

Transverse momentum fluctuation in ultra-central Pb+Pb collision

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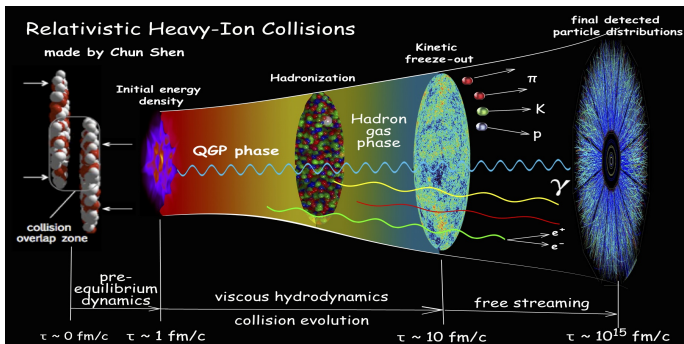


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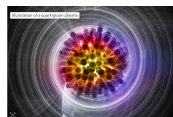
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High energy heavy ion(HI) collision: "The Little Bang"



Shen, Heinz, arXiv:1507.01558

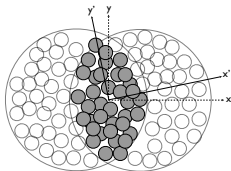


Boiling water : 10^2 K

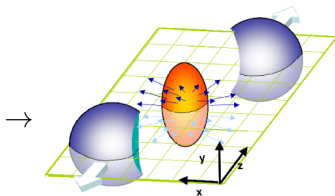
Core of the Sun : 10^7 K

QGP : 10^{12} K !!

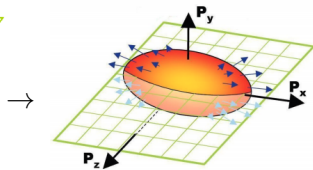
Evidence of QGP : Collective flow in HI Collisions



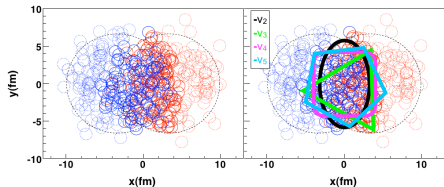
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U. Heinz, arXiv:0810.5529



BNL: RHIC



Alver, Baker, Loizides, Steinberg arXiv:0805.4411

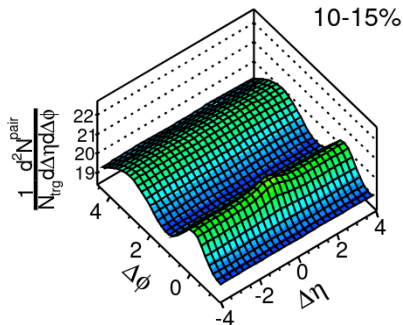
Momentum anisotropy : Harmonic flow

$$\frac{dN}{dp_T d\phi} = \frac{dN}{2\pi dp_T} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T) \cos [n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$

$V_2 \rightarrow$ Elliptic flow & $V_3 \rightarrow$ Triangular flow

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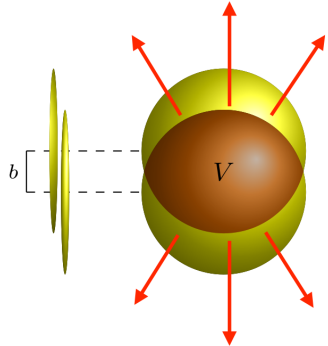
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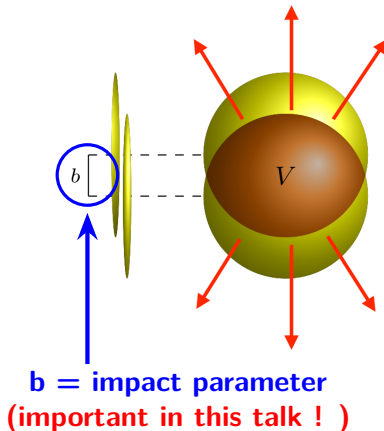
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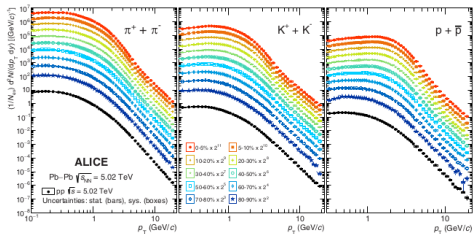
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- We report **more direct evidence** of **local thermalization** in Pb+Pb collisions $\rightarrow$ **does not involve directions** of outgoing particles, but **solely their momenta**.



