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*Temperature fluctuations of the  
medium formed in pp collisions*



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## Nonextensivity and temperature fluctuations of the Higgs boson production

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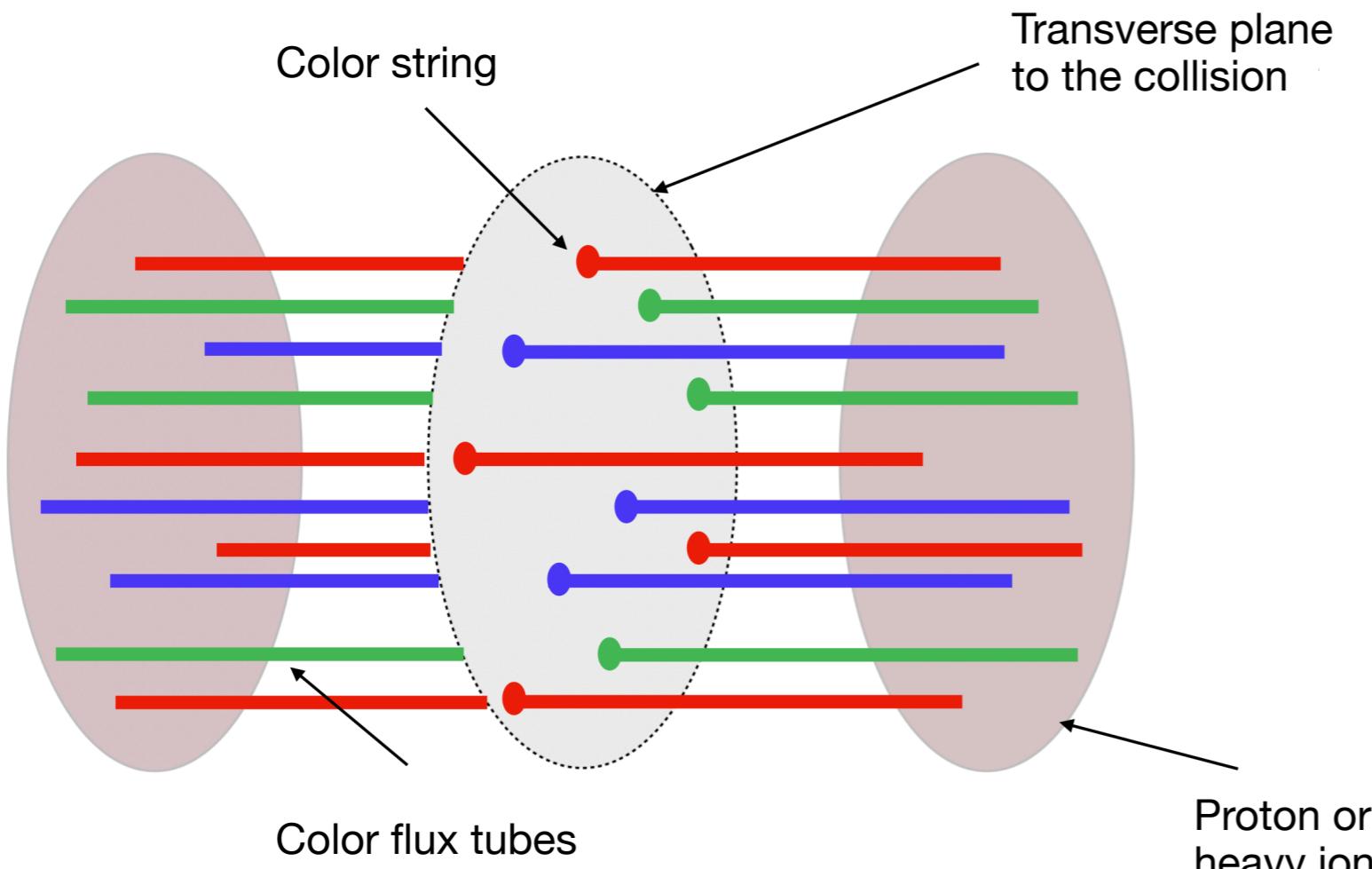
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We determine the temperature fluctuations associated with the Higgs boson  $p_T$  spectrum through the derivation of the string tension distribution corresponding to the QCD-based Hagedorn function, frequently used to fit the transverse momentum distribution (TMD). The identified string tension fluctuations are heavy tailed, behaving similarly to the  $q$ -Gaussian distribution. After the convolution with the Schwinger mechanism, both approaches correctly describe the entire TMD. This approach leads to the nonthermal description of the particle production in ultrarelativistic  $pp$  collisions. By analyzing the data of  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, we found that the average temperature associated with the Higgs boson differential cross section is around 85 times greater than the estimated value for the charged particle TMD. Our results show that the Higgs boson production exhibits the largest deviation from the thermal description.

# Particle production from Schwinger mechanism



$$\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \sim \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\pi p_T^2}{x^2}\right) P(x) dx$$

**Schwinger  
Mechanism**

**String tension  
fluctuations**

Intensity of the interaction

The Schwinger mechanism represents the probability of observing a particle with transverse momentum  $p_T$  produced by the fragmentation of strings with tension  $x^2$ .

