

# *Heavy Ion Collisions*

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# Lecture 1

## Part I

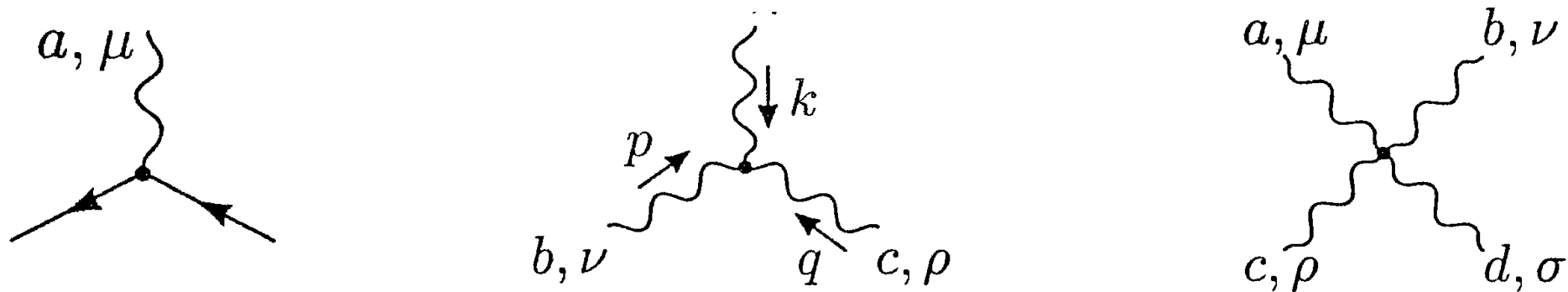
# QCD

- A simple Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_c [F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}] + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f [\gamma_\mu (i\partial^\mu + gA^\mu) - m_f] \psi_f$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu - ig [A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

- Formulated in terms of quarks and gluons and their interactions



- But we know that what we observe are mesons and baryons



# Asymptotic Freedom

- Strength of the charge depends on the scale!

- At asymptotic:

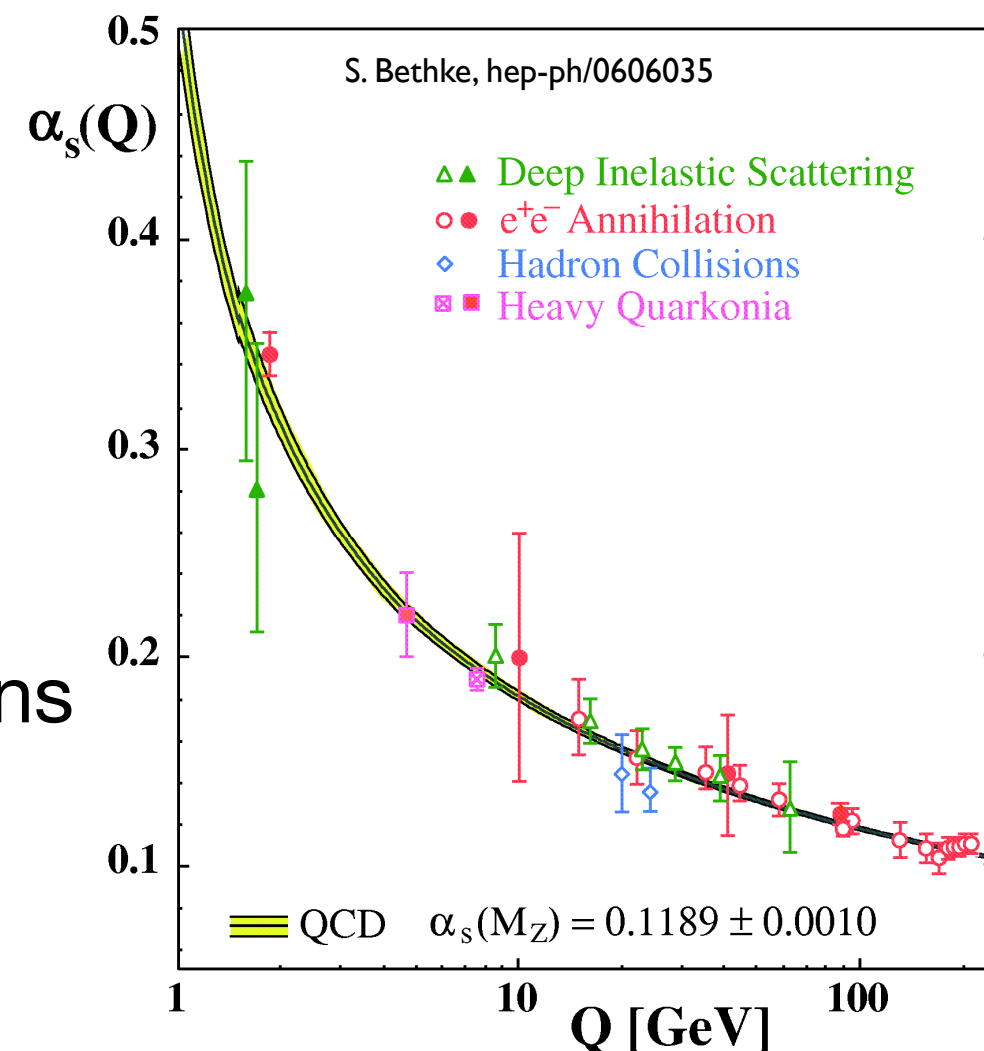
short distances

high energies

high temperatures



quark and gluons  
are almost free



- At lower scales the coupling constant becomes large

Quark and Gluons stay confined into hadrons

Solving QCD dynamics becomes very hard

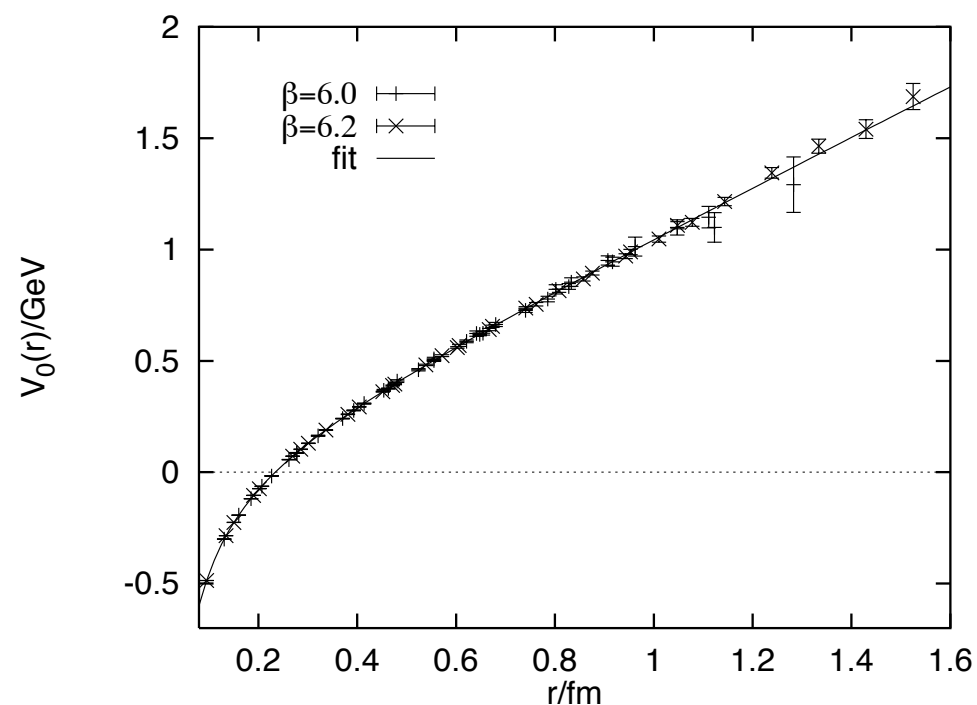
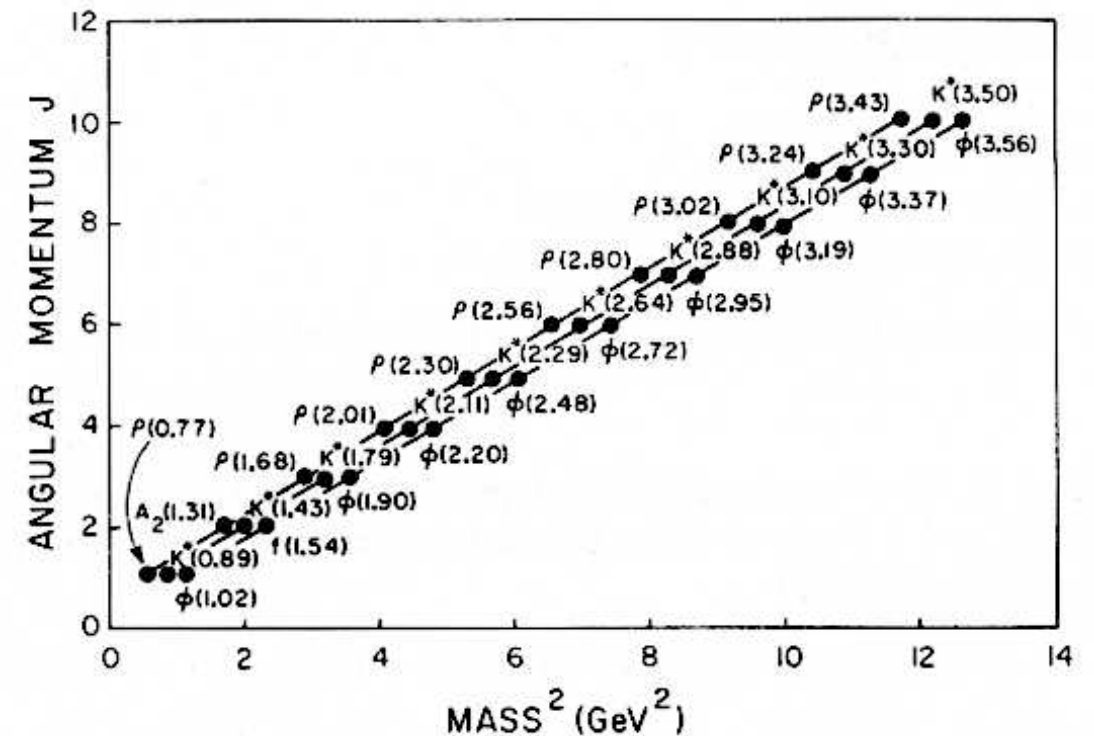
# QCD Strings

- A simple model: quarks joined by strings



$$E = \kappa r$$

- Explains relation between J and M
- Isolated quarks have infinite energy



- Heavy Quark potential

- Determined via non perturbative methods
- Simple fit

$$V_0(r) = -\frac{e}{r} + \sigma r + \frac{f}{r^2}$$

short distance: perturbative

long distance: confinement

- ◉ Is there a phase of matter in which quark and gluons are dominant?
- ◉ If there is... is there a phase transition?

# Chiral Symmetry

- The QCD lagrangian enjoys an (approximate) global flavour symmetry

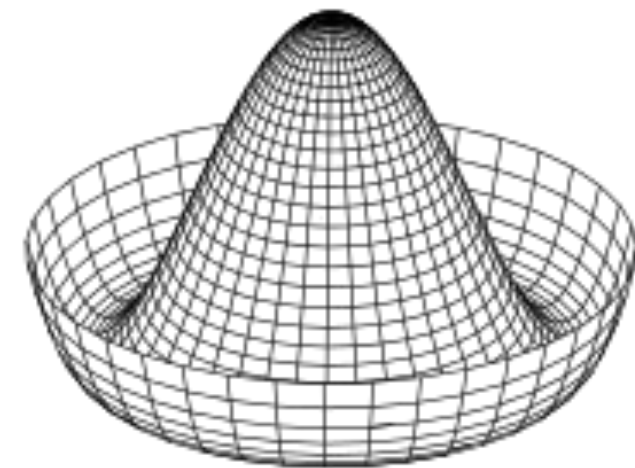
$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_d \\ \psi_s \end{pmatrix} \quad \Psi' = e^{i\gamma_5 \phi_f T^f} \Psi \quad \text{SU(3)}_{\text{flavor}} \text{ generator}$$

- Symmetry not observed! (chiral partners have different masses)
- Spontaneously broken in the vacuum

- A vacuum condensate:

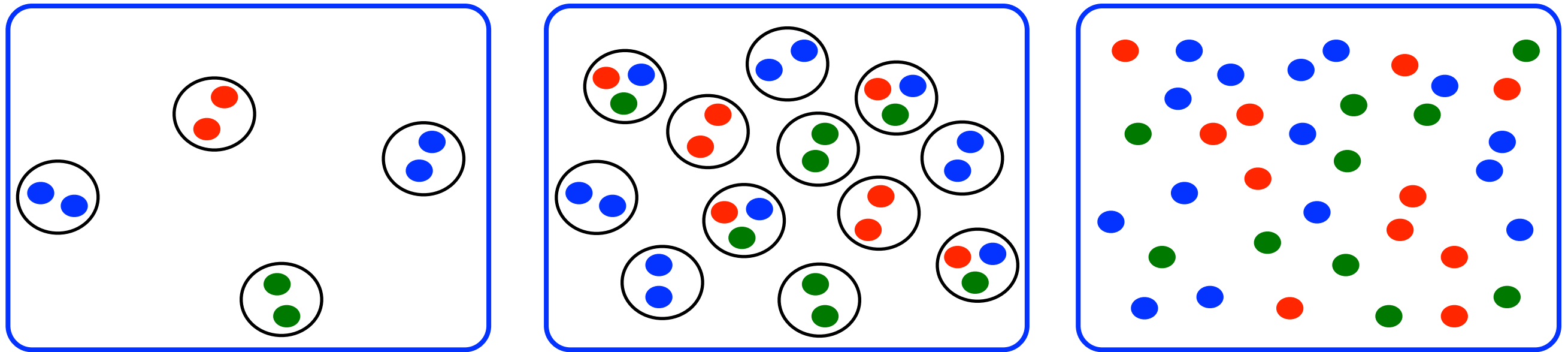
$$\langle 0 | \bar{\Psi} \Psi | 0 \rangle \neq 0$$

- (almost) goldstone boson



- At finite temperature the condensate can melt and lead to a transition!

# The Intuitive Idea



- ⦿ At low  $T < m_N$ : dilute gas of mesons (pions)
- ⦿ At higher  $T$  hadrons are activated: density increases
- ⦿ If thermal density is larger than nuclear density: quark and gluon liberation
- ⦿ At very very high  $T$ : violent collisions  
small coupling constant

# Thermodynamics from Fields

- ◉ Helmholtz Free Energy  $F = -T \log Z$   $p = -\frac{dF}{dV}$

- ◉ In statistical mechanics:

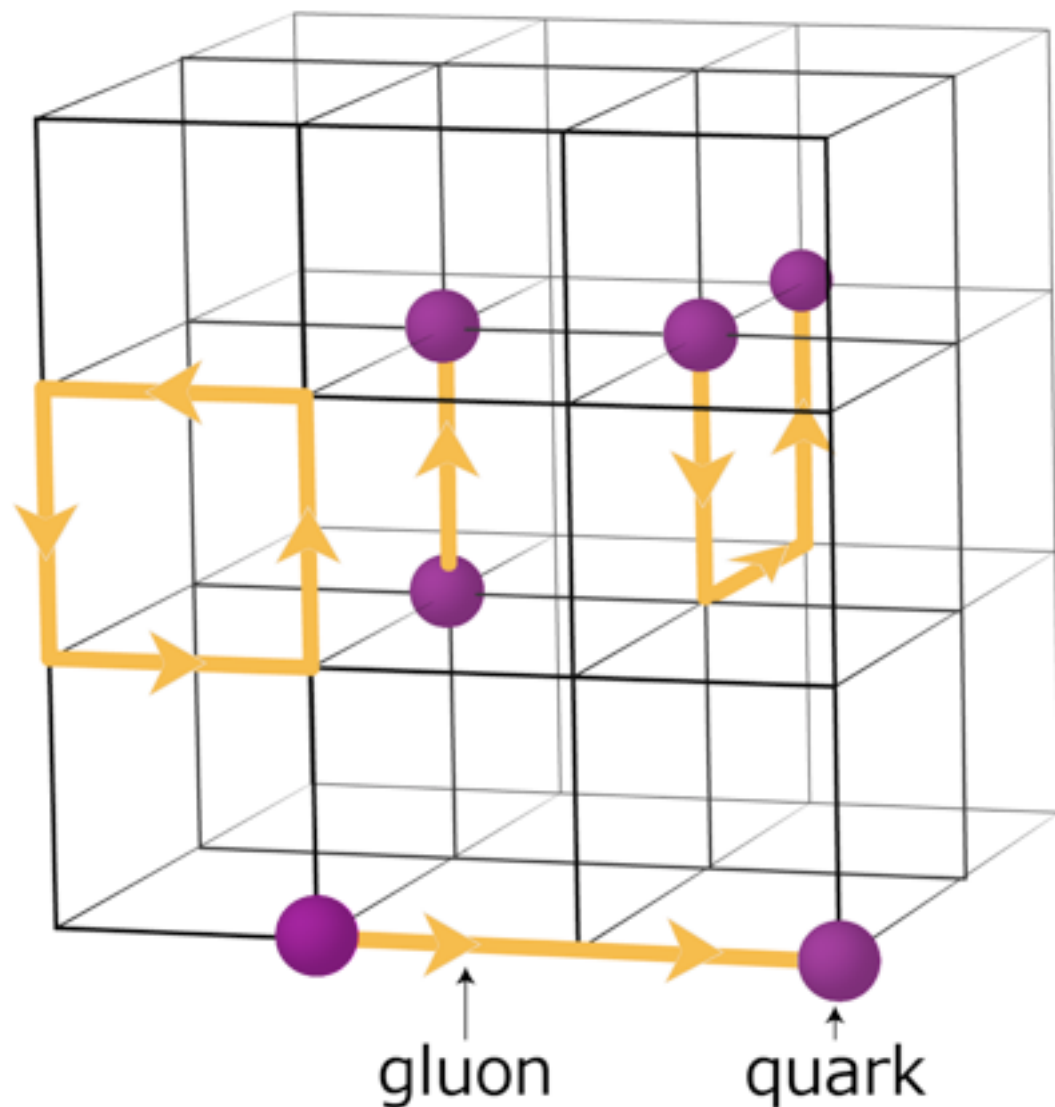
$$Z = \sum_i e^{-E_i/T} \qquad Z(T) = \text{Tr} [e^{-H_{QCD}/T}]$$

- ◉ Formally very similar to

$$Z = \langle 0 | e^{-iHt} | 0 \rangle \qquad (\text{path integral})$$

- ◉ Analogy: thermal partition function has a path integral rep
  - Imaginary time (just a trick).
  - $\text{Tr} \Rightarrow$  (anti) periodicity of (fermionic) bosonic fields

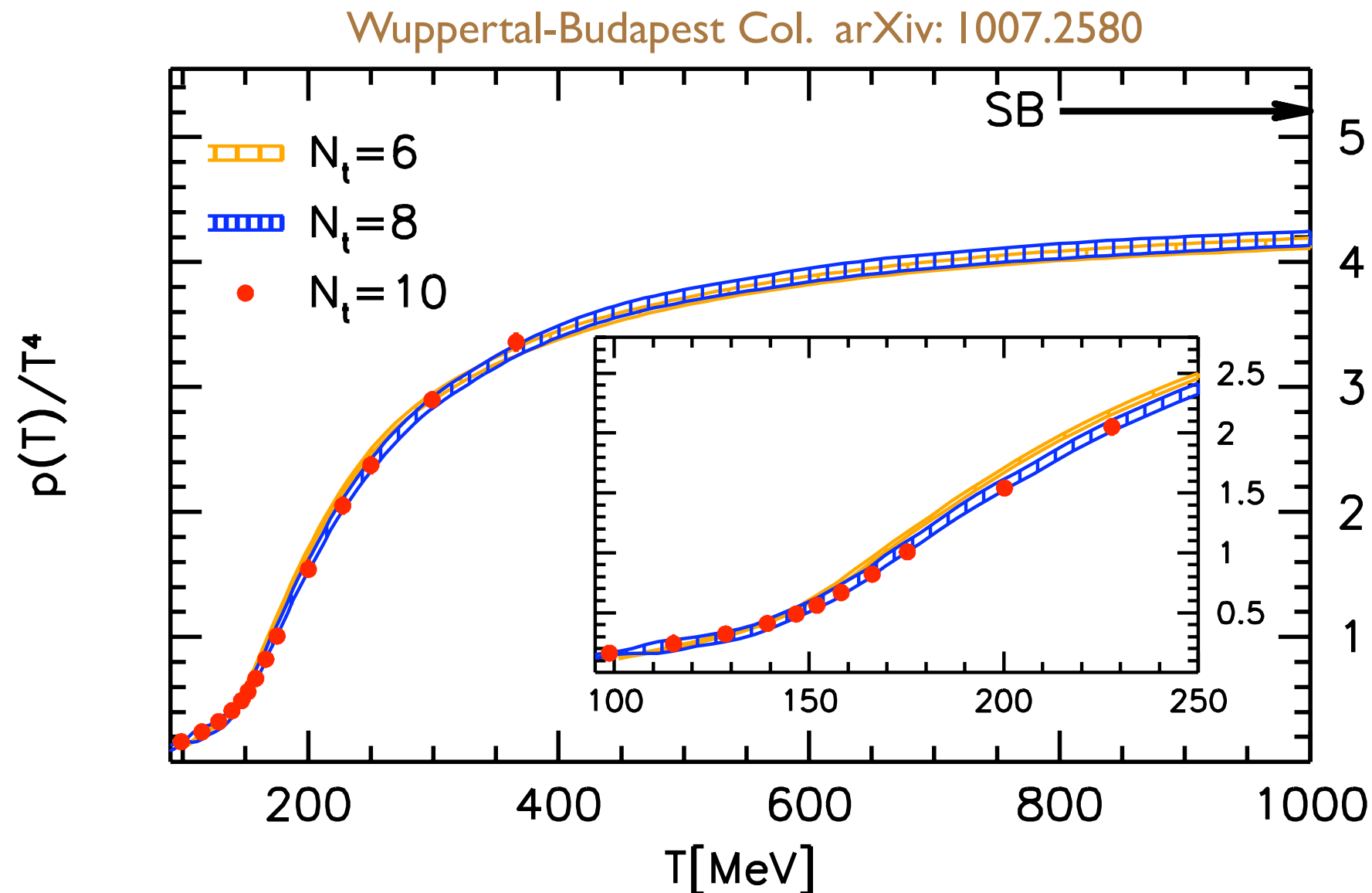
# Lattice QCD



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- Computer simulations in discretized space
- Access to non-perturbative dynamics
- Euclidean space  $\Rightarrow$  static properties

# Equation of State



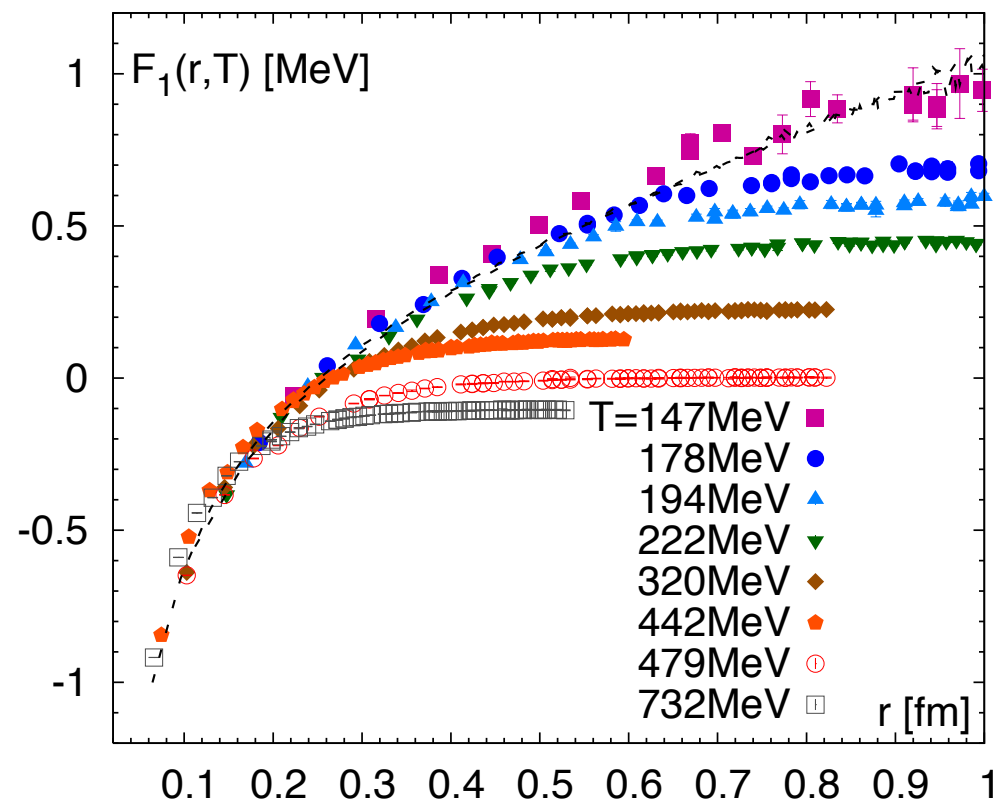
## Rapid cross over transition:

- Deconfined matter: Quark Gluon Plasma



# Is it Deconfined?

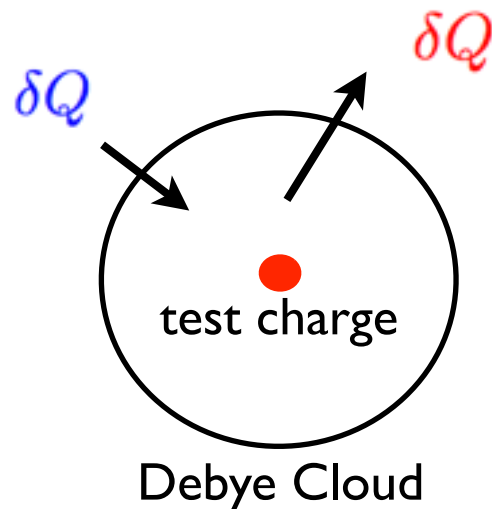
- Free energy associated to a QQ pair



- It becomes finite at finite long distances
- The asymptotic value depends on  $T \Rightarrow$  quarks get dressed
- At high  $T$  the perturbative part of the potential is modified.

