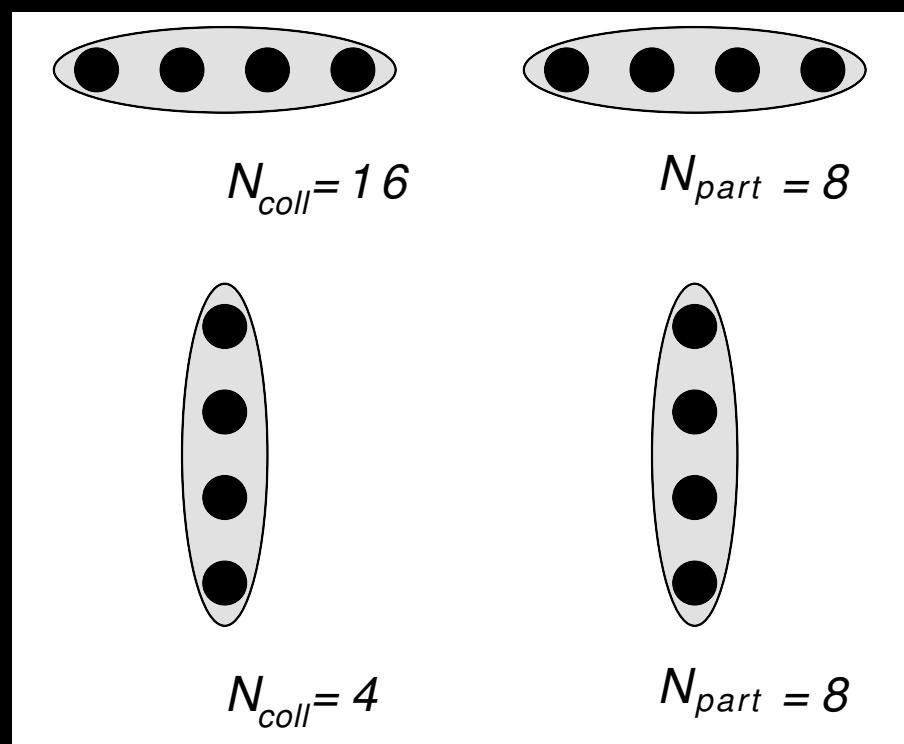


collisions
on sides



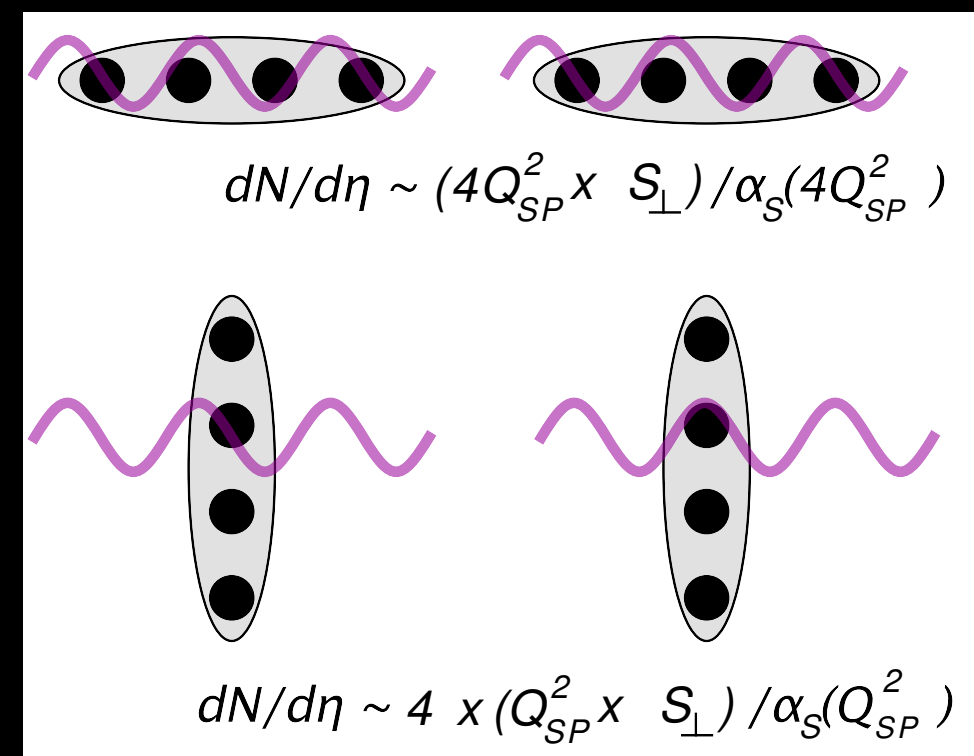
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Density prescription : Glauber



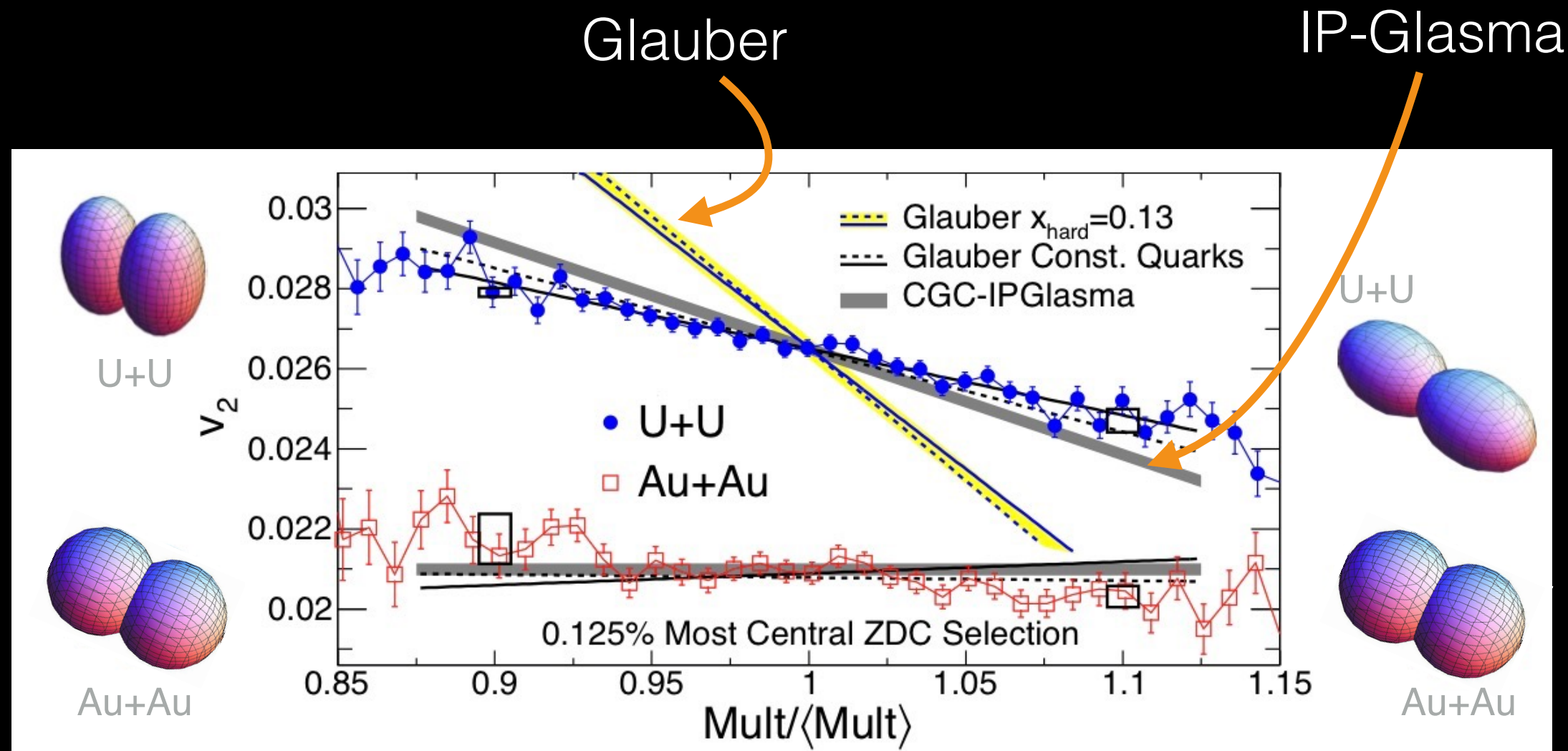
Orientation **strongly** change how many particles will be produced

