



# QCD in dense Media

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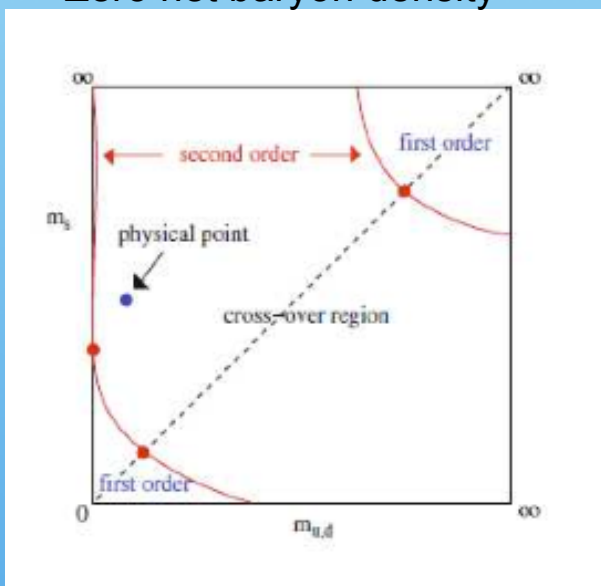
# I Introduction

# The QCD phase transition between hadronic and partonic phase

QCD on the lattice predicts a cross over at zero net baryon density with critical temperature  $T_c \sim 154 \pm 9$  MeV (2014), critical energy density  $\sim 0.6$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>

F. Karsch, Lect. Notes Phys. 583 (2002) 209, hep-lat/0106019

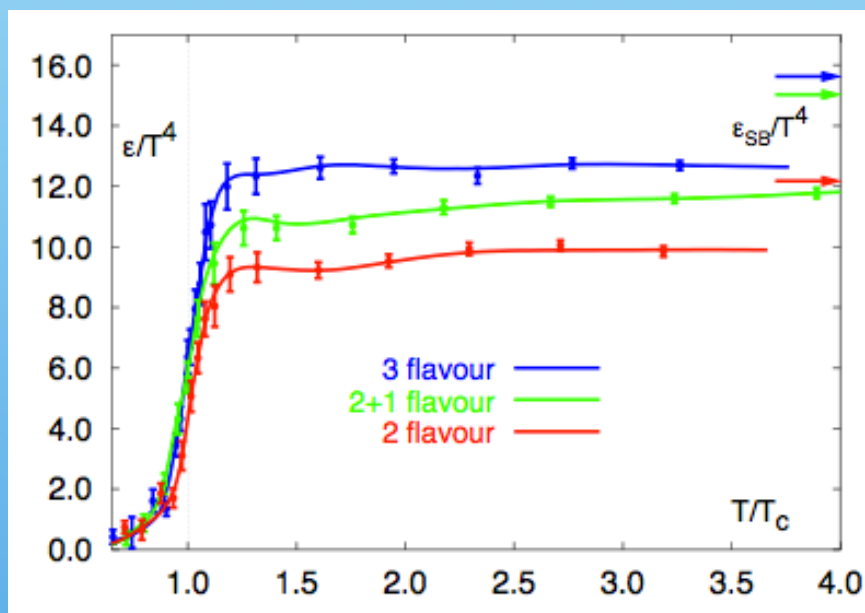
Zero net baryon density



The order of the transition depends on the parton masses.

A cross over is expected by Lattice QCD for the physical point (for the physical u,d,s masses).

Zero net baryon density



TD Cohen, L. Glozman,  
[arXiv:2311.07333](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.07333) [hep-ph]

$T(\text{chiral phase transition}) = 130$  MeV  
 $T(\text{deconfinement phase transition}) = 300$  MeV

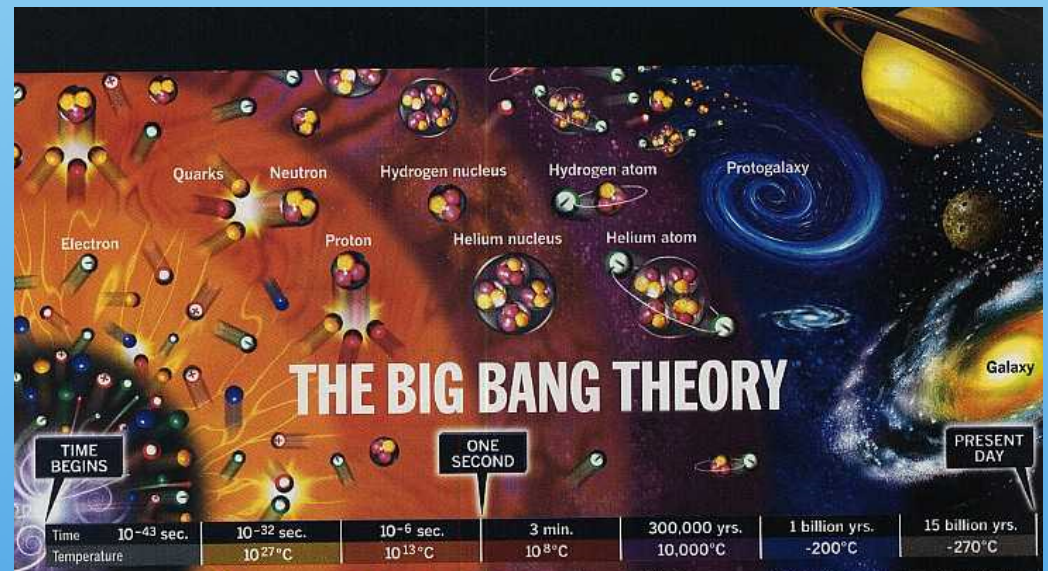
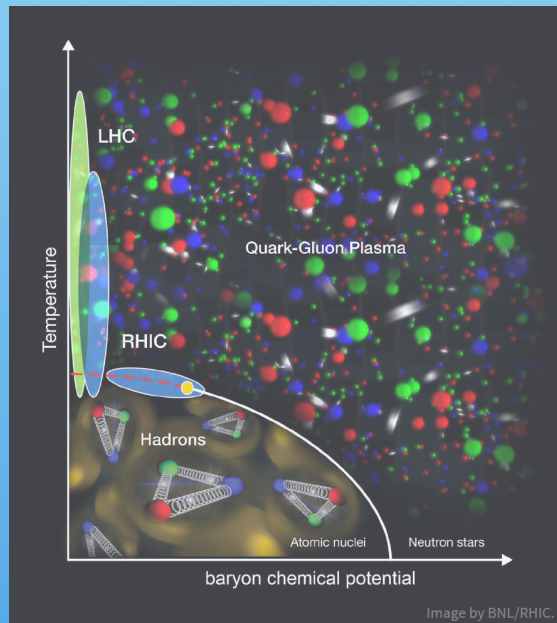
# The physics of heavy ion collisions

Quantum chromodynamics (QCD) predicts that at high temperatures and/or densities the hadronic matter undergoes a phase transition or cross over into a state of deconfined quarks and gluons, the so called Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP).

Motivated by this expectation, an experimental program started about 3 decades ago aiming to create and study dense and hot nuclear matter by colliding heavy ions at ultrarelativistic energies in accelerators.

Bevalac, LBNL, (1975-) BNL, AGS (1986-) CERN, SPS (1988-)  
fixed target

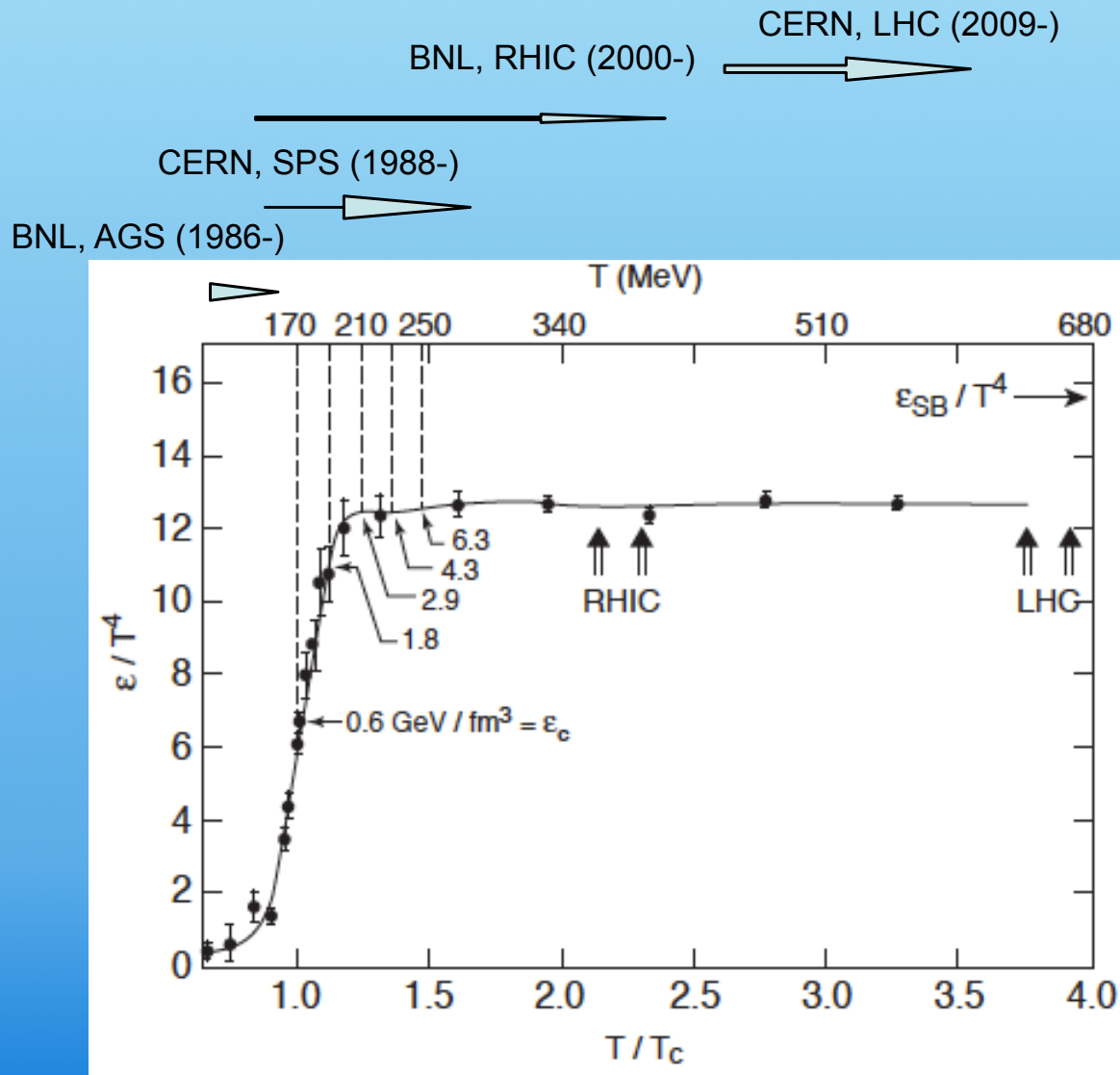
BNL, RHIC (2000-) CERN, LHC (2009-)  
collider mode and fixed target



The transition from quarks and gluons to hadrons is believed that took place few  $10^{-6}$  sec after the Big Bang.

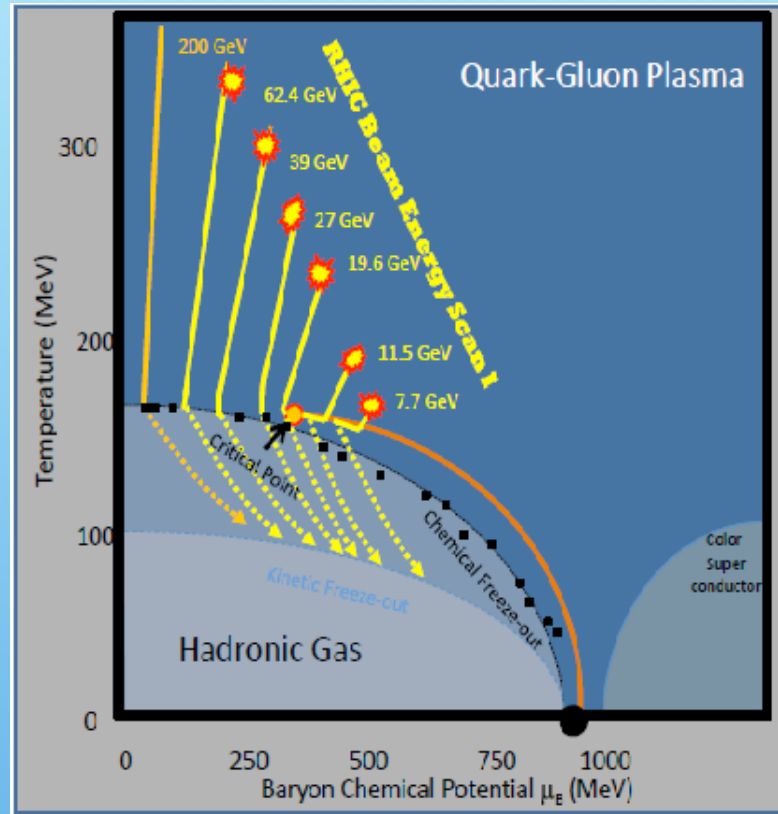
The QCD phase transition is the only phase transition of the early universe that can be reproduced in the Lab today.

# Reach of accelerators in terms of initial Temperature



U. Heinz et al,  
0009170.pdf

# The QCD phase diagram



## Phases of QCD Matter

Areas of different net baryon densities and temperatures can be probed using different collision energies and nuclei.

The order of the transition is expected to change with the net baryon density.

Goal: explore experimentally the QCD phase diagram with various particles and nuclei collisions and various collision energies (to study order of transition, critical point, properties of the QGP).

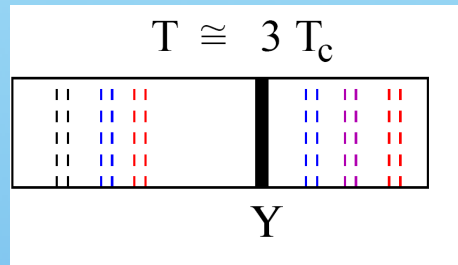
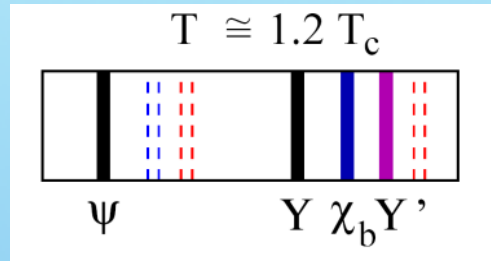
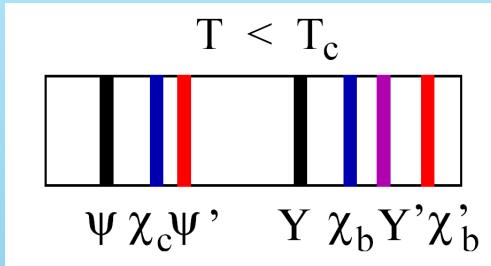
# Signatures of the Quark Gluon Plasma

- Direct photons from QGP → T(QGP)
- Strangeness enhancement (Mueller, Rafelski 1981) → K/pi
- U,d,s yields for T(freeze out) or pT slopes (Van Hove, H Stoecker et al) → plateau vs energy at Tc →  $e_{init}(crit), \sqrt{s}("crit")$
- Multiquark states from QGP (Greiner et al) → 'small QGP-lumps'
- Critical fluctuations near the critical point, Tc → K/pi,  $\langle pT \rangle$ , etc
- Hadronic mass/width changes (Pisarski 1982) → rho etc
- Charmonia suppression (Satz, Matsui 1987) → T(dissociation) of c $\bar{c}$ , b $\bar{b}$
- Jet quenching (J D Bjorken 1982) → medium density

**--> Goal is to achieve a combination of many signatures**



# Quarkonia suppression as QGP signature



H. Satz, Nucl. Phys. A (783):249-260(2007)

### Matsui-Satz: screening the potential

Screening in a deconfined medium: effective charge of Q and  $\bar{Q}$  reduced

Q and  $\bar{Q}$  cannot "see" each other  
 $r_D < r_{Q\bar{Q}}$

Assume: medium effects described with a T-dependent potential

$$-\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{r} e^{-r/r_D(T)}$$

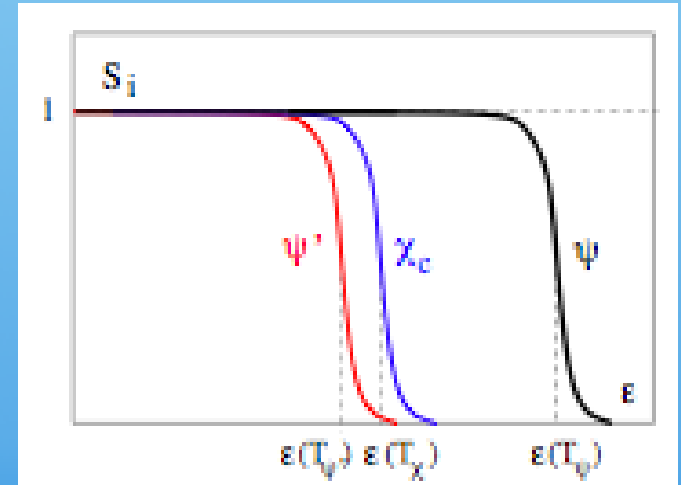
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state	J/psi(1S)	chi_c(1P)	psi'(2S)	Y(1S)	chi_b(1P)	Y(2S)	chi_b(2P)	Y(3S)
$T_d/T_c$	2.10	1.16	1.12	> 4.0	1.76	1.60	1.19	1.17

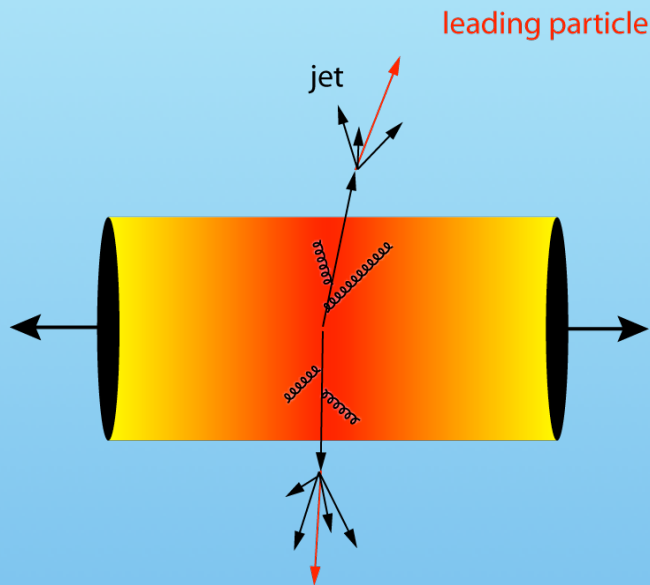
**Quarkonia: Thermometer of QGP via their suppression pattern (Satz, Matsui)**

Many effects play a role like dissociation in QGP, cold matter absorption, recombination/coalescence from c, cbar, feeding, eg B mesons carry 10-25% of charmonia yields (B->J/Psi from J/Psi-h correlation STAR measurement)

Other models: B. Kopeliovich et al, D. Kharzeev, E. Ferreiro, A. Capella, A. Kaidalov et al etc.



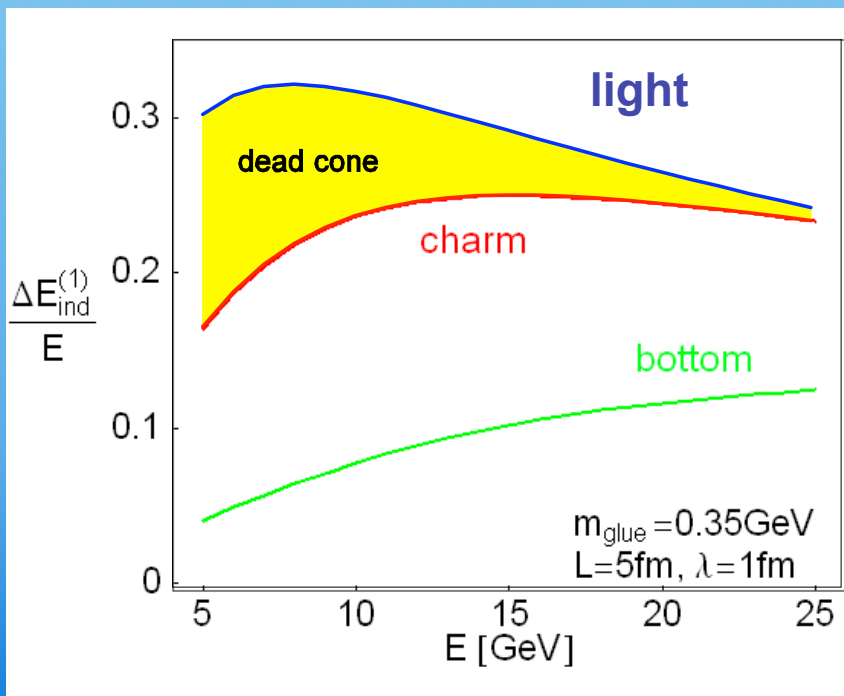
# Jet quenching



“The nuclear modification factor”  $R_{AA}$  compares A+A to expectations from p+p :

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield(A+A)}{Yield(p+p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$

$N_{coll}$  : Average number of NN collisions in AA collision

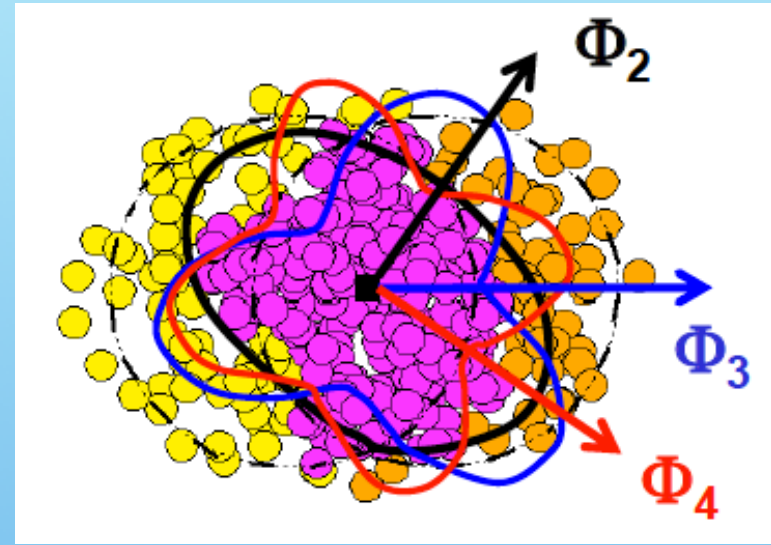
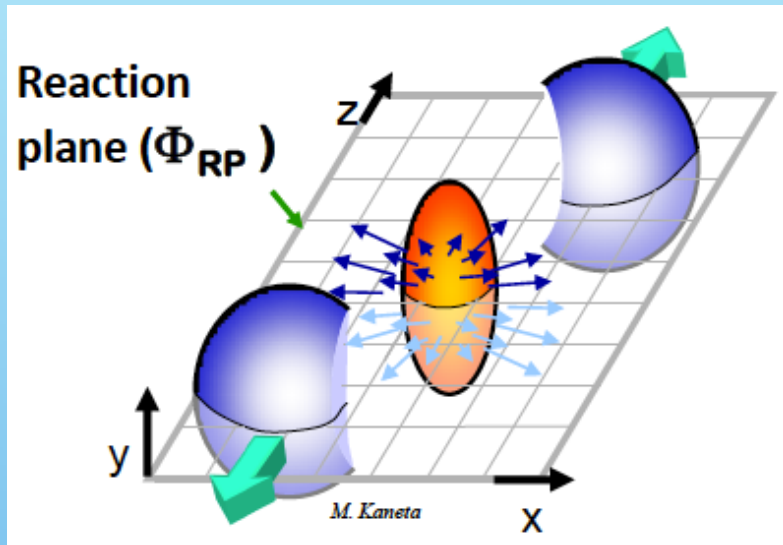


**Suppression of jets in AuAu:  $R_{AA} < 1$**

Quarks are expected to exhibit different radiative energy loss depending on their mass (D.Kharzeev et al. Phys Letter B. 519:1999)

M.Djordjevic PRL 94 (2004)

# Flow coefficients $v_n$ , $n=1,2,3..$

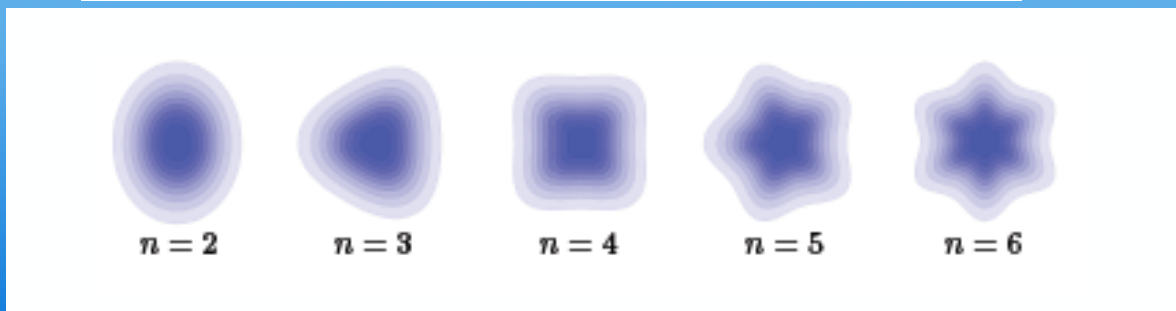


Matter in the overlap area of two colliding nuclei gets compressed and heated  
 Initial anisotropy gets transferred into the momentum space via pressure gradients

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto \mathbf{1} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)]$$

$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)] \rangle$$

$v$  : flow coefficients  
 ( $v_1$ : directed flow,  
 $v_2$ : elliptic flow, ...)



Higher harmonics

# Strangeness Enhancement as QGP signature

Initial idea introduced by J Rafelski:

First mentioned in:

J Rafelski and R Hagedorn, Ref TH.2969-CERN, 1980 :

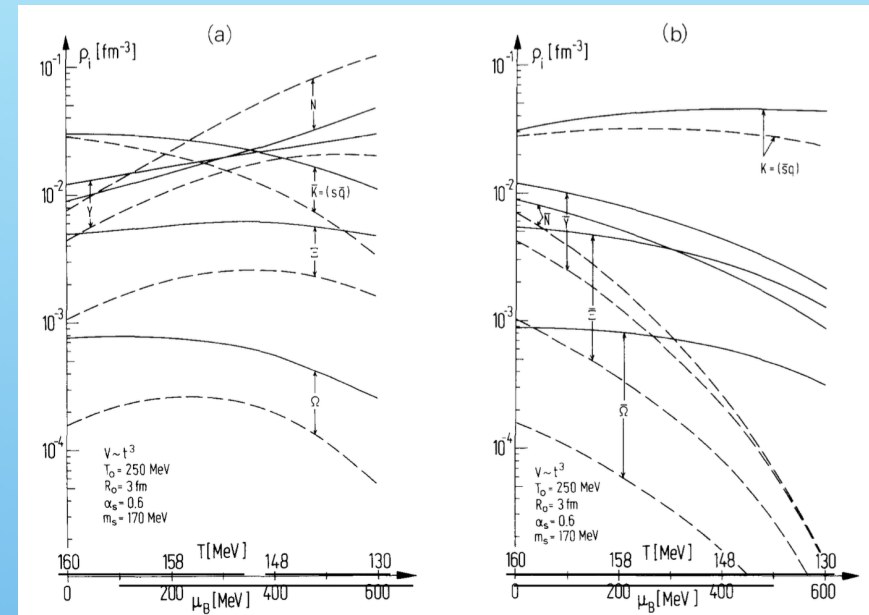
Strangeness enhancement and Strange Antibaryons are discussed as signature for Quark Gluon Plasma formation

J. Rafelski, "Extreme States of Nuclear Matter - 1980," Republished in: Eur. Phys. J. A 51 (2015) 115.

P. Koch and J. Rafelski, "Time Evolution of Strange Particle Densities in Hot Hadronic Matter," Nucl. Phys. A 444 (1985) 678.

P. Koch, B. Muller and J. Rafelski, "Strangeness in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions," Phys. Rept. 142 (1986) 167.

Mueller and Rafelski found that  $s\bar{s}$  production in QGP is dominated by  $gg$  to  $s\bar{s}$  channel, leading to equilibration times comparable to the QGP lifetime



The densities of strange particles are enhanced in the QGP and especially the densities of strange antibaryons are predicted to exceed substantially the hadronic equilibrium values.

## **II Accelerator facilities and experiments**

# Some of the experiments

SPS, CERN

NA35, NA36, NA44, NA45/CERES, NA49, NA50,  
NA52/NEWMASS, WA97/NA57, WA98.

NA61/SHINE

RHIC, BNL

BRAHMS, PHOBOS, STAR, PHENIX (data analysis), sPHENIX

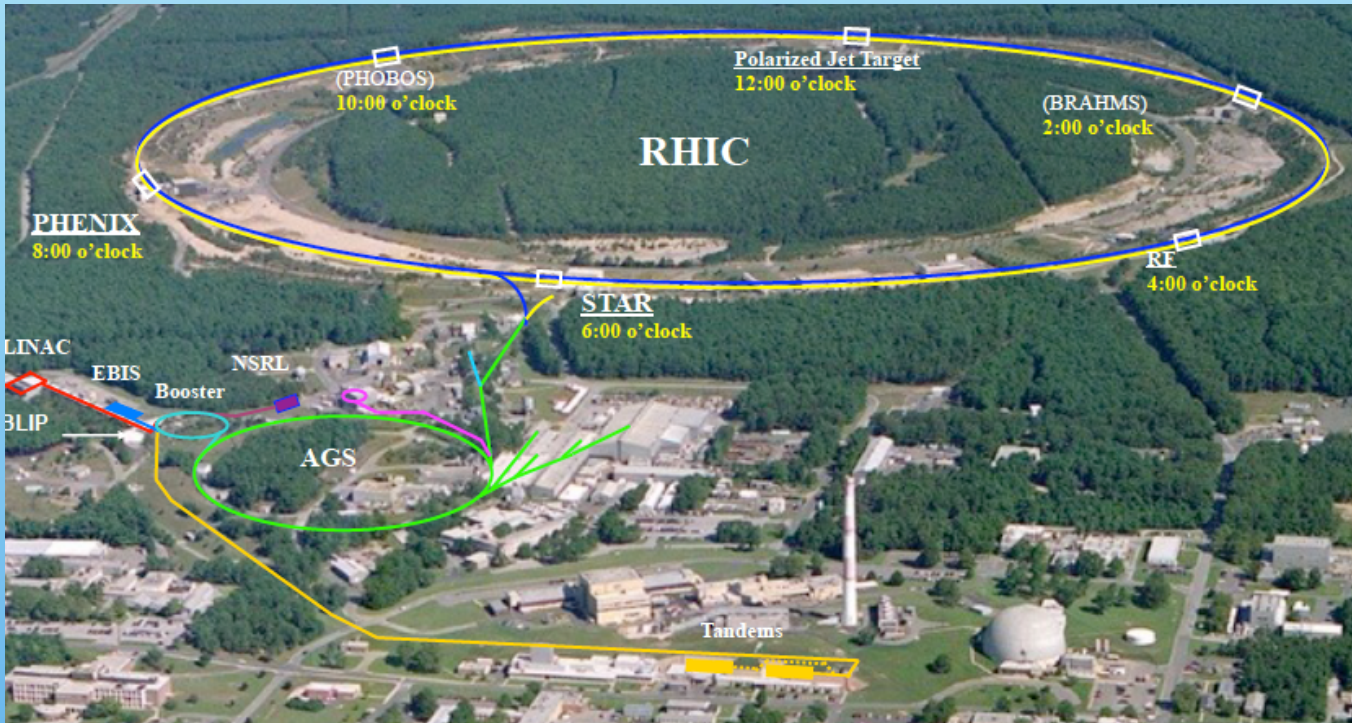
LHC, CERN

ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb

FAIR, NICA

# Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

at the Brookhaven Lab, Long Island, New York, USA



**RHIC** has been exploring nuclear matter at extreme conditions over the last 15 years 2000-2015

**4 experiments initially:**  
STAR PHENIX  
BRAHMS PHOBOS

**Still running: STAR**

**Still analysing data:**  
PHENIX  
**New: sPHENIX**



**Colliding systems:**

p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Au+Au  
Cu+Au, U+U, Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru

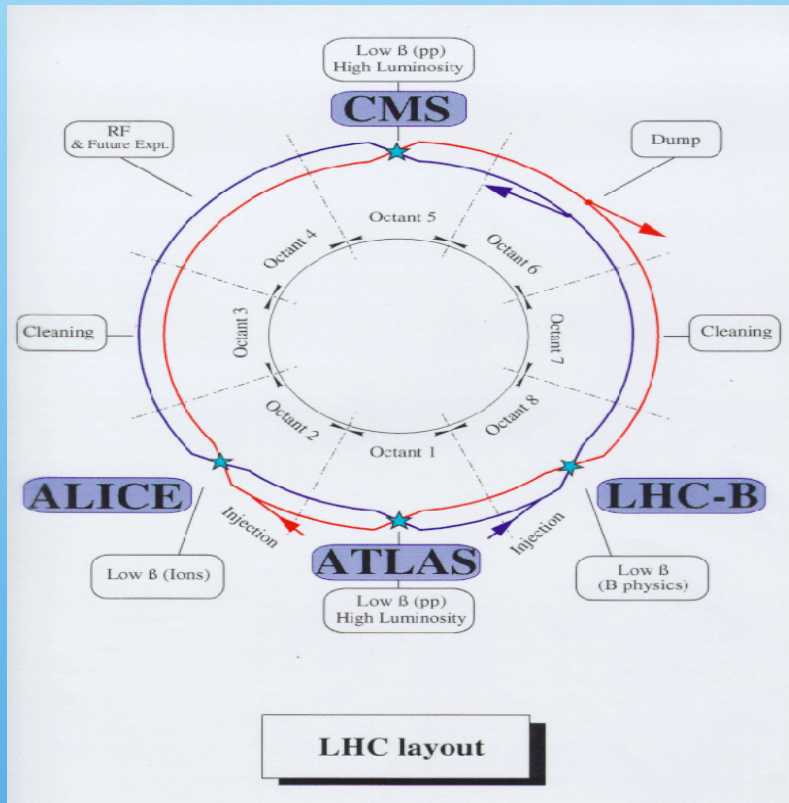
**Some of the energies A+A :**

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62, 130, 200 \text{ GeV}$

and low energy scan

7.7, 11.5, 19.6, 22.4, 27, 39 GeV  
+ Fixed target

# Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN



run-1 (2009-13) : p+p  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.9, 2.76, 7, 8$  TeV,  
=2.76 TeV

run-2 (2015-18) : p+p  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02, 13$  TeV  
=5.02 TeV

+ other (Xe+Xe, fixed target (LHCb))

p+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV,

p+Pb 5.02, 8.16 TeV

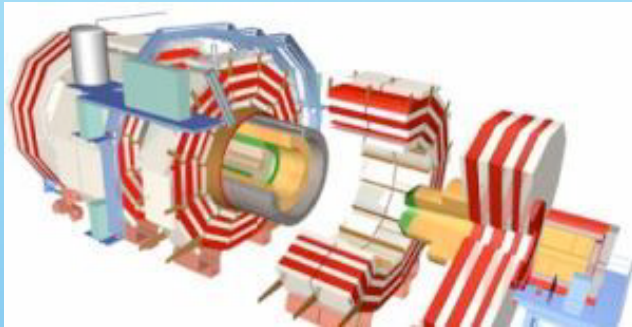
Pb+Pb at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

Pb+Pb at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



# Current Experiments with Heavy Ion program

CMS

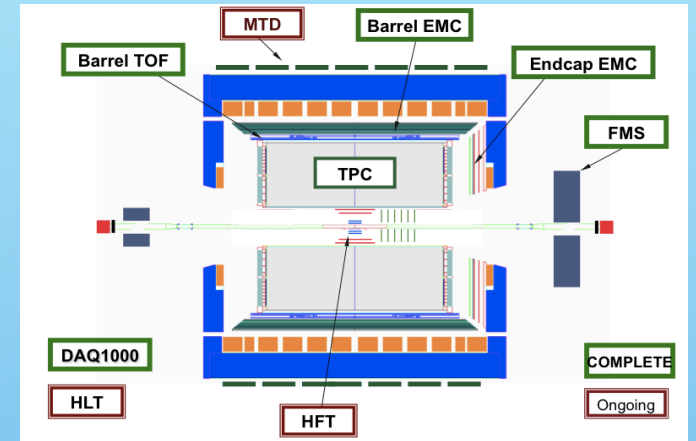


LHC

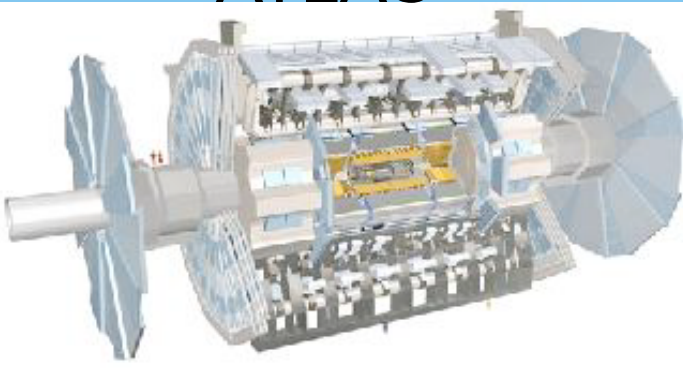


LHCb

STAR at RHIC



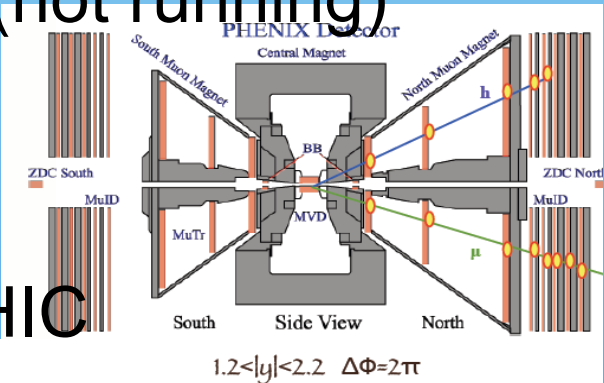
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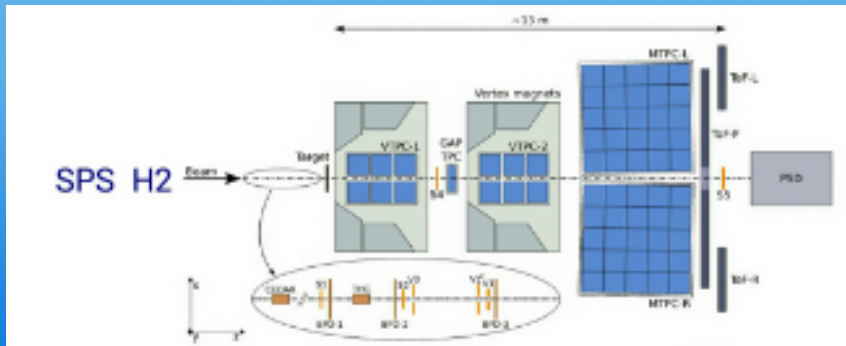
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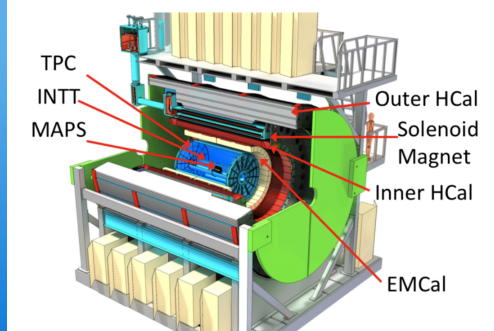
PHENIX at RHIC  
(not running)



NA61/SHINE at SPS



sPHENIX at RHIC



### **III Some historic milestones**

## Some historic milestones:

### The discovery of a new state of matter (QGP) at CERN (2000)

A common assessment of the collected data leads us to conclude that we now have compelling evidence that a new state of matter has indeed been created, at energy densities which had never been reached over appreciable volumes in laboratory experiments before and which exceed by more than a factor 20 that of normal nuclear matter. The new state of matter found in heavy ion collisions at the SPS features many of the characteristics of the theoretically predicted quark-gluon plasma.

