

# Electromagnetic effects in heavy ion collisions: can we hope for a “new femtoscopy”?



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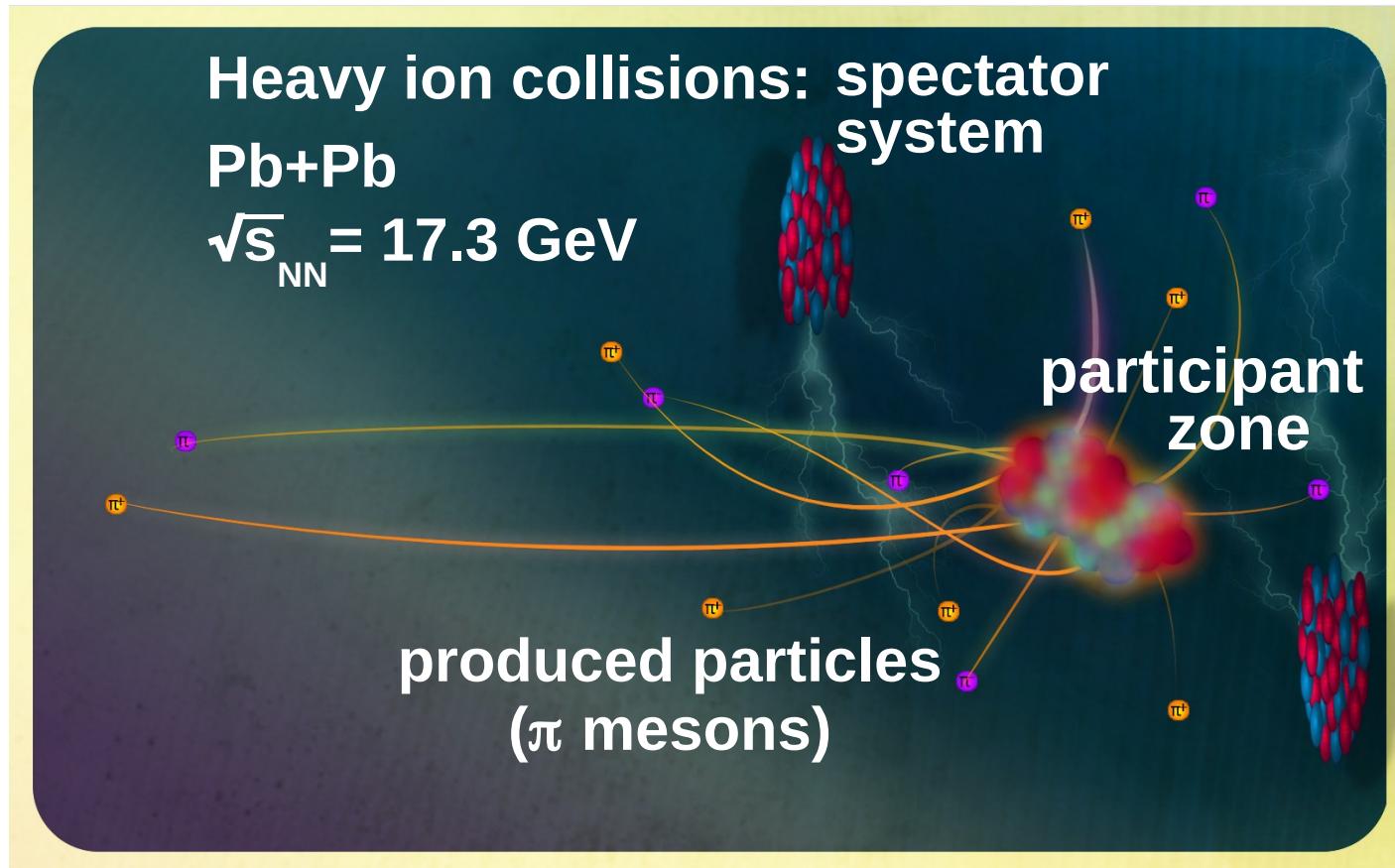
- 1) Introduction ;
- 2) EM effects in heavy ion collisions ;
- 3) Space-time evolution of the system ;
- 4) NA61 experiment ;
- 5) Summary & outlook.

# *1) Introduction*

# Heavy ion collisions: spectator system

Pb+Pb

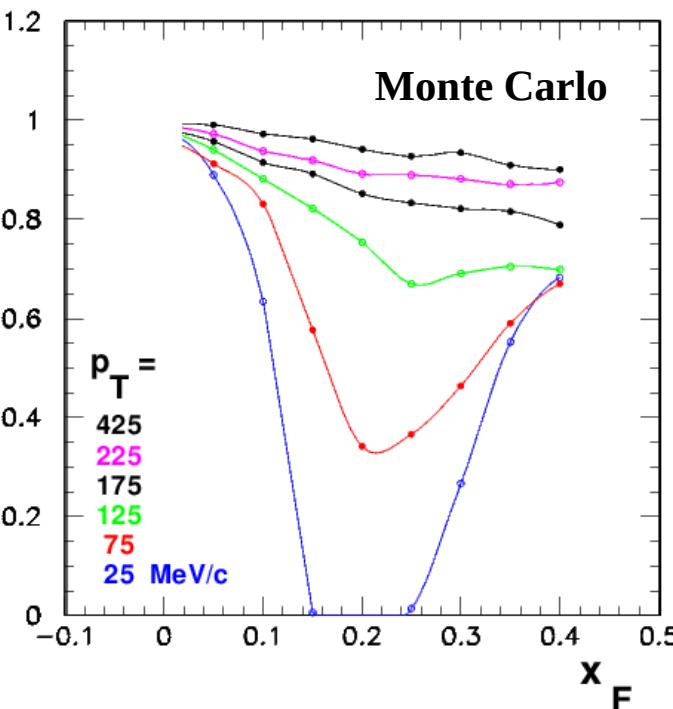
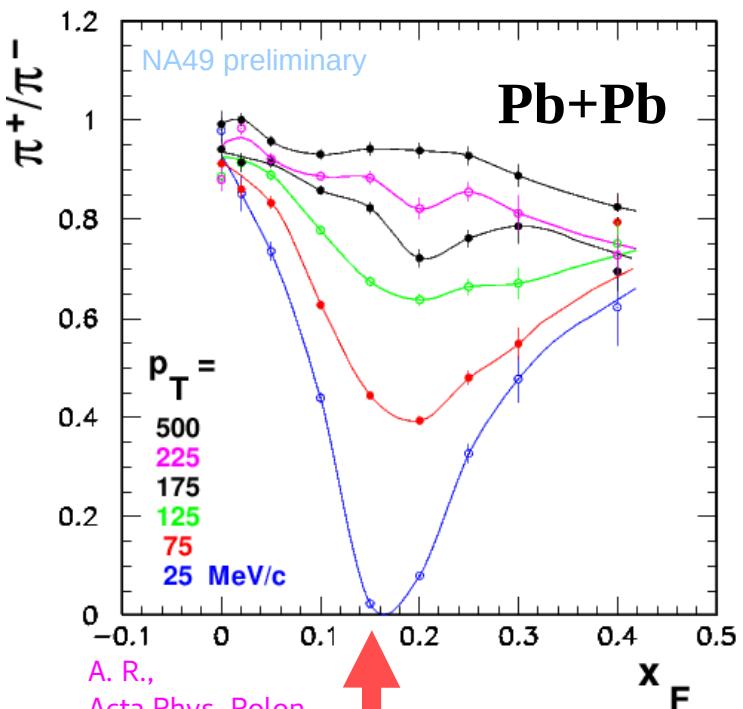
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- Charged spectators in non-central collisions generate electromagnetic fields.
- Can we use them as a new source of information on the space-time evolution of the system ?

## *2) EM effects in heavy ion collisions*



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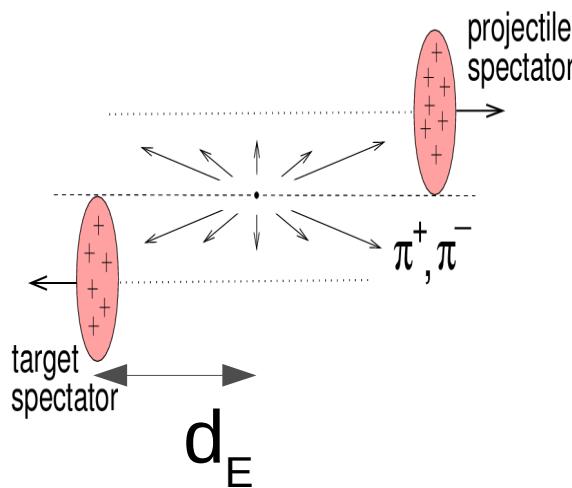
$$x_F = \frac{p_L}{p_L^{beam}}$$

**$d_E \approx 0.75 \text{ fm} !$**

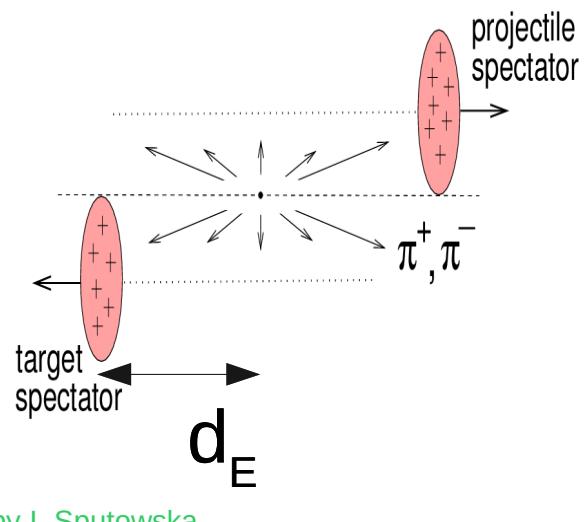
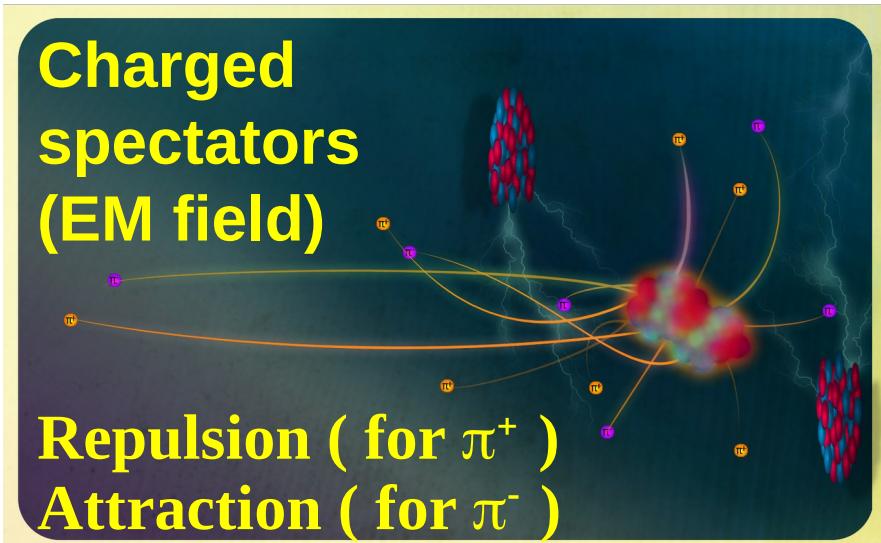
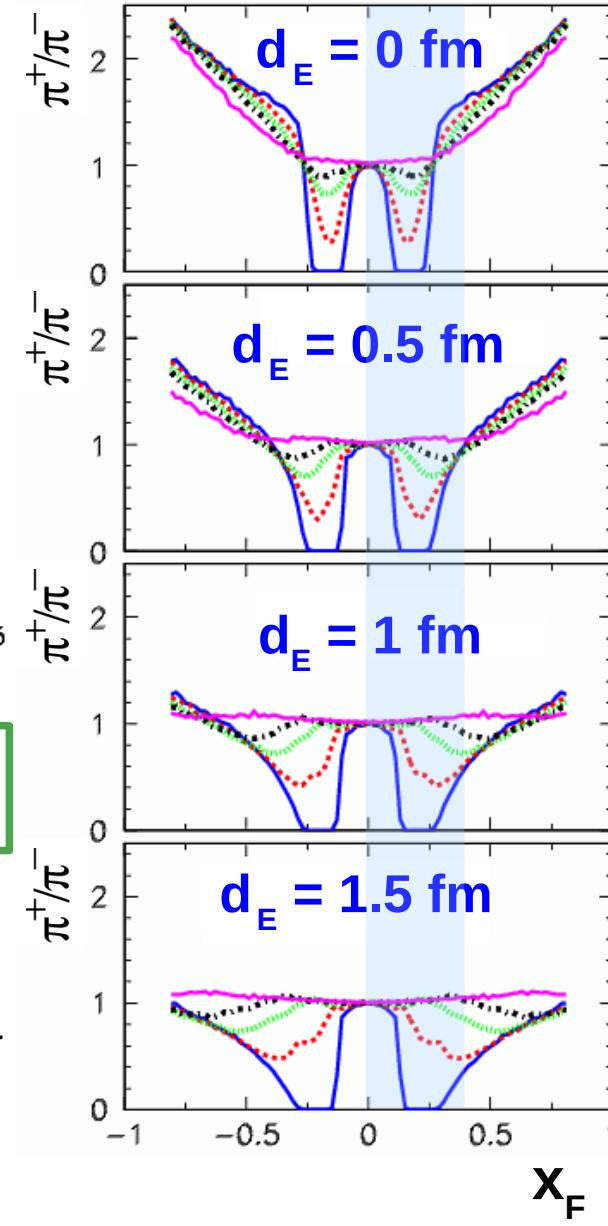
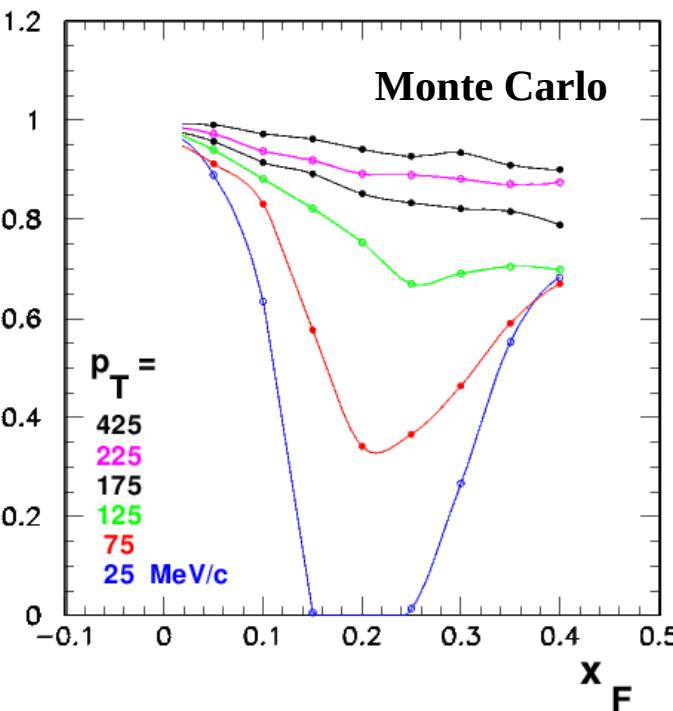
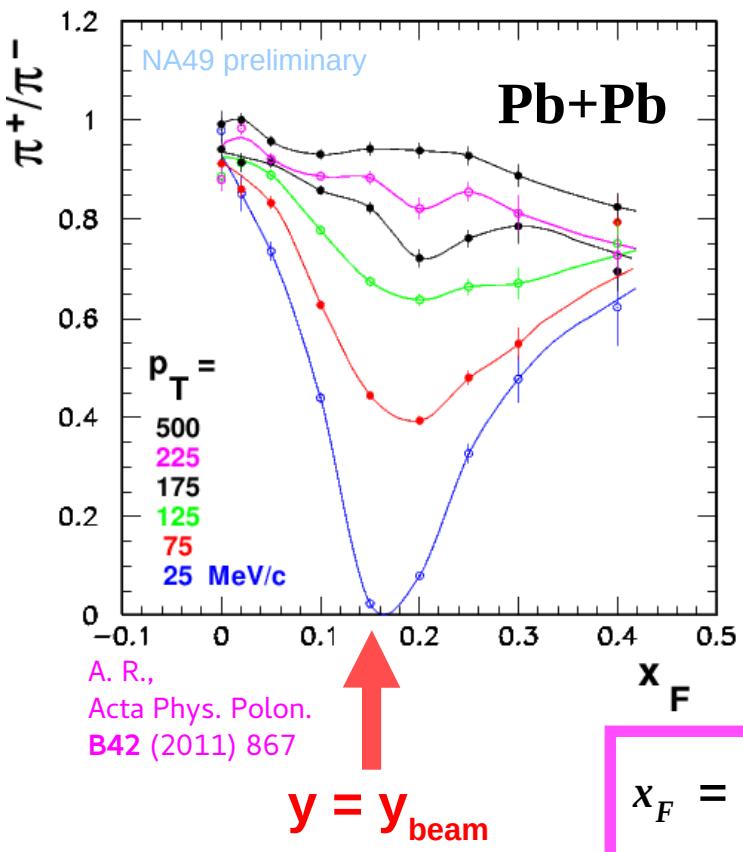
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**Charged spectators  
(EM field)**

