

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PHENIX EXPERIMENT

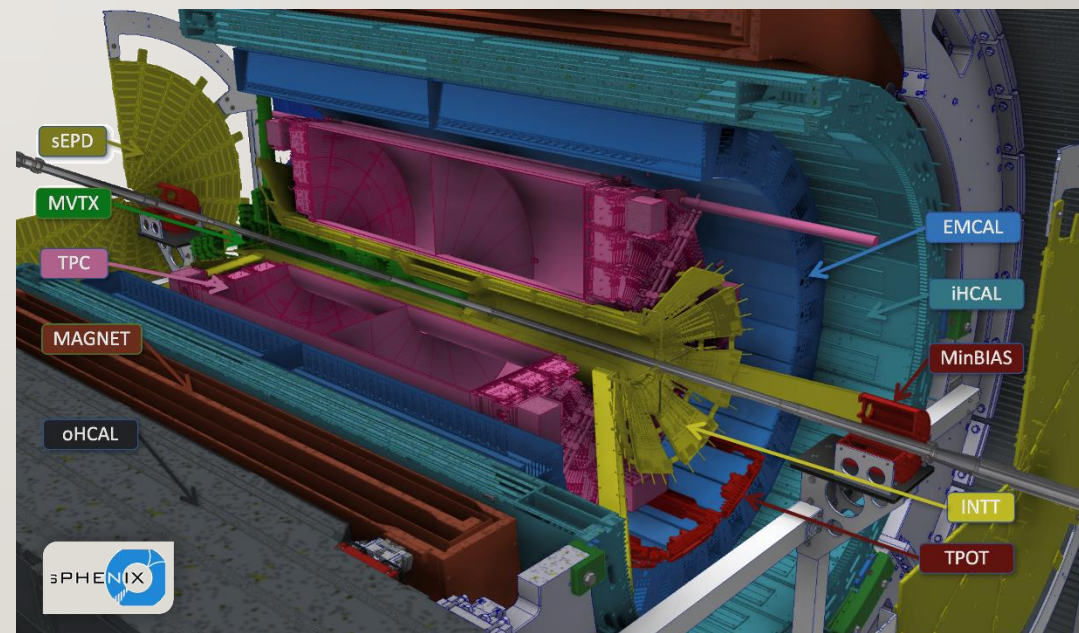
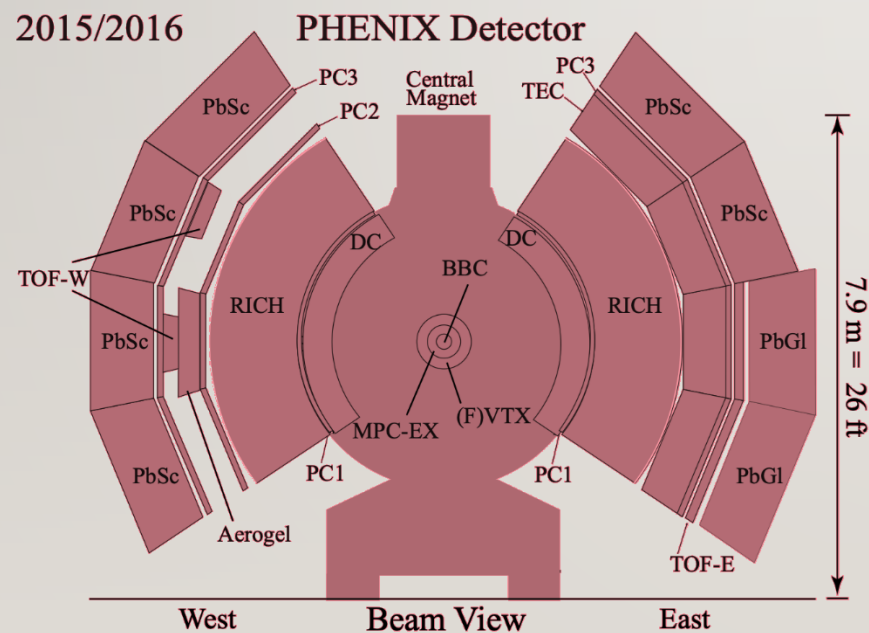
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# 2/18 THE PHENIX EXPERIMENT

- PHENIX: versatile detector identifying many different particles, recording large amount of collisions
- Dismantled in 2016, to give way to sPHENIX
- sPHENIX: to take data soon
  - Jets, jet correlations, Upsilon states
  - EM+Hadronic calorimetry, high resolution tracking, fast ( $\sim 100$  kHz) data acquisition

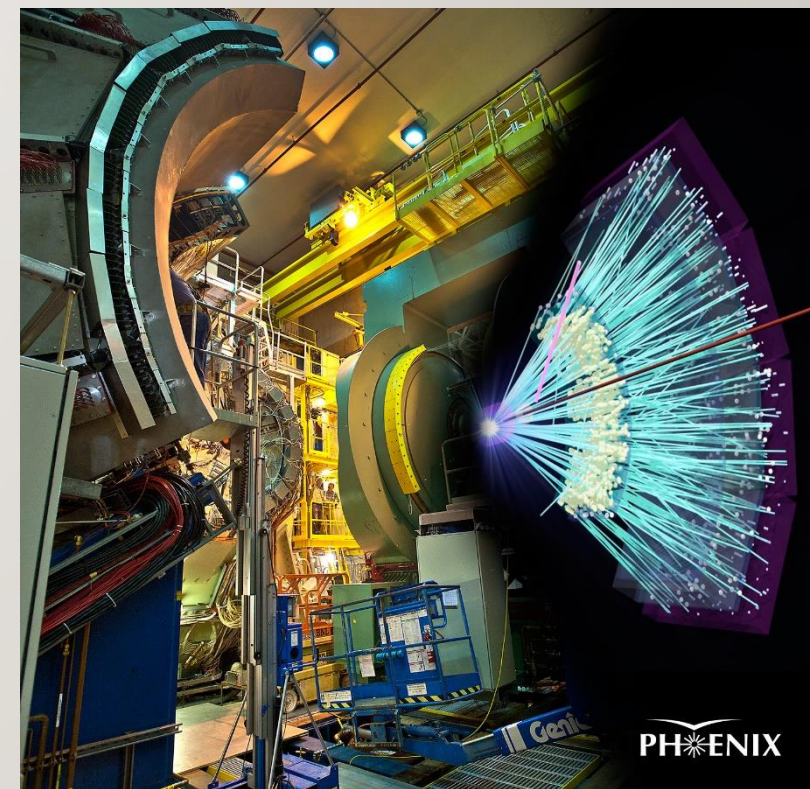




# 3/18 THE PHENIX EXPERIMENT AND THE BES

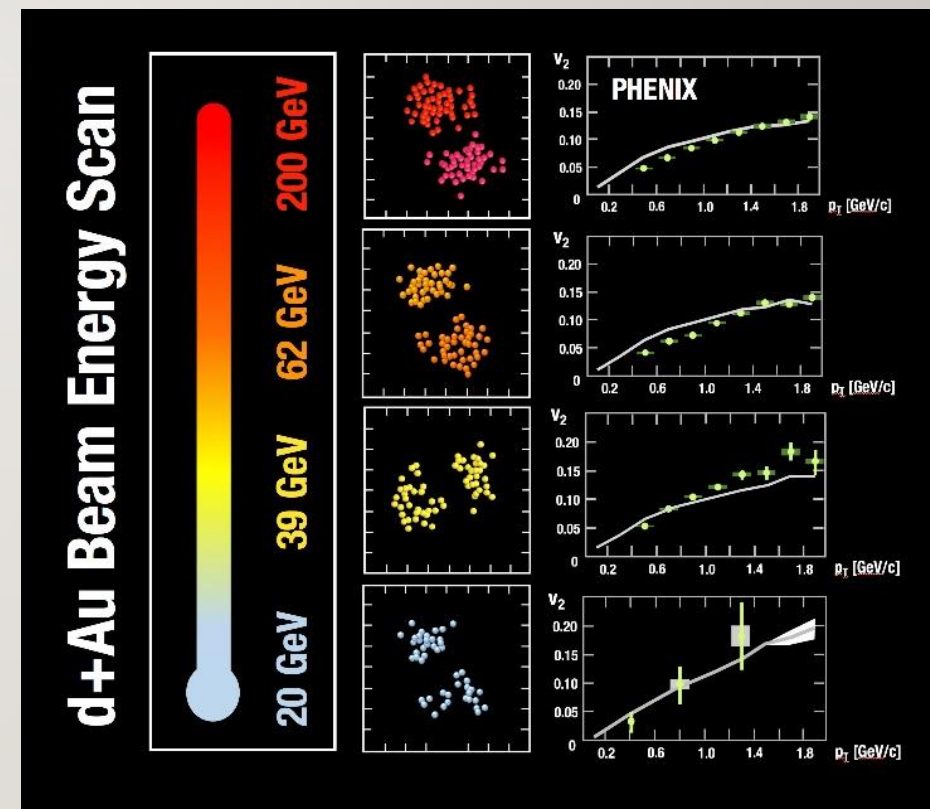
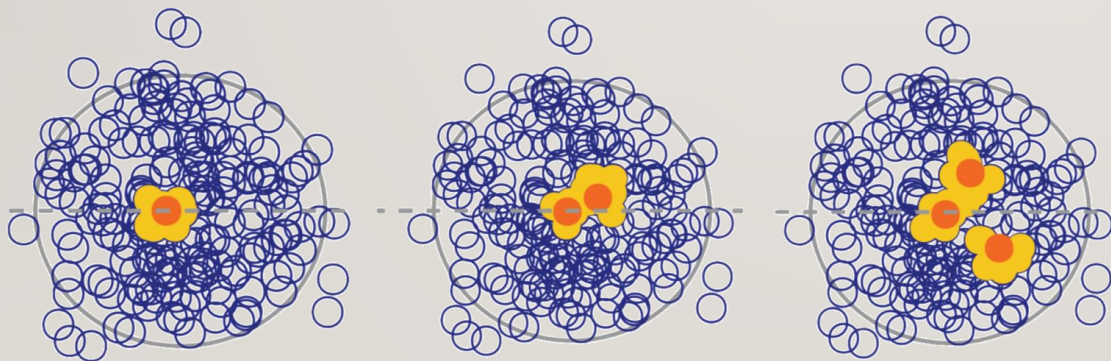
- Detector system allowing hadron, photon, muon etc. measurements, data taking until 2016
- Collision energies: 7.7 to 200 GeV (20-400 MeV in  $\mu_B$ , 140-170 MeV in  $T$ )
- This talk: summary of small and large systems

