

Experimental Results from RHIC: QGP or what?

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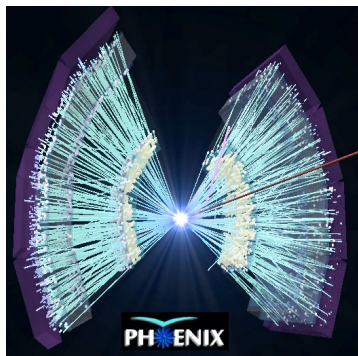
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Warning Beware of Theory Curves on Experimental Data

Original observation of Drell-Yan pairs: “massive muon pairs in hadron collisions”

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Observation of Massive Muon Pairs in Hadron Collisions*

J. H. Christenson, G. S. Hicks, L. M. Lederman, P. J. Limon, and B. G. Pope

Columbia University, New York, New York 10027, and Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York 11973

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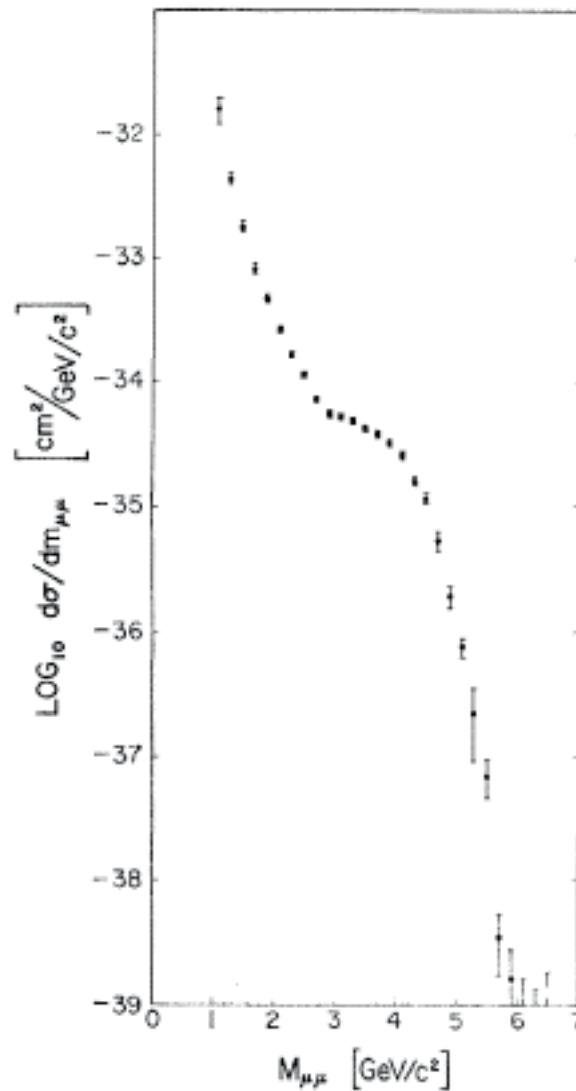
E. Zavattini

CERN Laboratory, Geneva, Switzerland

(Received 8 September 1970)

Muon pairs in the mass range $1 < m_{\mu\mu} < 6.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ have been observed in collisions of high-energy protons with uranium nuclei. At an incident energy of 29 GeV, the cross section varies smoothly as $d\sigma/dm_{\mu\mu} \approx 10^{-32}/m_{\mu\mu}^5 \text{ cm}^2 (\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}$ and exhibits no resonant structure. The total cross section increases by a factor of 5 as the proton energy rises from 22 to 29.5 GeV.

The Measurement



Theorists at Work

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Light-Cone Analysis of Massive μ -Pair Production*

Guido Altarelli,[†] Richard A. Brandt,[‡] and Giuliano Preparata[†]

Rockefeller University, New York, New York 10021

(Received 9 September 1970)

An operator representation for the behavior of the product of two electromagnetic currents near the light cone is used to discuss massive μ -pair production in hadron-hadron interactions. Restrictions from the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center electroproduction experiments and from Regge theory are incorporated. Our predictions are in agreement with the recent Columbia-Brookhaven National Laboratory experiment.

The Measurement with “theory” curve

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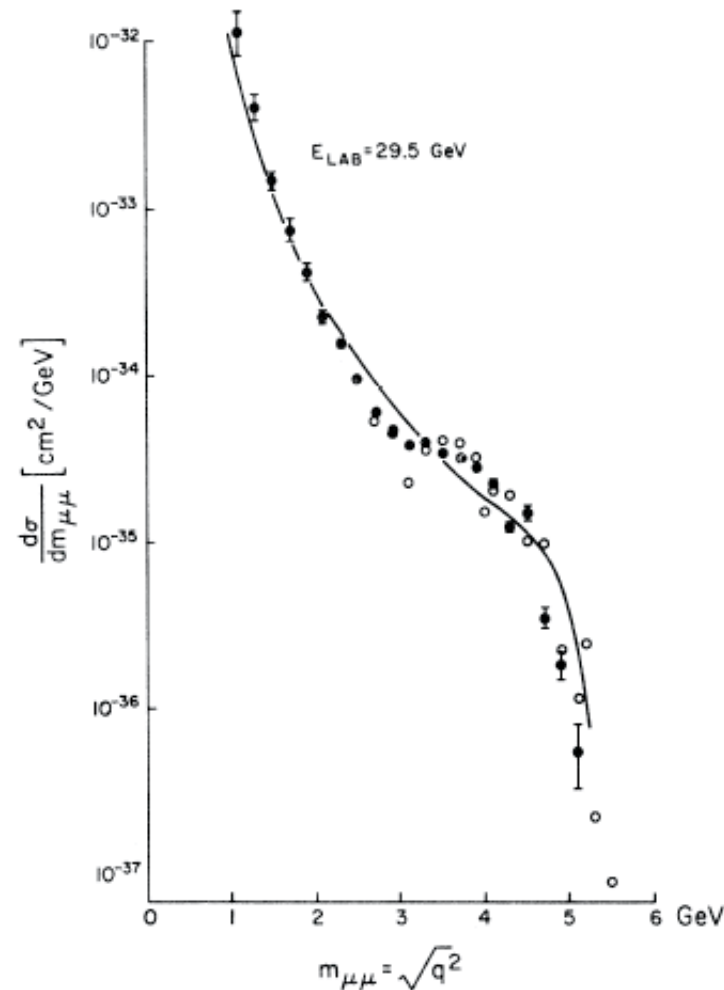
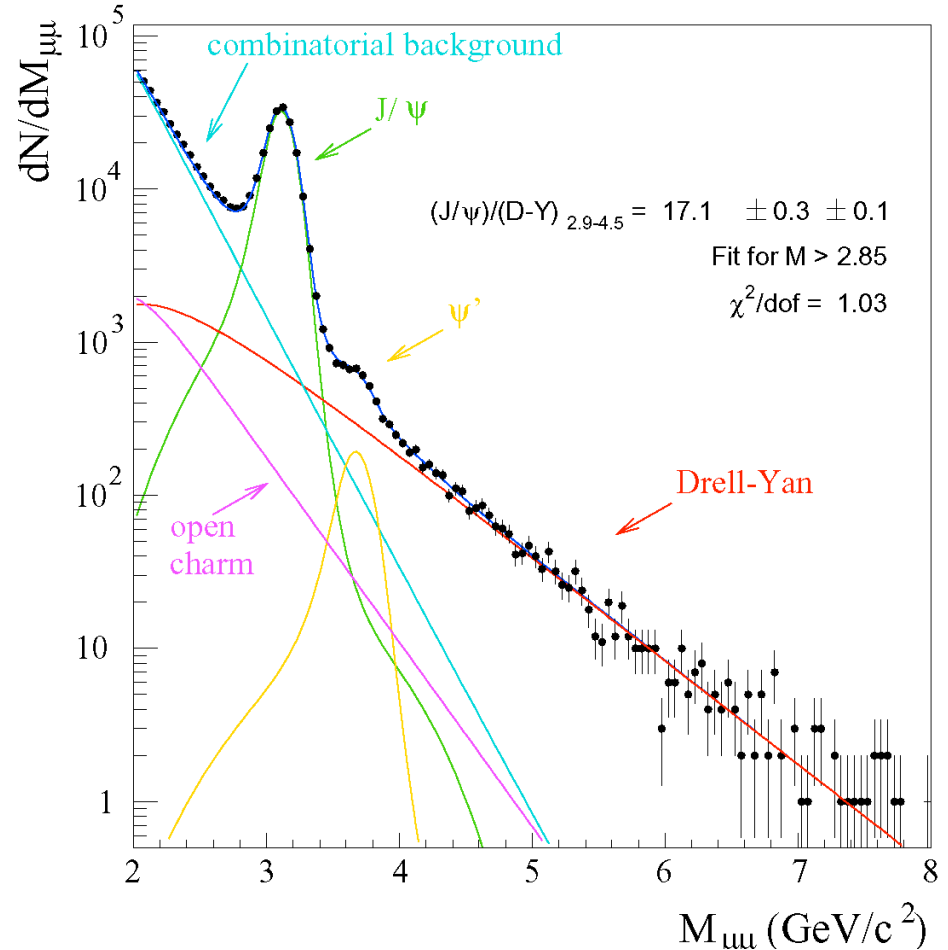
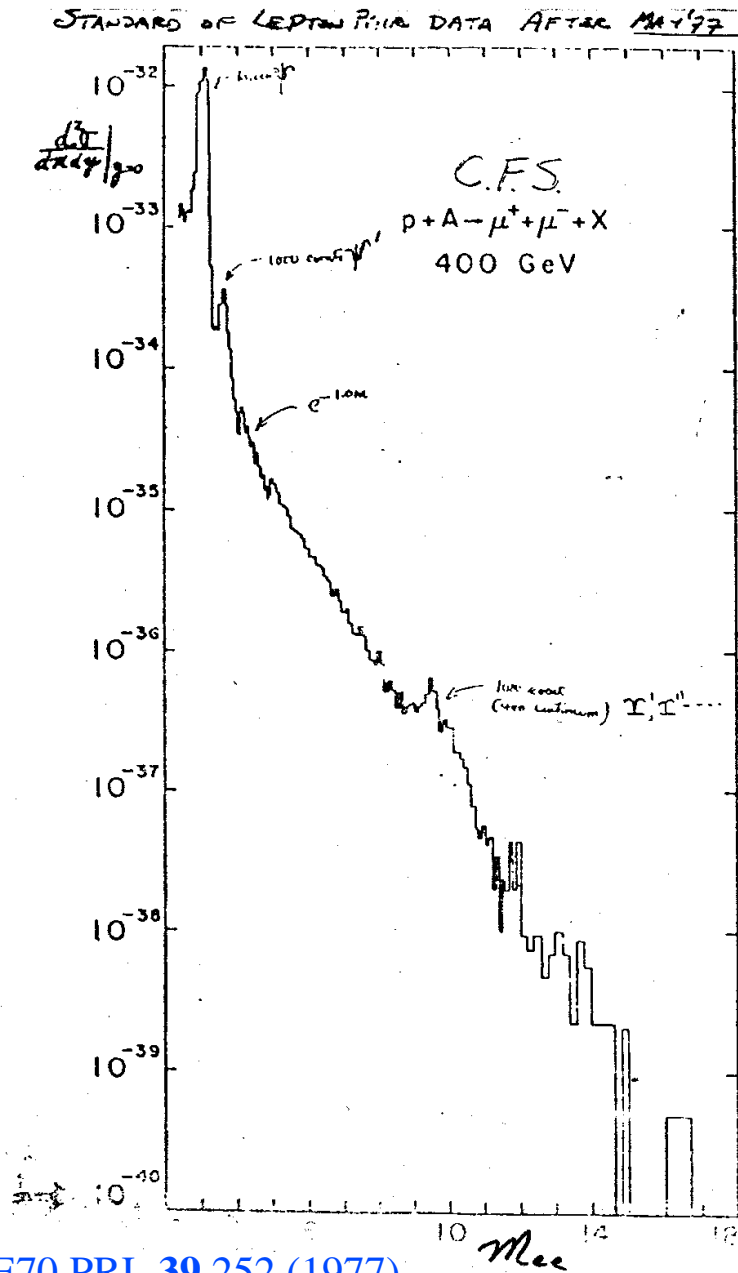


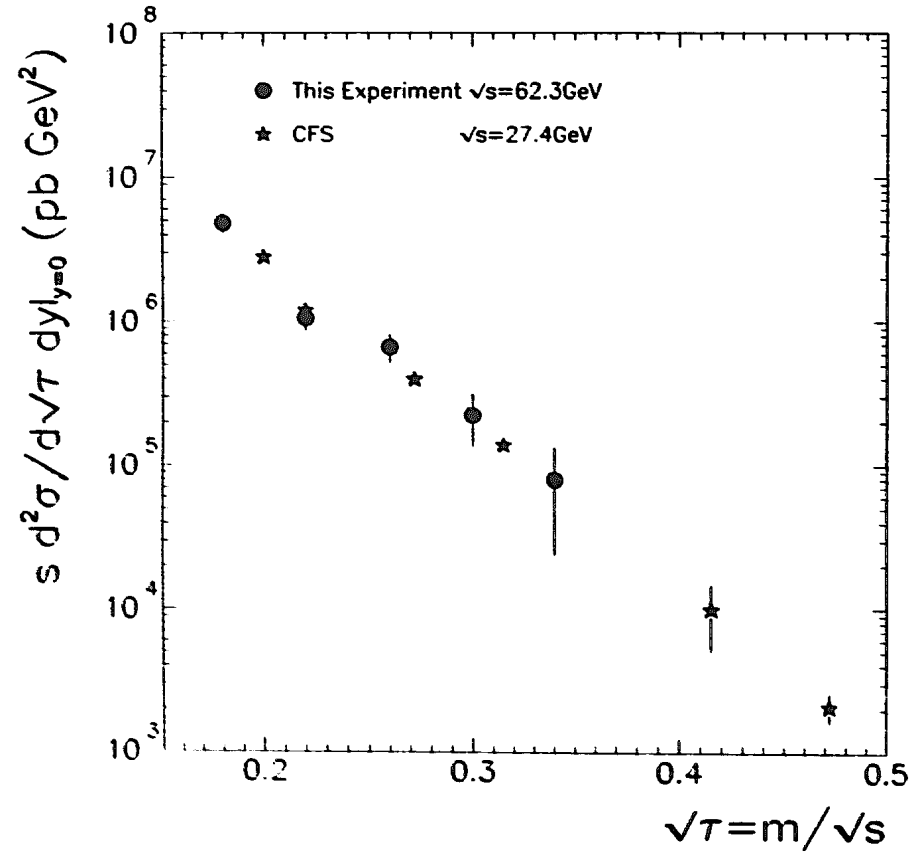
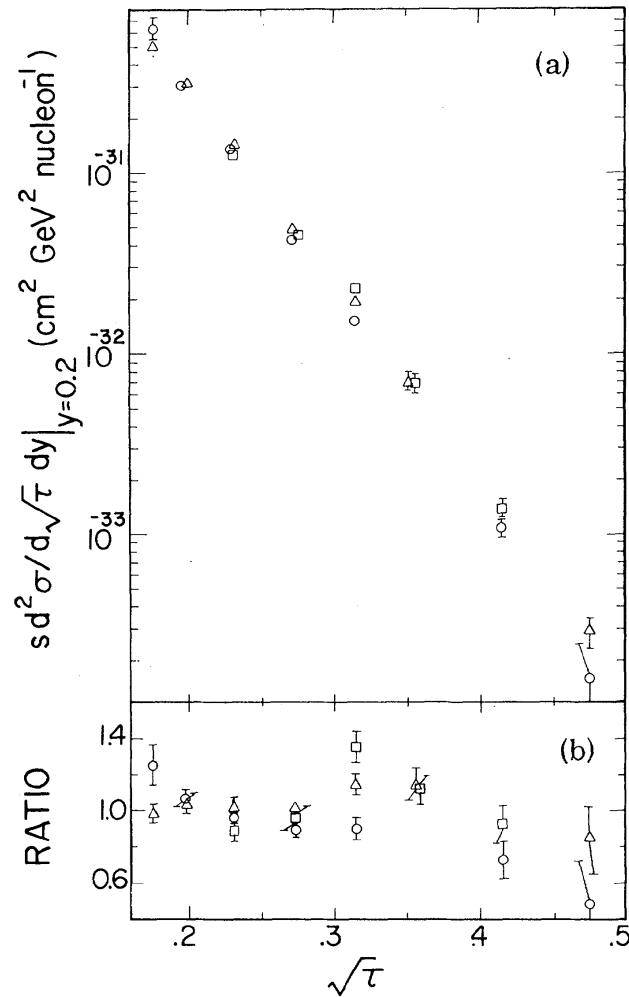
FIG. 2. Experimental cross section of Christenson *et al.*, Ref. 8.

La Verite



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Invariance d'echelle



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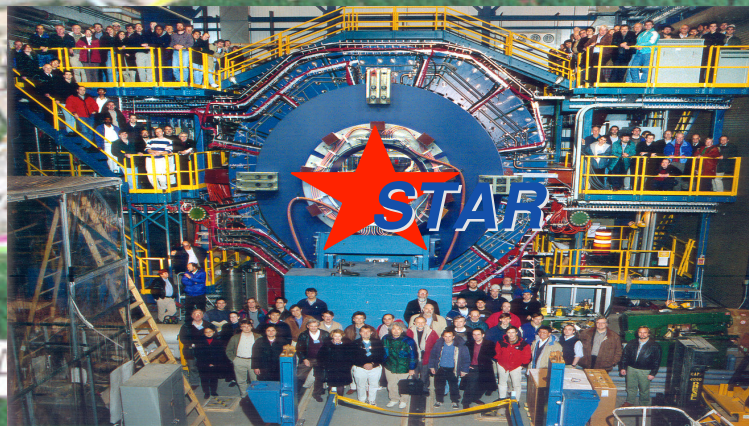
FIG. 3. (a) $s \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{\tau} dy} \big|_{y=0.2}$ vs $\sqrt{\tau}$. Circles, triangles, and squares correspond to 400-, 300-, and 200-GeV beam energy, respectively. (b) Above data divided by the overall fit $A e^{-b\sqrt{\tau}}$.

$$\sqrt{s}^3 \frac{d^2\sigma}{dm dy} \big|_{y=0} = f(m/\sqrt{s}) \sim e^{-27.4m/\sqrt{s}}$$

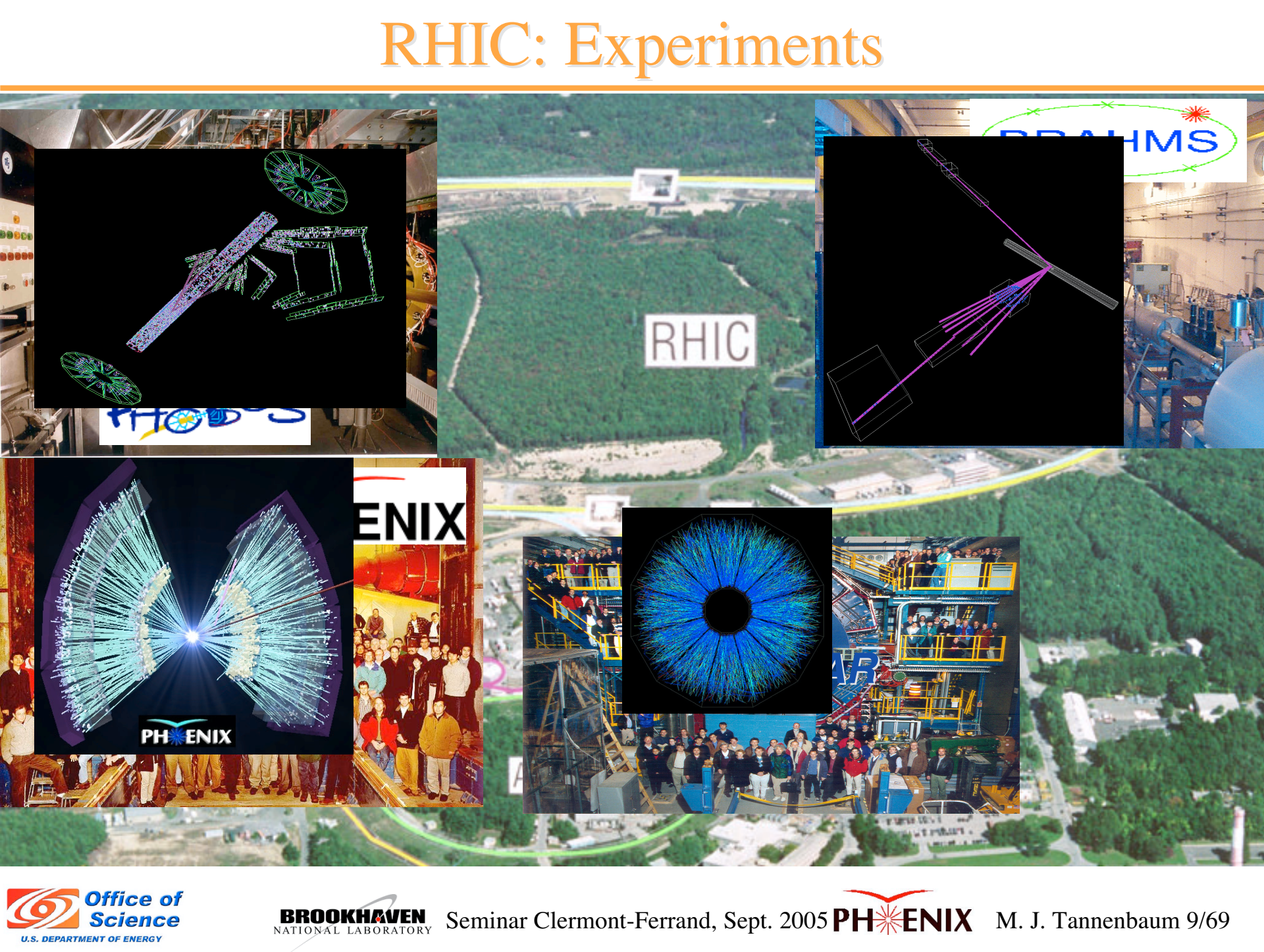
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The collage features several key elements: a 3D visualization of particle tracks in a detector (top left), an aerial view of the RHIC facility (top center), a diagram of particle tracks in a detector (top right), a 3D visualization of particle tracks in a detector (bottom left), a group photo of the PHENIX team (bottom center), and a 3D visualization of particle tracks in a detector (bottom right). The PHENIX logo is prominently displayed in the bottom center.

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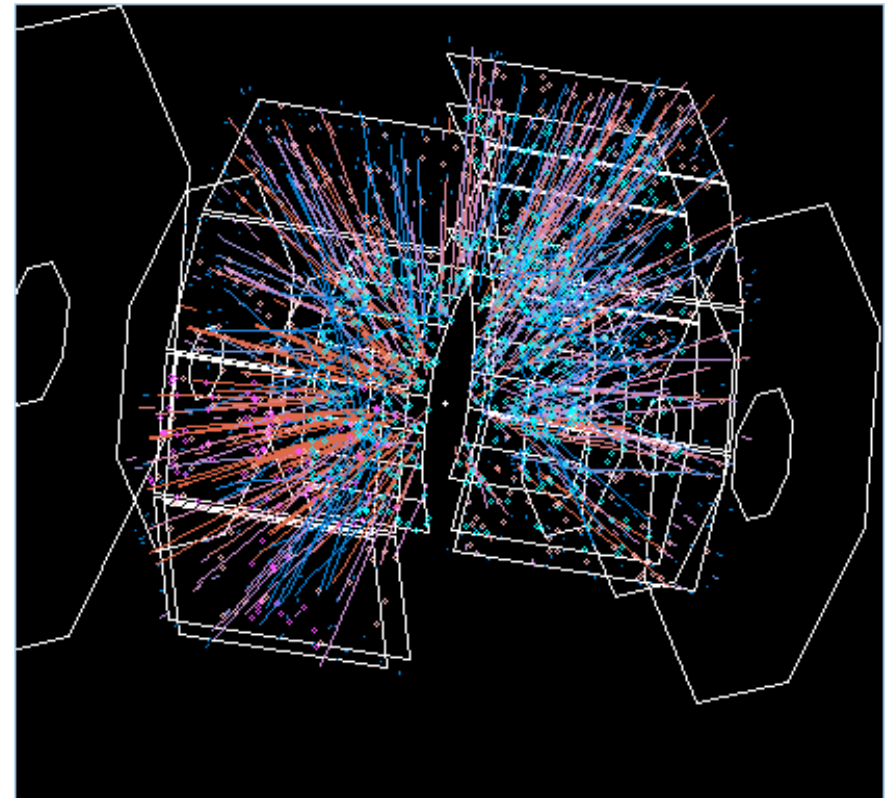
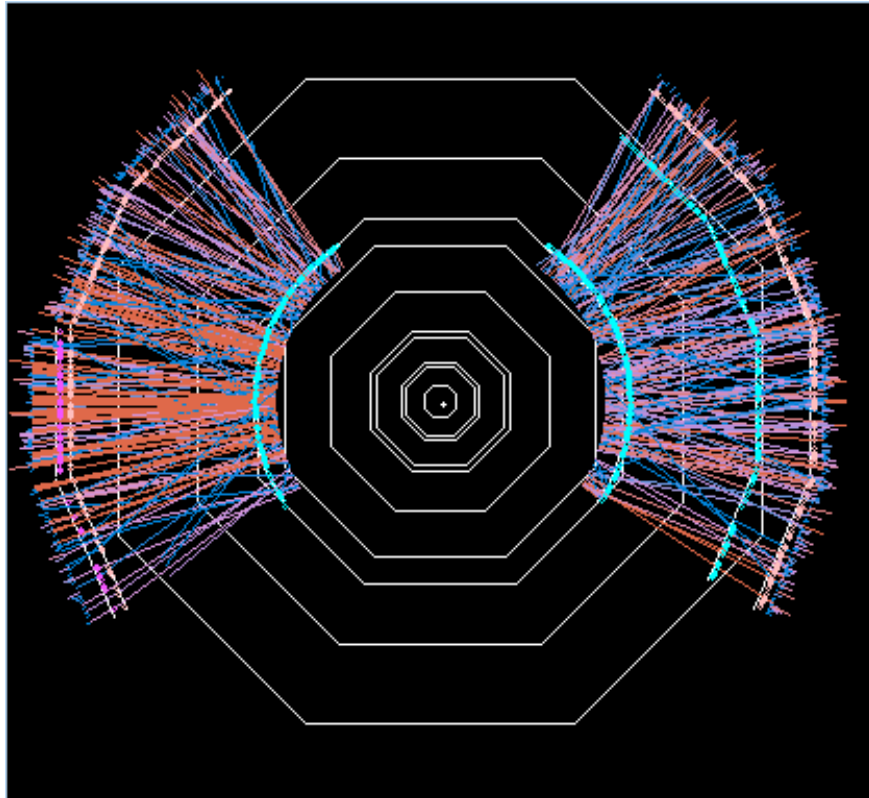
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Example of a central Au+Au event at $\sqrt{s_{nn}} = 200$ GeV

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

cf. 2.5 for p-p collisions

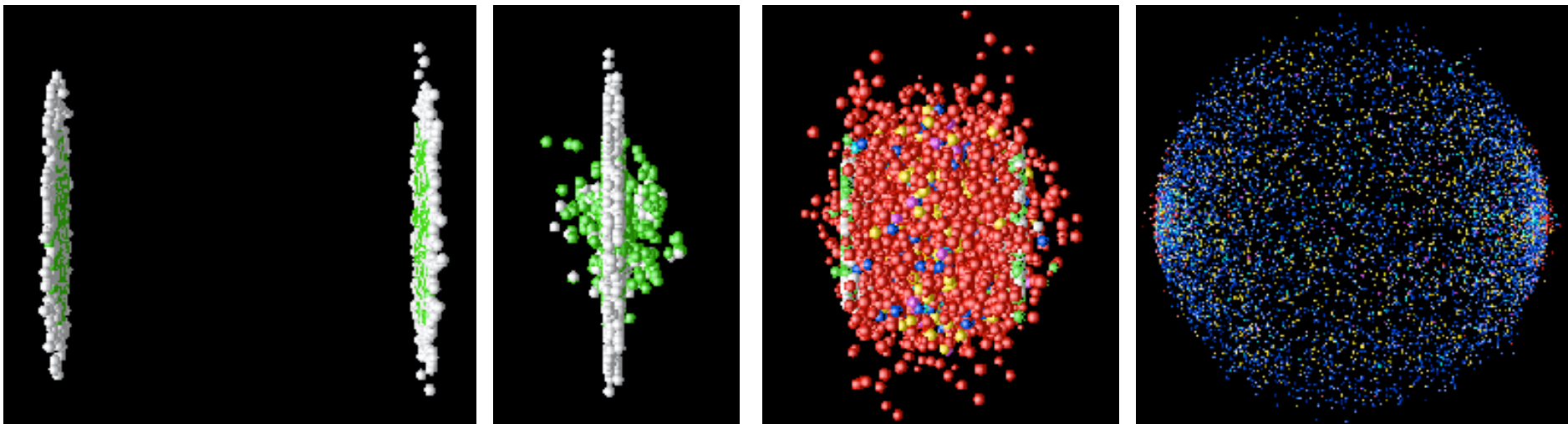


Run-1 to Run-5 Capsule History

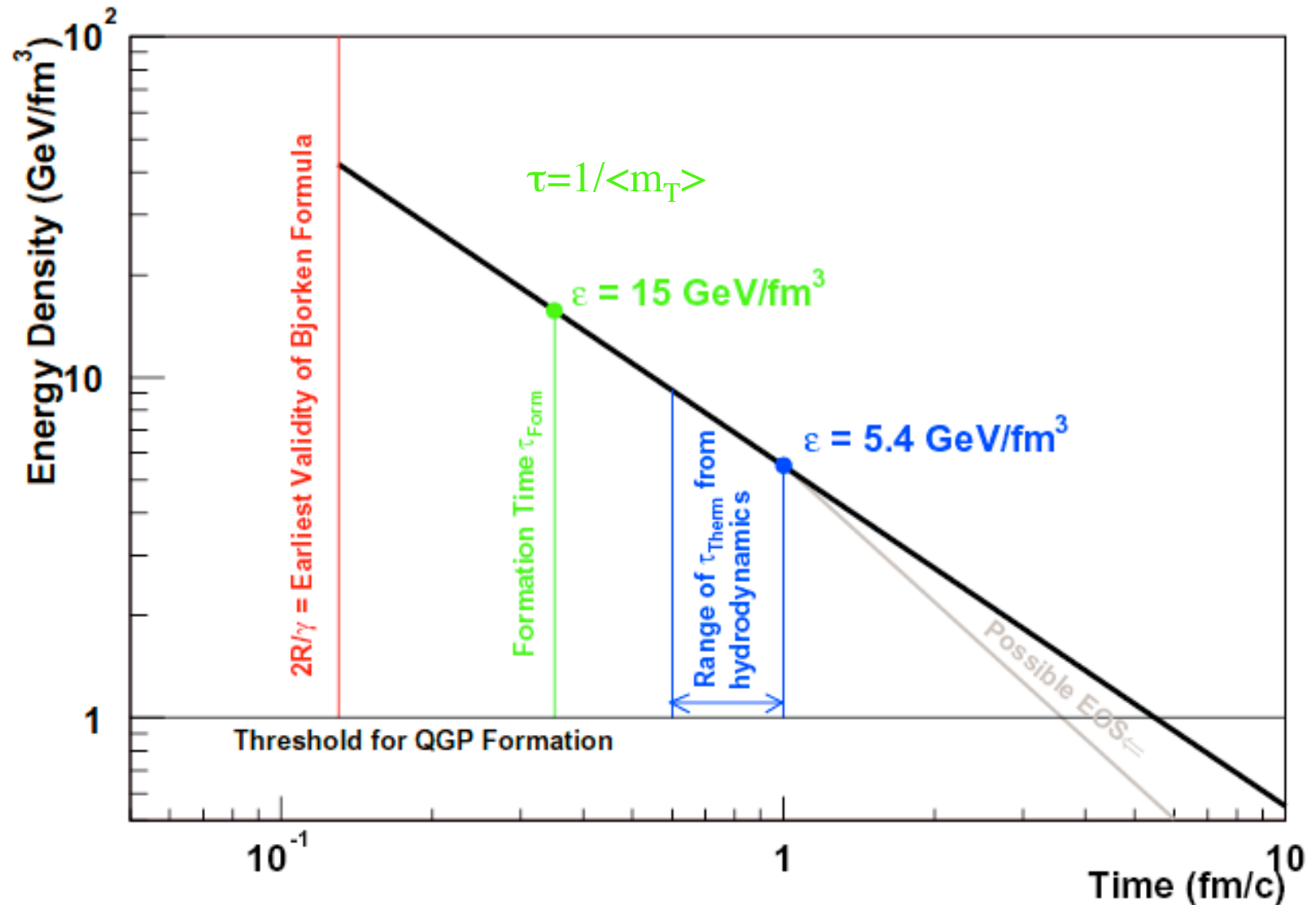
Run	Year	Species	$s^{1/2}$ [GeV]	$\int L dt$	N_{tot}	p-p Equivalent	Data Size
01	2000	Au+Au	130	$1 \mu b^{-1}$	10M	$0.04 pb^{-1}$	3 TB
02	2001/2002	Au+Au	200	$24 \mu b^{-1}$	170M	$1.0 pb^{-1}$	10 TB
		p+p	200	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	3.7G	$0.15 pb^{-1}$	20 TB
03	2002/2003	d+Au	200	$2.74 nb^{-1}$	5.5G	$1.1 pb^{-1}$	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	$3.06 nb^{-1}$	8.6G	$11.9 pb^{-1}$	173TB
		Cu+Cu	62	$185 \mu b^{-1}$	413M	$0.76 pb^{-1}$	48TB
		Cu+Cu	22.5	$2.7 \mu b^{-1}$	9M	$0.01 pb^{-1}$	1TB
		p+p	200	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	85G	$3.8 pb^{-1}$	262TB
		p+p	405	test pb^{-1}	164M	pb^{-1}	