Dynamical model : CGC



Orientation **weakly** change the no. of produced particles

3. Data that nailed it down: ultra-central U+U



Data: STAR collaboration, arXiv: 1505.07812

Correlation of shape (elliptic anisotropy) vs. no. of produced particles indicate 2-component Glauber model cannot explain data

“Improved” density prescriptions

Geometry based Density prescriptions

Failure to describe v_n distribution and ultra-central U+U data
—> Improved MC-Glauber prescriptions :

TRENTO

Moreland, Bernhard, Bass 1412.4708

$$dS/dy \propto f(T_A, T_B)$$

Quark-Glauber

Eremin, Voloshin nucl-th/0302071,
PHENIX 1509.06727, Welsh, Singer,
Heinz, 1605.09418

$$dE_T/d\eta, dN/d\eta \propto N_{qp}$$

Shadowed Glauber

Chatterjee et al
1510.01311, 1601.03971

$$\epsilon \propto \sum_n^{N_{part}} e^{-n\lambda}$$

A recent development, inspired by dilute-dense saturation model :

IP-Jazma

$$\epsilon \propto g^2 Q_s^2(x, y)_{proj} Q_s^2(x, y)_{targ}$$

Nagle, Zajc 1808.01276

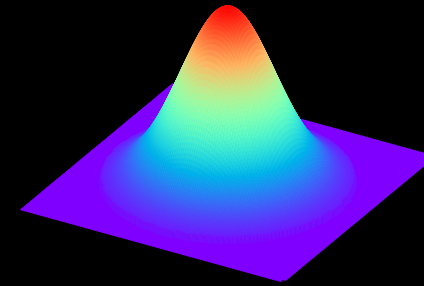
IP-Jazma \Rightarrow large N_c limit of IP-Glasma, $p=0$ TRENTO

TRENTO: improved MC-Glauber prescription

Moreland, Bernhard, Bass 1412.4708

1. A Gaussian density profile for each colliding nucleons

$$T_{A,B} = w_{A,B} \frac{1}{2\pi B} \exp \left(-\frac{(x - x_{A,B})^2 + (y - y_{A,B})^2}{2B} \right)$$

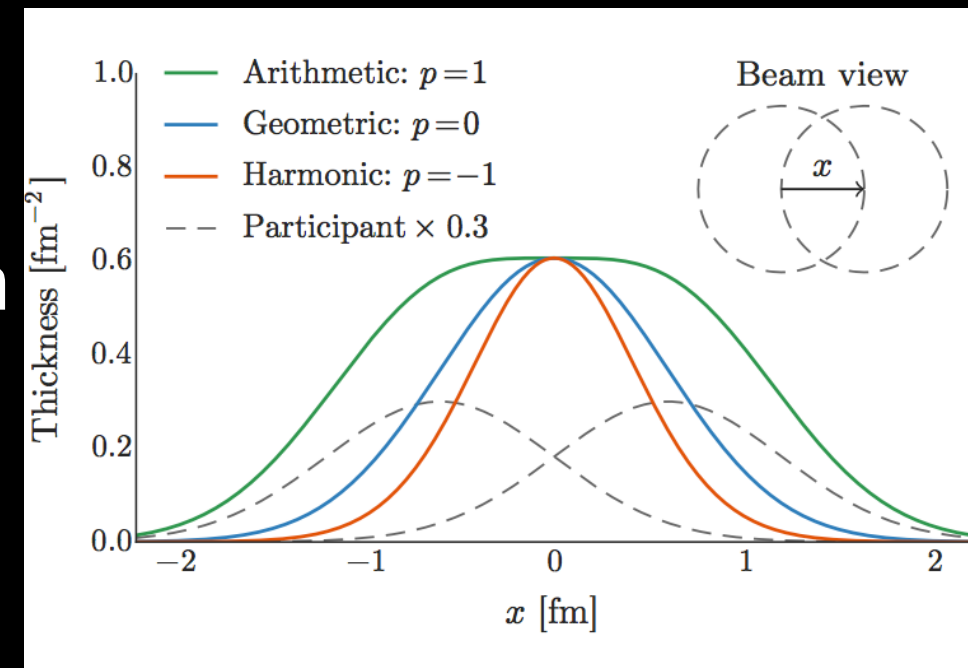


2. Fluctuating weight to incorporates sub-nucleonic fluctuations

$$P_k(w_{A,B}) = \frac{k^k}{\Gamma(k)} w_{A,B}^{k-1} \exp(-kw_{A,B})$$

3. Generalized scheme for density after collision

$$f = T_R(p; T_A, T_B) \equiv \left(\frac{T_A^p + T_B^p}{2} \right)^{1/p}$$

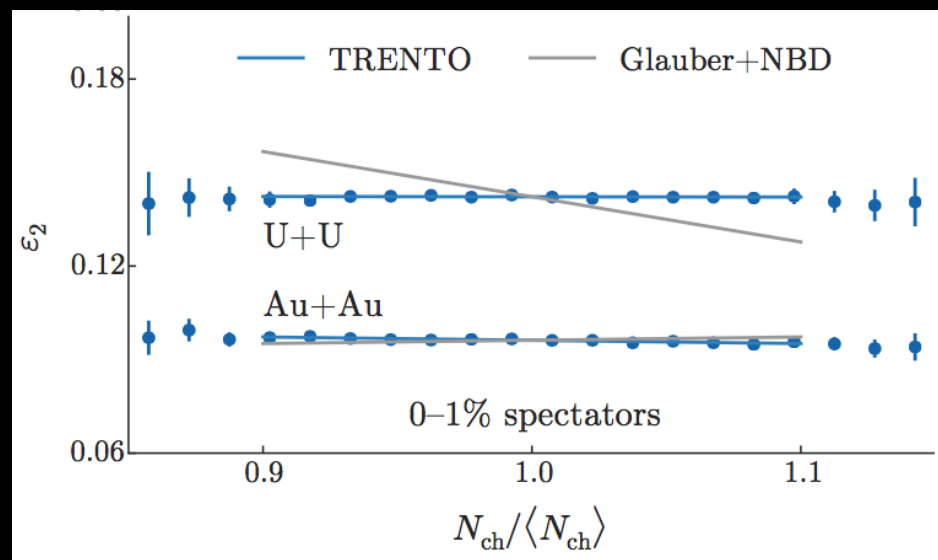
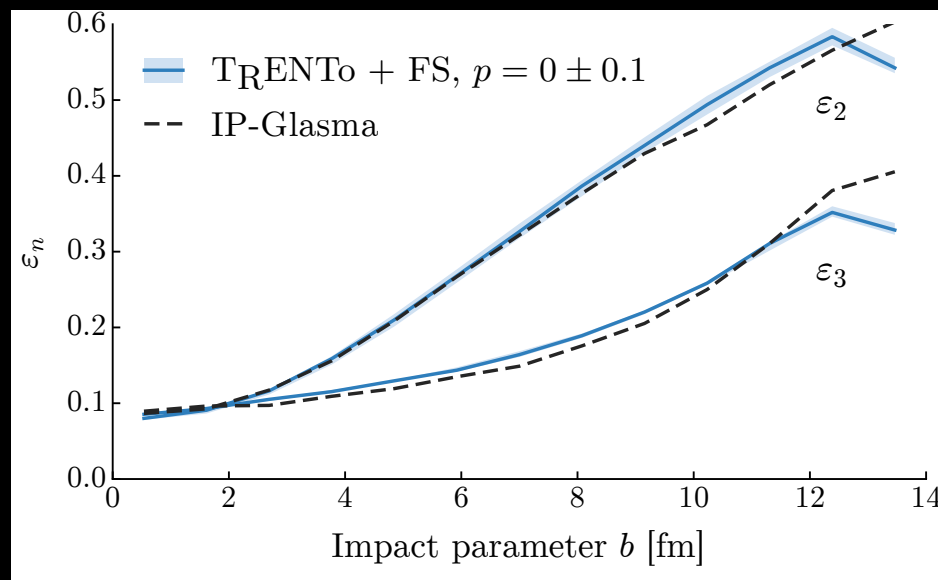


