Have we found the Quark Gluon Plasma at RHIC? Experimental evaluation by the PHENIX Collab.

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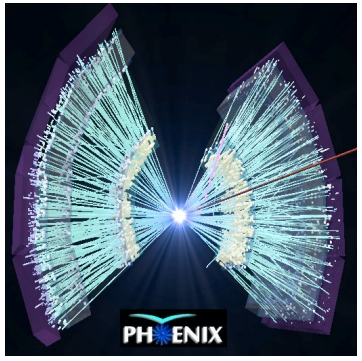

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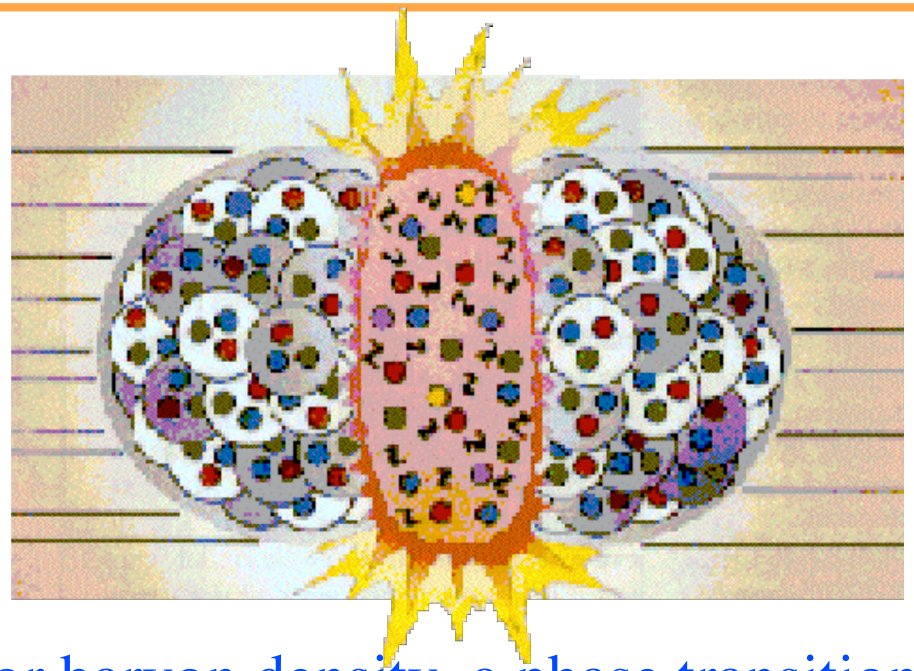
High Energy Nucleus-Collisions provide the means of creating Nuclear Matter in conditions of Extreme Temperature and Density



- 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

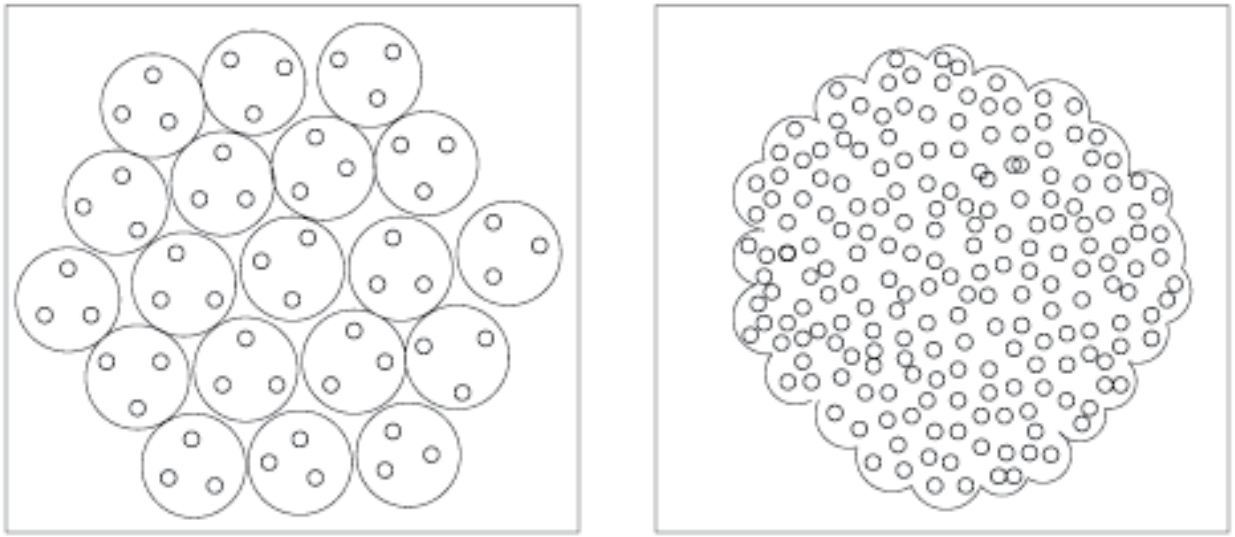


Figure 1. Strongly interacting matter as nuclear matter at a density of closely packed nucleons (*a*) and as quark matter at much higher density (*b*).

The Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)

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

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

- 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

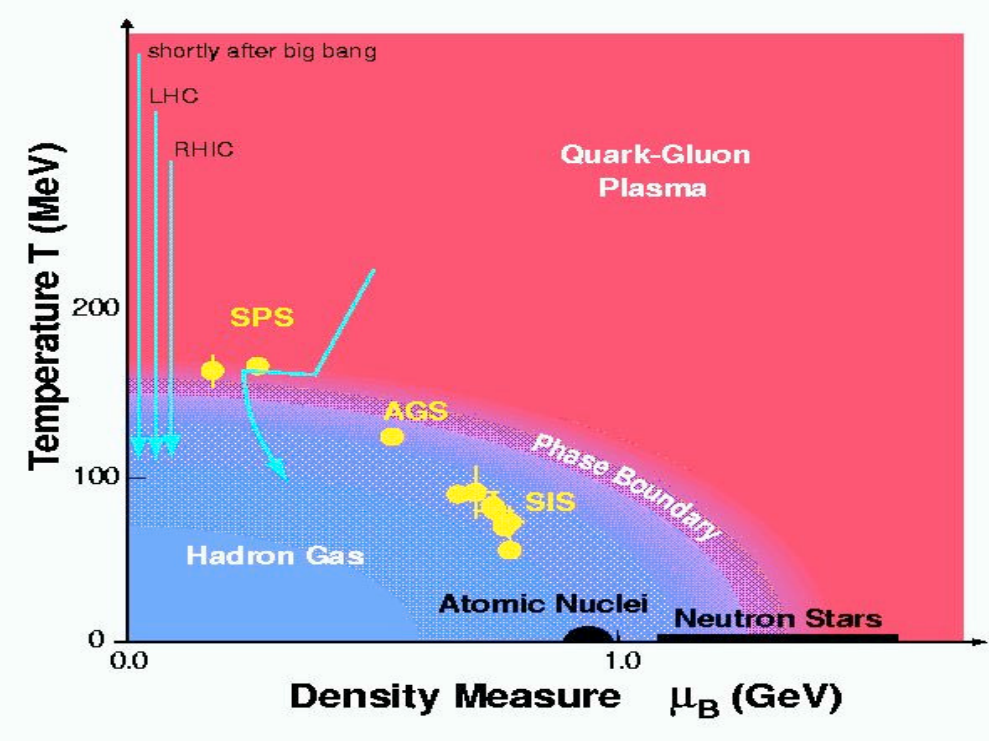
$$V = \frac{-4\,\alpha_s}{3\,r} + \sigma\, r \Rightarrow \frac{-4\,\alpha_s}{3\,r}\, e^{-\mu(T)} + \sigma\, \frac{(1 - e^{-\mu(T) r})}{\mu(T)}$$

- 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

The Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)

- The state should be in chemical (particle type) and thermal equilibrium $\langle p_T \rangle \sim T$

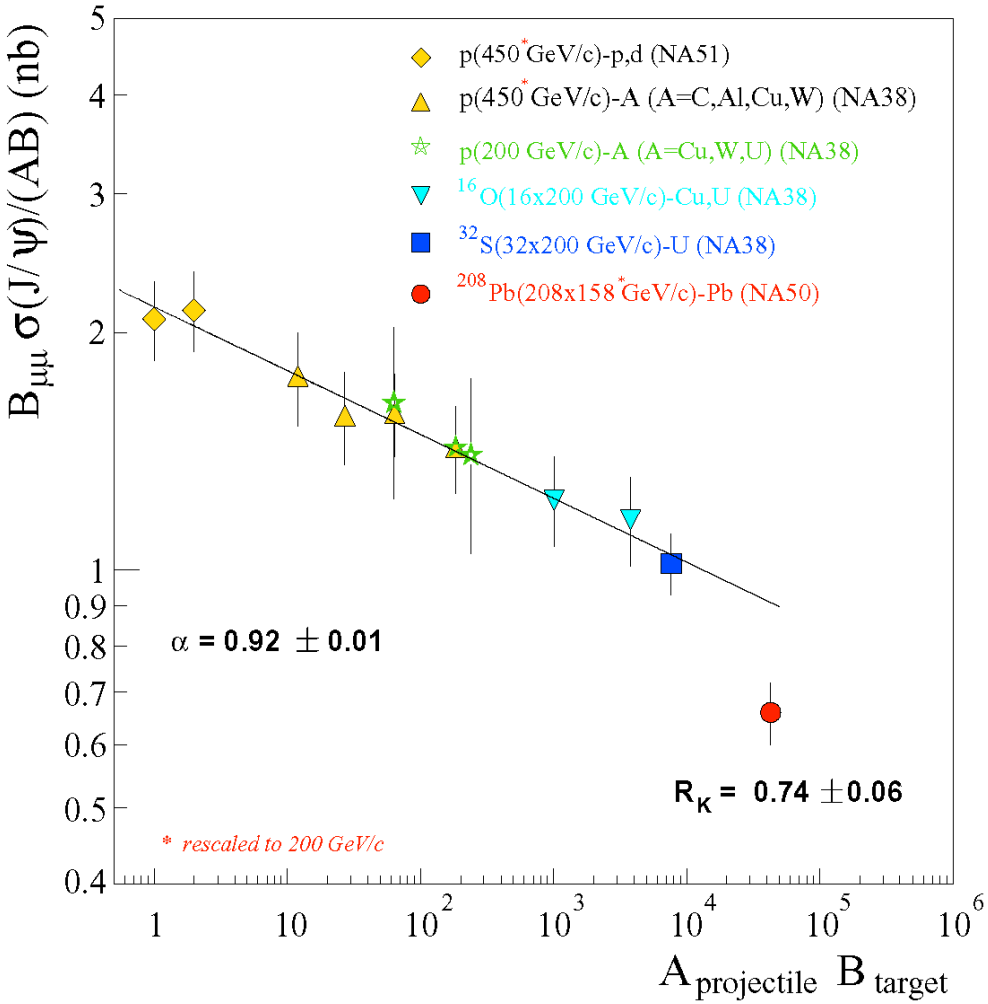
- The major problem is to relate the thermodynamic properties, Temperature, energy density, entropy of the QGP or hot nuclear matter to properties that can be measured in the lab.



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.

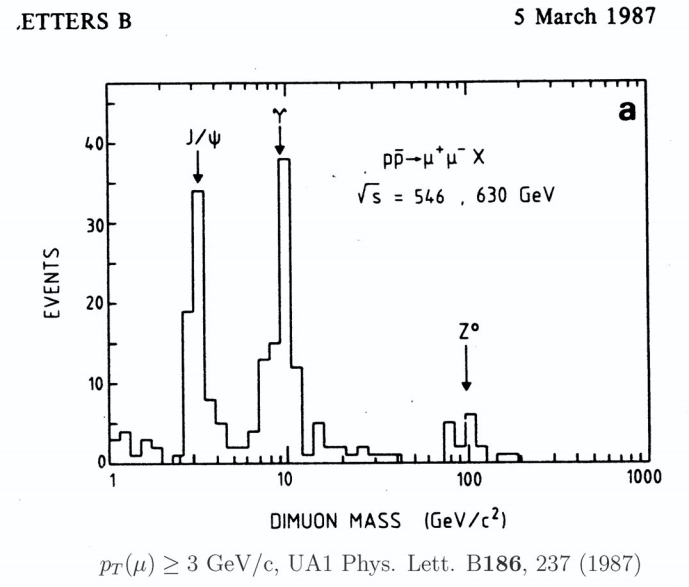
- This is CERN's claim to fame: but the situation is complicated because J/ψ are suppressed in p+A collisions. [NA50 collaboration, M.C. Abreu, et al., PL**B 477**, 28 (2000)]



How to discover the QGP-1990-91

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

The Road To Success in HEP

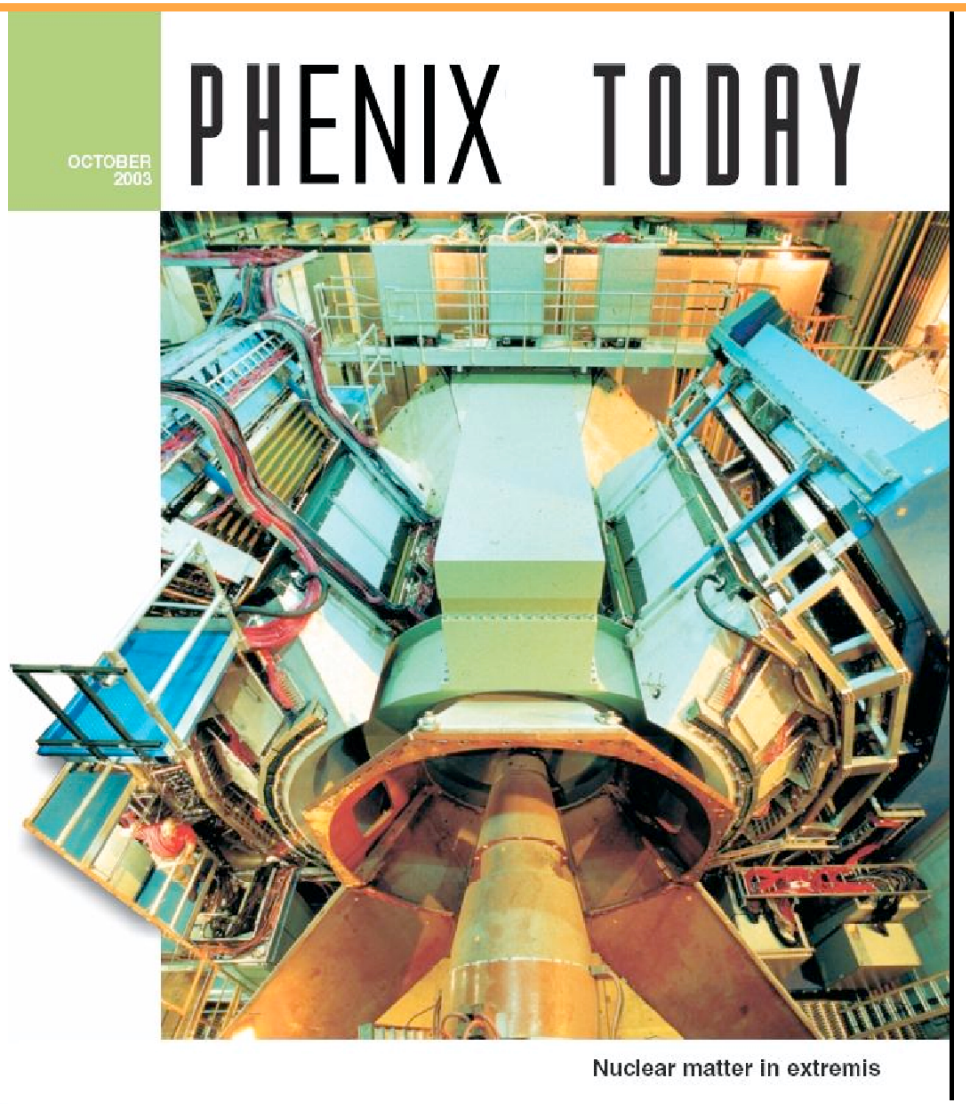


$p_T(\mu) \geq 3$ GeV/c, UA1 Phys. Lett. B**186**, 237 (1987)

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 ⇒ 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)

"Mike, is there a `real collider detector' at RHIC?---J. Steinberger "



- **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?

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RHIC
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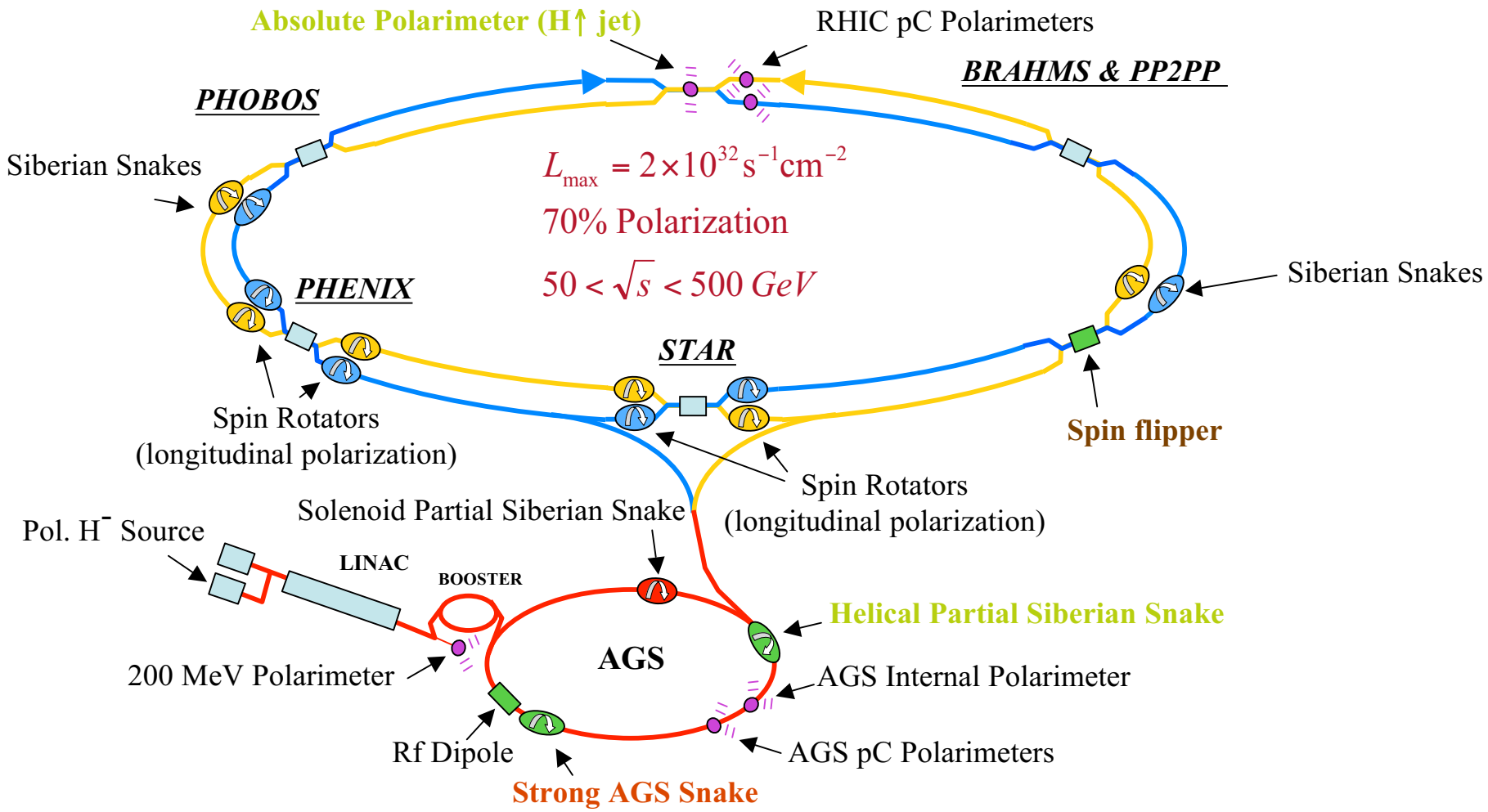
RHIC: RHI+polarized p-p collider



- Installed and commissioned during FY04 run
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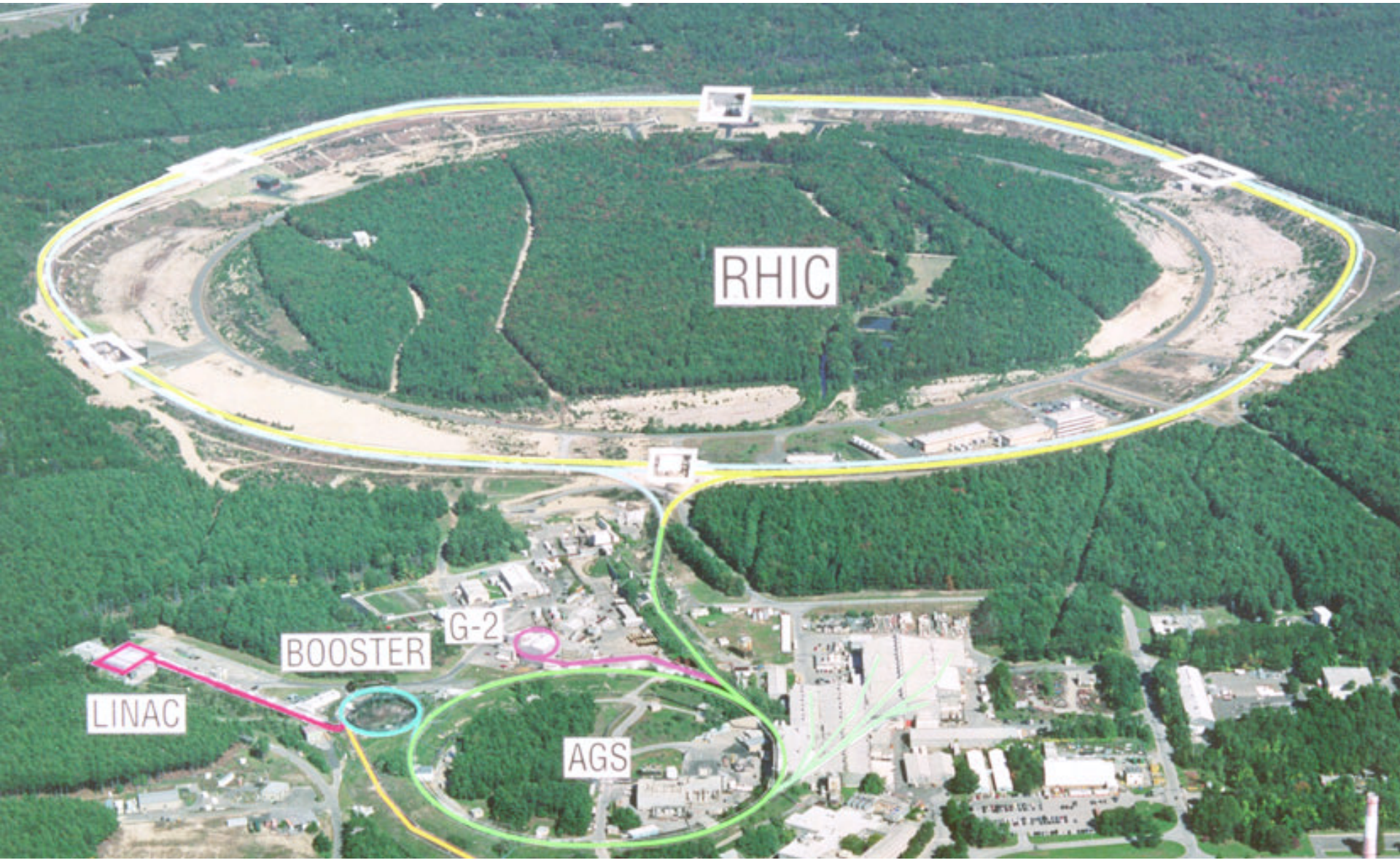
RHIC: Experiments



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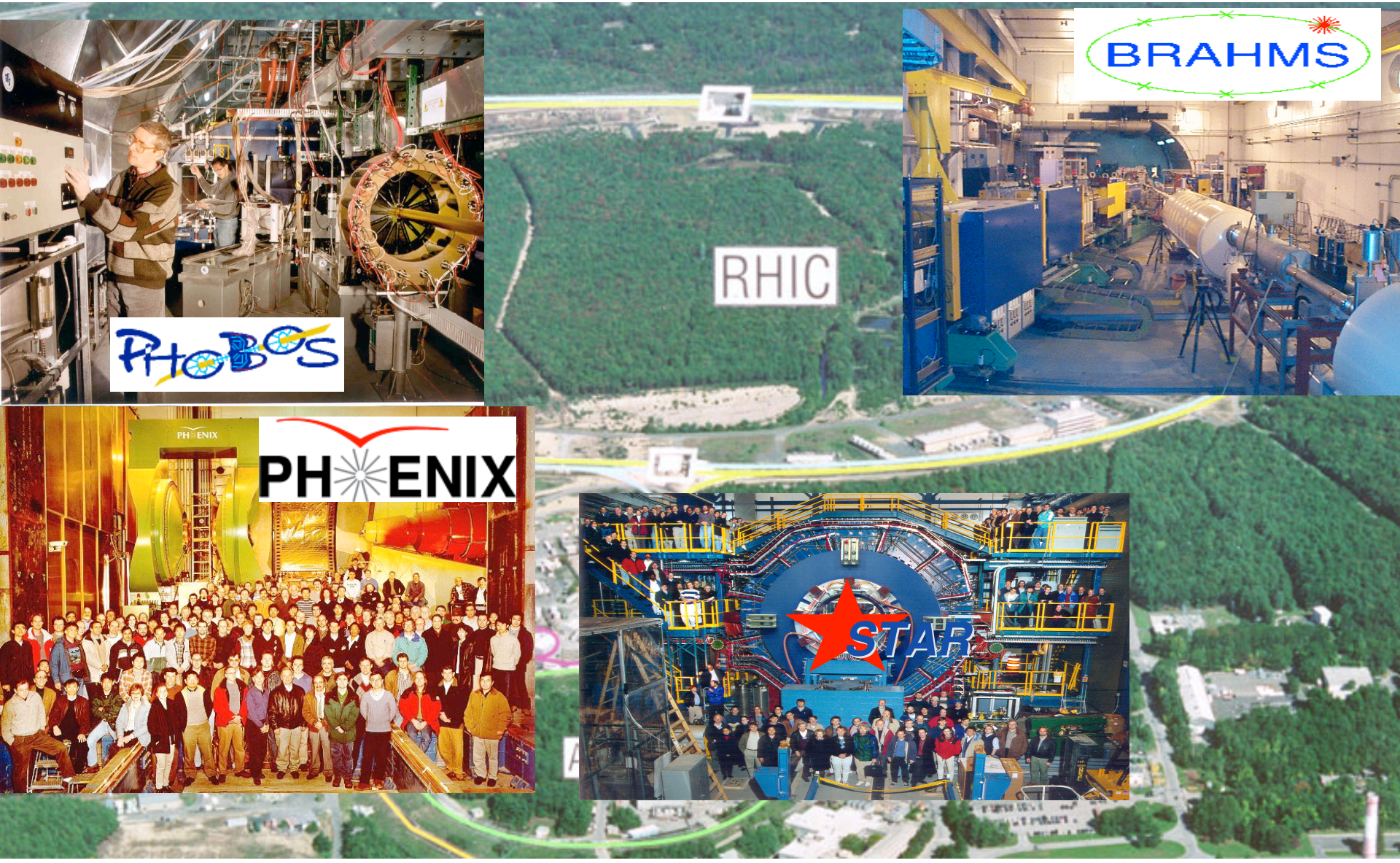
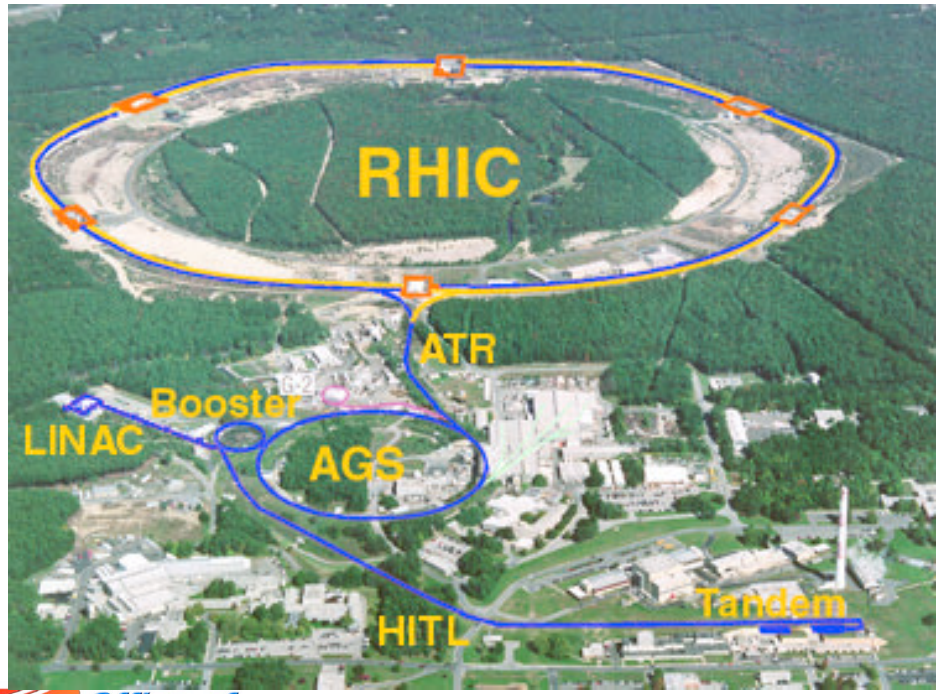


RHIC: Experiments

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 $L_{max} = 2 \times 10^{26}$ cm^{-2} s^{-1}
two independent rings ---> p+Au, d+Au, etc.