# Screening

- In E&M free charges screen the charge of a test particle



- Same charge medium particles are pushed away
- Opposite charge medium particles are attracted
- Test particle is dressed by a Debye Cloud

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \nabla^2 V &= -q\delta^3(r) - qn_+(r) + qn_-(r) \\
 n(r)_\pm &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + k^2} \pm qV(r)}{T} \right\} \\
 &\approx n_0(T) \left( 1 \mp \frac{qV(r)}{T} \right)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned}
 \nabla^2 V - m_D^2 V &= -q\delta^3(r) \\
 V(r) &= \frac{qe^{-m_D r}}{r} \quad m_D^2 = 2q^2 \frac{n_0(T)}{T} \\
 &\bullet \text{ Charge is screened for } r > 1/m_D
 \end{aligned}$$

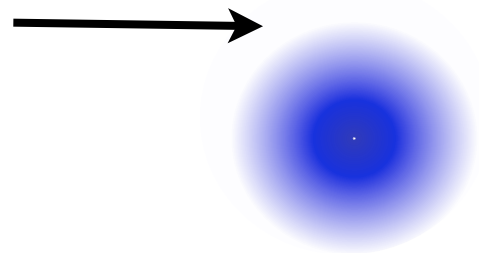
- The phenomenon is identical in QCD

# High T Phase of Hadronic Matter

- At  $T > T_c$ : free colour charges: plasma-like state

## Quark Gluon Plasma

- At  $T \gg T_c$ : pQCD allows to understand its basic properties



Plasma Density

$$n \sim T^3$$

Cross section

$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m_D^2} \sim \frac{g^2}{T^2}$$

Mean free path

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n\sigma} \sim \frac{1}{g^2 T}$$

Mass of particles

$$m_{th} \sim m_D \sim gT$$

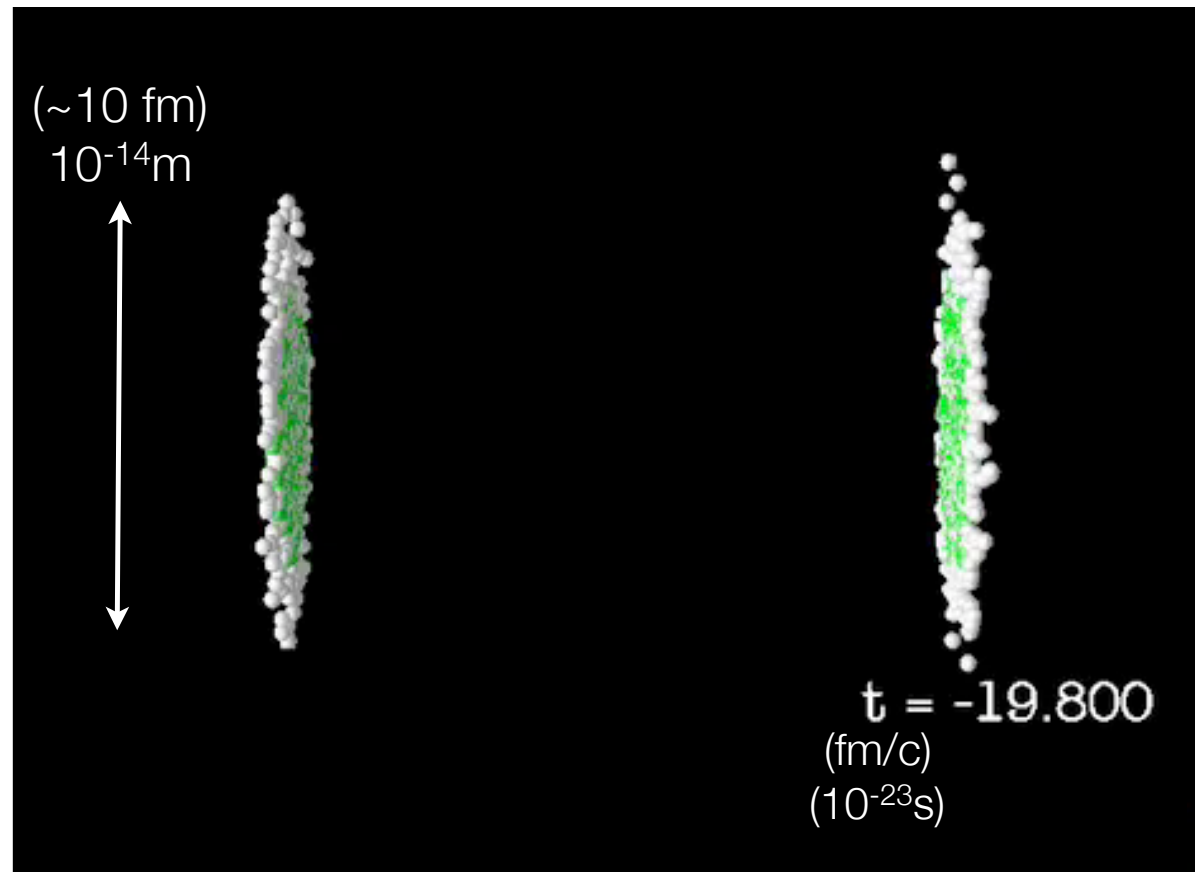
- If  $g \ll 1$ , quarks and gluons travel long distances without interactions

dressed long lived excitations  $\equiv$  quasiparticles

# Part II

# Heavy Ion Collisions

- Large ions are contracted into thin disks:  $L=2 R/\gamma$

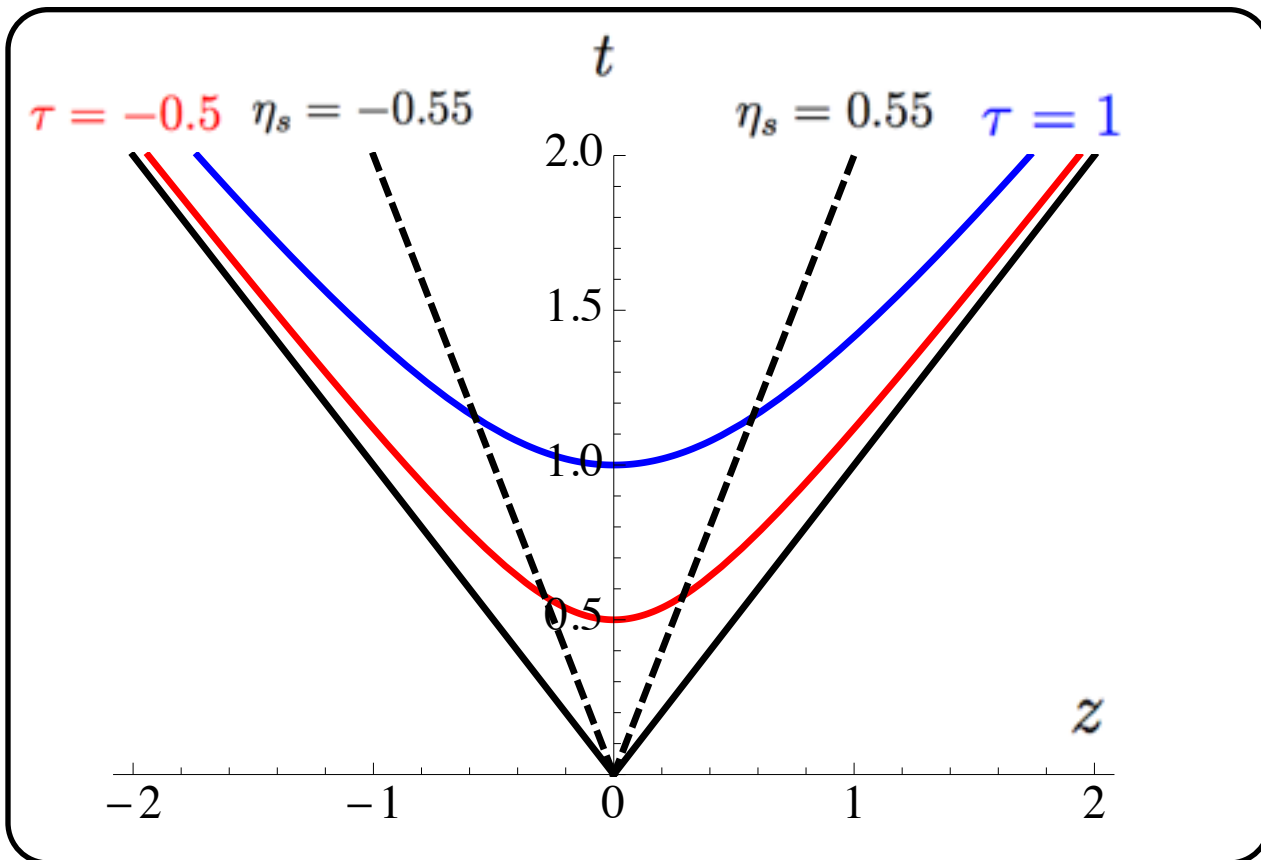


- RHIC: Au-Au@ $\sqrt{s} = A$  200 GeV = 39.4 TeV  $\Rightarrow L \sim 0.06$  fm
- LHC: Pb-Pb @  $\sqrt{s} = A$  5.02 TeV = 1039 TeV  $\Rightarrow L \sim 0.002$  fm

Huge amount of energy in very small volumes!

(but not all goes into forming matter)

# Kinematics



- A set of space-time coordinates

$$t = \tau \cosh \eta_s \quad z = \tau \sinh \eta_s$$

- Under boosts

$$\eta_s \rightarrow \eta_s + \eta_{\text{boost}} \quad \tau \rightarrow \tau$$

$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 - \tau^2 d\eta_s^2 - dx_\perp^2$$

- Momentum rapidity

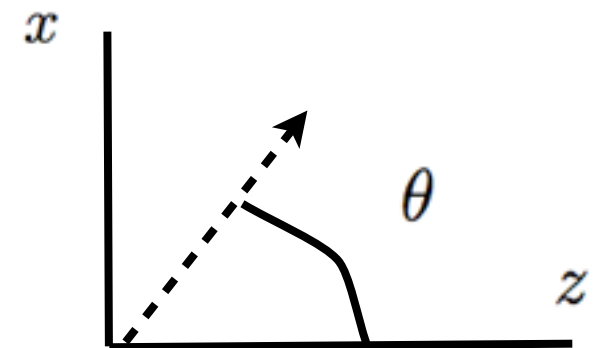
$$E = m_T \cosh y \quad p_z = m_T \sinh y$$

$$m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2}$$

- Fixed  $y$  particles follow fixed  $\eta_s$  trajectories

- Pseudo rapidity

$$\eta = \tanh^{-1} (\sin \theta)$$

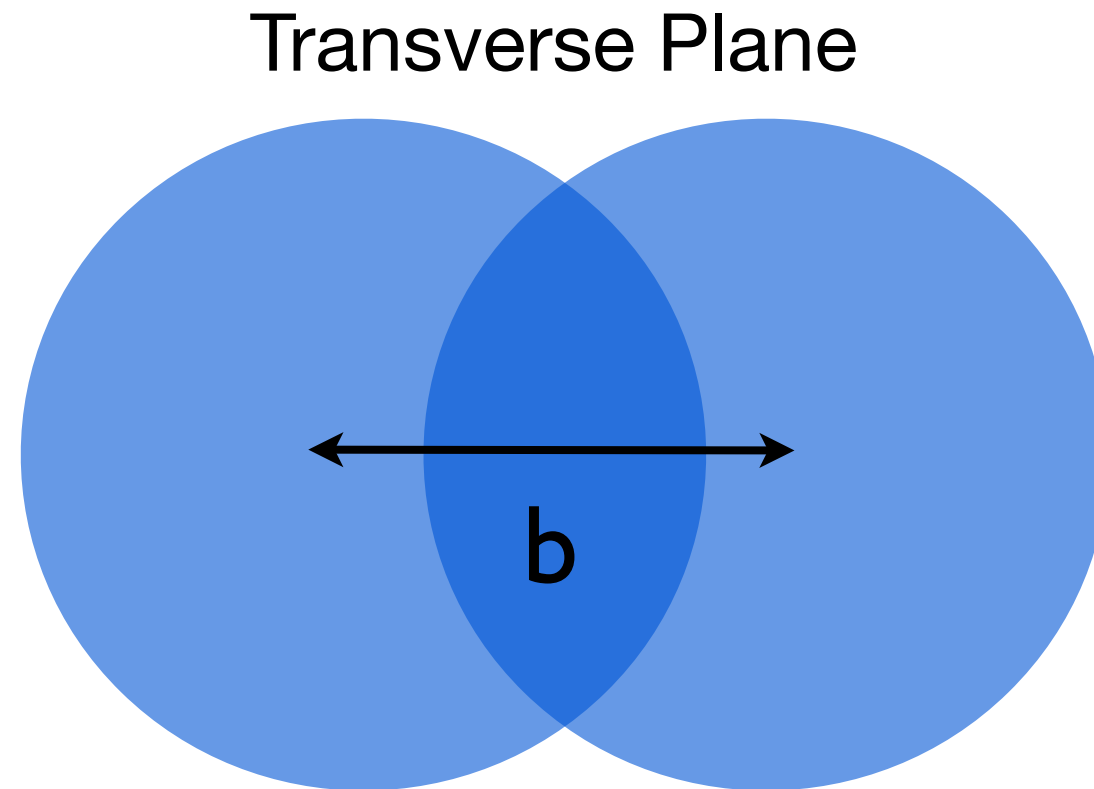
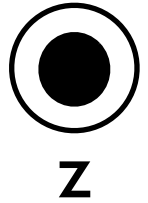


- For massless particles (only)

$$\eta = y$$

# Centrality

- Nuclei are extended objects  $\Rightarrow$  impact parameter  $b$

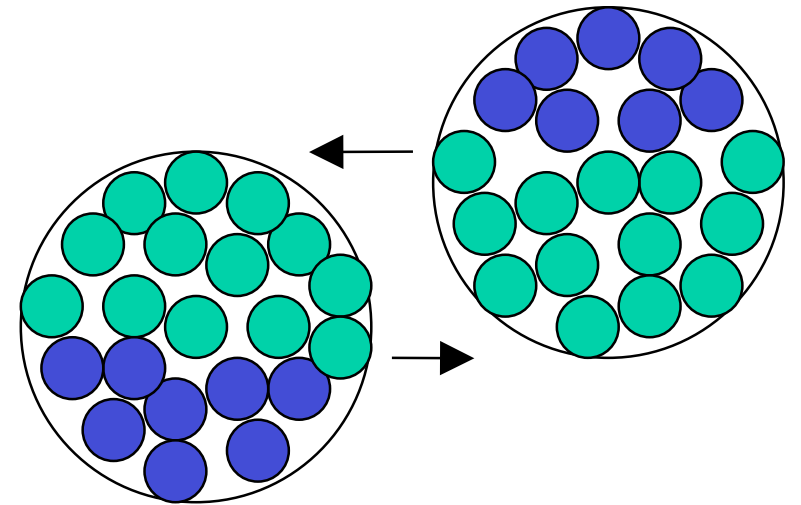


- Centrality  $\Leftrightarrow b$ 
  - More central collisions  $\Rightarrow$  smaller  $b \Rightarrow$  larger multiplicity
  - Less central collisions  $\Rightarrow$  larger  $b \Rightarrow$  smaller multiplicity

# Nuclear Geometry

◉ Multiplicity can be understood from nucleon-nucleon interactions:

- $N_{\text{coll}}$ : binary n-n collision
- $N_{\text{part}}$ : nucleons that interact at least once



◉ Computed from the nuclear density profile  $\rho$

- $T_A$ : thickness function 
$$T_A(b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \rho(b, z)$$
 
$$\int dz db \rho(b, z) = 1$$

$$N_{\text{coll}}^{AB} = AB \int d^2x_{\perp} T_A(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) T_B(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{x}_{\perp}) \sigma_{NN}$$

nucleon nucleon  
cross section

$$N_{\text{part}}^A = \int d^2x_{\perp} B T_B(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) [1 - \exp\{-AT_A(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{x}_{\perp})\sigma_{NN}\}]$$

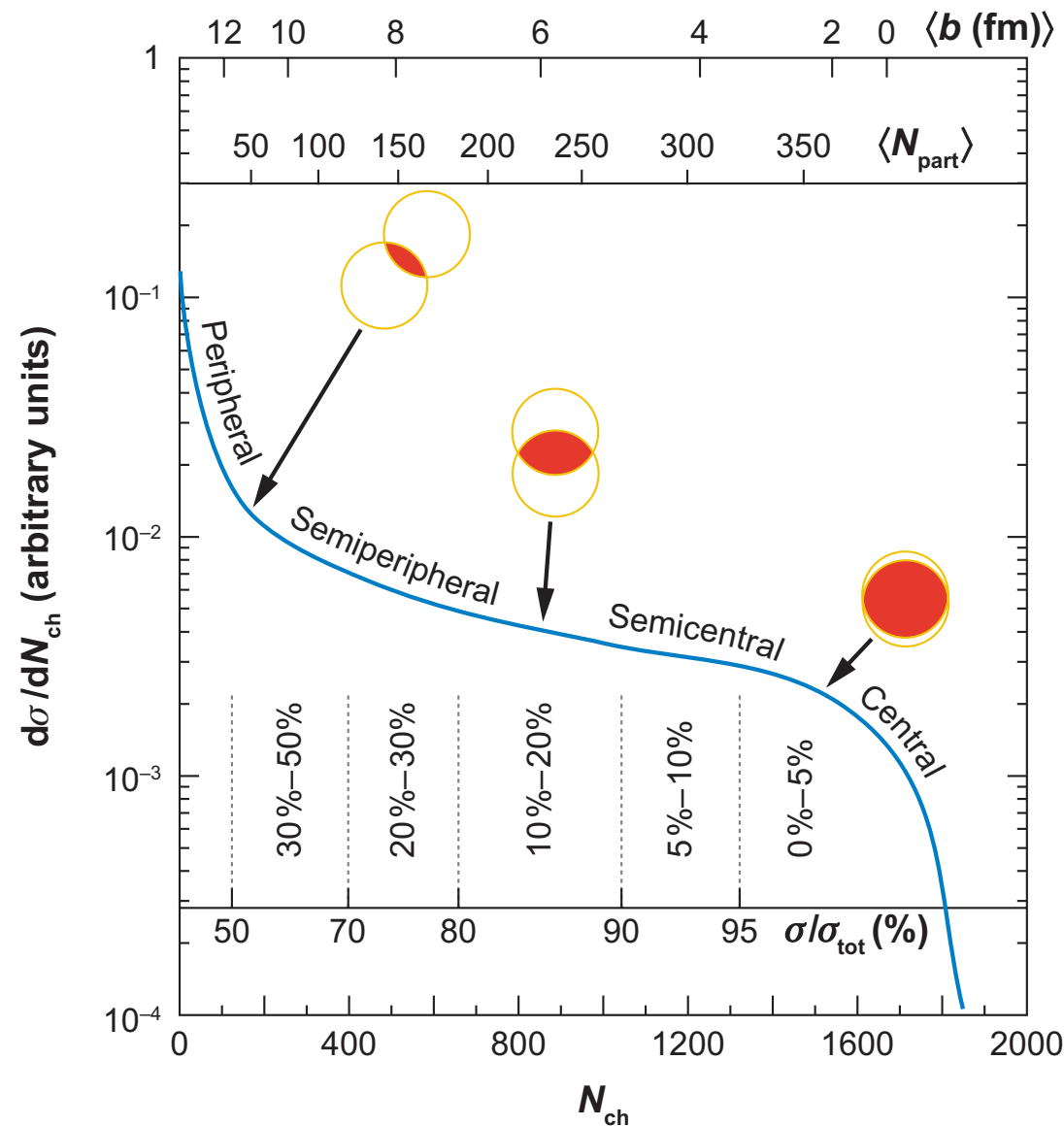
$$N_{\text{part}}(\mathbf{b}) = N_{\text{part}}^A(\mathbf{b}) + N_{\text{part}}^B(\mathbf{b})$$

probability of no  
interaction



# Multiplicity Distribution

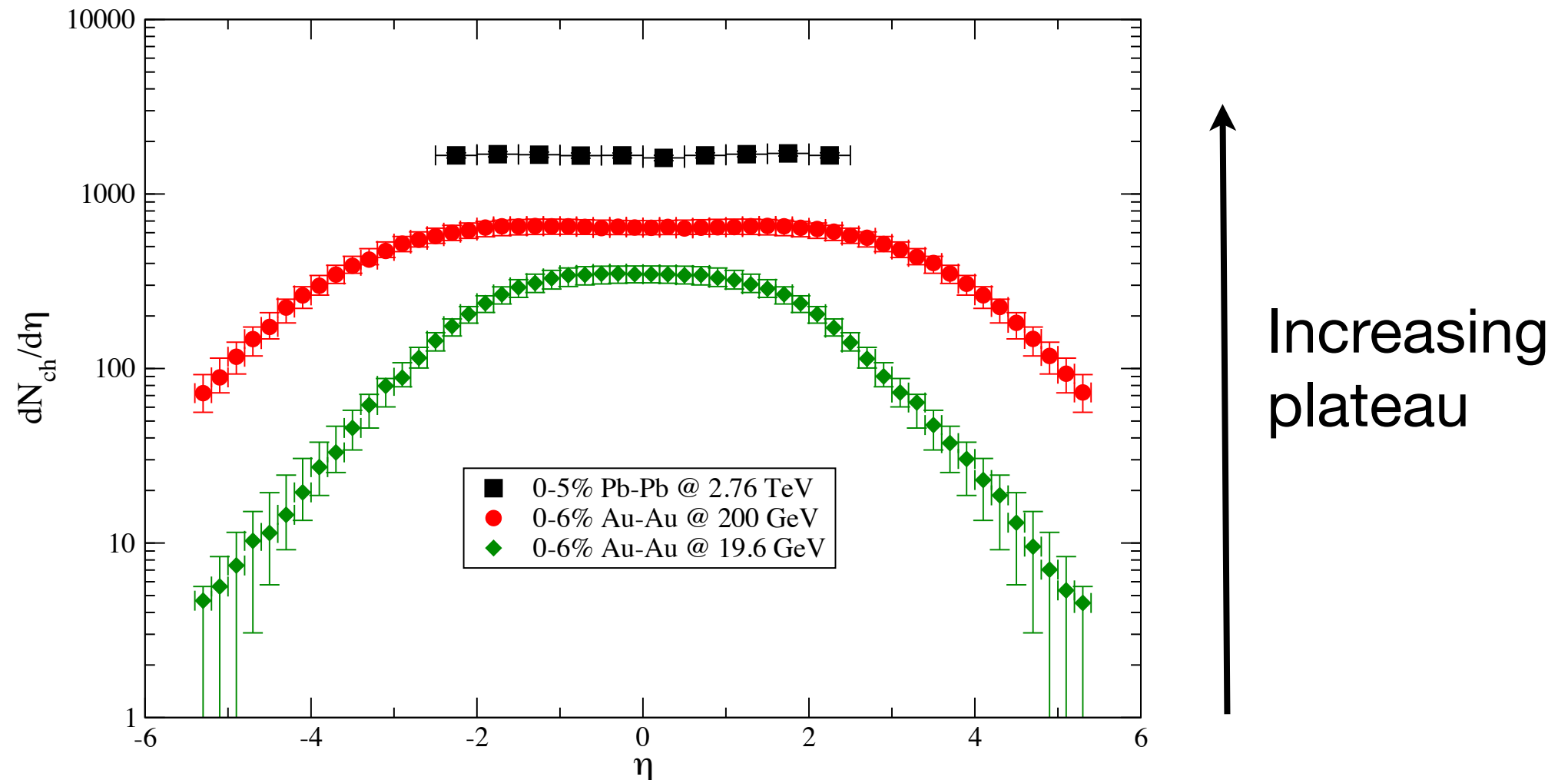
- Simple model: 
$$\bar{n}_{AB}(b) = \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \bar{N}_{part}^{AB}(b) + x \bar{N}_{coll}^{AB}(b) \right) \bar{n}_{NN}$$



- Geometry plays a crucial role in the collision

# Longitudinal distribution

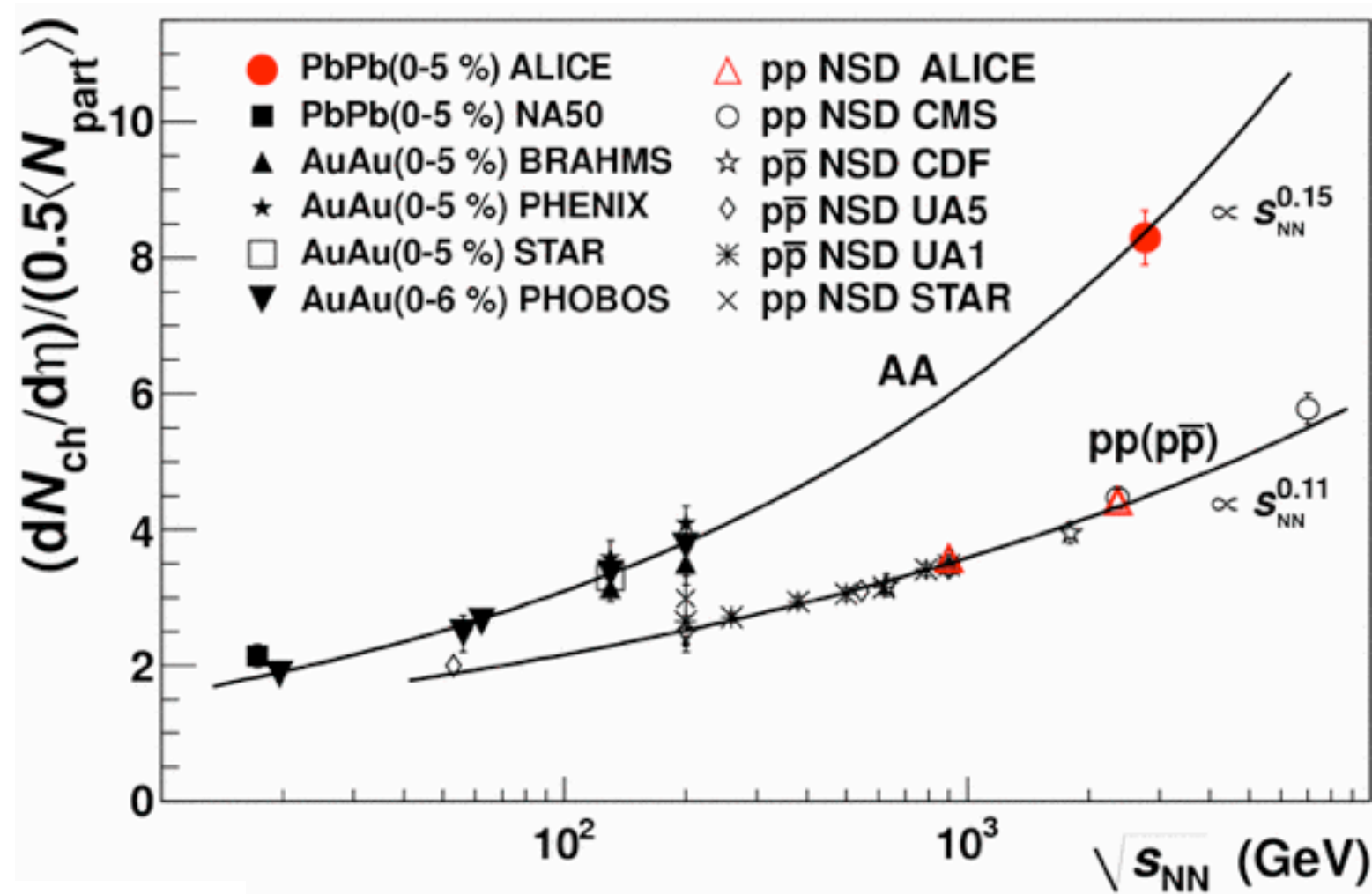
- Very wide rapidity distribution



- Approximately (pseudo) rapidity independent
  - Approximately boost invariant!

# Multiplicity

- At higher energies, the number of particles grows

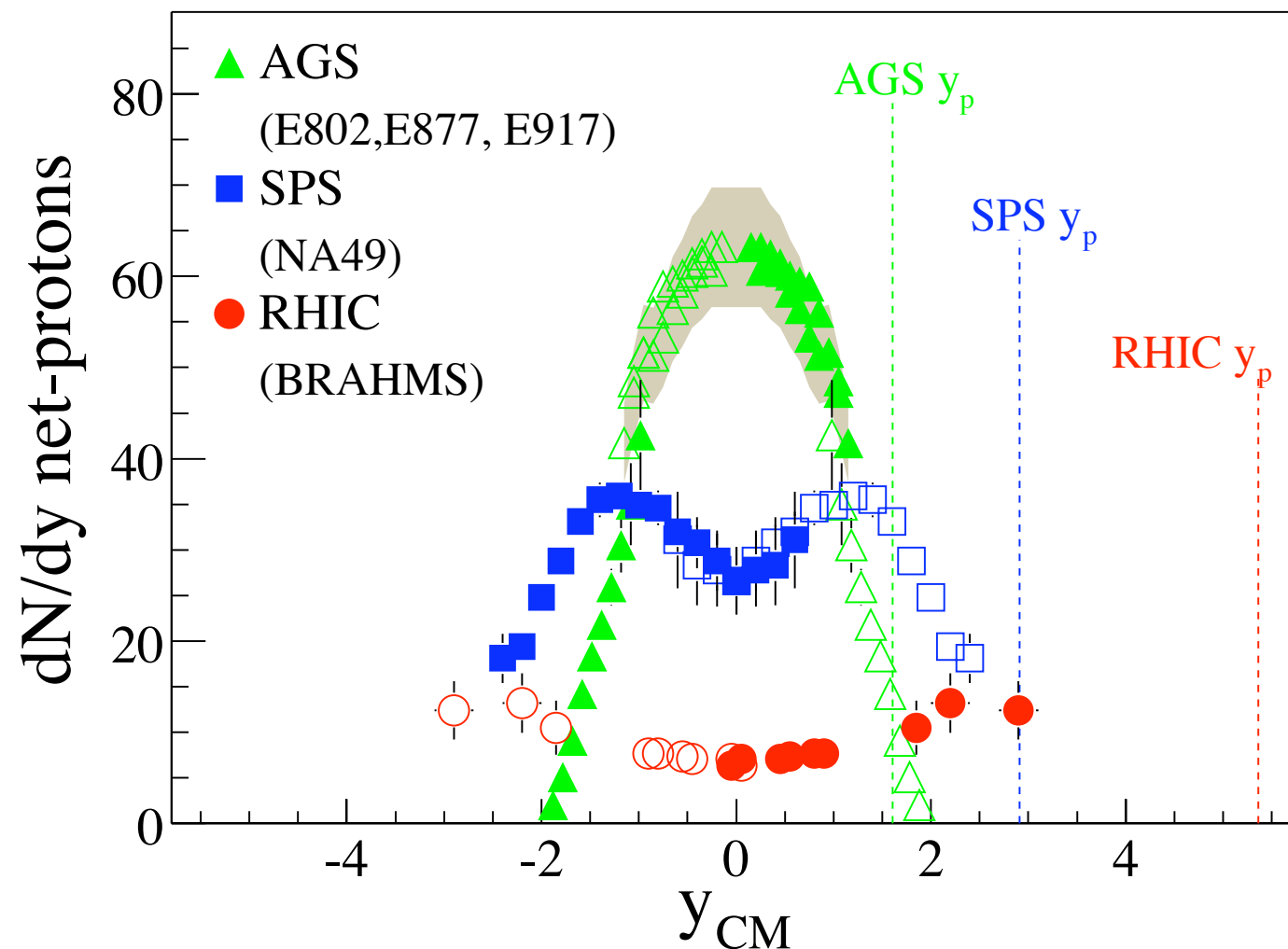


- At the LHC:

$$\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \sim 1600$$

# Charge Distribution

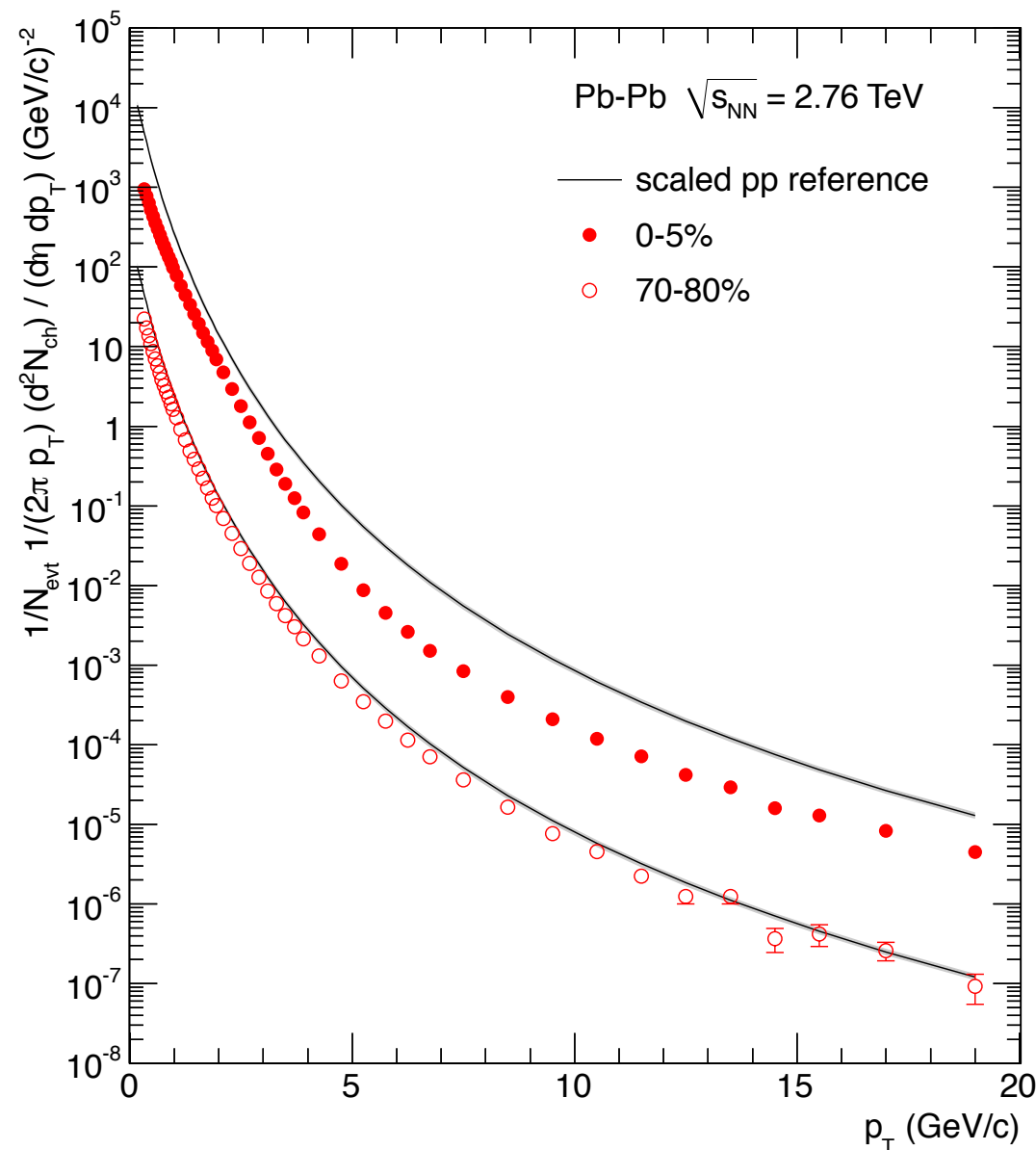
- Valence charges at high energy are stopped very little



