

Heavy Ion Physics at RHIC

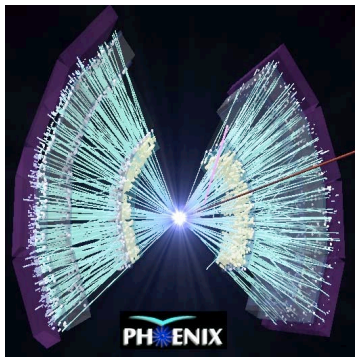
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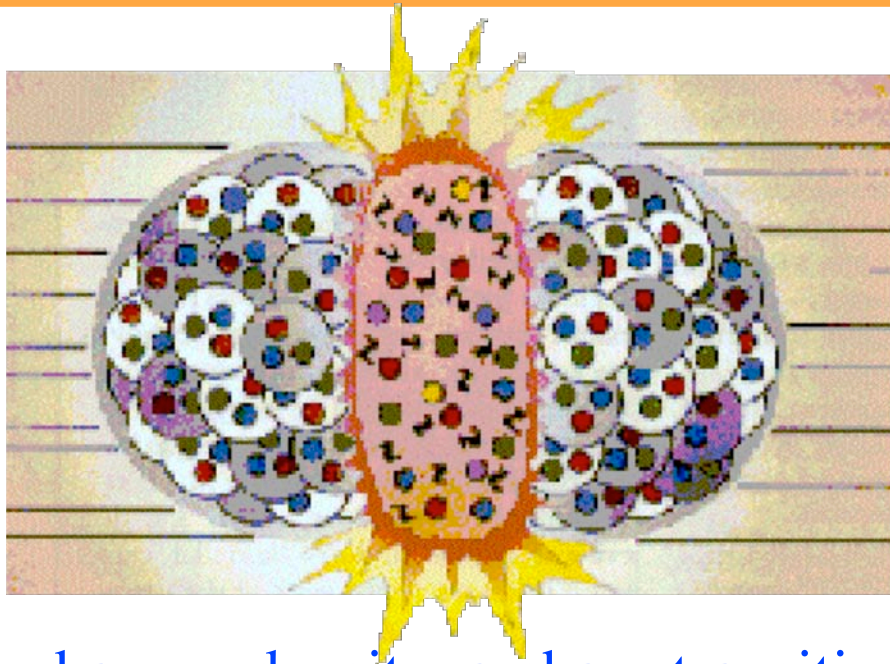
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High Energy Nucleus-Collisions provide the means of creating Nuclear Matter in conditions of Extreme Temperature and Density



- At large energy or baryon density, a phase transition is expected from a state of nucleons containing confined quarks and gluons to a state of “deconfined” (from their individual nucleons) quarks and gluons covering a volume that is many units of the confinement length scale.

One Big Grape

H Satz Rep. Prog. Phys. **63** (2000) 1511

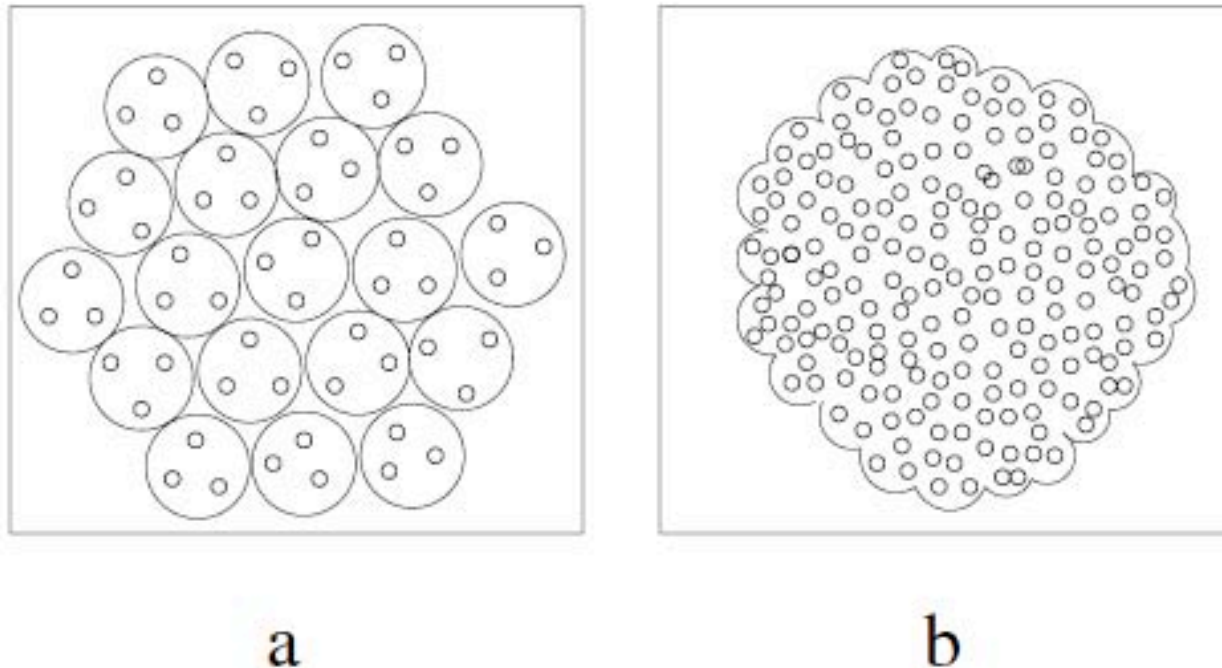


Figure 1. Strongly interacting matter as nuclear matter at a density of closely packed nucleons (a) and as quark matter at much higher density (b).

The Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)

- The QCD confinement scale---when the string breaks---is order:

$$1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1/m_{\pi} = 1.4 \text{ fm}$$

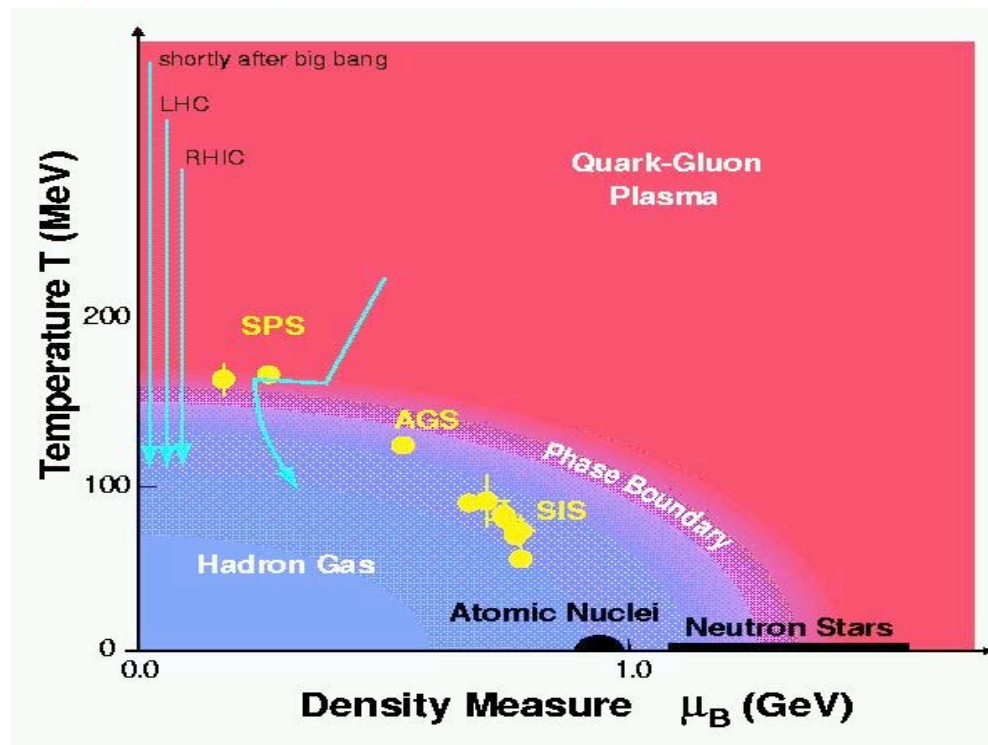
- With increasing temperature, T , in analogy to increasing Q^2 , $\alpha_s(T)$ becomes smaller, reducing the binding energy, and the string tension $\sigma(T)$ becomes smaller, increasing the confinement radius, effectively screening the potential

$$V = \frac{-4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + \sigma r \Rightarrow \frac{-4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} e^{-\mu(T)r} + \sigma \frac{(1 - e^{-\mu(T)r})}{\mu(T)}$$

- For $r < 1/\mu$ a quark does feel the full color charge but for $r > 1/\mu$ the quark is free of the potential, effectively deconfined

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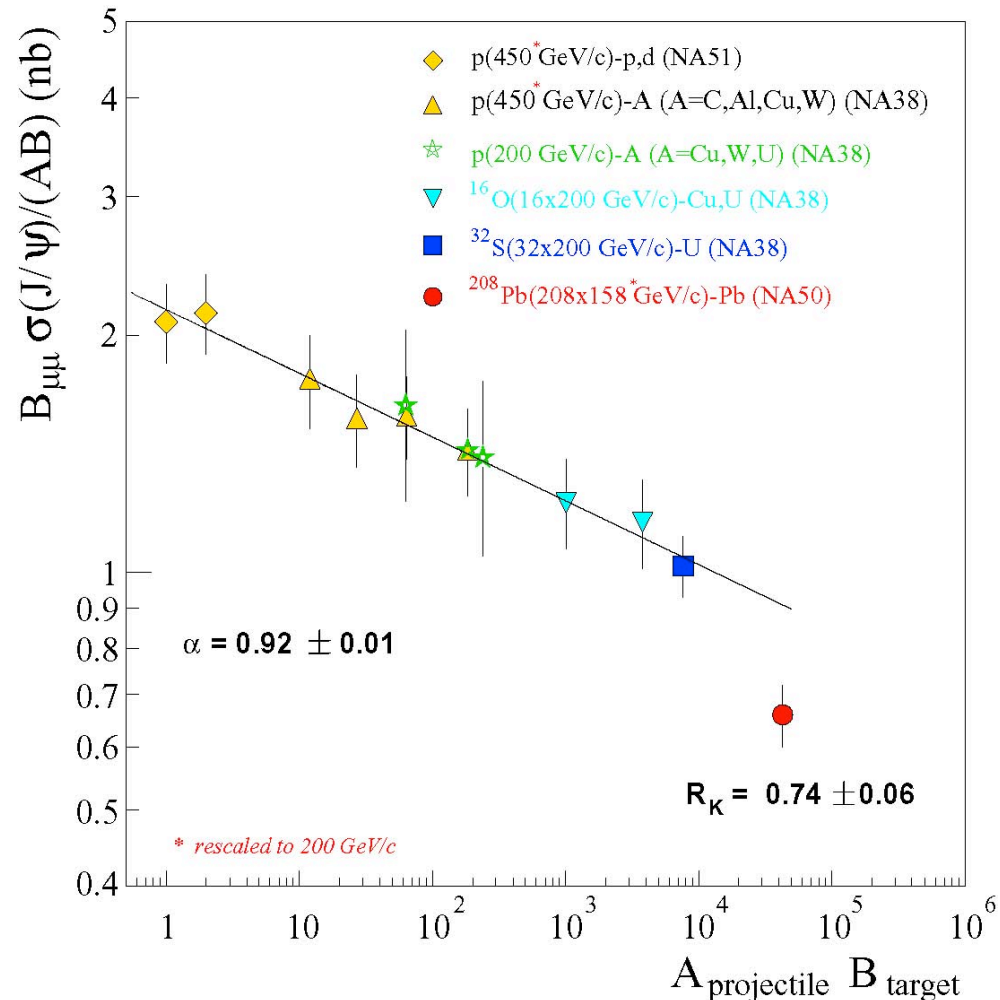
- The state should be in chemical (particle type) and thermal equilibrium $\langle p_T \rangle \sim T$
- The major problem is to relate the thermodynamic properties, Temperature, energy density, entropy of the QGP or hot nuclear matter to properties that can be measured in the lab.



The gold-plated signature for the QGP

J/ψ Suppression

- In 1986, T. Matsui & H. Satz **PL B178**, 416 (1987) said that due to the Debye screening of the color potential in a **QGP**, charmonium production would be suppressed since the cc-bar couldn't bind.
- This is CERN's claim to fame: but the situation is complicated because J/ψ are suppressed in p+A collisions. [NA50 collaboration, M.C. Abreu, et al., **PLB 477**, 28 (2000)]



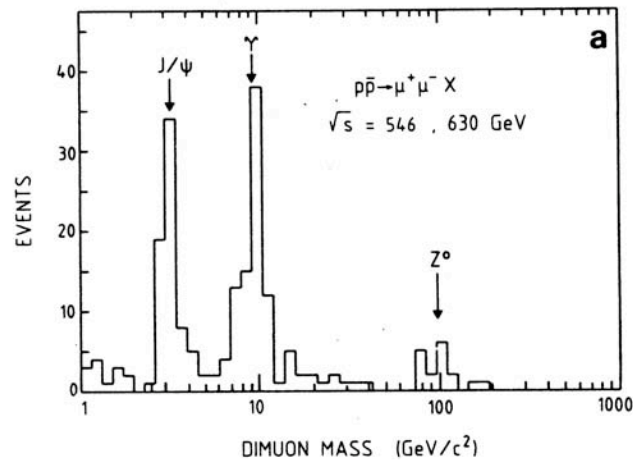
How to discover the QGP-1990-91

- The Classical road to success in RHI Physics: J/Ψ Suppression

The Road To Success in HEP

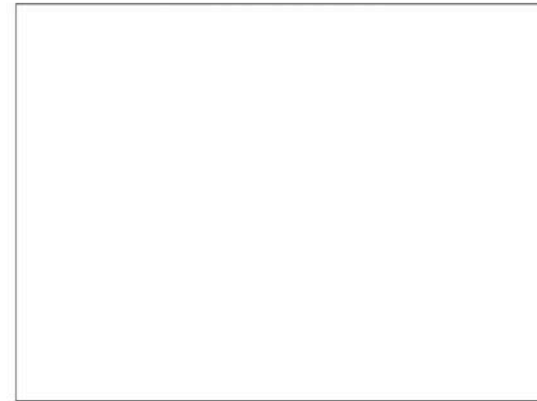
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$p_T(\mu) \geq 3 \text{ GeV}/c$, UA1 Phys. Lett. B186, 237 (1987)

The Road To Success in HIP

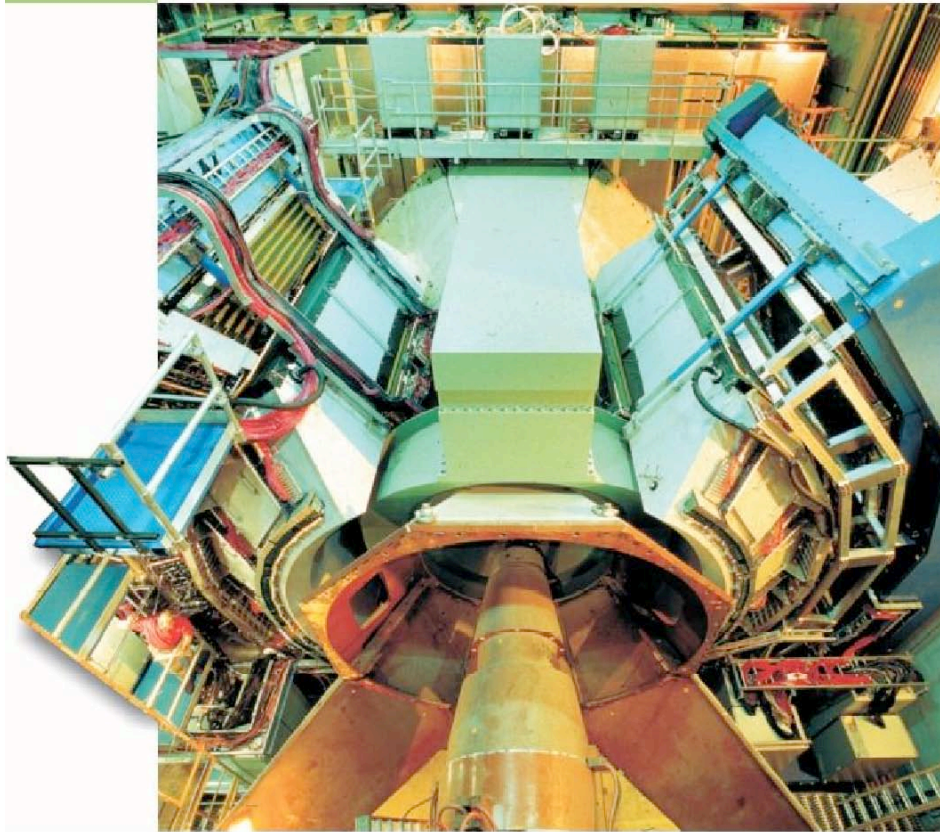


- Major background for $e^\pm$ detection is photons and conversions from π^0 . **but more importantly**
- Need an electron trigger for full J/Ψ detection $\Rightarrow$ EMCal plus electron ID at trigger level.
- High p_T π^0 and direct γ production and two-particle correlations are the way to measure hard-scattering in RHI collisions where jets can not be detected directly---> segmentation of EMCal must be sufficient to distinguish π^0 and direct γ up to 25 GeV/c (also vital for spin)
- Charm measurement via single $e^\pm$ (Discovered by CCRS experiment at CERN ISR)
- So we designed PHENIX to make these measurements

“Mike, is there a ‘real collider detector’ at RHIC?---J. Steinberger ”

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PHENIX TODAY



Nuclear matter in extremis

- PHENIX is picturesque because it is not your father's solenoid collider detector
- Special purpose detector designed and built to measure *rare processes involving leptons and photons at the highest luminosities.*

Where Is RHIC?

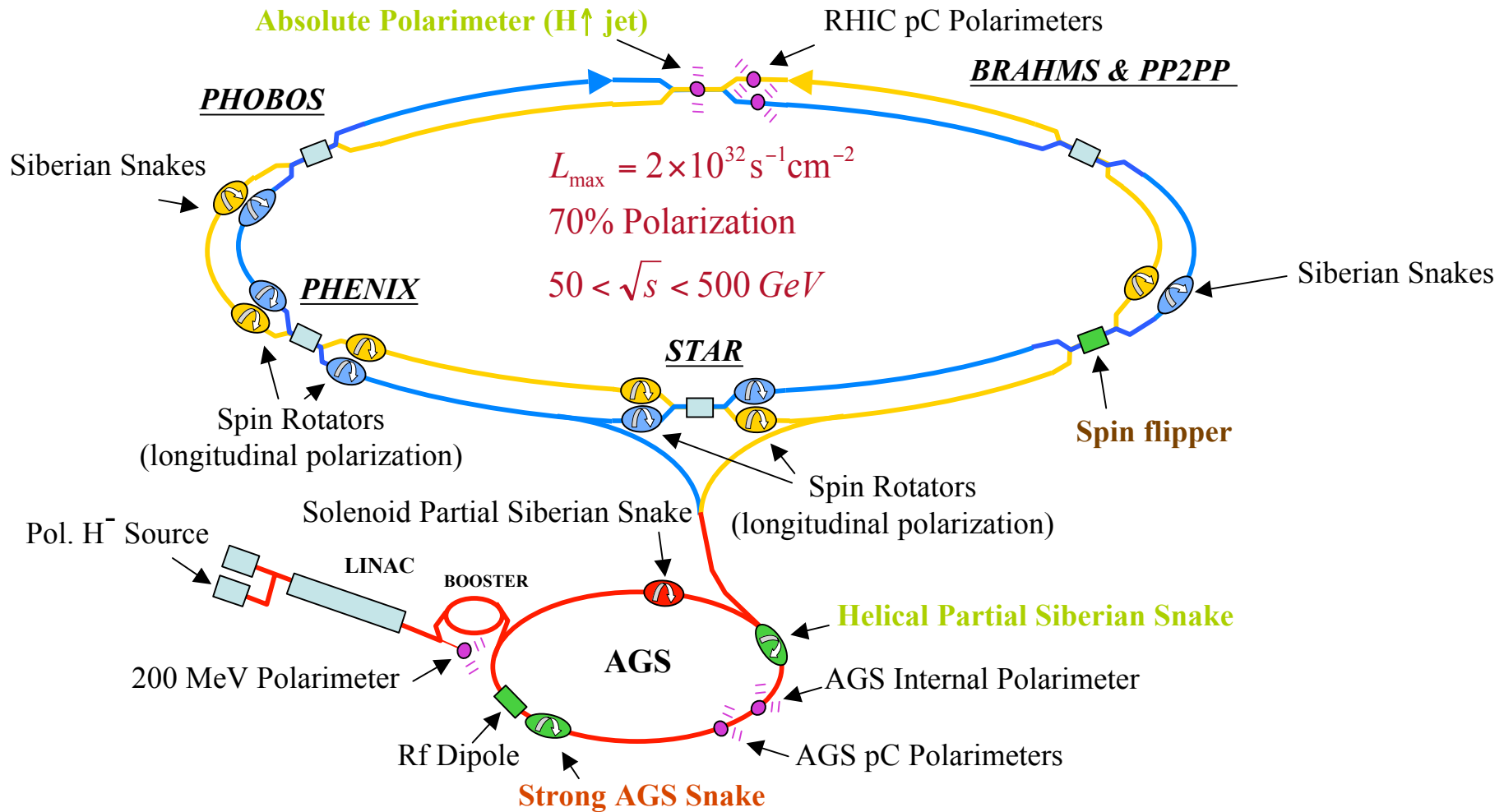


Where Is RHIC?





RHIC: RHI+polarized p-p collider

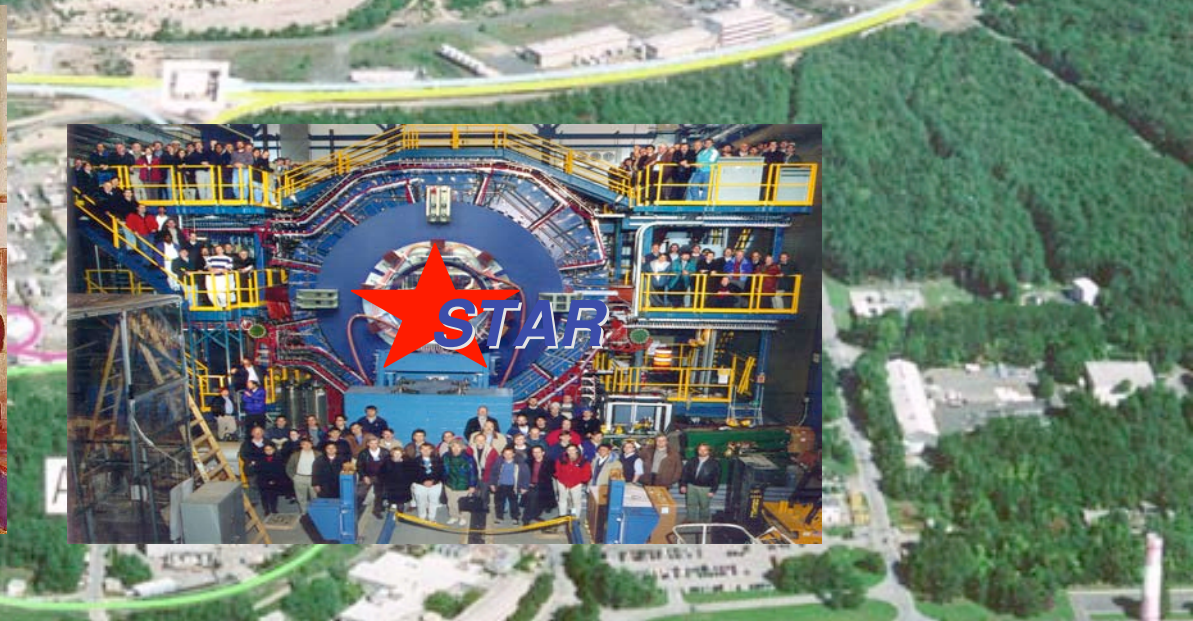


- Installed and commissioned during FY04 run
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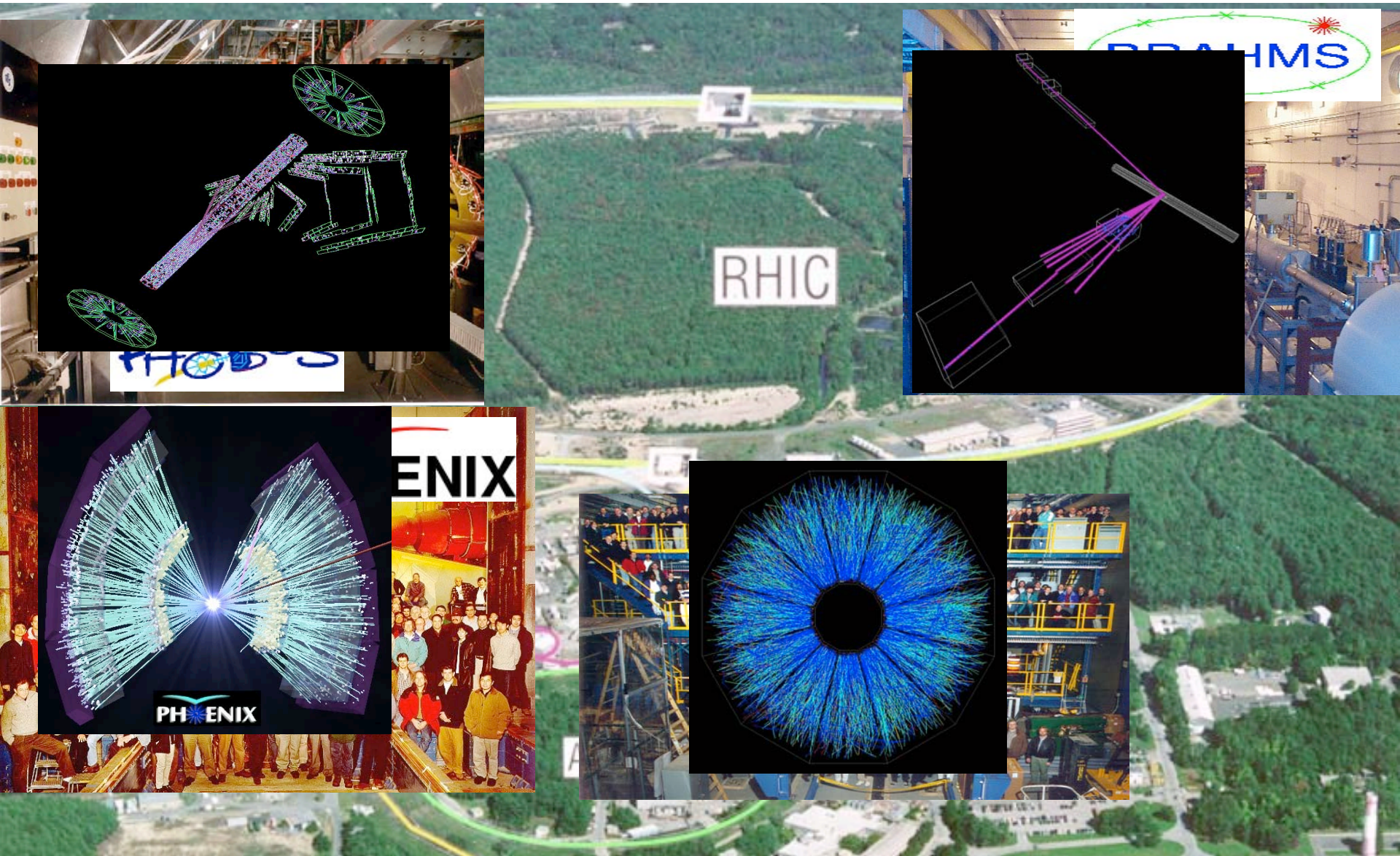
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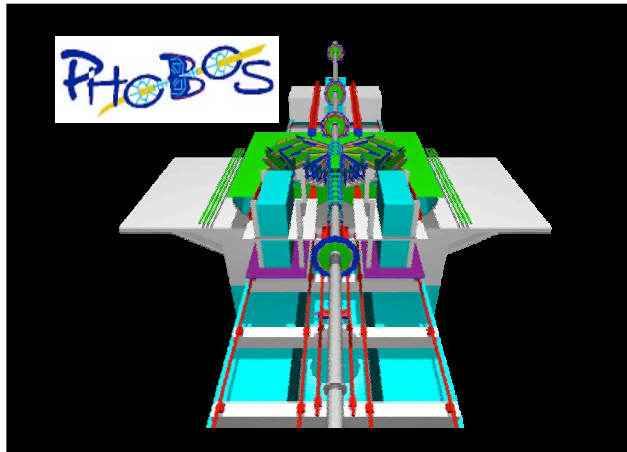
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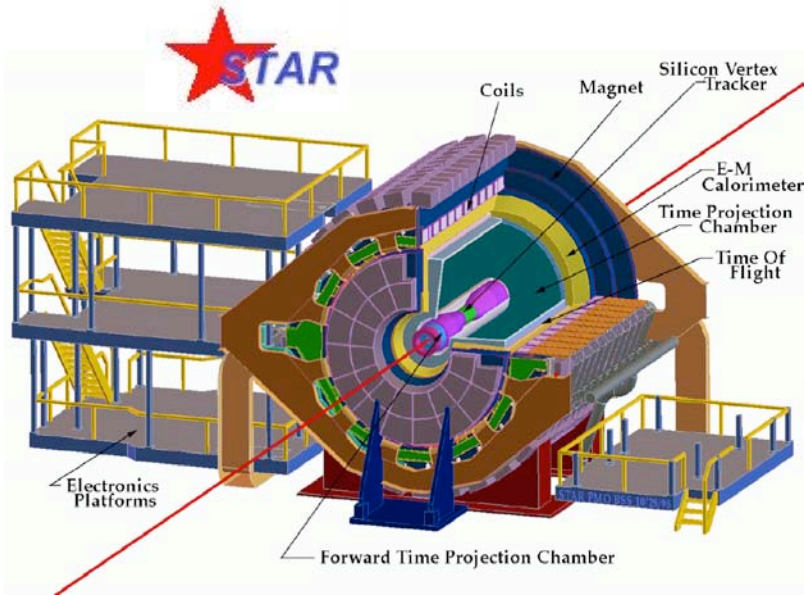
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4 Detectors at a glance

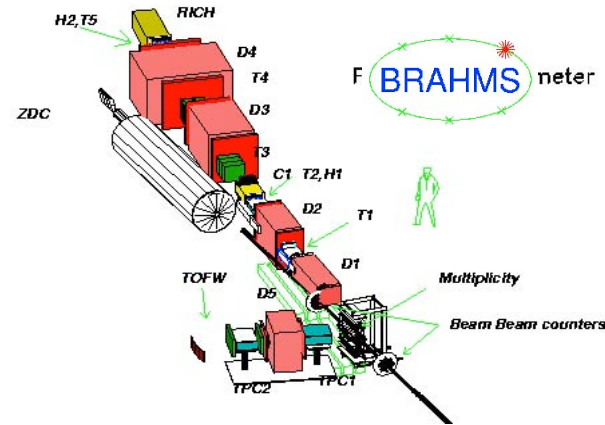


Si-strip tracking, PMT-based TOF

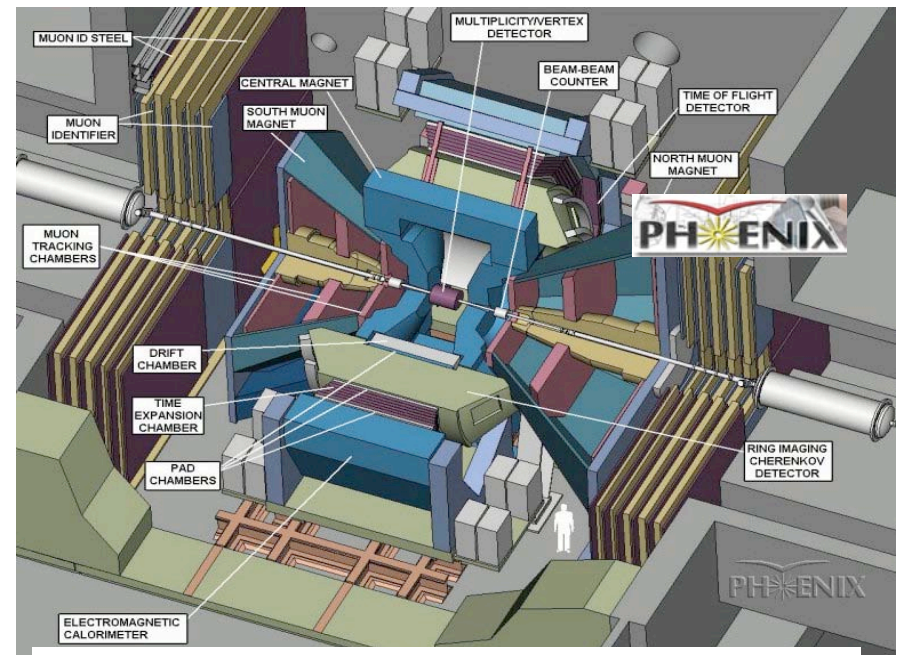


TPC's, silicon, calorimeters

Large acceptance



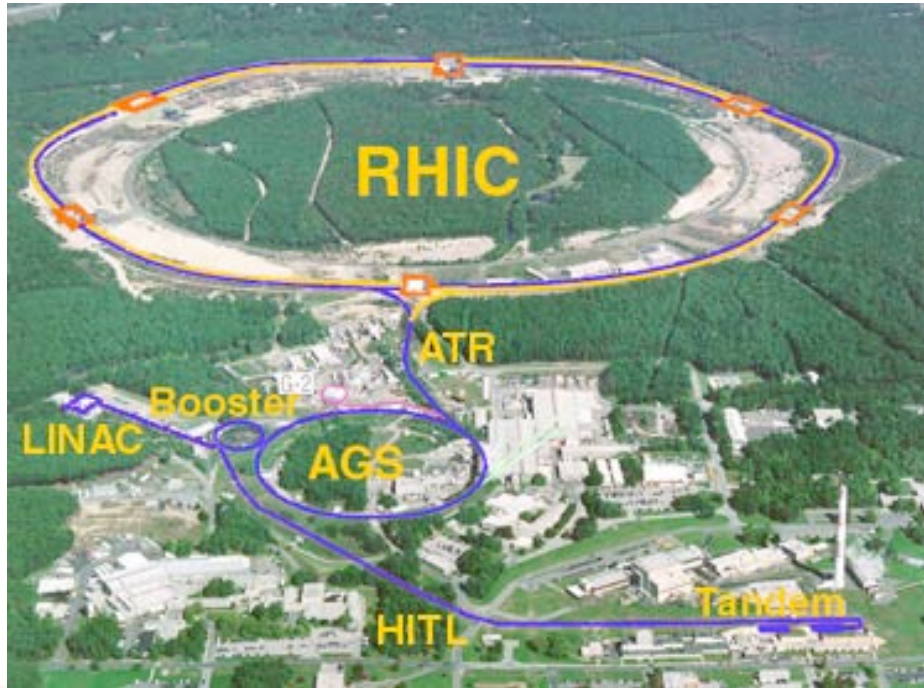
Two magnetic dipole spectrometers in "classic" fixed-target configuration



Hadrons, electrons, muons, photons
Rare & penetrating probes

PHENIX = Pioneering High Energy Nuclear Interaction eXperiment

A large, multi-purpose nuclear physics experiment at the Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC): $1 \leq A \leq 197$.
For Au+Au: $19 \leq \sqrt{s}_{NN} \leq 200$ GeV $L_{\max} = 2 \times 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
two independent rings $\rightarrow$ p+Au, d+Au, etc.