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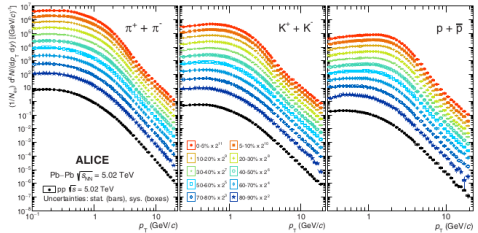


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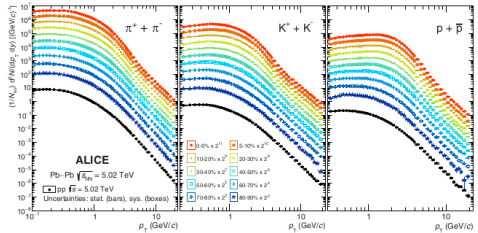
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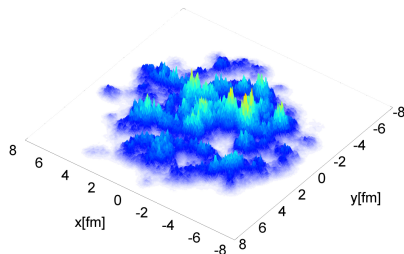
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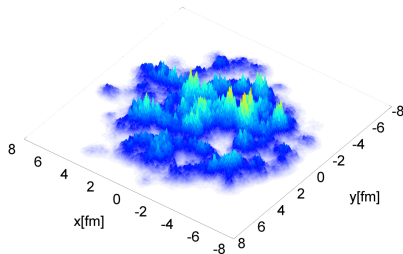


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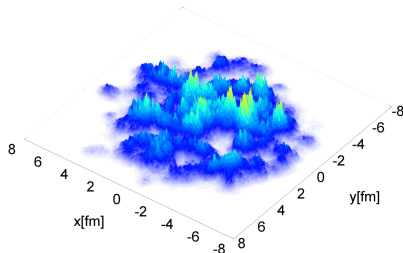


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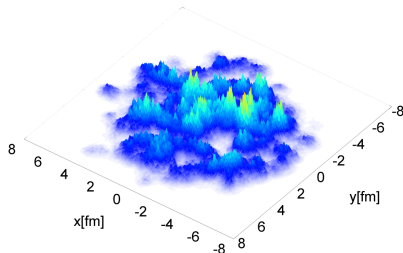


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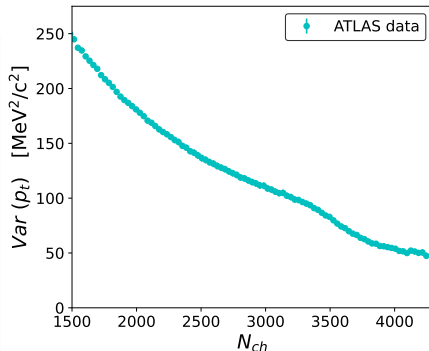


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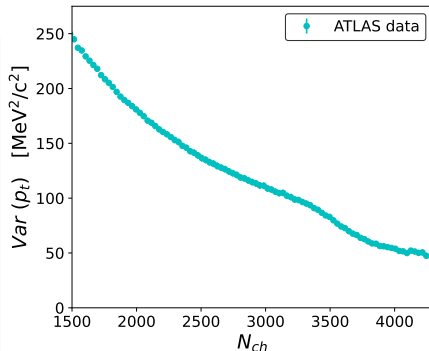


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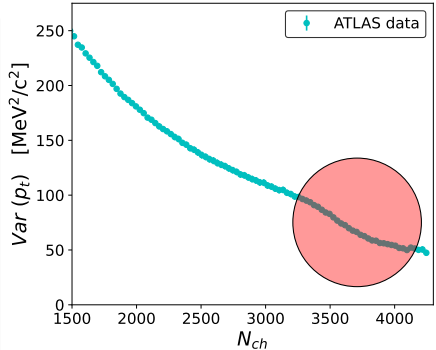


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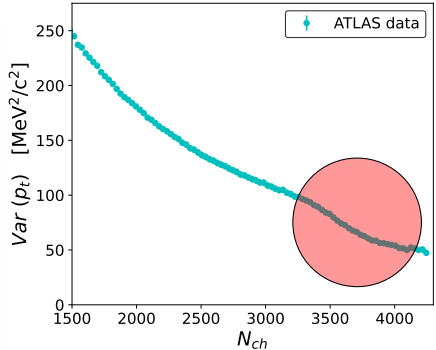


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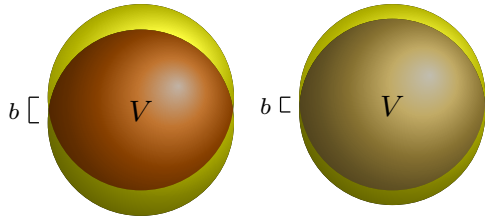


