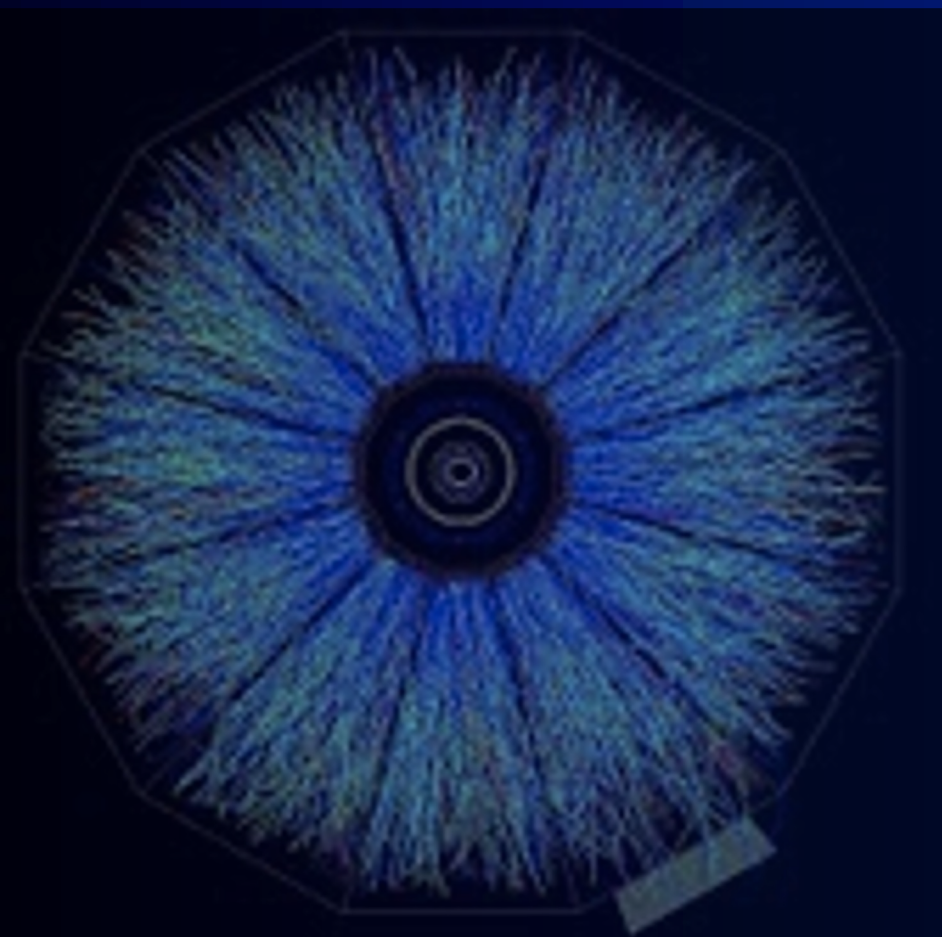


From QCD to QGP: Strong interaction in extremis

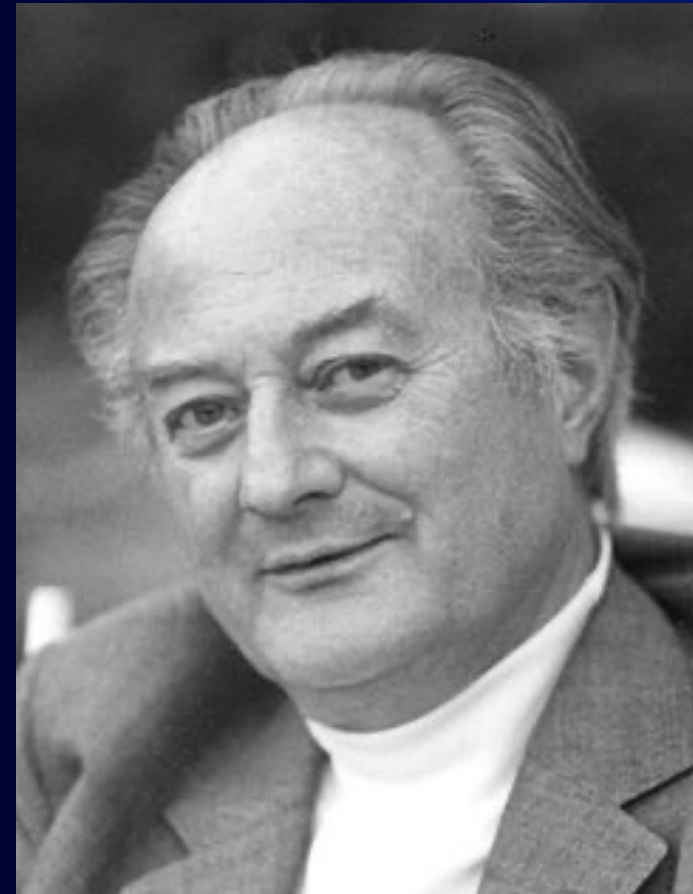
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Hagedorn limiting temperature

Increasing number of hadron production (and decays) in high-energy collisions



Hagedorn statistic boost trap model (1968):

$$\rho(m, V_0) = \delta(m - m_0) + \sum_N \frac{1}{N!} \left[\frac{V_0}{(2\pi)^3} \right]^N \int \prod_{i=1}^N [dm_i \rho(m_i) d^3 p_i] \delta^4 \left(\sum_i p_i - p \right)$$

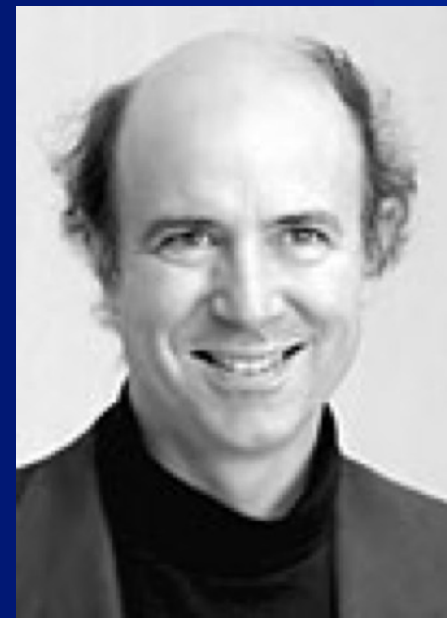
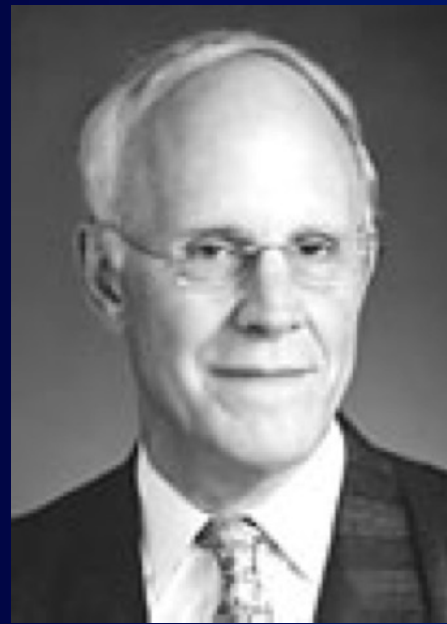
With the solution: $\rho(m, V_0) = \text{const.} m^{-3} e^{m/T_H}$

Partition function of the Hagedorn (hadron) resonance gas (HRG) model:

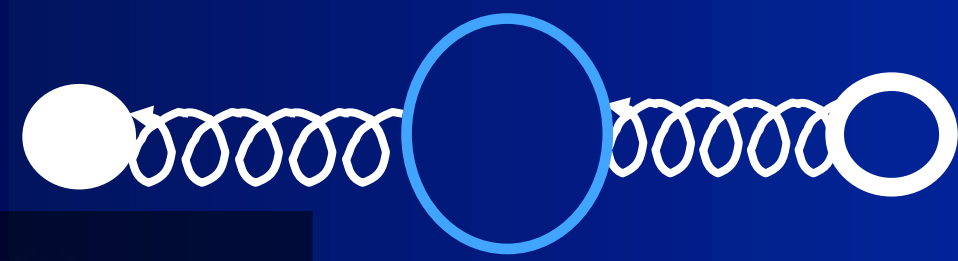
$$\ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V) = \frac{VT}{2\pi^2} \int dm m^2 \rho(m) K_2(m/T) \approx V \left[\frac{T}{2\pi} \right]^{3/2} \int dm m^{-3/2} e^{-m \left[\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_H} \right]} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{when } T > T_H$$

Asymptotic freedom & confinement in QCD

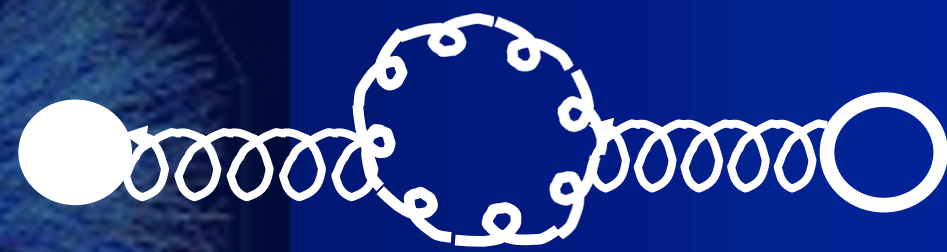
Gross & Wilczek; Politzer (1973)



$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{4\pi/(11 - 2n_f/3)}{\ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)}$$

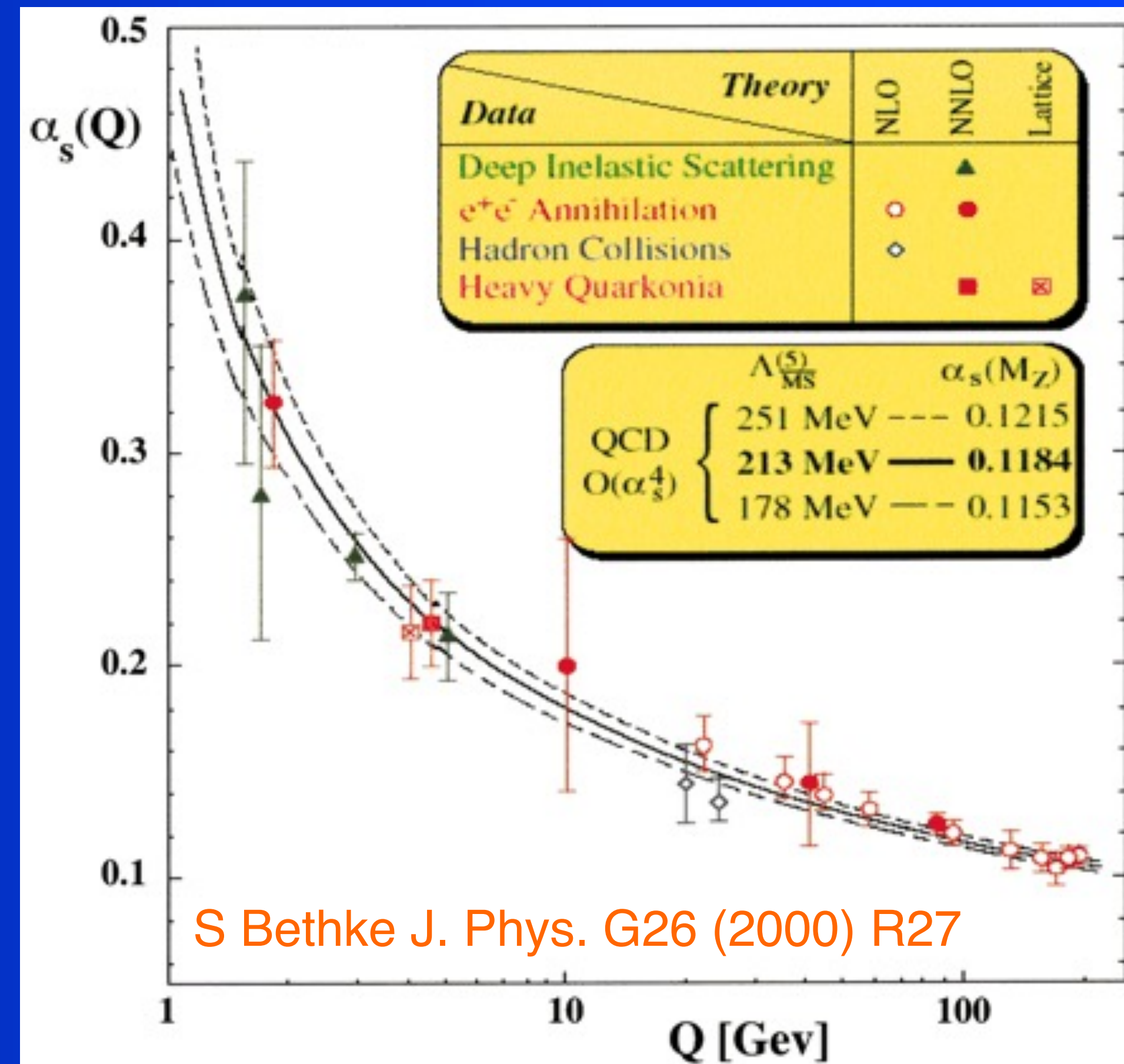


screening



anti-screening

← Confinement



Asymptotically free →

Quark-gluon plasma in a MIT bag model

J Collins and M. Perry (1975) G. Baym and S Chin (1976), E. Shuryak (1978)

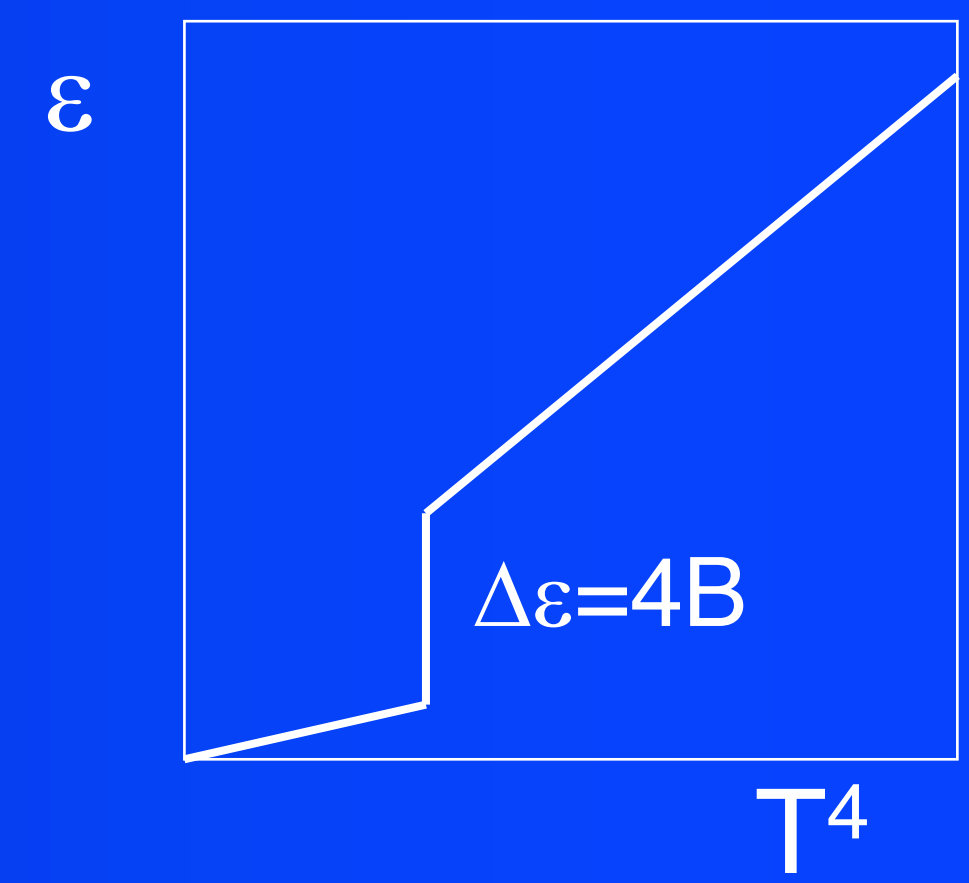
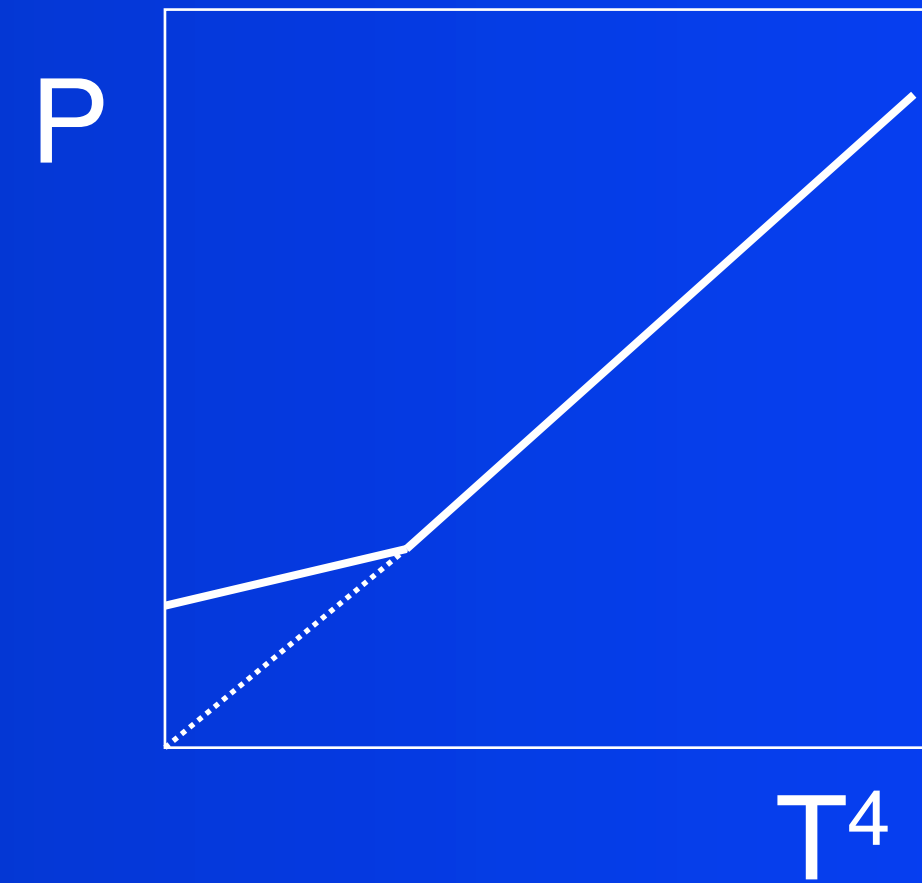
Ideal QGP:

$$\epsilon_{q,g} = 6n_f \frac{7\pi^2}{120} T^4 + 16 \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{q,g} + B \quad P = \frac{1}{3}\epsilon_{q,g} - B$$

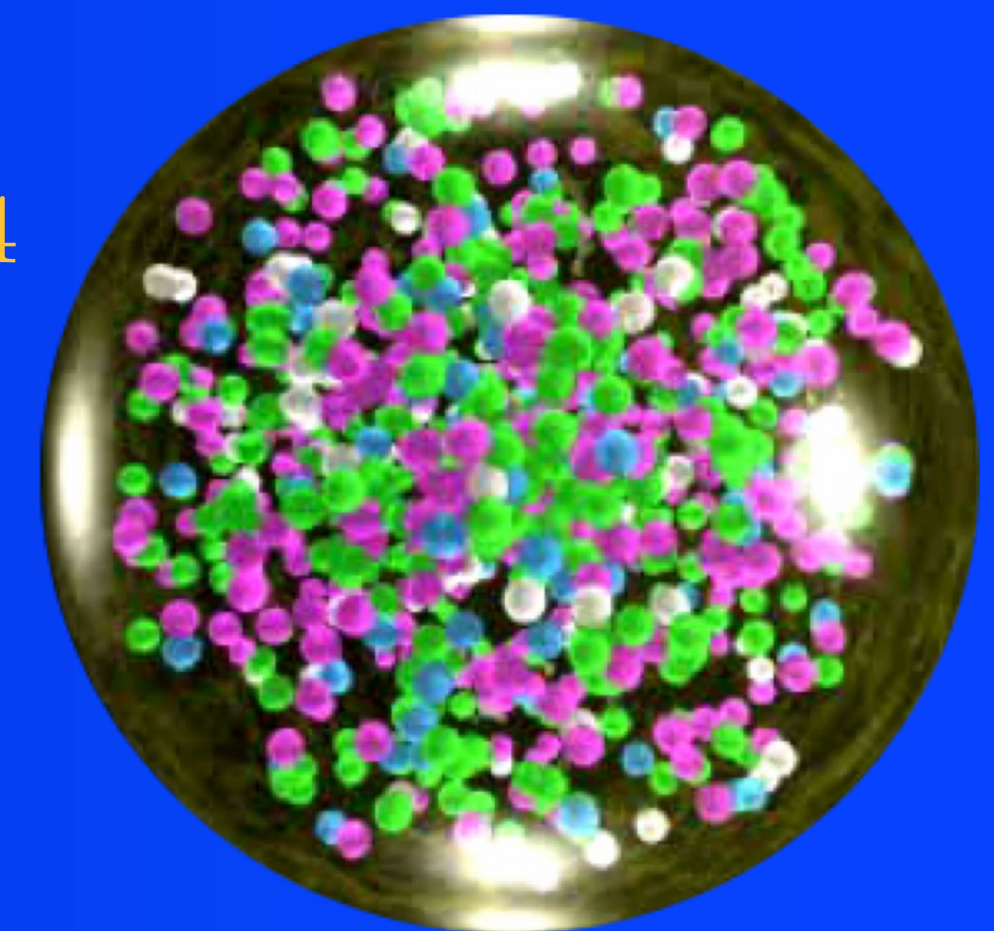
Massless π gas:

$$\epsilon_\pi = 3 \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4 \quad P_\pi = \frac{1}{3}\epsilon_\pi$$



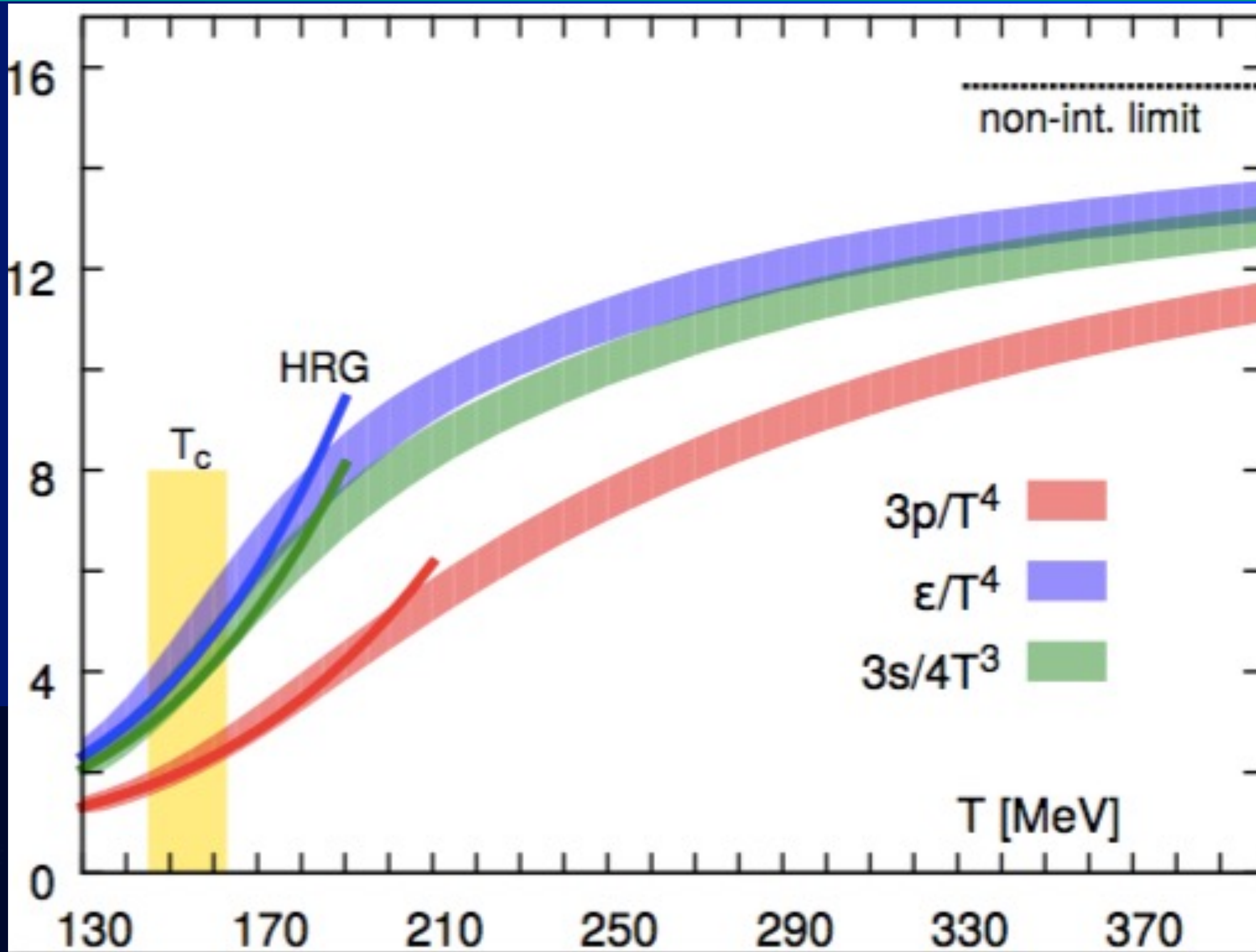
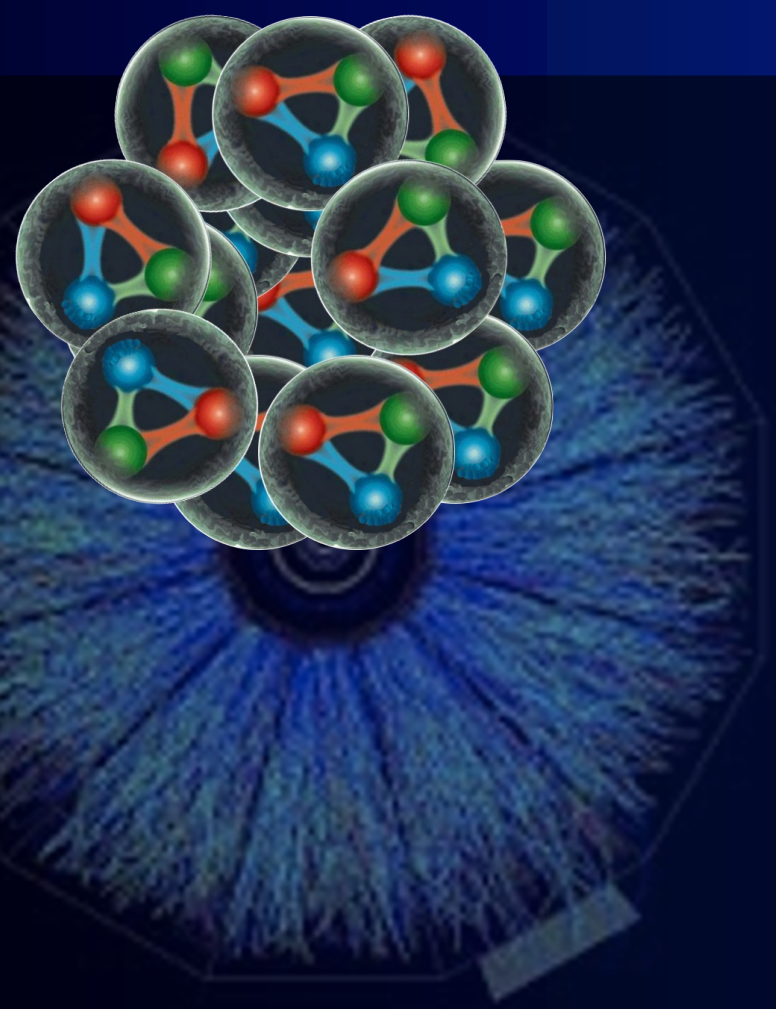
$$P_\pi(T_c) = P_{q+g}(T_c) \quad \longrightarrow \quad T_c \approx 0.72B^{1/4}$$

First-order phase transition

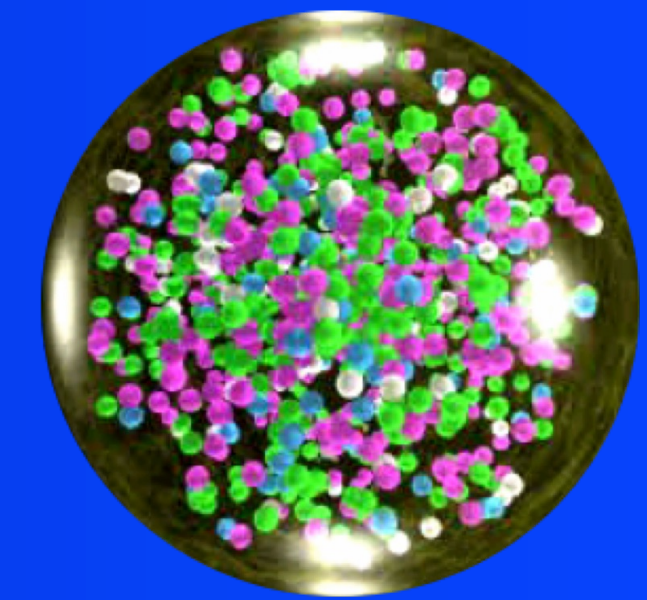


Phase transition in QCD

Normal nuclear matter



$$\epsilon_{SB} = \left[6n_f \frac{7\pi^2}{120} + 16 \frac{\pi^2}{30} \right] T^4$$



Quark gluon plasma

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

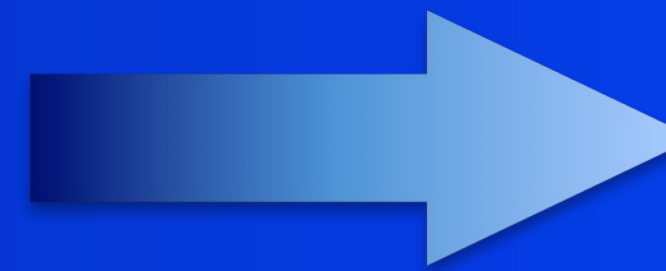
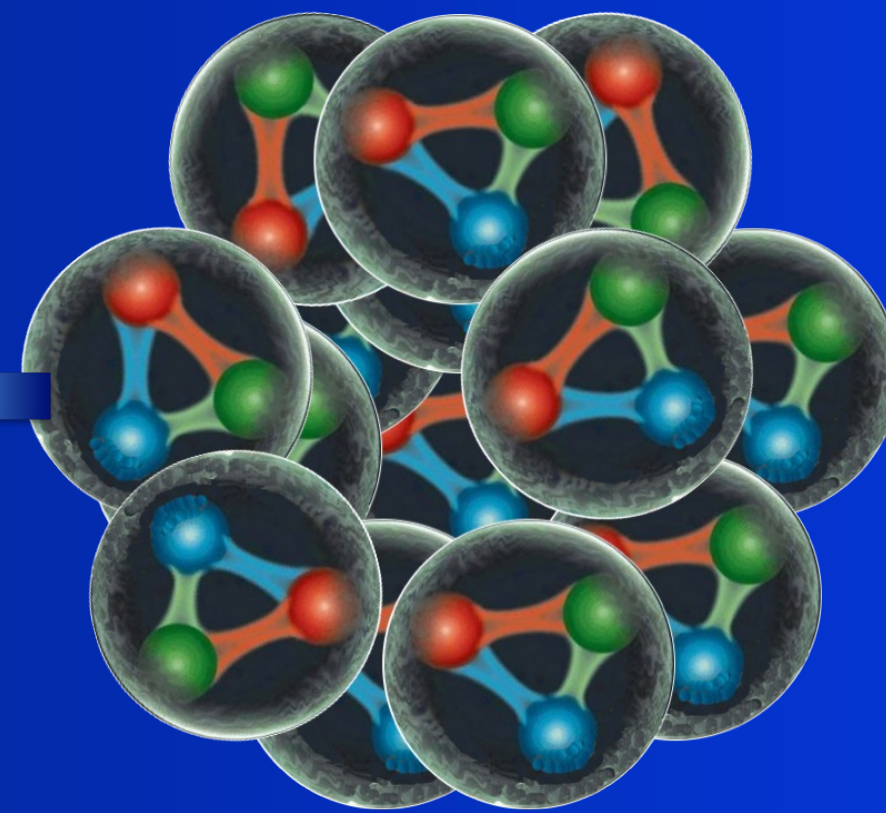
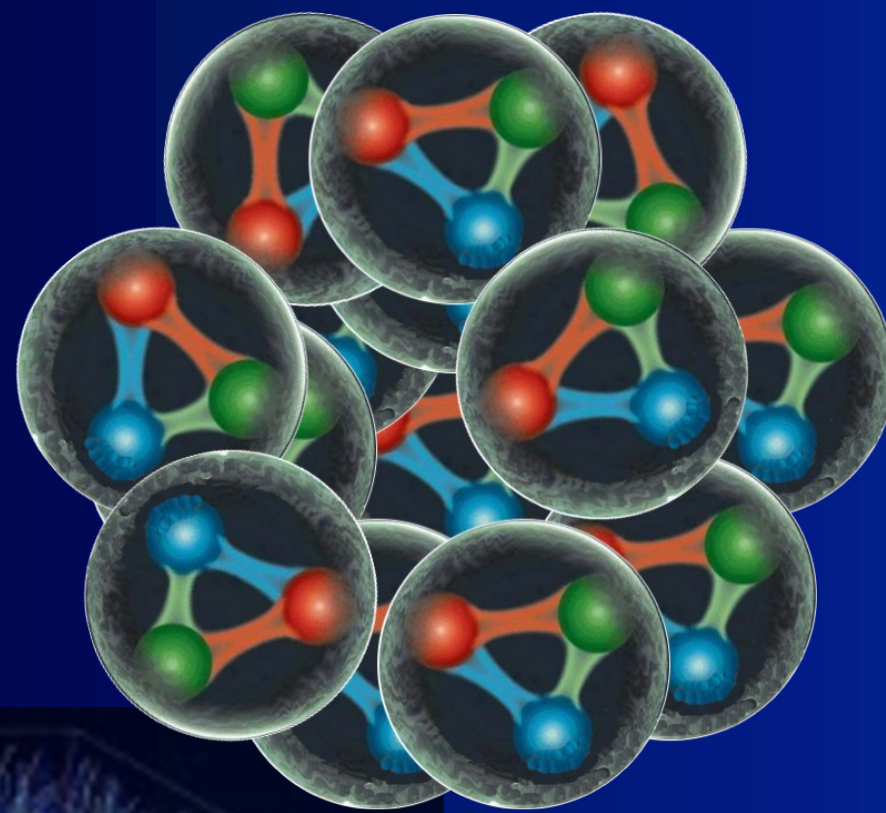
$$\langle \alpha_s F^2 \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

