

# **Jet quenching au (SPS et) RHIC: perspective expérimentale**

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# Overview

0. Physics motivation: Jet production in QCD medium (AA) vs QCD vacuum (pp) as a signature of QGP formation at RHIC.

1. Empirical observation I: High  $p_T$  (leading) hadron suppression.

- **Magnitude** of suppression (x5 in central AuAu @ RHIC-200 GeV) provides direct info on transport ( $\langle q_0 \rangle$ ) & thermodynam. ( $dN^g/dy$ ) properties of medium
- **Properties** of suppression ( $p_T$ -,  $\sqrt{s}$ -, ... dependence) **in agreement w/ non-Abelian gluon radiation** off hard scattered partons.

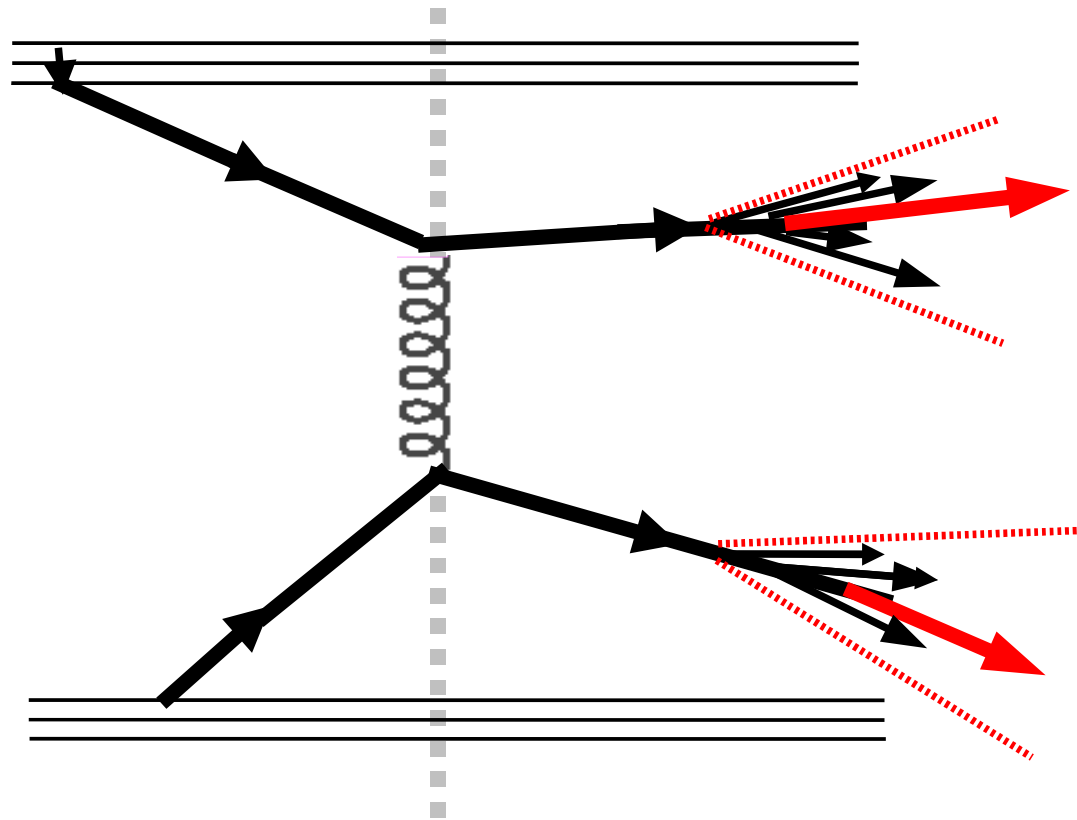
2. Empirical observation II: Modified high  $p_T$  di-hadron  $\phi$ -,  $\eta$ -correlations.

- Disappearance of back-to-back  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\phi$  peak (“monojets”)
- “Double peak” structure in away-side  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\phi$  (“Mach boom” in medium ?)
- Di-jet pseudo-rapidity  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\eta$  broadening (coupling of g rad. w/ long. expansion ?)

3. Summary

Disclaimer: This is a **limited selection** of a vast number of exp. nucleus-nucleus data (no mention to high  $p_T$  baryon or heavy-Q spectra, no space for discussion on detailed jet properties  $\langle j_T \rangle$ ,  $\langle k_T \rangle$ , ...)

# Jet production in the “QCD vacuum” (pp collisions)



- **Jet** : Collimated spray of hadrons in a cone ( $R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} \sim 0.7$ ) with 4-momentum of original fragmenting parton
- **Leading hadron** takes away large fraction ( $\langle z \rangle \sim 0.6 - 0.8$  @ RHIC) of parent parton  $p_T$
- Jet **balanced back-to-back** by other hard-scattered "parton" (jet, direct  $\gamma$ , ...)

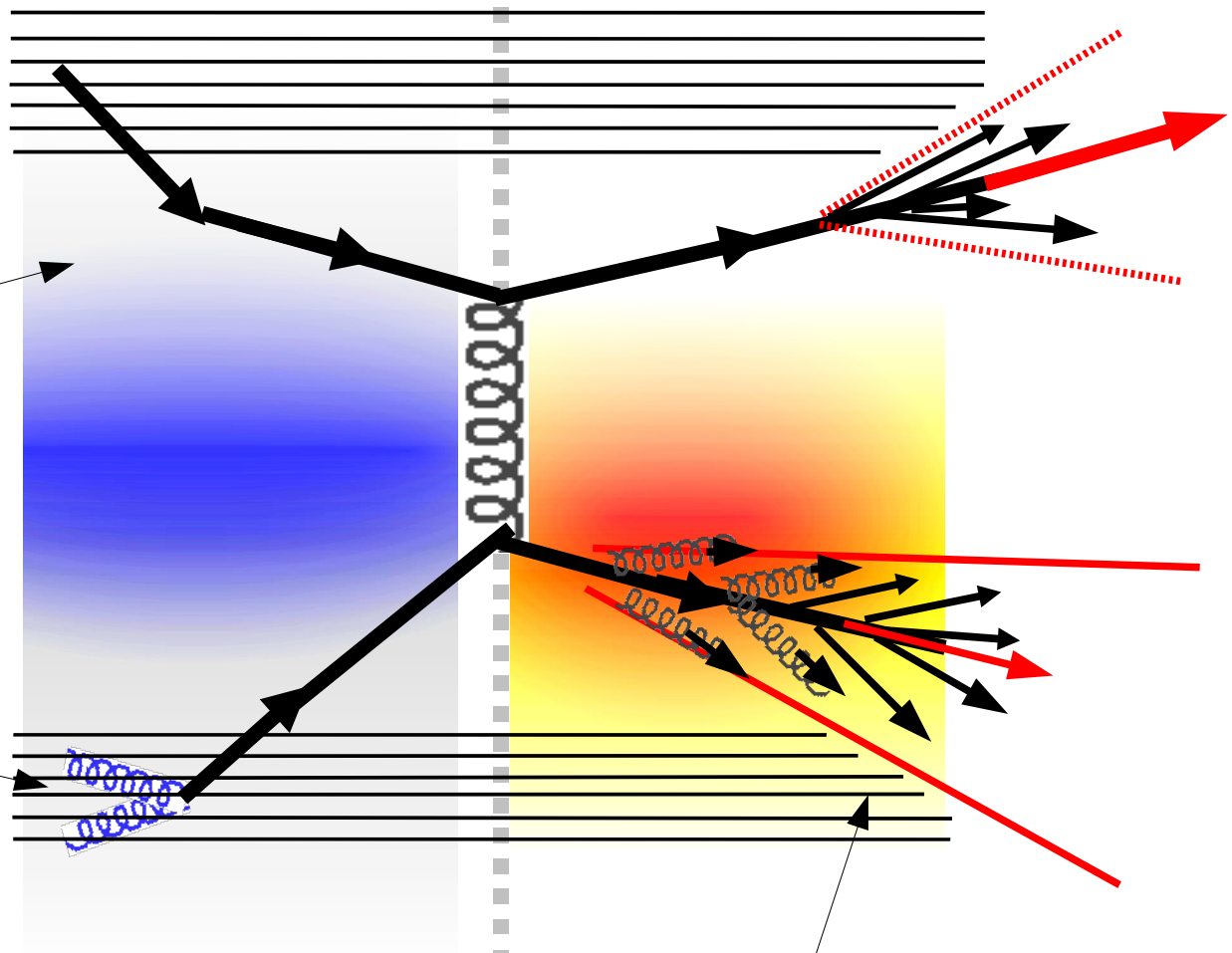
# Jet production in “QCD media” (pA, AA collisions)

## ● Initial-state effects:

(accessible via pA colls.)

$k_T$  broadening  
(**Cronin** enhancement)

(Leading-twist) **shadowing**  
or **gluon saturation (CGC)**



## ● Final-state effects:

(accessible in AA colls.)

**Parton energy loss** due to medium-induced  
gluon-strahlung in hot & dense environment

# “Jet quenching” = QGP signal

- Multiple final-state non-Abelian (gluon) radiation off the produced hard parton induced by the dense QCD medium.

- Parton energy loss  $\propto$  medium properties:

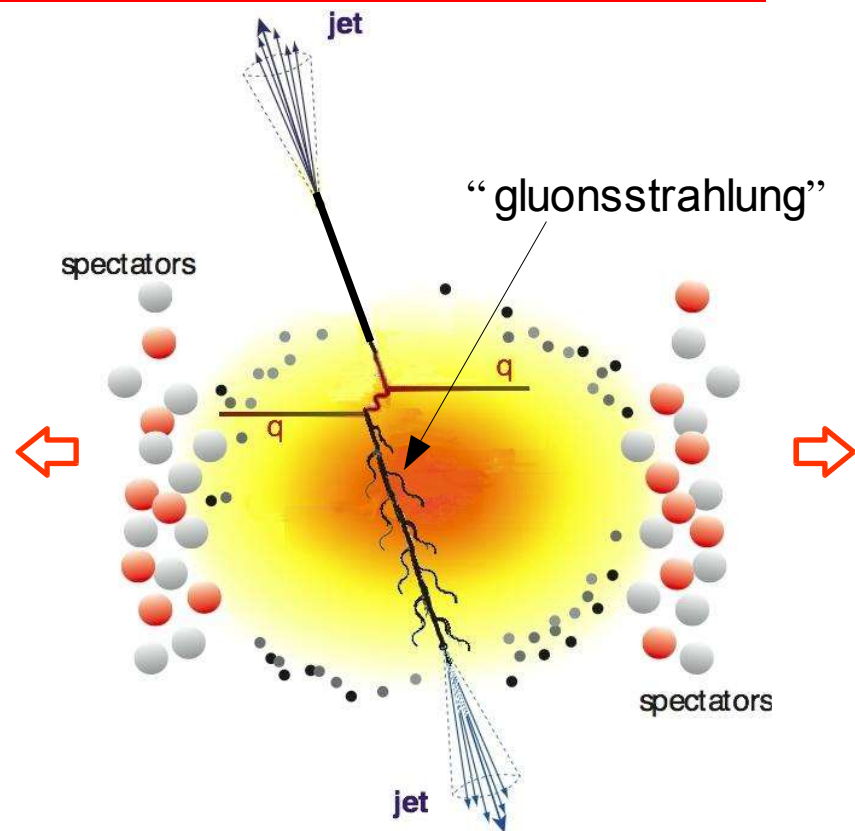
$$\Delta E_{\text{loss}} \sim \rho_{\text{gluon}} \quad (\text{gluon density})$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{loss}} \sim \Delta L^2 \quad (\text{medium length})$$

- Energy is carried away by gluons emitted inside (broader) jet cone (modified multiplicity & energy flow):

$$dE/dx \sim \alpha_s \langle k_T^2 \rangle$$

- Prediction I: **Suppression** of high  $p_T$  leading hadrons:  $dN/dp_T$
- Prediction II: **Modification** of (di)jet correlations:  $d^2N_{\text{pair}}/d\phi d\eta$



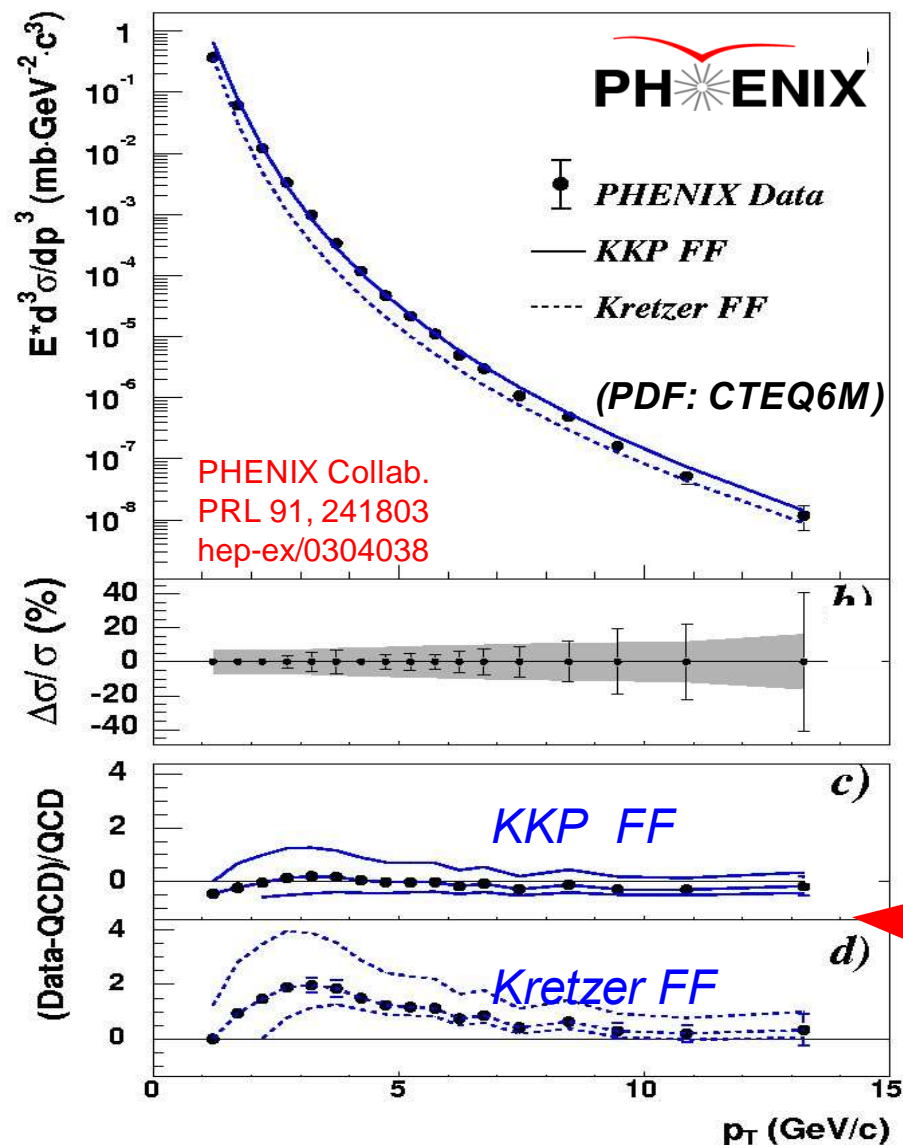
Leading high- $p_T$  hadron

**(1) High  $p_T$  leading hadron  $p_T$  spectra  
in high-energy pp, dA, AA collisions**

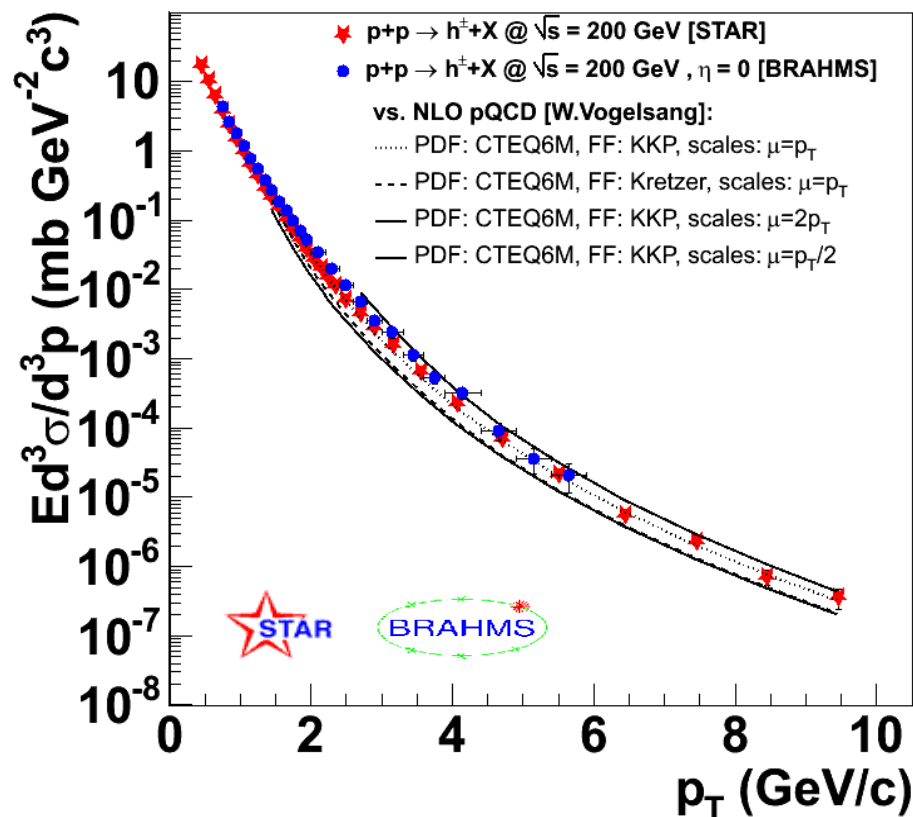
# Leading hadron spectra in free space: pp @ 200 GeV

- High  $p_T$   $\pi^0, h^\pm$  spectra up to  $\sim 15$  GeV/c. Good theoret. (NLO pQCD) description

$$p+p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$$



$$p+p \rightarrow h^\pm X$$



- High quality data: sensitive to different parametrizations of gluon FF
- Well calibrated (experimentally & theoret.)  
p+p baseline spectra at hand !

# Hard spectra: AA = incoherent sum of pp

- Hard yields **calculable** via **perturbative-QCD**:

“Factorization theorem”:

$$d\sigma_{AB \rightarrow hX} = A \cdot B \cdot f_{a/p}(x_a, Q^2) \otimes f_{b/p}(x_b, Q^2) \otimes d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow cd} \otimes D_{h/c}(z_c, Q^2)$$

Independent scattering of “free” partons:

$$f_{a/A}(x, Q^2) = A f_{a/p}(x, Q^2)$$

A+B = “simple superposition of p+p collisions”

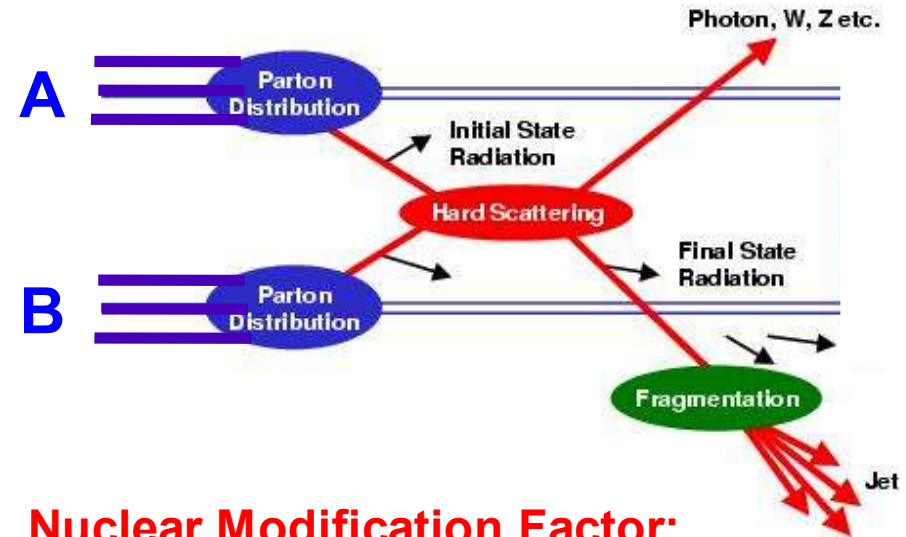
$$d\sigma_{AB \rightarrow \text{hard}} = A \cdot B \cdot d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \text{hard}}$$

At impact parameter b:

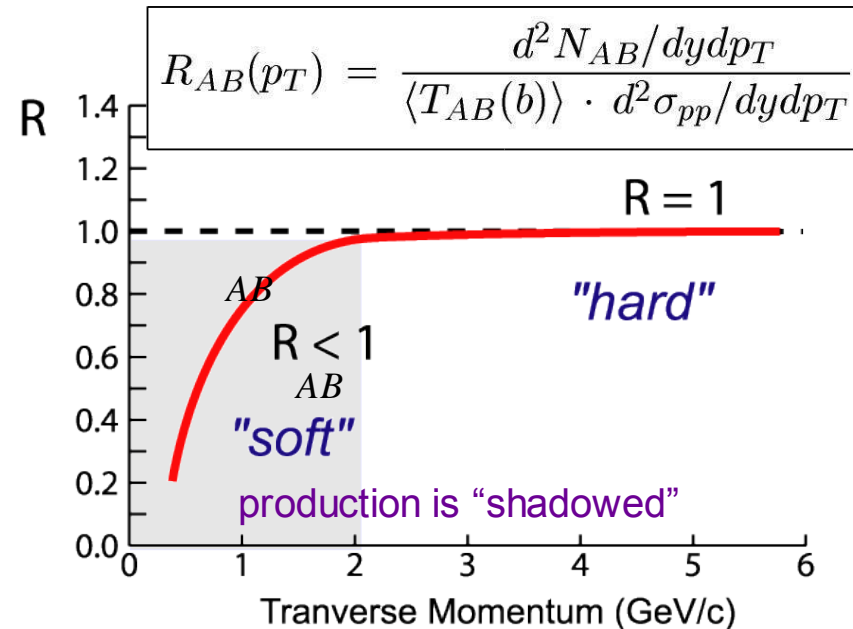
$$dN_{AB \rightarrow \text{hard}}(b) = T_{AB}(b) \cdot d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \text{hard}}$$

geom. nuclear overlap at b

$$T_{AB} \sim \# \text{ NN collisions (} \text{“} N_{\text{coll}} \text{ scaling”)}$$



