

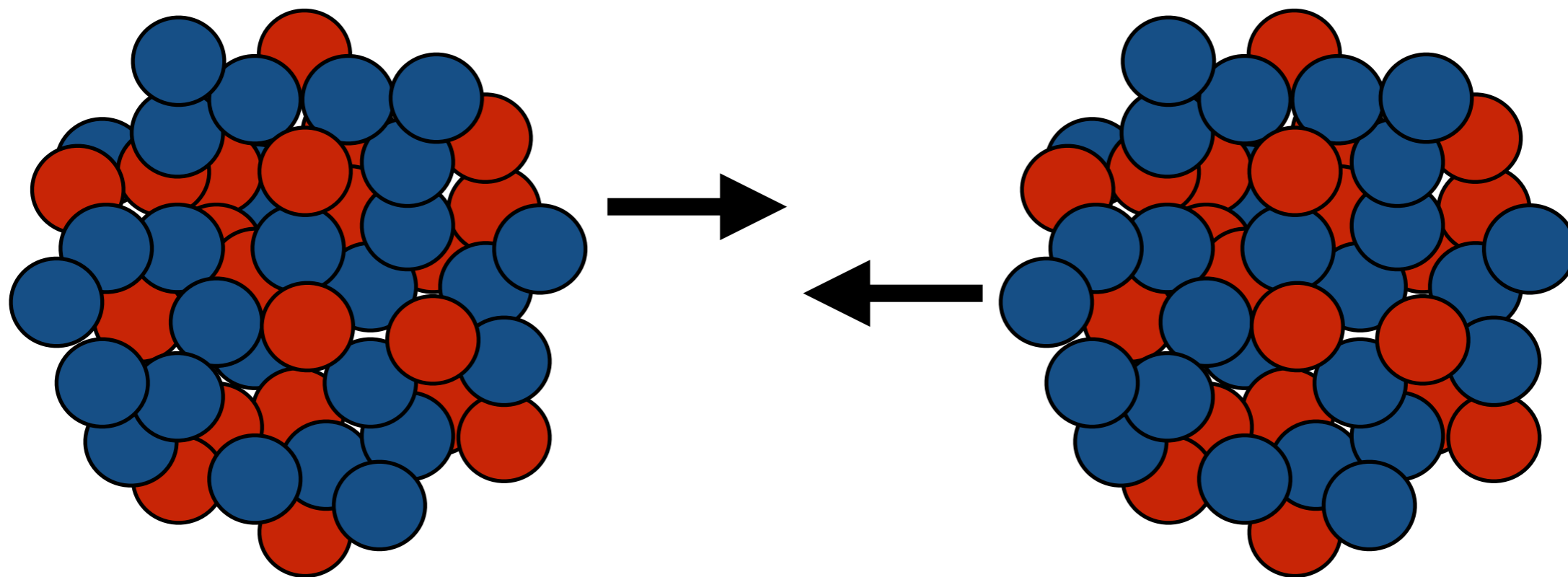
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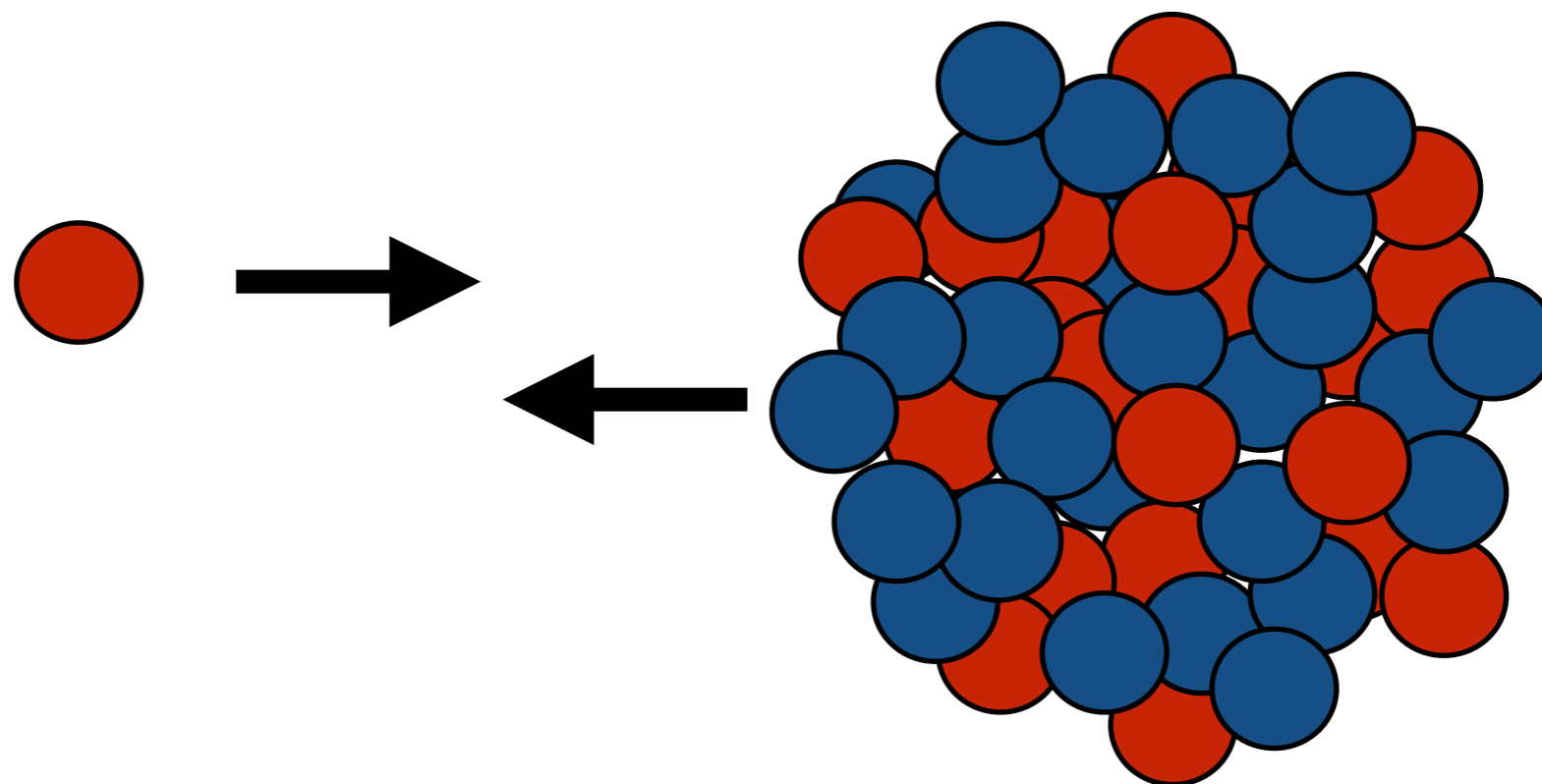
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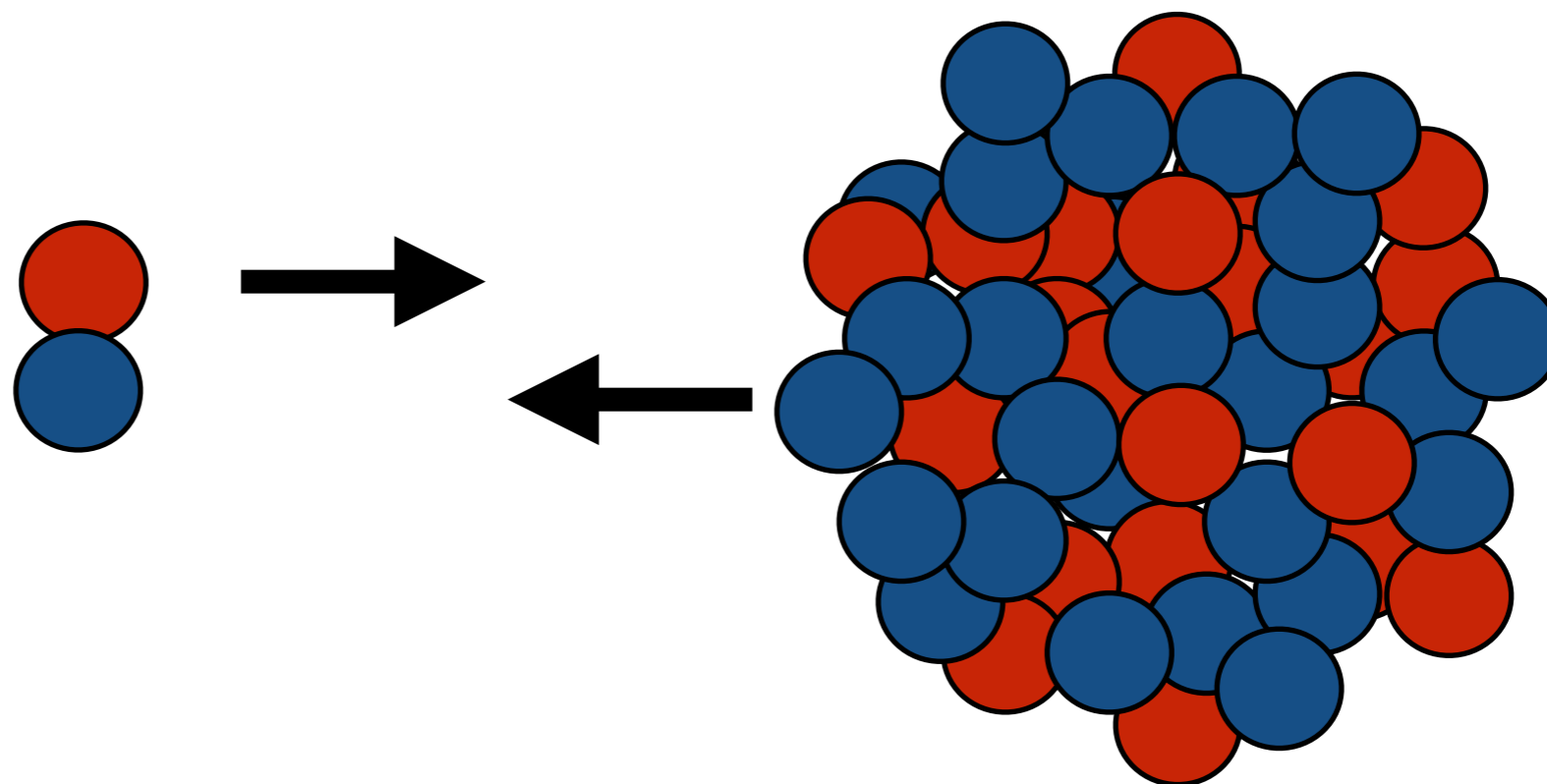
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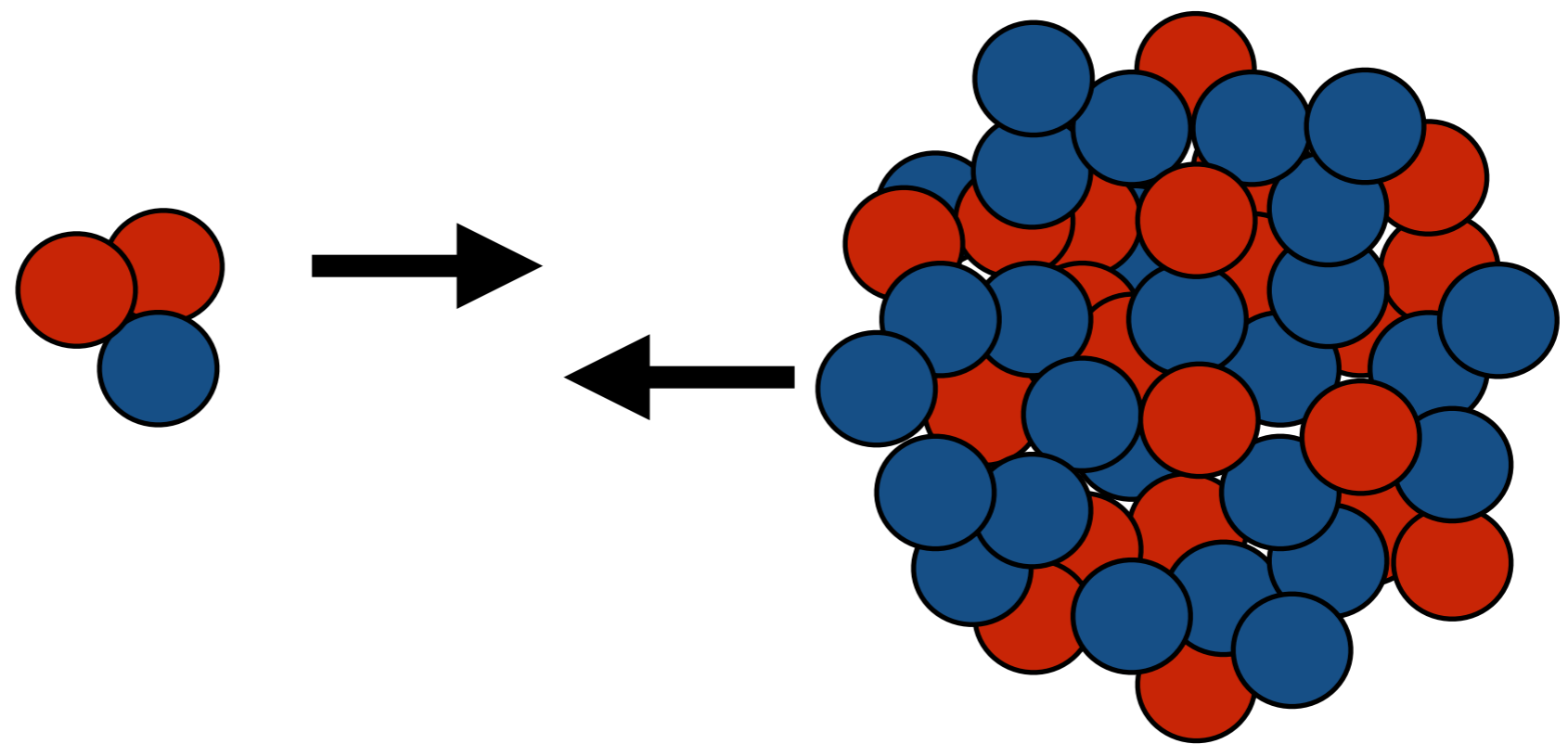
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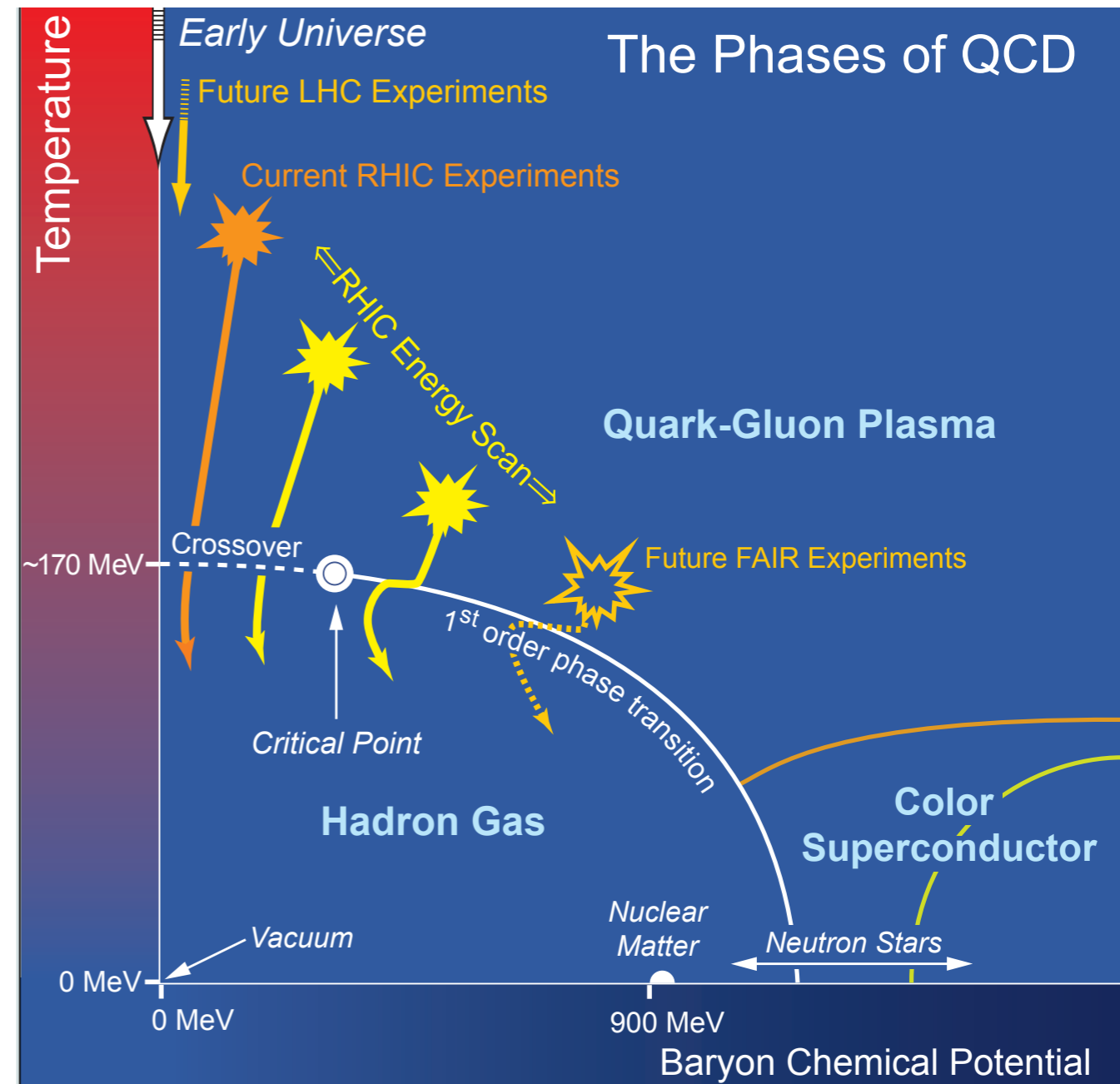


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# why heavy ion collisions?

- explore QCD away from normal bound states
- only “large” system we can study with partonic degrees of freedom



# Heavy Ion Programs at RHIC and LHC



2000 - present

7.7-510 GeV collision energy

AuAu, dAu, pp, CuCu, UU, CuAu

strengths: collision system &  
energy versatility and long running  
times



2010 - present

2.76 TeV collision energy PbPb

5.02 TeV pPb

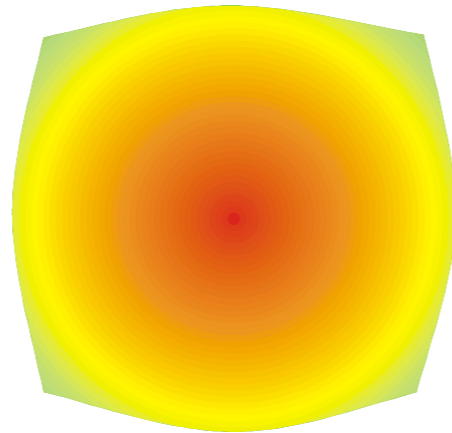
pp @ multiple energies

strengths: excellent detectors and  
very high energy

# relativistic **heavy** ion collisions

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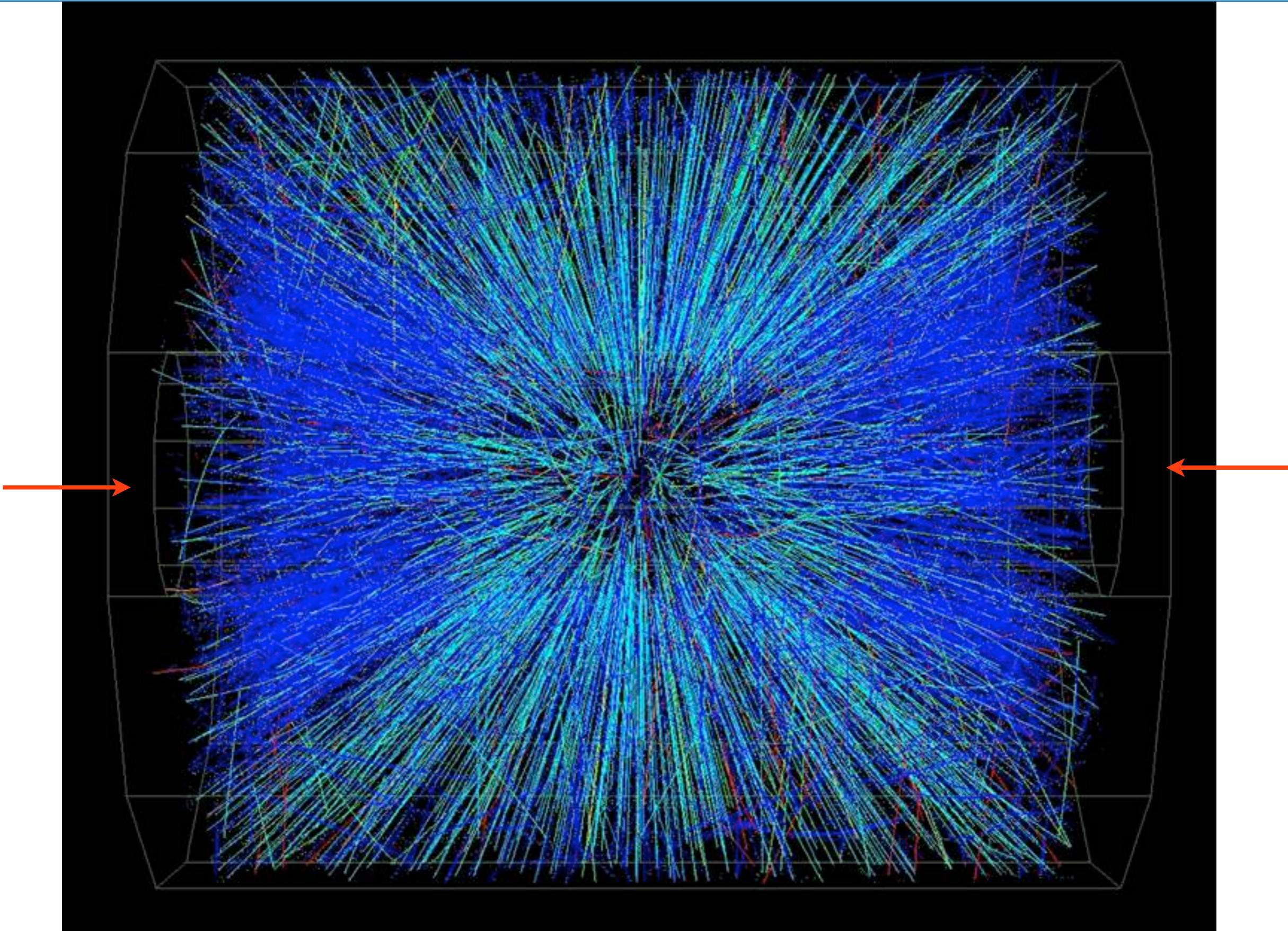
quark gluon plasma



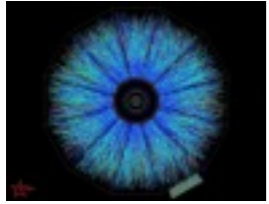
want to untangle **QGP** effects from  
effects of initial nucleus and  
hadronic matter



# the aftermath

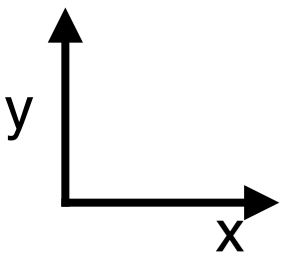
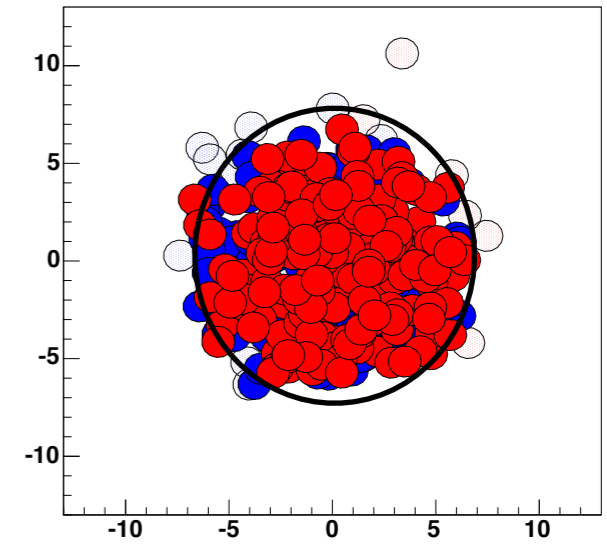
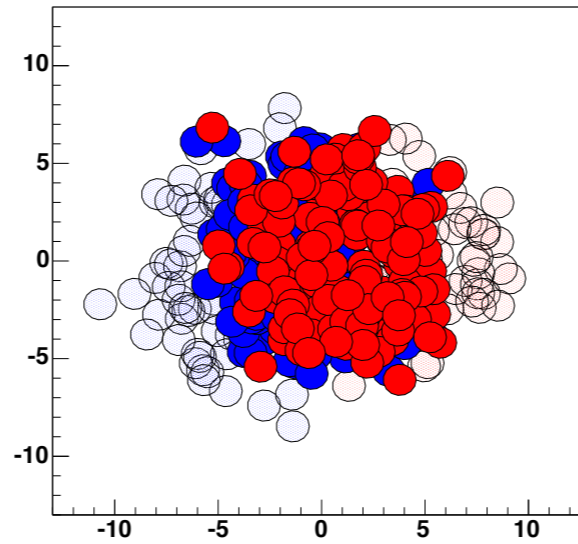
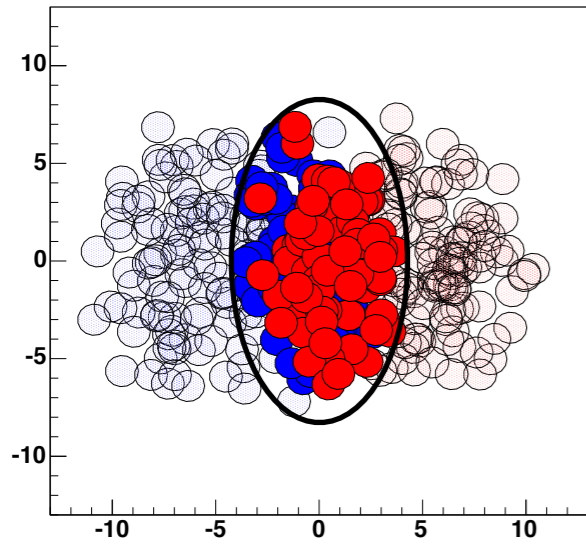


# collision geometry



view: one nuclei going into the screen and one coming out

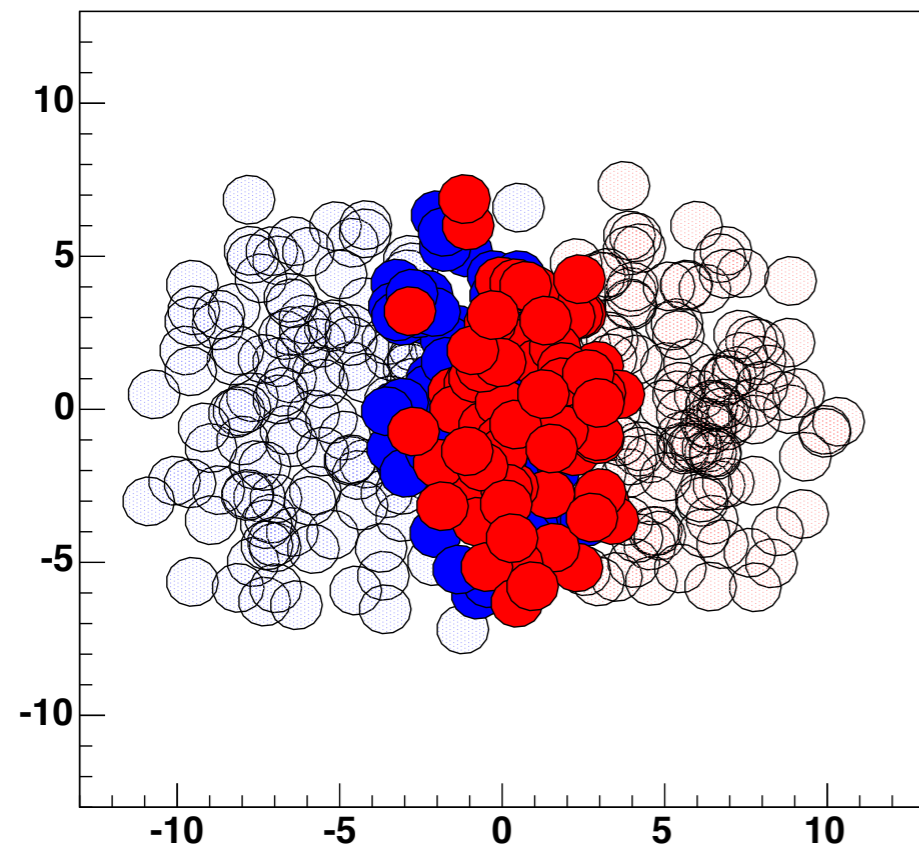
nucleon positions for the colliding nuclei for three different collisions



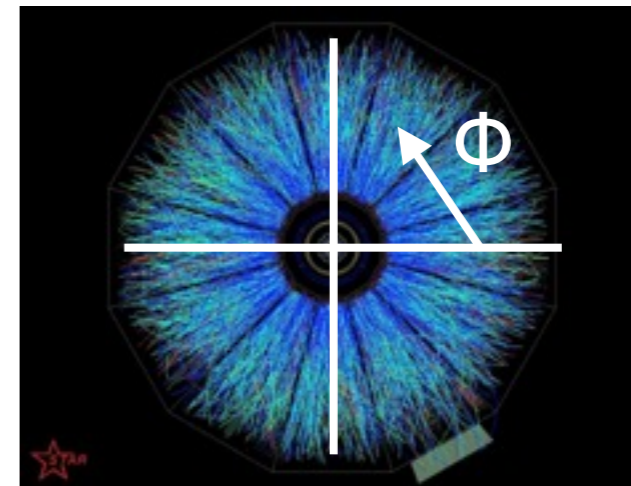
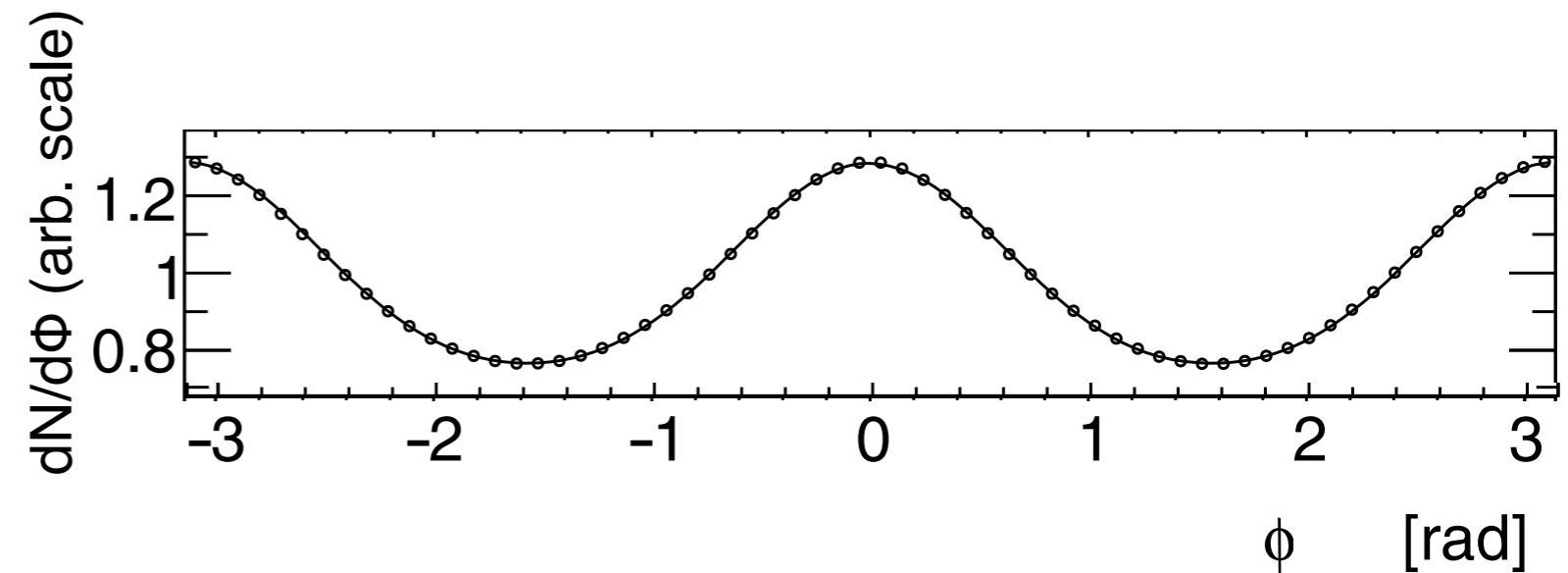
varying the distance between the nuclei, changes the shape and size of the region where the nuclei overlap

