

# Deblurring 3D Characteristics of Heavy-Ion Collisions

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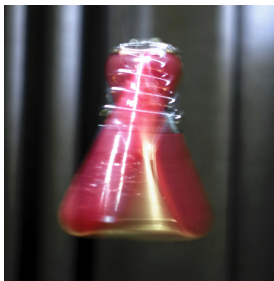
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Distributions for *Fixed Direction of Reaction Plane*  
from Theory and Experiment



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What is it?!



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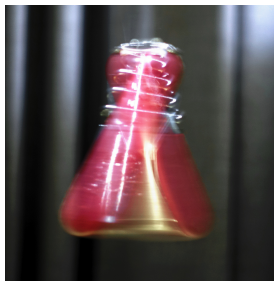


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Still not clear what the system is...

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full control,  $\frac{d^3N}{dp^3}$

Claim: You can go from center to right panel  
through deblurring

# Deblurring by Example

Budd, *Crime Fighting Math*, plus.maths.org magazine

Blurred Photo of Moving Car



Deblurred

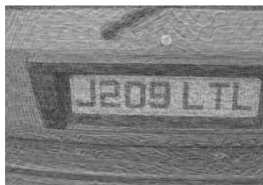
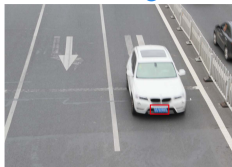


Photo of Parked Car



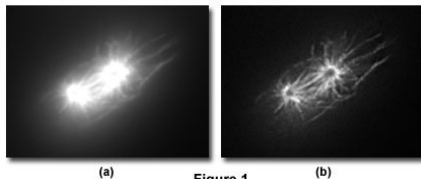
## Fast Moving



Lu *et al.*, IEEE Trans Image Processing 25, 2311 (2016)

## Deblurring in Optical Microscopy

Before and After Nearest Neighbor Deconvolution Analysis



(a)

Figure 1

(b)

<https://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/digitalimaging/deconvolution>

# Deblurring in Astronomy

Much advancement in astronomy, in particular spurred by the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) flaw

Carasso, NISTIR  
7632 (2009)

Original HST NGC1309

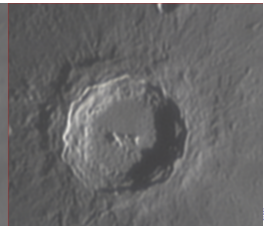
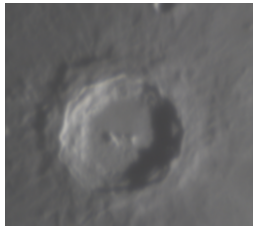


Linnik deblur



Before and after deblurring of image of lunar crater Copernicus

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deconvolution>



# Correcting f/Distortions Due to Apparatus or Method

Detector efficiency  $\epsilon$ ,  $n$  measured ptcle number,  $N$  actual number

$$N \simeq \frac{1}{\epsilon} n$$

Typical energy loss in thick target  $\overline{\Delta E}$  for detected particle

$$E_{\text{prod}} \simeq E_{\text{det}} + \overline{\Delta E}$$

General problem stated probabilistically, with  $P(\zeta|\xi)$  - probability to measure ptcle characteristic to be  $\zeta$  when it is actually  $\xi$

$$n(\zeta) = \int d\xi P(\zeta|\xi) N(\xi)$$

For small distortions,  $P$  finite only when  $\zeta$  little different from  $\xi$ .

Optical terminology:  $P$  - blurring or transfer function.



## Bayesian Deblurring

Distorted  $n(\zeta)$  measured, while pristine  $N(\xi)$  sought:

$$n(\zeta) = \int d\xi P(\zeta|\xi) N(\xi)$$

$P(\zeta|\xi)$  - probability that ptcle with  $\zeta$  detected while it really has characteristic  $\xi$ , understood given the method/apparatus, can be simulated (Geant4) & can depend on  $N$

$Q(\xi|\zeta)$  - complementary probability that ptcle has characteristic  $\xi$  while measured at  $\zeta$  - unknown.