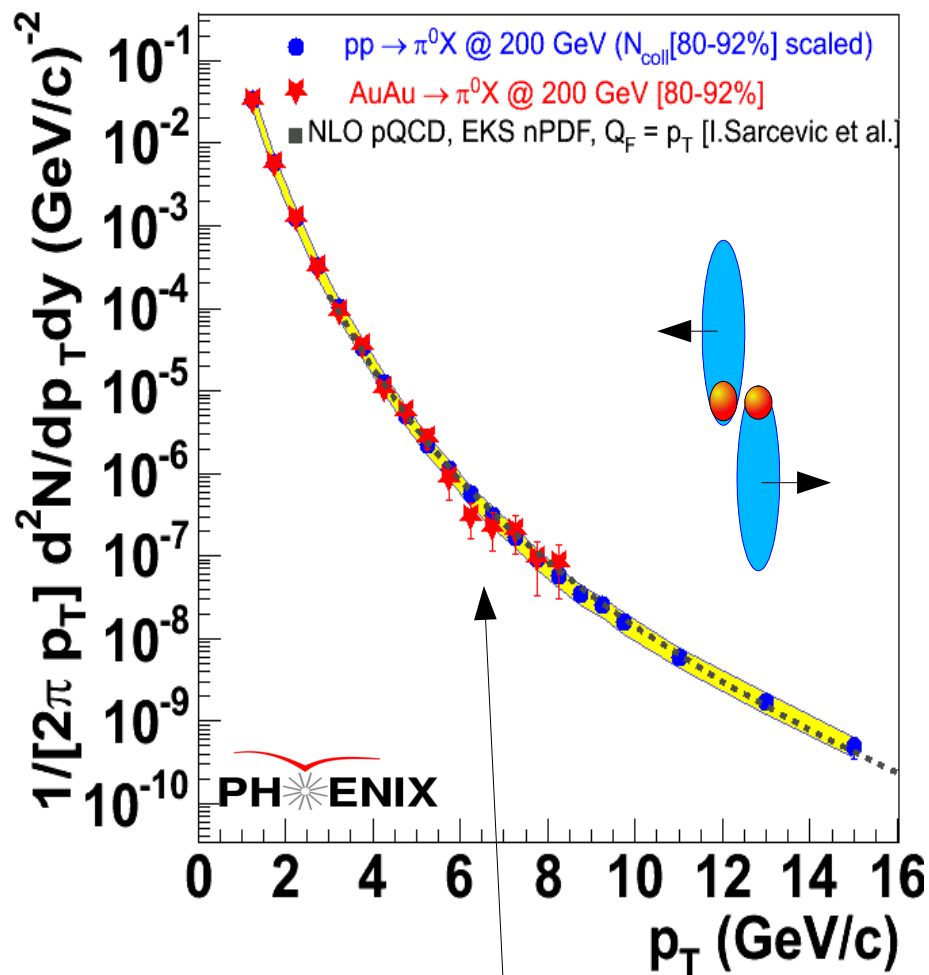
**Nuclear Modification Factor:**





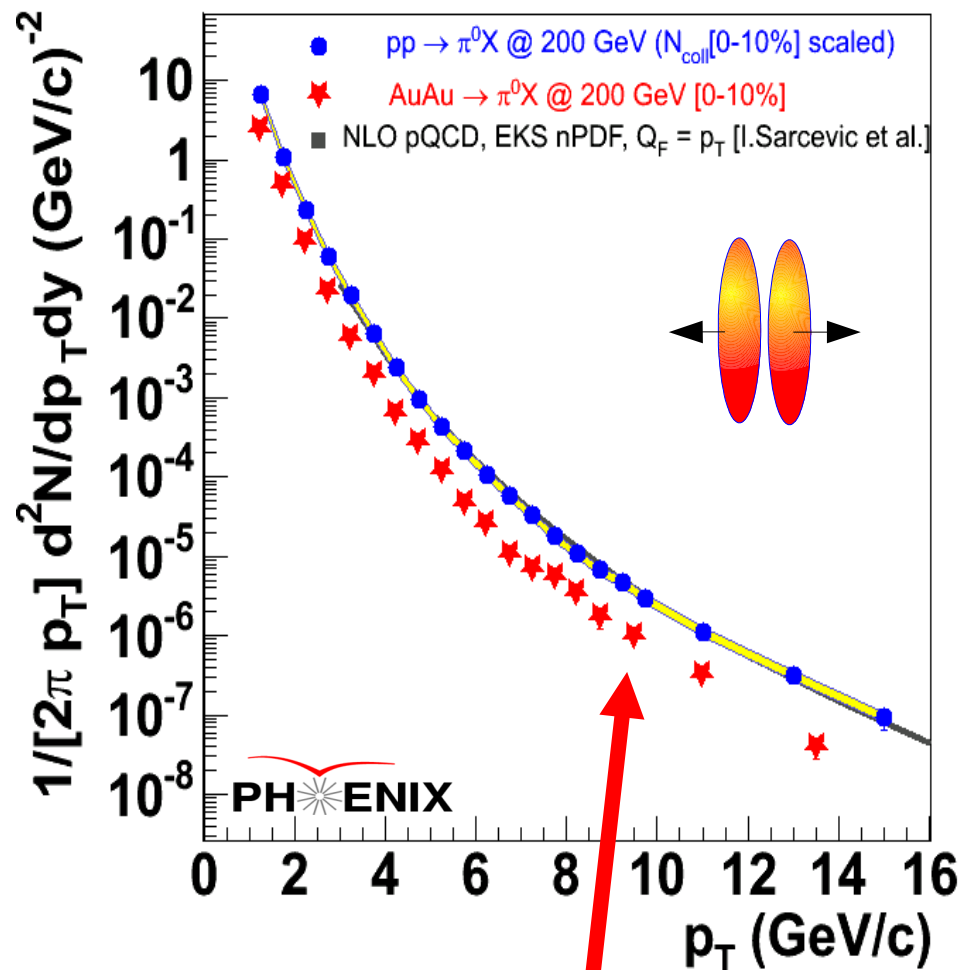
# Leading hadron spectra in AuAu @ 200 GeV

Au+Au  $\rightarrow \pi^0 X$  (**peripheral**)



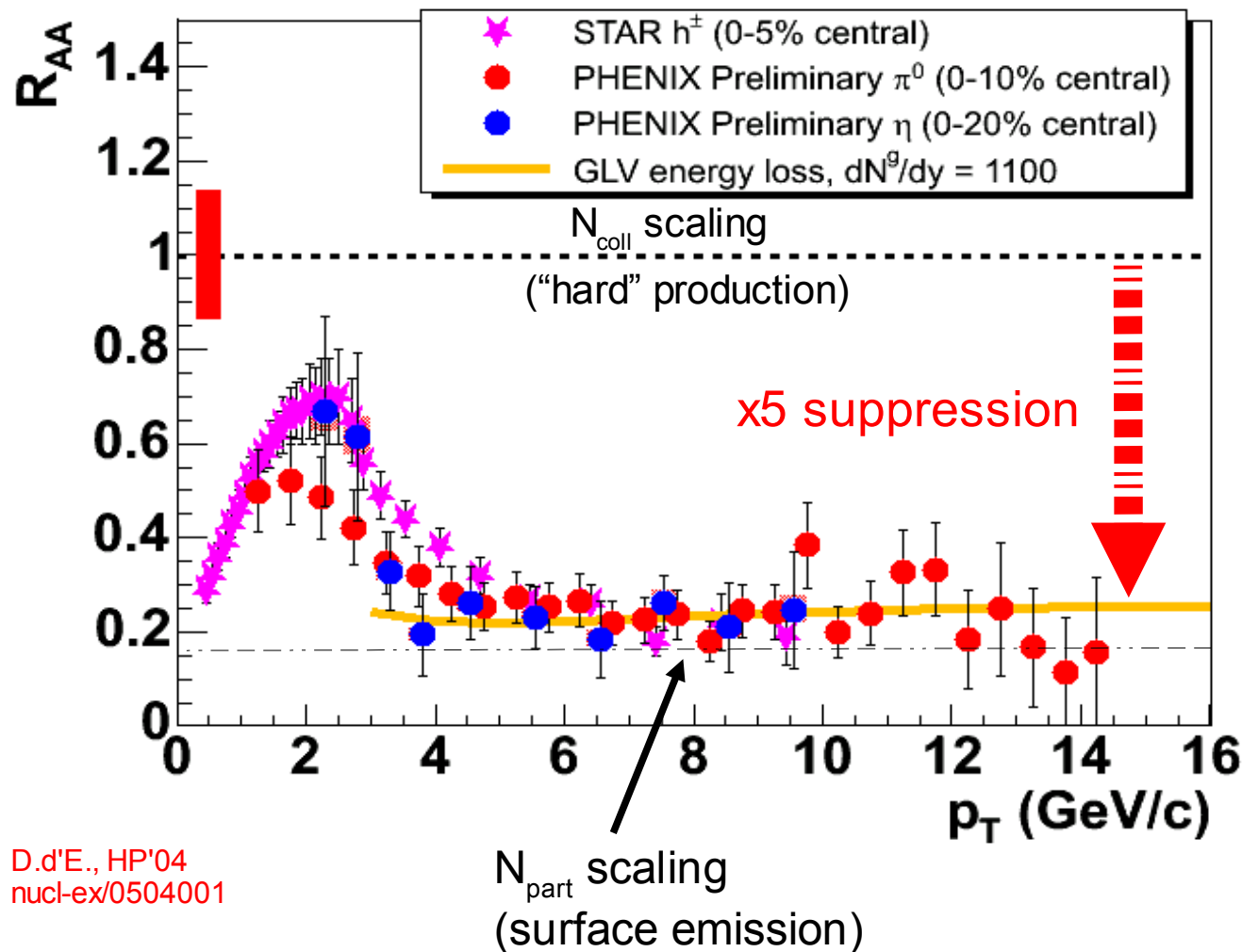
Peripheral data **agree** well with  
**p+p** (data & pQCD) plus  $N_{coll}$  scaling

Au+Au  $\rightarrow \pi^0 X$  (**central**)



Strong **suppression** in  
central Au+Au collisions !

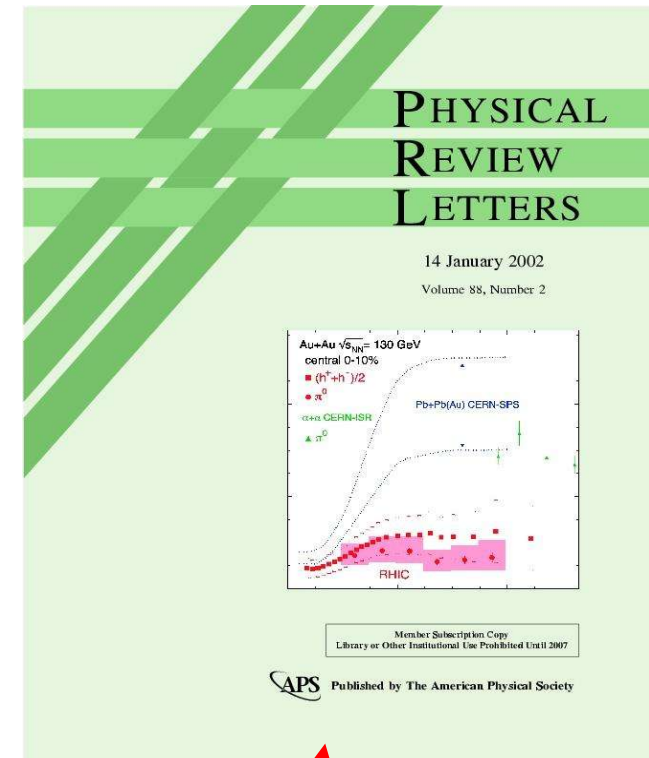
# Suppressed high $p_T$ hadroproduction in central AuAu



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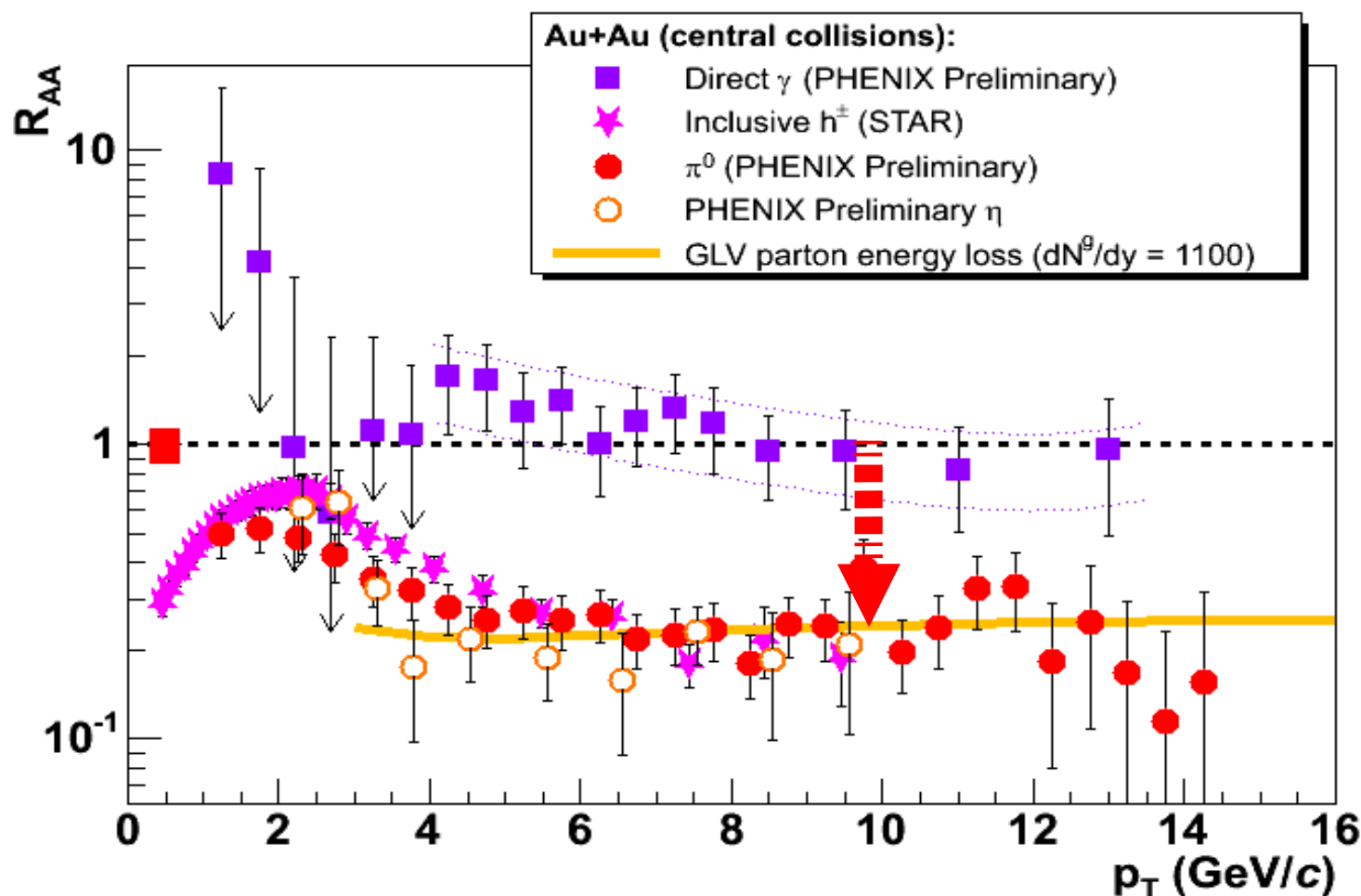
- "Universal" (pid-wise) suppression:  
 $R_{AA} \sim 0.2$  up to  $p_T \sim 14$  GeV/c for  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $h^\pm$   
 well below pQCD expectations for hard cross-sections

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Discovery of  
 high  $p_T$  suppression  
 (one of most significant  
 results @ RHIC so far)

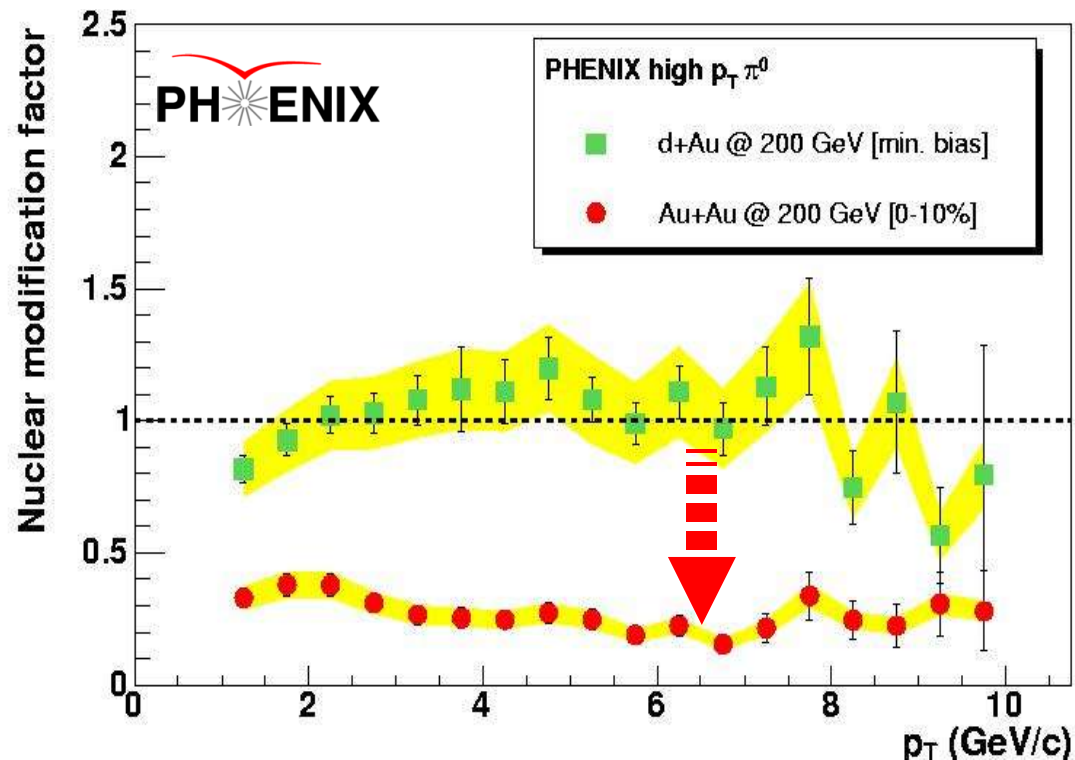
# Unquenched direct photon production in AuAu



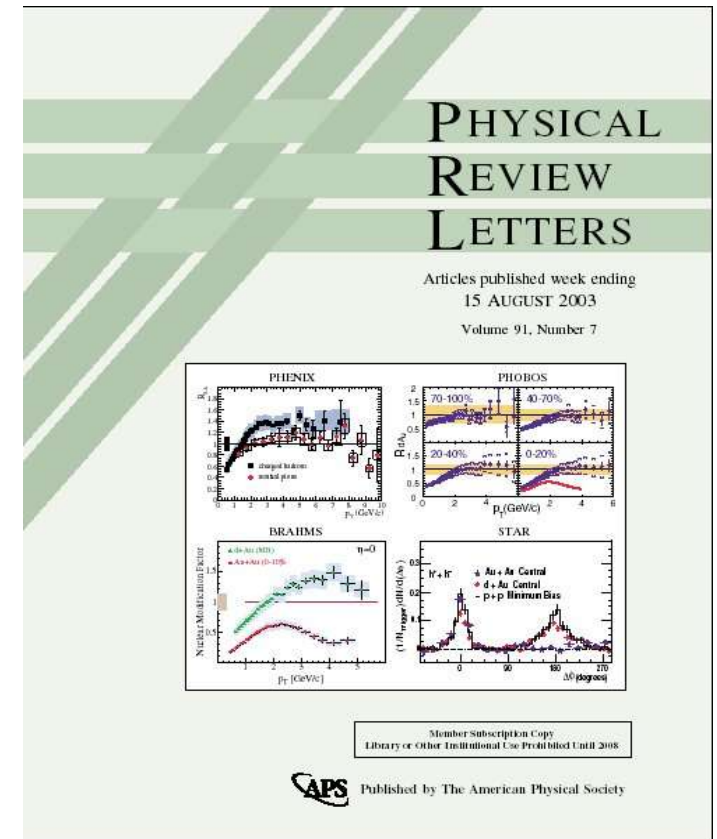
● Color-less hard probes (direct  $\gamma$ ) are **unsuppressed**.

● AuAu collision = **incoherent sum of pp** collisions (expected “ $N_{\text{coll}}$  scaling” for perturbative probes).