# collision geometry $\rightarrow$ measured

## initial collision geometry

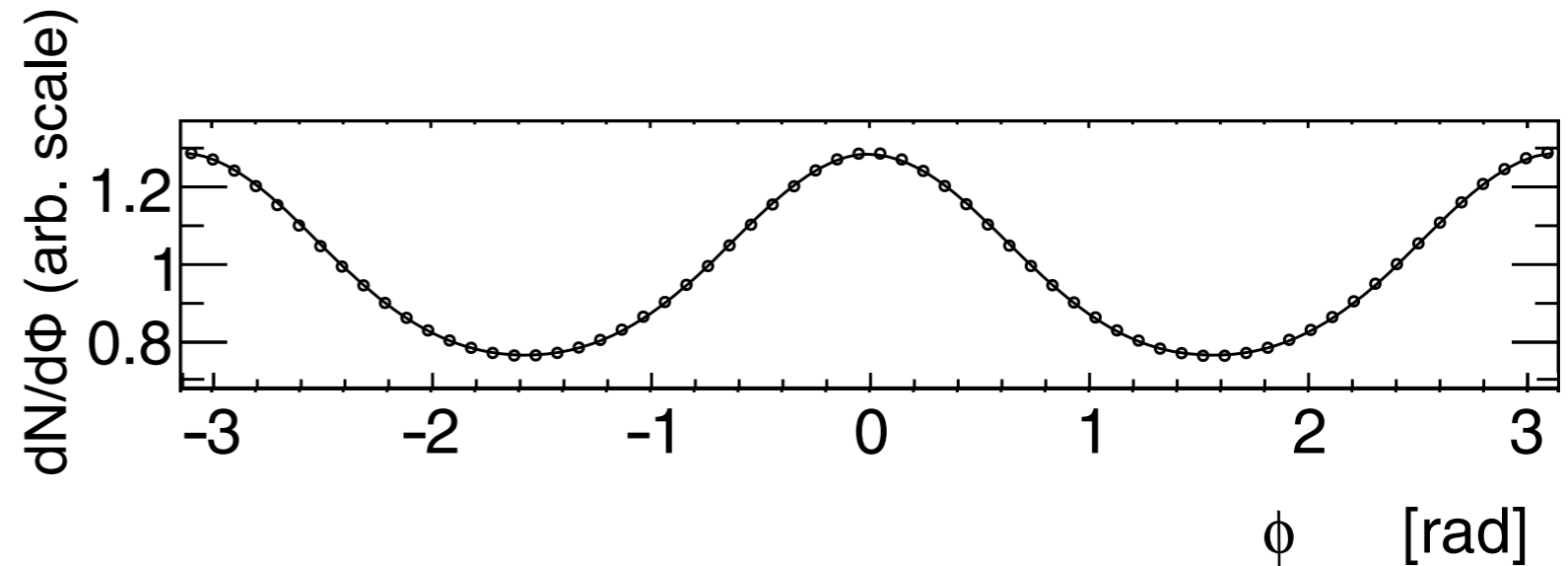
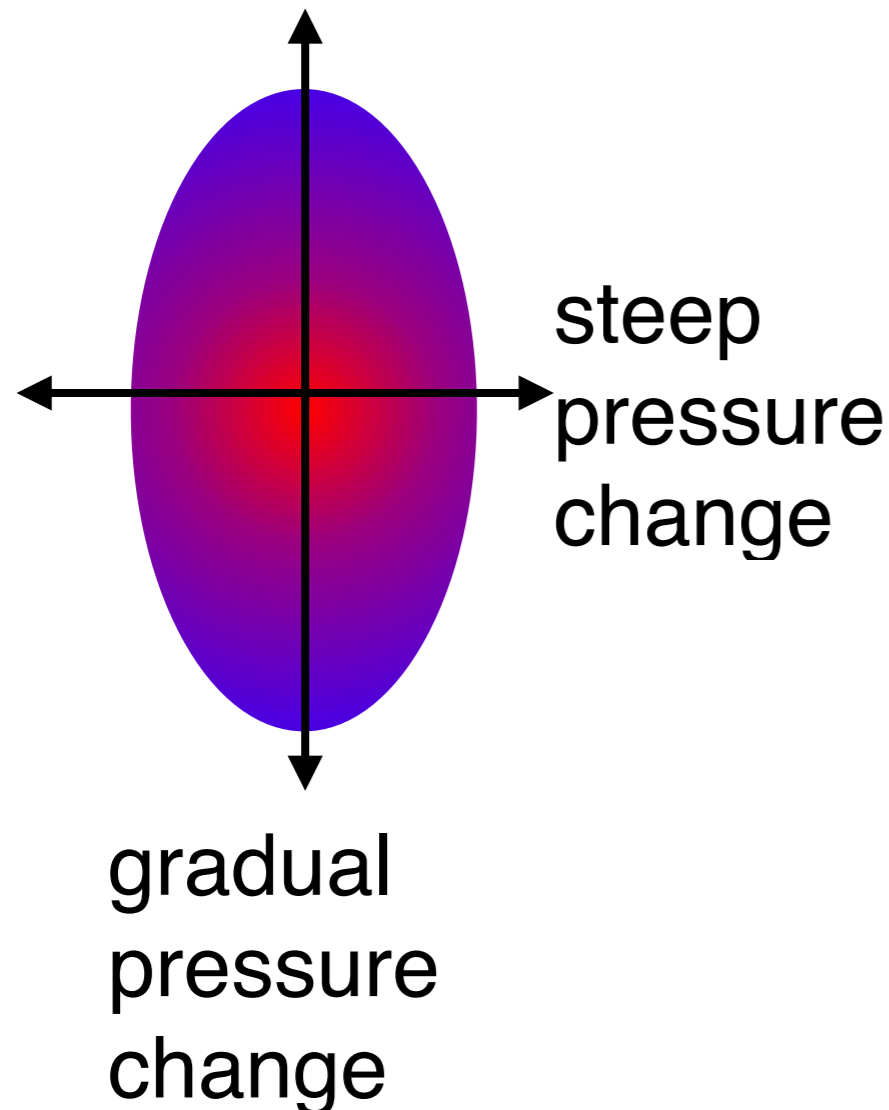


## measured hadron distributions



**the shape of the initial collision geometry is imprinted on the final particle distributions**

# strong interactions



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi$$

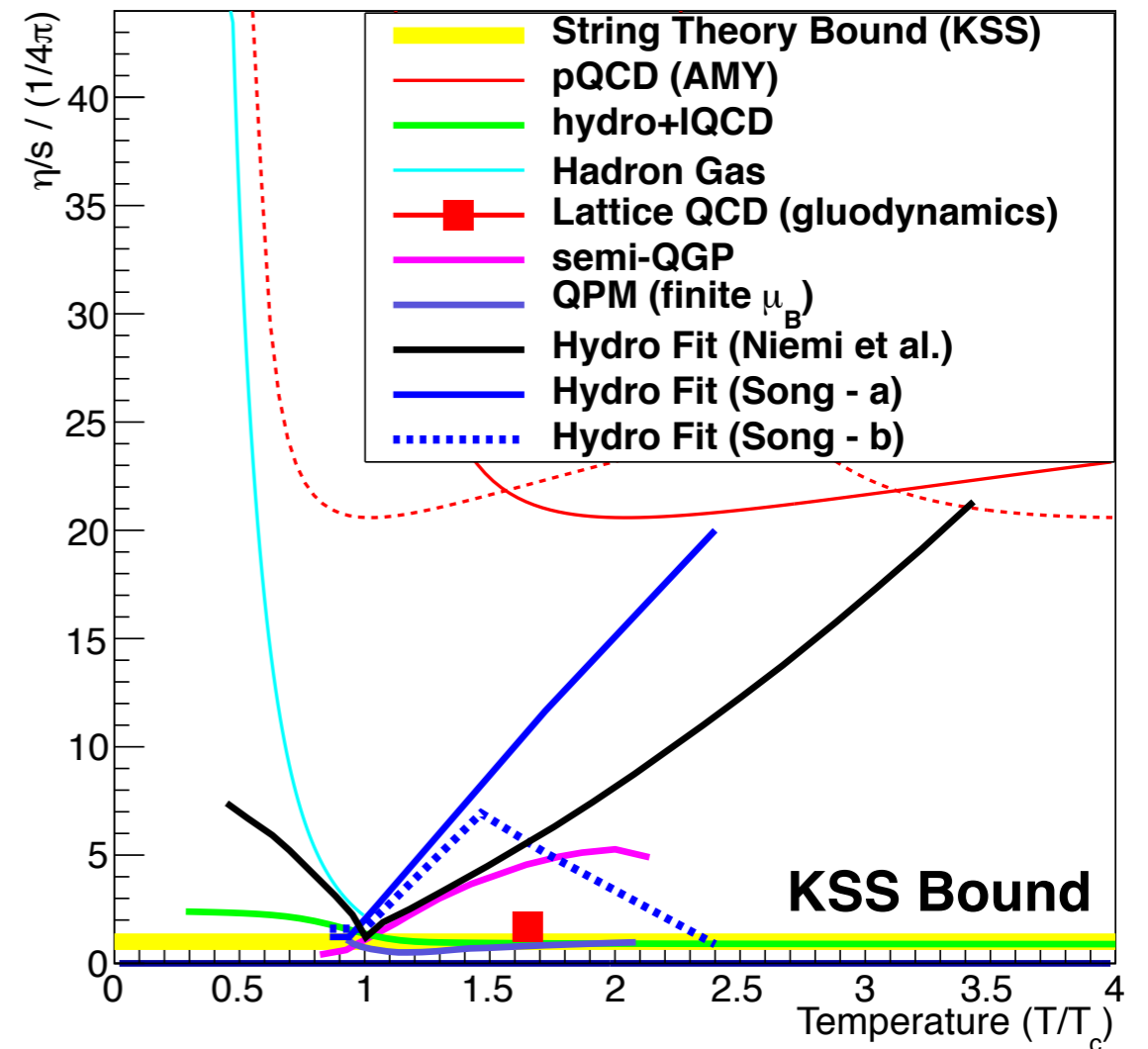
- large observed anisotropies  $\rightarrow$  strong interactions:
  - **fluid behavior, hydrodynamics**
- larger pressure gradients push more particles out in the x direction than in y

# the viscosity of the QGP

- what kind of fluid is the QGP?
  - nearly ideal
  - viscosity within a factor of a few of what's allowed by quantum mechanics

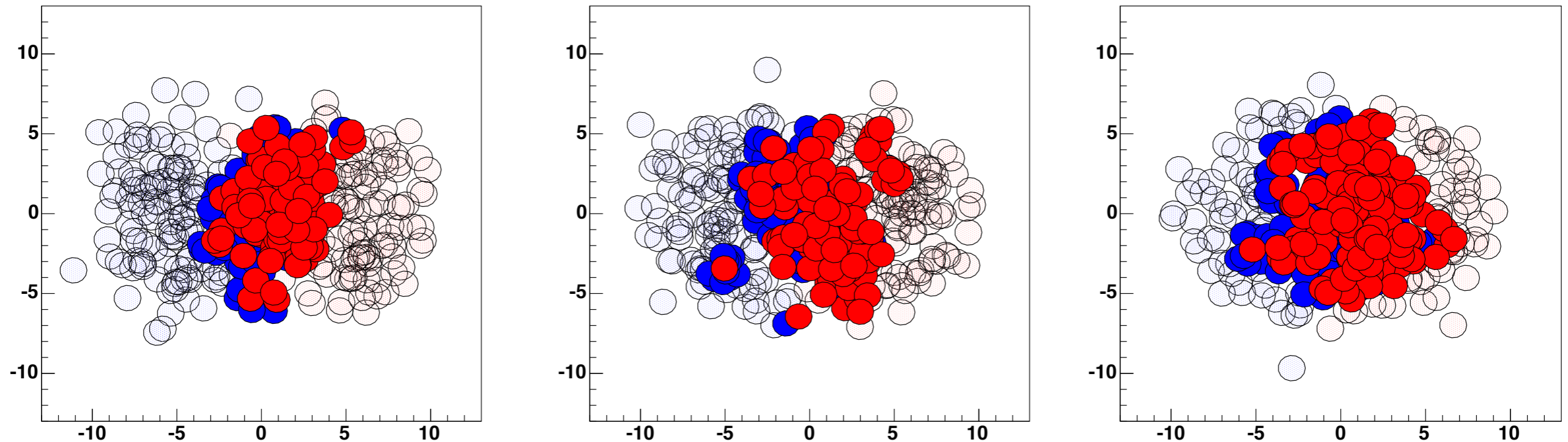
what is viscosity as a function of T?

why does the QGP behave as such?



# each collision is unique

nucleon distributions for 3 single collisions (xy-plane)



each collision evolves in isolation without knowing what the “typical” collision is

not just  $v_2$  describing  $\cos 2\Phi$ , but  $v_n$ :

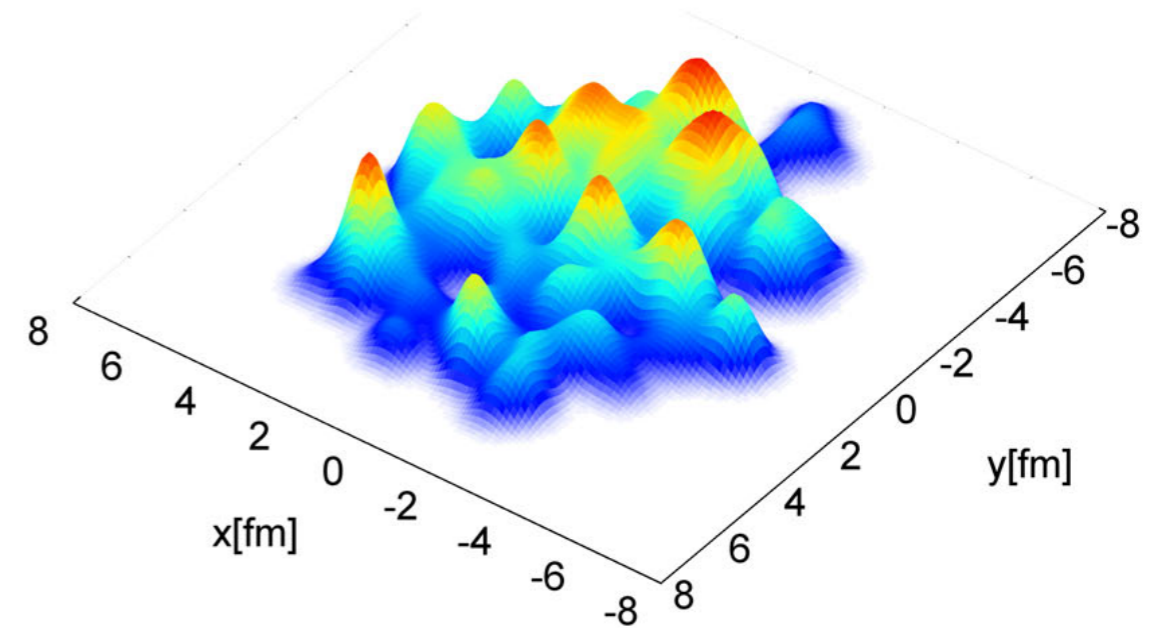
$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos n(\phi - \Psi_n)$$

# what is initial energy density distribution?

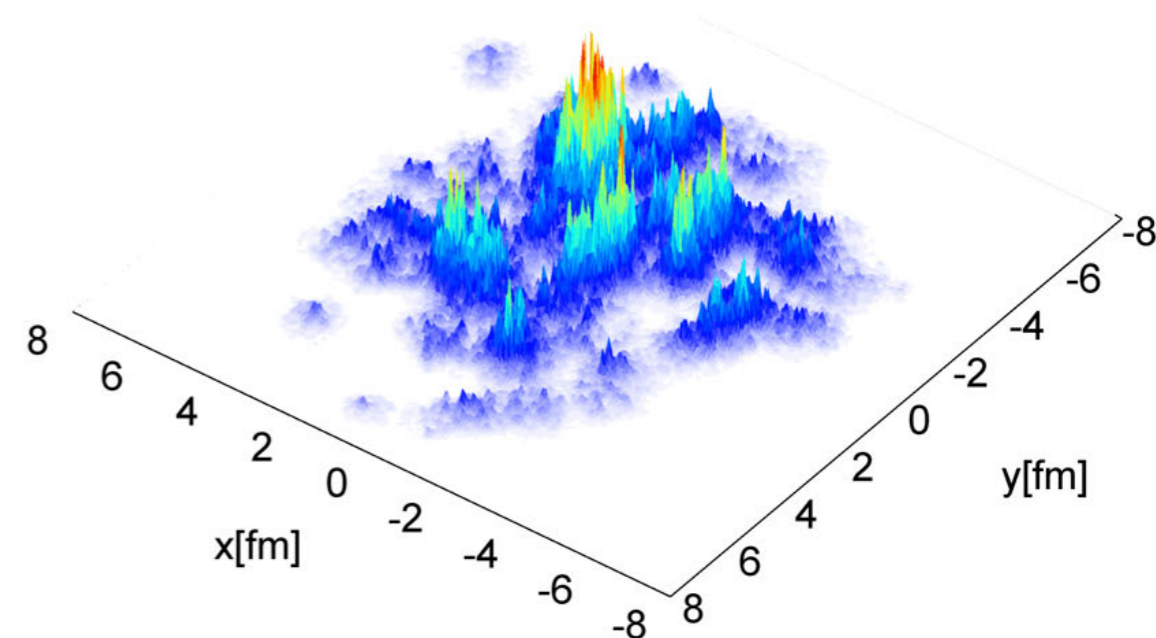
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single event initial energy density

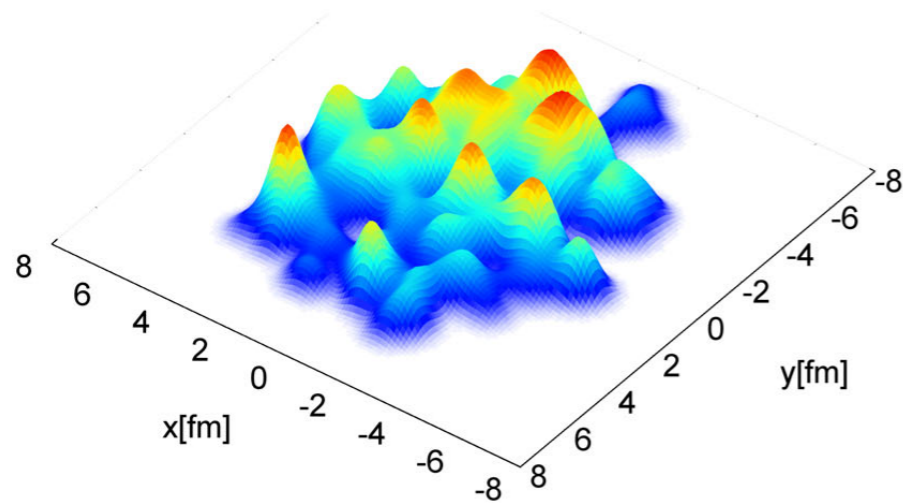
nucleons: Gaussians,  
 $\sigma = 0.4\text{fm}$



subnucleonic fluctuations:  
IP-Glasma model



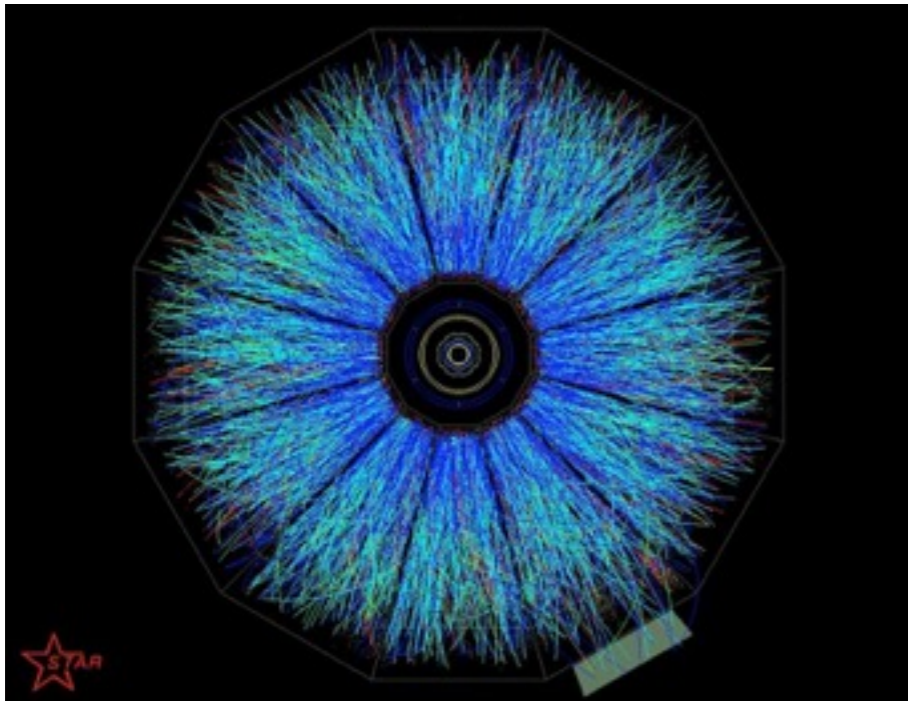
# two particle correlations



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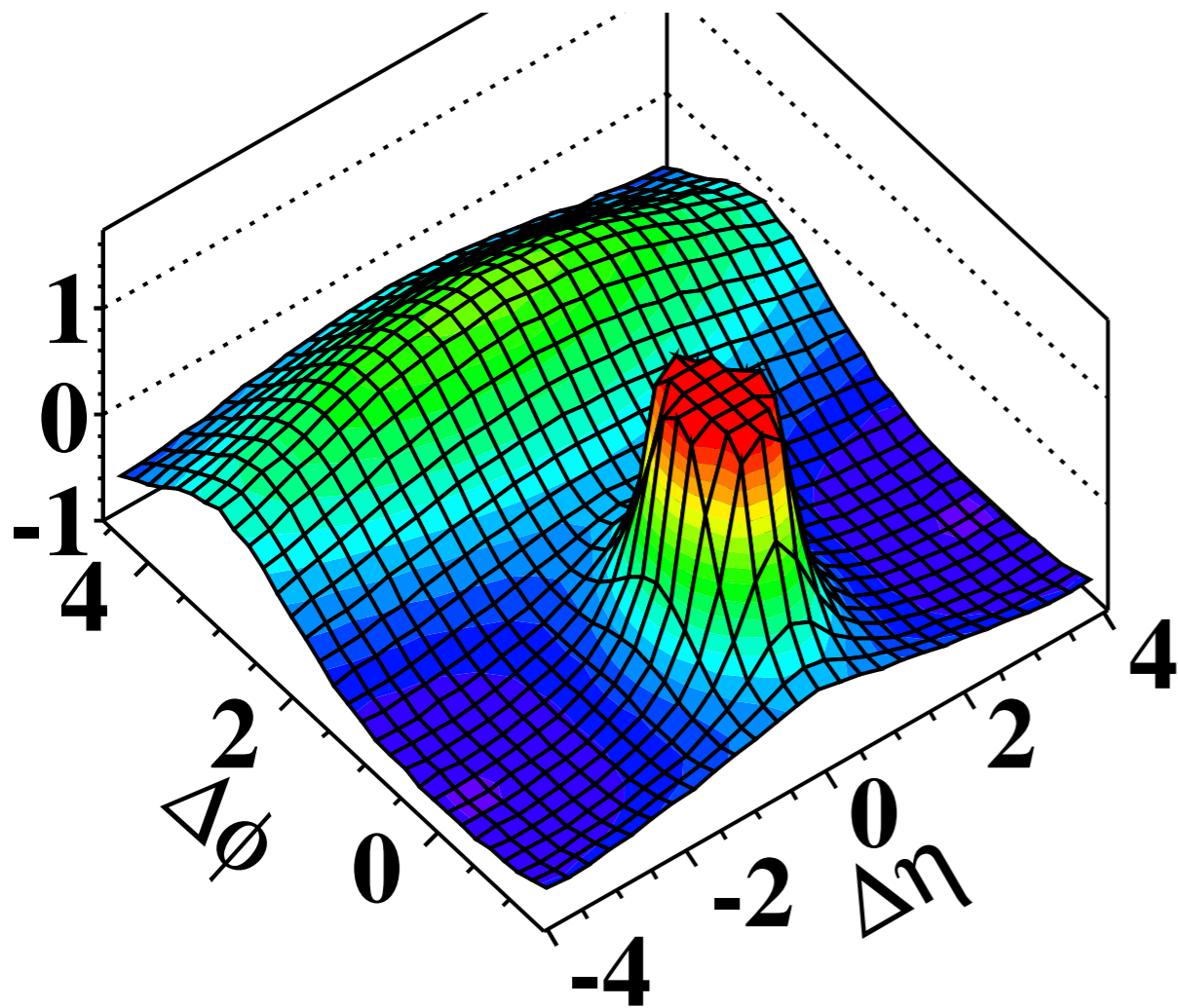
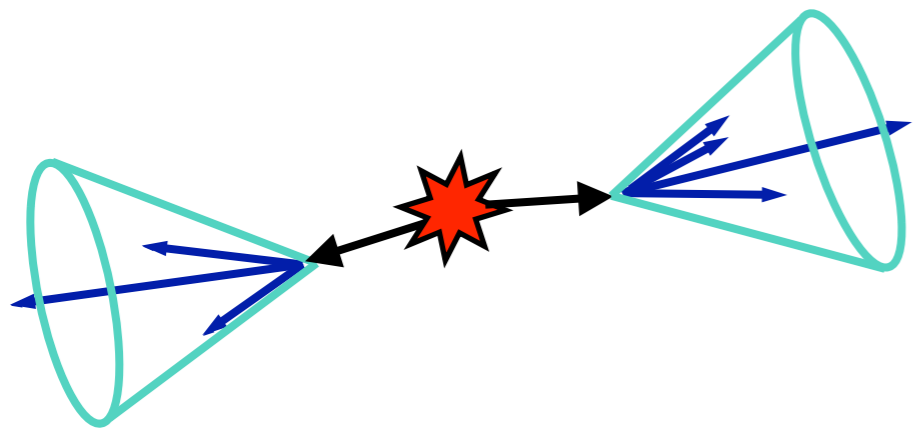
$$\frac{dN_{AB}}{d\Delta\phi} \propto 1 + \sum^n 2v_{n,A}v_{n,B} \cos(n\Delta\phi)$$





# two particle correlations

jets in pp collisions



flow

single particles

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos n(\phi - \Psi_n)$$

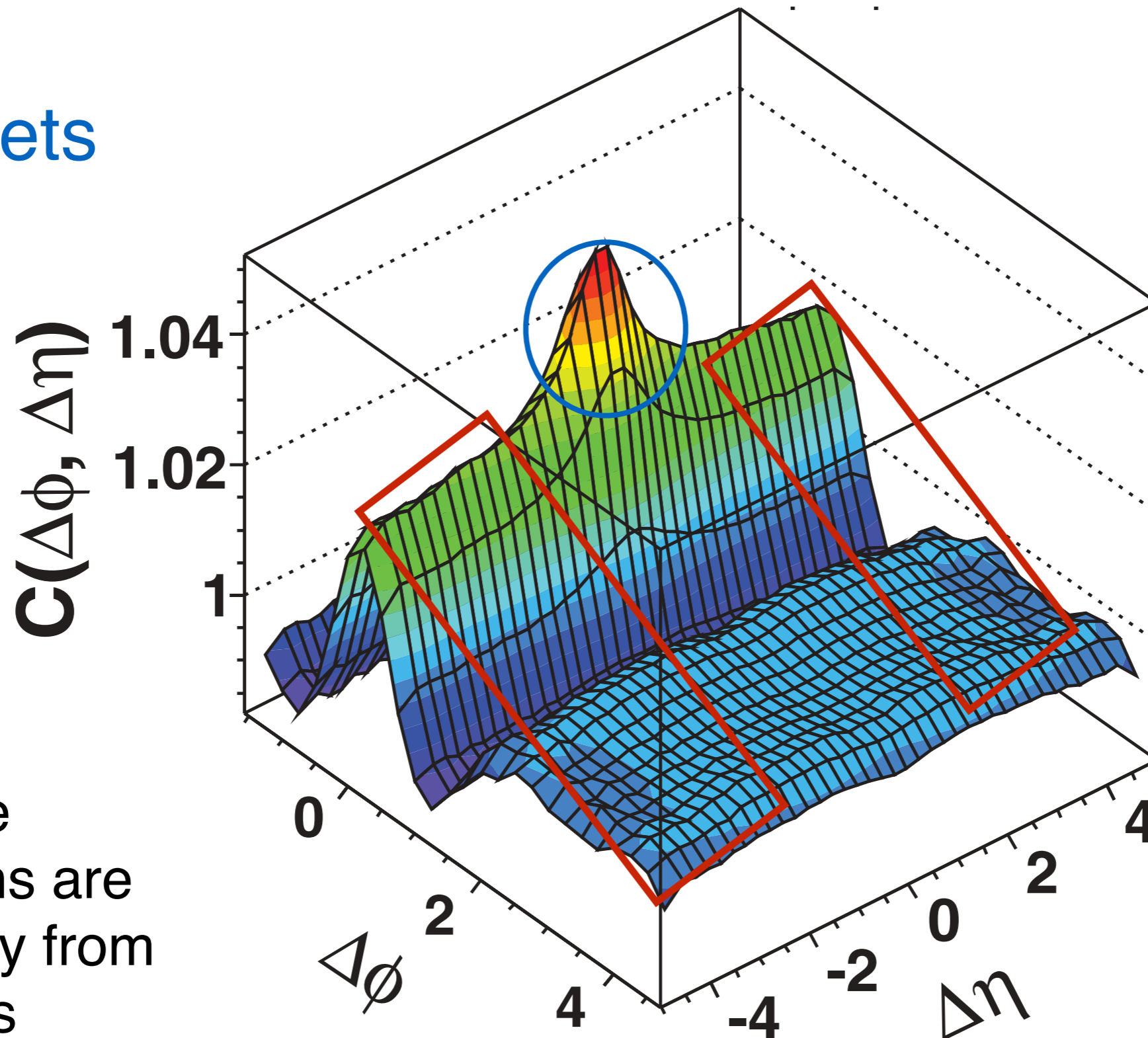
pairs of particles

$$\frac{dN_{AB}}{d\Delta\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_{n,A}v_{n,B} \cos(n\Delta\phi)$$

flow correlations should be long range  $\eta$

# correlations in PbPb

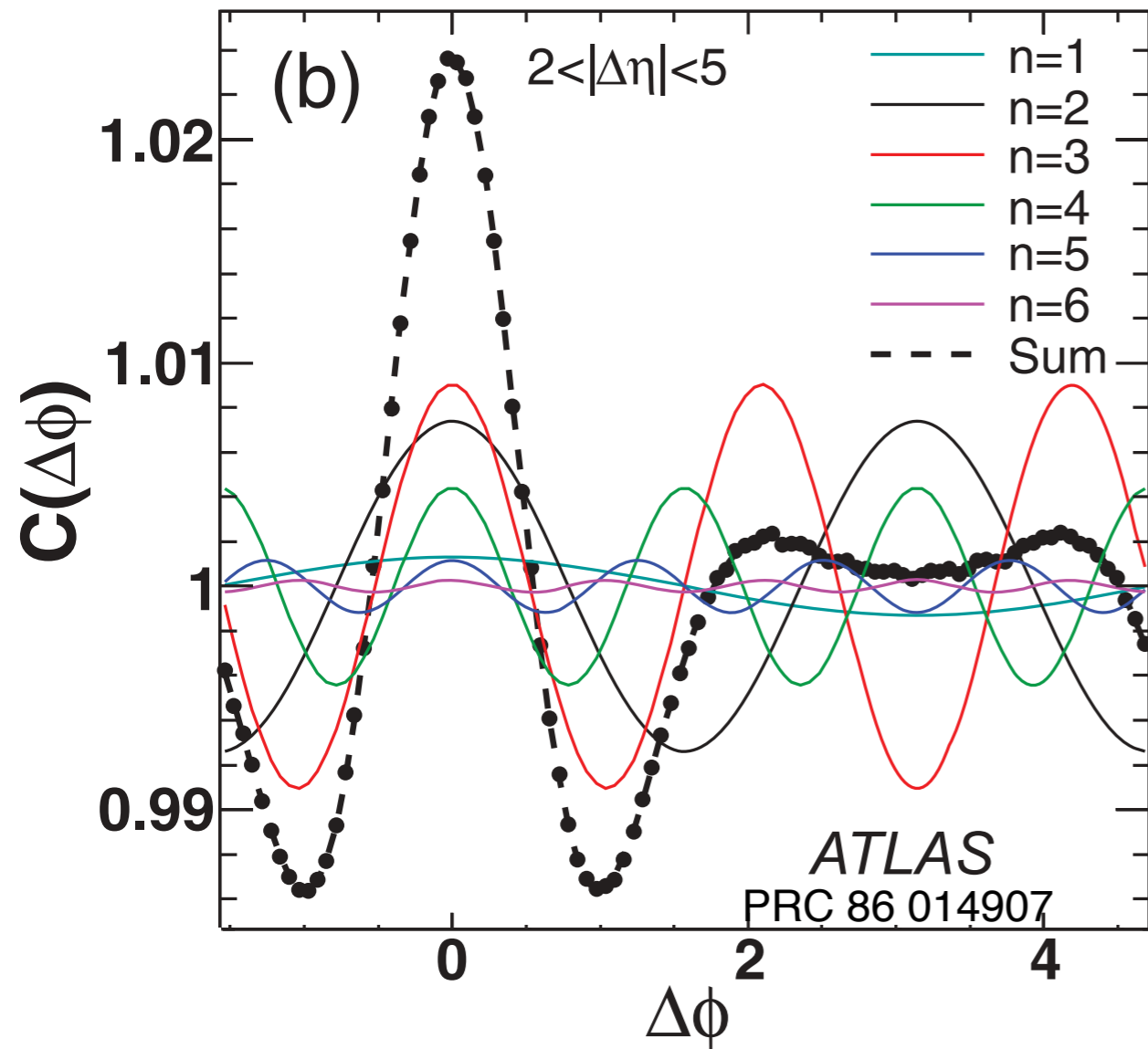
jets



long range correlations are necessarily from early times

flow

# A+A: $v_N$ & two particle correlations

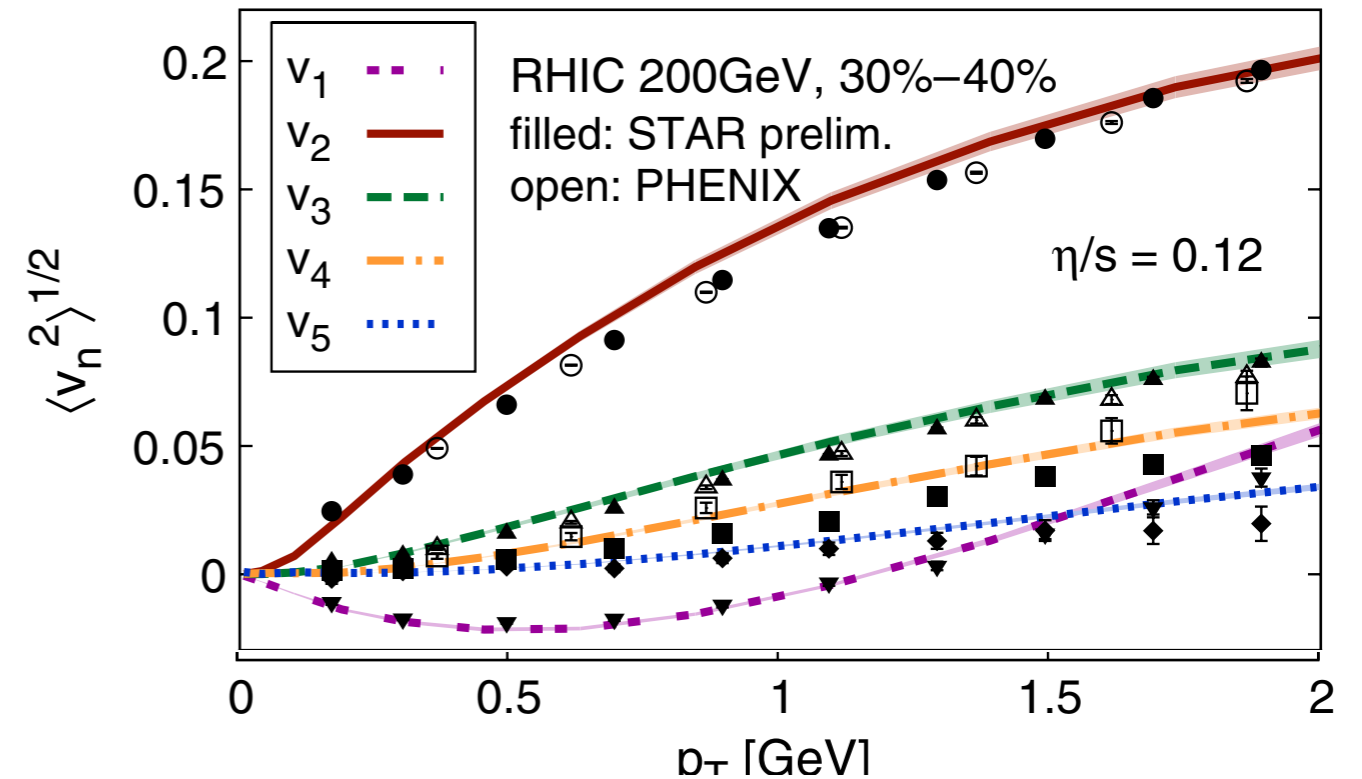
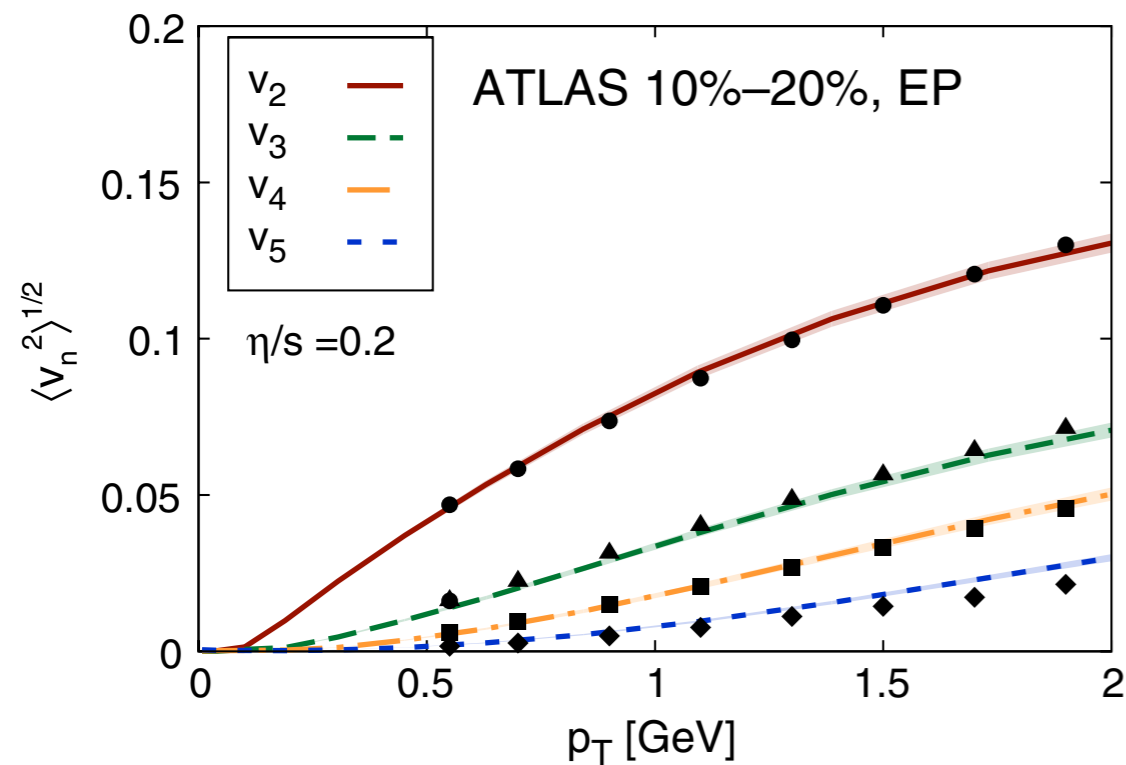


$$\frac{dN_{AB}}{d\Delta\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_{n,A}v_{n,B} \cos(n\Delta\phi)$$