Energy Density

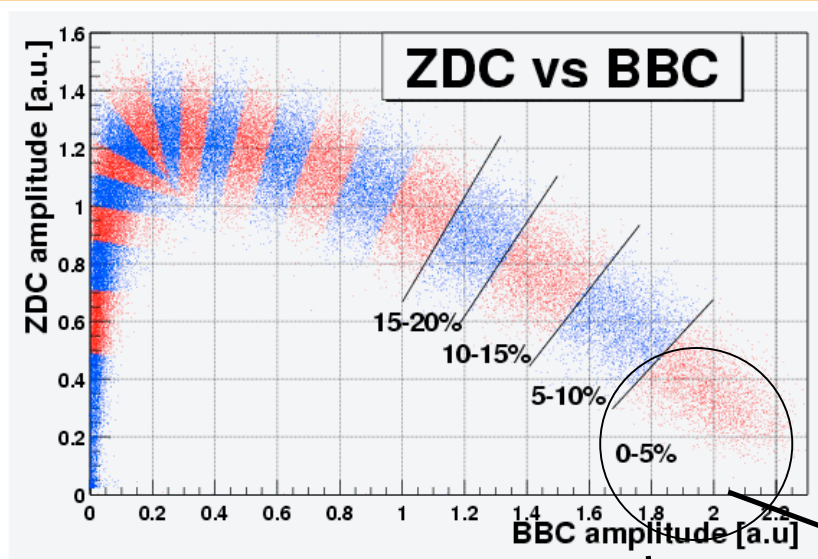
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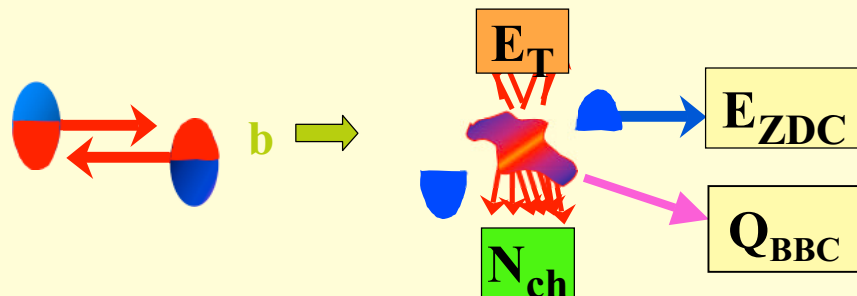
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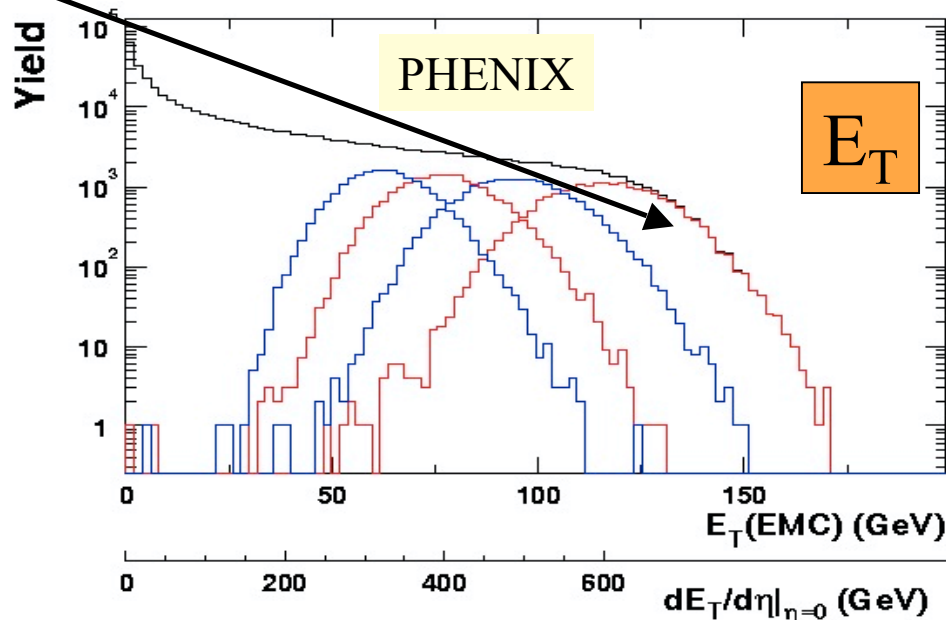
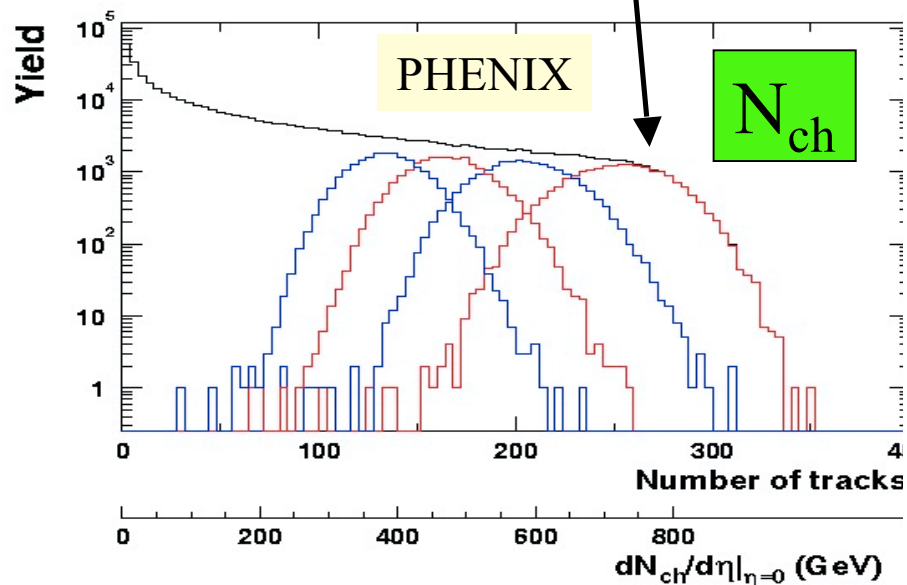
N_{charged} , E_T exhibit (& could determine) the Nuclear Geometry



Define centrality classes: ZDC vs BBC

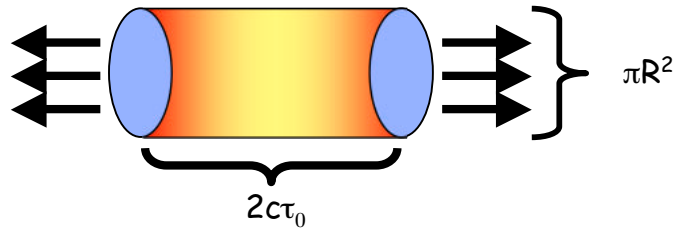


Extract N participants: Glauber model



Is the energy density high enough?

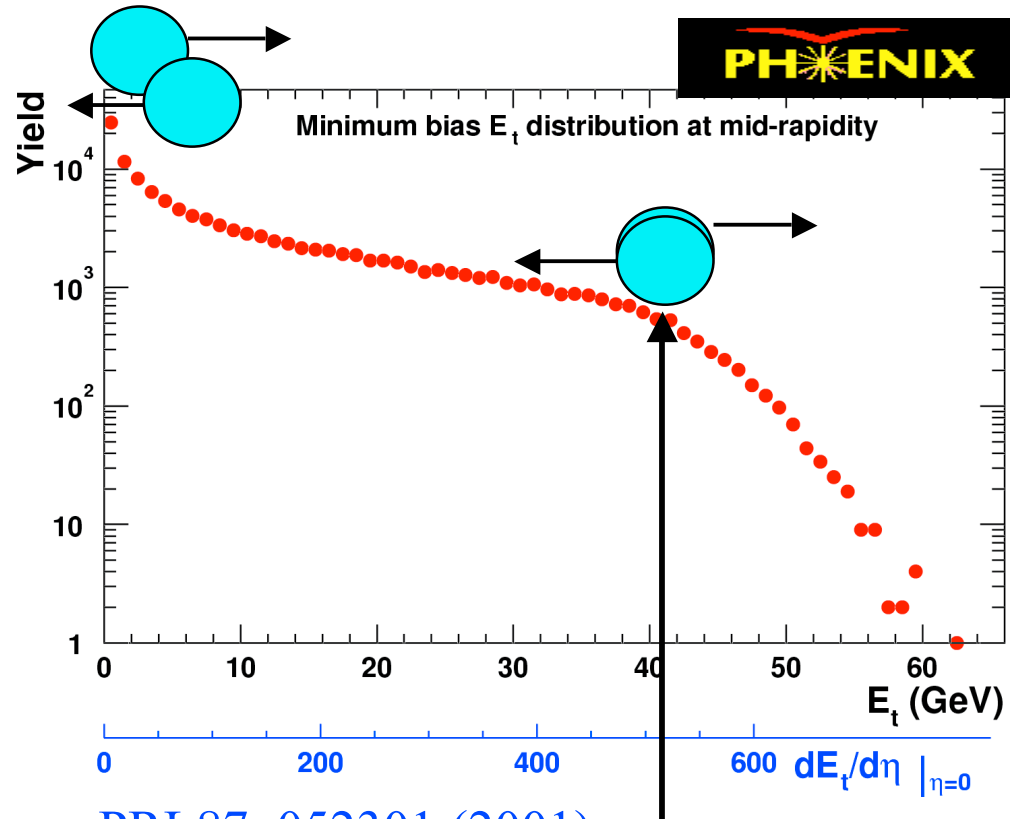
Colliding system expands:



Energy $\perp$ to
beam direction

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

per unit
velocity $\parallel$ to beam



PRL87, 052301 (2001)

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

$5.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ (200 GeV Au+Au)

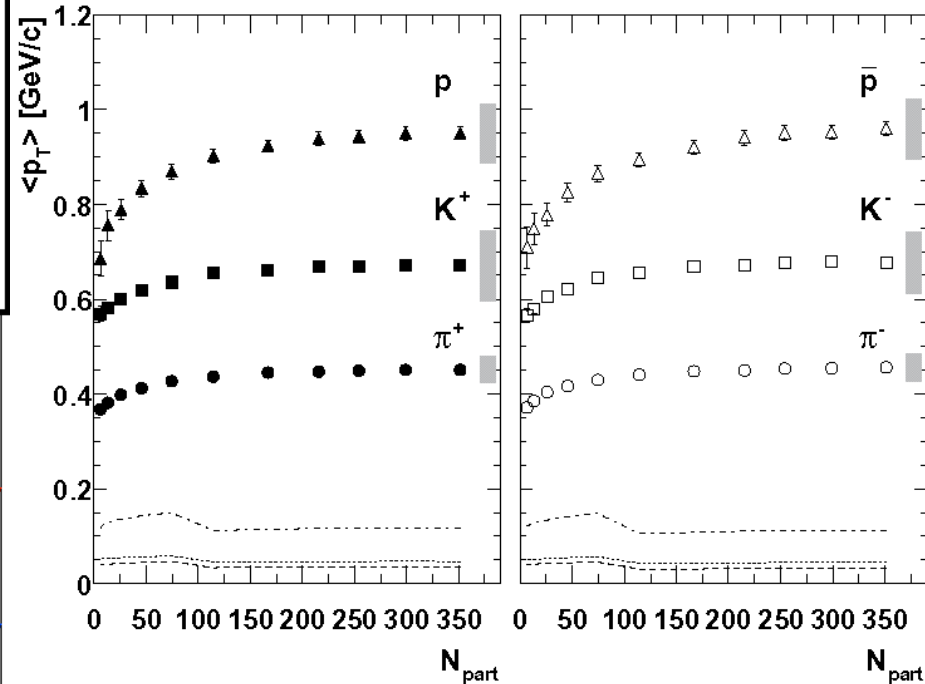
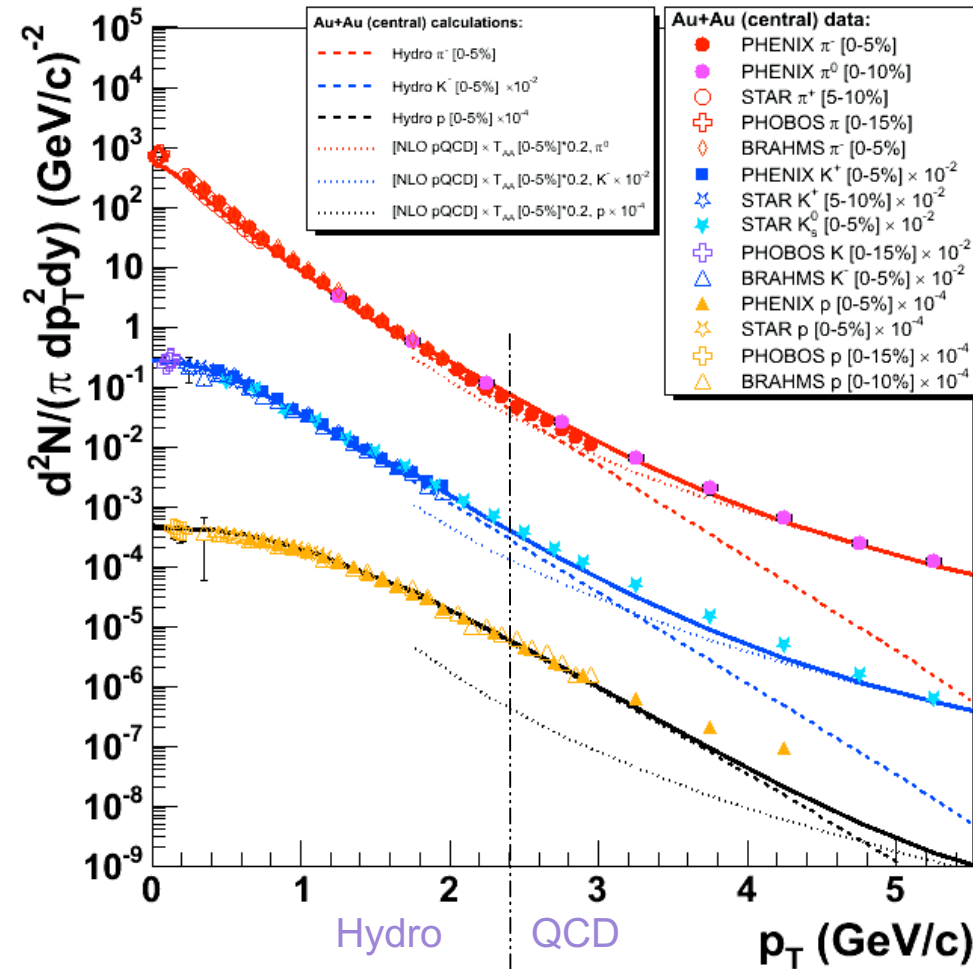
well above predicted transition!

EMCal measures ε_{Bj}

Particle Production

Semi-Inclusive soft particle spectra

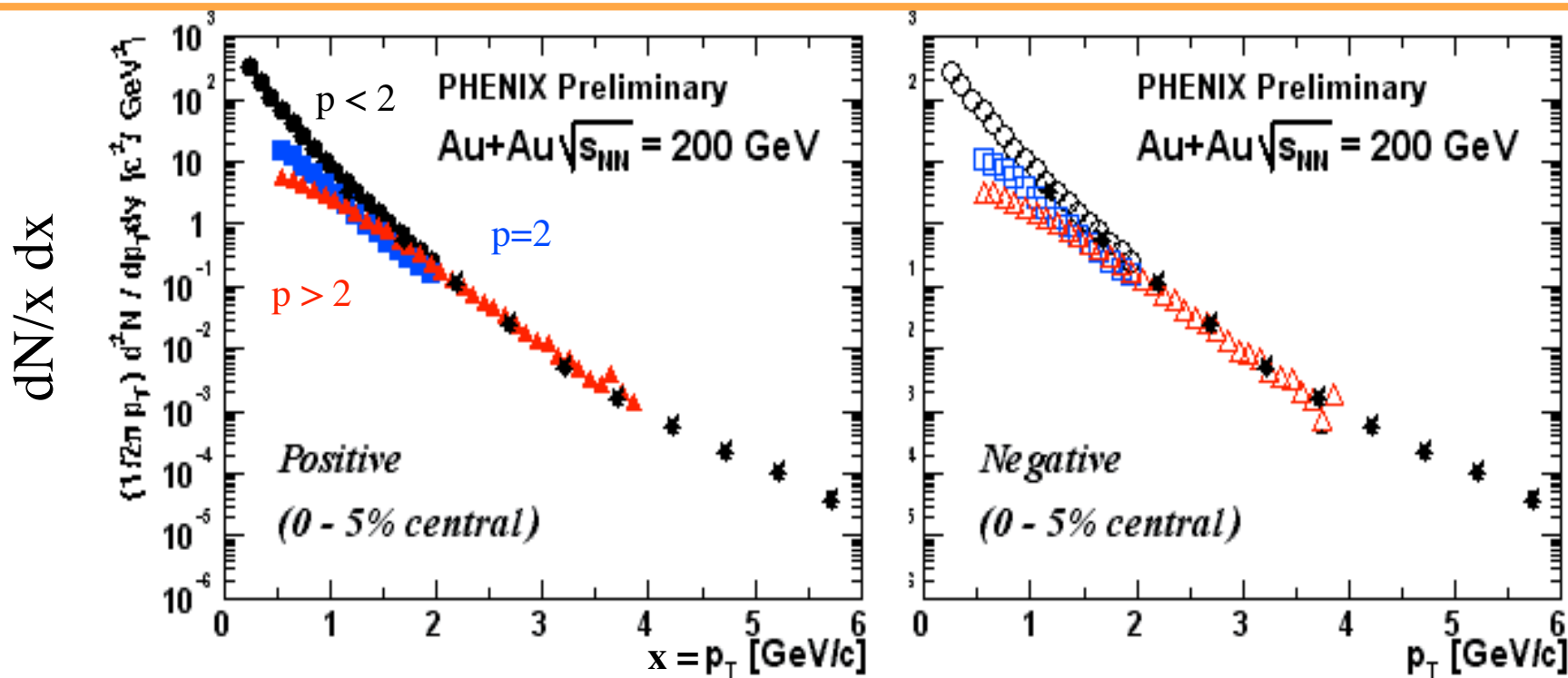
Au+Au central ($b < 2.6$ fm)



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

D.d'Enterria & D. Peressounko
nucl-th/0503054

Inclusive p_T spectra are Gamma Distributions



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

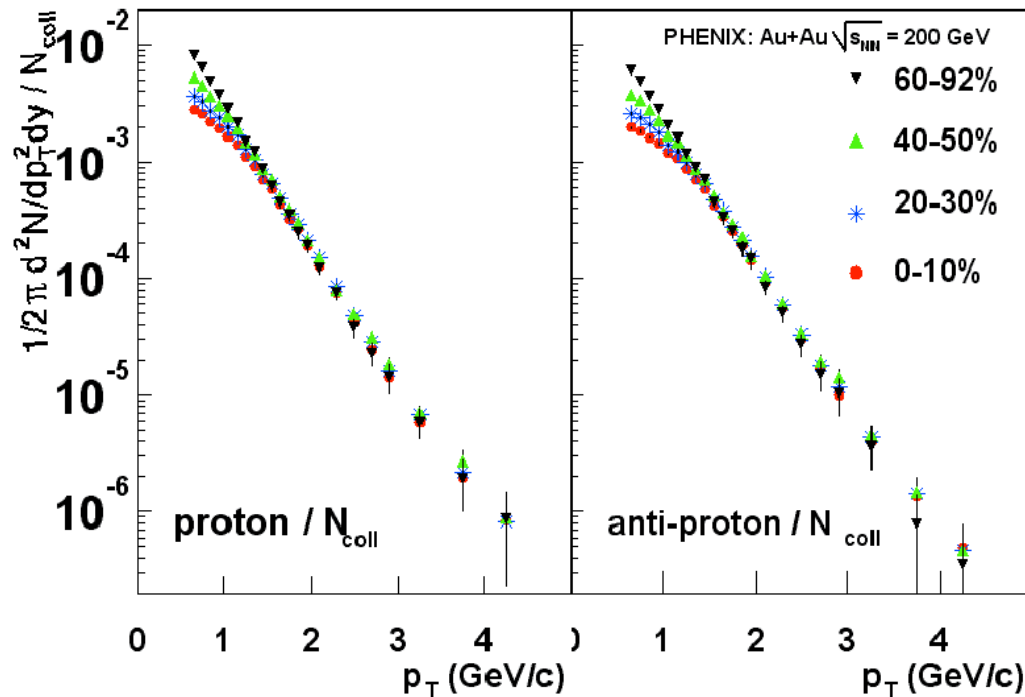
$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{p}{b} \equiv \mu \quad \sigma_x^2 = \frac{p}{b^2}$$

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

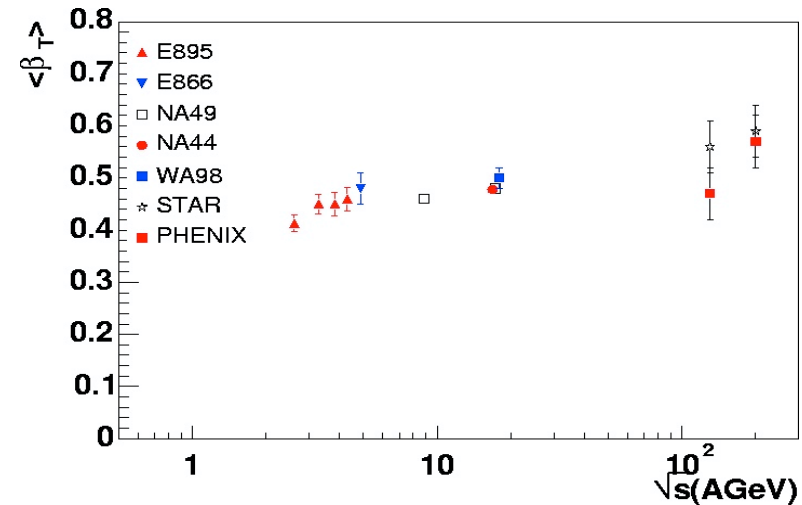
$$p \sim 2 \quad b \sim 6 \text{ (GeV/c)}^{-1}$$

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

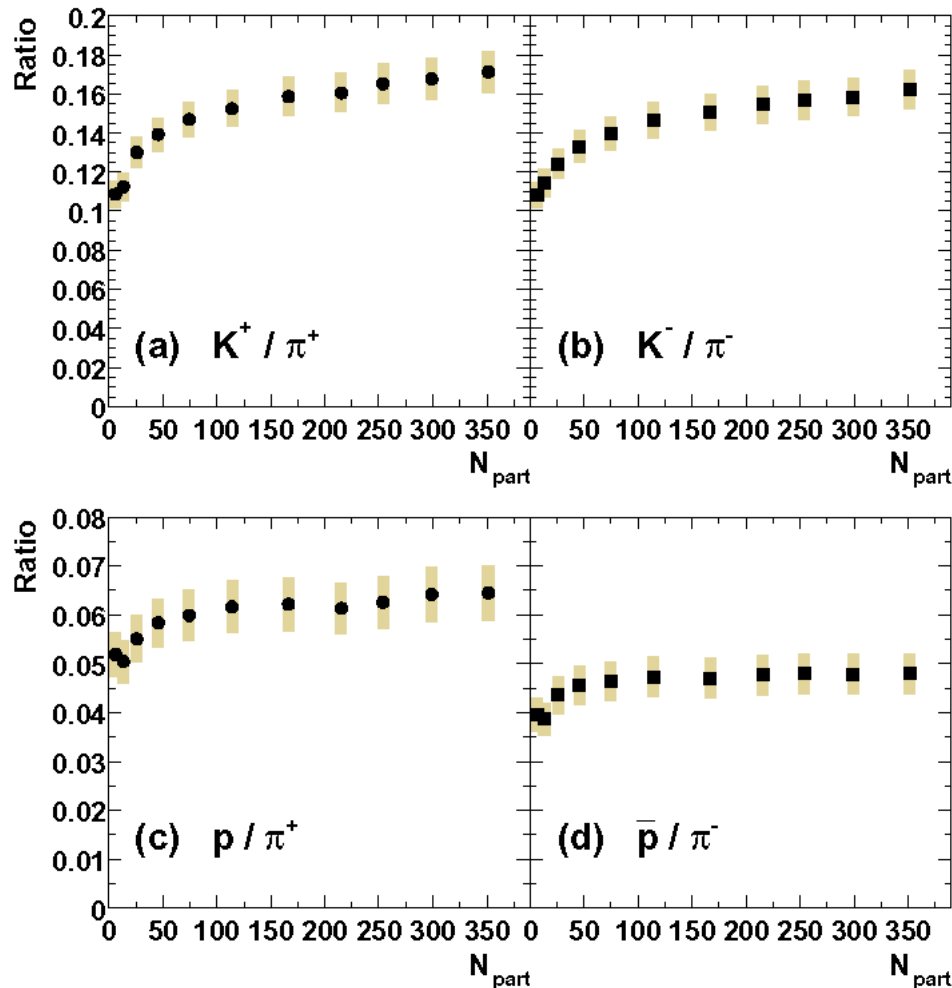
- $p_T \sim \gamma_T \beta_T m$ $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2} = \gamma_T m$



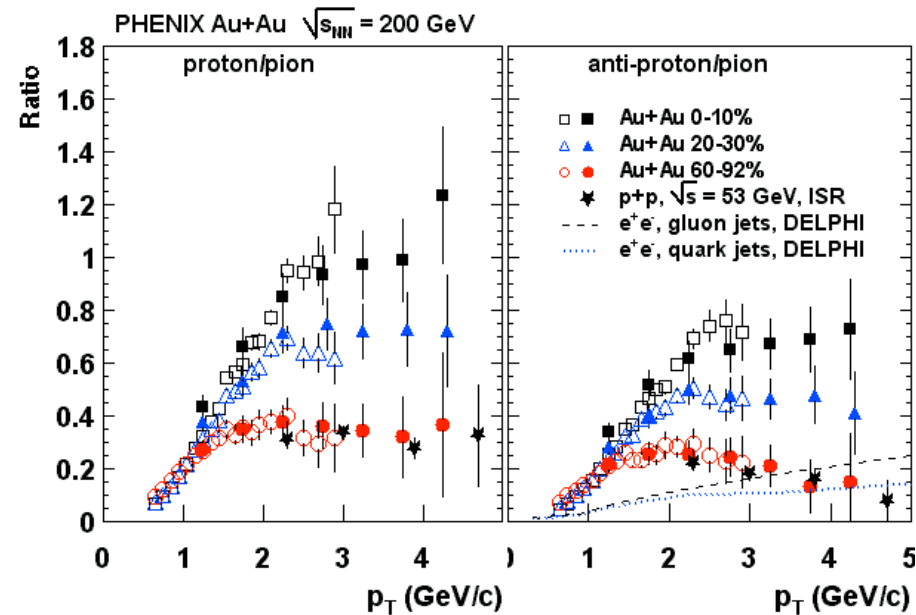
Strong radial **collective flow**
built-up at freeze-out: $\langle \beta_T \rangle \approx 0.6$



Particle ratios---inclusive and at high p_T



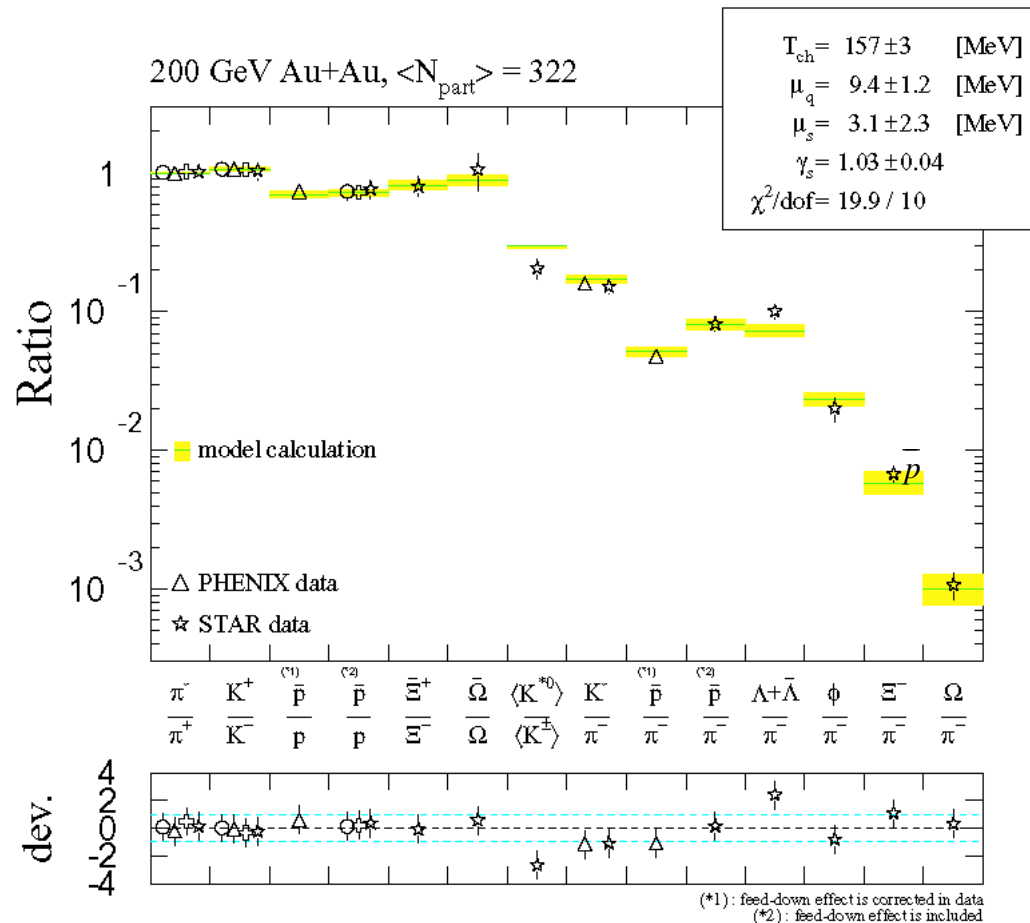
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



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

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

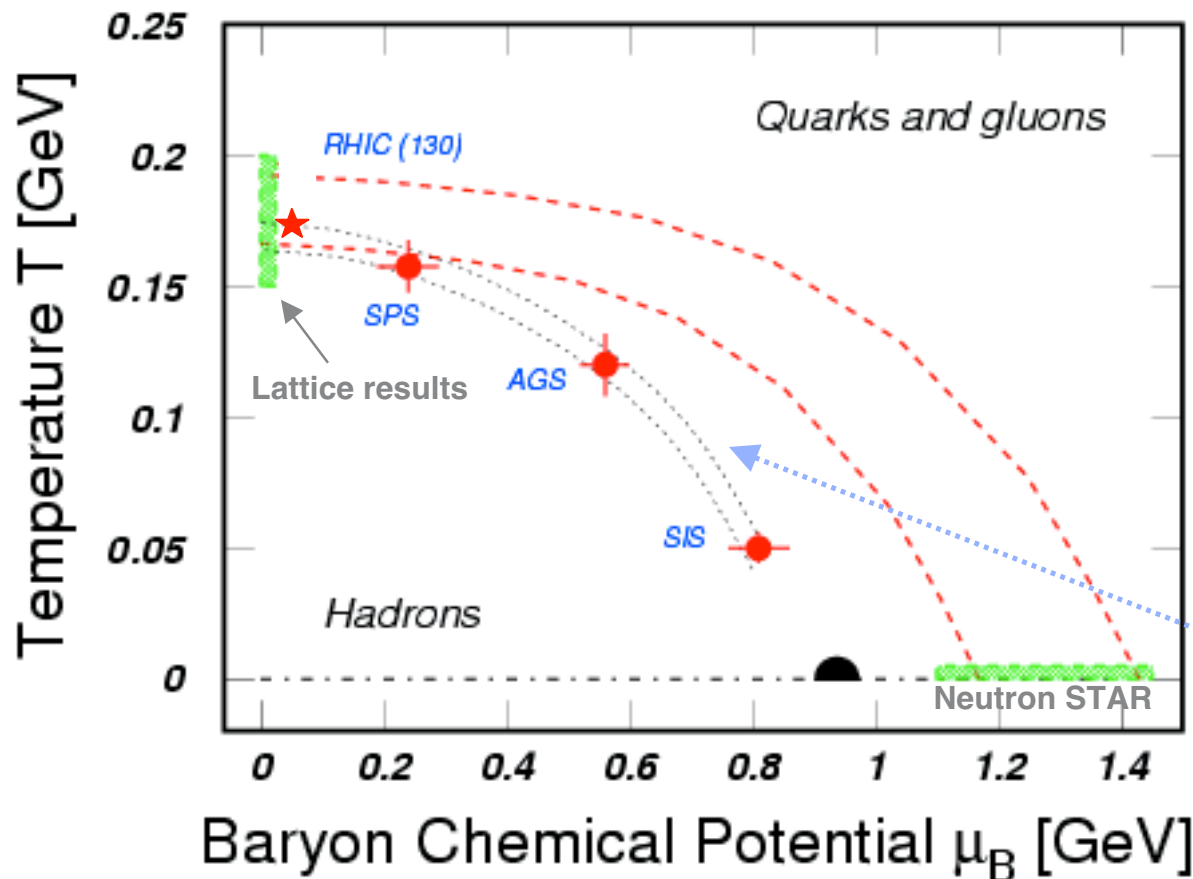
- 2nd ratio (e.g. K/π) provides T, μ .