# Unquenched high $p_T$ hadroproduction in dAu



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- Initial-state cold nuclear matter effects (shadowing, Cronin) are small at RHIC mid-rapidity.
- High  $p_T$  suppression in central AuAu is due to final-state effects (absent in “control” dAu experiment)

# Dense medium properties

- From data vs. model (pQCD+ non-Abelian parton energy loss) comparison:

- ★ Initial gluon densities:

$$dN_g/dy \sim 1000 \quad [\text{Vitev \& Gyulassy}]$$

- ★ Opacities:

$$\langle n \rangle = L/\lambda \approx 3 - 4 \quad [\text{Levai et al.}]$$

- ★ Transport coefficients:

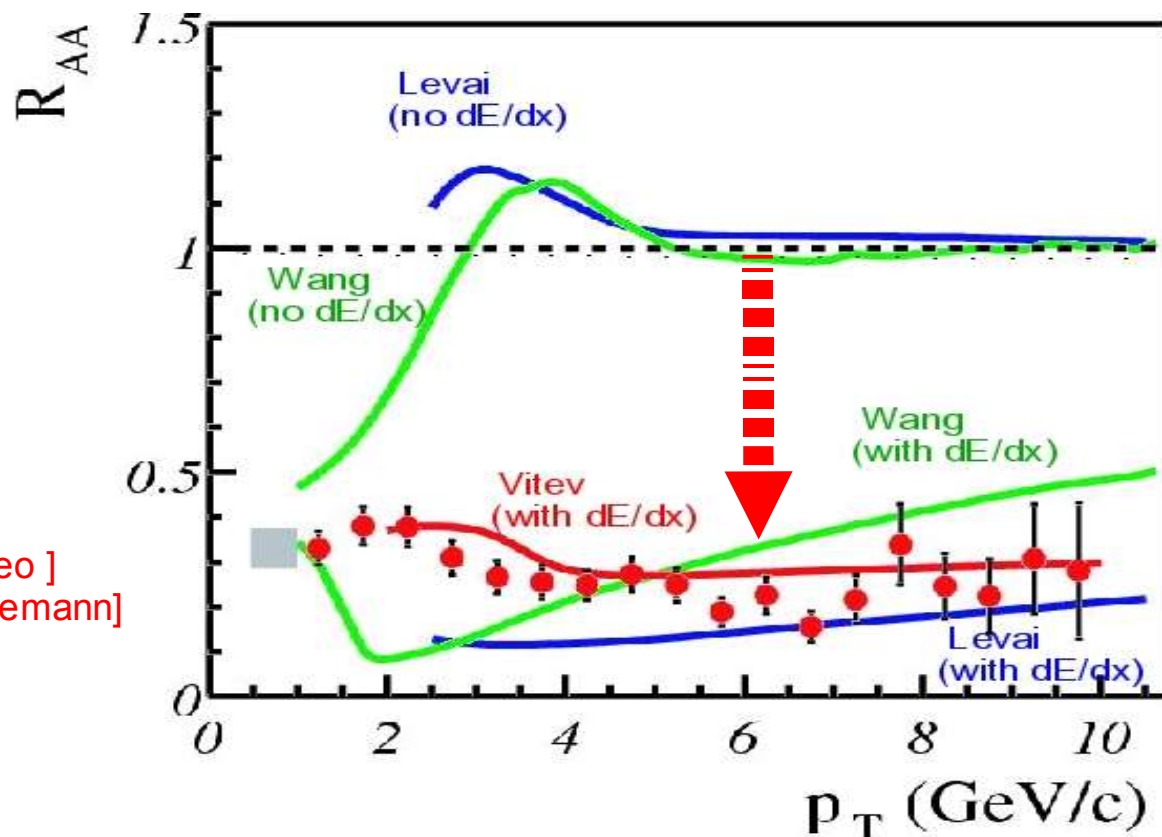
$$\langle q_0 \rangle \sim 14 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm} \quad [\text{BDMPS, F.Arleo}]$$

$$[\text{Salgado-Wiedemann}]$$

- ★ Medium-induced radiative energy losses:

$$dE/dx \approx 0.25 \text{ GeV/fm} \quad (\text{expanding})$$

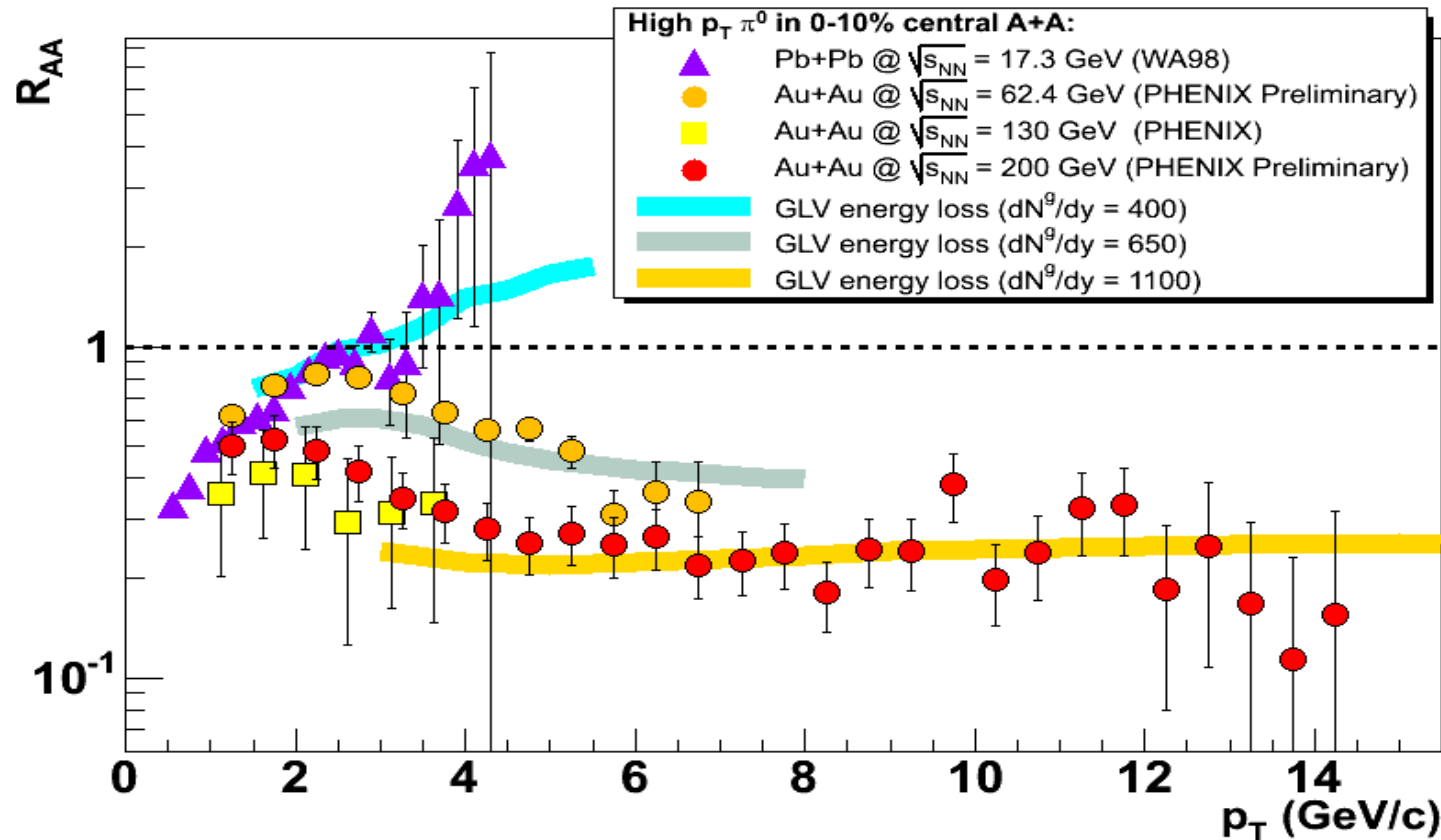
$$dE/dx|_{\text{eff}} \approx 14 \text{ GeV/fm} \quad (\text{static source}) \quad [\text{X.N.Wang}]$$



- Such large opacities imply **fast thermalization**.
- All transport & thermodynam. values imply **energy densities well above  $\epsilon_{\text{crit QCD}}$**

# High $p_T$ suppression: $p_T$ - and $\sqrt{s}$ -dependence

- $\sqrt{s}$ - and  $p_T$ - dependence in agreement with parton energy loss in increasingly dense (expanding) medium:



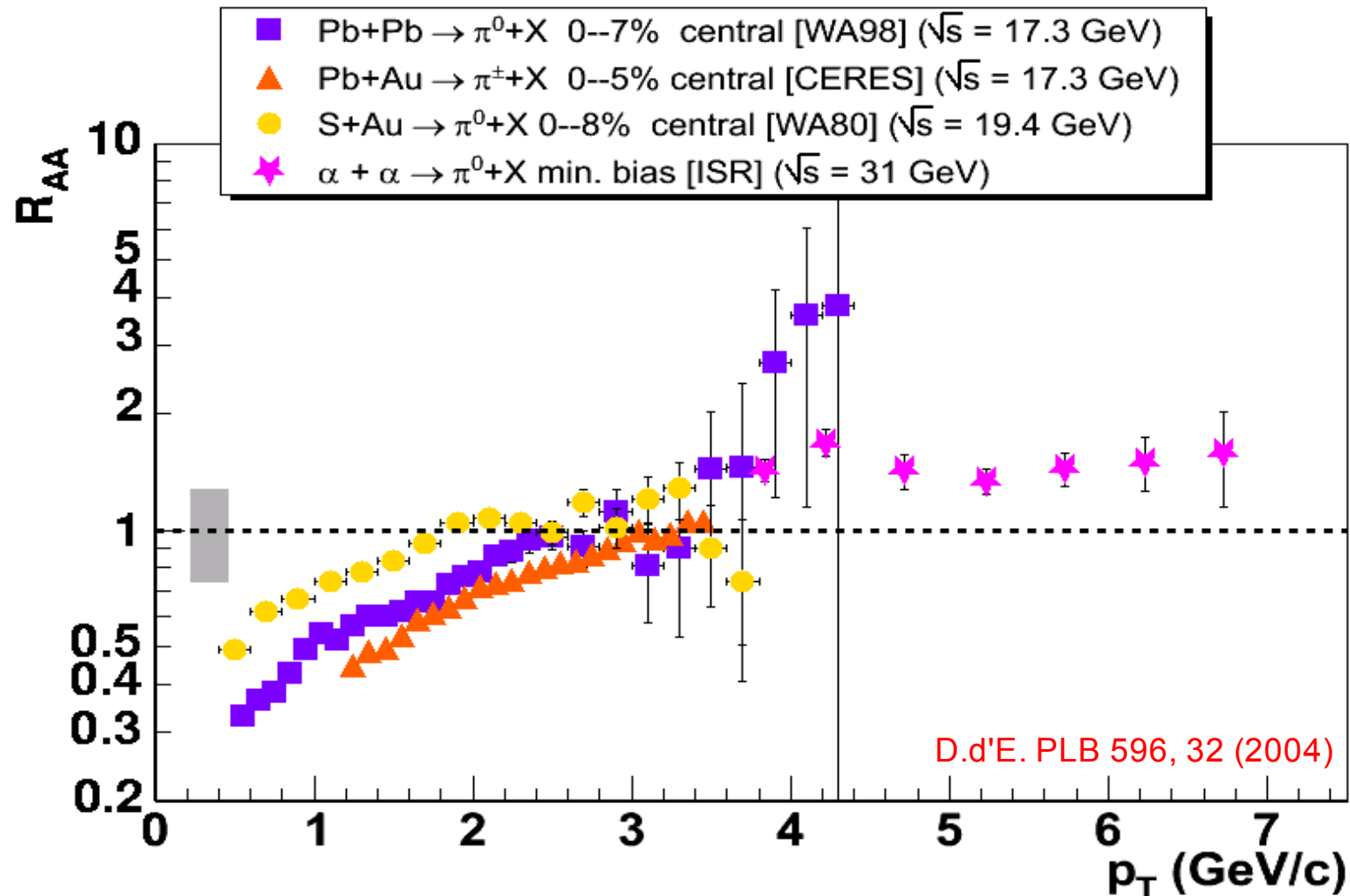
[Note:  $R_{AA}$  @ SPS uses “revised” pp ref.]

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		Initial g density:	Medium transport coeff.:
SPS	$R_{AA} \sim 1$ @ $\sqrt{s} \sim 20$ GeV	$\Rightarrow dN^g/dy \sim 400$	, $\langle q_0 \rangle \sim 3.5$ GeV/fm <sup>2</sup>
RHIC	$R_{AA} \sim 0.3$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 62$ GeV	$\Rightarrow dN^g/dy \sim 650$	, $\langle q_0 \rangle \sim 7$ GeV/fm <sup>2</sup>
RHIC	$R_{AA} \sim 0.2$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV	$\Rightarrow dN^g/dy \sim 1100$	, $\langle q_0 \rangle \sim 14$ GeV/fm <sup>2</sup>

# High $p_T$ $\pi^0$ suppression in A+A @ 17.3 GeV ?

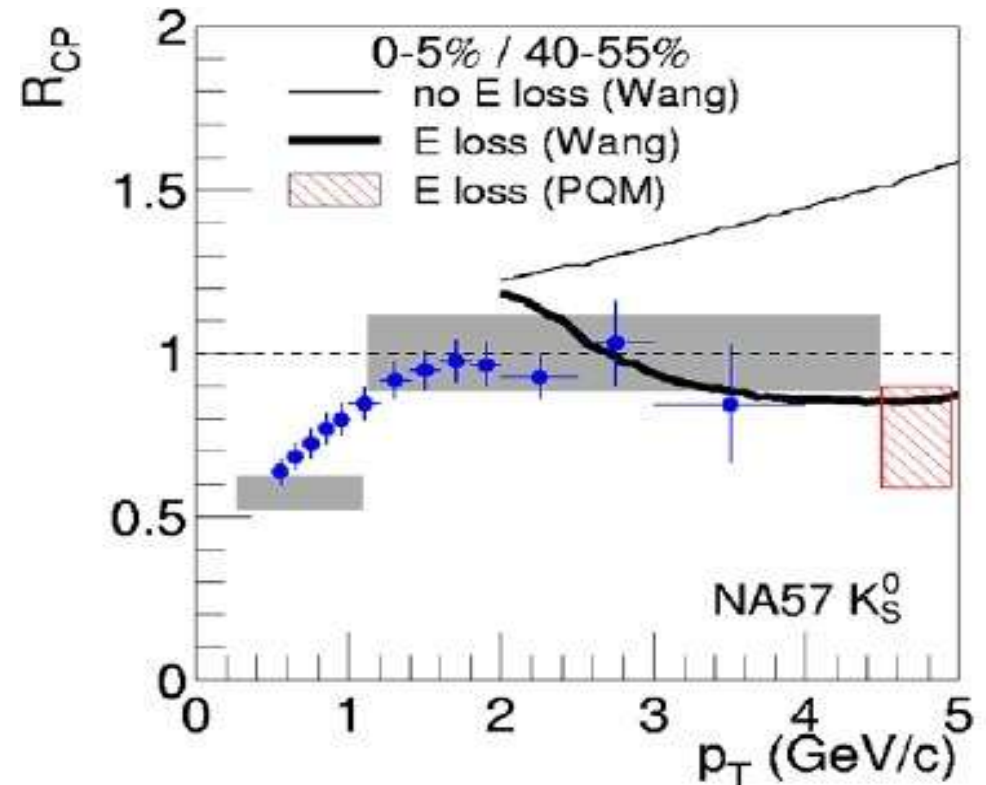
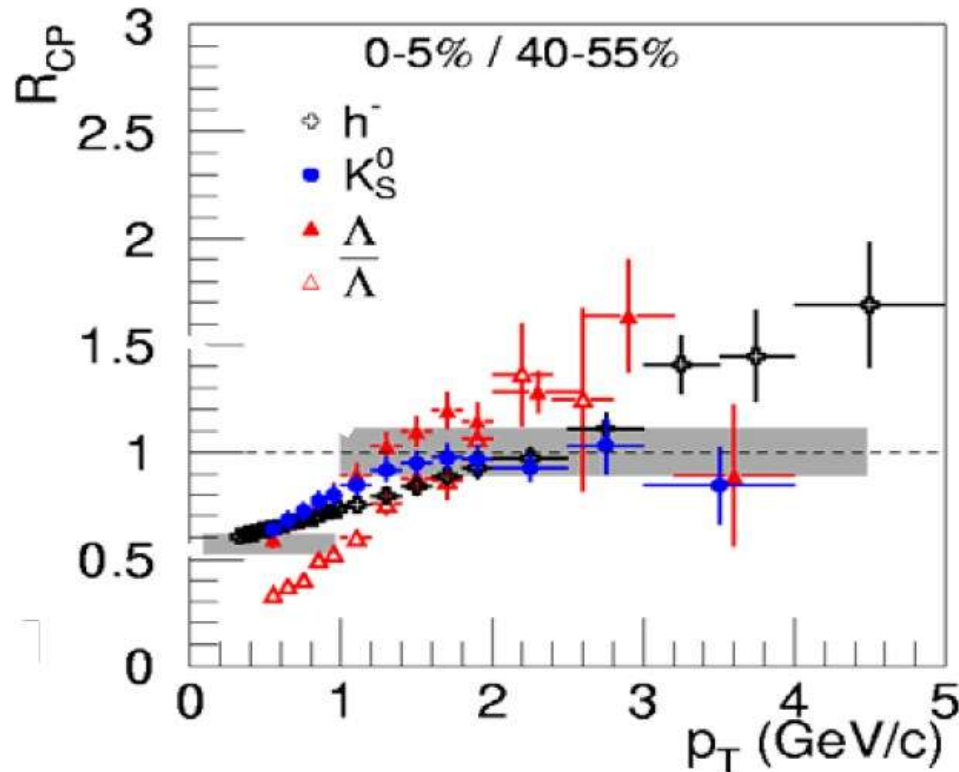
- High  $p_T$   $\pi^0$  production in (0-10%) central A+A at SPS (and  $\alpha+\alpha$  @ ISR) energies slightly suppressed or consistent w/ “ $N_{\text{coll}}$ -scaling” :





# High $p_T$ $K_S^0$ suppression in A+A @ 17.3 GeV ?

- NA57: High  $p_T$   $K_S^0$  production in (0-10%) central A+A at SPS slightly suppressed:

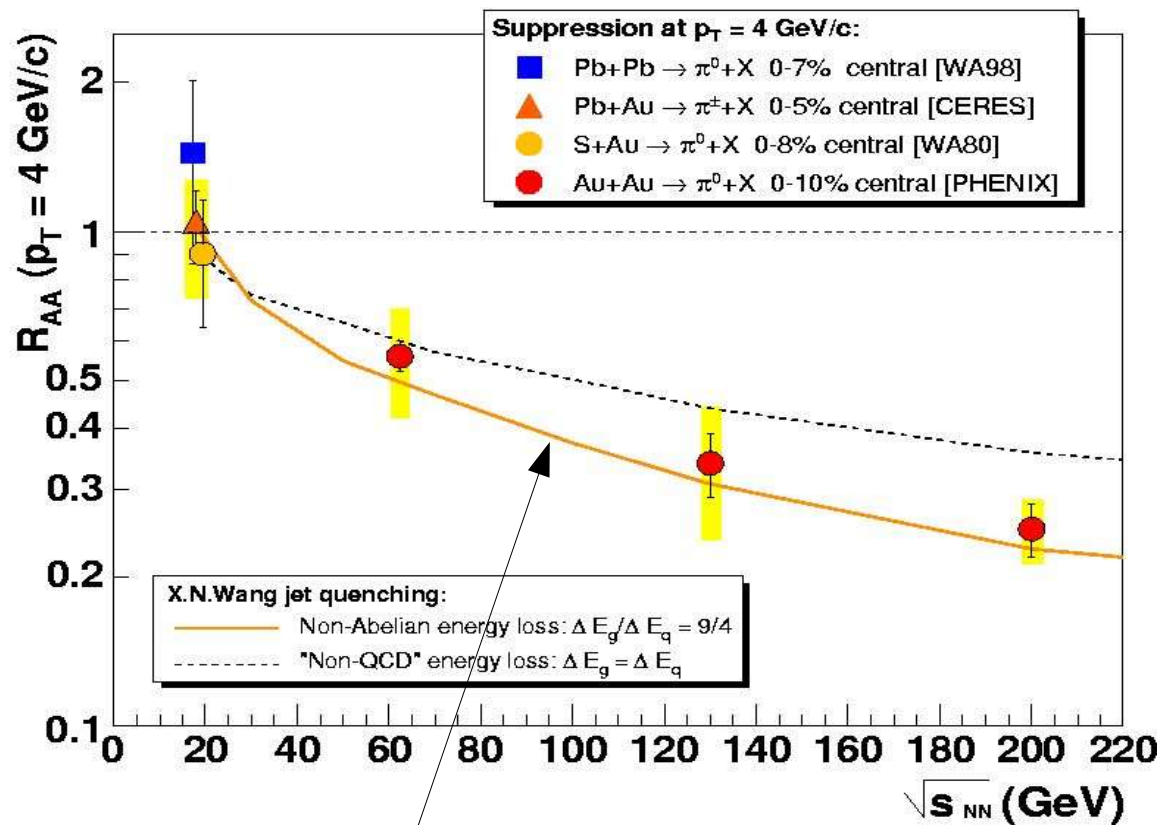


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# High $p_T$ suppression: Excitation function

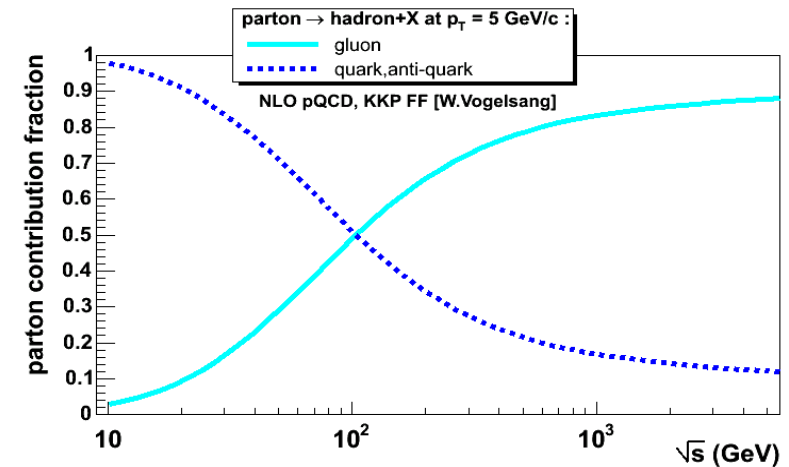
- $\sqrt{s}$ -dependence (and **non-Abelian nature of energy loss**) in agreement w/ parton energy loss calculations:
  - rising** initial parton **density** with  $\sqrt{s}$
  - increasing relative fraction** of hard-scattered **gluons** (for fixed  $p_T$ ) w/  $\sqrt{s}$



QCD radiation probability:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Gluon: } C_A = N_c = 3 \\ \text{Quark: } C_F = (N_c^2 - 1)/N_c = 4/3 \end{array} \right\} C_A / C_F = 2.25$$

Relative fraction of q,g at  $p_T = 5$  GeV/c:

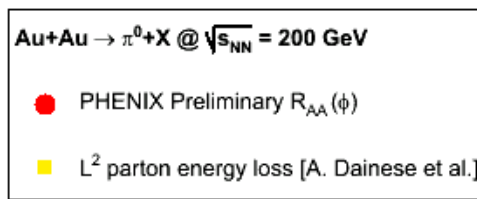
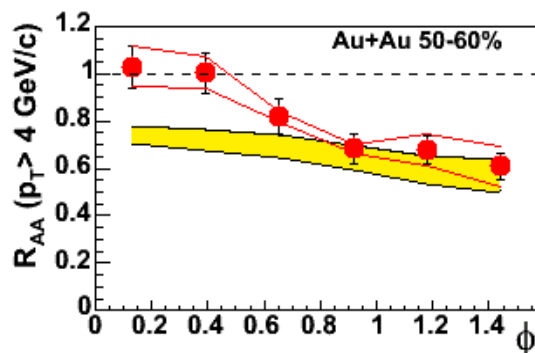
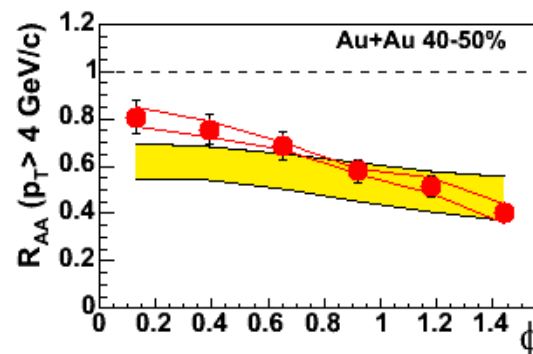
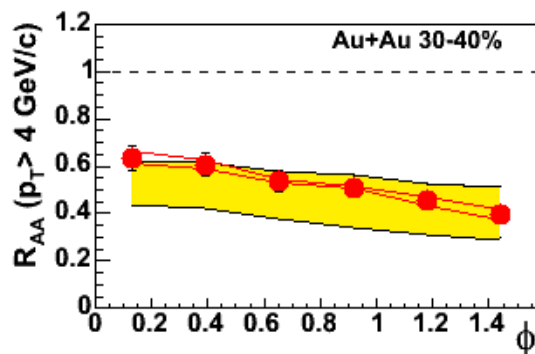
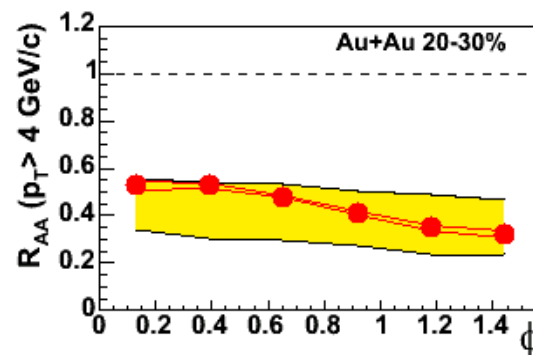
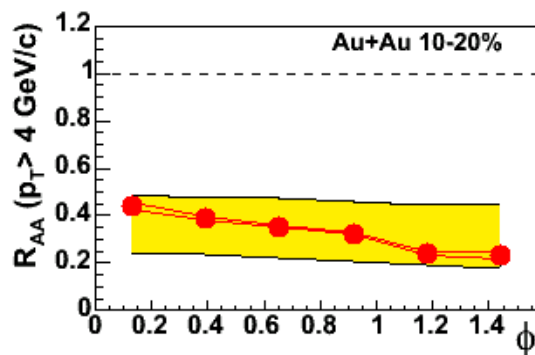


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"Jet quenching" model + 2-D longitudinal plasma expansion

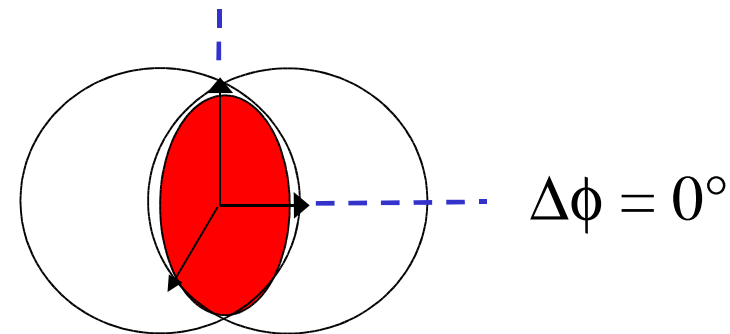
# High $p_T$ suppression: Reaction-plane dependence

## ● $R_{AA}(\phi)$ versus parton energy loss model:



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$$\Delta\phi = 90^\circ$$



- 2 times more suppression out-of-plane (“long” direction) than in-plane (“short” direction).
- Glauber parton energy loss model predicts only ~50% increased “out-of-plane” vs “in-plane”  $\pi^0$  emission
- Azimuthal anisotropy not reproduced by “canonical”  $L^2$  (or  $L$ ) path-length dependence.