TRENTO provides event-by-

event distributions of $(dN/dy) \mid (dS/dy) \mid \epsilon(x, y) \propto f(T_A, T_B)$

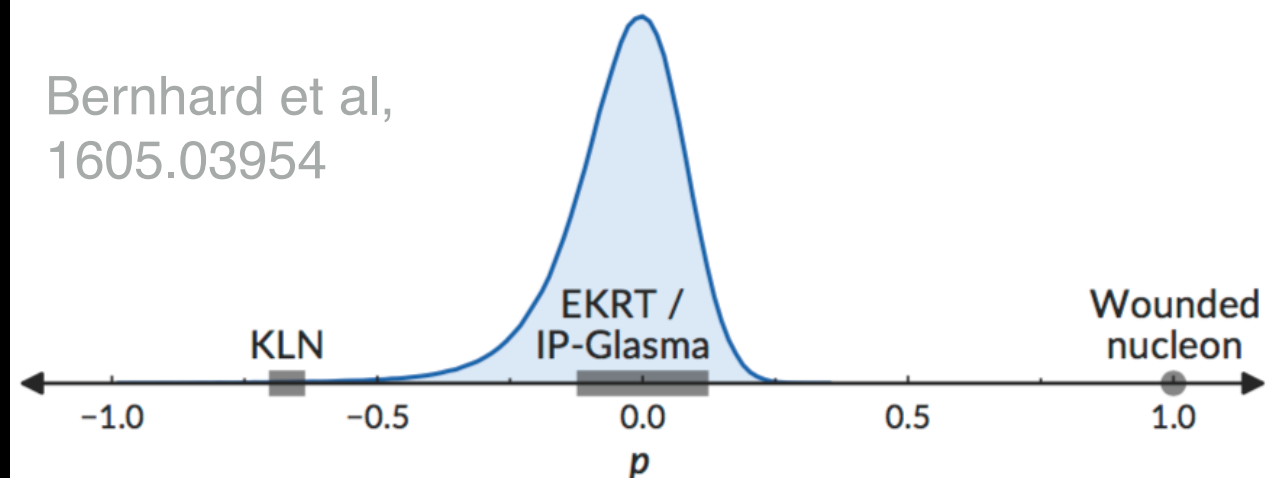
TRENTO: Reproducing existing models

The energy deposition scheme in TRENTO can be tuned to reproduce features of many different initial conditions



$$T_R = \begin{cases} \max(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow +\infty, \\ (T_A + T_B)/2 & p = +1, \text{ (arithmetic)} \\ \sqrt{T_A T_B} & p = 0, \text{ (geometric)} \\ 2T_A T_B / (T_A + T_B) & p = -1, \text{ (harmonic)} \\ \min(T_A, T_B) & p \rightarrow -\infty. \end{cases}$$