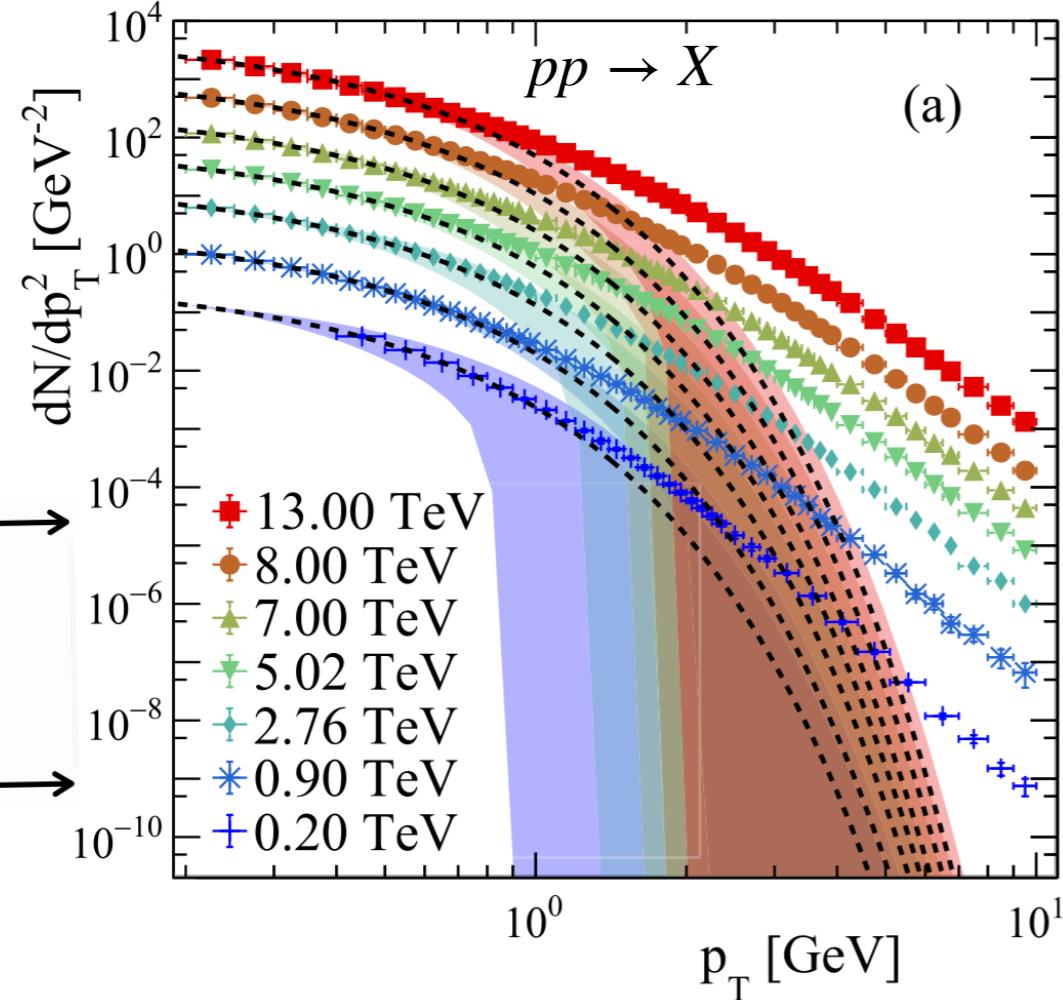
# $p_T$ -spectrum descriptions

## Gaussian fluctuations

$$P(x) \sim \exp(-x^2/2\sigma^2)$$

- Thermal distribution

$$\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \sim \exp\left(\frac{-p_T\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma}\right)$$

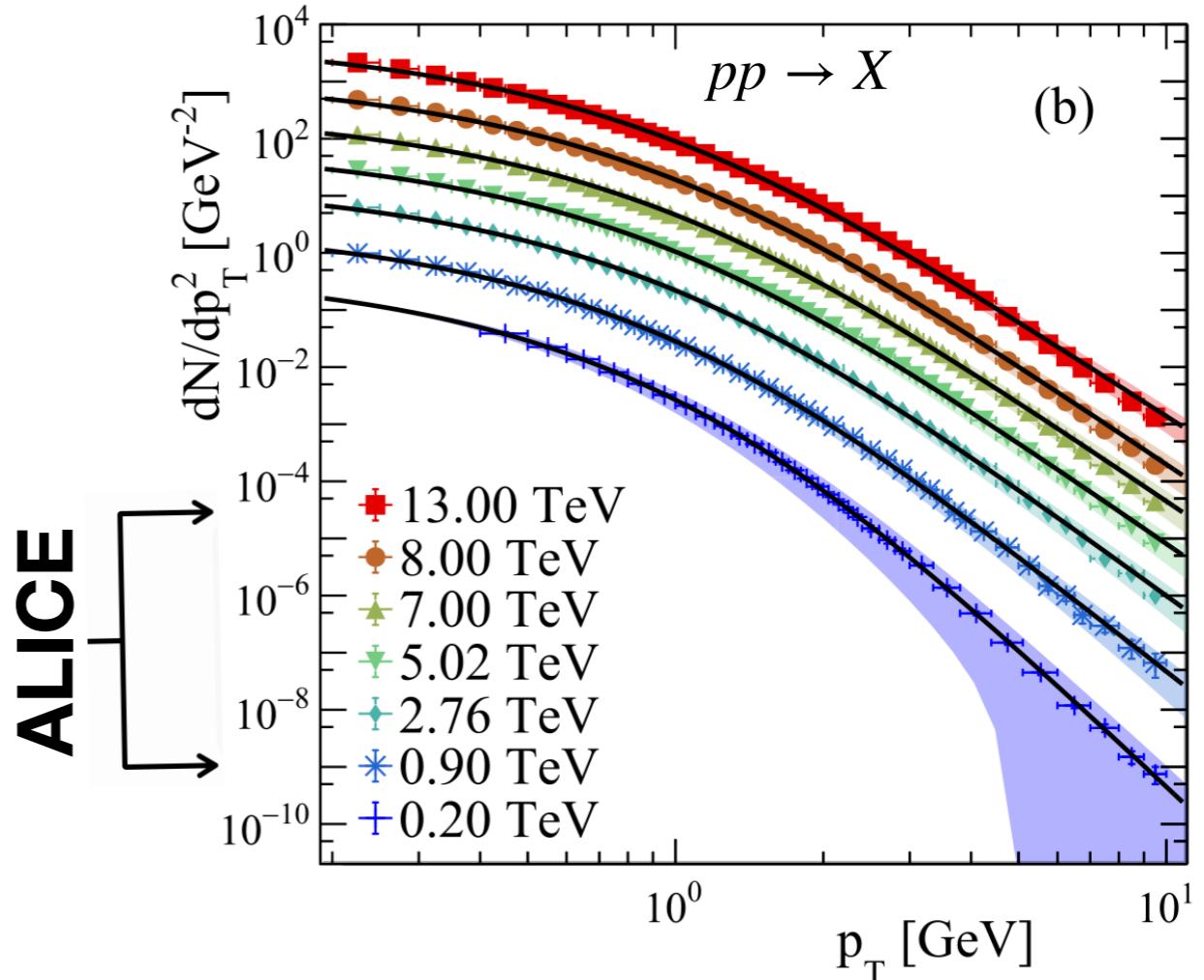


## q-Gaussian fluctuations

$$P(x) \sim \left(1 + \frac{(q-1)x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-q}}$$