- 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.

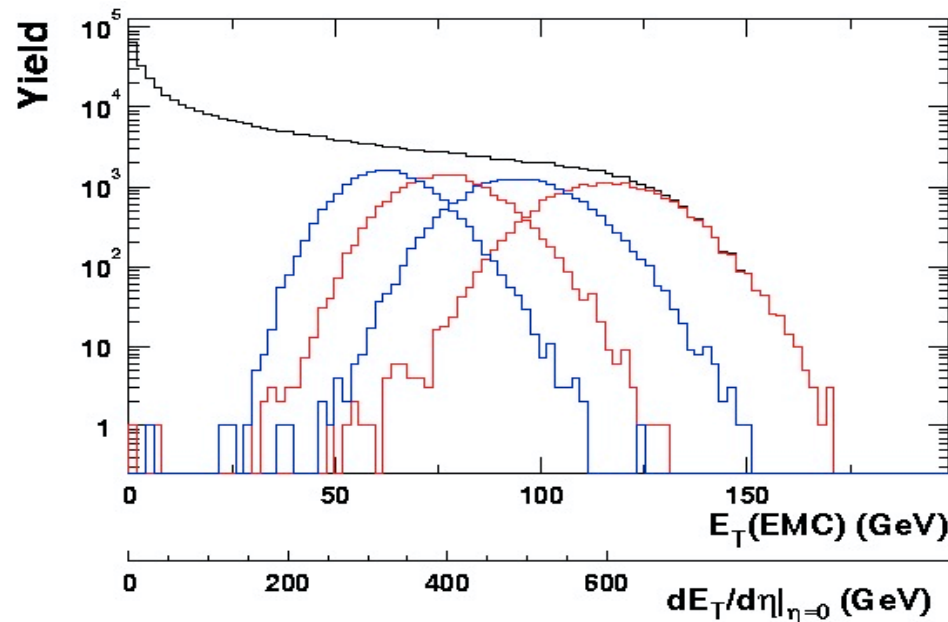
Phase Diagram from Thermal Fit of particle ratios---“chemical”



- 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)

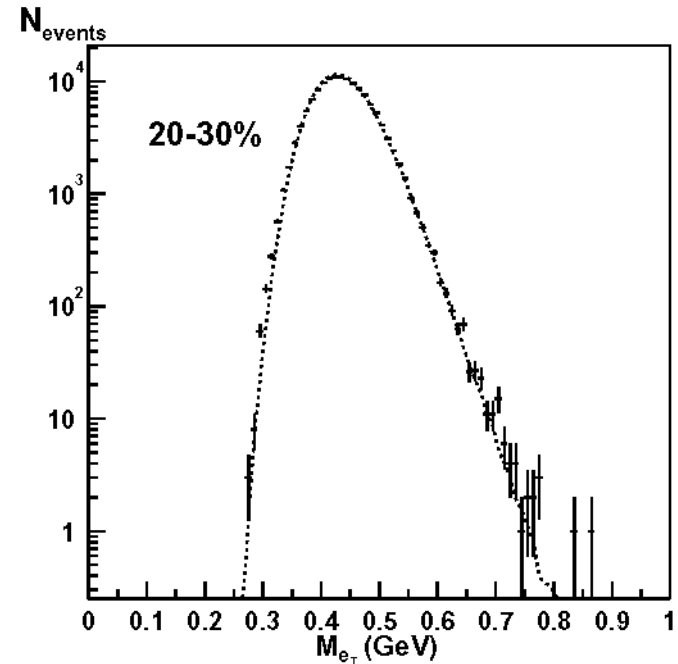
- Where is the QGP critical point?

Are there fluctuations beyond random?



- Event-by-event average p_T (M_{pT}) is closely related to E_T

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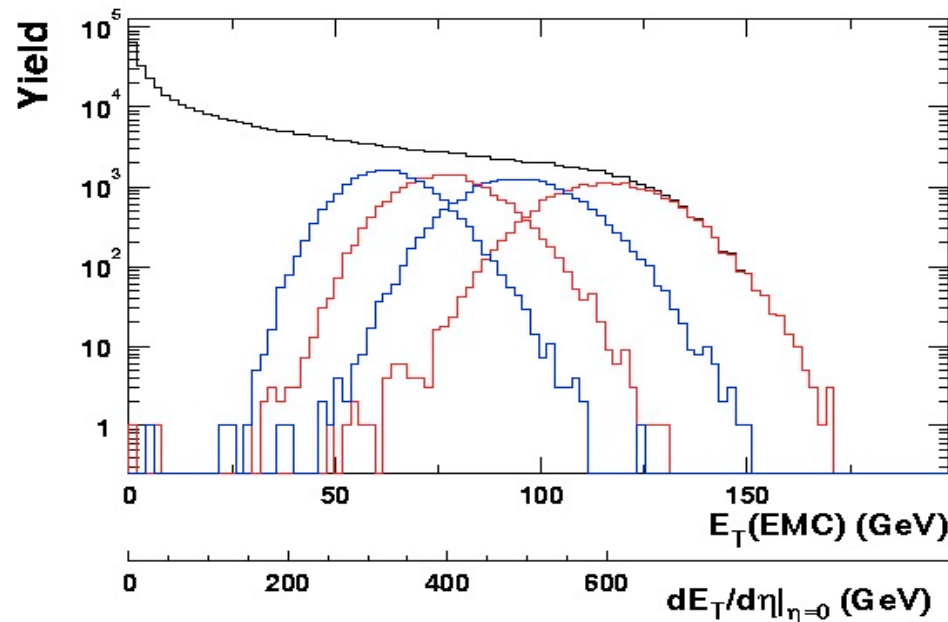
- compare Data to **Mixed events for random.**

- deviation expressed as:

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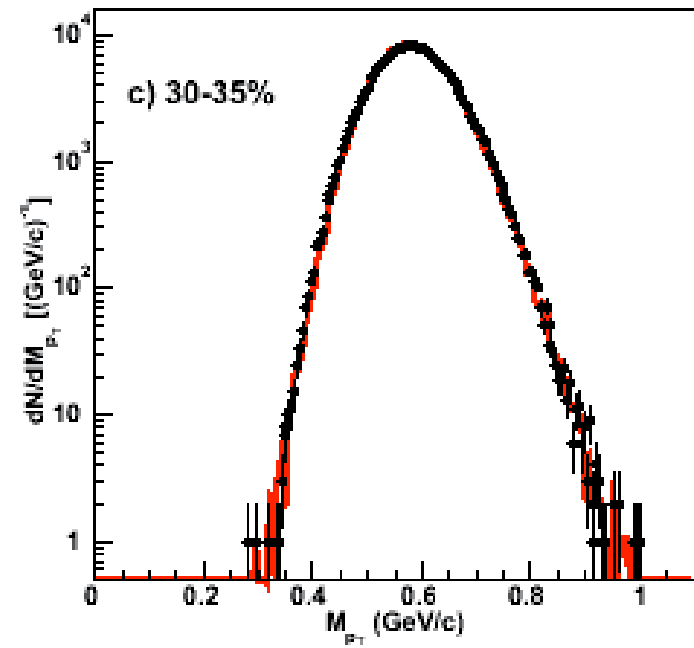
- due to jets see PRL **93**, 092301(04)

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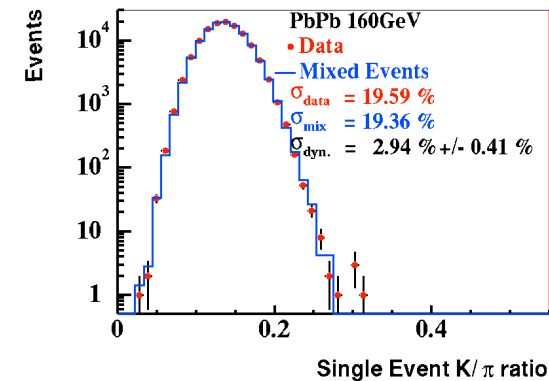
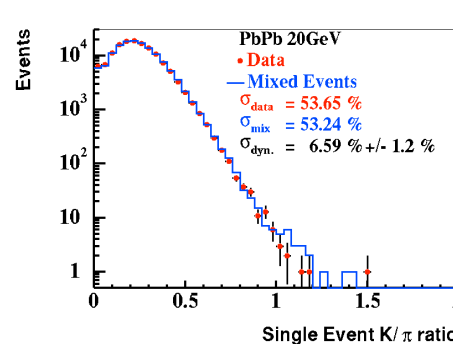
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What e-by-e tells you that you don't learn from the inclusive average

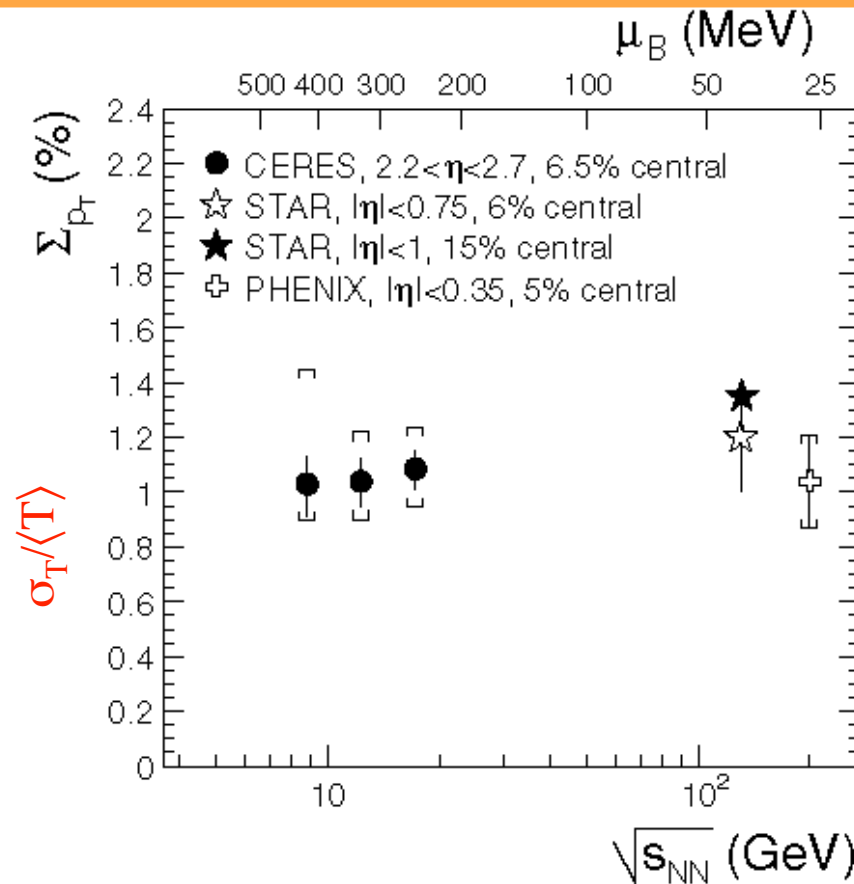
- e-by-e averages separate classes of events with different average properties, for instance 17% of events could be all kaons, and 83% all pions---see C. Roland QM2004, e-by-e K/ π consistent with random.



- 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 $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



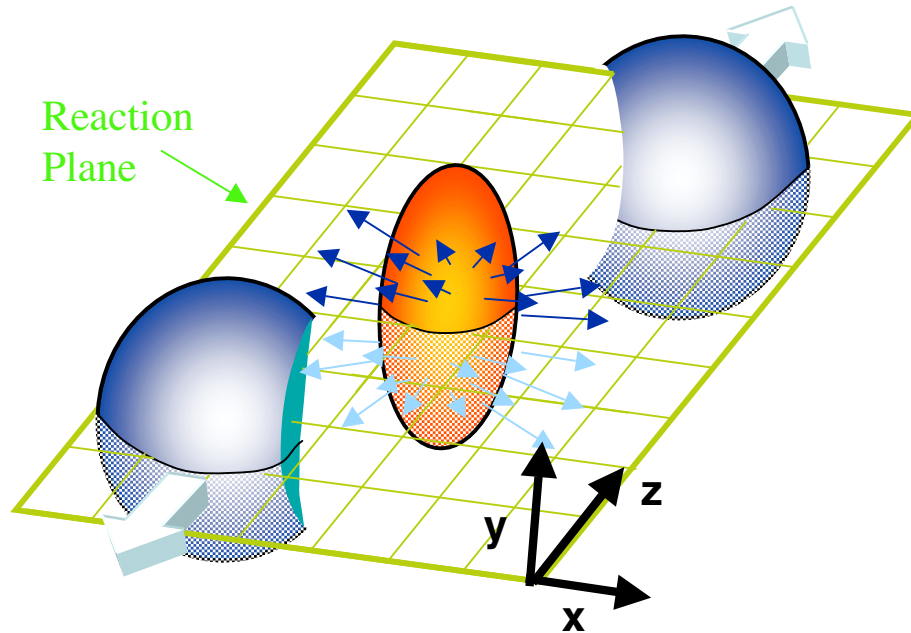
CERES tabulation
H.Sako, et al, JPG
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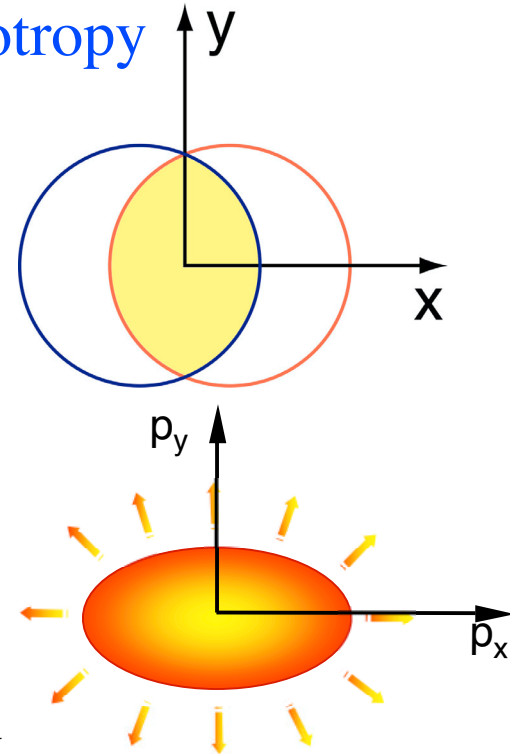
Figure 2. Σ_{pT} as a function of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ in central events.

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

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



- spatial anisotropy $\Rightarrow$ momentum anisotropy



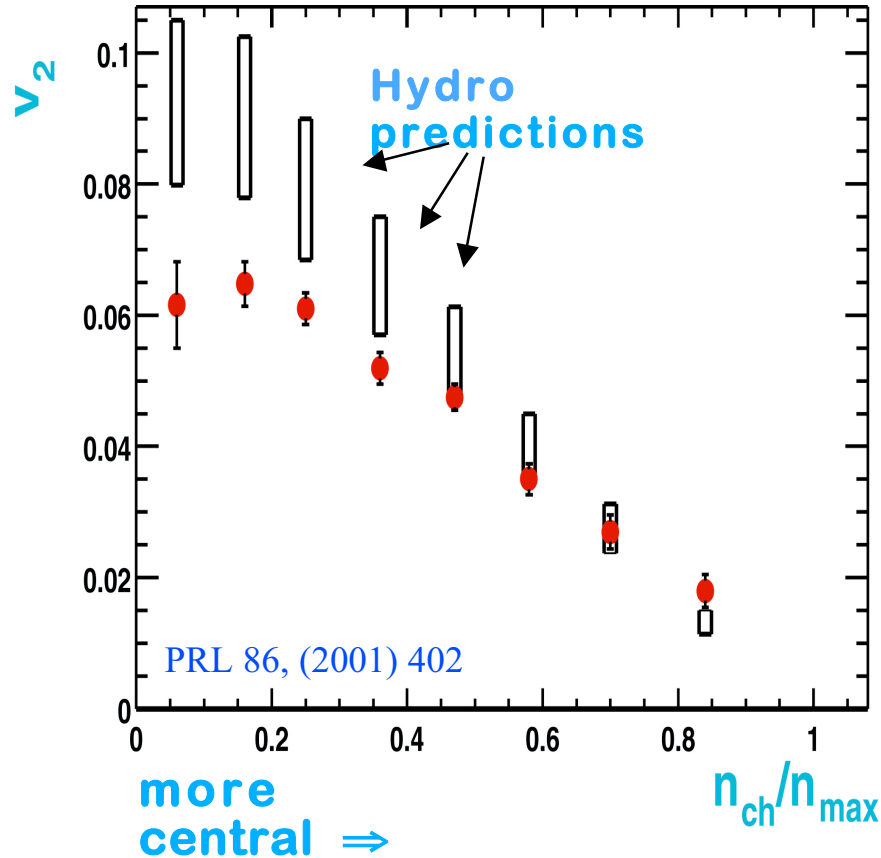
- Perform a Fourier decomposition of the momentum space particle distributions in the x-y plane

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

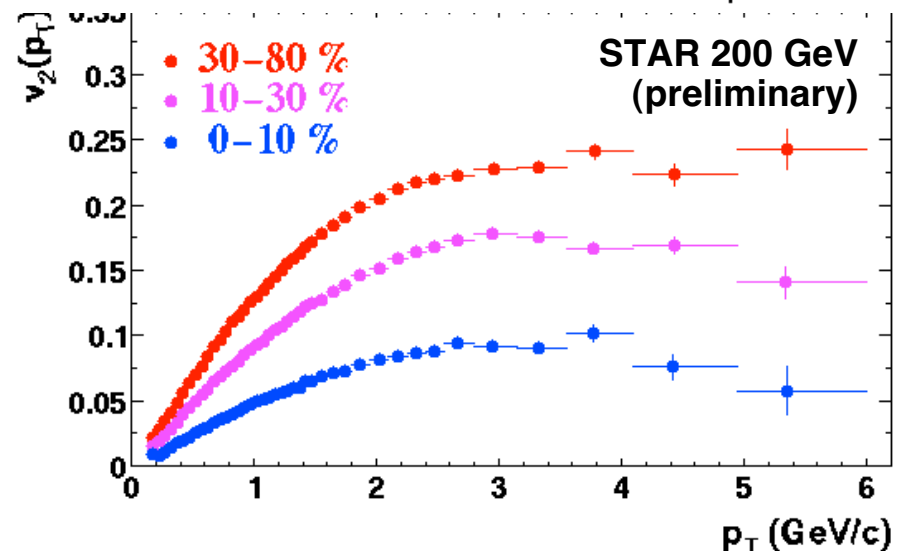
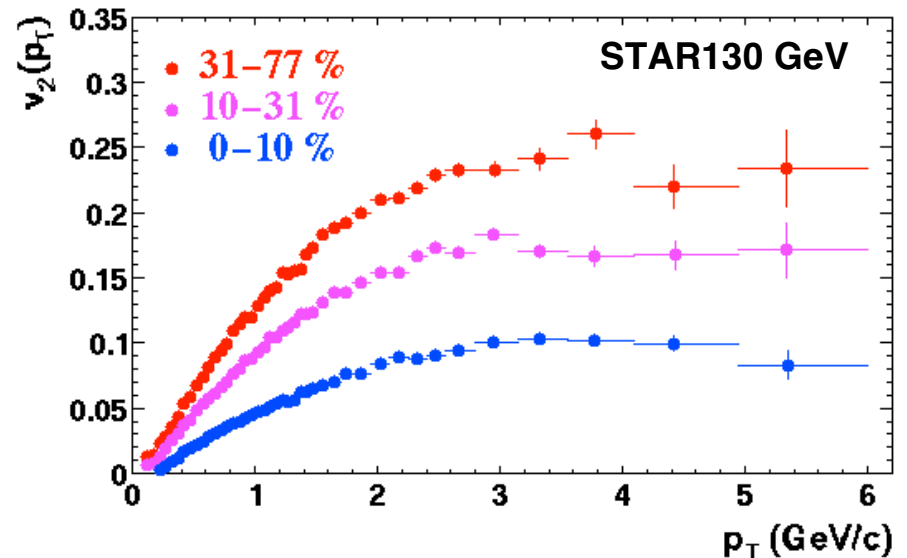
$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\phi \rangle \quad \phi = \text{atan} \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

Centrality and p_T dependence of v_2

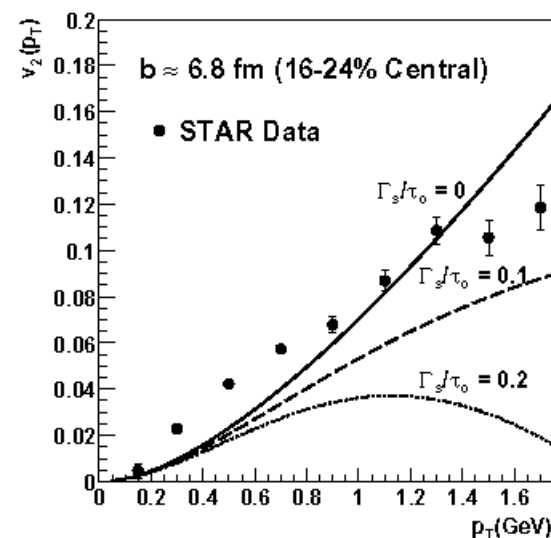
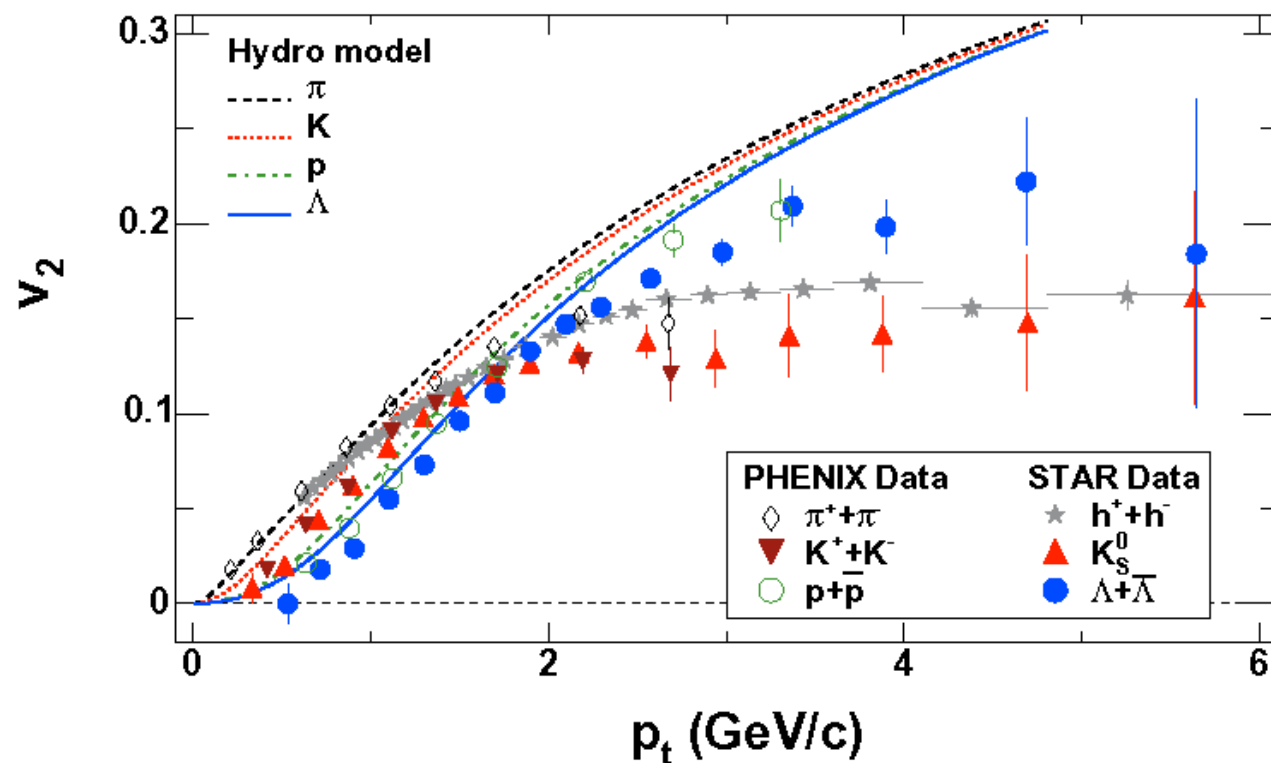
unidentified charged hadrons



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



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



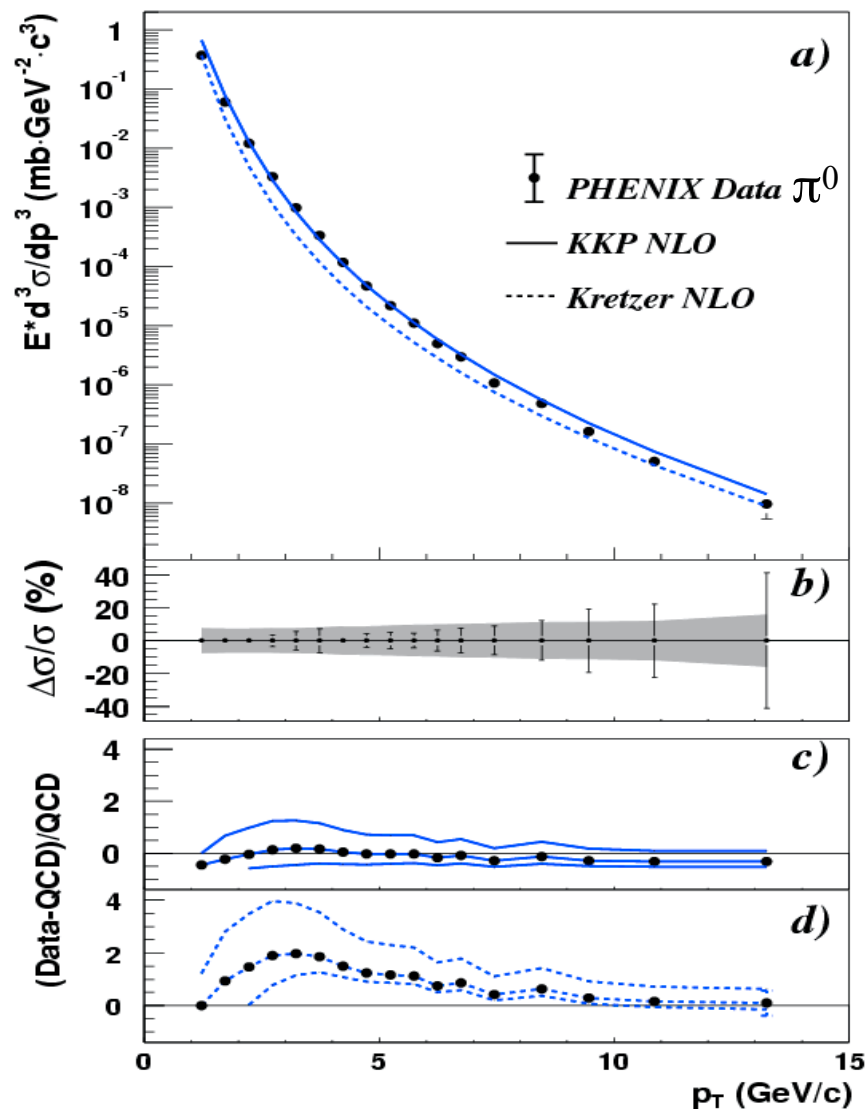
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PRC68, 034913 (2003)

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Hard-Scattering: Jet (π^0) Suppression

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

nicely illustrate hard scattering phenomenology

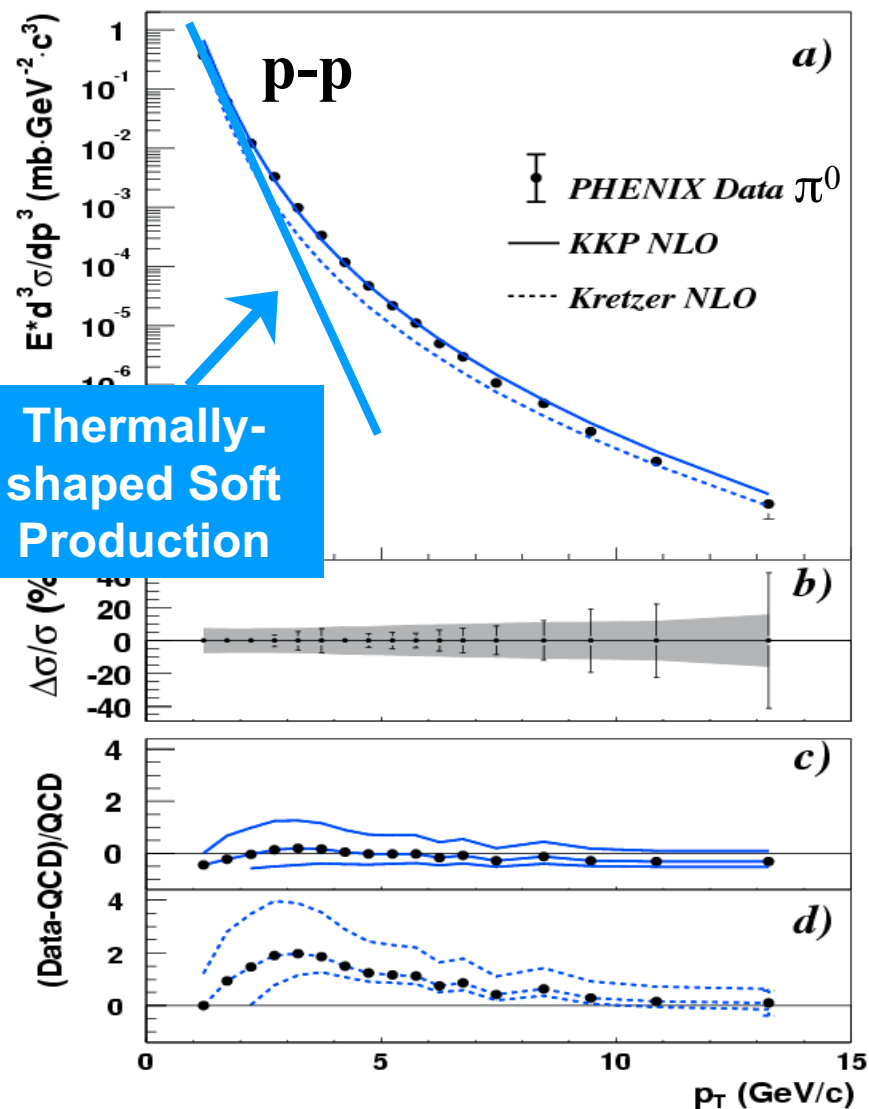


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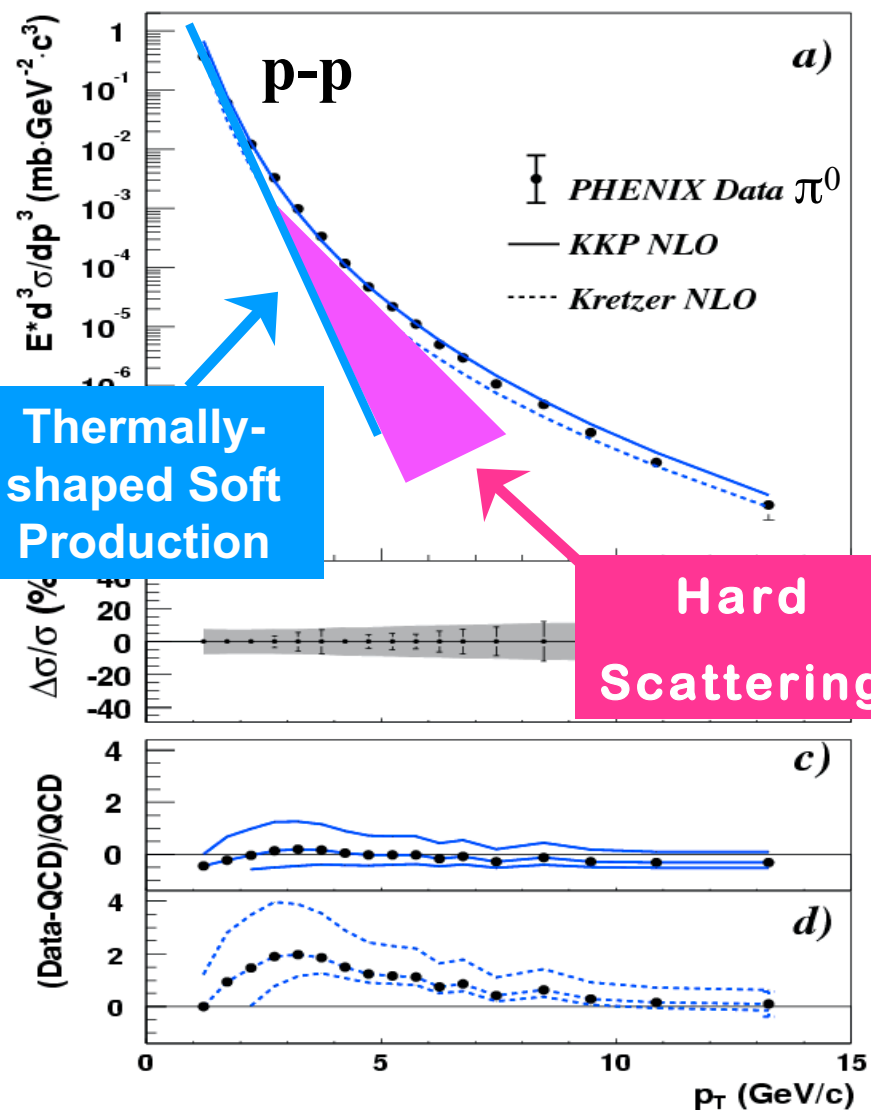


