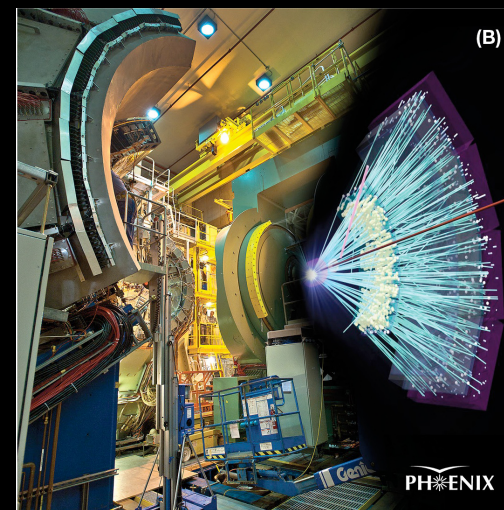


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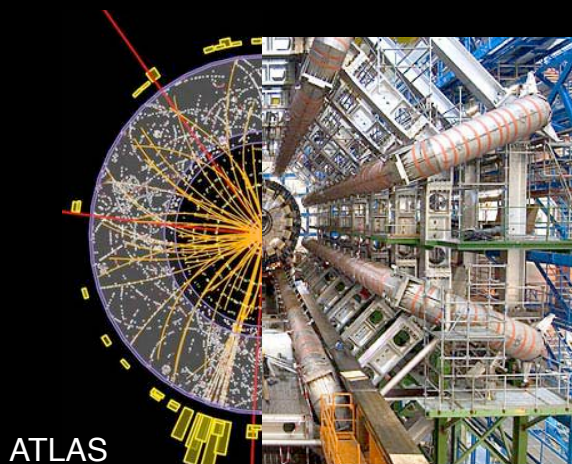
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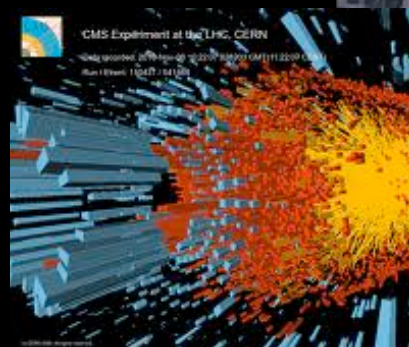


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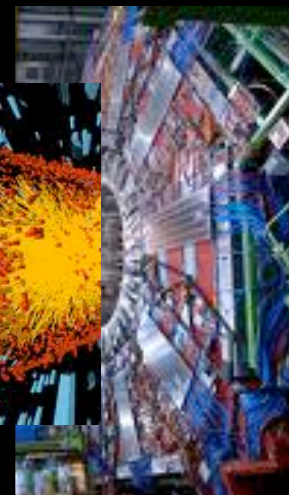
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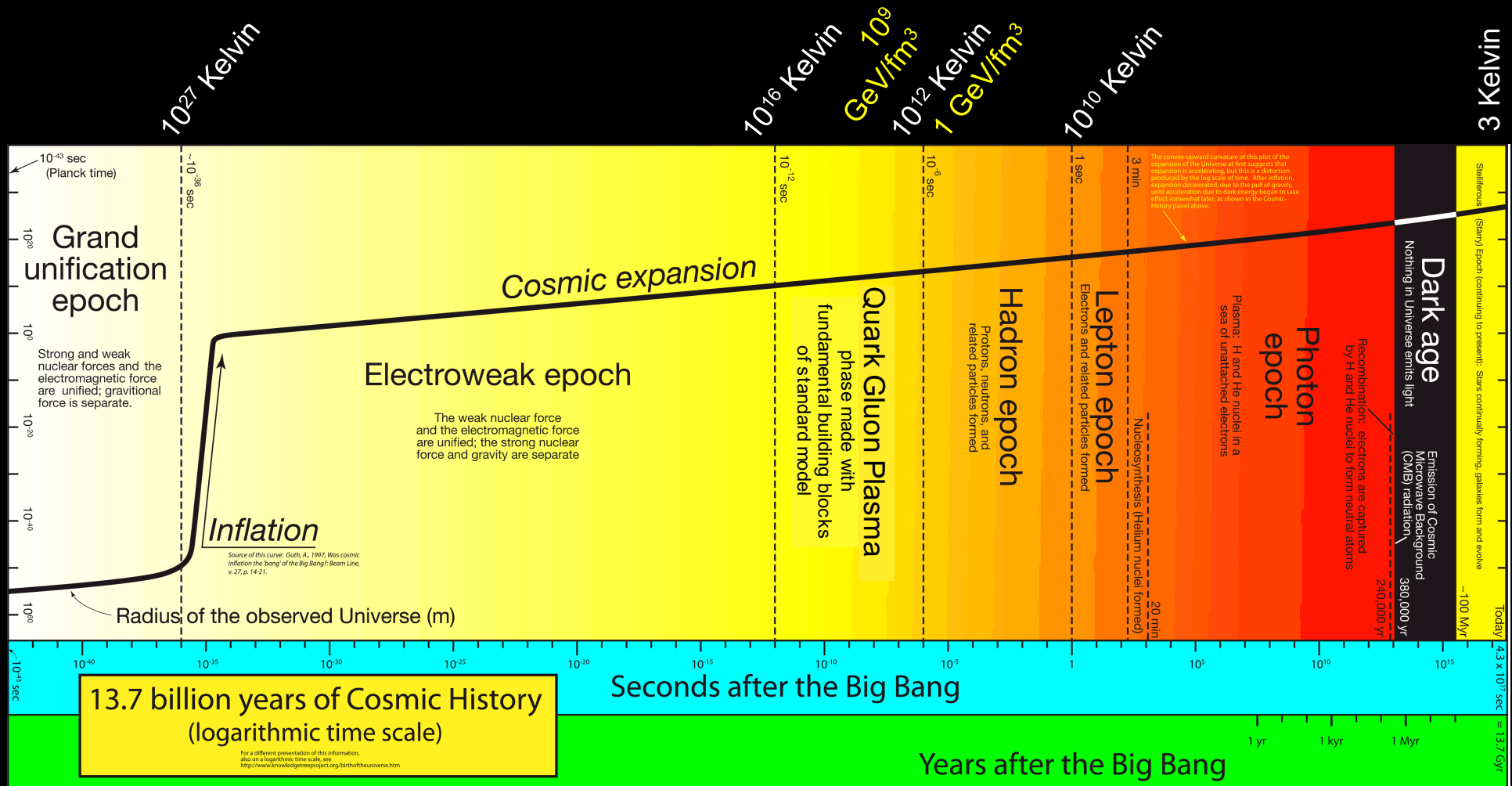
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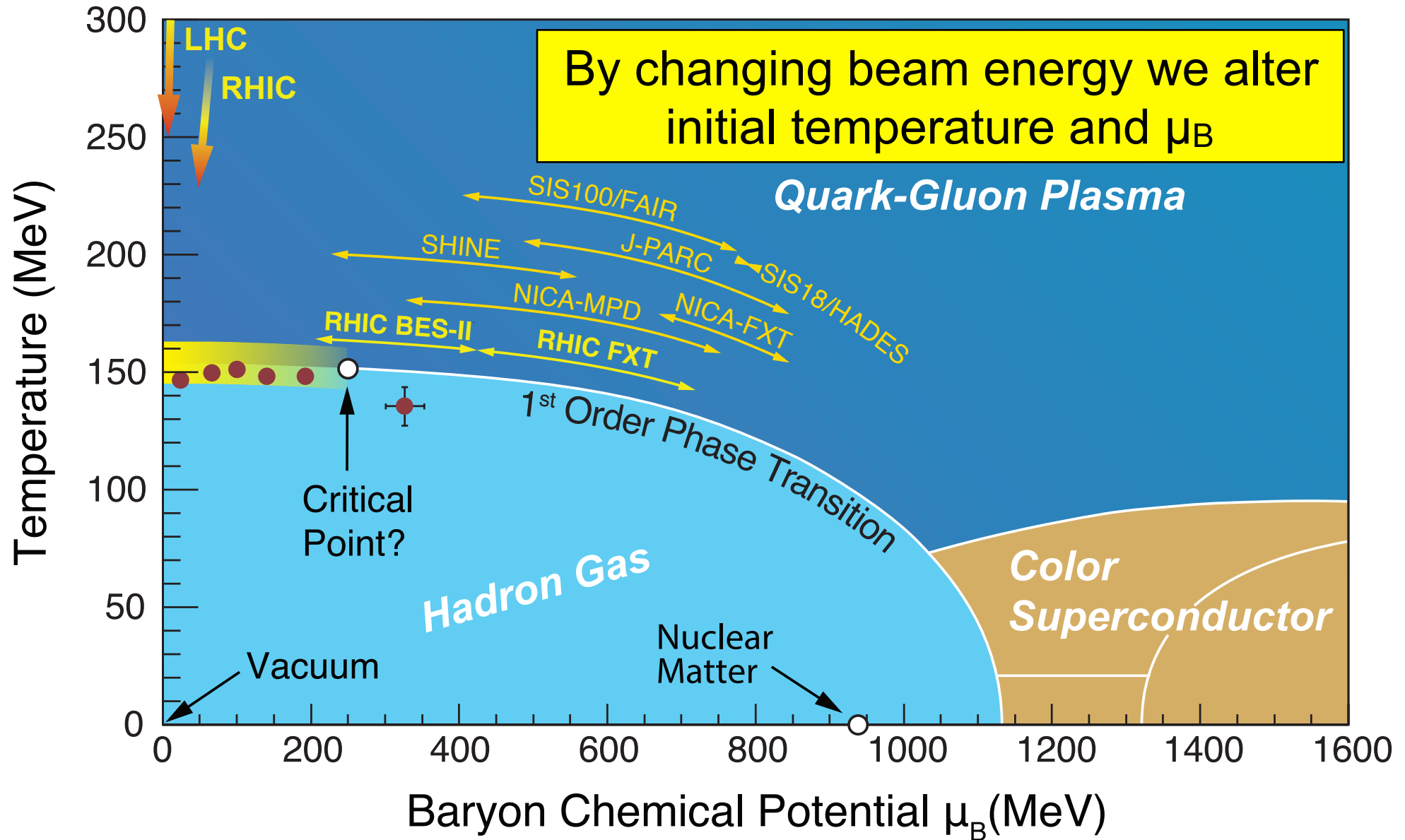
Our cosmic history



Many phases and phase transitions in the early universe

So far only QGP-hadron phase transition can be recreated and studied in lab

Exploring the phase diagram of QCD

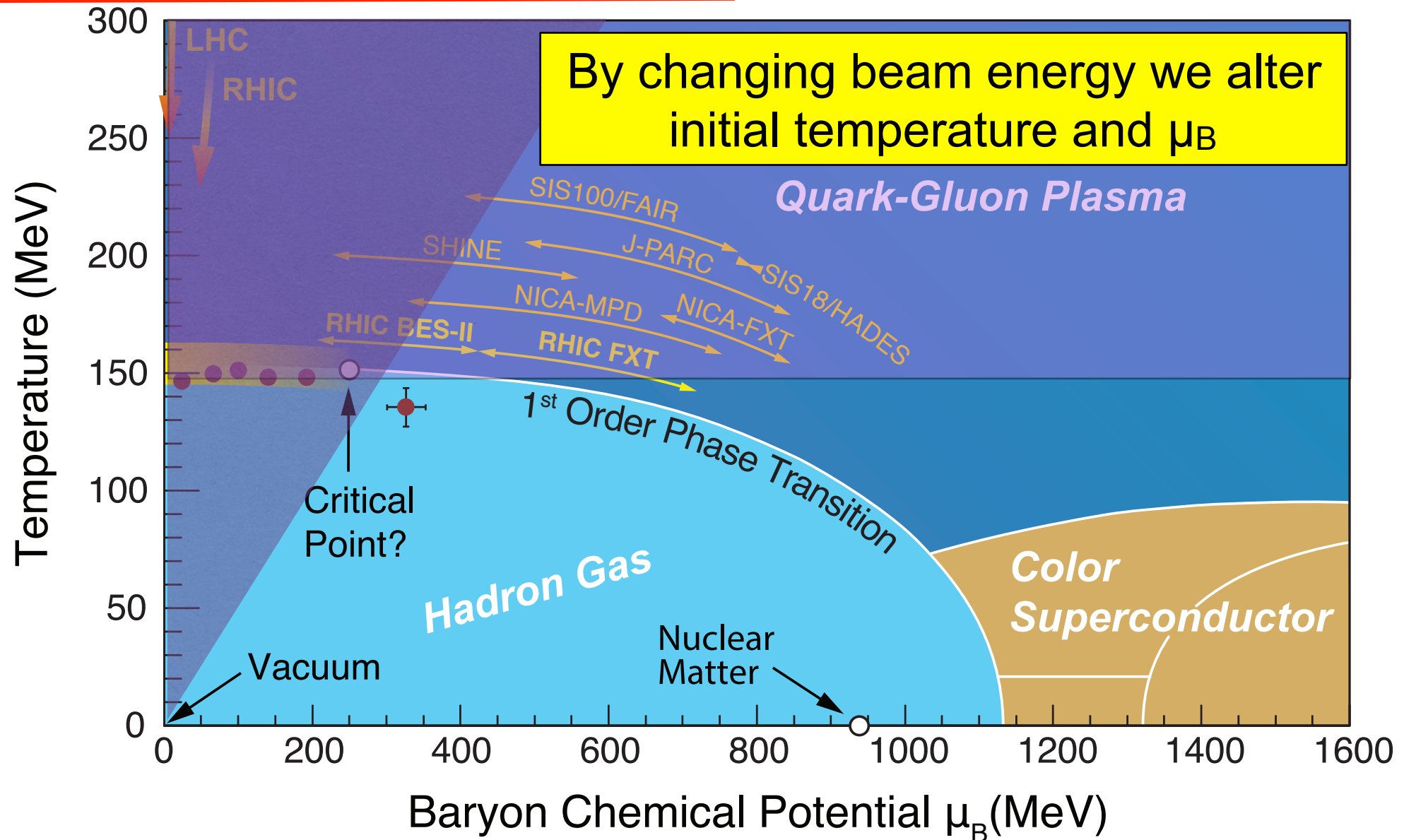


Lattice Gauge Theory -
increasing accuracy at $\mu_B=0$

$$T_c = 154(9) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\varepsilon_c = 0.18\text{-}0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 = (1.2\text{-}3.3) \rho_{\text{nuclear}}$$

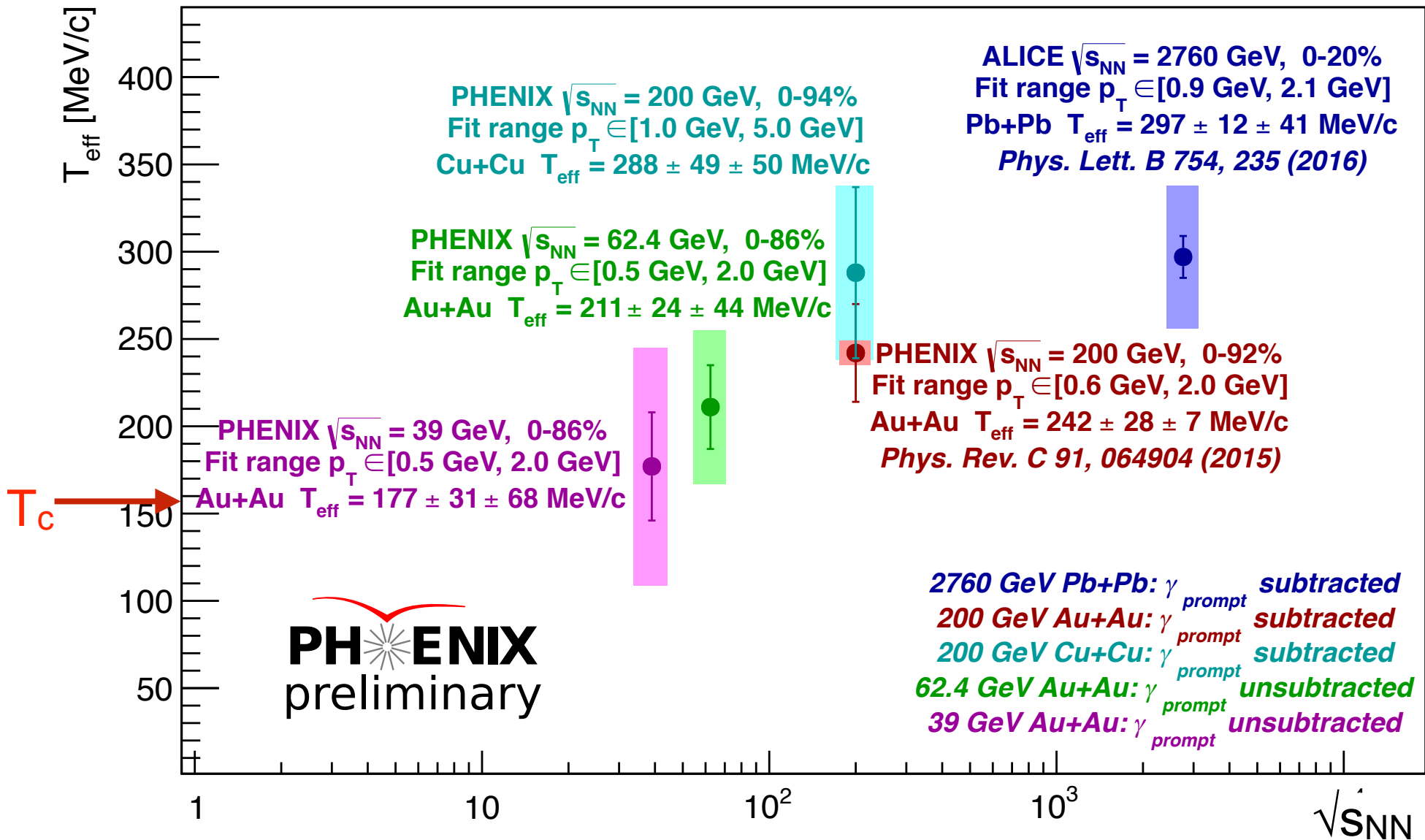
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Calculations disfavor C.P. in region
 $\mu_B/T < 2$ and $T/T_C(\mu_B=0) > 0.9$

Early conditions: Temperature

Initial temperature well above T_c even at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39$ GeV



T from direct photon p_T spectra

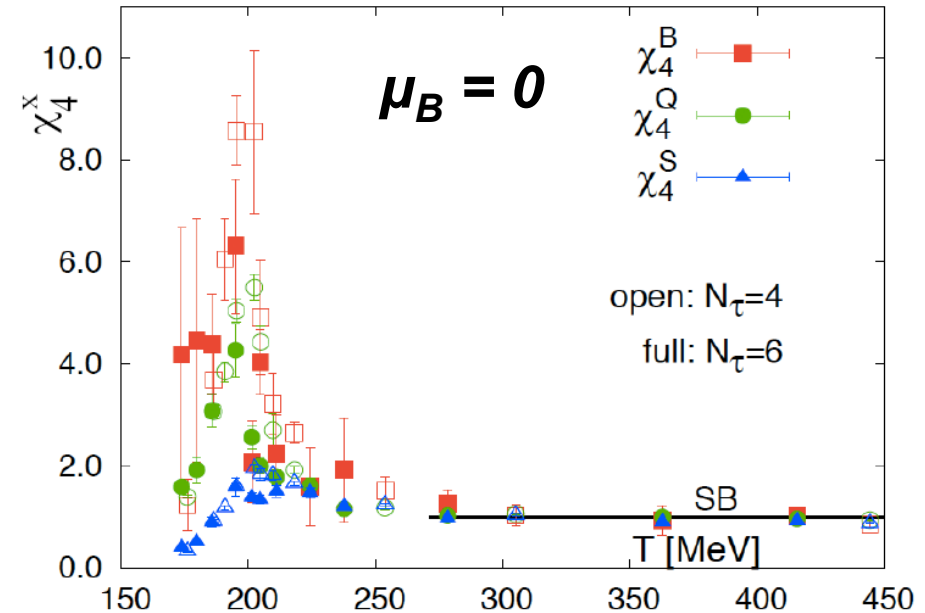
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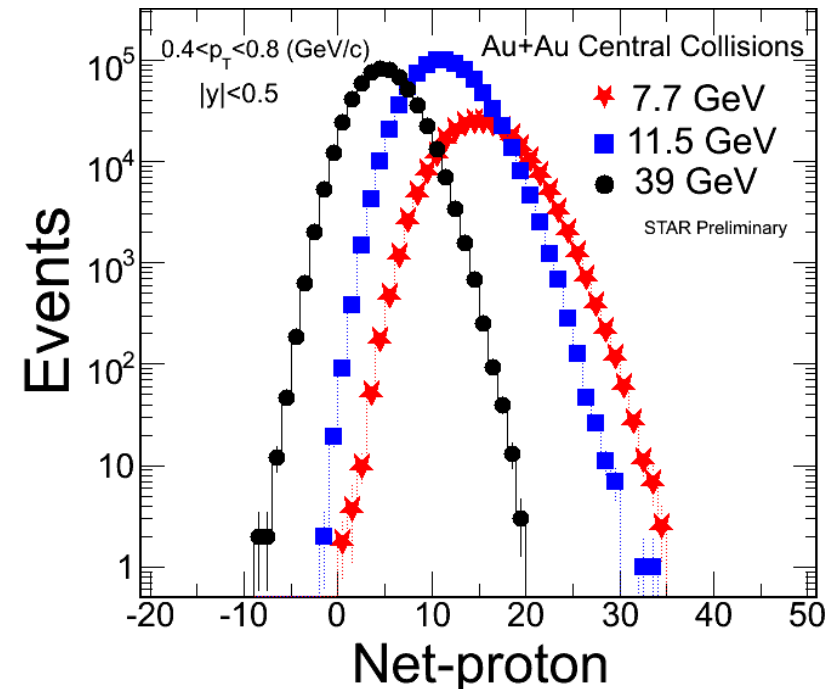
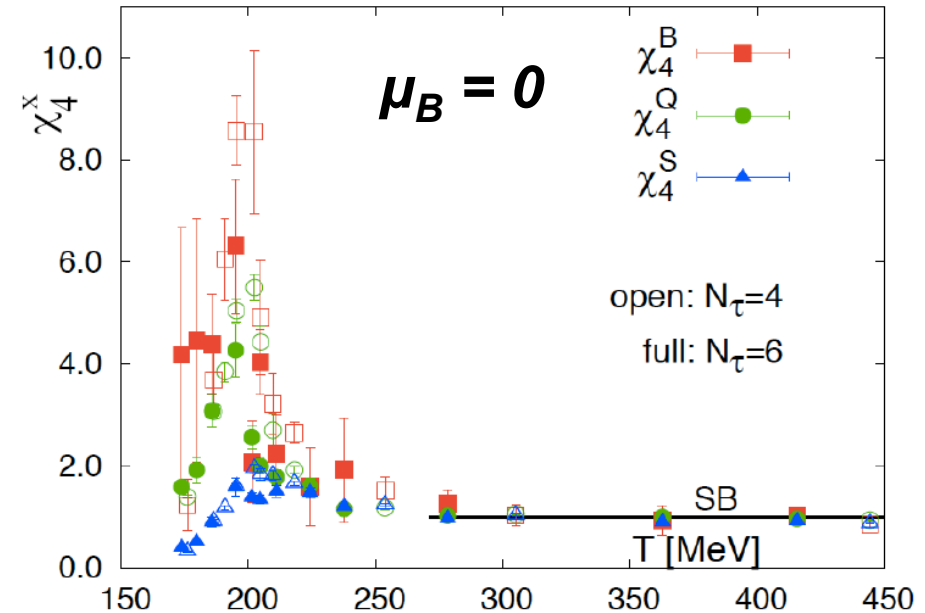
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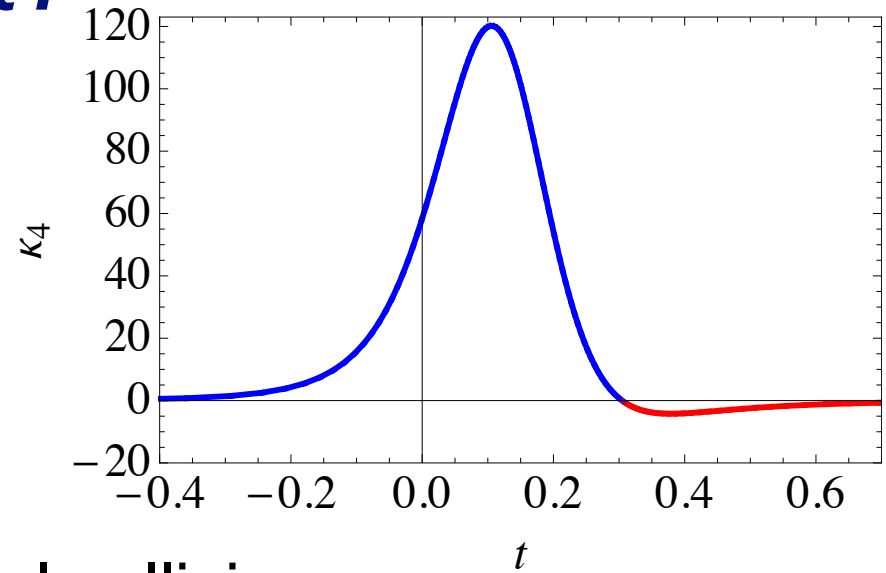
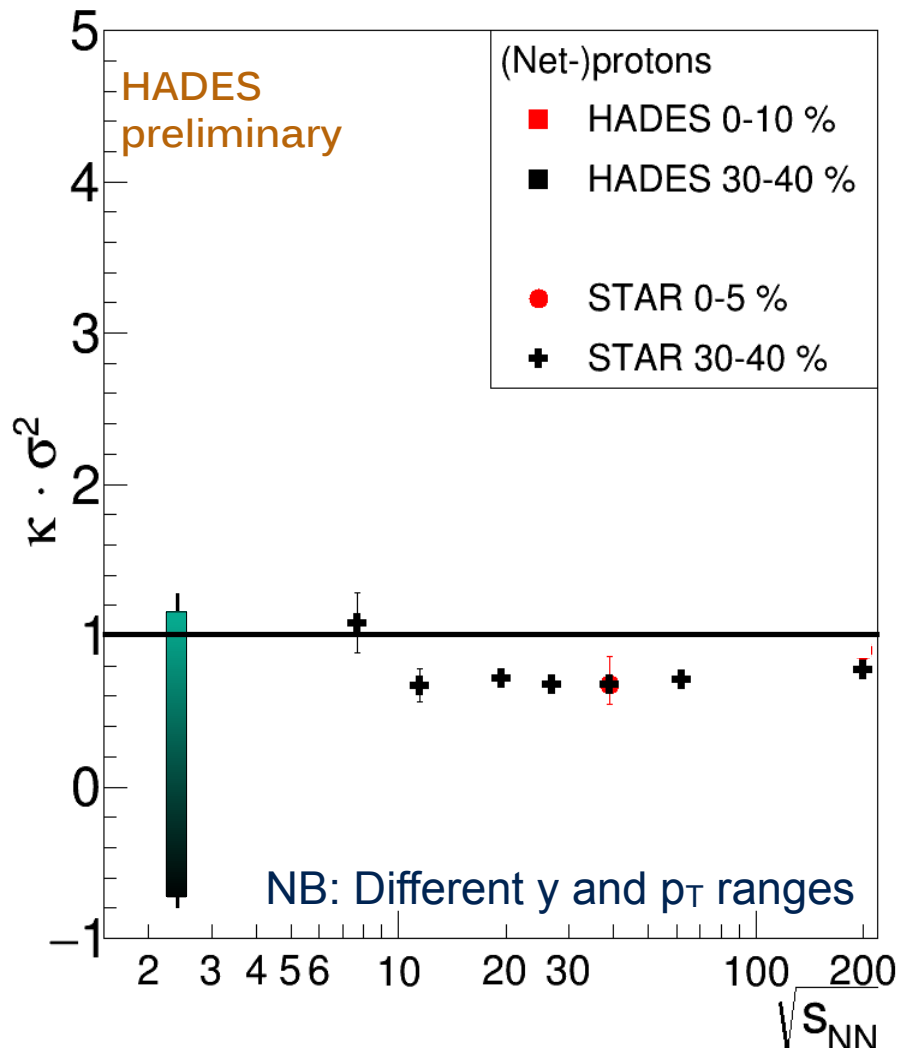
⇒ non-gaussian fluctuations of net-baryon density

$$\text{Kurtosis} \times \text{Variance}^2 \sim \chi^{(4)} / \chi^{(2)}$$



Presence of Critical Point?