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]									
510	✓								
200	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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# 4/18 ORIGIN OF FINAL STATE COLLECTIVITY?

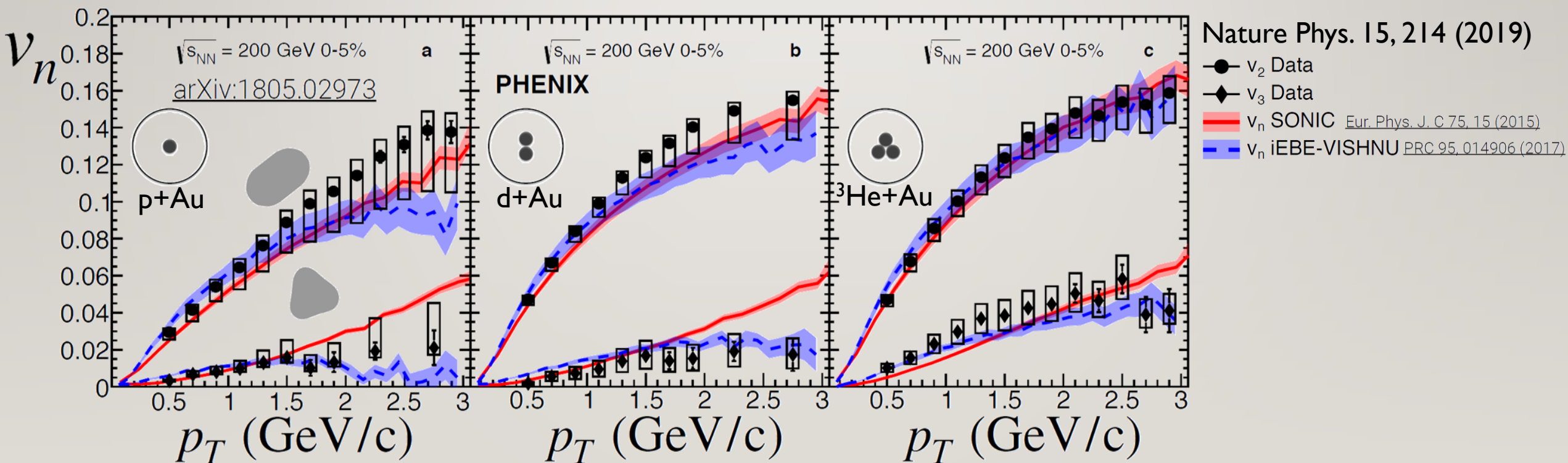
- Is it due to the appearance of the sQGP (i.e., a strongly coupled fluid)?
  - If yes, how much time is needed to spend in QGP phase?
  - Test: d+Au collisions from 20 to 200 GeV
- Is it due to initial geometry and hydro?
  - Hydrodynamics: initial spatial correlations
  - Alternative: initial momentum correlations
  - Test: p+Au, d+Au,  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$
  - How do  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  evolve with initial state geometry?





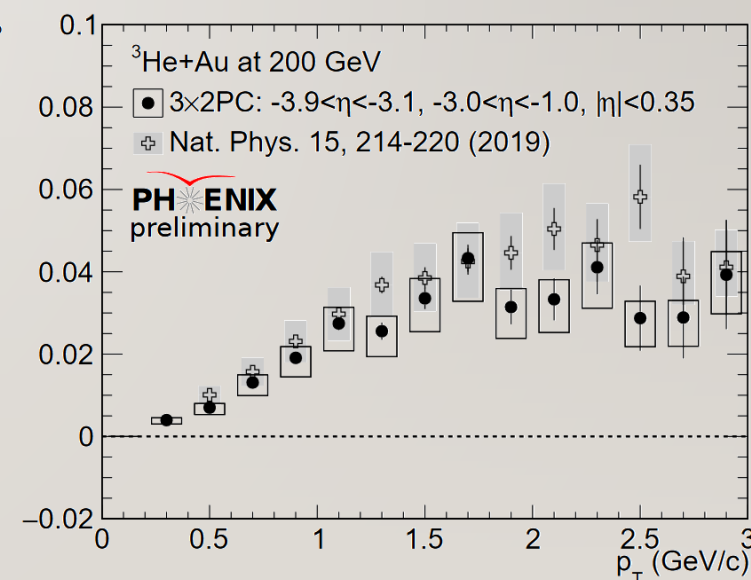
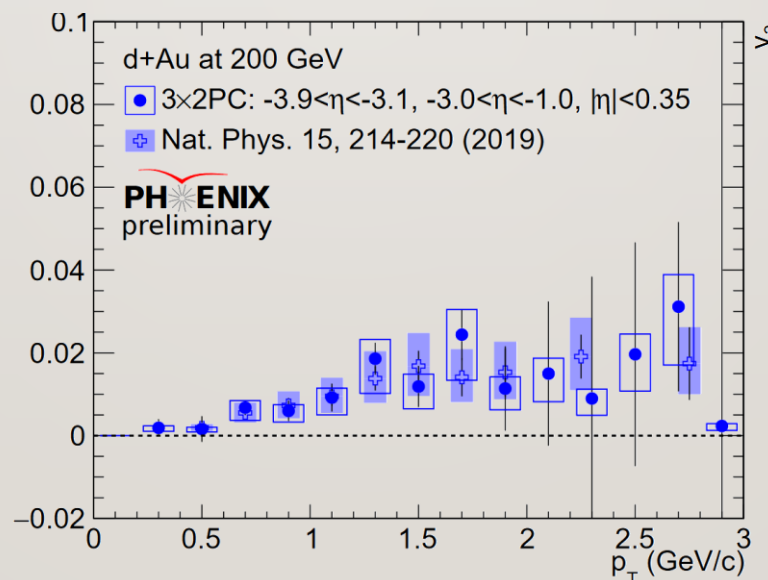
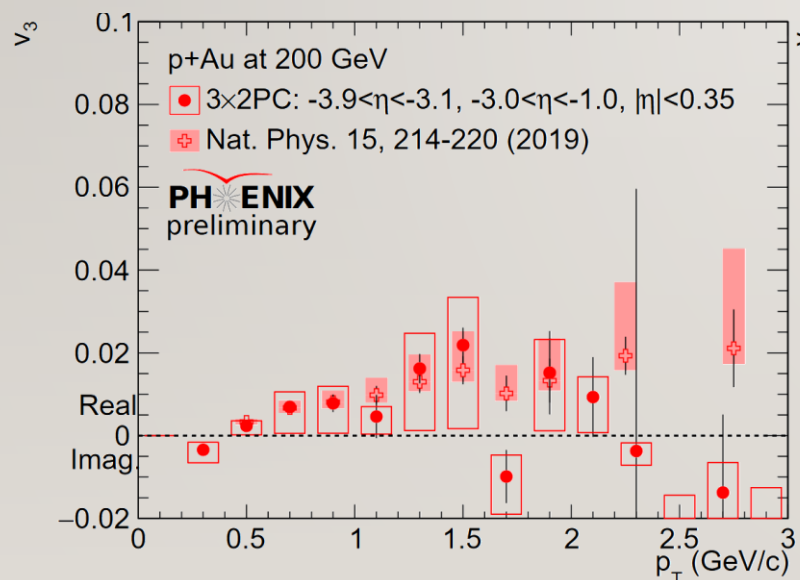
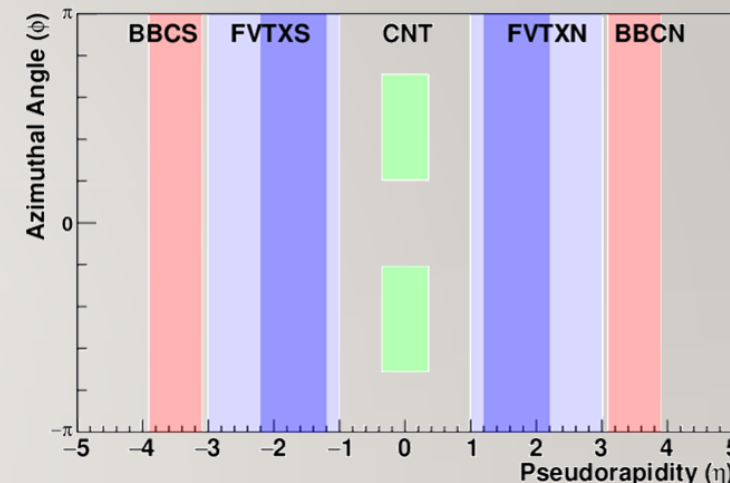
# 5/18 EVIDENCE FOR QGP DROPLETS IN SMALL SYSTEMS