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μ -A DIS at AGS (1973)--Hard-Scattering is pointlike

E. Gabathuler, Total cross-section

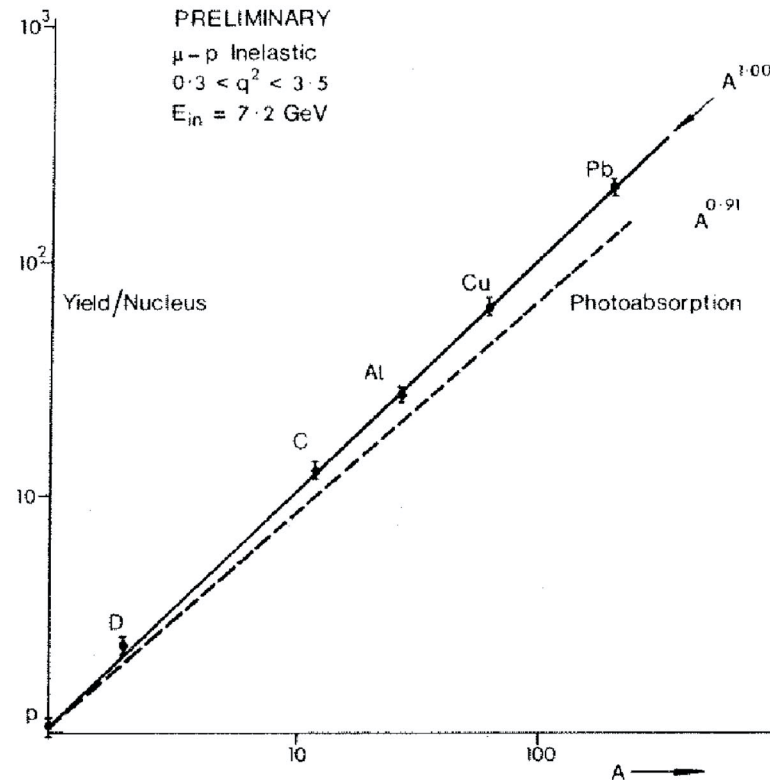


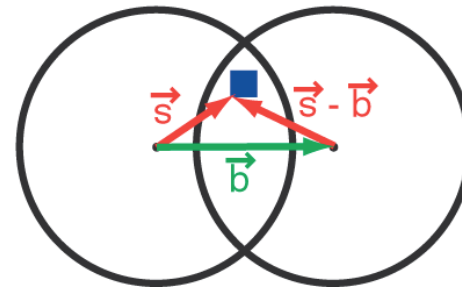
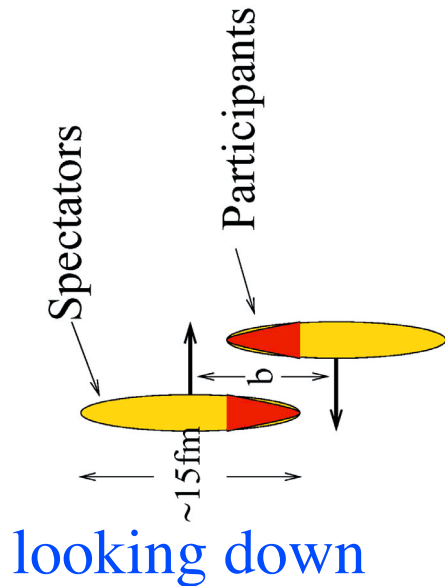
Fig. 14. The A dependence of the inelastic muon cross-section as presented by Tannenbaum (see discussion).

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

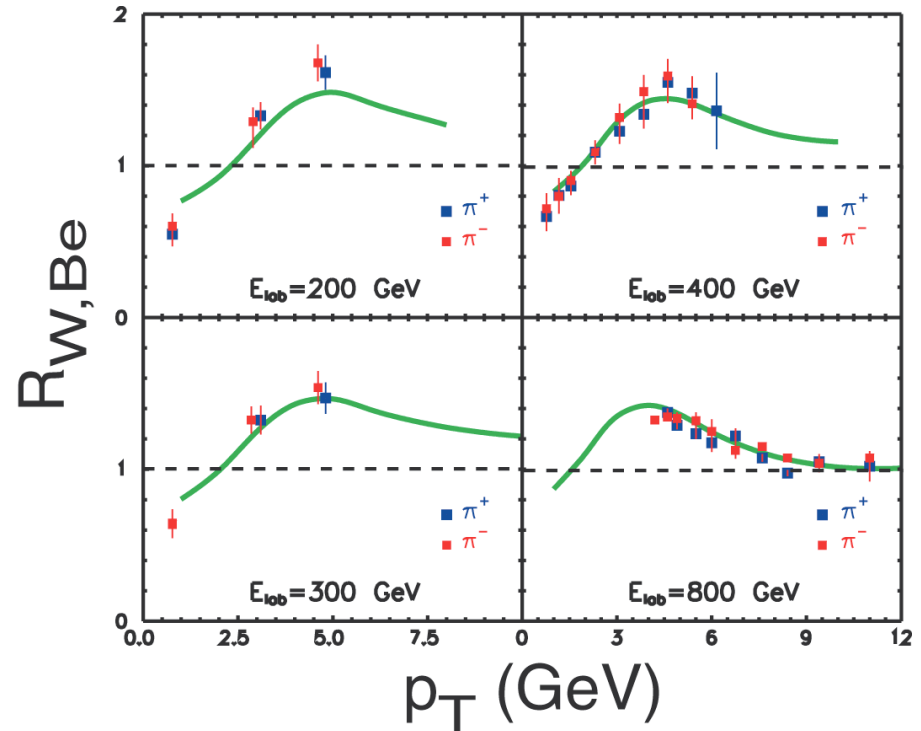
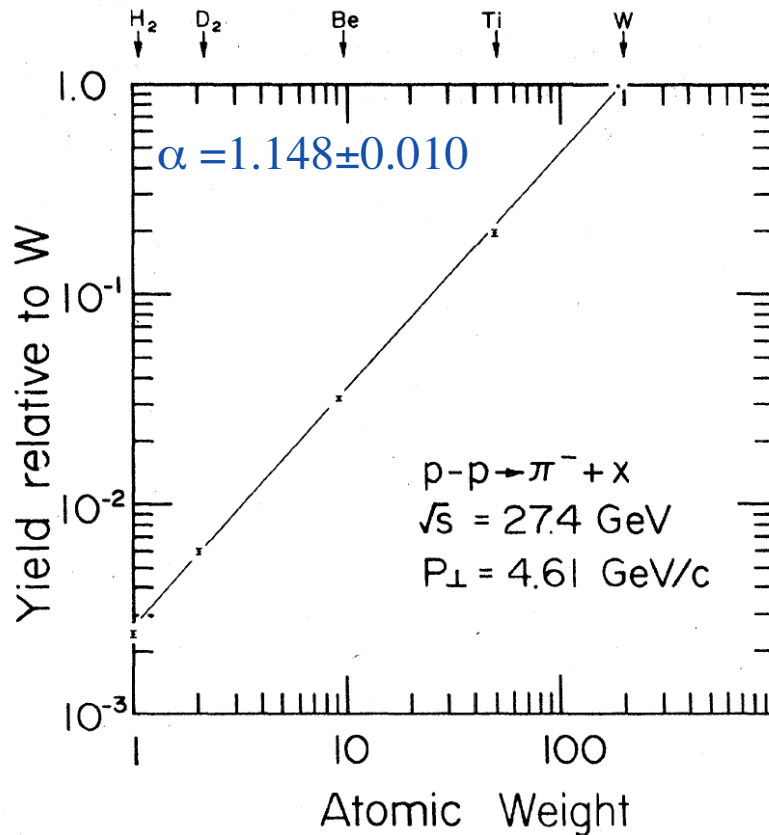


- For point-like processes, the cross section in p+A or A+B collisions compared to p-p is simply proportional to the relative number of possible pointlike encounters
 - ✓ A for p+A, AB for A+B for the total rate
 - ✓ T_{AB} the overlap integral of the nuclear profile functions, as a function of impact 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 , $\alpha > 1$

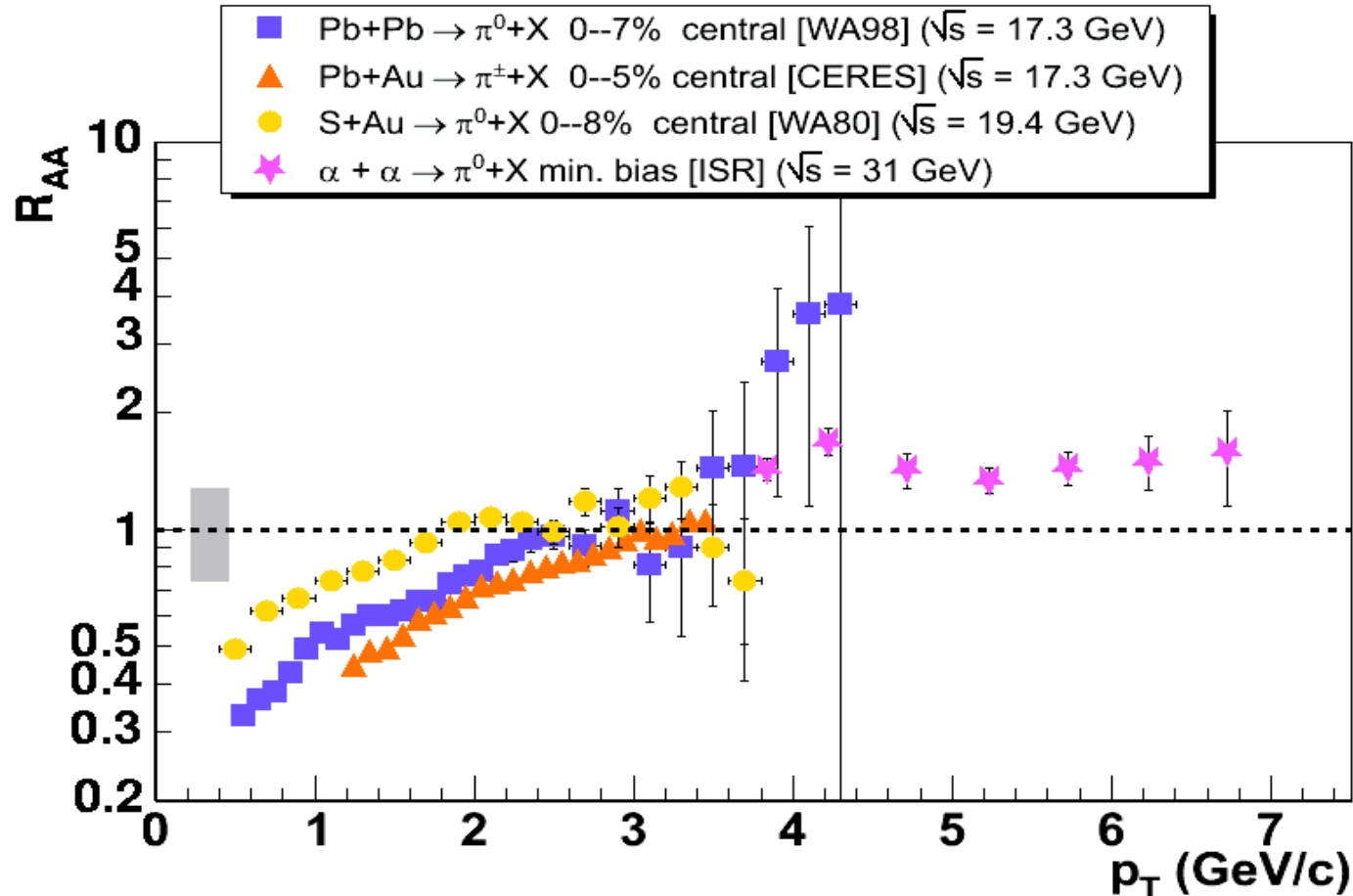


- J.W. Cronin et al., Phys. Rev. **D11**, 3105 (1975)
- D. Antreasyan et al., Phys. Rev. **D19**, 764 (1979)

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

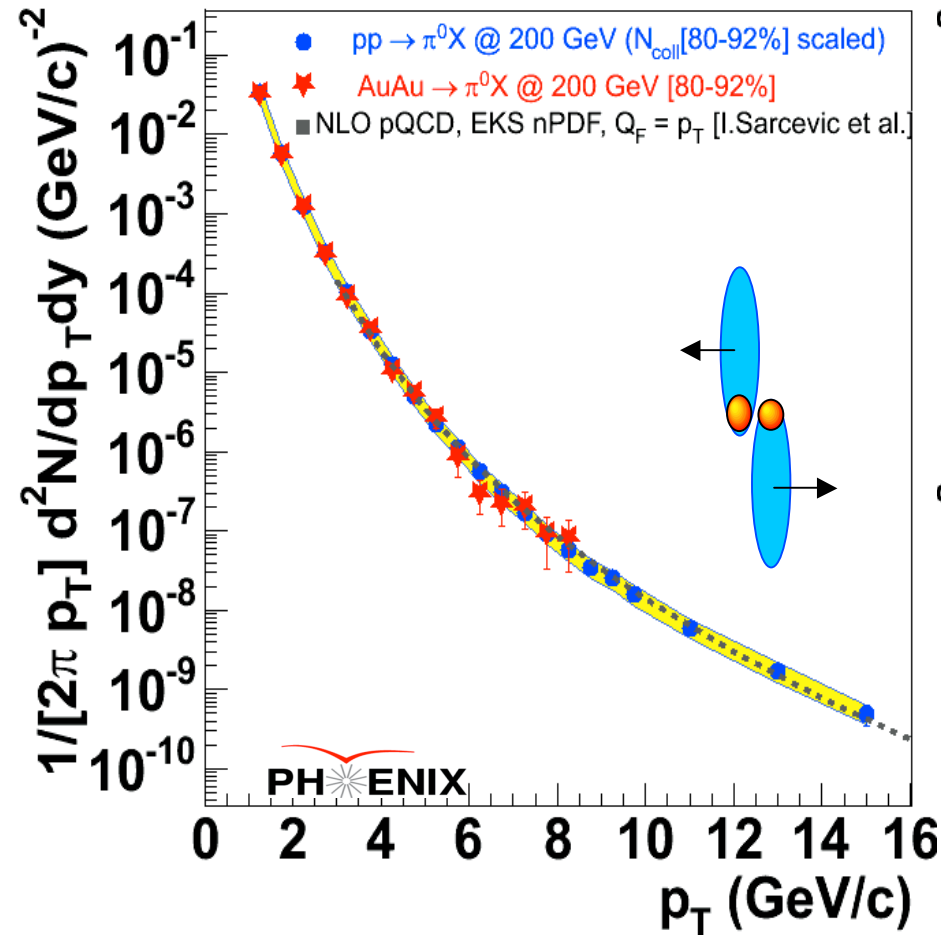
**Nuclear
Modification
Factor:**

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



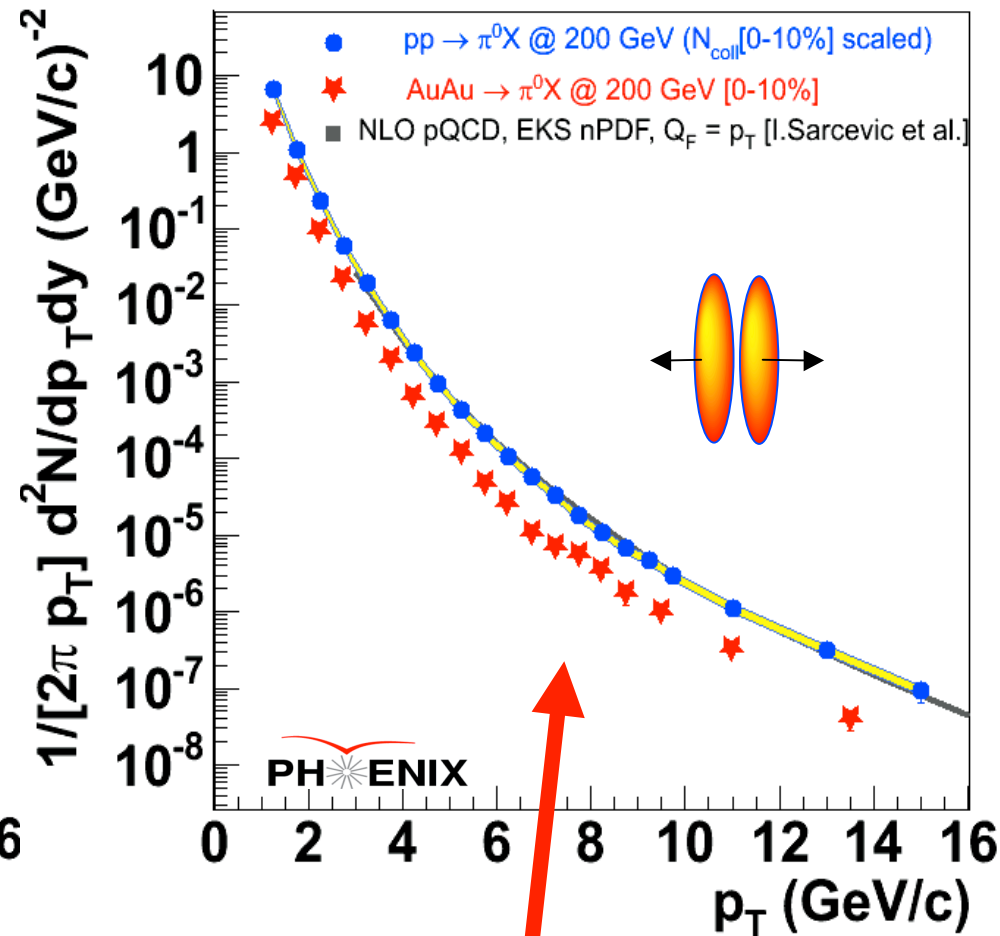
For Au+Au at RHIC--strong suppression !

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

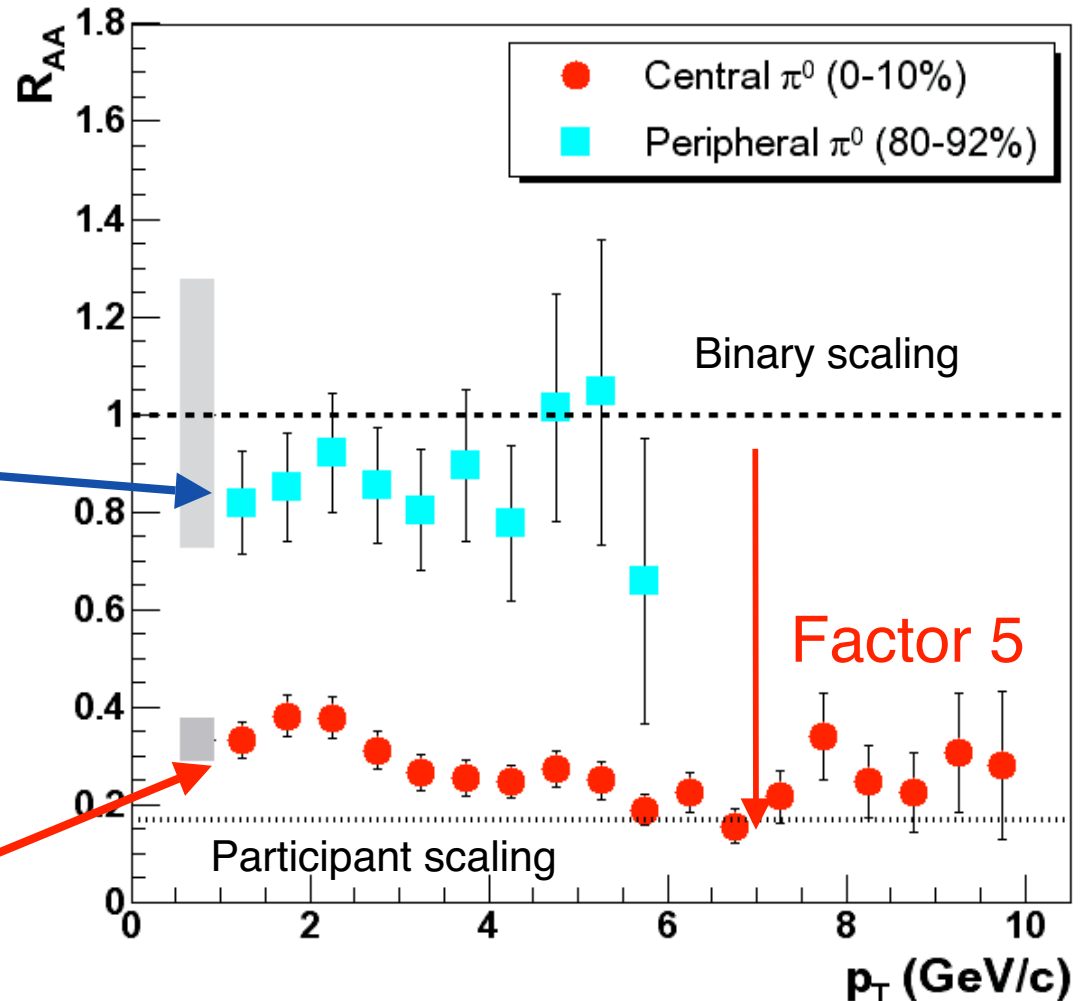
$R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ AuAu:pp 200GeV

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)

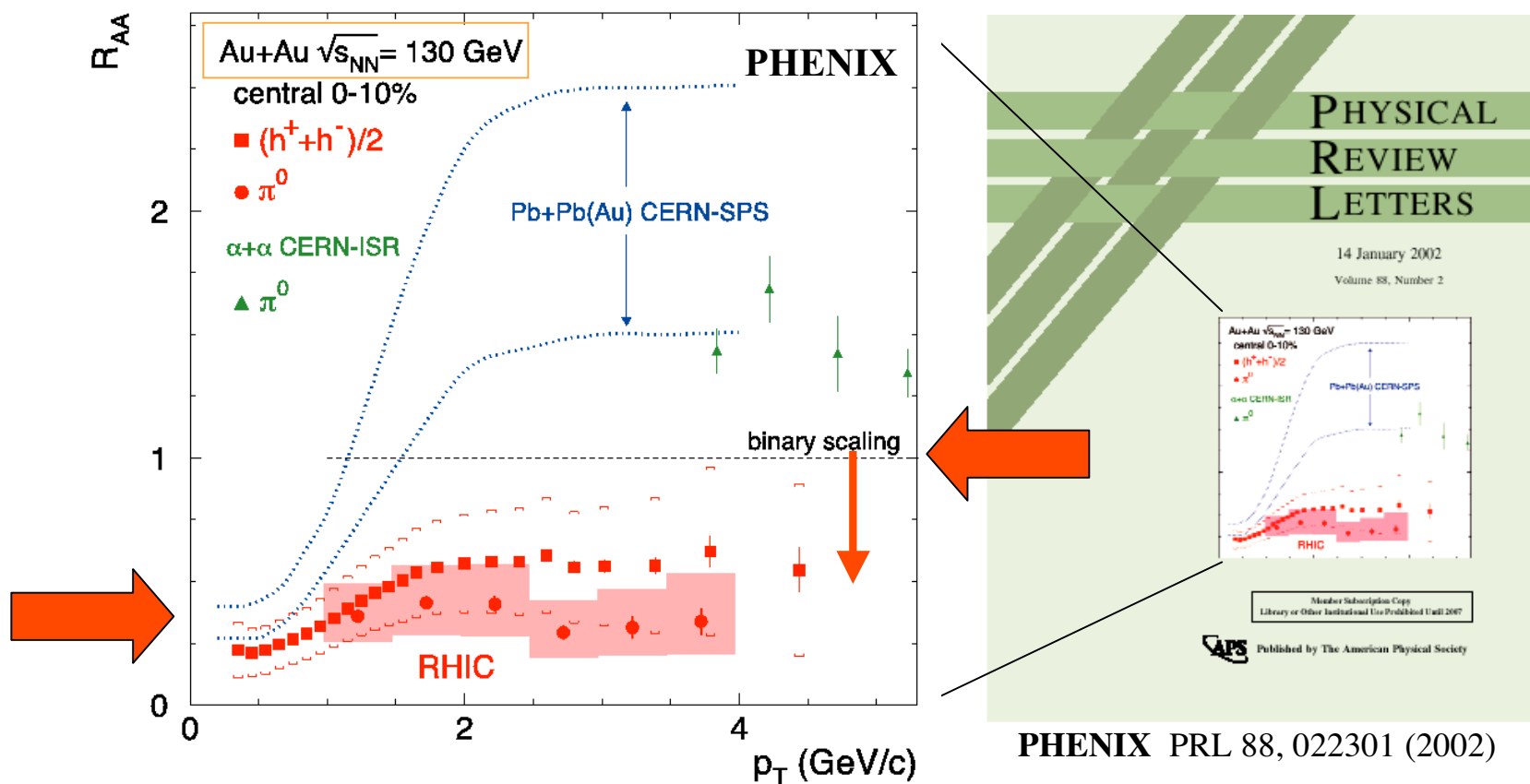
Large suppression in central AuAu - close to participant scaling at high P_T



PRL 91, 072301 (2003)

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

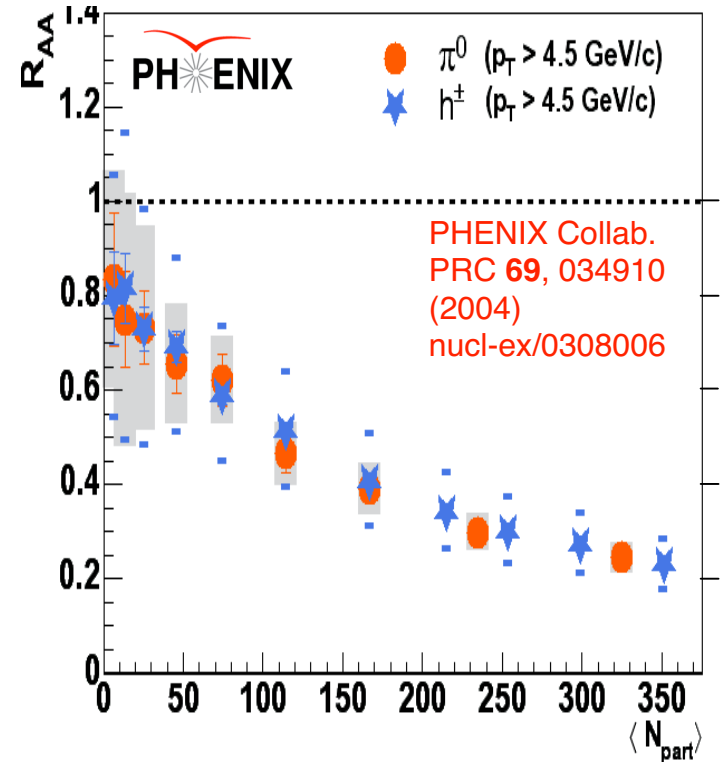
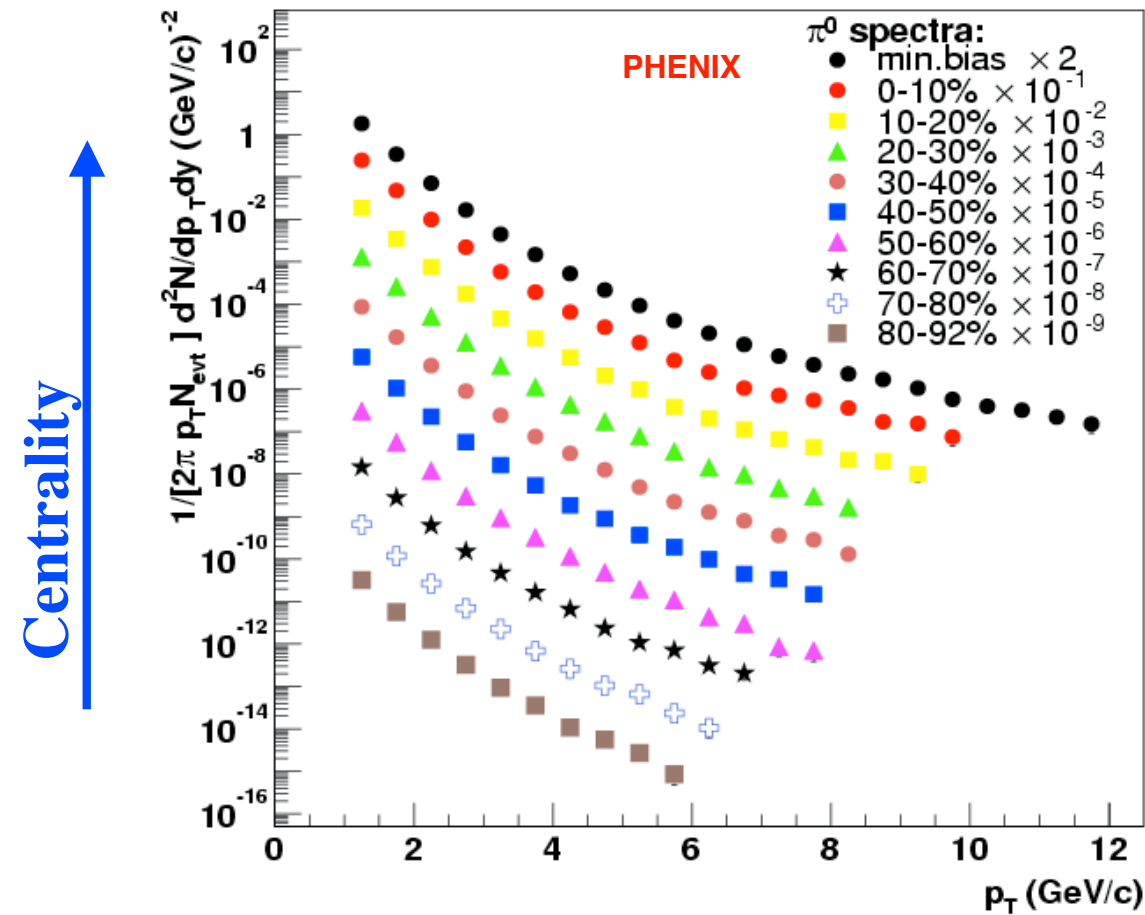
THE major discovery at RHIC (so far)



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

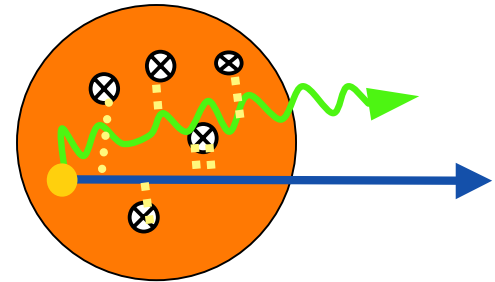
Au-Au nucl-ex/0304022 Phys. Rev. Letters **91**, 072301 (2003)



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.



