

# Three Dimensions of Hydrodynamics in Heavy Ion Collisions

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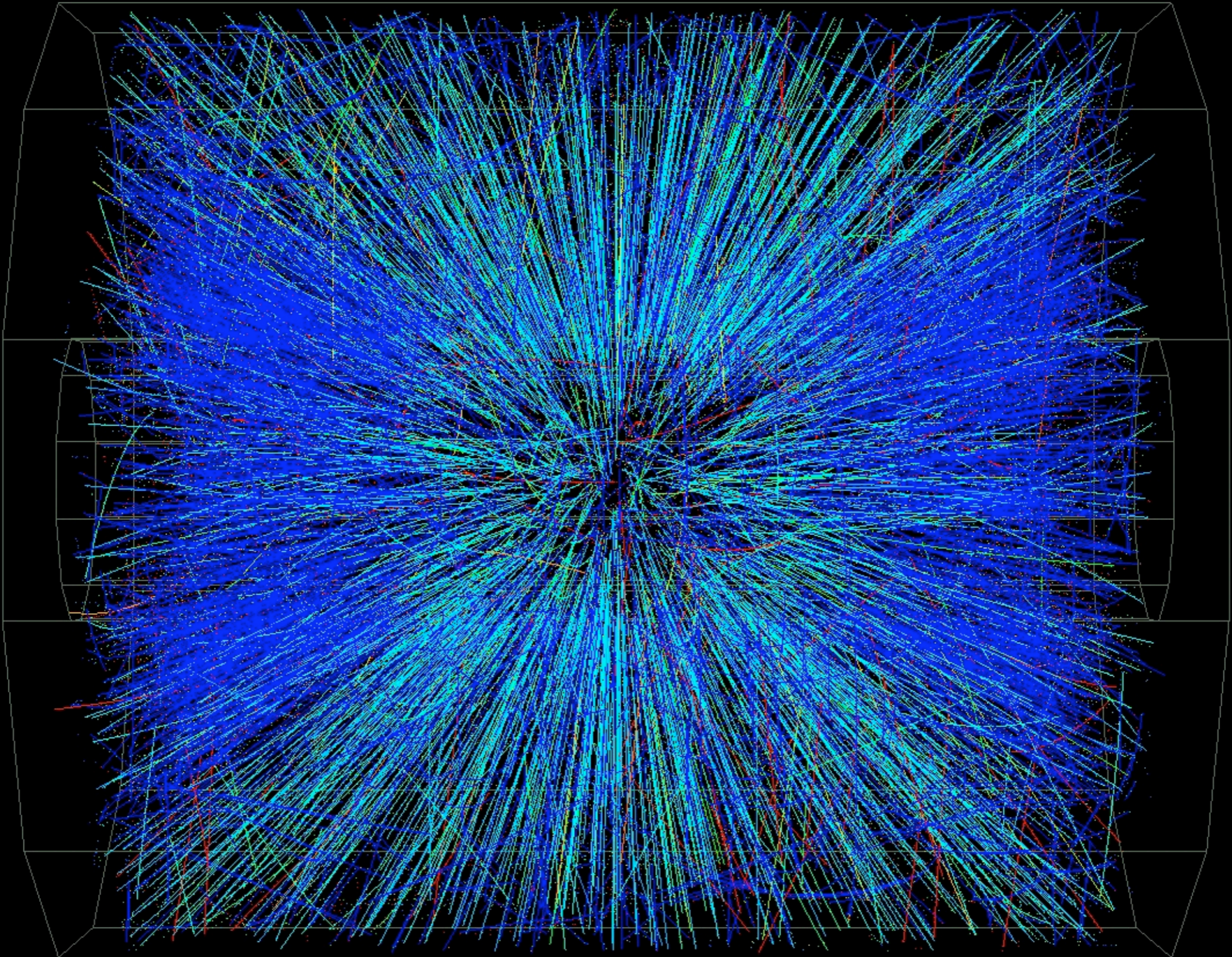
# Goal

- **Hydrodynamics has become the “language” of RHIC physics**
- **Essential to be familiar with the concepts and phenomena at LHC**
- **“Three” dimensions of hydro**
  - Initial Conditions - Thermalization & Geometry
  - Hydrodynamic evolution / Equation of state
  - Freezeout to Hadrons
- **The importance of viscosity**
  - Is there an intrinsic scale to the dynamics?

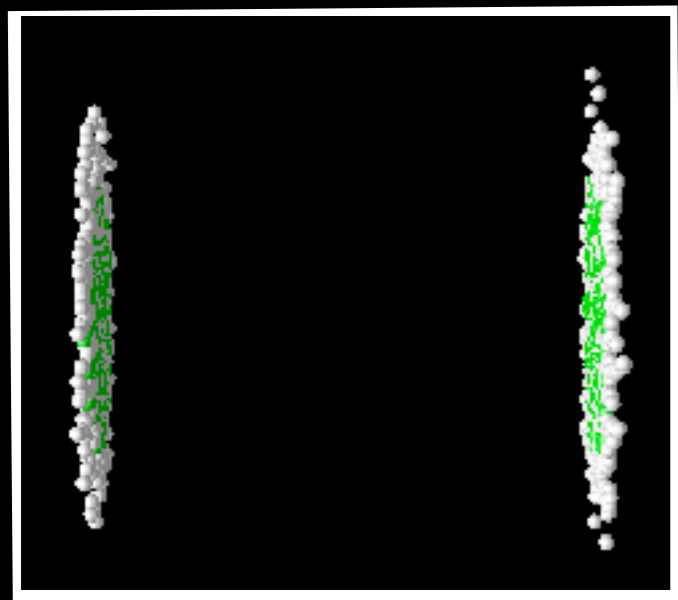
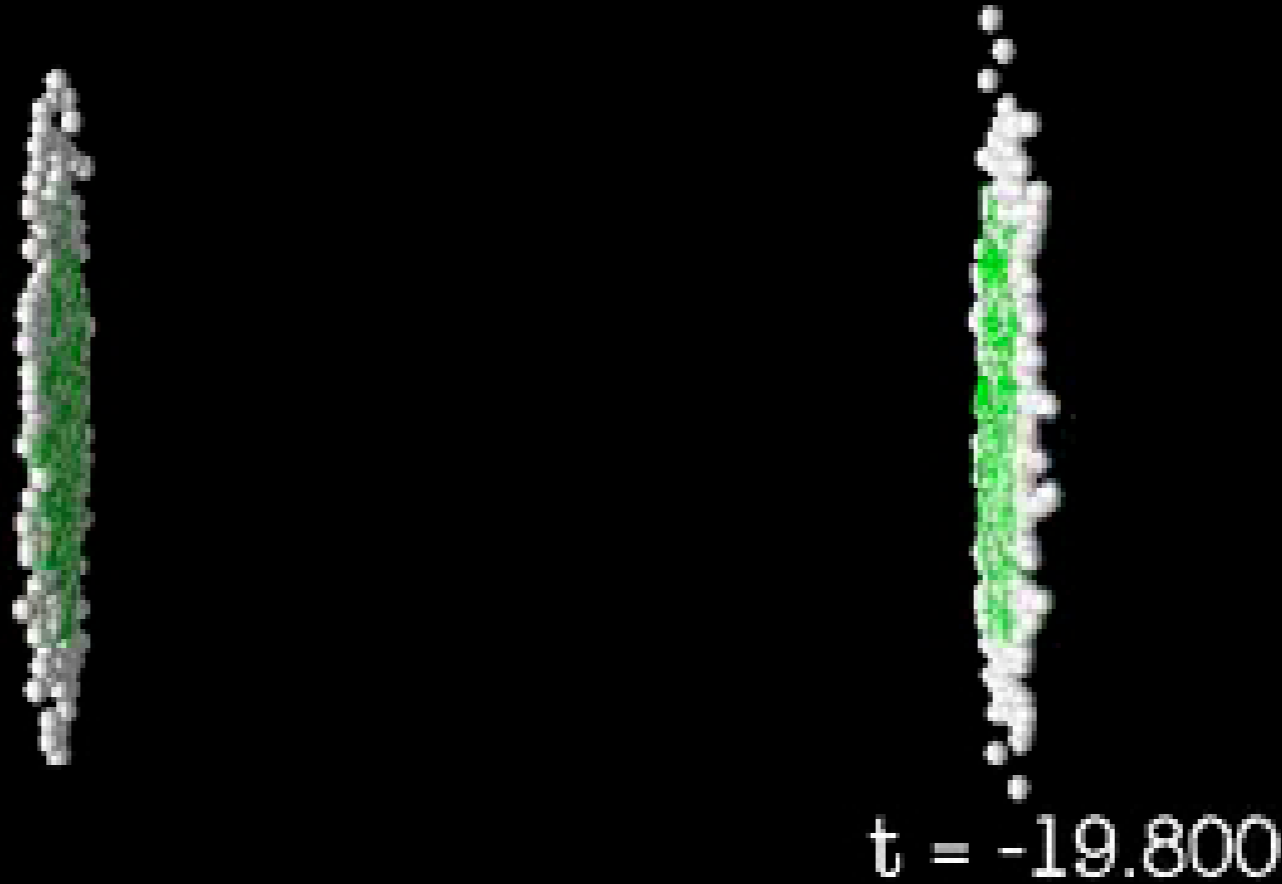
# Hope Springs Eternal

- **This is supposed to be an “easy” talk mathematically**
  - I don’t “do” math (but I like to talk about it!)
- **It will also be as conceptually clear as possible**
  - Assume nothing is obvious (it’s not!)
  - Ask, and ye shall receive (a “thoughtful” answer from me or someone in the audience!)
- **I want to leave you with a concrete space-time image of the dynamics**

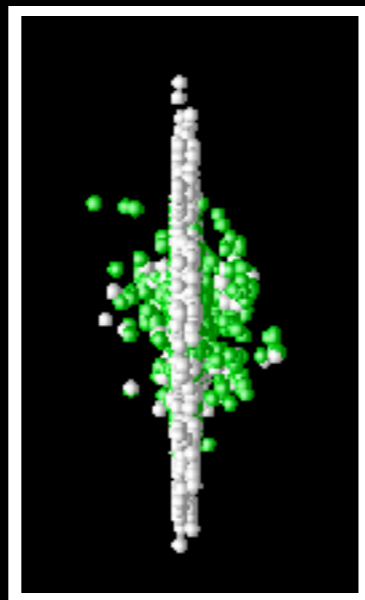
# Phenomena @ RHIC



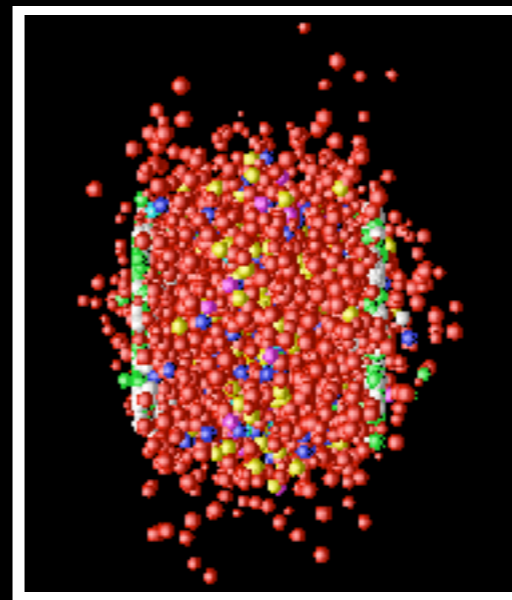
# RHIC: The Movie



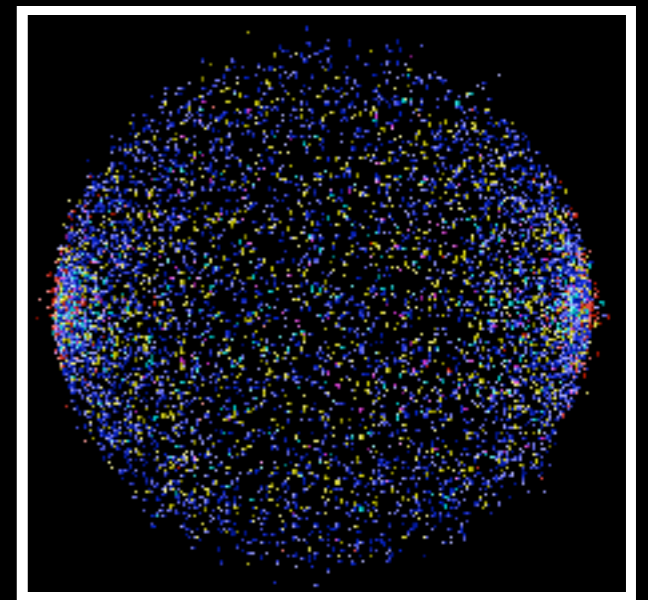
Colliding  
gold ions



Bang!

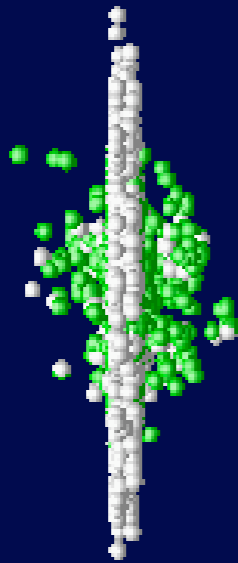


What is  
this?

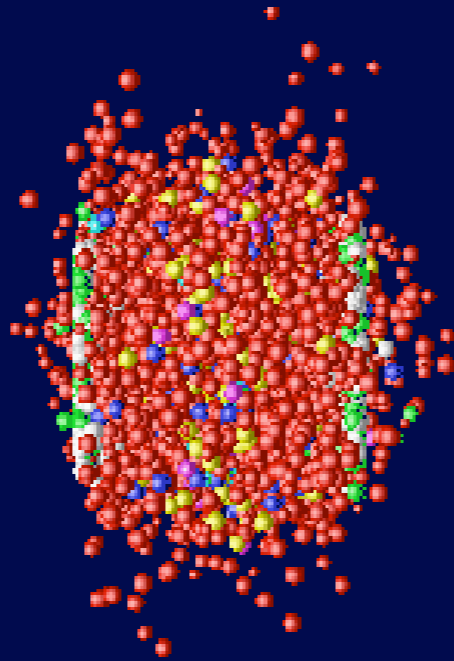


Final  
particles

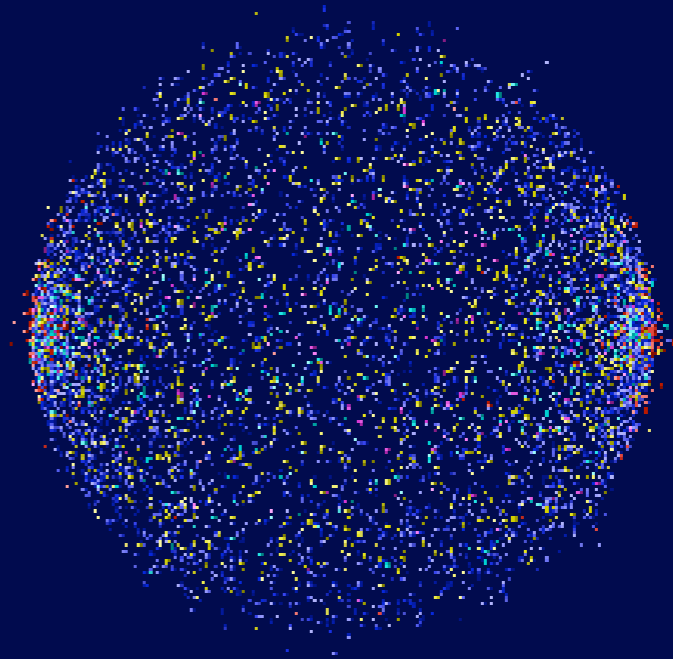
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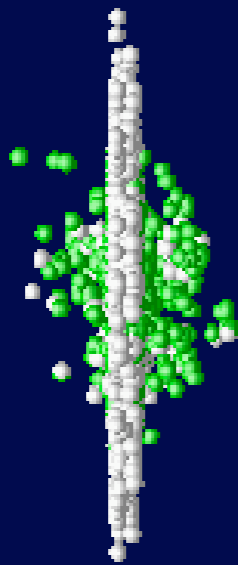


Dynamical  
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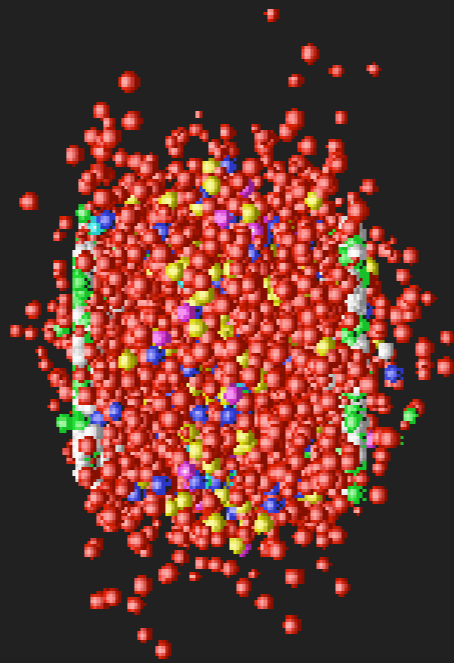


Hadronic  
Freezeout

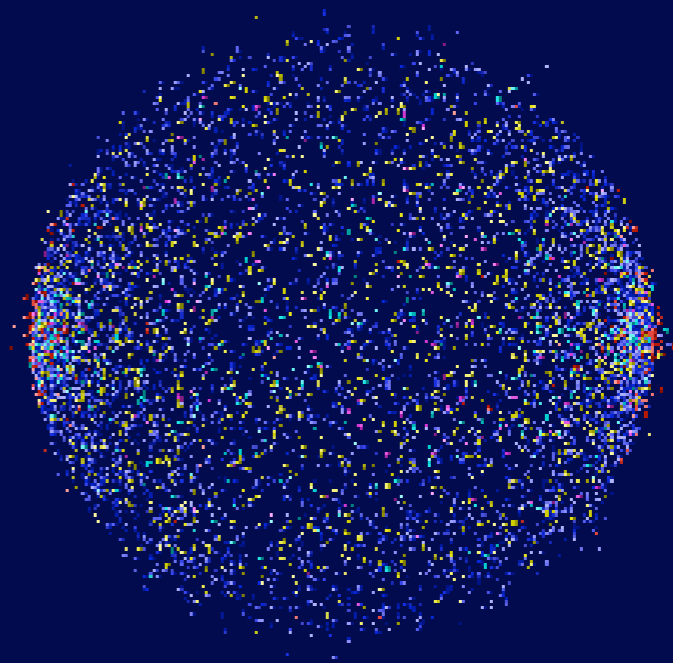
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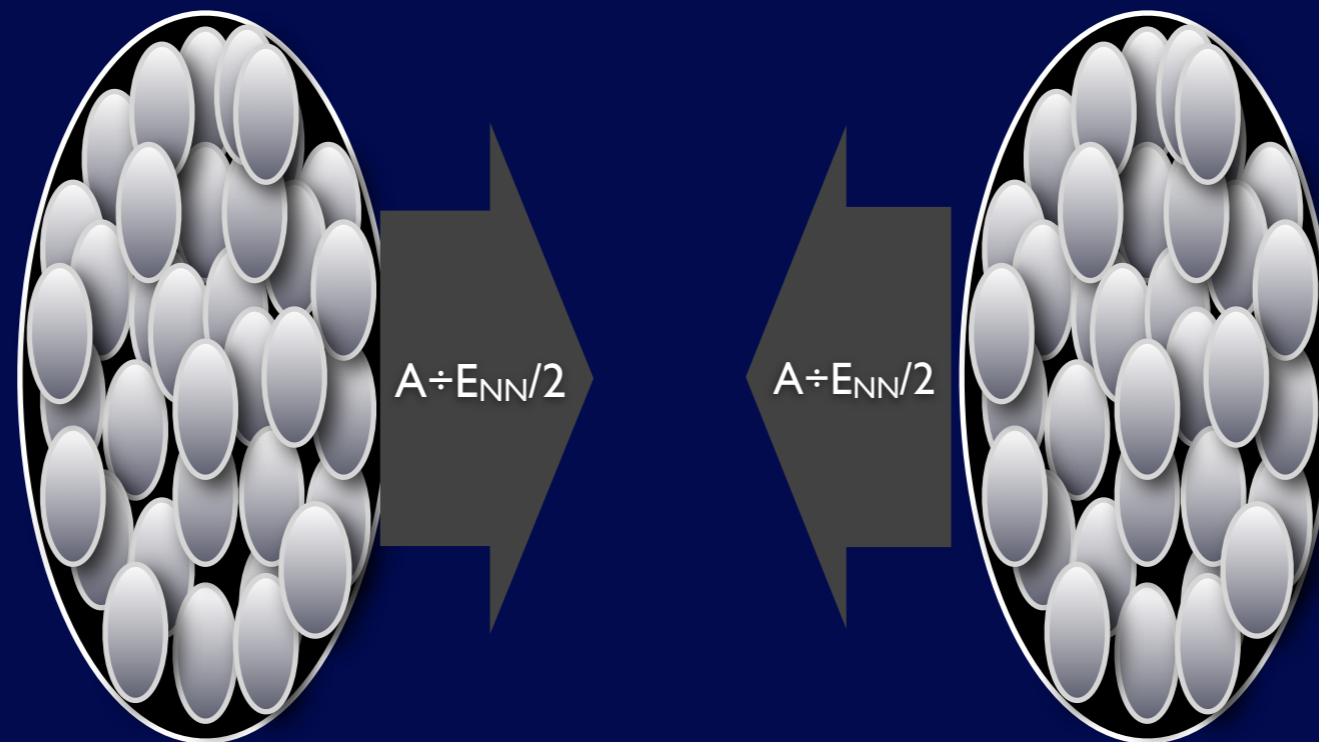
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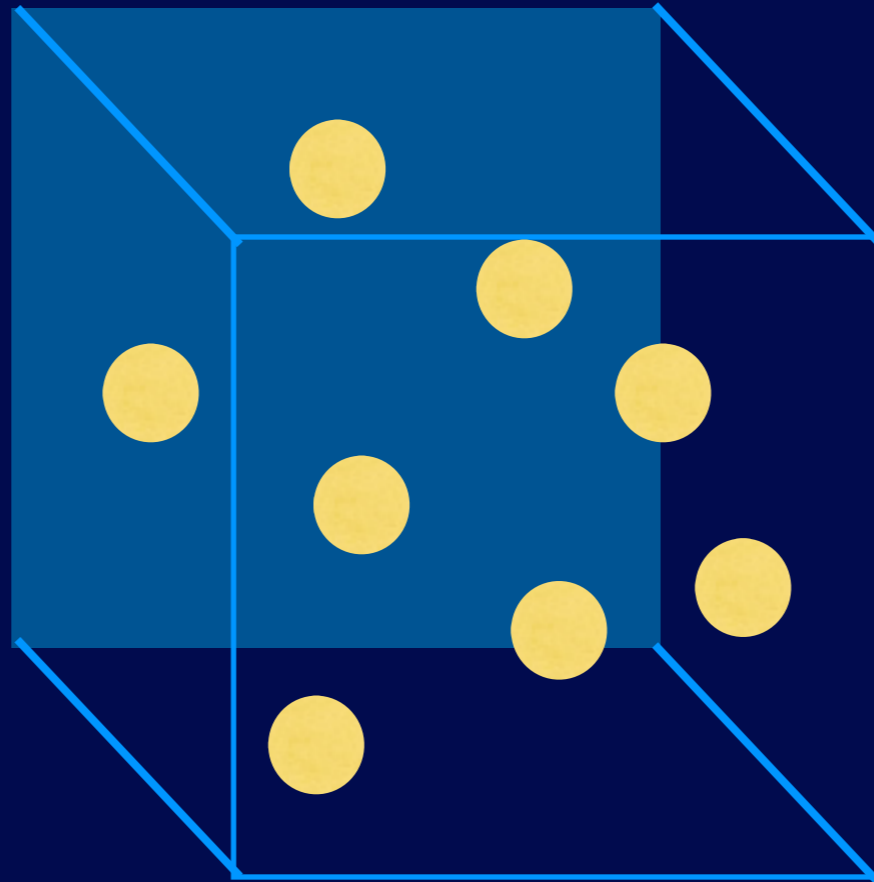


All we need to assume is:

1. Infinitesimally small cells are locally thermalized
2. The cells are interacting rapidly with each other

Then we can define a temperature, energy density, and pressure

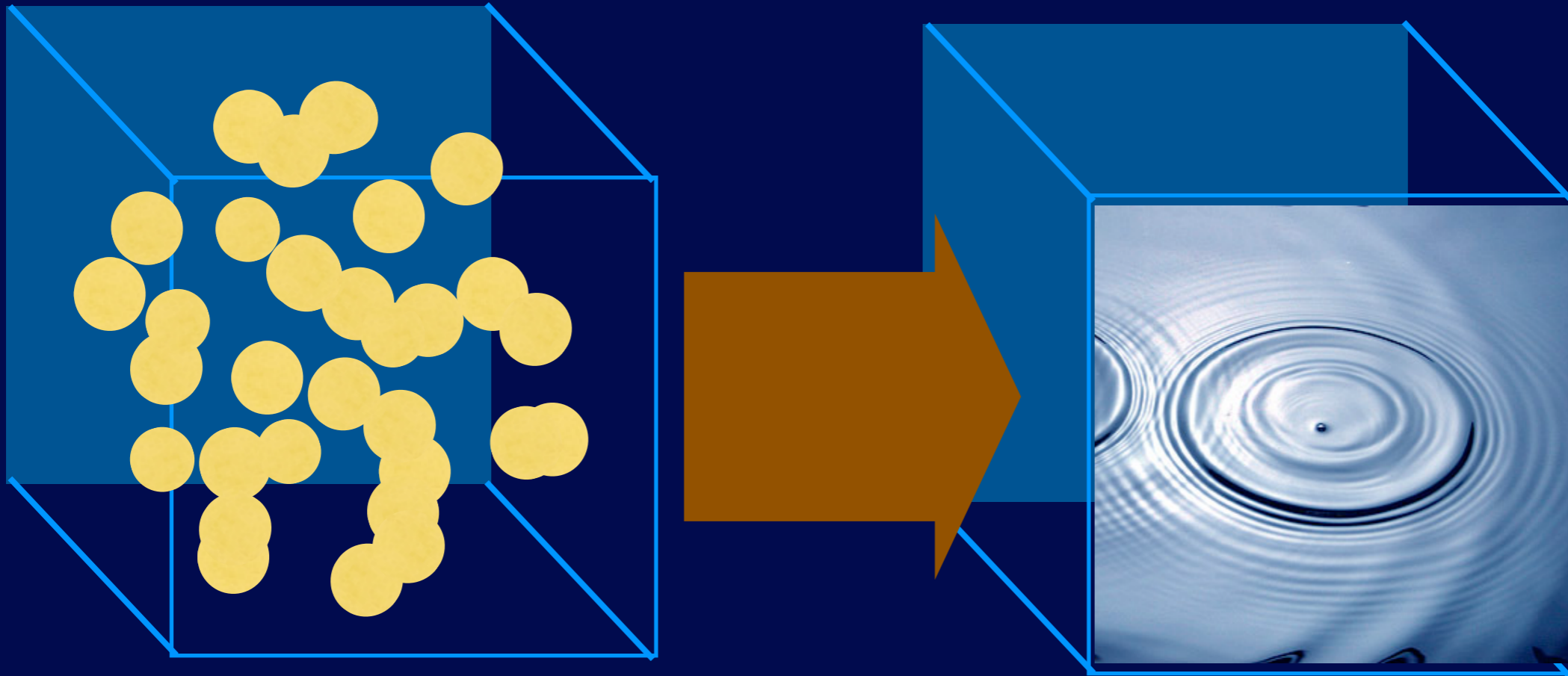
# Thermalization



The usual picture:

particles start with an arbitrary velocity distribution,  
but over time “equilibrate” or “thermalize”,  
maximizing entropy by choosing the  
most probable velocity (Boltzmann) distribution

# Continuum Limit



Boltzmann equation:  
particle collisions

Fluid:  
no particles

# Stress Energy Tensor

In continuum limit, we define bulk variables

$$T_{\mu\nu} \equiv (\epsilon + p)u_\mu u_\nu - g_{\mu\nu}p$$

$\epsilon(x_\mu)$  Energy density

$p(x_\mu)$  Pressure

$u_\mu(x_\mu)$  Relativistic velocity  
 $= \gamma(1, \beta_x, \beta_y, \beta_z)$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix}$$

in the local  
fluid rest frame:  
pressure is  
isotropic!

# Hydrodynamic Equations

Given all the assumptions above,  
ideal hydrodynamics (w/ no baryons) is a coupled set of  
non-linear differential equations which merely  
express that energy/momentum is conserved locally

$$\partial_{\mu} T_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\partial T_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_{\mu}} = 0$$

4 equations for 5 functions of  $x, y, z, t$ :  $(\epsilon, p, \vec{u})$  ,  
since  $u_{\mu} u^{\mu} = 1$ .