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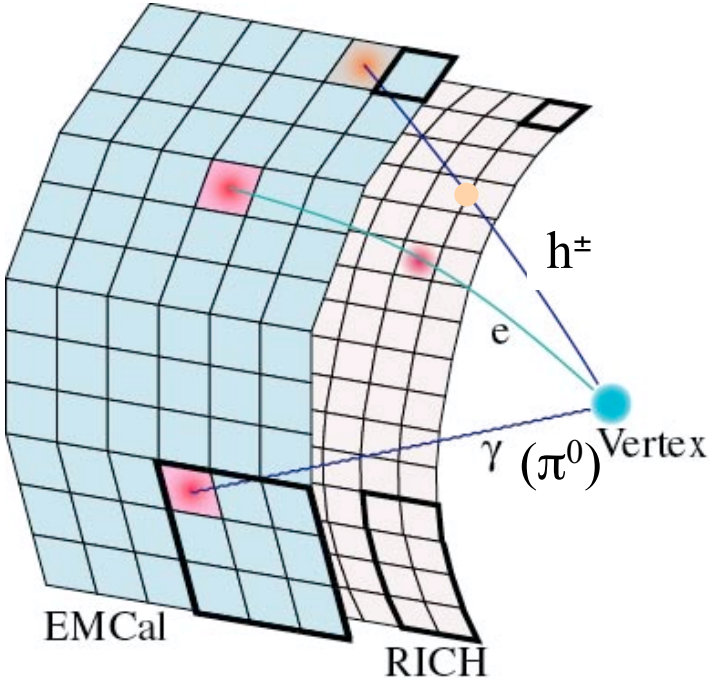
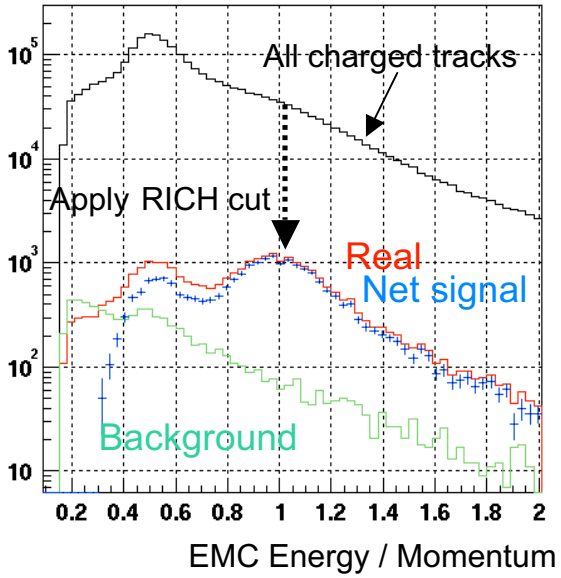
Detecting electrons means detecting all particles=PHENIX





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  - reconstructs π^0 from 2 photons. Measures decent Time of Flight
  - hadrons deposit Minimum Ionization, or higher if they interact
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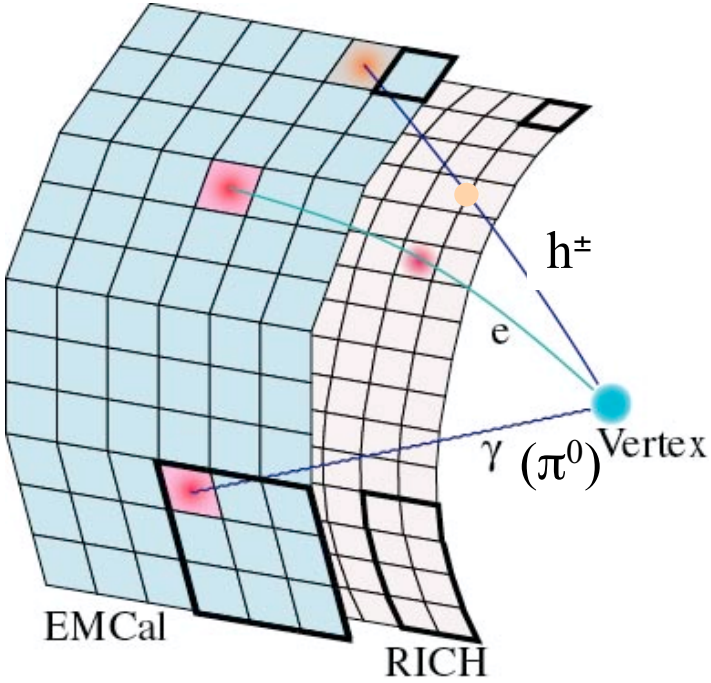

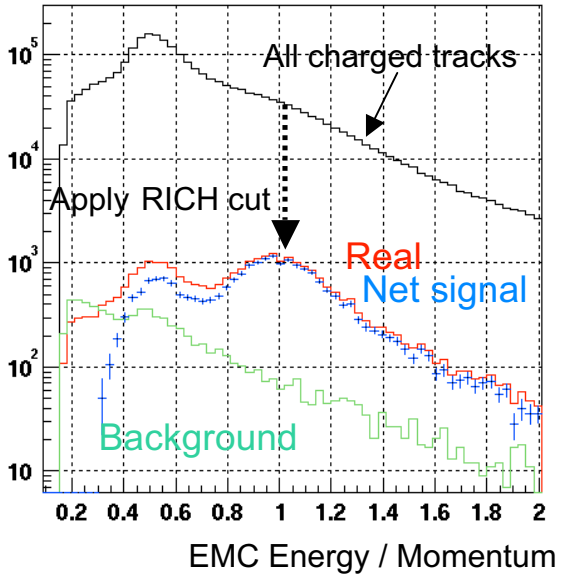

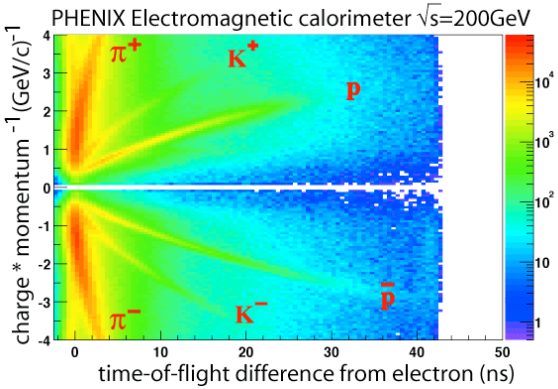

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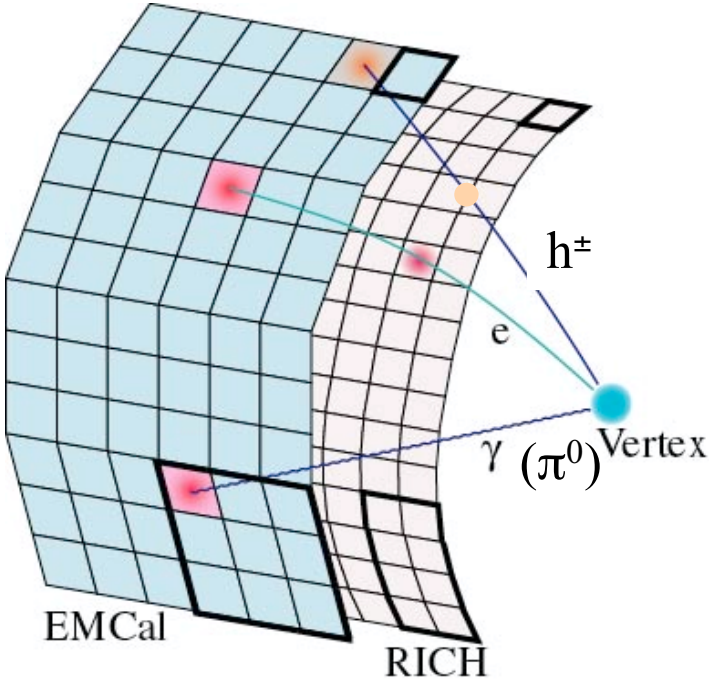

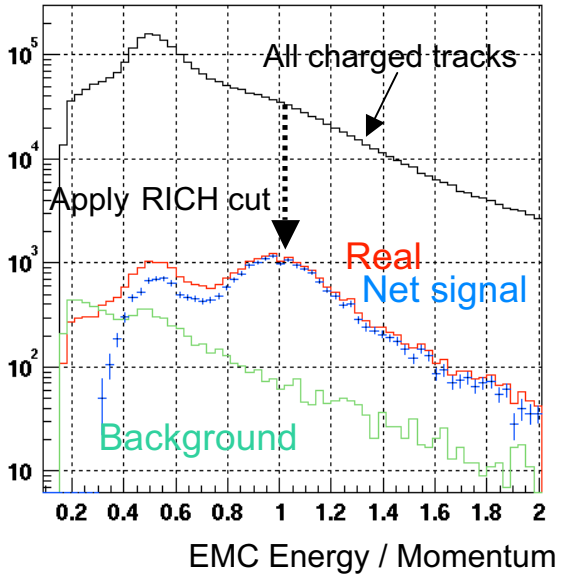

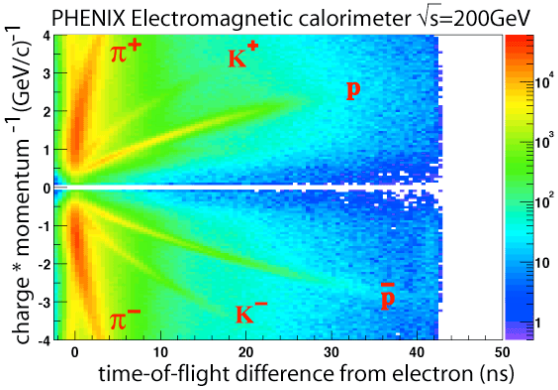

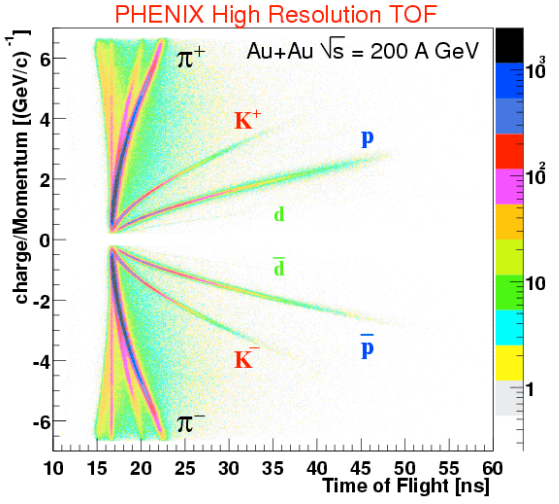

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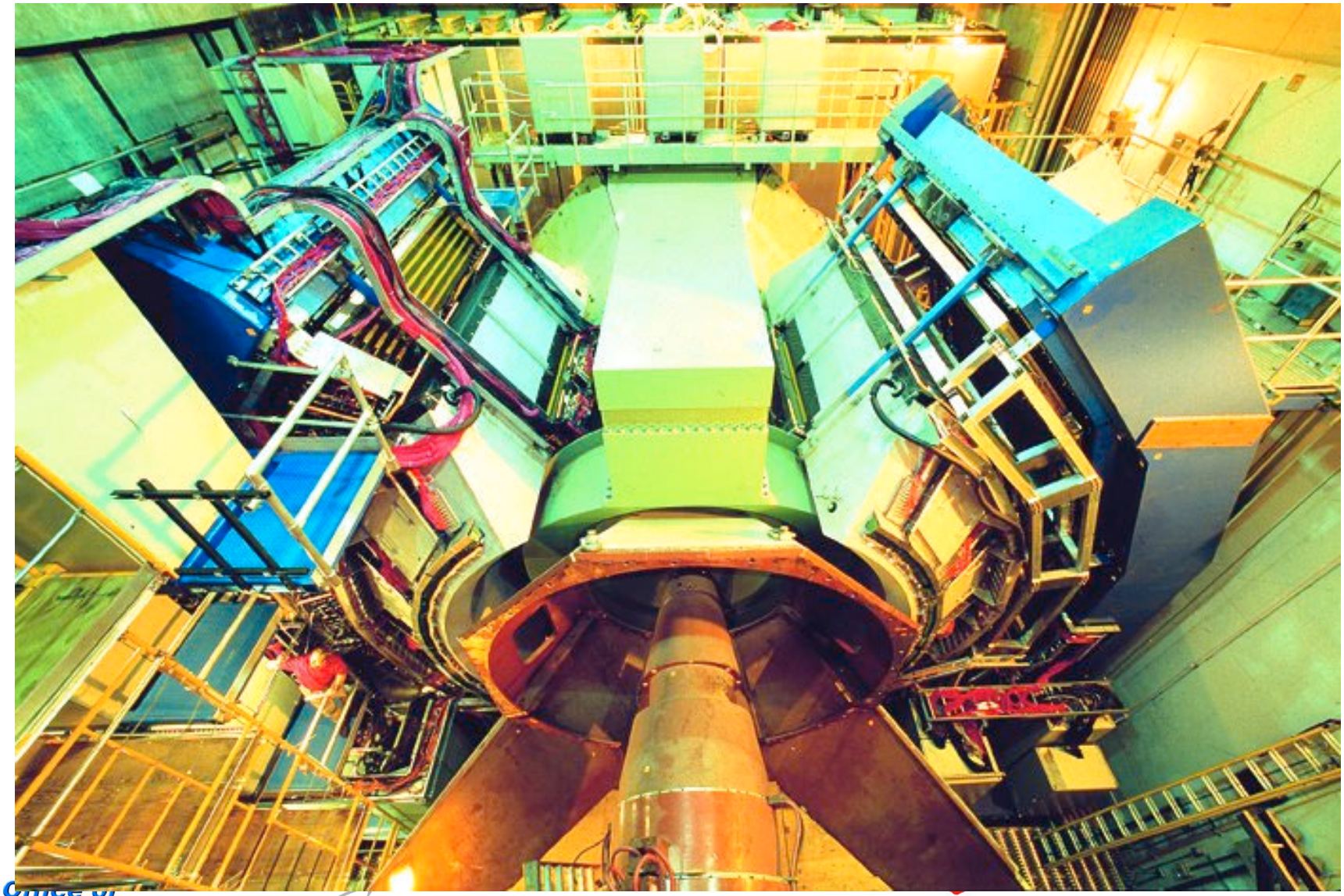

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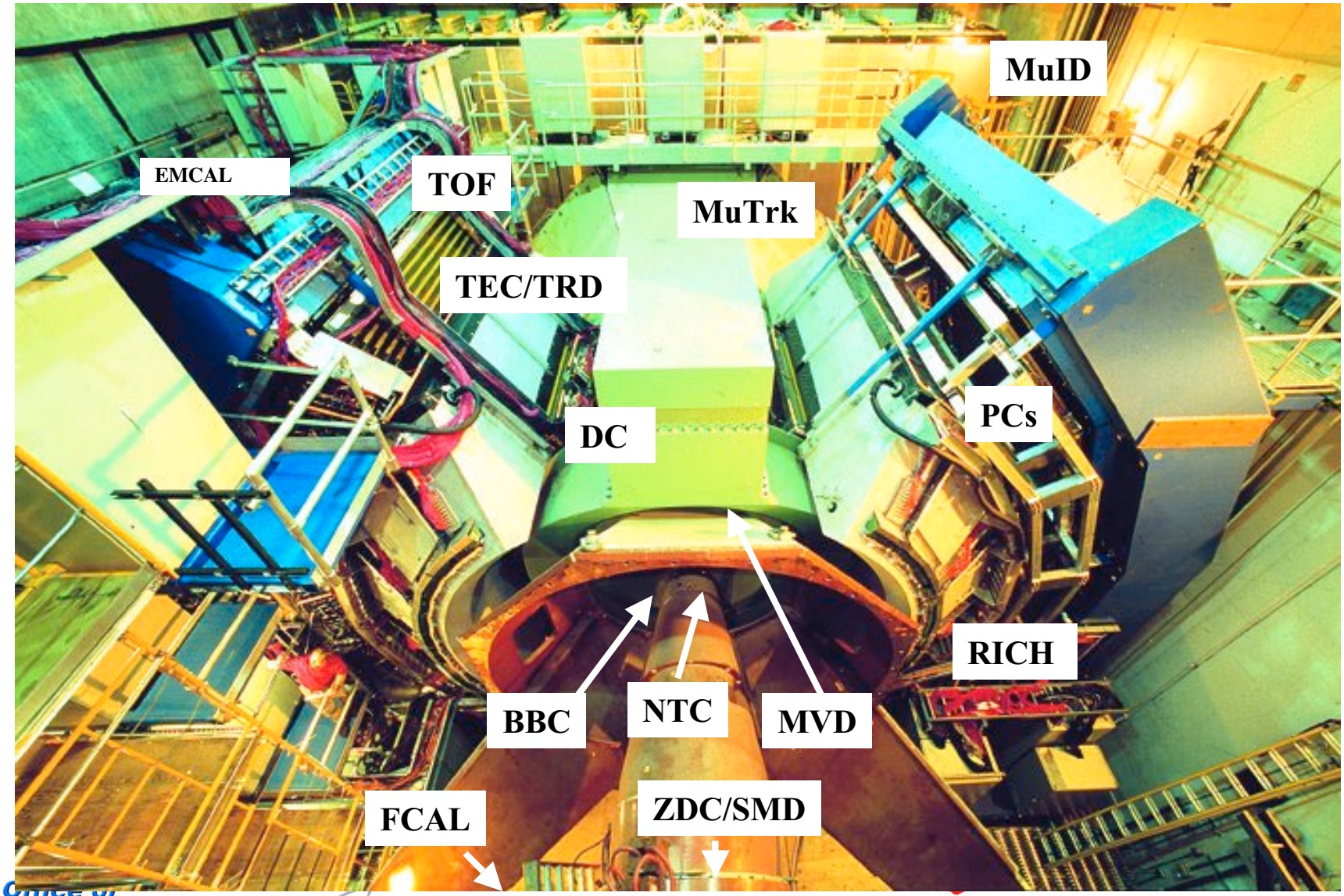
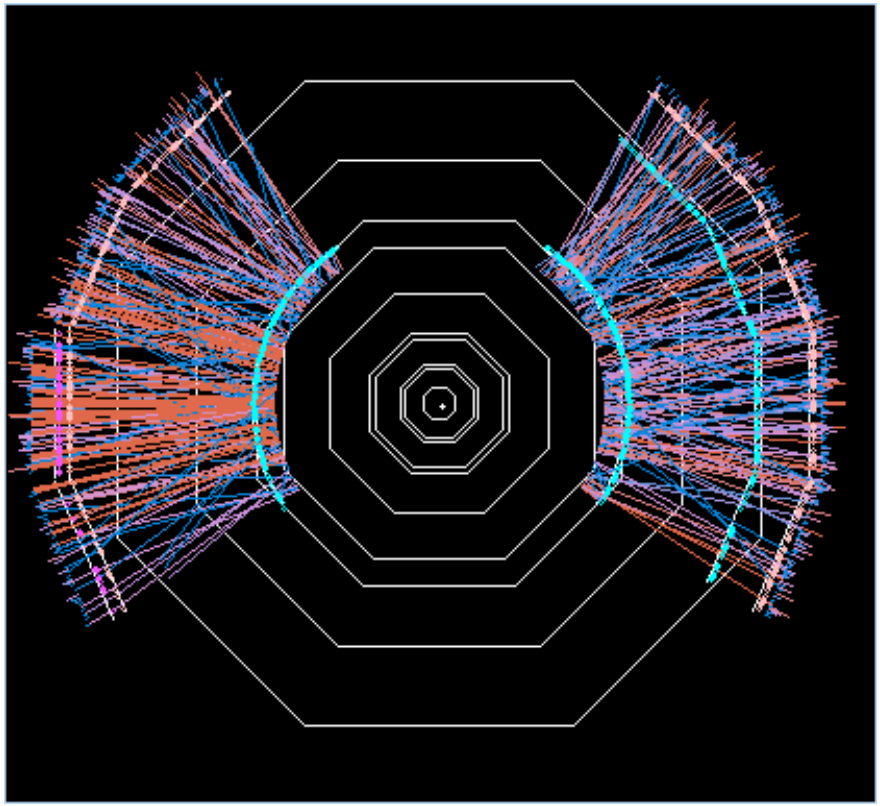
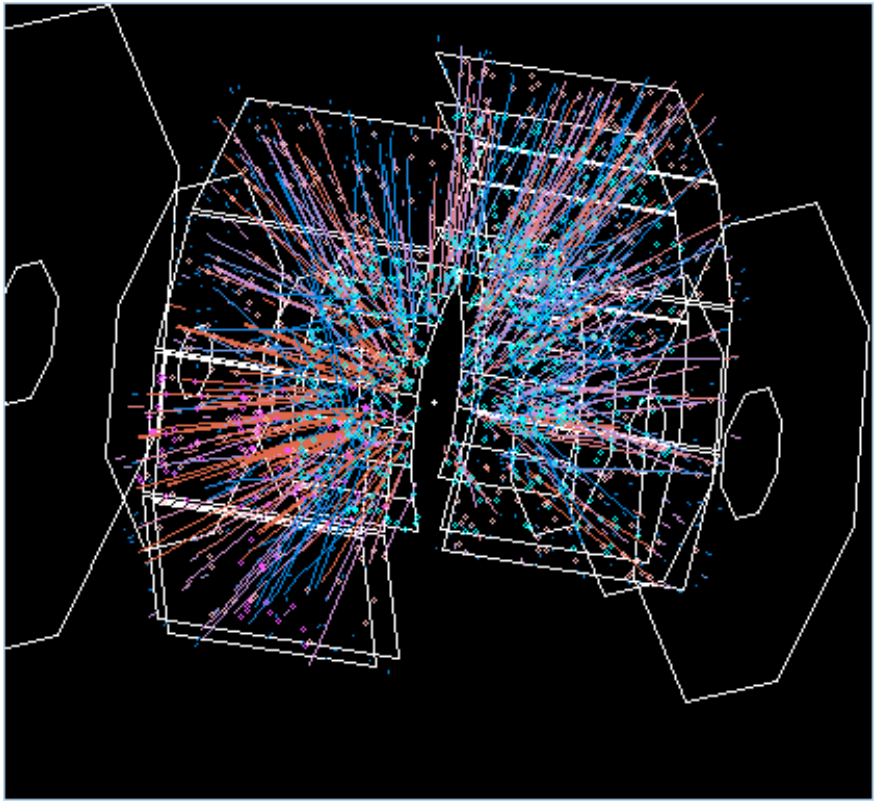


Example of a central Au+Au event at $\sqrt{s_{nn}}$ =200 GeV

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

cf. 2.5 for p-p collisions





Run-1 to Run-4 Capsule History

Run	Year	Species	$s^{1/2}$ [GeV]	∫Ldt	N_{tot}	p-p Equivalent	Data Size
01	2000	Au+Au	130	1 μb^{-1}	10M	0.04 pb^{-1}	3 TB
02	2001/2002	Au+Au	200	24 μb^{-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 μb^{-1}	1.5G	10.0 pb^{-1}	270 TB
		Au+Au	62	9 μb^{-1}	58M	0.36 pb^{-1}	10 TB

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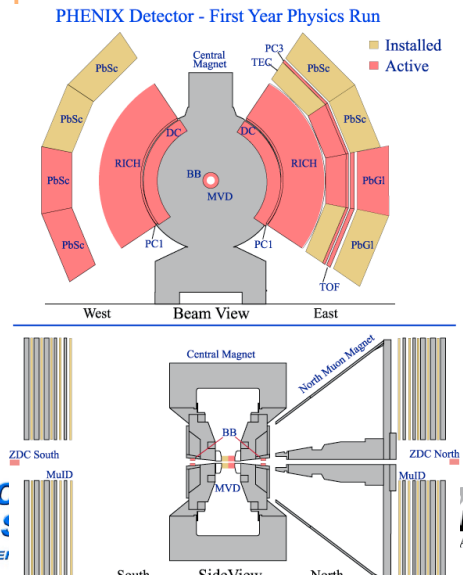

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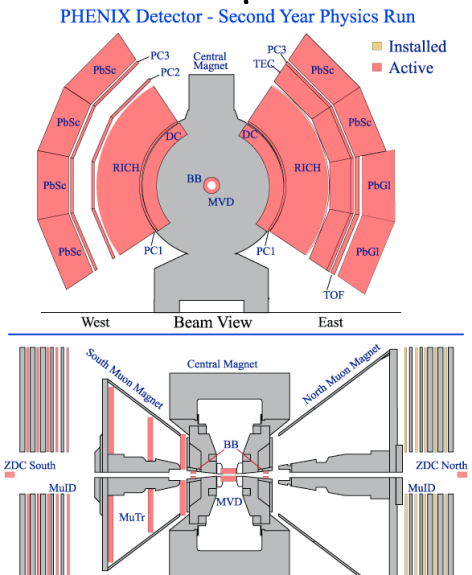

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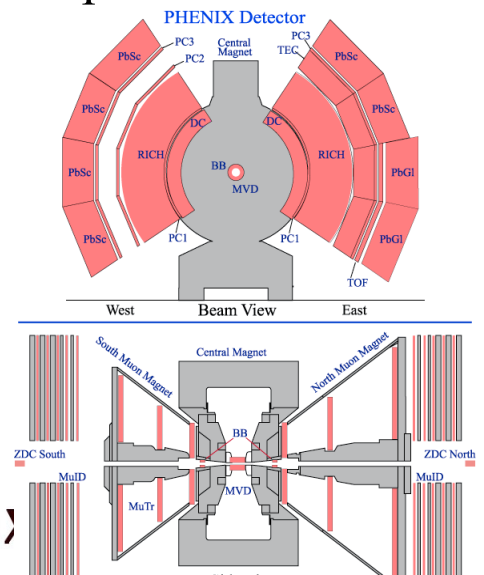
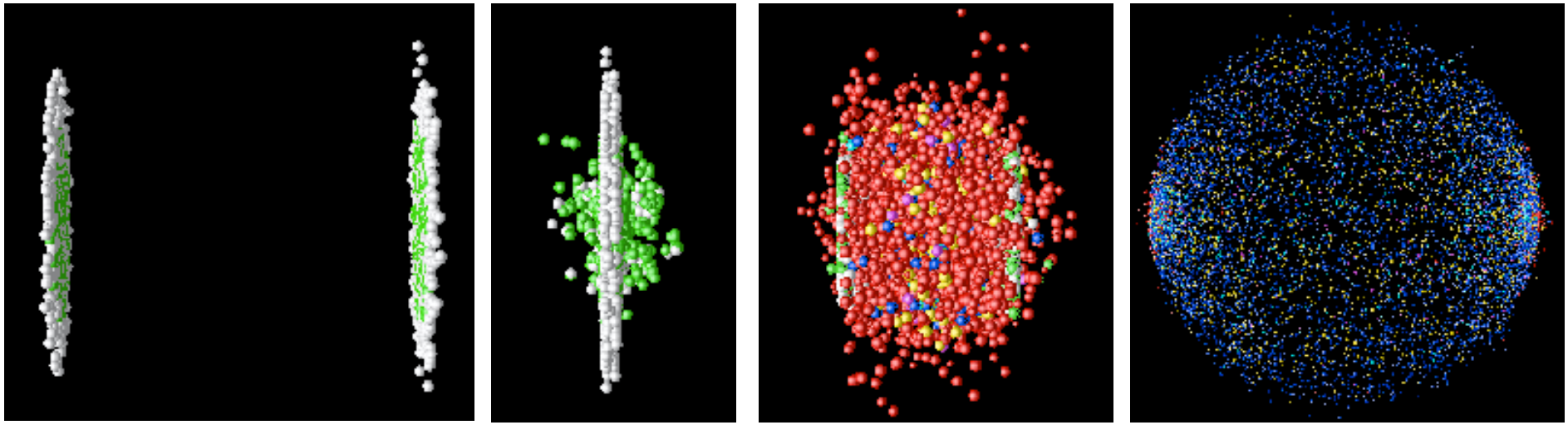


