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# Probing collectivity in string models via machine learning

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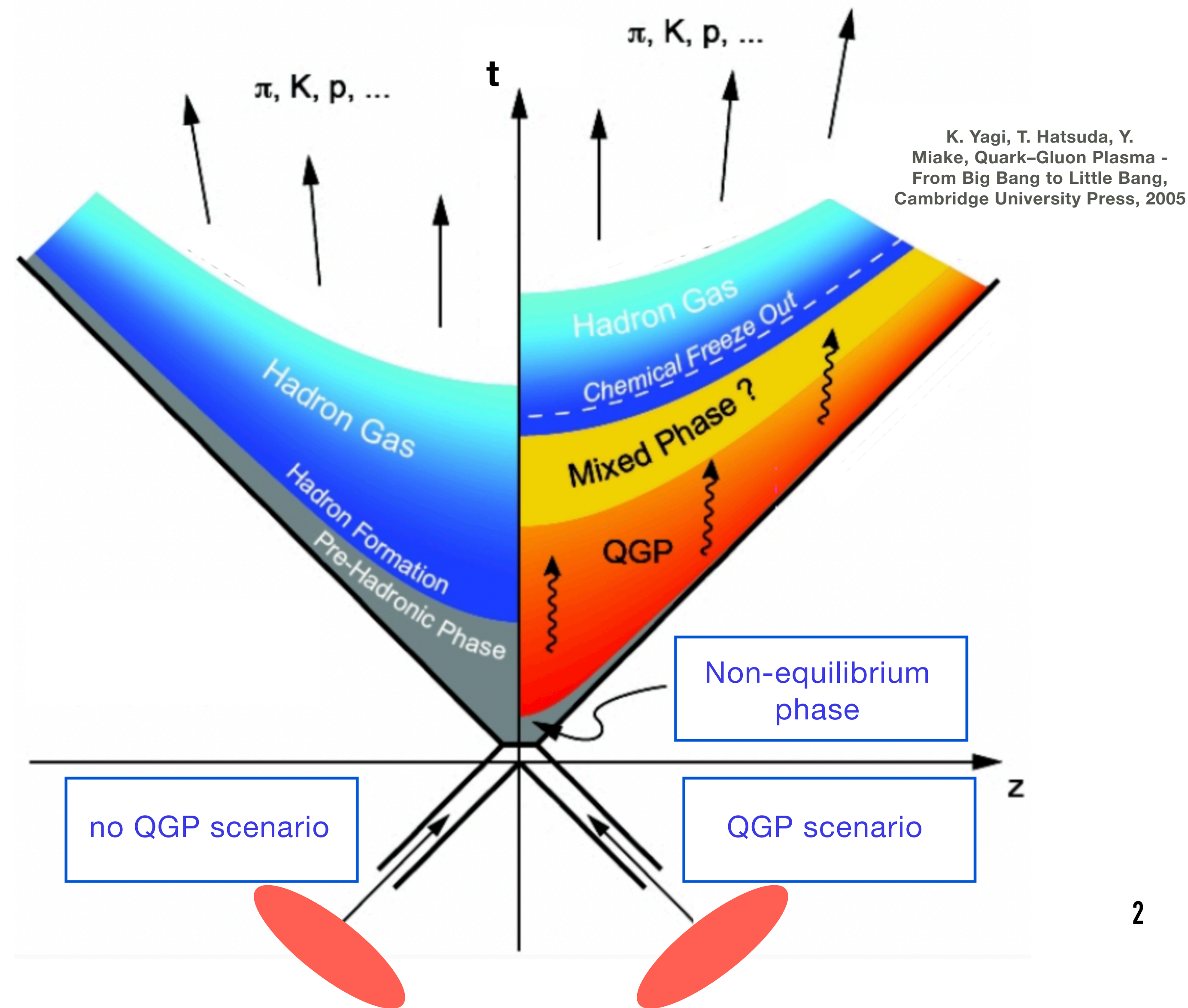
# p+p and A+A collisions

## Predicted and observed QGP «signals» for A+A:

- azimuthal anisotropy (flow)
- enhanced strange particles yields
- jet quenching

## Now, in 2024 we know that some of these effects are present in *p+p* interactions:

- QGP in *p+p*?
- other source of collectivity?





# Color string models

## Two-stage process:

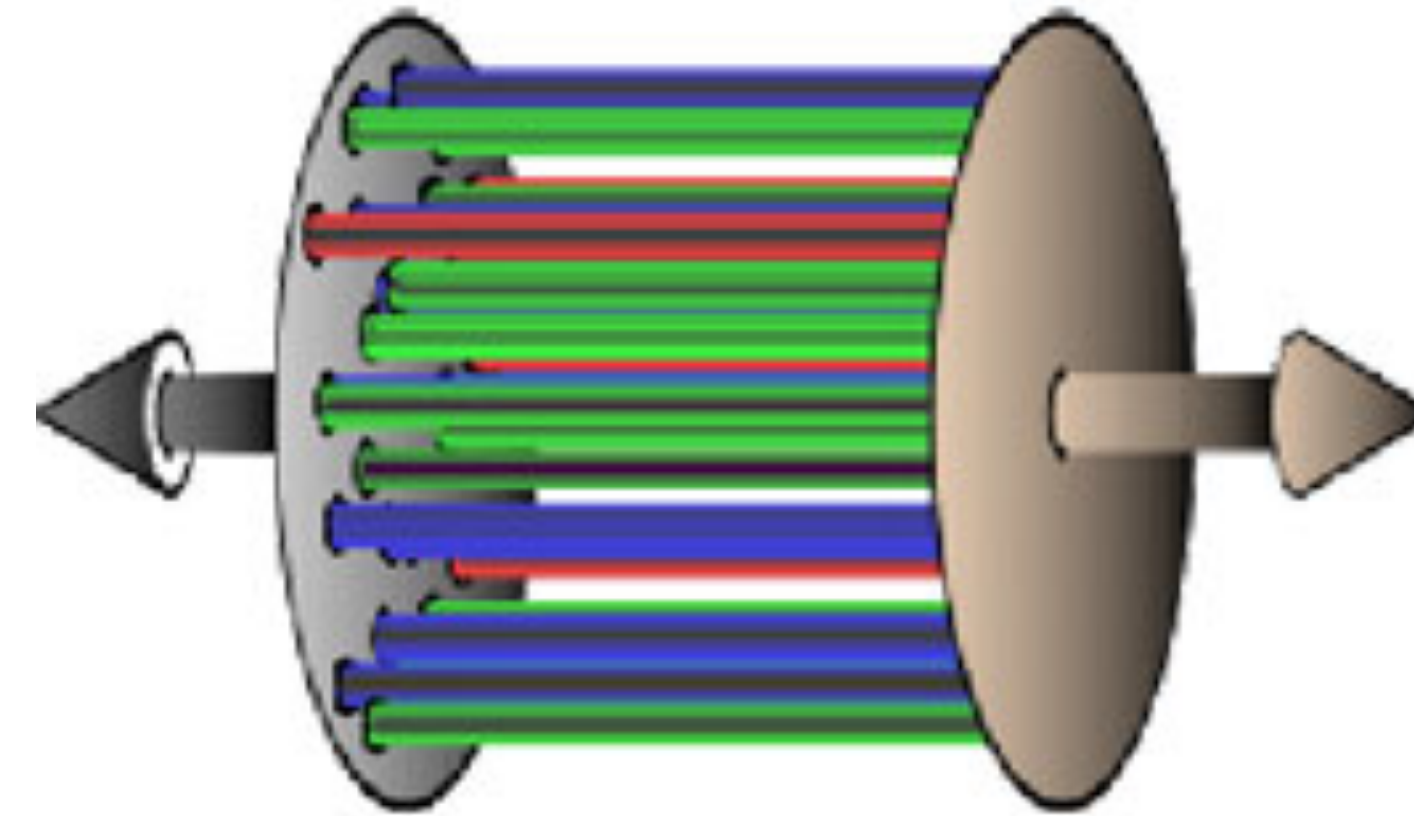
- partons' colour charges form tubes of colour field
- tubes are hadronized via Schwinger mechanism (tunnelling)

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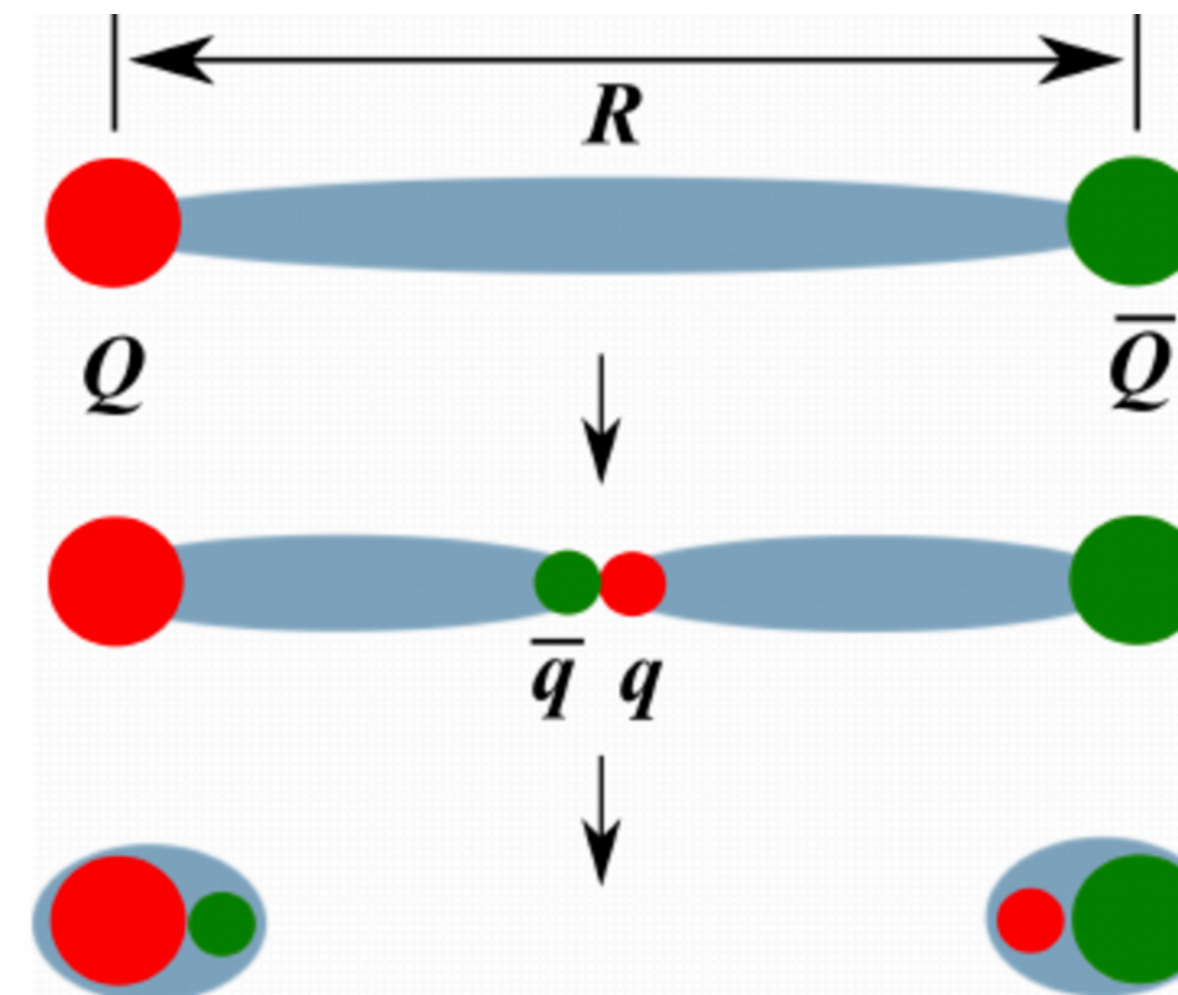
- string may interact before hadronization  
[M.A. Braun, C. Pajares, Phys.Lett.B 287, 154 (1992)]
- how can we distinguish between different scenarios of string-string interactions?

## Goal of this work:

- consider multiple versions of string-string interaction leading to the same azimuthal anisotropy
- train neural nets on event-by-event observables to distinguish between models

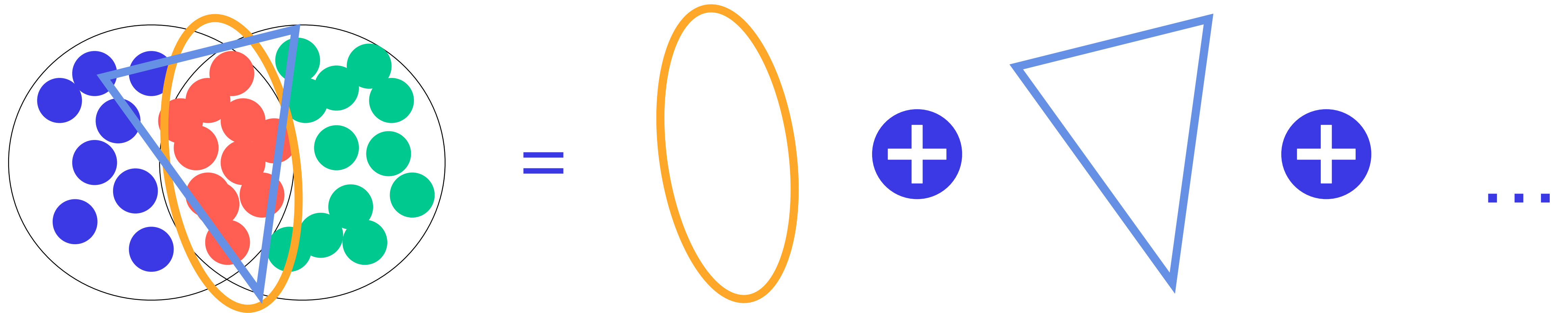


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# Initial state as a source of anisotropy



Typical picture of a heavy ion collision - spatial anisotropy of particle emitting sources can be decomposed into harmonics

This decomposition affects momentum space anisotropy of the produced particles

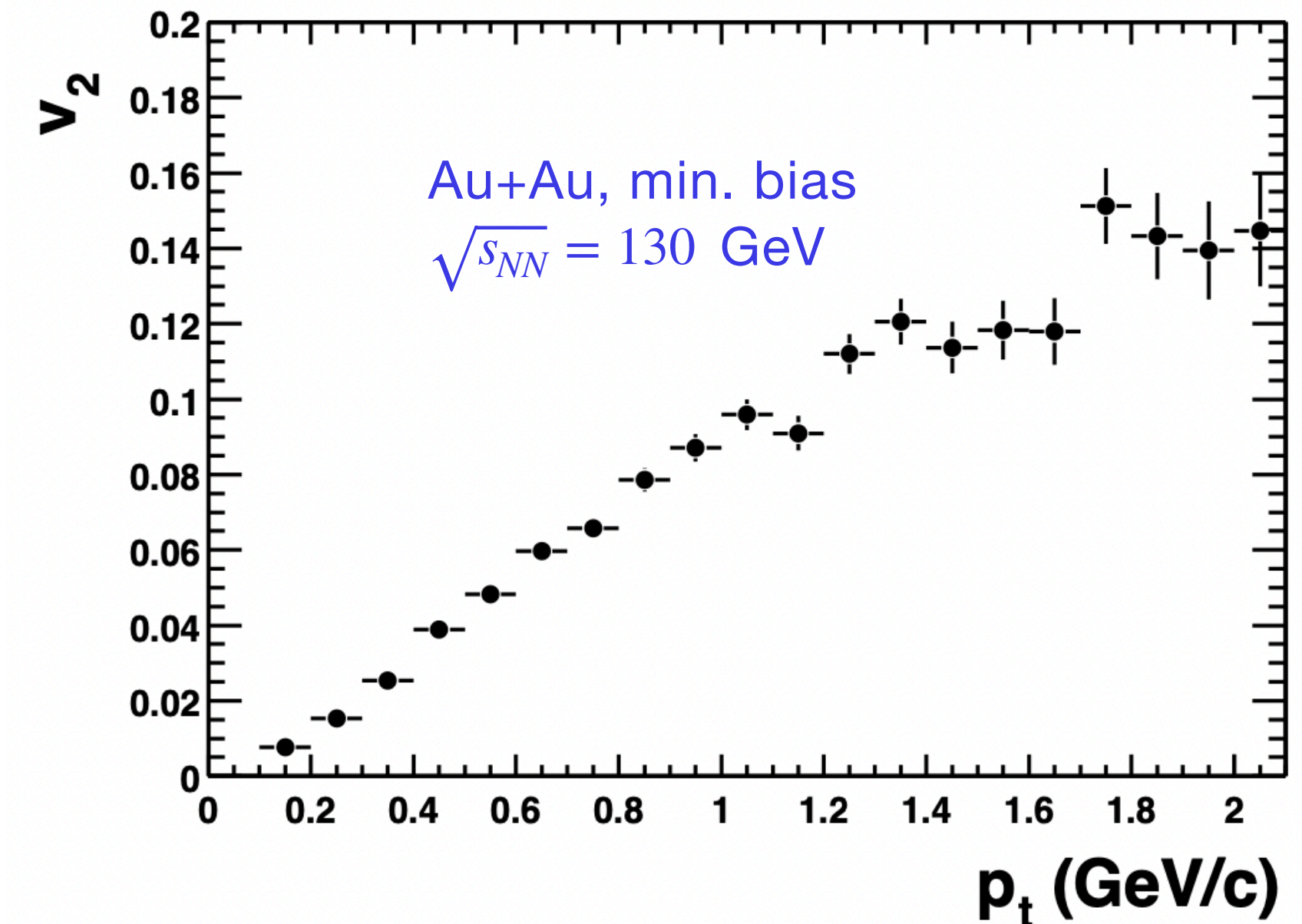
# Azimuthal flow

Momentum space anisotropy is quantified by the anisotropic flow - coefficients of the Fourier series expansion of azimuthal angle spectrum:

$$E \frac{d^3N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy} \cdot \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos \left[ n (\phi - \Psi_{RP}) \right] \right)$$

$$v_n = \langle \cos \left[ n (\phi - \Psi_n) \right] \rangle$$

Experimental results on flow in heavy ion collisions perfectly explained as a collective effect due to viscous relativistic hydro evolution of QGP (different pressure gradients in different directions)



STAR Coll., Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 402 (2001)



# Interacting colour strings

D. Prokhorova, E. Andronov, Phys.Part.Nucl. 54(3), 412 (2023).

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E.V. Andronov, D.S. Prokhorova, A.A. Belousov, Theor.Math.Phys. 216(3), 1265 (2023).

