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System size dependence of high p_T hadron production at RHIC-PHENIX

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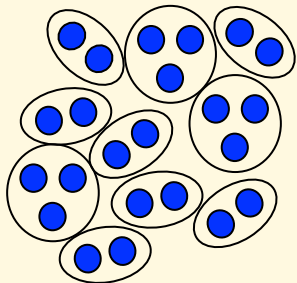
Quark gluon plasma (QGP)

The purpose of our experiment

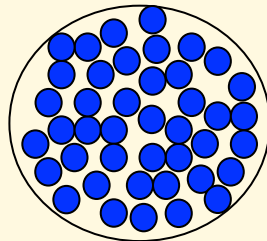
- (1) Create QGP by HIC – done
- (2) Understand the QGP – on going

Heavy “Nucleus – Nucleus” collisions

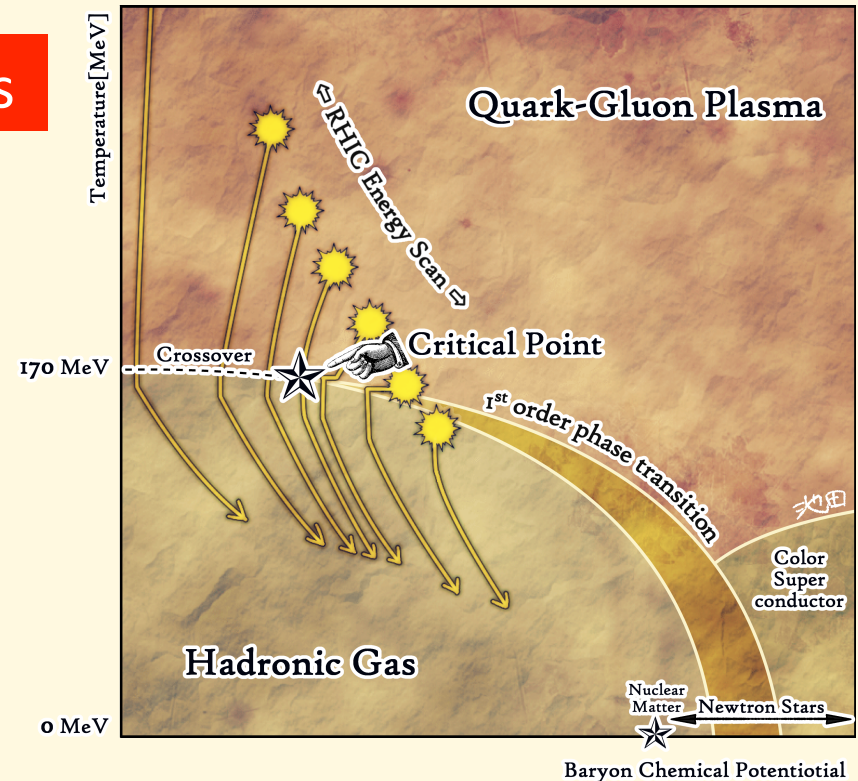
hadron phase



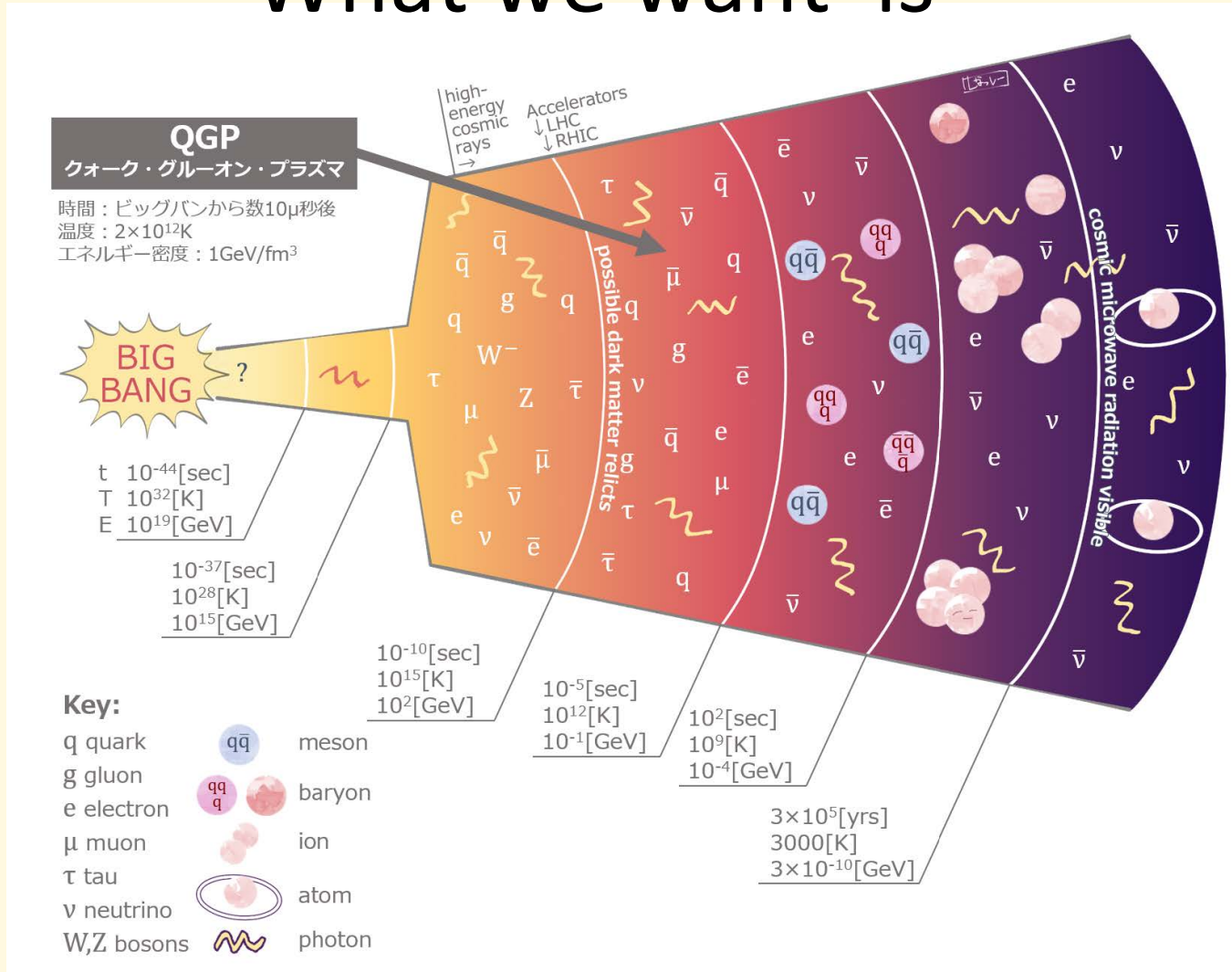
QGP phase



Expectation: weakly interacted like gas
RHIC results: strongly coupled like liquid



What we want is



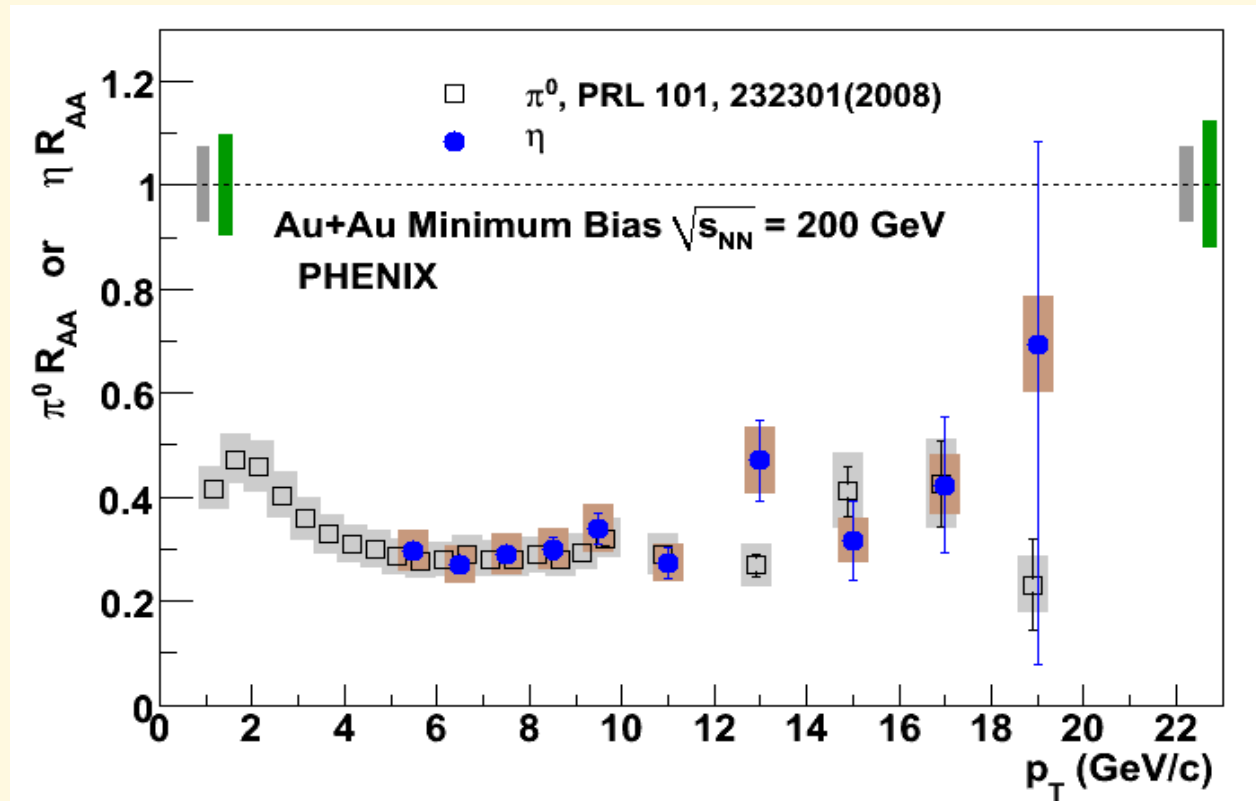
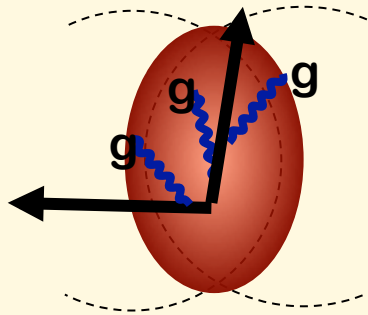
Understanding of the early universe.