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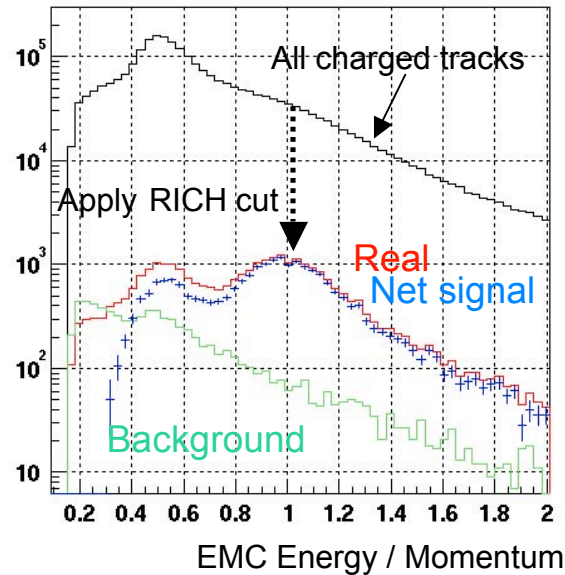
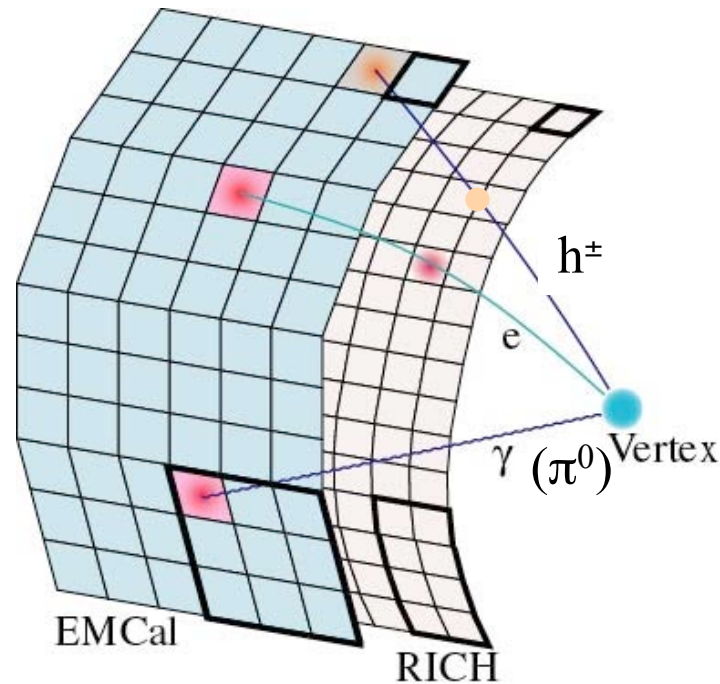
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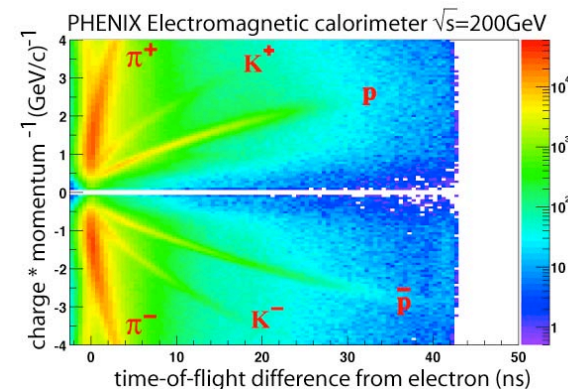
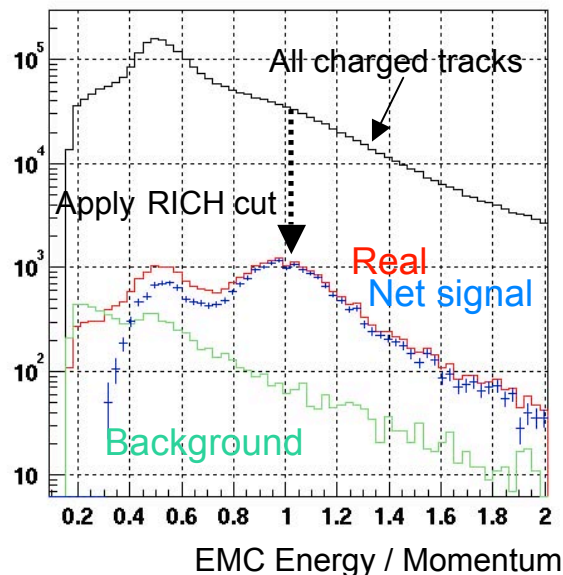
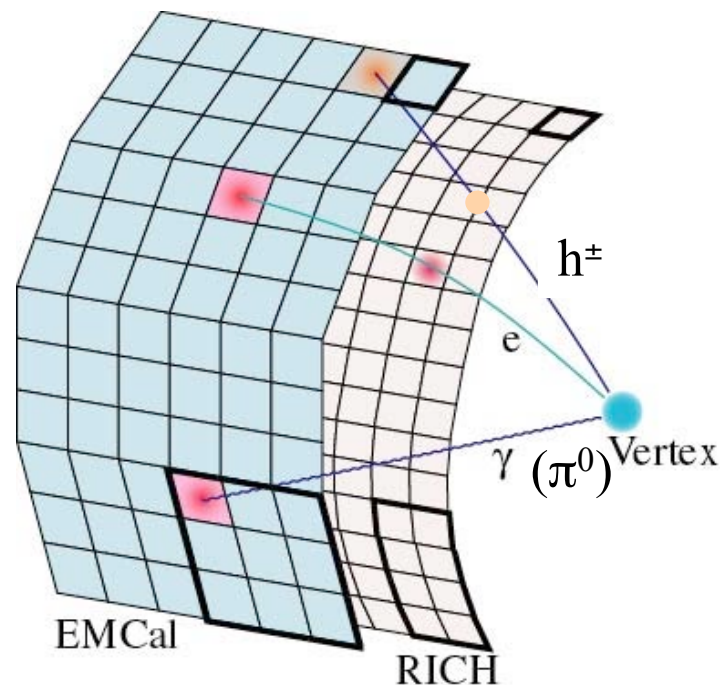
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Detecting electrons means detecting all particles=PHENIX



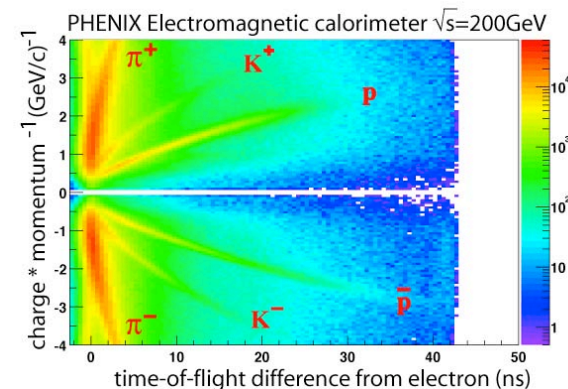
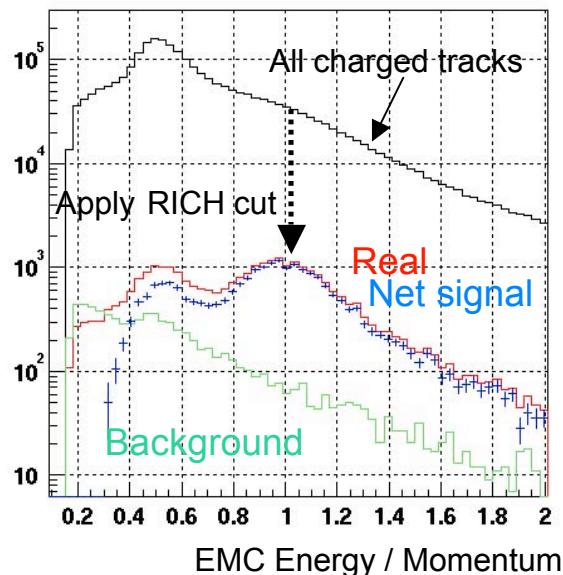
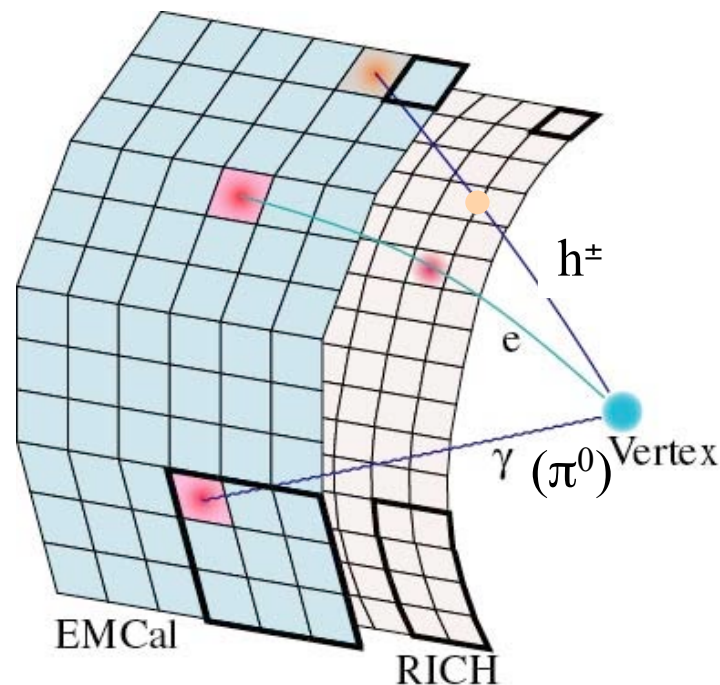
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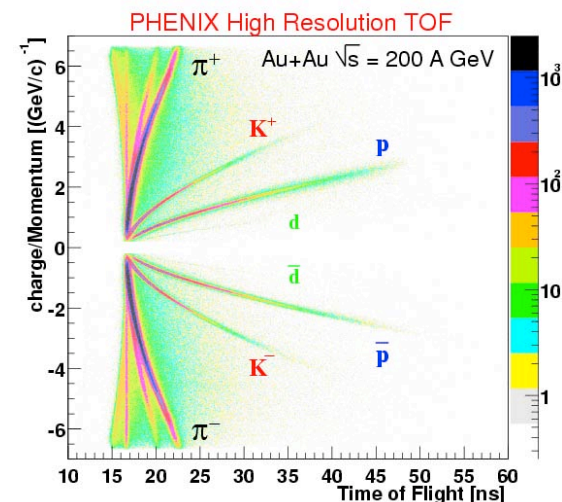


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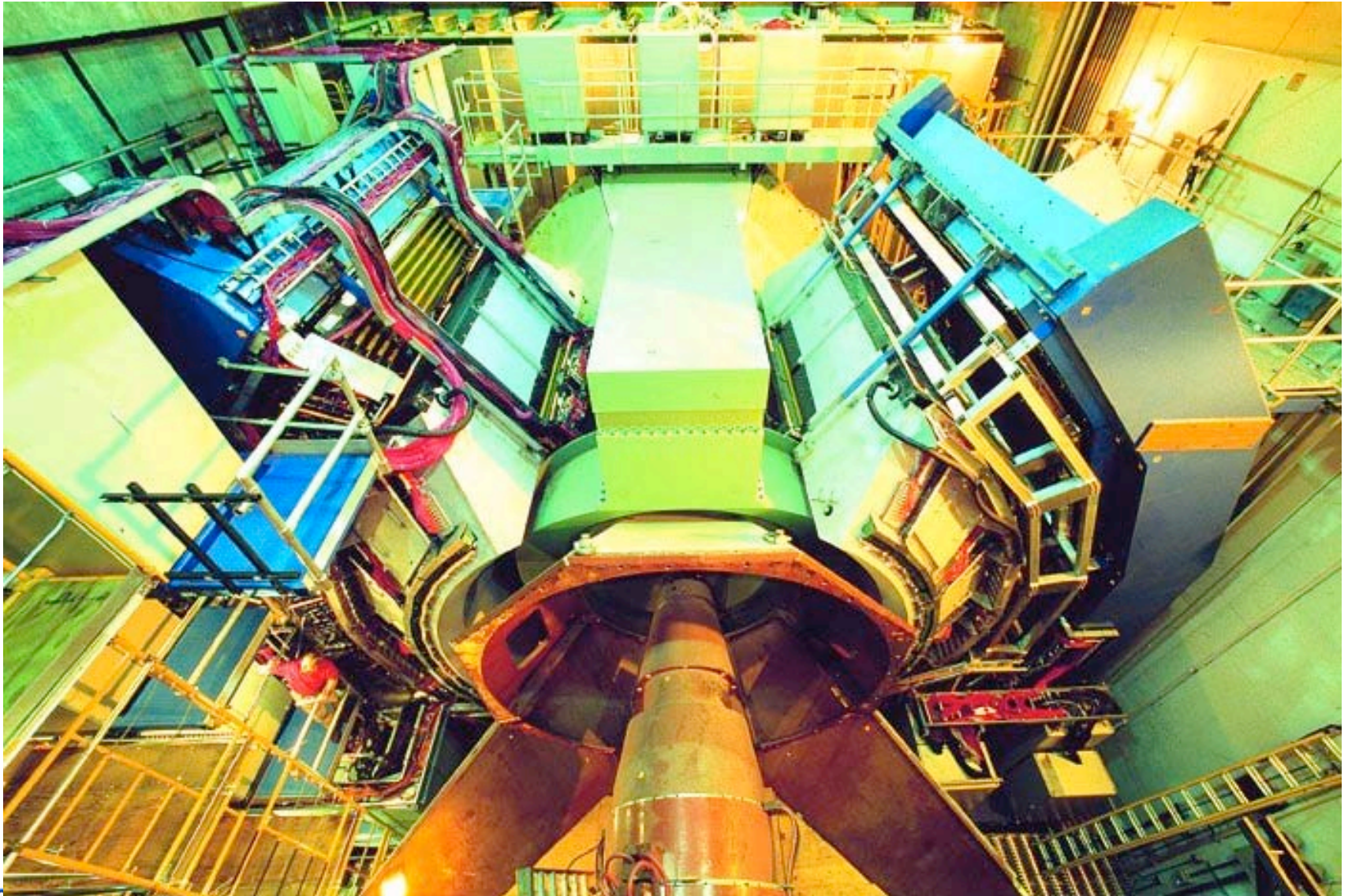
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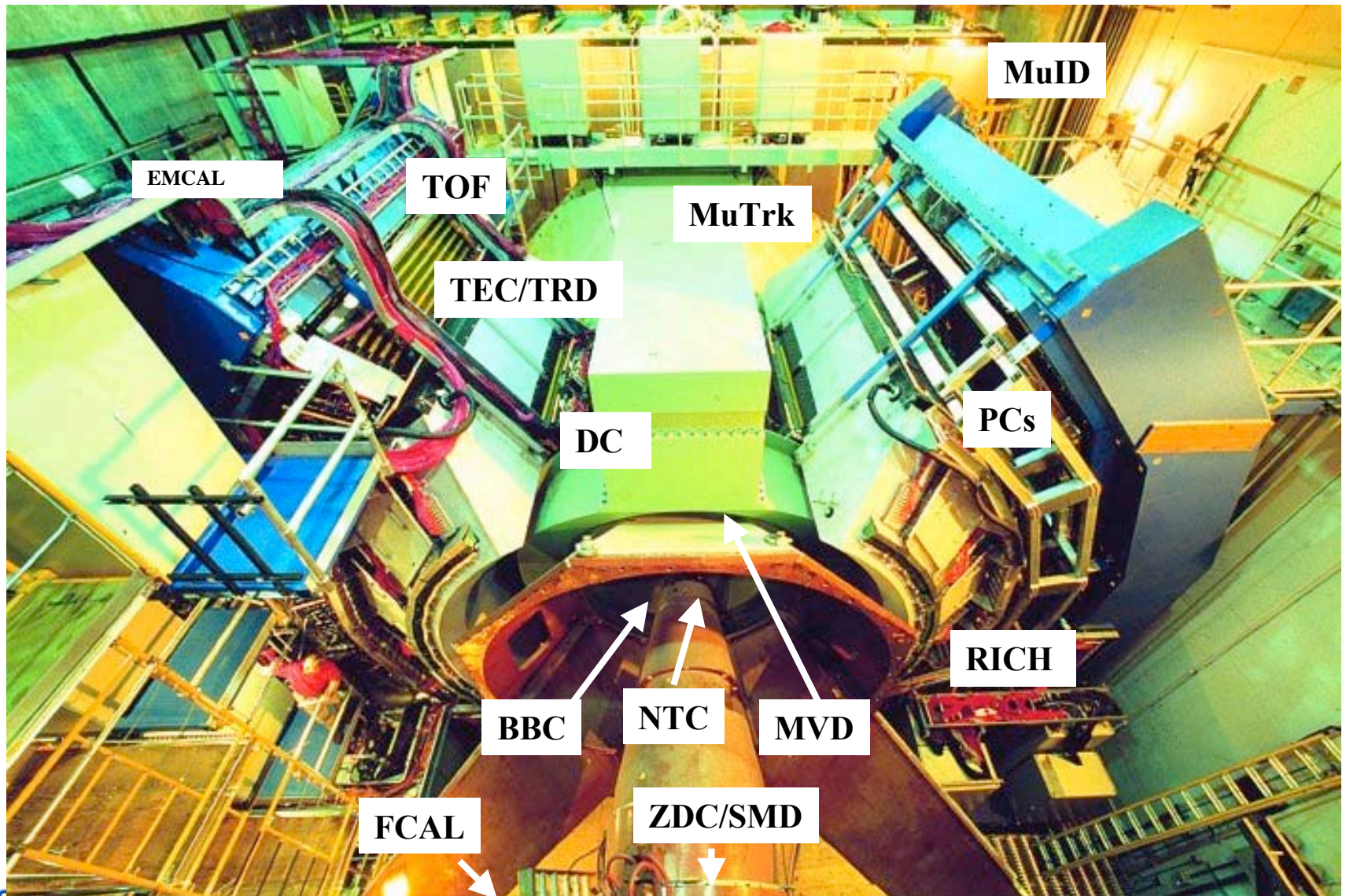
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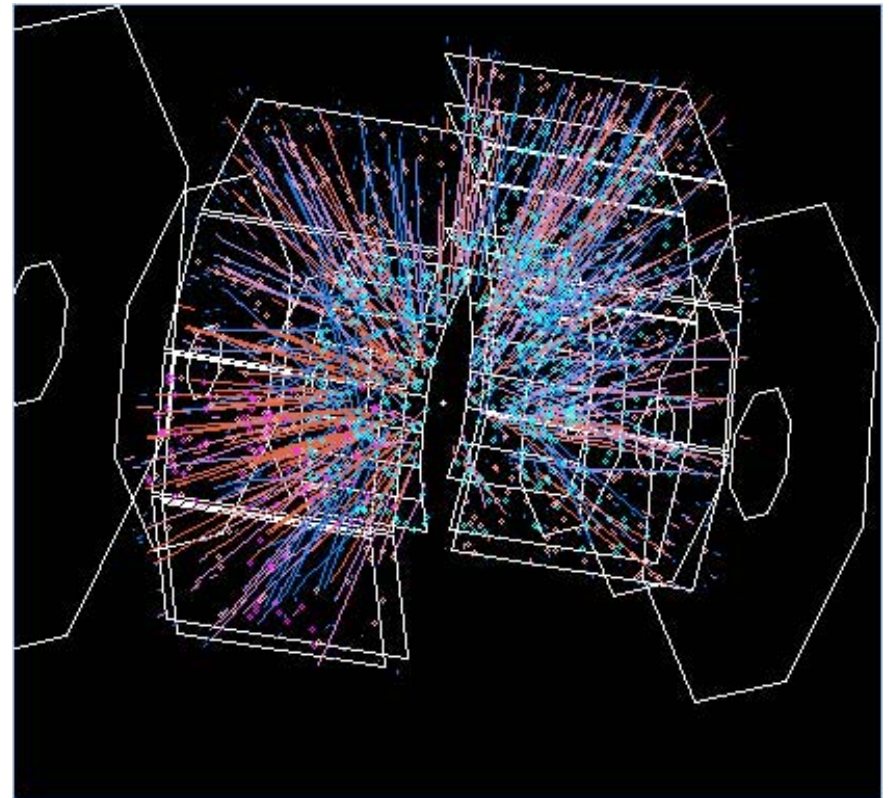
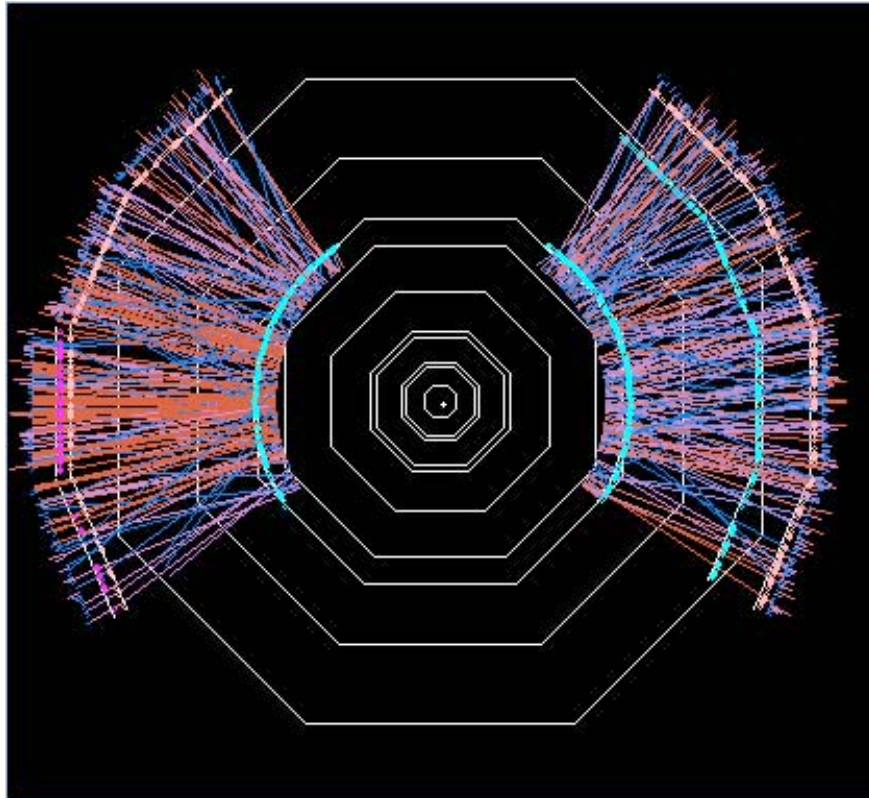


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Example of a central Au+Au event at $\sqrt{s_{nn}} = 200$ GeV

$dn_{ch}/d\eta|_{\eta=0} = 700$ for central Au+Au collisions
 $= 2.5$ for p-p collisions

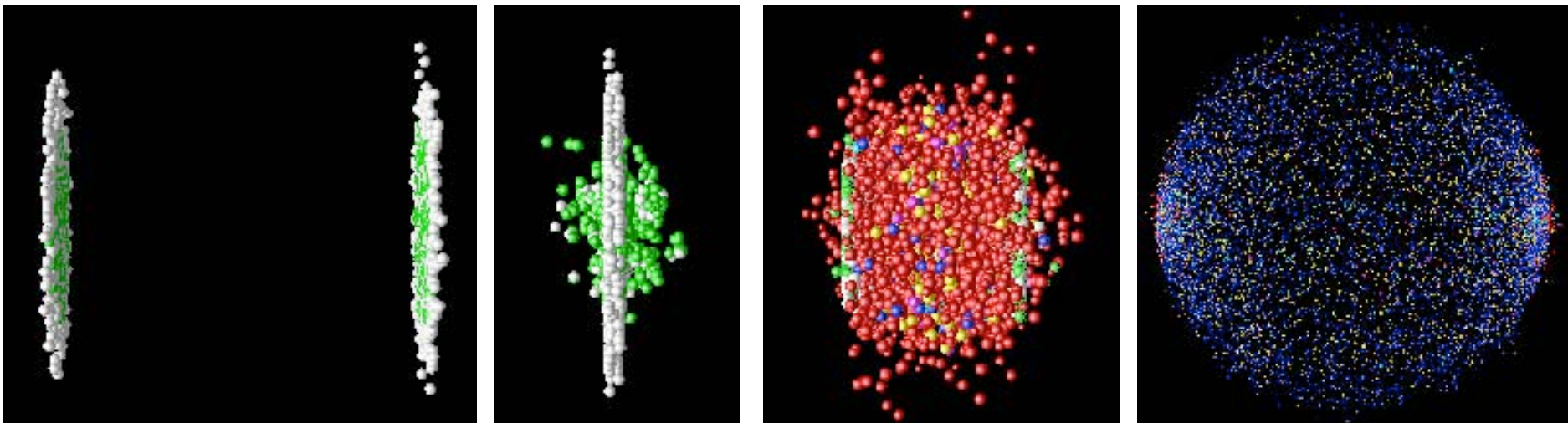


Run-1 to Run-6 Capsule History

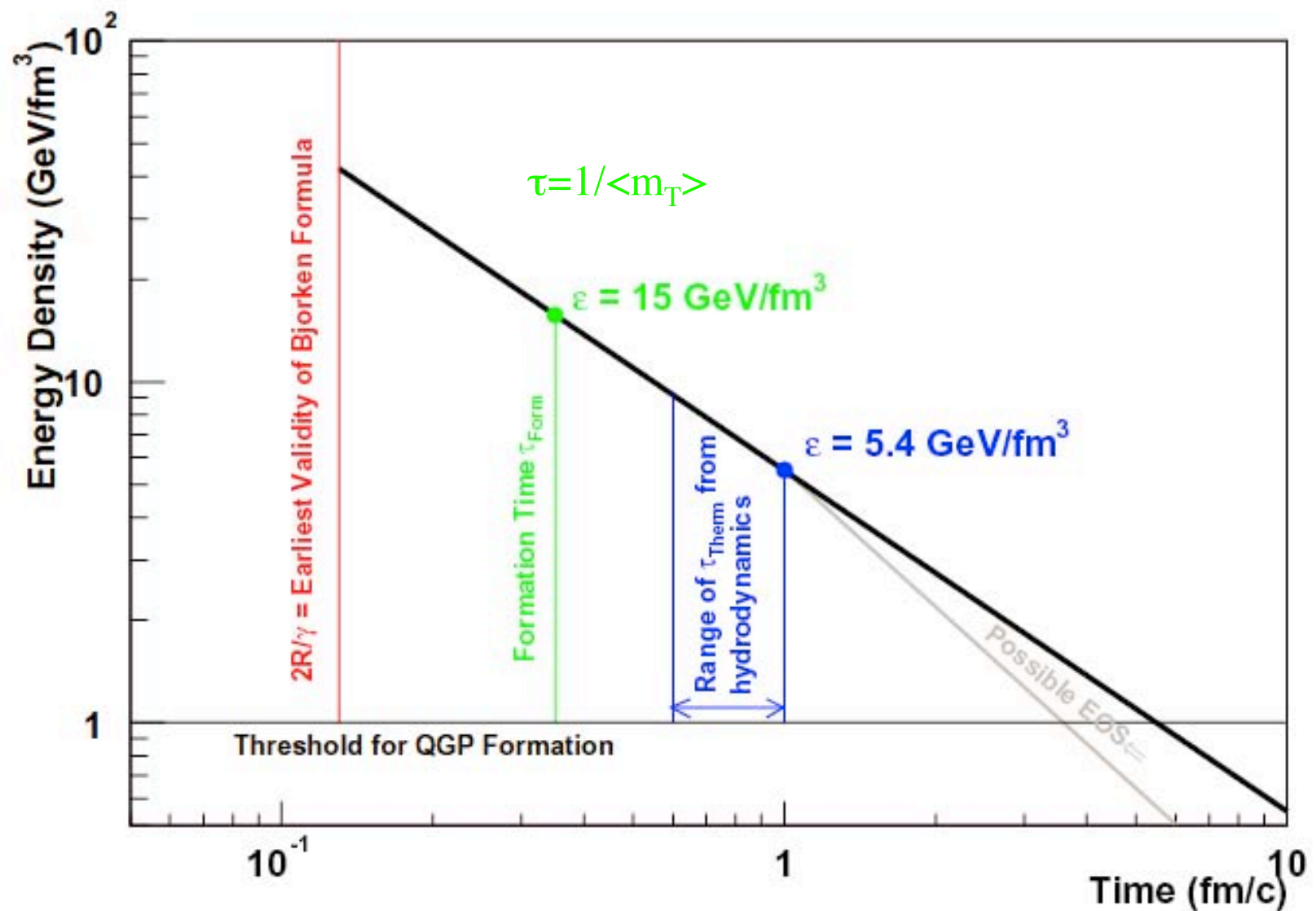
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01	2000	Au+Au	130	$1 \mu b^{-1}$	10M	$0.04 pb^{-1}$	3 TB
02	2001/2002	Au+Au	200	$24 \mu b^{-1}$	170M	$1.0 pb^{-1}$	10 TB
		p+p	200	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	3.7G	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	20 TB
03	2002/2003	d+Au	200	$2.74 nb^{-1}$	5.5G	$1.1 pb^{-1}$	46 TB
		p+p	200	$0.35 pb^{-1}$	6.6G	$0.35 pb^{-1}$	35 TB
04	2003/2004	Au+Au	200	$241 \mu b^{-1}$	1.5G	$10.0 pb^{-1}$	270 TB
		Au+Au	62	$9 \mu b^{-1}$	58M	$0.36 pb^{-1}$	10 TB
05	2004/2005	Cu+Cu	200	$3 nb^{-1}$	8.6G	$11.9 pb^{-1}$	173 TB
		Cu+Cu	62	$0.19 nb^{-1}$	0.6G	$0.8 pb^{-1}$	48 TB
		Cu+Cu	22.5	$2.7 \mu b^{-1}$	9M	$0.01 pb^{-1}$	1 TB
		p+p	200	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	85B	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	270 TB
06	2006	p+p	200	$10.7 pb^{-1}$	230B	$10.7 pb^{-1}$	310 TB
		p+p	62	$0.1 pb^{-1}$	28B	$0.1 pb^{-1}$	25 TB

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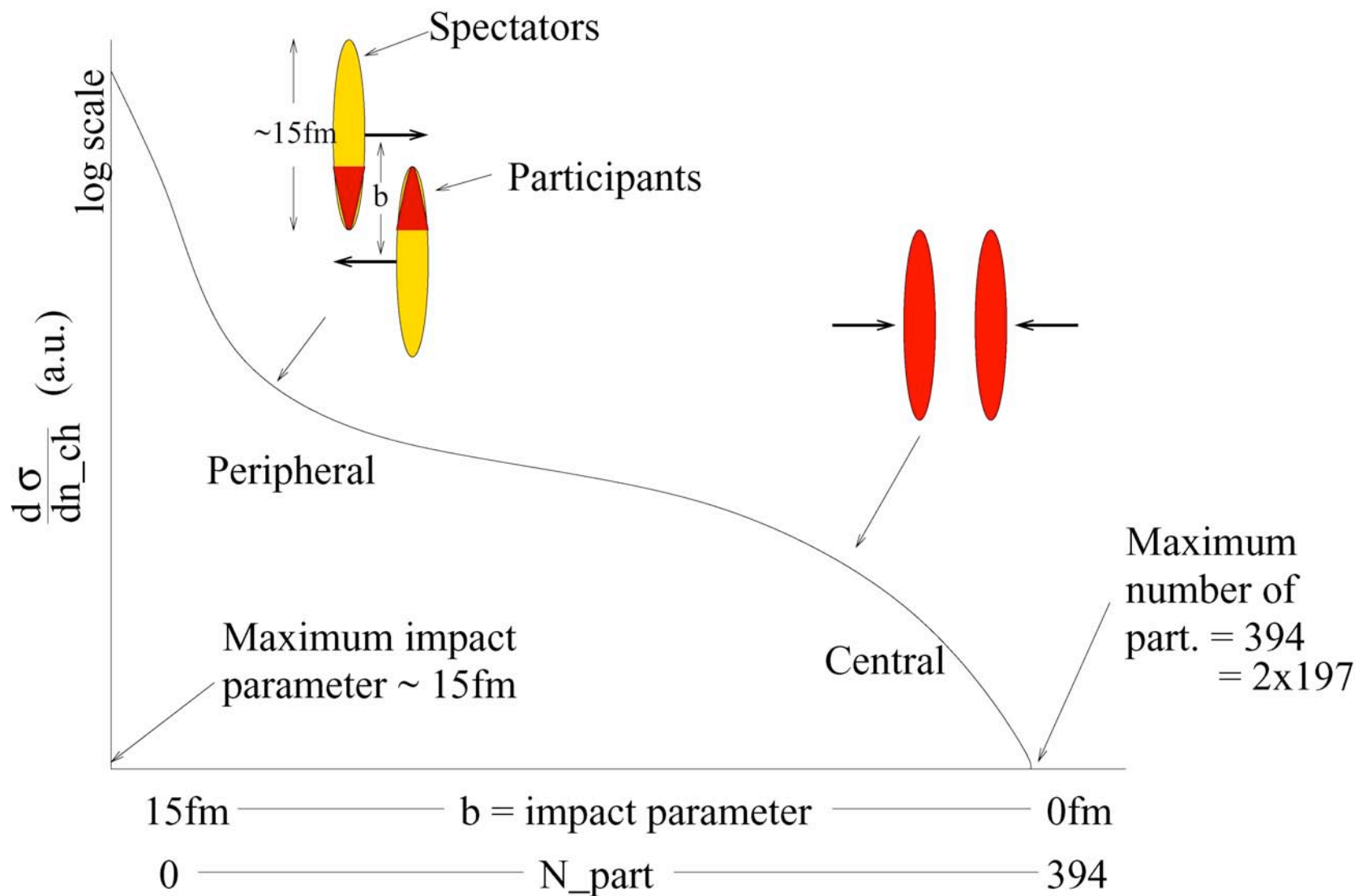
Spacetime evolution is important



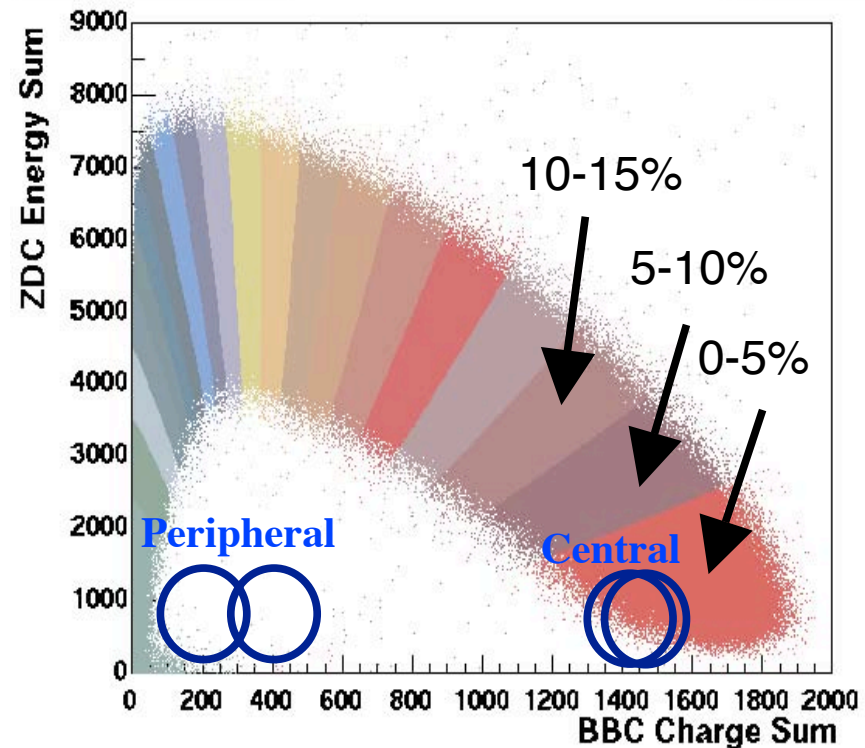
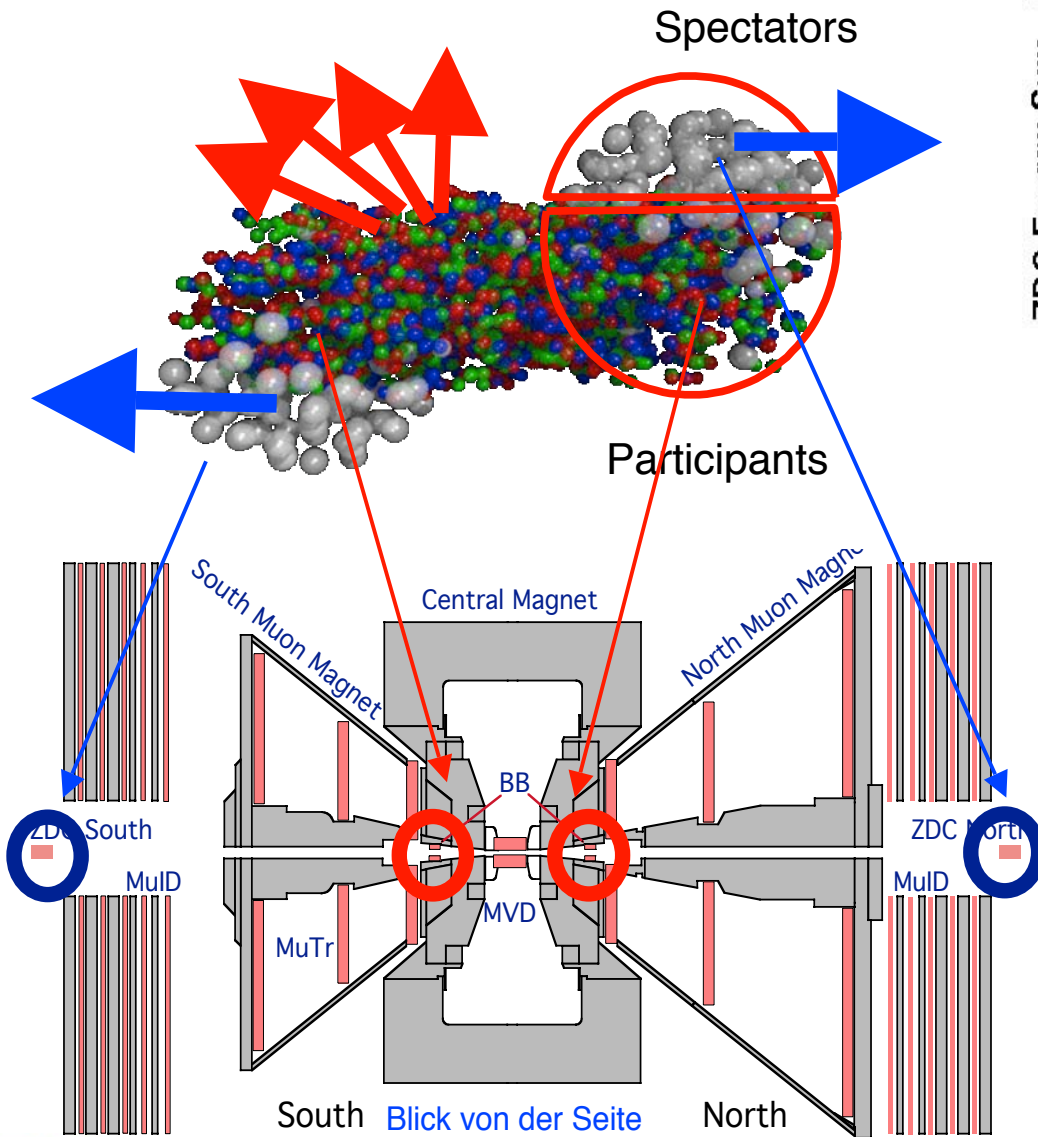
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Schematic Au+Au collision

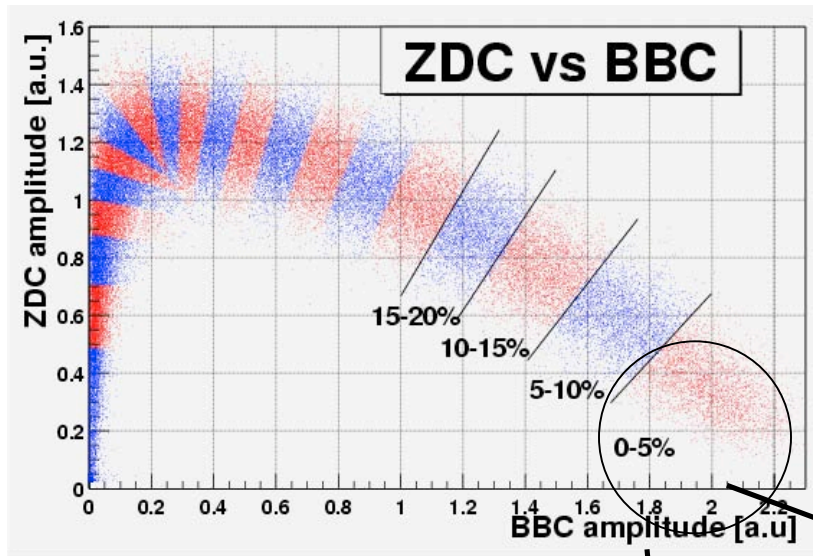


Collision Centrality Determination

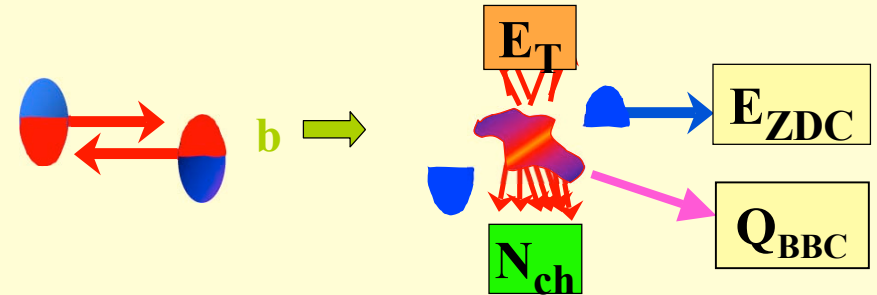


- Centrality selection : Sum of Beam-Beam Counter (BBC, $|\eta|=3\sim 4$) and energy of Zero-degree calorimeter (ZDC)
- Extracted N_{coll} and N_{part} based on Glauber model.

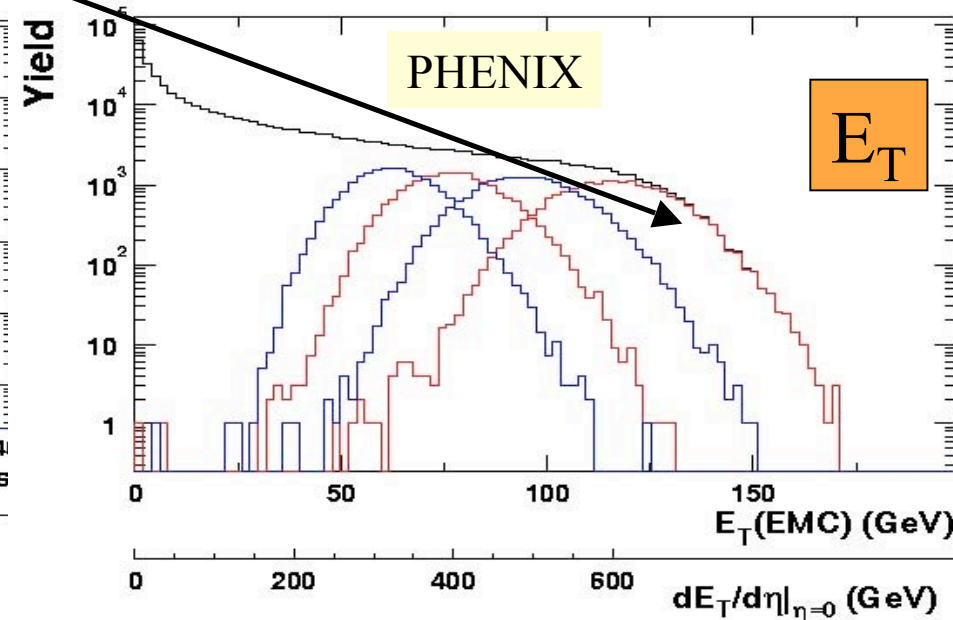
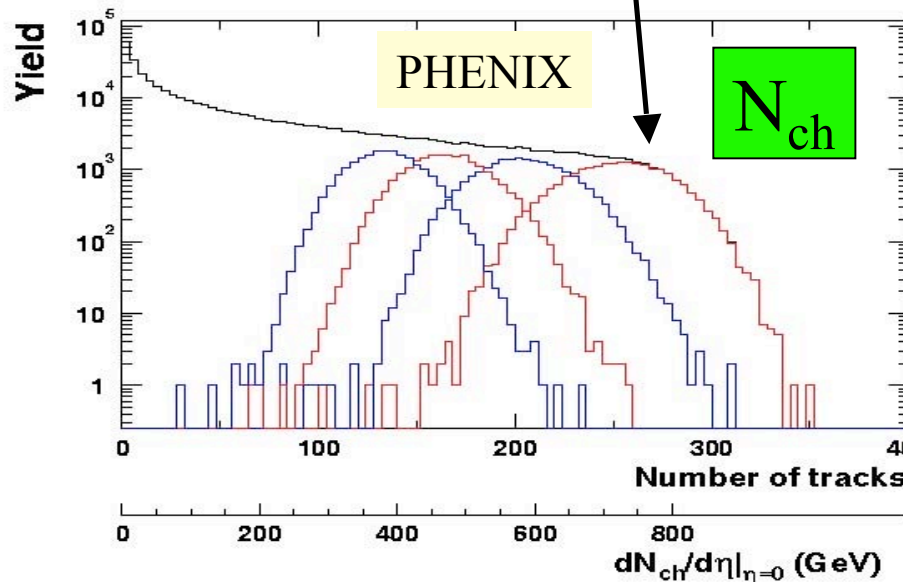
N_{charged} , E_T exhibit (& could determine) the Nuclear Geometry



Define centrality classes: ZDC vs BBC

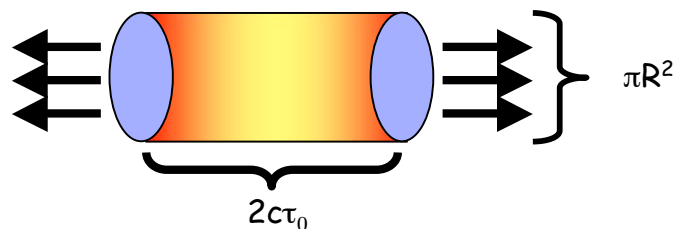


Extract N participants: Glauber model



Is the energy density high enough?