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Alternative: Initial Effects

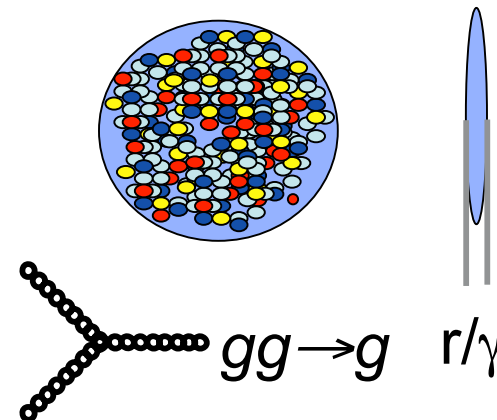
- **Gluon Saturation**

✓ (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

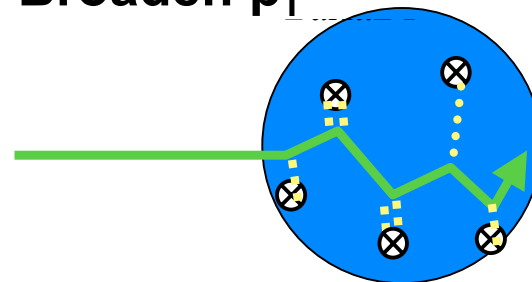
- **Multiple elastic scatterings**

(Cronin effect)

Wang, Kopeliovich, Levai, Accardi

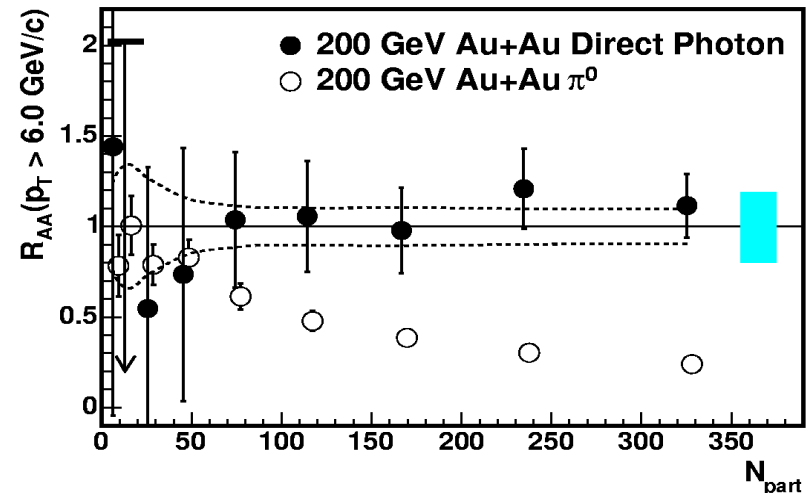
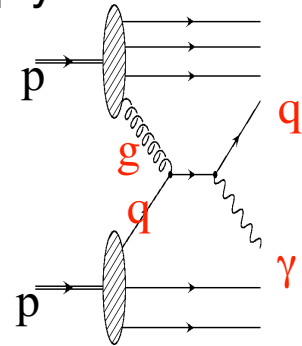
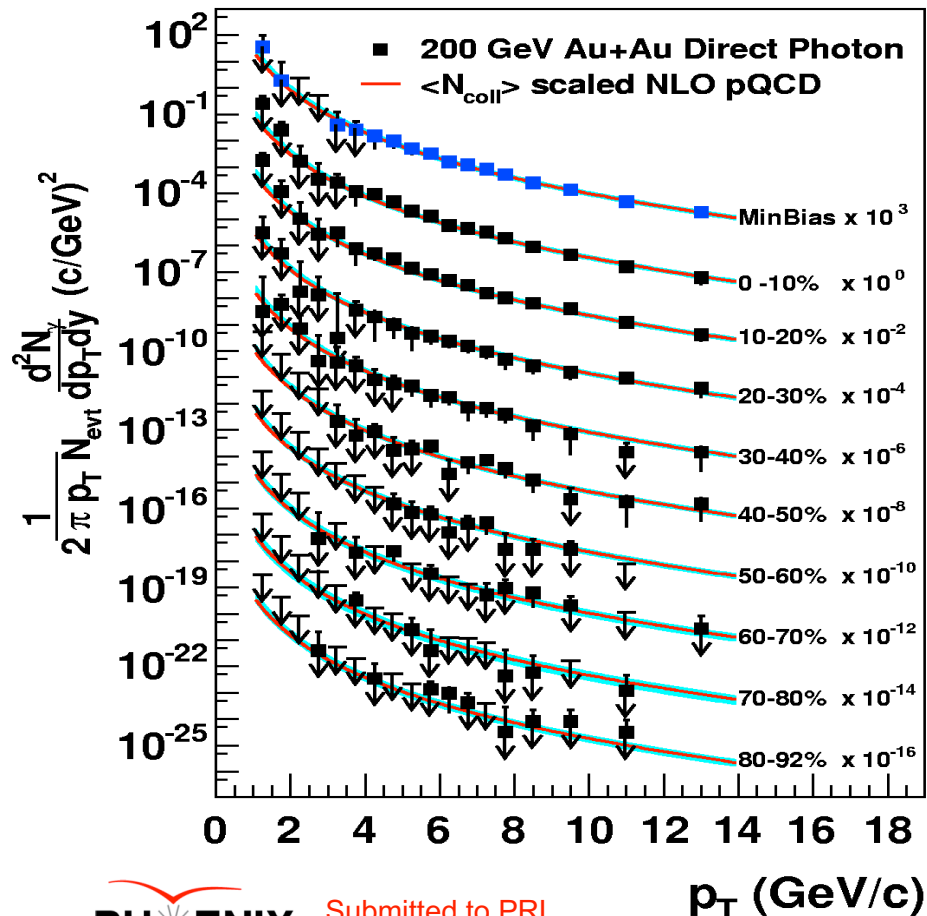
- **Nuclear shadowing**

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 $g(x)$** .

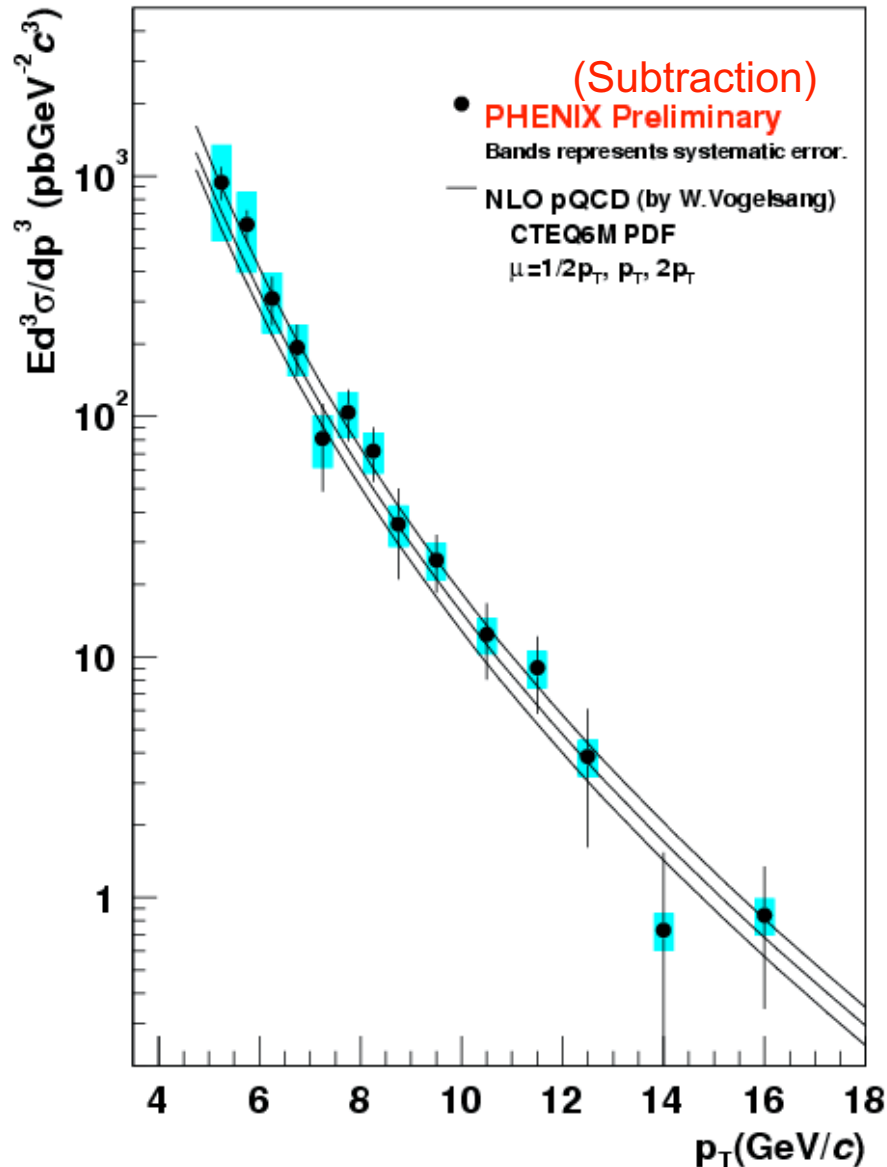


- outgoing Direct photons unaffected by QCD medium in Au+Au $\rightarrow \pi^0$
suppression is medium effect

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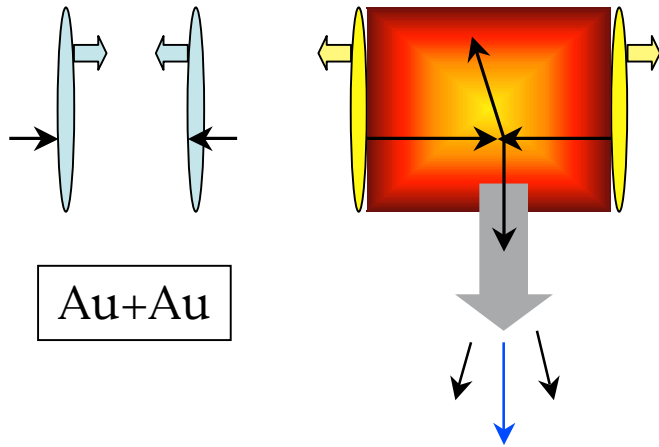
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Direct- γ measurement in $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV p-p



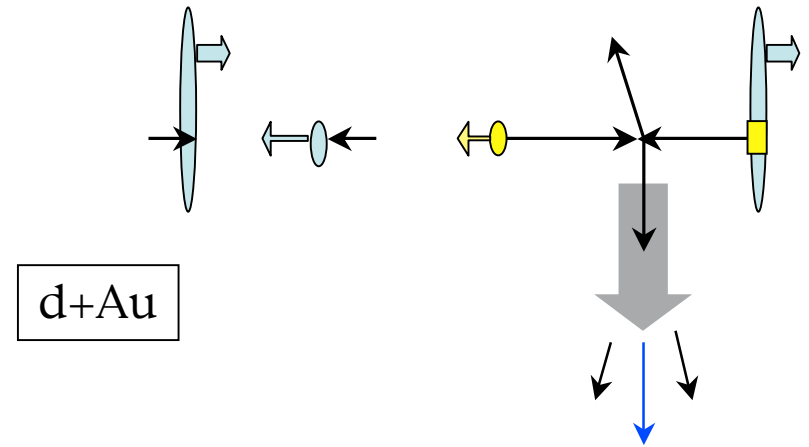
- NLO-pQCD calculation
 - ✓ Private communication with W.Vogelsang
 - ✓ CTEQ6M PDF.
 - ✓ direct photon + fragmentation photon
 - ✓ Set Renormalization scale
and factorization scale $p_T/2, p_T, 2p_T$
- The theory calculation shows a good agreement with our result
- Confirms use of theoretical result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

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



= hot and dense medium

Initial + Final
State Effects

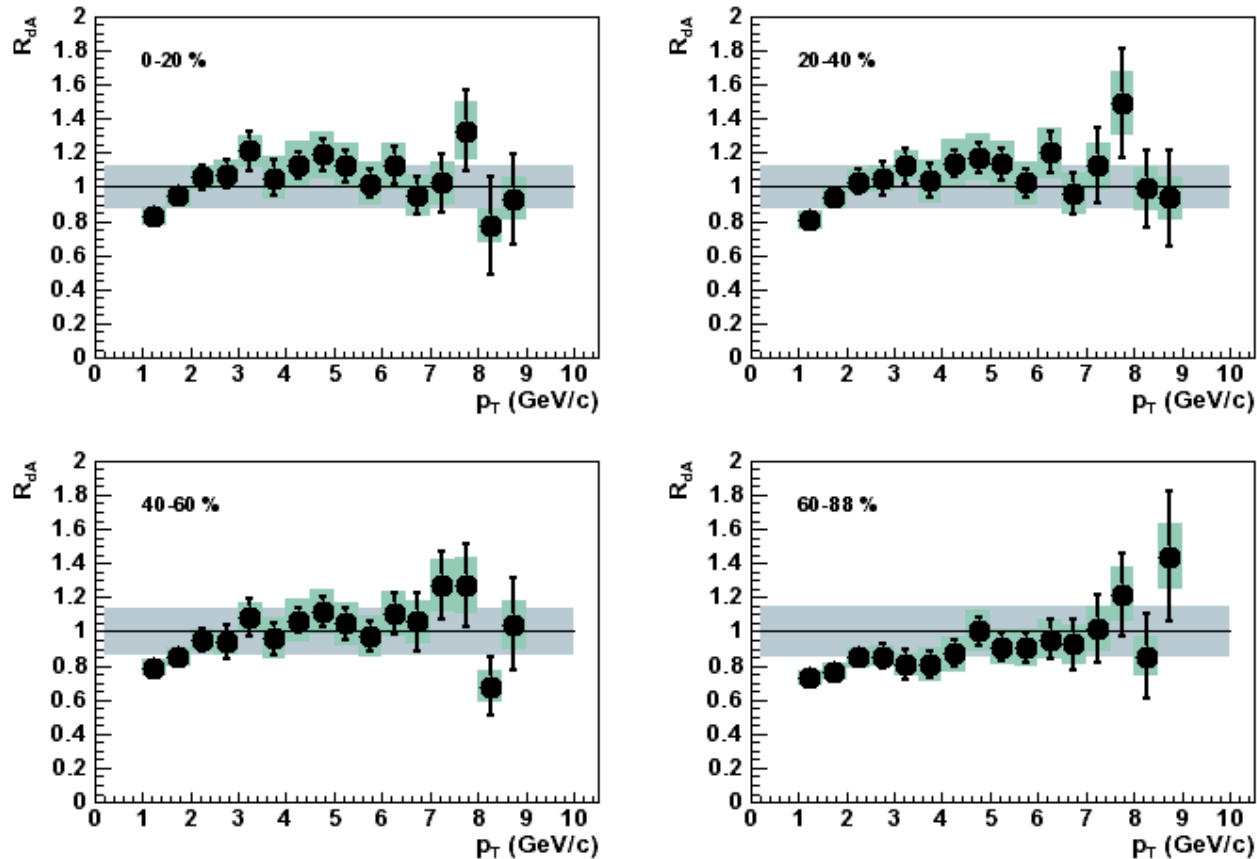


= cold medium

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.

Cronin effect observed in d+Au at RHIC $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV, confirms x is a good variable

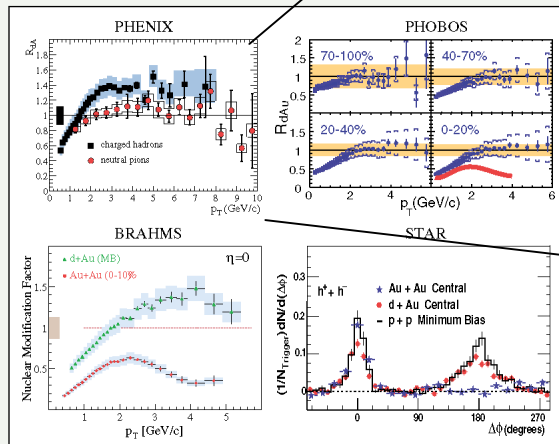


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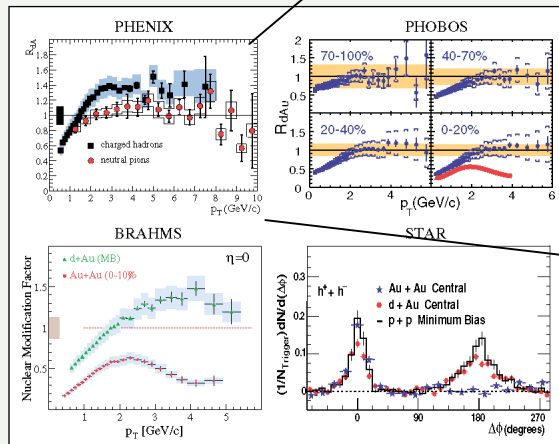


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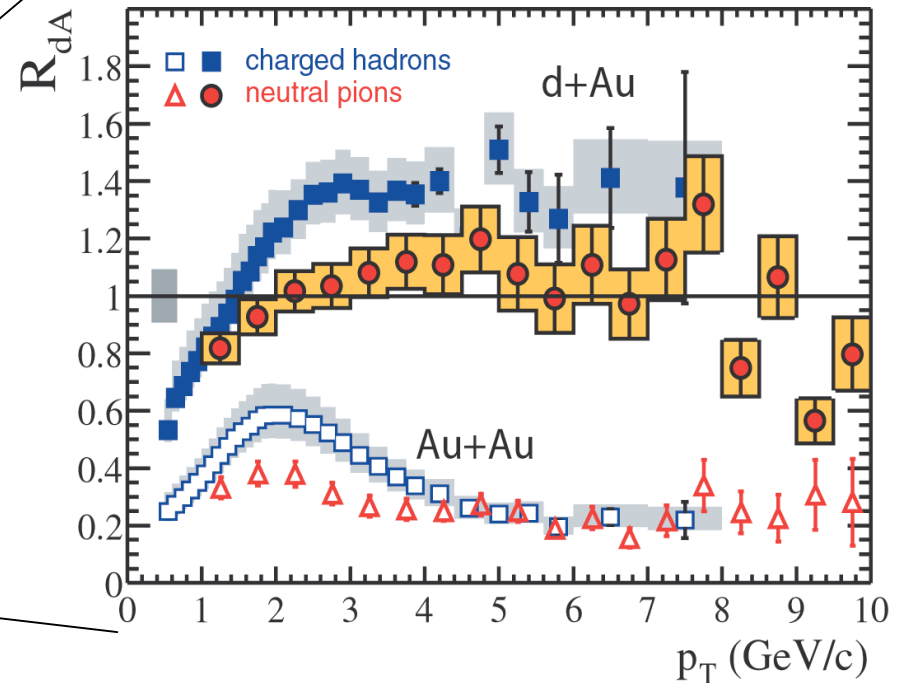
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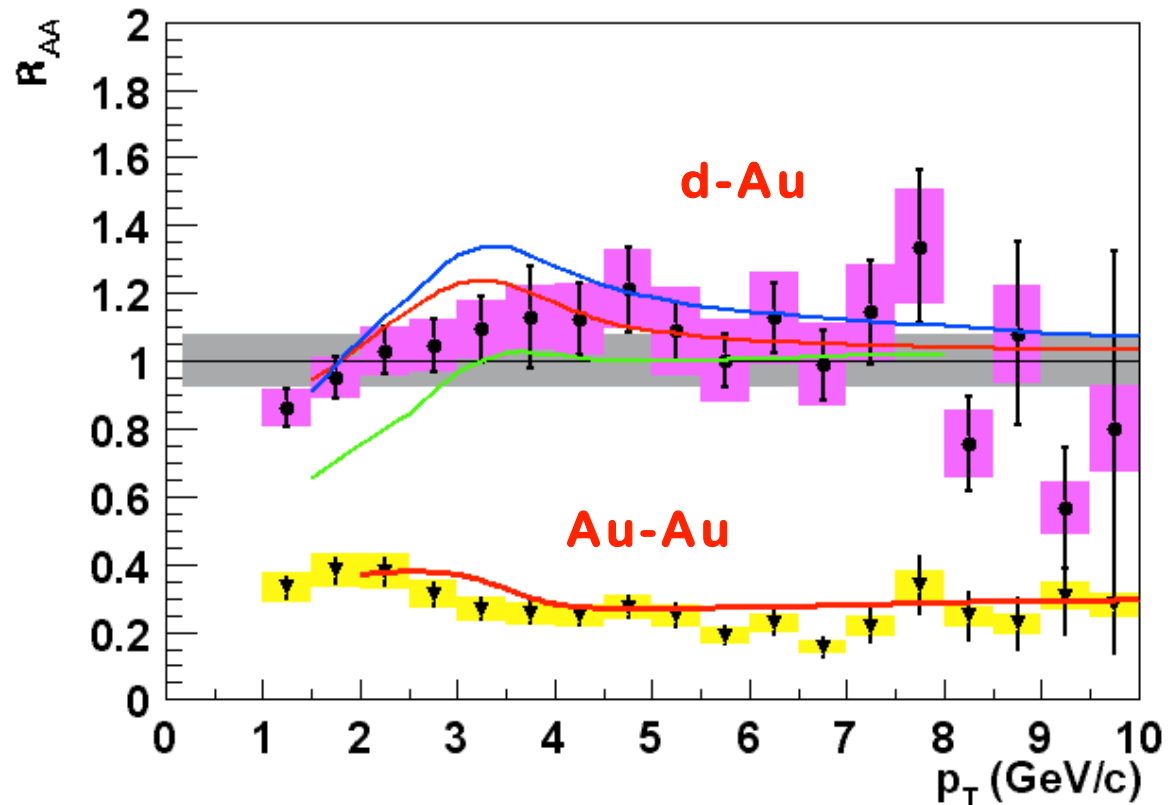
Theoretical Understanding?

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 by gluon bremsstrahlung--LPM radiation**

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

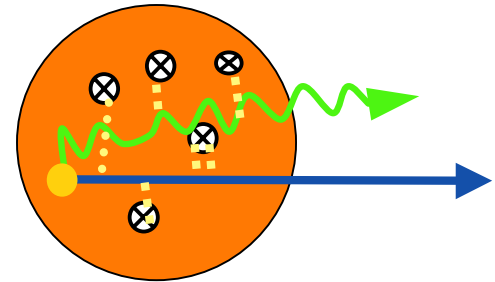
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✓ Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Shiff, NPB483, 291(1997), PLB345, 277(1995), Baier hep-ph/0209038,

- From Vitev nucl-th/0404052:

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

$\epsilon_{Bj} \Rightarrow \epsilon = 15 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 = 10 \times \text{larger}$
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

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

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

One Big Grape-but size of a nucleon

H Satz

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

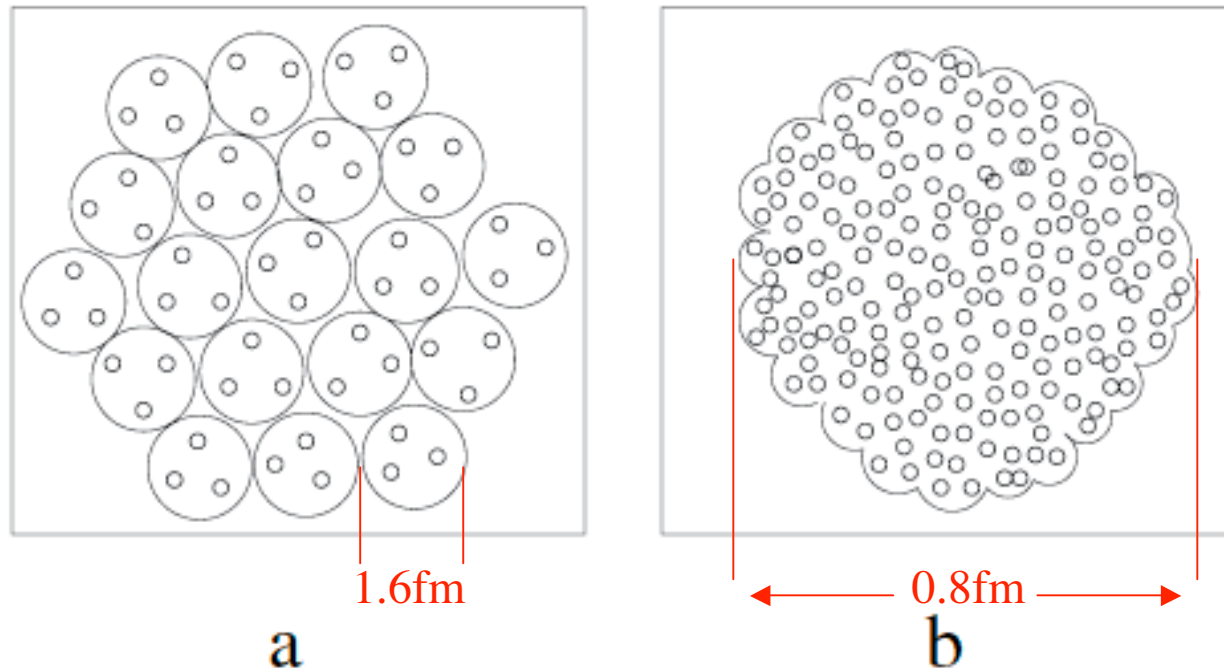
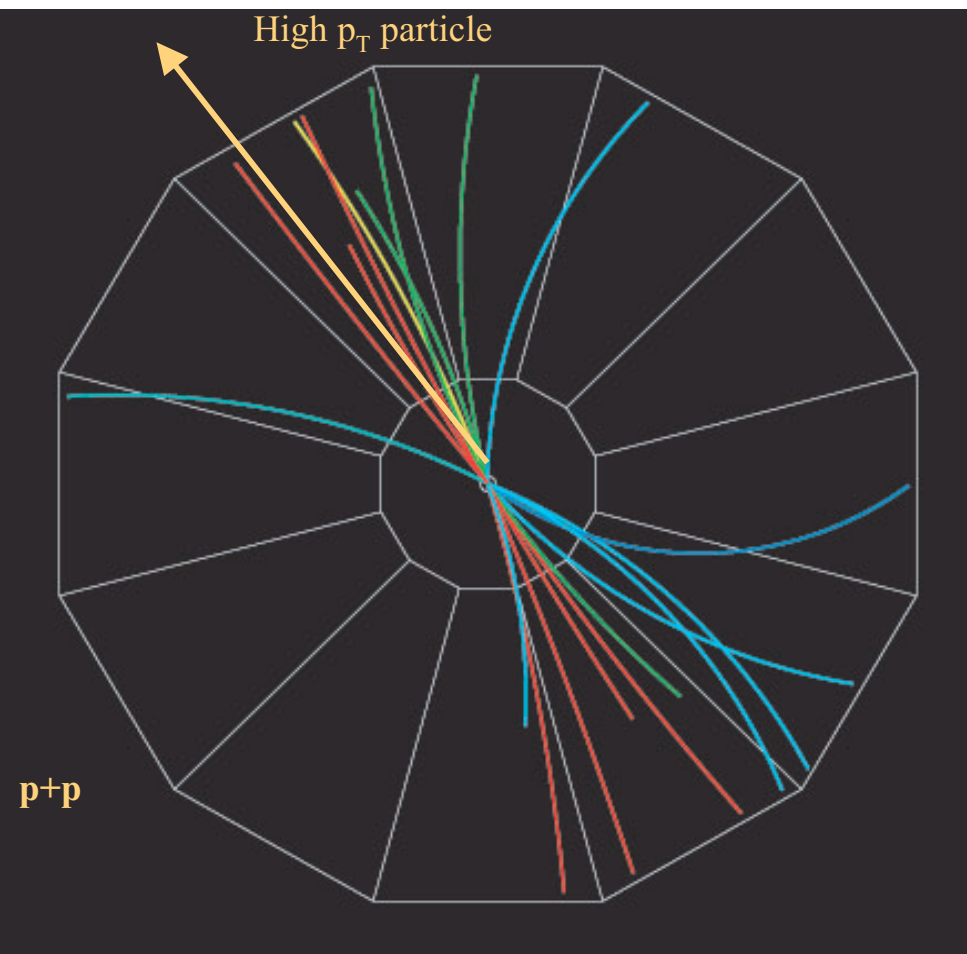


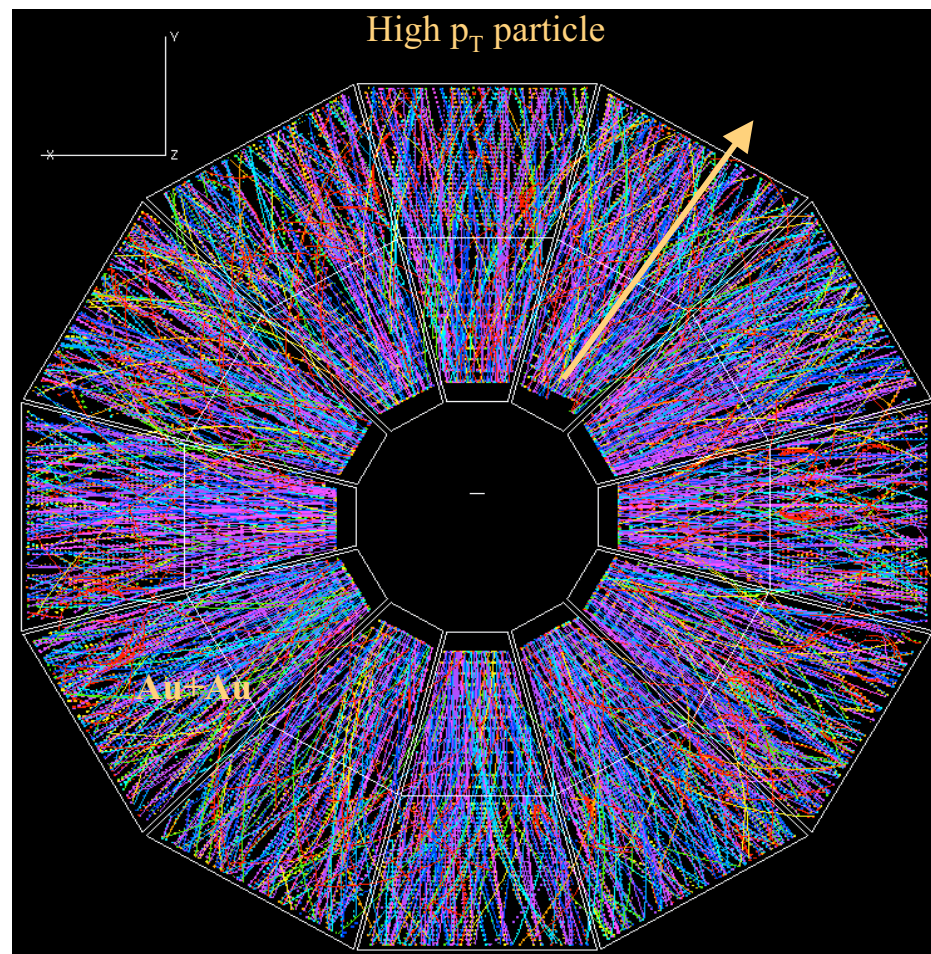
Figure 1. Strongly interacting matter as nuclear matter at a density of closely packed nucleons (a) and as quark matter at much higher density (b).