- Data: apparent geometrical ordering
  - $v_2$ : p+Au < d+Au ~  $^3\text{He}$ +Au
  - $v_3$ : p+Au ~ d+Au <  $^3\text{He}$ +Au
- Hydro calculations (2+1D,  $\eta/s = 0.08$ , MCGlauber, different hadronic rescattering) match data



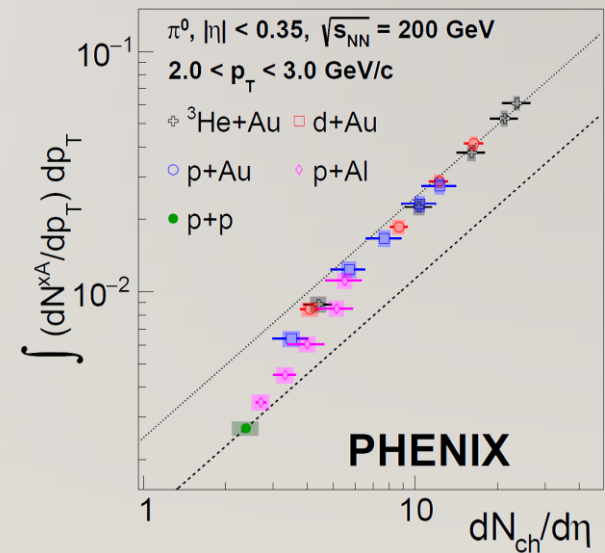
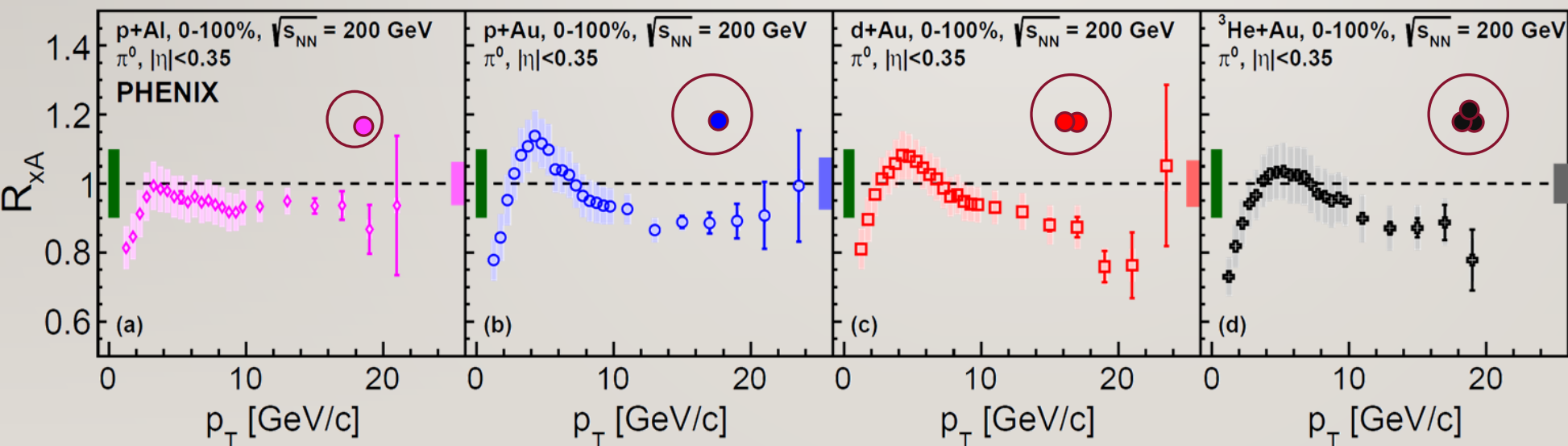
# 6/18 INDEPENDENT STUDY OF ANISOTROPIES

- Using two particle correlations over large rapidity range
  - PHENIX Nat. Phys. 15, 214 (2019): uses Event Plane, BBCS, FVTXS, CNT
  - Check done with 3x2PC method, BBCS-FVTXS-CNT & FVTXS-CNT-FVTXN
  - Different systematics, different sensitivity to non flow effects, different result!
- 3x2PC measurement confirms geometrical ordering of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$
- More details in arXiv:2203.09894



# 7/18 NUCLEAR MODIFICATION AT INTERMEDIATE PT

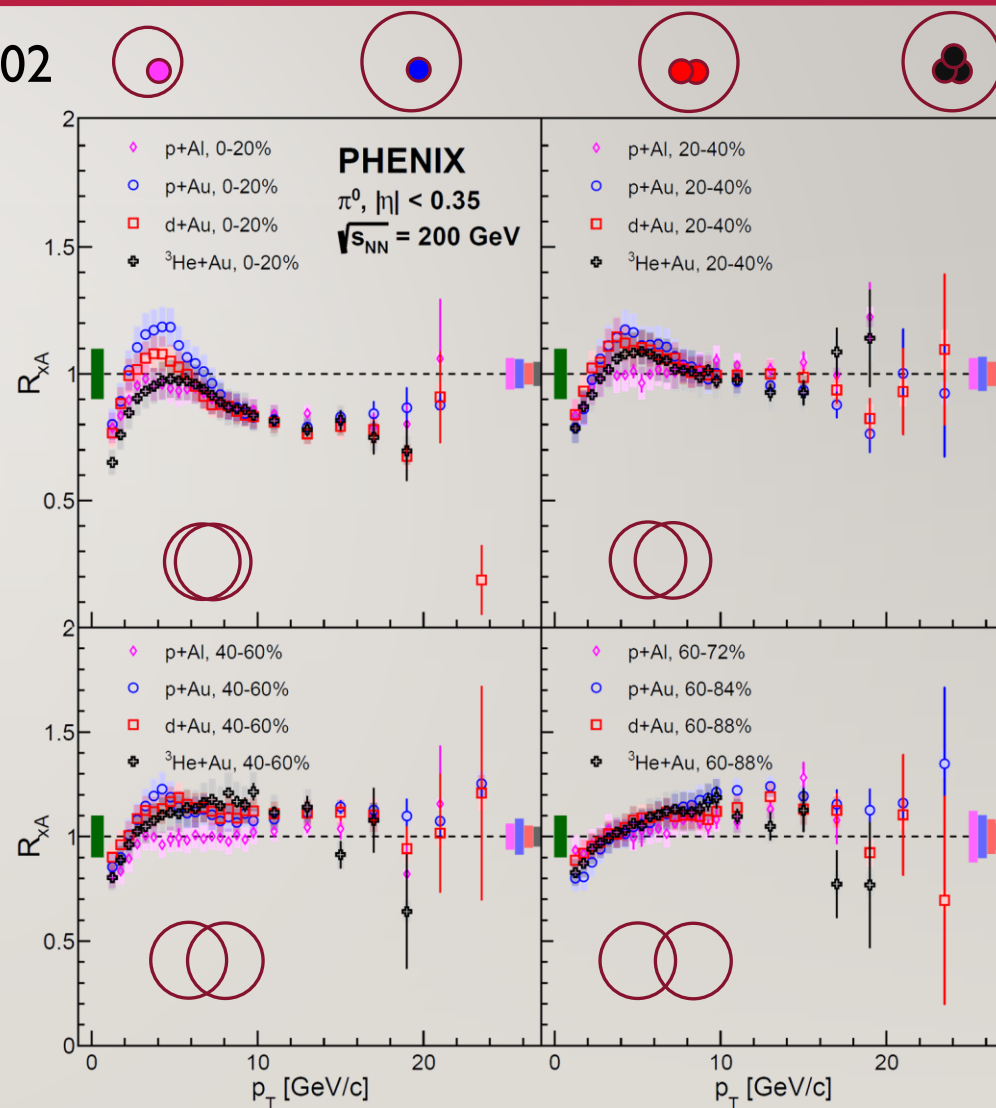
- Measurement of  $R_{xA} = \frac{dN_{xA}/dp_T \times \sigma_{pp}^{\text{inel}}}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle \times d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$  (where  $x$ : p, d,  $^3\text{He}$ ) in PRC105 (2022) 6, 064902
- Especially interesting: intermediate range of  $2 < p_T < 6$  GeV/c
  - “Cronin” peak indicating broadening
  - Shift of yield from scaled pp to scaled  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$  starting around  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  of 4 to 5
- Broadening consistent with expectations for radial flow in small systems