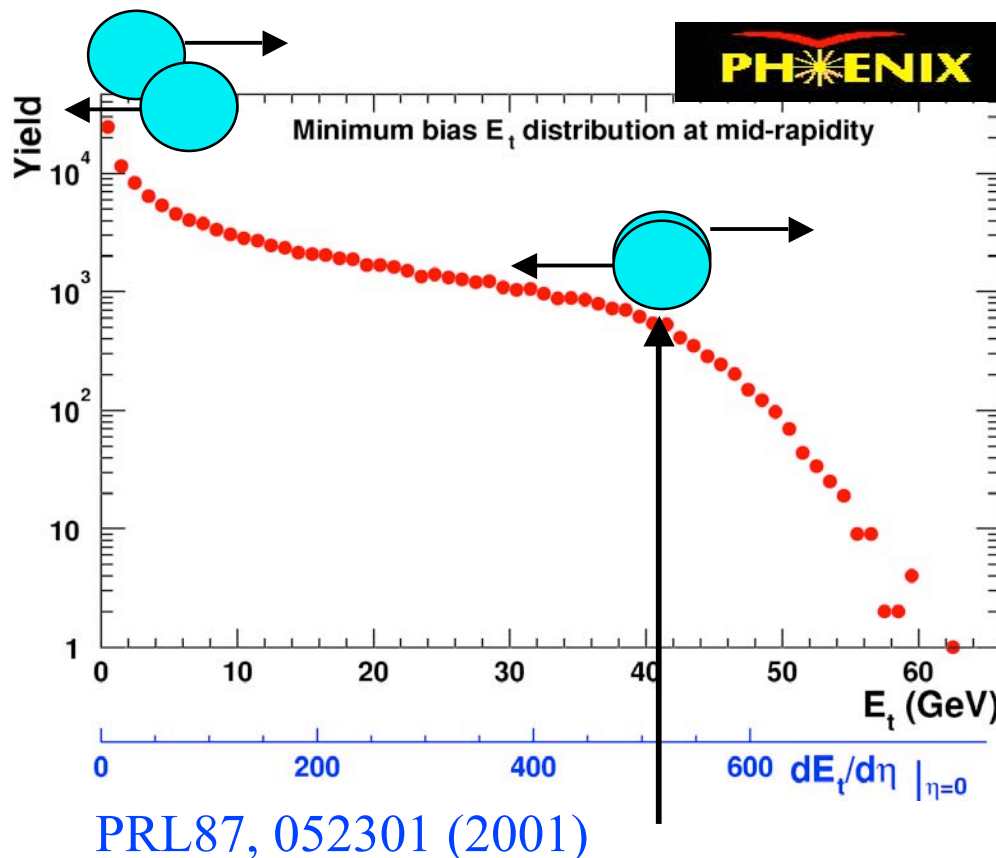
Colliding system expands:



Energy $\perp$ to
beam direction

$$\varepsilon_{Bj} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{1}{c\tau_0} \left(\frac{dE_T}{dy} \right)$$

per unit
velocity $\parallel$ to beam



$\rightarrow \varepsilon \geq 4.6 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ (130 GeV Au+Au)

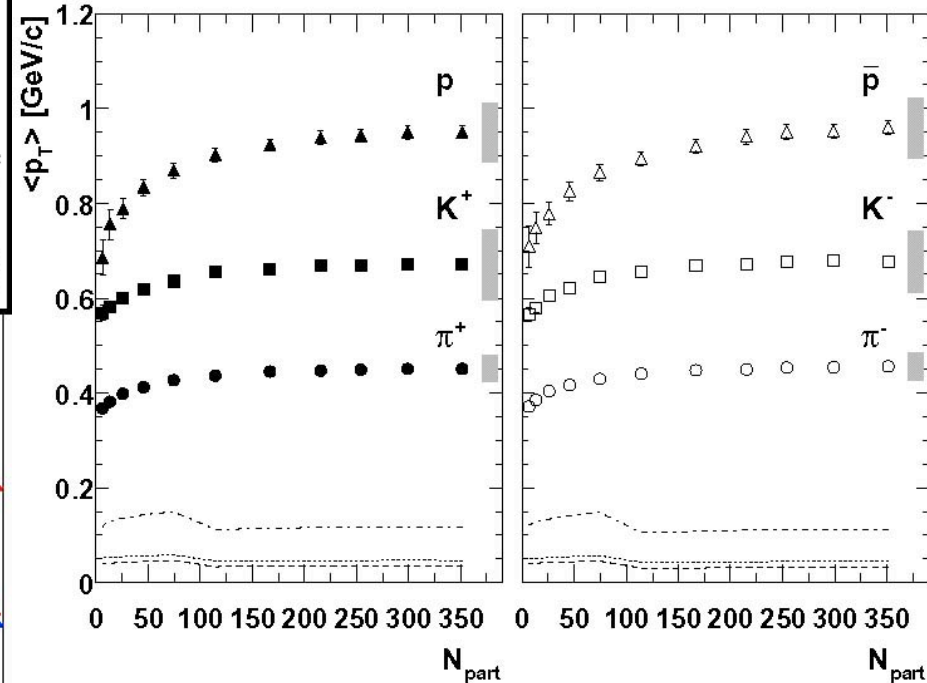
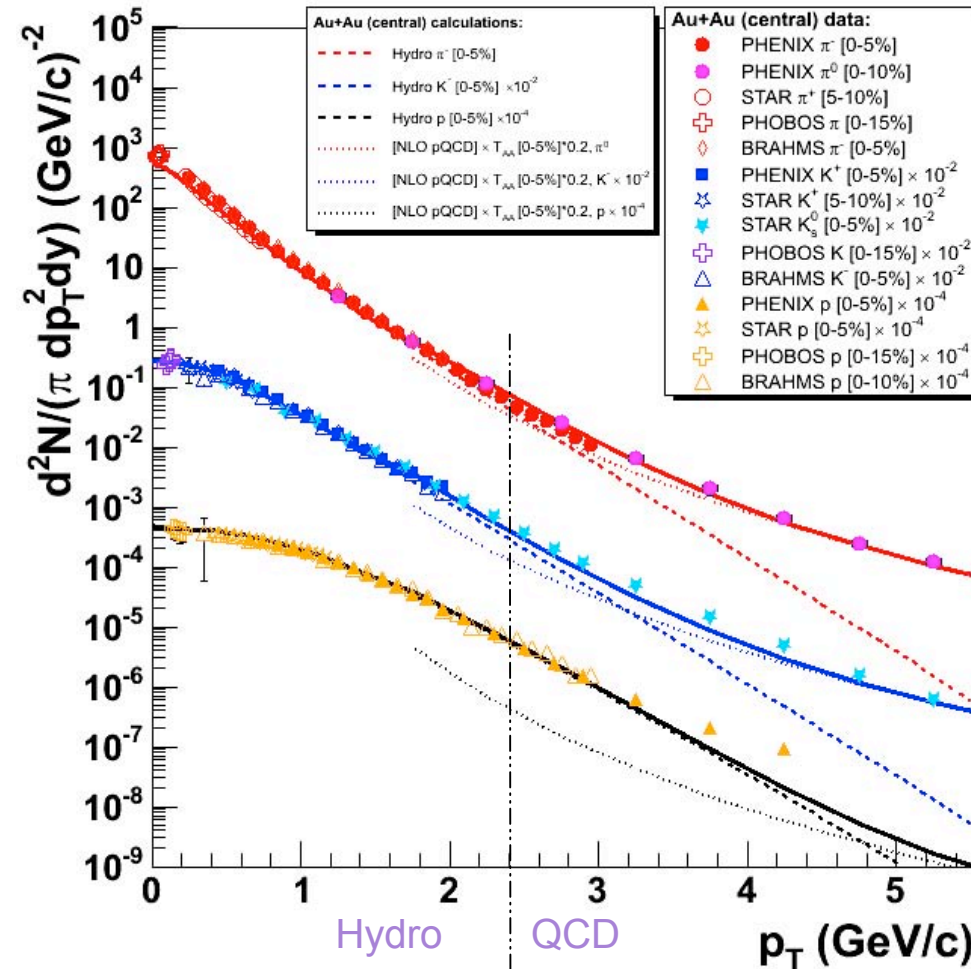
$5.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ (200 GeV Au+Au)
well above predicted transition!

EMCal measures ε_{Bj}

Particle Production

Semi-Inclusive soft particle spectra

Au+Au central ($b < 2.6$ fm)

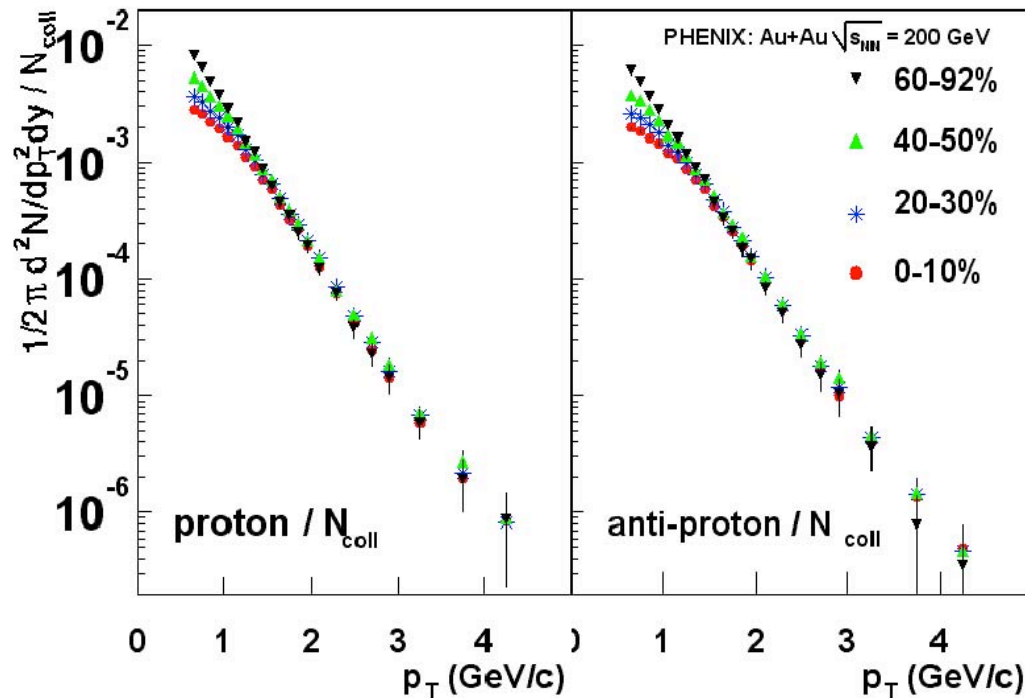


- $\langle p_T \rangle$: $\pi < K < p$
- 25% (π) to 40% (p) increase from peripheral to central

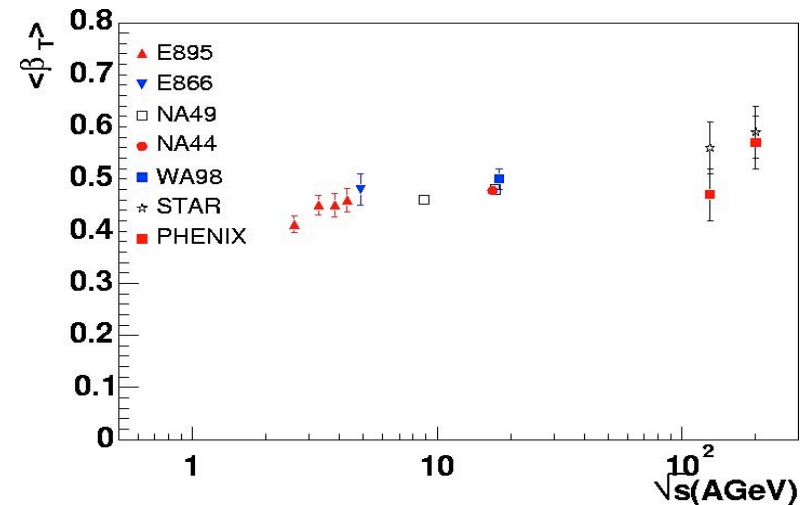
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Increase of $\langle p_T \rangle$ with centrality--radial flow

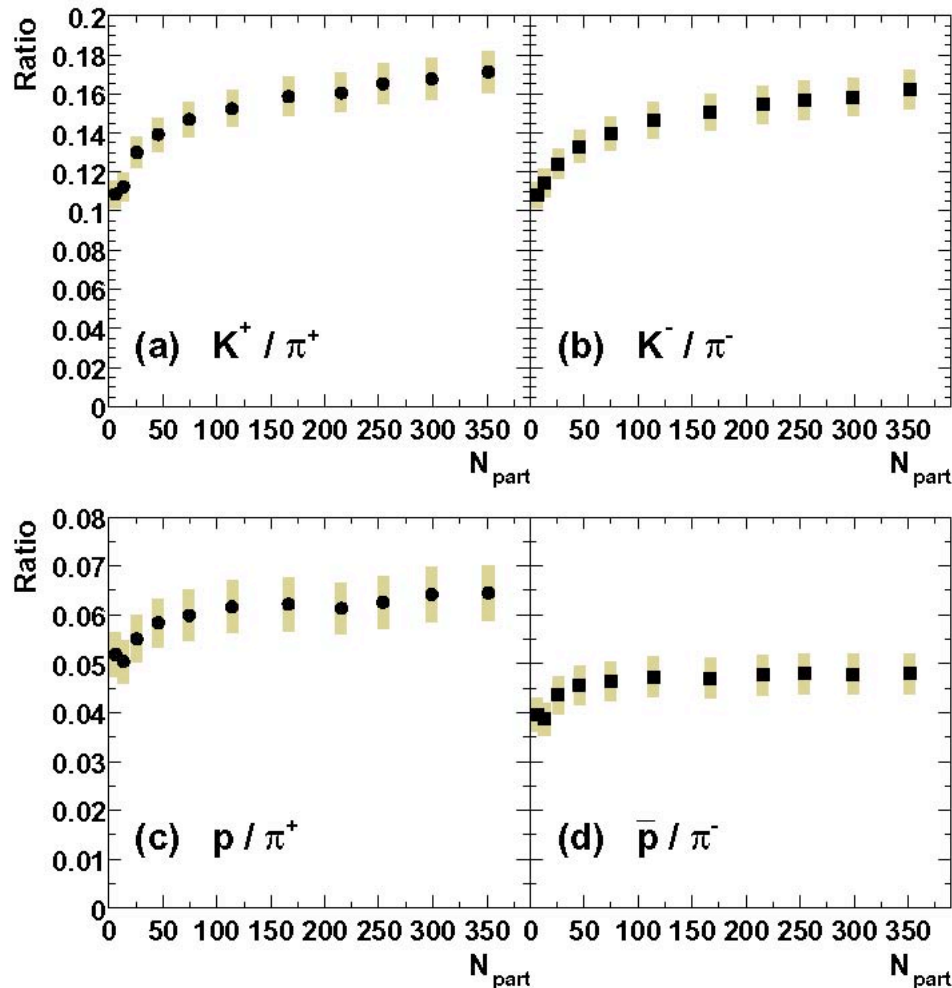
- $p_T \sim \gamma_T \beta_T m$ $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2} = \gamma_T m$



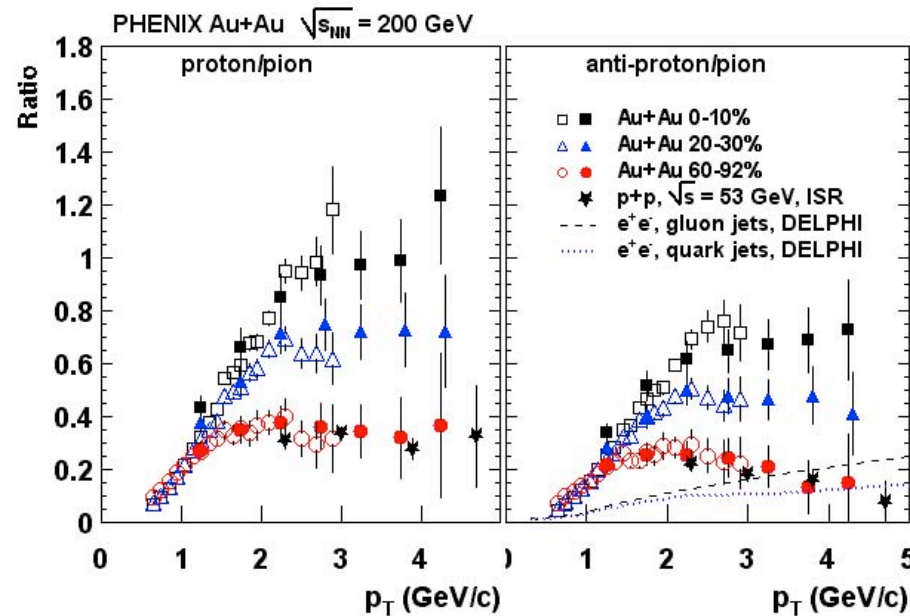
Strong radial **collective flow**
built-up at freeze-out: $\langle \beta_T \rangle \approx 0.6$



Particle ratios---inclusive and at high p_T



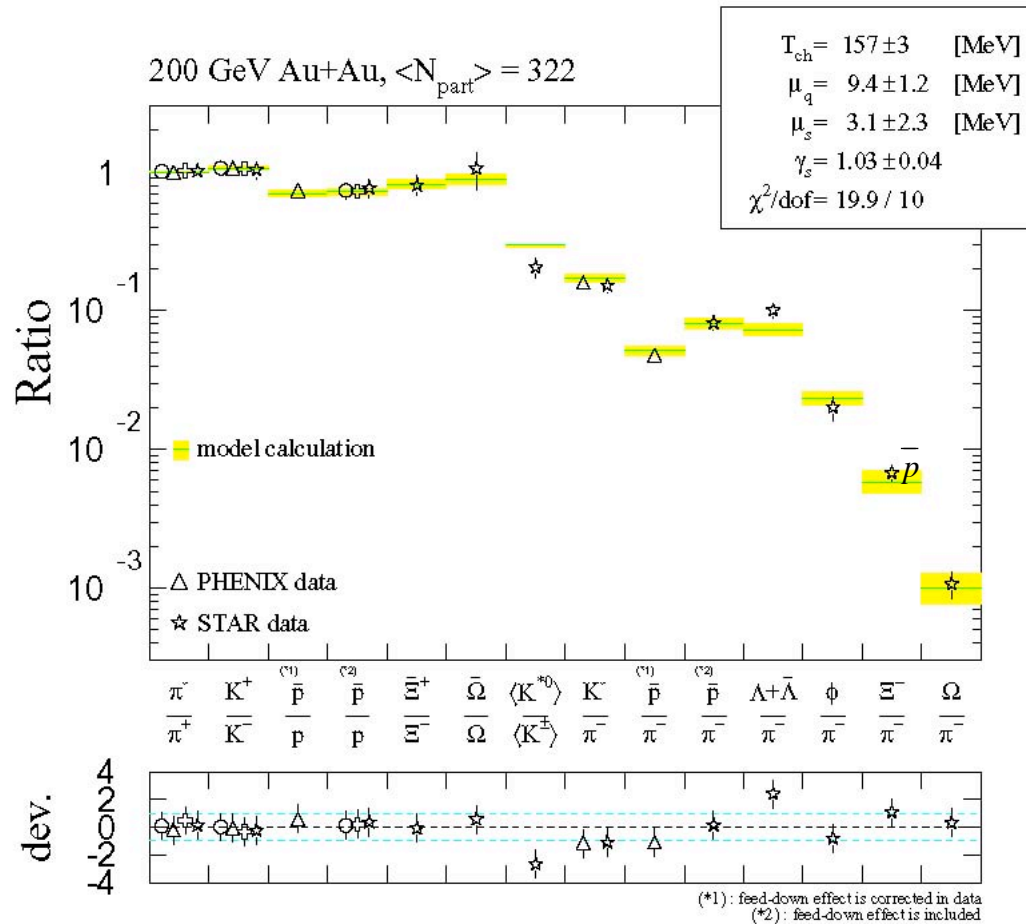
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



dramatic with centrality vs p_T

inclusive vs centrality-nothing much

Low p_T (inclusive) ratios consistent with ``Thermal'' --but so are pp and $e^+ e^-$



- Assume all distrib. described by one T and one μ :

$$dN \sim e^{-(E-\mu)/T} d^3p$$

- 1 ratio (e.g. p/p) determines μ/T

$$\frac{p}{p} \sim \frac{e^{-(E+\mu)/T}}{e^{-(E-\mu)/T}} = e^{-2\mu/T}$$

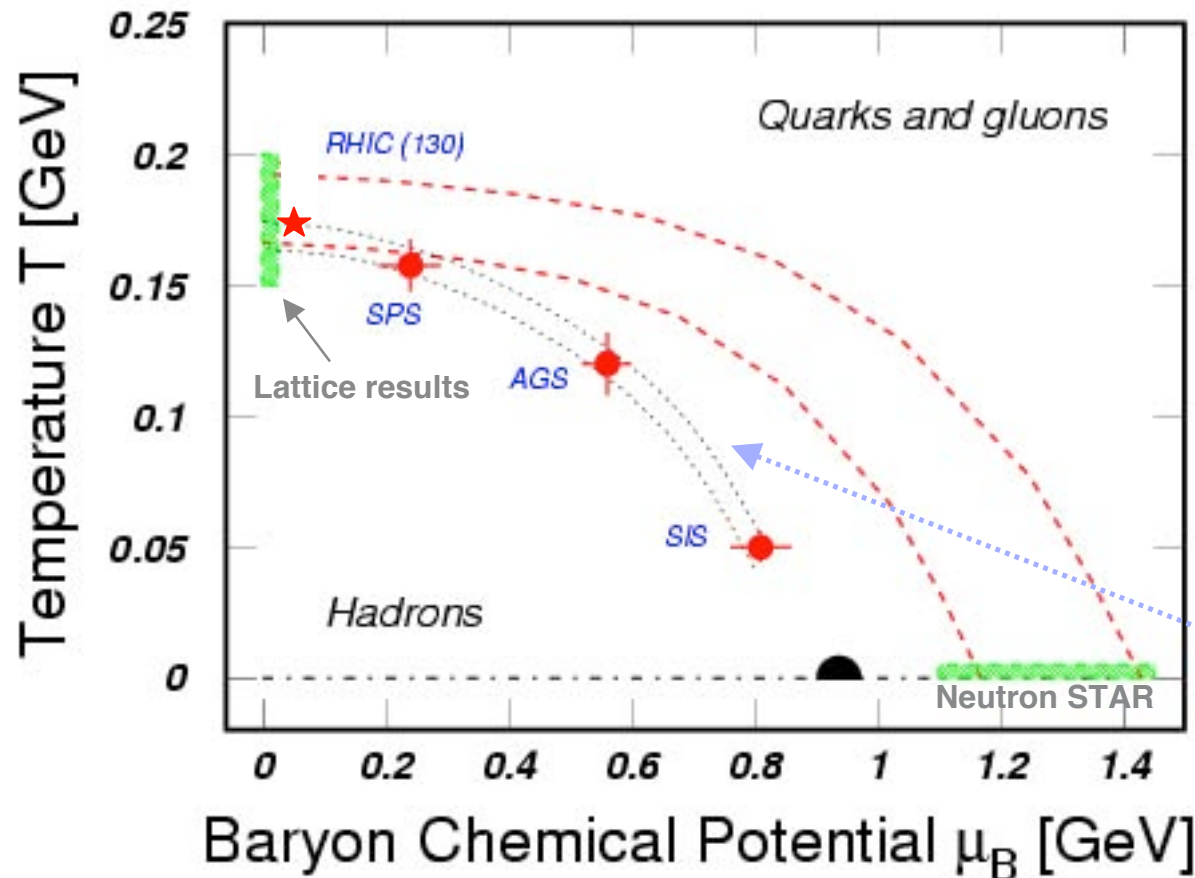
- 2nd ratio (e.g. K/π) provides T, μ .

- Then predict all other hadronic yields and ratios

- n.b strangeness not suppressed $\gamma_s = 1$

Fig. 10. Comparison of PHENIX (triangles), STAR (stars), BRAHMS (circles), and PHOBOS (crosses) particle ratios from central Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV at mid-rapidity. The thermal model descriptions from Kaneta [78] are also shown as lines. See Kaneta [78] for the experimental references.

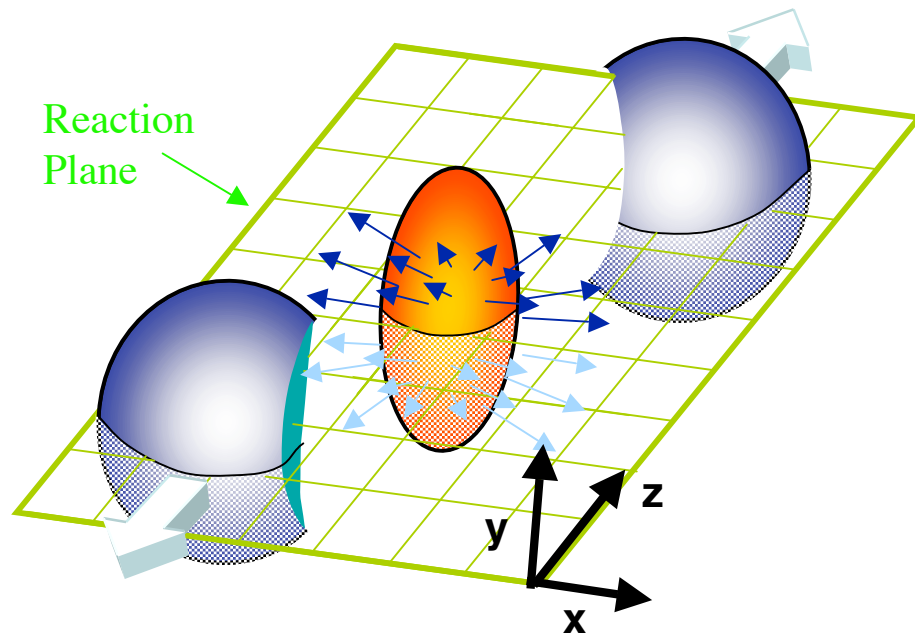
Phase Diagram from Thermal Fit of particle ratios---“chemical”



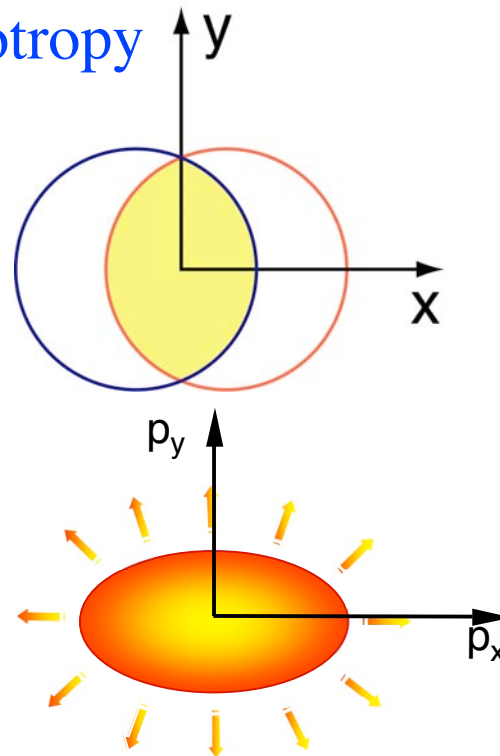
- Final-state analysis suggests RHIC reaches the phase boundary
- Hadron resonance ideal gas (M. Kaneta and N. Xu, nucl-ex/0104021 & QM02)
 - $T_{CH} = 175 \pm 10$ MeV
 - $\mu_B = 40 \pm 10$ MeV
- $\langle E \rangle / N \sim 1$ GeV (J. Cleymans and K. Redlich, Phys.Rev.C, 60, 054908, 1999)

- Where is the QGP critical point?

Anisotropic (Elliptic) Transverse Flow--an Interesting complication in AA collisions



- spatial anisotropy $\Rightarrow$ momentum anisotropy



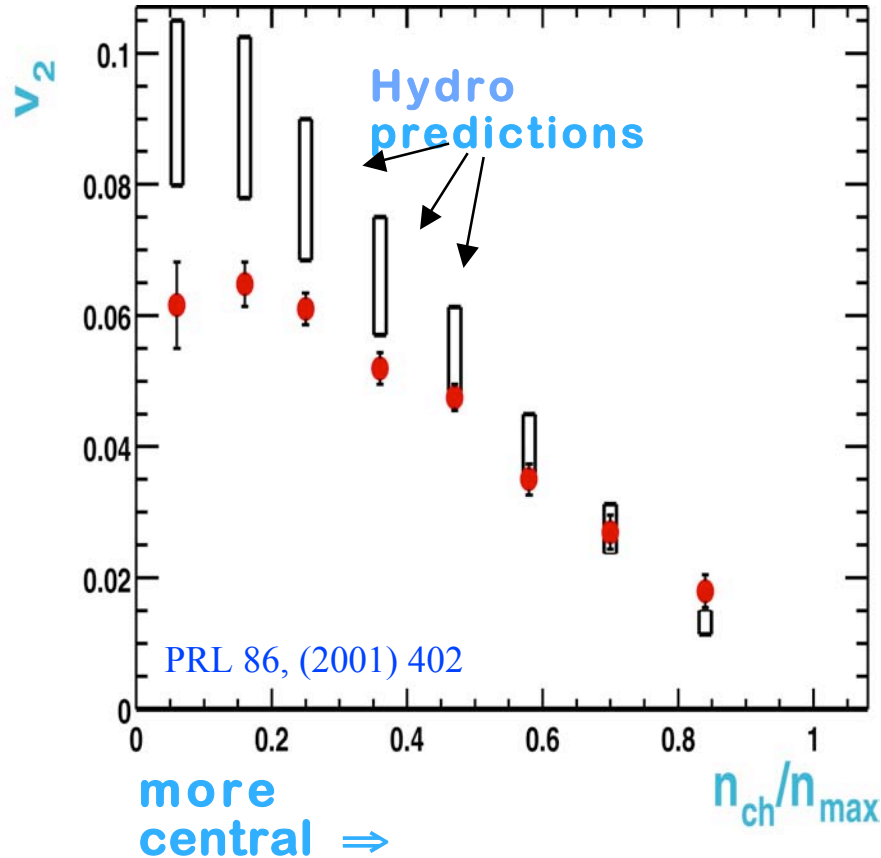
- Perform a Fourier decomposition of the momentum space particle distributions in the x-y plane

✓ v_2 is the 2nd harmonic Fourier coefficient of the distribution of particles with respect to the reaction plane

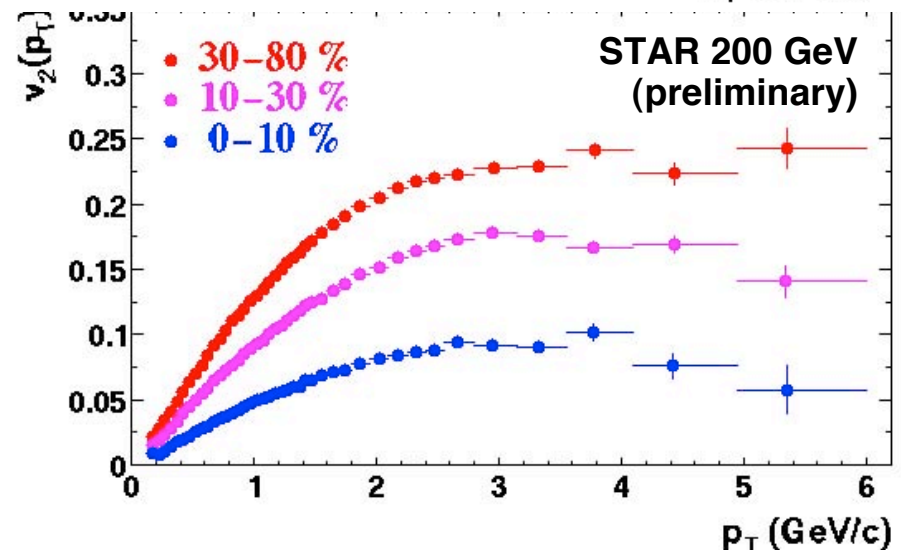
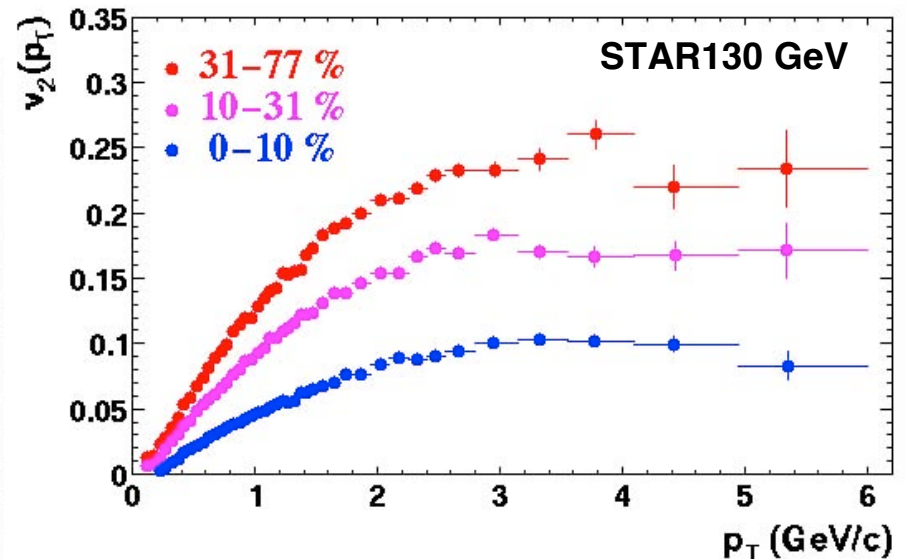
$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\phi \rangle \quad \phi = \text{atan} \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

Centrality and p_T dependence of v_2

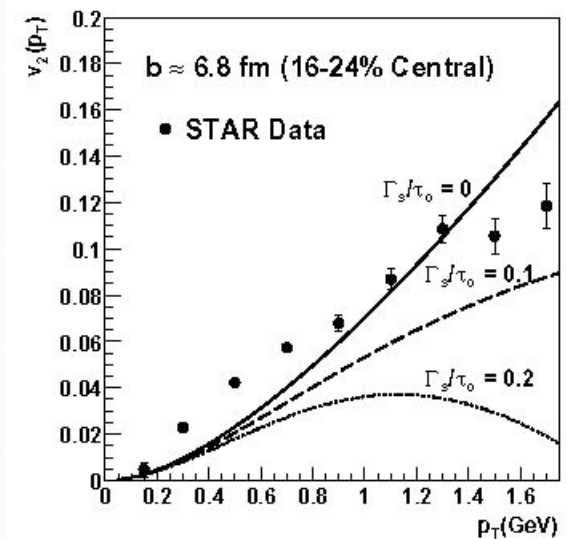
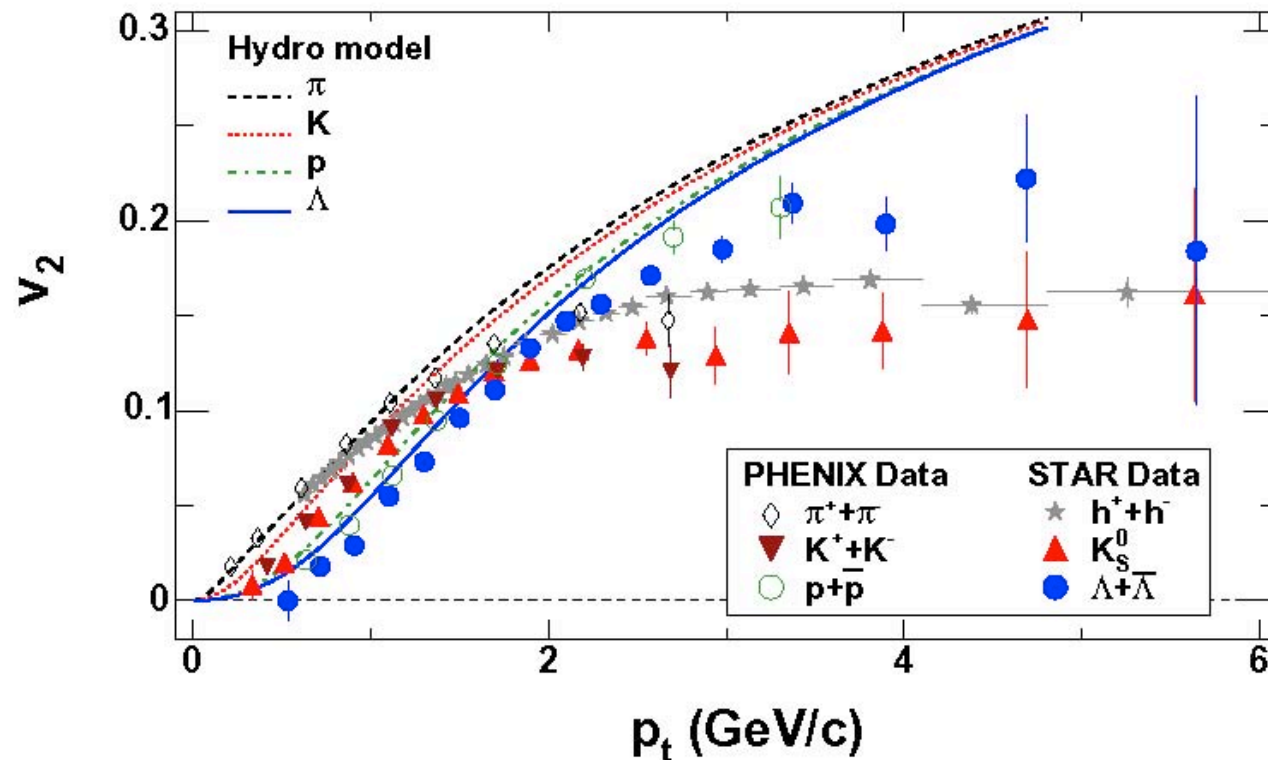
unidentified charged hadrons



- follows eccentricity of almond
- saturates for $p_T > 2$ GeV/c



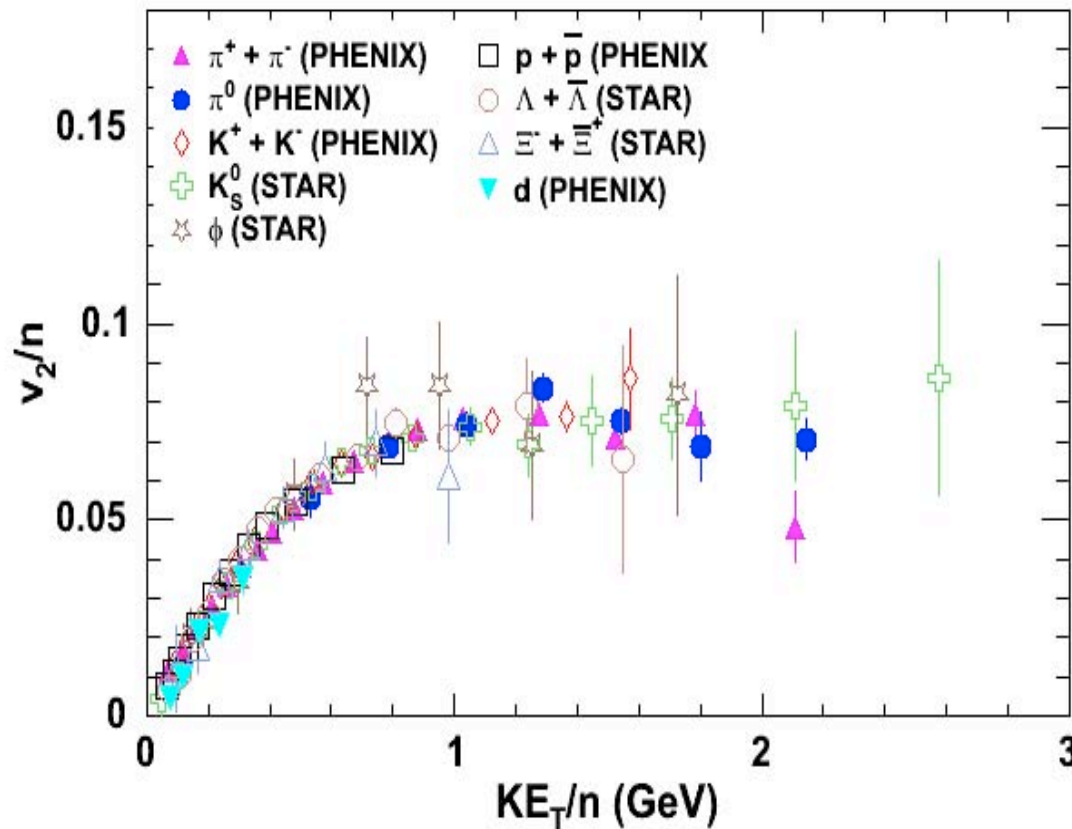
Detailed comparison to hydrodynamics with identified particles--The perfect fluid (?)