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

STAR-Jet event in pp collision

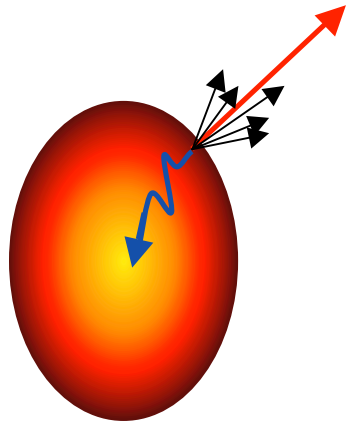
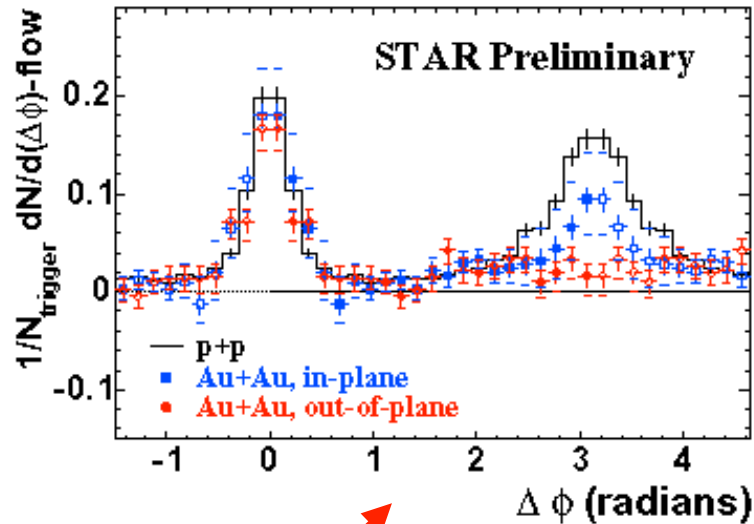


STAR Au+Au collision

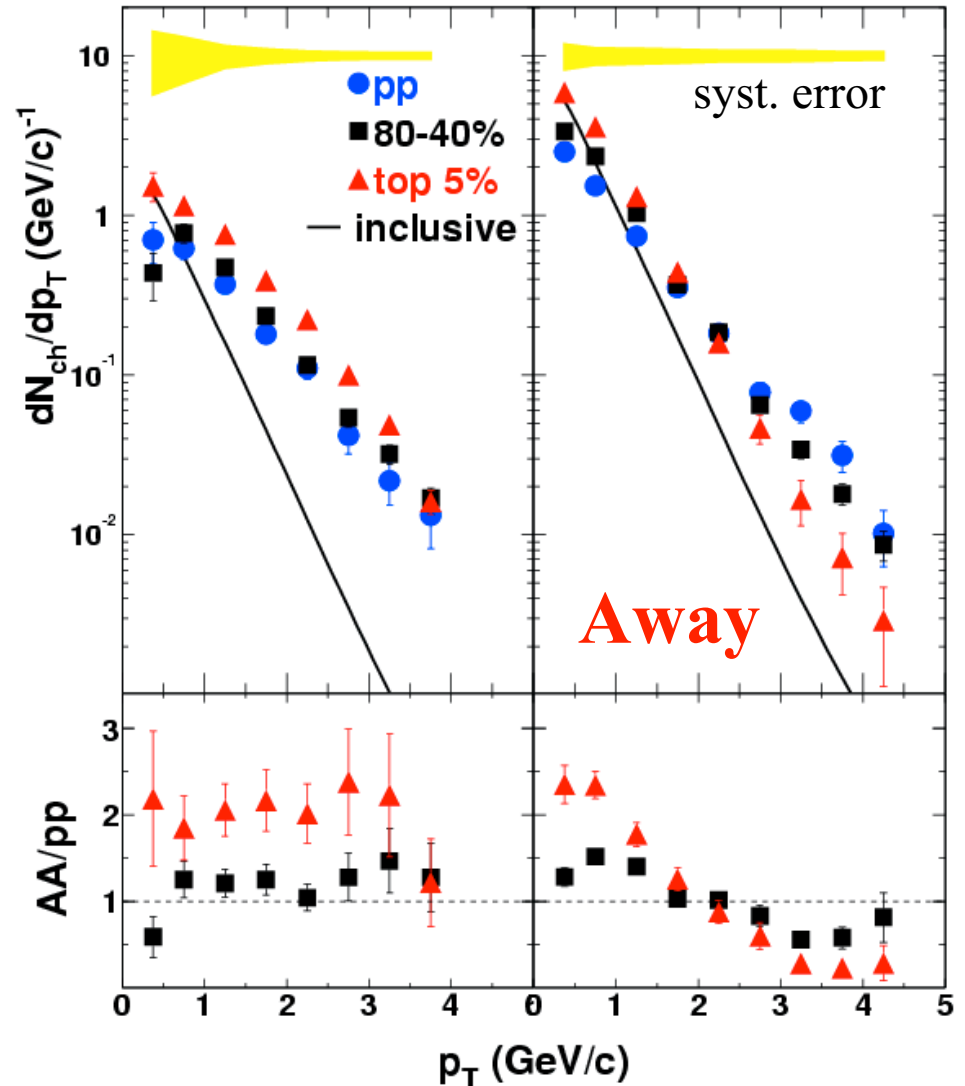


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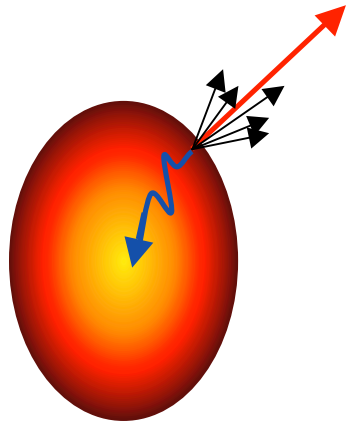
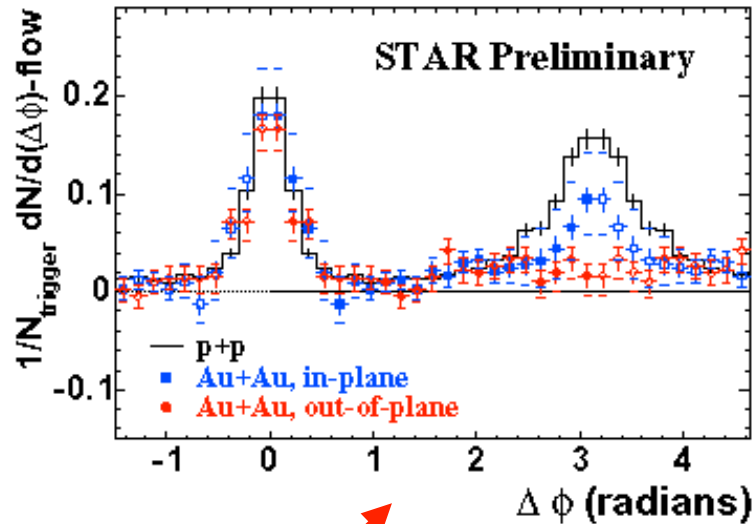


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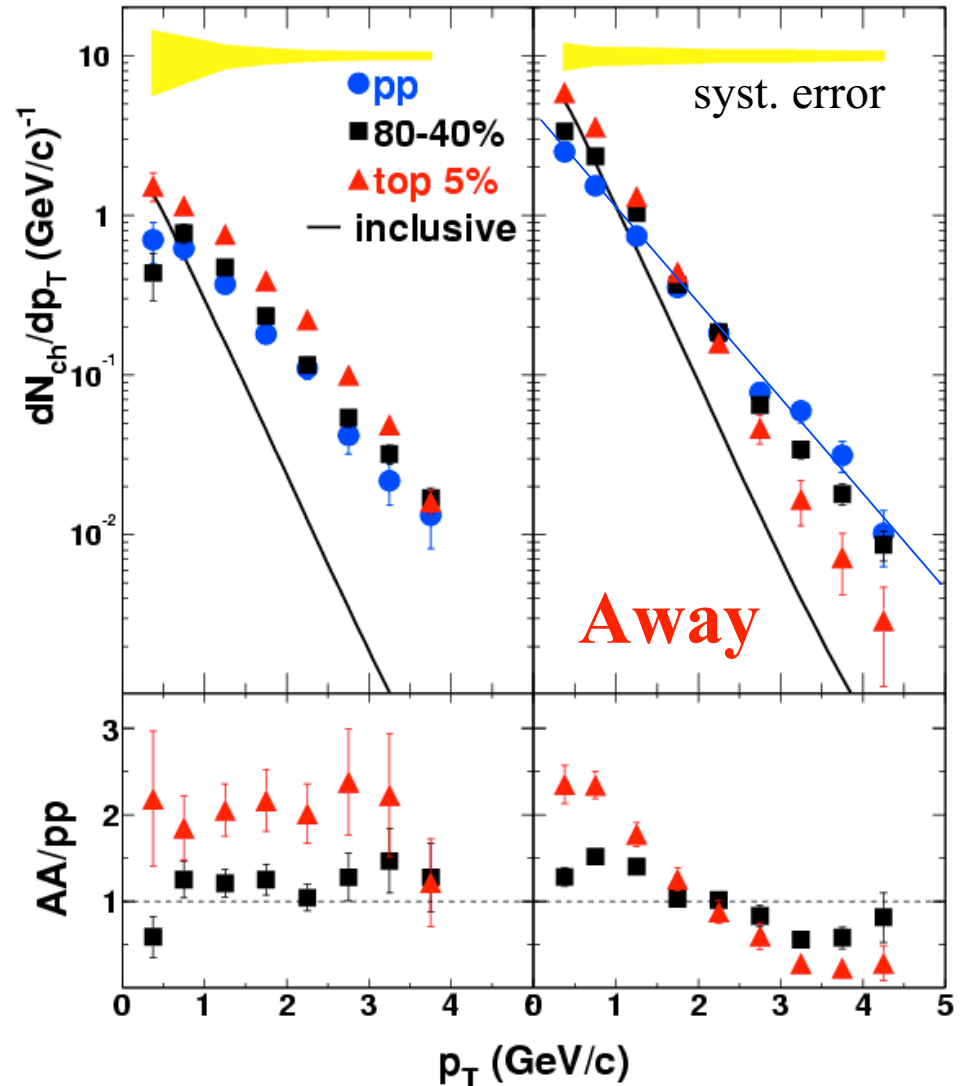


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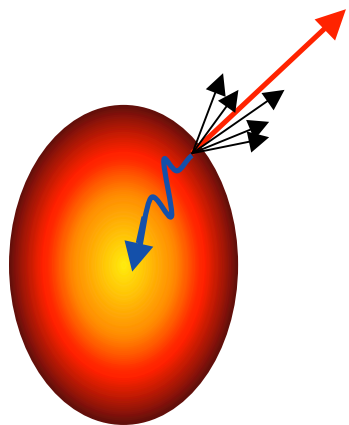
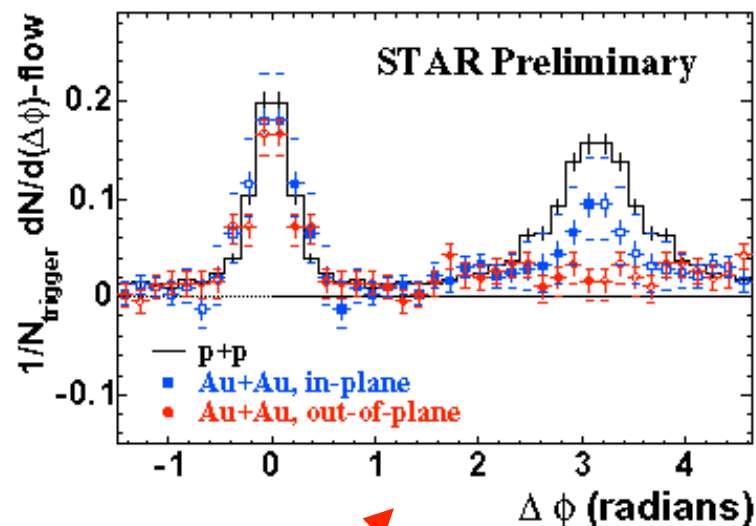


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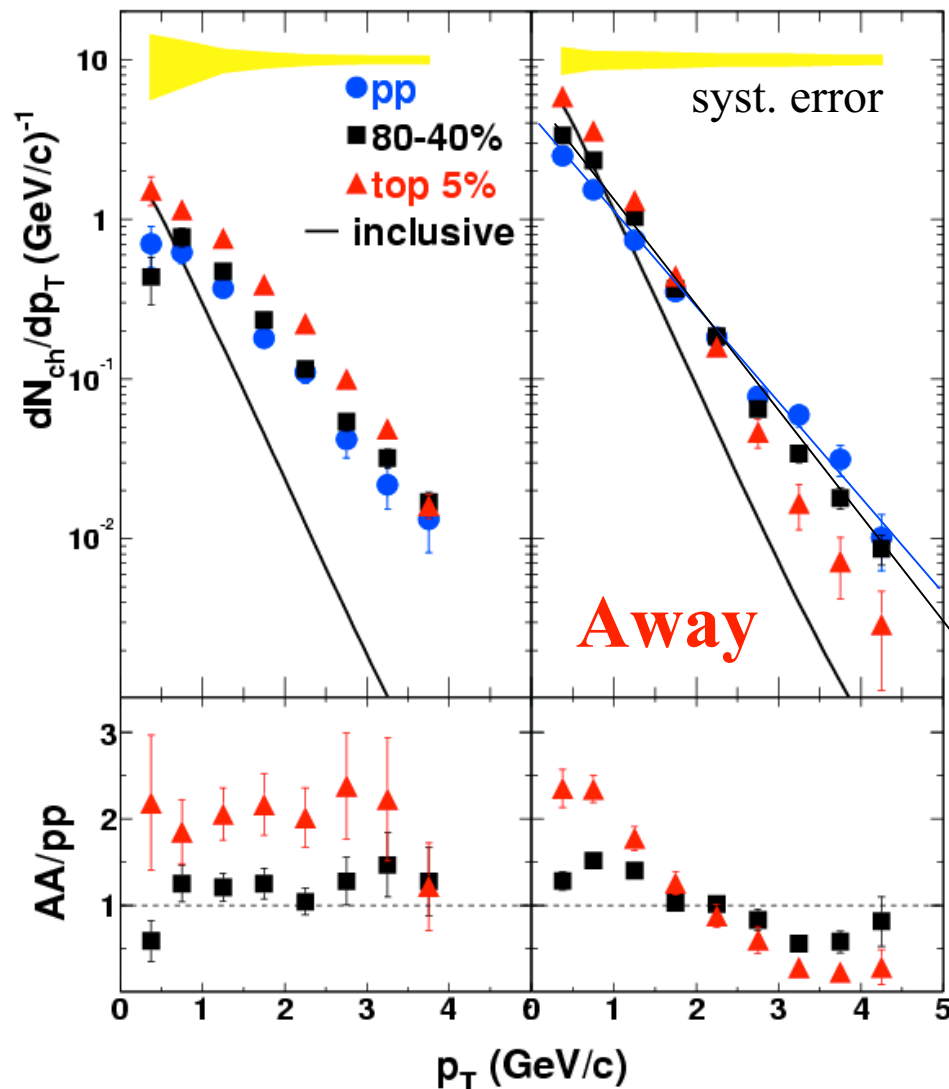


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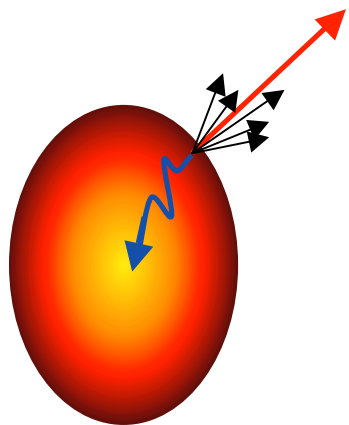
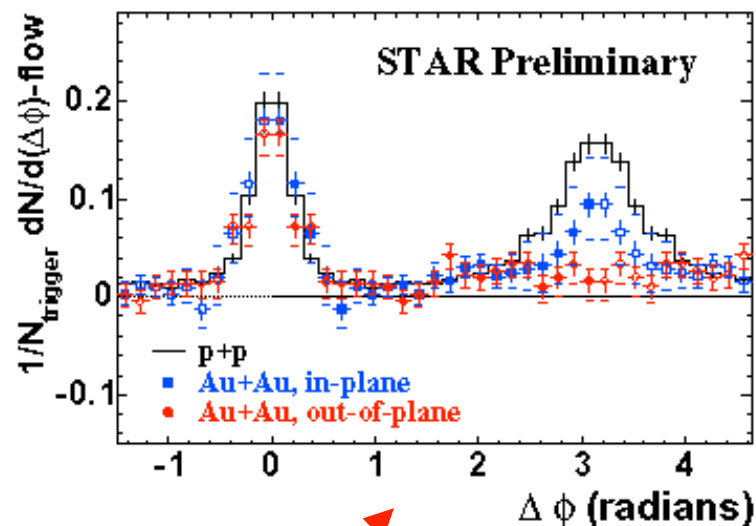


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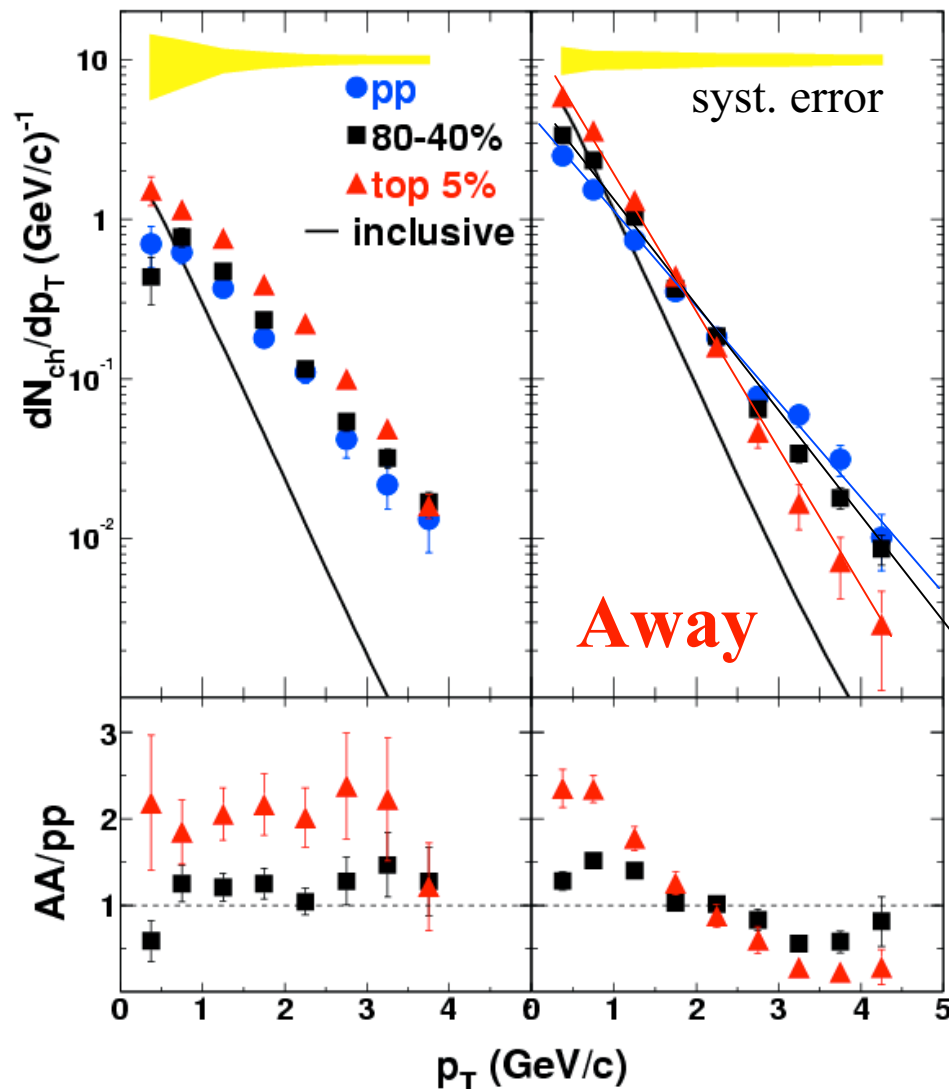


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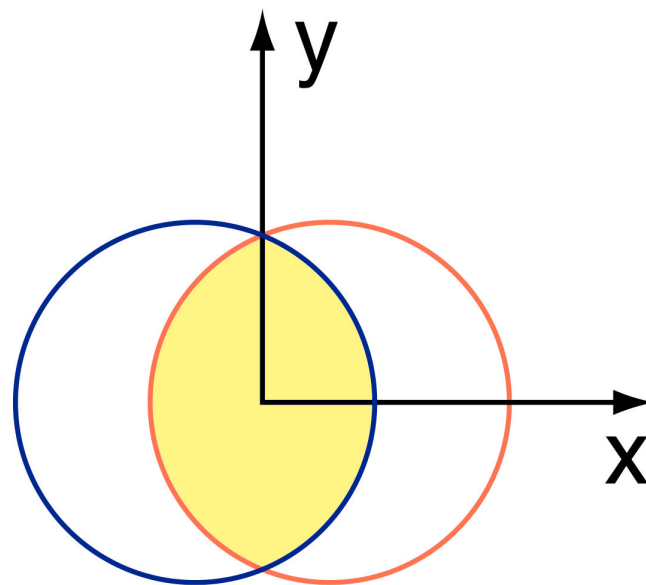
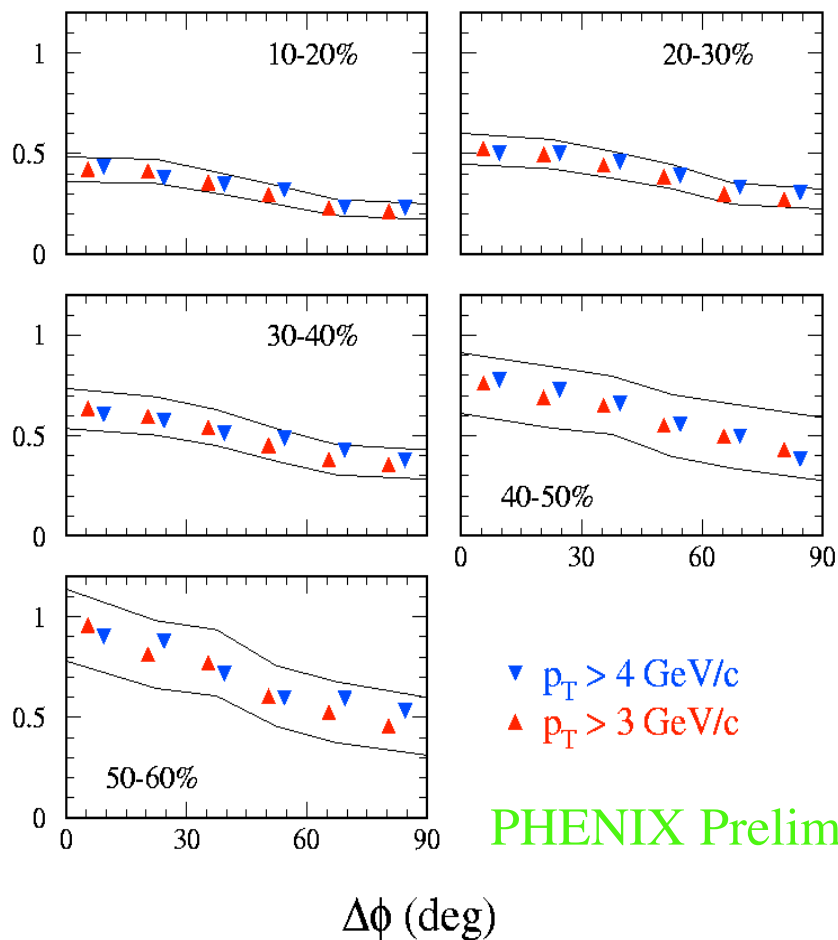


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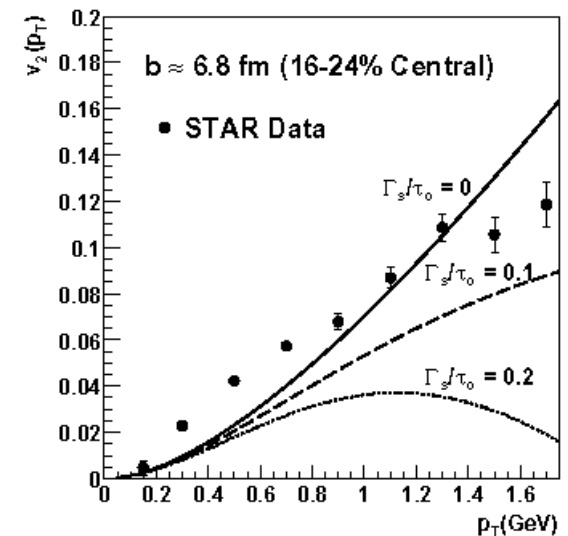
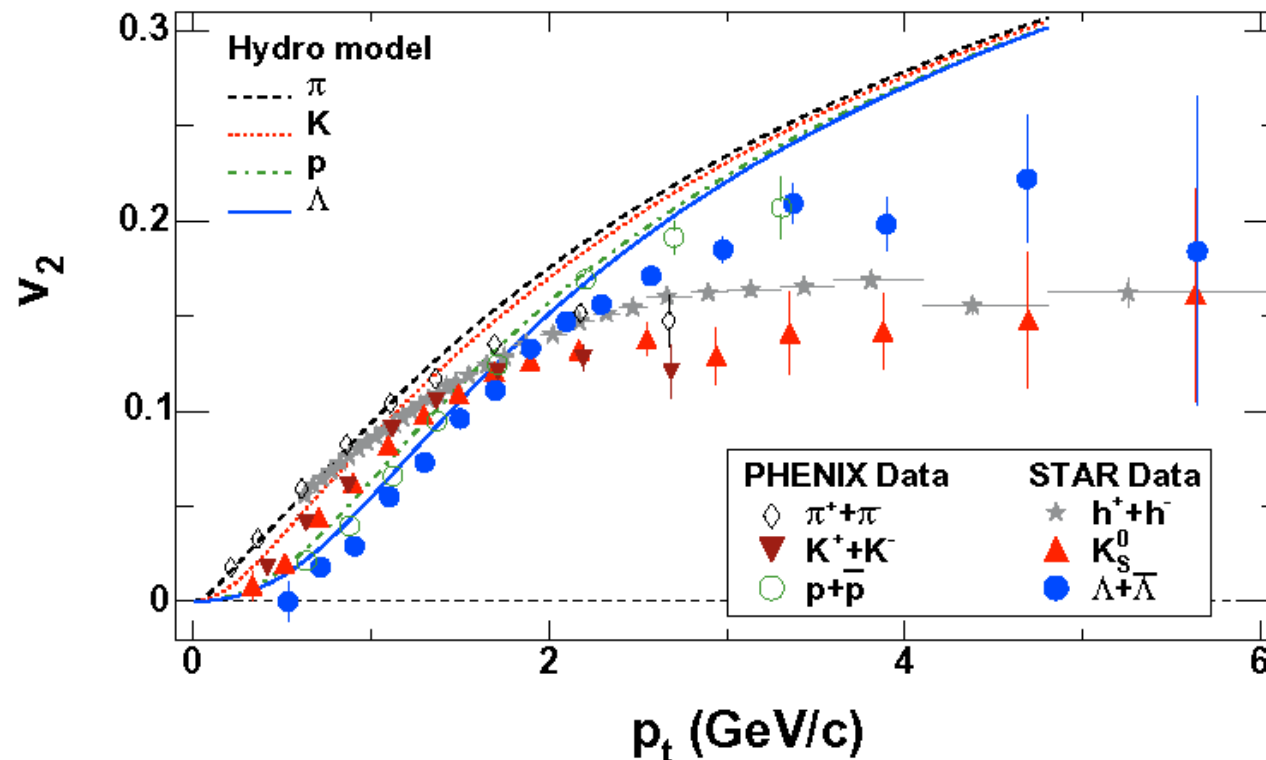


Implies that v_2 $p_T > 2$ GeV/c is due to anisotropic energy loss

Bands show systematic error range for 3 GeV/c points



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



STAR-PRC-nucl-ex/0409033

D. Teaney,
PRC68, 034913 (2003)

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

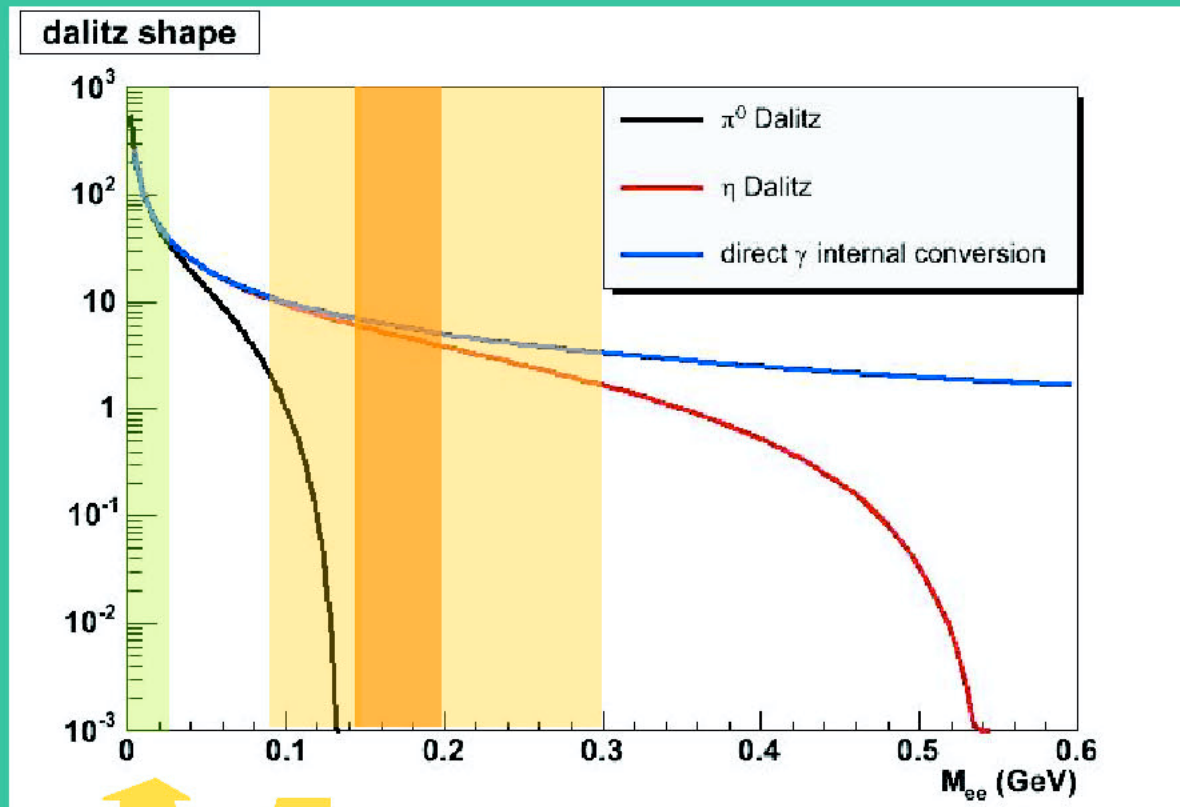
- Hydro totally fails for Bose-Einstein (Hanbury-Brown Twiss)(GGLP) correlations.
- In the range $2 < p_T < 4.5$ GeV/c protons are not suppressed. This has spawned a whole new idea called Recombination.
- J/Psi measurements in p-p collisions are consistent with total cross section measurements at lower $\sqrt{s}$, but Au+Au measurements are inconclusive so far--new results at Quark Matter 2005 in August.
- Test whether the LPM energy loss formalism is correct in detail? If so, can measure properties of medium
- Do charm quarks flow?



RESULTS from Quark Matter 2005

Inv. Mass Distribution of Dalitz Pairs

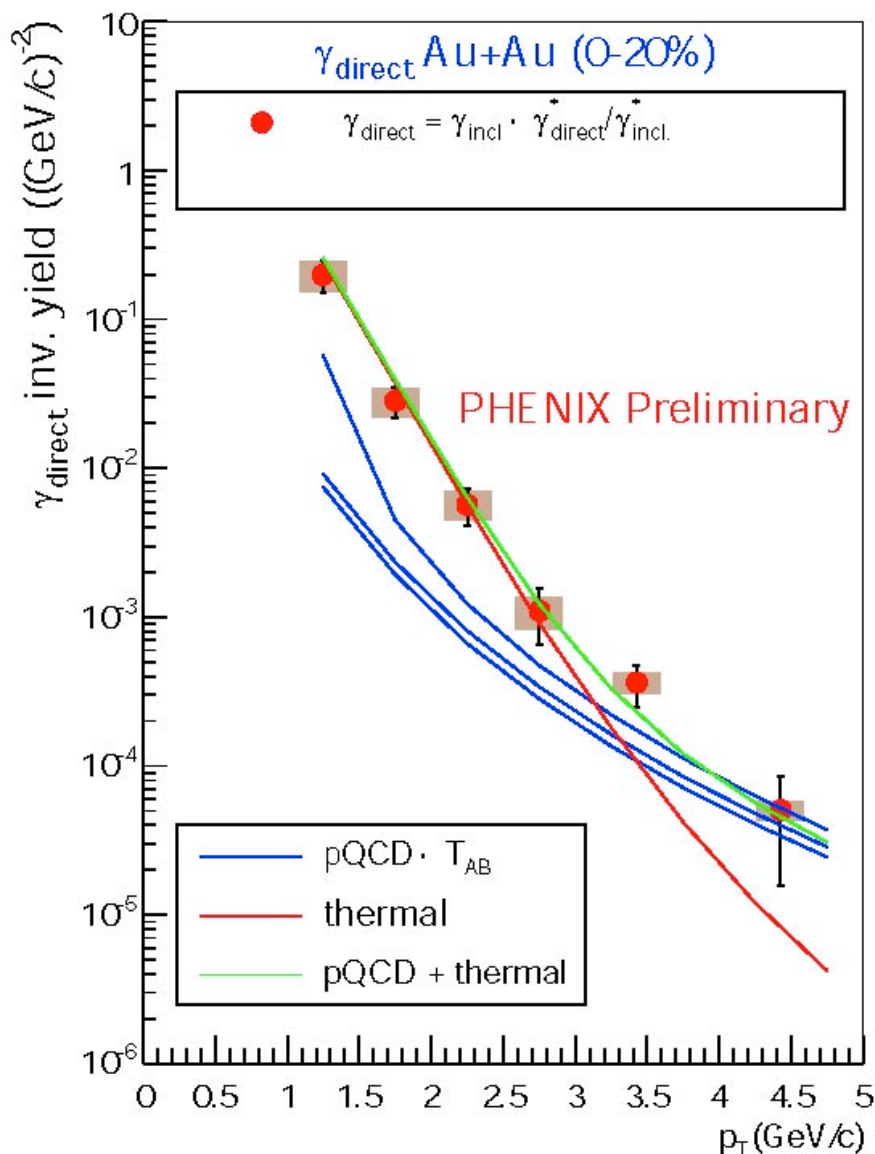
$$\frac{1}{N_\gamma} \frac{dN_{ee}}{dm_{ee}} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}\right) \frac{1}{m_{ee}} |F(m_{ee}^2)|^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{ee}^2}{M^2}\right)^3$$



phase space factor
 → 1 for high $p_T \gamma$

- Ratios of M_{inv} bins to lowest one
- If no direct photons: ratios can be calculated from Dalitz decays
- If excess: direct photons

The Spectrum--Thermal???