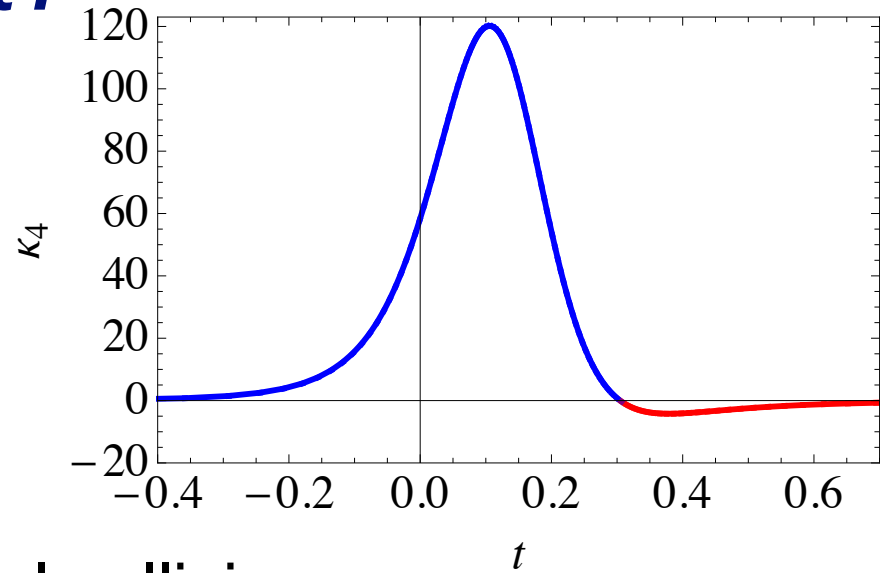
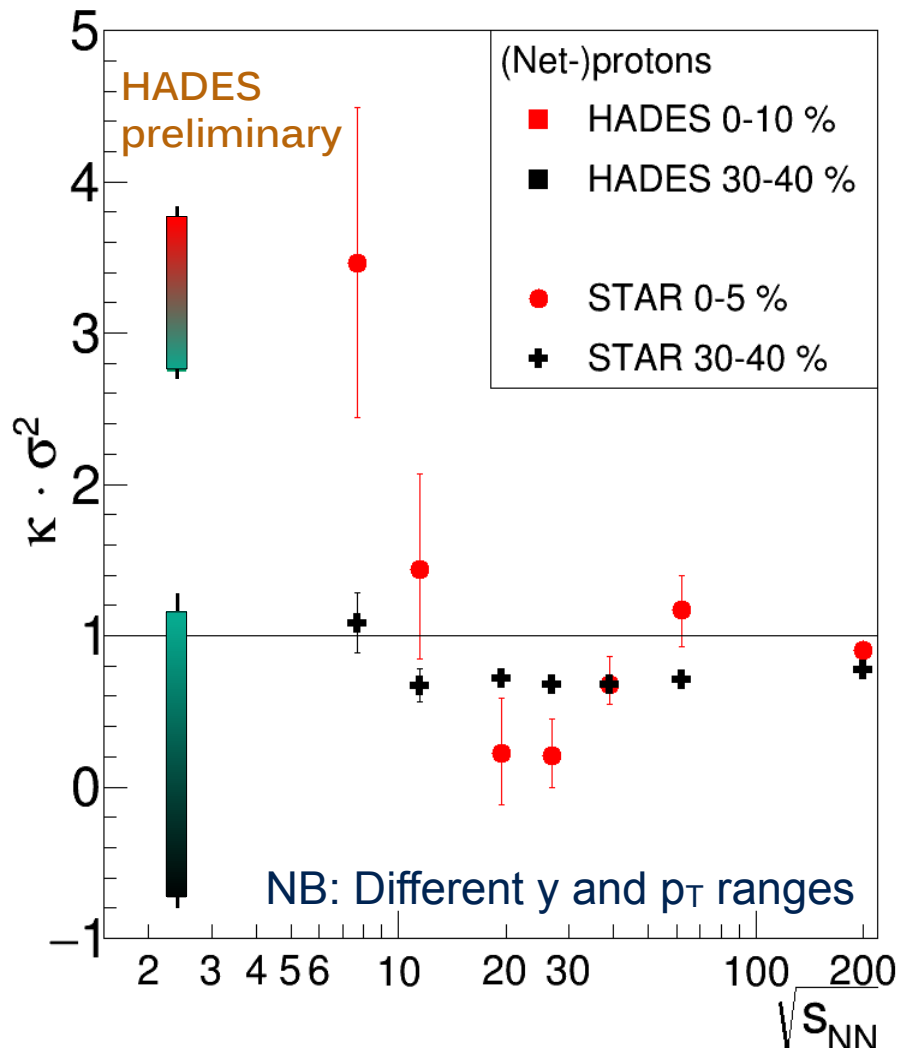
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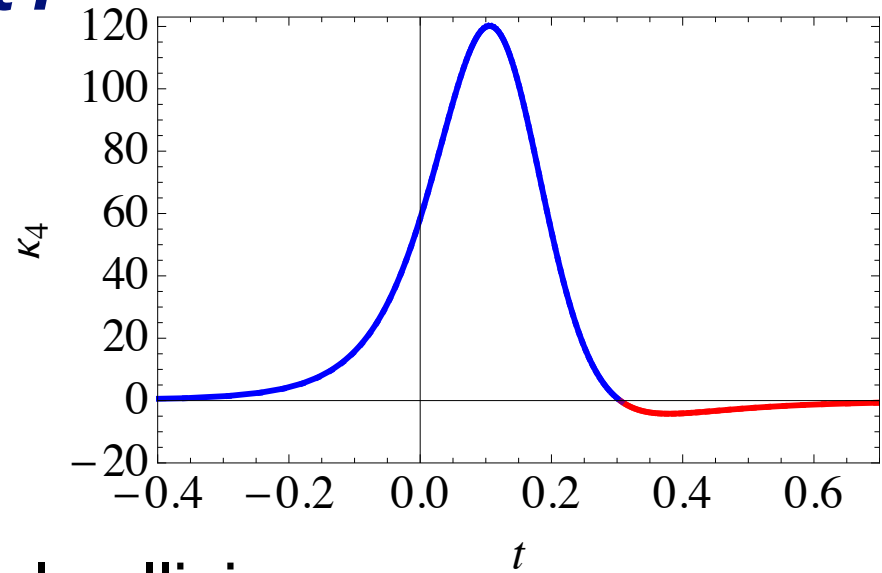
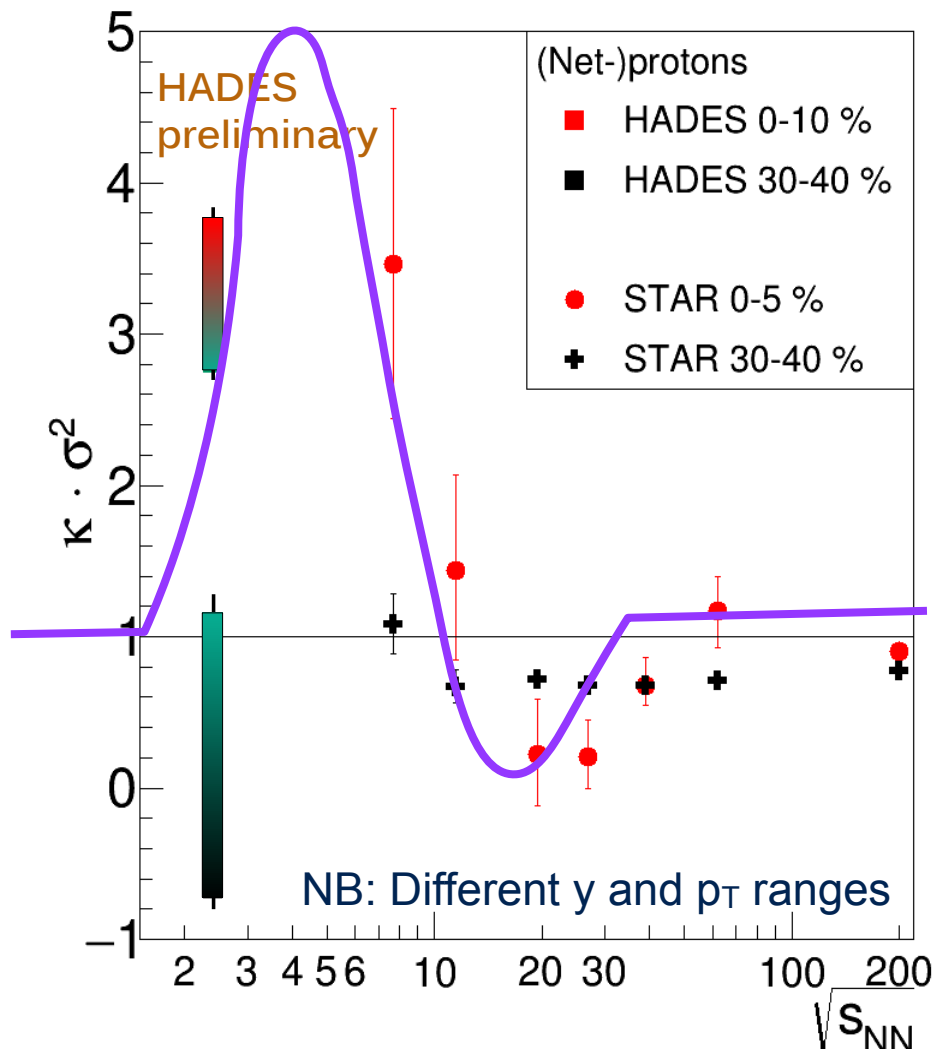


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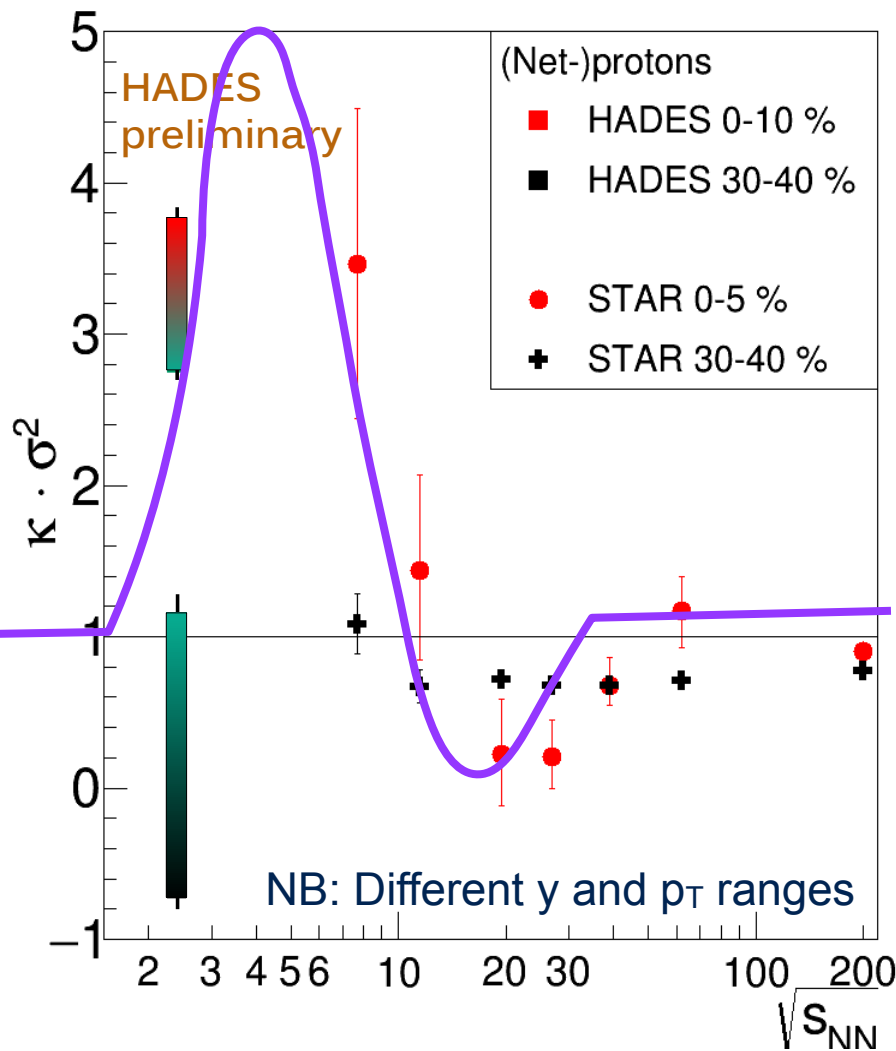
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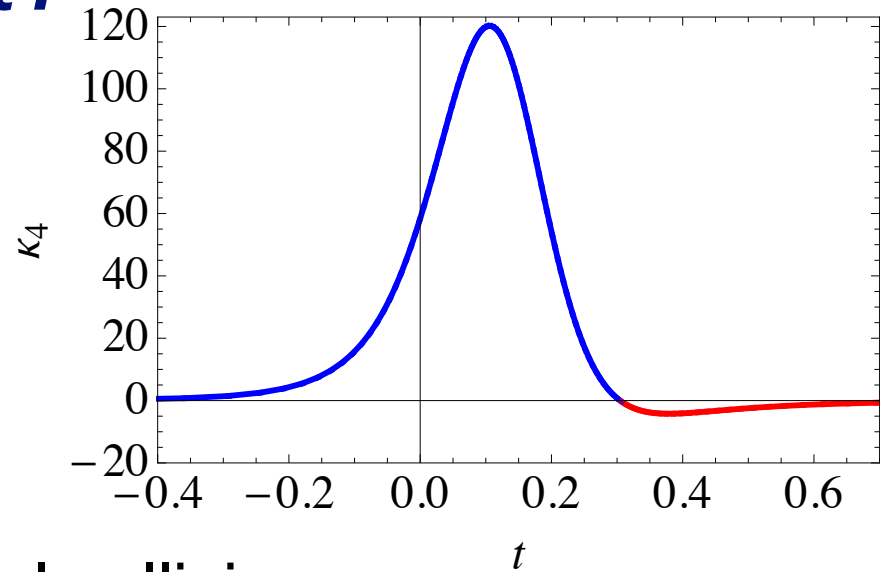
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Hadron gas model (UrQMD) no CP:
shows suppression at lower energies
- baryon number conservation

Intermediate summary

A lot happening around 20 GeV - hard to believe its multiple different causes

High statistics exploration of QCD phase diagram and its key features is about to begin

New data from FAIR, NICA, RHIC and SPS just around the corner

Significantly extended detection capabilities compared to existing data

Strong theoretical interest focussed in BEST and HICforFAIR, increased number of focussed workshops

STAR BES-II (2019-2020) Turn trends and features into definitive conclusions

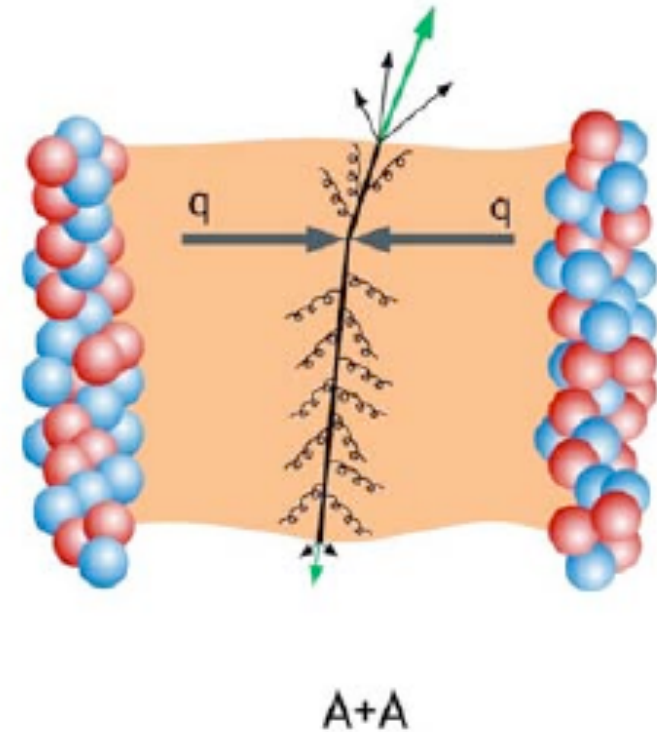
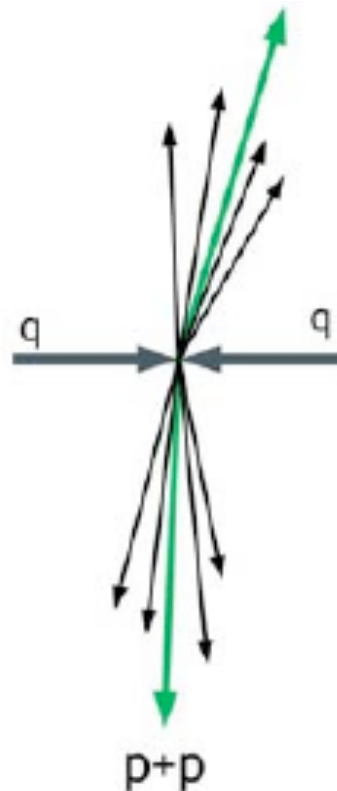
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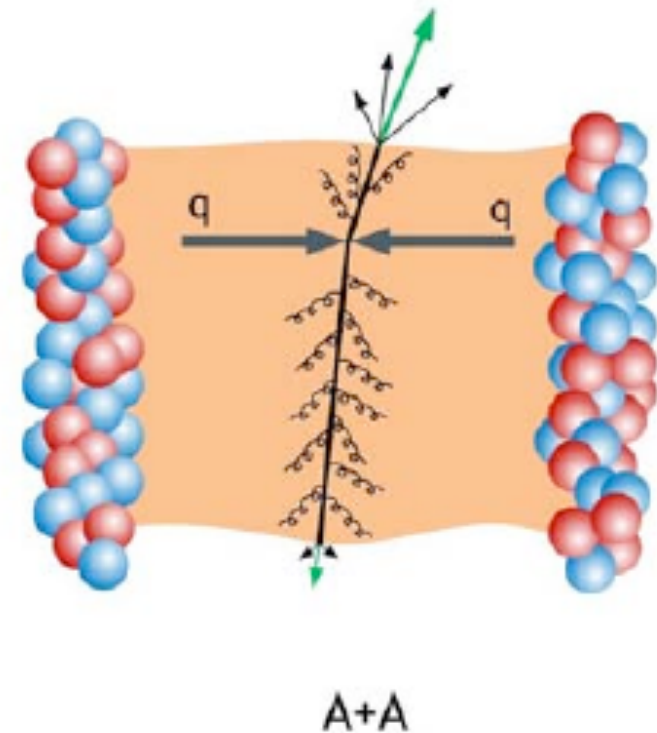
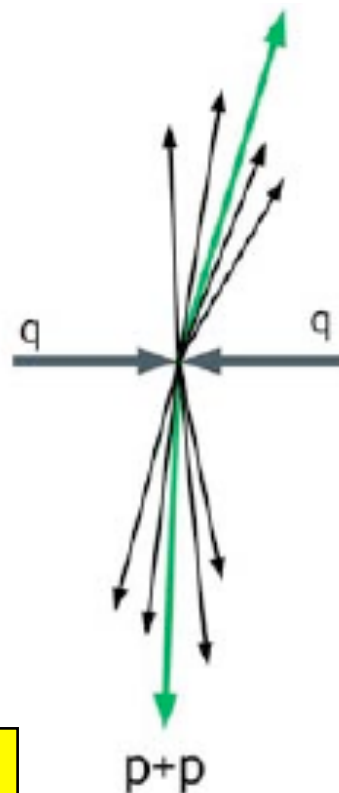
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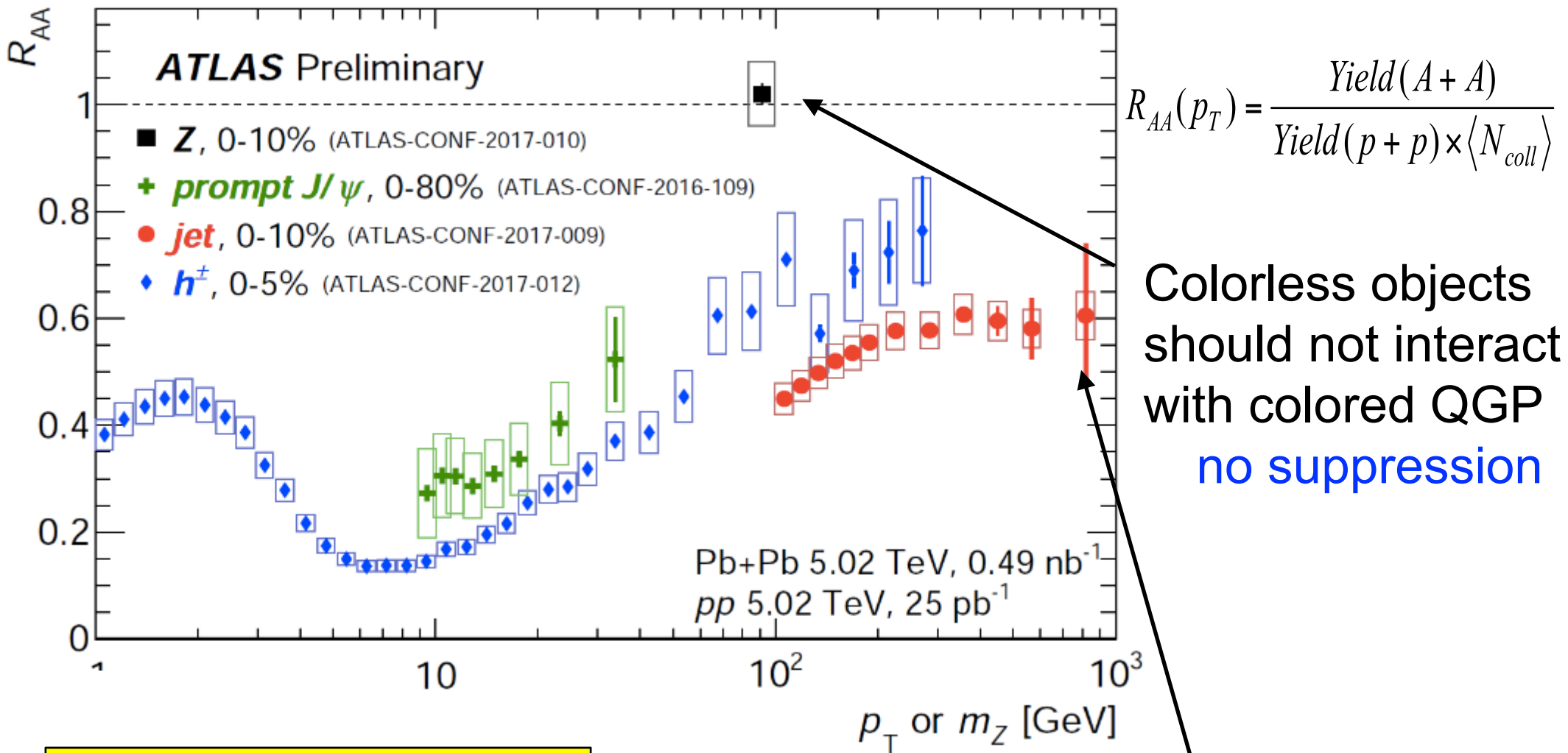
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i.e. a calibrated probe

Look for attenuation/absorption/
modification of probe



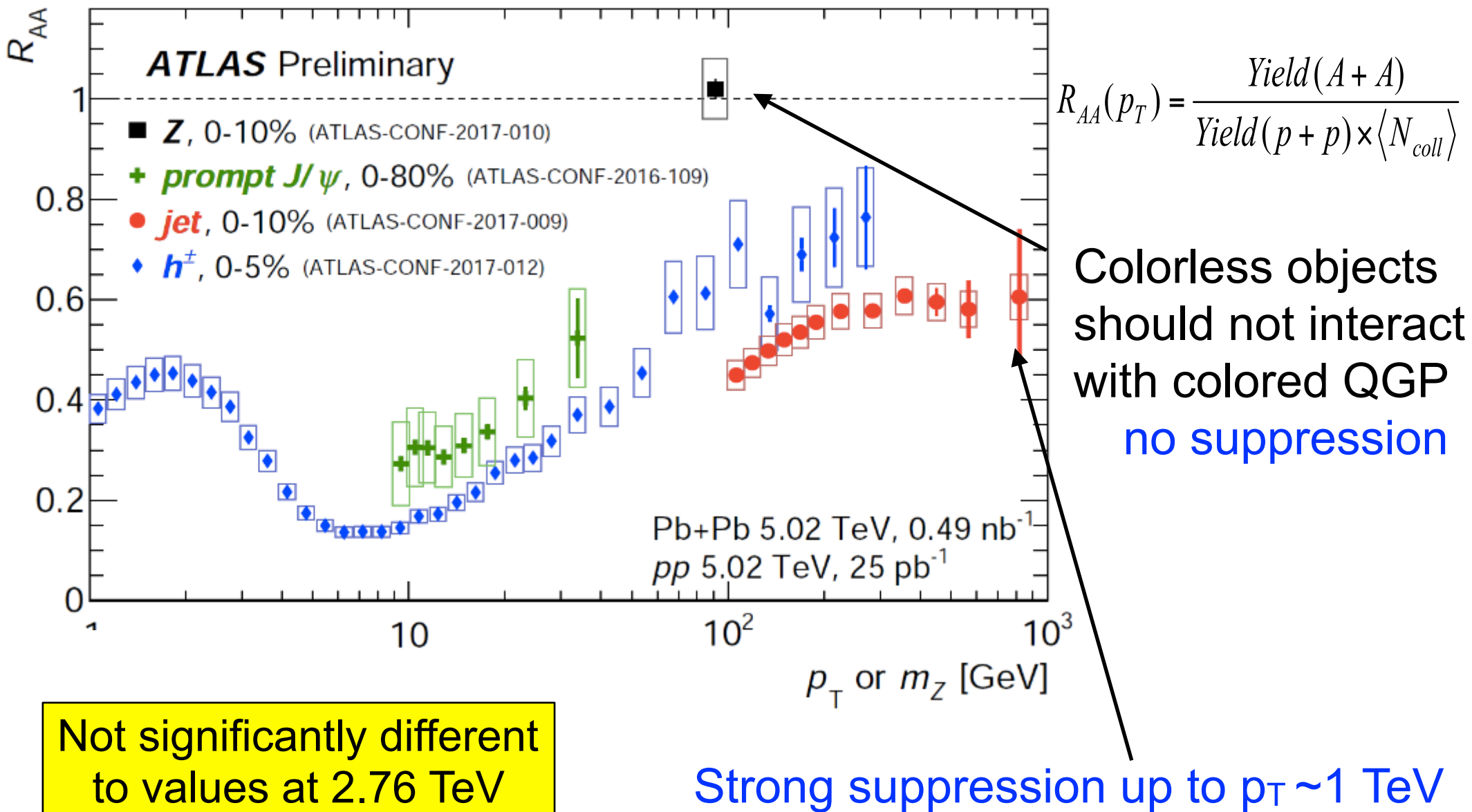
Jet quenching at 5 TeV



Not significantly different to values at 2.76 TeV

Strong suppression up to $p_T \sim 1$ TeV

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Compensating effects of higher E_{loss} ,
flatter p_T spectrum, q/g differences