- The mid-rapidity matter is mostly baryon neutral

# Transverse Momentum Distribution

- Most particles are soft



- LHC

$$\left. \frac{dE_T}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \sim 1700 \text{ GeV} \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta}$$

- Rare energetic particles can be used as probes  
(end of second lectures)

# Estimating Initial Energy Density

## ○ Bjorken's estimate

- At a given time  $t$ , energy within  $d=2t$

$$E > 2 \left. \frac{dE_T}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \quad \epsilon > \left. \frac{dE_T}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \frac{1}{\pi R^2 t}$$

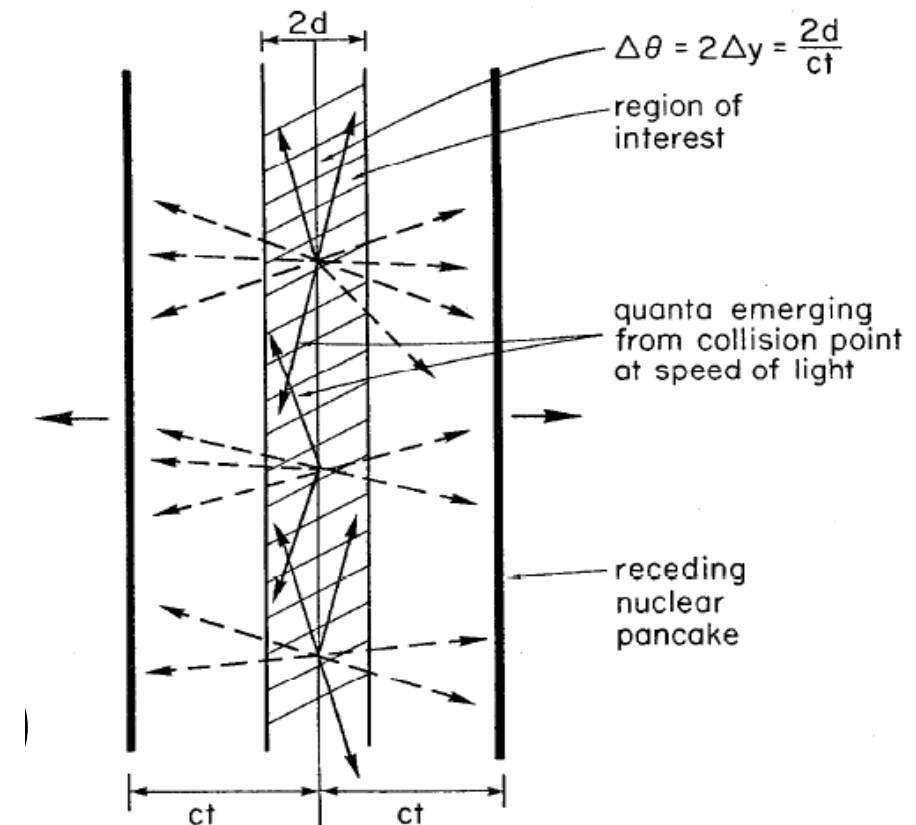
- At at typical time of  $t= 1\text{fm}$  ( $R= 7\text{ fm}$ )

$$\epsilon_{RHIC} > 5\text{GeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

$$\epsilon_{LHC} > 14\text{GeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

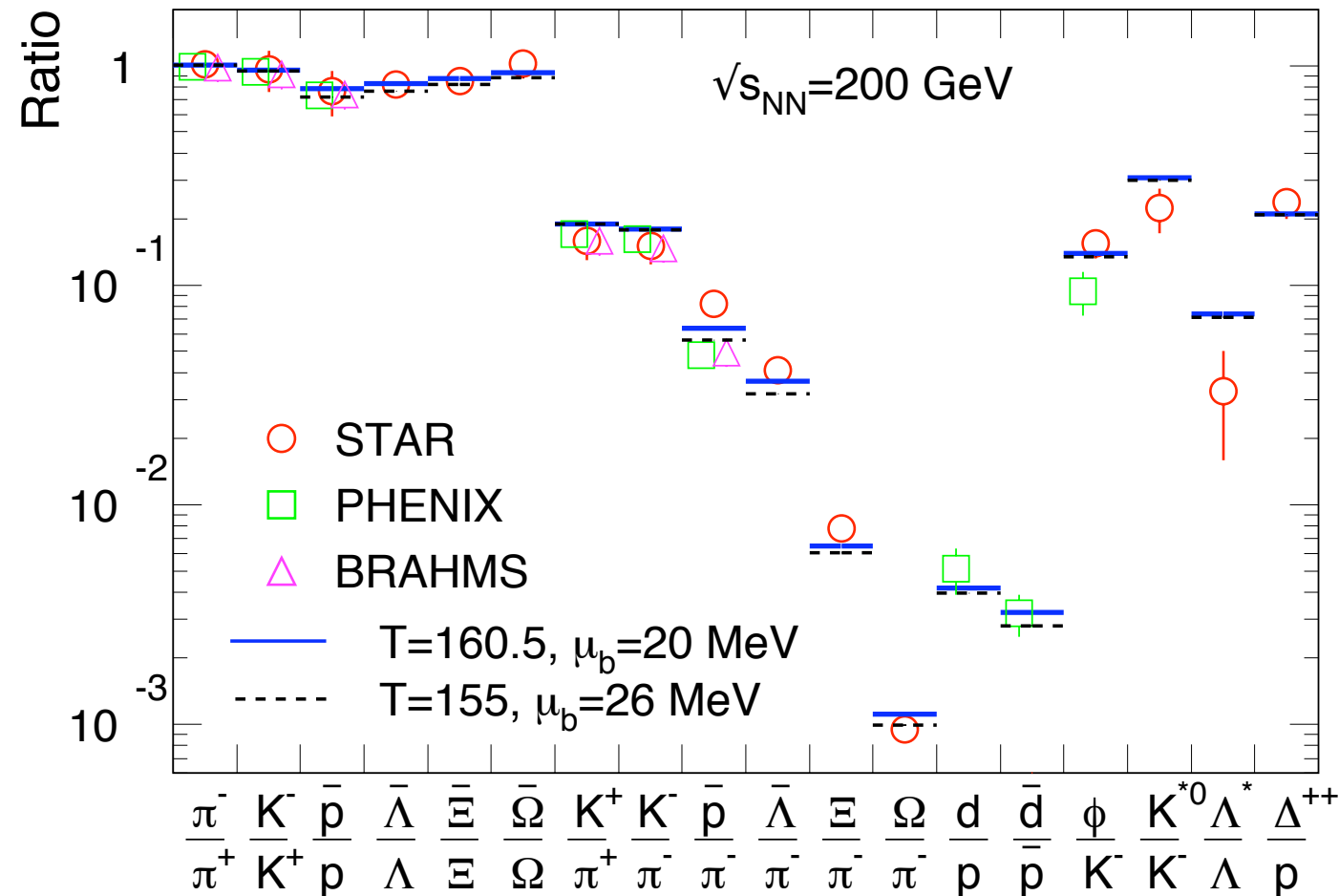
- Well above critical energy density (lattice)  $\epsilon_c \sim 1\text{GeV}/\text{fm}^3$

## ○ If this energy thermalizes we produce the QGP!



# Apparent Thermalization

- Simple thermal fit: 2 parameters, fit 18 species



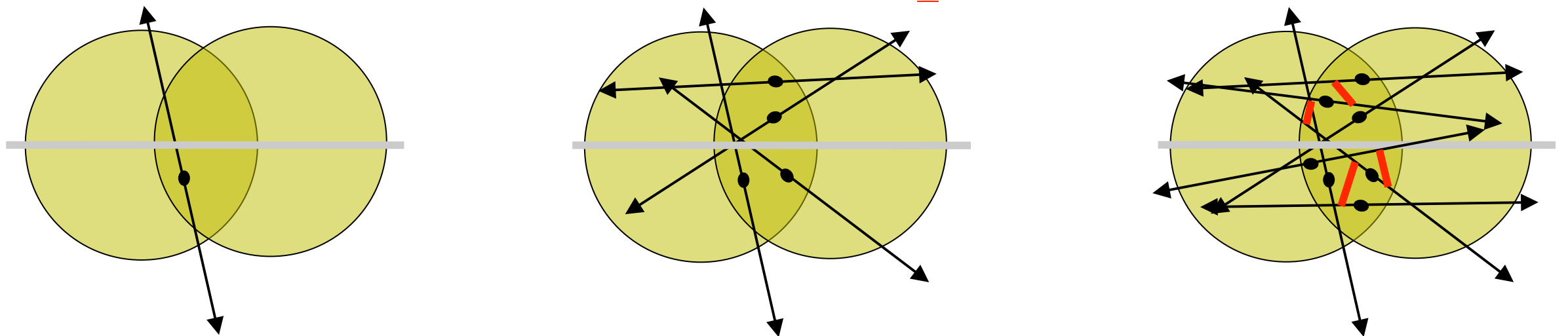
- Indication of strong interactions among produced particles

# Part 3



# Is matter behaving collectively?

# Interaction and Collectivity



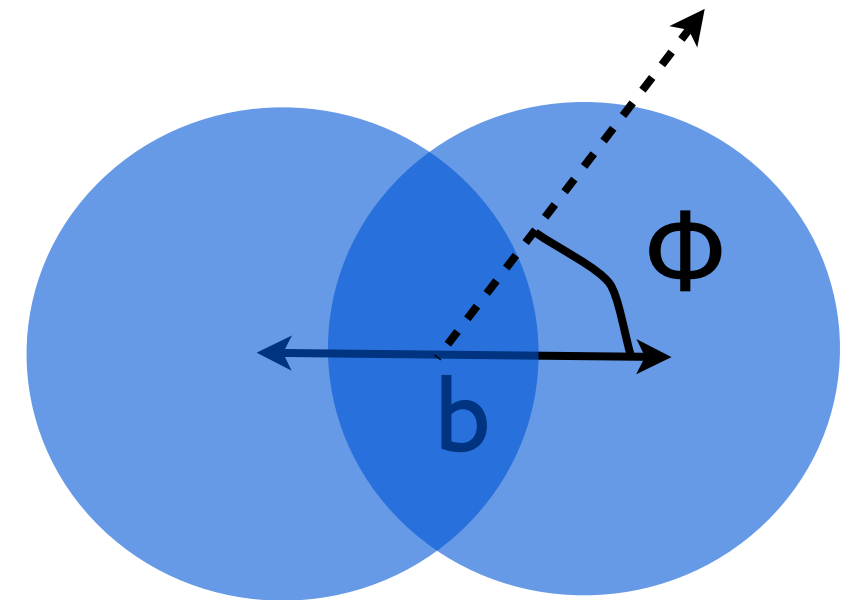
- Single  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process produces particles independent of the impact parameter (to first approximation)
- Large multiplicities  $\Rightarrow$  multiple independent production
- Interactions between particles correlate emission direction and geometry

Correlation of ***all*** particles with the reaction plane

# Azimuthal Anisotropy

- Non-central collisions

- asymmetry in transverse plane  
 $\Rightarrow$  asymmetry in momentum distribution



$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T d\eta} \left[ 1 + 2v_2(p_T) \cos(2(\phi - \psi_{reaction\ plane})) \right]$$

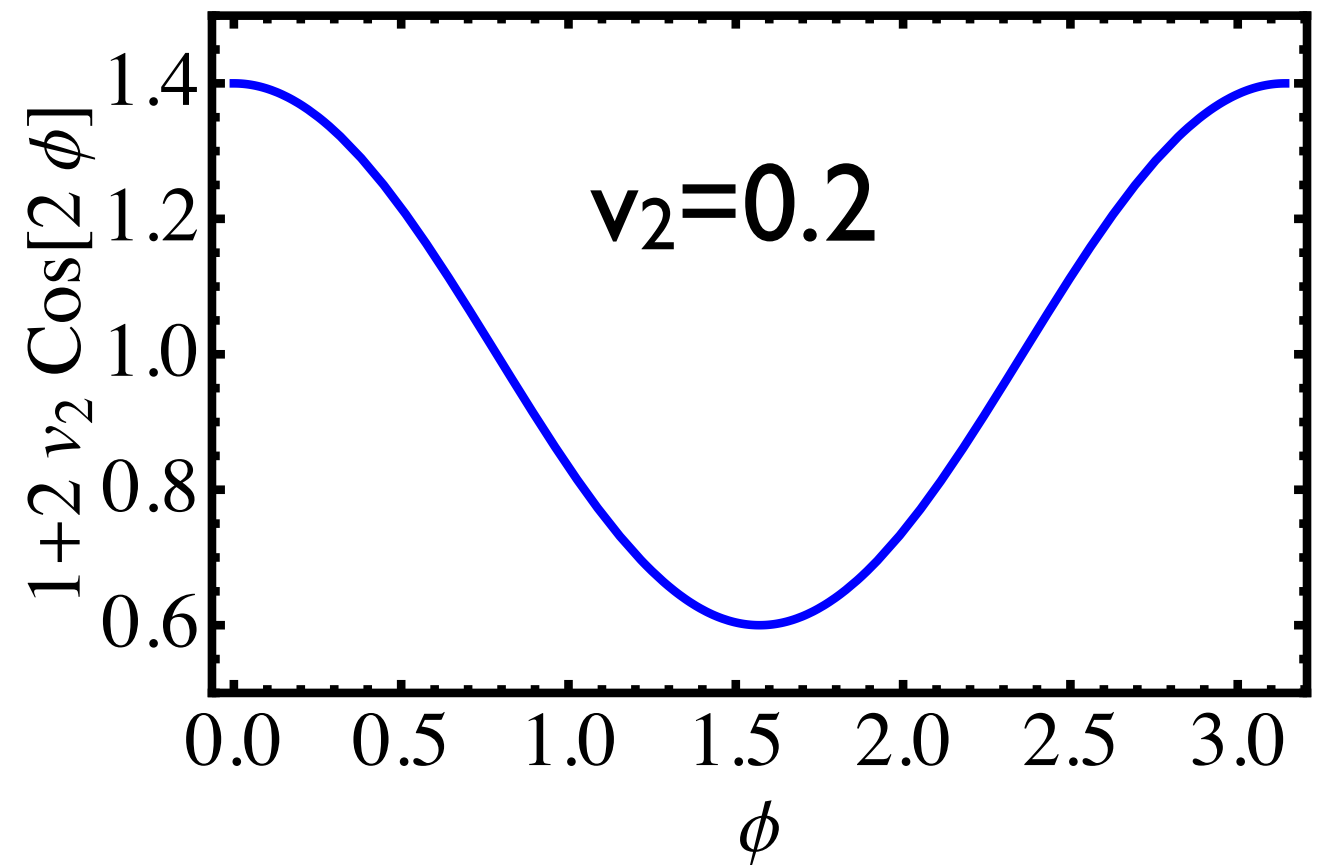
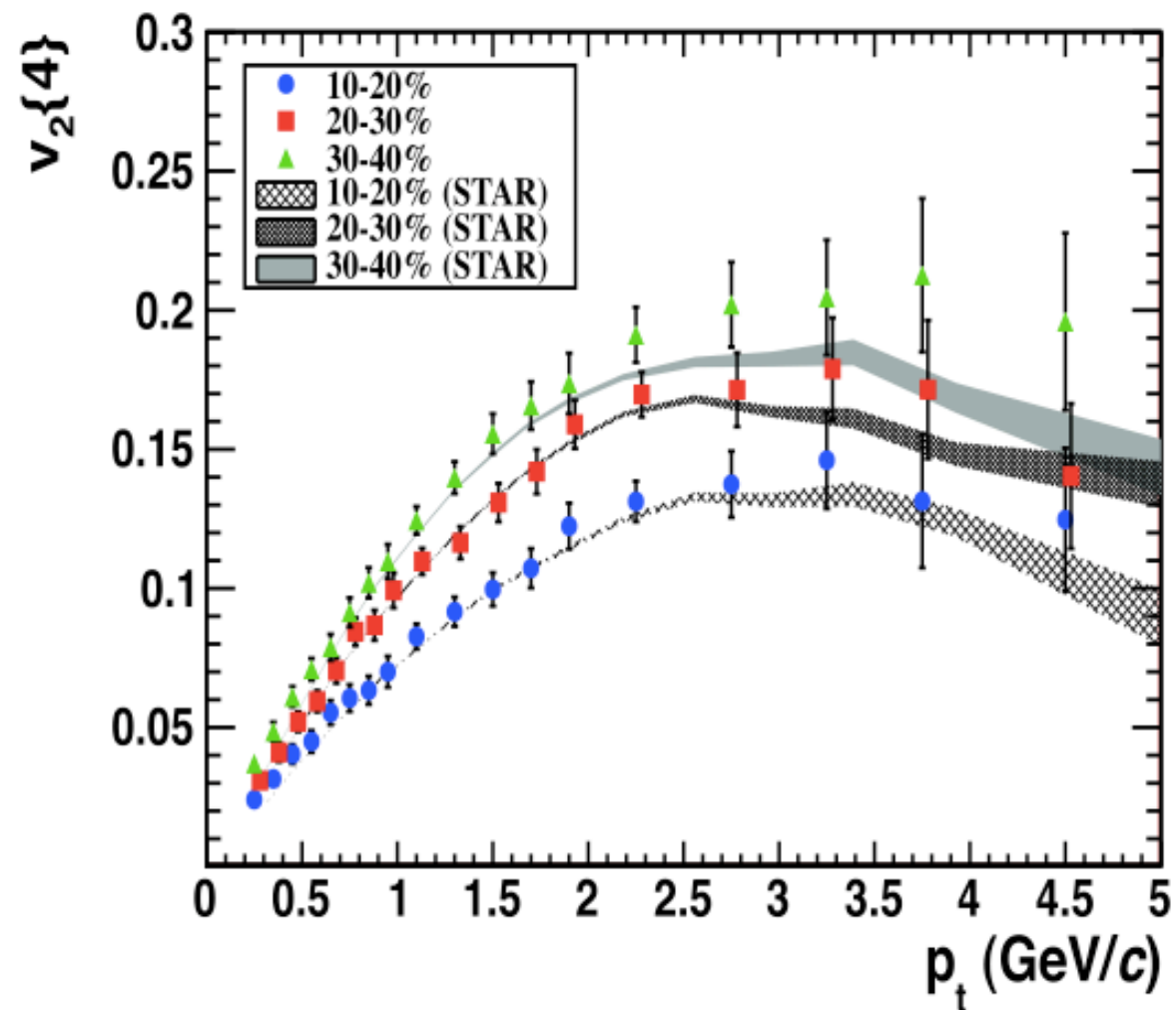
- Reaction plane is hard to determine

- Azimuthal correlation of particles

$$\langle e^{in(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} \rangle = v_n^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{"non-flow effects"} \\ \text{(correlations involving few particles)} \end{array}$$

- Correlations among more particles reduce further sensitivity to non-flow
- Borghini, Dinh and Ollitrault 01

# Measured Anisotropy

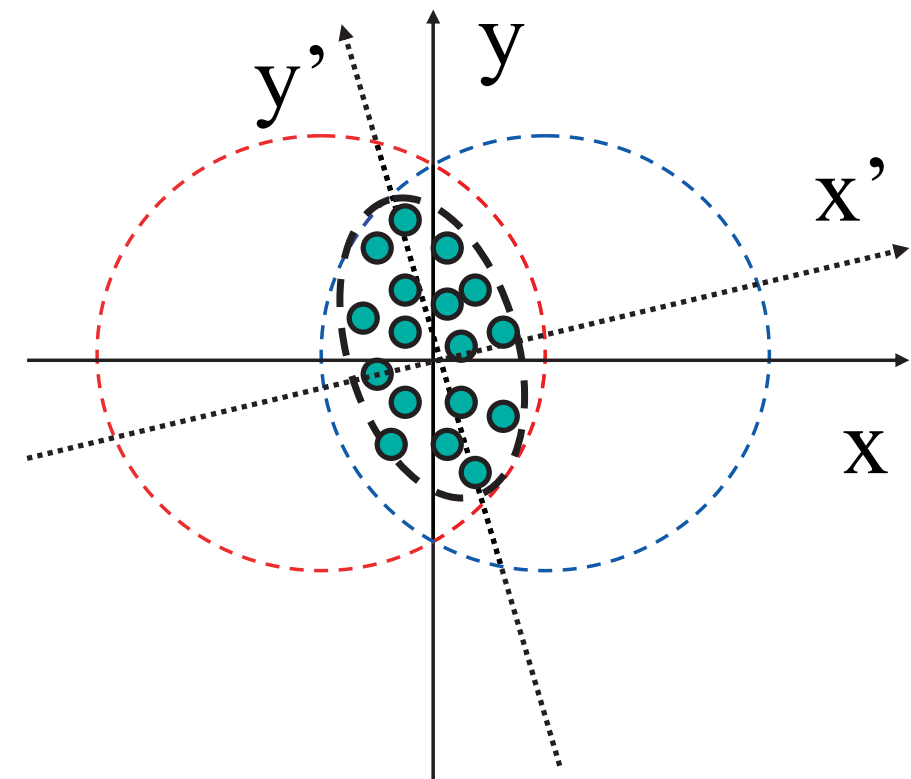
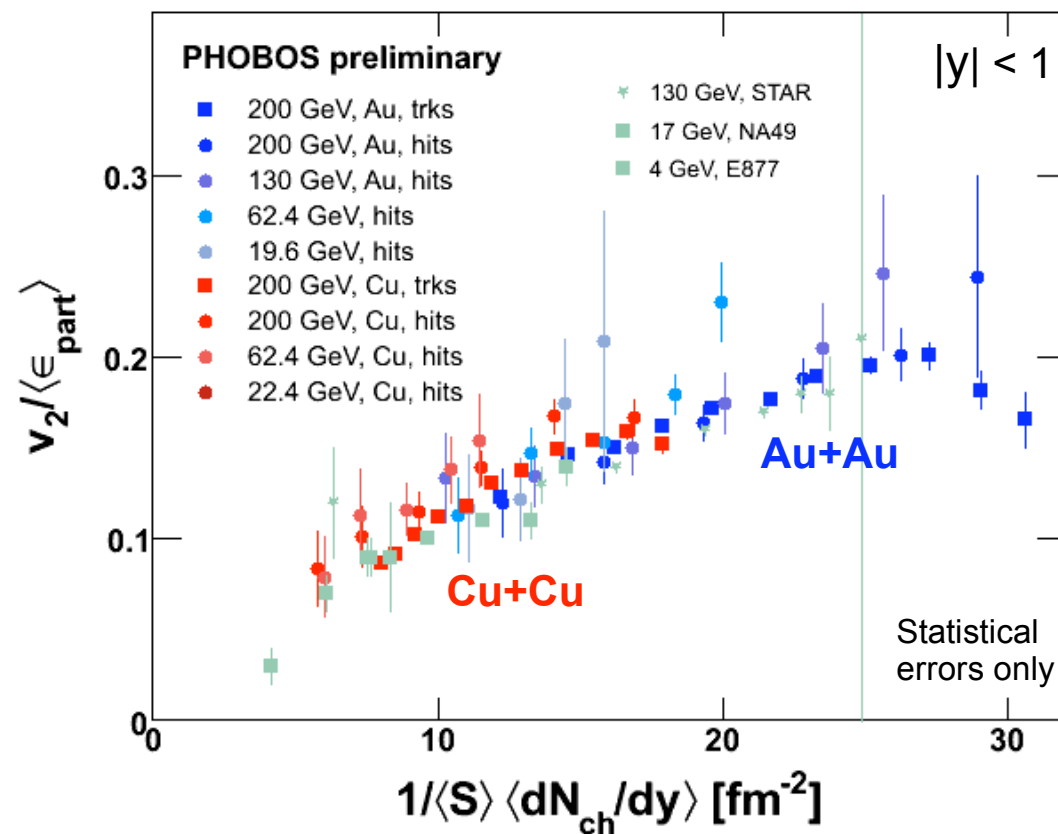


⊙ A very large effect

# A Geometric Property

- Relation of flow in different systems
  - Take into account event by event

$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle y'^2 \rangle - \langle x'^2 \rangle}{\langle y'^2 \rangle + \langle x'^2 \rangle}$$



- $v_2$  scales with eccentricity (geometrical property)
  - $v_2$  is a function of transverse density (density  $\Leftrightarrow$  interactions)
- Scaling over a large variety of systems and collision energies.

# Microscopic Modeling

- If we understand the microscopic d.o.f and their interactions:

Boltzmann eq:  $p^\mu \partial_\mu f_i = \sum_{processes} C_{process}[f]$  ← Collision rates  
computed via underlying theory

- Can be derived at very high temperatures in QCD ( $g(T) \ll 1$ )
- In experiments, applicability is questionable ( $T < 0.6$  GeV)
- Leading order (2-2) computations underpredicts flow effects

- Can we have a model independent description?

- Yes, provided we assume interactions are extremely frequent

microscopic scale ←  $\lambda_{m.f.p} \ll R$  → variation rate of density (size)

Hydrodynamics

# Relativistic Hydrodynamics

- The stress tensor of any (homogeneous, isotropic..) theory after all process settle

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p(\varepsilon) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p(\varepsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p(\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{u^\mu \text{ velocity of the frame}}]{\text{boosting to another frame}} T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} = (e + p)u^\mu u^\nu - pg^{\mu\nu}$$

e.o.s

- Hydro approximation: assume all variation of stress tensor are very small compared to microscopic scales  $\Leftrightarrow$  gradient expansion
  - At the scale of the variation all micro-process are local
- Ideal approximation: even in dynamical situation

$$T^{\mu\nu} \approx T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon(x) \quad u^\mu(x) \quad (5) \text{ dynamical fields}$$

- And 5 equations

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{Enough to solve dynamics}$$

# Viscosity

- Hydrodynamics: systematic approach  $\Rightarrow$  gradient expansion

- Expand to leading order in gradients

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} + \eta \Pi^{\mu\nu} + \zeta \Theta^{\mu\nu}$$

$\swarrow$  shear viscosity       $\searrow$  bulk viscosity

Two different symmetric structure  
 $\xrightarrow{\text{easier in fluid rest frame}}$

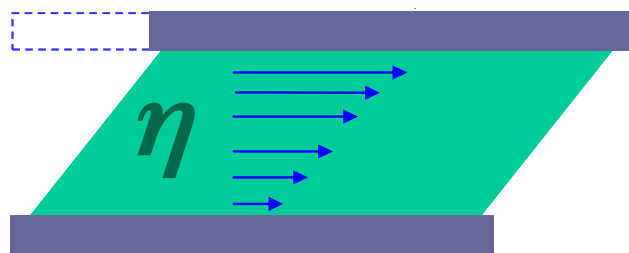
$$\Pi_{ij} = \partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i - \frac{2}{3} \partial_k v^k \delta_{ij}$$

$$\Theta_{ij} = \frac{2}{3} \partial_k v^k \delta_{ij}$$

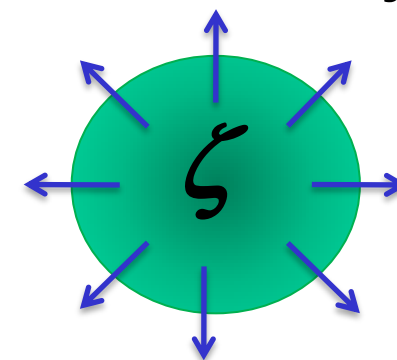
- These are transport coefficients: Intrinsic properties of the theory

- Same interpretation as in non-relativistic fluid

Shear viscosity



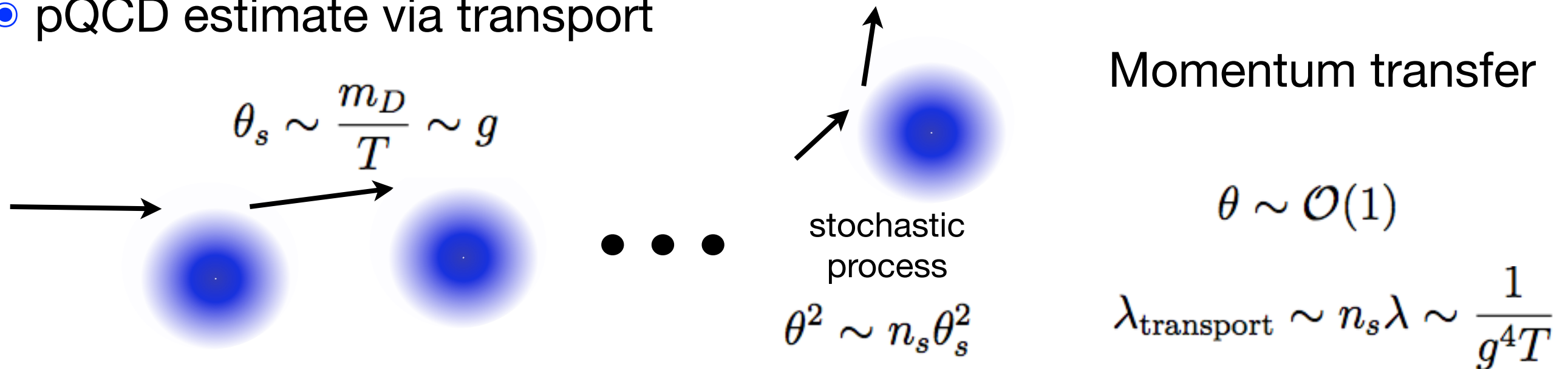
Bulk viscosity





# Computations of Viscosity

- pQCD estimate via transport



- Shear viscosity

$$\eta \sim \frac{P}{A} \sim \frac{T}{\lambda_{\text{transport}}} s$$

- Bulk viscosity

$$\zeta \approx 0$$

(QCD is approximately conformal)

- Kinematic viscosity:

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{1}{g^4}$$

- Large for weakly interacting plasma
- Small for strongly interacting plasma

# Field Theory Extractions

- Transport coefficients can be computed via correlation functions

Kubo Relation

$$\eta = - \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \int d^4x e^{i\omega t - kz} i\theta(t) \underbrace{\langle [T^{xy}(x), T^{xy}(0)] \rangle}_{G_R}$$

- Derived via linear response:

$$\langle T(x) \rangle = \int dy G_R(x-y) \delta g(y) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{equate to hydro response}$$

$\uparrow$   
 metric perturbation (source)

- General expression but... hard to use in QCD
  - small  $\omega$  problematic in thermal perturbation theory (IR problems)
  - Real time dynamics: hard for lattice computations
- Can we extract this from data?

