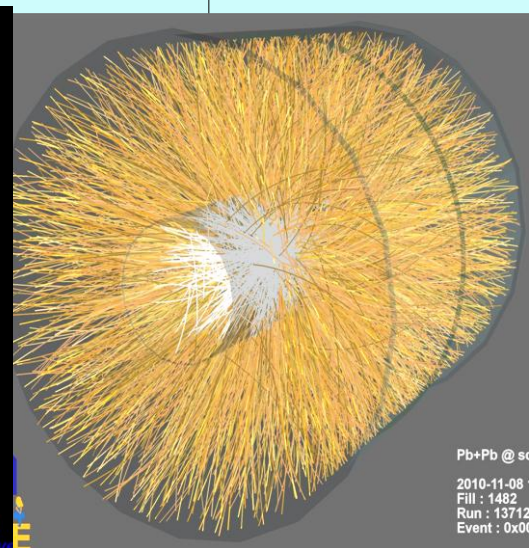
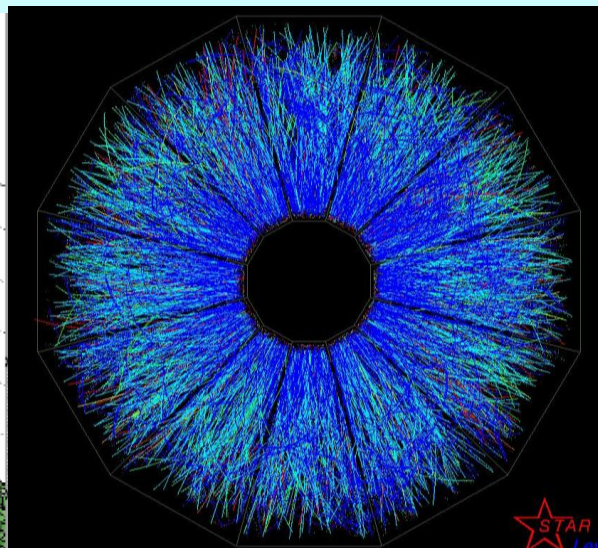
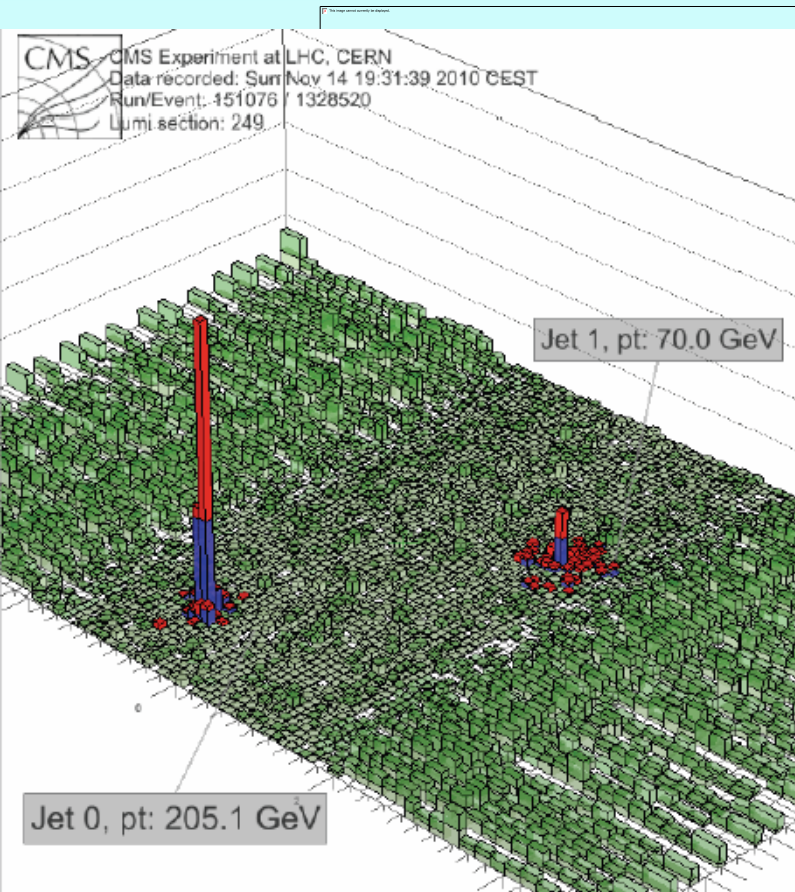


# Report From the High Temperature Frontier



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# What are the properties of hot QCD matter?

- thermodynamic (equilibrium)

$T, P, \rho$

Equation Of State (relation btwn  $T, P, V$ , energy density)

$v_{\text{sound}}$ , static screening length

- transport properties (non-equilibrium)\*

particle number, energy, momentum, charge

*diffusion*      *sound*      *viscosity*      *conductivity*

**In plasma: interactions among charges of multiple particles  
charge is spread, screened in characteristic (Debye) length,  $\lambda_D$   
*also the case for strong, rather than EM force***

\*measuring these is new for nuclear/particle physics!

*Nature is nasty to us: does a time integral...*

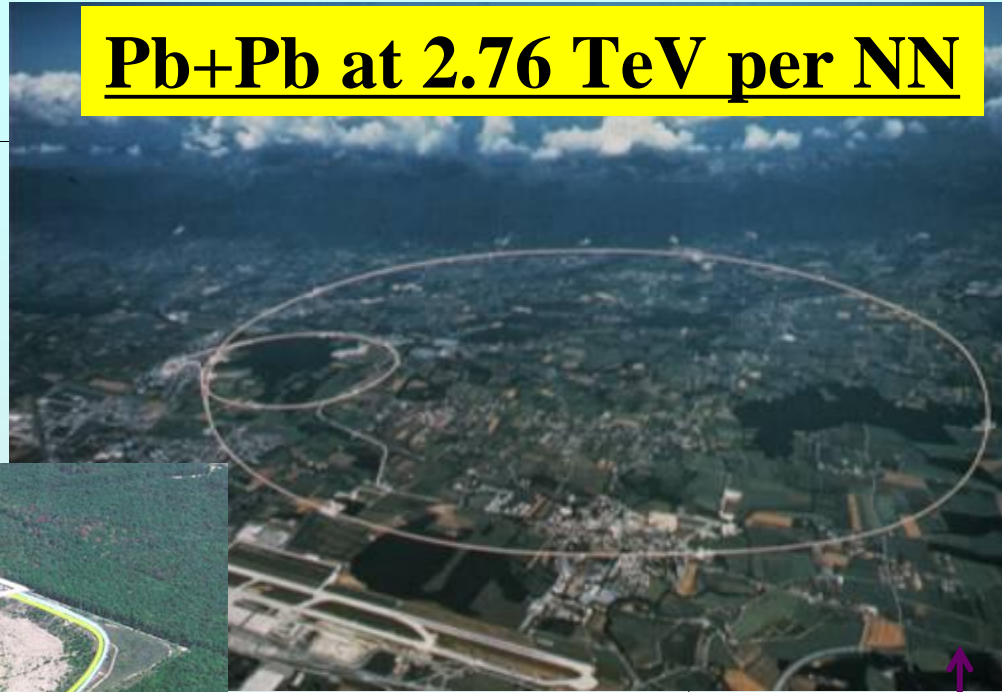
# Heat nuclei at both RHIC and LHC

**Compare to:**

**p+p – no medium**

**p/d+A – cold nuclear  
matter effects**

**Pb+Pb at 2.76 TeV per NN**



**Au+Au at 200 GeV per NN**

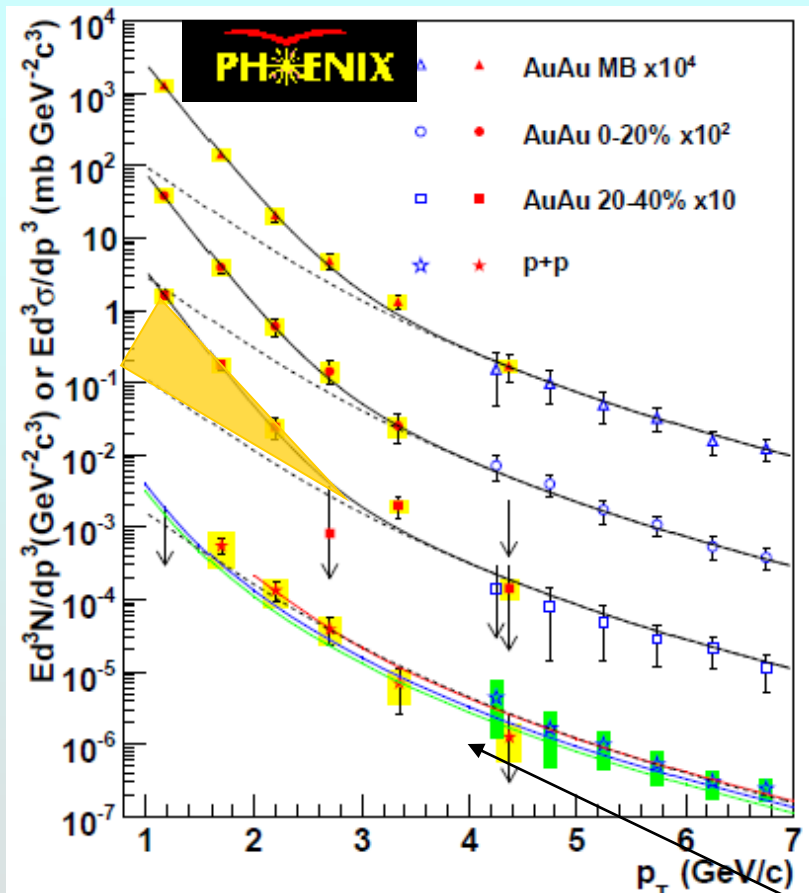


**5 active experiments:**

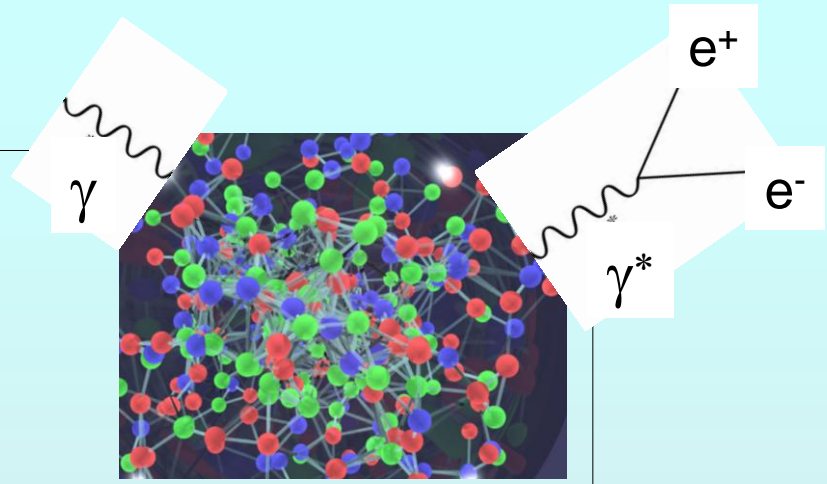
**STAR, PHENIX**

**ALICE, ATLAS, CMS**

# Temperature reached? thermal radiation



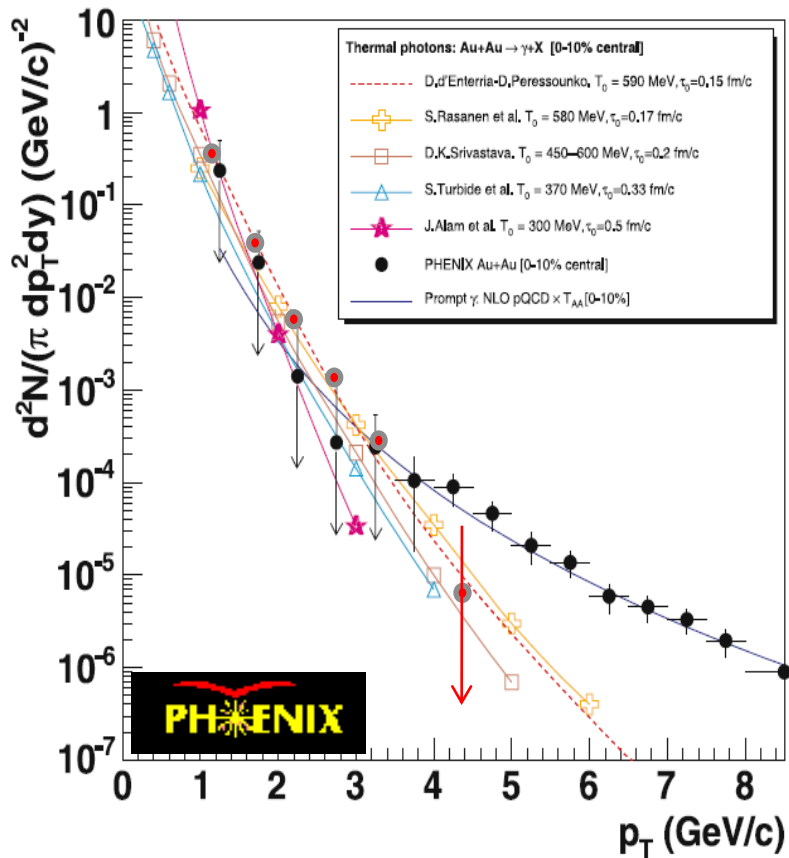
PRL104, 132301 2010



Low mass, high  $p_T$   $e^+e^- \rightarrow$   
 nearly real photons  
 Large enhancement above  
 p+p in the thermal region

pQCD  $\gamma$  spectrum  
 (QCD Compton scattering)  
 agrees with p+p data

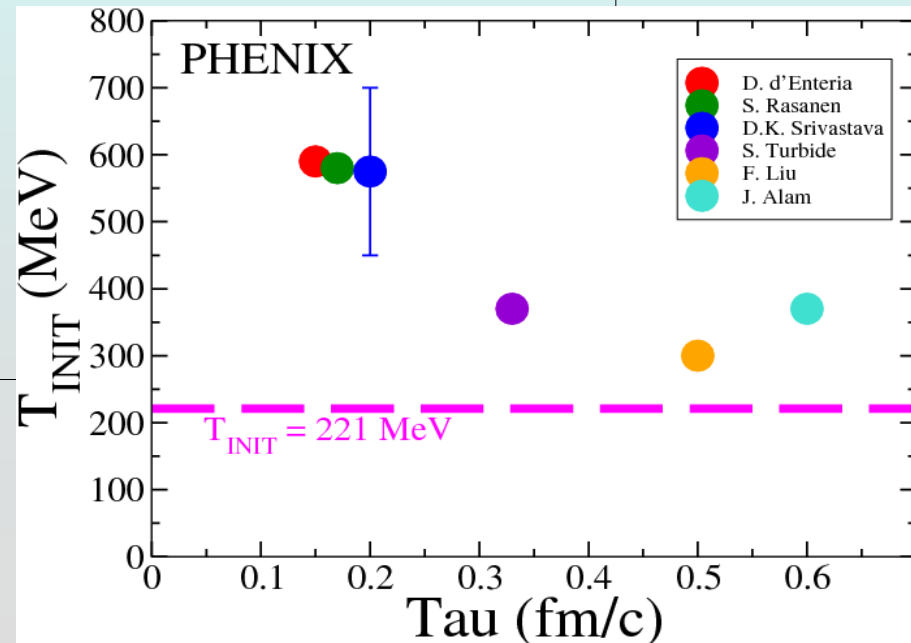
# direct photons: $T_{\text{init}} > T_c$ !



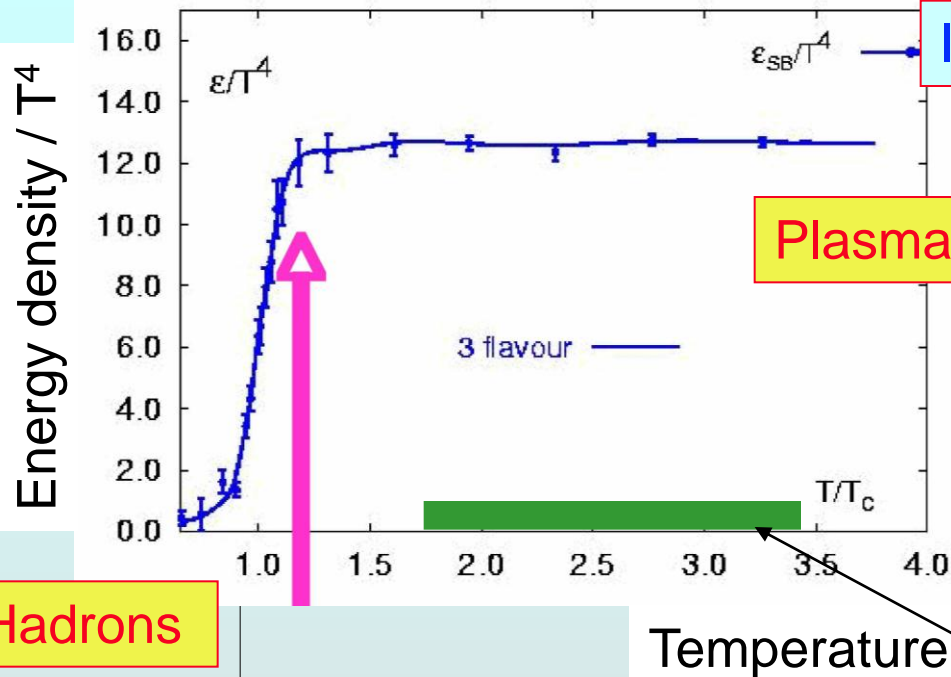
- **Exponential fit in  $p_T$ :**  
 $T_{\text{avg}} = 221 \pm 23 \pm 18$  MeV
- **Hydrodynamics models reproduce data (different  $\tau_0$ )**  
 $T_{\text{init}} \geq 300$  MeV  
**> 4 trillion degrees!**

**NB:  $T_c \sim 170$  MeV**

**$T_{\text{init}}$  at LHC  $\sim 30\%$  higher  
(by more indirect measures)**



# Now we are on the map



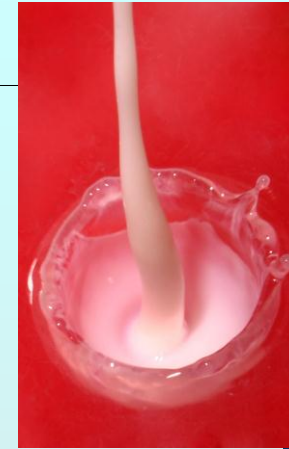
$$T_c \sim 170 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\epsilon \sim 3 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

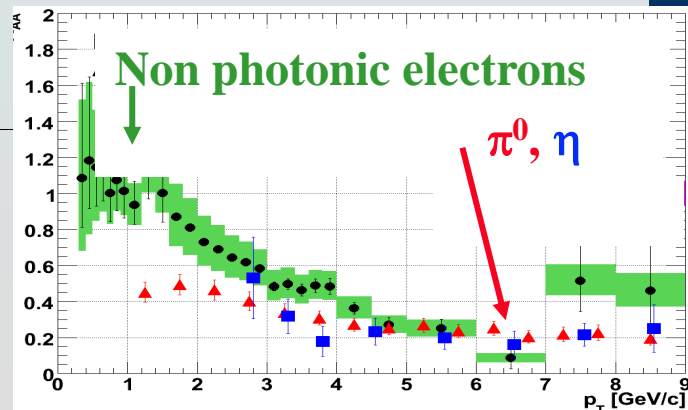
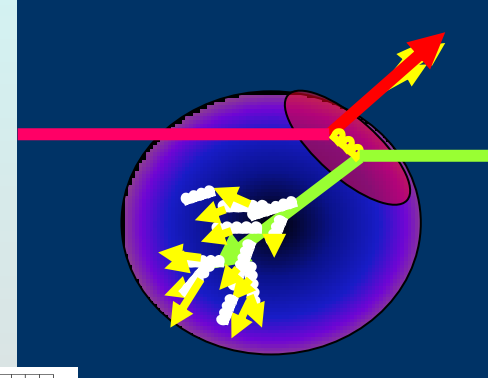
RHIC puts us here  
... what have we  
learned about QGP?

# QCD matter at T = 300-600 MeV (at RHIC)

- **Collective flow with low viscosity/ entropy ratio: “perfect liquid”**  
How low? Strong coupling...
- **Opacity very high**  
Plasma  $\sim$  stops quarks & gluons  
How and why? Strong coupling...
- **Even heavy quarks lose energy & flow**  
Not expected from pQCD; mechanism?  
-> strong coupling  
High mass scatterers?
- **J/ $\psi$  suppression indicates color screening**  
How much?



Example of the viscosity of milk. Liquids with higher viscosities will not make such a splash when poured at the same velocity.



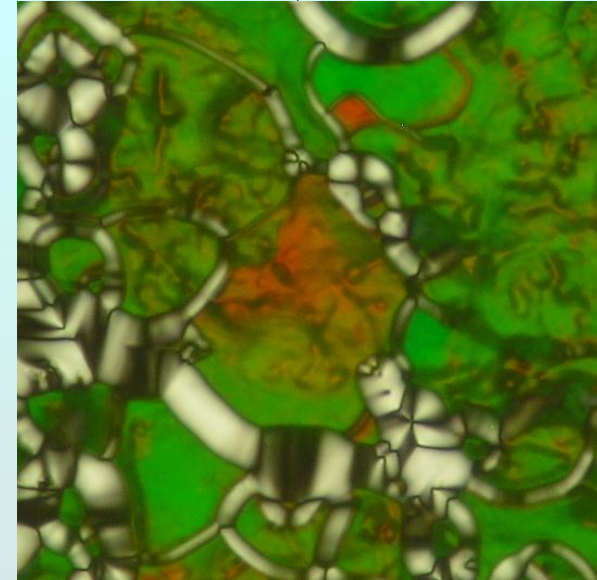
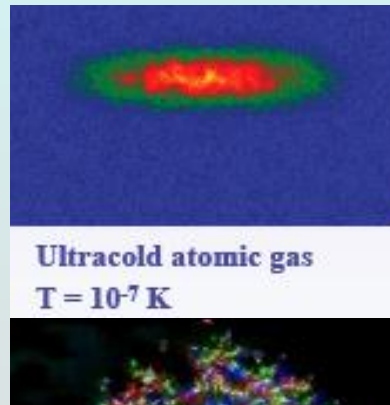
# Strong coupling: forefront issue in other fields!