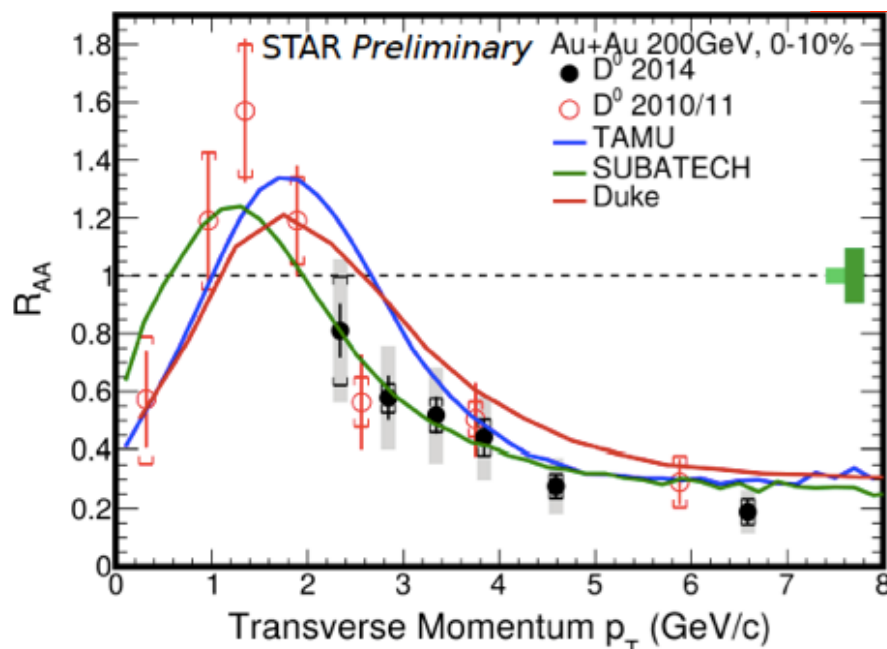
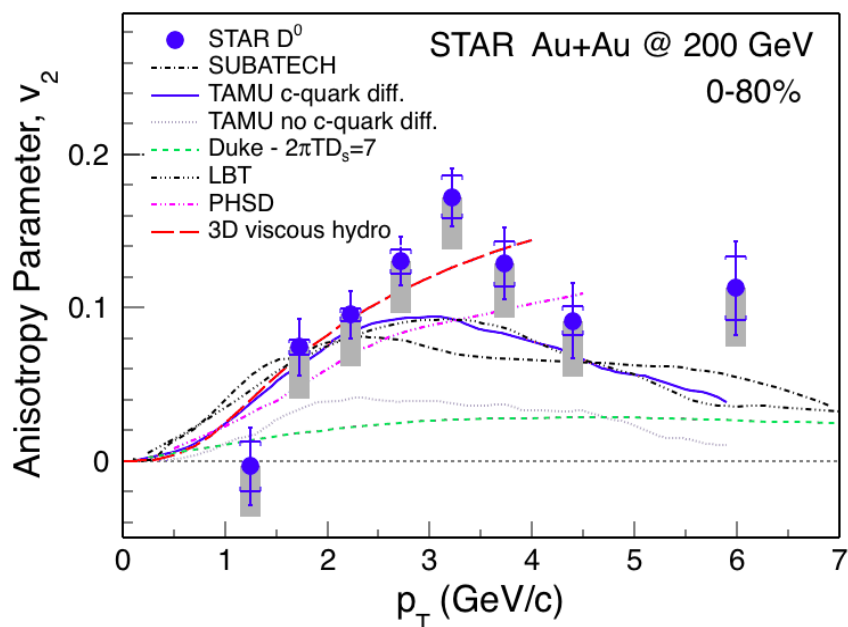
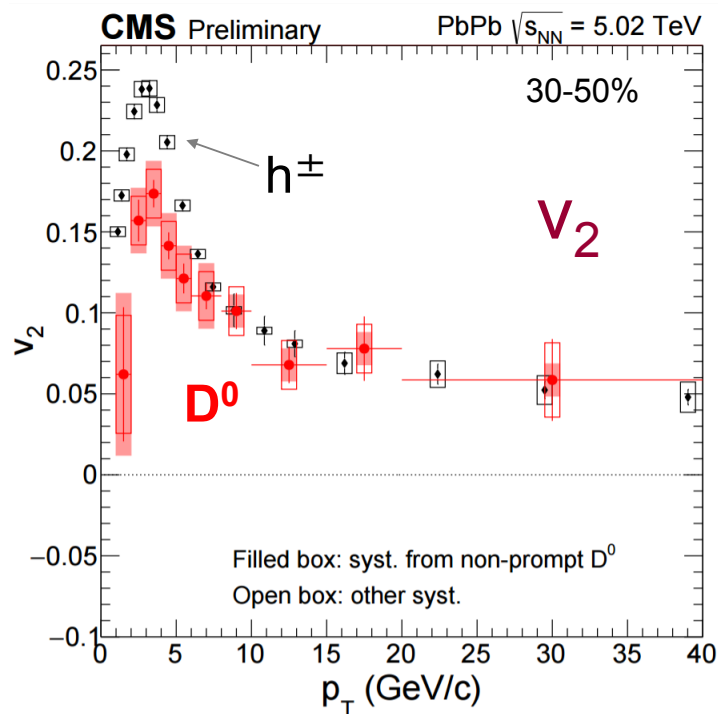
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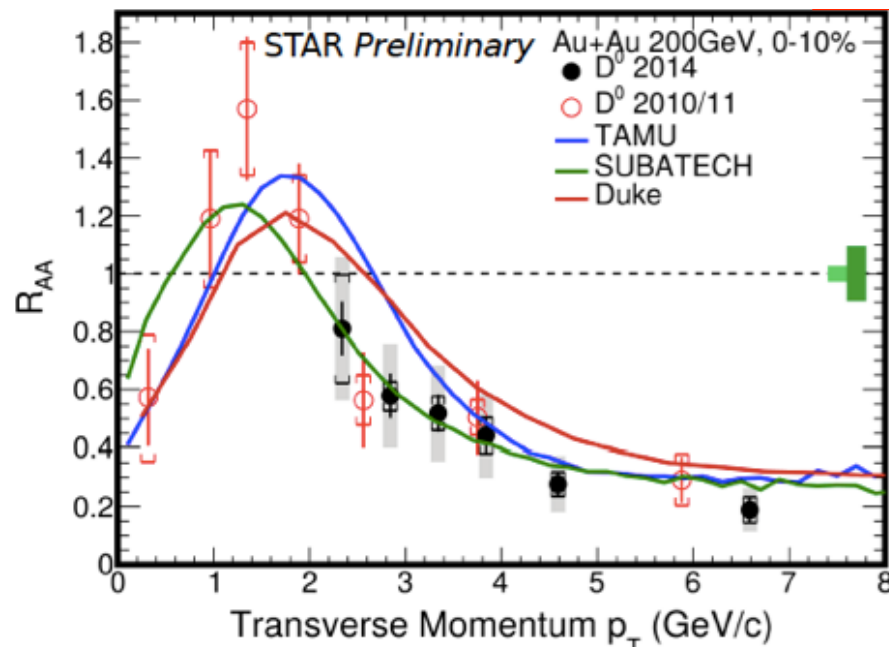
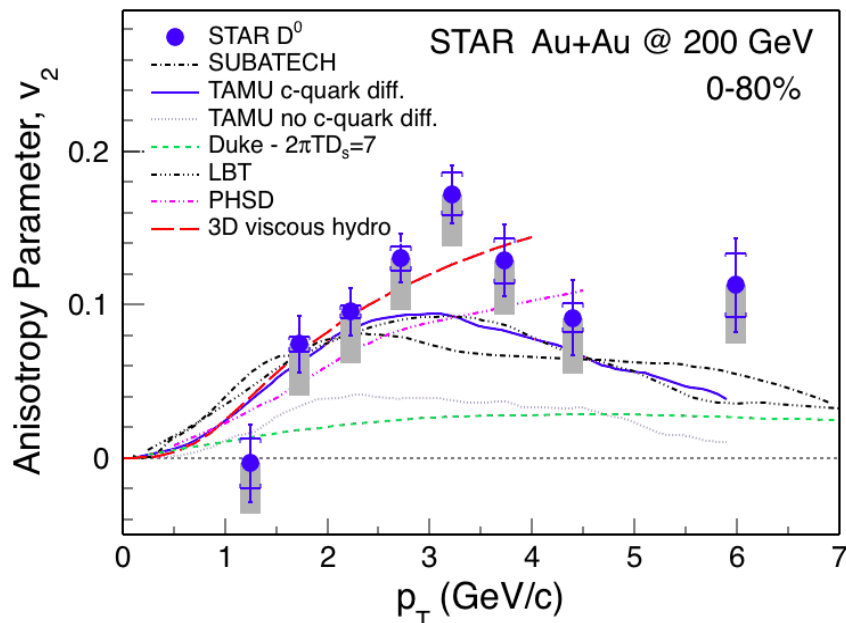
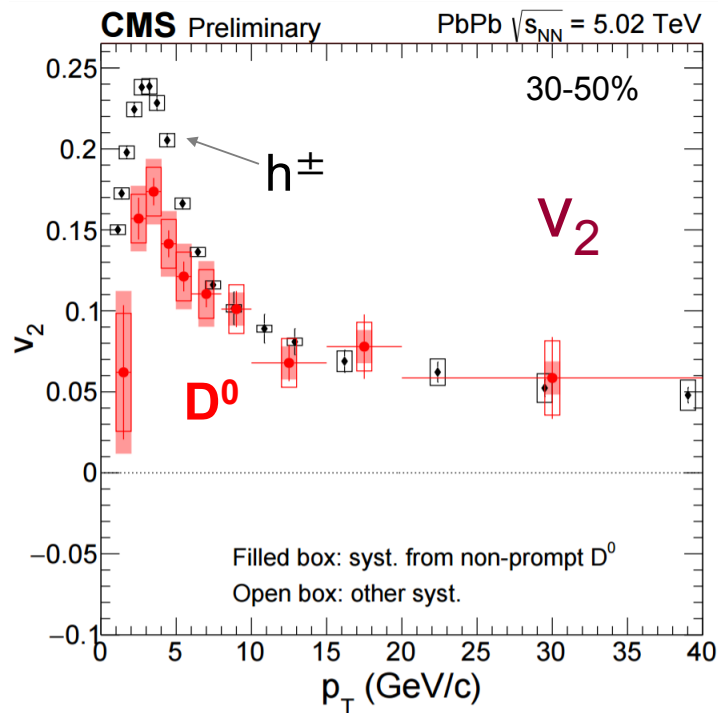
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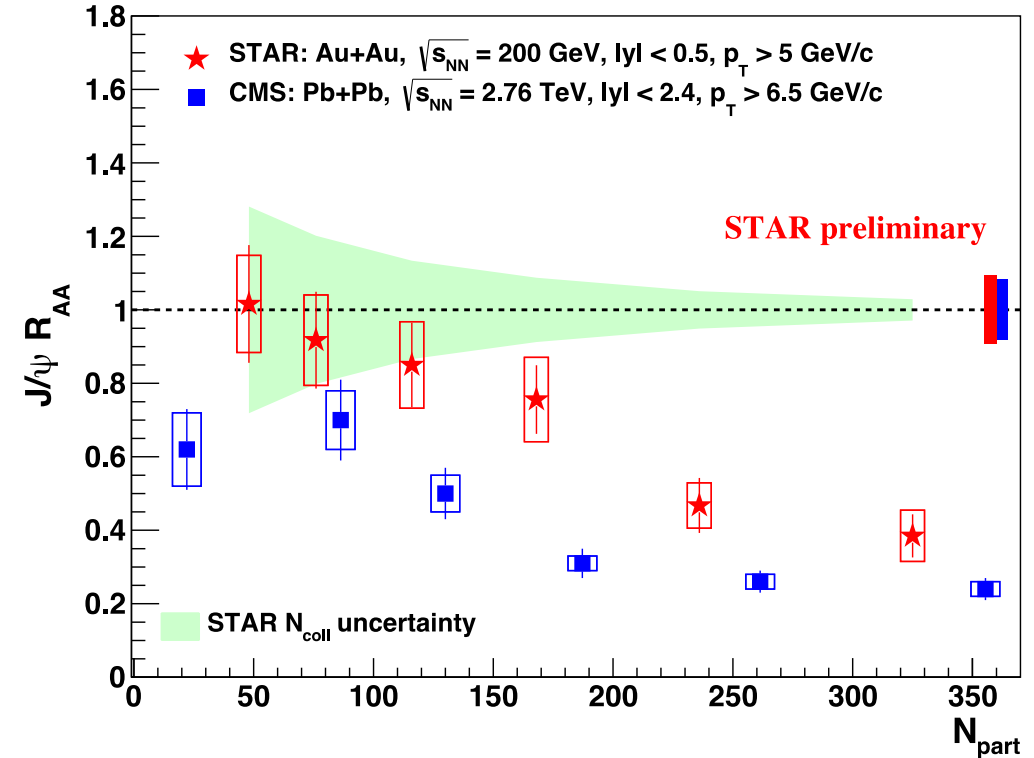
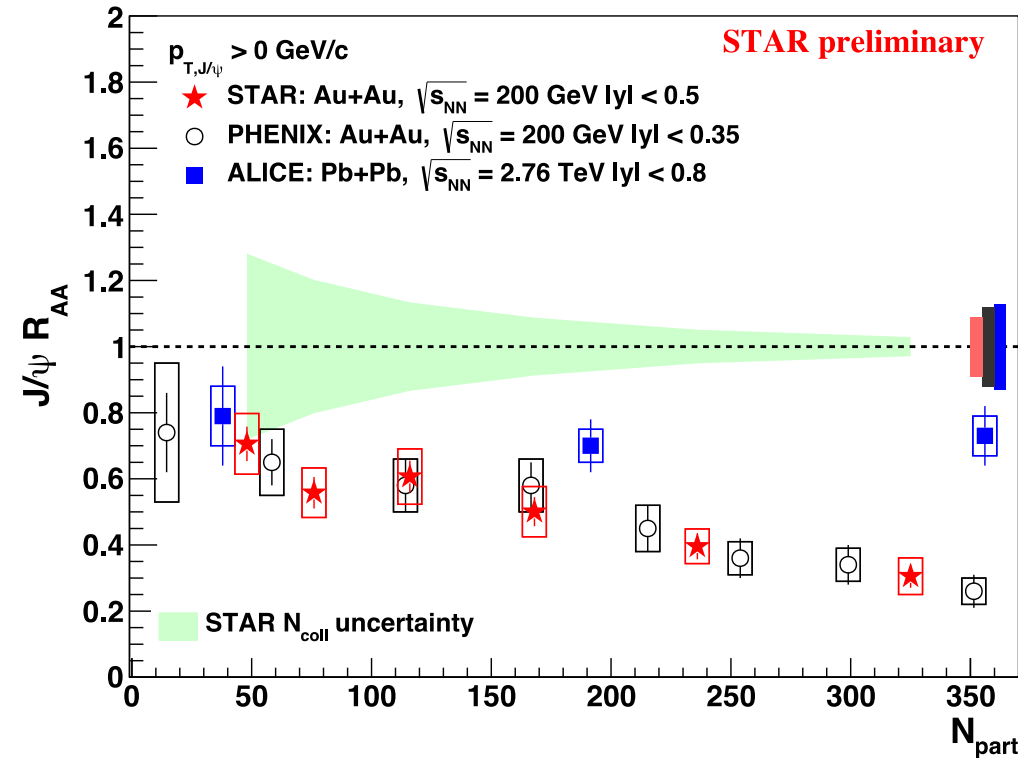
Joint fit: Diffusion coefficient

$$D_s \sim 1/(2\pi T) * (2-12)$$

Even at RHIC charm thermalized



Melting charmonia

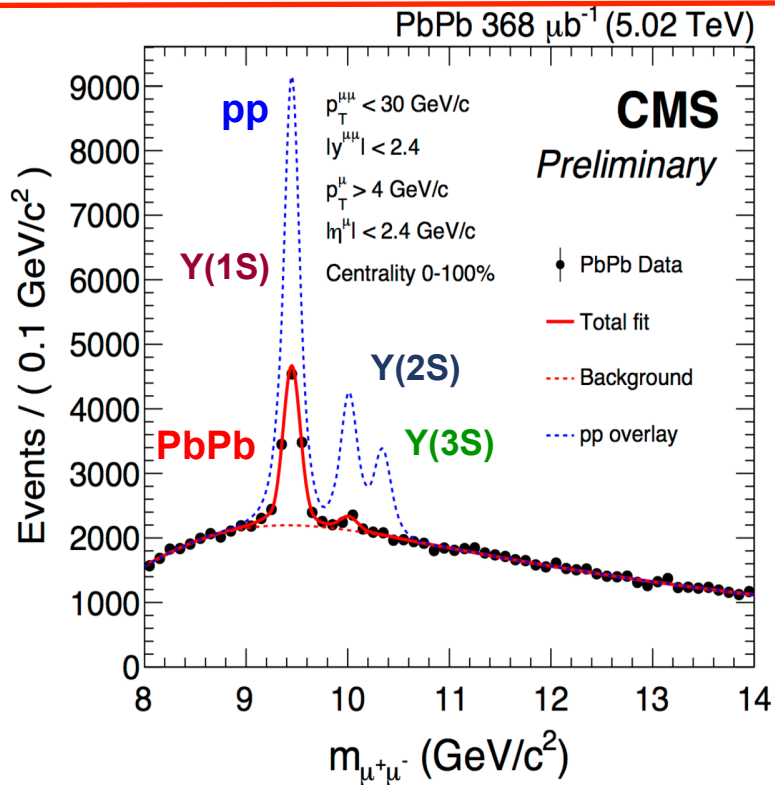


Low p_T : LHC_{2.76} > RHIC
decreasing regeneration; less c quarks

High p_T : LHC_{2.76} < RHIC
decreasing dissociation; cooler medium

At LHC many J/ψ result of coalesced thermalized charm

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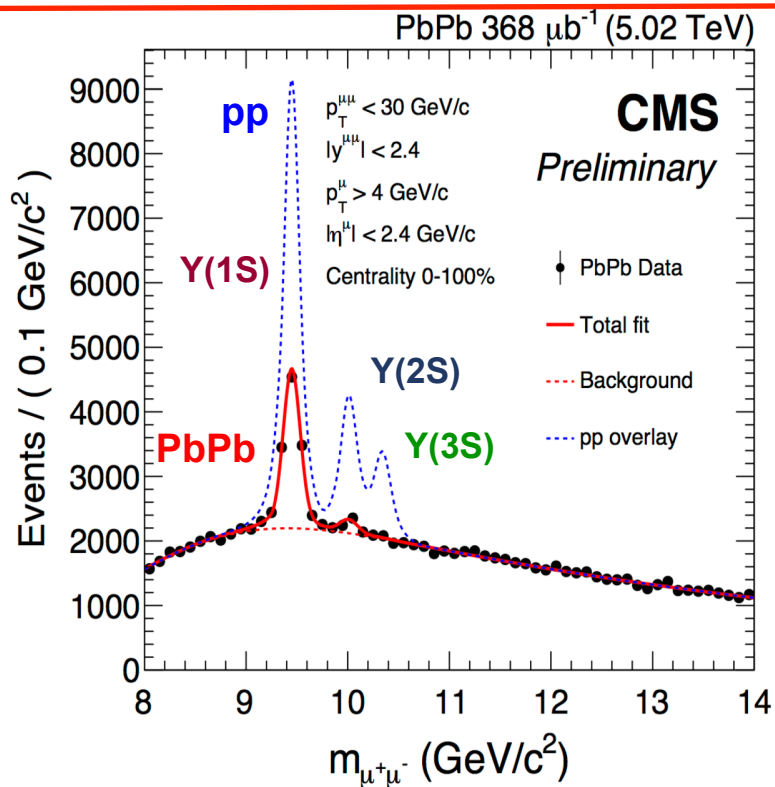


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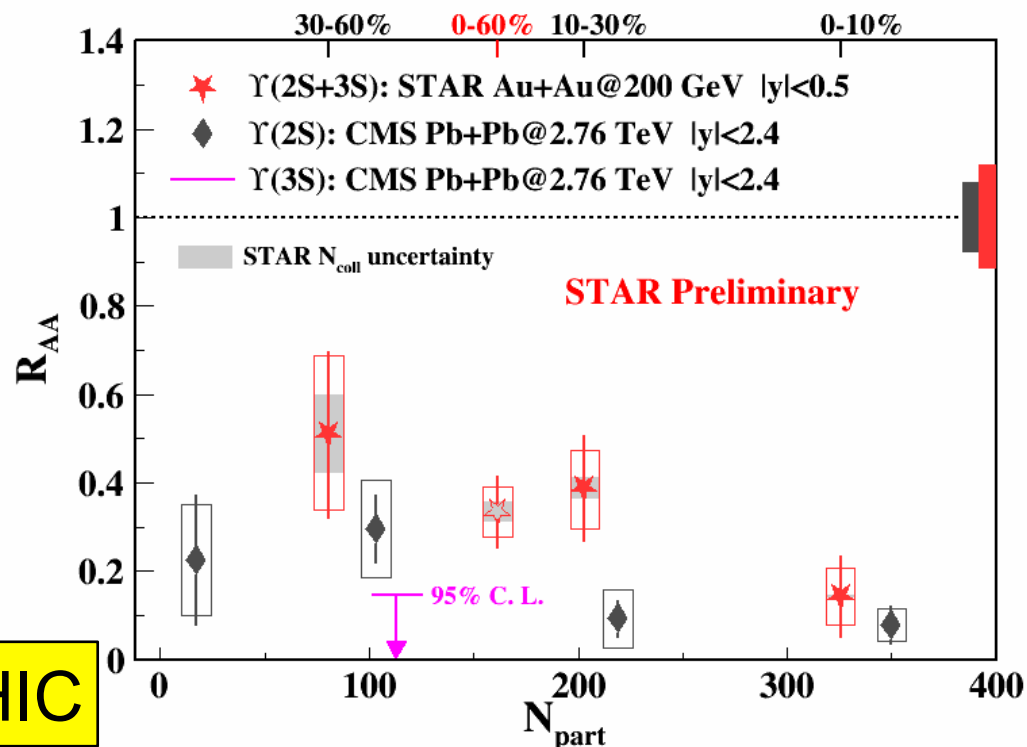
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At RHIC: First precise results

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Hints of less suppression at RHIC



Determining initial parton energy

Di-jet expectations

Back-to-back in ϕ

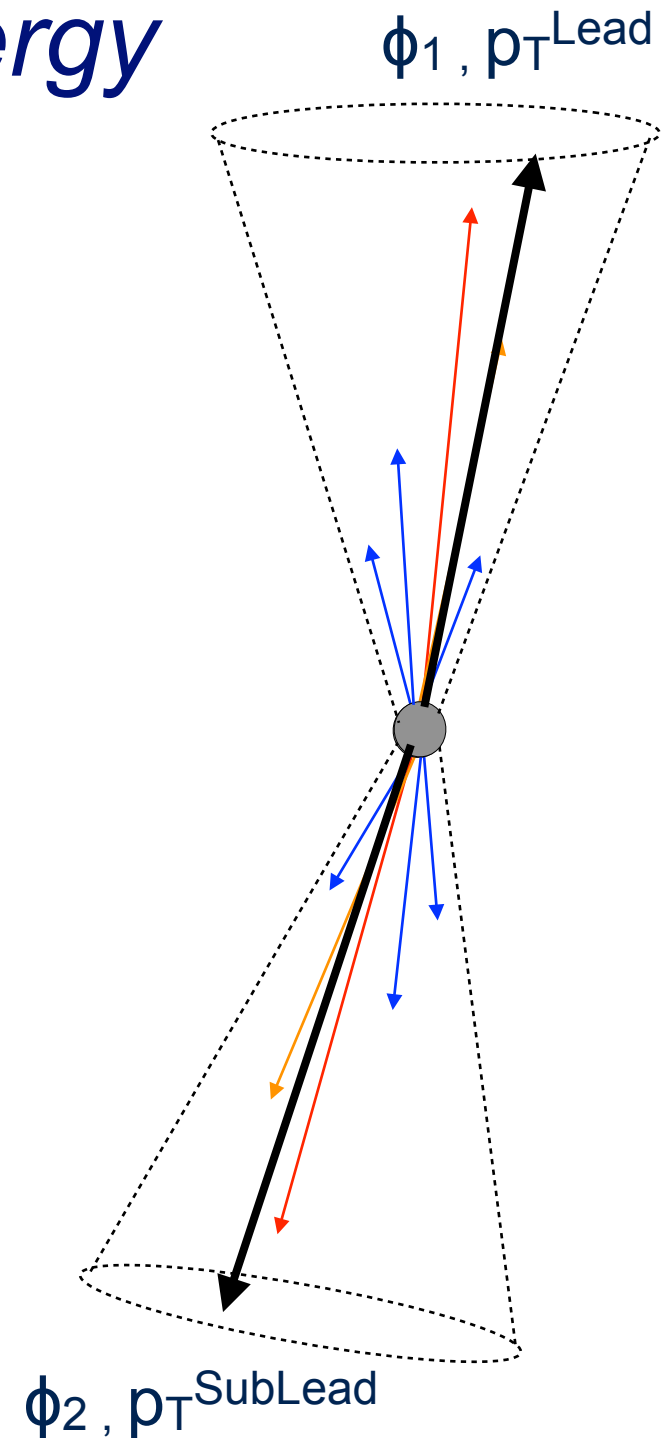
$$\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