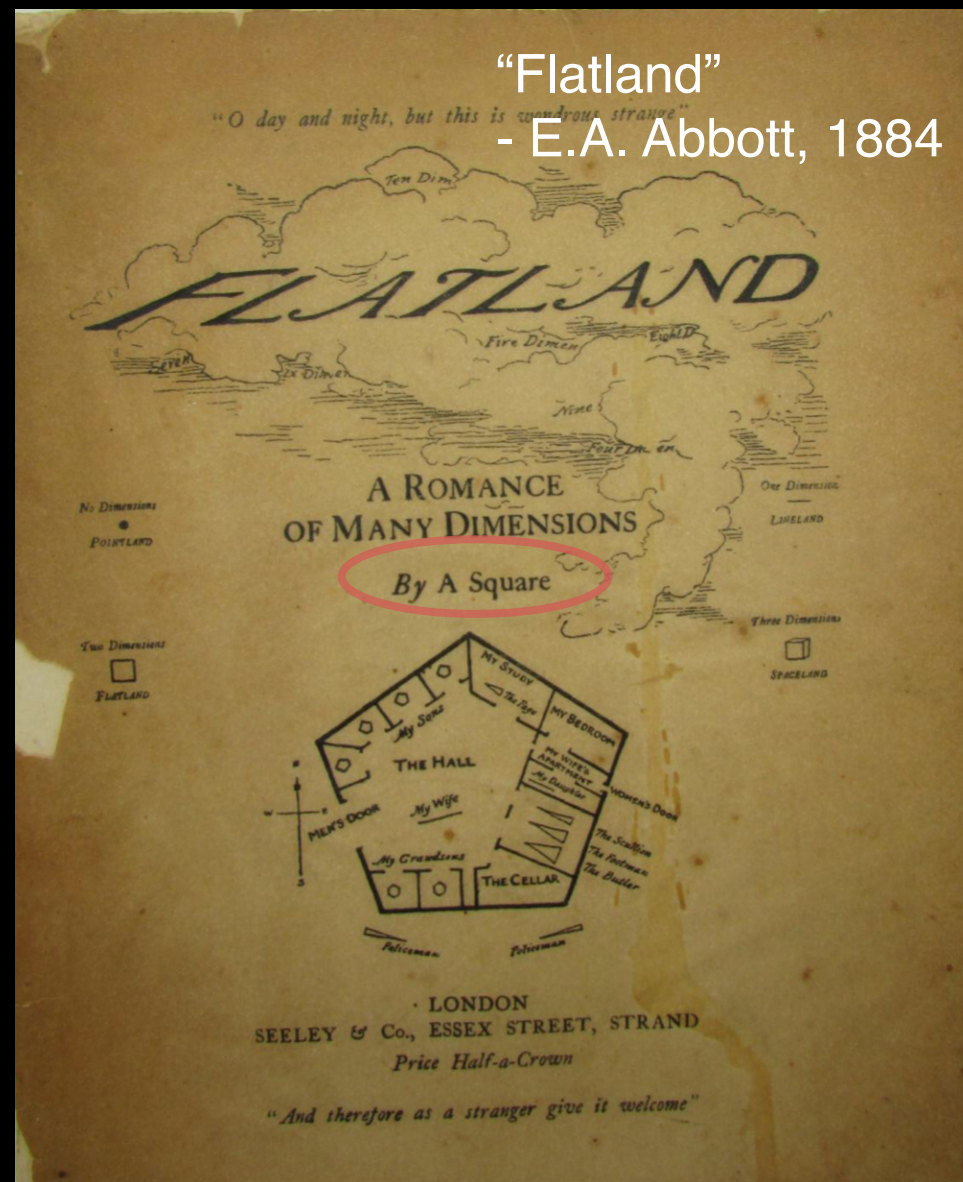
Bernhard et al,
1605.03954



Most compatible “ $p \sim 0$ ” parameter in TRENTO \rightarrow Bayesian analysis

TRENTO consistent to ultra-central U+U data

"Flatland"
- E.A. Abbott, 1884

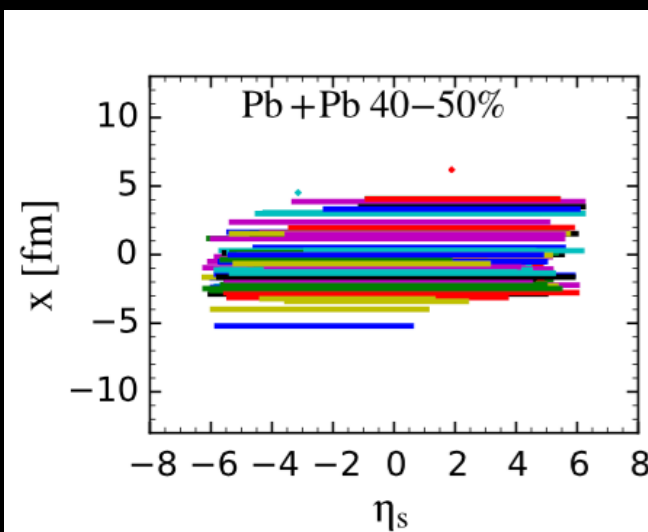


Going to 3D

A glimpse of 3D-initial states

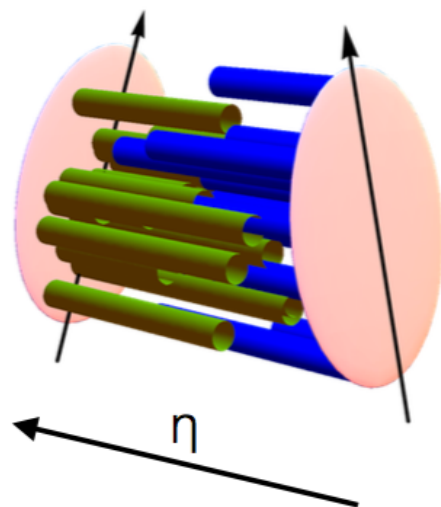
Longitudinal strings

arXiv: 1511.04131



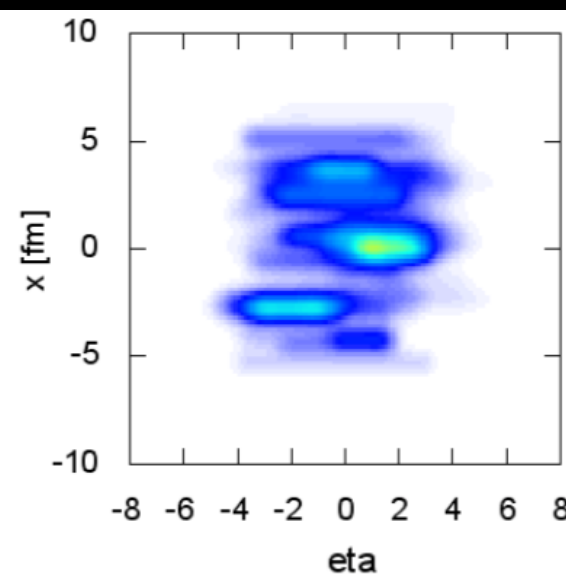
Torqued-fireball