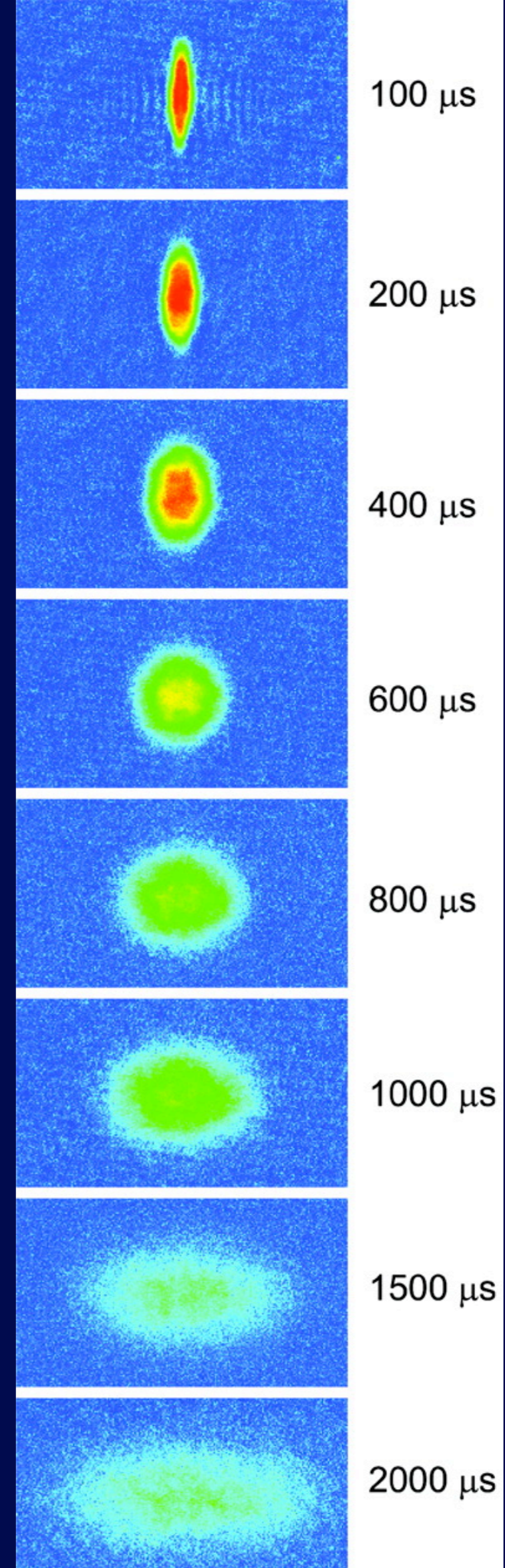
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Relativistic Euler equation

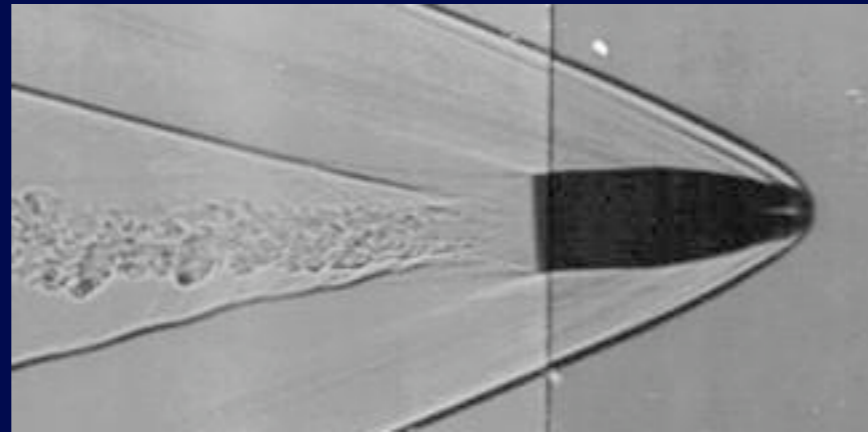
$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot ((\rho \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p = 0$$

Pressure gradients drive  
changes in velocity (i.e.  $F=ma$ )

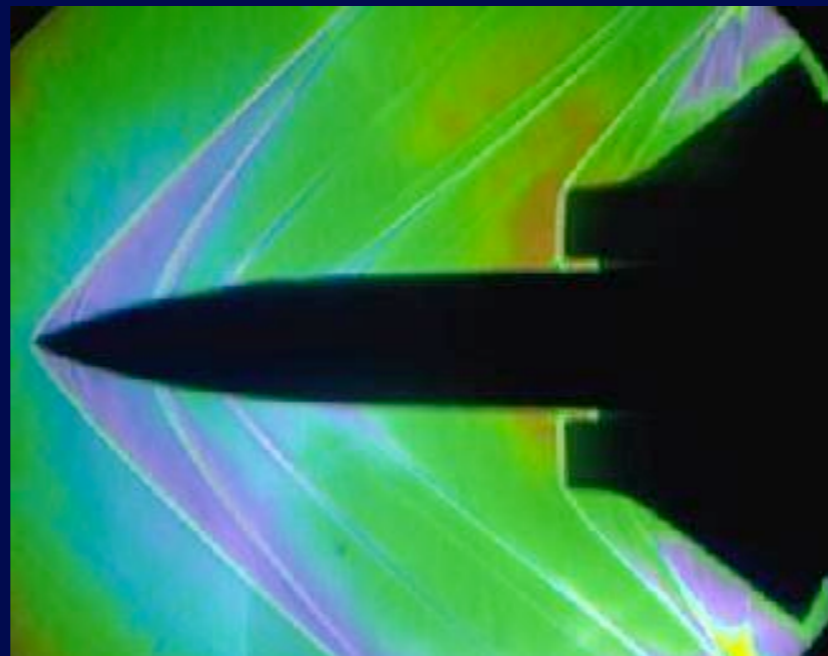




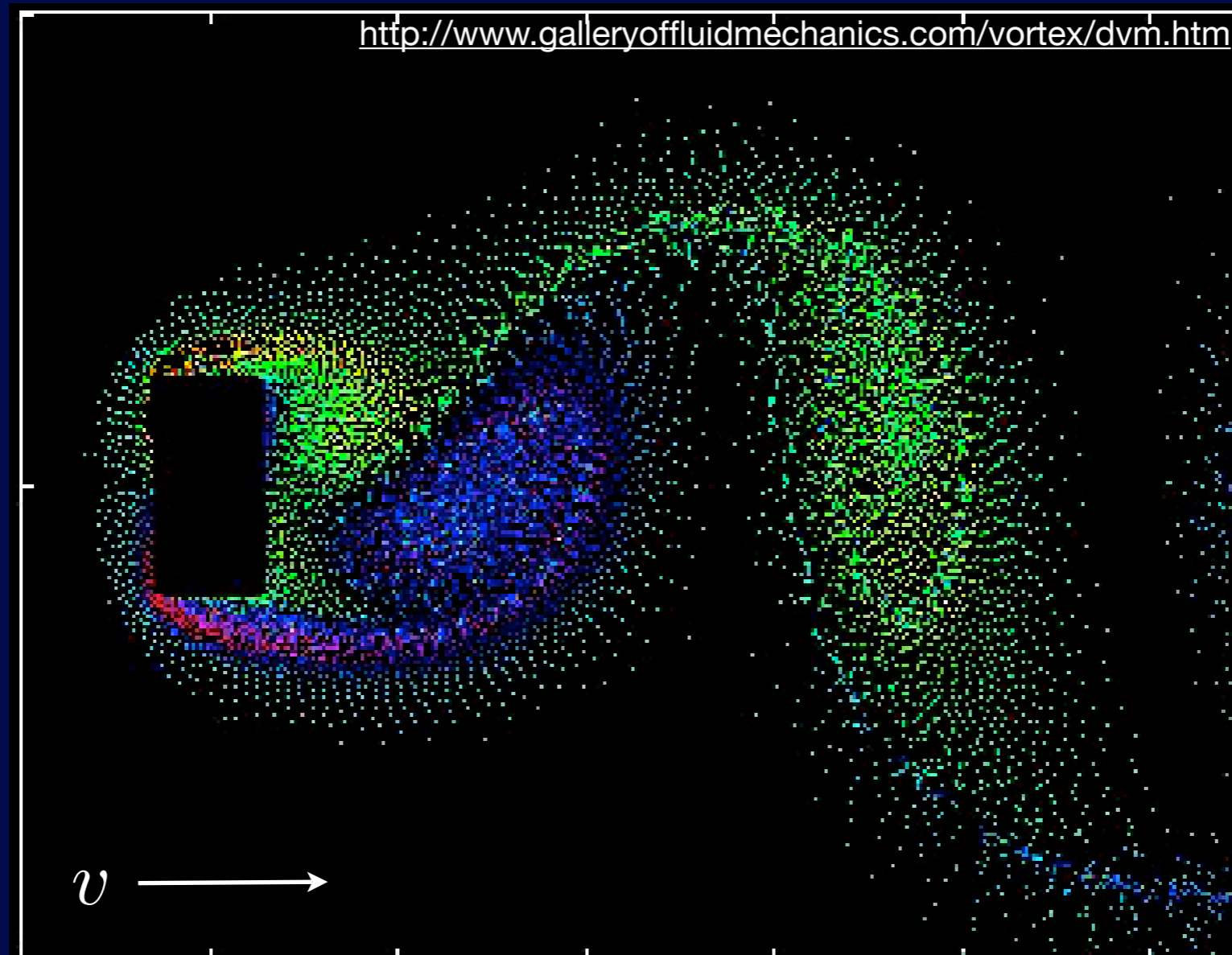
# Hydrodynamic Phenomena



Simple equations of motion applied to (viscous) fluids: leads to a wide variety of phenomena in real world



# Vortex Separation



Vortex separation due to viscous flow past a barrier

# Equation of State (EOS)

Need one more equation to close the system.

Nothing is required by the mathematics, so we can make a choice

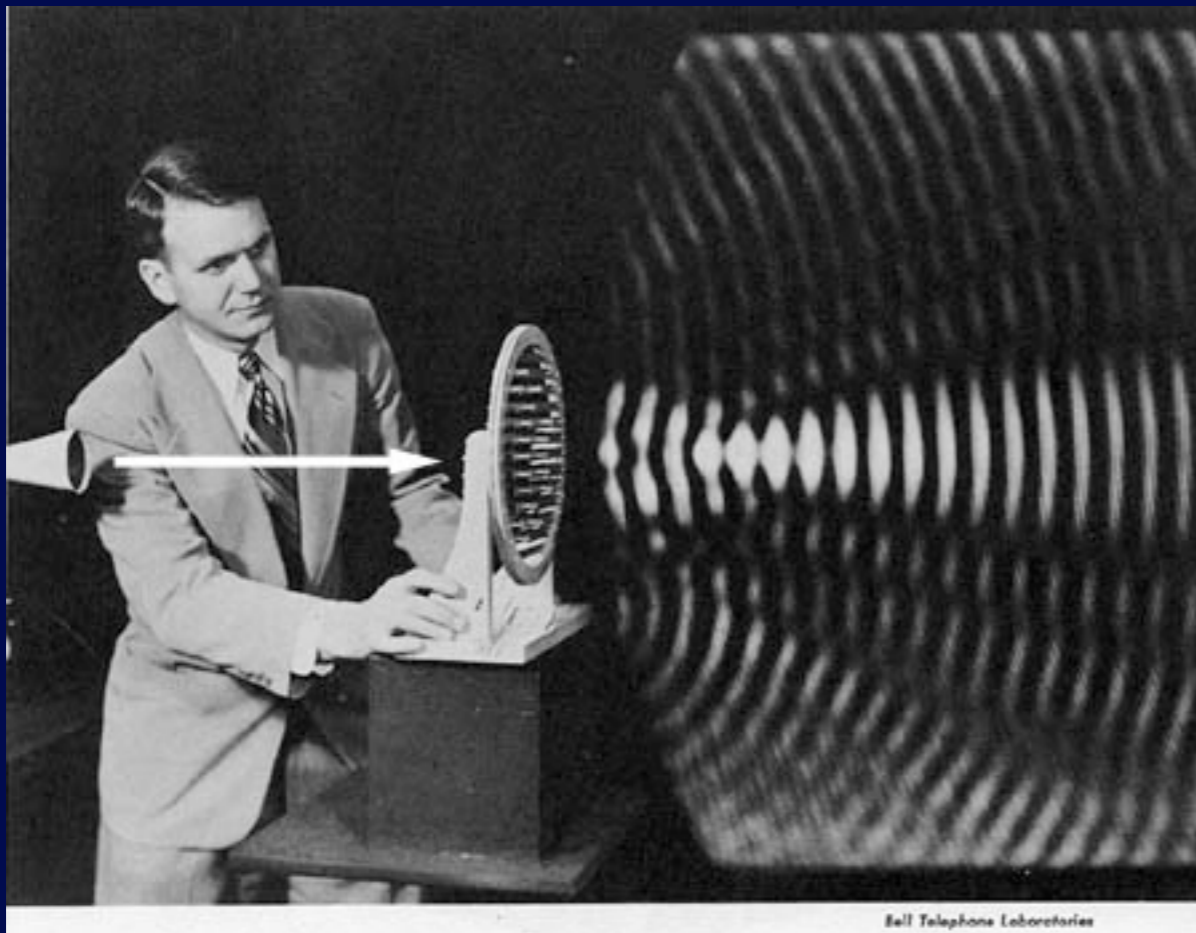
The trace of the stress energy tensor is Lorentz invariant: if non-zero it implies a fixed scale in the problem. It also must be positive.

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \quad T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \epsilon - 3p \geq 0 \rightarrow p \leq \epsilon/3$$

# Speed of Sound

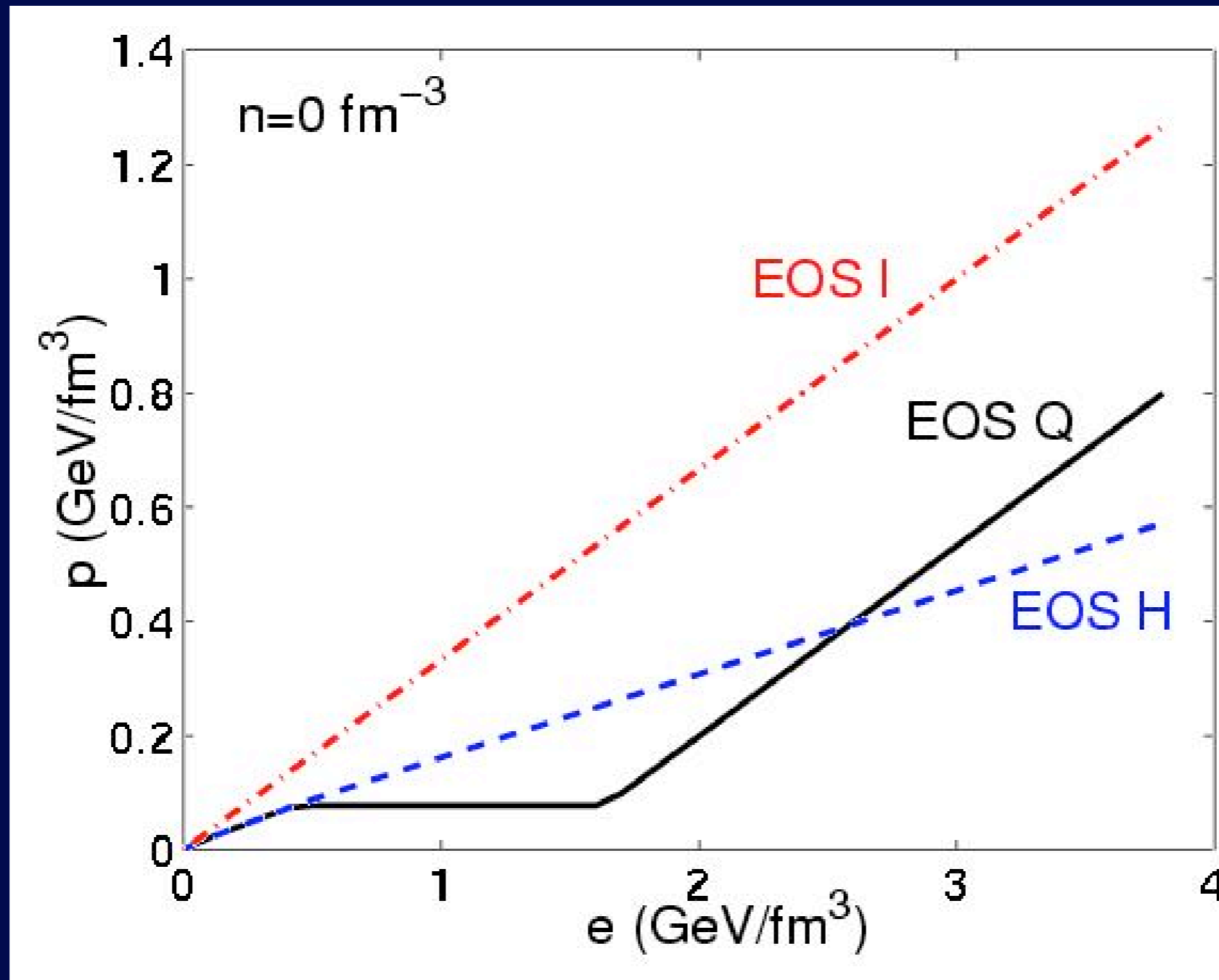
$$c_s^2 = \frac{dp(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

In a compressible fluid,  
velocity of excitations



Real sound waves  
disperse as they  
propagate  
(another hint about  
what viscosity does)

# Examples



Ideal

“QGP”

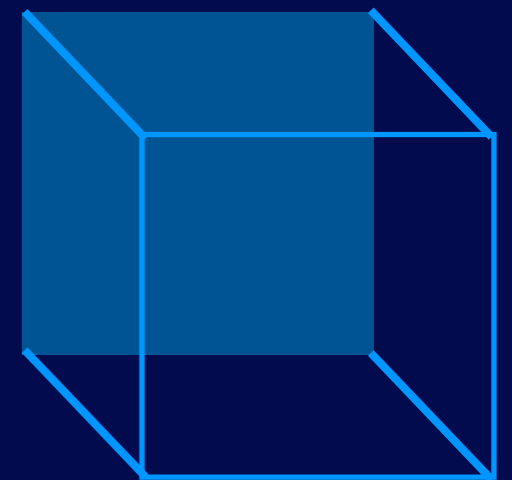
Hadronic

# Scale Invariance

$$T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \epsilon - 3p = 0 \rightarrow p = \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

This is a special case:

1. No intrinsic scale in hydrodynamics
2. Speed of sound is determined by the number of spatial dimensions!

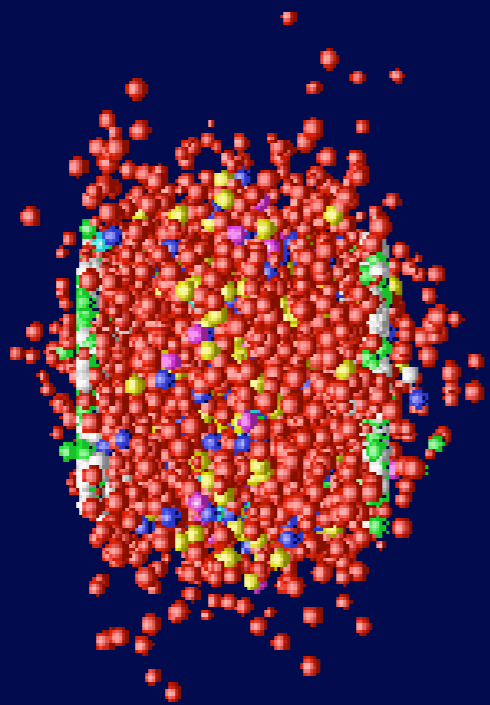


Often called the “ideal gas” EOS.

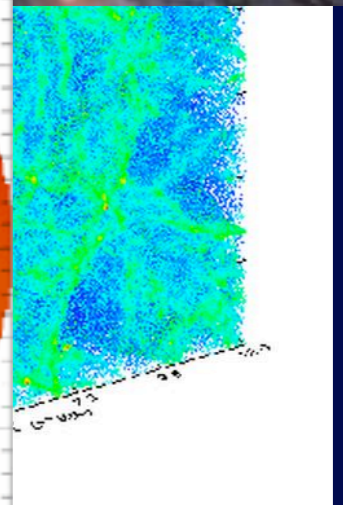
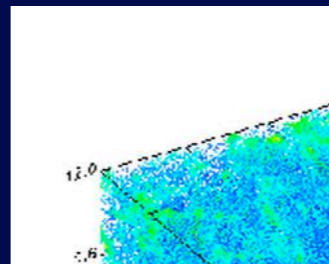
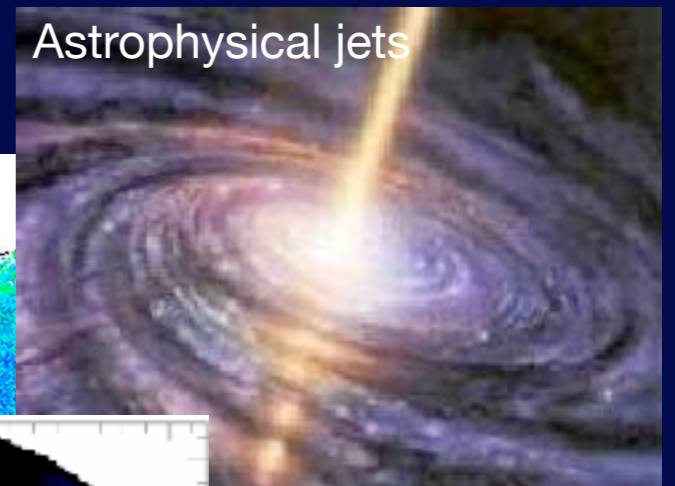
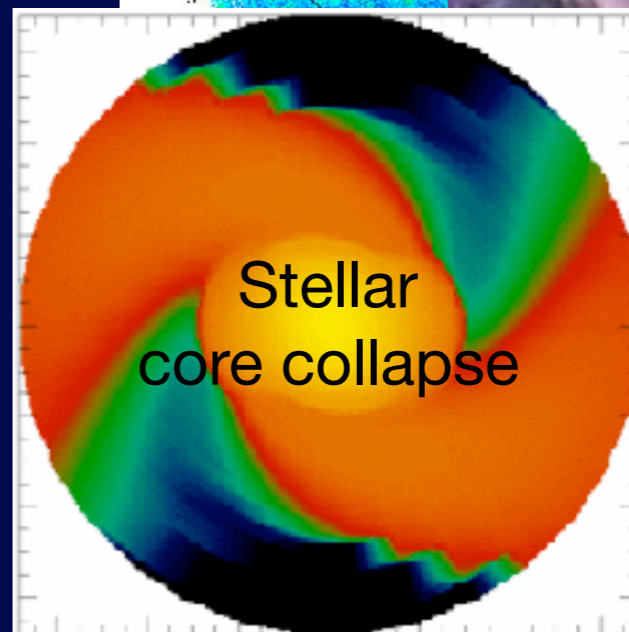
This seems misleading: it is used for non-interacting (e.g. E&M blackbody) and strongly-interacting systems

# Scale Invariance, cont

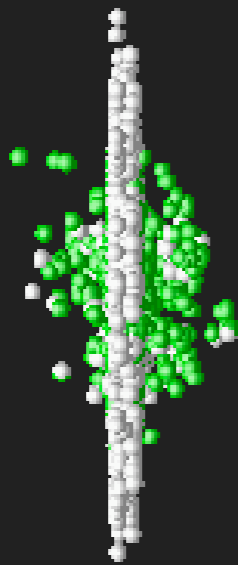
The entire universe is often modeled as an ideal fluid with same equations as us!  
(of course GR determines geometry etc.,  
dynamics controlled by baryonic & dark matter/  
energy, etc.)



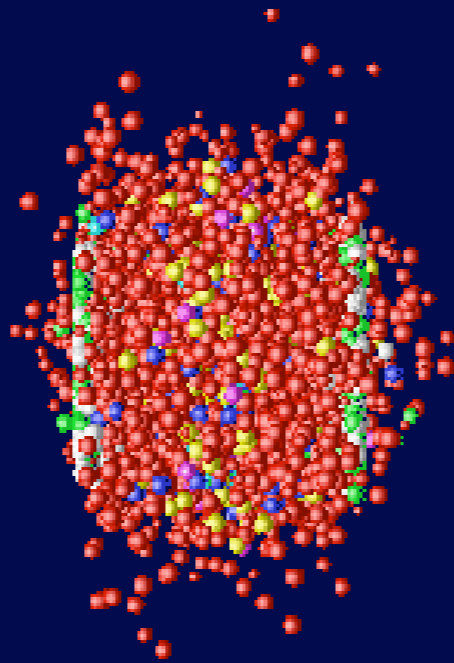
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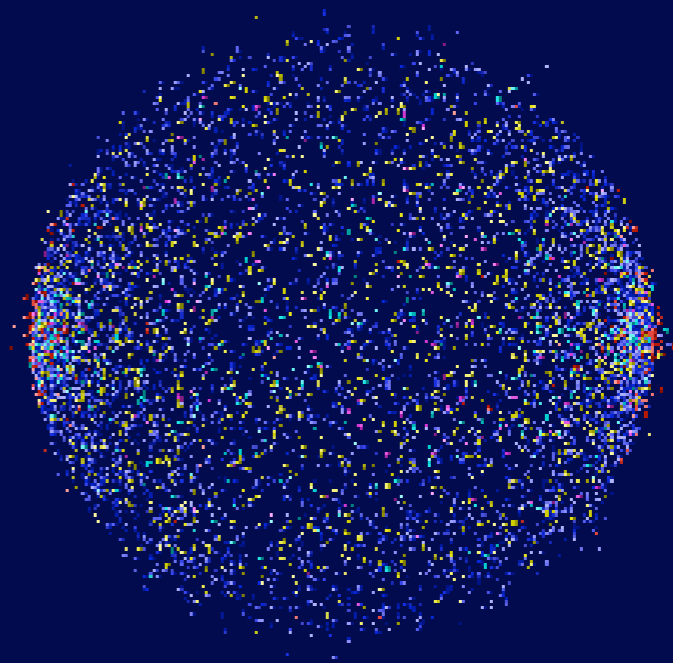
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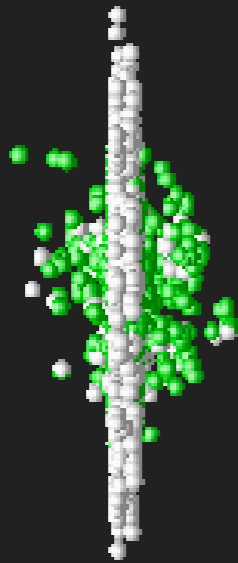
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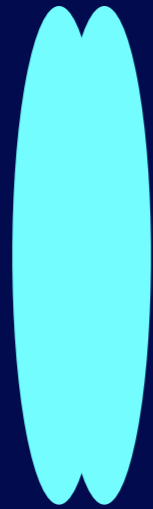


Initial  
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Space-time profile of  
energy or entropy  
with a space-time-dependent  
velocity distribution

# Initial Conditions

Landau

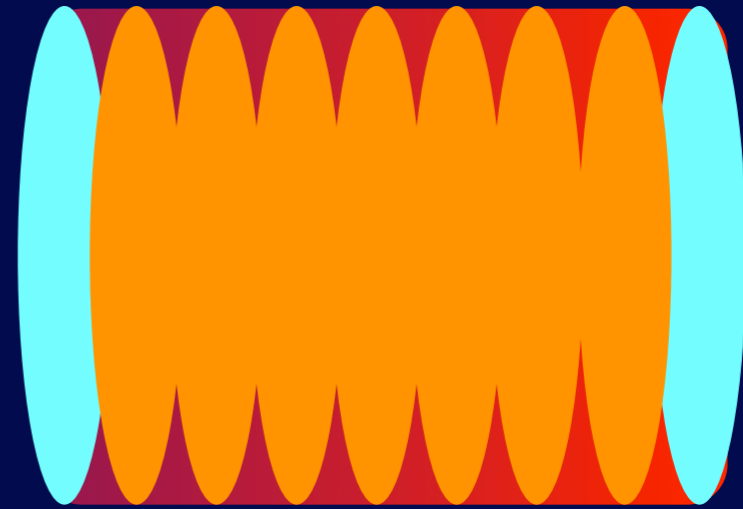


Total stopping, immediate  
thermalization &  
longitudinal **3D** re-expansion

$$\tau_0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} fm/c$$

Tomorrow

Bjorken



Partial stopping,  
“boost-invariant”  
**2D** dynamics

$$\tau_0 \sim 1 fm/c$$

Today

# Bjorken Initial Conditions

Choose one “slice”  
in rapidity space

Choose a consistent  
set of parameters:

1. initial proper time ( $\tau_0$ )
2. energy OR entropy density  
constant in rapidity

$$\epsilon_0(\tau_0, y) = \epsilon(\tau_0)$$

Assume that system  
expands in a boost invariant  
way for entire evolution

Bjorken



$$v = z/t$$

$$\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d\epsilon}{d\tau} = -\frac{\epsilon + p}{\tau}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon(\tau)}{\epsilon(\tau_0)} = \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{4/3}$$

thermalization time is  
an evolution scale!

# Bjorken flow in $\phi^4$ Field Theory

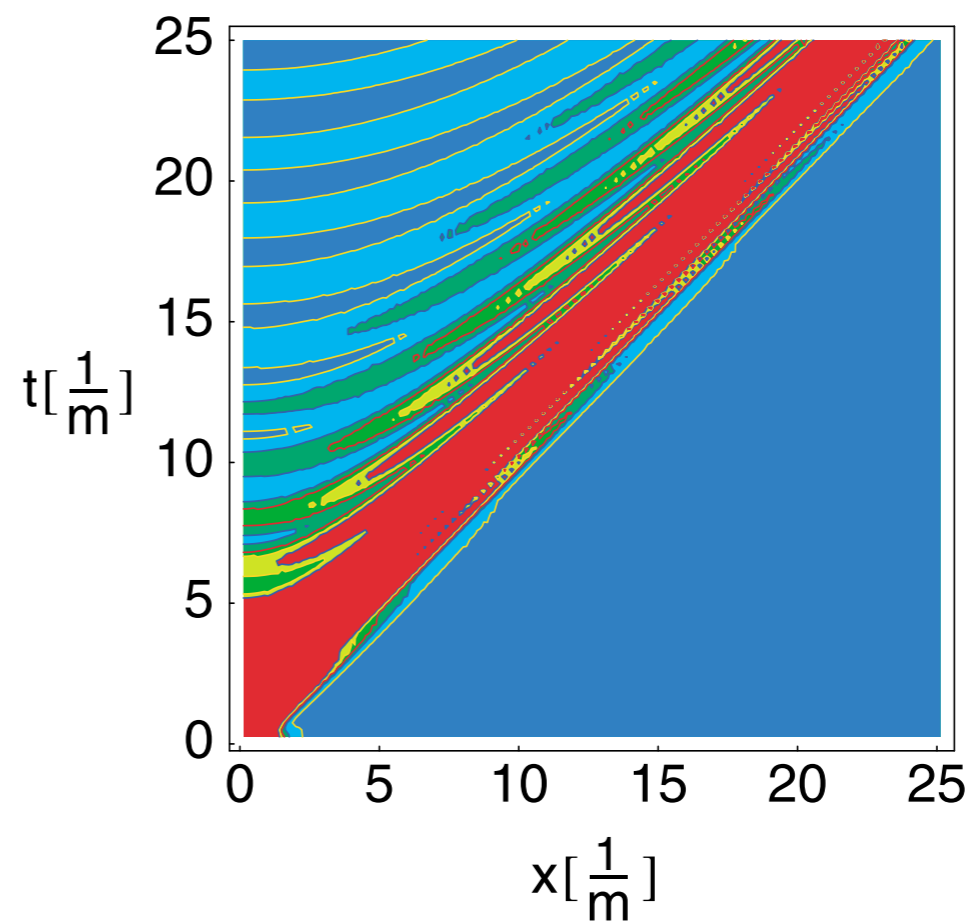
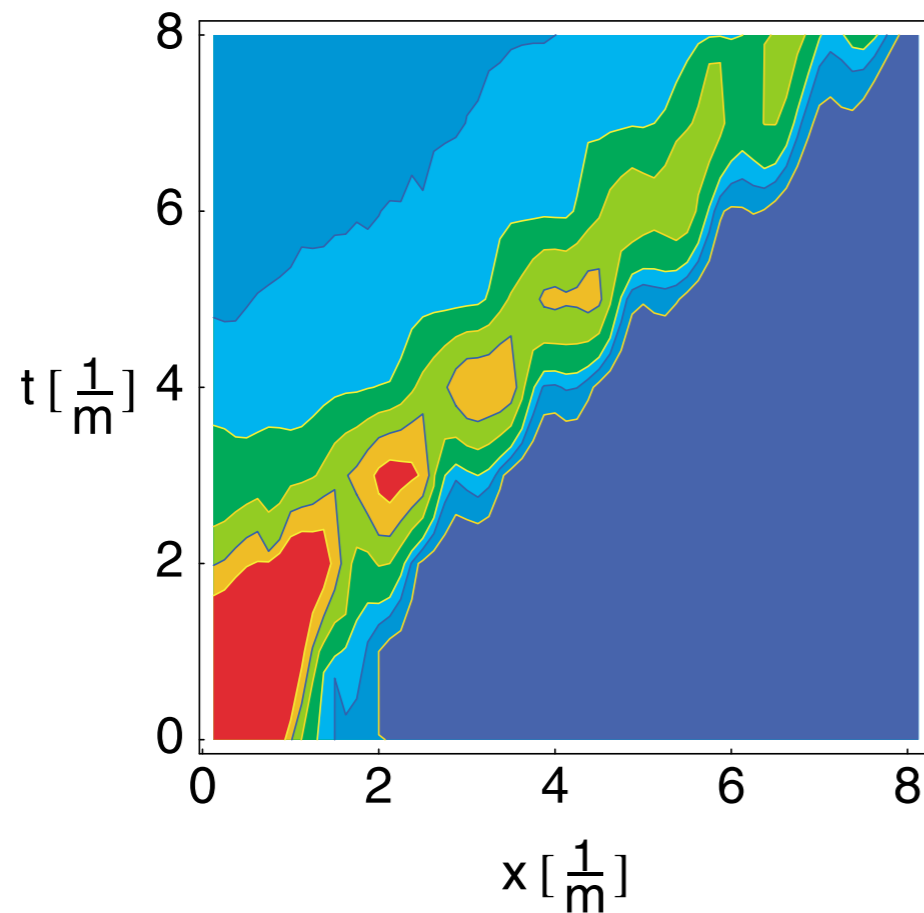
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## Relativistic Hydrodynamic Scaling from the Dynamics of Quantum Field Theory

Luís M. A. Bettencourt,<sup>1</sup> Fred Cooper,<sup>2</sup> and Karen Pao<sup>3</sup>



Collision of  
two packets  
("leading particles")

Decay of a  
stationary "lump"