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## Model:

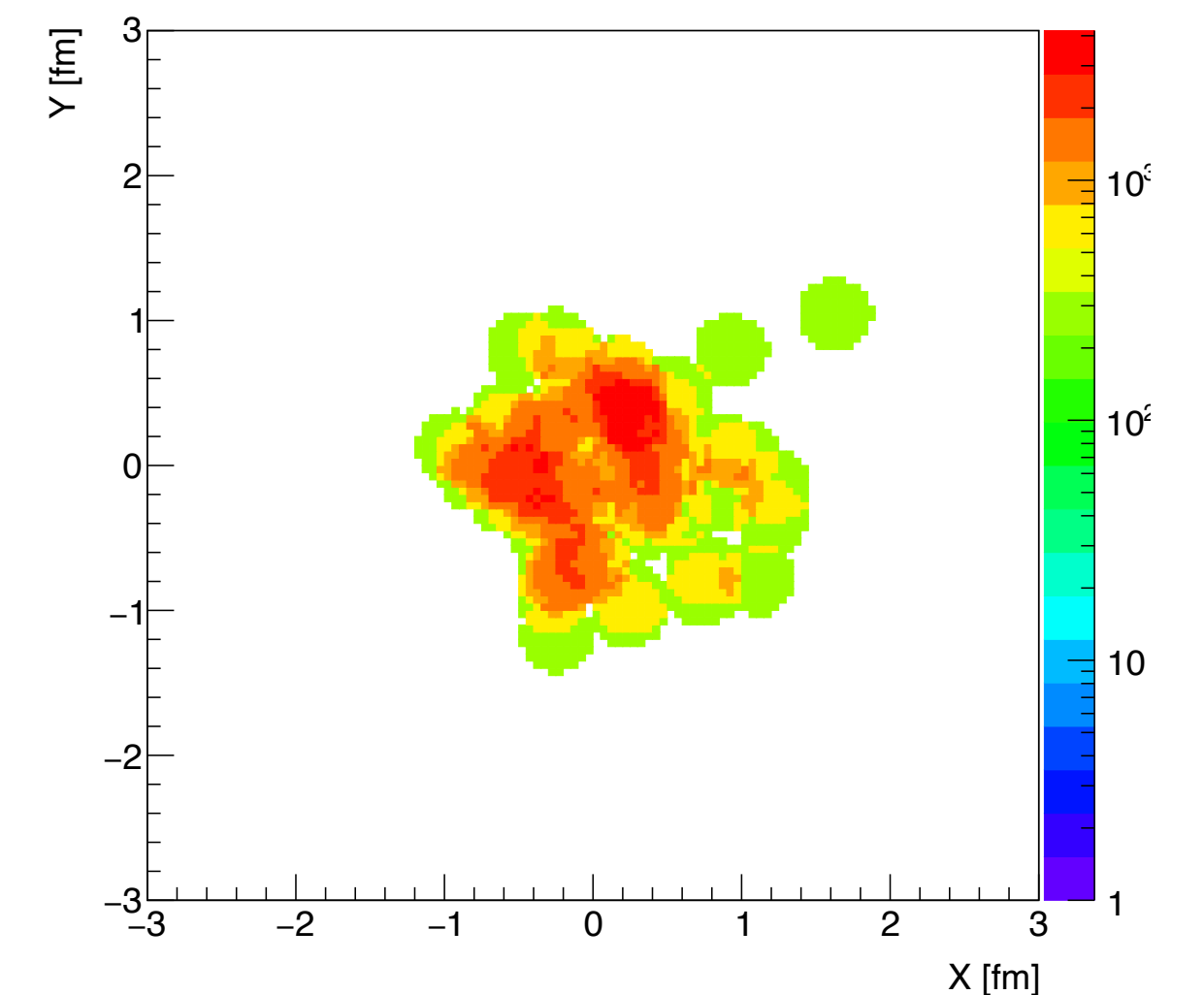
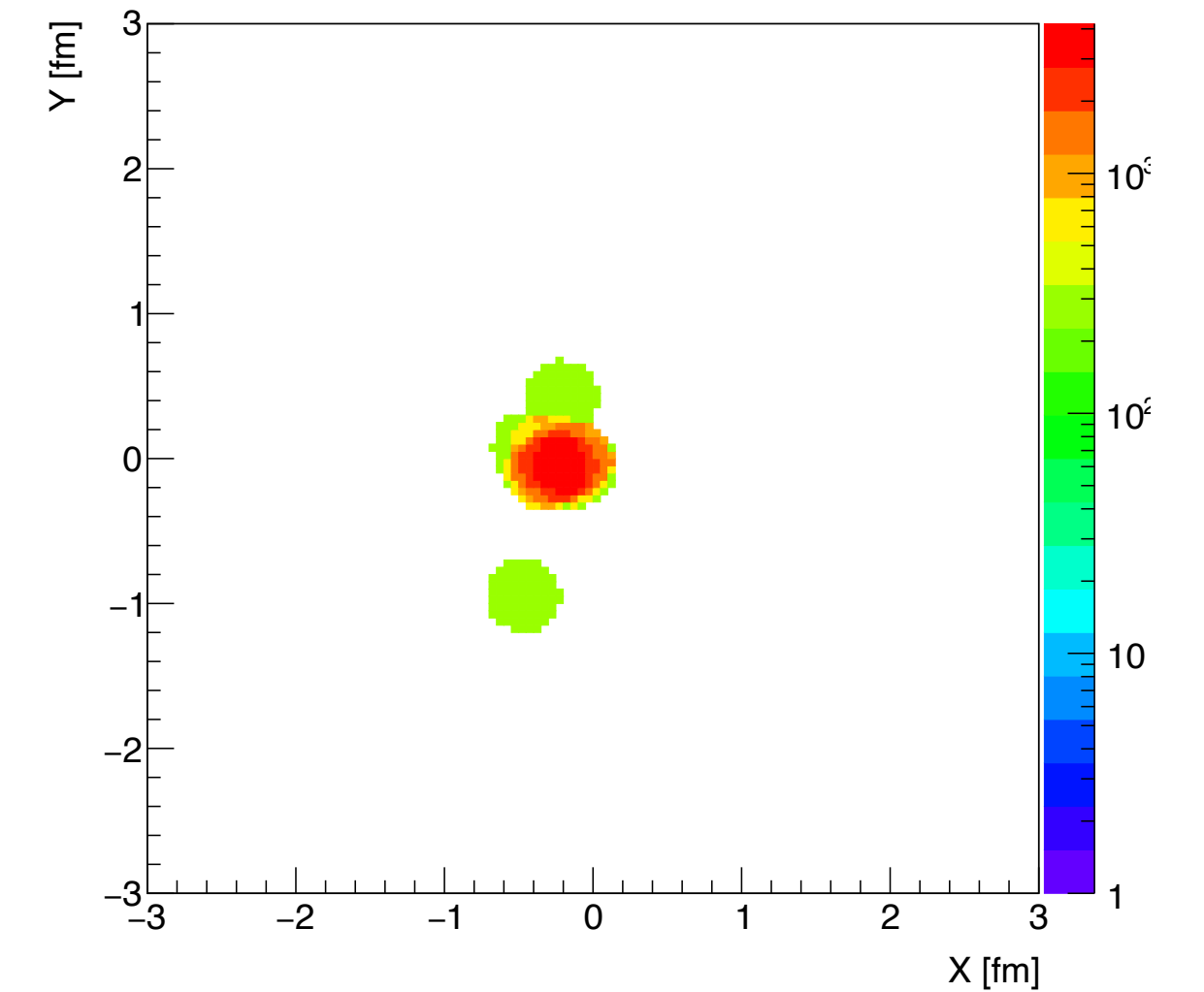
- interacting strings of finite length in rapidity
- number of strings from Glauber+multipomeron exchange model

## Applicability:

- p+p and A+A collisions in 10-13000 GeV range

## How to transform position space anisotropy to momentum space:

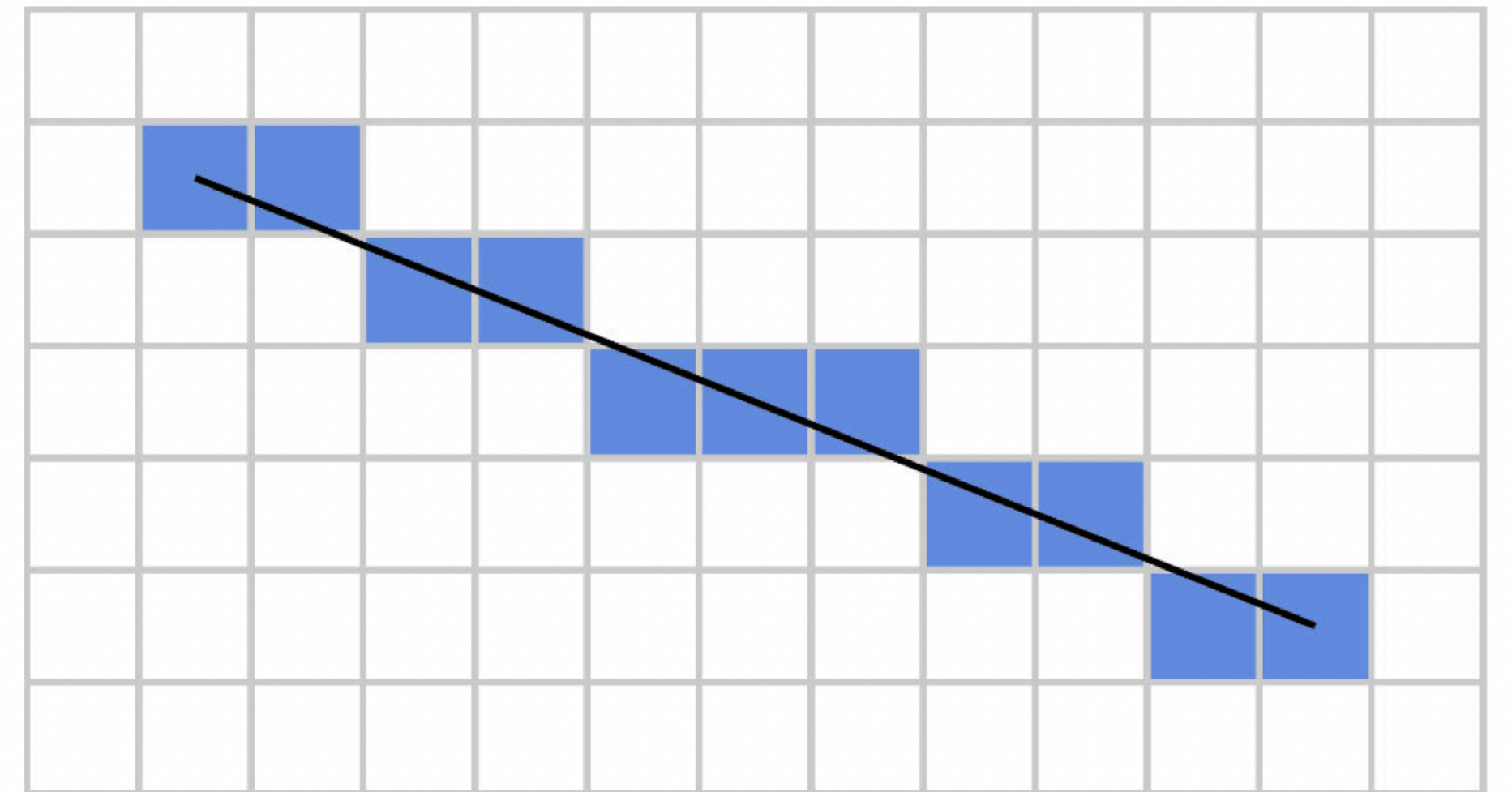
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# Momentum loss in string medium

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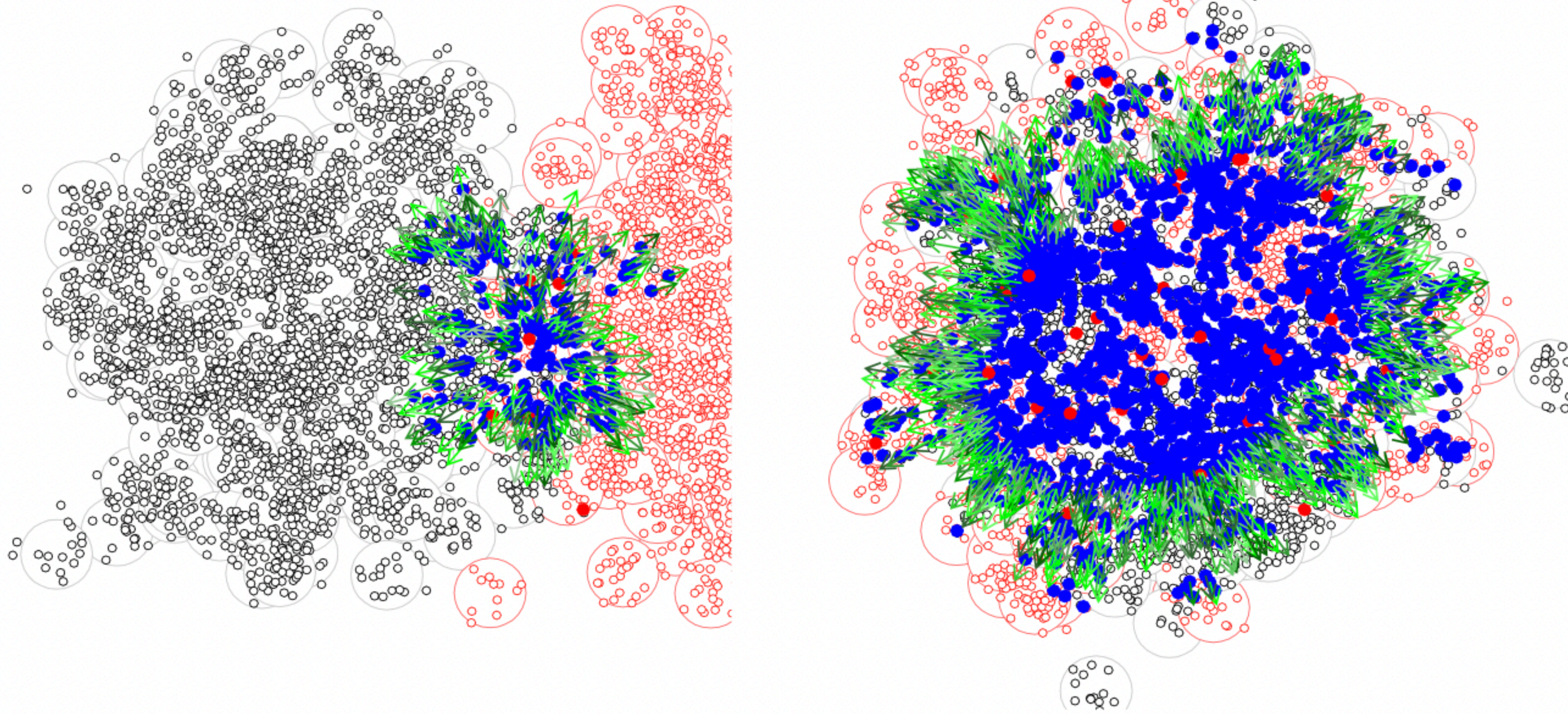
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# String shoving