- Hypergeometric Confluent function

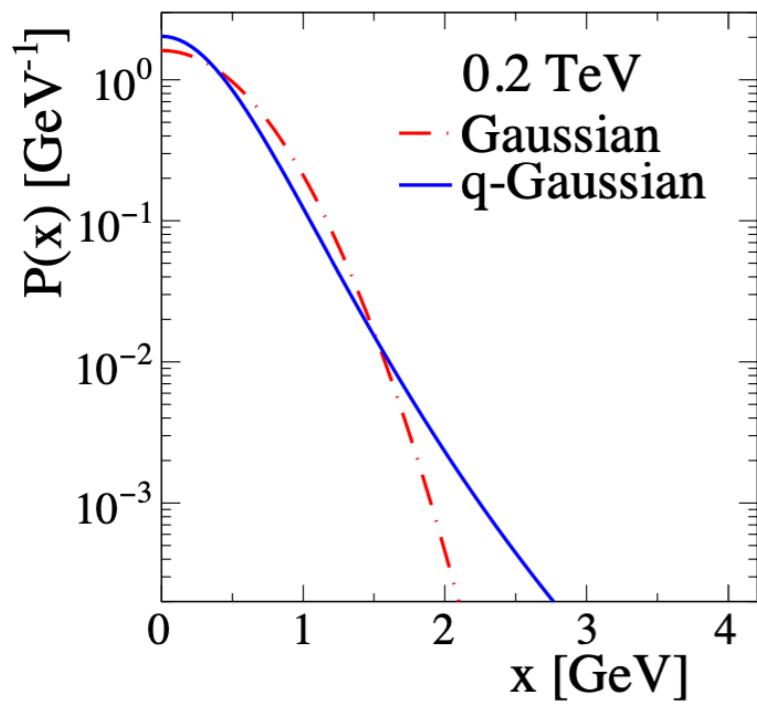
$$\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \sim U\left(\frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \pi p_T^2 \frac{q-1}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



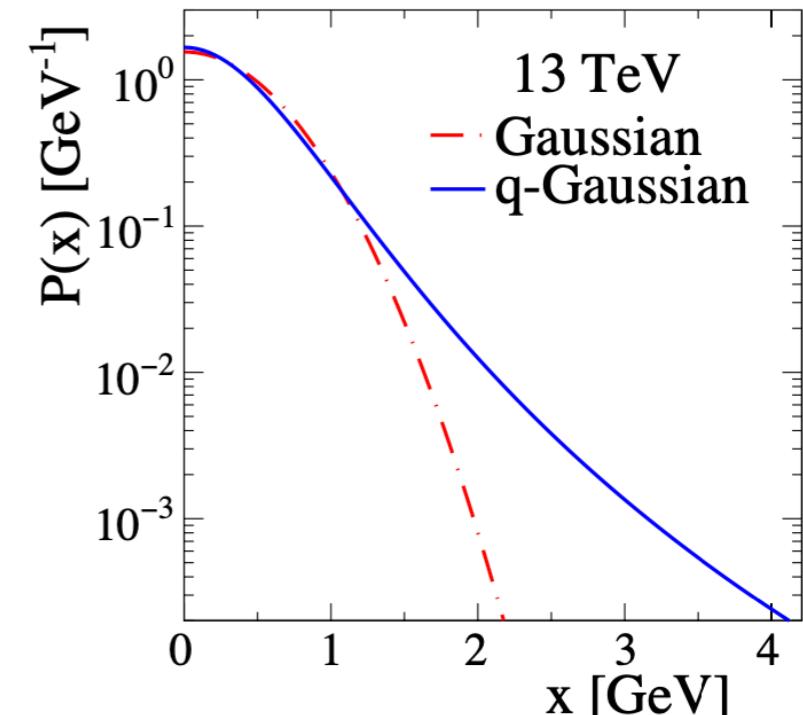
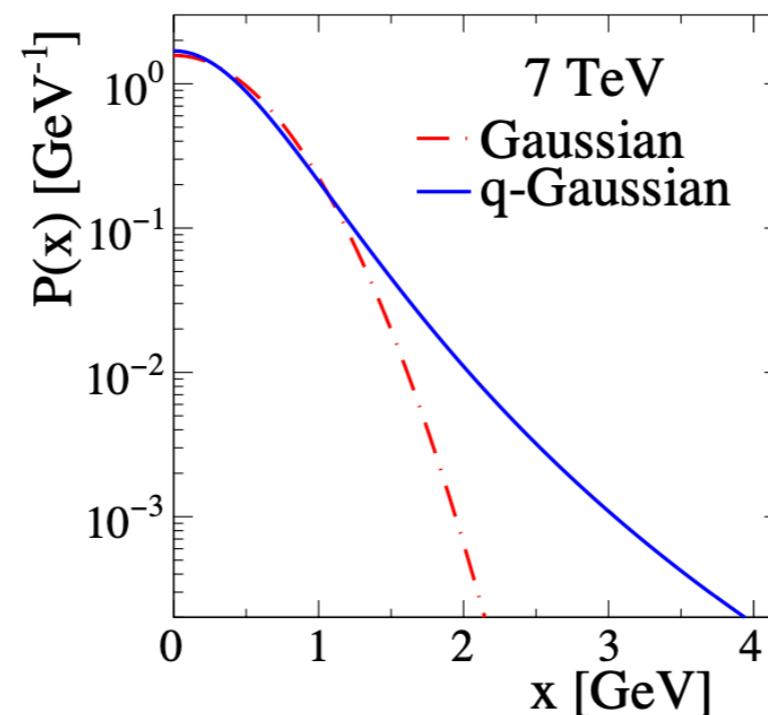
# String tension fluctuations

The U functions has an excellent performance

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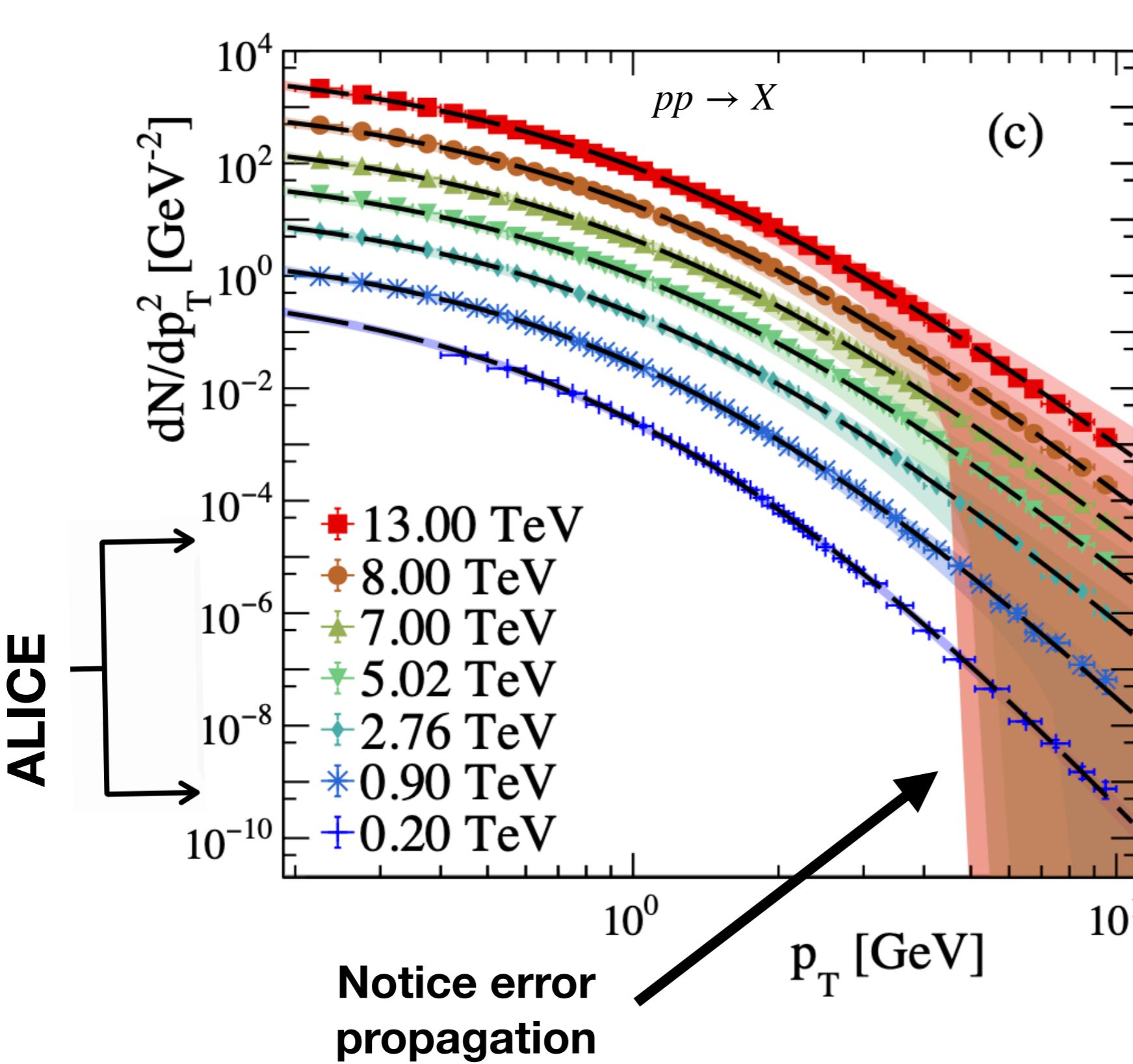