*Quark gluon plasma is like other systems with STRONG COUPLING*  
– all exhibit liquid properties & phase transitions



**Dusty plasmas & warm, dense plasmas have liquid and even crystalline phases**

**Cold atoms: coldest & hottest matter on earth are alike!**



**Strongly correlated condensed matter:**

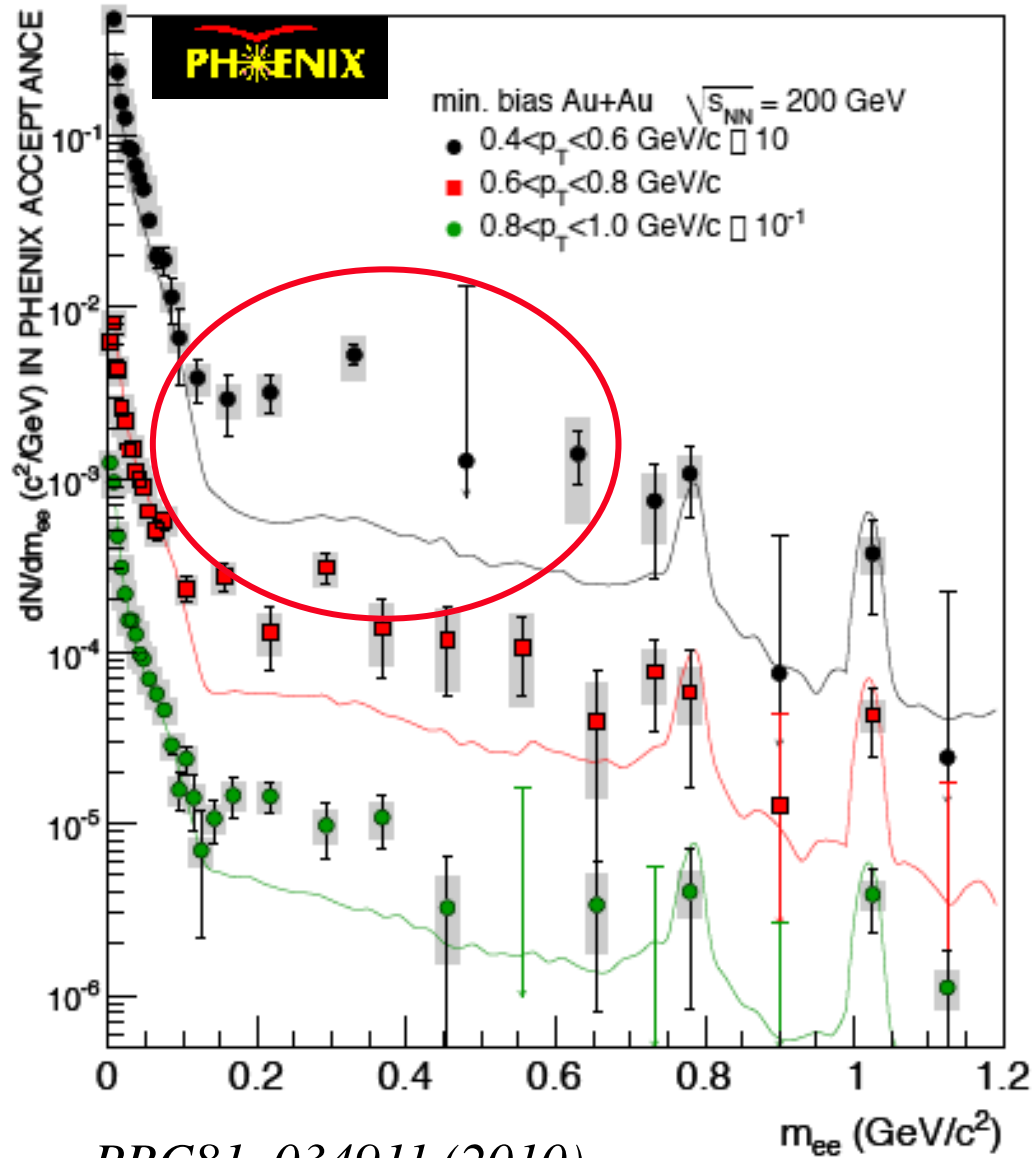
***In all these cases have a competition:***

***Attractive forces  $\Leftrightarrow$  repulsive force or kinetic energy***

***Result: many-body interactions; quasiparticles exist?***



# $e^+e^-$ excess at low mass, low $p_T$



PRC81, 034911 (2010)

**Excess at**

$$M_{ee} < 2-3 T_c$$

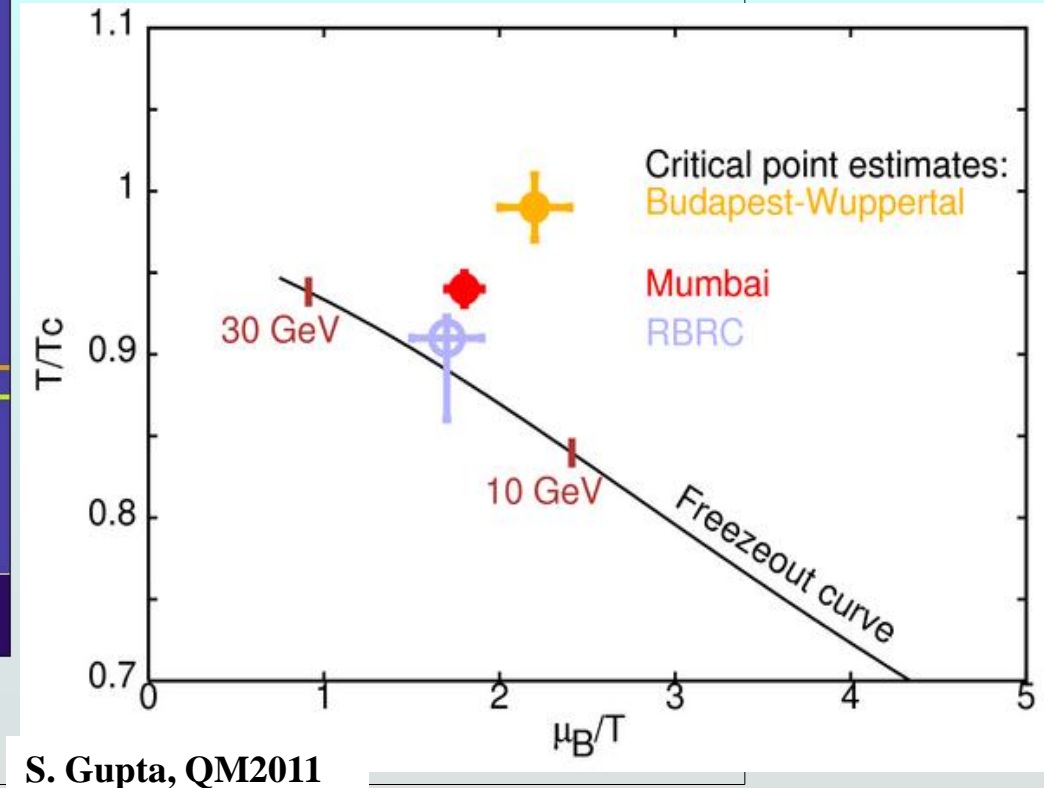
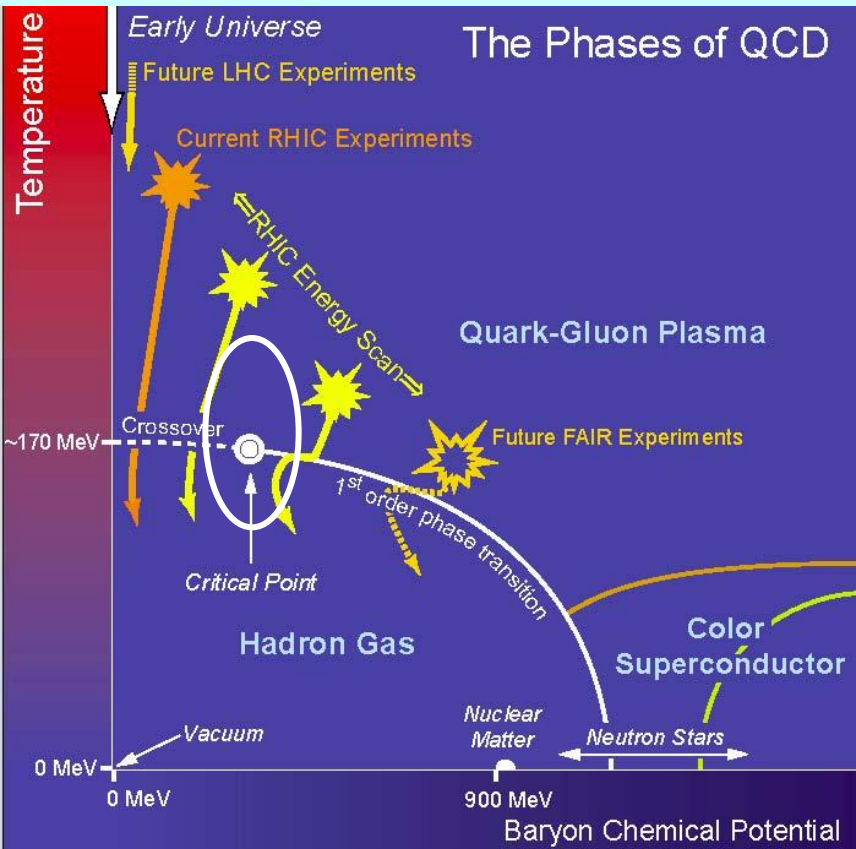
**Non-perturbative  
radiation (lQCD)?**

**Rate boosted by  
correlations in  
medium?**

**Pre-equilibrium  
emission?**

**NEW RESULTS FROM HEAVY ION**  
**COLLISIONS AT RHIC AND THE LHC**

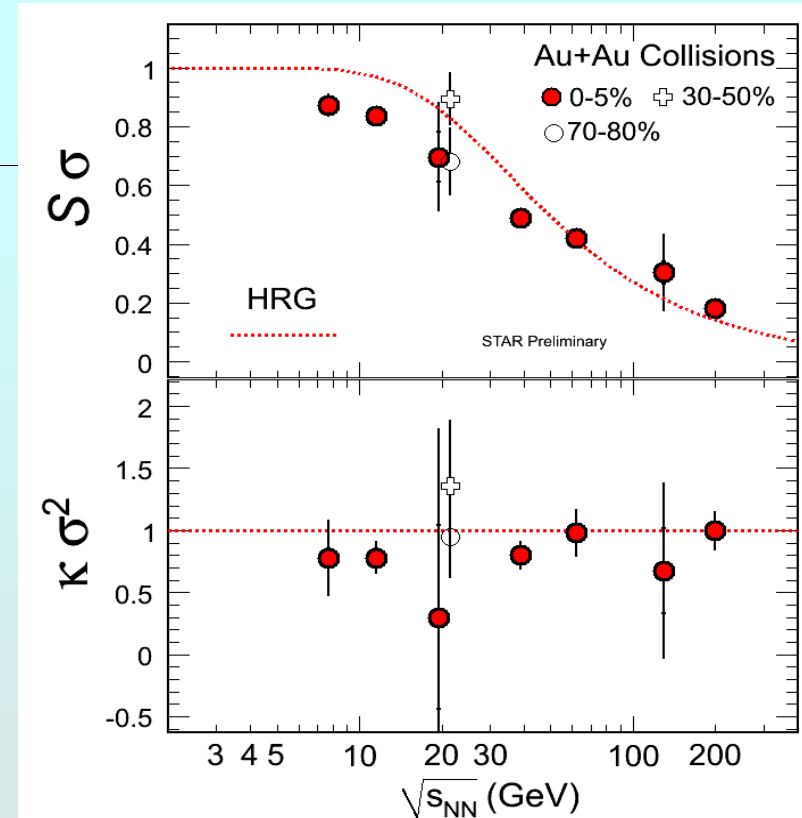
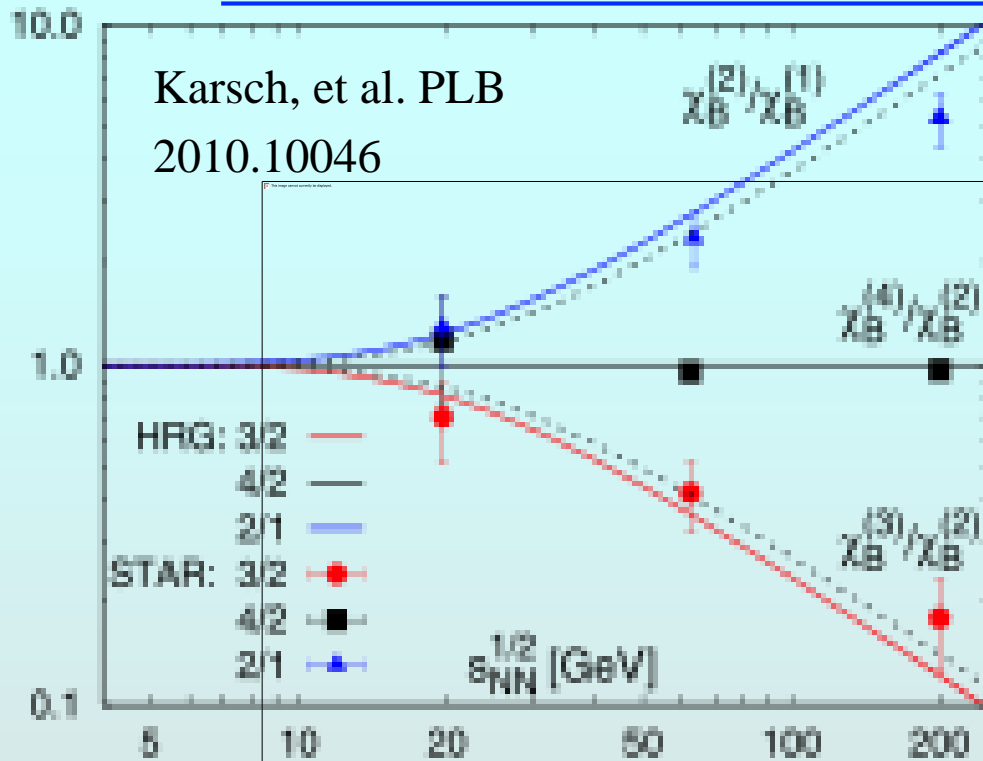
# Critical point search: low energy Au+Au @ RHIC



**Tools:**

**Fluctuations, partonic collective flows**

# Fluctuations as Critical Point Signature

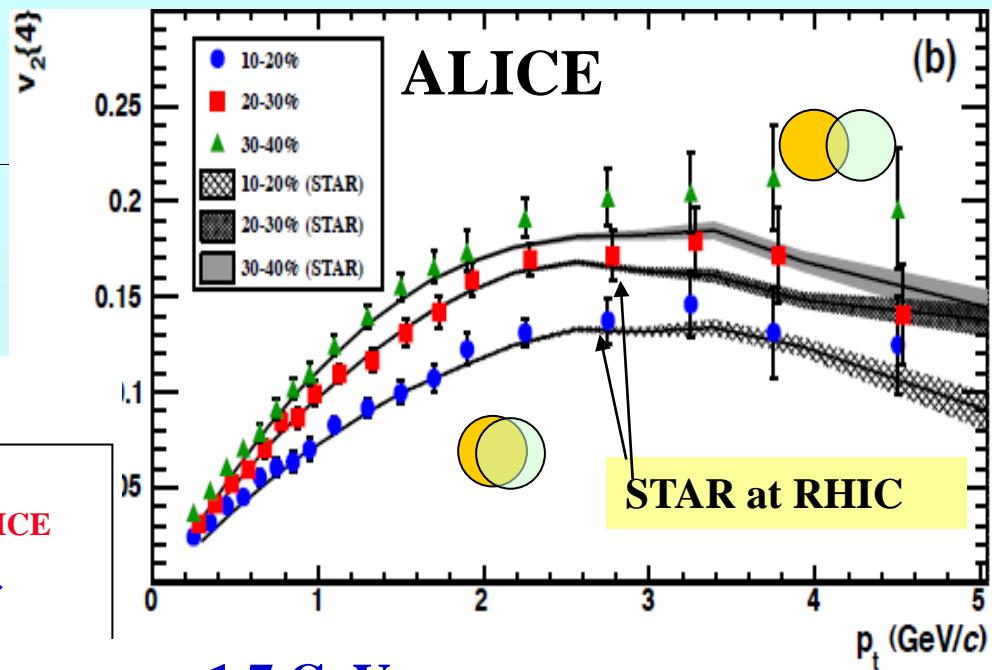


Event-by-event net-baryon fluctuation ratios from STAR are so far consistent with the Hadron Resonance Gas

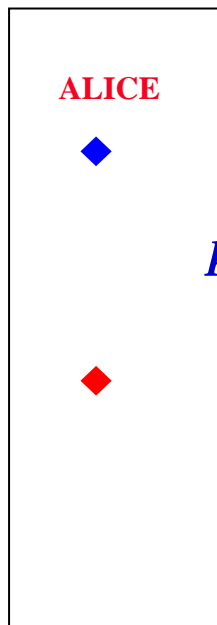
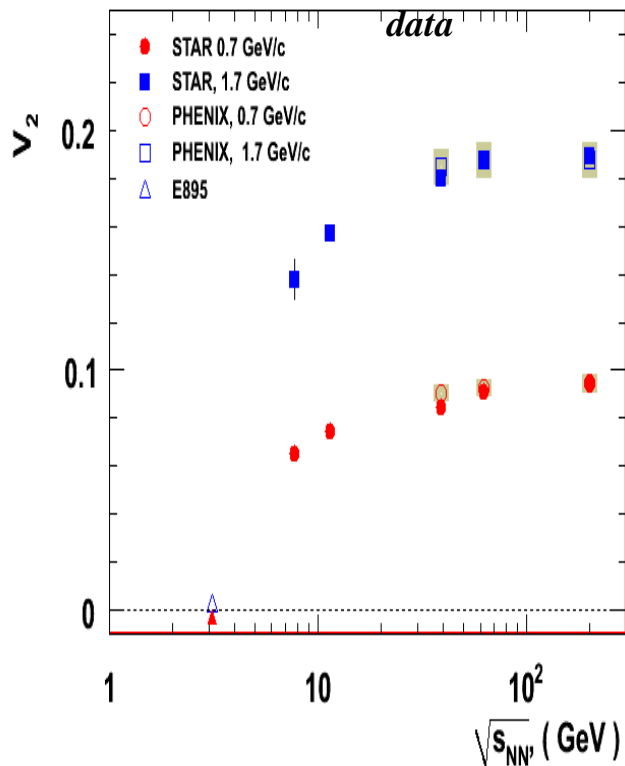
Hadron freezeout not (yet) near critical point

Calculations of higher moments from LQCD deviate from HRG calculations and may provide conclusive evidence for critical point if observed in data

# Pb+Pb at LHC → similar flow as at RHIC



Preliminary, STAR, PHENIX and E895



$p_T = 1.7$  GeV

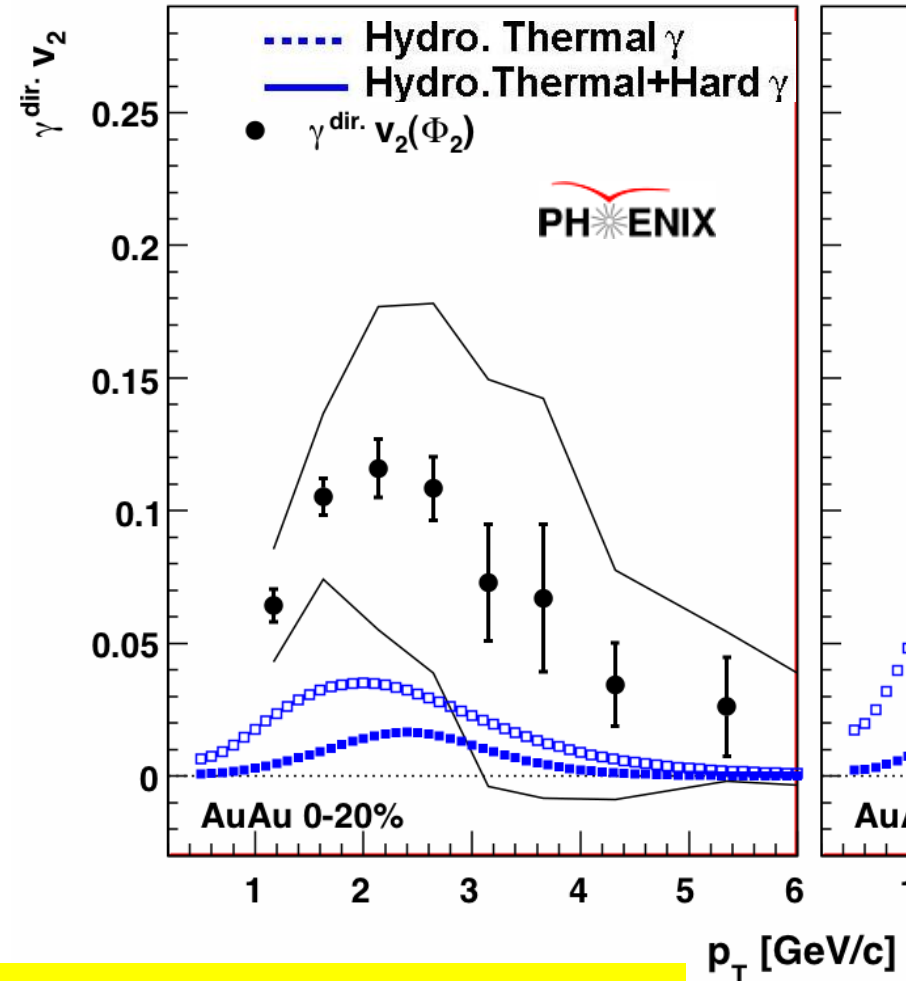
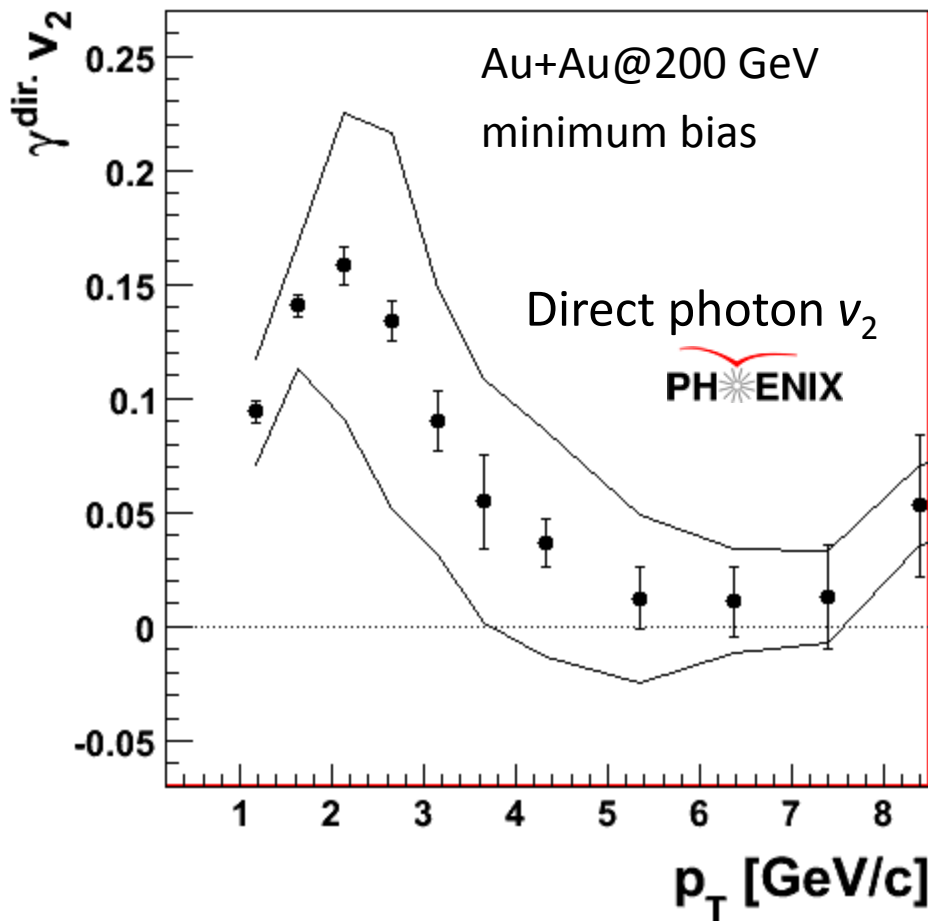
$p_T = 0.7$  GeV

$v_2$  saturates @  $\approx 39$  GeV

@ LHC  $T_{init} \sim 30\%$  higher  
 $\eta/s(t)$  sampled differently

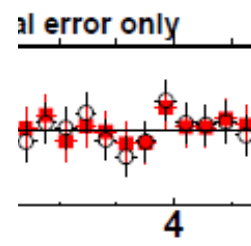
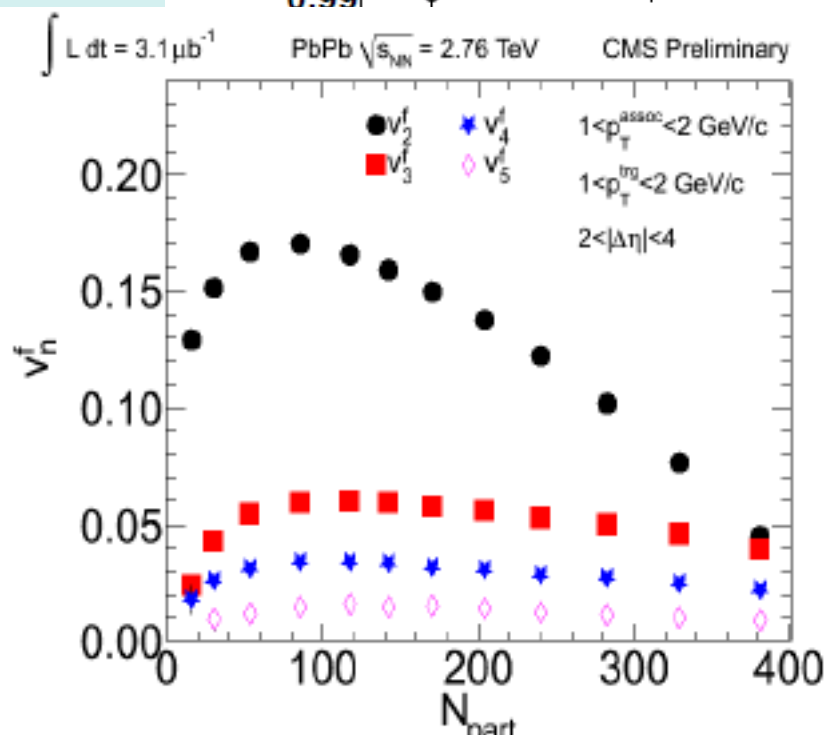
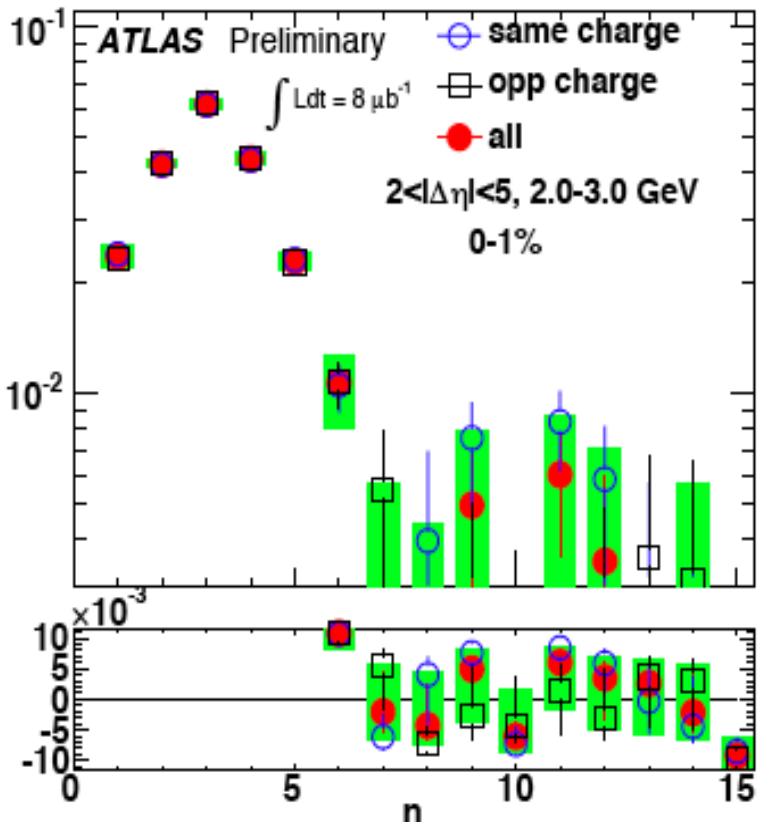
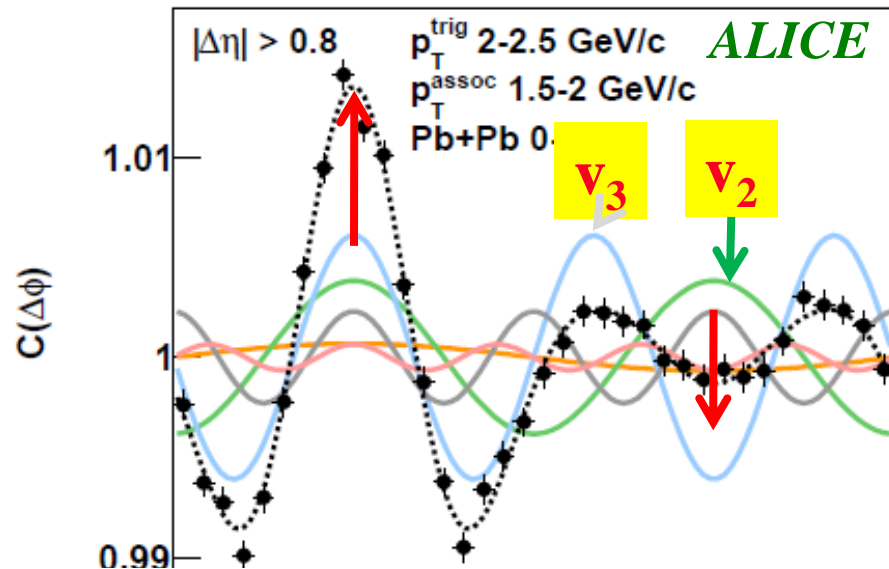
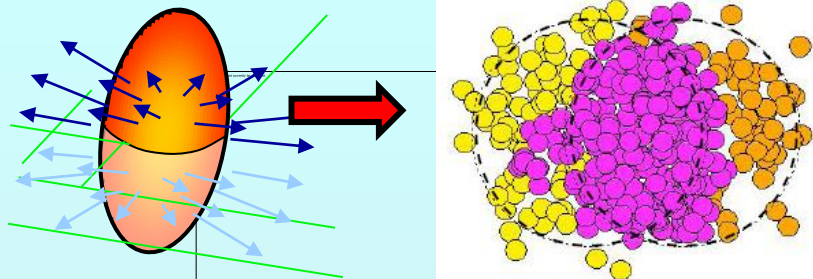
# Thermal photons also flow!

arXiv:1105.4126



Flow magnitude is surprising. Can “extras” explain it?