F. Karch et al., 2014

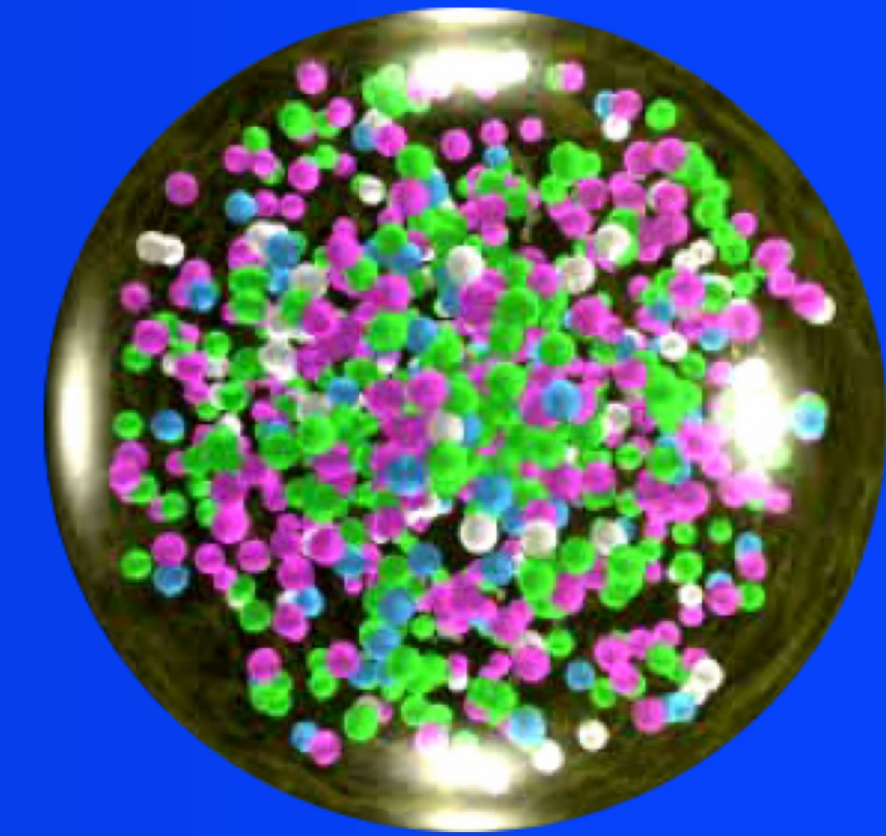
New state of matter: quark-gluon plasma (QGP)

nucleus + nucleus

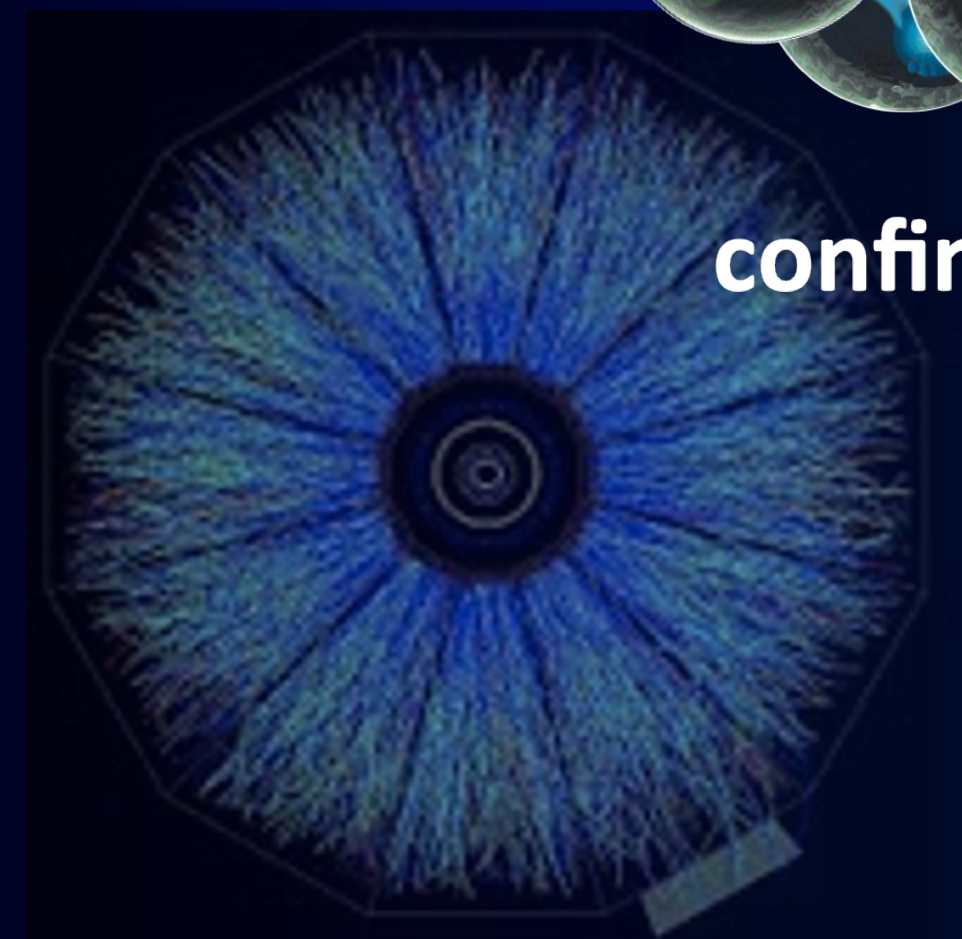
quark-gluon plasma (QGP)



High T, μ

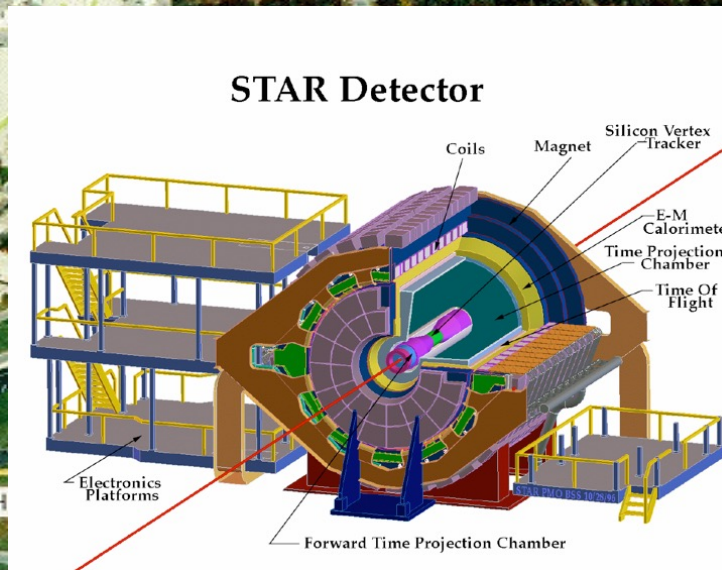


De-confinement



confinement

Relativistic Heavy-ion Collider/Large Hadron Collider



RHIC@BNL:

Proposed ~ 1980

Approved ~ 1990

Operation ~ 2000

Proposed ~ 1990

First results ~ 2010

Quark Matter Conferences



Properties of QGP in A+A Collisions

Multi-messenger study of dynamics and properties of QGP

- Soft probes: collective flow - bulk properties, EoS, transport properties, initial conditions

$$T_{\mu\nu}(x) : T(x), u(x)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} \iff \epsilon, P, s, c_s^2 = \partial p / \partial \epsilon$$

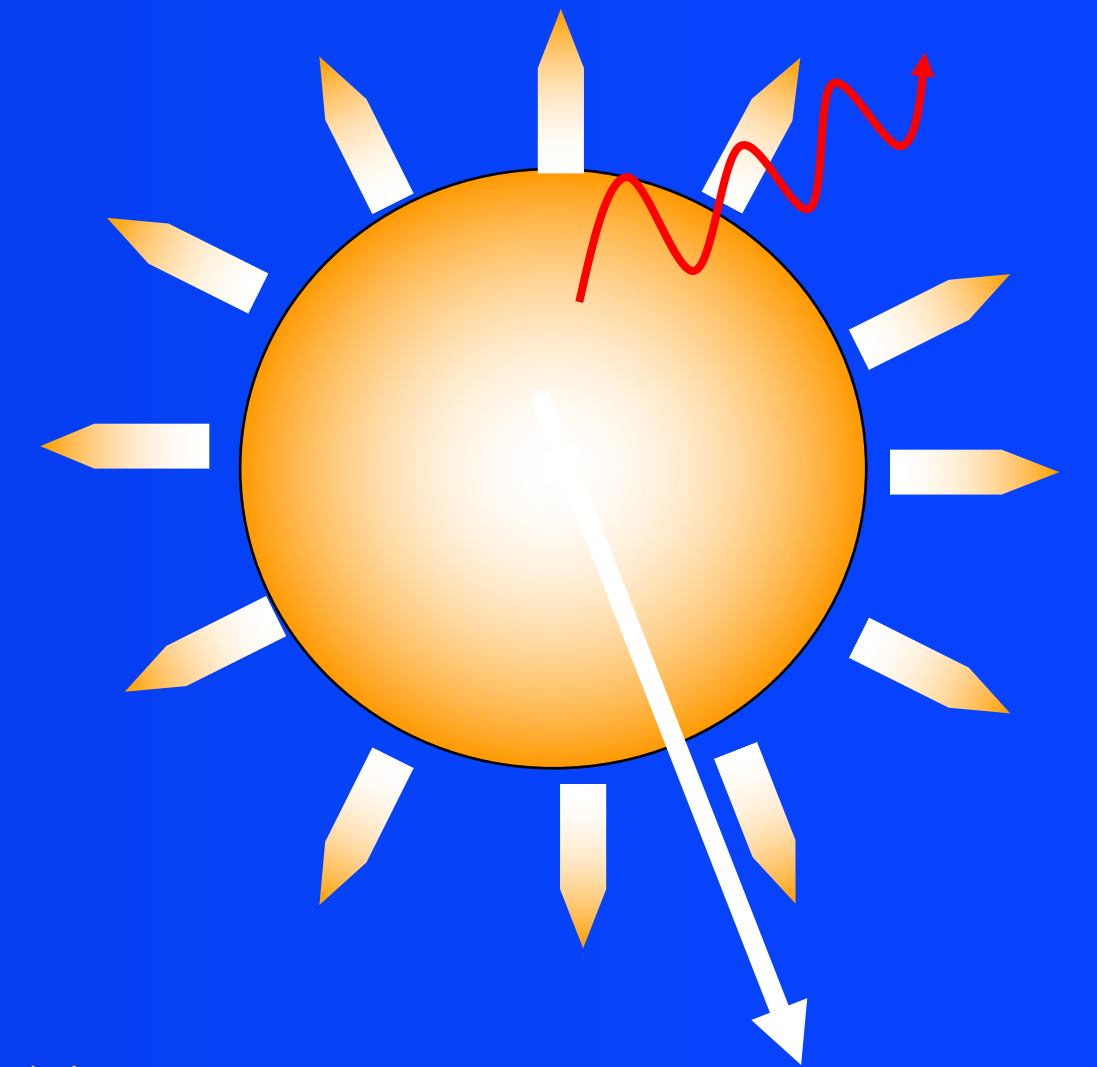
$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\omega} \int dt dx e^{i\omega t} \langle [T_{xy}(0), T_{xy}(x)] \rangle$$

- EM Probes: EM emission – Temperature, EM response, medium modification of resonances

$$W_{\mu\nu}(q) = \int \frac{d^4x}{4\pi} e^{iq \cdot x} \langle j_\mu(0) j_\nu(x) \rangle$$

- Hard probes: Jet quenching, heavy quarks – Jet transport coefficients, diffusion constant

$$\hat{q} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s C_R}{N_c^2 - 1} \int \frac{dy^-}{\pi} \langle F^{\sigma+}(0) F_\sigma^+(y) \rangle$$



Collective flow of QGP

- Hydrodynamics:

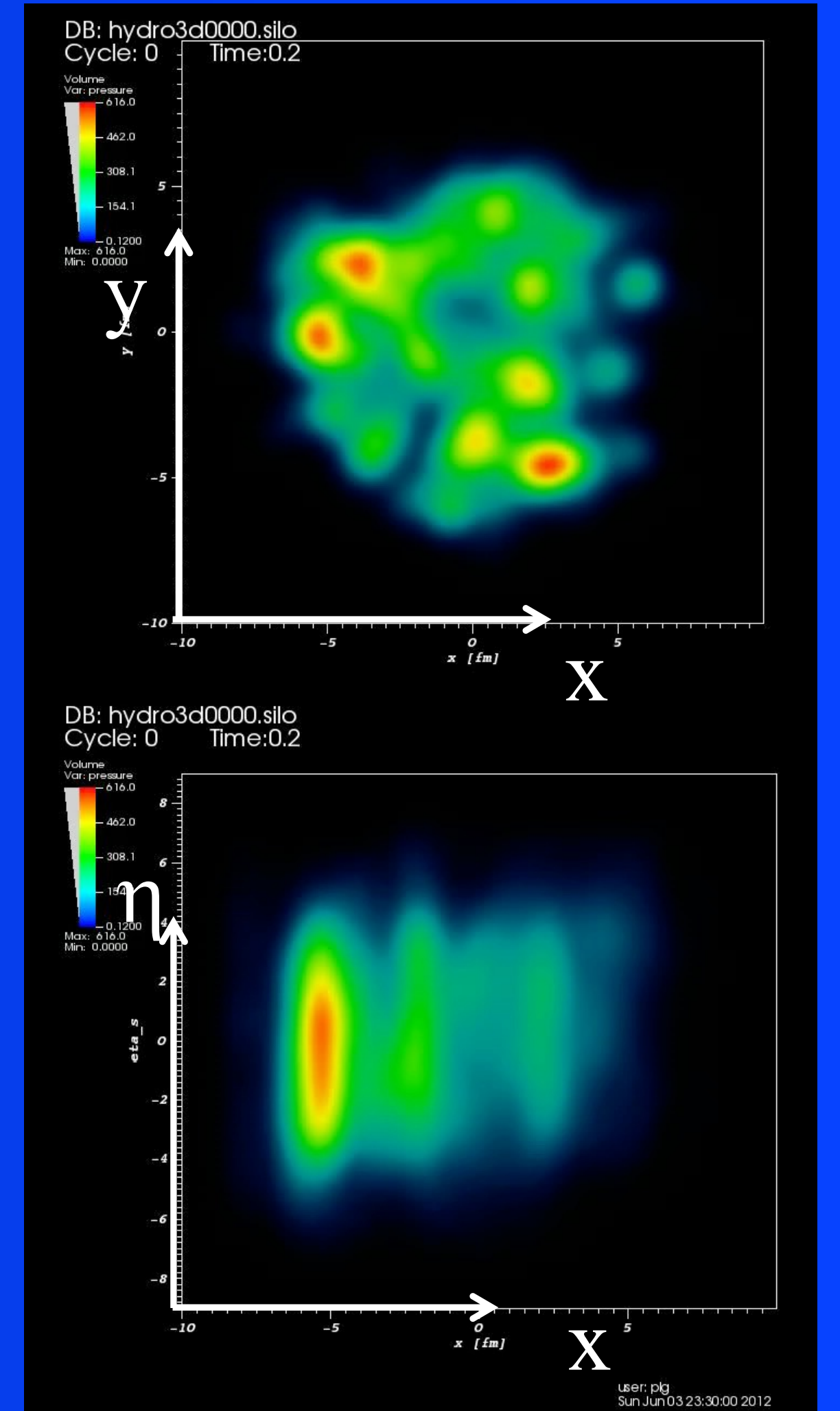
$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + P)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - Pg^{\mu\nu} + \Delta T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Delta T^{\mu\nu} = \eta(\Delta^{\mu}u^{\nu} + \Delta^{\nu}u^{\mu}) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\eta - \zeta\right)H^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\rho}u^{\rho}$$

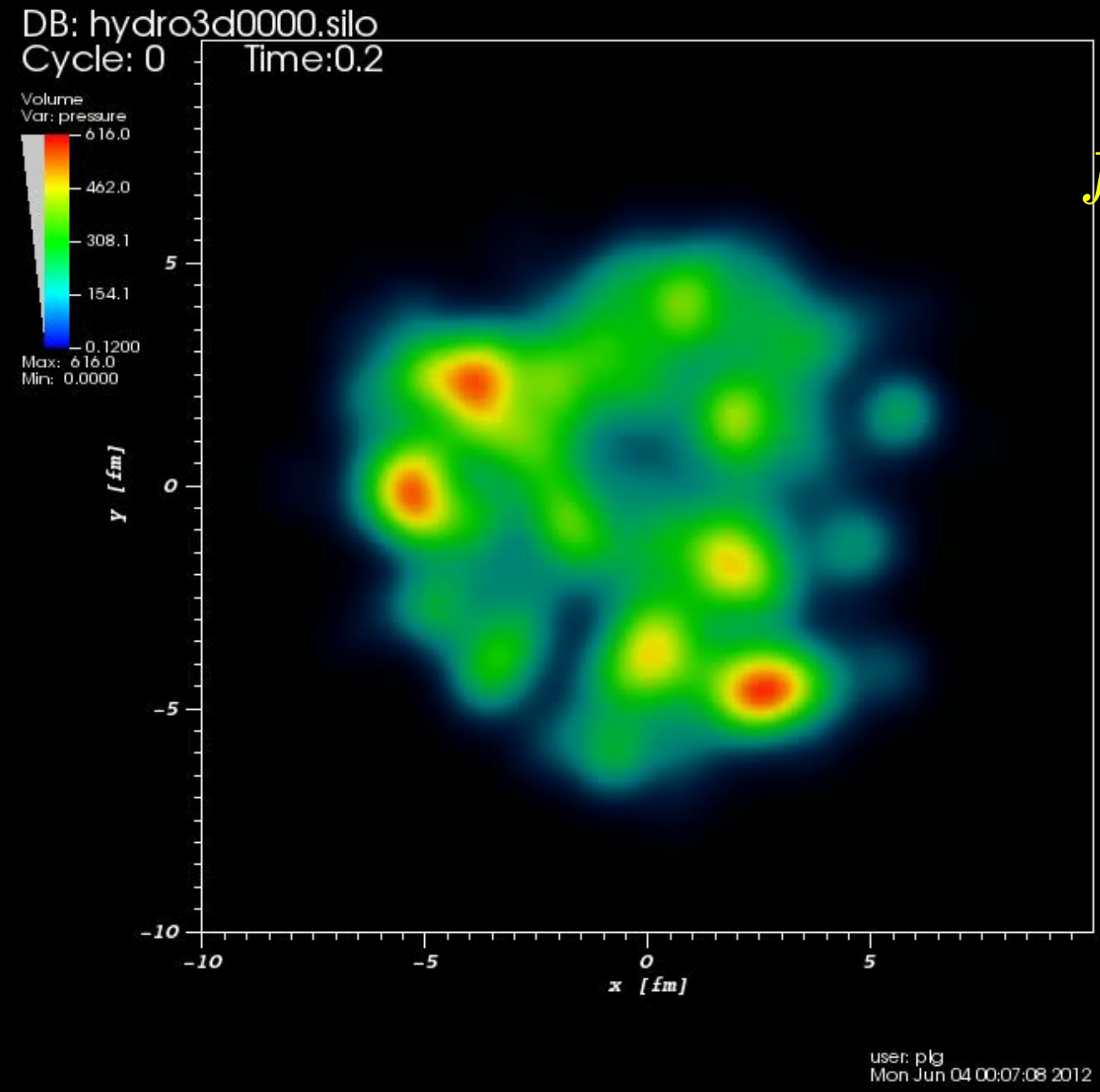
- a low-momentum effective theory
- Inputs from first principle QCD (lattice QCD)
EoS $p(\epsilon)$, transport coefficients $\xi(T)$, $\zeta(T)$ (??)
- Initial condition: parton prod. & thermalization

Initial thermalization: hydrodynamic attractors, hydrodynamization, anisotropic hydrodynamics, kinetic theory, etc



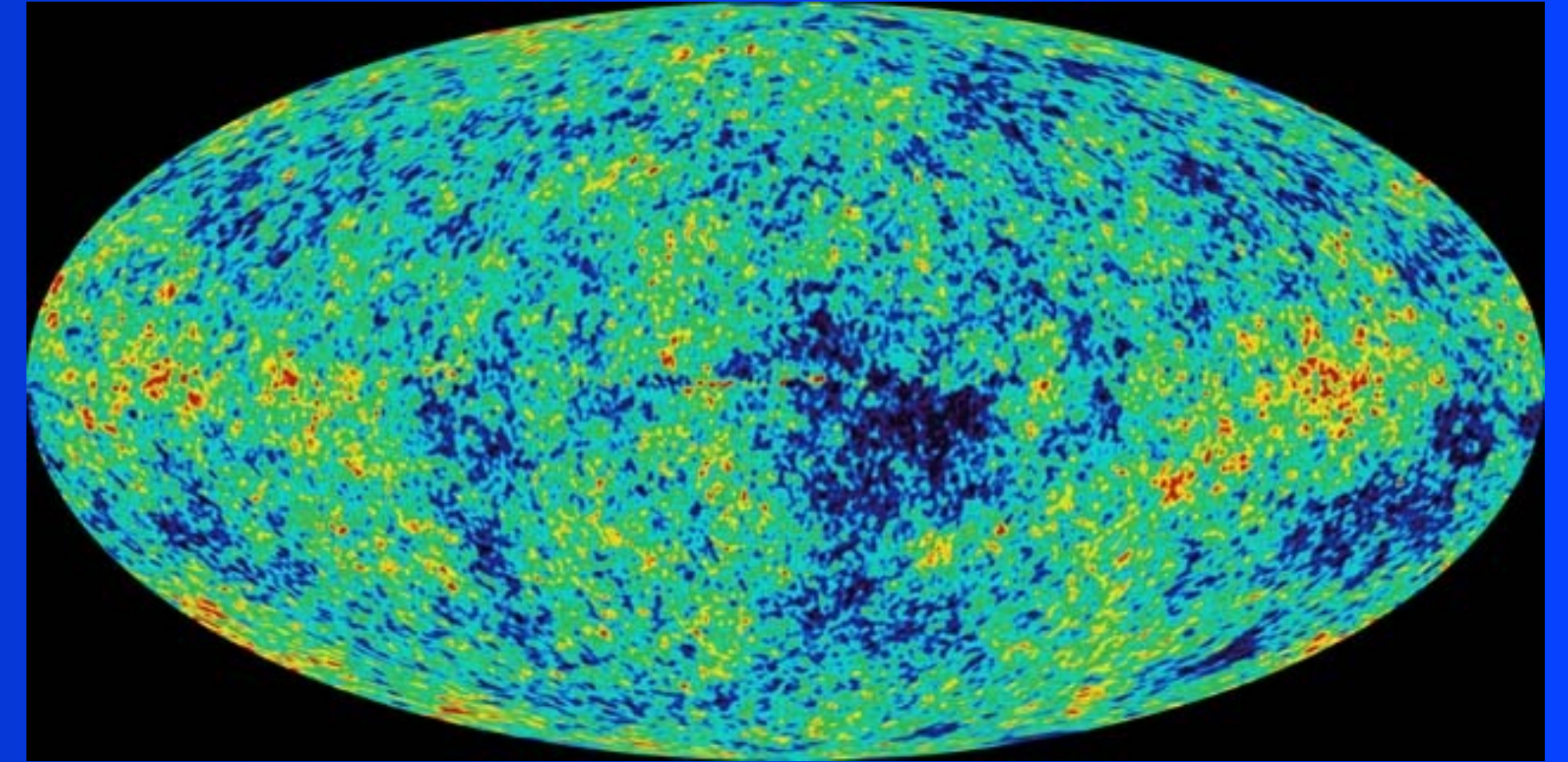
(3+1)D viscous hydro (CLVisc) with AMPT initial condition

“CMB” of the little bang: Anisotropic flow of QGP

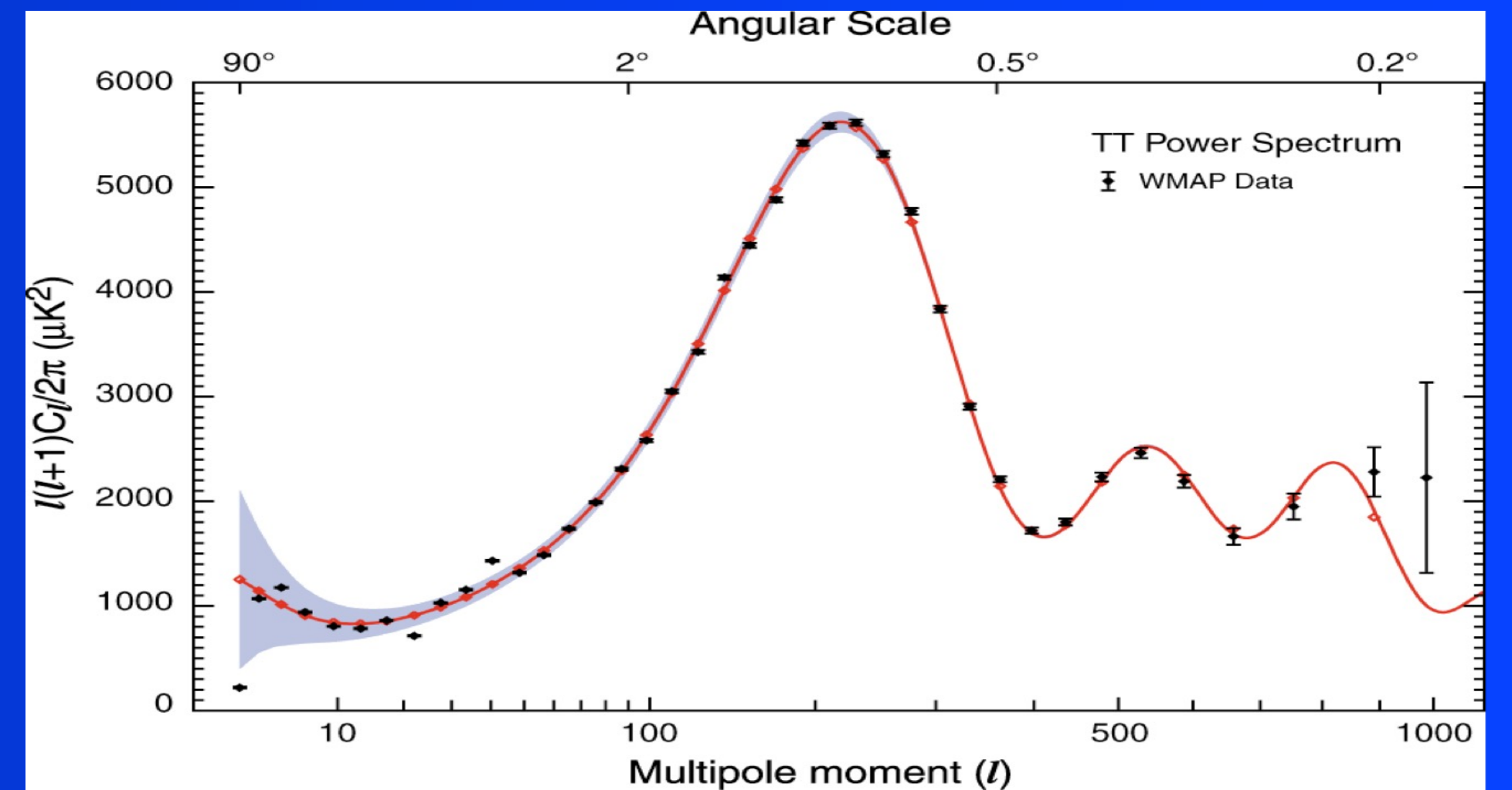
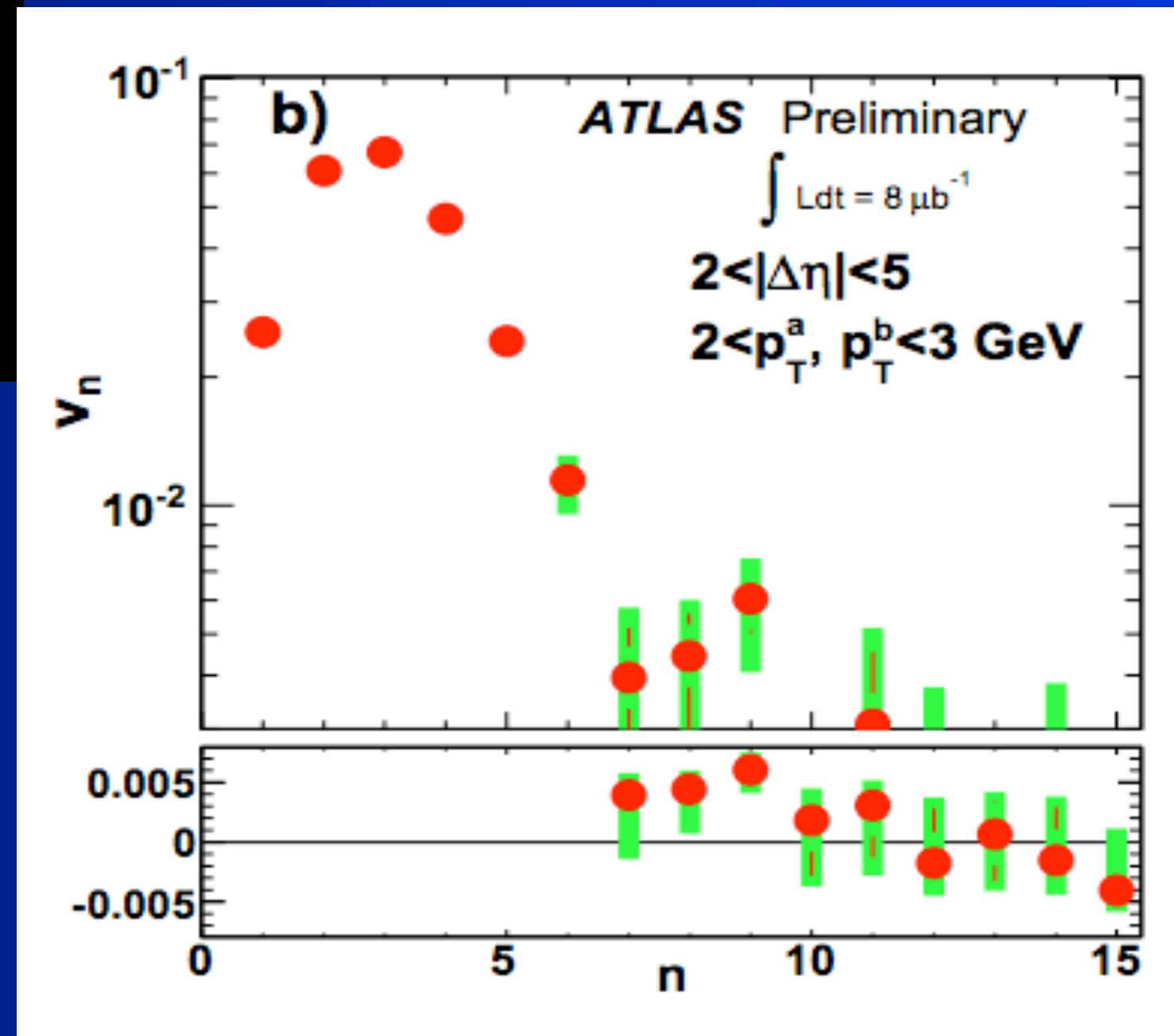


$$f(\phi) = f_0 \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1} v_n \cos n(\phi - \Psi_n) \right]$$

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \arctan \frac{\langle p_T \sin(n\phi) \rangle}{\langle p_T \cos(n\phi) \rangle}$$



Anisotropy in CMB



$$V_n \sim \kappa \varepsilon_n$$

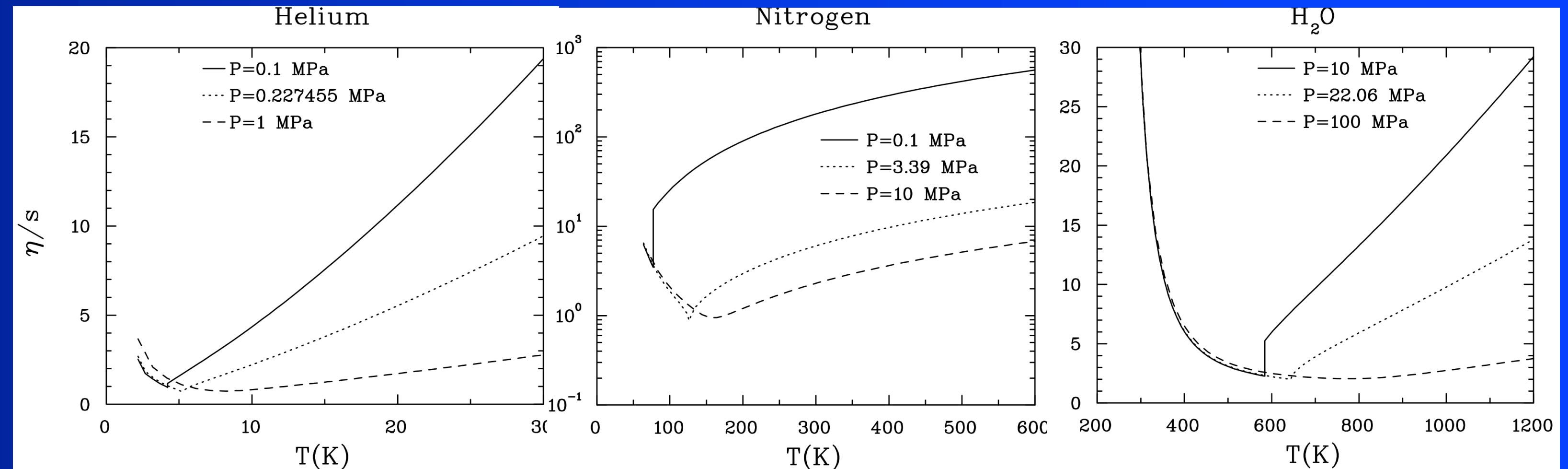
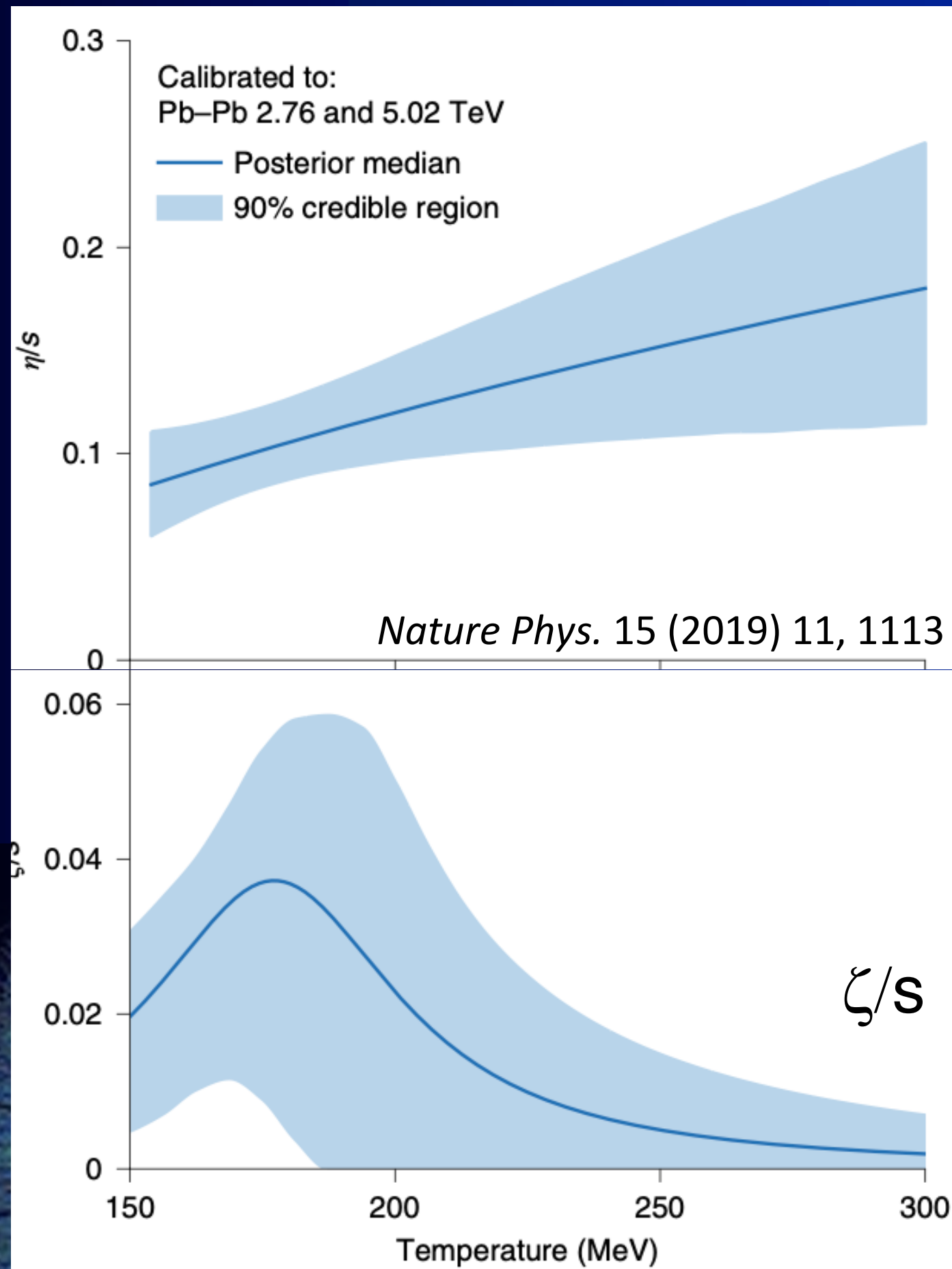
ε_n : Initial geometrical anisotropy