More strings  
with higher  
tensions



High  $p_T$  particles at  
higher energies

# QCD-based Hagedorn function



$$\frac{dN}{dp_T^2} \propto \left( \frac{p_0}{p_0 + p_T} \right)^m$$

**Is it possible  
to associate  
the string  
fragmentation  
approach to  
the Hagedorn  
function?**

# Hagedorn function string tension fluctuations

$$\text{Hagedorn function} = \int (\text{Thermal dist.})(\text{Temperature fluctuations}) dT$$

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$$= \int \left[ (\text{SM}) \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Gaussian string} \\ \text{tension fluctuations} \end{array} \right) \right] \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Temperature} \\ \text{fluctuations} \end{array} \right) dx dT$$
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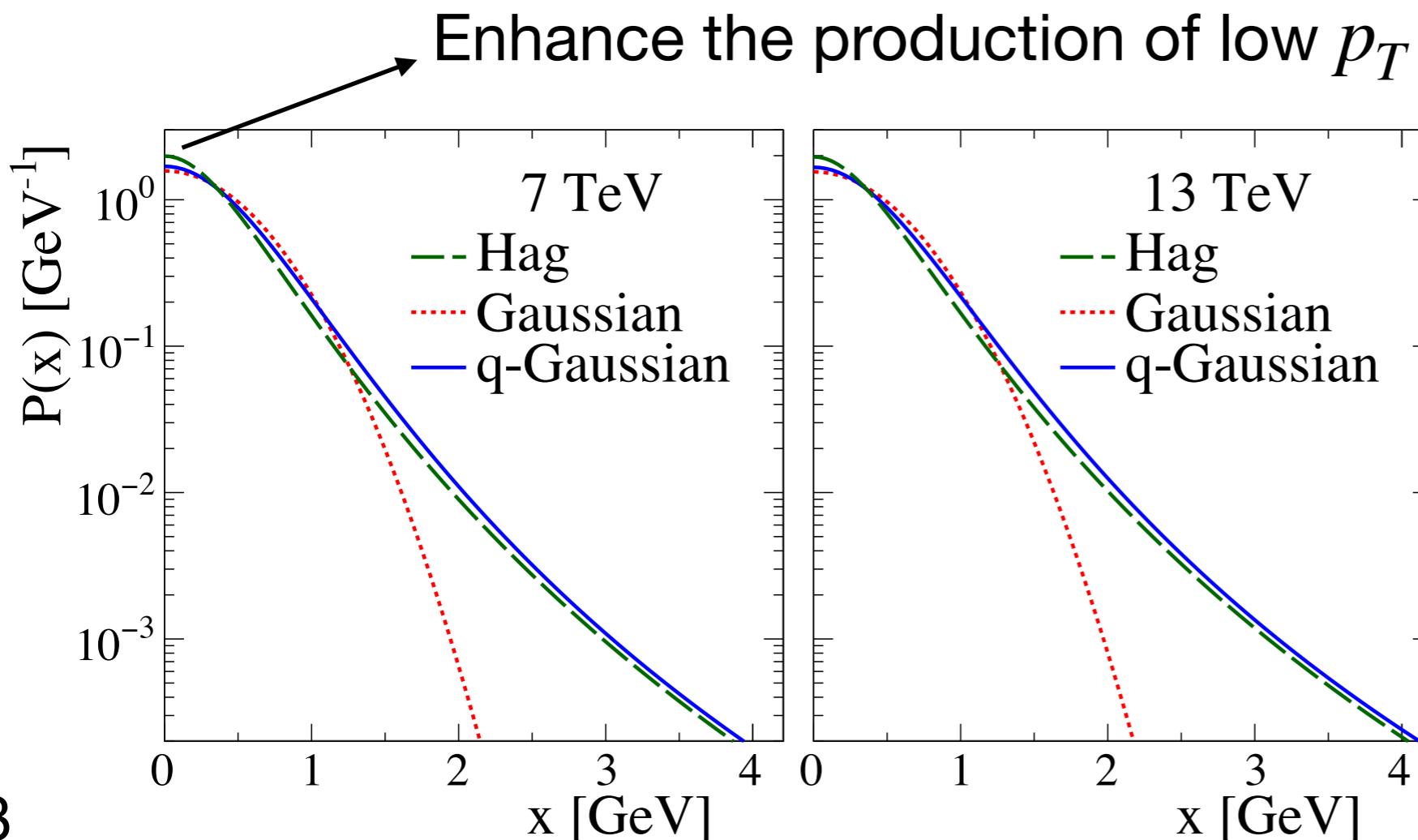
$$= \int (\text{SM}) \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Hagedorn function string} \\ \text{tension fluctuations} \end{array} \right) dx$$



# Hagedorn also comes from string fragmentation



$$\left(\frac{p_0}{p_0 + p_T}\right)^m = \int_0^\infty \exp(-\pi p_T^2/x^2) \frac{mp_0^m \pi^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}{x^{m+1}} U\left(\frac{m+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\pi p_0^2}{x^2}\right) dx$$