# Hydrodynamic Modeling

- Initial value of fields

- Initiate hydrodynamics at some time after collision (model parameter)
- Most simulations assume boost invariant distributions
- Initial energy density from dynamical model or empirical

$$\frac{ds}{dx_{\perp}^2} \propto [(1-x)N_{\text{part}}(x_{\perp}) + xN_{\text{coll}}(x_{\perp})]$$

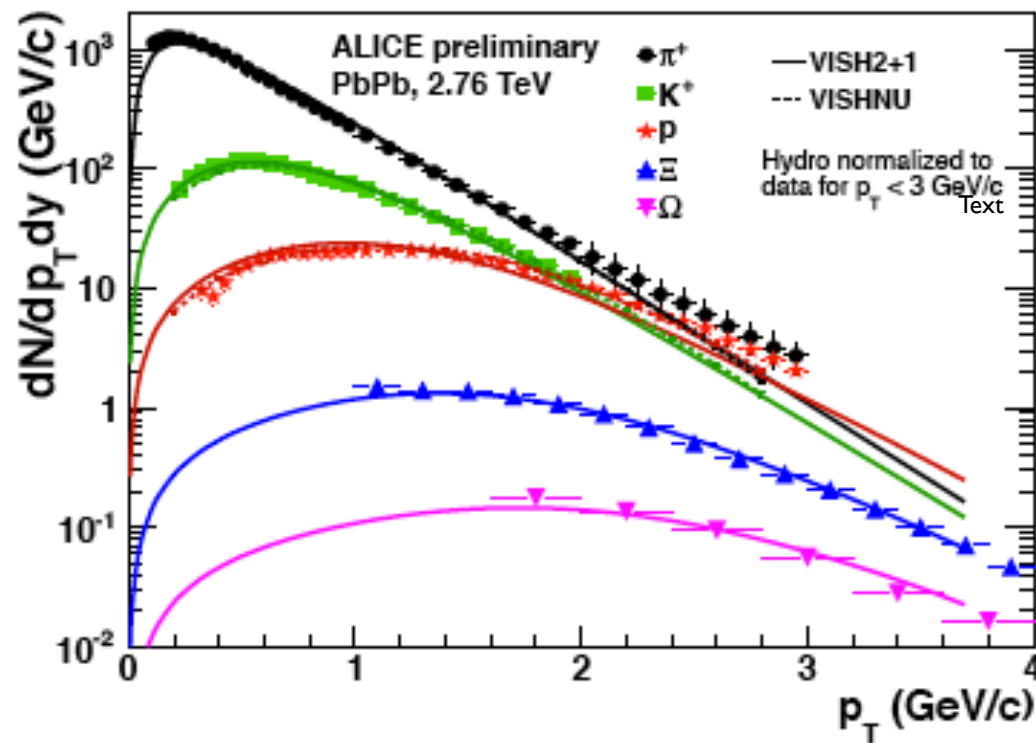
- Hydro solver

- Needs e.o.s (usually taken from lattice computations)

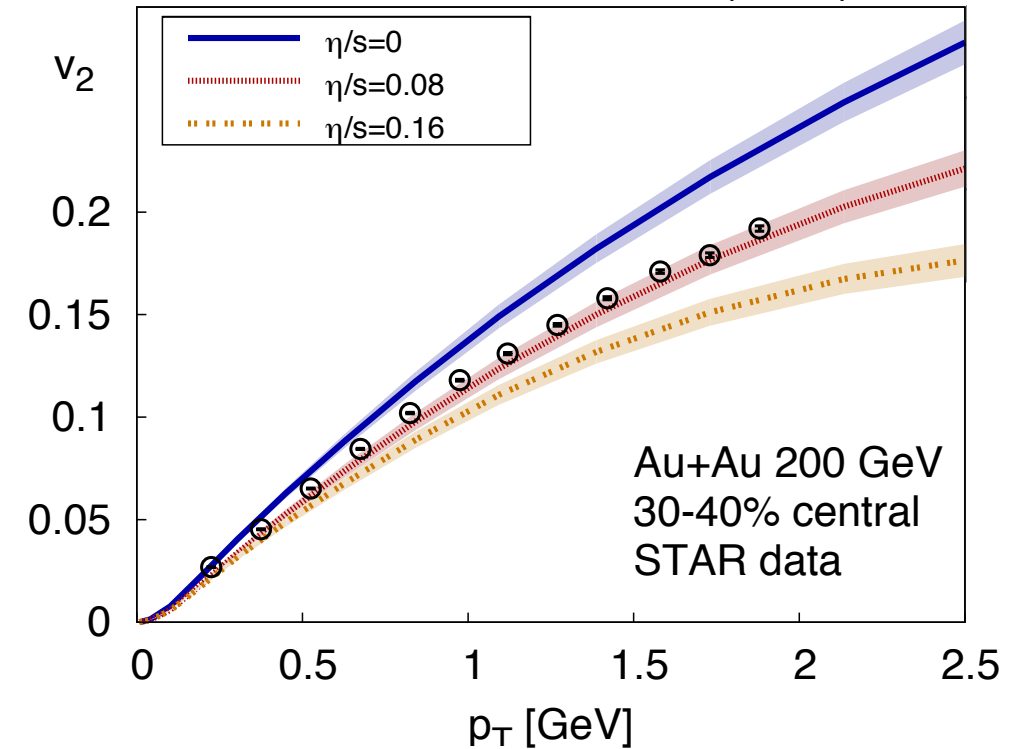
- Decoupling

- At  $T_c \sim 165$  MeV hadrons decoupled quickly  $\Rightarrow$  thermal abundance
- Evolved with Boltzmann equation + known cross sections

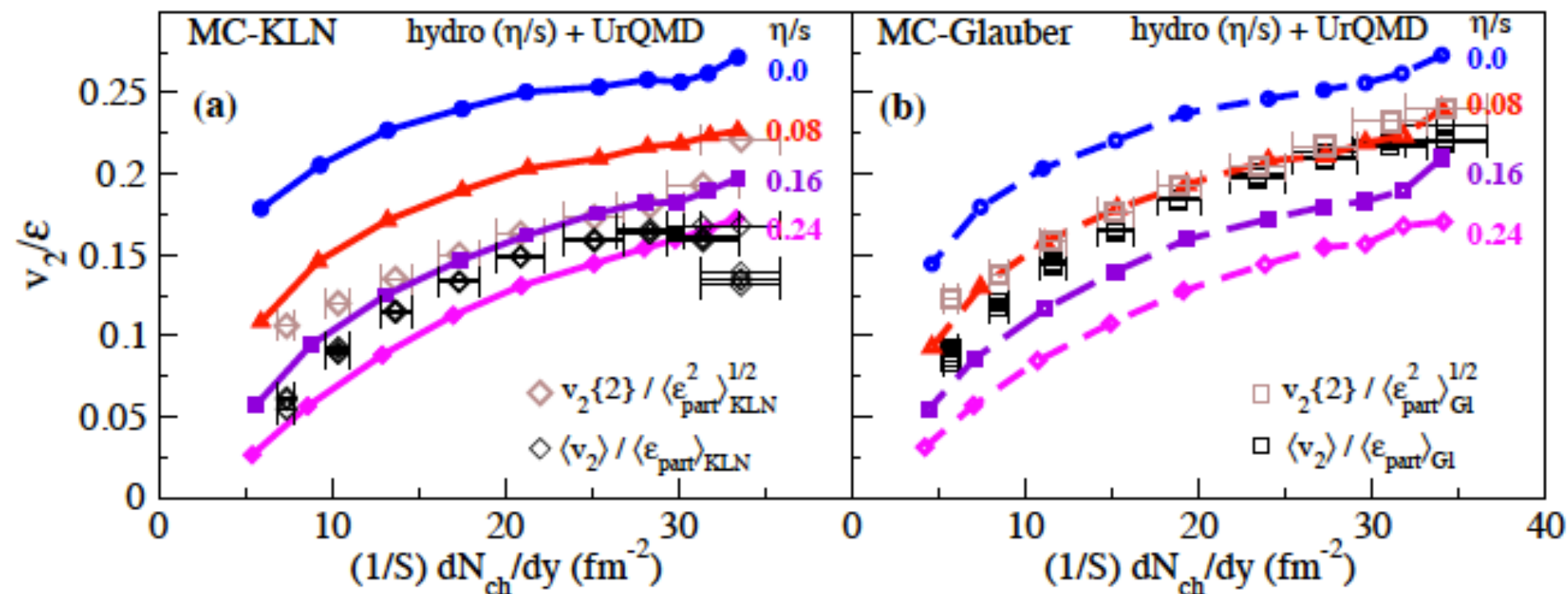
# Success of Hydro



Schenke, Jeon, Gale, PRL 106 (2011) 042301



Song, Bass, Heinz, Hirano, Shen, PRL 106 (2011) 192301



# Hydro from Early Times

- Hydro works but... from when

- Typical simulations at the LHC have

$$\tau_0 T = \frac{0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ GeVfm}}{0.2 \text{ GeVfm}} \sim 1.25$$

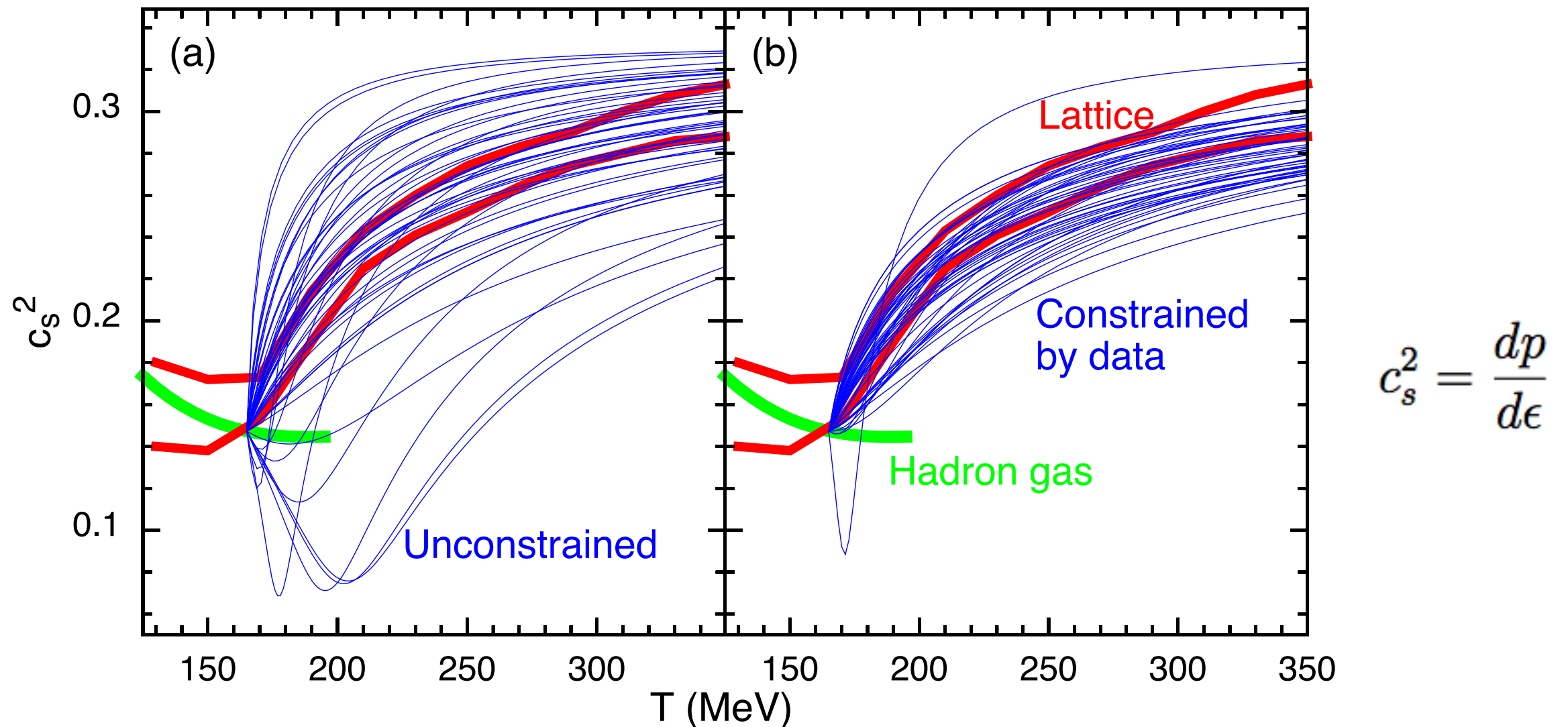
size of the medium      micro scale

- It does not seem as if hydro should work...
- yet...

# Extracting QCD properties from Data

- Example: is data sensitive to known QCD properties?

Pratt, Sangaline, Sorensen and Wang 15



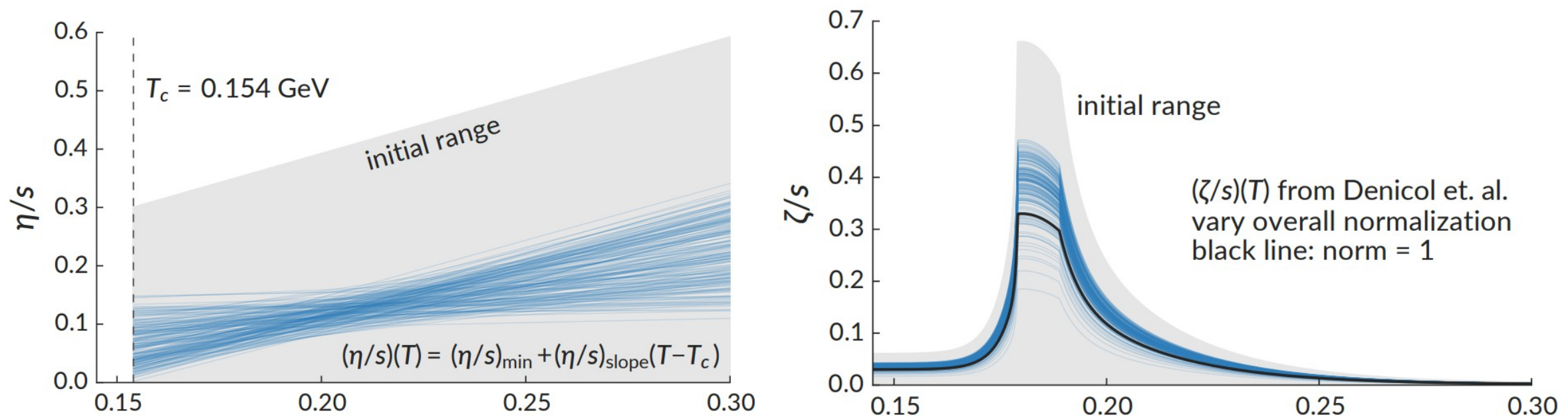
- Combined hydro fits of collision data of different species and energies constraint the equation of state



# Extracting Viscosities

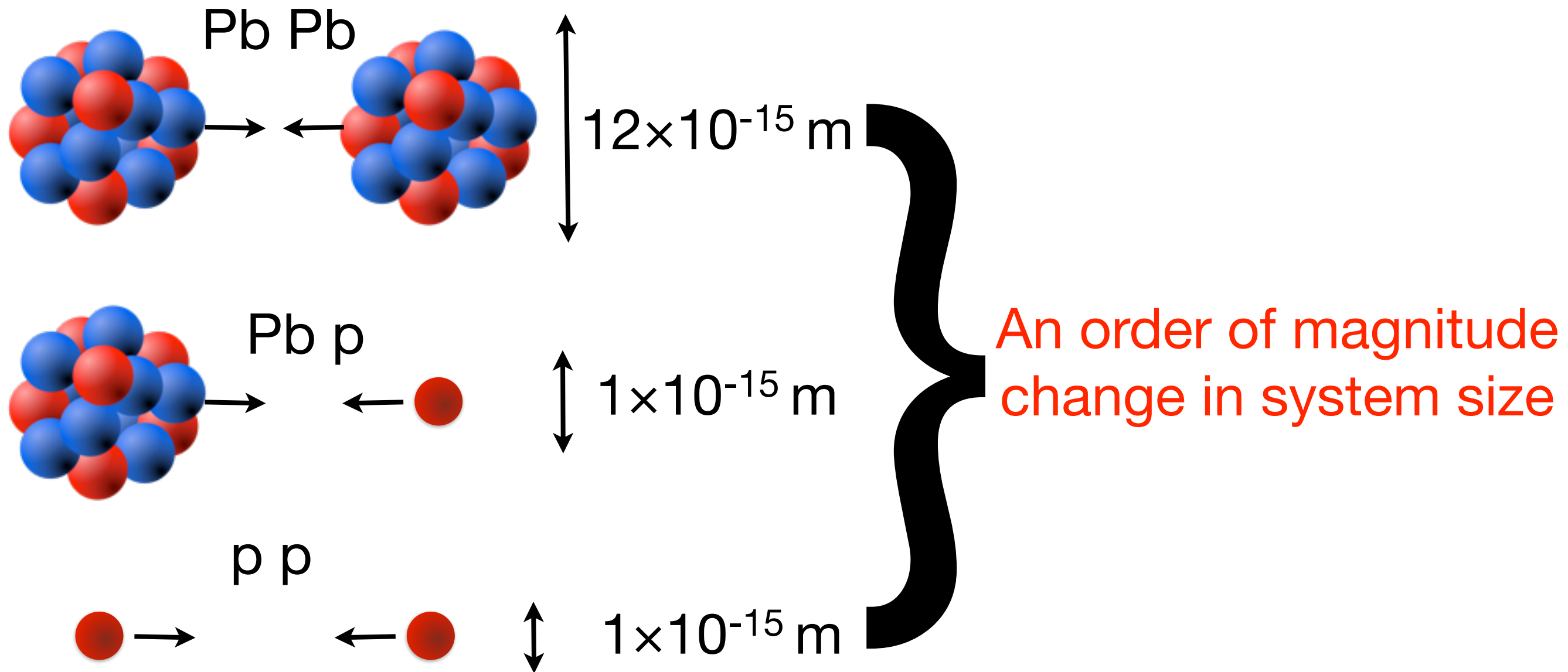
## Global fit to several sets of data

J. Bernhard, J.S. Moreland, S. Bass, J. Liu, U. Heinz arXiv:1605.03954



$$\left(\frac{\eta}{s}\right)_{T_c} = 0.08 \pm 0.05$$

# Changing the Collision System

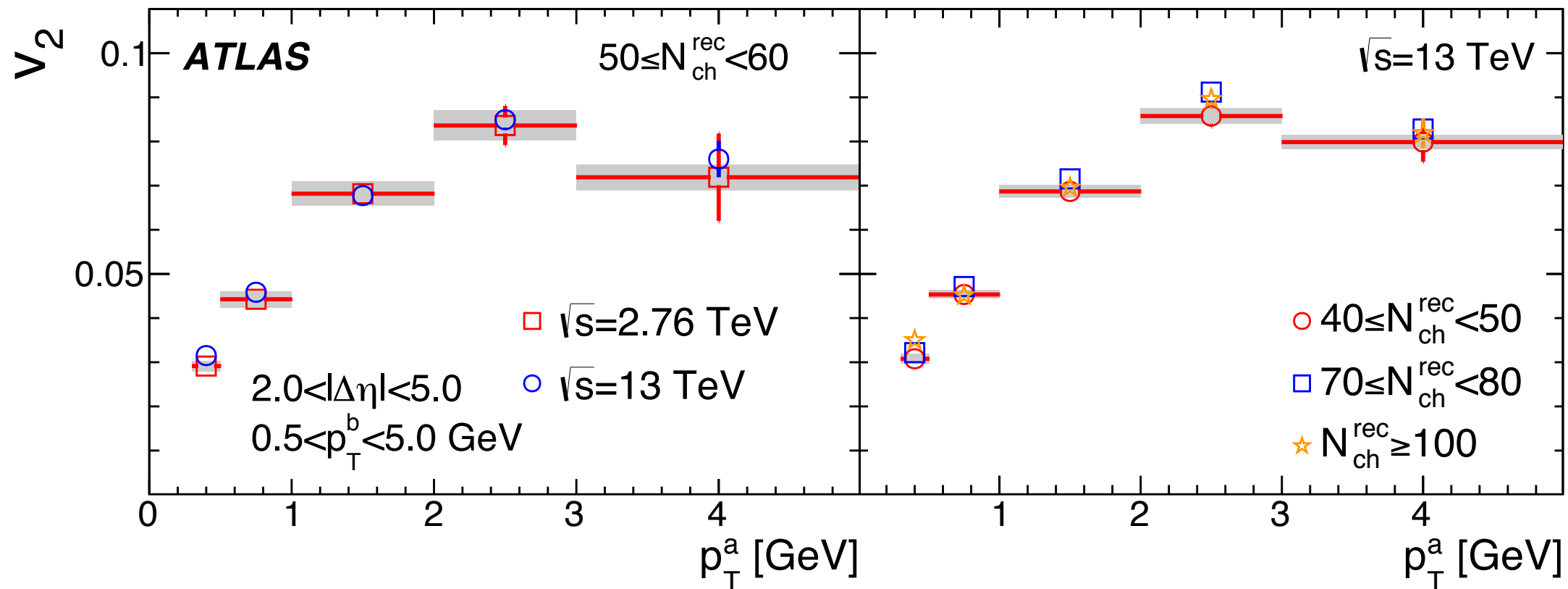


- Collision at extremely high energy  $\Leftrightarrow$  extremely high densities



# Hydrodynamics in Small Systems

- Flow in p-p! (and in p-Pb)



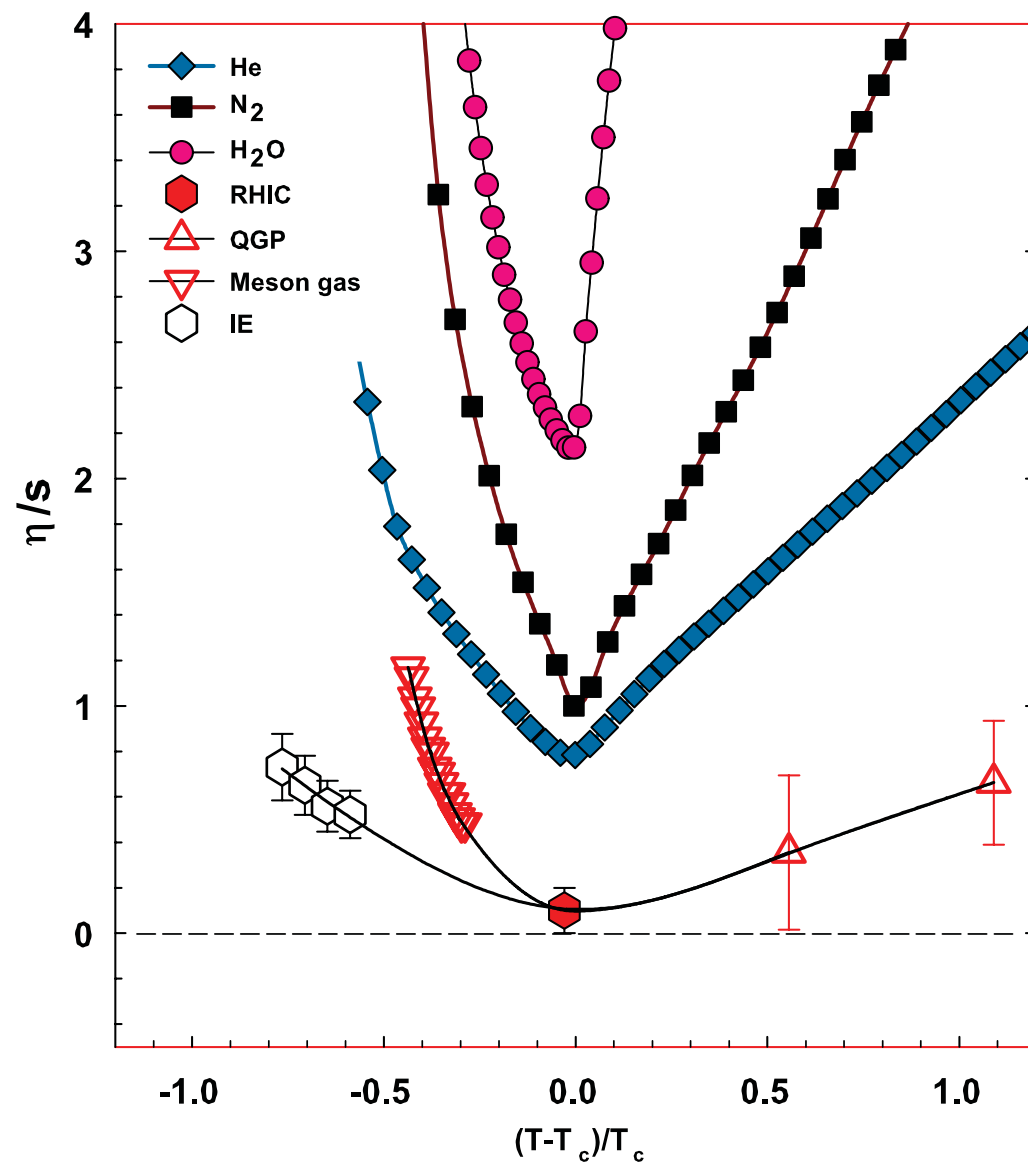
- Hydrodynamic explosions describe the observed distributions

Bozek (12, 15), Nagle et al. (13), Schenke & Venugopalan (14), Kozlov et al. (14), Romatschke (15)

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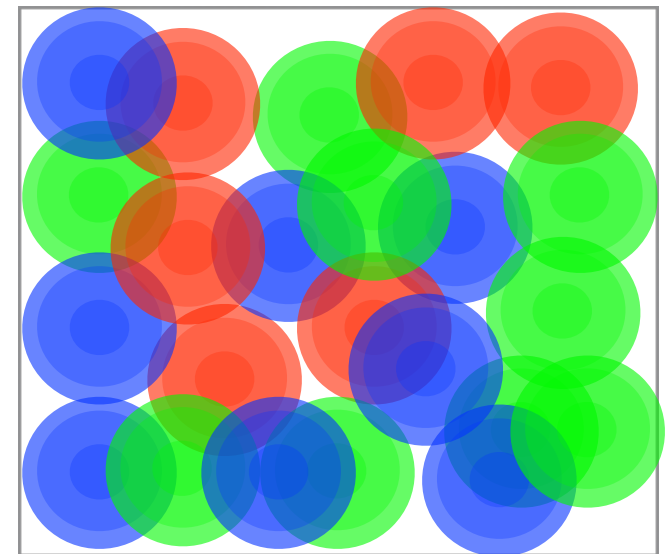
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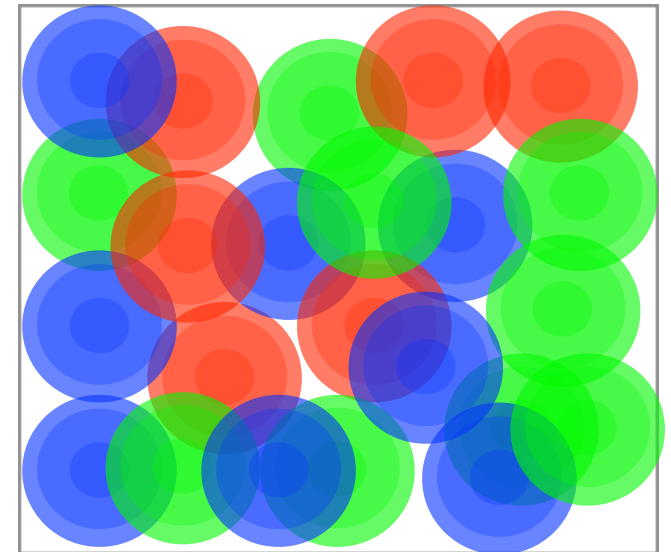
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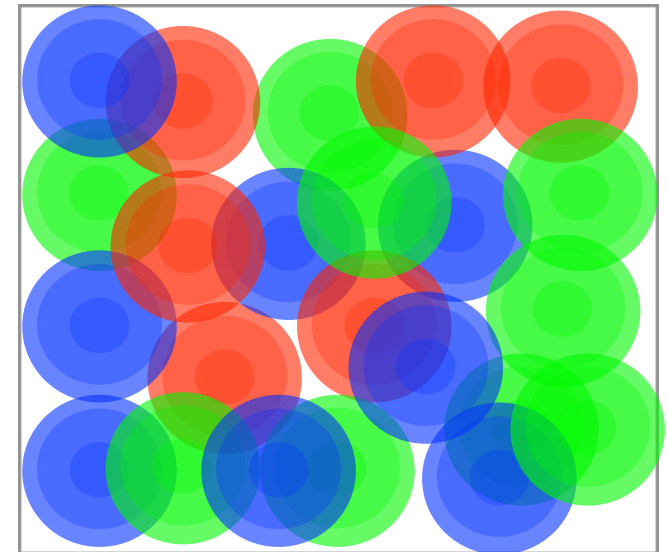
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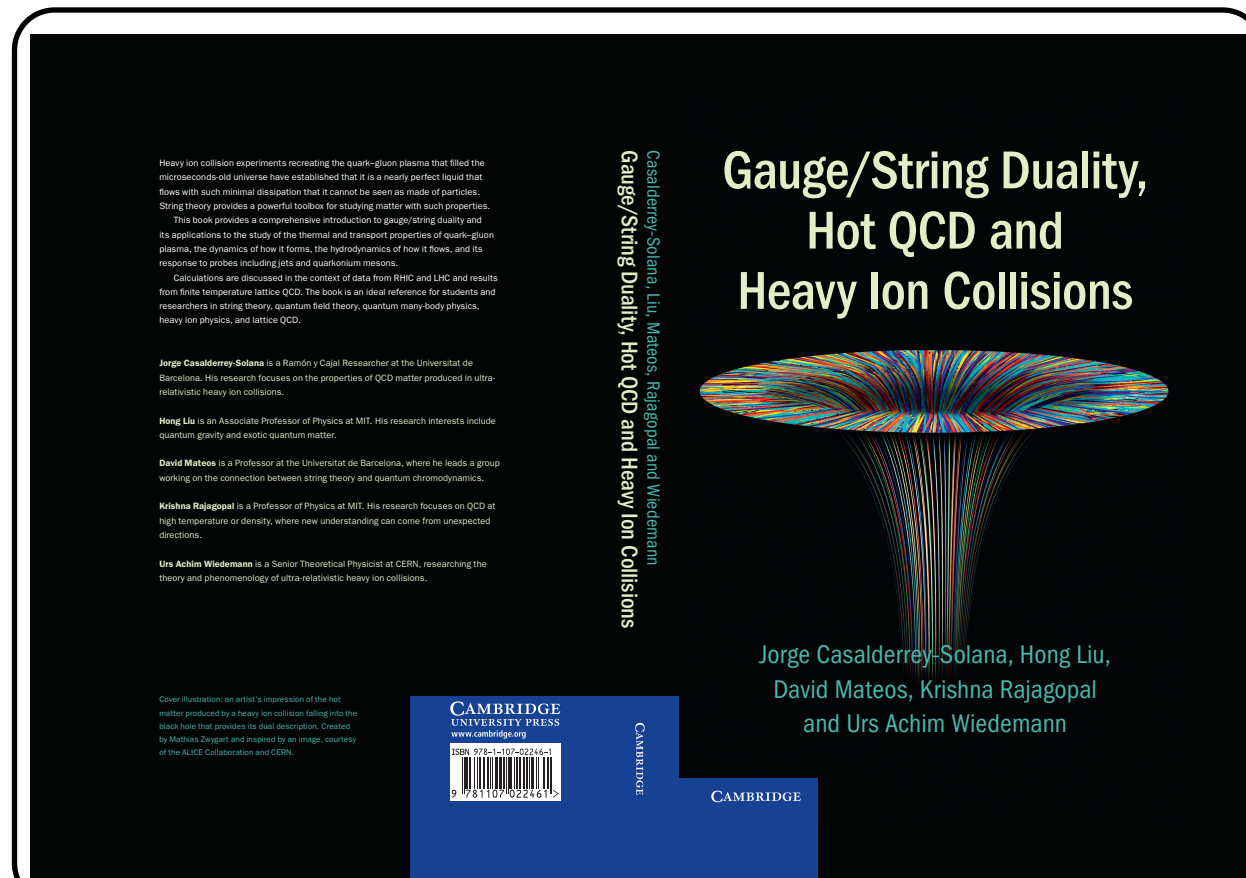
... but for a large class of non-abelian gauge theories at infinite coupling via holography