**evidence for many higher order terms in particle correlations**

# state of the art hydrodynamic calculations

## 3 +1d viscous hydrodynamics

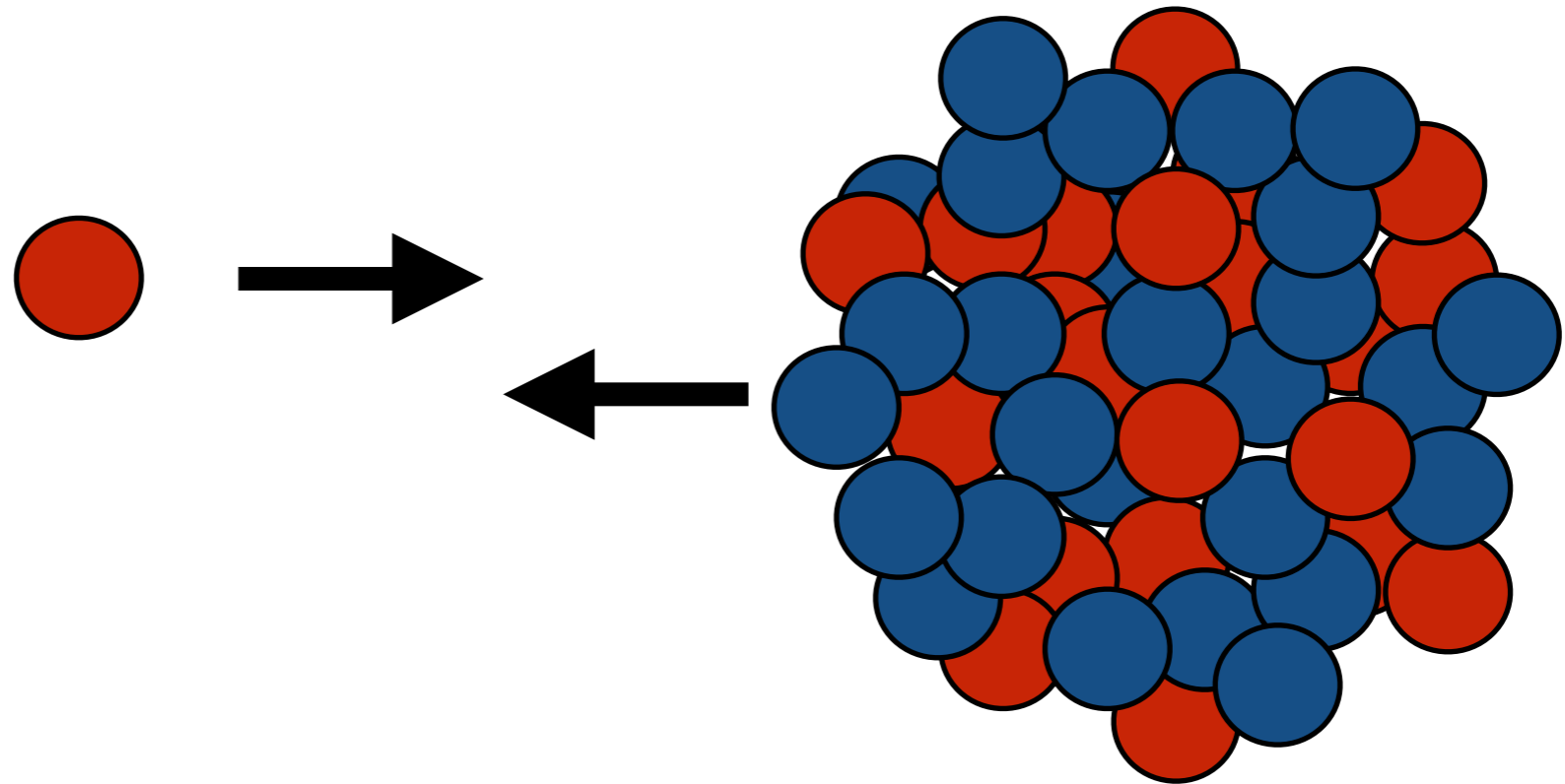


quantitative description of  $v_1 - v_5$  at both RHIC and LHC  
sensitivity to  $\eta/s$

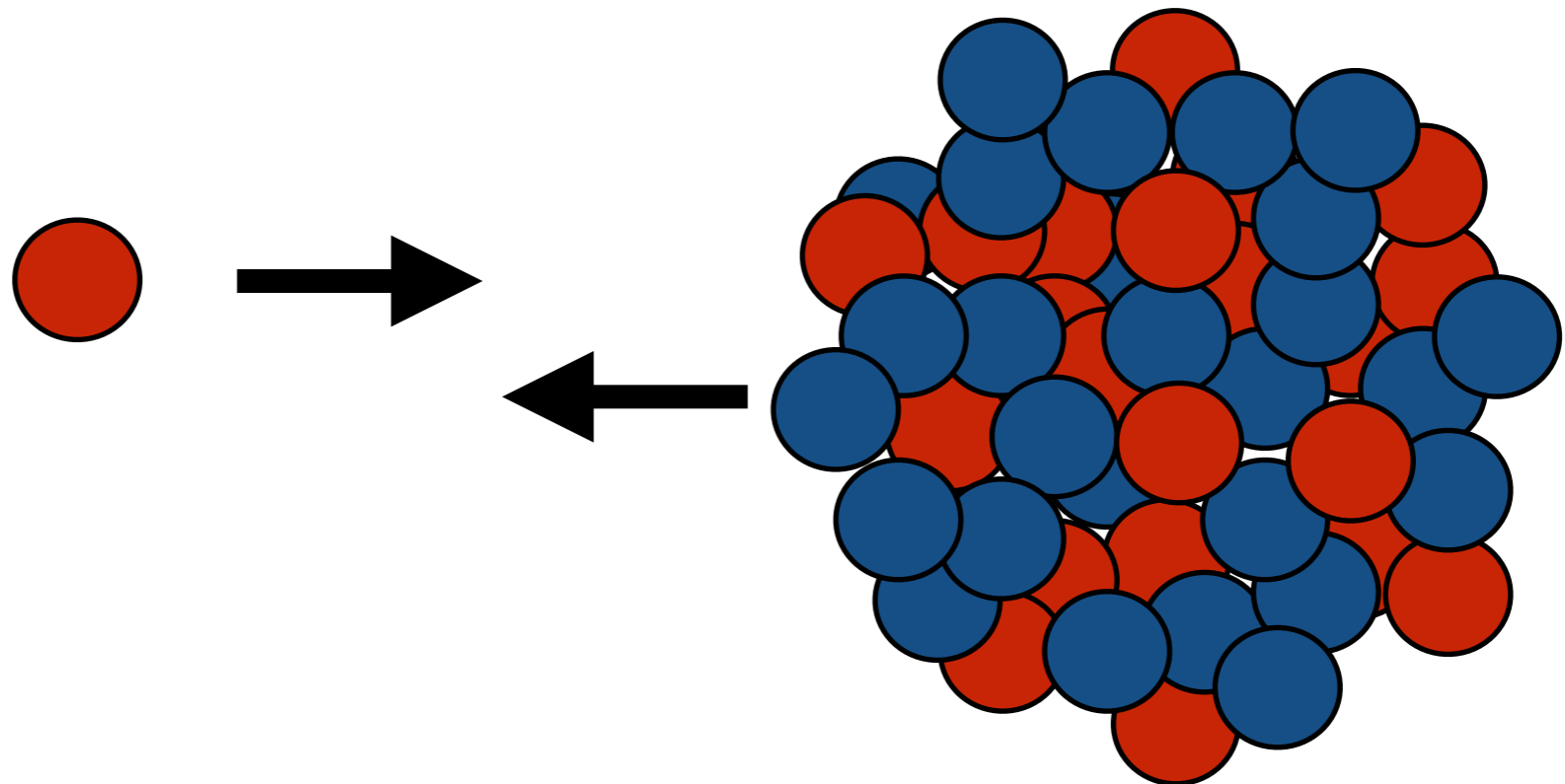
# $p + A$ collisions

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small probe,  
big target  
study how nuclear  
environment is  
different than free  
nucleons (e.g. EMC  
effect)



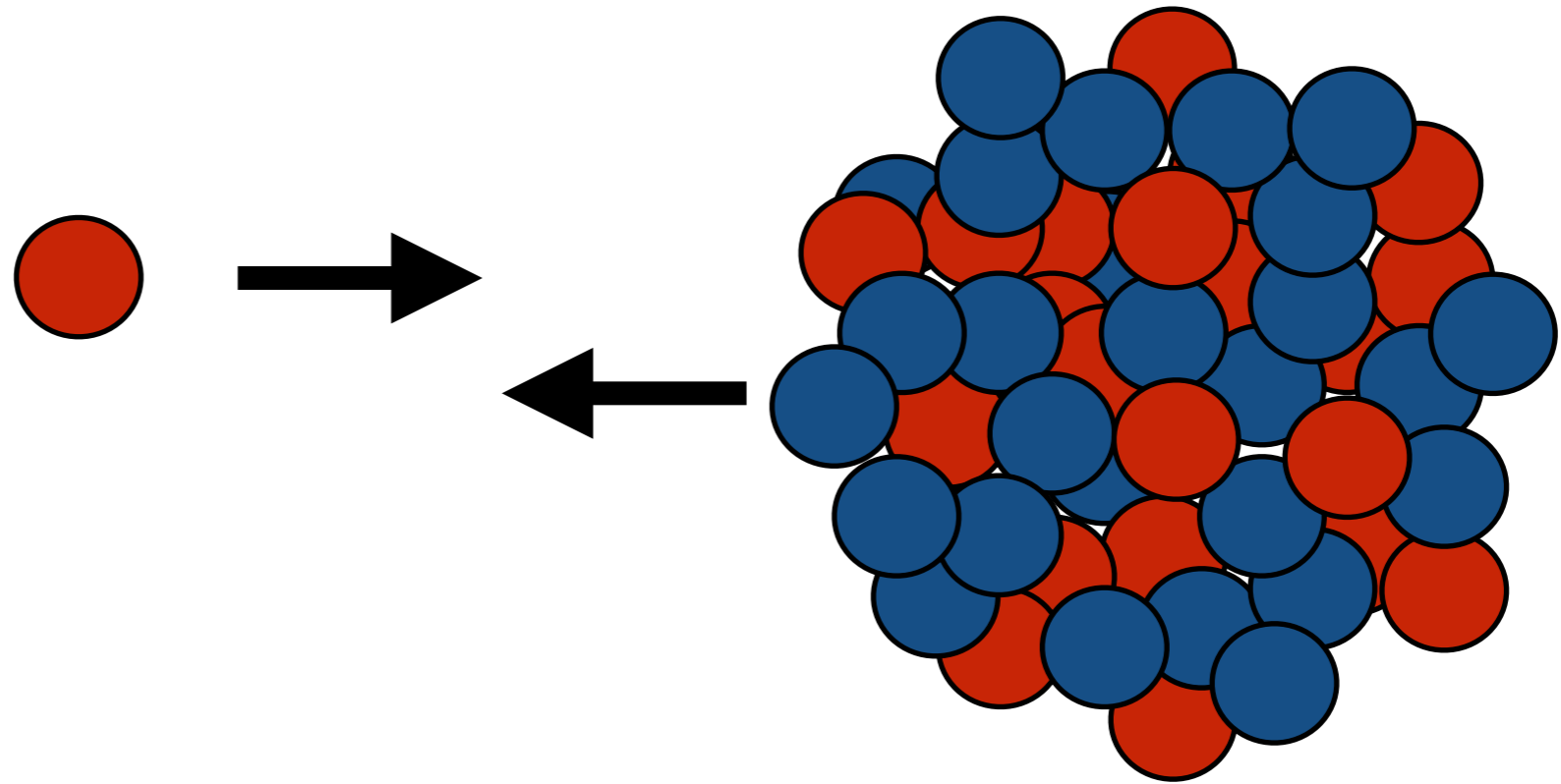
small, **but finite**  
**probe**,  
big target  
create a small  
amount of QGP



# $p + A$ collisions

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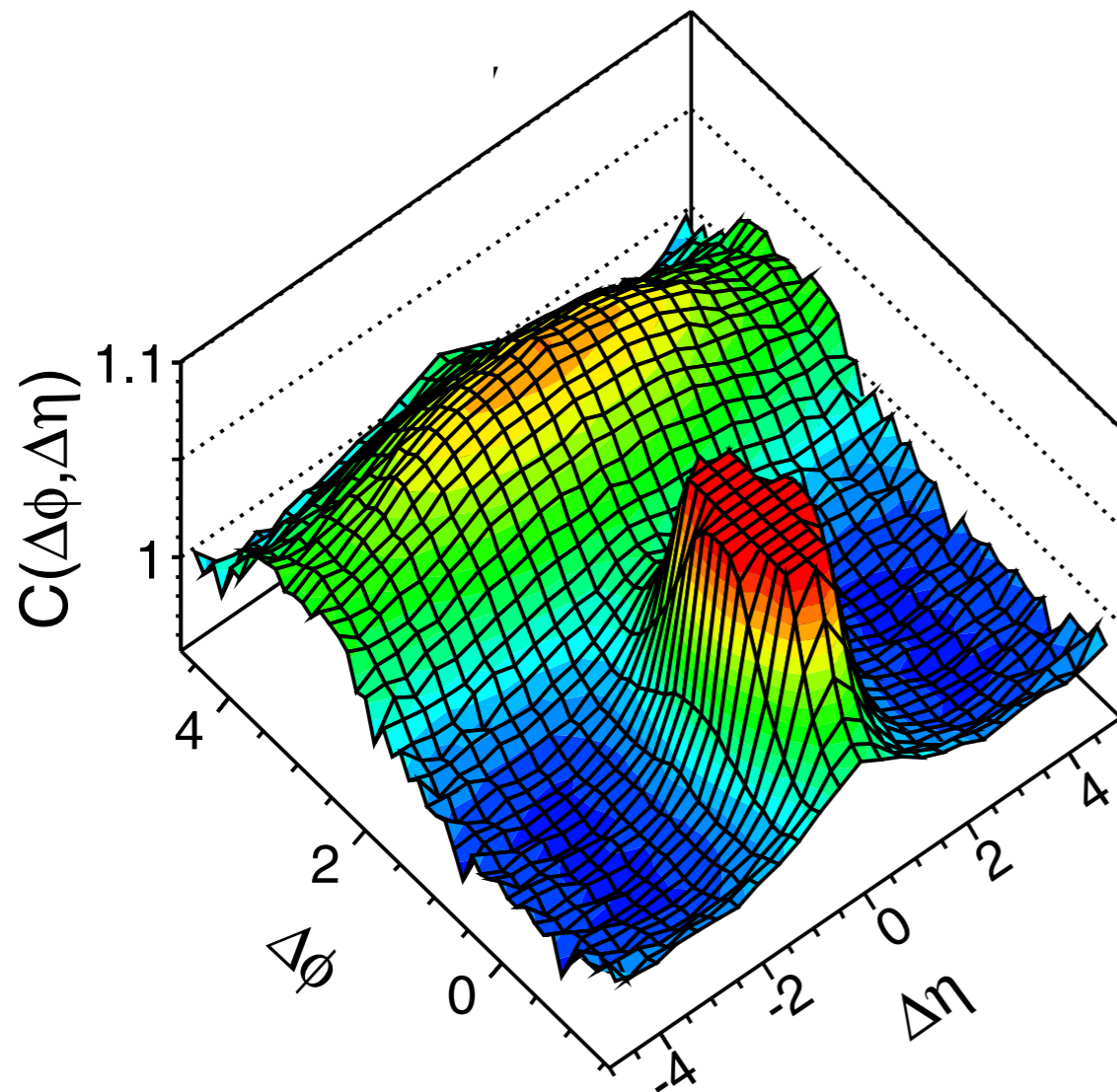
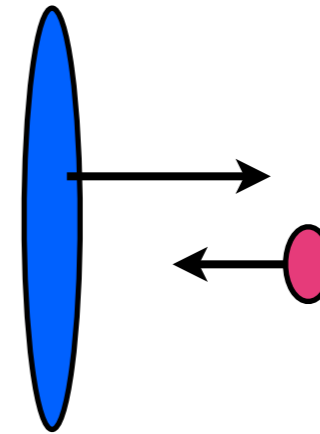
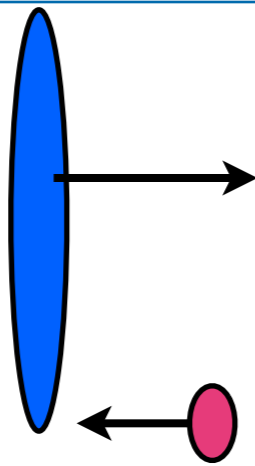
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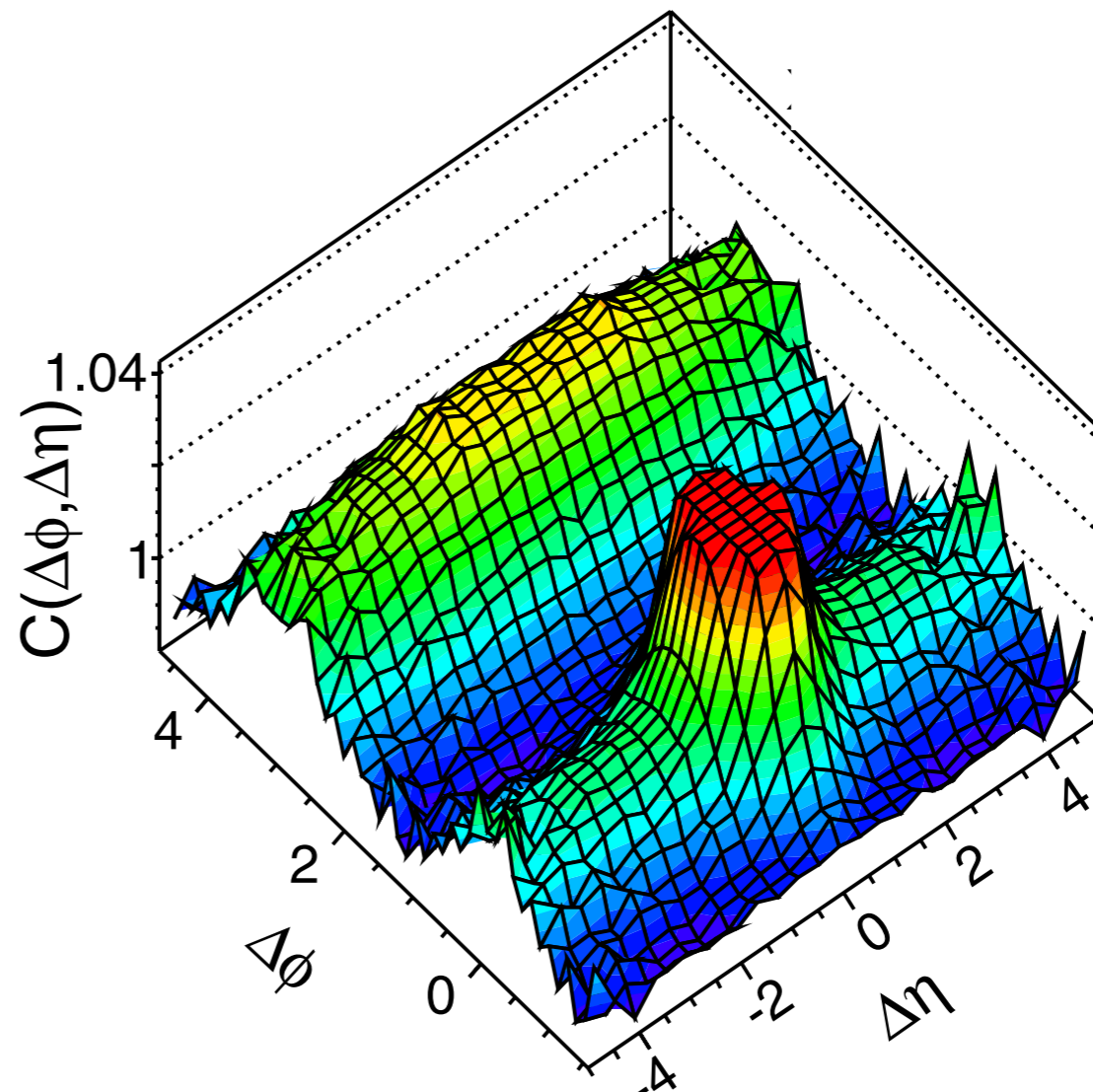
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# a closer look at pPb

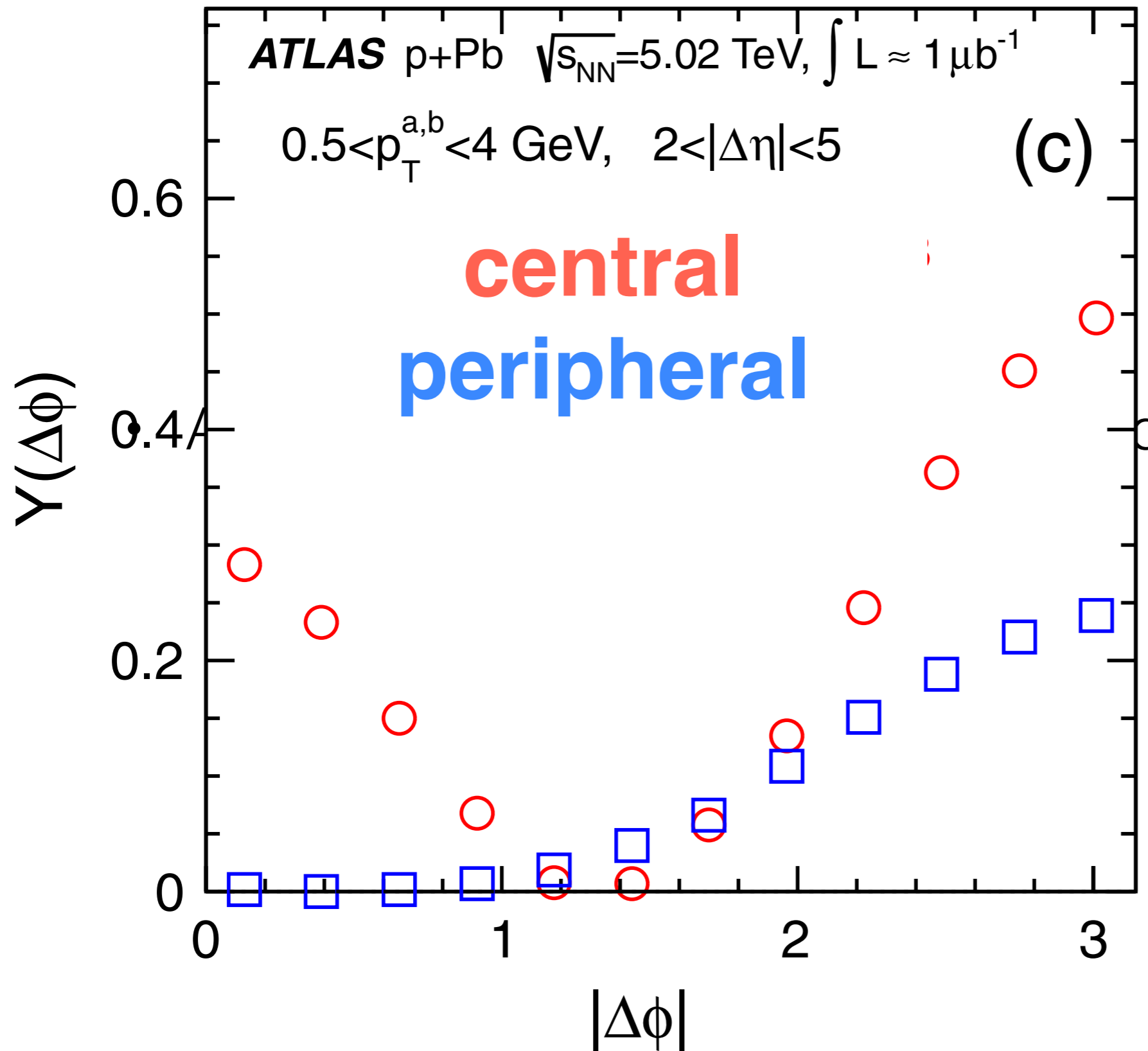


jets



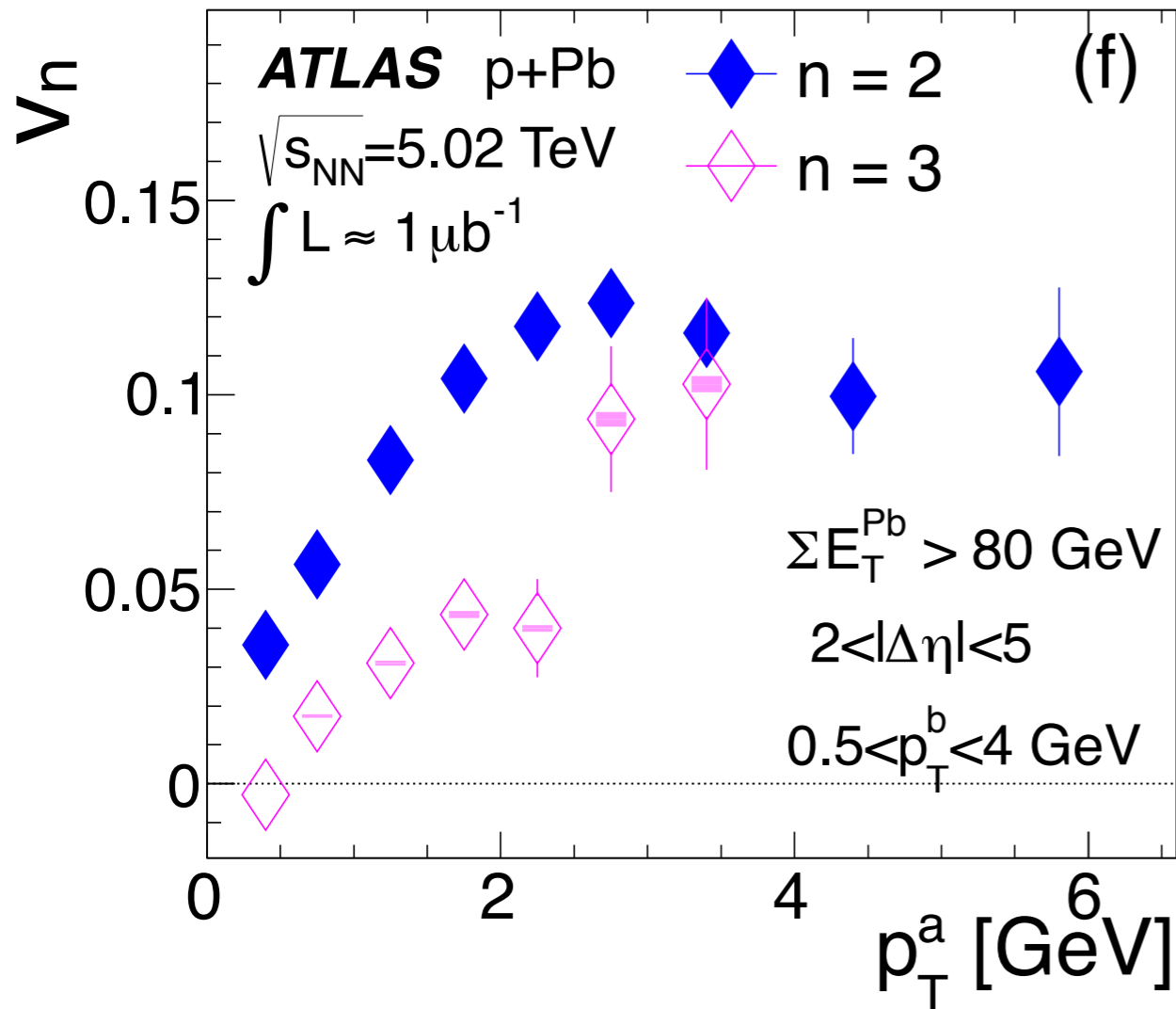
jets + flow

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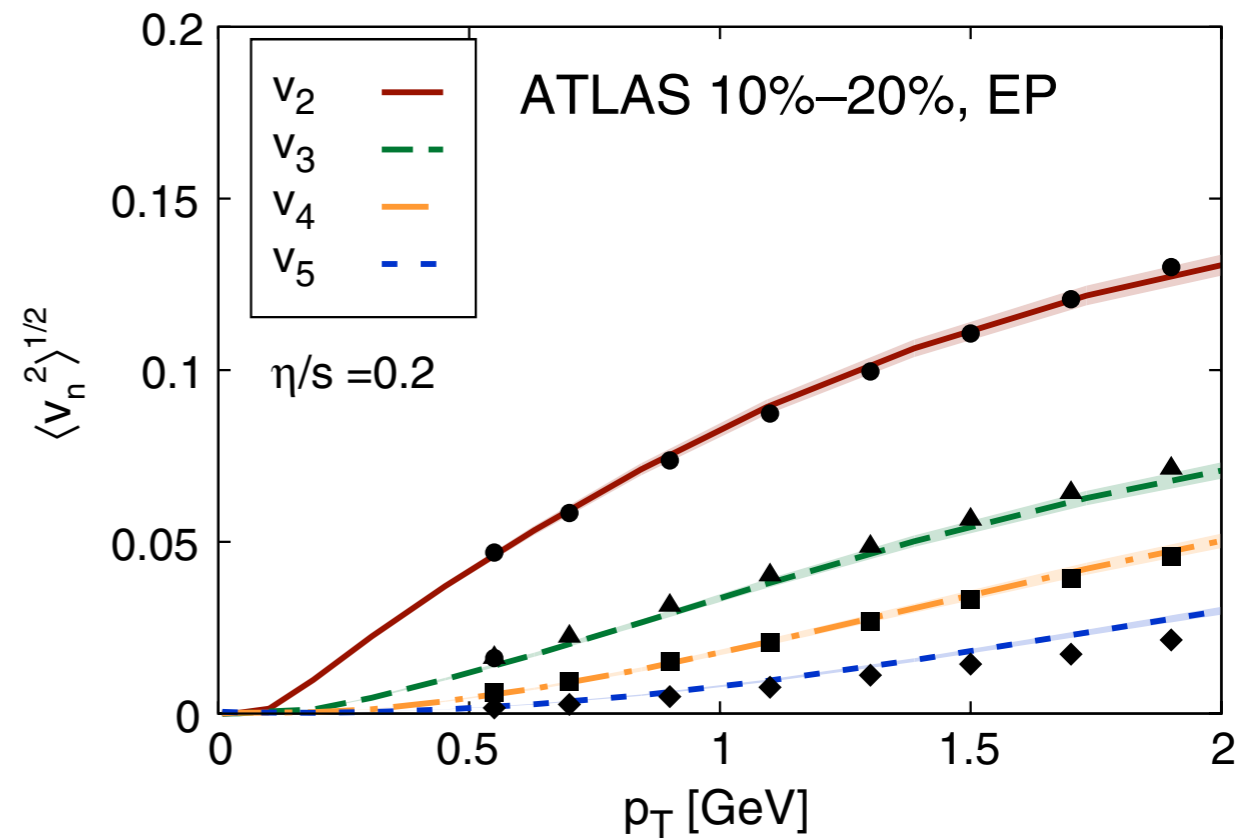




# $v_2$ & $v_3$ in pPb collisions



**very** similar to AA results

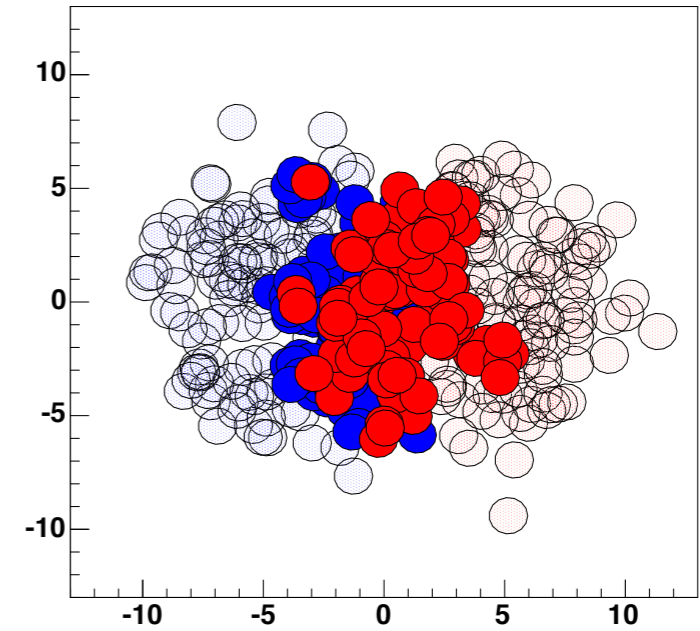


are the pA and AA  $v_2$  related to the same physics?