Equal but opposite momenta

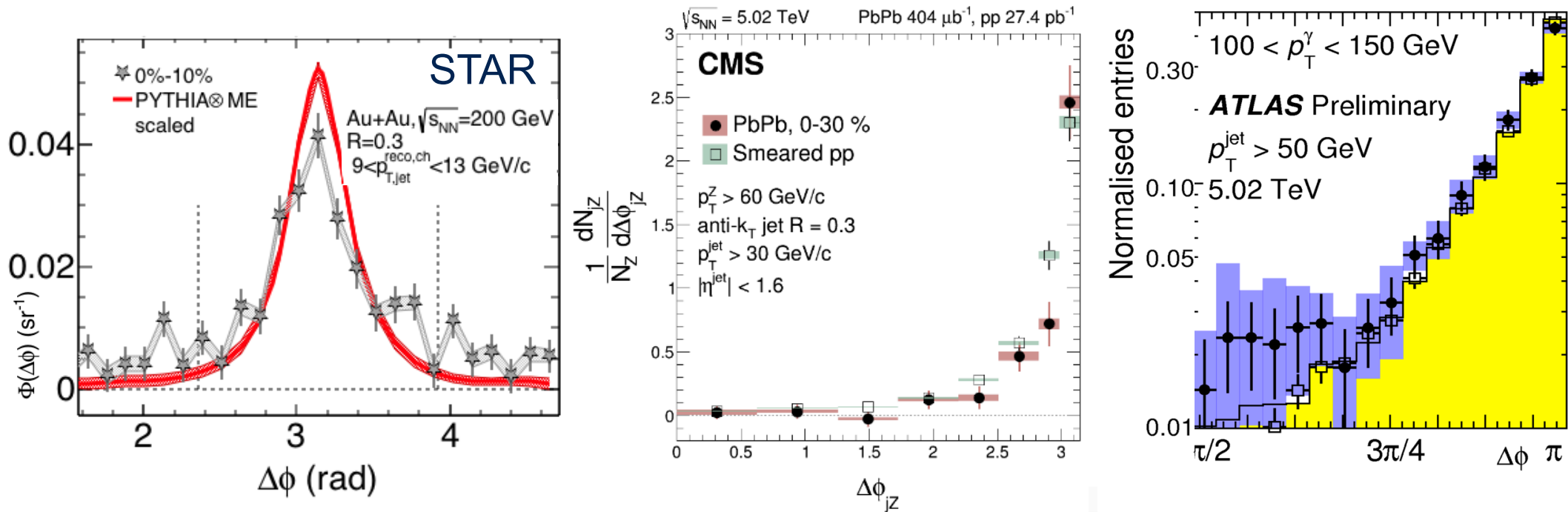
$$A_J = \frac{p_T^{Lead} - p_T^{SubLead}}{p_T^{Lead} + p_T^{SubLead}}$$

$$x_J = \frac{p_T^{Jet}}{p_T^{Trig}}$$

Modification from p-p
- reveal details of interaction with QGP



Di-jets are not deflected



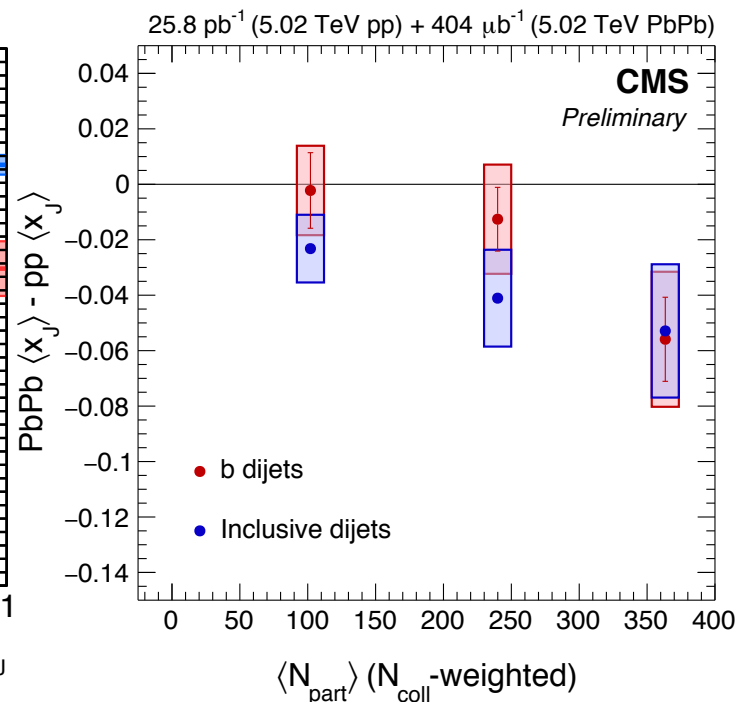
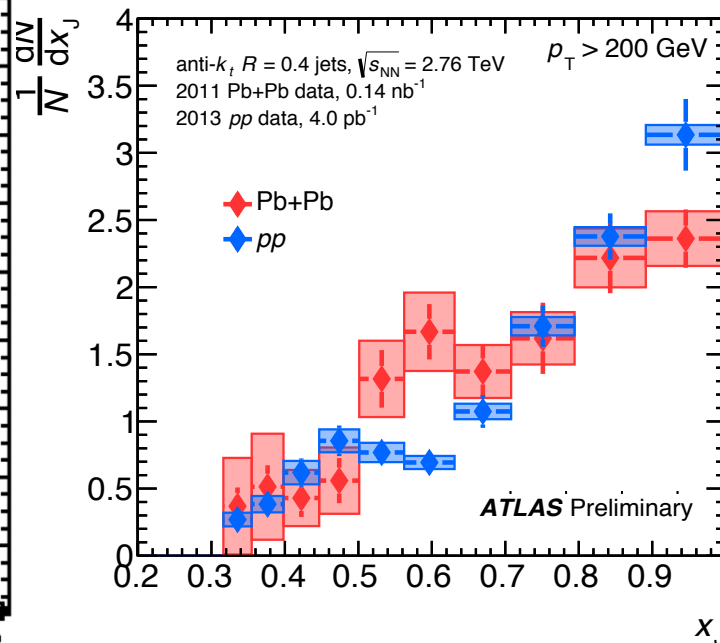
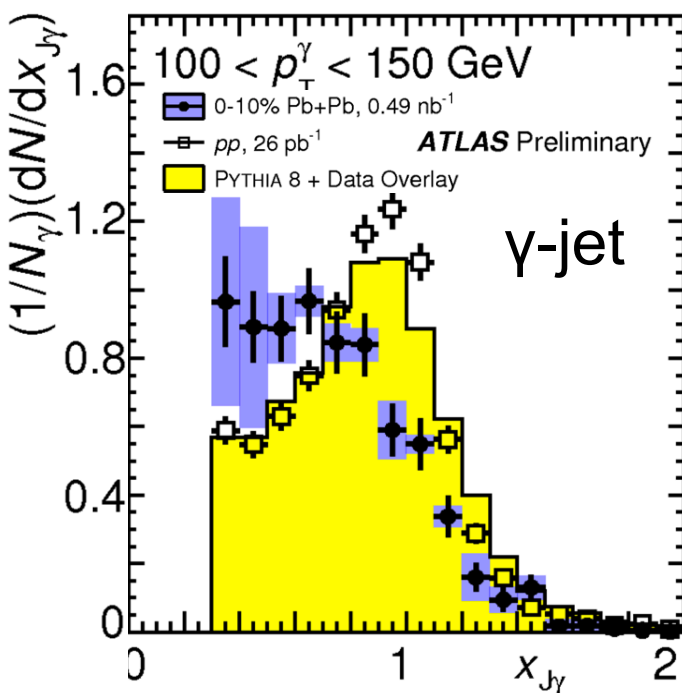
Examine $\Delta\phi$ - azimuthal angle between hadron-jets, z-jet, γ -jet

Leading order expectation: $\Delta\phi \sim \pi$

Little to no azimuthal de-correlation observed

Partons lose energy but are not deflected from original path

Di-jets are imbalanced



γ (Z) triggers “Absolute” E_{loss} calibration.

Fractional E_{loss} decreases with p_T

For all centrality inclusive \sim di-b

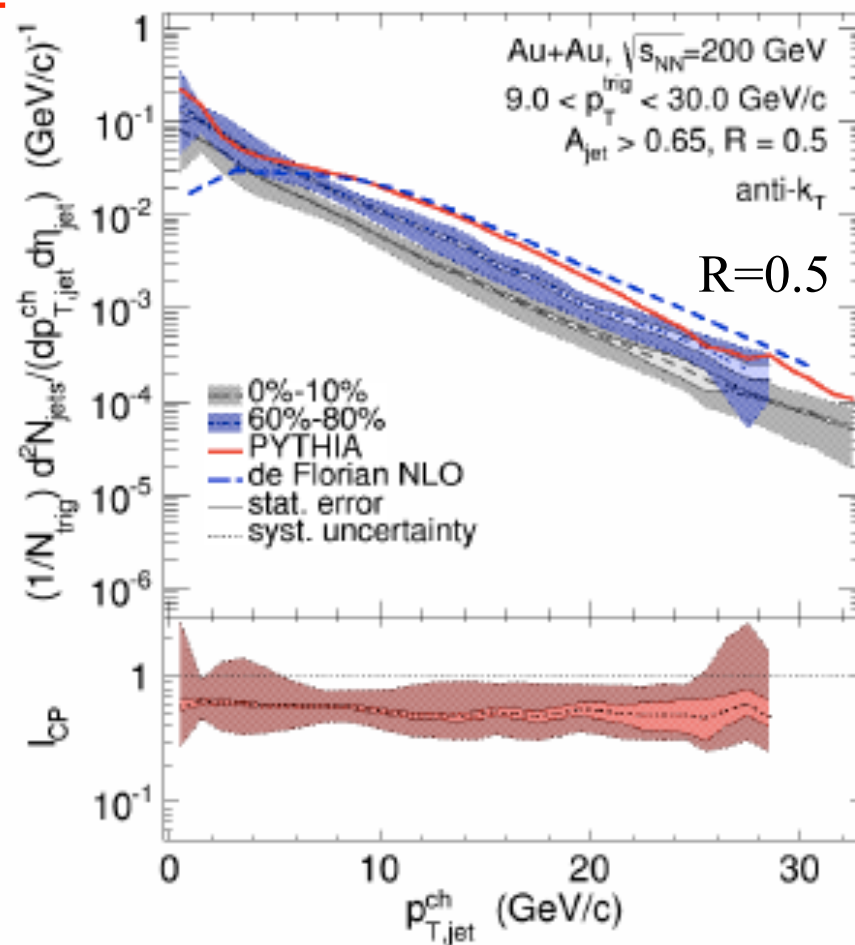
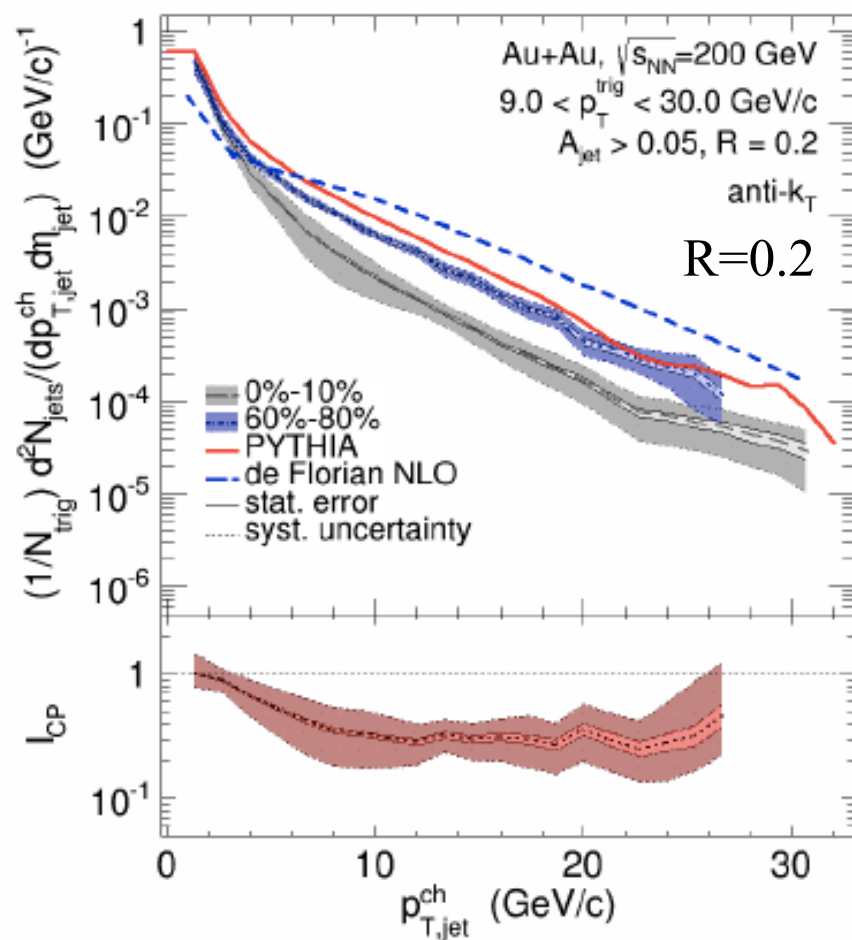
Z-jet distribution consistent with γ -jet

$p_T > 200$ GeV
 Pb-Pb approaches pp

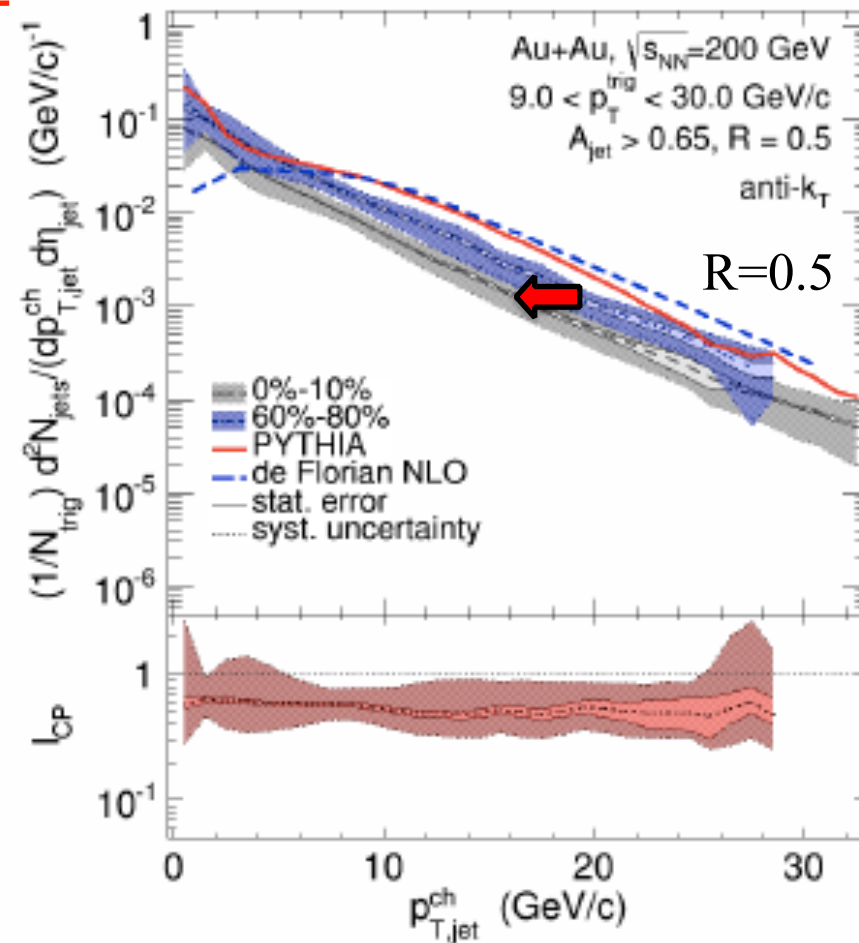
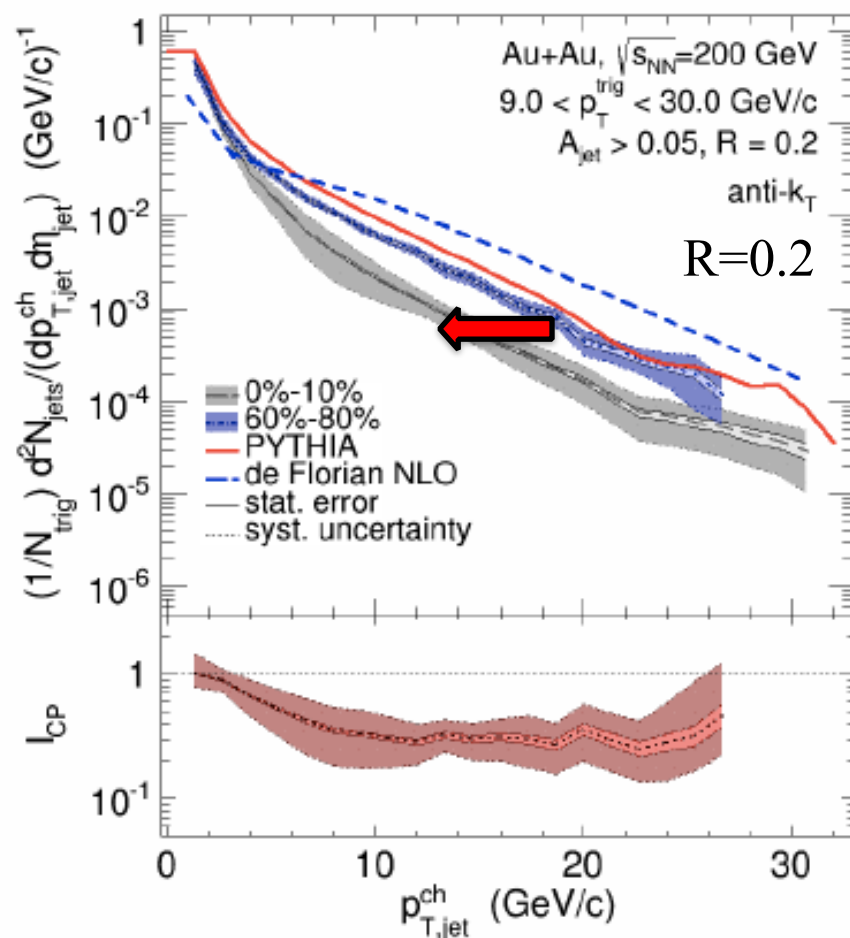
Inclusive: q and g
 di-b: q

Probing parton flavor energy loss with ever enhancing precision

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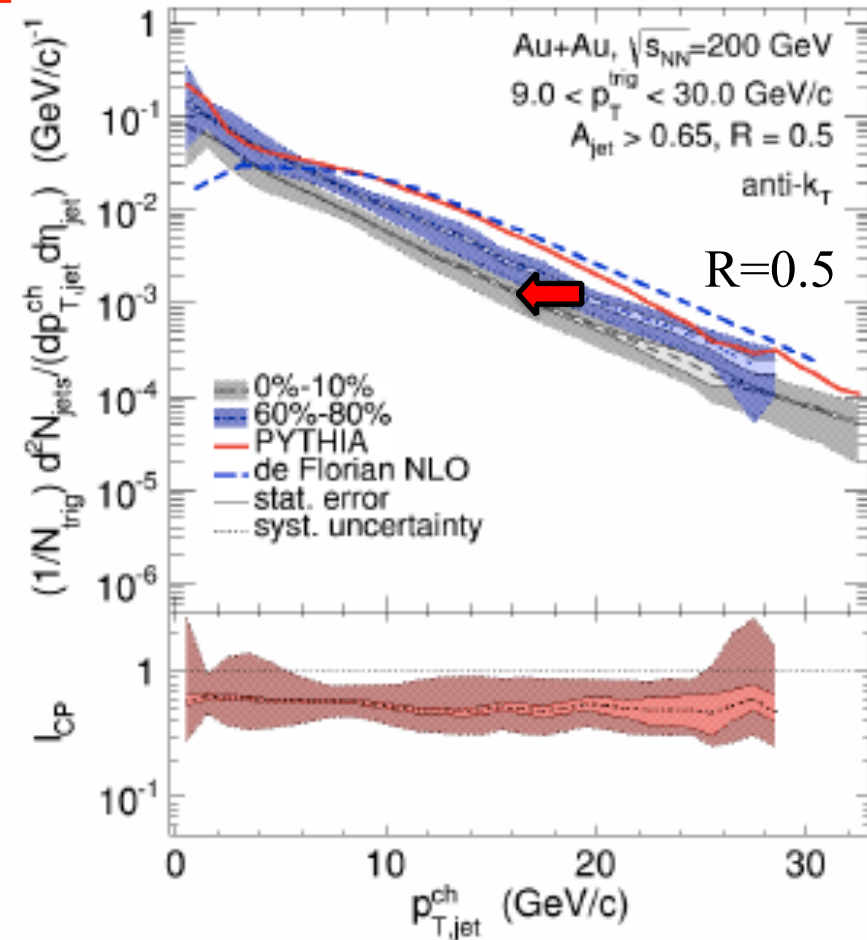
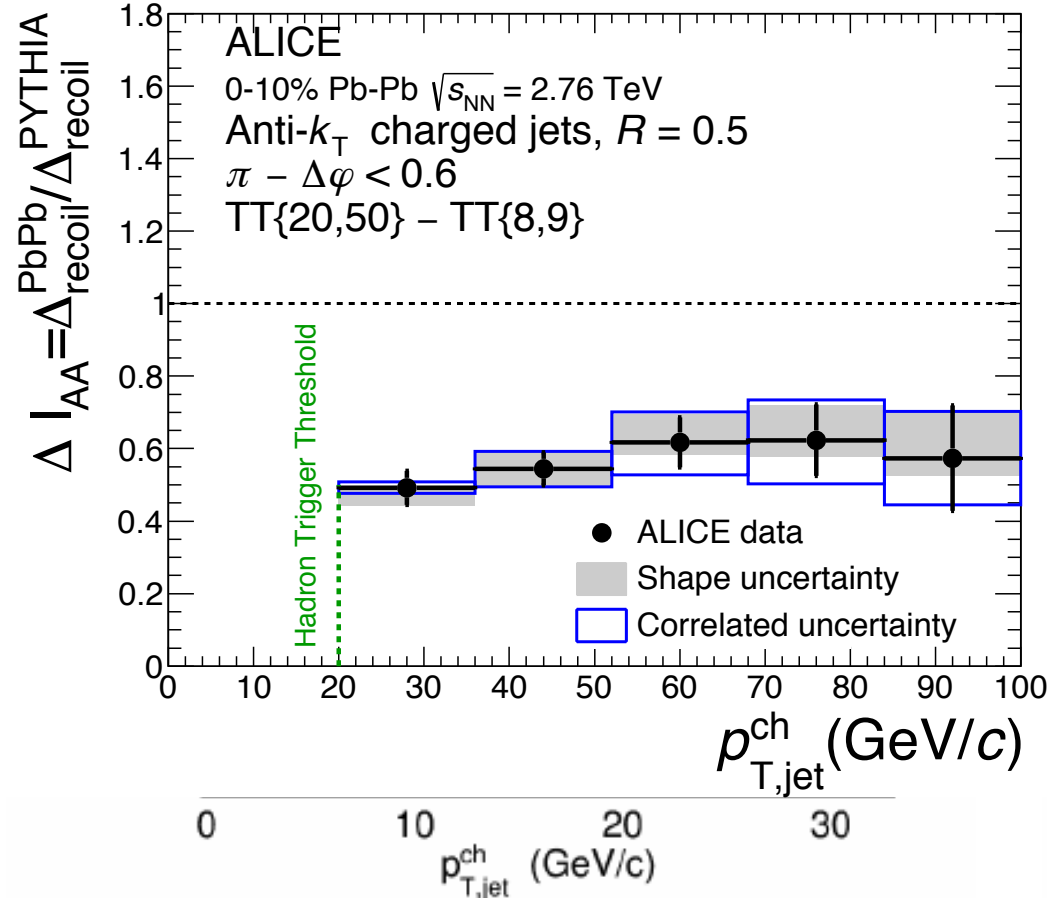


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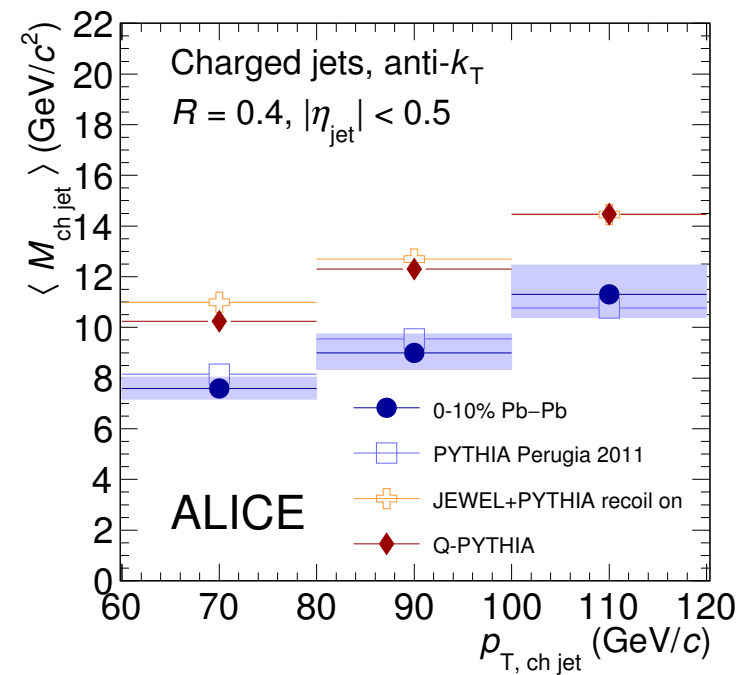
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LHC: Jet $p_T = 60-100$ GeV

$R=0.5$: $p_{T,Shift} \sim -8 \pm 2$ GeV

Energy almost
recovered at moderate
angles at RHIC but not
at LHC

Probing the jet substructure

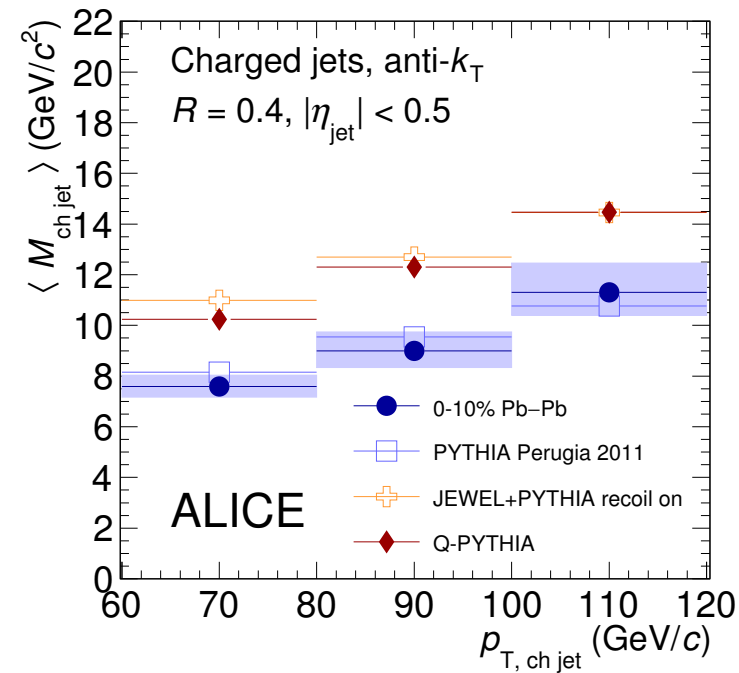


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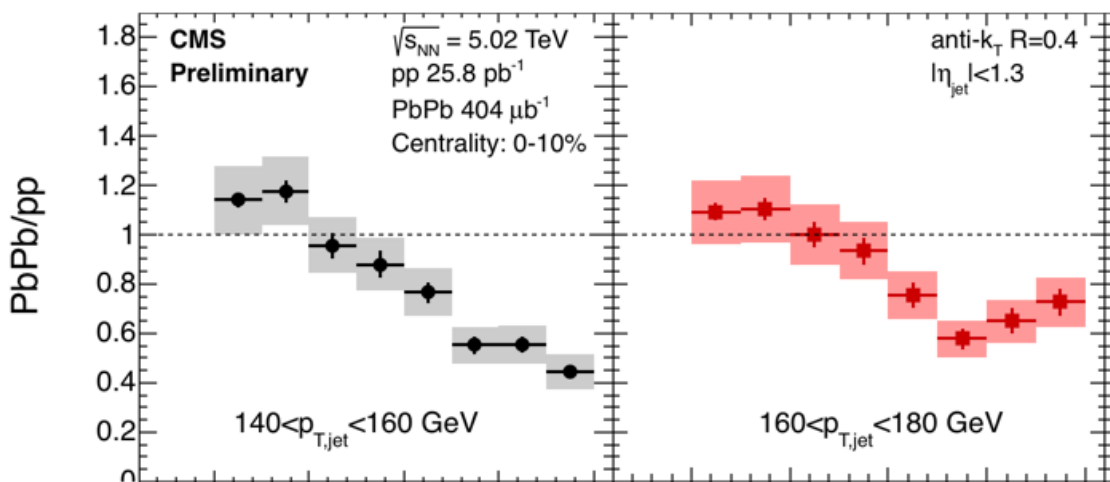


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Pb-Pb inclusive jets have “harder cores” than pp jets of same energy



