

Universality of scaled particle spectra in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions

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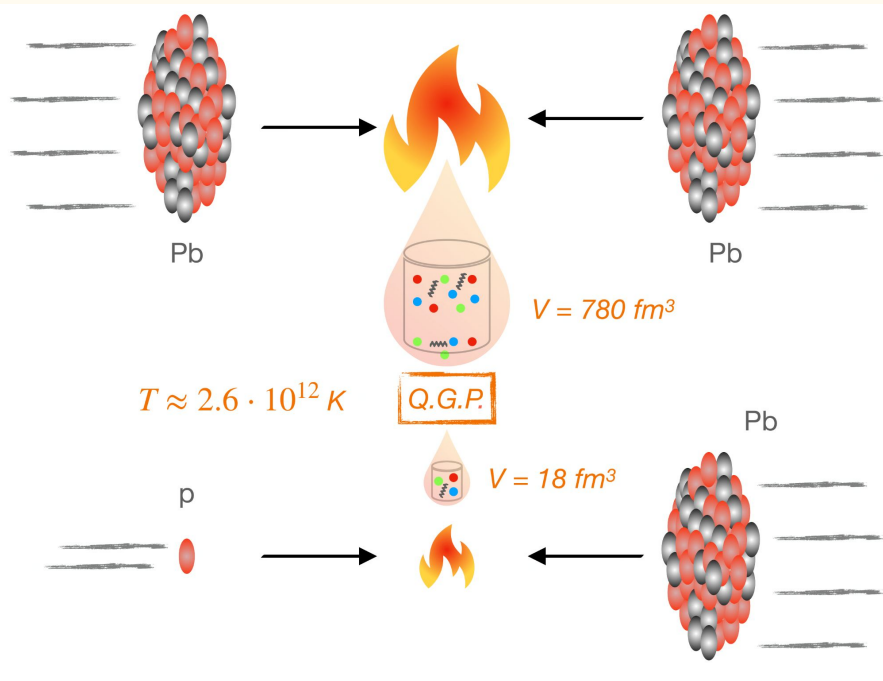
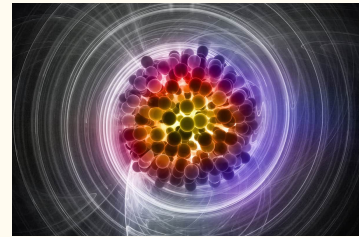
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Investigating the Properties of Nuclear Matter Under Extreme Conditions: Quark-Gluon Plasma

QGP: Quarks, anti-quarks and gluons liberated

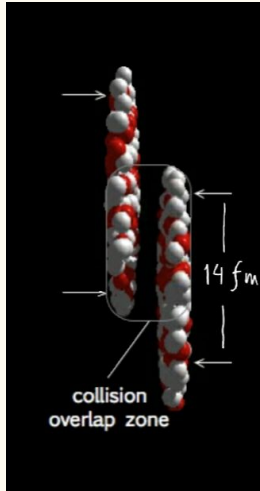


High-energy nuclear collisions provide a unique window into the behavior of nuclear matter under extreme conditions.

Explore fundamental properties of strong interactions.

Particle correlations reveal the dynamics of the generated state.

Heavy-Ion Collisions



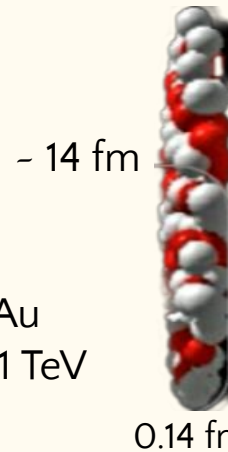
(1) colliding "pancakes"

Relativistic heavy-ion collision: contracted Lorentz disk

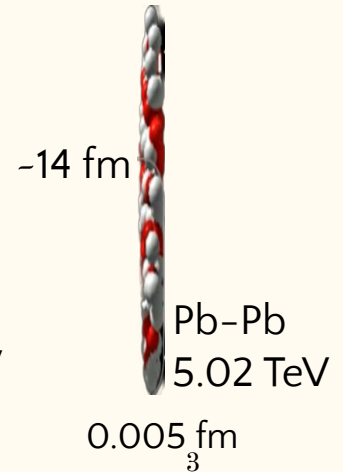
$$\frac{14}{\gamma}$$



Au-Au
0.011 TeV



Au-Au
0.2 TeV



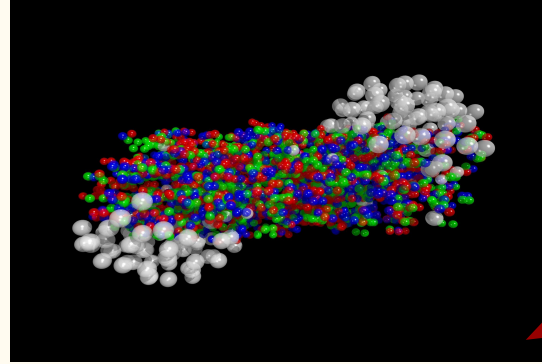
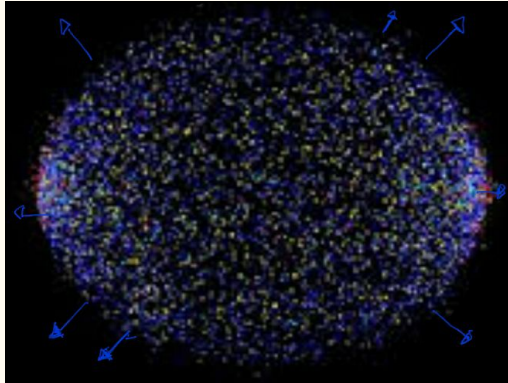
Pb-Pb
5.02 TeV

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} 10 & \text{NICA} \\ 100 & \text{RHIC} \\ 2500 & \text{LHC} \end{cases}$$

Heavy-Ion Collisions

2) Expansion in the Vacuum

$$\approx 10^{-22} s$$



Matter composed
of strongly
coupled quarks
and gluons

Credit: CERN press

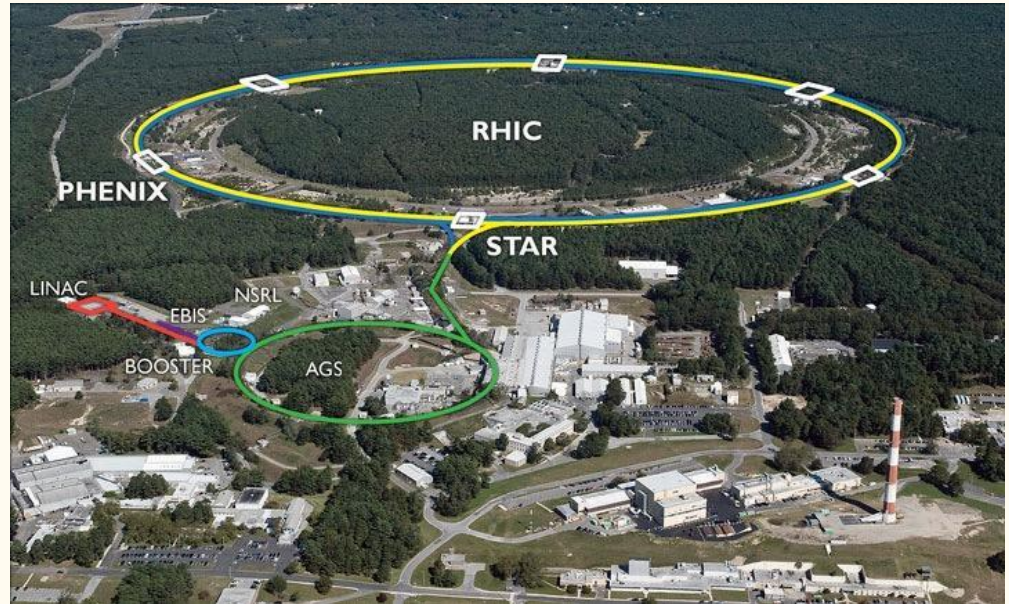
3) density decreases:

thousands of particles produced;
 ~ 35000 particles Pb-Pb 5.02 TeV

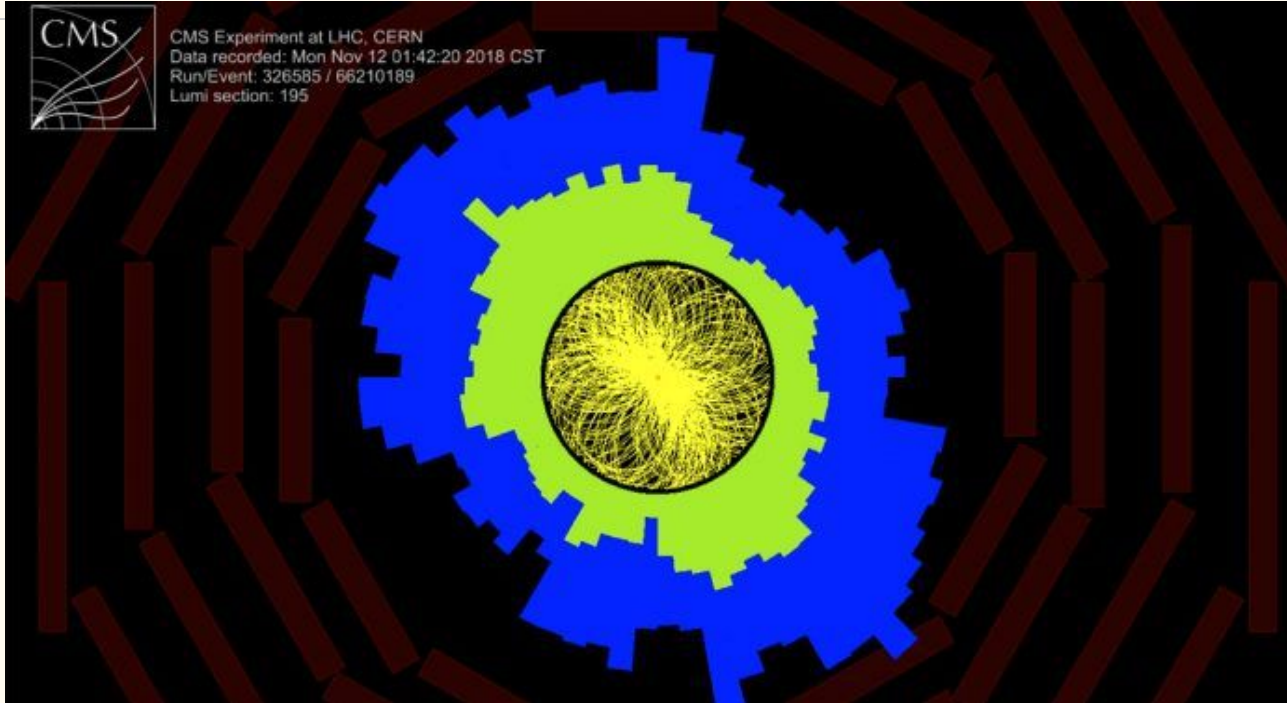
“Discovering” QGP

2005 :

Four experimental groups at the RHIC announced that they have created a **"perfect liquid"** of quarks and gluons through Au-Au collisions at 200 GeV.



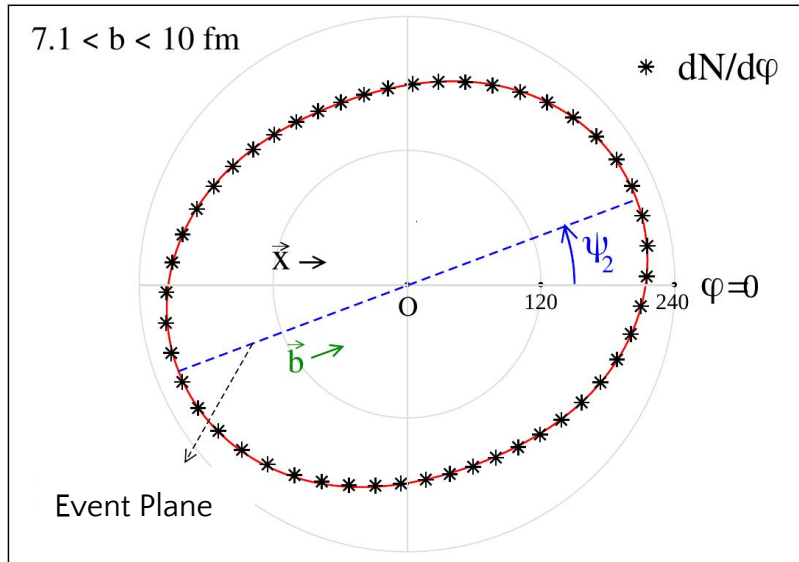
How do we know we have a liquid?