Spacetime evolution is important



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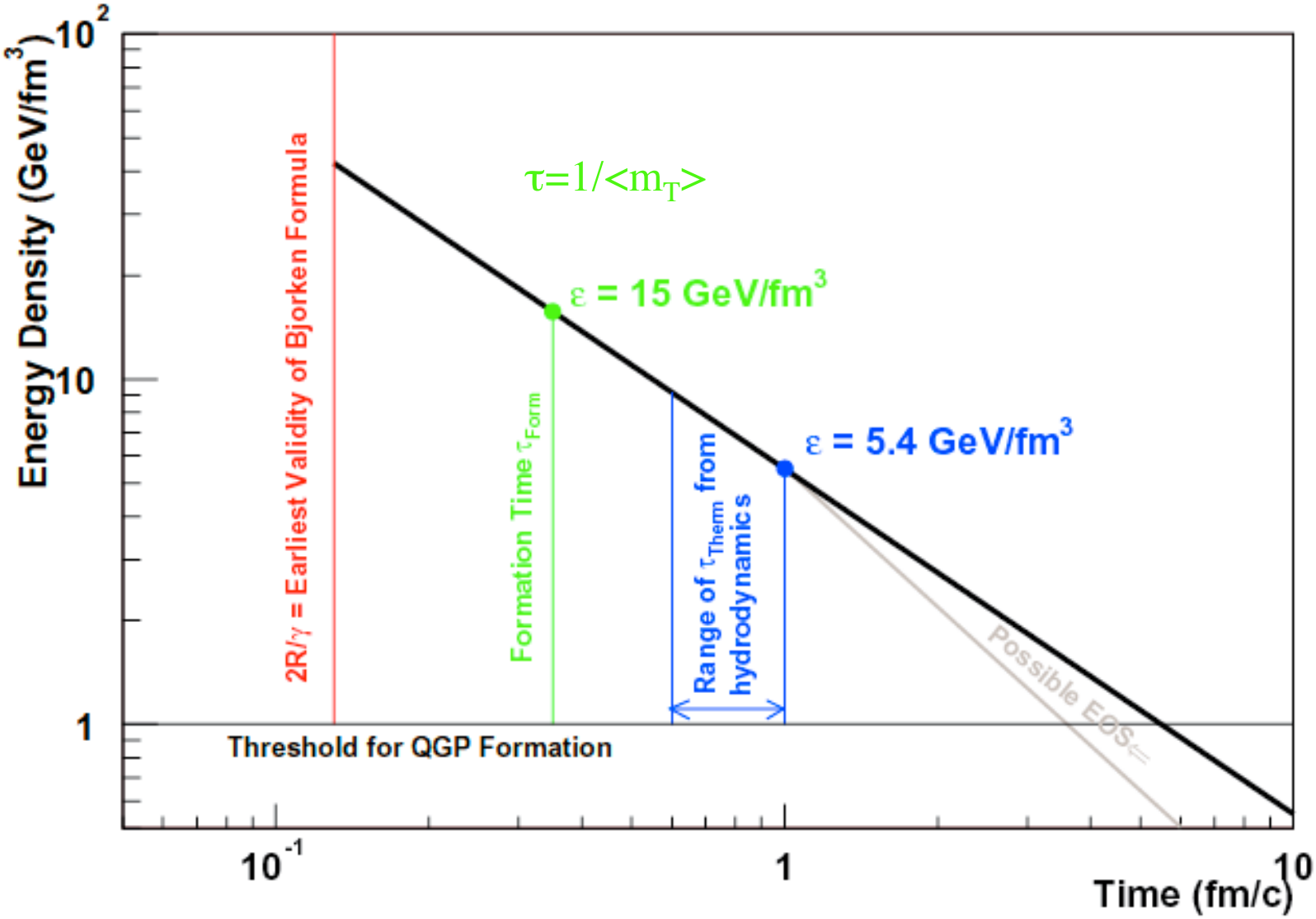
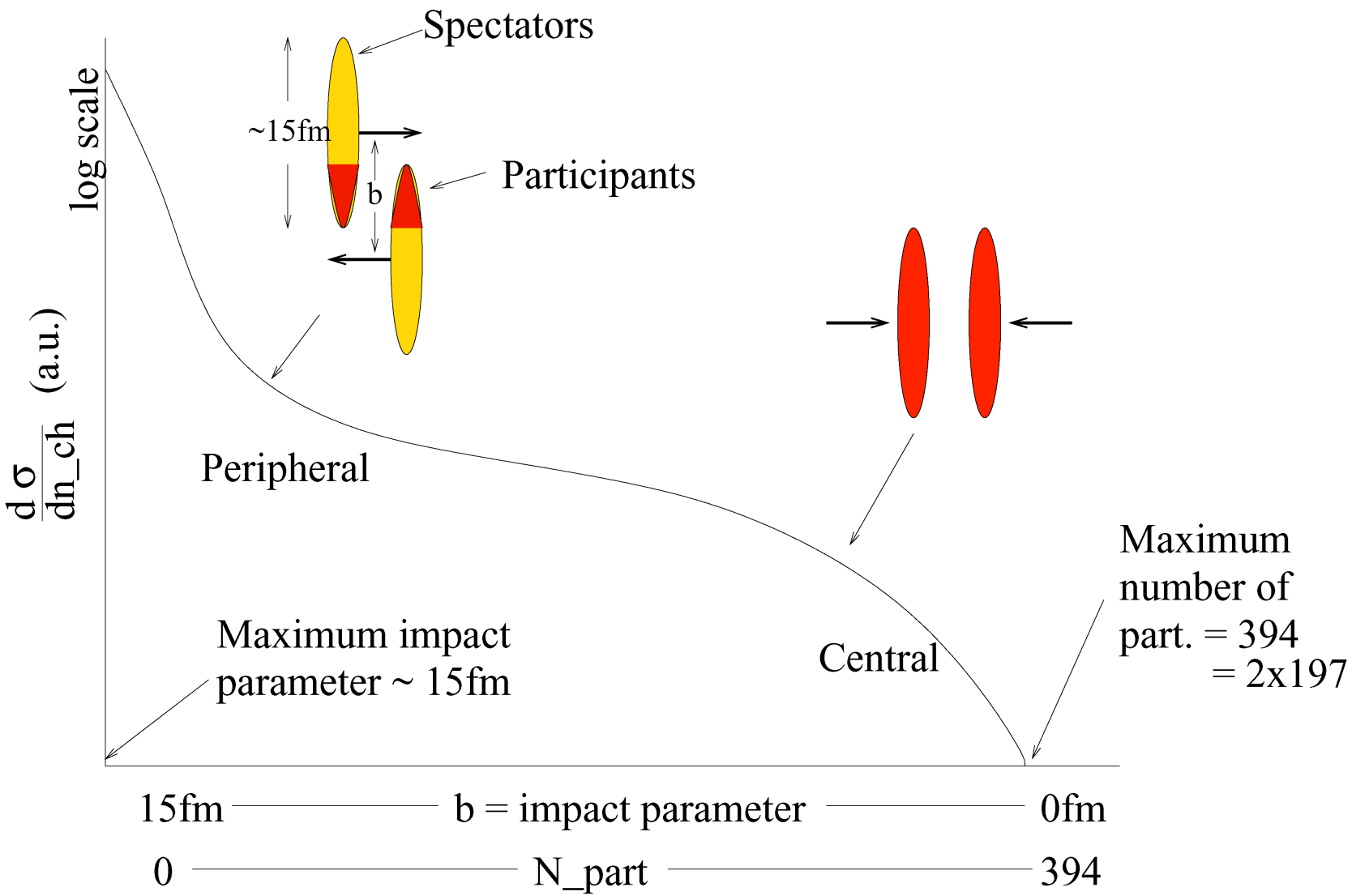
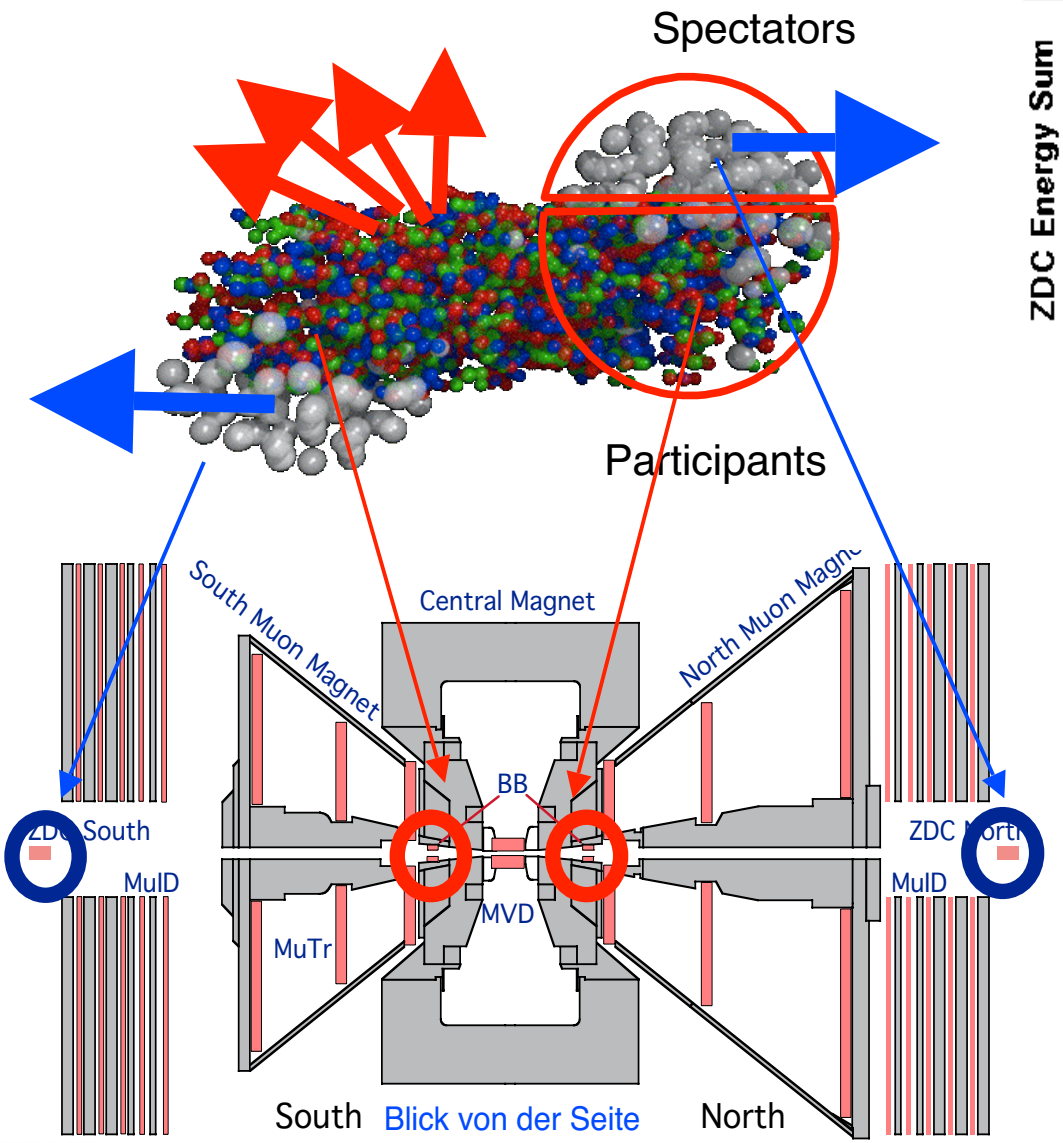
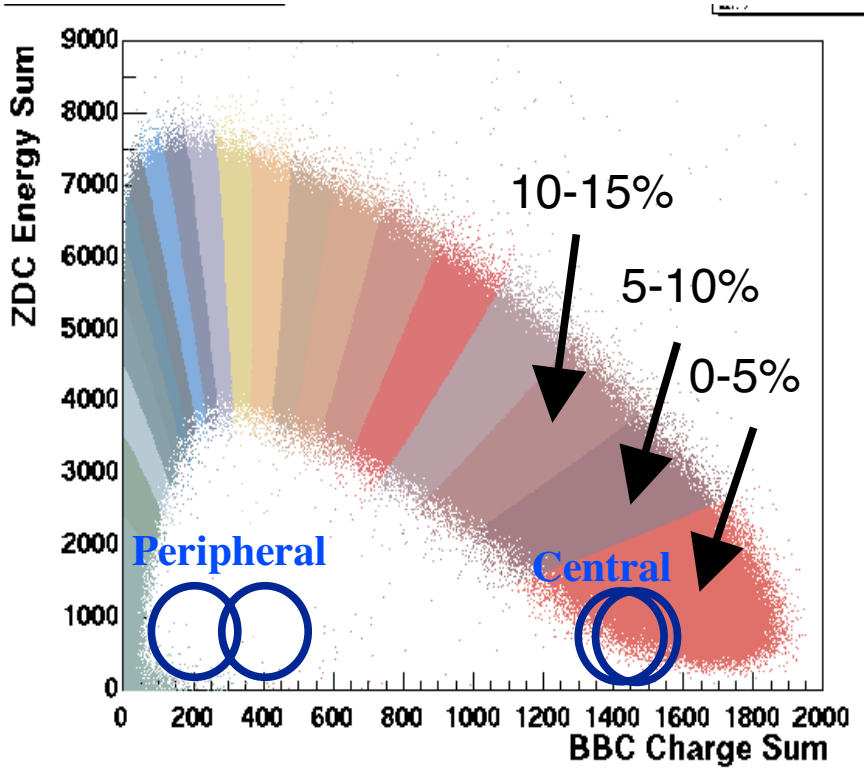


Schematic Au+Au collision



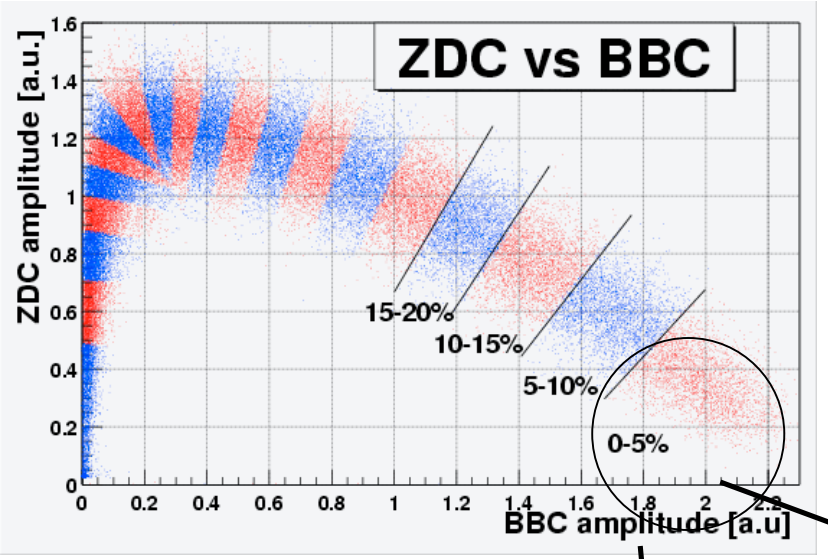
Collision Centrality Determination



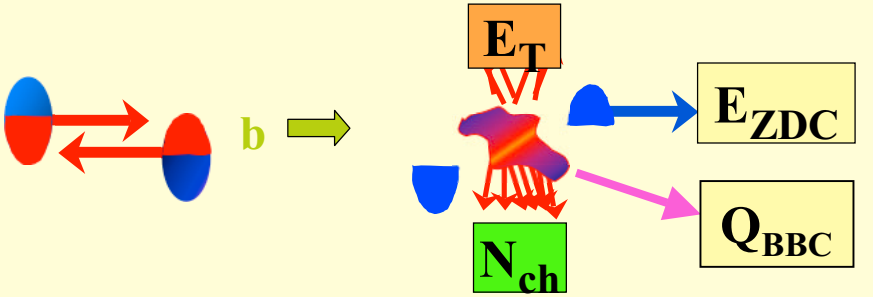


- **Centrality selection : Sum of Beam-Beam Counter (BBC, $|\eta|$=3~4) and energy of Zero-degree calorimeter (ZDC)**
- **Extracted N_{coll} and N_{part} based on Glauber model.**

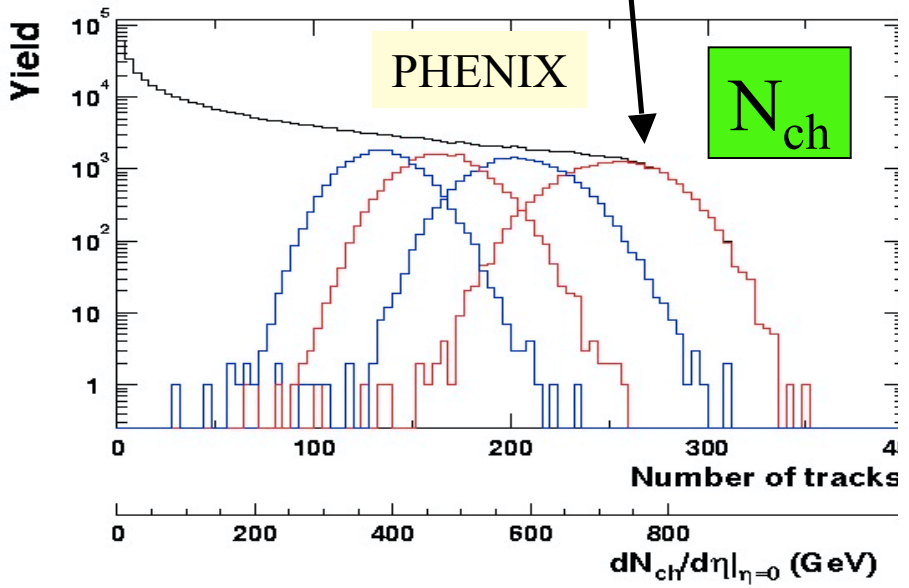
$N_{charged}$, E_T exhibit(&could determine) the Nuclear Geometry

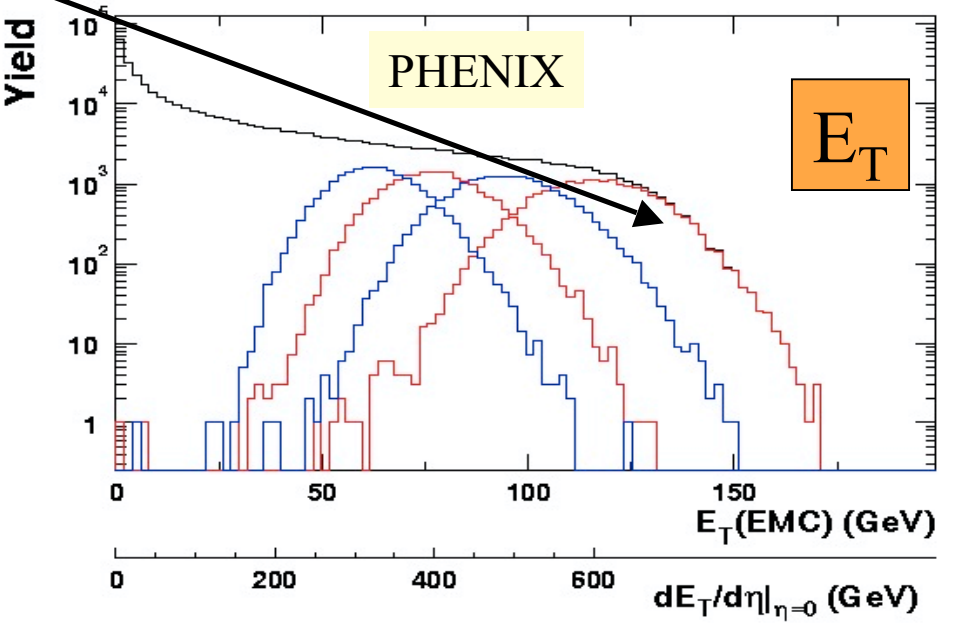


Define centrality classes: ZDC vs BBC



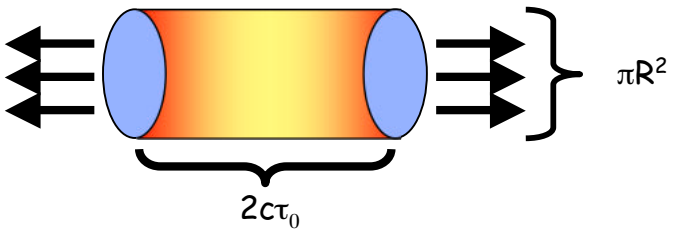
Extract N participants: Glauber model





Is the energy density high enough?

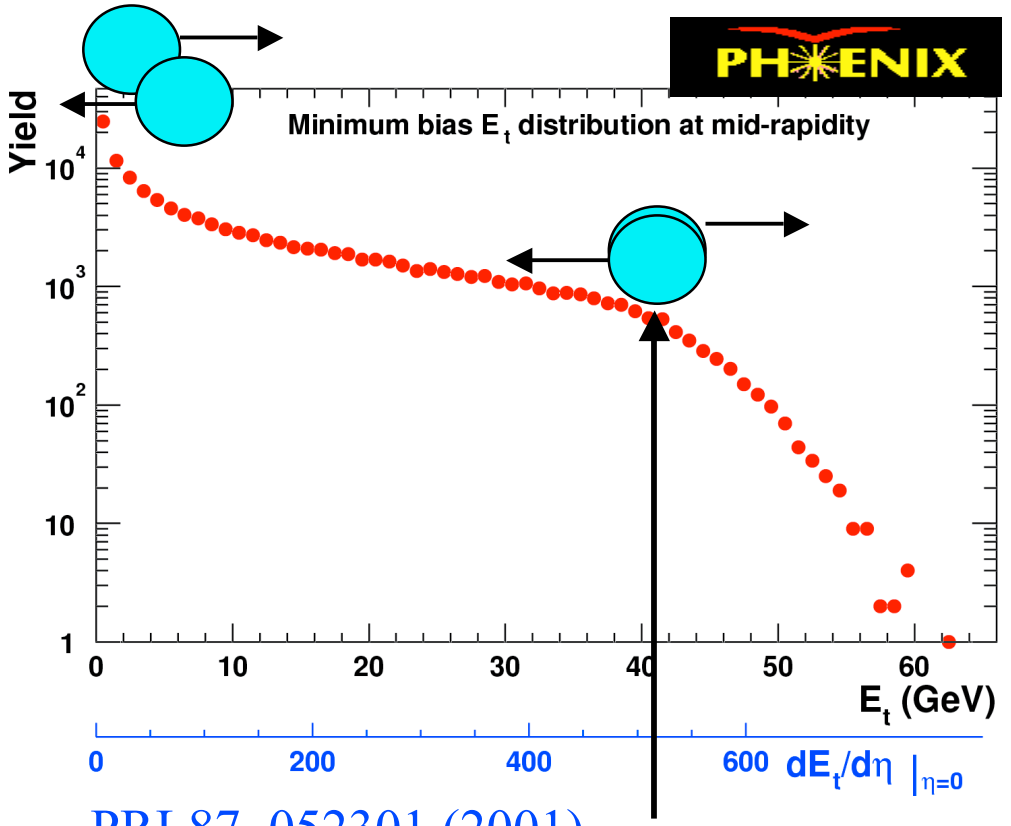
Colliding system expands:



Energy ⊥ 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 || to beam



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→ε ≥ *4.6 GeV/fm³* (130 GeV Au+Au)

5.5 *GeV/fm³* (200 GeV Au+Au)

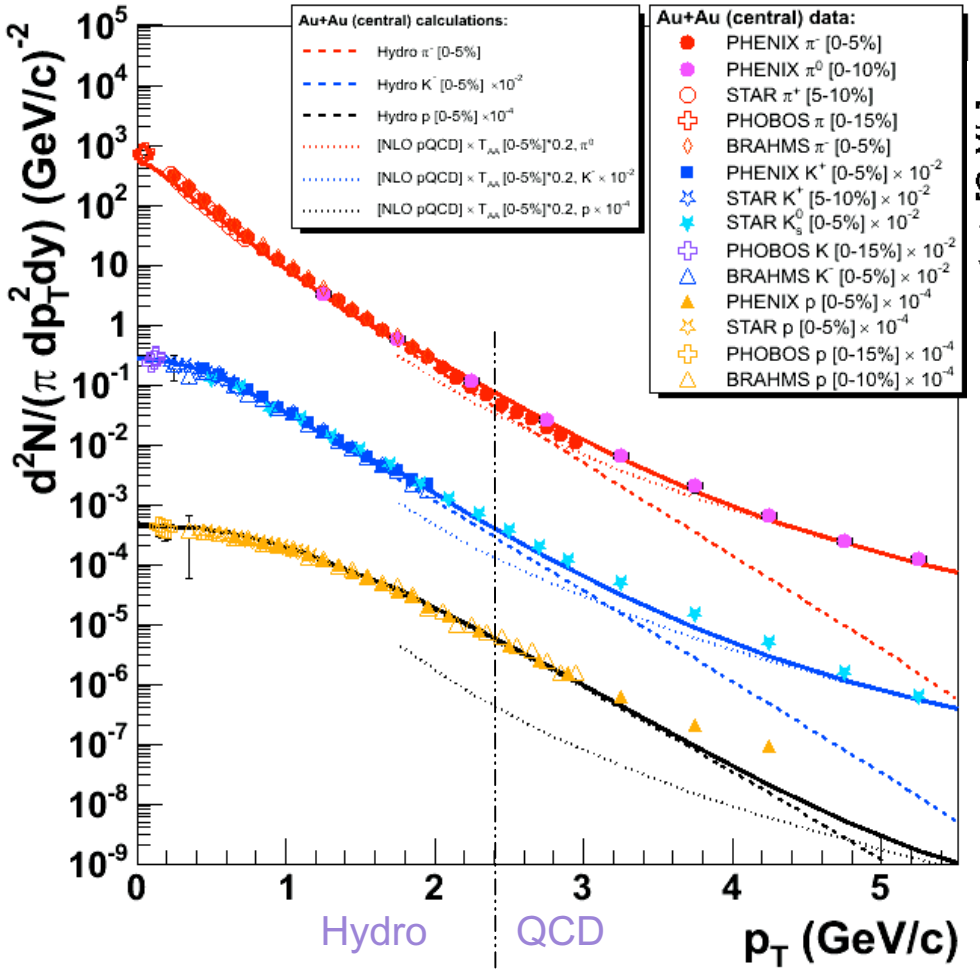
well above predicted transition!