arXiv: 1506.02817



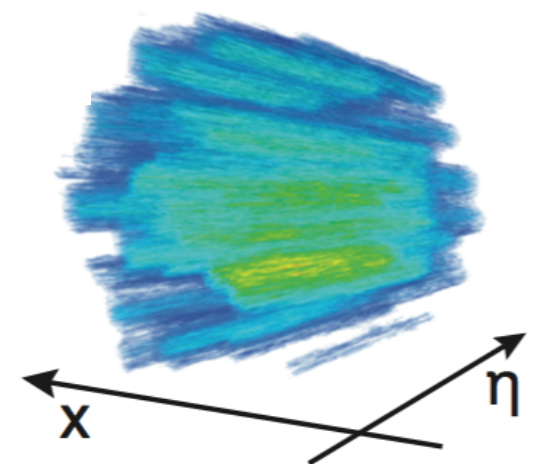
3D-Glauber

arXiv: 1509.04103



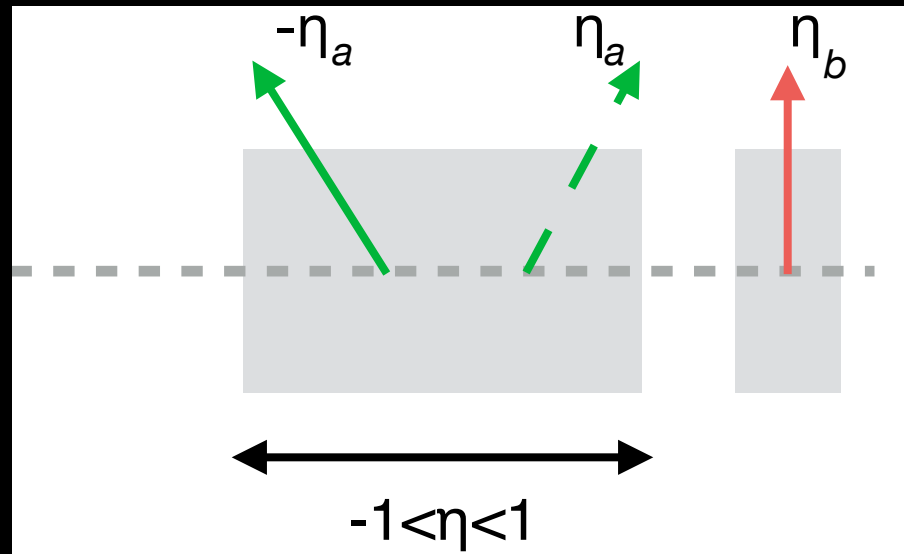
3D-Glasma

arXiv: 1605.07158

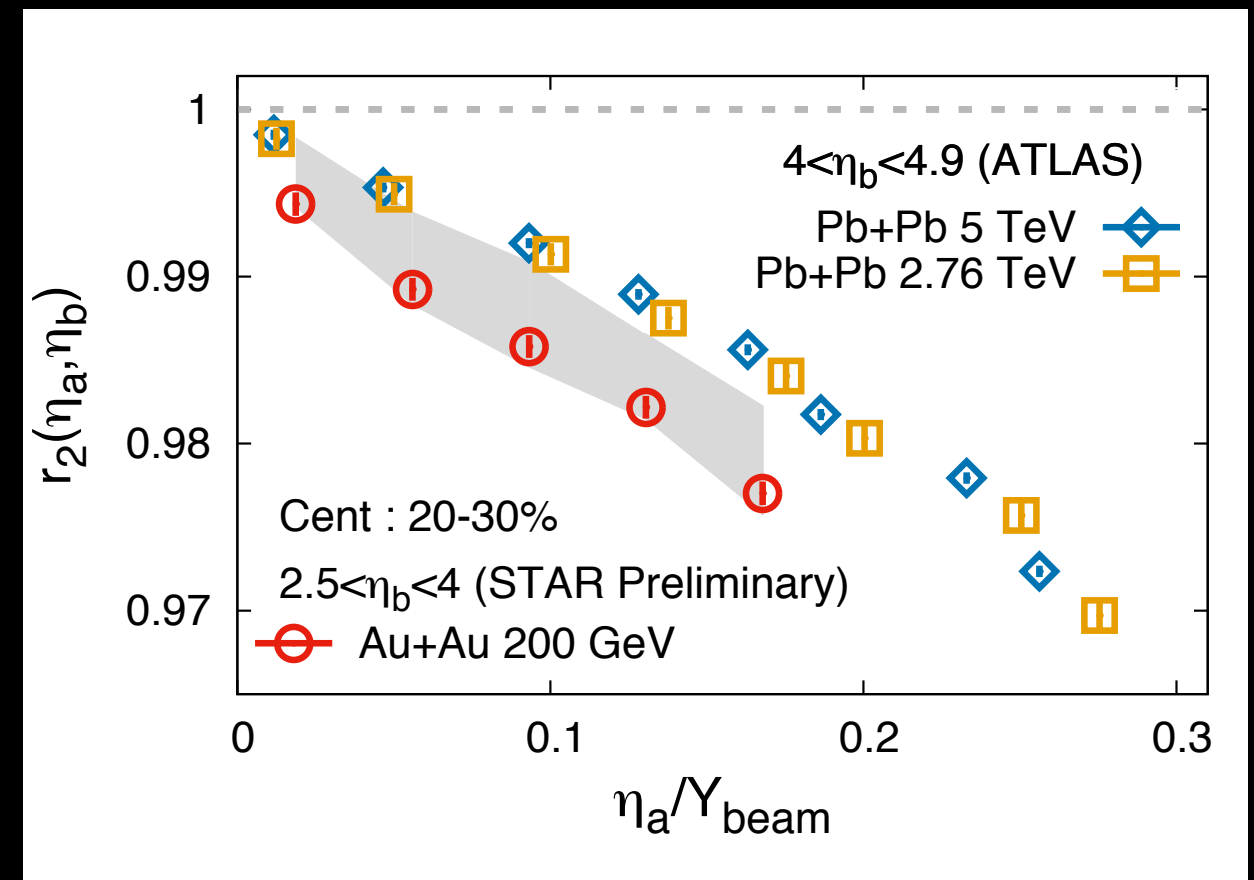
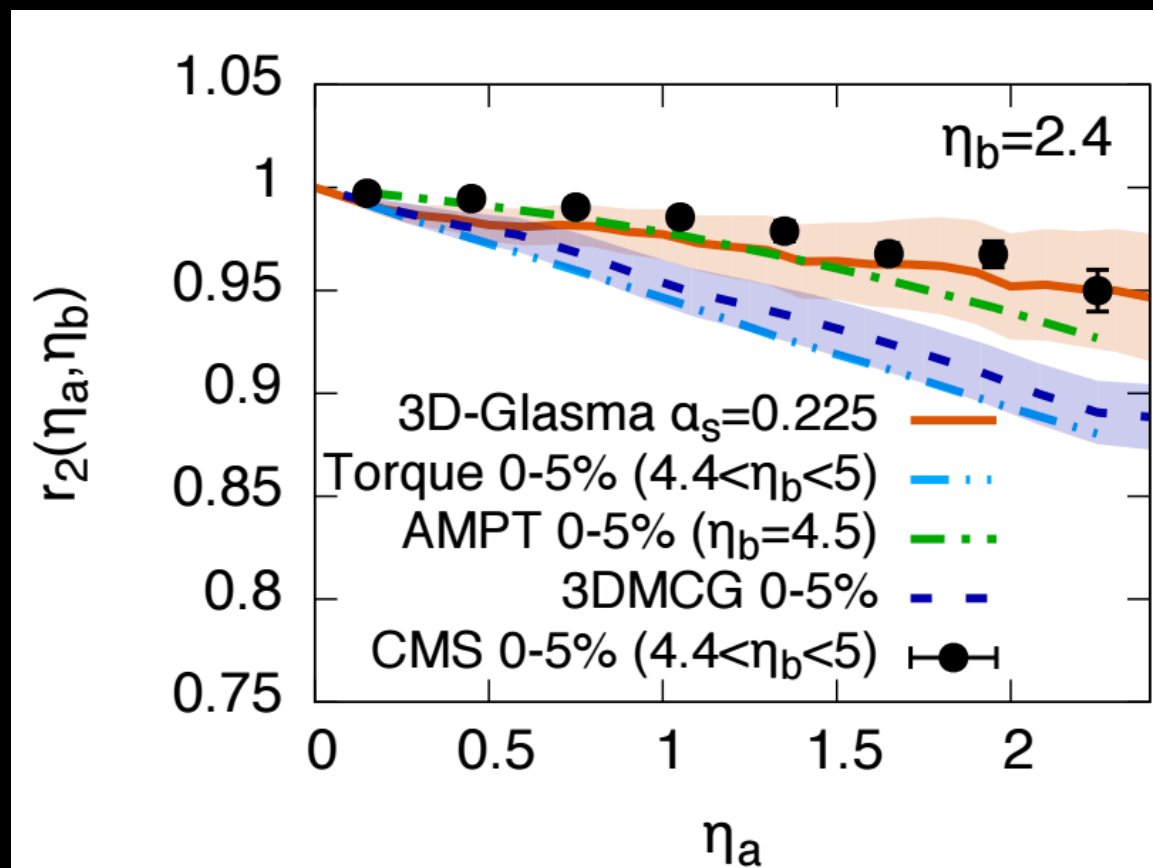


Main question is at what scale does the boost invariance break

How to constrain 3D-initial states ?



$$r_n(\eta^a, \eta^b) \equiv \frac{V_{n\Delta}(-\eta^a, \eta^b)}{V_{n\Delta}(\eta^a, \eta^b)}$$