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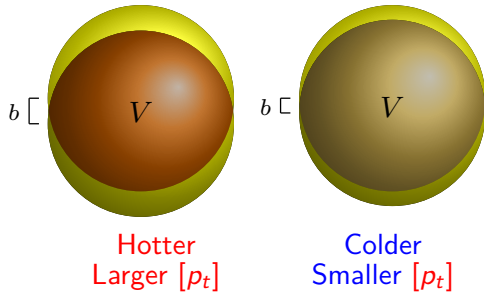
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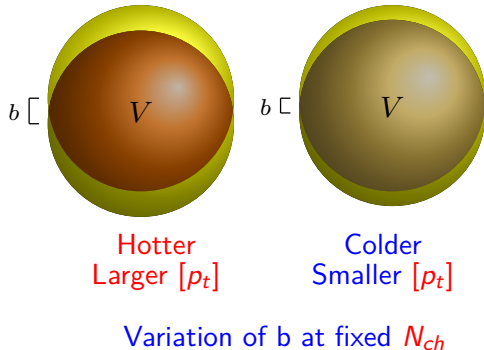
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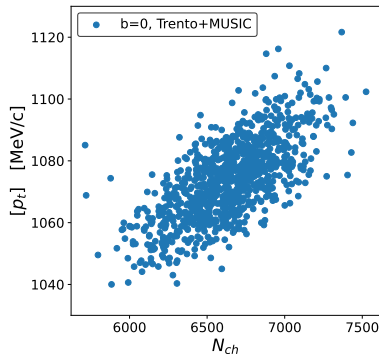
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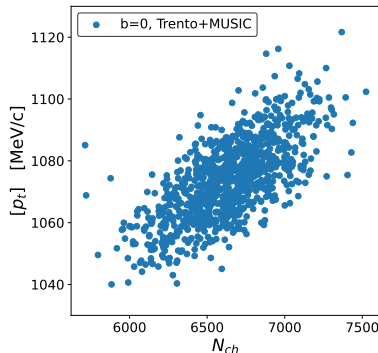
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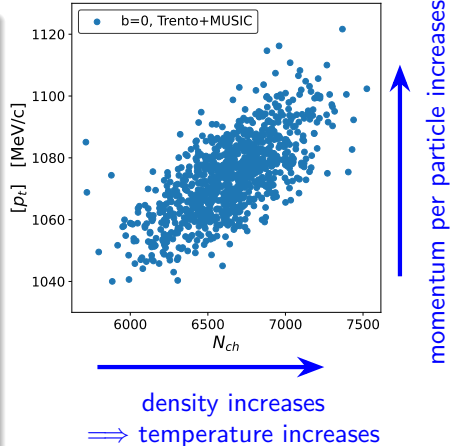
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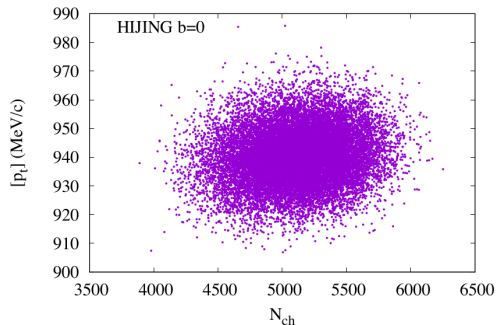
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 $\Rightarrow$ **larger temperature**
 $\Rightarrow$ **larger energy per particle**
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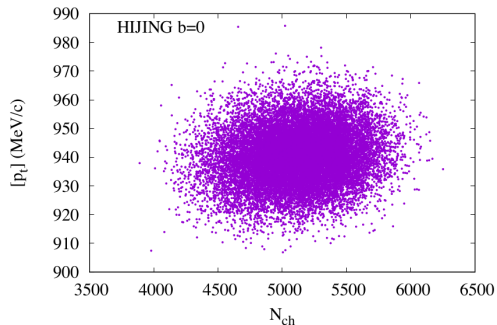