Bayesian relation: number of times ptcle has characteristic in  $d\xi$  while measured in  $d\zeta$  is

$$P(\zeta|\xi) N(\xi) d\xi d\zeta = Q(\xi|\zeta) n(\zeta) d\xi d\zeta$$

Hence 
$$N(\xi) = \frac{\int d\zeta Q(\xi|\zeta) n(\zeta)}{\int d\zeta' P(\zeta'|\xi)}, \quad Q(\xi|\zeta) = \frac{P(\zeta|\xi) N(\xi)}{\int d\xi' P(\zeta|\xi') N(\xi')}$$

Richardson-Lucy method solves eqs iteratively till stabilization





# Richardson-Lucy (RL) Method from Astronomy

Iterative method,  $r$  - iteration index

$$n^{(r)}(\zeta) = \int d\xi P^{(r)}(\zeta|\xi) N^{(r)}(\xi)$$

$$A^{(r)}(\xi) = \frac{\int d\zeta \frac{n(\zeta)}{n^{(r)}(\zeta)} P^{(r)}(\zeta|\xi)}{\int d\zeta' P^{(r)}(\zeta'|\xi)}$$

$$N^{(r+1)}(\xi) = A^{(r)}(\xi) N^{(r)}(\xi)$$

$\xi$  &  $\zeta$  are binned (pixelated),  $n$  &  $N$  are arrays and  $P$  transformation (transfer) matrix from the method/apparatus.

Deblurring amounts to iterative multiplication of arrays by matrices + matrix reconstruction. Typical start:  $N^{(1)}(\xi) = n(\xi)$

Richardson JOSA 62(1972)55 ; Lucy AJ 79(1974)745

D'Agostini NIMPRA362(1995)487

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richardson-Lucy\\_deconvolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richardson-Lucy_deconvolution)

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Other methods include Fourier transformation



# 3D Nature of Collisions of Heavy Nuclei

Transport simulation of 2 GeV/nucleon Au + Au at  $b = 6$  fm

PD *et al.* Science298(2002)1592

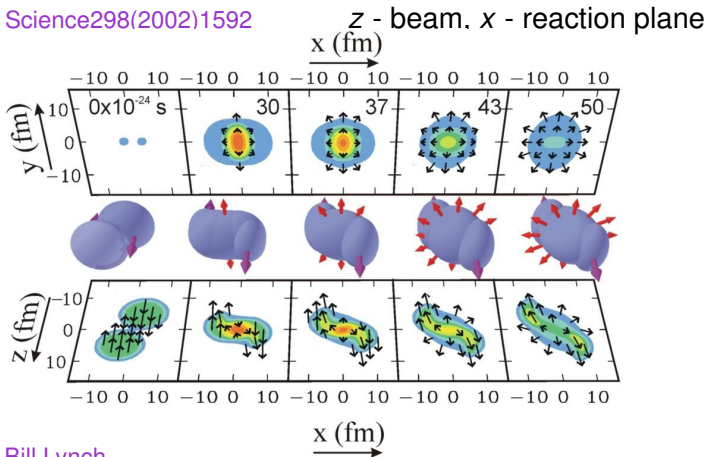
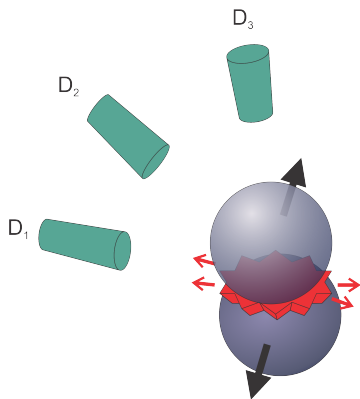


figure by Bill Lynch

Rich 3D structure, but no control over the reaction-plane direction in experiment

# Estimating Reaction-Plane Direction



Any direct record of 3D characteristics will be blurred!

Plane direction estimated with

$$\mathbf{q}_\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\nu \neq \mu} \omega_\nu \mathbf{p}_\nu^\perp \quad \omega_\nu = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } p_\nu^z > 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } p_\nu^z < 0 \end{cases}$$

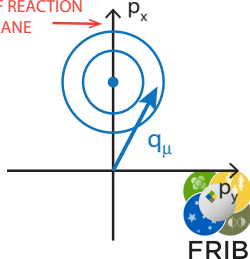
$N$  - measured particle multiplicity; other ptcles in the event used as reference for  $\mu$

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PLB157(85)146

Problem: Reference vector  $\mathbf{q}_\mu$  Gaussian fluctuates around true plane direction