January 31, 2000

**Evidence for a New State of Matter:  
An Assessment of the Results from the CERN Lead Beam Programme**

Ulrich Heinz and Maurice Jacob

Theoretical Physics Division, CERN, CH-1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland

# Some historic milestones:

## The discovery of a new state of matter (QGP) at CERN (2000)

Discovery of suppression of J/Psi in central Pb+Pb at sqrt(s)=17 GeV

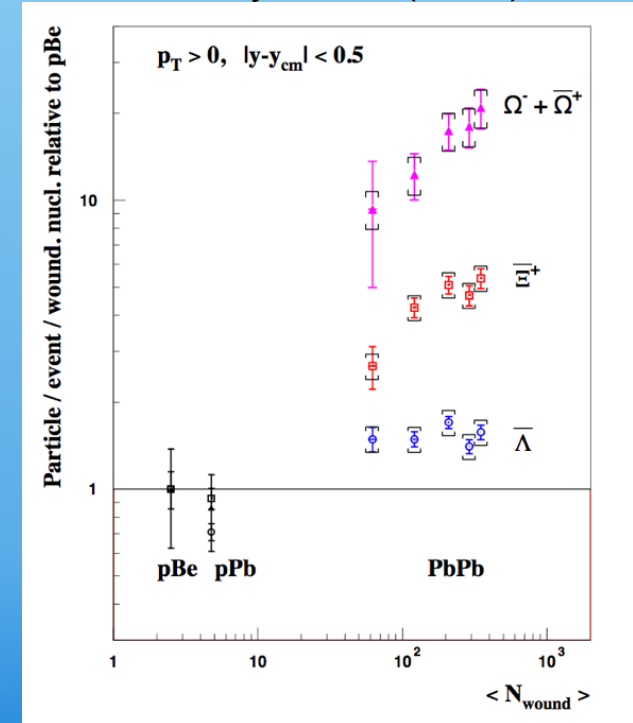
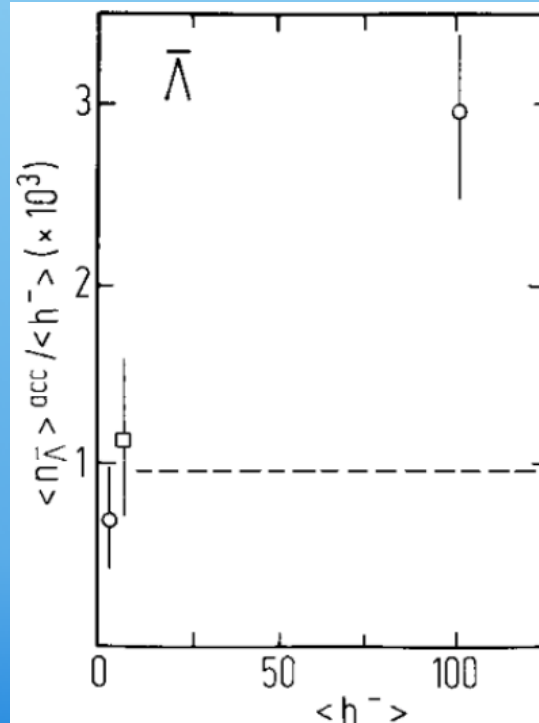
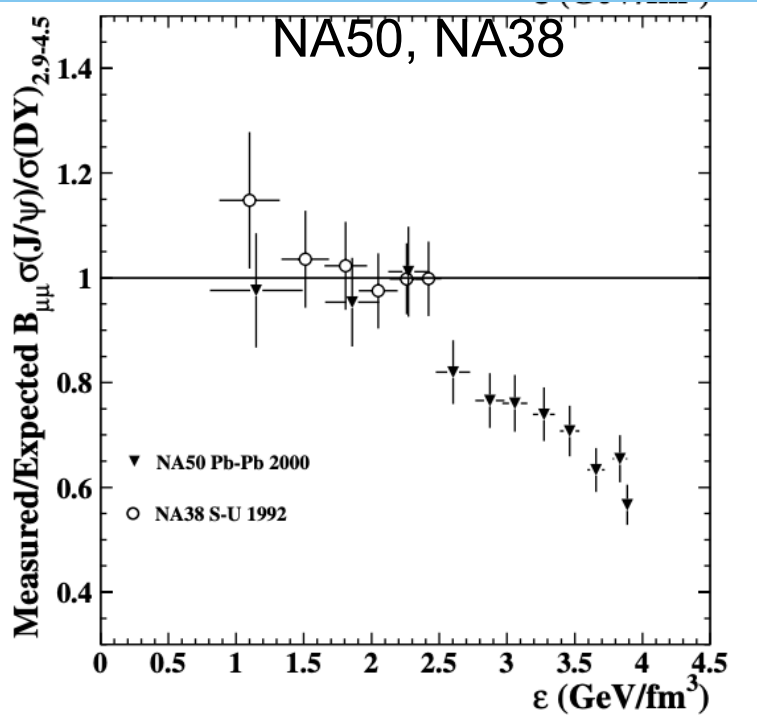
Discovery of strangeness enhancement (and of strange antibaryons) in fixed target S+A and Pb+Pb collisions at SPS.

and other.

NA35, Zeitschrift für Physik C Particles and Fields,  
June 1990, Volume 48, Issue 2, pp 191–200

L. Kluberg, Eur. Phys. J. C (2005)

NA57, J.Phys. G32 (2006) 427-442



# Some historic milestones:

## The discovery of suppression of high $p_T$ hadrons in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV by experiments at RHIC (2003)

PHENIX Collaboration, “Suppression of hadrons with large transverse momentum in central Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s}$  NN = 130 GeV”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88 (2002) 022301, doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.88.022301, arXiv:nucl-ex/0109003.

STAR Collaboration, “Centrality dependence of high  $p_T$  hadron suppression in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s}$  NN = 130 GeV”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 89 (2002) 202301, doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.89.202301, arXiv:nucl-ex/0206011.

STAR Collaboration

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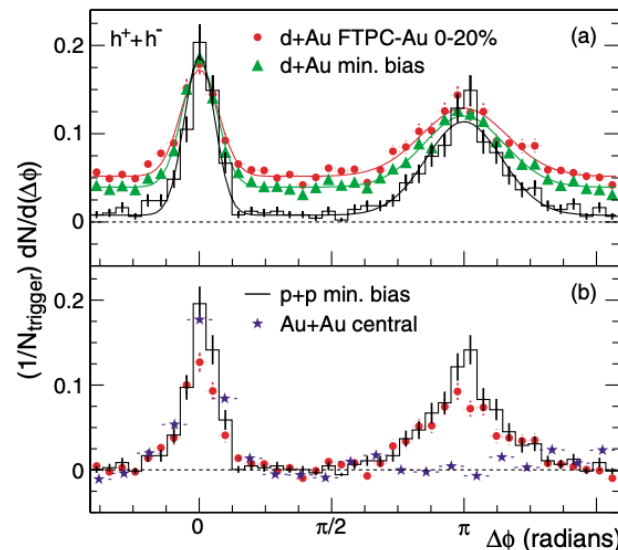


FIG. 4 (color online). (a) Efficiency corrected two-particle azimuthal distributions for minimum bias and central  $d + Au$  collisions, and for  $p + p$  collisions [6]. Curves are fits using Eq. (3), with parameters given in Table I. (b) Comparison of two-particle azimuthal distributions for central  $d + Au$  collisions to those seen in  $p + p$  and central Au + Au collisions [6]

TABLE I. Fit parameters from Eq. (3). Errors are statistical only.

	$p + p$ min. bias	$d + Au$ min. bias	$d + Au$ central
$A_N$	$0.081 \pm 0.005$	$0.073 \pm 0.003$	$0.067 \pm 0.004$
$\sigma_N$	$0.18 \pm 0.01$	$0.20 \pm 0.01$	$0.22 \pm 0.02$
$A_B$	$0.119 \pm 0.007$	$0.097 \pm 0.004$	$0.098 \pm 0.007$
$\sigma_B$	$0.45 \pm 0.03$	$0.48 \pm 0.02$	$0.51 \pm 0.03$
$P$	$0.008 \pm 0.001$	$0.039 \pm 0.001$	$0.052 \pm 0.002$

pected for incoherent production. Both  $\sigma_N$  and  $\sigma_B$  exhibit at most a small increase from  $p + p$  to central  $d + Au$  collisions. A small growth in  $\sigma_B$  is expected to result from initial-state multiple scattering [24,25]. The modest reduction in the correlation strengths  $A_N$  and  $A_B$  from  $p + p$  to central  $d + Au$  collisions is similar to that seen previously for peripheral Au + Au collisions [6].

Figure 4(b) shows the pedestal-subtracted azimuthal distributions for  $p + p$  and central  $d + Au$  collisions. The azimuthal distributions are shown also for central Au + Au collisions after subtraction of the elliptic flow

# Some historic milestones:

## The discovery of the strongly interacting QGP at RHIC (RHIC white papers 2005)

Expected a weakly interacting QGP, found a strongly coupled liquid QGP:

QGP behaves almost like a perfect liquid (has extremely low shear viscosity, extracted based on measurements of flow coefficients vs  $p_T$ , compared to hydrodynamic models).

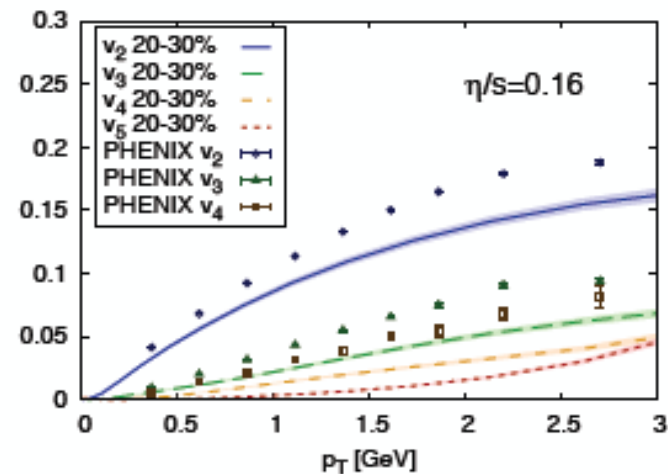
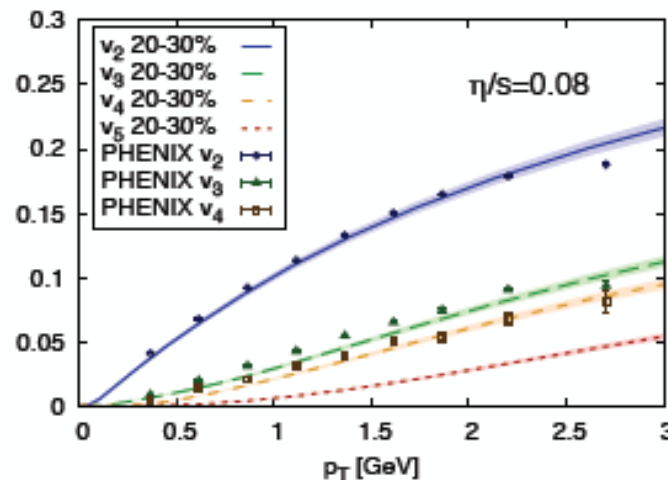
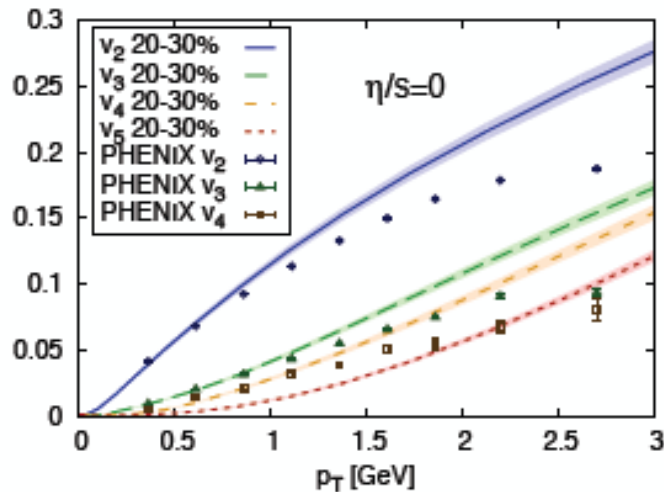
*Quark gluon plasma and color glass condensate at RHIC? The Perspective from the BRAHMS experiment,*  
Nucl.Phys. **A757** (2005) 1-27, [nucl-ex/0410020](#)

*Formation of dense partonic matter in relativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions at RHIC: Experimental evaluation by the PHENIX collaboration,*  
Nucl.Phys. **A757** (2005) 184-283, [nucl-ex/0410003](#)

*The PHOBOS perspective on discoveries at RHIC,*  
Nucl.Phys. **A757** (2005) 28-101, [nucl-ex/0410022](#)

*Experimental and theoretical challenges in the search for the quark gluon plasma: The STAR Collaboration's critical assessment of the evidence from RHIC collisions,*  
Nucl.Phys. **A757** (2005) 102-183, [nucl-ex/0501009](#)

Schenke, Jeon, and Gale, PRC (2012)



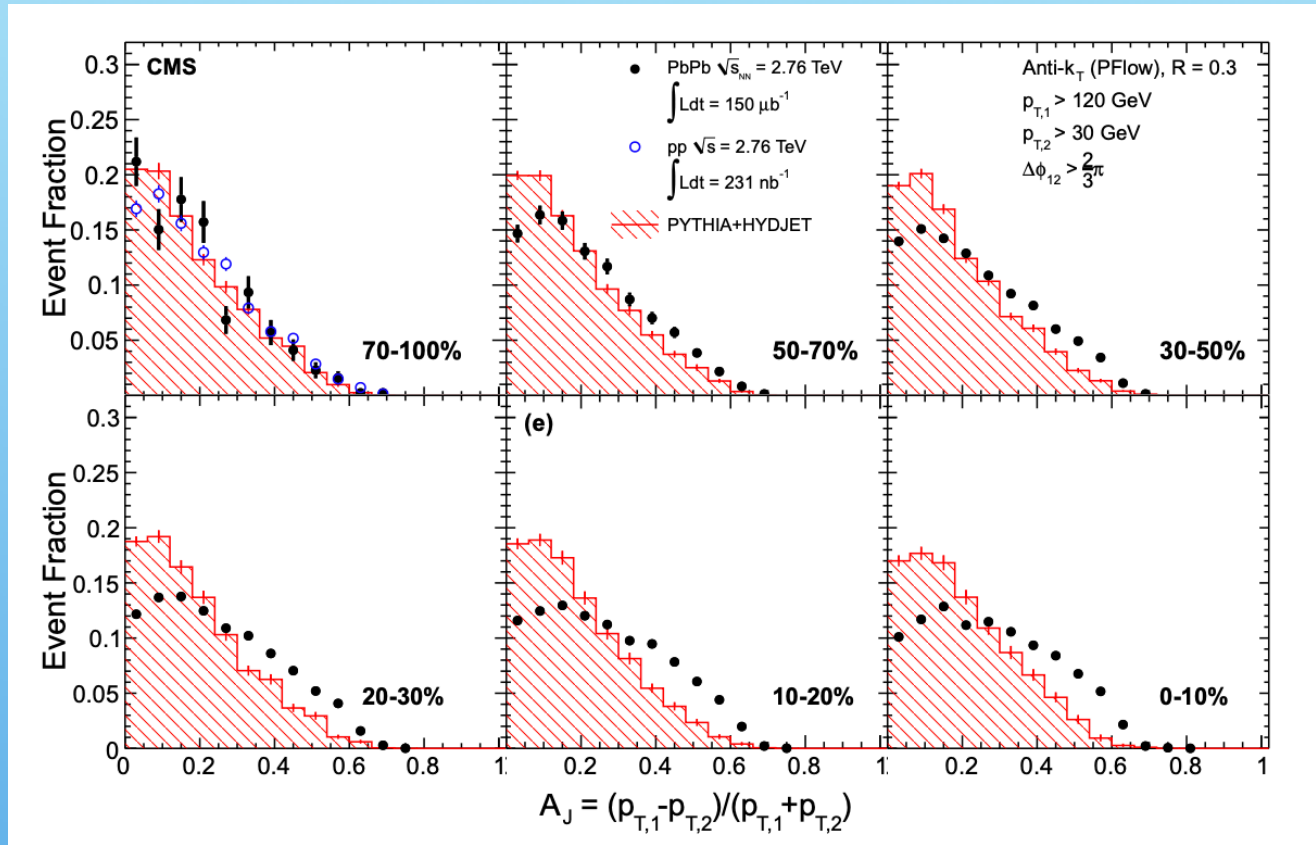
# Some historic milestones:

## Discovery of jet quenching at LHC

### Dijet Assymetry $A_J$

$$A_J = \frac{p_{T,1} - p_{T,2}}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}},$$

leading jet  $p_T > 120$  GeV,  
subleading jet  $p_T > 30$  GeV



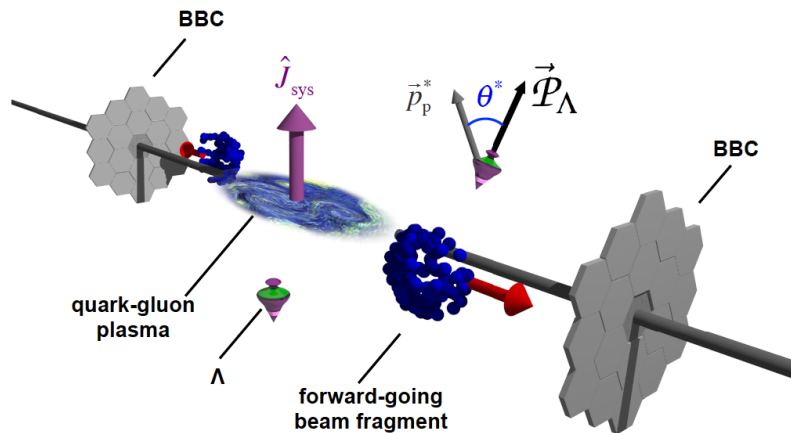
Dijet assymetry  $A_J$  in central PbPb collisions increases beyond the expected changes from energy resolution effects modeled in PYTHIA+HYDJET.

The leading jet has lost less energy to parton-medium interactions than the subleading jet.

# Some historic milestones:

## First Vorticity measurement in AuAu 200 GeV 20-50% centrality

STAR, Nature, 2017, 1701.06657



Average vorticity points towards the direction of the angular momentum  $J(\text{sys})$  of the collision.

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \alpha_H |\vec{P}_H| \cos \theta^* \right).$$

H: Lambda/Anti-Lambda

$\vec{P}_H$ : Lambda/Anti-Lambda polarization vector in the hyperon rest frame

$$\text{decay parameter } \alpha_\Lambda = -\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} = 0.642 \pm 0.013$$

Average projection of the Polarization on  $J(\text{sys})$  is extracted:

noted here as "global polarization"

$$\bar{P}_H \equiv \langle \vec{P}_H \cdot \hat{J}_{\text{sys}} \rangle = \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_H} \frac{\langle \cos(\phi_p^* - \phi_{\hat{J}_{\text{sys}}}) \rangle}{R_{\text{EP}}^{(1)}},$$



# Some historic milestones:

## sQGP vorticity

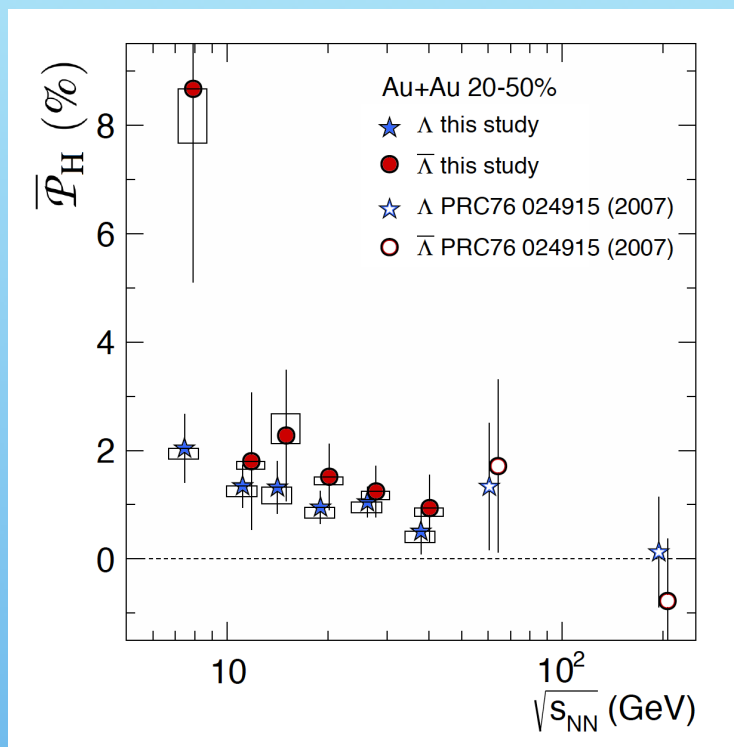
**STAR, Nature, 2017, 1701.06657**

**Measurement of vorticity in Au+Au collisions with 20-50% centrality via the average polarization of Lambda and Antilambda.**

**Fluid vorticity can be calculated using the hydrodynamic relation (Becatini et al 1610.02506.)**

$$\omega = k_B T (\overline{\mathcal{P}}_{\Lambda'} + \overline{\mathcal{P}}_{\overline{\Lambda}'}) / \hbar,$$

P\_H: average polarization with  
H: Lambda or Antilambda



**With T the temperature. The vorticity found is**

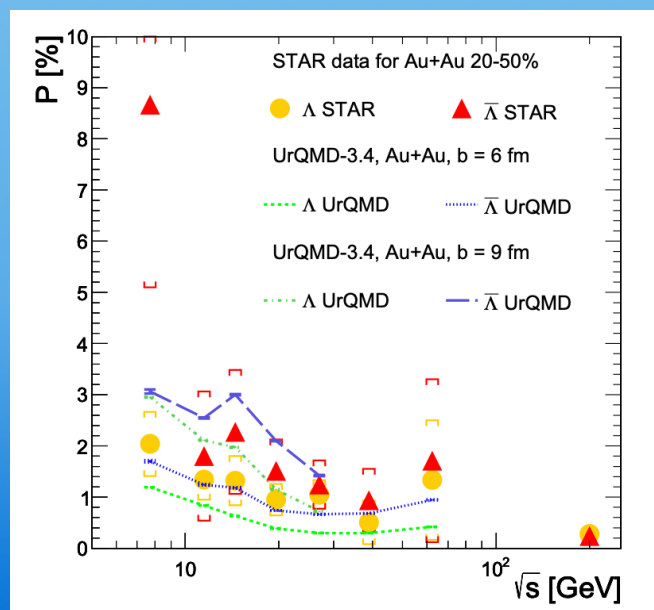
$$\omega = (9 \pm 1) \cdot 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**with an additional systematic error of a factor of 2 which by far surpasses the vorticity of all known fluids**

**For example solar subsurface flow has  $\omega = 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and superfluid nanodroplets  $\omega = 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$**

O.Vitiuk, L.Bravina, E.Zabrodin, PLB803 (2020) 135298

**Difference between Lambda and Antilambda can be understood with the URQMD model eg as due to different freeze-out with respect to the thermal vorticity field**



# Some historic milestones:

## Beam energy scans

### STAR Beam Energy Scan I and II, NA61/SHINE

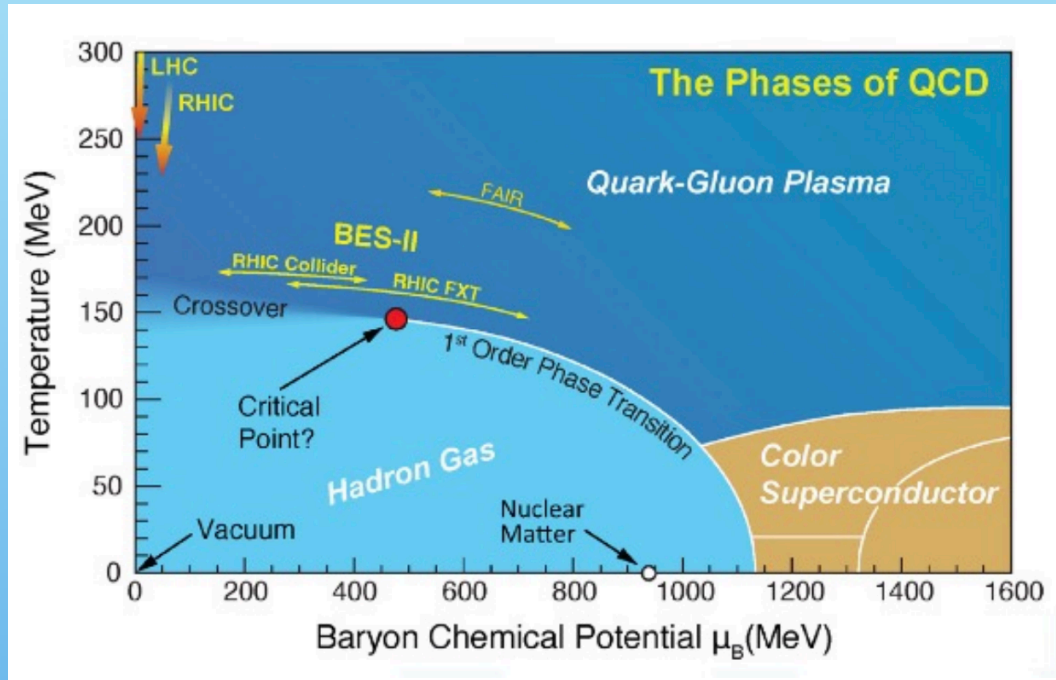
STAR BES-I (2010-2011):

7.7, 11.5, 19.6, 27, 39, 62.4, 200 GeV

STAR BES-II (2019-2021):

7.7, **9.2**, 11.5, **14.6**, **17.3**, 19.6 GeV  
and fixed target (Ebeam 3.85 to 100 GeV)

NA61/SHINE: fixed target eg 13A, 19A, 30A, 40A, 75 A GeV.

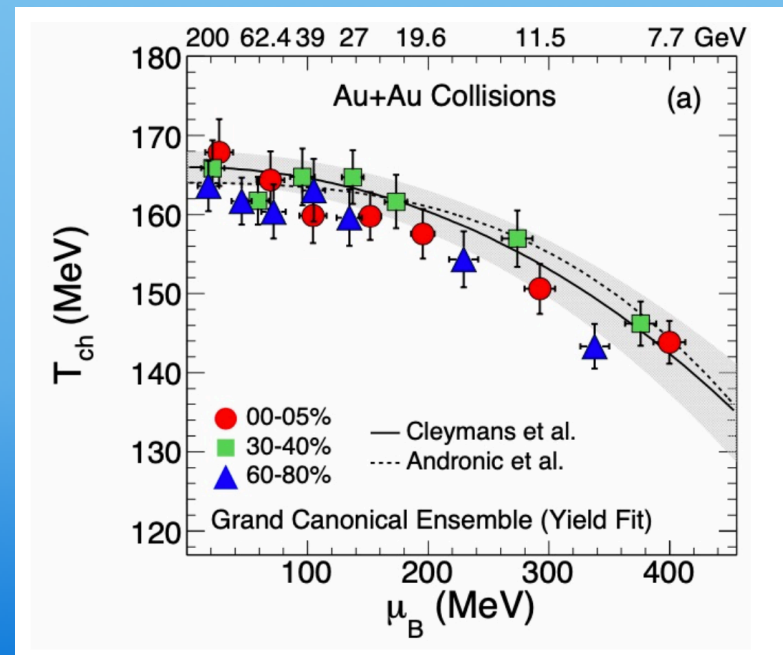


Goals of Beam energy scans:

Search for the critical point

Search for the first-order phase transition

Search for the onset of QGP formation



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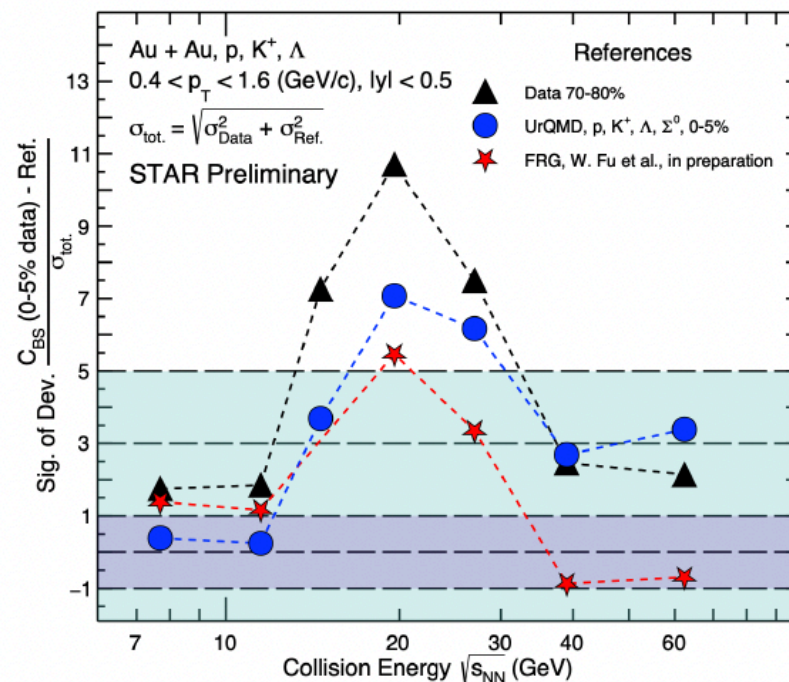
# Search for critical point

## Summary

Recent results from several experimental observables are shown

- ① Intermittency analysis: **A dip of  $\nu$  at ~20-30 GeV**
- ② Light nuclei yield ratio: **Deviations at 20-30 GeV**
- ③ Baryon-strangeness correlation: **A maximum deviation at ~20 GeV**
- ④ Net-proton cumulants: **A maximum deviation at ~20 GeV**

Hanwen Feng, CPOD 2024

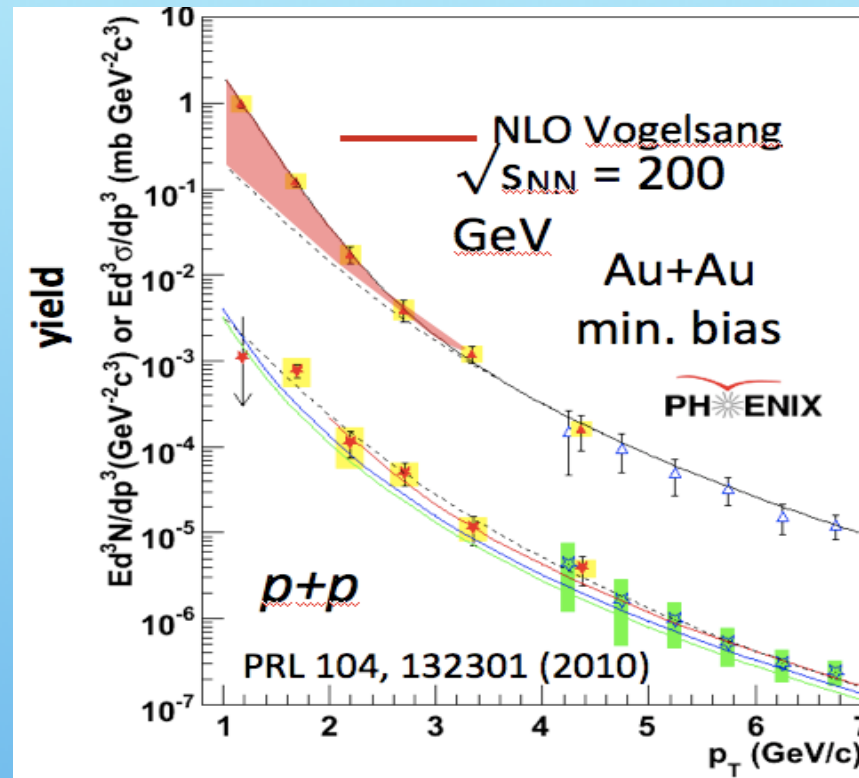


One example: Baryon-Strangeness correlation is not monotonic around 20 GeV

## **IV Selected physics results:**

### **1. Direct photons**

# RHIC PHENIX: Direct photon excess in min bias Au+Au at



Confirmed also with other measurement method : PHENIX 1405.3940, published in PRC 91 (2015) 064904

Direct photons in p+p described by NLO

Direct photon excess in min. bias Au+Au at 200 GeV over p+p at 200 GeV below  $p_T \sim 2.5$  GeV

Exponential spectrum in Au+Au - consistent with thermal below  $p_T \sim 2.5$  GeV with inverse slope  $220 \pm 20$  MeV -->  $T(\text{init})$  from hydrodynamic models : **300-600 MeV**, depending on thermalization time

Critical d+Au check : No exponential excess in d+Au

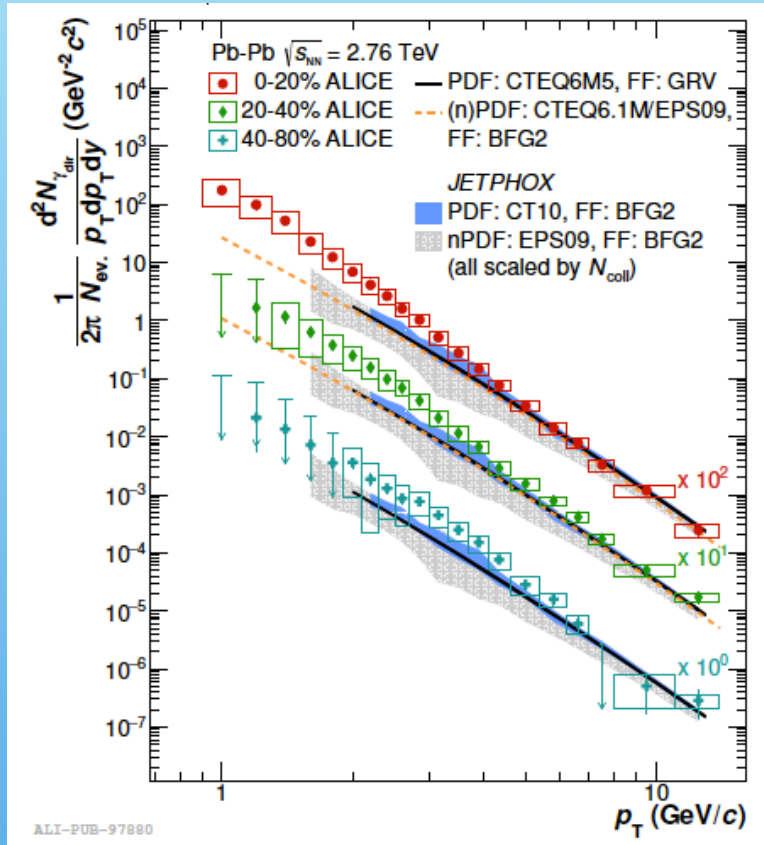
**Direct thermal photons were firmly established for the first time at RHIC**

# ALICE direct photons

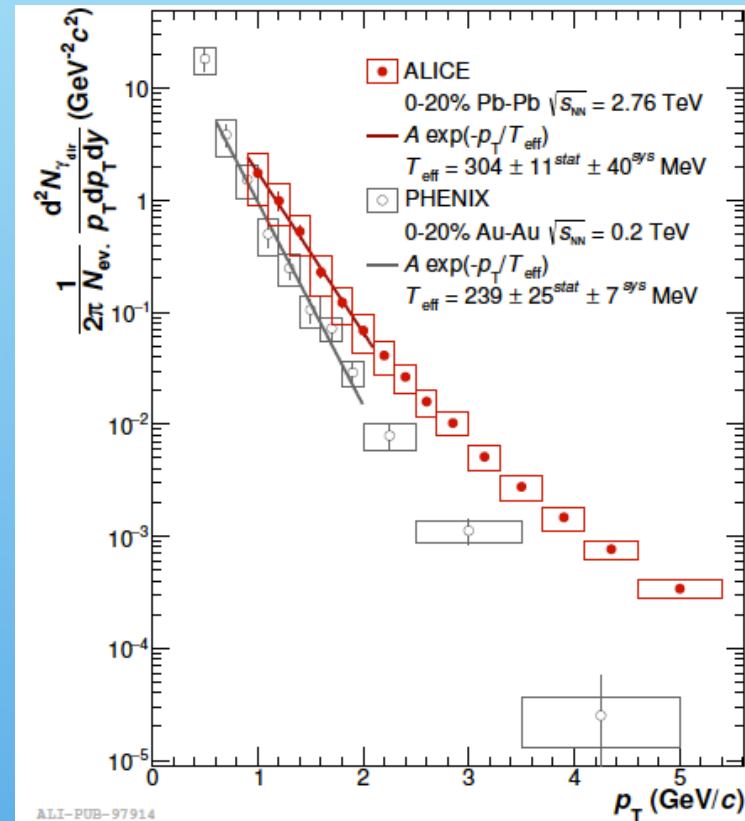
ALICE Phys. Lett. B 754 (2016) 235-248

1509.07324

## ALICE: different centralities



## ALICE vs PHENIX



- $2.6\sigma$  excess in low  $p_T$  in 0-20% central
- $T_{eff} = 304 \pm 11 \pm 40$  MeV (30% larger than at RHIC)