EMCal measures ε_{Bj}

Particle Production

Semi-Inclusive soft particle spectra

Au+Au central (b < 2.6 fm)



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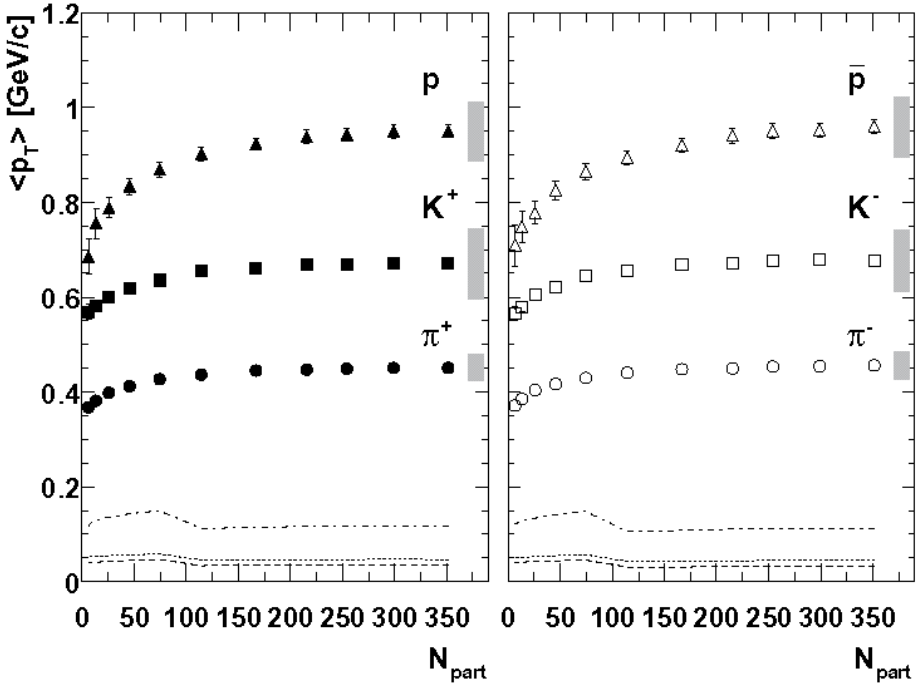
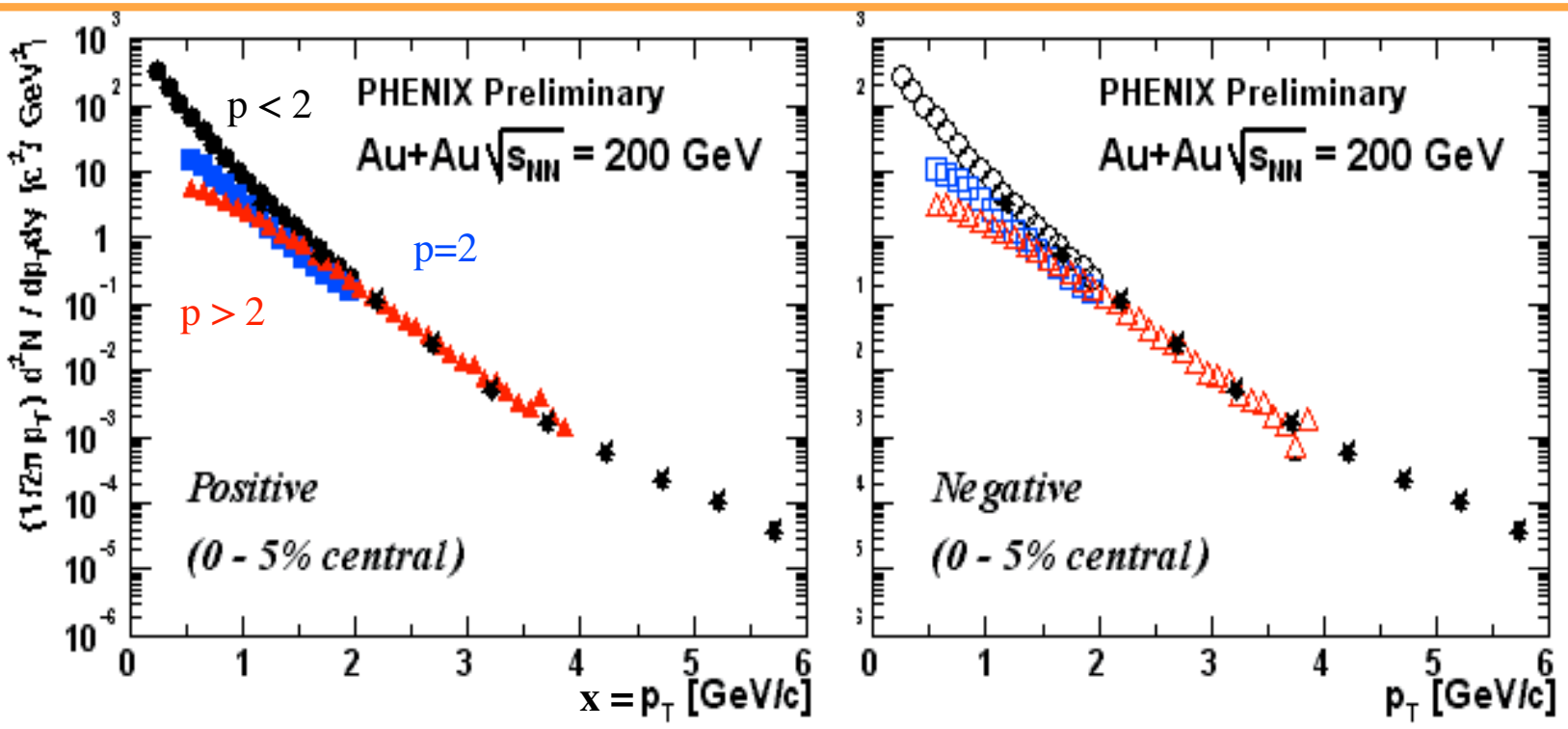


- <pT>: π < K < p
- 25% (π) to 40% (p) increase from peripheral to central

Inclusive p_T spectra are Gamma Distributions

dN/x dx



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

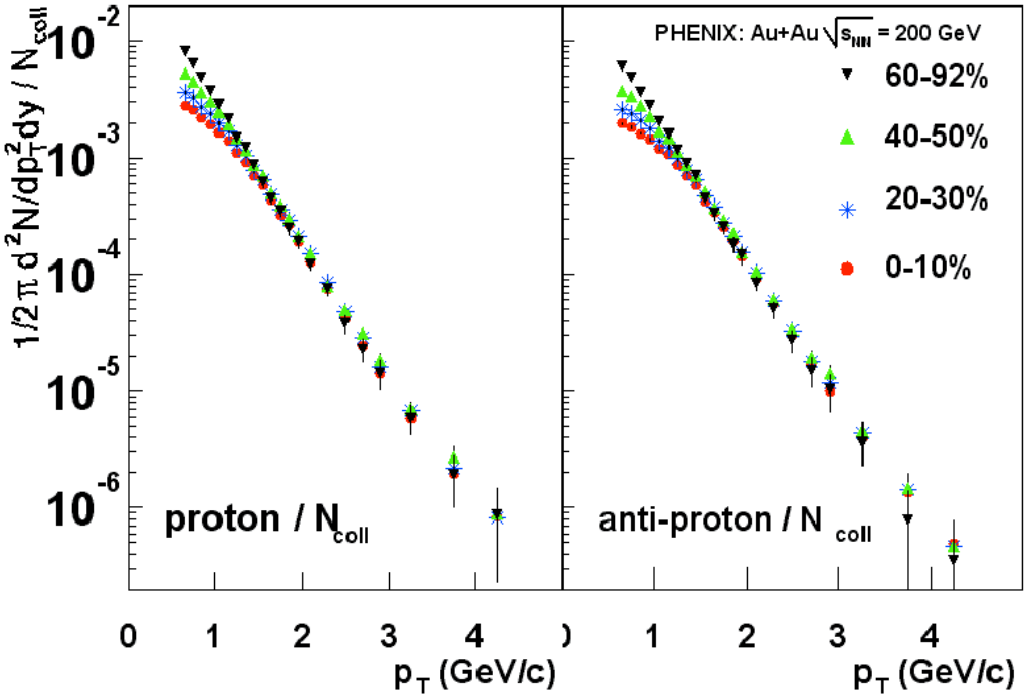
$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{p}{b} \equiv \mu \qquad \sigma_x^2 = \frac{p}{b^2}$$

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

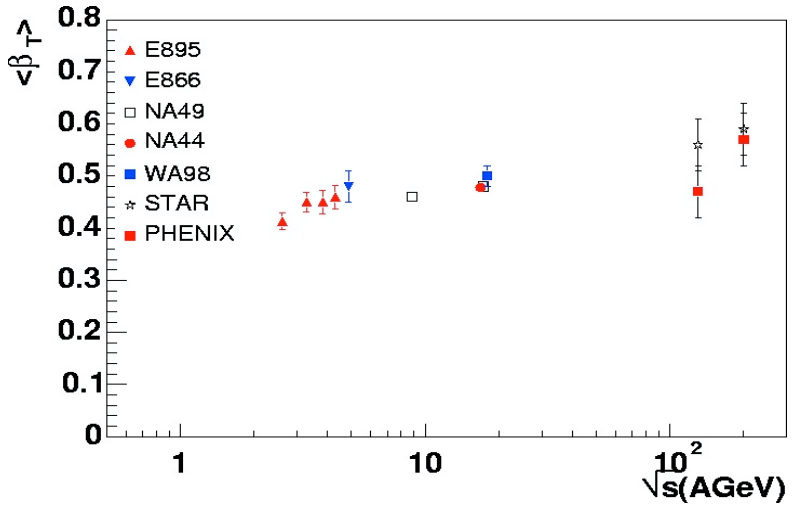
$$p \sim 2 \quad b \sim 6\ (\mathrm{GeV/c})^{-1}$$

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

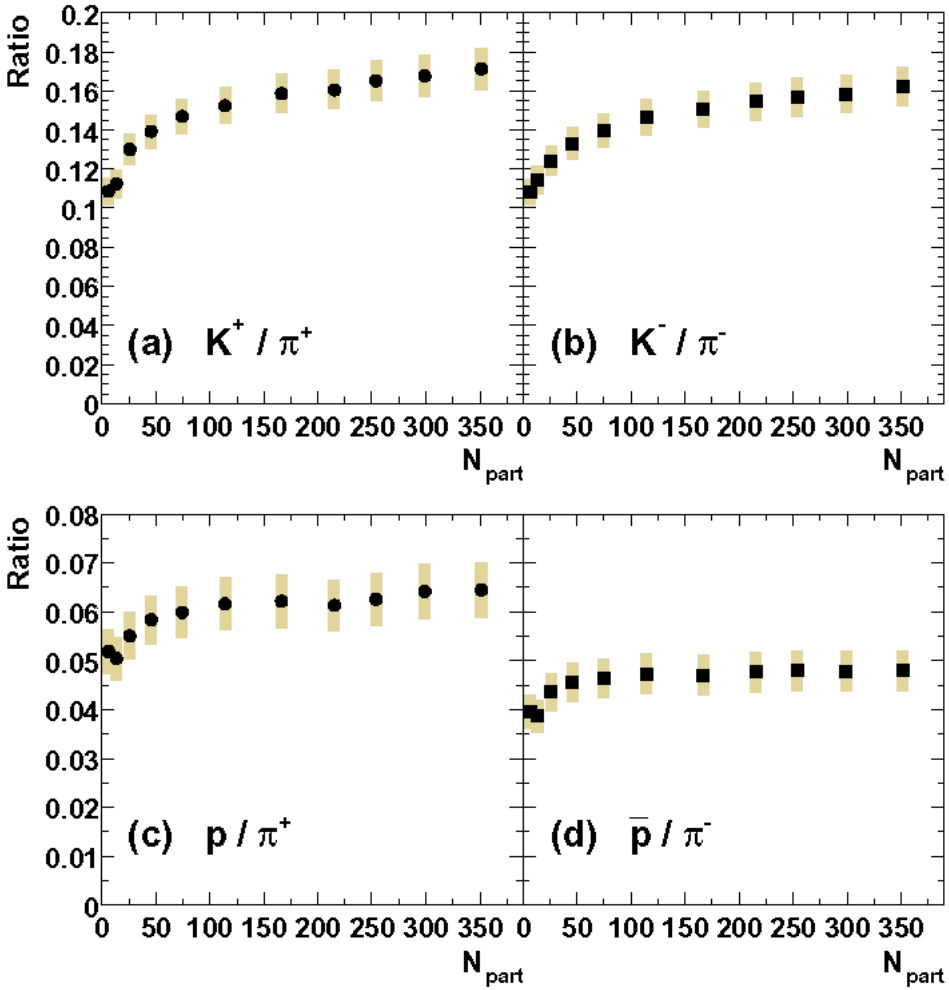
- $p_T \sim \gamma_T \beta_T m$ $\quad m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2} = \gamma_T m$



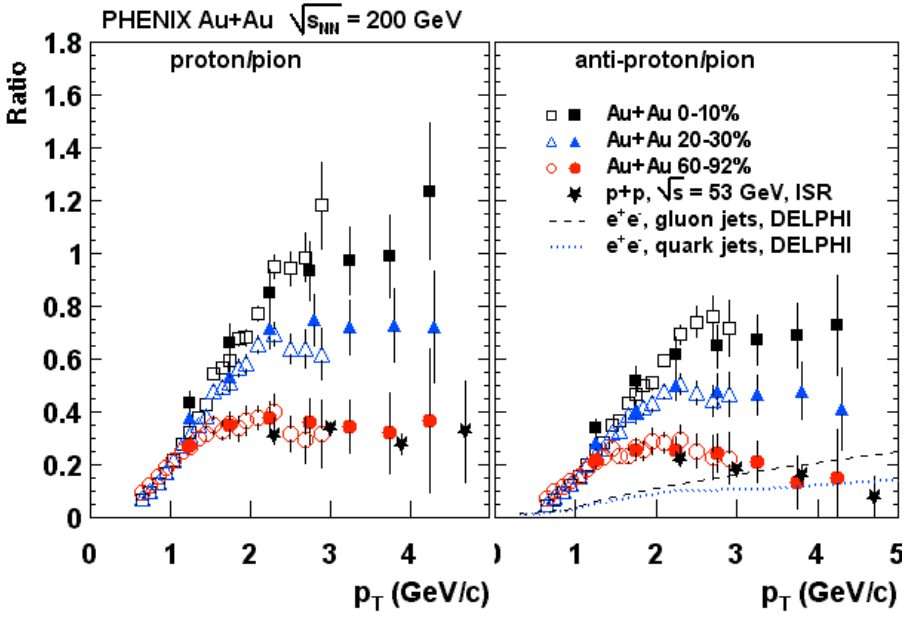
Strong radial collective flow built-up at freeze-out: $\langle \beta_T \rangle \approx 0.6$



Particle ratios---inclusive and at high p_T



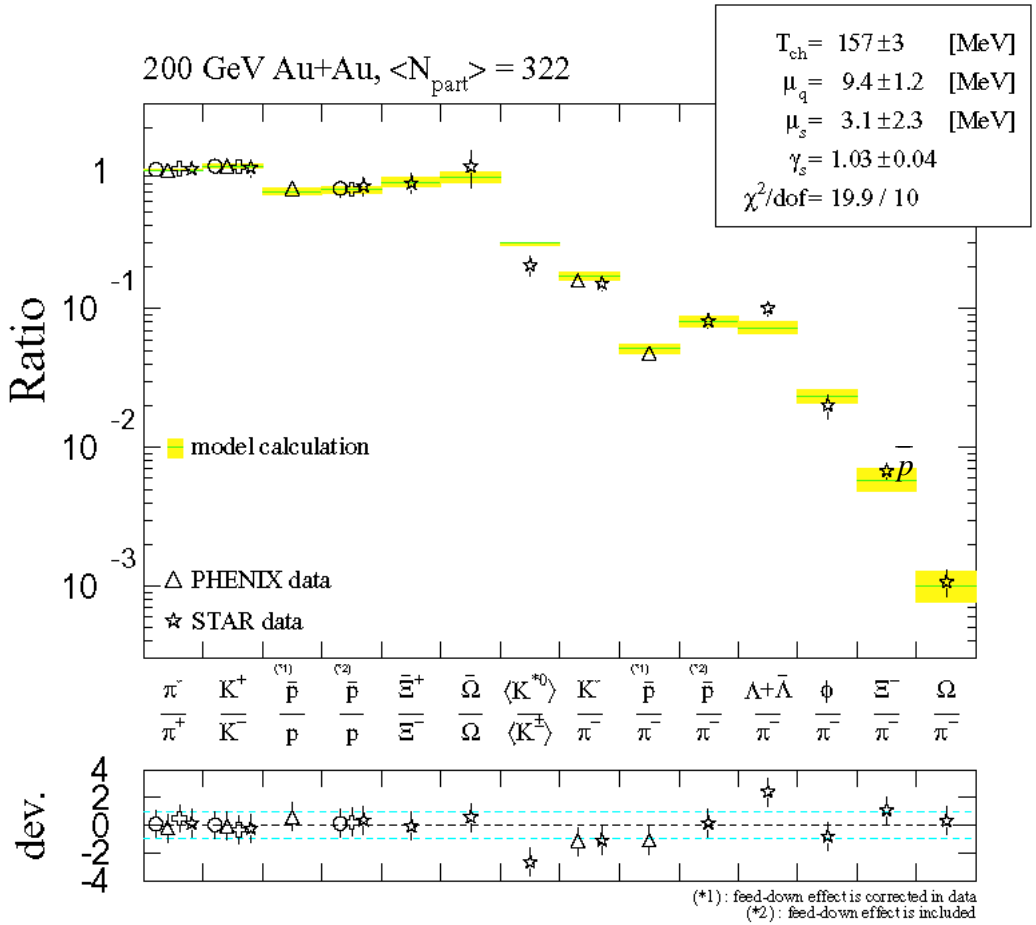
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=200 GeV



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. $\bar{p}/p$) determines μ/T

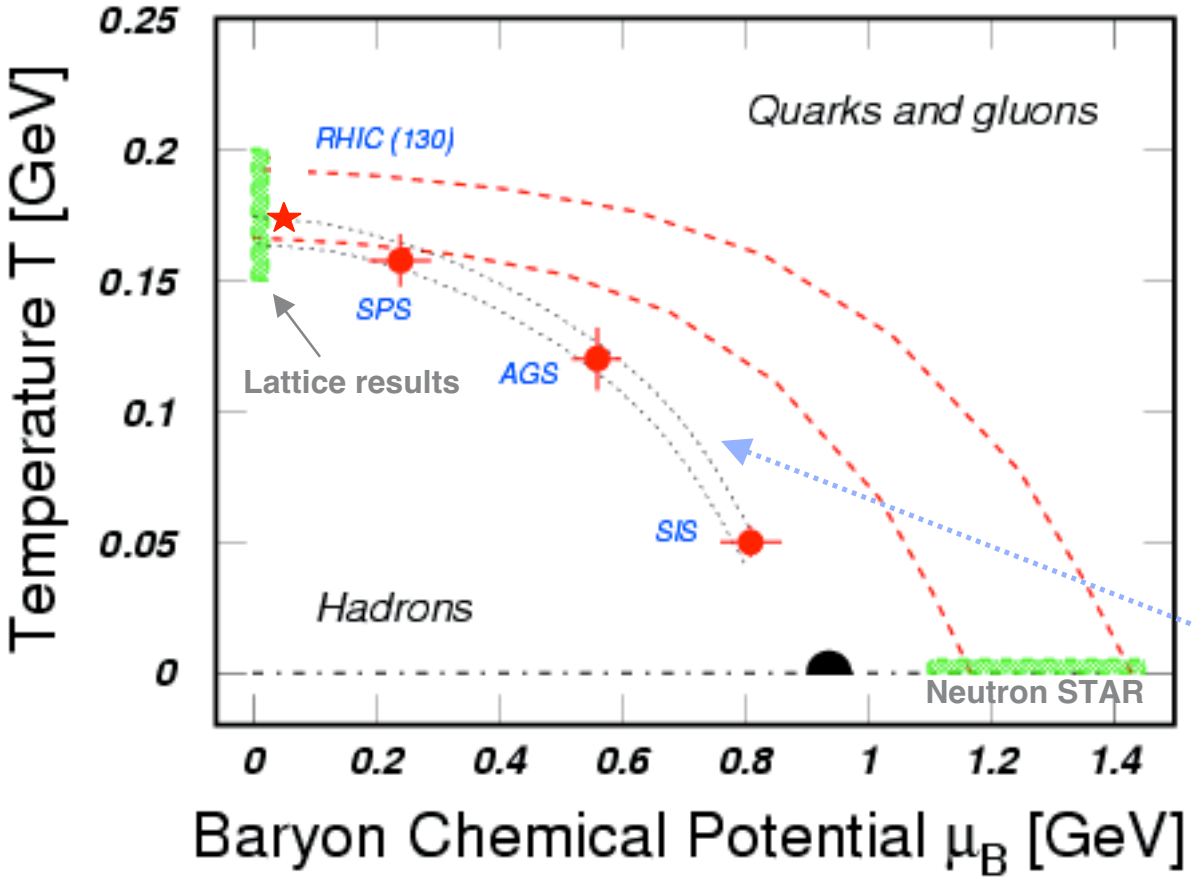
$$\bar{p}/p \sim e^{-(E+\mu)/T} / e^{-(E-\mu)/T} = e^{-2\mu/T}$$

- 2nd ratio (e.g. K/pi) provides T,μ.

- Then predict all other hadronic yields and ratios
- n.b strangeness not suppressed γ_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”

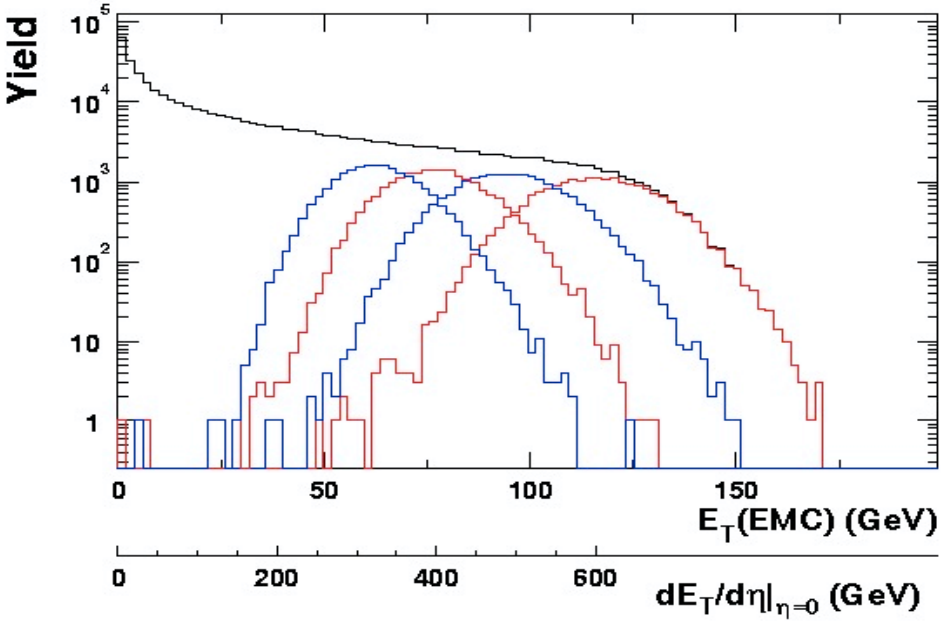


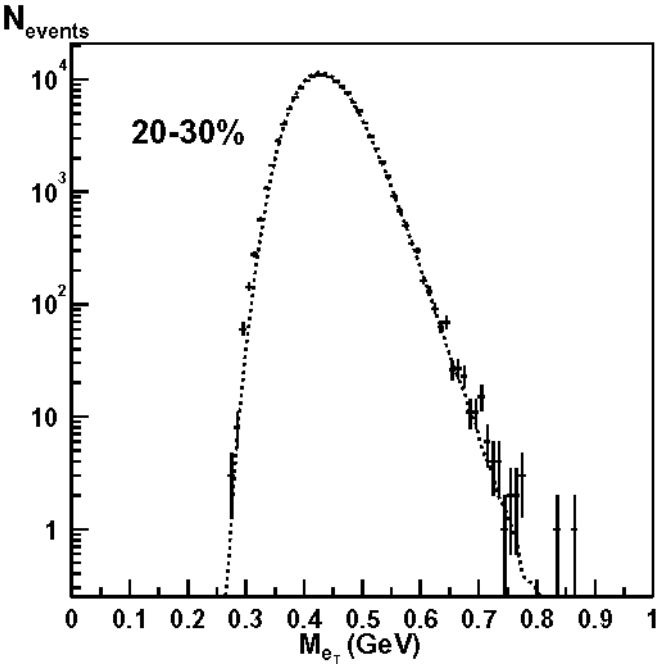
- **Final-state analysis suggests RHIC reaches the phase boundary**
- **Hadron resonance ideal gas** (M. Kaneta and N. Xu, nucl-ex/0104021 & QM02)
  - $T_{CH} = 175 \pm 10$ MeV
  - $\mu_B = 40 \pm 10$ MeV
- **<E>/N ~ 1 GeV**

(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

$$M_{p_T} = \overline{p_T}_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{T_i} = \frac{1}{n} E_{Tc}$$

- compare Data to Mixed events for random.
- deviation expressed as:

$Fp_T = \sigma_{MpTdata} / \sigma_{MpTmixed} - 1 \sim$ few %

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

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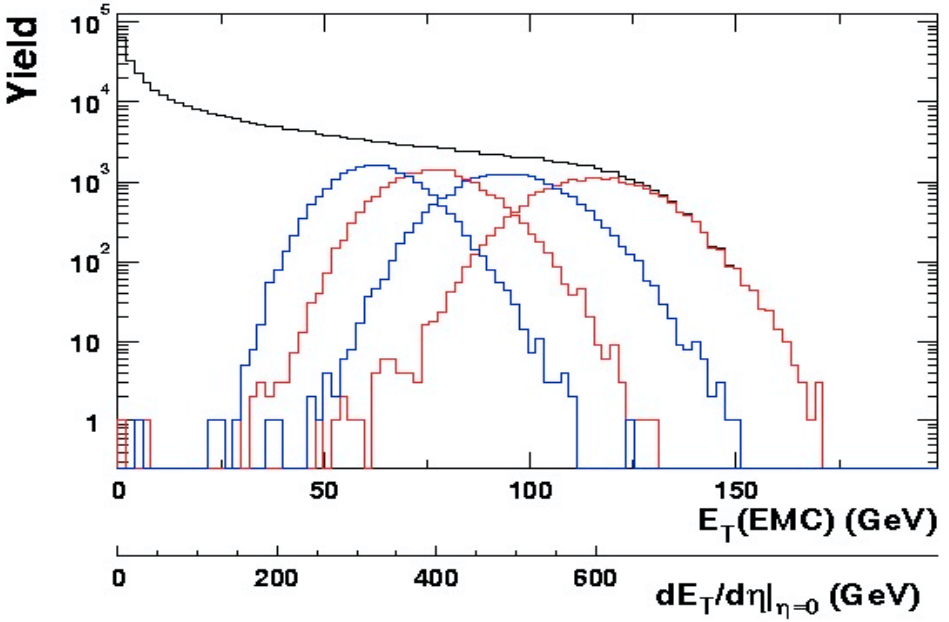

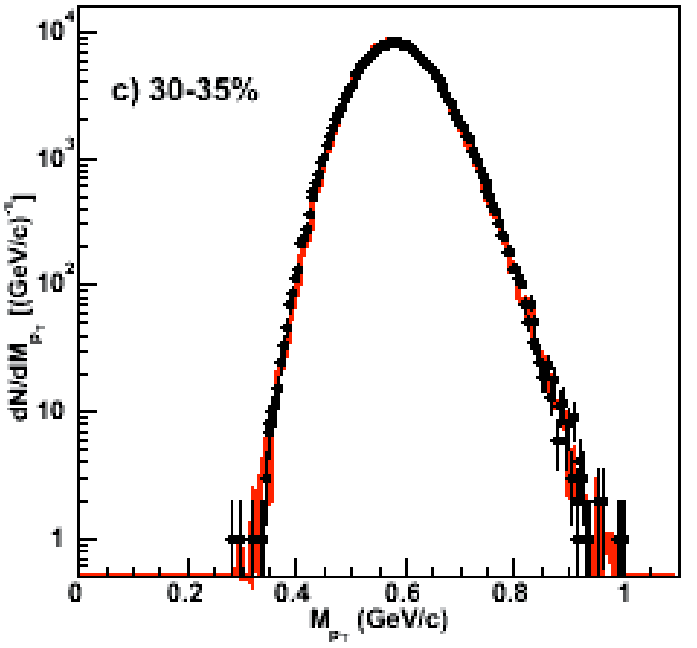

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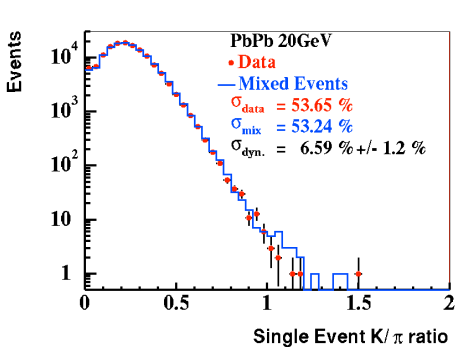
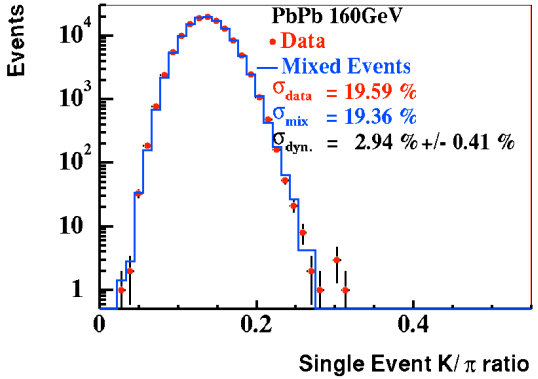
What e-by-e tells you that you don't learn from the inclusive average

- 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~1/b varies event by event with $\langle T \rangle$ and σ_T.

$$\frac{\sigma^2_{M_{pT}}}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{n}\frac{\sigma^2_{p_T}}{\mu^2} = (1-\frac{1}{n})\frac{\sigma^2_T}{\langle T\rangle^2} = \Sigma^2_{p_T}$$

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

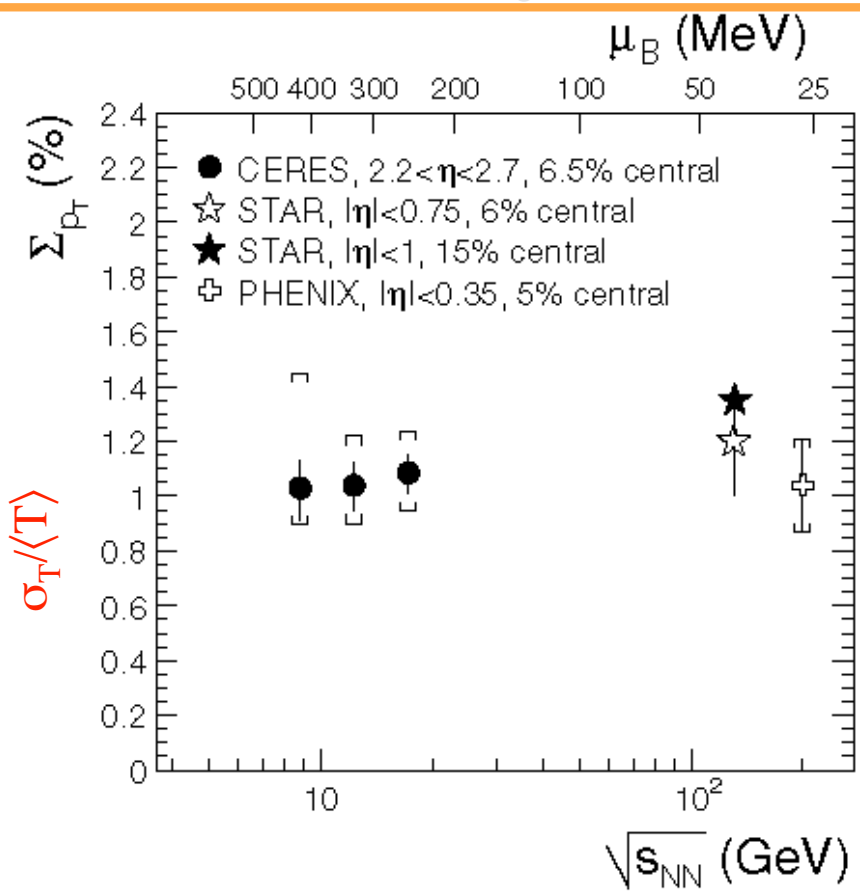


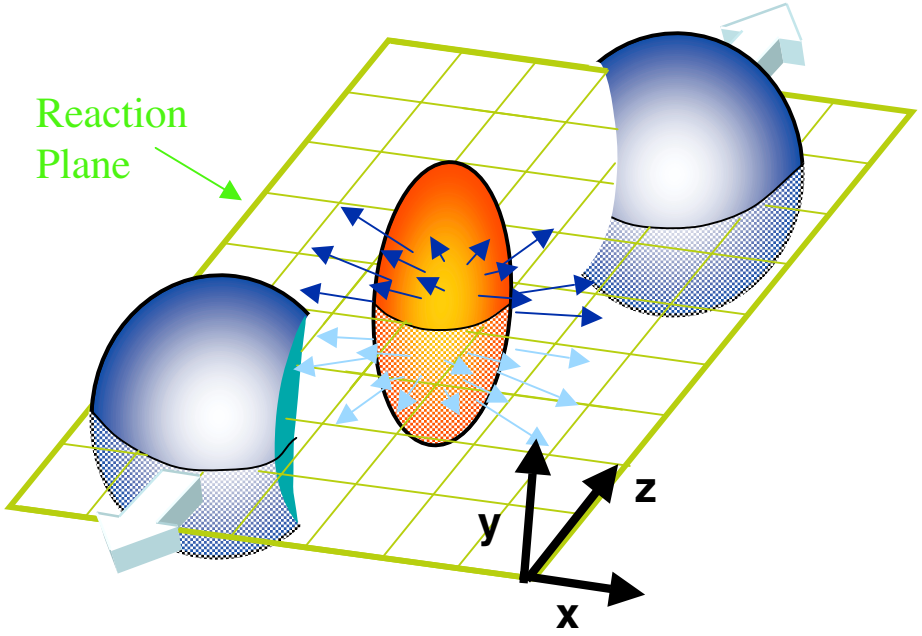
Figure 2. Σ_{p_T} as a function of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ in central events.