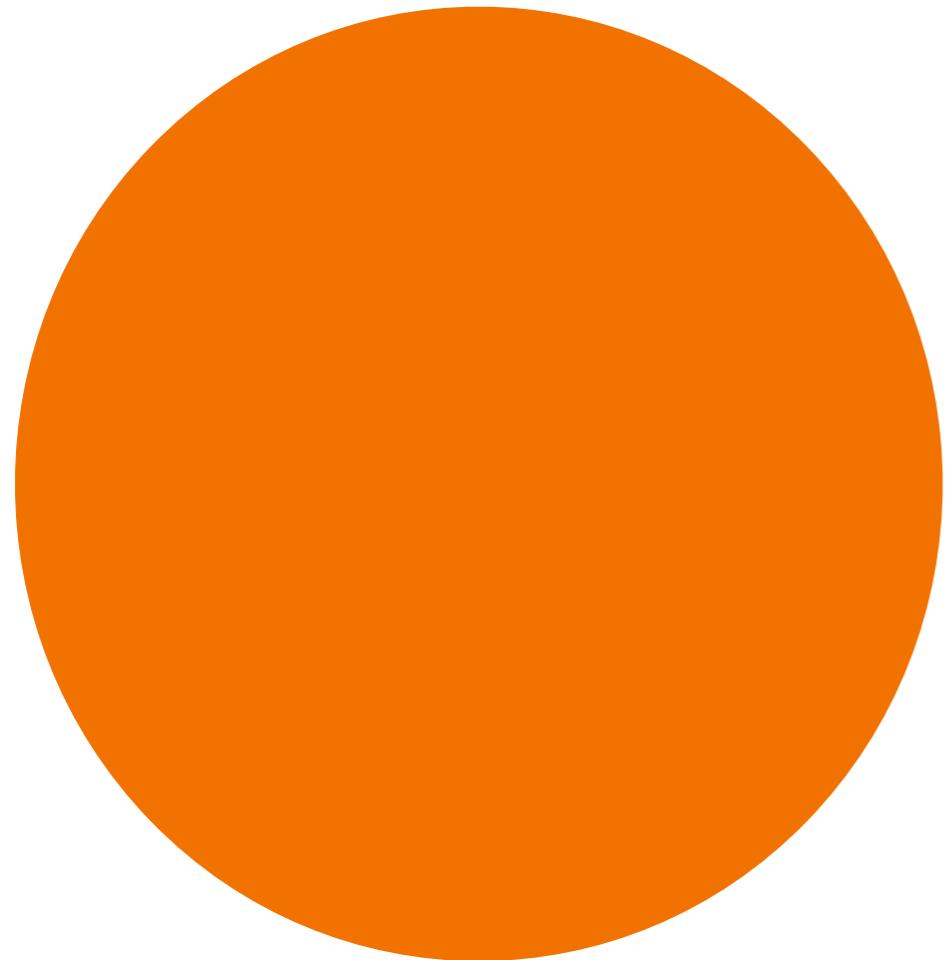
**Heavy tailed distributions play an important role in the description of particle production !**

# Temperature fluctuations

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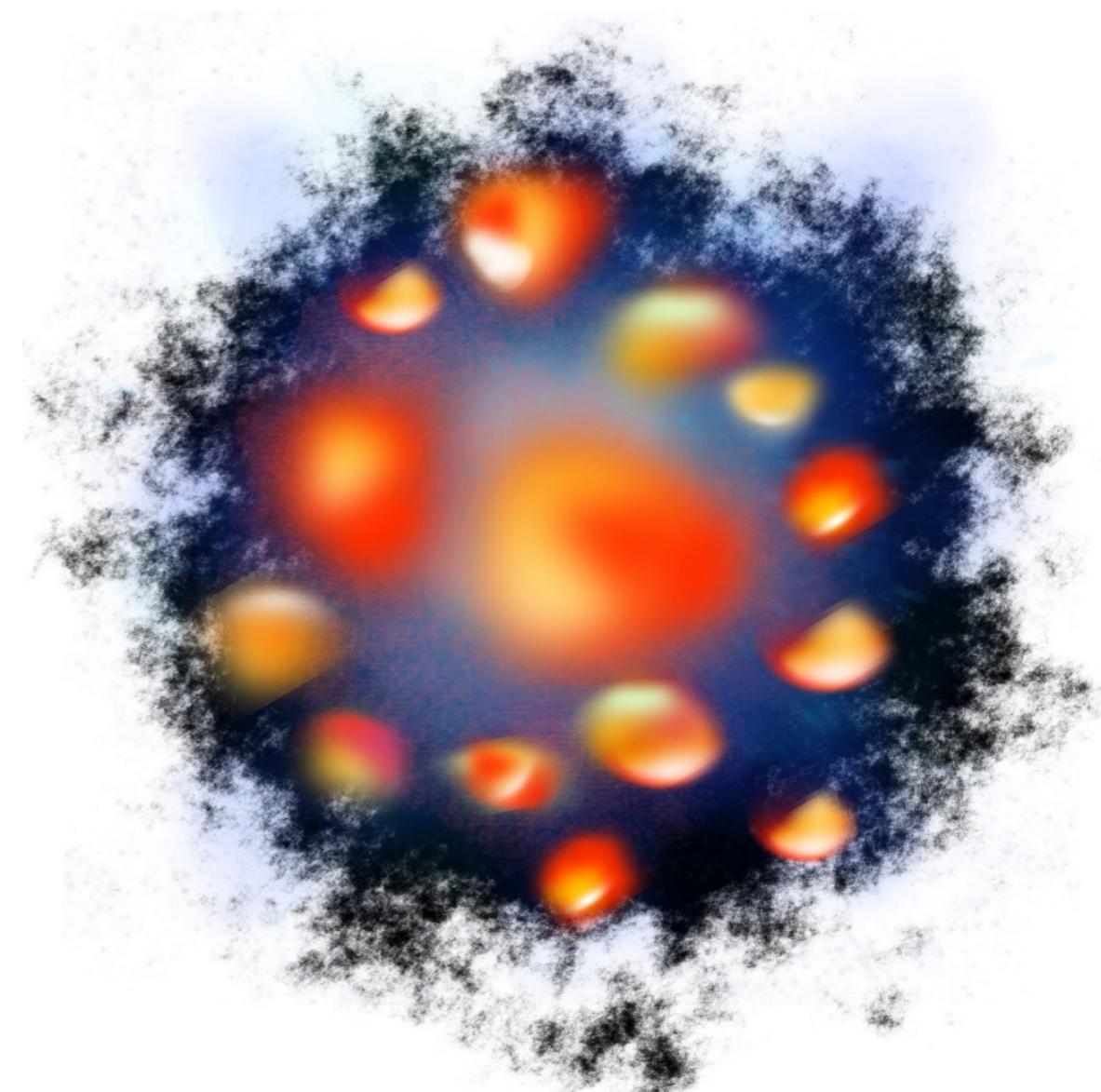
## Gaussian fluctuations