# Initial nucleon positions fluctuate (& flow)



# Perfect liquid? What's the viscosity of QGP?

- Use hydro with lattice EOS
- Set initial energy density to reproduce observed particle multiplicity
- Use various values of  $\eta/s$ 
  - Quantum mechanical lower bound is  $1/4\pi$   
determined with help from AdS/CFT
- Constrain with data
  - (Account for hadronic state viscous effects with a hadron cascade afterburner)

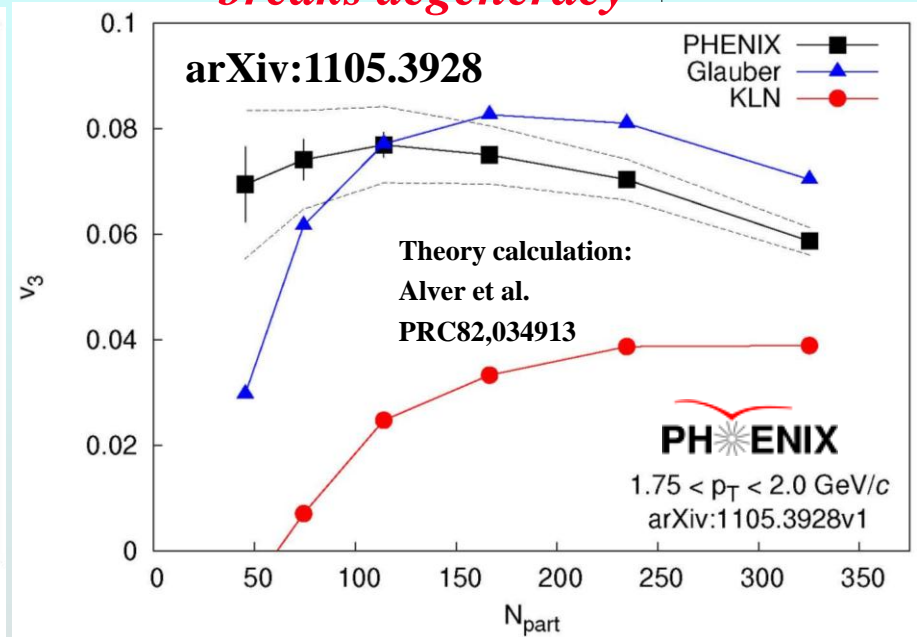
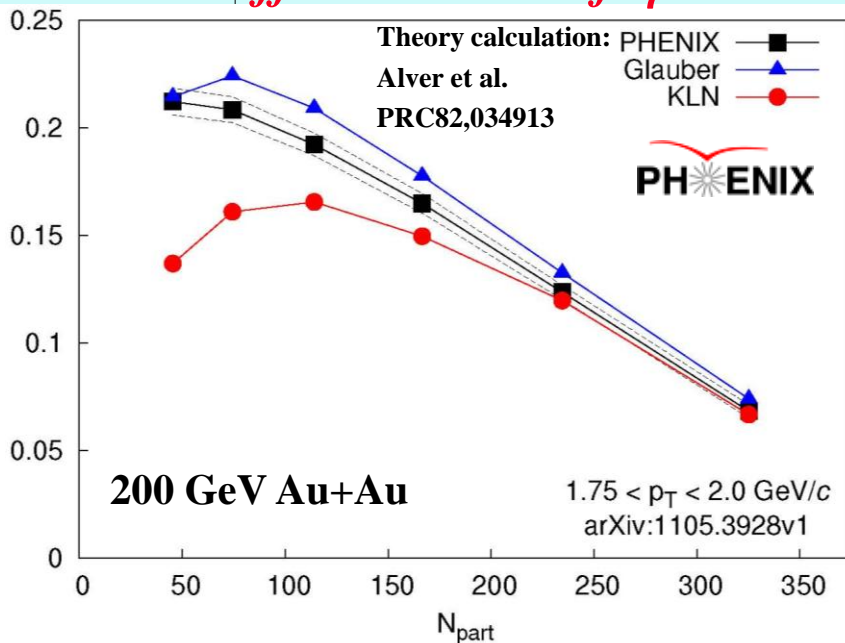


# Fluctuations, flow and the quest for $\eta/s$

arXiv:1105.3928

$v_2$  described by both Glauber and CGC  
but different values of  $\eta/s$

$v_3$  described only by Glauber  
breaks degeneracy



Lappi, Venugopalan, PRC74, 054905

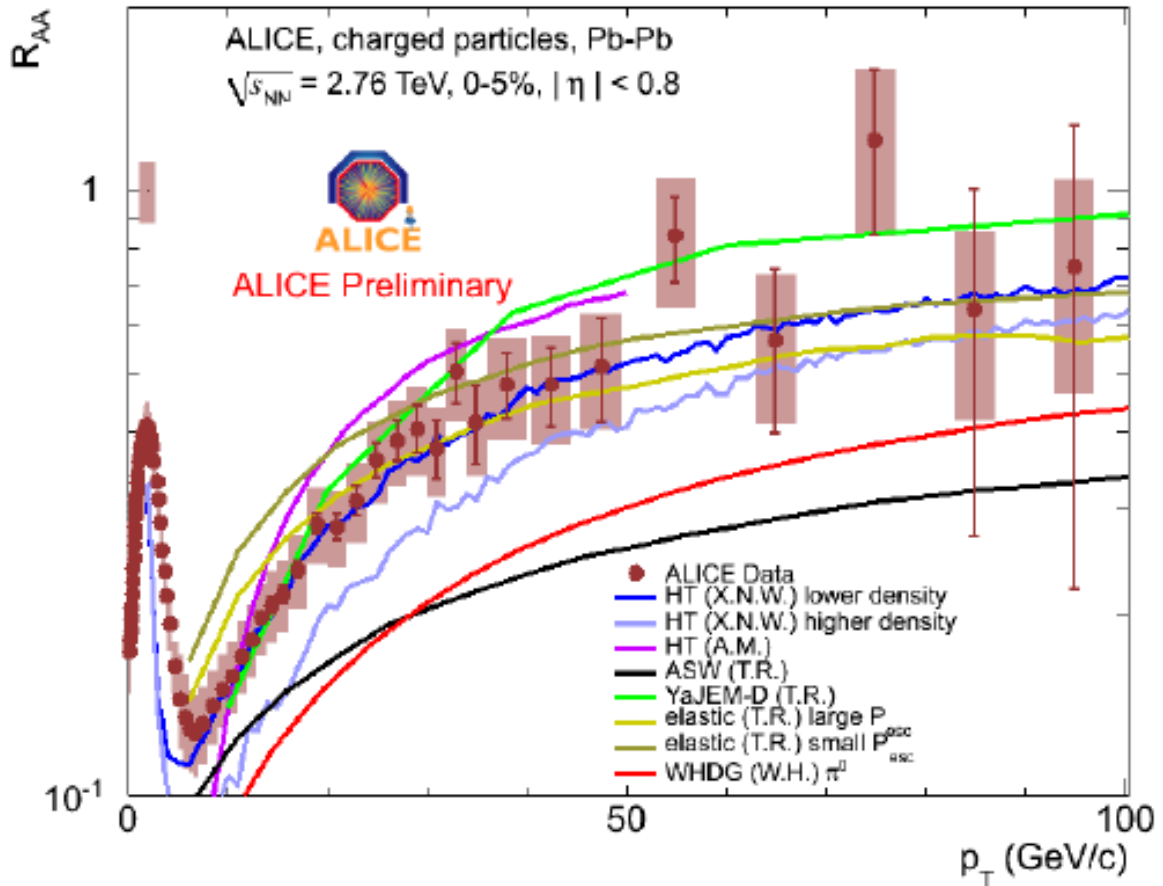
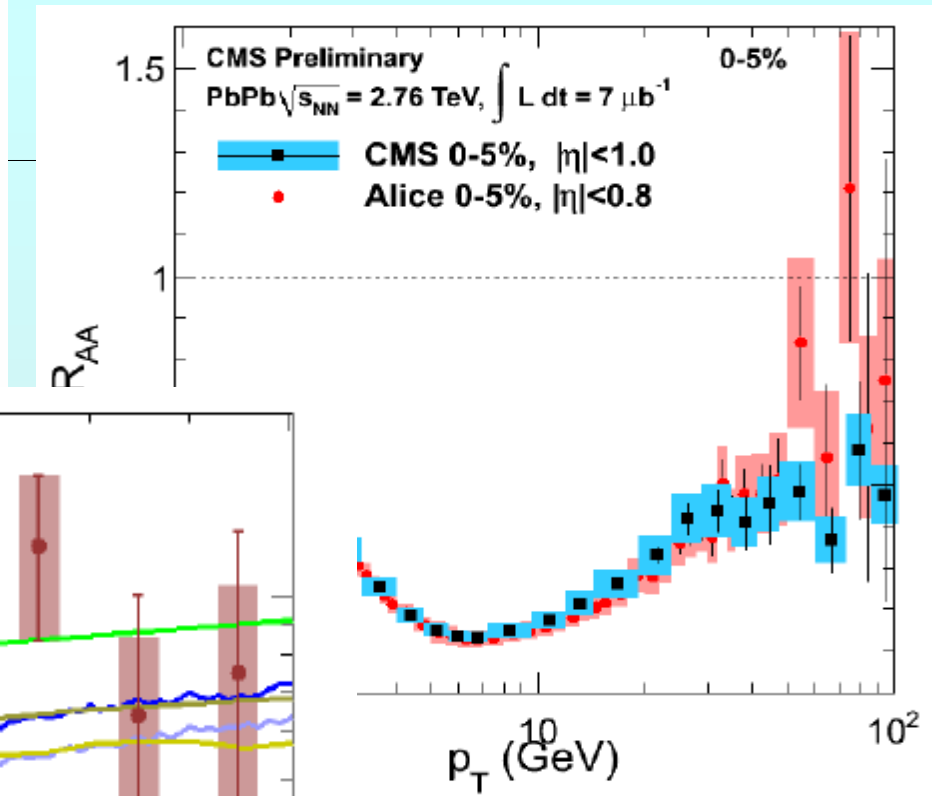
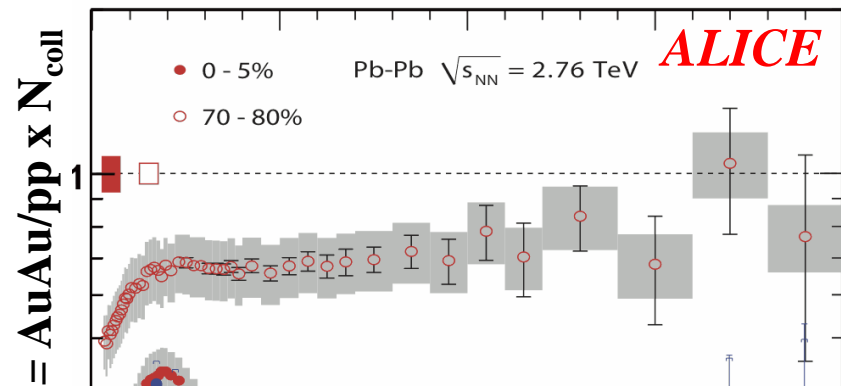
Drescher, Nara, PRC76, 041903

- Glauber
- Glauber initial state
- $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$

2 models with  
← Different fluctuations, Eccentricity,  $\rho$  distribution →

- MC-KLN
- CGC initial state
- $\eta/s = 2/4\pi$

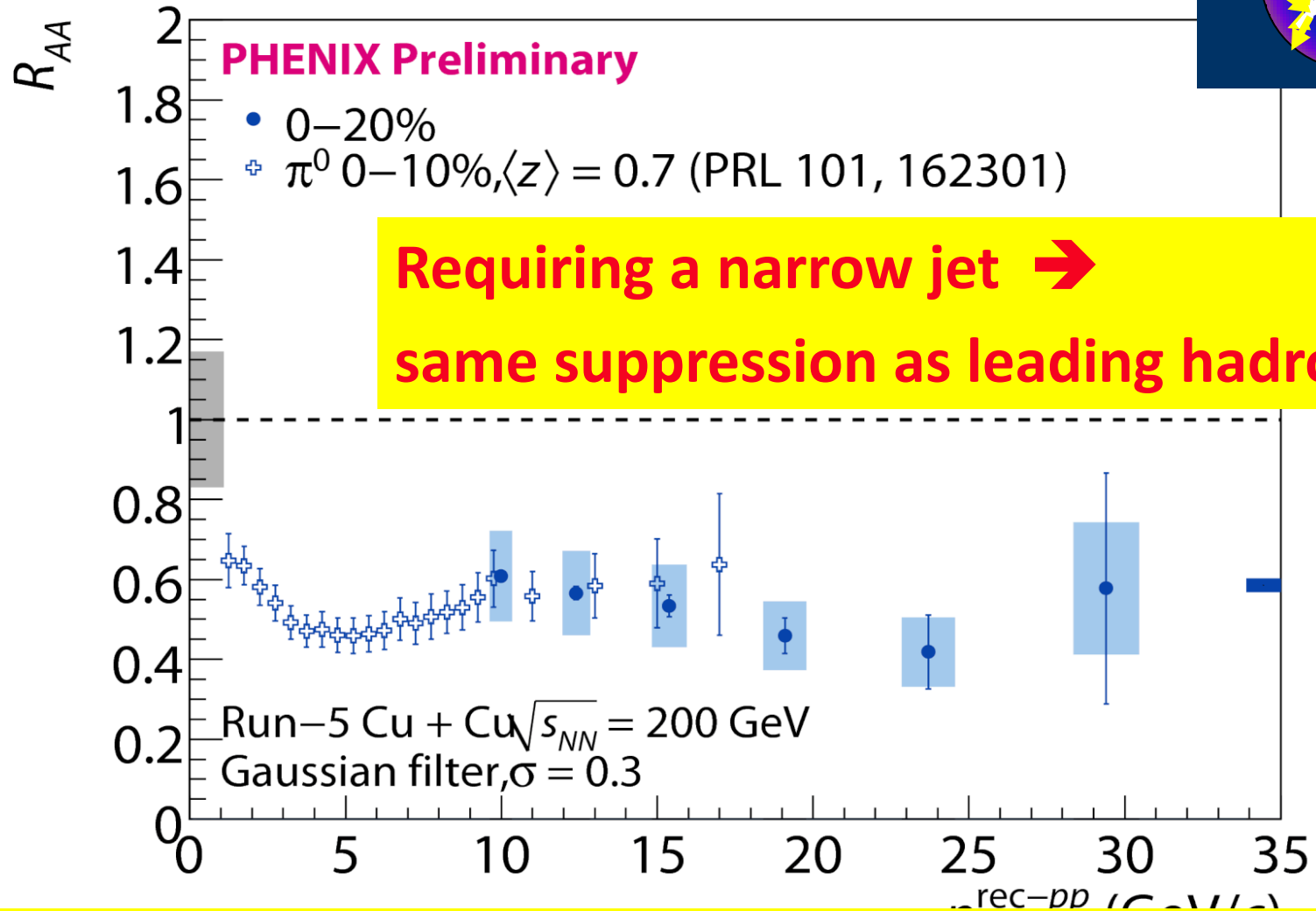
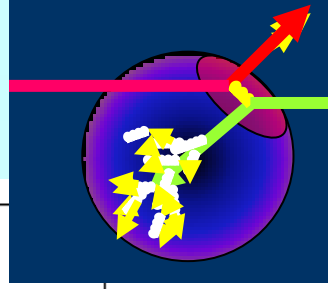
# Energy loss in QGP



• pronounced  $p_T$  dependence of  $R_{AA}$  at LHC

→ sensitivity to details of the energy loss distribution

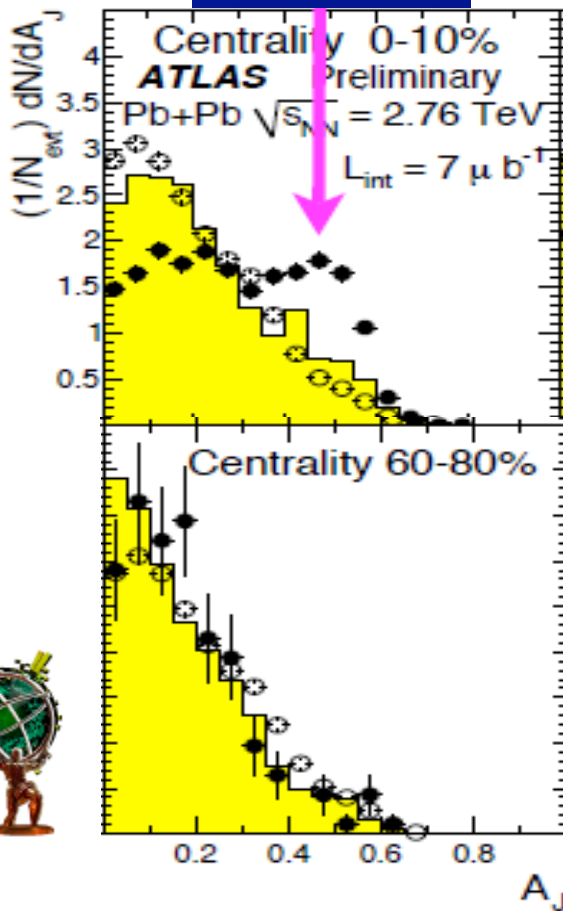
# Reconstruct jets in heavy ion collisions



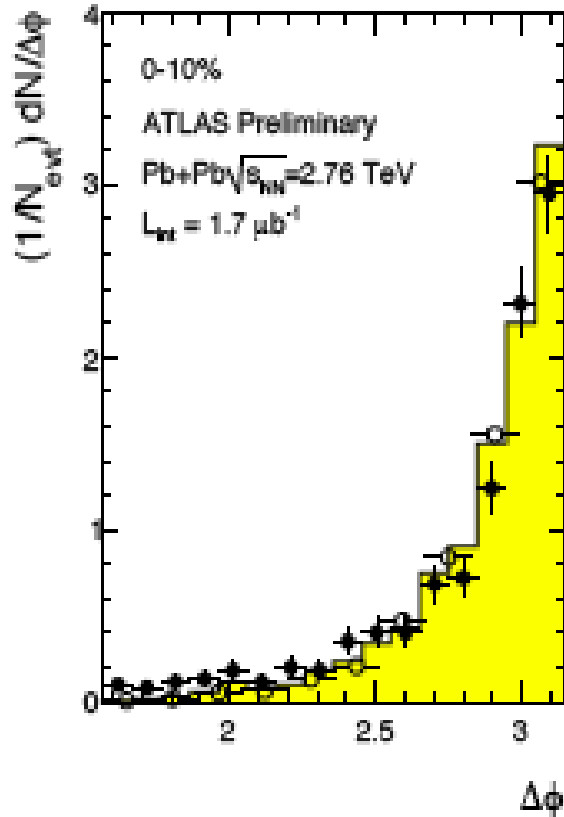
**Hard to reconcile if  $e$  loss = splitting *inside* jet cone**

# Much zippier jets in Pb+Pb at LHC!

30 GeV



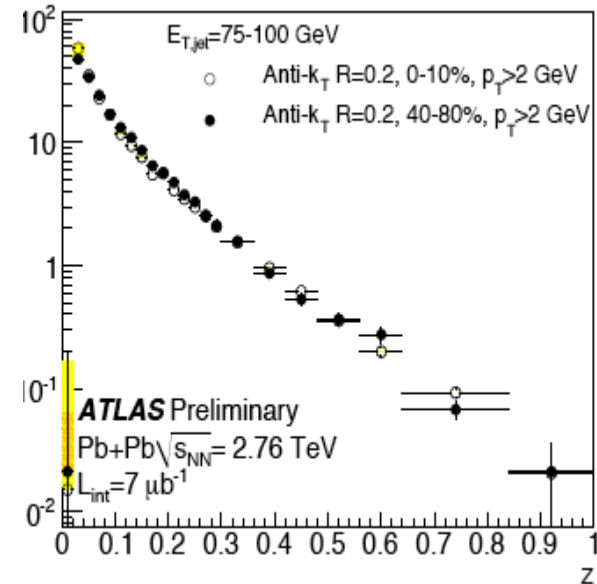
Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 252303 (2010)



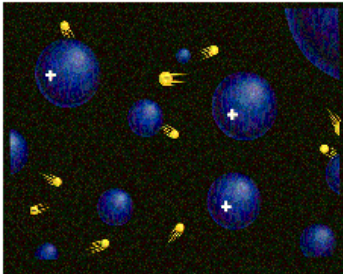
$R = 0.4$

$E_{T1} > 100$  GeV

$E_{T2} > 25$  GeV

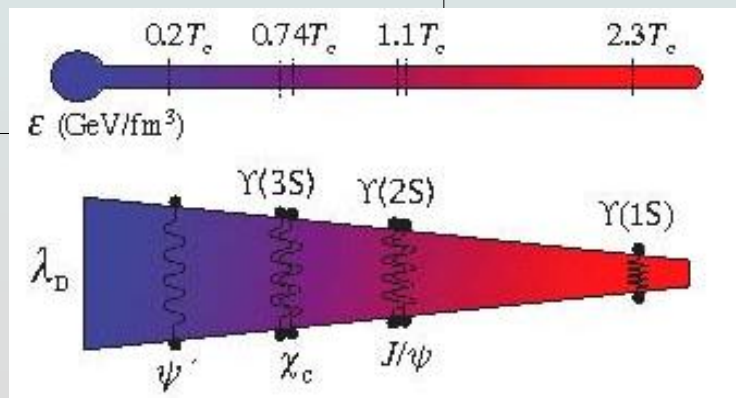


Similar  $R_{AA}$  as RHIC for 100 GeV  $\rightarrow$  250 GeV jets;  $R$  independent  
Energy loss  $\rightarrow$  jet asymmetry; no decorrelation, Fragm.Fn. same!  
CMS finds excess soft particles in interjet region...