I. Altsybeev, AIP Conf. Proc. 1701, 100002 (2016)



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# Data set

## Reaction:

- Au+Au at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
- centrality class: 30-70% by impact parameter

## Event-by-event features:

- pT-phi 6\*48 2d histogram ( $0 < p_T < 1$  GeV/c) [L.-G.Pang et al., Nature Commun. 9 (2018) 1, 210]
- events were grouped into 5 classes by number of strings
- 5000 events for training and 1000 for testing for each label

## 2 possible labels (+5 labels for string number):

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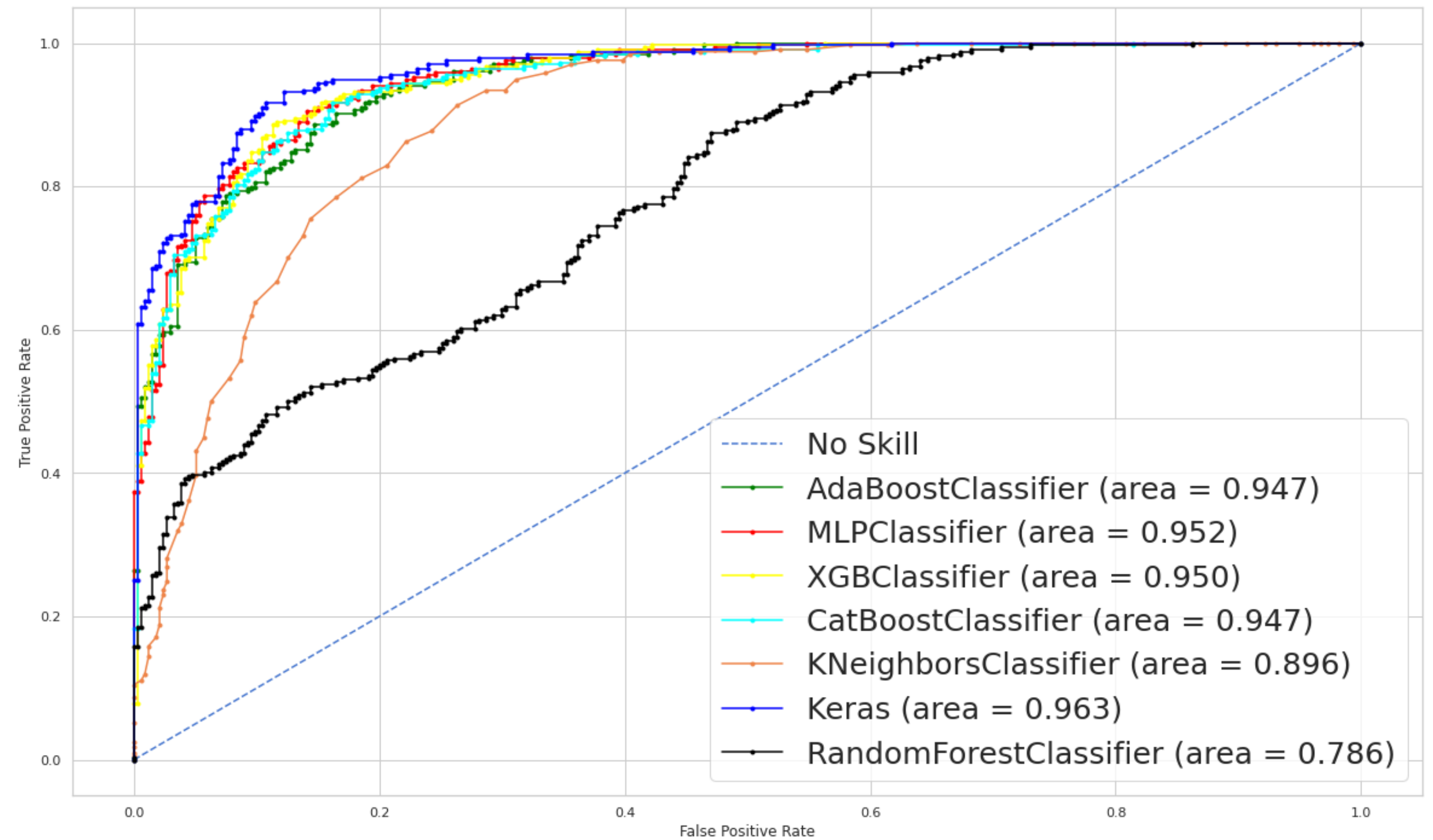
# Binary classification

## Algorithms:

- methods from scikit-learn
- decision tree ensemble (XGBoost, CatBoost)
- convolution neural net

## Metrics:

Classifier	accuracy	precision	recall	F1	ROC AUC
AdaBoostClassifier	0.859	0.857	0.862	0.860	0.947
GaussianNB	0.582	0.654	0.350	0.860	0.704
DecisionTreeClassifier	0.596	0.594	0.605	0.599	0.598
MLPClassifier	0.876	0.866	0.889	0.877	0.952
XGBClassifier	0.883	0.879	0.889	0.884	0.950
CatBoostClassifier	0.871	0.867	0.877	0.872	0.947
KNeighborsClassifier	0.807	0.731	0.970	0.834	0.896
RandomForestClassifier	0.674	0.736	0.542	0.624	0.786



## Methods:

- all the parameters were optimized using GridSearch etc.

**Best results are achieved for convolution neural net**



# Multi-class classification

## Algorithms:

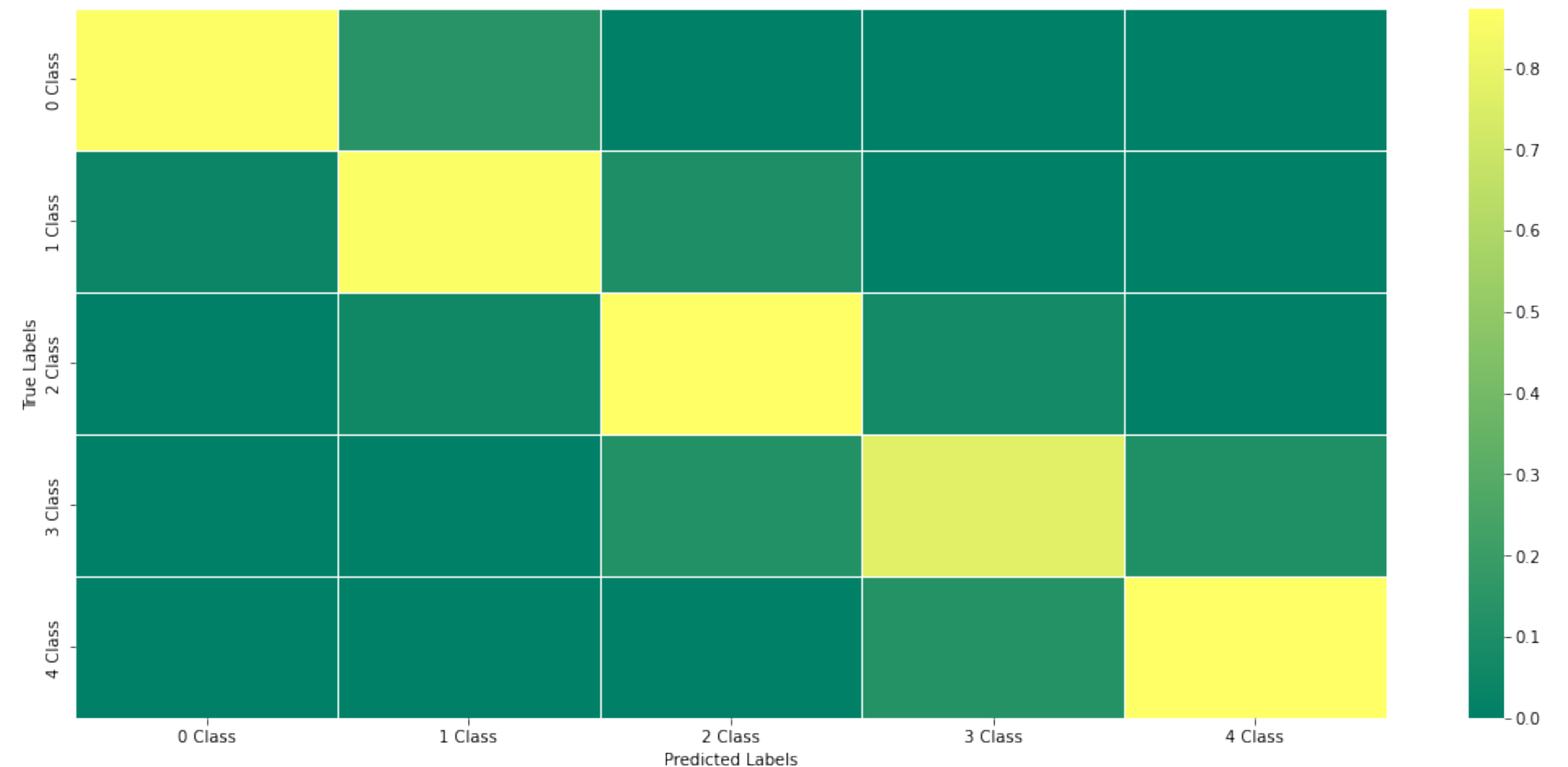
- additional branch was attached to the convolution neural net
- branch's parameters were optimized

## Results:

- areas under ROC for each individual class are  $\sim 0.9$  for all classes
- confusion matrix is of diagonal form

## Summary:

- presenting e-by-e 2d spectra as data for computer vision problem allows us to distinguish between different versions of string model and to extract info on initial conditions



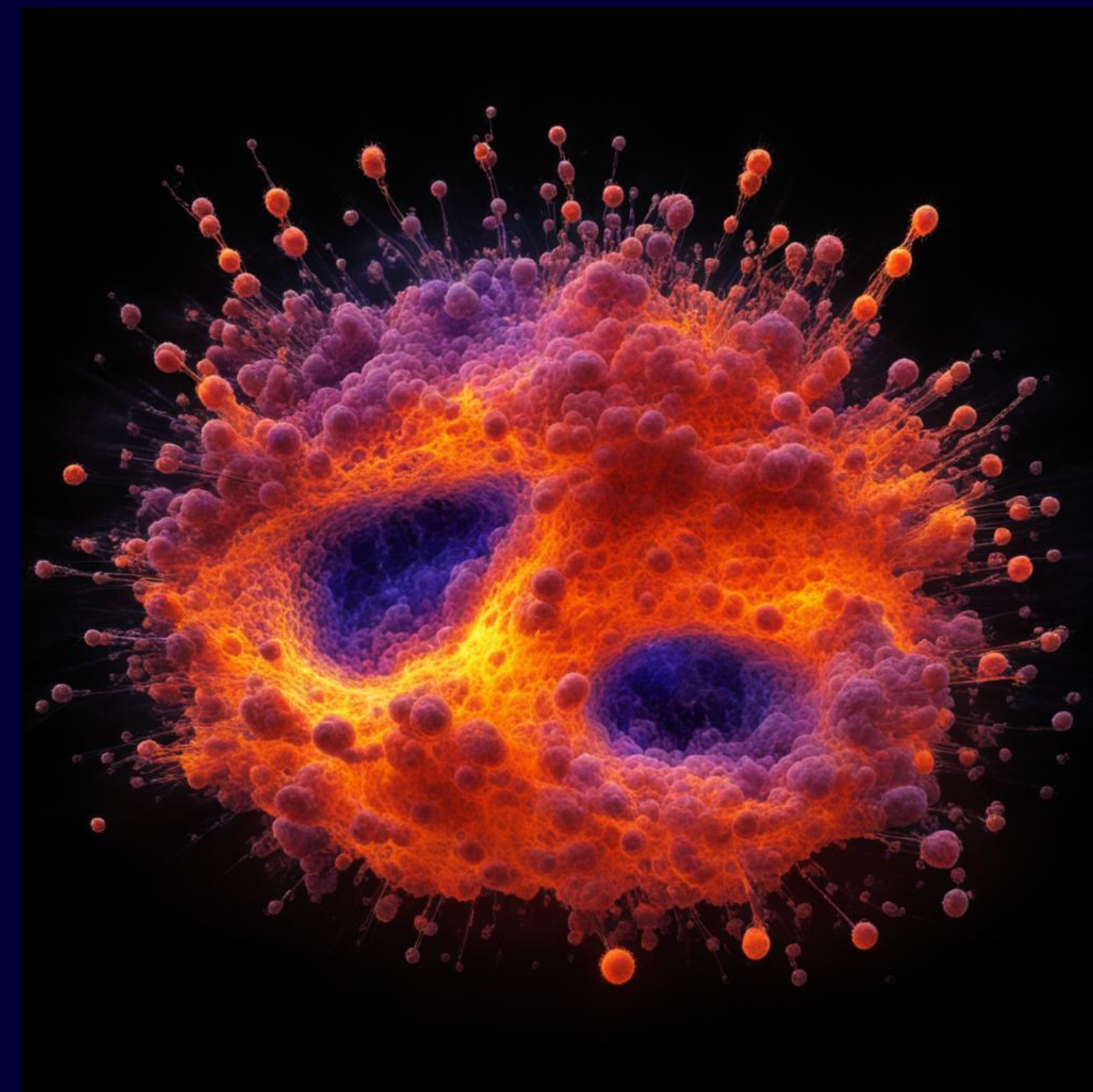


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Kandinsky bot: «Quark-gluon plasma»

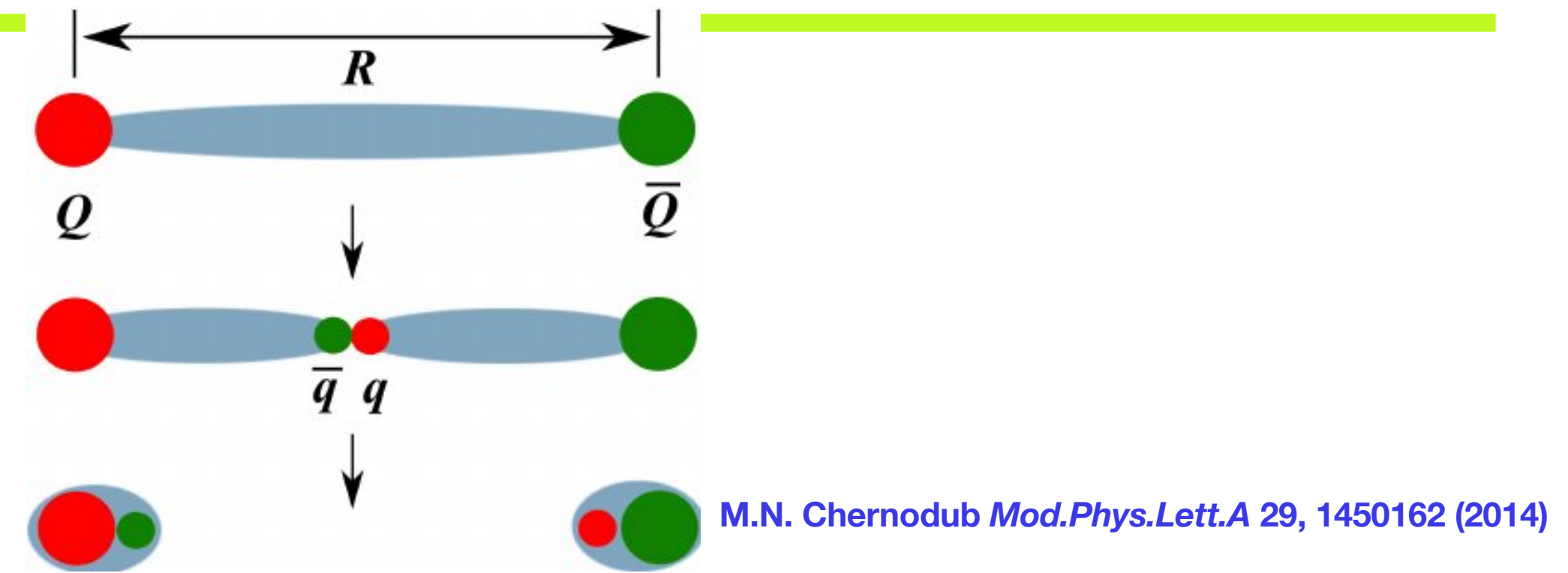
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EXTRA