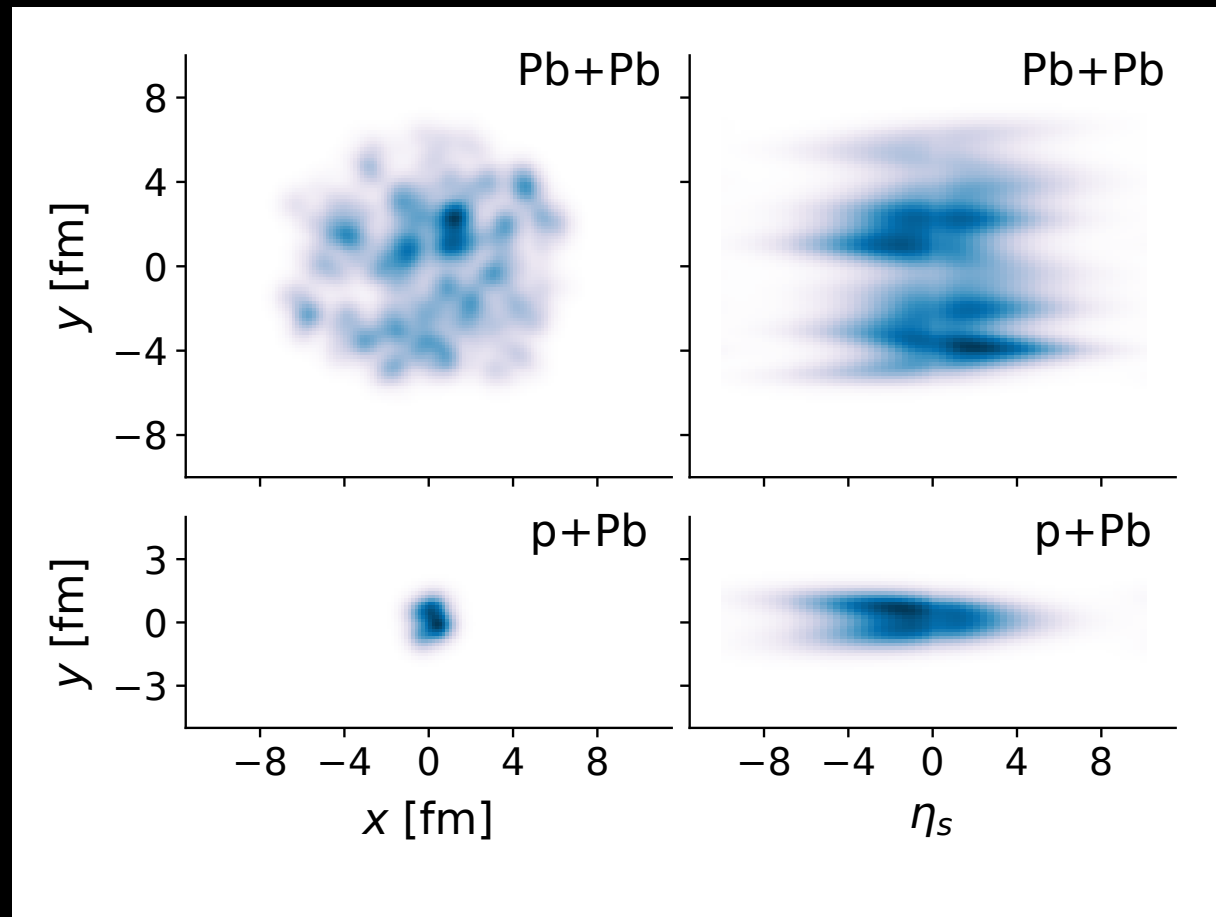


Longitudinal de-correlation show interesting energy dependence

Recent developments

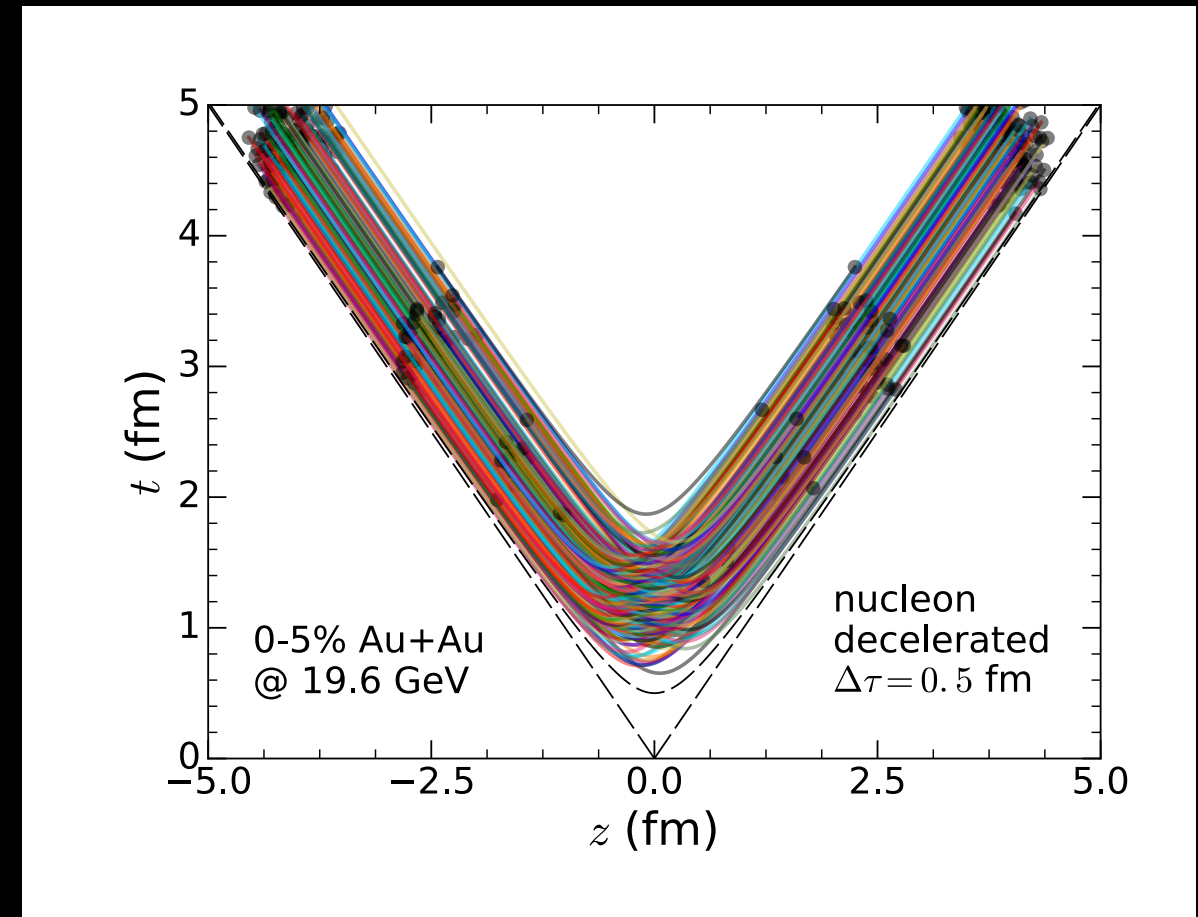
Ke, Moreland, Bernhard, Bass, arXiv:1610.08490

3D-Trento



Schenke, Shen arXiv:1710.00881

3D-LeXus



Modeling rapidity dependence:

$$g(\mathbf{x}, y) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\tilde{g}(\mathbf{x}, k)\},$$

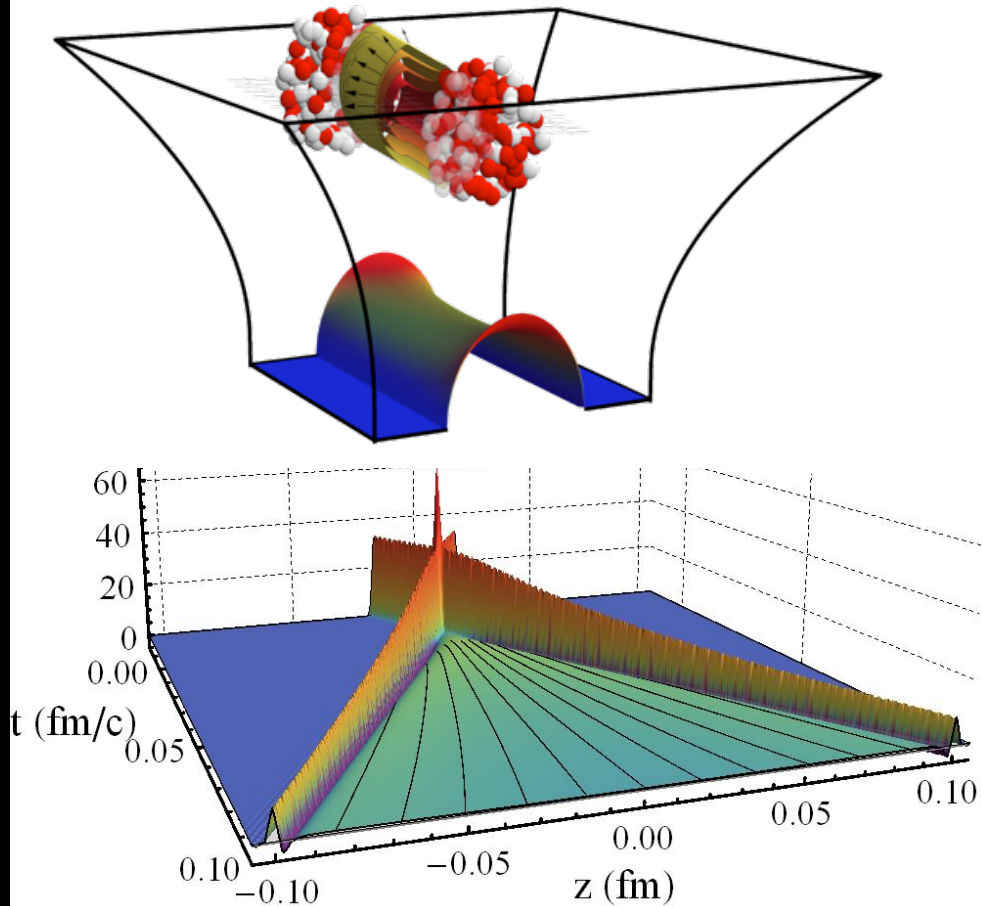
$$\log \tilde{g} = i\mu k - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 k^2 - \frac{1}{6}i\gamma\sigma^3 k^3 + \dots$$

Construct strings between quarks in rapidity from LeXus model & evolve in time

Will be mostly important for beam energy scan (BES) program at RHIC

Holographic initial conditions

fig: W. Van der Schee QM'15



$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \frac{N_c^2 \Lambda^4}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{(\Lambda t)^{4/3}} - \frac{2\eta_0}{(\Lambda t)^2} \right]$$