# geometry in AA & pA

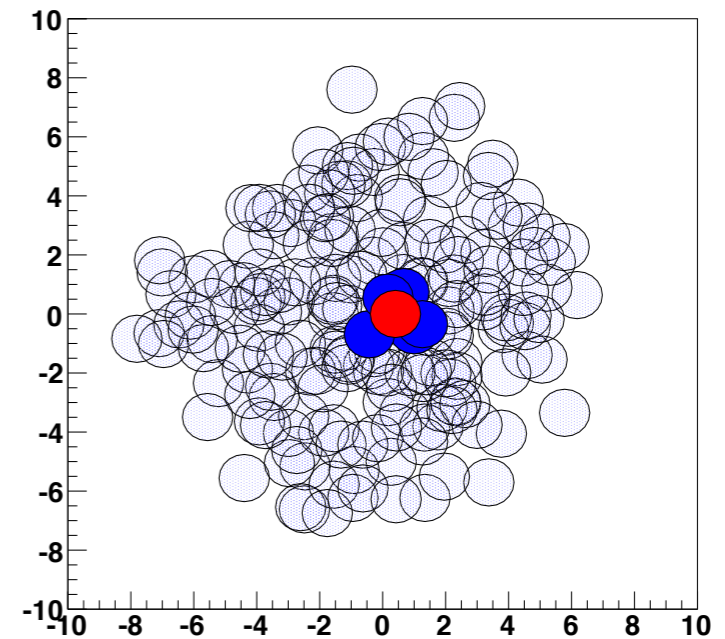
AA

impact parameter  
+ fluctuations



pA

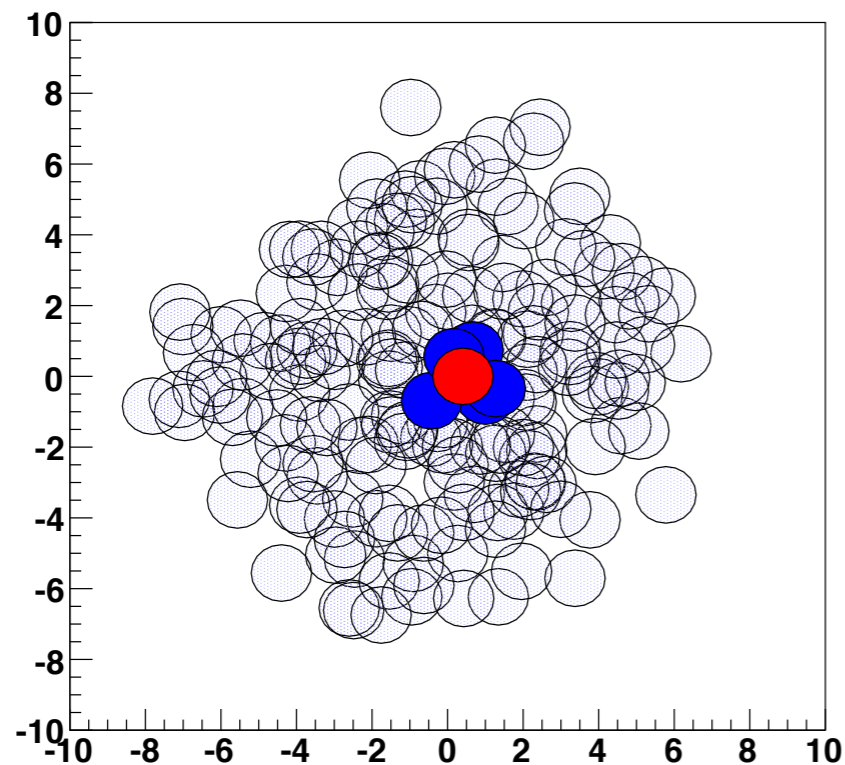
fluctuations



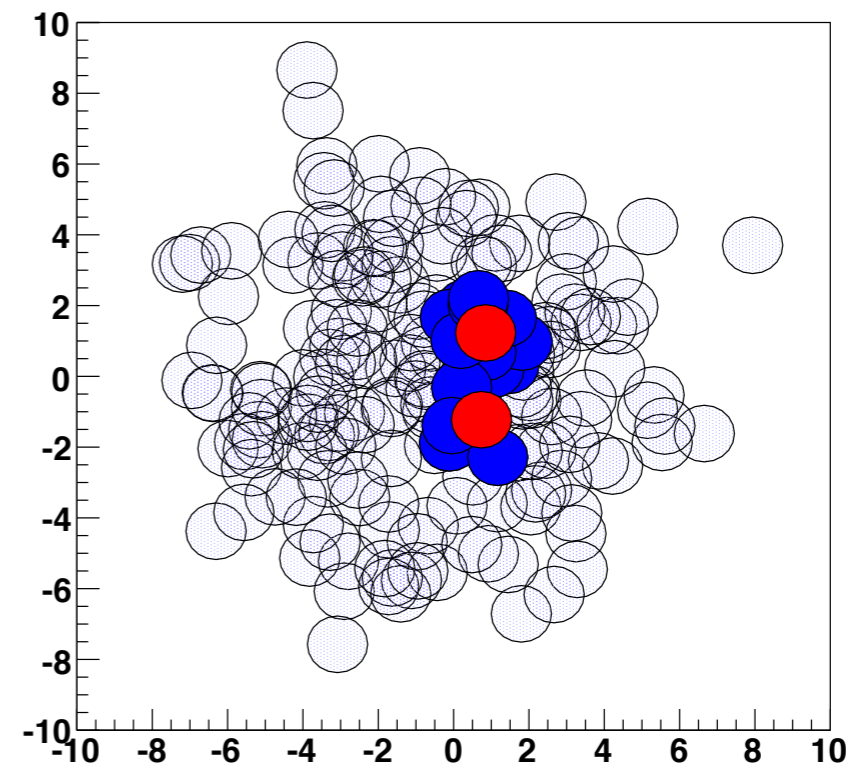
# variation of the small nucleus

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**pA**



**dA**

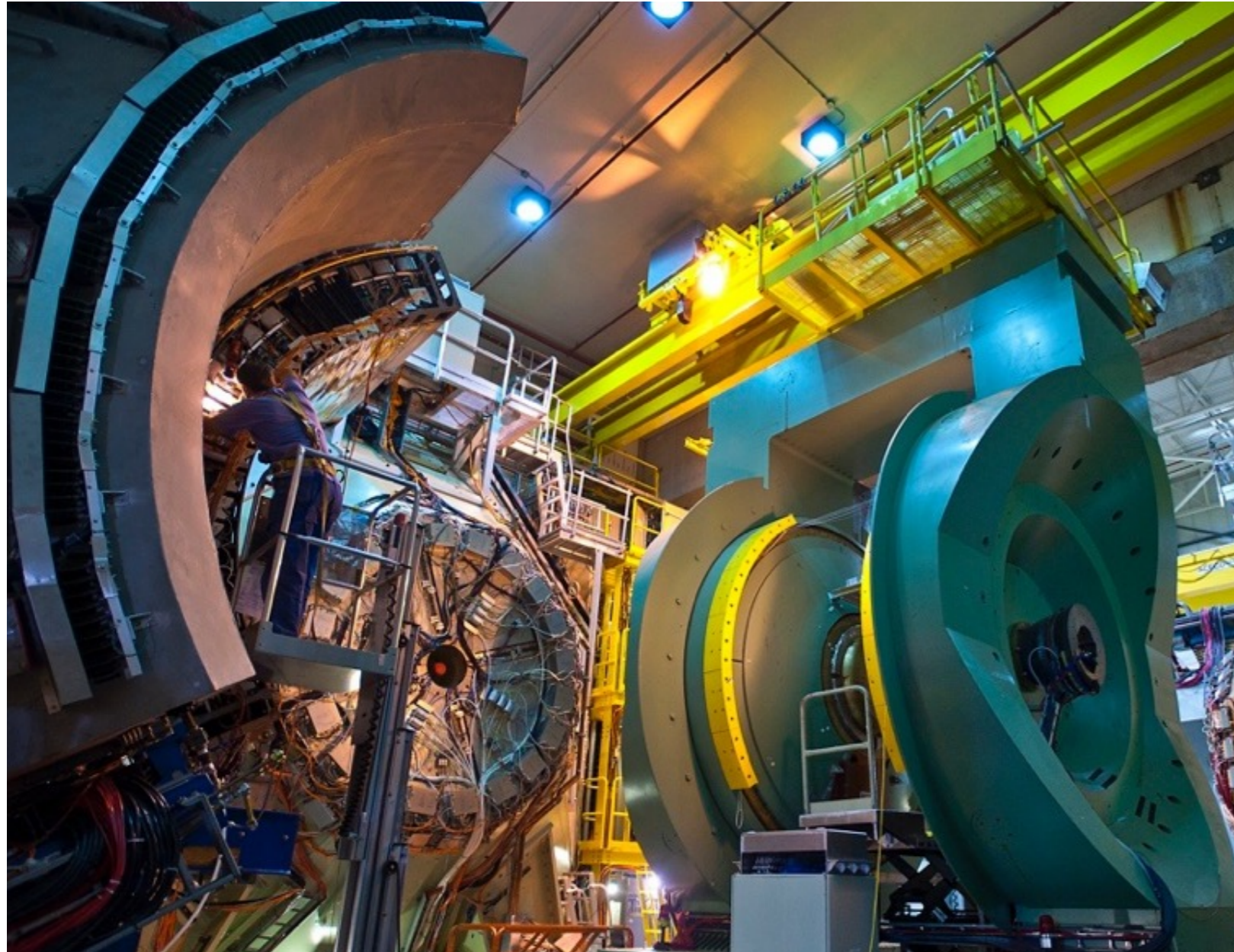


control the collision geometry by varying the small nucleus

does  $v_2$  reflect the geometry of the initial state in p/d+A as in A+A?

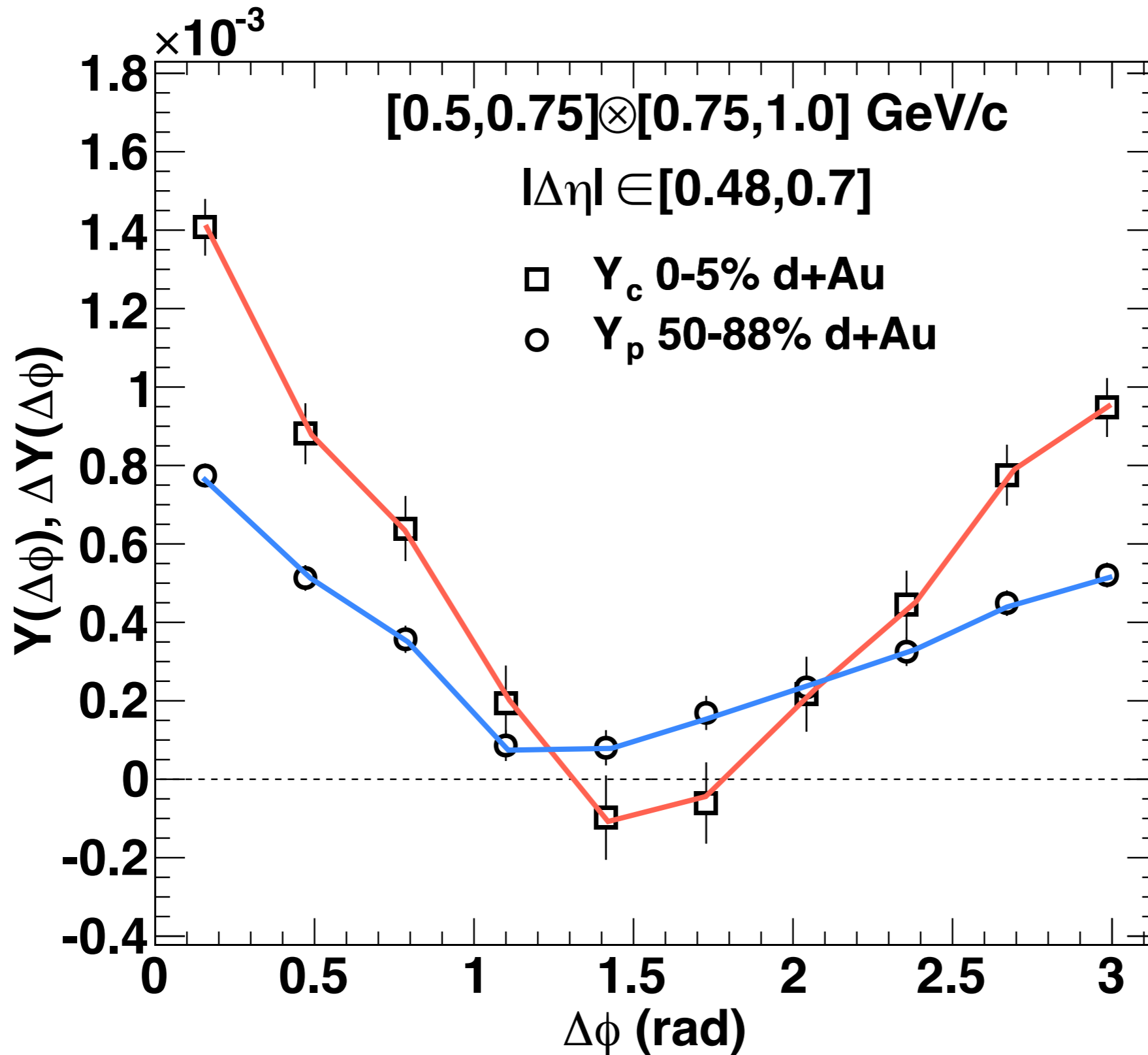
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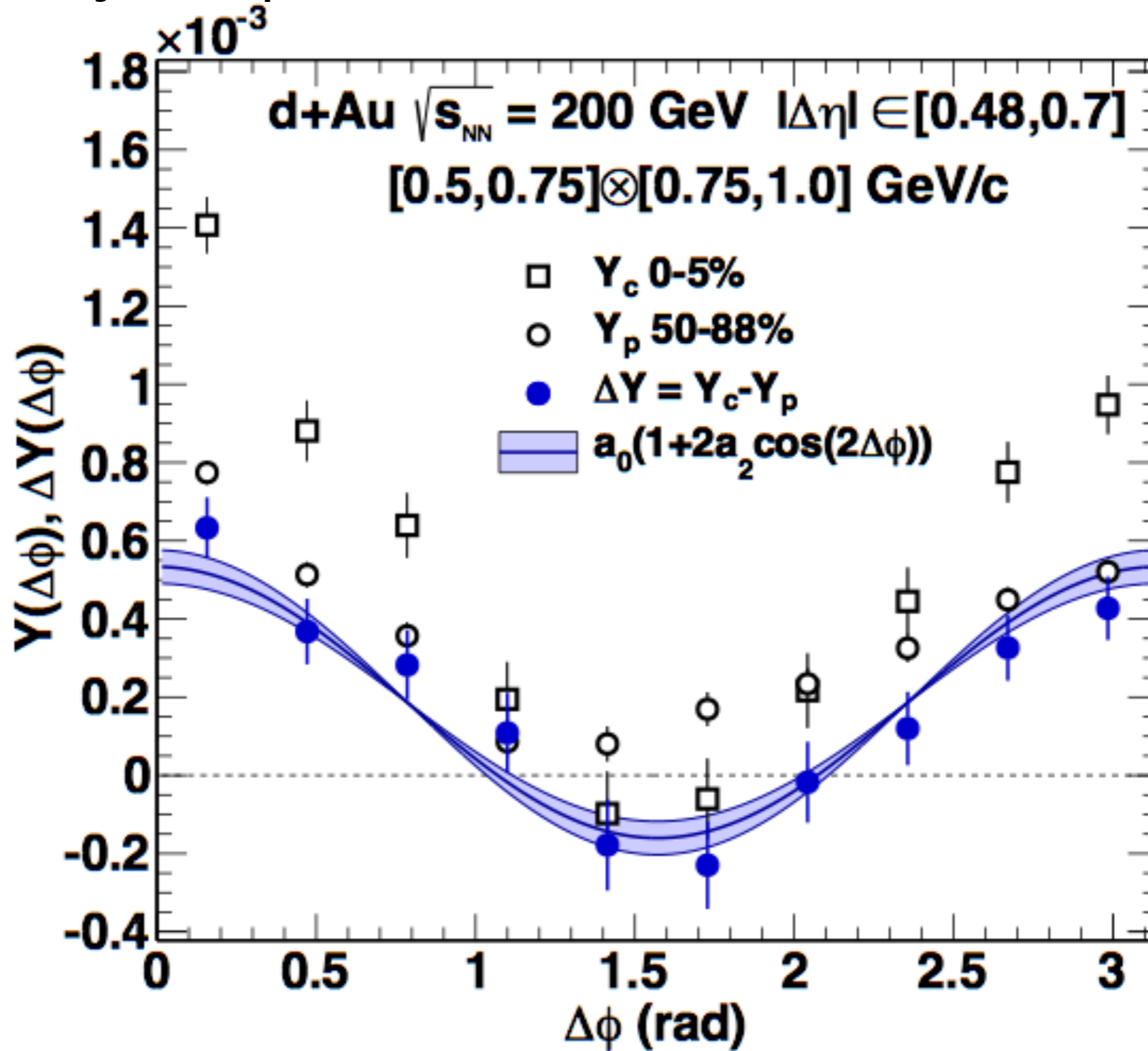


- charged hadrons
  - $|\eta| < 0.35$
  - $|\Delta\eta| < 0.7$
- → no long range sensitivity with only charged particles

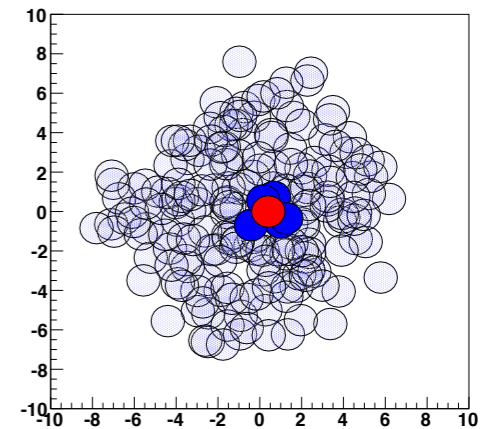
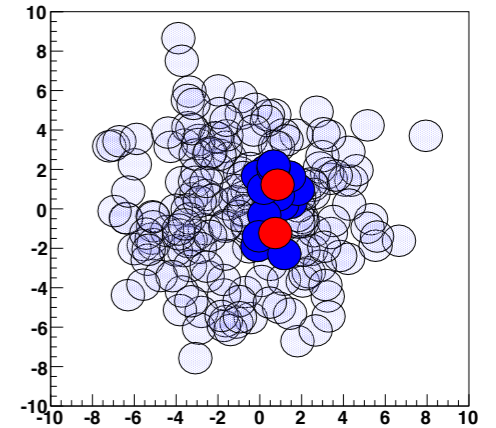
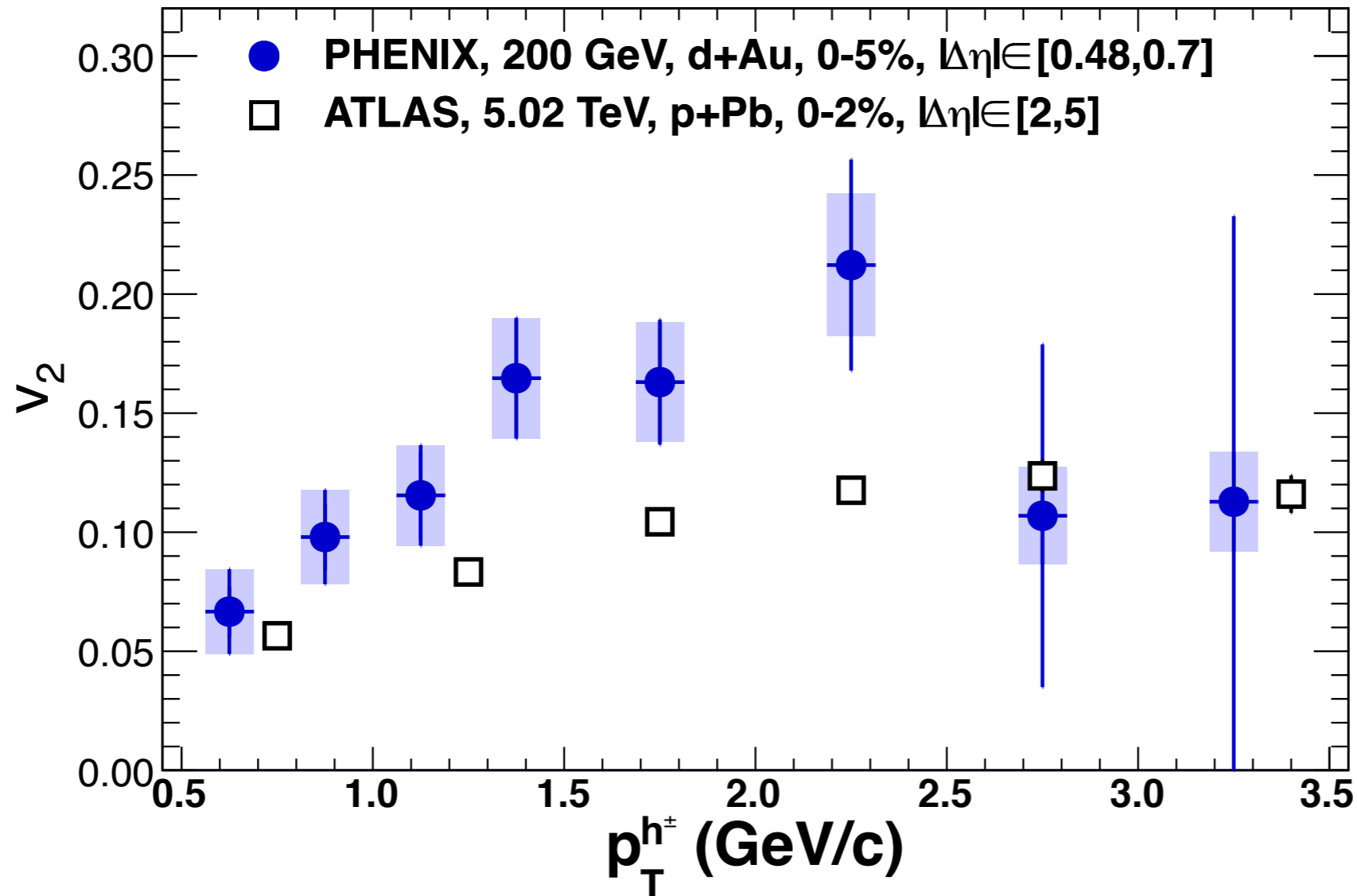
# two particle correlations in dAu



# centrality dependence



# v2: pPb & dAu

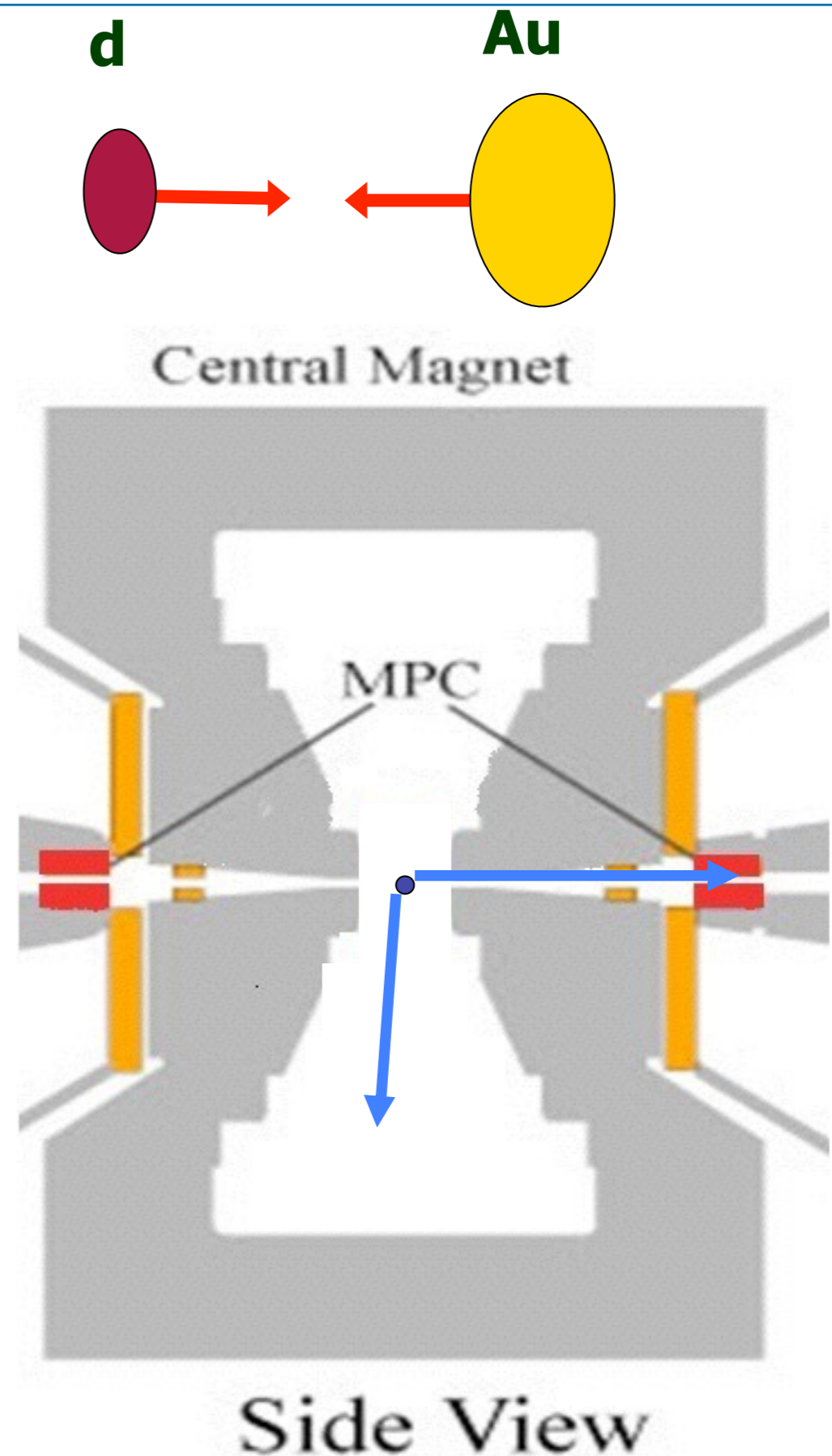
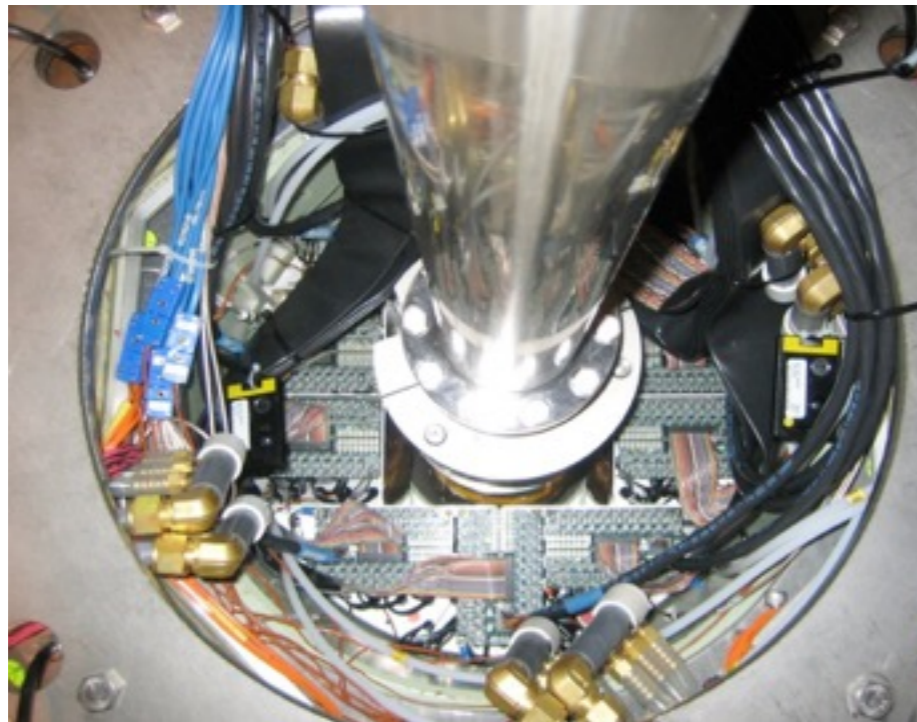