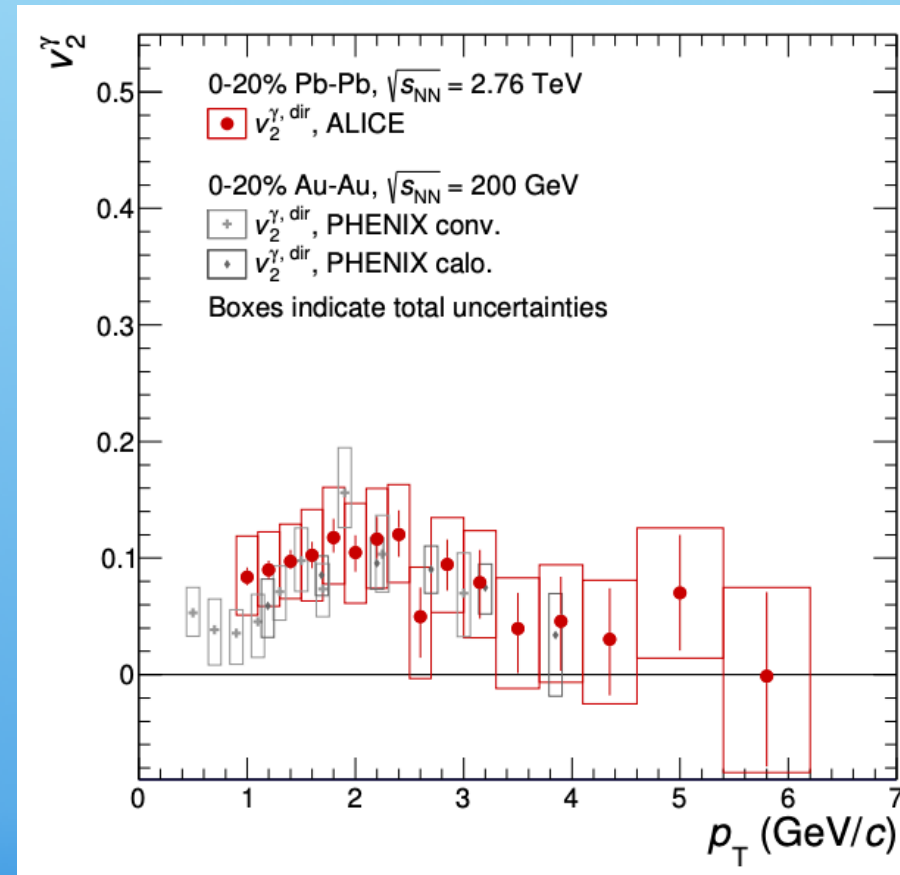
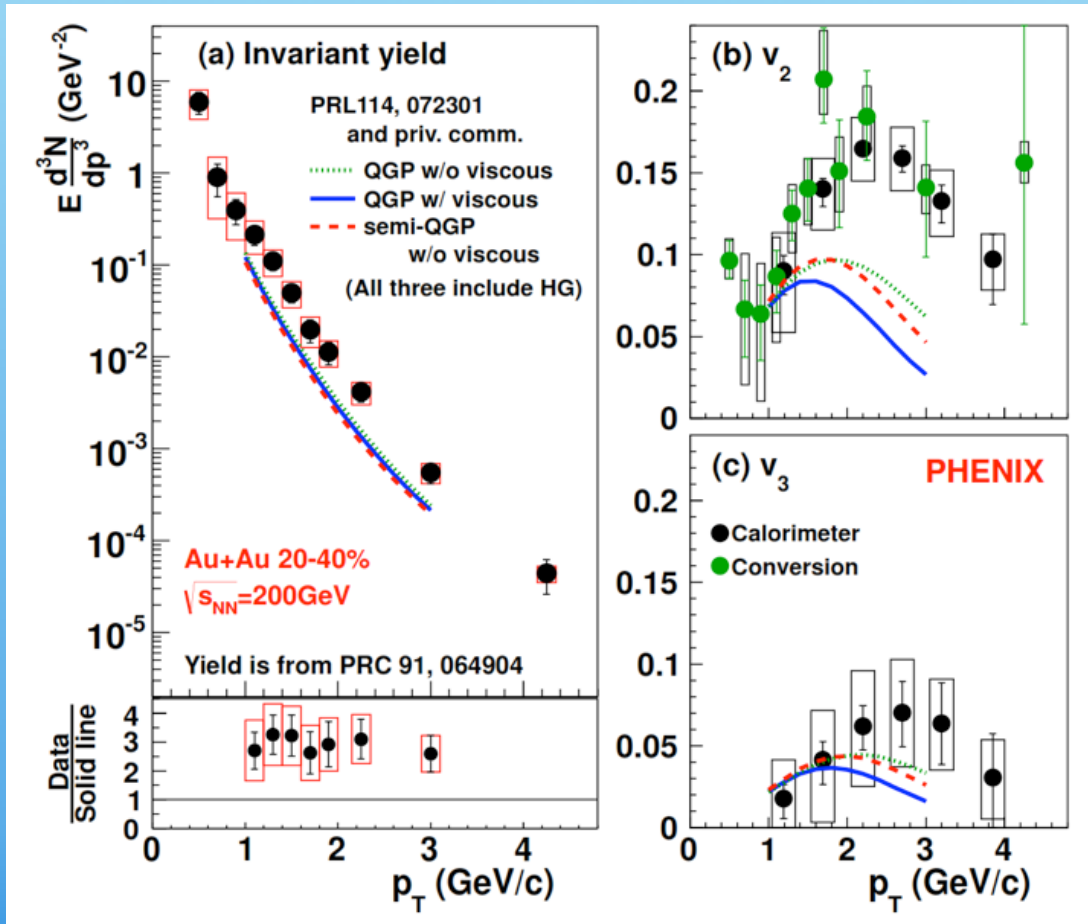
**T(dir. phot.) at RHIC and LHC is  $>$  than critical  $T_{crit} \sim 154$  MeV**  
**The real initial T of the source is higher than the measured T**

# Direct photons also flow

Example: viscous hydro + thermal emission

*PHENIX: Phys. Rev. C 91 064904 (2015)* and 1405.3940

ALICE Coll., 1805.04403



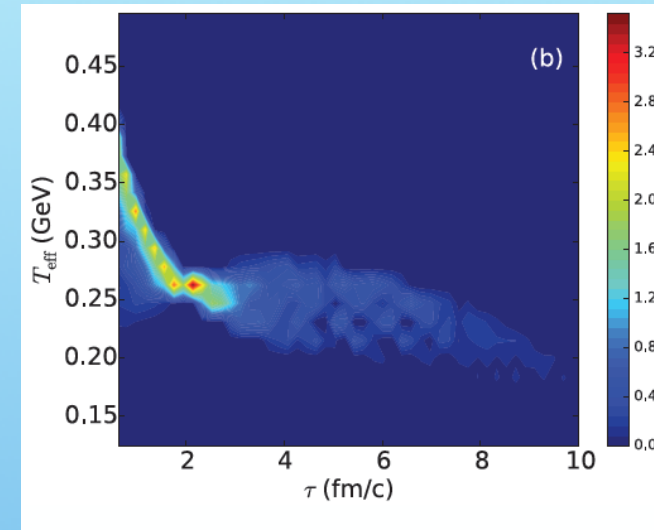
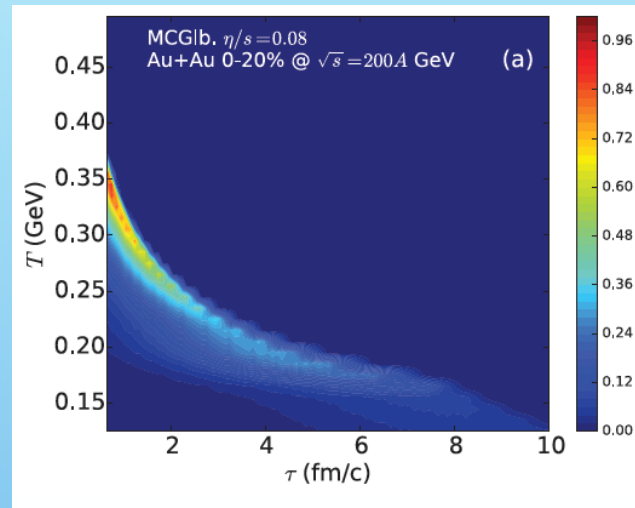
Thermal direct photons with large flow  $v_2, v_3$ : challenge for models

$v_2$  of direct photons in 0-20% Pb+Pb is similar to data from PHENIX 0-20% Au+Au

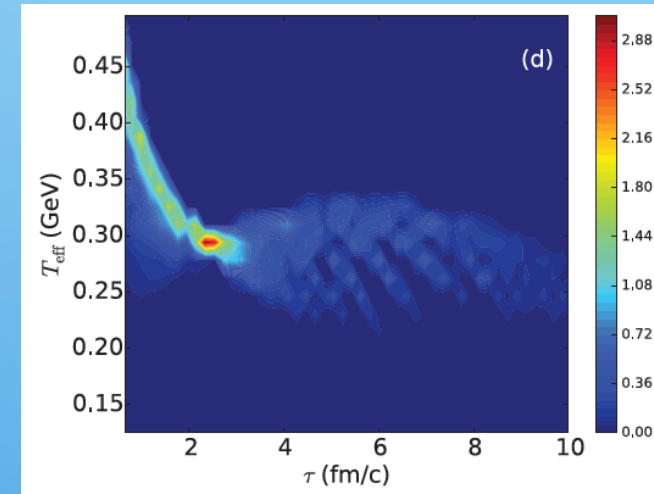
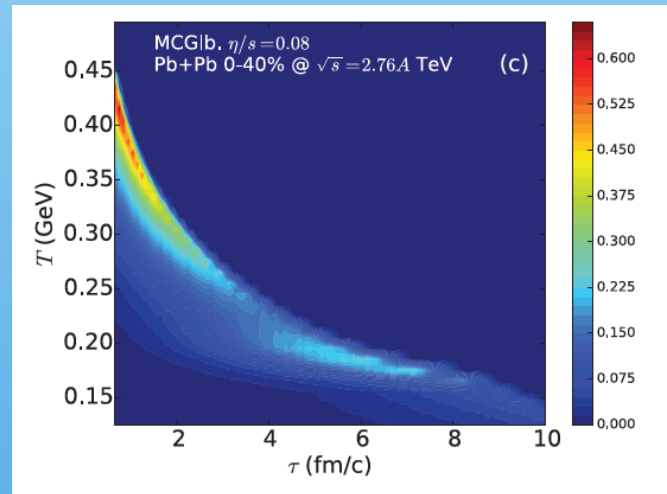
# Time evolution of direct photon production

C. Gale et al, 1308.2440

RHIC



LHC



The 3rd dimension in these plots is cross section of photons

**\* Most direct photons at RHIC and LHC are emitted from time near  $T_c$**



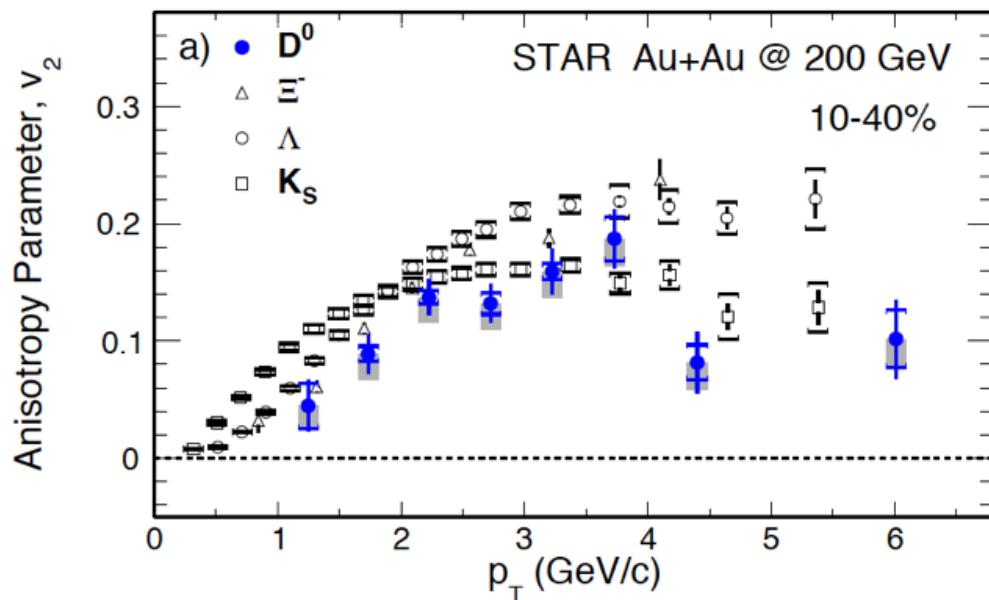
### **3. Collectivity, Flow, Strangeness**

# Strangeness and charm v2

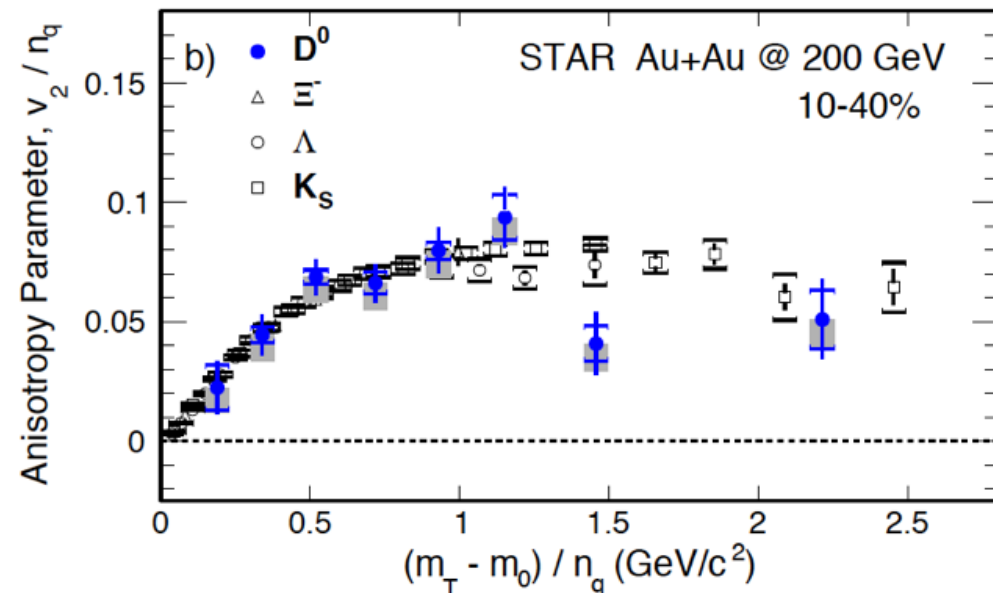
STAR D0 v2 from STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker

1701.06060, STAR

Mass ordering



NCQ scaling



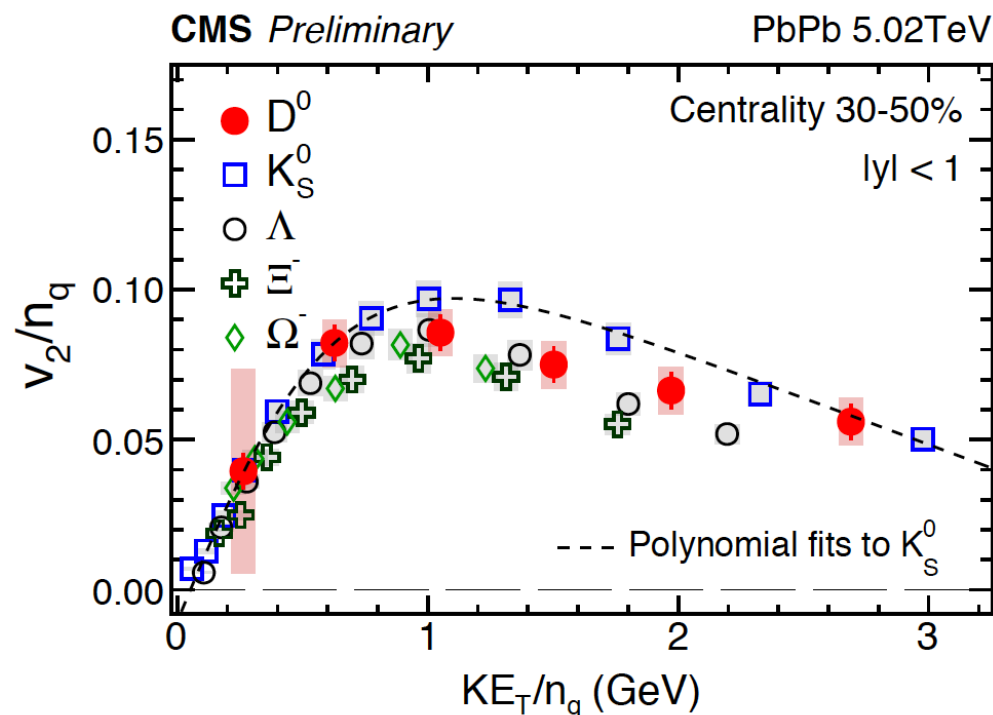
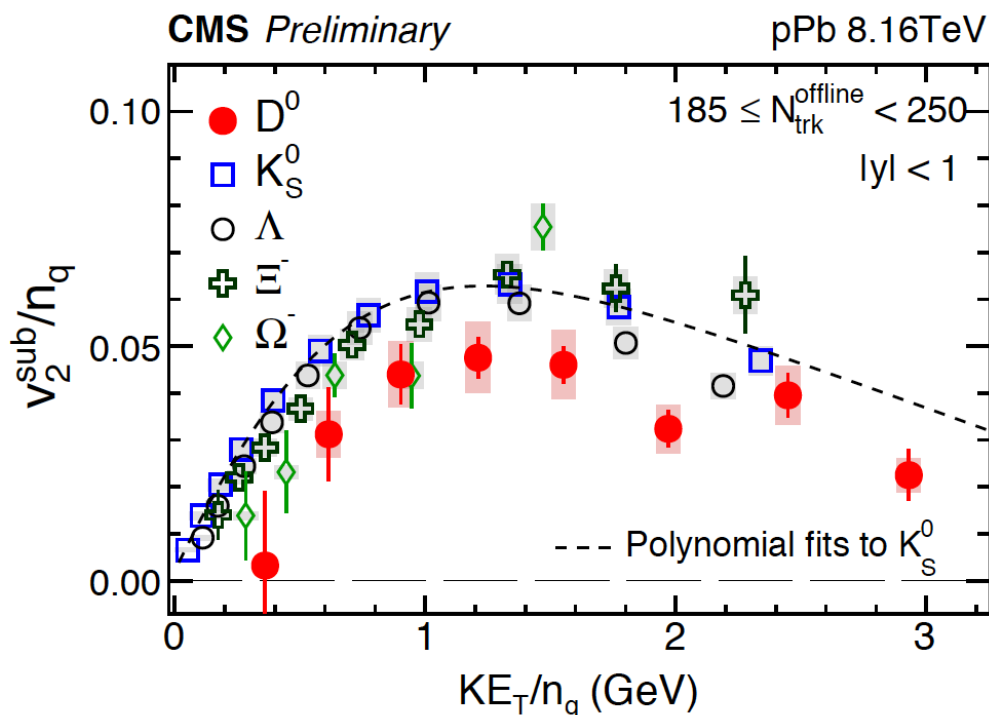
**v2 of D0 in Au+Au follows Number-of-Constituent-Quarks scaling of other hadrons**

**-> Evidence for thermalization of u,d,s,c mesons**

# CMS D0 and strange particles in pPb, PbPb

pPb 8.16 TeV

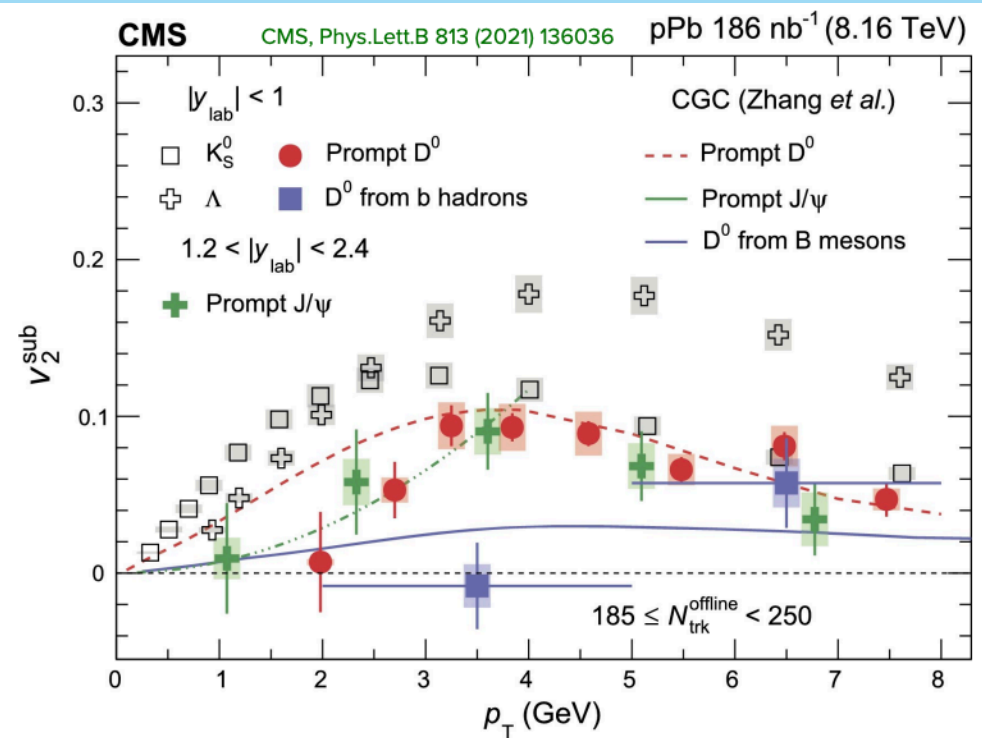
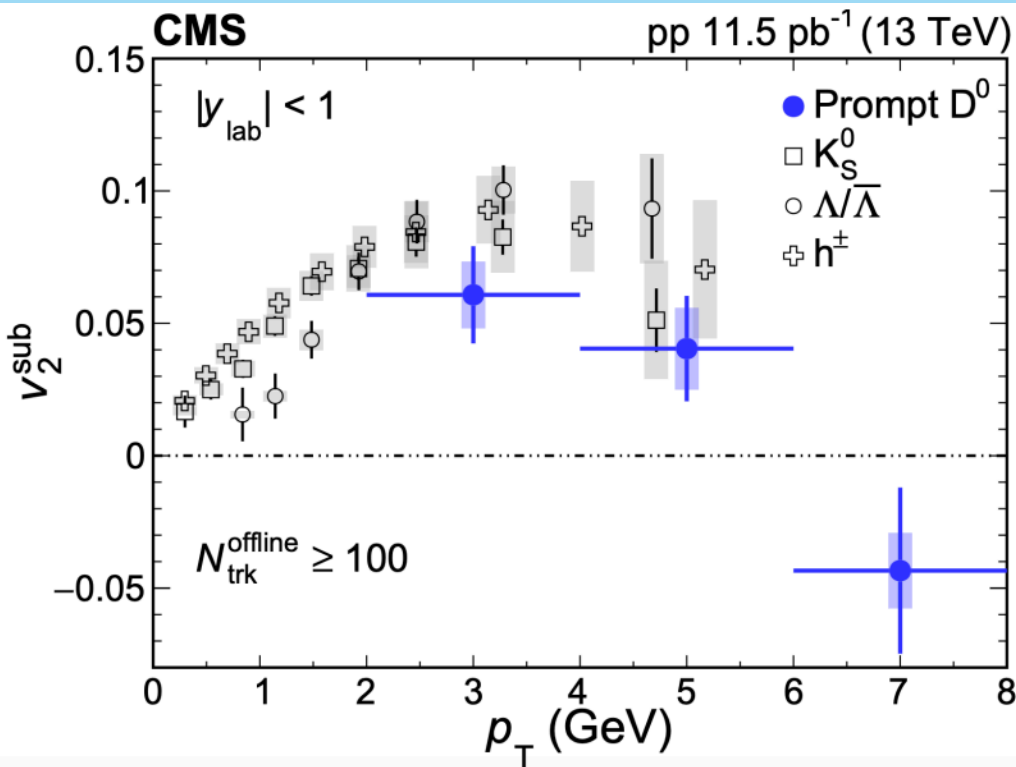
PbPb 5.02 TeV CMS 1705.01974



Left, pPb at high mult:  $v_2/n_q$  of strange particles tend to lie on a universal curve below 1.5 GeV, while  $D^0$  fall below indicating weaker collective behaviour for charm quarks

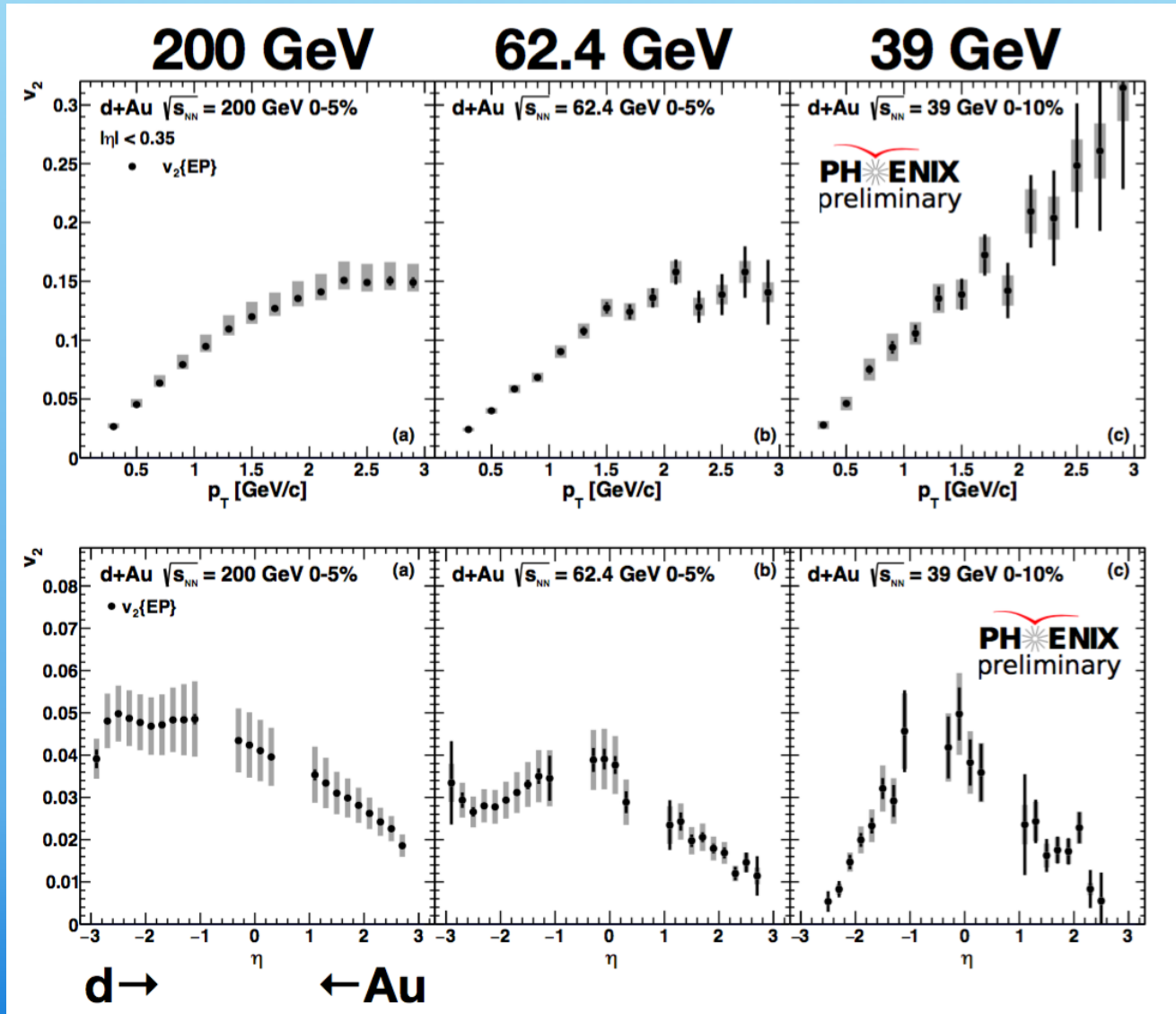
Right, PbPb semiperipheral:  $v_2/n_q$  of strange particles and  $D^0$  tend to lie on a universal curve below 1.0 GeV, indicating strong collective behaviour of  $D^0$  similar to the bulk of QGP medium

# V2 charm and beauty LHC



Finite  $v_2$  for charm in pp pPb  
 No flow for beauty in pPb

# $v_2, v_3$ observed also in small systems: PHENIX, d+Au



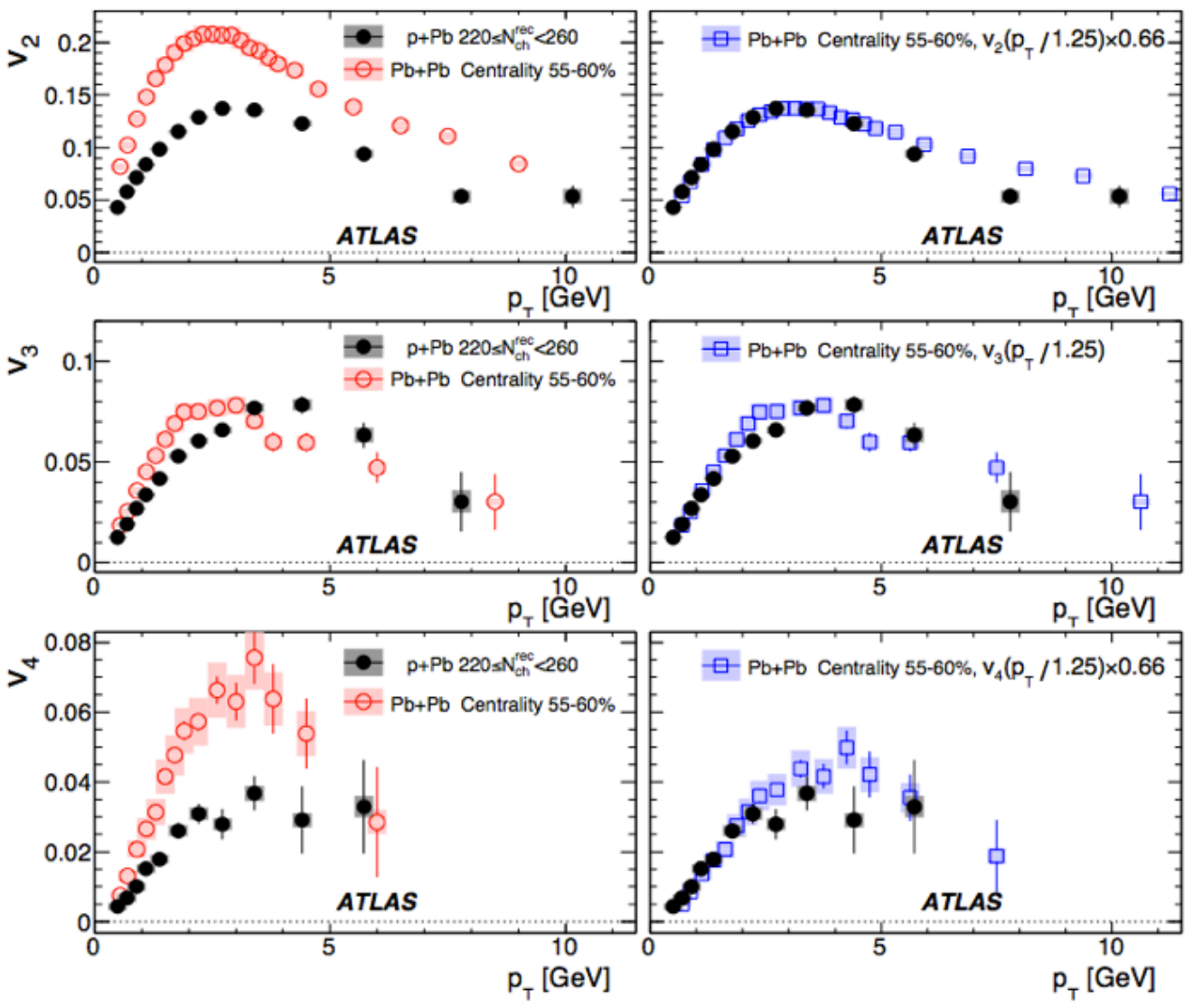
PHENIX,  
J.Velkovska,  
QM2017

# Large flow observed in p+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV

Results from ATLAS  
1409.1792

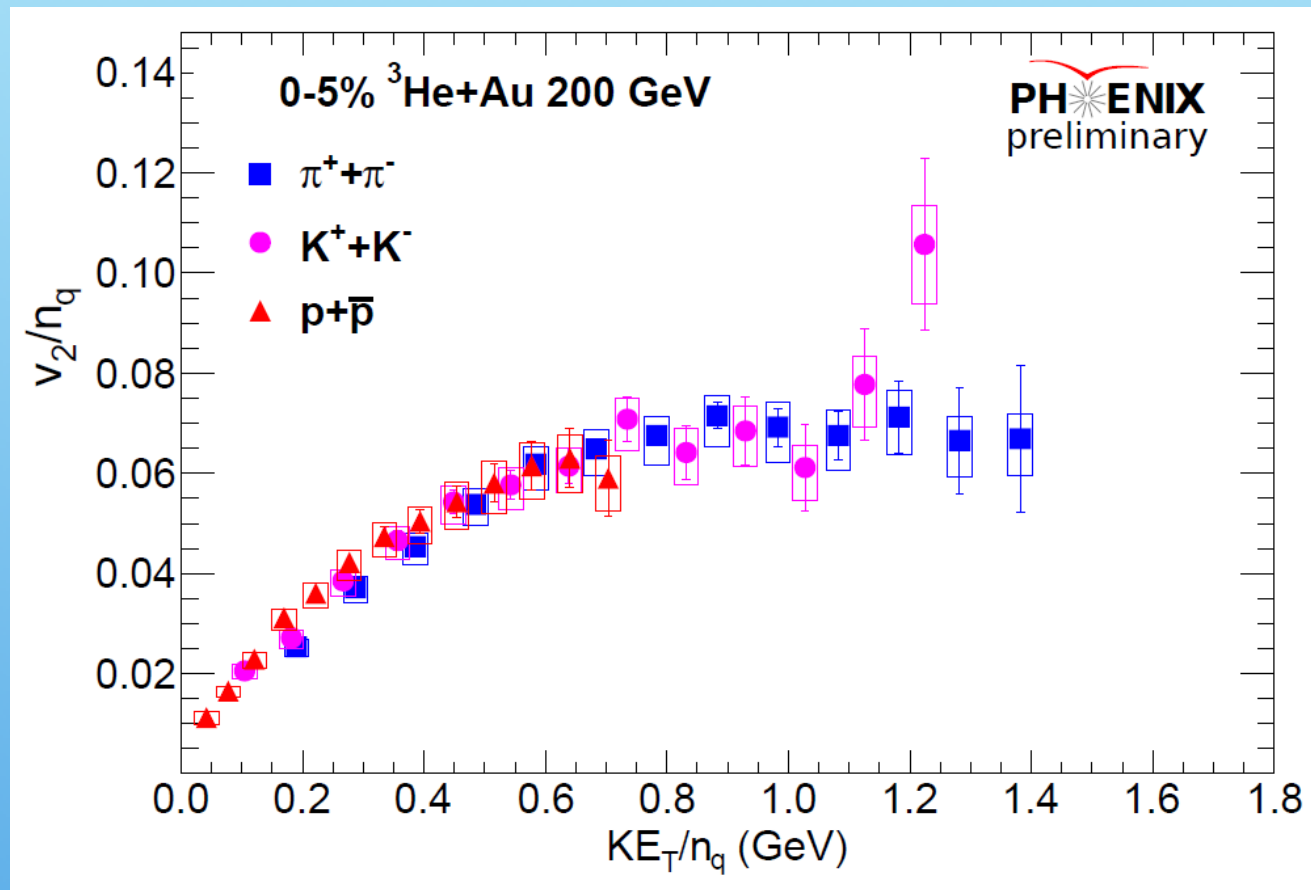
After applying scale factor of 1.25 accounting for the difference in mean  $p_T$  of pPb and PbPb as proposed by Basar and Teaney :

The shape of the  $v_n$  distributions in pPb and PbPb are found to be similar



## Evidence for collectivity in p+Pb ?

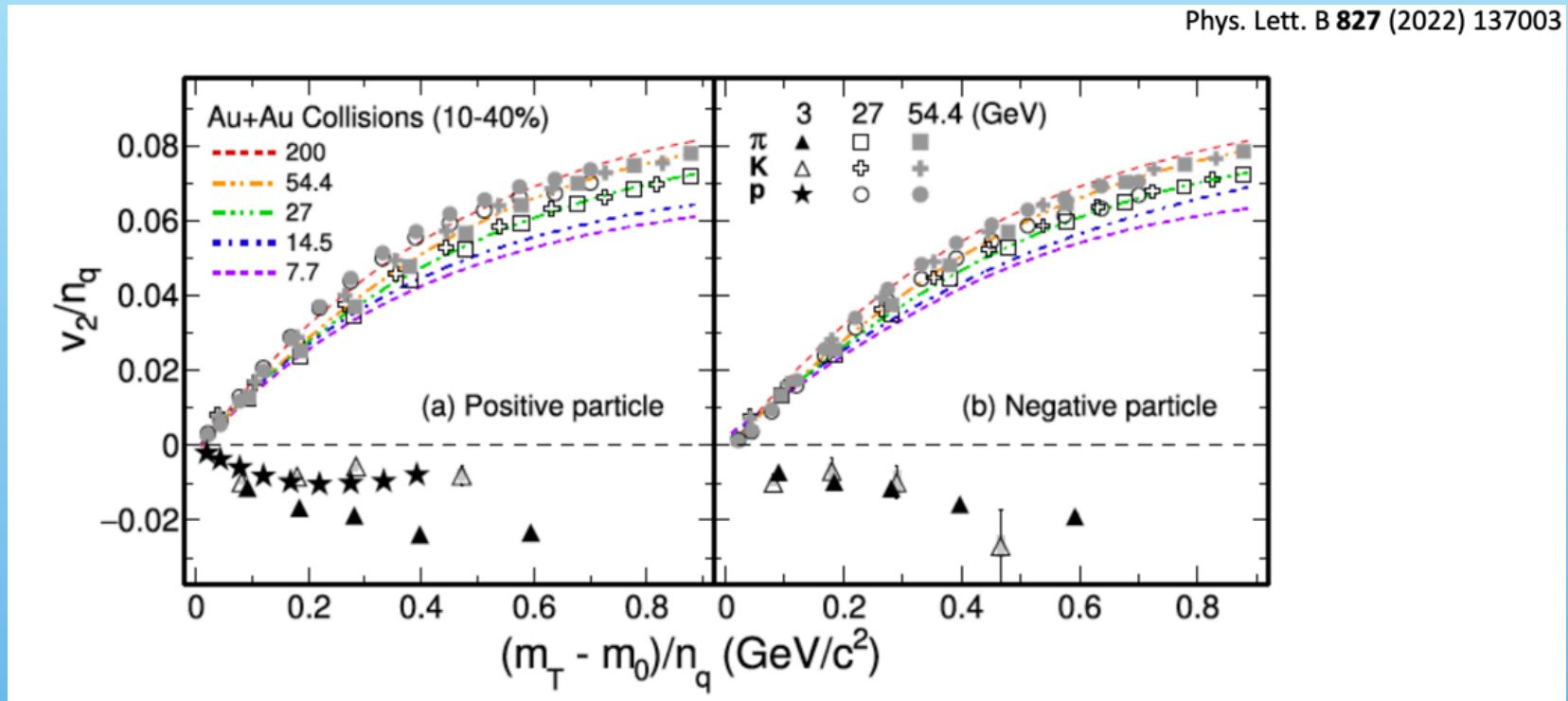
# Number of quark scaling in $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$



S Huang,  
STAR, QM15

The familiar behavior of number of quark scaling observed in Au+Au collisions is also seen in the small  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$  system

# Partonic collectivity disappears at 3 GeV AuAu

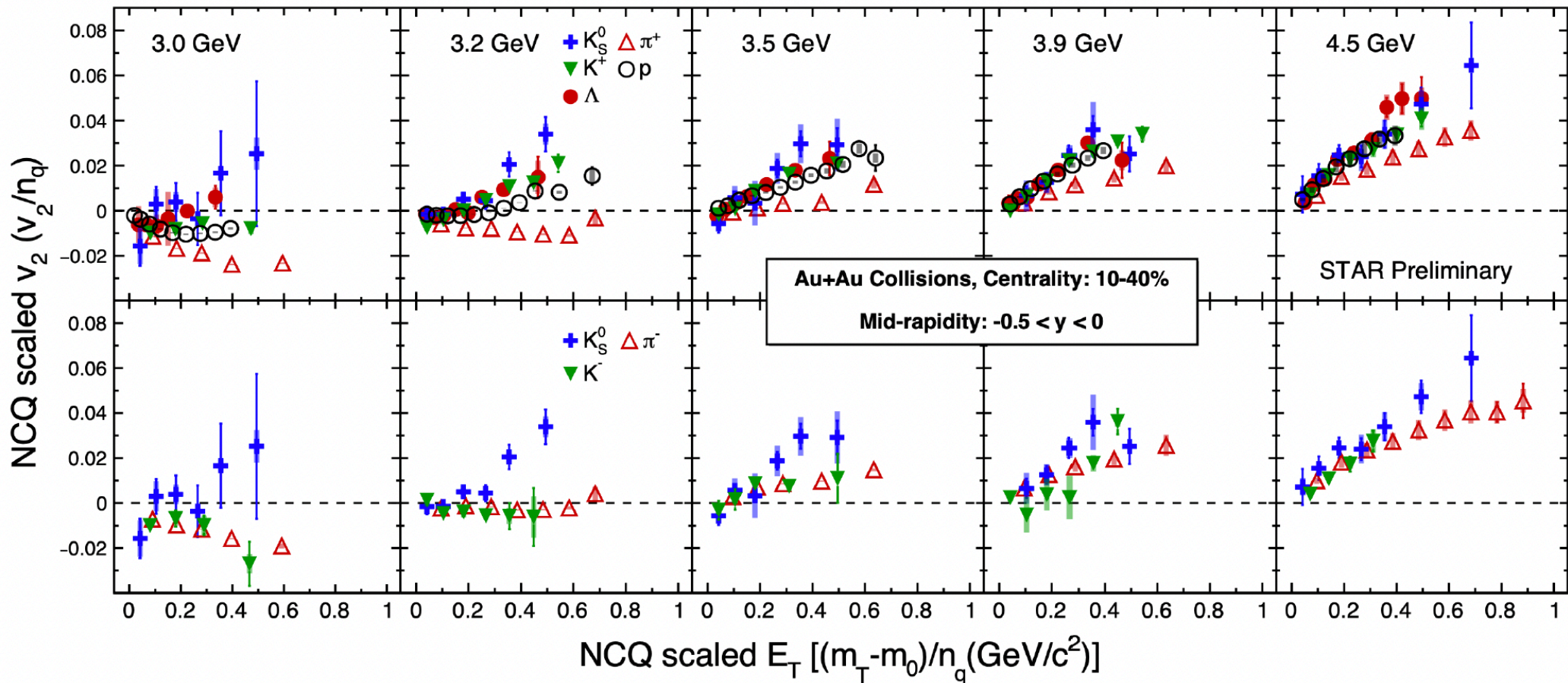


The Number of Constituent Quarks scaling (NCQ) holds from 14.5 GeV on, and breaks in 3 GeV AuAu