# 8/18 CENTRALITY DEPENDENCE OF SUPPRESSION

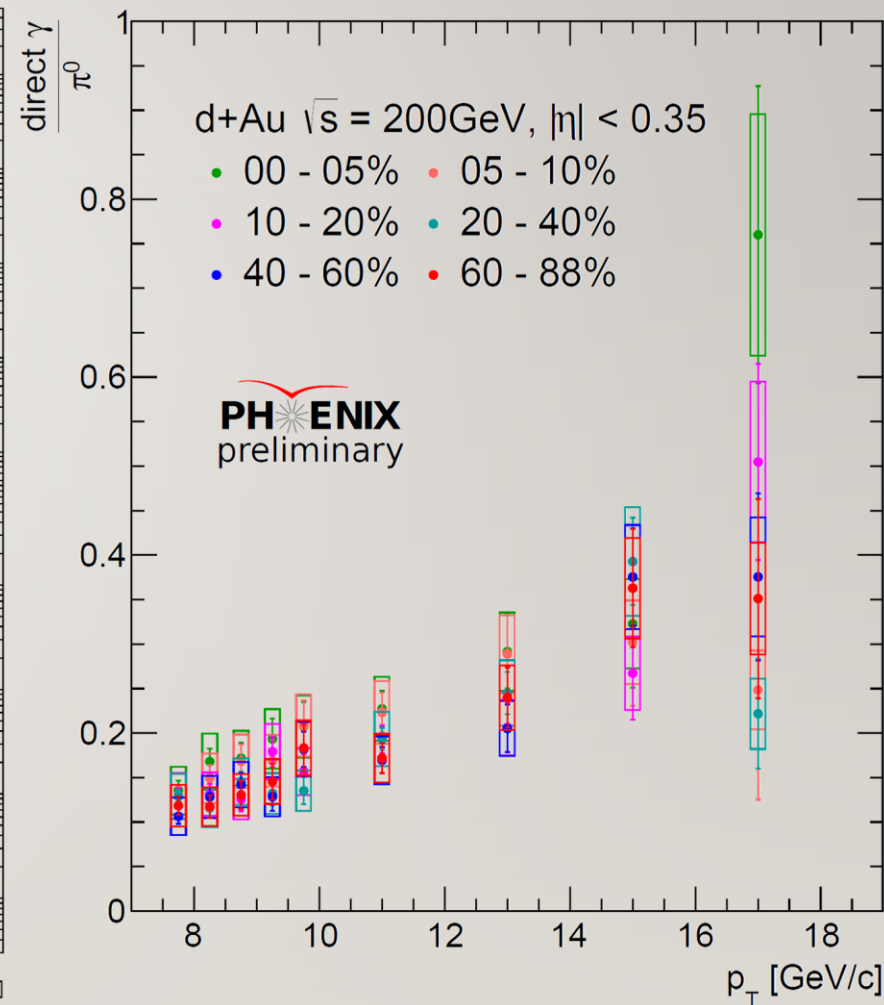
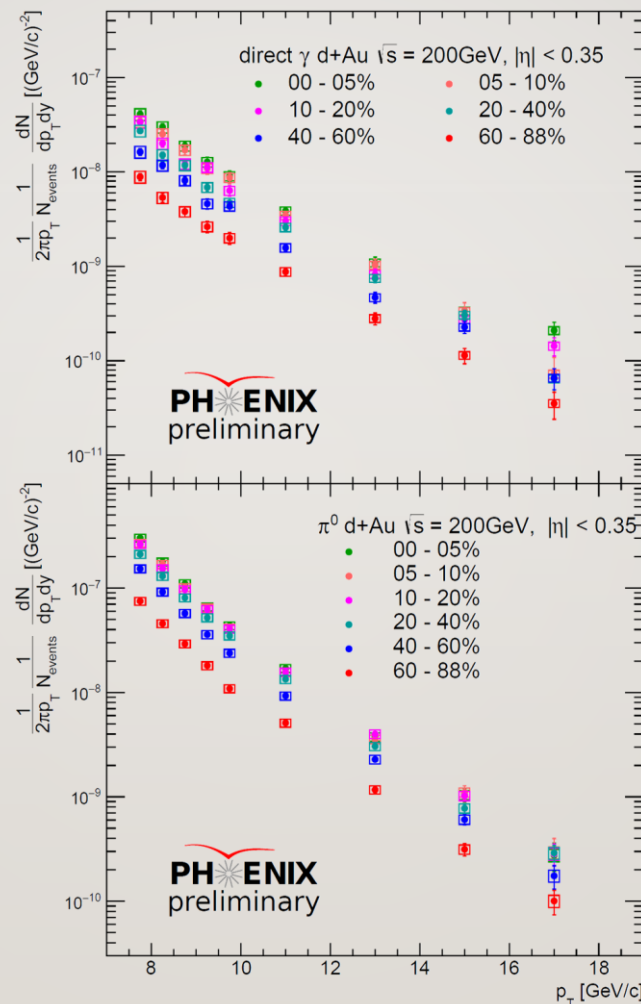
- $p+Al$ ,  $p+Au$ ,  $d+Au$ ,  $^3He+Au$  compared, PRC 105(2022)064902
- Centralities determined as for large systems
- Observations
  - New  $p+Au$  results show large centrality dependence
  - Systems of various size agree at high  $p_T$
  - At moderate  $p_T$ , ordering seen
- Counterintuitive at high  $p_T$ :
  - 20% suppression in central collisions in all systems
  - 15% enhancement in peripheral collisions in all systems
  - Bias of centrality determination or final state effect?
- Model comparison:
  - Vitev, HIJING++ investigated
  - No full match of ordering, peak location, etc





# 9/18 DIRECT PHOTONS IN SMALL SYSTEMS

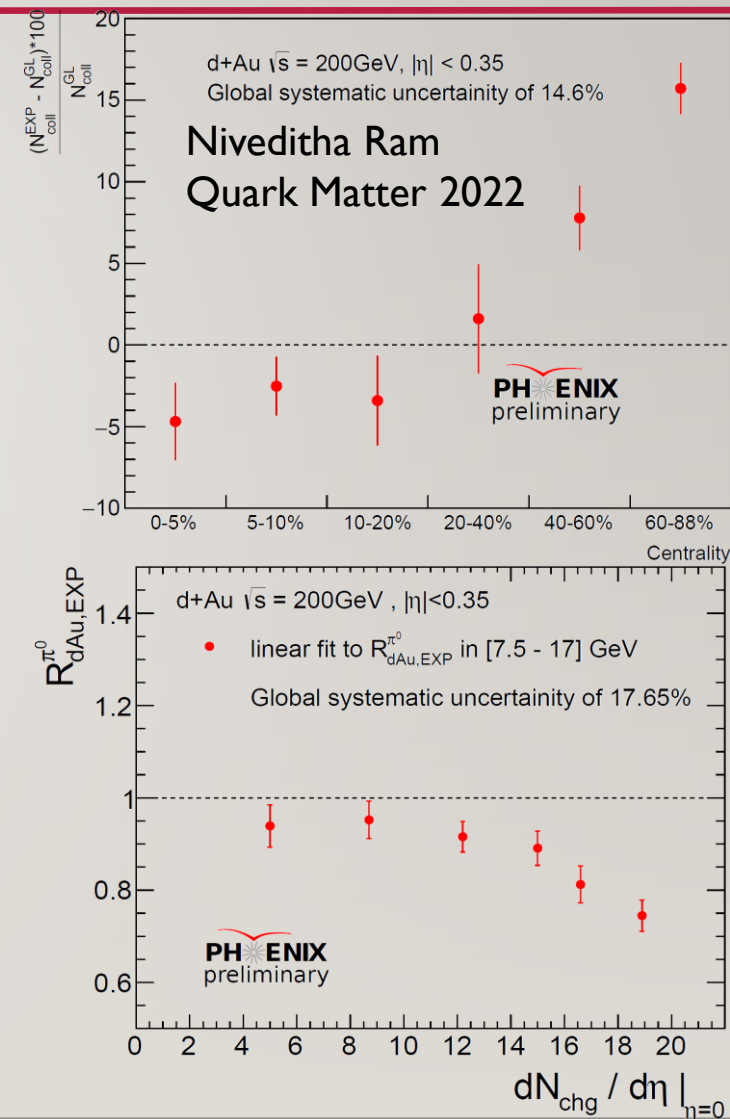
- High  $p_T$  direct  $\gamma$  at 8-18 GeV/c
  - produced in hard scattering,
  - have no final state effects,
  - yield proportional to  $N_{\text{coll}}$
- Direct  $\gamma$  to  $\pi_0$  ratio
  - No evident centrality dependence
- Centrality dependence of  $\pi_0$ :  
due to bias in centrality determination!