“Groom” jet into two subjets

$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

Significant change at LHC for inclusive jets $140 < p_T < 200 \text{ GeV}/c$

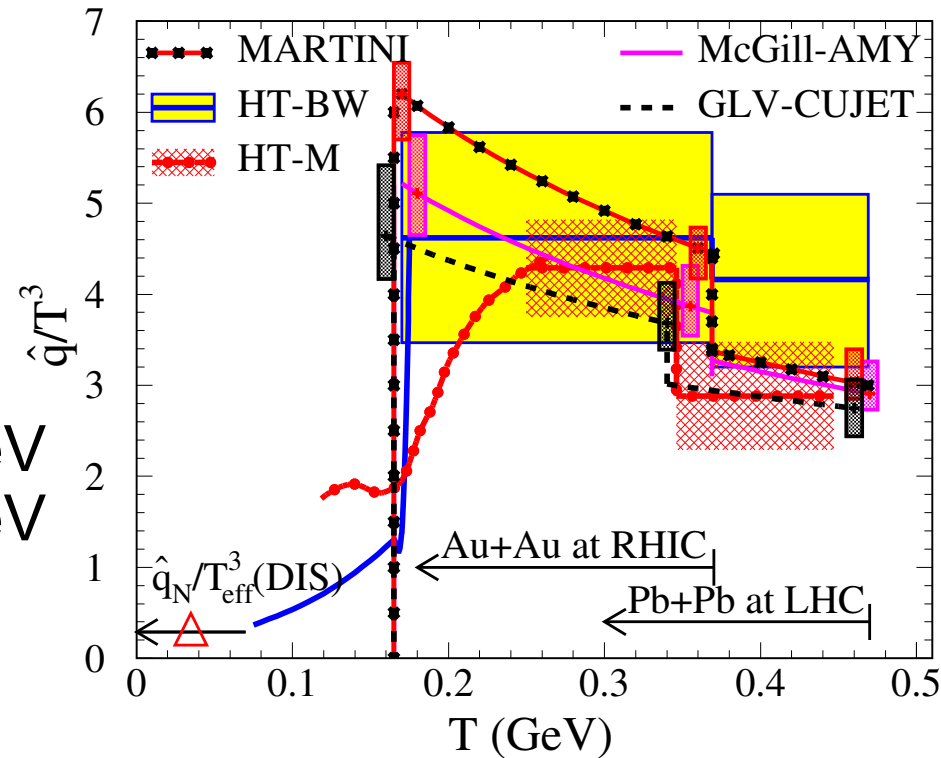
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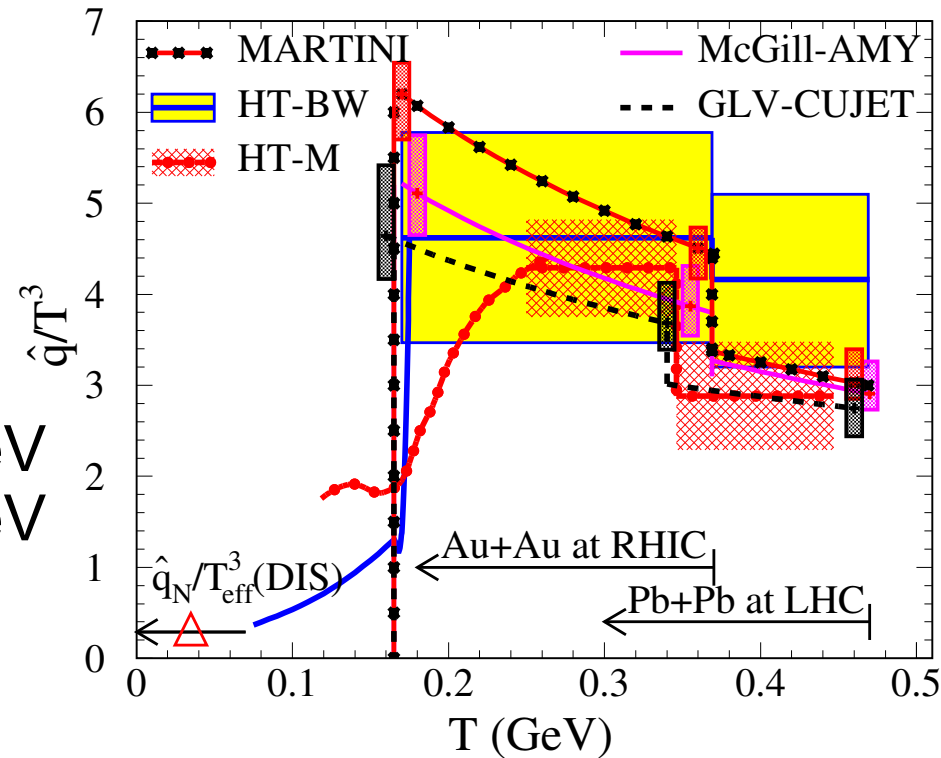
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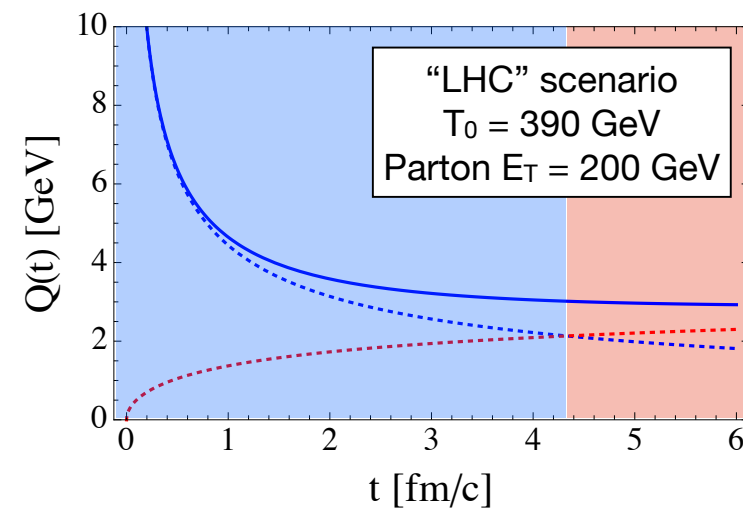
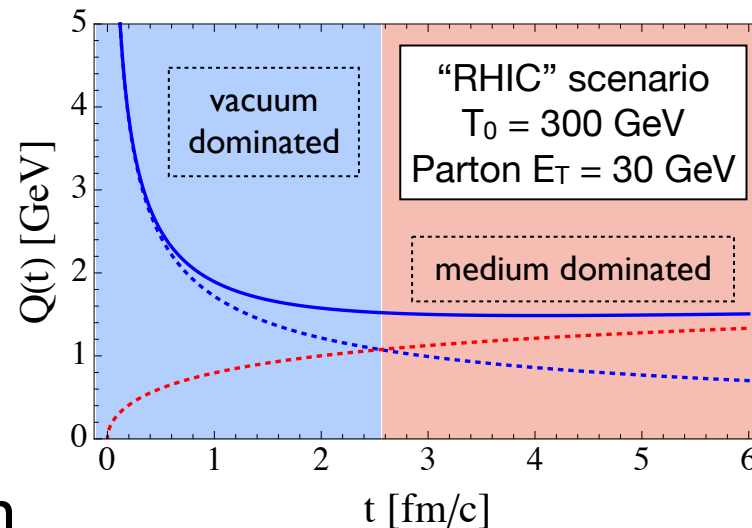
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Different virtuality evolutions:

How/when does parton become “aware” of medium



Other significant recent progress

Sophisticated multi-stage modeling

Fluctuating lumpy initial conditions
Event-by-event calculations just as
for real data

Bayesian multi-parameter fits

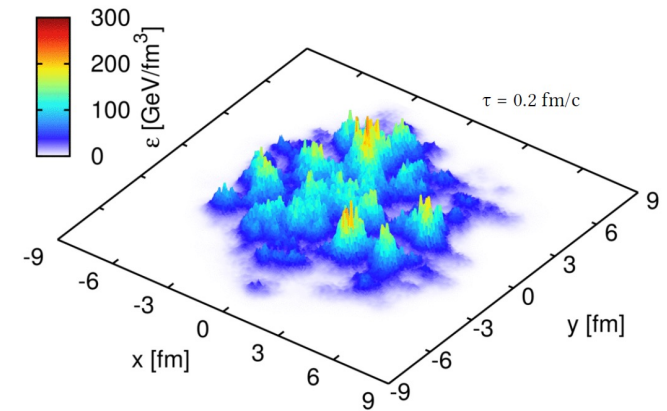
Data prefer:

EoS determined by LQCD

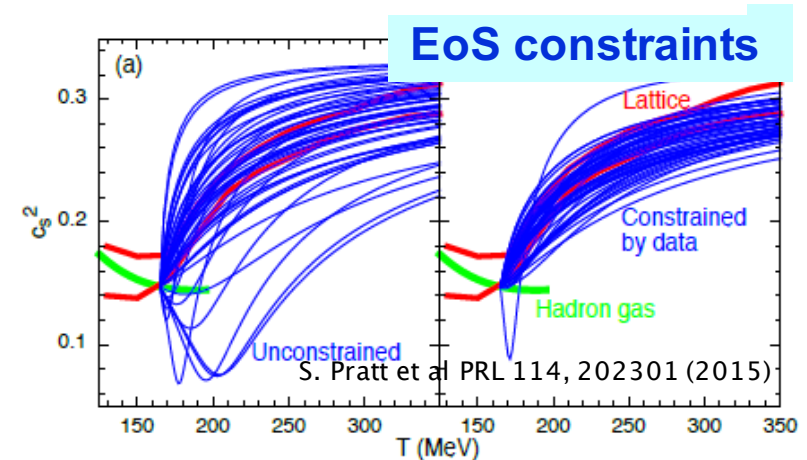
IP-Glasma initial conditions

Precision estimates of η/s
approaching ever closer to lower
bound

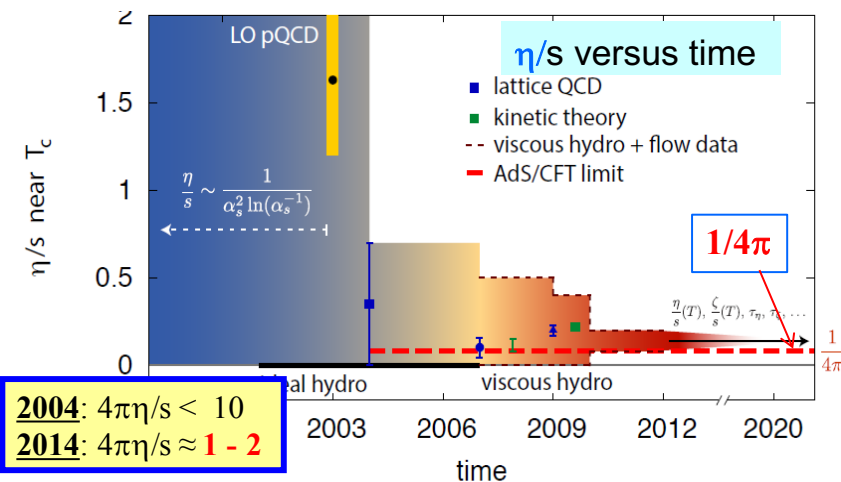
- also as function of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$



Schenke, Tribedy, Venugopalan: PRL 108 (2012)



S. Pratt et al PRL 114, 202301 (2015)



2004: $4\pi\eta/s < 10$
2014: $4\pi\eta/s \approx 1 - 2$

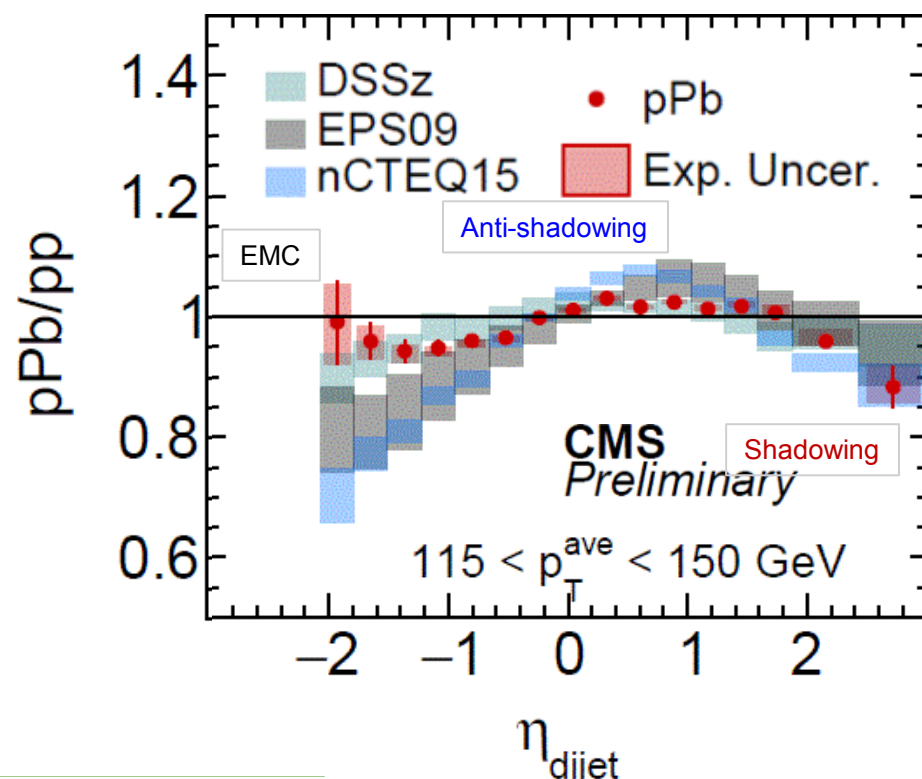
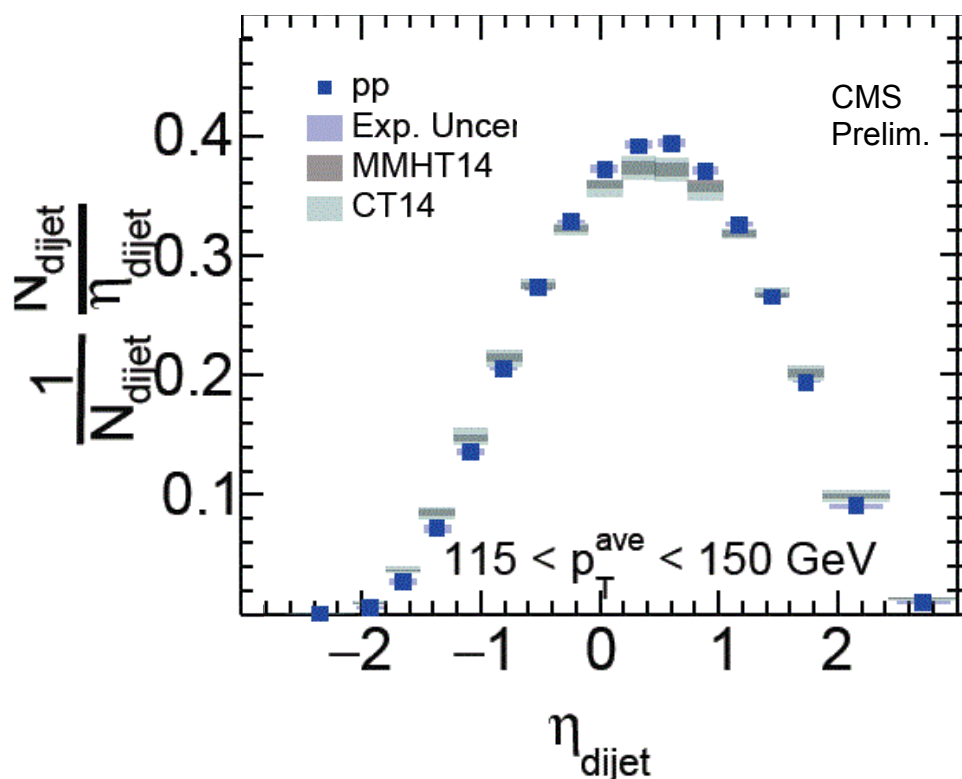
p -Pb : Constraining gluon (n)PDFs

Precision measurements of $\eta_{\text{dijet}} = (\eta_1 + \eta_2)/2 \propto 0.5 \log(x_p/x_{pB}) + \eta_{\text{CM}}$

η_{dijet} Theoretically: can be calculated in pQCD

Experimentally: “avoid” fragmentation and hadronization effects

p_T^{ave} Access to Q^2

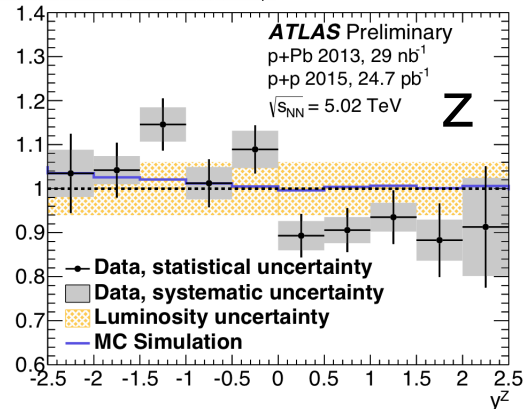
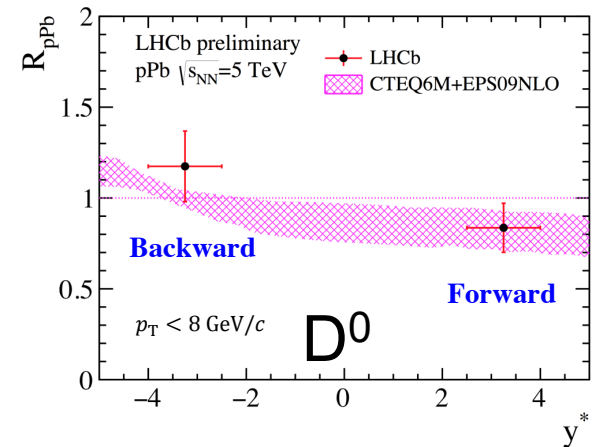
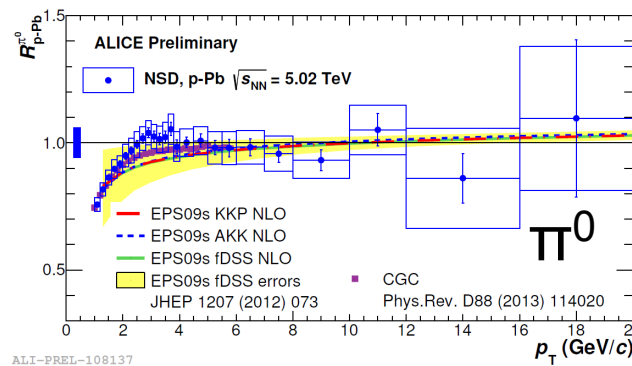
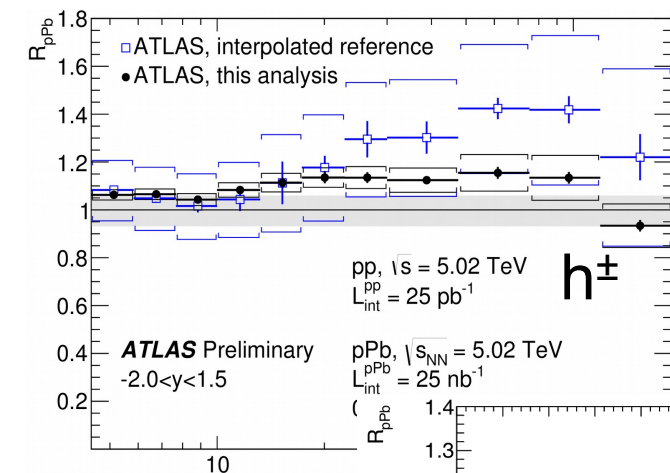


Neither PDFs nor nPDFs gives good fit across whole range

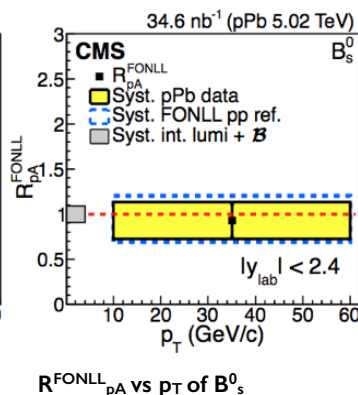
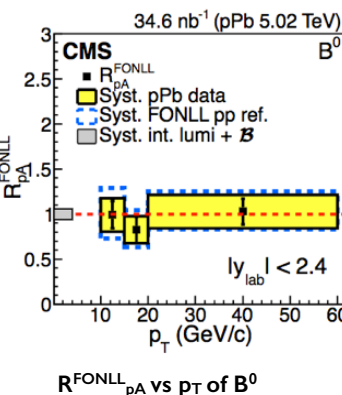
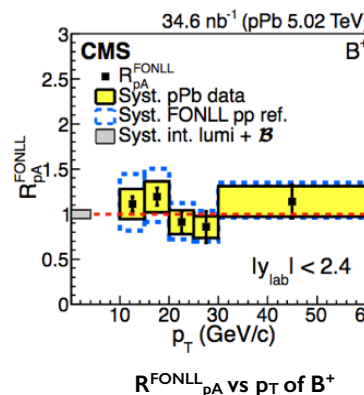
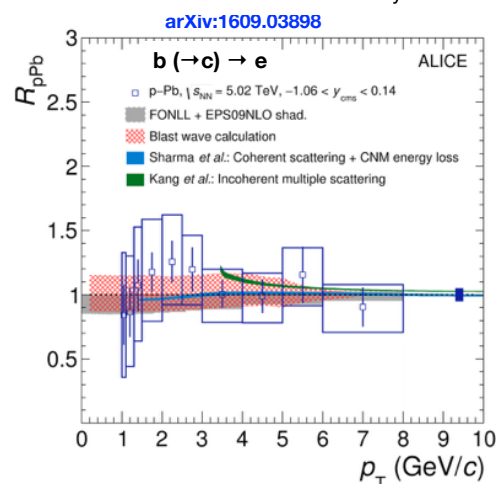
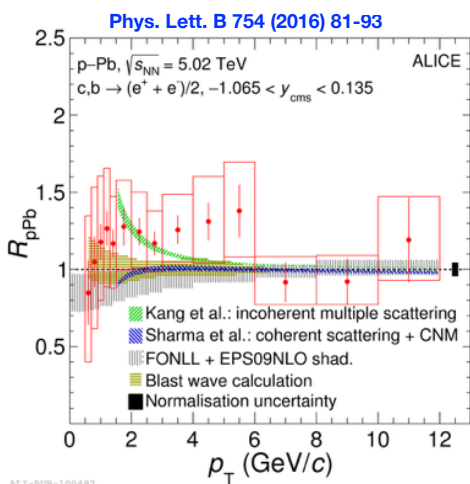
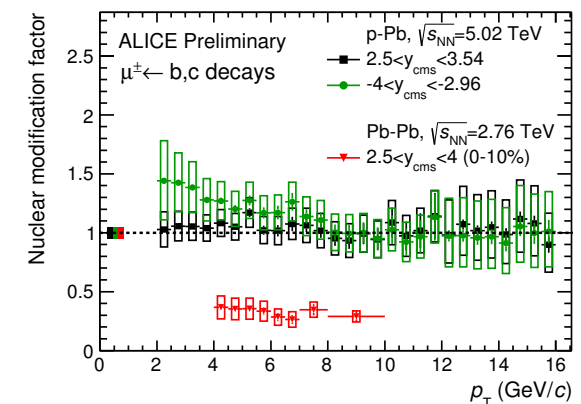
Evidence of gluon modification in EMC region $x > 0.3$

Minbias R_{pPb}

P. Balek (ATLAS), A. Dubla (ALICE), M. Dumancic (ATLAS),
T. Okubo (ALICE), B. Schmidt (LHCb), X. Zhu (LHCb)



Consistent with
nPDF expectations

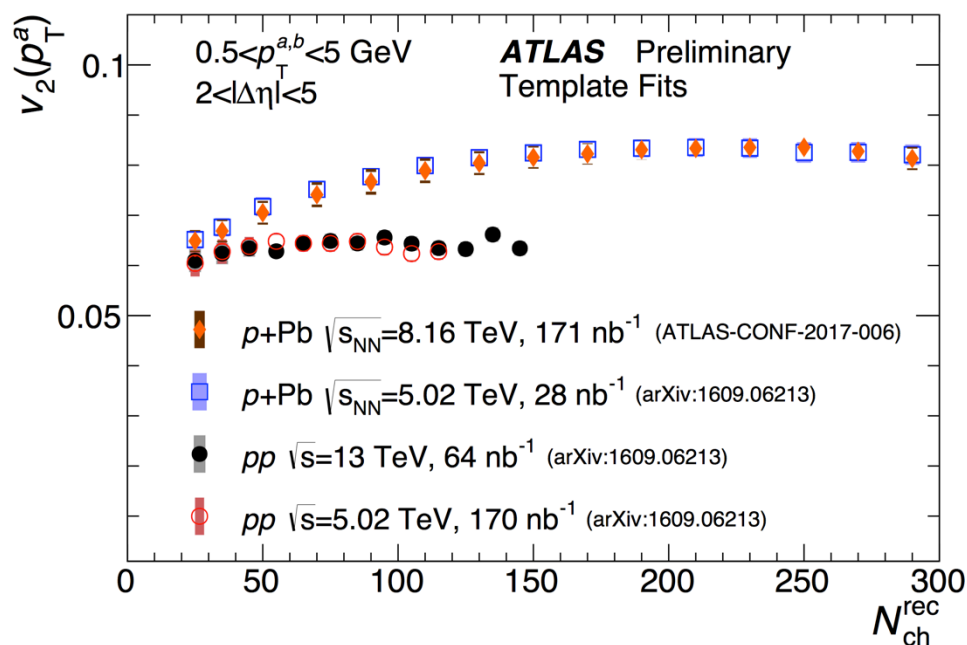


Nothing enormously unexpected is occurring!

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Collectivity in pp and p -Pb



pp :

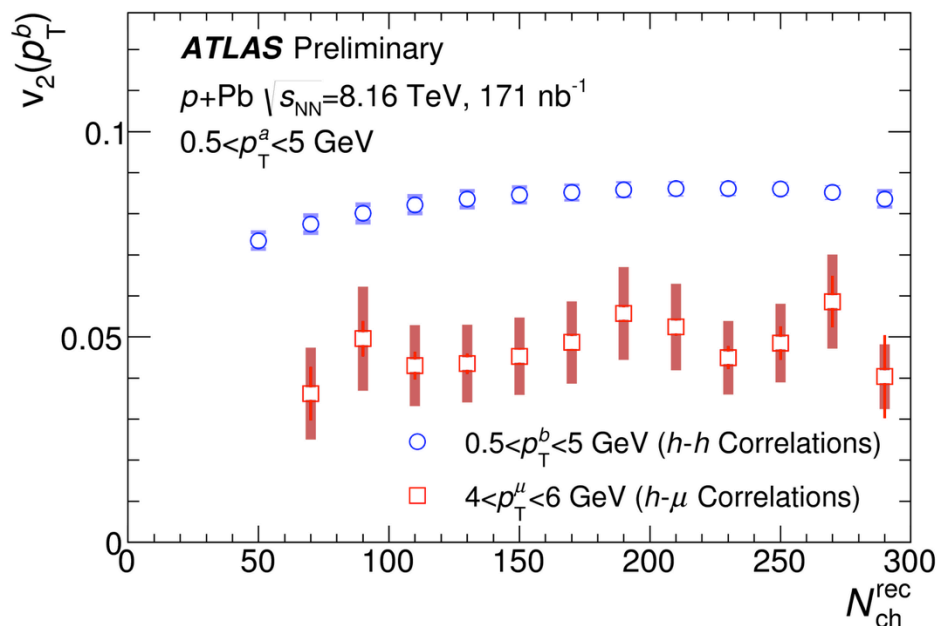
No dependence on \sqrt{s}

No dependence of event activity

p -Pb:

No dependence on \sqrt{s}

Some dependence of event activity

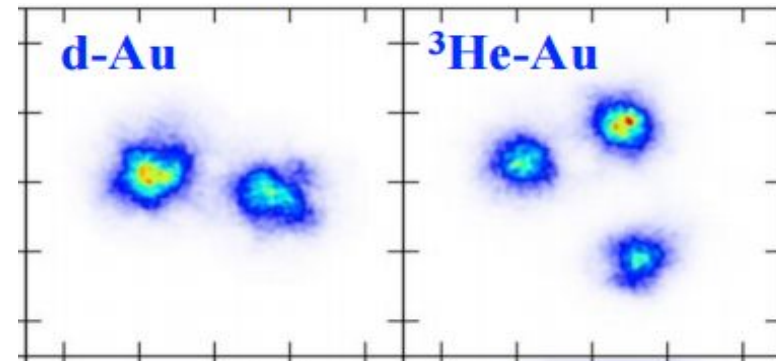
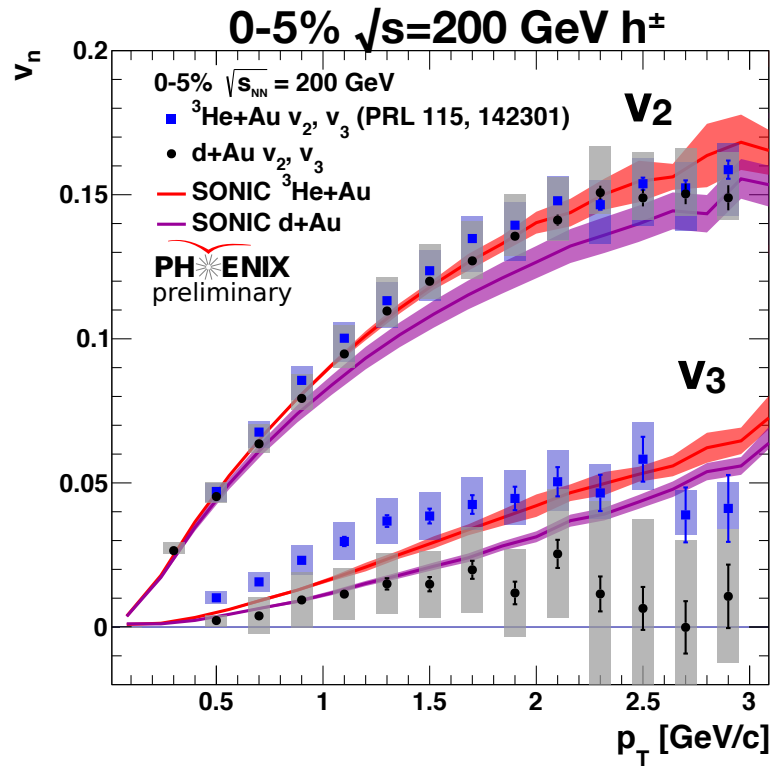


Heavy quarks also reveal signal
but $v_2^\mu < v_2^h$

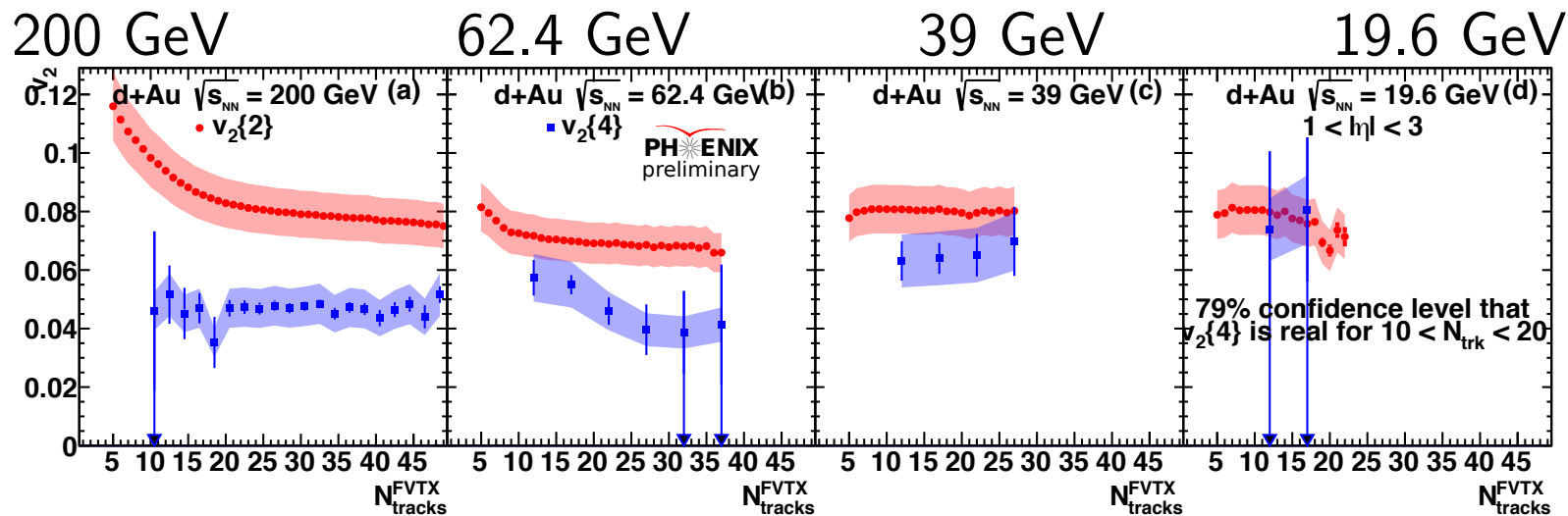
Sufficient (re-)interactions to
(partially) thermalize heavy quarks?