# Density vs. Time

- **The time of full thermalization ( $\tau_0$ ) controls the initial energy density**

- Lowering the thermalization time increases the initial density
- Increasing density increases the initial temperature

$$\epsilon \propto n_{DOF} T^4$$

- **Heinz/Kolb found in their fits (with Bjorken expansion) to data that  $\tau_0 T_0 \sim 1$**

- **Important points:**

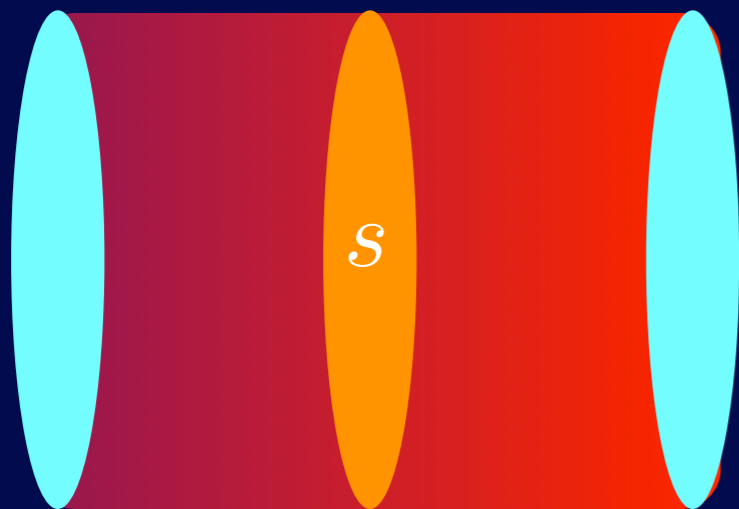
- There is no single “temperature”, but a “temperature history” (i.e. hydro gives a space-time history)
- The thermalization time is a Very Important Choice

# Energy & Entropy

$$TS = E + pV \rightarrow s = \frac{\epsilon + p}{T} \quad \text{entropy density}$$

$$s_\mu \equiv s u_\mu \quad \text{entropy current}$$

$$\partial^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow \partial^\mu s_\mu = 0 \quad \text{Total entropy is conserved,  
in ideal hydrodynamics}$$



So choose **entropy density** and  $\tau_0$   
to reproduce multiplicity data

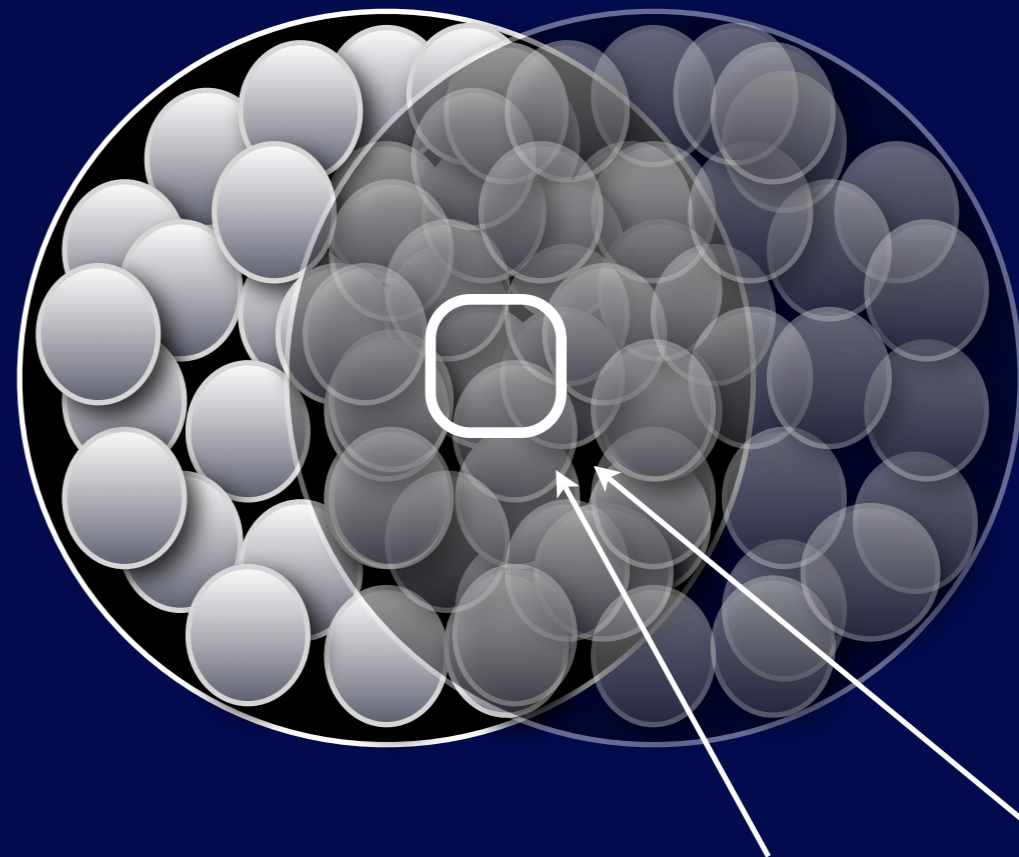
$$N \propto S = \int_V dV s$$

Bjorken hydro does not  
generate rapidity distributions  
(cf. Landau). It **preserves** them  
(and is asymptotic to most solutions)

# Spatial Distributions

We “know” that nuclei are “made” of nucleons (QM many body problem makes this a non-trivial thing to say...)

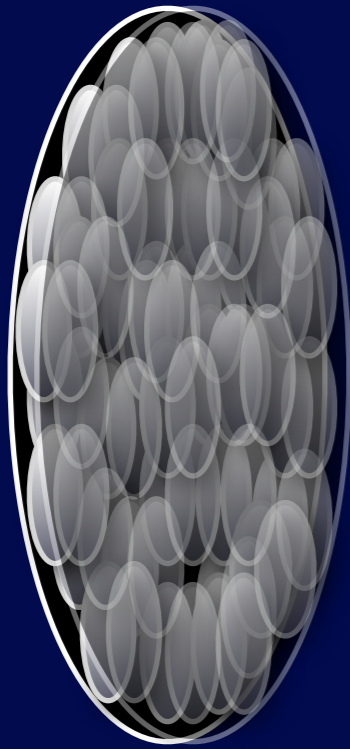
“Glauber” calculations treat them as smooth densities in order to calculate participant and collision densities  $n_{part}$  and  $n_{coll}$



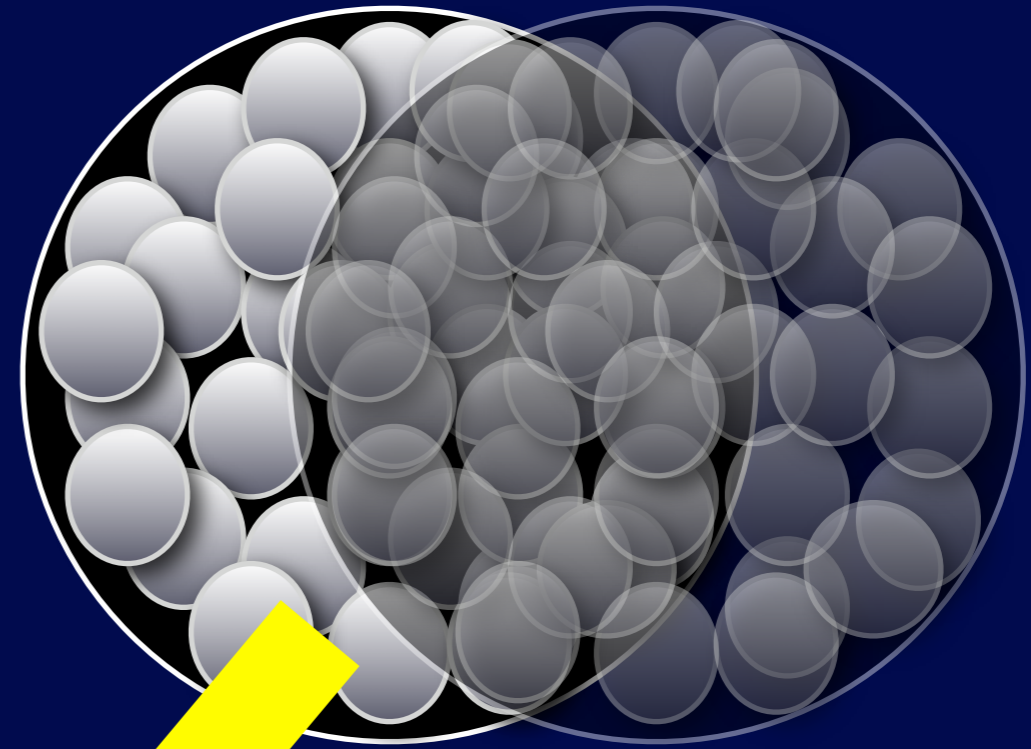
$$\frac{d^3 s}{d\eta d^2 \vec{x}} = n_{pp} \left\{ (1-x) \frac{n_{part}(\vec{x})}{2} + x n_{coll}(\vec{x}) \right\}$$

Participant density                      Collision density

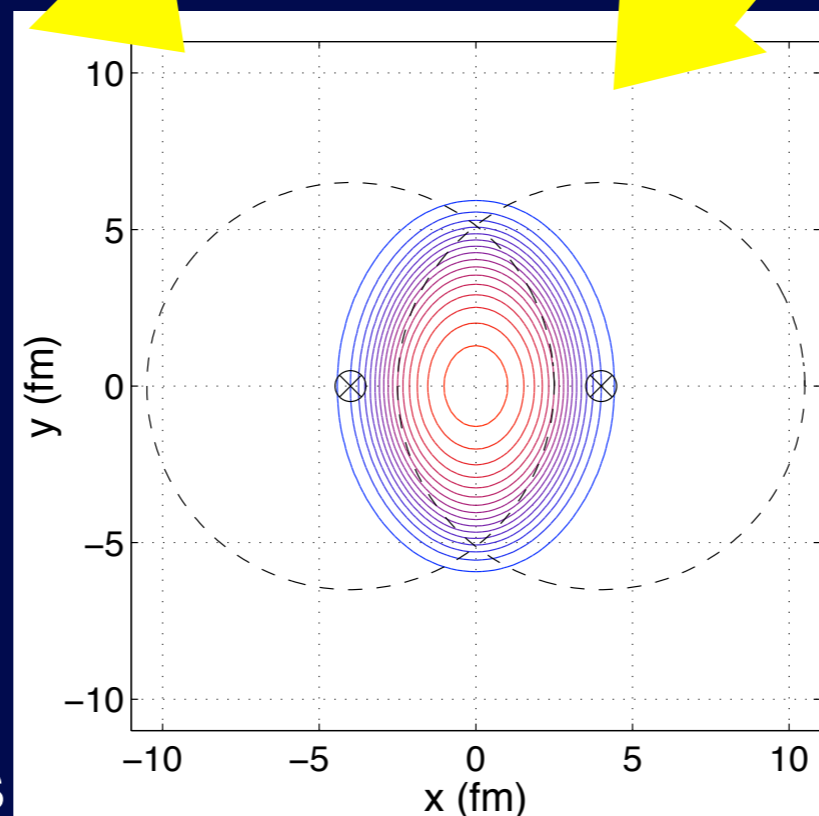
# Spatial Distributions



Longitudinal



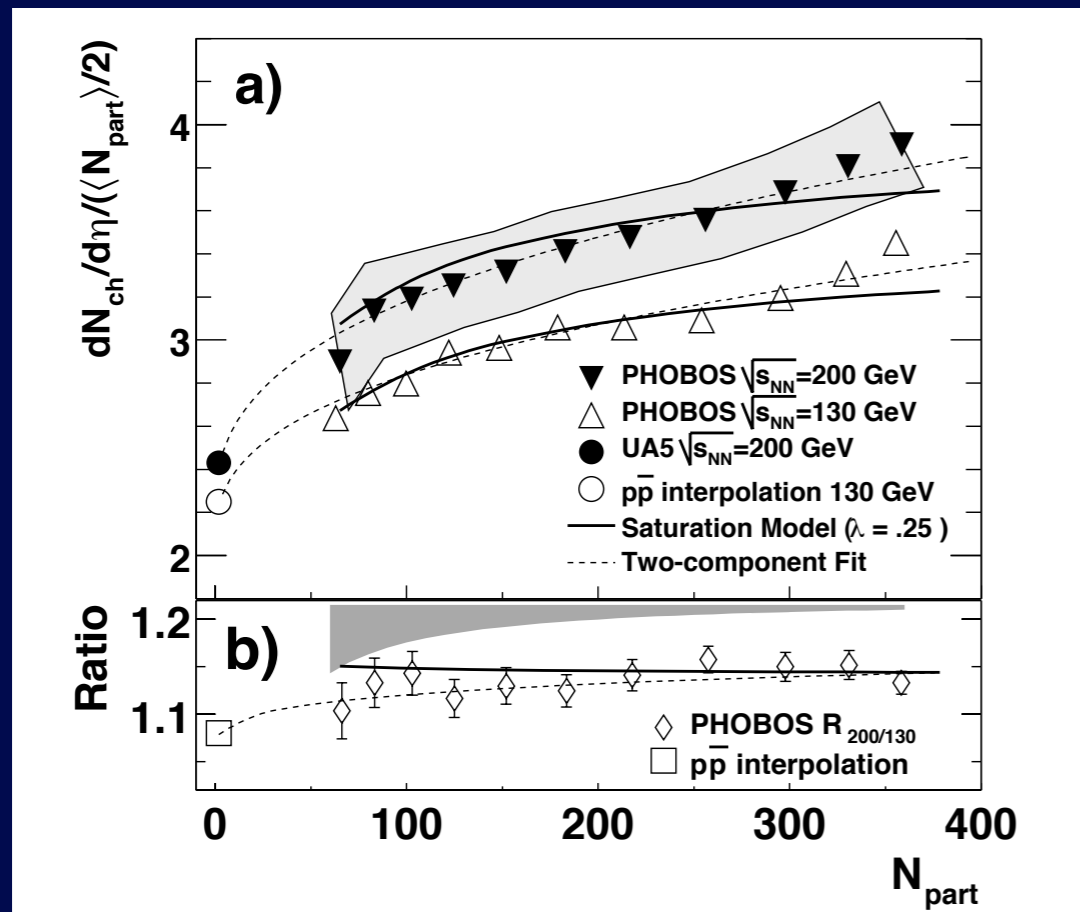
Transverse



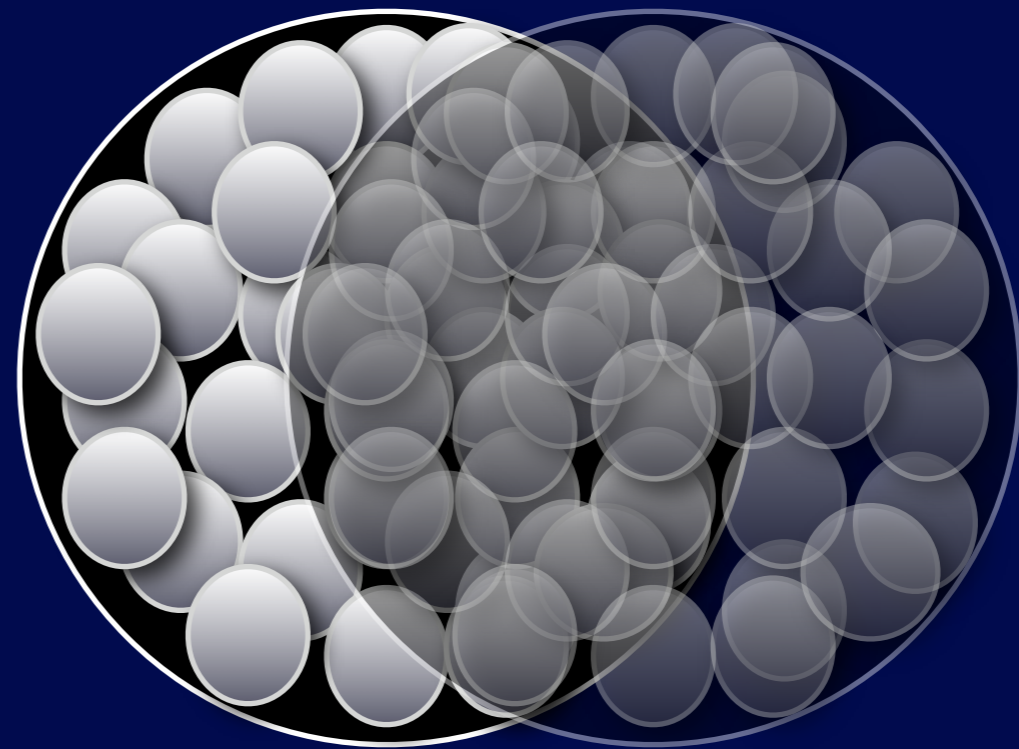
Initial density profile is a convolution of longitudinal & transverse



# Energy/Entropy Density

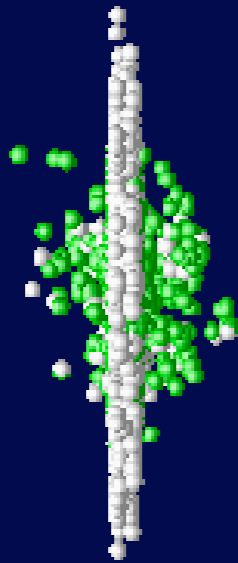


PHOBOS (2002)



Hydrodynamic calculations use two-component picture, tune on central events, and test tuning on experimental data (e.g. PHOBOS)

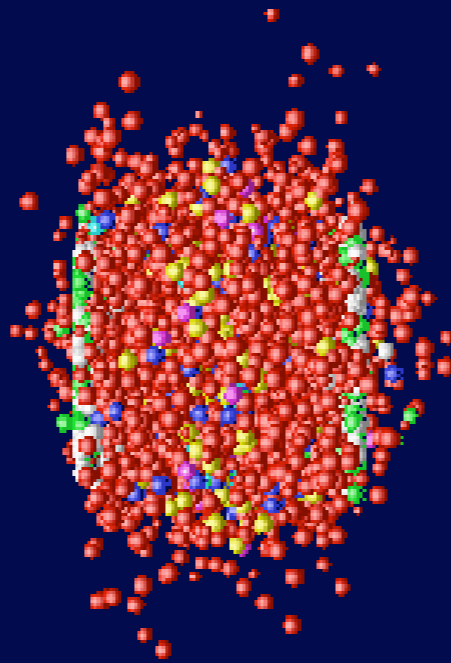
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$$\left( \frac{ds}{d\eta} \right) (\vec{x})$$

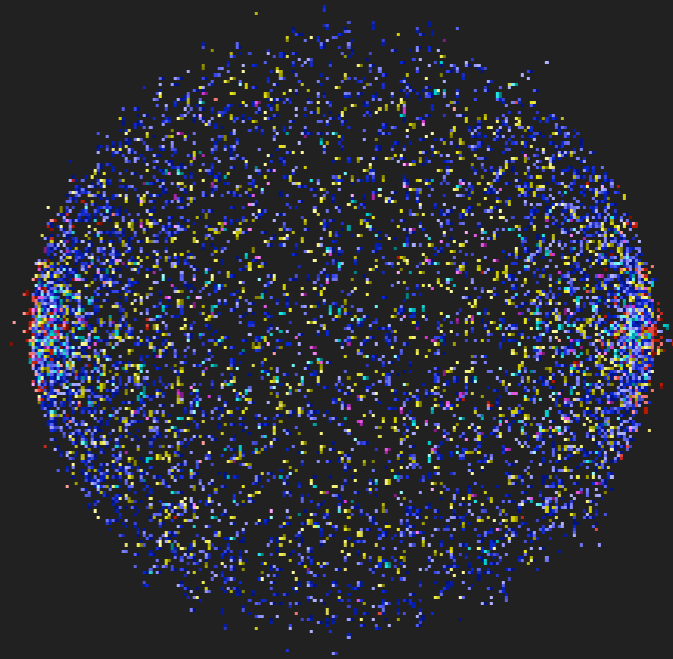
Glauber + data



Hydrodynamic  
Evolution

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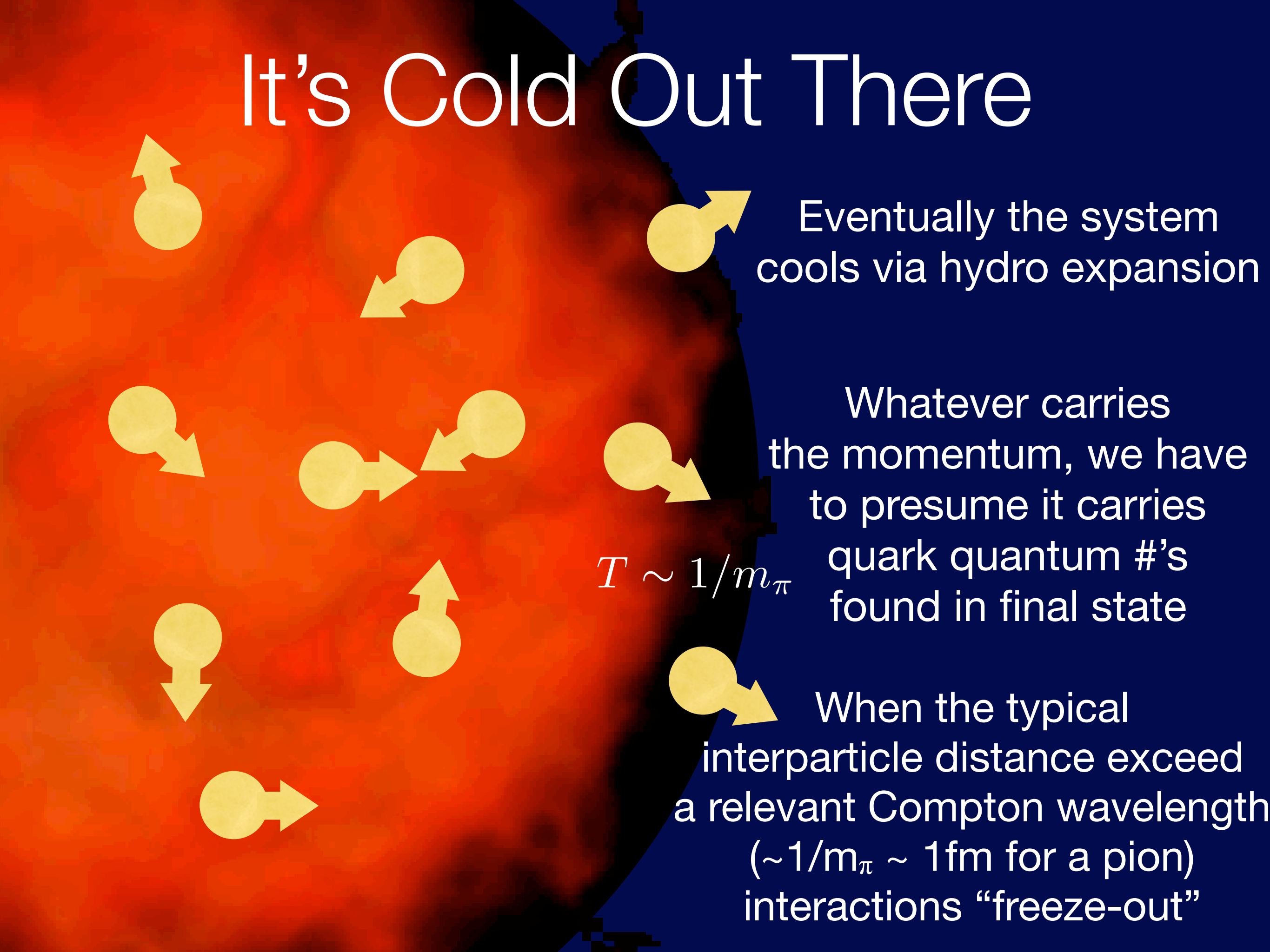
hydro "codes" (e.g. SHASTA)



Hadronic  
Freezeout



# It's Cold Out There

The background of the slide is a dark blue gradient with a large, semi-circular orange and red glow on the left side, resembling a sun or a hot object. Scattered across the scene are several yellow circles, each with a yellow arrow pointing in a different direction, representing particles in motion. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Eventually the system cools via hydro expansion

Whatever carries the momentum, we have to presume it carries quark quantum #'s found in final state

$$T \sim 1/m_\pi$$

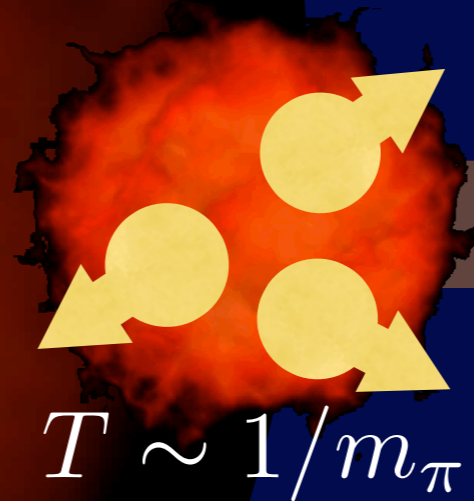
When the typical interparticle distance exceed a relevant Compton wavelength ( $\sim 1/m_\pi \sim 1\text{fm}$  for a pion) interactions "freeze-out"

# Cooper-Frye Formula

Define a “hypersurface” in space-time (3D) where the temperature (energy/entropy) falls below a “critical” value

Let the system at that surface be a “fireball” which decays isotropically in its own rest frame

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d\vec{p}} = \int_{\sigma} f(x, p) p^{\mu} d\sigma_{\mu}$$



# of fireballs normal to surface

Fireball sits in flow field

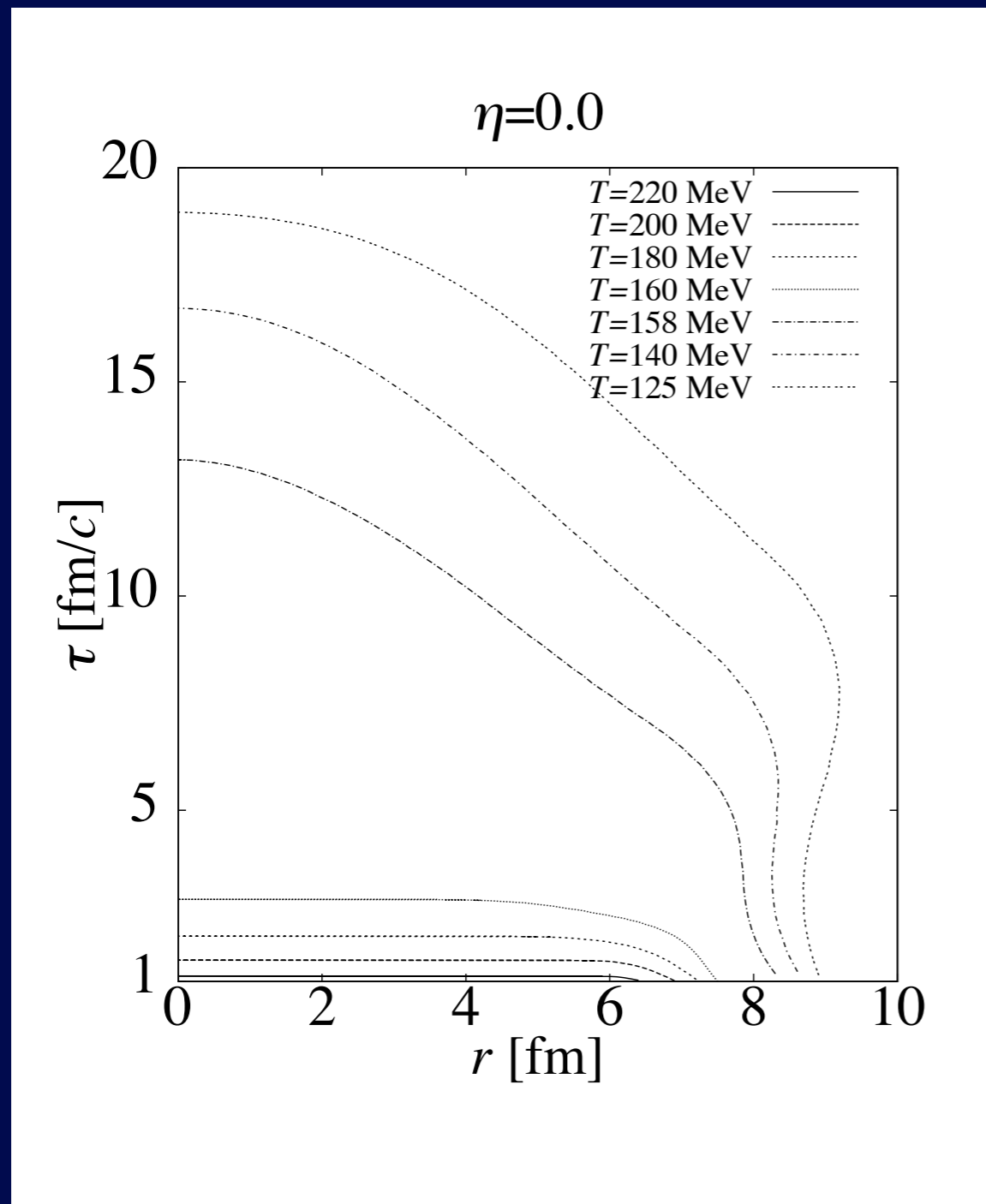
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Fireball Bose distribution at freezeout temperature (controlled by QCD mass spectrum...)

$$f(x, p) = \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\exp(p^{\mu} u_{\mu} / kT) - 1}$$

$$E(x) = p^{\mu} u_{\mu} = \gamma(\vec{\beta}) E - \gamma(\vec{\beta}) \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{p}$$

# Cooper-Frye Formula



Contours are  
result of numerical  
calculations

Unique consequence of  
initial conditions

+

equation of state

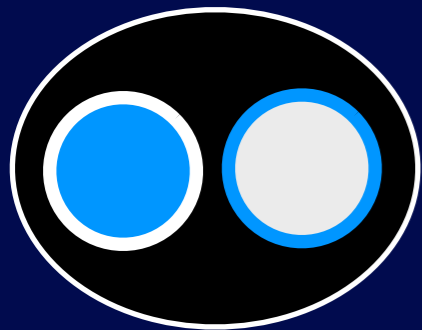
Choose freezeout

Hirano et al (2001)

Variety of quarks, angular momentum, parity, etc. gives exponential rise in number of states!