# rapidity separated correlations

## Muon Piston Calorimeters

both d-going & Au-  
going directions

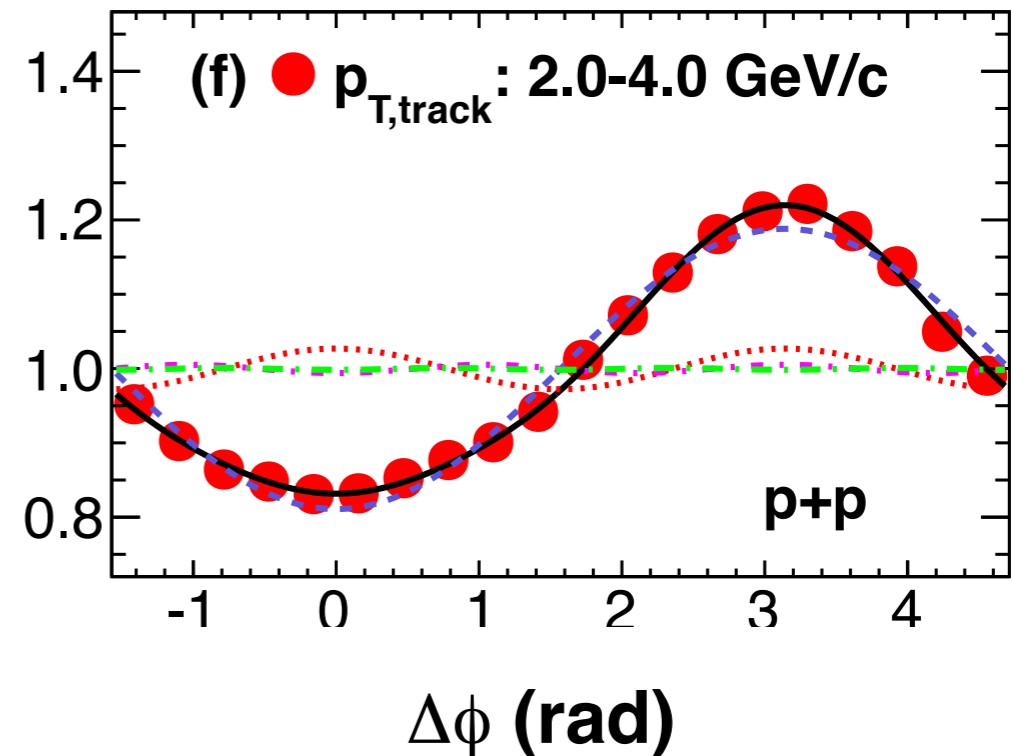
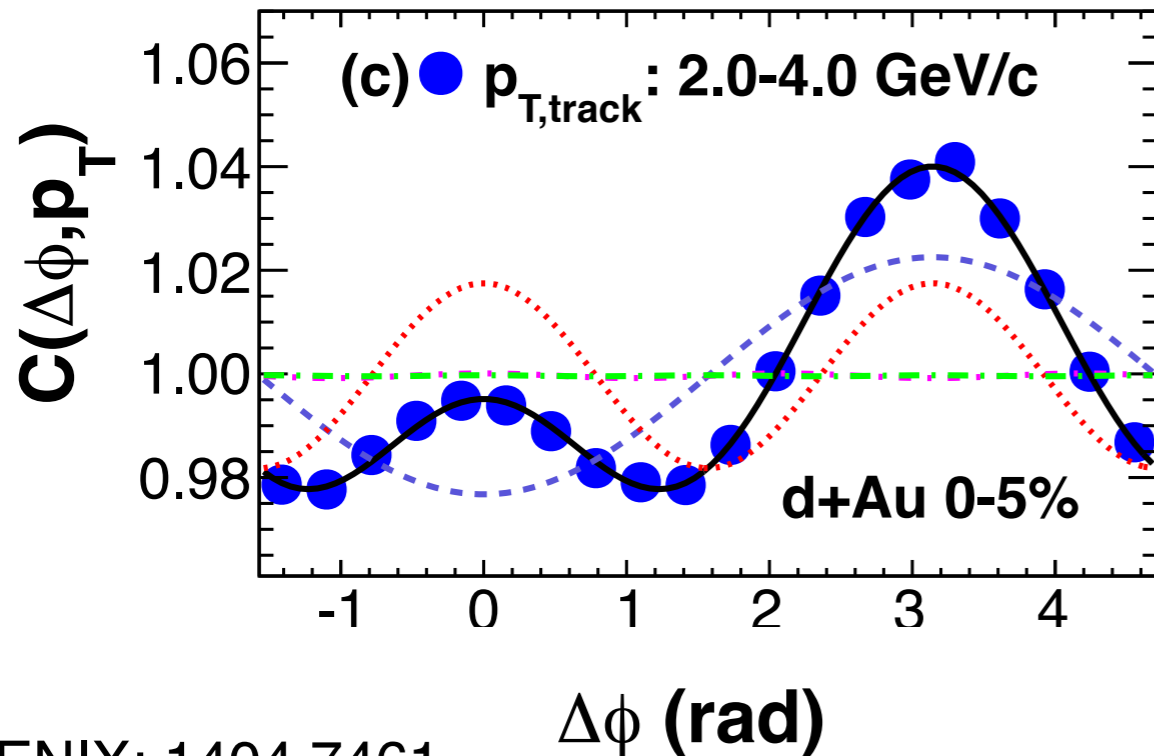
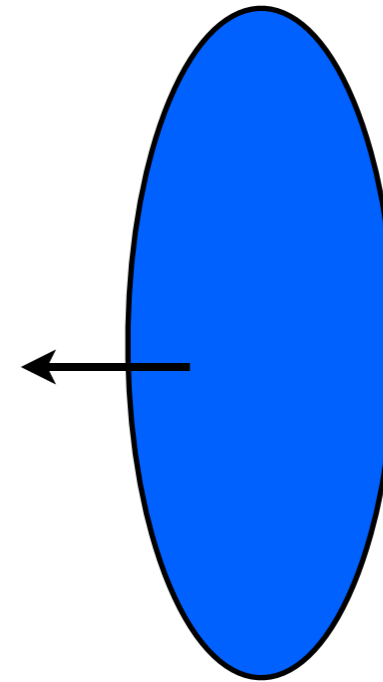
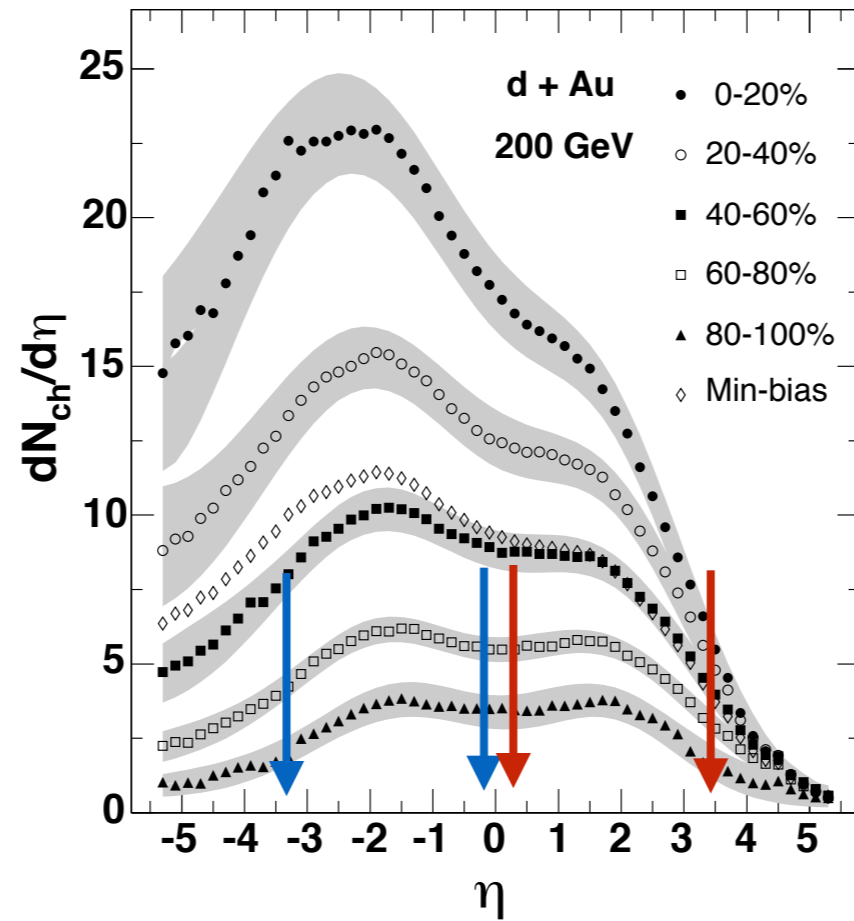
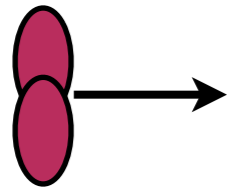
$$3 < |\eta| < 4$$



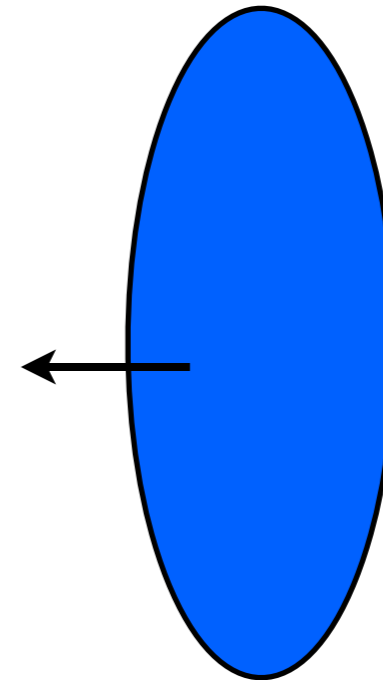
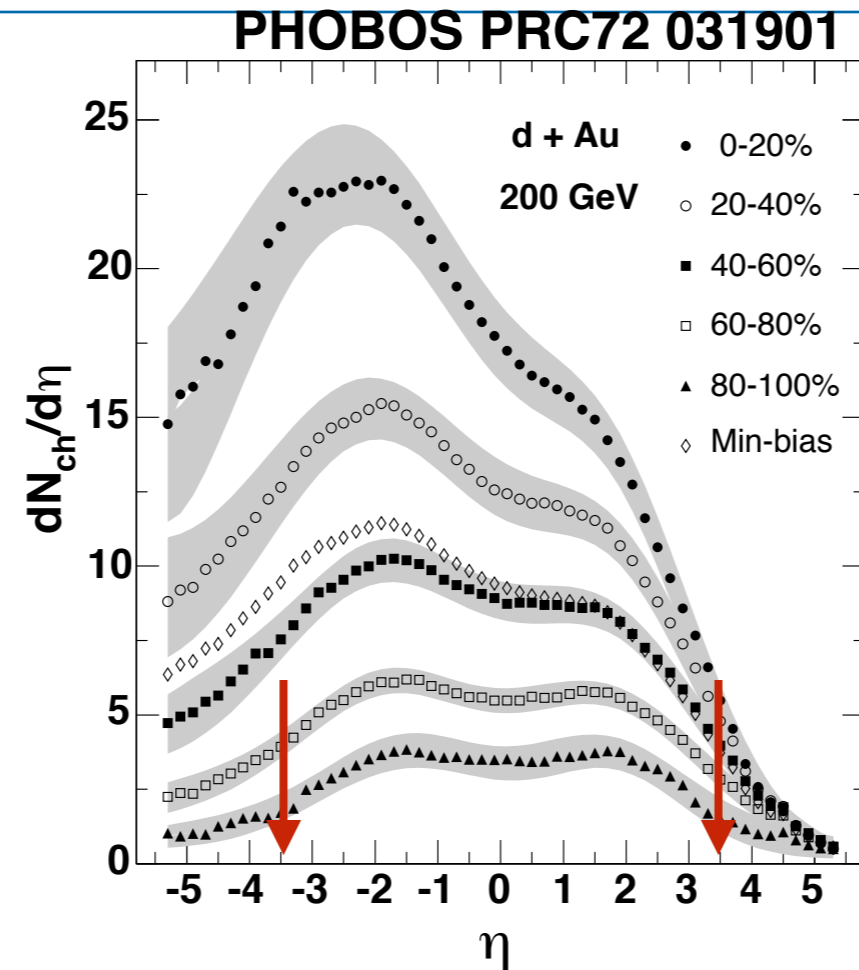
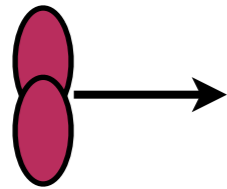


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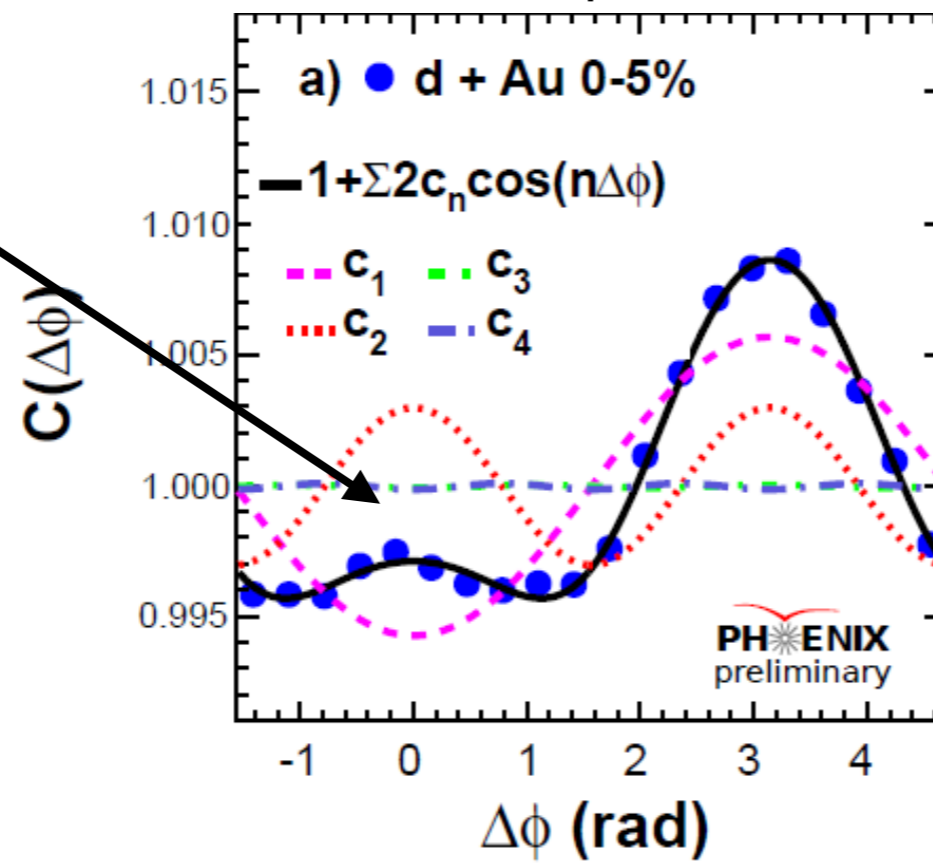
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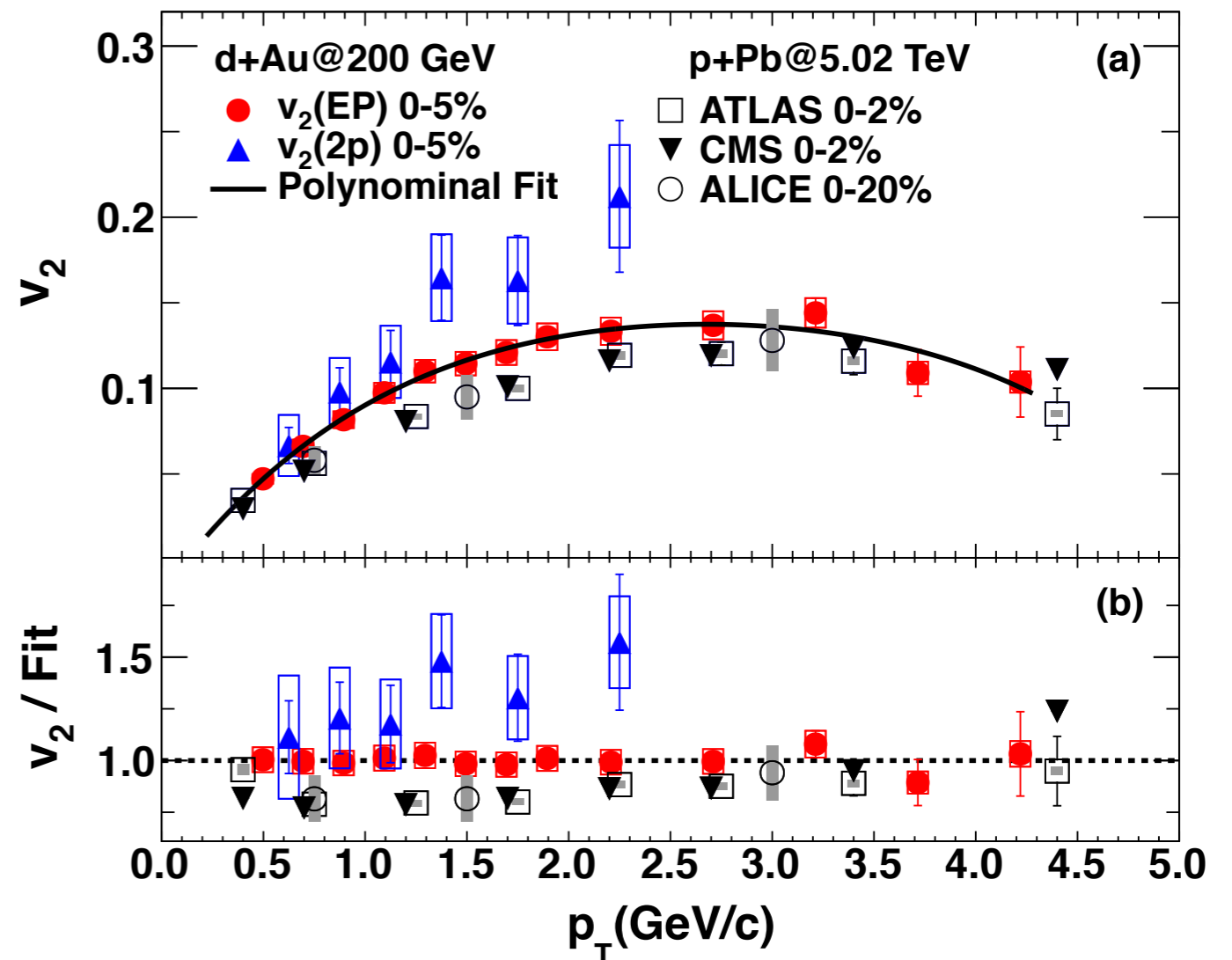


ridge correlation  
for  $|\eta| > 6!$



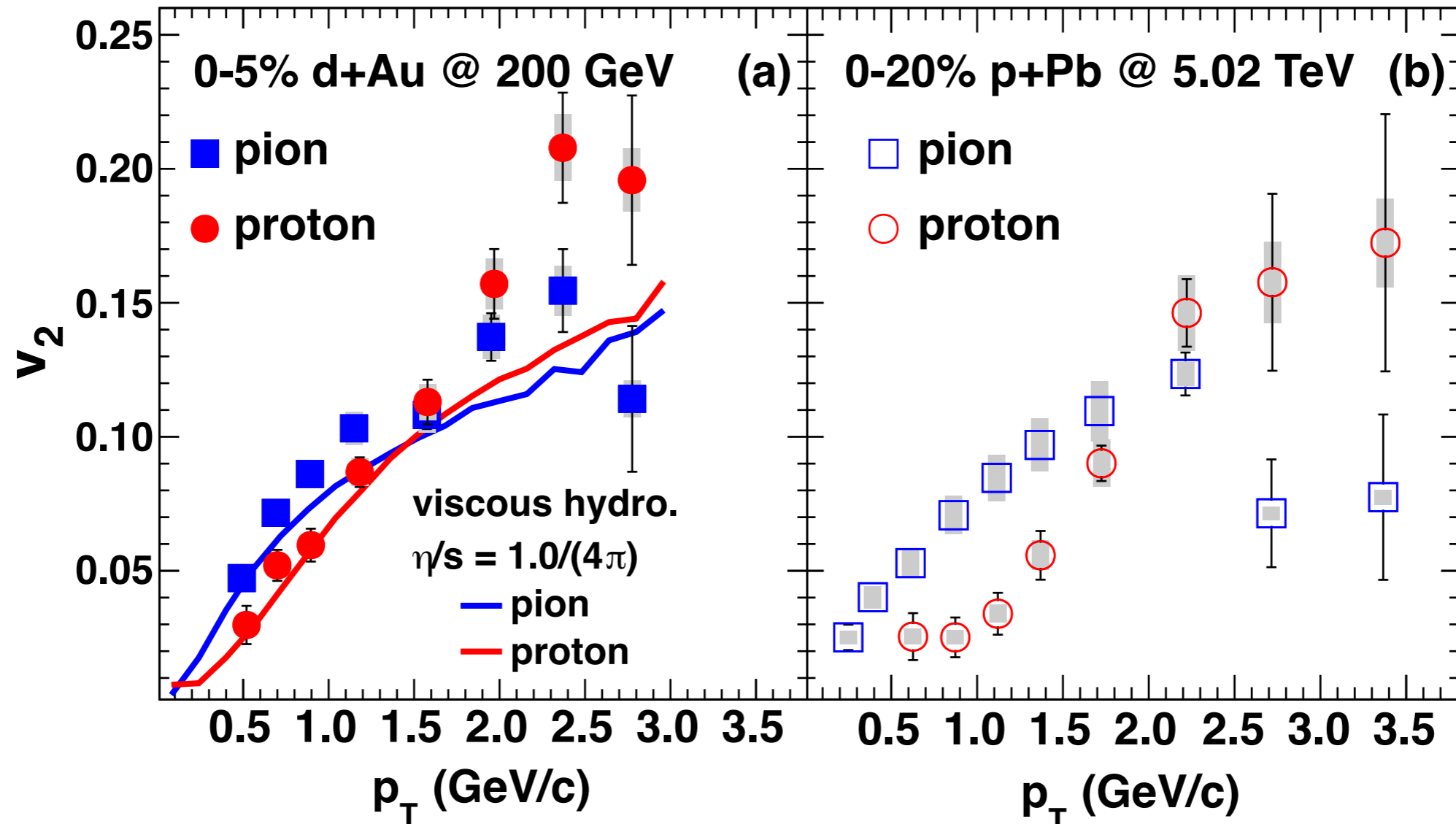
# long range d+Au $v_2$

- event plane reconstructed @  $\eta = 3-4$ ,  $v_2$  of particles @  $|\eta| < 0.35$
- true long range correlations
- $v_2$  slightly reduced from 2PC method



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# particle mass dependence

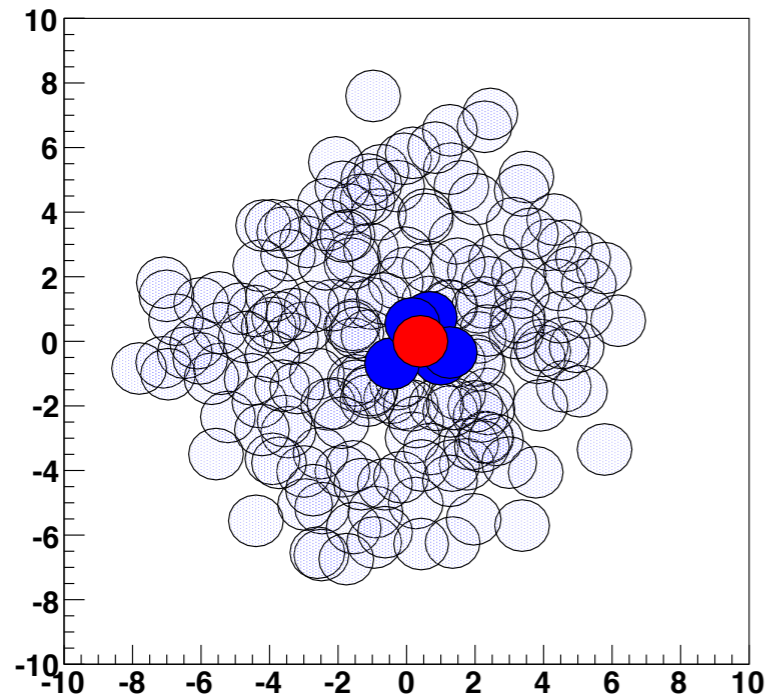


- characteristic flow particle mass dependence
- stronger radial flow at the LHC

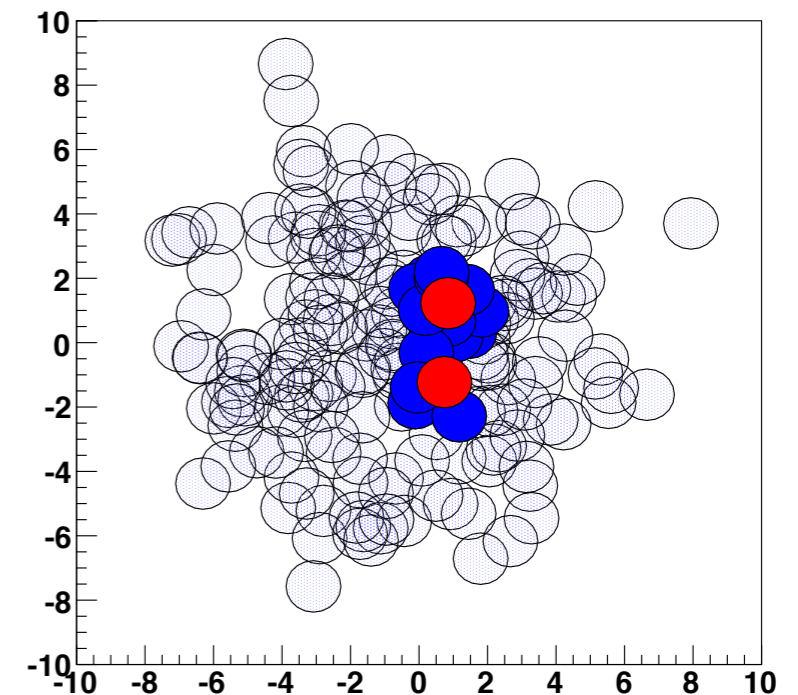
# shapes of pA & dA

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pA, small  $\epsilon_2$

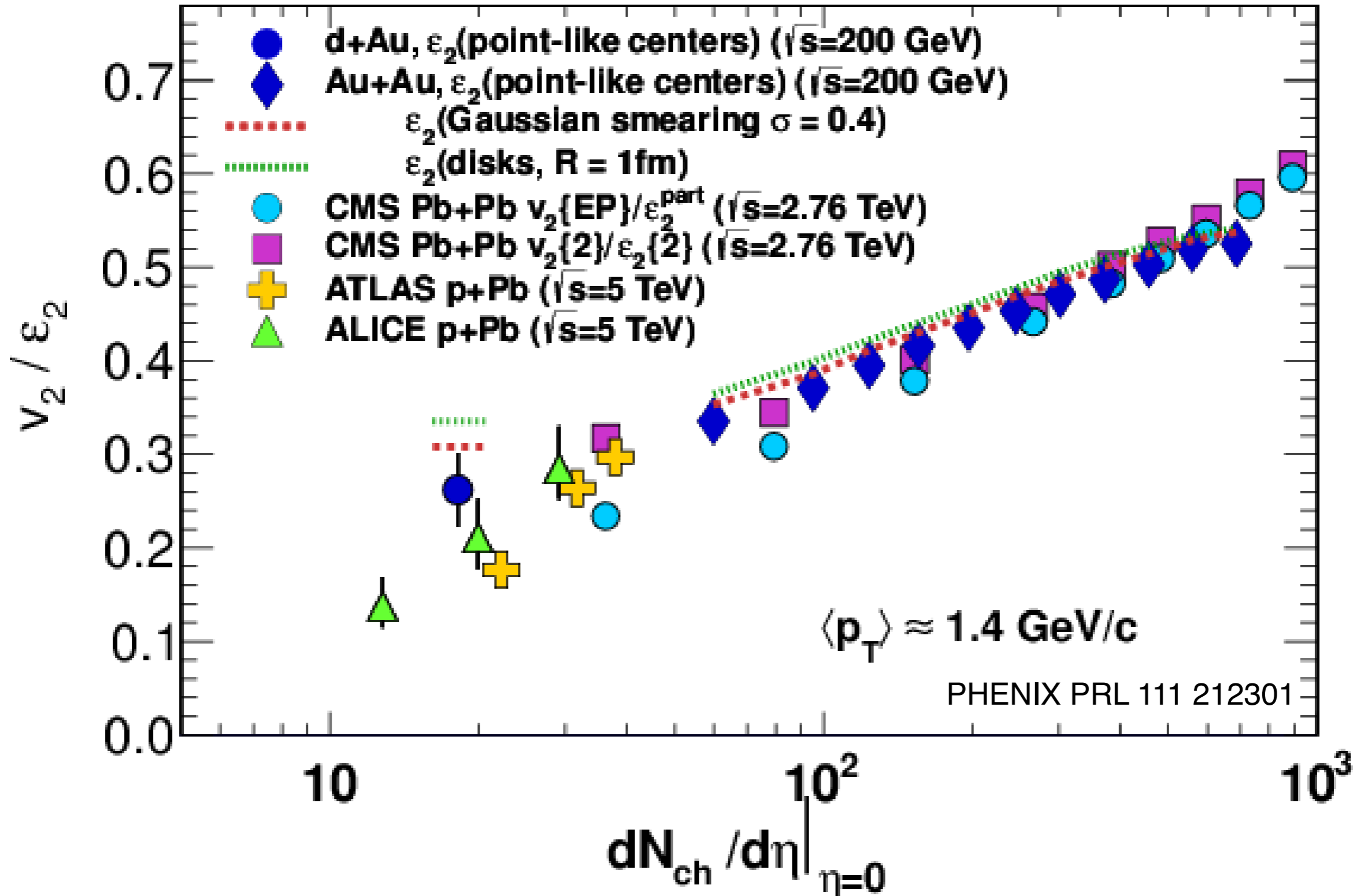


dA, large  $\epsilon_2$



Glauber Monte Carlo used to generate single event initial energy density distributions  
used to determine  $\langle \epsilon_n \rangle$  values for event selections

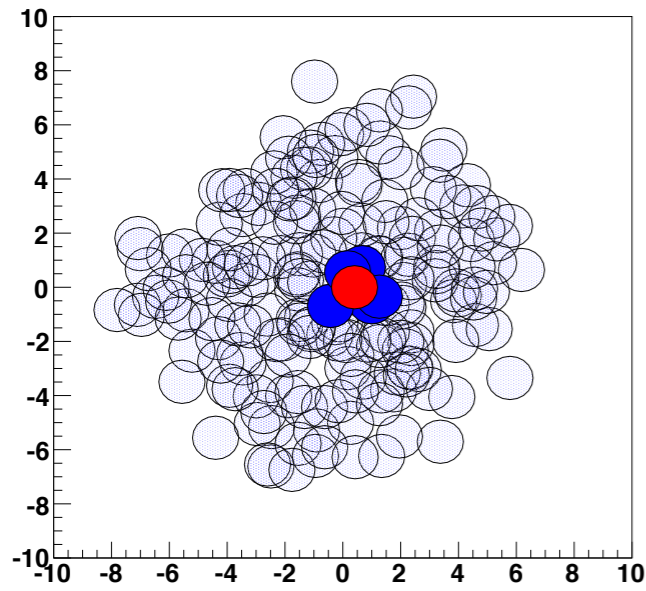
# dAu, pPb, AuAu & PbPb



single trend, AA data understood as initial geometry + hydrodynamics

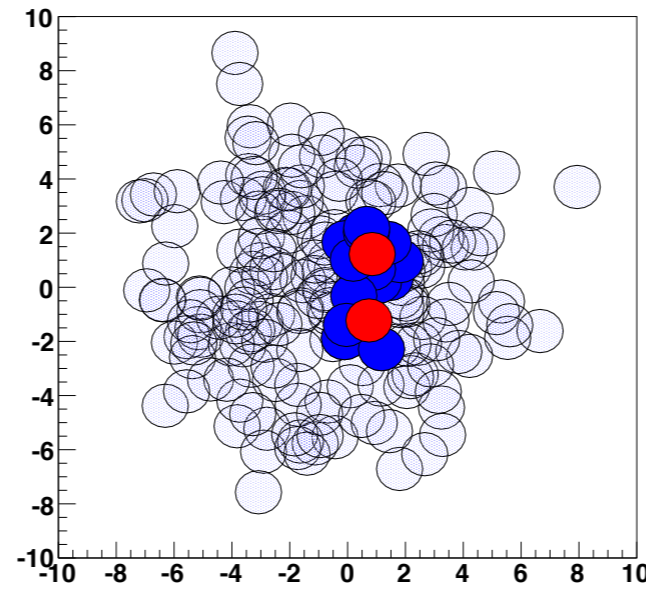
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**pA**



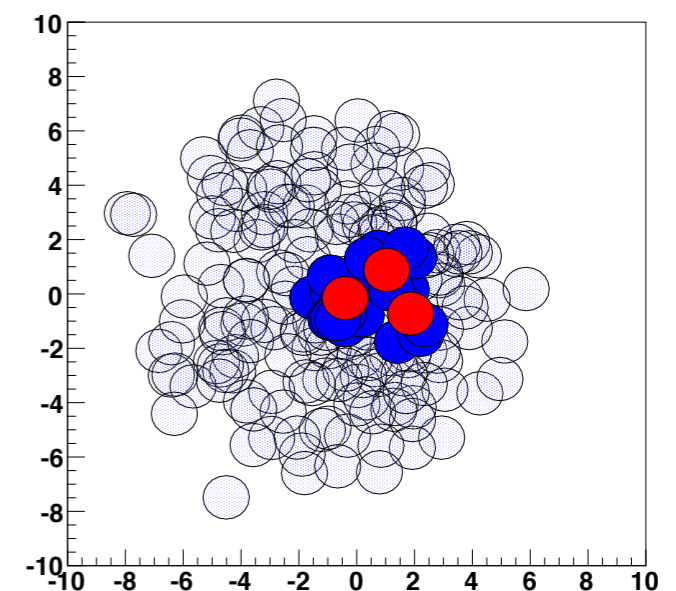
small  $\varepsilon_2$

**dA**



large  $\varepsilon_2$   
small  $\varepsilon_3$

**<sup>3</sup>HeA**



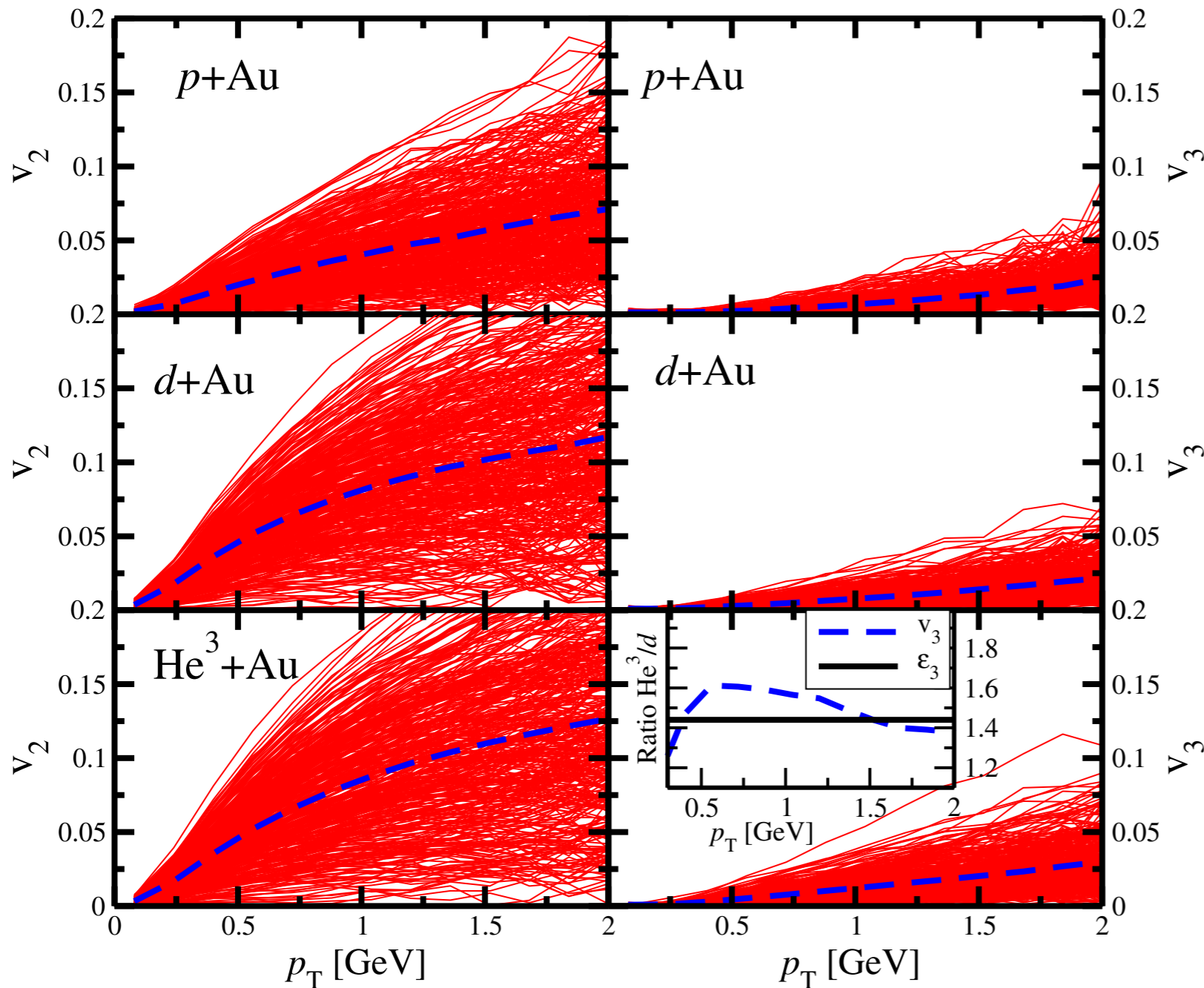
large  $\varepsilon_3$

$$\varepsilon_n = \frac{\sqrt{\langle r^2 \cos n\phi \rangle^2 + \langle r^2 \sin n\phi \rangle^2}}{\langle r^2 \rangle}$$