Compare to NLO pQCD

- L.E.Gordon and W. Vogelsang
- Phys. Rev. D48, 3136 (1993)
- excess above pQCD

Compare to thermal model

- D. d'Enterria, D. Perresounko
- nucl-th/0503054

2+1 hydro

$$T_0^{\text{ave}} = 360 \text{ MeV} (T_0^{\text{max}} = 570 \text{ MeV})$$

$$\tau_0 = 0.15 \text{ fm}/c$$

- data above thermal at high p_T

Compare to thermal + pQCD

- data consistent with thermal + pQCD

For comparison Drell Yan for $p_T \rightarrow 0$

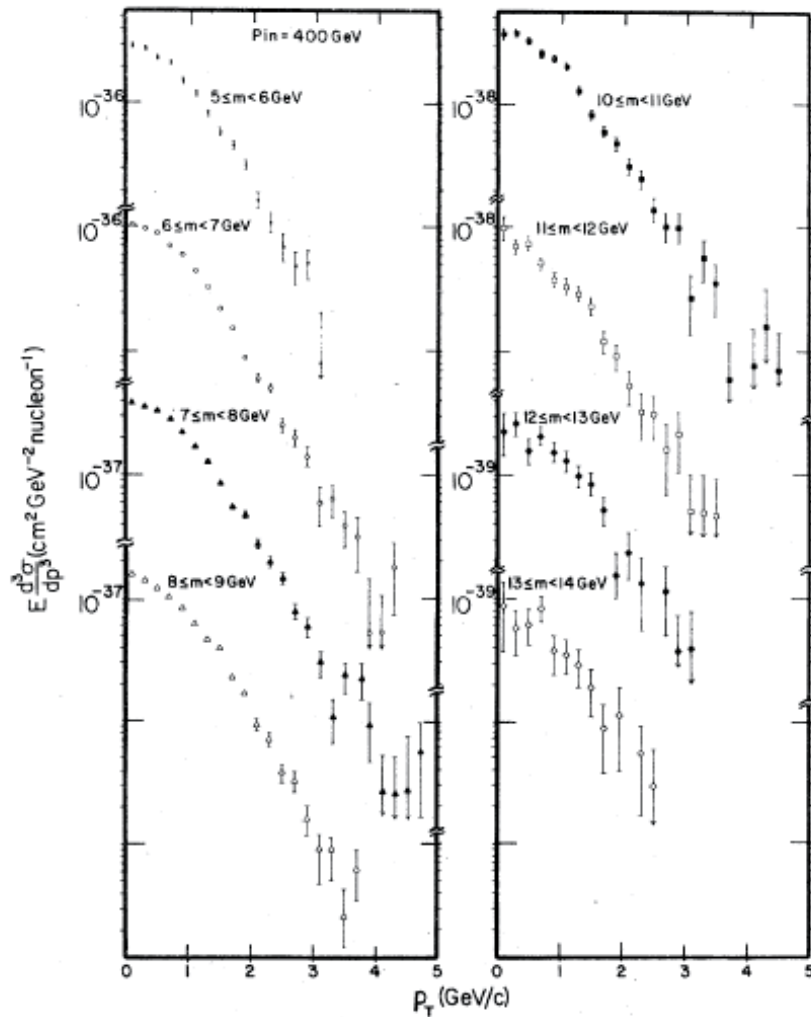
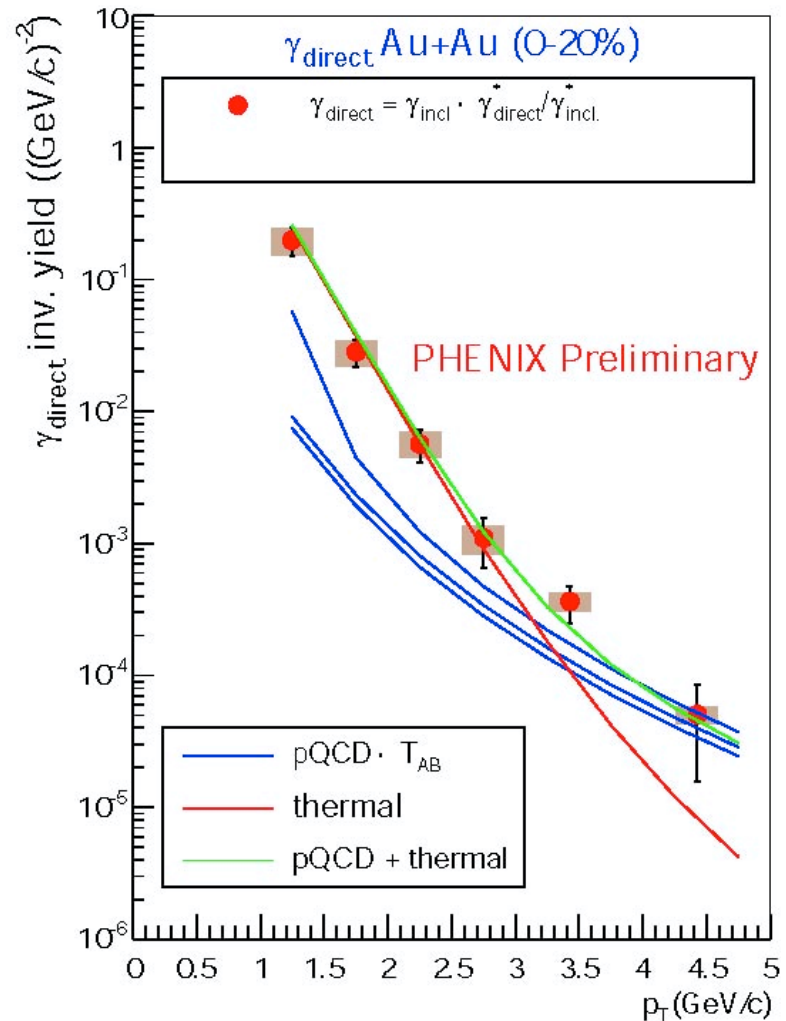


FIG. 12. Invariant yield of dimuons as a function of the transverse momentum p_T of the muon pair for 400 GeV incident protons.

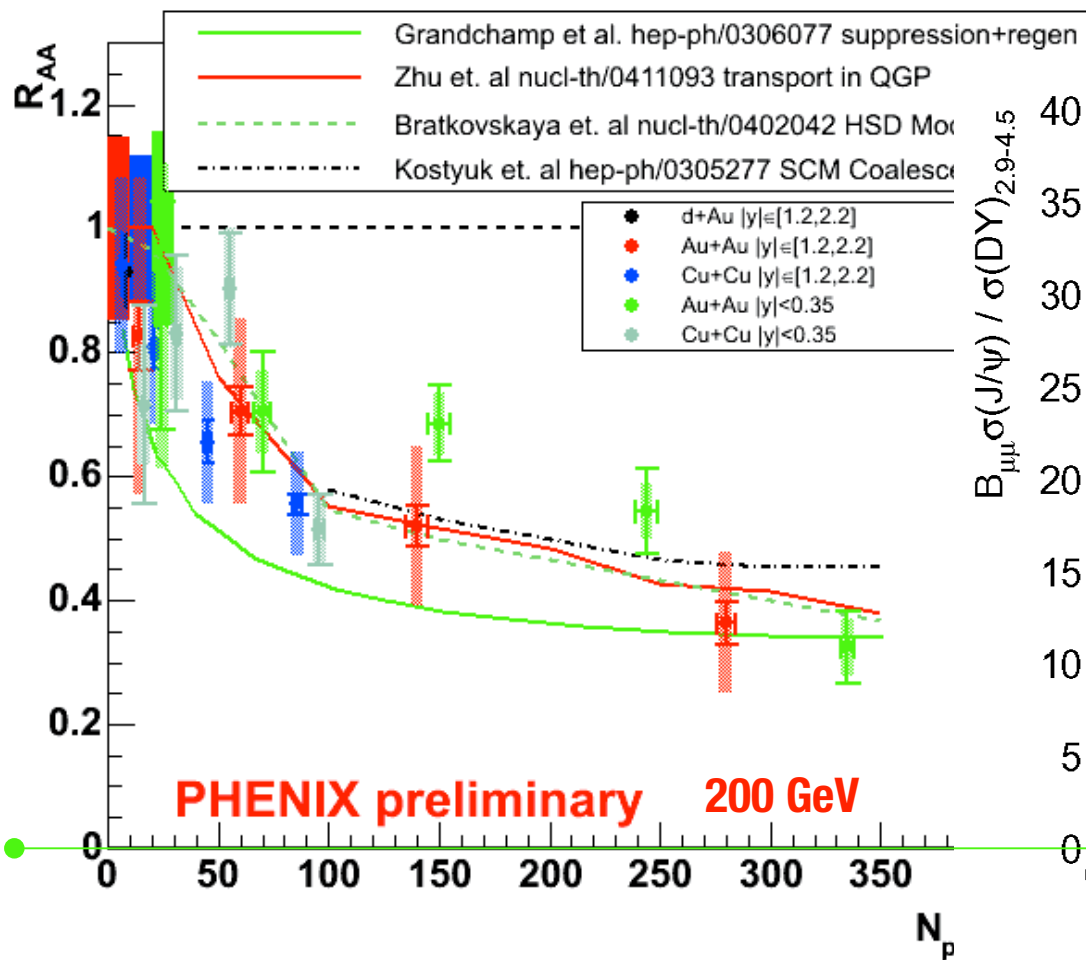
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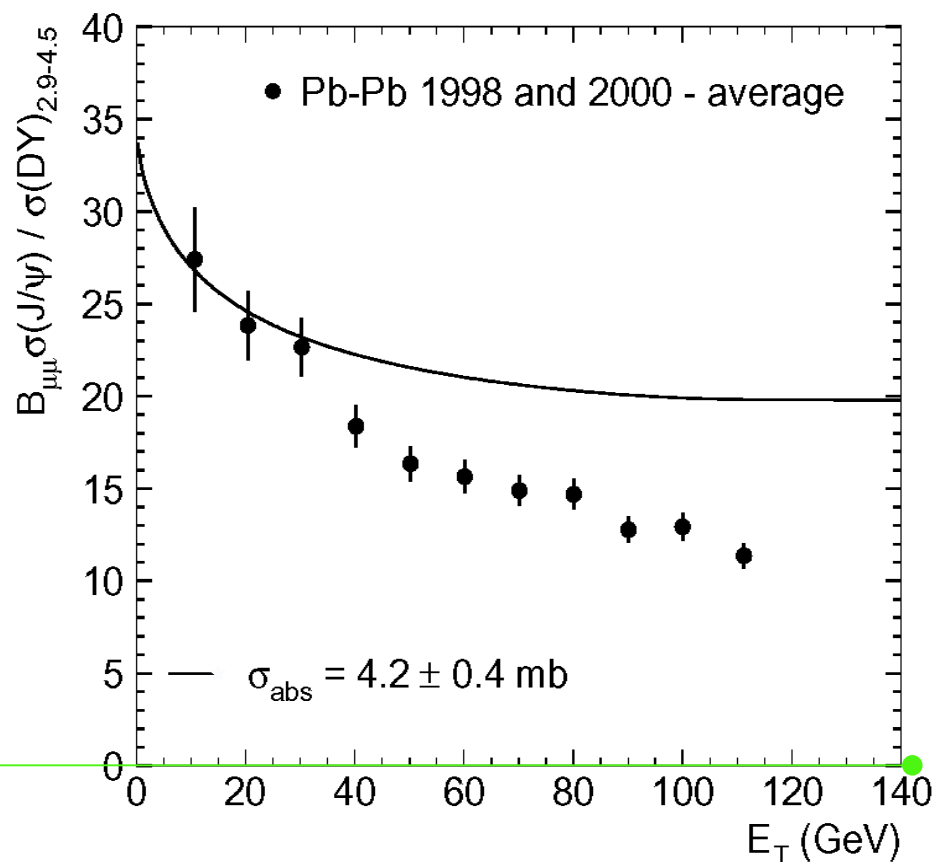
Note Gaussian shape, no power-law tail!

J/ψ---My Nightmare Scenario

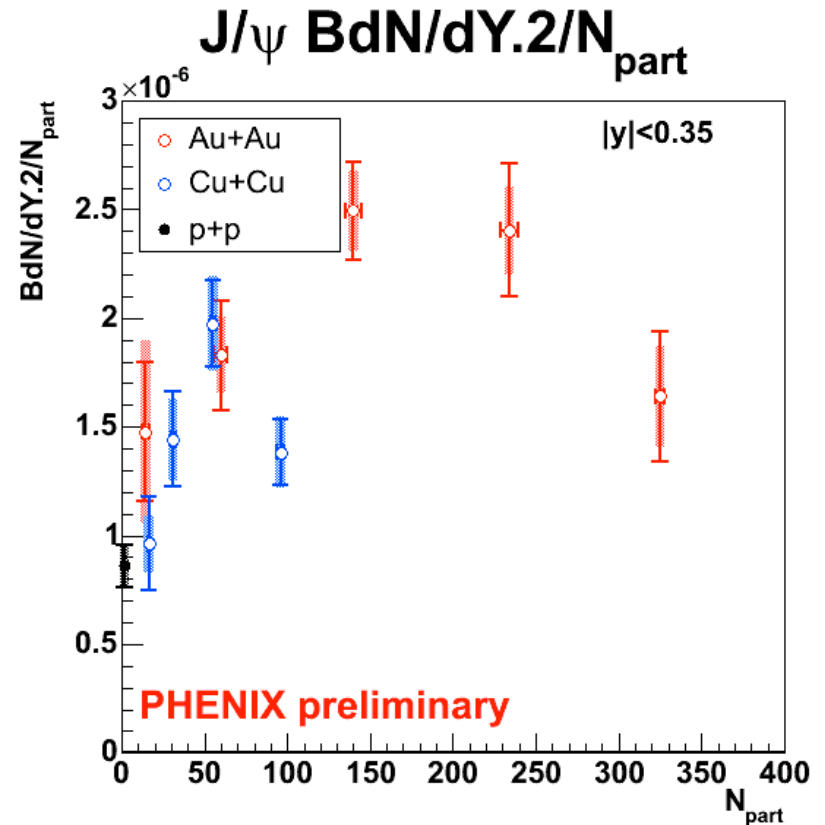
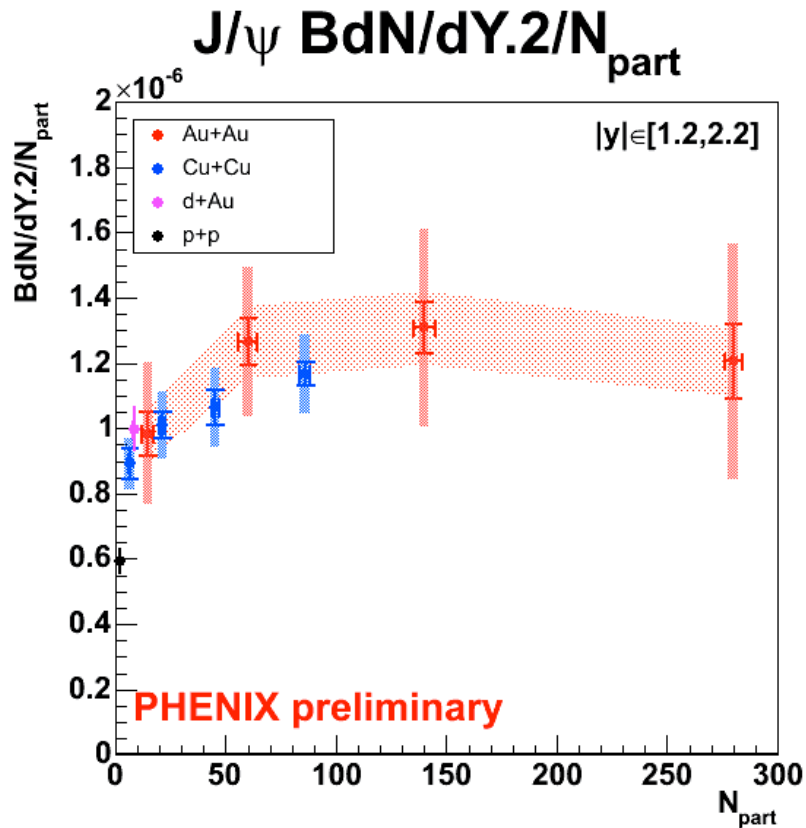
J/ψ nuclear modification factor R_{AA}



NA50 CERN-



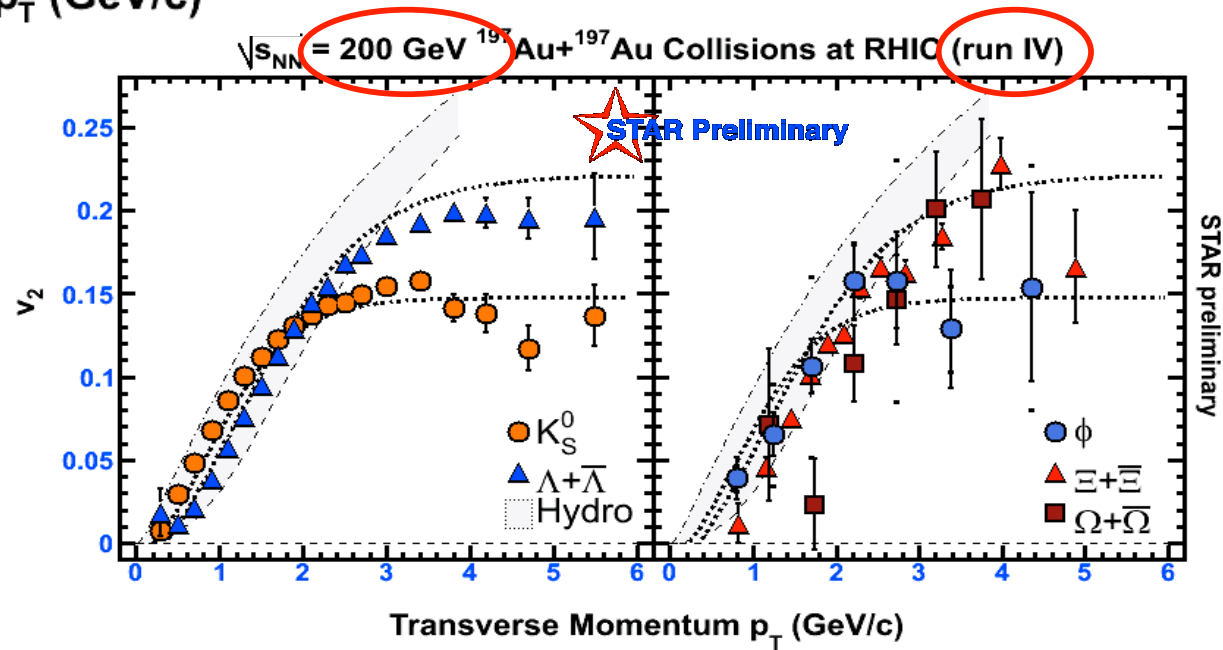
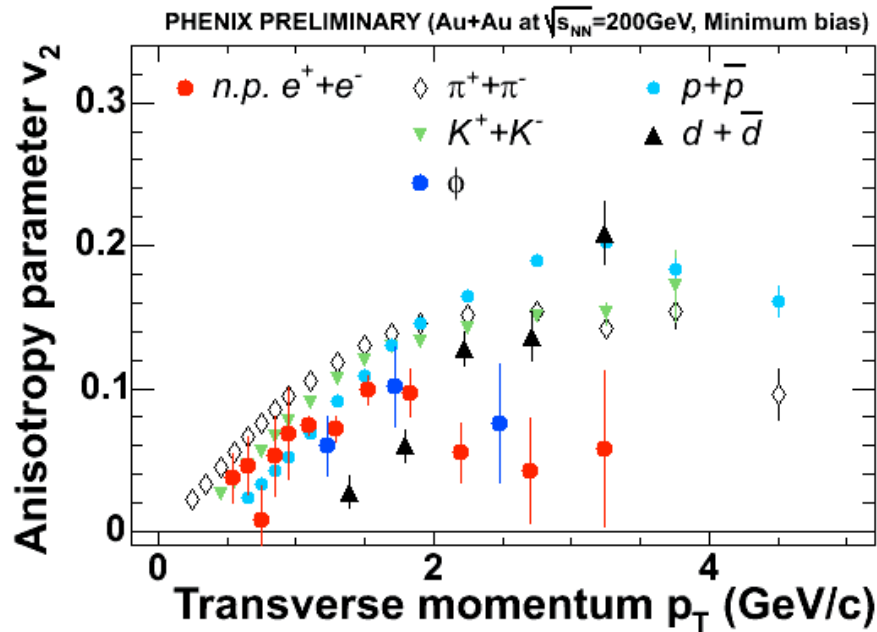
Test of N_{part} scaling



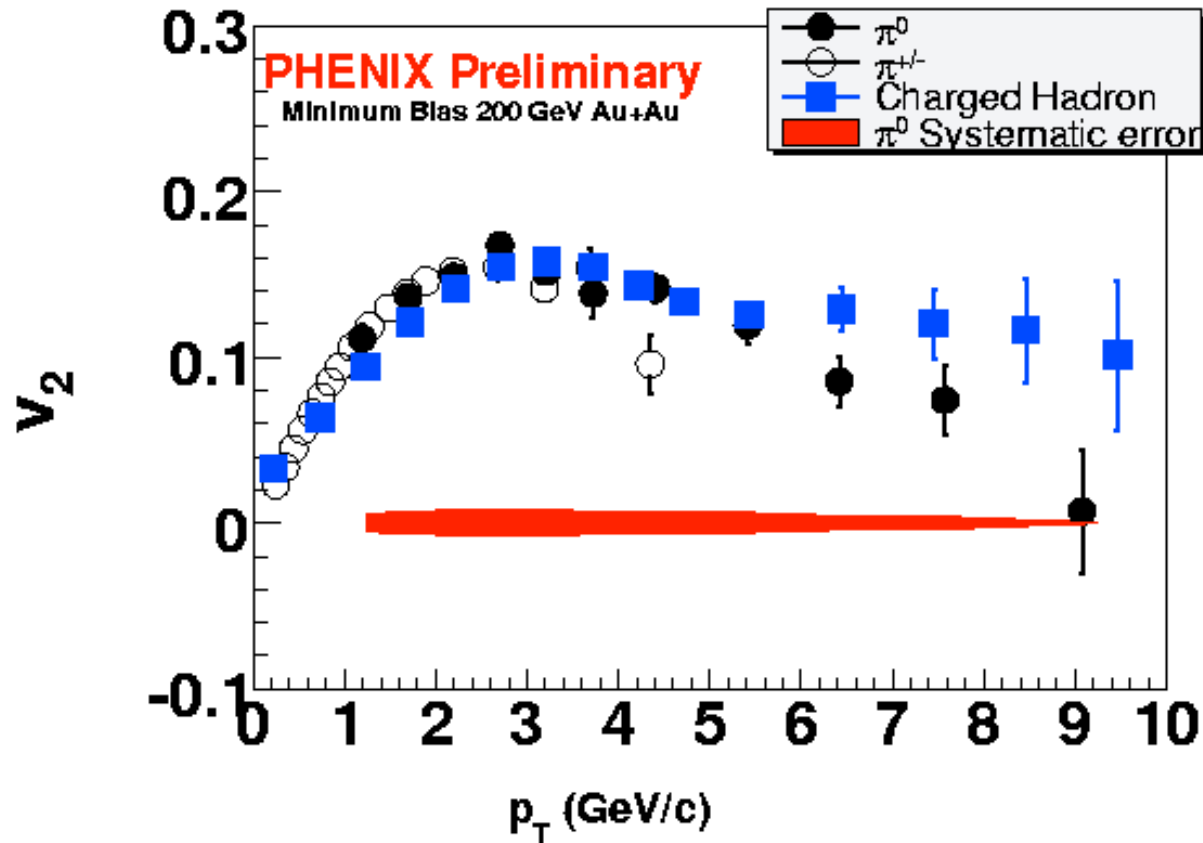
Is the J/ψ just another hadron?

ϕ , Ξ , Ω , d 'charm' flow

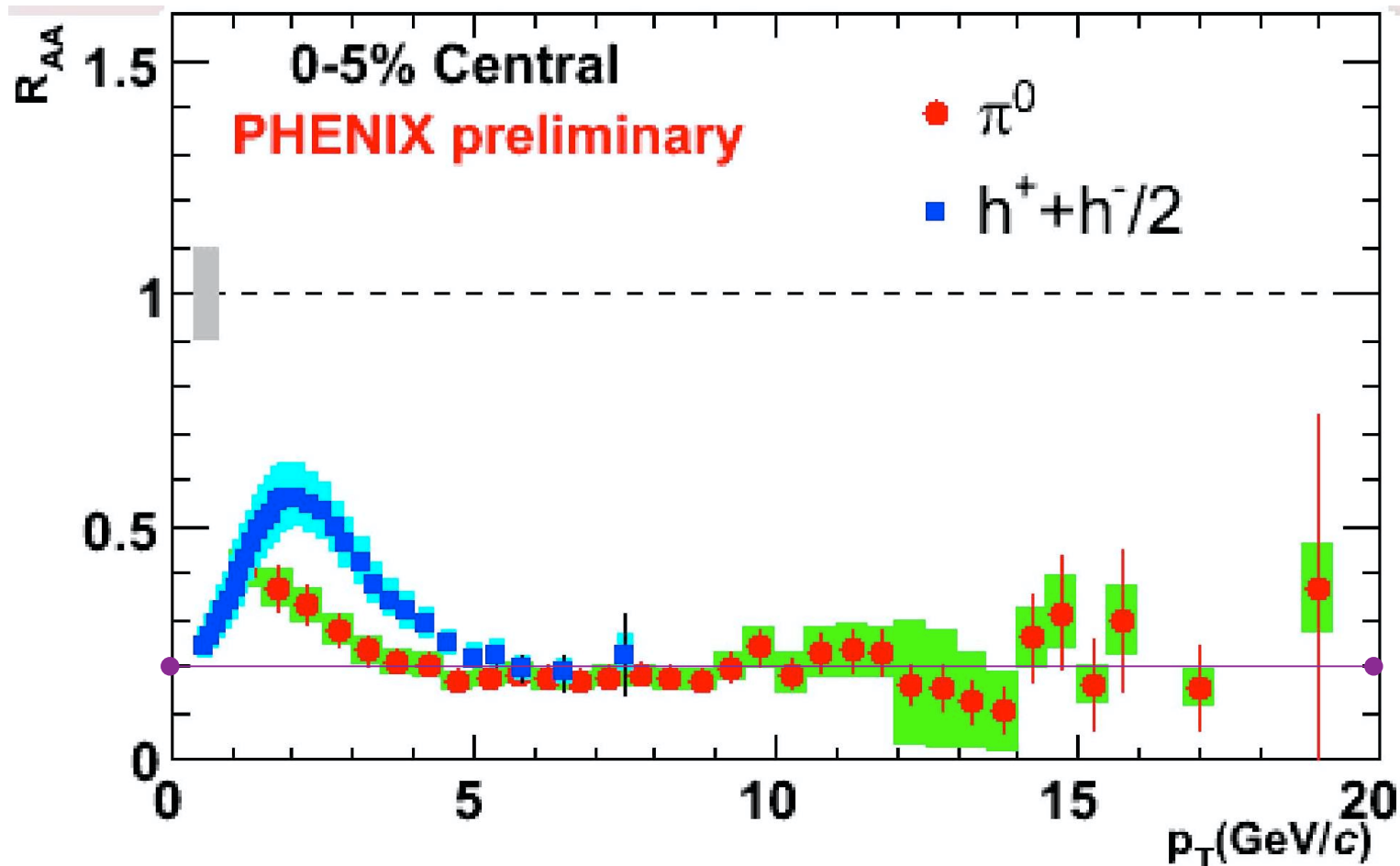
- ϕ flows $\Rightarrow$ flow not hadronic



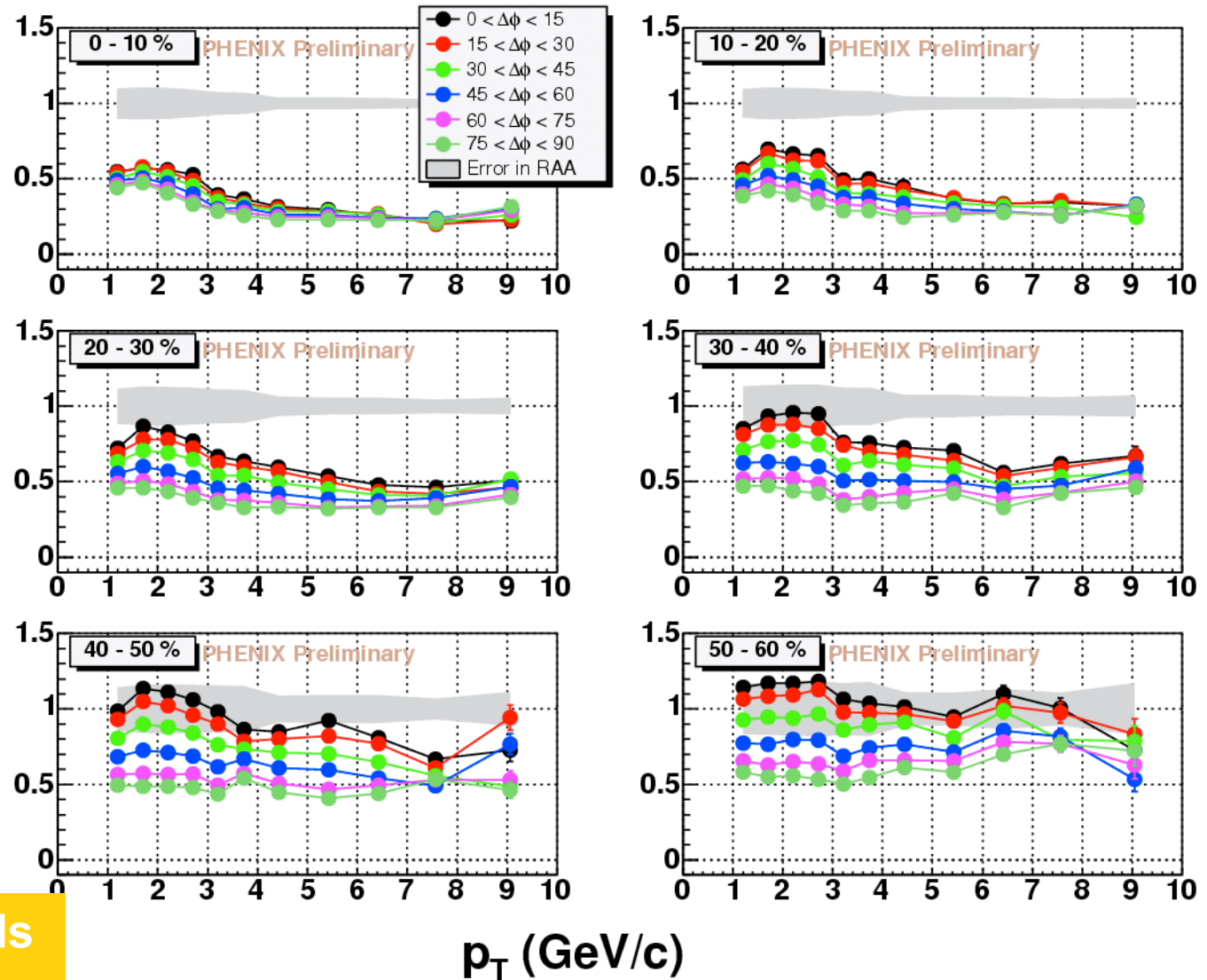
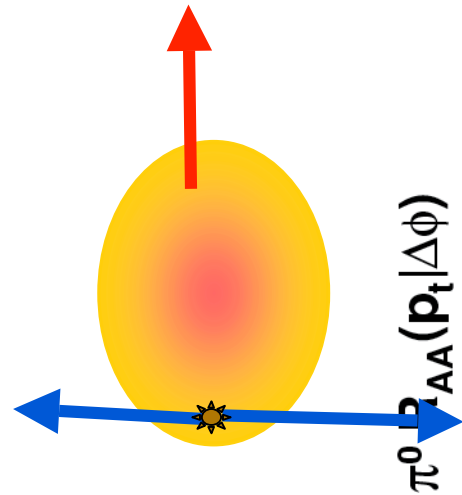
v_2 persists to high p_T



R_{AA} -- π^0 's still rule!