Azimuthal distribution of particles has an **ELLIPTIC** shape, v_2
i.e. thermalization/collective flow break isotropy

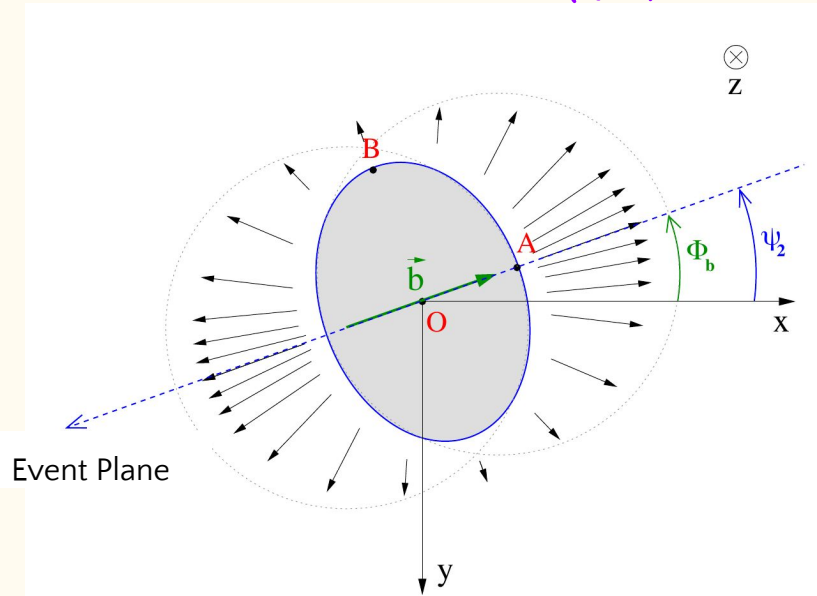
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INITIAL CONDITION (QGP)

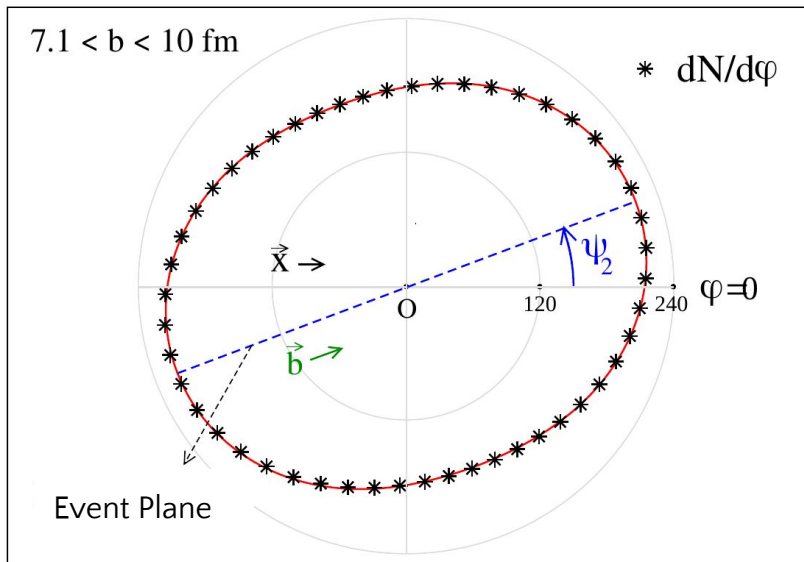


Initial **ELLIPTIC** shape implies v_2 , when
QGP behaves as a **LIQUID**!

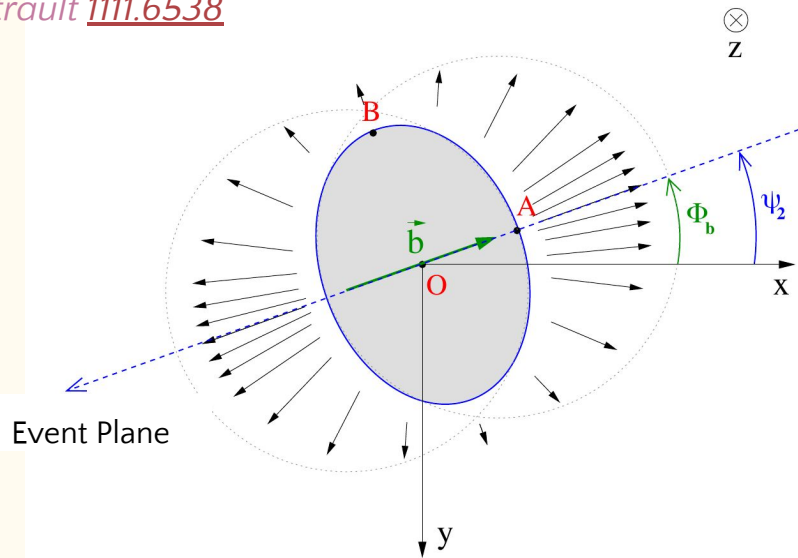
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“EXPERIMENTAL DATA” *Mapping* INITIAL CONDITION (QGP)

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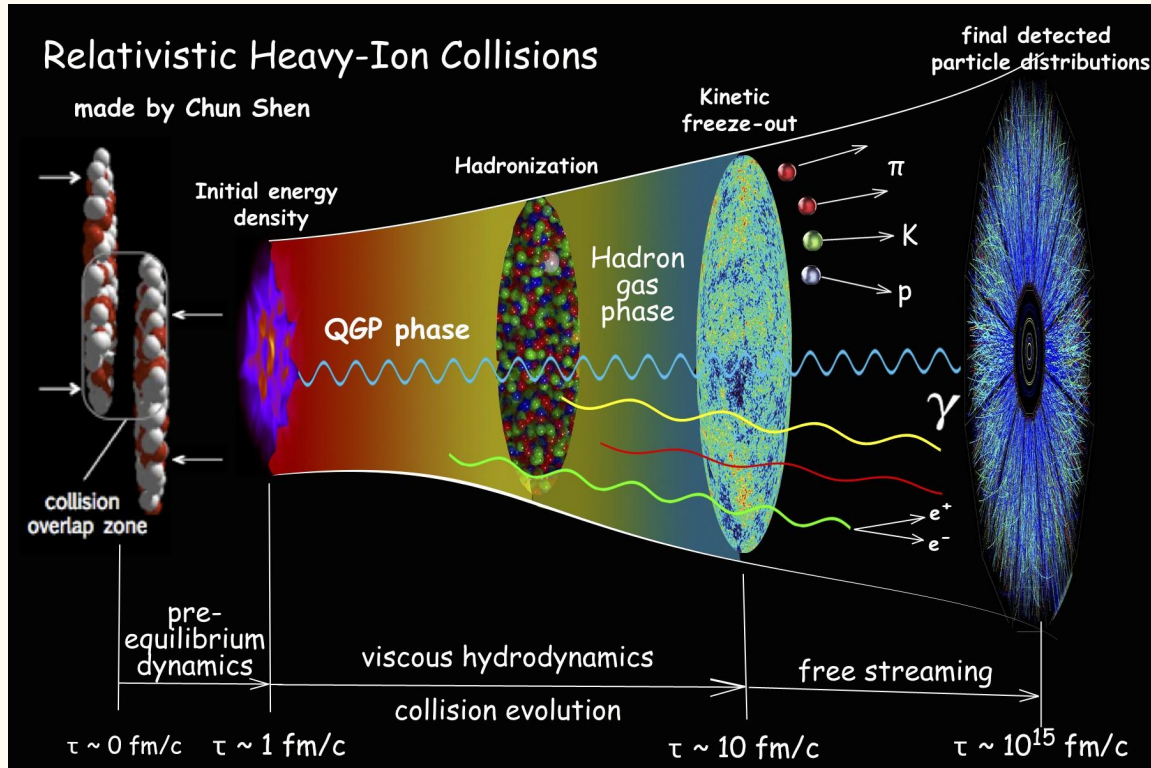


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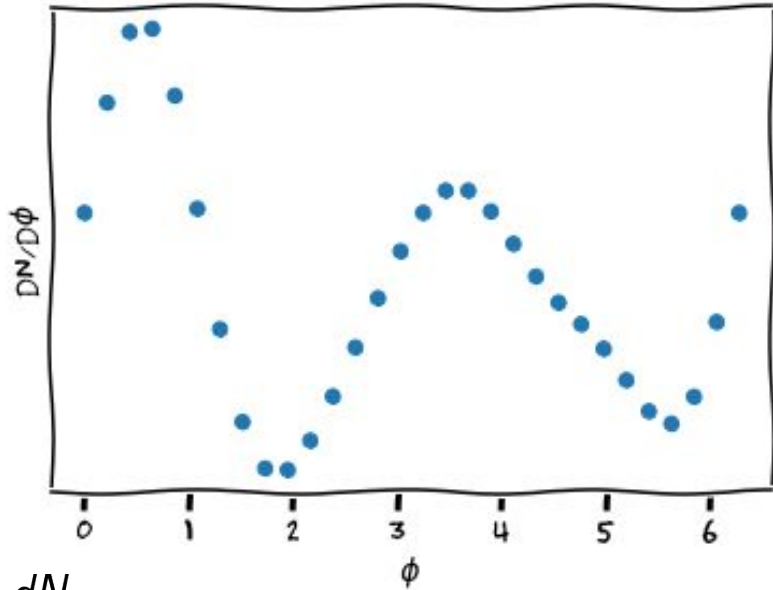
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Standard model of relativistic collisions

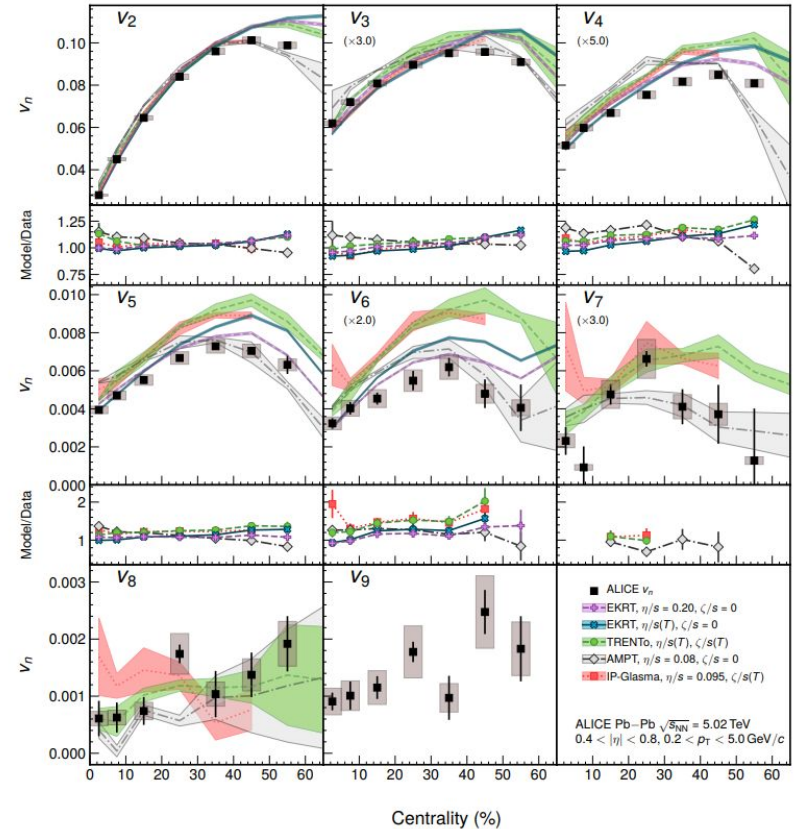


OBSERVABLES I: Flow

Particle distribution in the transverse plane

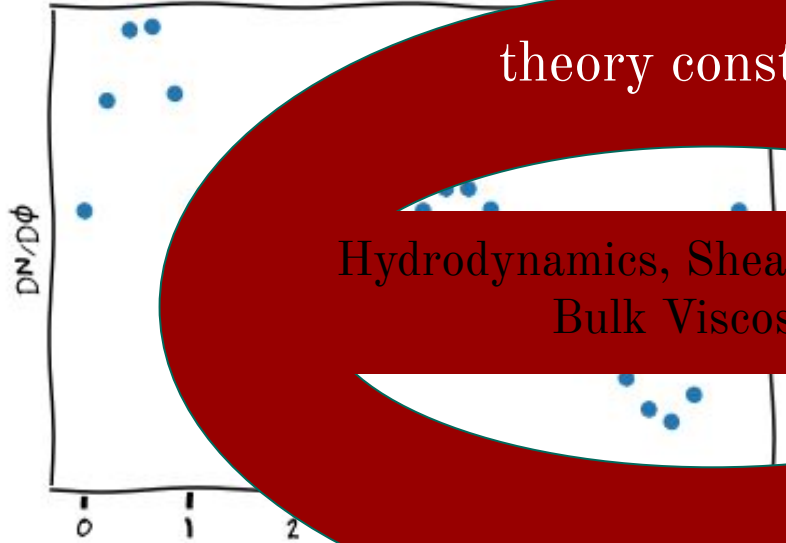


$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto (1 + 2v_1 \cos \phi + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi + \dots)$$