Evidences of QGP

- Suppression of hadron productions due to parton energy loss in QGP.

N_{coll} : Number of binary collisions

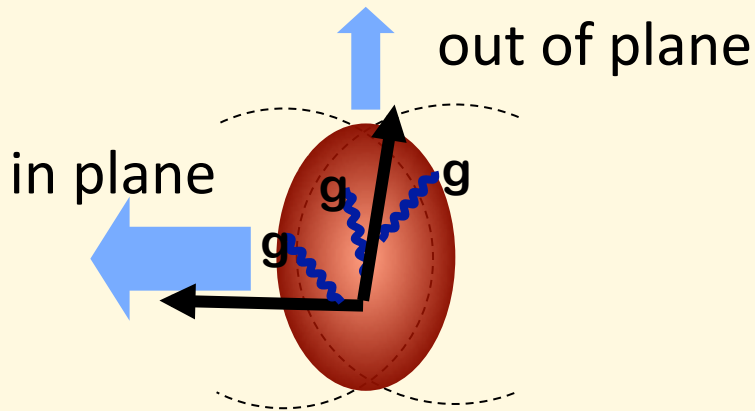
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{yield(AuAu)/N_{coll}}{yield(pp)}$$



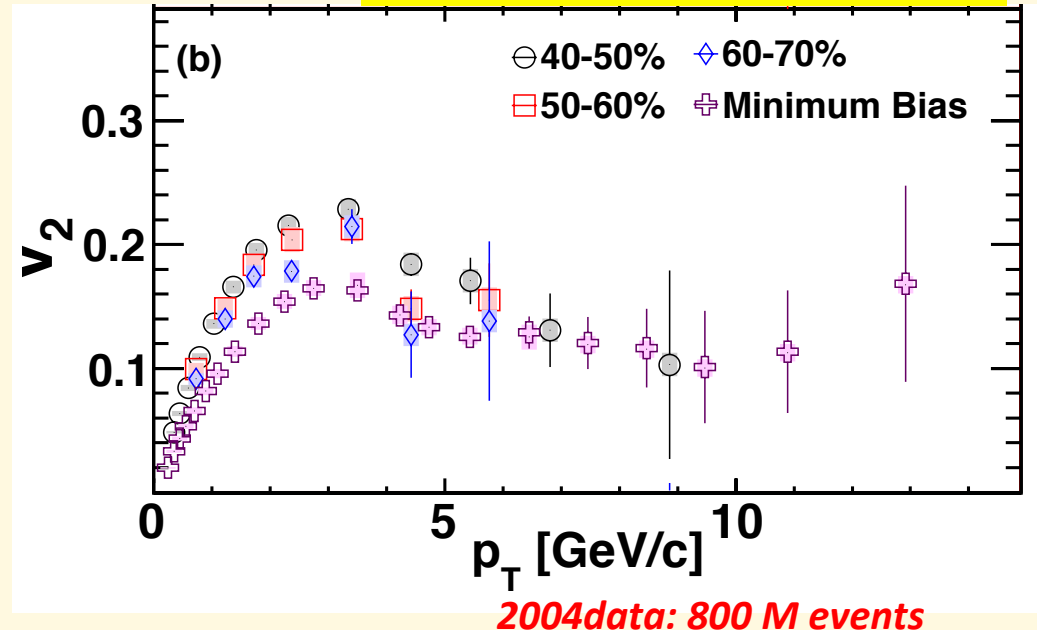
Evidences of QGP

- Positive v_2 at high p_T is due to initial anisotropy and parton energy loss.

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi)$$



[PHENIX: PRC.92.034913 (2015)]

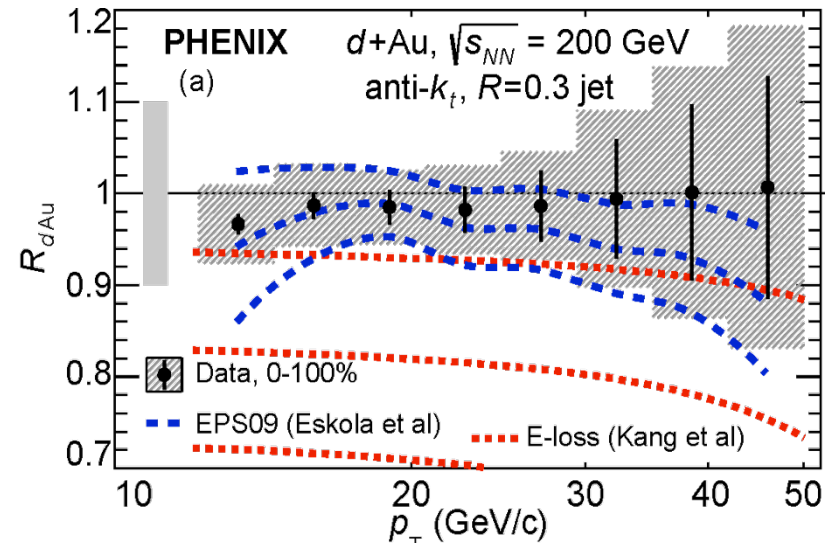
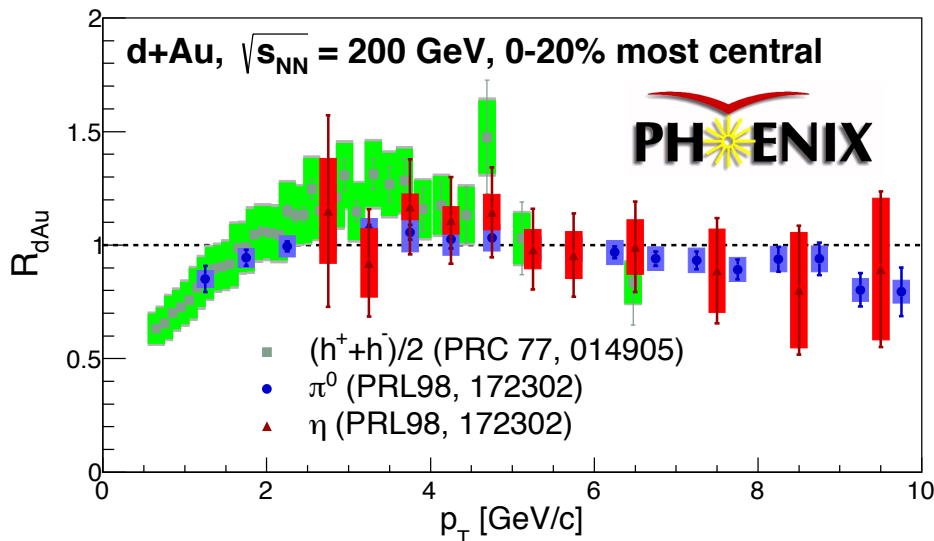
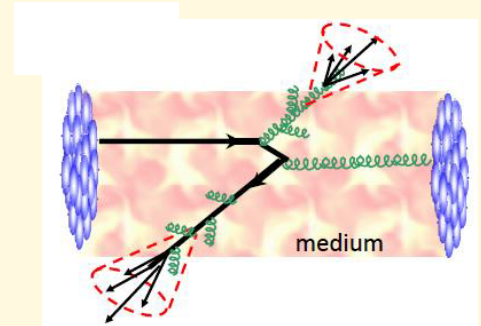


2004 data: 800 M events

Small system (pp/dAu)

Why were we interested in small system collisions (i.e., $p/d/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$) ?