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# 10/18 REVISE $R_{AA}$ VIA DIRECT PHOTONS

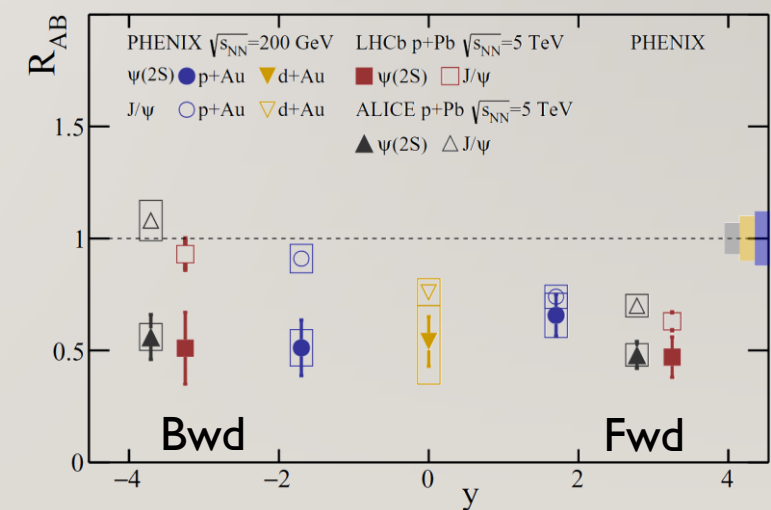
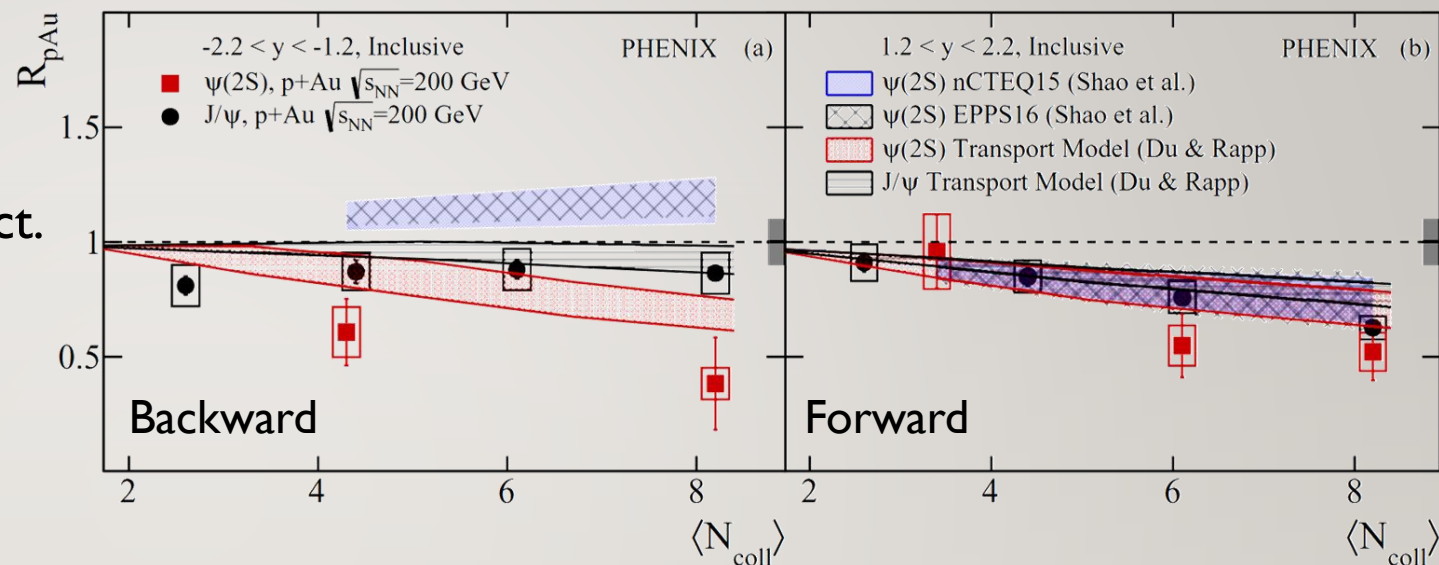
- Determine  $N_{coll}$  from experiment
  - Calculate dAu/pp ratio of direct  $\gamma$
  - Fit constant
- Compare to Glauber Model
  - Good agreement in central collisions within 5%
  - 15% deviation in peripheral collisions
- Bias in Glauber calculation, event activity reduced if hard scattering
- Experimental  $\pi_0$   $R_{dAu}$ 
  - Consistent with unit for peripheral collisions within scale uncertainties
  - Clear suppression in central collisions, ~15% relative to peripheral collisions
- Evidence for final state suppression of  $\pi_0$  suppression at high  $p_T$  in d+Au events with high event activity
- Qualitatively consistent with energy loss?





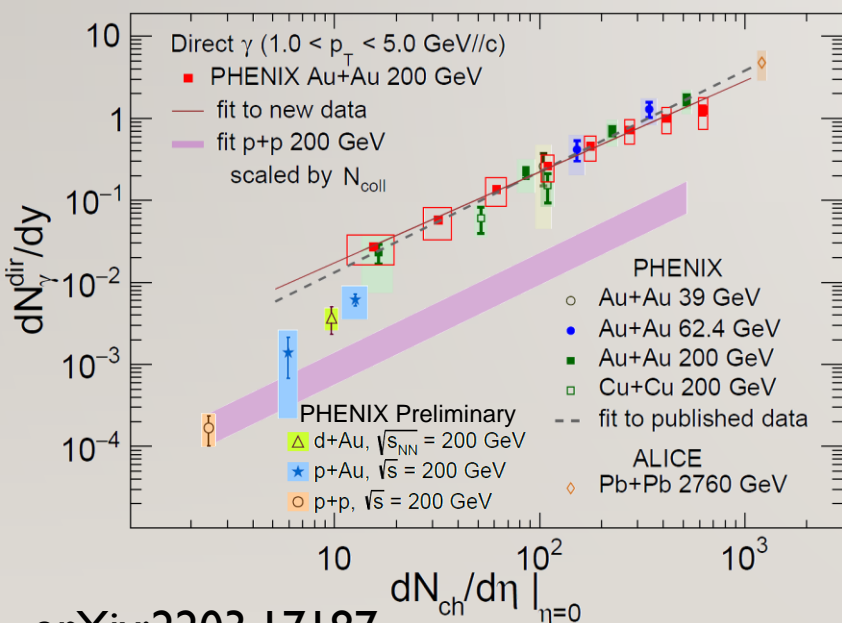
# 11/18 J/ψ AND ψ(2S) IN p+Au

- Similar modification of J/ψ and ψ(2S) in p-direction
- Stronger ψ(2S) suppression in Au-direct.
- nPDF only can not describe the data
- Qualitatively agree with the transport model with final-state effects
- Qualitatively consistent with QGP formation
- Forward rapidity: J/ψ and ψ(2S) suppression similar, initial-state effects dominate
- Backward rapidity: J/ψ and ψ(2S) suppression different, increasing final-state effects in ion-going direction
- Details in Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) 6, 064912 [arXiv:2202.03863]