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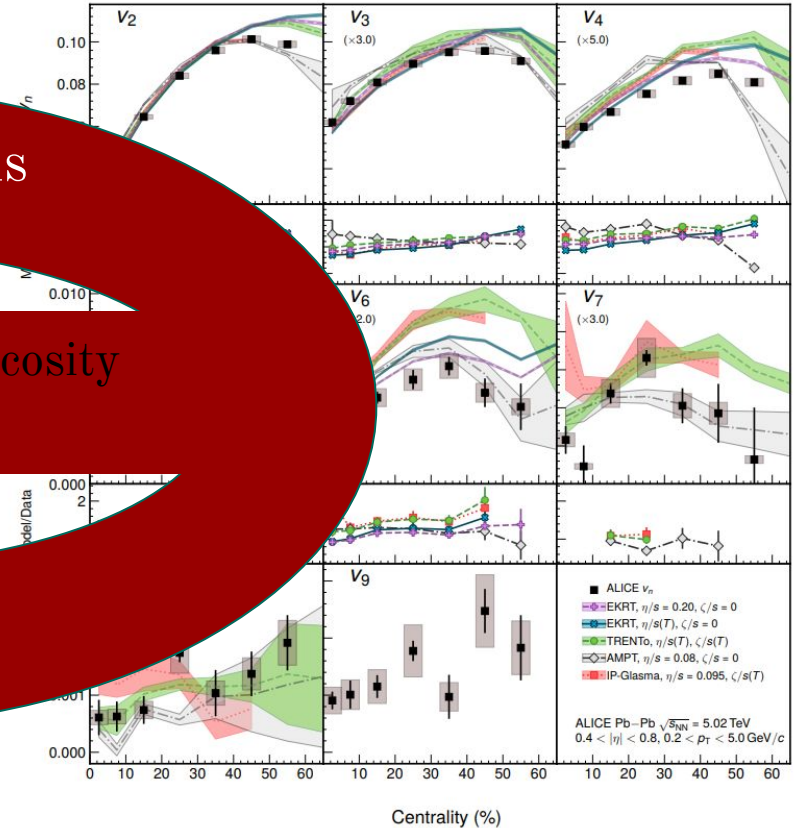
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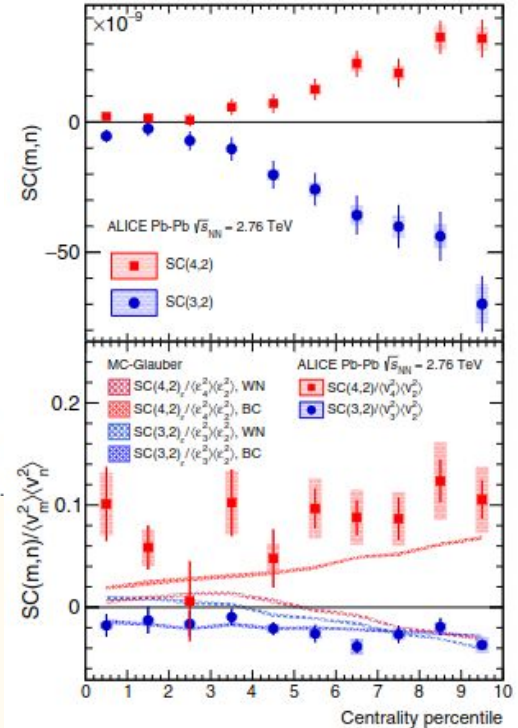
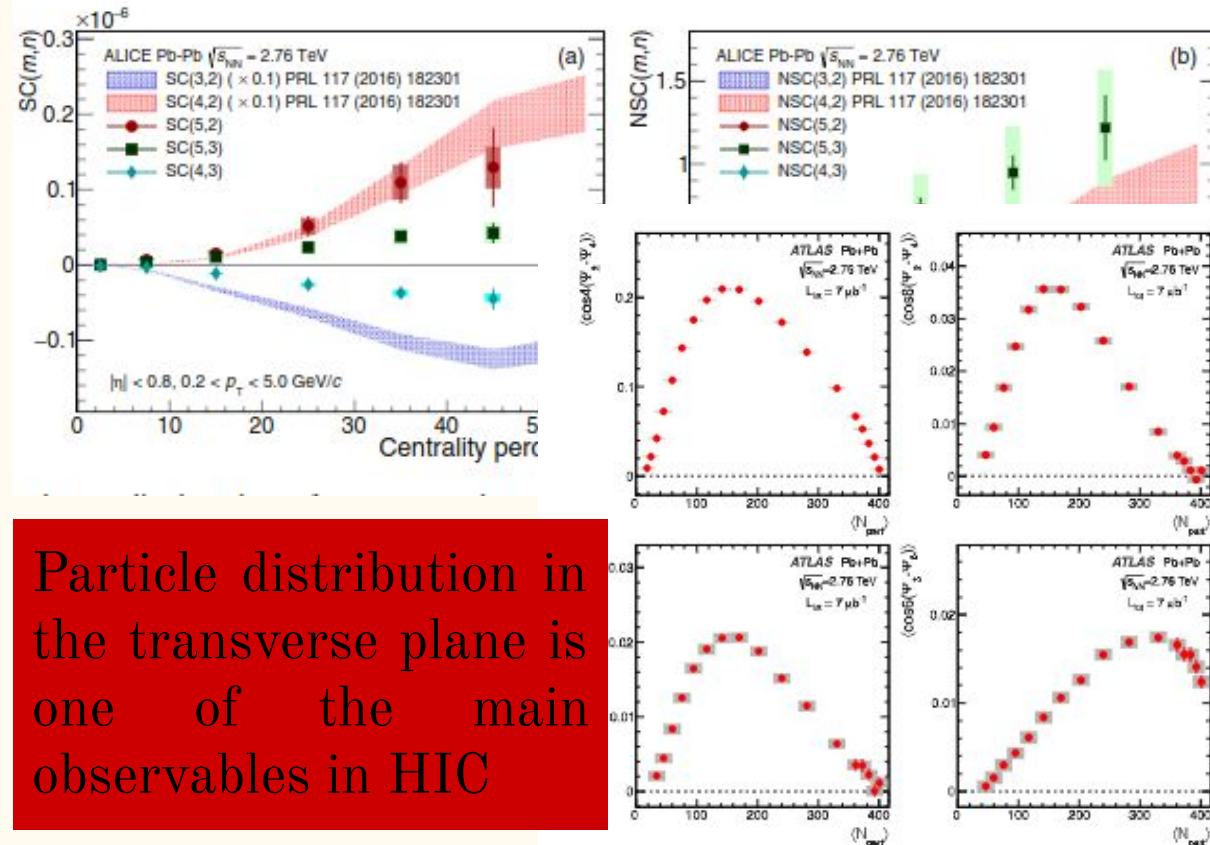
theory constrains

Hydrodynamics, Shear Viscosity
Bulk Viscosity

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OBSERVABLES I: Flow & Correlations



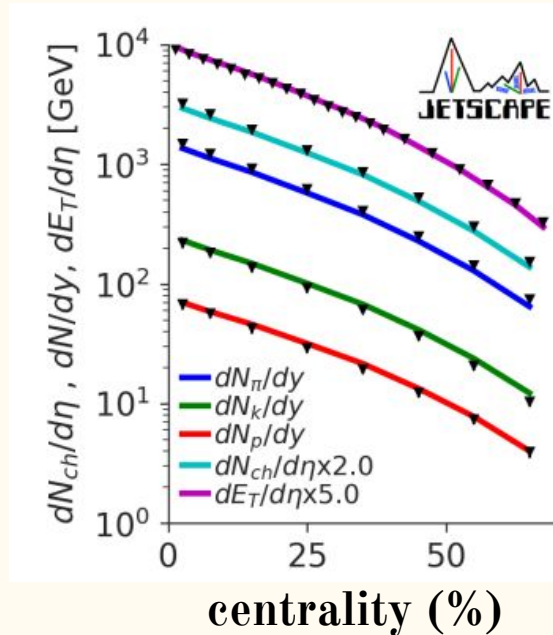
Particle distribution in the transverse plane is one of the main observables in HIC

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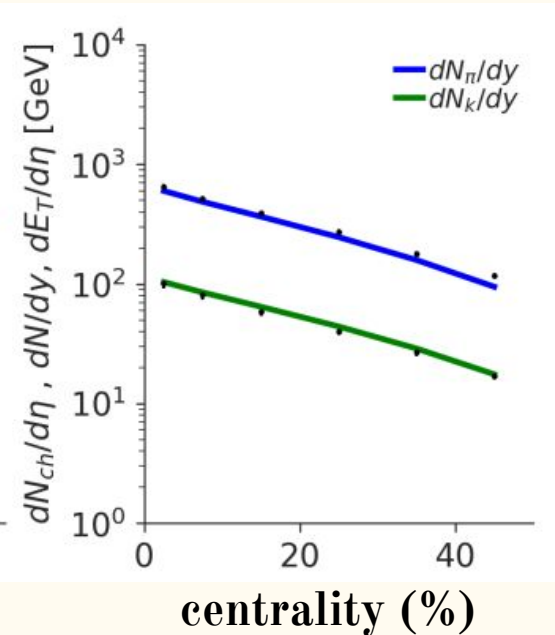
Multiplicity: Charged Particle Number

Global analysis (Bayesian)

Pb-Pb 5.02 TeV



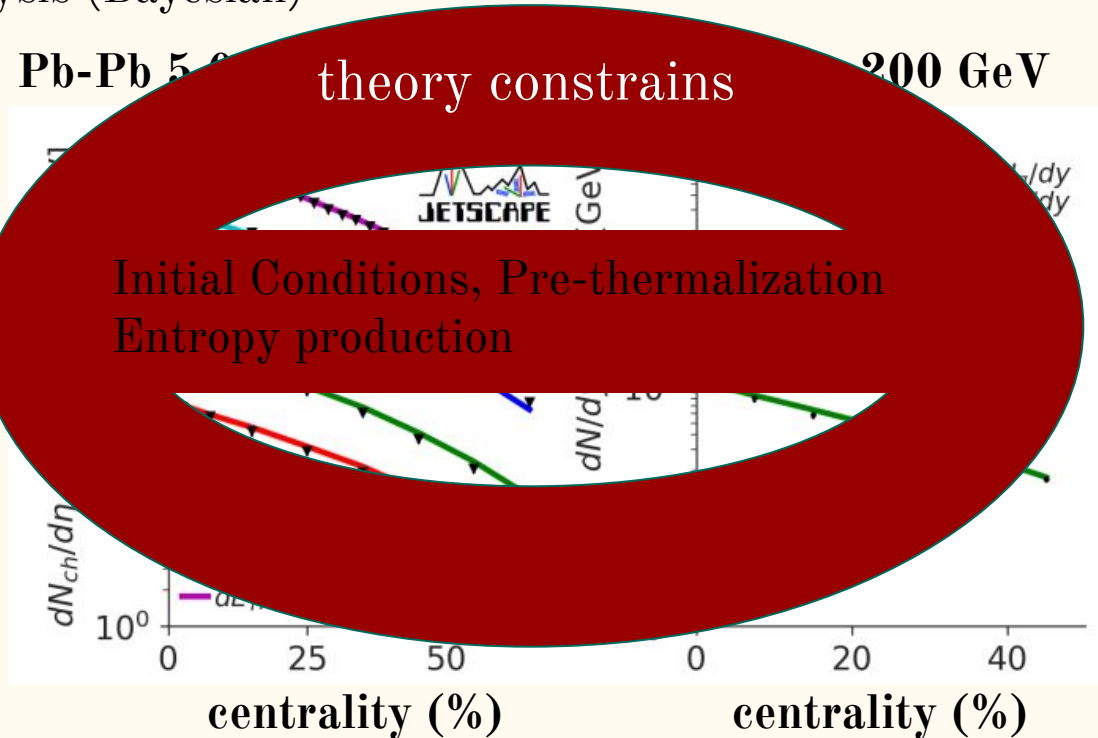
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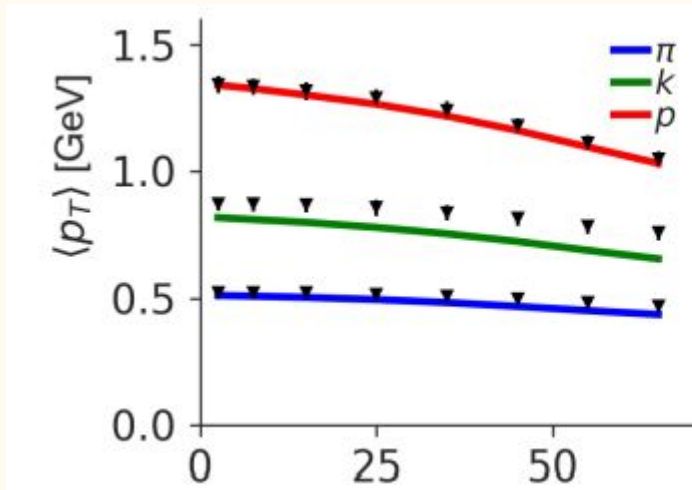