- Baseline for AuAu
 - the system known **not to** form QGP
 - R_{dAu} of jets and hadrons in MB are consistent with unity at high- p_T

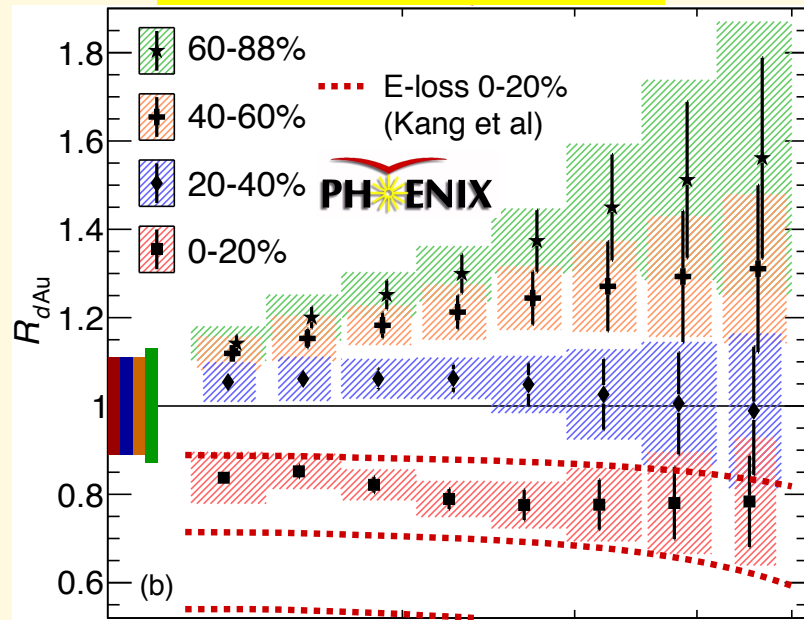


Small system is no longer baseline.

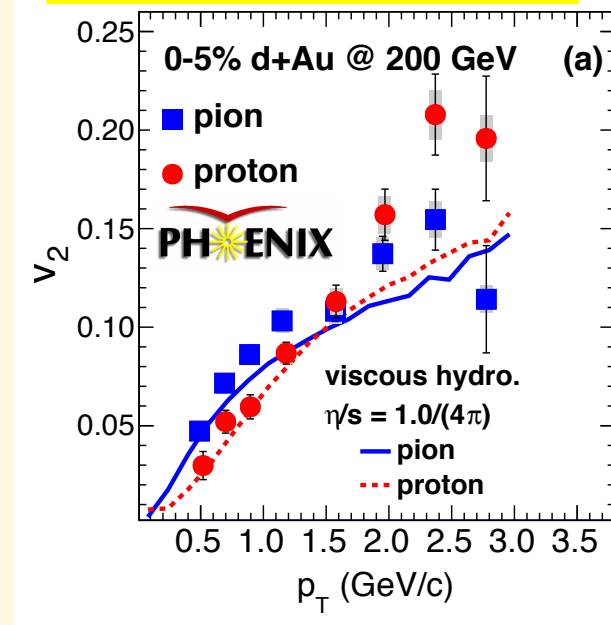
- Jets R_{dA} shows suppression in most central, enhancement in most peripheral
- Hydrodynamic flow in most central
- Multi parton interaction may make larger multiplicity and may create the small but hot&dense matter.

See the talk by Prakhar on Thursday

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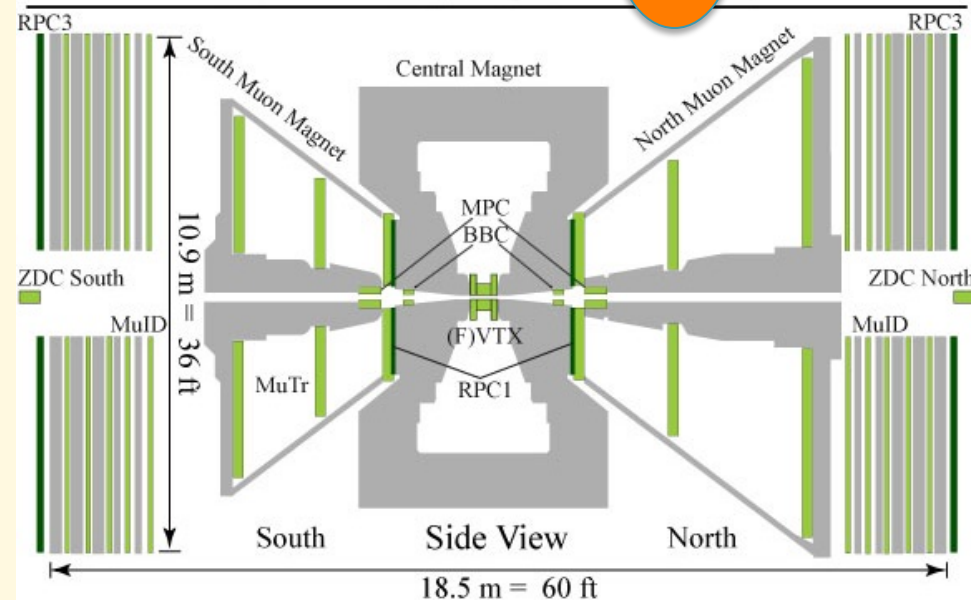
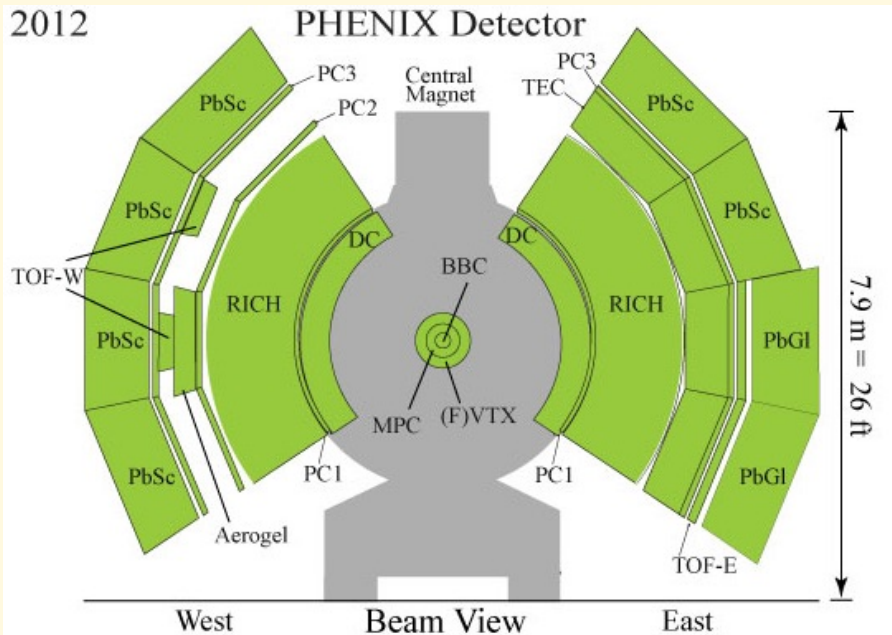
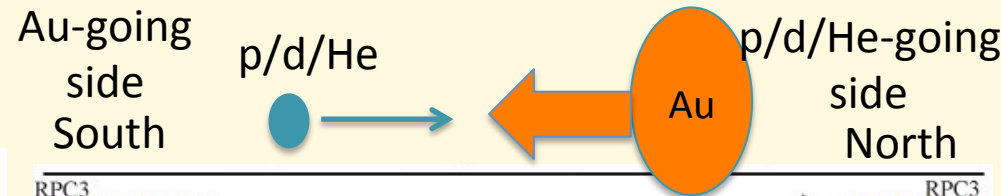
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Check hadron R_{dA} to see if there is suppression at high p_T in small systems.

PHENIX Detector

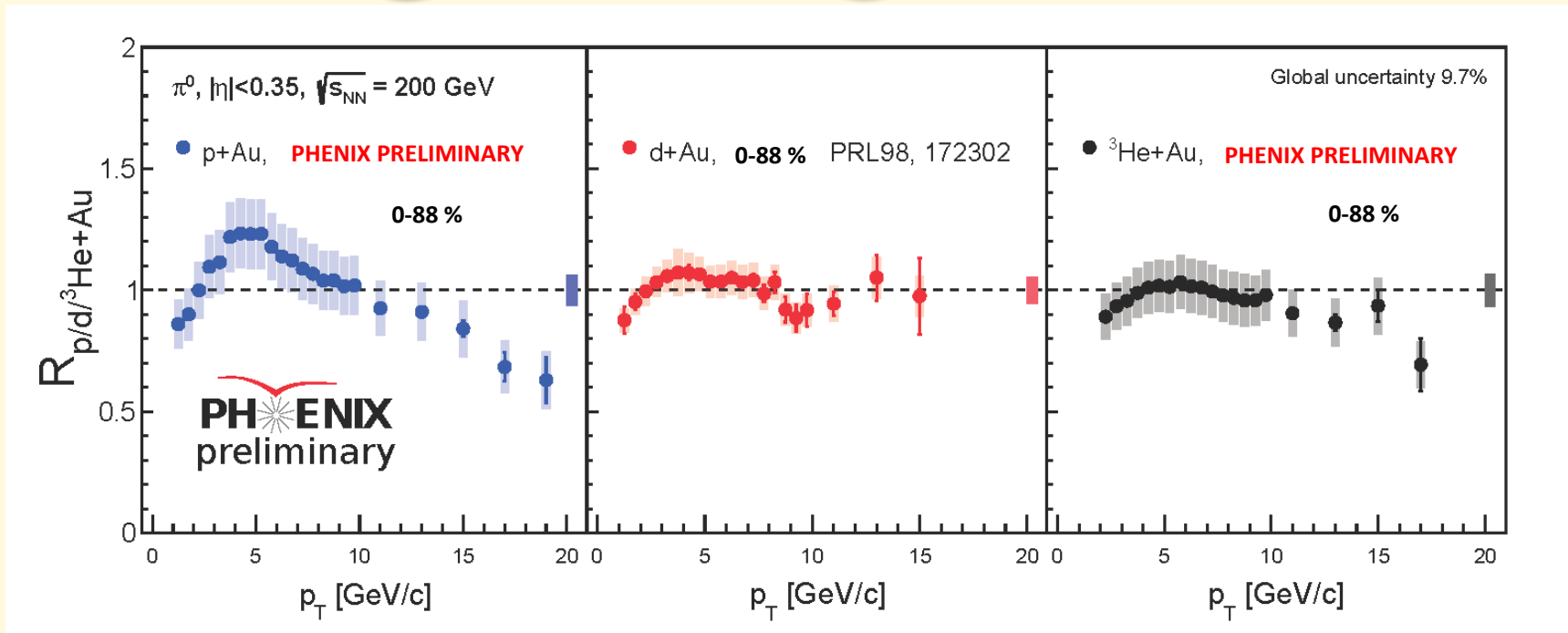
- Particle identification and tracking:
 - π^0 by EMC in central arm ($|\eta| < 0.35$)
 - momentum measured by DC in central arm
 - Hadrons by muon arms ($3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$)