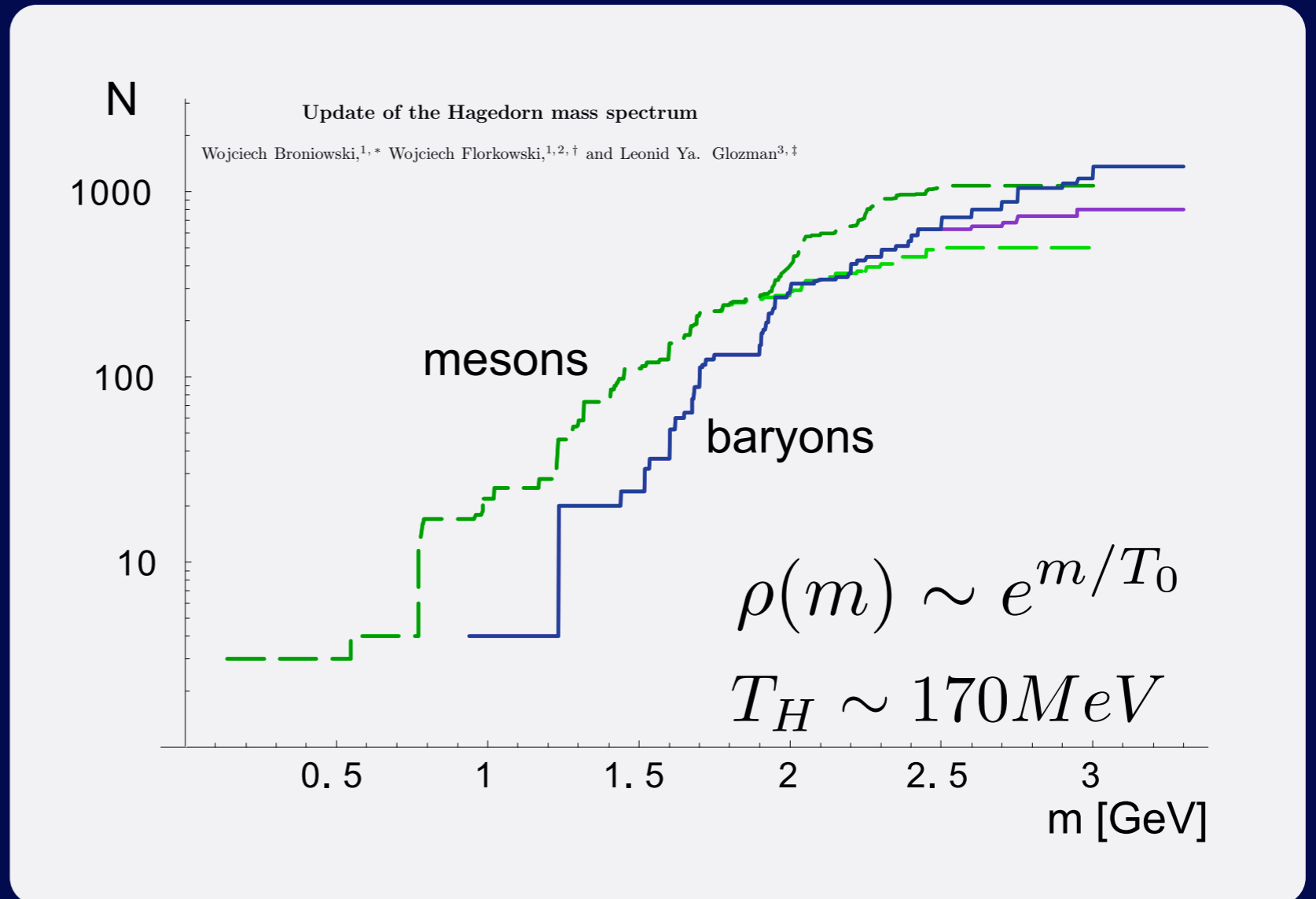


Baryon  
(3 q or  $\bar{q}$ )



Meson  
(1 q &  $\bar{q}$ )

$\Sigma$   
 $\Lambda$     $\Omega$   
 $p$     $\Delta$     $\Xi$   
 $n$   
 $\omega$     $\rho$   
 $K$     $\pi$     $\phi$   
 $\rho$



Broniowski et al (2004)

$$\rho(m) \sim m^a e^{m/T_0} \rightarrow Z = \int \rho(m) e^{-m/T} \rightarrow \infty (T \geq T_0)$$

Freezeout “happens” when all hadron states available

# Content of Cooper-Frye

- **First law of hydro:**

- Before freezeout, there are **no** particles

- **Cooper-Frye is a way to “fix” this**

- A “hack” to translate space-time-velocity distribution into particles via a local “thermal model”
- All mass dependencies happen at hypersurface

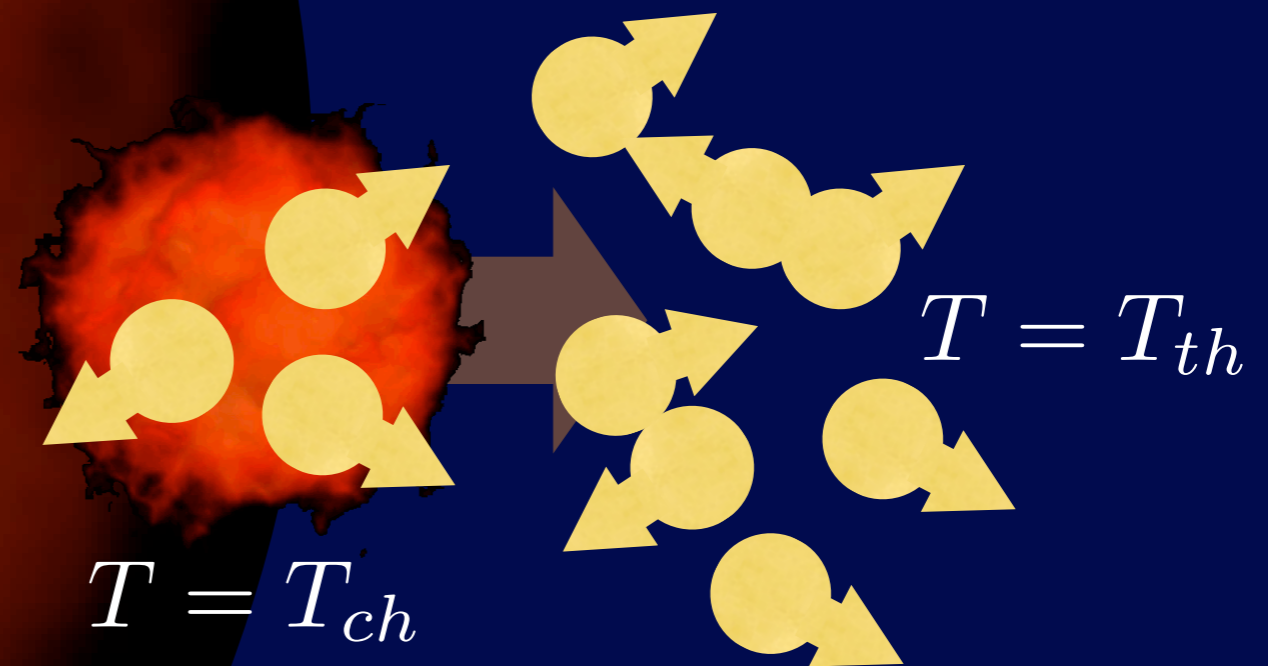
- **This is true of all hydro calculations we use**

- Csernai et al are trying more complicated freeze-out schemes, which I won't discuss

# Chemical vs. Thermal

Hadronic chemistry is set by Hagedorn temperature

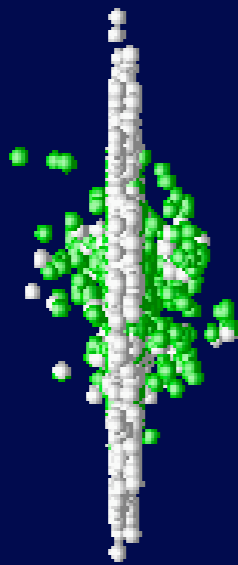
Some assume interacting hadron gas after freezeout (e.g. Heinz/Kolb, Shuryak et al, Hirano, etc.)



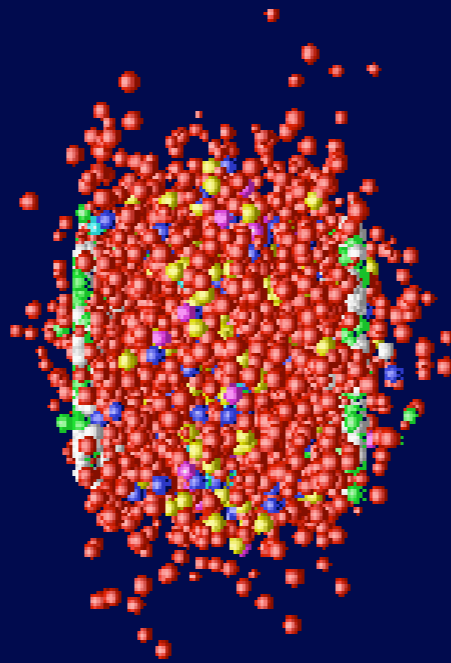
Relative amount of each species fixed at  $T_{ch}$ , but system cools to  $T < T_{ch}$



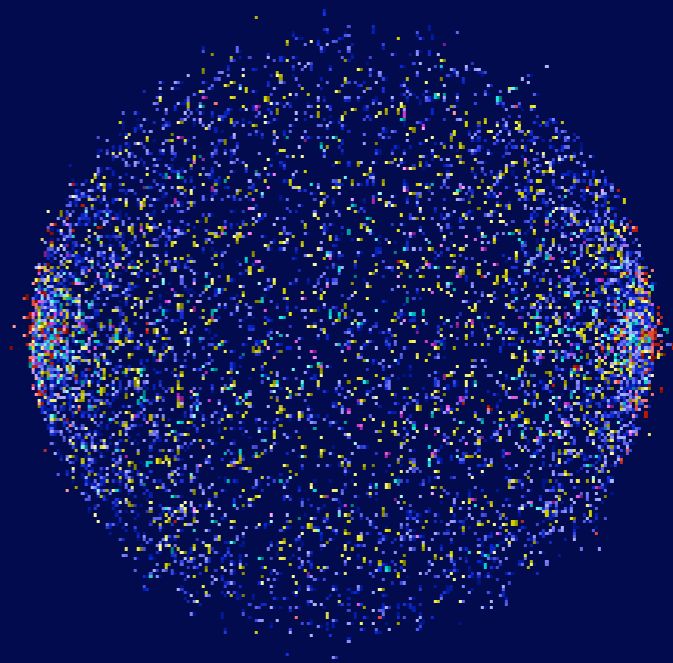
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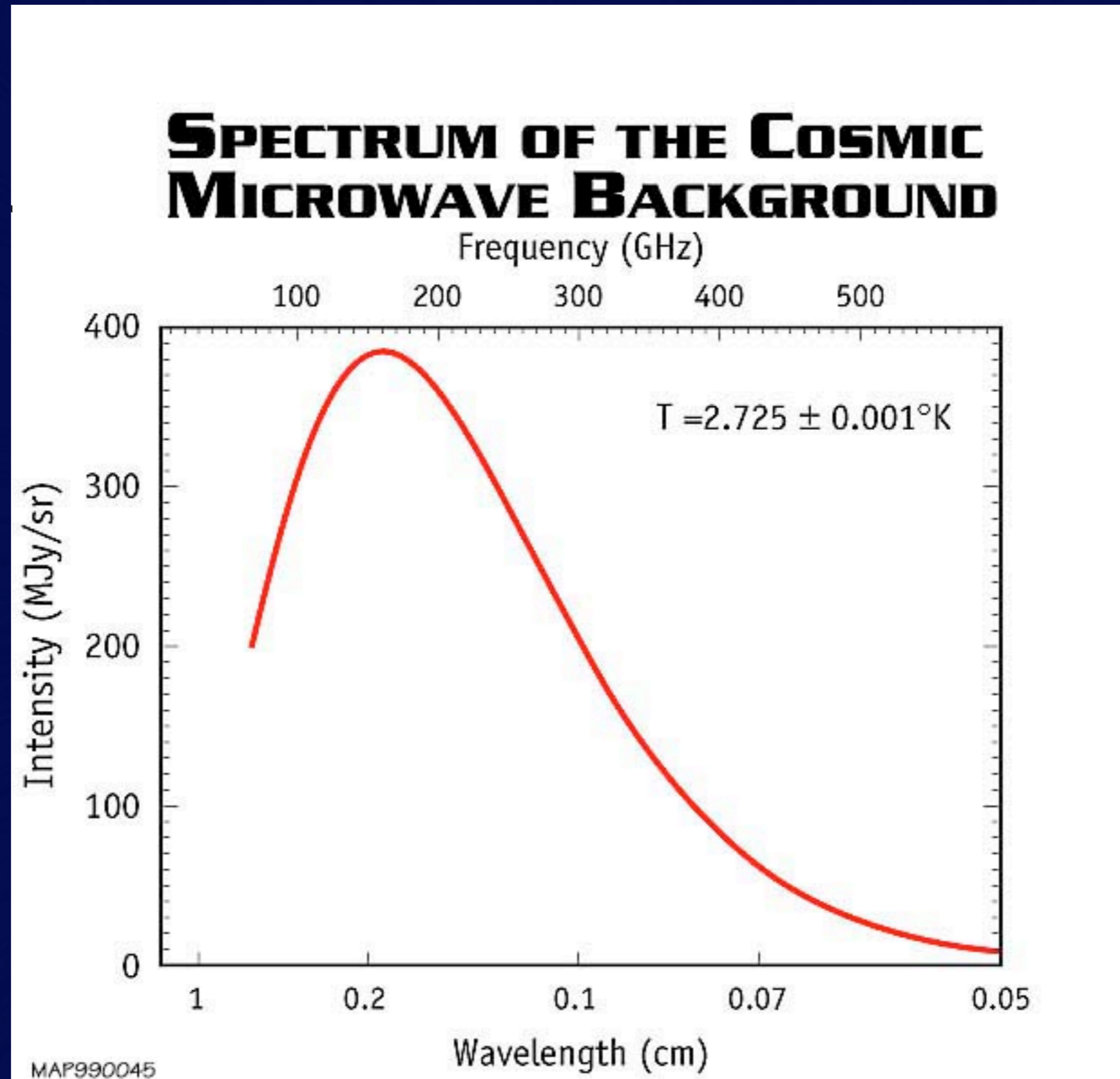


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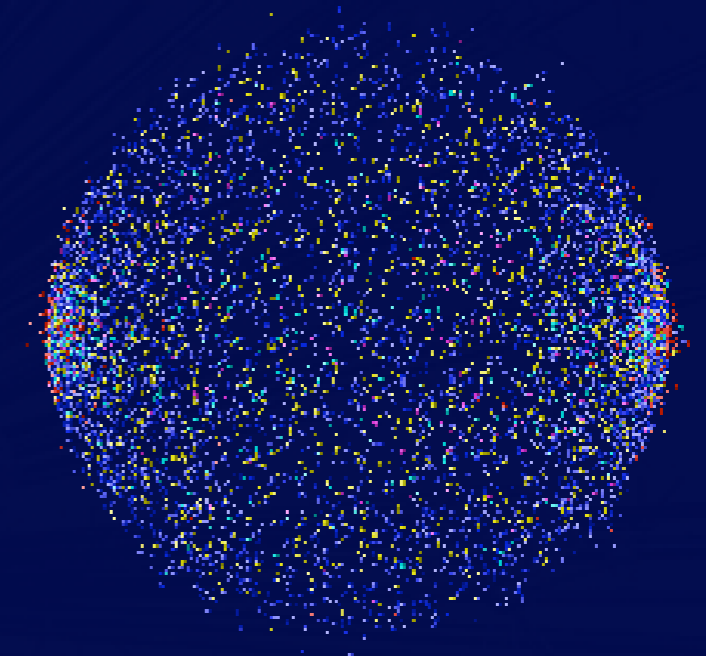
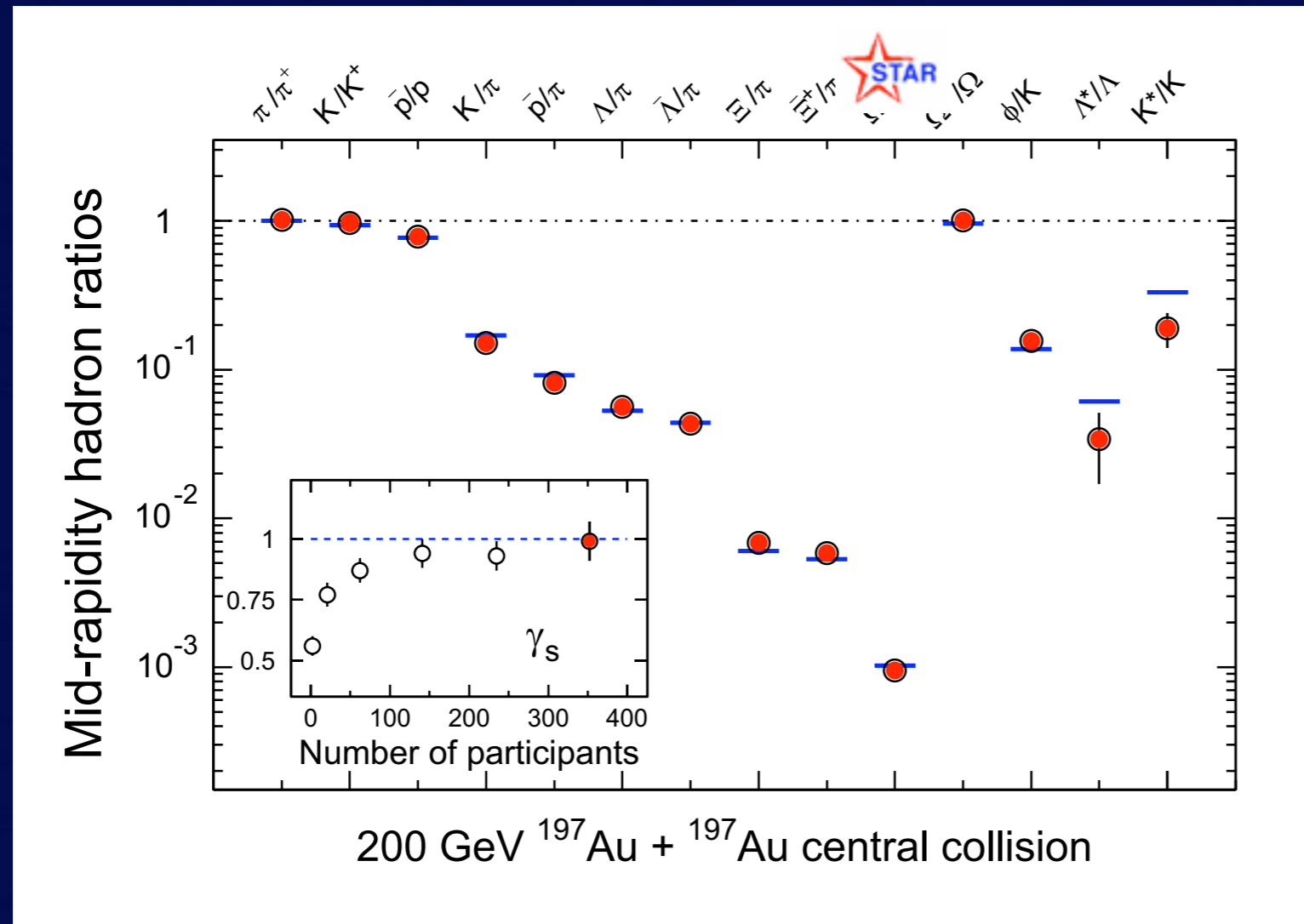
Time

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# Strong “Blackbody”



# Strong Blackbody



$T$	Chemical freezeout temperature
$\mu_B$	Baryochemical potential (more matter than antimatter)

$$N_i \propto V \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{e^{(\sqrt{p^2+m^2}-\mu_B)/T} \pm 1}$$

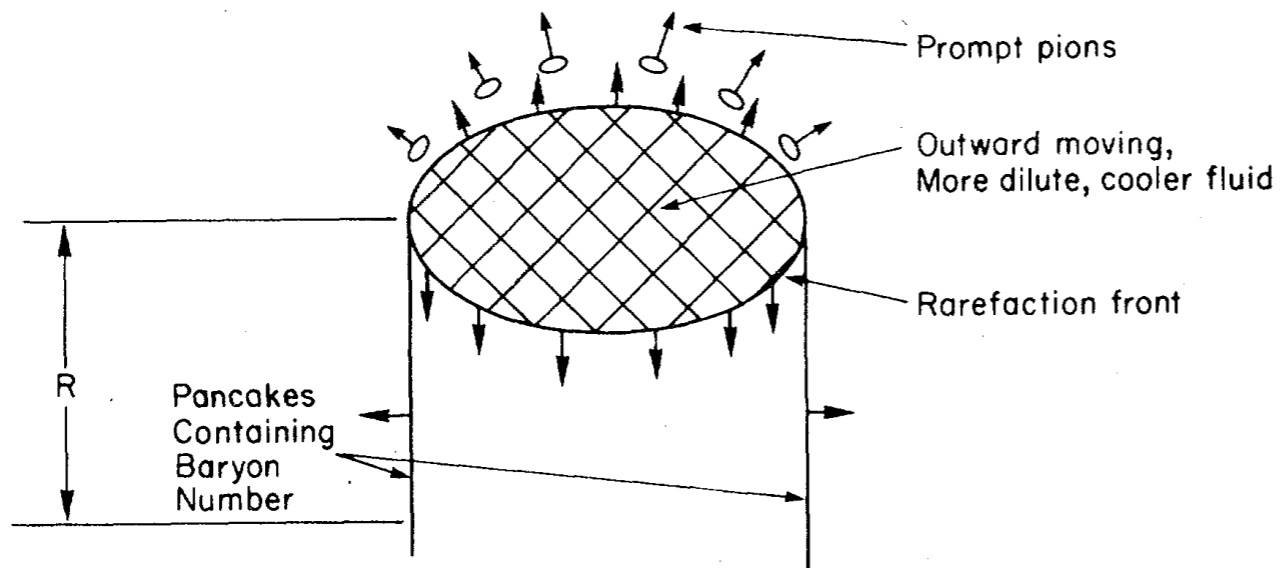
$$k_B T = 177 \text{ MeV} \sim 2 \times 10^{12} \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

All hadrons are available with thermal abundances @ freezeout

# Radial Flow

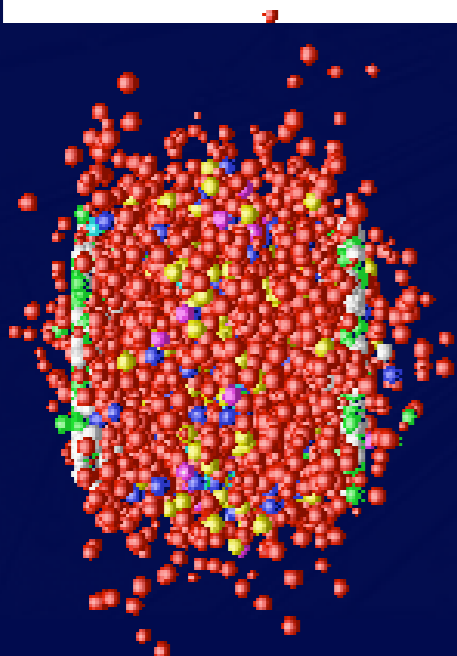
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J. D. BJORKEN (1983)

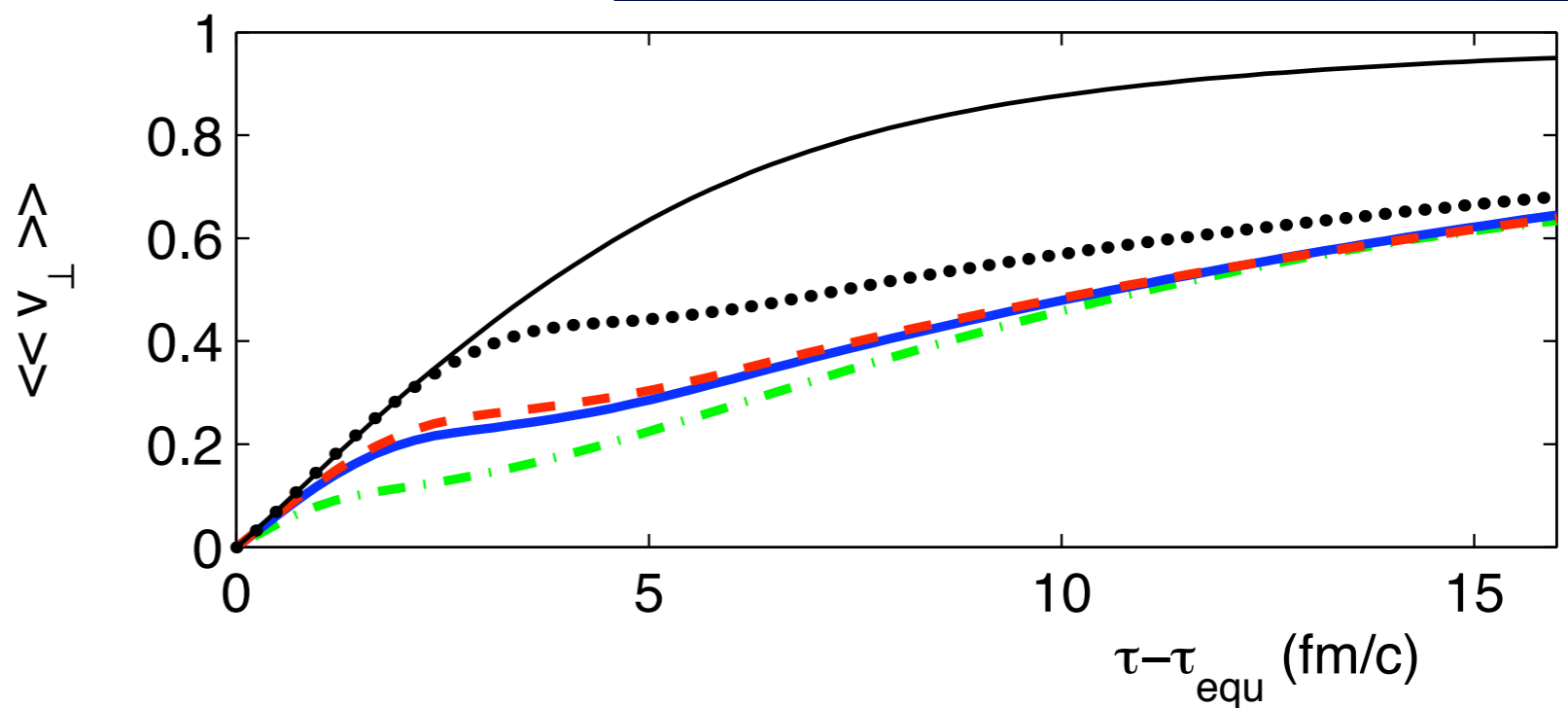


Radial flow starts from edge, builds up slowly,  $t \sim O(R/c_s)$

FIG. 4. Geometry of fluid expansion near the edge of the nuclei.

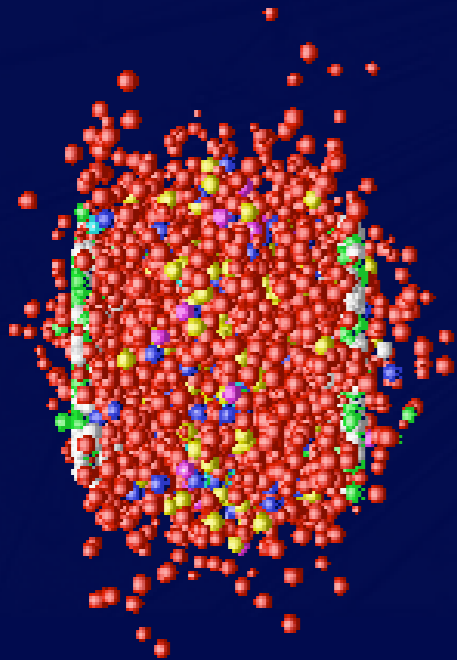
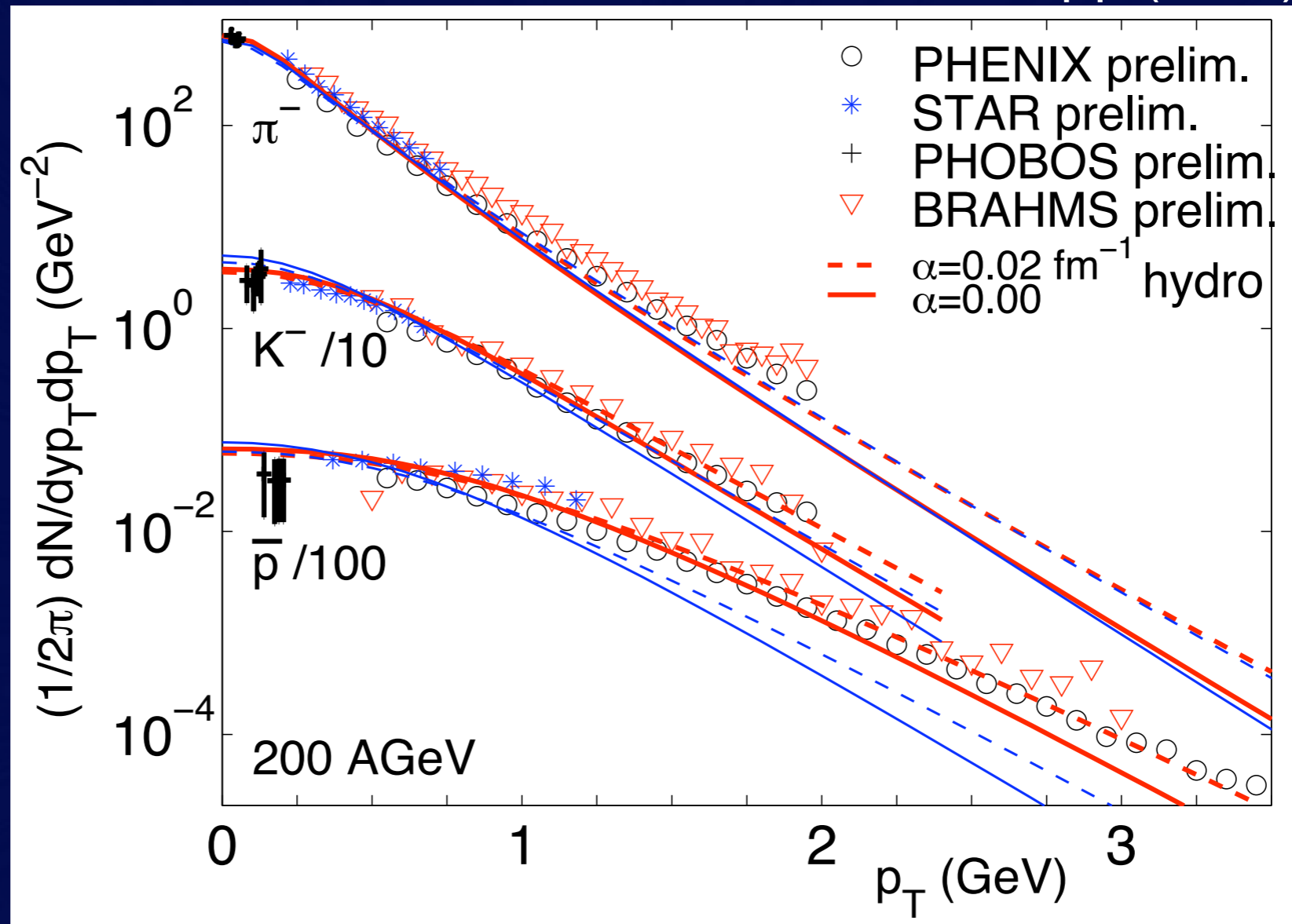


Kolb, PhD Thesis



# Radial Flow

Kolb & Rapp (2003)



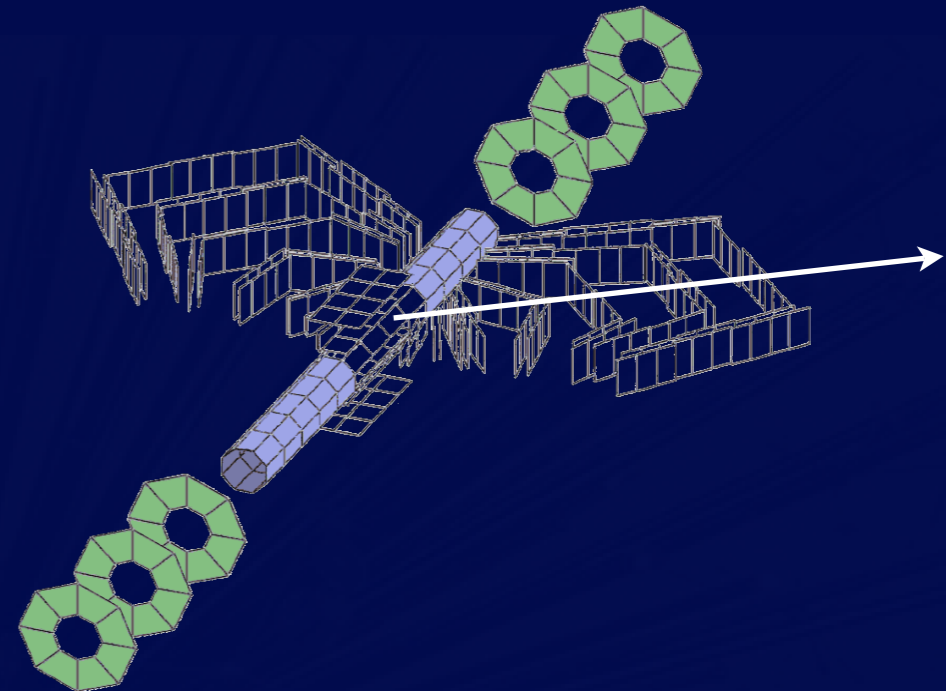
Build up of radial flow needed to describe bulk of data down to very low  $p_T$