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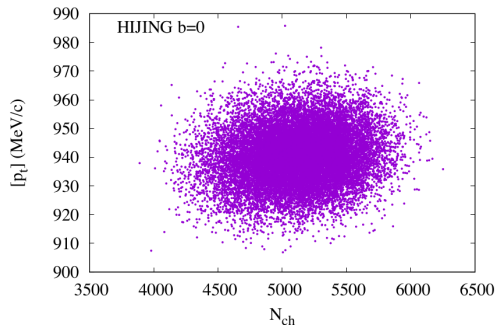
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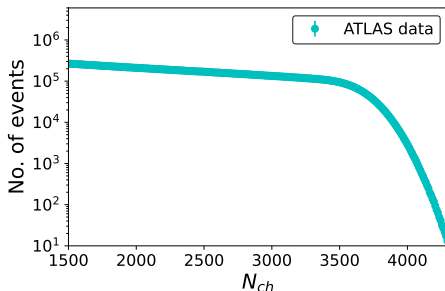
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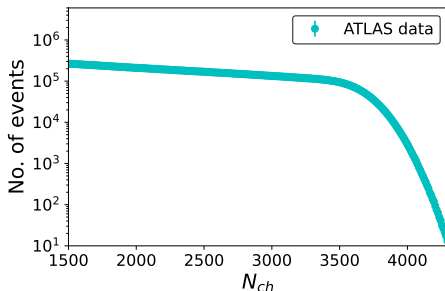
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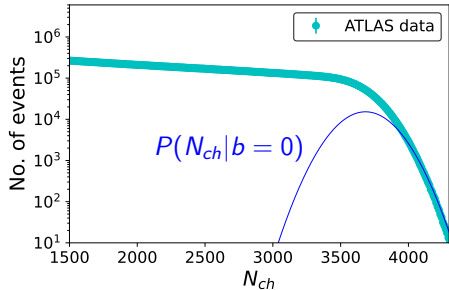
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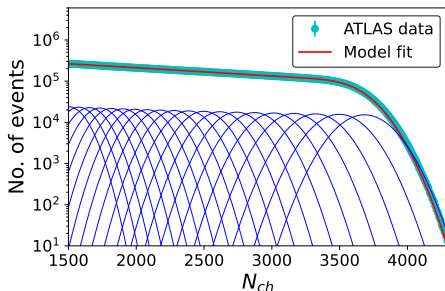
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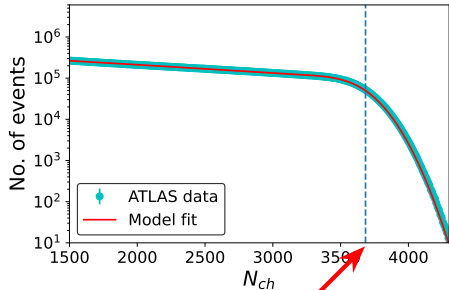