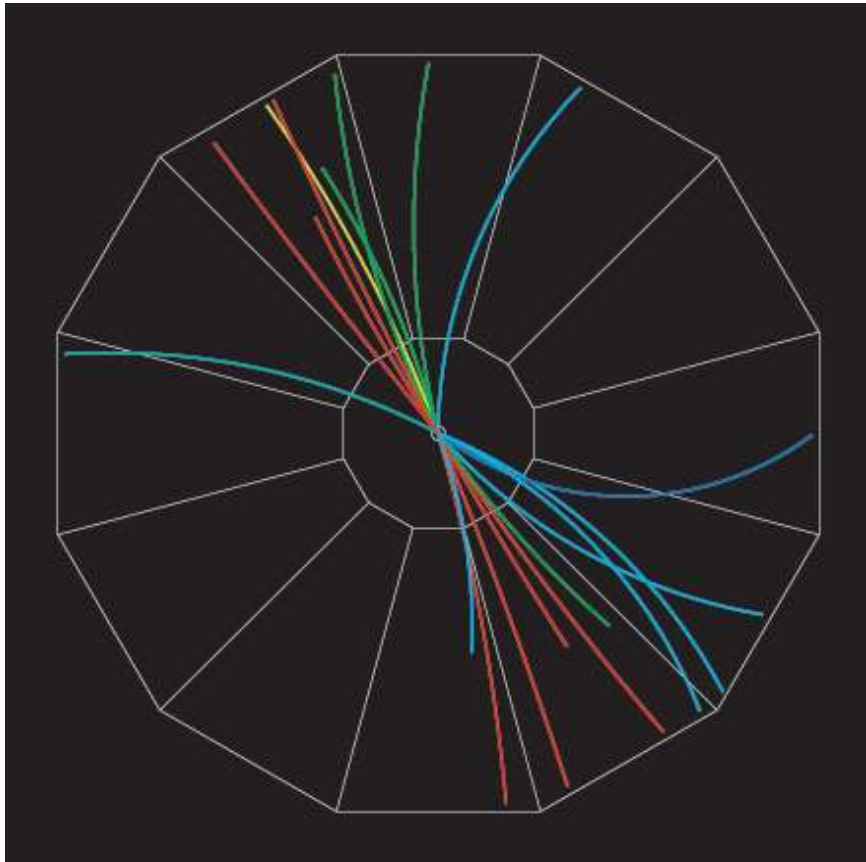
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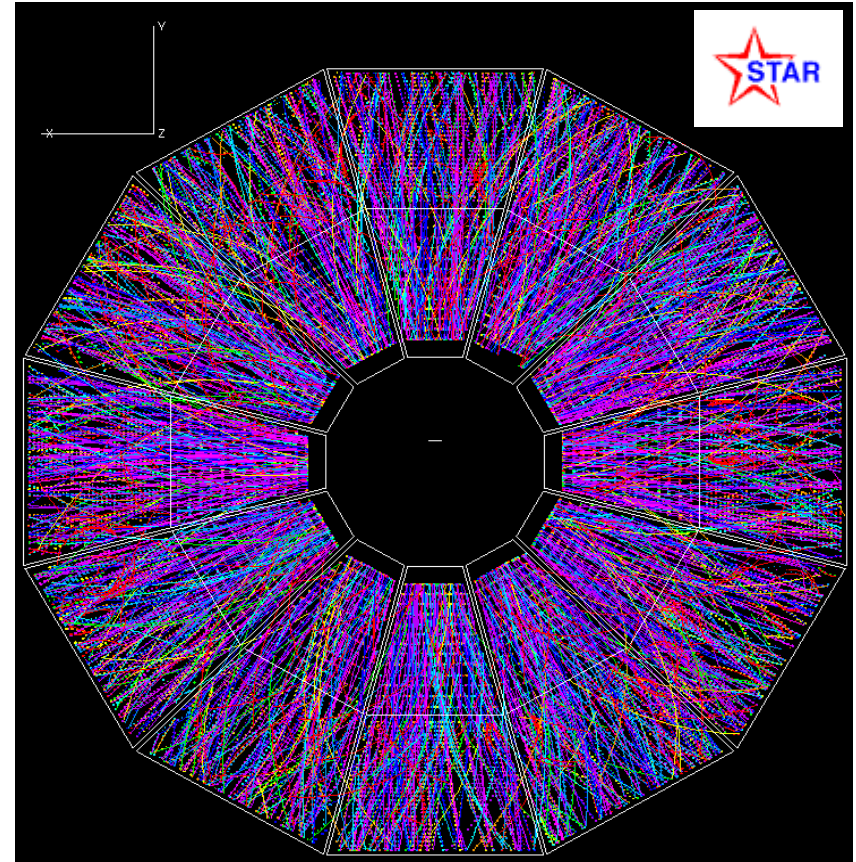
## **(2) High $p_T$ di-hadron $\phi, \eta$ correlations in high-energy pp, dAu and AuAu collisions**

# Jets in AA collisions at RHIC

- Full jet reconstruction w/ standard algorithms is impractical at RHIC due to **huge soft background** (large “underlying event”):



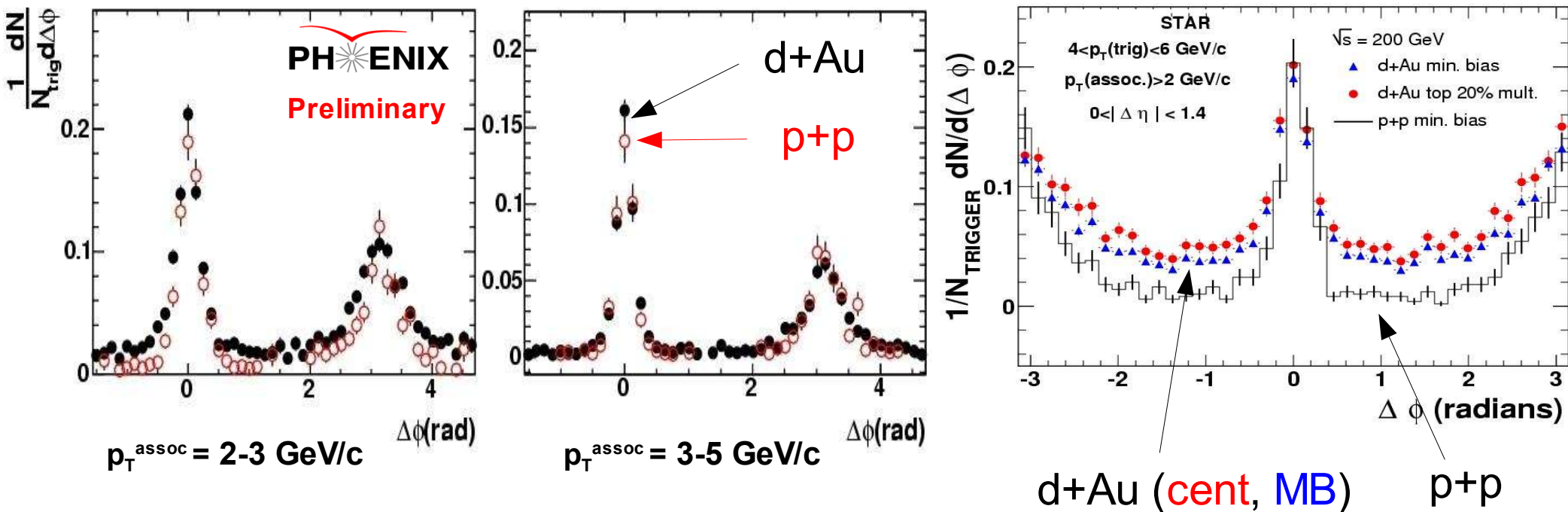
$p+p \rightarrow \text{jet}+\text{jet}$  [ $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV]  
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$\text{Au}+\text{Au} \rightarrow X$  [ $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$  GeV]  
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# Jets via high $p_T$ di-hadron $\phi$ correlations: pp, dAu

- Two-particle correlations:  $h^\pm - h^\pm$ ,  $\pi^{0,\pm} - h^\pm$ . **Trigger**: highest  $p_T$  (leading) hadron.
- Associated**  $\Delta\phi$  distribution (e.g. "assorted":  $2 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < p_T^{\text{trigger}}$ )
- Normalized** to number of triggers: 
$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{N_{\text{cor}}(\Delta\phi)}{N_{\text{mix}}(\Delta\phi)}$$



- Clear **near-** ( $\Delta\phi \sim 0$ ) and **away-** ( $\Delta\phi \sim \pi$ ) **side jet** signals

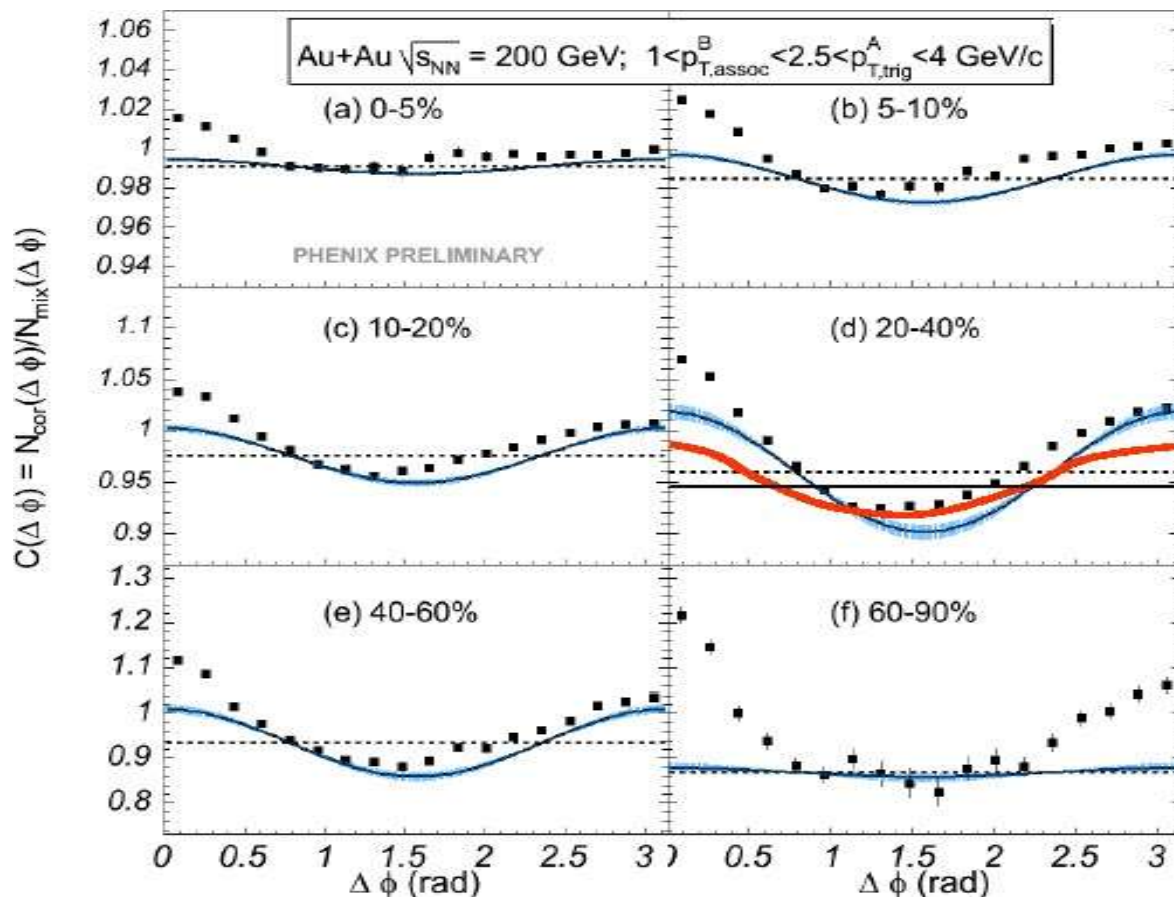


# Jets via high $p_T$ di-hadron $\phi$ correlations: AuAu

- Same  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\phi$  analysis as in pp (dAu) but 2 extra “complications”:

- (1) Increased “underlying event” background
- (2) Collective elliptic flow (harmonic) contribution

$$\overbrace{C(\Delta\phi)}^{\text{Correlation Function}} = a_0 \left[ \overbrace{H(\Delta\phi)}^{\text{Harmonic}} + \overbrace{J(\Delta\phi)}^{\text{Jet Function}} \right]$$



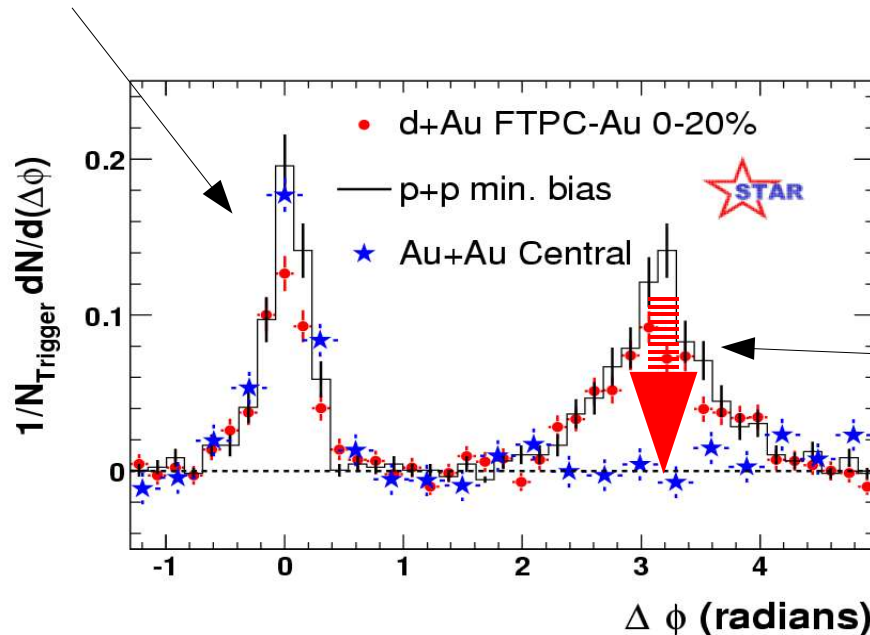
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- Delicate subtraction procedure (esp. in finite acceptances).

# Di-hadron AuAu: $\Delta\phi$ correlations (I)

- **Near-side:** Jet-like Gaussian. Unmodified (AuAu  $\sim$  dAu  $\sim$  pp)

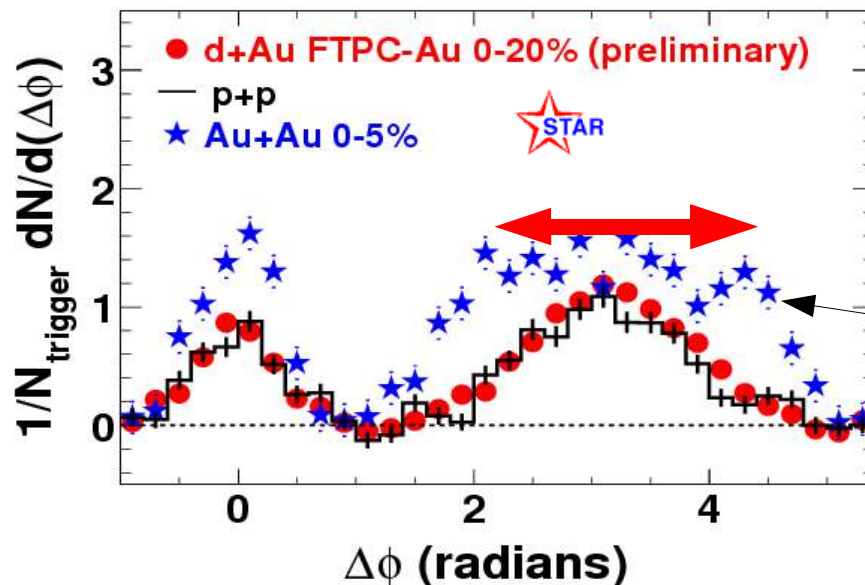


$$p_{T \text{ trigg}} = 4 - 6 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$p_{T \text{ assoc}} > 2 \text{ GeV/c}$$

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- **Away-side:**  
peak disappearance.  
“monojet”-like topologies  
in central AuAu.



$$p_{T \text{ trigg}} = 4 - 6 \text{ GeV/c}$$

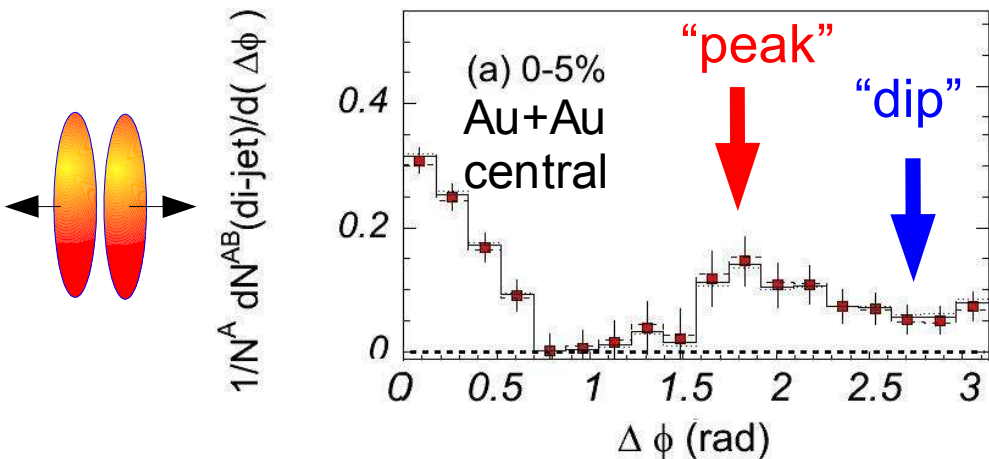
$$p_{T \text{ assoc}} = 0.15 - 4 \text{ GeV/c}$$

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- **Away-side:**  
Broadened distribution of  
associated low  $p_T$  hadrons.