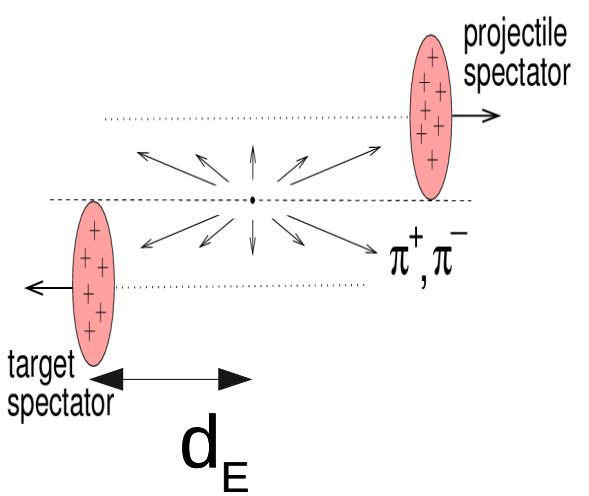
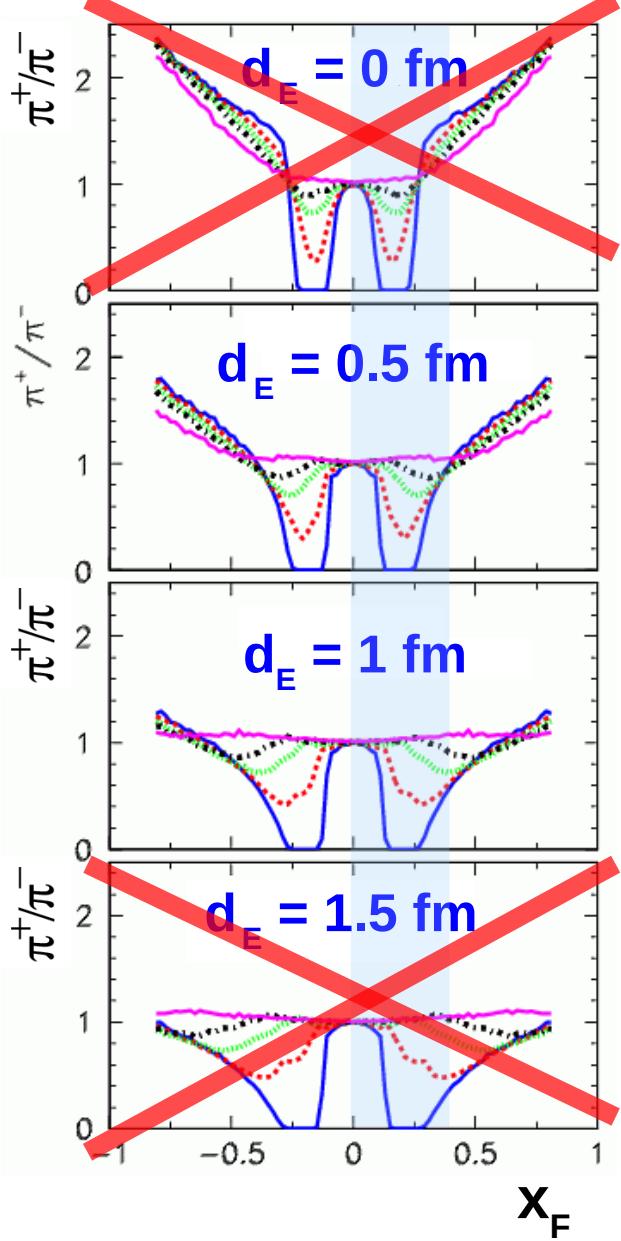
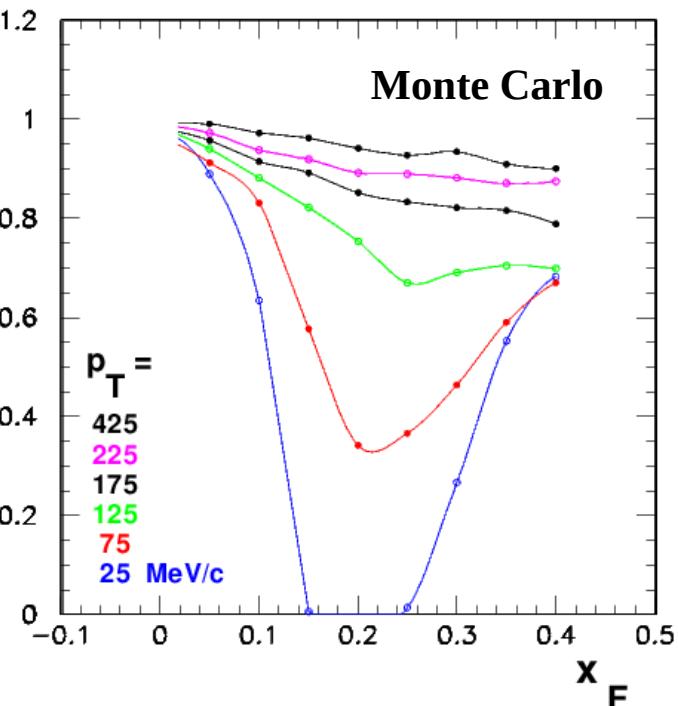
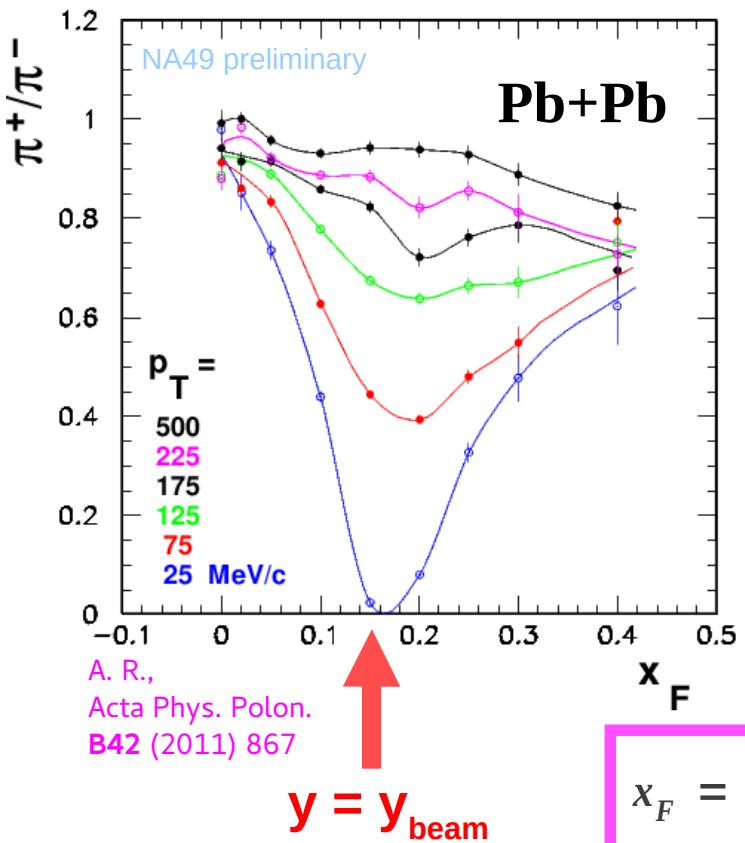
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Attraction ( for  $\pi^-$  )**



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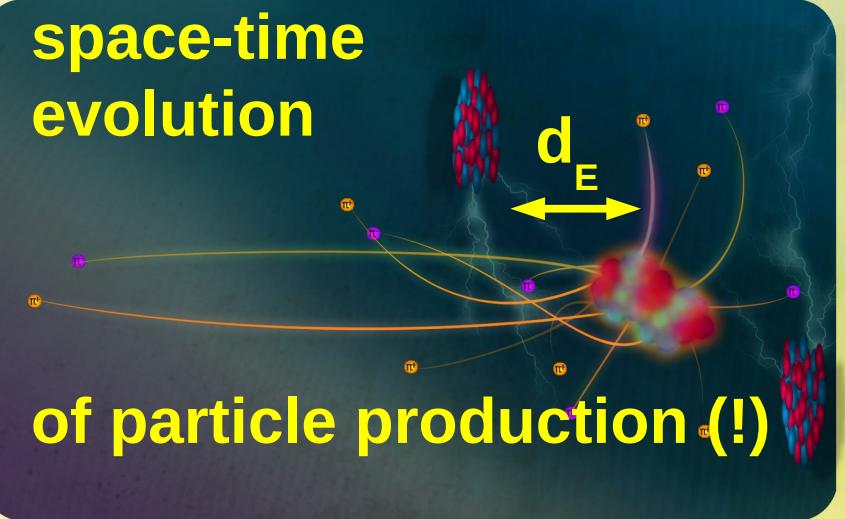


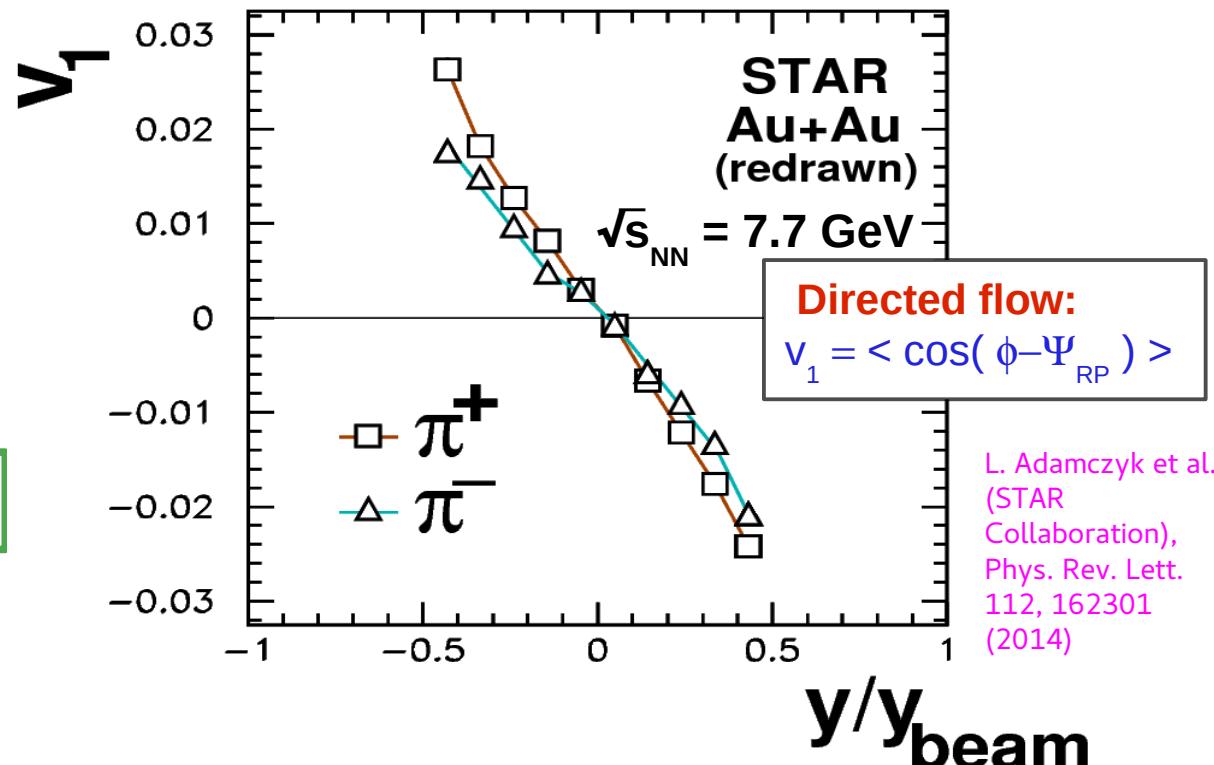
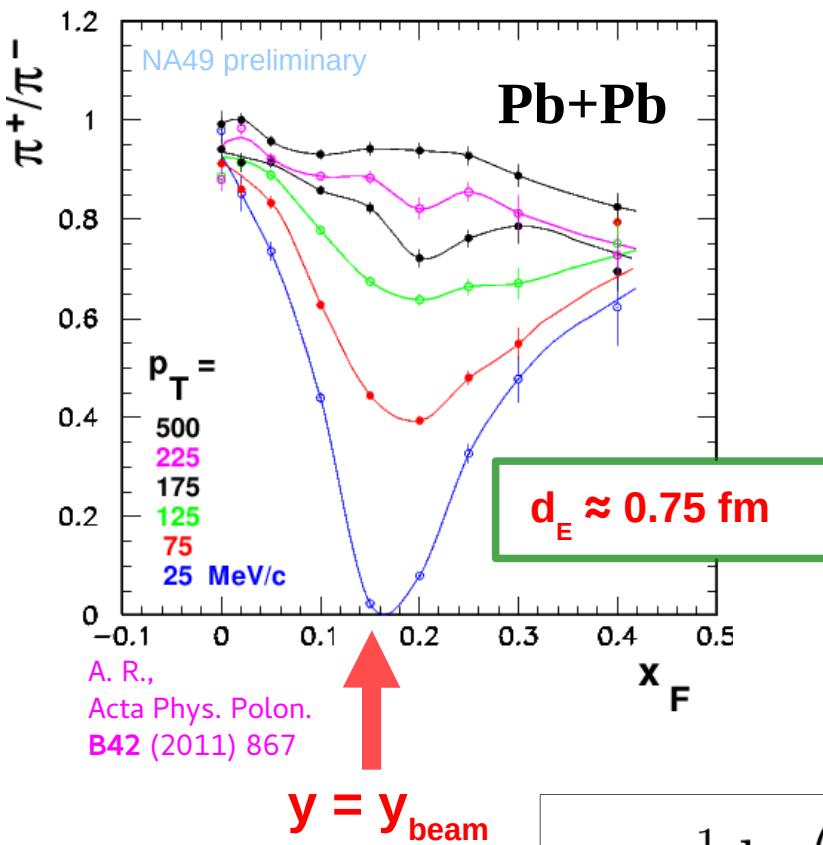
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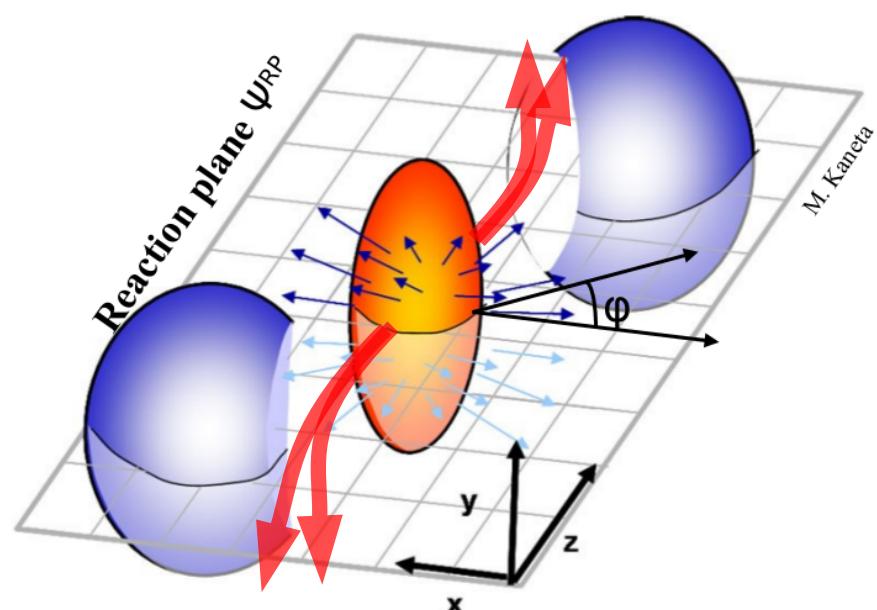
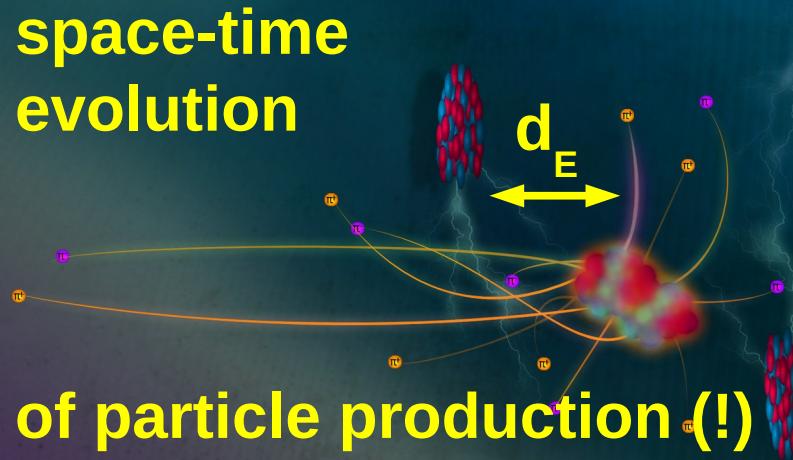
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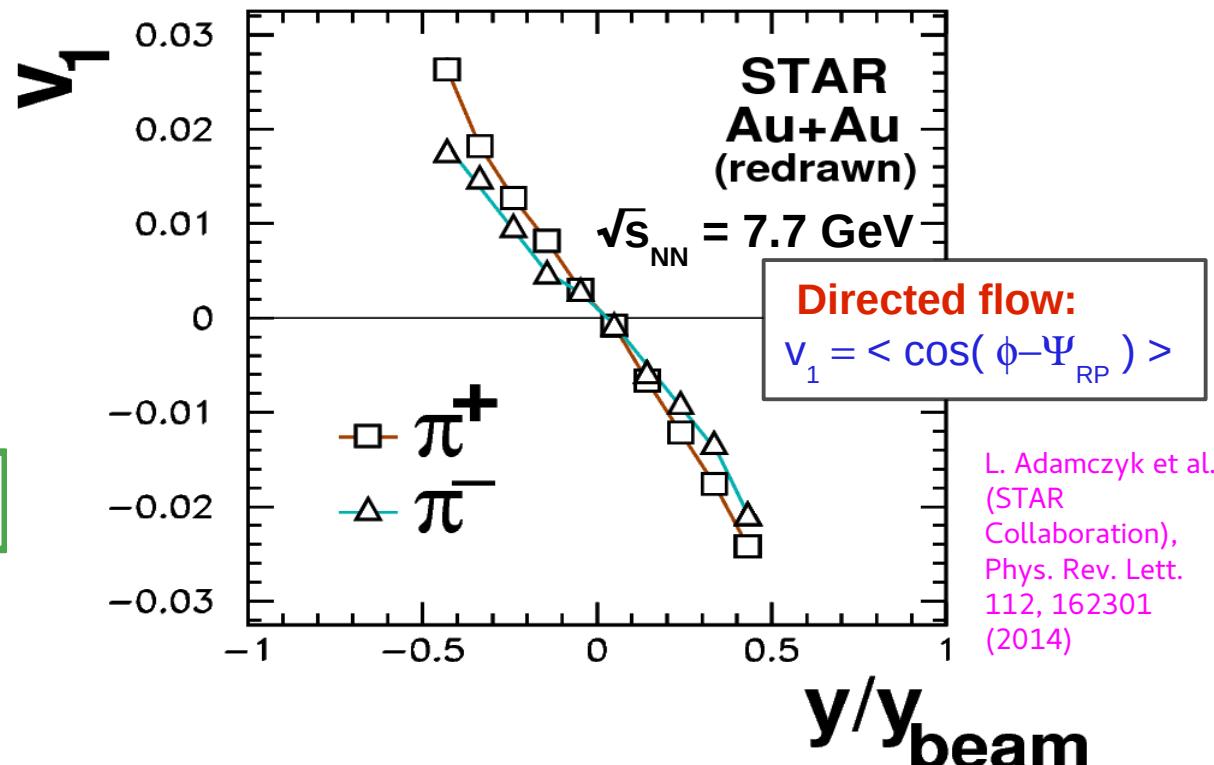
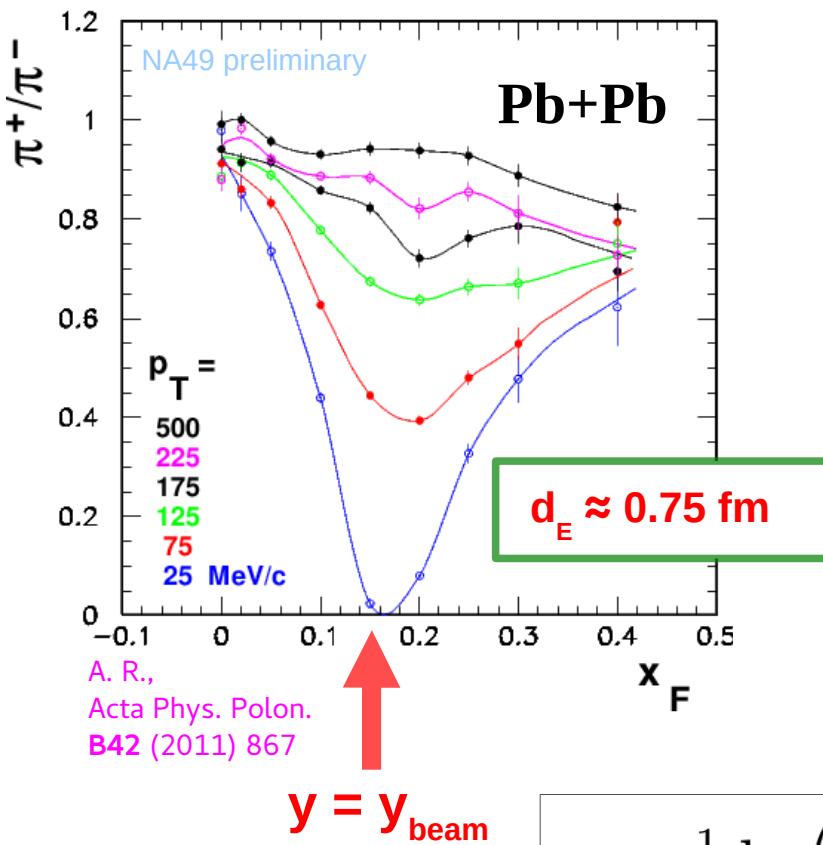
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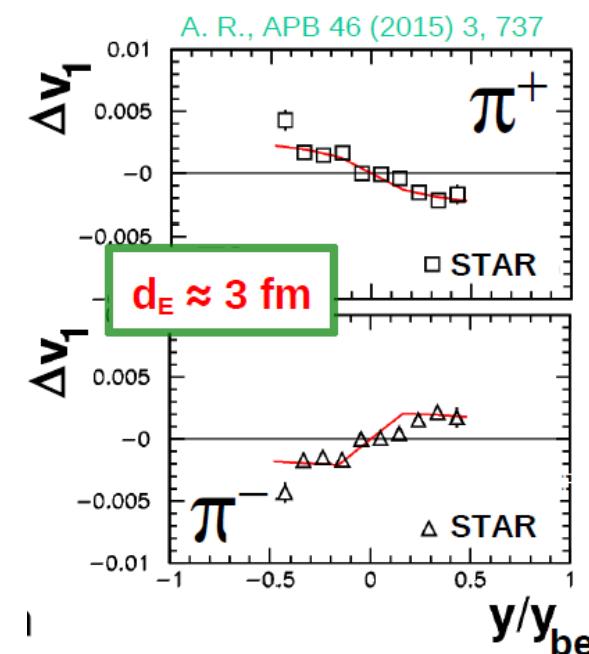
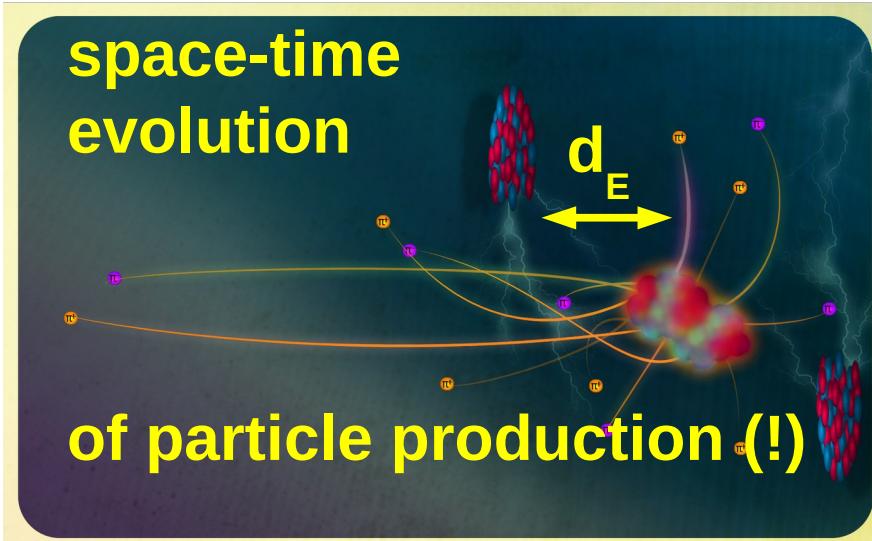