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Das, Giacalone, Monard, Ollitrault
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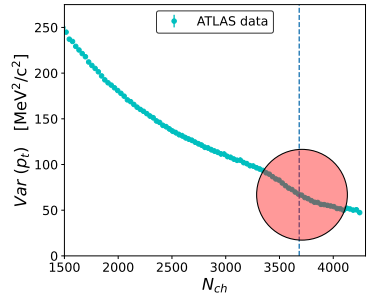
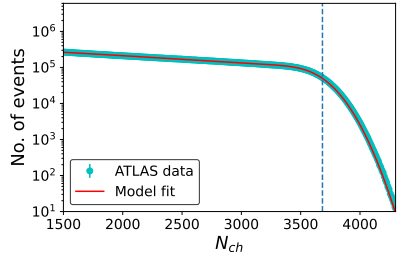
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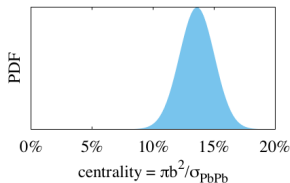
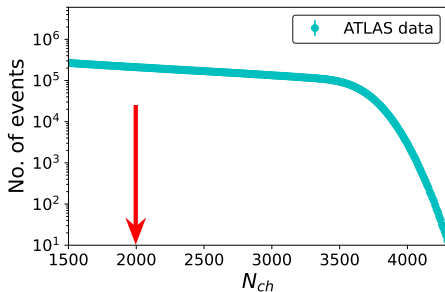
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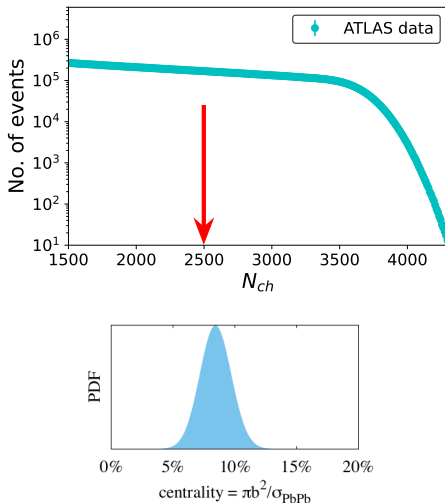
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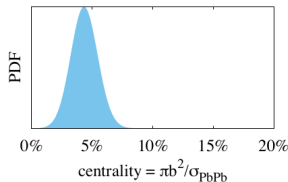
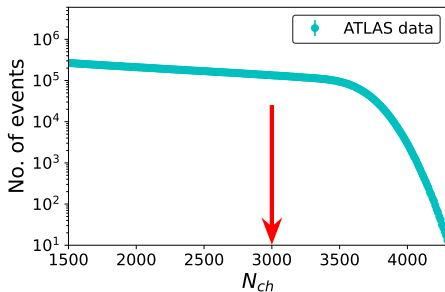
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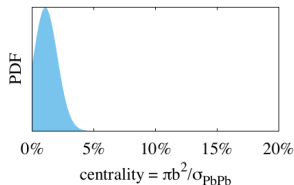
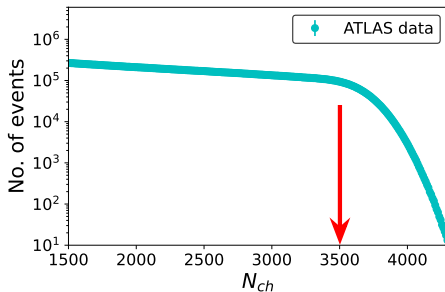
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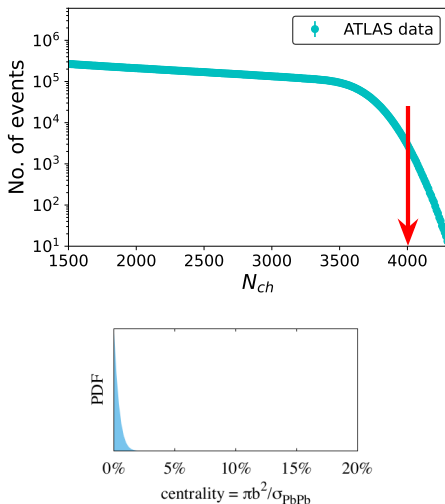
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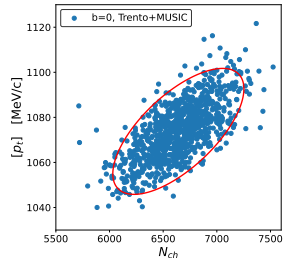
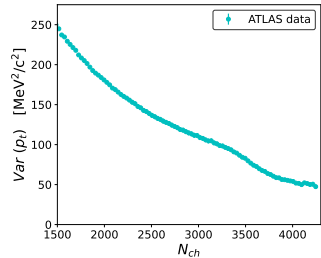
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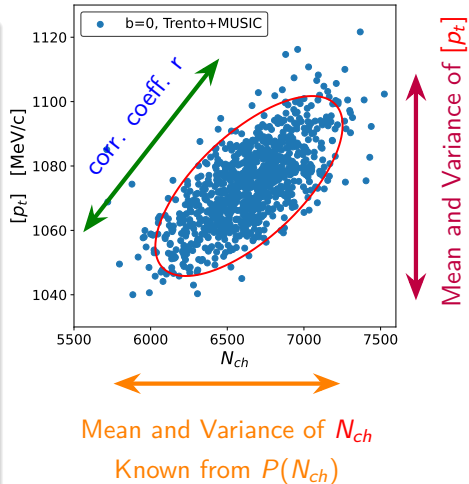
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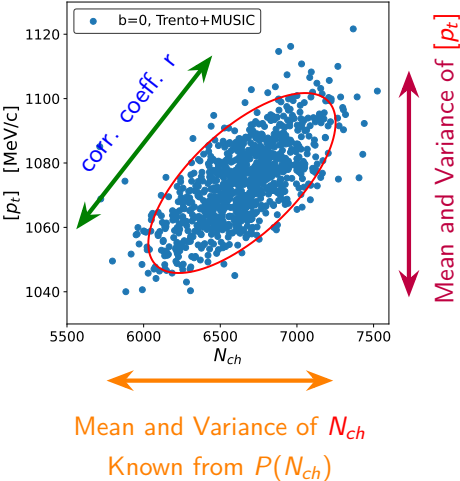