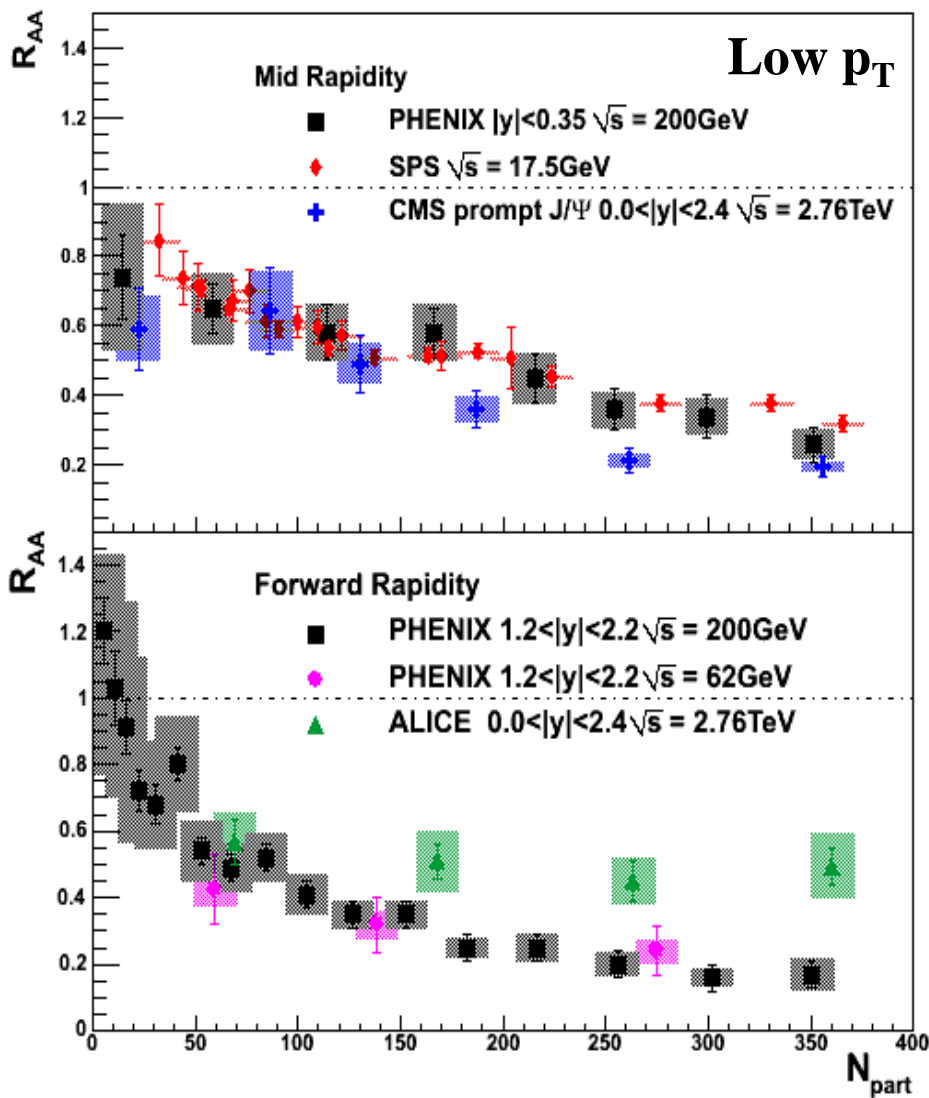


# Is there a relevant screening length?

- **Plasma: interactions among charges of multiple particles spreads charge into characteristic (Debye) length,  $\lambda_D$  particles inside Debye sphere screen each other**
- **Strongly coupled plasmas: few ( $\sim 1-2$ ) particles in Debye sphere Partial screening  $\rightarrow$  liquid-like properties sometimes even crystals!**
- *Test with heavy quark bound states*  
Do they survive?  
All? None? Some? Which size?
- **Are residual correlations important?**



# J/ψ vs. system size, √s



No clear suppression pattern with  $\varepsilon$ , T!

Why more suppression at  $y=2$ ?

Breakup in hadron gas?

Final state coalescence of  $q\bar{q}$ ?

To quantify color screening in quark gluon plasma:

study as function of  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $p_T$ ,  $r_{onium}$

Also MUST measure J/ψ in d+A/p+A for cold matter effects: gluon shadowing, energy loss

**J/ψ  $R_{AA}$  ~same from 17.5-200 GeV!**

**2.76 TeV direct J/ψ lower at mid-y, inclusive above at forward y**

# New questions from RHIC & LHC data!

- 1. At what scales is the coupling strong?**
- 2. How is equilibration achieved so rapidly?**
- 3. Nature of QCD matter at low T but high  $\rho$ ?**
- 4. What is the mechanism for quark/gluon-plasma interactions? For the plasma response?  
Is collisional energy loss significant?**
- 5. Is there a relevant (color) screening length?**
- 6. Are there quasiparticles in the quark gluon plasma? If so, when and what are they?**

# Next step for experiments:

- Do even  $b$  quarks come to a screeching halt?

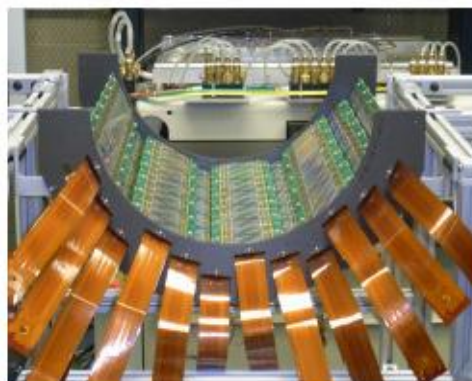
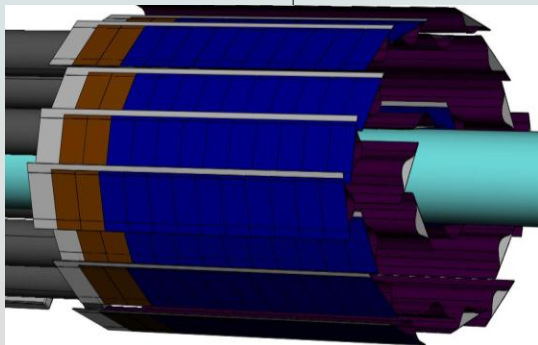
$$M_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

What does  $b$  fate tell us about interactions inside?

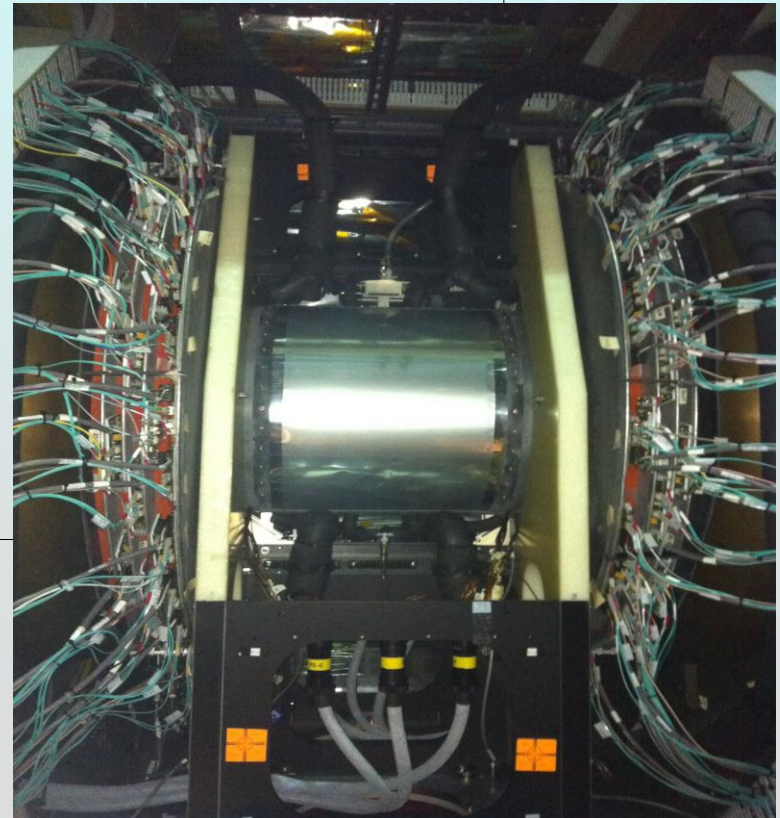
- Higher luminosity to access rarer (i.e. heavier) probes
- Add silicon microvertex detectors to both PHENIX and STAR

Displaced vertex to separate  
 $c, b$ ; reconstruct D & B mesons

- Vertex detectors in place @ LHC
- Address Q 1,4,6

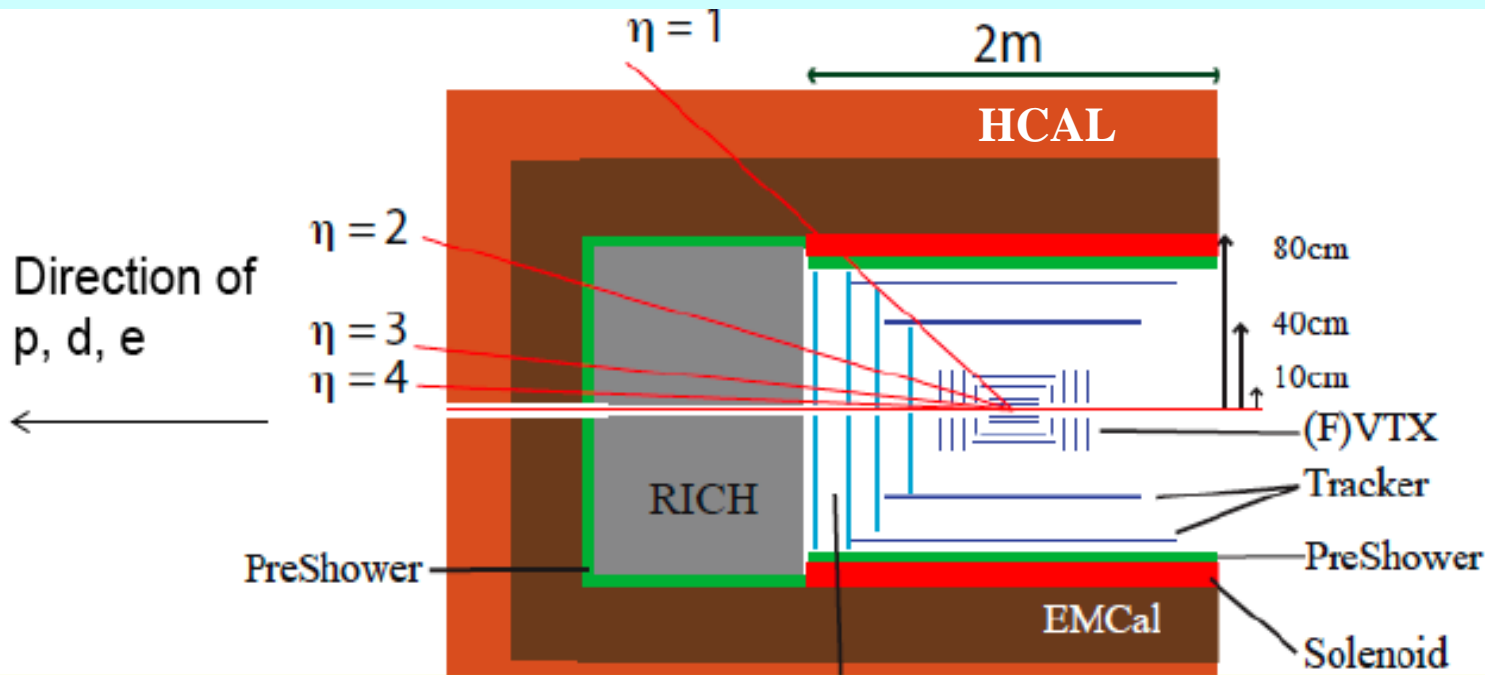


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# After 2015: Upgrade PHENIX



*Focused on capabilities to answer compelling questions  
Don't try to do everything*

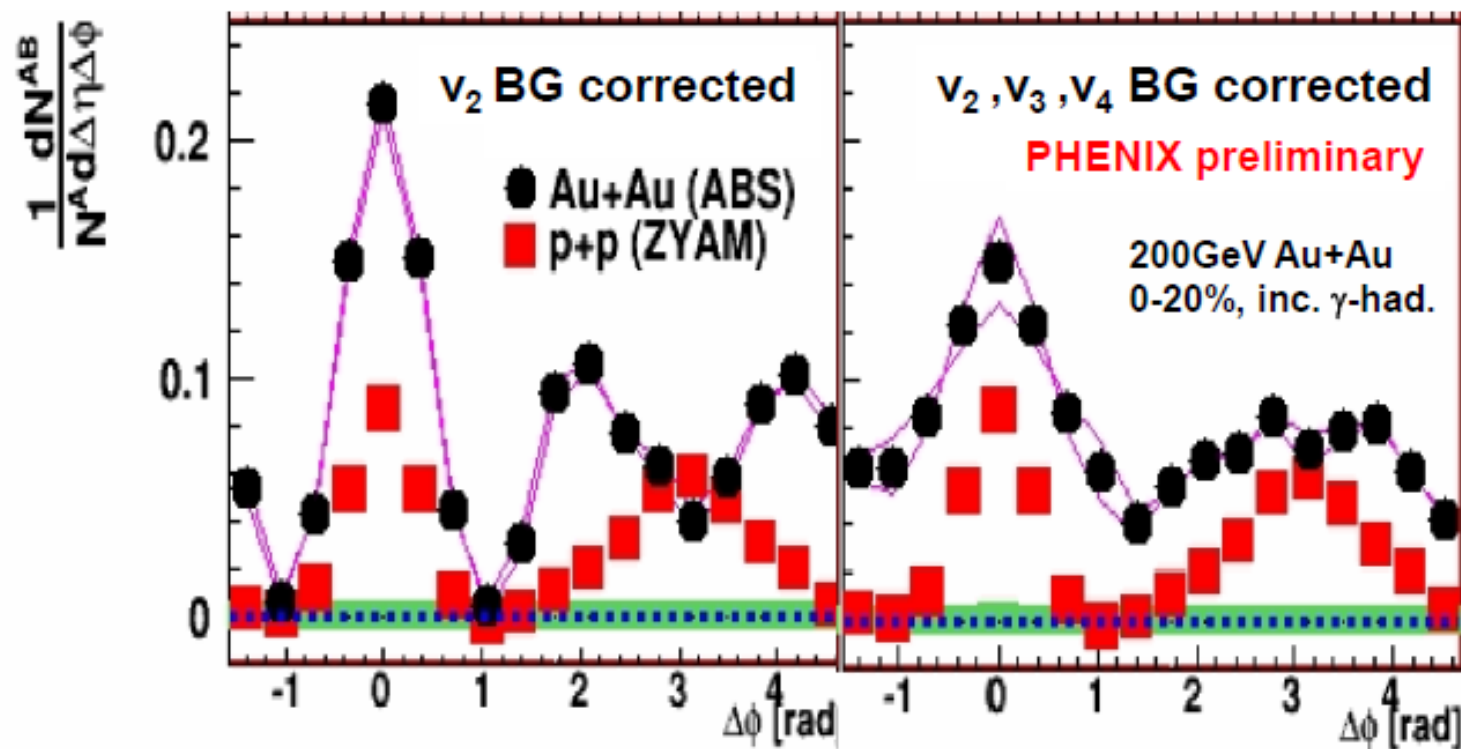
- Compact detector covering  $-1 < \eta < 4$  **x50 acceptance for quarkonia, jets**
- Measure jets, electrons and photons in mid-rapidity  $\rightarrow$  Measure QGP properties
- Gluon saturation physics at forward region ( $\eta > 1$ )
- First eRHIC detector (not yet optimized)

# Conclusions

- $T > T_c$  ; now study quark gluon plasma properties  
QGP behaves as a strongly coupled liquid
- Flow (pressure gradients) build up & saturate below 39 GeV  
Soft photons flow too!
- $\eta/s$  near quantum limit; similar @ LHC and RHIC  
Uncertainties being reduced by higher harmonics of flow
- Parton energy loss large at low  $p_T$  @ LHC and RHIC  
At high  $p_T$ , hadron suppression less, but still substantial  
Jets suppressed from 10-250 GeV, but dijet correlation & fragmentation unchanged. WHERE is the lost energy??!!
- Need to understand onium suppression patterns in terms of medium effects on the correlation -> screening length
- The data raise entirely new questions!  
Answer by running time and p+A at LHC  
Upgrades at RHIC for heavy quark & jet probes of plasma

- **backup slides**

# Flow subtraction/correction with measured $v_n$ for central-central 2-particle correlation



mach-cone is mostly gone  
remaining medium effect seen  
(correlated pair yield by absolute normalization)

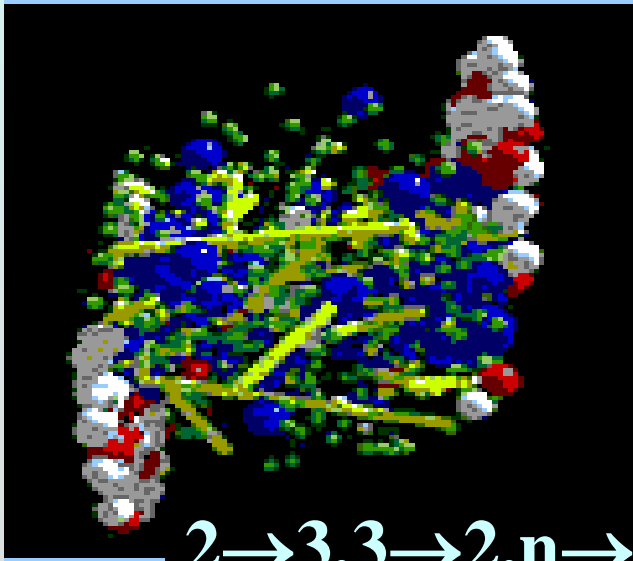
# Calculating transport in QGP

## weak coupling limit

*perturbative QCD*

*kinetic theory, cascades*

*interaction of particles*



$2 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 2, n \rightarrow 2 \dots$

## $\infty$ strong coupling limit

*not easy! Try a pure field...*

*gravity  $\leftrightarrow$  supersym 4-d*

*(AdS/CFT)*



# Lepton pair emission $\leftrightarrow$ EM correlator

e.g. Rapp, Wambach Adv.Nucl.Phys 25 (2000)

Emission rate of dileptons per volume

$$\frac{dR_{ll}}{d^4q} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^3} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} \text{Im}\Pi_{em,\mu}^\mu(M, q; T) f^B(q_0, T)$$

$$f^B(q_0, T) = 1/(e^{q_0/T} - 1)$$

$$L(M) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_l^2}{M^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{M^2}\right)$$

$\gamma^* \rightarrow ee$   
decay

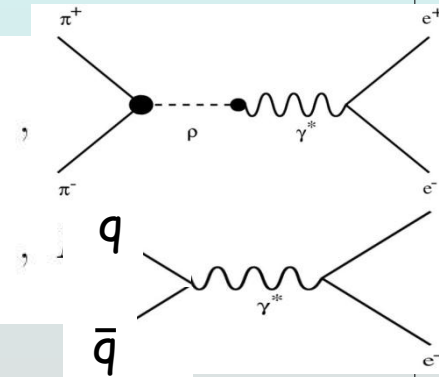
EM correlator  
Medium property

Boltzmann factor  
temperature

Hadronic contribution  
Vector Meson Dominance

Medium modification of meson  
Chiral restoration

$$\text{Im}\Pi_{em}^{\text{vac}}(M) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{V=\rho,\omega,\phi} \left(\frac{m_V^2}{g_V}\right)^2 \text{Im}D_V(M) \\ -\frac{M^2}{12\pi} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\pi} + \dots\right) N_c \sum_{q=u,d,s} (e_q)^2 \end{array} \right.$$



$q\bar{q}$  annihilation

Thermal radiation from  
partonic phase (QGP)

From emission rate of dileptons, the medium effect on the EM correlator as well as temperature of the medium can be decoded.

# Suppression pattern ingredients

arXiv:1010.1246

- Color screening

- Initial state effects

  - Shadowing or saturation of incoming gluon distribution

  - Initial state energy loss

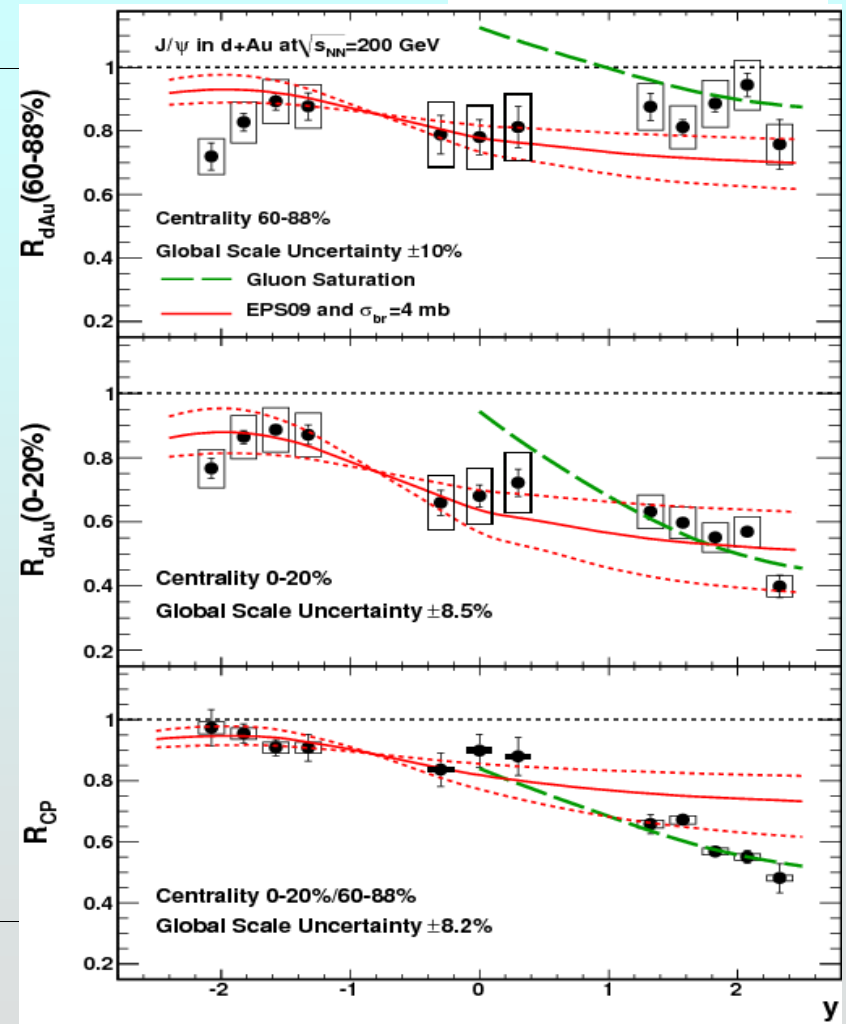
  - (calibrate with p+A or d+A)

- Final state effects

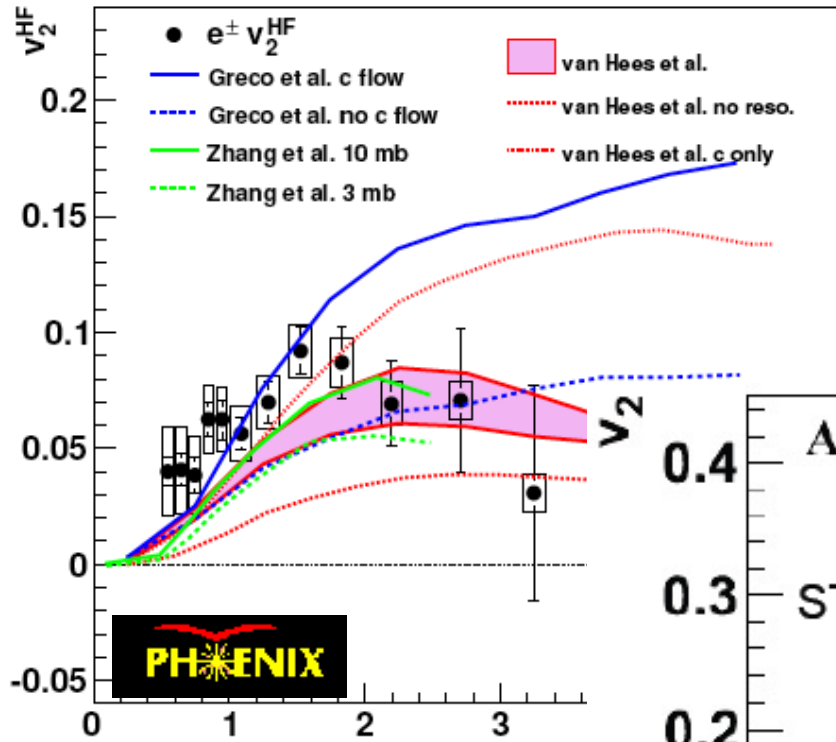
  - Breakup of quarkonia due to co-moving hadrons

  - Coalescence of q and qbar at hadronization

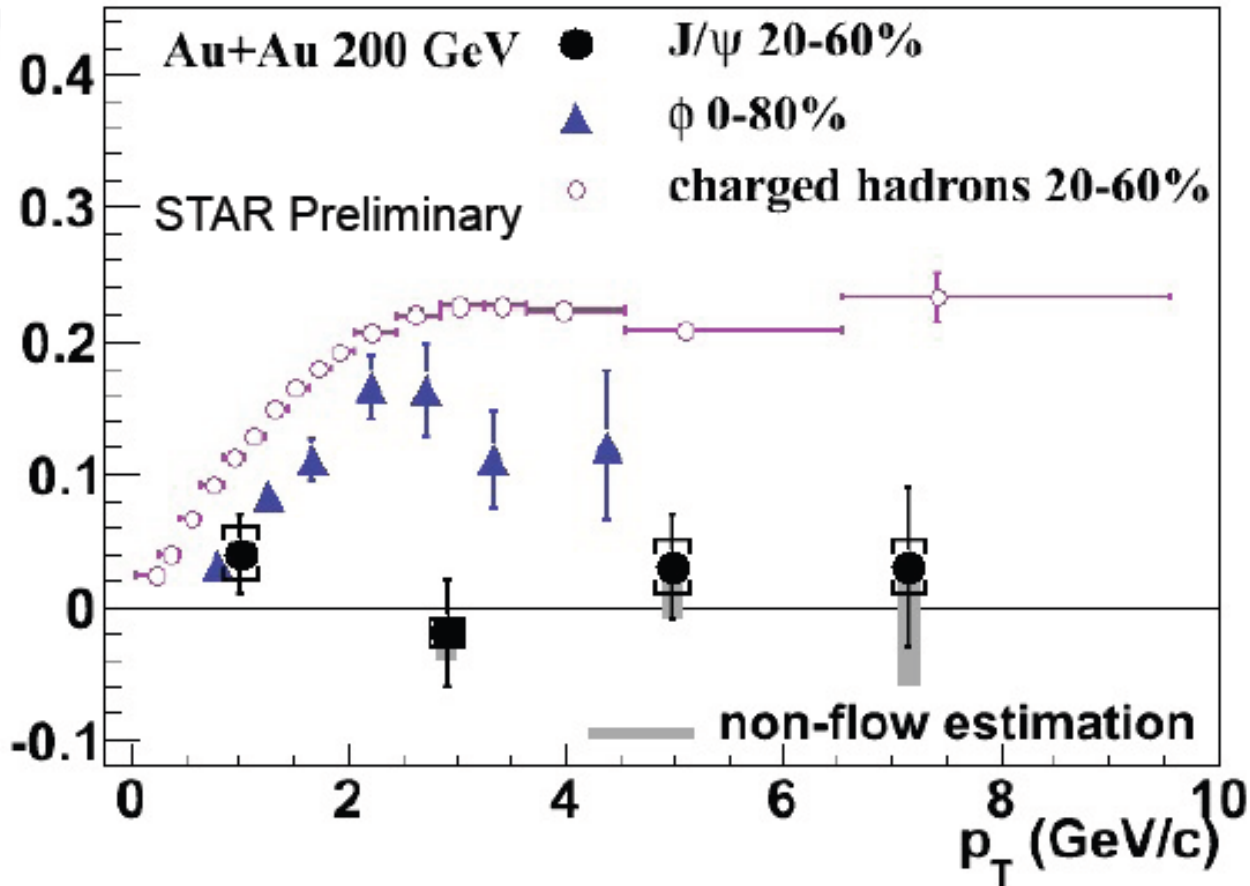
  - (calibrate with A, centrality dependence)



# Expect if $c\bar{c}$ pairs numerous or correlated



Open charm flows  
but  $J/\psi$  does not



PRL.98: 172301,2007

So,  $c\bar{c}$  coalescence in final state @ RHIC is not large

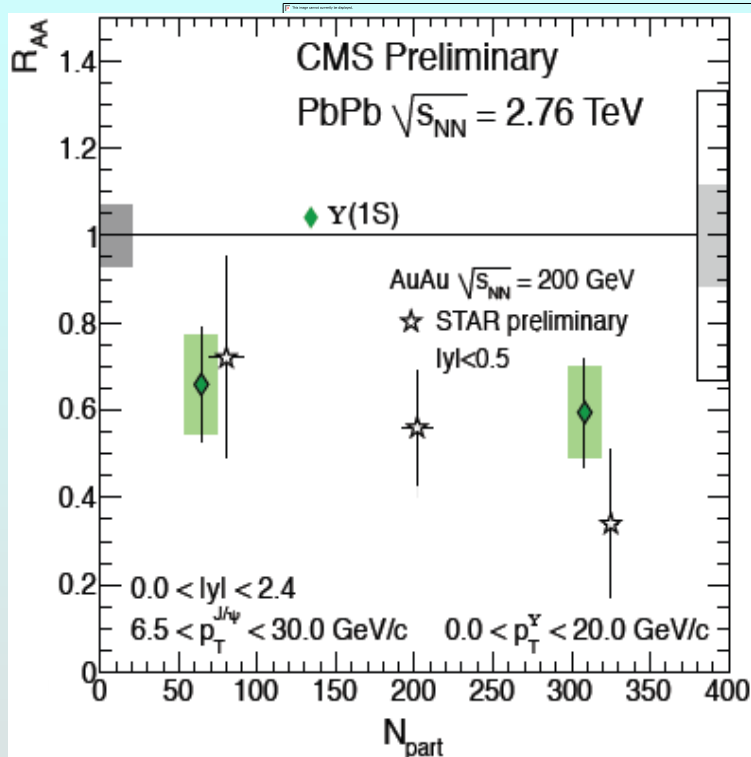
Higher at LHC?