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# Color string models



- PYTHIA/FRITIOF/QGSM/PHSD/EPOS are among the most successful MC event generators that are able to describe p+p and A+A data (Color strings as particle emitting sources)
- With an increase of the collision energy multi-string configurations start to play a bigger role, ideas: rope formation, string fusion, string repulsion/shoving - useful for description of strangeness enhancement, correlations etc.
  - V.A. Abramovsky, O.V. Kanchely, *JETP Lett.* 31, 566 (1980)
  - T.S. Biro, H.B. Nielsen, J. Knoll, *Nucl.Phys.B* 245, 449 (1984)
  - M.A. Braun, C. Pajares, *Phys.Lett.B* 287, 154 (1992)
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  - C. Bierlich, G. Gustafson, L. Lonnblad, *Phys.Lett.B* 779, 58 (2018)
- Anisotropy in string model can be produced due to the quenching of partons/hadrons momenta due to the presence of the gluon field of the stretched strings (NB: field changes due to interaction of strings) [**M.A.Braun,C.Pajares, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 71, 1558 (2011)**] - description of elliptic and triangular flow in A+A collisions

# Parameters

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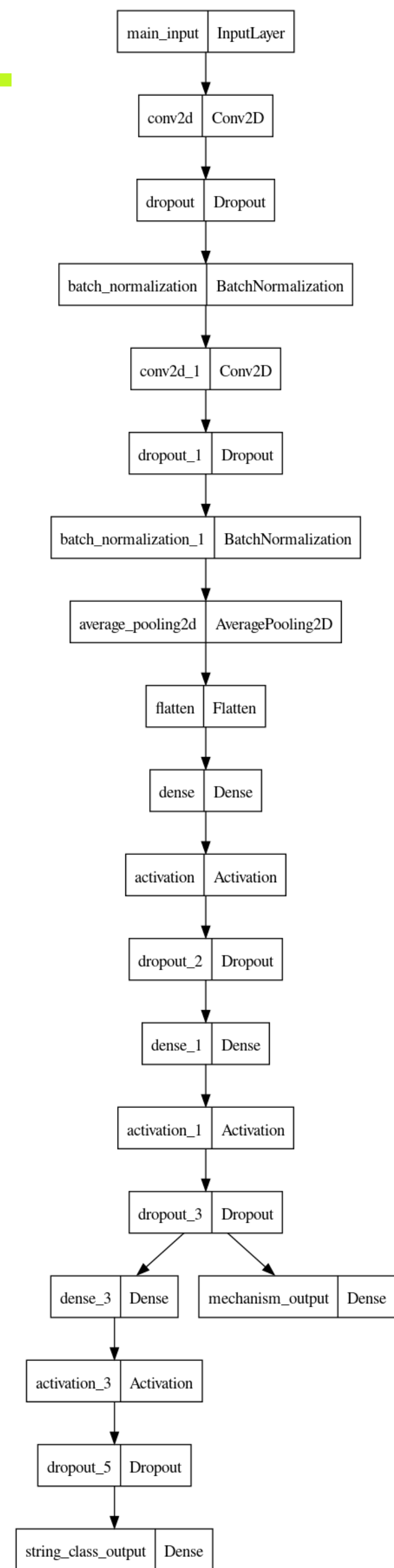
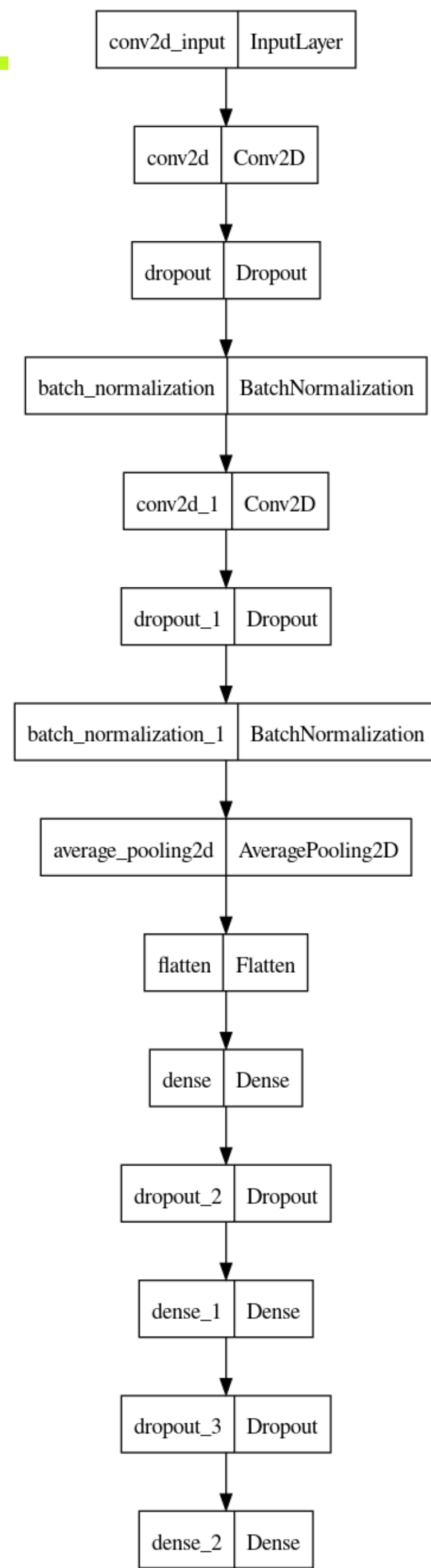
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$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0.0001$$

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clf_ada = AdaBoostClassifier(n_estimators=500, learning_rate=1.0)
clf_gaus = GaussianNB()
clf_decTree = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=25)
clf_mlp = MLPClassifier(solver='lbfgs', activation='tanh', learning_rate='constant', alpha=0.05, hidden_layer_sizes=(100,2))
clf_xg = XGBClassifier(learning_rate=0.02, objective='binary:logistic', silent=True, nthread=1, subsample = 0.8, n_estimators = 1500,
min_child_weight = 10, max_depth = 4, gamma = 1.5, colsample_bytree = 0.6)
clf_cat = CatBoostClassifier(depth=4, iterations=1000, learning_rate=0.1)
clf_kneigh = KNeighborsClassifier(100)
clf_forest = RandomForestClassifier(max_depth=8, n_estimators=500, max_features=1)
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# Building blocks of the model

## INITIALIZATION

1) Preparation of protons with different numbers of partons ( $x$  from PDF, valence and sea quarks and diquarks,  $\sum_i x_i = 1, \sum_i E_i = E_{proton}$ )

2) Combine protons with the same number of partons in pairs, stretch strings between partons, define initial rapidities of the string endpoints

3) Sample from the prepared pairs of protons according to the distribution on number of pomeron exchanges:

$$P(n_{\text{pom}}) = C(z) \frac{1}{z^{n_{\text{pom}}}} \left( 1 - \exp(-z) \sum_{l=0}^{n_{\text{pom}}-1} \frac{z^l}{l!} \right), \text{ where}$$

$$z = \frac{2w\gamma s^\Delta}{R^2 + \alpha' \ln s}, \quad w=1.5, \quad \Delta = \alpha(0) - 1 = 0.2, \quad \gamma = 1.035 \text{ GeV}^{-2}, \quad R^2 = 3.3 \text{ GeV}^{-2},$$
$$\alpha' = 0.05 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$



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## LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS

C.Shen, B.Schenke, Phys.Rev. C 97, 024907 (2018)

1) Due to string tension,  $\left| \frac{dp_q}{dt} \right| = -\sigma$ , rapidity of strings' endpoints changes:

$$y_q^{loss} = \mp \operatorname{arccosh} \left( \frac{\tau^2 \sigma^2}{2m_q^2} + 1 \right)$$

## TRANSVERSE DYNAMICS

T.Kalaydzhyan, E.Shuryak, Phys.Rev. C 90, 014901 (2014)

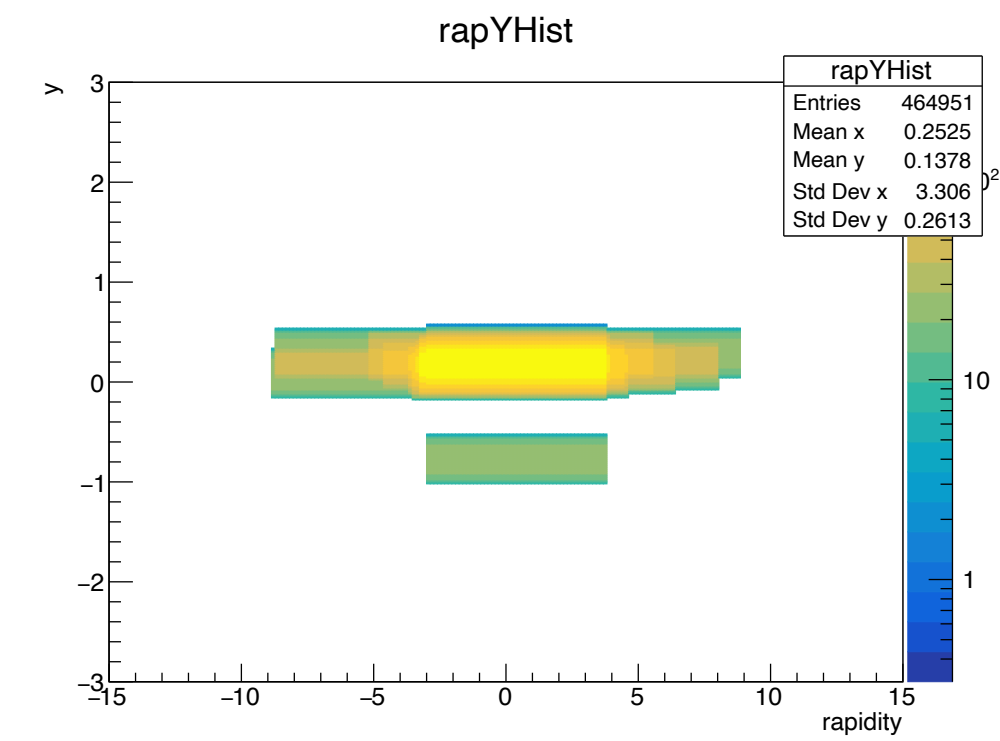
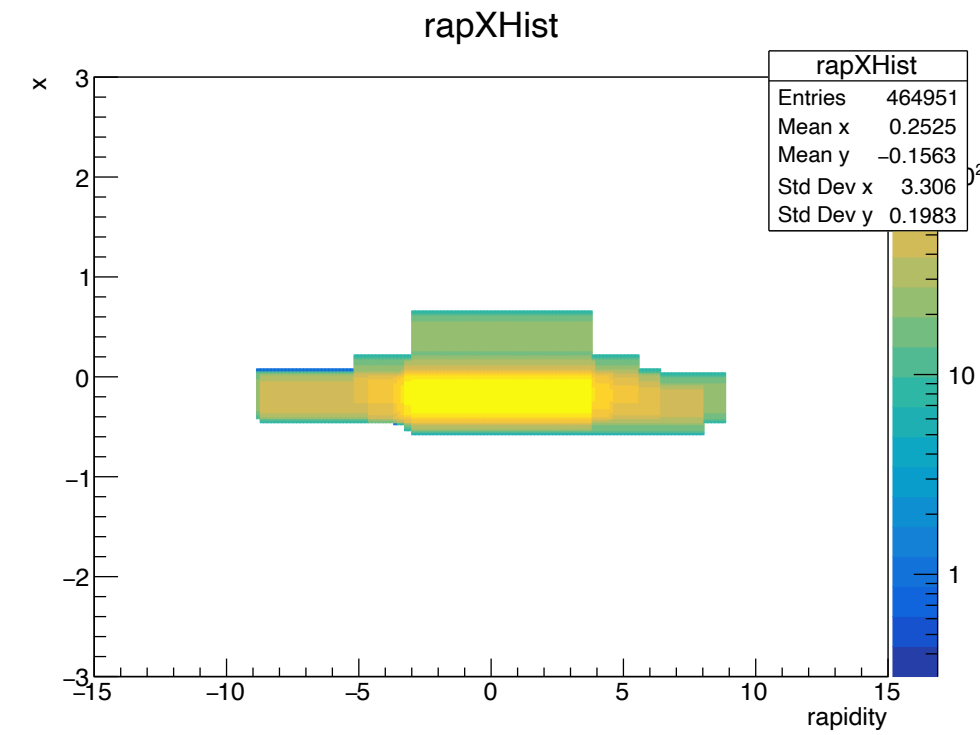
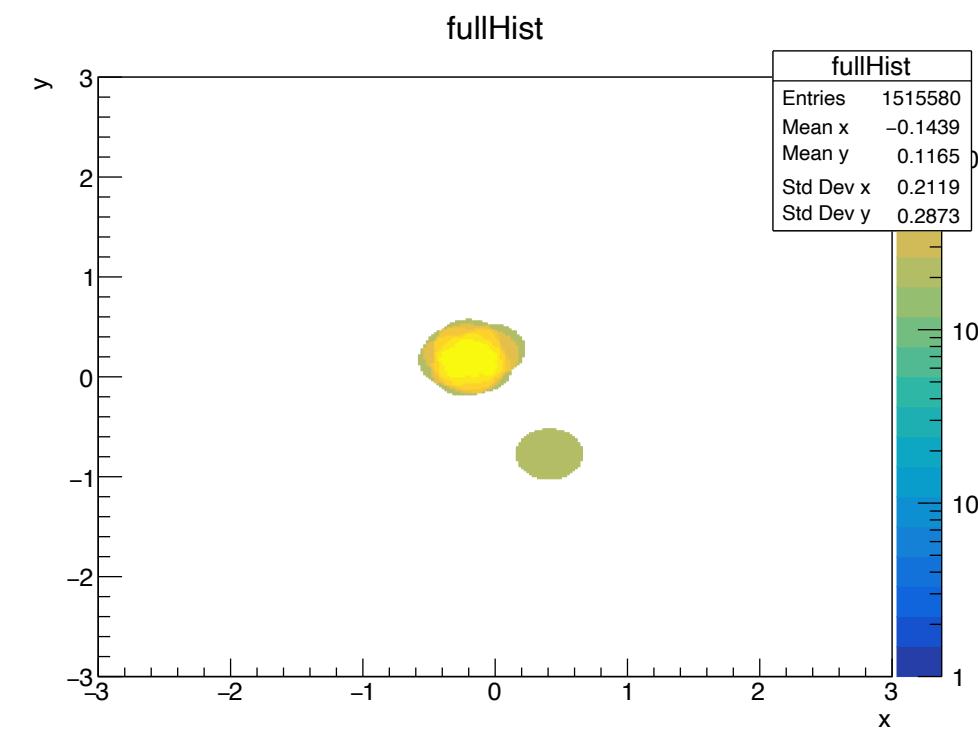
1) Attractive interaction of strings (due to the sigma meson exchange) leads to their movement in the transverse plane according to  $\ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \vec{f}_{ij} \propto \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\tilde{r}_{ij}} K_1(m_\sigma \tilde{r}_{ij})$ , where  $r_{ij}$  is a

distance between i-th and j-th strings,  $\tilde{r}_{ij} = \sqrt{r_{ij}^2 + s_{\text{string}}^2}$  is a regularised distance,