D. Teaney,
PRC68, 034913 (2003)

STAR-PRC72, 014904 (2005)

All particles scale in v_2/n vs KE_T/n $\Rightarrow$ constituent quarks flow

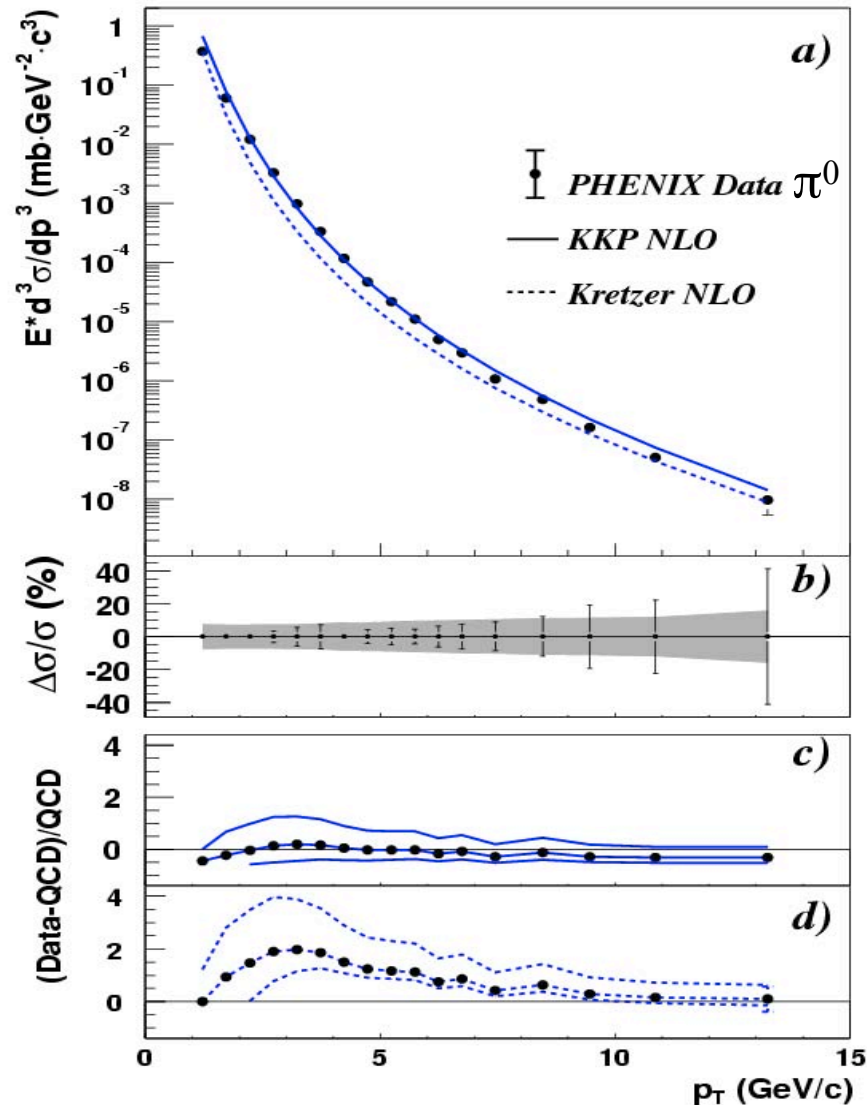


v_2 per quark vs Kinetic Energy per quark scaling works for a broad set of particles
 ϕ flow and scaling--evidence for partonic flow due to small ϕ hadronic cross section

Hard-Scattering: Jet (π^0) Suppression

RHIC pp spectra $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV

nicely illustrate hard scattering phenomenology

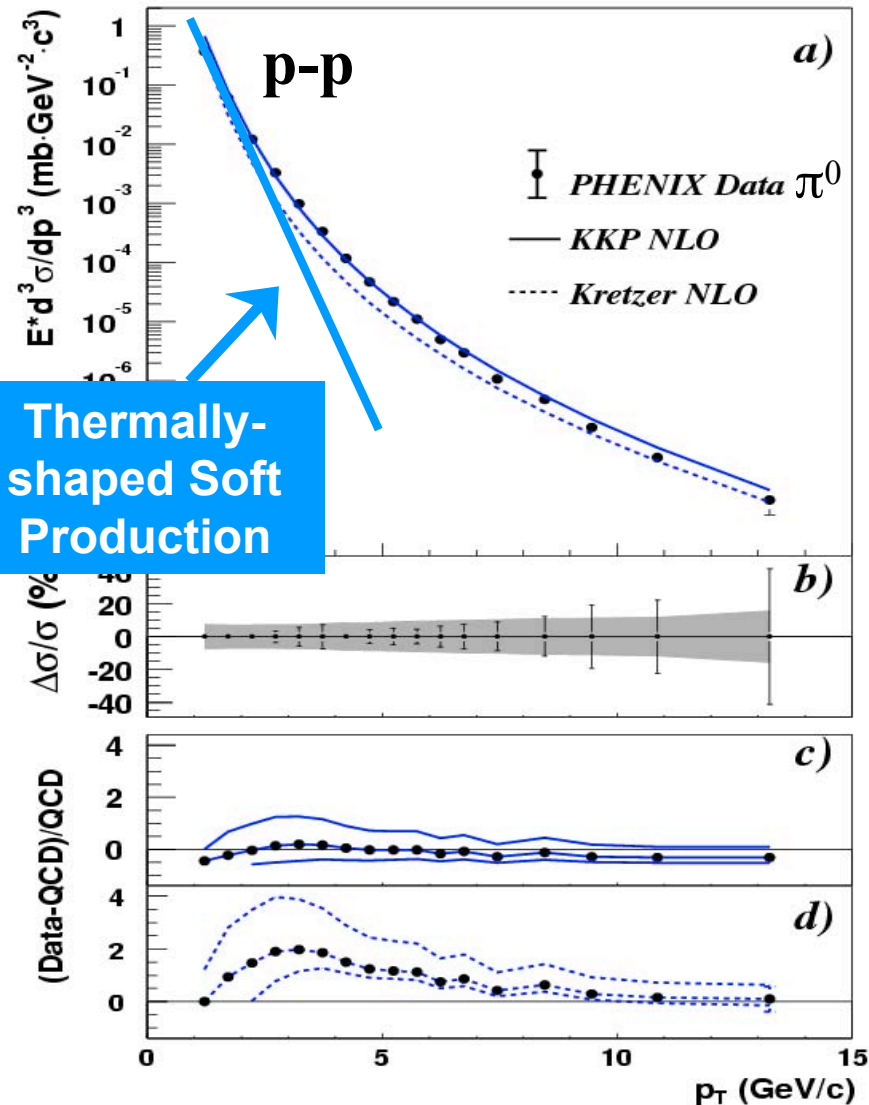


- Good agreement with NLO pQCD
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- **Reference for A+A and p+A spectra**
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PHENIX (p+p) PRL 91, 241803 (2003)

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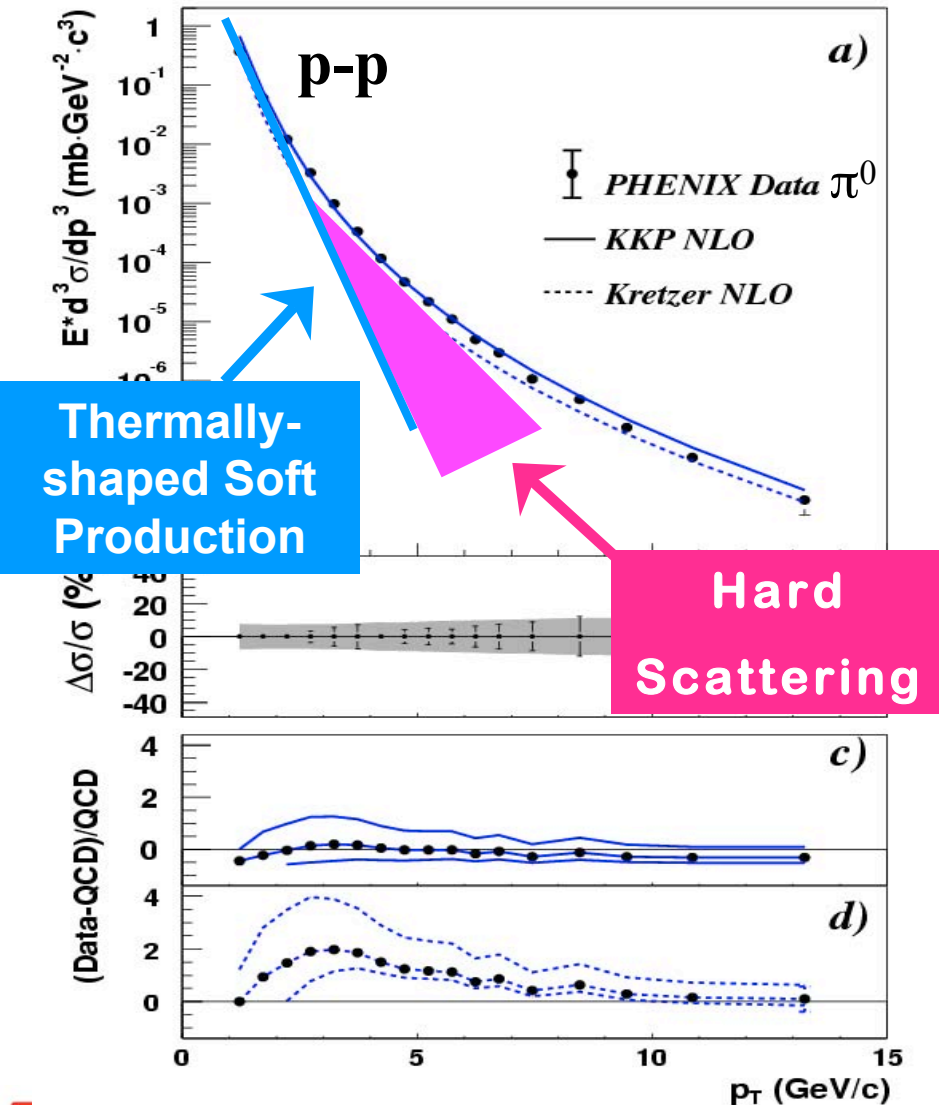


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μ -A DIS at AGS (1973)--Hard-Scattering is pointlike

E. Gabathuler, Total cross-section

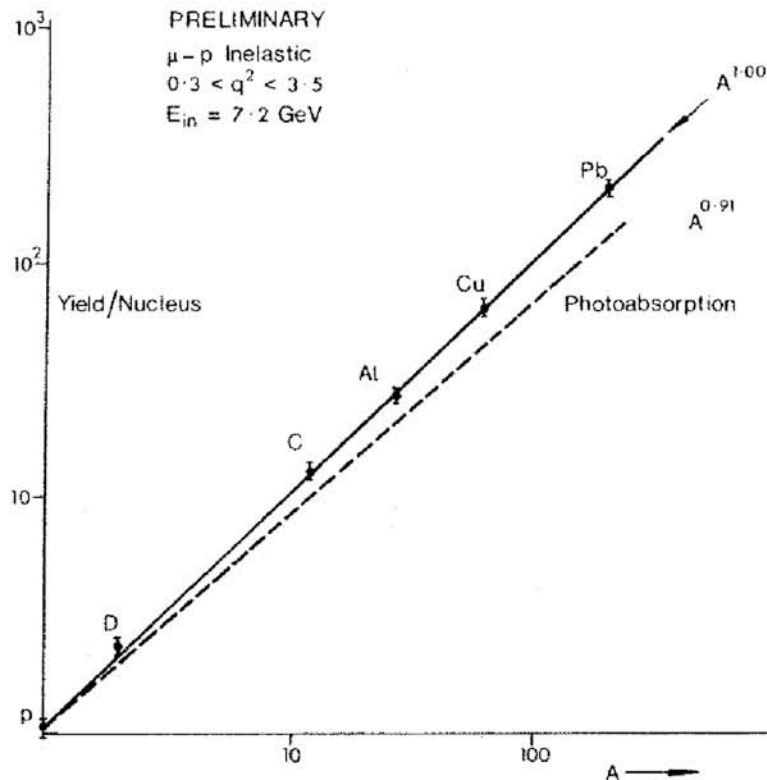


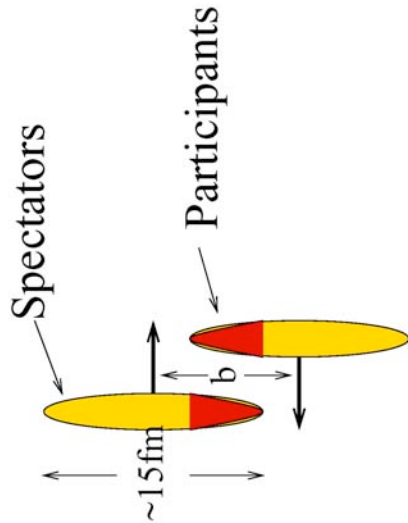
Fig. 14. The A dependence of the inelastic muon cross-section as presented by Tannenbaum (see discussion).

AGS μ - A scattering data, from E. Gabathuler's talk, [Proc. 6th Int. Symposium on Electron and Photon Interactions at High Energies, Bonn (1973)].

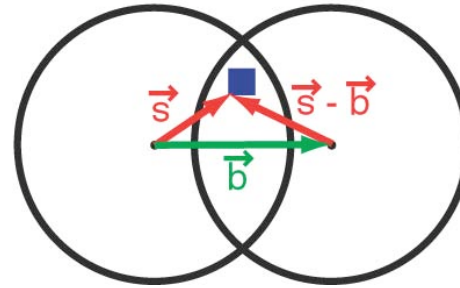
♡ DIS is pointlike $A^{1.00}$ even at modest q^2 —no shadowing.

♡ Photoproduction is shadowed— $A^{0.91}$

High p_T in A+B collisions--- T_{AB} Scaling



looking down



view along beam axis

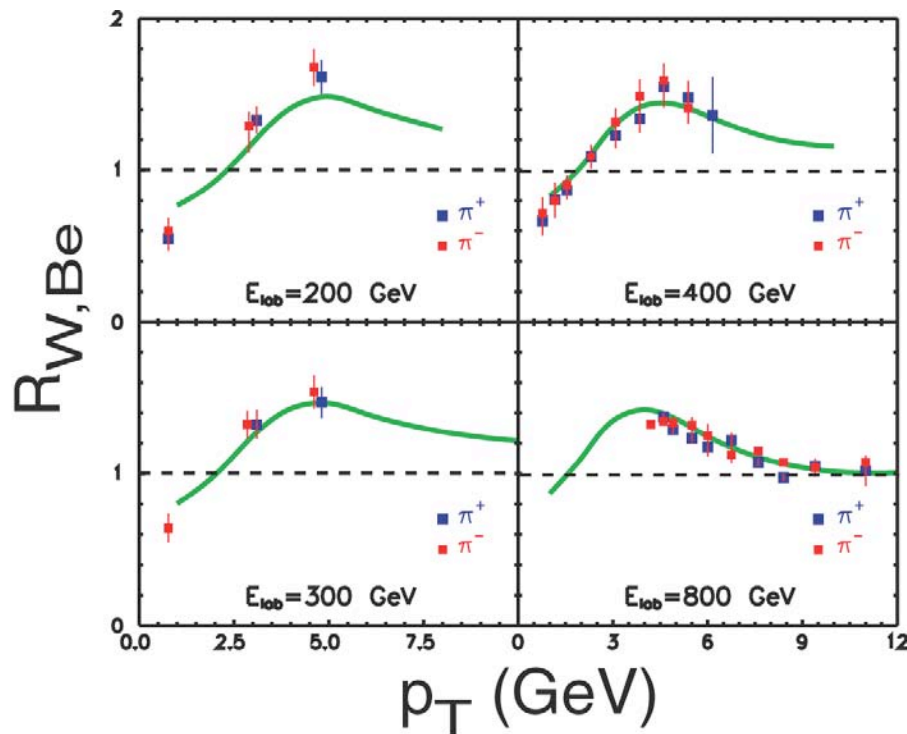
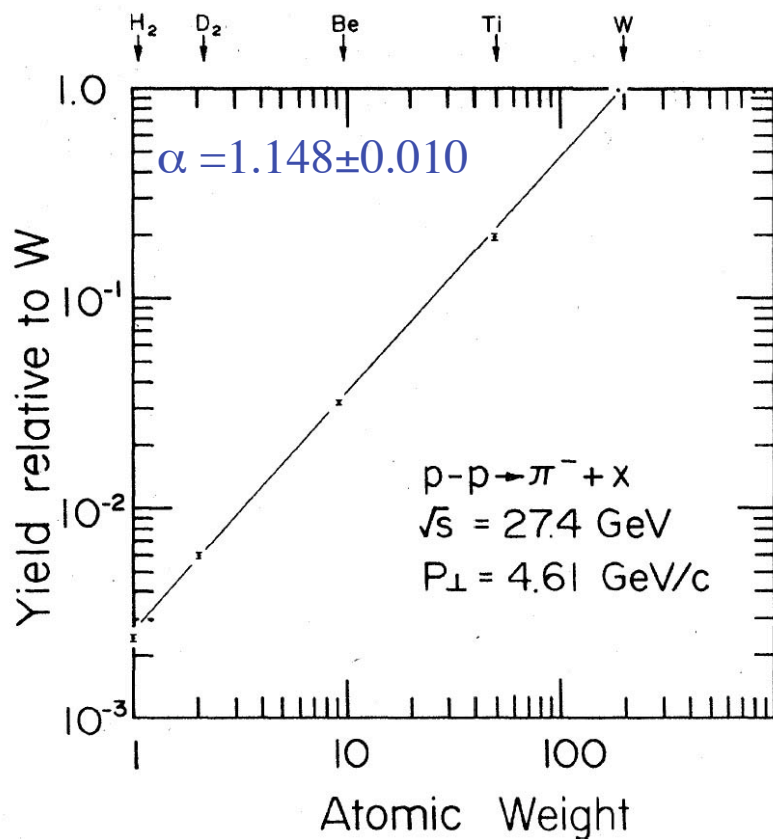
- For point-like processes, the cross section in p+A or A+B collisions compared to p-p is simply proportional to the relative number of possible pointlike encounters

- ✓ A for p+A, AB for A+B for the total rate
- ✓ T_{AB} the overlap integral of the nuclear profile functions, as a function of impact parameter b

What really Happens for $p+A: R_A > 1$!

The anomalous nuclear enhancement a.k.a. the Cronin effect-- due to multiple scattering of initial nucleons (or constituents)

- Known since 1975 that yields increase as A^α , $\alpha > 1$

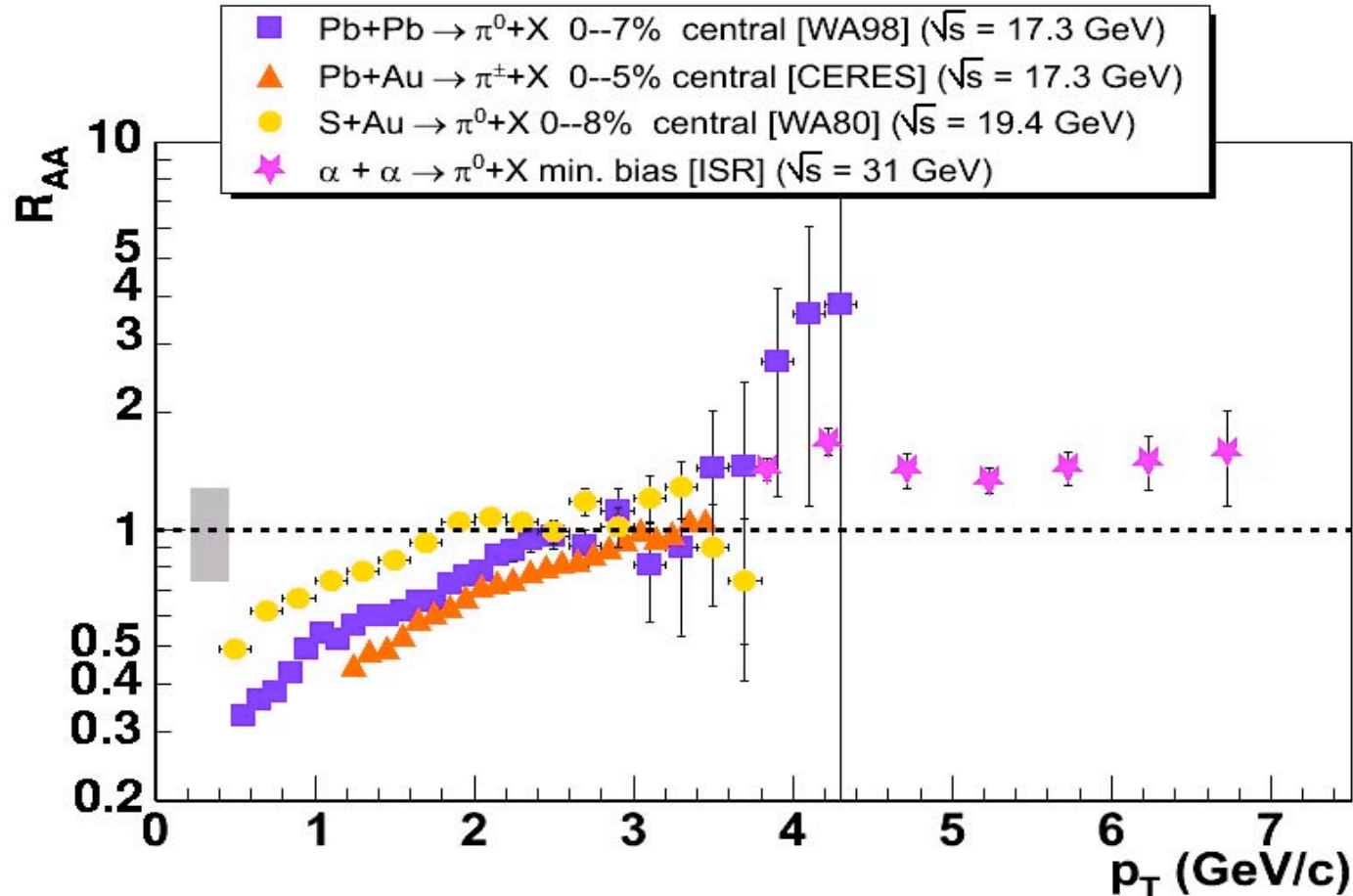


- J.W. Cronin et al., Phys. Rev. **D11**, 3105 (1975)
- D. Antreasyan et al., Phys. Rev. **D19**, 764 (1979)

Same for A+A at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17, 31$ GeV

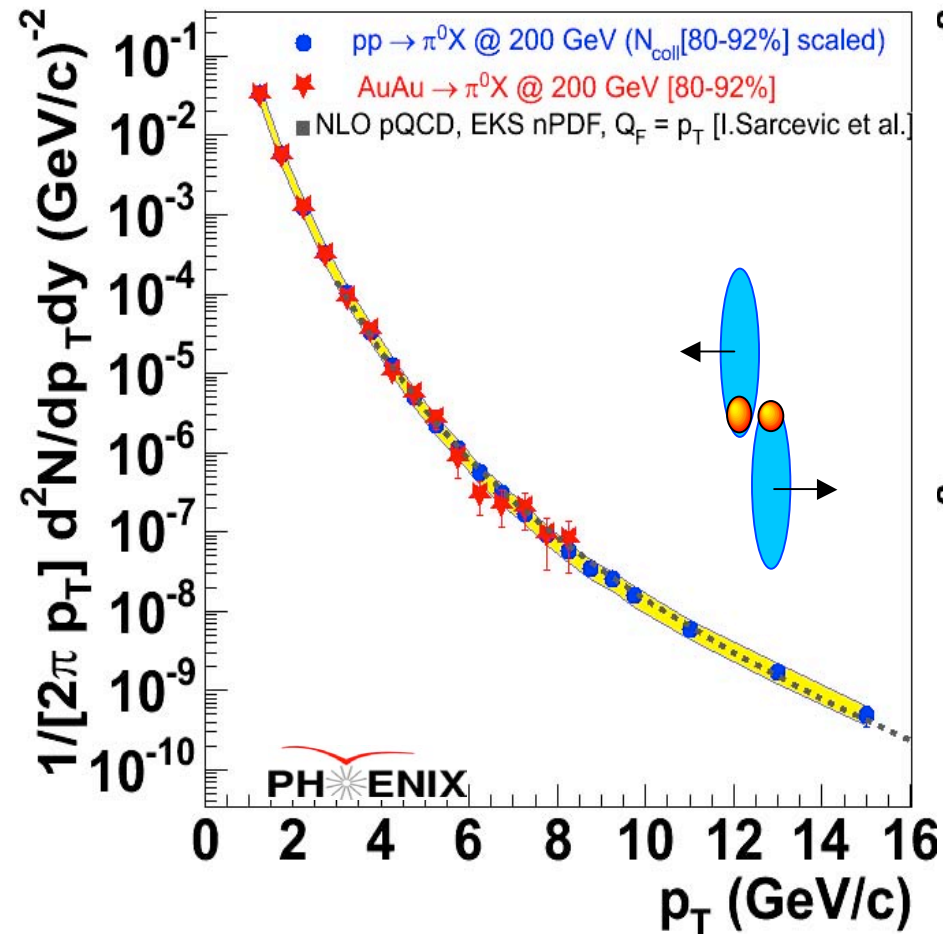
**Nuclear
Modification
Factor:**

$$R_{AB}(p_T) = \frac{d^2 N^{AB} / dp_T d\eta}{T_{AB} d^2 \sigma^{pp} / dp_T d\eta}$$



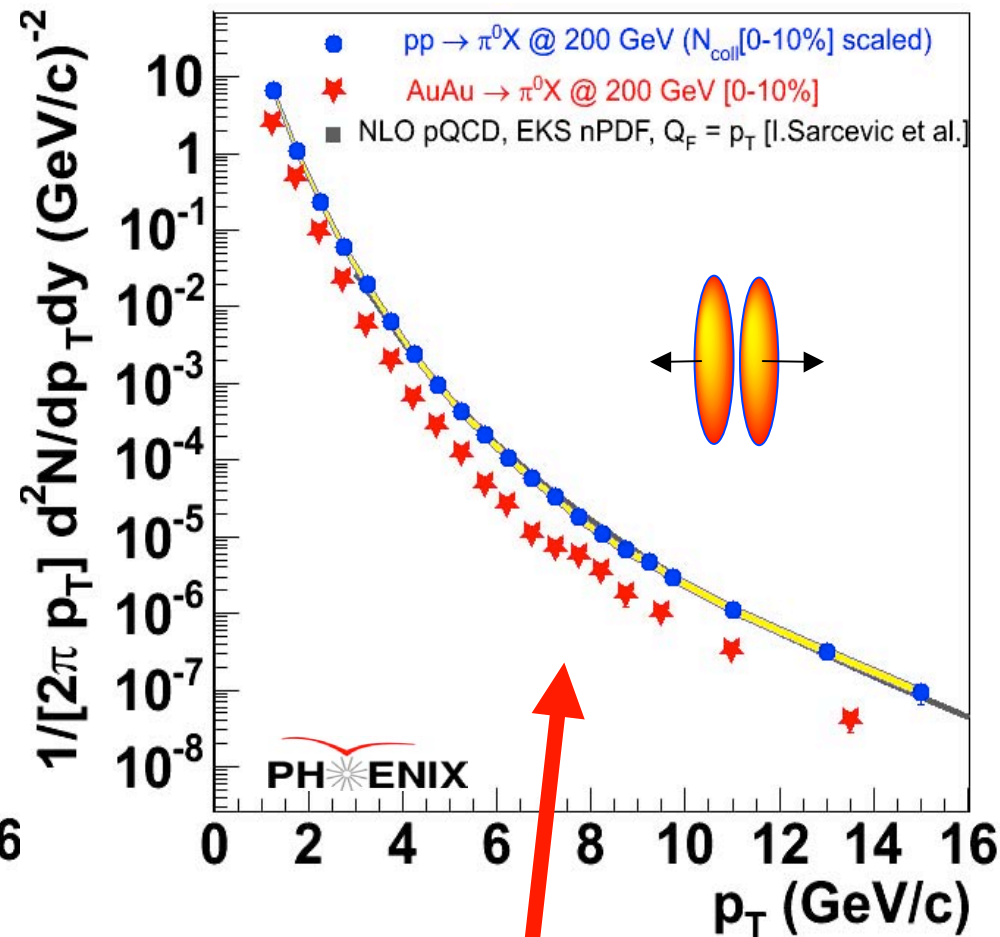
For Au+Au at RHIC--strong suppression !

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



Peripheral data **agree** well with
p+p (data & pQCD) scaled by $T_{AB} (N_{coll})^{-1}$

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



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

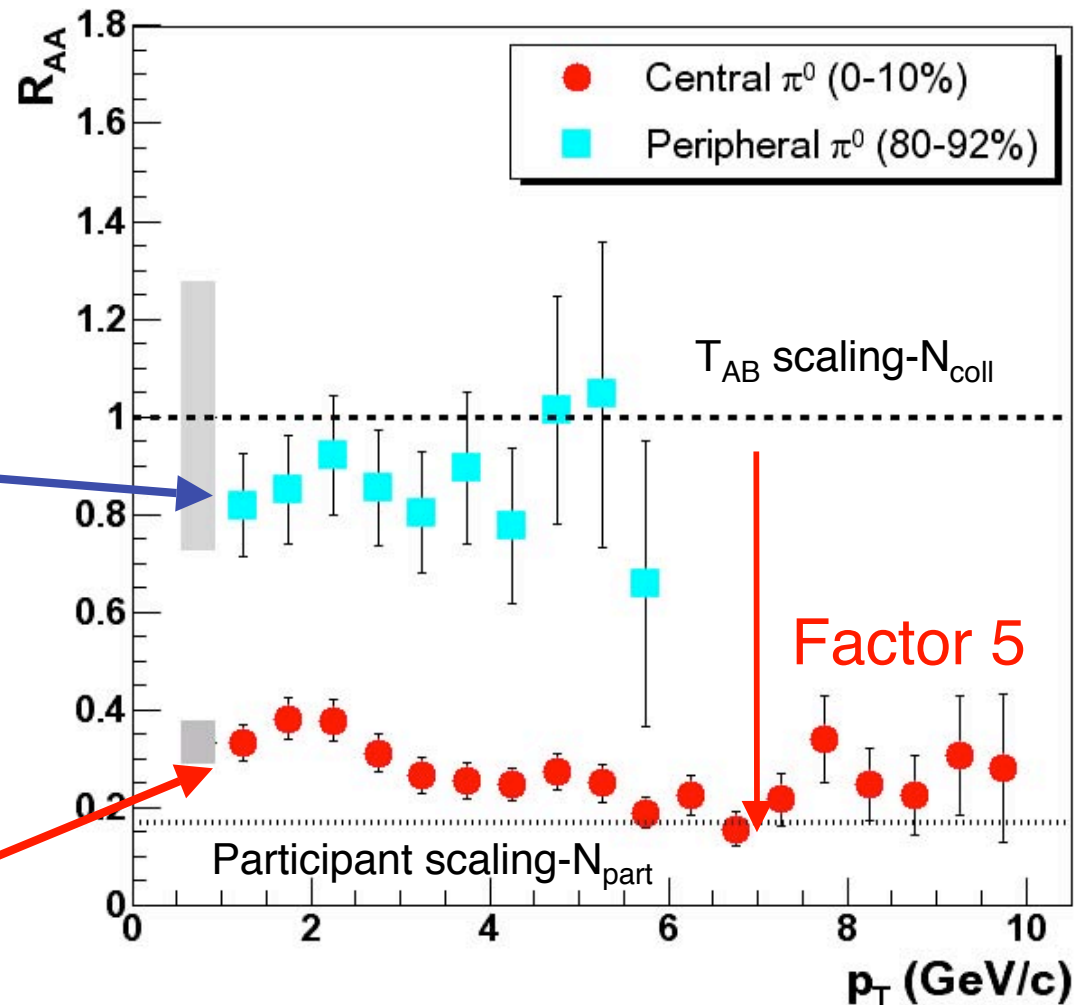
$R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ AuAu:pp 200GeV

High p_T Suppression flat from 3 to 10 GeV/c !

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{Yield}_{\text{AuAu}}(p_T)}{\langle T_{AB} \rangle_{\text{AuAu}} \times \sigma_{pp}(p_T)}$$

Peripheral AuAu - consistent with N_{coll} scaling (large systematic error)

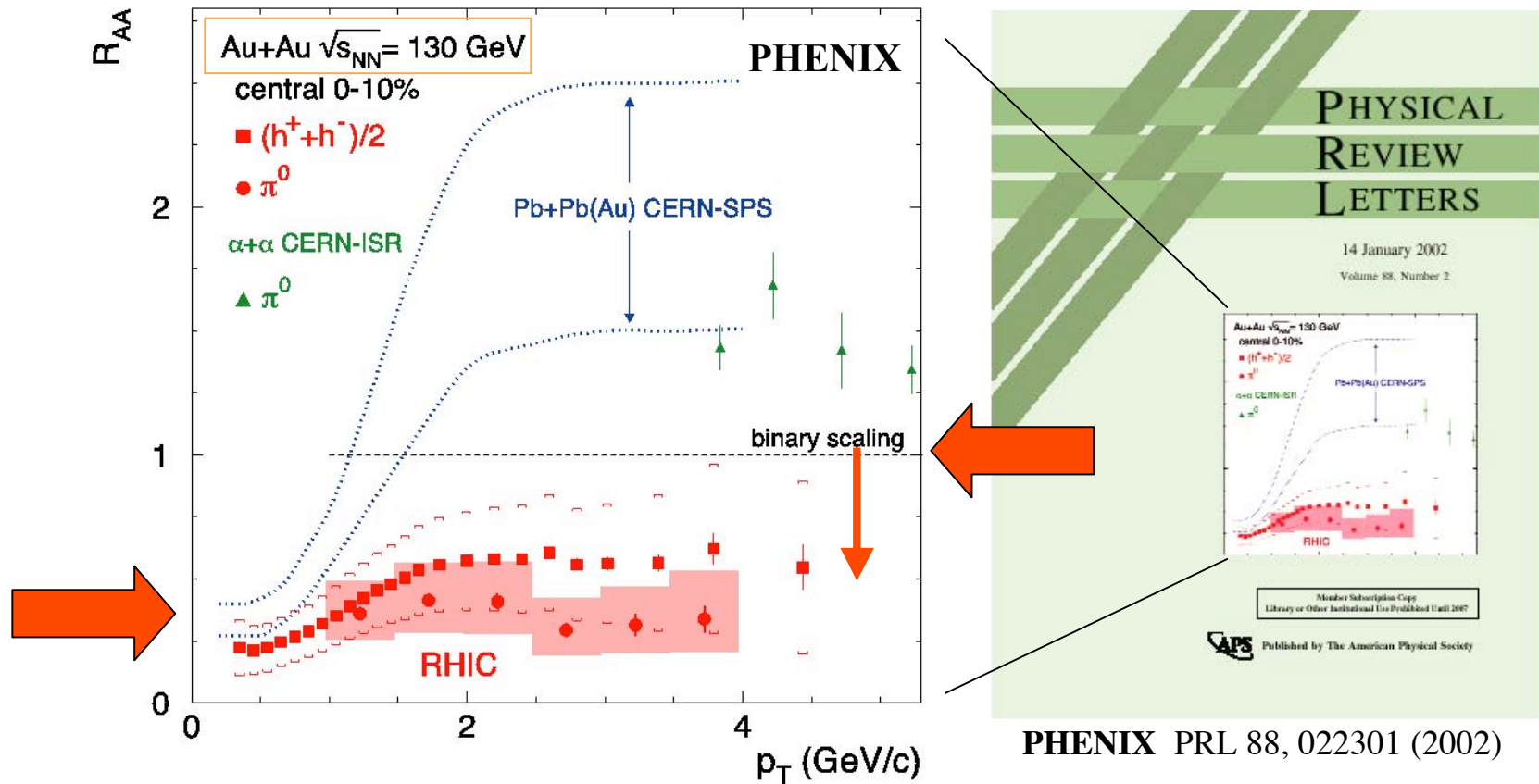
Large suppression in central AuAu - close to participant scaling at high P_T



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Run-1: RHIC Headline News ... January 2002

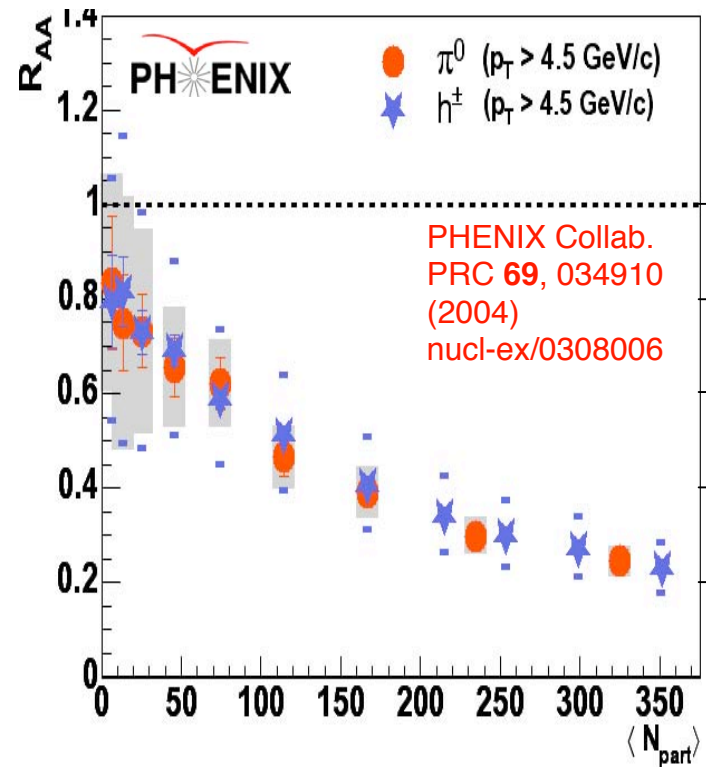
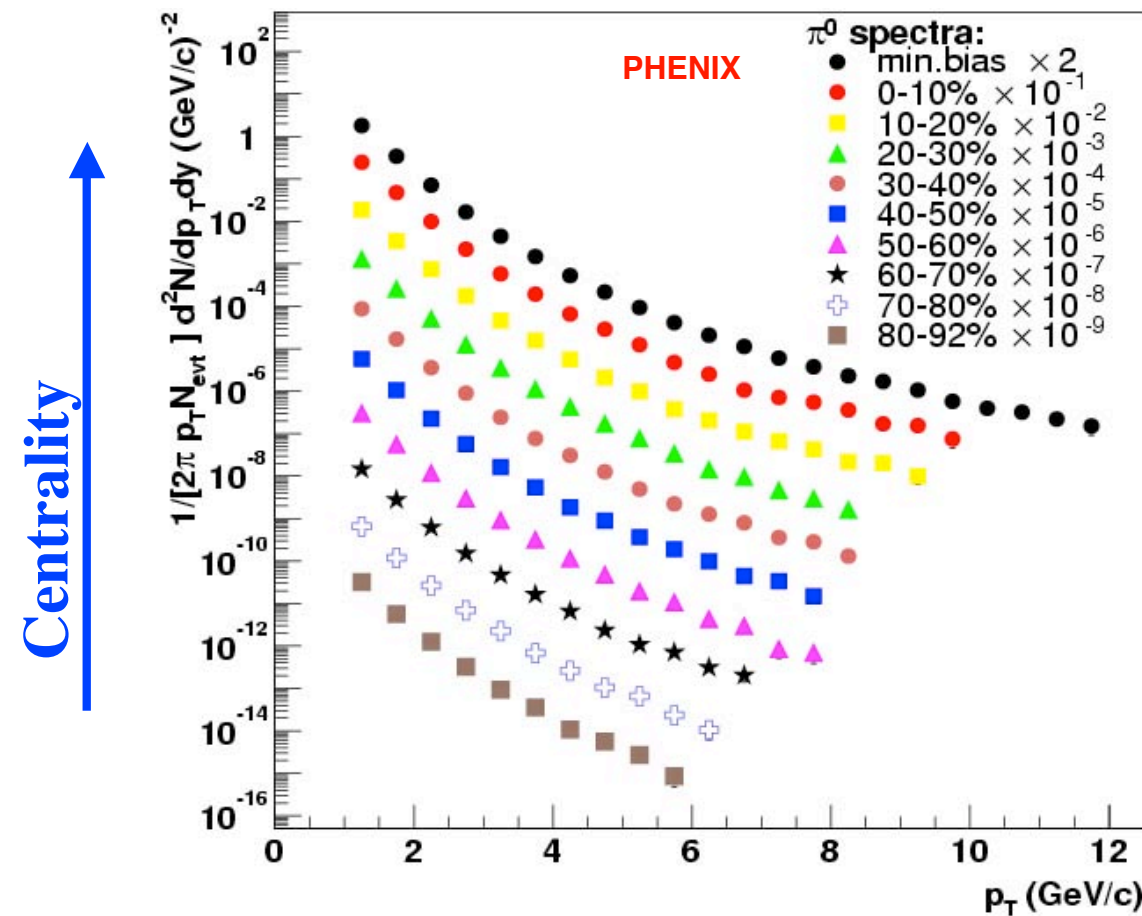
THE major discovery at RHIC (so far)



First observation of *large* suppression of high p_T hadron yields
 “Jet Quenching”? == Quark Gluon Plasma?