# Part IV

# Holography

- Gauge Theories in the limit

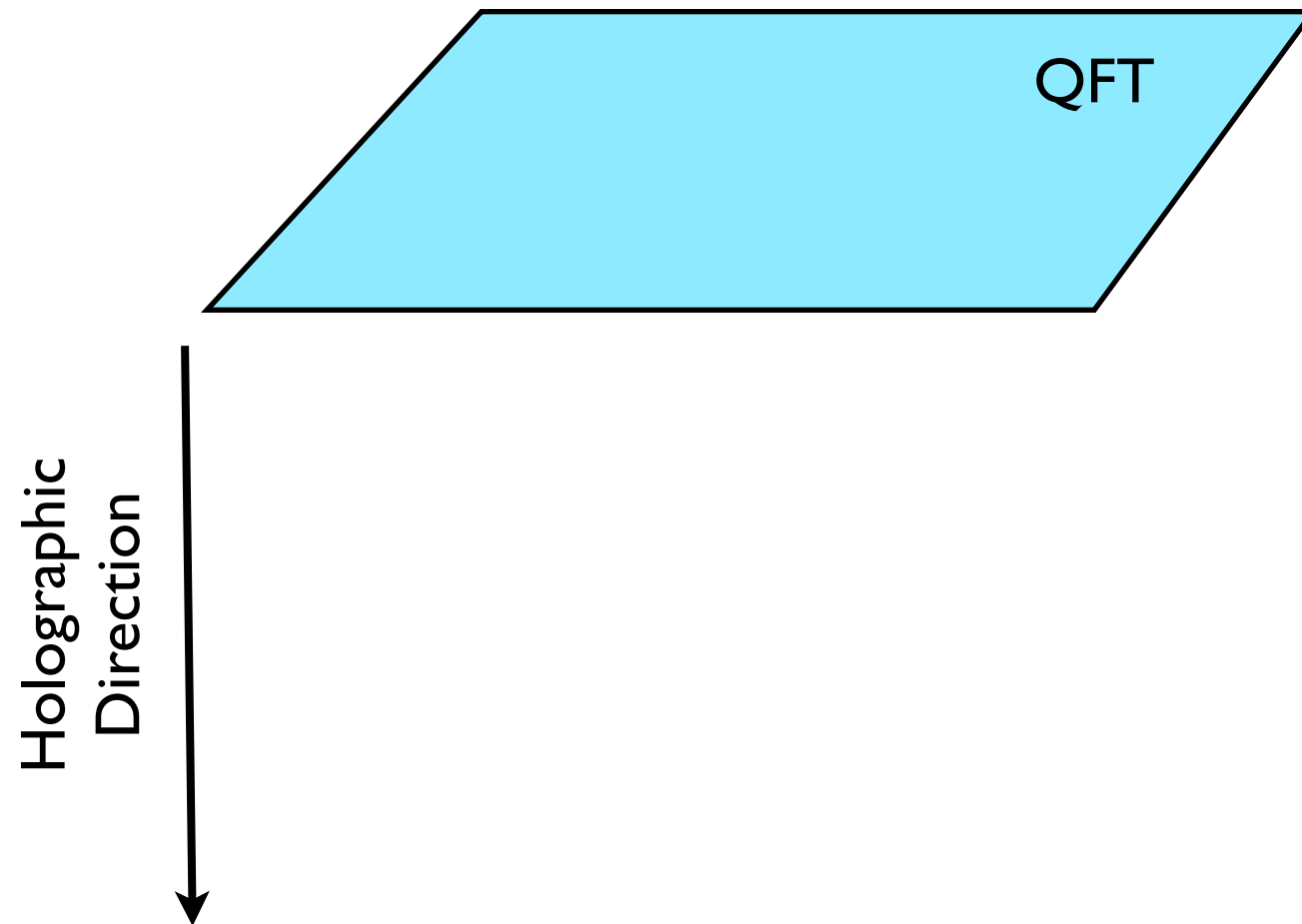
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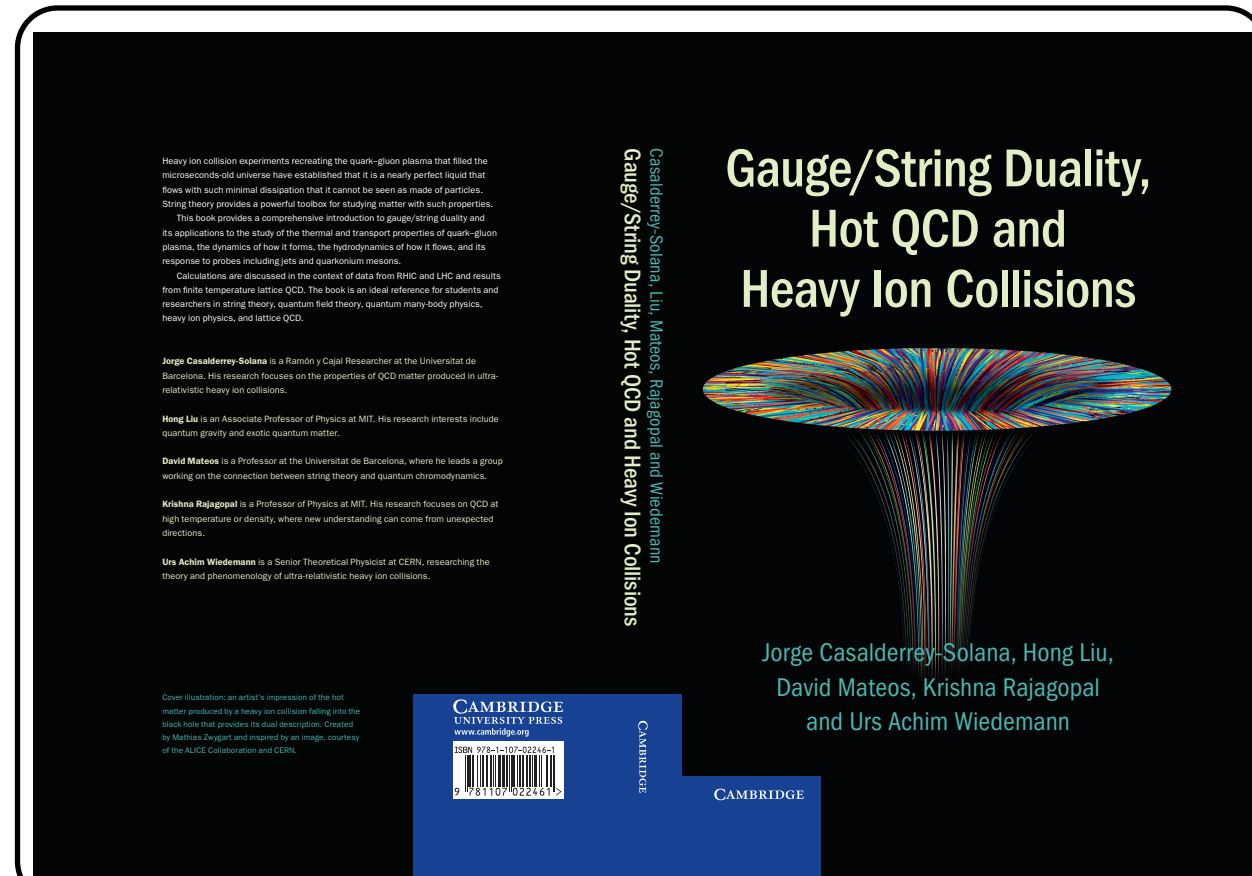
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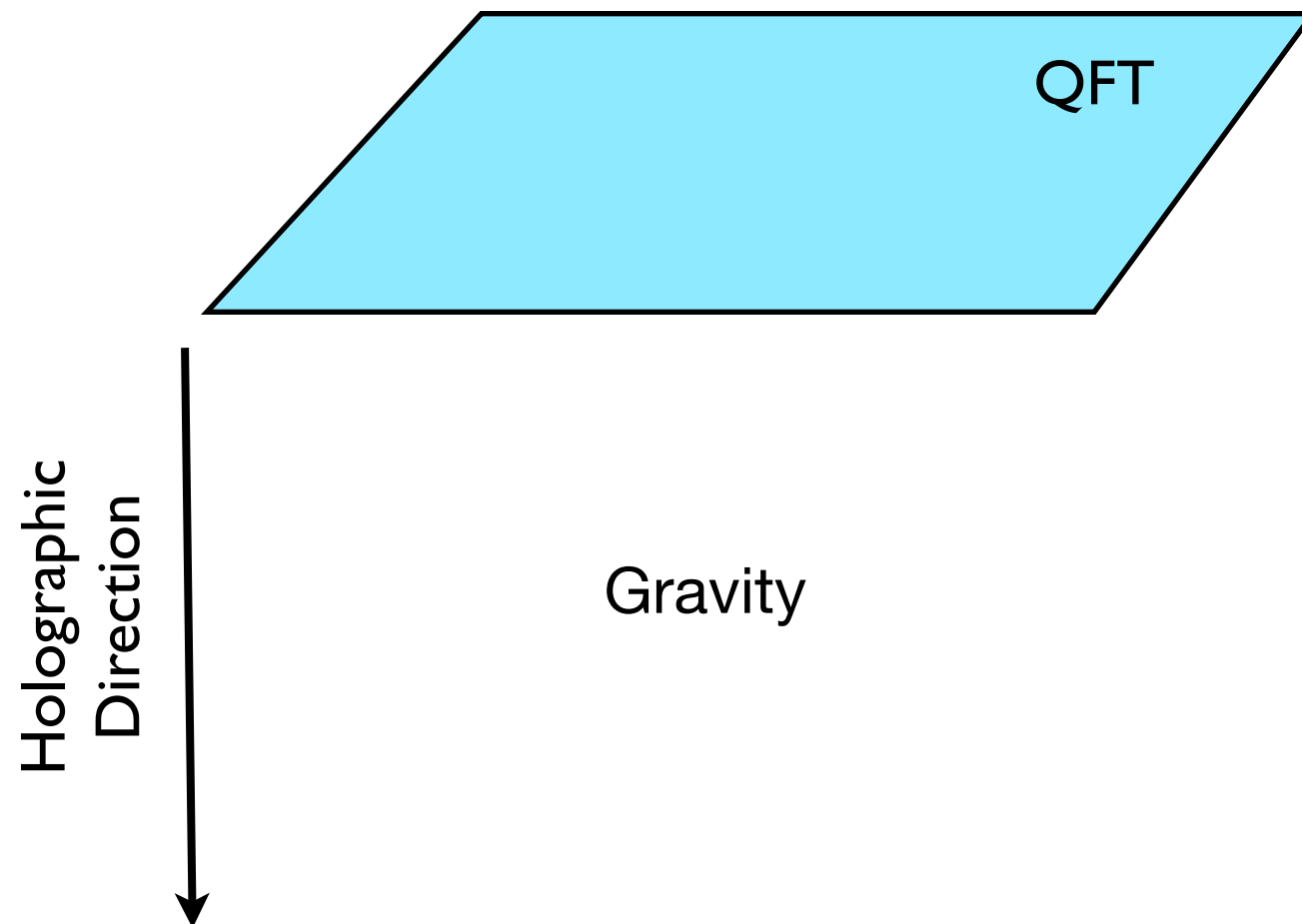




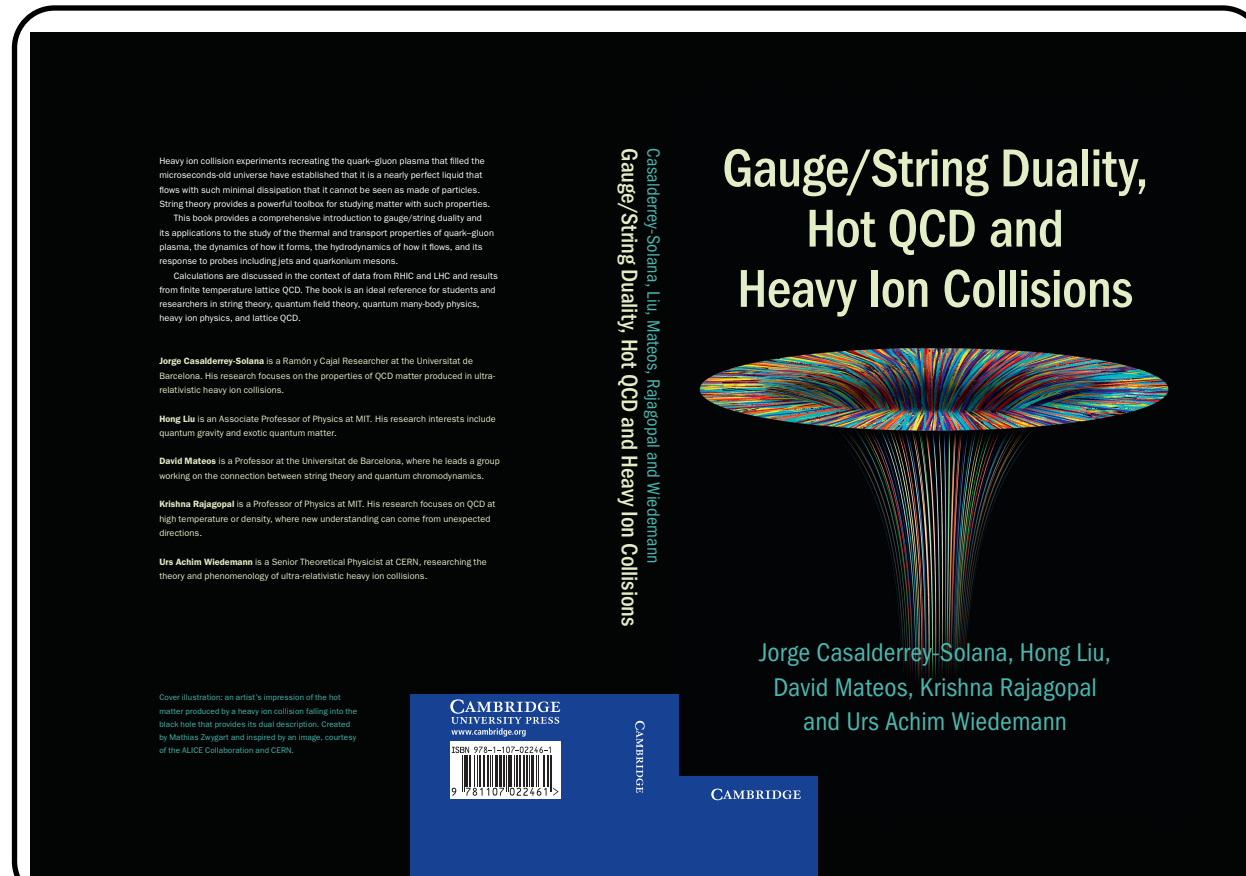
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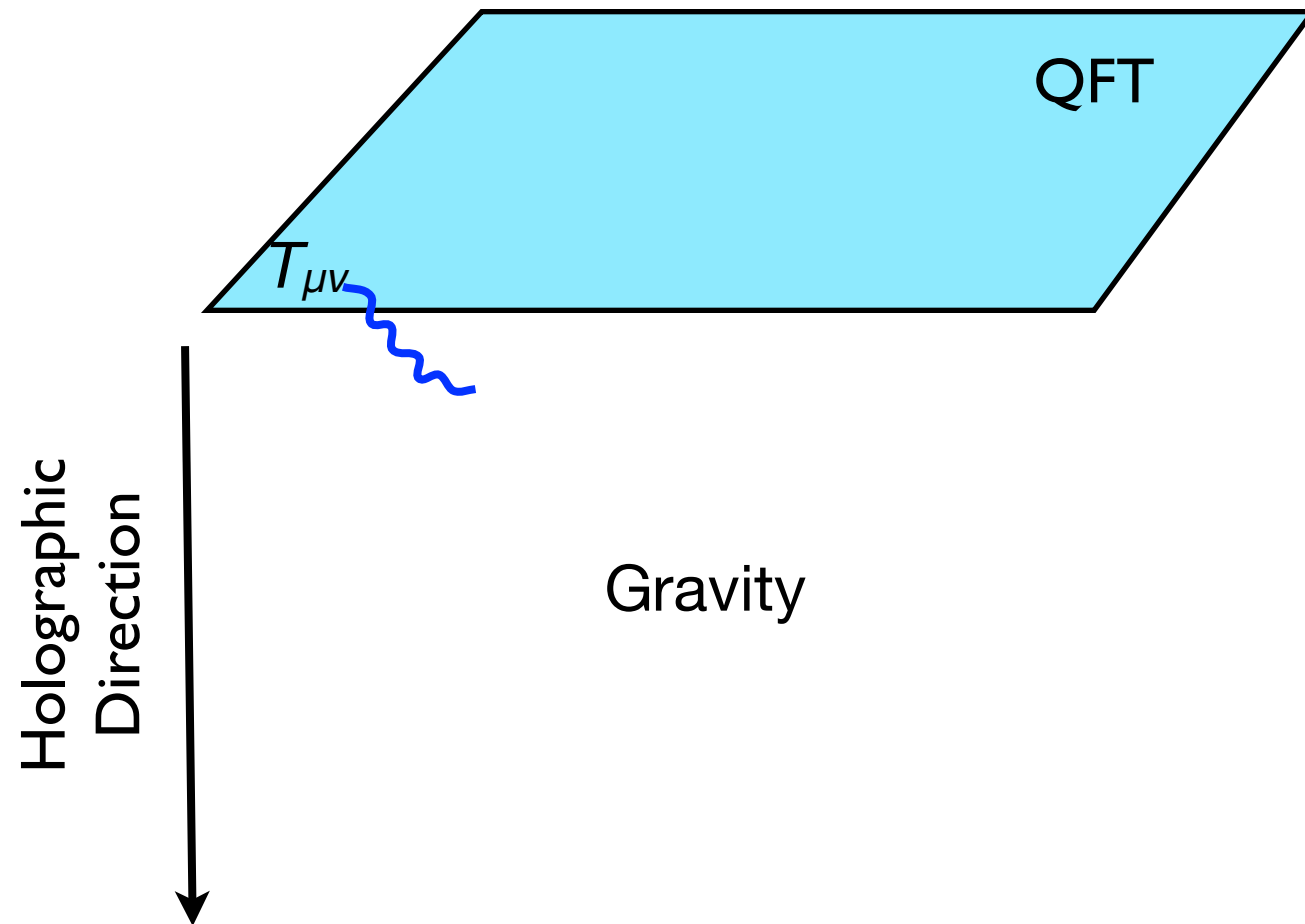