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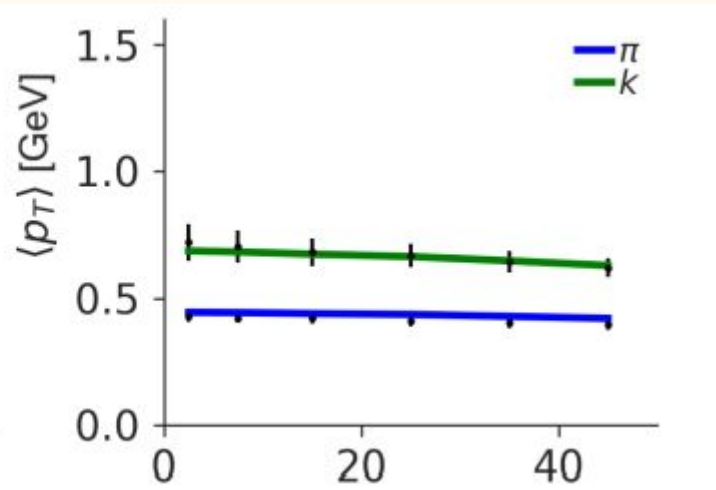
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centrality (%)

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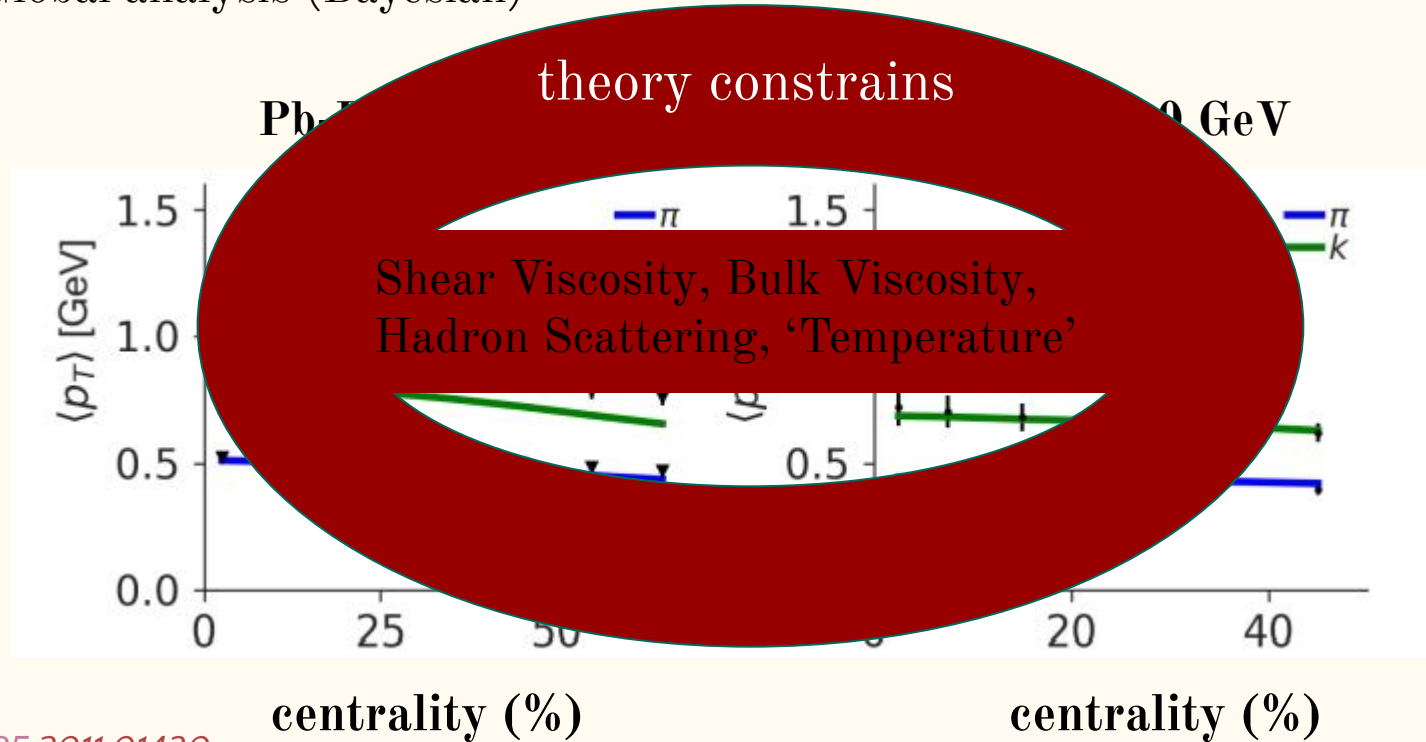


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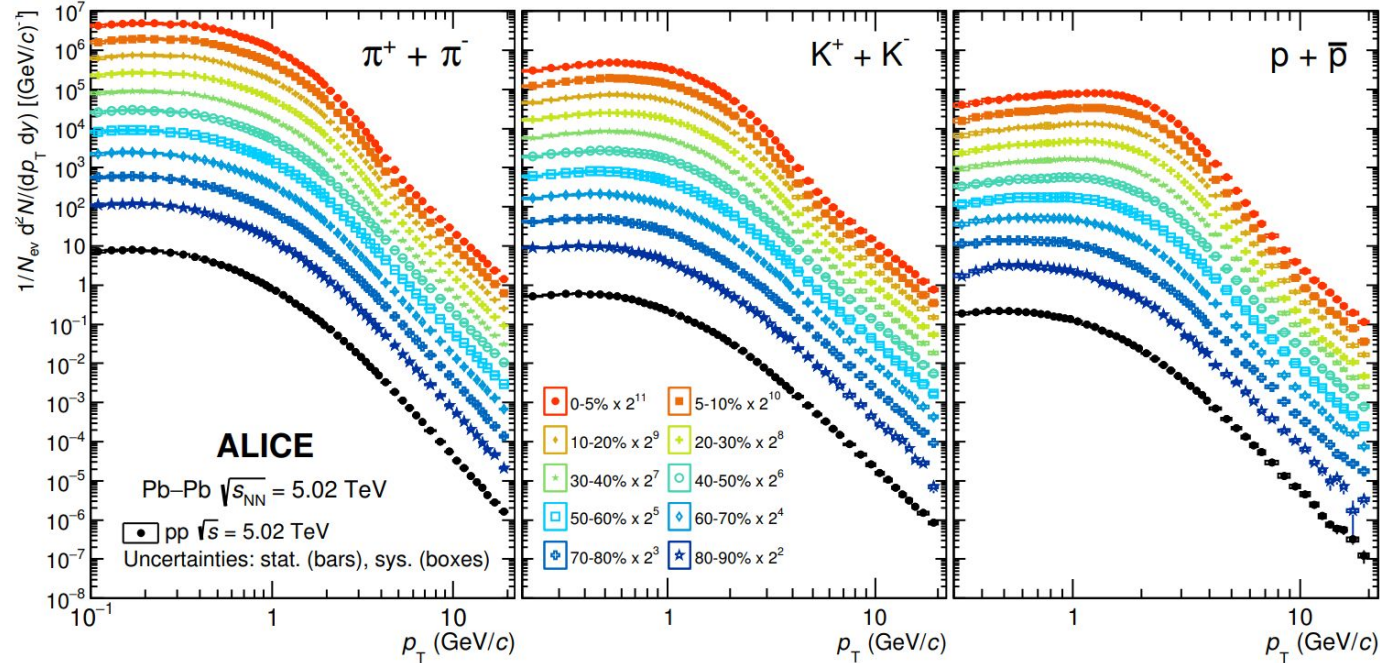
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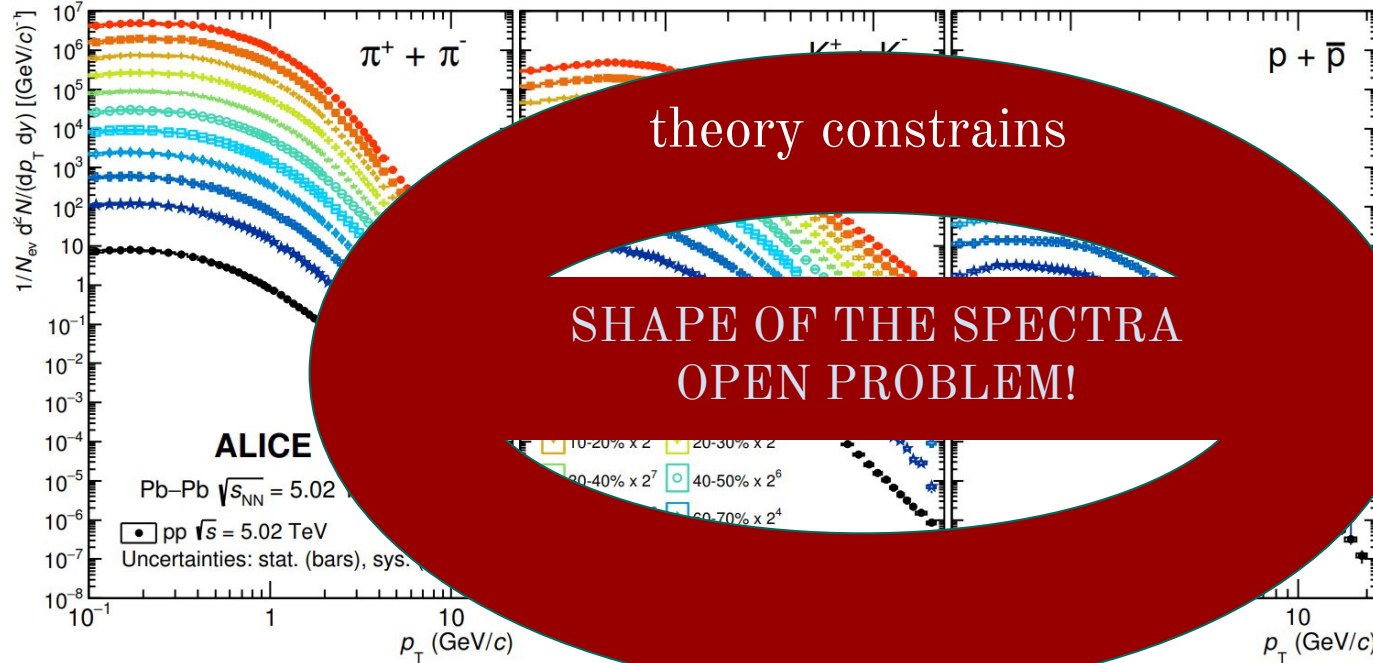
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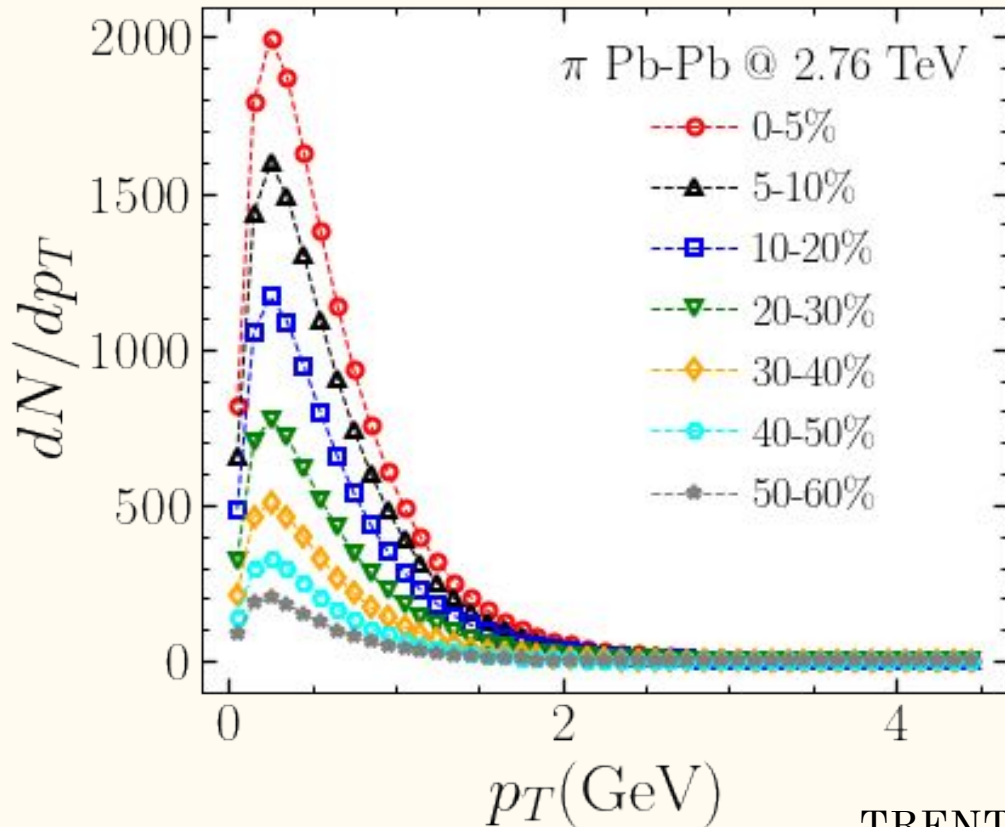
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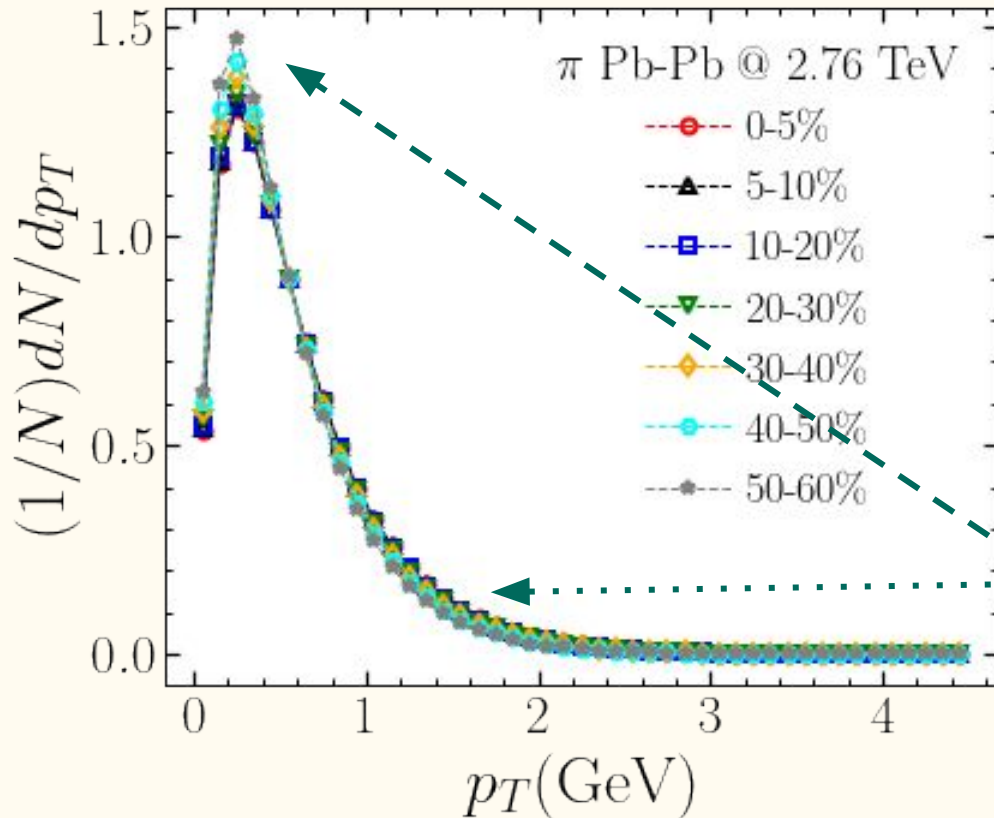
What can we learn
from the p_T -spectra?