# Estimating Reaction Plane

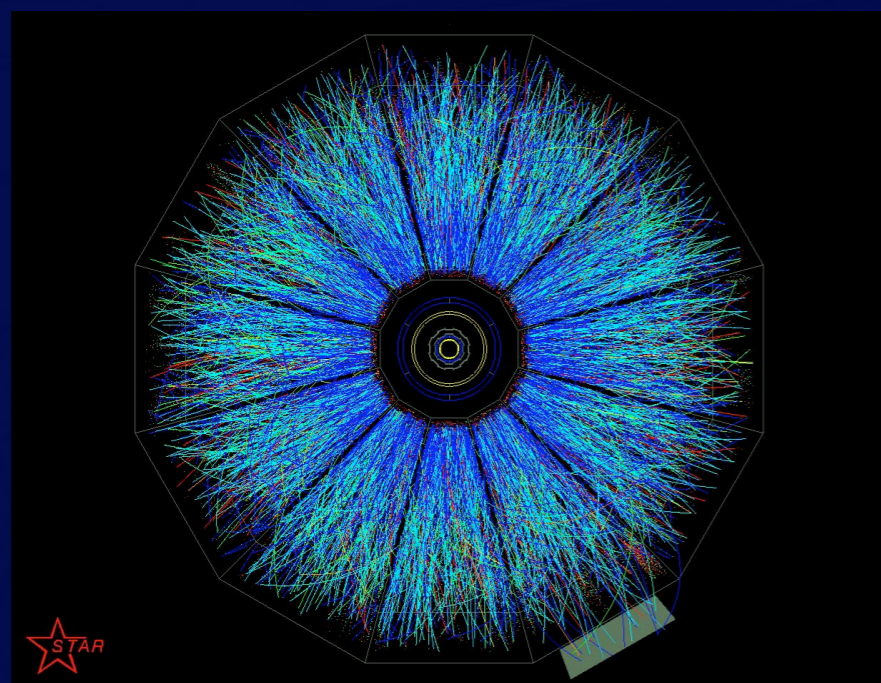
$$e_x = \sum_i \cos(2\phi_i)$$

$$e_y = \sum_i \sin(2\phi_i)$$

$$\Psi_{EP} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e_y}{e_x} \right\}$$

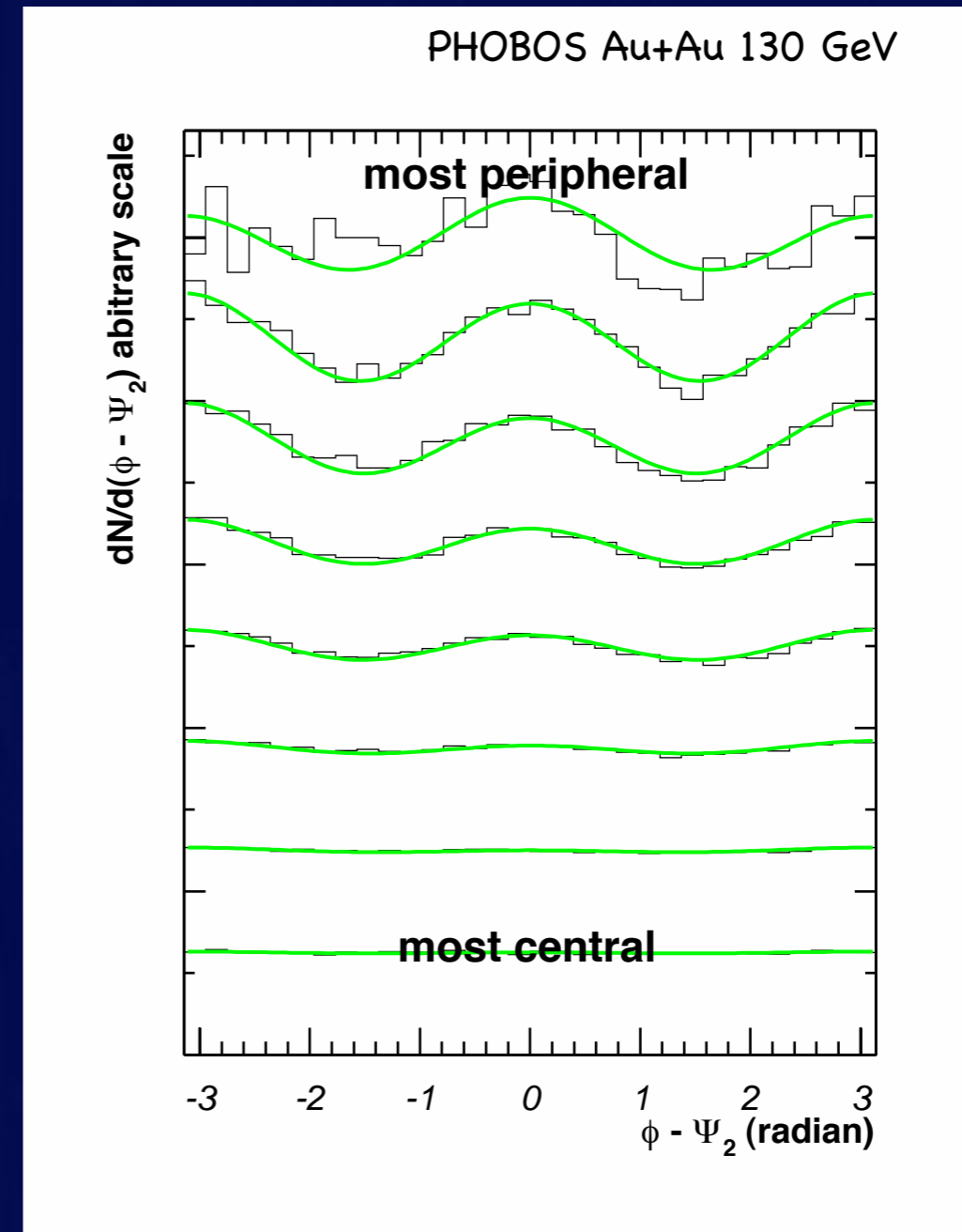
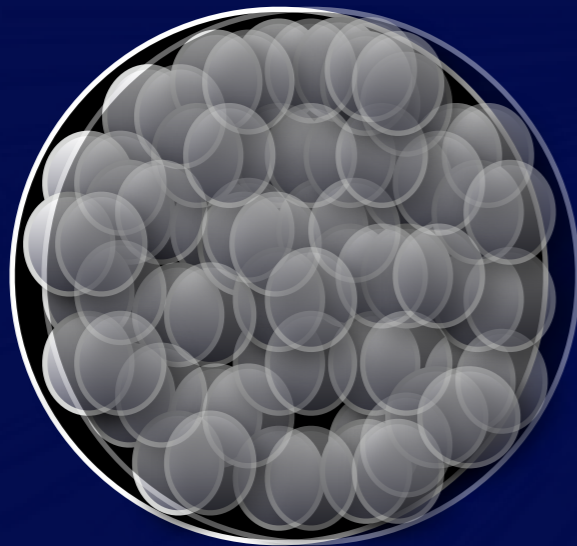
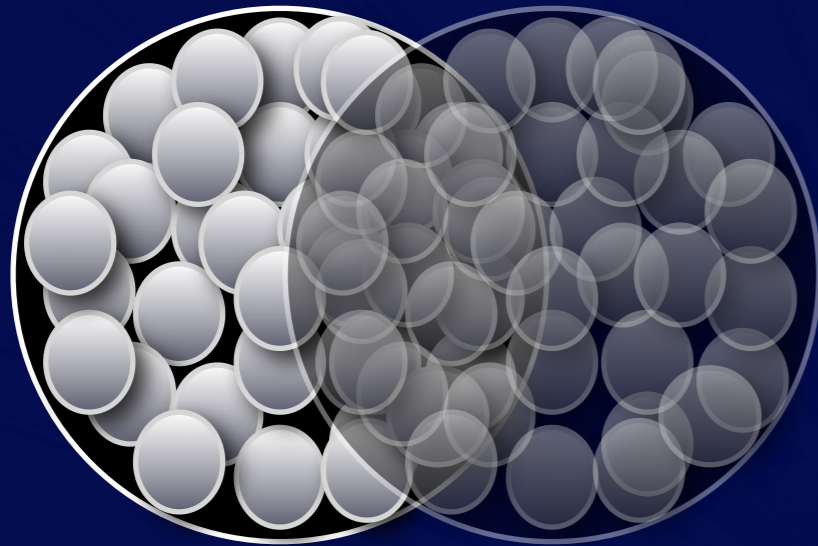


Resolution can be estimated by comparing subevents separated in (and away from measured track to avoid autocorrelation!)  $\eta$



$$v_2 = \frac{\text{estimator} \langle \cos(2[\phi_i - \Psi_R]) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \cos(2[\Psi_P - \Psi_N]) \rangle} \text{resolution}}$$

# $V_2$ @ RHIC



$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d\phi} = 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \Phi_R) + 2v_2 \cos(2[\phi - \Phi_R]) + \dots$$

Nicholas already taught us how to find event plane...

# Elliptic Flow in Hydro

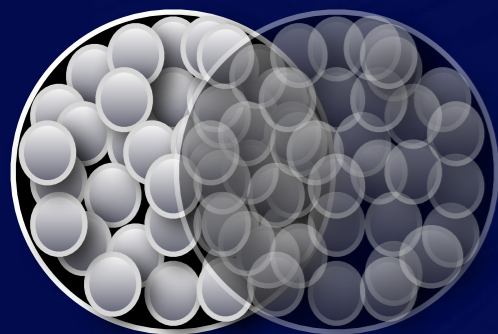
spatial “eccentricity”

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\langle Y^2 \rangle - \langle X^2 \rangle}{\langle Y^2 \rangle + \langle X^2 \rangle}$$

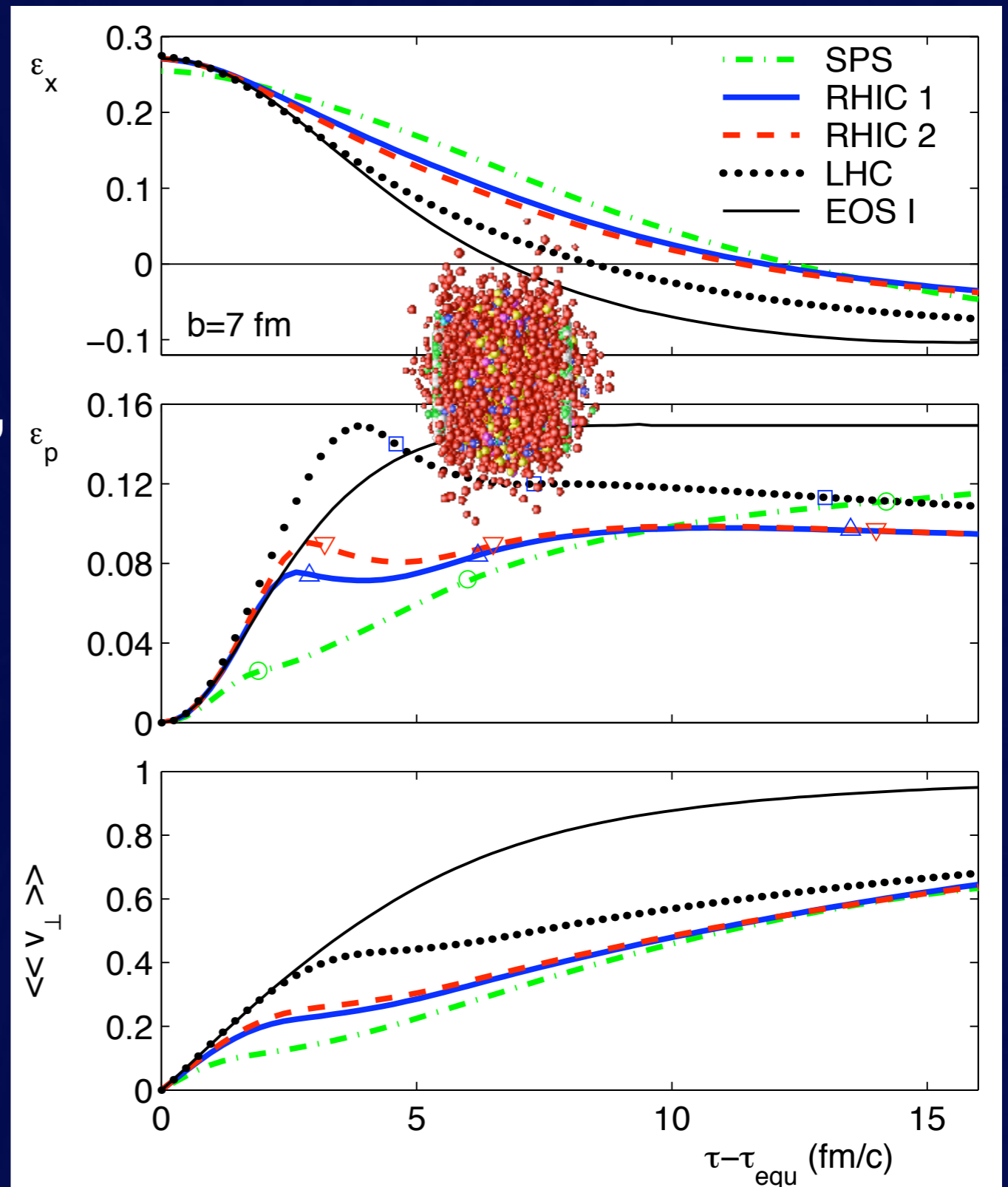
momentum “eccentricity”

$$\epsilon_p = \frac{\langle p_y^2 \rangle - \langle p_x^2 \rangle}{\langle p_y^2 \rangle + \langle p_x^2 \rangle}$$

Elliptic flow also builds up on  $t \sim O(R/c_s)$



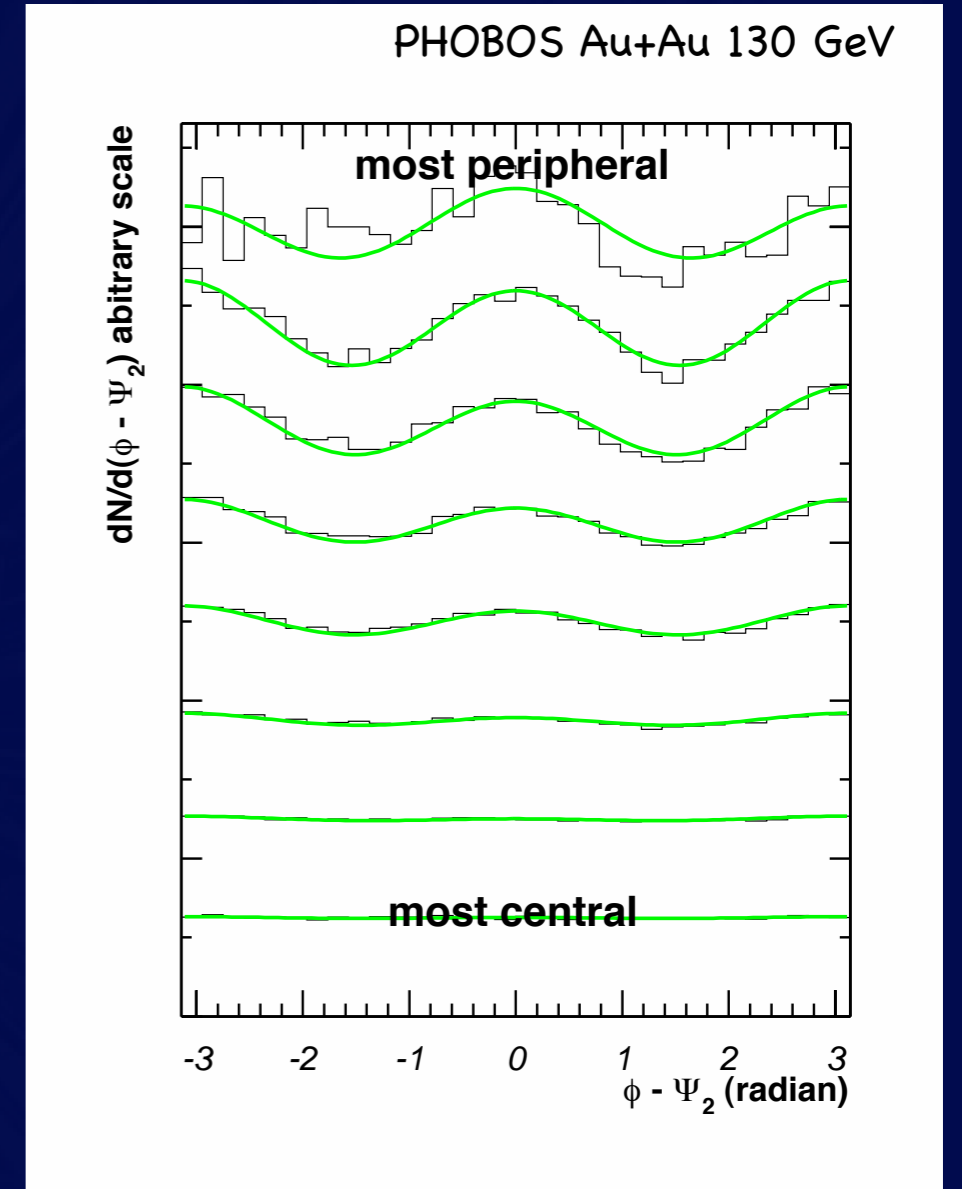
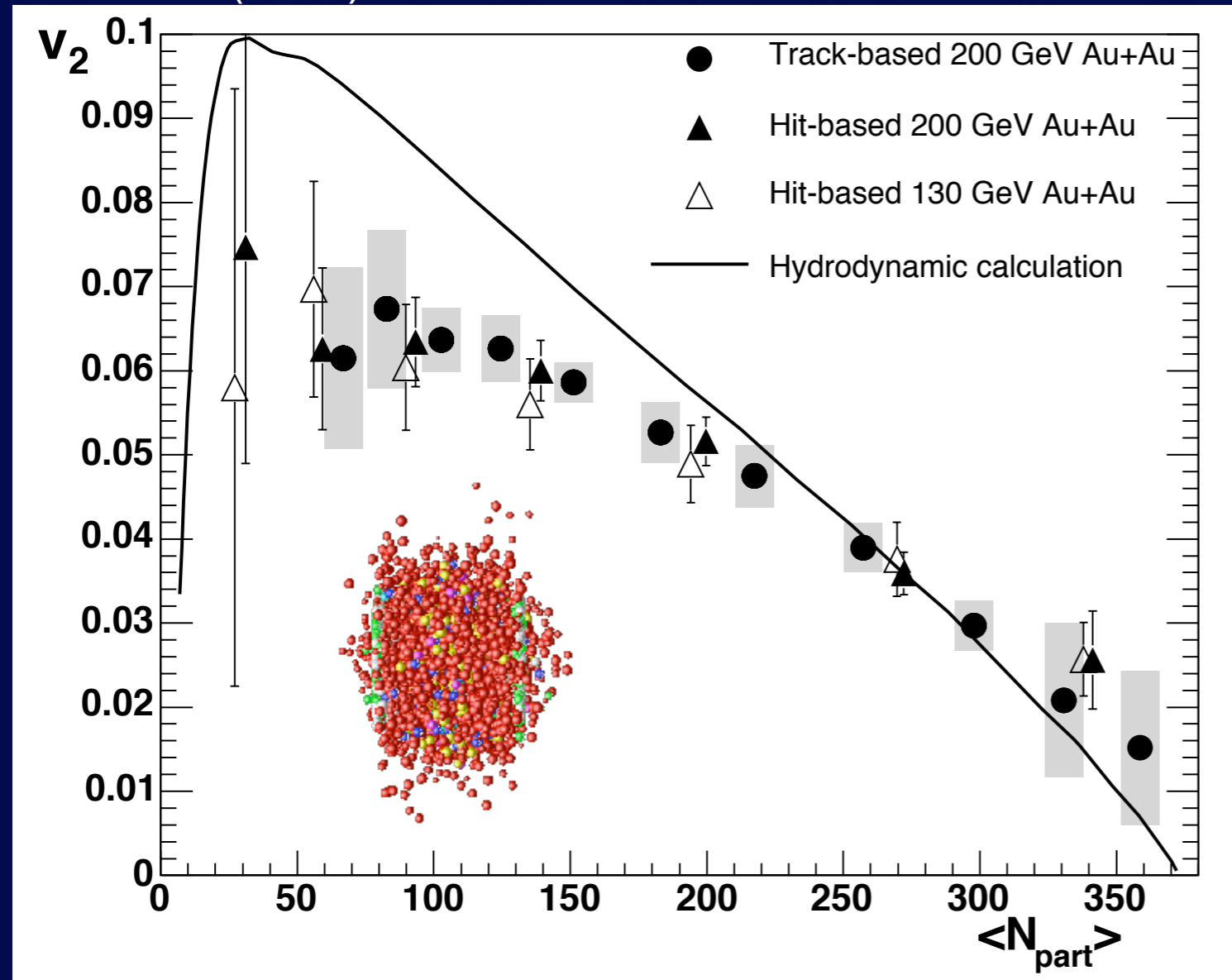
$$v_2 \propto \epsilon_x$$





# Hydro @ RHIC

PHOBOS (2004)



**hydro  
scales**

$$\tau_0 \sim 0.6 \text{ fm}/c$$

$$\epsilon \sim 30 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

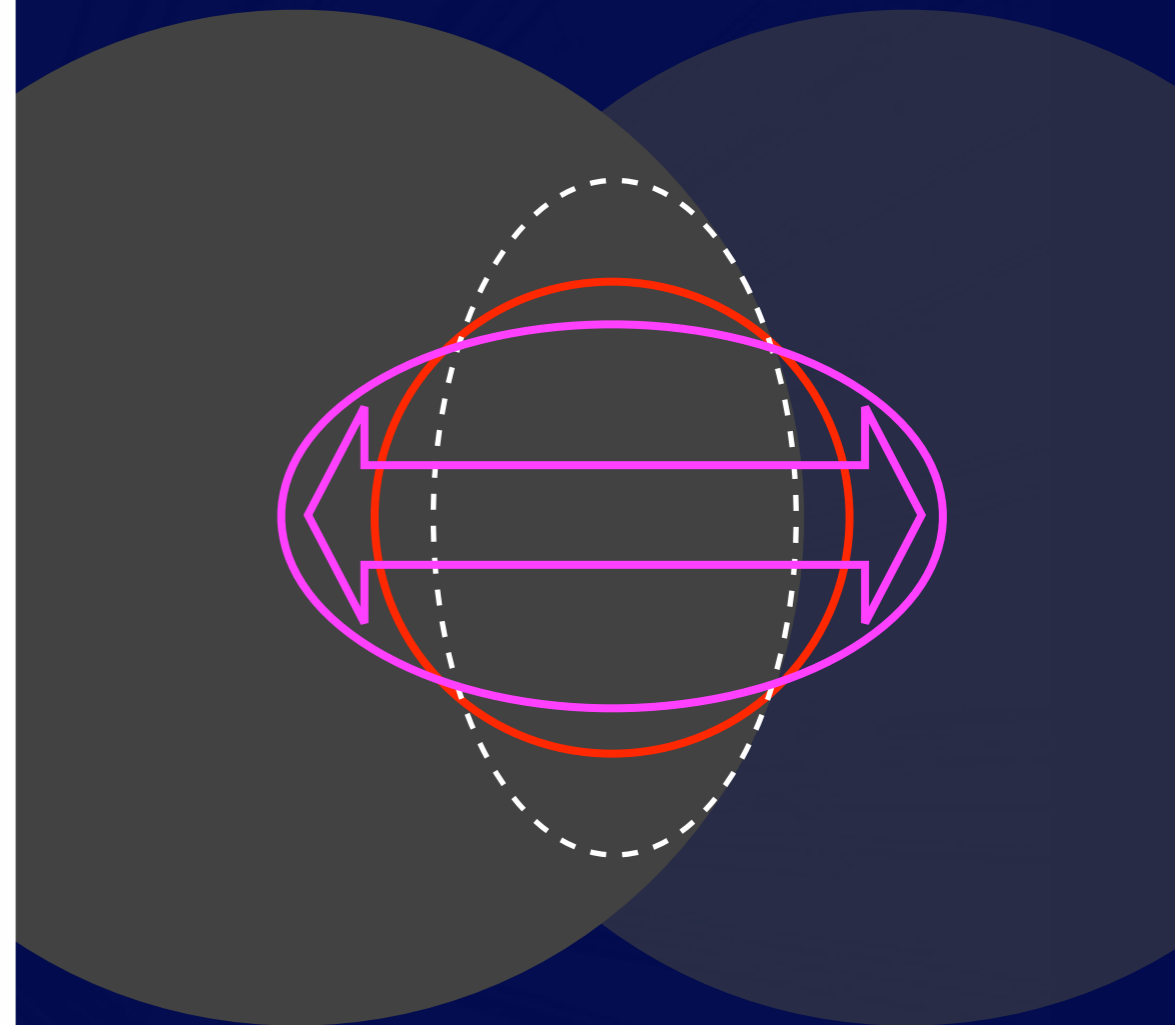
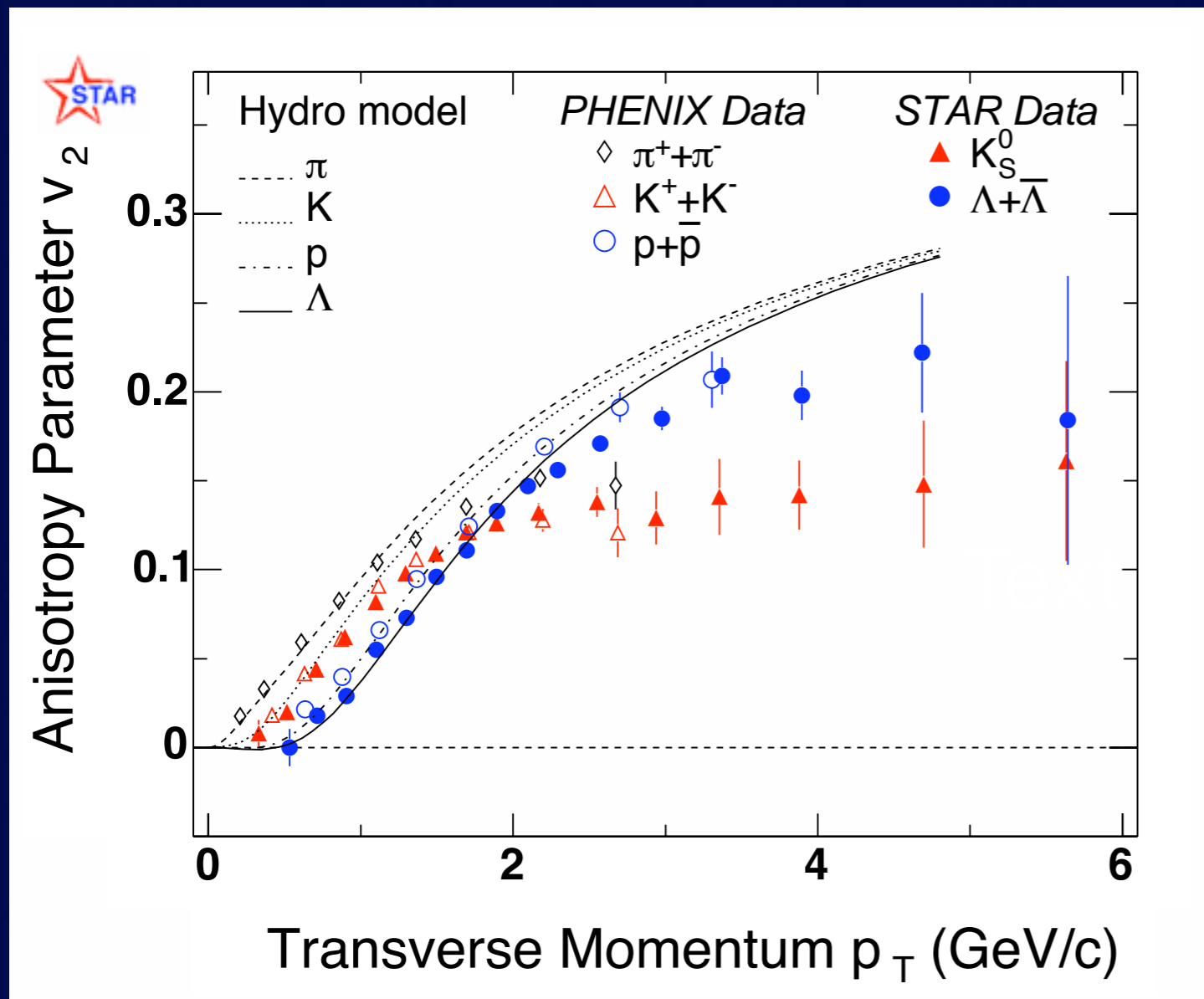


$$\tau_0 \sim 1 \text{ fm}/c$$

$$\epsilon \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

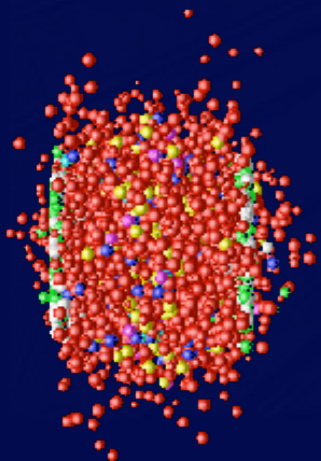
**hadronic  
scales**

# “Fine Structure”



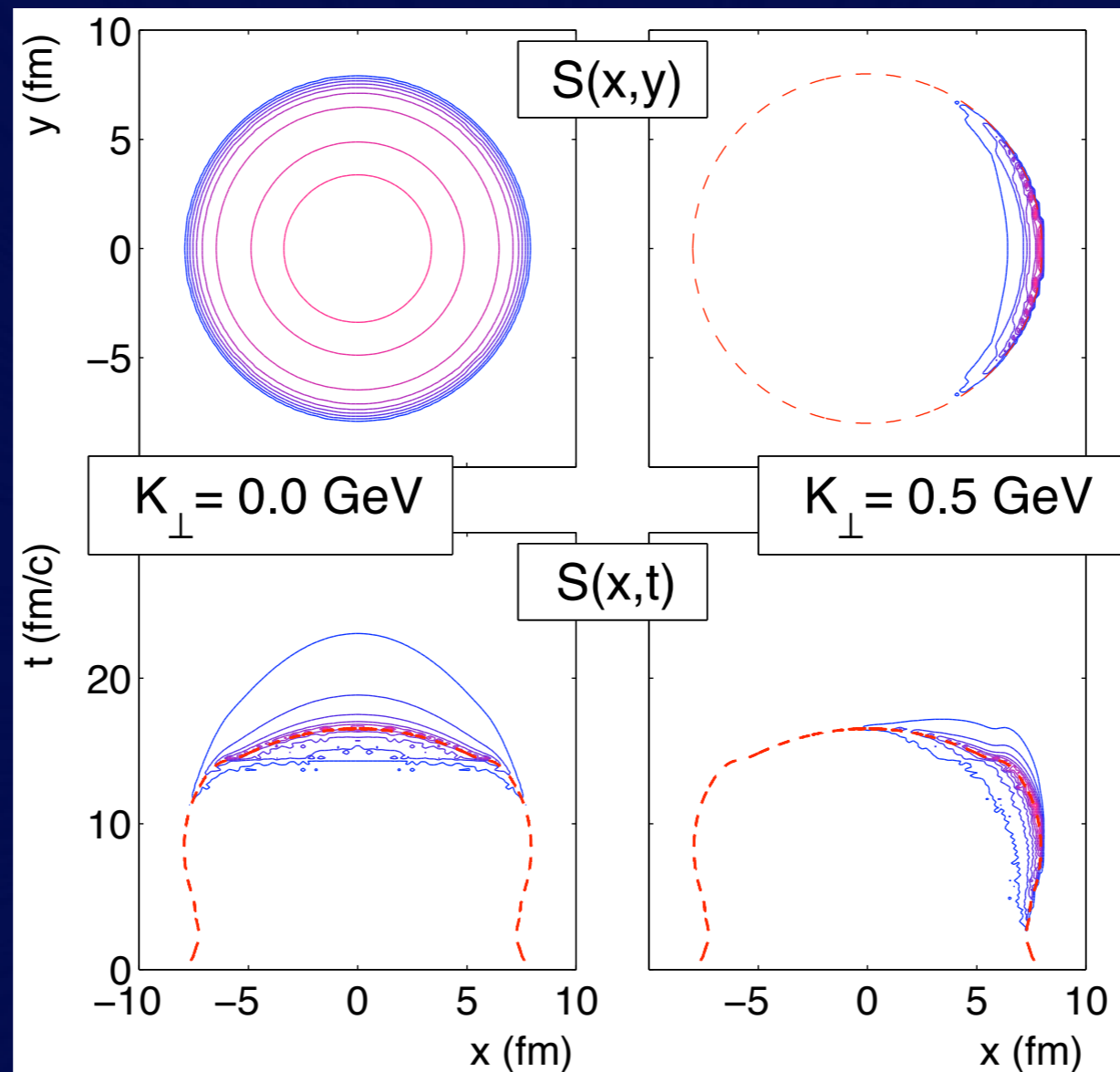
Low energy particles are  
~isotropically emitted