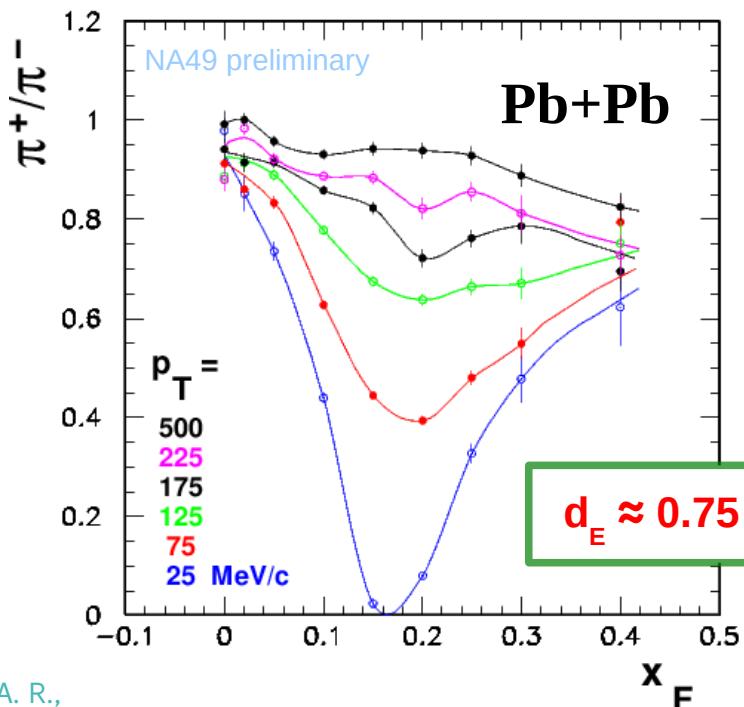
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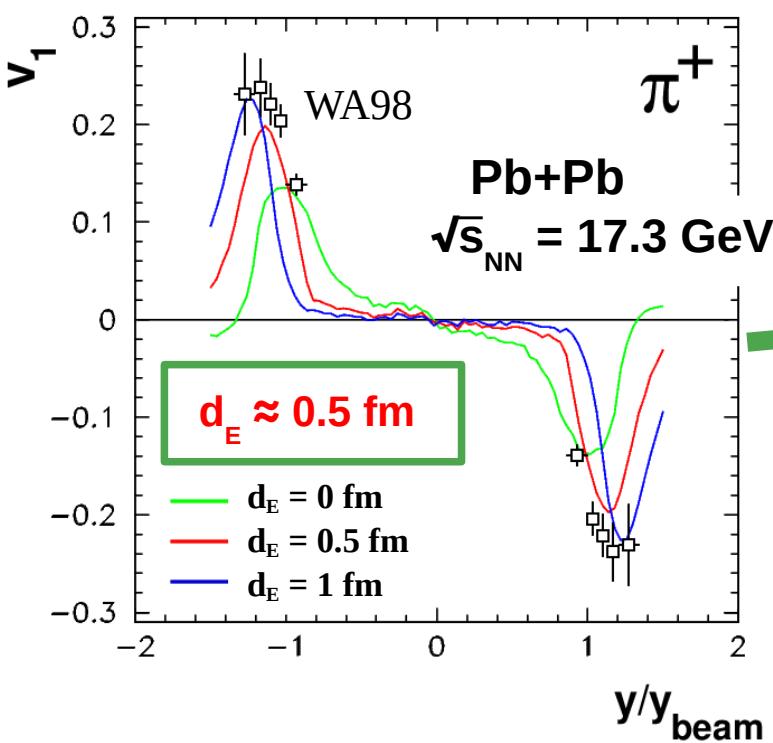


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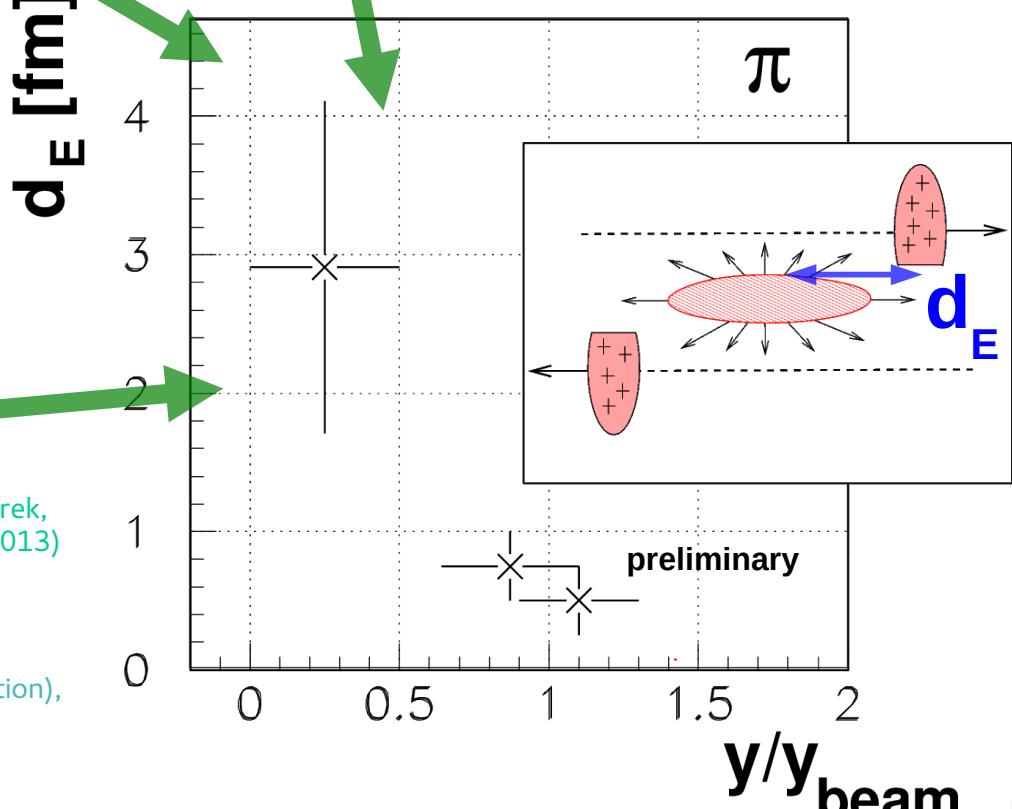
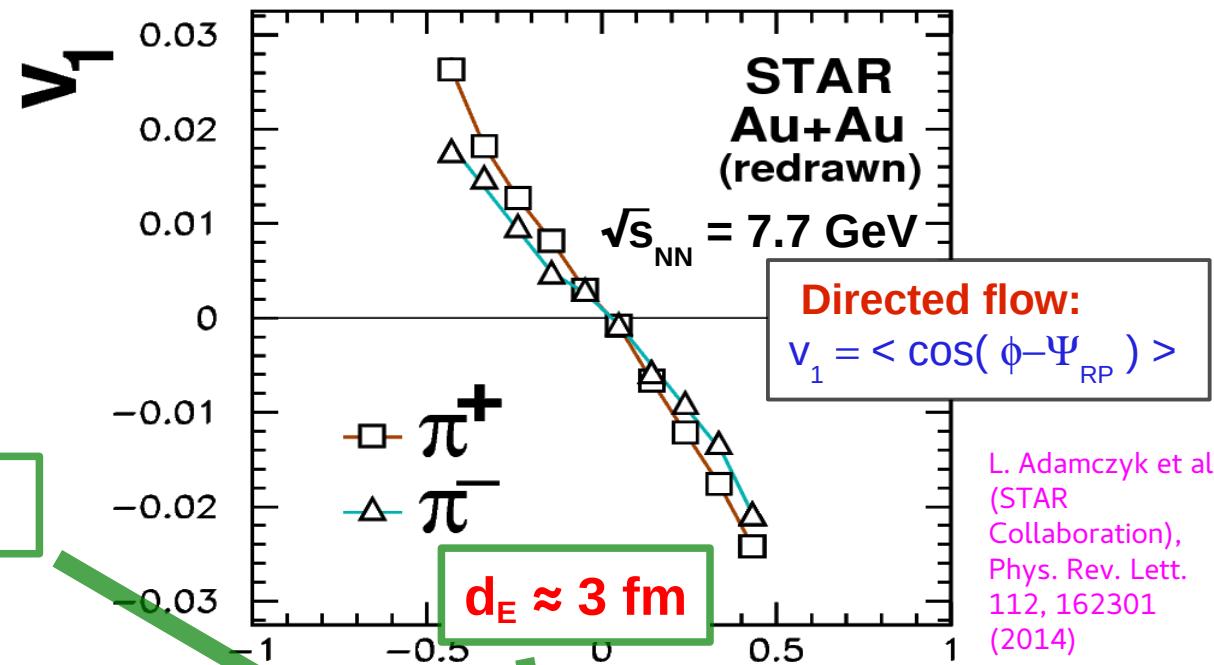


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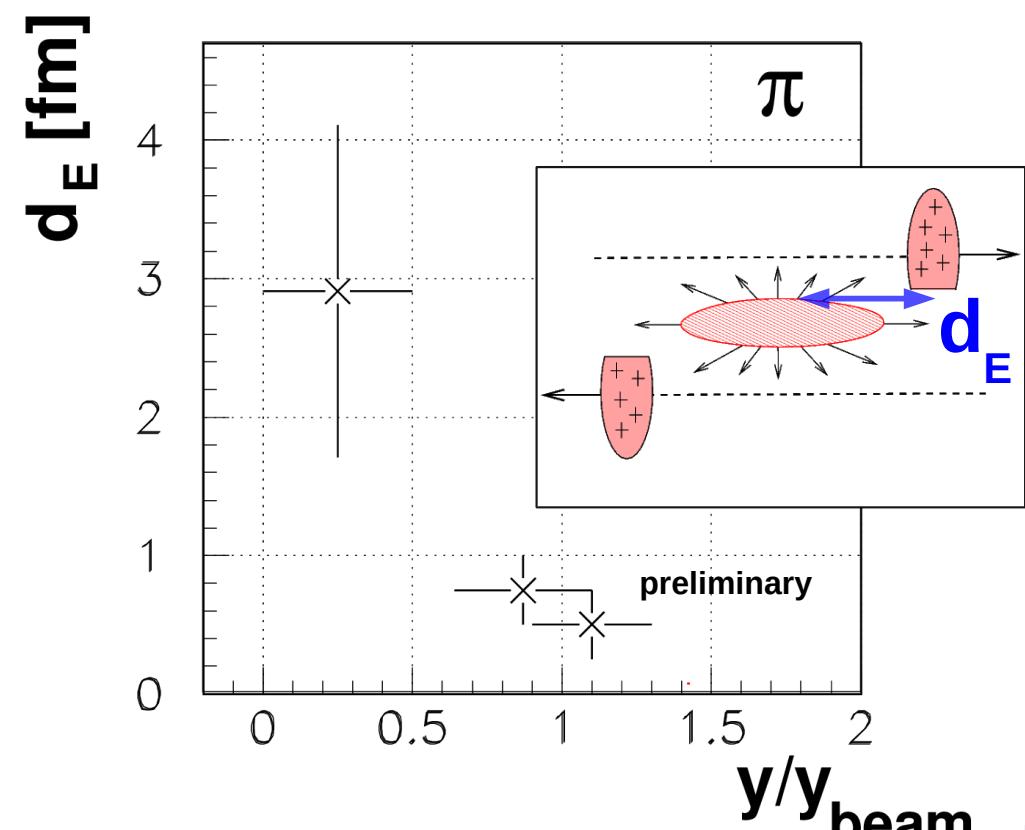