κ : Encodes transport coefficients

QGP: the most perfect fluid

η/s Bayesian inference:

$$\mathcal{P}^{(i)}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}^{(i)}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}|\mathbf{x})\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x})}{\mathcal{P}^{(i)}(\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}})}$$



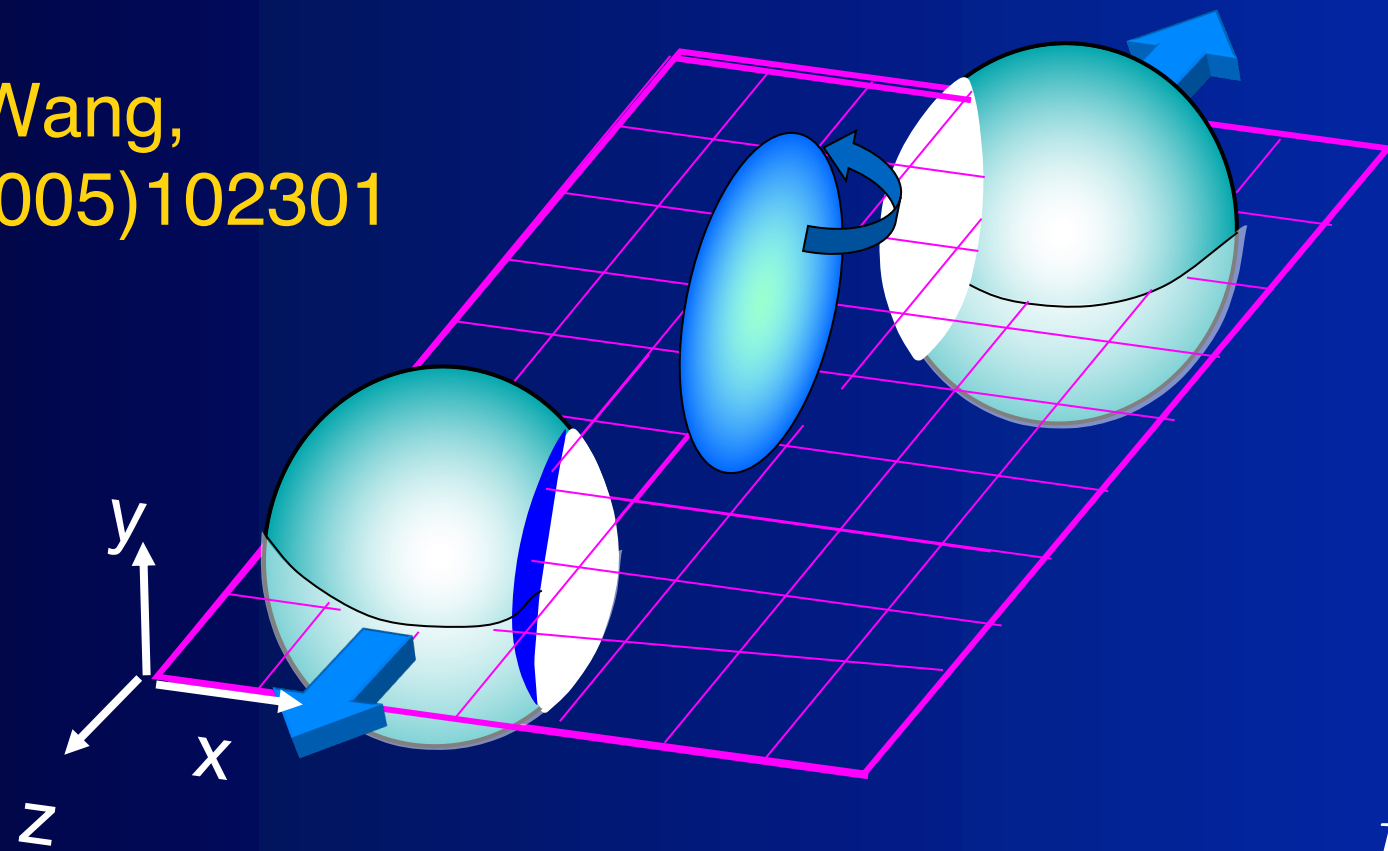
Csernai, Kapusta and McLerran, PRL 97, 152303 (2006)

AdS/CFT limit: $1/4\pi \sim 0.08$

Kovtun, Son and Starinets, PRL 94, 111601 (2005)

Spin dynamics in heavy-ion collisions

Liang & Wang,
PRL94(2005)102301



Single scattering:

$$P_q \approx -\pi \frac{\mu p}{m_q^2} \sim \frac{\omega}{T}$$

In equilibrium:

$$P_{q(\bar{q})}^\mu \approx \frac{1}{4m_q} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left[\omega_{\rho\sigma} \pm \frac{e_q}{(u \cdot p)T} F_{\rho\sigma} \right] p_\nu$$

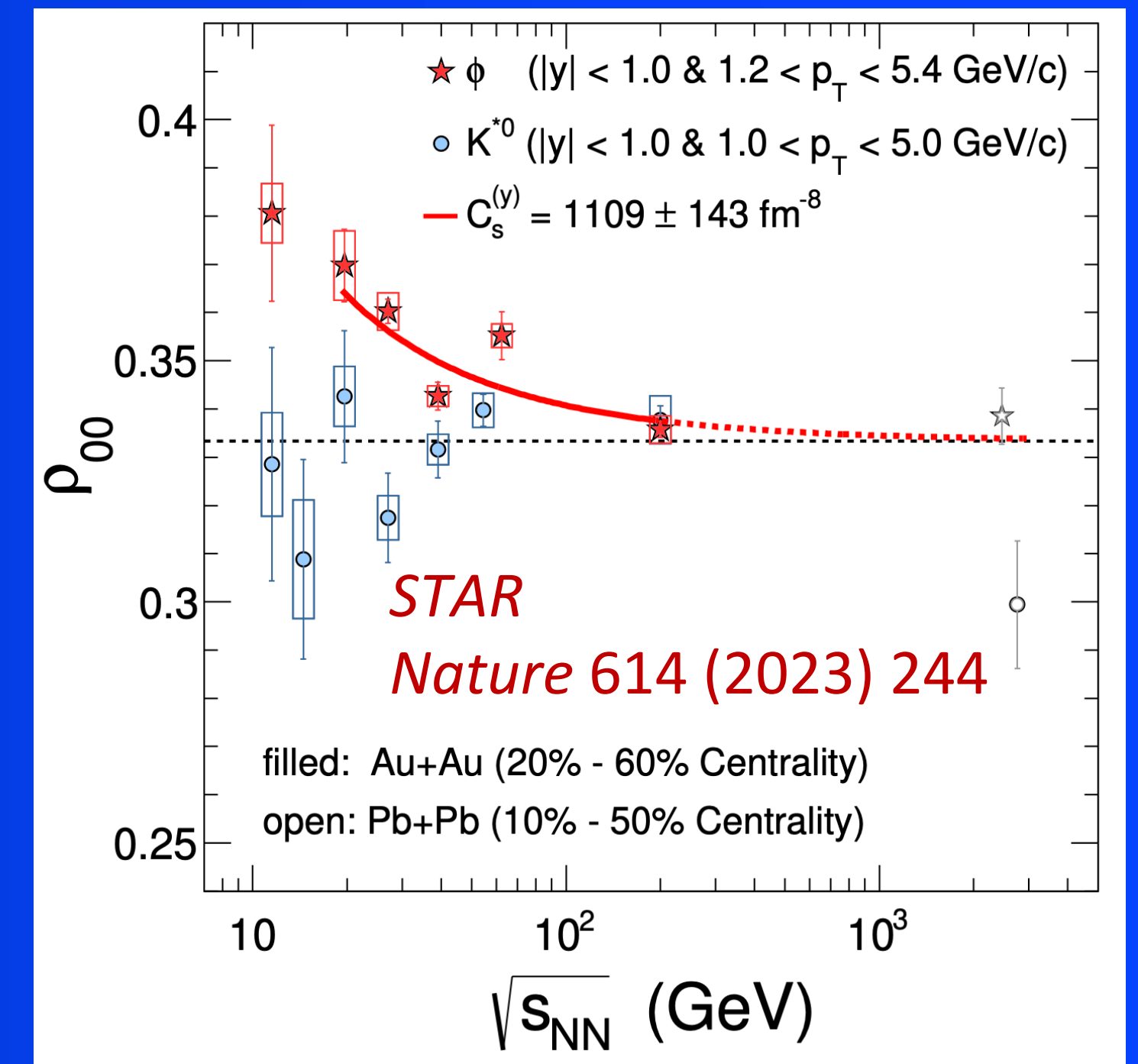
F. Becattini et al, *Annals Phys.* 338, 32 (2013)

$$P_\Lambda = P_s \quad (\text{quark model})$$

$$\omega \sim 10^{19} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

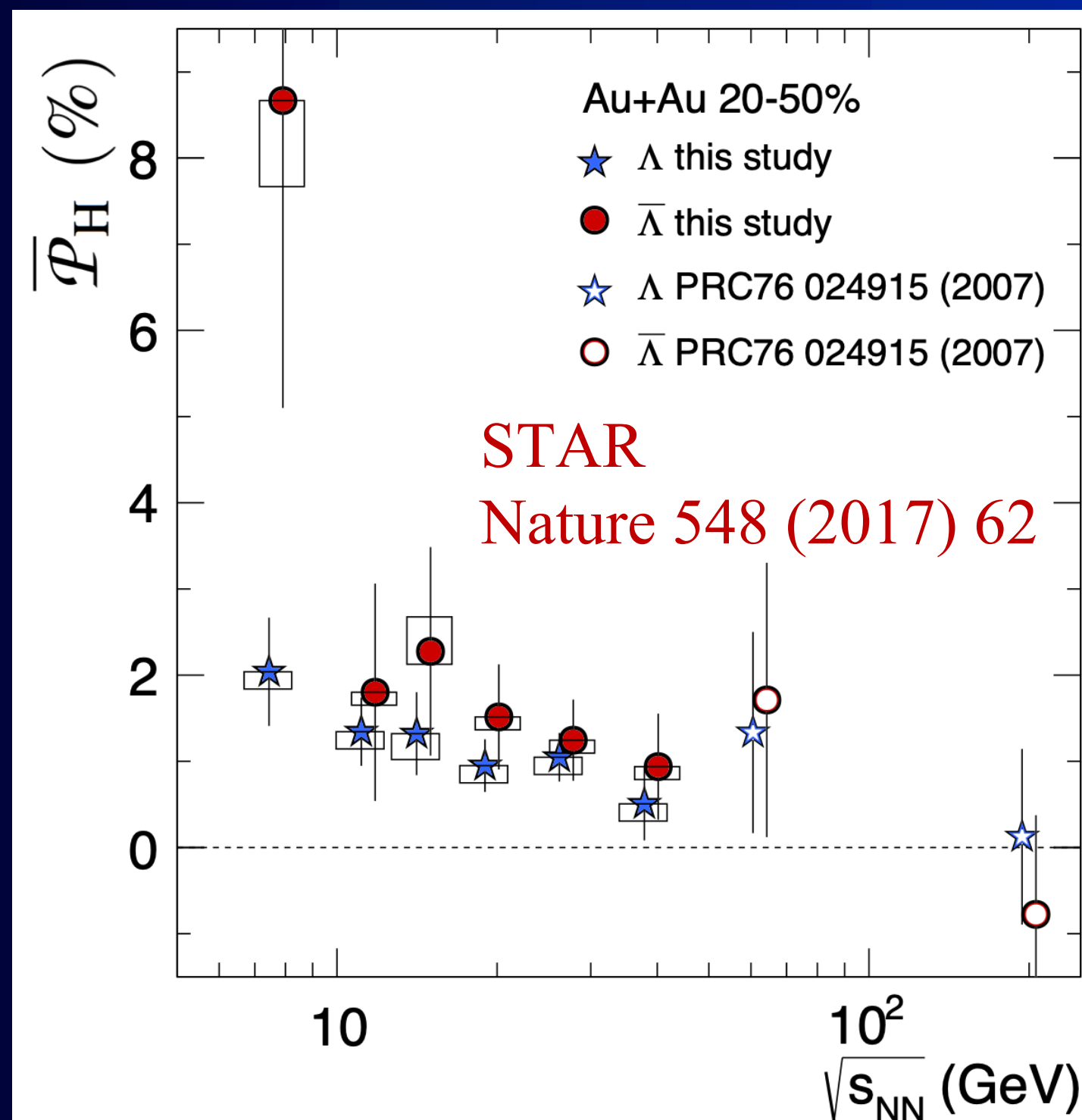
The most vortical fluid!

Vector meson spin alignment



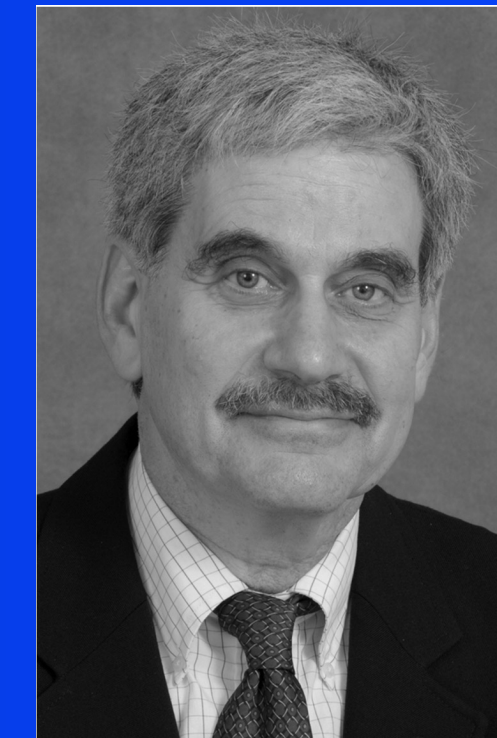
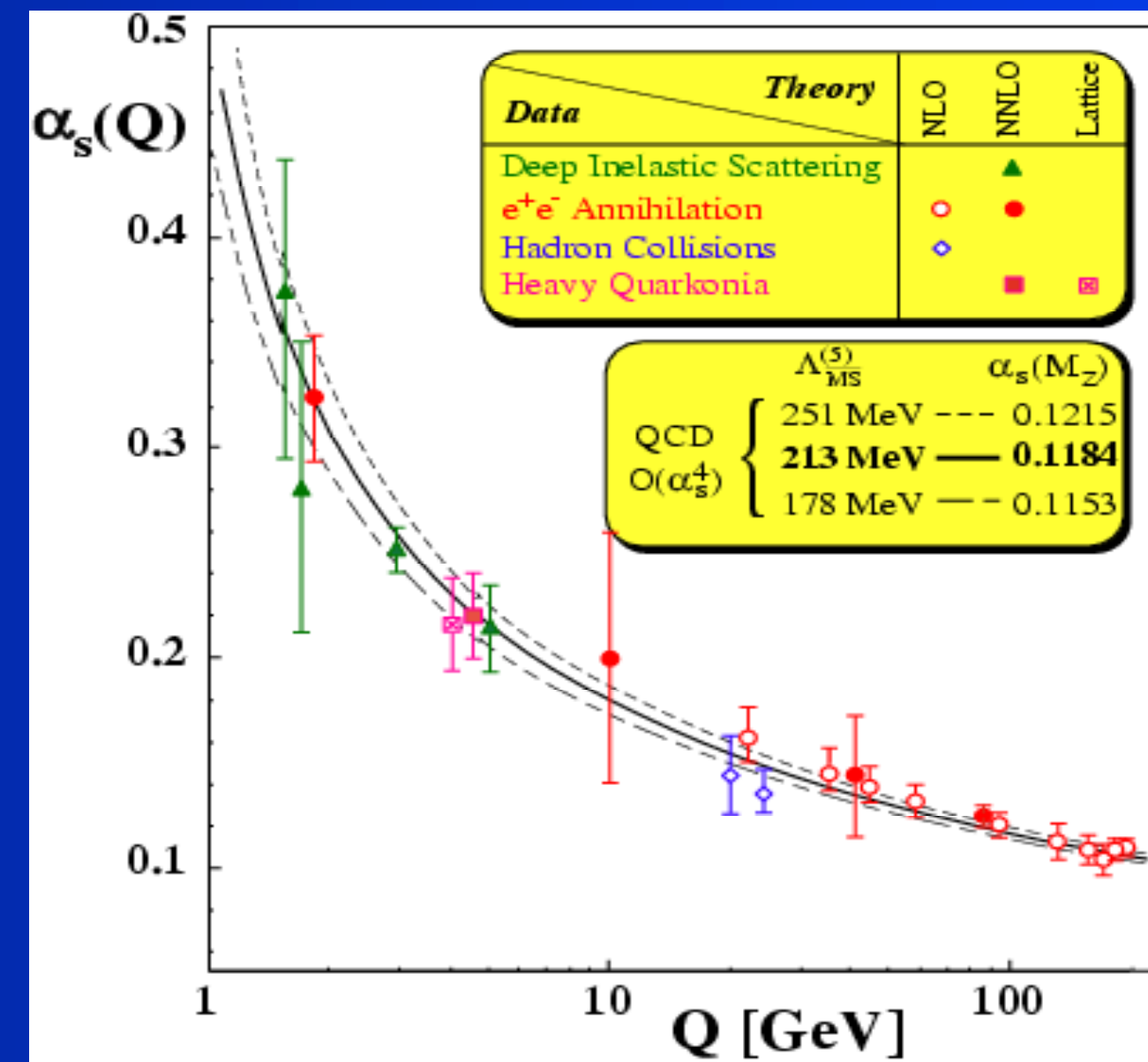
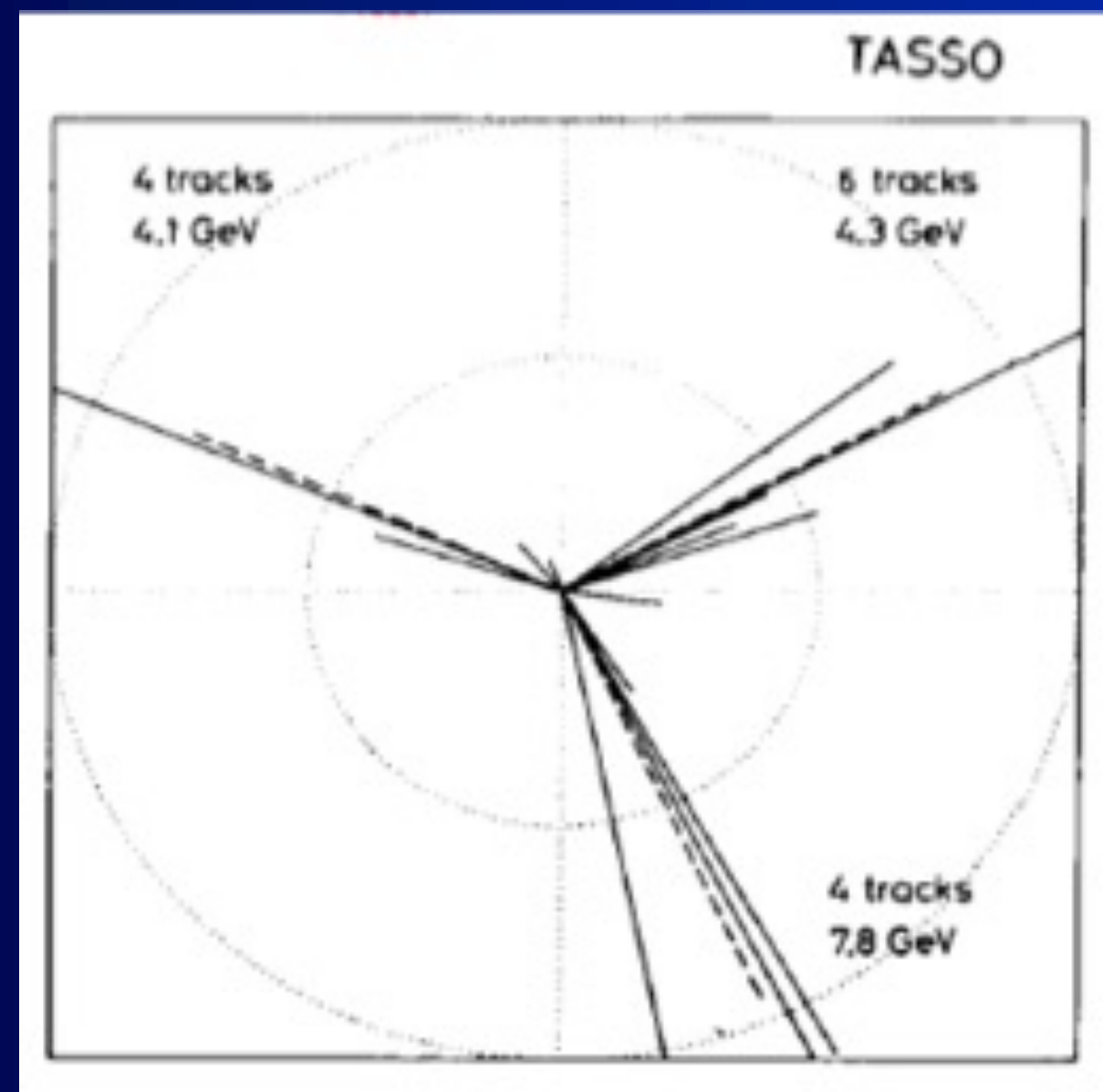
$$\rho_{00} \approx \frac{1}{3} + \frac{g_\phi^2}{m_\phi^2 T_{\text{eff}}^2} (C_1 B^2 \phi + C_2 E_\phi^2)$$

Sheng, Oliva, Liang, Wang & XNW,
PRL. 131 (2023) 4, 042304



Jets in high-energy collisions

- Partons in QCD: Ellis, Gaillard & Ross (1976), Feymann & Fields, Georgi & Machacek (1977)
- Jets in QCD: Sterman & Weinberg (1977)



Sterman

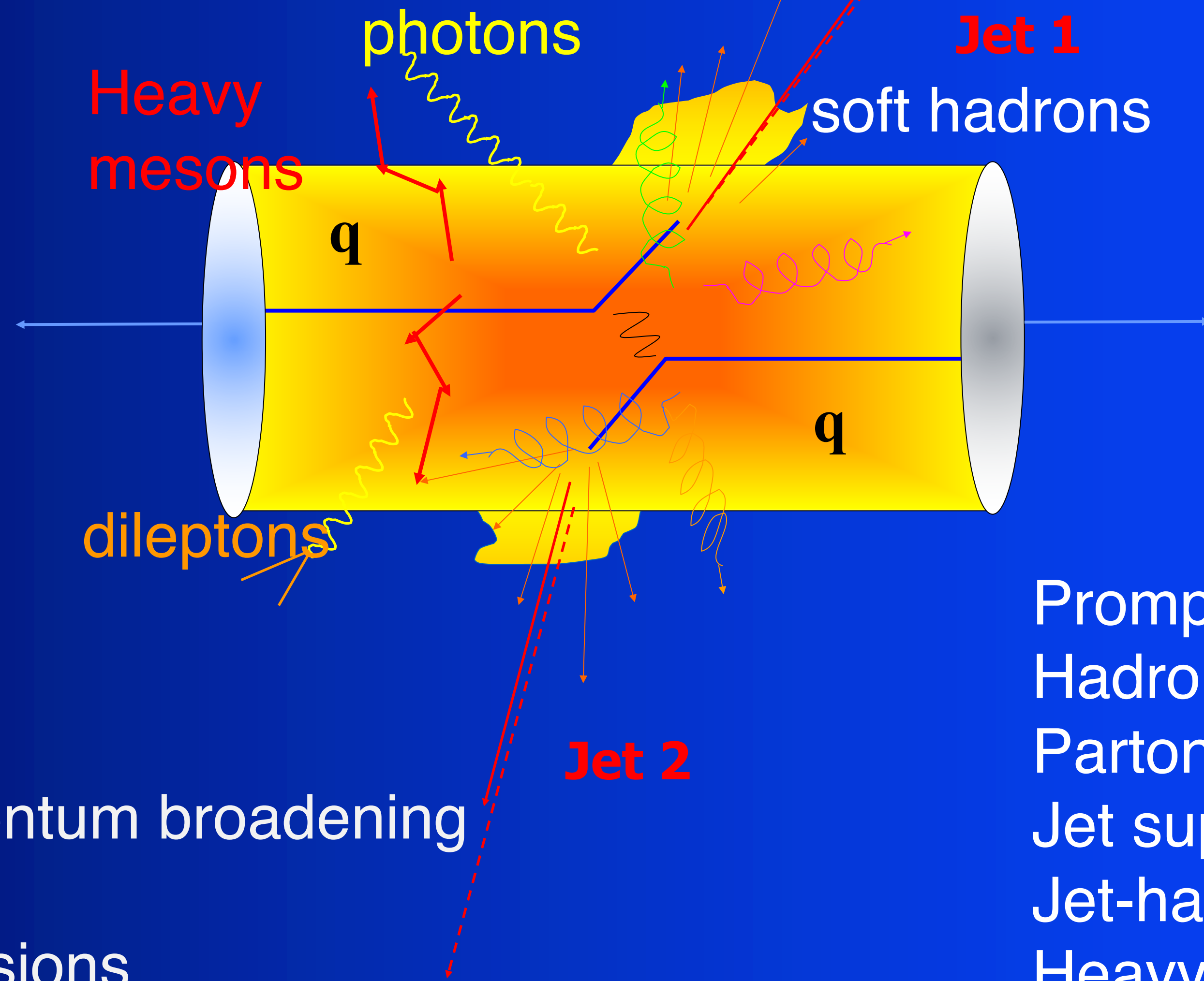


Weinberg

S Bethke J. Phys. G26 (2000) R27

Powerful tools for studying QGP in heavy-ion experiments

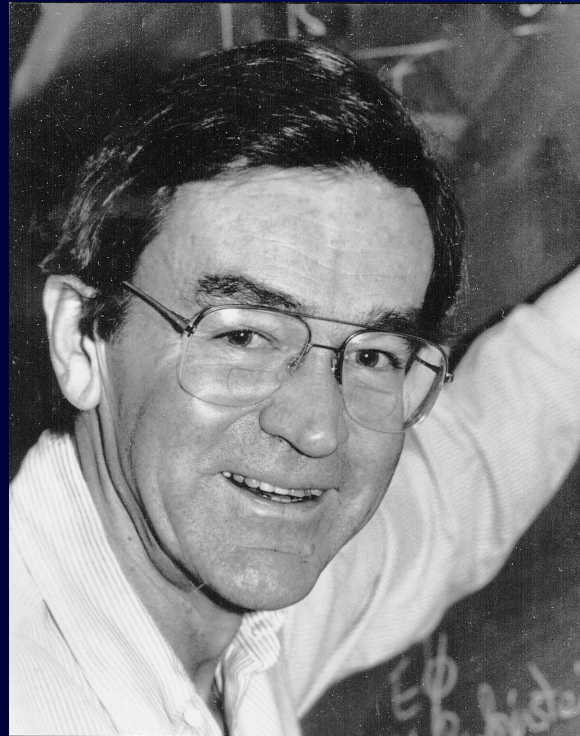
Hard and EM probes in heavy-ion collisions



EM response
Multiple scattering
Transverse momentum broadening
Medium response
Heavy quark diffusions

Prompt γ emission
Hadron properties in medium
Parton energy loss
Jet suppression
Jet-hadron correlation
Heavy meson modification

Parton propagation in QCD medium



Elastic parton energy loss:

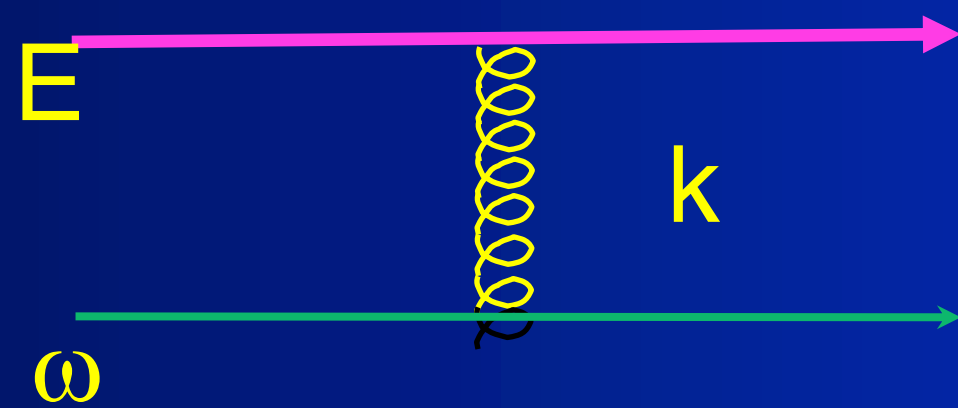
Bjorken (1982)

Thoma & Gyulassy (1990)

$$\frac{dE_{el}^a}{dx} = \sum_b \int d\omega f_b(\omega/T) \int dk_{\perp}^2 \frac{d\sigma_{ab}}{dk_{\perp}^2} k_0$$

$$k_0 \approx k_{\perp}^2 / 2\omega$$

$$\approx C_a \frac{3\pi}{2} \alpha_s^2 T^2 \log \frac{2.6ET}{4\mu_D^2}$$



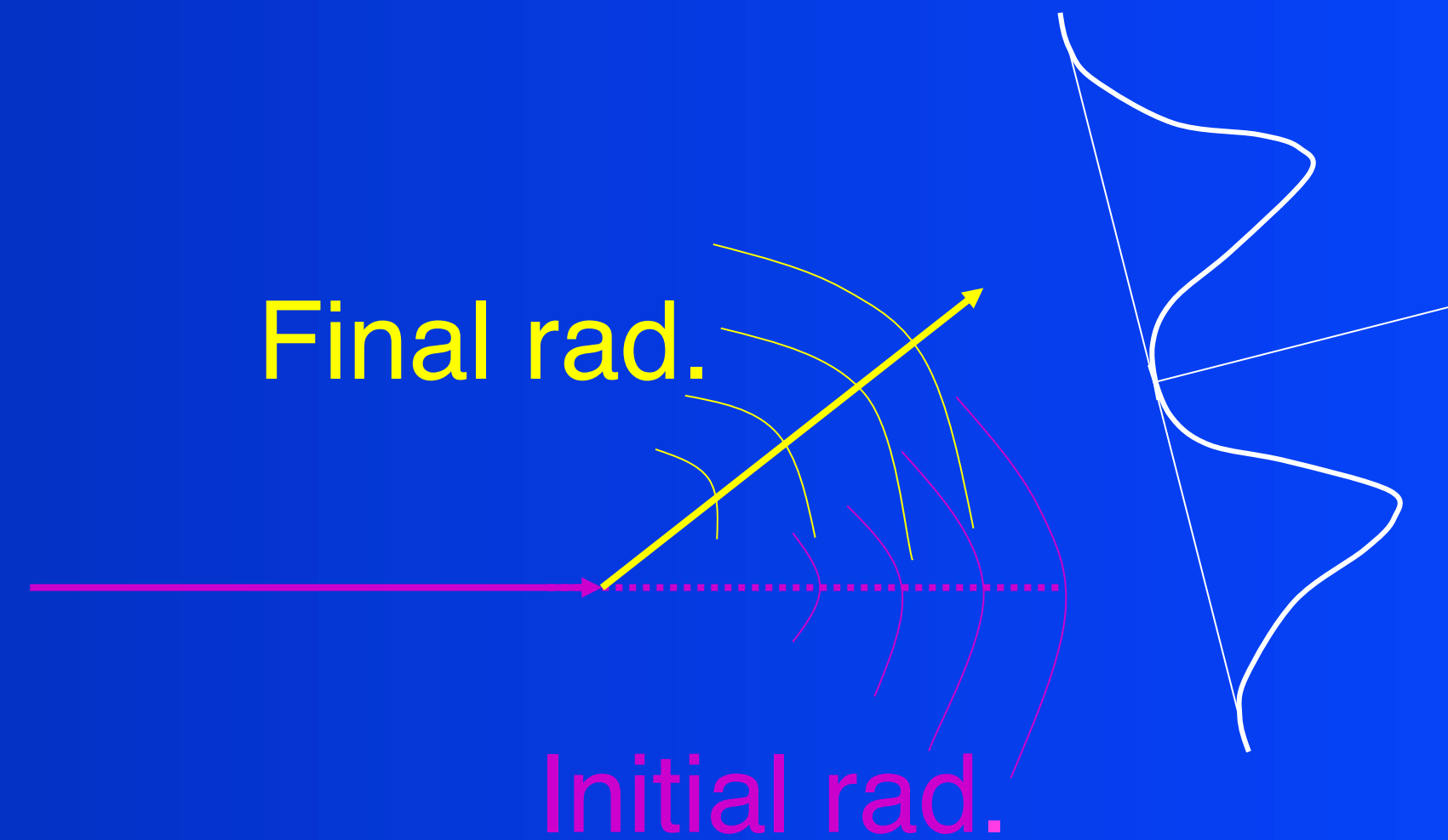
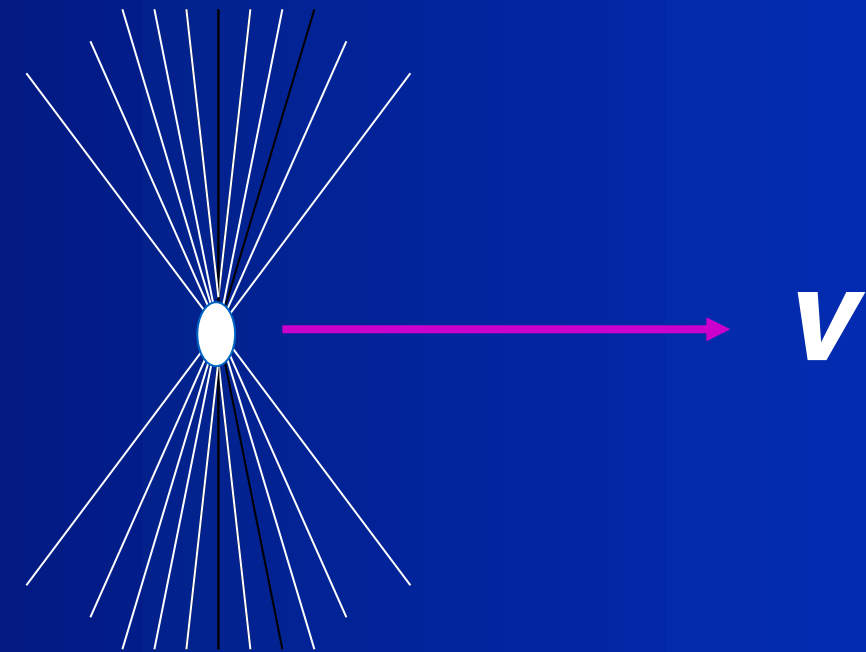
Inelastic parton energy loss:

Gyulassy & XNW (1994),

BDMPS (1995), Zakharov (1996)

EM Radiation: Single scattering

EM field carried by a fast charge particle before and after scattering



EM Radiation by scattering:

Interference between initial and final state radiation

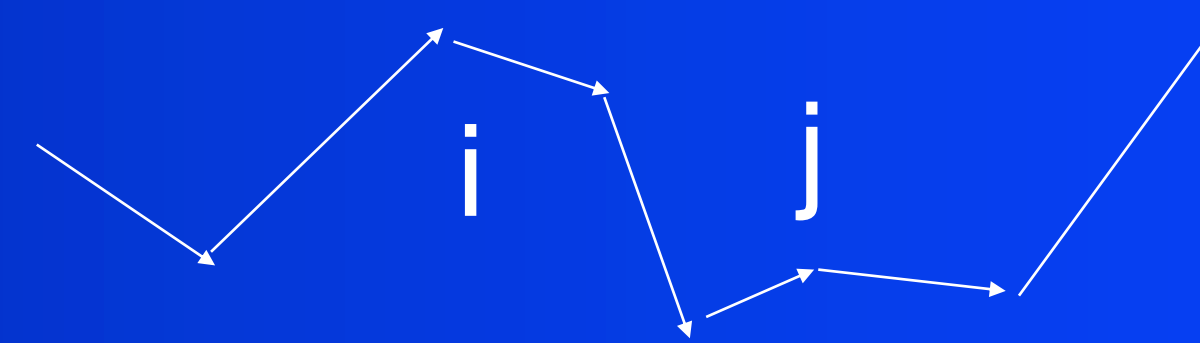
$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \approx \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \left[\ln \frac{2E^2(1 - \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_f)}{m^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$\omega \frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \left| \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{v}_i}{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_i - \omega} - \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{v}_f}{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_f - \omega} \right|^2$$

Bethe Heitler

EM Radiation: multiple scattering

Classical radiation of a point charge (**Jackson, p671**)



$$\omega \frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \left| \sum_i \left(\frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{v}_i}{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_i - \omega} - \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{v}_{i+1}}{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_{i+1} - \omega} \right) e^{i(\omega t_i - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i)} \right|^2$$

Lorentz Invariant form:

$$\omega \frac{d^3 I}{d^3 k} = \frac{e^2}{2(2\pi)^3} \sum_\lambda \left| \varepsilon_\lambda(k) \cdot \sum_i J_i(k) e^{ik \cdot x_i} \right|^2$$

$$J_i^\mu(k) = \frac{p_{i-1}^\mu}{k \cdot p_{i-1}} - \frac{p_i^\mu}{k \cdot p_i}$$

EM current of a charged through a scattering

Two Limits: (In)coherent radiation

$$\exp[ik \cdot (x_i - x_j)] = \exp[i\Delta x_{ij}/\tau_f]$$

$$\tau_f = \frac{1}{\omega(1 - \cos \theta)} \approx \frac{2}{\omega\theta^2}$$

Photon formation time:

Coherent Limit:

$$\tau_f \gg \Delta x_{ij}$$

single coherent scattering

$$J_\mu(k) = \sum_i \left(\frac{p_{i-1}}{k \cdot p_{i-1}} - \frac{p_i}{k \cdot p_i} \right) e^{ik \cdot x_i} \approx \frac{p_1}{k \cdot p_1} - \frac{p_N}{k \cdot p_N}$$

Incoherent Bethe Heitler Limit:

$$\tau_f \ll \Delta x_{ij}$$

$$\omega \frac{d^3 I}{d^3 k} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2} \left[\sum_{i,\lambda} |\varepsilon_\lambda \cdot J_i|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \sum_{i,\lambda} \sum_{j>i,\lambda'} (\varepsilon_\lambda \cdot J_i)(\varepsilon_{\lambda'} \cdot J_j) e^{ik \cdot (x_i - x_j)} \right]$$

$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} = \frac{L}{\lambda_{mfp}} \left(\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \right)_{\text{BH}} \propto N \frac{2\alpha}{\pi}$$

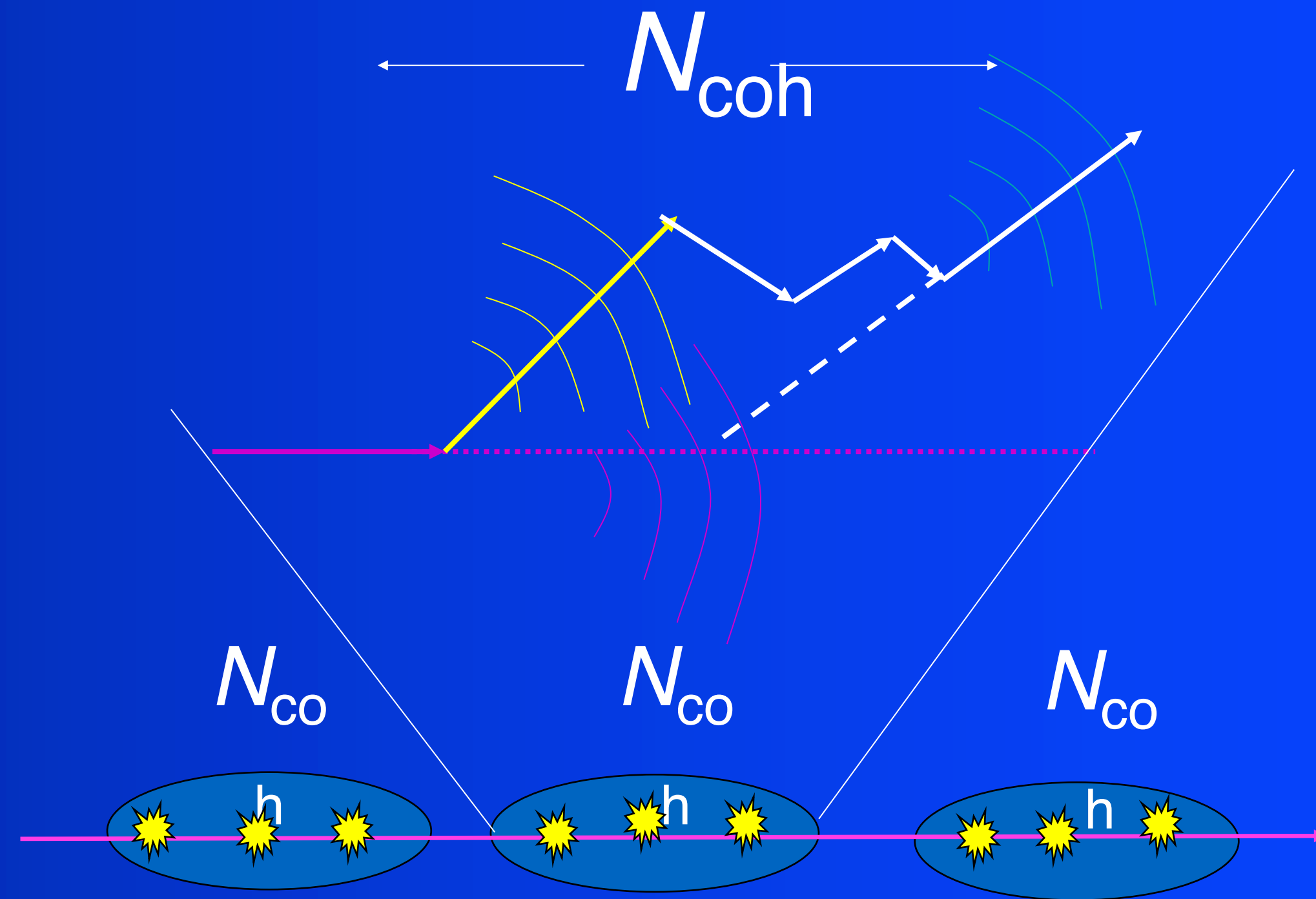
LPM Interference

$$\tau_f = \frac{2}{\omega\theta^2} \quad \theta^2 = N_{\text{coh}} \frac{q_{\perp}^2}{E^2}$$

$$N_{\text{coh}}\lambda \approx \tau_f$$

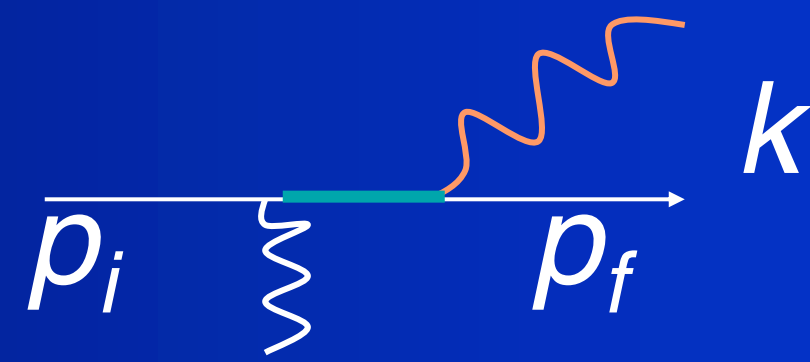
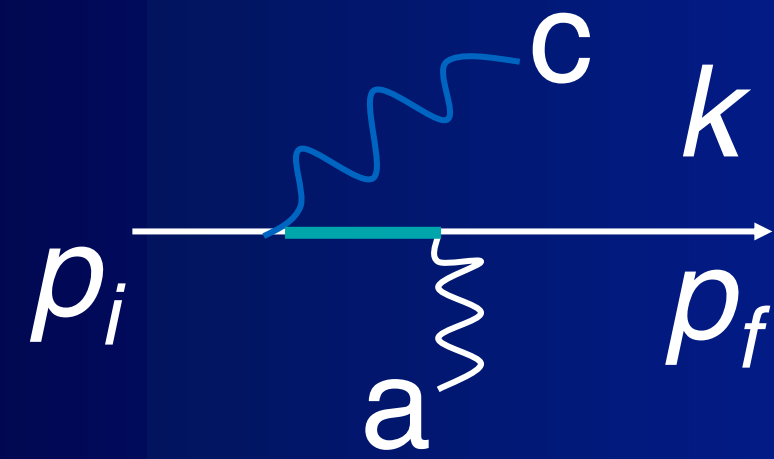
$$\rightarrow N_{\text{coh}} = \frac{2E}{\sqrt{\omega\langle q_{\perp}^2 \rangle}\lambda}$$

N_{coh} # of scattering
for a coherent
radiation
Effective spectra

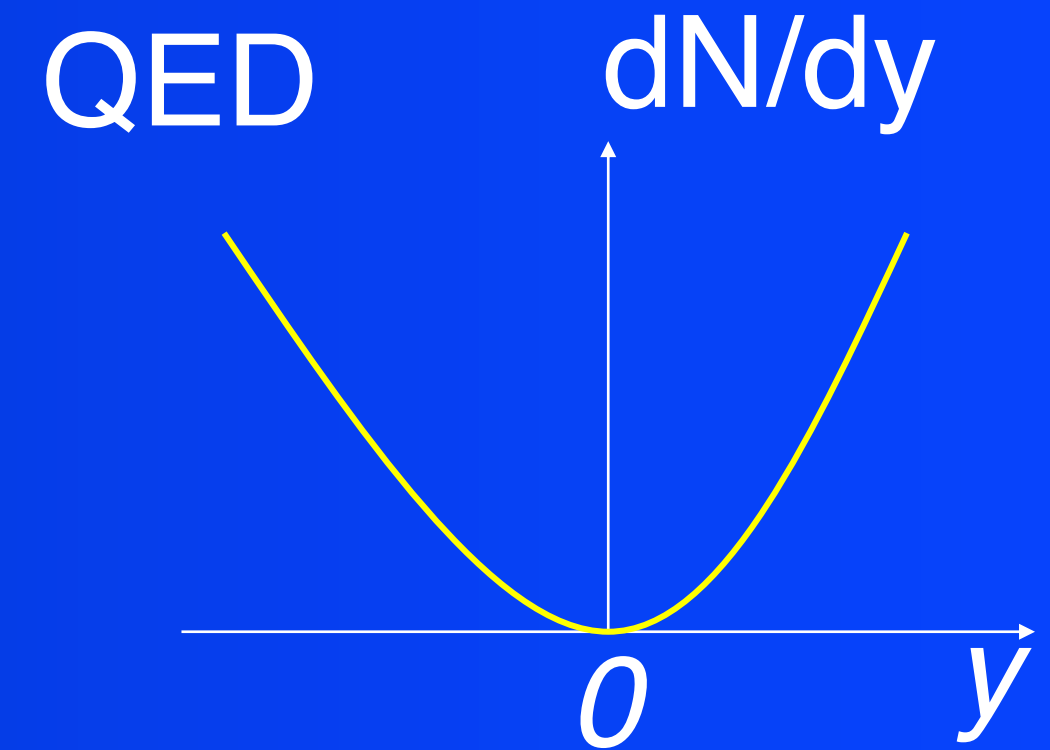


$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} = \frac{L}{\lambda} \left(\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \right)_{\text{BH}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{coh}}} \propto N \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\langle q_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{E^2}} \lambda \omega$$

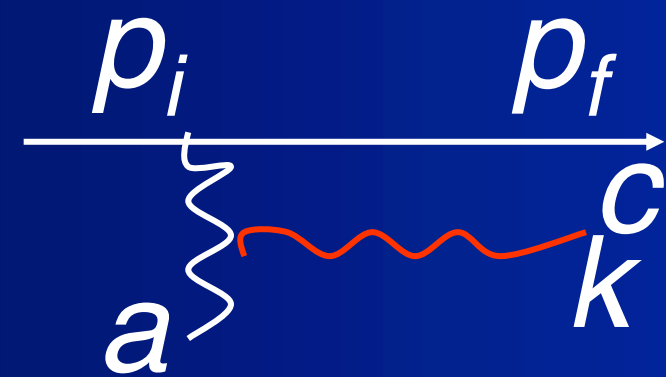
Radiation in QCD: Colors Makes the Difference



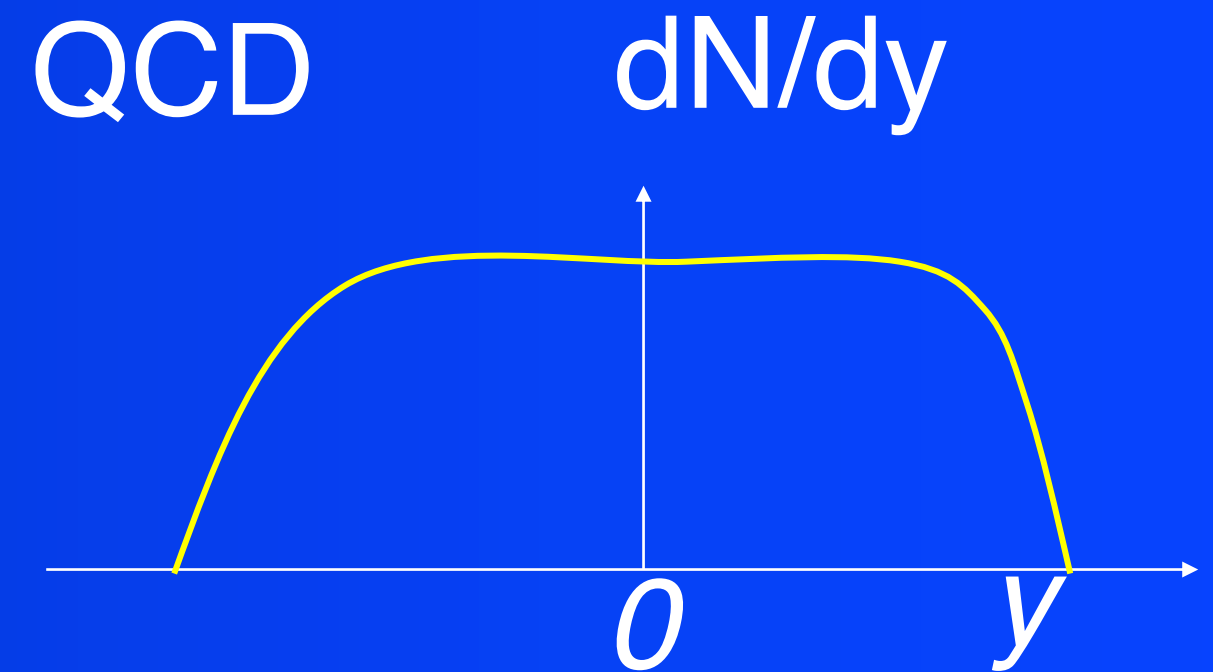
$$R_S^{(1)} \approx ig \frac{2\vec{\epsilon}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}_\perp}{k_\perp^2} [T_a T_c - T_c T_a]$$



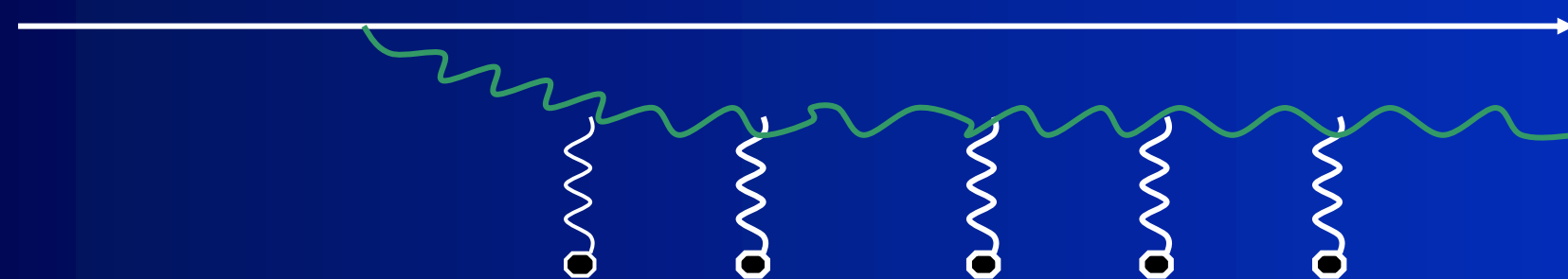
QCD: gluons carry **color**: interference incomplete



$$R_S^{(2)} \approx ig \frac{2\vec{\epsilon}_\perp \cdot (\vec{q}_\perp - \vec{k}_\perp)}{(\vec{q}_\perp - \vec{k}_\perp)^2} [T_a, T_c]$$

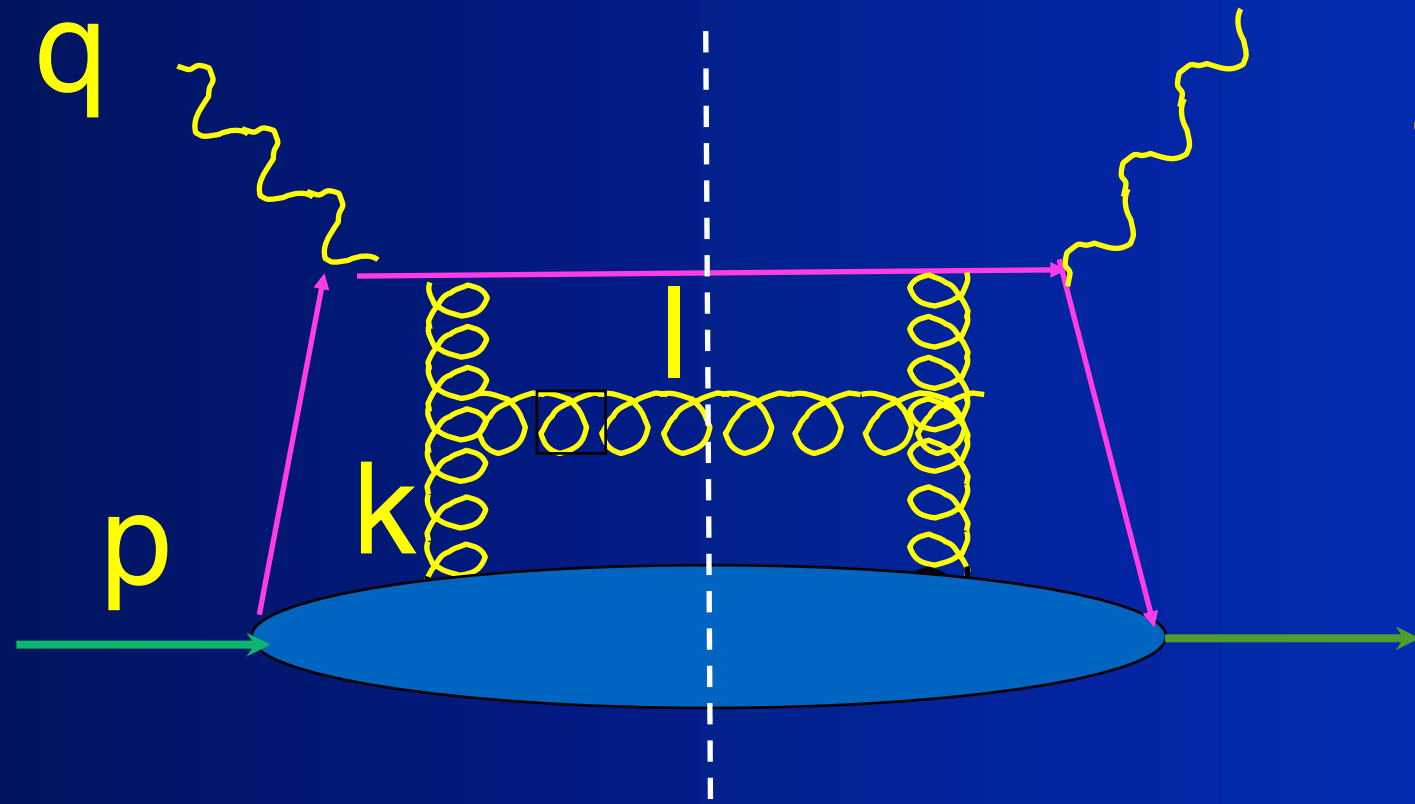


Gluon multiple scattering (BDMP'96, Zakharov'96)



$$\Delta E \approx \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4} \frac{\langle q_\perp^2 \rangle}{\lambda} L^2$$

Parton propagation in QCD medium



Zhang, Qin and XNW arXiv:1905.12699

medium TMD gluon density

$$\frac{dN_g}{dl_{\perp}^2 dz} = \int_{y^-}^{\infty} dy_1^- \left[\rho_A(y_1^-, \vec{y}_{\perp}) \frac{2\pi\alpha_s}{N_c} \pi \int \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\phi_N(0, \vec{k}_{\perp})}{k_{\perp}^2} \right] \pi \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qg}(z) \frac{C_A}{l_{\perp}^2} \mathcal{N}_g(\vec{l}_{\perp}, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

$$\mathcal{N}_g^{\text{static+soft}} = \int \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} \frac{2\vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{l}_{\perp}}{(\vec{l}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp})^2} \left(1 - \cos\left[\frac{(\vec{l}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp})^2}{2q^- z(1-z)} y_1^- \right] \right)$$

Formation time of the gluon emission $\tau_f \longleftarrow y_1^- / \tau_f$

Parton energy loss and jet transport

$$\frac{dE_{rad}}{dx} \approx E \frac{2C_A \alpha_s}{\pi} \hat{q}(x) \int dz \frac{d\ell_{\perp}^2}{\ell_{\perp}^4} z P(z) \sin^2 \frac{\ell_{\perp}^2 (x - x_0)}{4z(1-z)E}$$

Inelastic energy loss $\Delta E_{inel} \propto \alpha_s \hat{q} L^2$

$$\frac{dE_{el}}{dx} = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} dq_{\perp}^2 f(k) \frac{q_{\perp}^2}{2k} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_{\perp}^2} \approx \left\langle \frac{1}{2\omega} \right\rangle \hat{q}$$

Elastic energy loss $\Delta E_{el} \propto \hat{q} L/T$

Jet transport coefficient:

$$\hat{q}(y) = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s C_R}{N_c^2 - 1} \rho(y) x G(x) \Big|_{x \approx 0} = \frac{\langle q_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{\lambda}$$

pQCD (BDMPS'96)

AdS/CFT (Liu, Rajagopal & Wideman'06)

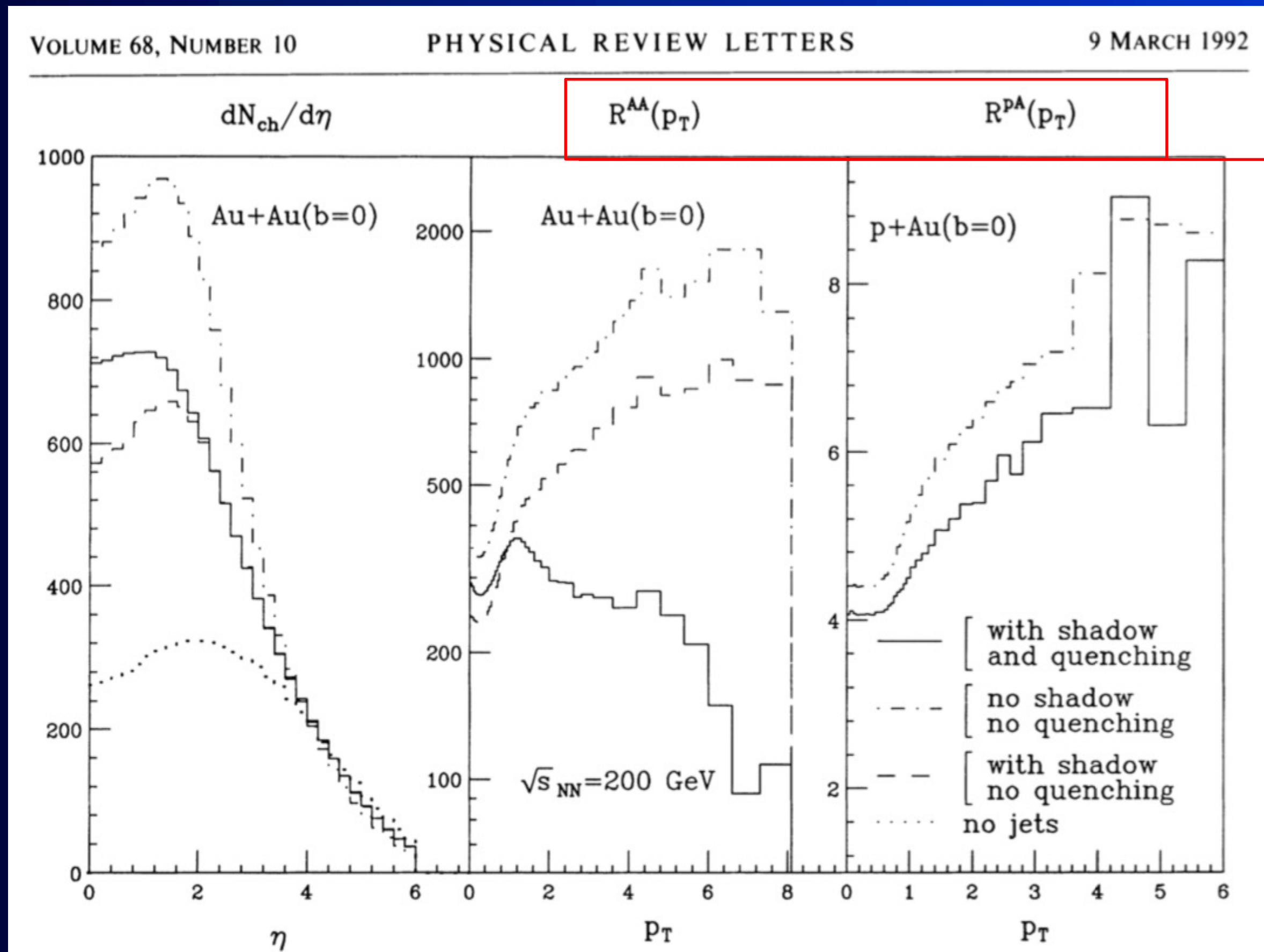
lattice QCD (Majumder'12)