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

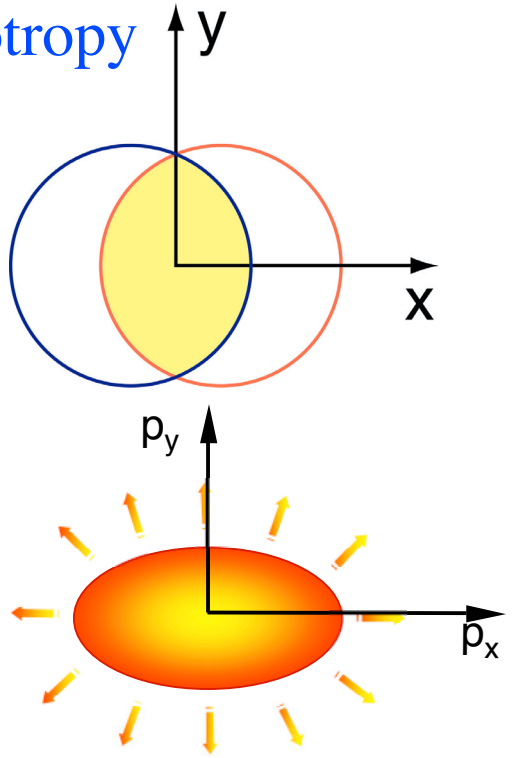
Where is the critical point?

$$\Sigma^2_{p_T} = \frac{\sigma^2_{p_T,dyn}}{\mu^2} = \frac{\sigma^2_{M_{p_T}}}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{\langle n\rangle}\frac{\sigma^2_{p_T}}{\mu^2} = \frac{\sigma^2_T}{\langle T\rangle^2}$$

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



- spatial anisotropy⇒ momentum anisotropy

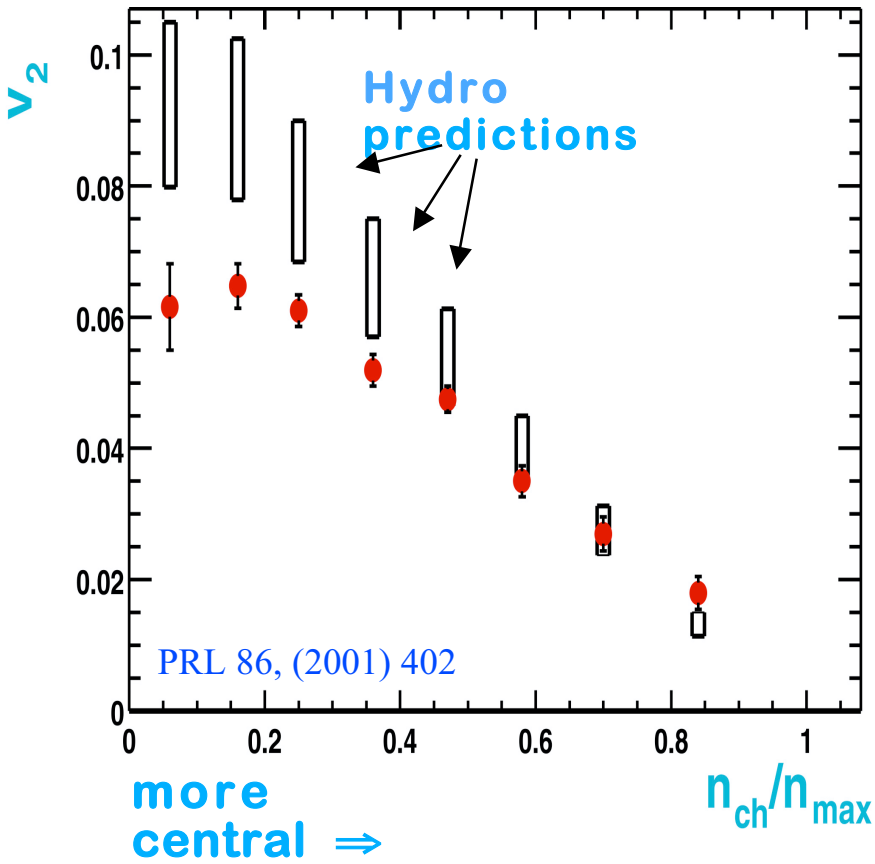


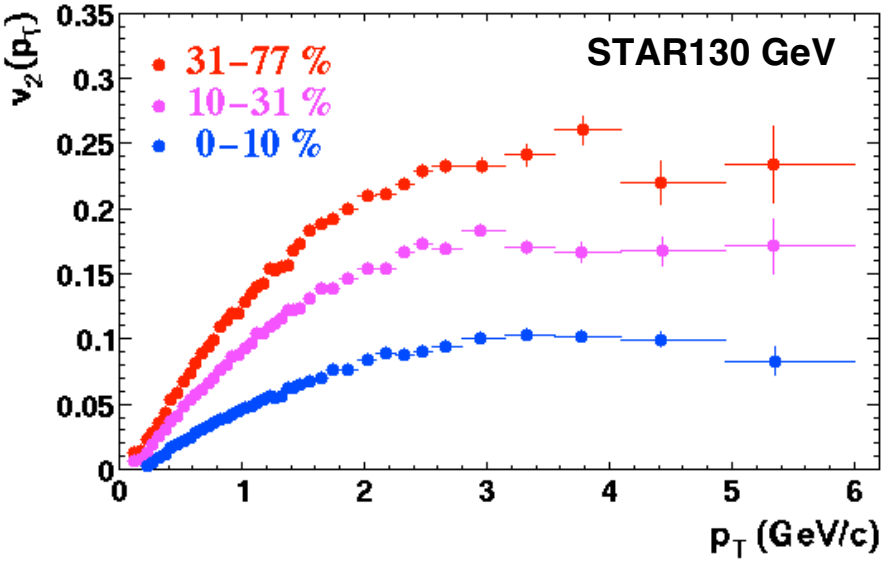
- Perform a Fourier decomposition of the momentum space particle distributions in the x-y plane
  - ✓ v_2 is the 2nd harmonic Fourier coefficient of the distribution of particles with respect to the reaction plane

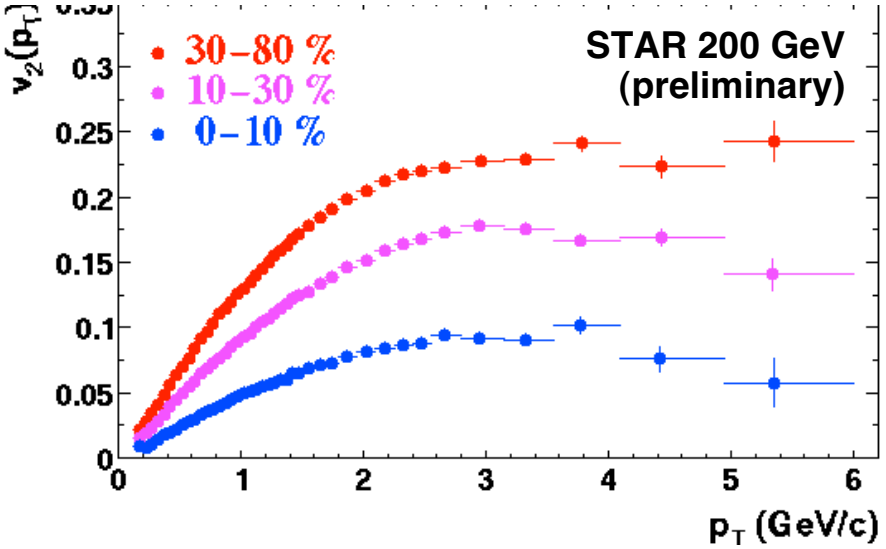
$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\phi \rangle \qquad \phi = \text{atan}\frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

Centrality and p_T dependence of v_2

unidentified charged hadrons

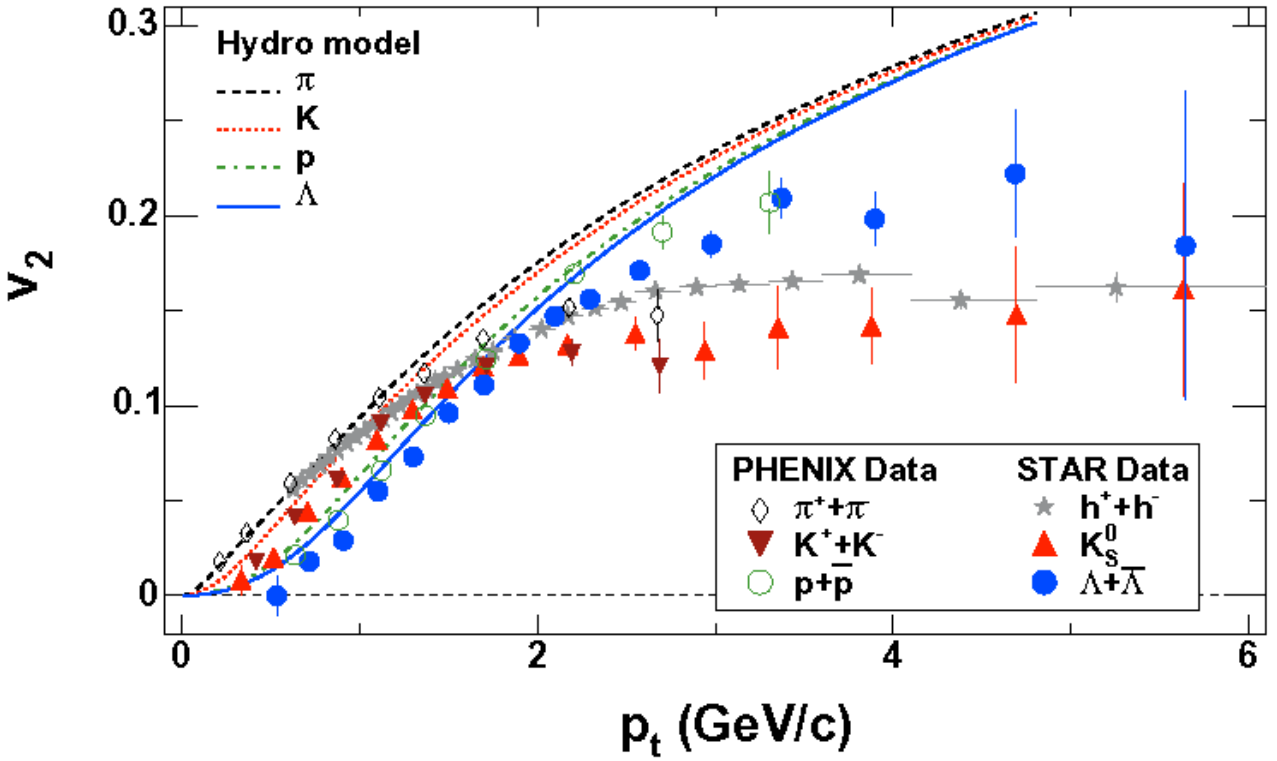


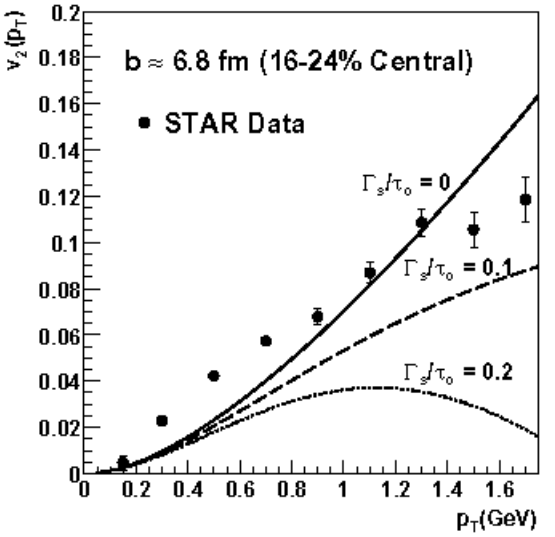




- follows eccentricity of almond
- saturates for pT >2 GeV/c

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





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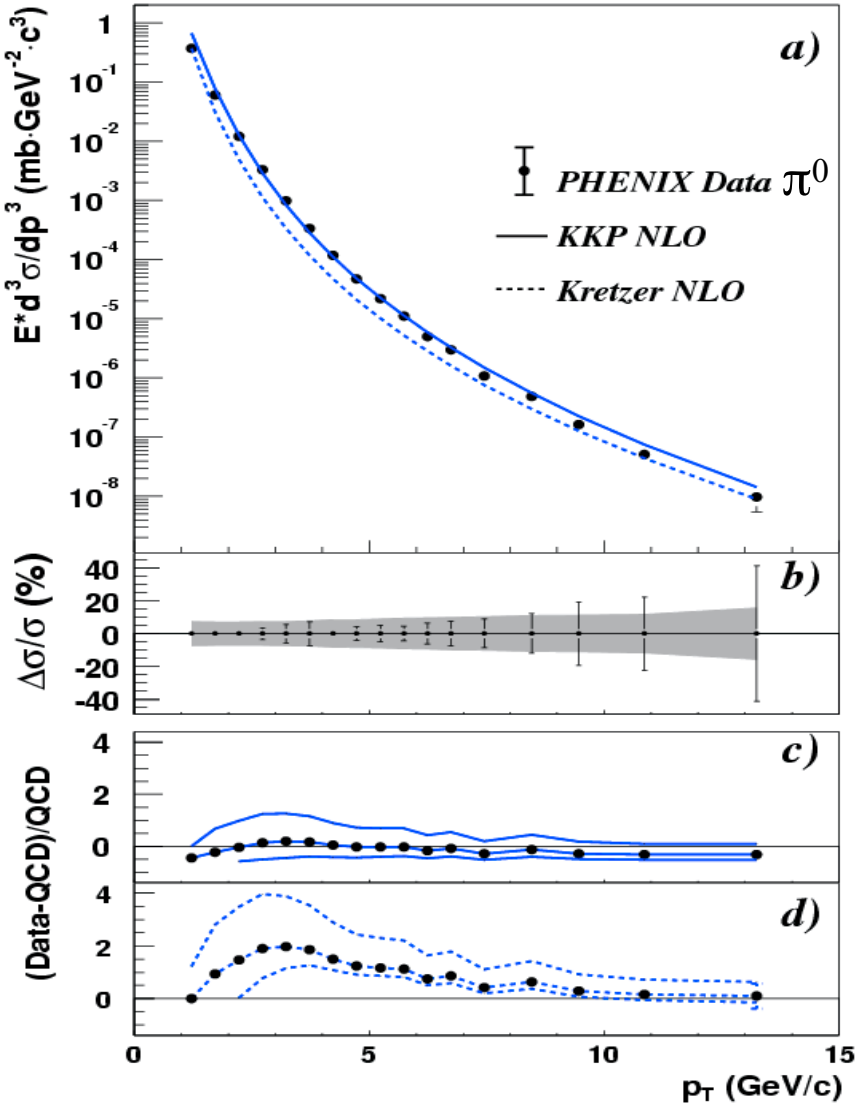
Hard-Scattering: Jet (π^0) Suppression

RHIC pp spectra √s=200 GeV nicely illustrate hard scattering phenomenology



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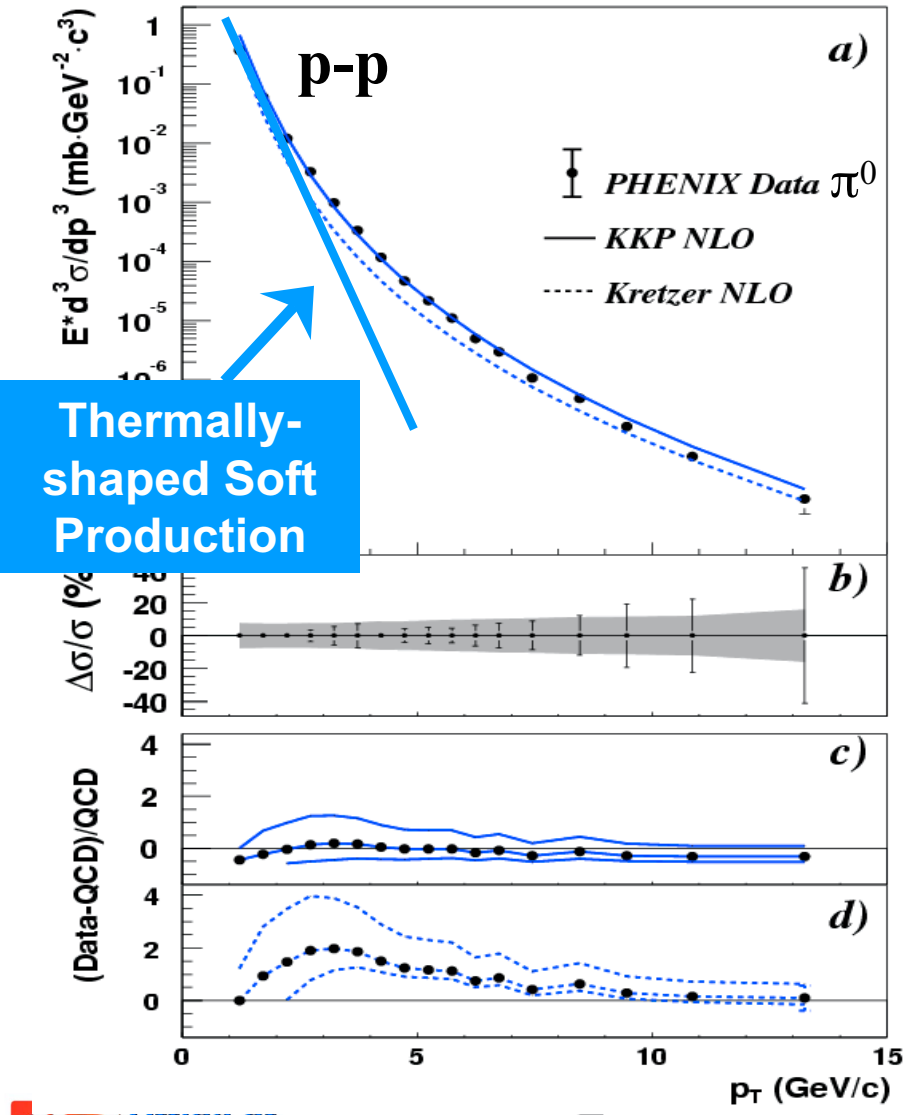

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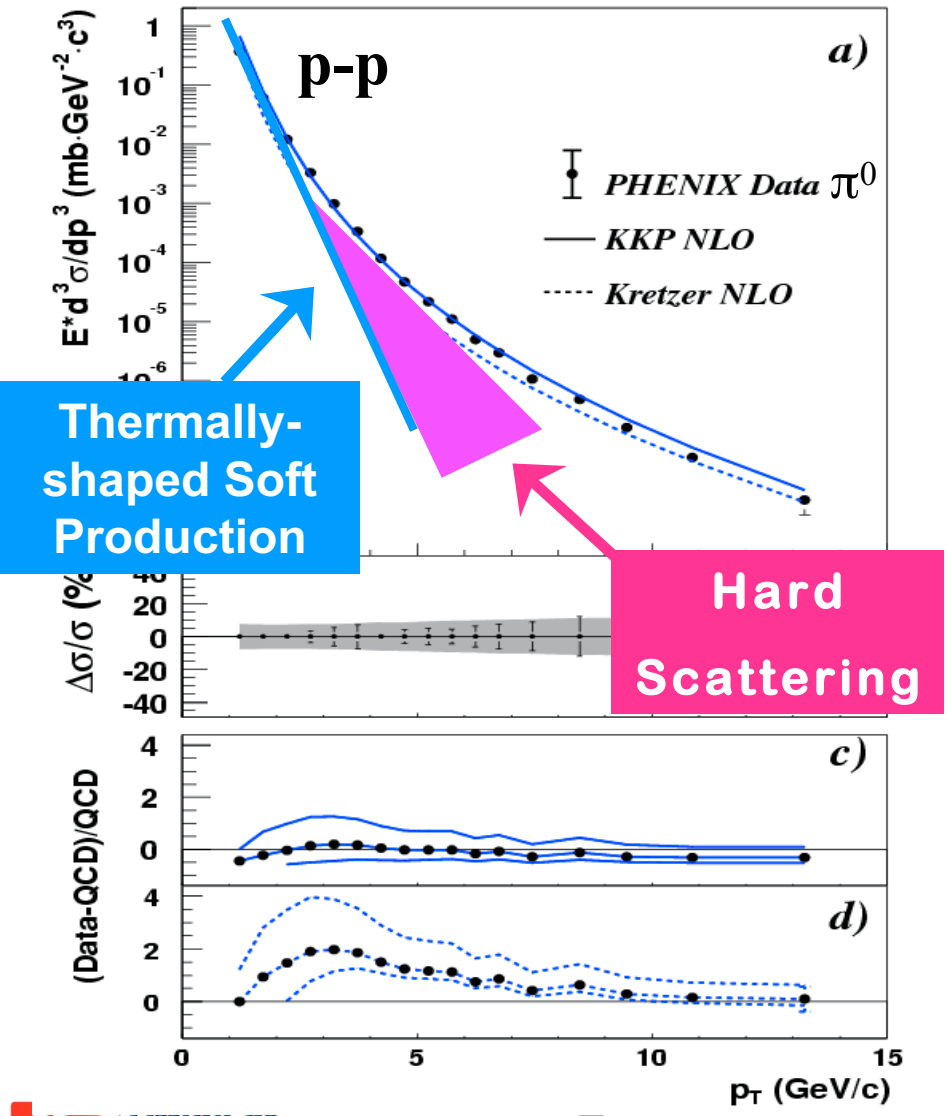

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μ-A DIS at AGS (1973)--Hard-Scattering is pointlike

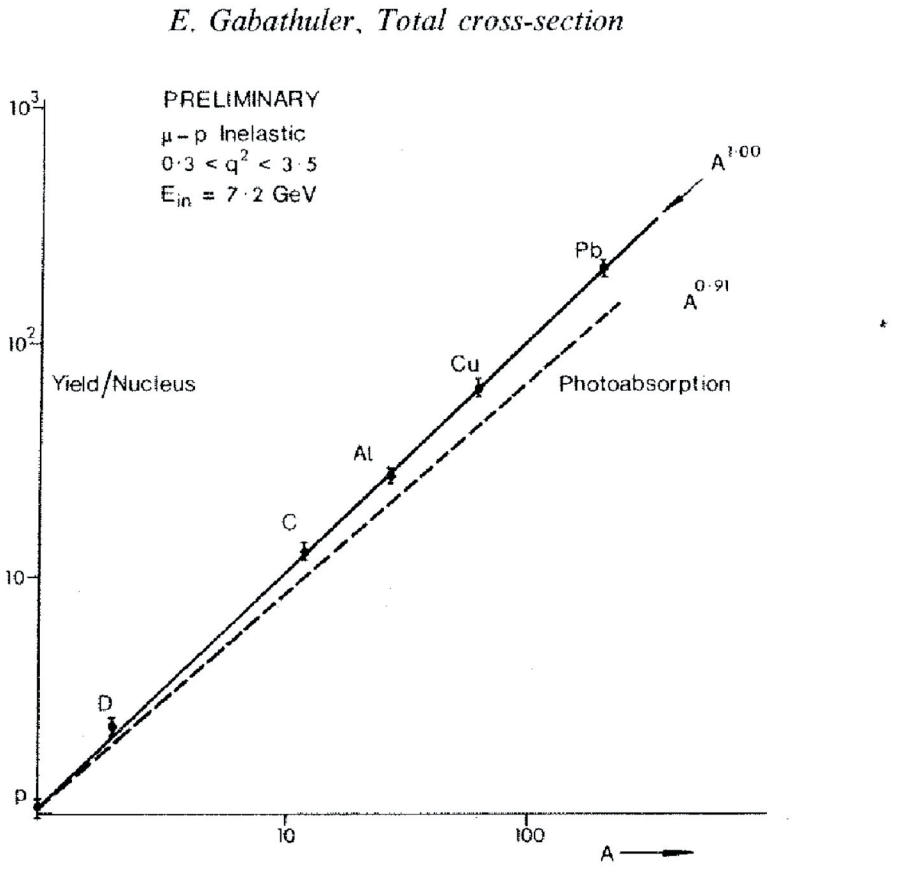
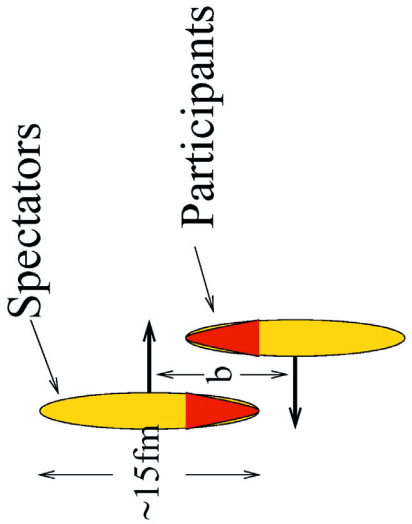


Fig. 14. The A dependence of the inelastic muon cross-section as presented by Tannenbaum (see discussion).

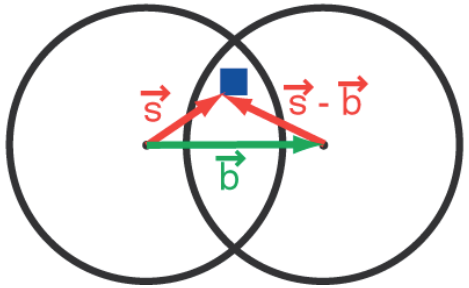
AGS $\mu - A$ scattering data, from E. Gabathuler's talk, [Proc. 6th Int. Symposium on Electron and Photon Interactions at High Energies, Bonn (1973)].