High multiplicity events lead to
universal observation of
long range collective phenomena

Varying the small systems



Changing initial collision geometry changes v_n as expected from models

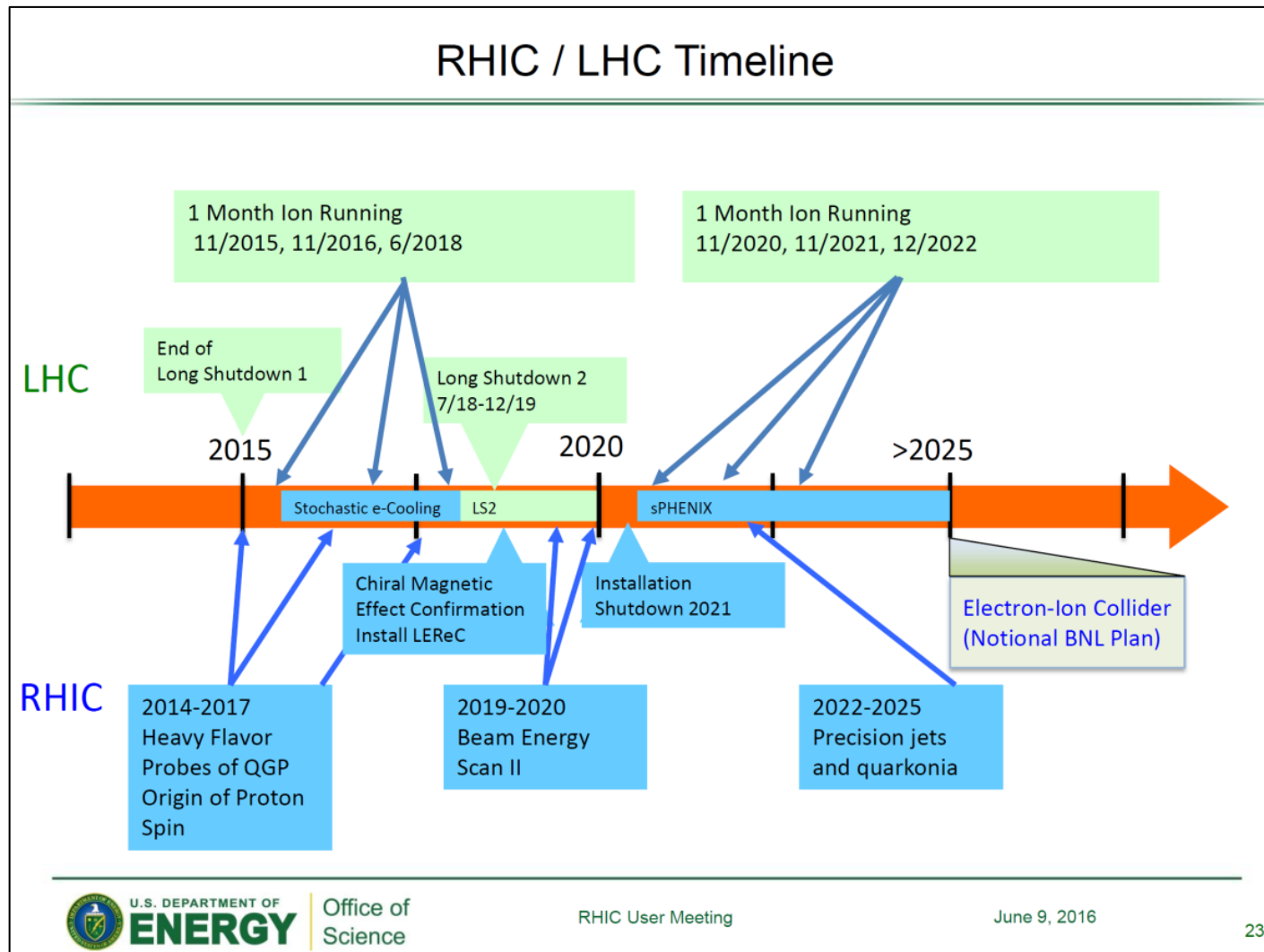


v_2 real down to 20 GeV

No signs of “rapid” onset in \sqrt{s} or mult.

Our Long Range Plan

Continues as a vibrant field with wide ranging international support



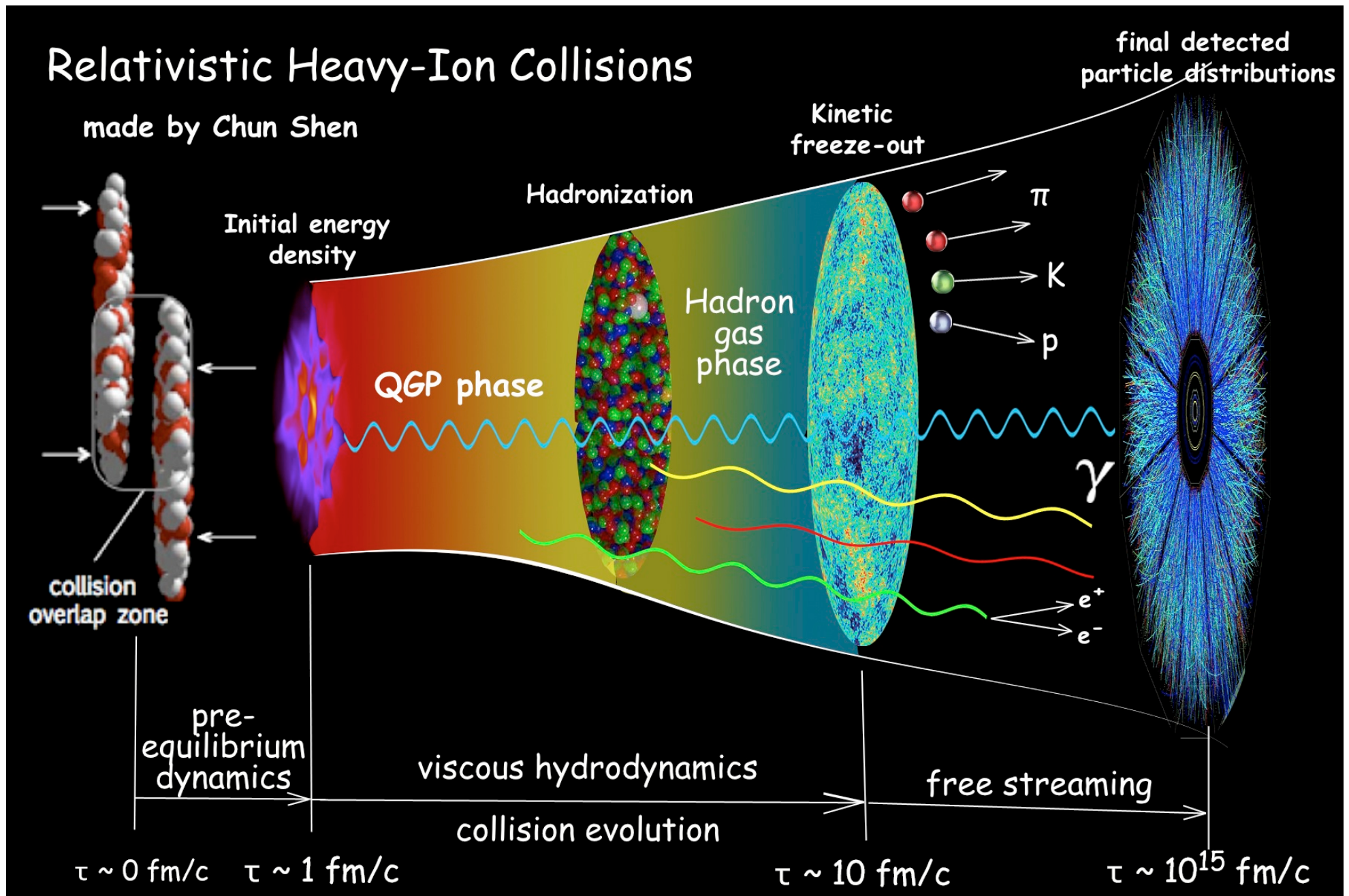
New detectors
being designed
and built NOW!

New accelerator
facilities being
designed and
built NOW!

sPHENIX, Forward upgrades at STAR, upgrades at LHC, FAIR,
NICA, EIC

Spares

The timeline of a heavy-ion collision

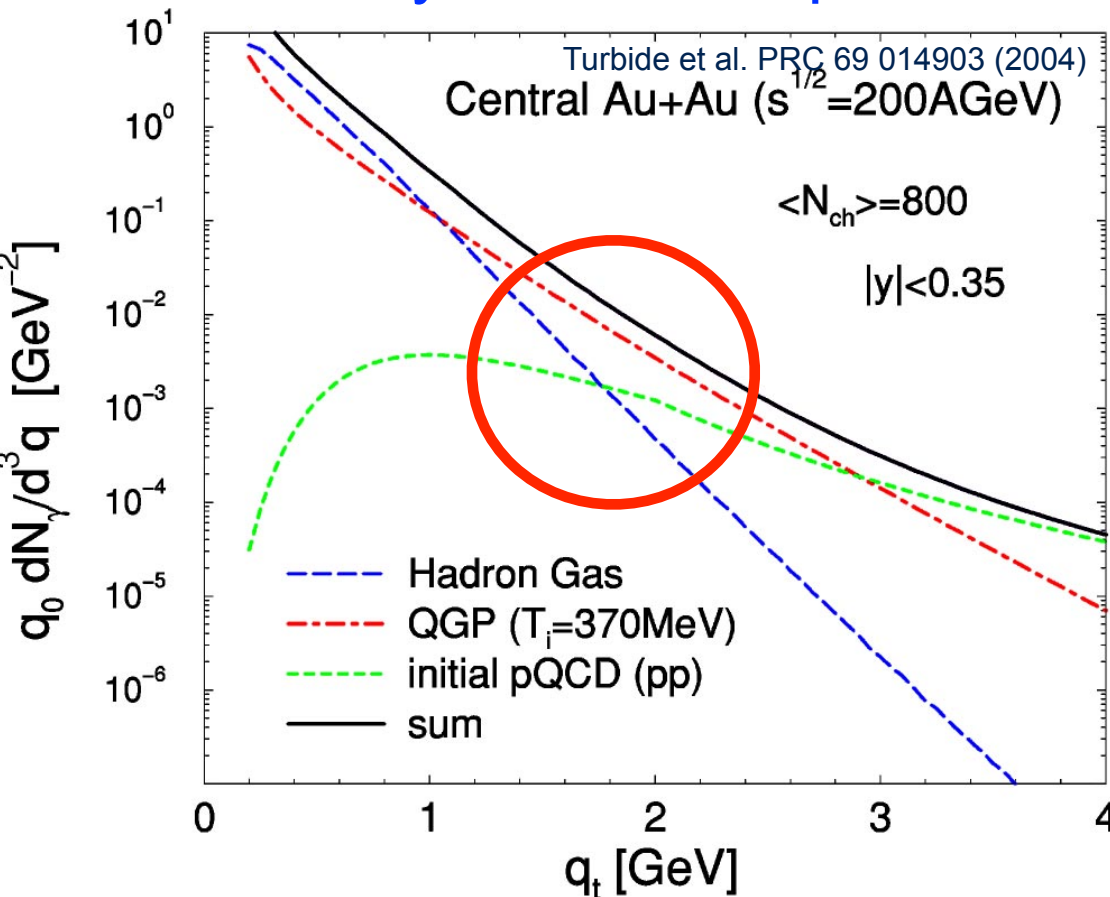


Early conditions: Temperature

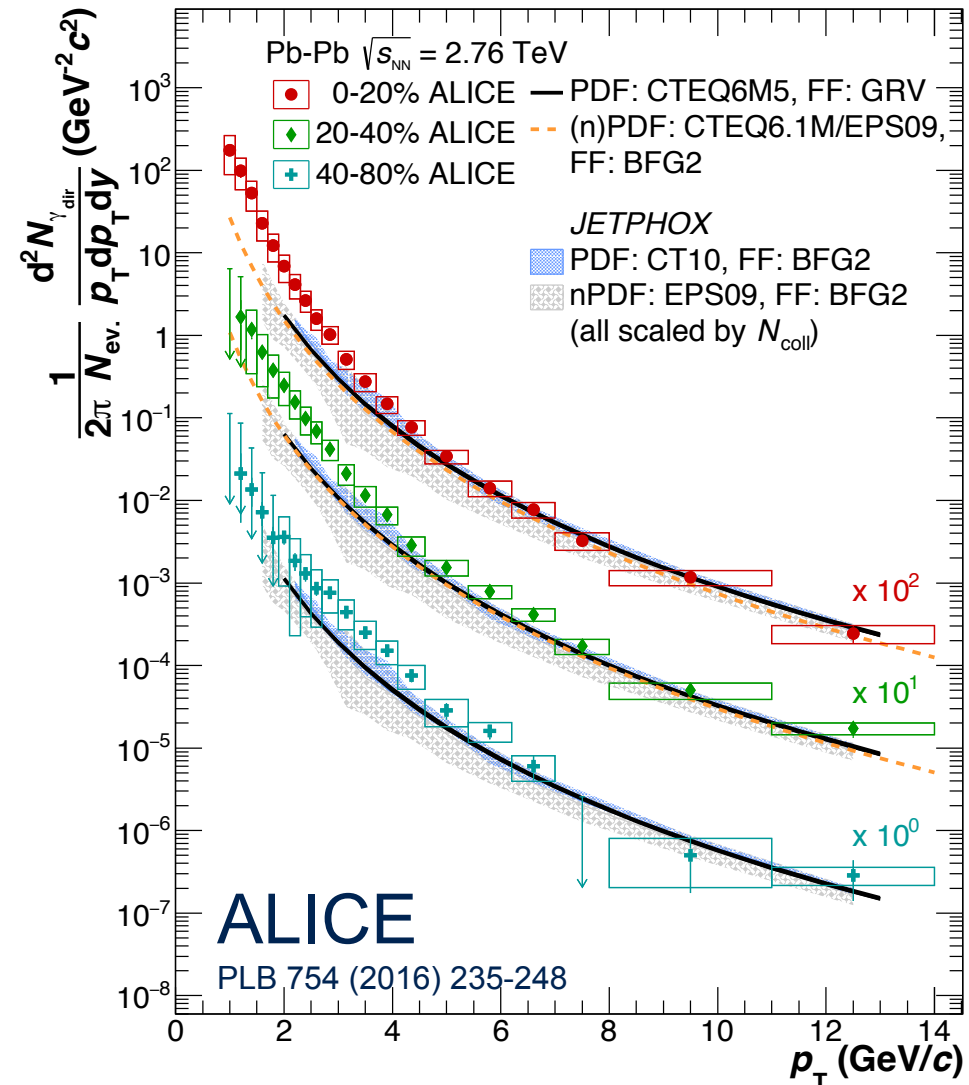
Direct Photons:

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- emitted over all lifetime → convolution of all T

Theory well developed



QGP dominates: $1 < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$

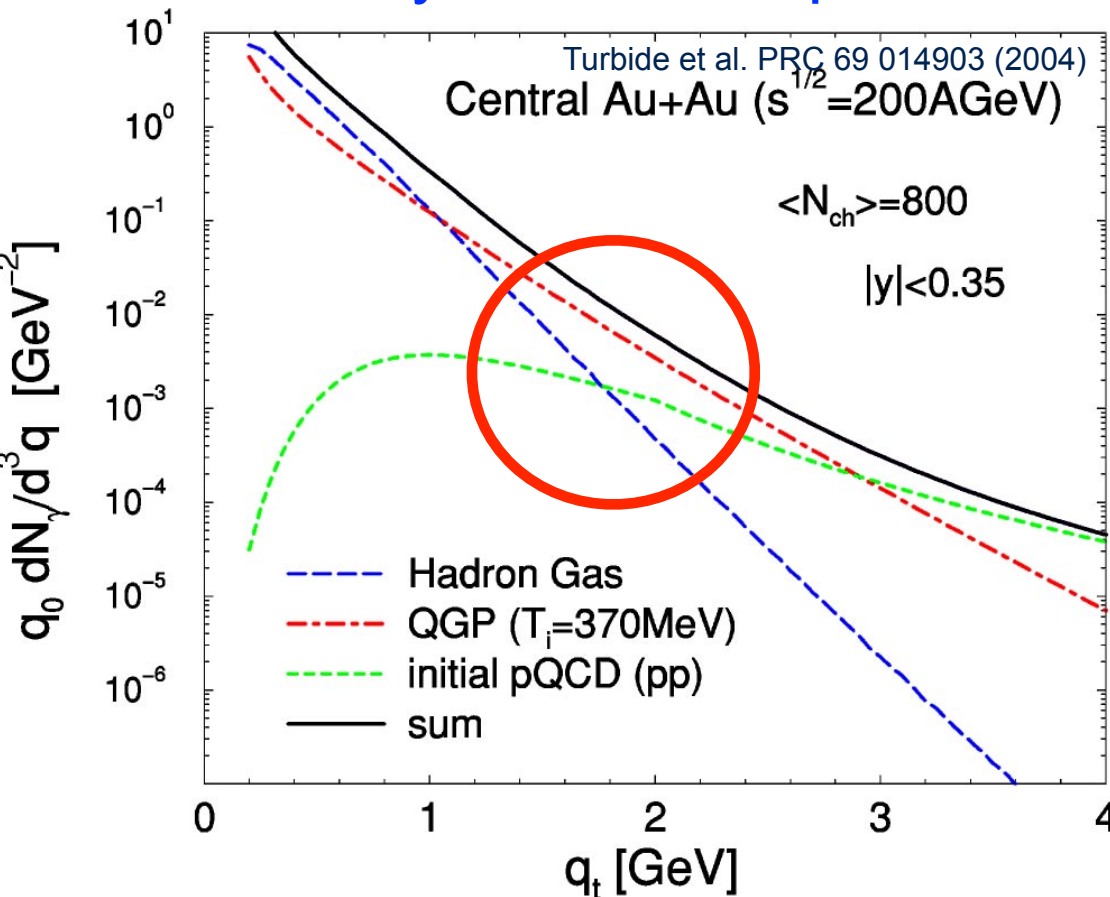


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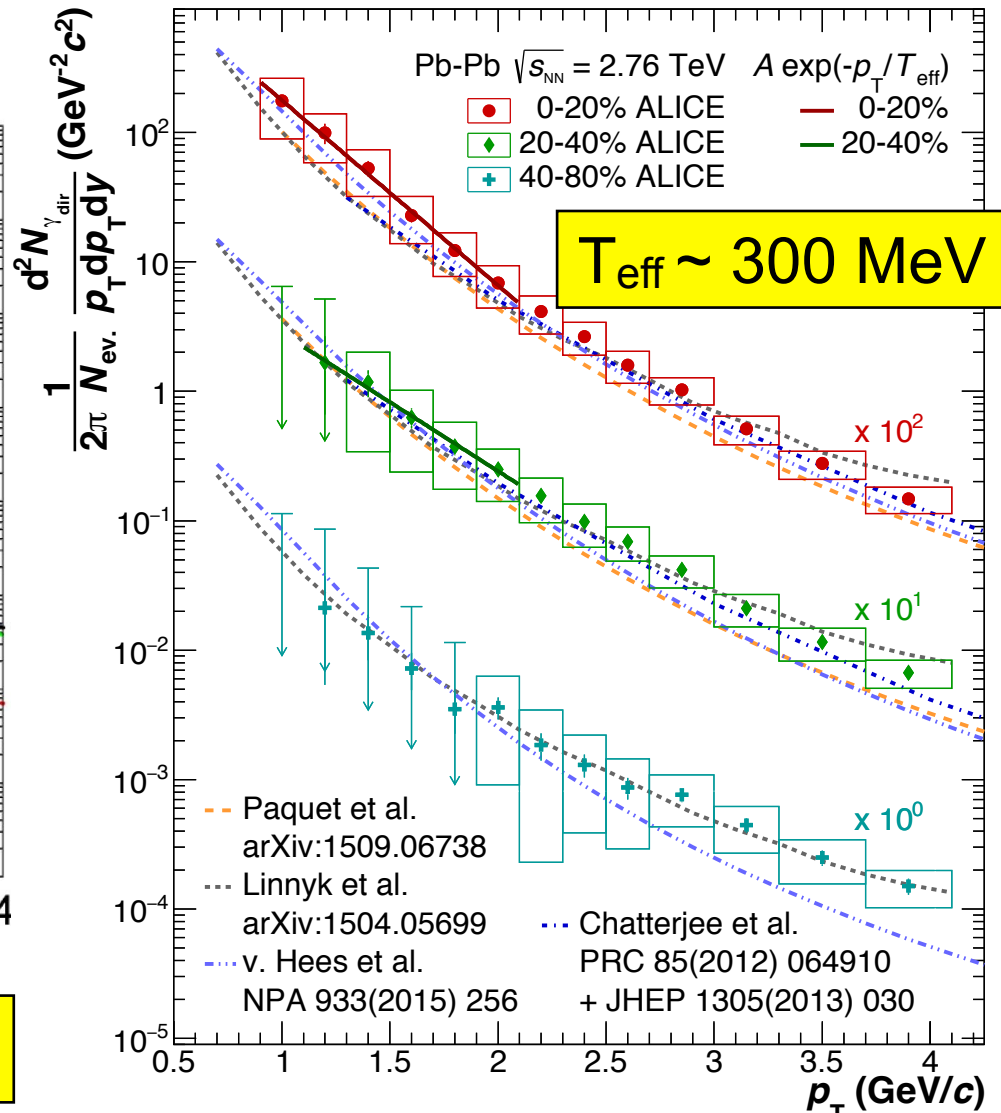
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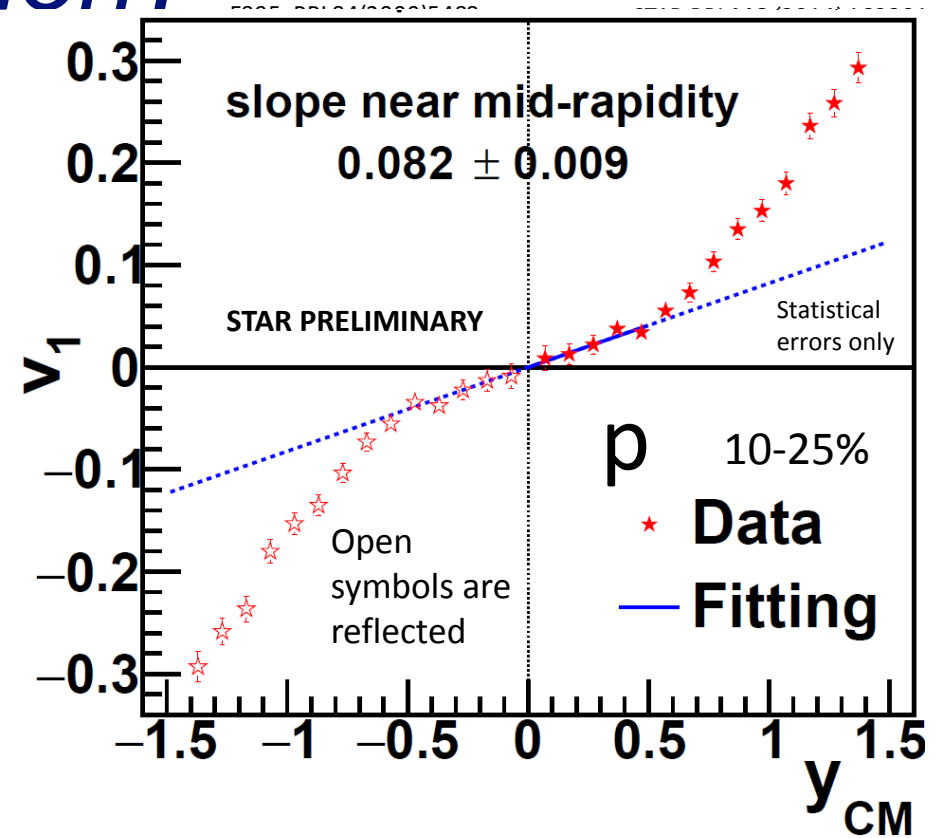
First order phase transition?