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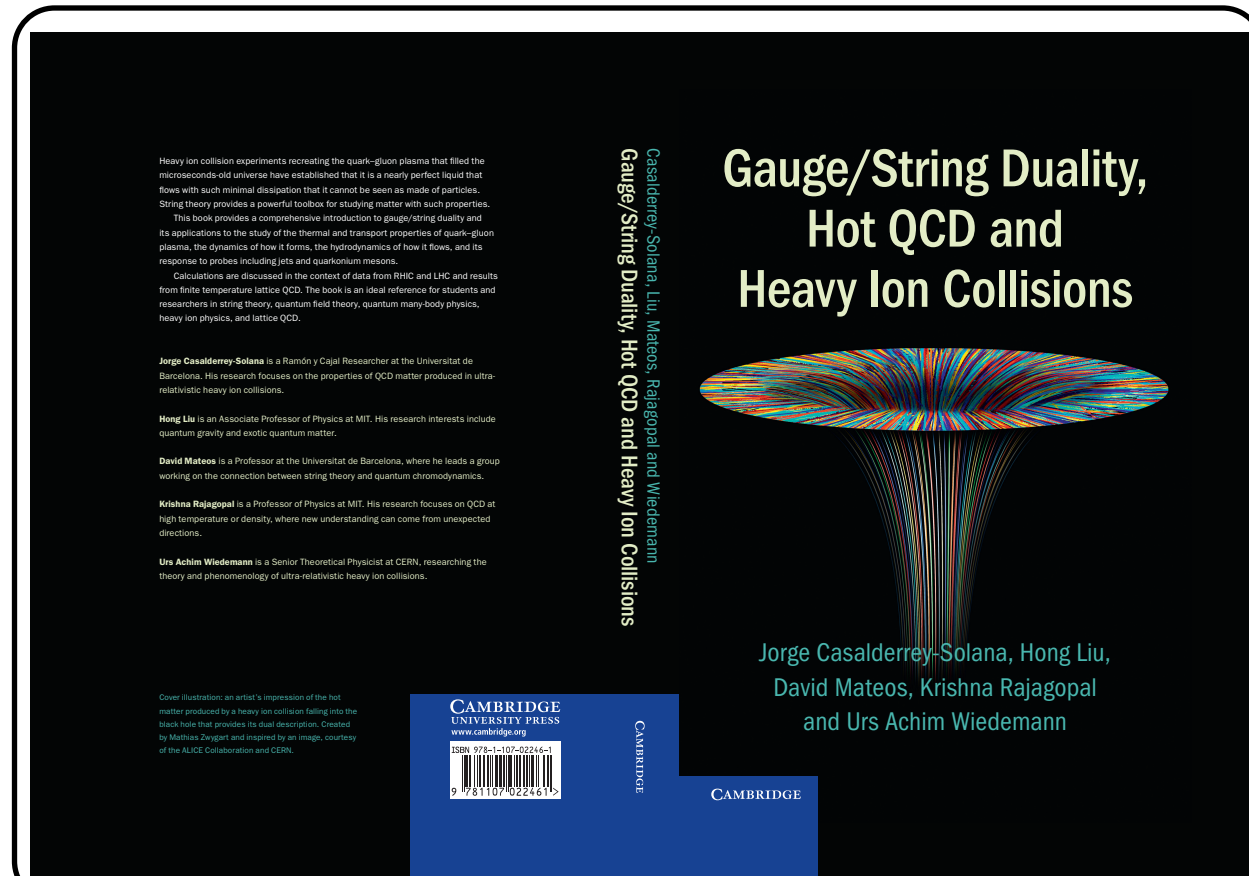
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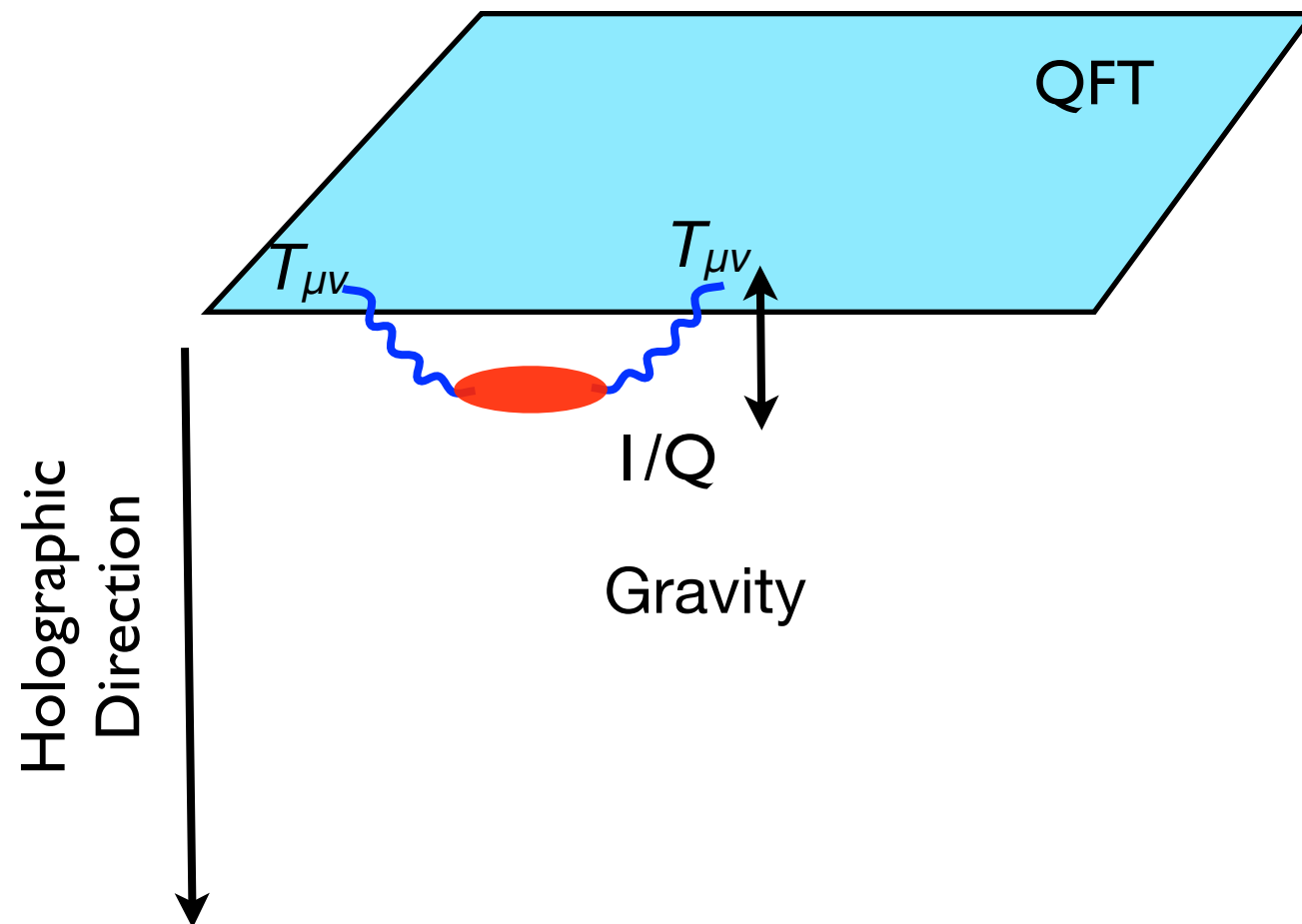
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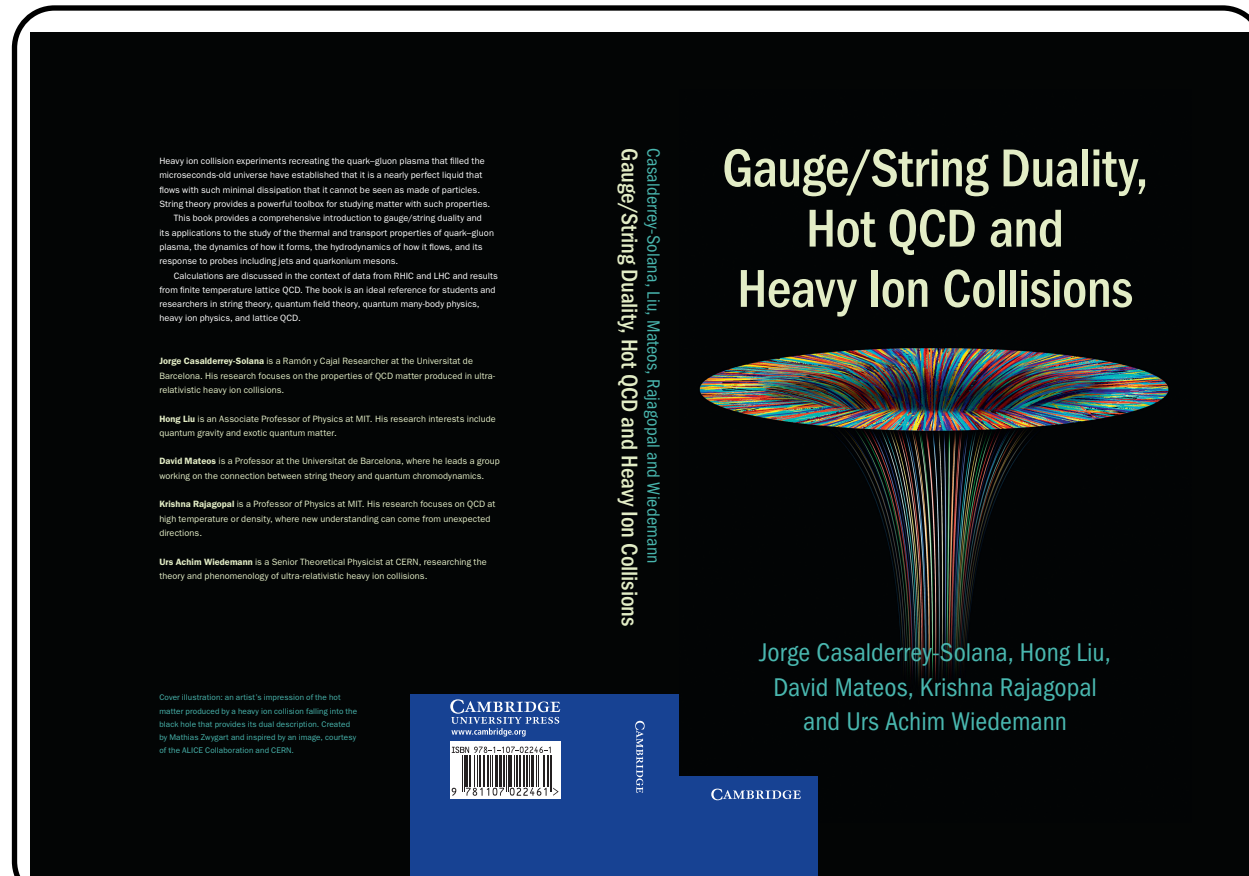
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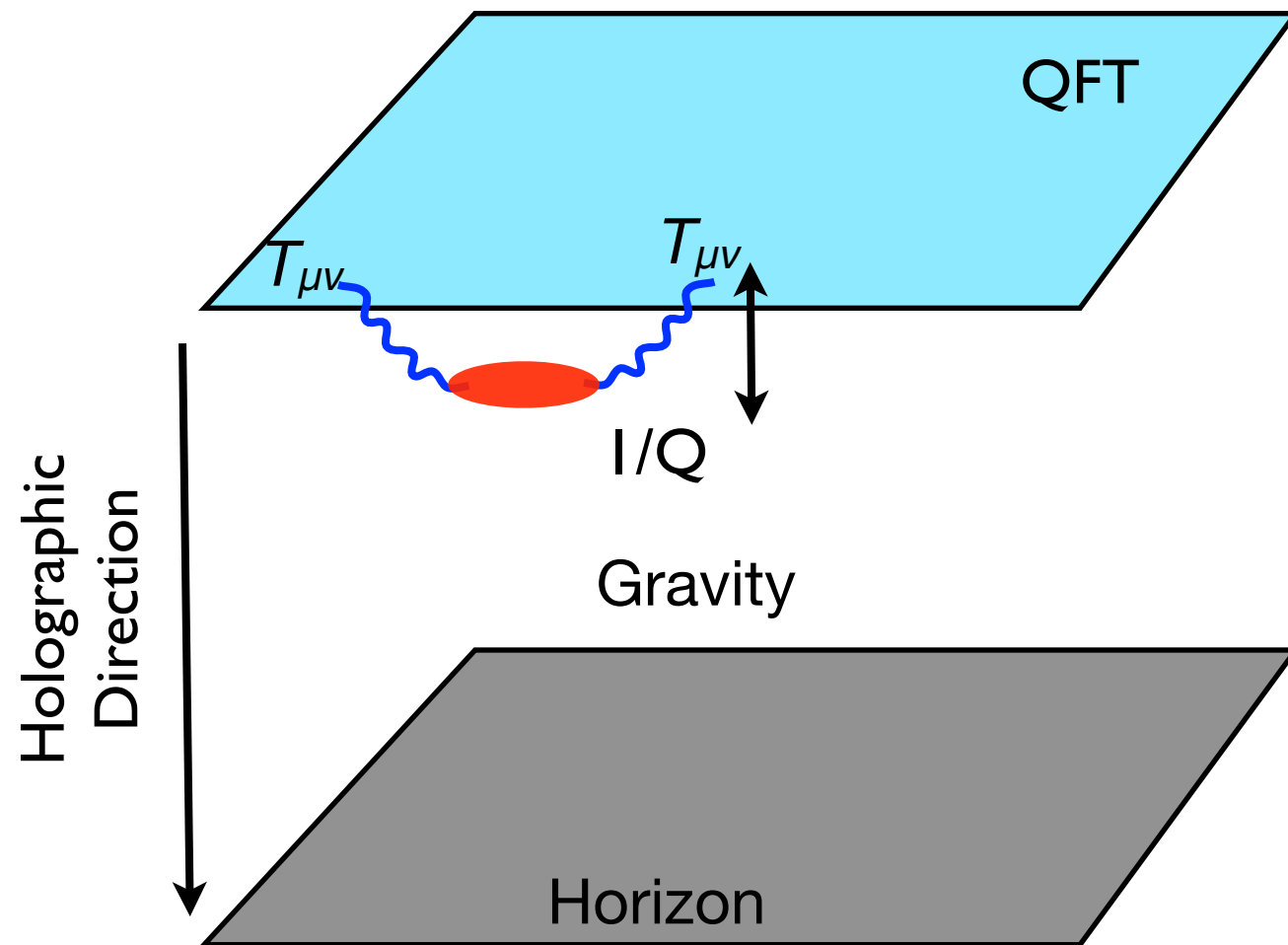
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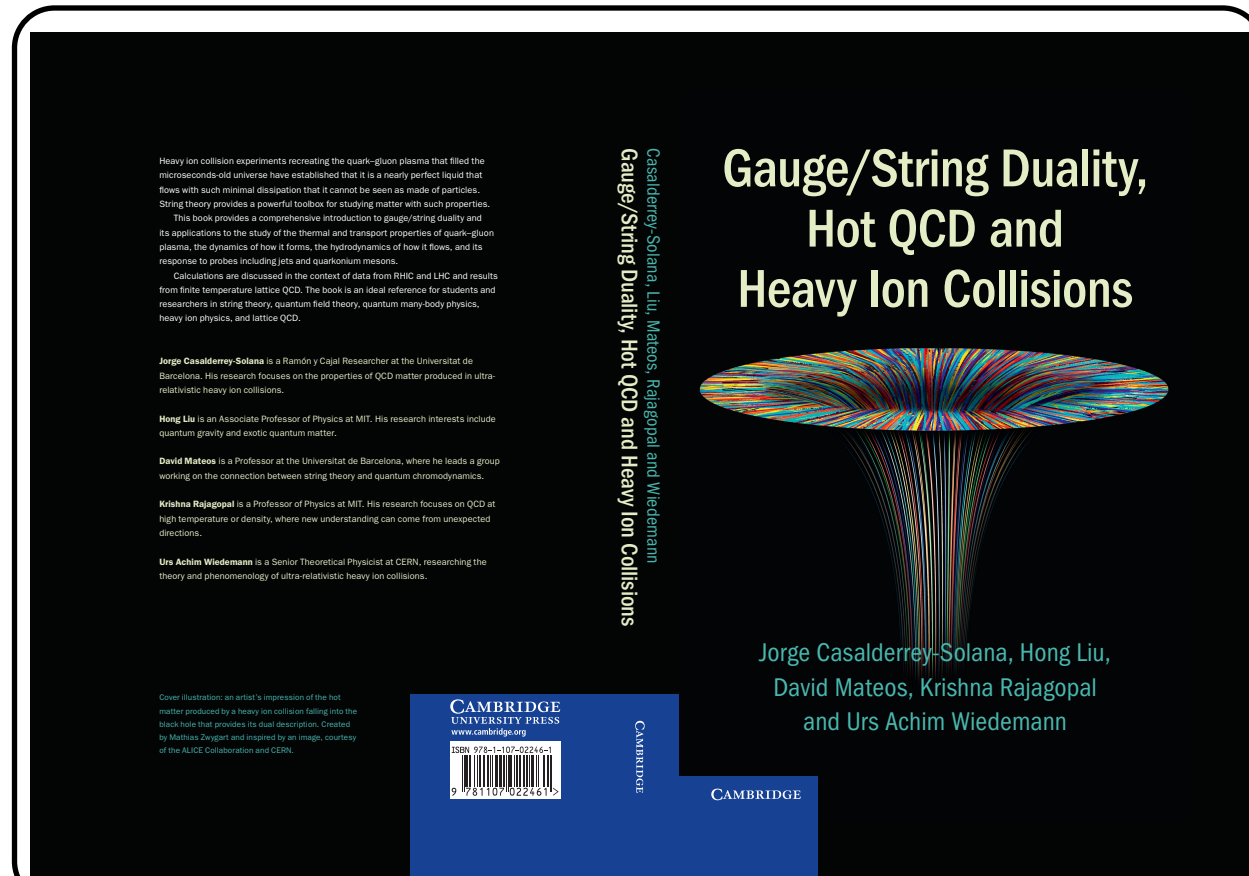
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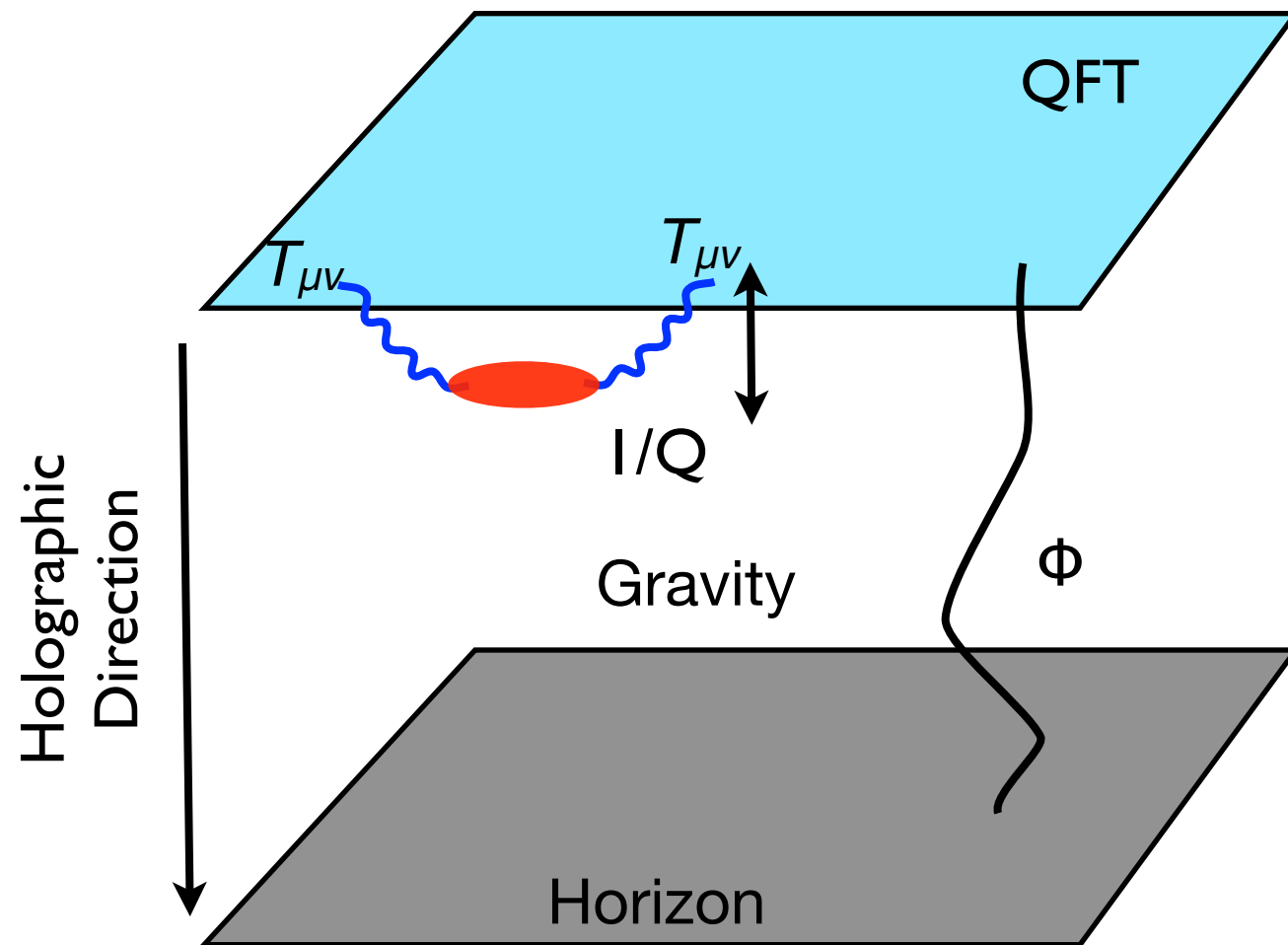
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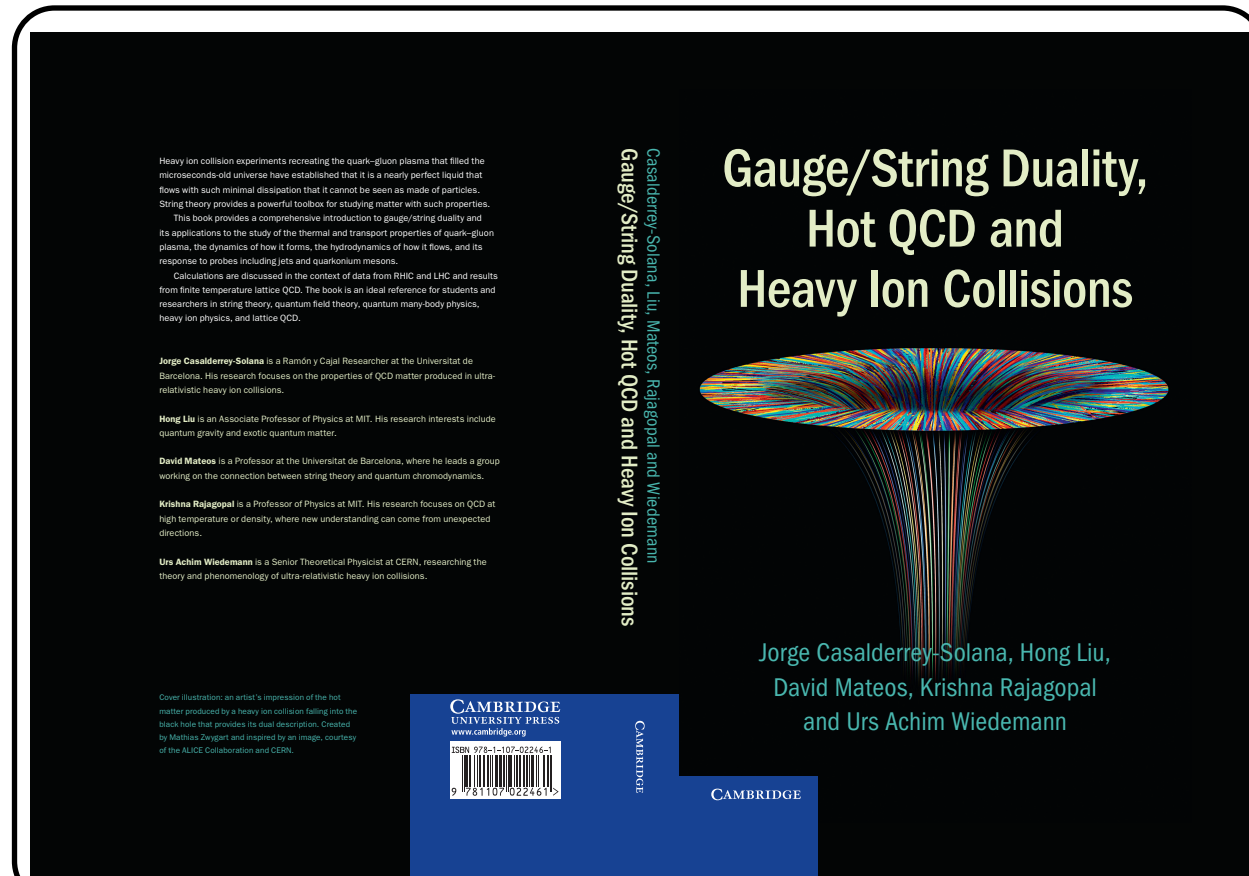
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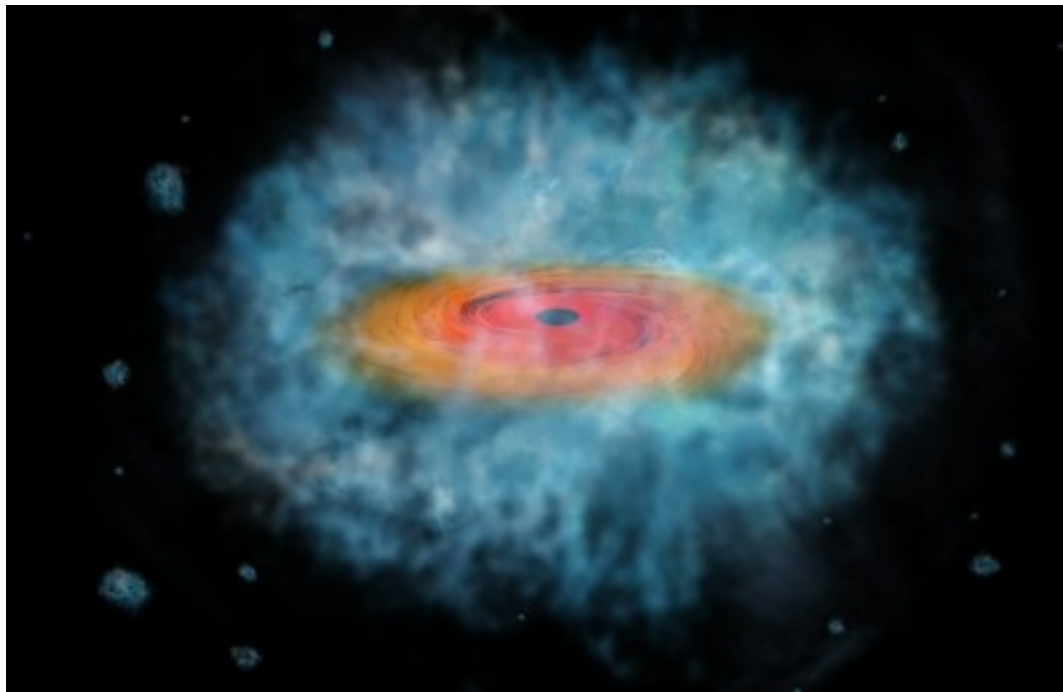
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$operator \leftrightarrow$  classical field

# Entropy and Black Branes

- Black holes (or branes) have entropy



- Hawking Bekenstein entropy

$$S_{HB} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{c^3 k}{G \hbar} A$$

- From the duality

$A$ : property of the metric

$G$ : related to  $N_c$  of dual theory

- Putting numbers

$$s_{\lambda=\infty} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N_c^2 T^3 \qquad s_{\lambda=0} = \left( 8 + 8 \times \frac{7}{8} \right) \frac{2\pi^2}{45} (N_c^2 - 1) T^3 \simeq \frac{2\pi^2}{3} N_c^2 T^3$$

- Thermodynamics are very poor estimator of coupling strength!

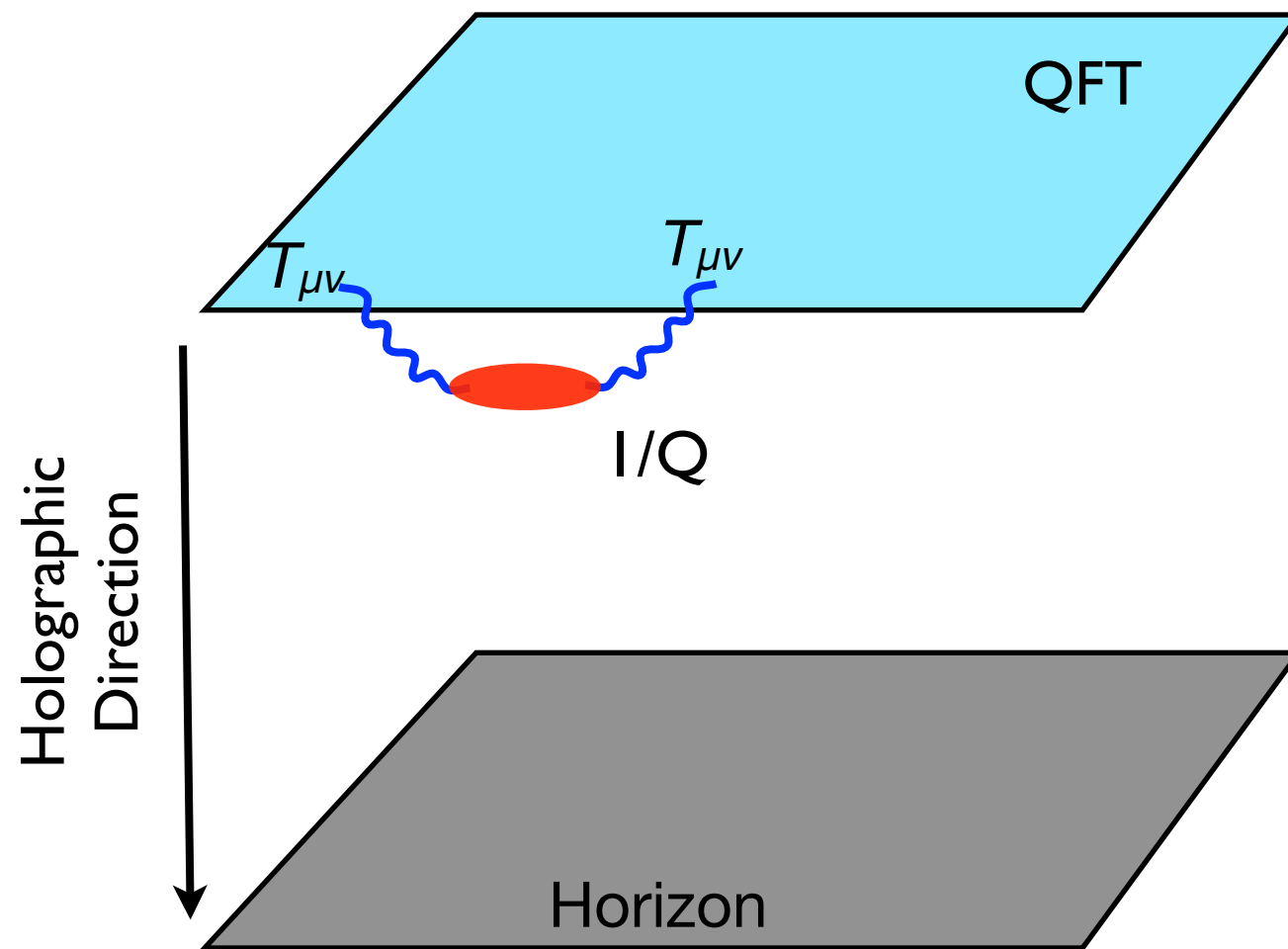
$$\frac{s_{\lambda=\infty}}{s_{\lambda=0}} = \frac{P_{\lambda=\infty}}{P_{\lambda=0}} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\lambda=\infty}}{\varepsilon_{\lambda=0}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

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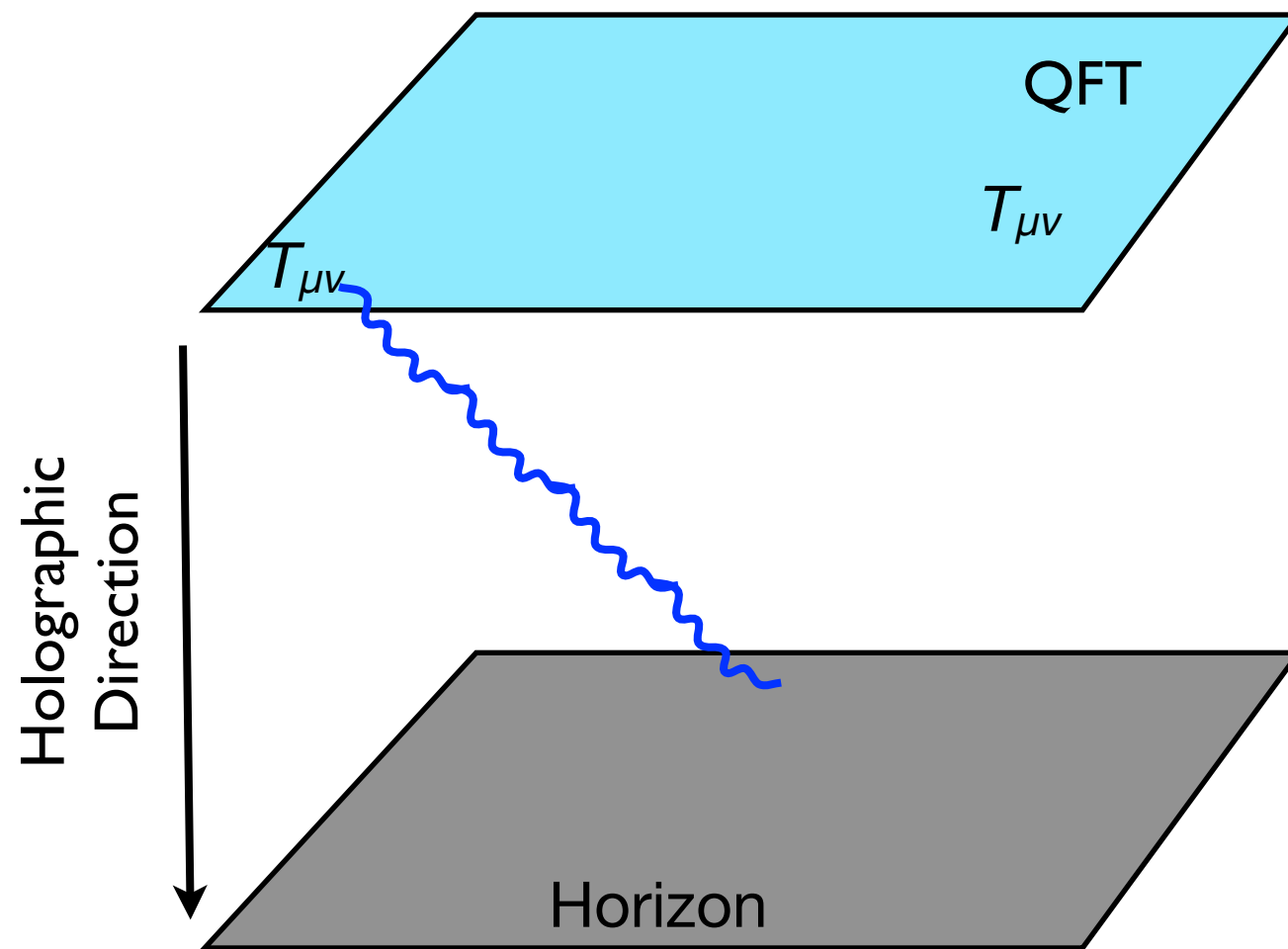
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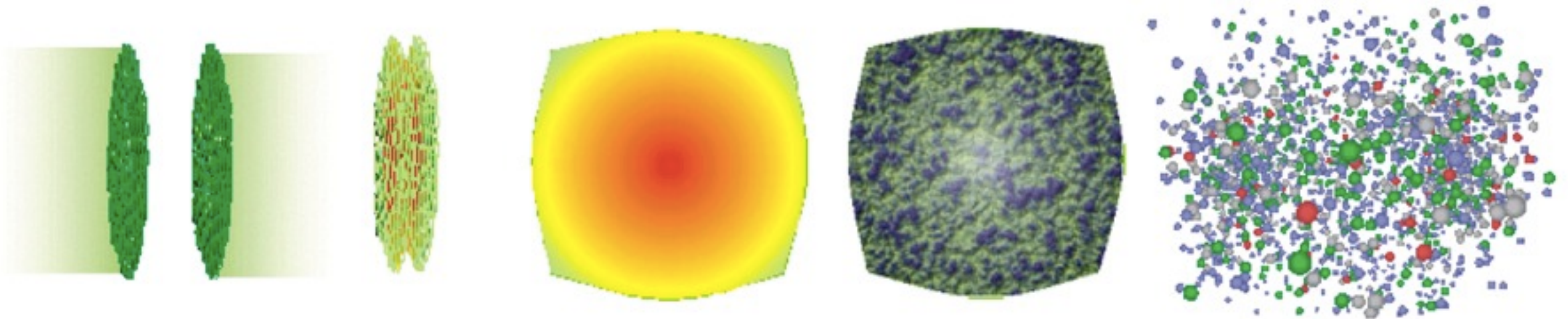
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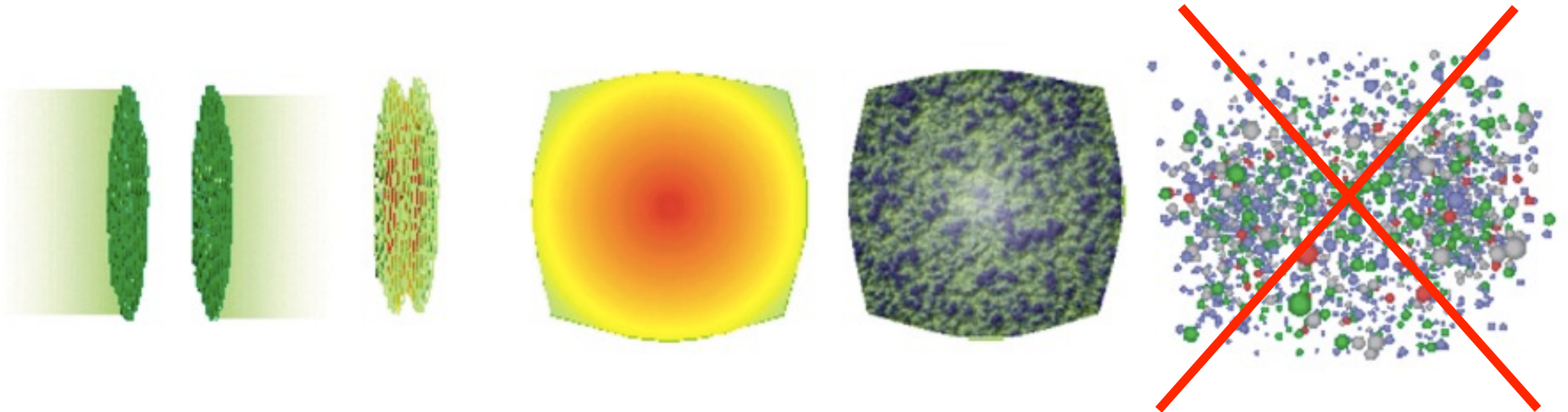
- The theories with known gravity duals are not QCD
  - They have different symmetries, different matter content...
- Some properties are common to all those theories
  - Independent of different symmetries, different matter content...
- One of the few methods to study gauge theory plasmas with no quasiparticles
- It provides answers to complicated dynamical problems
  - They correct misconceptions
  - They give qualitative understanding
  - But one should be careful with quantitative statements