# NCQ scaling from 3 to 4.5 GeV AuAu

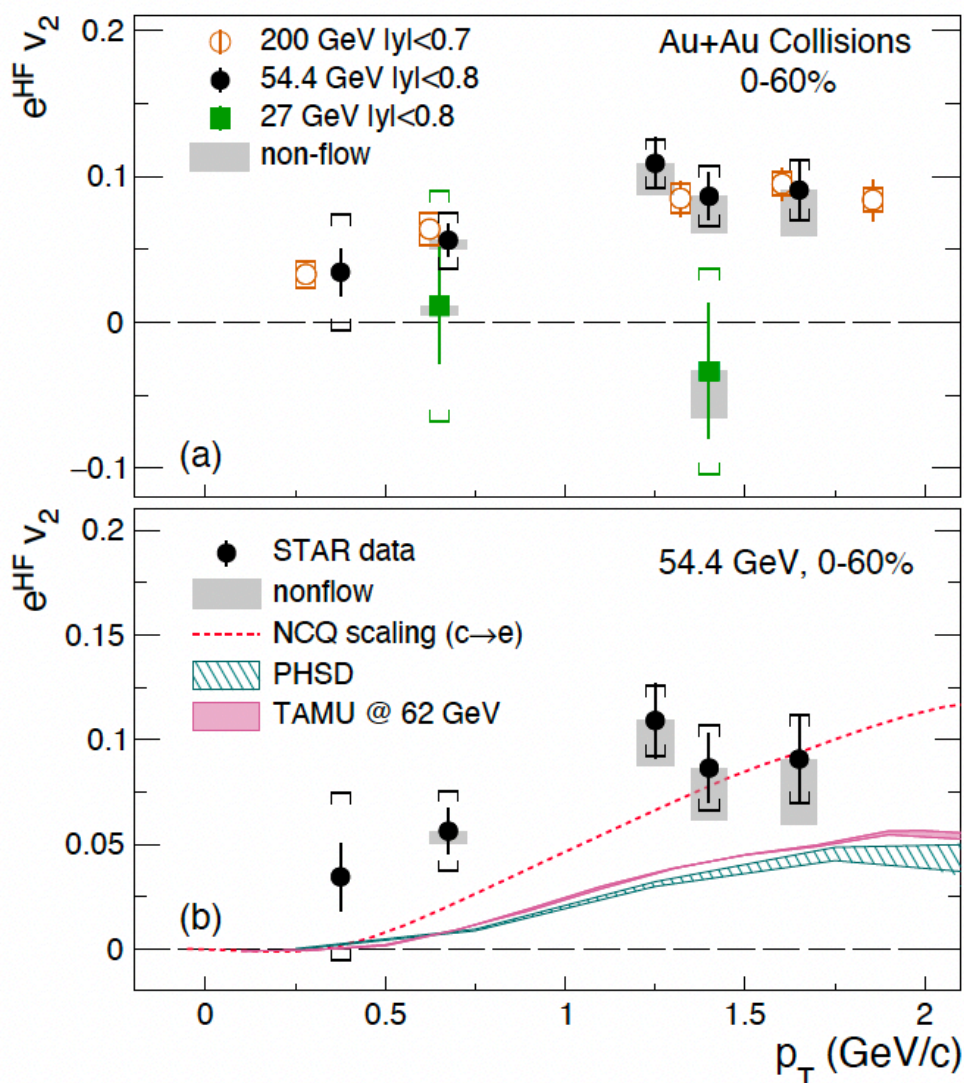
STAR Coll. Shusu Shi et al, SQM2024



The Number of Constituent Quarks (NCQ) scaling becomes gradually better from 3.2 to 4.5 GeV AuAu

# STAR heavy flavor decay electron elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) in Au+Au collisions at 27, 54 (0-60%) compared to 200 GeV

STAR Collaboration, ArXivL 2303.03546, accepted by PLB



\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 54.4 GeV is comparable to 200 GeV, and non-zero above  $p_T$  0.5 GeV/c, indicating strong charm quark interactions with the medium

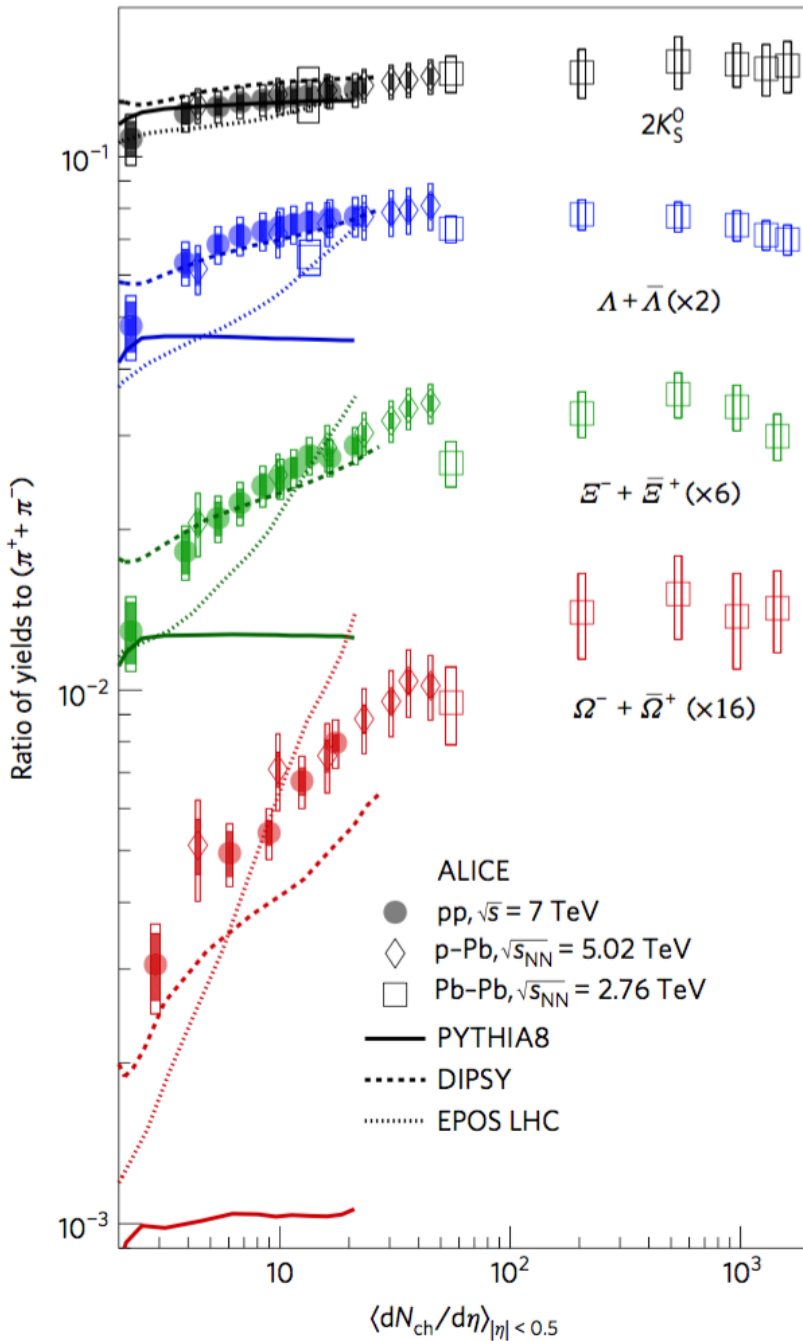
\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 27 GeV is consistent with zero at all  $p_T$  within large uncertainties

\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 54.4 GeV at high  $p_T$  is consistent with the expected  $v_2$  assuming that the  $c$  quark follows the Number of constituent Quark scaling

# Strangeness

# ALICE, PRL 2017

p+p  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV, pPb= 5 TeV, PbPb= 2.76 TeV

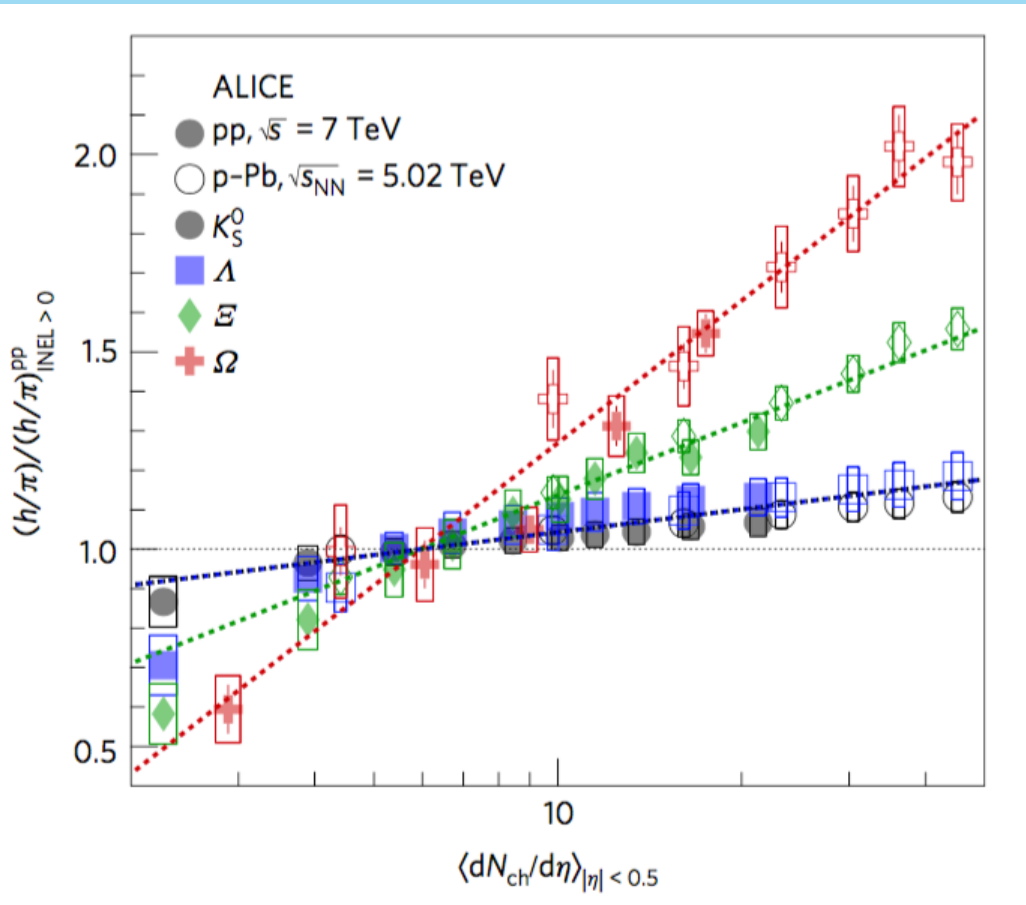


**These data show for the first time in pp collisions, that the yields of strange particles relative to pions increase significantly with multiplicity**

**The particle ratios are the same as those in p+Pb at same multiplicity densities.**

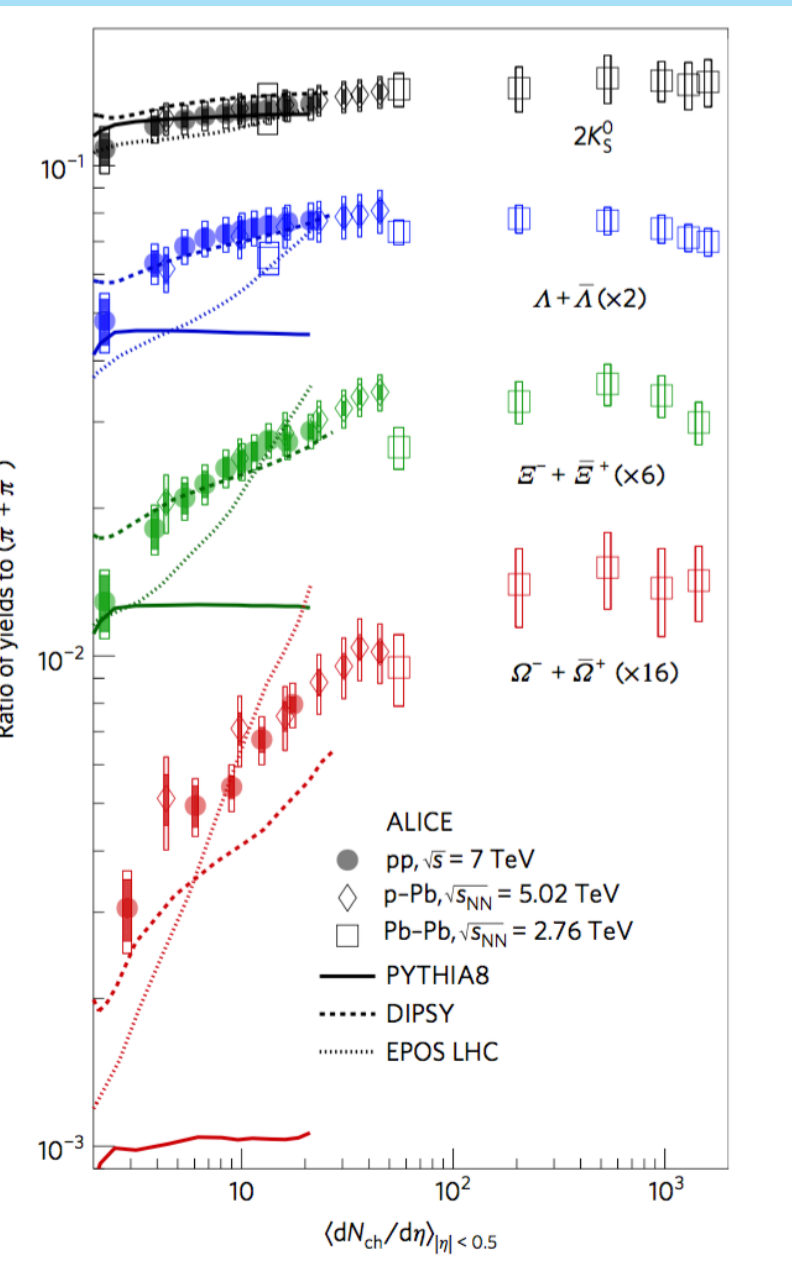
**Novel phenomenon in pp at the LHC:  
strangeness enhancement in p+p and p+Pb increases with charged multiplicity and reaches values observed in Pb+Pb collisions**

# ALICE



**The observed enhancement of strange/pi ratio with event charged multiplicity shows a hierarchy determined by the strangeness content (lines are fits to determine the dependence on  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ )**

# ALICE



The measurement of ALICE shows consistent strangeness enhancement in pp, pPb and PbPb collisions which depends on strangeness content and cannot be reproduced by models at same time as p/pi ratio

These new measurements at LHC point towards possible formation of QGP matter at high Temperature and density also in small collision systems.

## Comment from ALICE paper:

"The remarkable similarity of strange particle production in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions adds to previous measurements in pp, which also exhibit characteristic features known from high-energy heavy-ion collisions and are understood to be connected to the formation of a deconfined QCD phase at high temperature and energy density.

## QGP formation also in small systems?

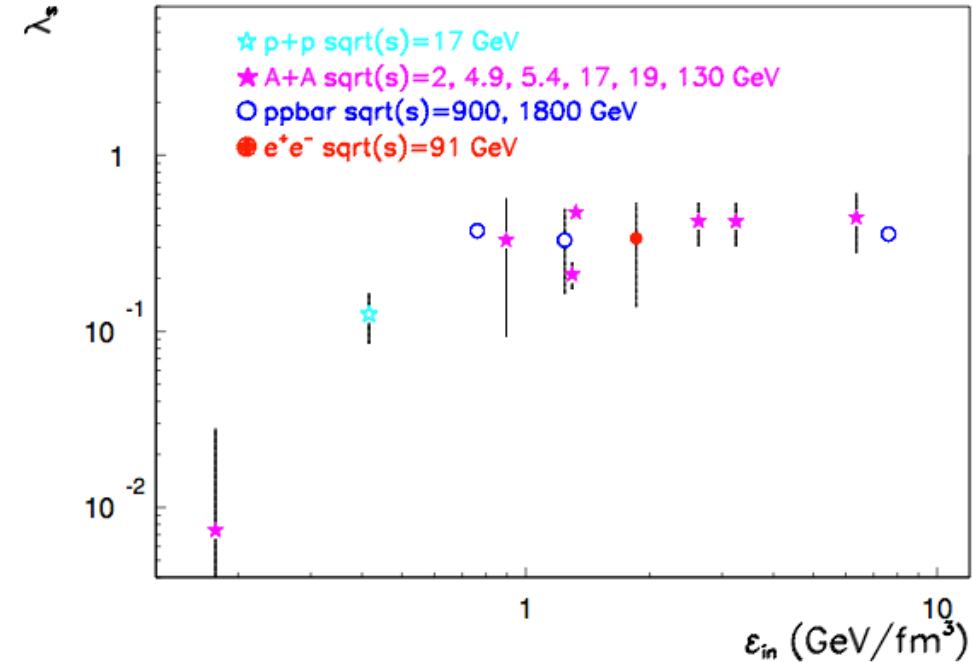
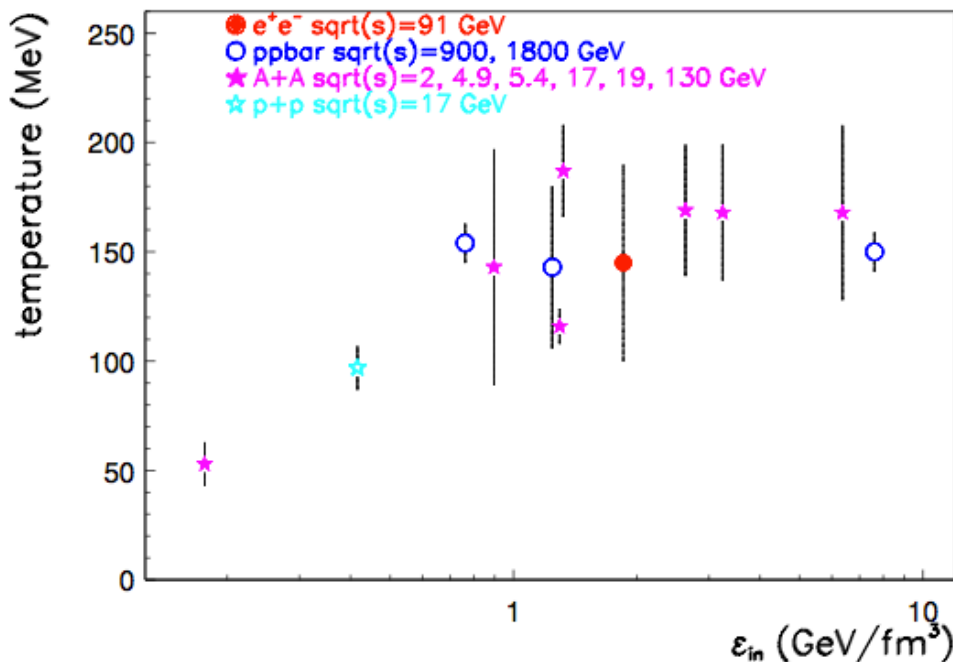
# Do small QGP droplet form in p+p, p+A?

New data on collectivity seen in p+A, p+p prompt the idea that QGP may form in p+p, p+A (with centrality selection)

S.K. P. Minkowski, 2001 New J. Phys. 3, 4:

First demonstration of evidence for the universality of the QGP phase transition in p+p, p+A, A+A appearing above a critical energy density.

S.K., P. Minkowski, 2001 New J. Phys. 3 4

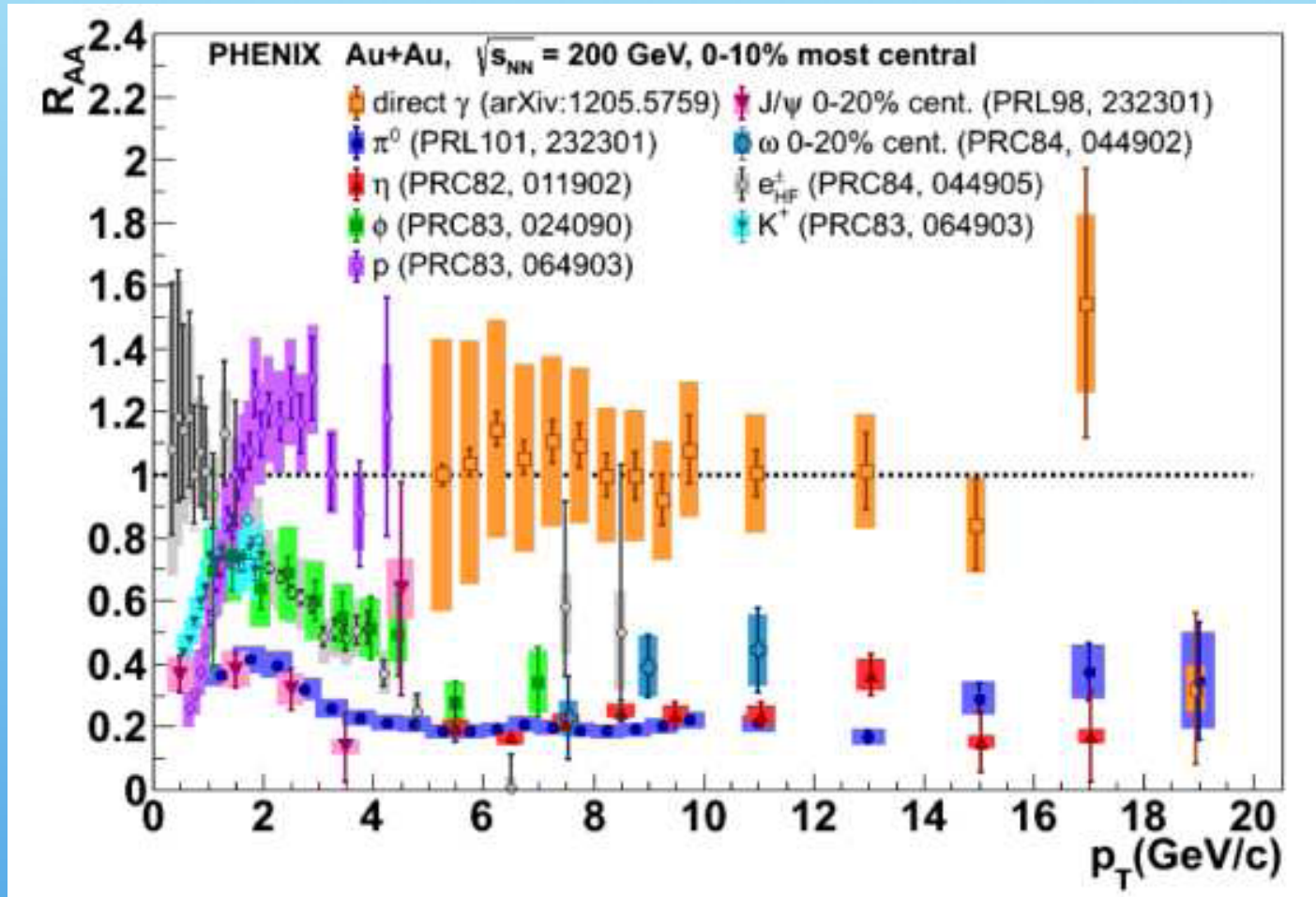


Differences of AA, pp, pA vs initial energy density disappear at same  $\mu_B$

## 4. Jet quenching



# Jet quenching of light hadrons at RHIC

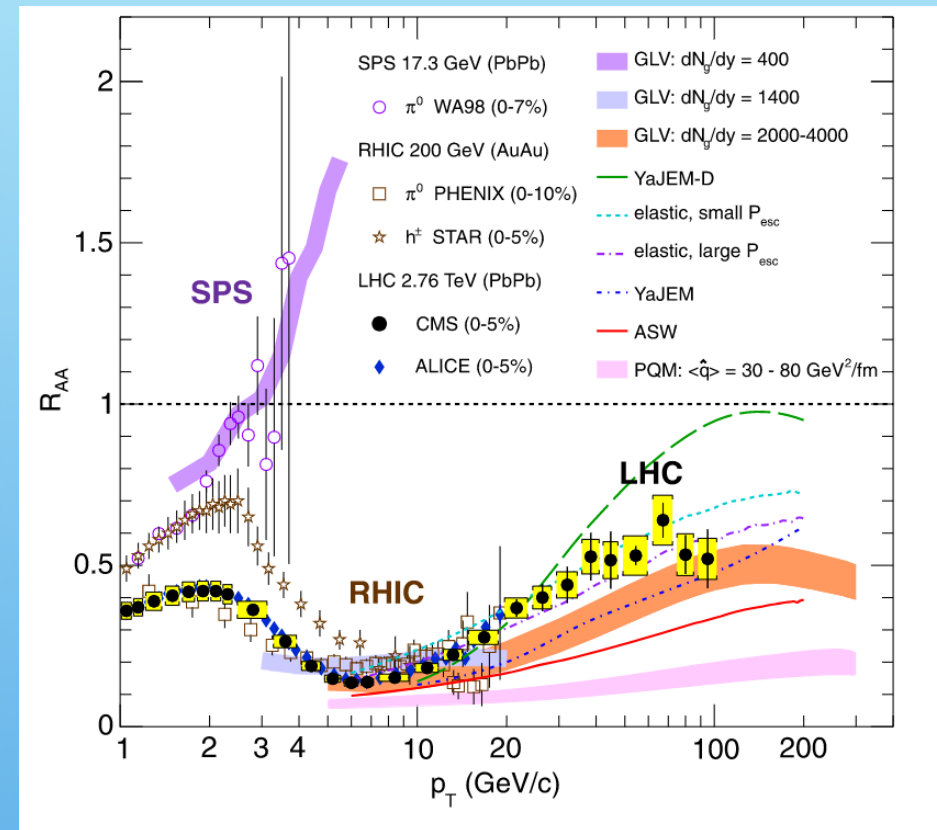
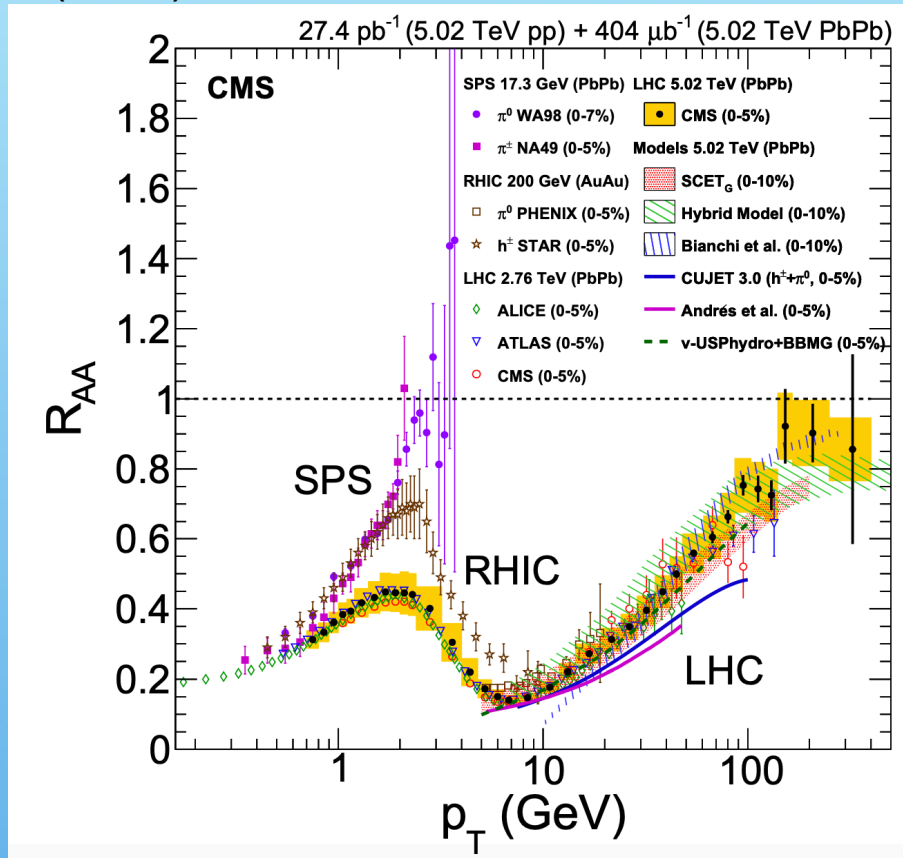


- \* Light hadrons are quenched
- \* Photons are not quenched

# Jet quenching hadrons vs PT at various energies

CMS, EPJC  
(2012) 72:1945

CMS, 2405.10785



(Right): RAA compared to models for energy loss allows for an estimate of gluon density  $dN/dy(\text{gluon})$

Here as an example we get (GLV model):

$dN/dy(g)=400$  for SPS

$dN/dy(g)=1400$  for RHIC

$dN/dy(g)=2000-4000$  for LHC

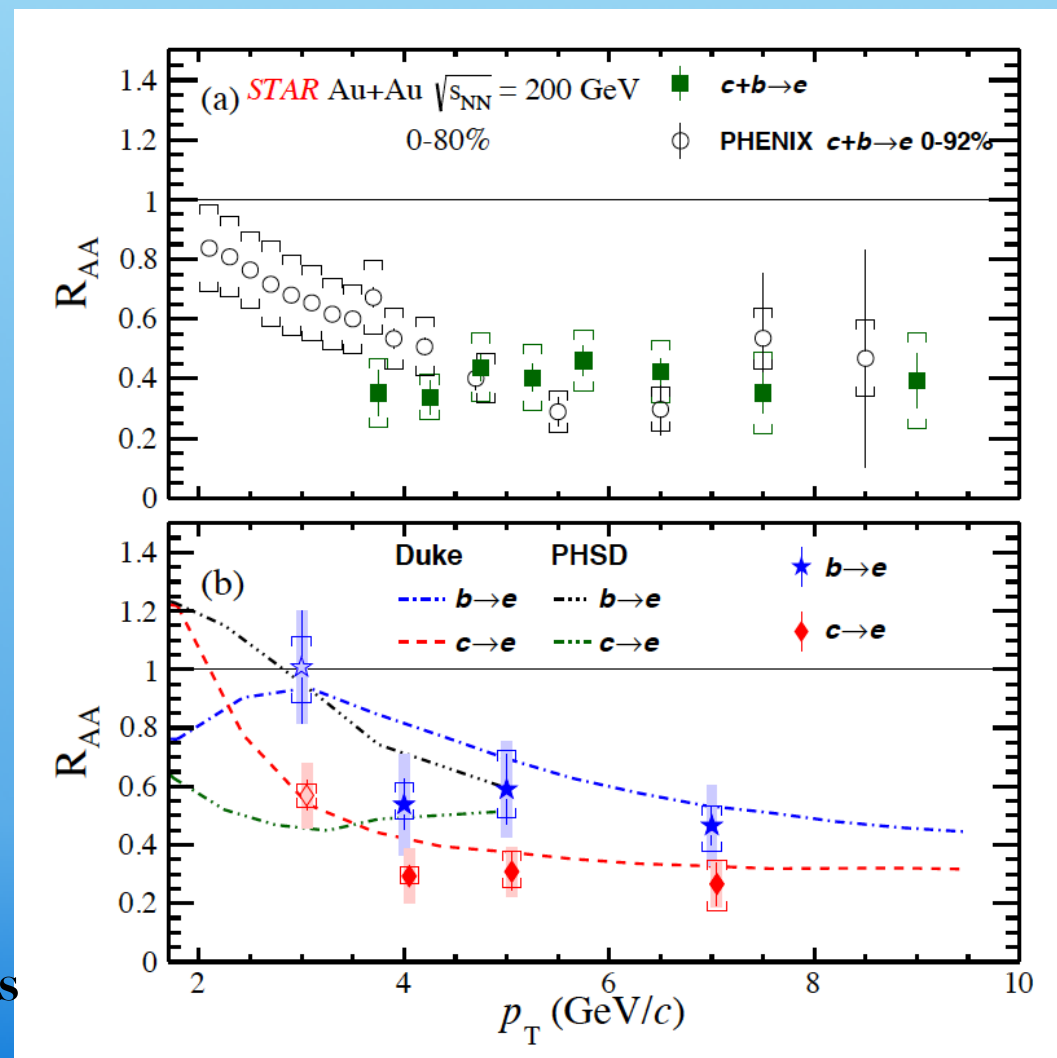
To estimate with confidence  $dN/dy(g)$ , we should understand the mechanism of jet quenching via studies of its dependence from  $p_T$ , energy, event plane, path length, centrality, quark mass etc

# STAR (2022) Evidence of Mass Ordering of Charm and Bottom Quark Energy Loss in Au+Au Collisions

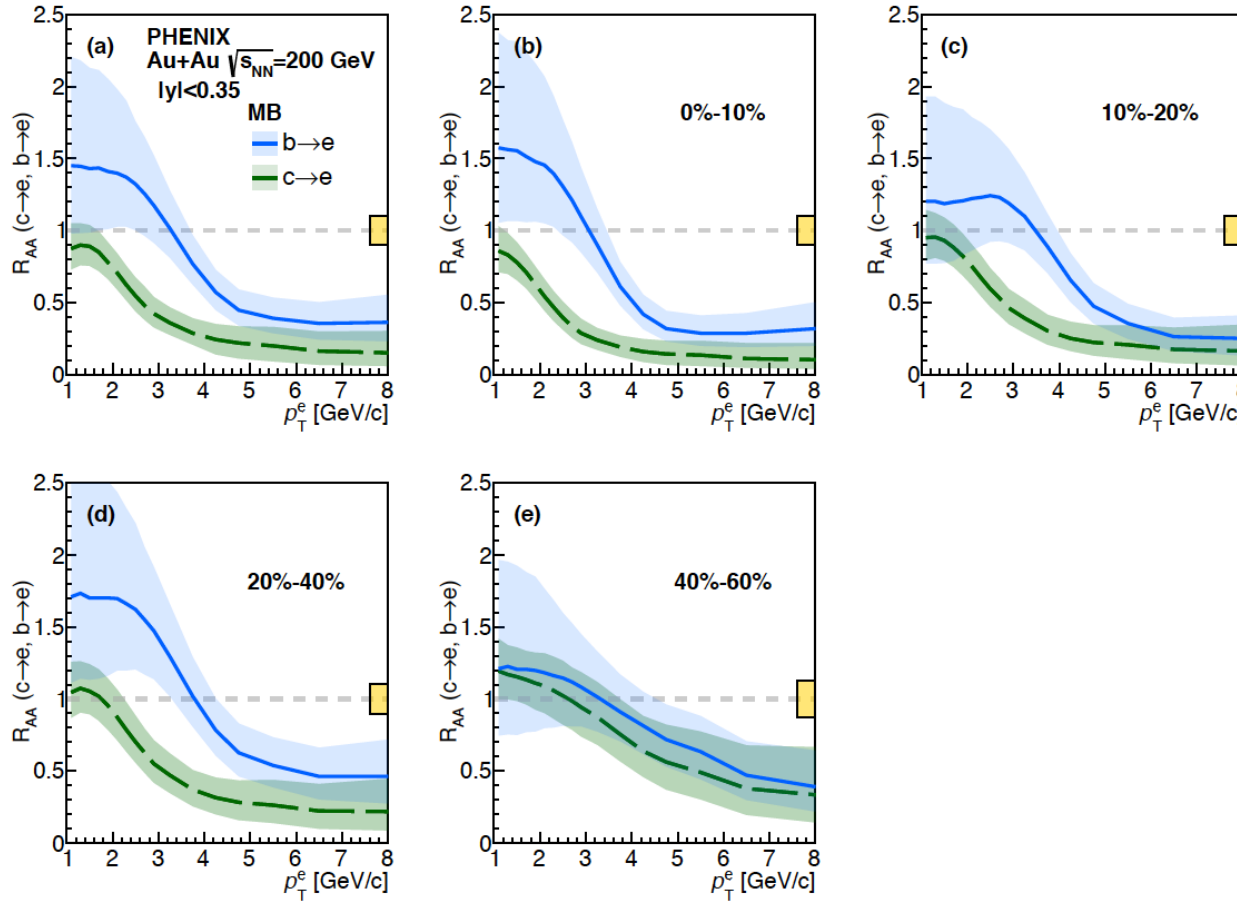
STAR Collaboration, EPJC 82 (2022) 1150, arXiv:2111.14615

PHENIX Collaboration, PRC93, 034904 (2016), 1509.04662

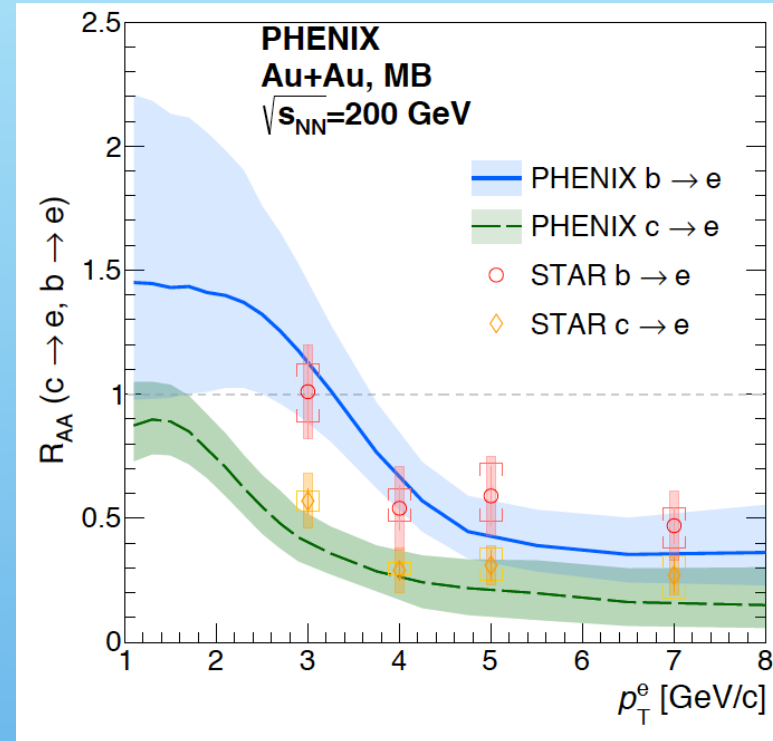
- \* PHSD: Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics model
- \* Duke: modified Langevin transport model
- \* Both models include heavy quark (HQ) diffusion in the QGP medium, HQ hadronization through coalescence and fragmentation and mass-dependent energy loss mechanisms
- \* Data consistent with model predictions
- \*  $R_{AA}$  vs  $p_T$  of  $c+b \rightarrow e$ : STAR and PHENIX are consistent
- \* Evidence of mass ordering of  $R_{AA}$  of electrons from bottom and charm in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV is observed
- \* Results are consistent with models including mass-dependent energy loss mechanisms



# PHENIX hierarchy of suppression of $b \rightarrow e$ and $c \rightarrow e$ in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV



PHENIX, 2203.17058

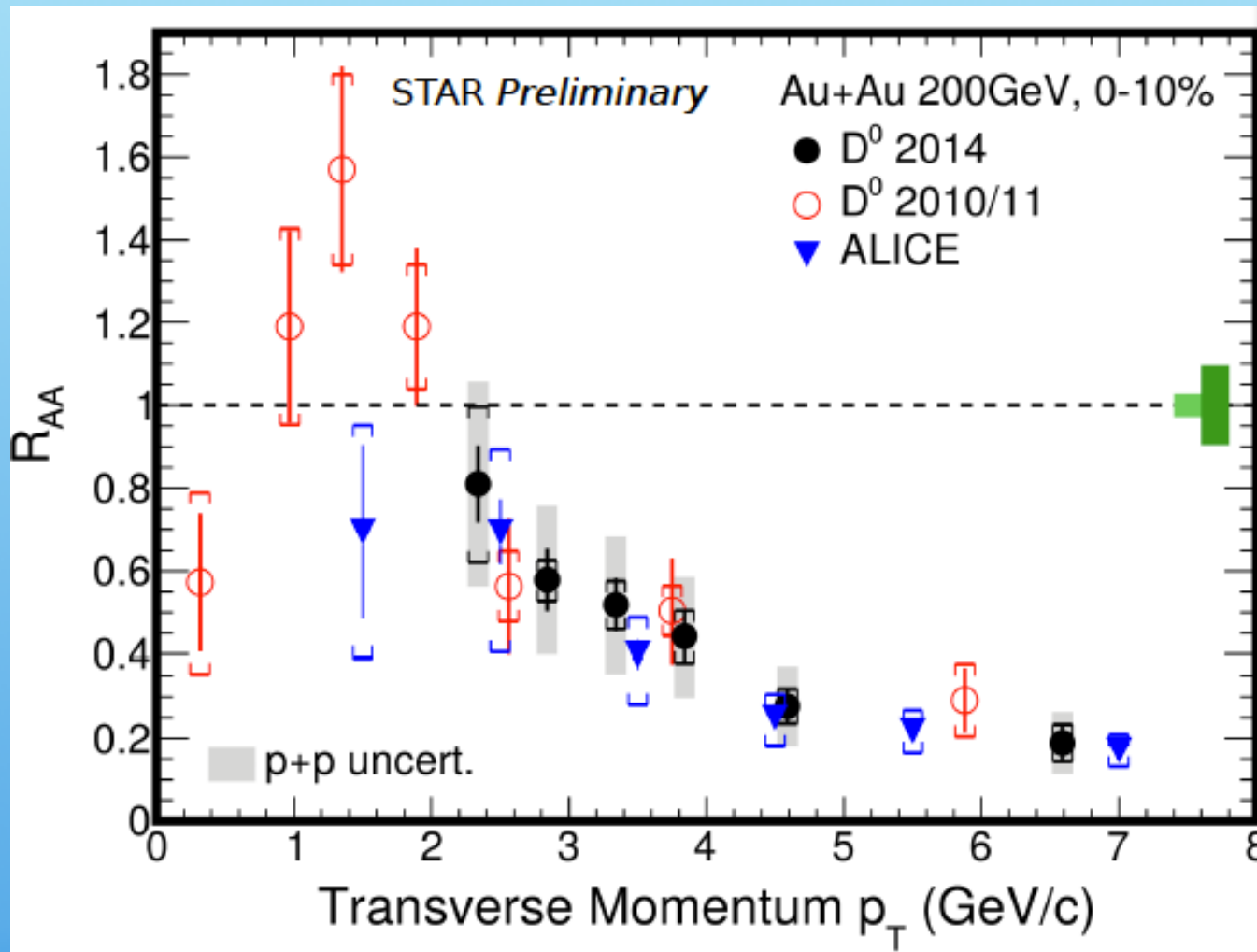


STAR Coll, arXiv:2111.14615.