- ♡ 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

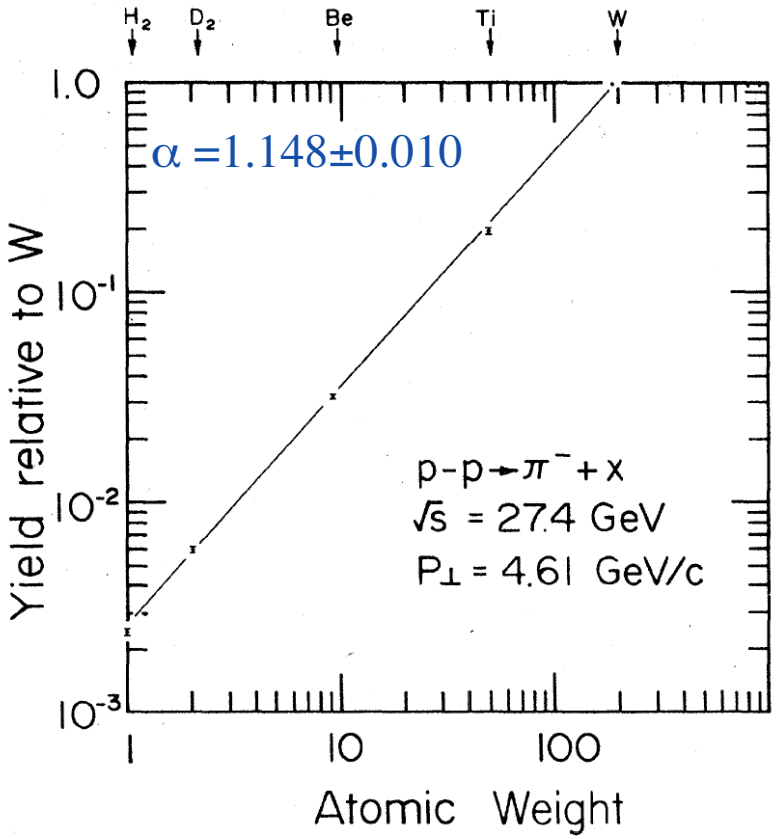
  - ✓ A for p+A, AB for A+B for the total rate

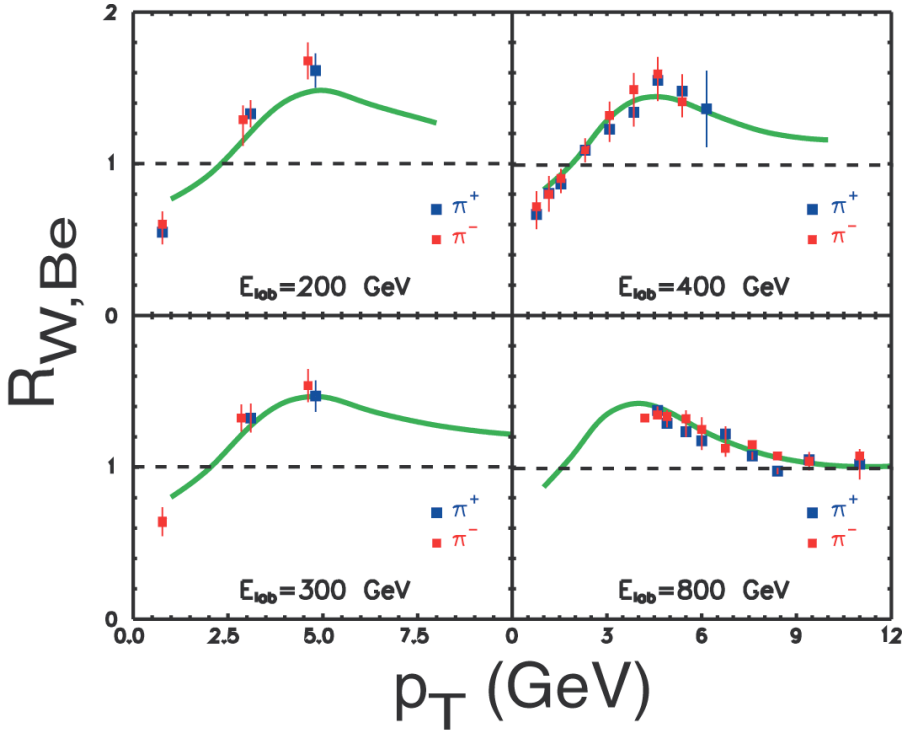
  - ✓ T_{AB} the overlap integral of the nuclear profile functions, as a function of impact parameter b

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}, $\alpha > 1$



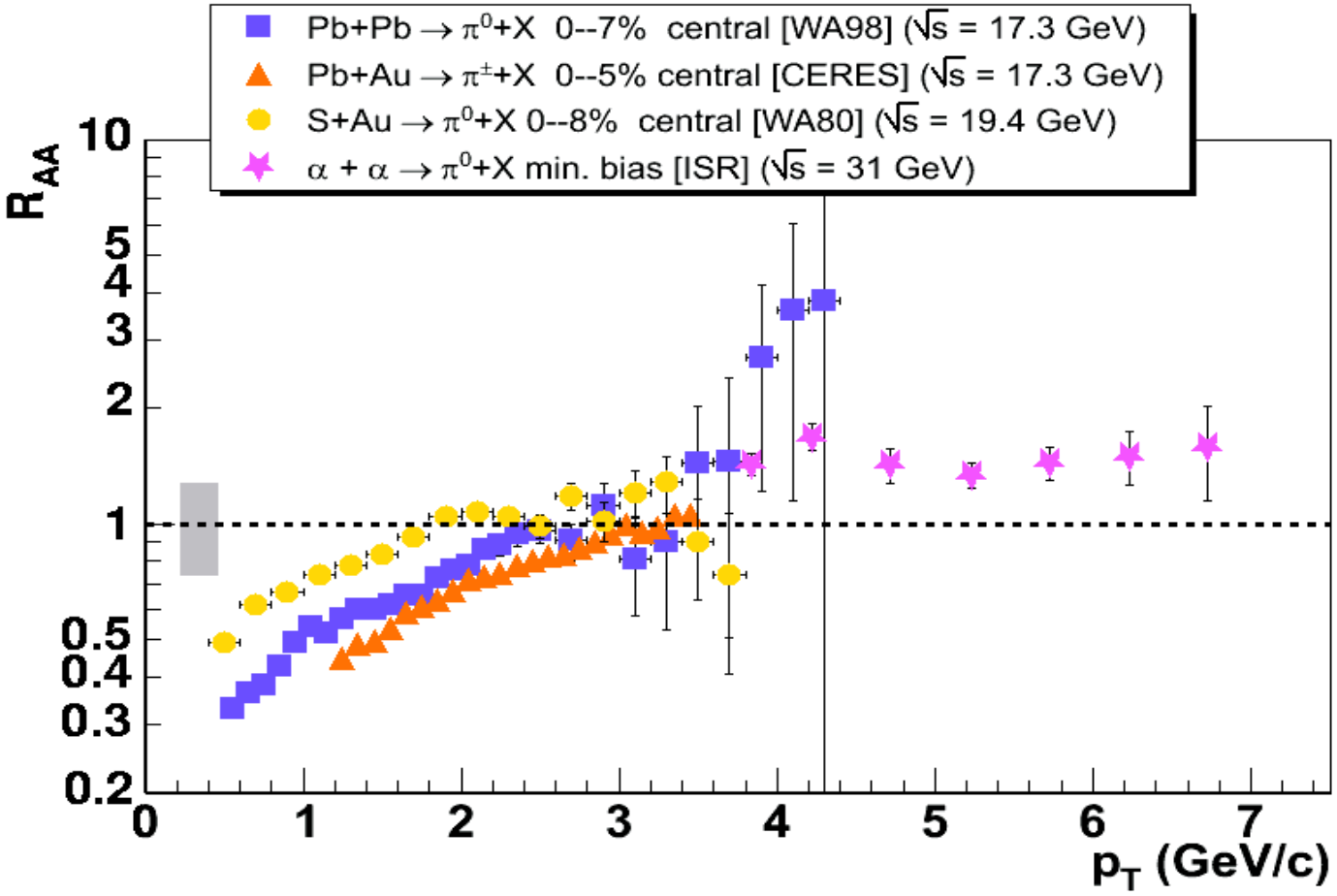


- J.W. Cronin et al., Phys. Rev. **D11**, 3105 (1975)
- D. Antreasyan et al., Phys. Rev. **D19**, 764 (1979)

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

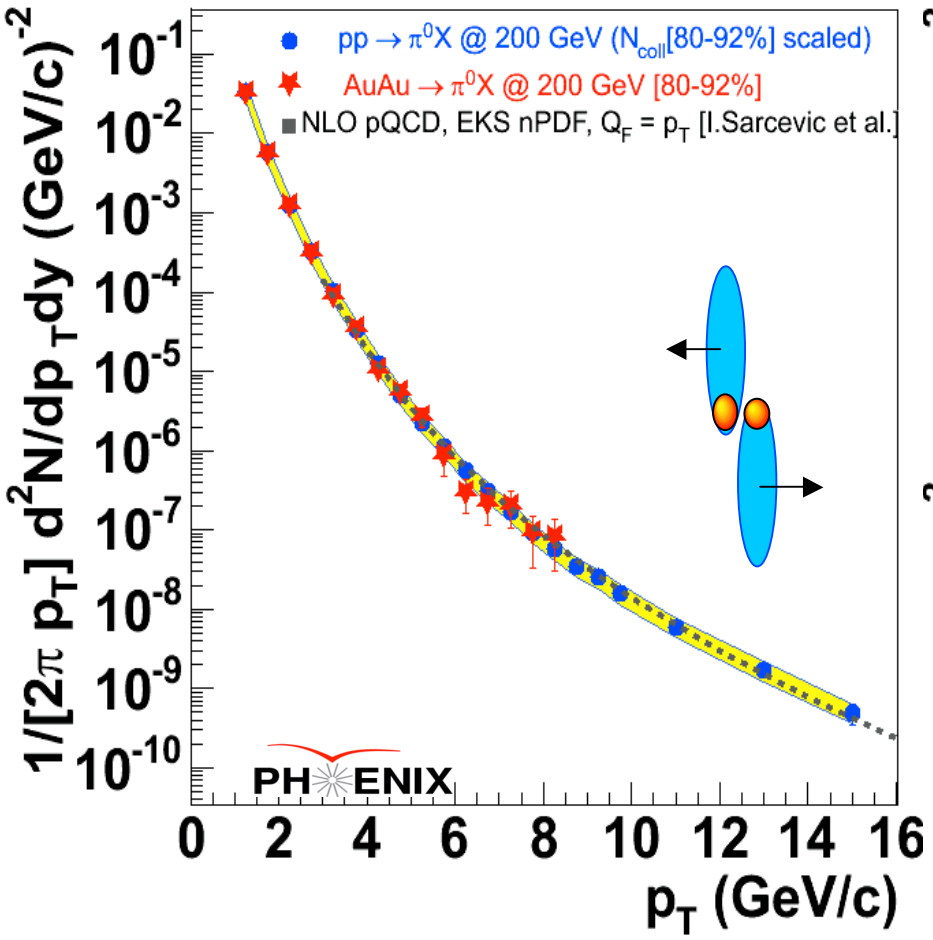
Nuclear Modification Factor:

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



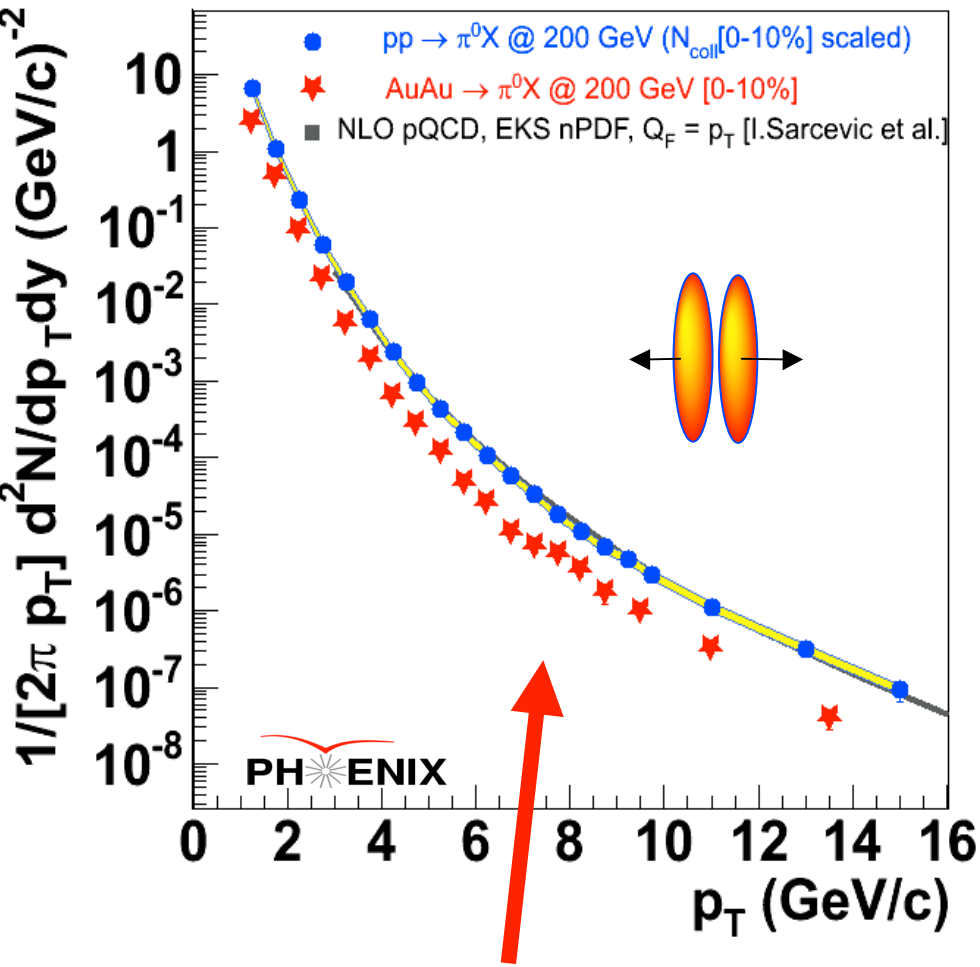
For Au+Au at RHIC--strong suppression !

Au+Au→ π^0 X *(peripheral)*



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

Au+Au→ π^0 X (central)



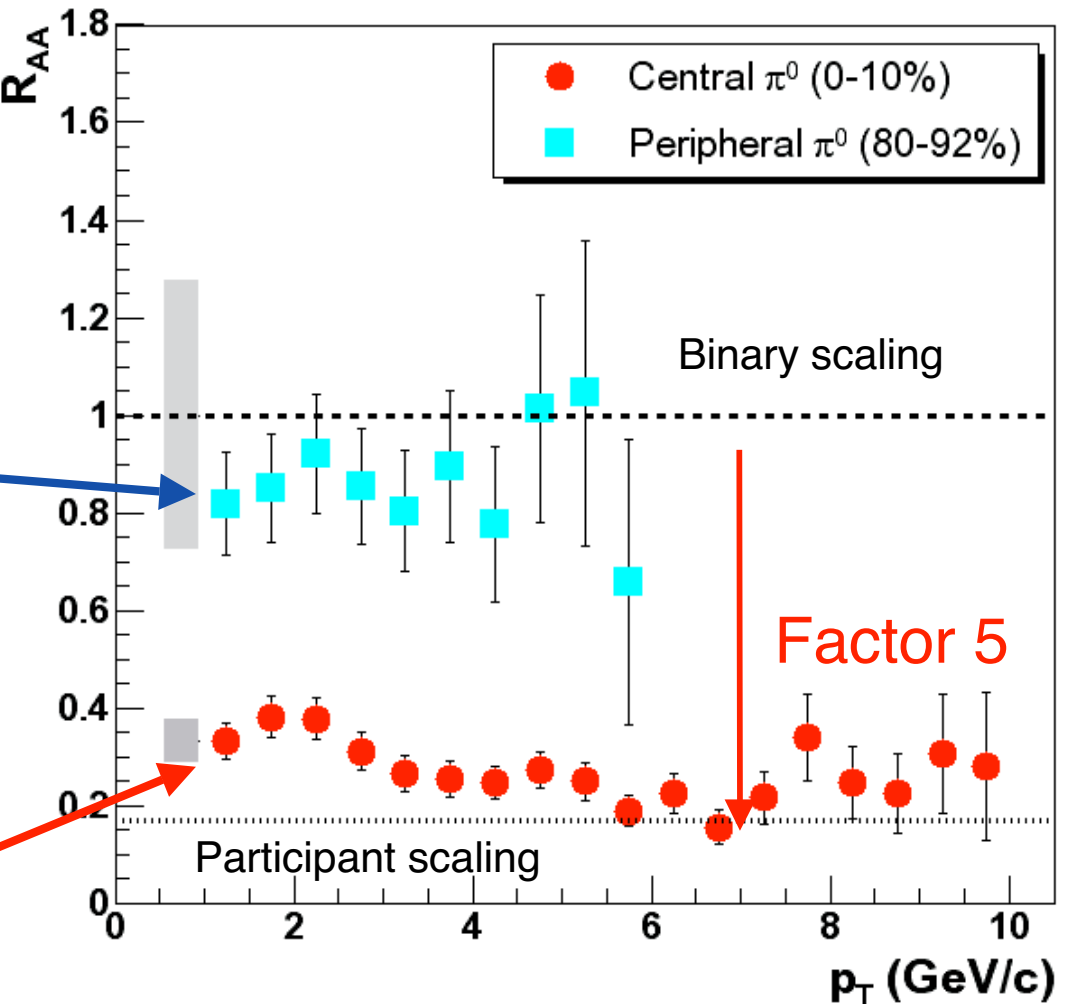
Strong suppression in central Au+Au collisions

R_{AA} (π^0) AuAu:pp 200GeV
High p_T Suppression flat from 3 to 10 GeV/c !

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

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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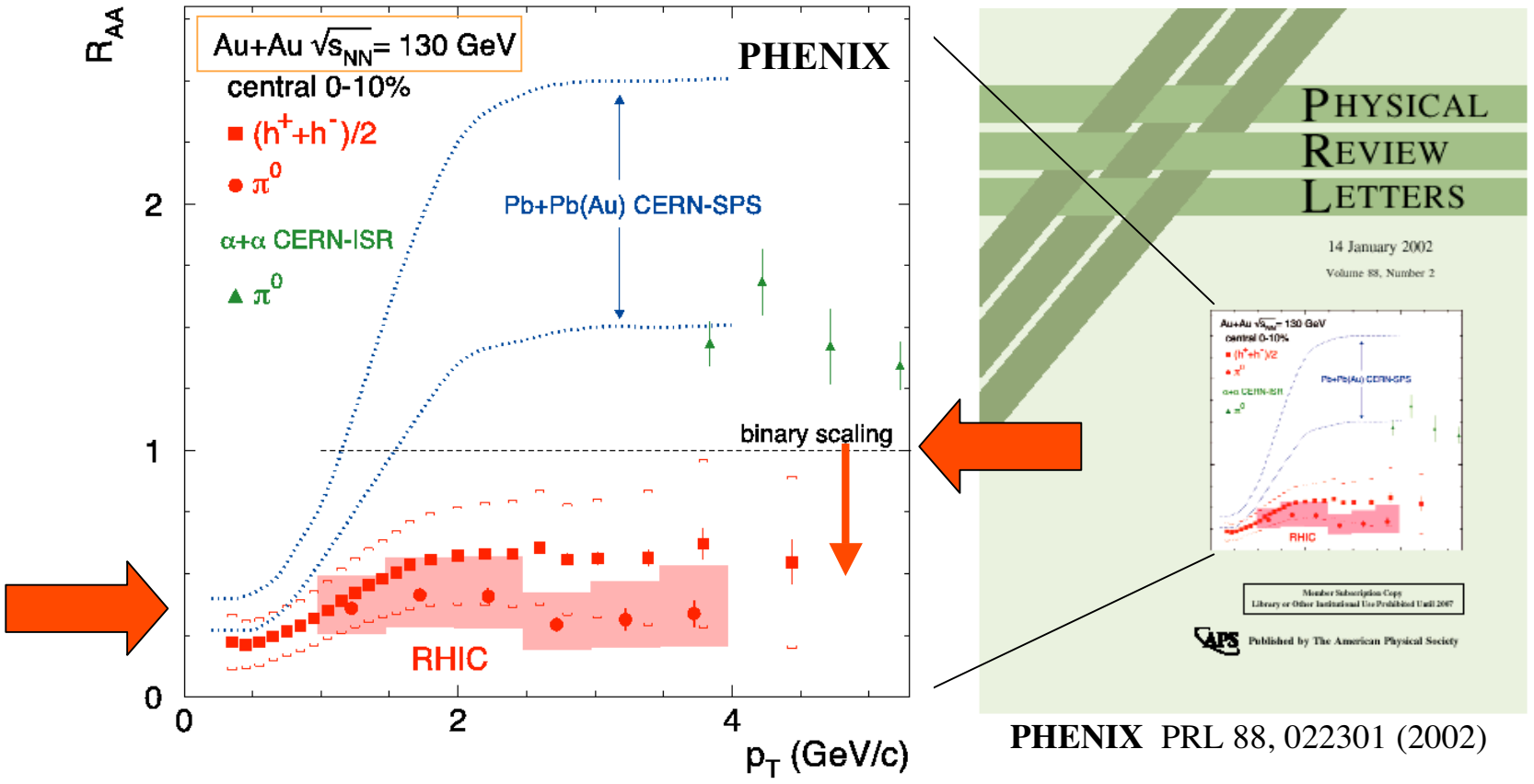
Run-1: RHIC Headline News … January 2002
THE major discovery at RHIC (so far)



PHENIX PRL 88, 022301 (2002)

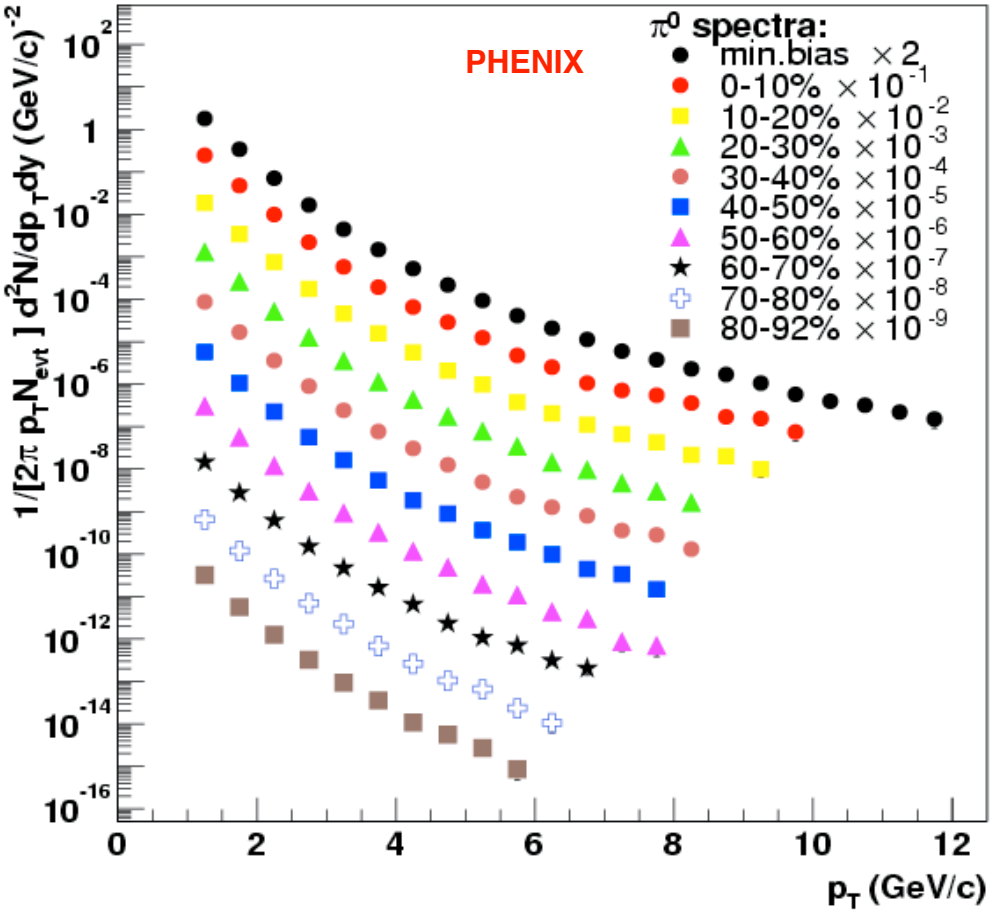
First observation of *large* suppression of high p_T hadron yields

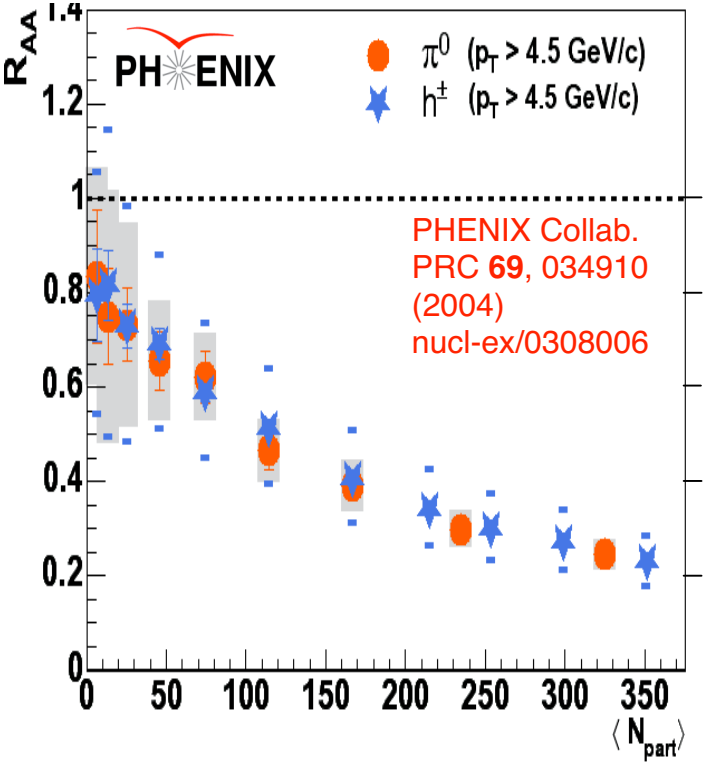
"Jet Quenching''? == Quark Gluon Plasma?

RHIC Run 2 √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)

Centrality

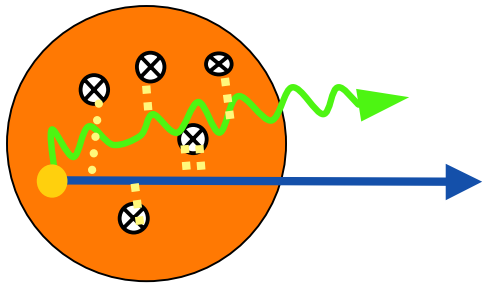




Suppression: Final State Effect?

- **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.