RHIC Run 2 $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV: Comprehensive π^0 data vs centrality in Au+Au + π^0 reference in p-p

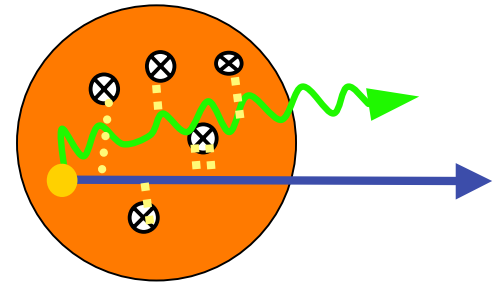
Au-Au nucl-ex/0304022 Phys. Rev. Letters **91**, 072301 (2003)



Suppression: Final State Effect?

- **Hadronic absorption of fragments:**
 - ✓ Gallmeister, et al. PRC67,044905(2003)
 - ✓ Fragments formed inside hadronic medium
- **Parton recombination (up to moderate p_T)**
 - ✓ Fries, Muller, Nonaka, Bass nucl-th/0301078
 - ✓ Lin & Ko, PRL89,202302(2002)
- **Energy loss of partons in dense matter**
 - ✓ Gyulassy, Wang, Vitev, Baier, Wiedemann...

See nucl-th/0302077 for a review.



Alternative: Initial Effects

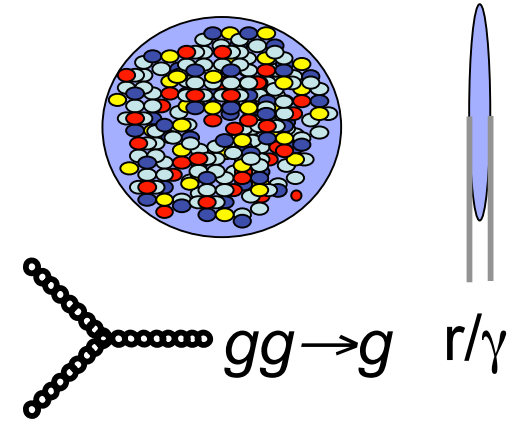
- **Gluon Saturation**

✓ (color glass condensate: CGC)

Wave function of low x gluons overlap; the self-coupling gluons fuse, **saturating** the density of gluons in the initial state.

(gets N_{ch} right!)

hep-ph/0212316; D. Kharzeev, E. Levin, M. Nardi



D.Kharzeev et al., PLB 561 (2003) 93

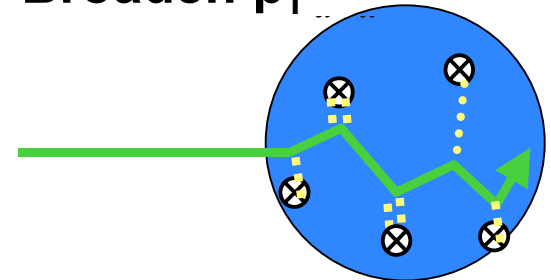
- **Multiple elastic scatterings**

(Cronin effect)

Wang, Kopeliovich, Levai, Accardi

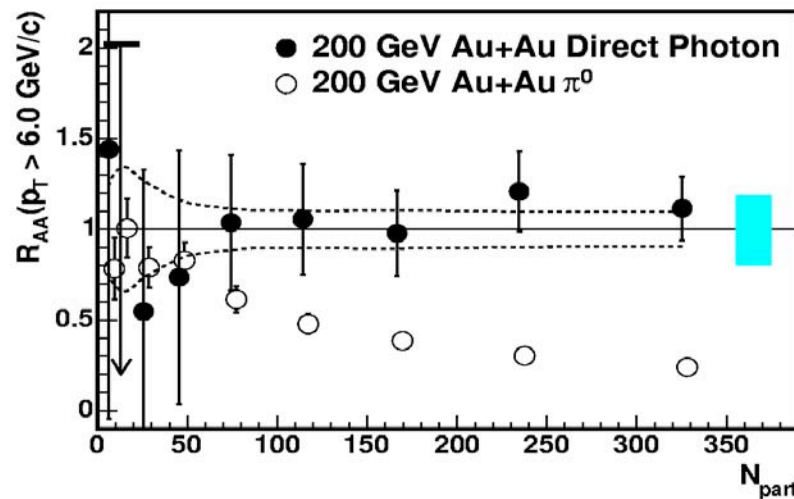
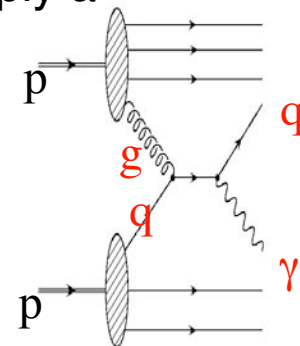
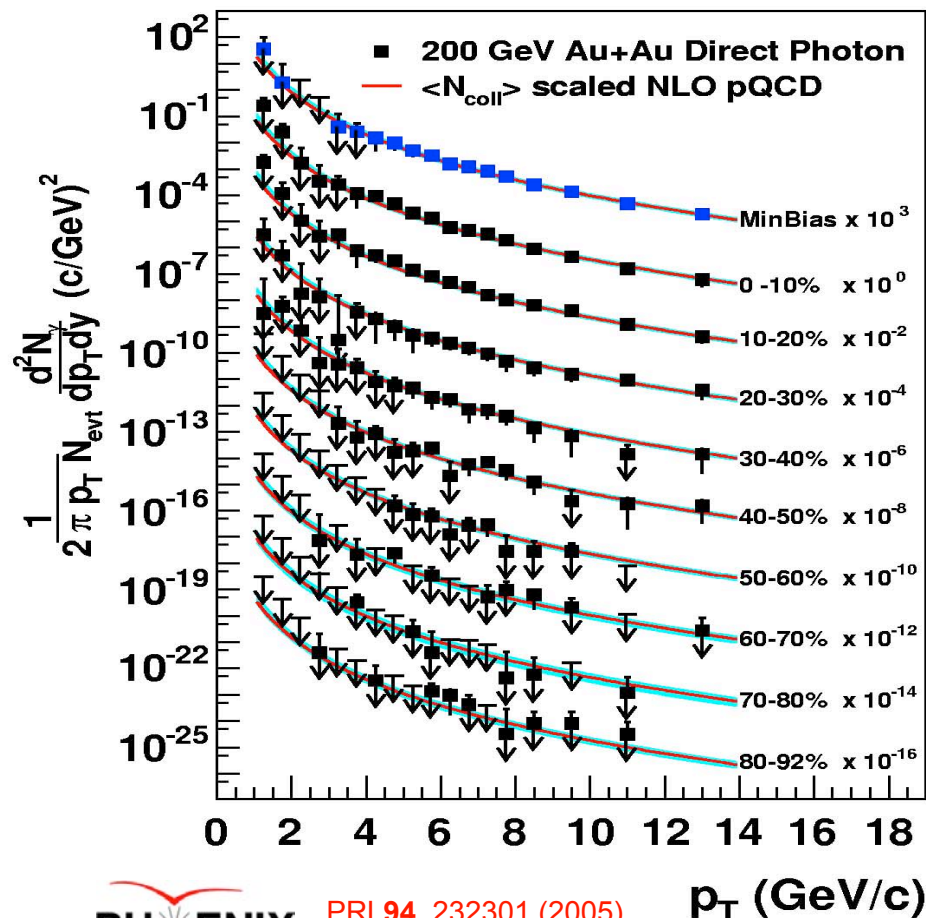
- **Nuclear shadowing**

Broaden p_T



2004--Direct Photons in Au+Au 200 GeV: follow T_{AB} scaling from p-p for all centralities-no suppression

- Direct photon production in Au+Au (all centralities) **consistent w/ “ T_{AB} -scaled” pQCD**. Proves that initial state Au structure function is simply a superposition of p-p structure functions **including $g(x)$** .



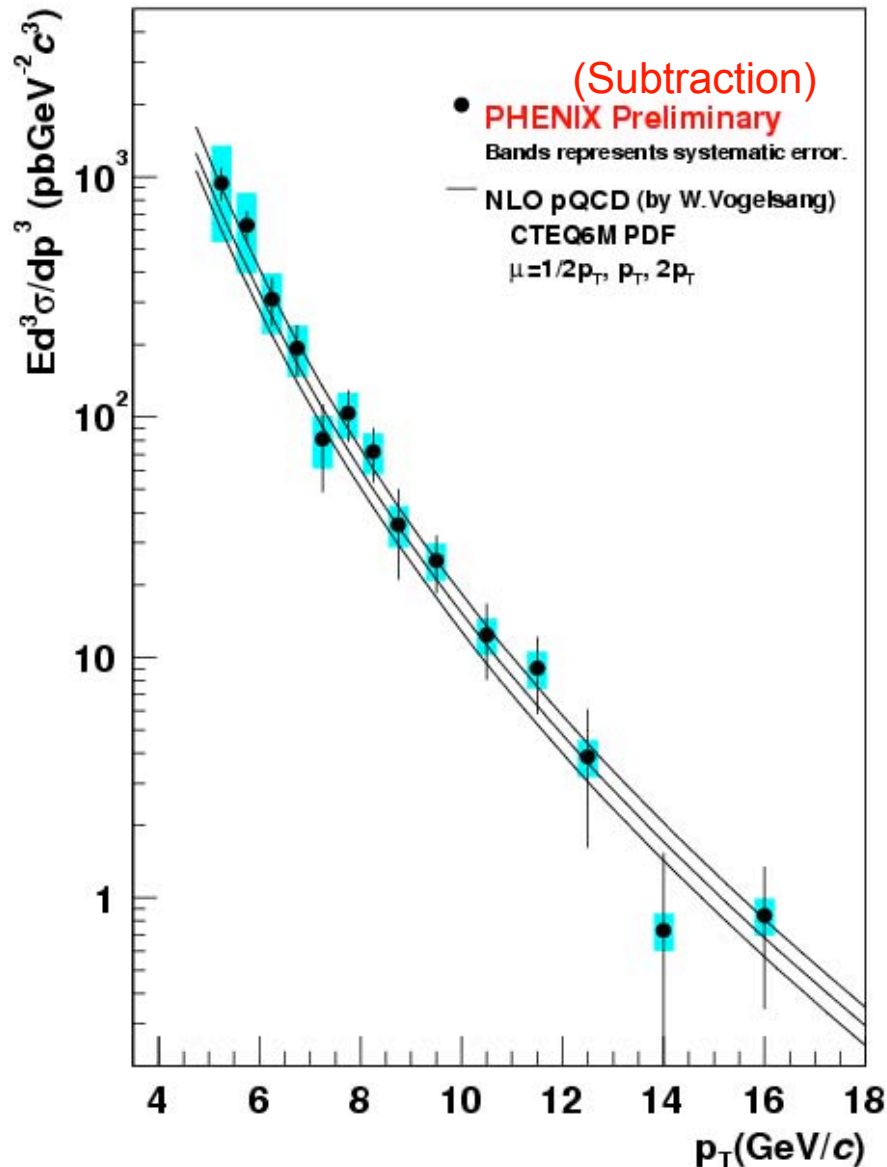
- outgoing Direct photons unaffected by QCD medium in Au+Au $\rightarrow \pi^0$
suppression is medium effect

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p_T (GeV/c)

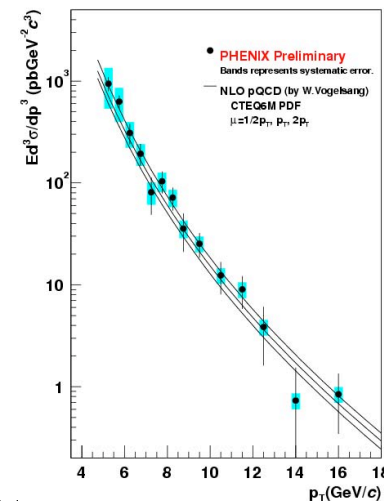
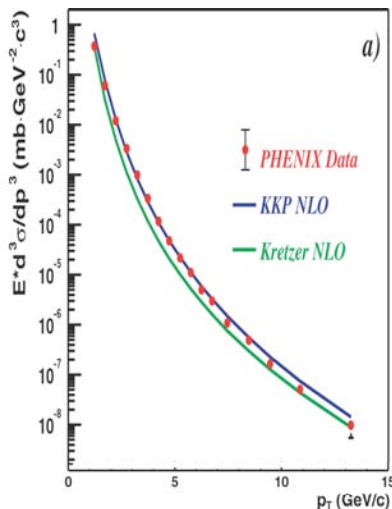
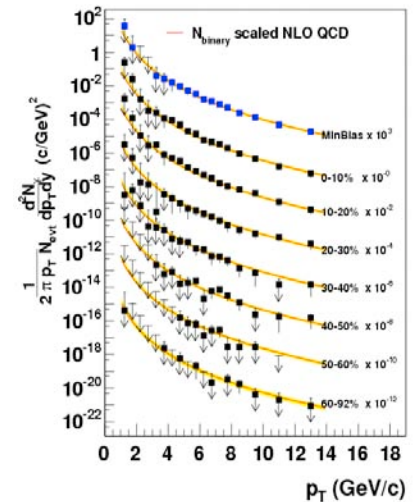
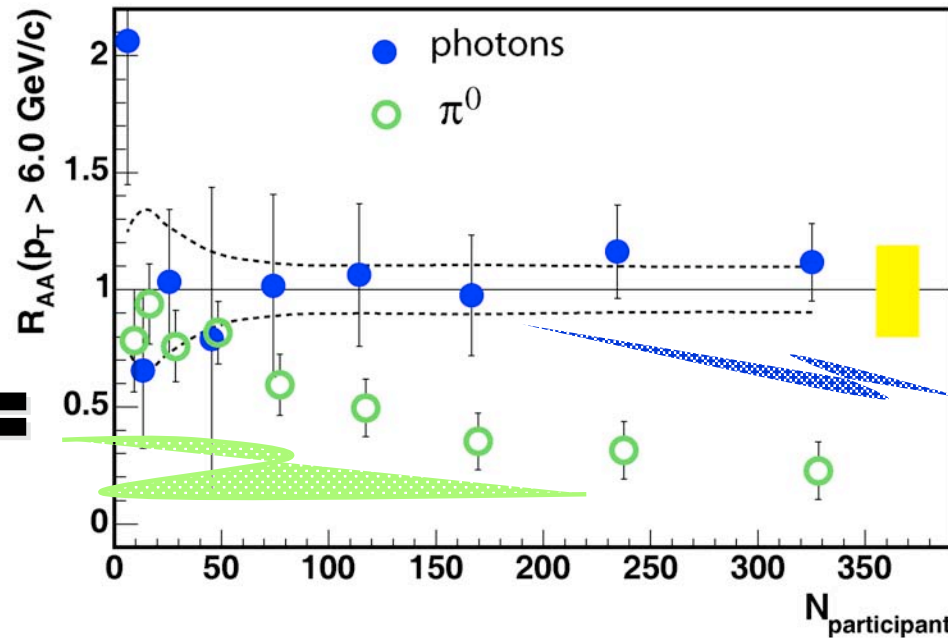
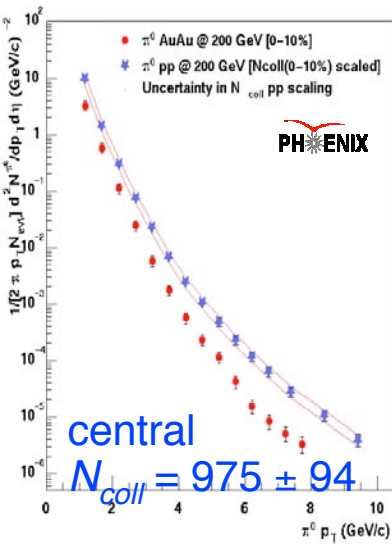
Direct- γ measurement in $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV p-p



- NLO-pQCD calculation
 - ✓ Private communication with W.Vogelsang
 - ✓ CTEQ6M PDF.
 - ✓ direct photon + fragmentation photon
 - ✓ Set Renormalization scale
and factorization scale $p_T/2, p_T, 2p_T$
- The theory calculation shows a good agreement with our result
- Confirms use of theoretical result as Au+Au comparison
- Opens the way for measurement of gluon spin structure function from A_{LL}

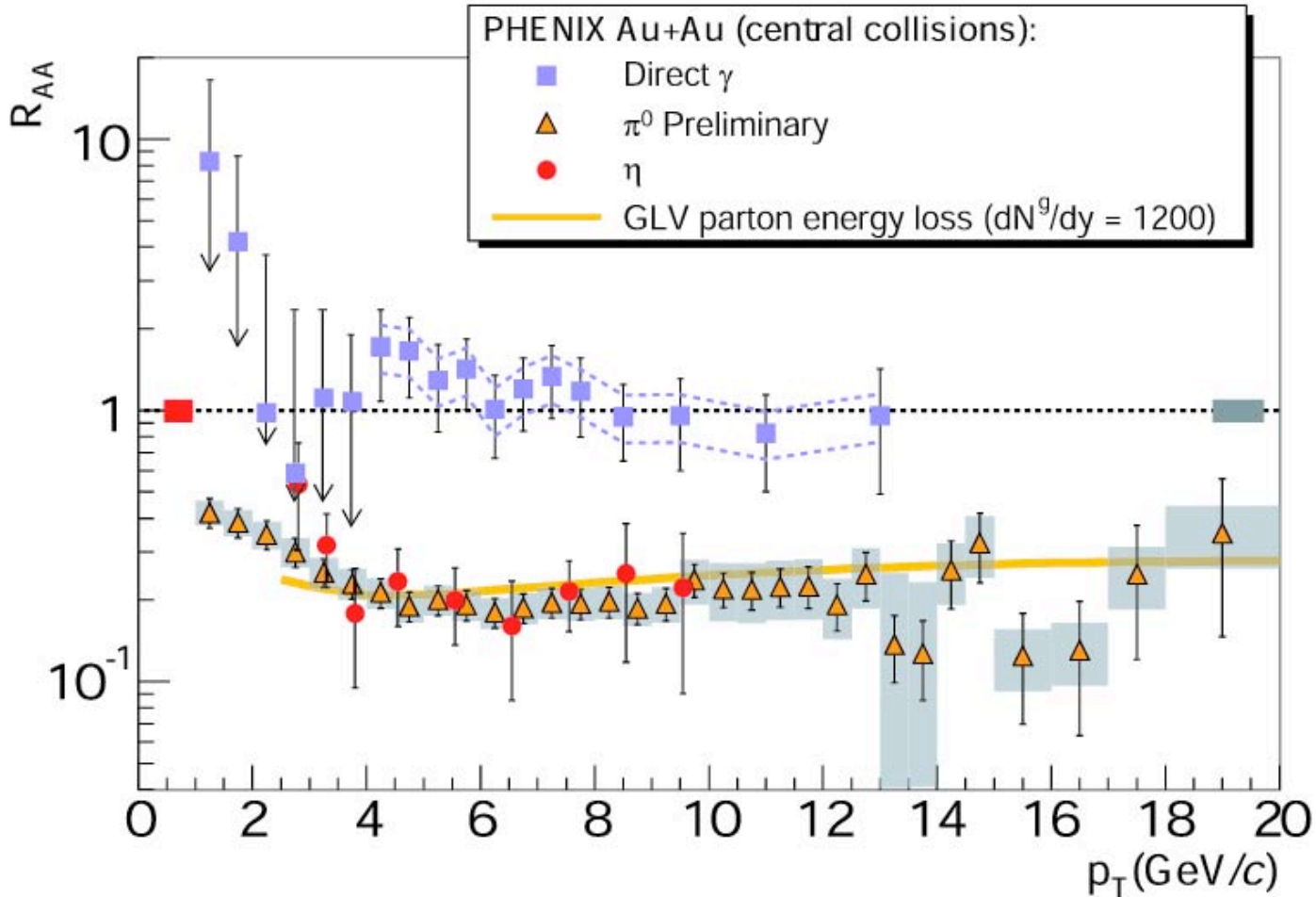
RHIC Physics is Precision Science

- This one figure encodes rigorous control of systematics



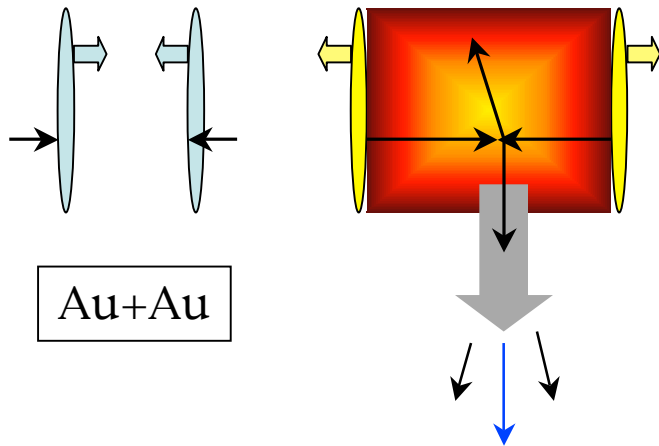
- in four different measurements over many orders of magnitude

Status of R_{AA} in AuAu at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV



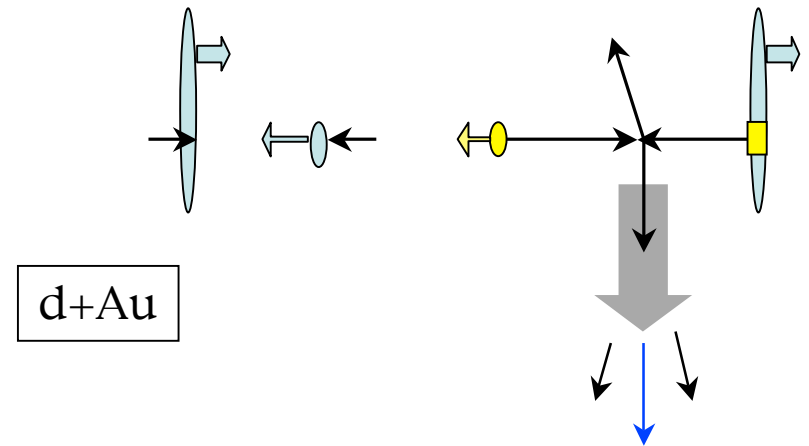
Direct γ are not suppressed. π^0 and η suppressed even at high p_T
Implies a strong medium effect (energy loss) since γ not affected.
Suppression is flat at high p_T . Are data flatter than theory?

d+Au: Control Experiment to prove the Au+Au discovery



= hot and dense medium

Initial + Final
State Effects

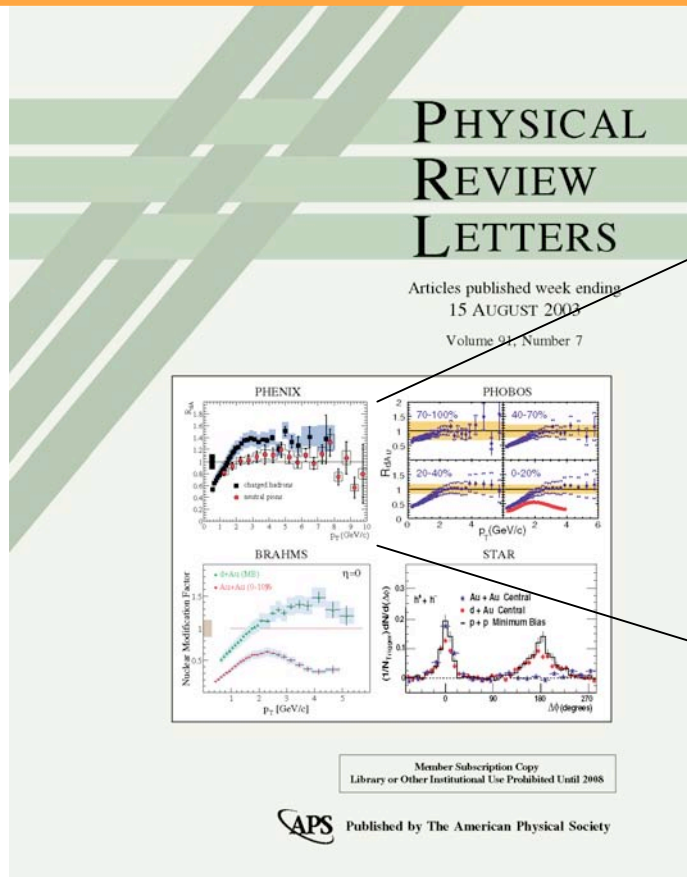


= cold medium

Initial State
Effects Only

- The “Color Glass Condensate” model predicts the suppression in **both Au+Au and d+Au** (due to the initial state effect).
- **The d+Au experiment tells us that the observed hadron suppression at high p_T central Au+Au is a final state effect.**
- This diagram also explains why we can’t measure jets directly in Au+Au central collisions: all nucleons participate so charged multiplicity is ~ 200 times larger than a p-p collision $\rightarrow$ 300 GeV in standard jet cone.

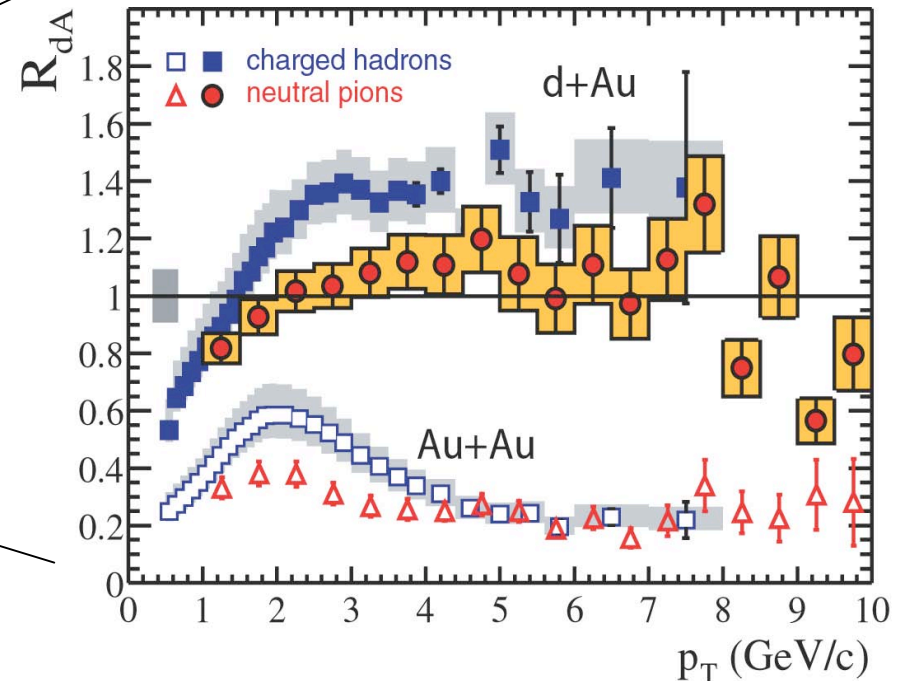
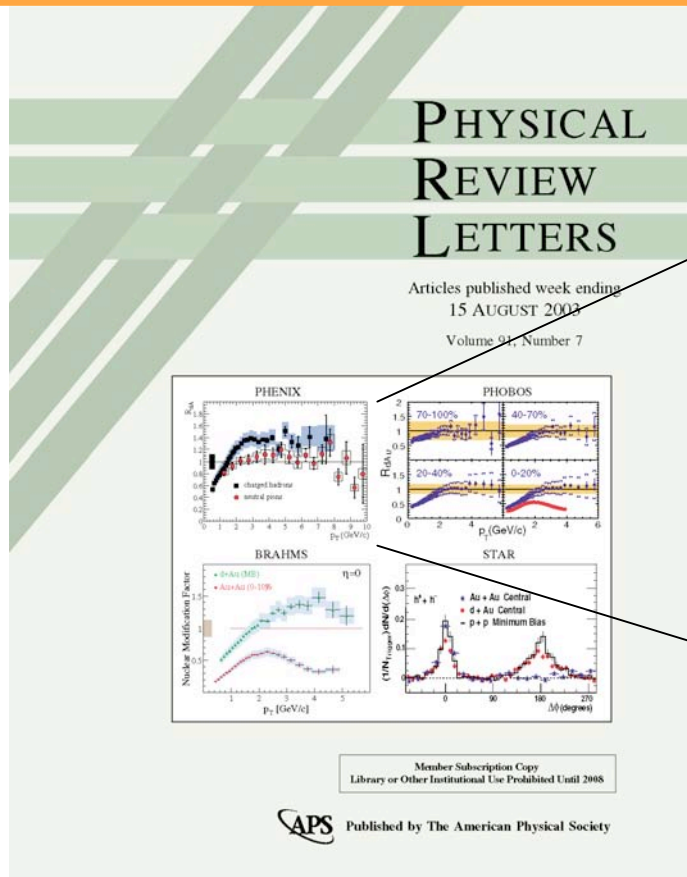
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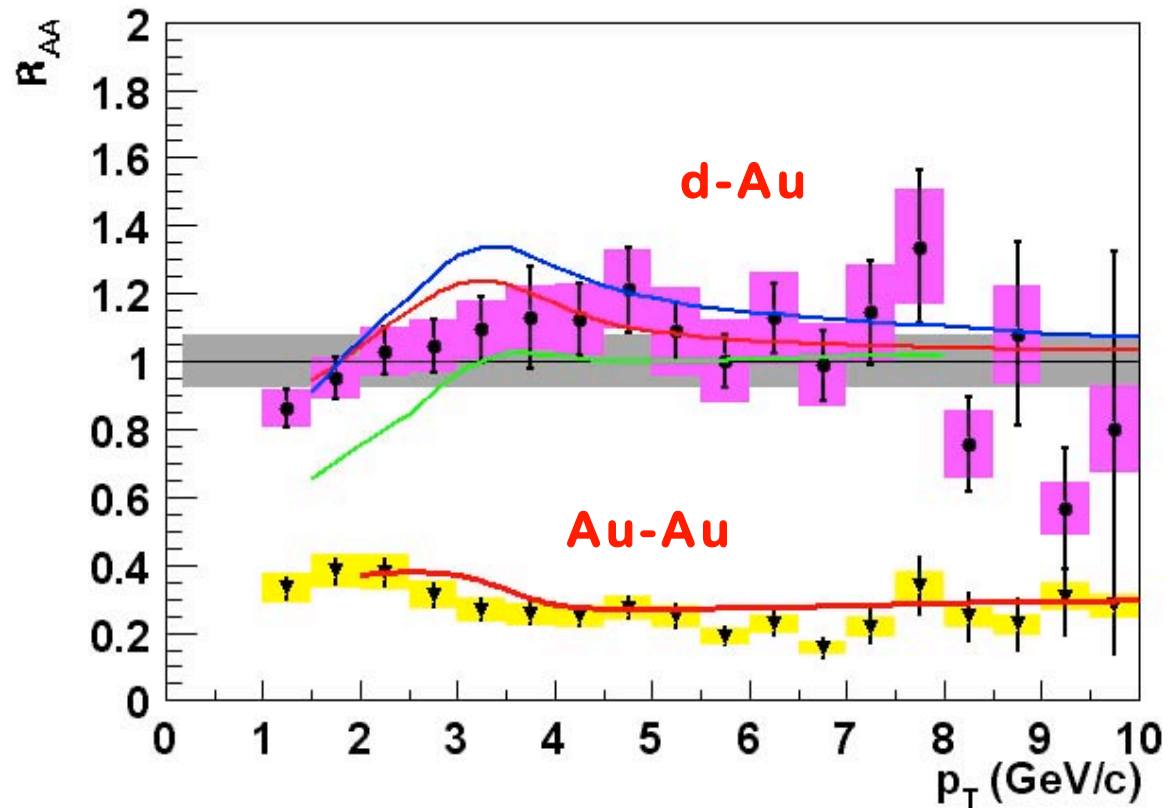
Theoretical Understanding?--the winner is:

Both

- ✓ Au-Au suppression (I. Vitev and M. Gyulassy, hep-ph/0208108)
- ✓ d-Au enhancement (I. Vitev, nucl-th/0302002)

understood in an approach that combines multiple scattering with absorption in a *dense partonic medium* See [nucl-th/0302077](#) for a review.

➔ Our
high p_T probes
have been
calibrated
and are now
being used to
explore the
precise properties
of the medium



Suppression is a Final State Medium Effect

- **Energy loss of partons in dense matter--A medium effect predicted in QCD---Energy loss by colored parton in medium composed of unscreened color charges with thermal mass μ by gluon bremsstrahlung--LPM radiation-of gluons**

✓ Gyulassy, Wang, Vitev, Baier, Wiedemann...

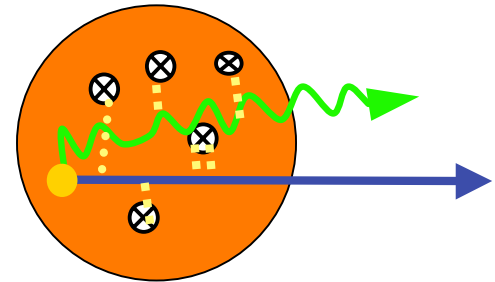
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✓ Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Shiff, NPB483, 291(1997), PLB345, 277(1995), Baier hep-ph/0209038,

- From Vitev nucl-th/0404052:

$$\frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} \approx \frac{9C_R\pi\alpha_s^3}{4} \frac{1}{A_\perp} \frac{dN^g}{dy} L \frac{1}{E} \ln \frac{2E}{\mu^2 L} + \dots$$

$\epsilon_{Bj} \Rightarrow \epsilon = 15 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 = 10 \times \text{larger}$
 unscreened color charge density
 than in a nucleon



Baier, et al: Screened Coulomb potential

MJT: μ^2 plays role of $t_{\min}$

Secondly, an averaging over momentum transfers $q_{\perp\ell}$ should be performed with the distribution corresponding to the screened Coulomb potential scattering:

$$\prod_{\ell=1}^{n+2} dV(q_{\ell}) ; \quad dV(q_{\ell}) = \frac{\mu^2 d^2 q_{\ell}}{\pi(q_{\ell}^2 + \mu^2)^2} ; \quad \dots$$

Straightforward algebra leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\omega dl}{d\omega dz} &= \\ &= \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{\pi \lambda} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\mu^4 dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2 (k_{\perp}^2 + \mu^2)^2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{N_c}{2C_F} \frac{\tau}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu = 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c = 1/0.4 \text{ fm}$$

One Big Grape-but size of a nucleon

H Satz

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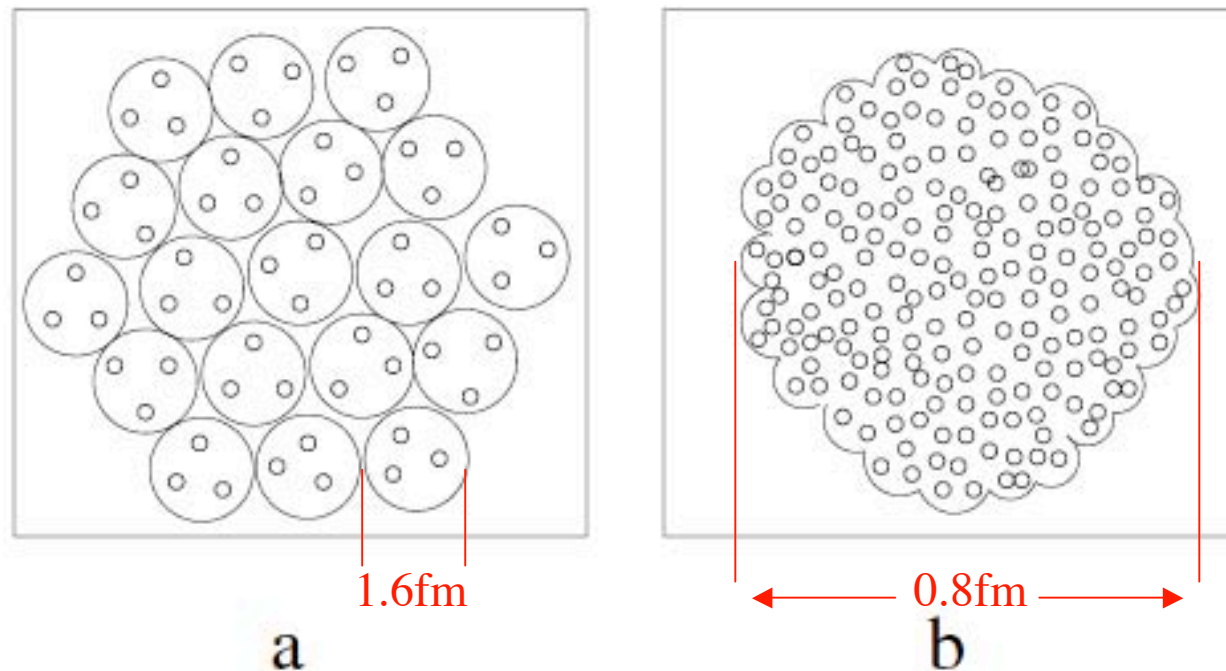
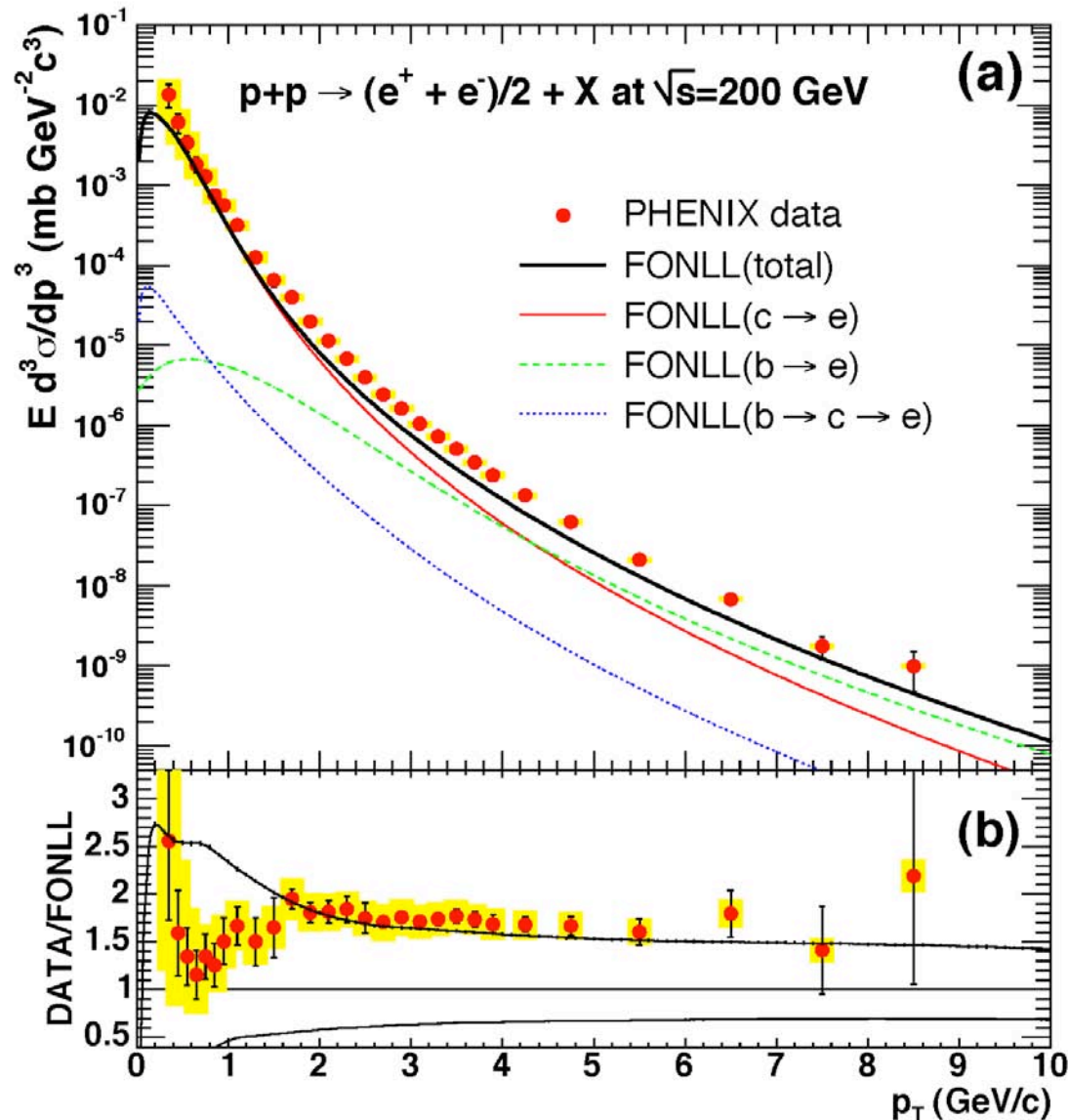


Figure 1. Strongly interacting matter as nuclear matter at a density of closely packed nucleons (a) and as quark matter at much higher density (b).