\*  $b \rightarrow e$  higher than  $c \rightarrow e$  in Au+Au 200 GeV Minimum Bias and various centralities except the most peripheral collisions

\* STAR (points) and PHENIX (lines) b and c to electron measurements in Minimum Bias Au+Au 200 GeV are consistent

# Comparison RHIC to LHC



RAA of D0 mesons is similar in RHIC and LHC at  $p_T > 2$  GeV/c

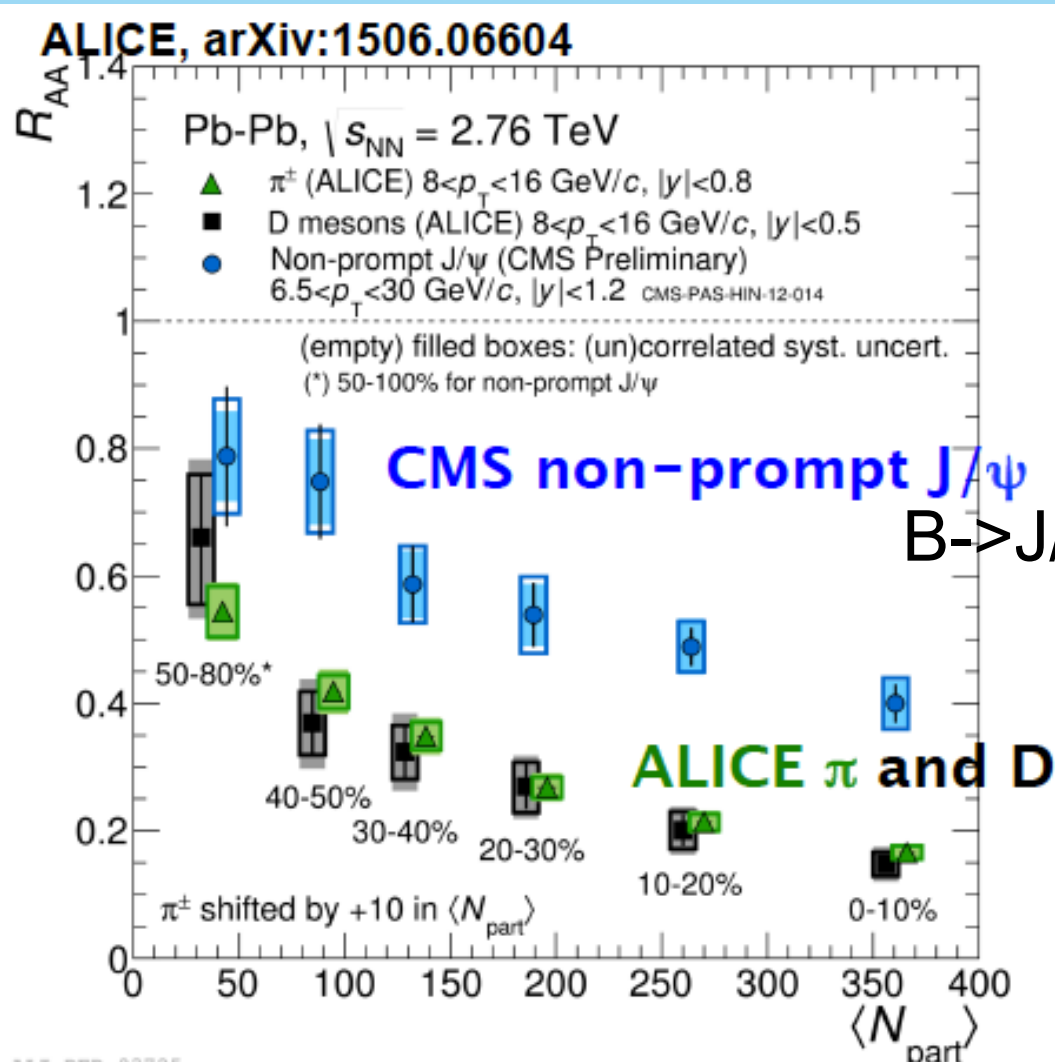
# RAA of open charm and beauty at the LHC

ALICE, QM2015

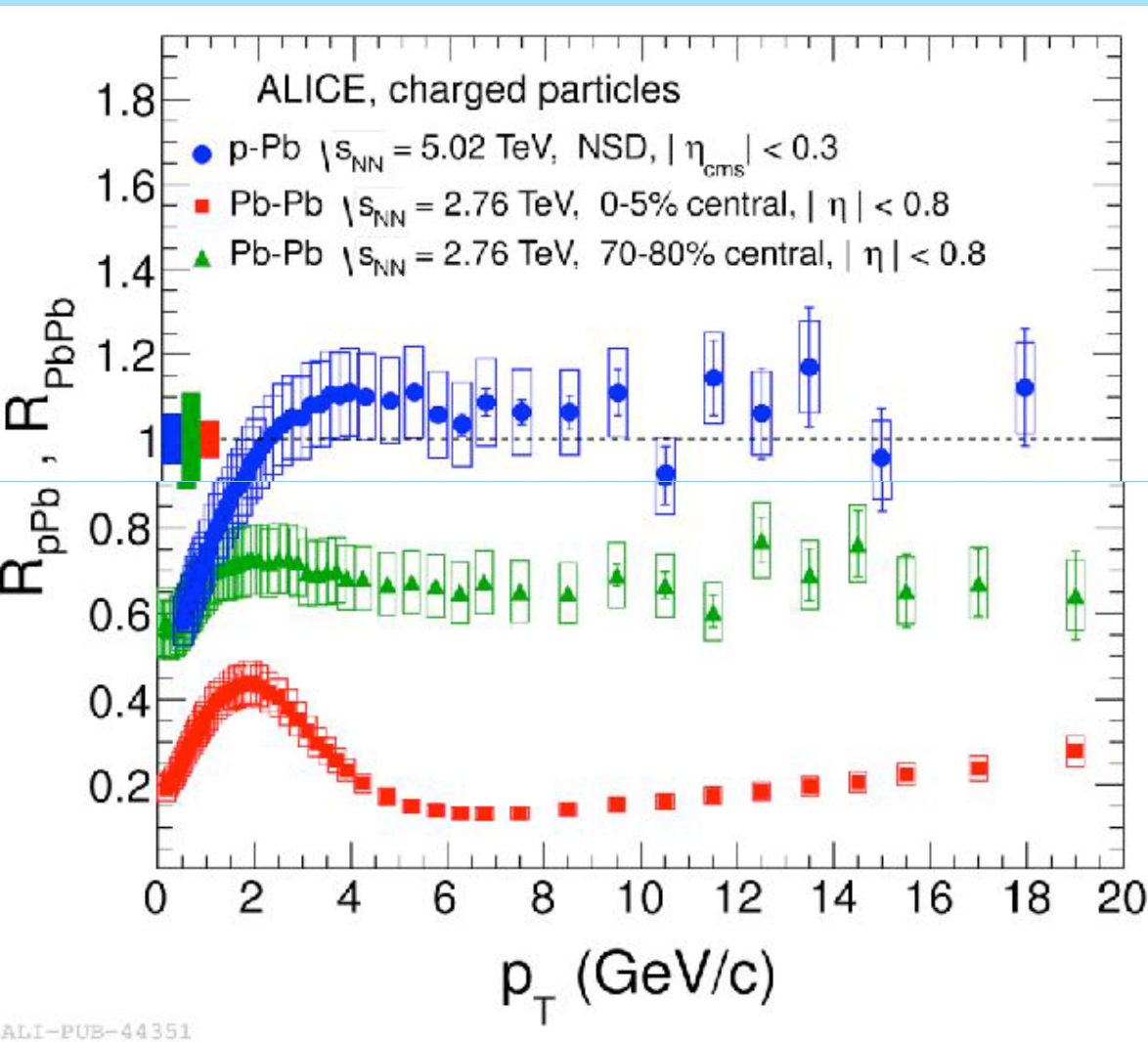
Pb+Pb ALICE, CMS:

RAA of D mesons is much smaller than RAA of non-prompt J/Psi representing open beauty (B->J/Psi X) (but pT range different)

RAA of pions and D mesons is consistent (pT range is the same)



# ALICE p+Pb and Pb+Pb data at LHC



$R(pPb)$  for charged particles is compatible with 1 at high  $p_T$

No jet quenching in p+Pb

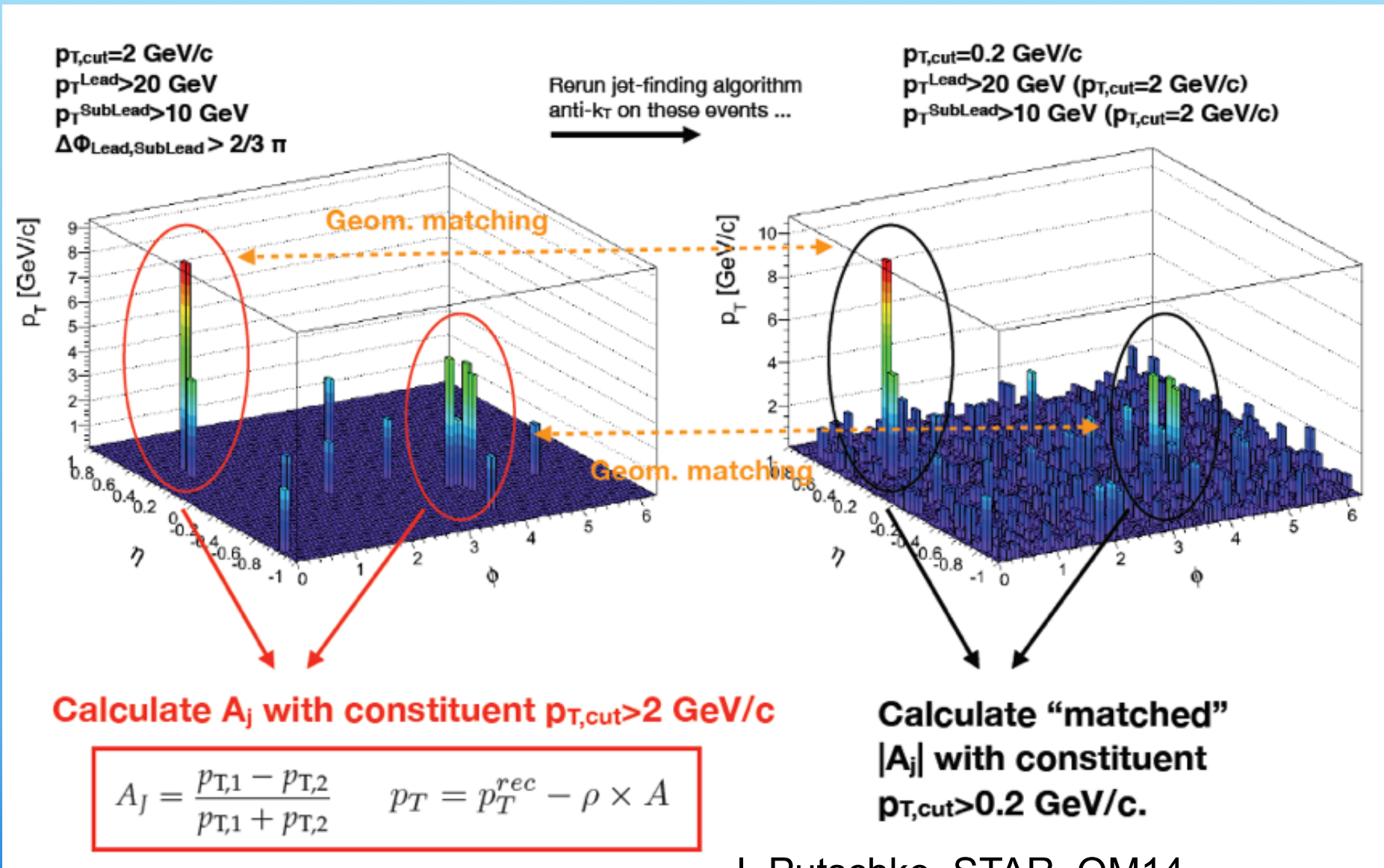
The jet quenching seen in Pb+Pb is not due to cold nuclear matter effects

# Dijets



# Dijet imbalance in STAR: A<sub>J</sub>

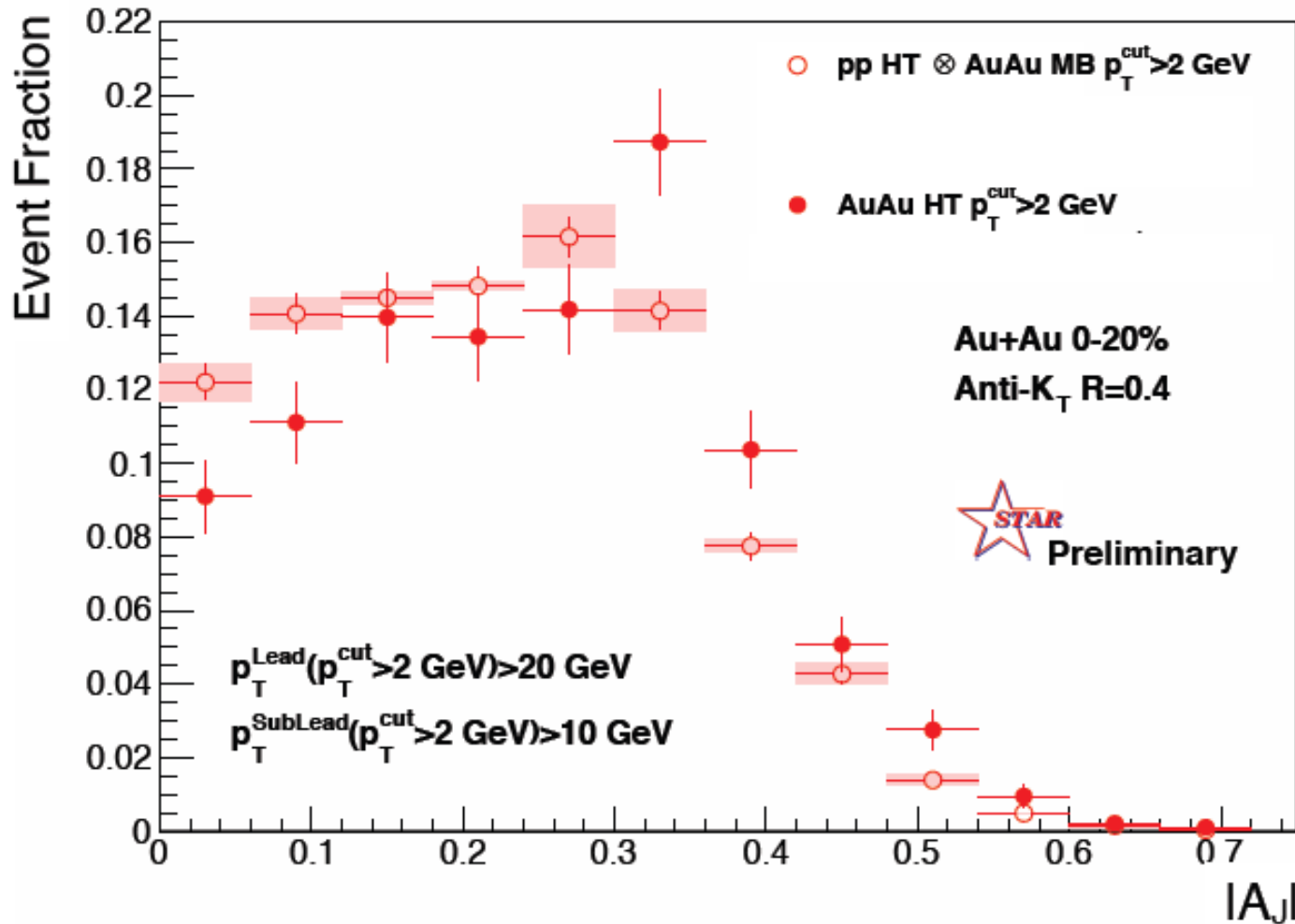
STAR, PRL 119, 062301 (2017)



J. Putschke, STAR, QM14

# STAR, Dijet imbalance Au+Au 0-20% R=0.4

Anti- $k_T$  R=0.4,  $p_{T,1}>20$  GeV &  $p_{T,2}>10$  GeV with  $p_{T}^{cut}>2$  GeV/c



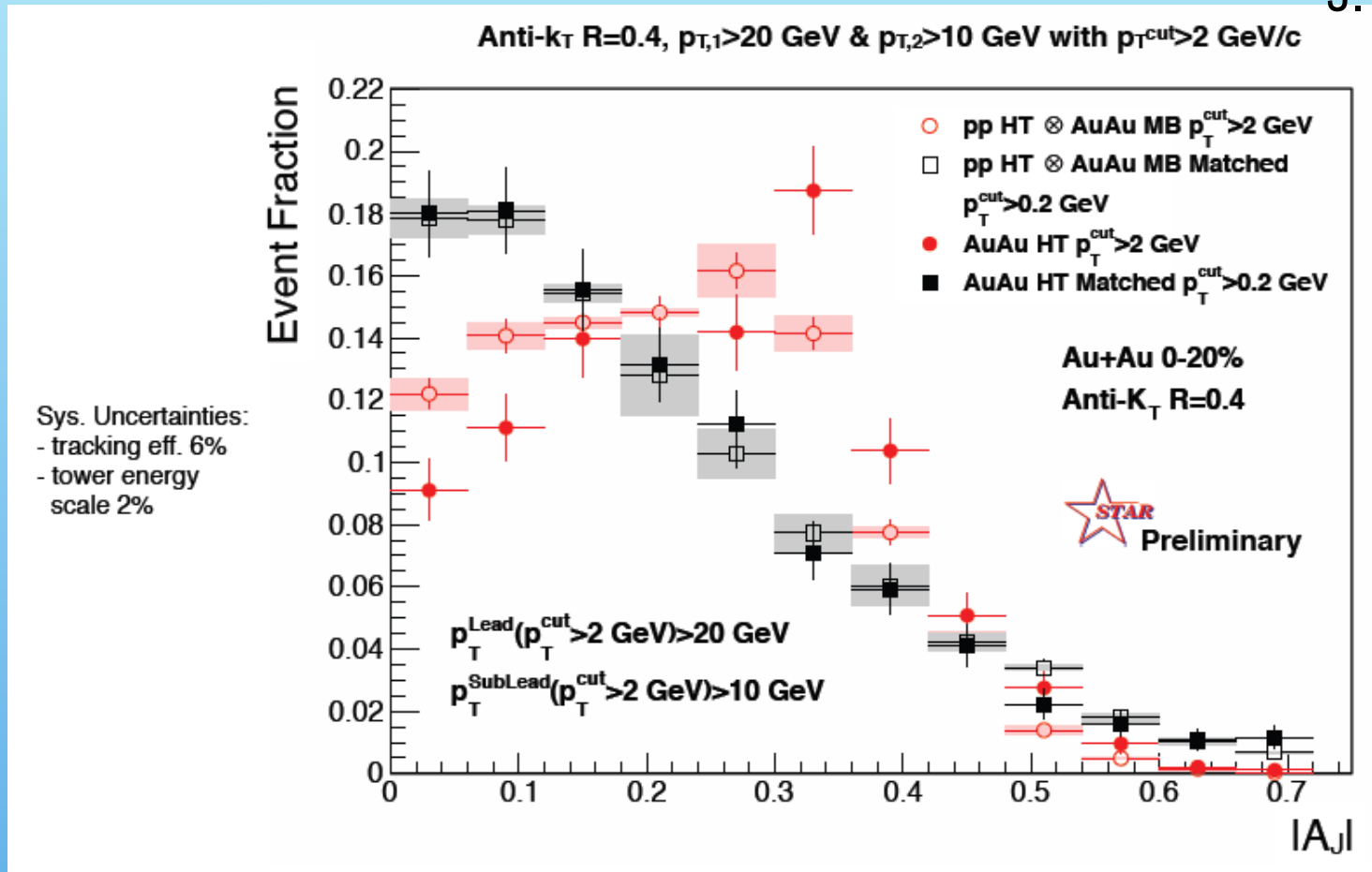
Sys. Uncertainties:  
- tracking eff. 6%  
- tower energy scale 2%

**Au+Au di-jets more imbalanced than p+p for  $p_T^{cut}>2$  GeV/c**

J. Putschke, STAR, QM14

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J. Putschke, STAR, QM



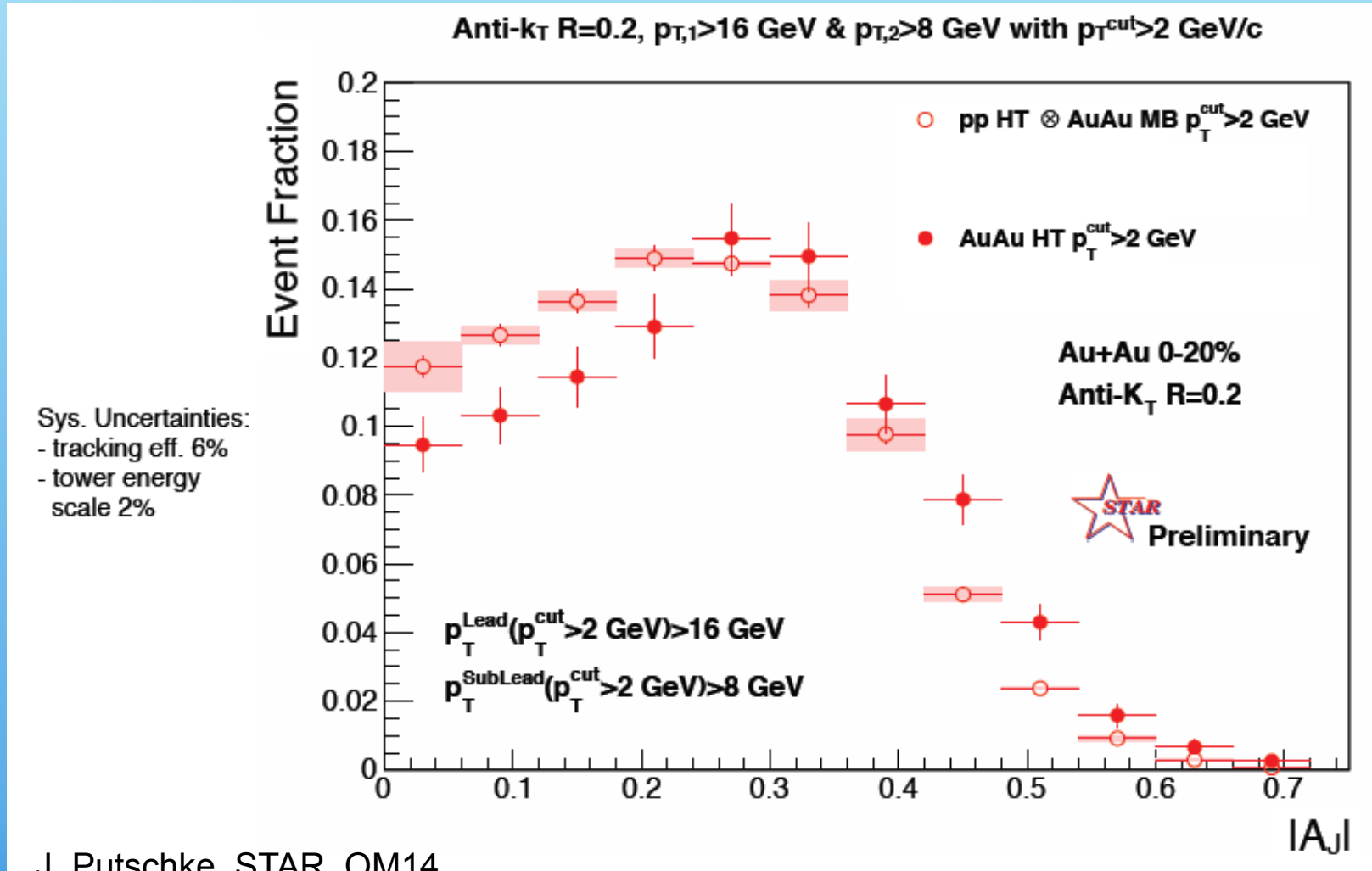
Red:  $p_{Tcut} > 2$  GeV  
 Grey:  $p_{Tcut} > 0.2$  GeV (matched)

**Au+Au di-jets more imbalanced than p+p for  $p_T^{cut} > 2$  GeV/c**

**Au+Au  $A_J \sim p+p A_J$  for matched di-jets (R=0.4)**

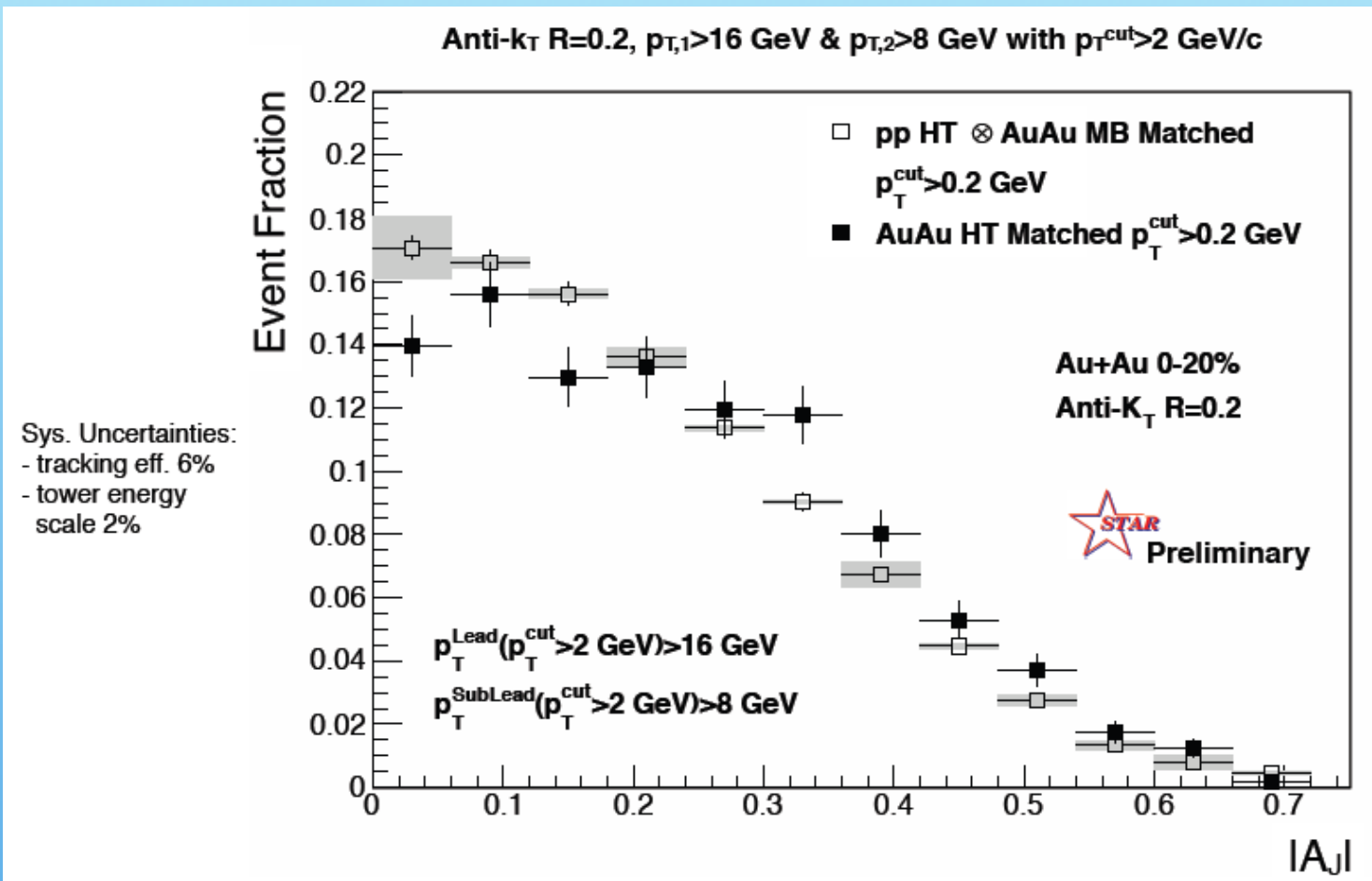
Quenched jet energy is recovered at low  $p_T$  within a cone of  $R=0.4$

# Dijet imbalance with R=0.2



J. Putschke, STAR, QM14

# Dijet imbalance with R=0.2, matched

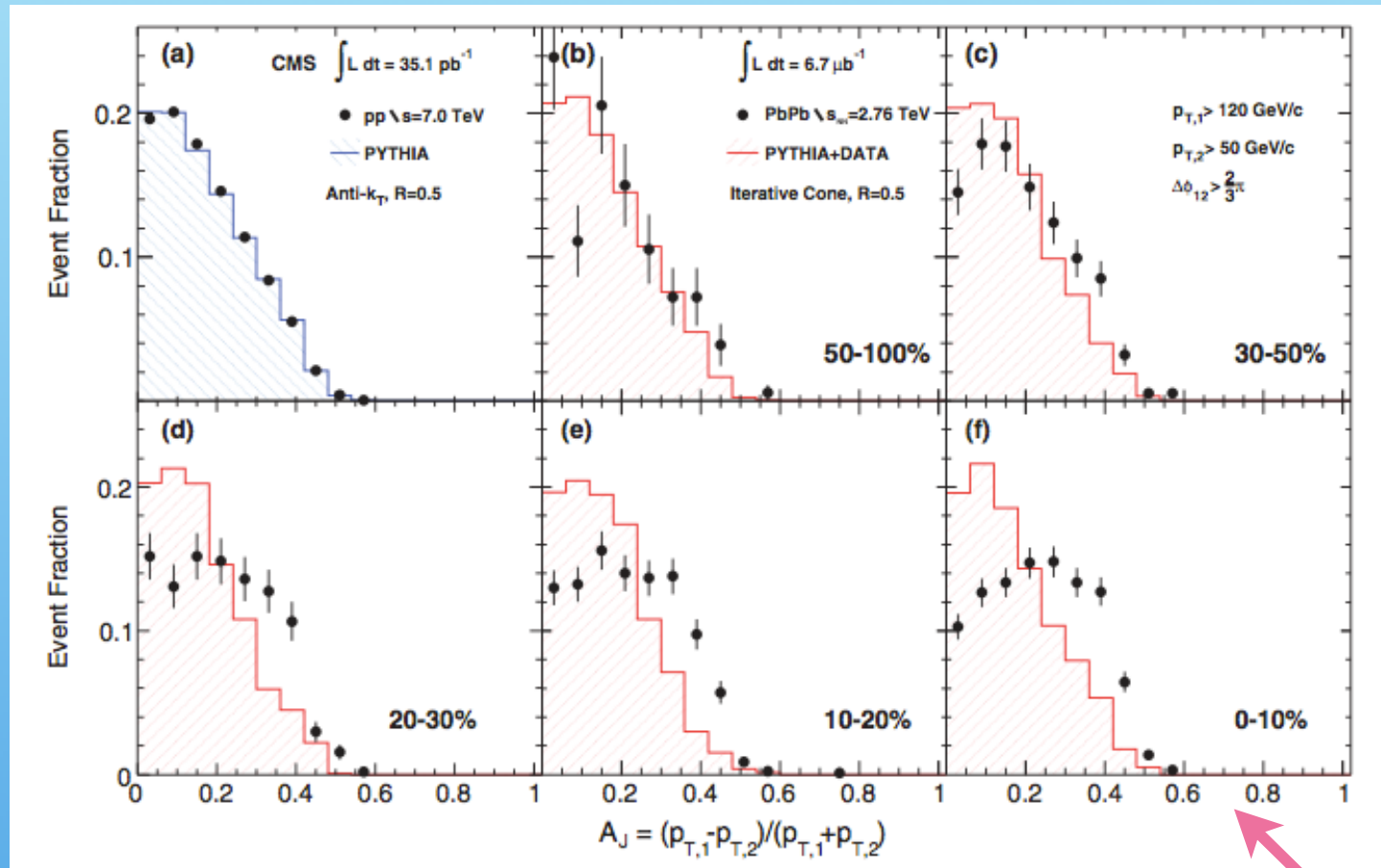


**Matched Au+Au  $A_J \neq$  p+p  $A_J$  for R=0.2  
 → (recoil) Jet broadening in 0.2 – 0.4**

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At RHIC the lost energy seem to reside inside a cone of R=0.4

# Jet quenching via dijet imbalance at LHC



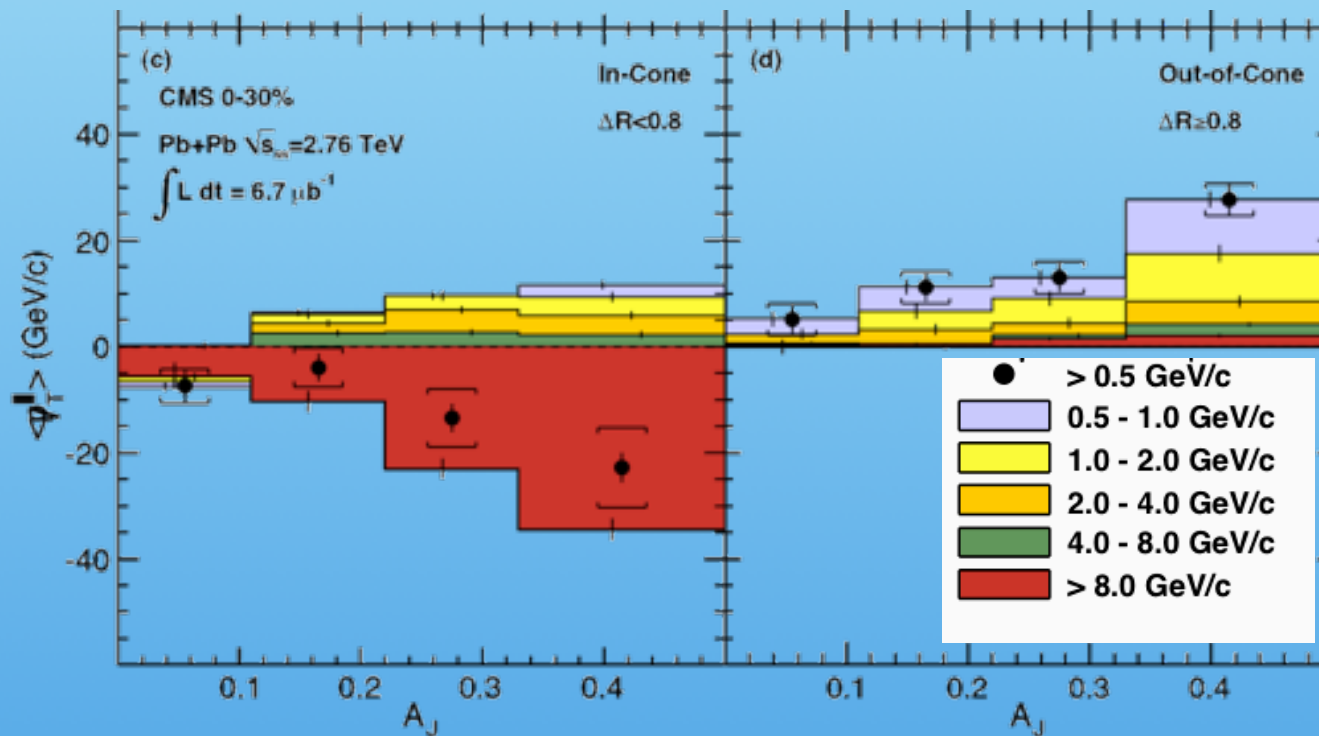
Observation of highly unbalanced dijet events in central PbPb collisions -> evidence for energy loss in medium or “jet quenching”

# Where did the lost energy go?

CMS: Look at track-jet correlations

-> RHIC and LHC differ: **in LHC lost energy is moved from large to small  $p_T$  and from small to large angles namely outside the leading and subleading jets cones.**

CMS, PRC 84 (2011) 024906



**Color decoherence  
can lead to large  
angle emission**

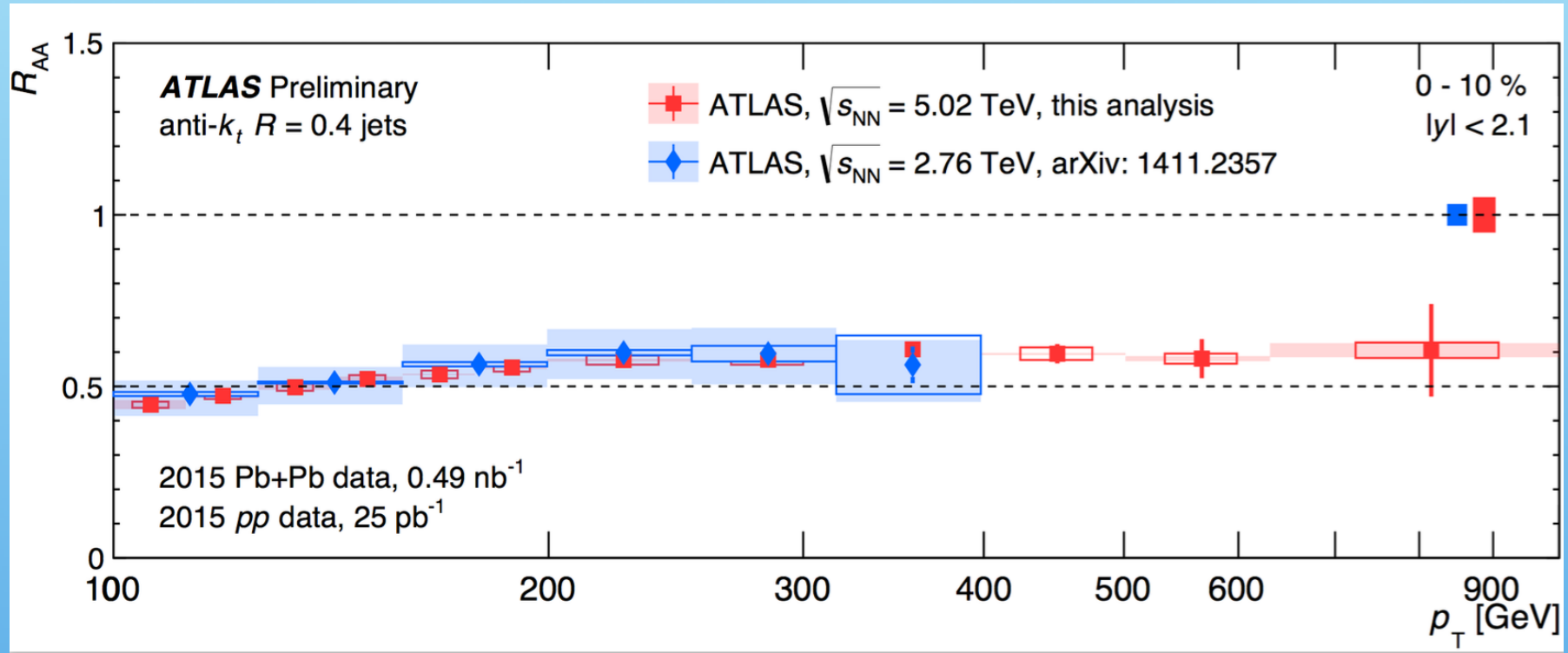
N. Armesto et al, 1207.0984  
K. Tywokiuk et al 1401.8293

Colored bands show  
contribution to  $p_T$   
for five  $p_T$  ranges

Dijet balance (or imbalance) characterization:

$$A = (p_{T1} - p_{T2}) / (p_{T1} + p_{T2})$$

# ATLAS Pb+Pb 5 TeV



Pb+Pb at 5 TeV is consistent with 2.76 TeV



# Jet transport coefficient at RHIC and LHC

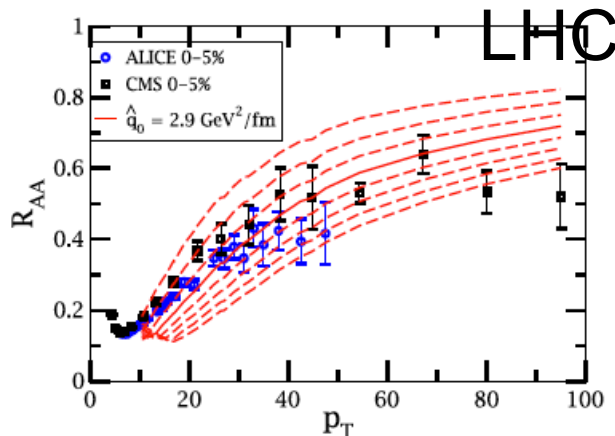
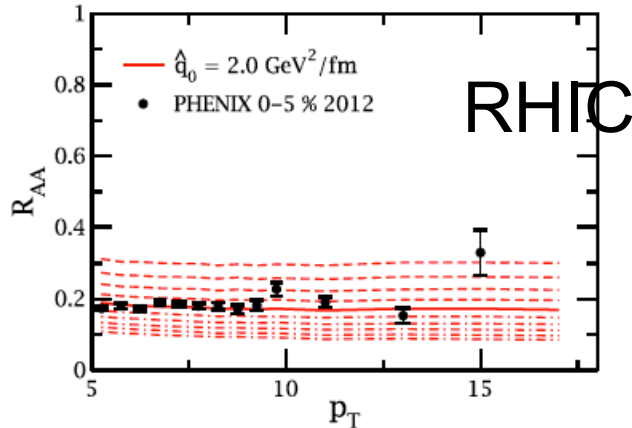
# Extracting jet transport coefficient from data and models at RHIC and LHC

The JET collaboration of groups using different models has made an important step forward **evaluating for the first time  $q$ -hat with a fit to both RHIC and LHC** and reaching a **good agreement** of all models while fitting the experimental data at RHIC and LHC.