$$\mathcal{T}_{th}(T) = \delta(T - T_{th})$$



## q-Gaussian fluctuations

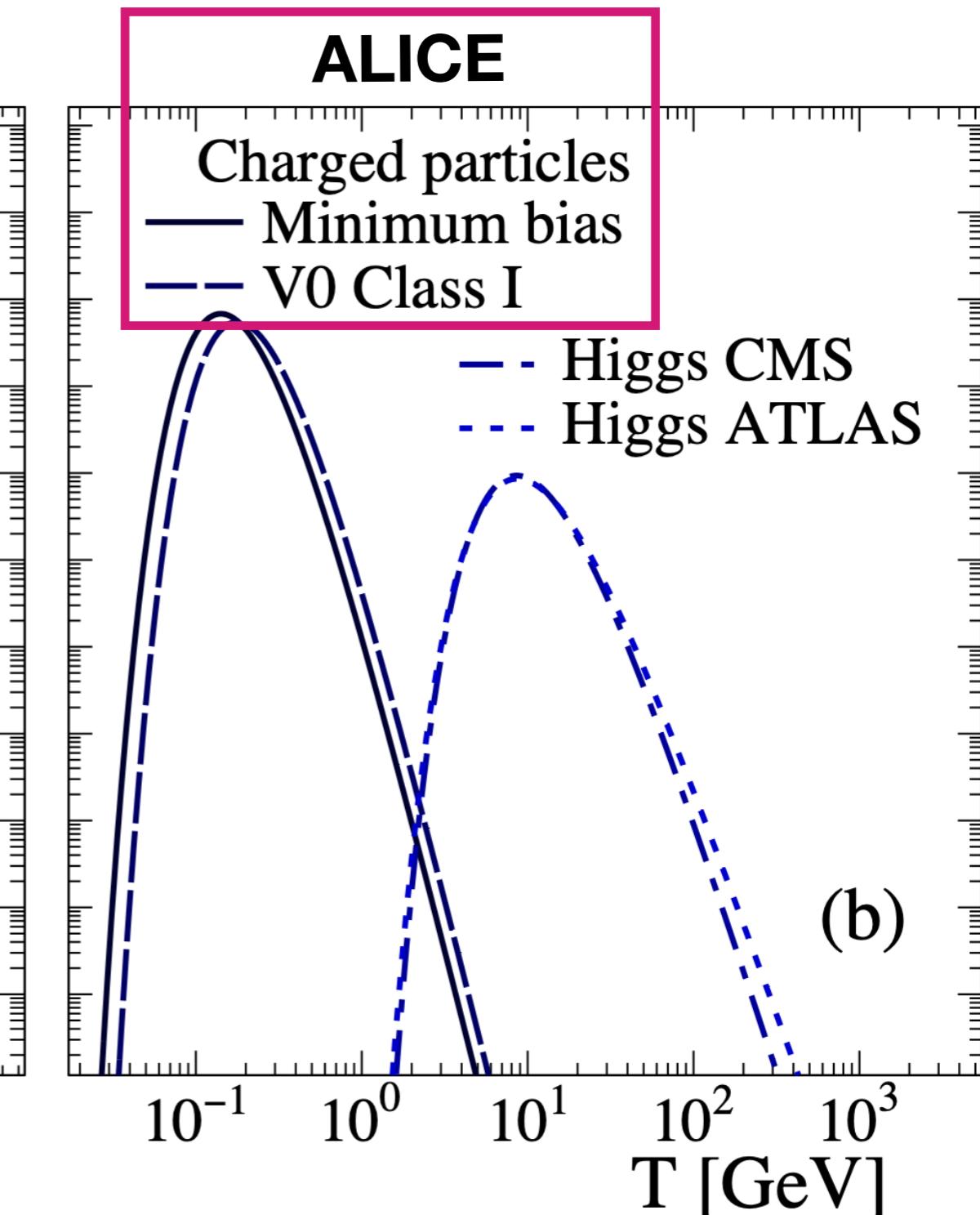
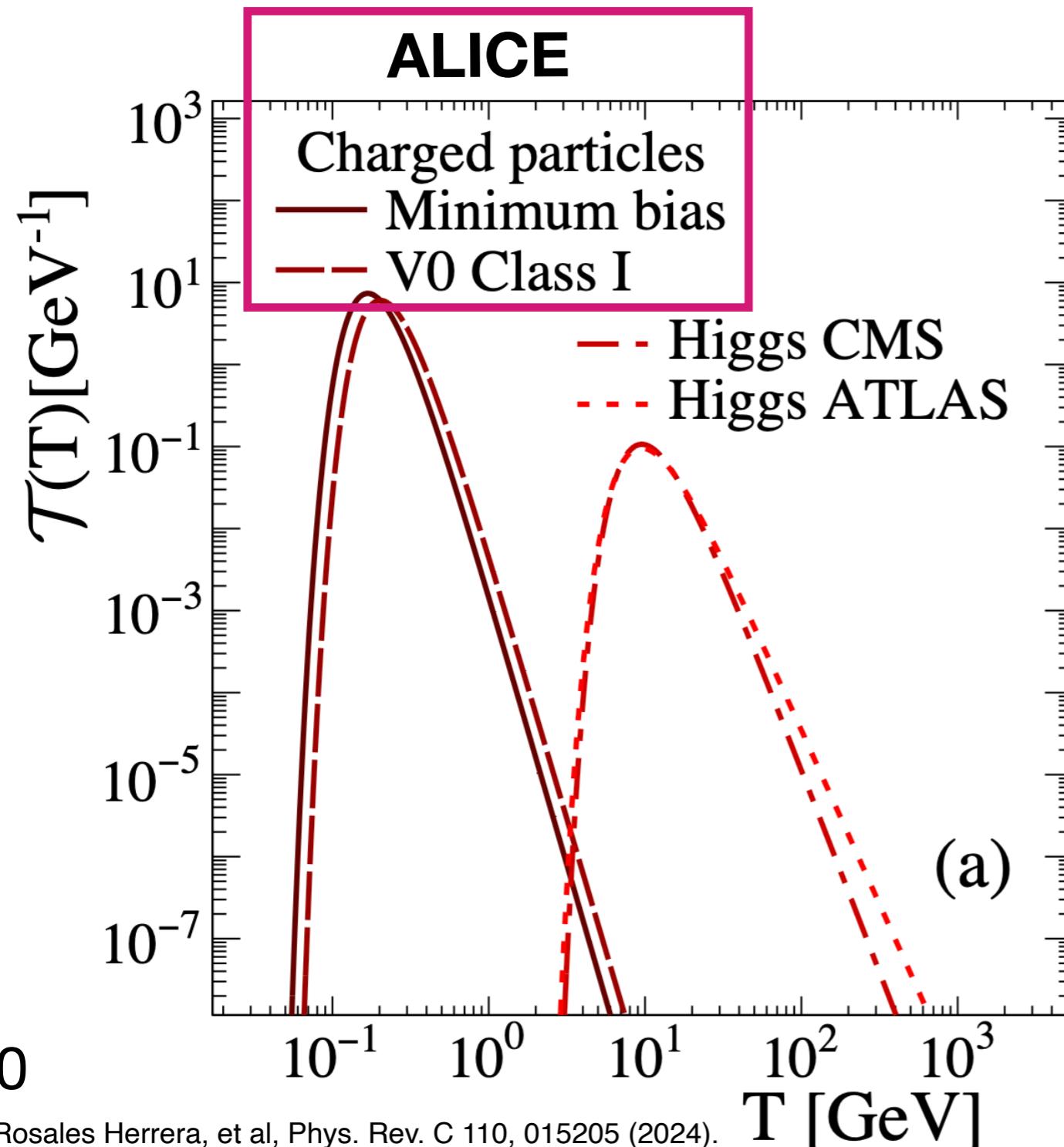
$$\mathcal{T}_U(T) = \frac{2}{T^3} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{T^2}, \frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4z_0}\right)$$