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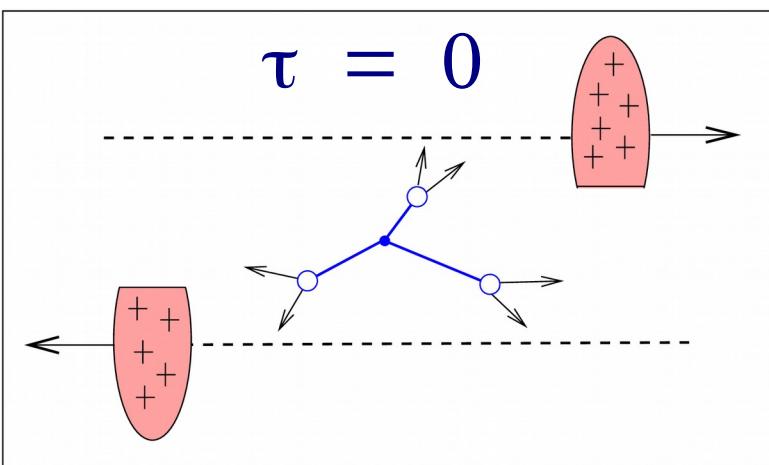
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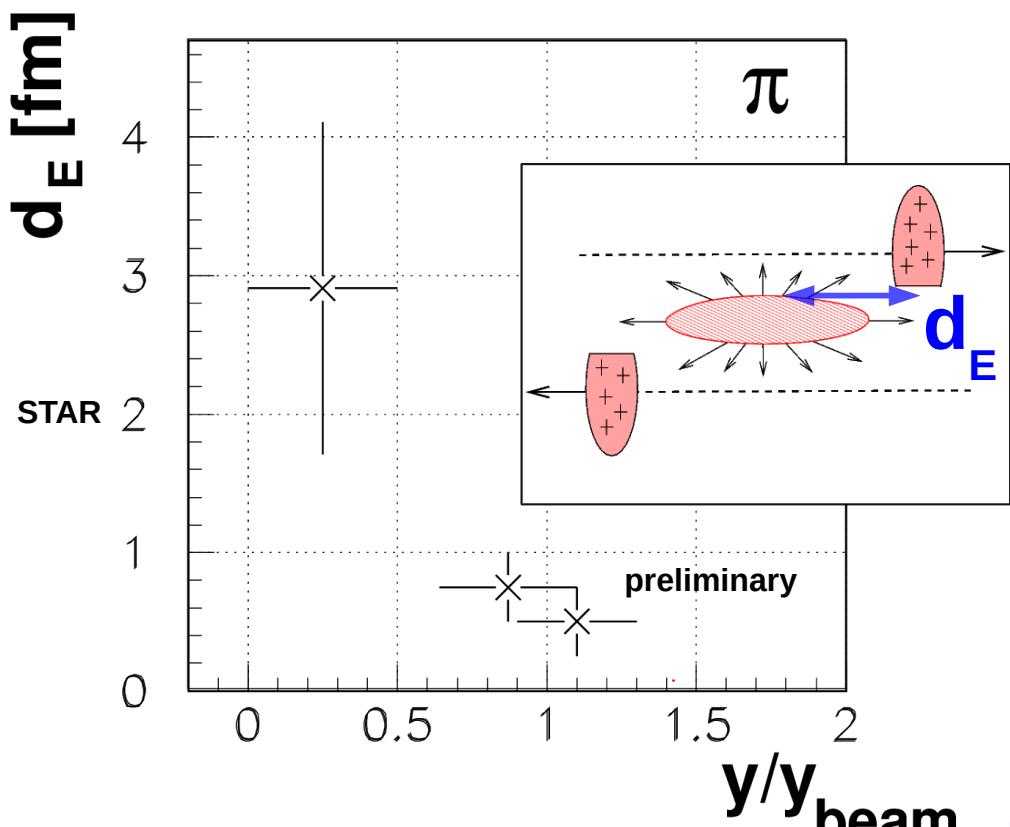
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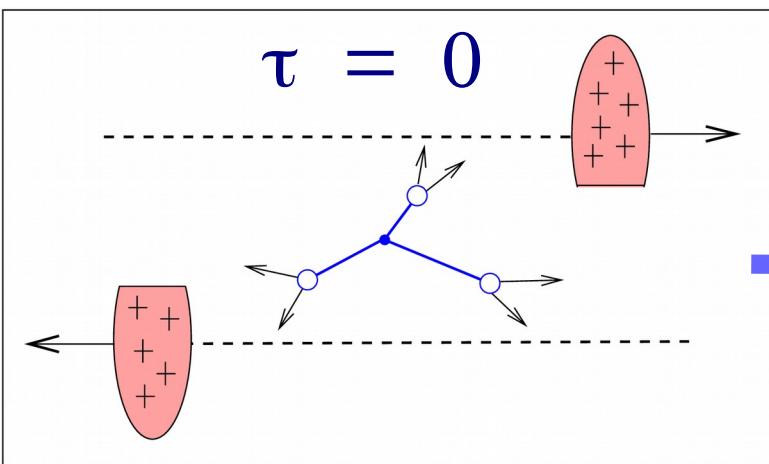
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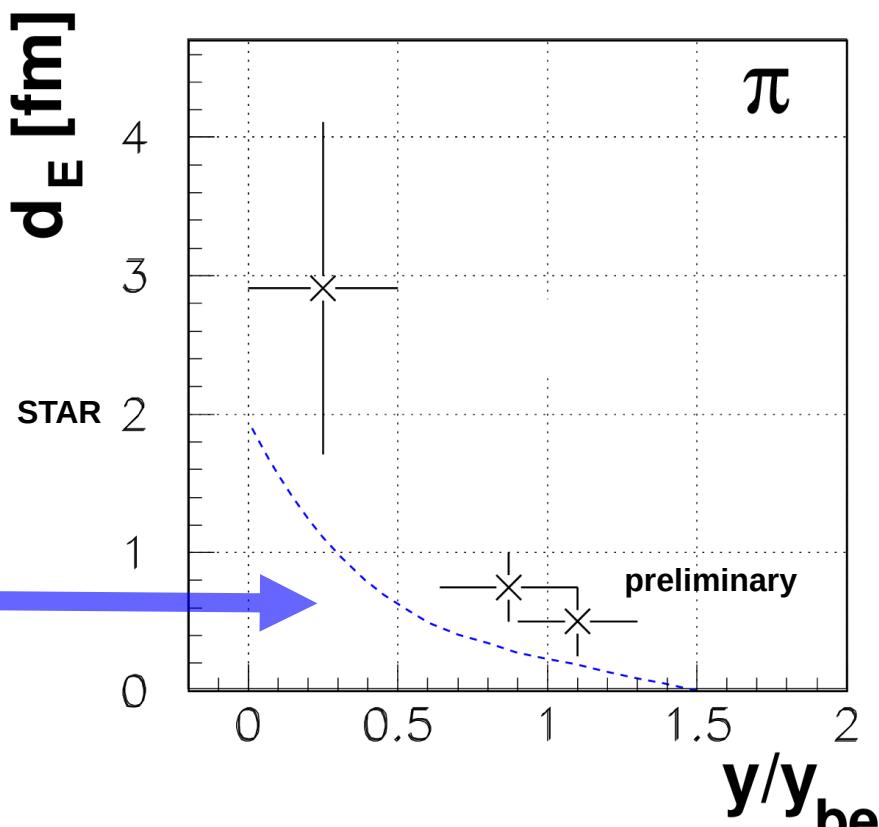
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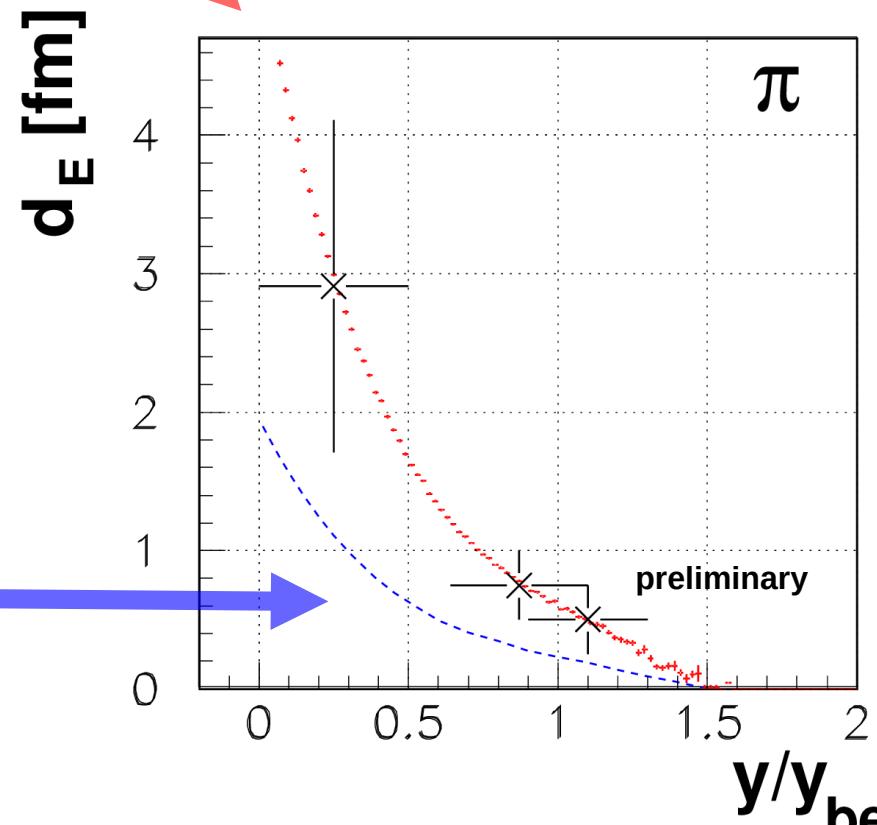
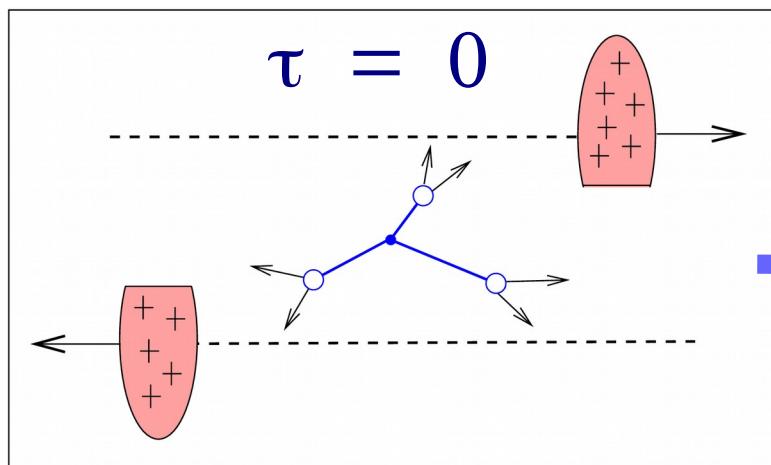
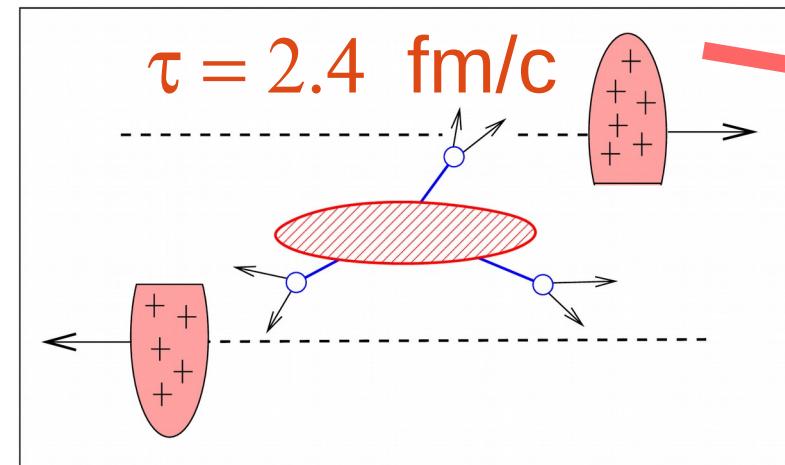
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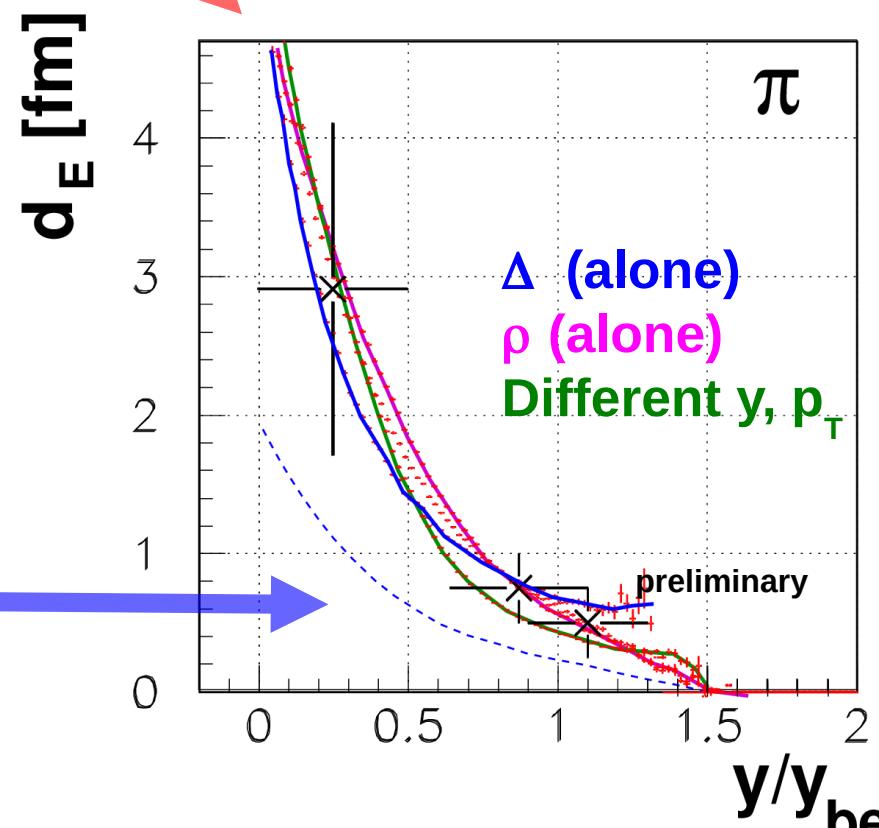
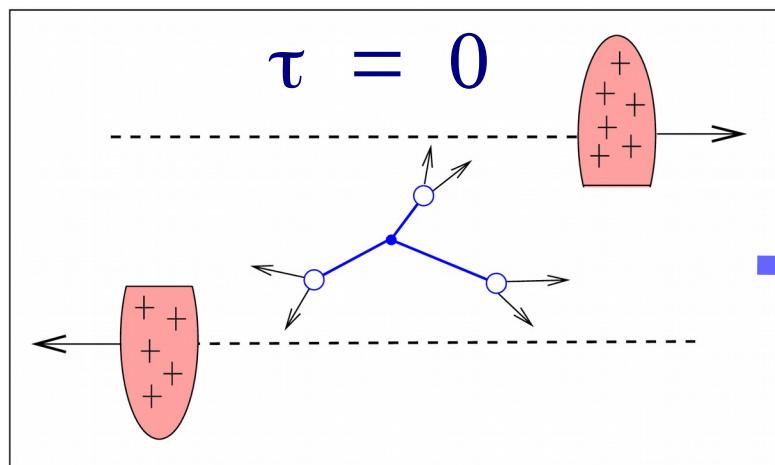
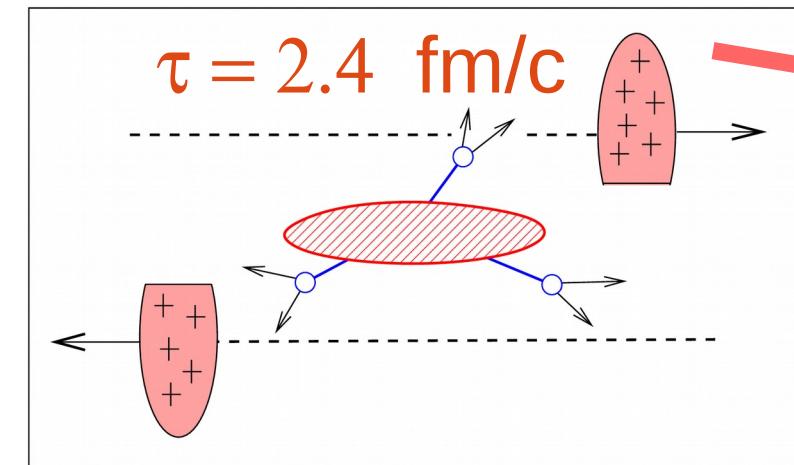
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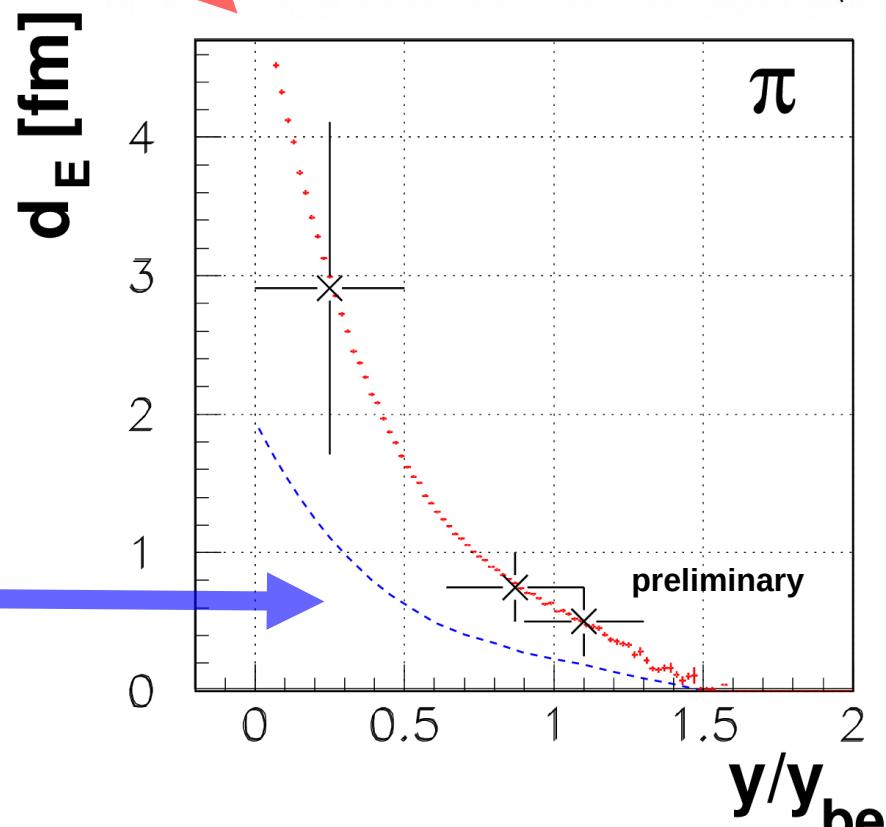
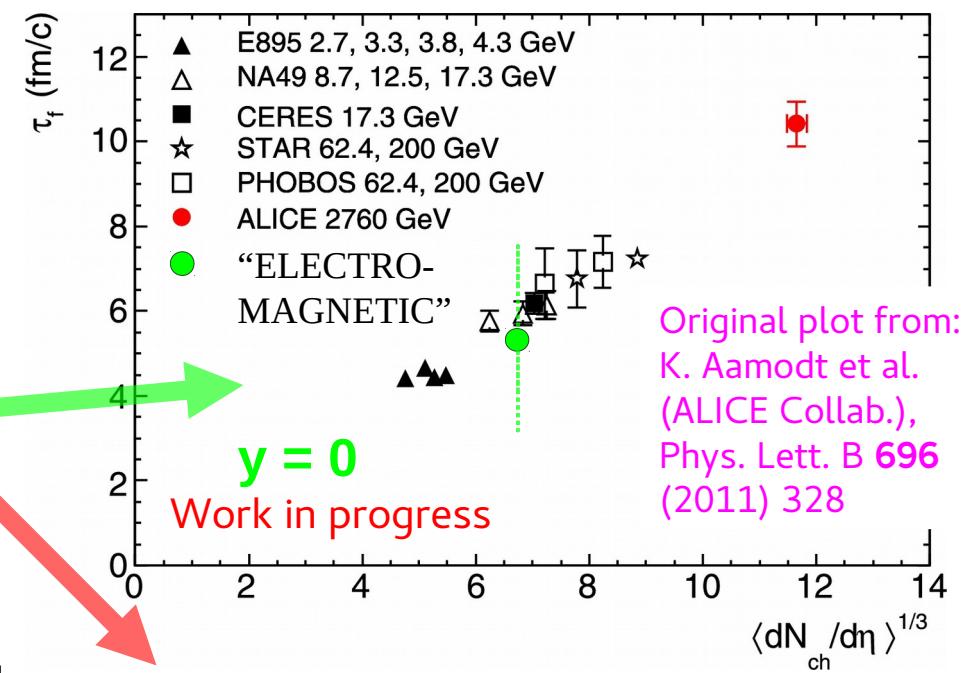
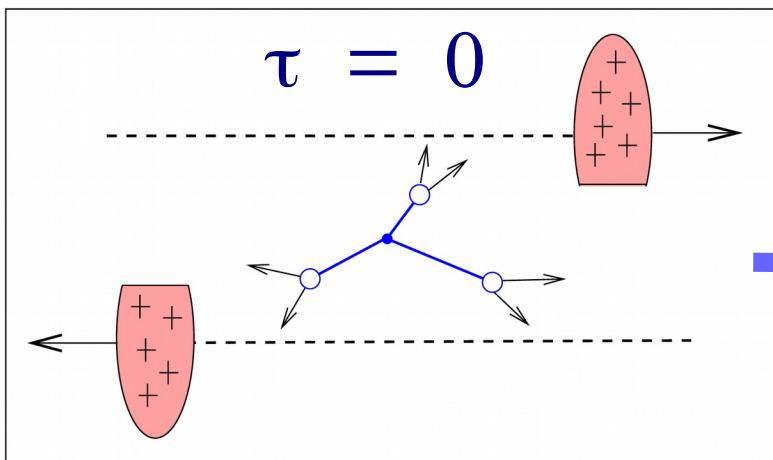
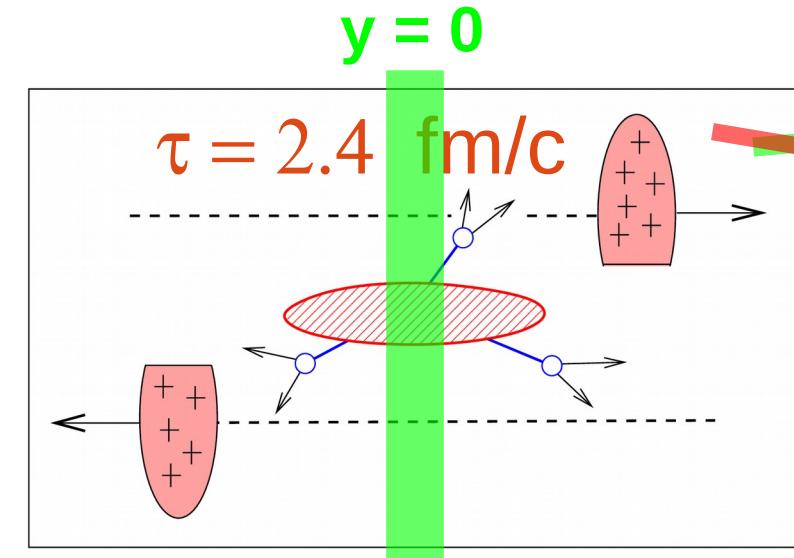
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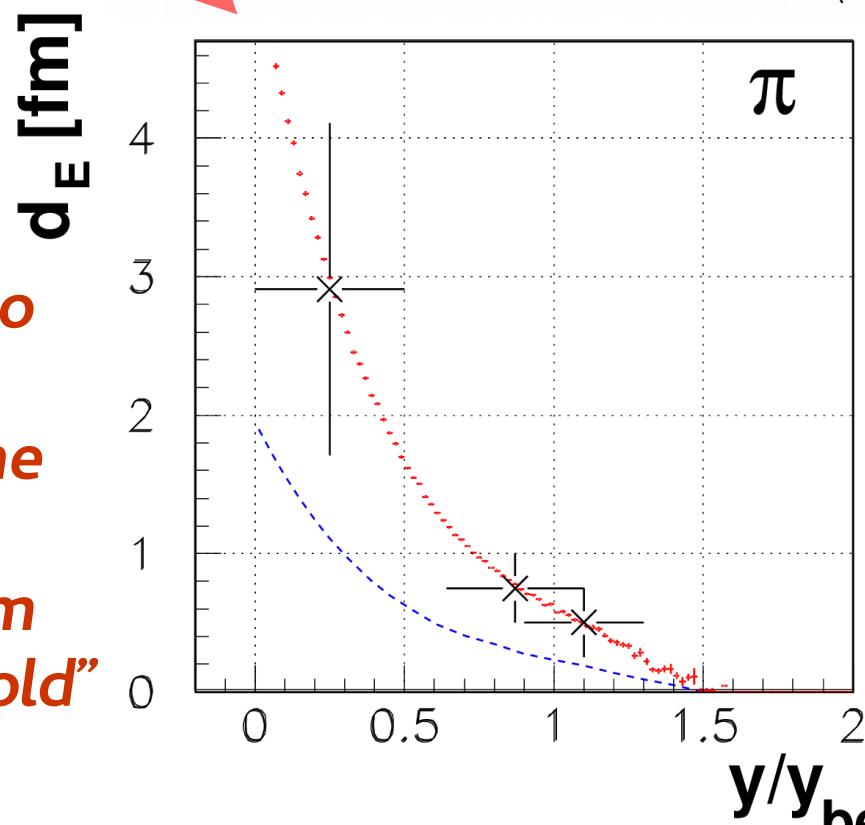
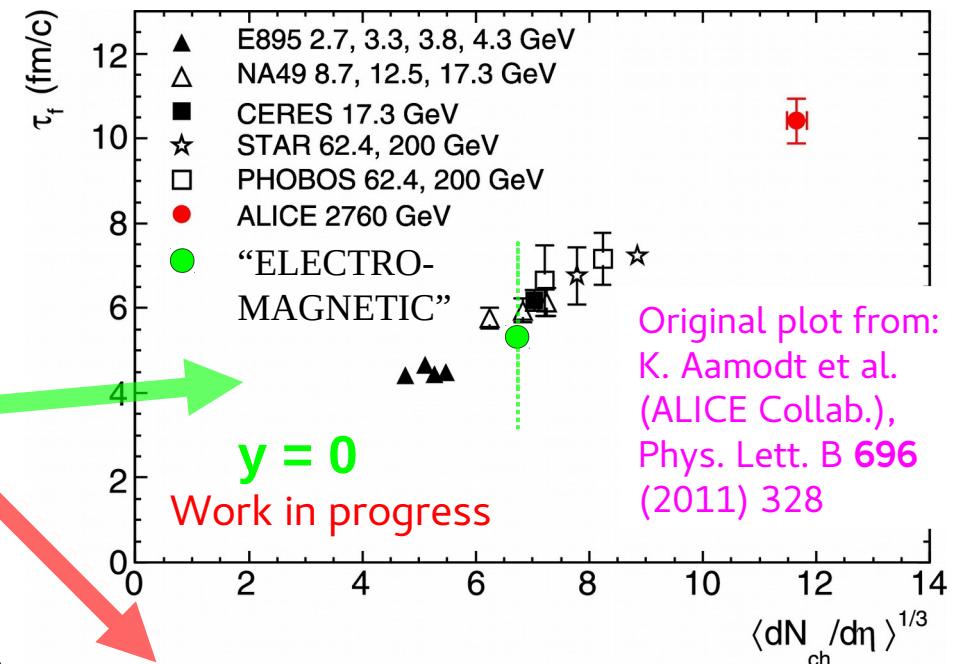
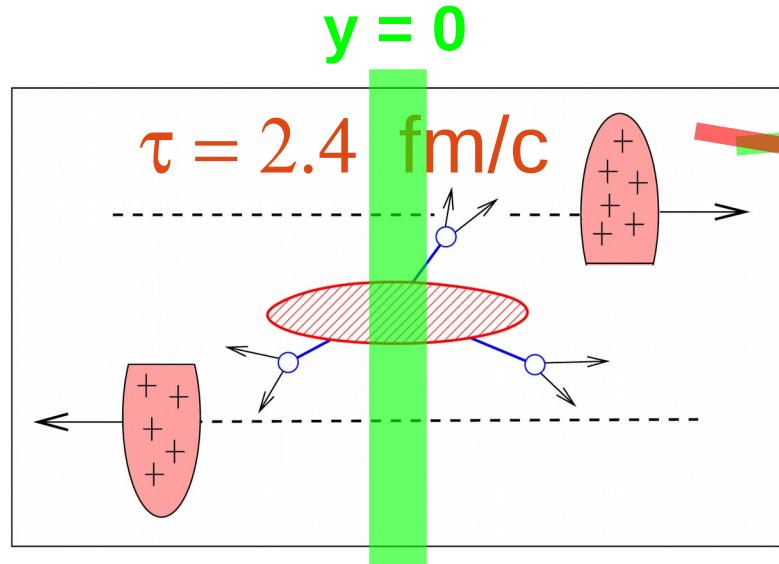