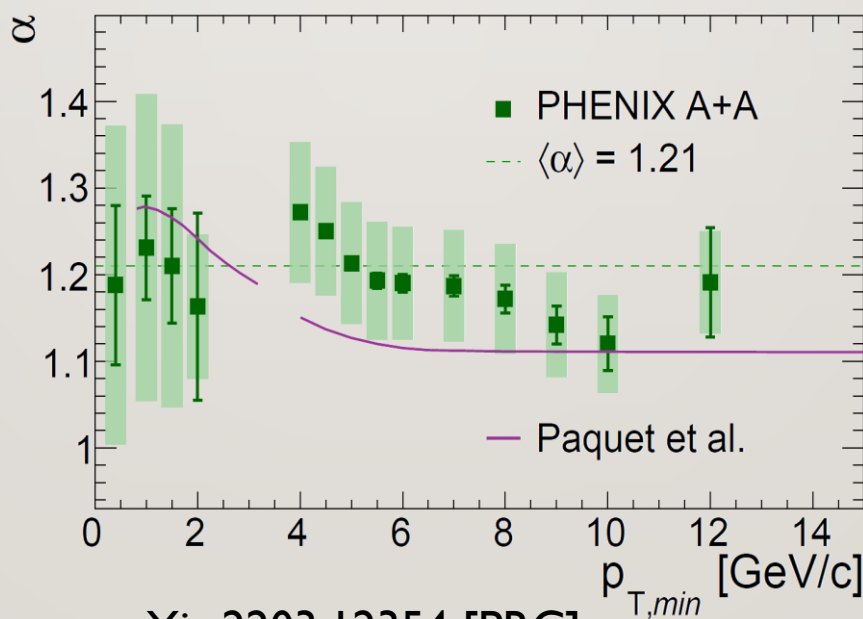


# 12/18 DIRECT PHOTONS IN SMALL AND LARGE SYSTEMS

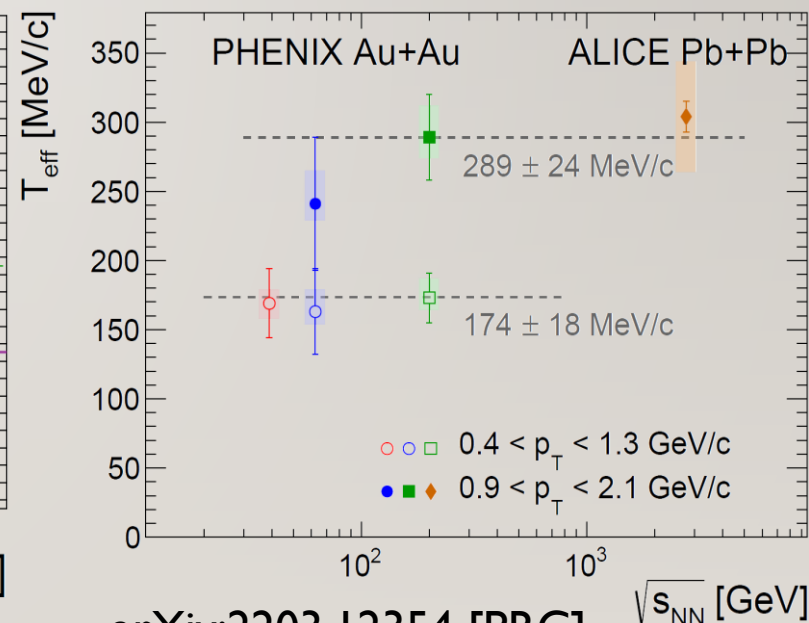
- Clear direct  $\gamma$  signal at all investigated energies
- Yield scaling from RHIC to LHC, transition from p+p, to A+A: p+Au, d+Au "bridge the gap"
- Slope  $\alpha$  larger than one and independent of  $p_T$
- Effective photon temperature similar from 39 to 2760 GeV, depend on  $p_T$  range
  - Note overlapping mechanisms: hadron gas, sQGP, jets, bremsstrahlung, hard scattering



arXiv:2203.17187



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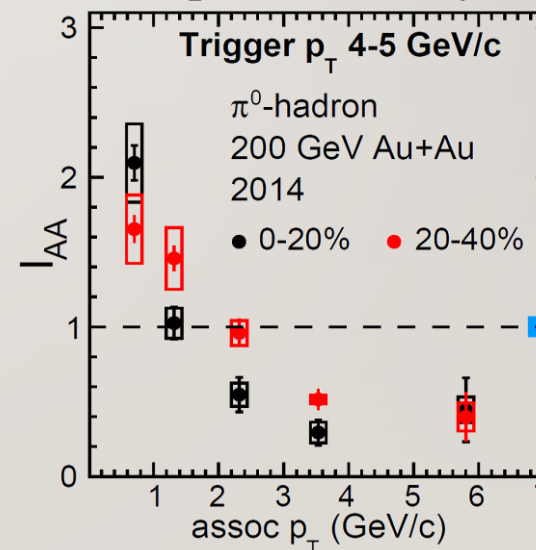
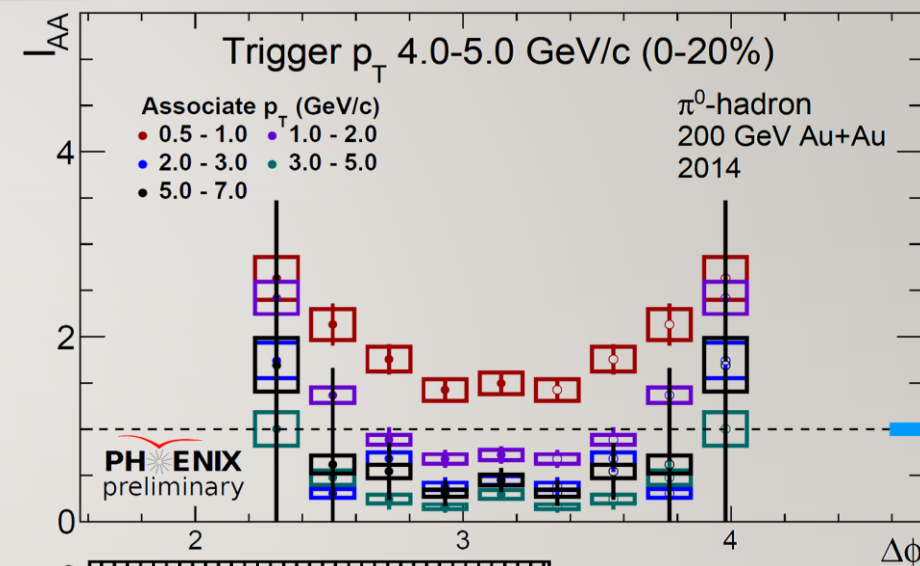
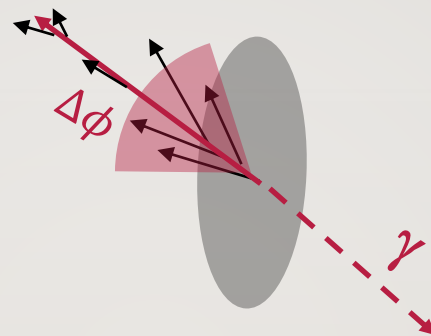


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# 13/18 JET BROADENING FROM $\pi_0$ -h CORRELATIONS

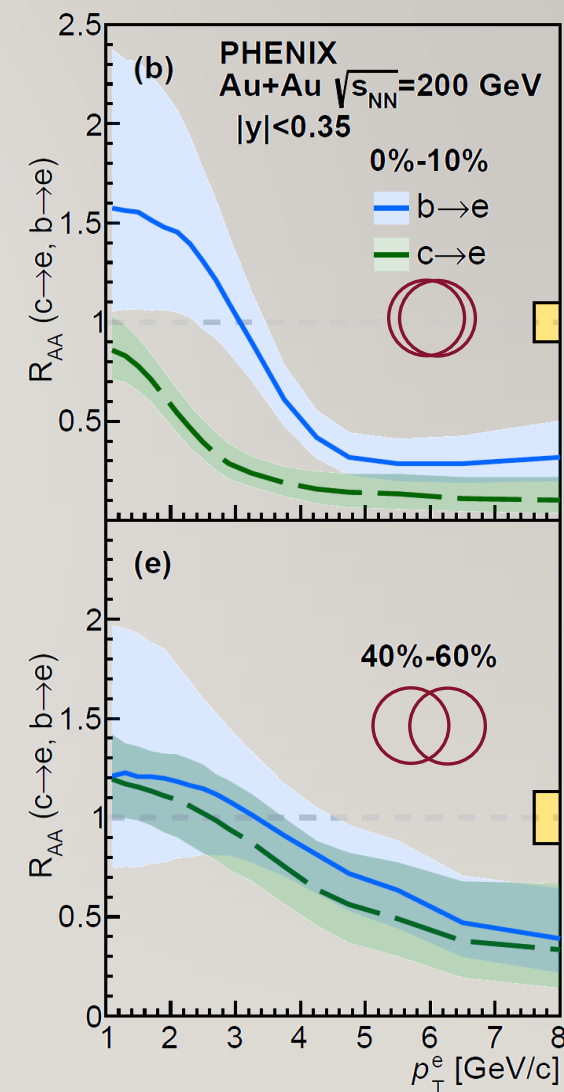
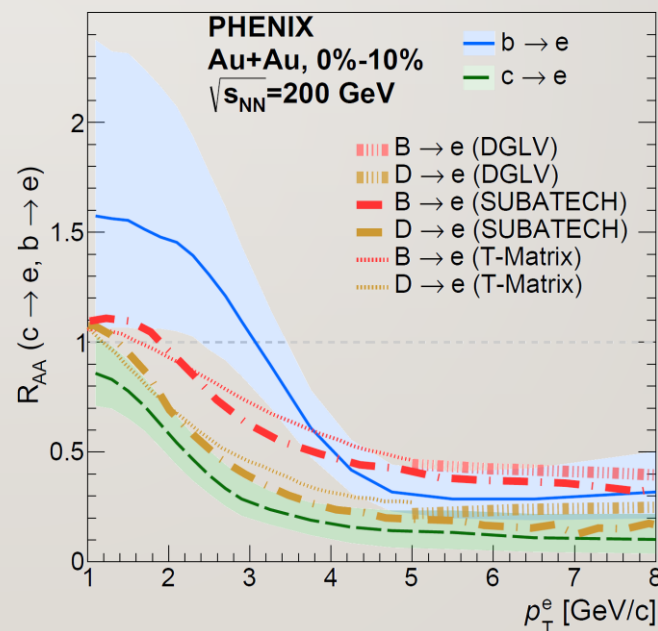
- High statistics 200 GeV Au+Au data taken in 2014
- Jet-gamma correlations investigated
- $I_{AA} = AA/pp$  away side yield ratio
- Modification of away-side jet particles
  - $p_T > 3$  GeV/c particles suppressed in jet core
  - $1 < p_T < 3$  GeV/c particles enhanced away from core
  - $p_T < 1$  GeV/c particles enhanced at all angles  $\Delta\phi$
- Evidence for broadening of jet
- Momentum transfer from core to low  $p_T$ 
  - Over large  $\Delta\phi$