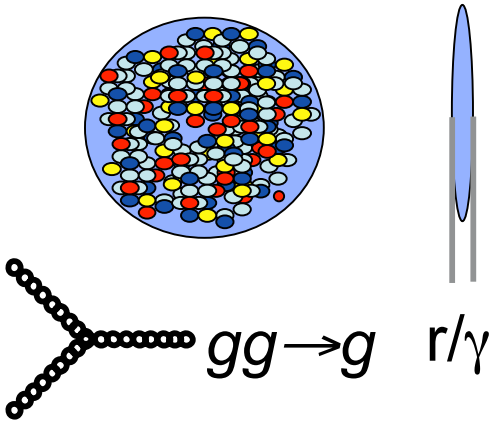
Alternative: Initial Effects

- **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



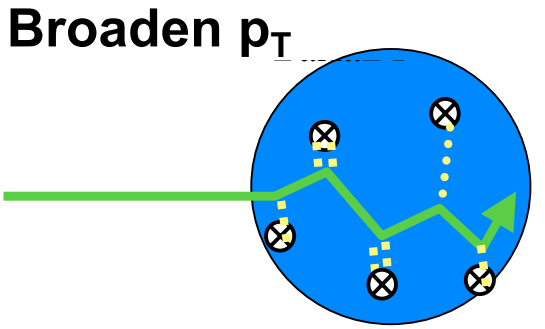
D.Kharzeev et al., PLB 561 (2003) 93

- **Multiple elastic scatterings**

(Cronin effect)

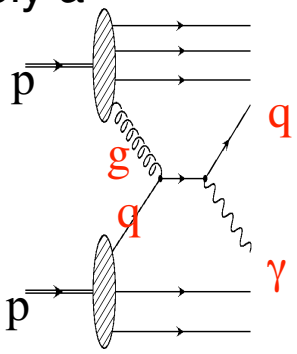
Wang, Kopeliovich, Levai, Accardi

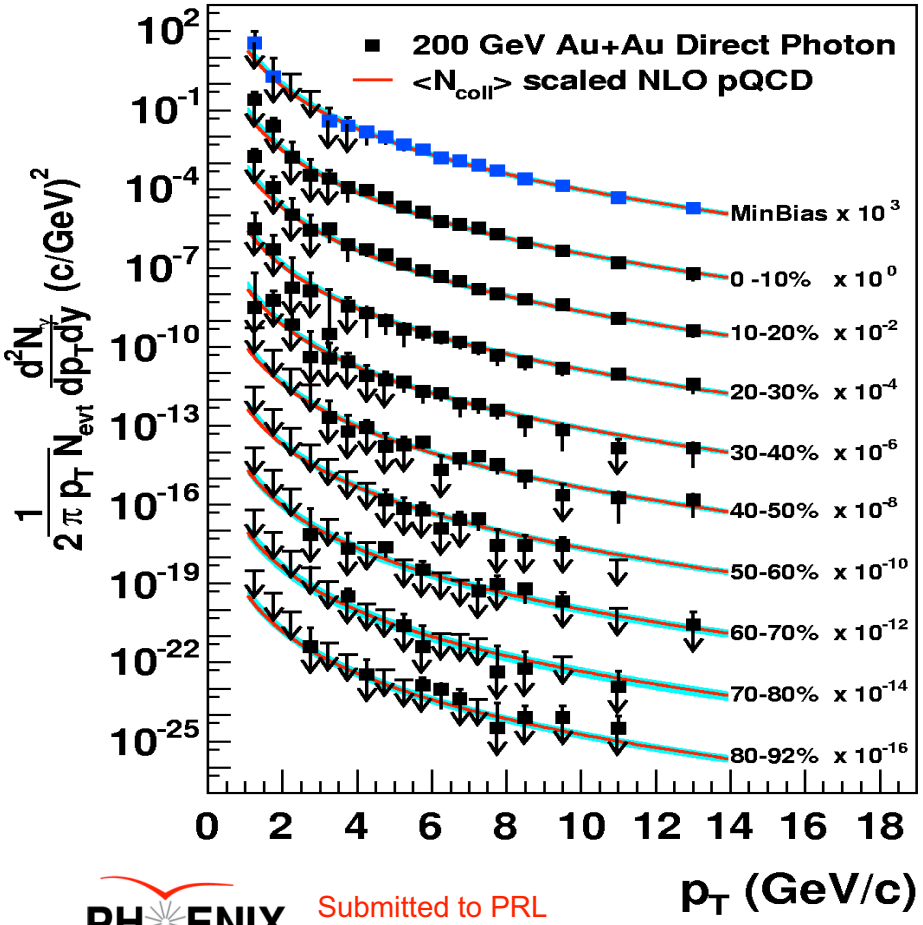
- **Nuclear shadowing**

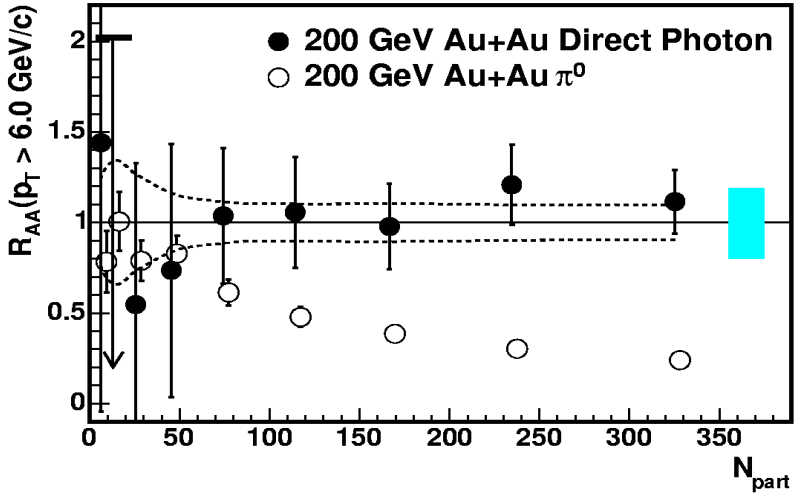


2004--Direct Photons in Au+Au 200 GeV: follow T_{AB} scaling from p-p for all centralities-no suppression

- 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 → π^0 **suppression is medium effect**

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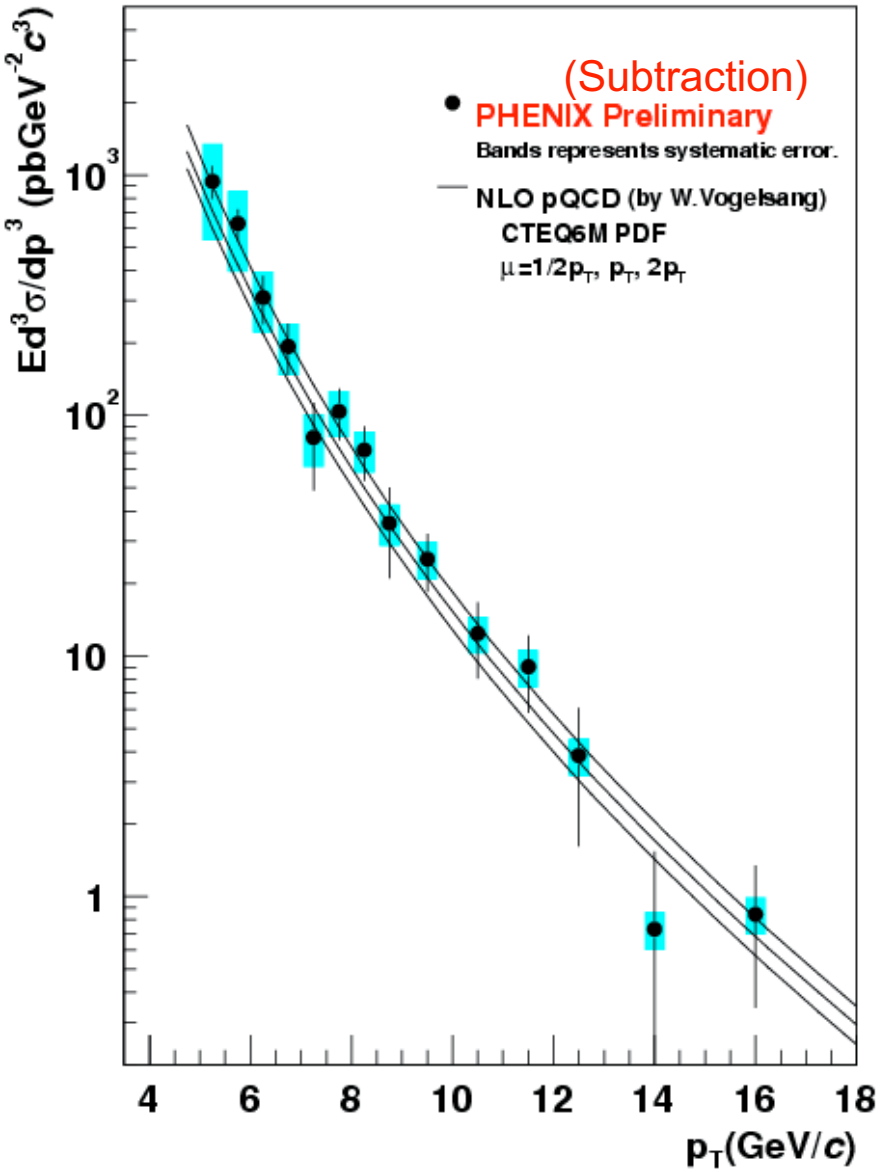
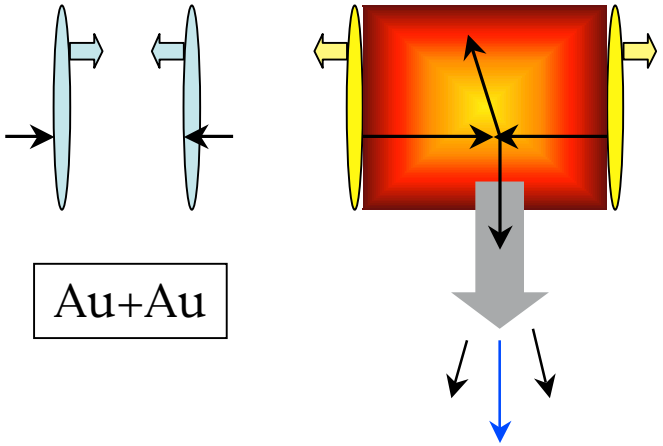
Direct-γ measurement in √s=200 GeV p-p

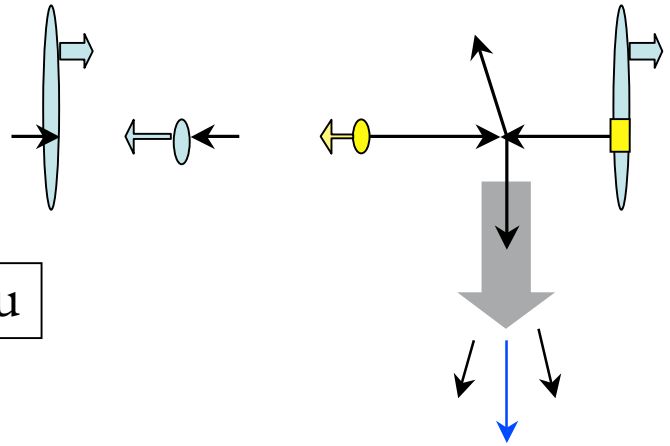


- NLO-pQCD calculation
  - ✓ Private communication with W.Vogelsang
  - ✓ CTEQ6M PDF.
  - ✓ direct photon + fragmentation photon
  - ✓ Set Renormalization scale and factorization scale pT/2,pT,2pT

- 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

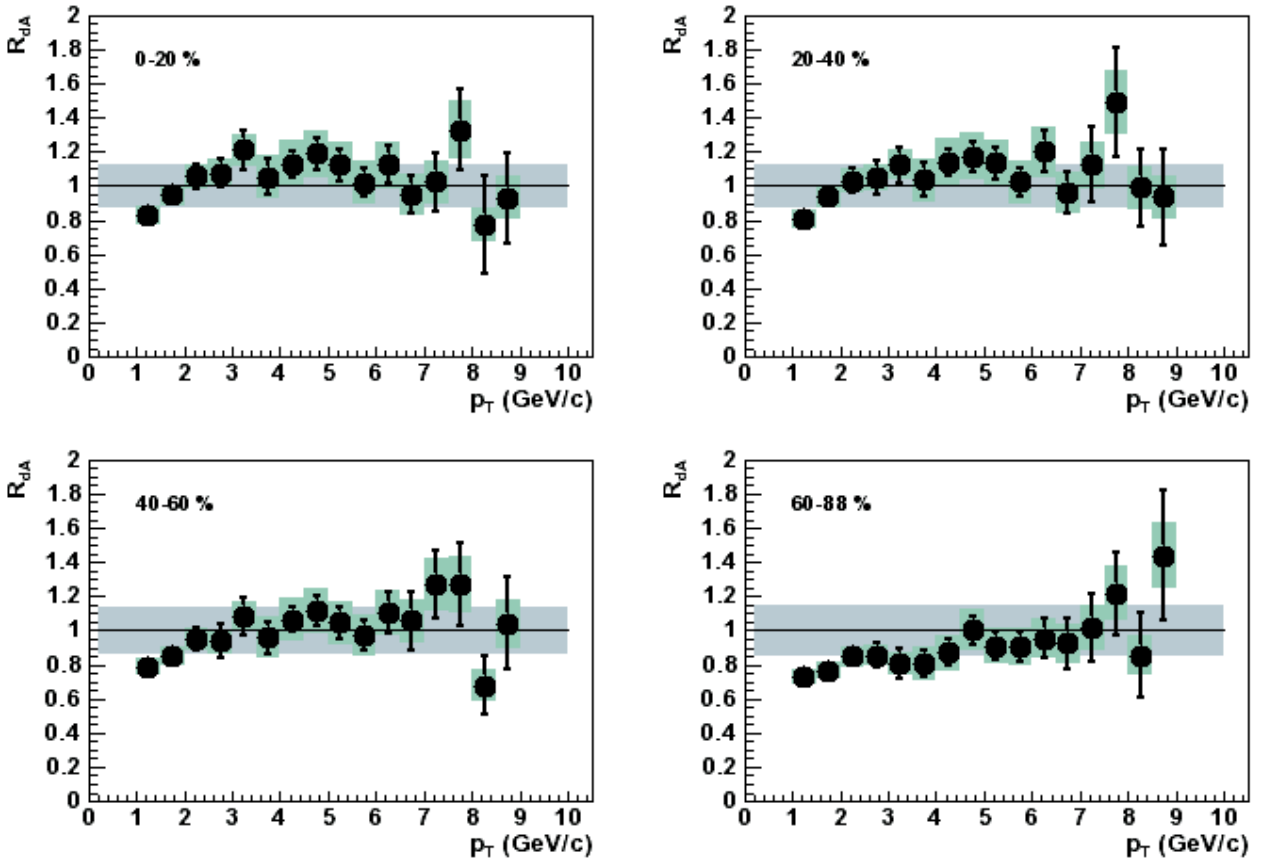
Initial + Final State Effects

= 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+A 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→ 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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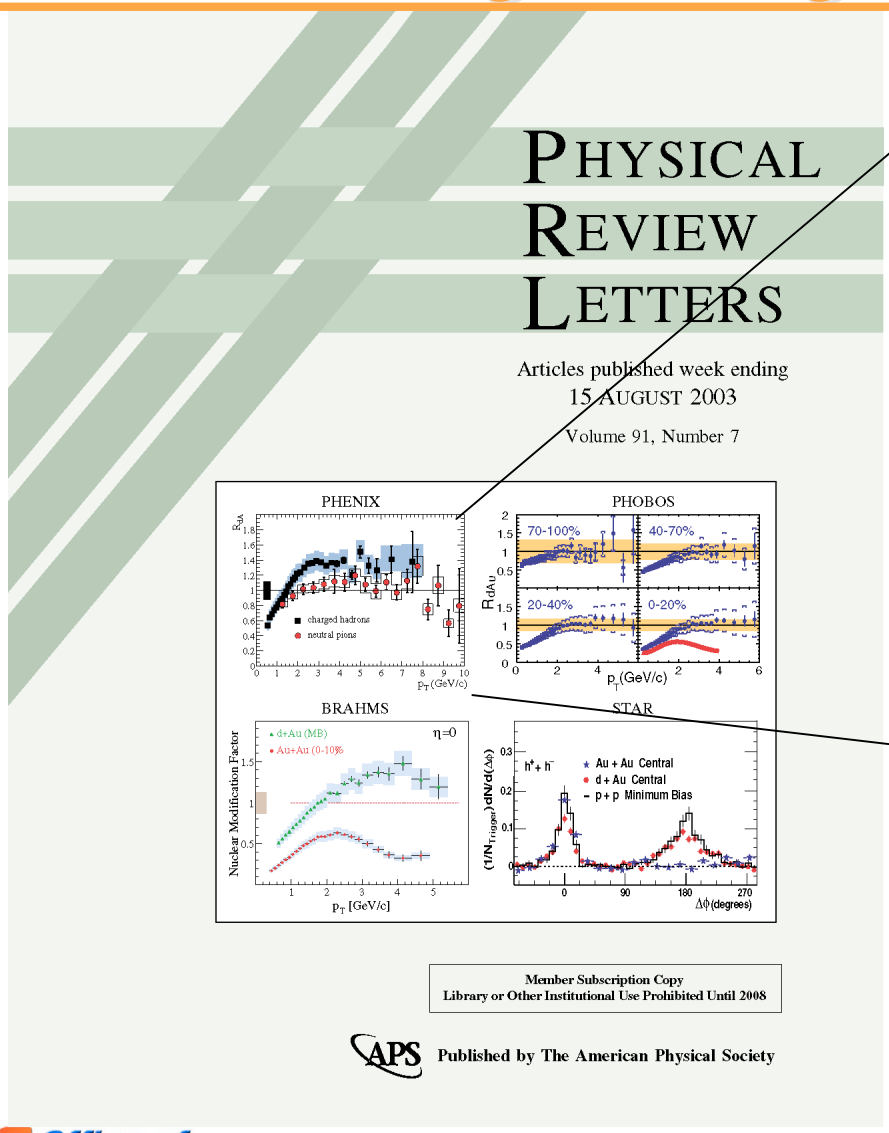
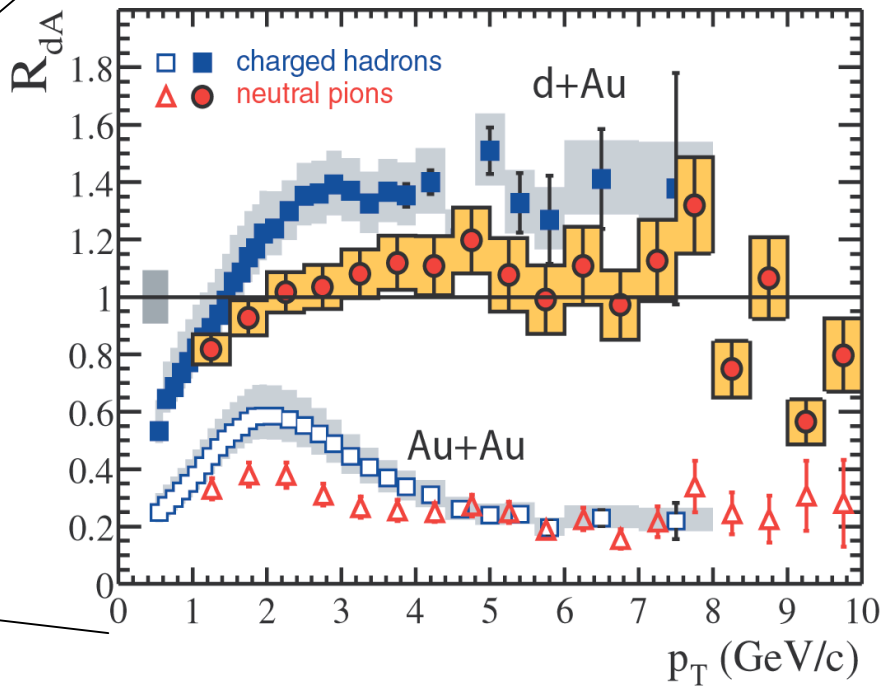




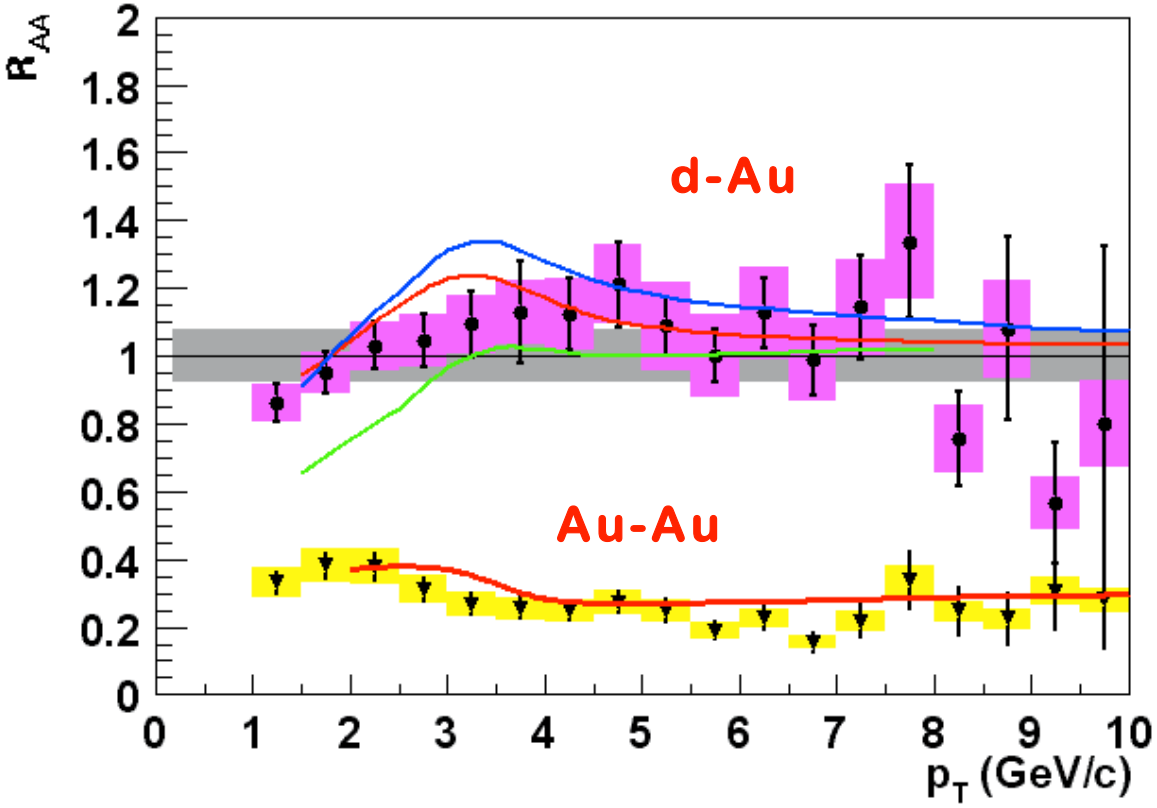
Theoretical Understanding?

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

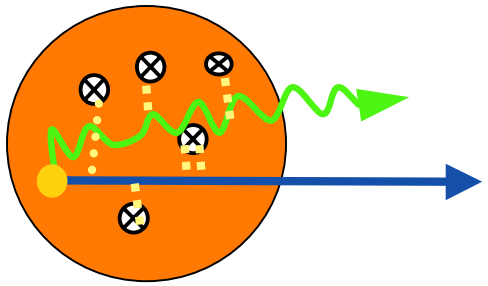
- **Energy loss of partons in dense matter--A medium effect predicted in QCD---Energy loss by colored parton in medium composed of unscreened color charges by gluon bremsstrahlung--LPM radiation**
  - ✓ Gyulassy, Wang, Vitev, Baier, Wiedemann…

  See nucl-th/0302077 for a review.

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

- From Vitev nucl-th/0404052:

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



$\varepsilon_{Bj} \Rightarrow \varepsilon$=15 GeV/fm^3=10 x 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:

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

...

Straightforward algebra leads to

$$\frac{\omega\, dI}{d\omega\, dz} =$$

$$= \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{\pi \lambda} \int_0^\infty \frac{\mu^4\, dk_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 (k_\perp^2+\mu^2)^2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{N_c}{2C_F}\,\frac{\tau}{\lambda}\right)^2\right]^{-1}$$

μ= 0.5 GeV/c=1/0.4 fm

One Big Grape-but size of a nucleon

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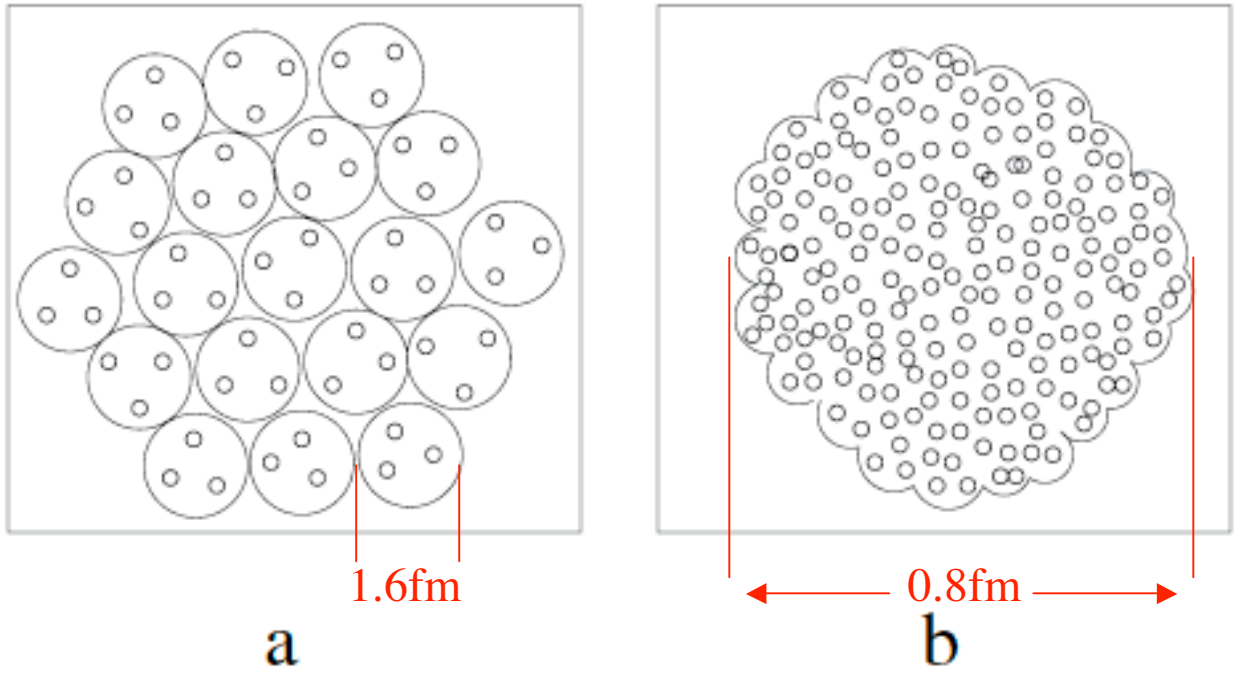
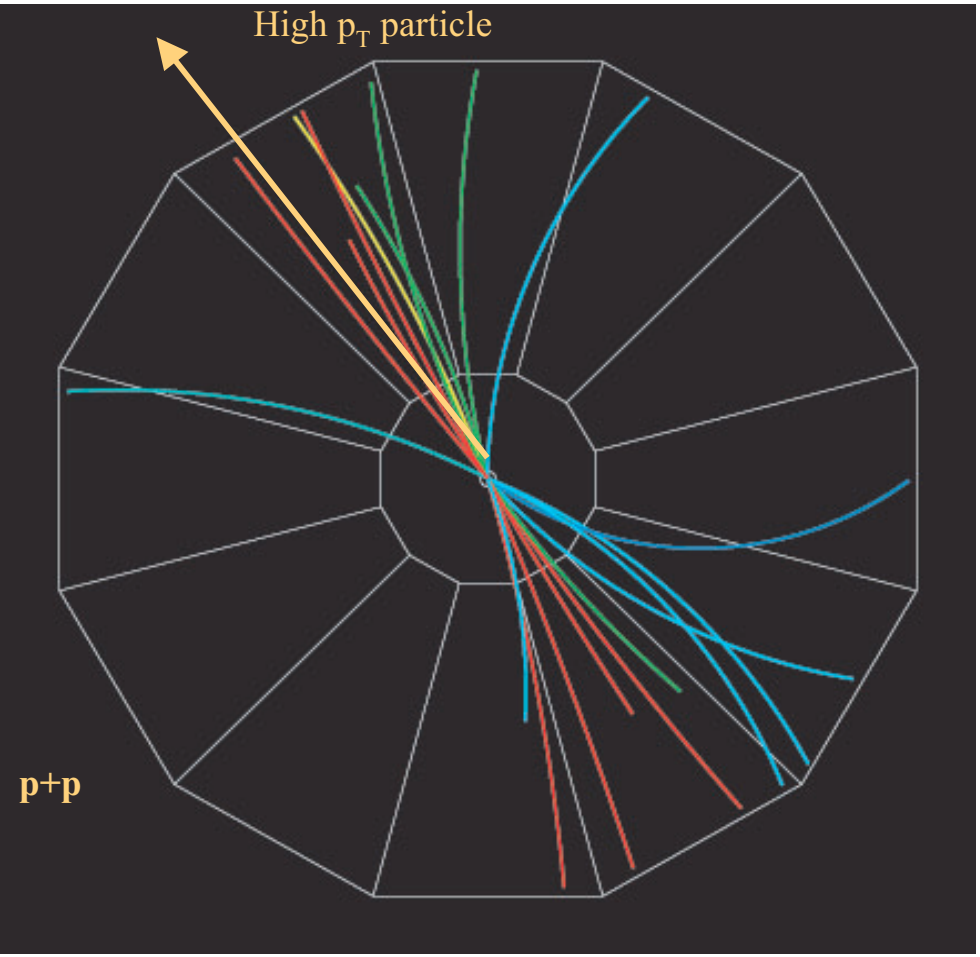


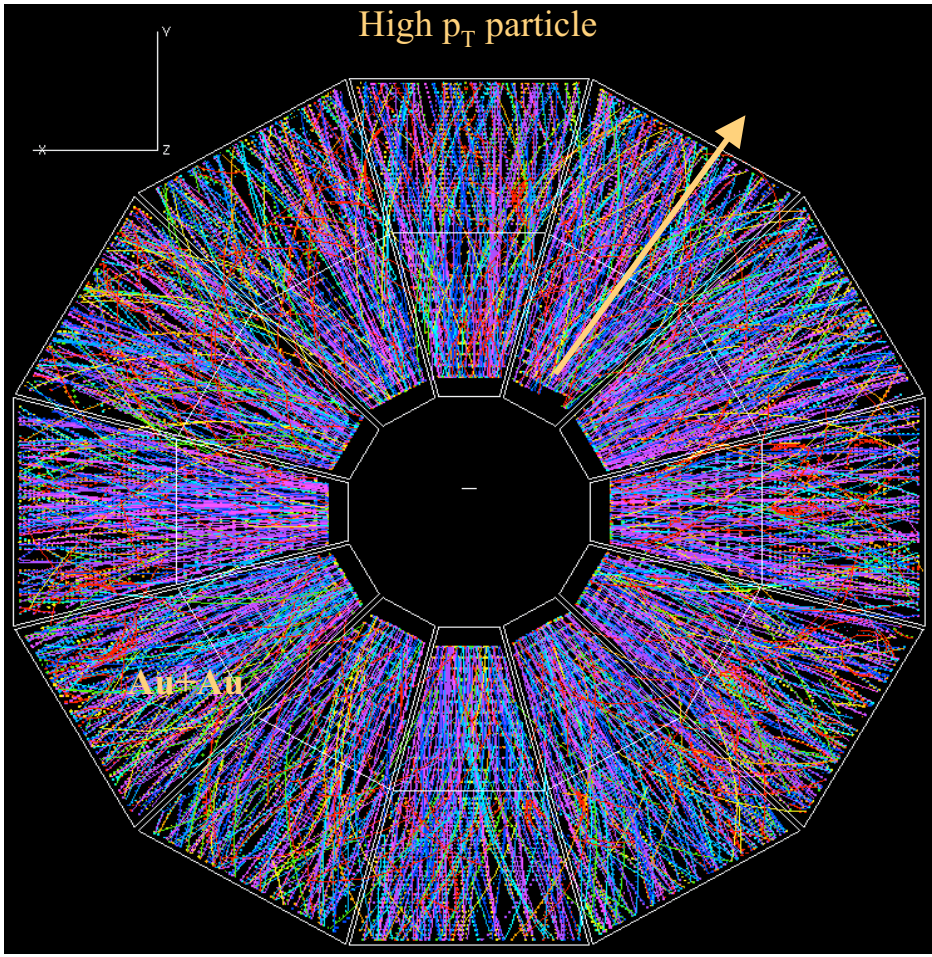
Figure 1. Strongly interacting matter as nuclear matter at a density of closely packed nucleons (*a*) and as quark matter at much higher density (*b*).