Nuclear modification factors for MB

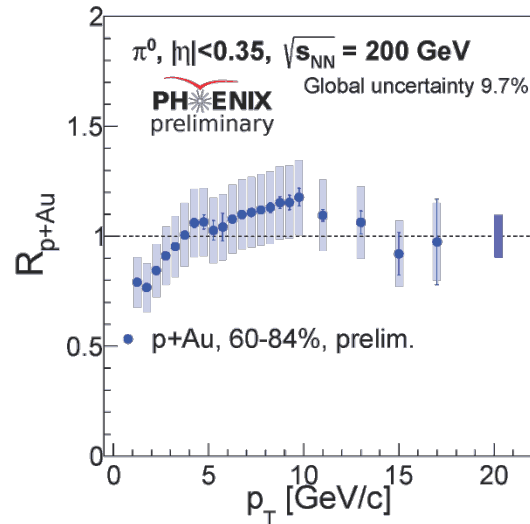
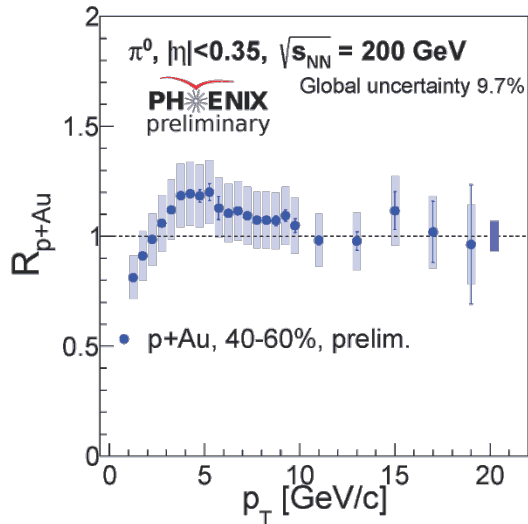
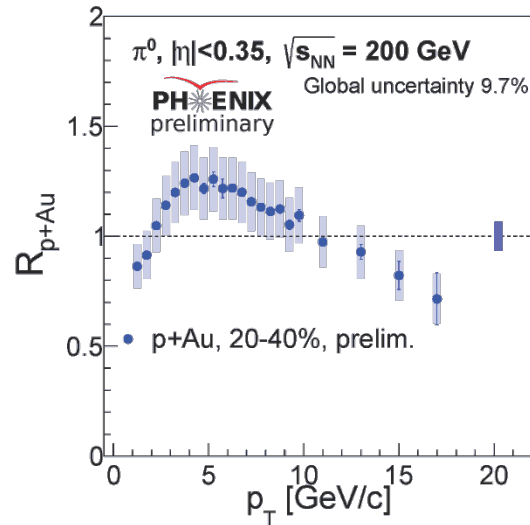
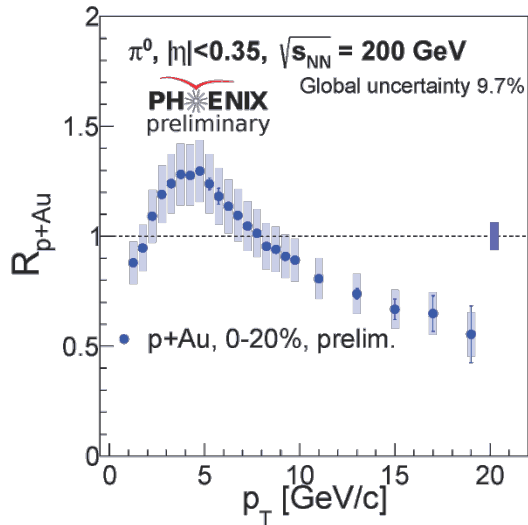
- Minimum bias events triggered by BBC
 - Centrality 0-88 % (MB)

Year-3 and -8 $d+Au$
 Year-14 ${}^3He+Au$, $Au+Au$
 Year-15 $p+Au$, $p+Al$



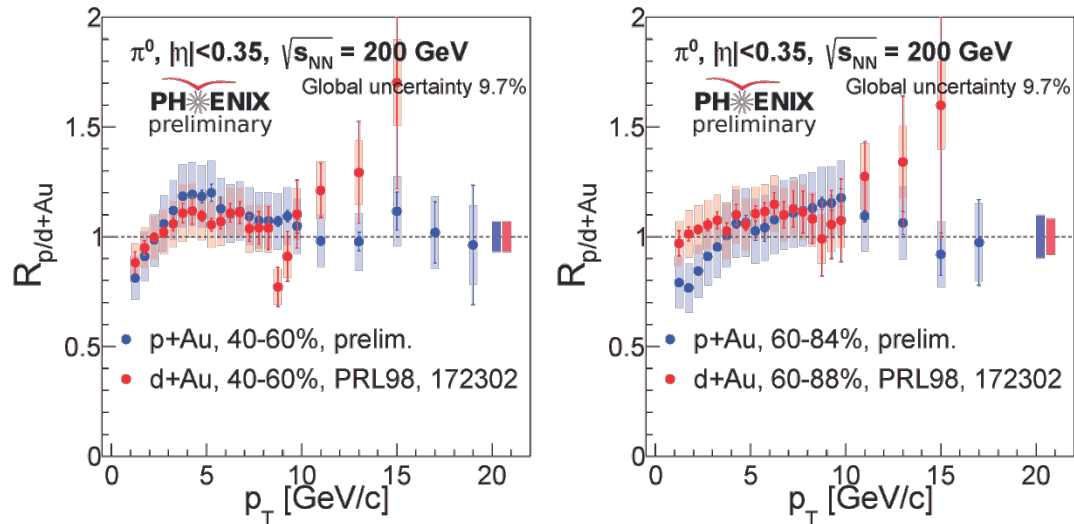
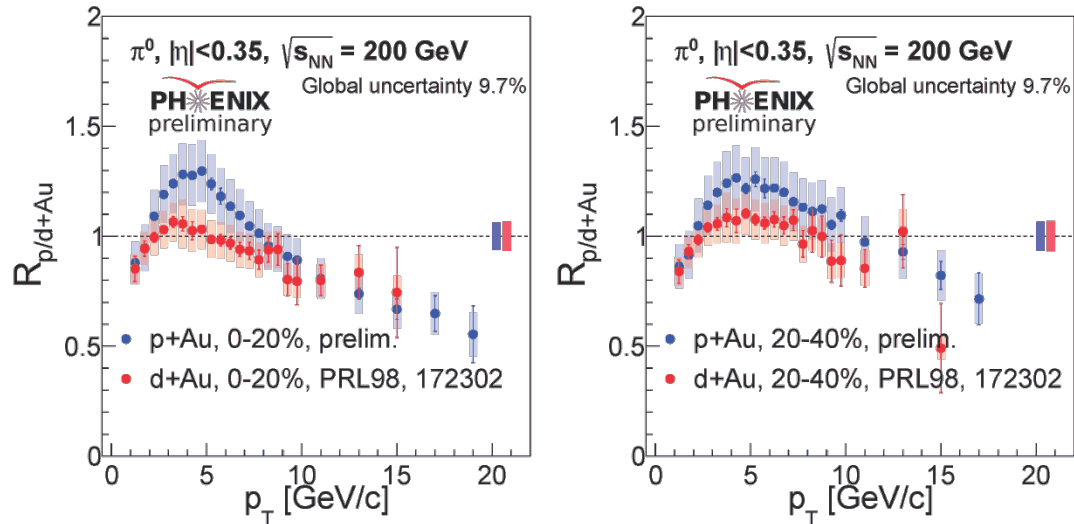
Mostly consistent to 1. At high p_T , R_{pA} seems to be suppressed in $p+Au$.