Higher energy particles  
“feel” the geometry



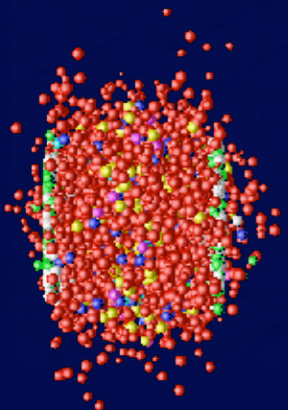
# Space-Time Image

Low momentum particles are emitted isotropically from full source



High momentum particles are emitted from a compressed volume near system edge

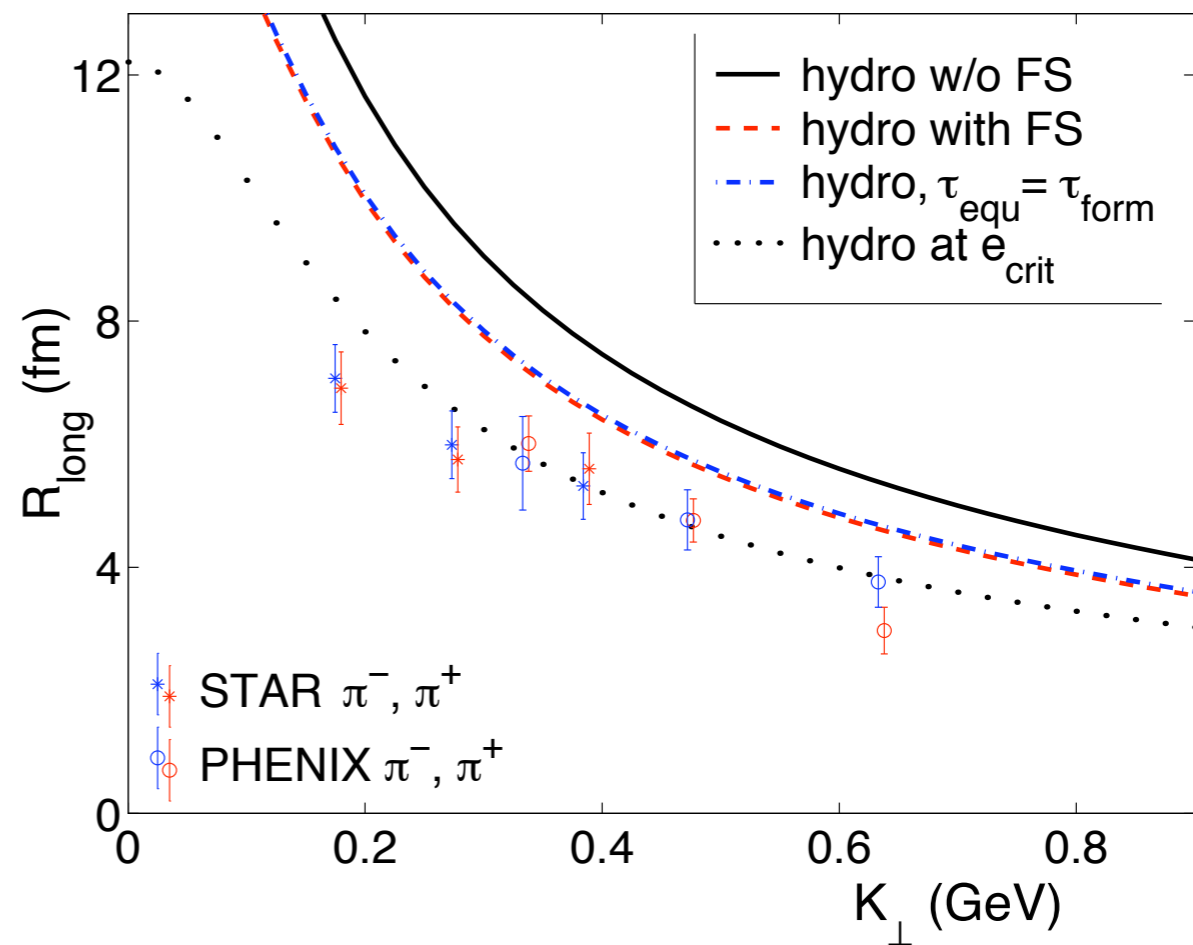
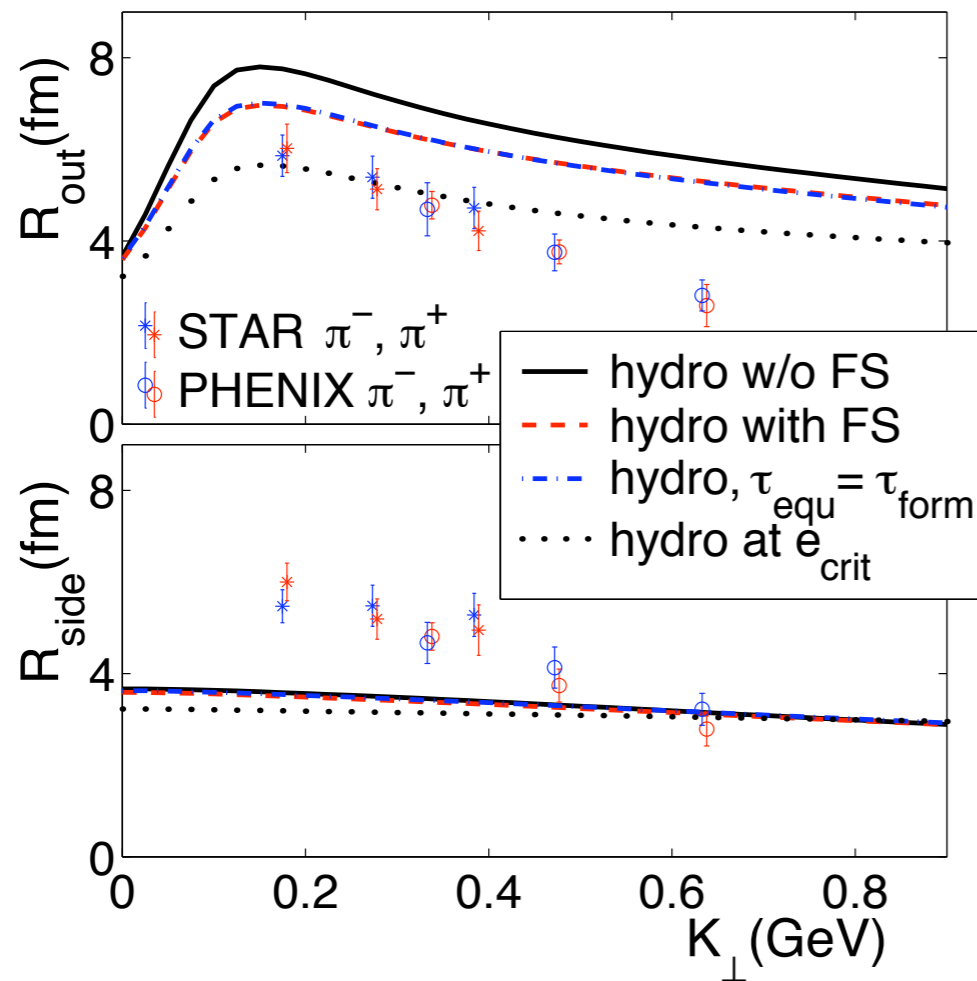
P. Kolb, PhD Thesis



Study this with HBT correlations

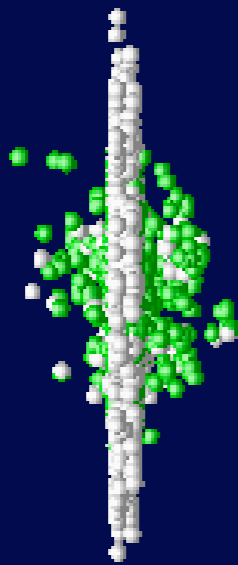
# Hydro vs. HBT

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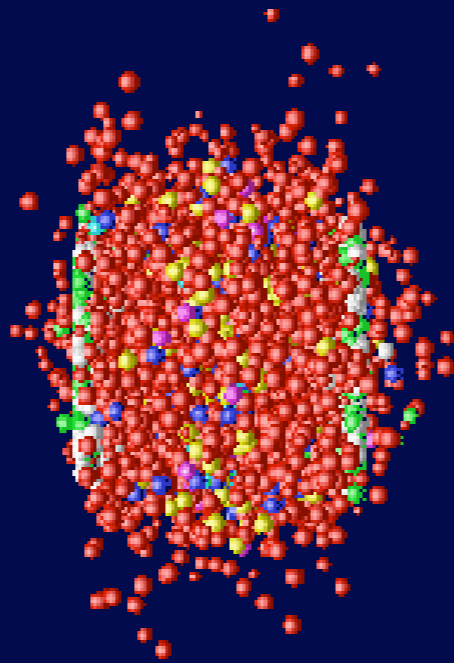


Qualitative trend seen in data,  
totally missed by 2+1D hydro...

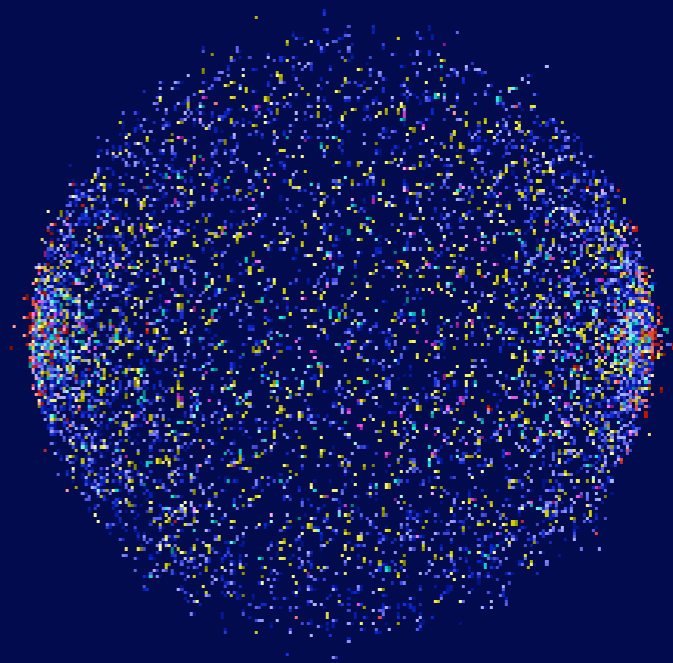
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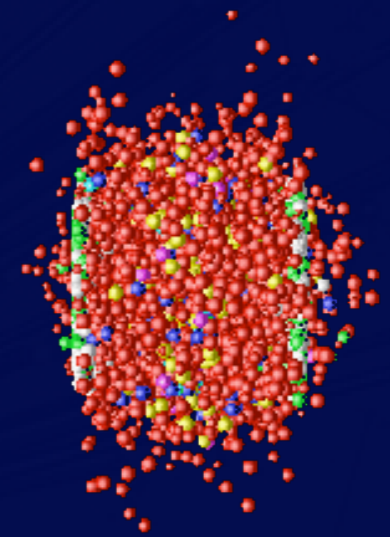
Time

Experimental Discovery

# What have we seen?

thermalized, collective matter that is...

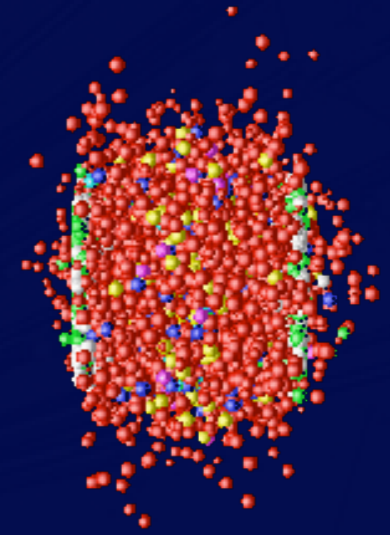
Hotter ( $>10^{12}$  °K)  
Denser ( $>30$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>)  
Smaller ( $\sim 6$  fm)  
Forms faster ( $\tau_0 < 1$  fm/c)  
than other known liquids  
and perfect?



**Do we know  
that it has  
zero viscosity?**

**Does it have  
attractive interactions  
characteristic of liquids?**

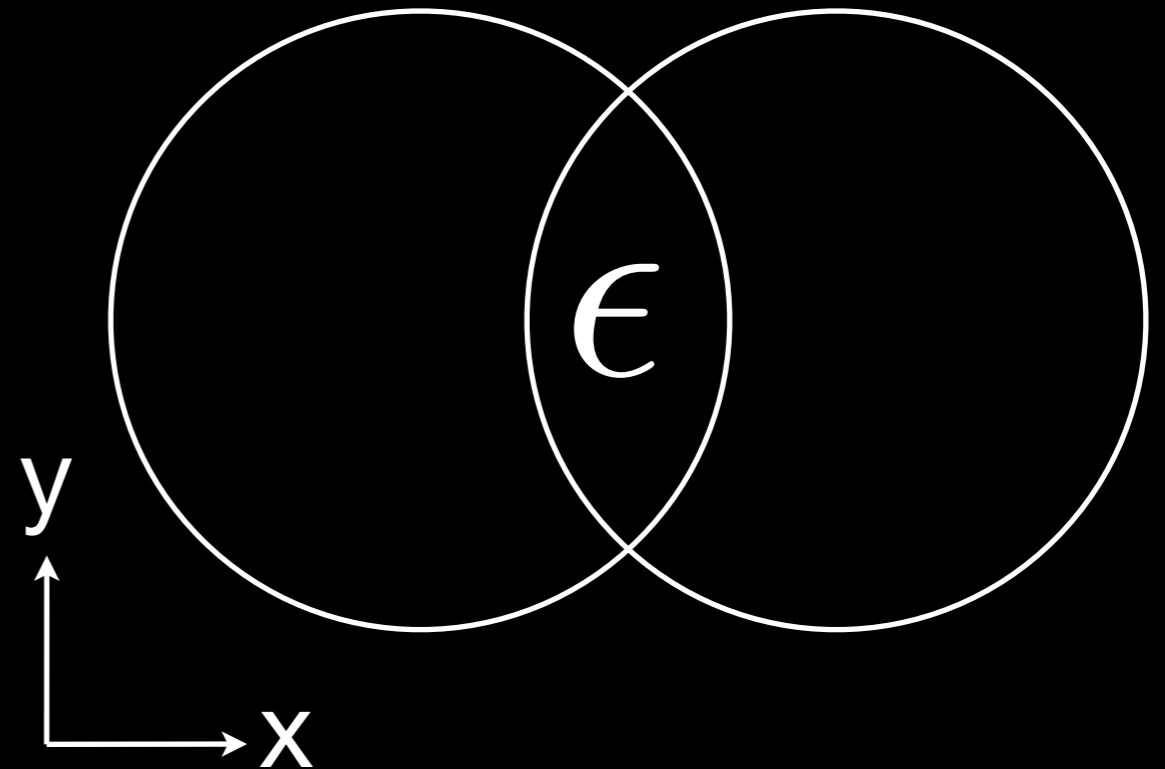
**Perfect  
Liquid?**



# Eccentricity

Overlap zone where matter thermalizes has a particular “shape” vs. impact parameter

$$\epsilon_{std} = \frac{\sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x^2}{\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2}$$

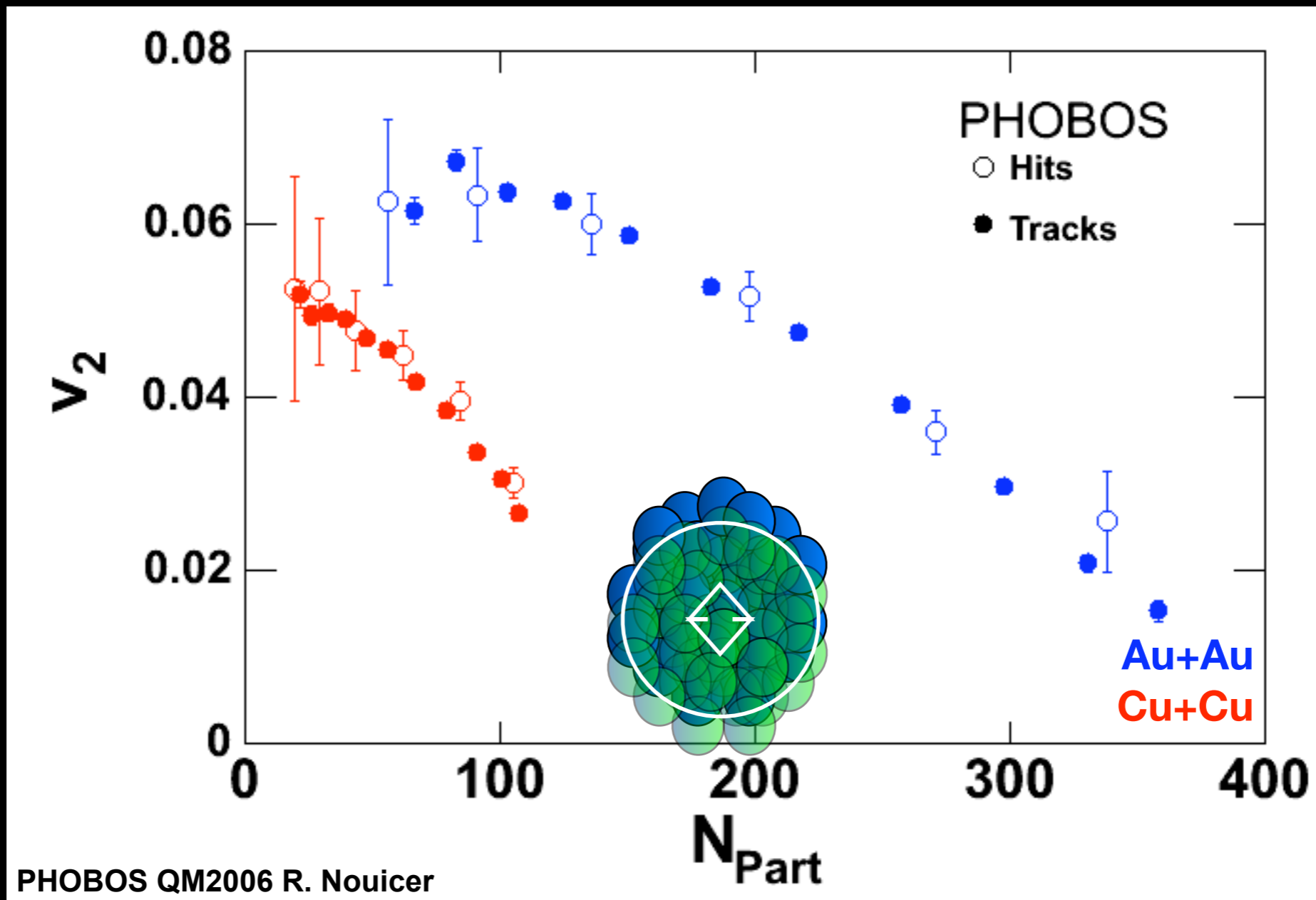


Generically, hydro predicts complete transfer of spatial anisotropy into momentum anisotropy!

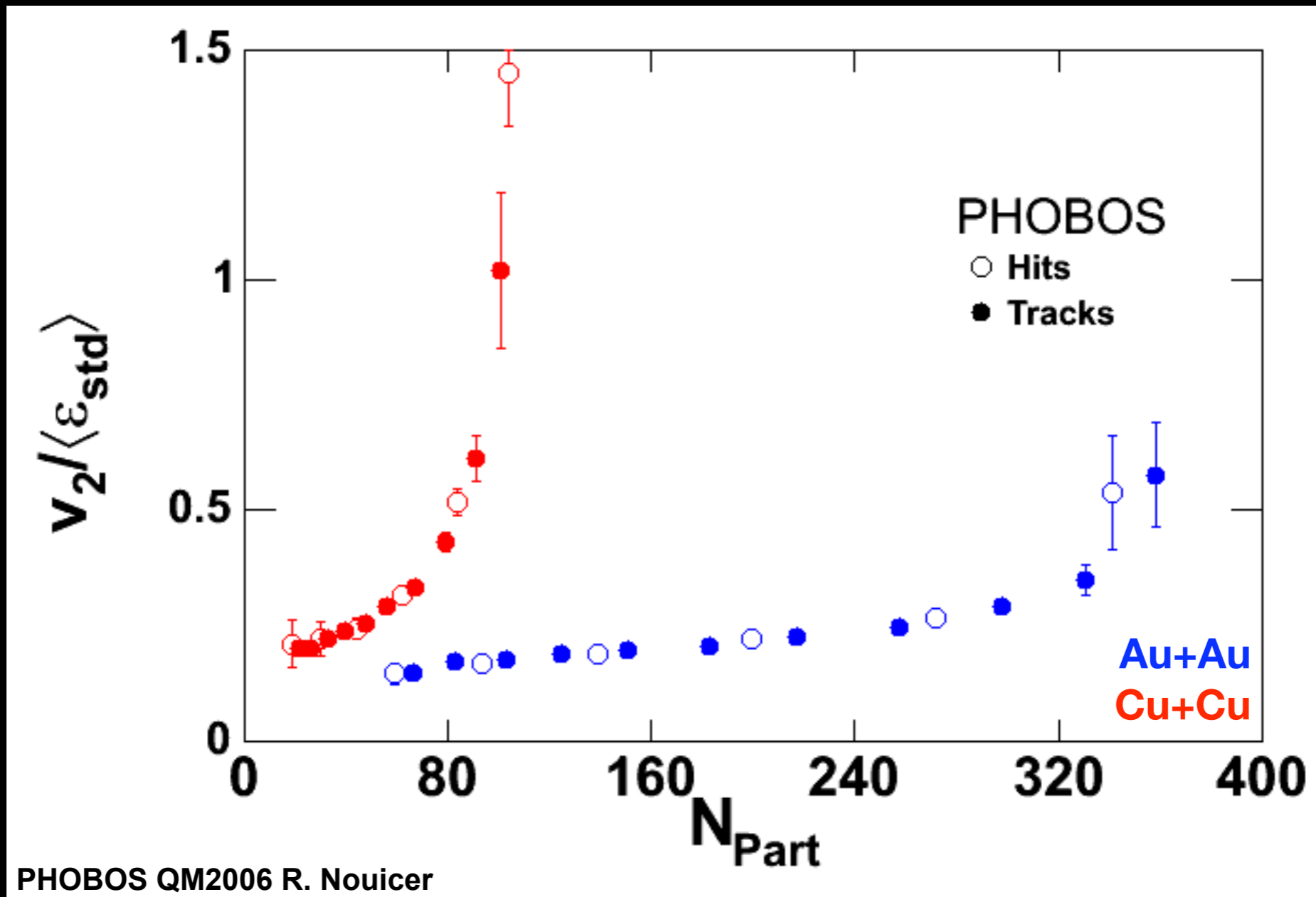
$$v_2 \propto \epsilon$$



# Does $v_2$ follow $\epsilon$ ?



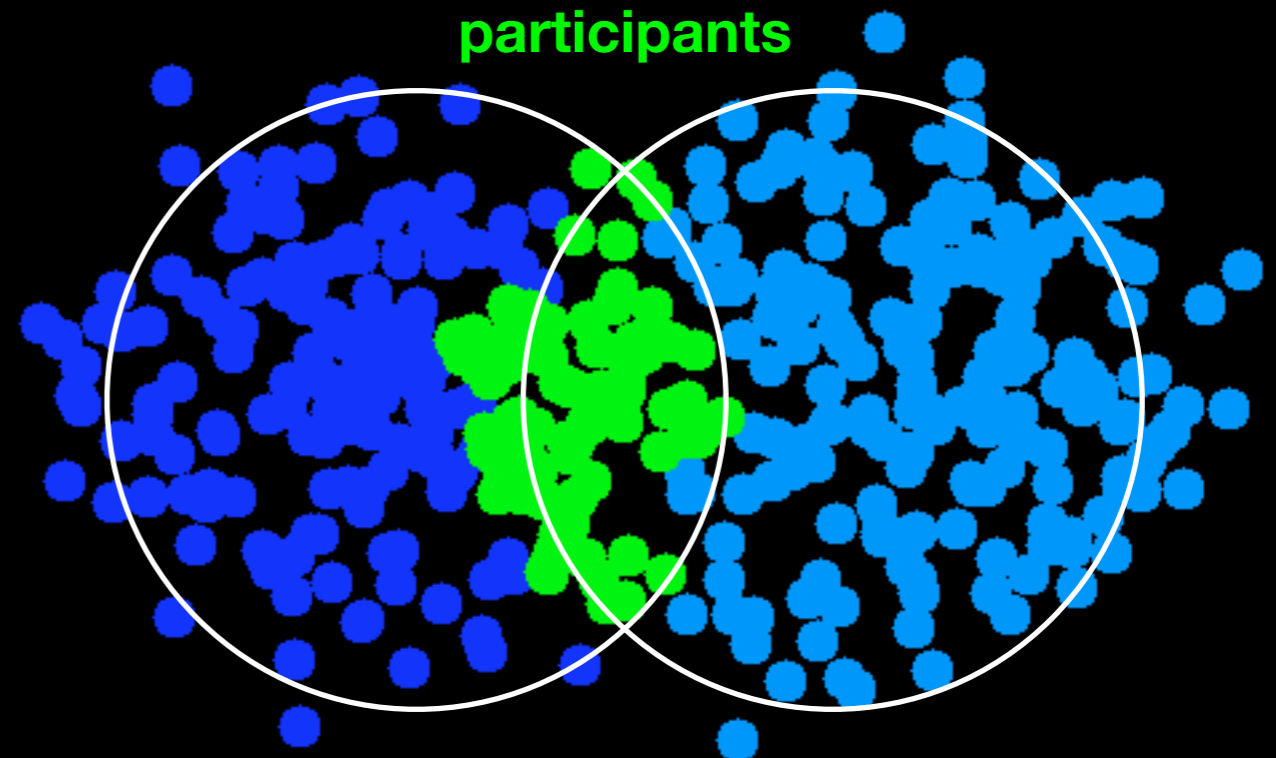
# Something wrong...



# Eccentricity Fluctuations

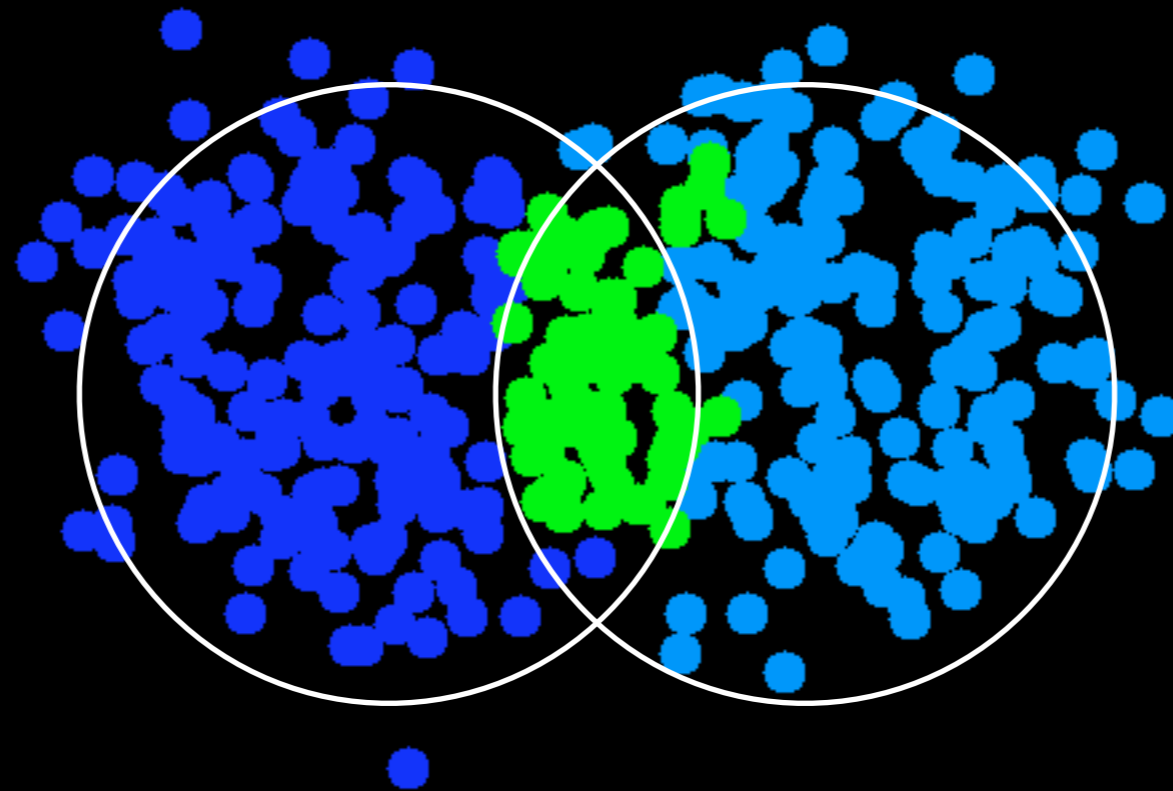
**Smooth nuclei**

**Discrete Nucleons  
("Glauber Monte Carlo"  
approach)**

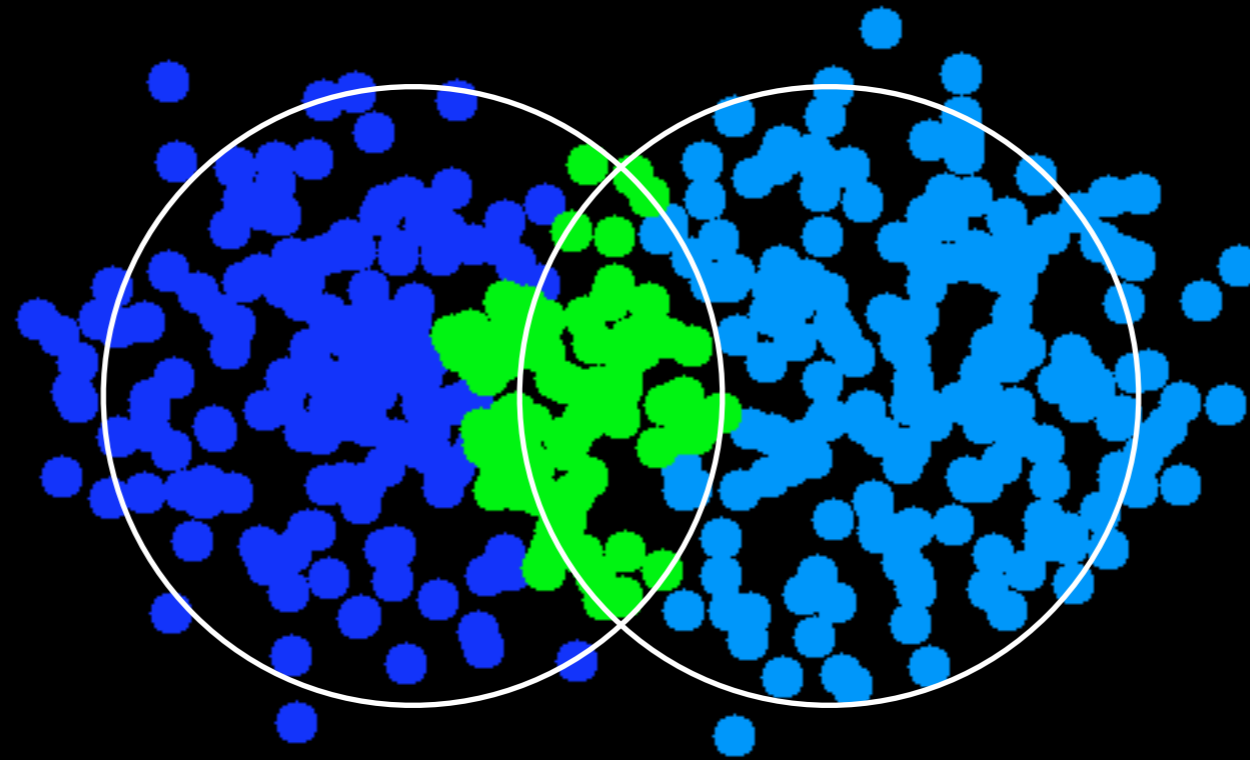


We know nuclei are made of nucleons,  
Why "insist" that an average density  
matters for flow measurements?