Jet Physics …jets in AuAu "difficult"--but

STAR-Jet event in pp collision



STAR Au+Au collision



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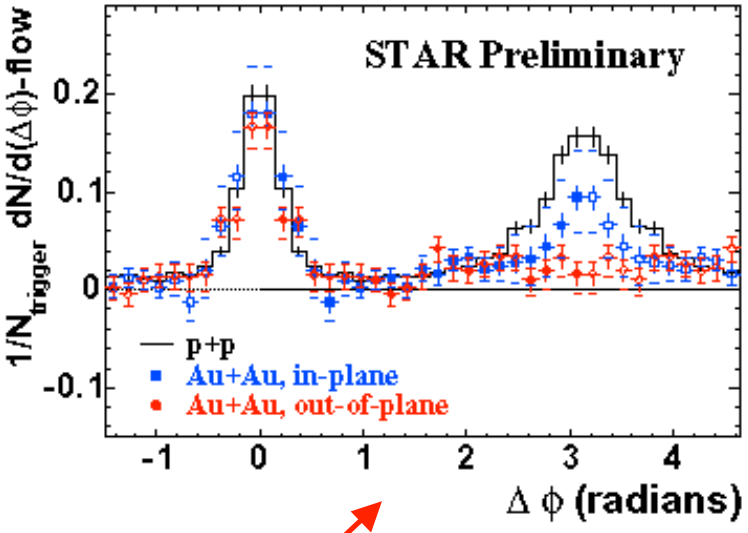

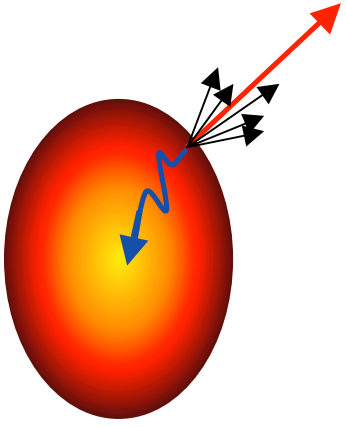

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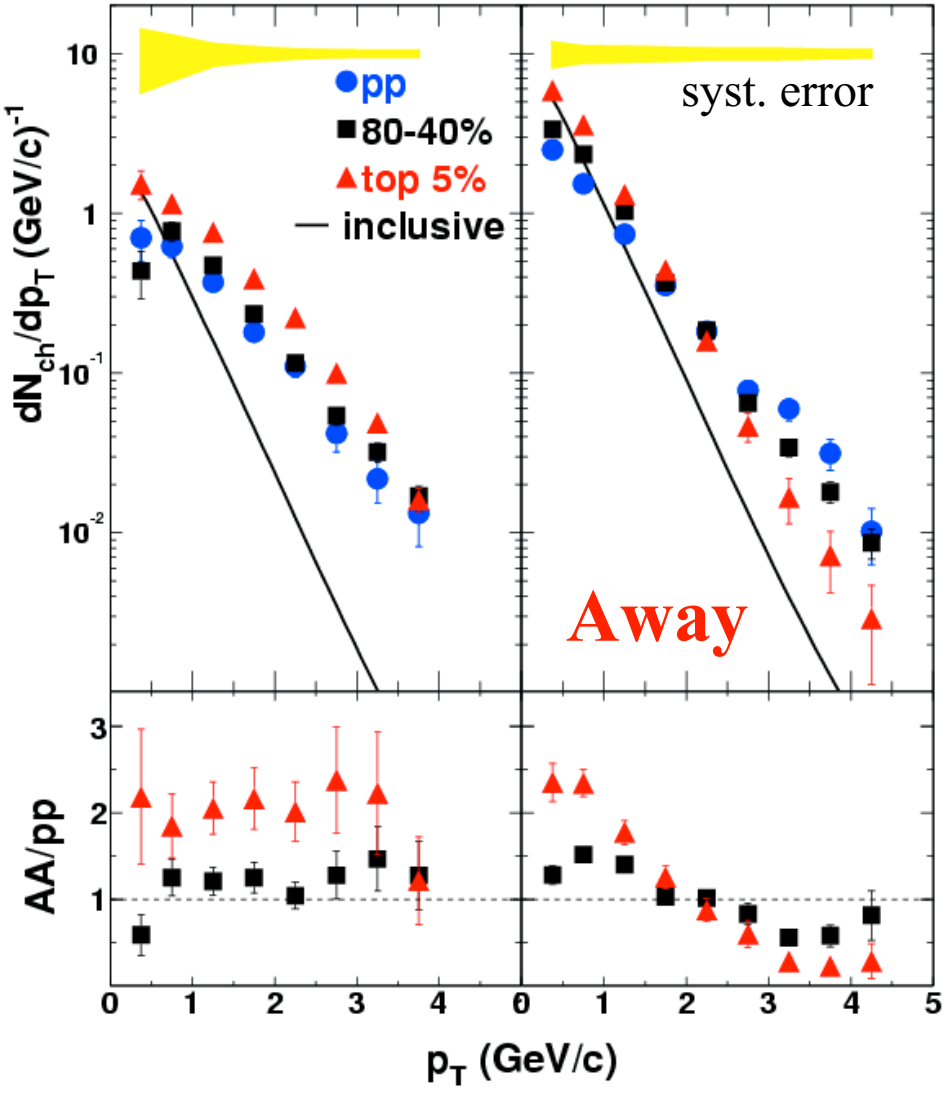

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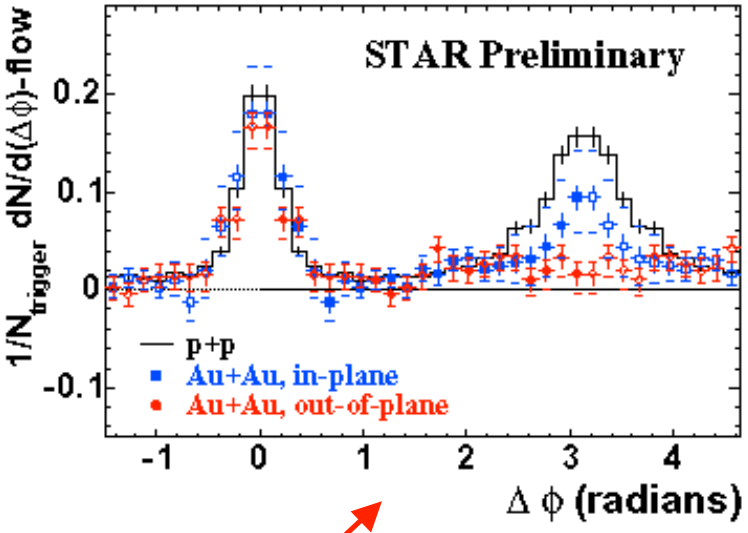

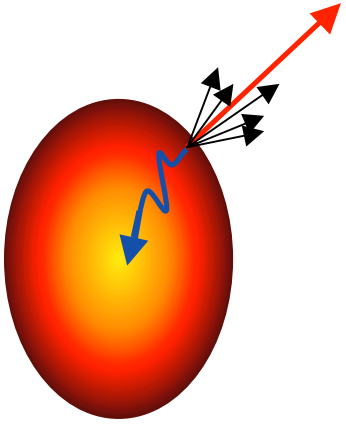

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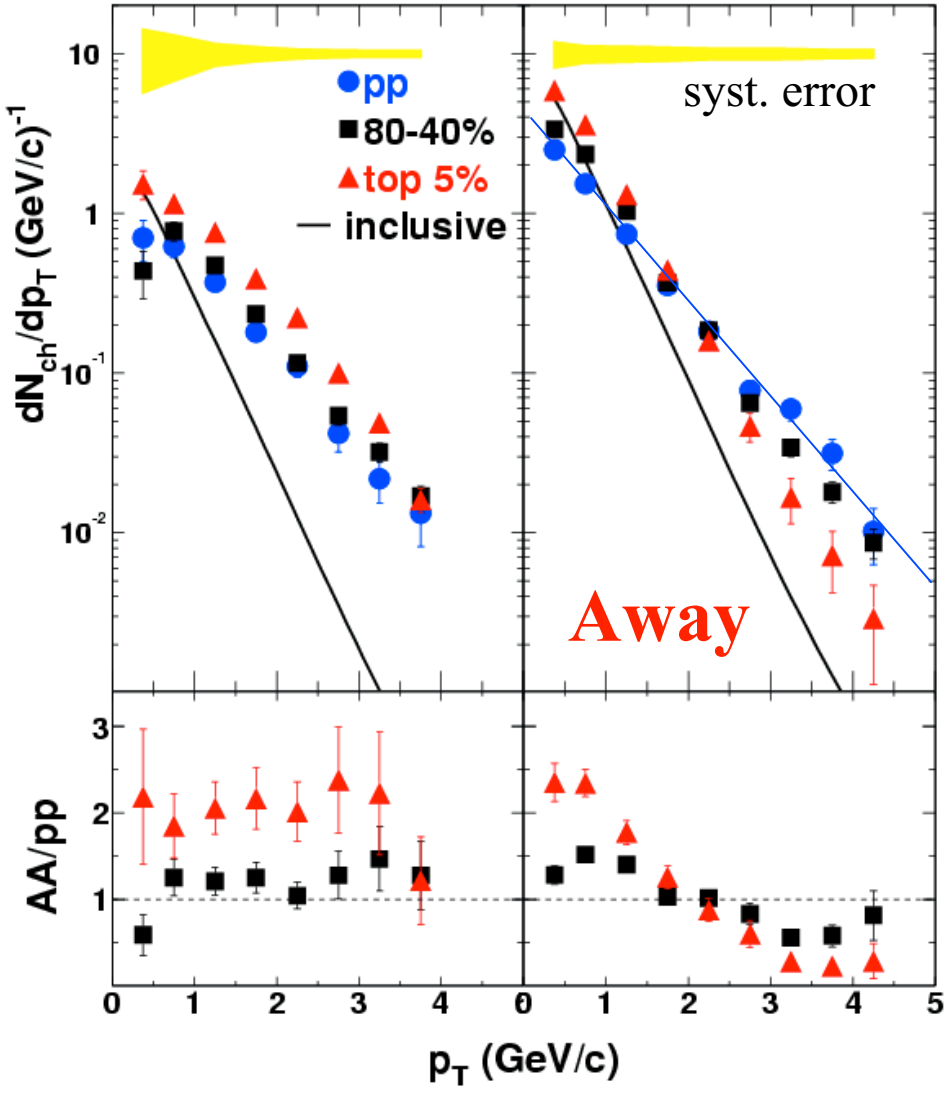

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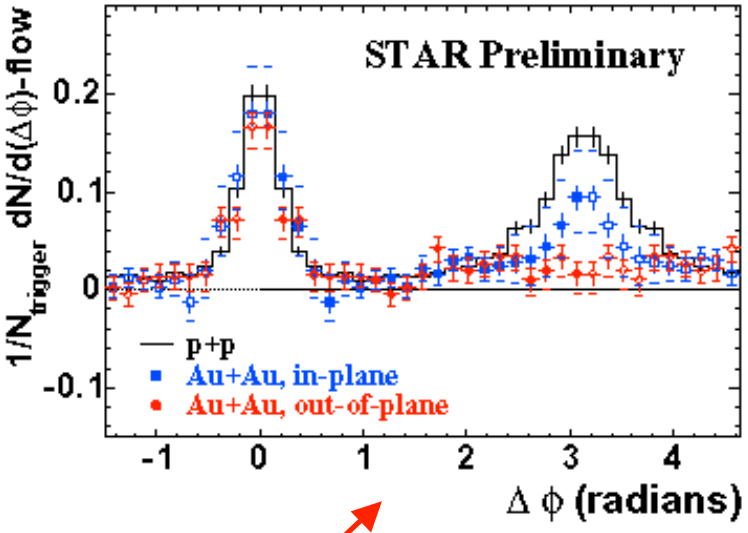

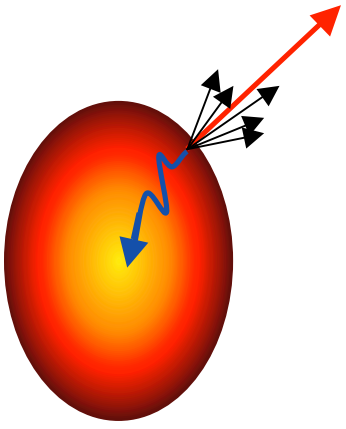

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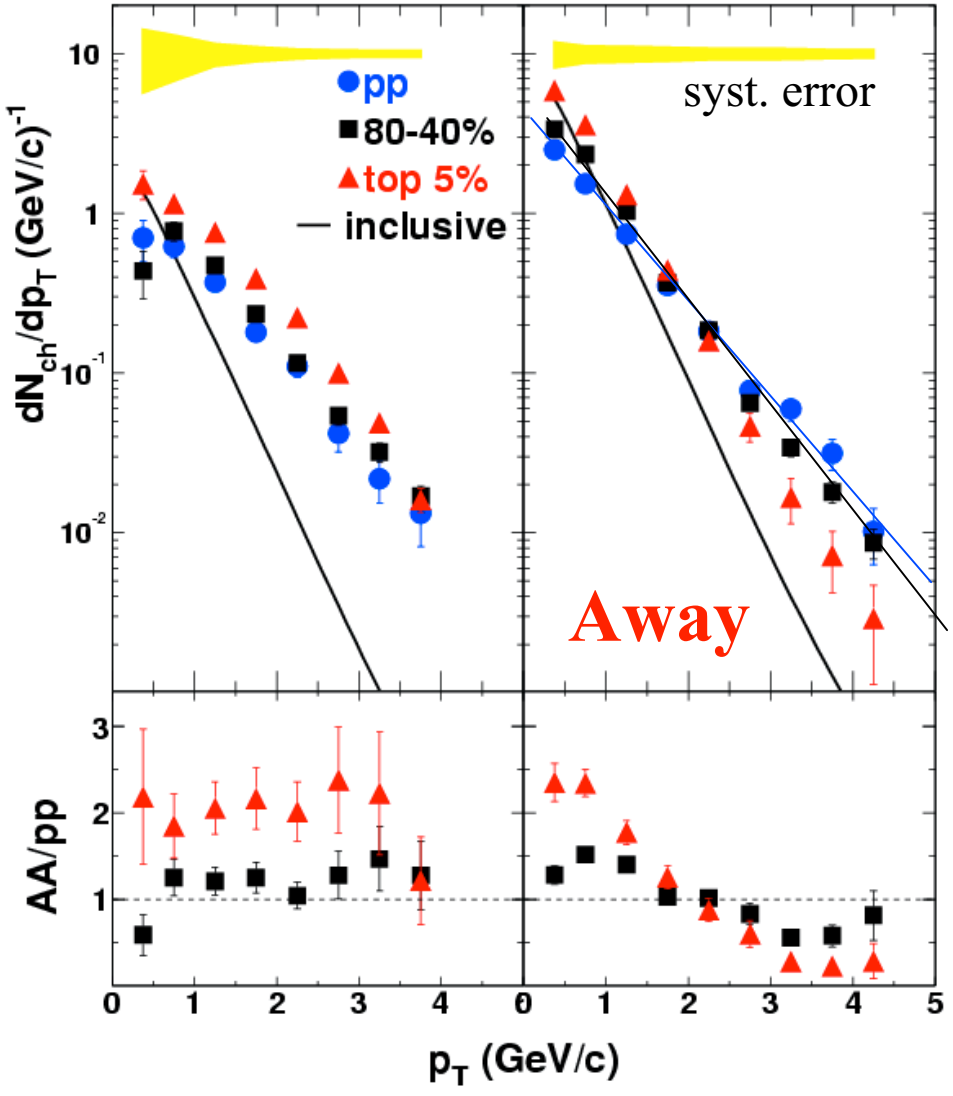

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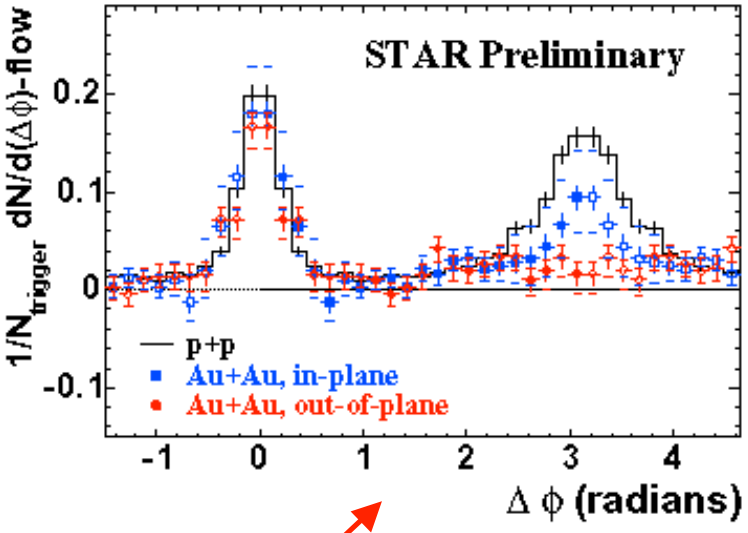

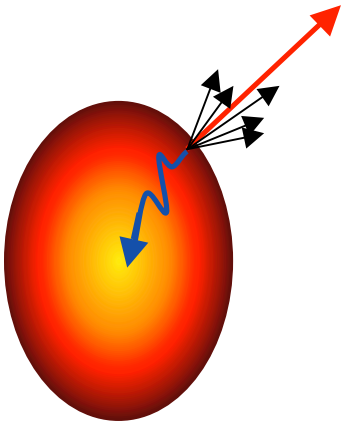

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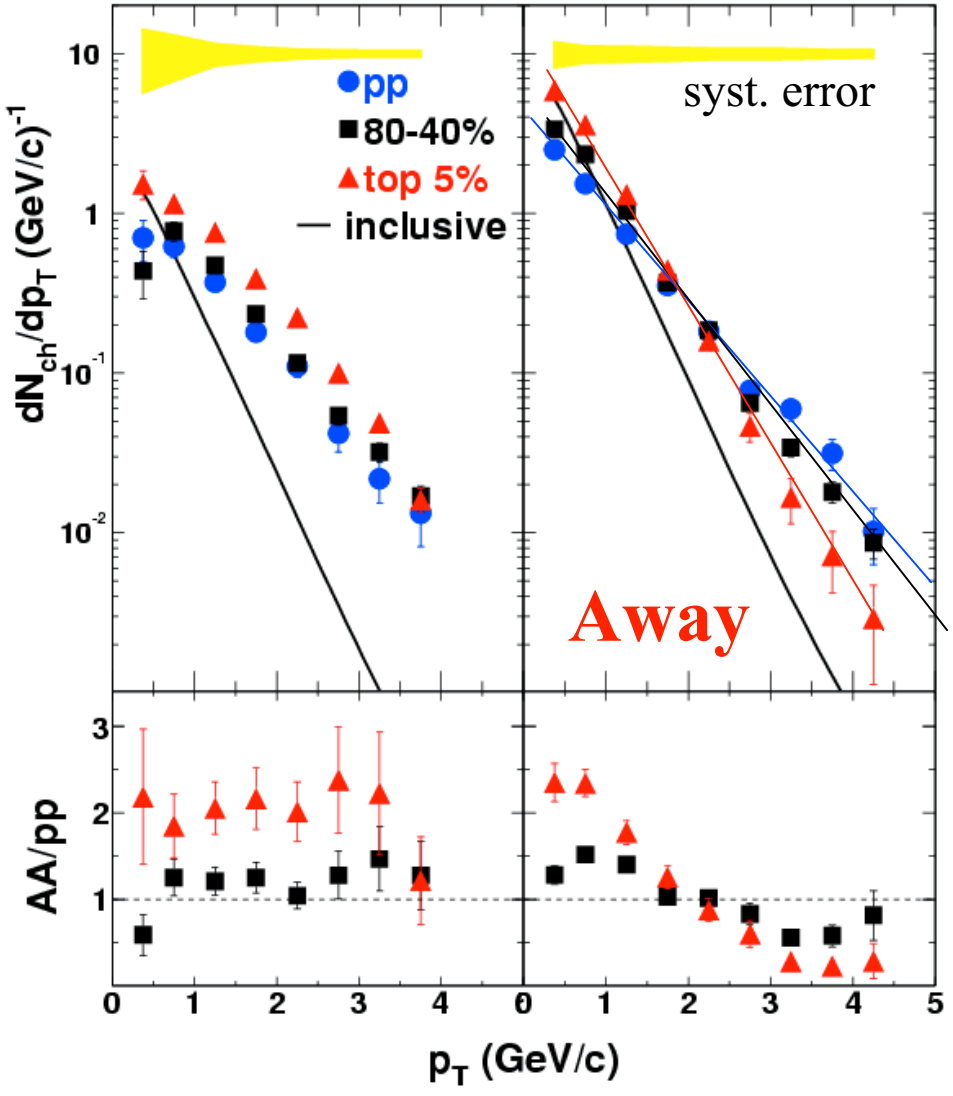

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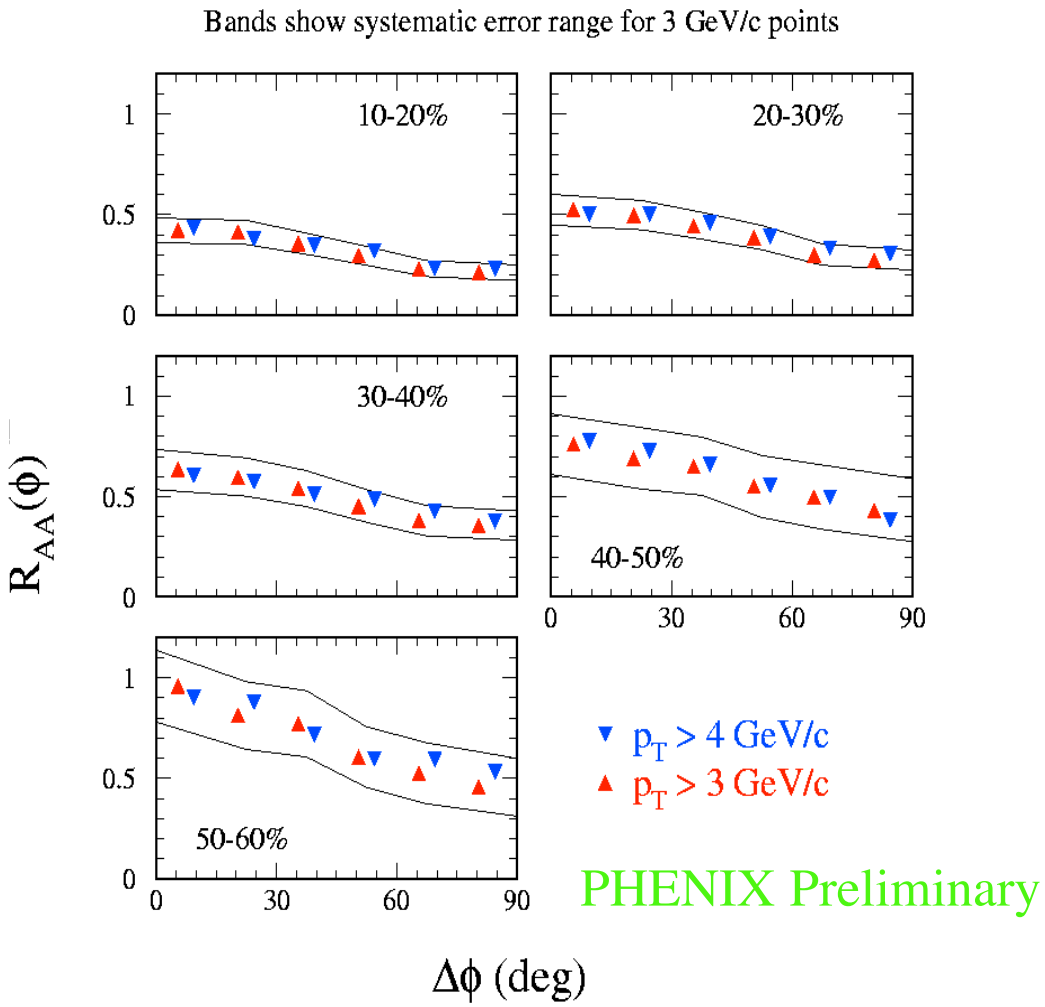
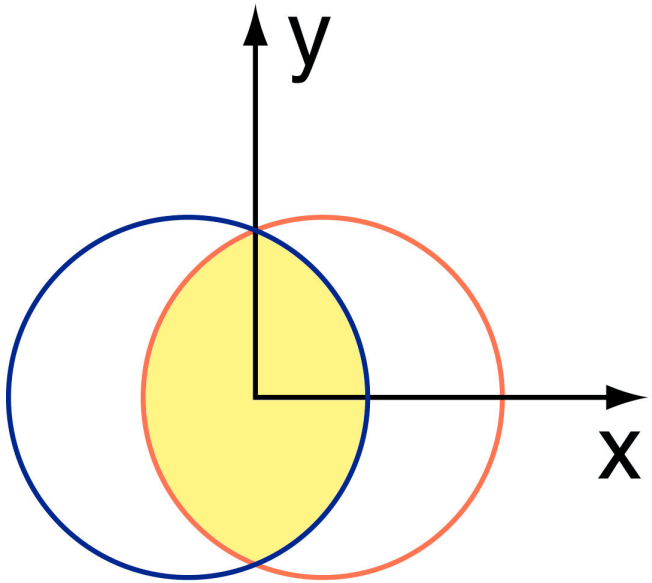
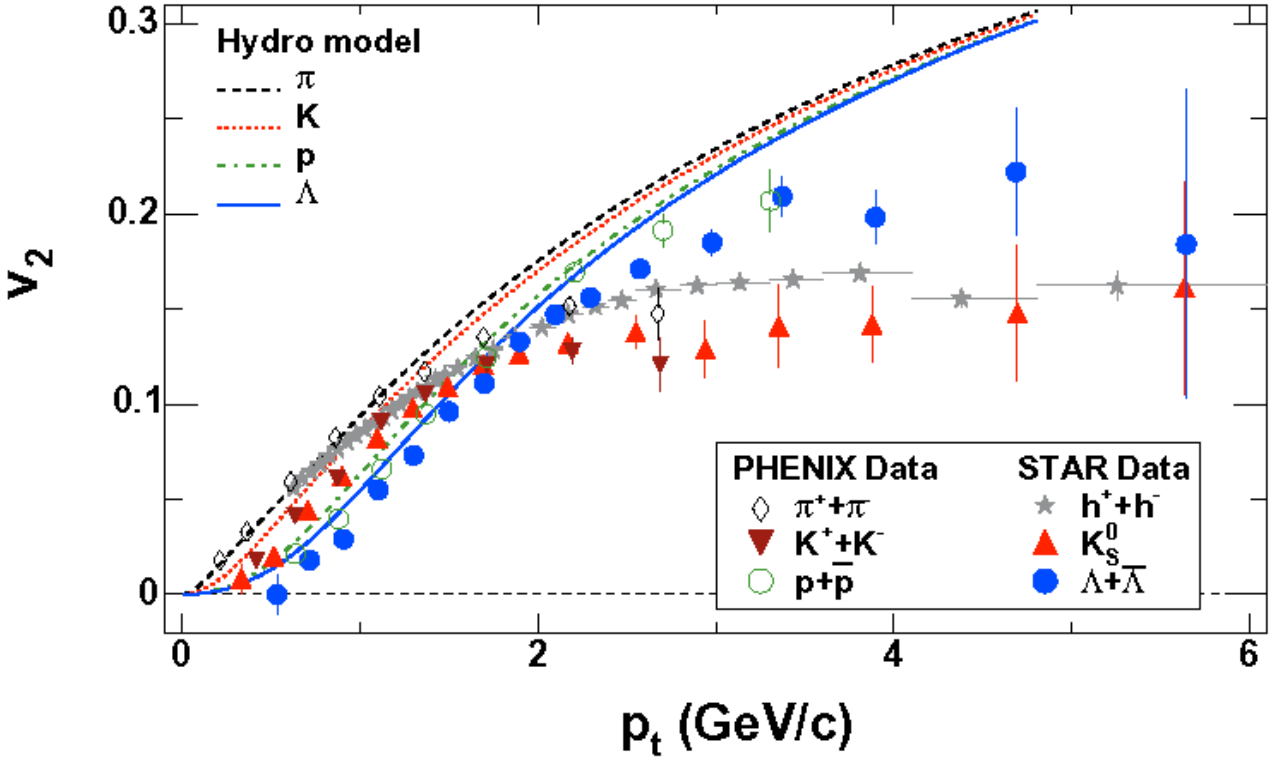
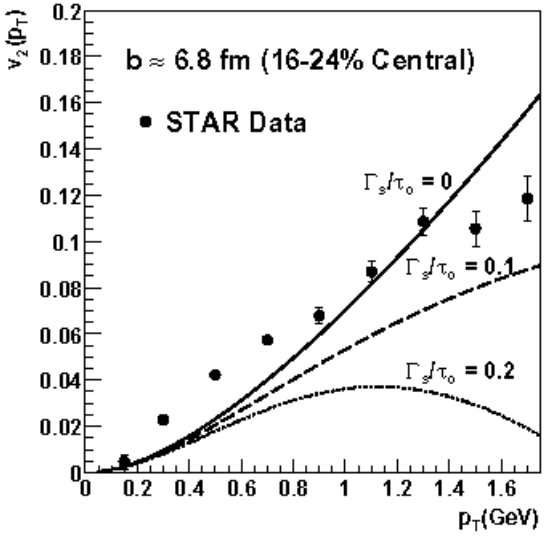




Nobody believes that v_2 p_T>2 GeV/c is entirely due to hydro pressure--perfect fluid (?)





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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 √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?

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