TRUE DIRECTION OF REACTION PLANE



# Current Solution: Angular Moments of Distributions

Solution: average angular moments (azimuthal Fourier coefficients)

$$v_n = \langle \cos n\phi \rangle$$

$\phi$  - angle relative to true reaction plane

Voloshin&Zhang ZfPhC70(1996)665

$v_n$  derived from average scalar products/contractions, e.g.,

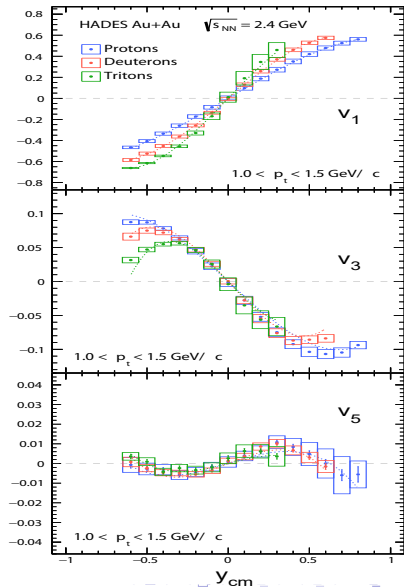
$$\langle \mathbf{p}_\mu^\perp \cdot \mathbf{q}_\mu \rangle \simeq p^\perp \langle q^x \rangle \langle \cos \phi \rangle$$

for different  $p^\perp$ ,  $y$  and ptcle ID

Problem: unclear physics in  $v_n$  especially for higher  $n$

1.23 GeV/nucleon Au + Au  $b \simeq 6$  fm

HADES PRL125(2020)262301



# Schematic 1D Model

**Proposition:** Carry out as good determination of 3D info as you can  
& refine with deblurring. ✗?

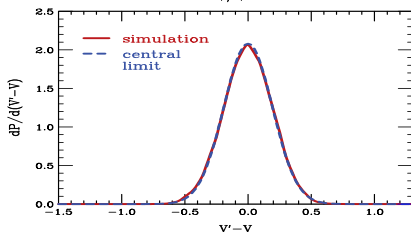
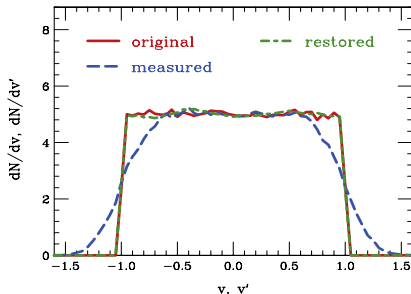
First 1D deblurring test.

Projectile at unknown velocity  
 $V$  deexcites emitting  $N = 10$   
ptcles distributed with box-like  
 $dN/dv$  in projectile cm. Task:  
Measuring ptcles in lab,  
determine  $dN/dv$ . Cm velocity  
 $V'$  estimated from remaining  
ptcles, so  $V'$  &  $dN/dv'$   
smeared:

$$\frac{dN}{dv'} = \int dV' \frac{dP}{dV'} \frac{dN}{dv}$$

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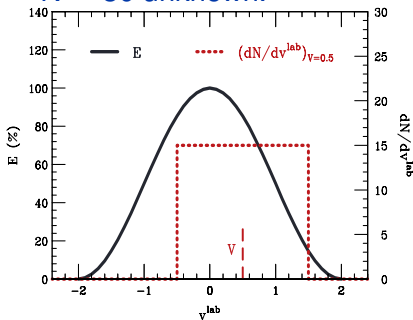


→ Central-limit smear + RL deblur

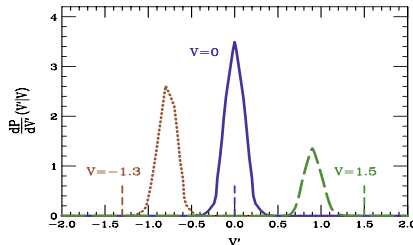
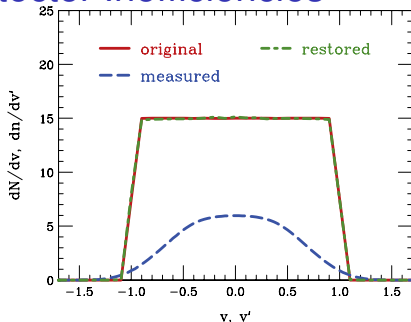


# 1D Model with Detector Inefficiencies

Again projectile at unknown velocity  $V$  deexcites emitting  $N$  particles, but now measured w/detector of strongly changing efficiency  $E$ . Find  $dN/dv$ .  
 $N = 30$  unknown.