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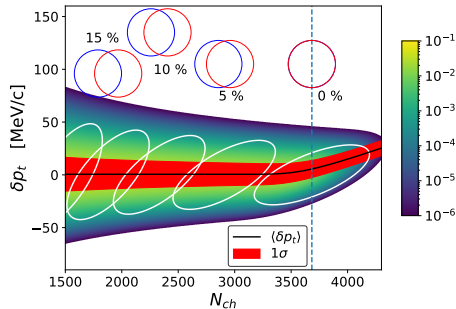
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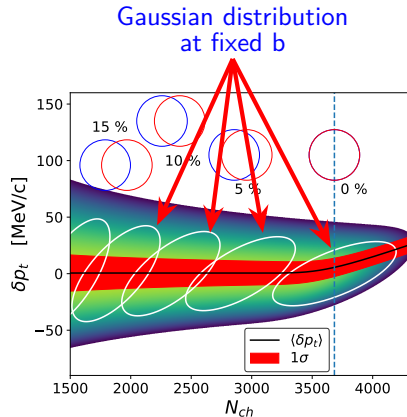
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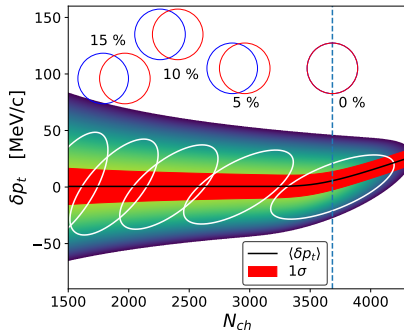
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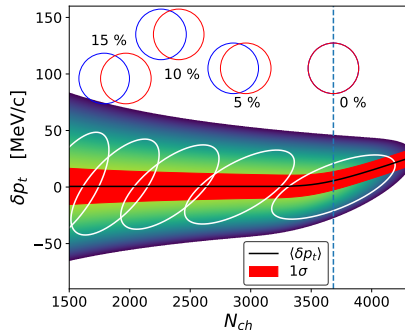
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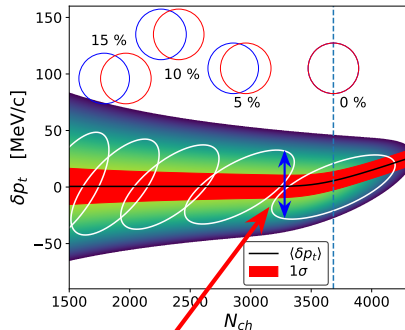
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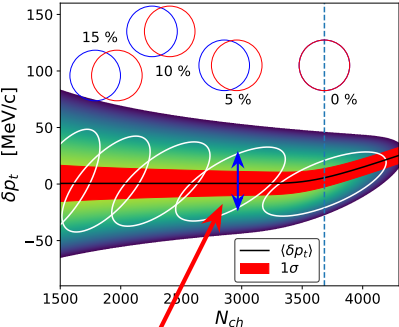
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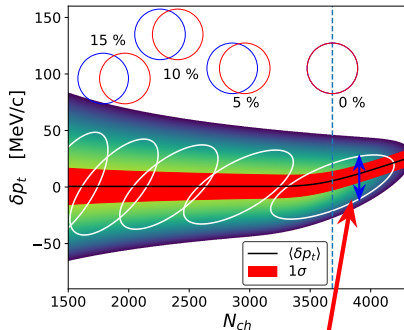
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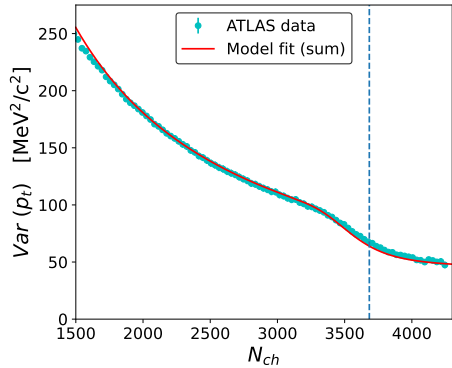
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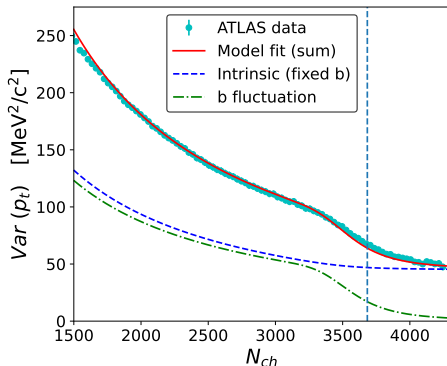
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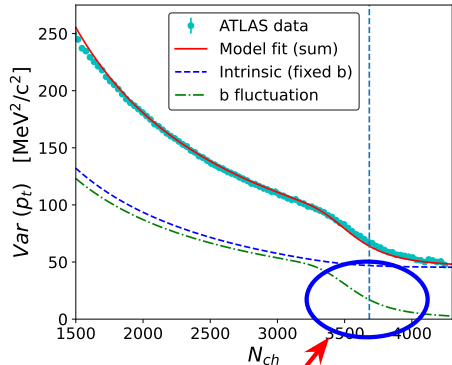
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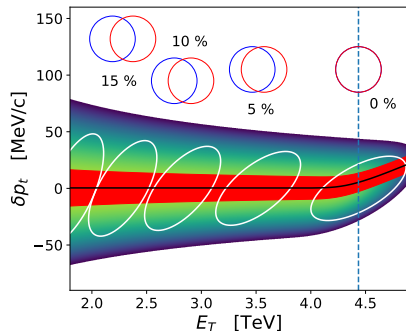
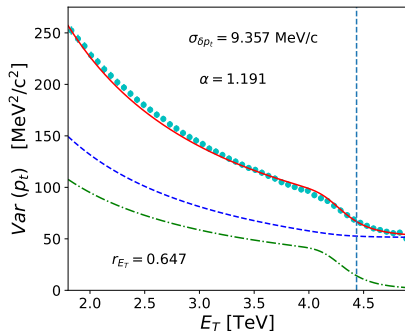
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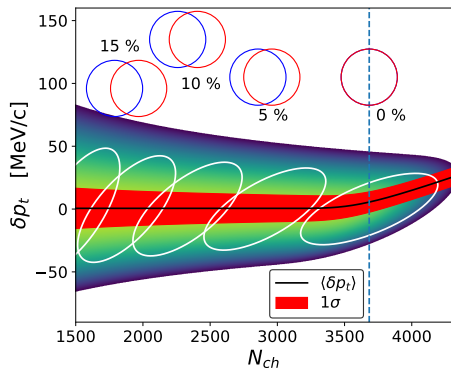
E_T -dependent $[p_t]$ -fluctuation (ATLAS)