Au+Au



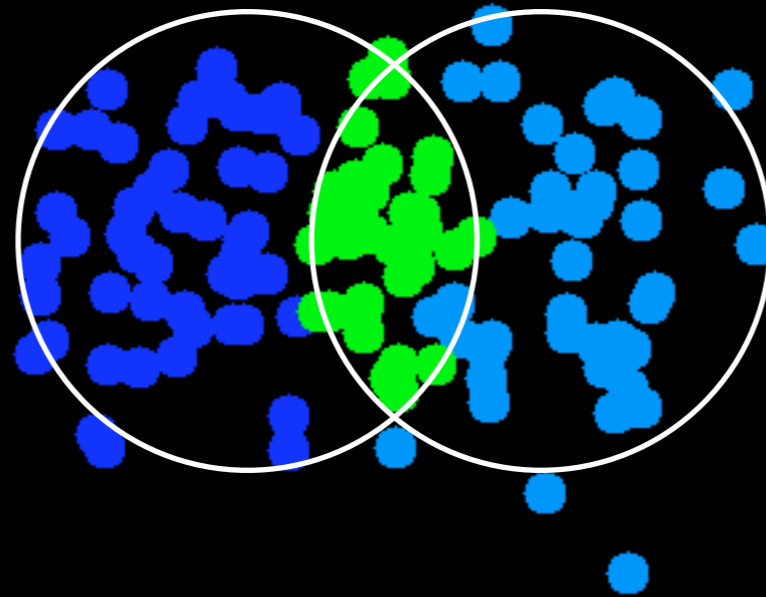
# Au+Au



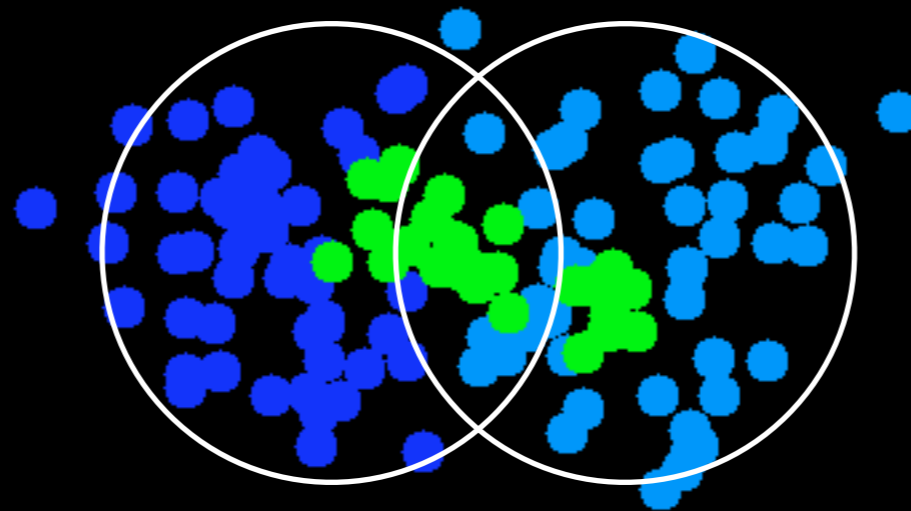
Participants trace out overlap zone, but include

1. Fluctuations (finite number per event)
2. Correlations (it takes two to tango...)

Cu+Cu

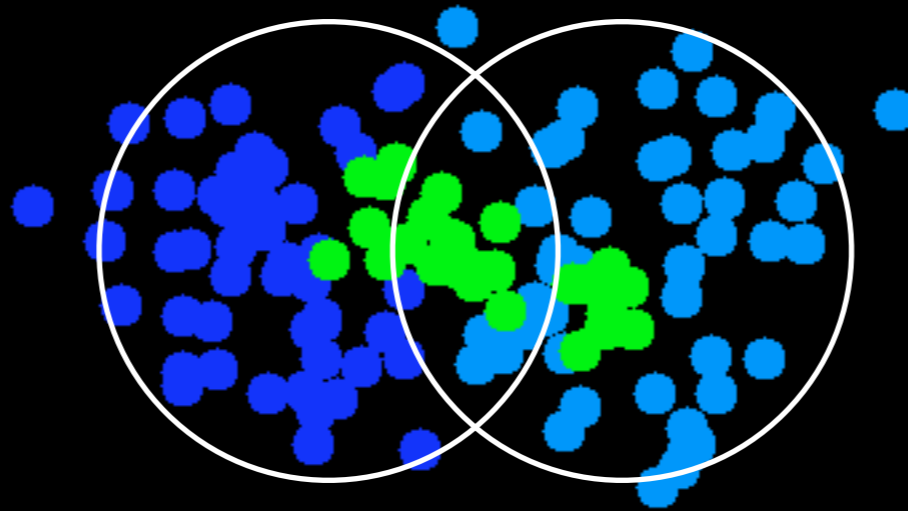


# Cu+Cu



Fluctuations can seriously deviate from nominal overlap zone for small numbers of nucleons

# Cu+Cu



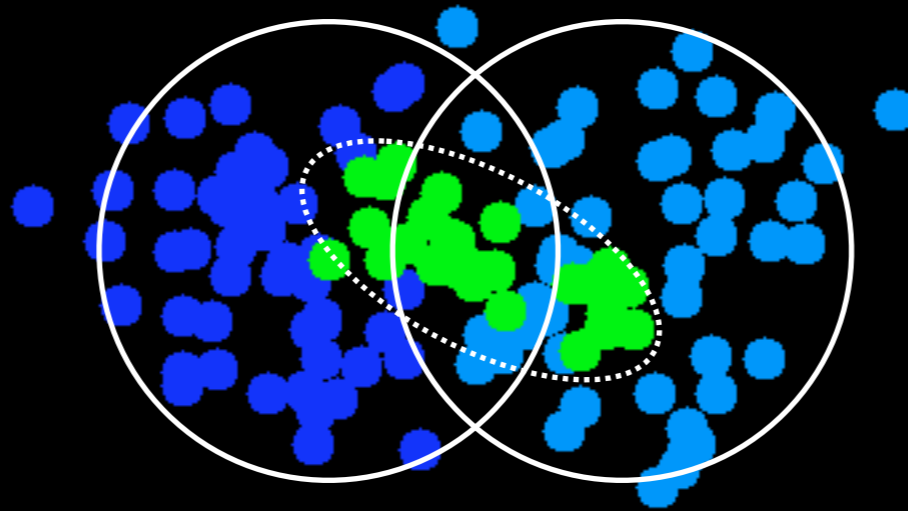
$$\epsilon_{std} = \frac{\sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x^2}{\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2}$$

“Standard eccentricity”



# Cu+Cu

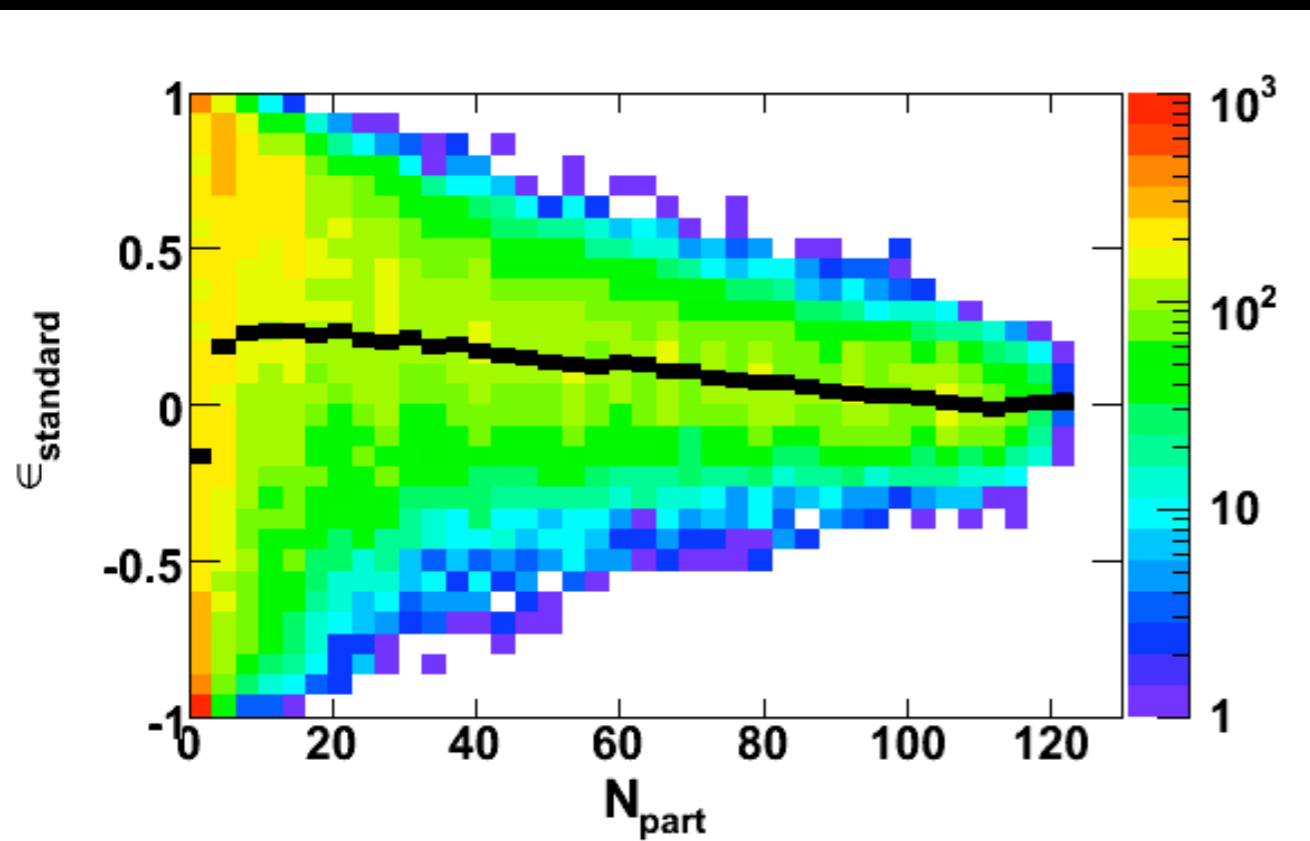
Principal axes make sense if  $v_2$  depends on shape of produced matter, not the reaction plane



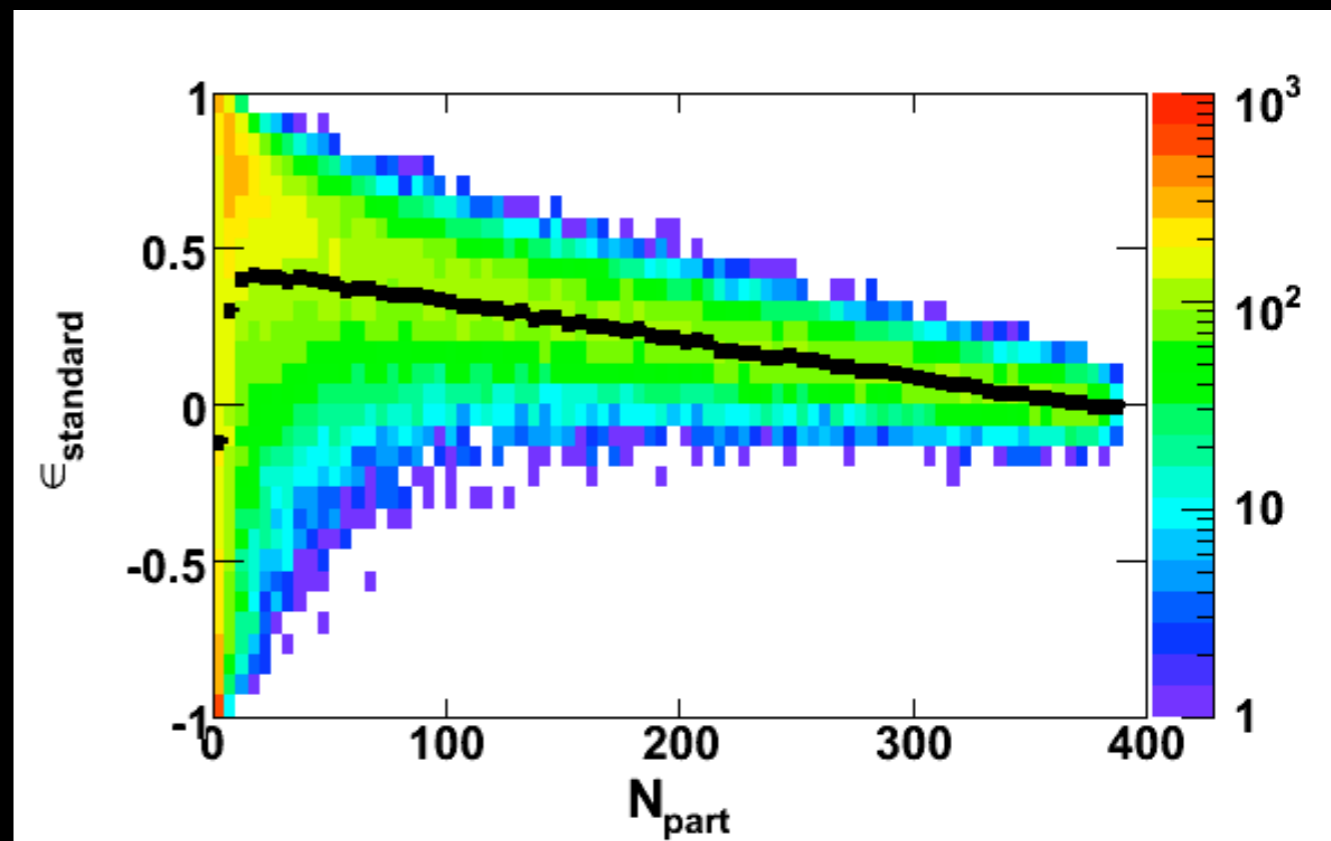
$$\epsilon_{part} = \frac{\sigma_y'^2 - \sigma_x'^2}{\sigma_y'^2 + \sigma_x'^2} = \frac{\sqrt{(\sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x^2)^2 + 4(\sigma_{xy}^2)^2}}{\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2}$$

“Participant eccentricity”

# Standard Eccentricity

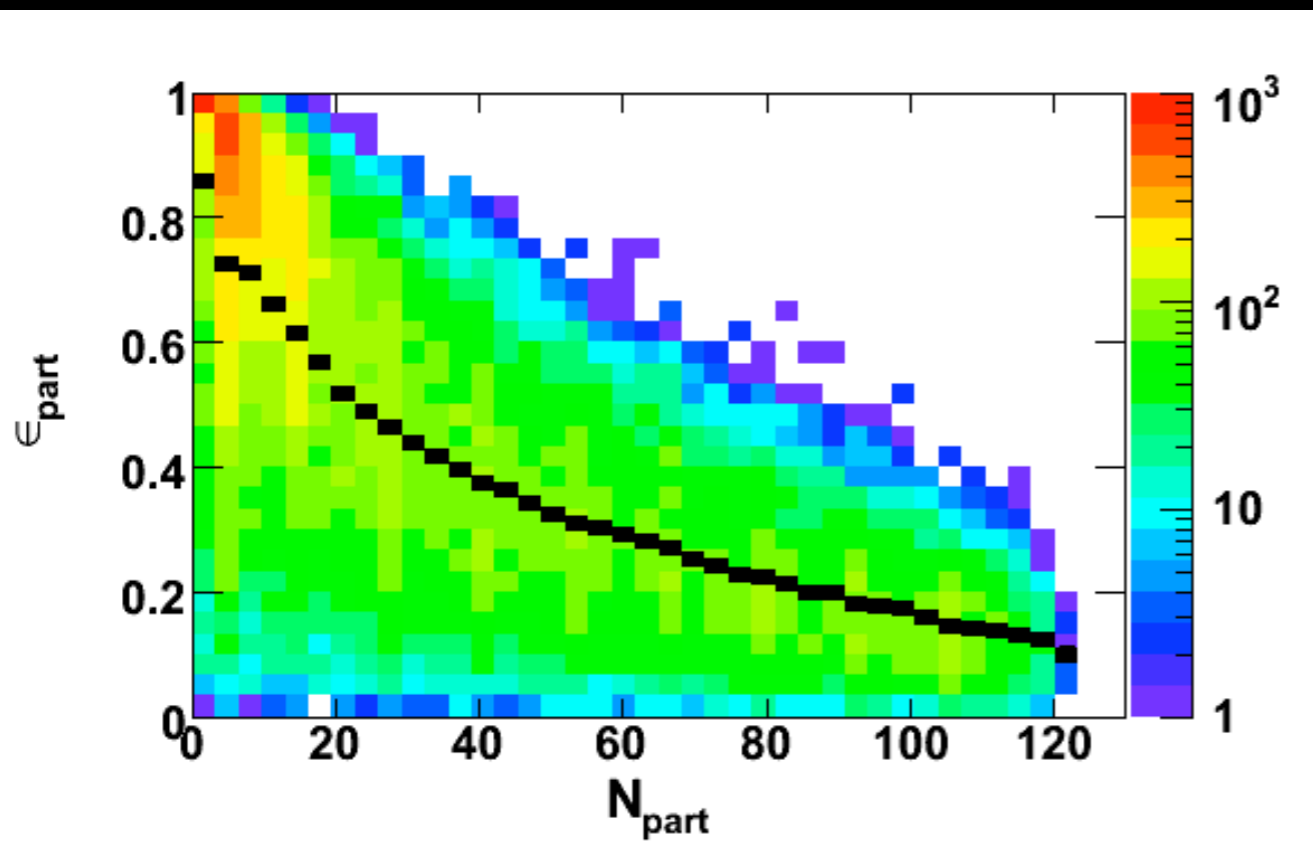


Cu+Cu

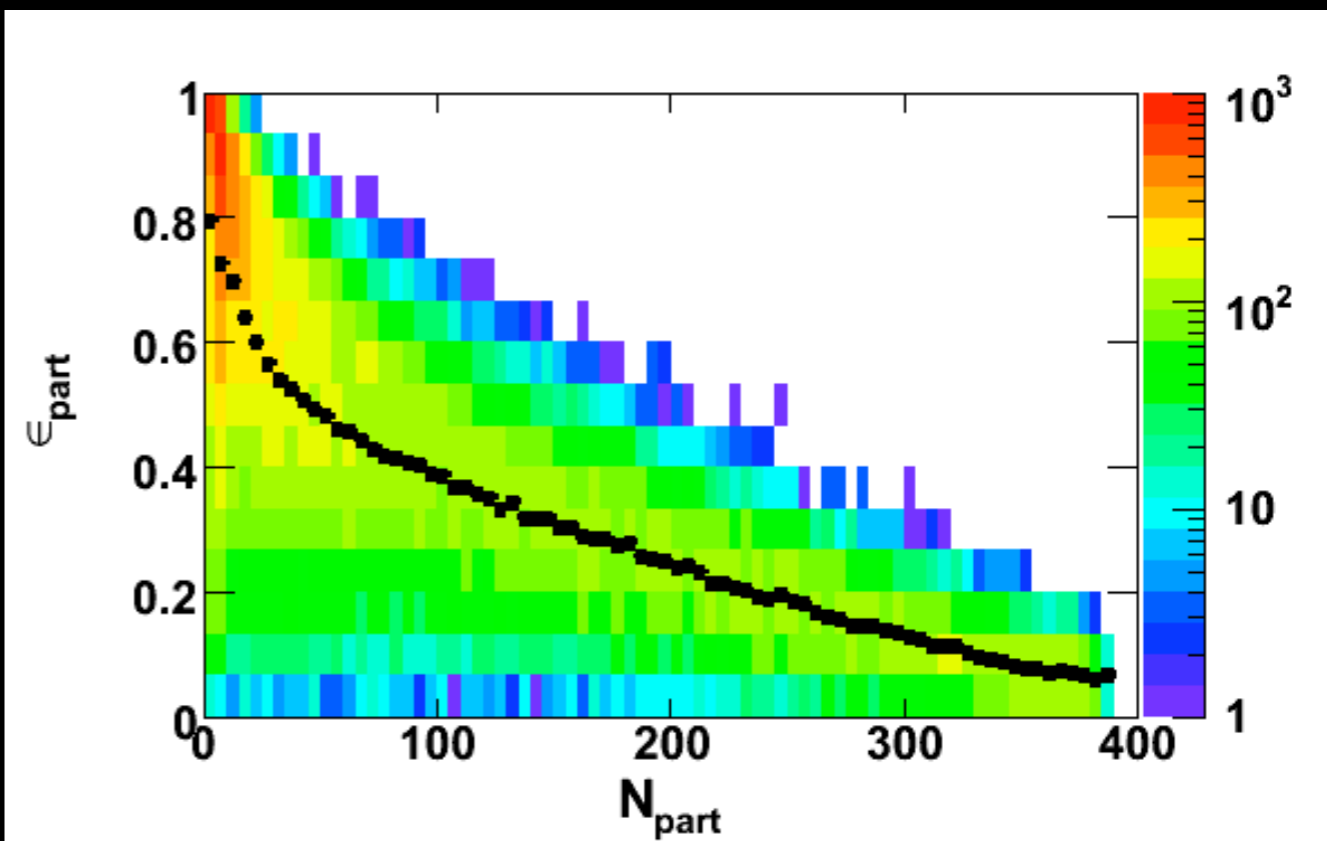


Au+Au

# Participant Eccentricity

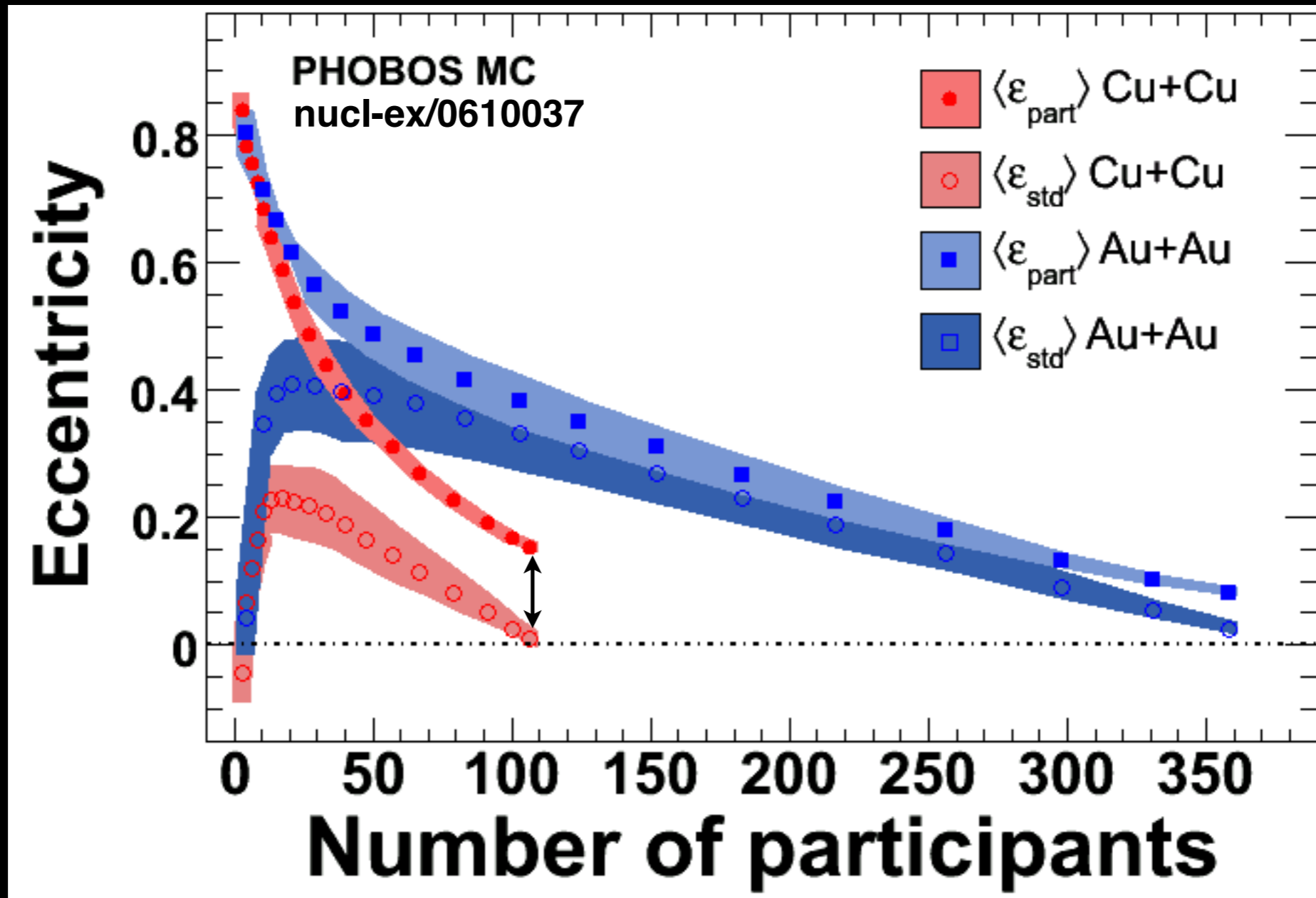


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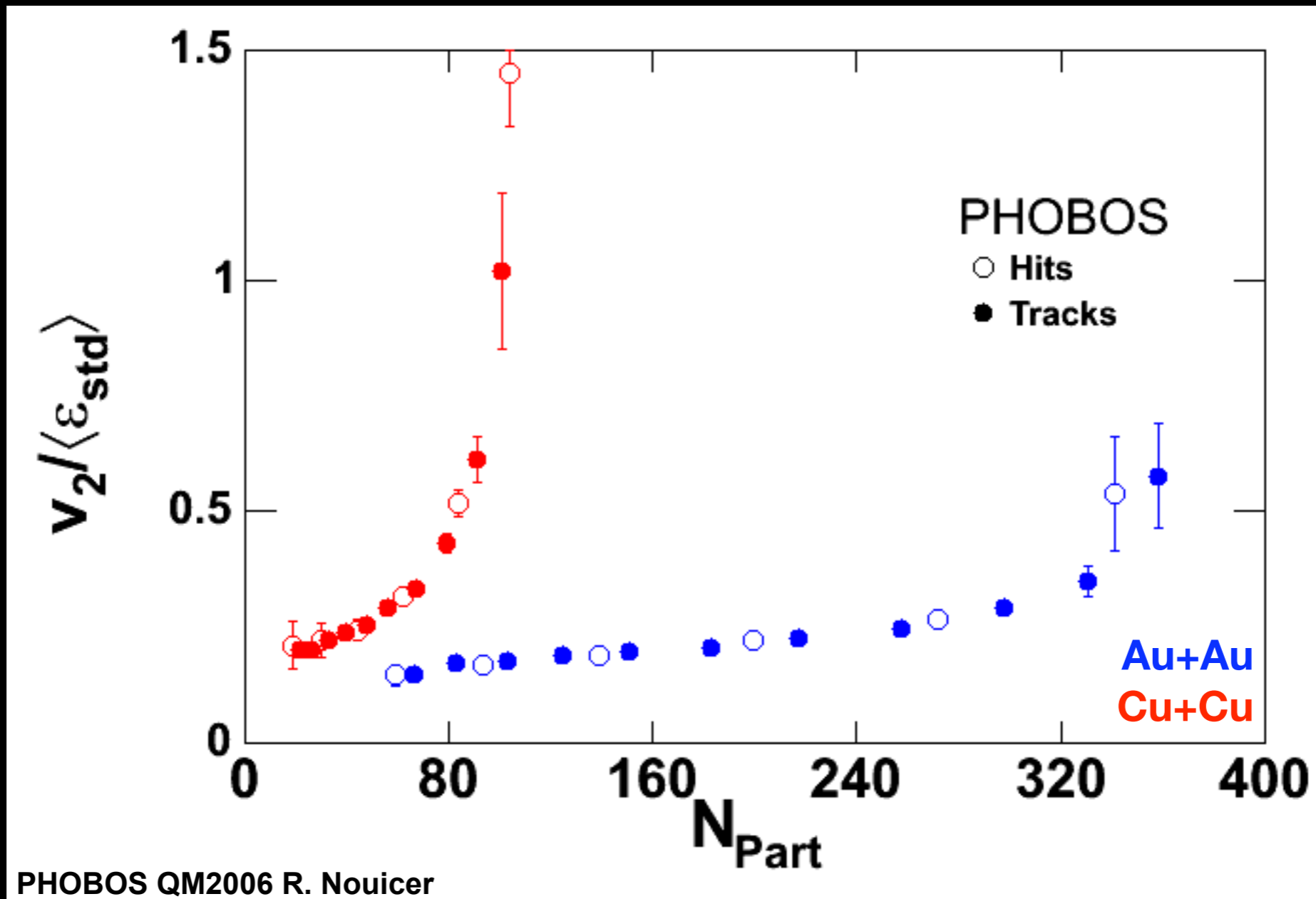