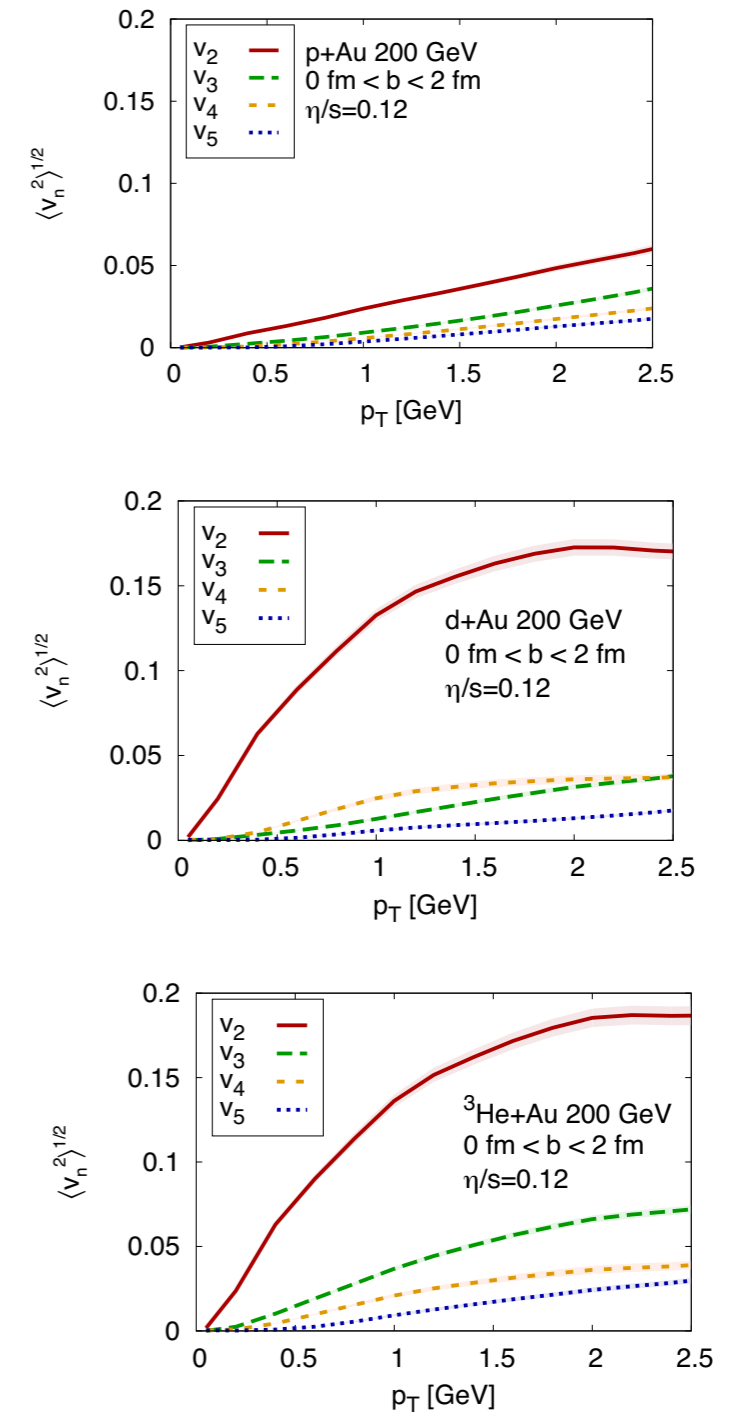
control the collision geometry by varying the small nucleus

# theory calculations, $b < 2\text{fm}$

nucleons: Gaussians,  $\sigma = 0.7\text{fm}$



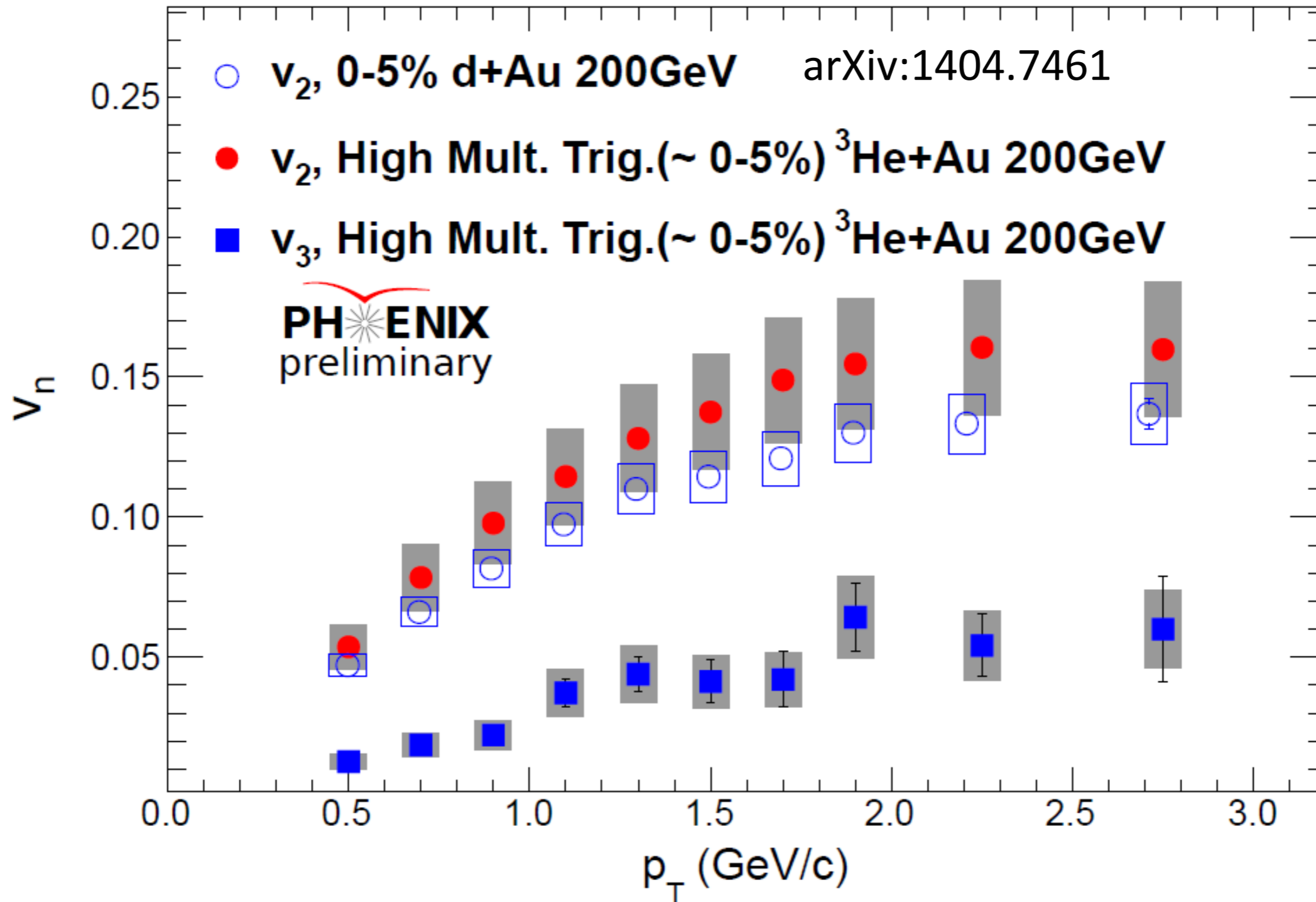
## IP-Glasma + MUSIC (2+1d)





# He3+Au: first data!

$\langle N_{\text{part}}^{\text{He3Au}} \rangle \sim 25$



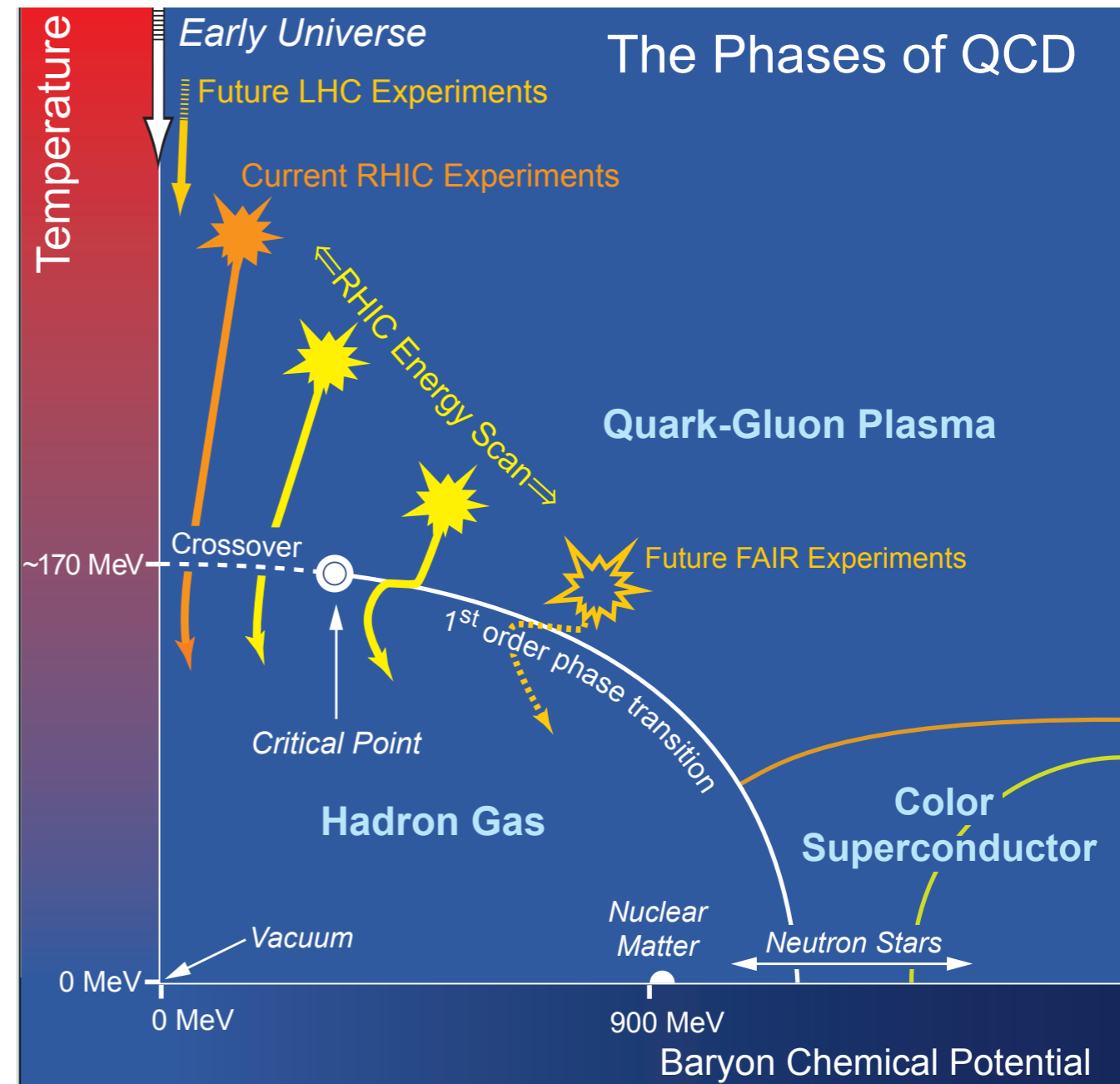
$v_3 \sim$  hydrodynamic expectations

# why heavy ion collisions?

- explore QCD away from normal bound states
- only “large” system we can study with partonic degrees of freedom

what does “large” mean?

how does the system become a QGP?



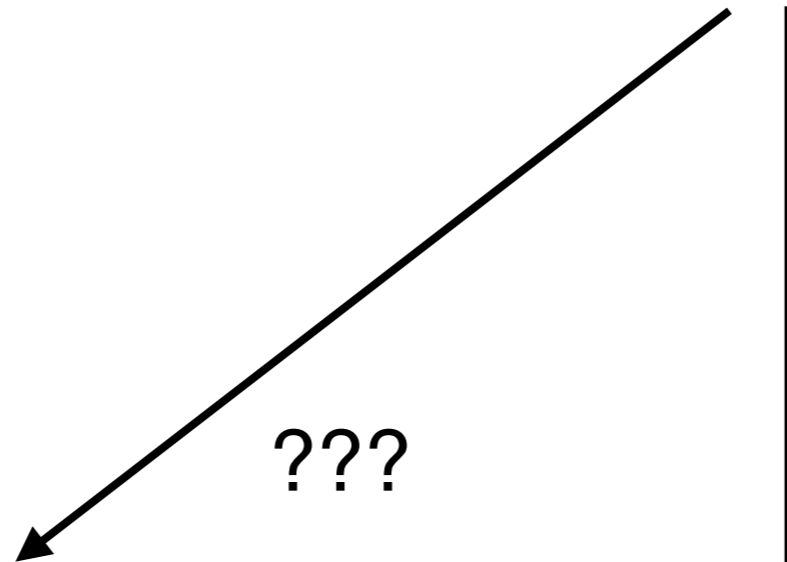
challenge to theory, suggestive experimentally, great opportunity to learn

# smaller and cooler

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initial temperature / collision energy

RHIC Beam Energy Scan



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QGP size

“pA” systems



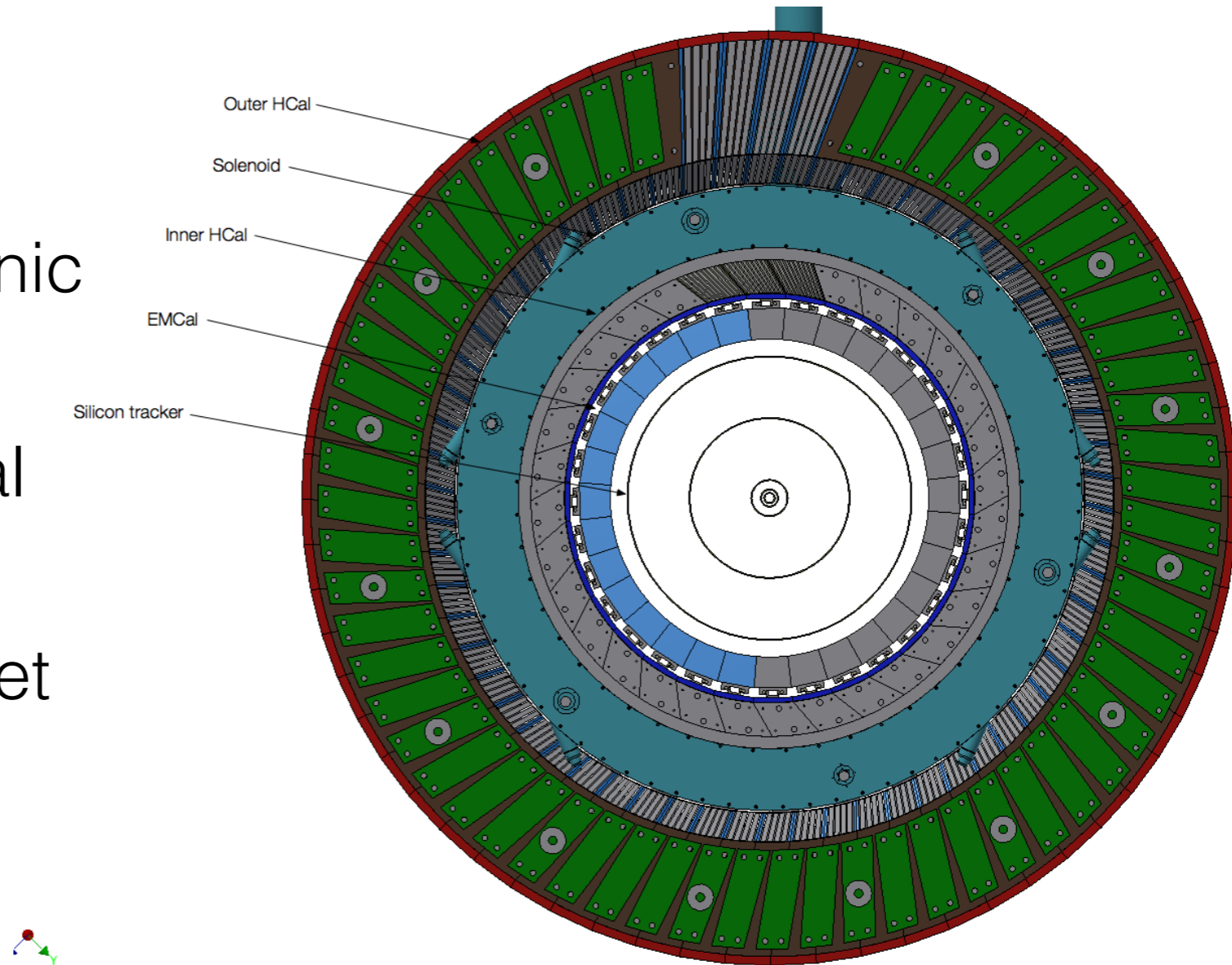
pA collisions: how is the QGP formed, how does it thermalize, what is the initial energy density distribution?

# importance of RHIC & LHC



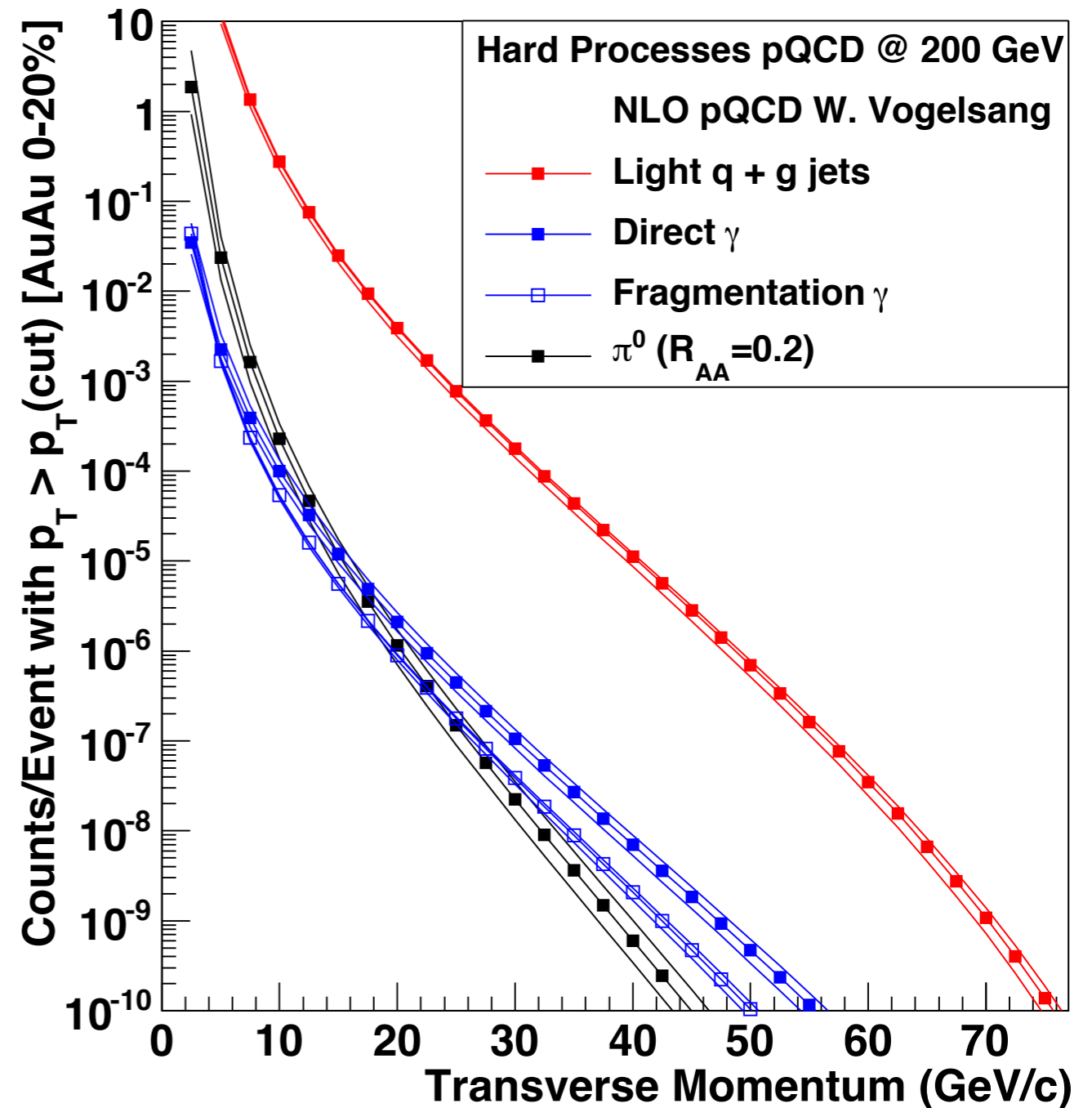
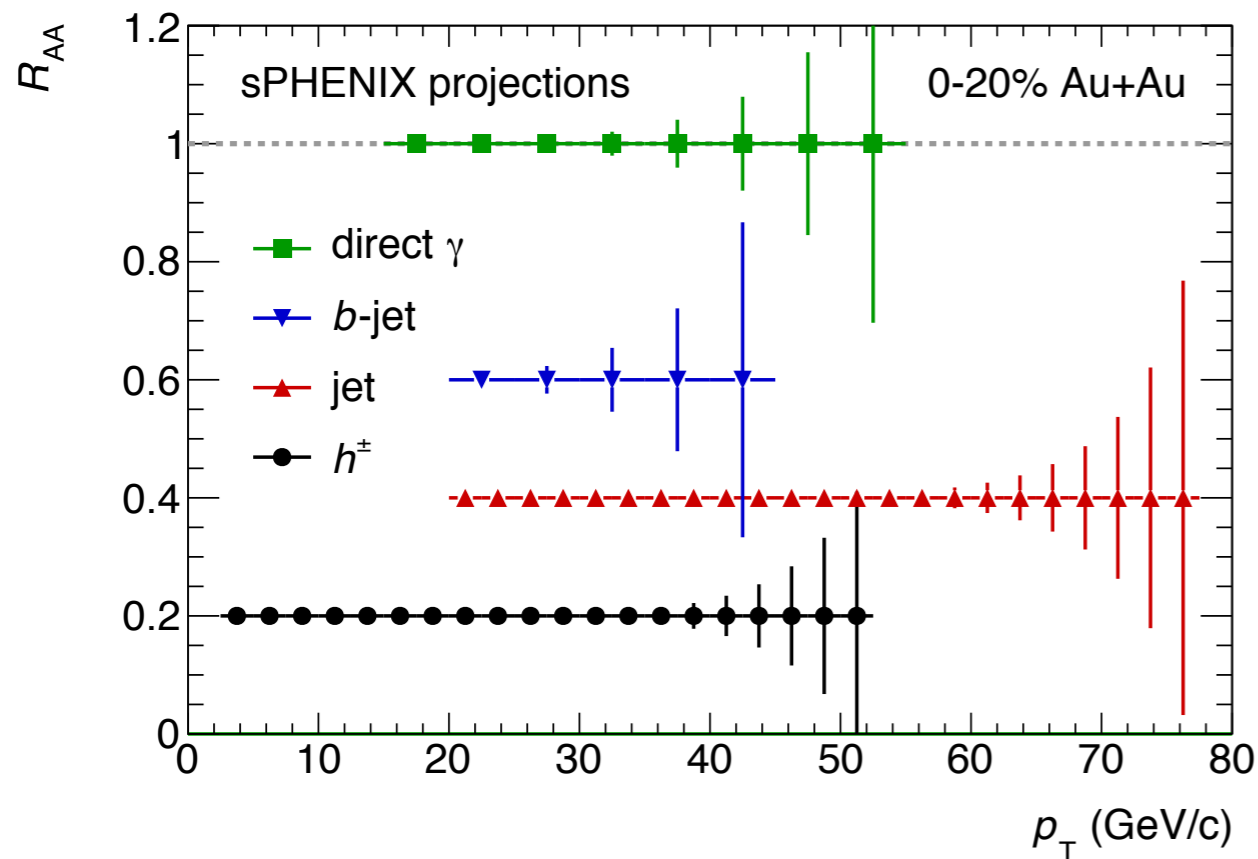
# sPHENIX

- EMCal + HCal
- used at ATLAS & CMS
- triggering on EM & hadronic energy
- high efficiency → maximal kinematic reach
- minimal bias on how the jet fragments
- independent of tracking measurements



# jet rates

- record 100 B events / 22 weeks, AuAu
- sample 0.6 T events
- comparable pp/pA sample



# magnet at BNL

symmetry  
dimensions  
of  
particle  
physics

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breaking

January 16, 2015

## 20-ton magnet heads to New York

A superconducting magnet begins its journey from SLAC laboratory in California to Brookhaven Lab in New York.

By Justin Eure

SLAC, January 16



at BNL Gate on Tuesday night



# looking ahead...

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- strong evidence for AA hydrodynamics in pA, dA, & He3A systems
- is a mini QGP created?
- RHIC will figure that out:
  - He3A on tape
  - pA to be taken this month at RHIC
- strong interplay between RHIC & LHC
  - both are necessary
  - sPHENIX will be crucial for jet physics in the 2020s

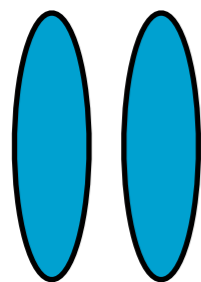
pA, jets and the beam energy scan provide will provide the data necessary to understand **why** hot QCD is a low viscosity fluid and **how** it forms



extras

# ...and charm and bottom?

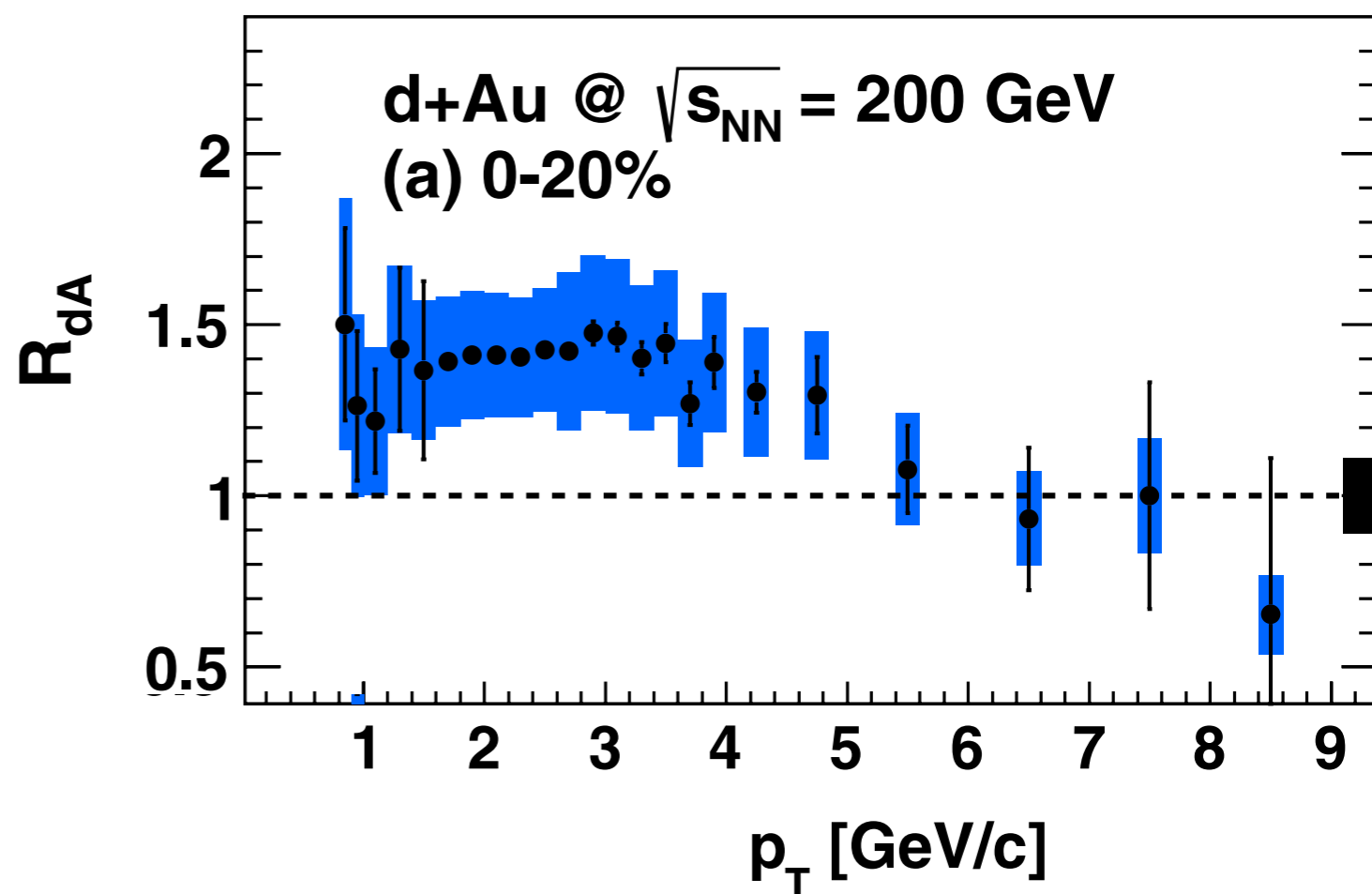
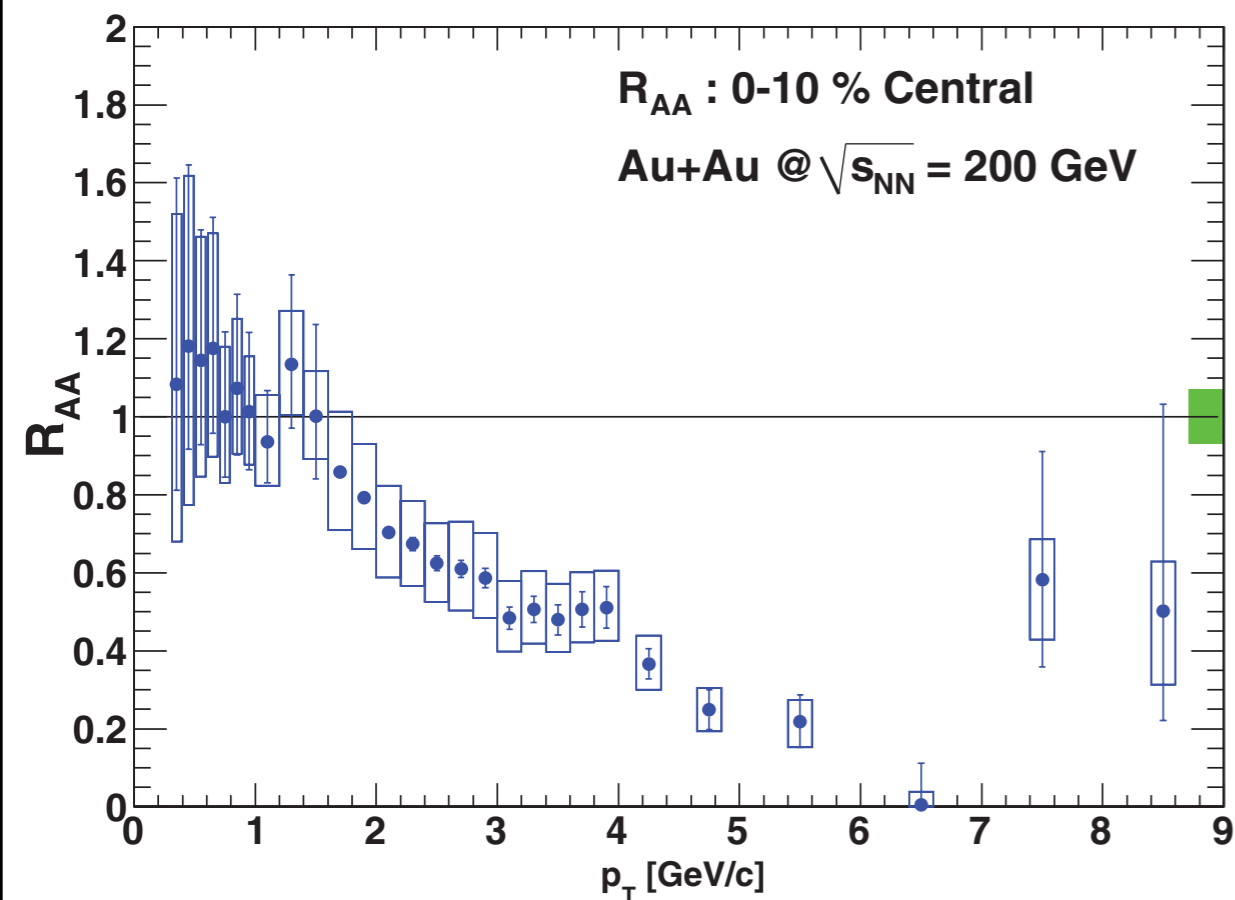
electrons from heavy flavor decays: e.g.  $c$  quark  $\rightarrow D \rightarrow e^- + X$