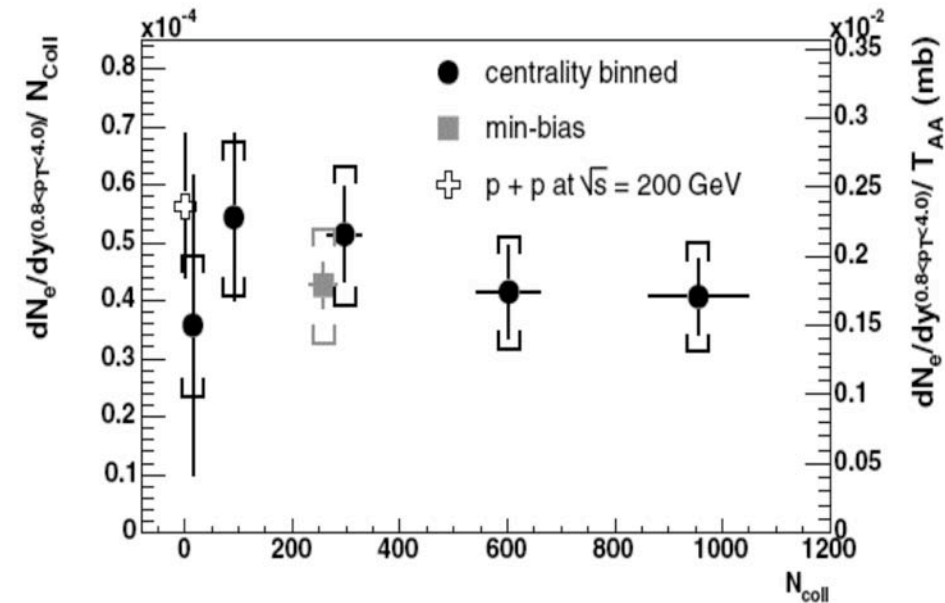
Charm via direct single e in p-p collisions

PHENIX hep-ex/0609010



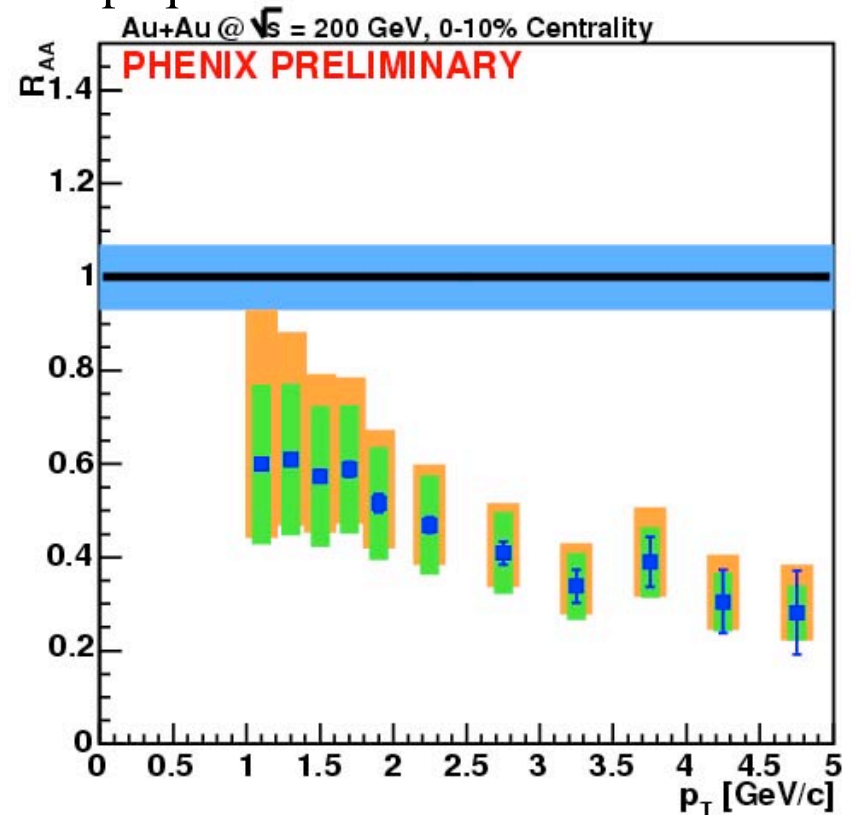
Production of charm is pointlike but p_T spectrum shows suppression

- charm yield determined from single electron spectrum
 - ✓ charm decay dominant source of intermediate p_T electrons



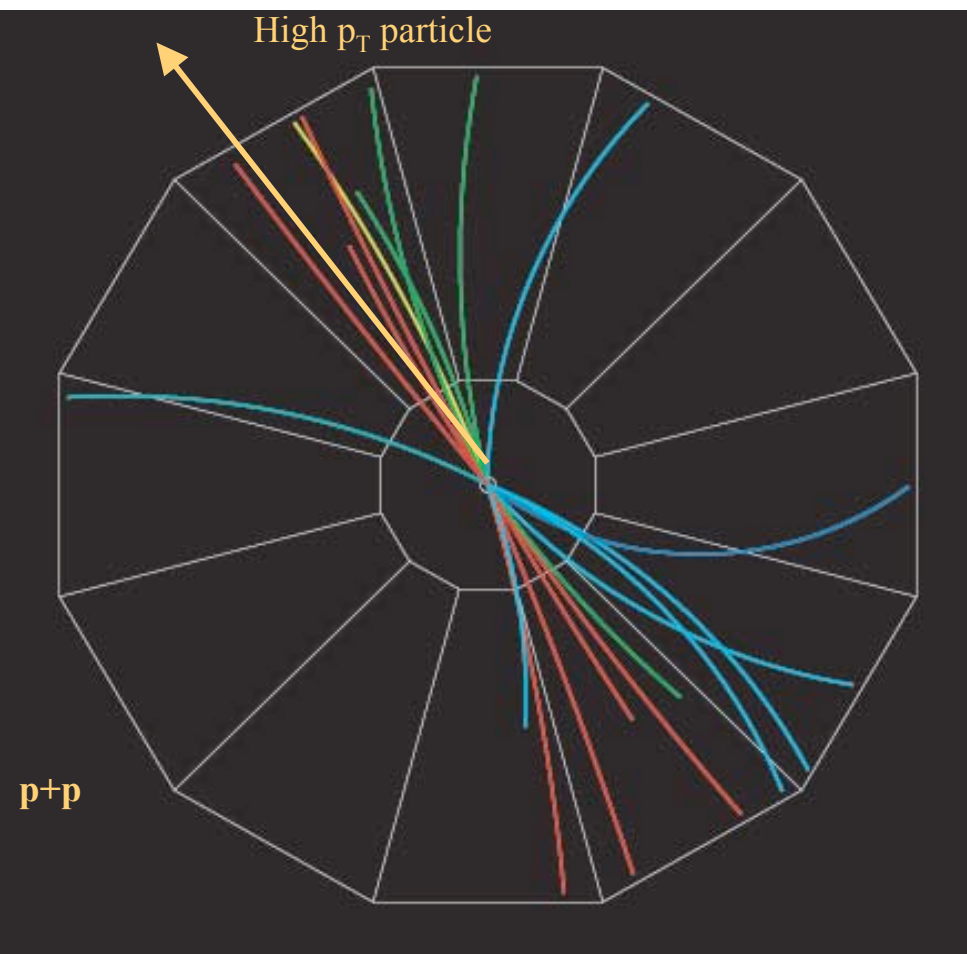
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- not only very high p_T but also very heavy quarks lose tremendous energy trying to escape system: very opaque

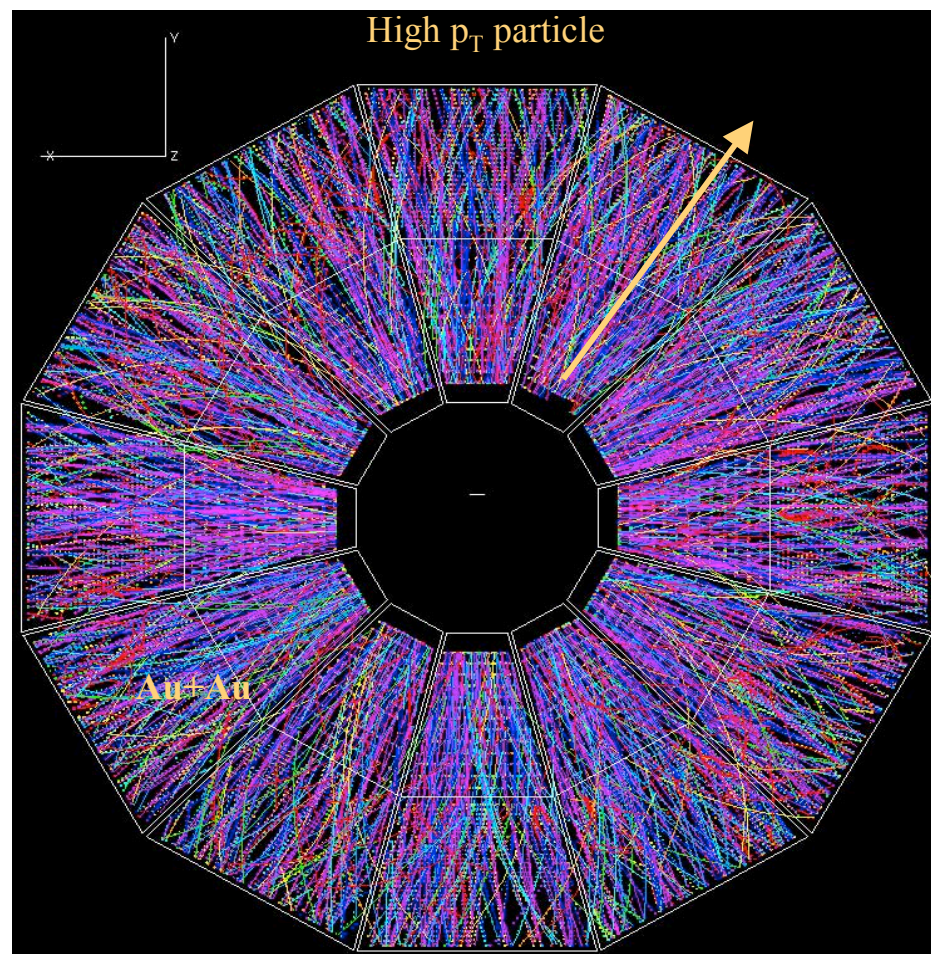


Jet Physics ...jets in AuAu “difficult”--but

STAR-Jet event in pp collision

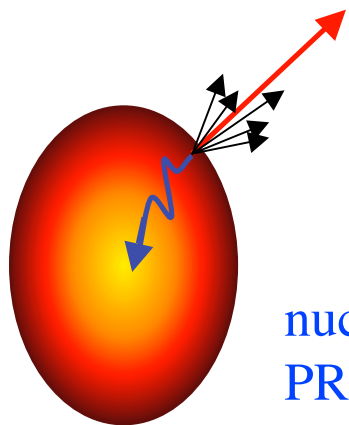
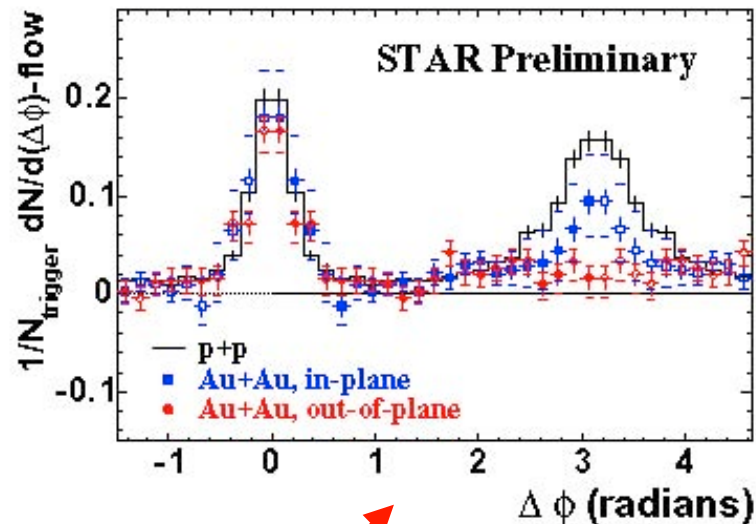


STAR Au+Au collision

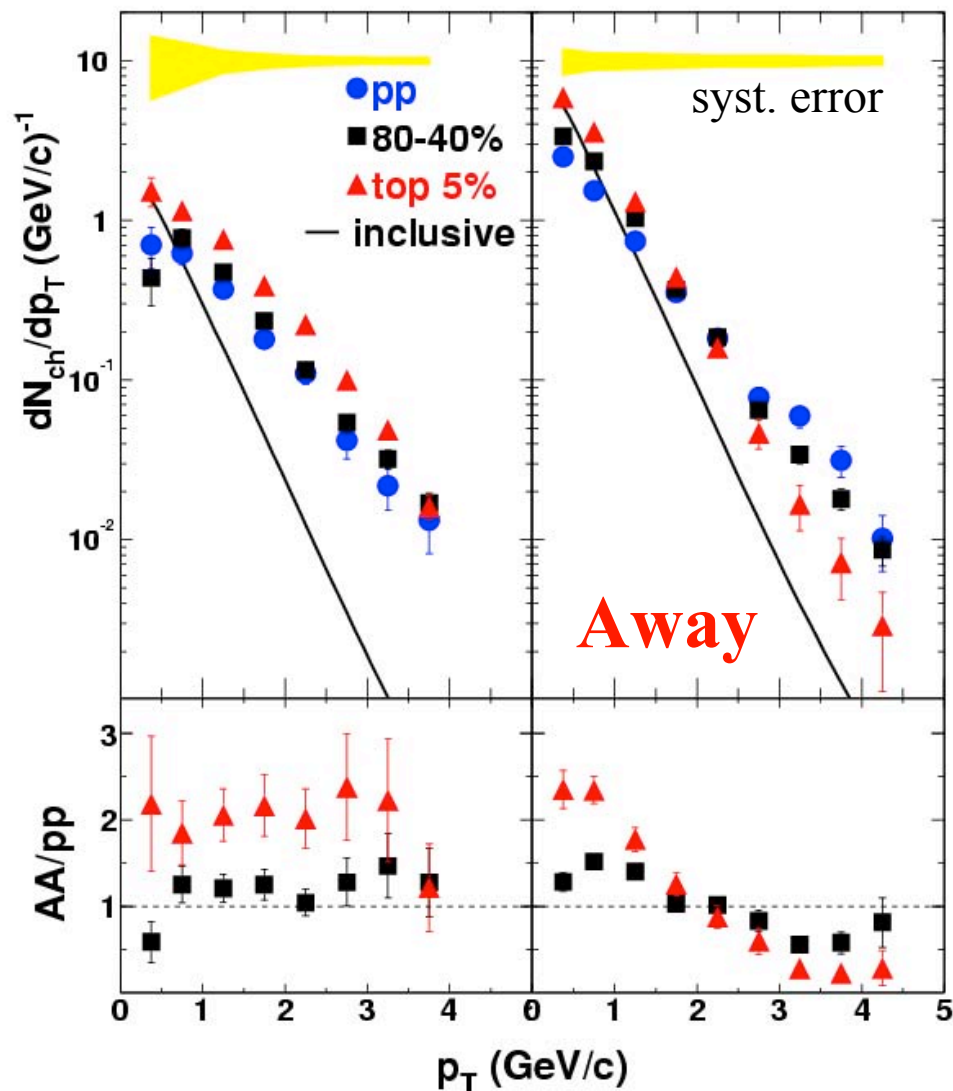


STAR--Away jet is suppressed-- consistent with energy loss

- Select a ``trigger'' particle $4 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c
 $2 < p_{T \text{ assoc}} < 4$ GeV/c

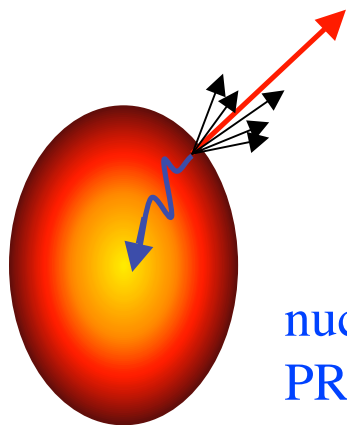
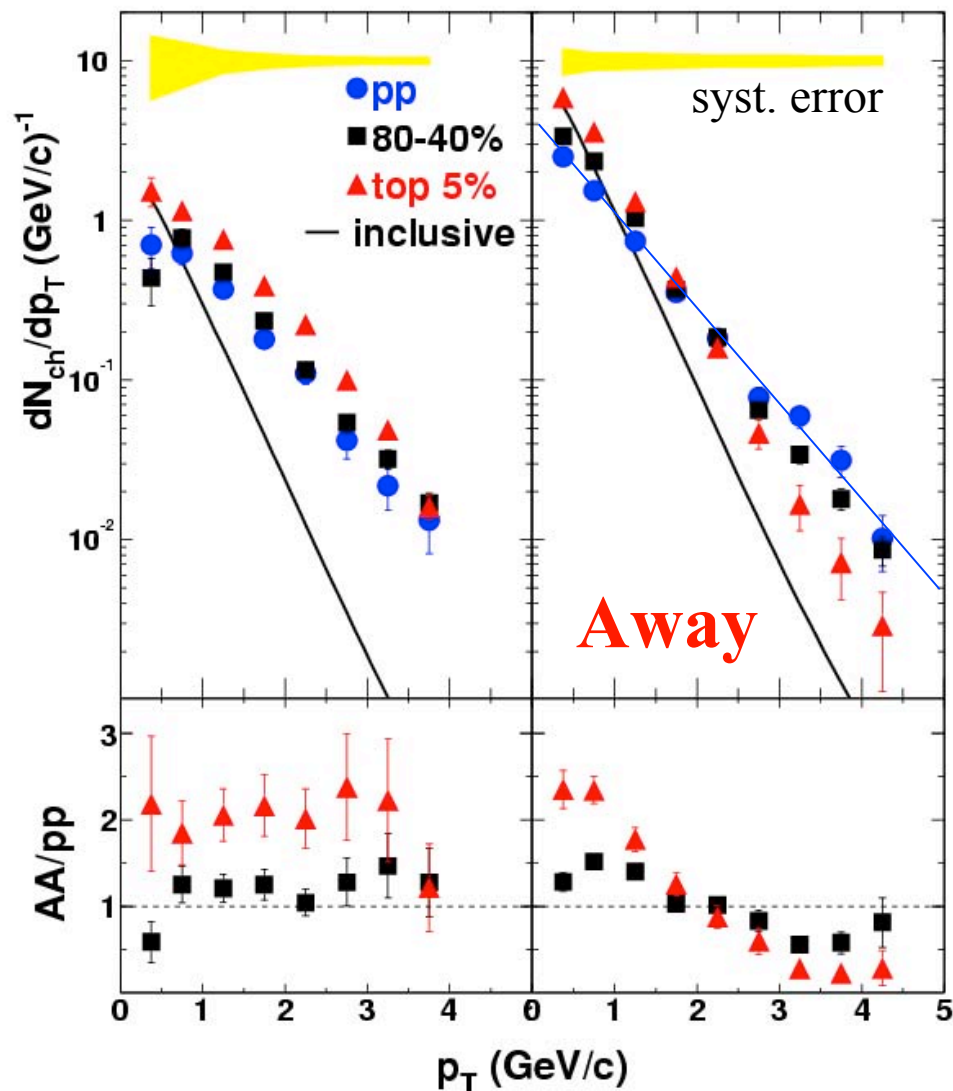
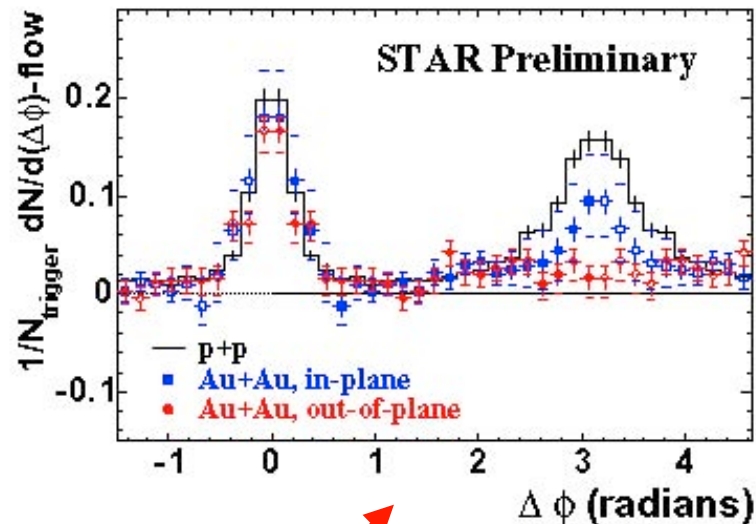


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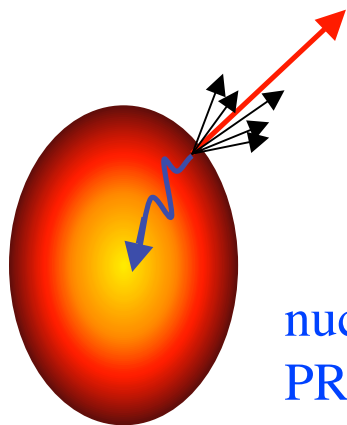
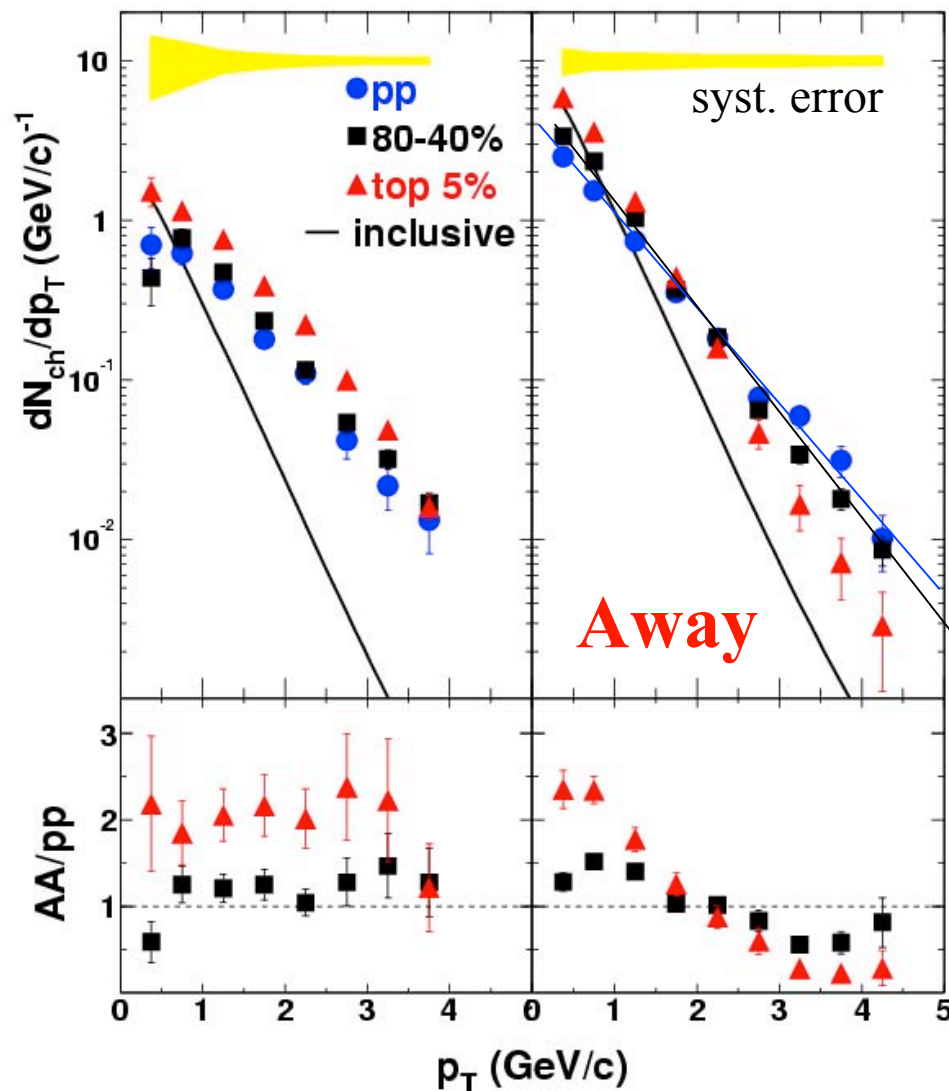
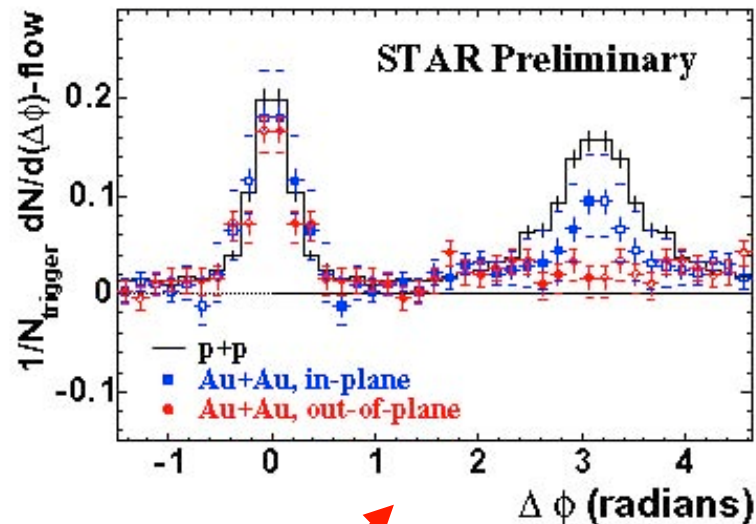
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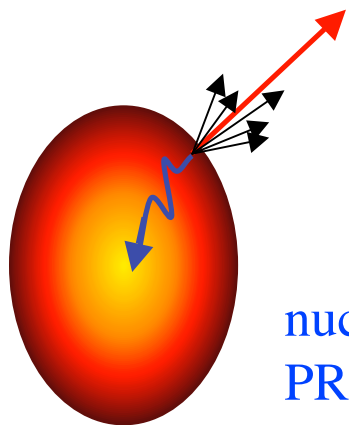
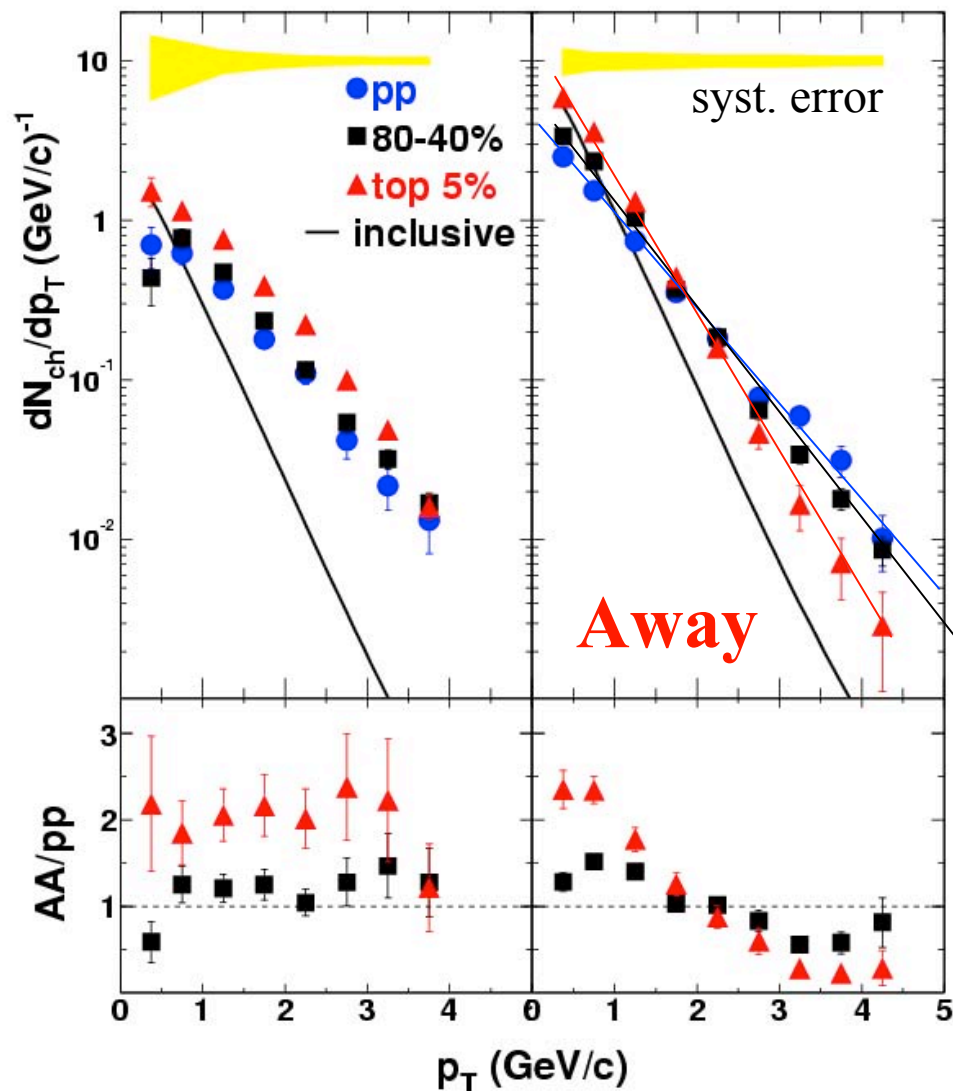
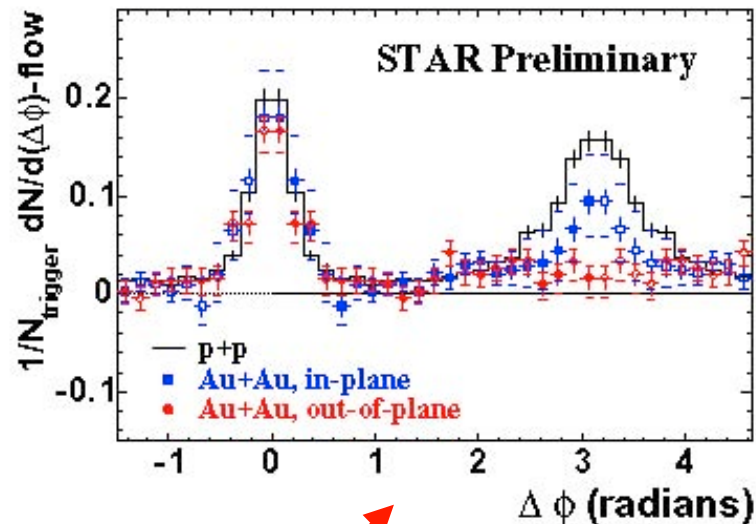
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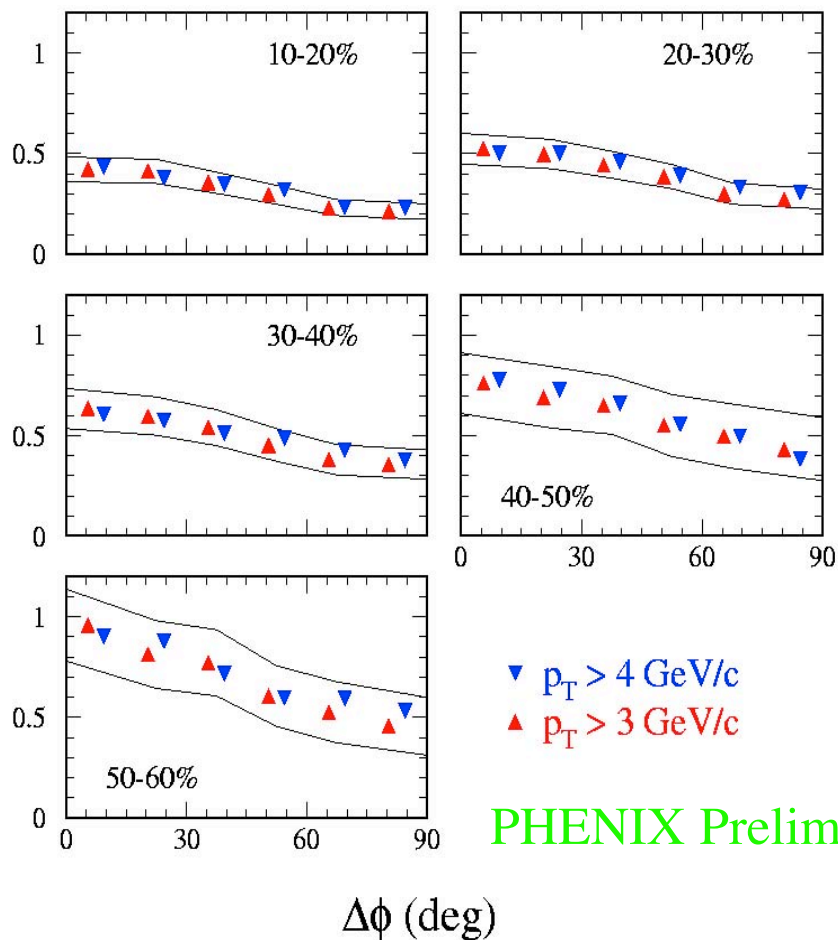
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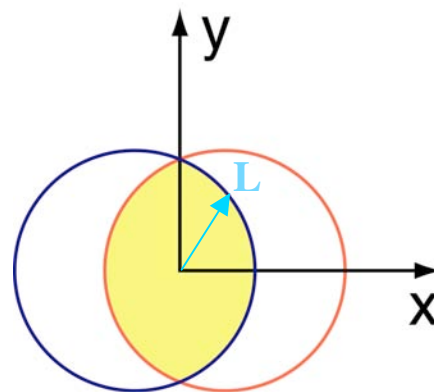
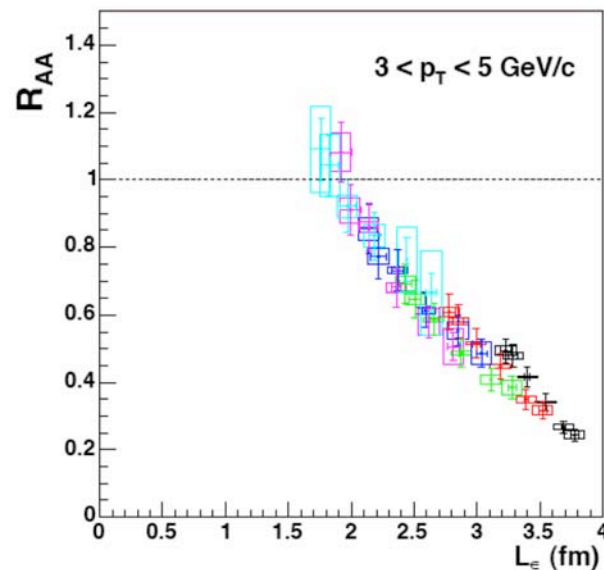
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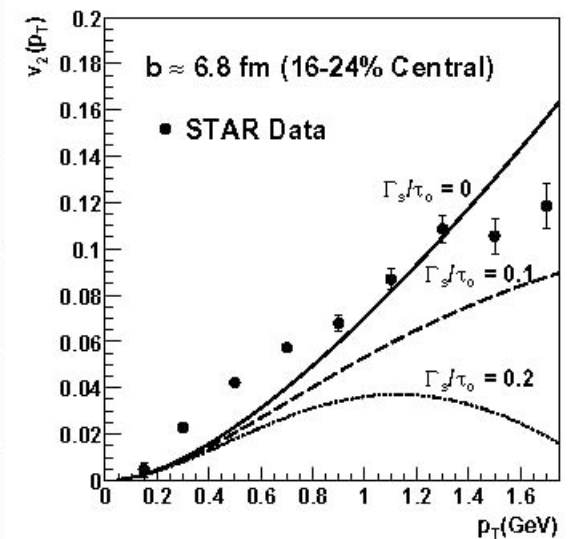
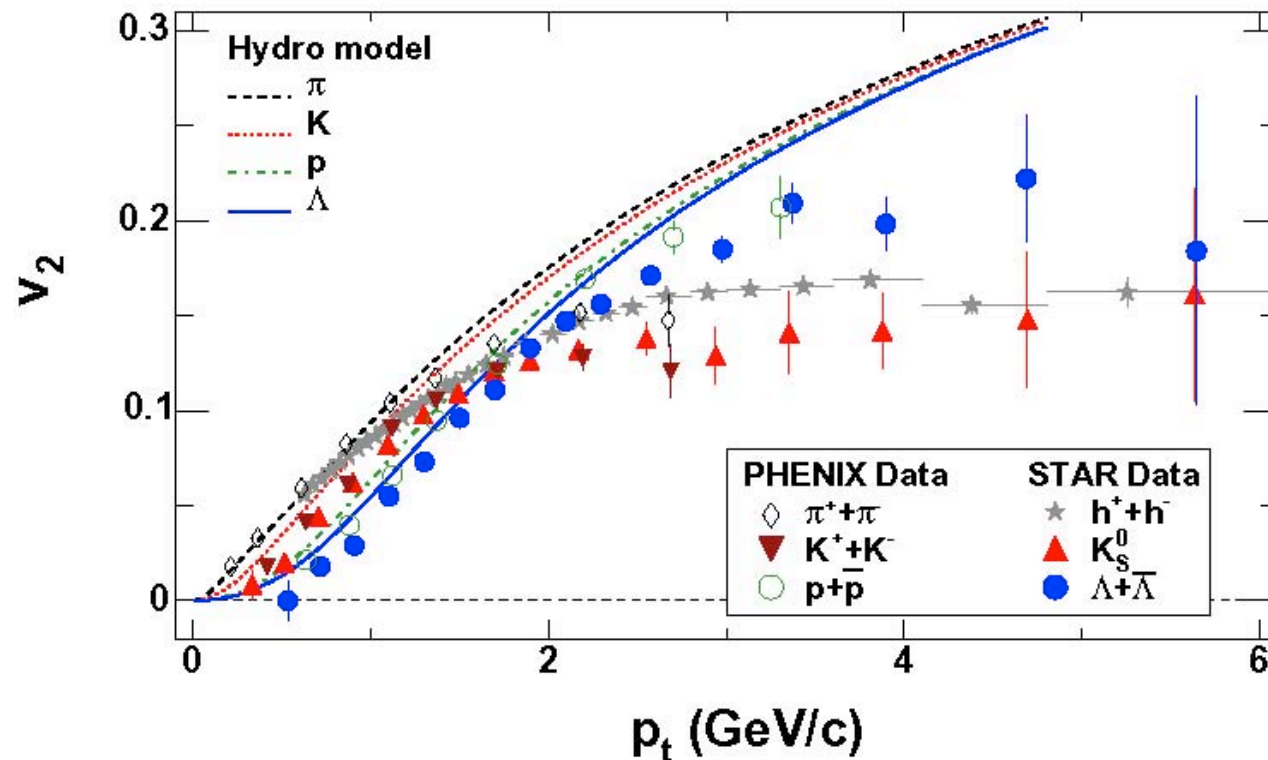
Bands show systematic error range for 3 GeV/c points



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Nobody believes that v_2 $p_T > 2$ GeV/c is entirely due to hydro pressure--perfect fluid (?)