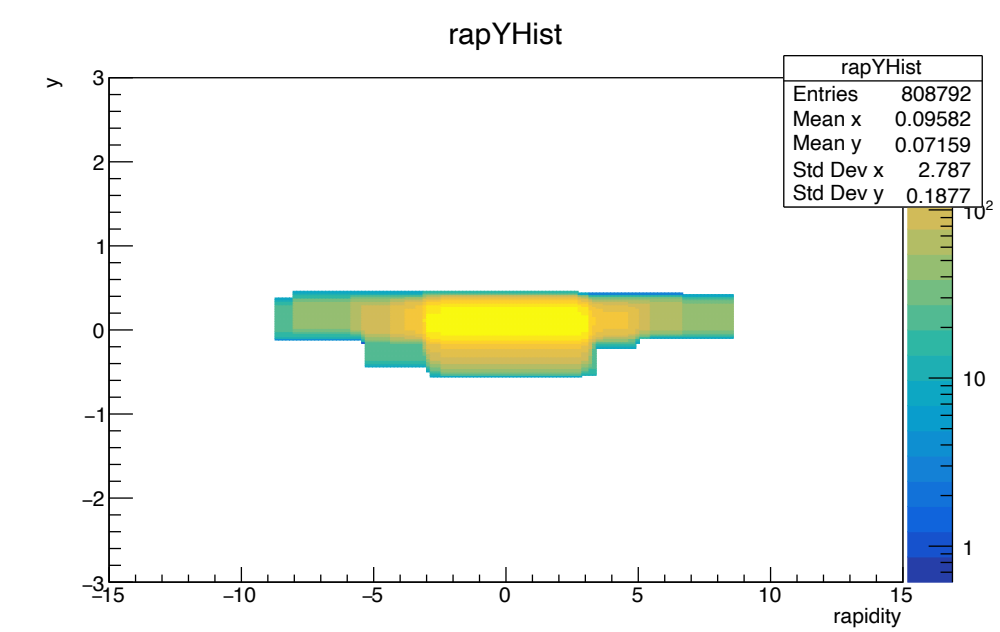
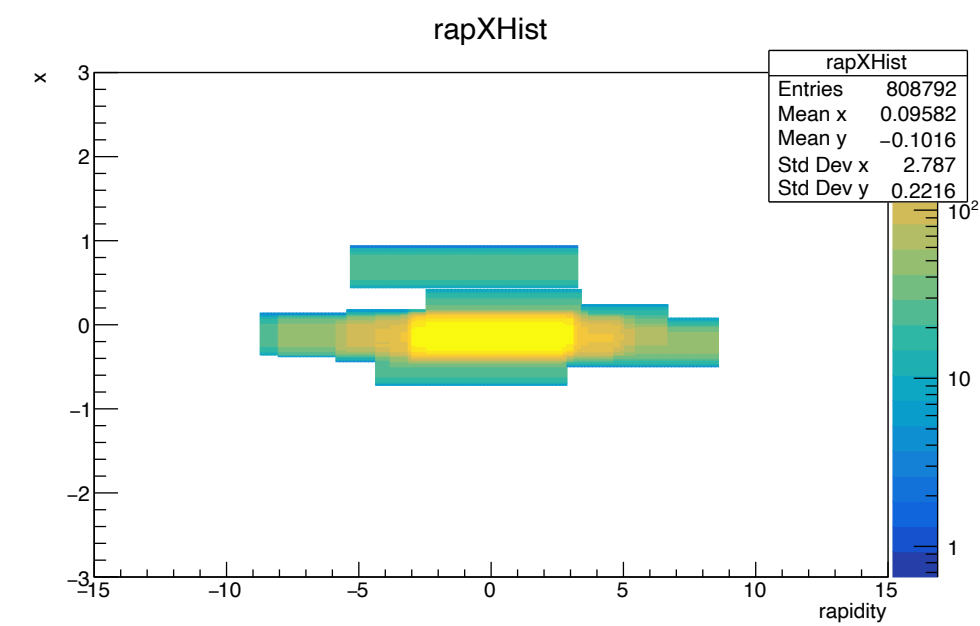
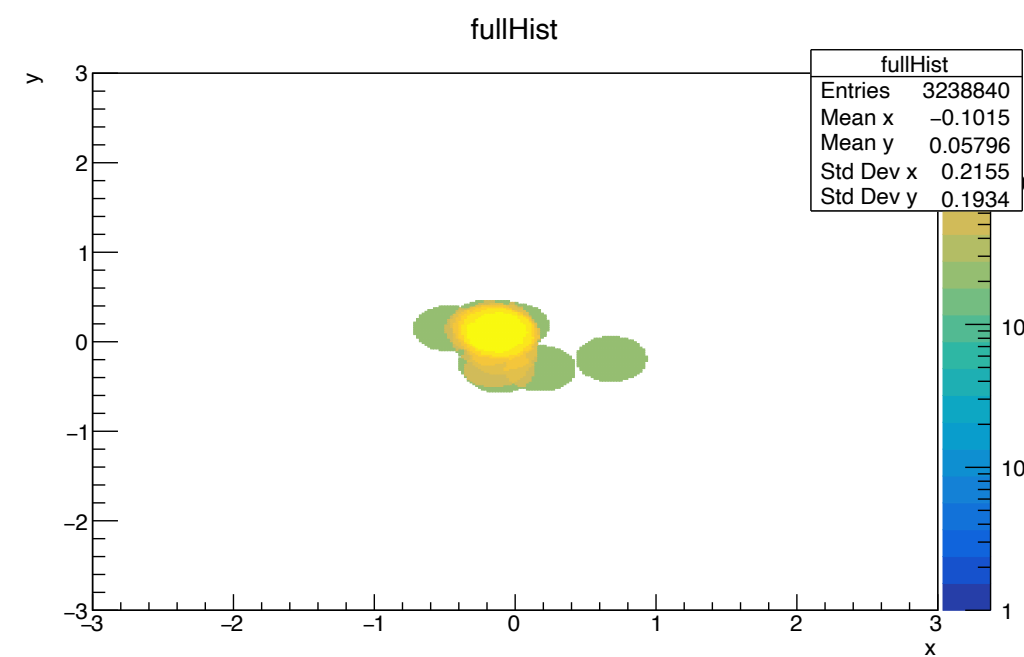
$s_{\text{string}} = 0.176$  fm and  $K_1$  is a modified Bessel function of the II type

# Examples of string configurations

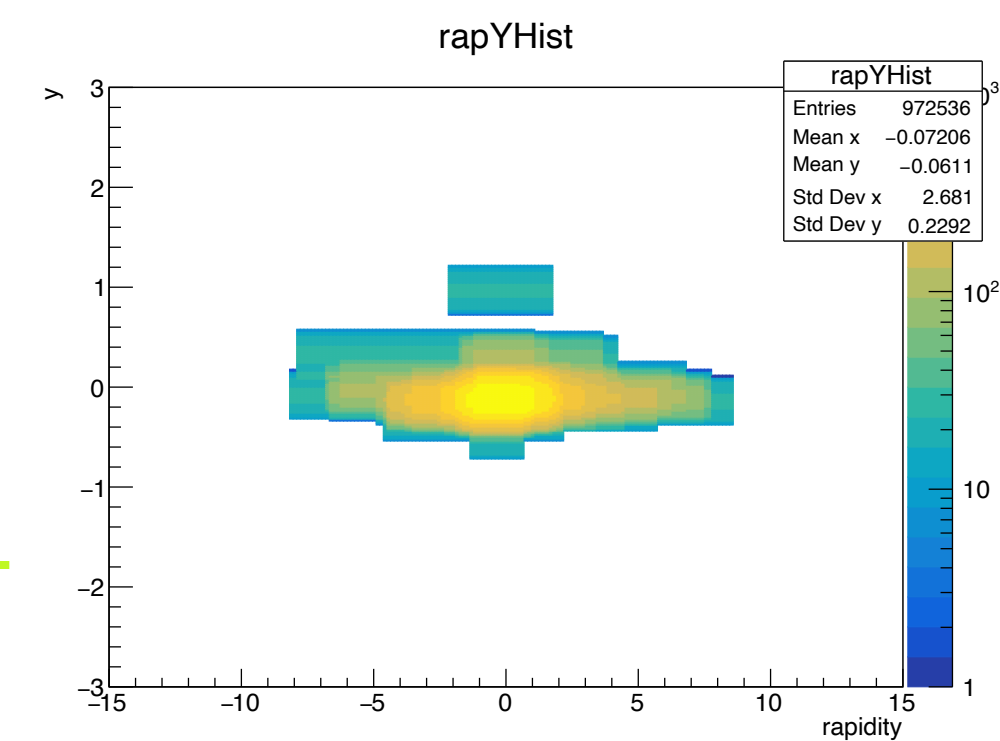
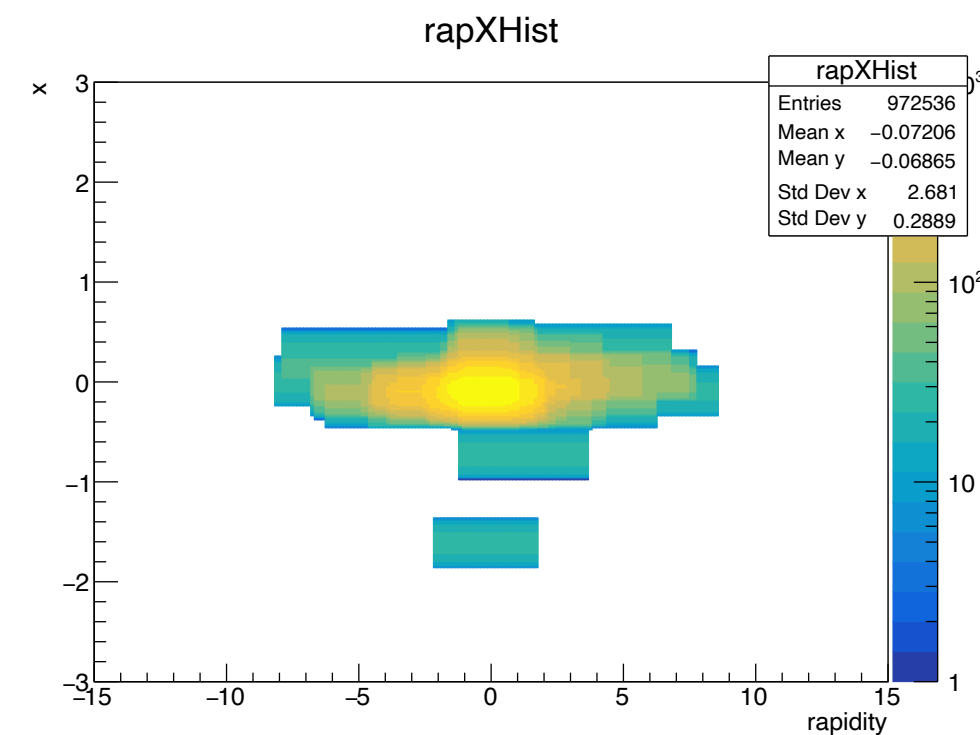
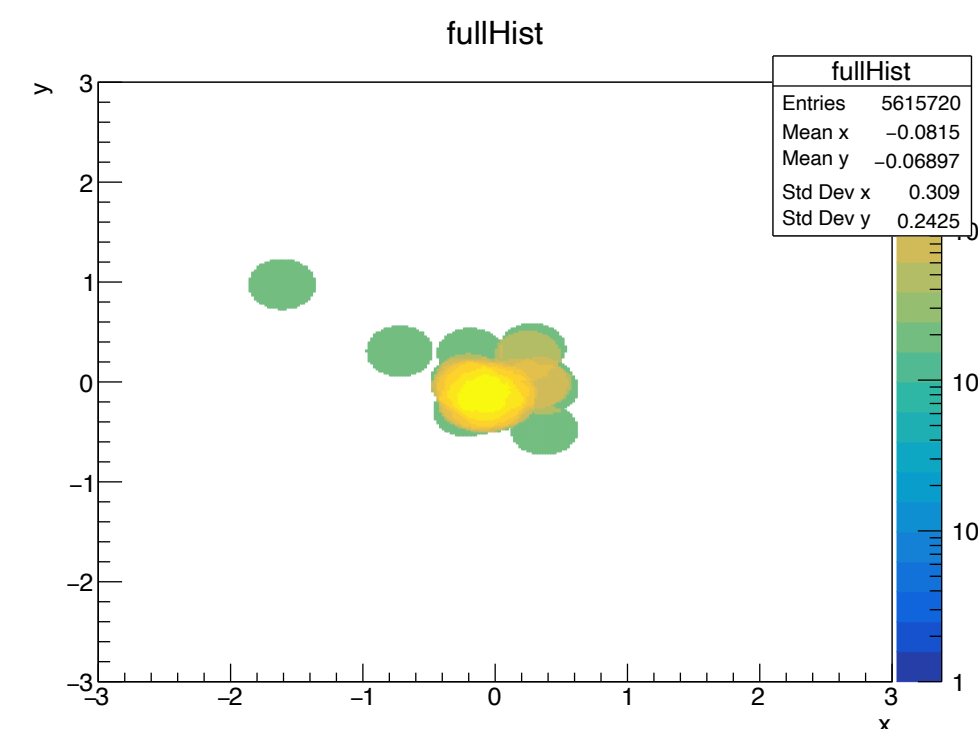
14 STRINGS



30 STRINGS



52 STRINGS





# Building blocks of the model

## STRING FUSION

M.A. Braun, C. Pajares, Phys.Lett.B 287, 154 (1992)

- 1) Rapidity space is split into slices and transverse plane is split into bins - we have 3d bins with different number of strings
- 2) Mean multiplicity from a string piece of length  $\epsilon$  in rapidity -  $\mu_0 \cdot \epsilon$
- 3) When color fields overlap due to their random orientation  $\mu_0 \cdot \epsilon$  is enhanced non linearly:  
$$\mu_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{k} \cdot \frac{S_{bin}}{S_0}$$
, where  $k$  - number of strings in 3d bin,  $S_0$  - area of a string,  $S_{bin}$  - area of 2d bin
- 4) Mean transverse momentum from an independent string -  $p_0$
- 5) Mean transverse momentum from a 3d bin -  $p_0 \cdot k^\beta$ , where  
$$\beta = 1.16[1 - (\ln\sqrt{s} - 2.52)^{-0.19}]$$

V.Kovalenko et al., Universe 8, 246 (2022)

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## PARTICLE PRODUCTION

- 1) mean multiplicity from 3d bin:  $\langle N_{bin} \rangle = \mu_0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot \sqrt{k} \cdot \frac{S_{bin}}{S_0}$ , multiplicity from the Poisson distribution  $P_{Pois}(\langle N_{bin} \rangle)$
- 2) For each particle we sample transverse momentum according to  $f(p_T) = \frac{\pi p_T}{2\langle p_T \rangle_{bin}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi p_T^2}{4\langle p_T \rangle_{bin}^2}\right)$ , with  $\langle p_T \rangle_{bin} = p_0 \cdot k^\beta$
- 3) Particle species are sampled according to  $\propto \exp\left(-\frac{\pi m_i^2}{4\langle p_T \rangle_{bin}^2}\right)$ , where  $i$  corresponds to pions, kaons, protons, rho-mesons