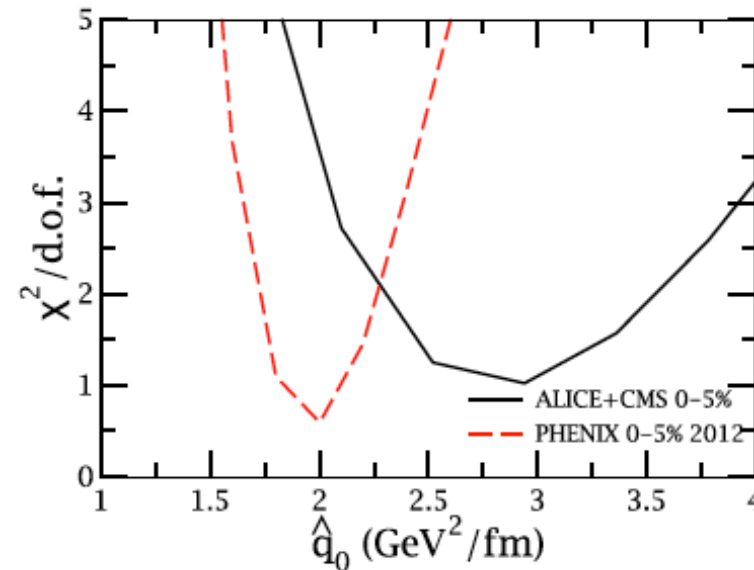
Models: GLV-CUJET, HT-M, HT-BW, MARTINI and McGill-AMY. GLV and its recent CUJET implementation. Jet transport coefficient for a jet initiated by a light quark considered (10 GeV jet assumed). For the QGP medium viscous hydrodynamics (VISH2+1) is employed (Ohio State group).

Karen M. Burke,<sup>1</sup> Alessandro Buzzatti,<sup>2,3</sup> Ningbo Chang,<sup>4,5</sup> Charles Gale,<sup>6</sup> Miklos Gyulassy,<sup>3</sup> Ulrich Heinz,<sup>7</sup> Sangyong Jeon,<sup>6</sup> Abhijit Majumder,<sup>1</sup> Berndt Müller,<sup>8</sup> Guang-You Qin,<sup>5,1</sup> Björn Schenke,<sup>8</sup> Chun Shen,<sup>7</sup> Xin-Nian Wang,<sup>5,2</sup> Jiechen Xu,<sup>3</sup> Clint Young,<sup>9</sup> and Hanzhong Zhang<sup>5</sup>

K. Burke et al, JET collaboration, 1312.5003



## Example results from the Higher-Twist-Majumder (HT-M) model



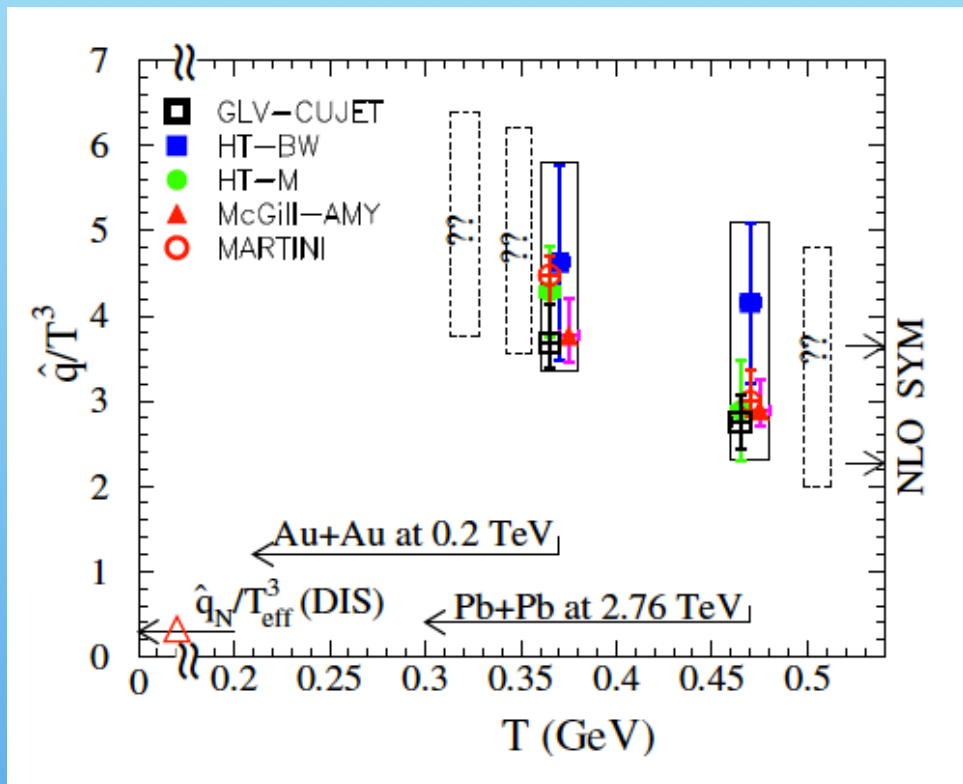
Dedx(radiative) ~  $q$ -hat

Example of fit to  $\pi^0$  in central 0-5% Au+Au and Pb+Pb for the Higher-Twist-Majumder (HT-M) model.

The model calculates the medium modified fragmentation function including multiple induced gluon emission.

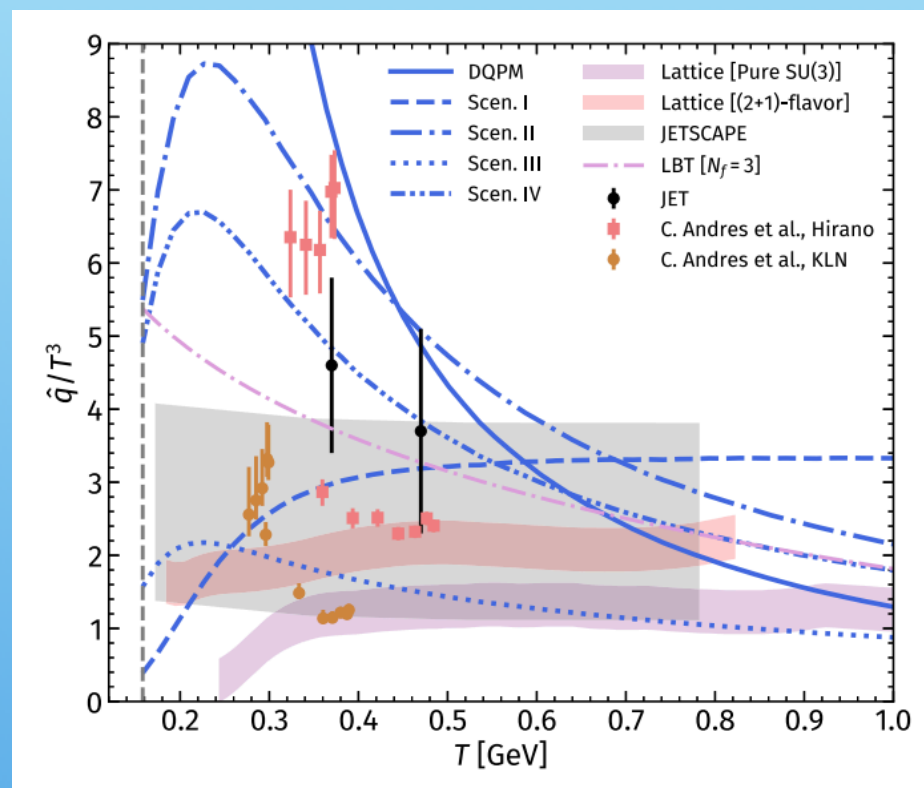
# Extracting jet transport coefficient from data and models at RHIC and LHC

## Scaled jet transport parameter $\hat{q}$ - $h_{T^3}$



Dashed boxes show expected values for  $\sqrt{s}=0.063, 0.130$  and  $5.5$  TeV

Results from JET collaboration agree with results from AdS/CFT correspondence shown here (left) with the arrows named NLO SYM



Ilia Grishmanovskii et al, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 110, 014908 (2024)

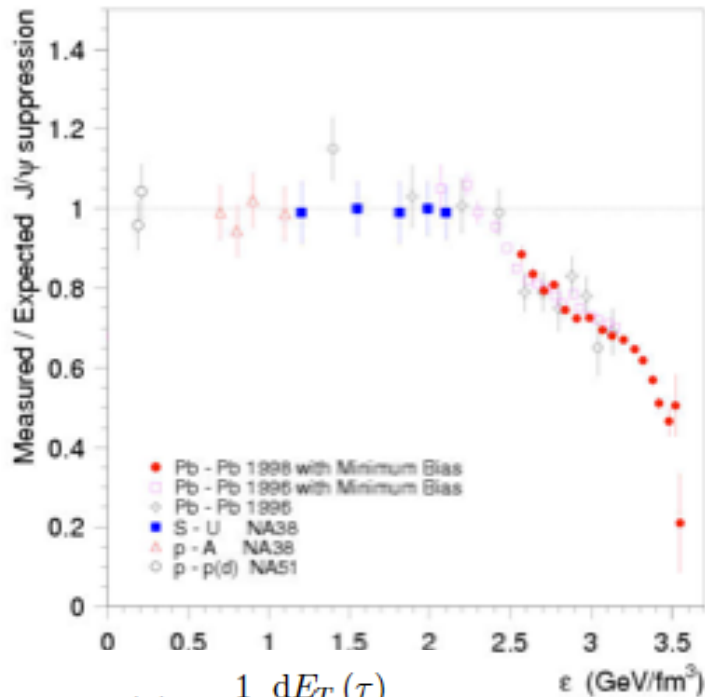
## 5. Quarkonia suppression

# Sequential Psi prime and J/Psi suppression has been observed at CERN SPS Pb+Pb 158 A GeV

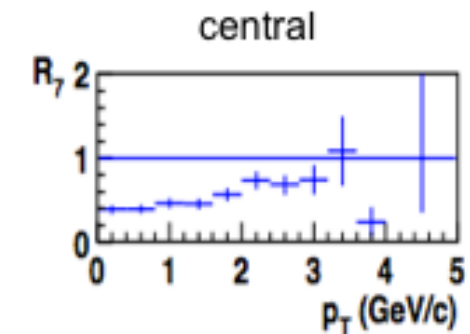
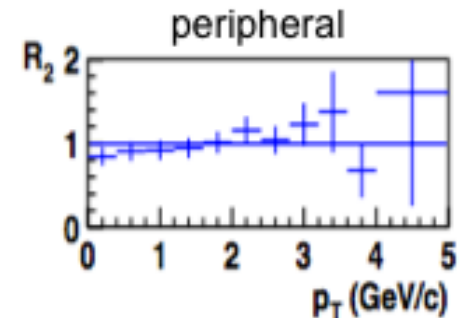
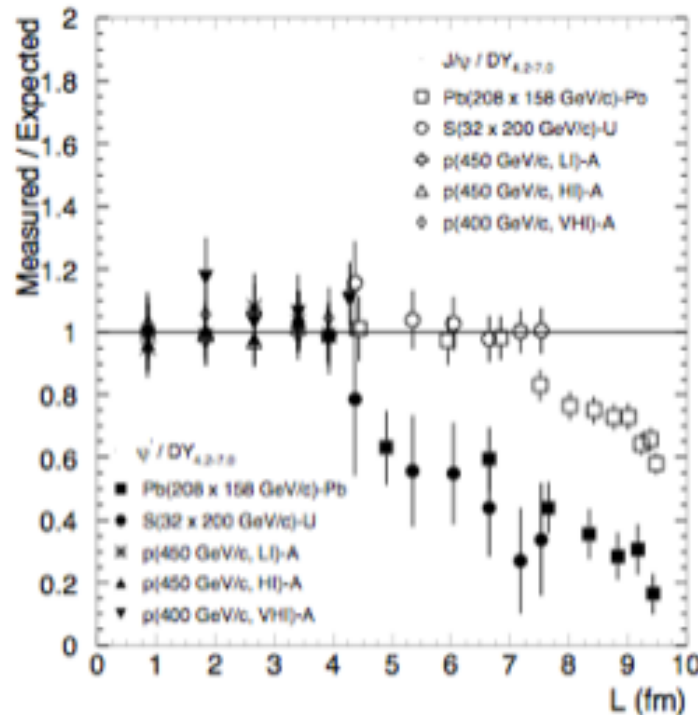
NA50, [Phys Lett B 477 \(2000\) 28](#)

[Eur Phys J C 49 \(2007\) 559](#)

J/Psi/DY n-bin/1st bin



$$\epsilon_{Bj}(\tau) = \frac{1}{A\tau} \frac{dE_T(\tau)}{dy}$$

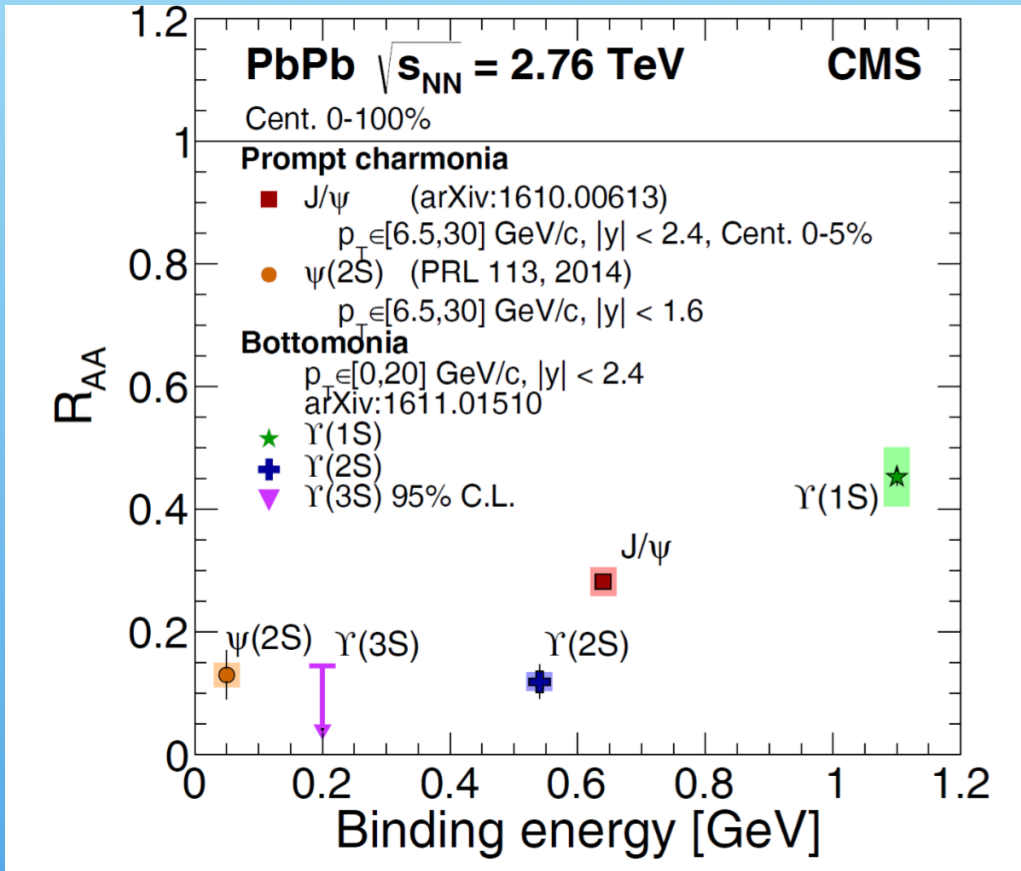


- \* **Psi prime is suppressed from 1.23 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup> on**
- \* **J/Psi is suppressed from ~2.4 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup> on**
- \* **J/Psi suppression occurs mainly at low pT**

A [Kurepin, 18th Nucl Phys Div Conf of EPS, Aug 23-29, 2004](#)

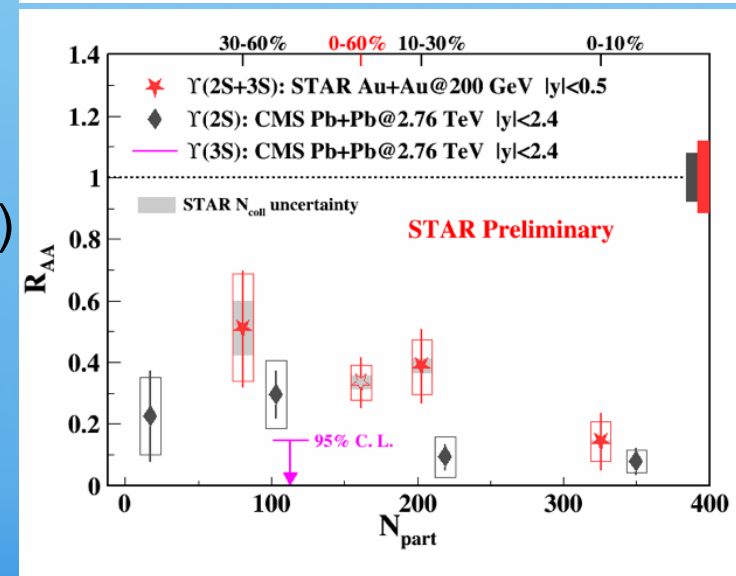
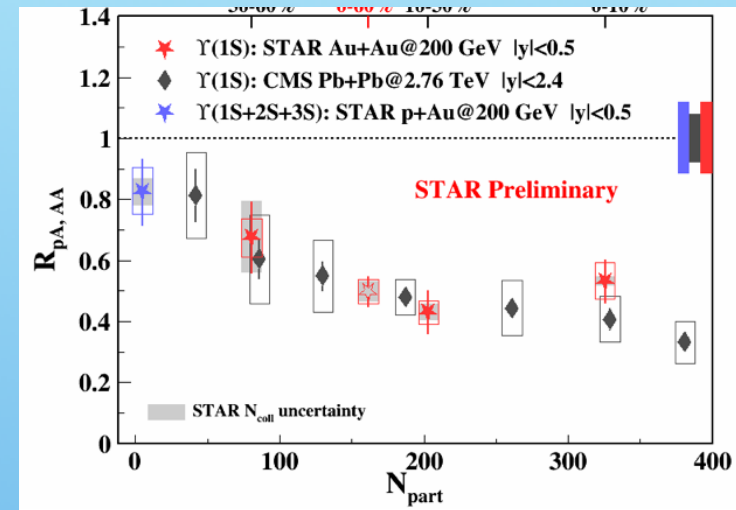
# Hierarchy of quarkonia suppression has been observed at RHIC and LHC

STAR, Z. Ye, QM2017



Y(1S)

Y(2S+3S)



In central collisions Y(2S+3S) more suppressed than Y(1S)

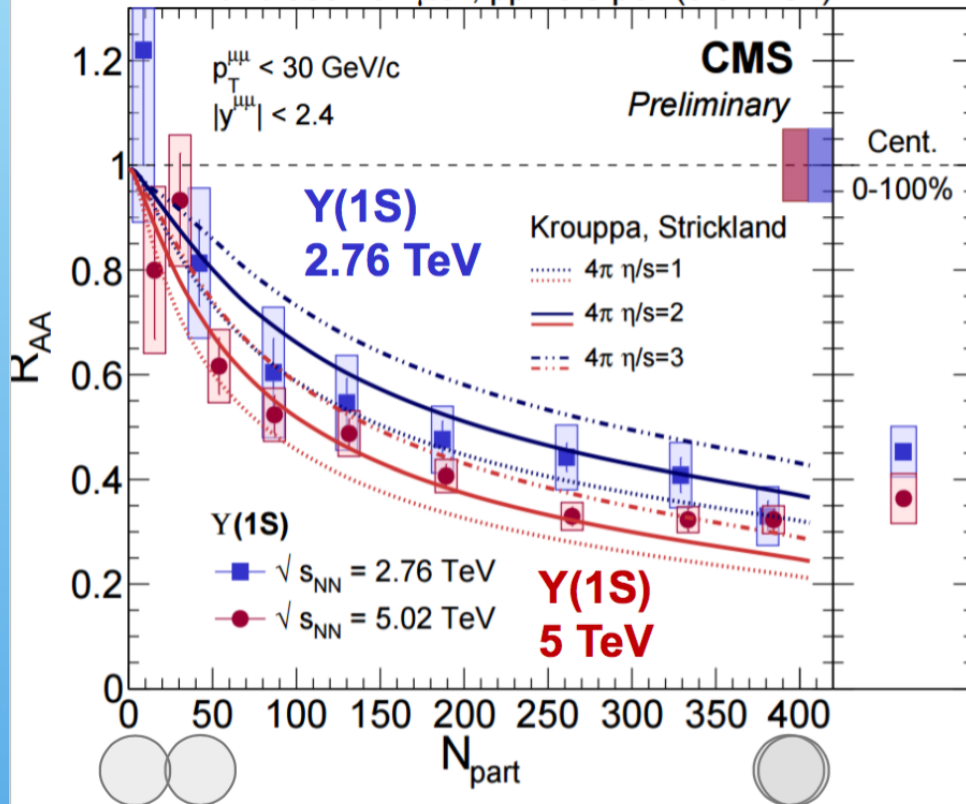
# Quarkonia at 5 TeV PbPb

CMS, J. J. Lee, QM2017

Y(1S) and Y(2S)

## Y(1S) PbPb at 2.76 and 5 TeV

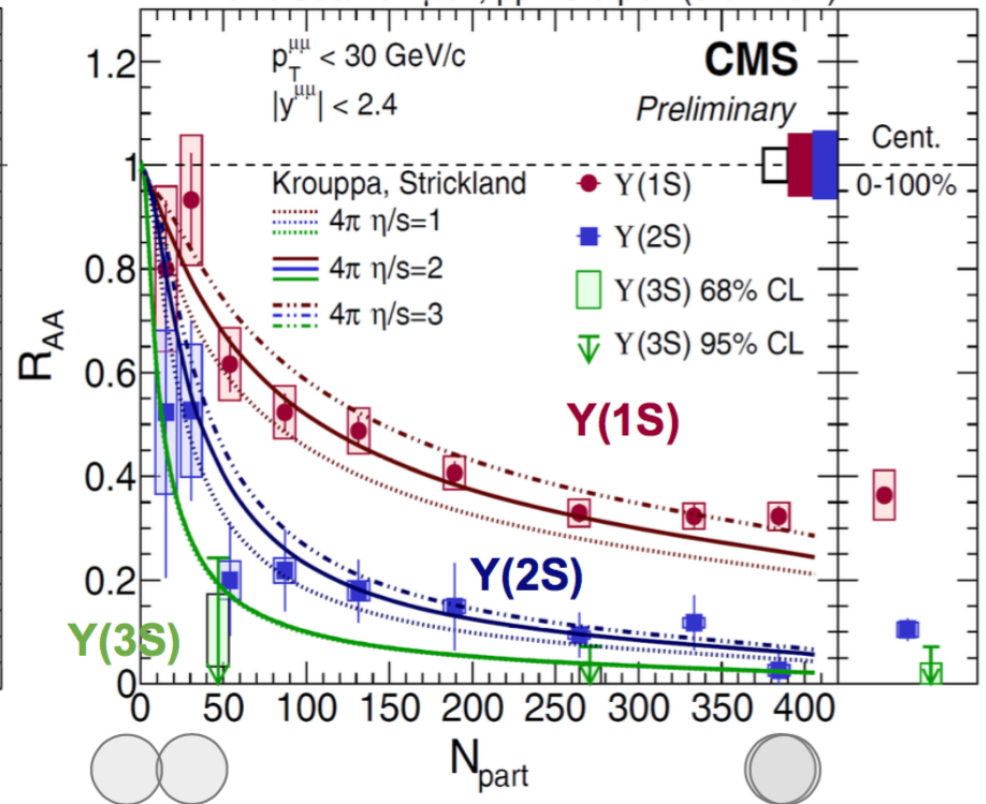
PbPb 368/464  $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$ , pp 28.0  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  (5.02 TeV)



- Indication of larger suppression at 5 TeV
- Consistent with predictions from a **hotter** and **denser** medium

## PbPb at 5 TeV

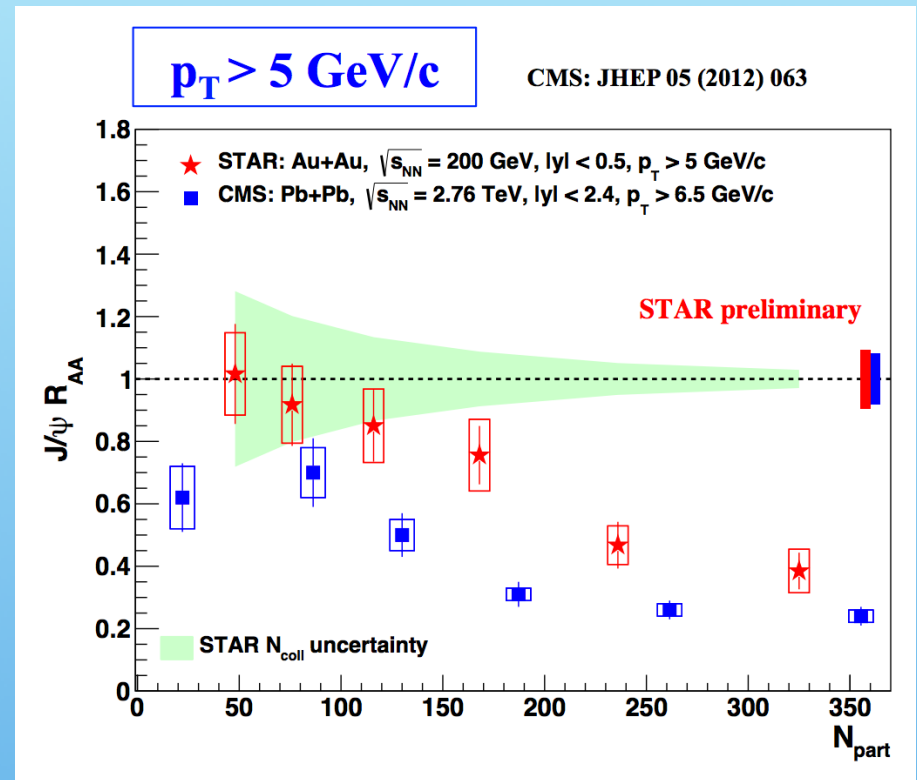
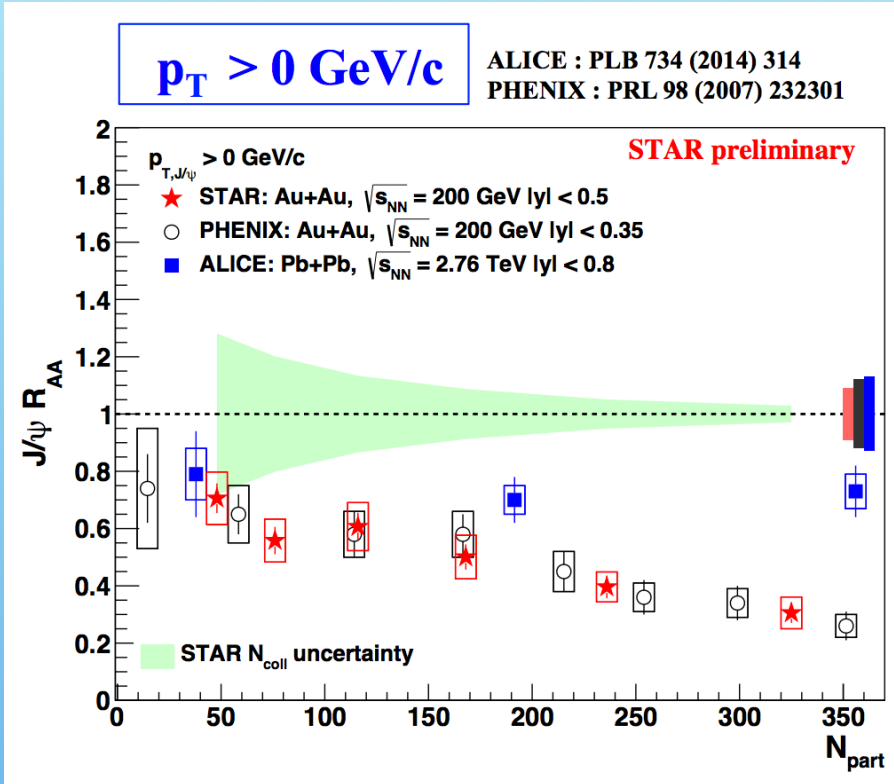
PbPb 368/464  $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$ , pp 28.0  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  (5.02 TeV)



- Highest precision measurement
- Upsilon sequential suppression at 5 TeV
- Still no sign of Y(3S) with high statistics data

arXiv: 1611.01510  
Submitted to PLB

# J/Psi recombination at LHC



Low  $p_T$ :  $R_{AA}(\text{ALICE}) > \text{RHIC}$

High  $p_T$ :  $R_{AA}$  at LHC more similar to RHIC

STAR, Z. Miller, WWND2017

$R_{AA}$  of J/Psi in Pb+Pb at LHC is below 1

$R_{AA}$  of J/Psi is less suppressed at low  $p_T$ , in central collisions ->

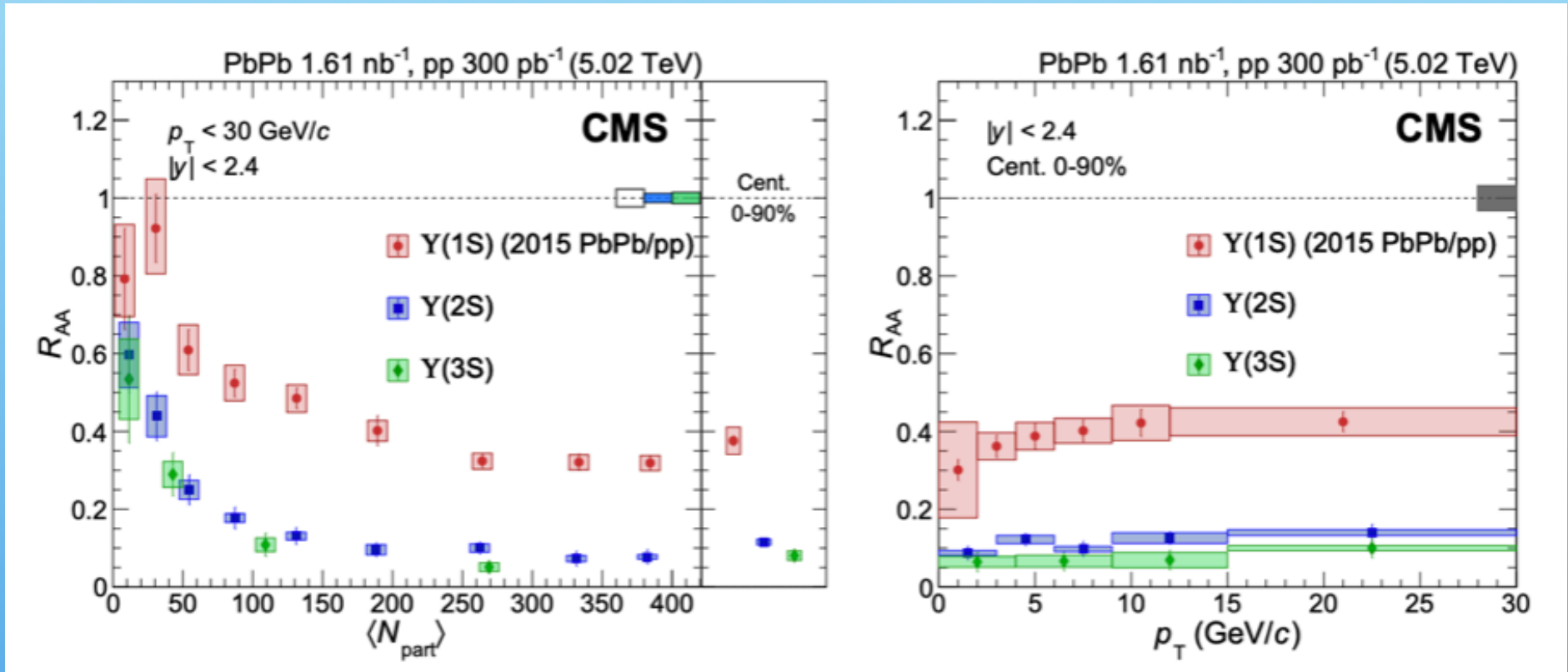
Indication of J/Psi regeneration at LHC at low  $p_T$



# Upsilon suppression at LHC

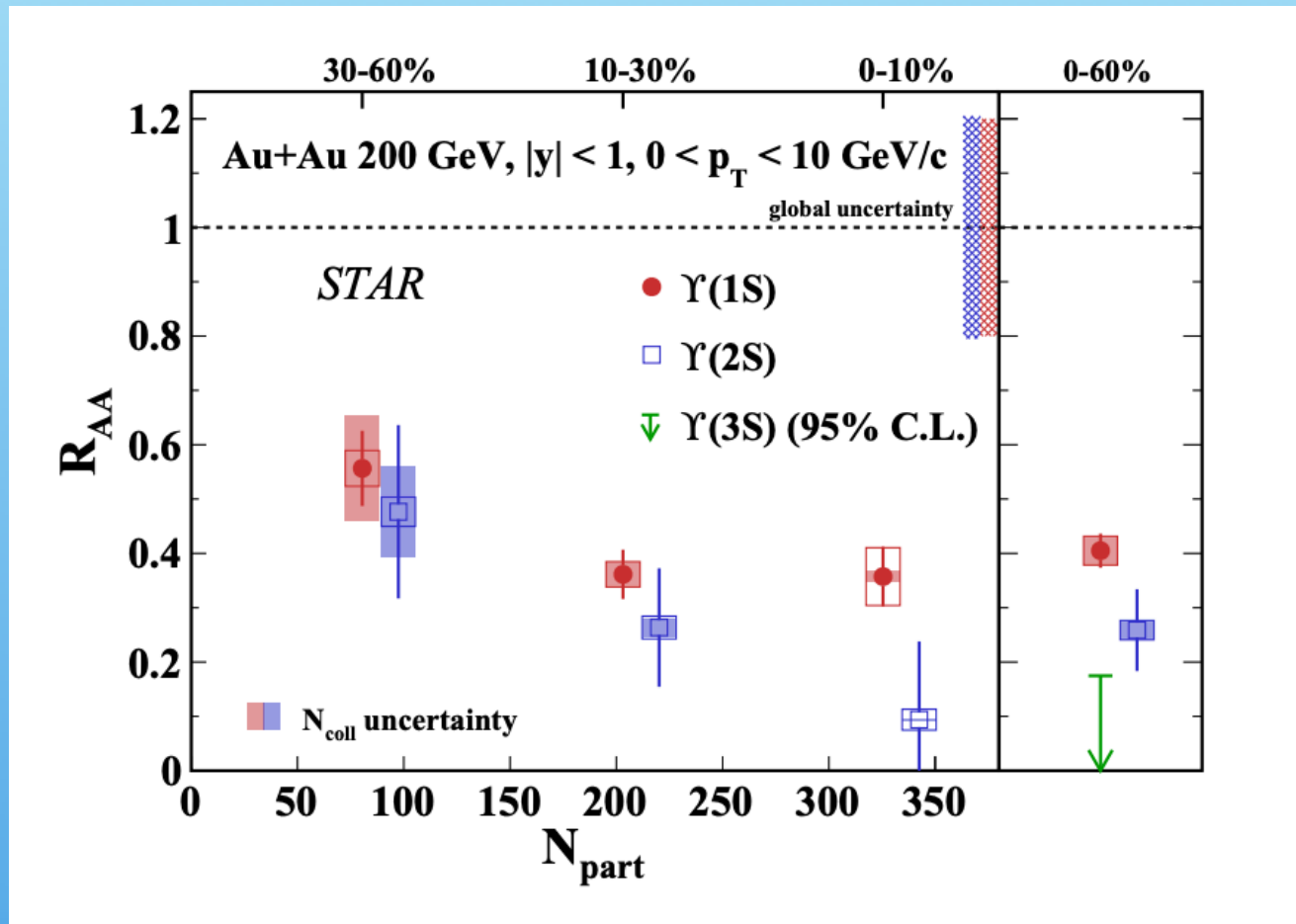
CMS

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 133 \(2024\) 022302](#)