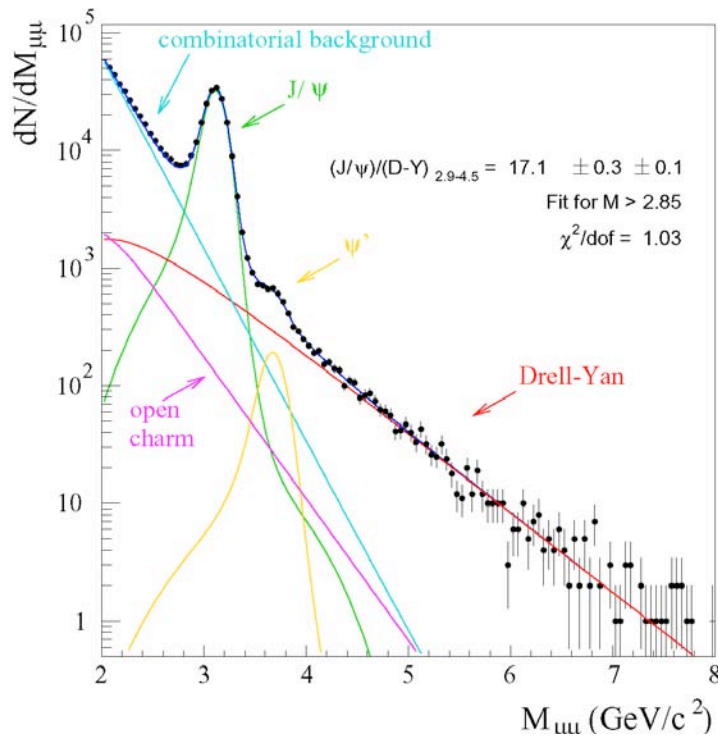


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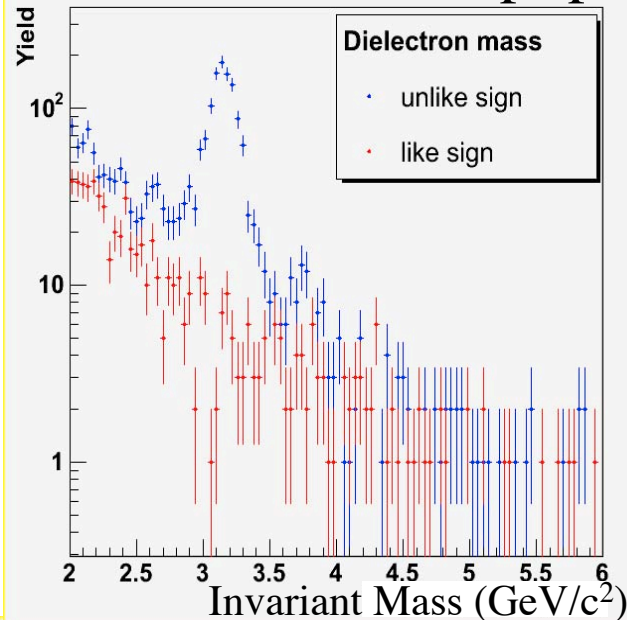
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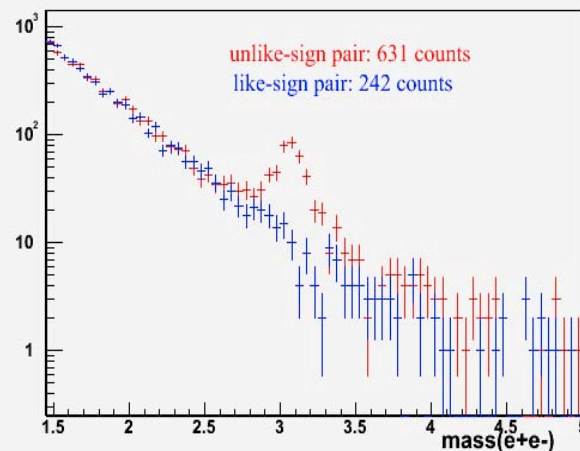


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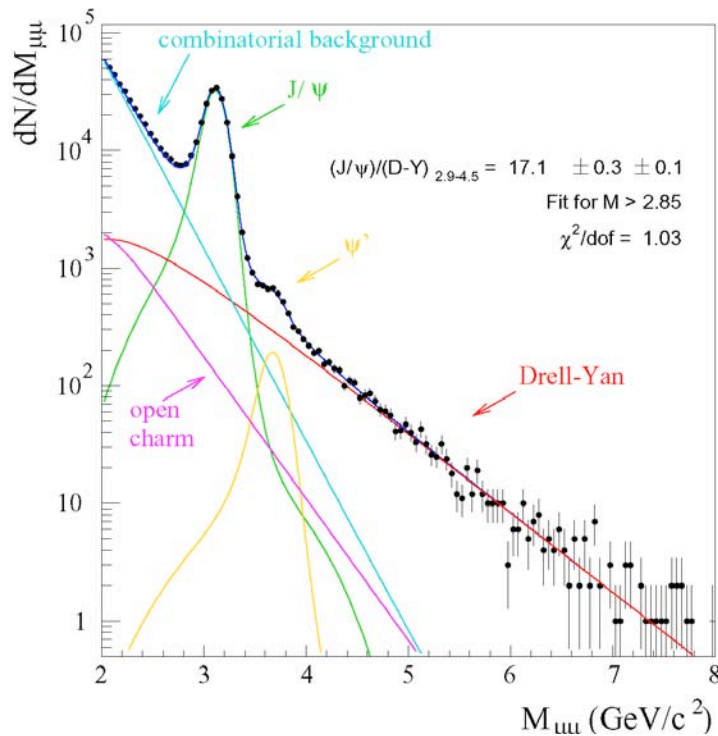
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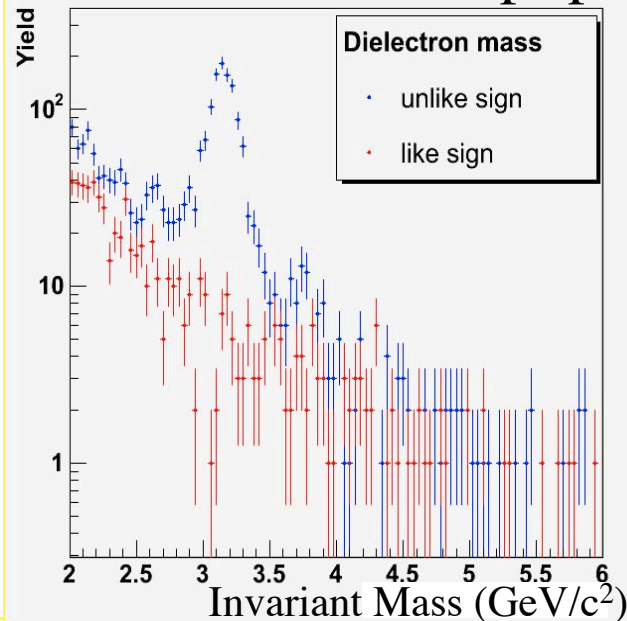
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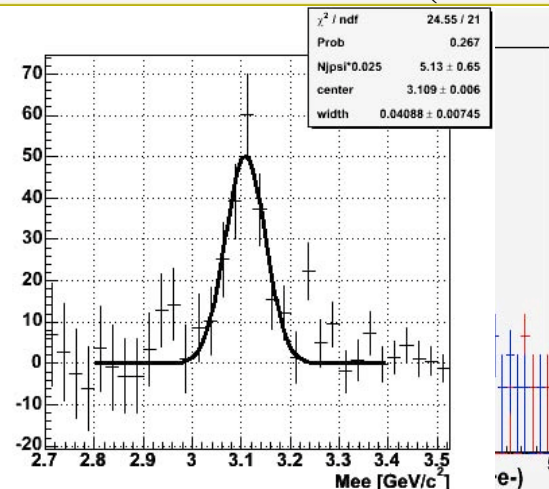


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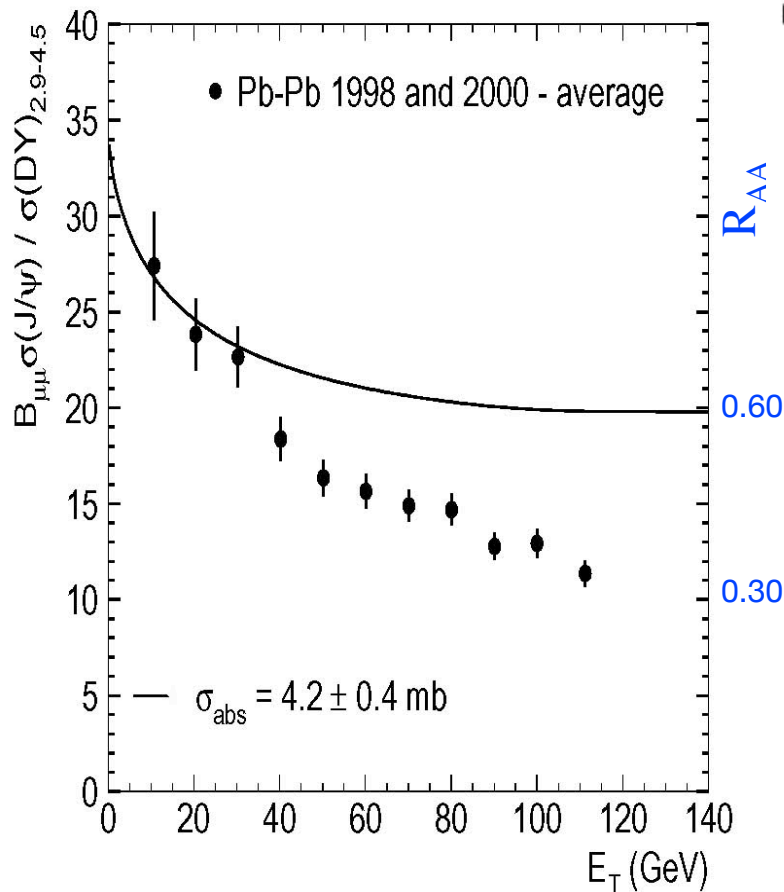
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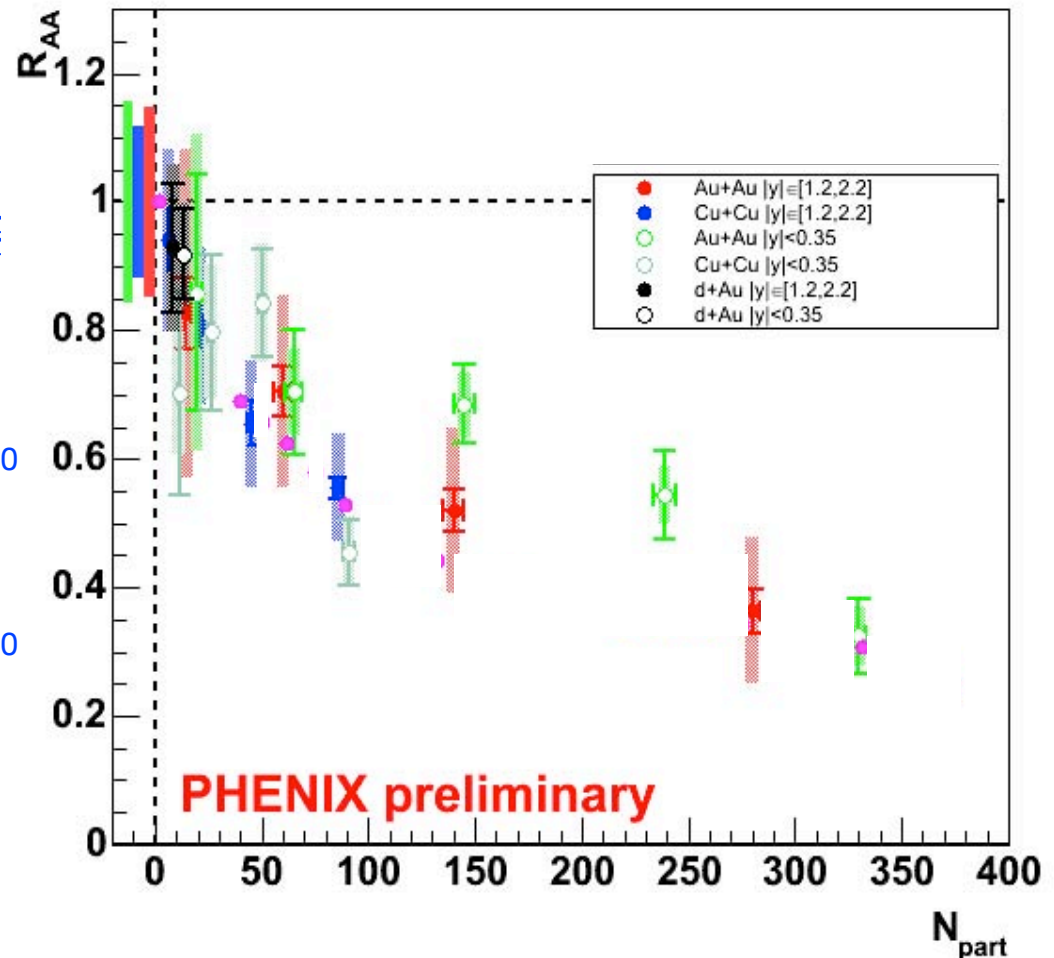
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J/Ψ No longer the Gold-Standard?

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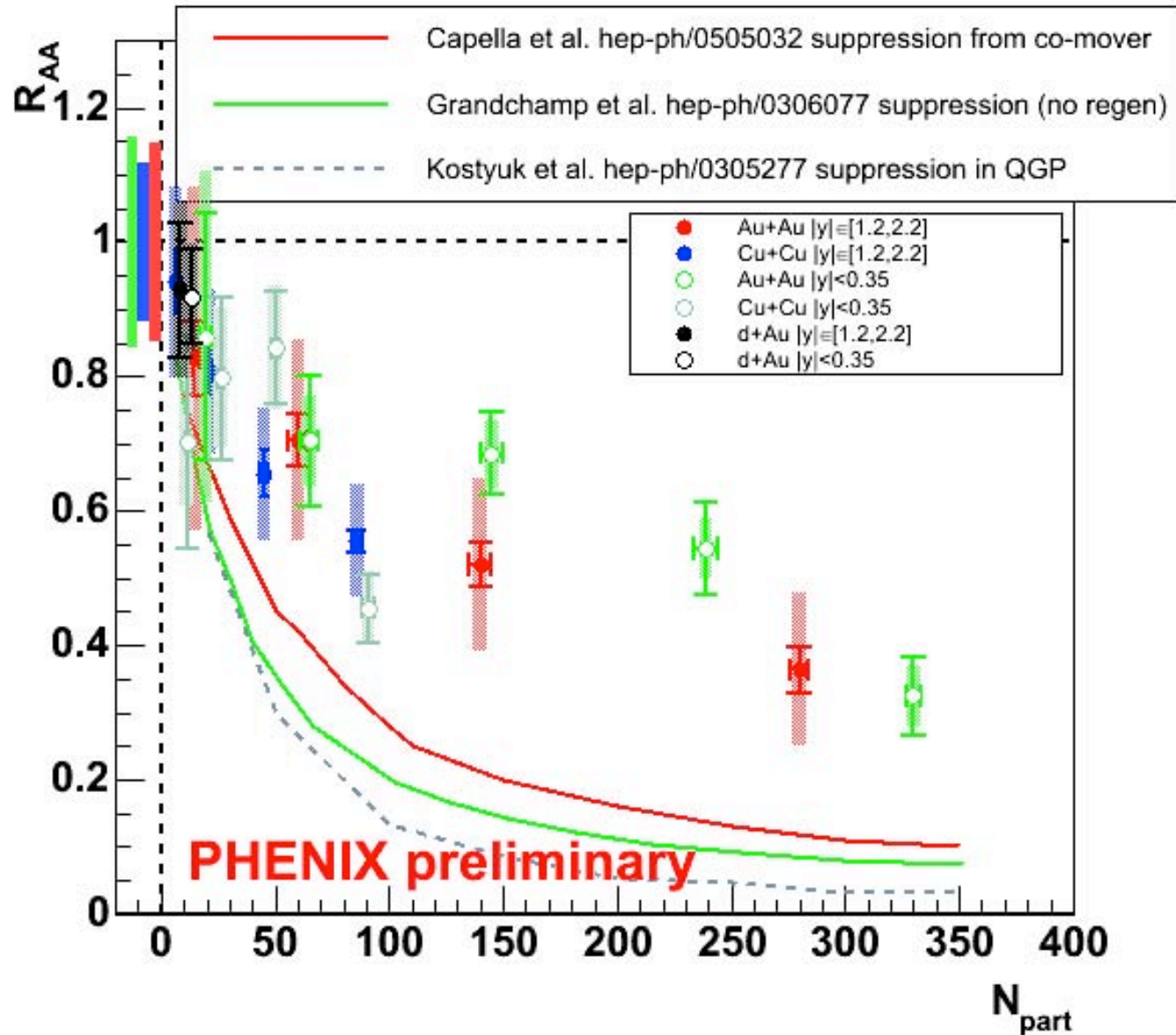


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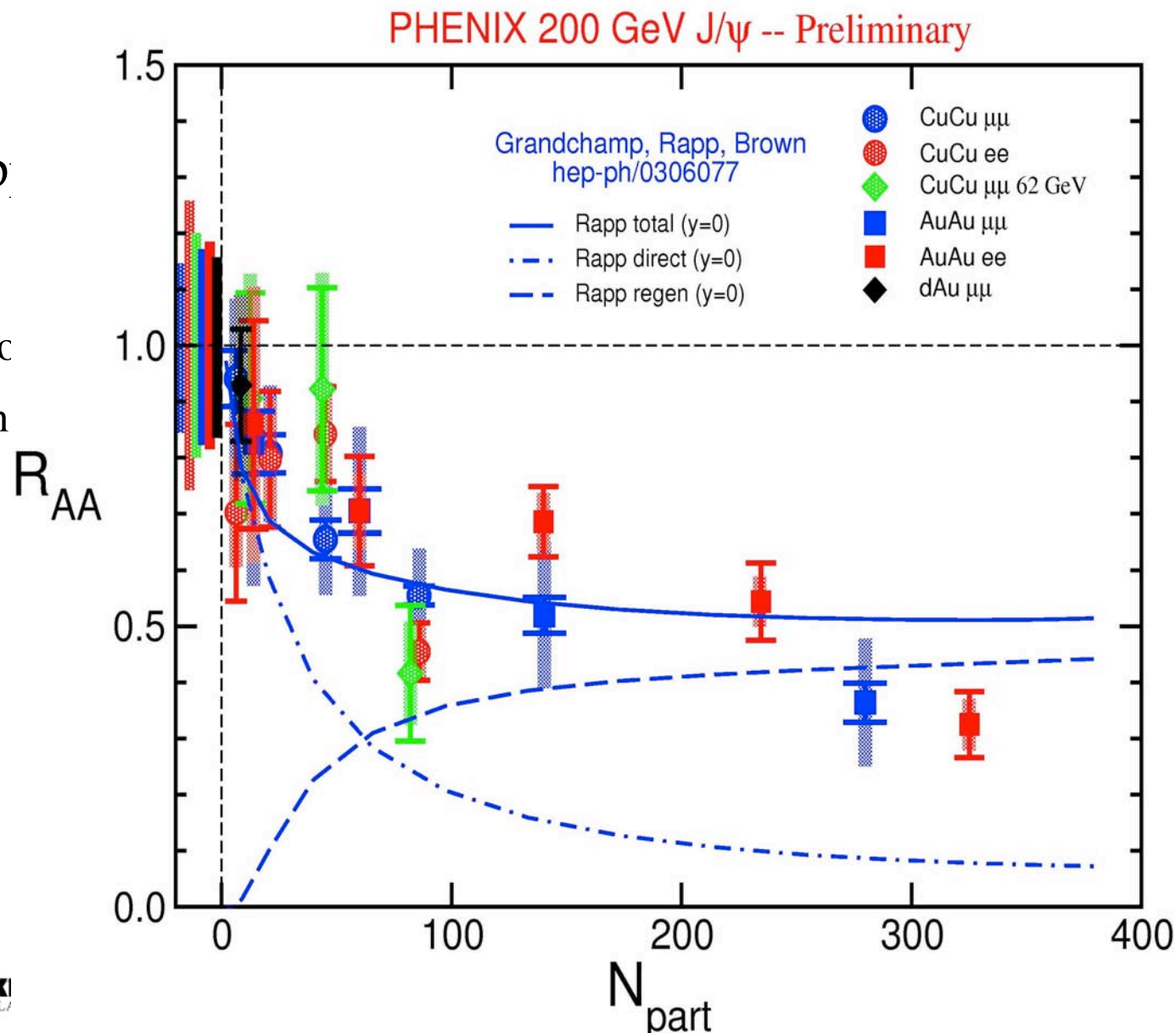
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- Compare to models which fit NA50 results.



- Many new Explanations.
- One example: Grandchamp, Rapp, Brown; [PRL 92, 212301 \(2003\)](#)

✓ In-media dissolutive
 ✦ Plus regeneration from
 “off-diagonal” c -
 $\bar{c}$ pairs



Conclusions

- the nuclear matter produced in central Au+Au collisions at RHIC appears to be a nearly perfect quark-gluon "liquid" instead of behaving like a gas of free quarks and gluons.
- No signs of a rapid phase transition have been seen---consistent with latest ideas that transition is a cross-over at RHIC energies.
- The medium at RHIC is characterized by very high energy densities, density of unscreened color charges ten times that of a nucleon, large cross sections for the interaction between strongly interacting particles, strong collective flow which implies early thermalization.
- This state of matter is not describable in terms of ordinary color-neutral hadrons, because there is no known self-consistent theory of matter composed of ordinary hadrons at the measured densities.

But there is more

- Hydro totally fails for Bose-Einstein (Hanbury-Brown Twiss)(GGLP) correlations.
- In the range $2 < p_T < 4.5$ GeV/c baryons are not suppressed. This has spawned a whole new idea called Recombination, which so far fails to explain same associated jet correlations for p and π triggers.
- J/Psi measurements in p-p collisions are consistent with total cross section measurements at lower $\sqrt{s}$, but Au+Au measurements exhibit the same suppression as at CERN, not more as expected. Is it recombination?
- Test whether the LPM energy loss formalism is correct in detail (e.g. Light vs heavy quarks?) If correct, can measure properties of medium.
- Charm quarks flow and are suppressed. Do J/Psi flow? ● ● ●

Lattice Gauge Predictions-Charmonium

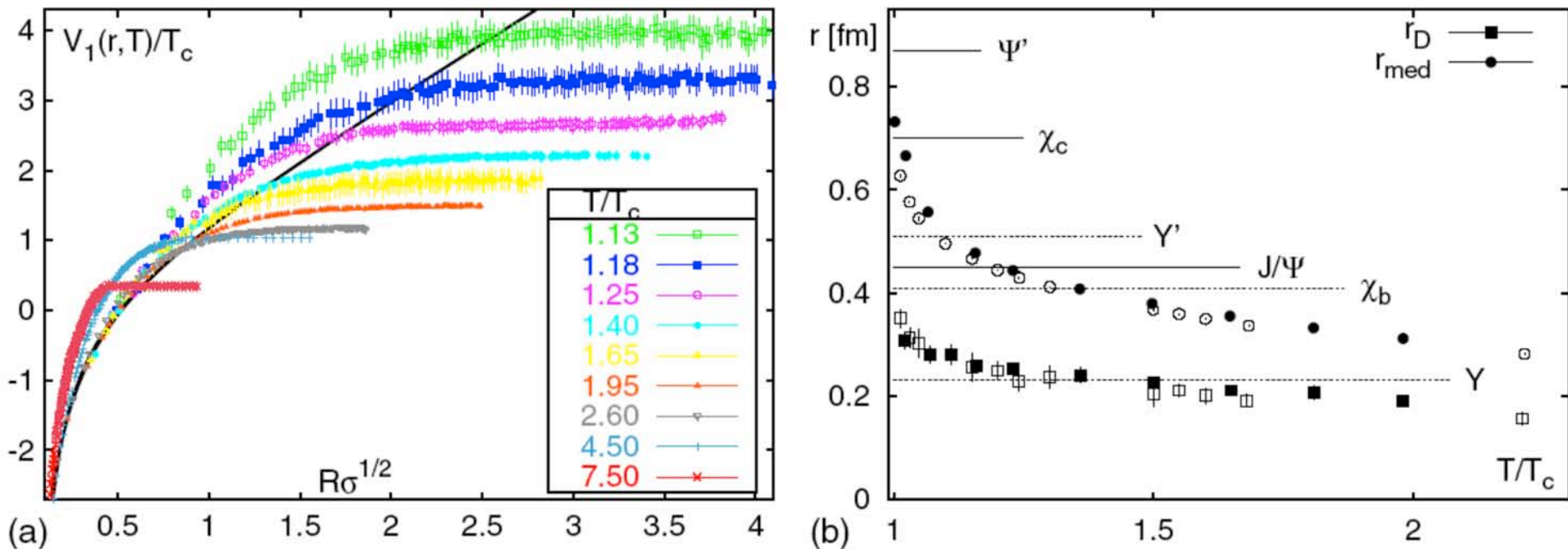
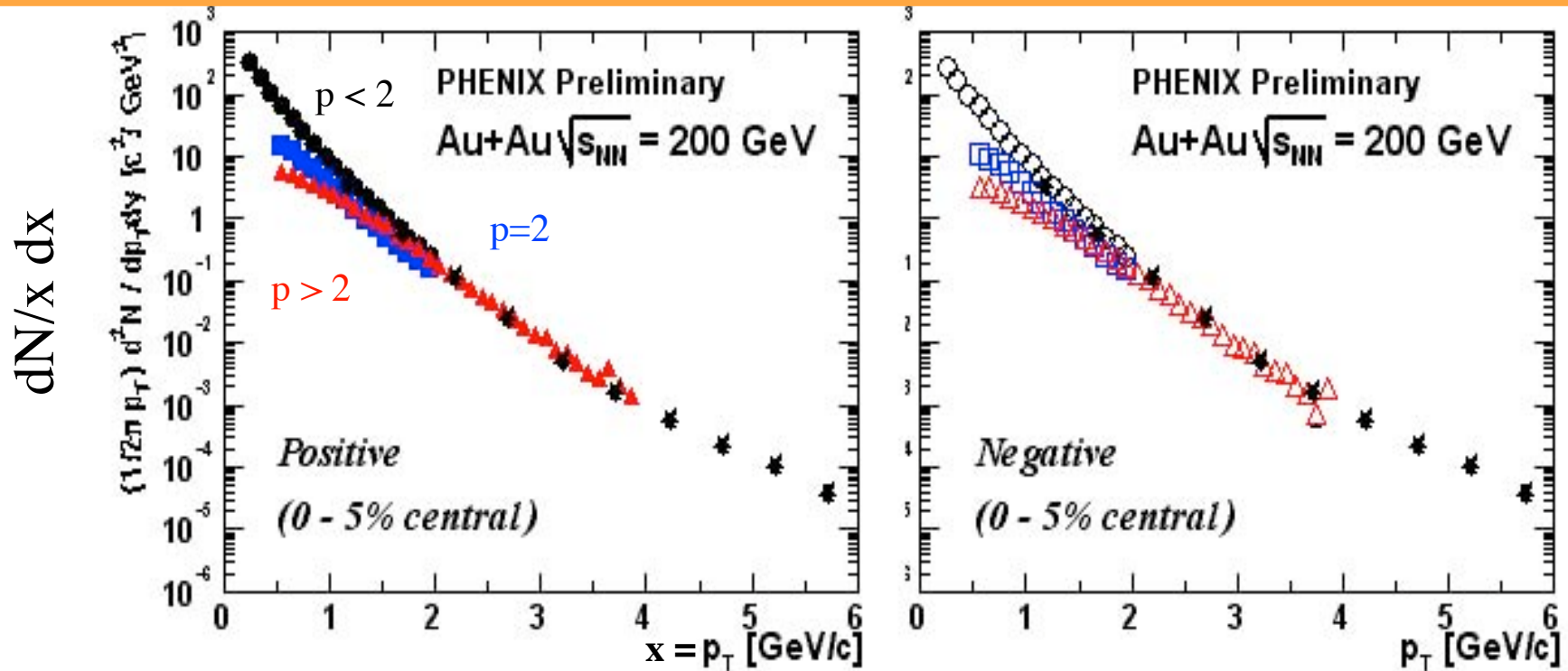


Figure 8. (a) Lattice gauge calculations of heavy quark potential $V(r)$ as a function of T/T_c [116]. The solid line is the normal ($T = 0$) potential. (b) Estimate [50] of r_{med} , the distance beyond which the force between a static quark and an anti-quark pair is strongly modified by temperature effects, is compared with the Debye screening radius, $r_D = 1/\mu$, and the mean square charge radii of $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ bound states (lines). Note that the actual melting points of the Ψ' , χ_c and J/Ψ are no longer expected to be $\sim 0.2, 0.7$ and $1.1 T_c$ as in the calculation illustrated [50], but rather $1.1, 1.1$ and $\sim 2 T_c$ by more recent calculations [117–119].

Inclusive p_T spectra are Gamma Distributions



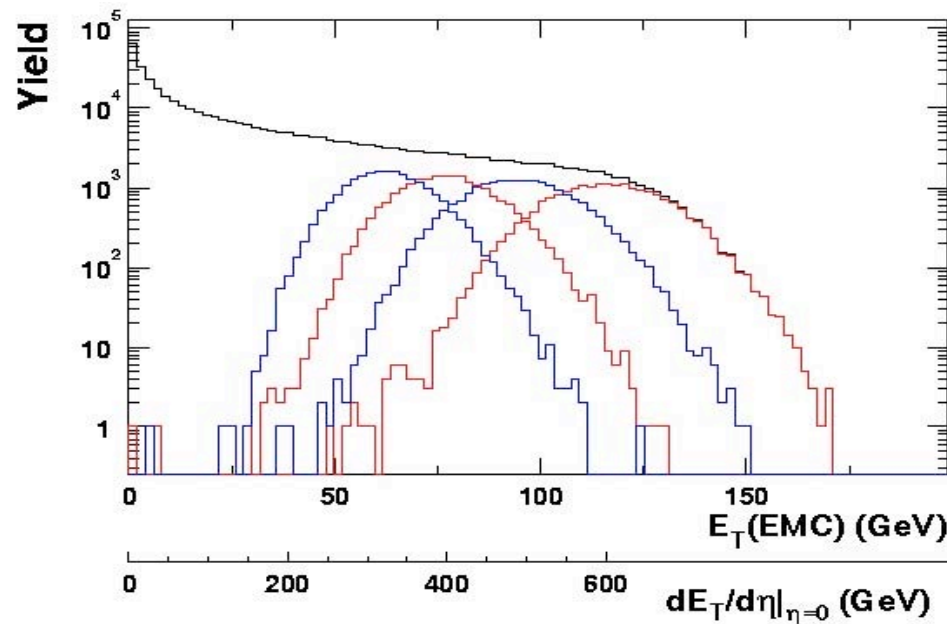
$$\frac{dN}{dx} = f_{\Gamma}(x, p, b) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(p)} (bx)^{p-1} e^{-bx}$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{p}{b} \equiv \mu \quad \sigma_x^2 = \frac{p}{b^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2} = \frac{1}{p} \quad \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu} = \frac{1}{b}$$

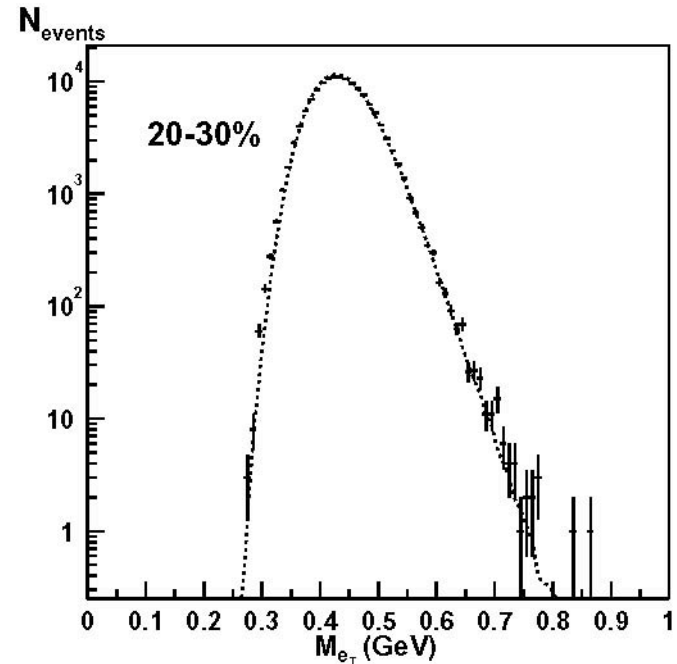
$$p \sim 2 \quad b \sim 6 \text{ (GeV/c)}^{-1}$$

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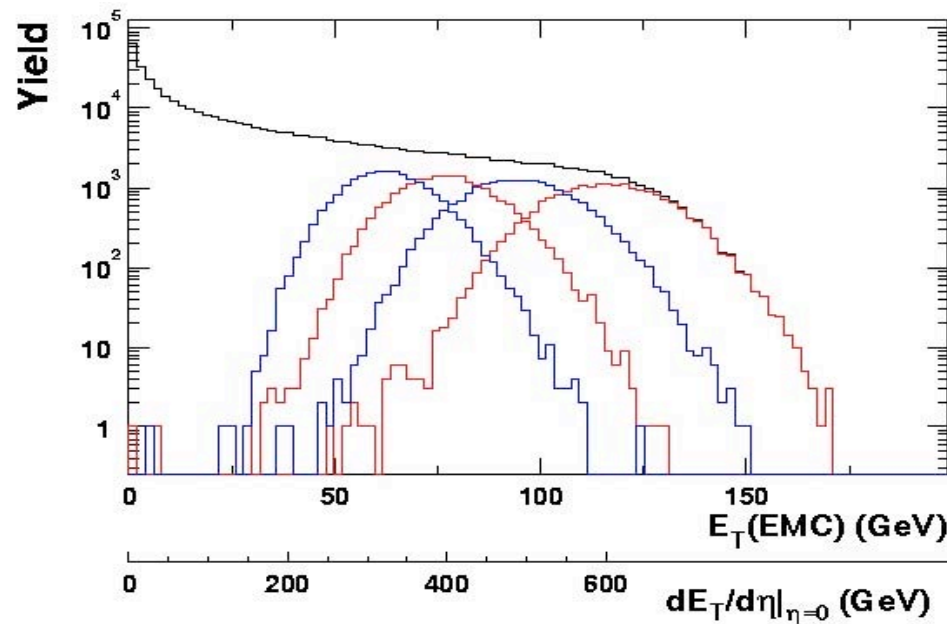
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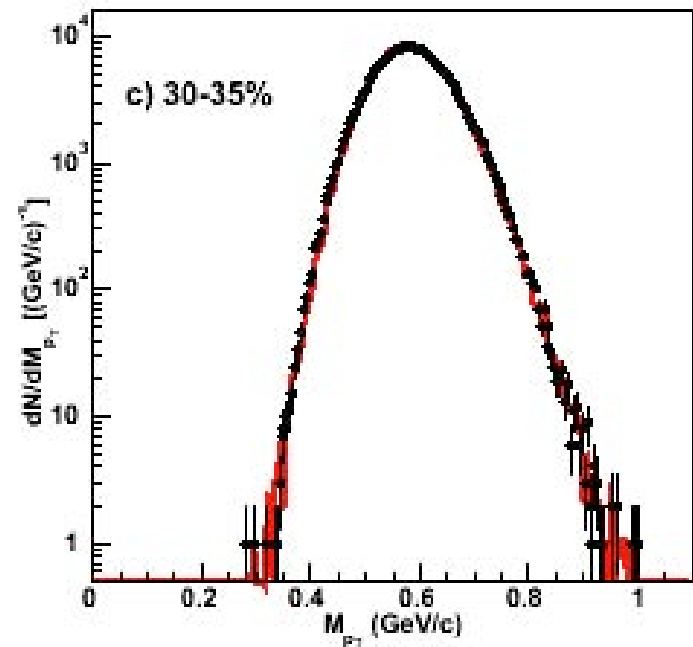
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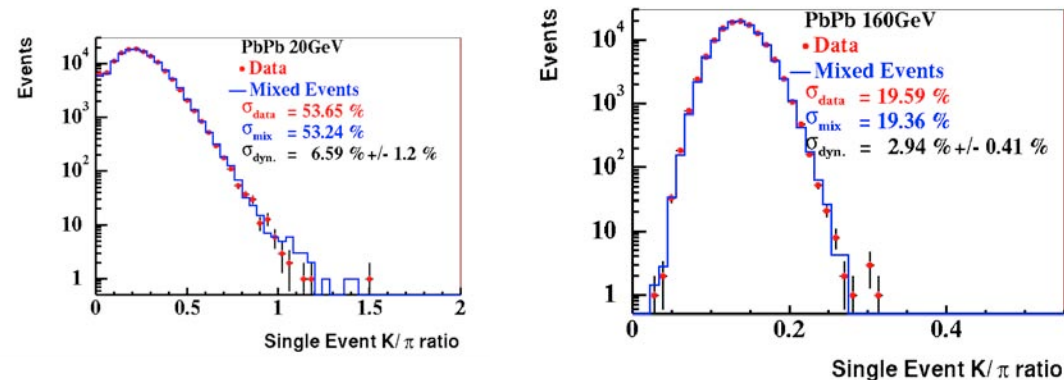
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What e-by-e tells you that you don't learn from the inclusive average

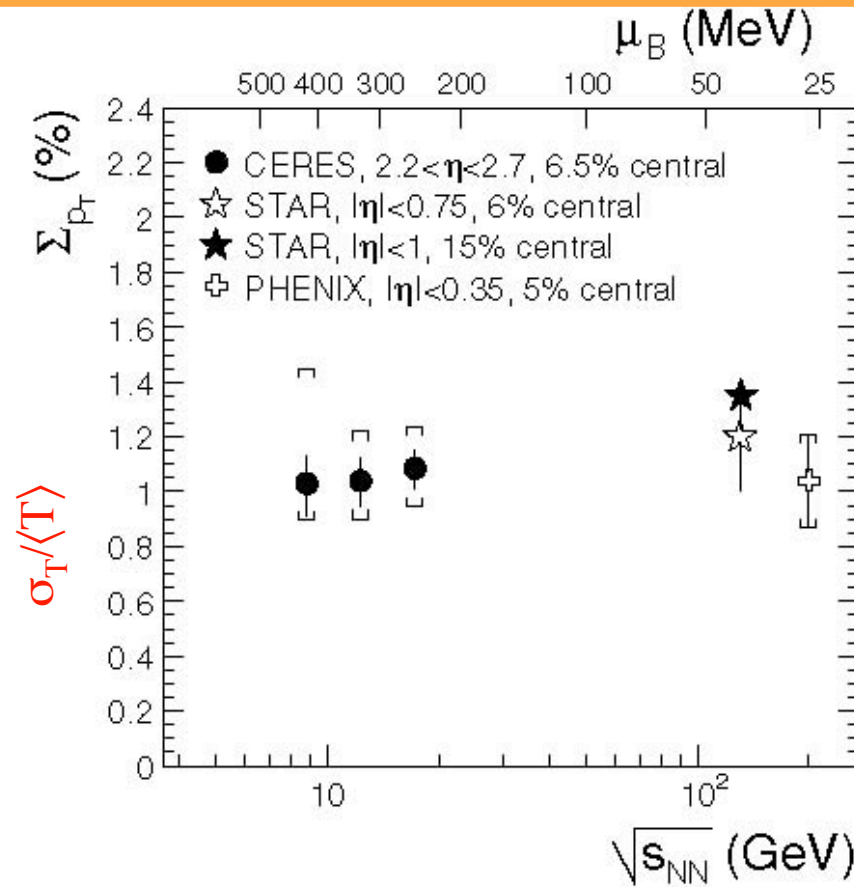
- e-by-e averages separate classes of events with different average properties, for instance 17% of events could be all kaons, and 83% all pions---see C. Roland QM2004, e-by-e K/ π consistent with random.