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# 14/18 ENERGY LOSS OF HEAVY QUARKS IN Au+Au

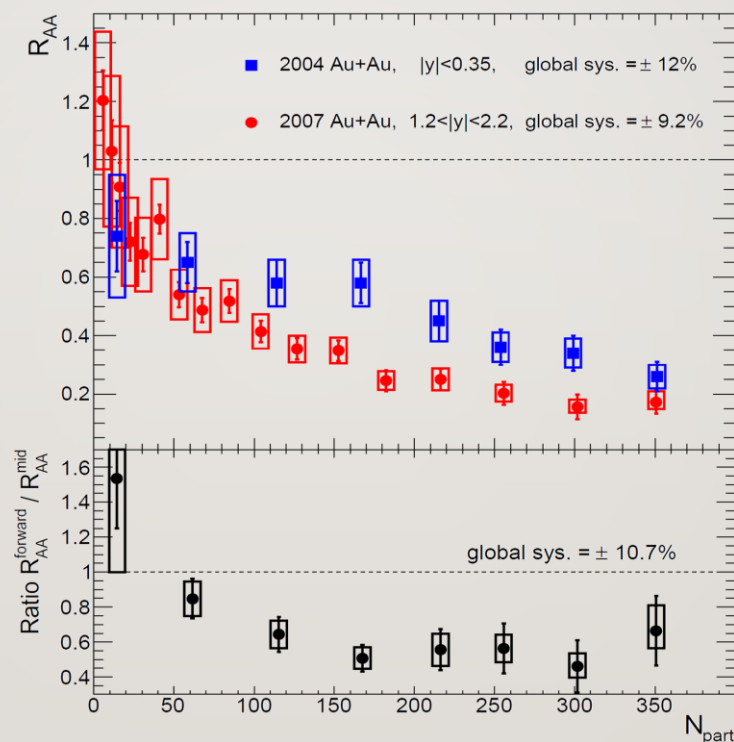
- Unfolding technique to separate electrons from semi-leptonic heavy flavor bottom and charm decays
- Centrality dependent suppression of charm and bottom in Au+Au collision
  - Both charm and bottom are suppressed
  - More suppression in central collisions
  - Charm and bottom similar in peripheral collisions
  - Stronger suppression of charm in central collisions
- Agreement to STAR for MinBias collisions
- Similar mass ordering as expected from models with energy loss in QGP
  - Probably very small diffusion coefficient
- Details in arXiv:2203.17058



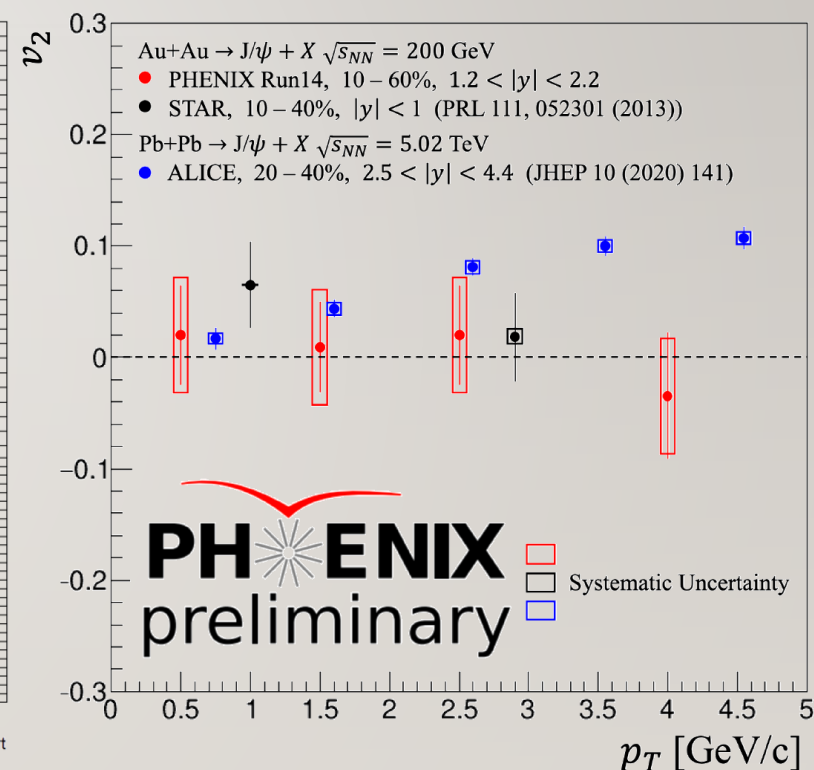


# 15/18 J/ψ ELLIPTIC FLOW IN Au+Au

- J/ψ  $R_{AA}$  measured in 200 GeV Au+Au for midrapidity and forward rapidity, published in 2011
- Measured J/ψ suppression
  - Observed at all rapidities
  - Larger at forward rapidity
- Possible explanation:
  - Recombination at mid rapidity
- Expectation for recombination: Flow at midrapidity, but no flow in forward direction
- J/ψ  $v_2$  at forward rapidity consistent with zero
  - Distinct difference from LHC



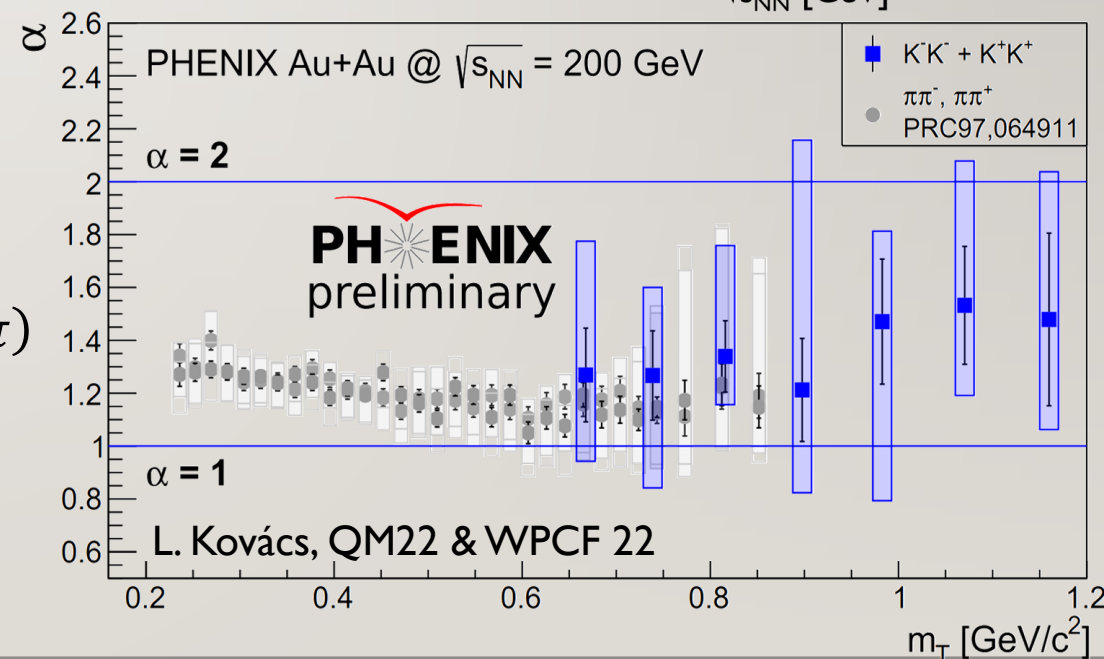
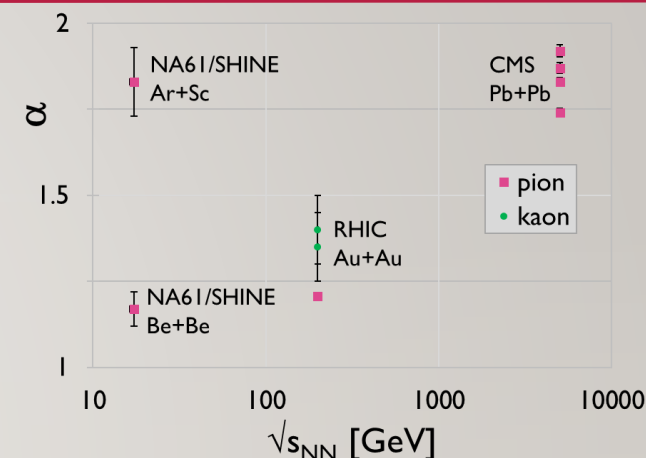
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# 16/18 LÉVY HBT MEASUREMENTS