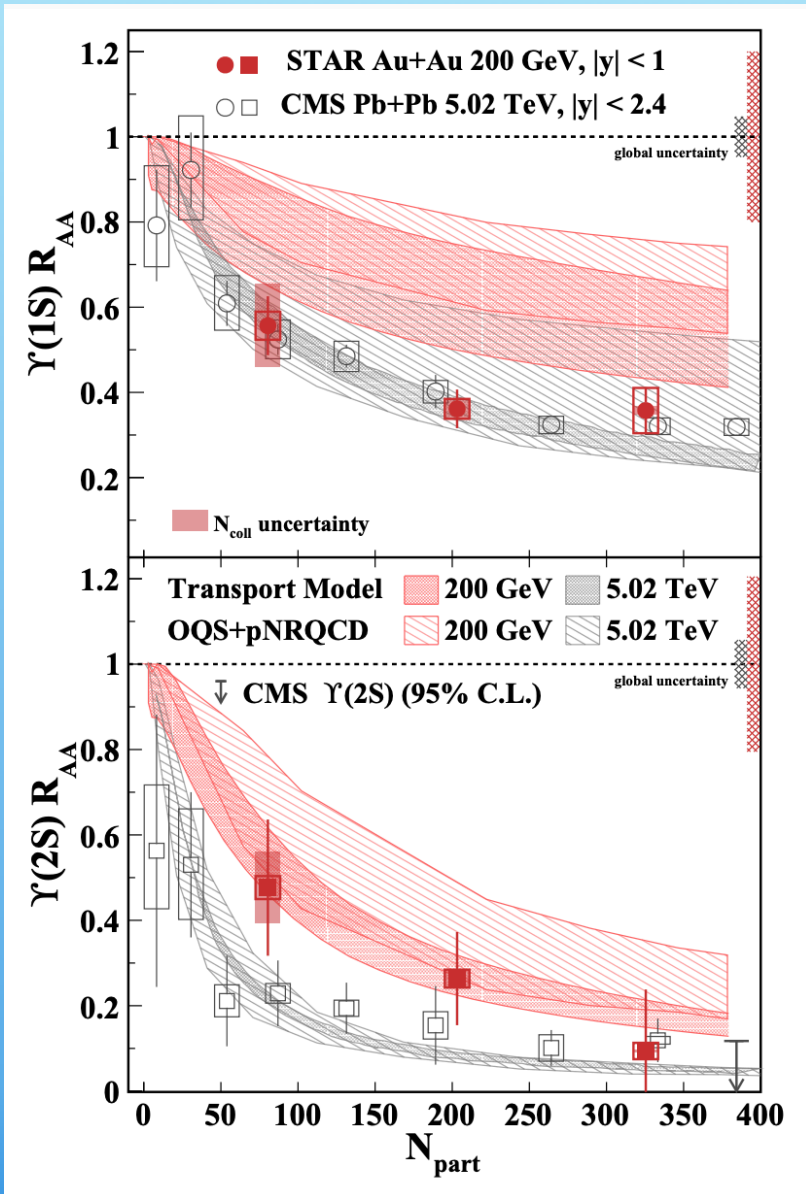
Observation of sequential suppression pattern at LHC

# Upsilon suppression at RHIC



Observation of sequential suppression pattern at RHIC

# Upsilon suppression at RHIC vs LHC



## STAR Coll.

$\Upsilon(1S)$  shows similar suppression in RHIC and LHC

$\Upsilon(2S)$  shows a hint of less suppression at RHIC

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2207.06568>

## 6. Conclusions and outlook

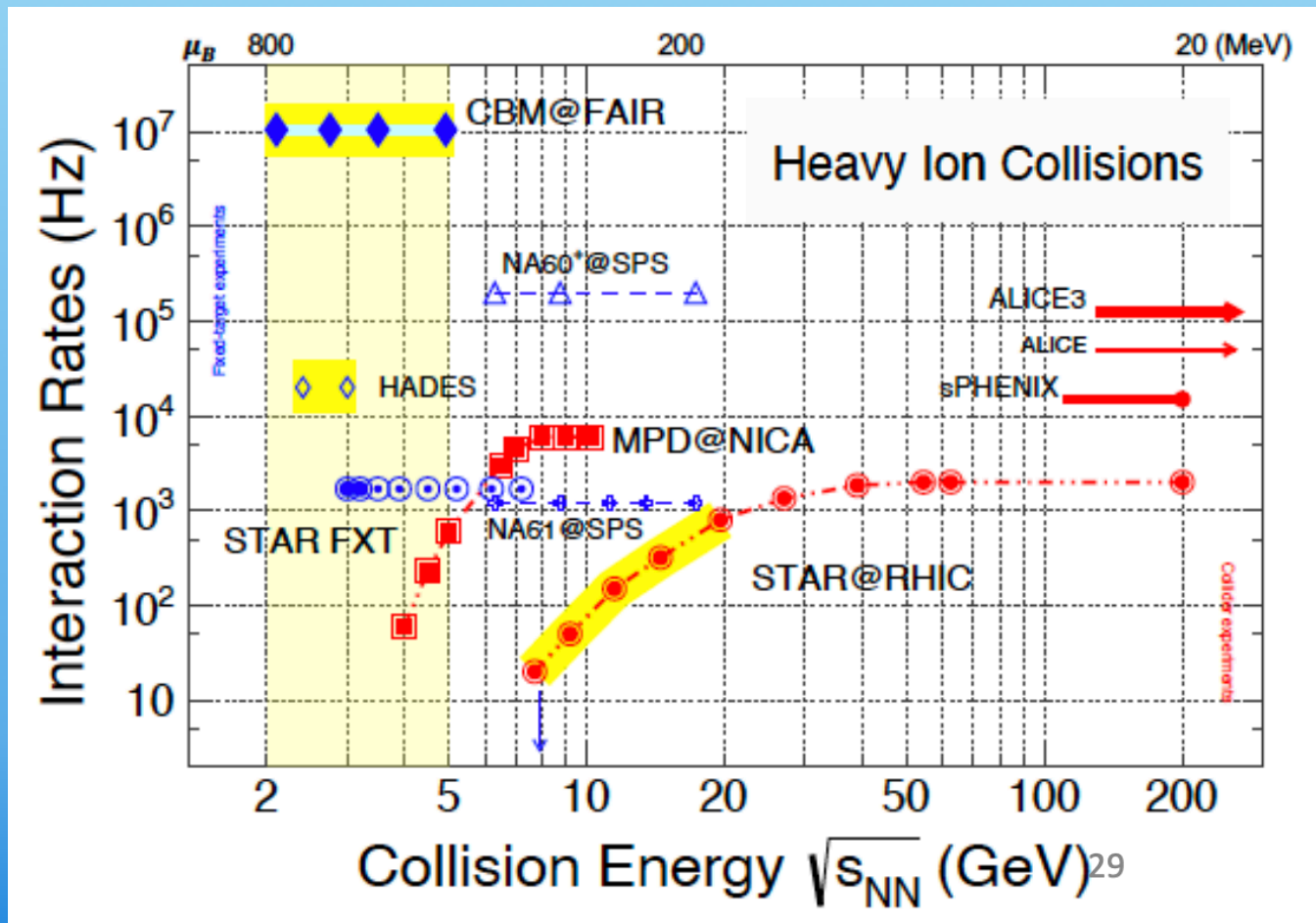
# Conclusions

- Over three decades of studies of heavy ion collisions at ultrarelativistic energies
- Discovery of a new state of matter (CERN, SPS, RHIC, CERN, LHC) (Quark Gluon Plasma)
- We have obtained first quantitative estimates for characteristics of sQGP, like its shear viscosity, temperature, and vorticity. The sQGP has the smallest shear viscosity and the largest vorticity measured in fluids in the Lab.

Further studies are needed to study in detail and understand jet quenching, quarkonia suppression and other phenomena, search for a possible critical point and other new phenomena and map out the QCD phase diagram

# Outlook

RHIC, BNL: sPHENIX, STAR, (PHENIX data analysis) (2024 pp AuAu), 2025 (AuAu)  
SPS, CERN: NA61 (till 2027), NA60+ (2029)  
LHC, CERN: ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, LHCb  
New colliders: NICA at DUBNA (MPD), Russia and FAIR in Germany (CBM)

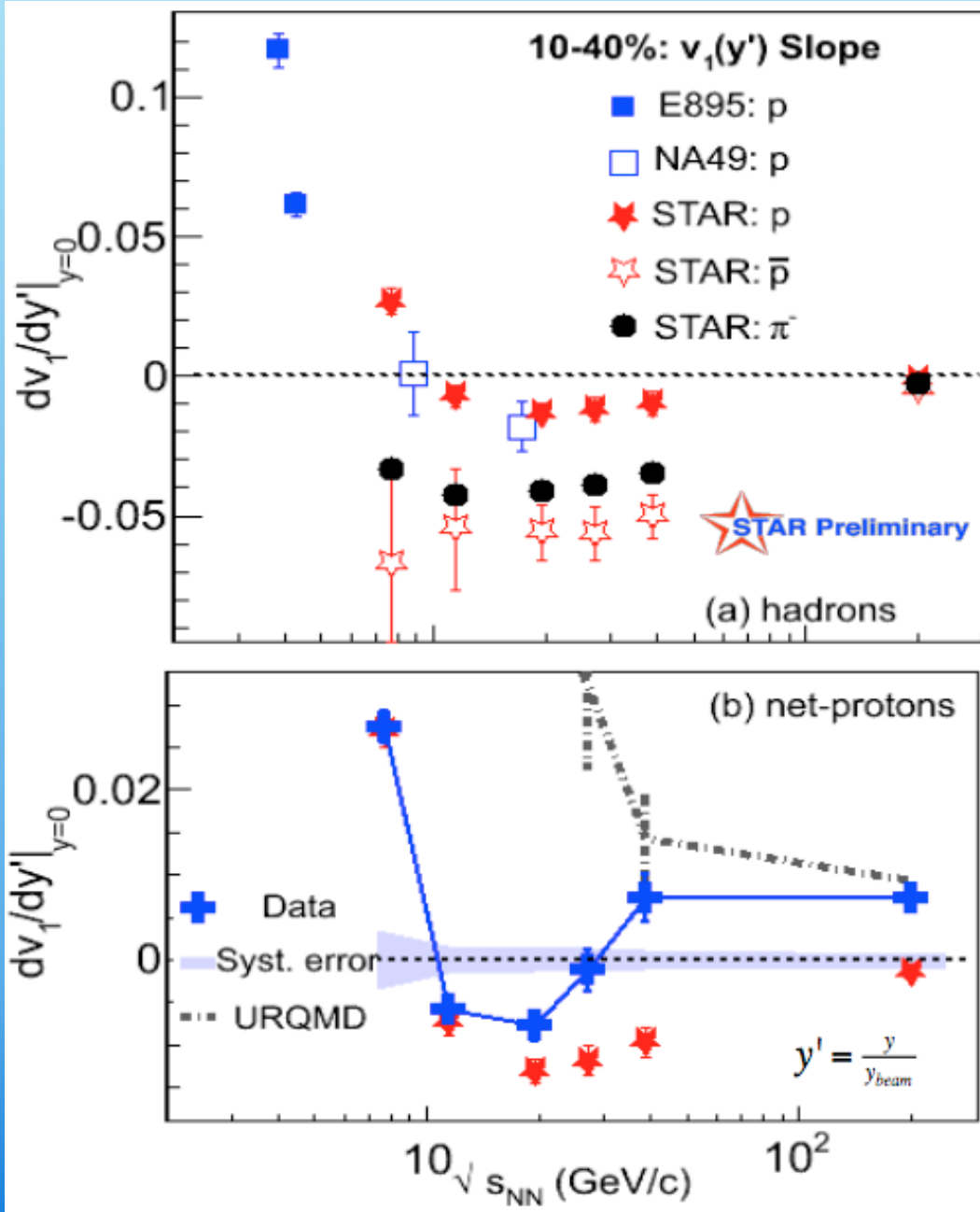


Thank you very much

# Backup slides



# Directed flow of protons BES 1



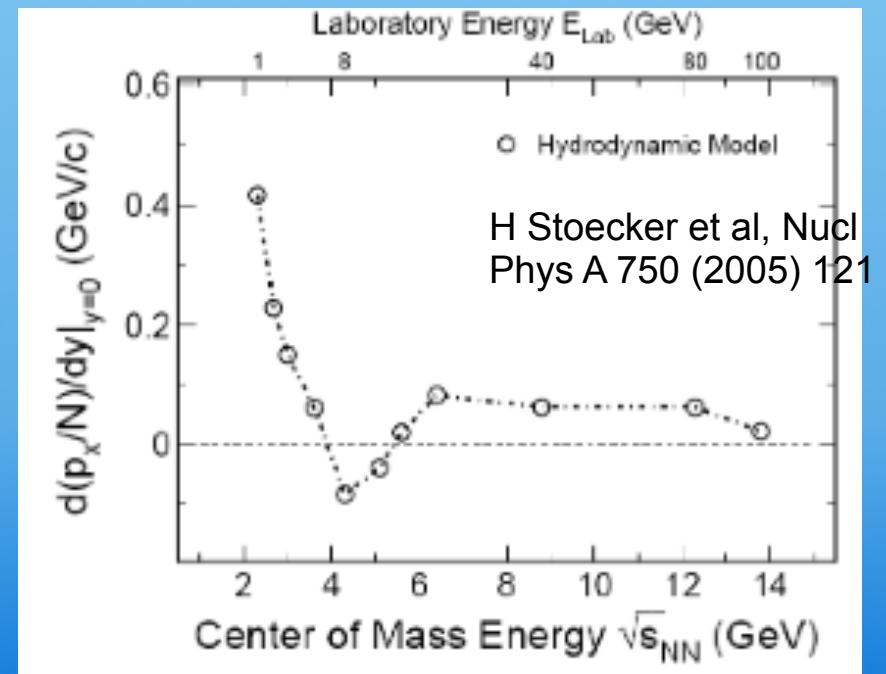
\* Directed flow slope is sensitive to a 1st order transition

\* STAR:  $v_1$  slope changes sign from positive to negative between 7.7 and 11.5 GeV

Pions and antiprotons have always negative  $v_1$  slopes.

\* Net-proton  $v_1$  slope shows a minimum around 11.5-19.6 GeV

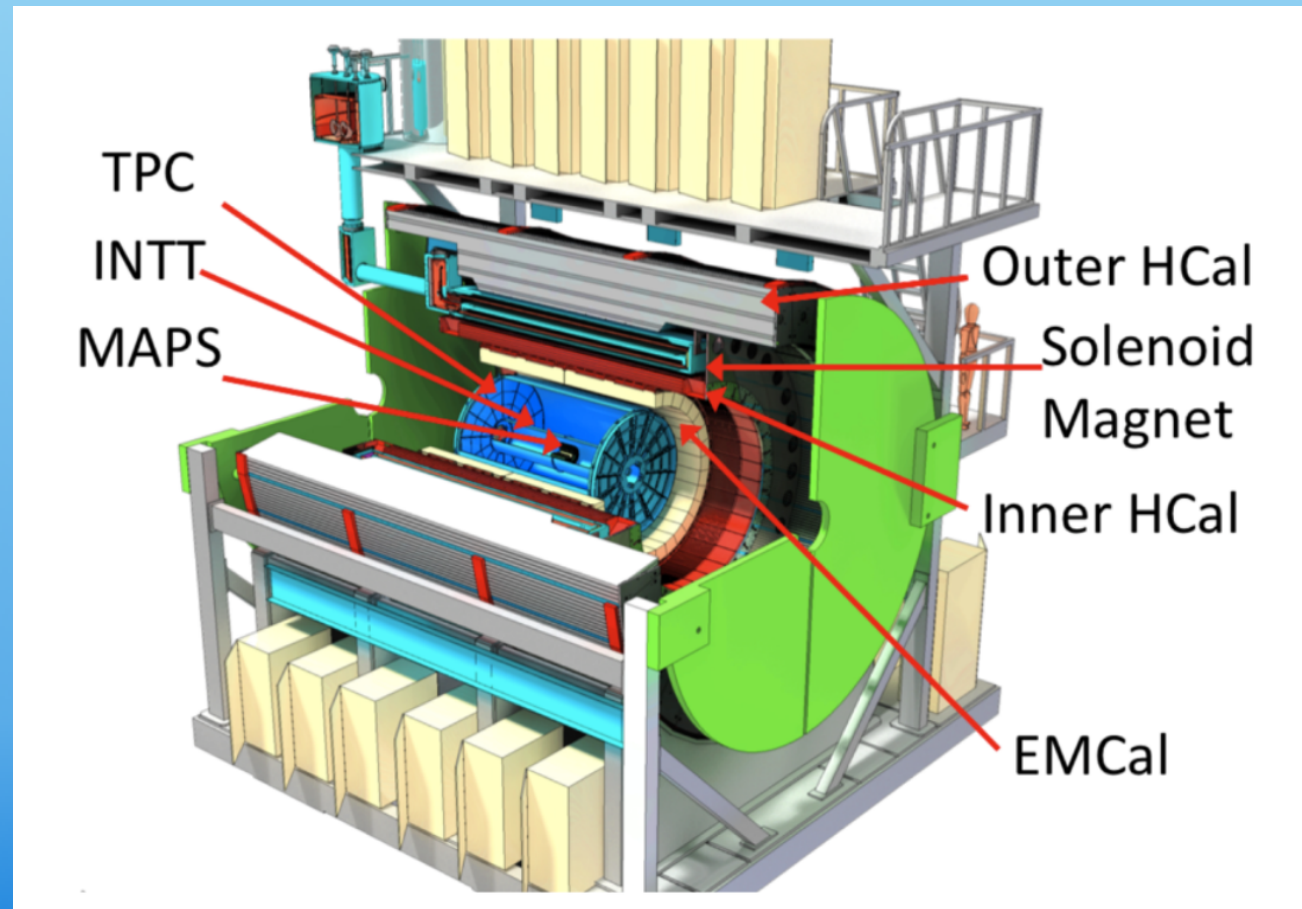
UrQMD model (model without phase transition) cannot explain the data



- \* STAR upgrades for BES-II and 2020+
- \* New detector project at RHIC: sPHENIX

sPHENIX: start data taking 2022

Extended Calorimetry  
precision vertexing  
and tracking for  
jet quenching, charm,  
beauty

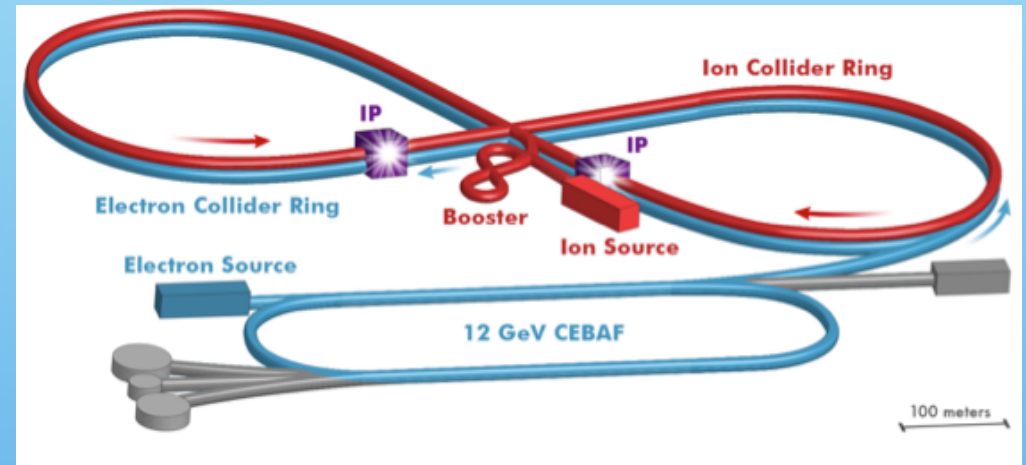
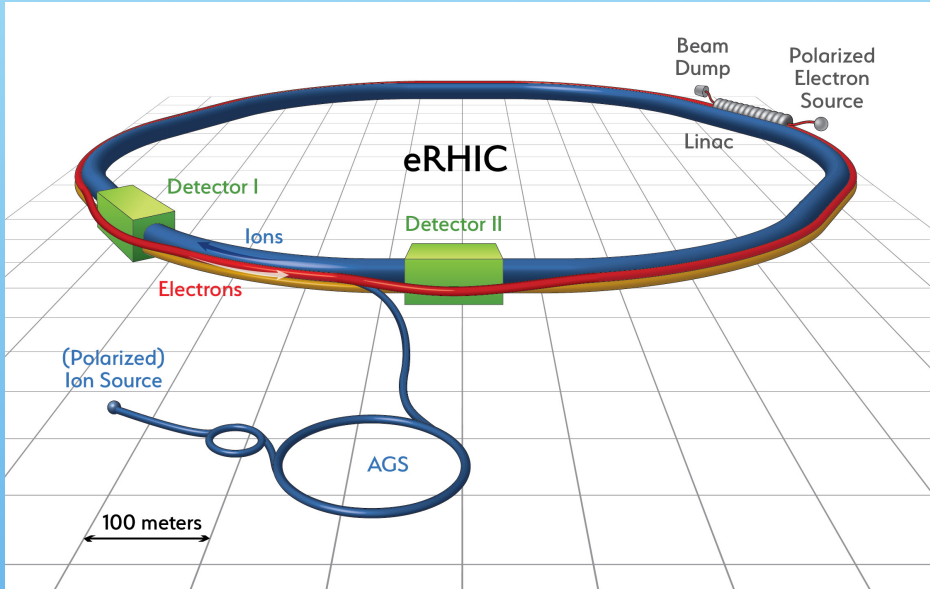


M. Connors,  
Nucl.Phys. A967 (2017) 548-551

# Electron Ion Collider EIC

## eRHIC at BNL / JLEIC at JLAB

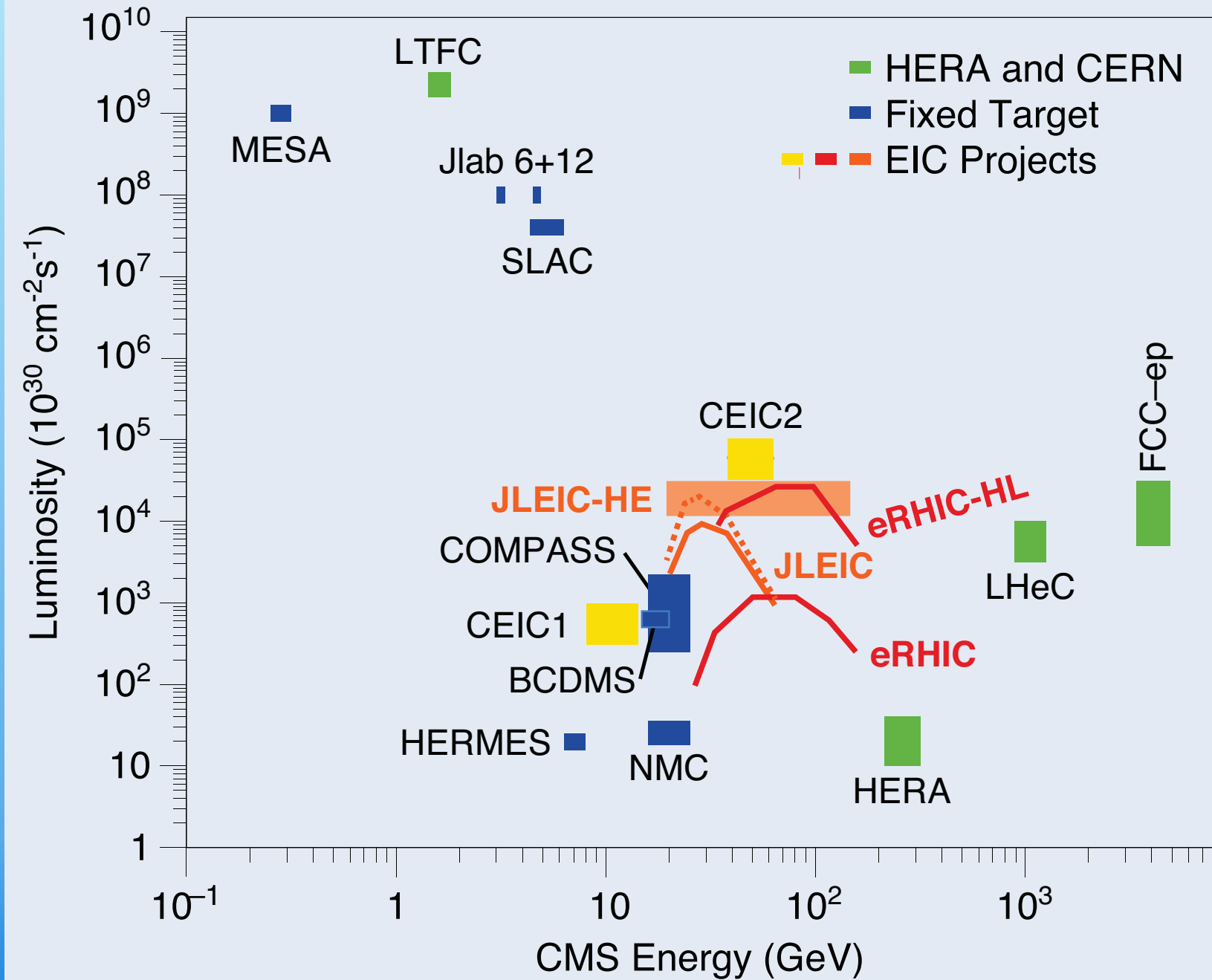
Start of construction estimated: 2022-2023



eRHIC	JLEIC
ep: $\sqrt{s_{\max}} = 140$	ep: $\sqrt{s_{\max}} = 63$
eAu: $\sqrt{s_{\max}} = 90$	eAu: $\sqrt{s_{\max}} = 40$
nuclei from deuterium to Uranium	

E. Aschenauer, ICNFP2017

# Lepton-Proton Scattering Facilities



# Multi-parameter estimates from a variety of data

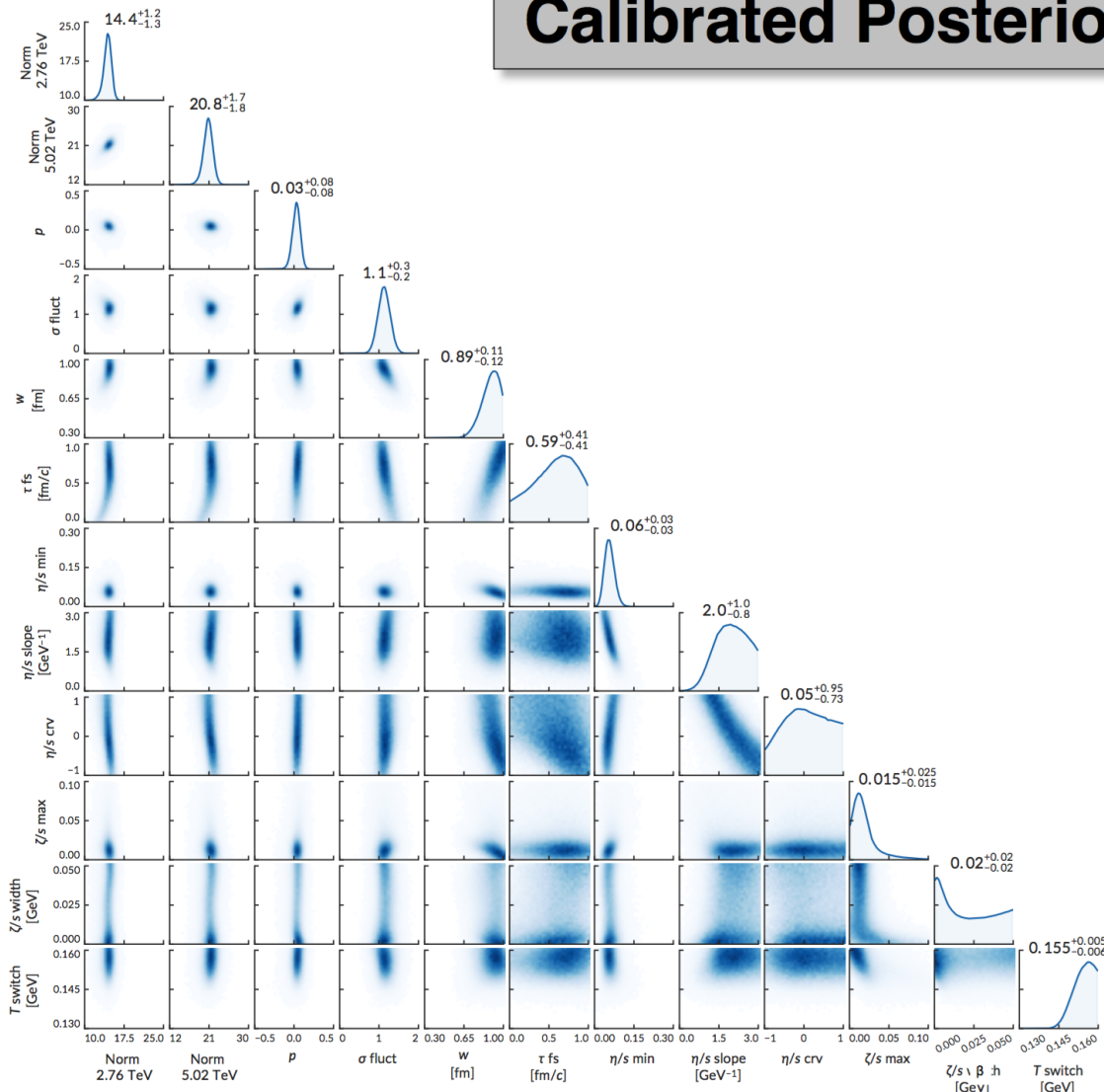
# Multiple parameter estimation

Important progress in estimating properties of QGP using statistical analysis methods and a multi-parameter model-to-data comparison, with many different data (flow, spectra, etc)

S Bass et al Phys.Rev. C94 (2016) no.2, 024907, and others

Review: S. Bass, QM2017,

## Calibrated Posterior Distribution



- **diagonals:** probability distribution of each parameter, integrating out all others
- **off-diagonals:** pairwise distributions showing dependence between parameters

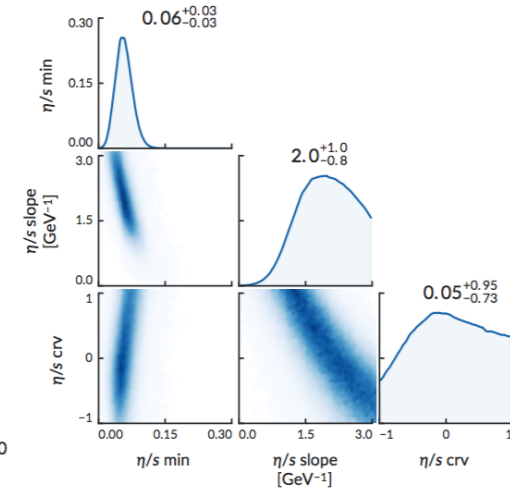
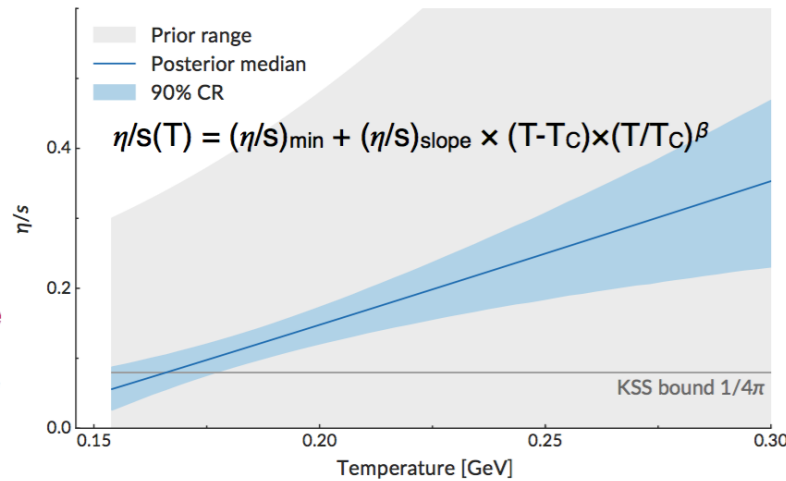
# Example of results I:

Review: S. Bass, QM2017,

## Temperature Dependence of Shear & Bulk Viscosities

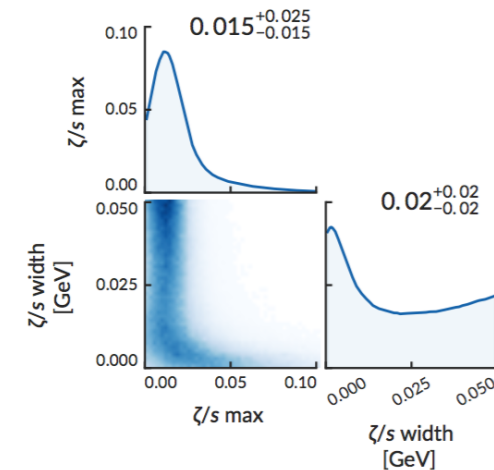
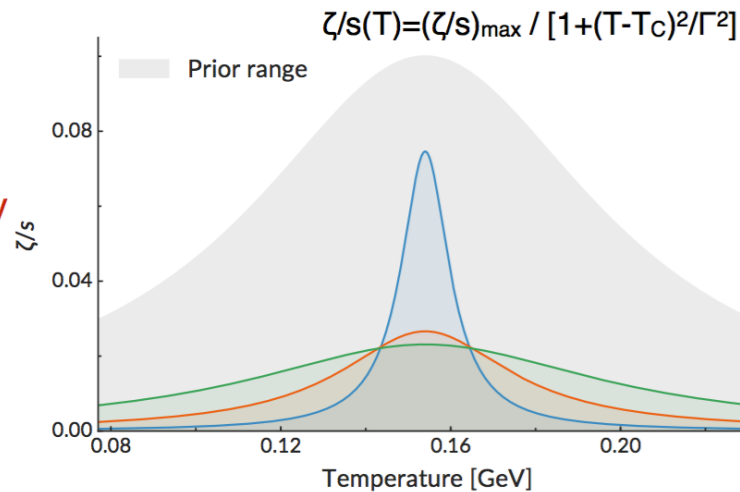
### temperature dependent shear viscosity:

- analysis favors small value and shallow rise
- results do not fully constrain temperature dependence:
  - inverse correlation between  $(\eta/s)_{\text{slope}}$  slope and intercept  $(\eta/s)_{\text{min}}$
  - insufficient data to obtain sharply peaked likelihood distributions for  $(\eta/s)_{\text{slope}}$  and curvature  $\beta$  independently
- current analysis most sensitive to  $T < 0.23$  GeV
- ▶ RHIC data may disambiguate further



### temperature dependent bulk viscosity:

- setup of analysis allows for vanishing value of bulk viscosity
  - significant non-zero value at  $T_c$  favored, confirming the presence / need for bulk viscosity
  - either high sharp peak or broad & shallow temperature dependence
- caveat of current analysis:
- bulk-viscous corrections are implemented using relaxation-time approximation & regulated to prevent negative particle densities

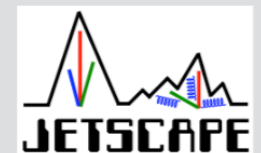


# Needed developments

Review: S. Bass, QM2017,

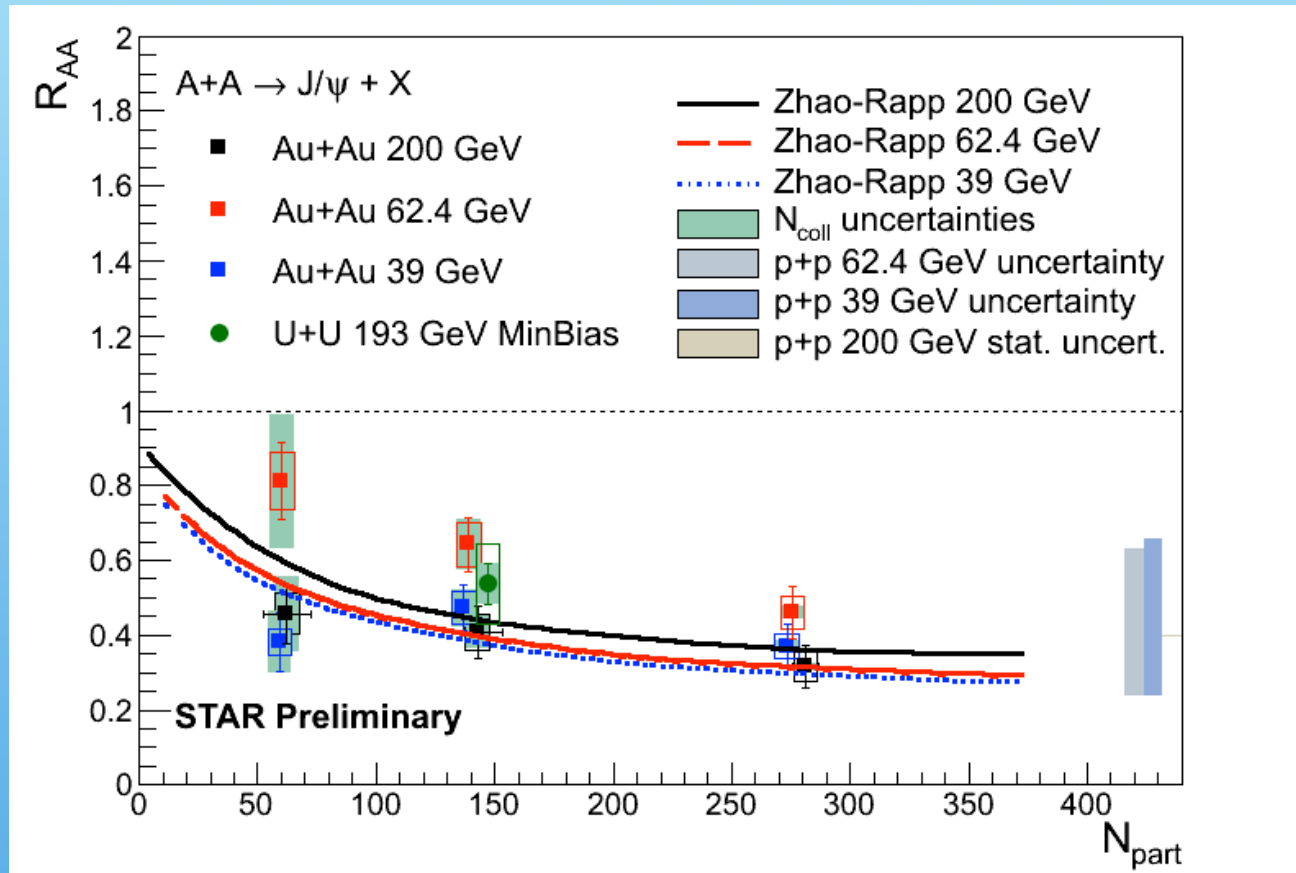
**current analysis focus was on the properties of bulk QCD matter and utilized only LHC data on soft hadrons. The analysis needs to be extended to:**