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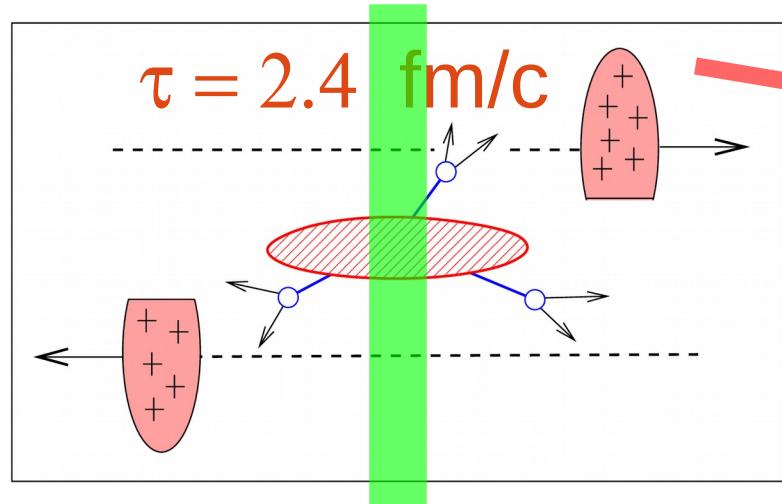
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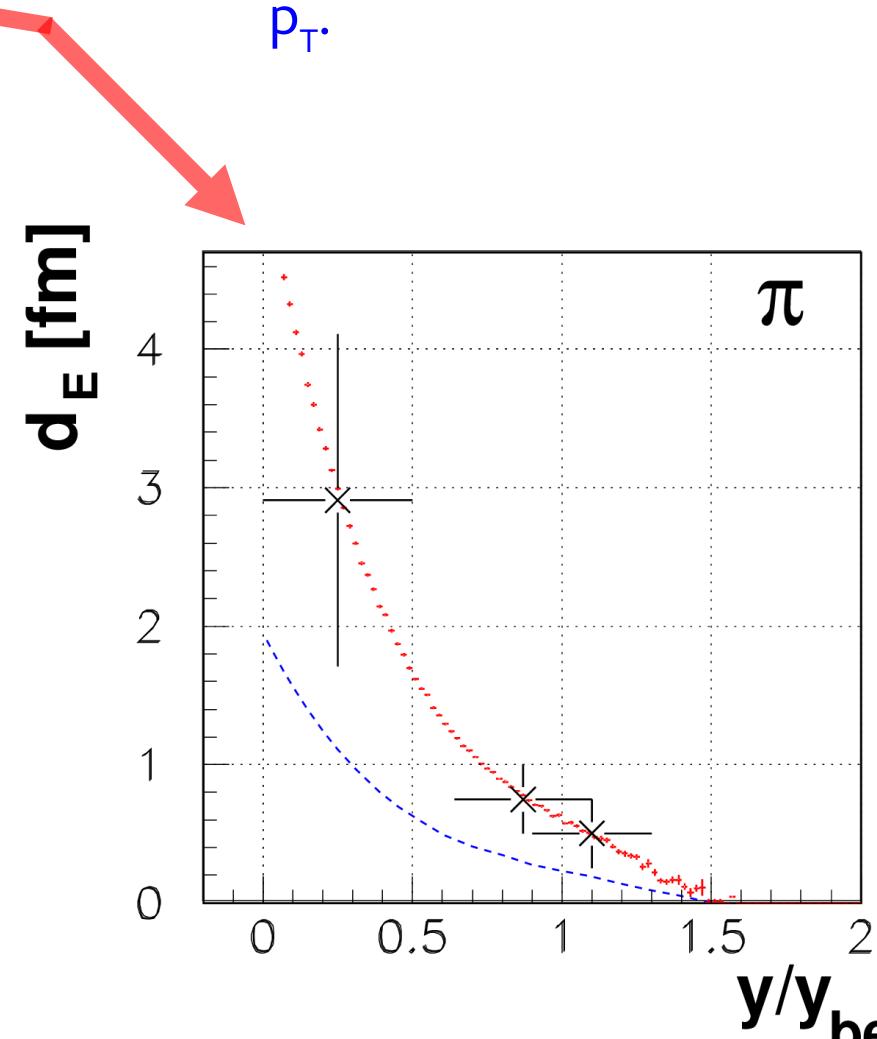


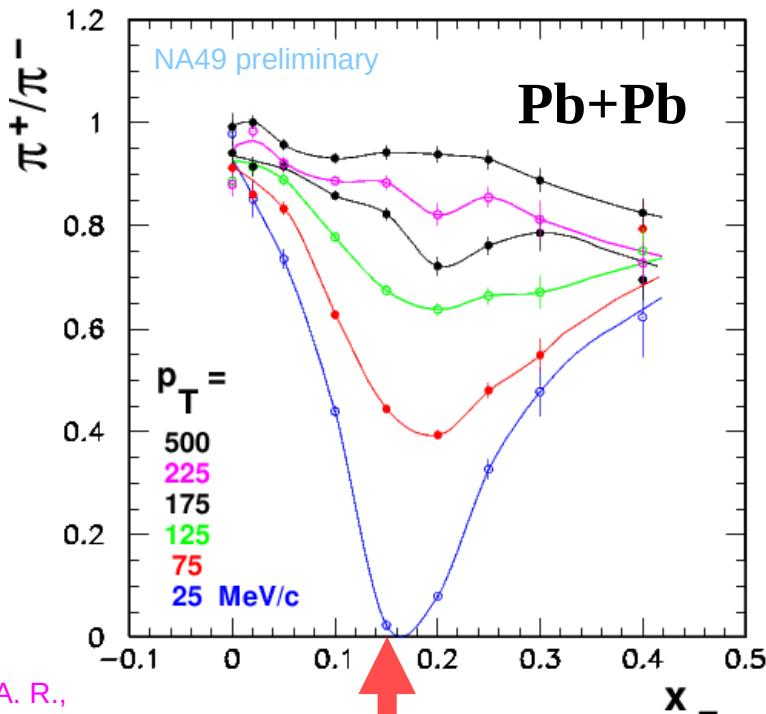
- What do we need now in order to better understand:
  - (a) the space-time evolution of the system ...
  - (b) the longitudinal evolution from “hot” (QGP?) matter at  $y=0$  to “cold” (hadronic/nuclear) matter at  $y=y_{\text{beam}}$  ?

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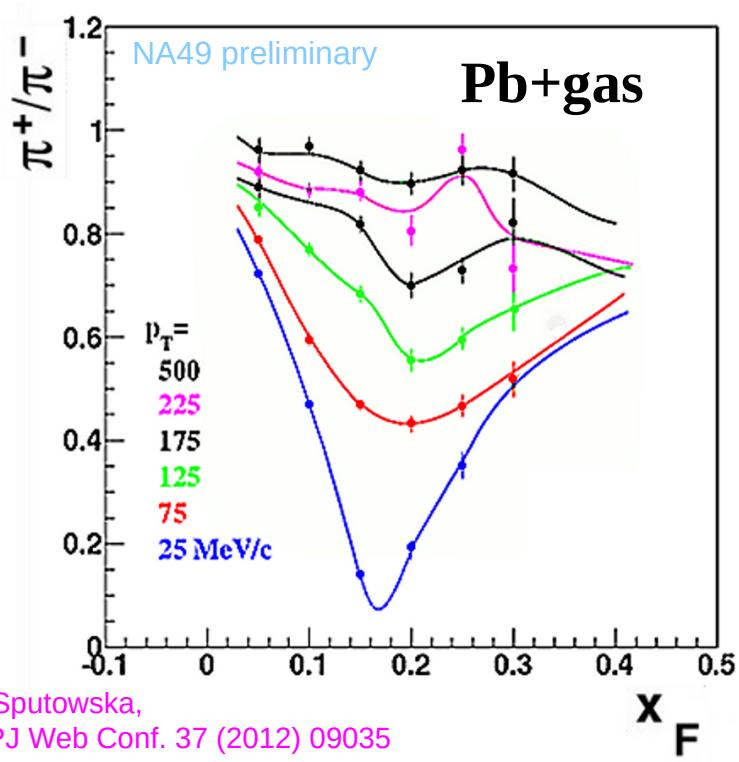


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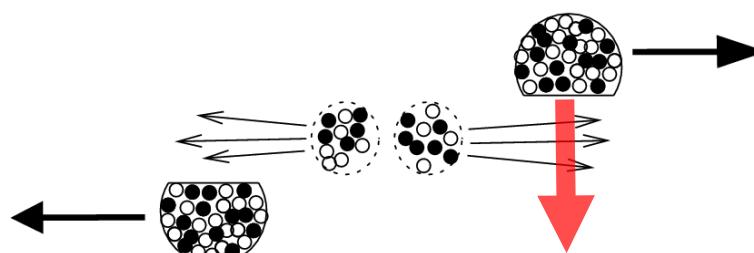




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$$\chi_F = \frac{p_L}{p_L^{MAX}}$$



**Repulsion (for  $\pi^+$ )**  
**Attraction (for  $\pi^-$ )**

## 4) Summary & outlook

- EM effects in heavy ion collisions are sensitive to the distance  $d_E$  between the pion emission site and the spectator(s).
  - They can be used as a new source of information on the longitudinal space-time evolution of the system.
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- Plan (2015-2020):
  1. Get more data on these effects (NA61/SHINE, SPSC-P-330-ADD-8, NICA, EPJA vol. 52 (2016)) ;
  2. Clarify the situation at LHC.

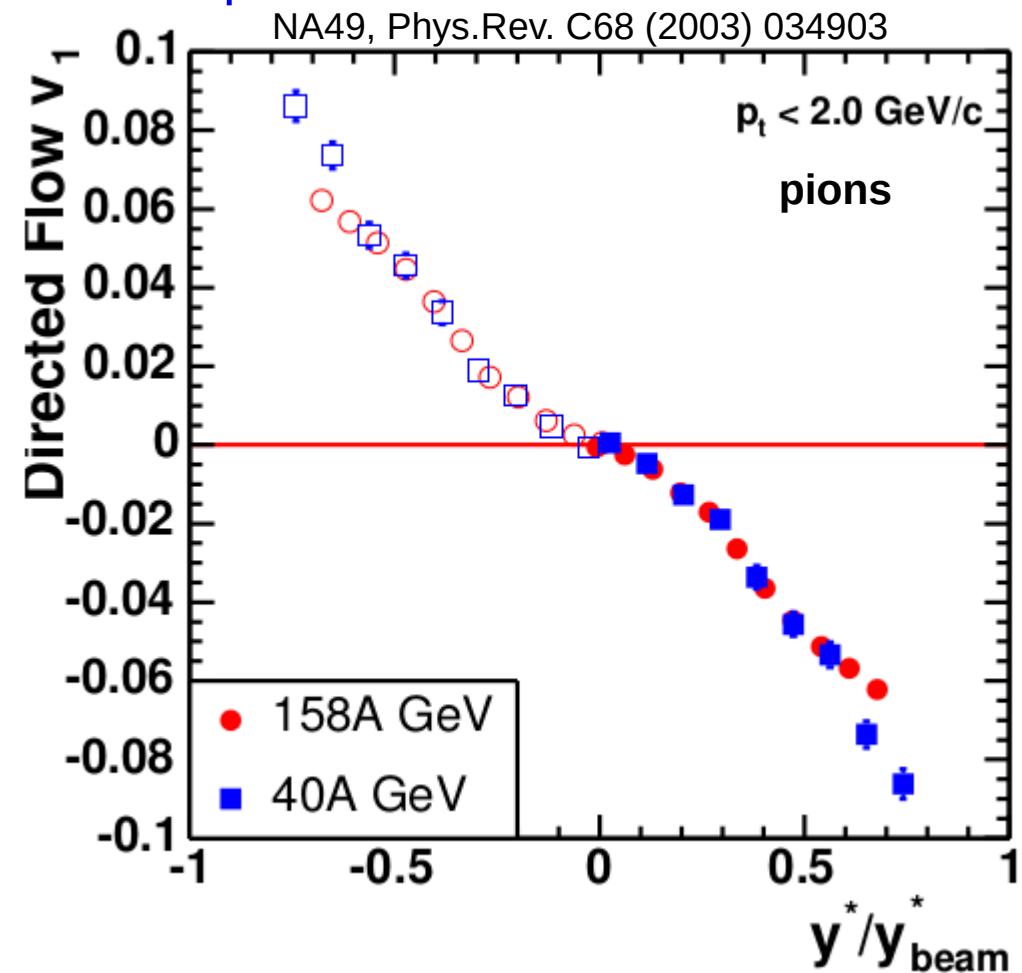
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## *Extra slides*