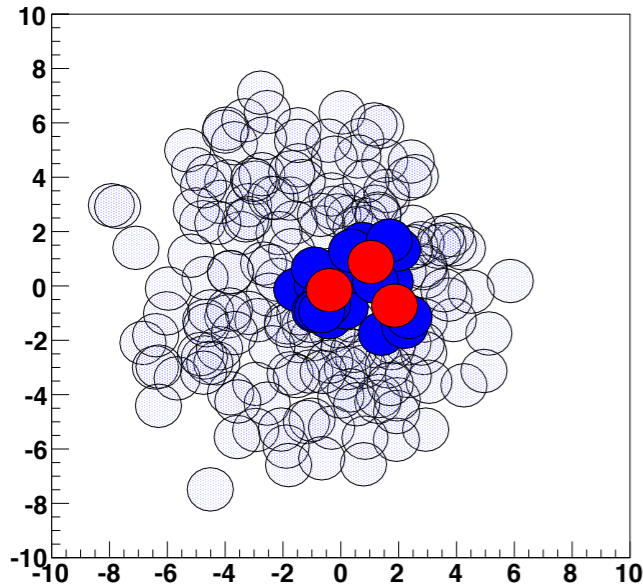
Au+Au



d+Au



# importance of $v_3$

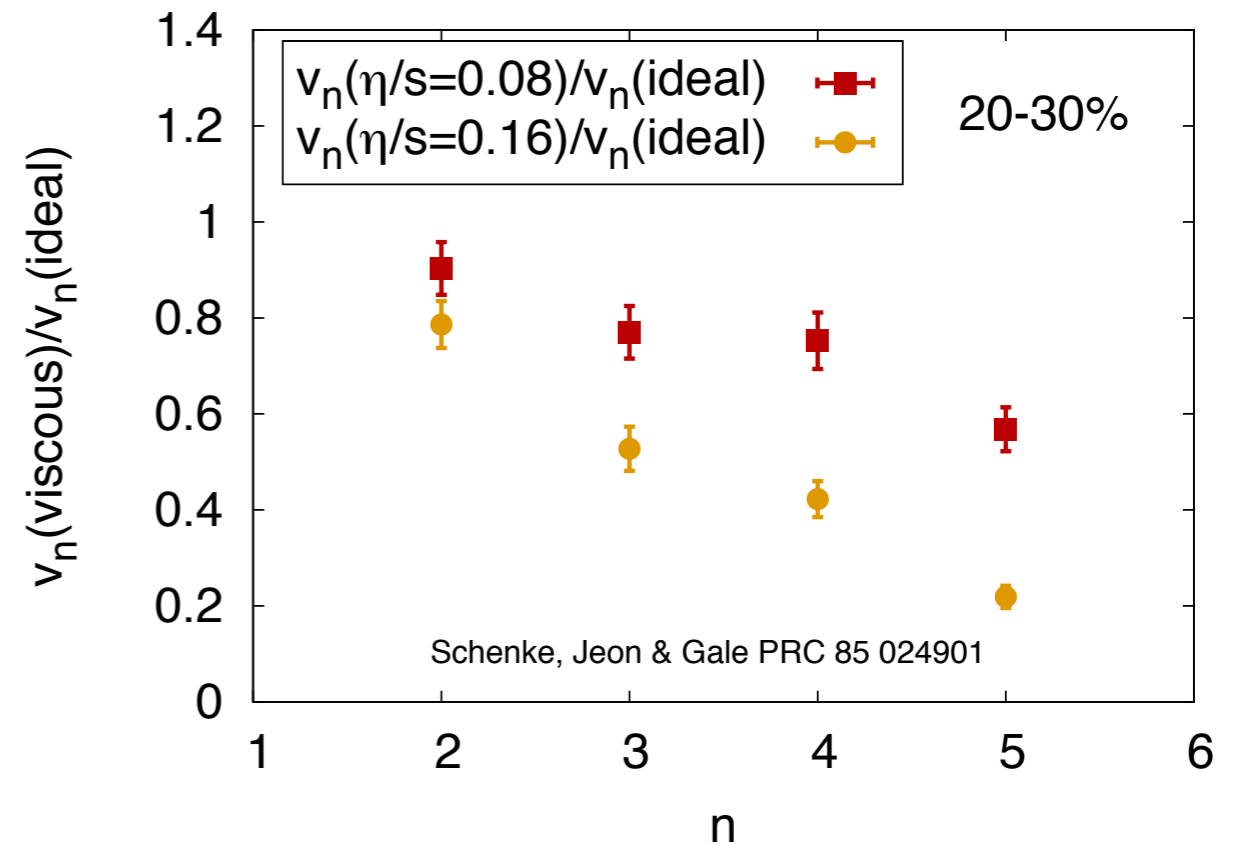


if:  $\varepsilon_3 \rightarrow \cos 3\Delta\Phi$  modulation

direct confirmation of hydrodynamic behavior in small systems

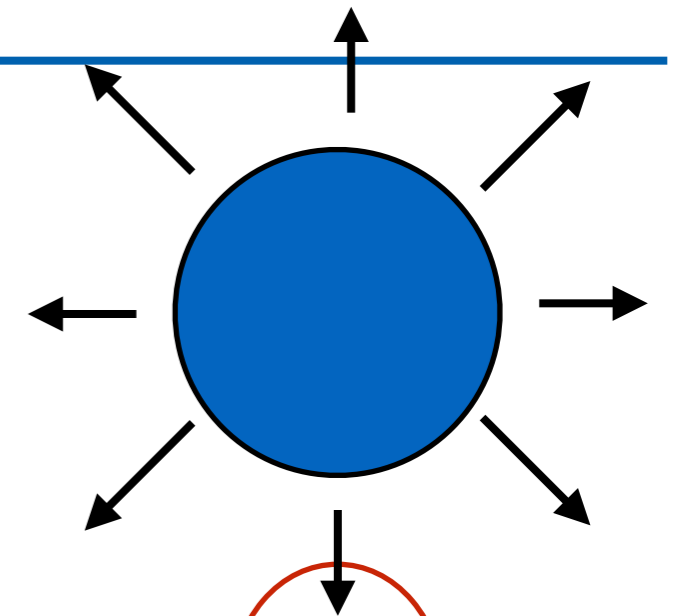
new handle on viscosity

higher moments,  
more sensitive to viscous effects



# what about radial flow?

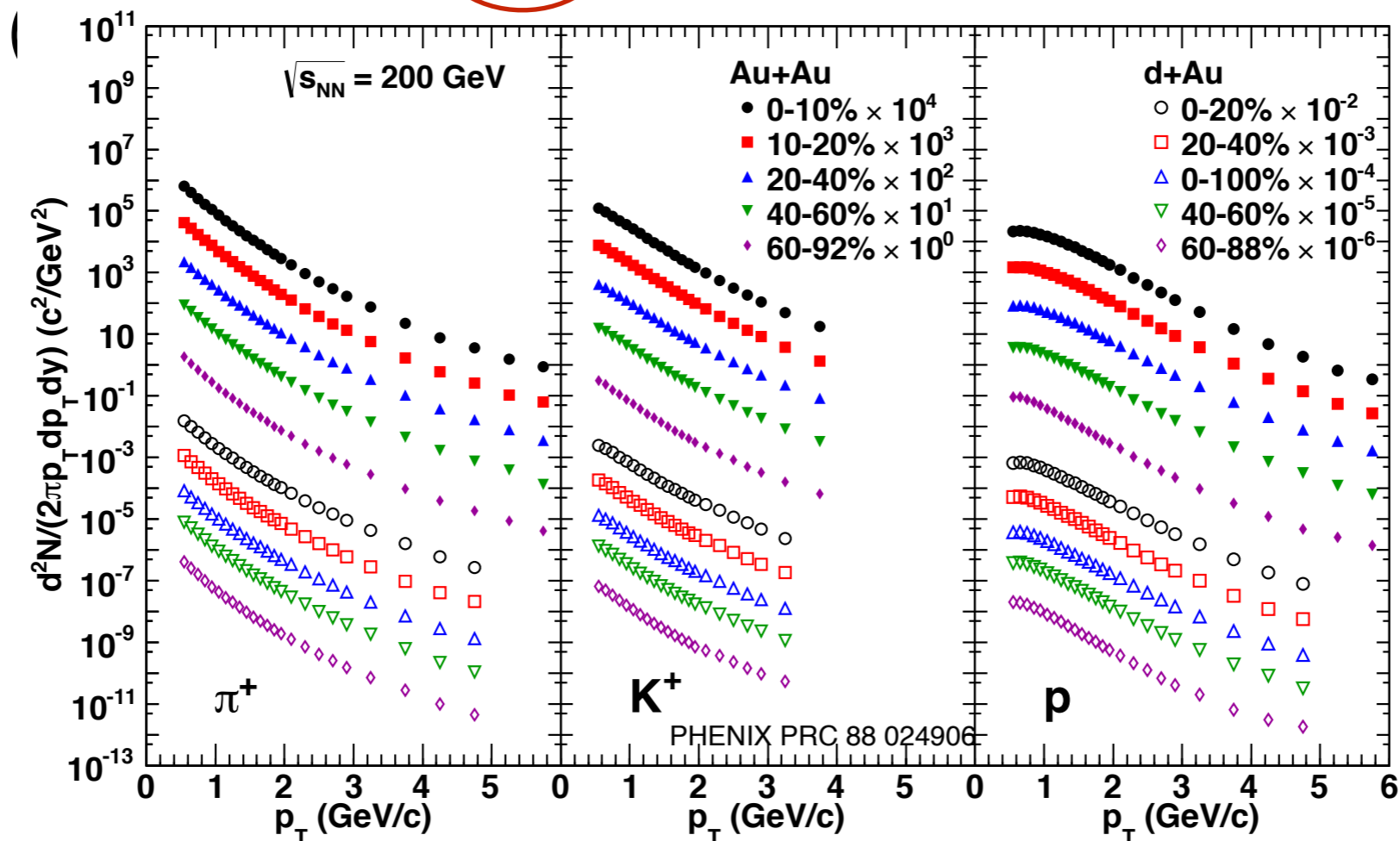
**the Blast-Wave:** outward velocity boost, from a hydrodynamic source



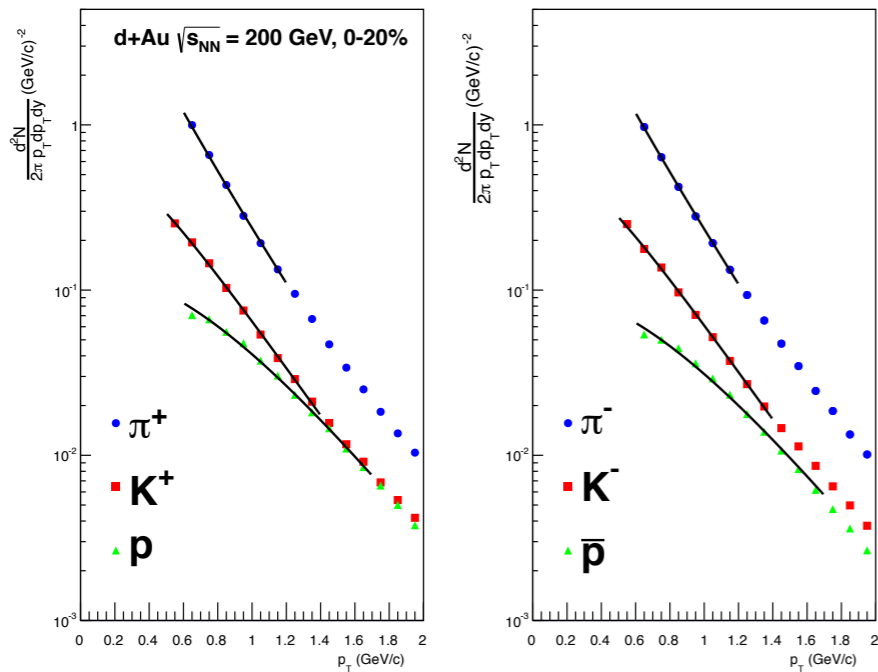
$$\frac{1}{p_T} \frac{dN}{dp_T} \propto \int_0^R r dr m_T I_0 \left( \frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T} \right) K_1 \left( \frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T} \right) \rho = \tanh^{-1} (\beta_{max} (r/R)^n)$$

ppA systems especially sensitive to radial flow

Schnedermann, Sollfrank, & Heinz PRC48 2462 (1993)



# blast-wave fit to dAu data

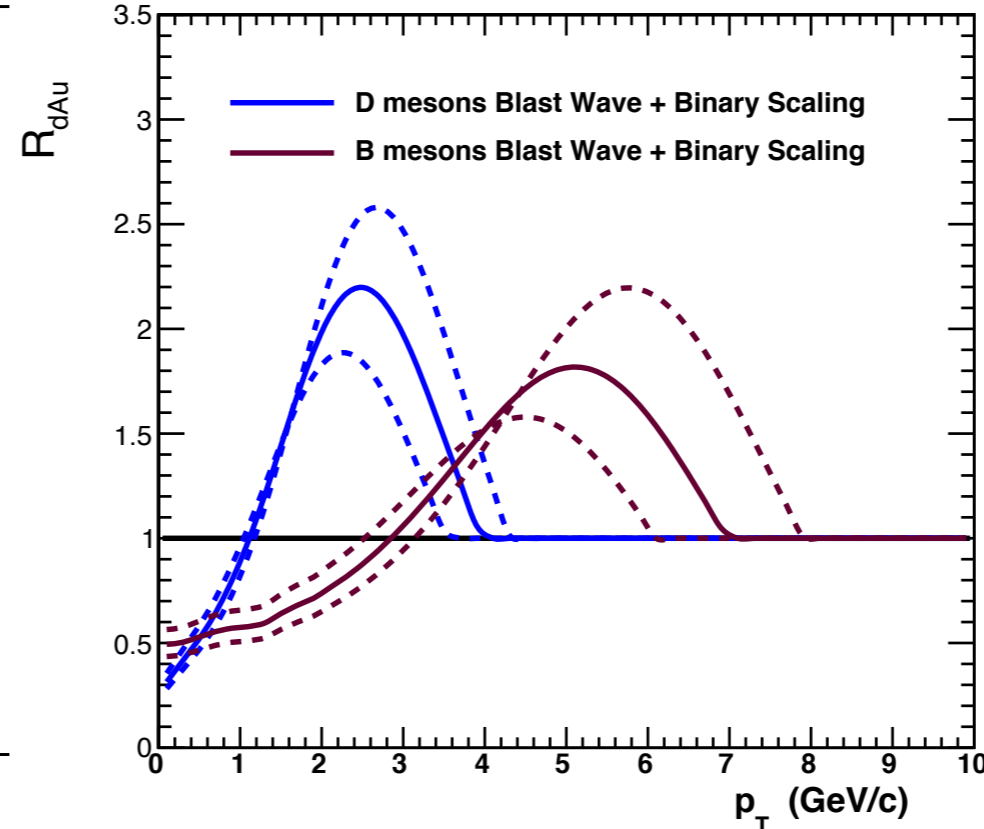
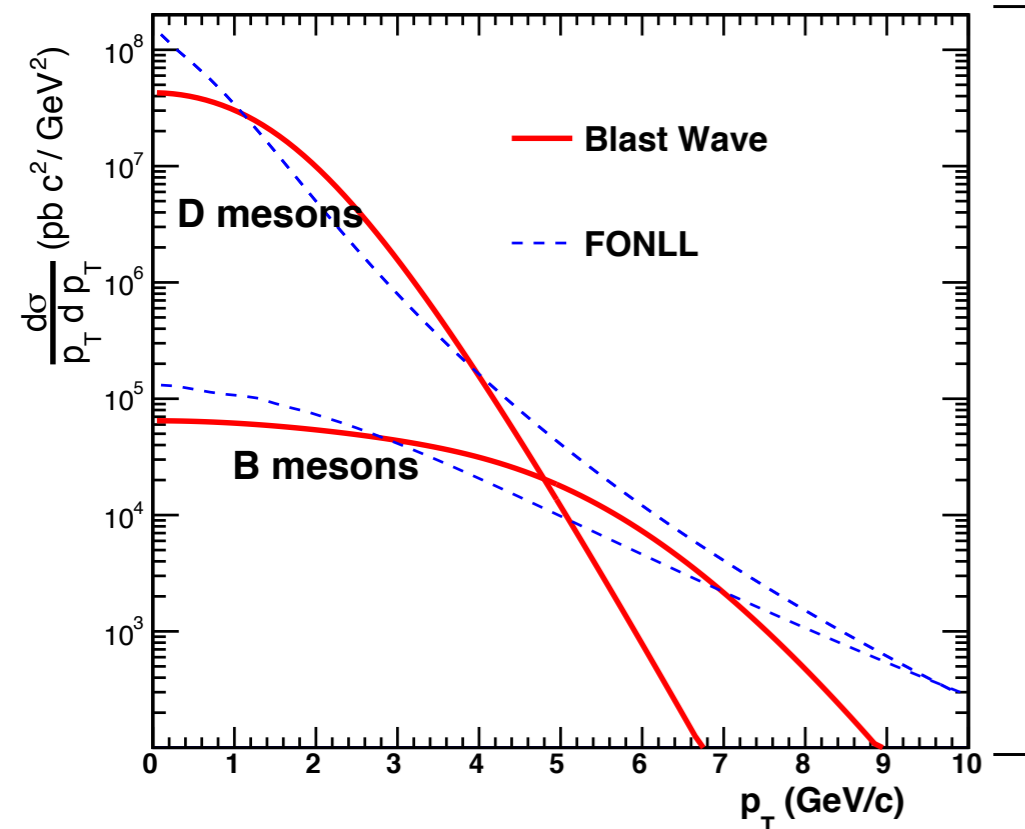


0-20% d+Au  
simultaneous fit to  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$

$$\beta_{\text{max}} = 0.70$$

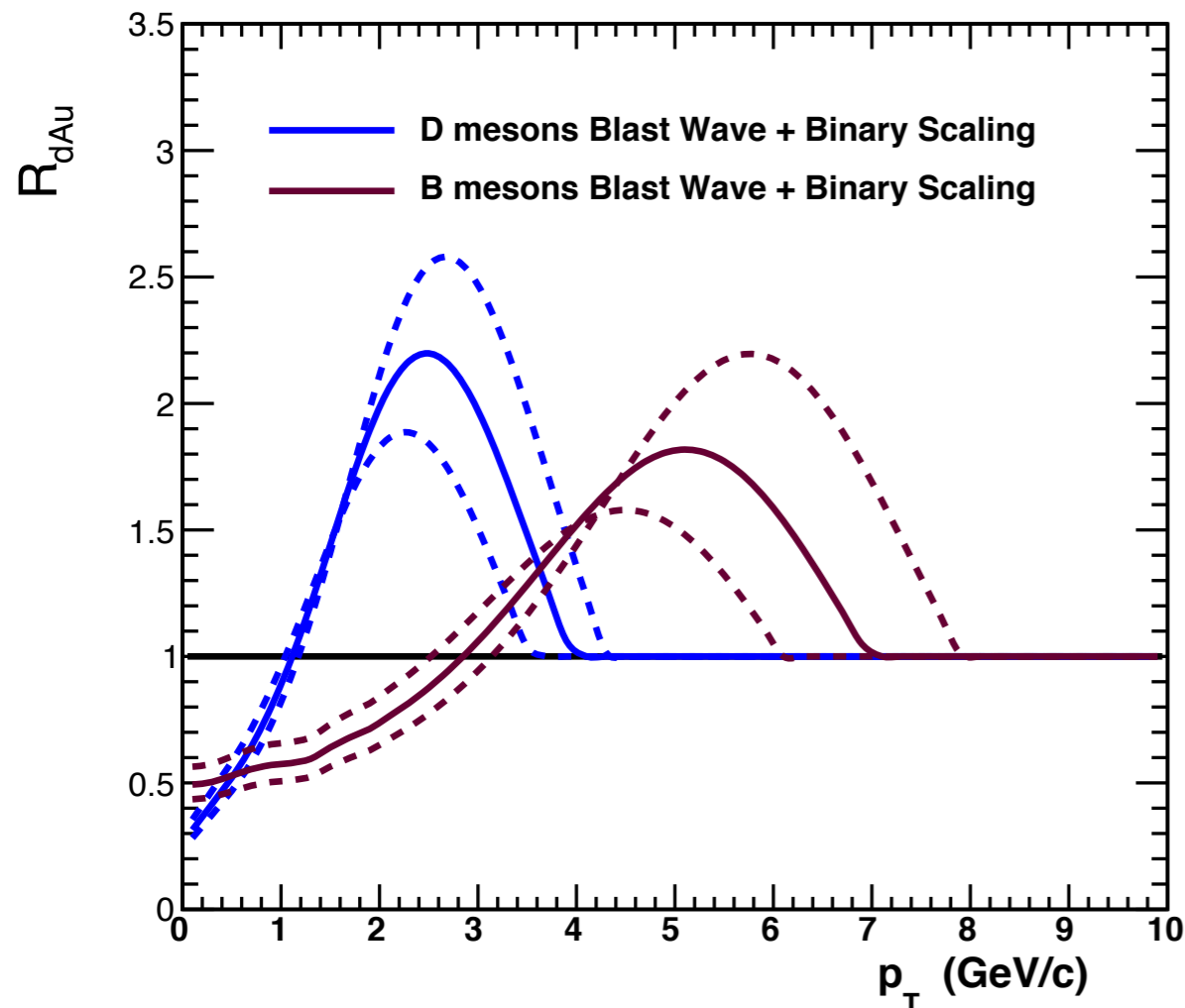
$$T_{\text{fo}} = 139 \text{ MeV}$$

blast wave!

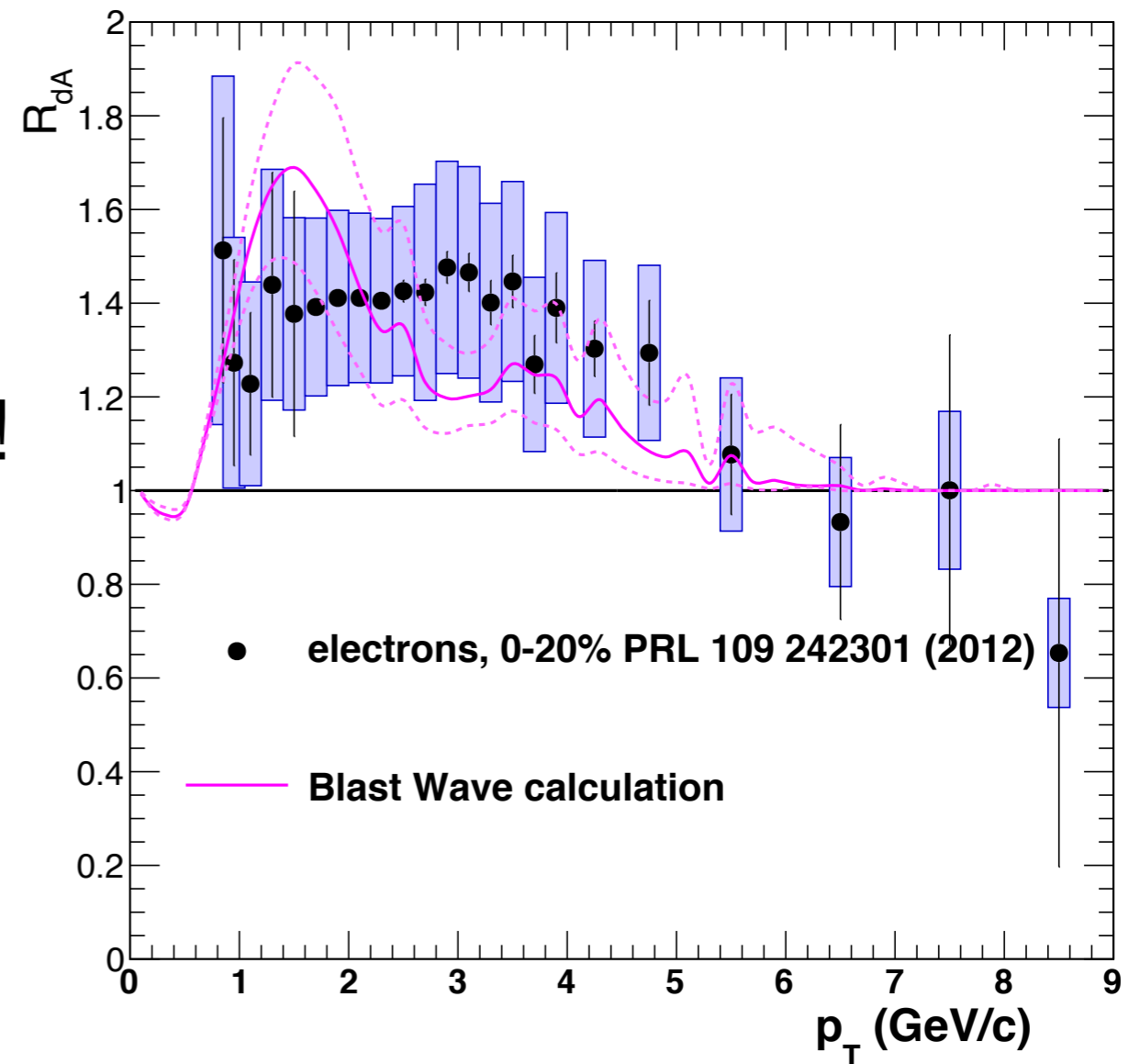


large enhancement of D & B mesons!

# and for the electrons?



ave!

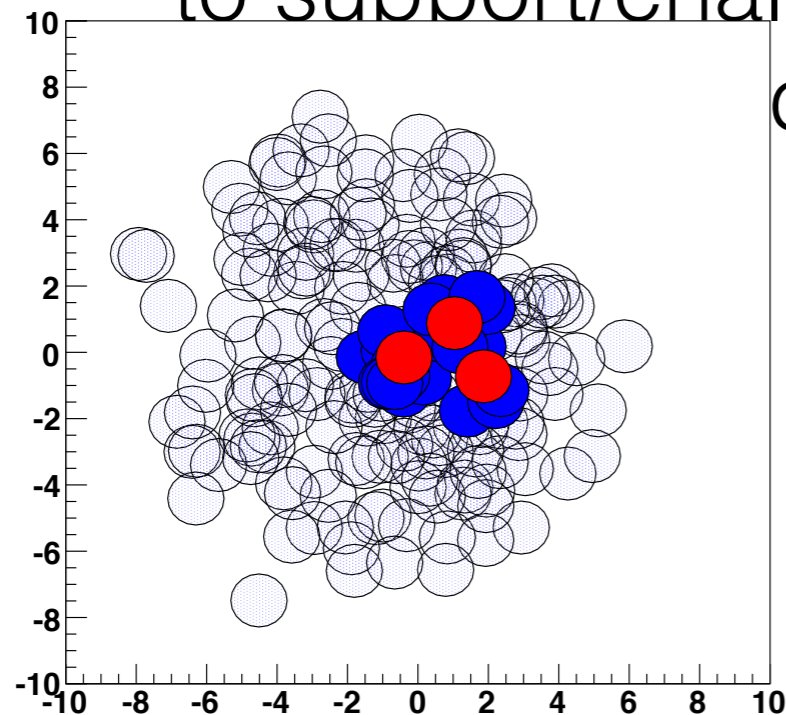


another flow effect?

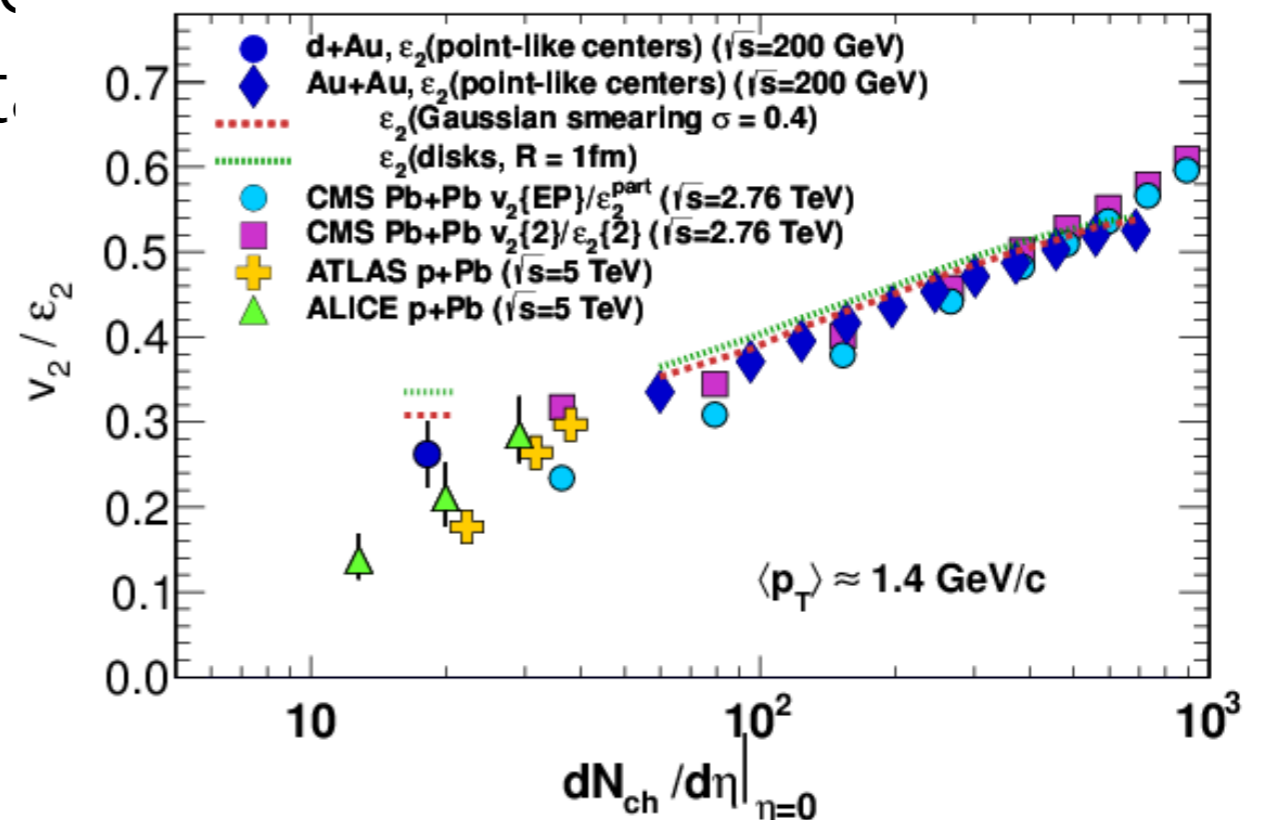
charm and bottom separated measurements key to clarifying

# pushing the limits of the QGP

- RHIC and the LHC are pushing the size limits of the quark gluon plasma
- suggestive of evolution, rather than a transition, from big to small systems
- looking forward to new measurements very soon to support/challenge this interpretation and



derst.

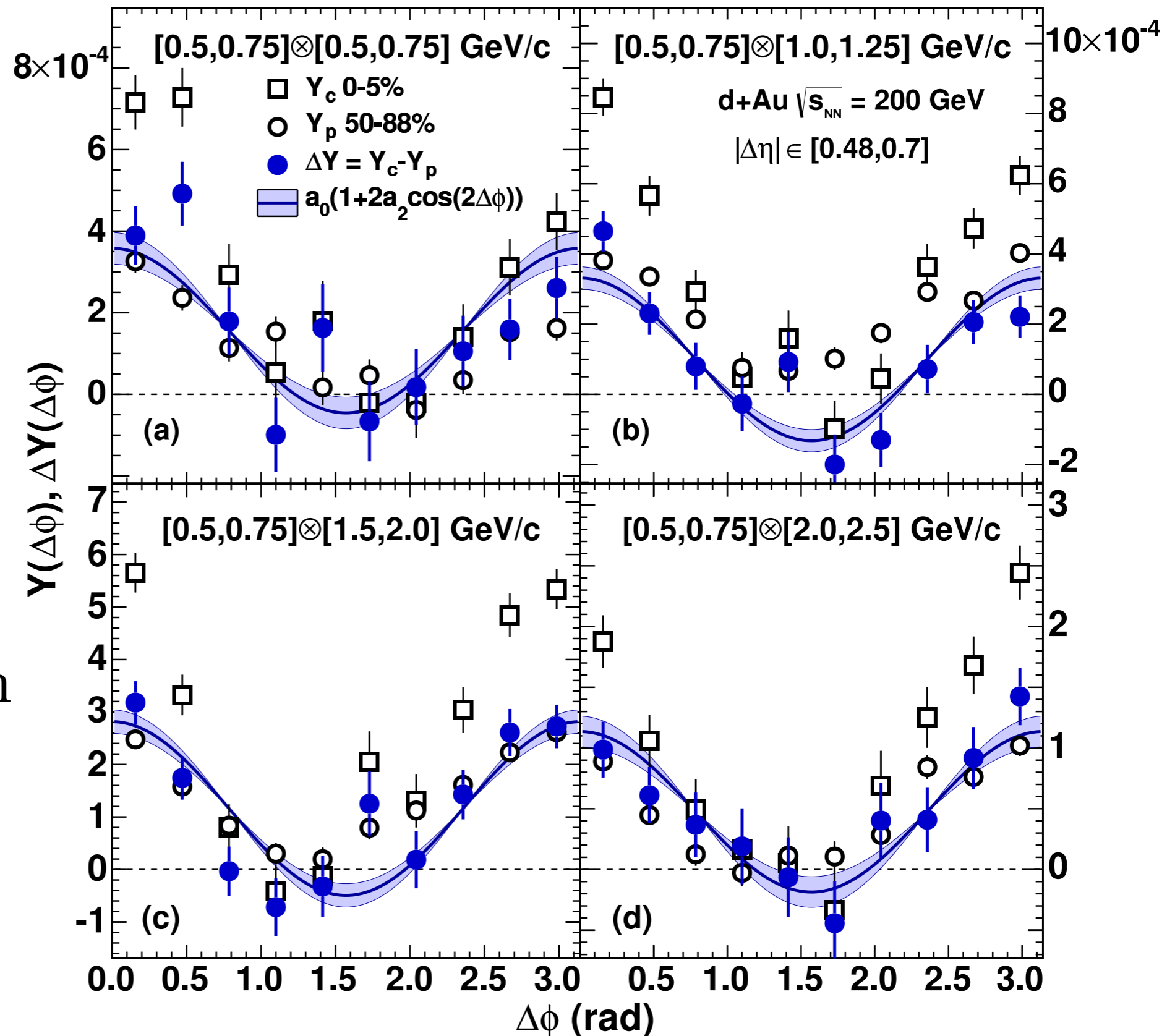


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- backups



centrality  
dependence  
consistently  
described by  
 $\cos 2\Delta\phi$  shape  
evidence for  
double ridge

but is this just an  
artifact of the  
small  $|\Delta\eta|$   
acceptance?