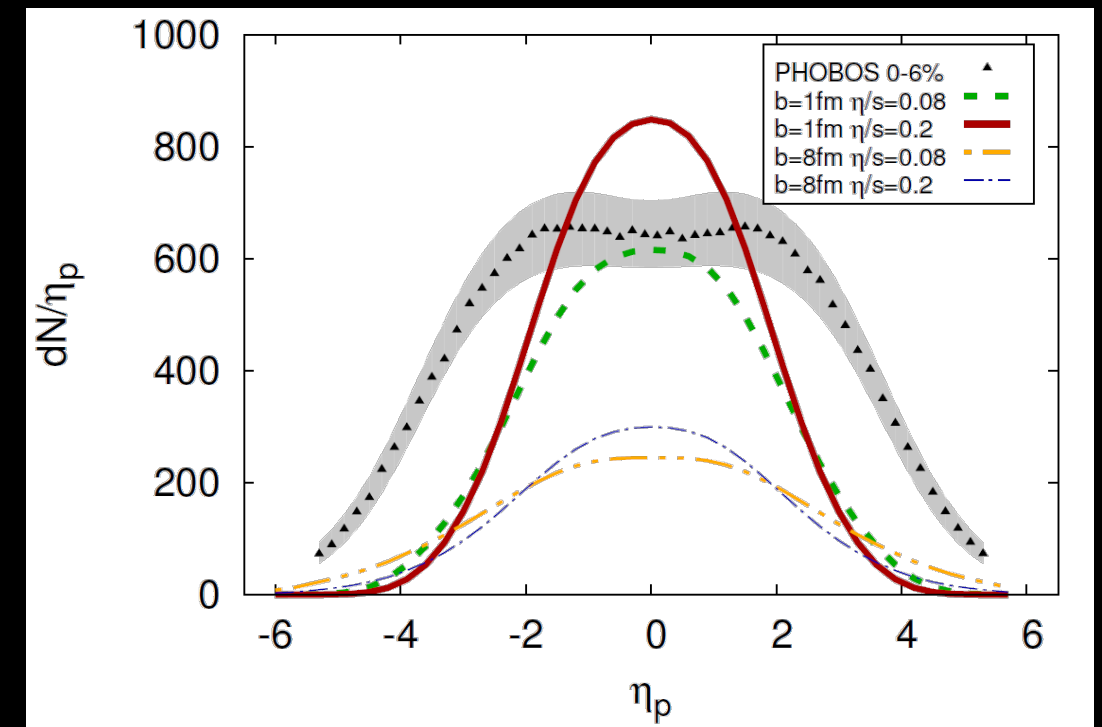
$$v_i = -0.33 \tau (\partial_i e)/e$$

superSONIC:
Glauber + AdS motivated flow

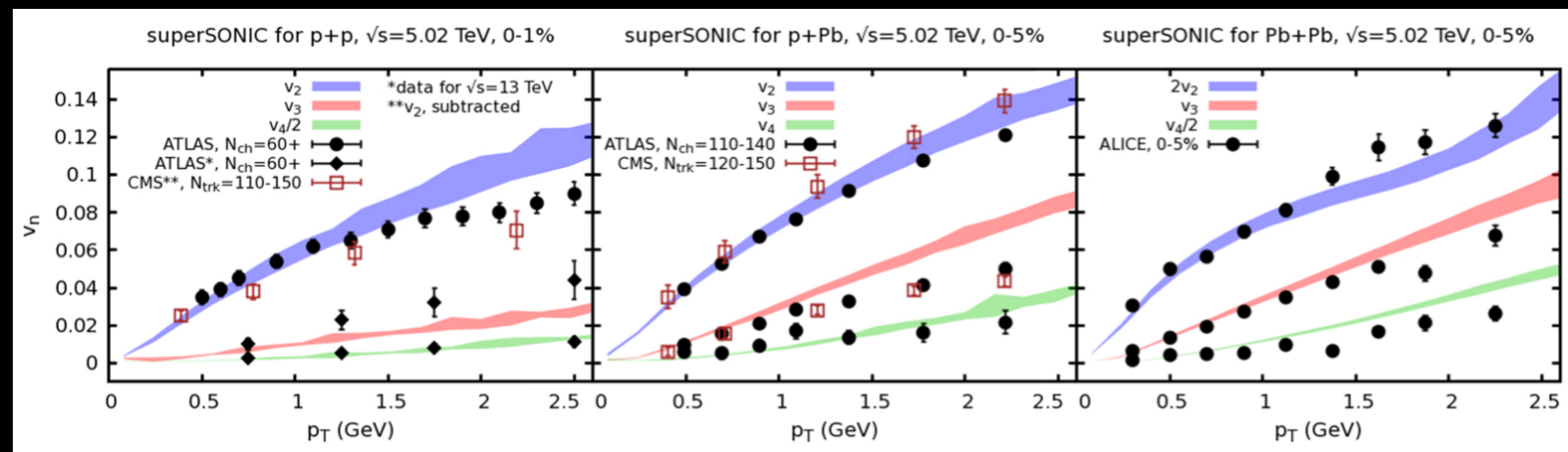
Chesler, Kilbertus, Van der Schee 1507.02548, Van der Schee, Romatschke, Pratt 1307.2539, Heller and Janik, hep-th/0703243

Use AdS/CFT correspondence & matching longitudinal profile of energy density

Van der Schee,
Schenke 1507.08195



Weller, Romatschke 1701.07145

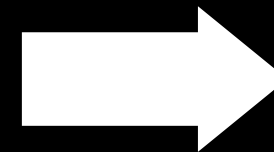
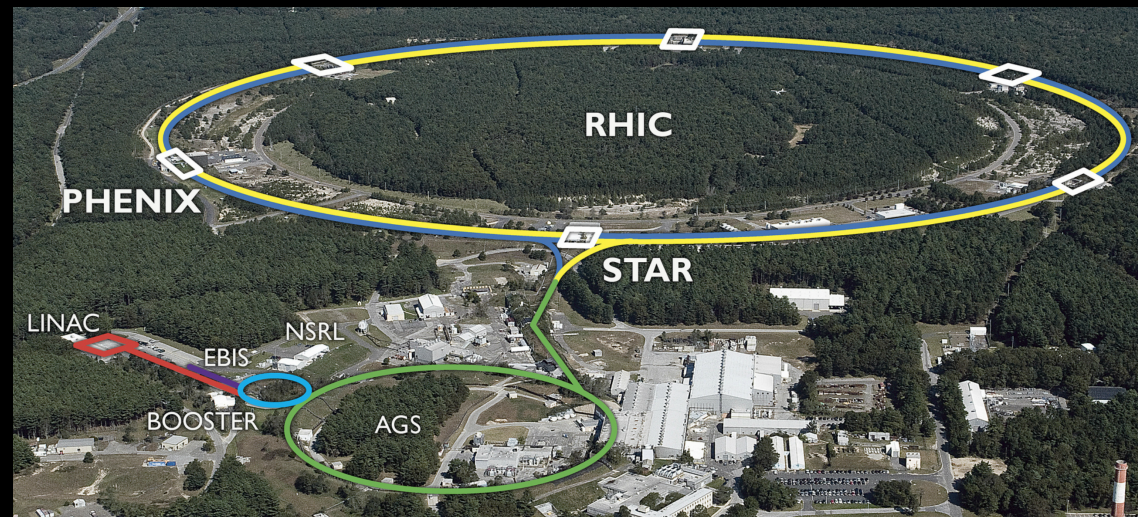