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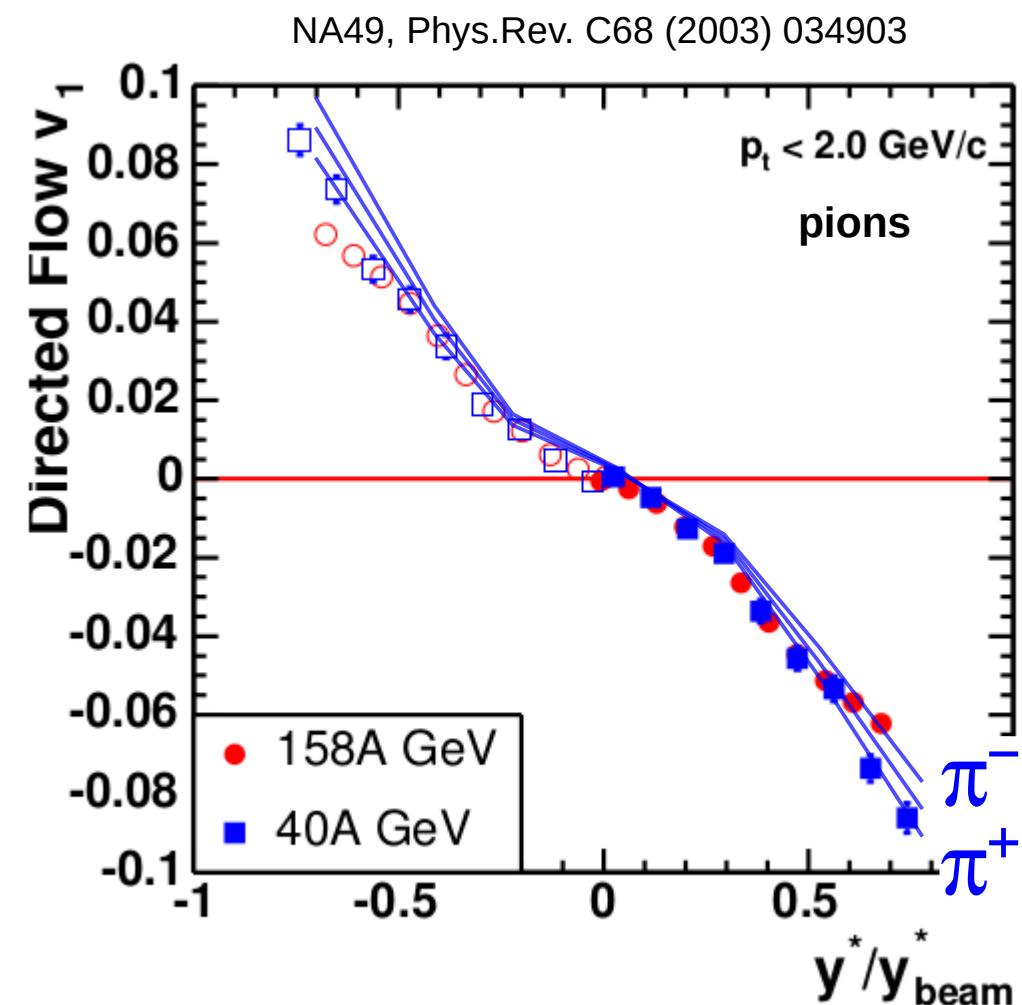
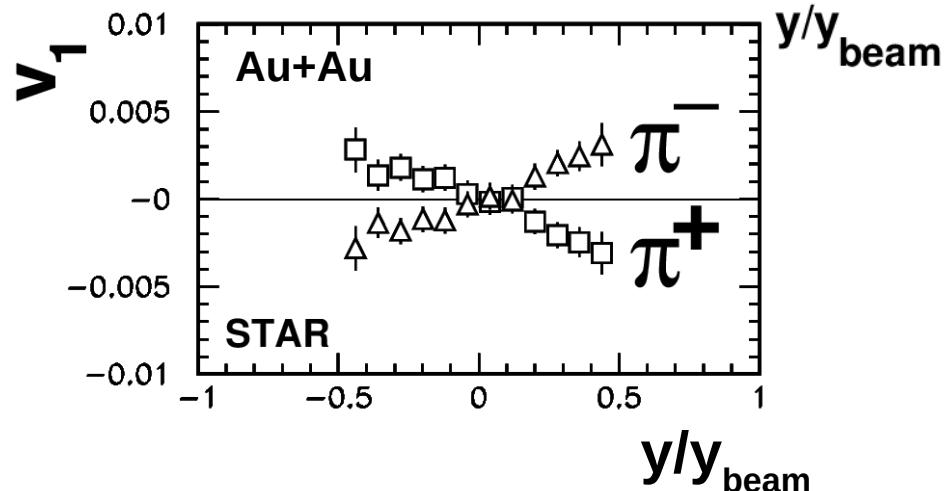
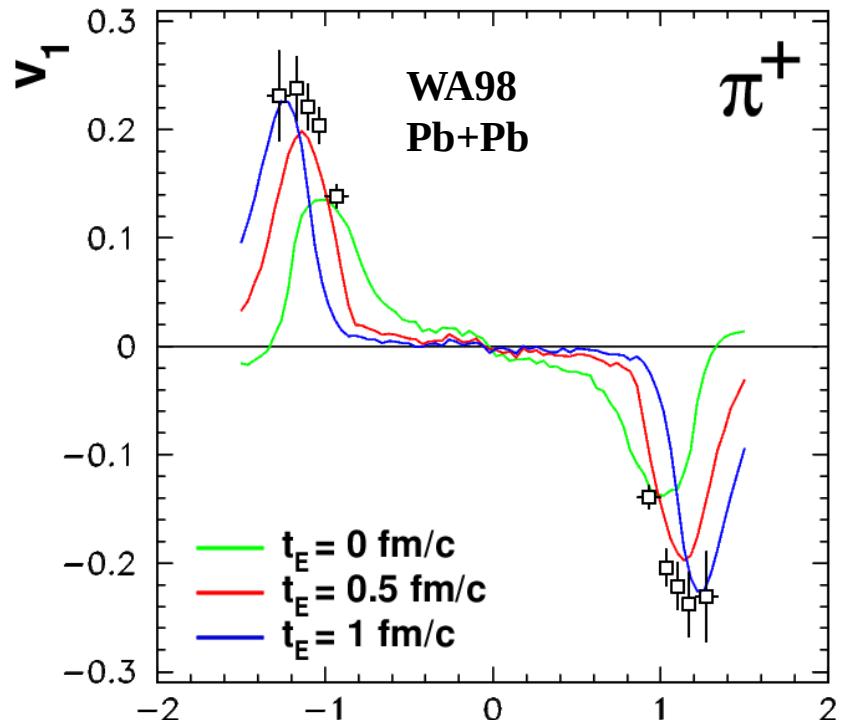


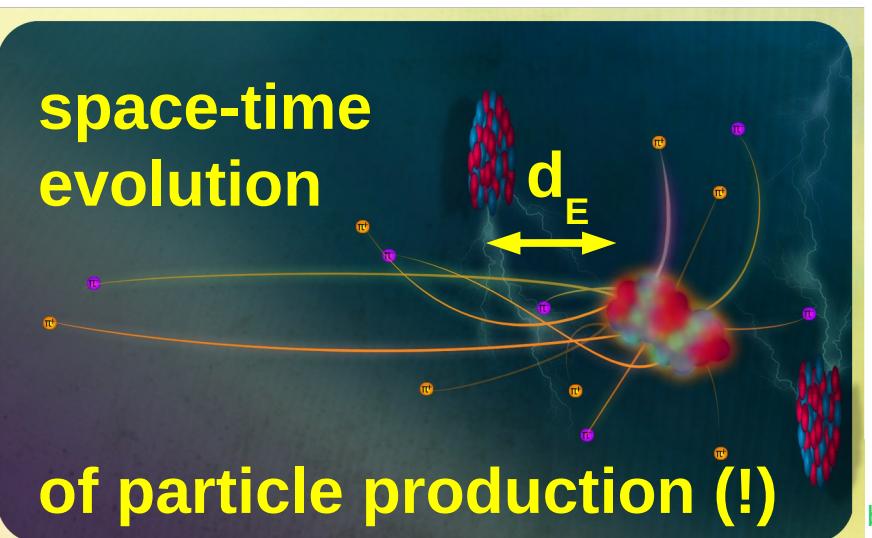
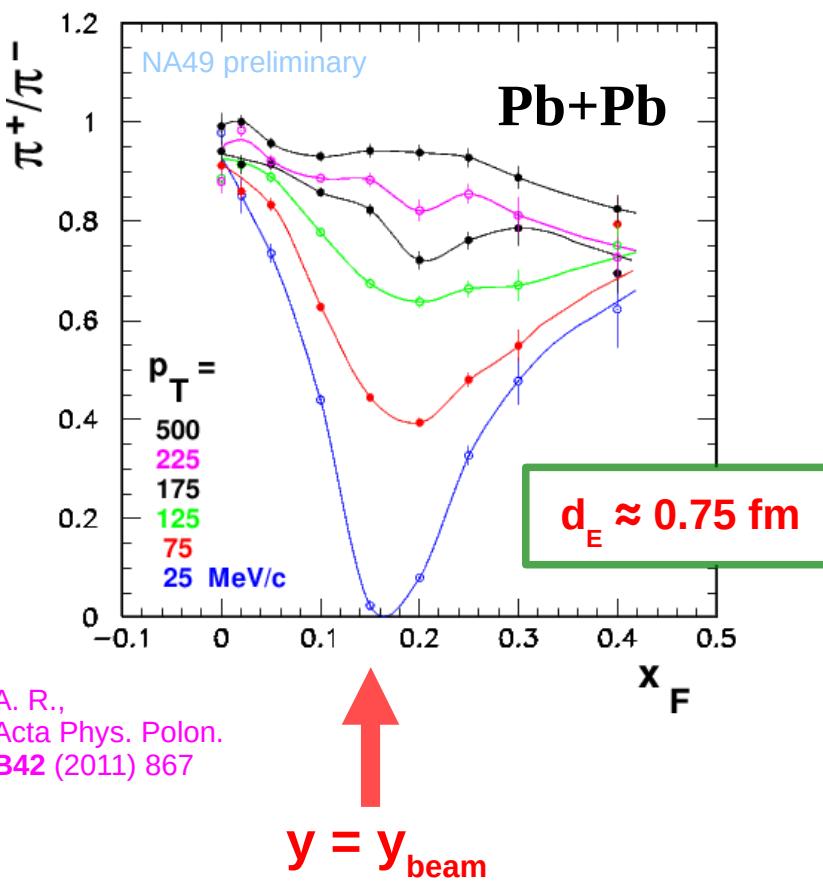
Experiments (data exists or could come):

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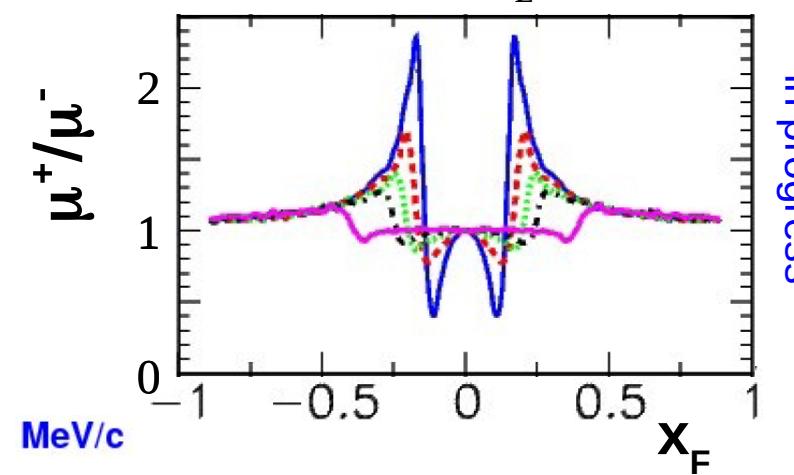
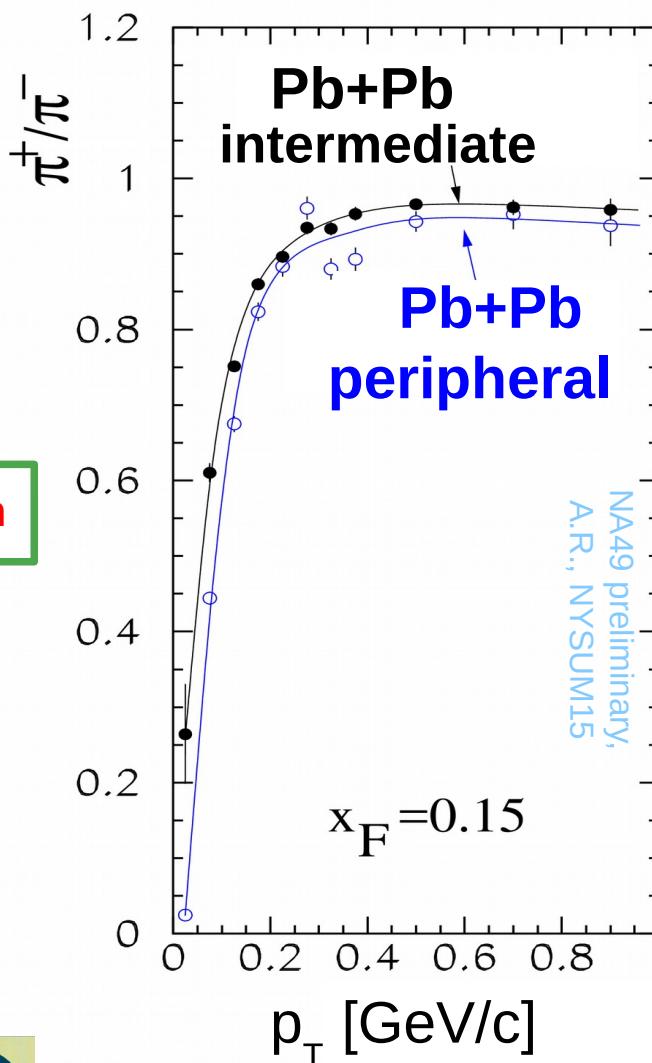
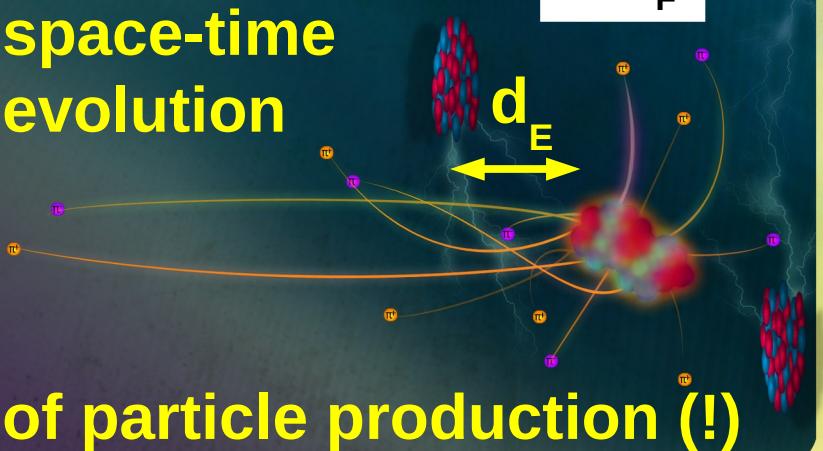
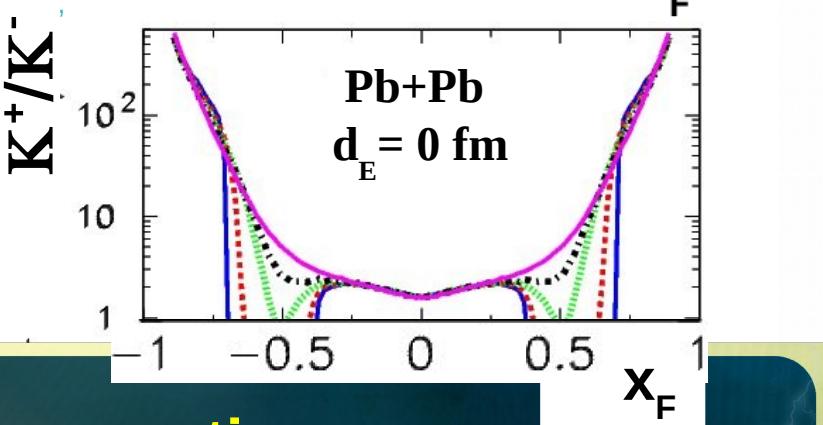
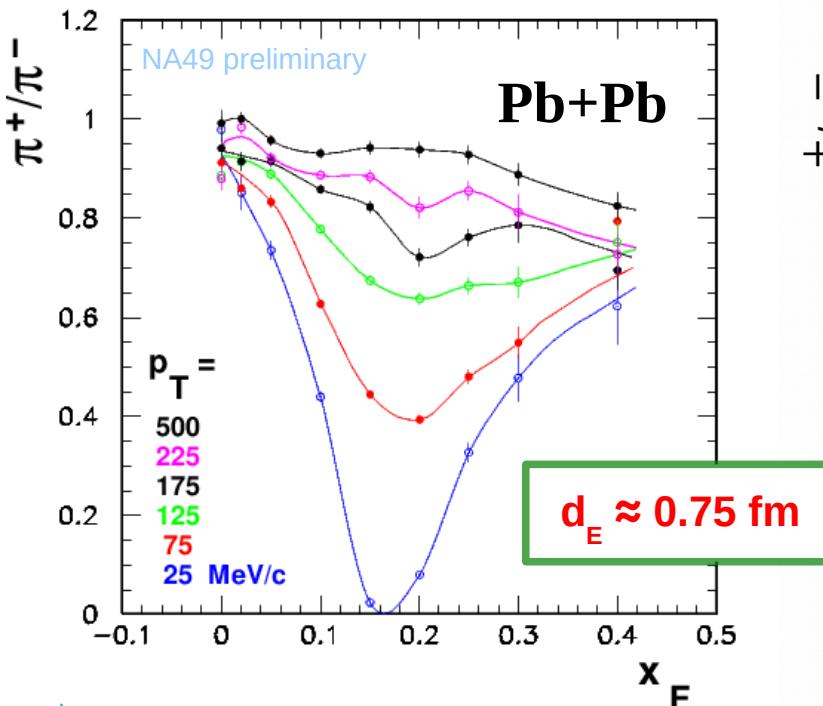
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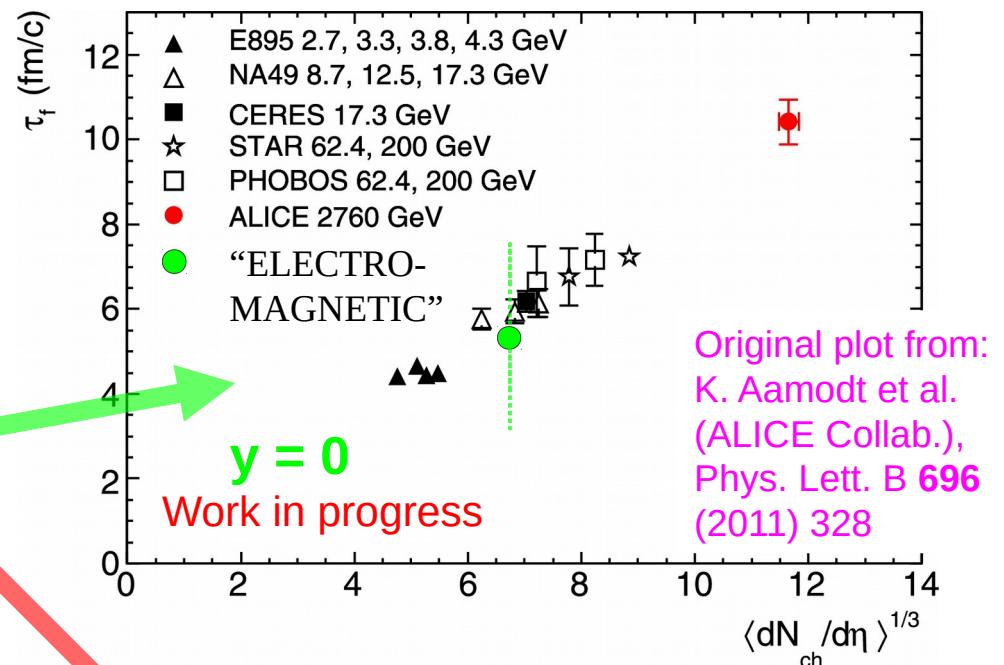
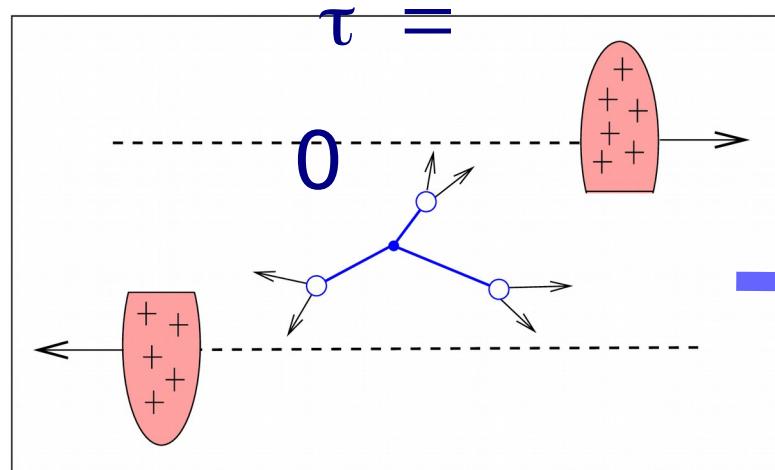
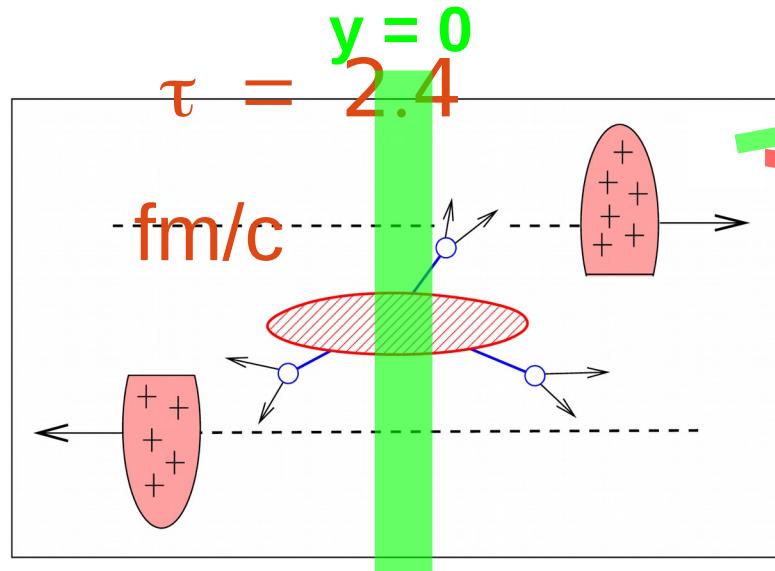