# Di-hadron AuAu: $\Delta\phi$ correlations (II)

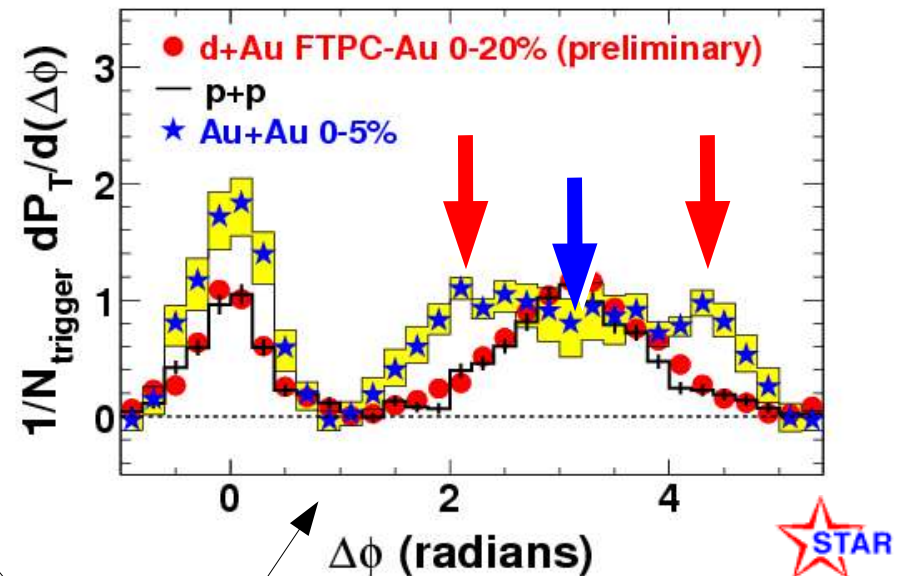
- Strongly modified away-side  $\Delta\phi$  correlations in central AuAu:



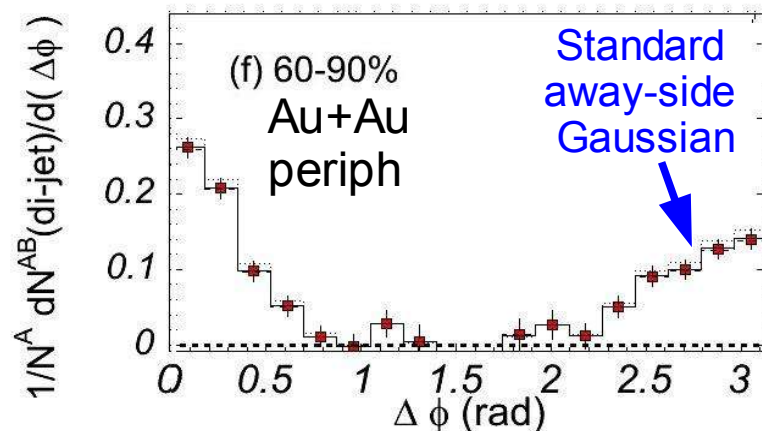
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Au+Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV

$1 < p_{T, \text{assoc}}^B < 2.5 < p_{T, \text{trig}}^A < 4$  GeV/c



- Away-side ( $\pi$ ) “dip” and excess of energy (“double peak”) at  $\pi \pm 1$



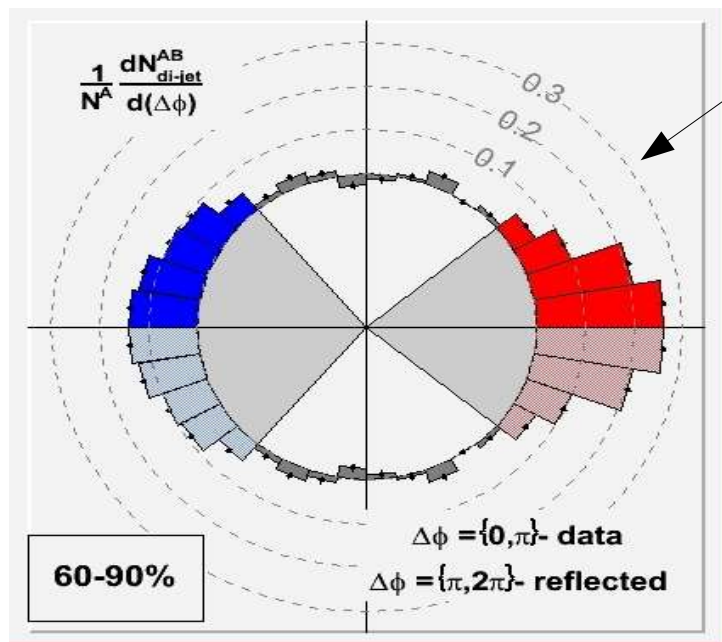
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# Di-hadron AuAu: $\Delta\phi$ correlations (III)

- Same  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\Delta\phi$  result in polar coords. now:

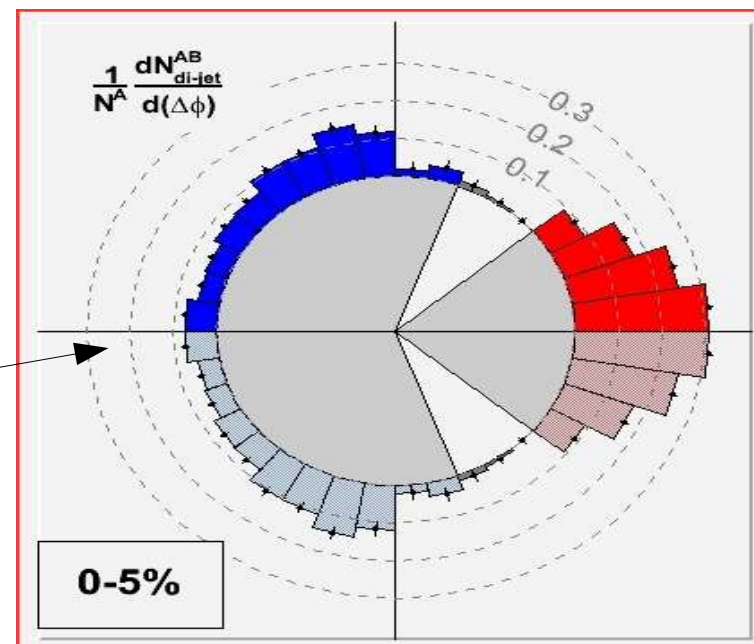
Au+Au peripheral



- Standard back-to-back di-jet topology.

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Au+Au central



- Strongly non-Gaussian away-side "peak".

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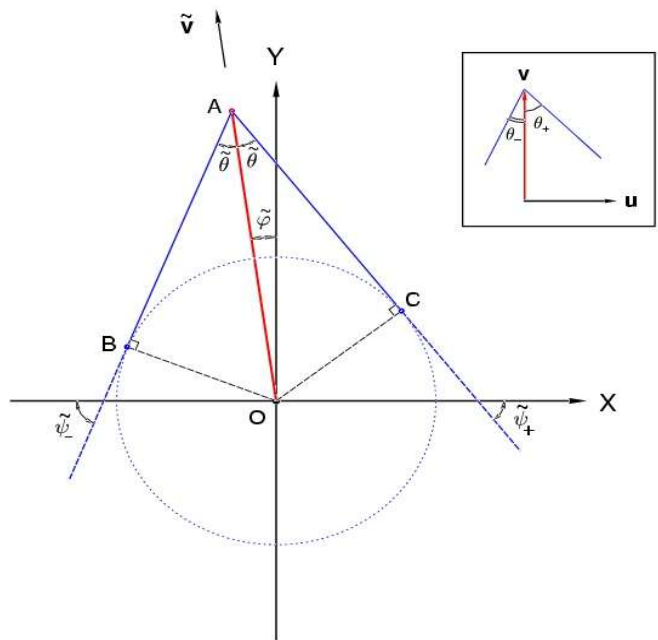
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# “Double peak” = Mach wave cone ?

- Double peak structure at  $\pi \pm 1$  rad reminiscent of ...

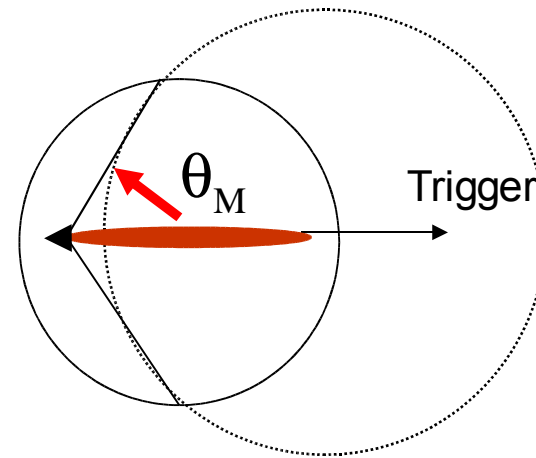
Mach wave conical shock (“sonic boom”)  $\Rightarrow$  speed of sound accessible

Stoecker, Satarov, Mishutin, hep-ph/0505245.  
Casalderrey, Shuryak, Teaney, hep-ph/0411315.



Mach cone:

$$\cos \theta_M = c_s$$



$c_s^2 \neq \text{constant}$ :

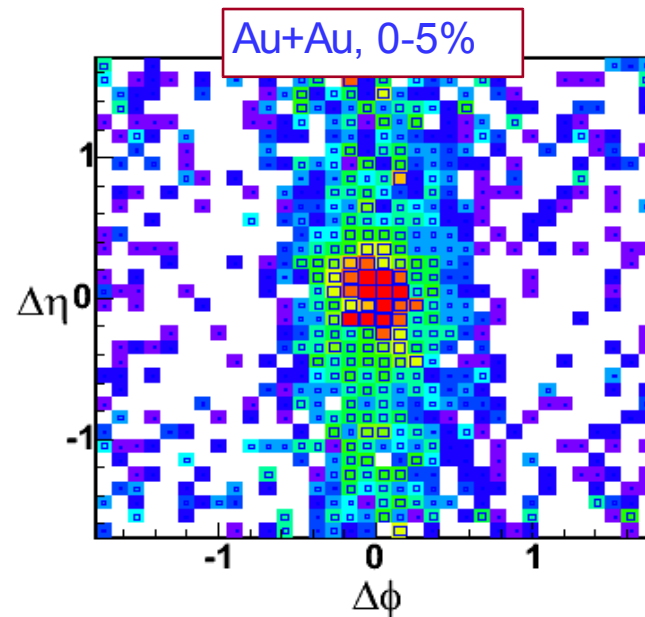
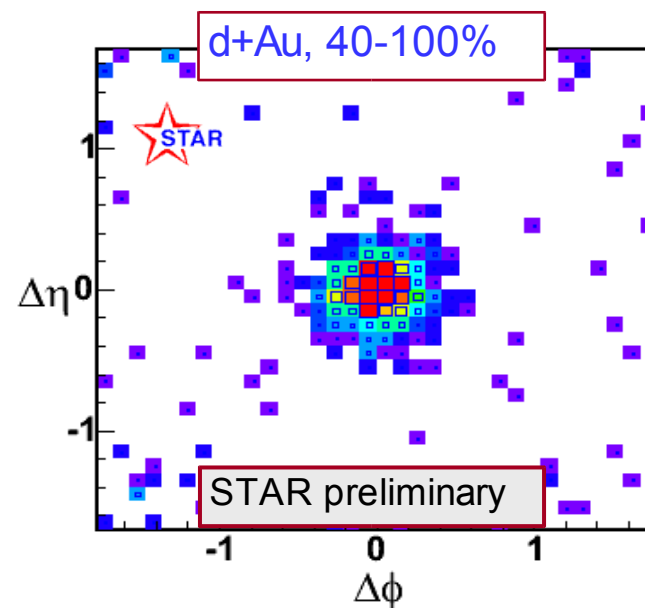
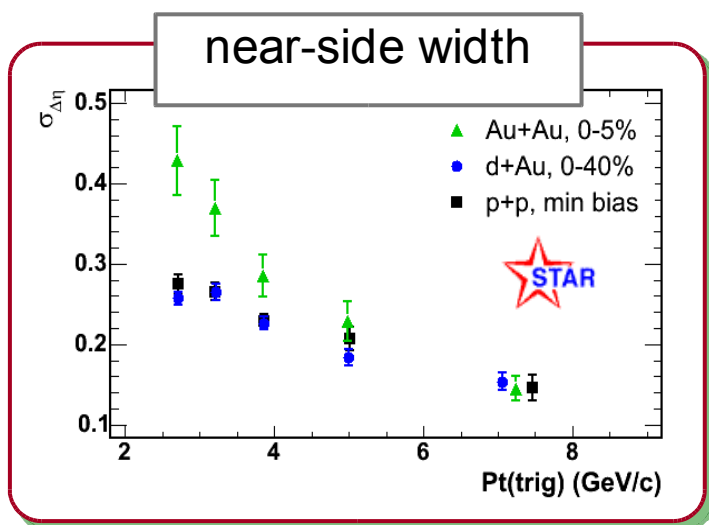
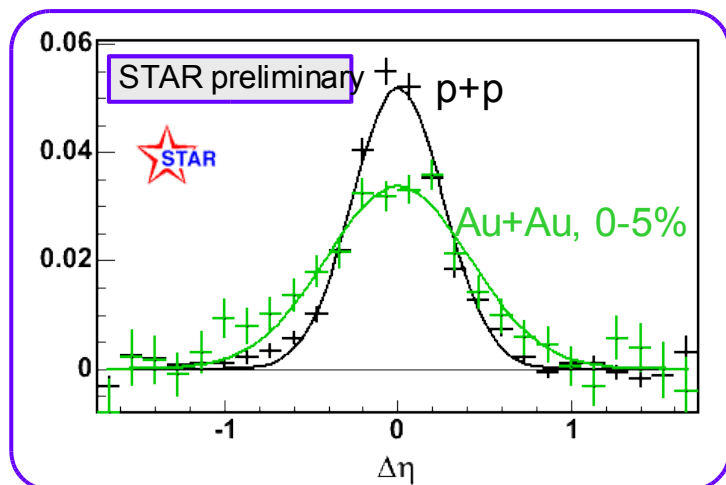
QGP ( $1/\sqrt{3}$ )  $\rightarrow$  phase transition (0.)  $\rightarrow$  HRG ( $\sqrt{0.2}$ ) :

$$c_s^{av} = \frac{1}{\tau_f} \int d\tau c_s(\tau) = 0.33$$

$$\theta = \arccos(c_s^{av}) = 1.2 \text{ rad} = 71^\circ \quad (\theta_{\text{exp}} \sim 1. \text{ rad} \sim 57^\circ)$$

# Di-hadron AuAu: $\Delta\eta$ correlations

- Significant broadening of pseudo-rapidity correlations in AuAu compared to pp, dAu. (“stretching” of jet cone along  $\eta$ ).

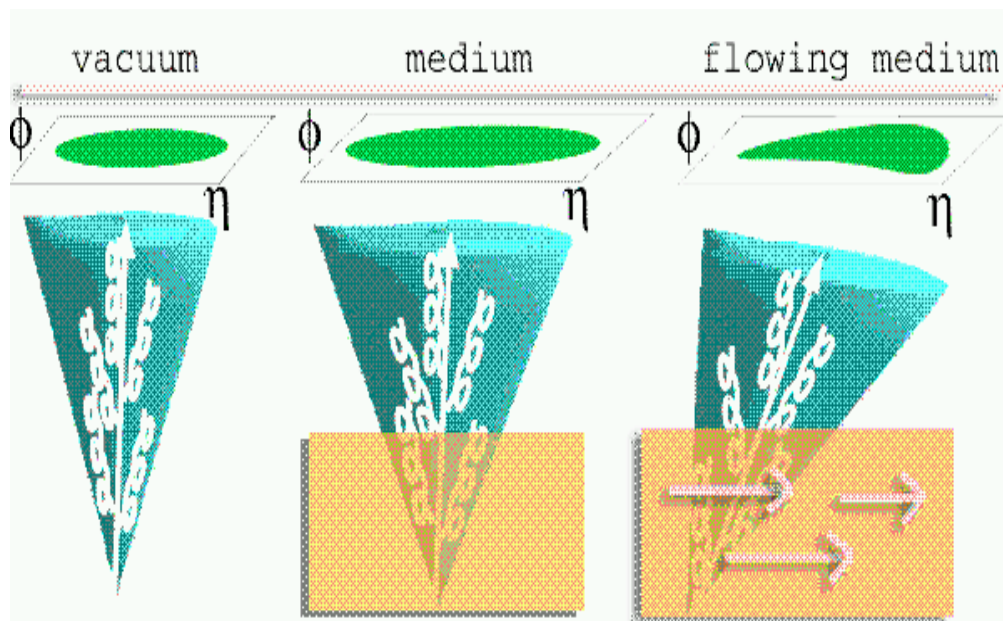


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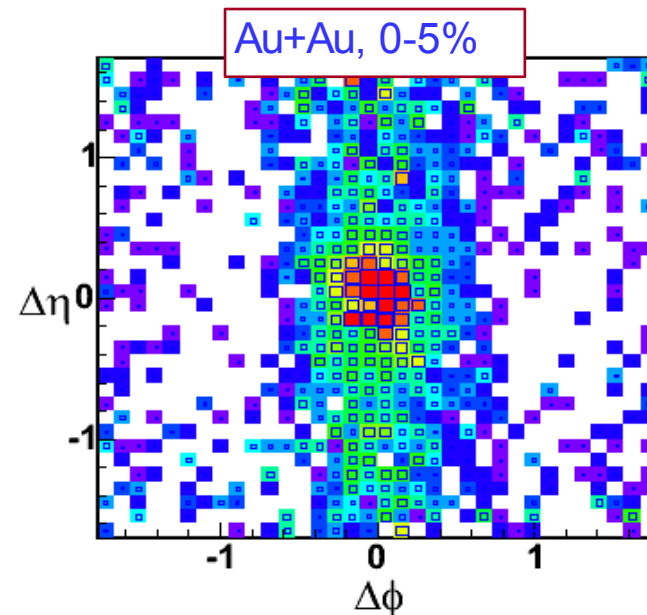
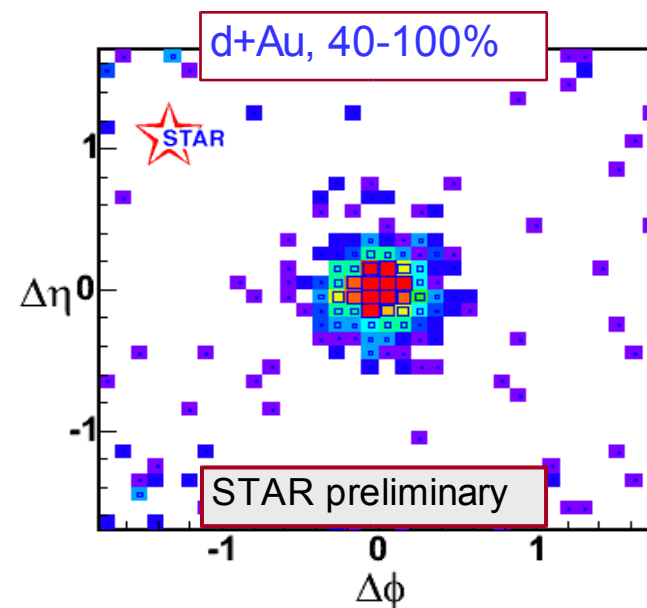
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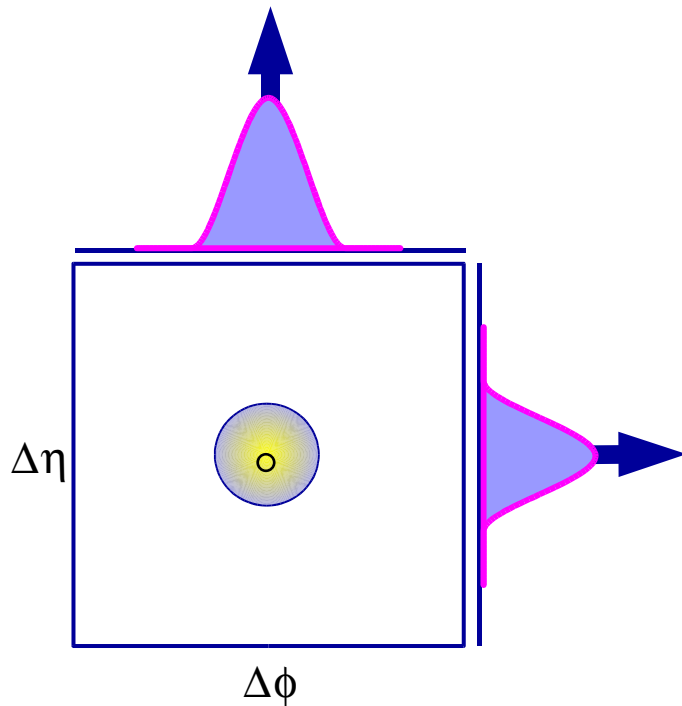


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# “Cartoon” Summary: Jet-quenching at RHIC

“QCD vacuum” & “cold QCD medium”

• Jet profile in **pp** (**dAu**) collisions:

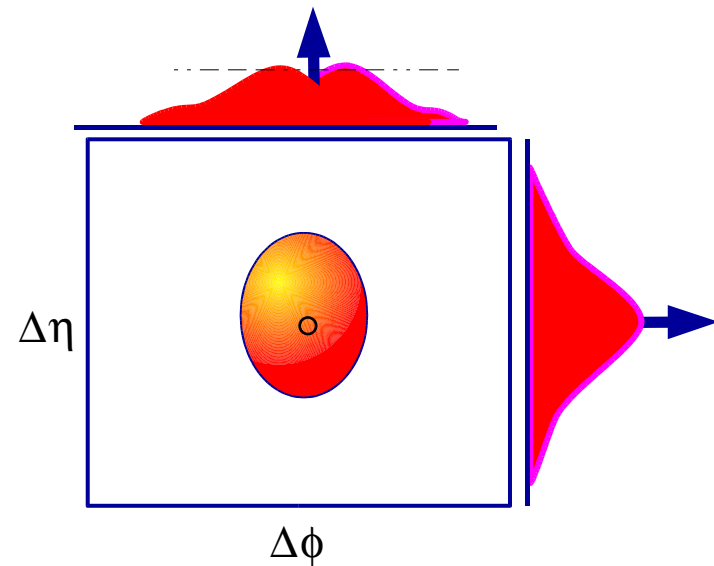


Near-side width:  $\langle j_T \rangle \sim 600$  MeV/c  
**unmodified in pp, dAu**

Away-side width and acoplanarity  
unmodified in pp and dAu

“hot & dense QCD Medium”

• Jet profile in **AuAu** central collisions:



**Factor ~5 suppression of leading hadron**  
(very large initial parton densities:  $dN^g/dy \sim 1000$ )

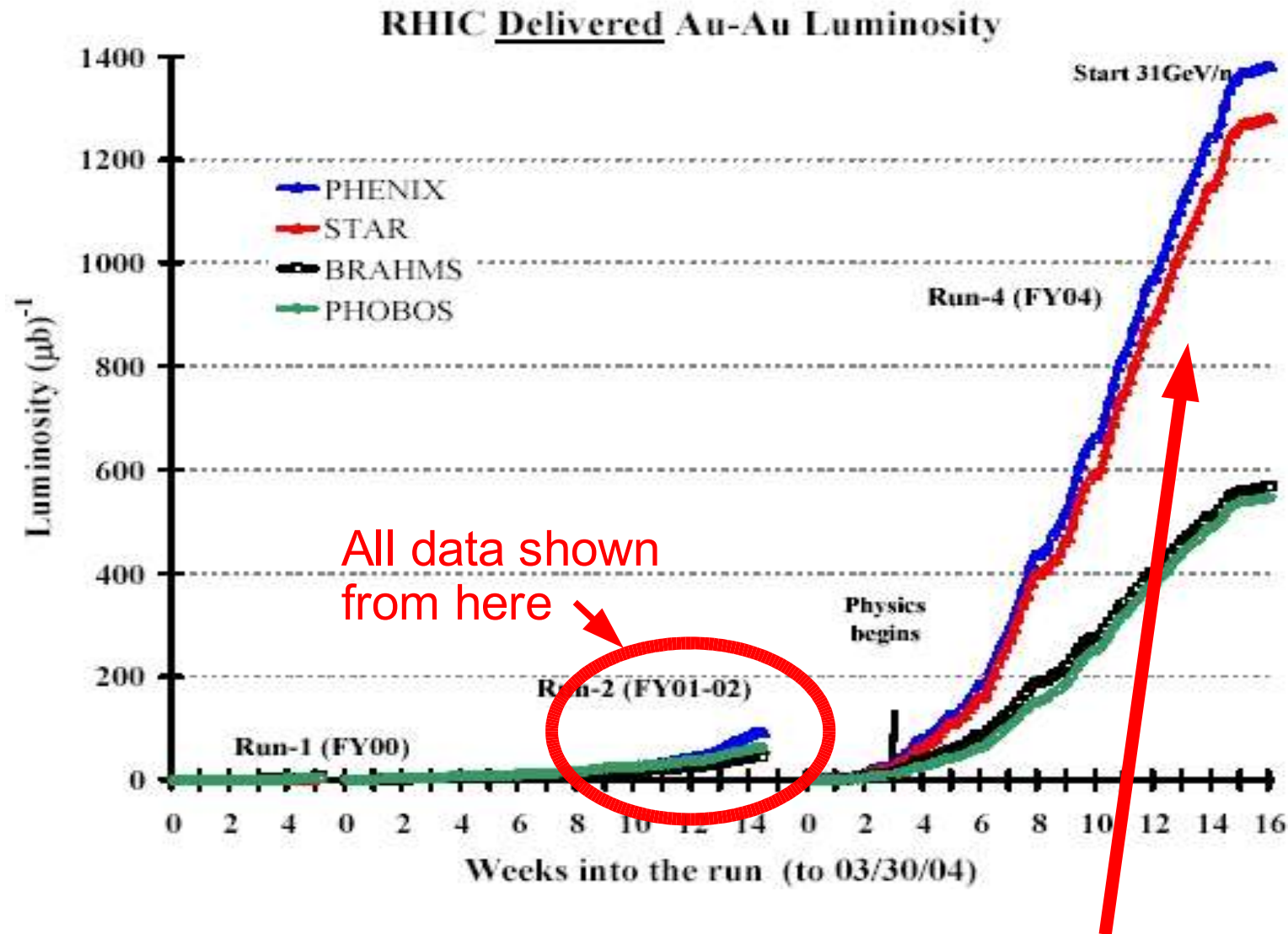
**Disappearance of back-to-back peak (“monojets”)**

**“Double peak” structure** at lower  $p_T$  in away-side  
(“sonic boom” in medium ?)

**Dijet broadening in  $\eta$**   
(coupling of g radiation w/ expanding medium ?)

**Strong QCD medium effects at work !**

# Outlook



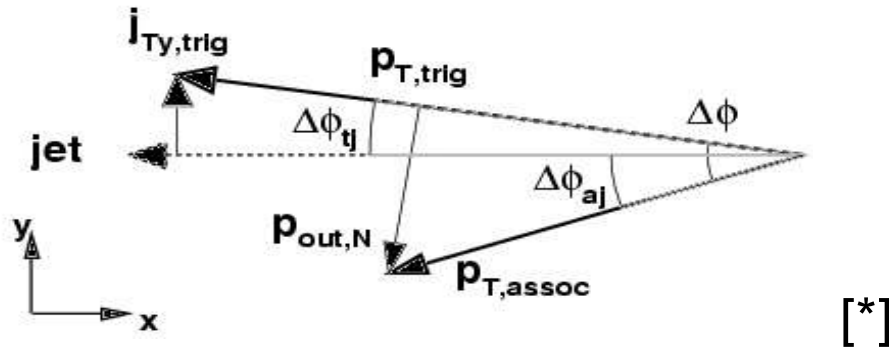
- 15 times more data available (ongoing DST production) !
- .. and exciting jet-physics expected ahead at LHC:  $\gamma$ -, Z-, jet-jet corr., ...