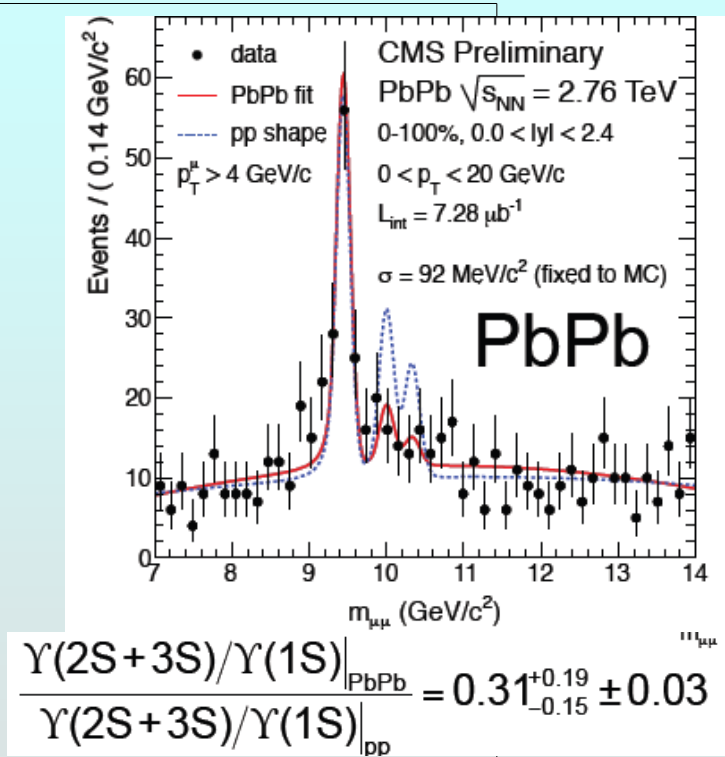
# b-bar bound states

- Coalescence *could* be important at LHC

More c-cbar pairs produced. Use b-bar to probe...



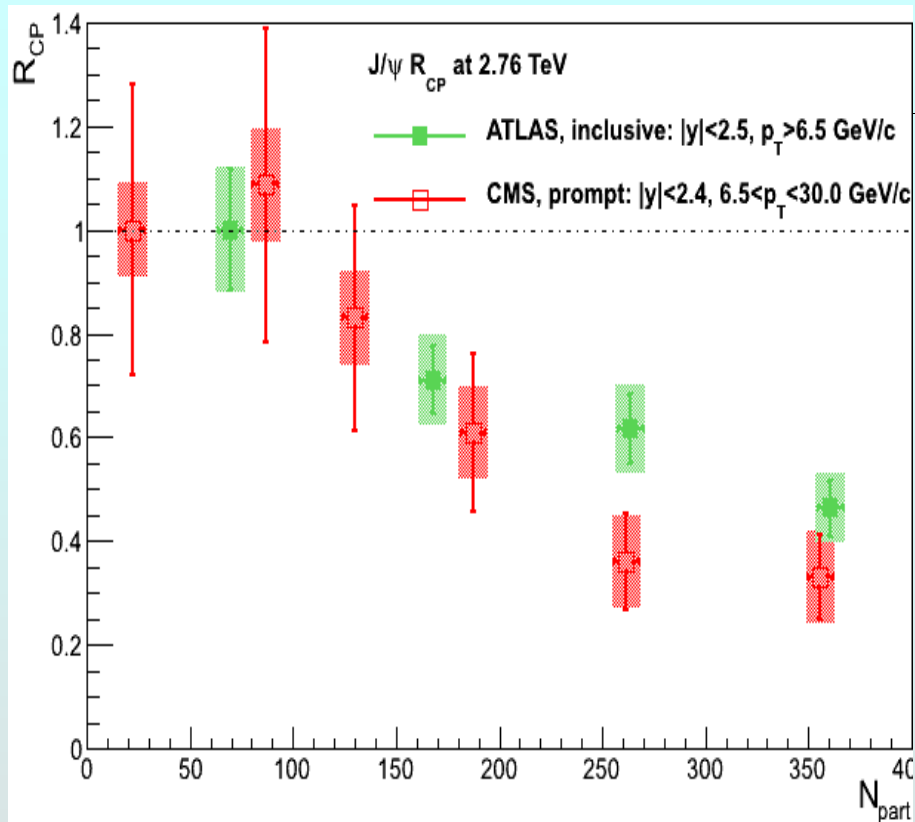
$\Upsilon(2S,3S)$   
suppressed



- Does partial screening preserve correlations, enhancing likelihood of final state coalescence?

- arXiv:1010.2735 (Aarts, et al):  $\Pi$  unchanged to  $2.09T_c$   
 $\chi_b$  modified from  $1-1.5T_c$ , then free

# Prompt (CMS) vs. inclusive (ATLAS) J/ψ



- at high  $p_T$ , prompt J/ψ < inclusive?  
(b states less suppressed)

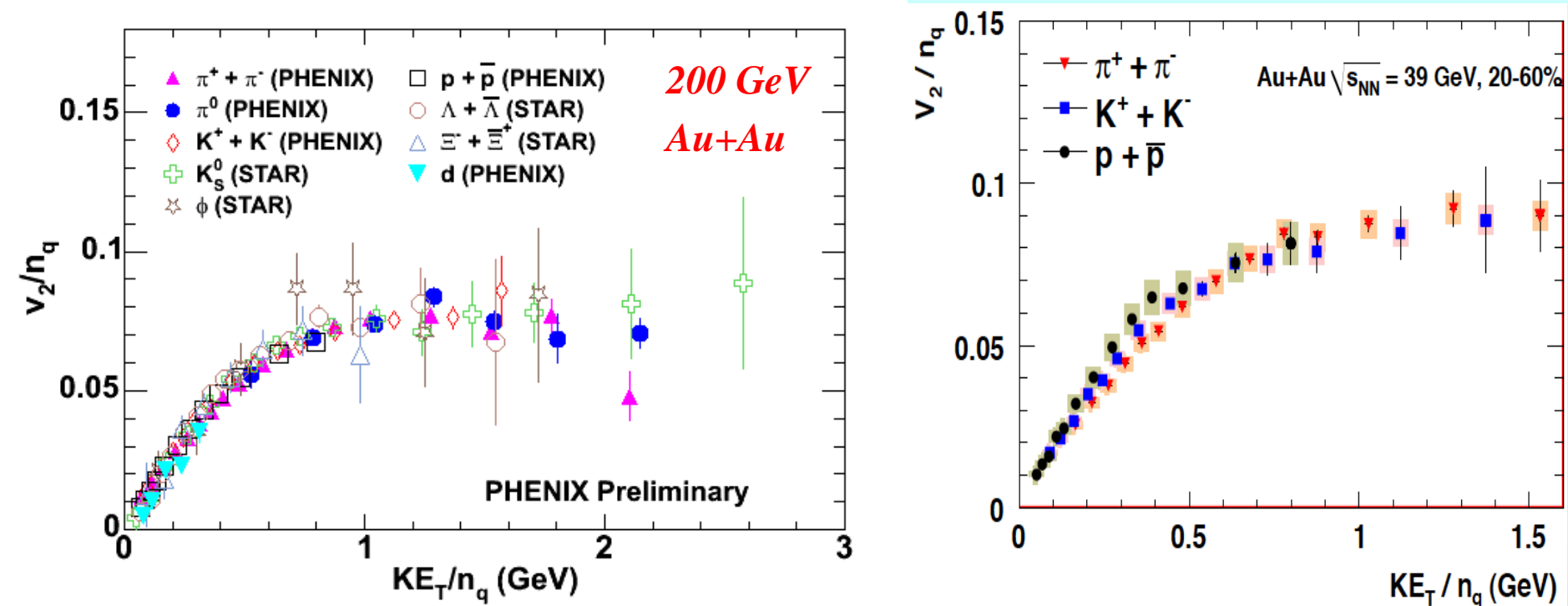
- recall:  
√s dependence is weak  
LHC less suppressed!  
Final state coalescence?

# susceptibilities & net-baryon fluctuations

$$S\sigma = \frac{[B^3]}{[B^2]} = \frac{T\chi_B^{(3)}}{\chi_B^{(2)}},$$
$$\kappa\sigma^2 = \frac{[B^4]}{[B^2]} = \frac{T^2\chi_B^{(4)}}{\chi_B^{(2)}},$$
$$\frac{\kappa\sigma}{S} = \frac{[B^4]}{[B^3]} = \frac{T\chi_B^{(4)}}{\chi_B^{(3)}},$$

**Relation between the baryon susceptibilities,  $\chi_B$ , and cumulants of the net-baryon fluctuations**

# Elliptic flow scales with quark number

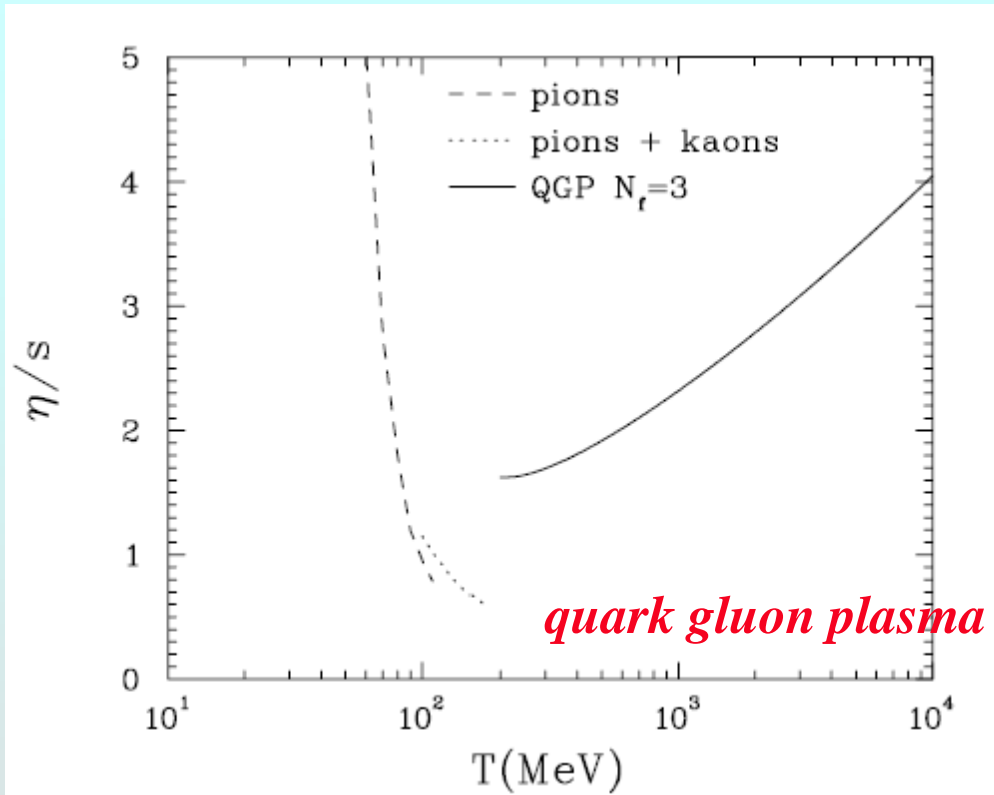


*implication: valence quarks, not hadrons, are relevant DOF  
coalesce into hadrons when  $T$  falls below  $T_c$   
consistent with success of hydro with lattice EOS, but...*

*what gives? dressed quarks are born of flowing field?*

*Nb: strongly interacting liquids lack well-defined,  
long-lived quasi-particles*

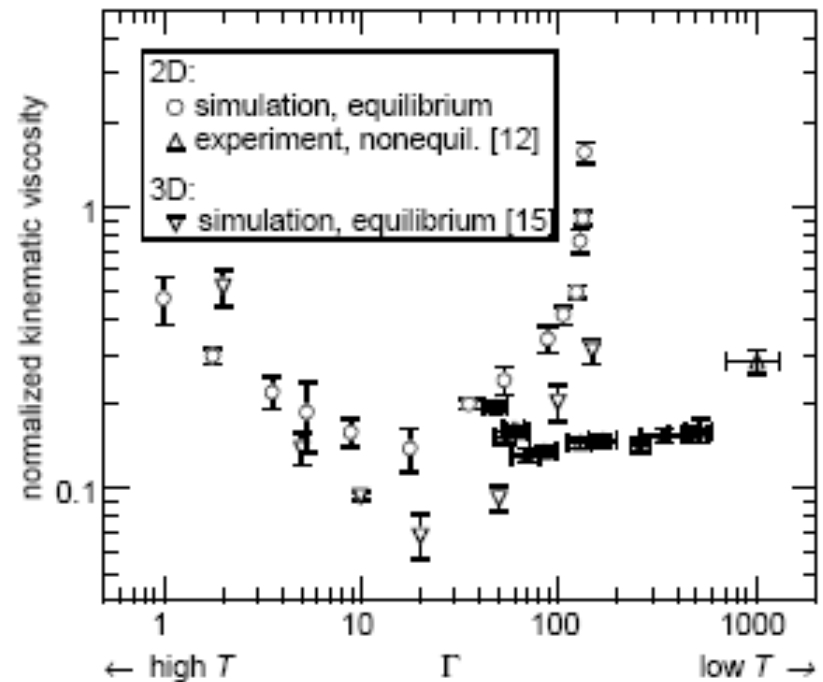
# minimum $\eta$ at phase boundary?



Csernai, Kapusta & McLerran  
PRL97, 152303 (2006)

*strongly coupled dusty plasma*

*B. Liu and J. Goree,*



minimum observed in other strongly coupled systems –  
kinetic part of  $\eta$  decreases with  $\Gamma$  while potential part increases

# Insights, given first LHC results

- Quarkonia energy dependence not understood!

Need charmonium and bottomonium states at  $>1$  vs at RHIC  
+ guidance from lattice QCD!

- Jet results from LHC very surprising!

**Steep path length dependence of energy loss**

also suggested by PHENIX high  $p_T$   $v_2$ ; AdS/CFT is right?

**Little modification of “jet” fragmentation function**

looks different at RHIC (different jet definition, energy)

**Lost energy goes to low  $p_T$  particles at large angle**

is dissipation slower at RHIC? Due to medium or probe?

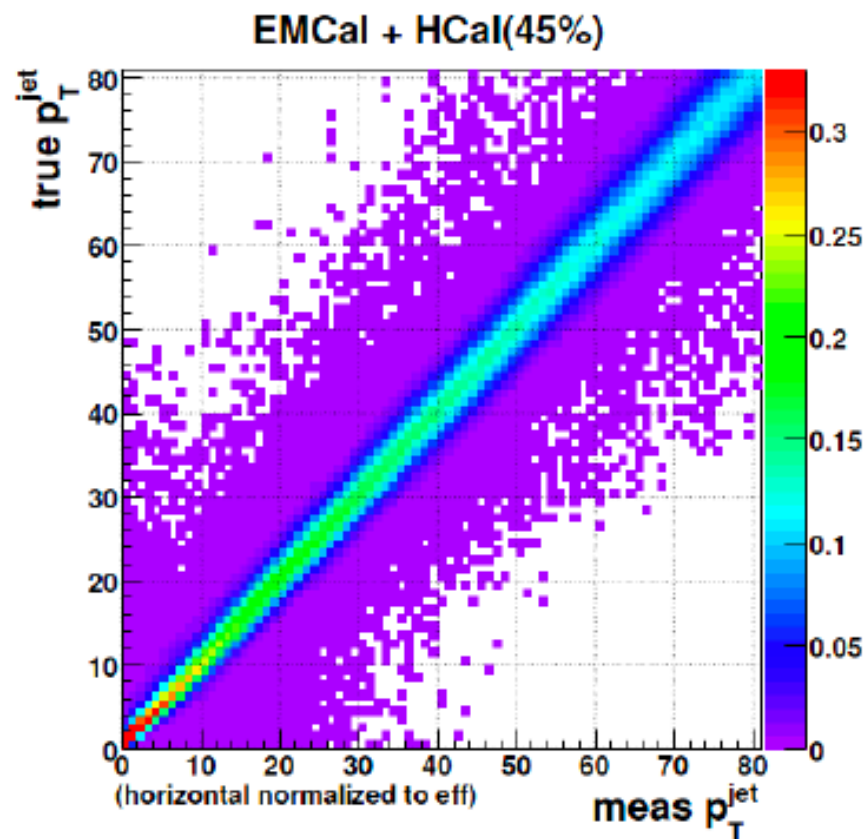
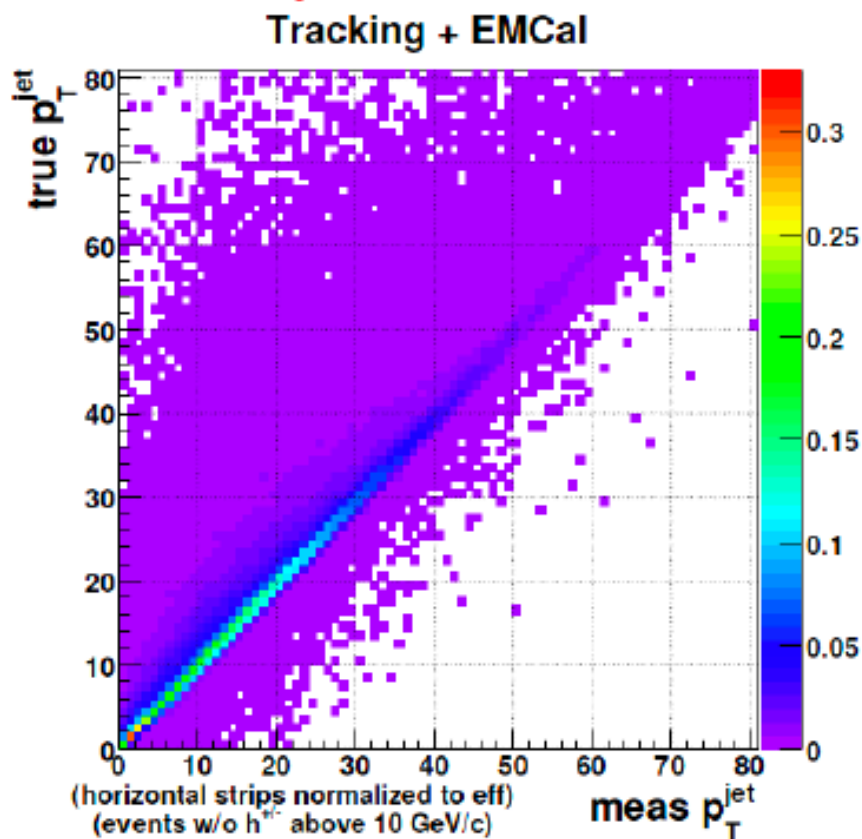
**Little modification of di-jet angular correlation**

appears to be similar at RHIC

- **Need full, calorimetric reconstruction of jets in wide  $y$  range at RHIC to disentangle probe effects/medium effects/initial state**

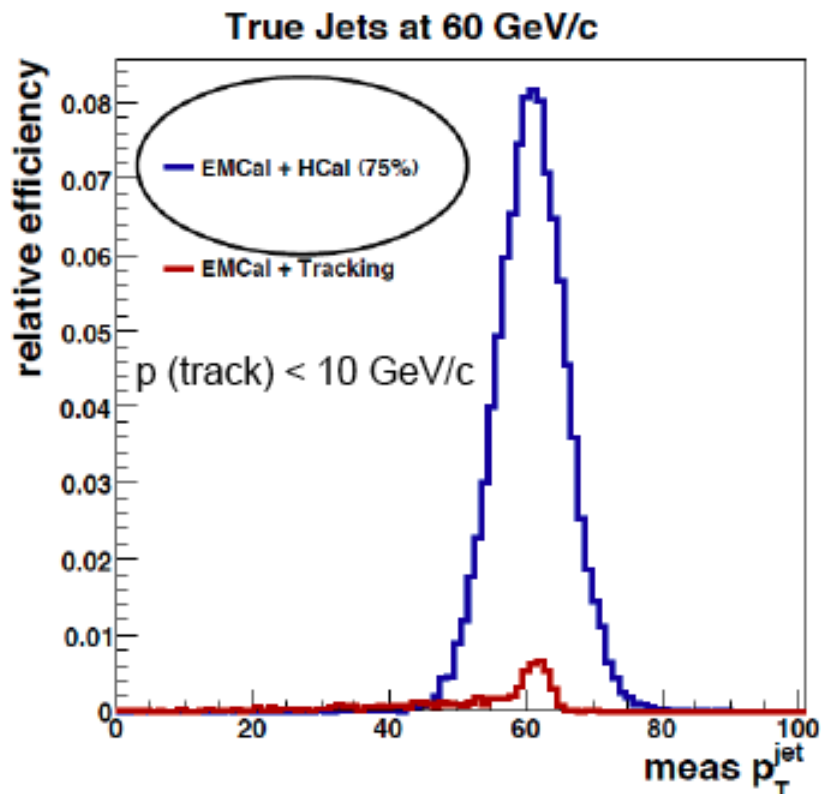
# HCal improvement to Jet Energy Measurement

tracking  $p < 10$  GeV/c required  
to avoid fake jets



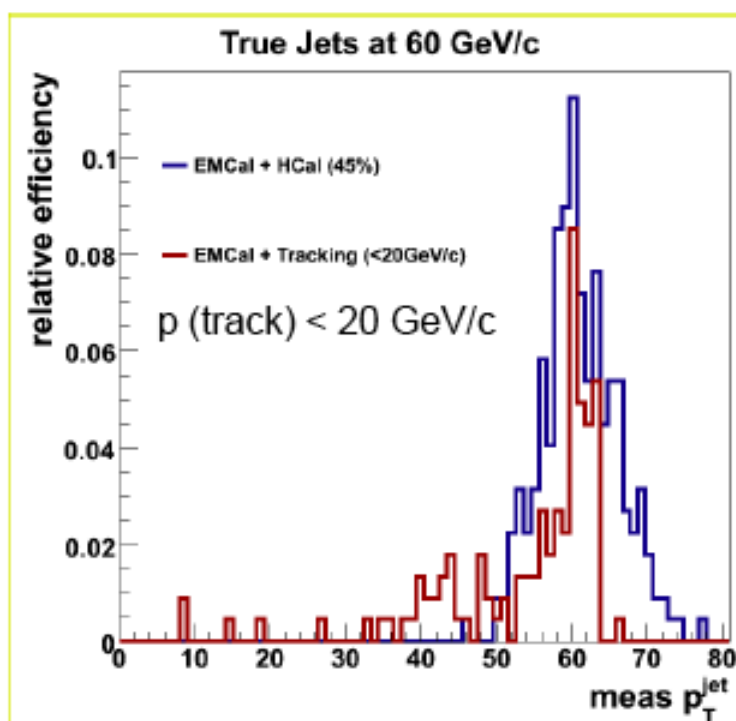
- No fake jet due to tracking background
- Catch neutral energy
- No asymmetric tail in measured energy → Essential for  $A_J$  measurement