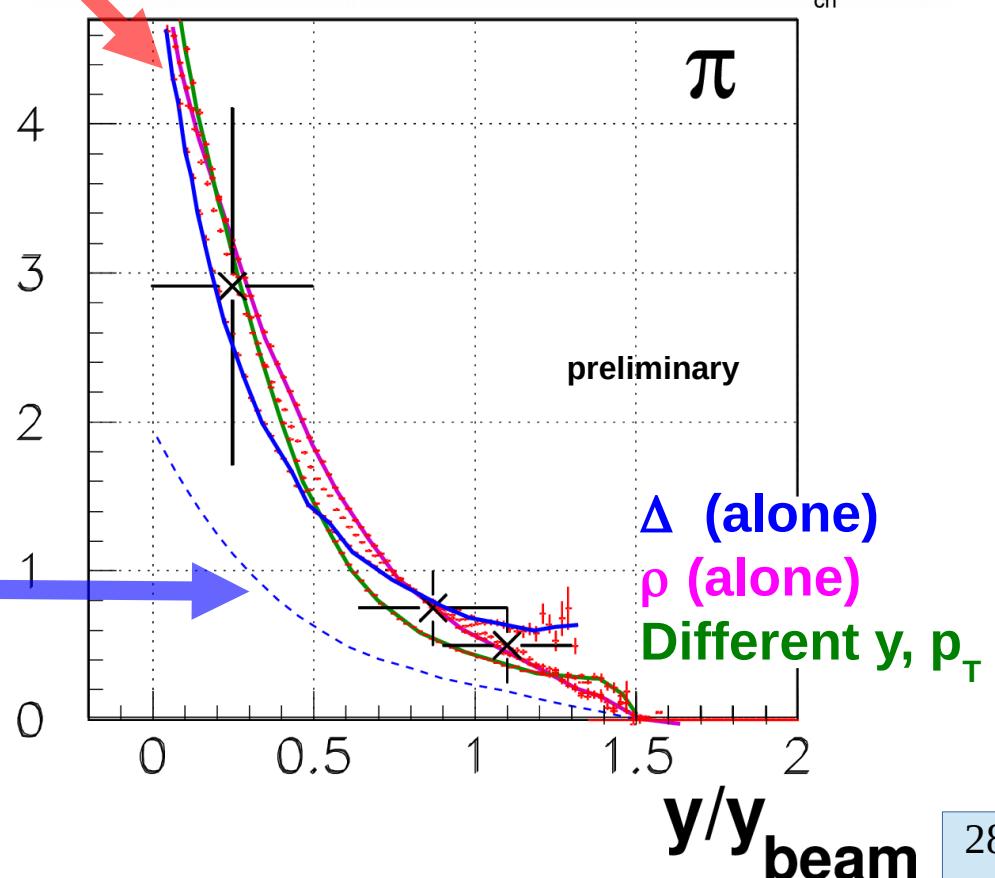
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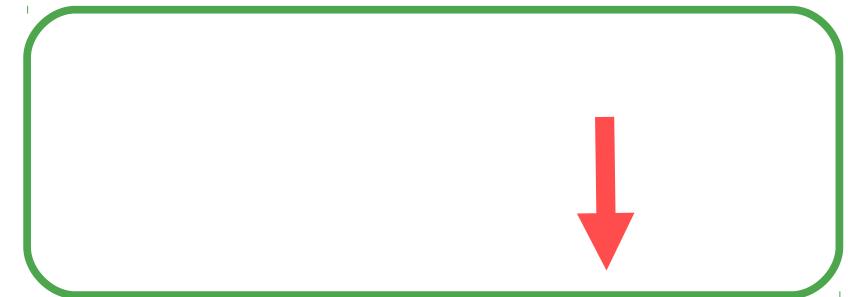
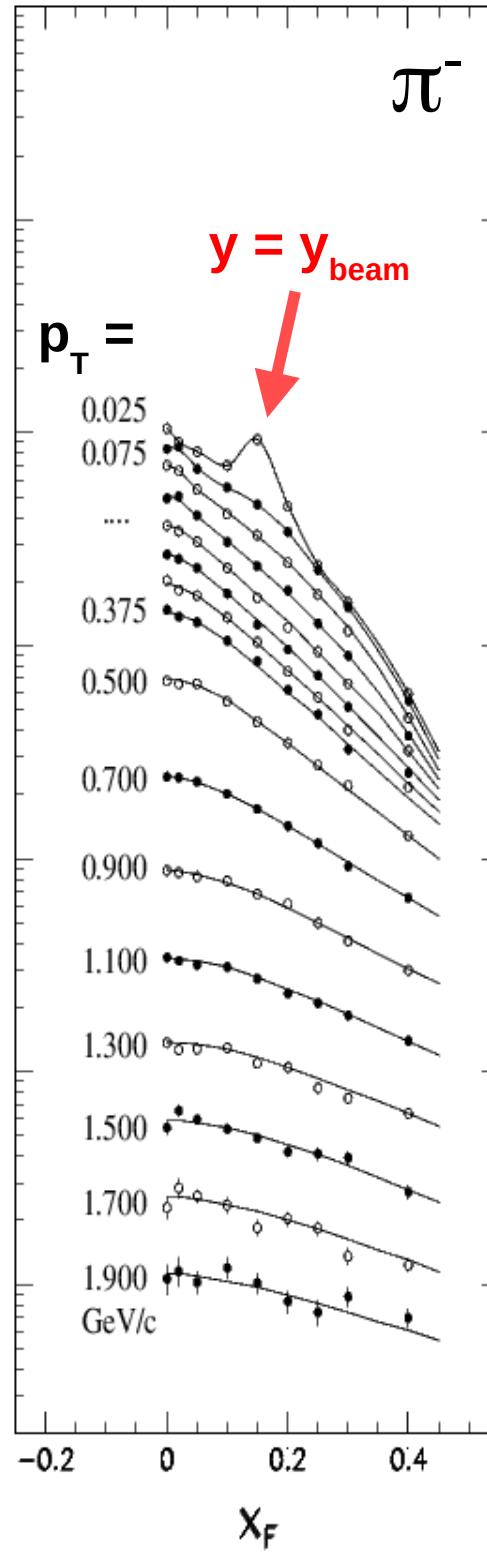
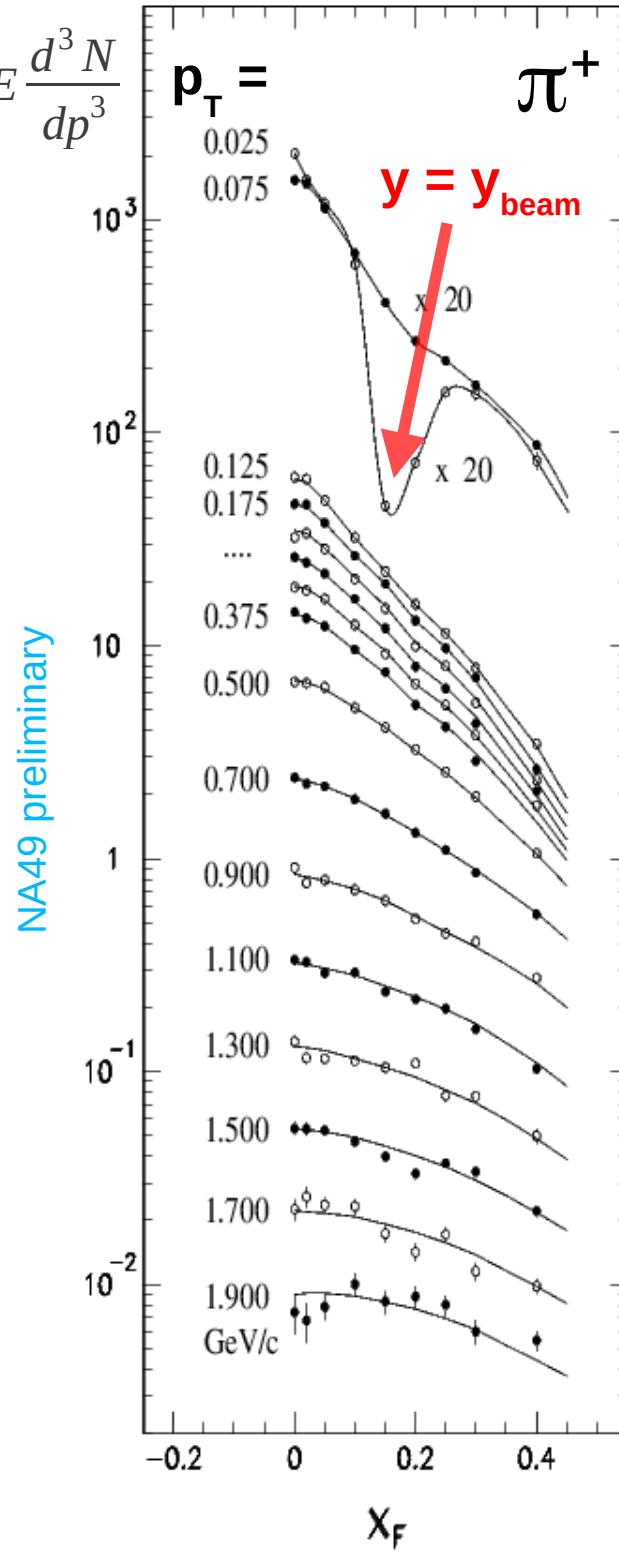


### 3) Space-time evolution



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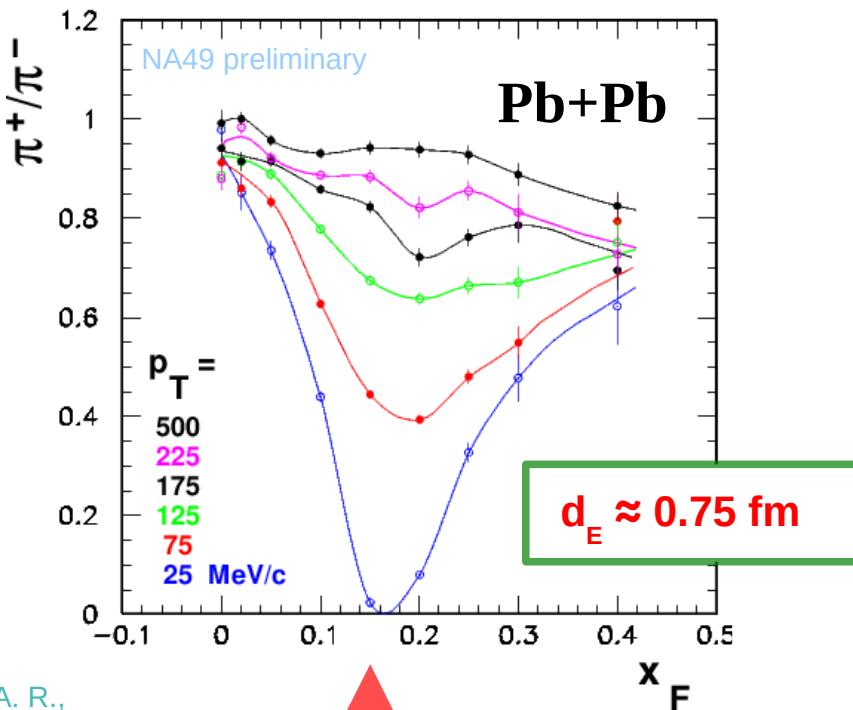