Extract jet transport coefficient from parton energy loss

Jet quenching in heavy-ion collisions

Gyulassy, XNW: Suppression of leading hadrons due to jet quenching

- *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 68 (1992) 1480-1483



$$\frac{(dN/d\eta dp_T)_{AA}}{(dN/d\eta dp_T)_{NN}}$$

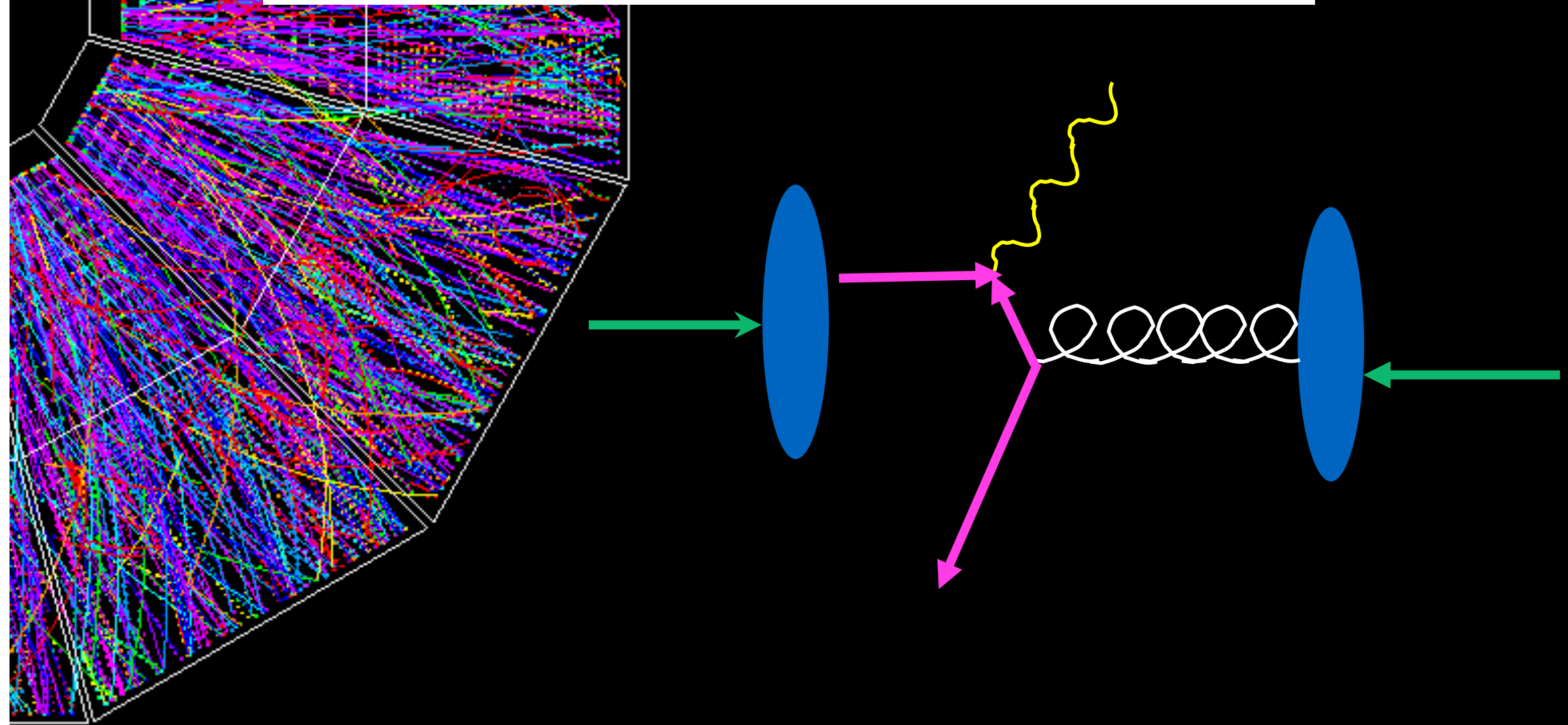
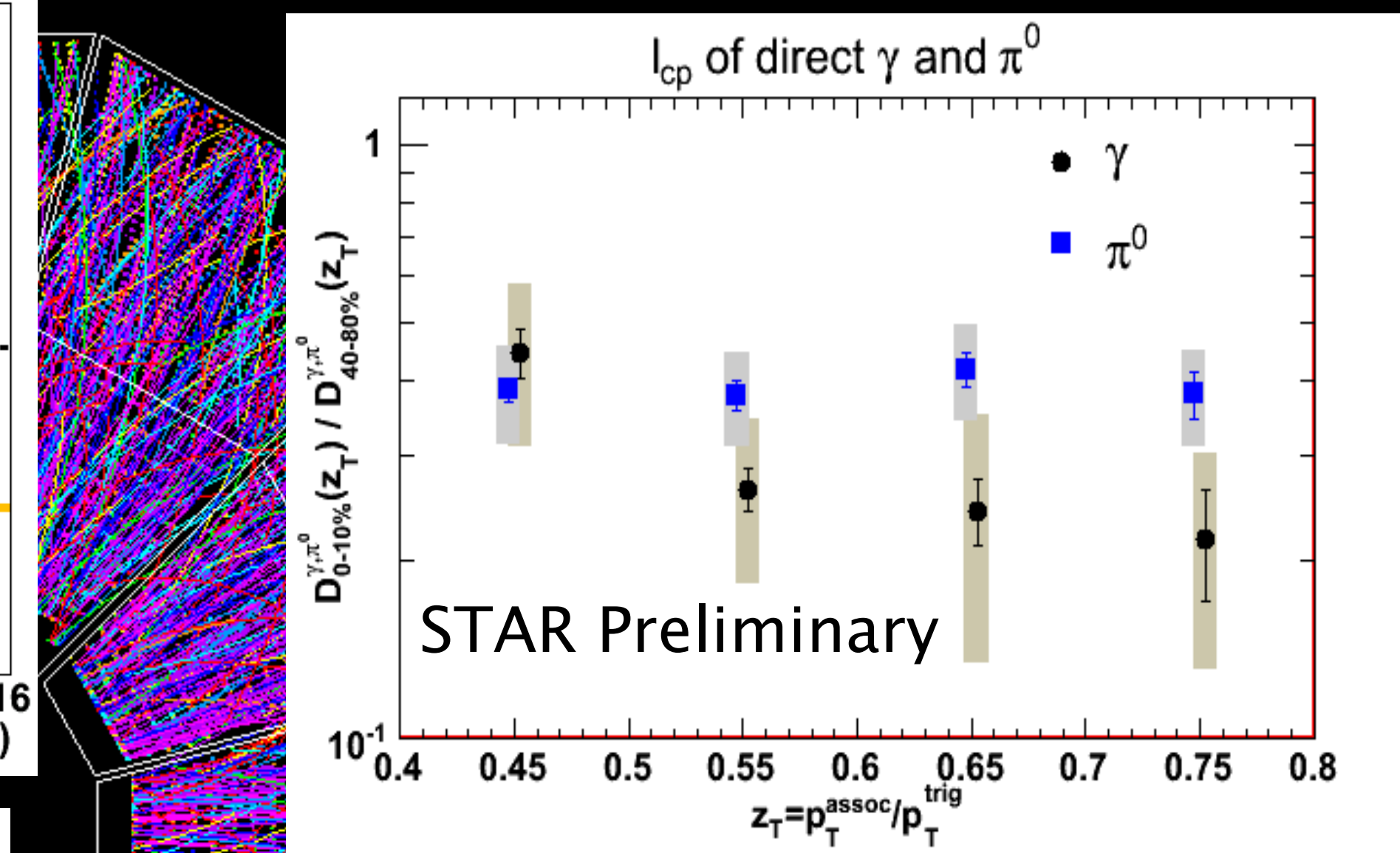
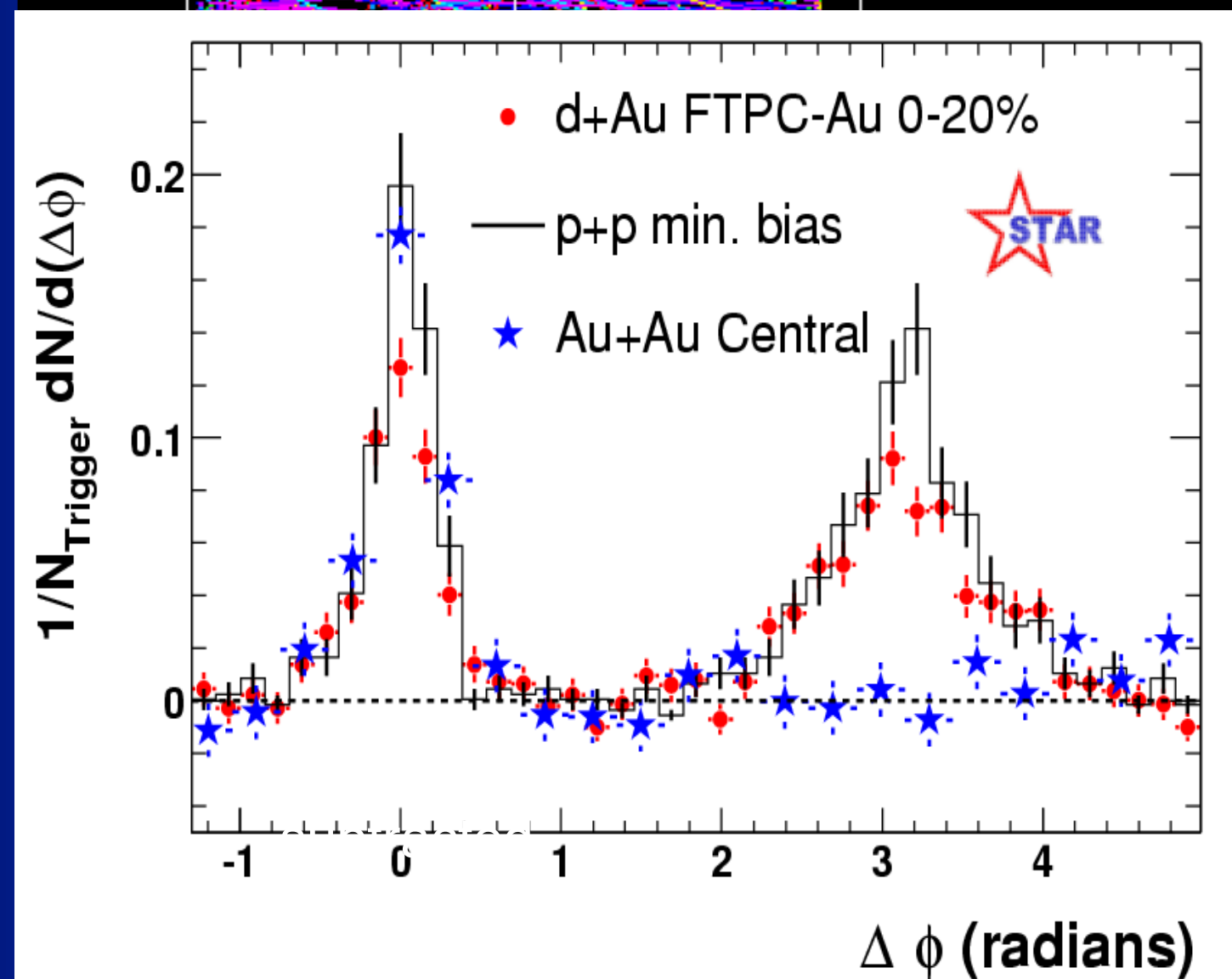
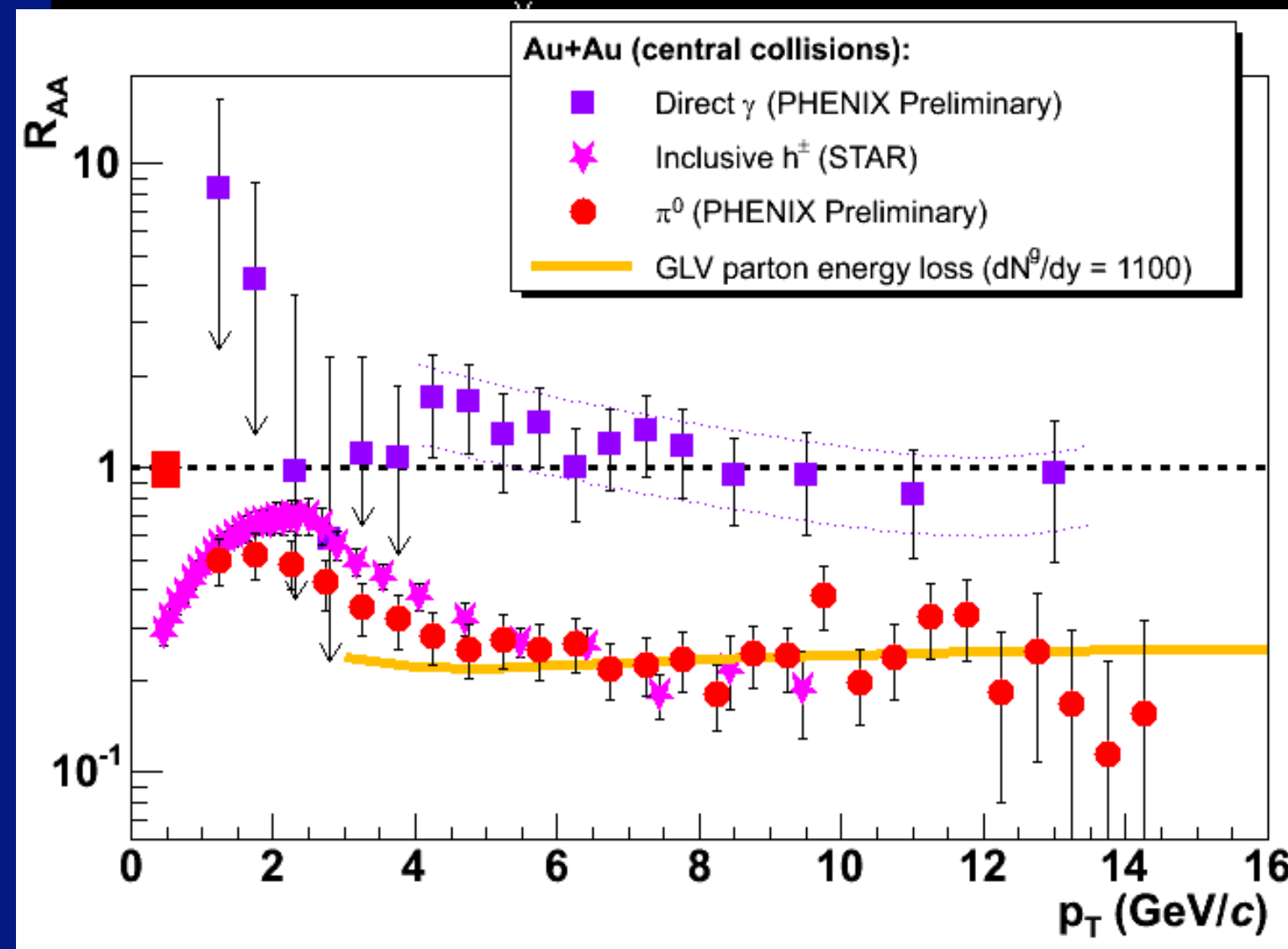
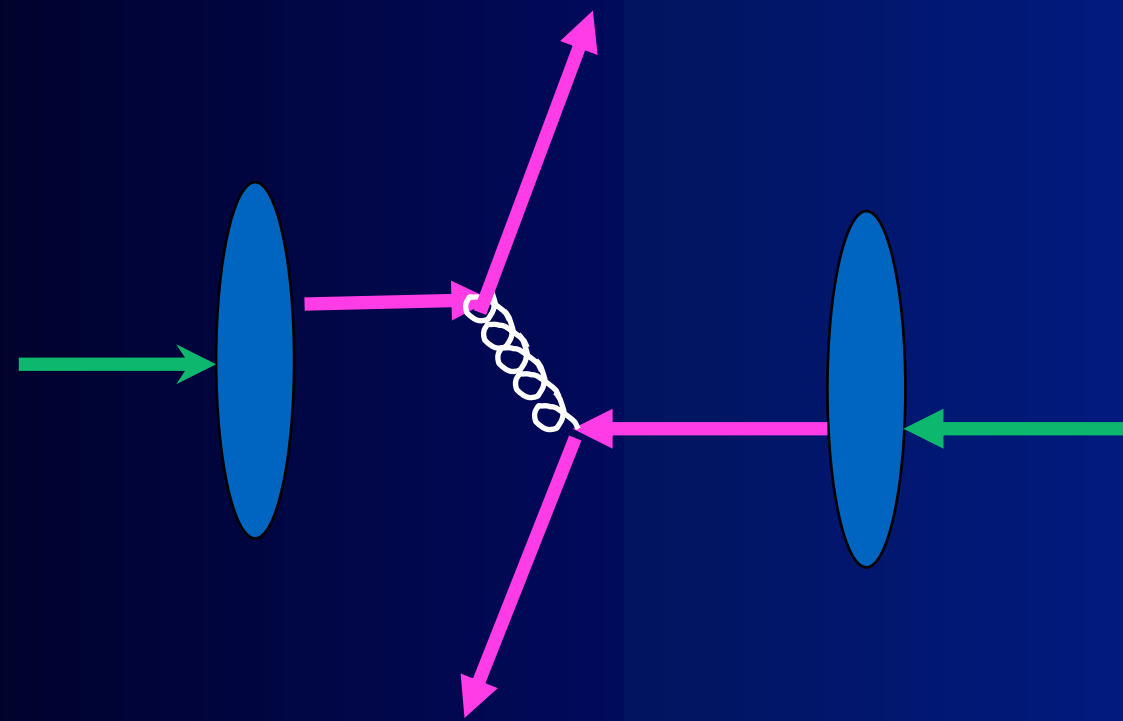
$$R_{AB}(p_T) = \frac{d\sigma_{AB}/dyd^2p_T}{\langle N_{\text{binary}} \rangle d\sigma_{NN}/dyd^2p_T}$$

E Wang & XNW, PRC 64 (2001) 034901

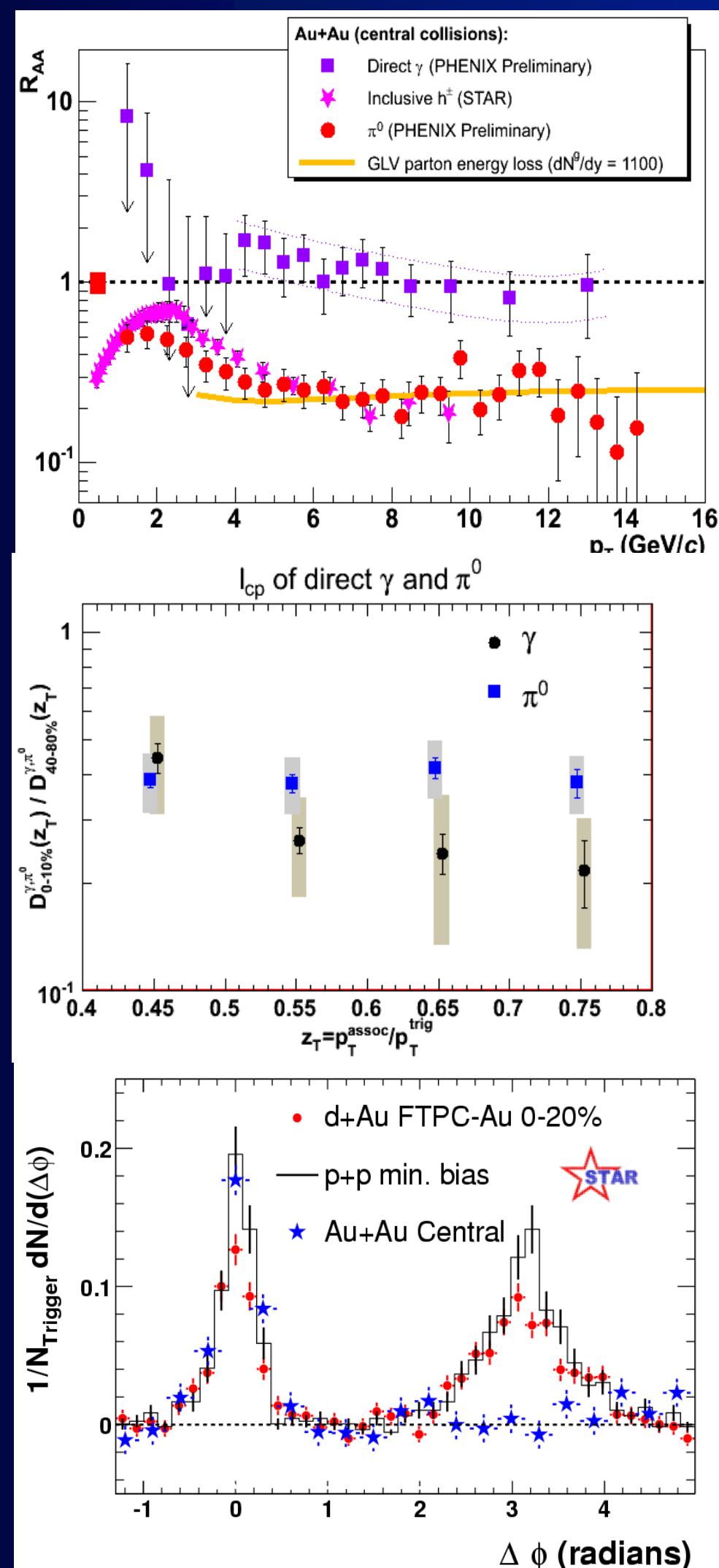
Jet Quenching at RHIC

photon-jet

di-jet



Bayesian inference of jet transport coefficient



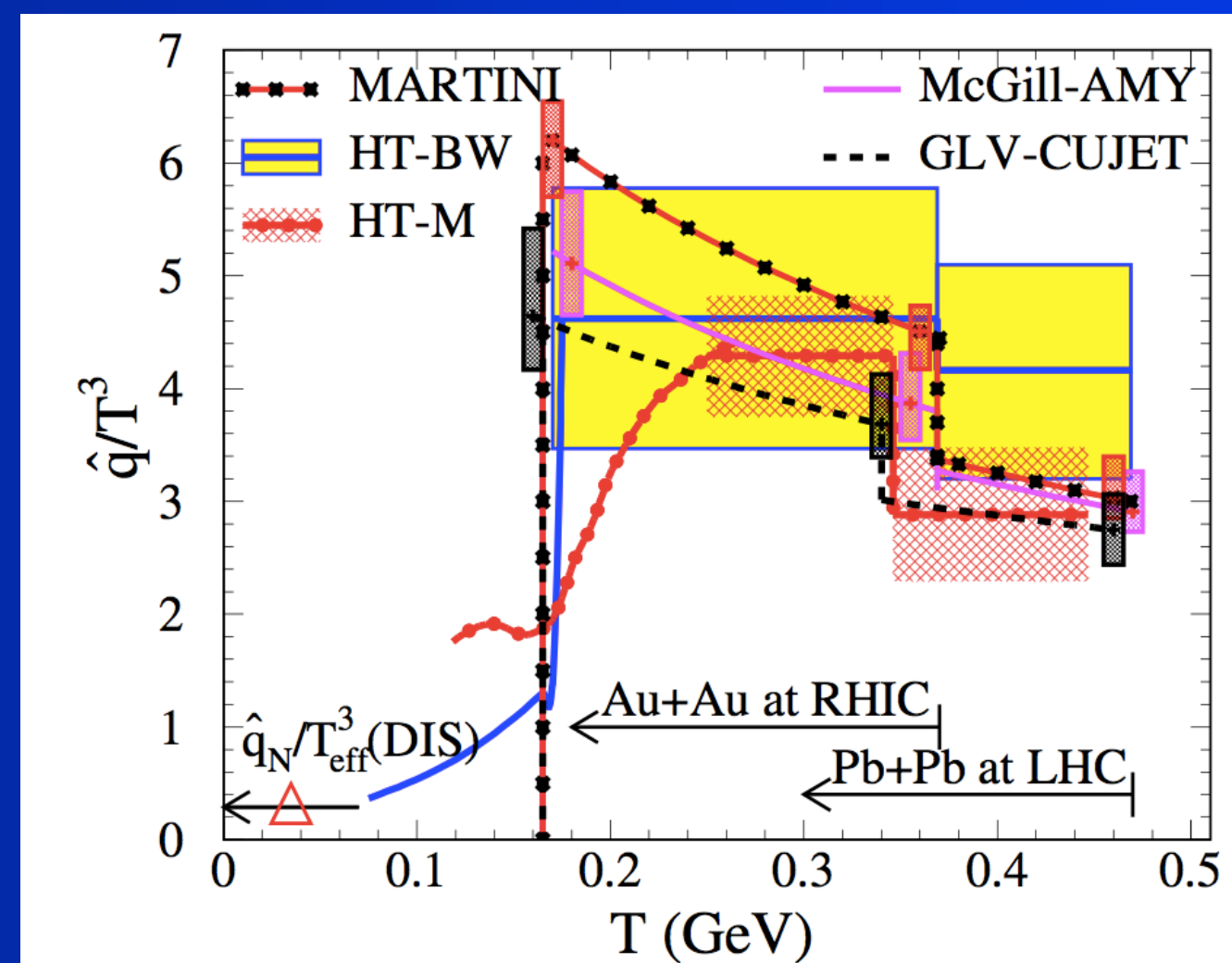
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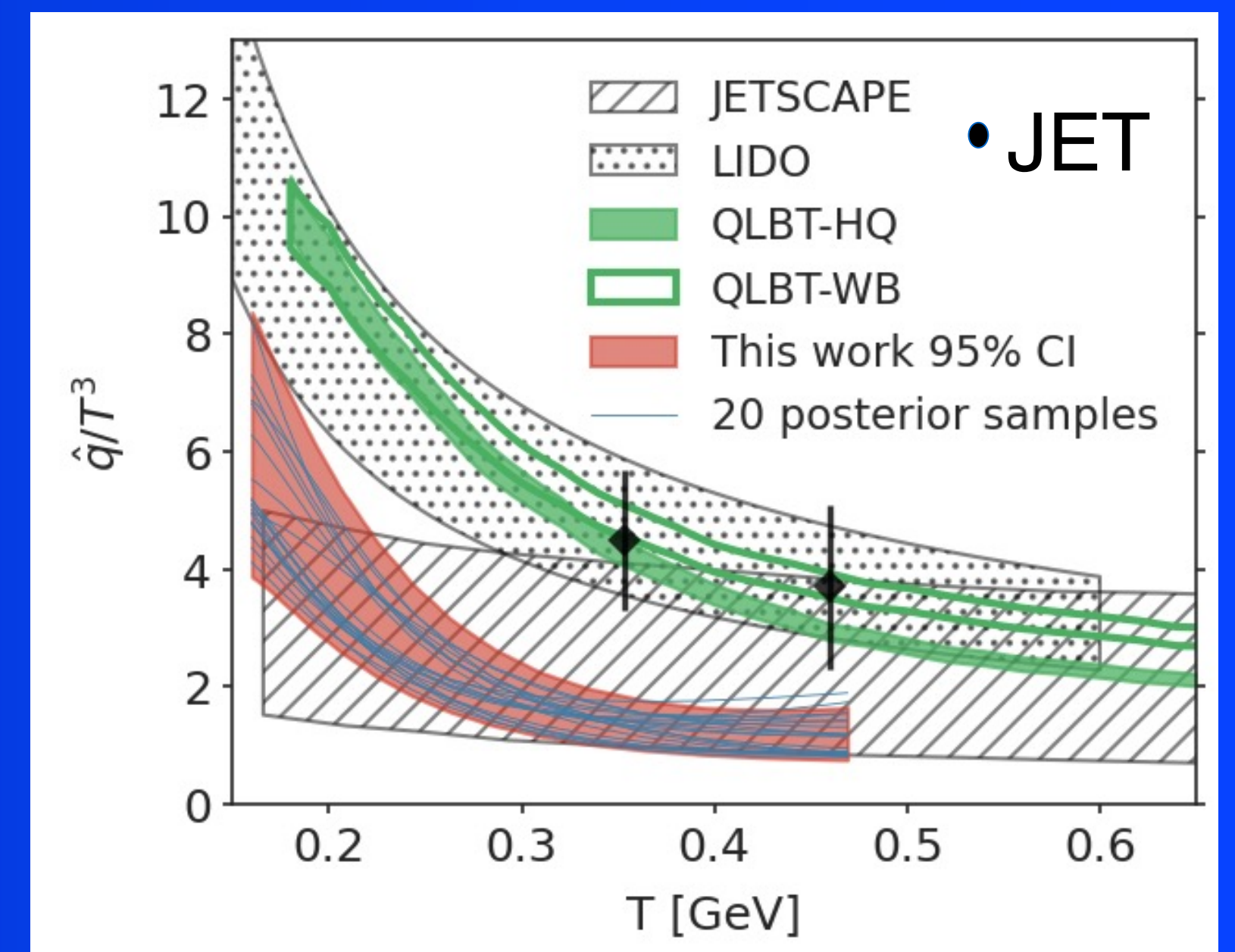
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$$\hat{q} \approx \begin{cases} 1.2 \pm 0.3 \\ 1.9 \pm 0.7 \end{cases} \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm} \text{ at } \begin{cases} T=370 \text{ MeV,} \\ T=470 \text{ MeV,} \end{cases}$$

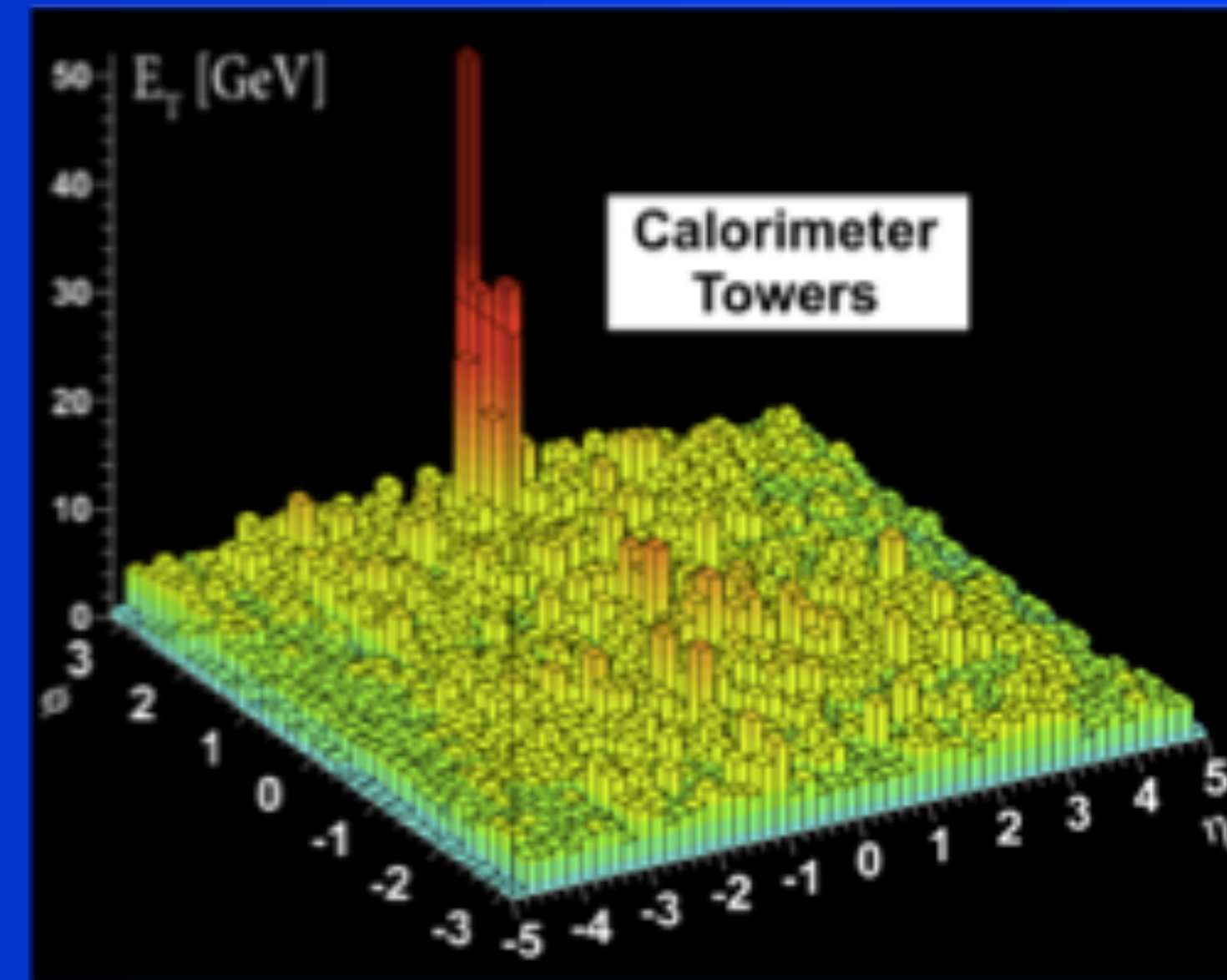
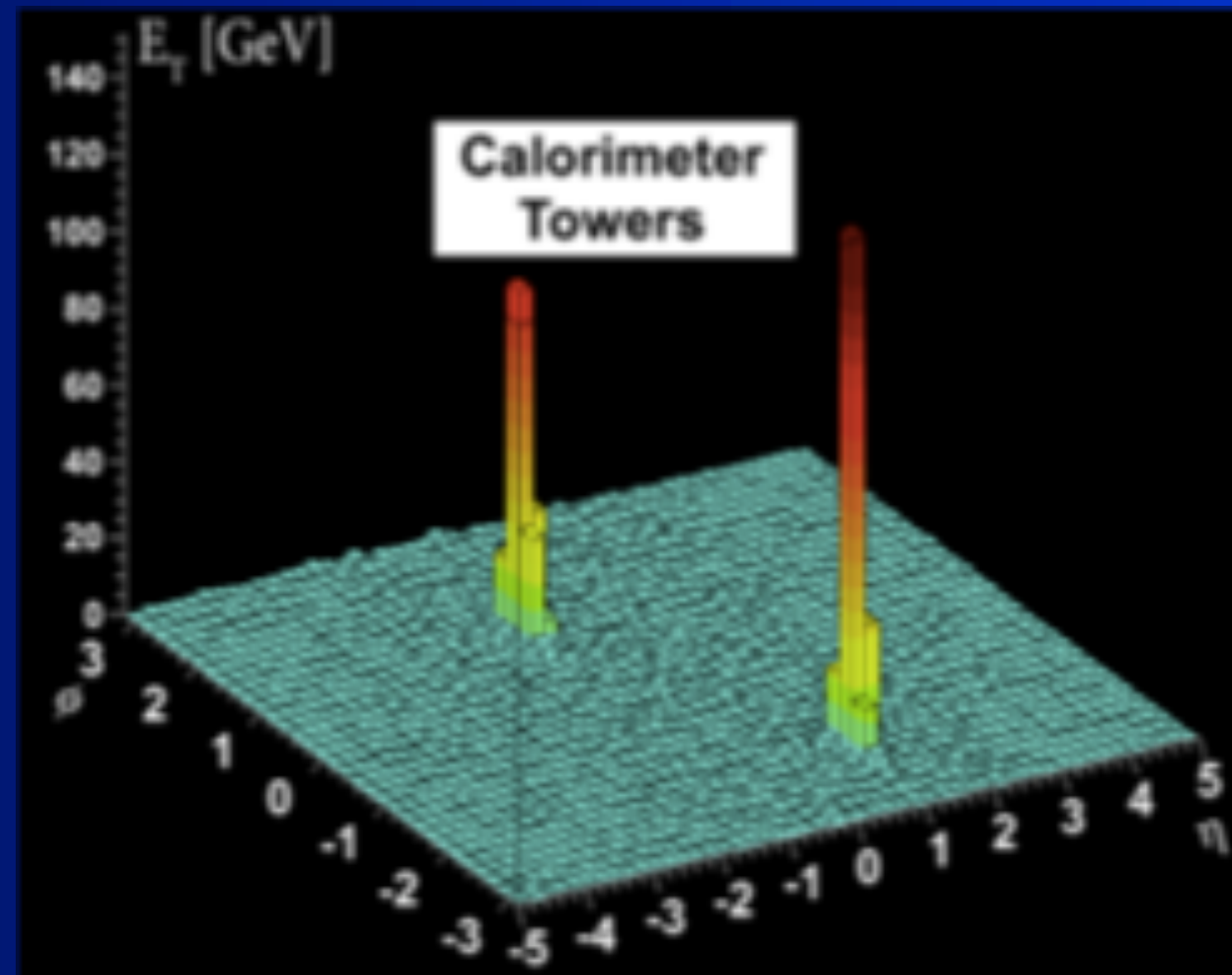
Strong T-dependence
Weak E-dependence

Information-Field approach to priors is free of long-range correlation



Xie, Ke, Zhang & XNW (2022)

Jet energy, medium response and background



Jet energy as defined in the jet reconstruction algorithm with a jet cone R
Uncorrelated background should be subtracted

Jet-induced medium response is correlated with jet: not background
Some of the energy lost by leading partons remain inside jet-cone

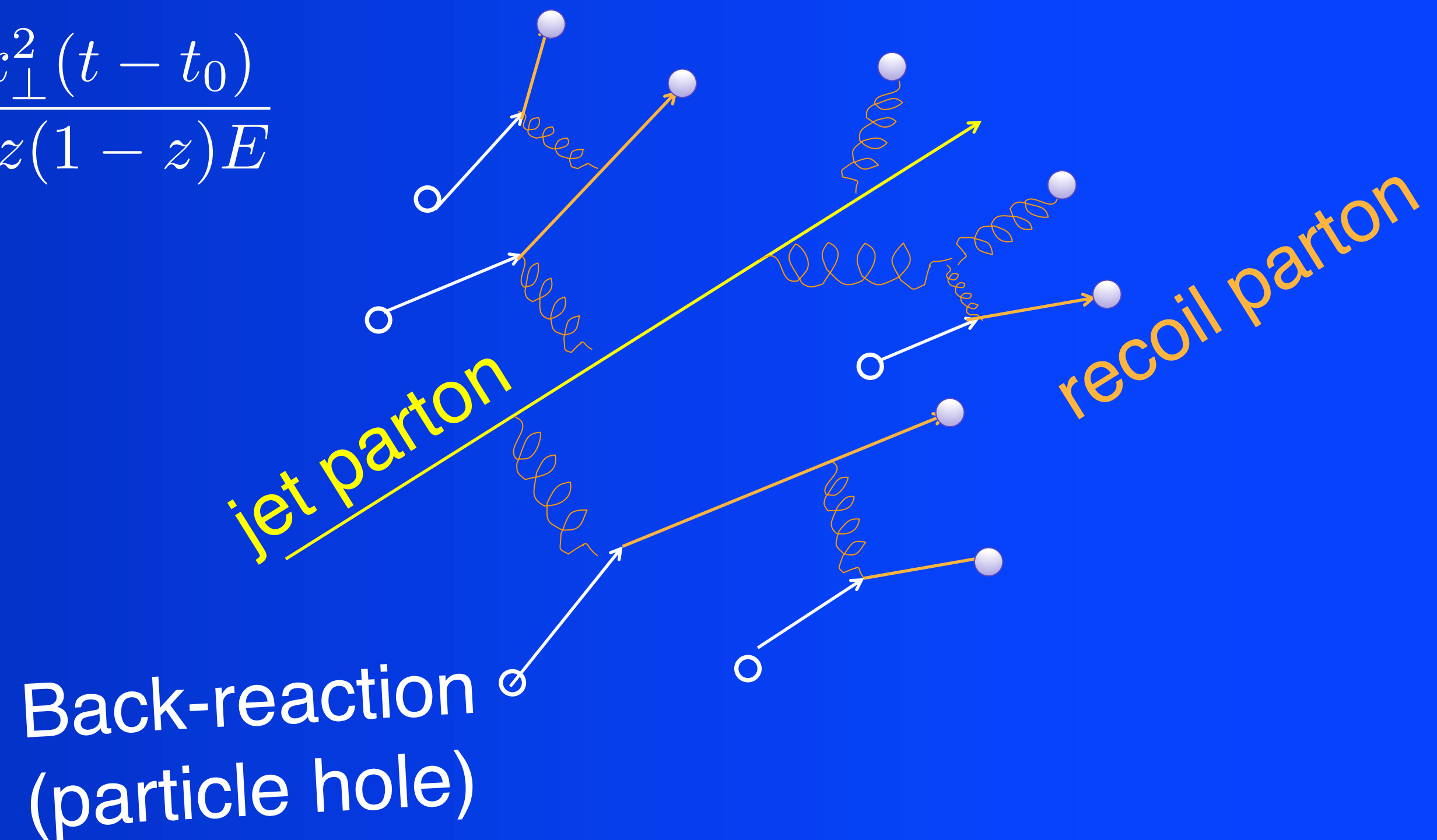
Jet Boltzmann Transport

$$p_1 \cdot \partial f_1 = - \int dp_2 dp_3 dp_4 (f_1 f_2 - f_3 f_4) |M_{12 \rightarrow 34}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 \left(\sum_i p_i \right) + \text{inelastic}$$

Inelastic processes:

$$\frac{dN_g}{dz d^2 k_\perp dt} \approx \frac{2C_A \alpha_s}{\pi k_\perp^4} P(z) \hat{q} (\hat{p} \cdot u) \sin^2 \frac{k_\perp^2 (t - t_0)}{4z(1-z)E}$$