"keyhole view"

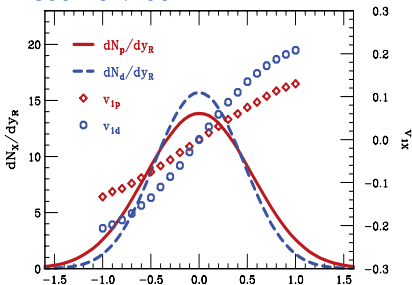


⇒ RL deblur w/s-consistent transfer matrix



# 3D Model for Collisions

Customary thermal model with flow, N, d, t,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ .  $\langle Z_{\text{Tot}} \rangle = 50$   
Rapidity distr, temperature & flow typical for semicentral collisions at 300 MeV/nuc



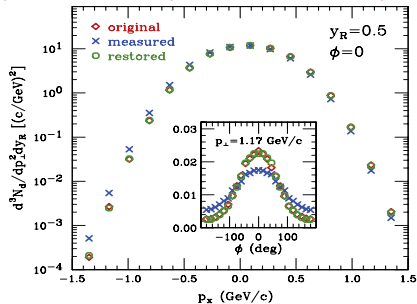
$$\frac{dN}{d\phi'} = \int dy_R d\phi' \frac{dP}{d\phi'} \frac{dN}{d\phi}$$

$$\phi' + \phi' = \phi + \phi$$

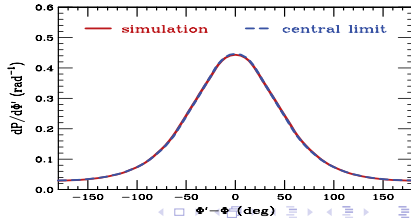
RL deblur + central-limit

Strong anisotropies restored!

Triple differential spectrum in reaction plane:



Uncertainty in reaction plane:



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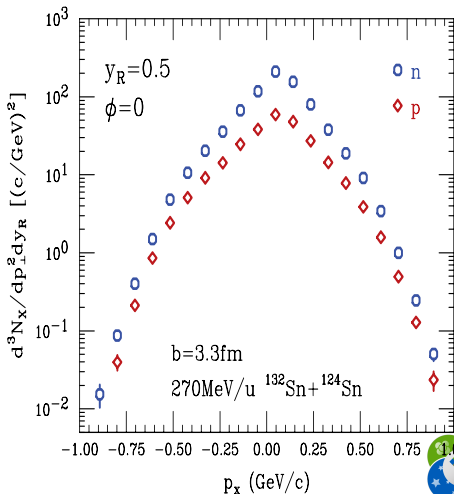
## Why 3D Characteristics?

Transport-model simulation of  
270 MeV/nuc  $^{132}\text{Sn} + ^{124}\text{Sn}$   
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3-differential spectrum for same  
conditions as in thermal model,  
but looks very different. Not  
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cusps, different left-right  
slopes, knees. Steeper slope  
on spectator side, softer on  
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Averaged over  $\phi$ , the spectrum  
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HADES at  $p^\perp/A \lesssim 100$  MeV/c  
*blind*, to miss physics ☹️?





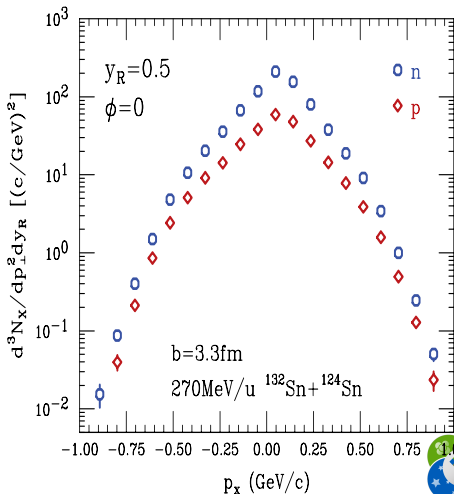
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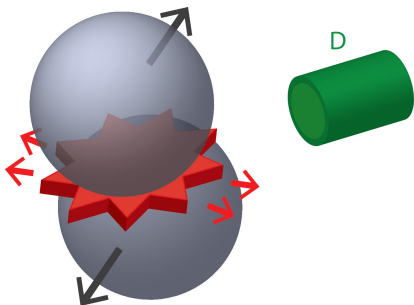
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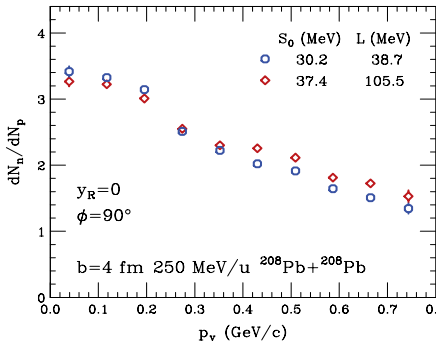


## Symmetry energy at $\rho > \rho_0$ ?

Deblurring allows to effectively look into the heart of matter, unobscured high-density central region in the collisions



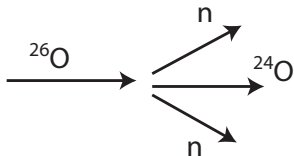
Transport-model simulations of 250 MeV/nucleon  $^{208}\text{Pb} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$  collisions w/medium-soft & stiff symmetry energy. n/p yield ratio at  $\phi = 90^\circ$ , perp to reaction plane, and  $y_{cm} = 0$ .