R_{p+Au} vs centralities



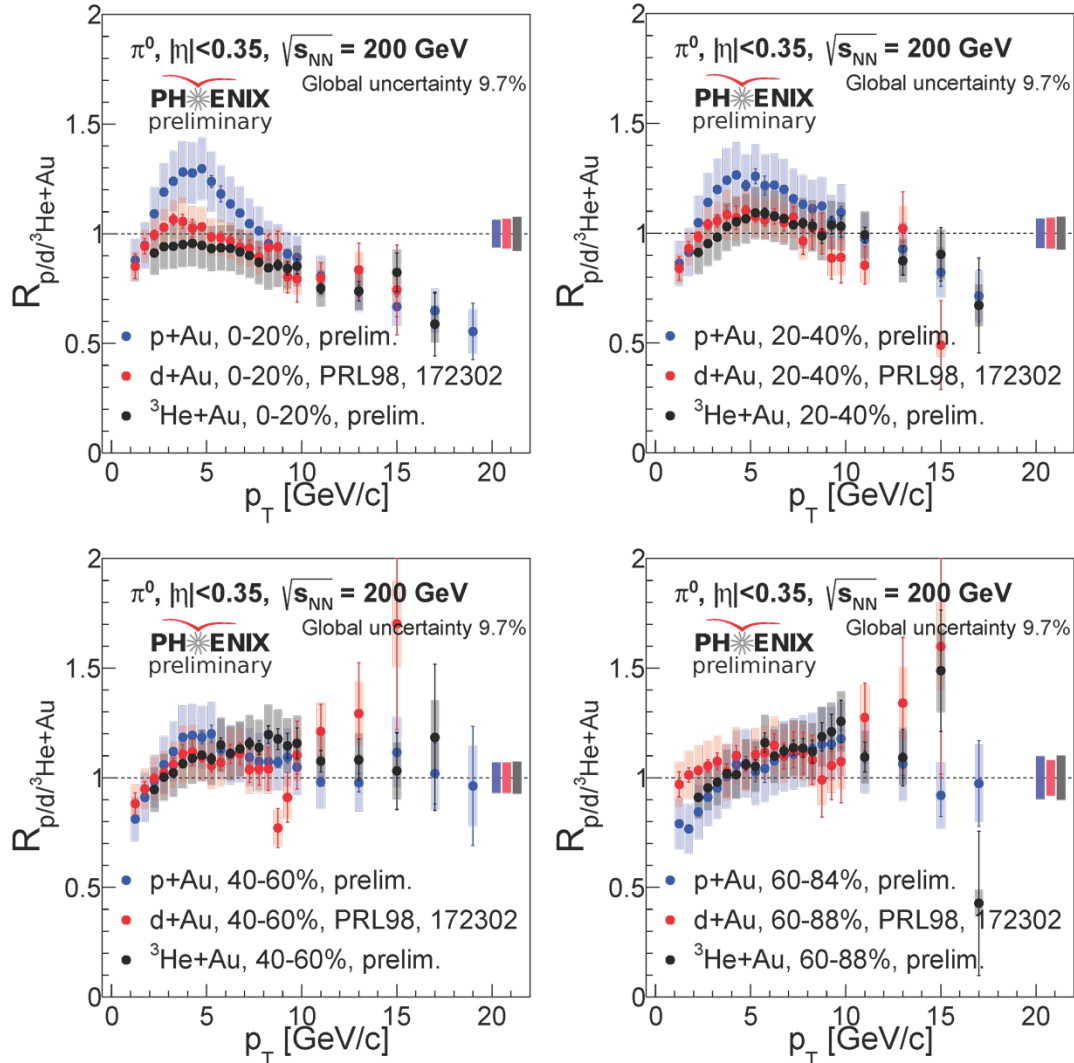
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$R_{p/d+Au}$ vs centralities



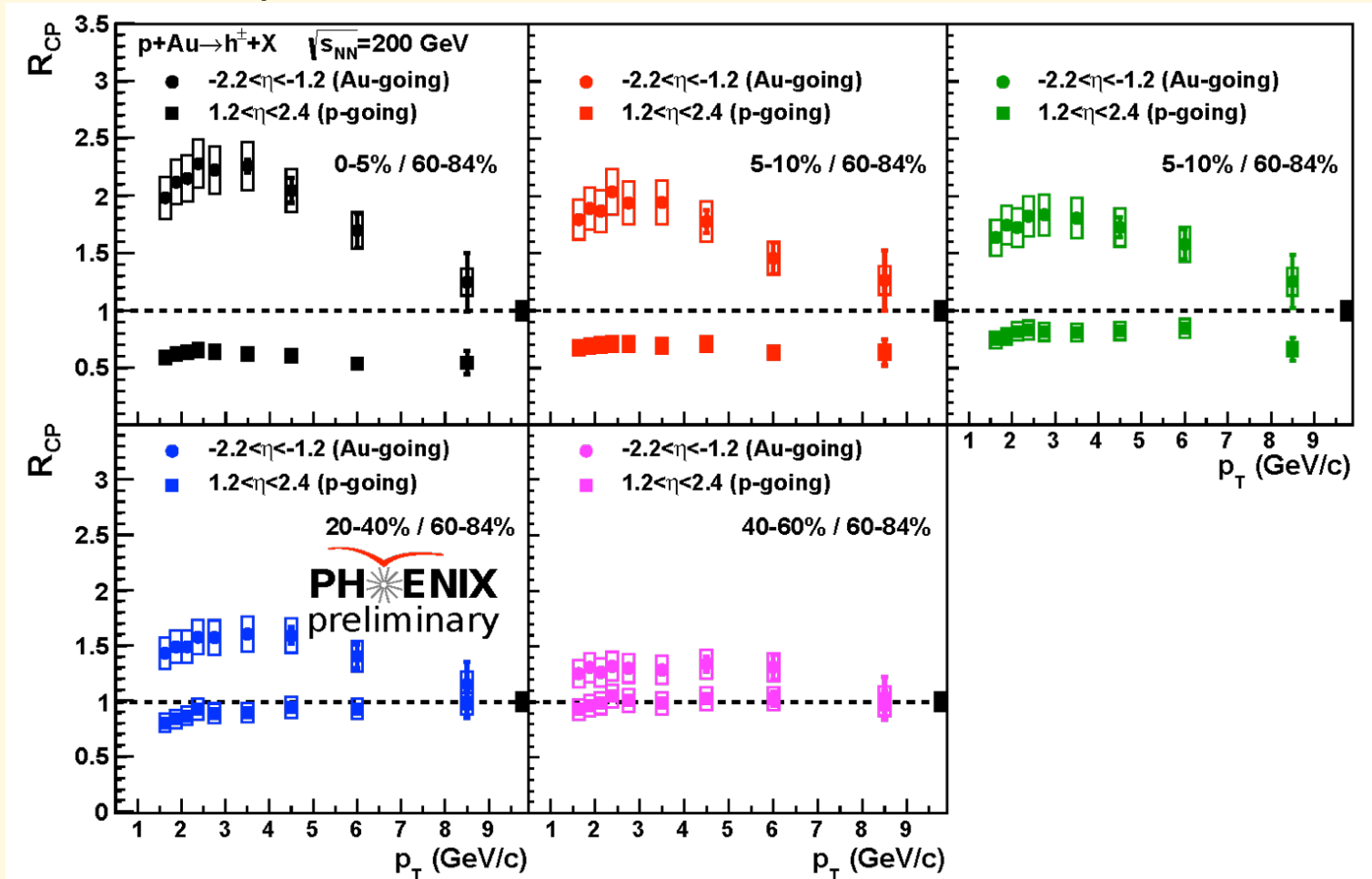
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Centrality dependence of $R_{p/d/^3\text{He+Au}}$