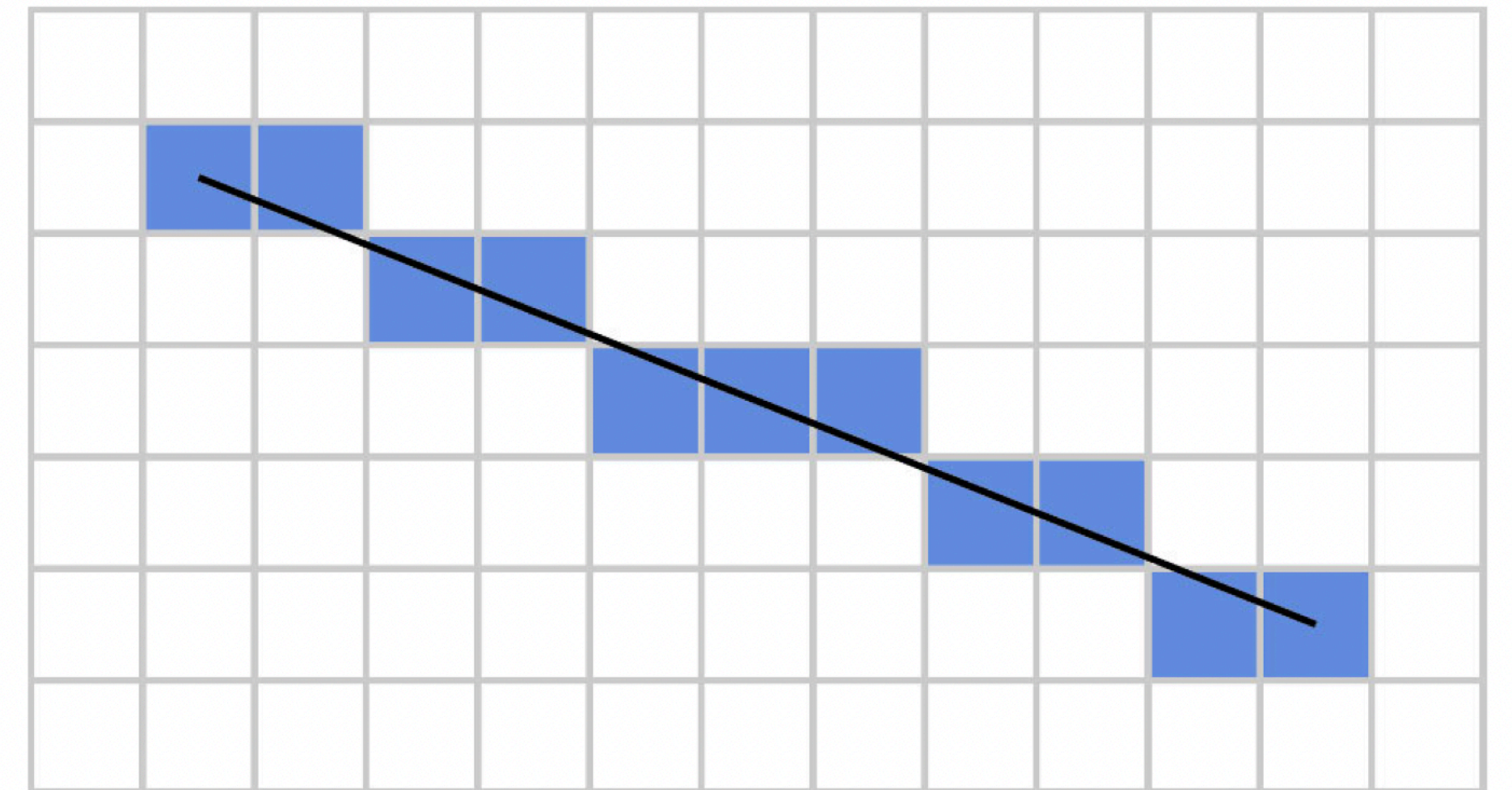


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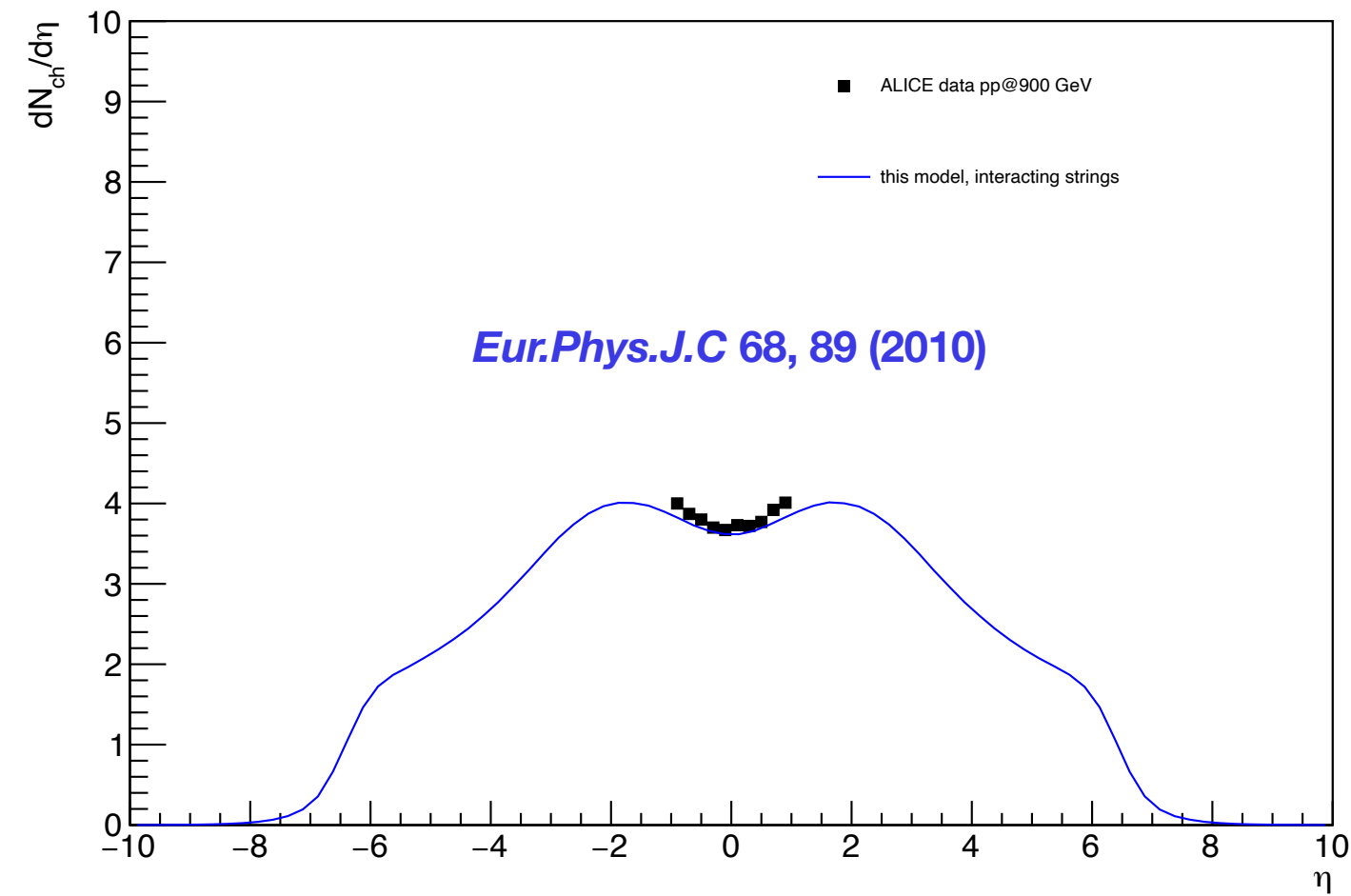
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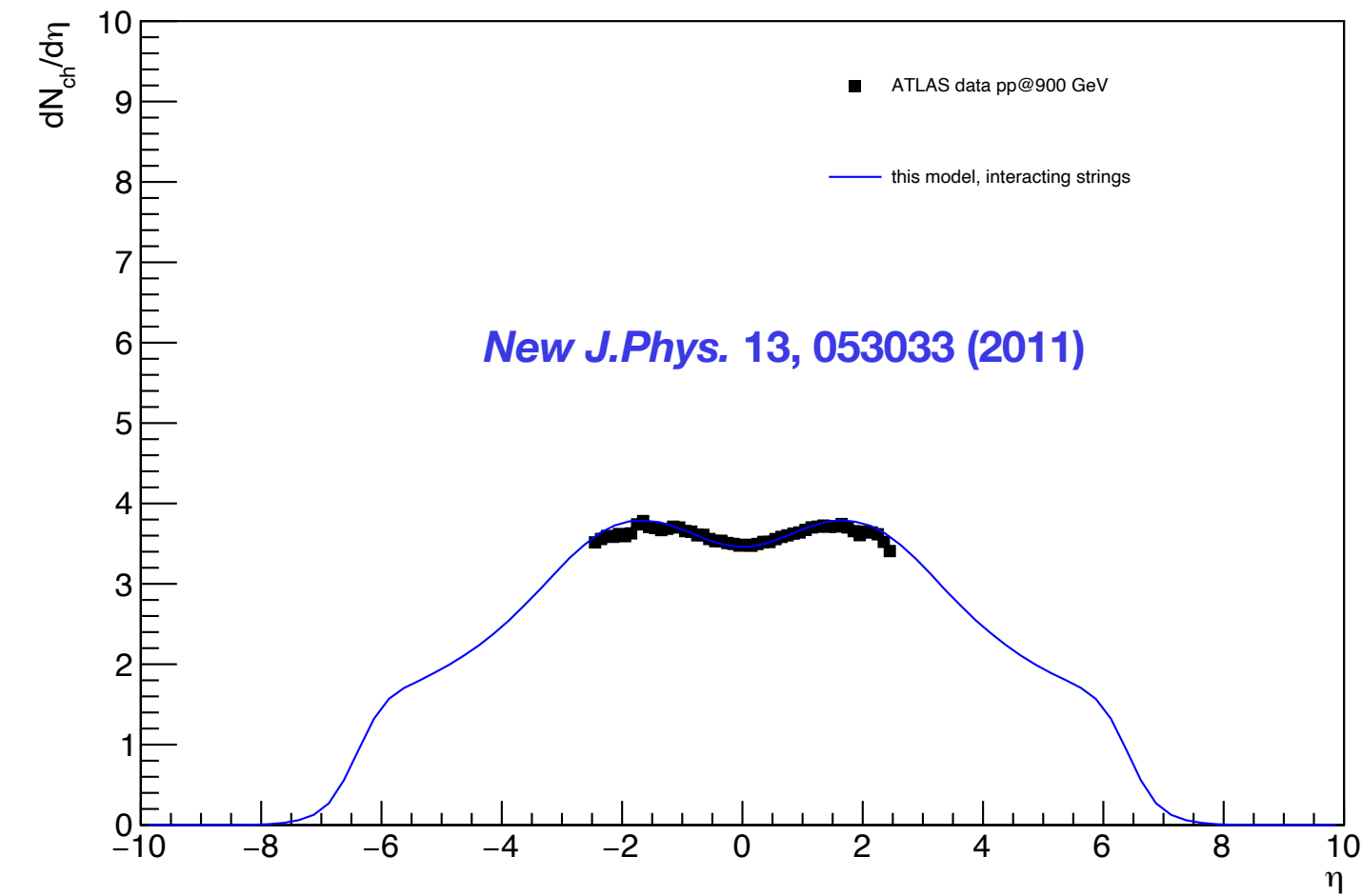


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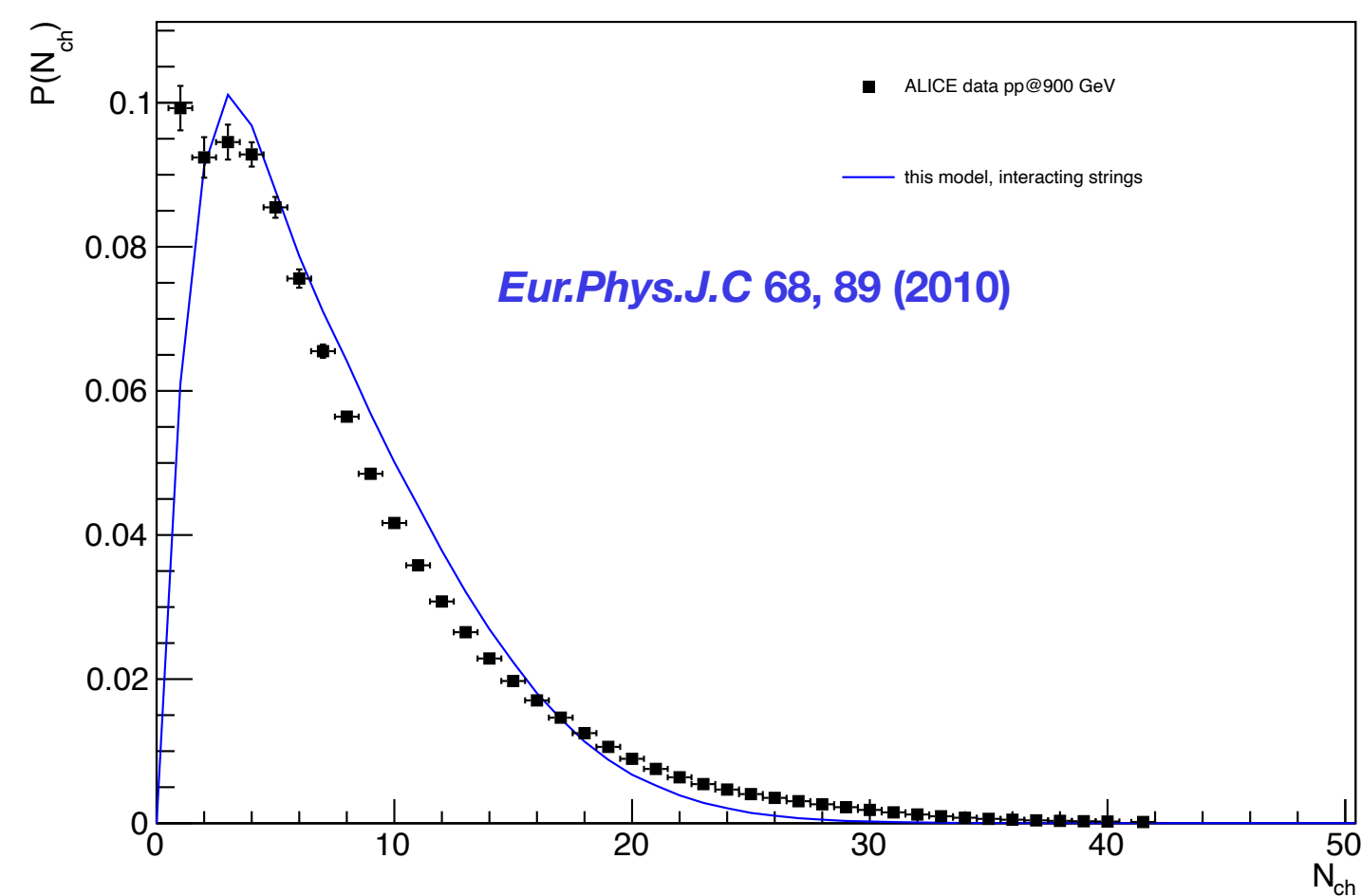
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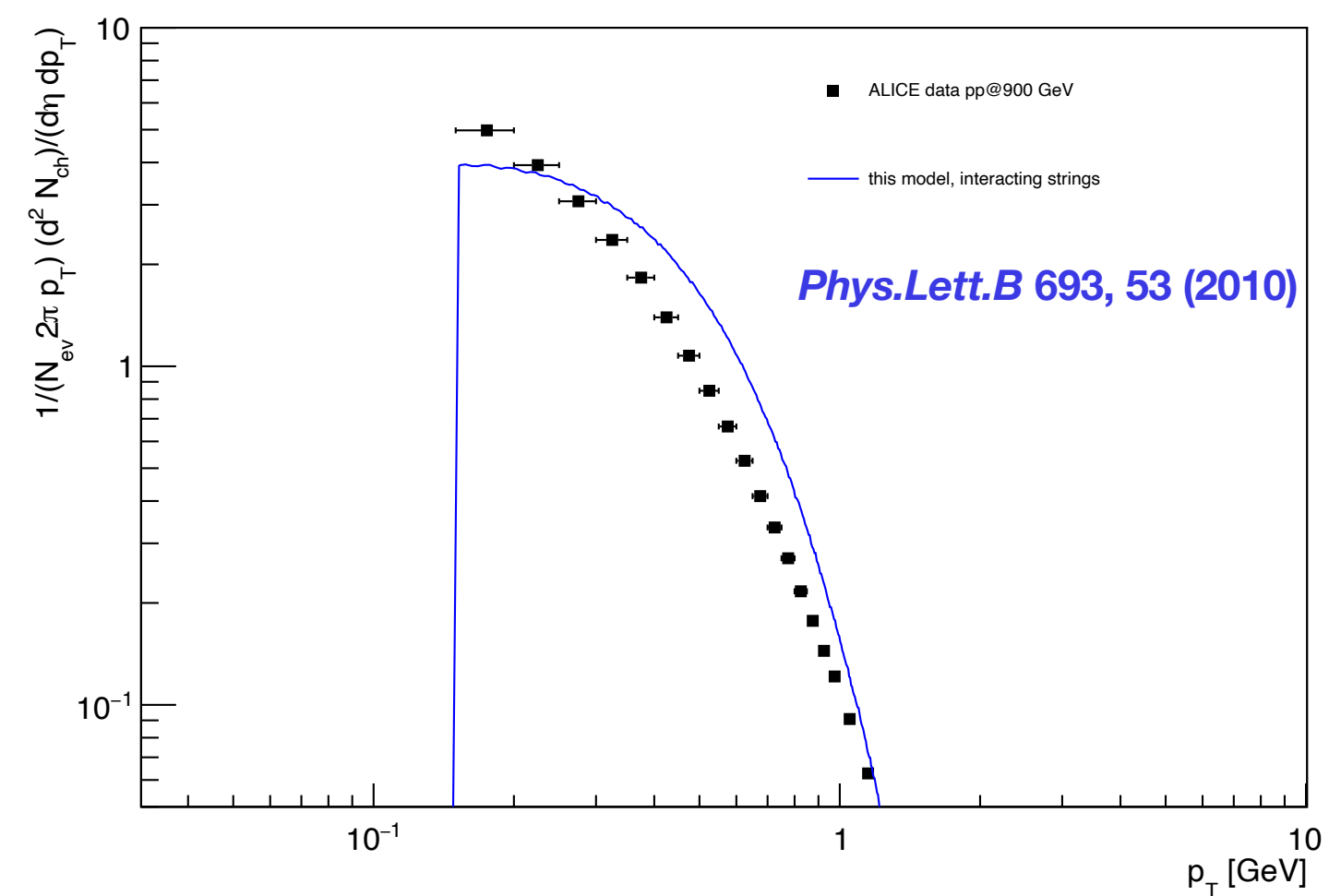
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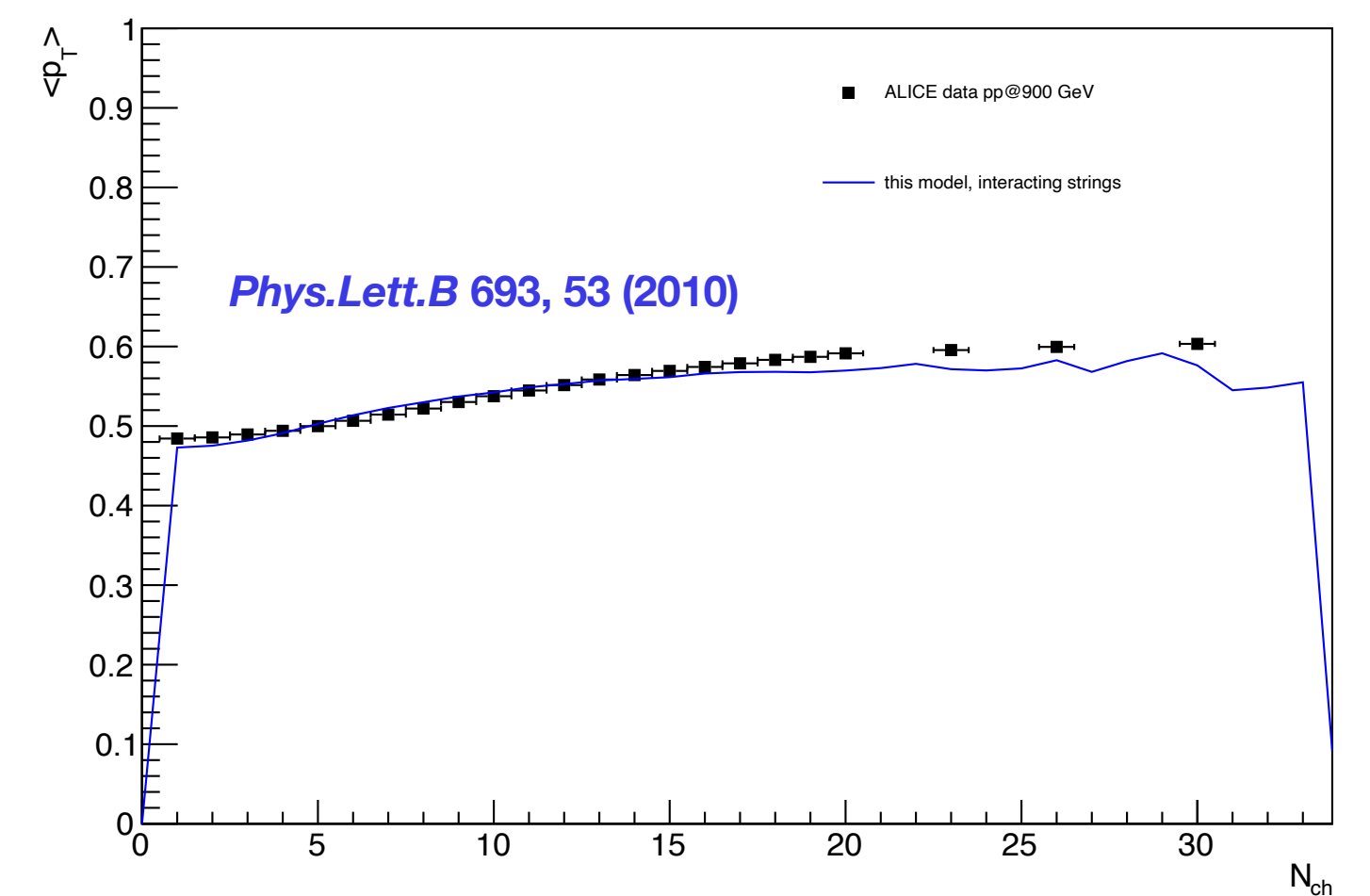
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ALICE,  $p_T$  spectra,  $|\eta| < 0.8$