# HCal for jet measurement



With 10 GeV tracking cut off, only tiny fraction of jet can be reconstructed

- For di-jet asymmetry ( $A_J$ ) measurement, the tail is the killer
- Hcal eliminates the tail.
- Hcal is not the cost driver of sPHENIX



With 20 GeV tracking cut off, still less than 1/3 of jet is reconstructed at proper energy



# Beam Energy Scan

Large acceptance → Energy scan of rare probes at lower beam energy

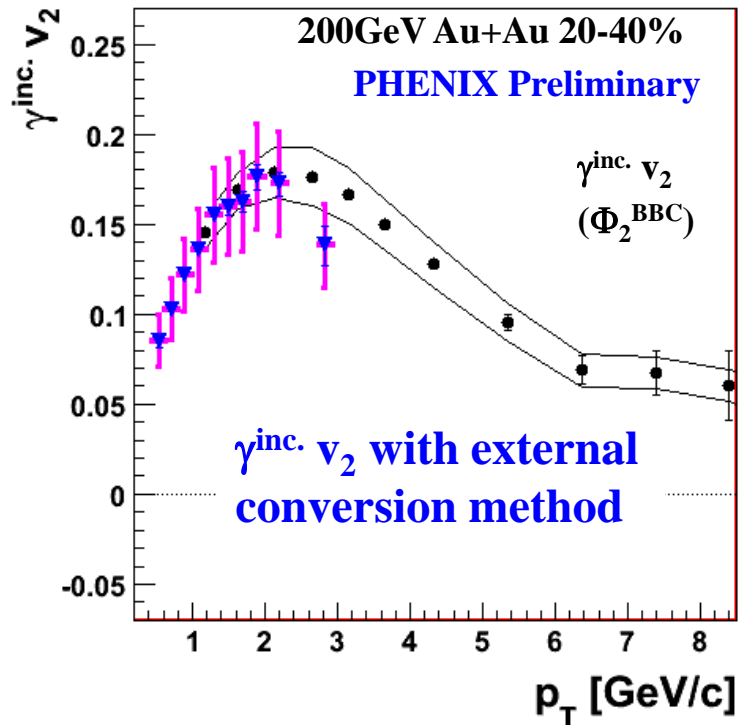
- Jets
- High  $p_T$  single hadrons
- Open heavy flavor
- Quarkonia

repeat energy scan of 20 – 200 GeV with large acceptance detector to characterize the suppression as a function of  $\sqrt{s}$

- Photon-hadron, Photon-jets

Probe Energy loss and QGP response in lower beam energy

# Direct photon flow ingredients

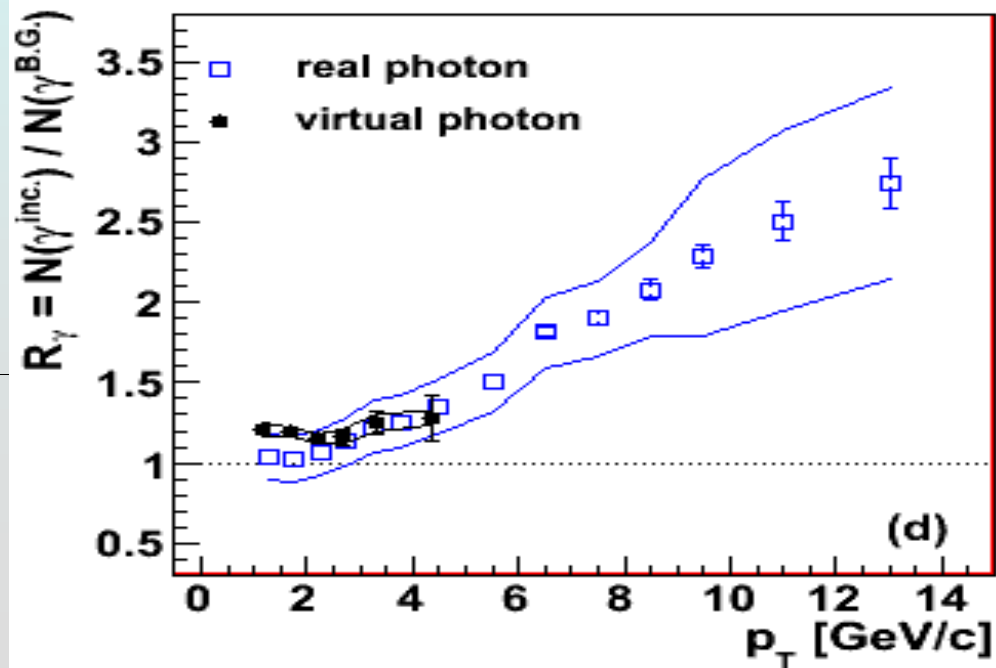


## Key cross checks:

$\gamma^{\text{inc}}$  are really  $\gamma$ 's:

check using  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

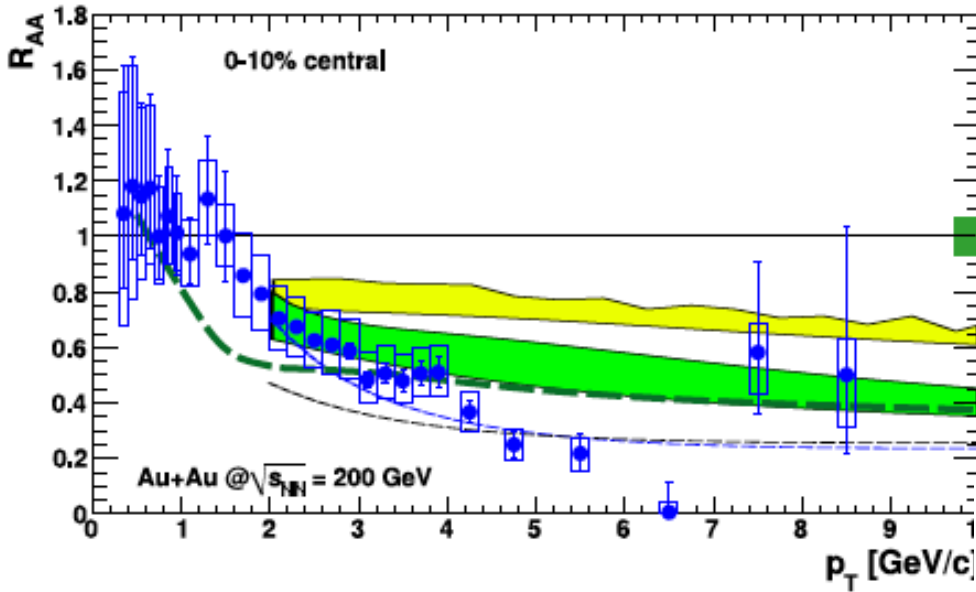
$R_\gamma$  for virtual vs. real  $\gamma$



# heavy quark suppression & flow?

PRL.98: 172301,2007

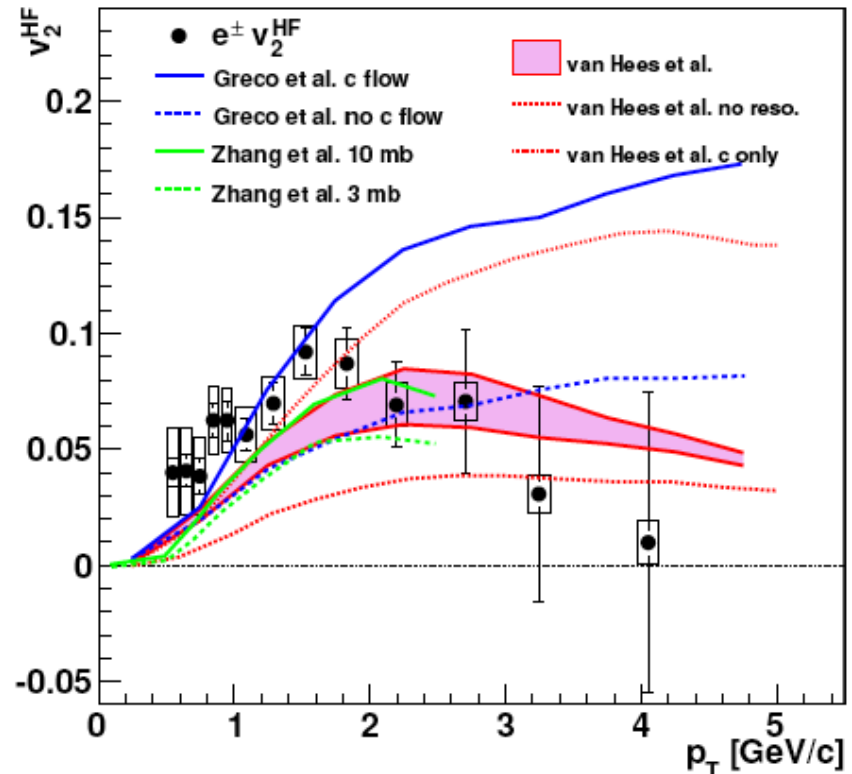
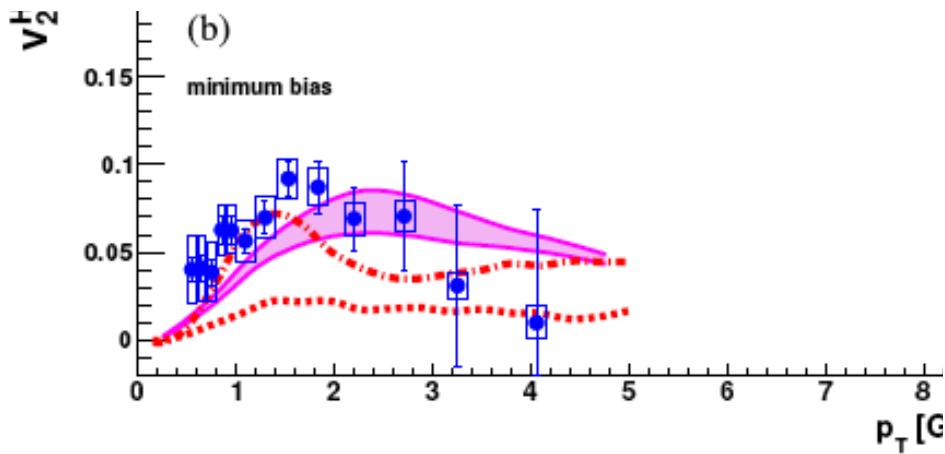
arXiv: 1005.1627



Collisional energy loss?

$v_2$  decrease with  $p_T$ ?

role of b quarks?



# Mysteries in heavy ion physics

## ◆ Energy loss mechanism

NSAC milestone DM11, 12

@ LHC 40 GeV jets opposing 100 GeV jets look “normal”

no broadening or decorrelation

no evidence for collinear radiation from the parton

@ RHIC low energy jets appear to show medium effects

but, “jet” is defined differently

→ c & b to probe role of collisional energy loss *VTX, FVTX*

→ quantify path length dependence *U+U, Cu+Au*

## ◆ J/ψ suppression and color screening

NSAC milestone DM5

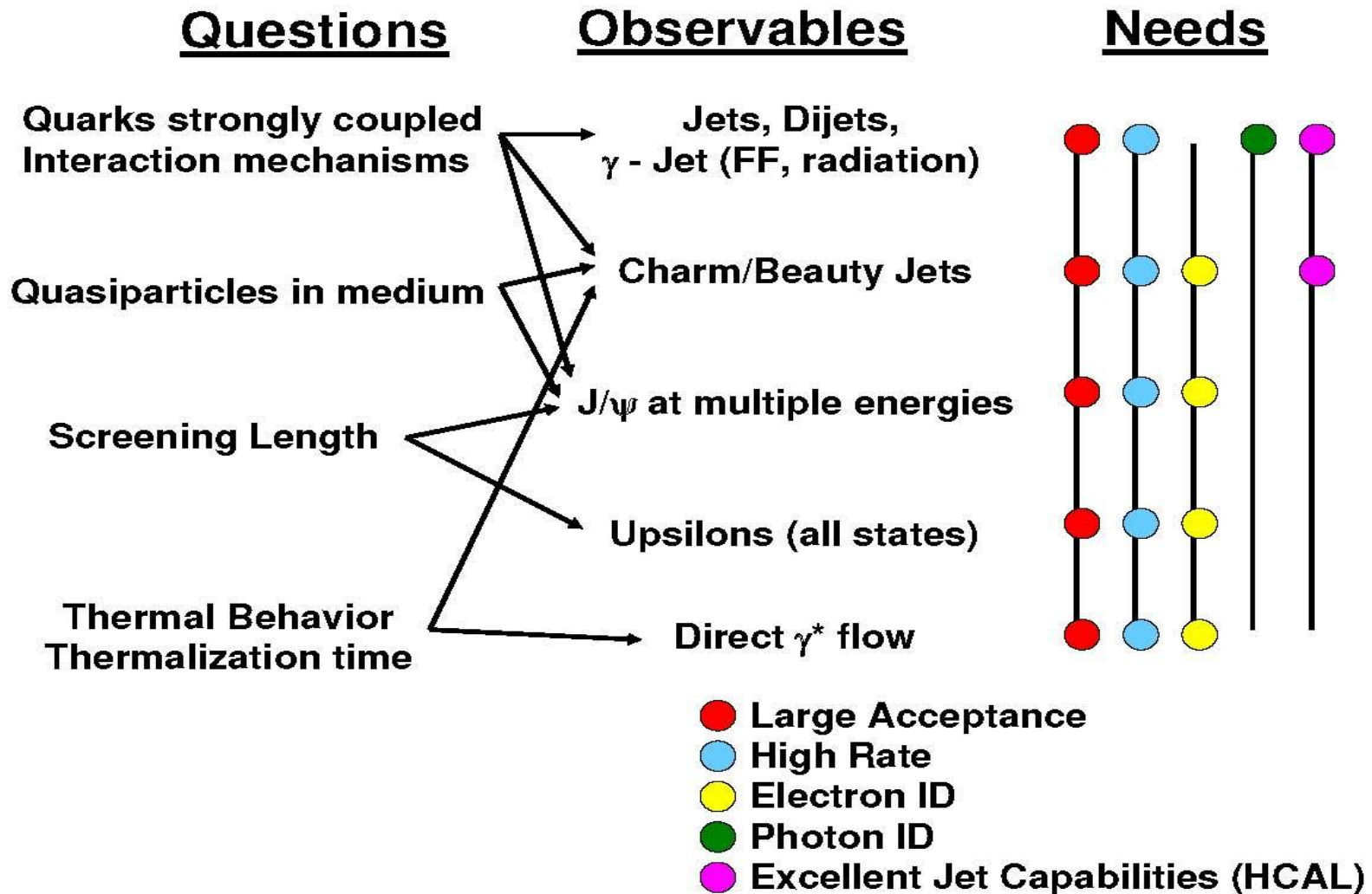
amazingly similar from  $\sqrt{s}=17\text{-}200$  GeV; but initial states differ

not SO different at LHC

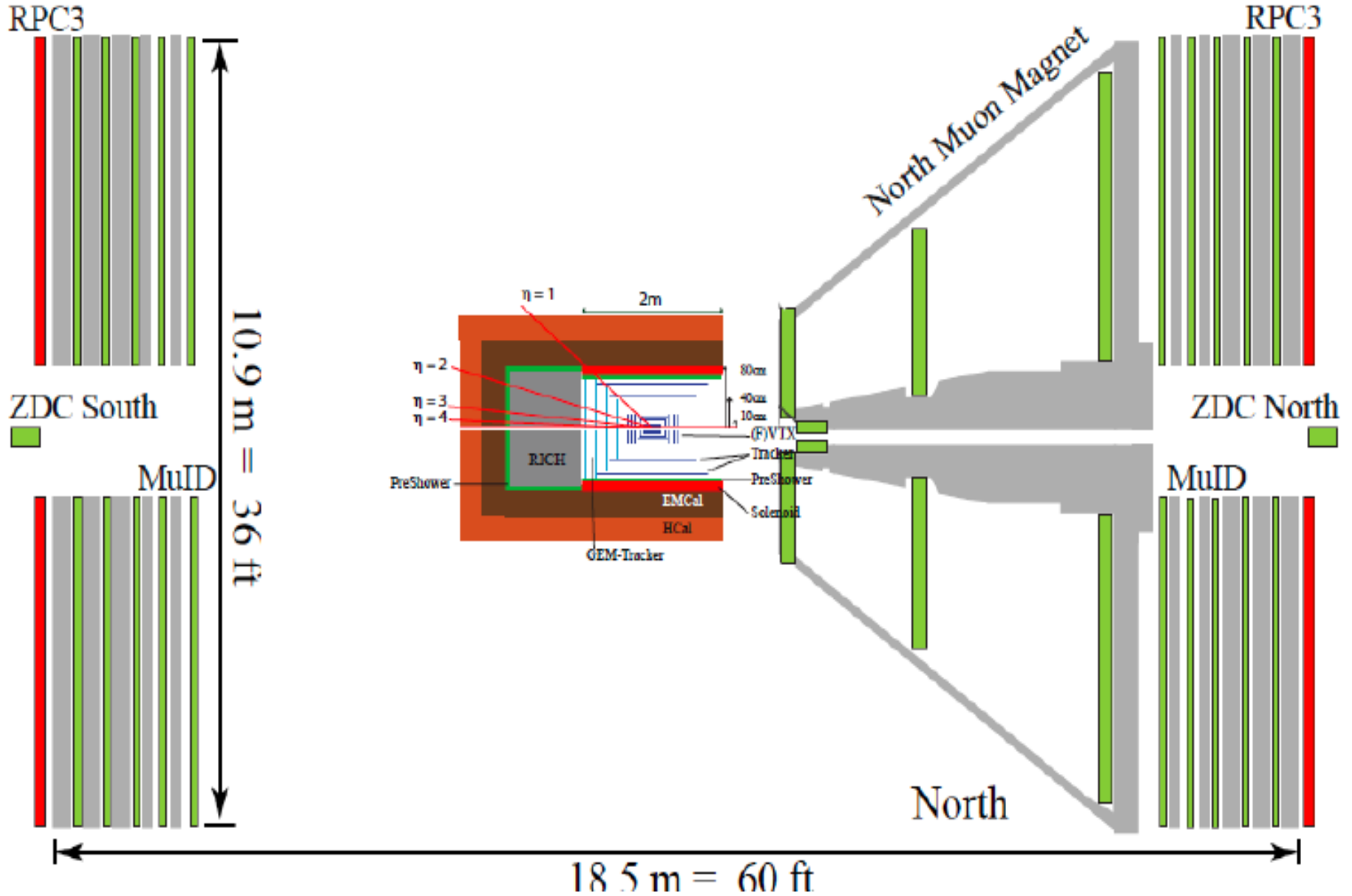
→ Other states  $\gamma$  &  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence (e.g.  $\psi'$ ) *FVTX, statistics*

→ d+Au for initial state; 130 GeV Au+Au eventually?

# To answer these questions



# How does this happen?



# Cost estimate

## Carry over from existing PHENIX:

- VTX and FVTX
- EMCal in Forward Arm and perhaps barrel
- DAQ
- Infrastructure (LV, HV, Safety systems...)

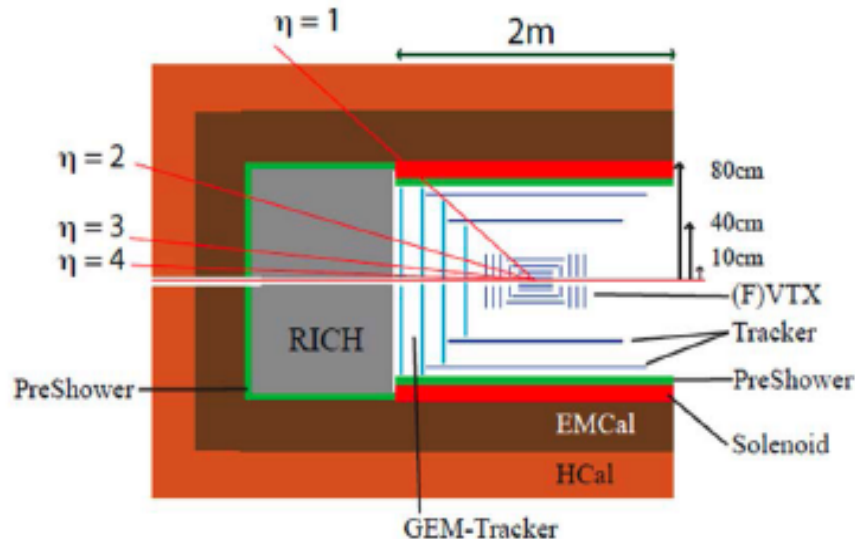
## What is new:

- 2-3T solenoid (R = 60-100 cm) } \$20M
- Preshower detector
- Barrel EMCal (maybe new)
- Hadronic Calorimetry } \$8-10M
- Additional tracking layers of Si at ~ 40cm } \$5-7M
- Forward Arm with RICH and GEM tracker } \$10M

### Other

- Forward magnet } \$10-15M
- Forward HCal
- Barrel tracking layer ~60cm

*All cost estimate include overhead and contingency*



**Can be built incrementally**

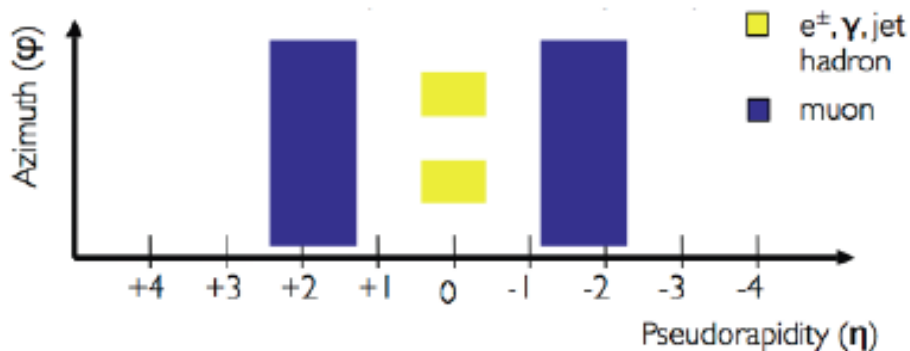
## Total Project Cost \$53-62M

- Approx 1/2 replacement cost of existing \$130M PHENIX detector
- DOE contribution estimated to be 60% of total \$32-44M
- Forward detector is key for eRHIC physics (part of eRHIC project?)