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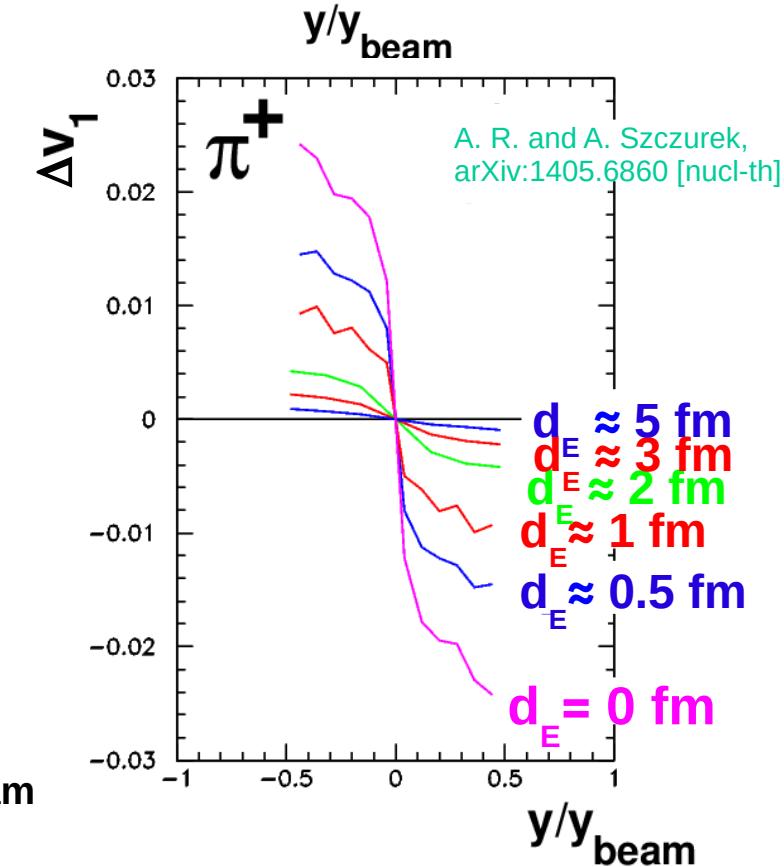
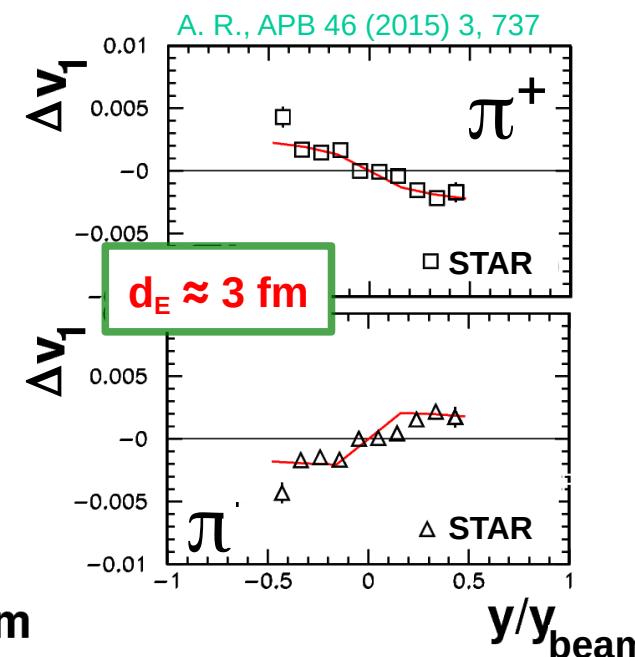
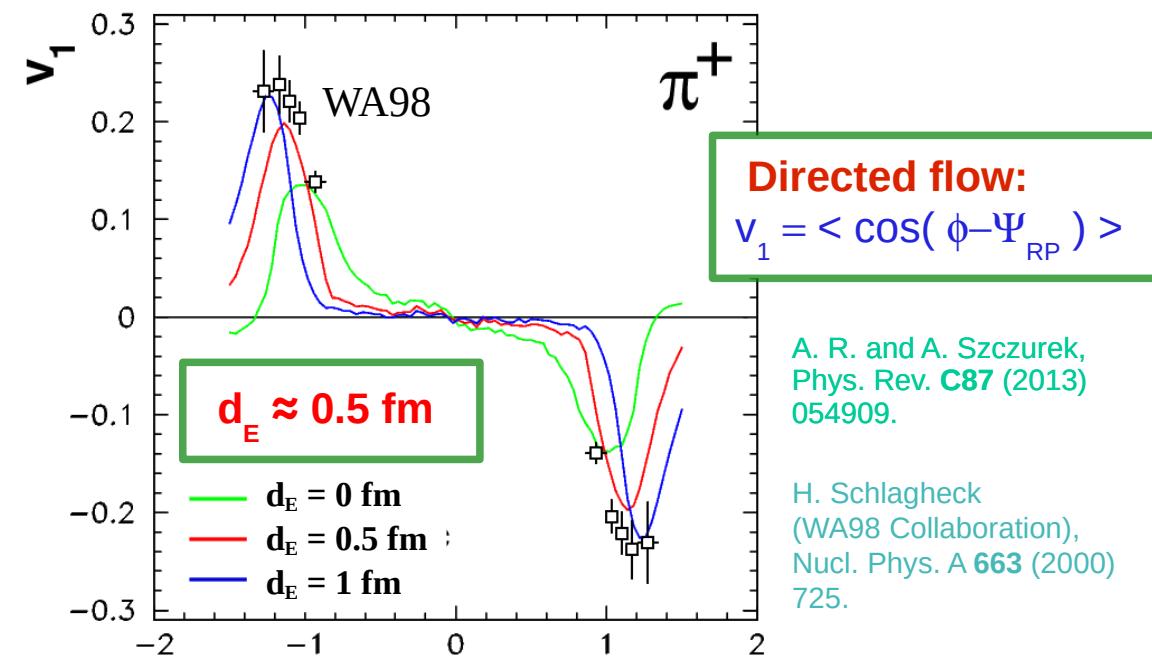
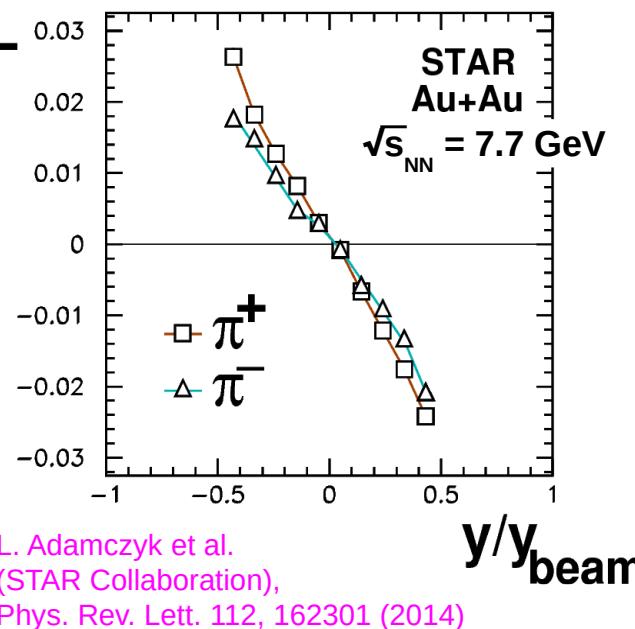
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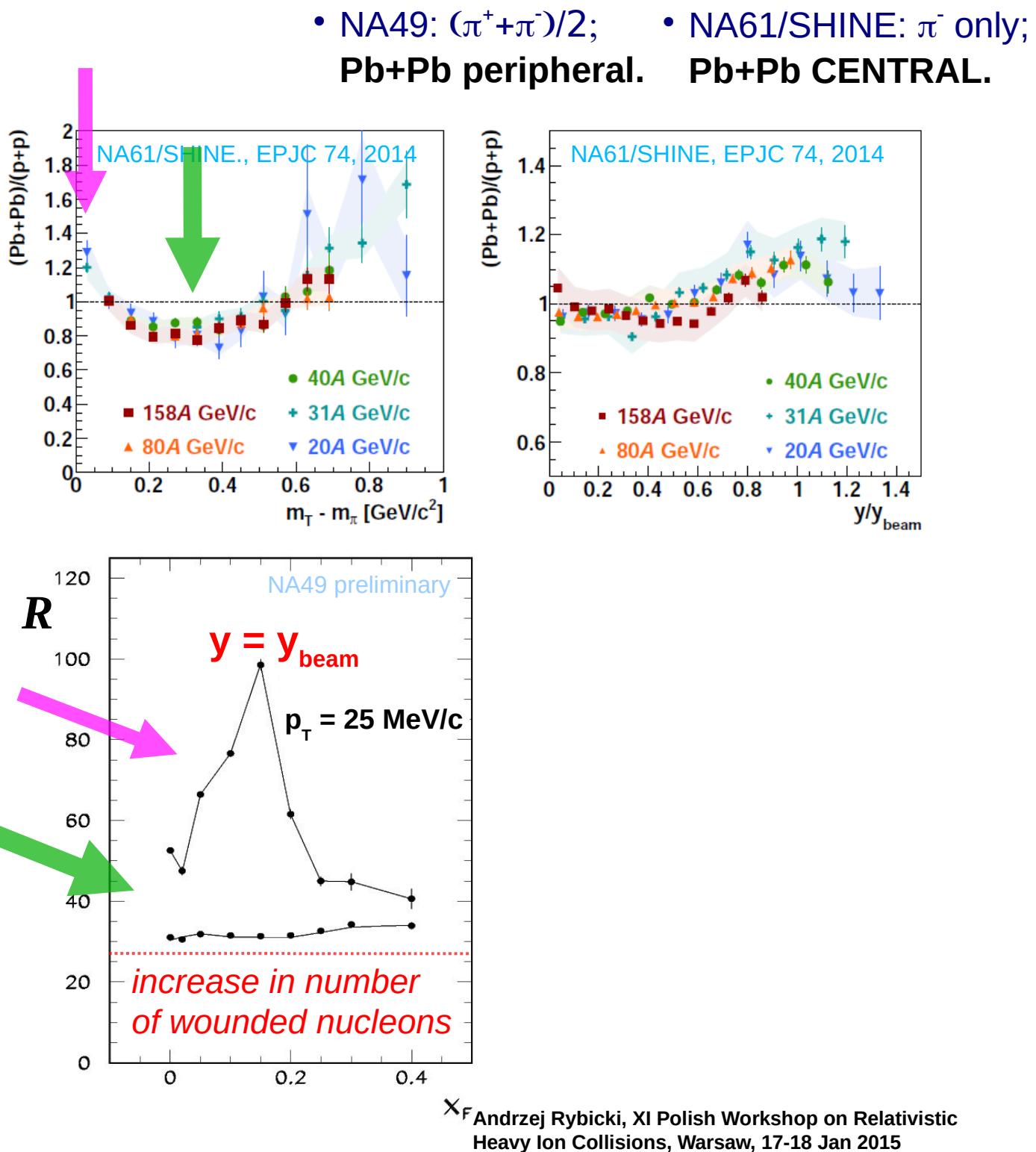
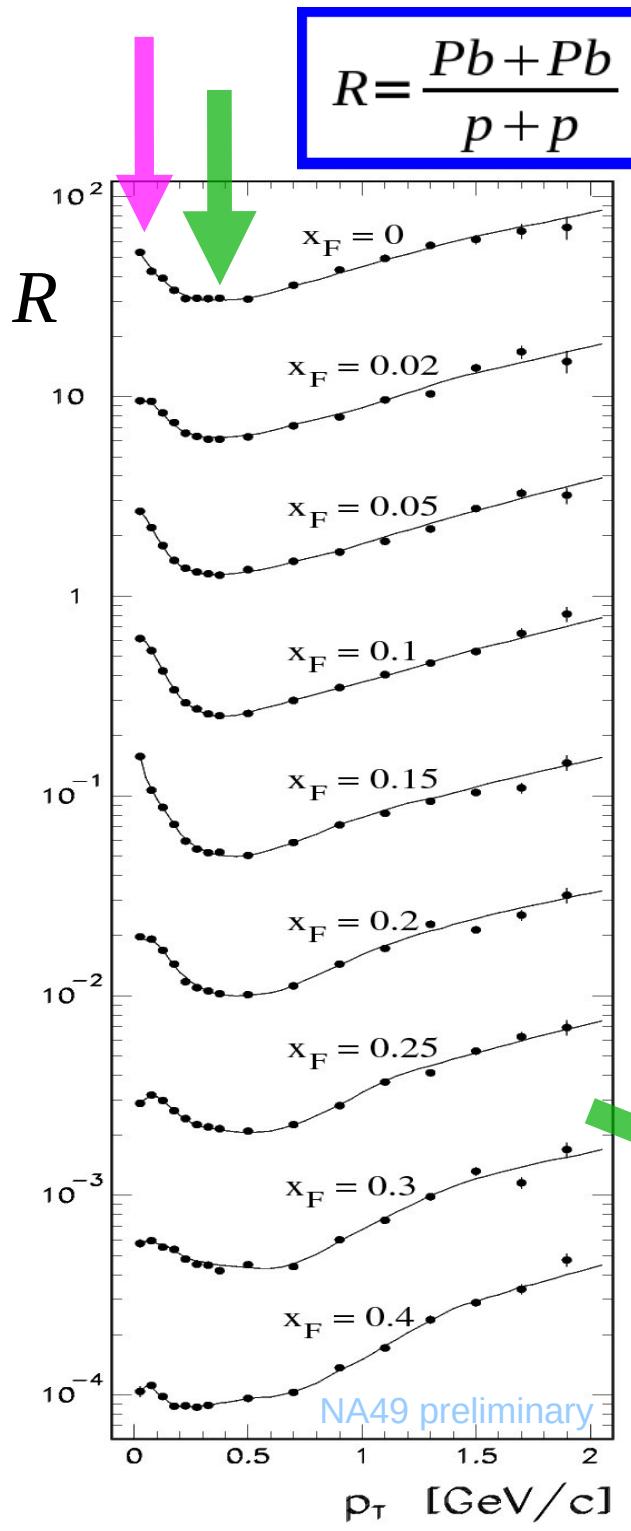
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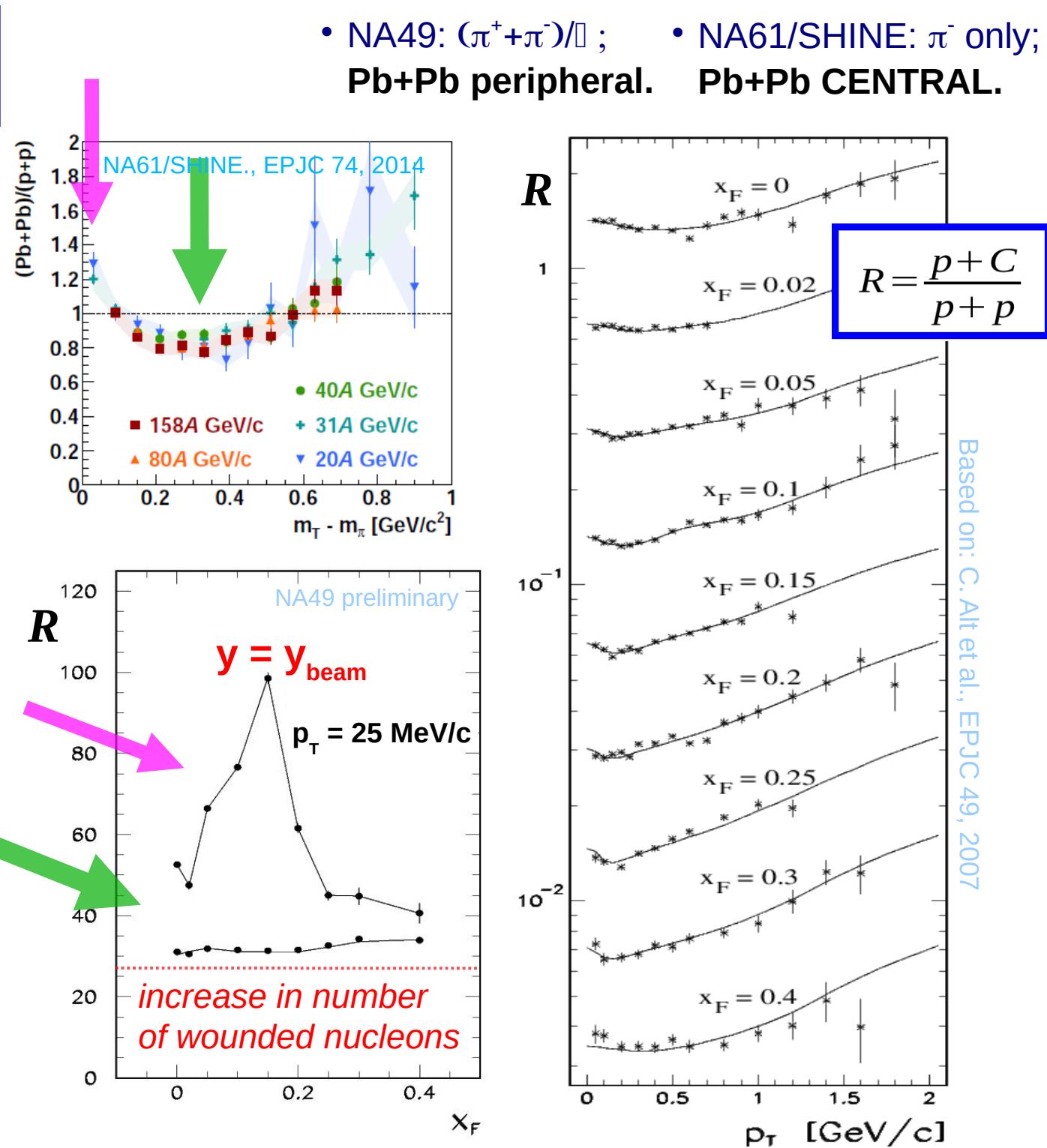
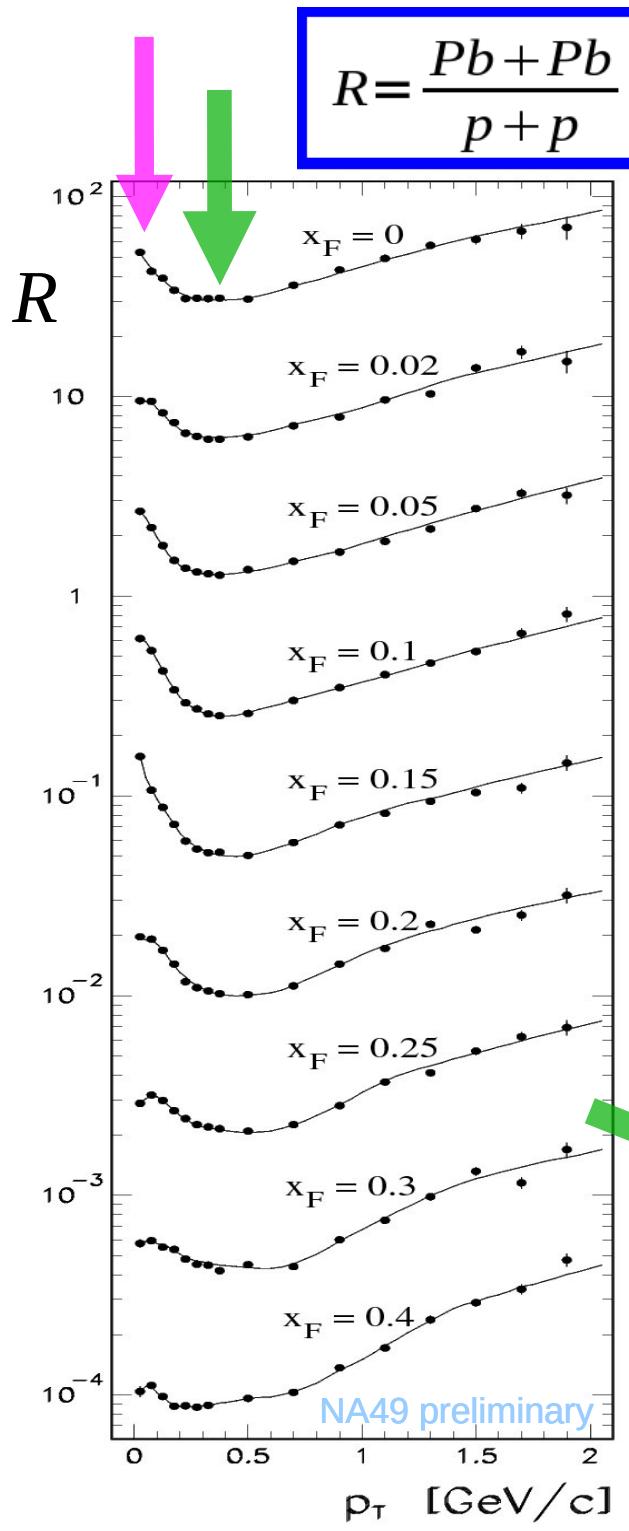
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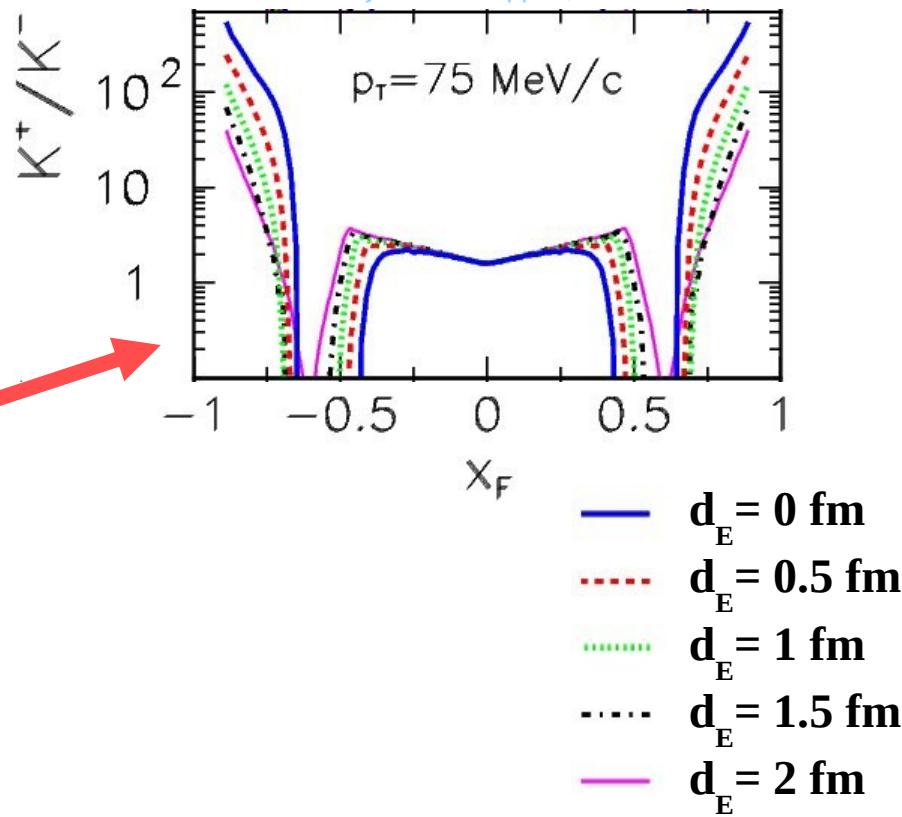
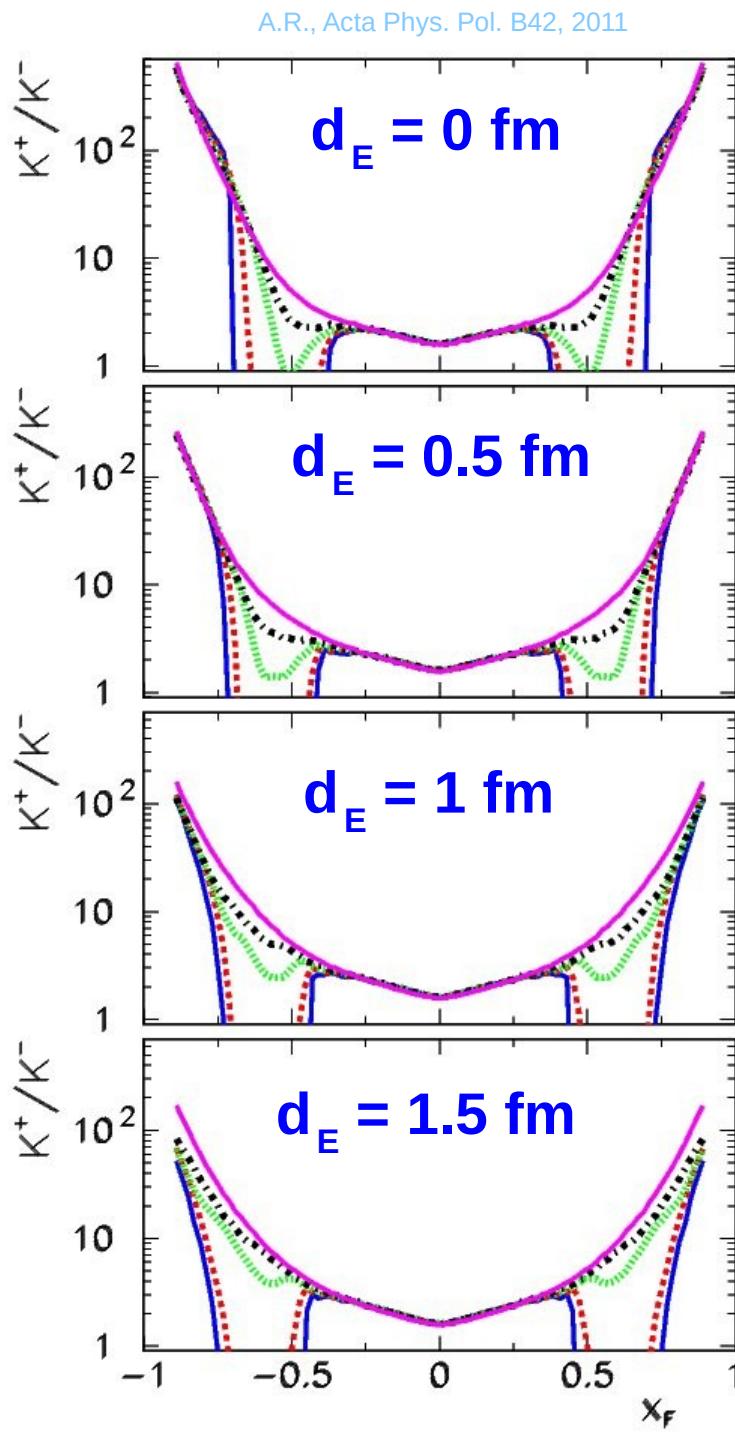


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 $y = y_{\text{beam}}$









$p_T =$

- $25 \text{ MeV}/c$
- ....  $75 \text{ MeV}/c$
- - -  $125 \text{ MeV}/c$
- · -  $175 \text{ MeV}/c$
- $325 \text{ MeV}/c$

- Large effect above  $x_F = 0.5$ .
- Dependence on initial conditions.
- **Very high  $x_F$**