- pQCD elastic and radiative processes (high-twist)
- **Transport of medium recoil partons (and back-reaction)**
- CLVisc 3+1D hydro bulk evolution



Jet hydro coupling

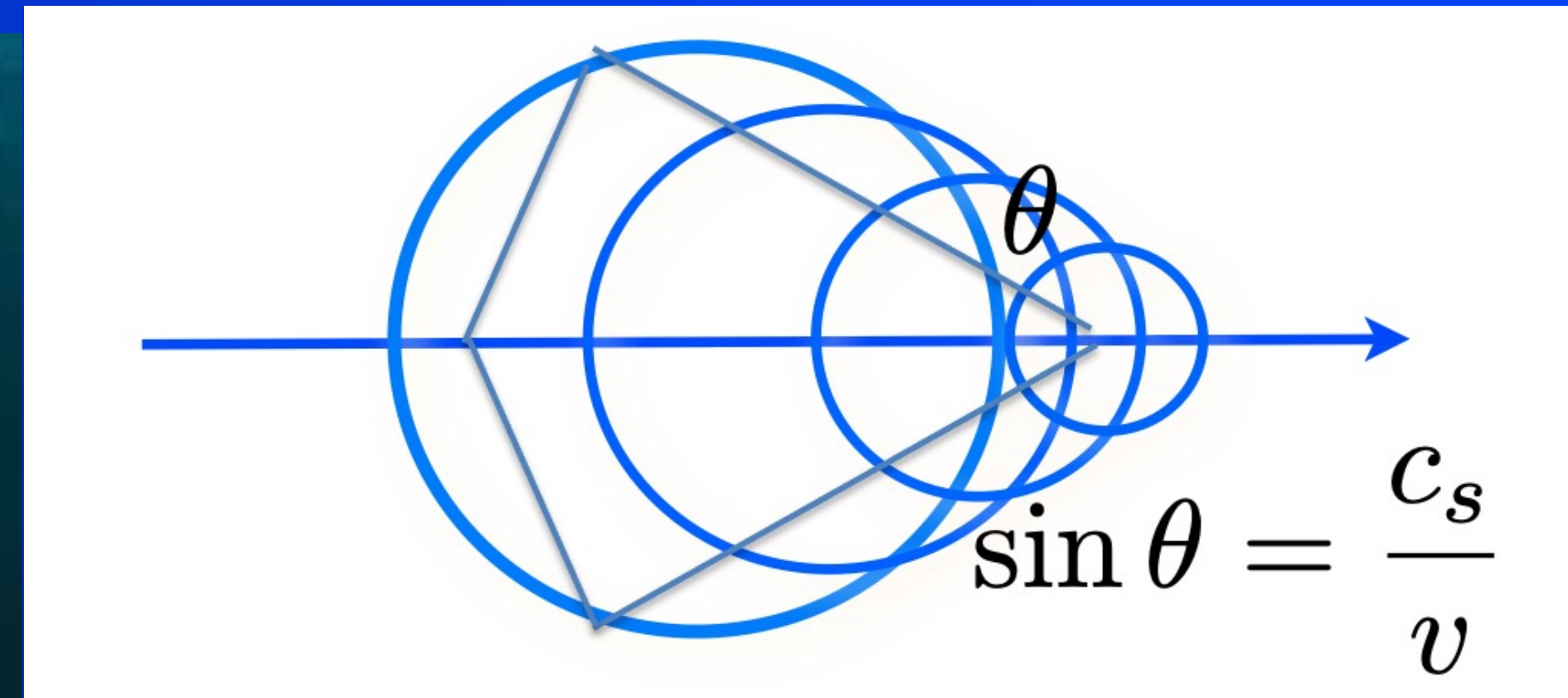
Concurrent and coupled evolution of bulk medium and jet showers

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot \partial f(p) &= -C(p) \quad (p \cdot u > p_{cut}^0) \\ \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) &= j^\nu(x) \\ j^\nu(x) &= \sum_i p_i^\nu \delta^{(4)}(x - x_i) \theta(p_{cut}^0 - p \cdot u) \end{aligned}$$

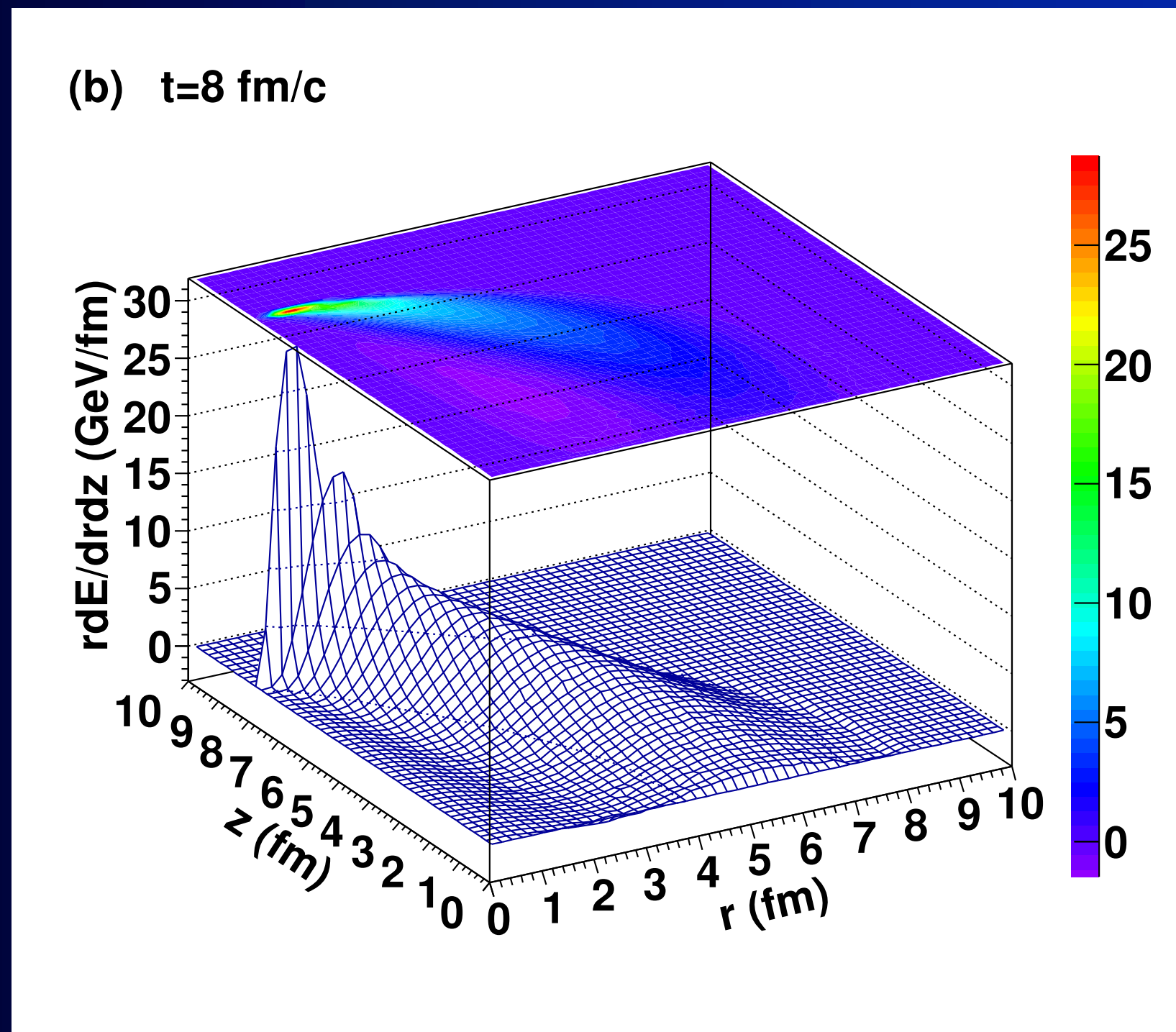
- LBT for energetic partons (jet shower and recoil)
- Hydrodynamic model for bulk and soft partons: CLVisc
- Parton coalescence (thermal-shower)+ jet fragmentation
- Hadron cascade using UrQMD

Chen, Cao, Luo, Pang & XNW, PLB777(2018)86,
Zhao, Ke, Chen, Luo & XNW, PRL 128(2022) 022302.

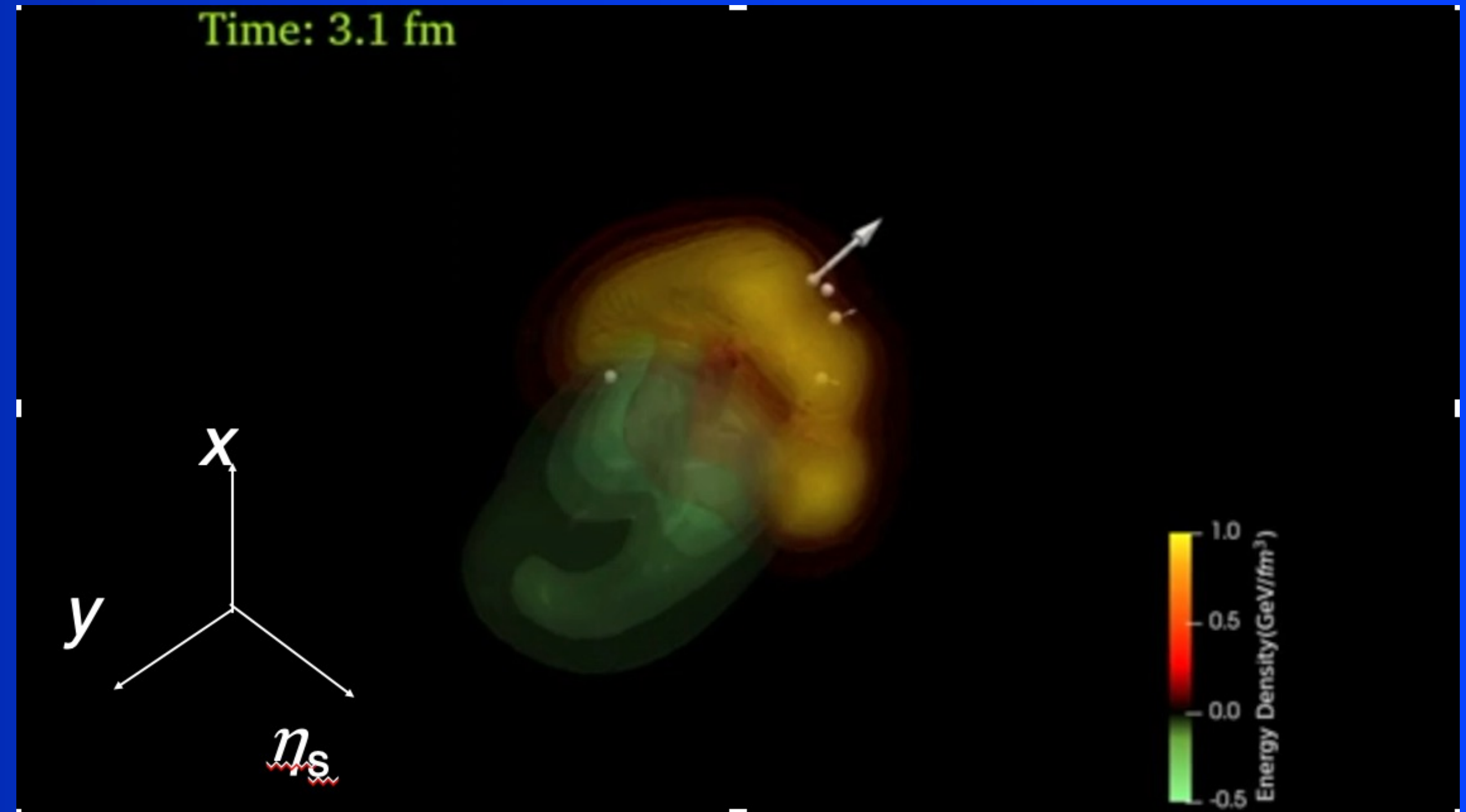
Mach cones and diffusion wakes



LBT: Jet-induced medium response

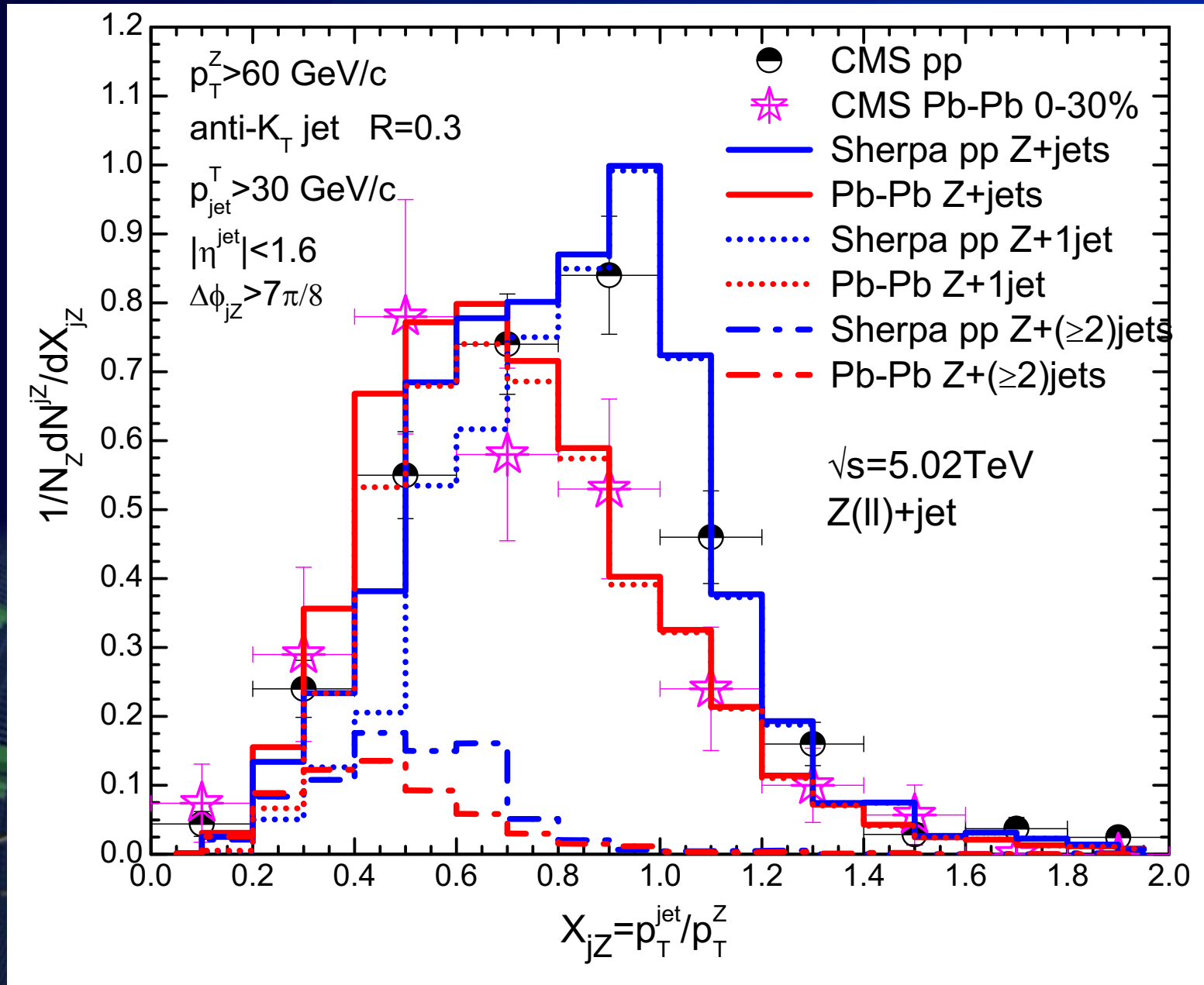


Energy transverse distribution of medium response in a static medium

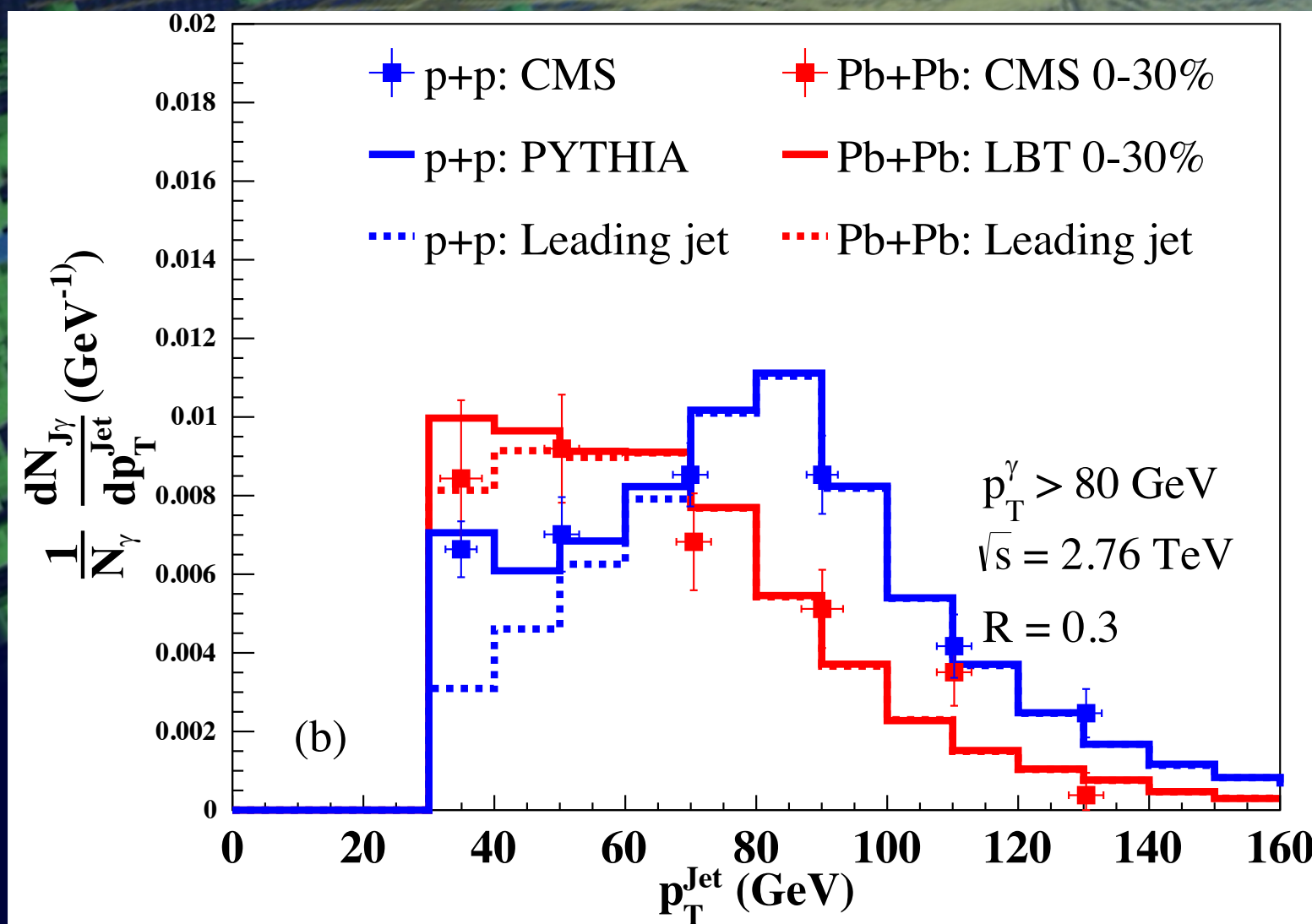


3D energy density distribution of the medium response induced by a γ -jet in a 0-10% Pb+Pb event

Jet suppression and medium response at LHC

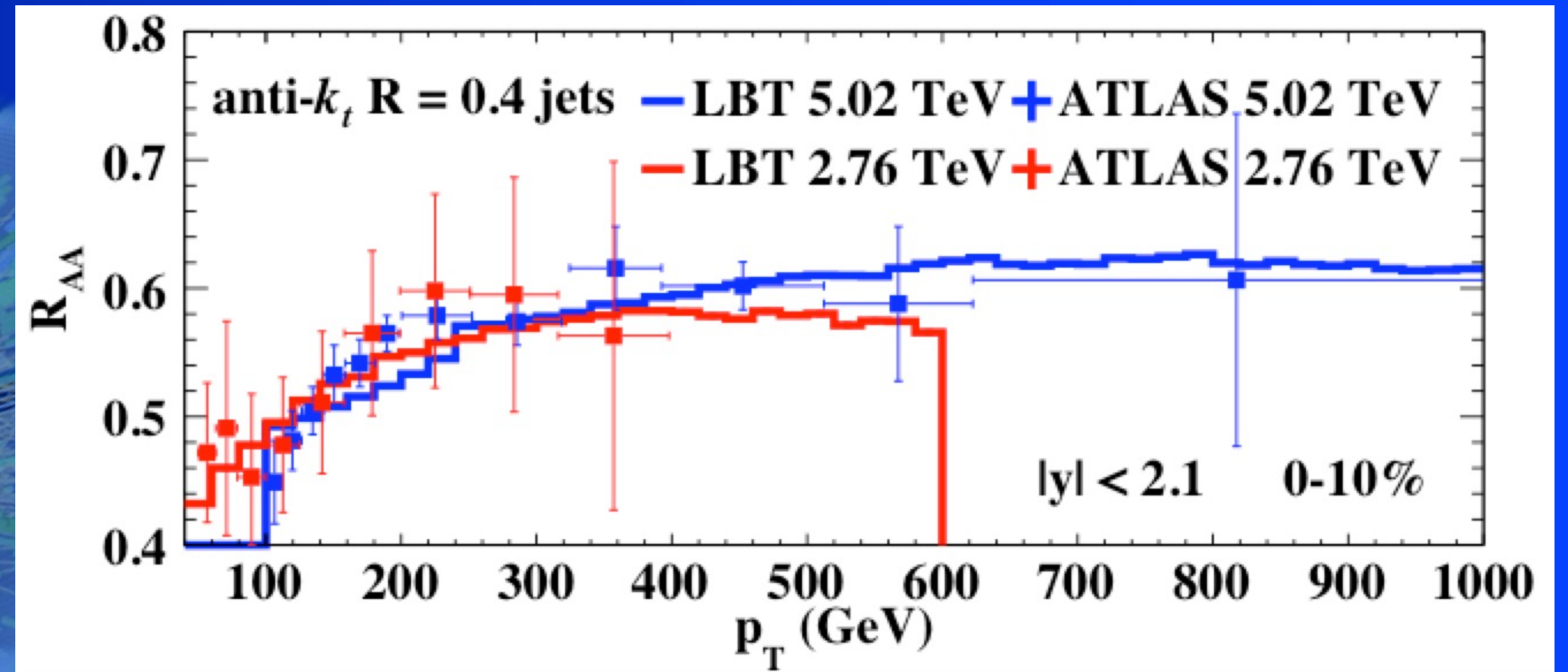


Z-jet



γ-jet

Single inclusive jets



He, Cao, Chen, Luo, Pang & XNW 1809.02525

Zhang, Luo, XNW, Zhang, arXiv:1804.11041

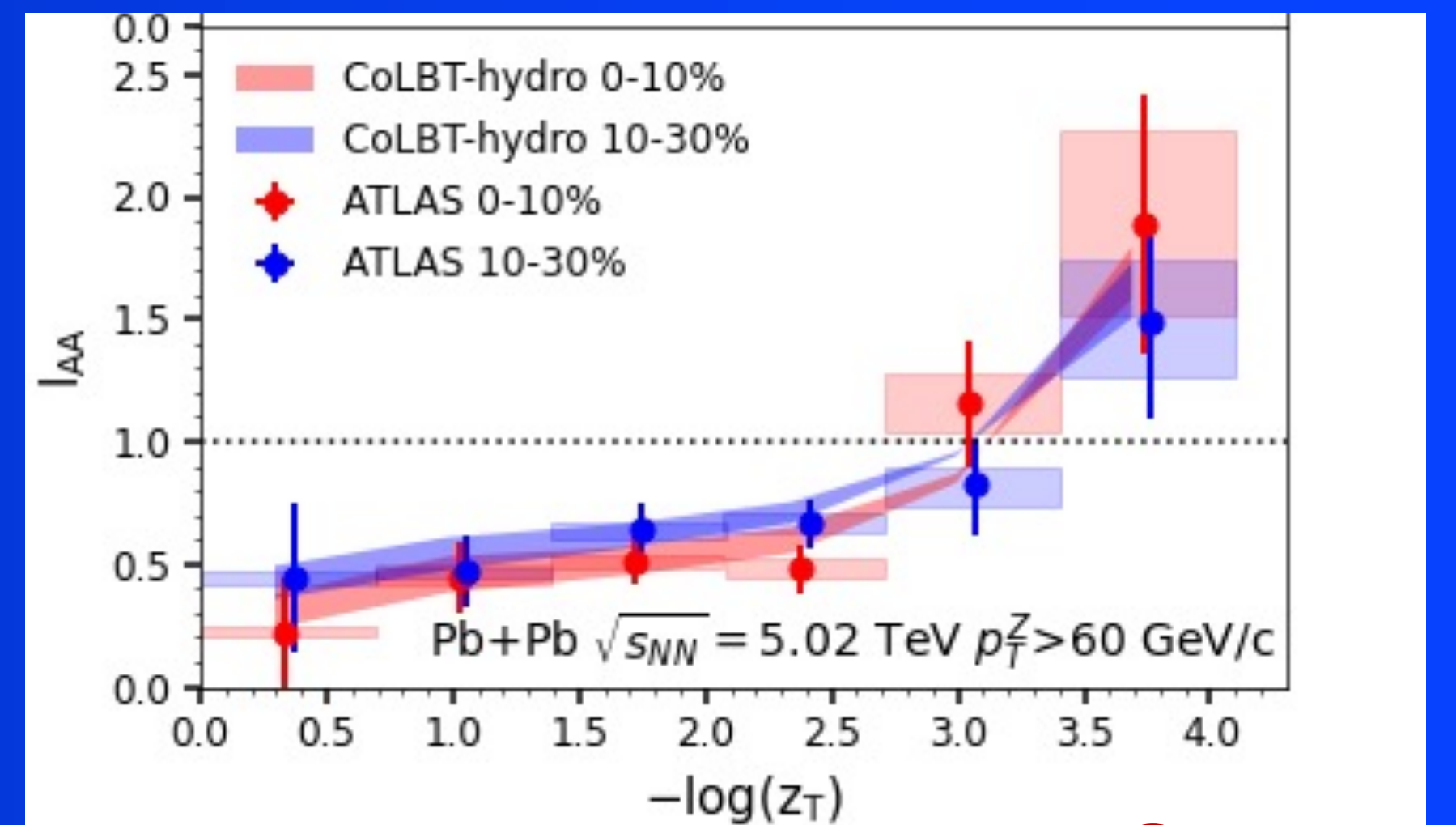
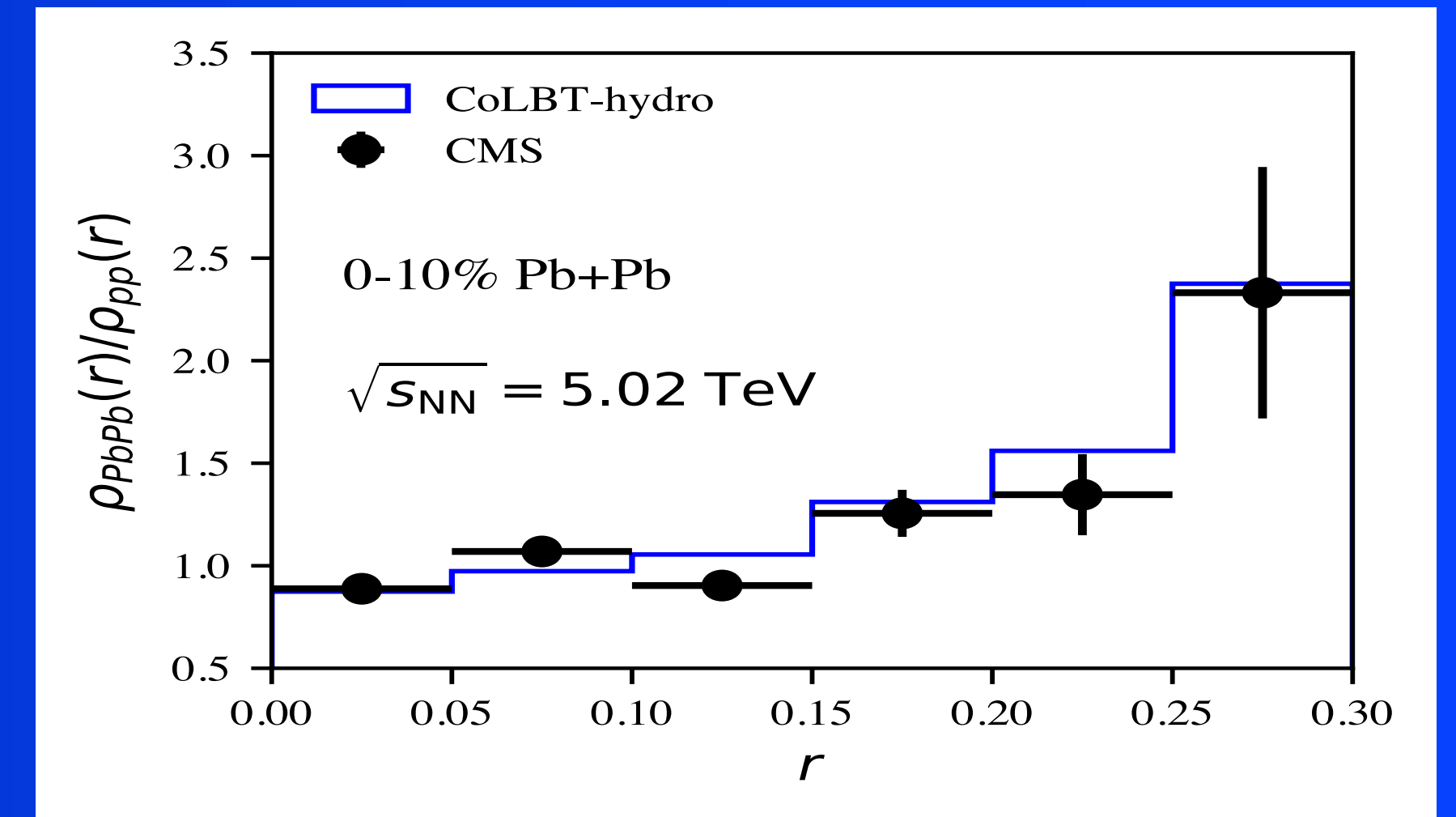
Luo, Cao, He & XNW, arXiv:1803.06785

Modification of jets and medium response

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{\Delta r} \frac{1}{N_{jet}} \sum_{jet} \frac{p_T^{jet}(r - \Delta r/2, r + \Delta r/2)}{p_T^{jet}(0, R)}$$