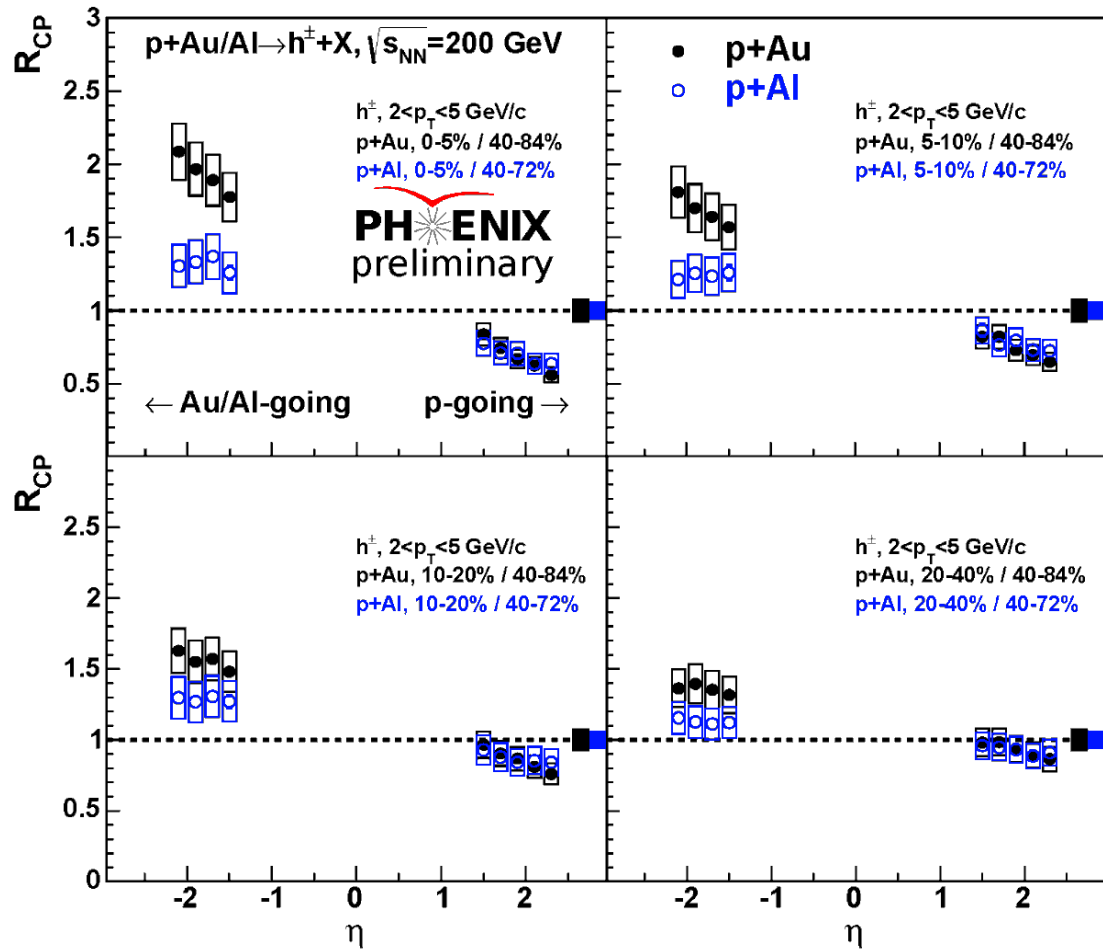
- **p+Au results show large centrality dependence**
- **d+Au results agree with p+Au at high- p_T**
- **$^3\text{He+Au}$ results agree with p+Au and d+Au at high- p_T**
- **At moderate p_T an ordering is seen as a function of systems**

R_{CP} at Au-going and p-going



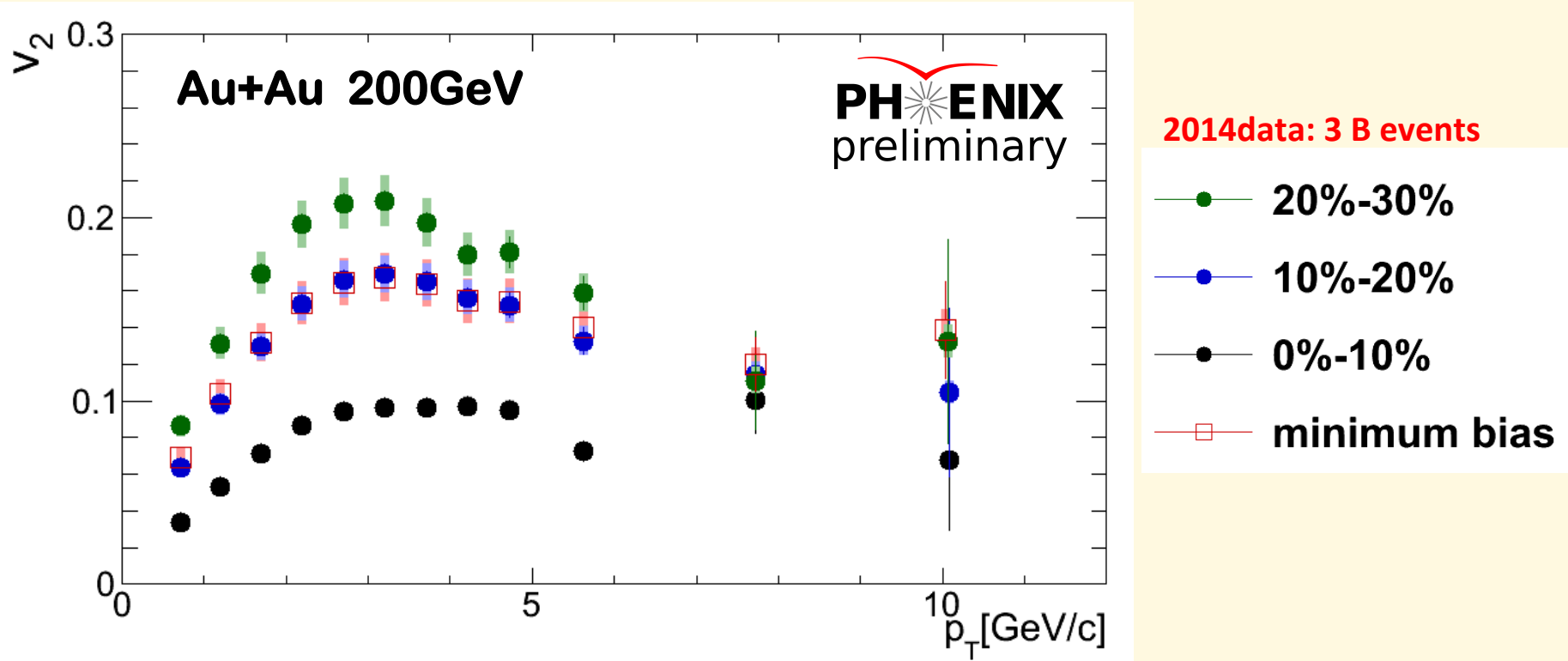
p-going side is suppressed.
Au-going side is enhanced.

η dependence in p +Au and p +Al



- Comparison of R_{CP} in same centralities in p +Au and p +Al collisions:
- **Forward** hadrons shows **same suppression**
- **Backward** hadron production show smaller **enhancement** in p +Al than in p +Au collisions
- EPS09 tells that the nuclear PDFs are not very different for Au and Al

High p_T v_2 at Au+Au

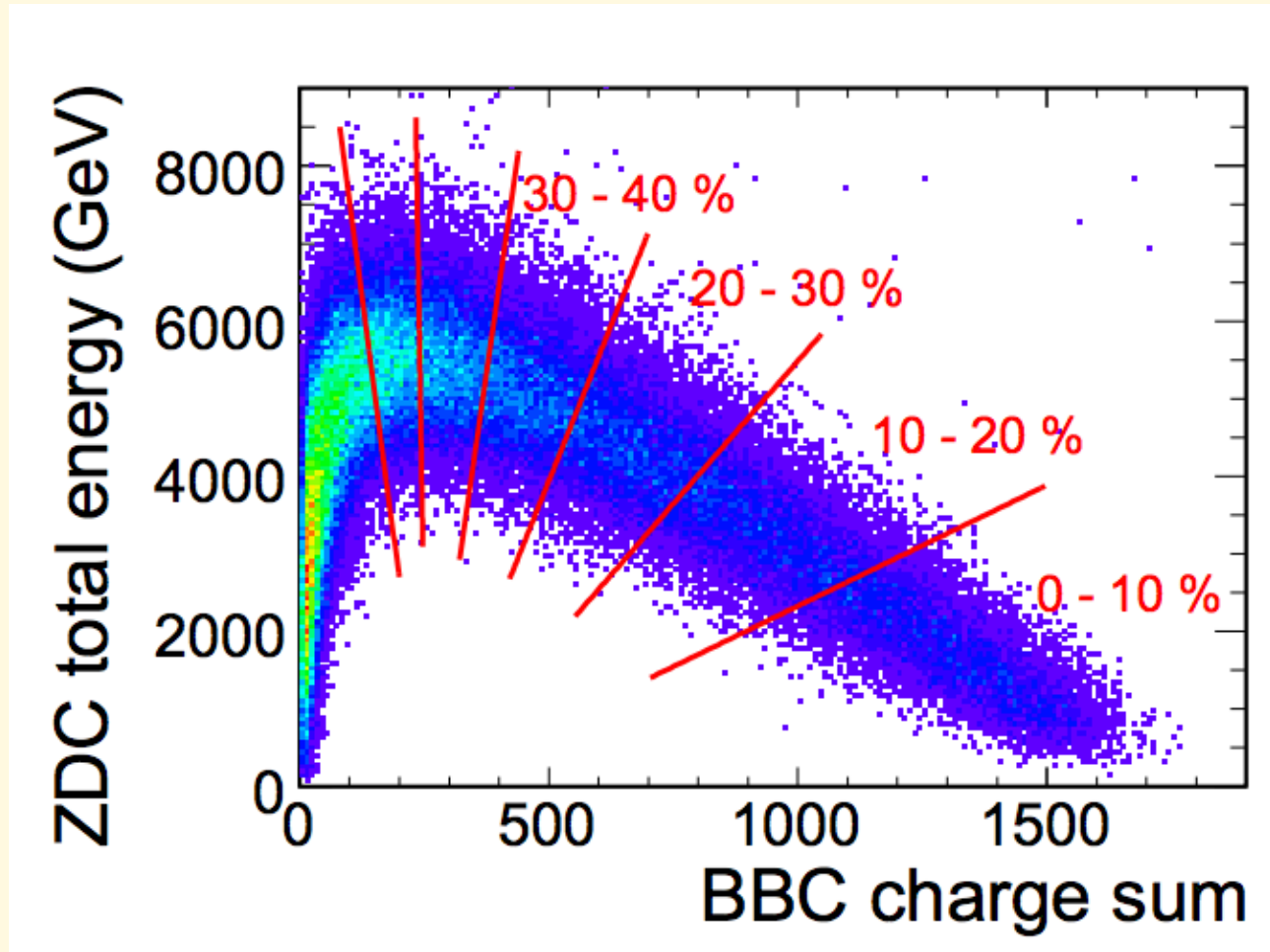


- At $p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}/c$, v_2 s of different centralities converge.
- This is not consistent with path-length dependent energy loss, large uncertainties notwithstanding.
- Next : We may calculate spectator dependence.