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# Jet properties from dihadron correlations

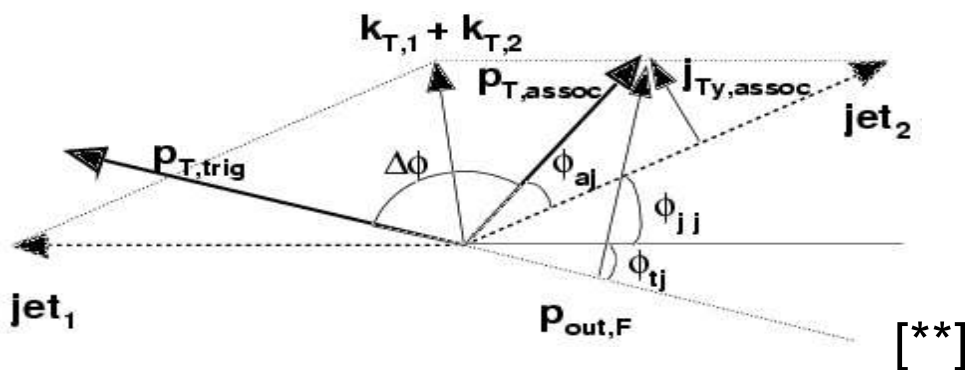
## ● Jet “width” $j_T$ :



$$(j_{T_y})_{RMS} \simeq \frac{\sigma_N \langle p_{T,asso} \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + \langle x_h^2 \rangle}} \simeq \sigma_N \frac{\langle p_{T,trig} \rangle \langle p_{T,asso} \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle p_{T,trig} \rangle^2 + \langle p_{T,asso} \rangle^2}}$$

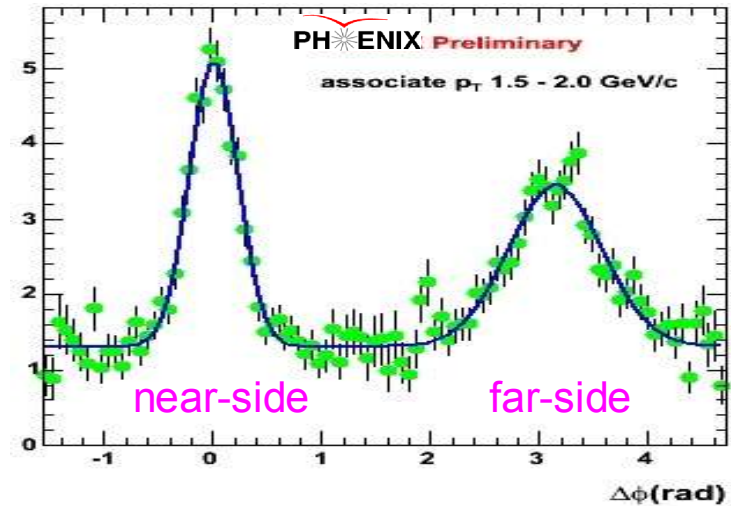
where  $x_h = p_{T,asso}/p_{T,trig}$

## ● Di-jet acoplanarity $k_T$ :



$$(k_{T_y,ztrig})_{RMS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \langle x_h^2 \rangle}} \sqrt{\langle p_{T,assoc} \rangle^2 \sin^2 \sigma_F - (1 + \langle x_h^2 \rangle) (j_{T_y})_{RMS}^2}$$

## (1) 2-hadron correlation function:



## (2) Fit to 2-gaussians:

$$\frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = B + \frac{Yield_N}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_N} e^{-\frac{\Delta\phi^2}{2\sigma_N^2}} + \frac{Yield_F}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_F} e^{-\frac{(\Delta\phi-\pi)^2}{2\sigma_F^2}}$$

⇒ near-side  $\sigma_N$ , far-side  $\sigma_F$  widths

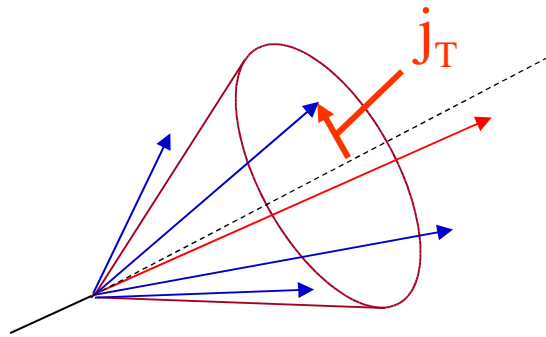
## (3) Extraction of $j_T$ , $k_T$ from $\sigma_N$ , $\sigma_F$ via [\*], [\*\*] (and $dN/dx_E$ from $Yield_{N,F}$ )

[details in J.Jia, nucl-ex/0409024]

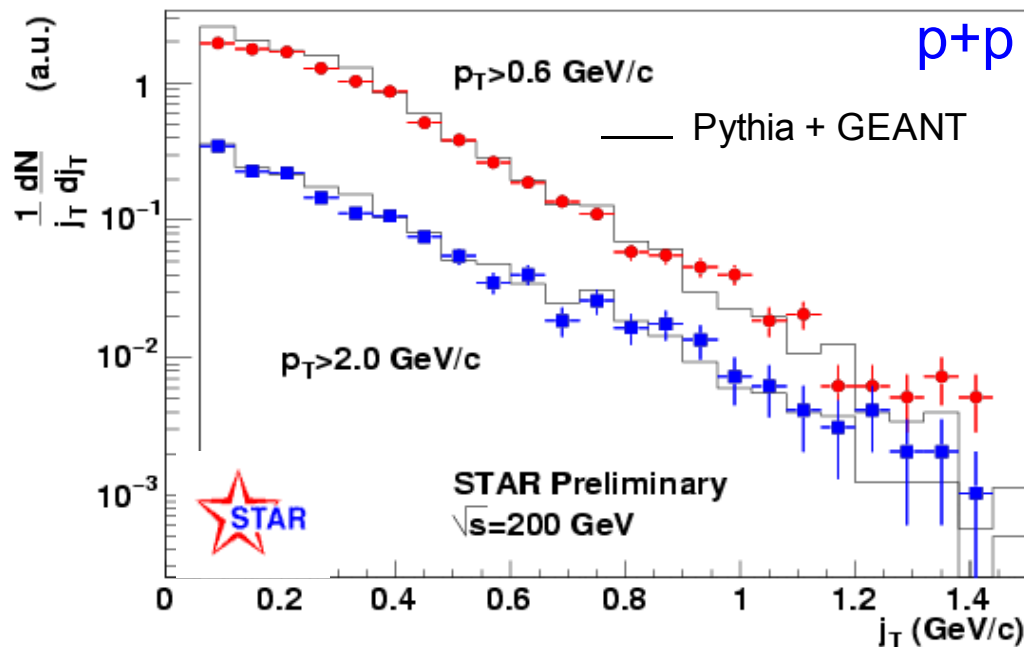


# Mean transverse momentum of jet hadrons ( $j_T$ ): pp, dAu

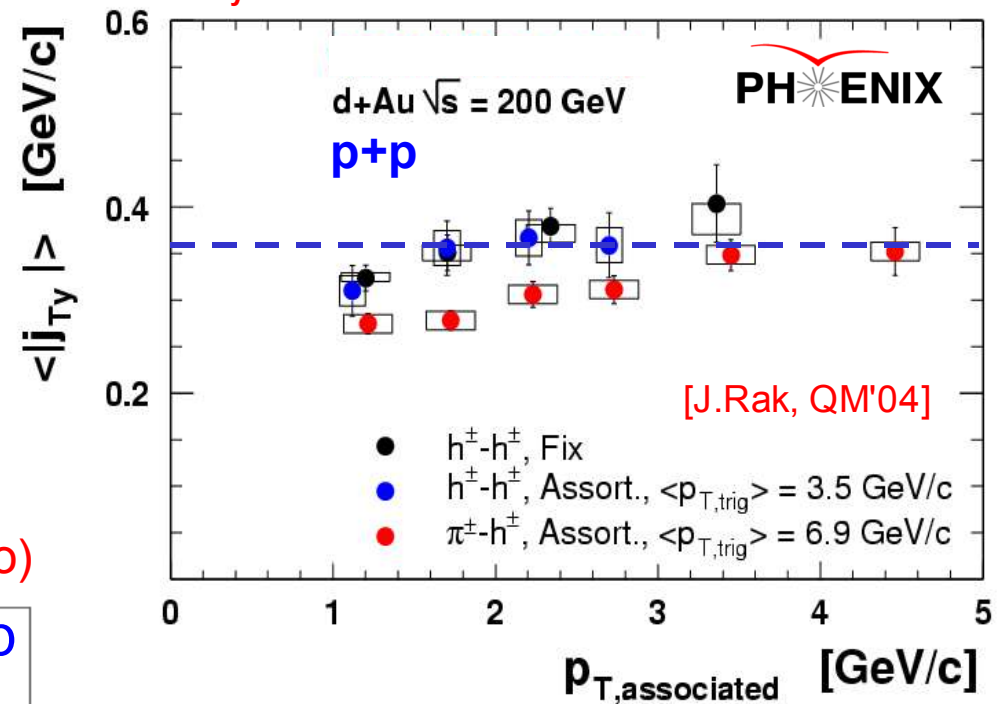
- Jet (near-angle) “width”  $j_T$  :



$\langle j_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV/c}$  (from full jet reco)



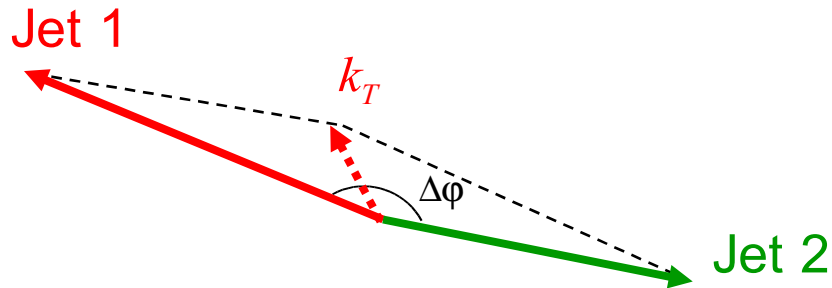
$\langle j_{Ty} \rangle \sim 350 \text{ MeV/c} \equiv \langle j_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV/c}$



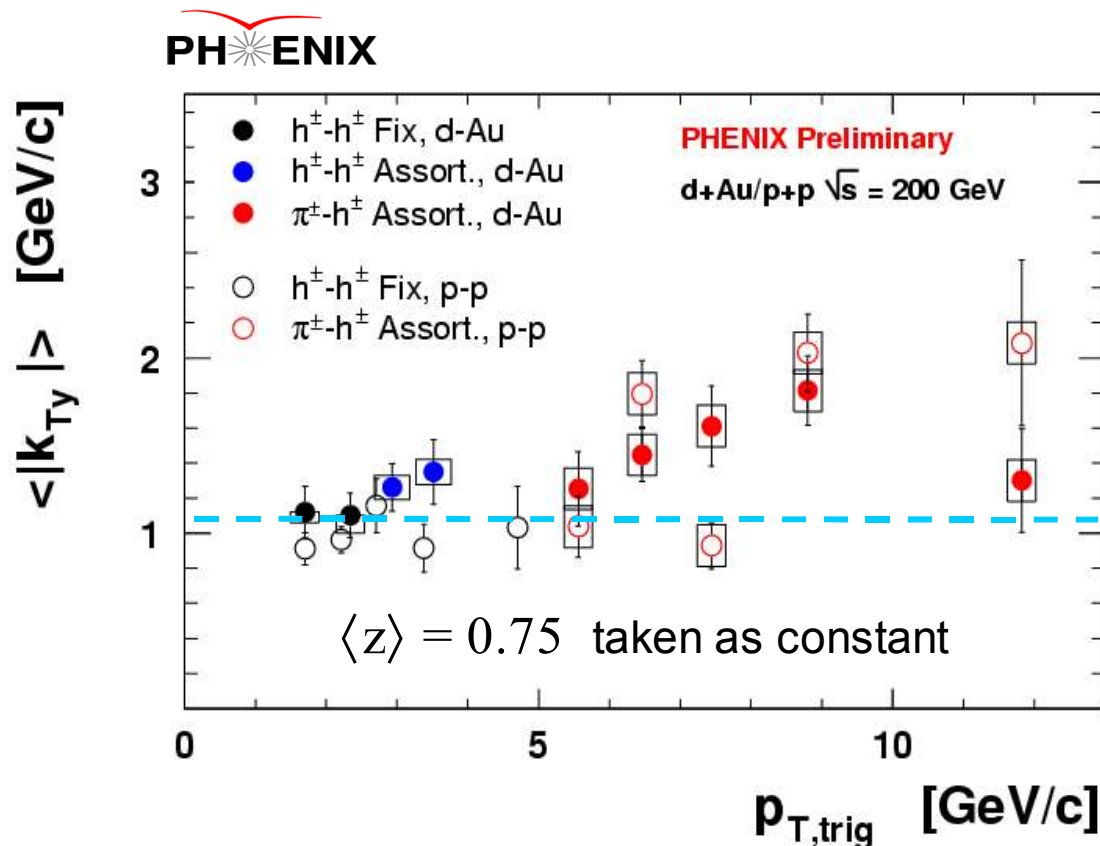
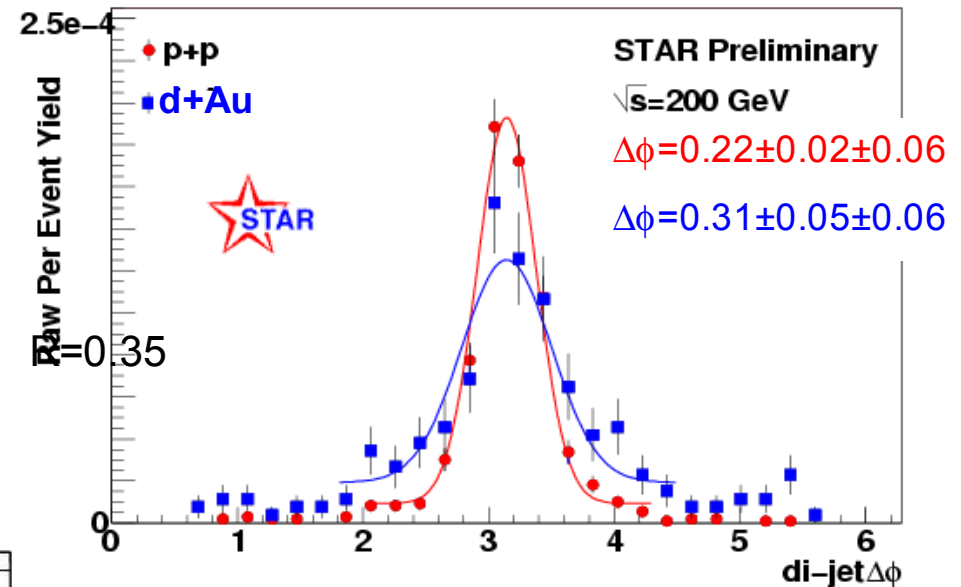
- $\langle j_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV/c}$ : Agreement between RHIC and ISR data.
- No apparent difference between dAu and pp.
- Fragmentation not affected by cold QCD medium.

# Di-jet acoplanarity ("intrinsic" $k_T$ ) : pp, dAu

## Intrinsic $k_T$ (di-jet acoplanarity):



(from full jet reco:  $E_T \sim 13$  GeV)



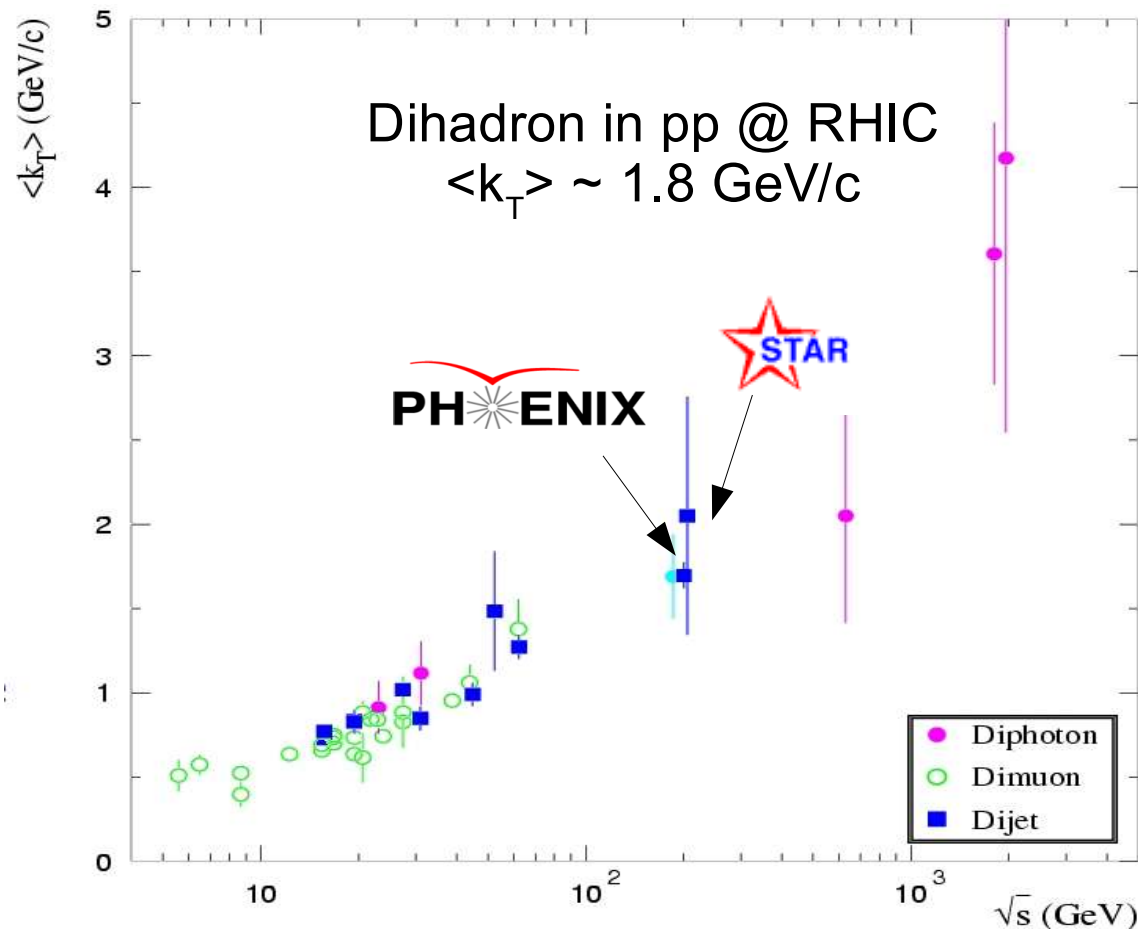
- Non-negligible  $k_T$  broadening in pp:  $\langle k_{Ty} \rangle \sim 1.1$  GeV/c

- In dAu:  $\langle k_T^2 \rangle_{dAu} = \langle k_T^2 \rangle_{pp} + \langle k_T^2 \rangle_{nuclear}$

- Non-null (but small)  $\langle k_T \rangle_{nuclear}$   
 (constraints models of multiple scattering in cold nuclear medium)

# Excitation function of pp di-jet acoplanarity (“intrinsic” $k_T$ )

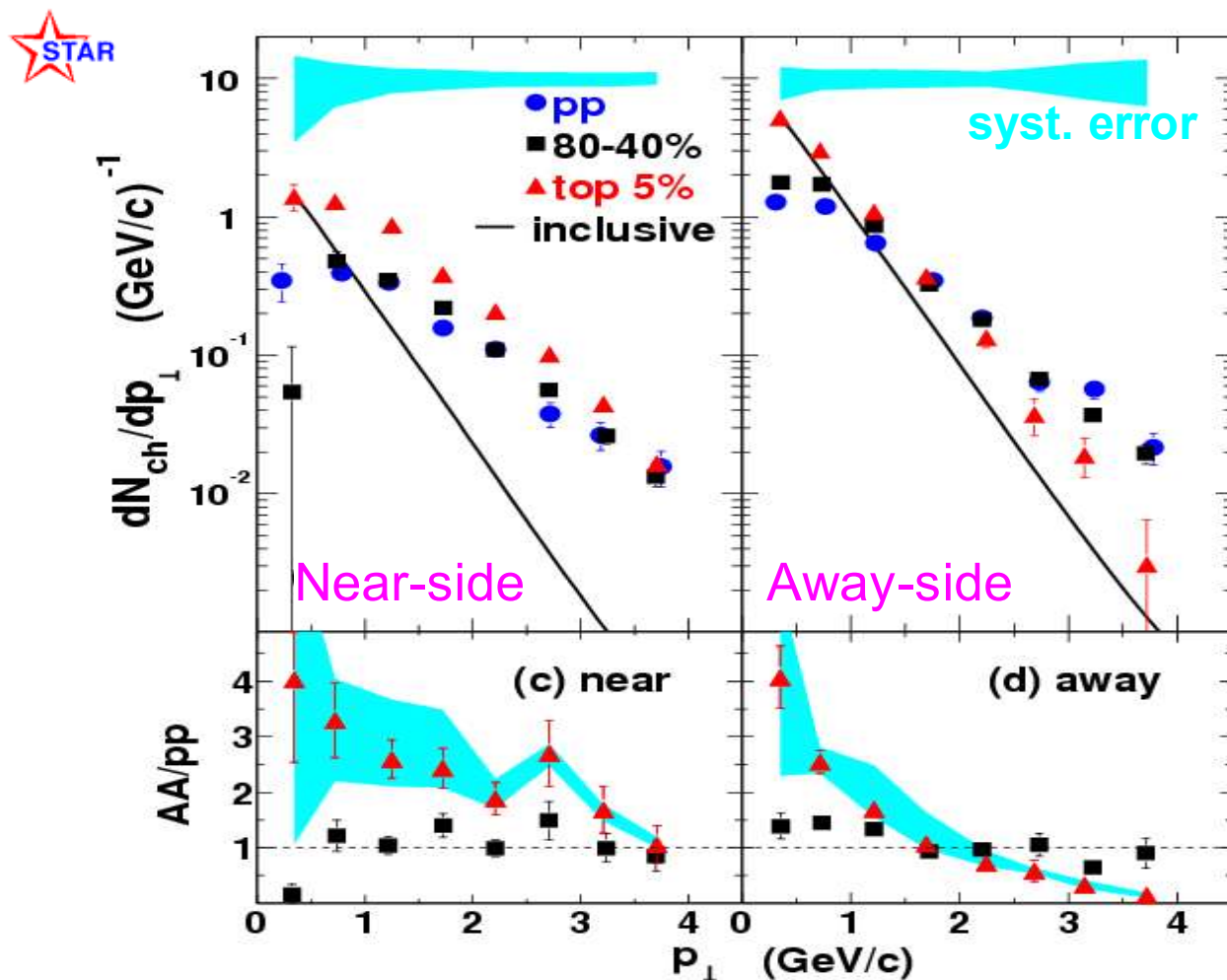
- $\sqrt{s}$ -dependence of  $\langle k_T \rangle_{\text{pair}}$ :



- (Logarithmic) increase with  $\sqrt{s}$  consistent with **growing gluon radiation** contribution (not just intrinsic parton Fermi motion).