p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation



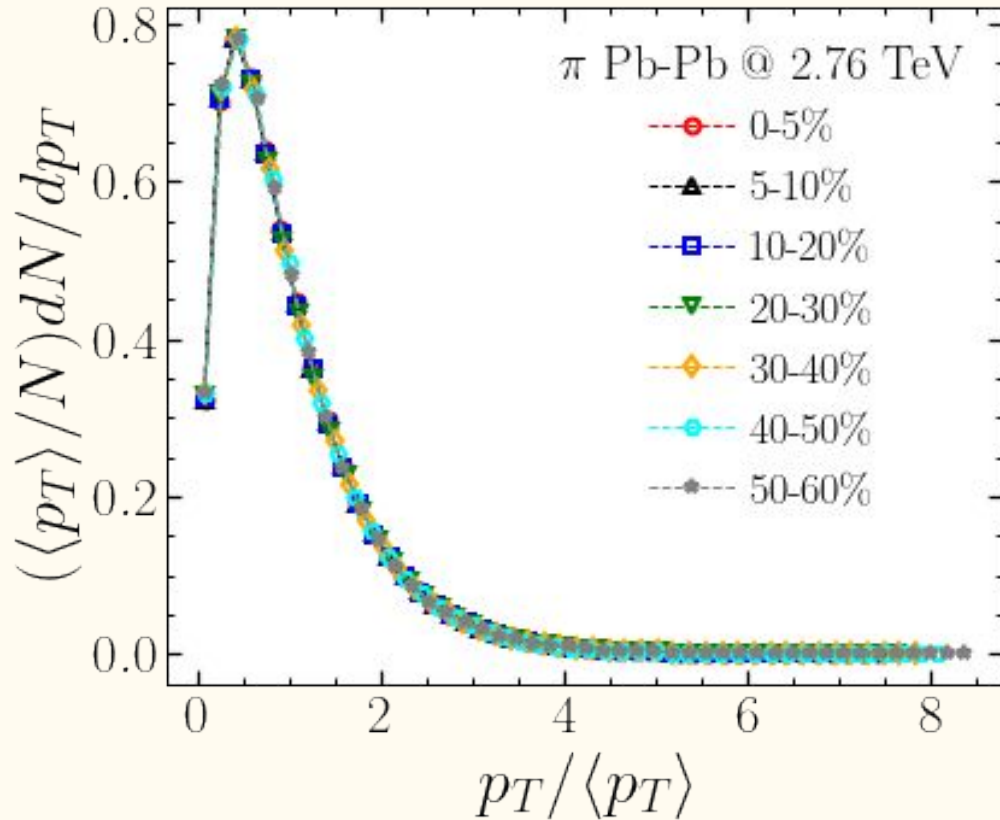
- Focus on the most abundant particle: pion.
- p_T -spectra is dependent of the *centrality*.
- From p_T -spectra we obtain the multiplicity N and the mean momentum, used in the Bayesian analysis.

p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation



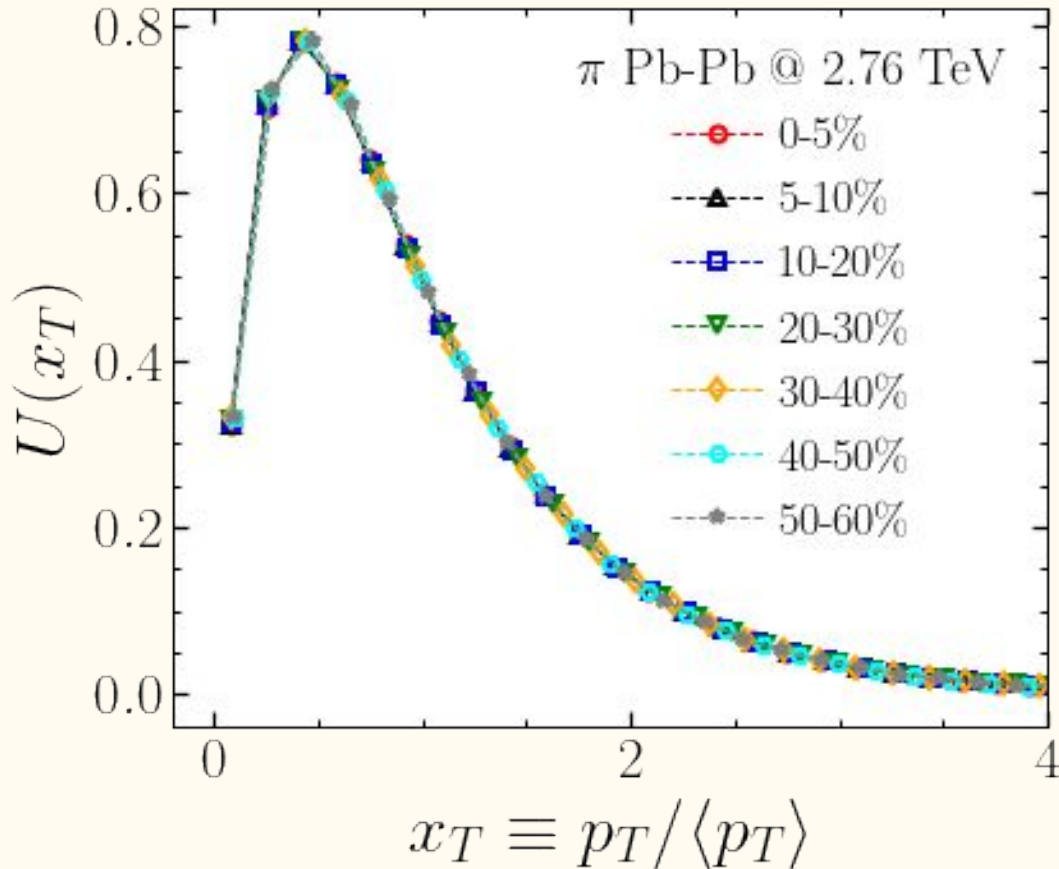
- Remove global scale: N
- The p_T -spectra's $\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dp_T}$, have similar scale (roughly independent of centrality).
- Normalized spectras.
- It shrinks when it goes towards peripheral collisions.

Scaled p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation



- Remove global scale: $N, \langle p_T \rangle$
- Scaled p_T -spectra $\frac{\langle p_T \rangle}{N} \frac{dN}{dp_T}$ have 'same' scale.
- Scaled spectra seem to be independent of *centrality*, when it is described by relativistic hydrodynamics!

Scaled p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation

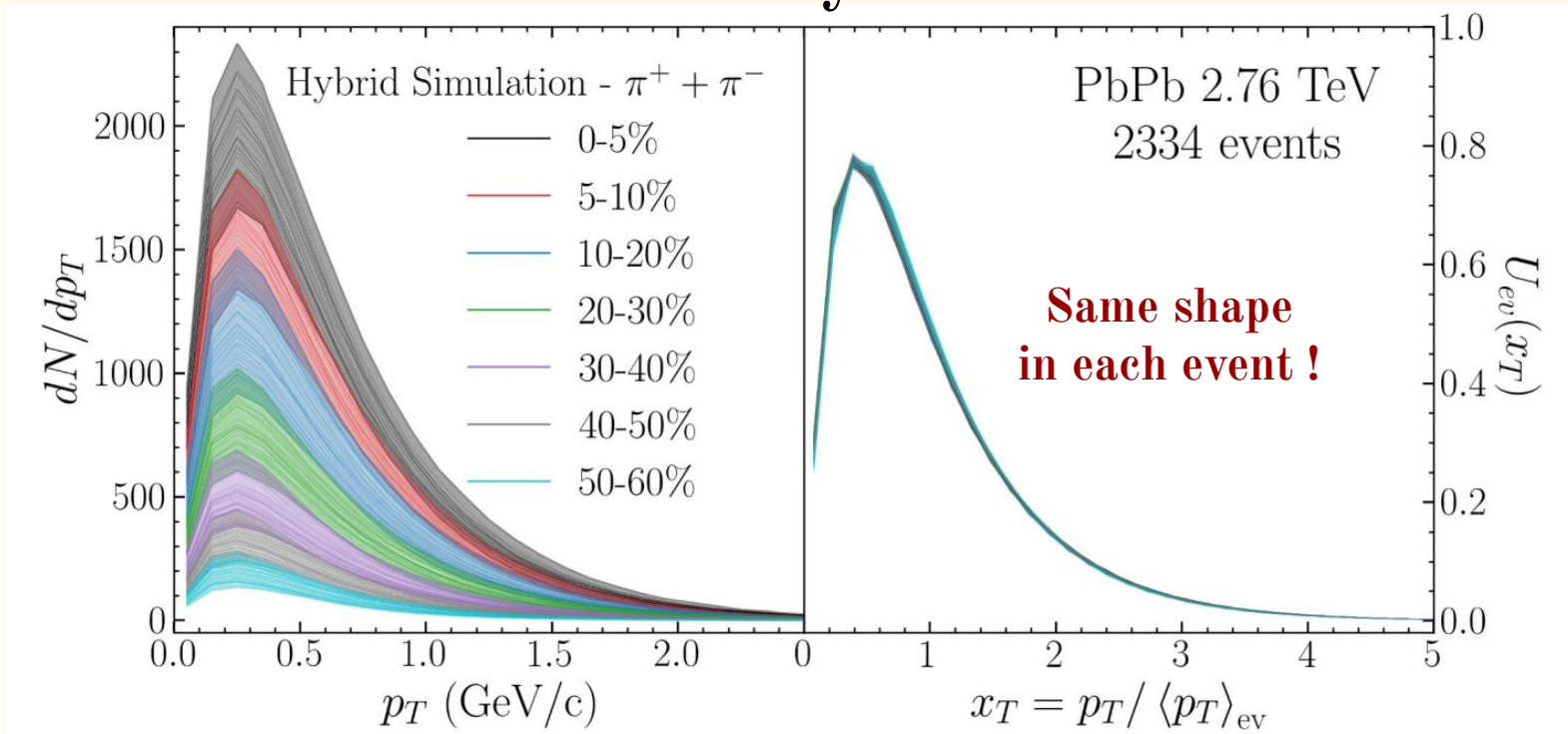


- A ‘new’ differential spectra:

$$U(x_T) \equiv \frac{\langle p_T \rangle}{N} \frac{dN}{dp_T} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dx_T}$$

- Universality appears in simulation for the average spectra.
- Is this an ‘average’ effect?