Summary

- $p/d+Au$ system is no longer a baseline.
 - Same observables can be seen in small system as Au+Au.
- $R_{p/d/3HeAu}$ are mostly consistent to 1.
 - At high pT , R_{pA} seems to be suppressed in $p+Au$.
- $R_{p/d/3HeAu}$ has large centrality dependence
 - agree with each other.
- R_{cp} has also strong large centrality dependence.
 - p-going side is suppressed.
 - Au-going side is enhanced.

participant(BBC) –spectator(ZDC)

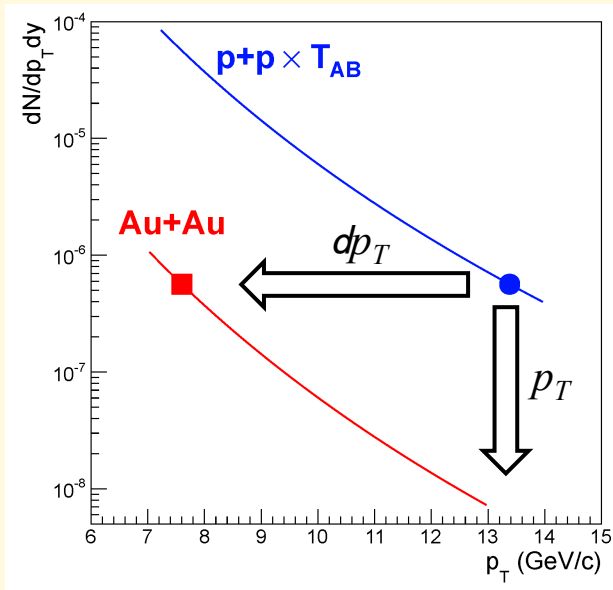


Fractional momentum loss in $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$

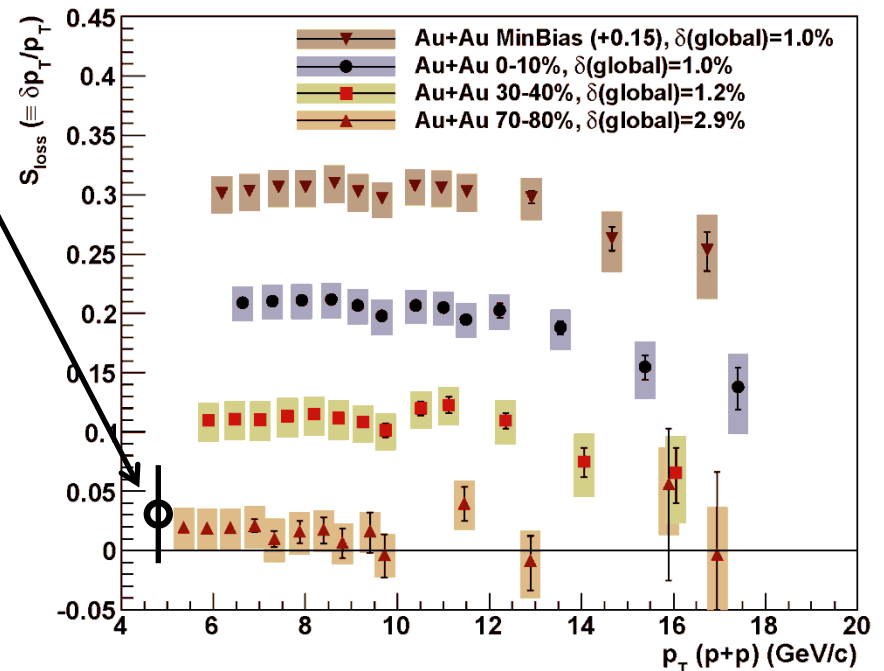
- R_{AA} can be rewritten in the form of fractional momentum loss (dp_T/p_T).
 - Instead of taking ratio of spectra, one can directly measure the spectra shift (dp_T)
- Most central (0-10%) $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ collisions shows similar R_{AA} as 60-70% Au+Au
 - At same cms energy, same R_{AA} implies same dp_T/p_T
- $dp_T/p_T = \sim 0.03$ in most central $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ collisions

$$p_T : p_T(p+p)$$

$$\delta p_T = p_T(p+p) - p_T(A+A)$$



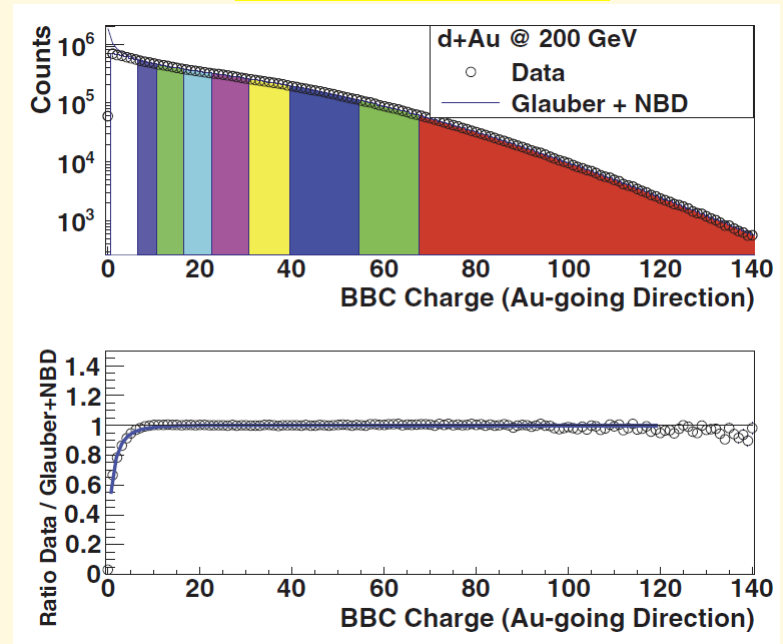
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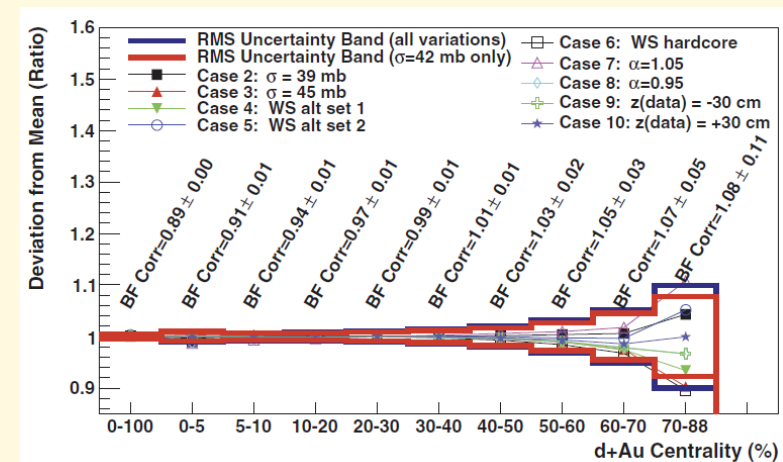
Event trigger and bias

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- Min. Bias trigger has inefficiency
 - Measured BBC charge distribution was compared with a Glauber Monte Carlo simulation folded with a negative binomial distribution (NBD)
- Trigger efficiency is determined as **88%**.
 - Same for $p/d/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$
- Bias factors (BF) for centrality selection are calculated
 - Bias is coming from auto-correlation between high p_T particle in mid-rapidity and backward multiplicity (where centrality is determined)