# “Fragmentation functions”: Central AuAu

- Associated ( $p_{T\text{assoc}} = 0.15 - 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ ) near- and away- side hadron  $p_T$  spectra:



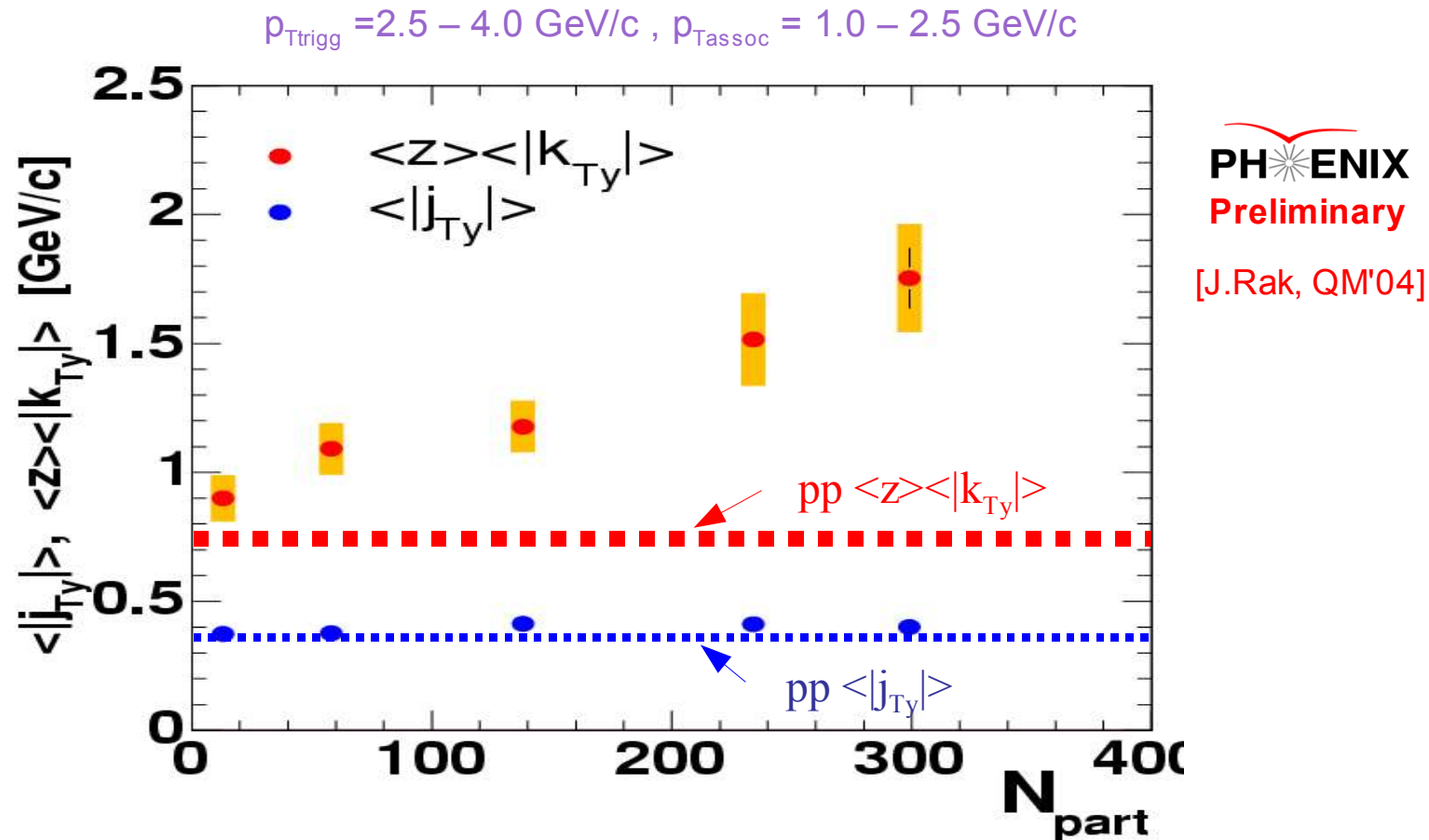
$p_{T\text{trigg}} = 4 - 6 \text{ GeV/c}$   
 $p_{T\text{assoc}} = 0.15 - 4 \text{ GeV/c}$

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- Associated **near-side** jet **yields overall enhanced** (enhanced underlying evt.)
- Associated **away-side** jet **yields “shifted down”** in  $p_T$ : spectra closer to pure “soft” inclusive hadron production (“**thermalized**”)

# Centrality dependence of AuAu jet properties: $j_T$ , $k_T$

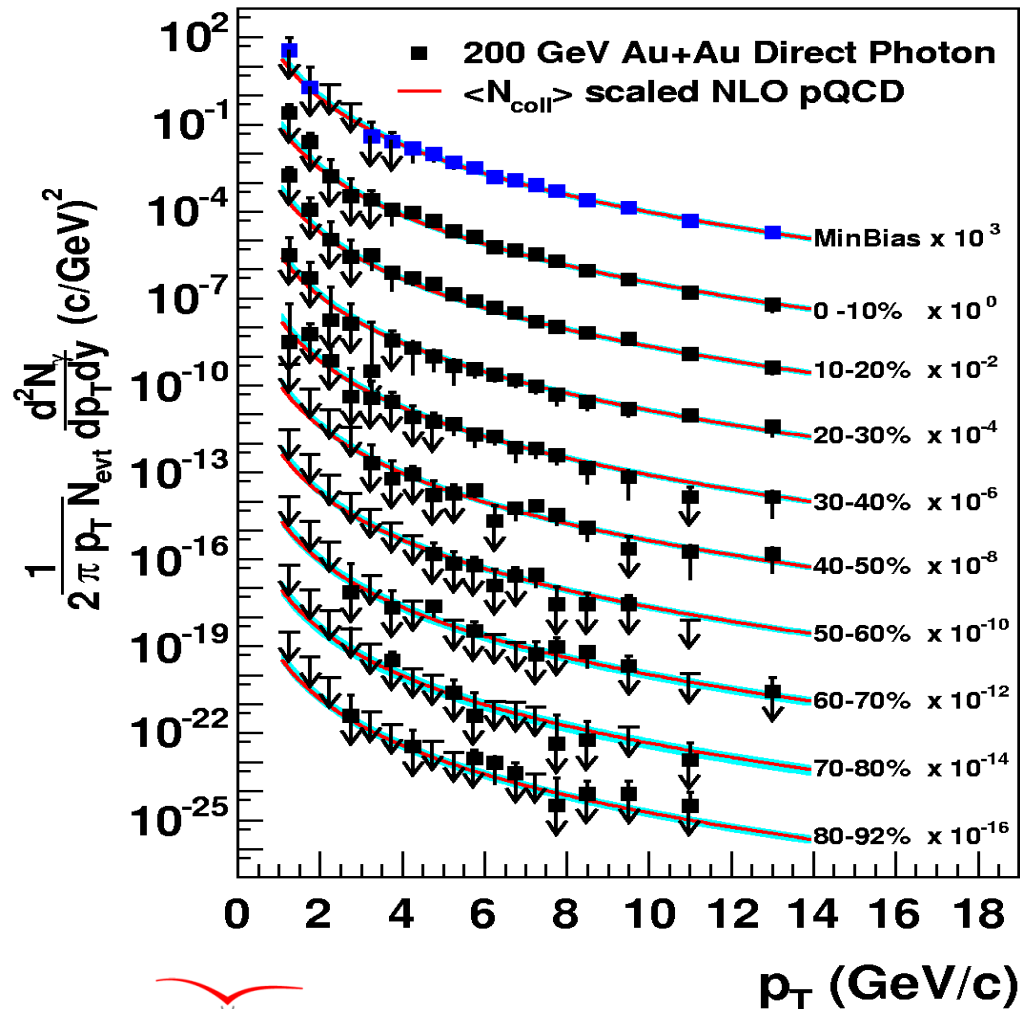
- $\langle j_T \rangle_{\text{AuAu}} \approx \langle j_T \rangle_{\text{pp}}$ : Near-side fragmentation **unaffected** by QCD medium.



- $\langle k_T \rangle_{\text{AuAu}} \approx 3 \text{ GeV/c}$ : Significant  $k_T$  broadening (strongly centrality dependent) indicating substantial final-state rescattering of away-side fragmenting parton.

# Unquenched direct photons in AuAu collisions

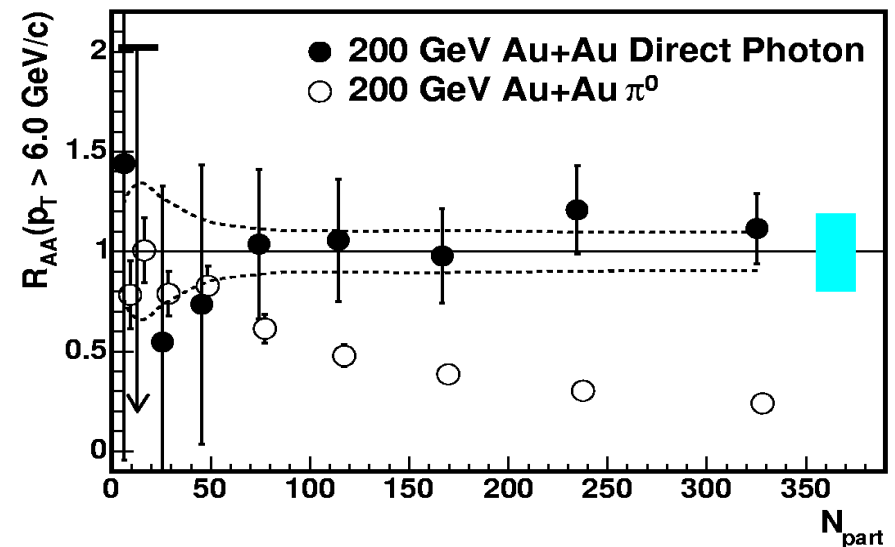
- Direct photon production in Au+Au (all centralities) **consistent w/** p+p incoherent scattering (“NN-scaled” pQCD) predictions:



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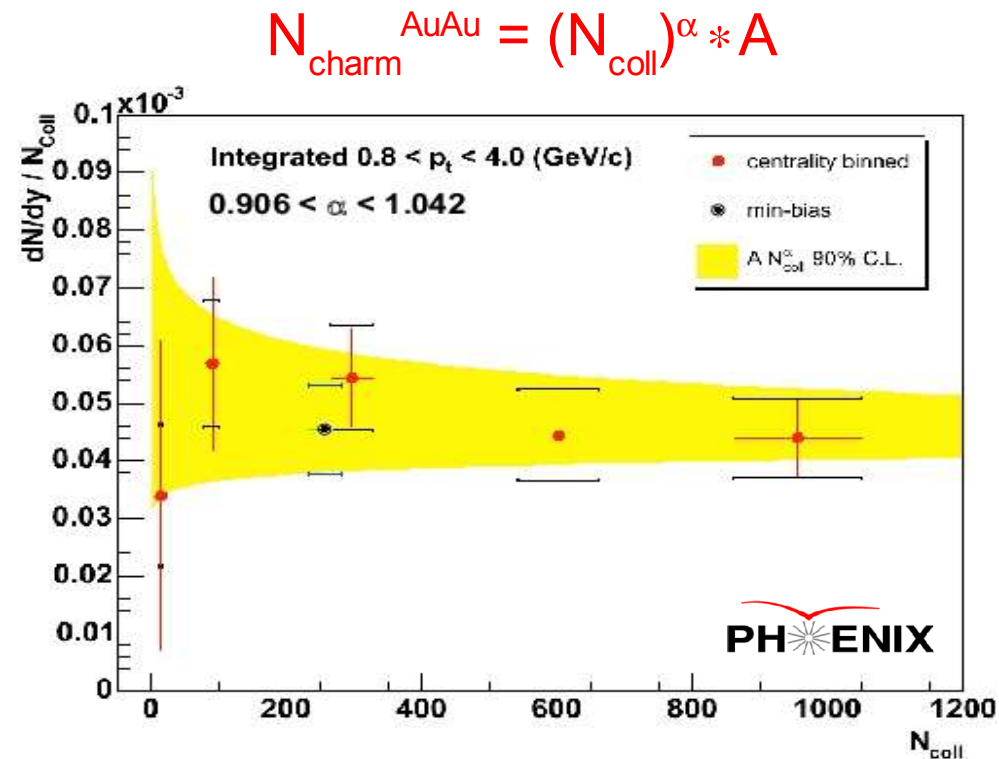
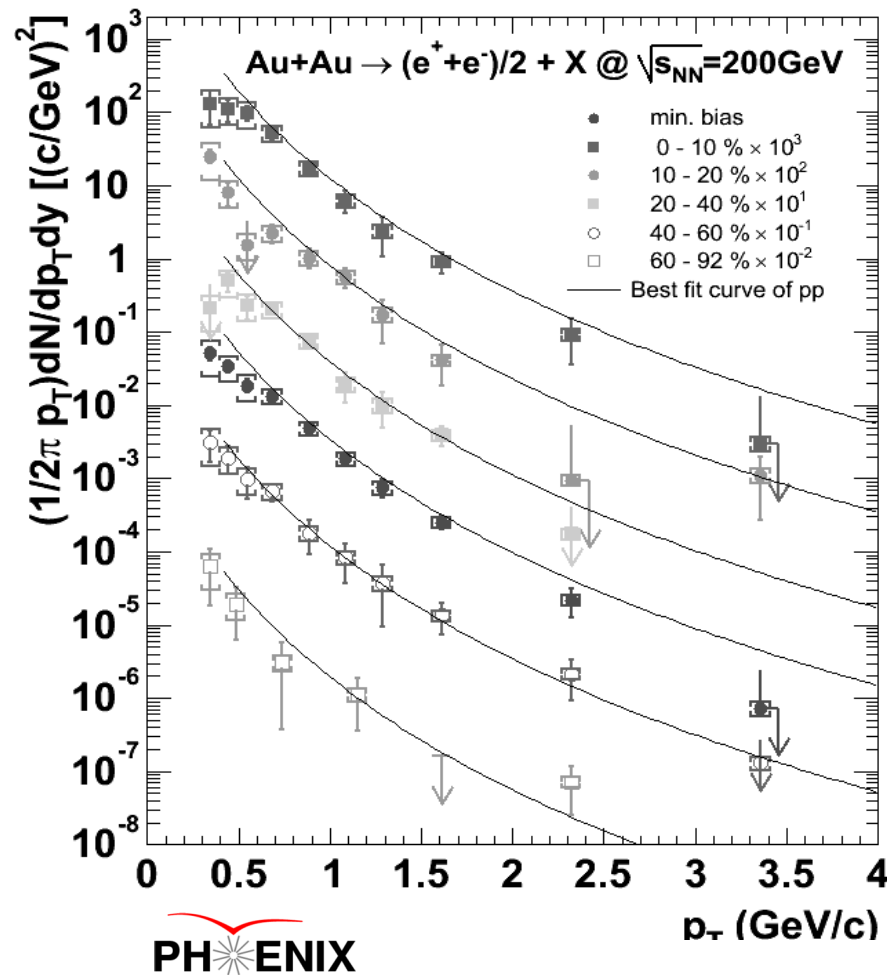
$$R_{AA}(p_T, y; b) = \frac{\text{“hot/dense QCD medium”}}{\text{“QCD vacuum”}} = \frac{d^2 N_{AA}/dy dp_T}{\langle T_{AA}(b) \rangle \cdot d^2 \sigma_{pp}/dy dp_T}$$



- pQCD parton scattering holds for hard (colorless) QCD processes in **AuAu (all centralities).**

# Charm production in AuAu: “NN scaling”

- Open-charm (indirect) measurement via semi-leptonic channel:  $D \rightarrow e^\pm + X$
- Single  $e^\pm$  AuAu spectra ( $p_T \sim 0.3 - 2$  GeV/c) & total cross-section consistent w/  $N_{\text{coll}}$ -scaled pp charm production:



Note:  $\alpha = (0.906 - 1.042) \Rightarrow$   
 $N_{\text{coll}}^\alpha \approx (0.6 - 1.2) * N_{\text{coll}}$

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# High $p_T$ suppression: charm quark (theory)

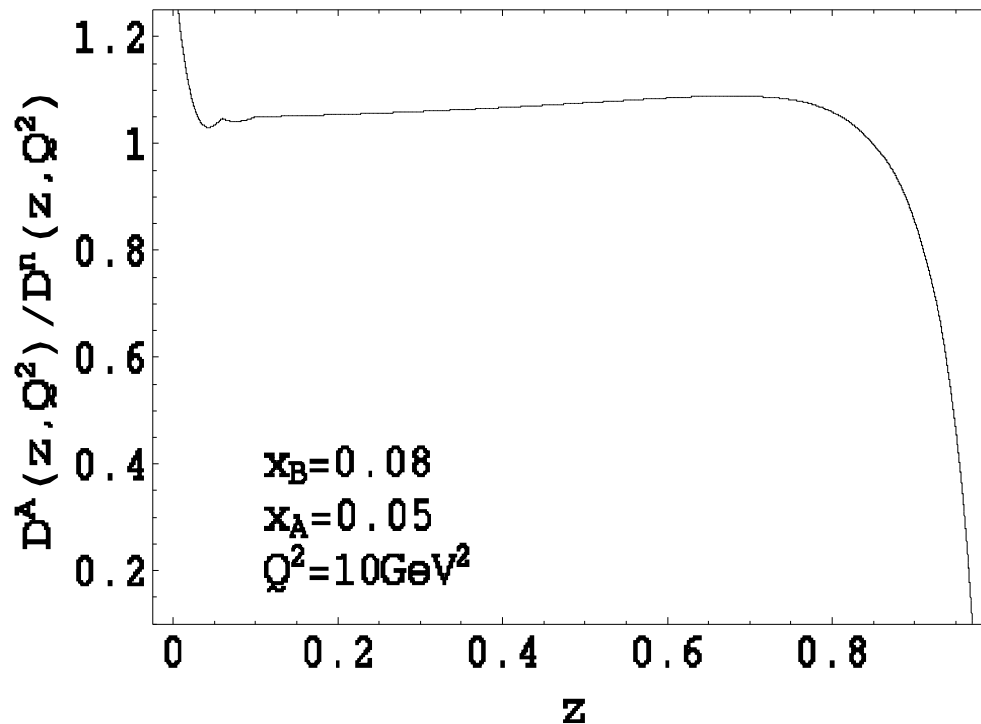
(1) Slow clock for formation time

(2) Color factor

(3) Dead cone effect

$$\tau_f^H = \frac{1}{1/\tau_f + (1-z)M^2/2zq^-}$$

$$\Delta E_Q < \Delta E_g, \Delta E_q$$

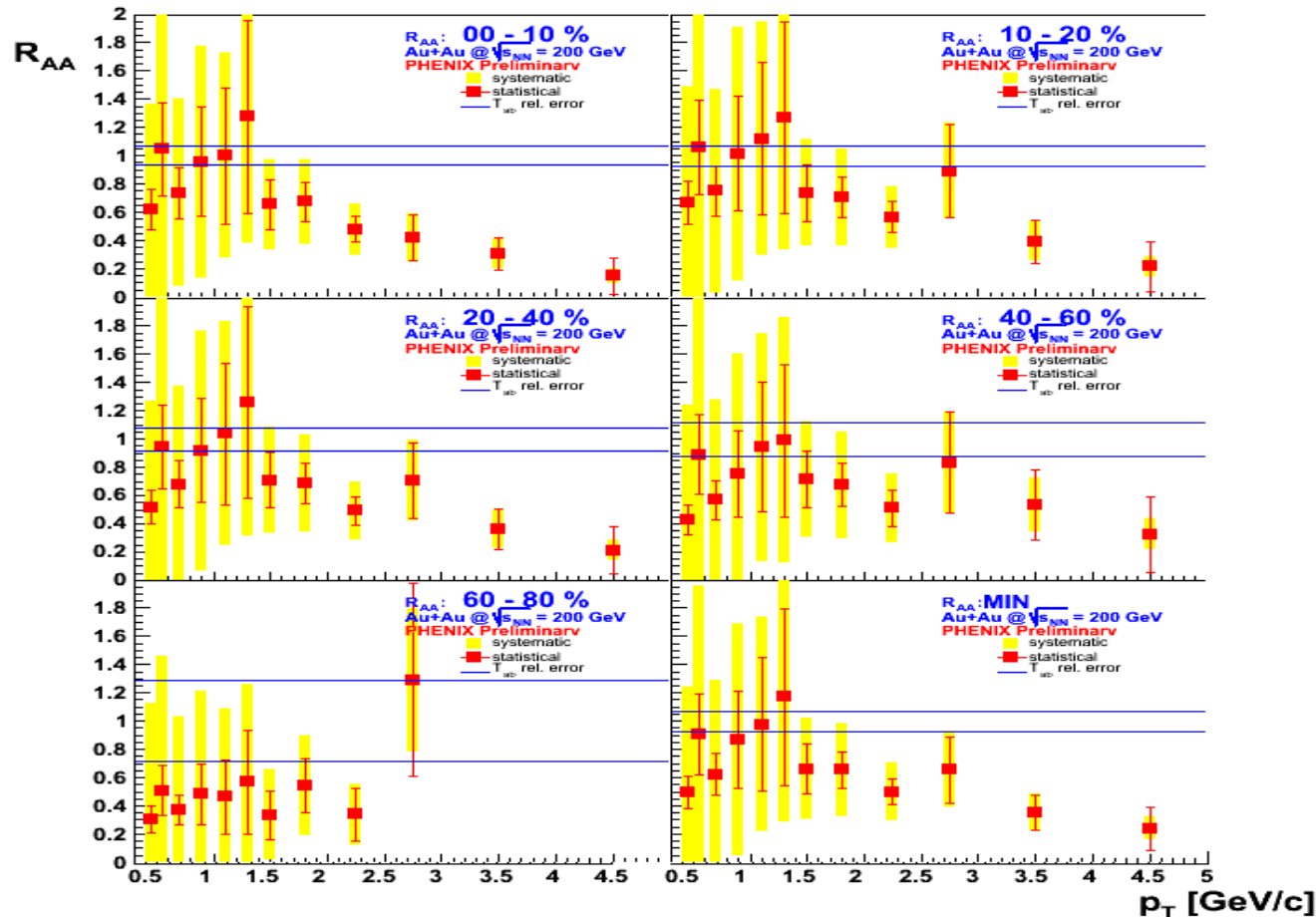


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# Charm quark suppression at high $p_T$ ?