Low \sqrt{s} : slope v_1 (baryons) positive
slope v_1 (mesons) negative

Beam energy baryon dv_1/dy trend
complex interplay of:

v_1 baryons transported from beam

v_1 from pair production

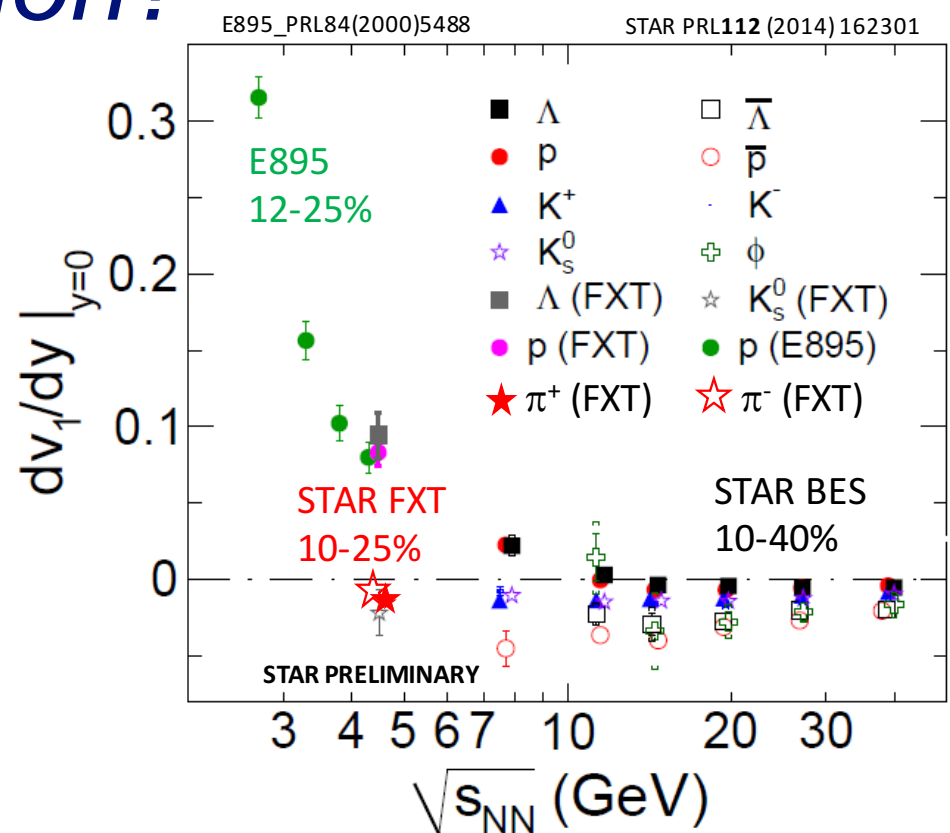
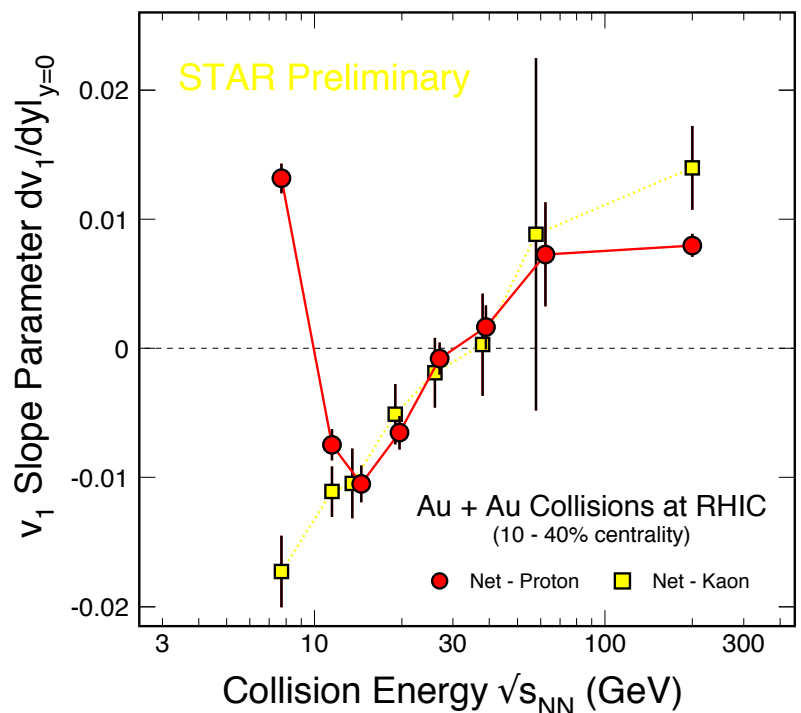


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Net-proton isolates directed flow of transported baryons:

Double sign change in dv_1/dy

Not seen in net-kaons

Results not yet reproduced by theory

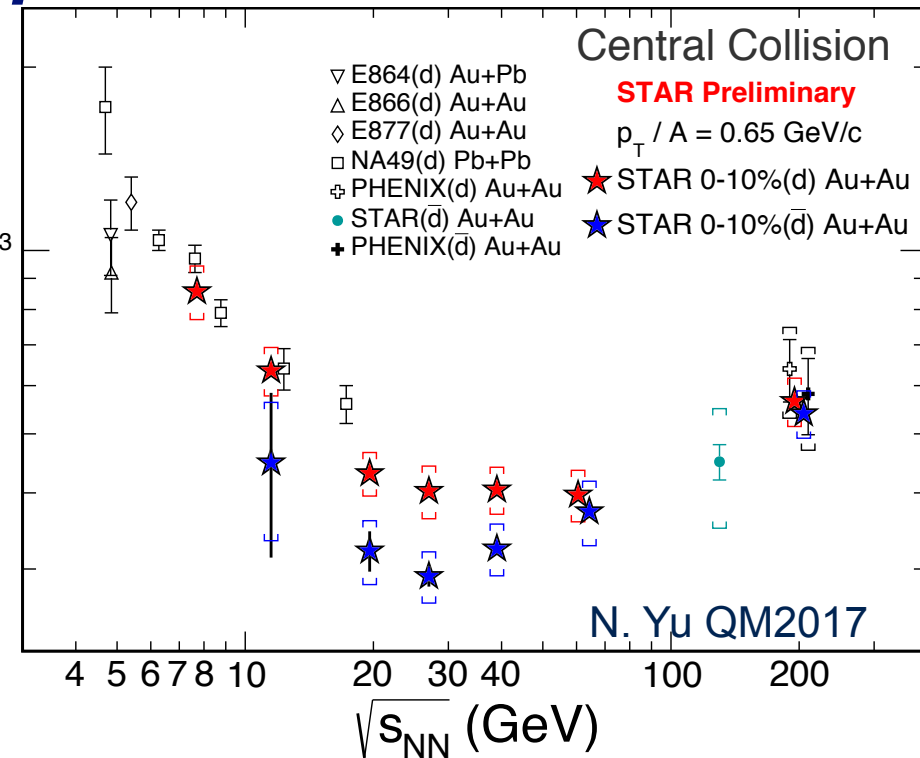
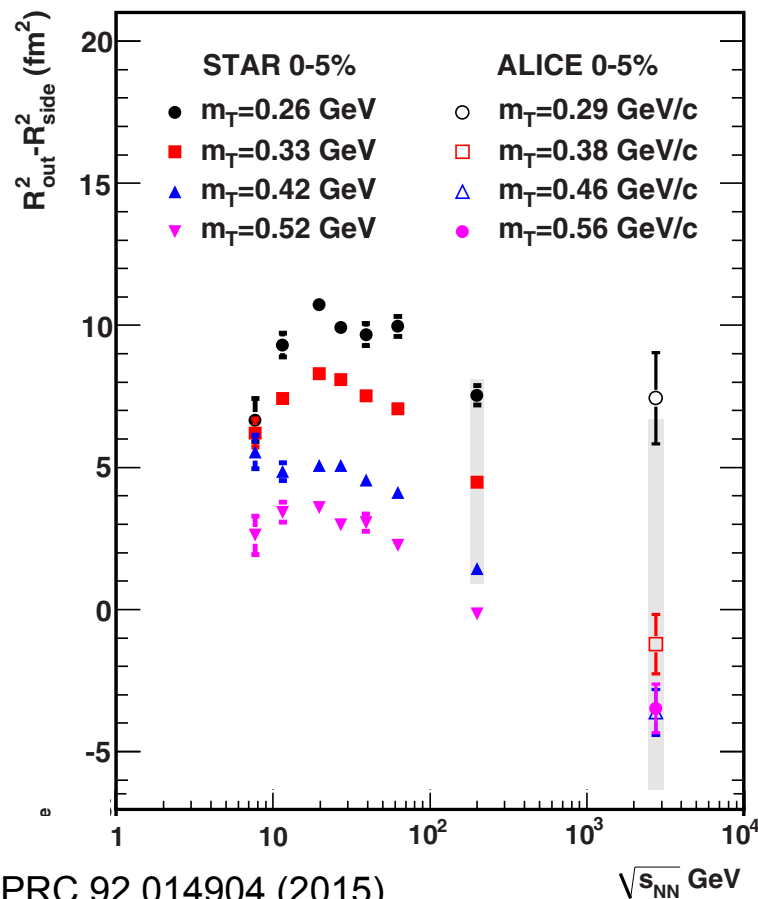
Softening of EoS ?

Stalling of the expansion?

d final state coalescence access to
nucleon freeze-out volume

$$E_A \frac{d^3 N_A}{d^3 p_A} : \approx B_A \left(E_p \frac{d^3 N_p}{d^3 p_p} \right)^A \quad B_2 = \frac{6\pi^3 R_{np} m_d}{m_p^2 V_f} \quad B_2 \text{ (GeV}^2/\text{c}^3)$$

B_2 minimum (V maximum) $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20$ GeV



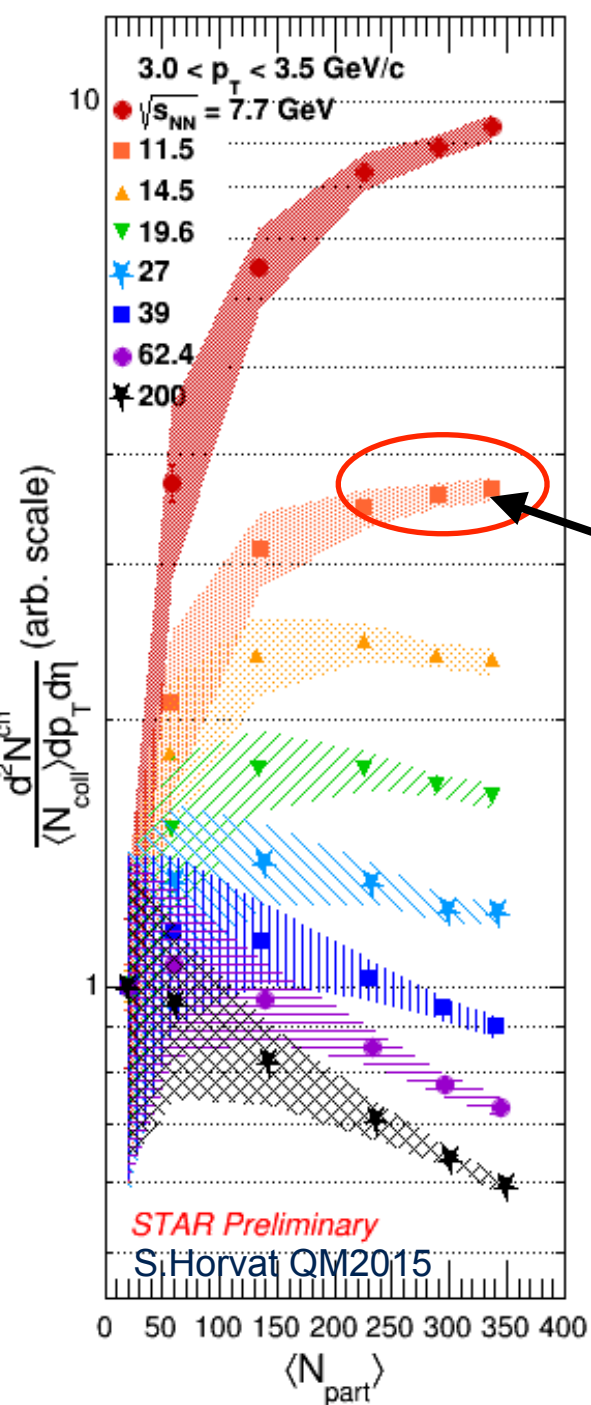
$(R^2_{out} - R^2_{side})$ sensitive to emission duration

Maximum at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20$ GeV

Softening of EoS?

Sign of entering compressed baryonic
matter regime?

Disappearance of QGP?

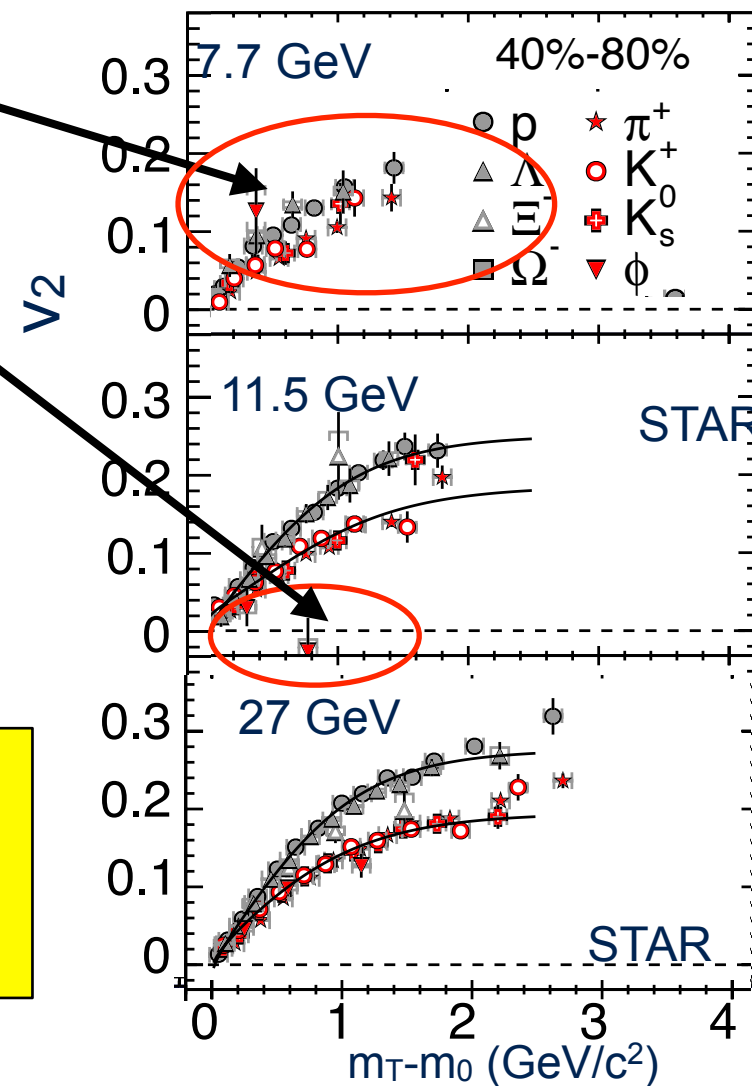


B-M v_2 separation gone

ϕ $v_2 \sim 0$

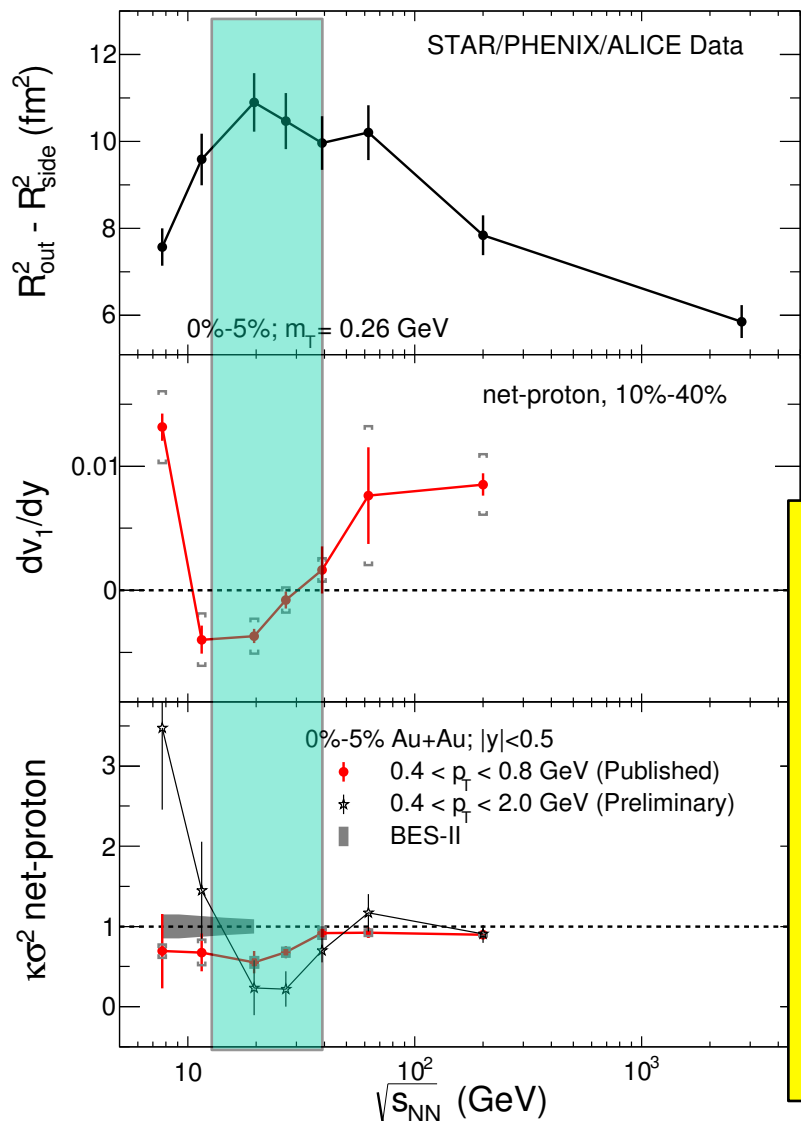
High p_T
suppression gone

Several standard
signals disappear
at $\sqrt{s} < 15$ GeV

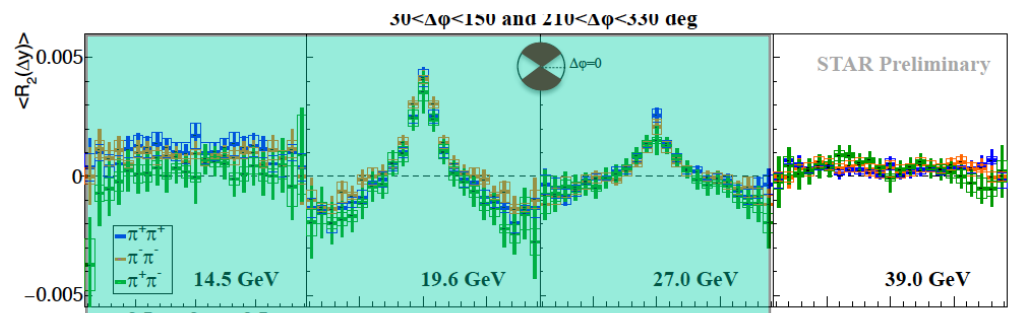
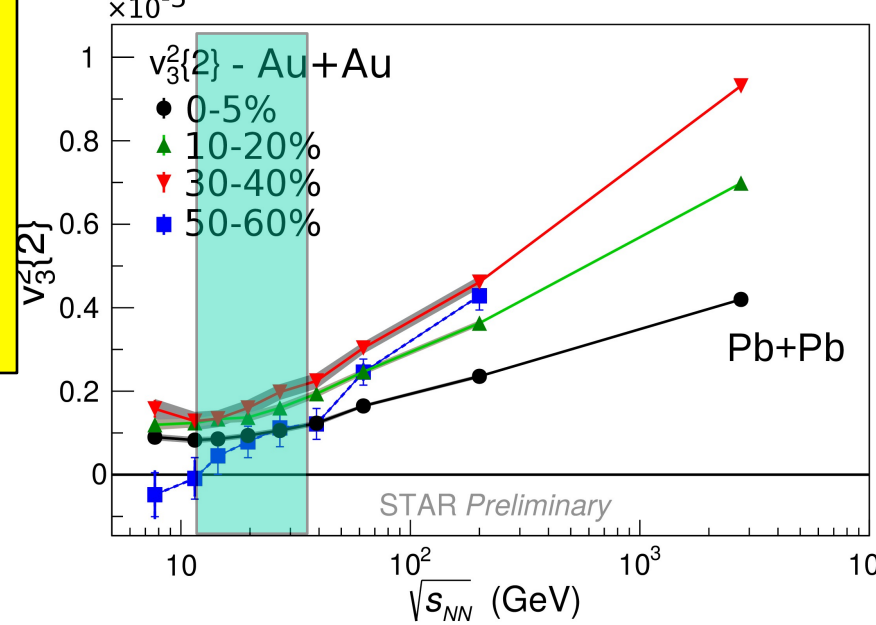
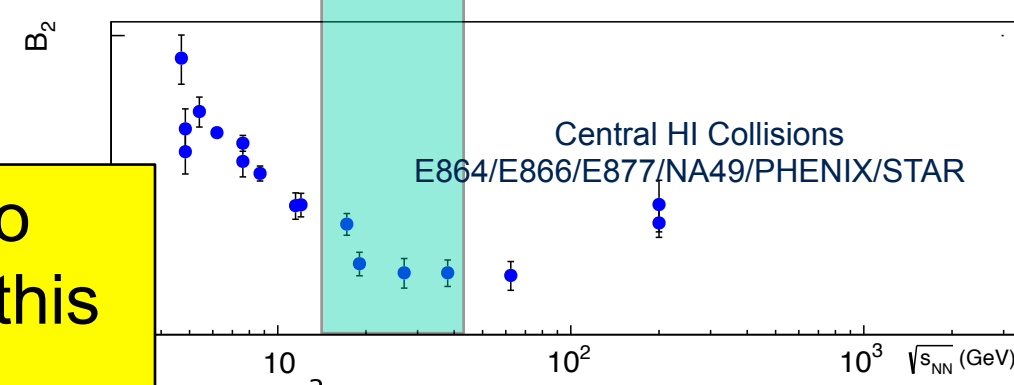
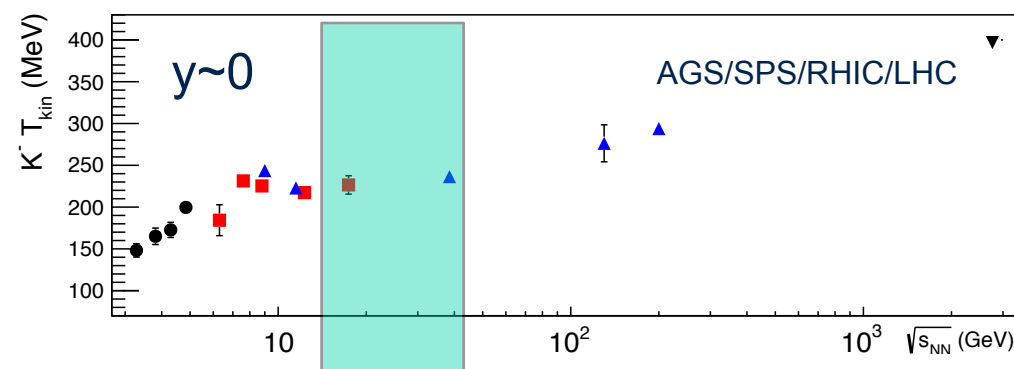


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A lot is happening around 20 GeV



Hard to believe this is a conspiracy of different underlying causes



Improving on current data

Current low energy data:

Hints that at low \sqrt{s}

QGP turns off

Ordered phase transition

Critical Point

Future data:

Examine regions of interest

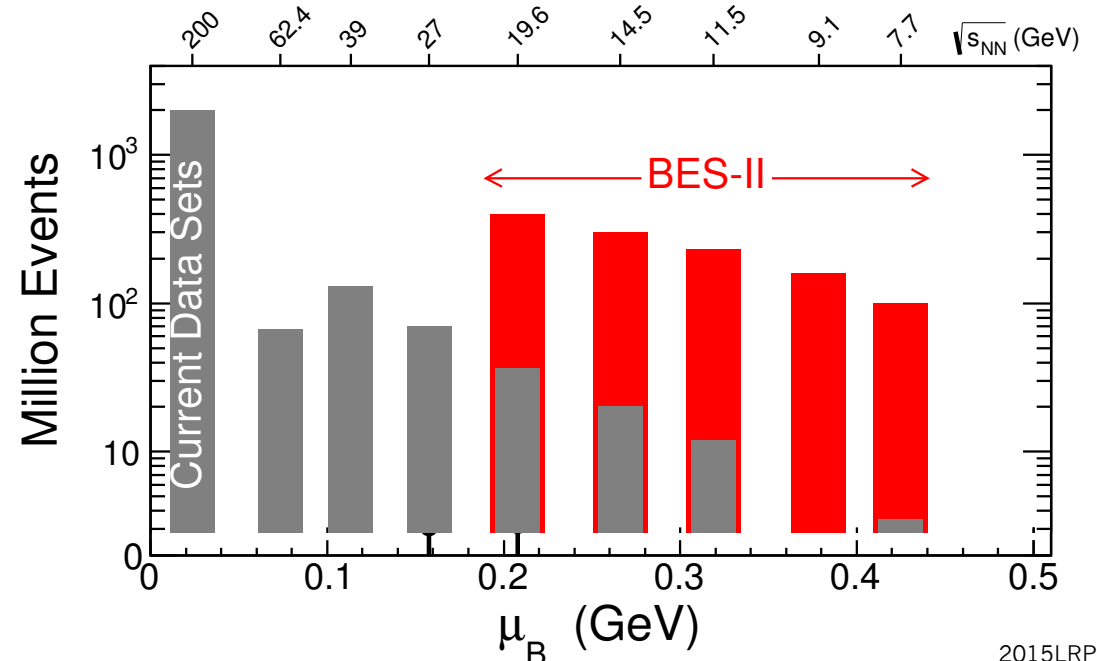
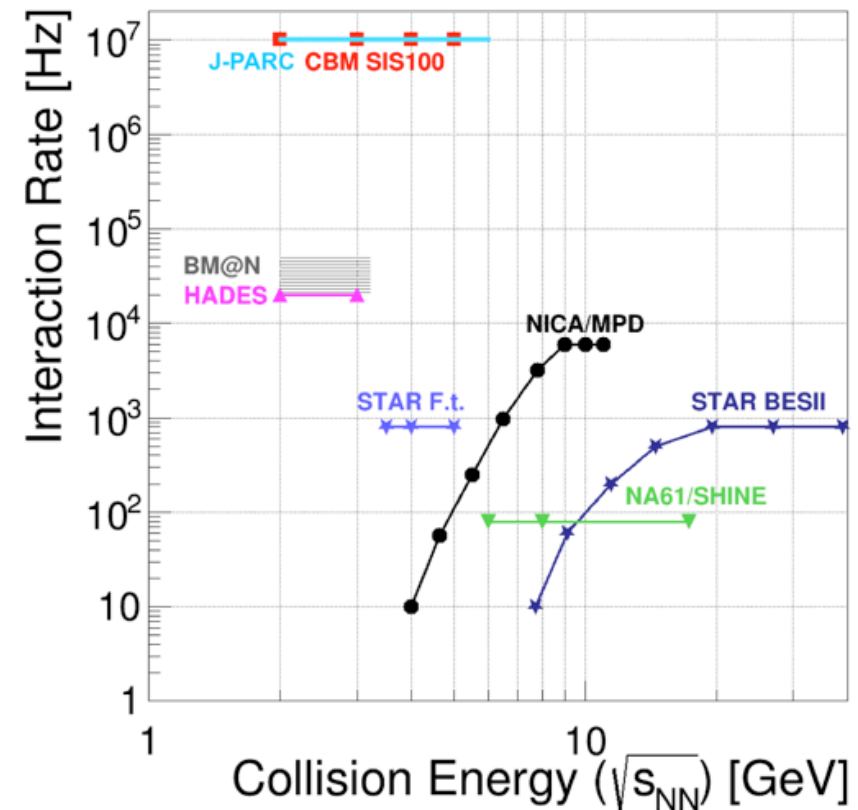
Maximizing fraction particles measured