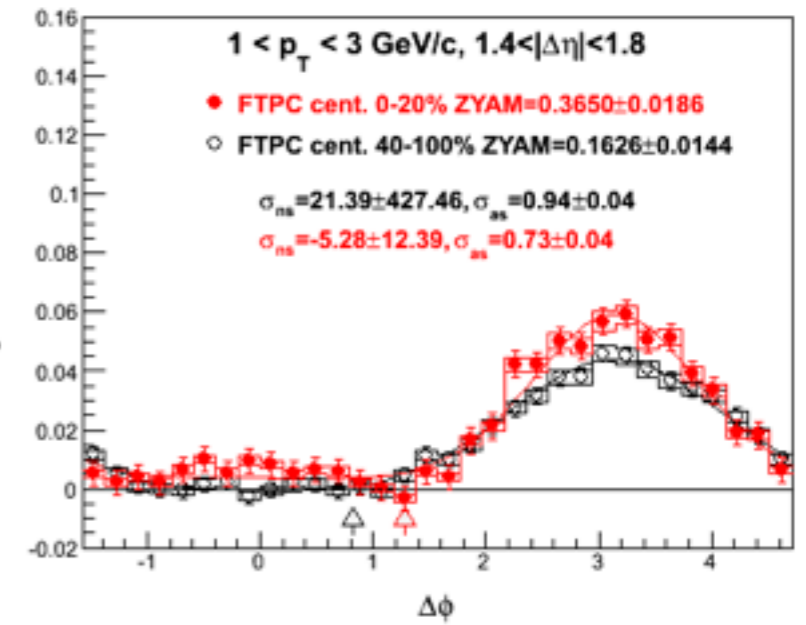
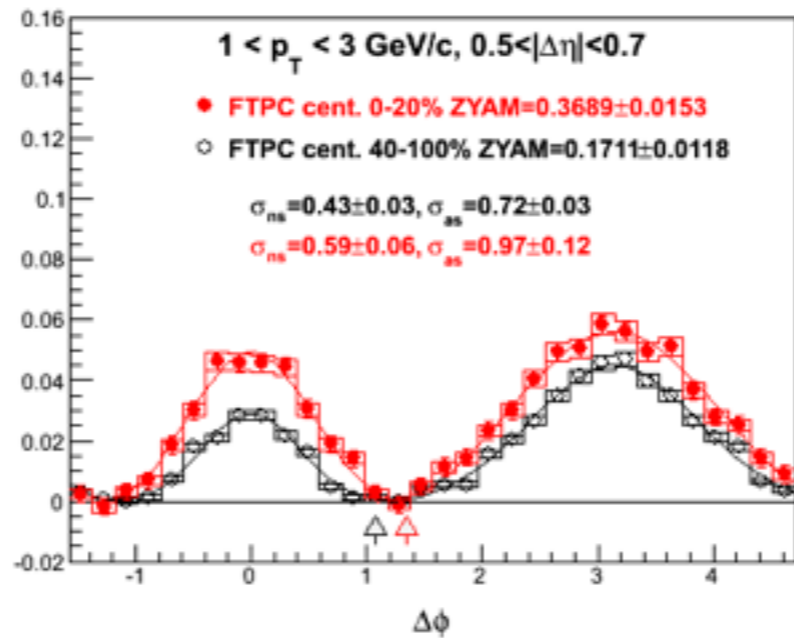
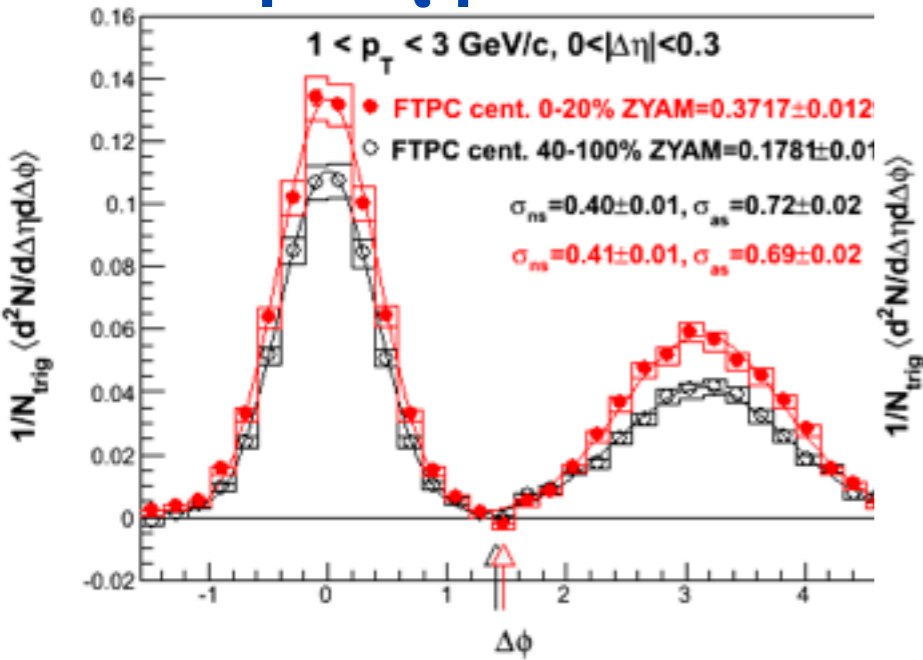


# results from STAR

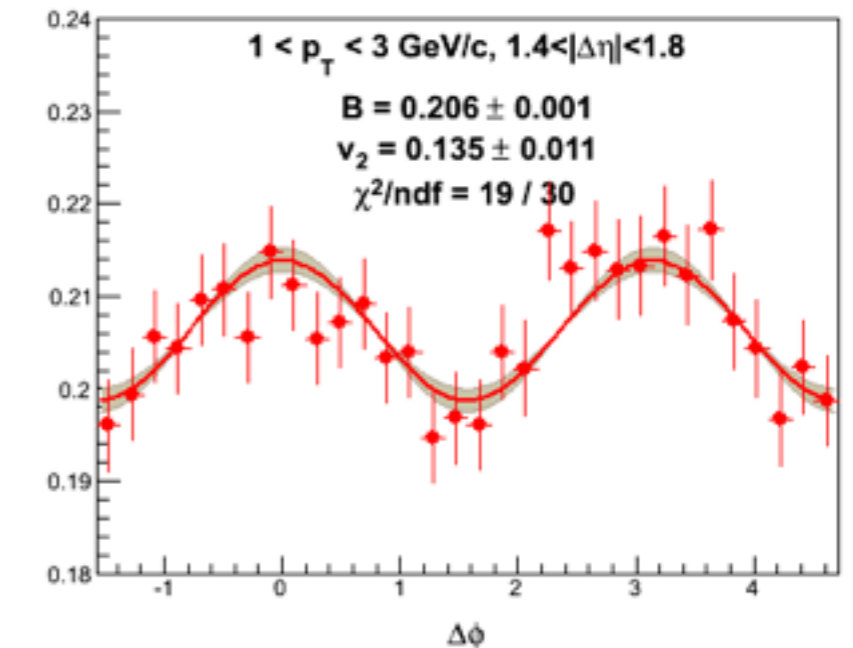
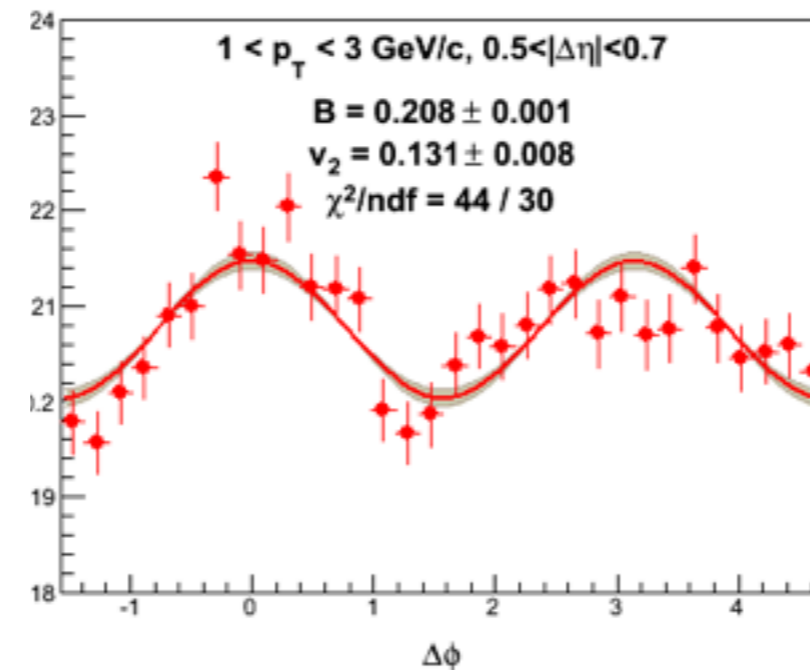
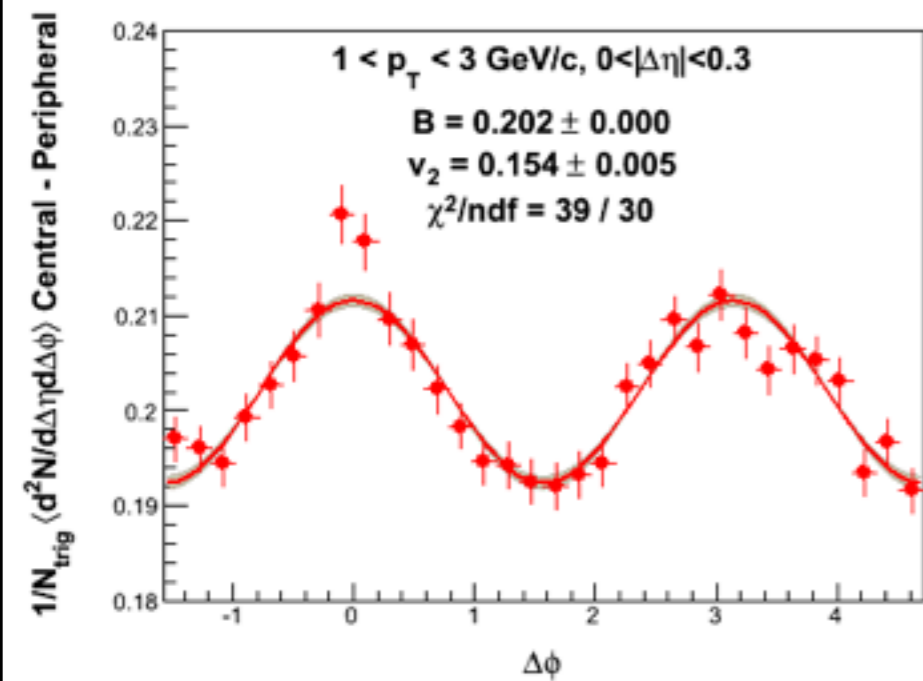
$|\Delta\eta| < 0.3$

$0.5 < |\Delta\eta| < 0.7$

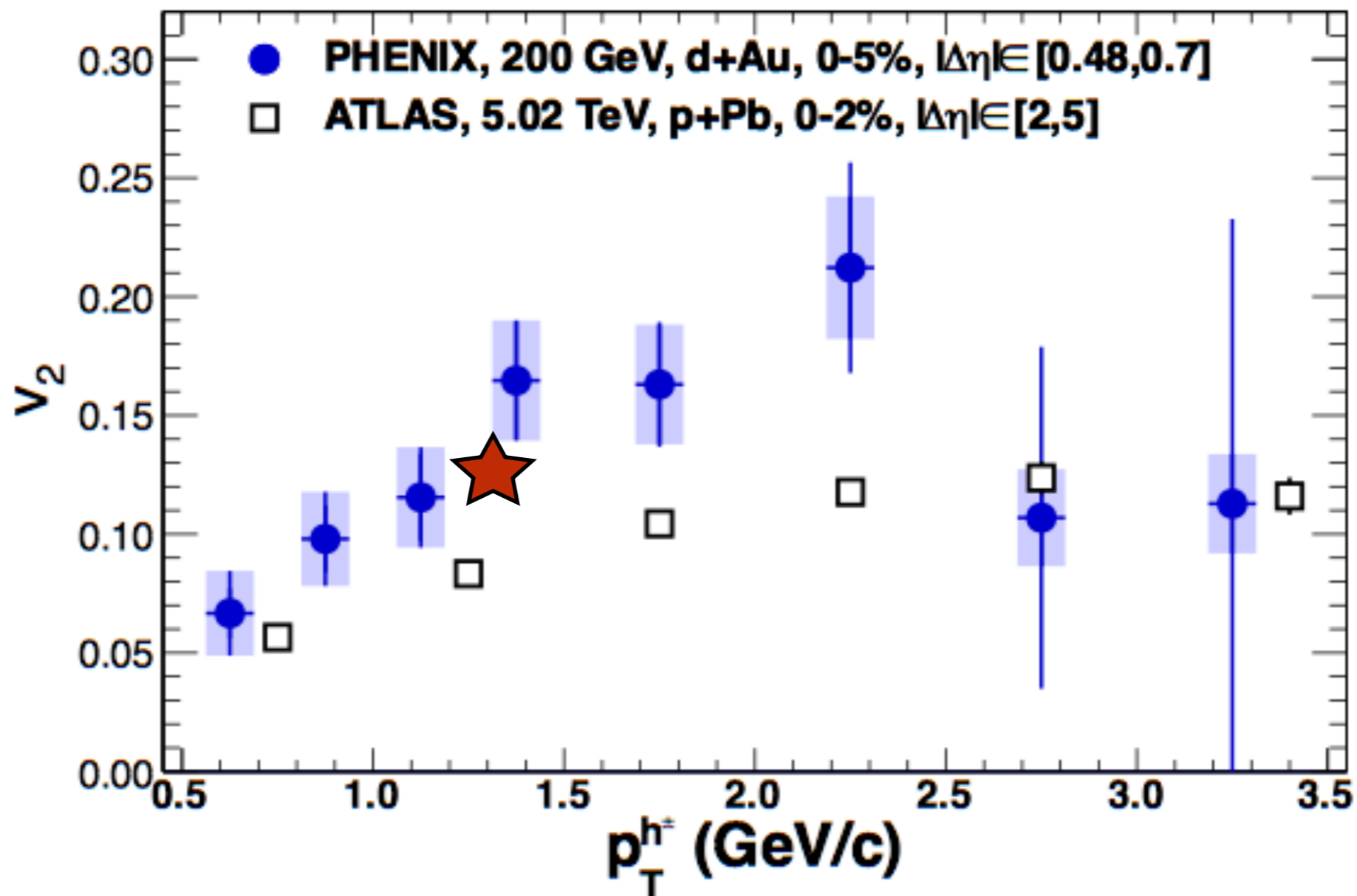
$1.4 < |\Delta\eta| < 1.8$



central - peripheral



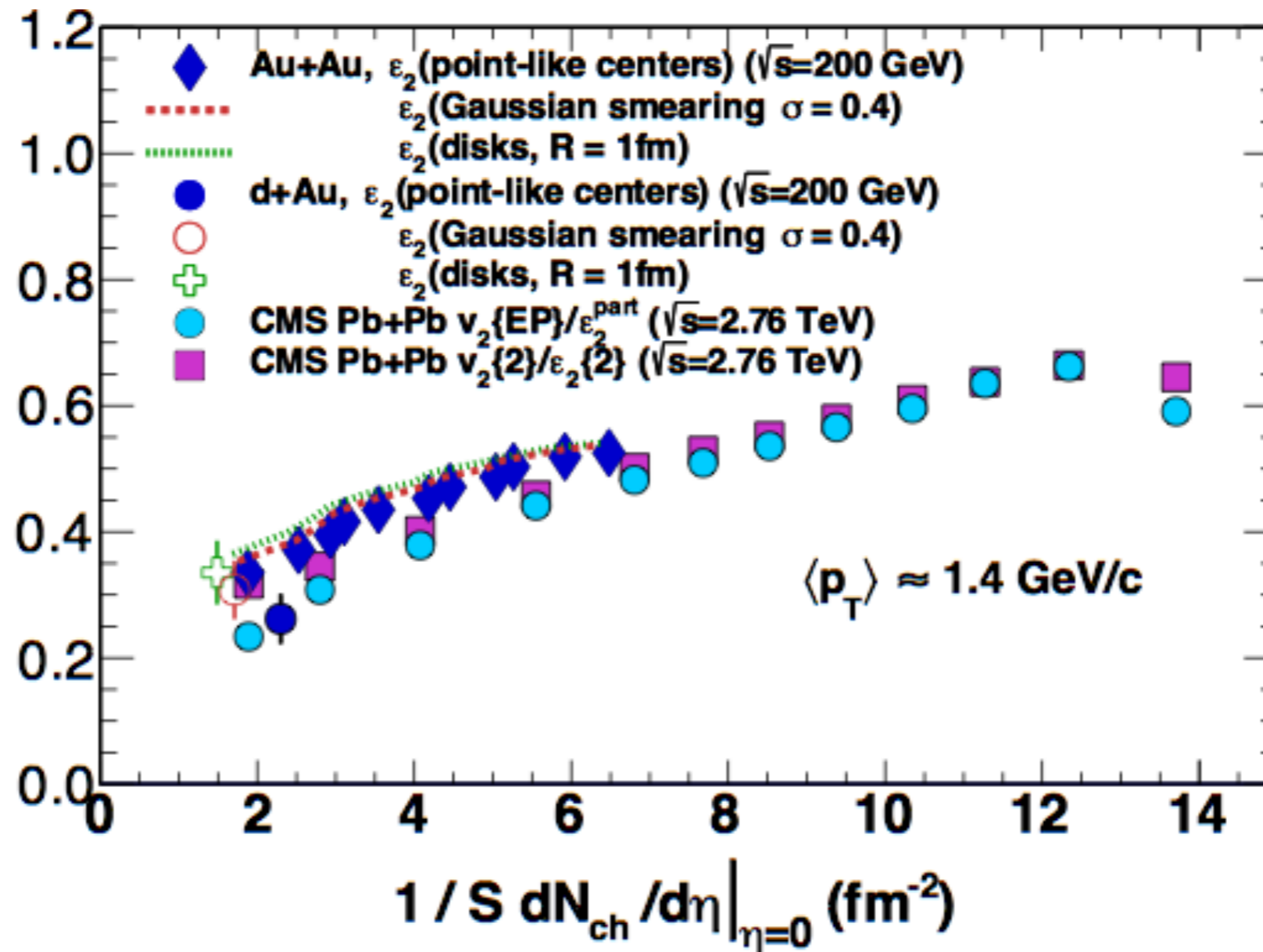
# RHIC comparisons



STAR  $v_2$ :  $\sim 13 \pm 1\%$   $1 < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$   
good consistency at RHIC!

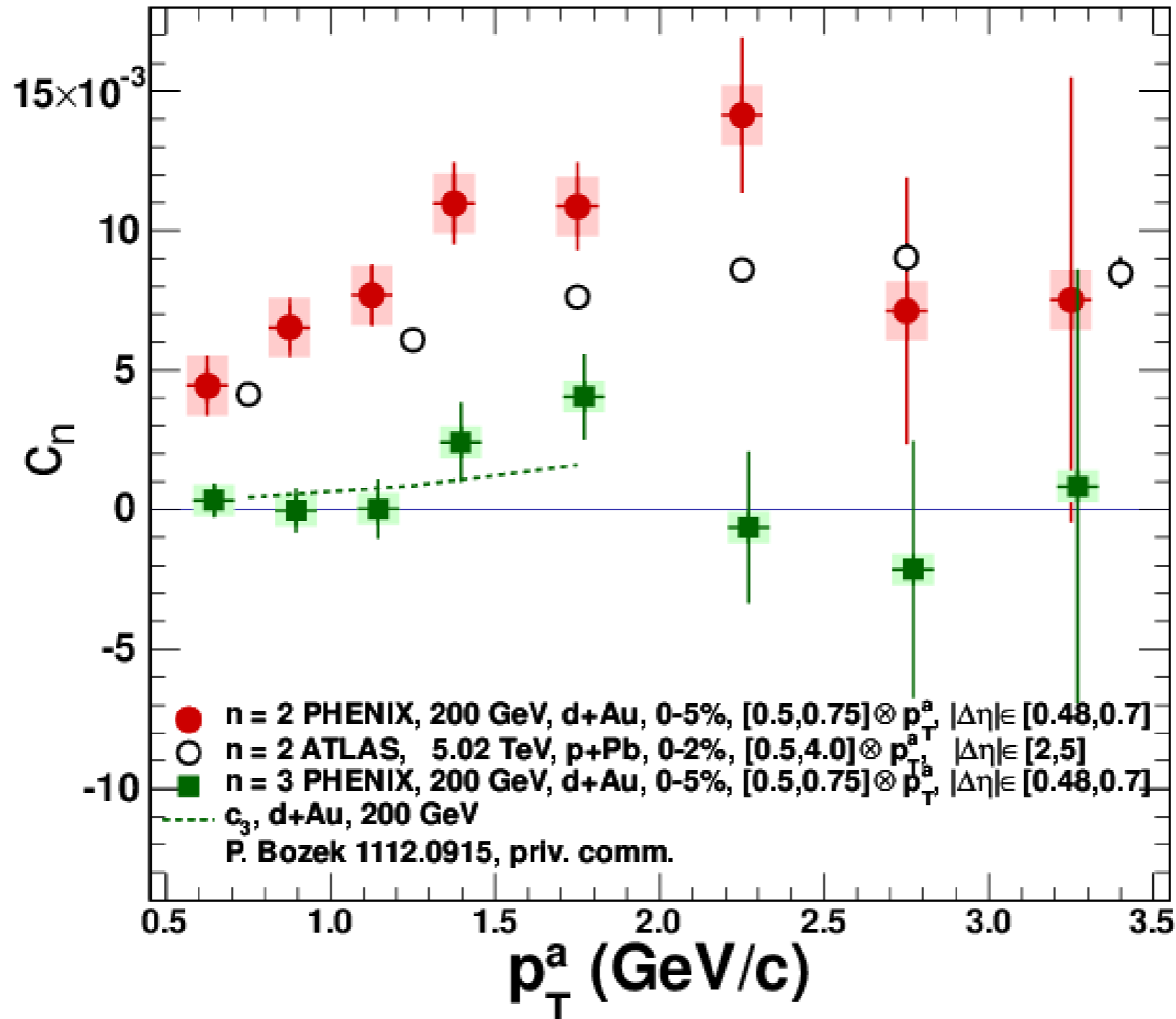
# scaling with overlap area?

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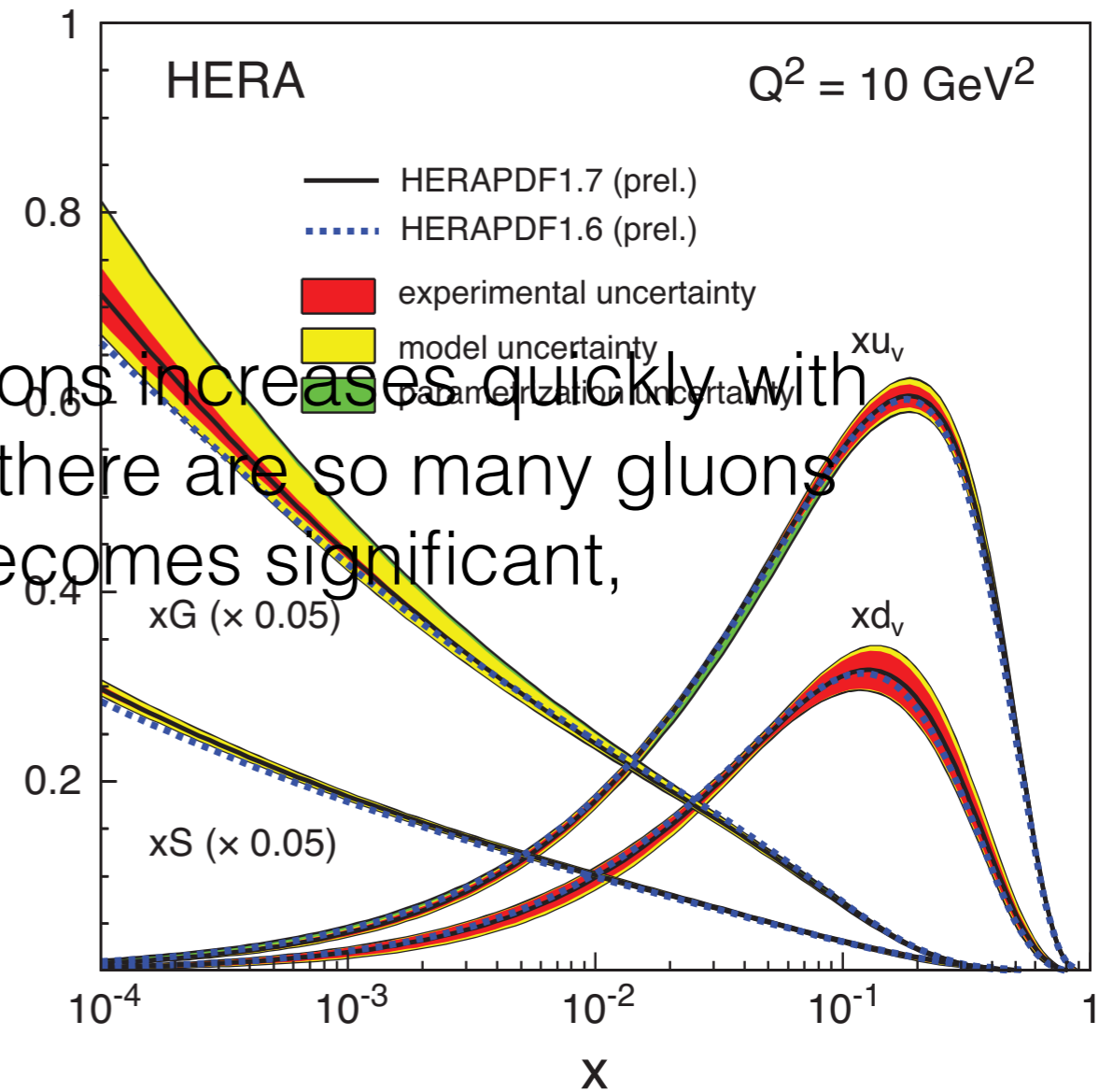
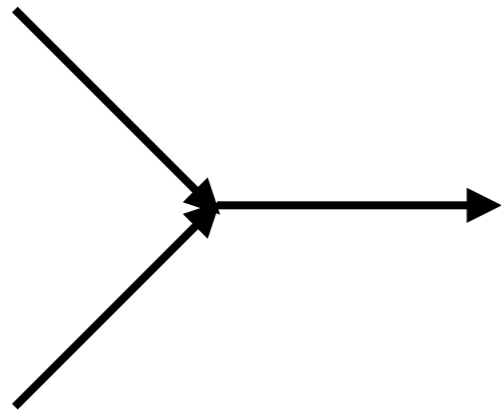
# $v_3$ at RHIC?



**no evidence for significant  $v_3$ , consistent with hydro expectations**

# saturation of low x gluons

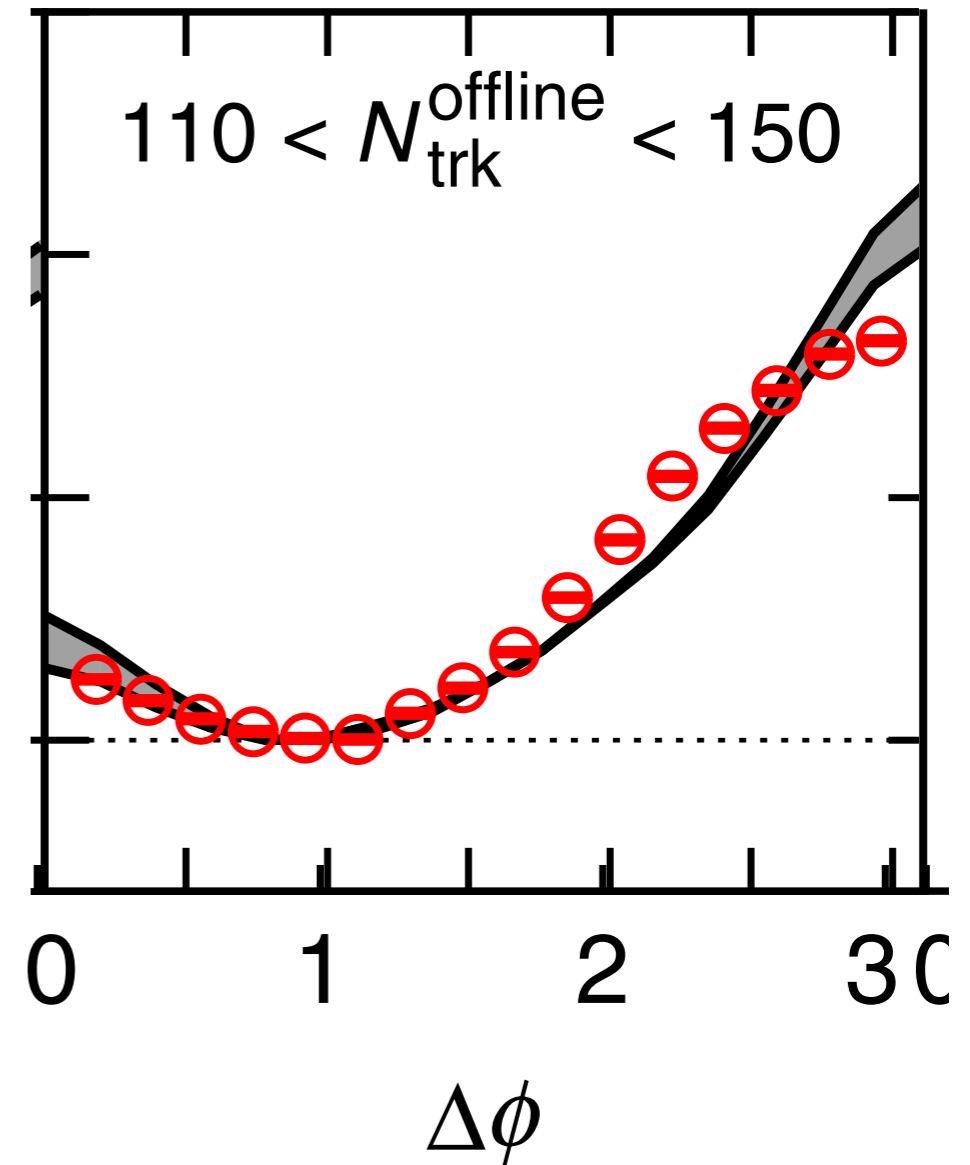
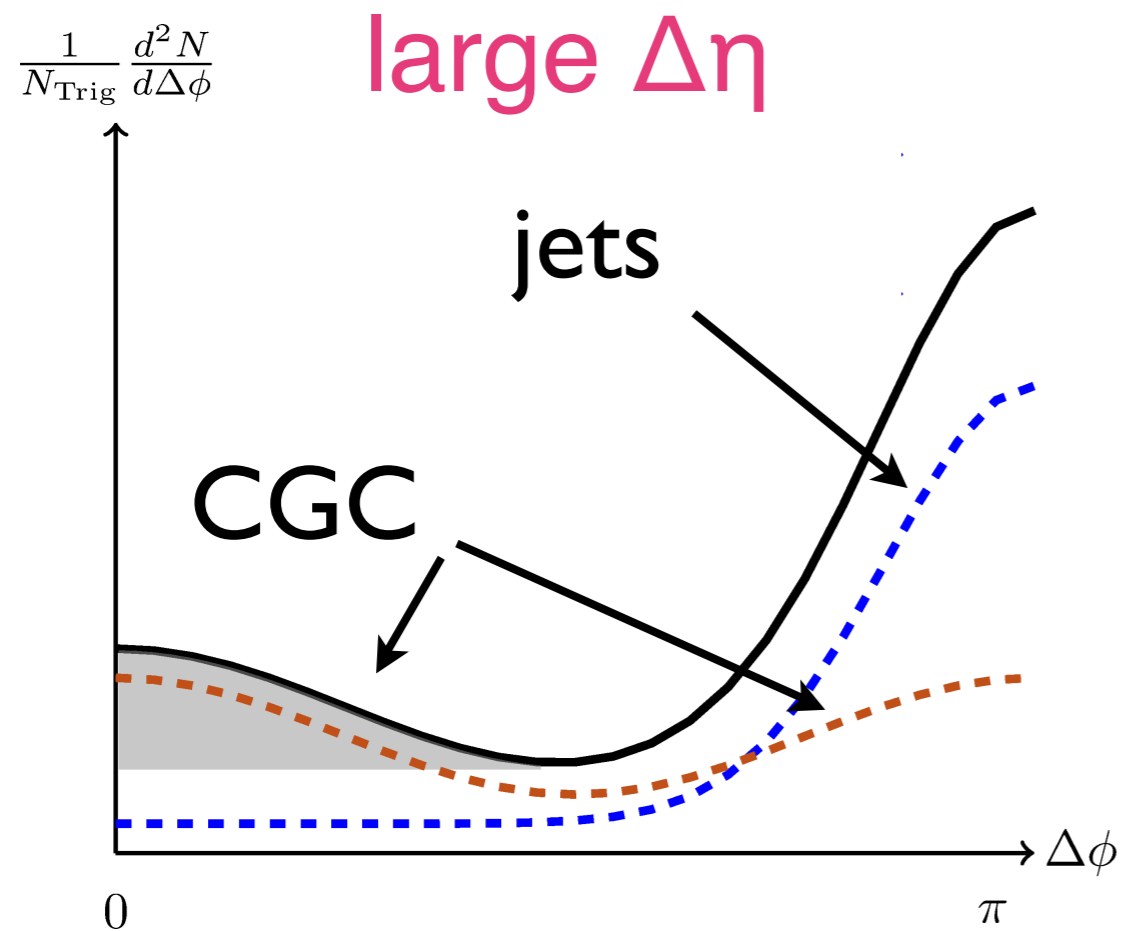
- basic idea: the number of gluons increases quickly with decreasing  $x$ . At some point there are so many gluons that the recombination rate becomes significant, saturating the distribution



in a large nucleus in high energy collisions, this happens more readily because the nucleons overlap, increasing the density

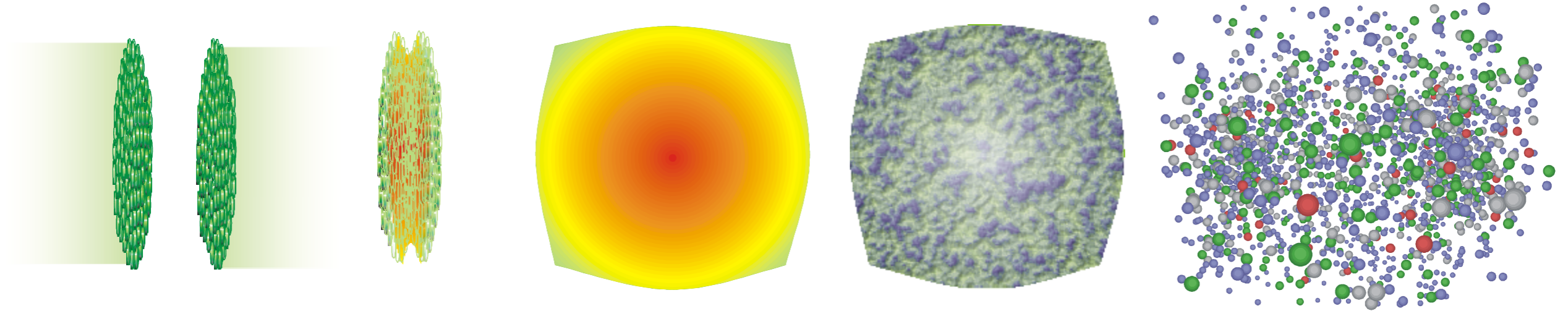
# ridge in pp/pPb from color glass

Color Glass Condensate: calculational framework for saturation

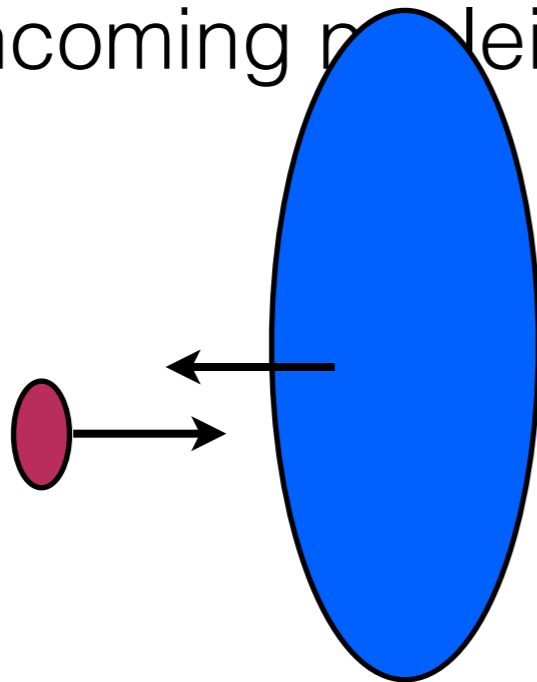


good description of the data in pPb

# pA physics



- isolate QGP effects from something present in the incoming nuclei



**pA**