ALICE,  $p_T$ - $N$  correlation,  $p_T>0.15$  GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 0.8$

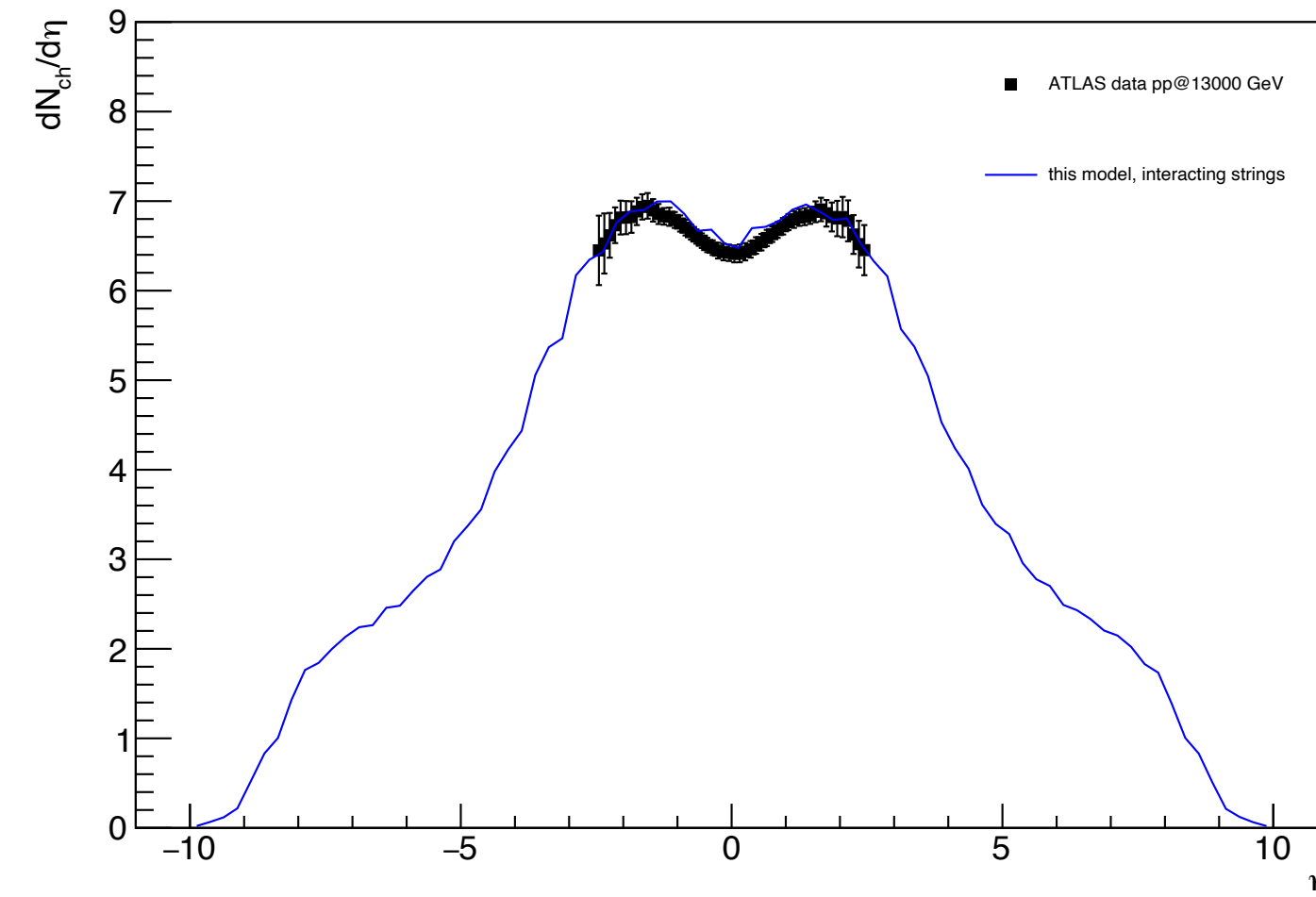


# 13000 GeV

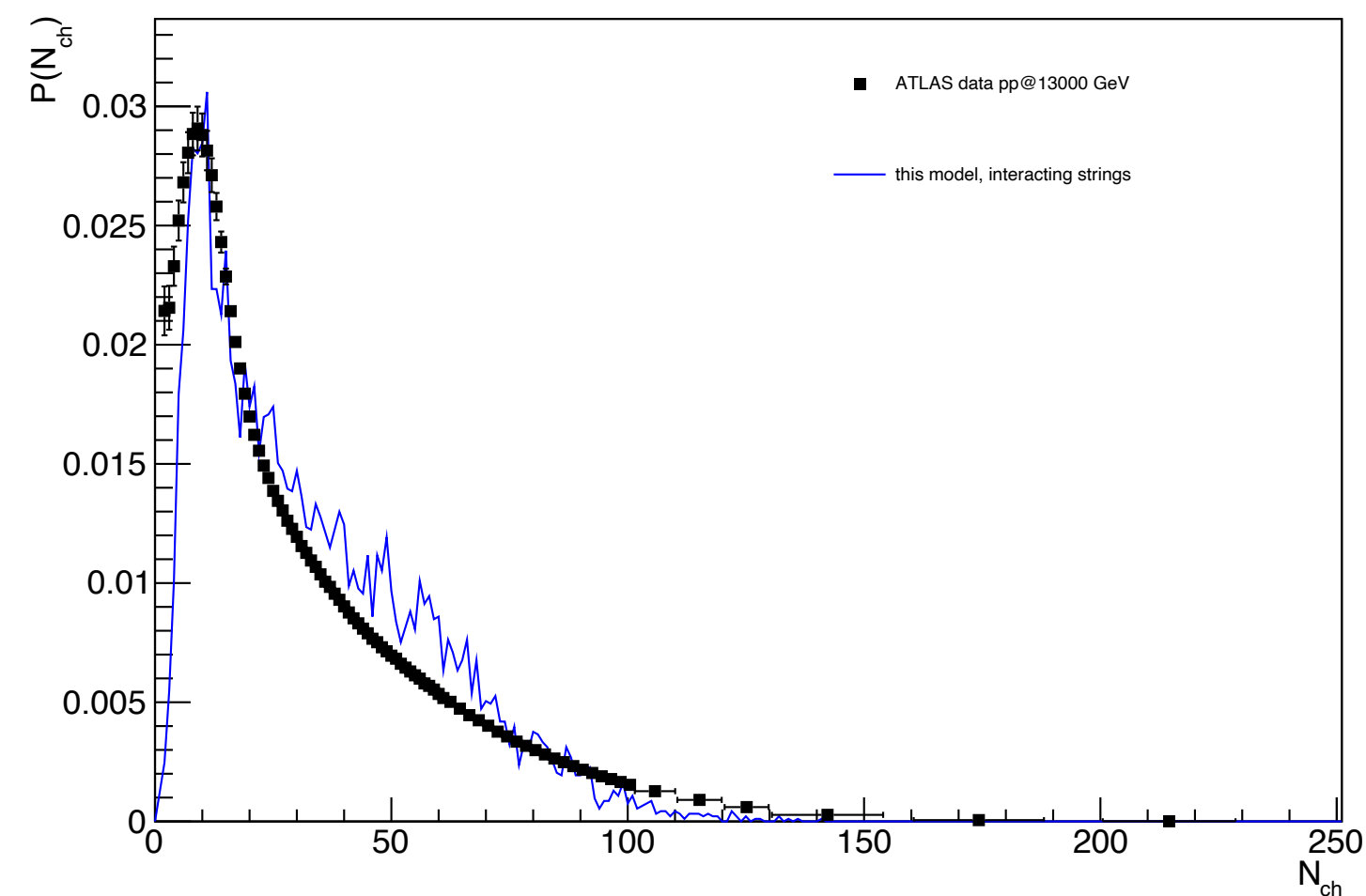
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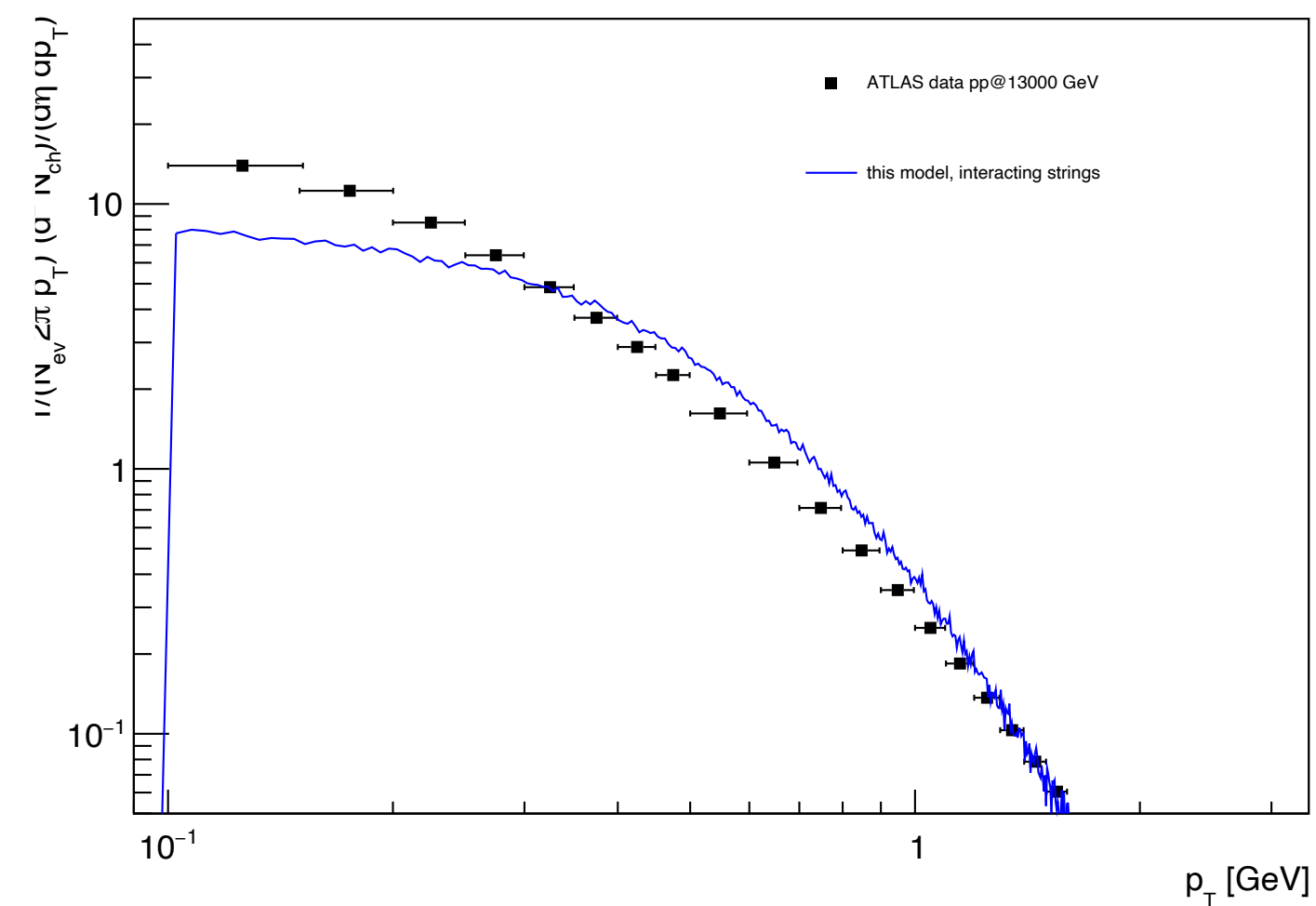
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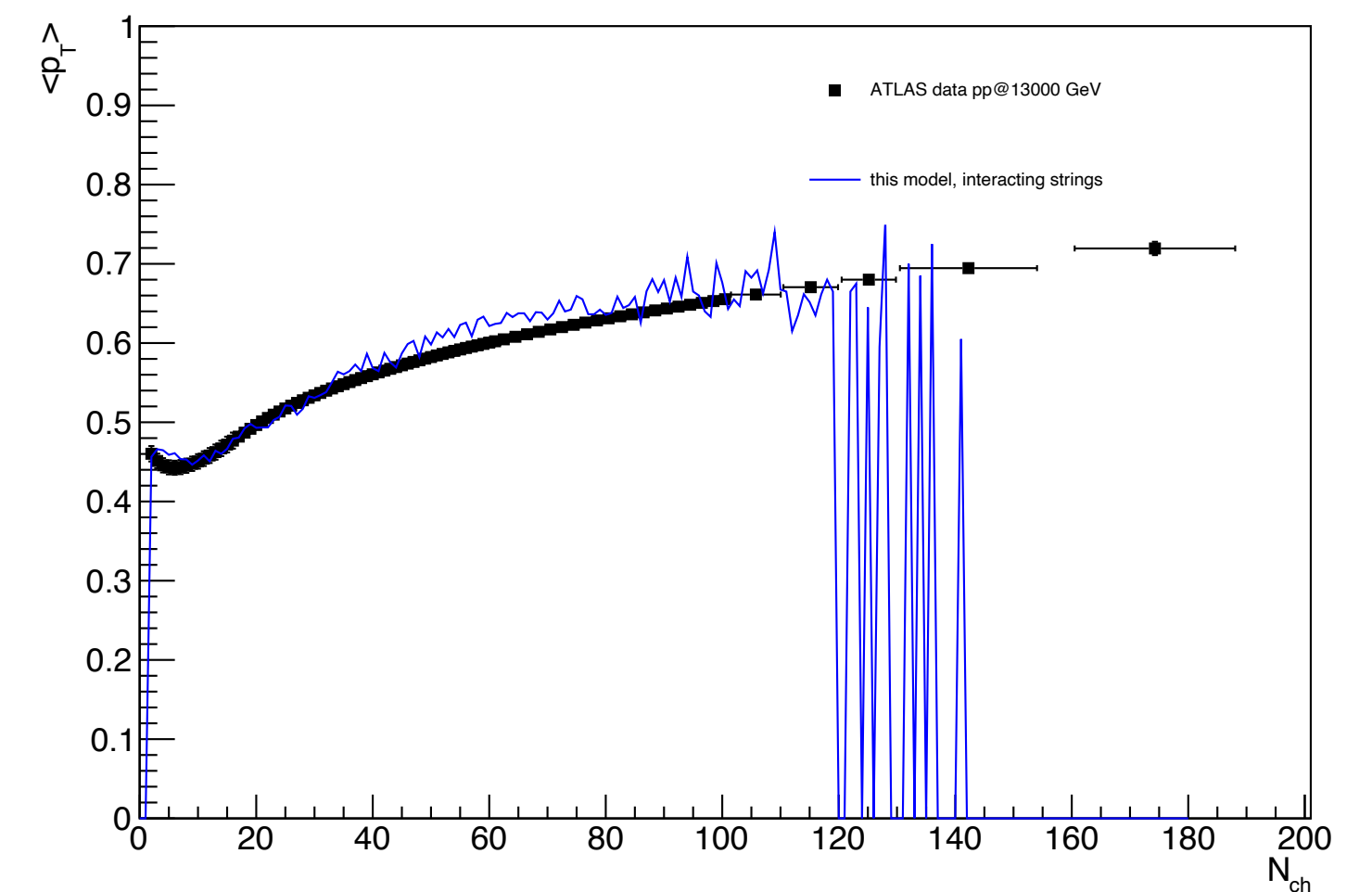
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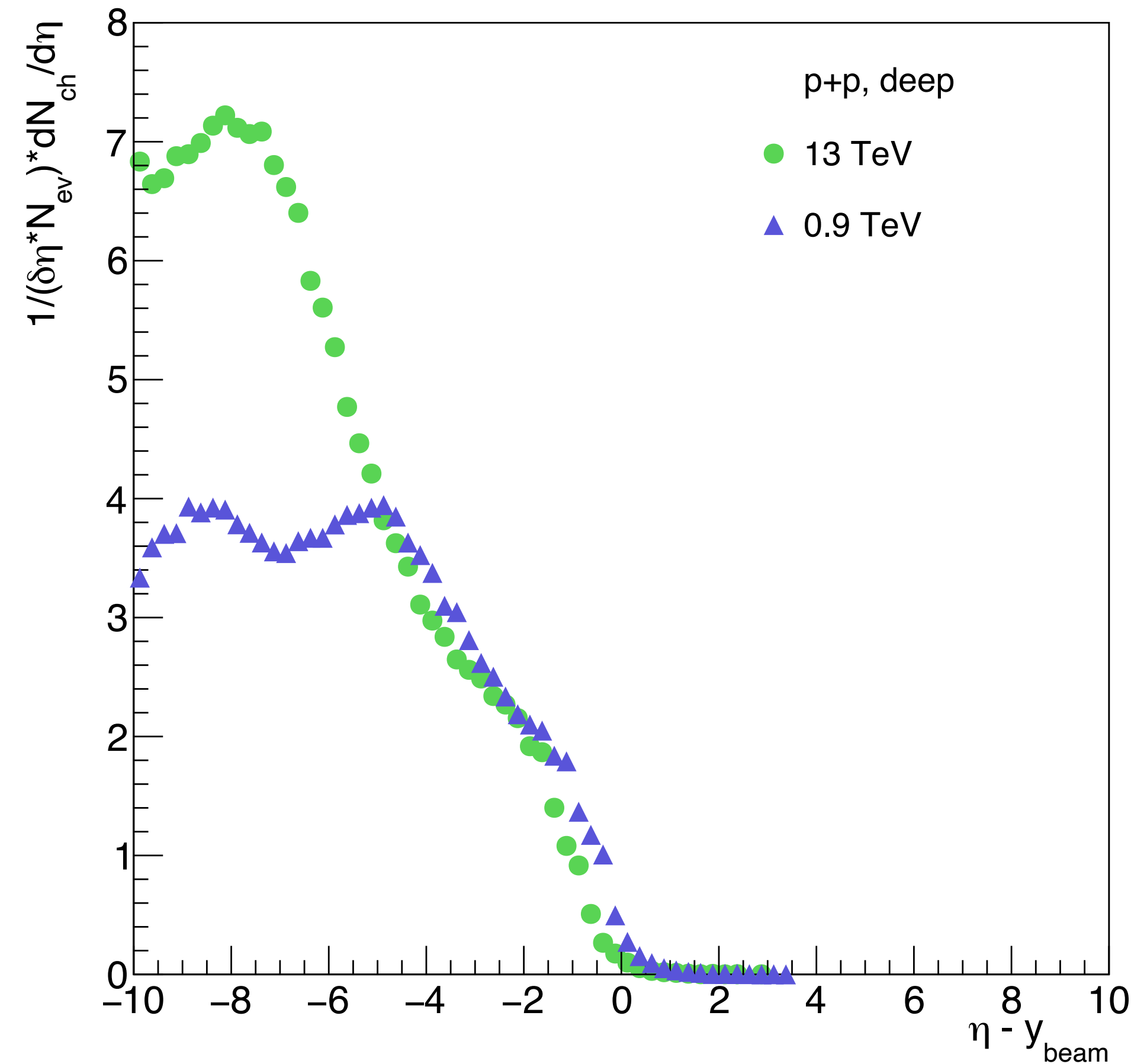
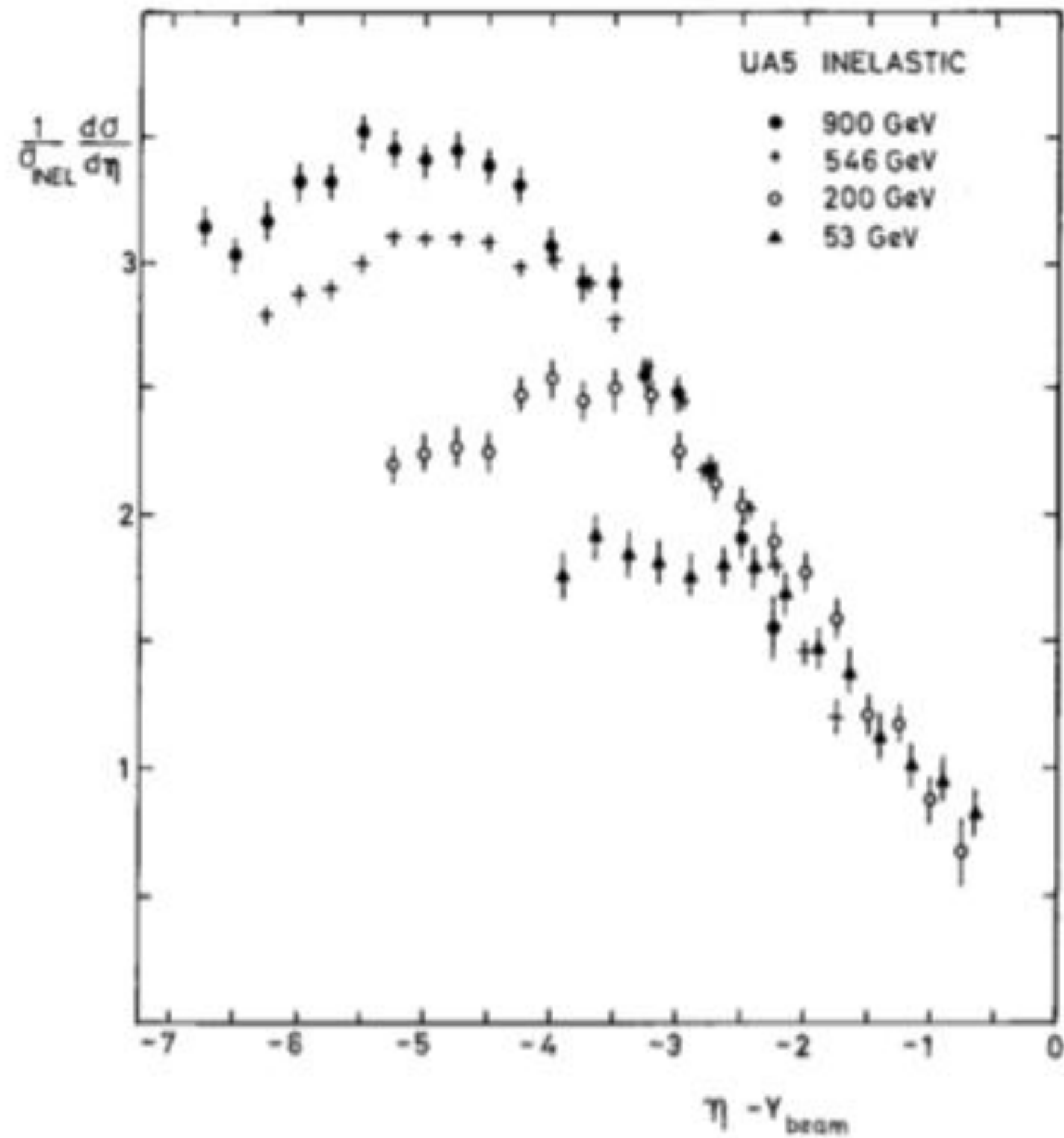
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$p_T$ - $N$  correlation



# Scaling of pseudorapidity spectra





# String model with transverse dynamics

based on:

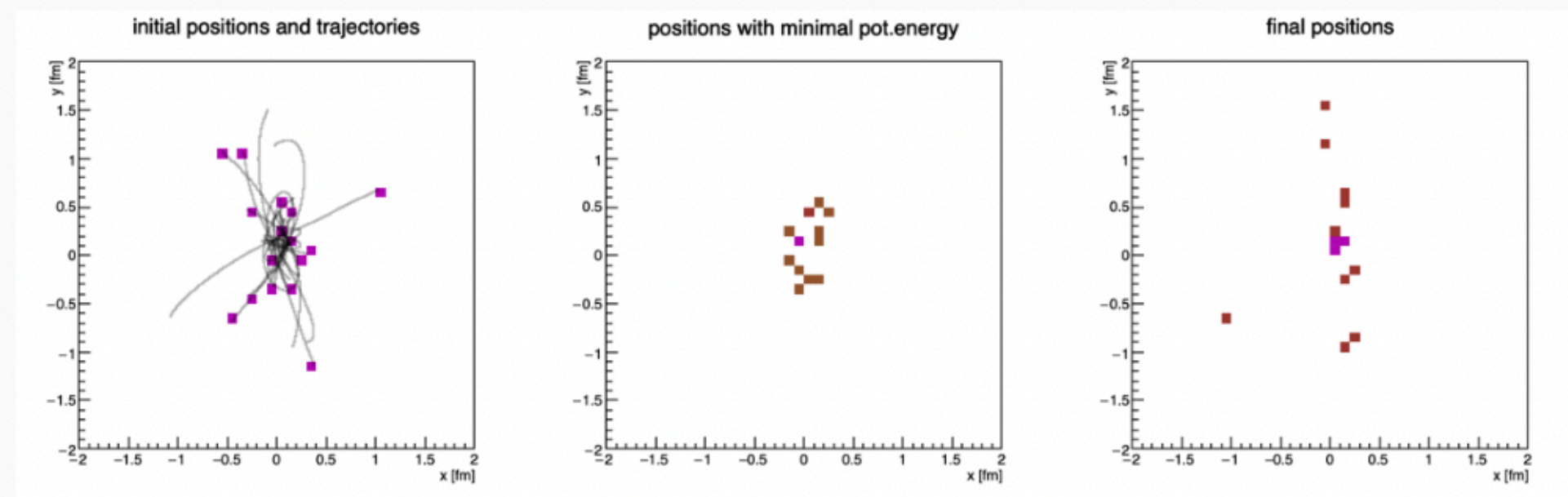
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The strings move as a **whole** according to [T.Kalaydzhyan, E.Shuryak, Phys. Rev. C 2014, 90, 014901]:

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \vec{f}_{ij} = \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\tilde{r}_{ij}} (g_N \sigma) m_\sigma 2K_1(m_\sigma \tilde{r}_{ij}), \quad (3)$$

with  $\tilde{r}_{ij} = \sqrt{r_{ij}^2 + s_{\text{string}}^2}$ ,  $s_{\text{string}} = 0.176 \text{ fm}$ ,  $g_N \sigma = 0.2$ ,  $m_\sigma = 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .

String density depends on **system evolution time**  $\tau$ :