Impact parameter fluctuation is small !

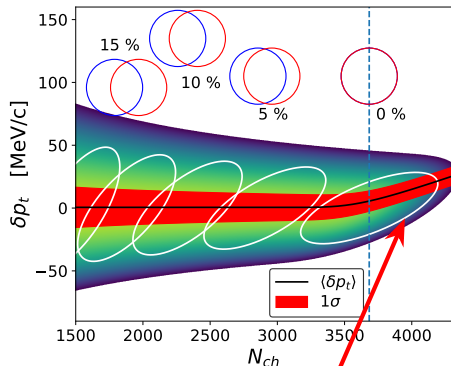
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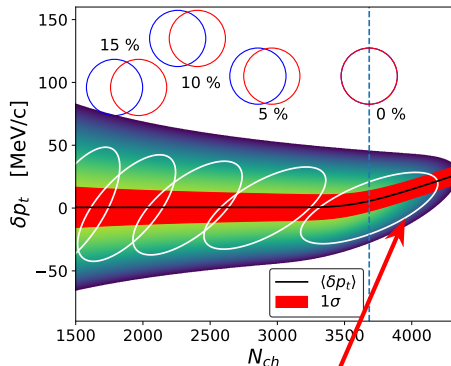
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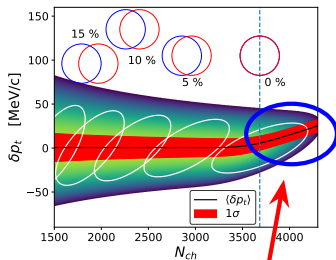
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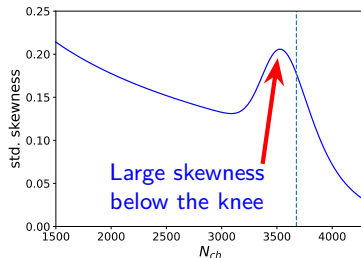
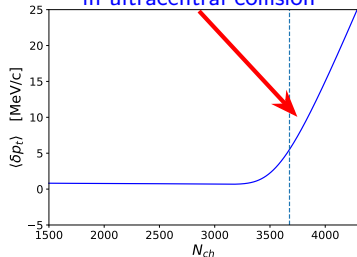
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Further predictions : Mean, Skewness and kurtosis

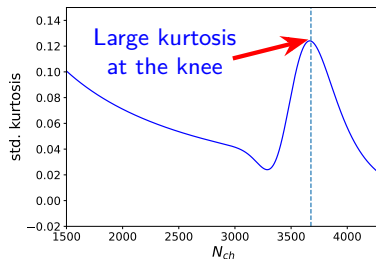
RS, Picchetti, Luzum, Ollitrault, arXiv:2306.09294



Slight increase of mean $[p_t]$
in ultracentral collision



Large skewness
below the knee



Large kurtosis
at the knee

Gardim, Giacalone, Ollitrault, arXiv:1909.11609

$P(\delta p_t | N_{ch}, c_b)$ in terms of k_1 and k_2

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Moments and cumulants of $[p_t]$ -fluctuation

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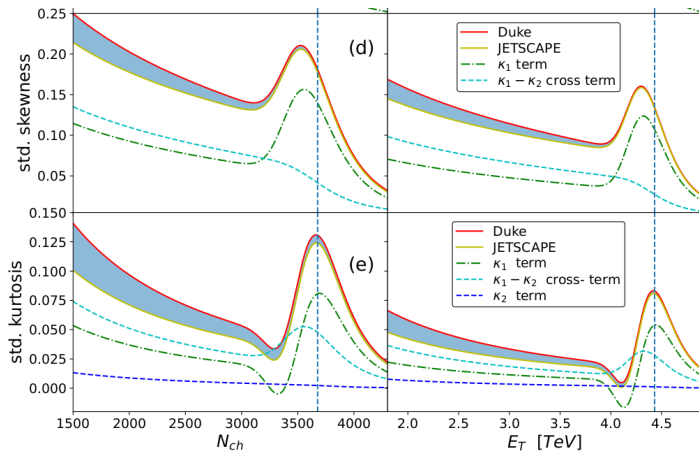
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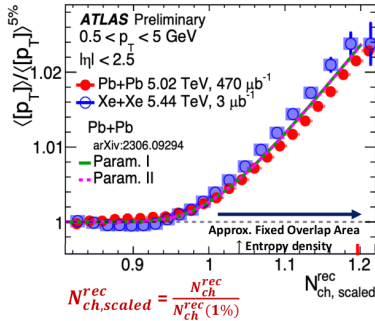
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Anatomy of skewness and kurtosis prediction !