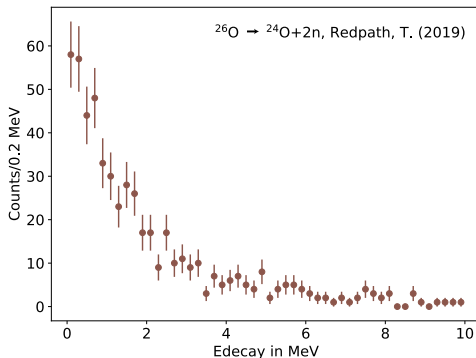
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# Deblurring of Decay Spectrum

MoNA study:  $^{27}\text{F} (-p) \rightarrow ^{26}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O} + 2n$



Thomas Redpath PhD Thesis MSU (2019)  
*Redpath et al. NIMPR A977(2020)164284*

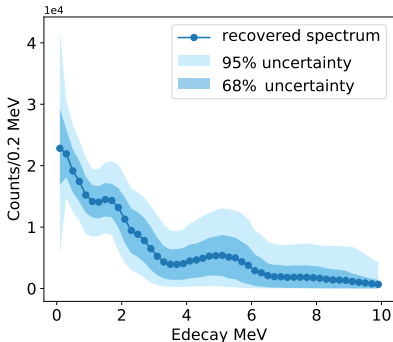


Distribution of events in  
decay energy

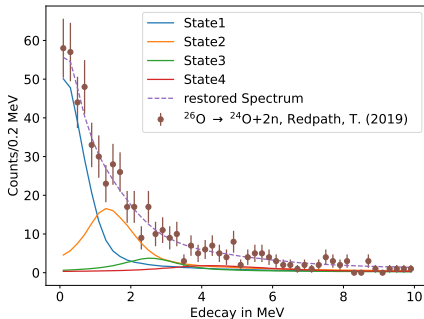
# Deblurred Decay Spectrum of $^{26}\text{O}$

Deblurring: Pierre Nzabahimana; Transfer matrix: Thomas Redpath

arXiv:2210.00157



Deblurred



Original - decomposed

Bumps indicative of energy levels in  $^{26}\text{O}$ :

$\sim 0 \text{ MeV} - 0^+$ ,  $\sim 1.3 \text{ MeV} - 2^+$ , etc.

Recall registration plate



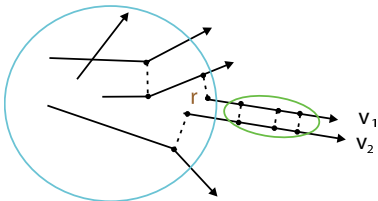
# Imaging Source from Correlation (HBT)

2-ptcle correlation at low  $|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2|$

$$C(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{v}_1 d\mathbf{v}_2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{v}_1} \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{v}_2}}$$

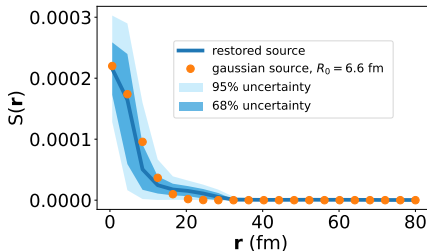
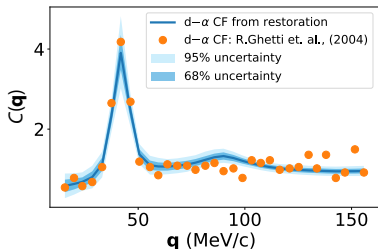
$$= \int d\mathbf{r} S_P(\mathbf{r}) |\Phi_{\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2}^{(-)}(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

Koonin-Pratt eq: measured  $C$  as convolution over unknown source  $S$



coarse

pronounced structure  
calculable



Source imaging as R-L deblurring: Pierre Nzabanimana



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## Conclusions

- Deblurring: strong record in optics & fields that heavily rely on optics: forensic science, astronomy & microscopy
- Deblurring can expand the reach of measurement ahead of any comparison to theory
- No reason for deblurring to confine to photons and not extend to other particles - its domain are probabilities
- Deblurring should effectively allow to control reaction plane in energetic heavy-ion collisions, hopefully expand horizons
- Nuclear problems where deblurring started producing results:  $^{26}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{24}\text{O} + n + n$  decay, source-imaging from 2-particle correlations in heavy-ion collisions, triple-differential distributions in heavy-ion collisions

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<https://www.energy.gov/science/np/articles/deblurring-can-reveal-3d-features-heavy-ion-collisions>

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