# Temperature fluctuations

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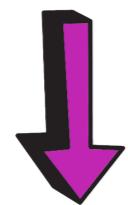
$$\mathcal{T}_{Hag}(T) = \frac{\Gamma(1/T, m, p_0)}{T^2}$$



# In summary

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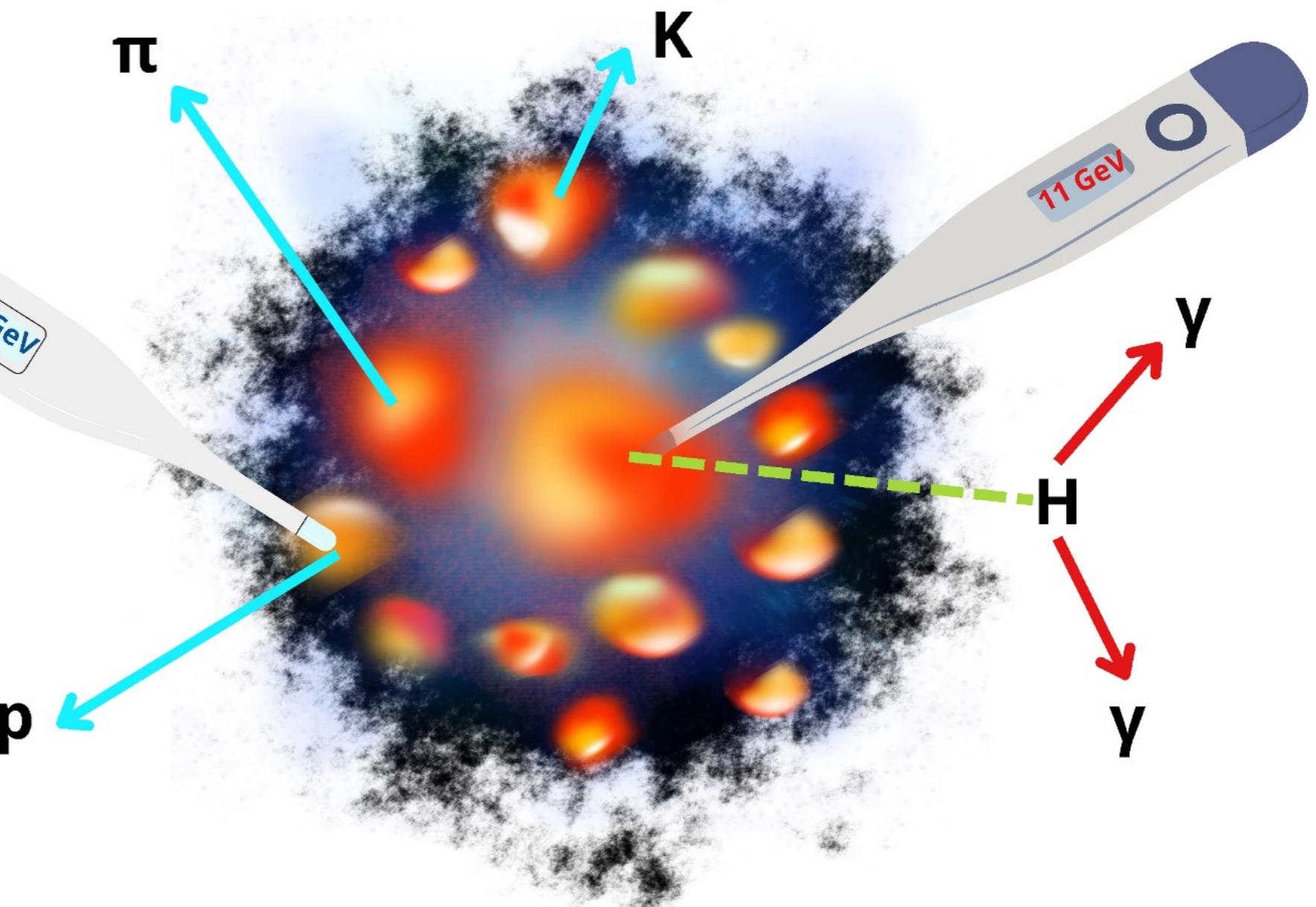
Heavy tailed distributions  
describing string tension  
fluctuations