- A nice example I like is by [R. Korus, et al, PRC 64, 054908 \(2004\)](#): The temperature $T \sim 1/b$ varies event by event with $\langle T \rangle$ and σ_T .

$$\frac{\sigma_{M_{pT}}^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{n} \frac{\sigma_{pT}^2}{\mu^2} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\sigma_T^2}{\langle T \rangle^2} = \Sigma_{pT}^2 \quad \text{CERES}$$

Assuming all fluctuations are from $\sigma_T/\langle T \rangle$ Very small and relatively constant with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



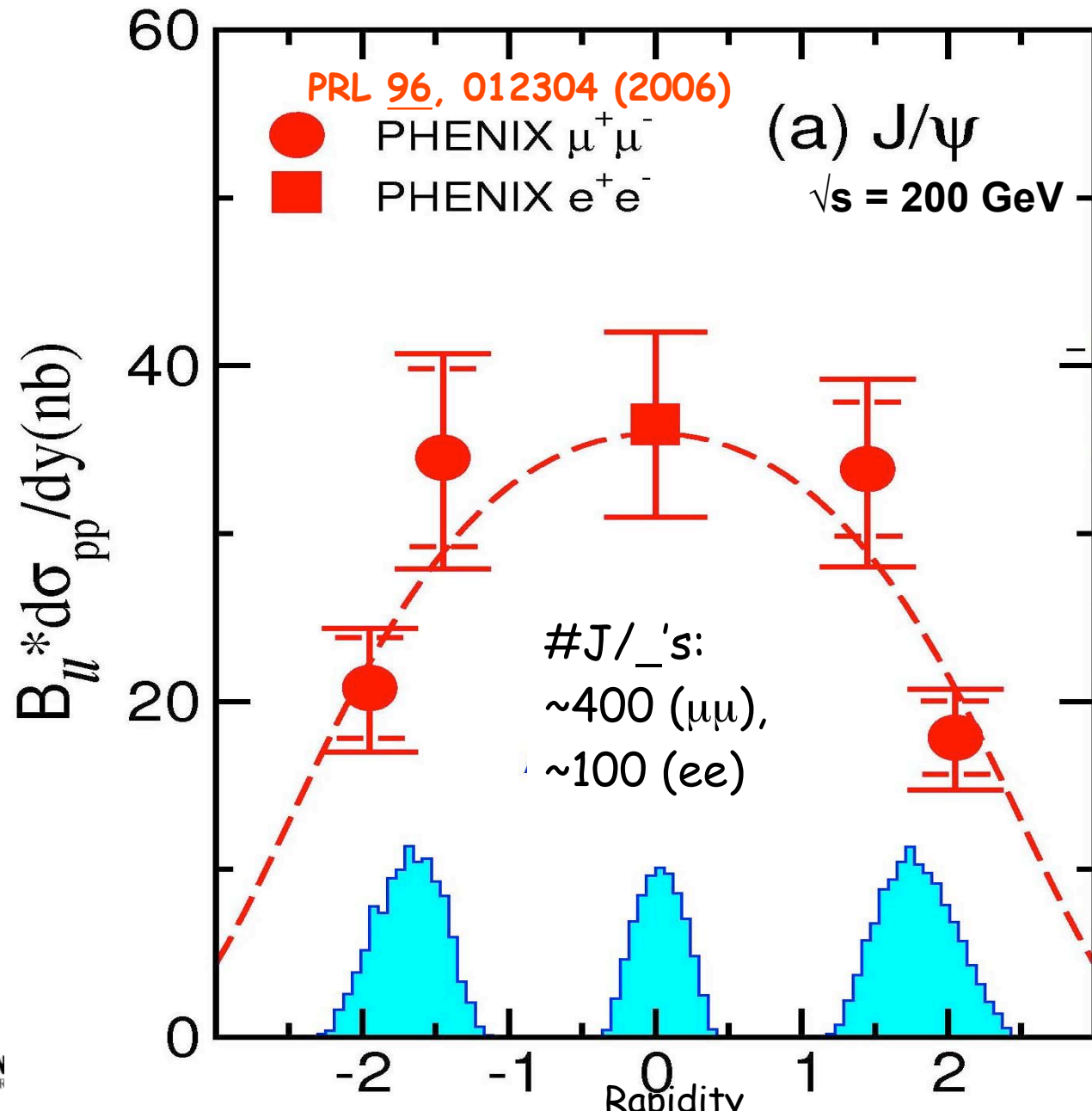
CERES tabulation
H.Sako, et al, JPG
30, S1371 (04)

Where is the
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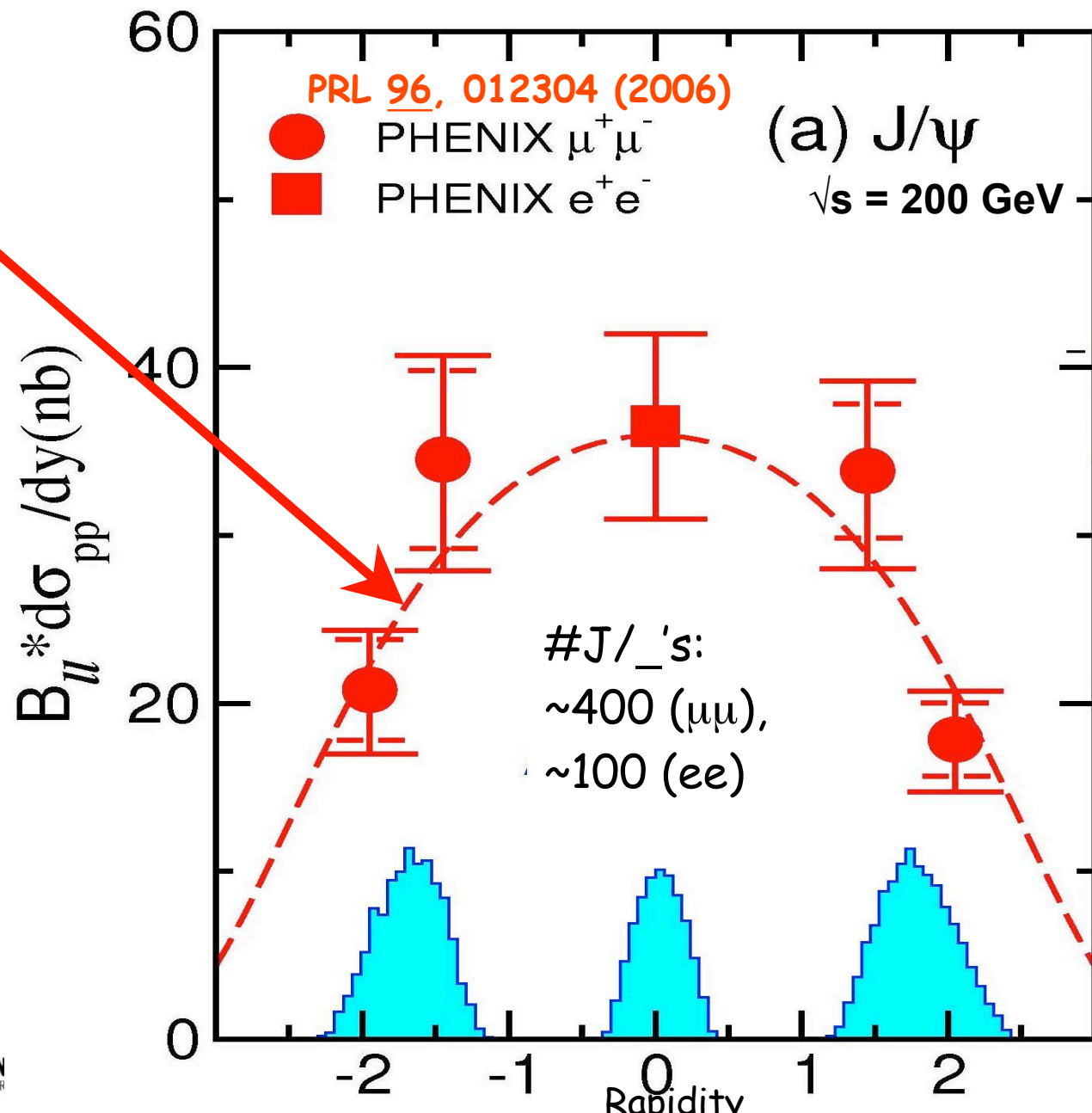
Figure 2. Σ_{pT} as a function of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ in central events.

$$\Sigma_{pT}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{pT, dyn}^2}{\mu^2} = \frac{\sigma_{M_{pT}}^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{\langle n \rangle} \frac{\sigma_{pT}^2}{\mu^2} = \frac{\sigma_T^2}{\langle T \rangle^2}$$

Cross section vs Rapidity (p+p)-e+e- and $\mu+\mu^-$

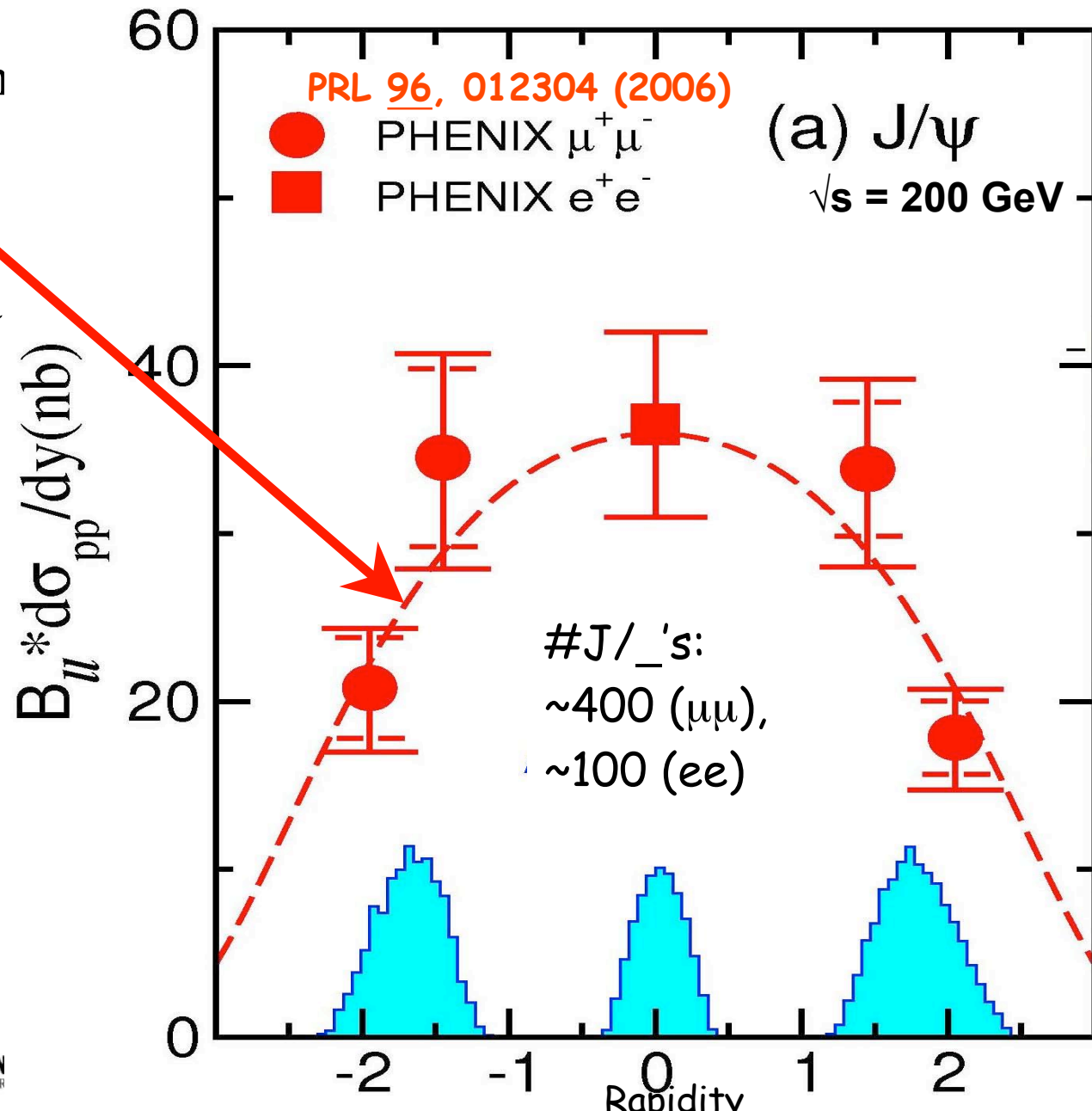


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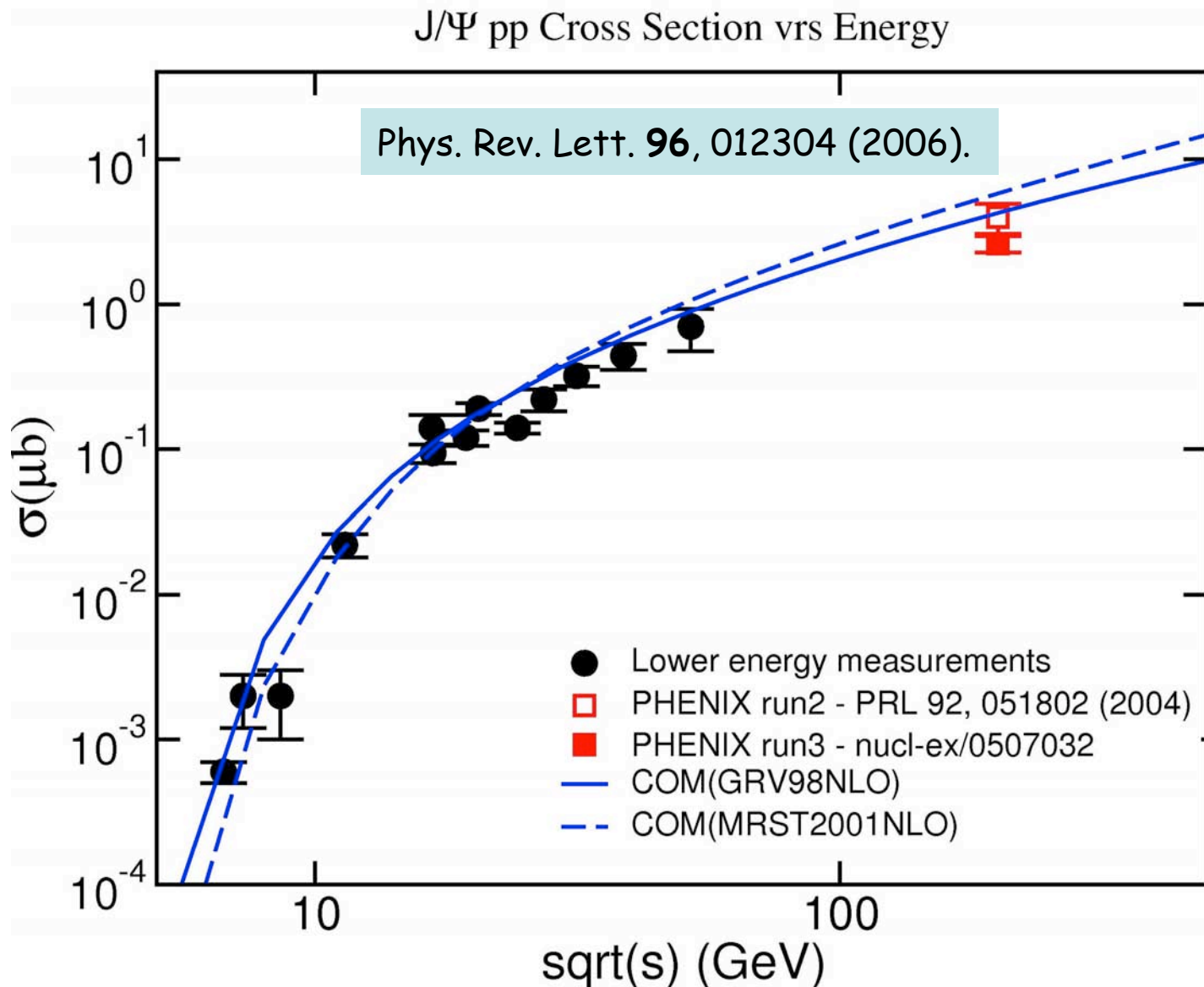
Cross section vs Rapidity (p+p)-e+e- and $\mu+\mu$ -

- Good agreement with PYTHIA shape
- These are Run-3 data
- Run-5: $\sim \times 10$
- Run-6:
 $\sim$ Run-5 today,
expected to double



p+p Reference is consistent

- Consistent with trend of world's data
- ~Consistent with at least one COM (Color Octet Model) calculation



Not Suppressing the J/ψ (!)

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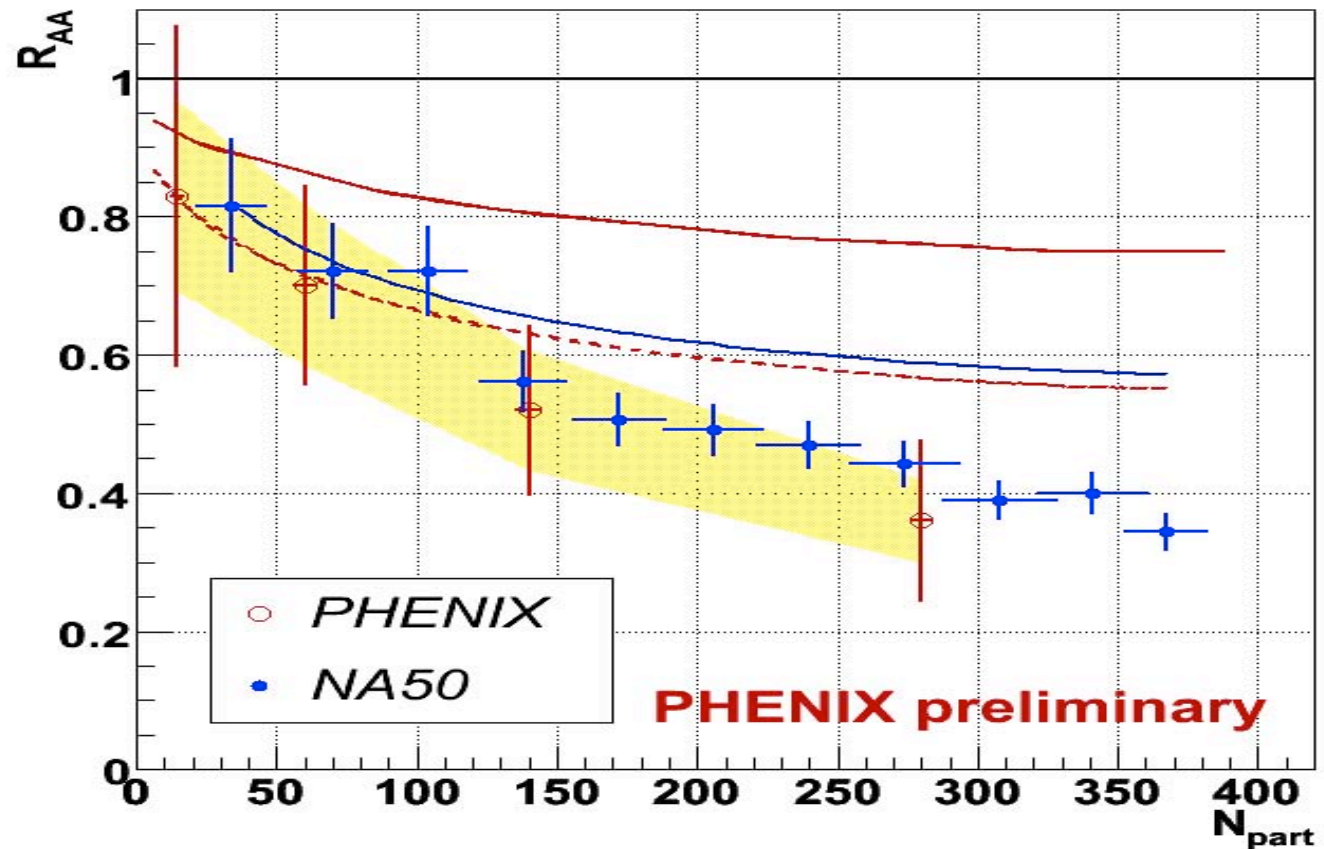
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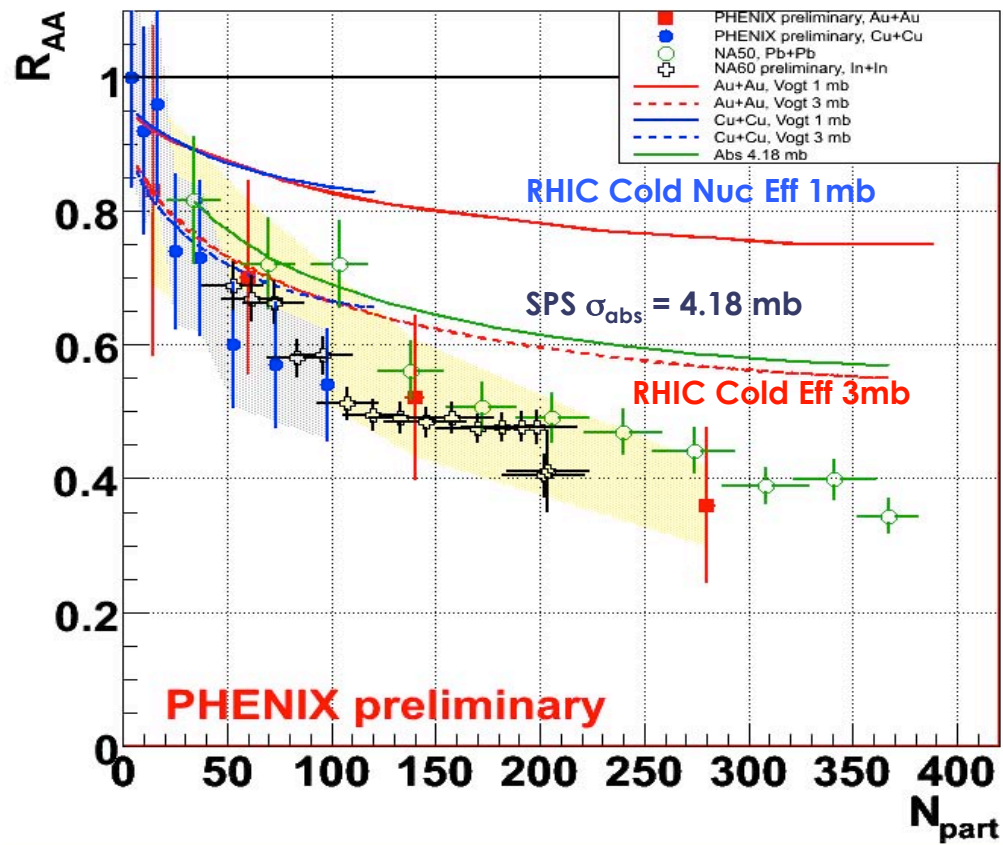
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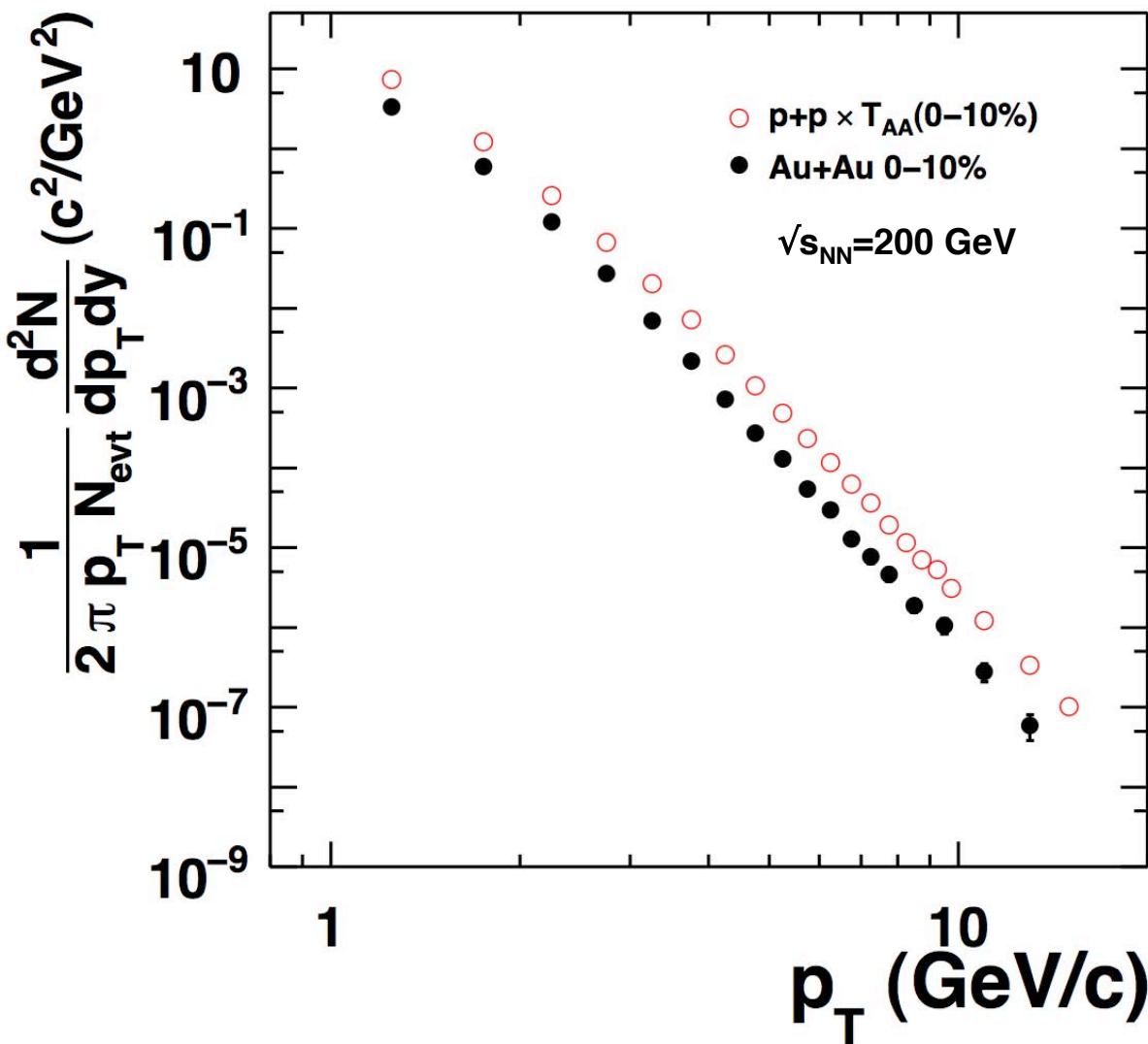
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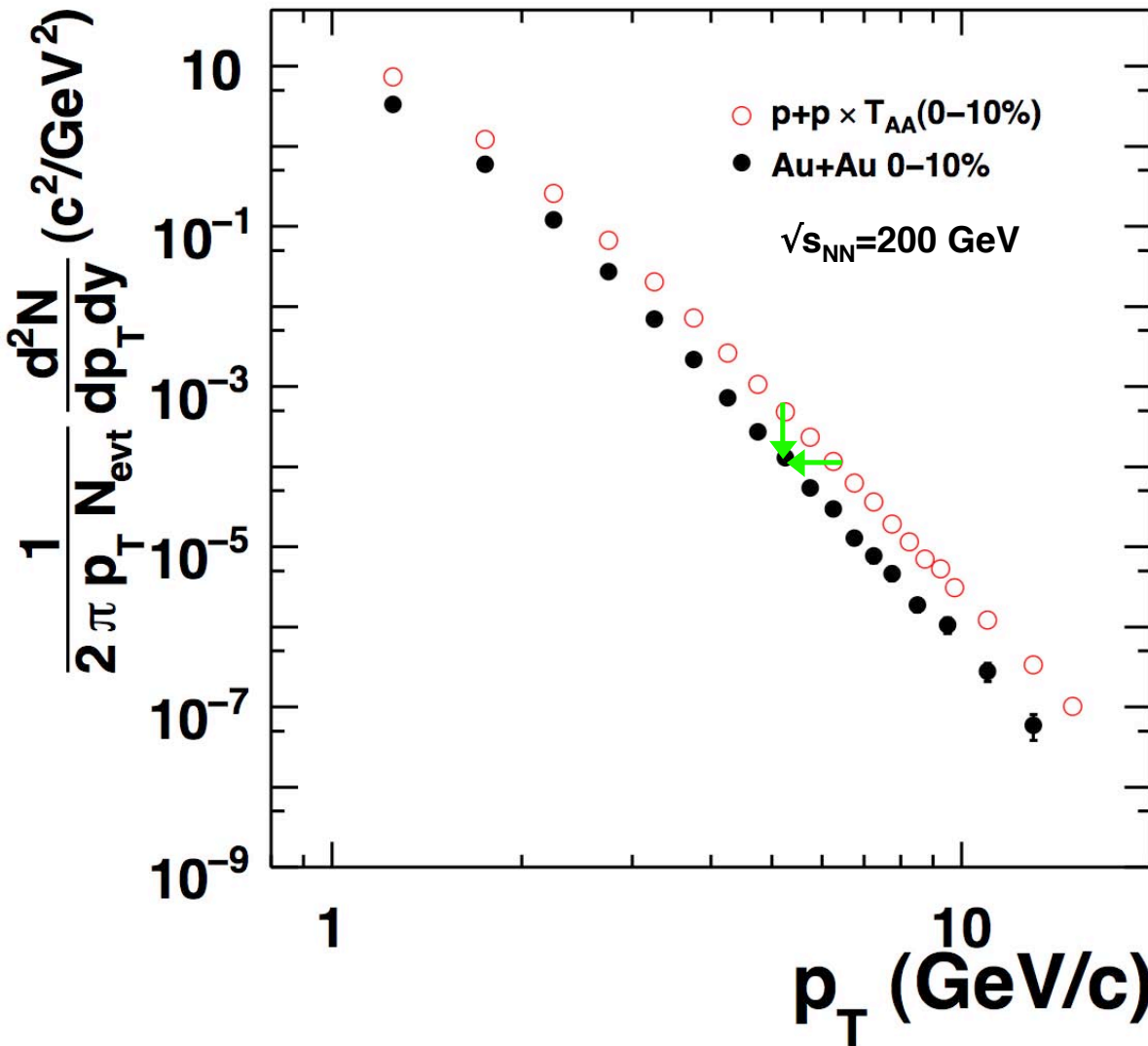


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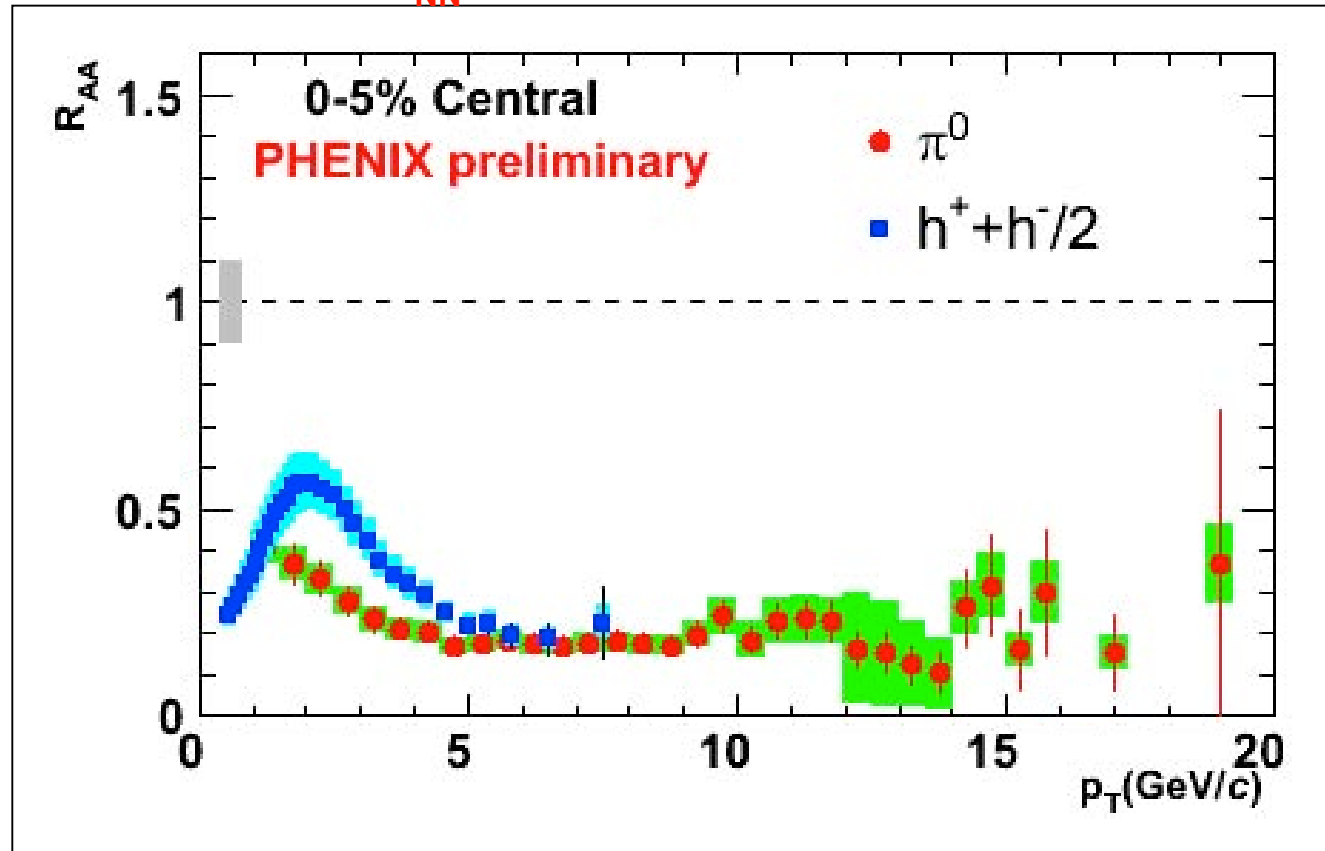
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Impossible to distinguish reduction in the number of partons (due to e.g. stopping in medium) from fractional downshift in spectrum (due to e.g. energy loss of parton in medium)

R_{AA} : π^0 and non-identified charged are different

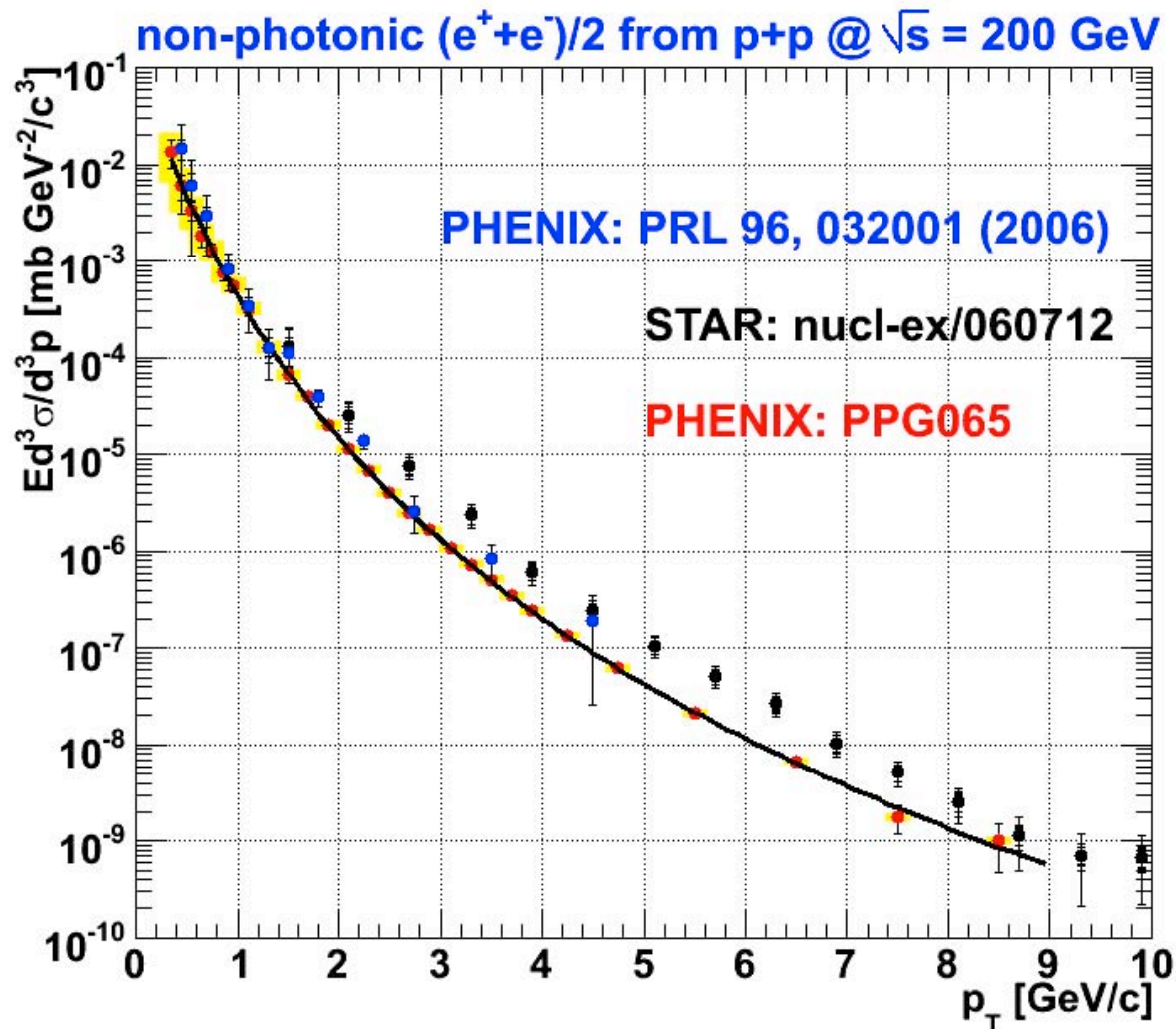
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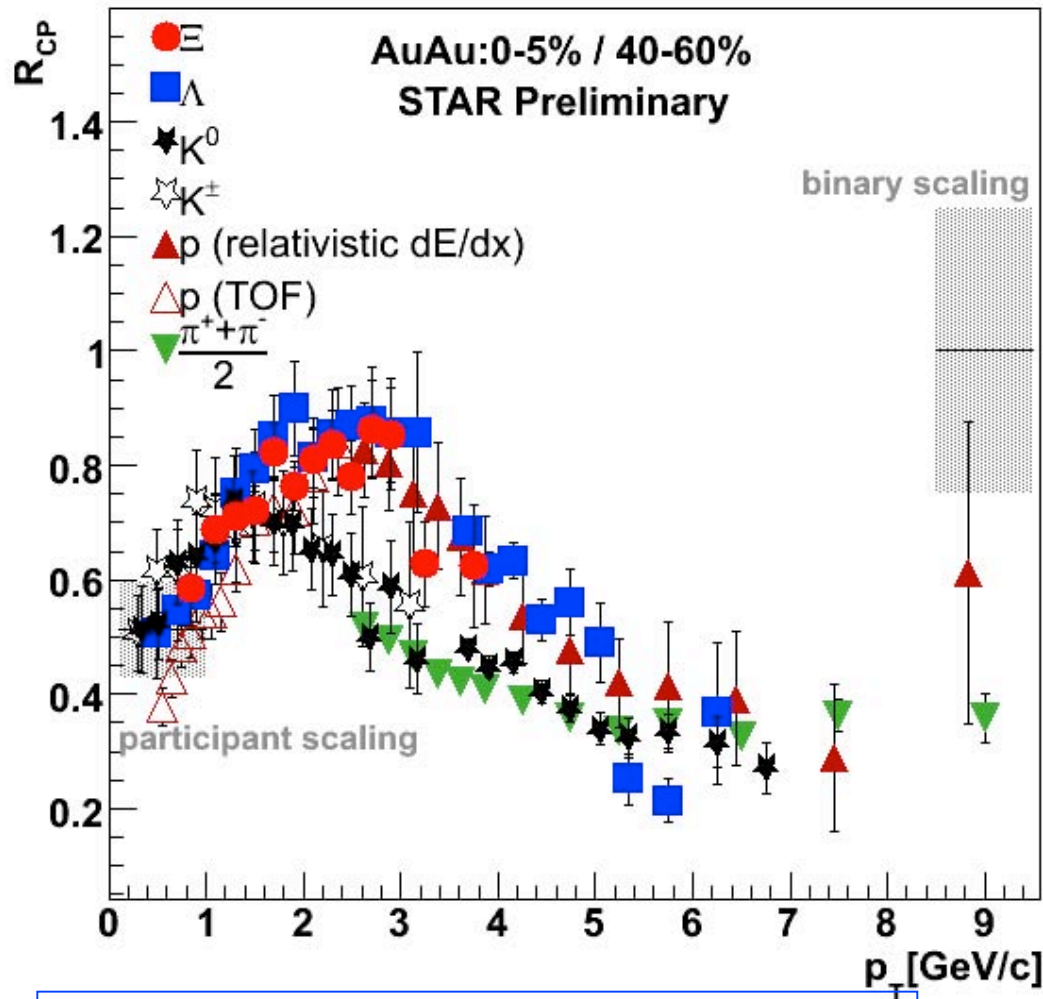
Does either obey QCD? We tried x_T scaling AuAu 200 cf 130 GeV

STAR PHENIX disagreement on charm

Are the electrons really non-photonic?



Rcp of Baryons & mesons become equal ($\Rightarrow$ fragmentation) for $p_T > 6$ GeV/c at 200 GeV



STAR-Jana Bielcikova Hard Probes 2006

- In agreement with recombination predictions
- Balance between recombination and fragmentation should be different at LHC

• Hwa & Yang nucl-th/0603053 predict $p/\pi \sim 10$ out to $p_T \sim 20$ GeV/c at LHC due to recombination of partons from the many jets produced $\Rightarrow p$ have no associated jet structure !!

• Very important to measure at LHC--needs pid over a large p_T range