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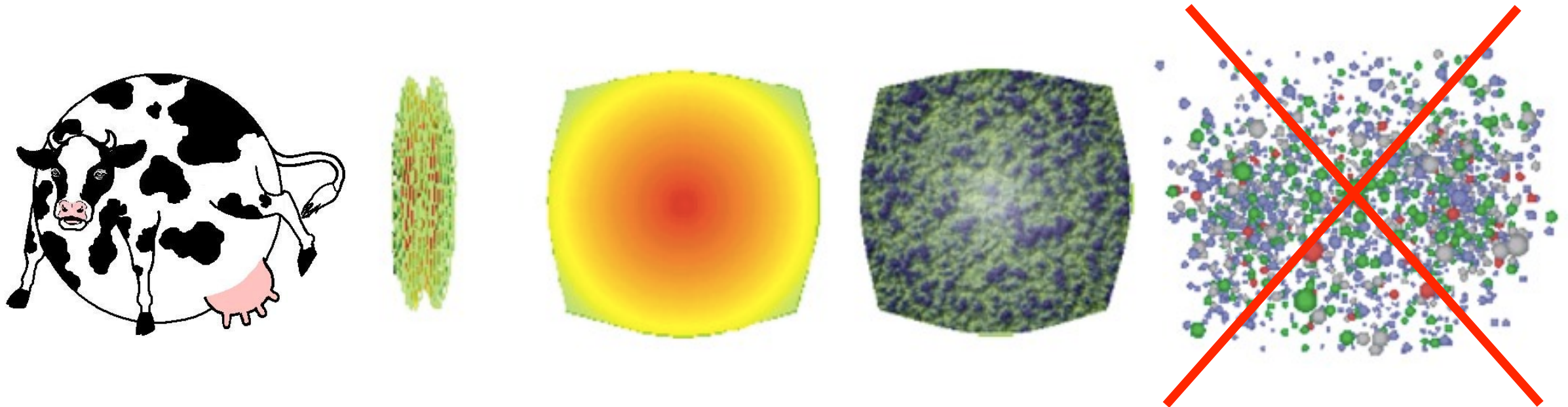
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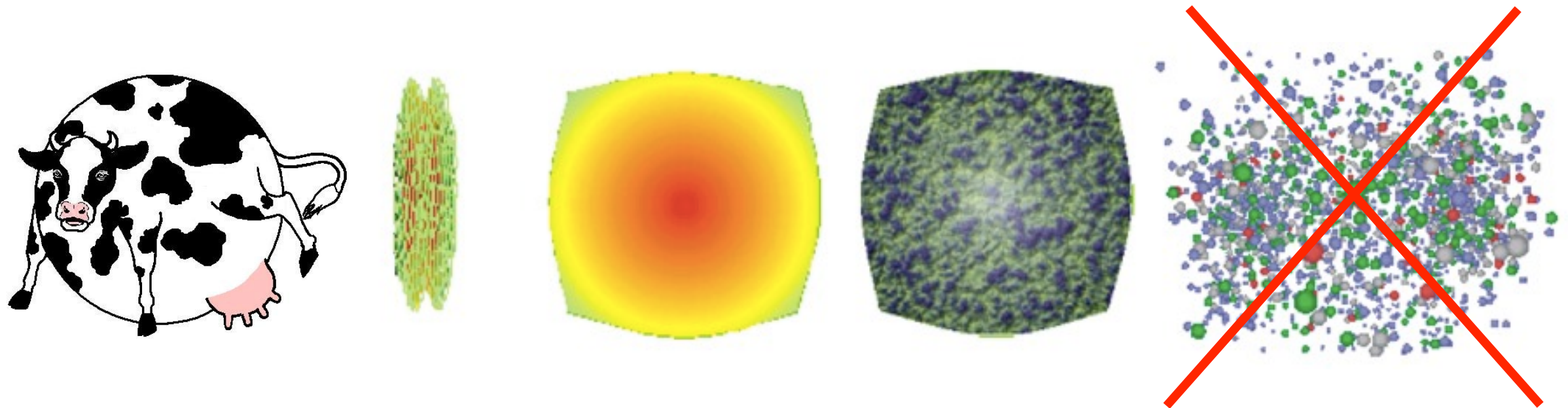
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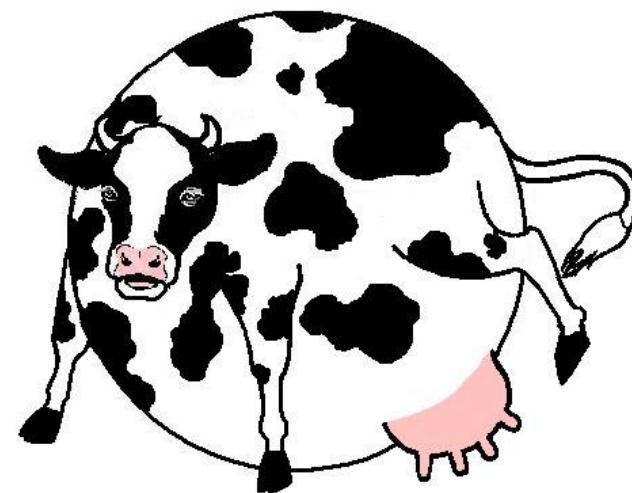
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# Einstein Equation

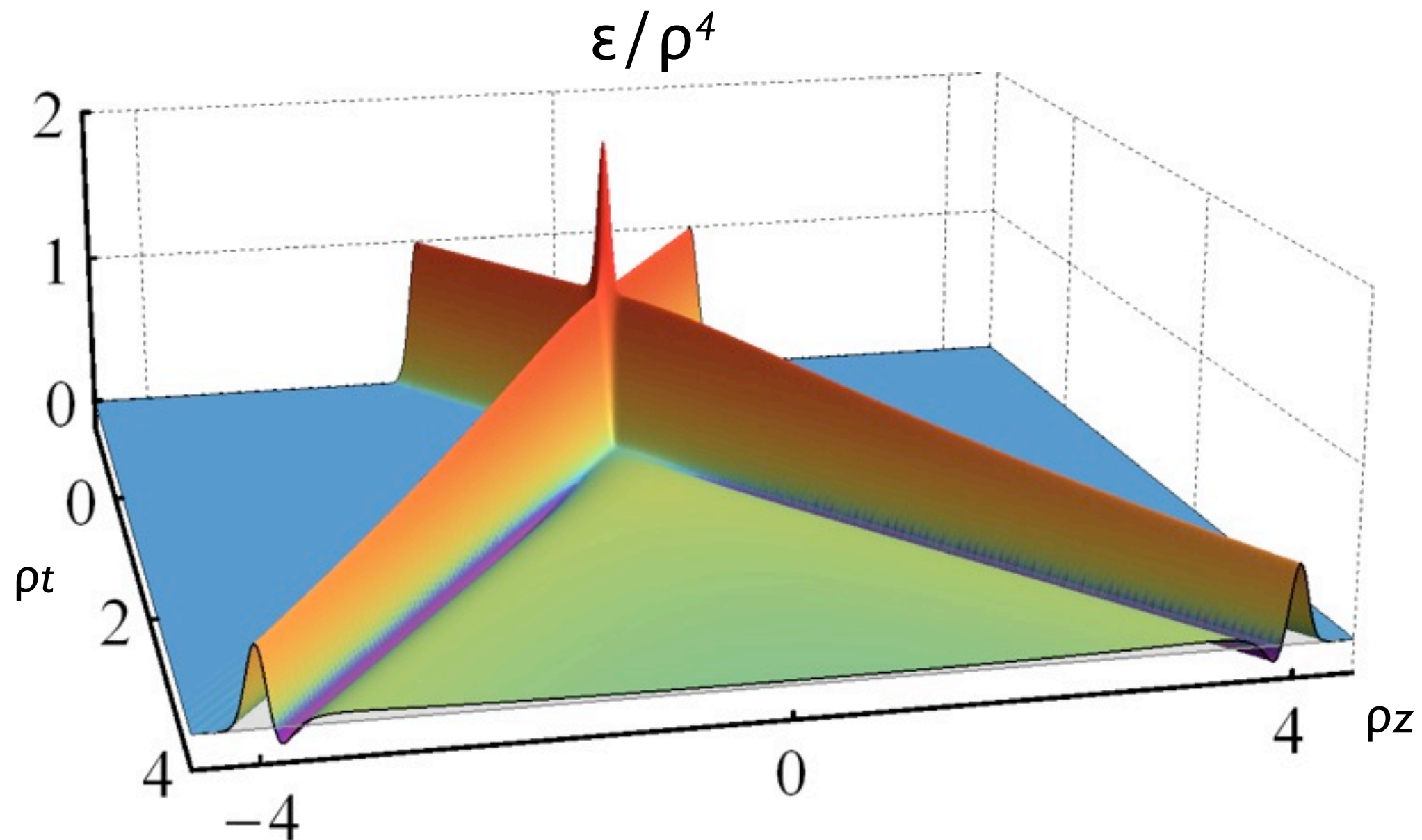
- ⊙ Numerically solve in 5D

$$R_{MN} - \frac{1}{2}R G_{MN} + \Lambda G_{MN} = 0$$

- ⊙ Specify initial data: shock wave solutions
- ⊙ Read off the dual stress tensor using the dictionary:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left\{ dz^2 + (g_{\mu\nu} + z^4 T_{\mu\nu} + \dots) dx^\mu dx^\nu \right\}$$

# Shock Wave Collisions

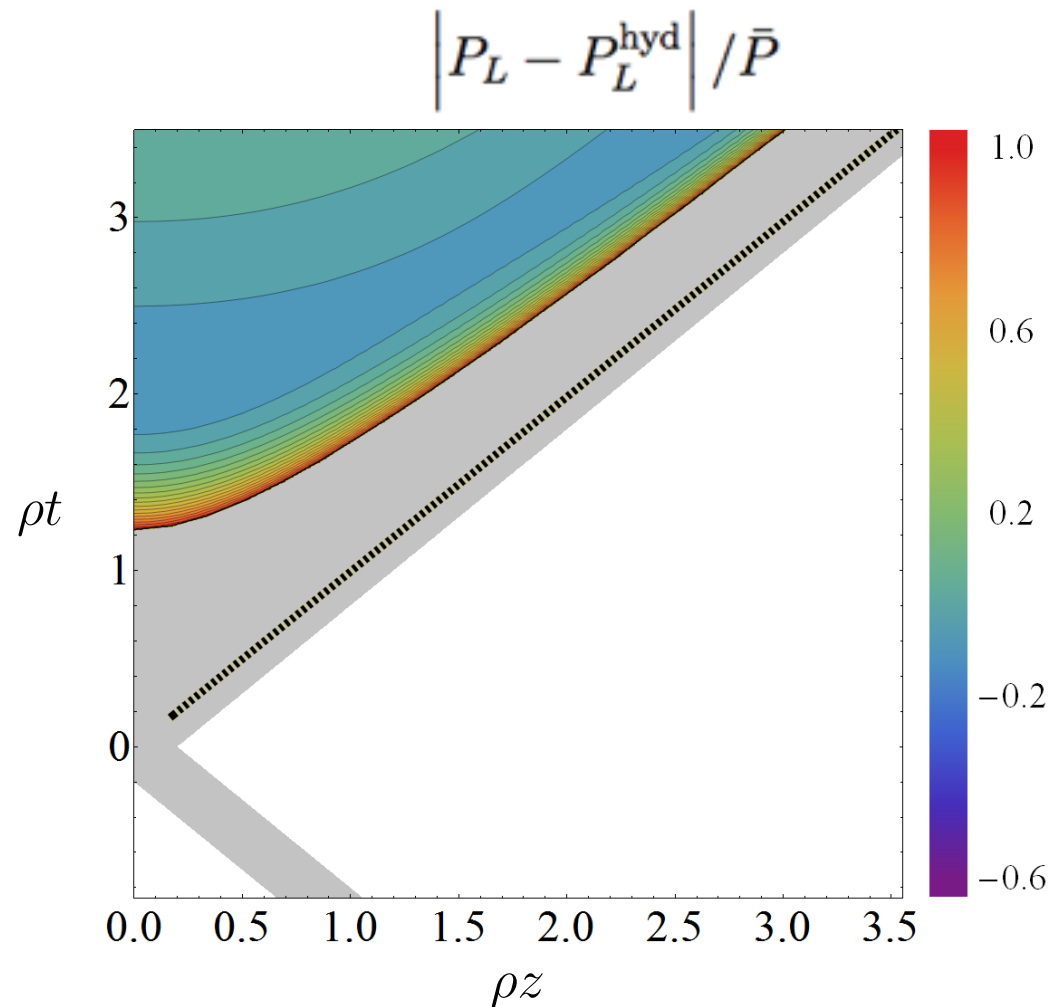


JCS, Heller, Mateos, van der Schee, 2013

Chesler & Yaffe 2011

# How well does Hydro Work?

- Compare full simulations to hydro predictions



- Define an energy density and velocity

$$u^\mu T_\mu^\nu \equiv \varepsilon_{\text{local}} u^\nu$$

- Compute viscous stress tensor

$$T_{hydro}^{\mu\nu} = T_{ideal}^{\mu\nu} + \eta \Pi^{\mu\nu} + \zeta \Theta^{\mu\nu}$$

- Compare the hydro and numerics

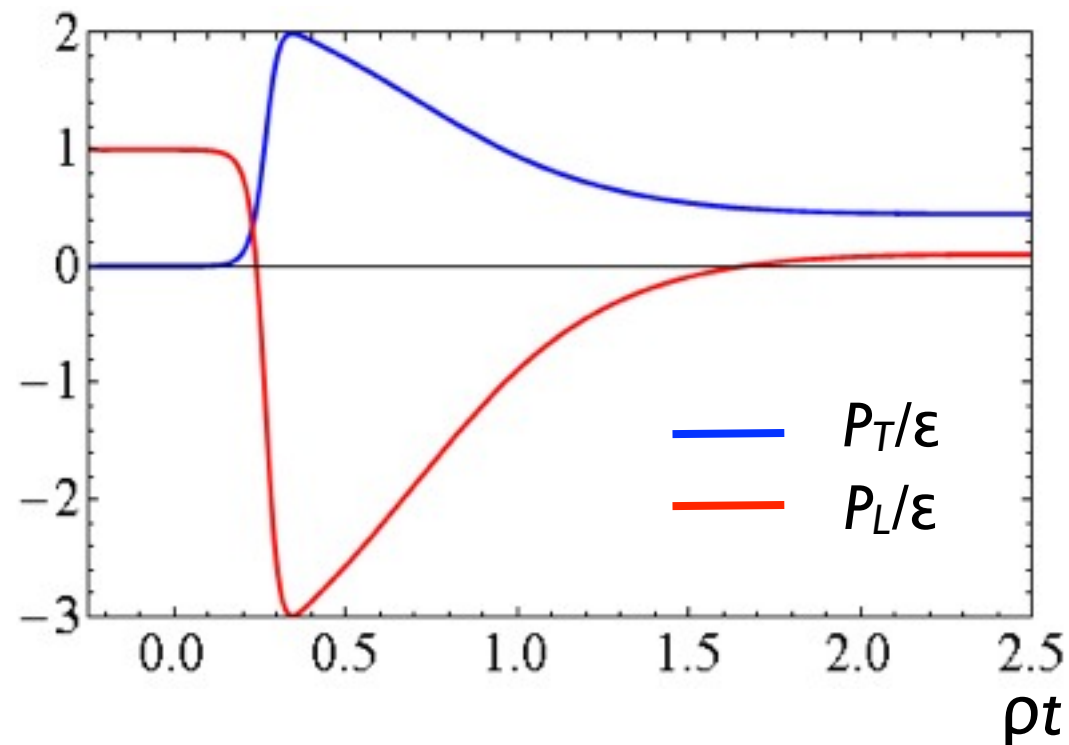
- Hydro works within 10% from very early times

$$t_{hyd} T_{hyd} \sim 0.5$$

time smaller than  
micro scale!



# Hydro with Large Gradients

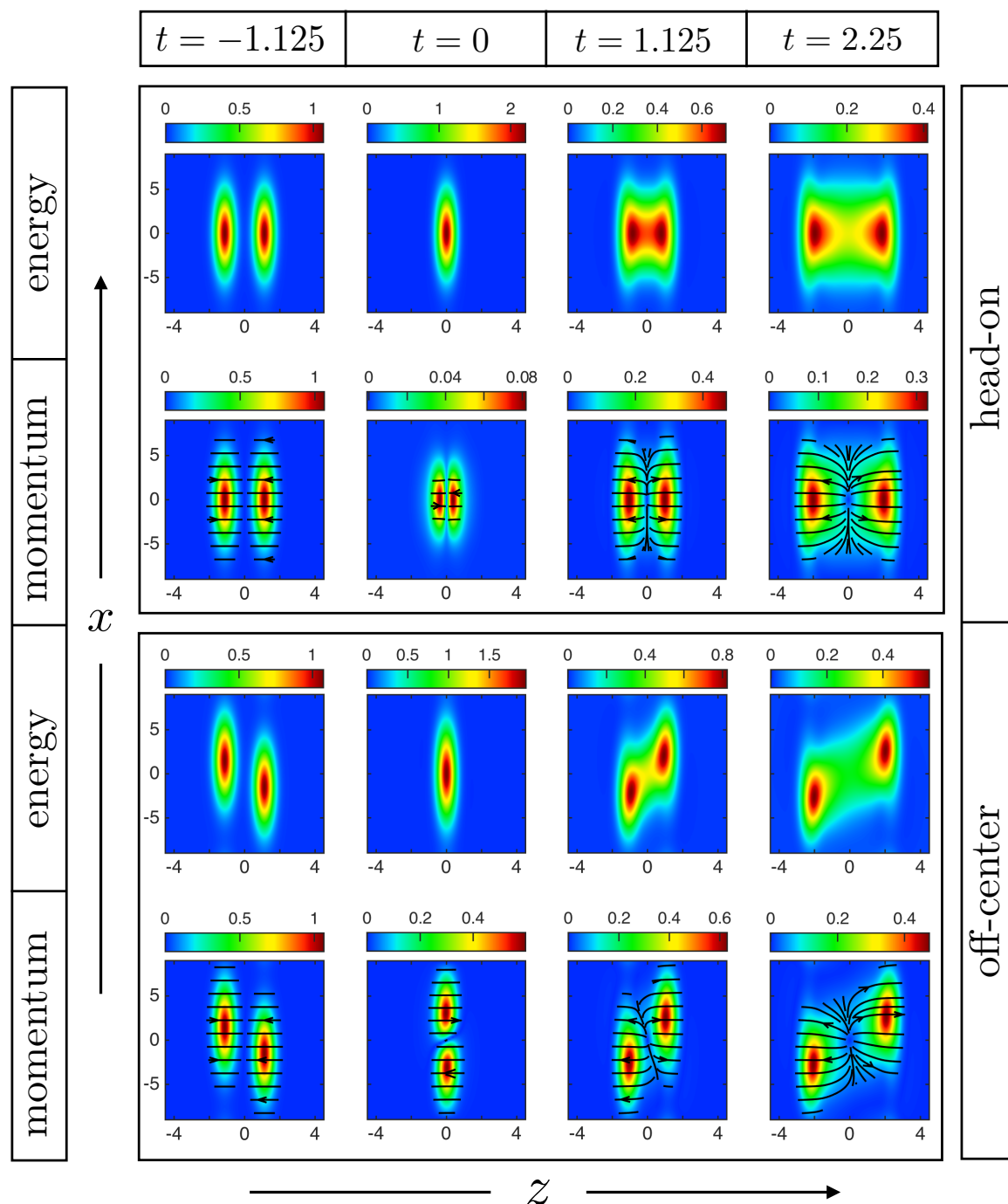


- Hydrodynamics works even where it should not work
  - Good description even when gradient corrections are large!
  - Hydrodynamization without isotropization

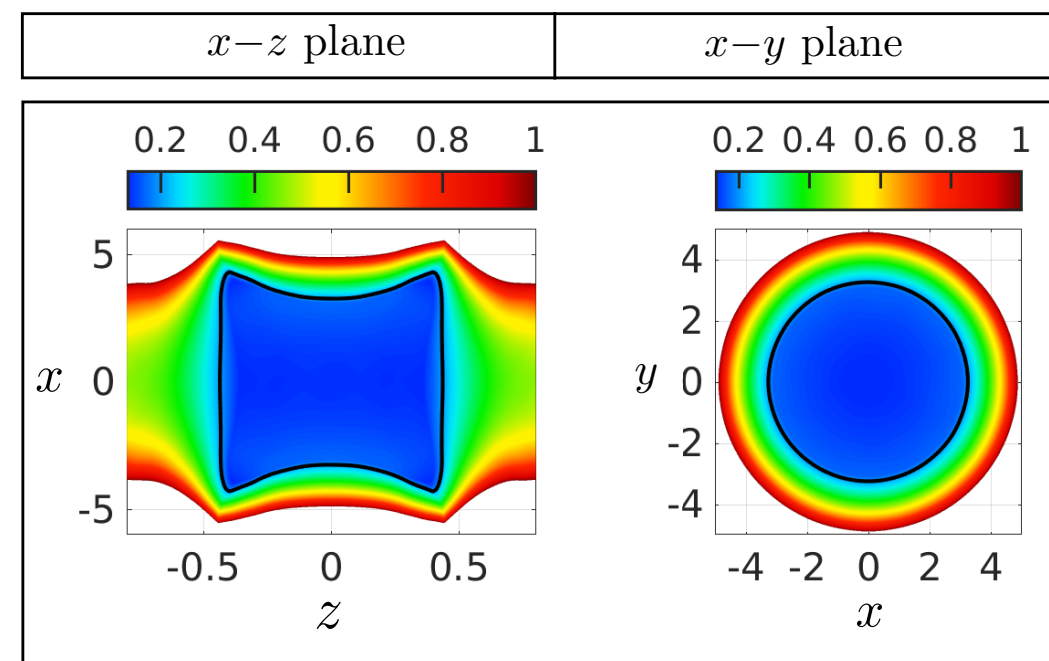
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# Smallest size of liquids?

P. Chesler 2016



## Hydro residual



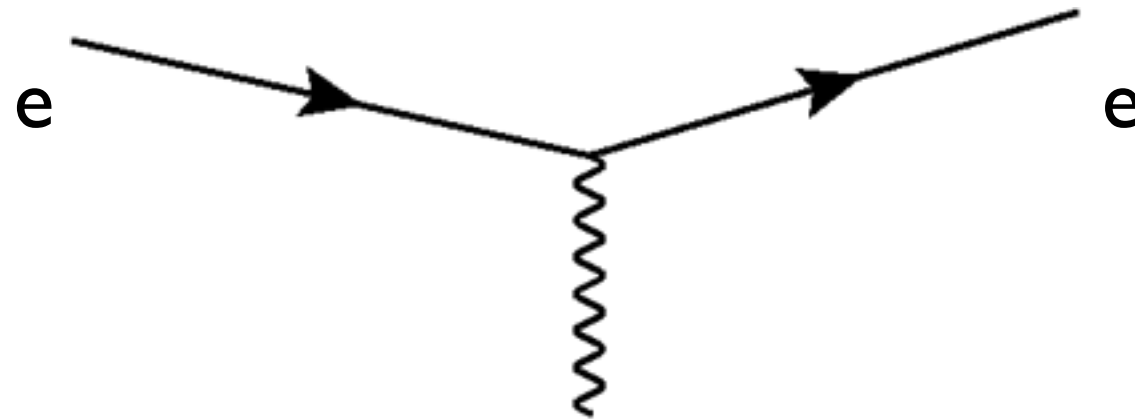
Hydro works for small systems!