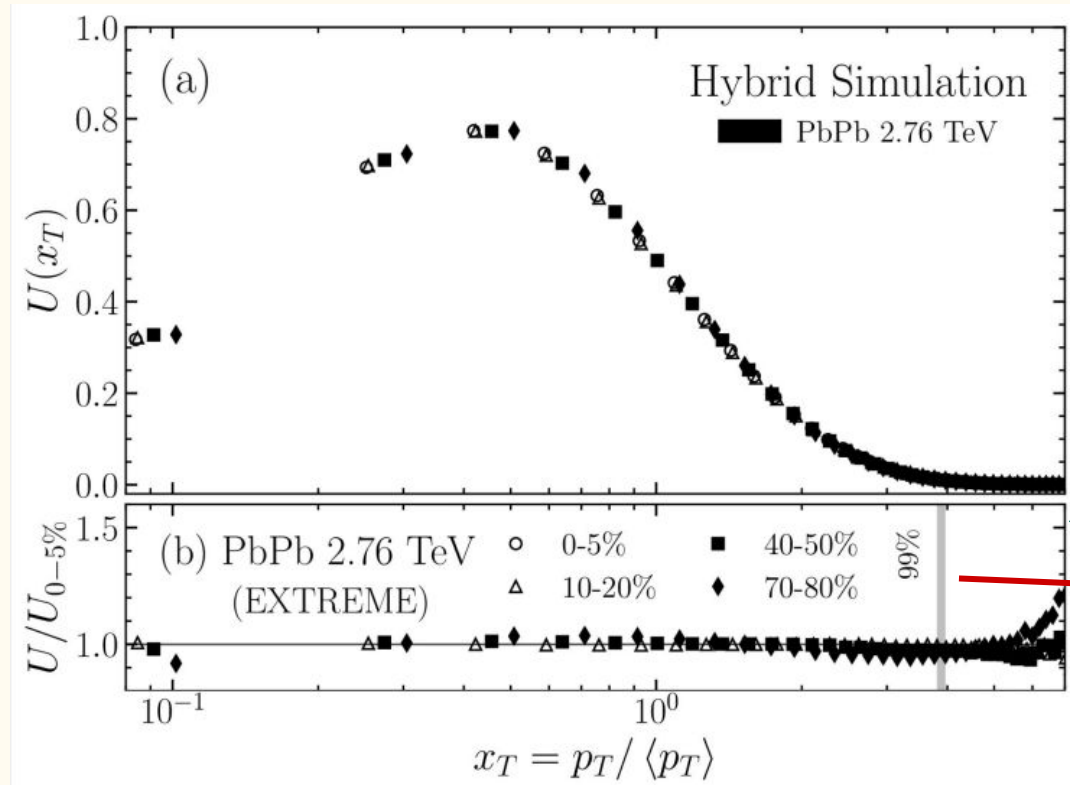
Scaled p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation: Event-by-event



Universality of scaled p_T -spectra can be a signature of a hydrodynamic phase?

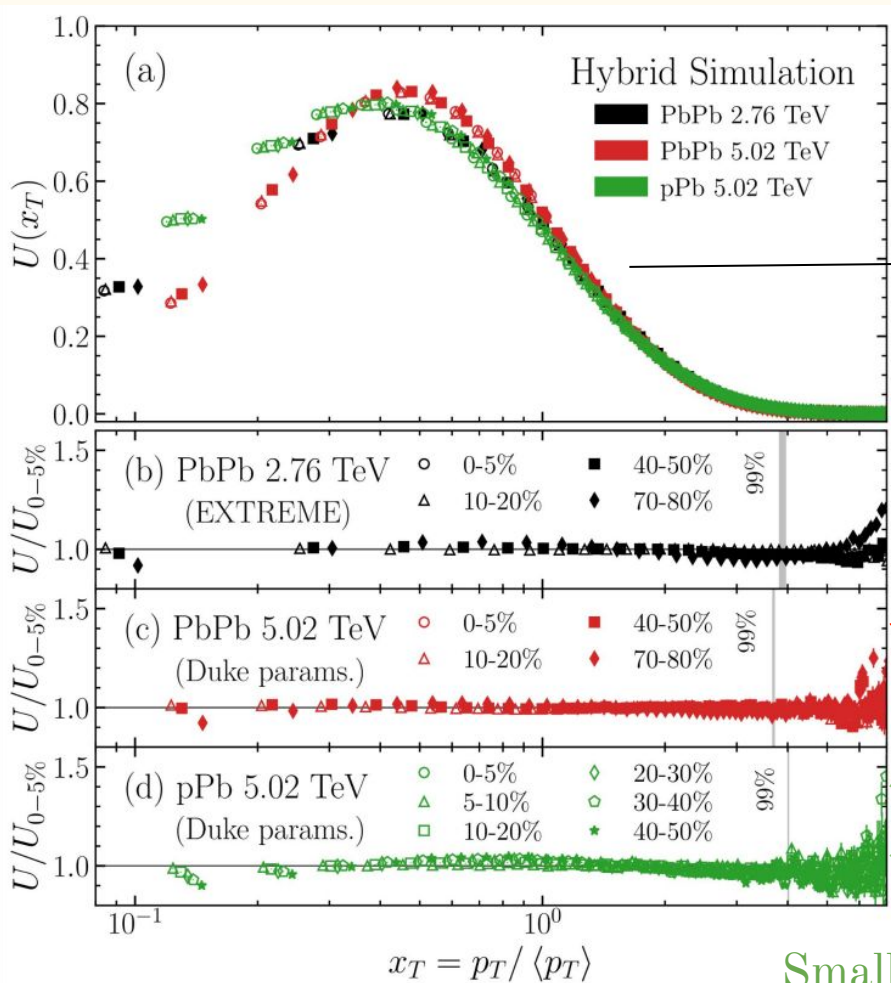
Scaled p_T -spectra in hybrid simulation: Different Systems and Energy

*Details about the shape
of the spectra*



- N and $\langle p_T \rangle$ have to be computed for the whole spectra.
- Difference between $U(x_T)$ from most central collision and other centralities.
- Same shape for 99% of pions produced.

Different Systems and Energy

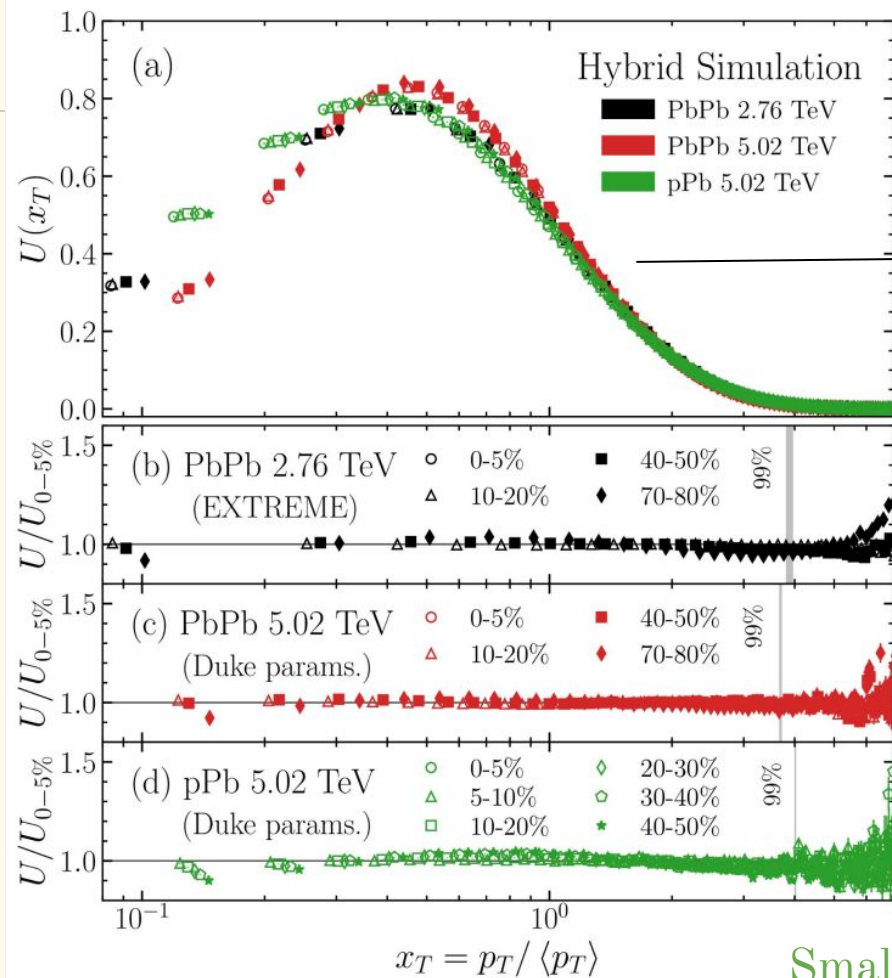


- Different shapes for different systems and energy.
- Universality within the same system at fixed energy; Centrality independent.

Small System (pPb)

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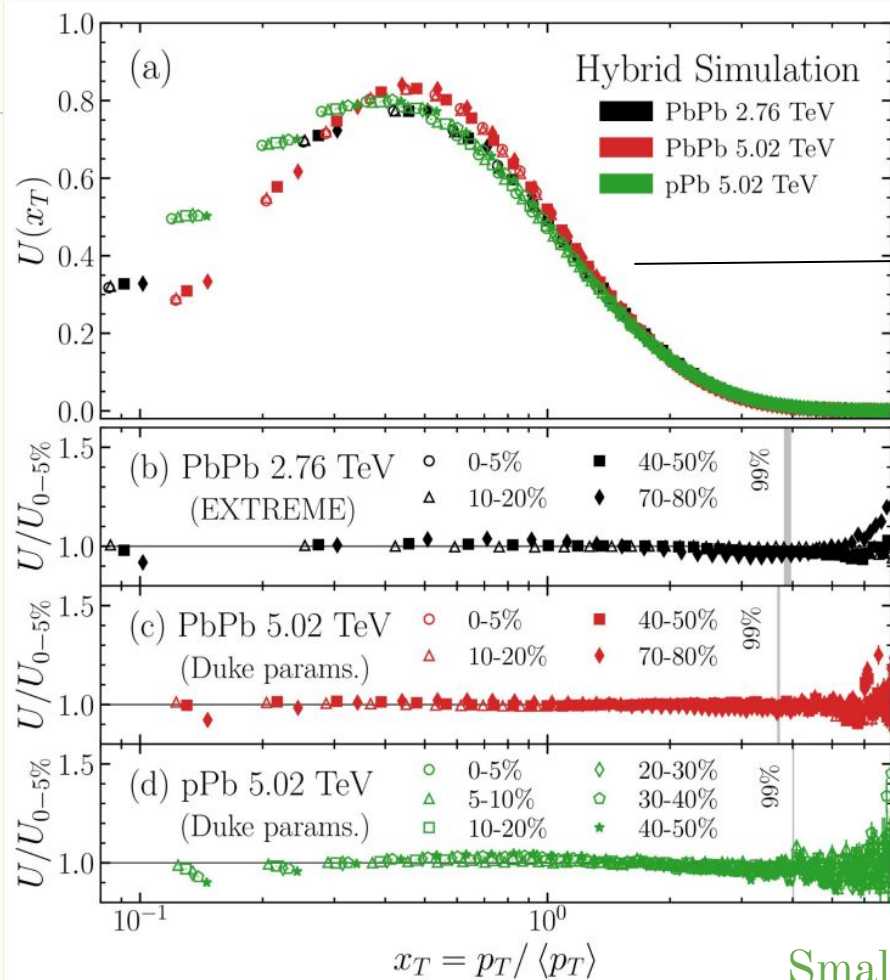


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Universal scaling in fluid dynamics (even with non-hydrodynamic effects, as hadronic decays and collisions)

Small System (pPb)

Different Systems and Energy



● Different shapes for different systems and energy.

● Diversity within the same system and energy;

Is there *universality* in the experimental data?