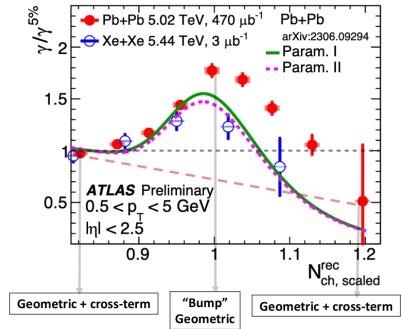


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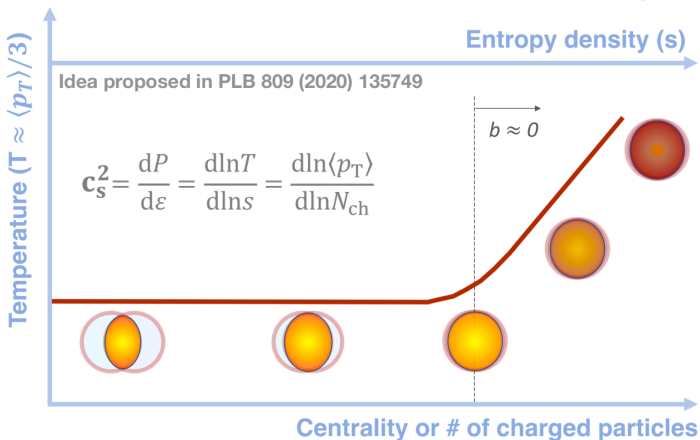


mean $[p_T]$



$[p_T]$ - skewness

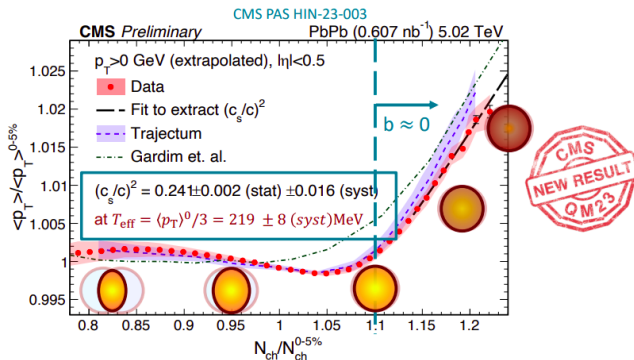
Application : Extraction of speed of sound in QGP from mean $\langle p_t \rangle$



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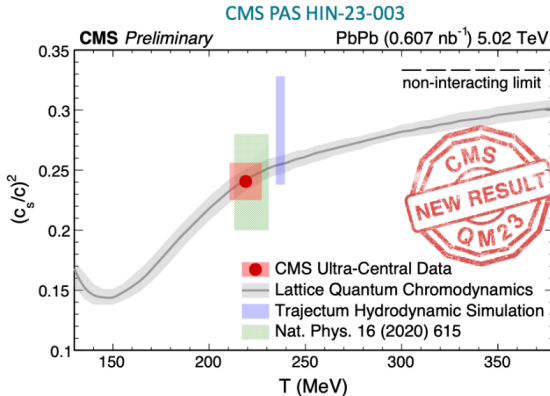
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How precise is the measurement ?

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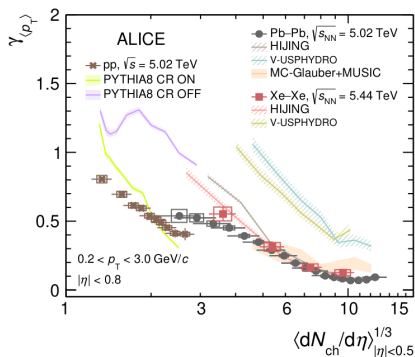
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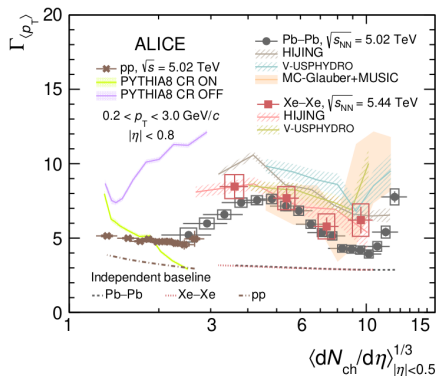
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ALICE Measurements of $[p_t]$ -skewness !

arXiv: 2308.16217



standardized $[p_t]$ -skewness



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