Beyond Heavy Ion Collisions

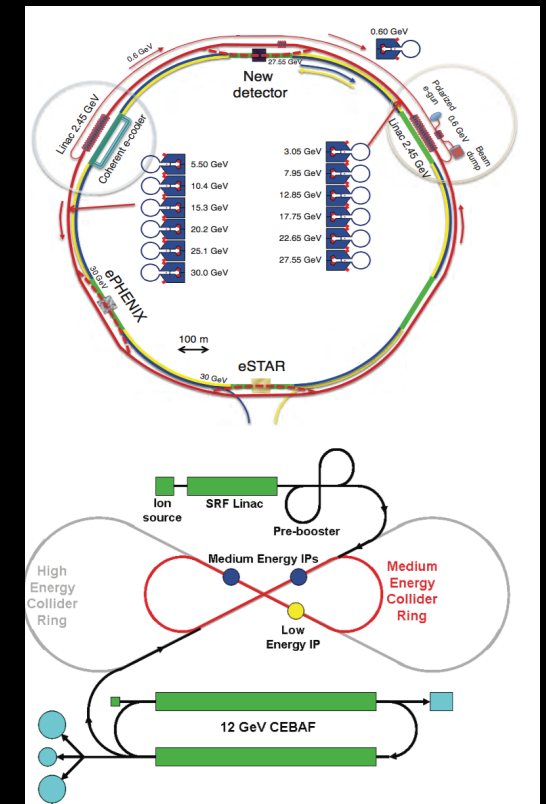
Transition to an EIC era

We are in the middle of a transition

RHIC-era



EIC-era



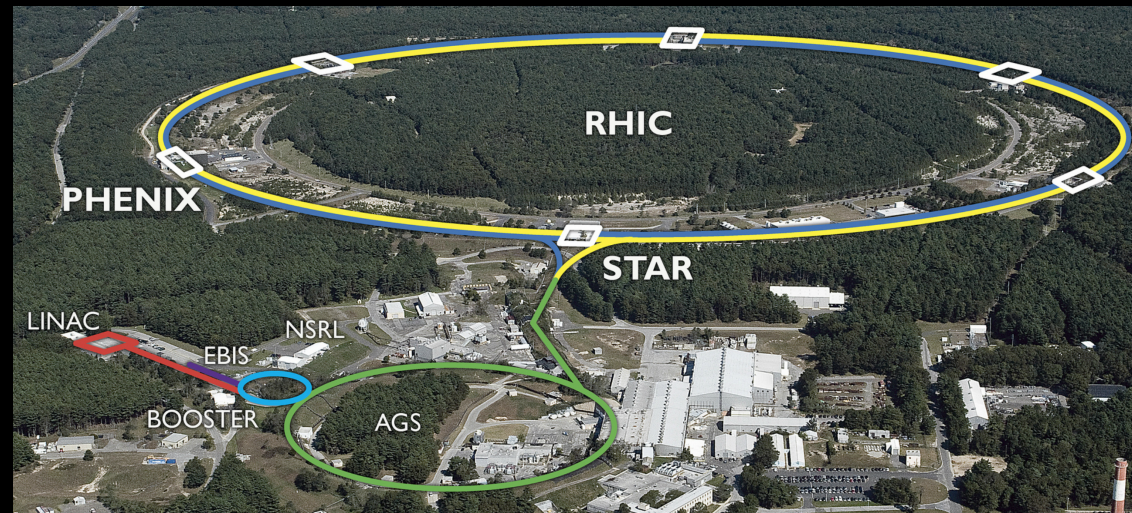
What insight do we heavy ion physicists bring in ?

Transition to an EIC era

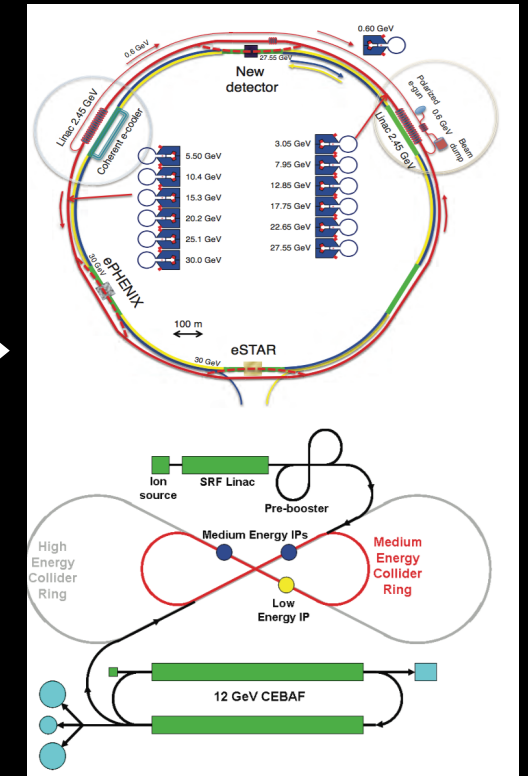
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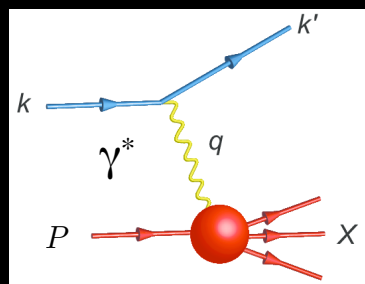
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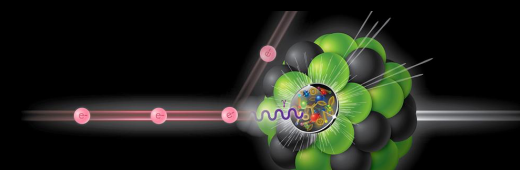
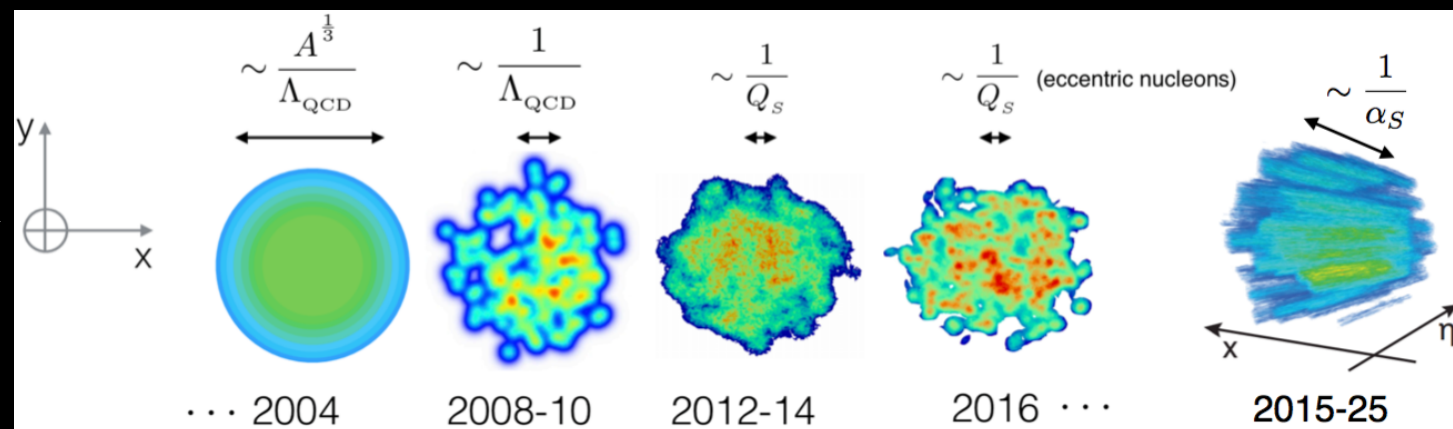
EIC



RHIC era changed our view of nuclei at high energies



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Can our knowledge of colliding nuclei make a difference to EIC physics?

Summary

- Computing the initial conditions of heavy ion collisions is a challenging due to non-perturbative nature of the problem
- Successful effective first principles approaches have been developed over the years, such as IP-Glasma, EKRT
- Improved density scheme can reproduce features of dynamical models, satisfy requirements to initialize hydro
- Apart from Bayesian analyses independent constraints on initial conditions from HERA and future EIC are most desired

A few recent developments that I couldn't cover in this talk: Approach to thermalization, Initial conditions at low energy collisions, Small systems and ridge

Thanks