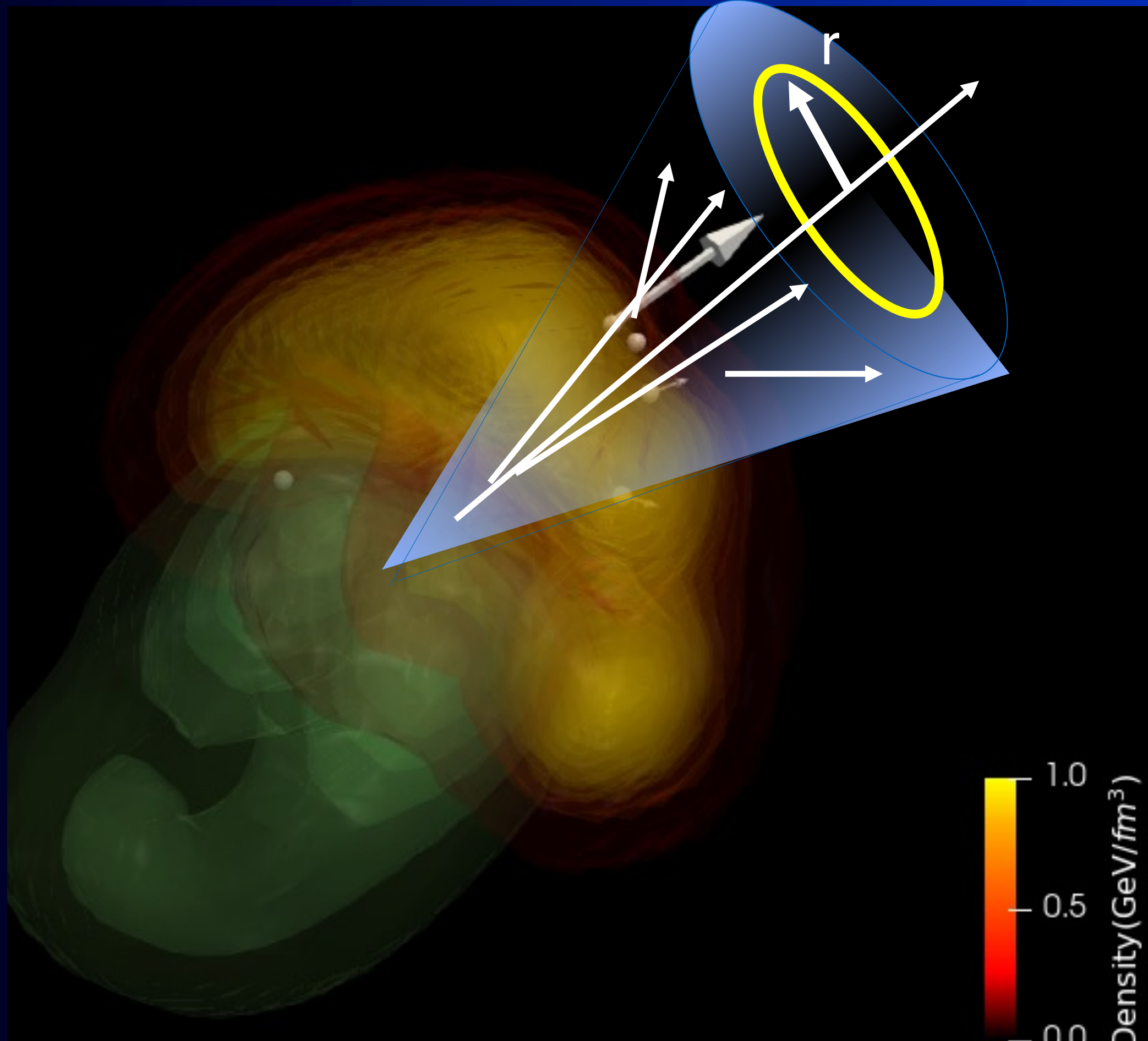
$$\frac{\rho_{AA}(r)}{\rho_{pp}(r)}$$

$$I_{AA} = \frac{D_{AA}(z_T)}{D_{pp}(z_T)}$$



CoLBT

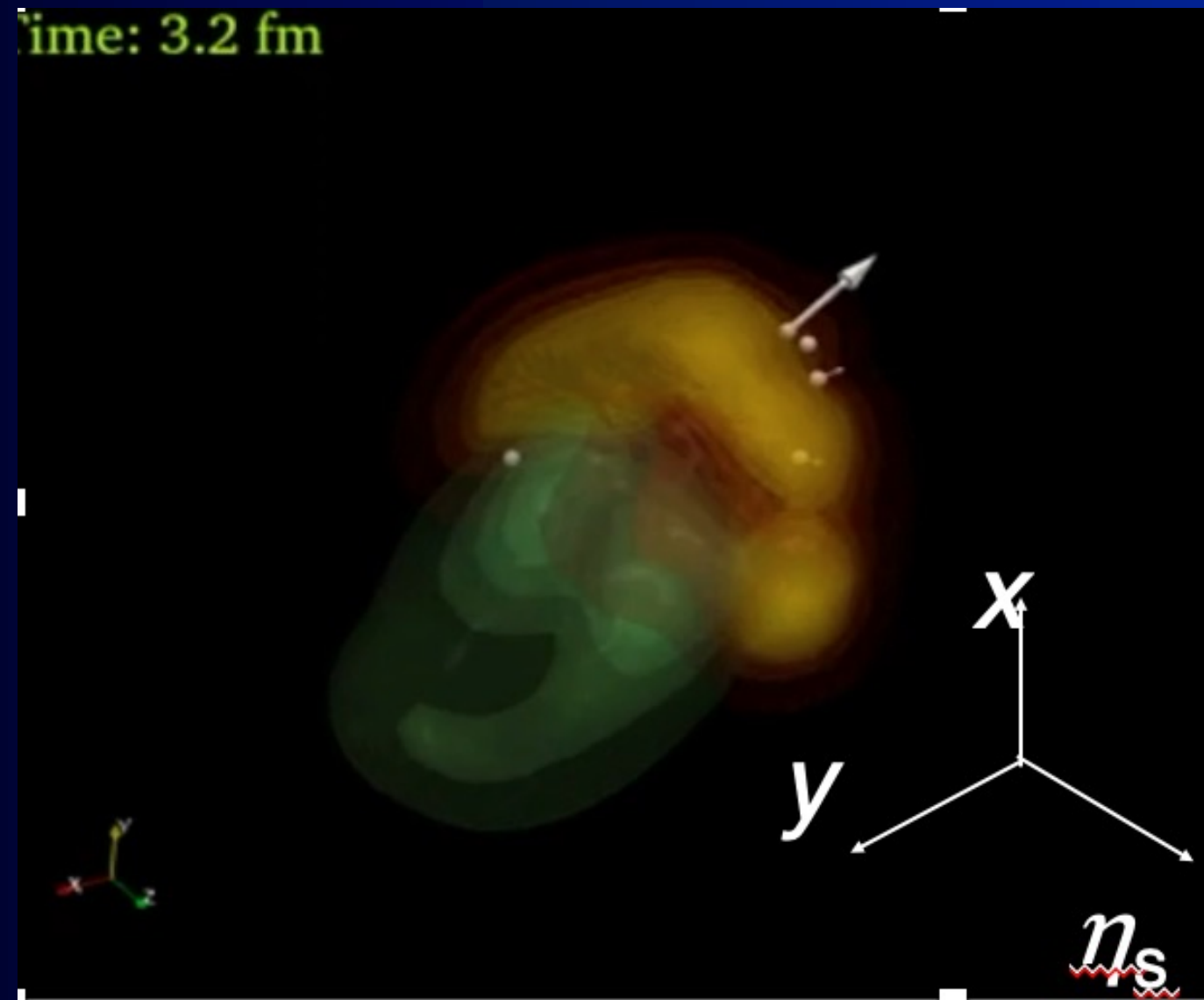
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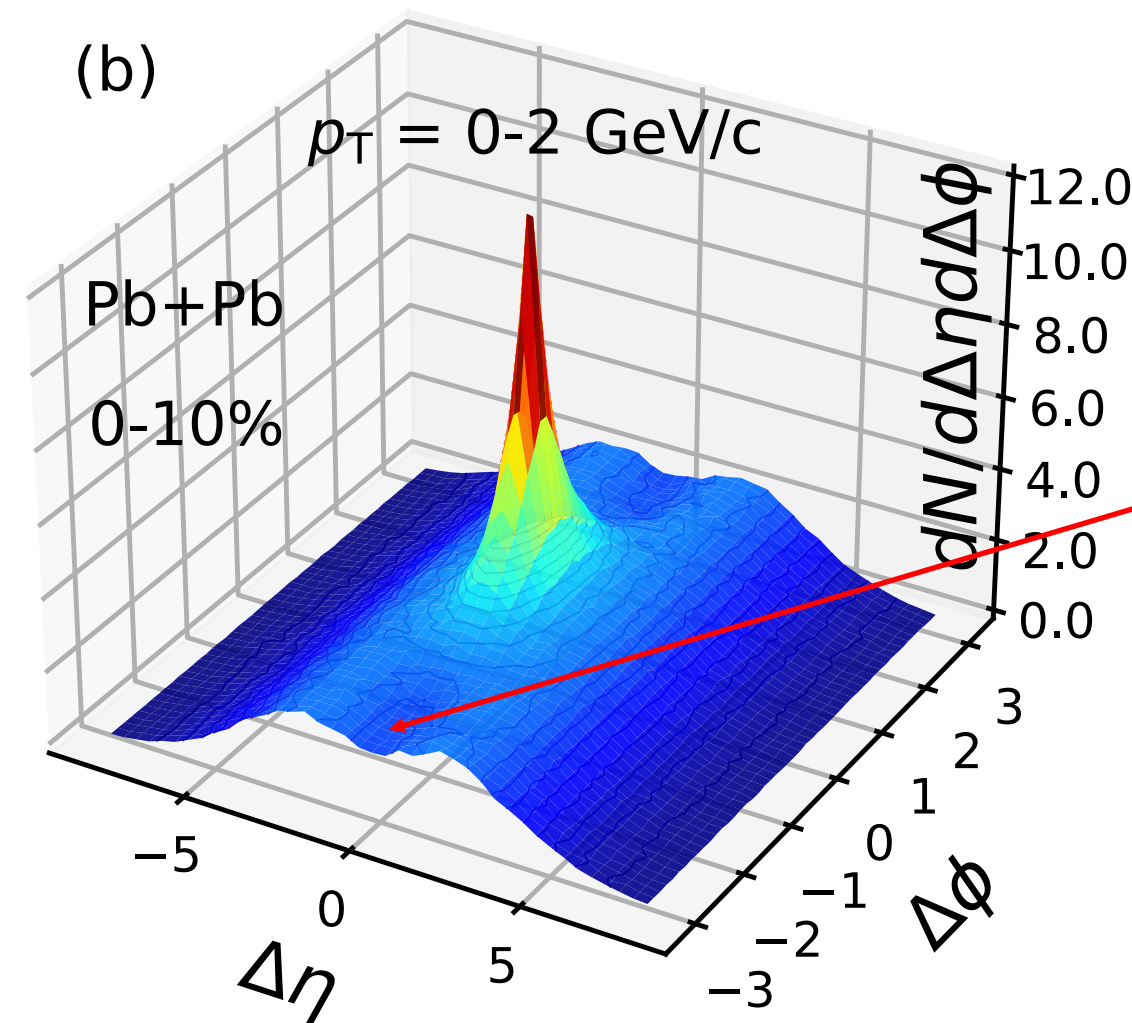
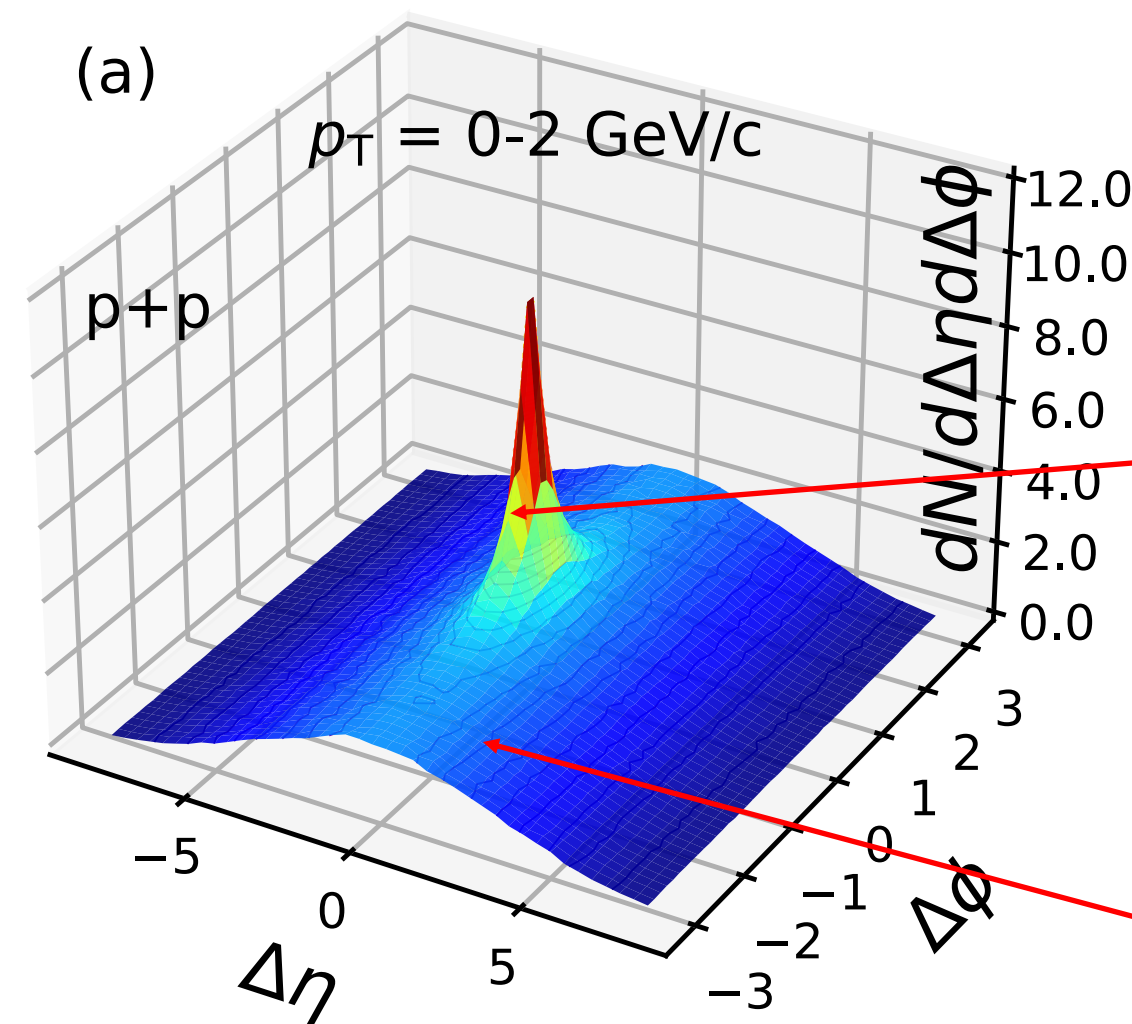
Search for jet-induced diffusion wake

Diffusion (DF) wake leads to depletion of soft hadron yield in the back of jet direction

Yang, Tan, Chen, Pang & XNW, *PRL*, 130 (2023), 052301



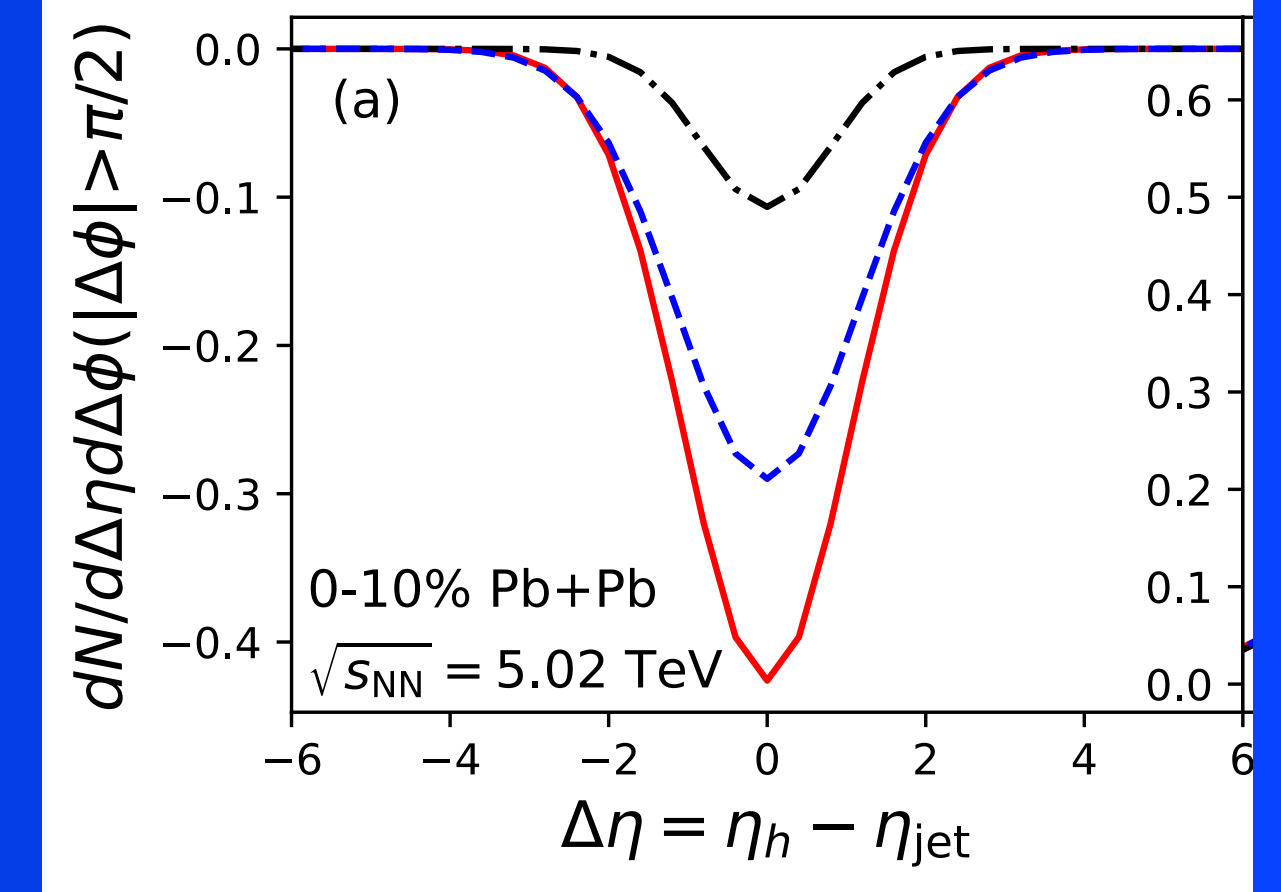
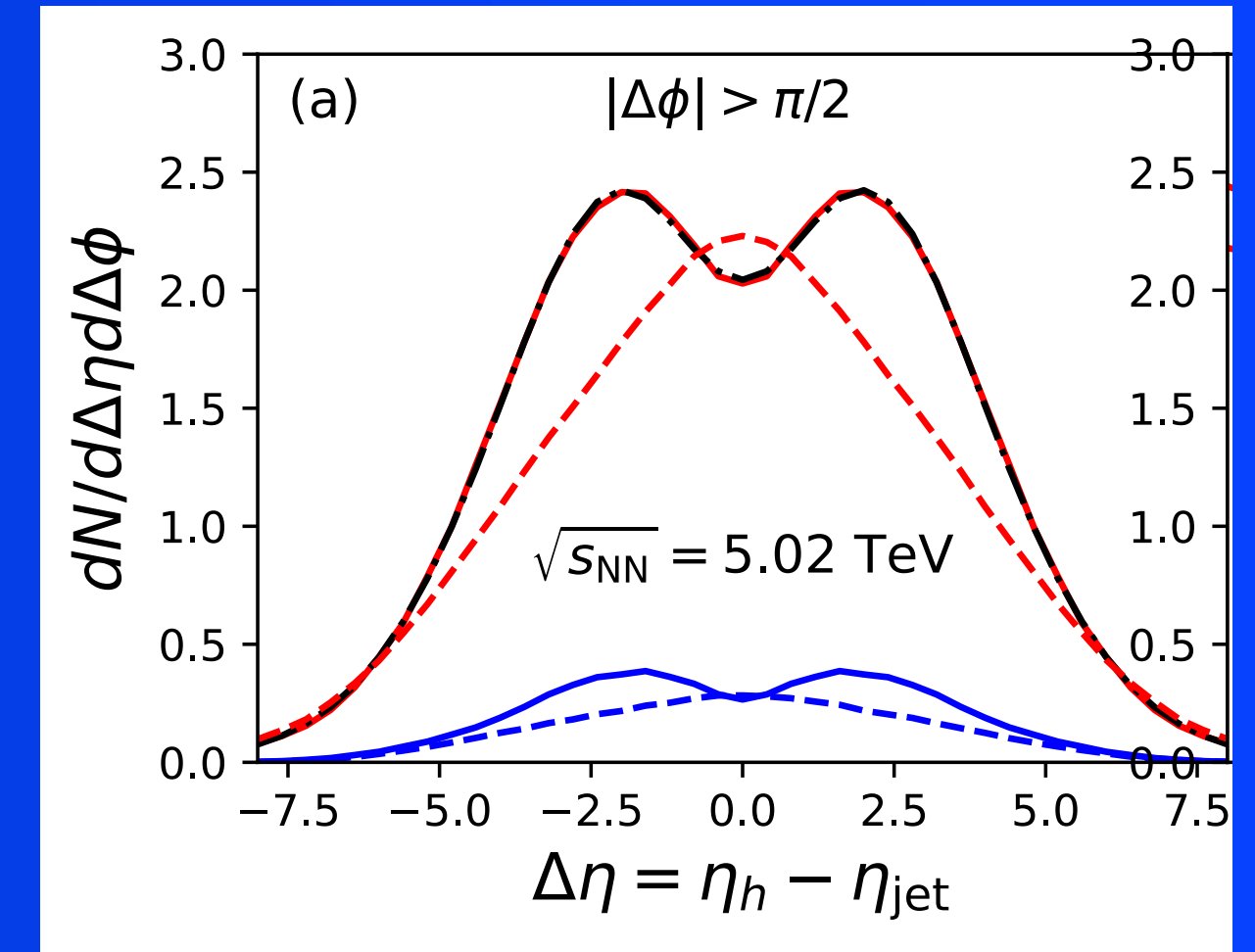
γ -triggered-jet-hadron correlation



Jet

MPI

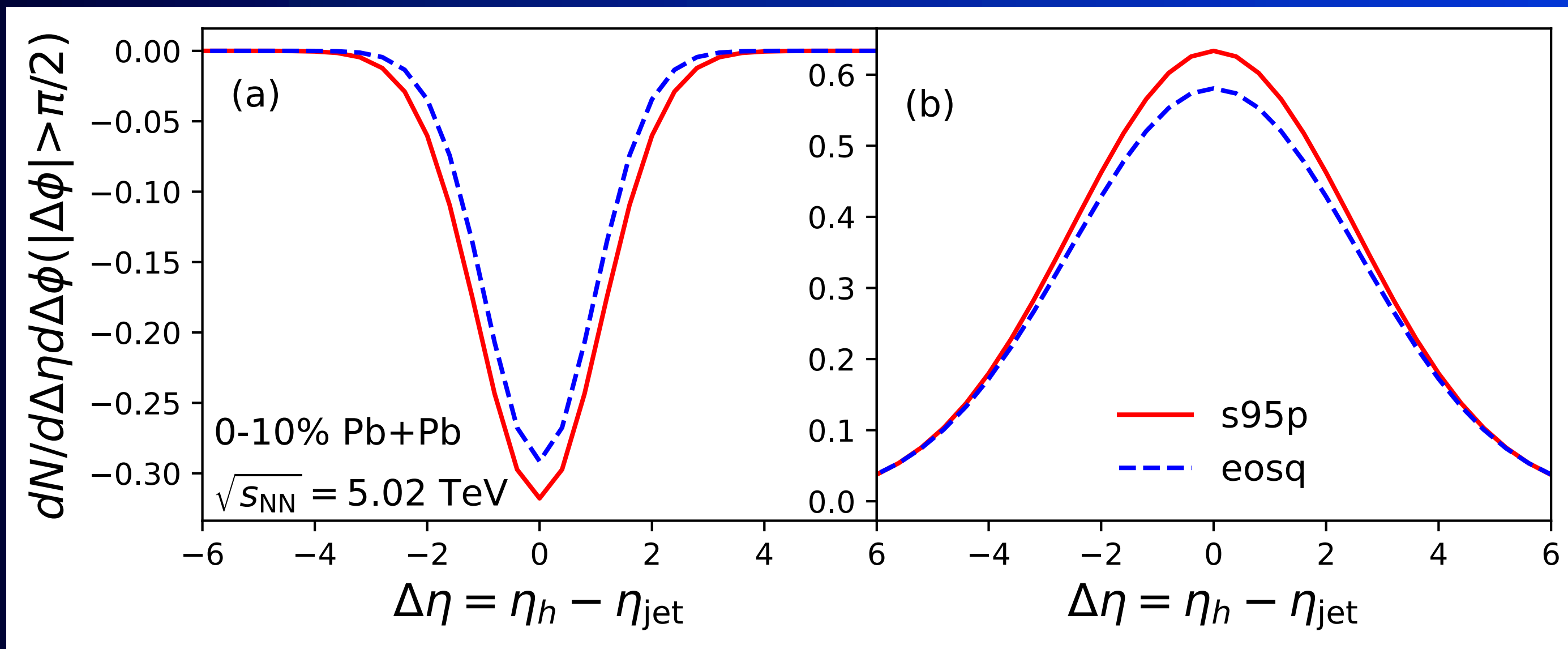
DF-wake



$$F(\Delta\eta) = \int_{\eta_{j1}}^{\eta_{j2}} d\eta_j F_3(\eta_j) (F_2(\Delta\eta, \eta_j) + F_1(\Delta\eta)),$$

↑ Jet-distr ↑ MPI ↑ DF-wake

Sensitivity to EoS and shear viscosity



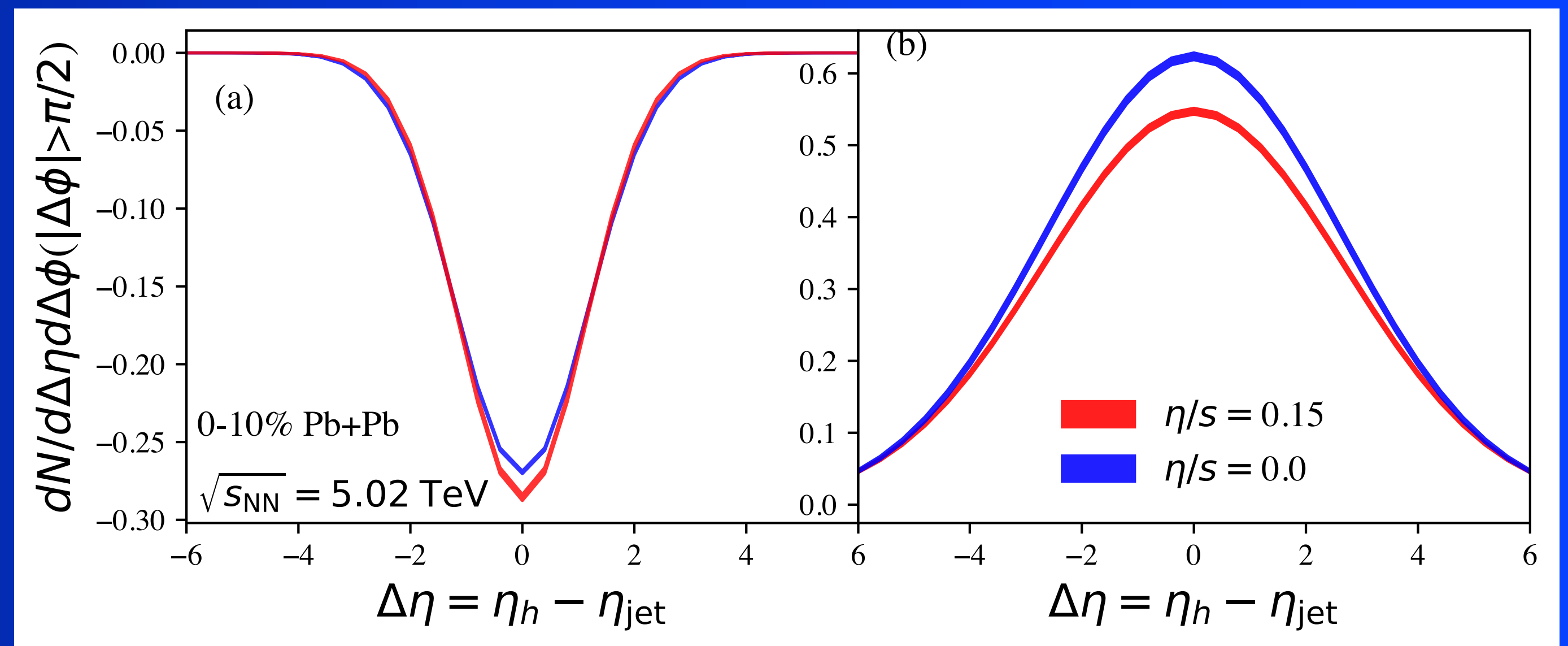
eosq: first order
s95p: rapid crossover from LQCD

Larger effective c_s in eosq \rightarrow :
larger Mach cone angle \rightarrow shallower
DF valley
Stronger radial flow \rightarrow smaller soft MPI

Competition of:

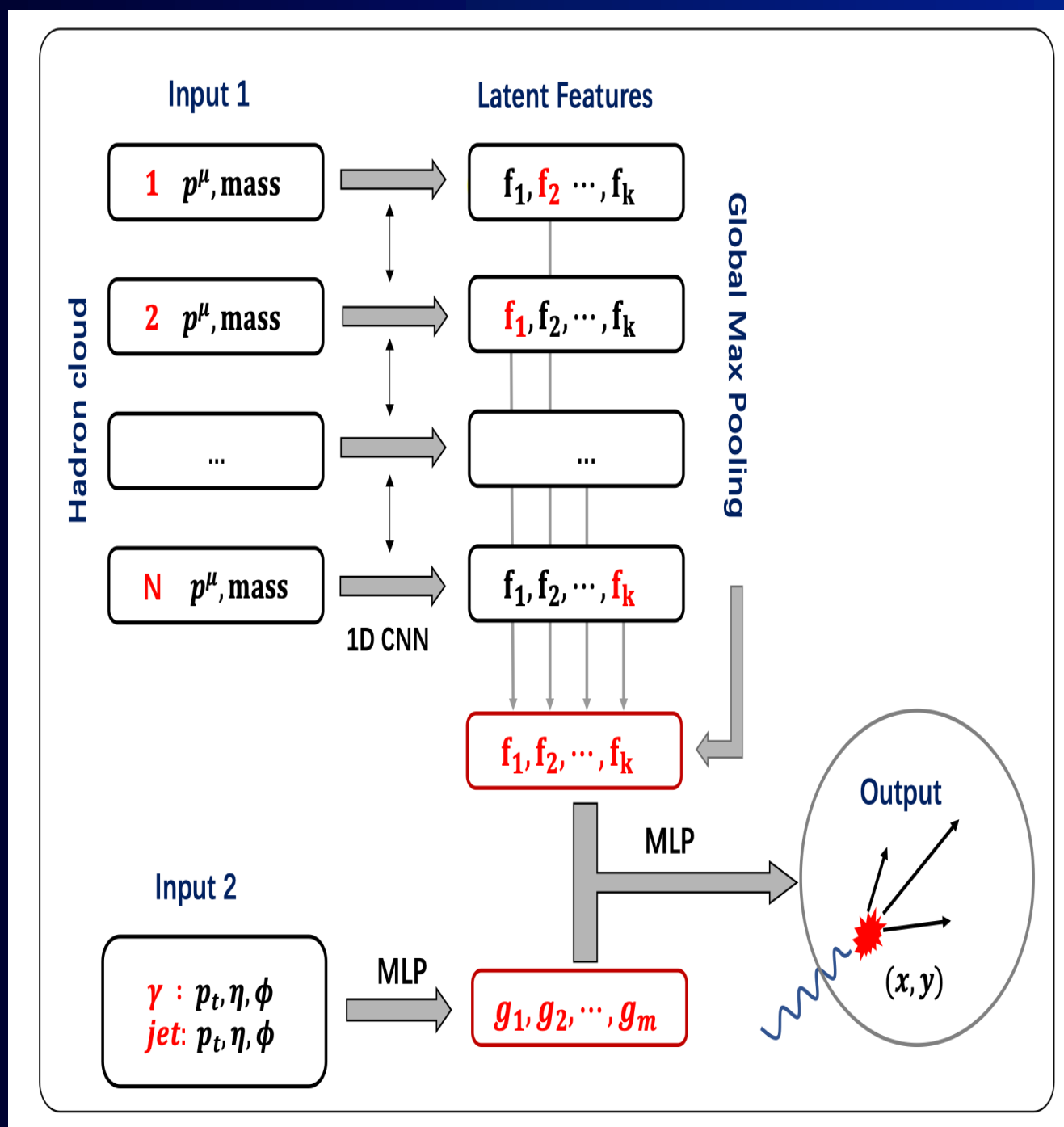
η/s increase transverse flow \rightarrow
suppression of soft MPI and DF
valley

Negative shear correction of
longitudinal pressure \rightarrow impede
longitudinal expansion \rightarrow increase
MPI and DF valley



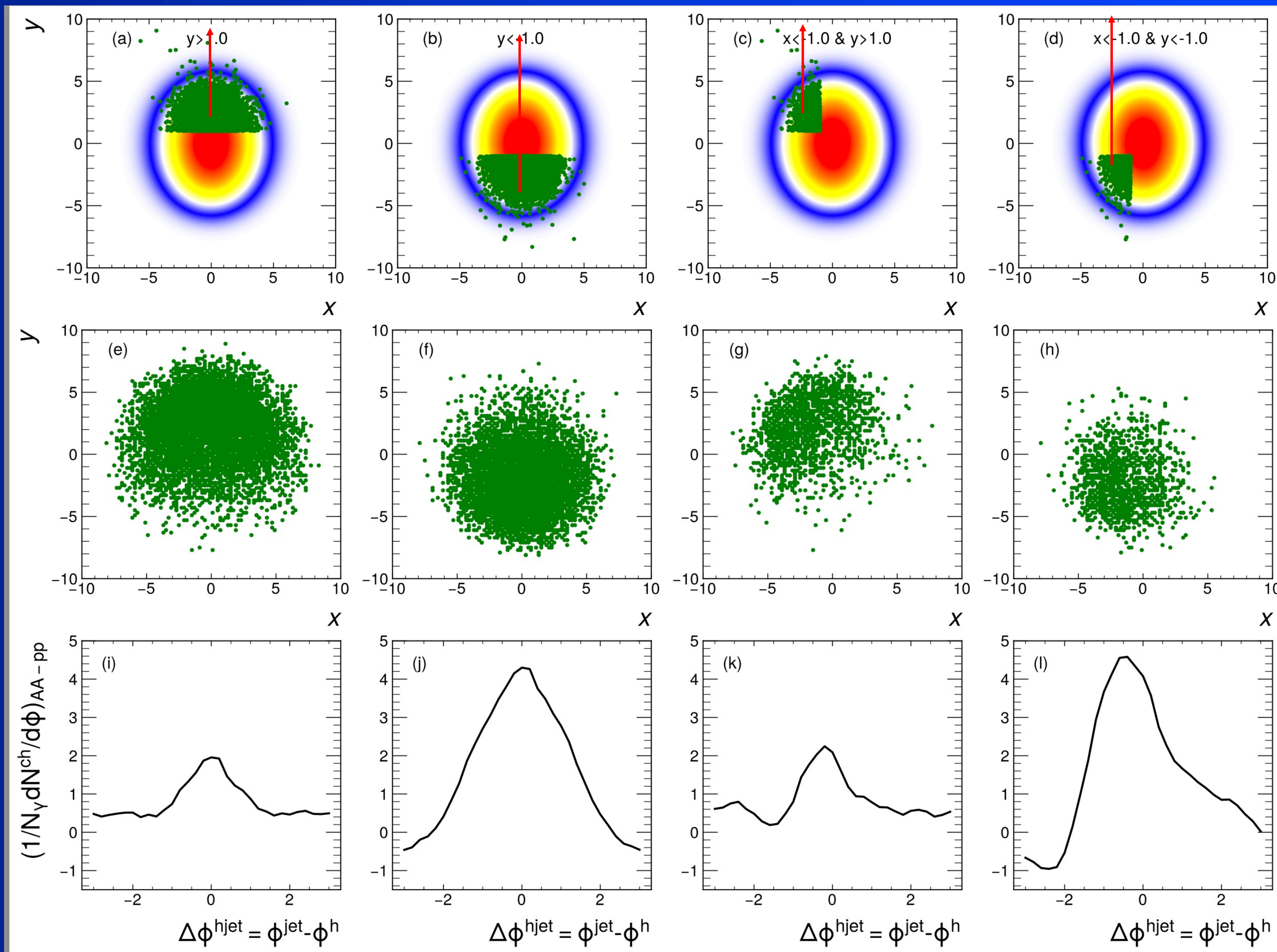
Deep learning assisted jet tomography

PCN (point cloud network)



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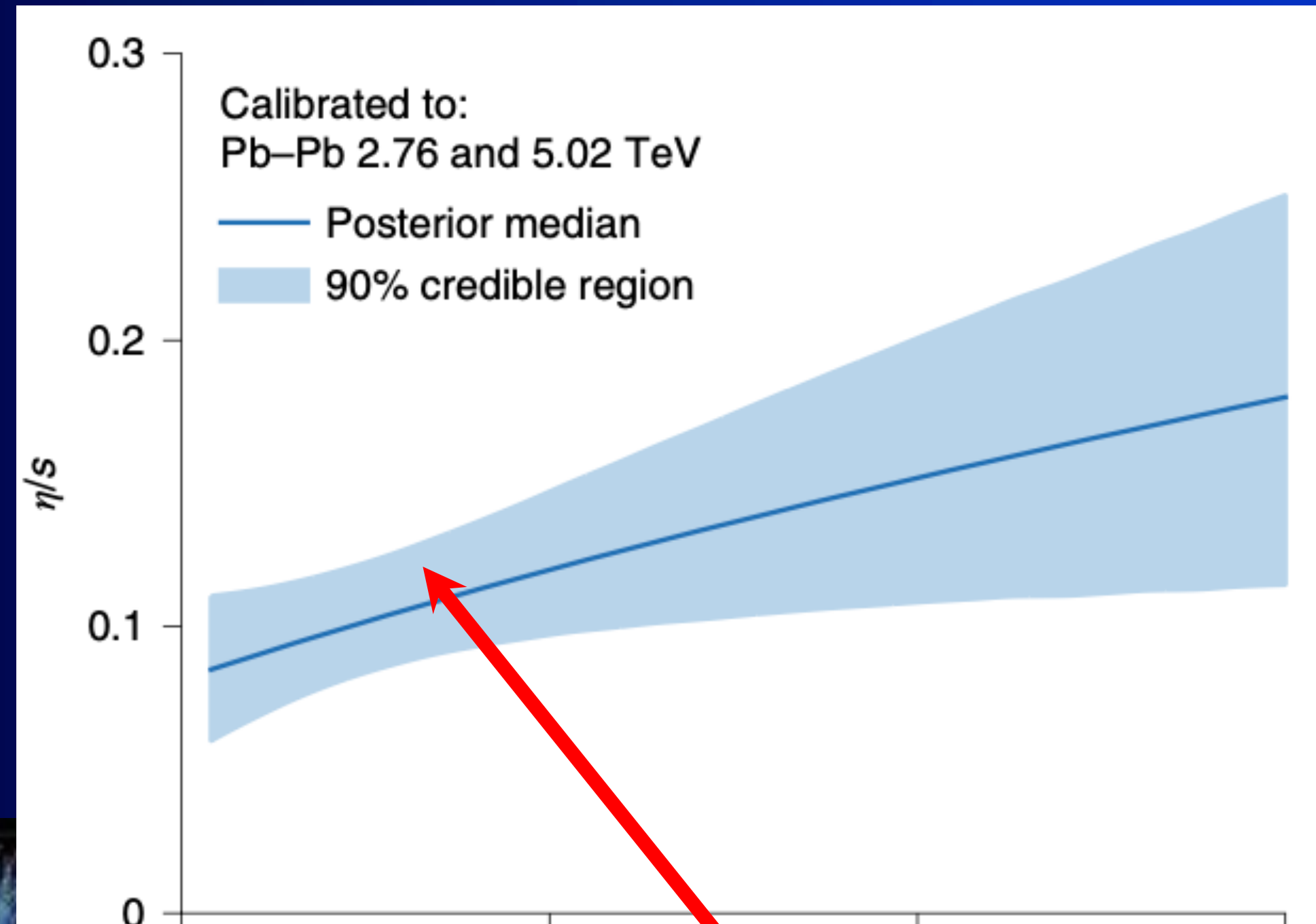
DL network selection