$$RT_{\text{eff}} \sim 1$$

# Extra

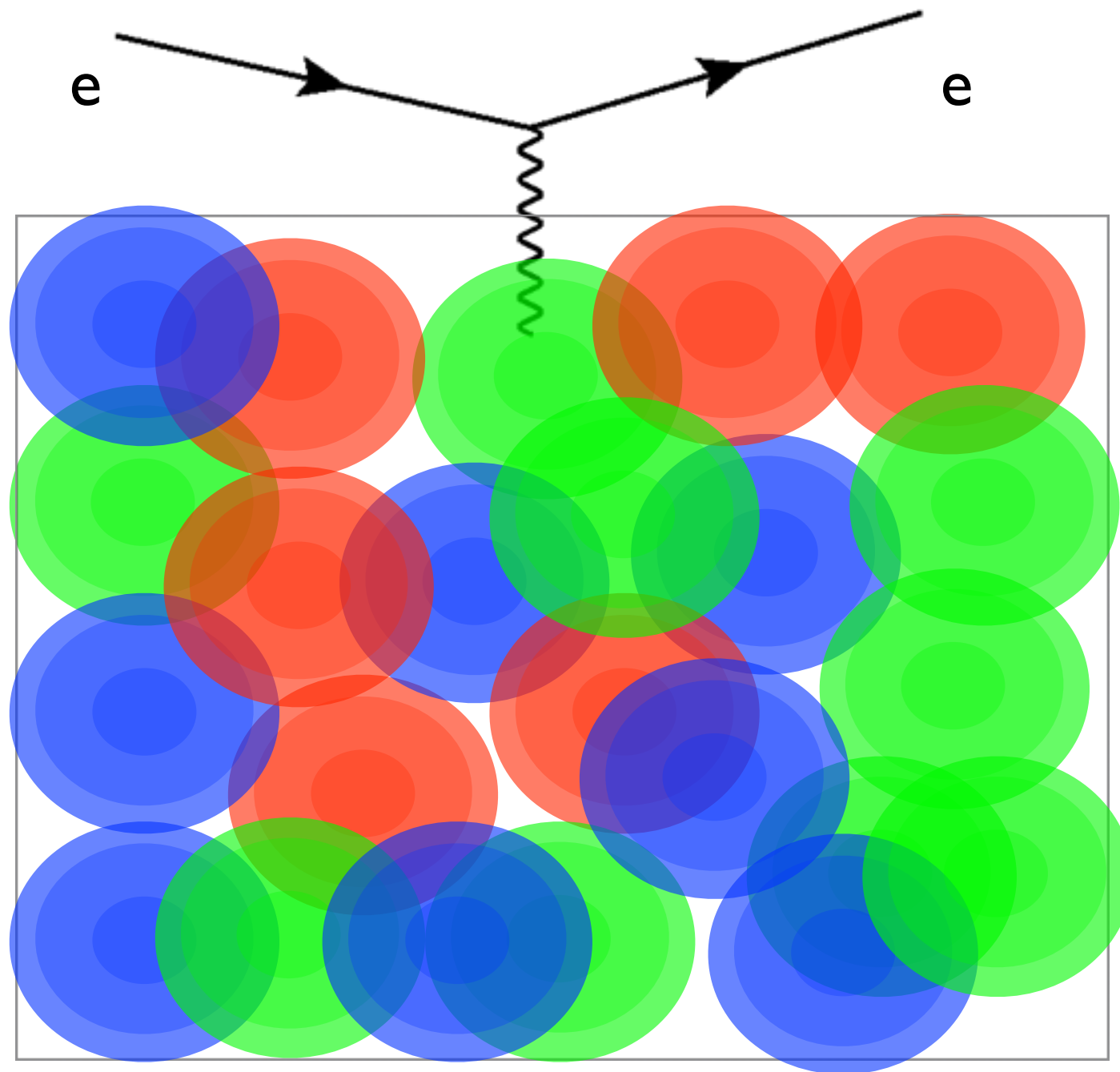
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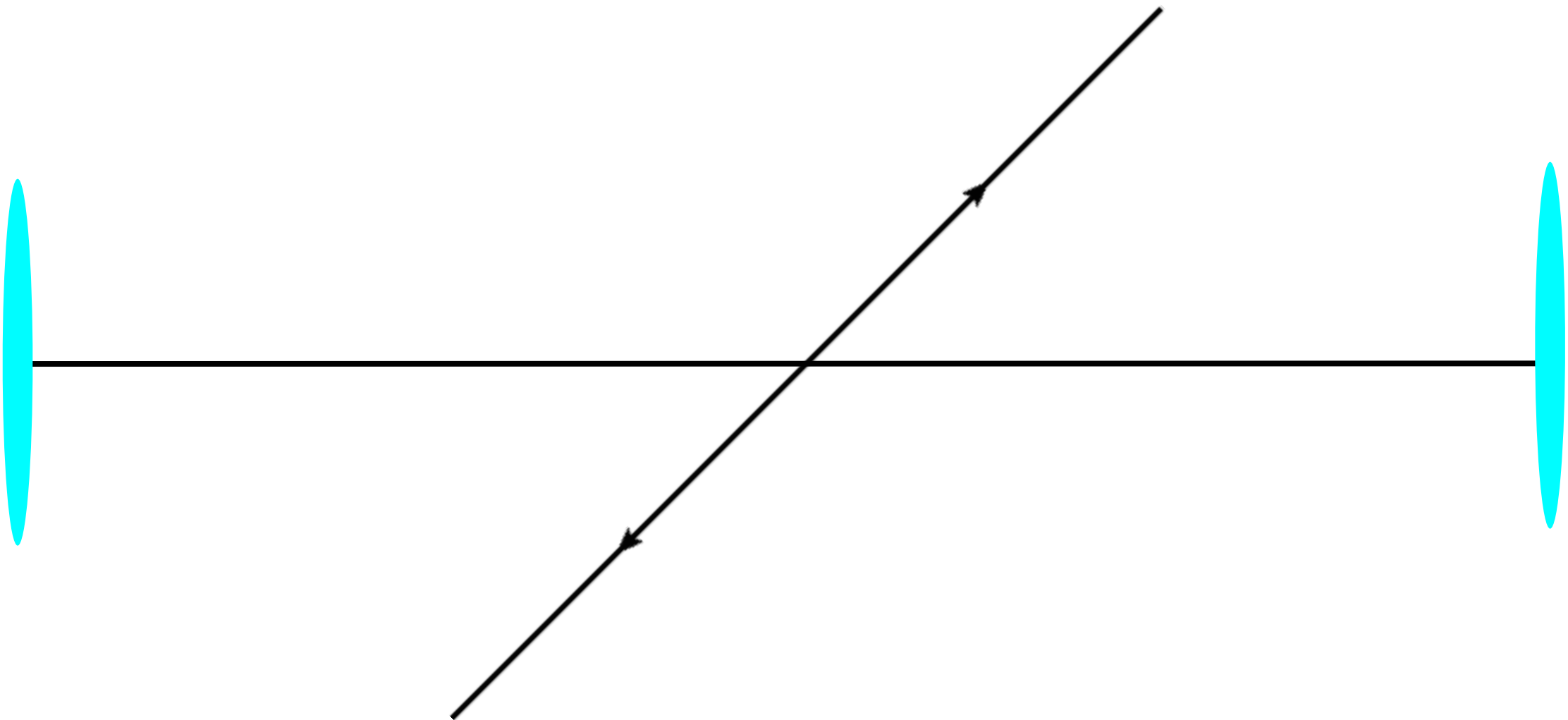
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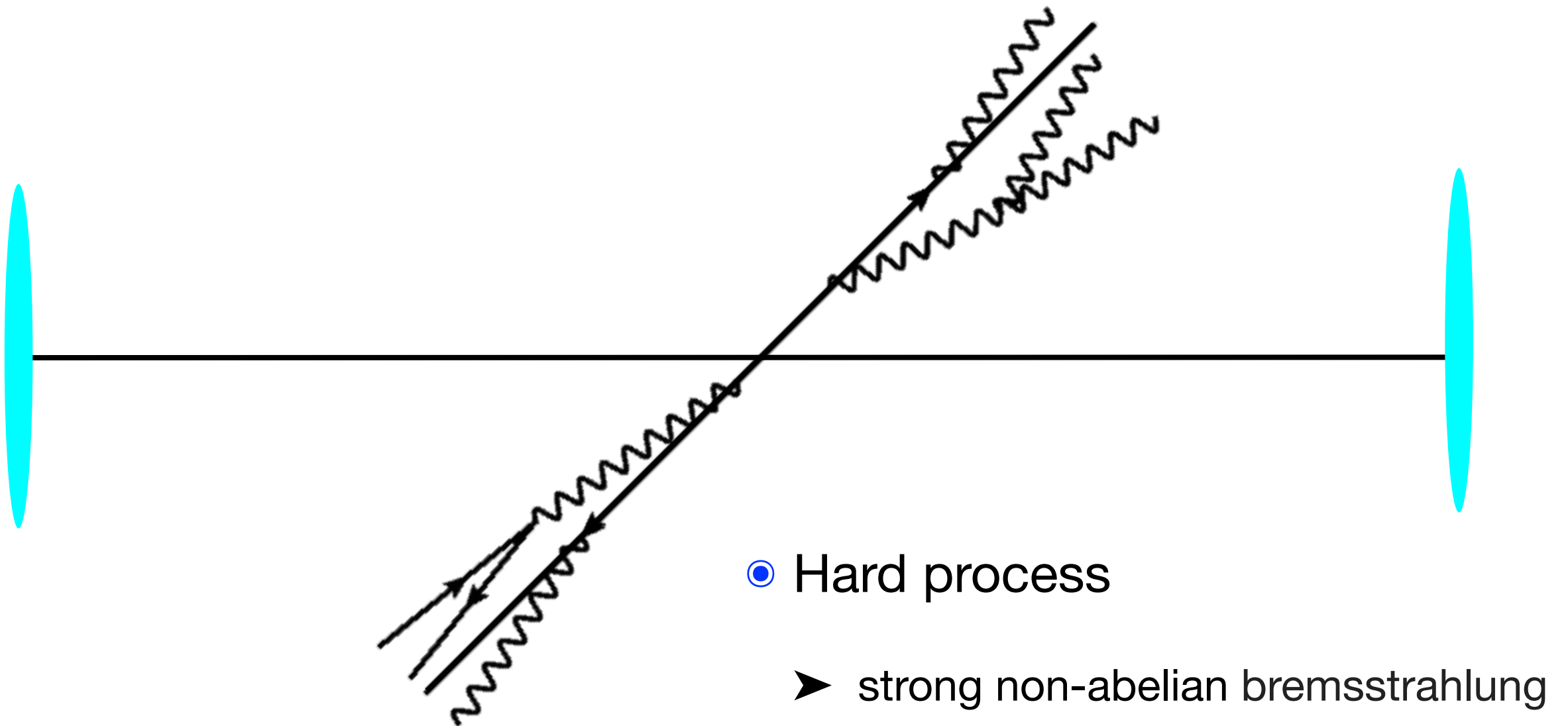
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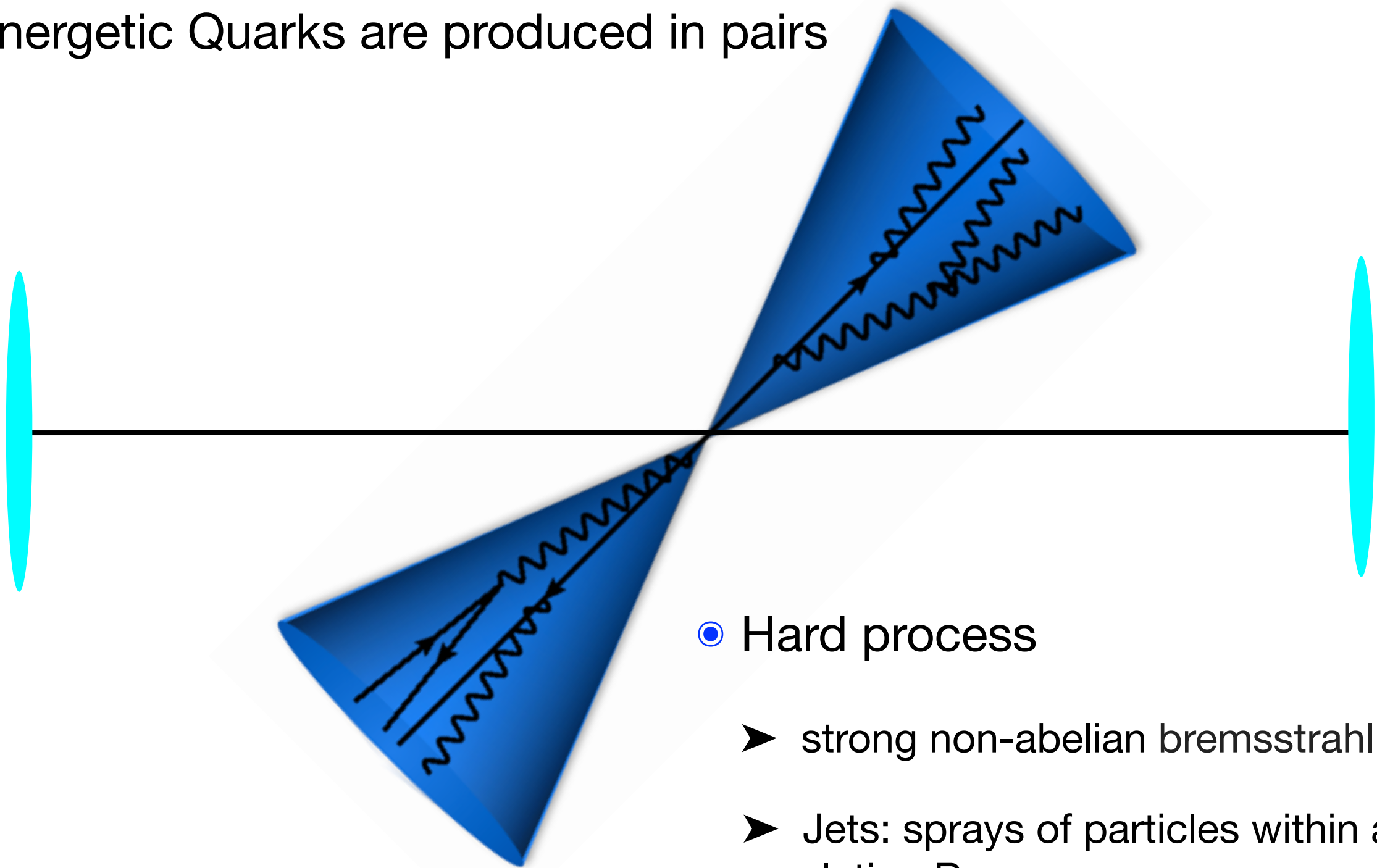
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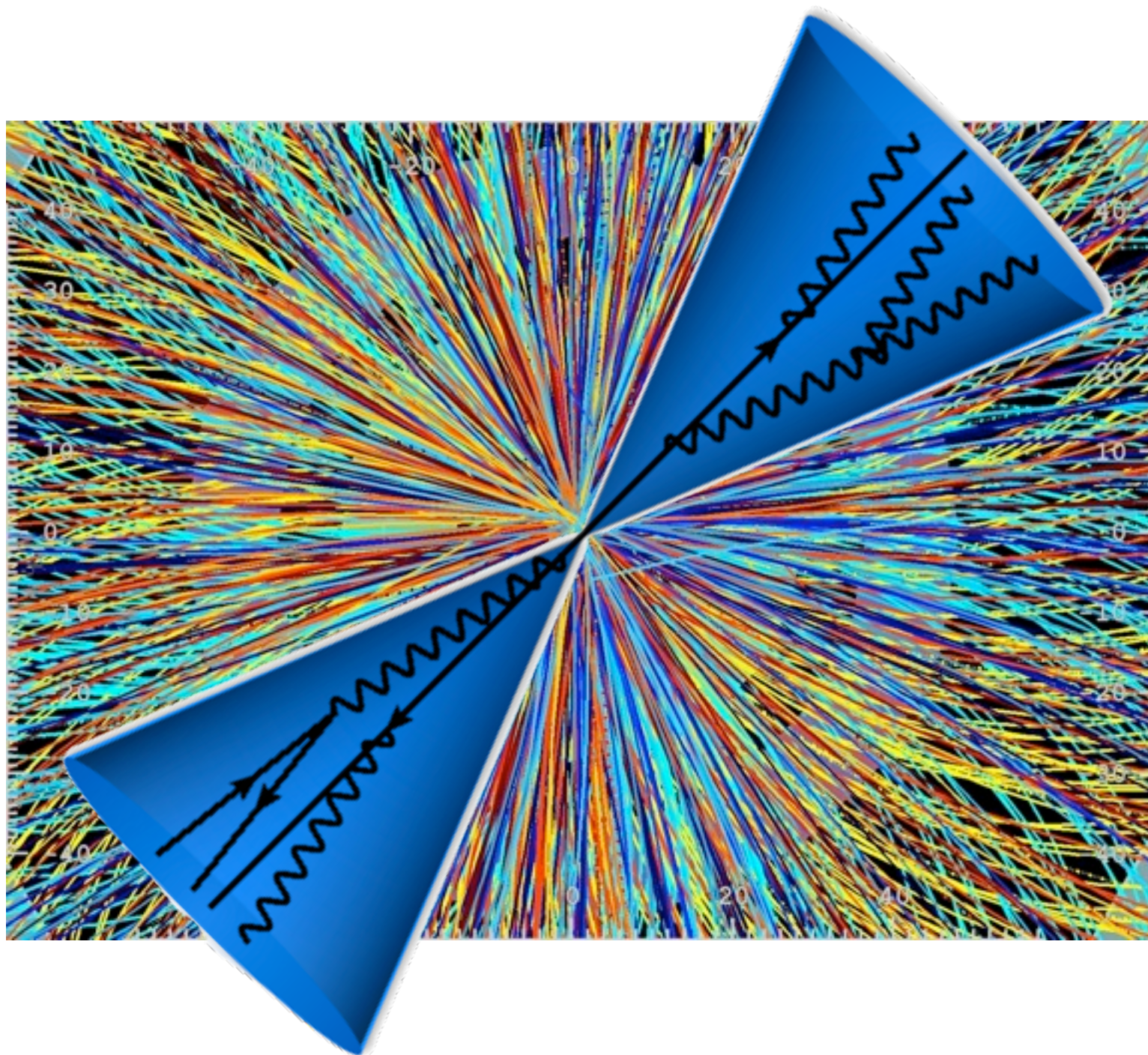
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- Hard process
  - strong non-abelian bremsstrahlung
  - Jets: sprays of particles within a fixed resolution  $R$

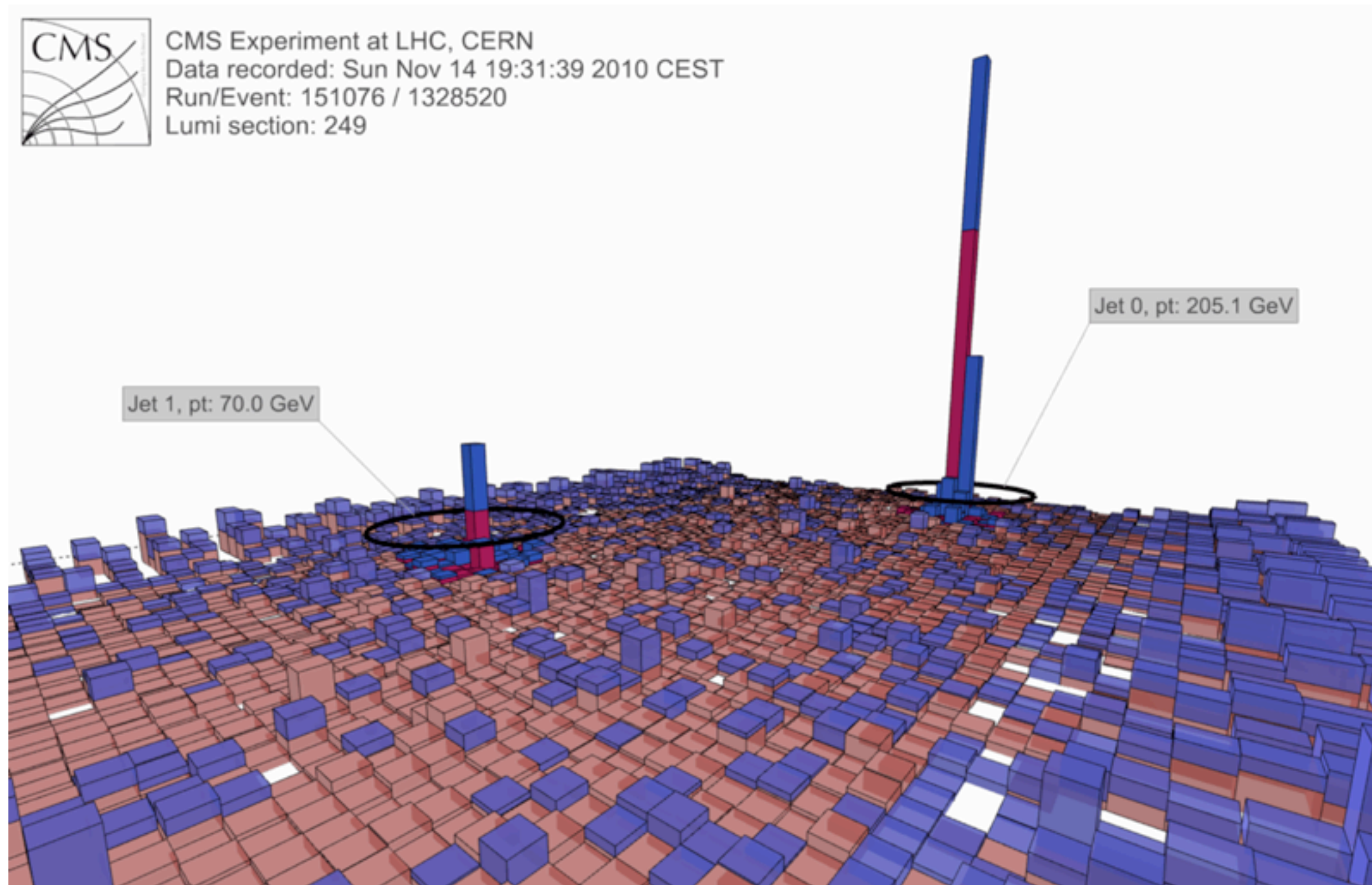


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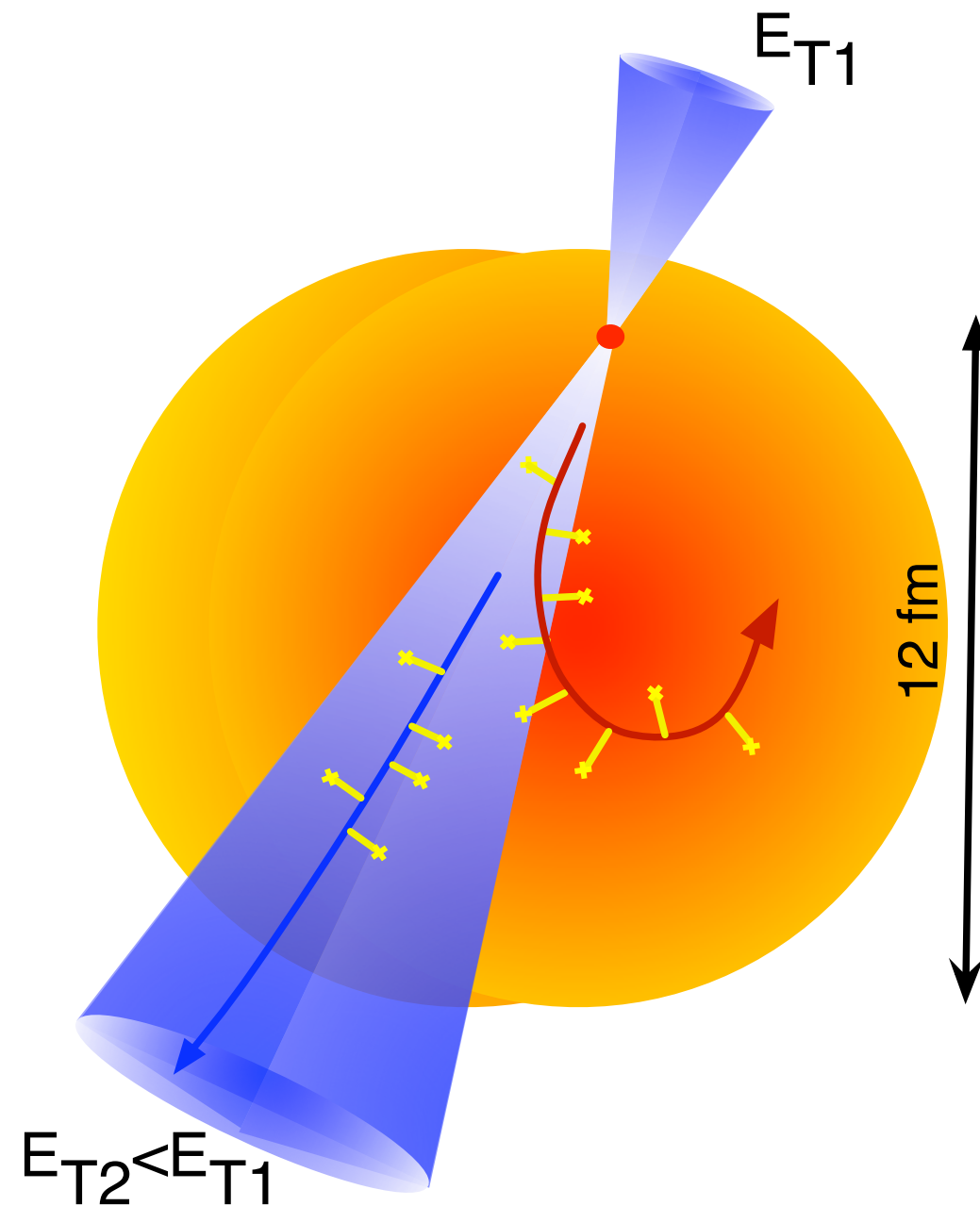




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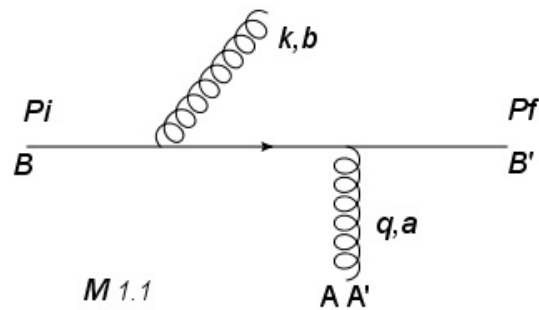
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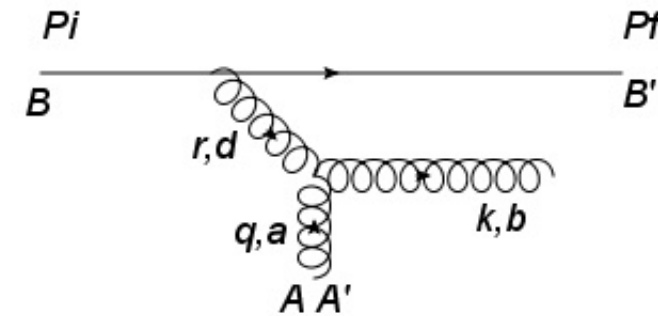
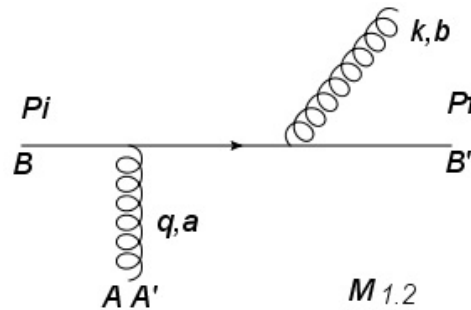
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# Stimulated Emission

- Exchanges with the medium



(QED-like diagrams)



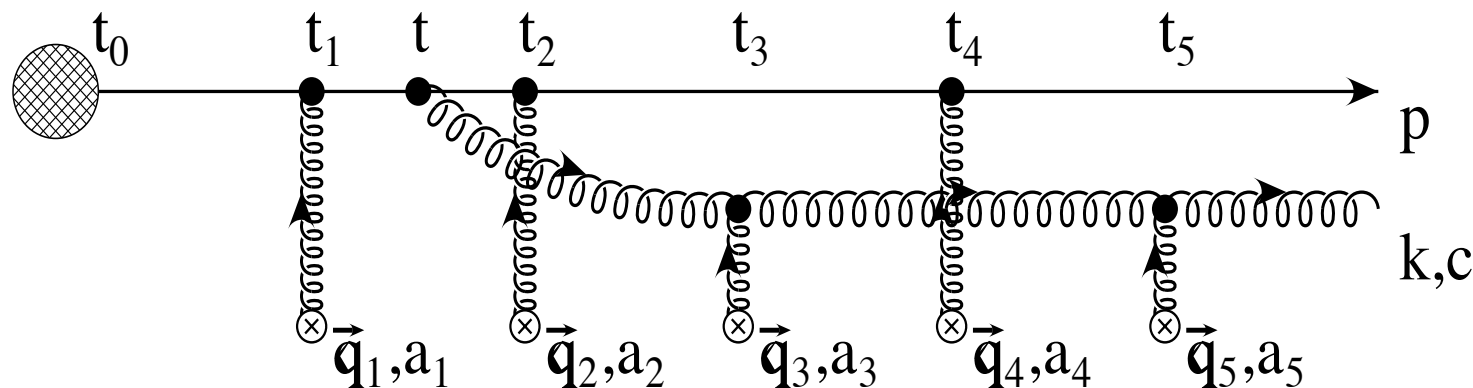
(QCD diagram)

- Finite rate for large energy quarks (unlike QED)
  - Rate controlled by gluon kinematics

- Induce rate:
 
$$dI \propto \frac{\mu^2}{k_{\perp}^2 (k_{\perp}^2 + \mu^2)}$$

# Interference

- Multiple scattering: interference between scattering centers  
(LPM effect)



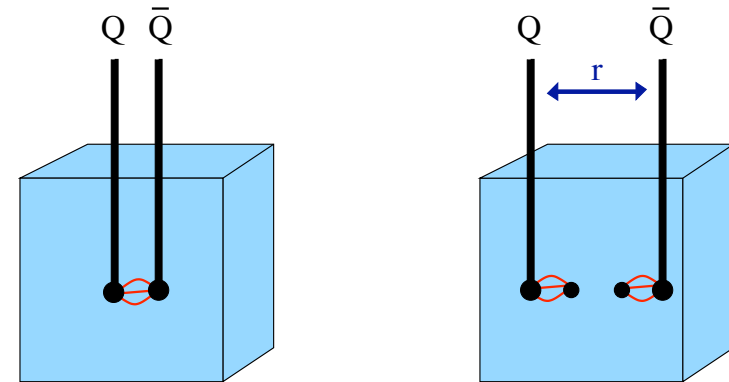
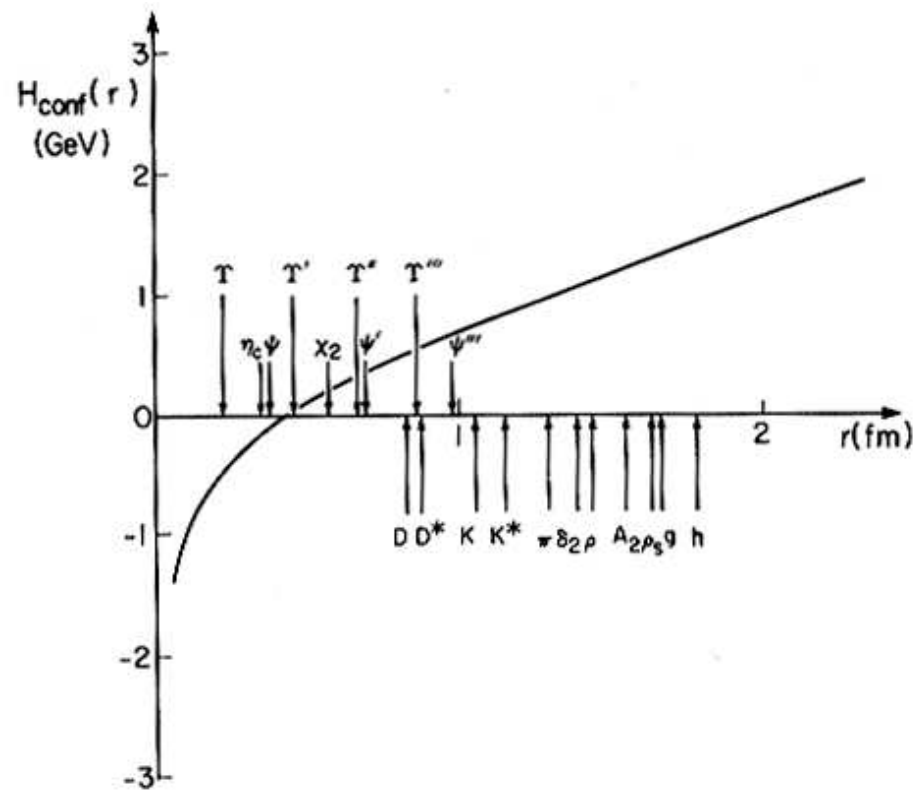
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(GLV, ASW, AMY, HT ...)

(Review: JCS & C. Salgado  
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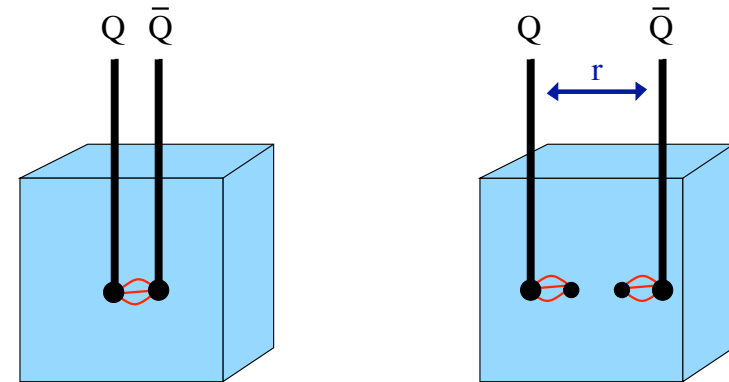
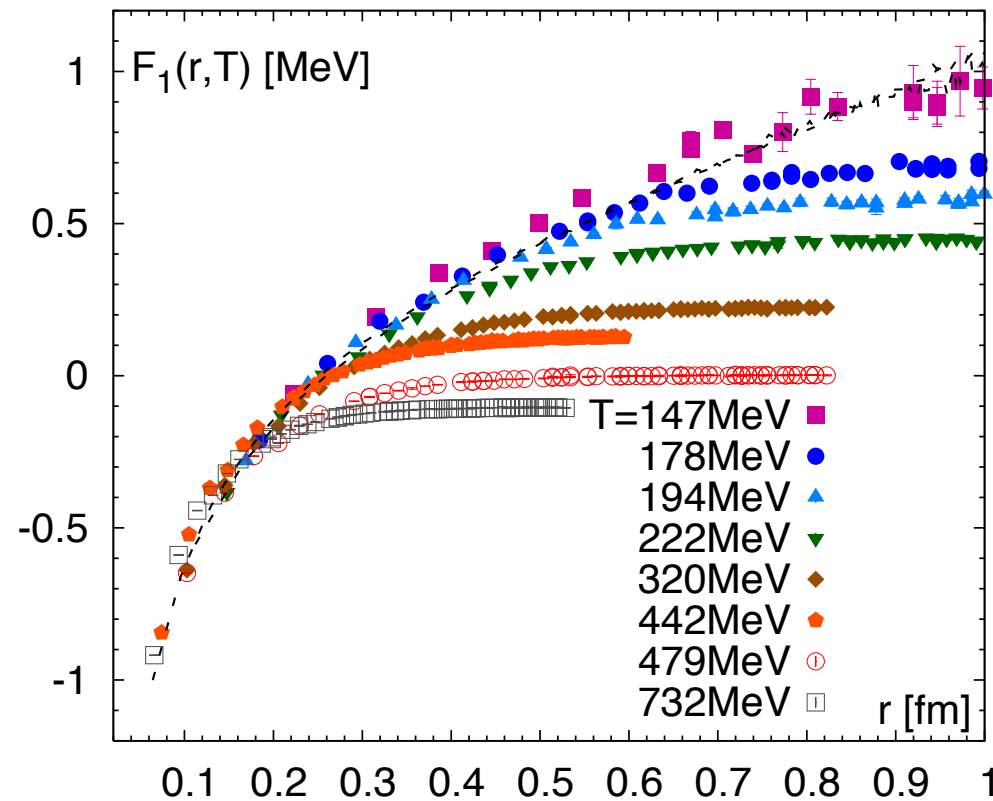
- Emission takes a formation time  $\tau_{\text{form}} \sim \frac{2\omega}{k_{\perp}^2}$
- Frustration of radiation if  $\lambda \sim \tau_{\text{form}}$
- Equivalent scattering with momentum exchange  $\mu_{\text{transfer}}^2 \sim \hat{q} \tau_{\text{form}}$
- A medium parameter:  $\hat{q} = \frac{(\text{mean transferred momentum})^2}{\text{length}} \sim \frac{m_D^2}{\lambda_{\text{m.f.p}}}$

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