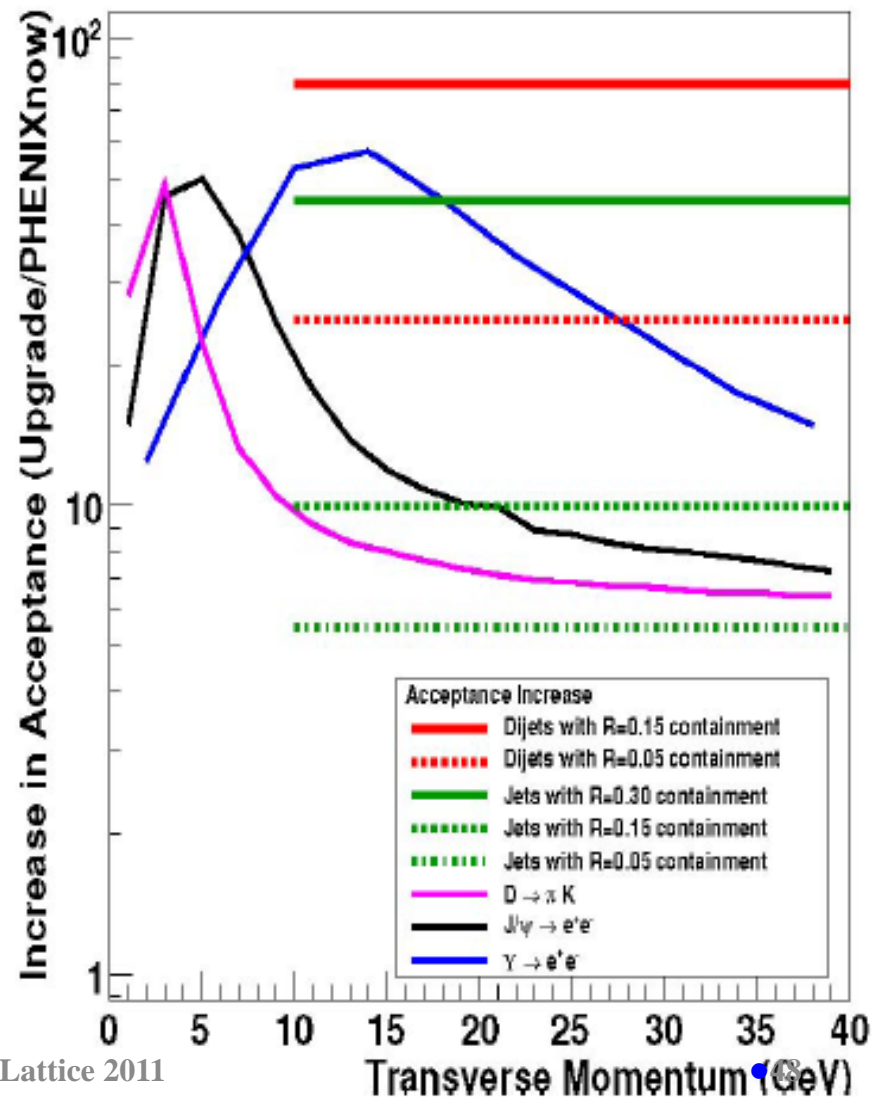
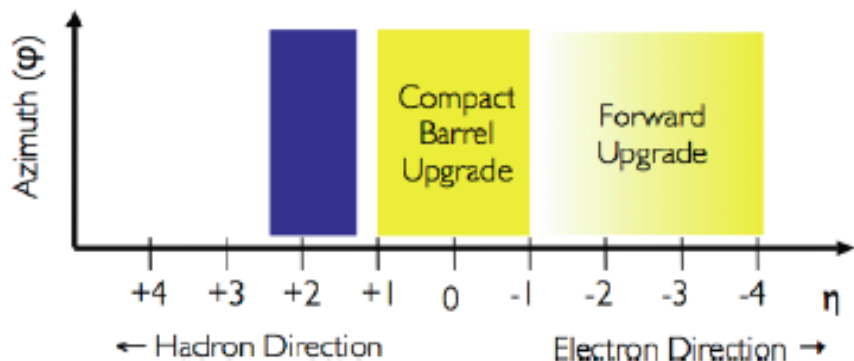


# sPHENIX acceptance

Much larger acceptance than PHENIX



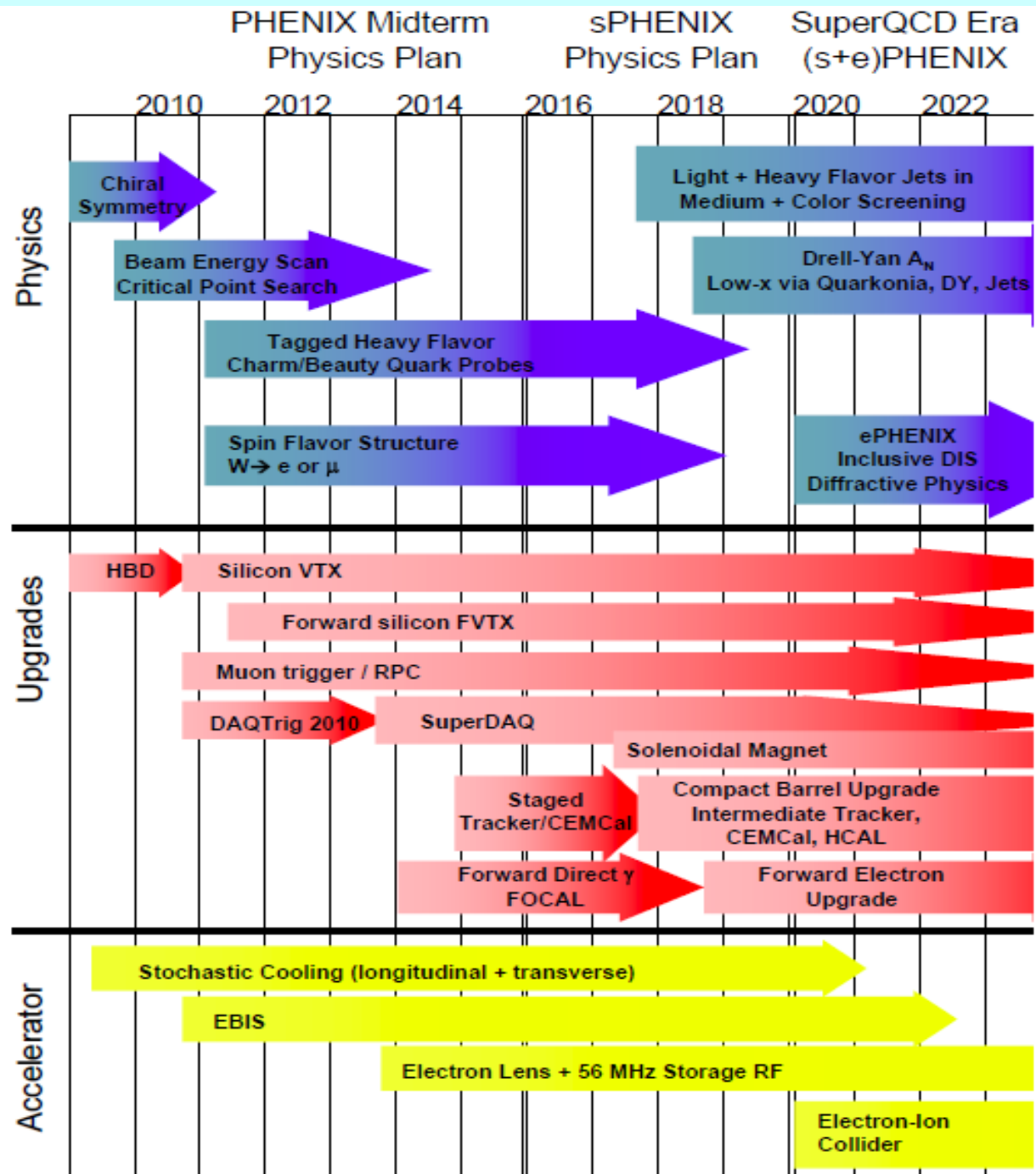
sPHENIX Upgrade



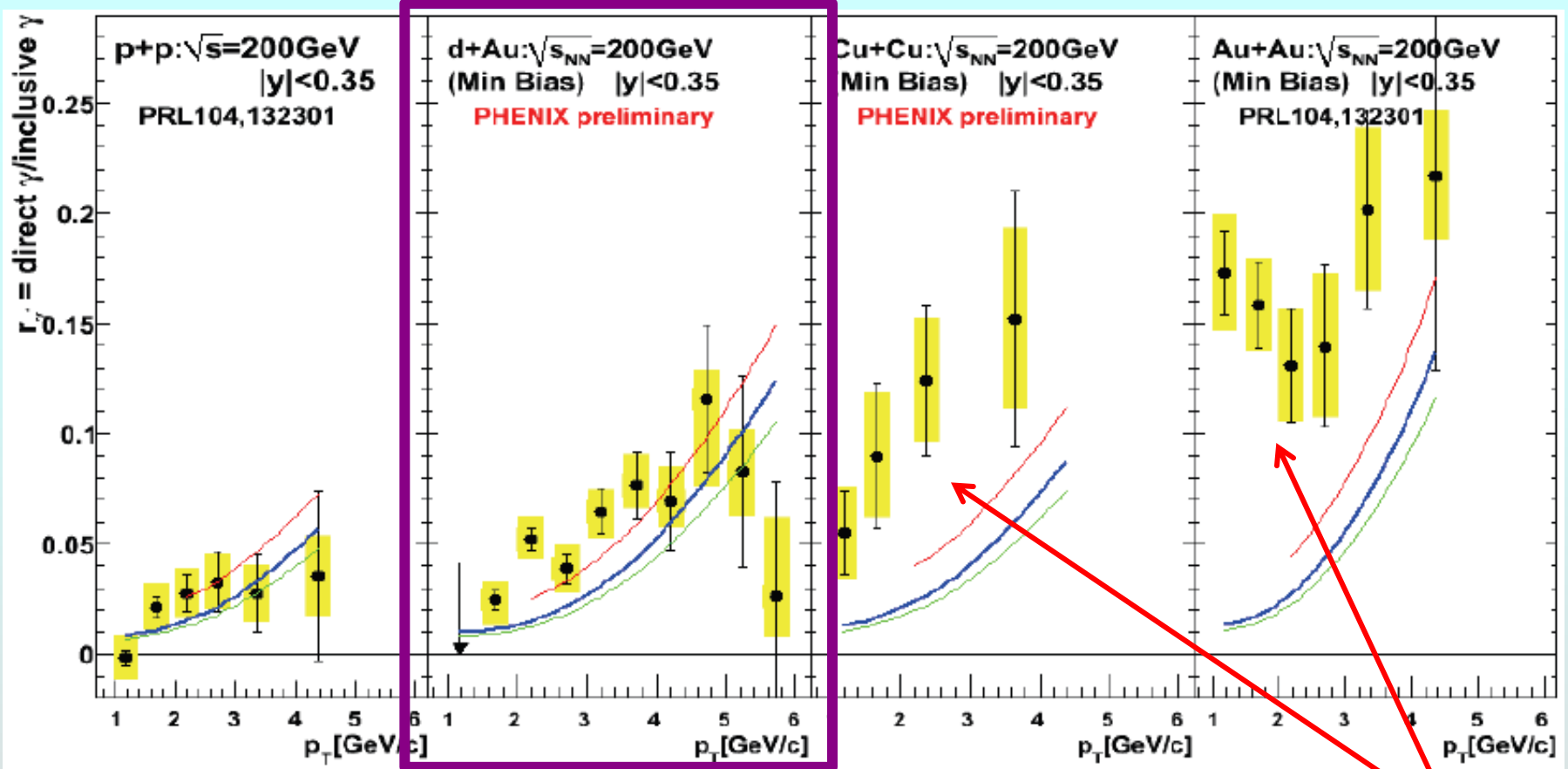
+ DAQ/Trigger: 50B events / year!



# Our big picture plan



# Thermal photons (virtual)



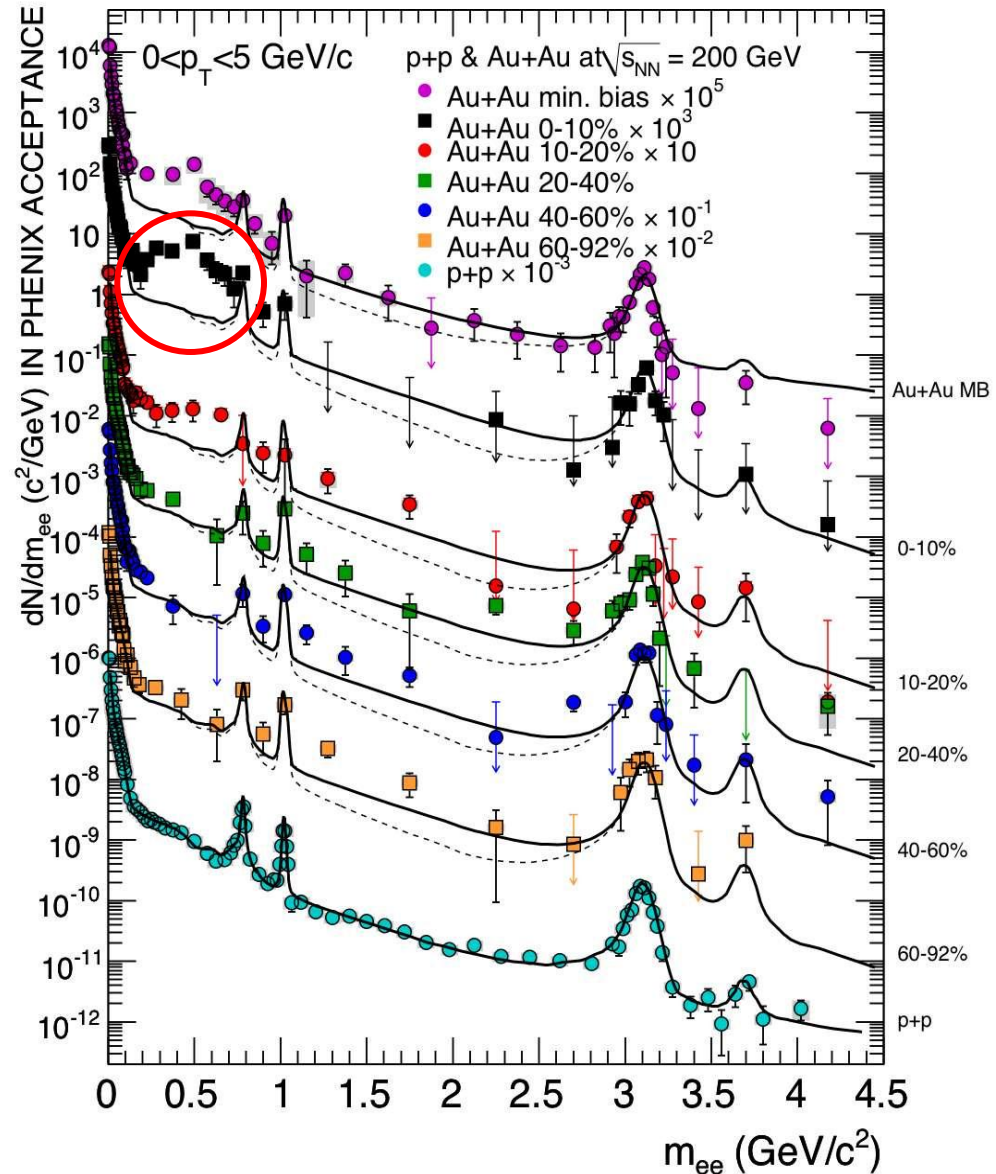
Observe excess photons beyond pQCD in AA collisions. In thermal  $p_T$  region

# Dielectron production in $0.5 < m_{ee} < 1 \text{ GeV}$

Significant excess in central collisions.

Dominantly at low  $p_T$

We are investigating using Run-10 data with the HBD

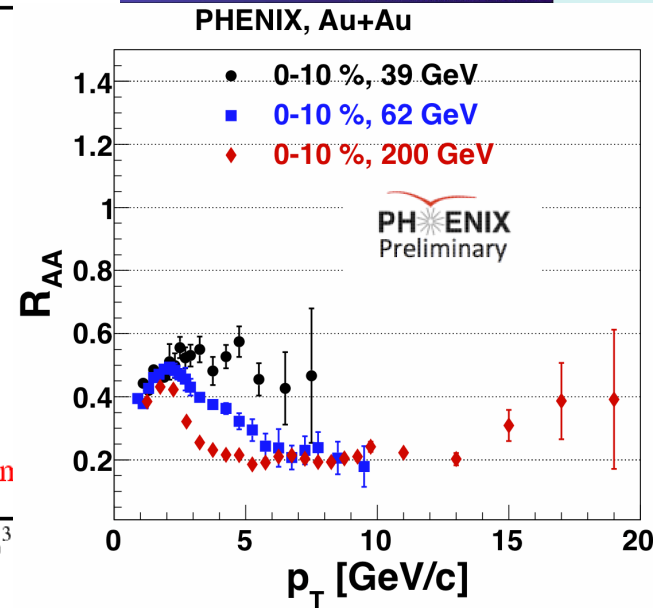
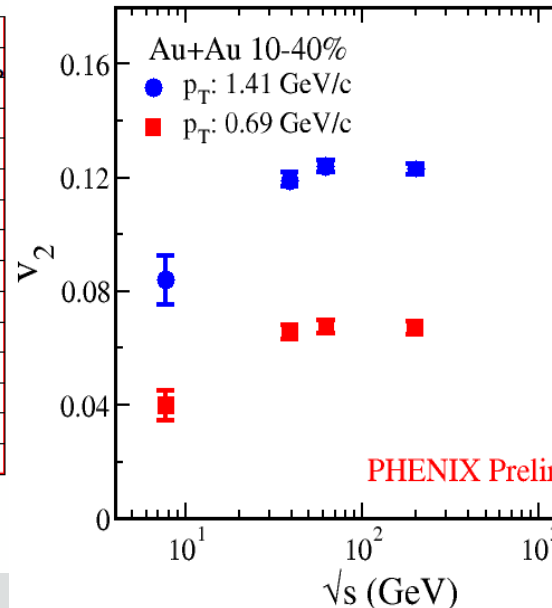
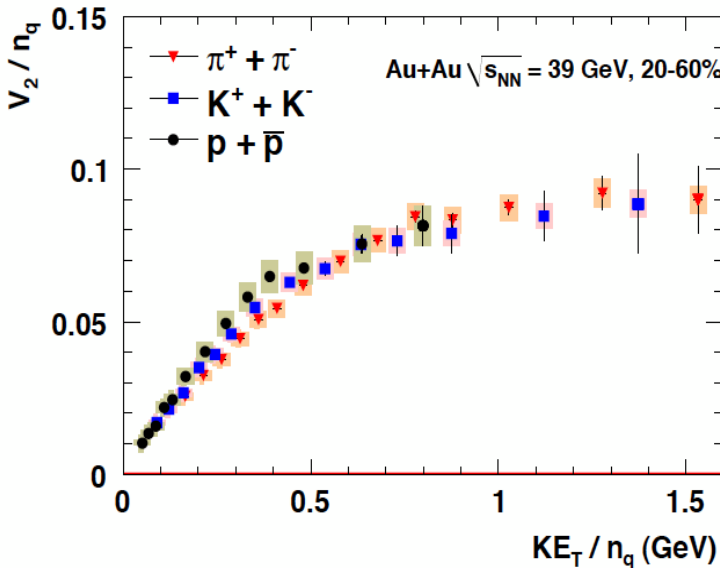
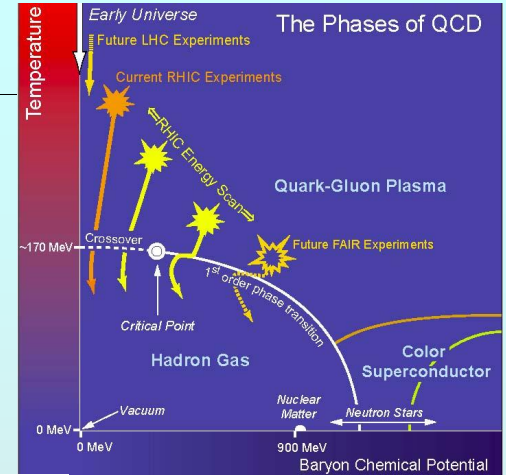


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# Beam Energy Scan in PHENIX

Is there a critical point separating 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition & smooth cross-over?

- Quark-number scaling of  $V_2$ 
  - saturation of flow vs collision energy
  - find  $\eta/s$  minimum at critical point from flow
- Critical point searches via:
  - fluctuations in  $\langle p_T \rangle$  & multiplicity
  - $K/\pi$ ,  $\pi/p$ ,  $pbar/p$  chemical equilibrium
  - $R_{AA}$  vs  $\sqrt{s}$ , ....

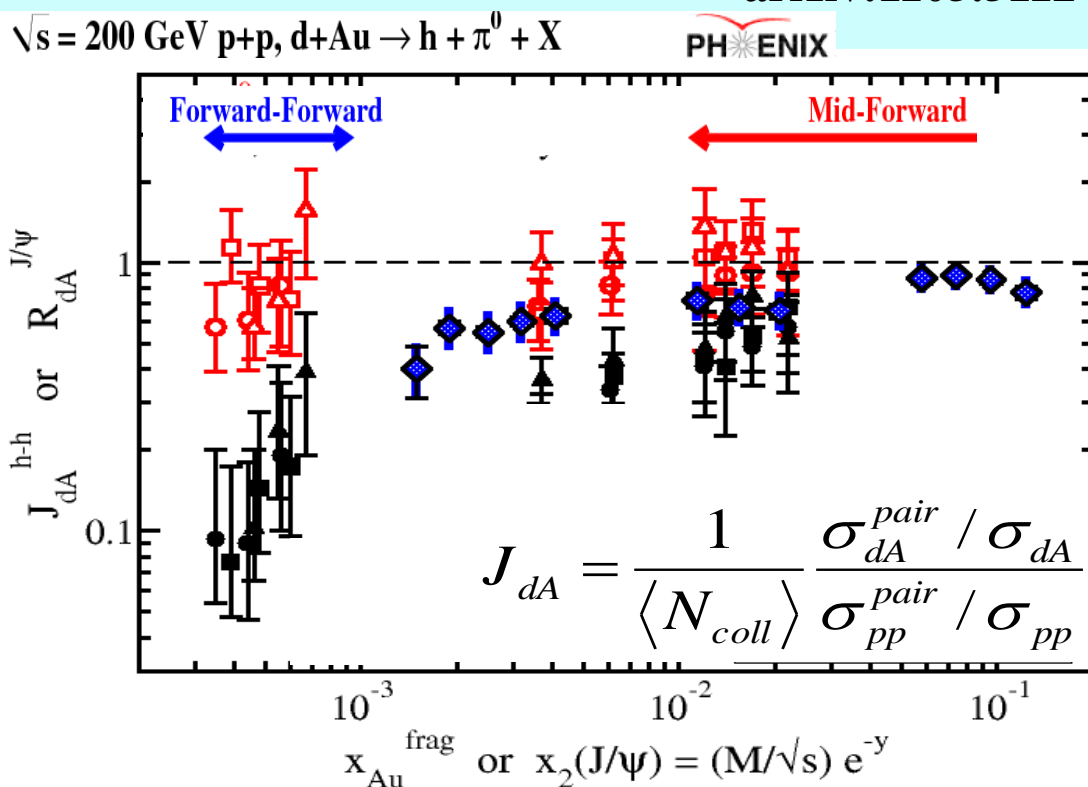
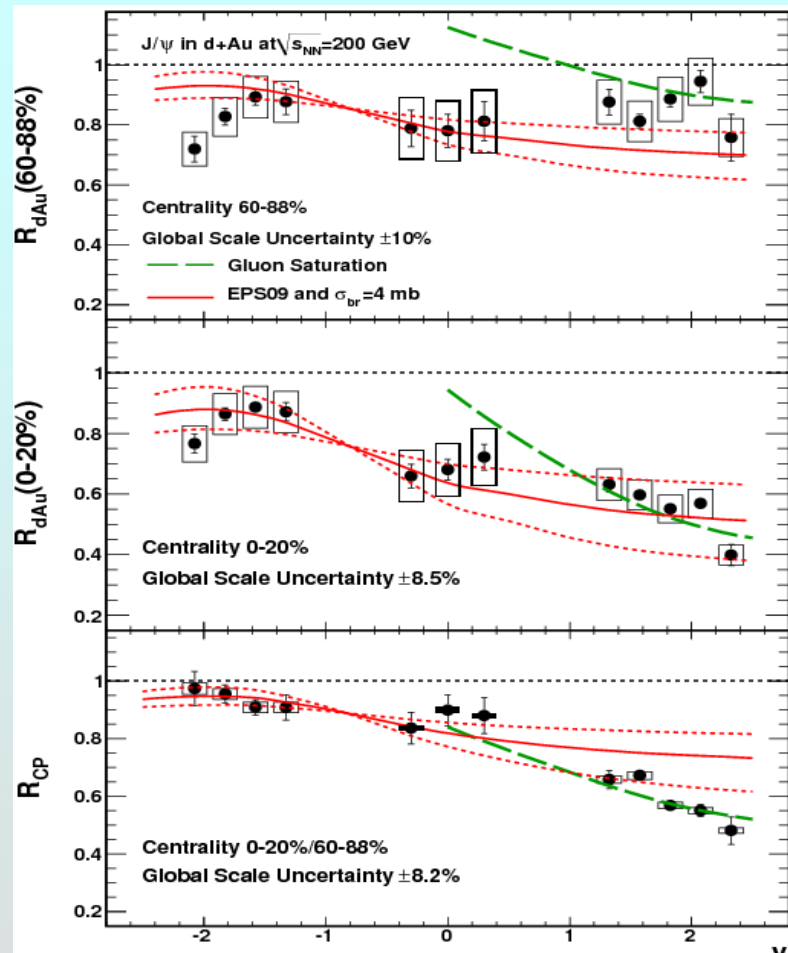


# Dense gluonic matter (d+Au, forward $\gamma$ ):

## large effects observed

arXiv:1010.1246

arXiv:1105.5112



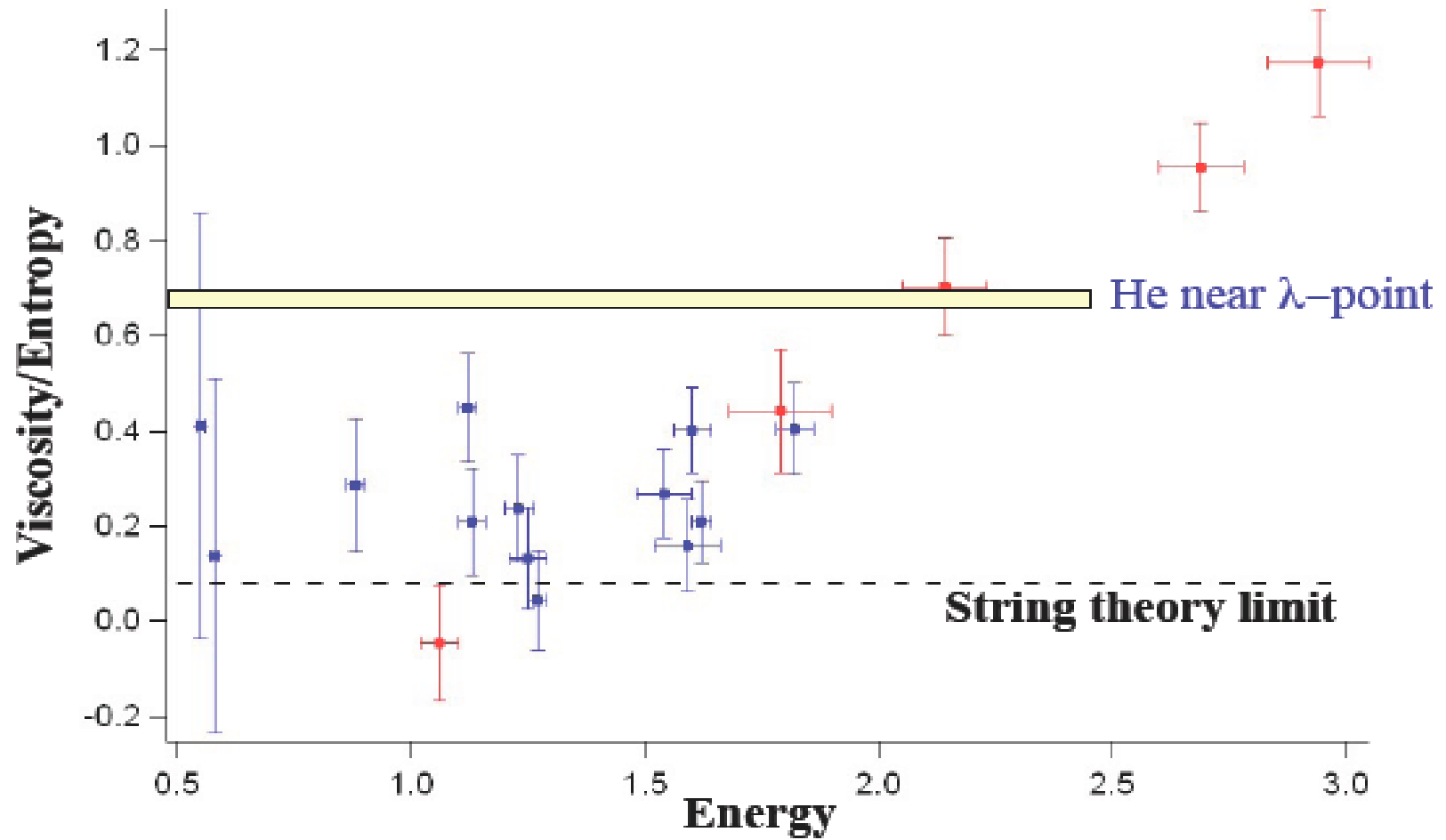
Di-hadron suppression at low  $x$   
pocket formula (for  $2 \rightarrow 2$ ):

$$x_{Au}^{frag} = \frac{\langle p_{T1} \rangle e^{-\langle \eta_1 \rangle} + \langle p_{T2} \rangle e^{-\langle \eta_2 \rangle}}{\sqrt{s}}$$

trend as, e.g. in CGC ...