Nonextensive  
particle production



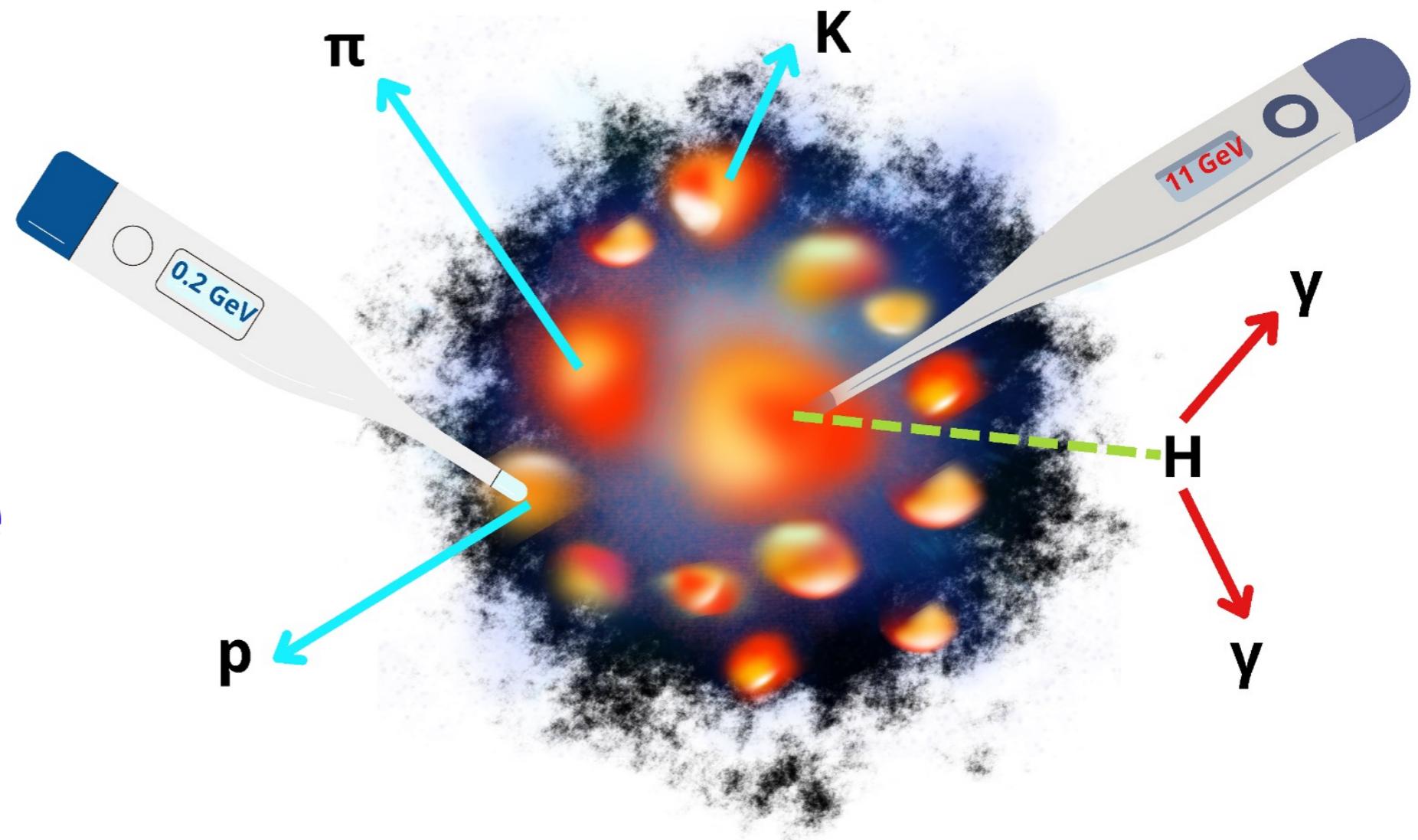
Nonthermal  
description of  
the system



# Thank you

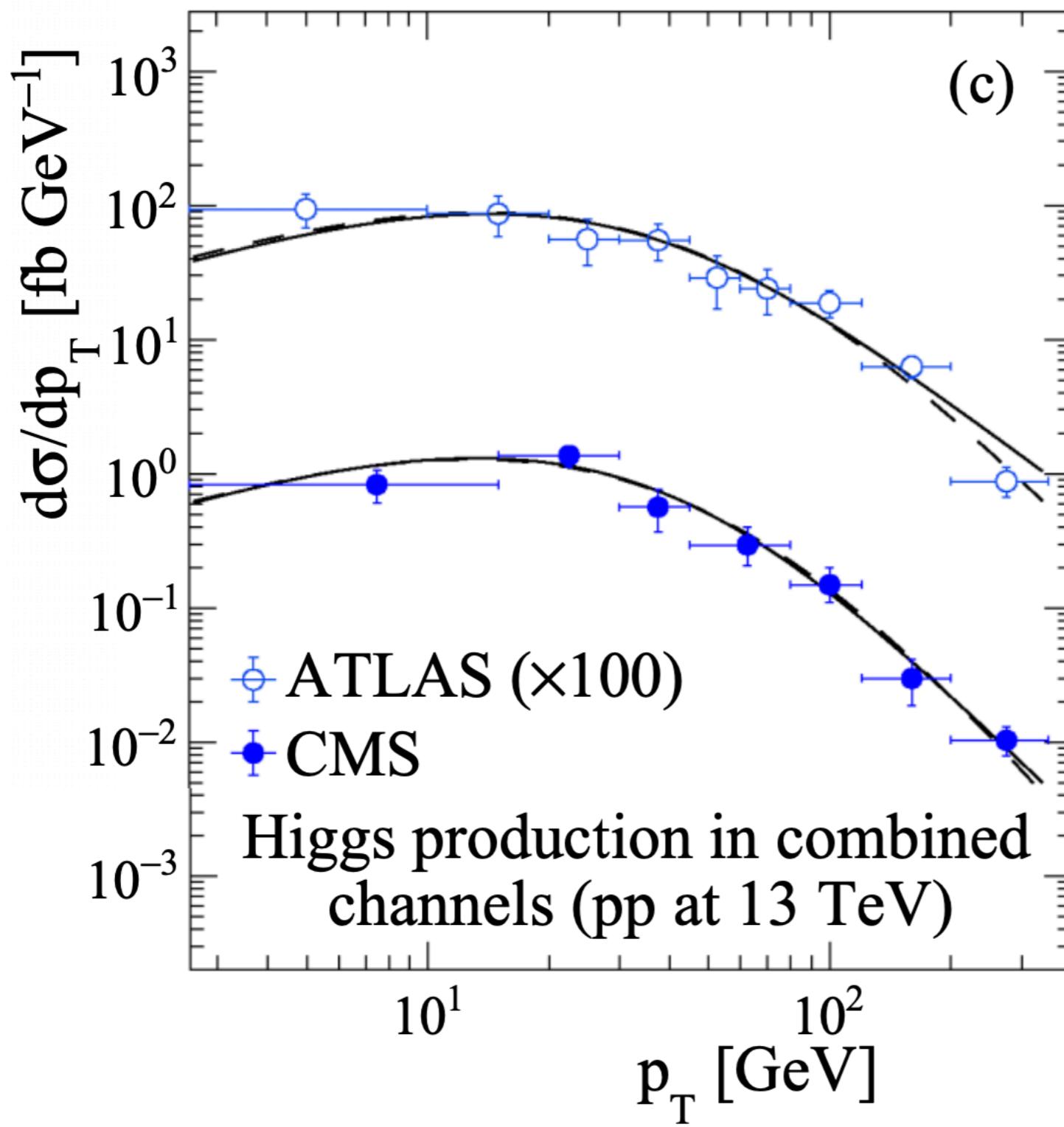
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Higgs boson production in the combined channels  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ , and  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (only CMS)

Higgs boson is not produced through soft processes. However, we can fit with a pT-exponential up to 30 GeV