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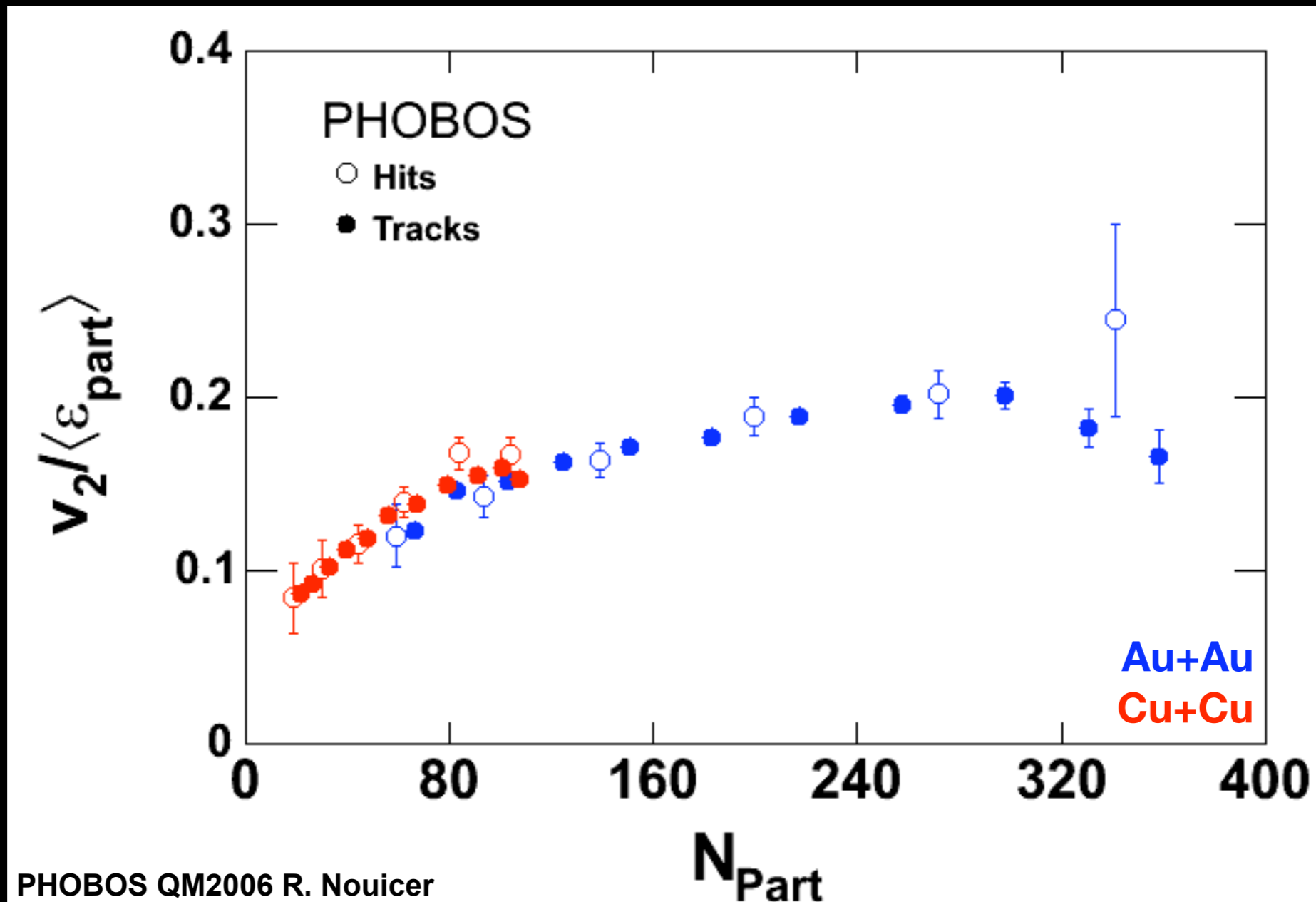
# Participant vs. Standard



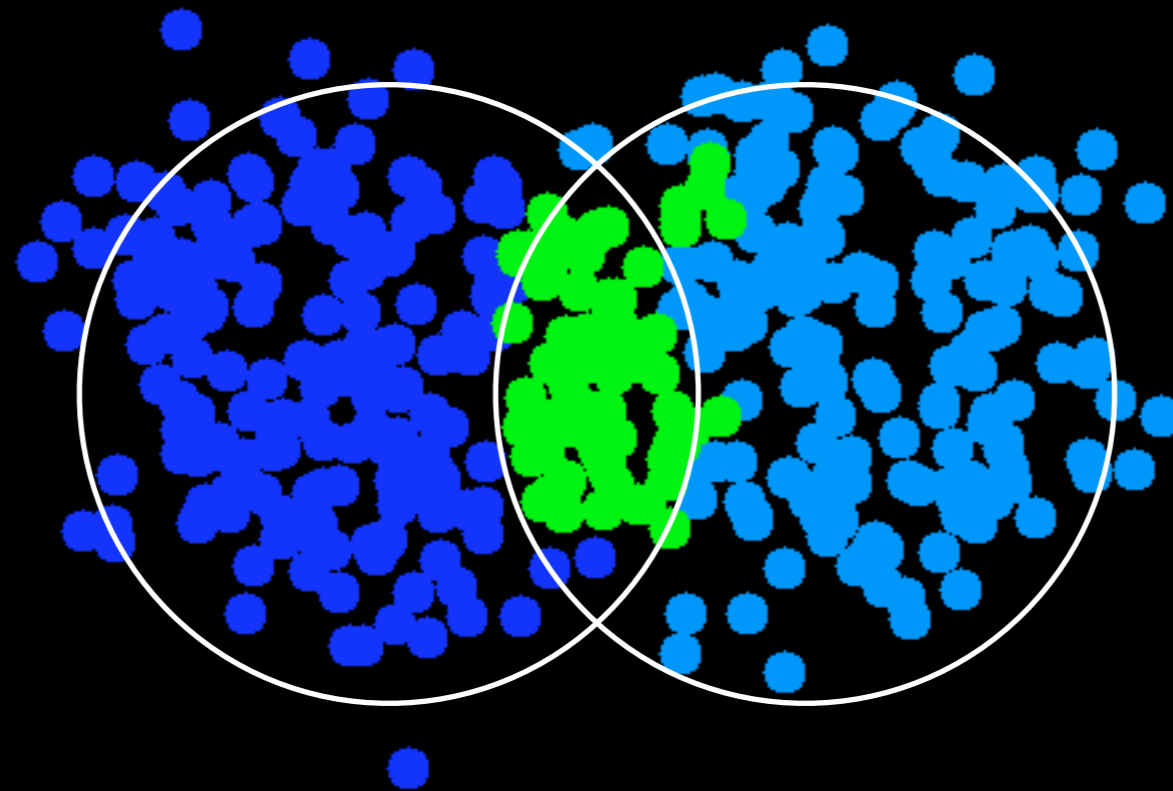
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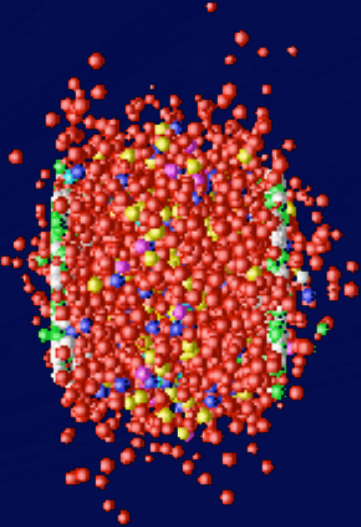

# ...leads to scaling



# “Freeze-in”



Configuration established early and preserved:  
substantial viscosity would generate new  
entropy under different geometric conditions

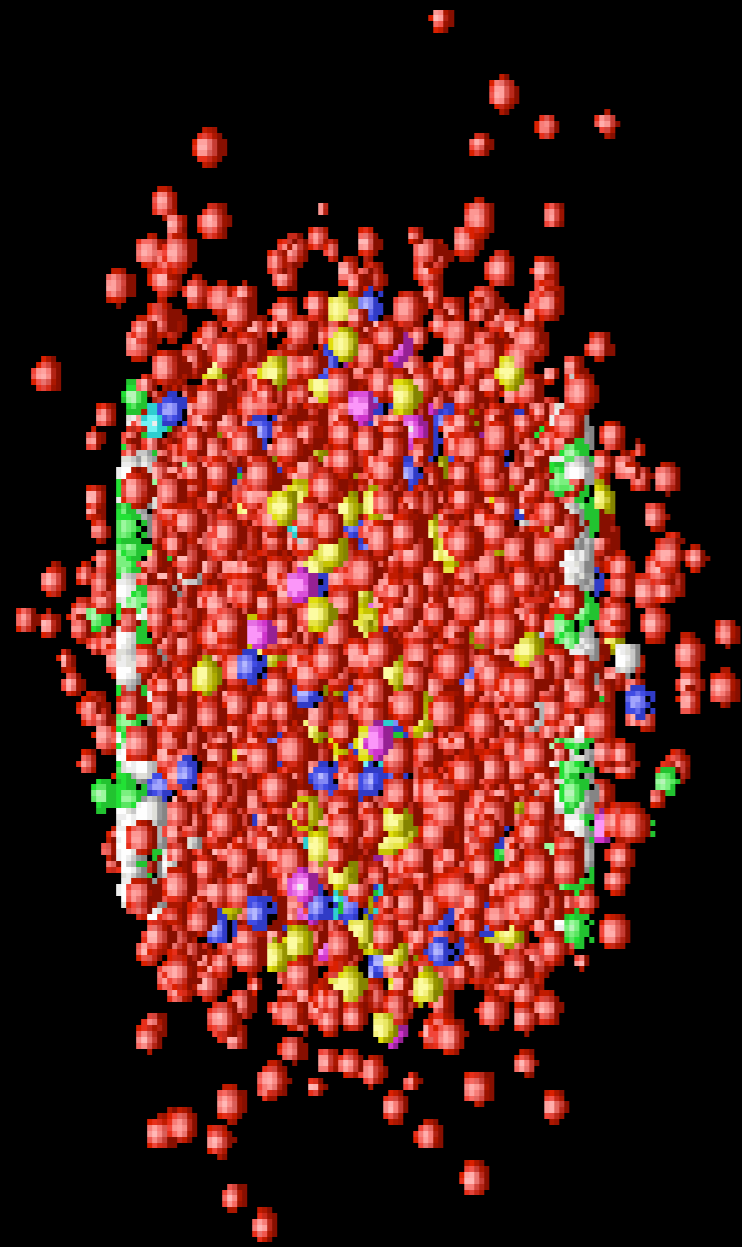


**Near-Perfect  
Fluid?**

How does this all relate to QCD?



# What is the fluid made of?



**Rapidly thermalized matter**

$$\tau_0 \ll 1 \text{ fm}/c$$

**But of what? and how so fast?**

**Quarks & gluons?**

**Is it a real “quark-gluon plasma”  
(QGP)?**

# Degrees of Freedom

Parton distributions,  
Nuclear Geometry,  
Nuclear shadowing

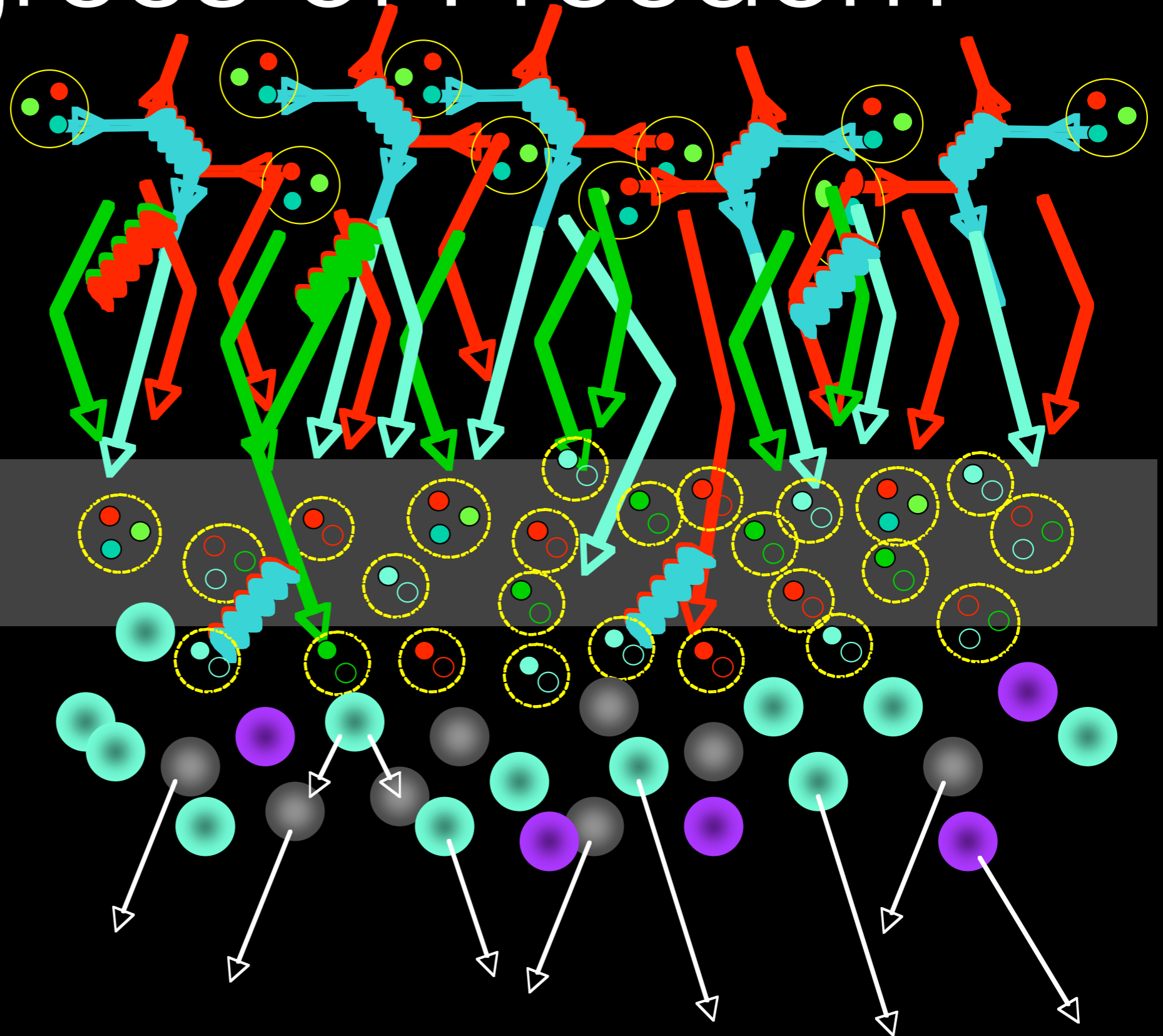
Parton production &  
reinteraction  
(or, sQGP!)

Chemical freezeout  
(Quark recombination)

Jet fragmentation functions

Hadron rescattering

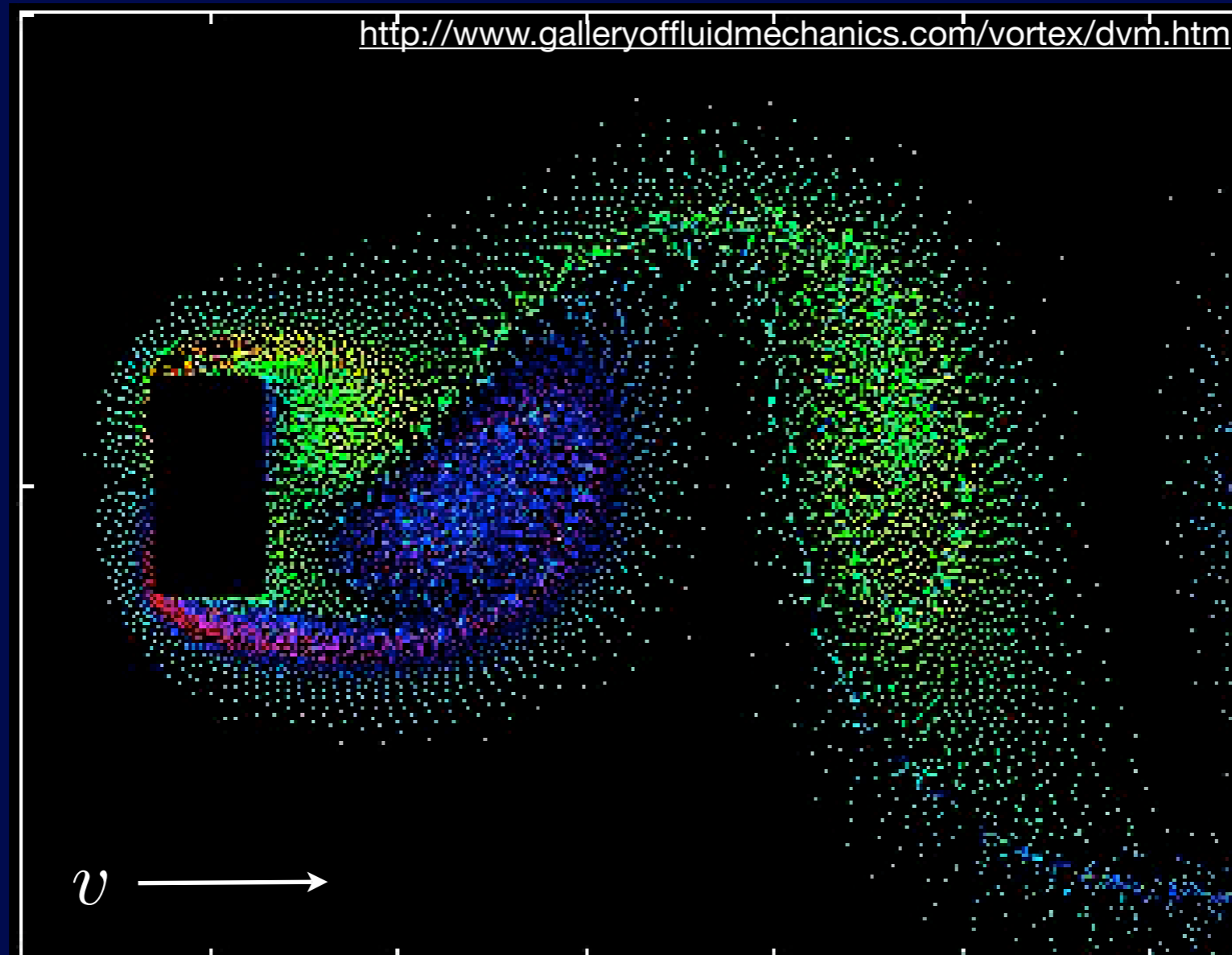
Thermal freezeout &  
Hadron decays



# Viscosity

- **A genuine microscopic length scale relevant to the evolution violates assumption of continuum hypothesis**
  - This is a good rule of thumb for why “**viscosity**” is important
- **Viscosity is a new, hot issue in heavy ion physics**
  - Measures the “non-equilibrium” physics
  - Jet quenching, parton scattering, etc.
  - Breaks scale invariance!

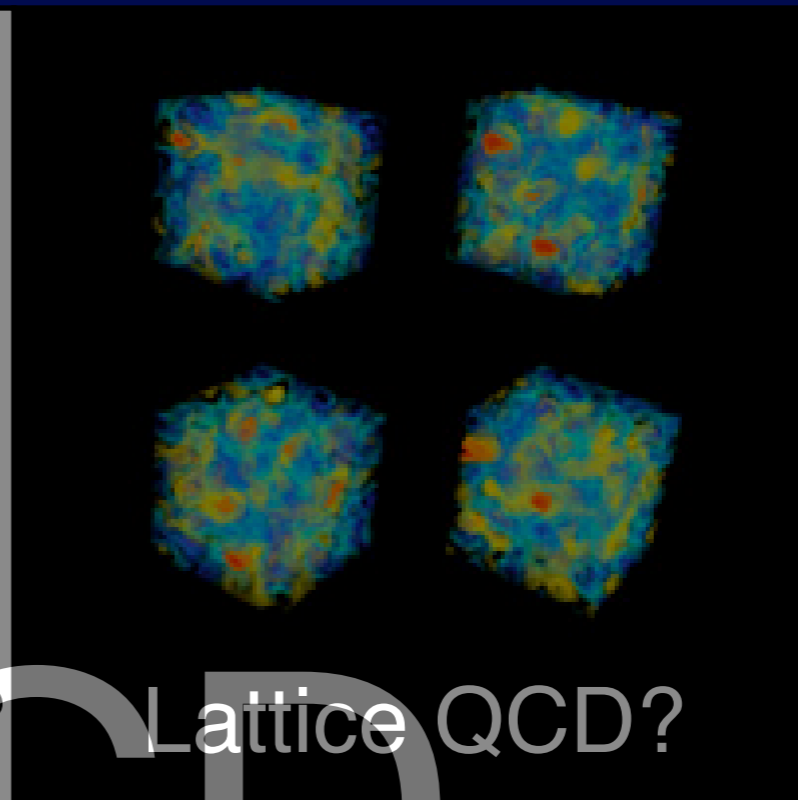
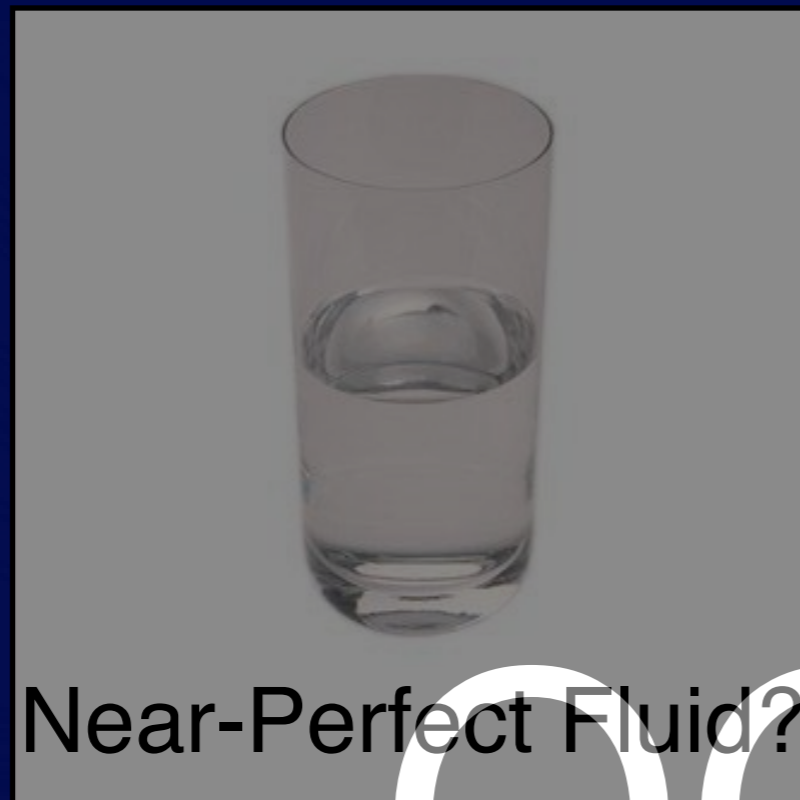
# Viscous Phenomena



Viscosity introduces new dimensions to hydrodynamic phenomena

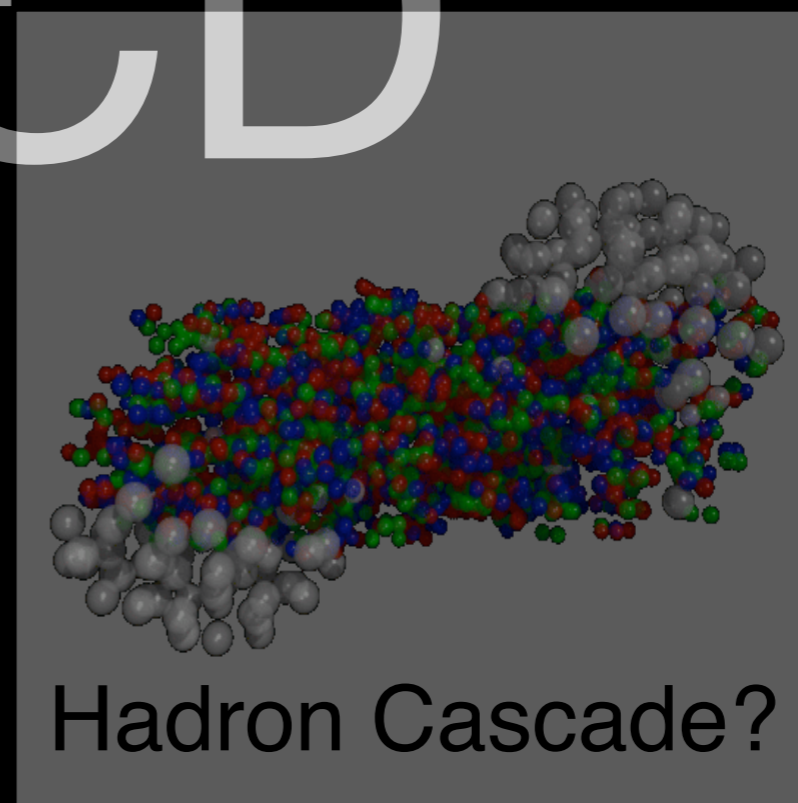
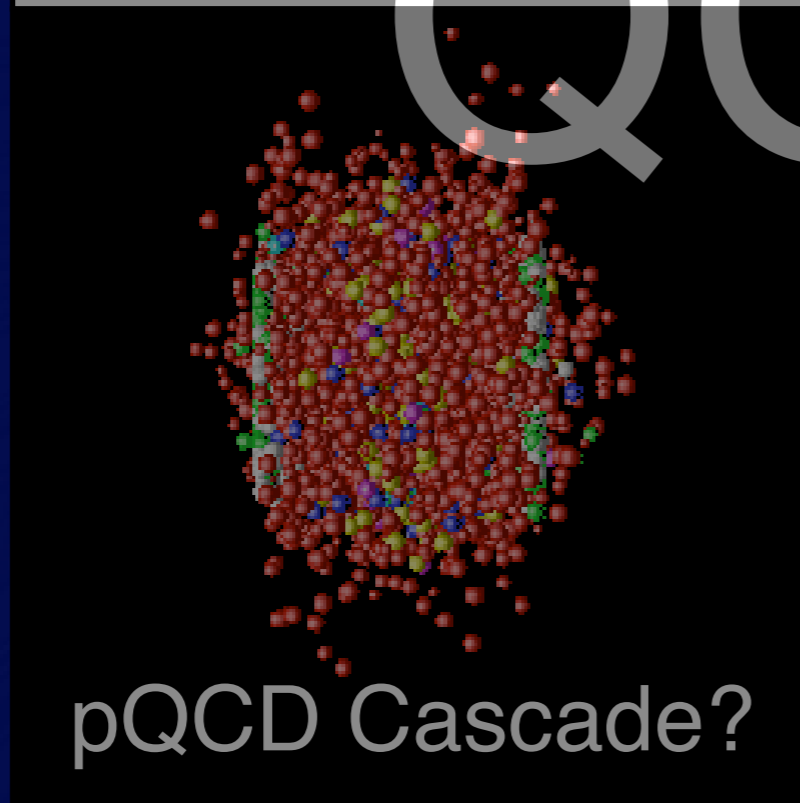
# Dynamical Regimes of QCD

Large  
opacity



QCD

Small  
opacity

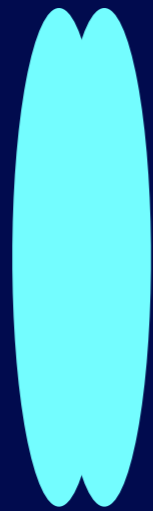


Short times

Long times

# Three Dimensions?

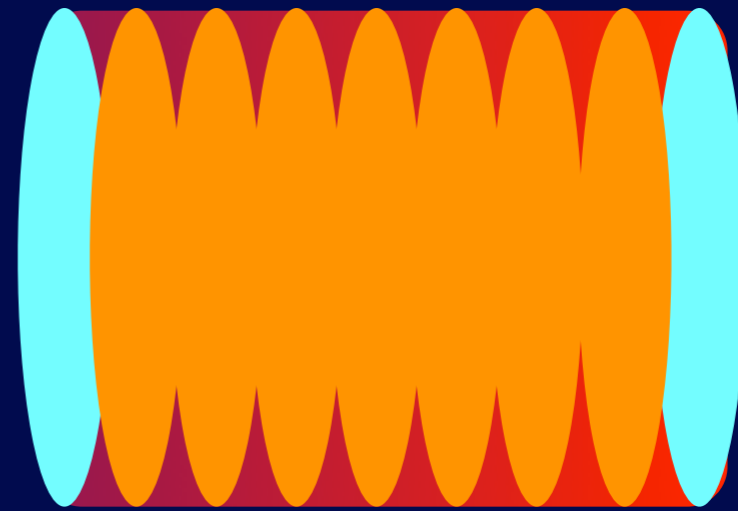
Landau



Total stopping, immediate  
thermalization &  
longitudinal **3D** re-expansion

$$\tau_0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} fm/c$$

Bjorken



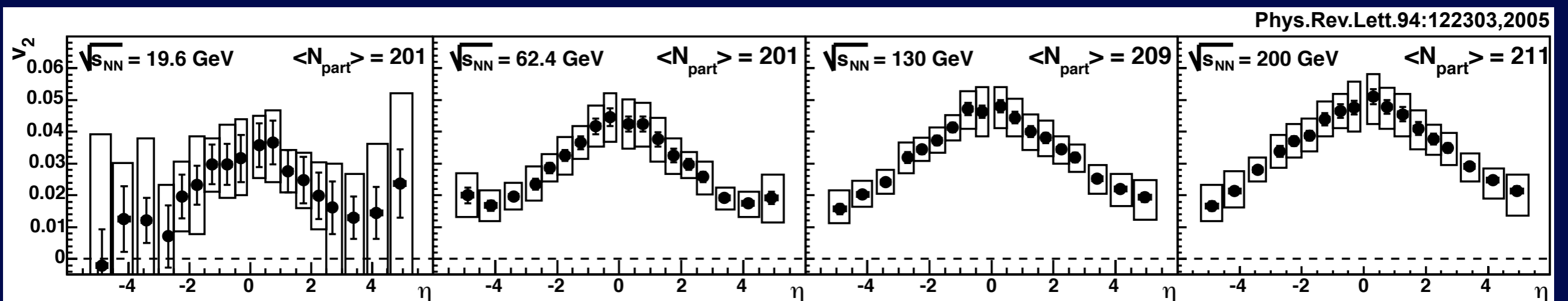
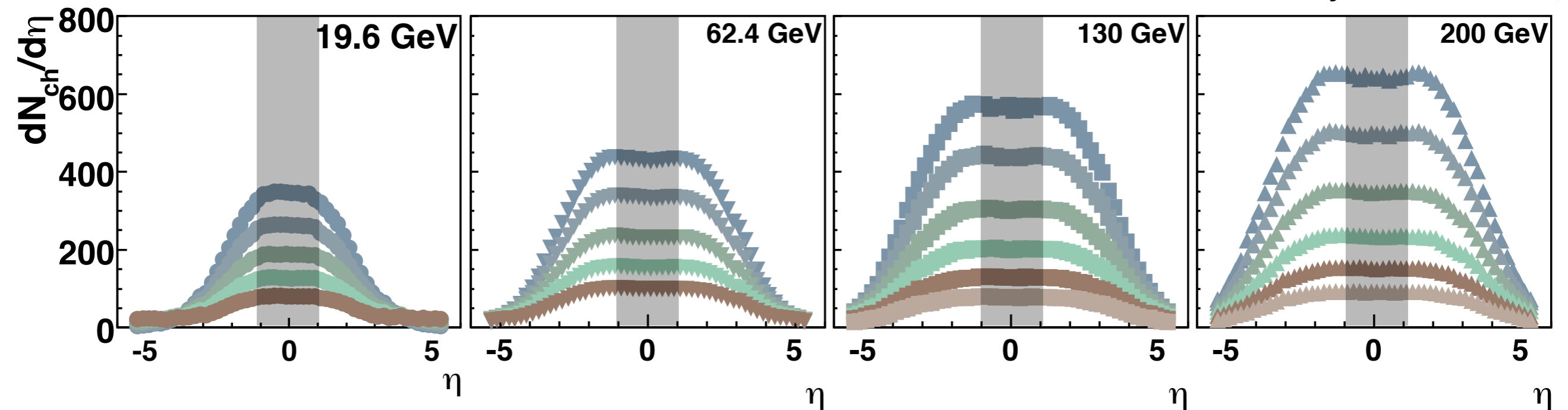
Partial stopping,  
“boost-invariant”  
**2D** dynamics

$$\tau_0 \sim 1 fm/c$$

Same hydro, different initial conditions!

# Three Dimensions

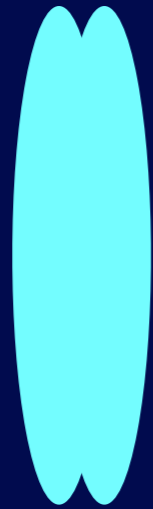
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Elliptic flow shows strong pseudorapidity dependence, suggestive of real longitudinal hydrodynamic evolution

# Three Dimensions

Landau



Total stopping, immediate  
thermalization &  
longitudinal **3D** re-expansion

$$\tau_0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} fm/c$$

**No time for this today!**