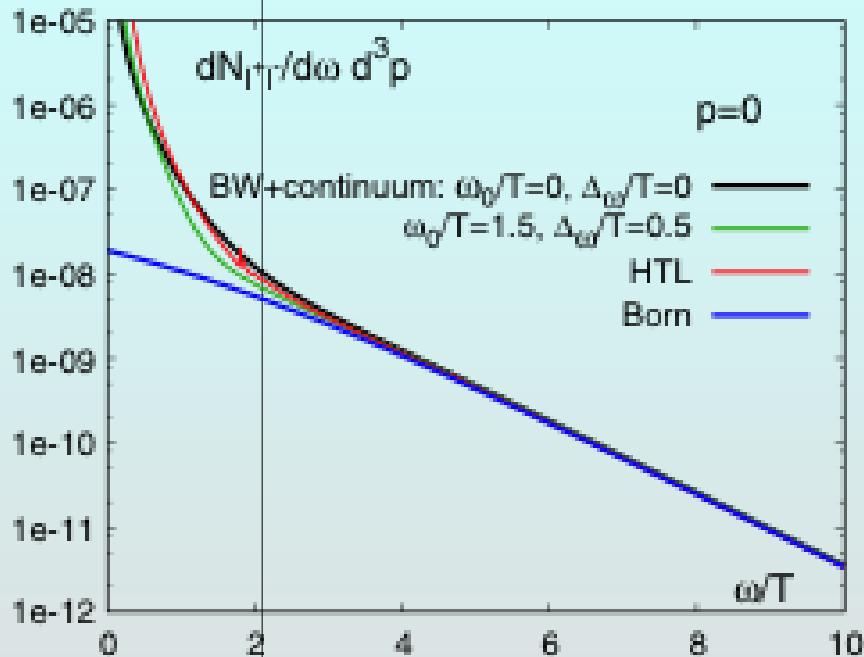
Shadowing/absorption stronger than linear w/nuclear thickness

# Viscosity/Entropy (natural units)



# Calculate the correlator on the lattice

→ non-perturbative contributions to thermal dilepton rates  
at low mass

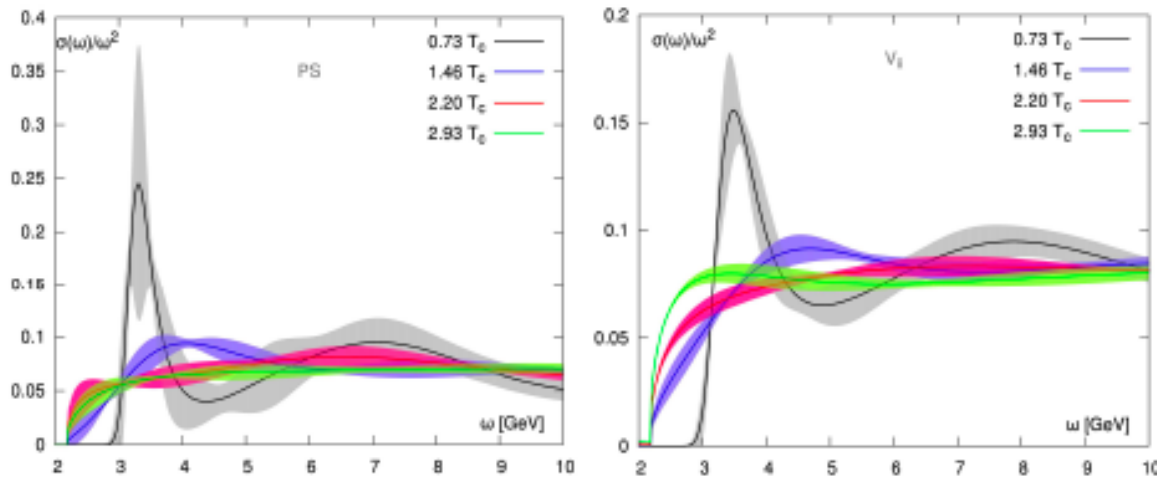


From fit to lattice spectral fn. in  
Phys.Rev.D.83.034504 (2011)

- For small energy,  $\omega/T < (1-2)$  spectral function  $>$  free form
- For  $\omega/T \simeq 1$  thermal dilepton rate  $\sim$  order of magnitude  $>$  leading order Born rate
- for  $\omega/T > \sim (2 - 4)$  the spectral function is close to the free form

# Heavy quark diffusion

Ding, et al.  
arXiv:  
1107.0311



**Figure 3.** Uncertainties of output spectral functions in  $PS$  (left) and  $V_{44}$  (right) channels at all available temperatures. The shaded areas are errors of output spectral functions from Jackknife and the solid lines inside the shaded areas are mean values of spectral functions.

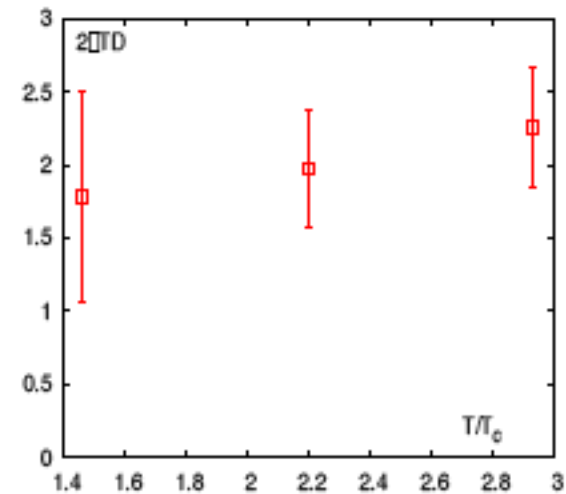
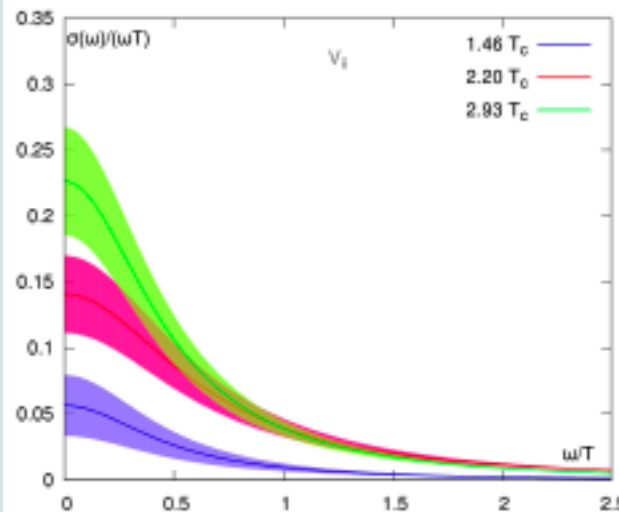
**$J/\Psi$ : Not yes/no!**

**Is the correlation**

**gone @  $T > 1.5 T_c$ ?**

**What happens at 1.0-  
1.2  $T_c$ ?**

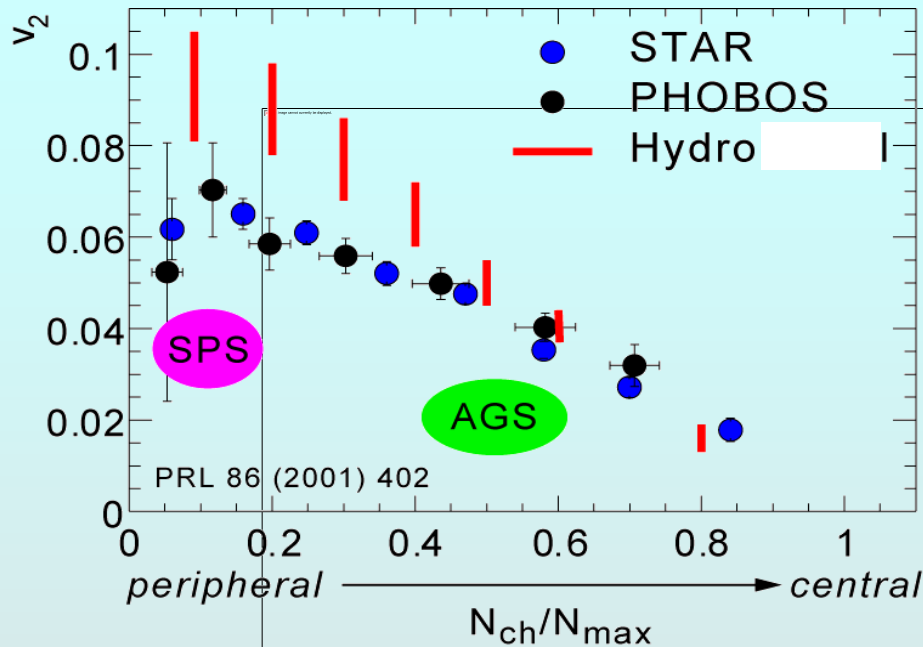
**Is there observable  
evidence of partial  
screening?**



correlation of both  $J/\psi$  and  $\eta_c$  at  $T \geq 1.46 T_c$ .



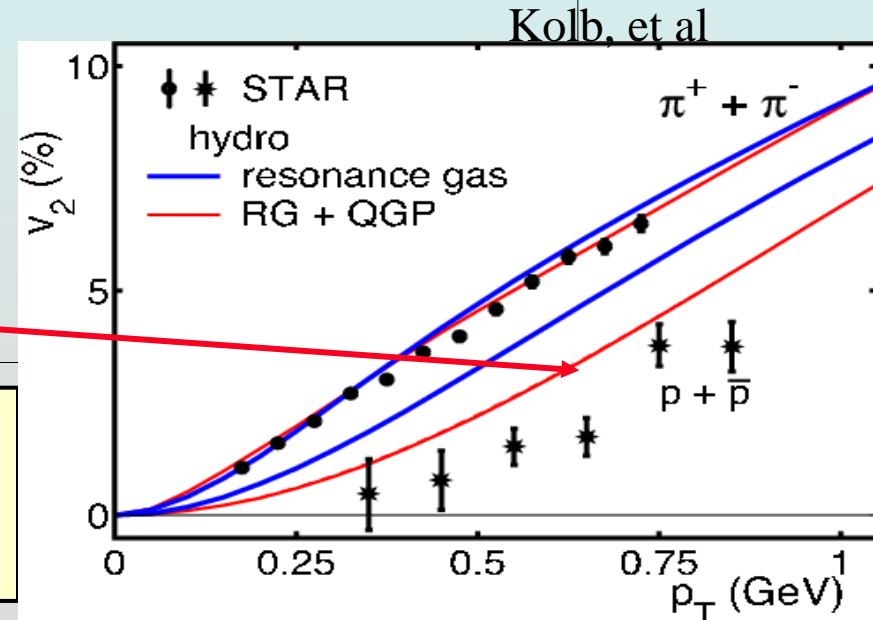
# Matter flows like a ~ideal liquid



- huge pressure buildup
- large anisotropy  $\rightarrow$  rapid equilibration

Hydrodynamics reproduces elliptic flow of  $q$ - $\bar{q}$  and  $3q$  states  
 Mass dependence requires *soft EOS, NOT gas of hadrons*

only works if viscosity/entropy is near the minimum for a quantum system ( $1/4\pi$ )  
 “perfect” liquid (D. Teaney, PRC68, 2003)

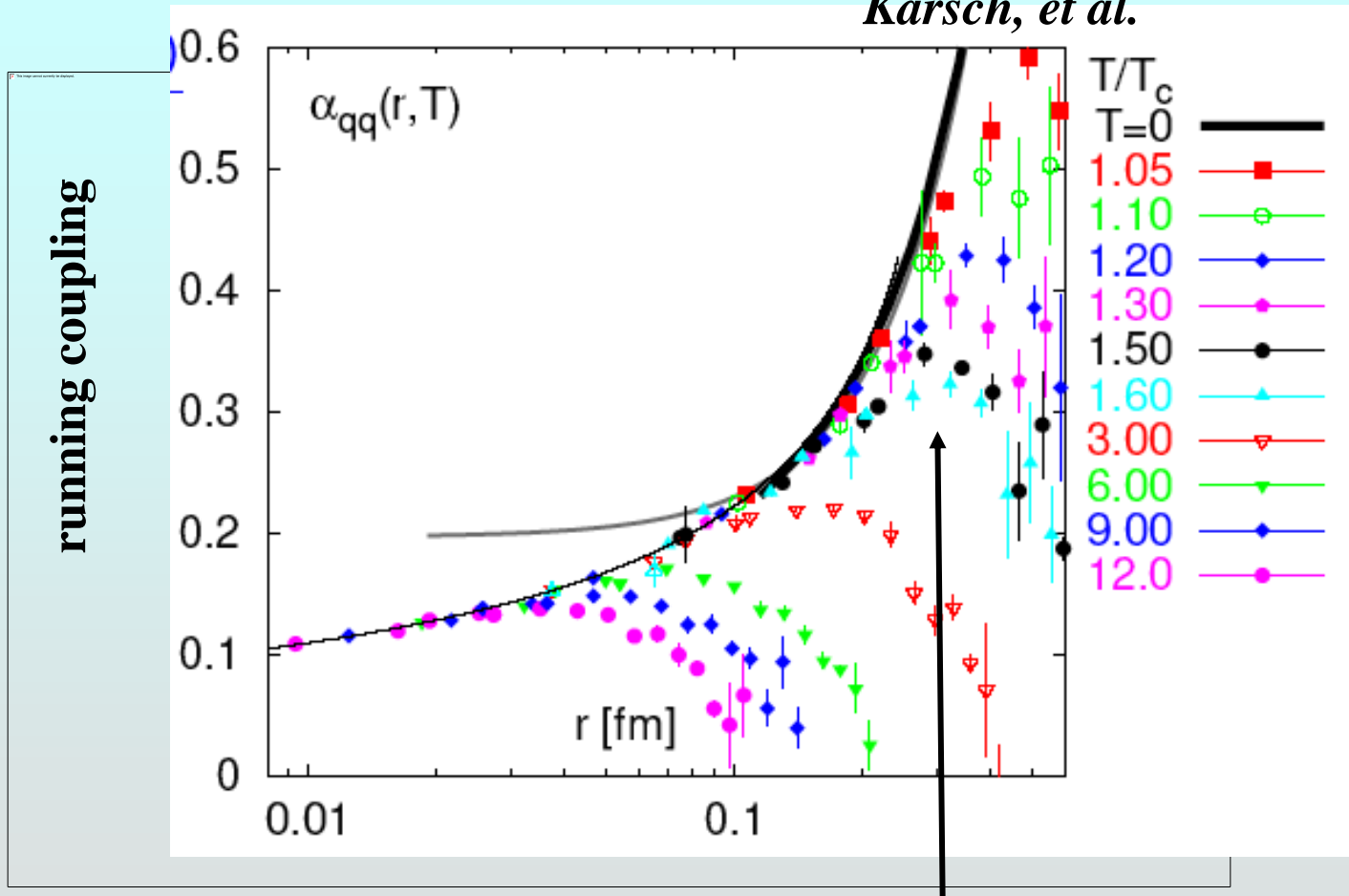


# Beam Energy Scan at RHIC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Status	Experiment
5.0	TBD	STAR
7.7	analyzed	STAR PHENIX (limited statistics)
11.5	analyzed	STAR
19.6	Collected in 2011	STAR, PHENIX
27	Collected in 2011	STAR, PHENIX
39	analyzed	STAR, PHENIX
62	analyzed	STAR, PHENIX
130	collected in Run-1, analyzed limited statistics	STAR, PHENIX

# don't give up! ask lattice QCD

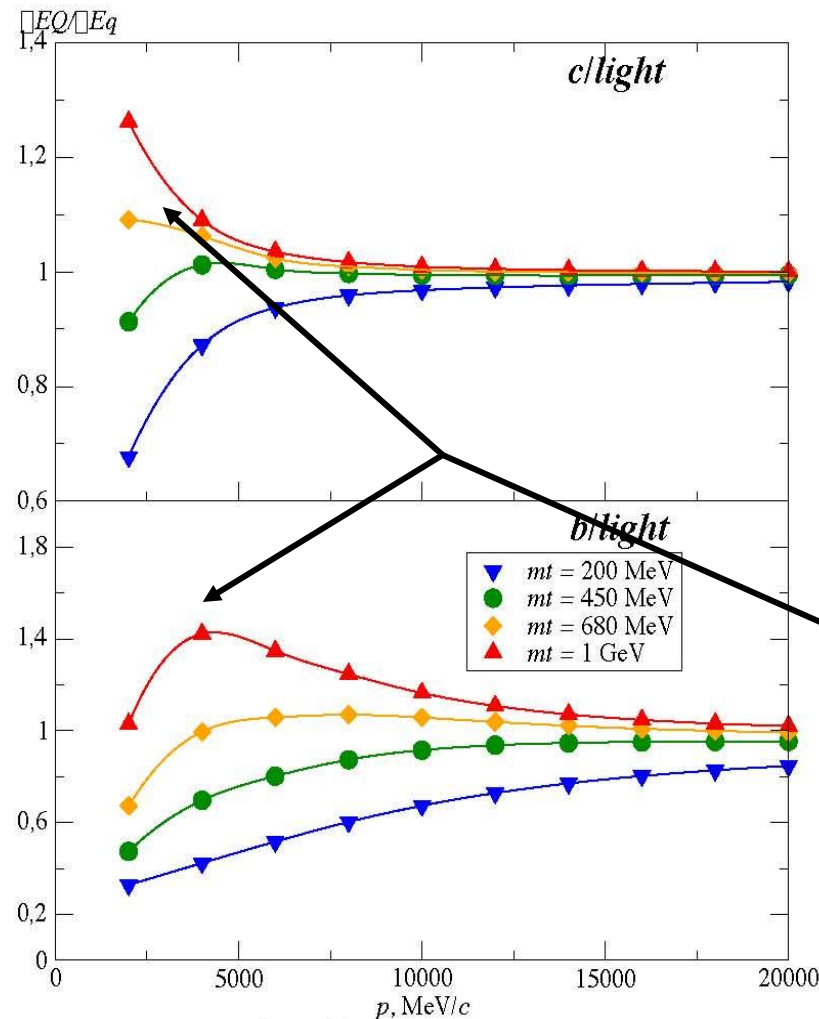
*Karsch, et al.*



running coupling

coupling drops off for  $r > 0.3$  fm

# High $m_{\text{eff}}$ $\rightarrow$ large collisional energy loss

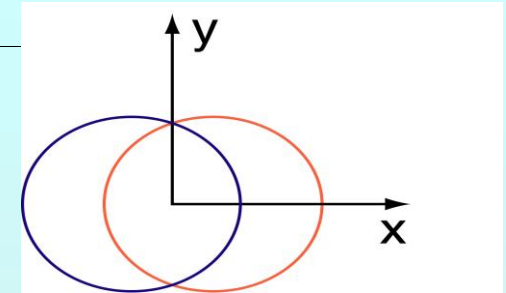
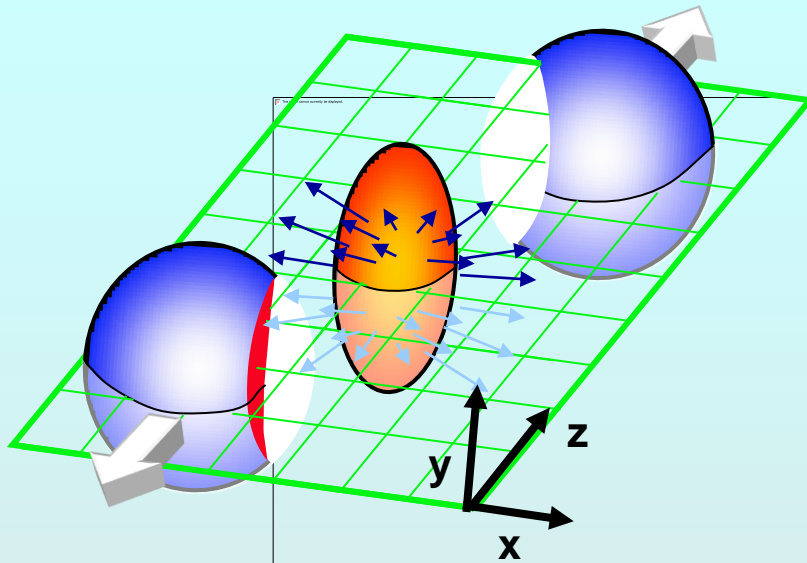


R. Kolevator &  
U.A. Wiedemann  
arXiv:0812.0270

● Composite  
quasiparticles?  
● b/c separation  
provides the test!

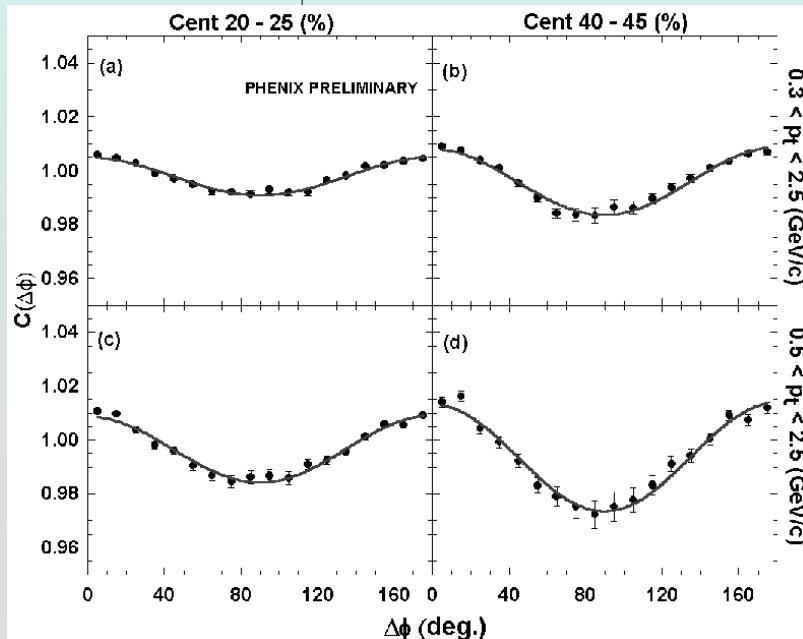
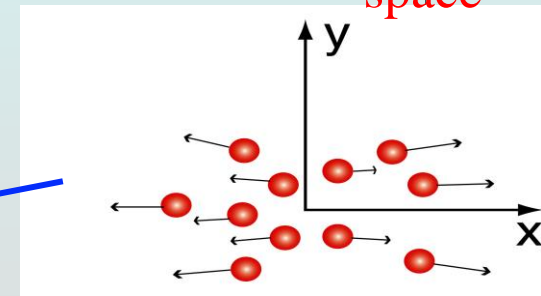
Fig. 3. The heavy-to-light ratio  $\Delta E_Q / \Delta E_q$  of collisional energy loss for charm quarks (upper panel) and bottom quarks (lower panel), compared to that of light quarks ( $m_q = 200$  MeV). The results for the numerator  $\Delta E_Q$  and the denominator  $\Delta E_q$  are the same as used for plotting Fig. 2.

# Collective motion & elliptic flow ( $v_2$ )



Almond shape  
overlap region  
in **coordinate**  
**space**

**momentum**  
**space**



$$dN/d\phi \sim 1 + 2 v_2(p_T) \cos(2\phi) + \dots$$

hydrodynamics works!