Example for 16 strings in an event: **(left)** initial positions and trajectories, **(center)** positions at time  $\tau_{\text{deepest}}$  when the minimum potential energy of the string system is reached, **(right)** positions at  $\tau = 1.5 \text{ fm}/c$ .

# String model with longitudinal dynamics

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The **initial** positions of strings' ends in rapidity are determined by the momenta and masses of the corresponding partons:

$$y_q^{\text{init}} = \pm \operatorname{arcsinh} \left( \frac{x_q p_{\text{beam}}}{m_q} \right), \quad (4)$$

Due to string tension,  $|\frac{dp_q}{dt}| = -\sigma$ , rapidity of strings' massive ends decreases [C.Shen, B.Schenke, Phys. Rev. C 2018, 97, 024907] by:

$$y_q^{\text{loss}} = \mp \operatorname{arccosh} \left( \frac{\tau^2 \sigma^2}{2m_q^2} + 1 \right), \quad (5)$$

This is valid up to the turning point of a parton at the string end

After the turning point rapidity start to change in the different direction until parton reaches another turning point etc.

Considered partons -

valence u and d quarks

sea u, d, s, c quarks and antiquarks

ud, dd diquarks

Conditions on string formation:

- 1) sum of charges of parton endpoints is integer
- 2) sufficient energy for creation of at least two hadrons (based on quark content):

$$E_{str} = \sqrt{m_{part1}^2 + p_{part1}^2} + \sqrt{m_{part2}^2 + p_{part2}^2} > M_{daughter1} + M_{daughter2}$$