- Latest single  $e^\pm$   $R_{AA}$  at higher  $p_T < 4.5$  GeV/c (large uncertainties still @ low  $p_T$ ):



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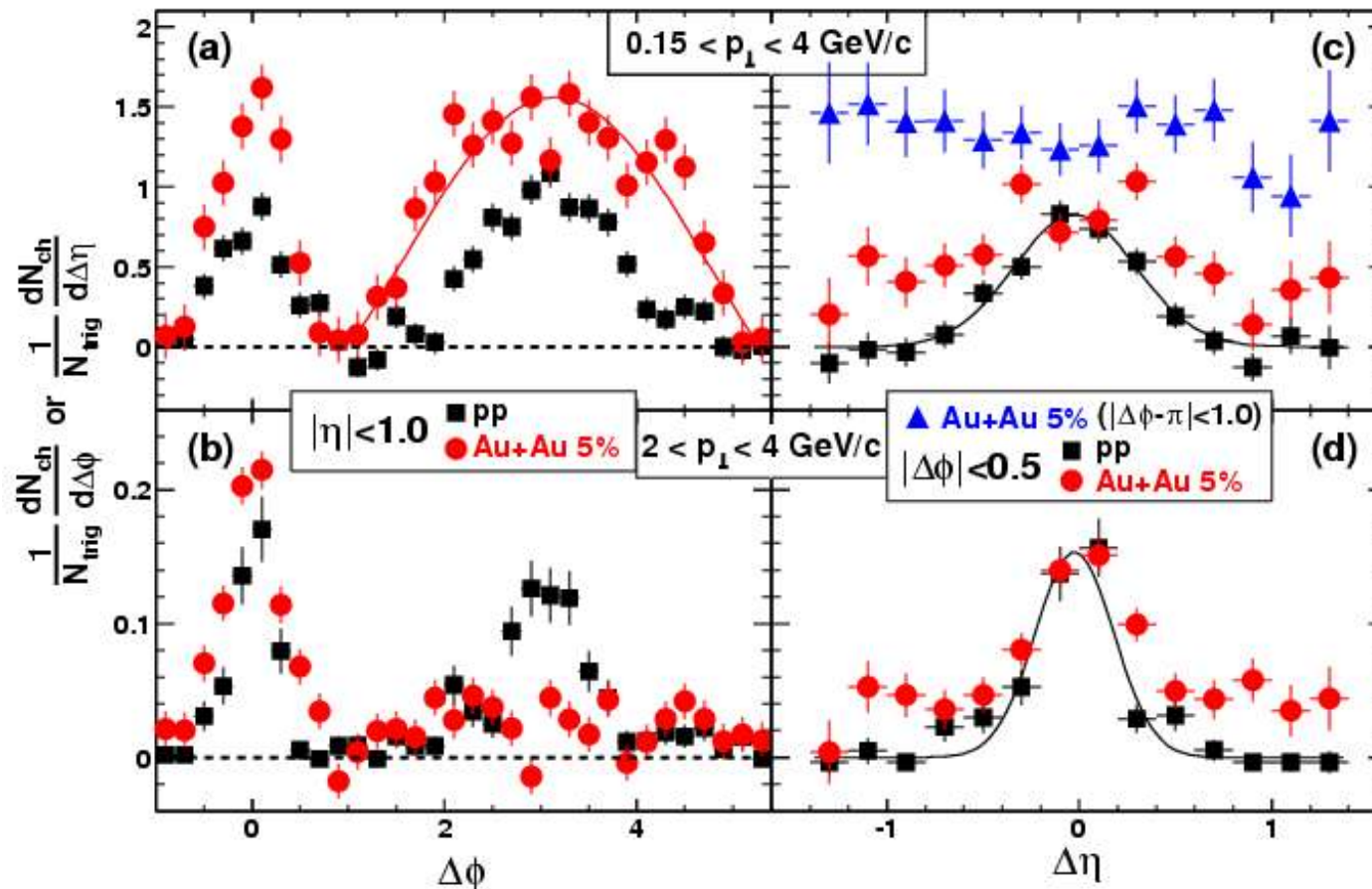
- Suppressed charm production above  $p_T \sim 2$  GeV/c ?

- New kinematic domain accessible with heavy-Q: Hard production at low  $p_T$
- $R_{AA}(\text{lo } p_T) \sim 1 \gg R_{AA}(\text{hi } p_T) \sim R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ : Energy loss for fast heavy Q shifts them down to low  $p_T$ ? No en. loss effect for slow Q (flatter charm  $dN/dp_T$  at low  $p_T$ ) ?

# “Jet quenching”: modified (di)jet structure

- Strongly modified away-side  $dN_{\text{pair}}/d\phi$  correlations in central AuAu:

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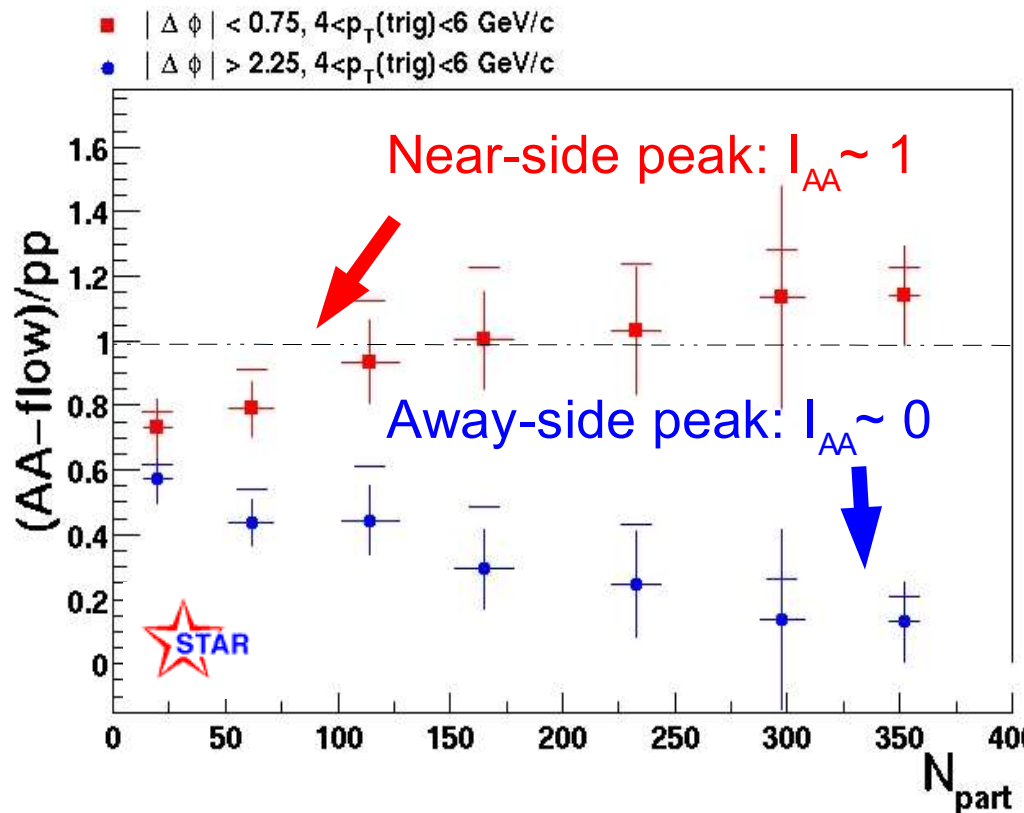


Enhanced and broadened distribution at low  $p_T$ .  
 Away side suppression at high  $p_T$ .

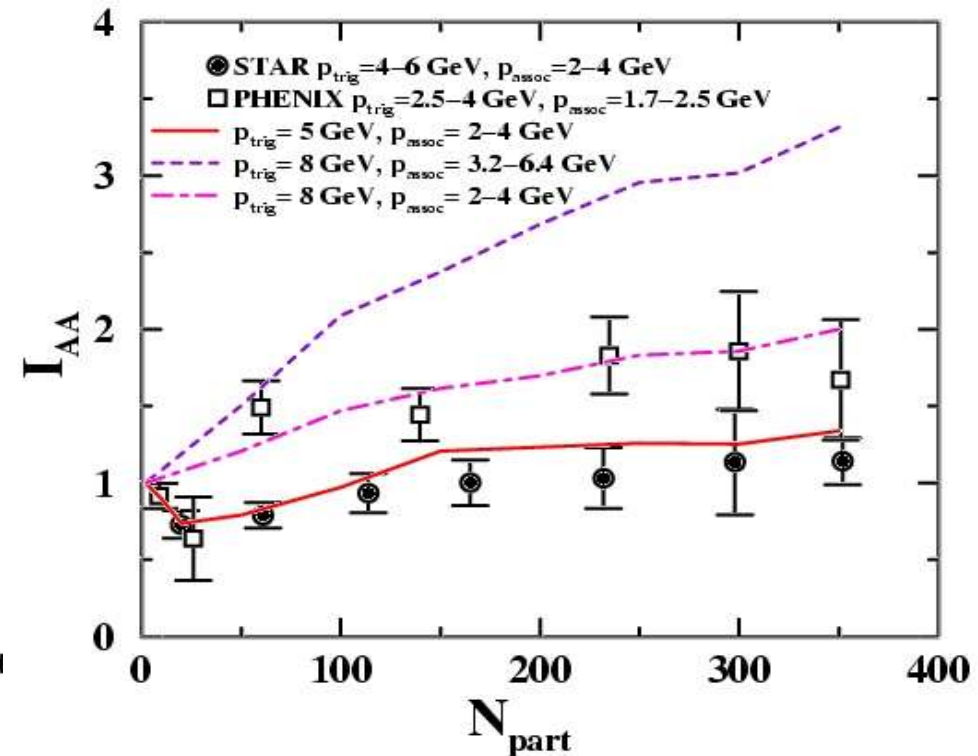
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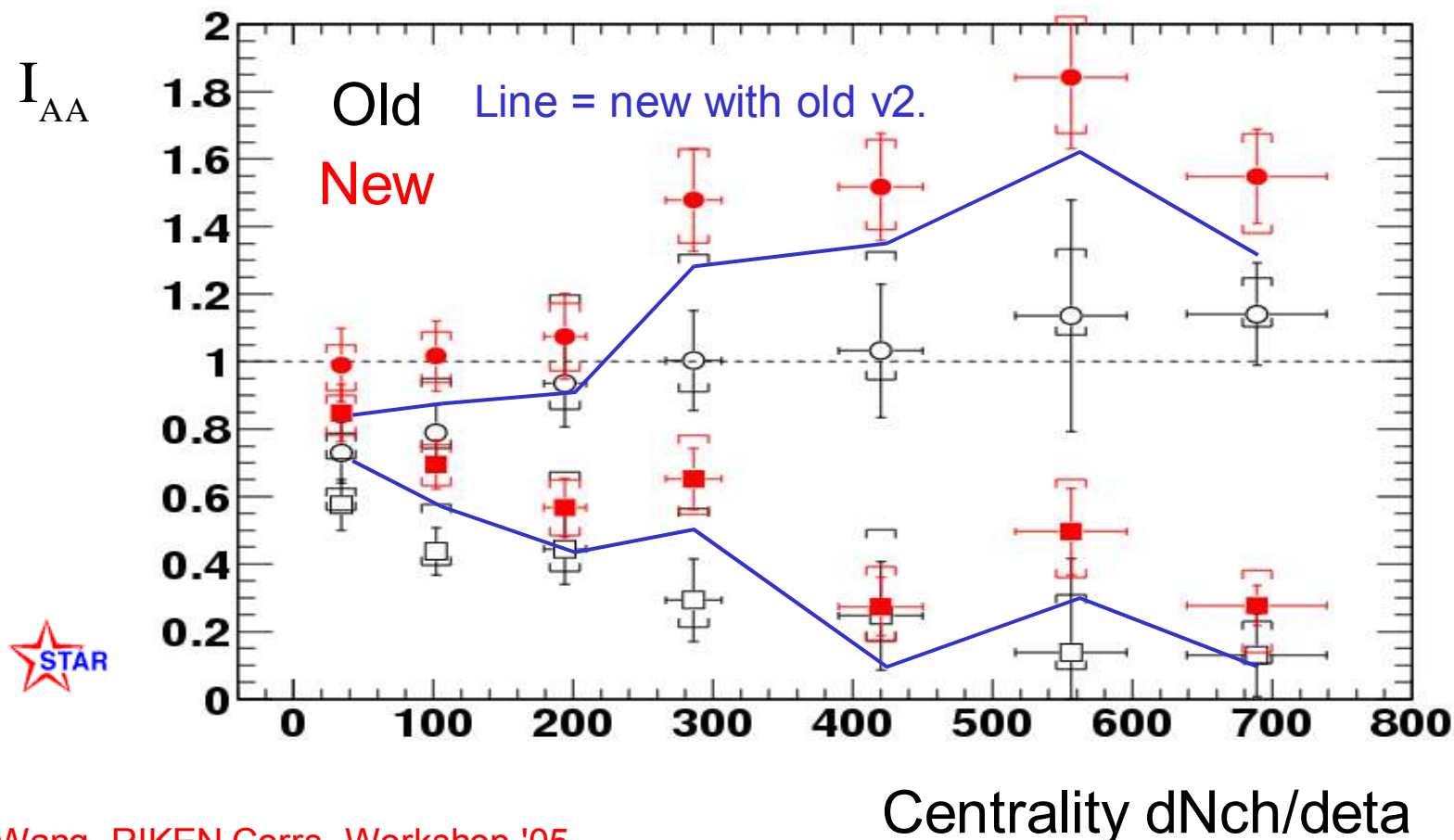


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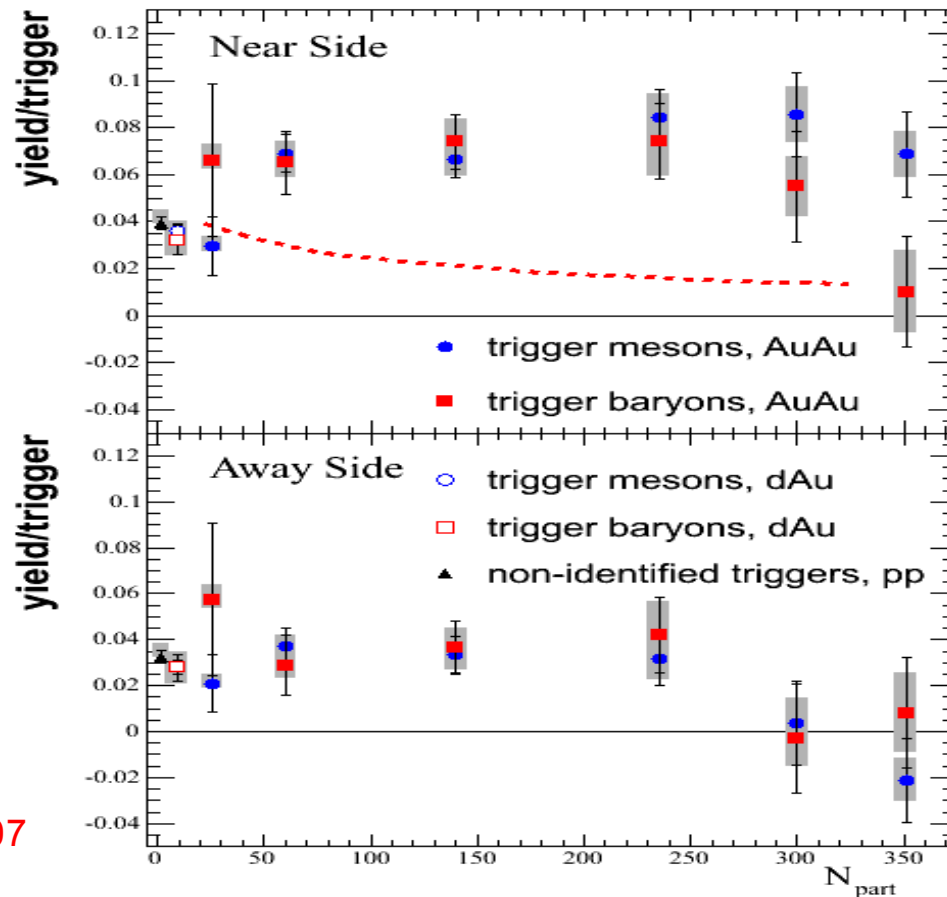
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F.Wang. RIKEN Corrs. Workshop '05

# “Fragmentation functions”: Central AuAu (200 GeV)

- Baryon-meson dependence of associated near- and away- side hadron  $p_T$  spectra:



$$p_{T\text{trigg}} = 2.5 - 4 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$p_{T\text{assoc}} = 1.7 - 2.5 \text{ GeV/c}$$

Near-side

Away-side

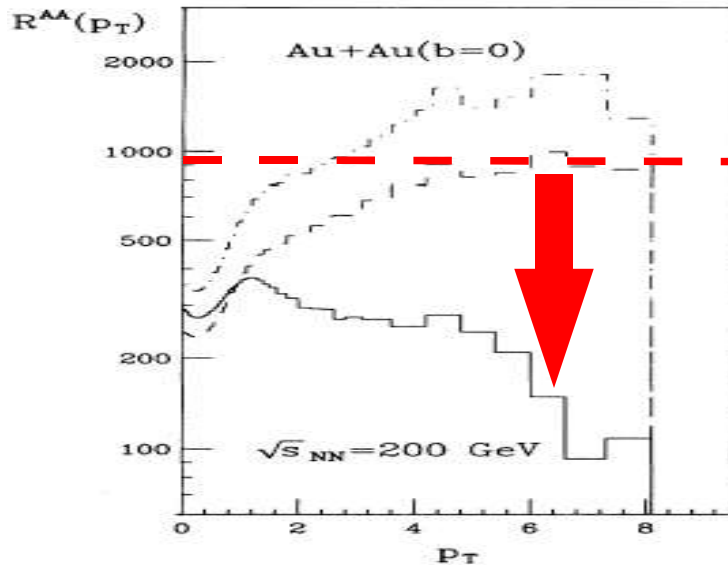
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- Associated yields **similar for meson & baryon** triggers (perhaps weak reduction for baryons in very central collisions).
- **Slight increase** of associated **near-side jet yields** in mid-central AuAu.
- Jet-like production but different suppression for leading baryons and mesons !?

# Jet production in AA : (a few) theoretical expectations

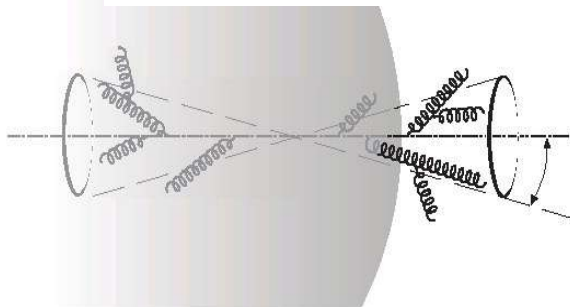
## ● Leading hadron suppression:

Wang&Gyulassy PRL 68, 1480 (1992)

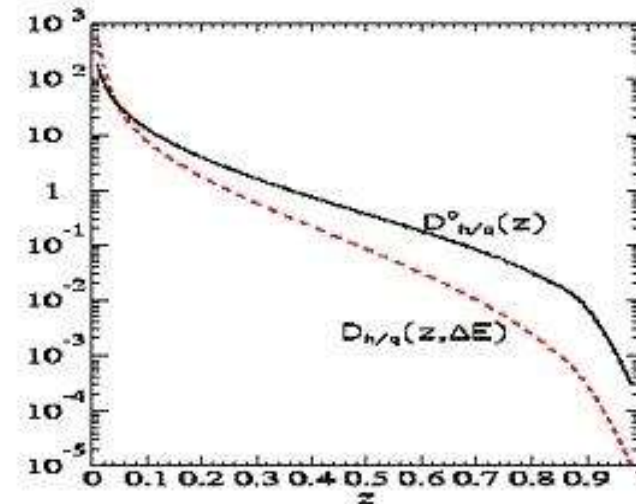


## ● Mono-jets:

Hagedorn, 1982



## ● Medium-modified FFs:



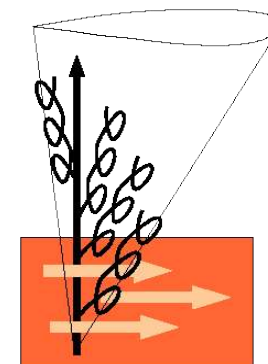
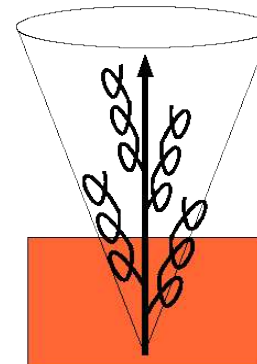
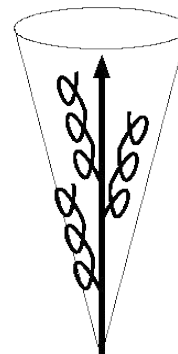
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## ● Jet broadening in eta:

Vacuum  
(reference)

Static medium:  
Broadening

Flowing medium:  
Anisotropic shape



Armesto et al  
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➤ Valuable **diagnostic tools** of QCD medium ( $dN^g/dy$ ,  $\langle q_0 \rangle$ , ...)