Actual distribution

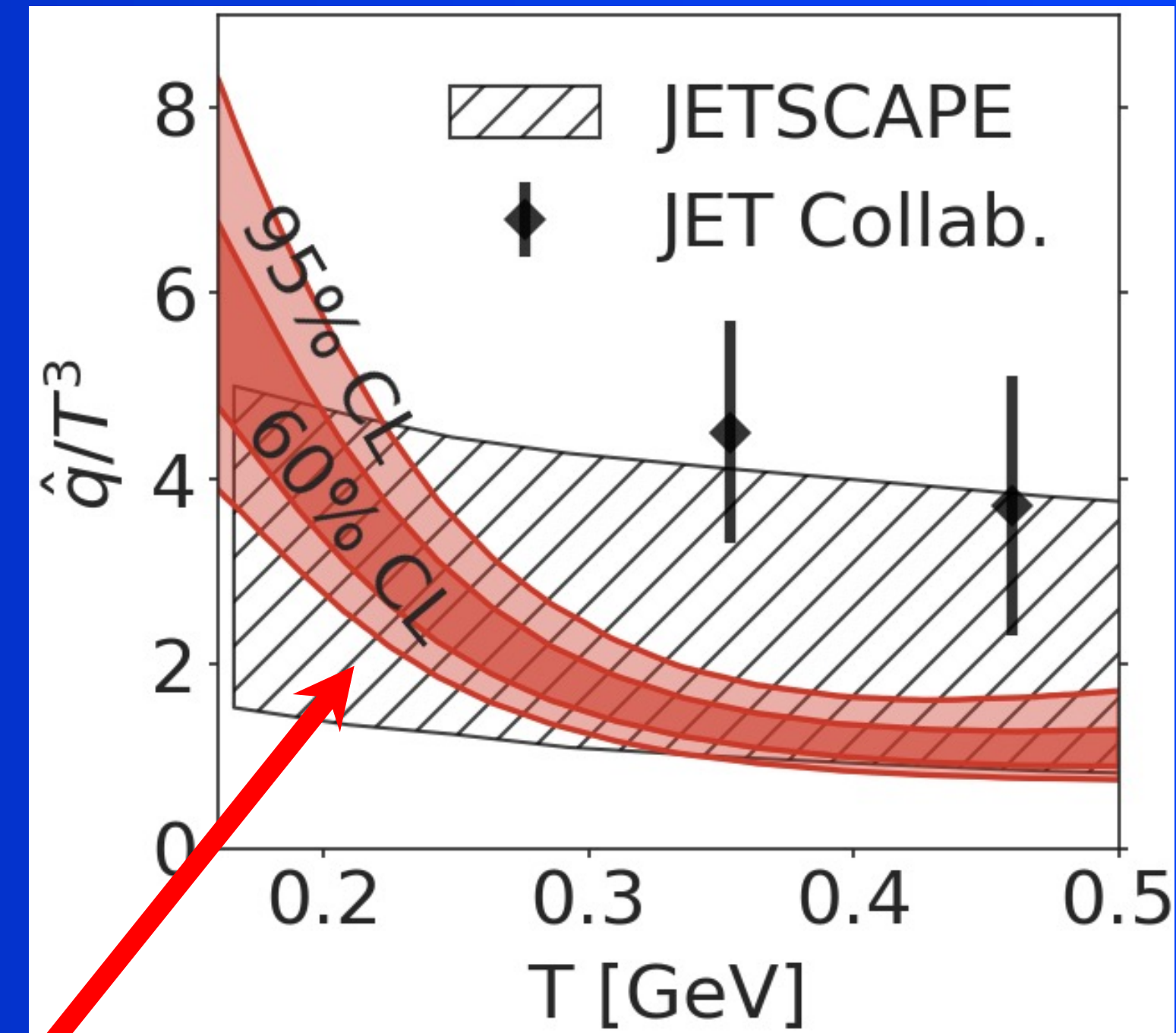
γ -soft hadron correlation

Jet and fluid transport property

Shear viscosity

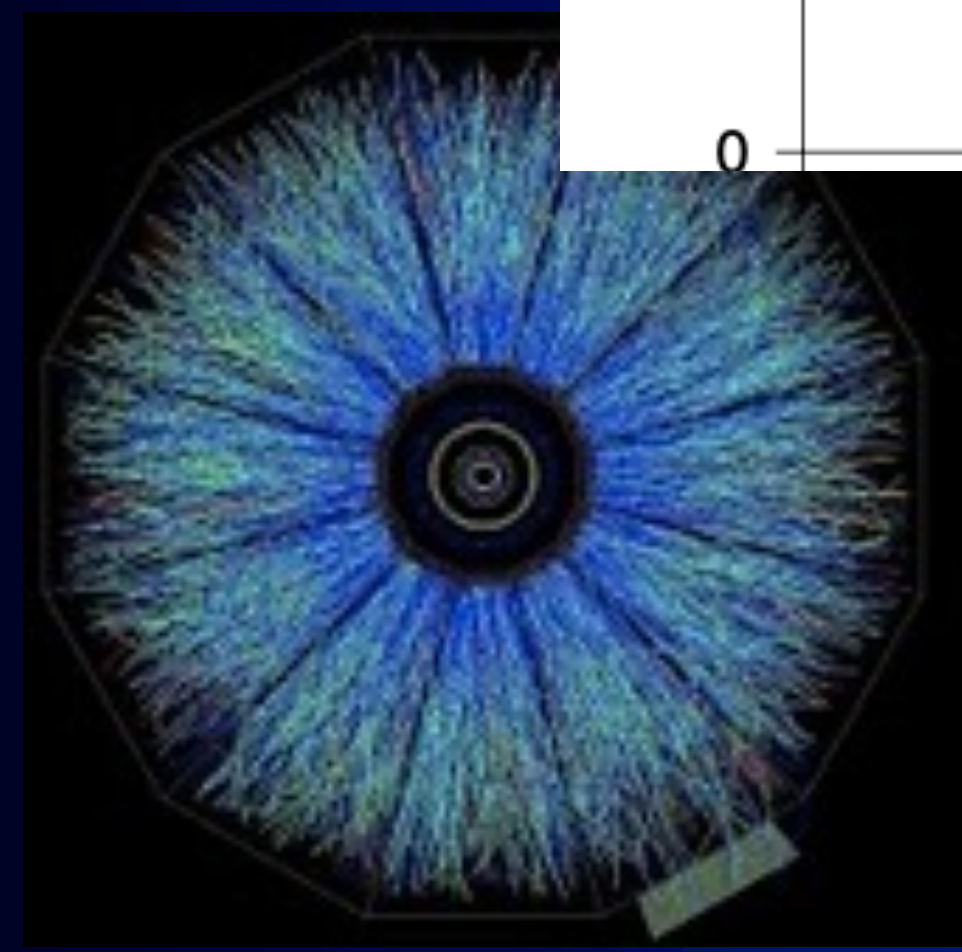


jet transport



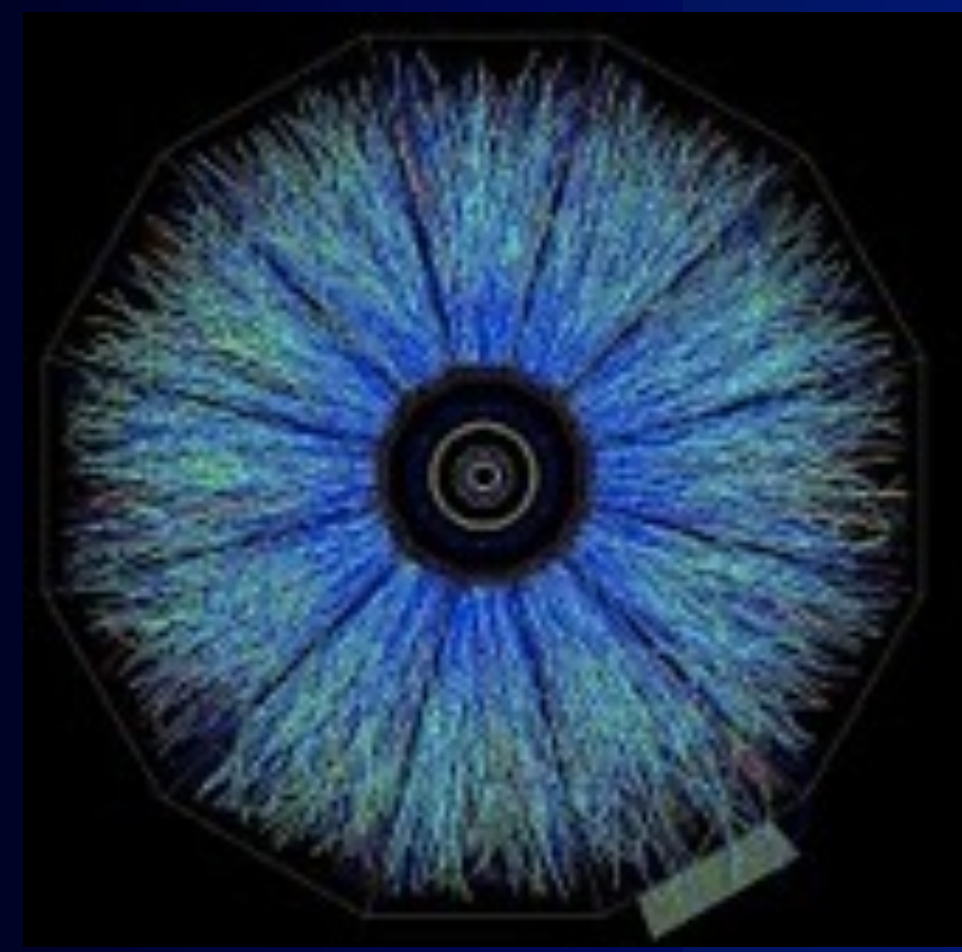
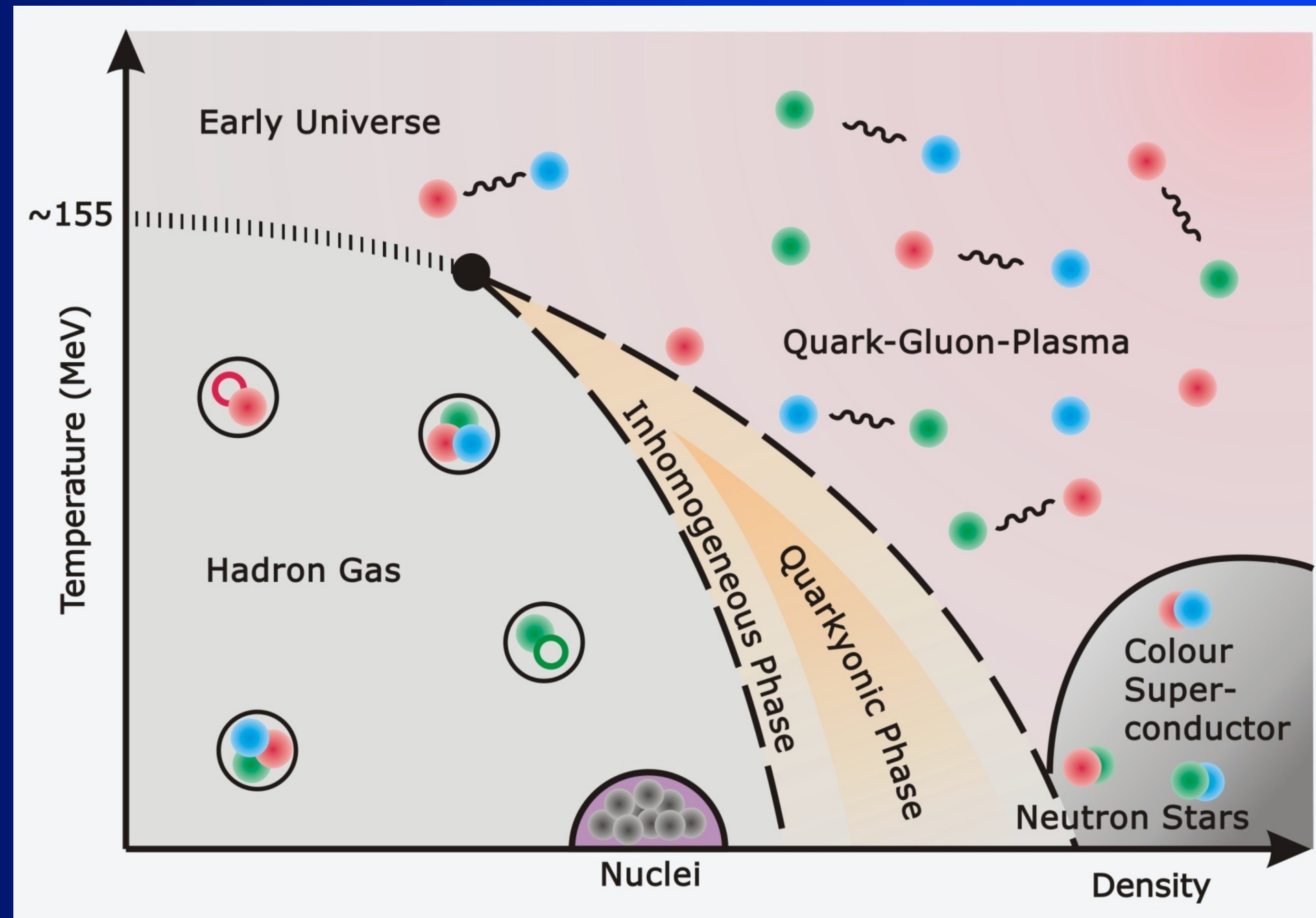
Connection? Majumder, Muller & XNW, PRL 99, 192301 (2007)

Perfect fluid? strongly coupled?



Mapping out the phase diagram of nuclear matter

QGP: The most perfect, most vortical and most opaque fluid

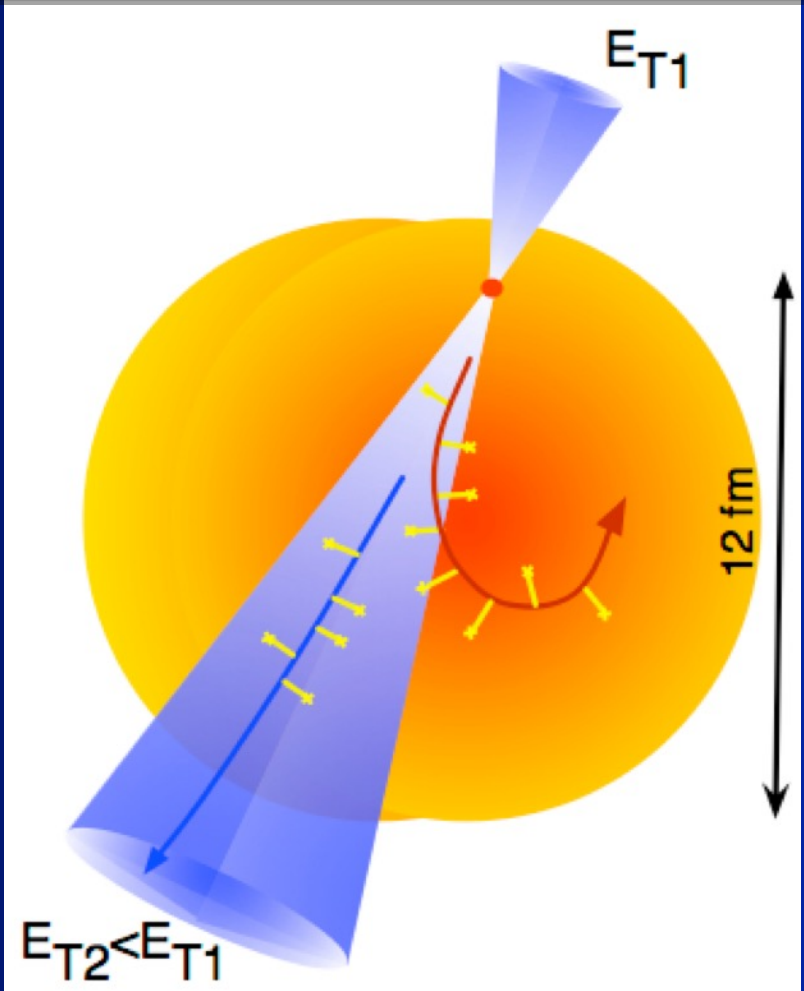
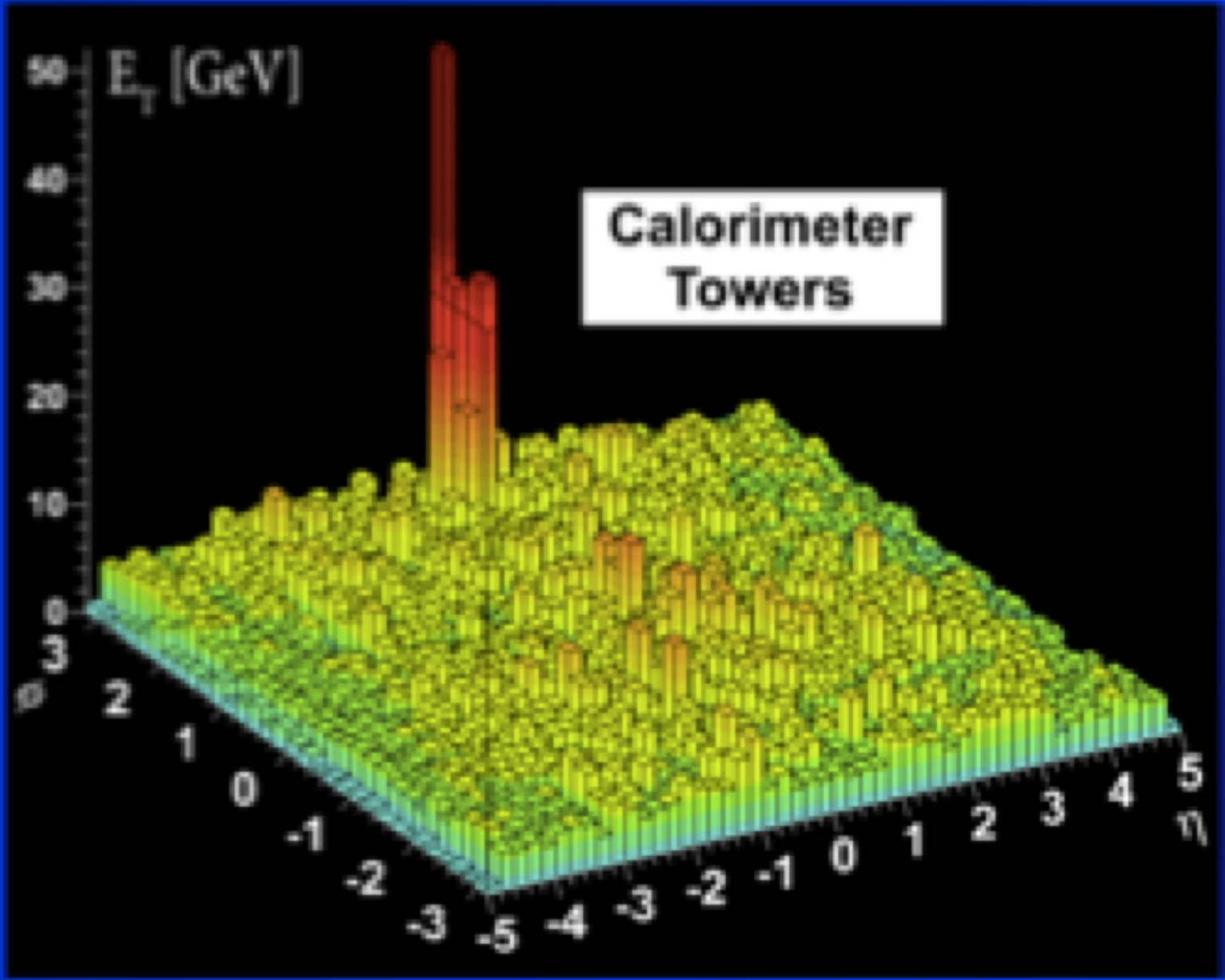
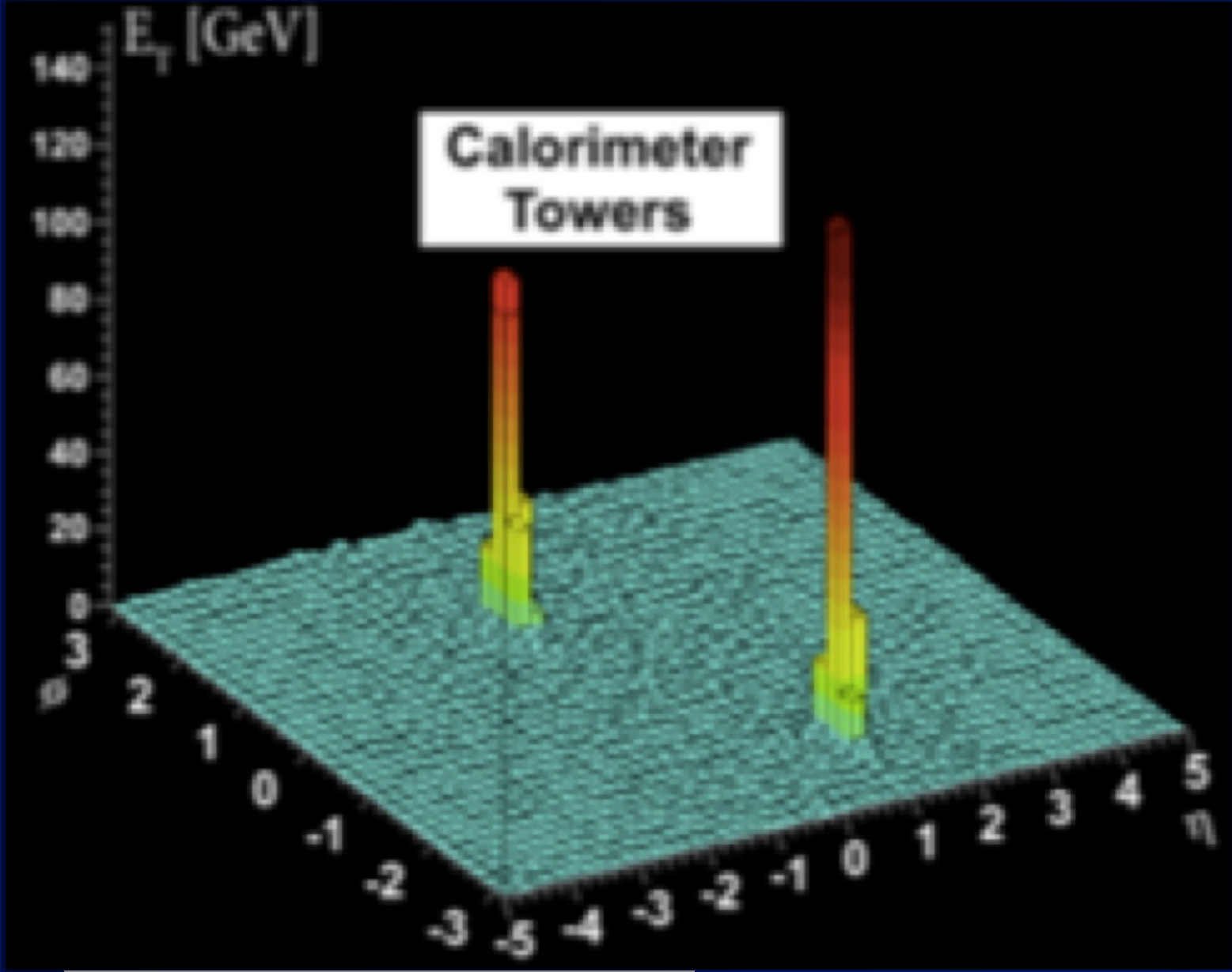


Happy 50th Birthday to QCD!

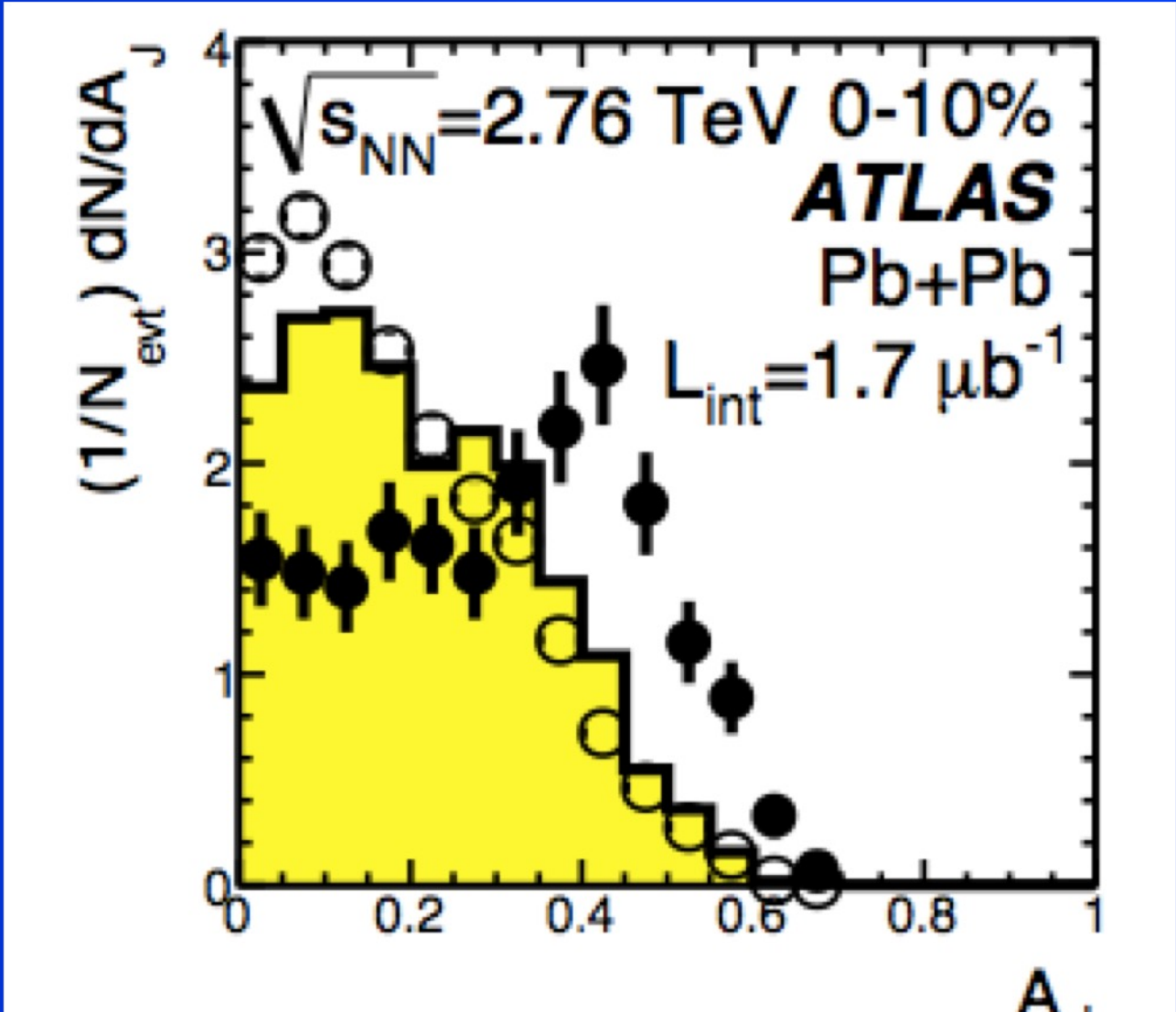
Many happy returns in the future...



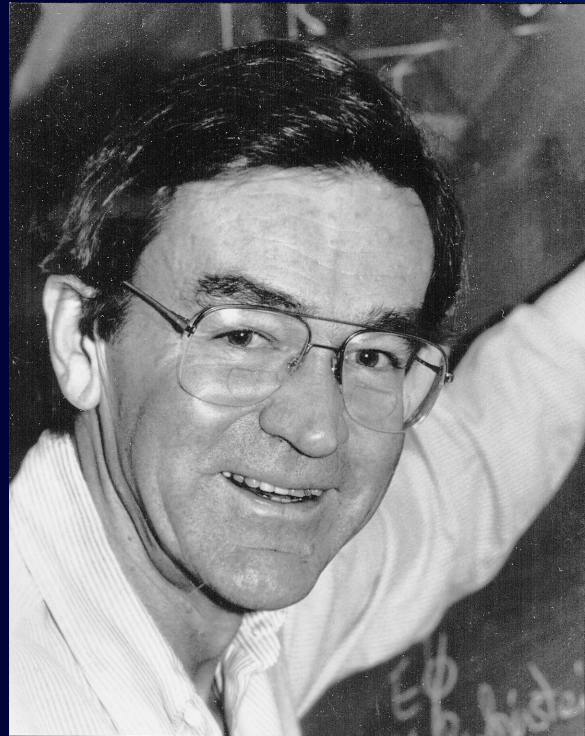
Jet quenching at LHC



$$A_J = \frac{E_{T1} - E_{T2}}{E_{T1} + E_{T2}}$$



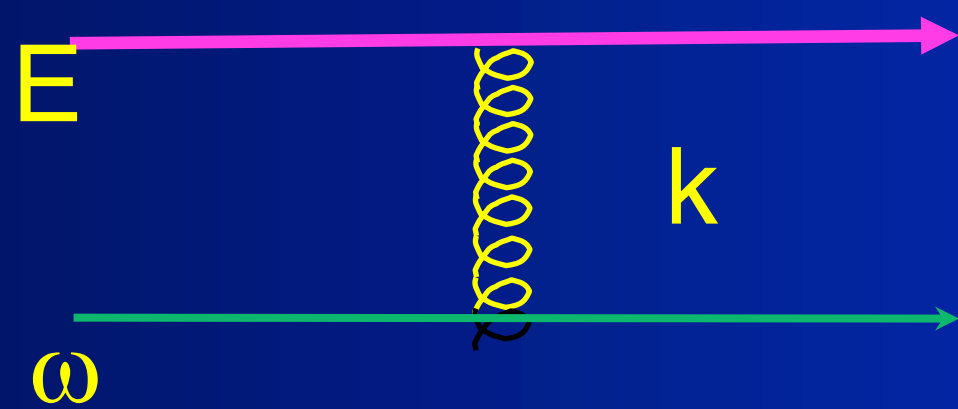
Parton propagation in QCD medium



Elastic parton energy loss:

Bjorken (1982)

Thoma & Gyulassy (1990)



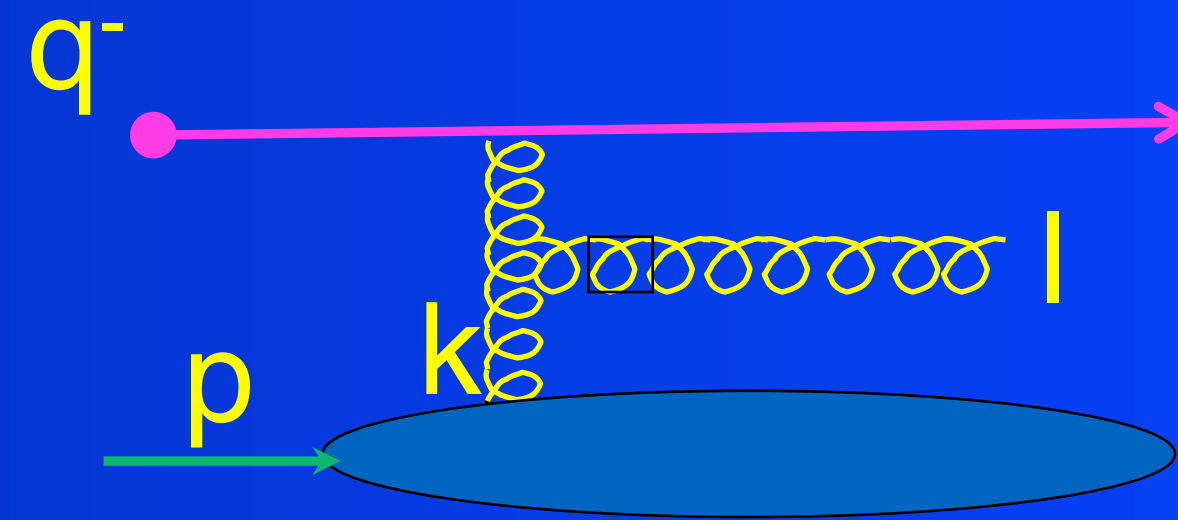
$$\frac{dE_{el}^a}{dx} = \sum_b \int d\omega f_b(\omega/T) \int dk_{\perp}^2 \frac{d\sigma_{ab}}{dk_{\perp}^2} k_0$$

$$k_0 \approx k_{\perp}^2 / 2\omega$$

$$\approx C_a \frac{3\pi}{2} \alpha_s^2 T^2 \log \frac{2.6ET}{4\mu_D^2}$$

Inelastic parton energy loss:

Gyulassy & XNW (1994), BDMPS (1995), Zakharov (1996)



Y Zhang & XNW
arXiv: 2104.04520

$$\frac{dN_g}{dl_{\perp}^2 dz} = \int_{y^-}^{\infty} dy_1^- \left[\rho_A(y_1^-, \vec{y}_{\perp}) \frac{2\pi\alpha_s}{N_c} \pi \int \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\phi_N(0, \vec{k}_{\perp})}{k_{\perp}^2} \right] \\ \times \pi \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qg}(z) \frac{C_A}{l_{\perp}^2} \mathcal{N}_g(\vec{l}_{\perp}, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

$$\mathcal{N}_g^{\text{static+soft}} = \int \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} \frac{2\vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{l}_{\perp}}{(\vec{l}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp})^2} \left(1 - \cos \left[\frac{(\vec{l}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp})^2}{2q^- z(1-z)} y_1^- \right] \right)$$

τ_f Gluon formation time y_1^- / τ_f