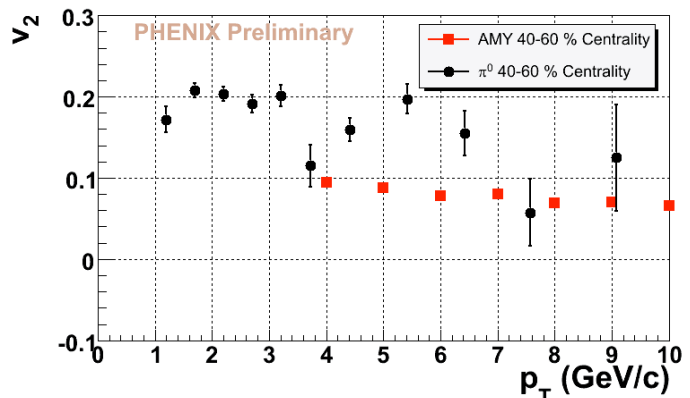
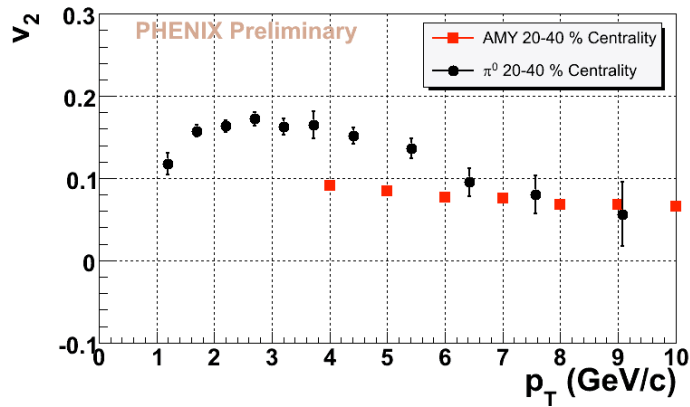
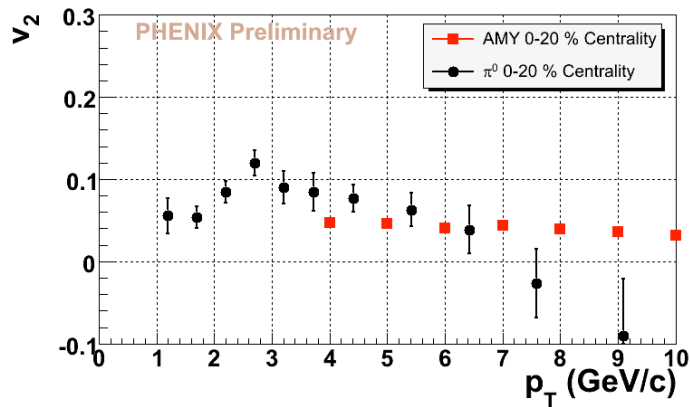


R_{AA} wrt reaction plane



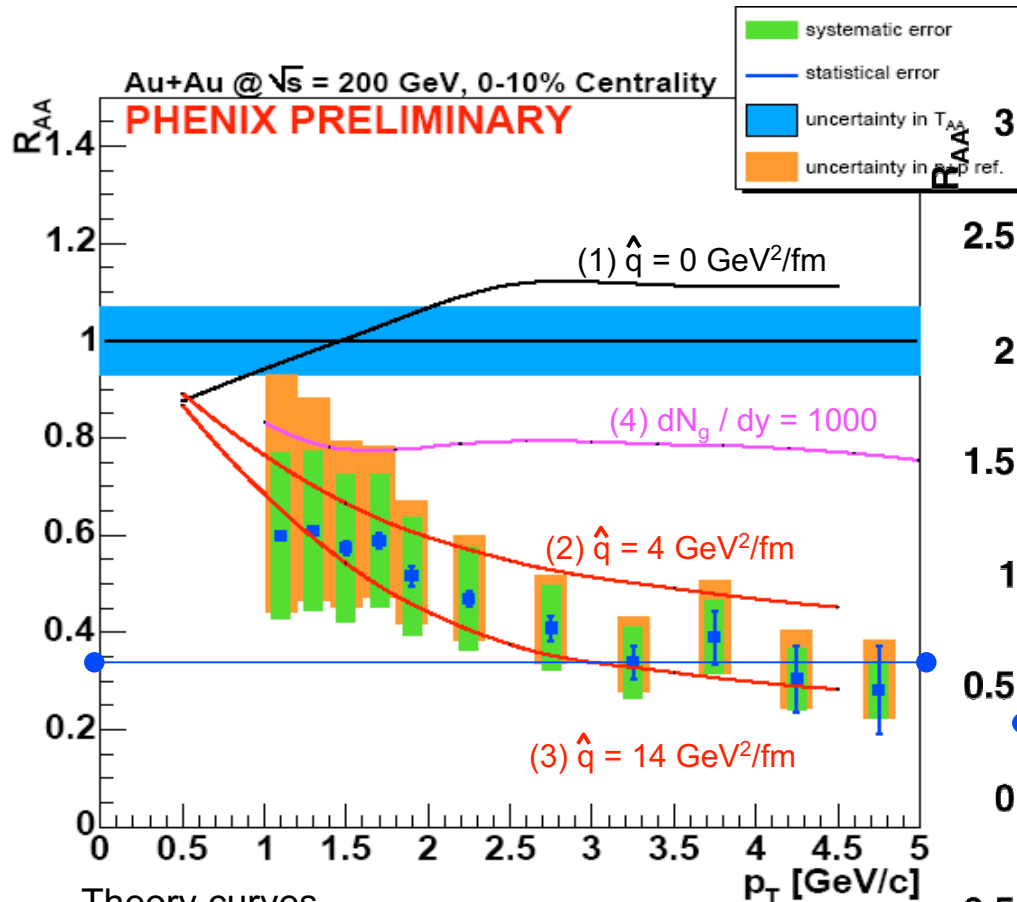
Energy loss depends on the path-length

π^0 v_2 Theory Comparison: AMY (Turbide et al.)



- Calculations based on Arnold, Moore, Yaffe (AMY) formalism
✓ JHEP 0305:51 2003
- Energy loss only (BDMS++)
- High- p_T
✓ v_2 appears to decrease to energy loss calculation
- Low(er)- p_T
✓ Something additional going on...
- While the data appear to approach the energy loss limit at high p_T , there is something extra going on in 3-6 GeV/c region

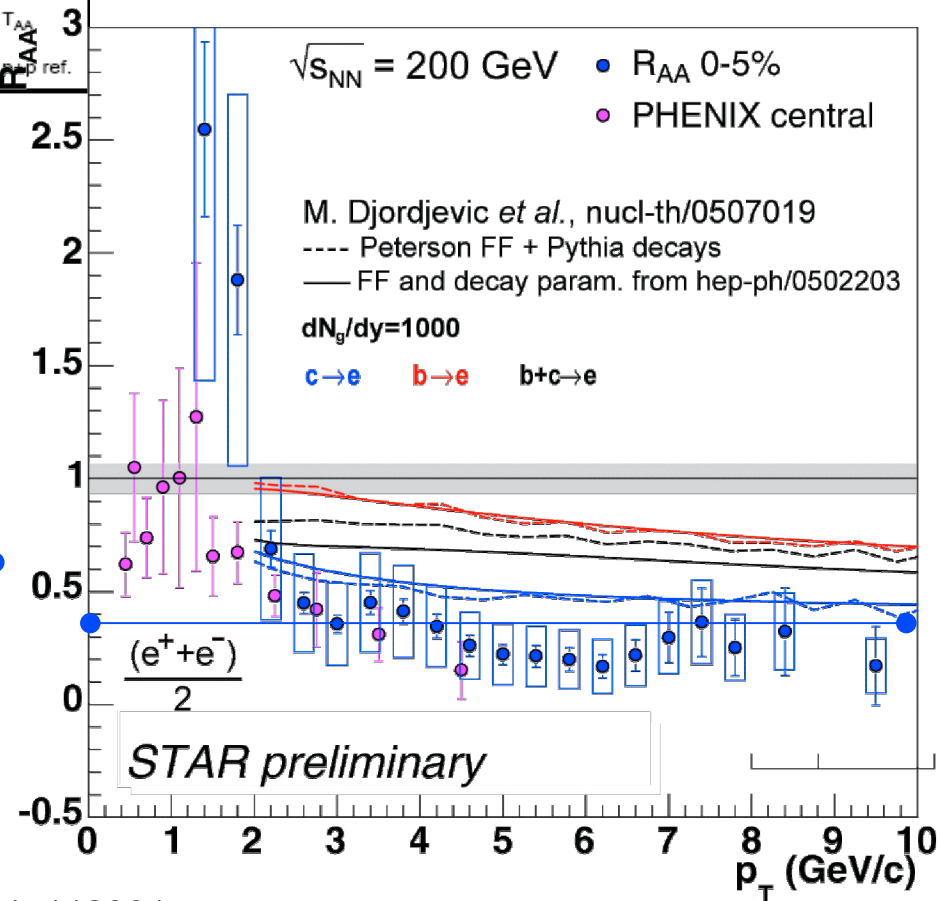
Is PHENIX or STAR more charming?



Theory curves

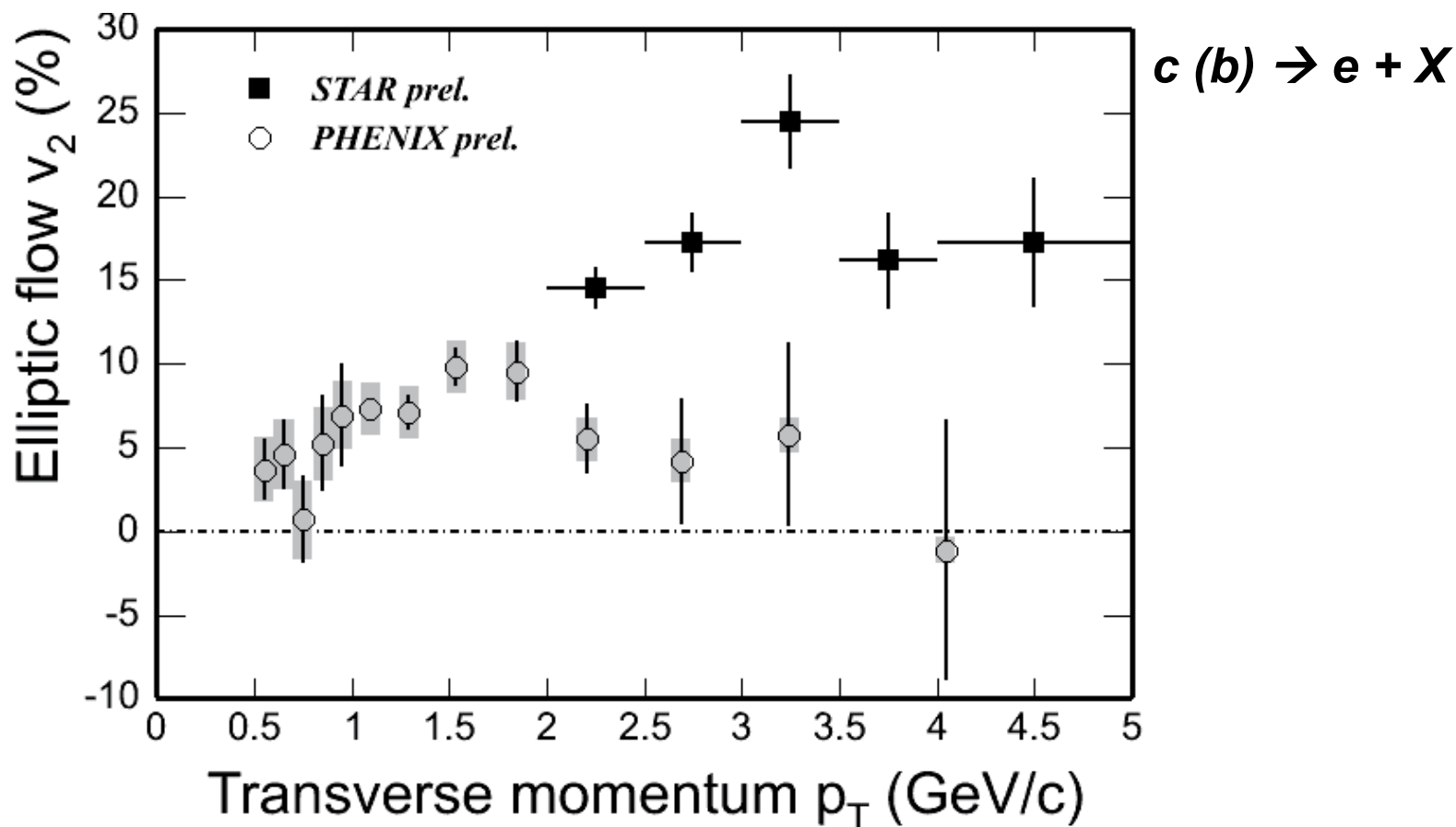
(1-3) from N. Armesto, *et al.*, PRD 71, 054027

(4) from M. Djordjevic, M. Gyulassy, S.Wicks, PRL 94, 112301



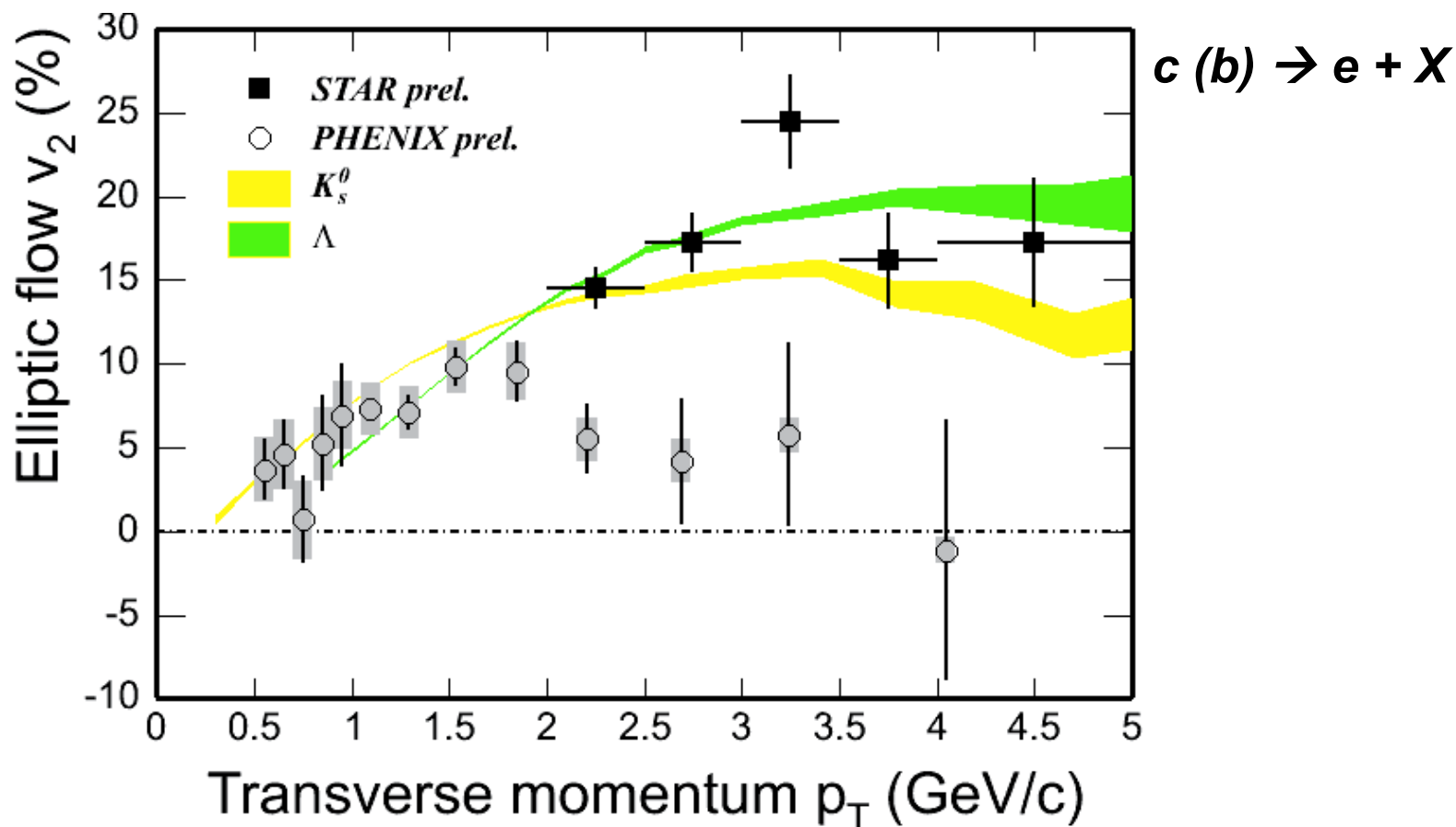
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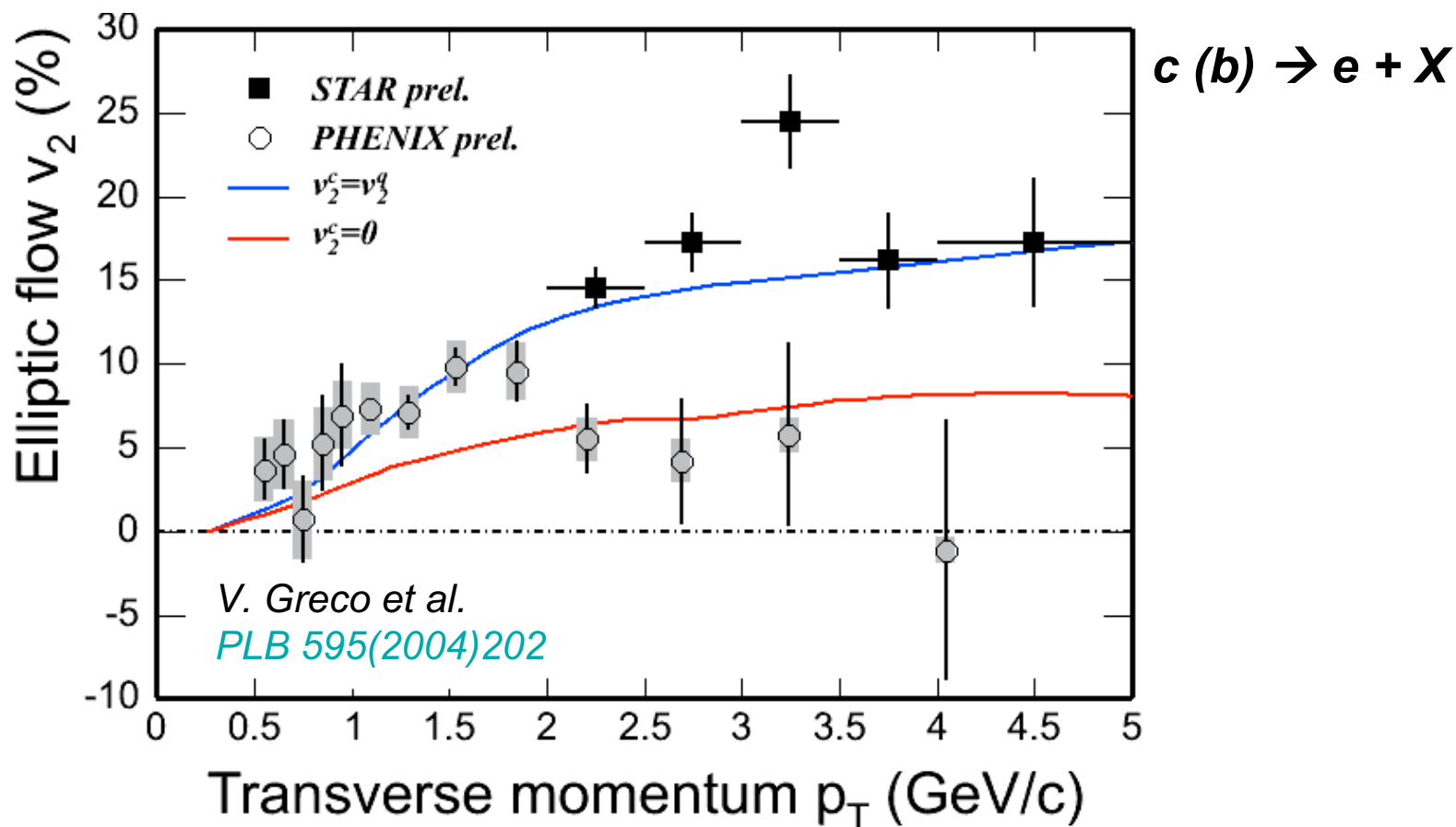
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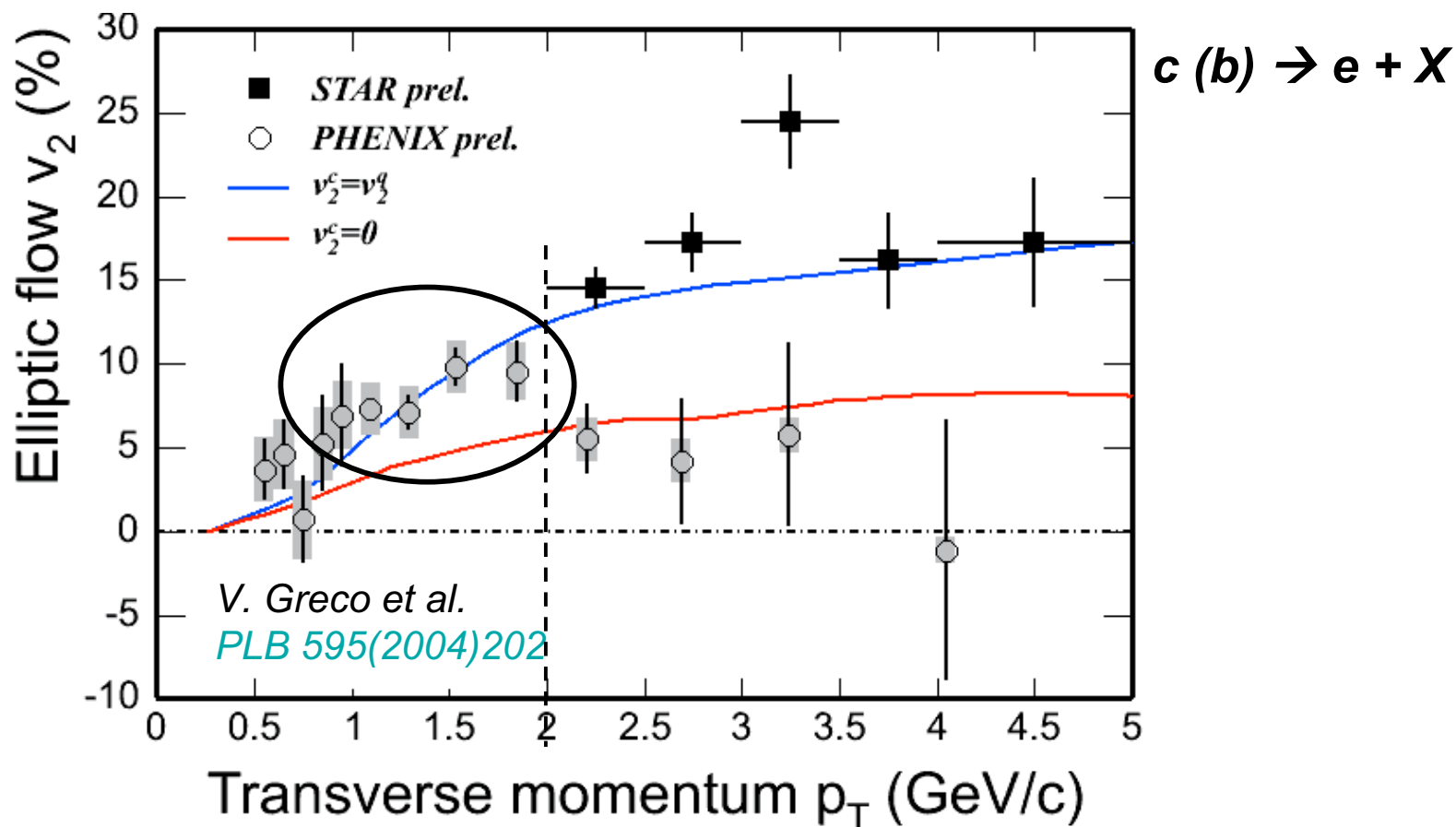
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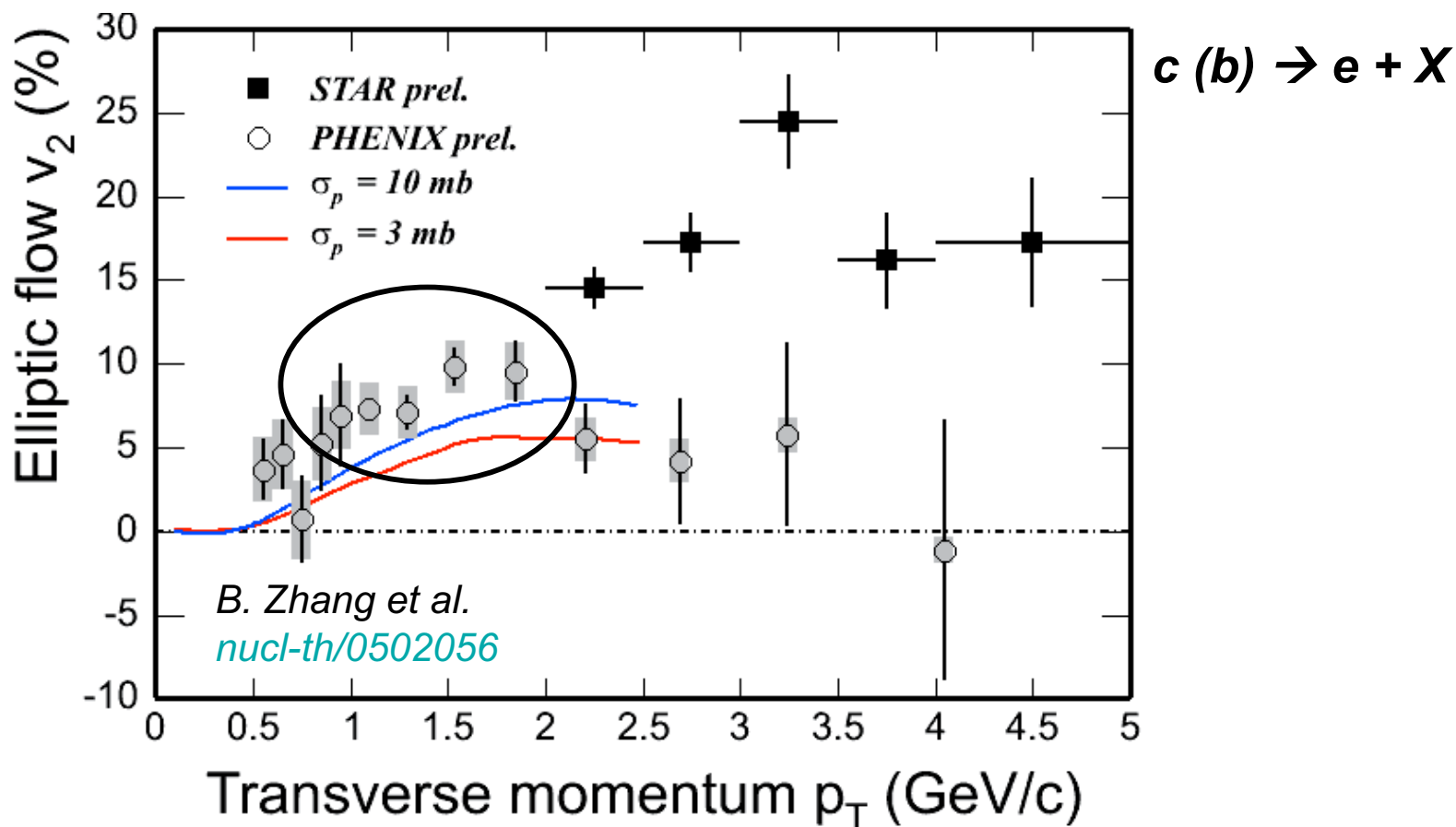
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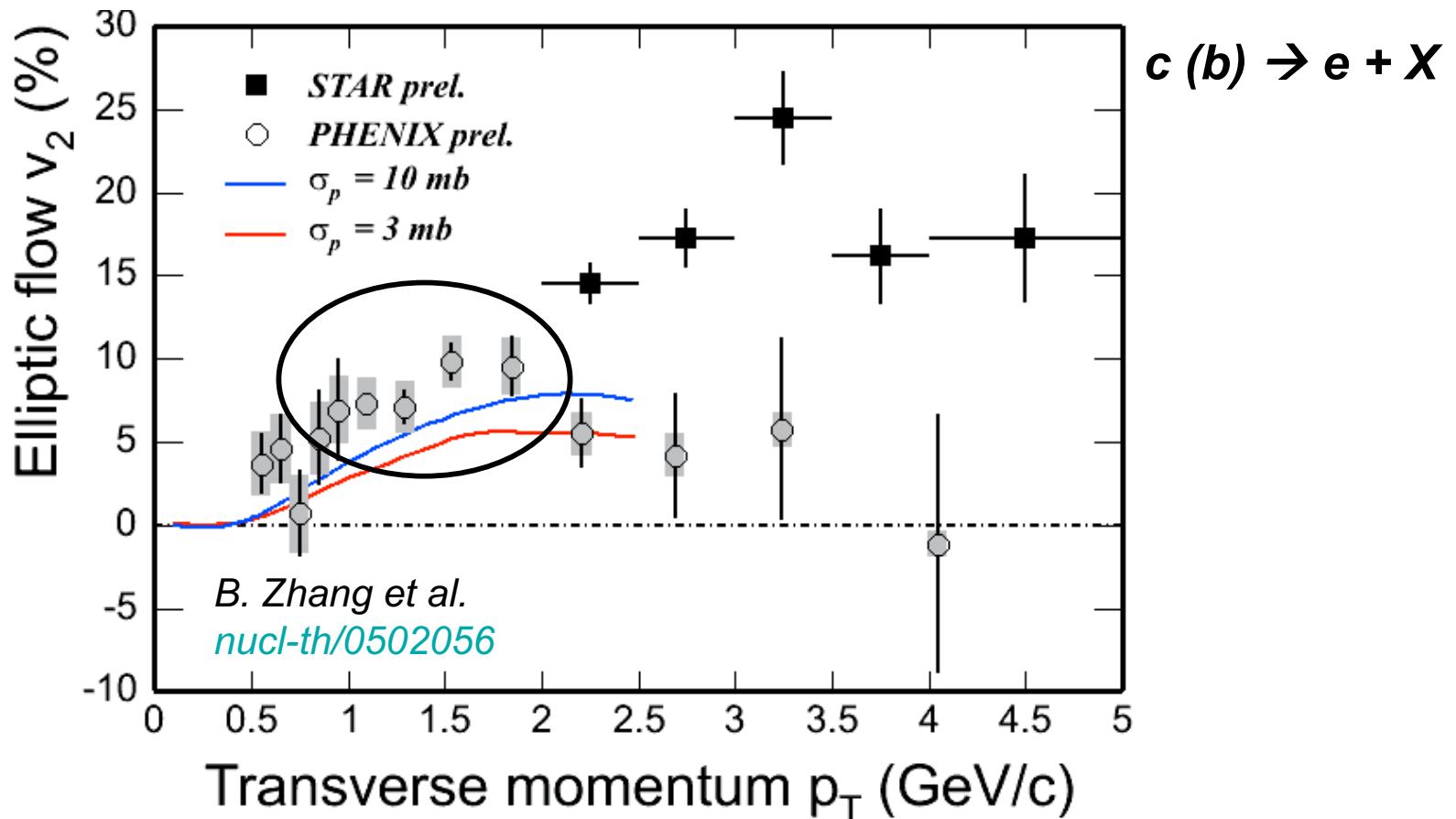
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- ❑ **Experimental data do not agree at $2 < p_T(e) < 5$ GeV/c!**
- ❑ **$v_2(e)$ favors non-zero $v_2(c)$ at $p_T(e) < 2$ GeV/c.**

PHENIX

NP Electron to Pion ratio p+p-MinBias