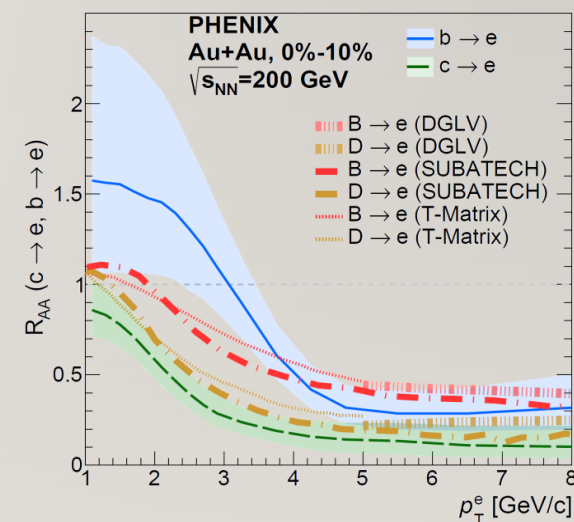
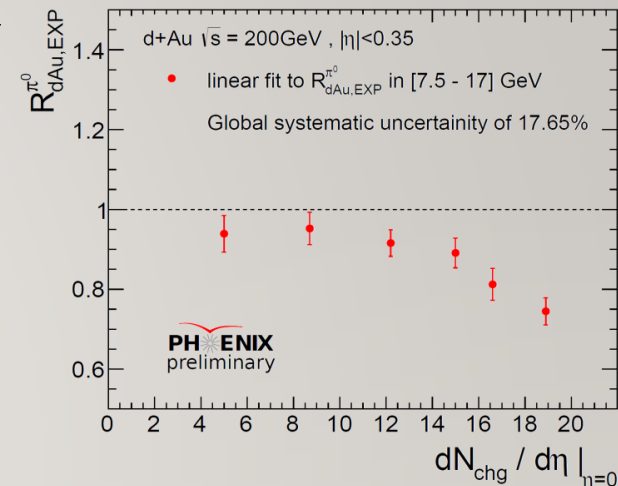
- HBT measurements test source homogeneity length and shape
- Lévy assumption with stability index  $\alpha$ 
  - Generalization of Gaussian ( $\alpha = 2$ ) or Cauchy ( $\alpha = 1$ ) source
  - Possible reasons: anomalous diffusion, critical behavior, QCD jets, resonances, ...
- Tested from SPS through RHIC to LHC, also EPOS
- PHENIX measured Lévy  $\alpha$  for pions and kaons
  - Pions: Phys. Rev. C97 (2018) 064911
  - Kaons: Preliminary at QM22
- Anomalous diffusion of hadrons suggests  $\alpha(K) < \alpha(\pi)$
- Measurement does not confirm this so far
- Many other interesting details  $\rightarrow$  see talk by T. Novák

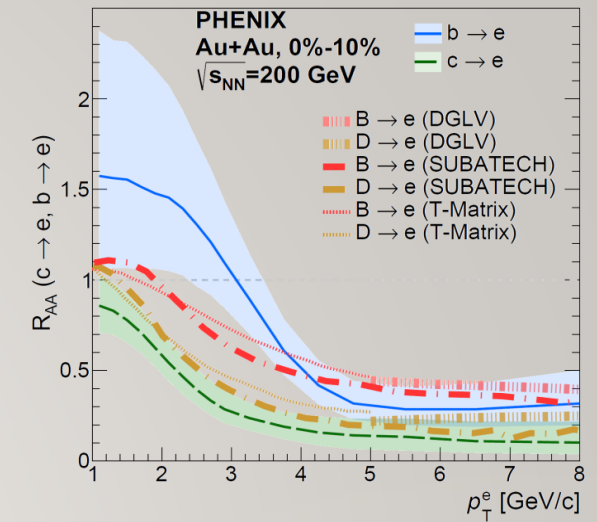
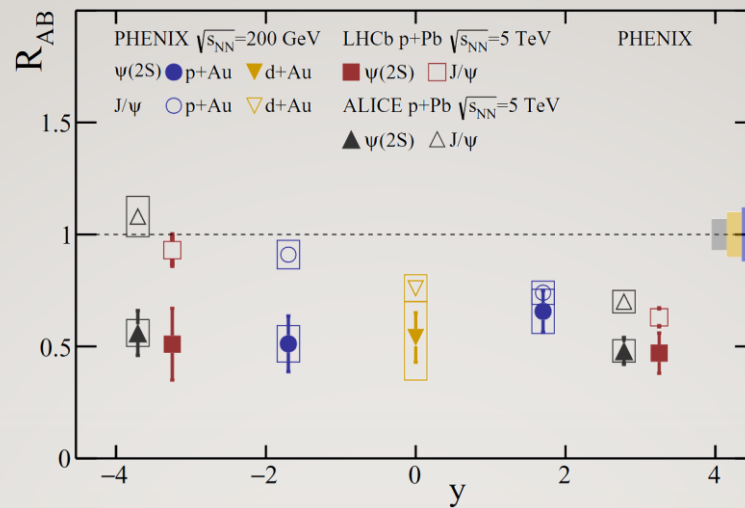
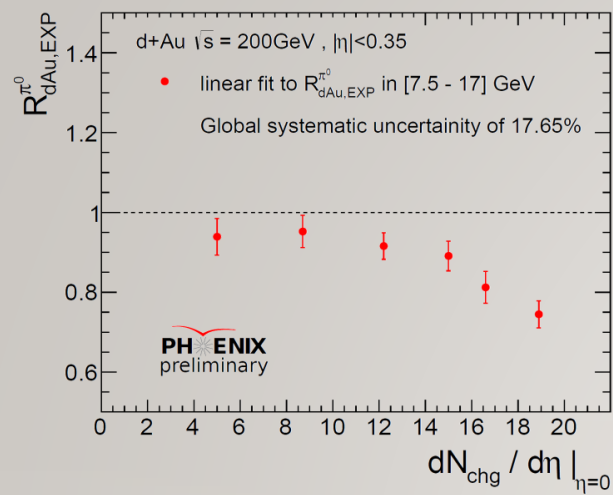




# 17/18 SUMMARY

- Data consistent with QGP droplets in small systems with high event activity
  - Geometrical ordering of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  as expected from hydro calculations, confirmed
  - Possible effect of radial flow seen in hadron spectra in small systems
  - Suppression of  $\pi_0$  yield at high  $p_T$ , direct photon correction for centrality bias
  - Charmonium  $\psi(2S)$  suppressed as expected from final state effects
- Detailed study of QGP properties in large systems
  - Quantitative description remains challenging
  - Direct “thermal” radiation:  $p_T$  yield scaling, similar  $T_{\text{eff}}$  from RHIC to LHC
  - Jet broadening & redistribution of energy from jet core
  - Hints of different energy loss for charm and bottom quarks
  - Charmonium  $J/\psi$  shows no flow at forward rapidity: recombination
- Numerous analysis ongoing and publications in preparation: thermal photons, heavy flavor,  $e^+e^-$





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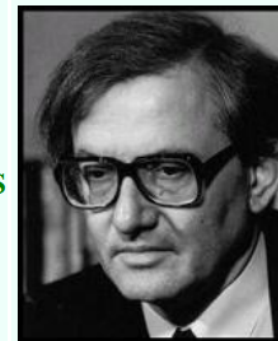


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