Universality in heavy ion collisions (even with limited data)

decays

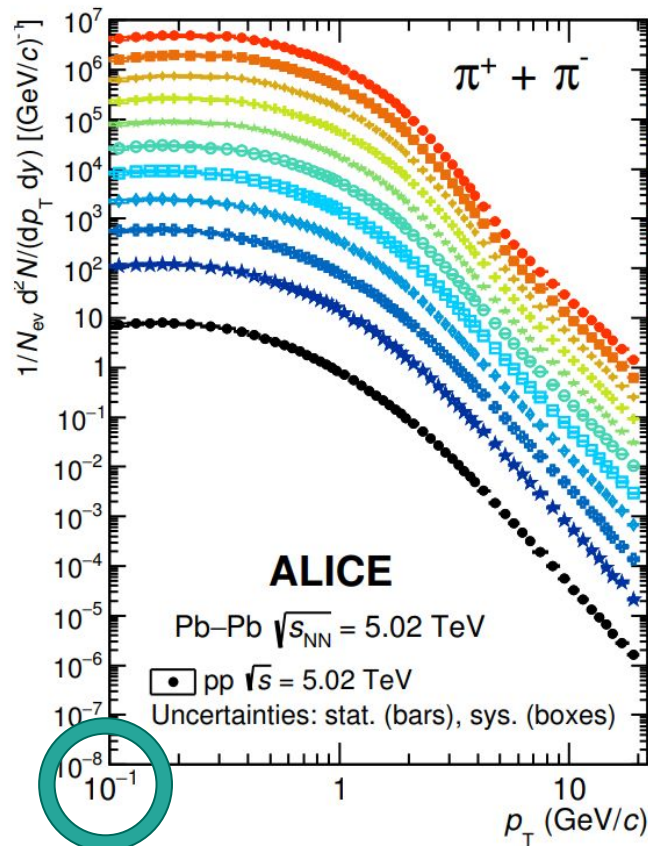
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$U(x_T)$ in experimental data

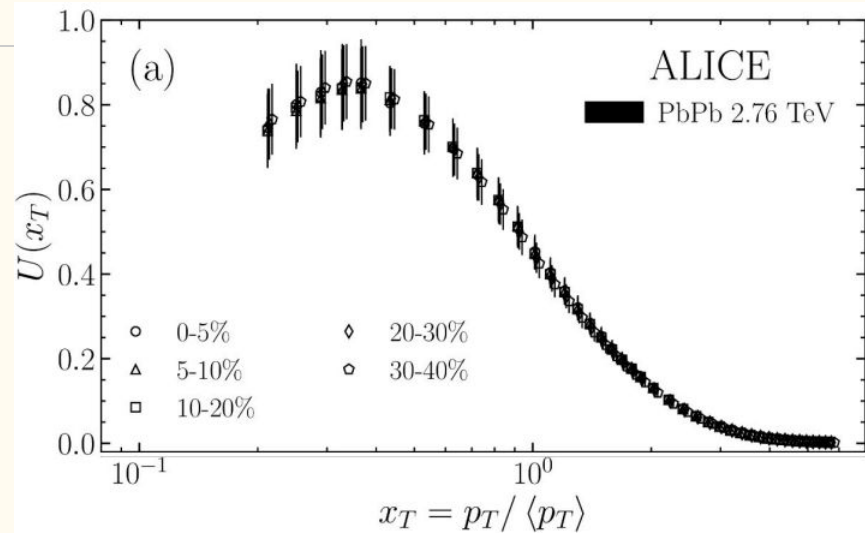
Particles are not measured at 'low momentum'.

It is necessary to extrapolate the spectra for $p_T = 0$ in order to obtain the global scales.

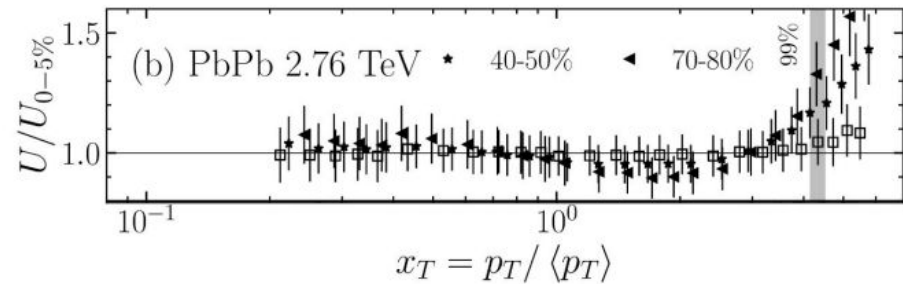


→ Log Scale:
Large error bars.

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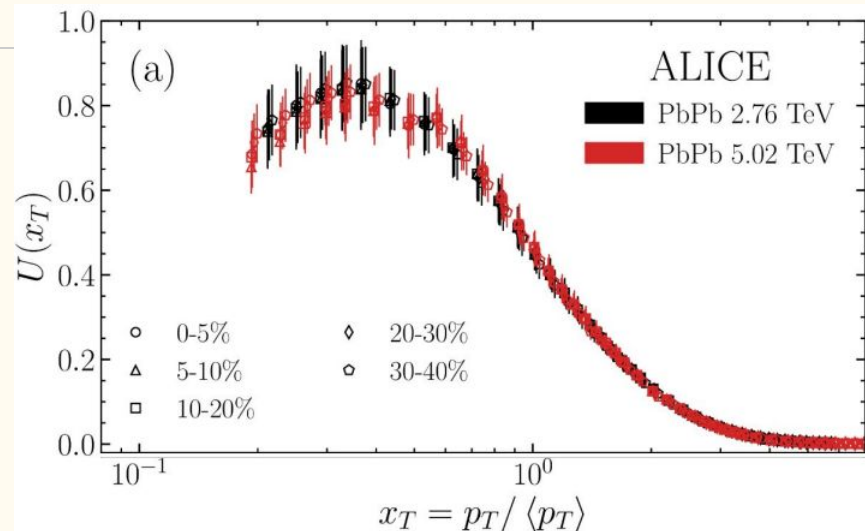


$\langle p_T \rangle$ and N extrapolated by ALICE

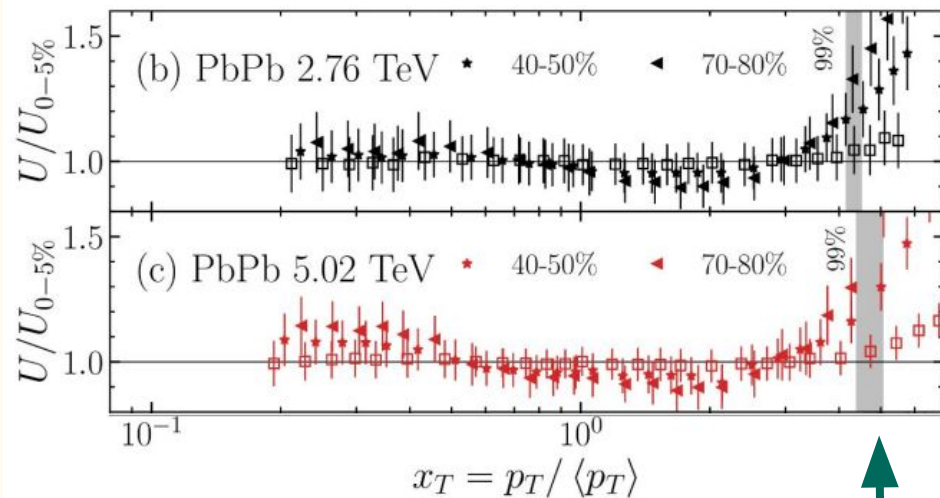


universal shape up to $x_T = 3$.
(within the error bars)

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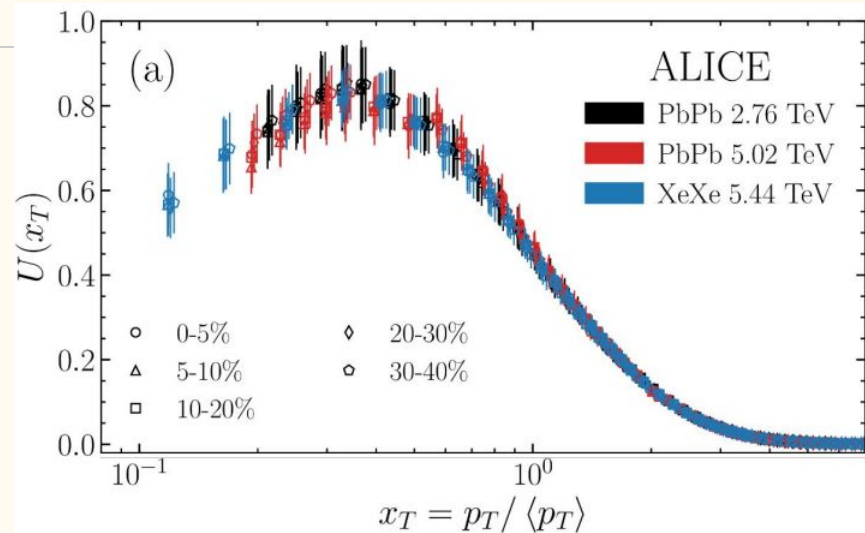


- universal shape up to $x_T = 3$.
(within the error bars)
- PbPb at different energies, the same universal shape.
(within the error bars)

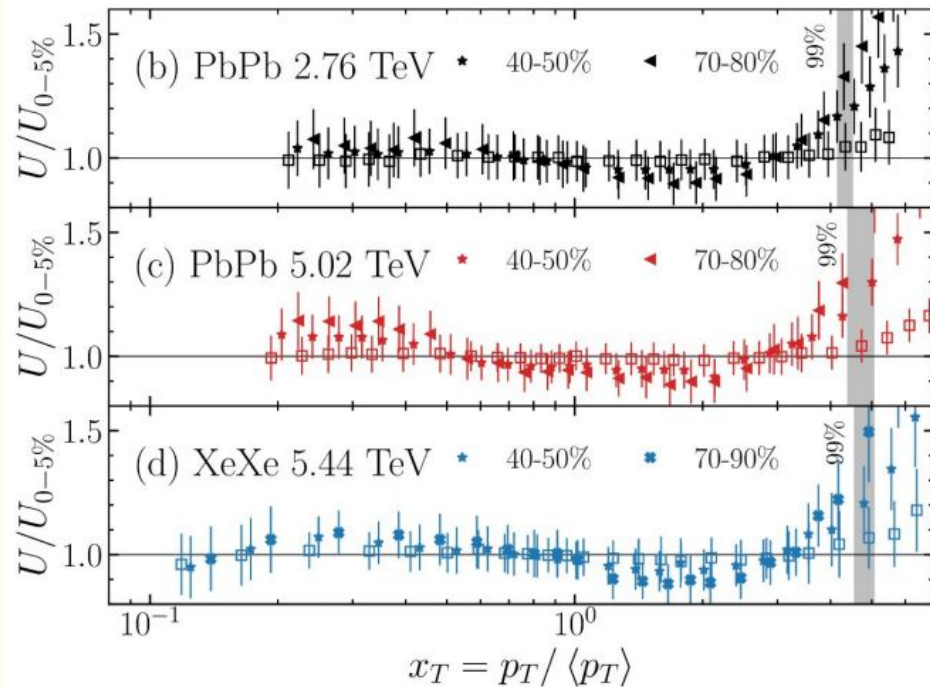


- Peripheral collisions at large x_T don't match.
- Different physics? Jets? ...

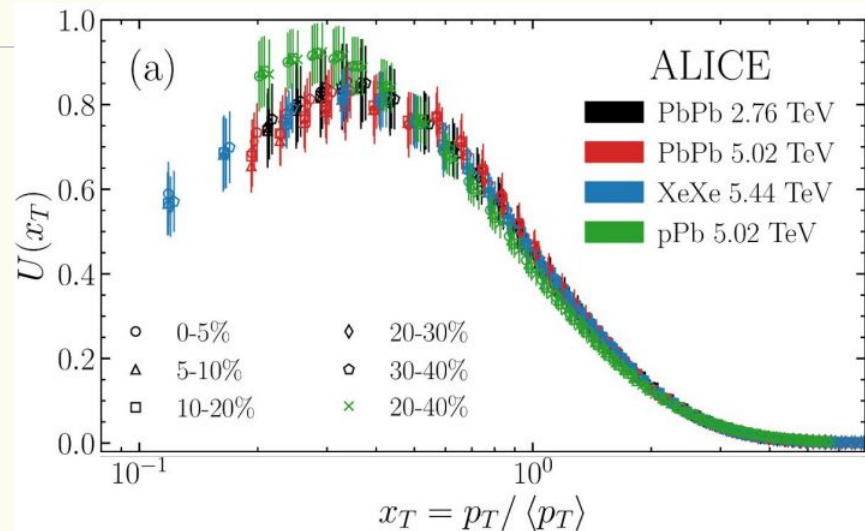
$U(x_T)$ in experimental data



- universal shape up to $x_T = 3$.
(within the error bars)
- Large systems: the same universal shape.
(within the error bars)