Probe lower \sqrt{s}

High(er) luminosities

Change species

Turn trends and features
into definitive conclusions



2015LRP

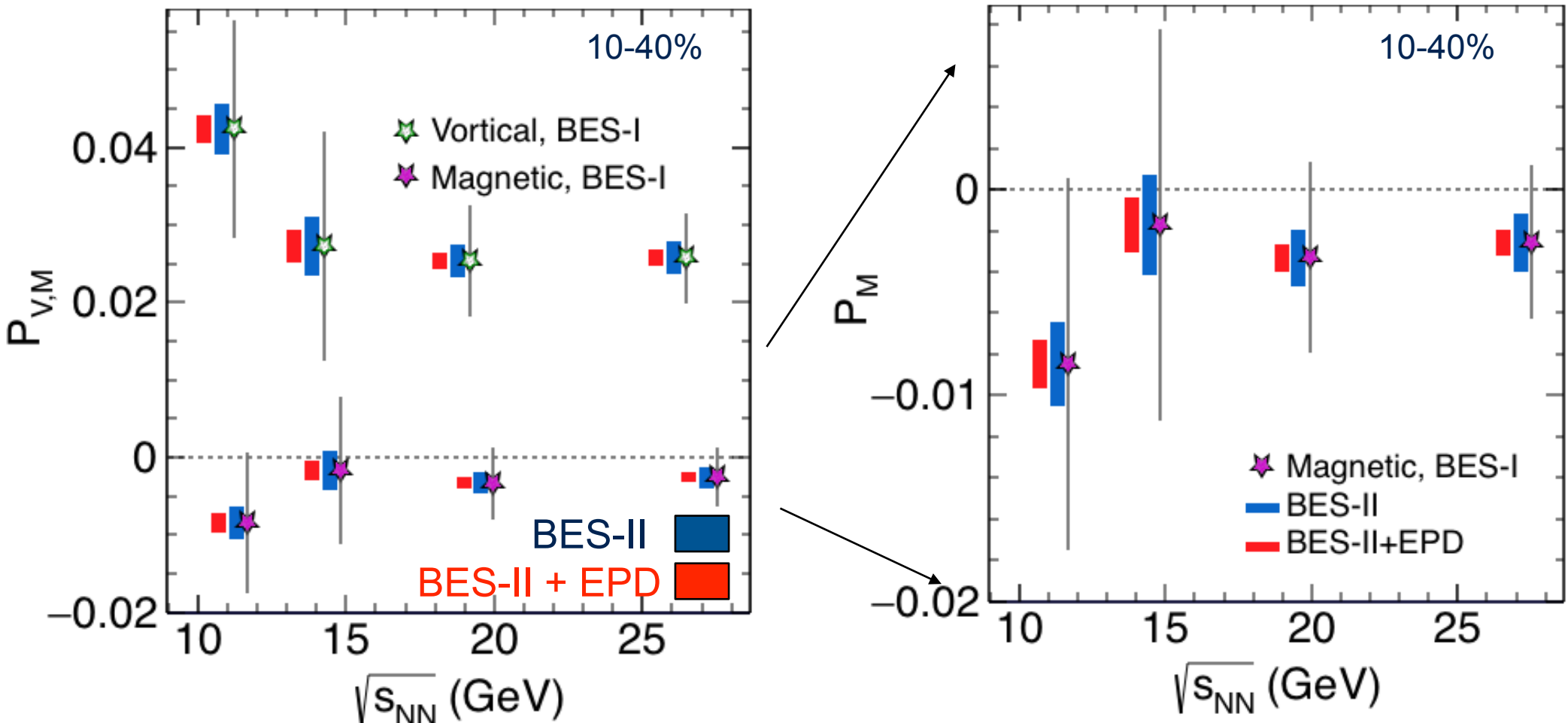
Planned low energy running

μ_B (MeV)	560 - 230	850 - 670	790	720 - 210	750 - 330	780 - 400	850 - 490
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	4.9-17.3	2-3.5	2.4	3-19.6	2.7-11	2.7-8.2	2-6.2
Facility	SPS	NICA	SIS-18	RHIC	NICA	SIS-100	J-PARC HI
Experiment	NA61/SHINE	FXT	HADES	STAR	MPD	CBM	
Start Year	2009	2017	2018	2019	2020	2022	2025
Physics	CP & Onset	Dense Baryon	Dense Baryon	CP and Onset	Onset & Dense Baryon	Onset & Dense Baryon	Onset & Dense Baryon

Expect wealth of new insights over next ~5 years

BES-II: Vorticity and Initial B-field

BES-I: First measurement of Λ **Global** Polarization



Vortical + Magnetic Contributions:
Current data barely stat. significant

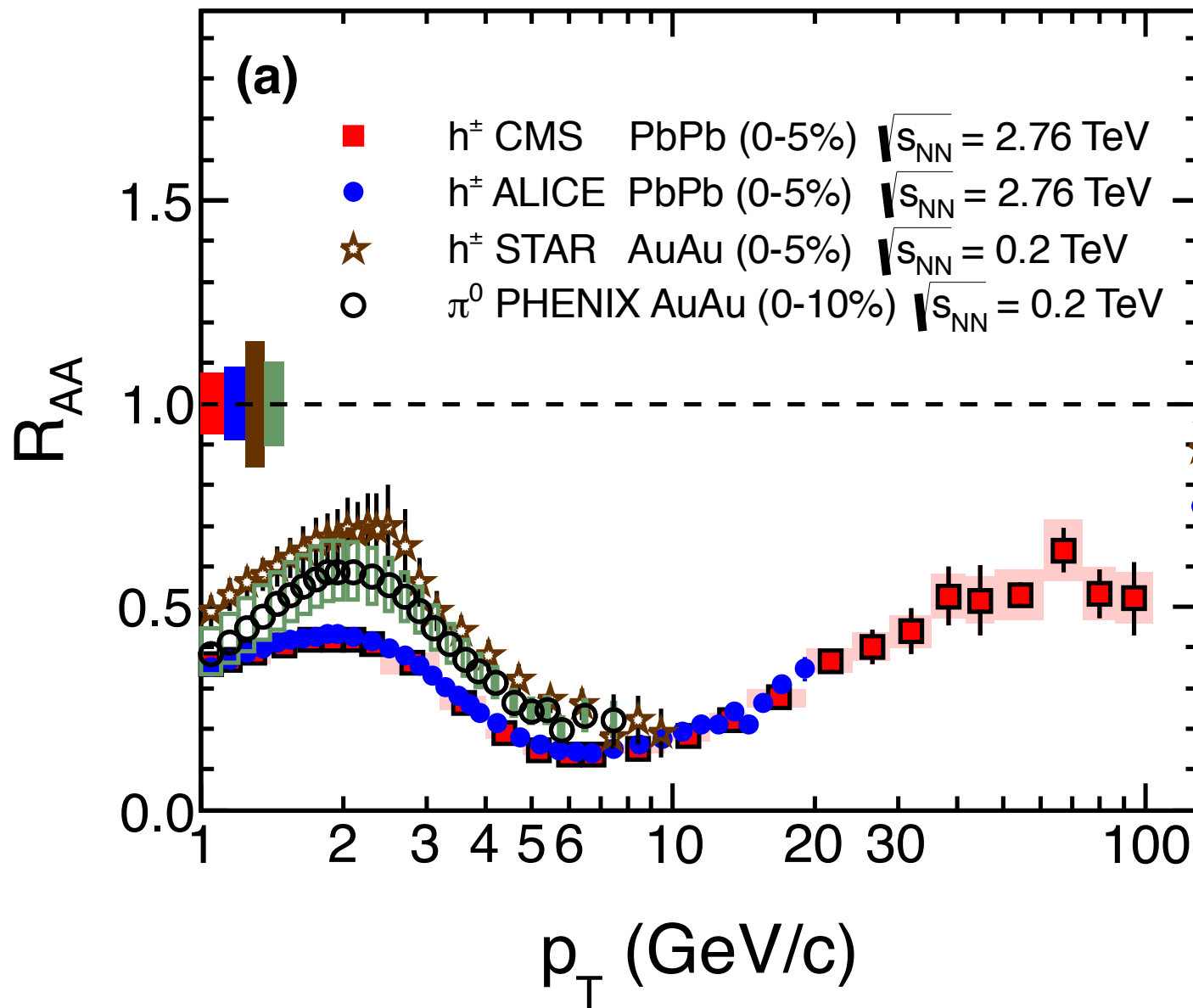
EPD:

Improved EP resolution

BES-II: 3σ effect

Unique measurement of B
Significant input to CME/CVE
interpretations

Strong suppression of high p_T particles



High p_T hadrons:

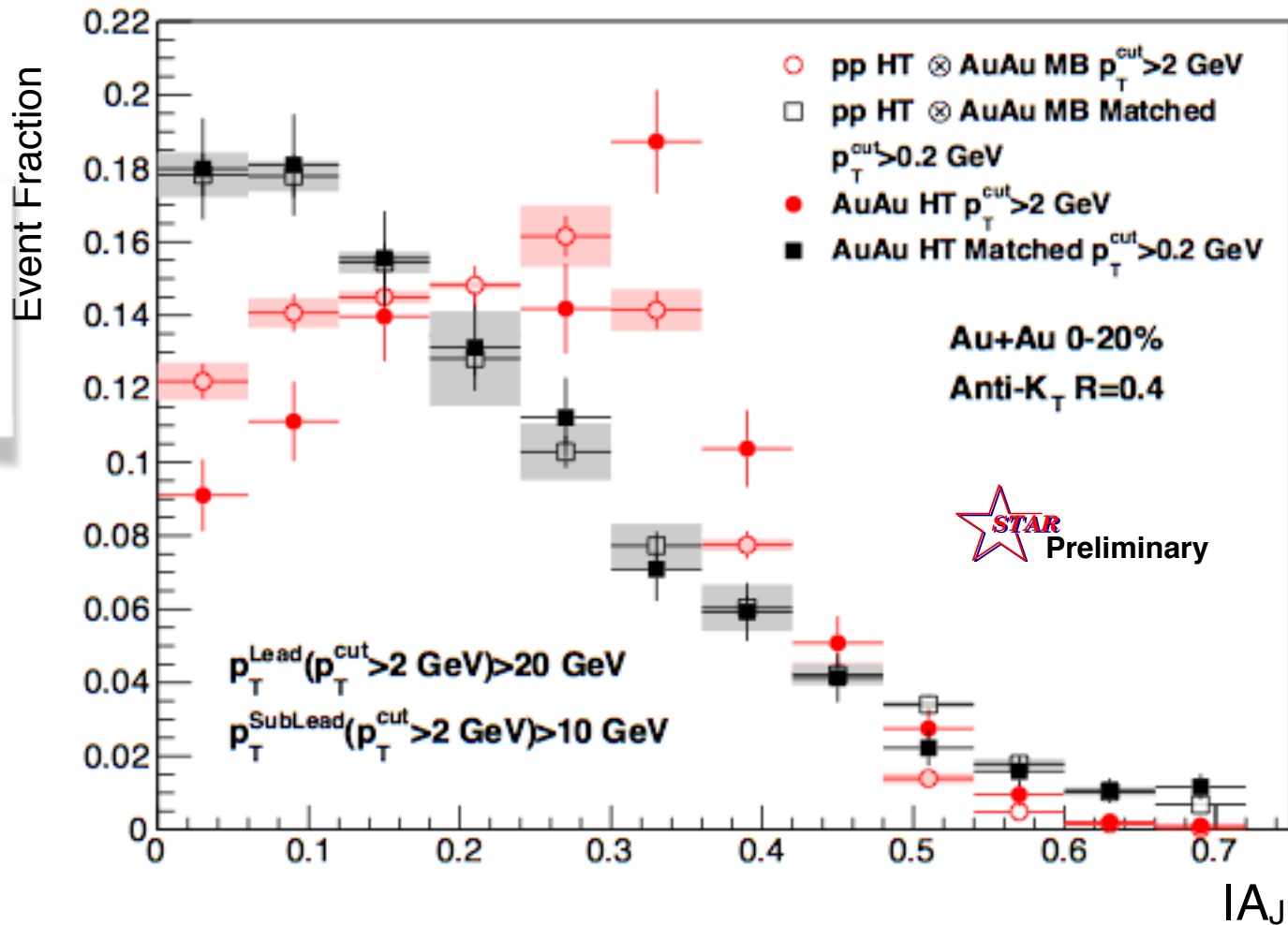
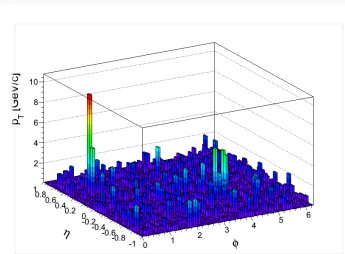
at RHIC: from quarks
at LHC: from gluons

Light quarks and gluons strongly coupled to the medium

Di-jet imbalance A_J 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

$$A_J = \frac{p_T^{Lead} - p_T^{SubLead}}{p_T^{Lead} + p_T^{SubLead}}$$



p-value<10⁻⁵
(stat. error only)

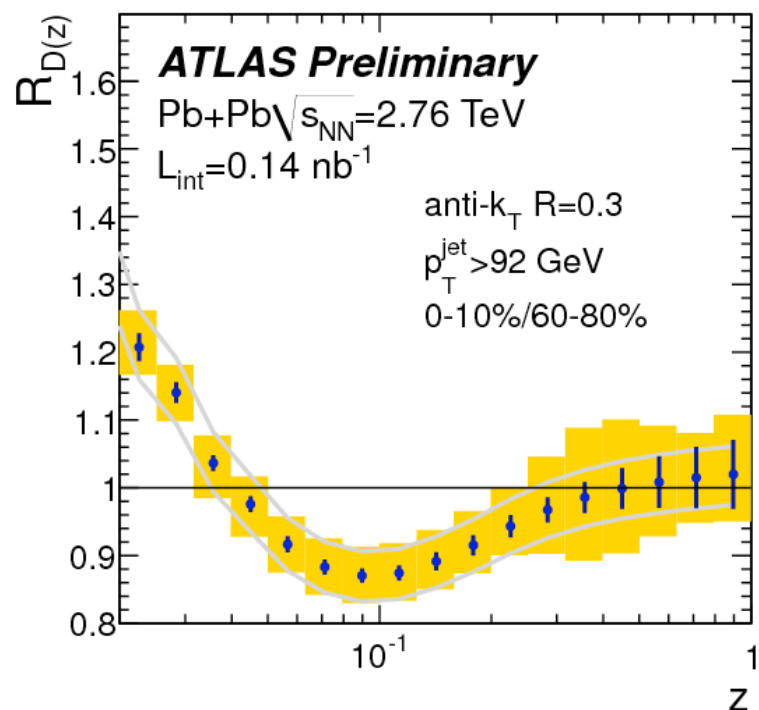
p-value~0.8
(stat. error only)

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

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

Where does the energy go?

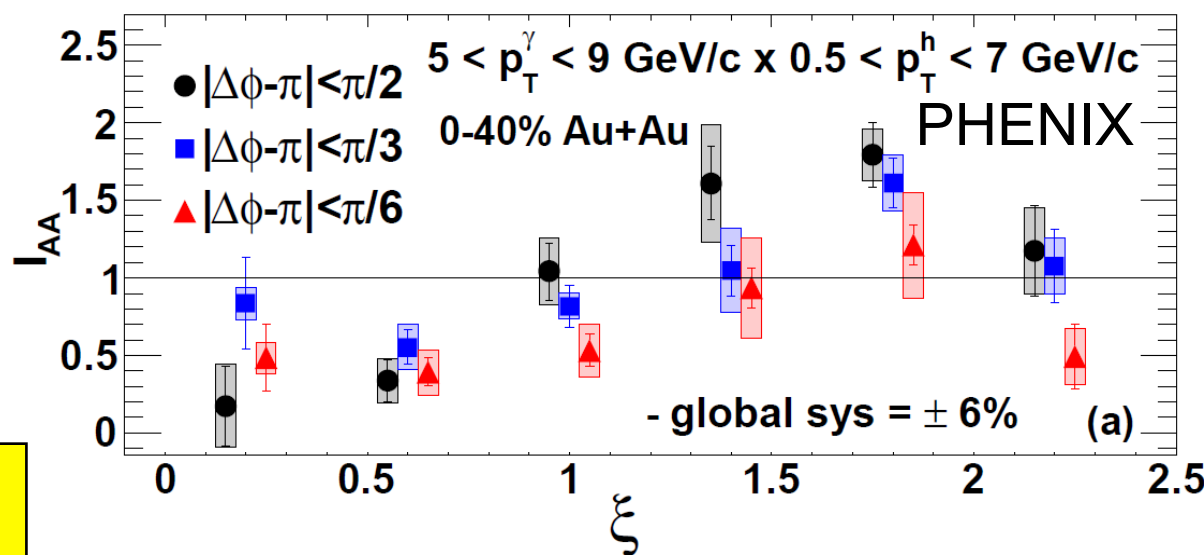
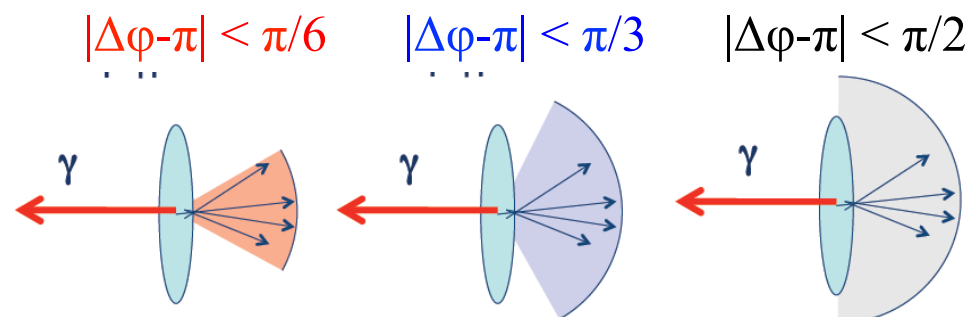


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γ -hadron correlations
 γ - Energy calibration
 I_{AA} as function of “cone R ”

E remains correlated to jet axis but at large angles

“Lost” hard particles emerge as multiple soft particles

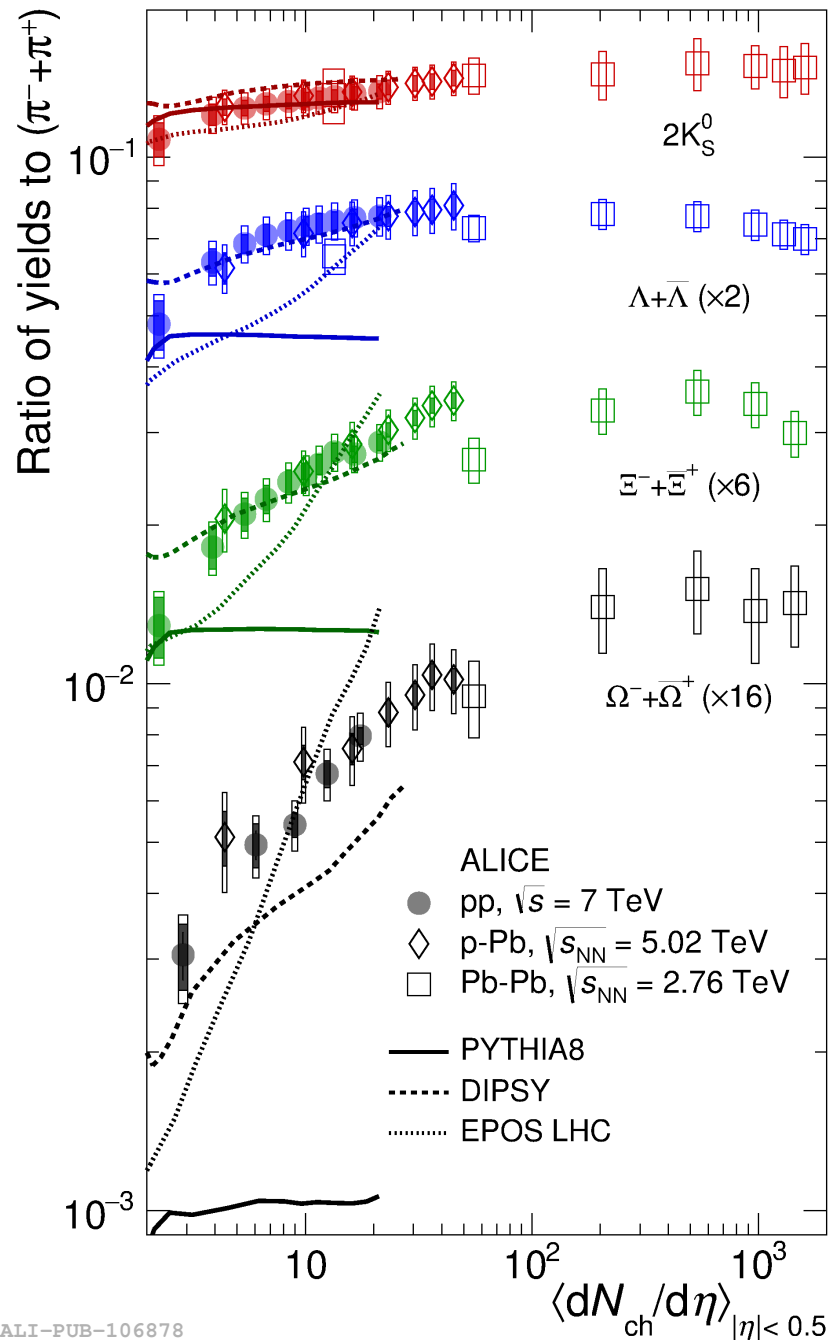


arXiv:1212.3323

Strangeness saturation in pp?

O. Busch (ALICE)

ALICE arXiv:1606.07424



Steep rise in strangeness yields per π as function of event activity

Strong function of strangeness content

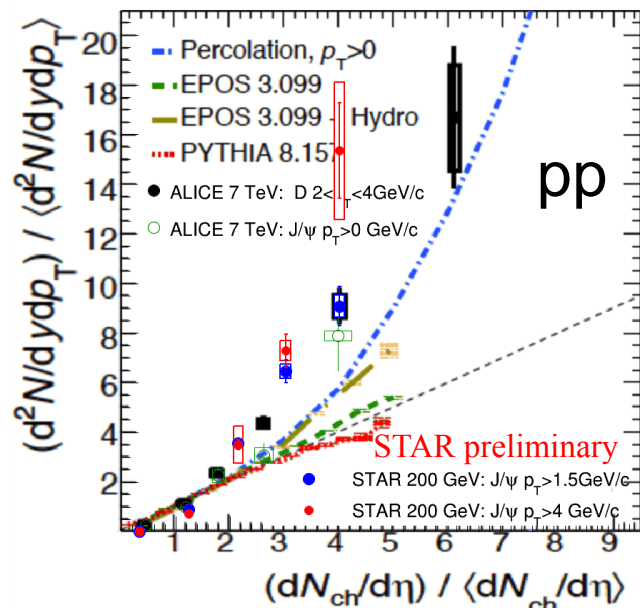
Trend in pp same as that in p+Pb with smooth transition to Pb+Pb

Not reproduced by models

Is this increase dependent on p_T and/or event activity definition as for HF?

HF production versus event activity

G. Luparello (ALICE)



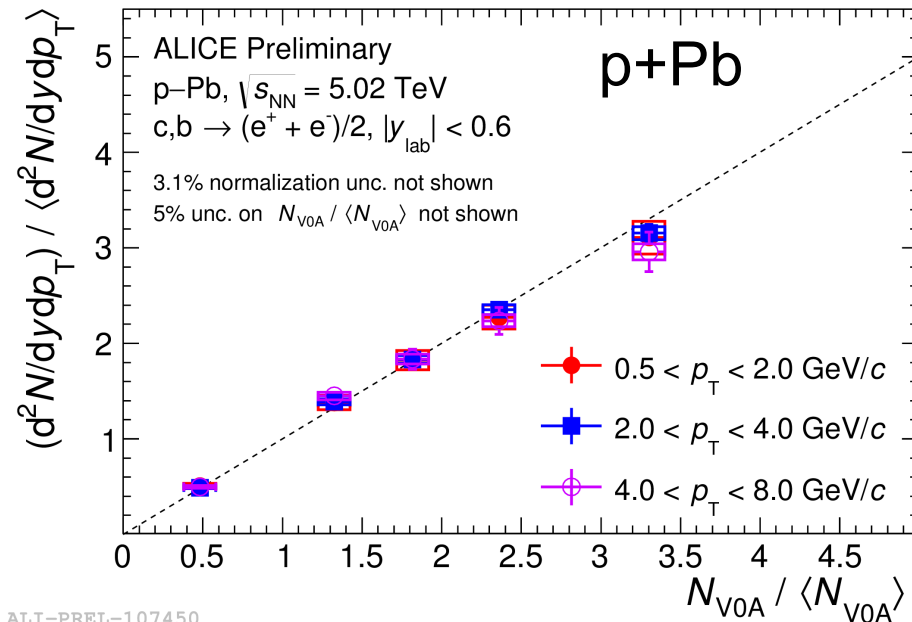
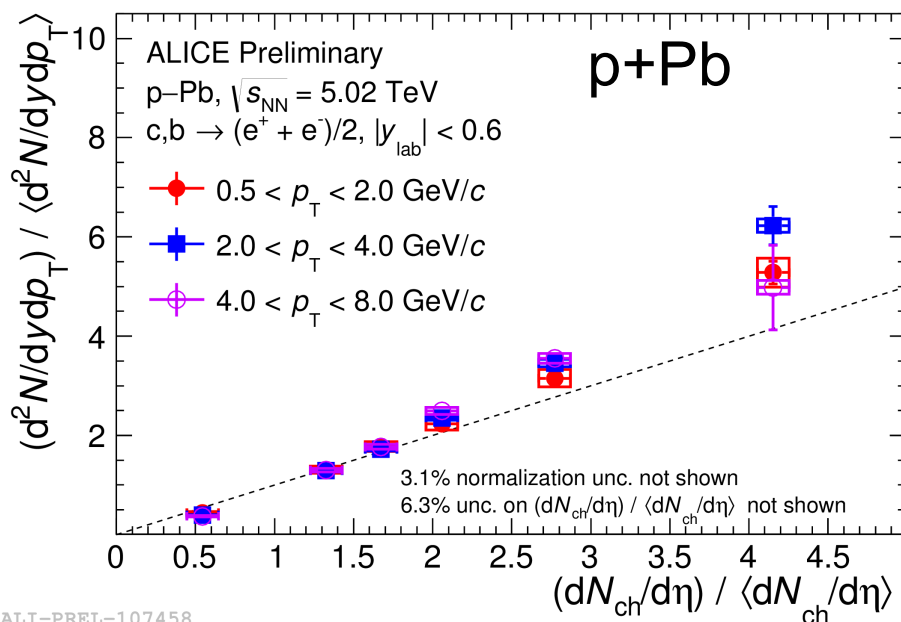
Self normalized yields grows faster than event activity at both LHC and RHIC

Soft vs hard processes competing?
MPI at work?

Also seen in p+Pb

NPE show no difference above/below 4 GeV/c

b behaves like c



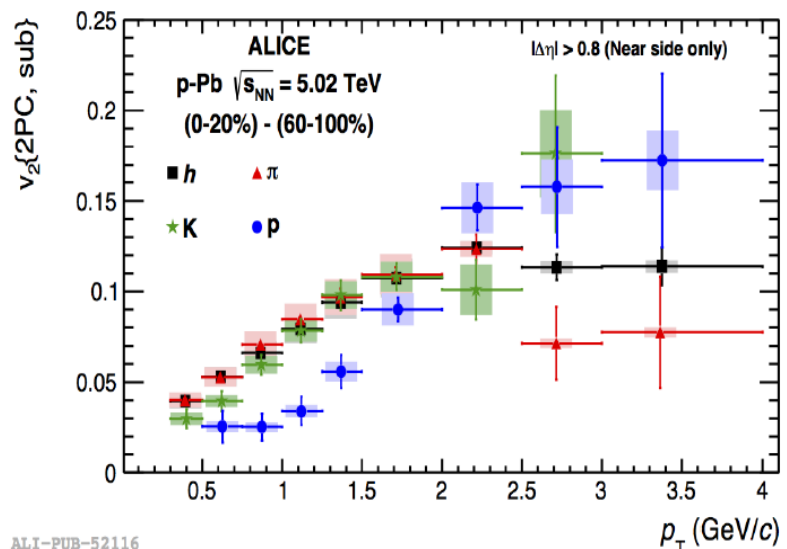
Results depend on where event activity measured

Physics or ill defined reference?

Helen Caines



Small systems - an ongoing debate



Evidence of collective motion in high multiplicity p-p, p-Pb, He³-Au, p-Au, p-Al, and d-Au

Some trends fit with those from A-A
Magnitude reduces with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
limited evidence at 19.6 GeV

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