- **include data from lower beam energies**
  - ▶ necessary for determination of the temperature and  $\mu_B$  dependence of transport coefficients
- **include asymmetric collision systems (p+A, d+A, 3He+A, A+B)**
  - ▶ generate improved understanding of the initial state
- **include hard probes (jets and heavy quark observables)**
  - ▶ consistent determination of jet and heavy flavor transport coefficients
- **include other physics models**
  - ▶ analysis is model agnostic, allows for quantitative comparison among different models and verification/falsification of models/conceptual approaches





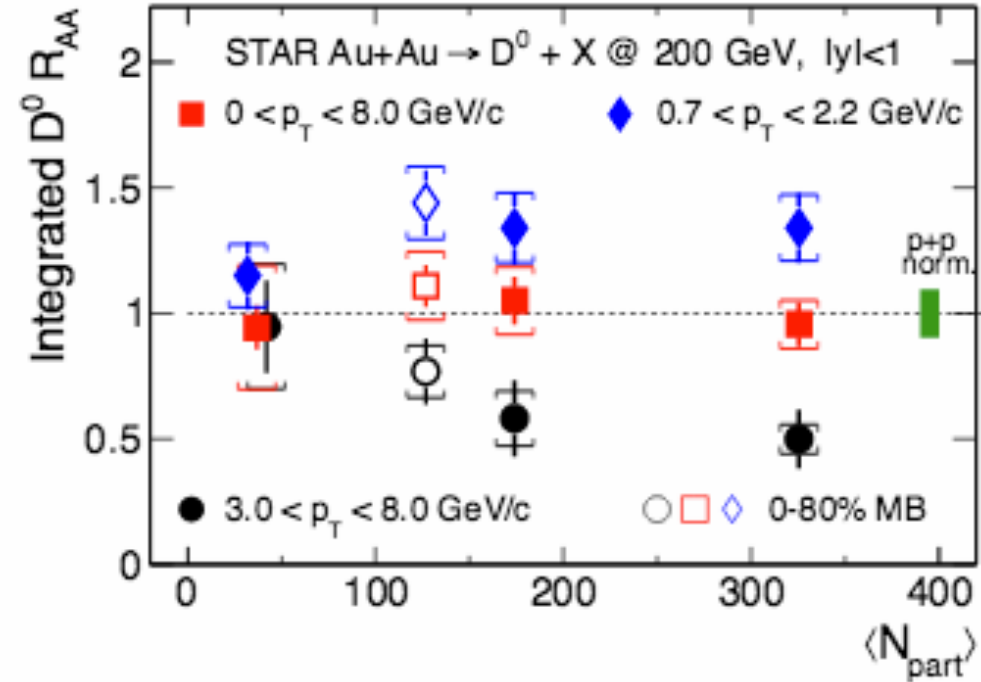
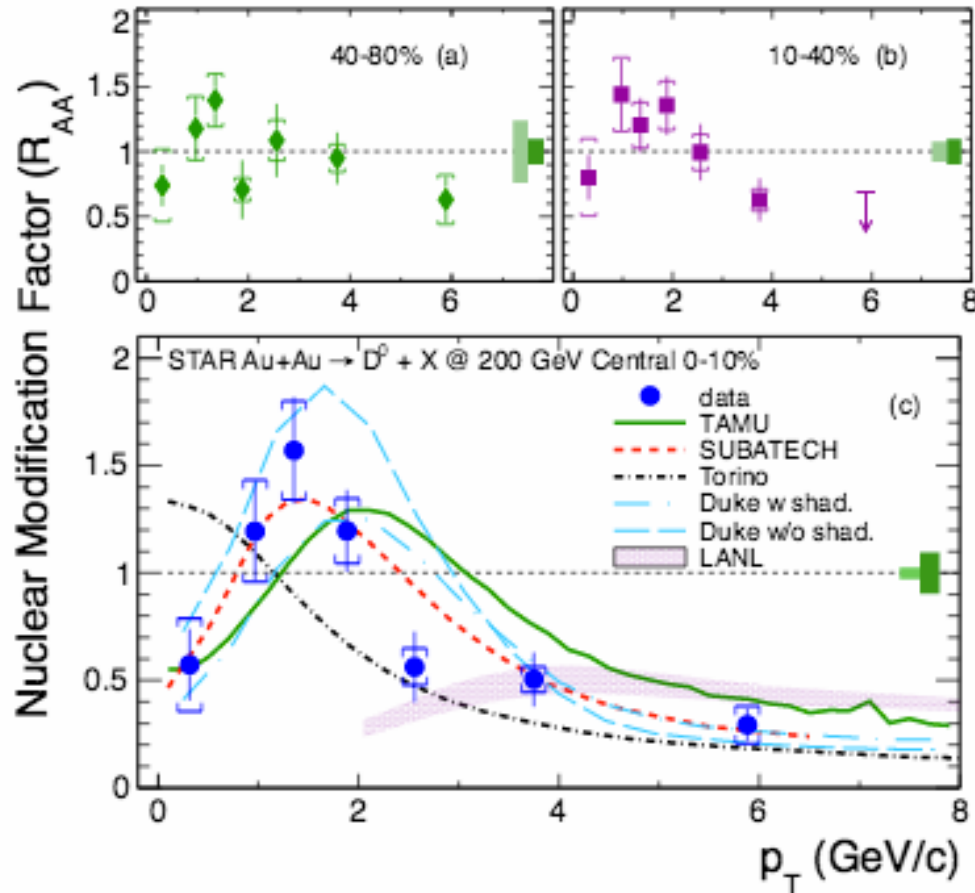
# RHIC Beam Energy Scan: At which energy does J/Psi suppression turn off?



**Color Evaporation Model (CEM) estimate for p+p reference used for 39, 62 GeV**  
 **$R_{AA}$  in U+U 193 GeV is consistent within errors with Au+Au 200 GeV**  
 **$R_{AA}$  of J/Psi is suppressed in similar way at 39, 62 and 200 GeV**

# STAR $R_{AA}$ of $D_0$ in Au+Au 200 GeV

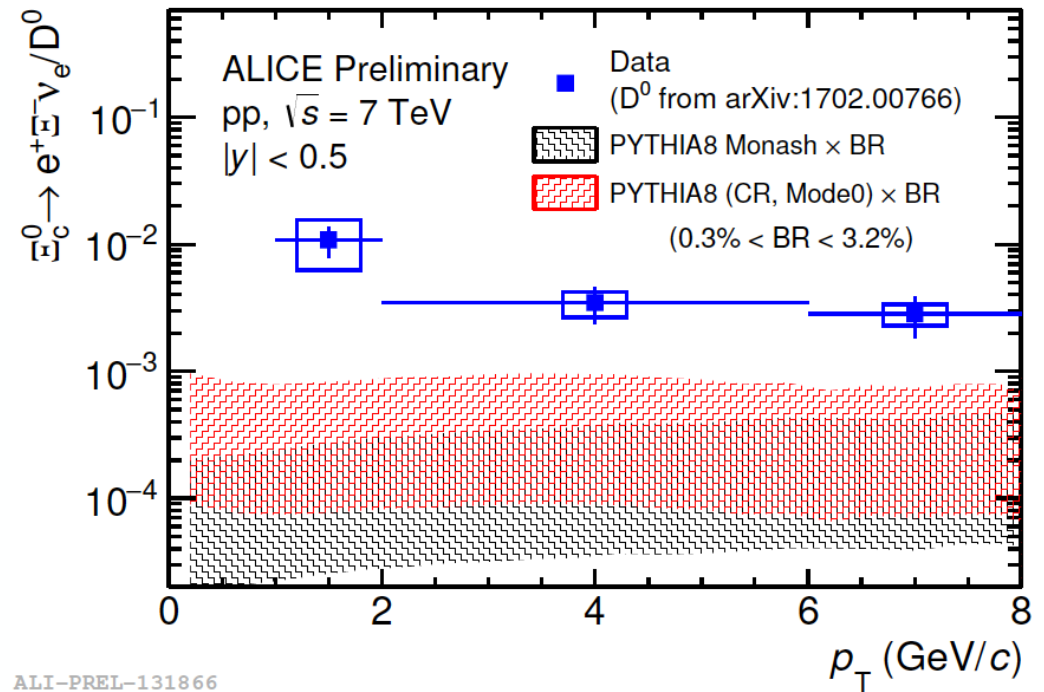
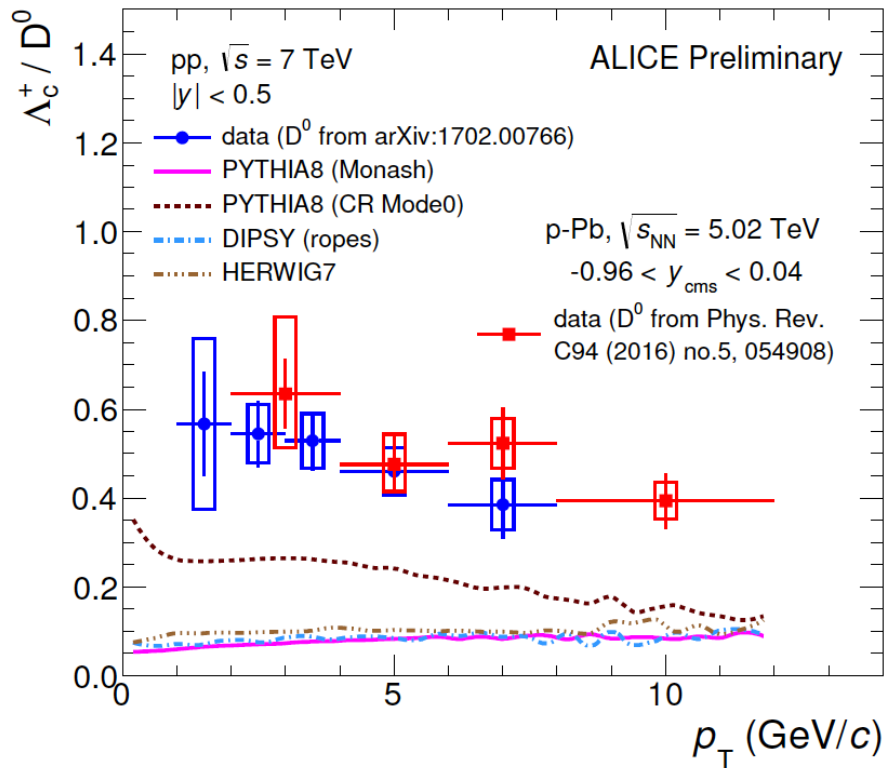
STAR: Phys. Rev. Lett. **113** (2014) 142301 and 1404.6185



$R_{AA}$  of  $D_0$  at high  $p_T$ :

- $R_{AA}$   $D_0$  suppression in central Au+Au 200 GeV
- suppression at high  $p_T$  similar to pions
- Enhancement at  $p_T \sim 0.7-2$  GeV (described eg by models with charm quark coalescence with light quarks)

# ALICE charmed baryons

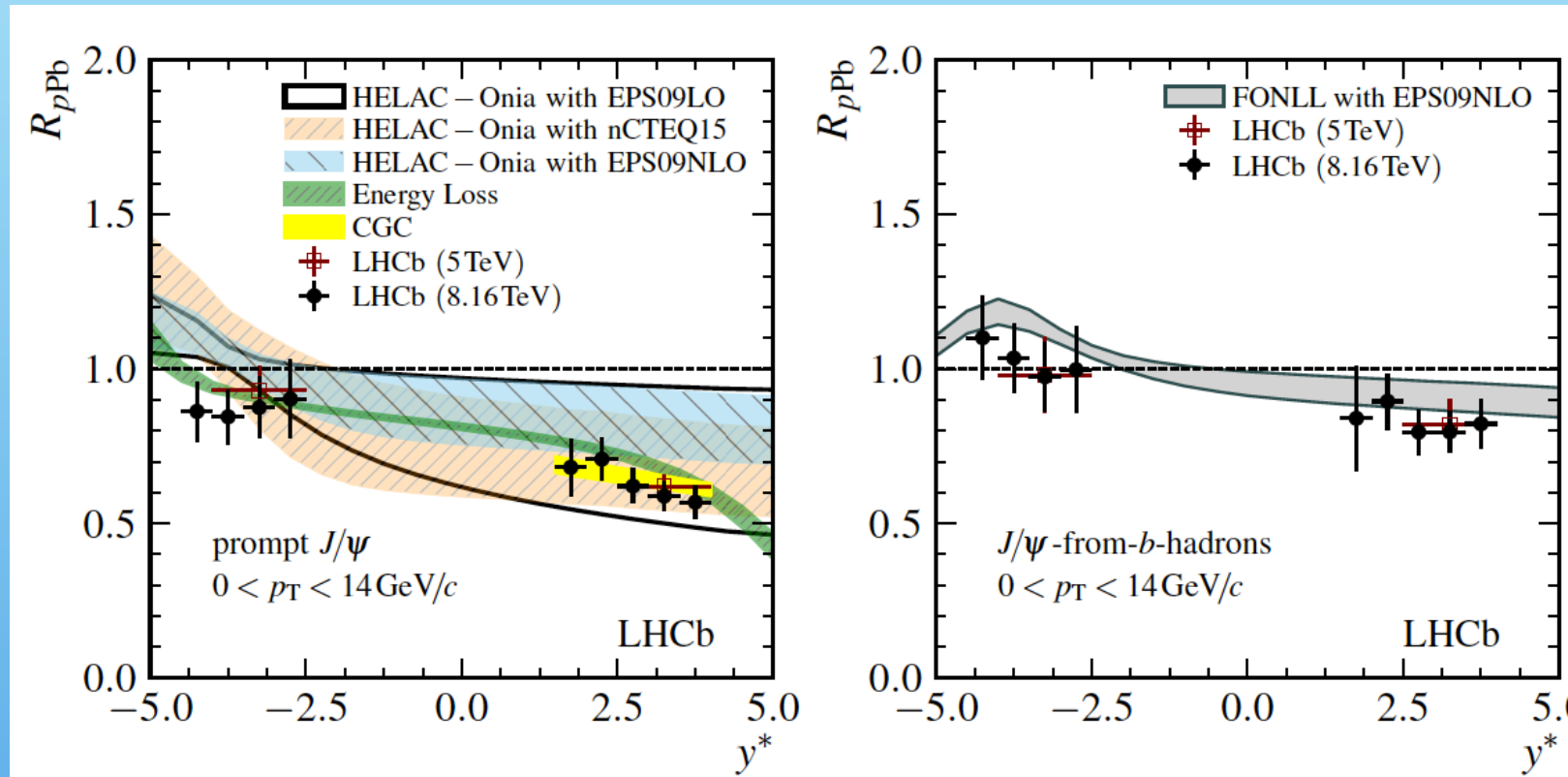


T Dahms, ICNFP

- \* New charmed baryon measurements from ALICE
- \* Charmed baryon to meson ratios are not well described by event generators

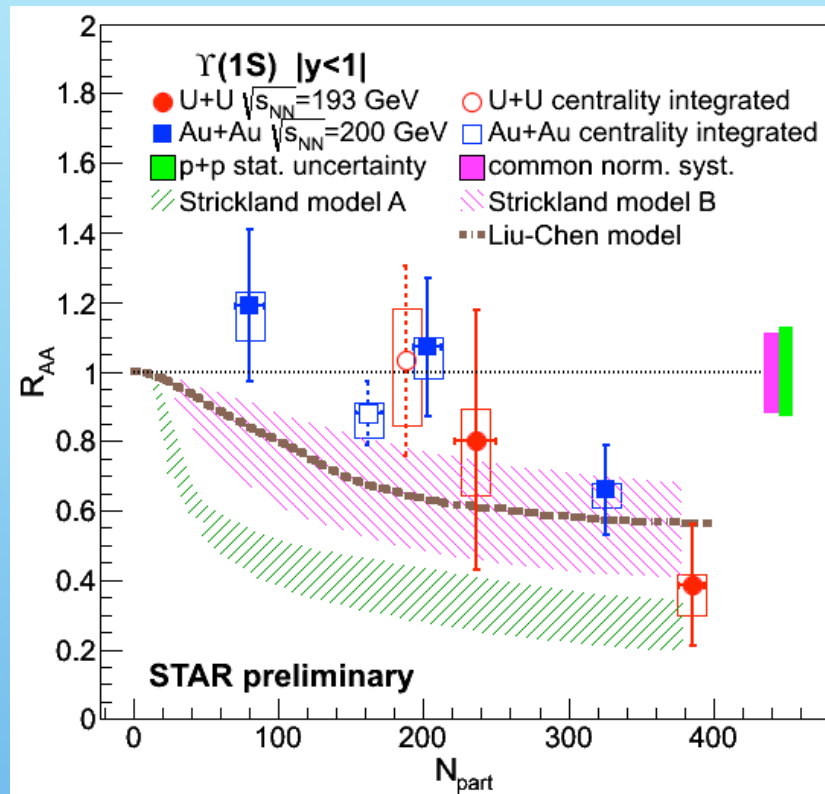
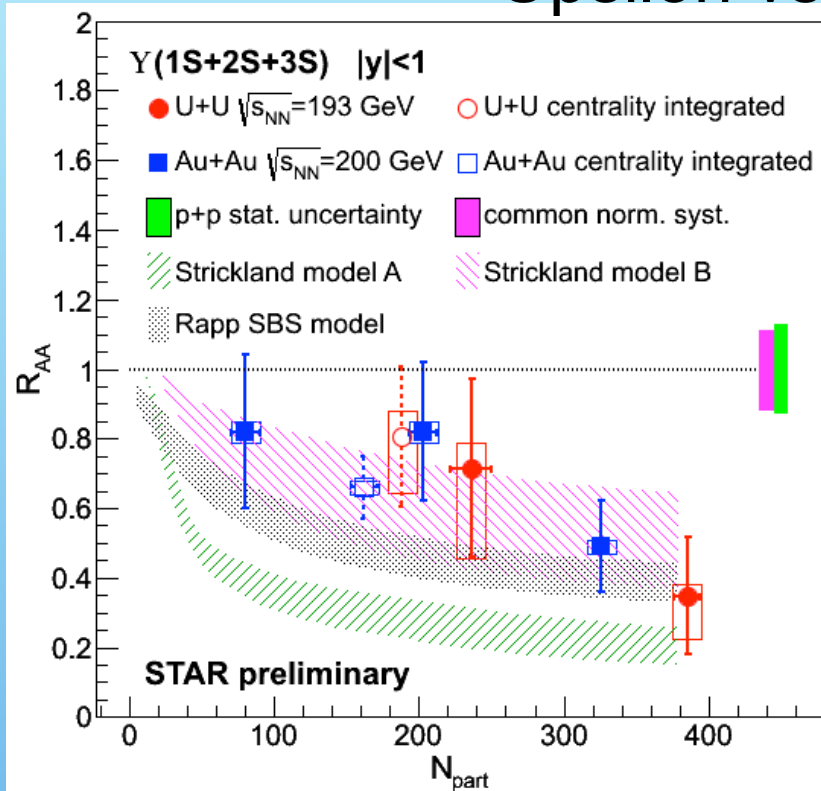
# LHCb $J/\psi$ and $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ in $p+Pb$

LHCb, 1706.07122



At backward rapidity prompt  $J/\psi$  not well described by models

# Upsilon vs models at RHIC



\* Model of Strickland, Bazov (Nucl. Phys. A 879, 25 (2012))

No Cold Nuclear Matter effects

$T(\text{initial})=428\text{-}443$  MeV

Potential model A is based on heavy quark free energy (disfavored)

Potential model B is based on heavy quark internal energy

Y data in agreement with Y melting scenario

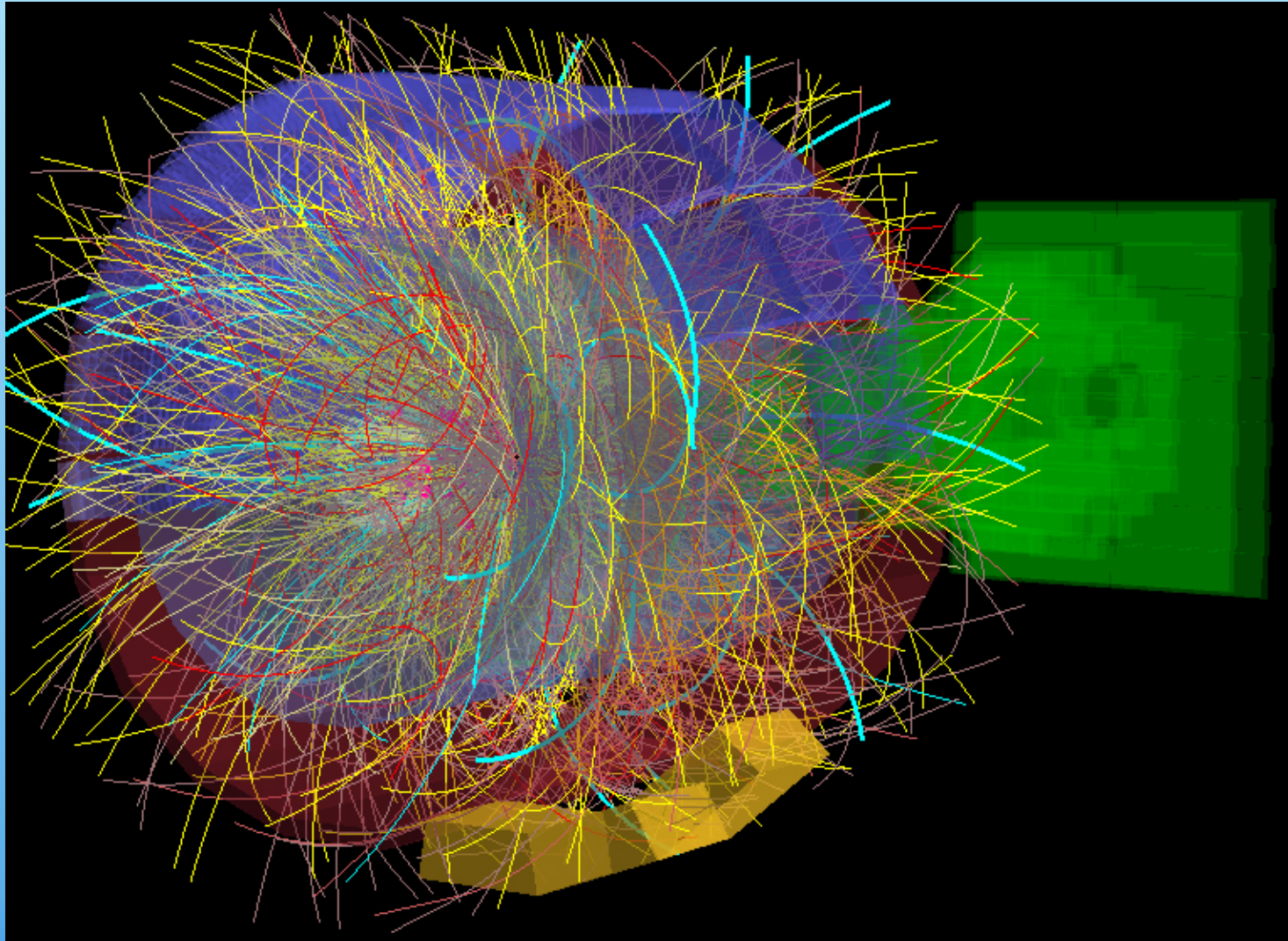
\* Model of Liu, Chen, Xu, Zhuang (Phys Lett B 697, 32 (2011))

Potential model, no Cold Nuclear Matter effects.  $T=340$  MeV

\* Model of Emerick, Zhaon, Rapp (Eur. Phys. J A48, 72 (2012))

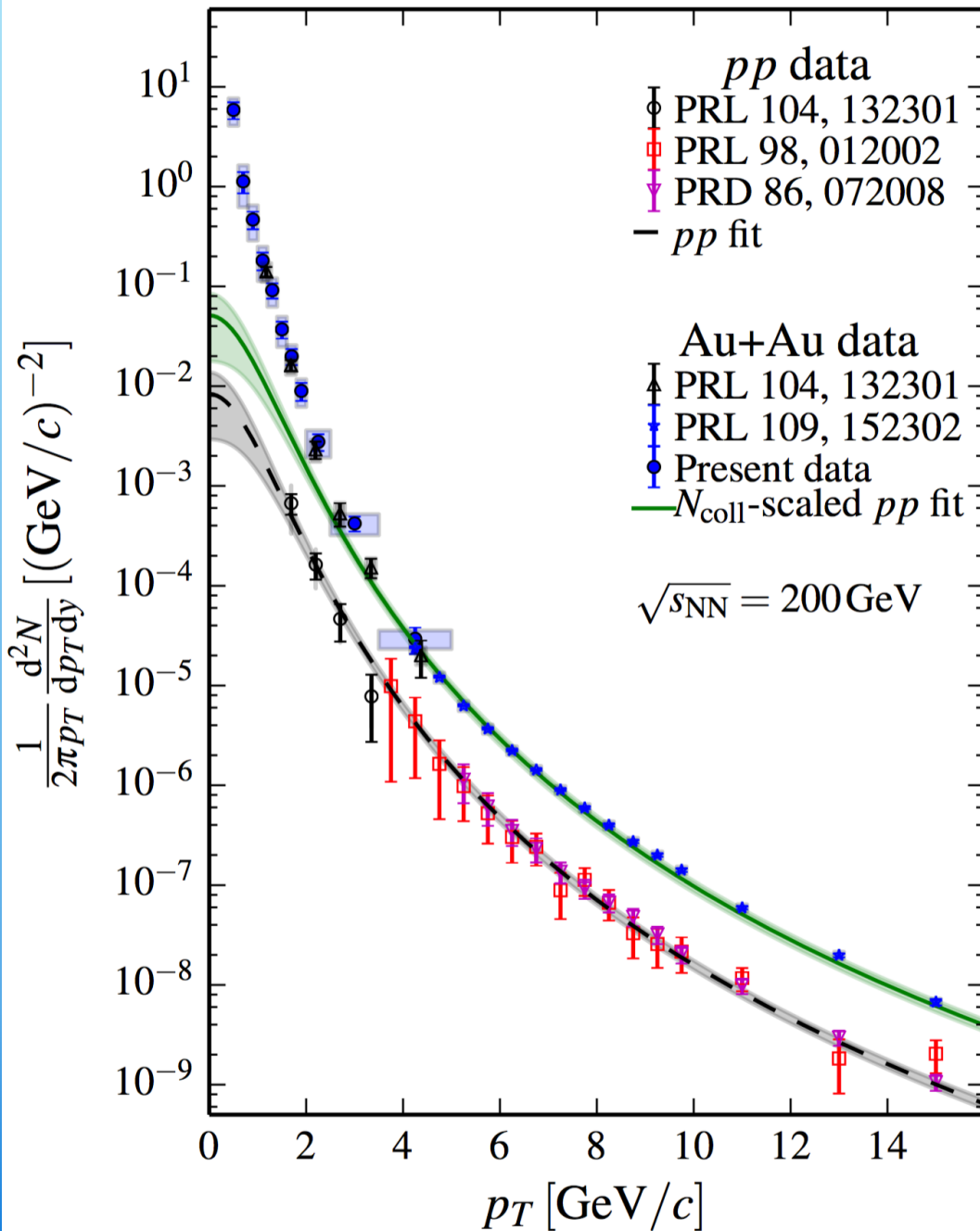
Cold Nuclear Matter effects included

# ALICE event Pb+Pb $\sqrt{s}=2.76$ TeV



1800 charged particles per rapidity unit at midrapidity

## AuAu 200 GeV



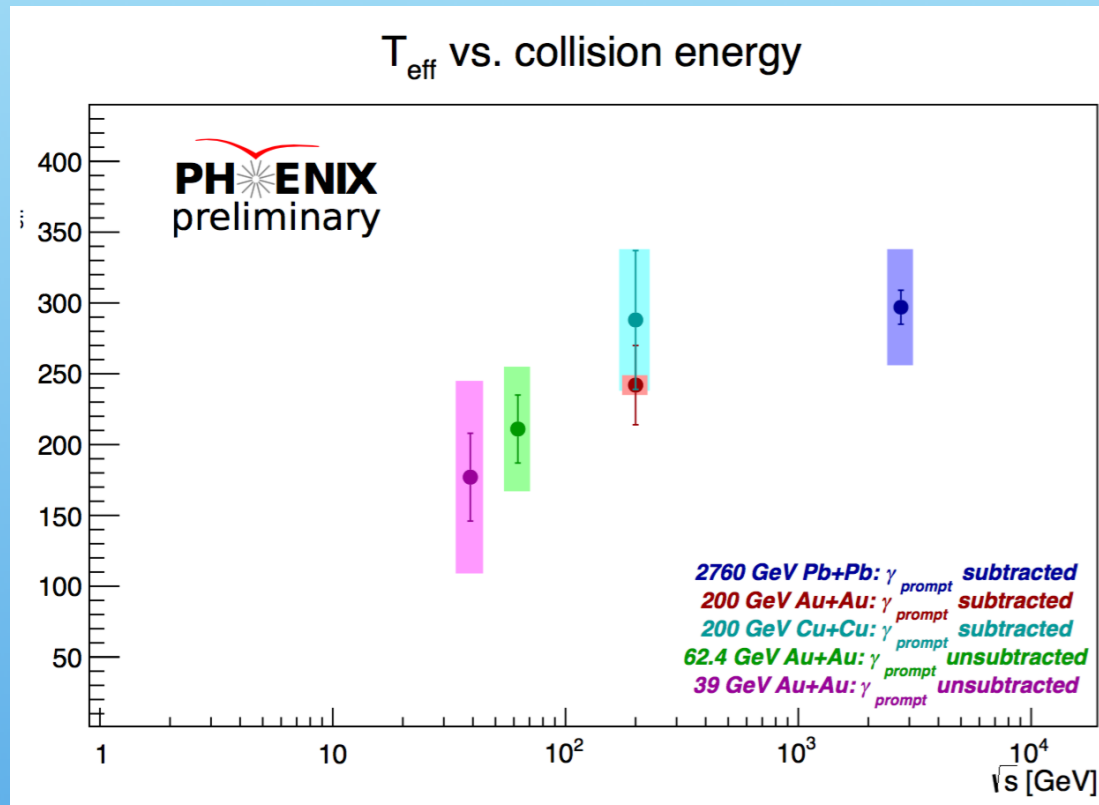
Different method:  
 Measuring gammas via  
 external conversions in  
 detector material

AuAu at low  $p_T$  :  
 nearly exponential shape :  
 $T(\text{eff}) 240 \text{ MeV} > T_c$

AuAu follows nr of collision  
 scaling above  $p_T 4 \text{ GeV}$  like  
 $p+p$

# Results from RHIC Beam Energy Scan: direct photons

effective  
T (from  
direct  
photons)



PHENIX, Dheepali Sharma  
QM2017

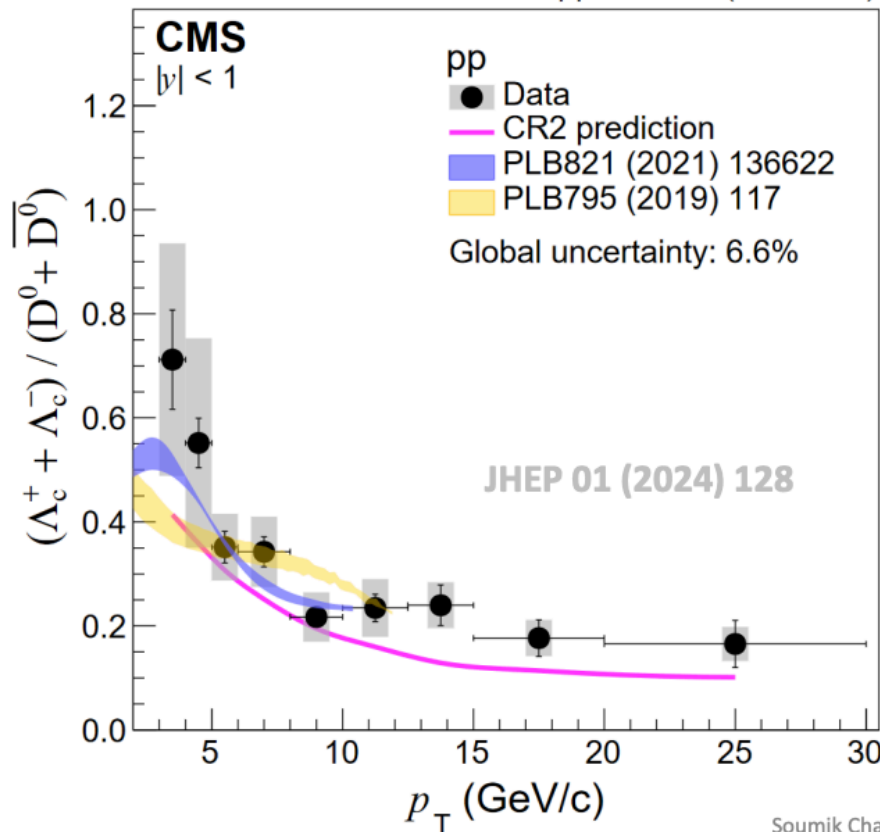


# Strangeness in small systems



## Prompt $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ in pp

pp 252 nb<sup>-1</sup> (5.02 TeV)



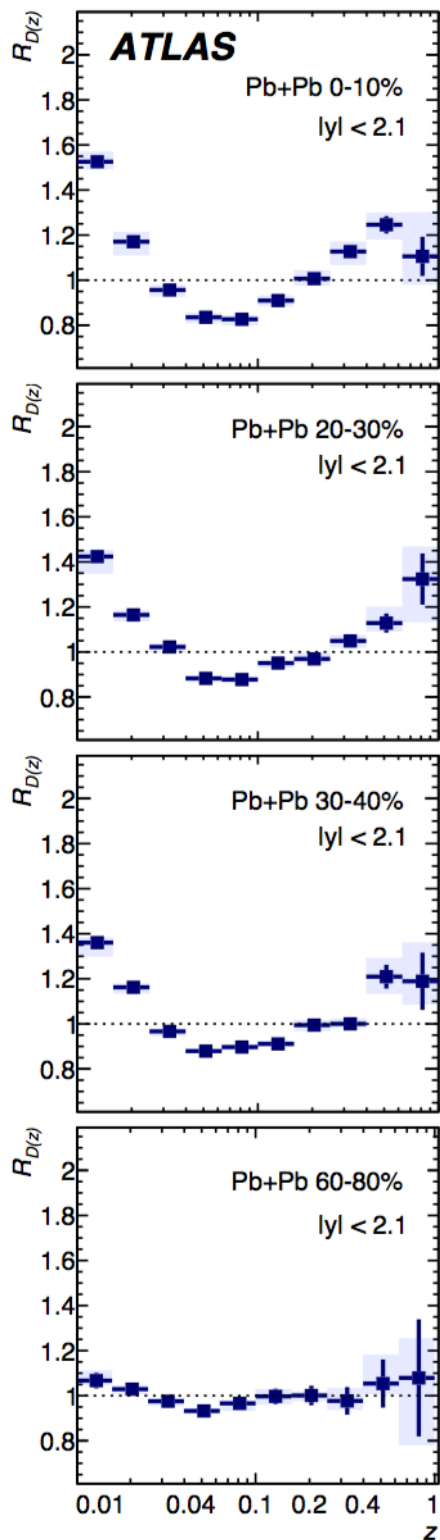
Soumik Chandra, SQM 2024

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- ❖ **PYTHIA8+CR2** predictions consistent with pp data for  $p_T < 10$  GeV/c, systematically lower for  $p_T$  range 10-30 GeV/c.
- ❖ **Catania** model including both coalescence and fragmentation consistent with data for  $p_T < 10$  GeV/c.
- ❖ **TAMU** model using statistical hadronization approach and including excited charmed baryon states beyond the PDG describes the data reasonably

# Modification in Jet fragmentation

ATLAS arXiv:1702.00674



Jet fragmentation function  $D(z)$

$z$ : longitudinal momentum fraction of a particle with respect to jet

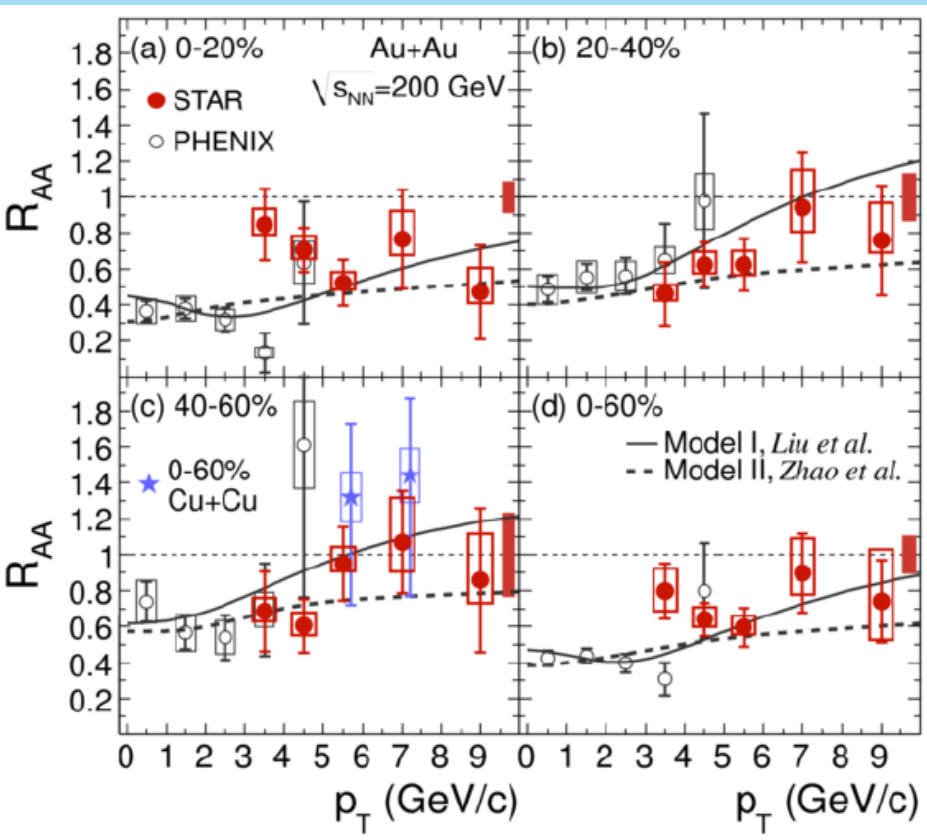
$$D(z) \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dz},$$

$$R_{D(z)} = D(z)|_{\text{cent}} / D(z)|_{pp}$$

In central Pb+Pb:  
 Enhancement at low  $z$   
 Suppression at  $z$  around 0.1  
 Enhancement at high  $z$

# $p_T$ dependence of J/Psi suppression in Au+Au, Cu+Cu 200 GeV

PLB 722 (2013) 55



Liu et al, PLB 678 (2009) 72

Zhao et al, PRC 82 (2010) 064905

- J/Psi not suppressed at high  $p_T$ 's in non-central collisions

- J/Psi suppressed at all  $p_T$ 's for most central events

-  $R_{AA}$  of J/Psi is systematically larger for higher  $p_T$ . Low  $p_T$  J/Psi is more suppressed