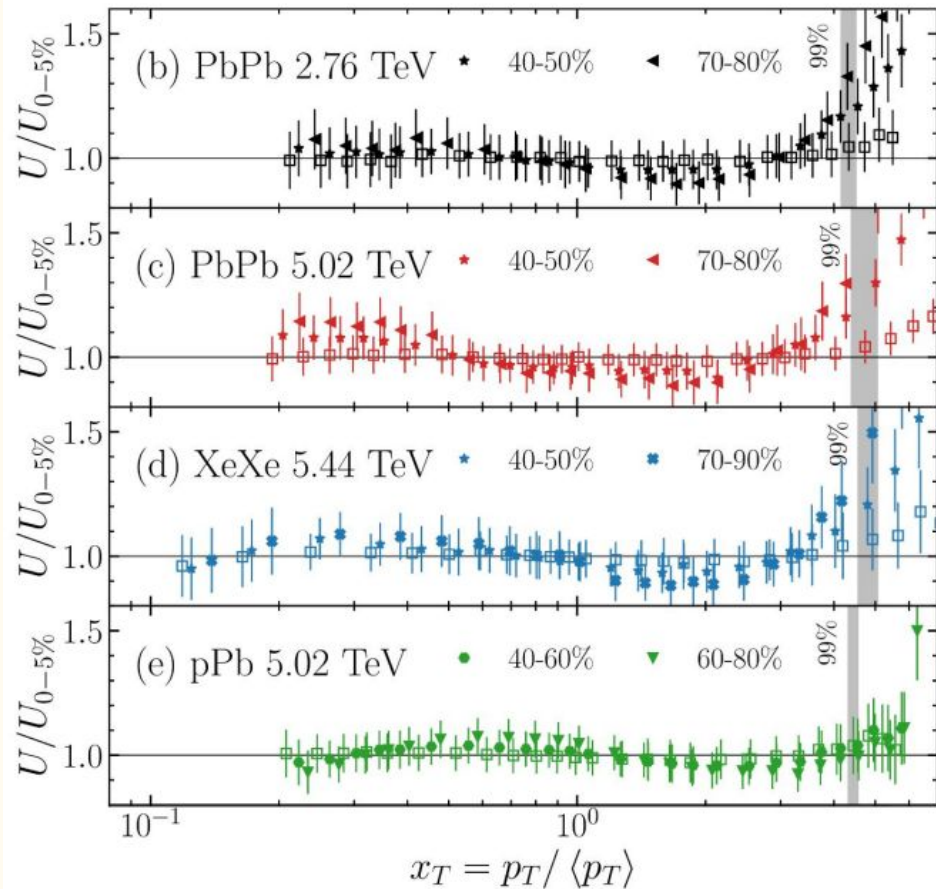


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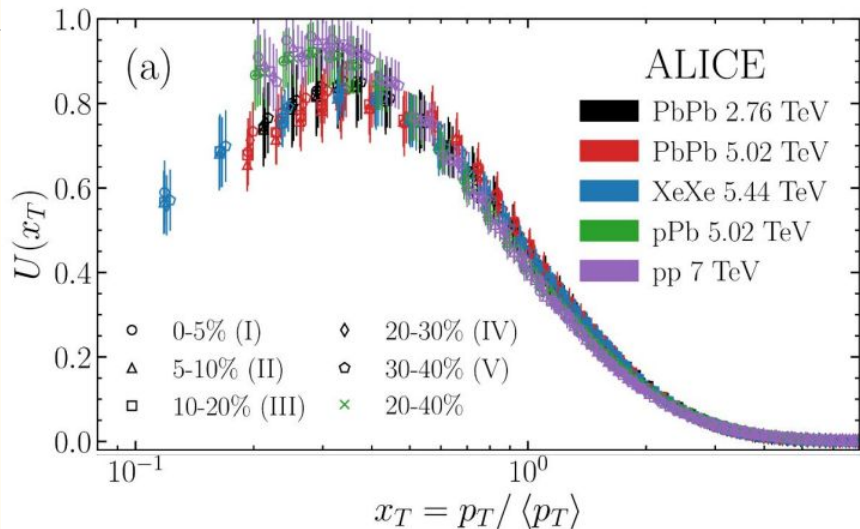


small systems

- pPb: universal shape up to $x_T = 5$. (*within the error bars*)
- pPb has the same universal shape as the large systems, **HOWEVER**, *within the LARGE error bars*.

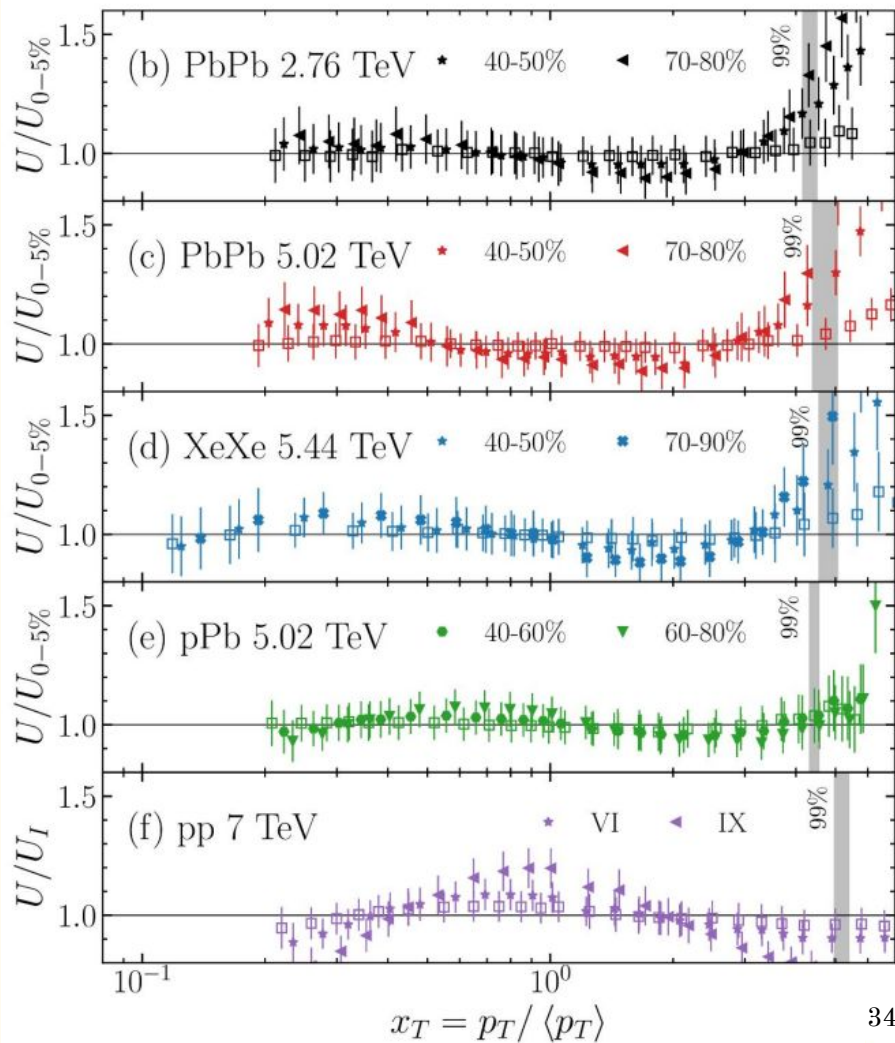


$U(x_T)$ in experimental data



small systems

- pp: no universal shape.
- Different physics? No collectivity?



Summary

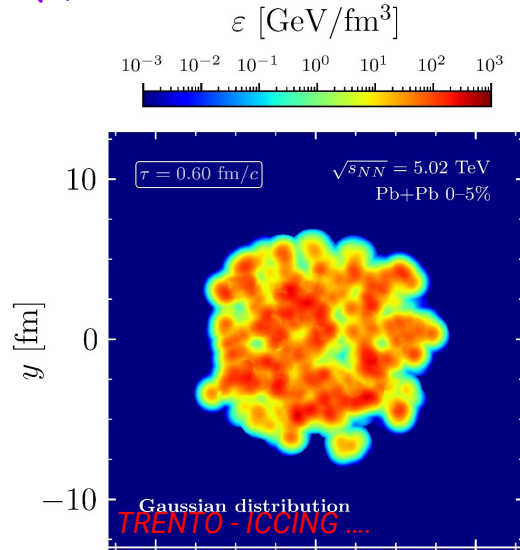
- A universal scaling $U(x_T)$ was identified, and validated through both experiments and hydrodynamic simulations.
- ALICE data show universality in Pb-Pb, Xe-Xe, and p-Pb collisions, but not in p-p collisions. The universal behavior breaks at high p_T , suggesting a transition out of the hydrodynamic regime.
- These findings support the formation of a QGP in p-Pb collisions and potentially in high-multiplicity p-p events, however further experimental precision is needed. (smaller error bars).
- $U(x_T)$ opens avenues for studying QCD matter in extreme conditions, exploring lower-energy collisions, the QCD critical point, and collective effects in other systems.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Backup Slides

Standard model of relativistic collisions

(1) INITIAL CONDITIONS (QGP)



(3) HADRONIZATION:

pre-equilibrium phase

(2) HYDRO EVOLUTION

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad T^{\mu\nu} = T_0^{\mu\nu} - \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$

Ideal $\rightarrow T_0^{\mu\nu} = (e + P)u^\mu u^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} P$

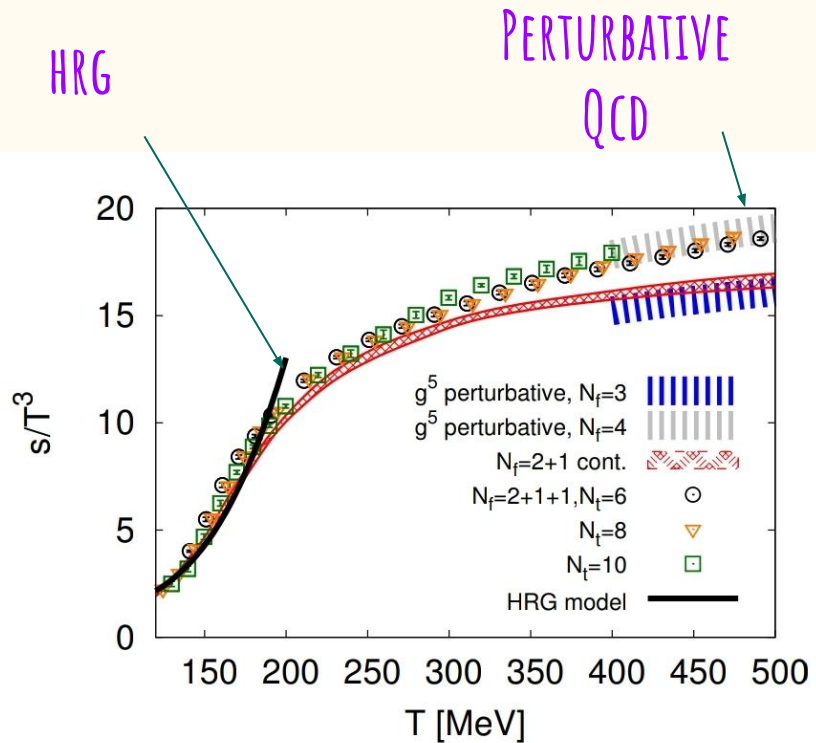
Viscous $\rightarrow \Pi^{\mu\nu} = \eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \zeta\Delta^{\mu\nu}\nabla_\lambda u^\lambda + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

shear

bulk

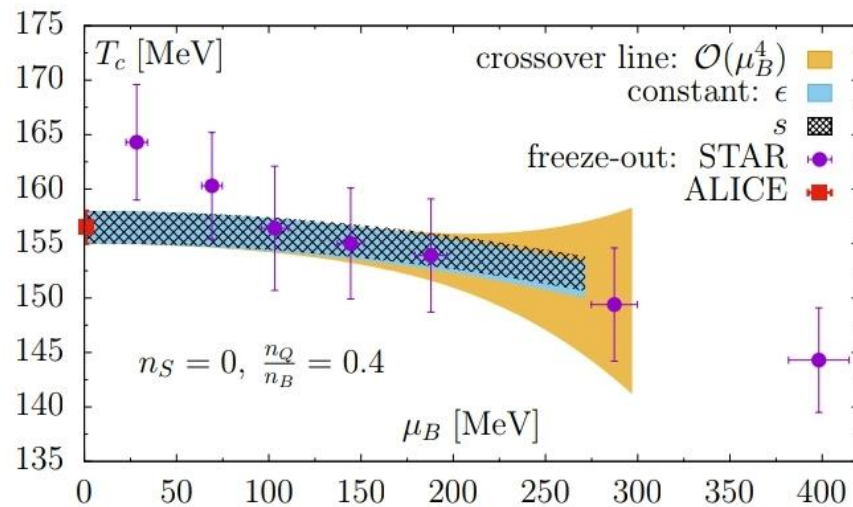
When expanding, temperature and densities decrease, until the moment of emitting particles: Cooper-Frey, URQMD, AfterBurner
then we have a spectrum of emitted particles

Lattice QCD



S Borsányi, Nucl. Phys. A, 904 (2013), 270

HotQCD Collaboration, PLB 795, 15 (2019)



Bayesian and Spectra