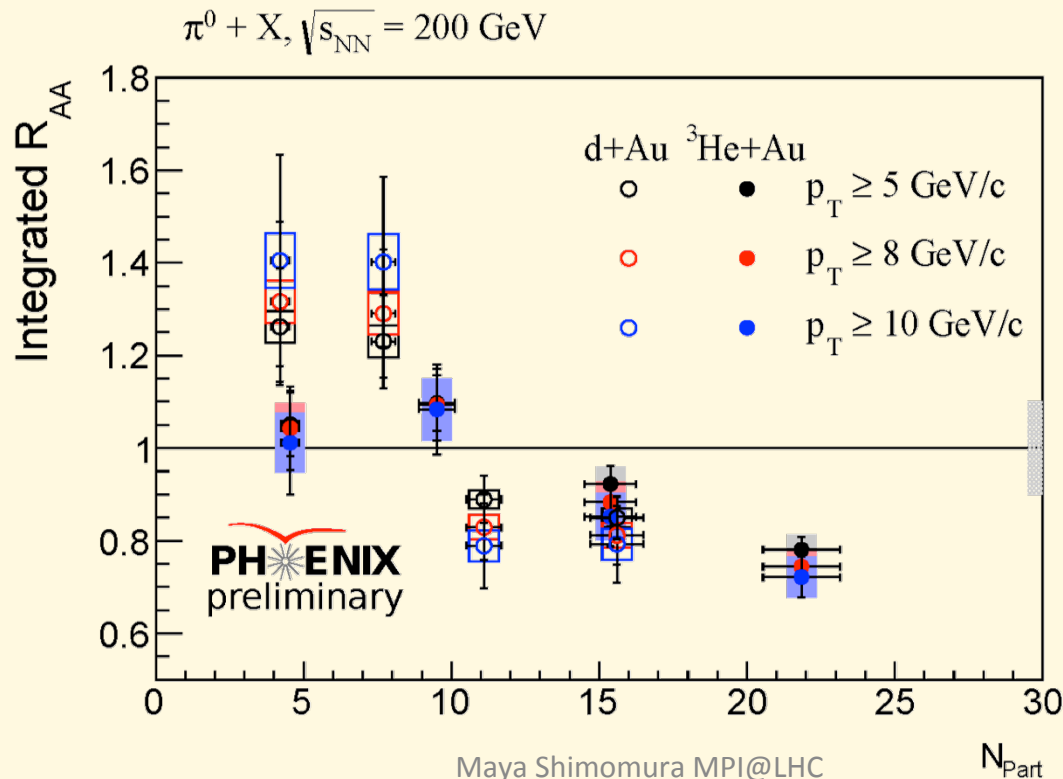


Cent (%)	0-20	20-40	40-60	60-88	0-100
$p+\text{Au}$ BF	0.90	0.98	1.02	1.00	0.86
$d+\text{Au}$ BF	0.94	1.00	1.03	1.03	0.89
${}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ BF	0.95	1.02	1.02	1.03	0.89



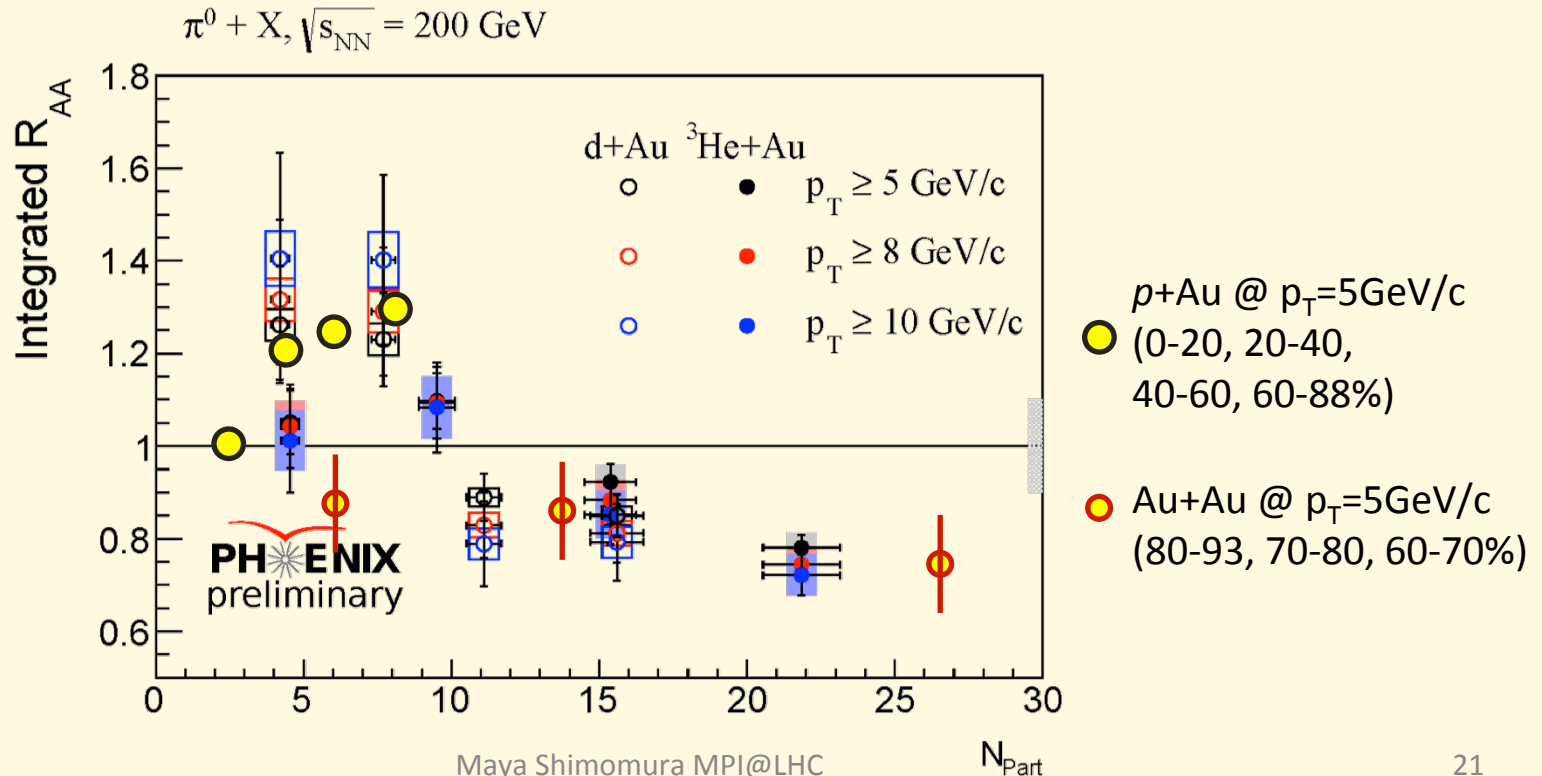
Integrated R_{AA} in $d+Au$ and ${}^3\text{He}+Au$

- At higher N_{part} , $d+Au$ and ${}^3\text{He}+Au$ show very similar N_{part} dependence
- At lower N_{part} , $d+Au$ collisions show more enhancement
 - More Cronin effect, or less suppression (energy loss)



Integrated R_{AA} in $p/d/^3\text{He}/\text{Au}+\text{Au}$

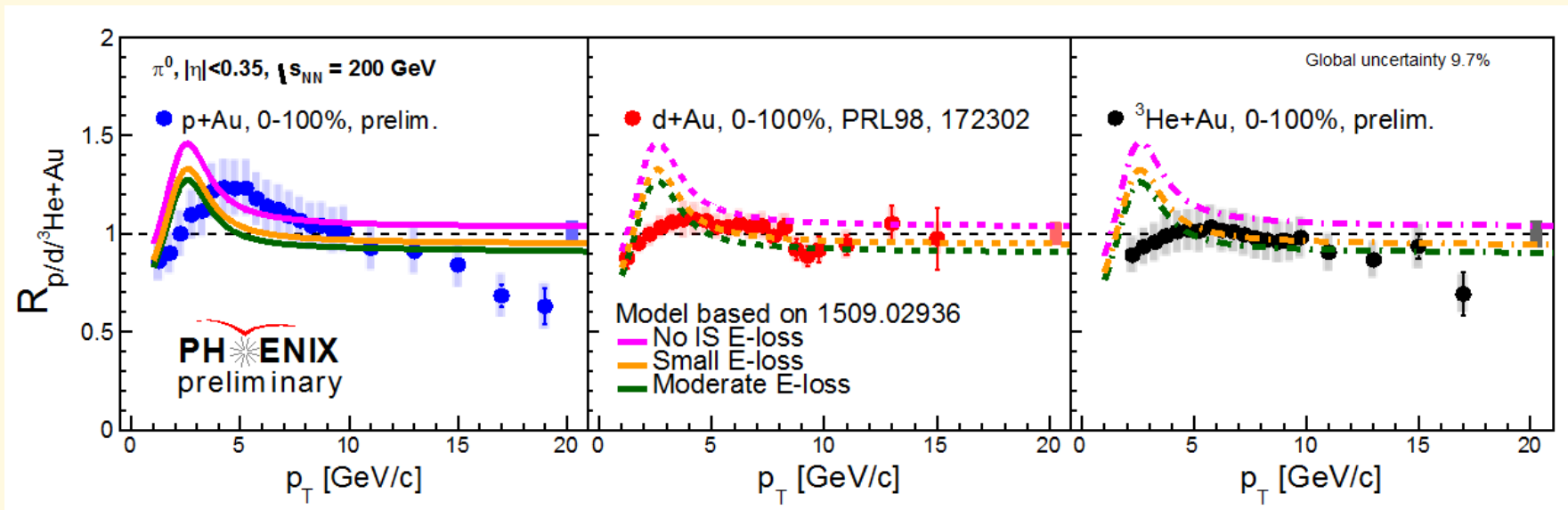
- Integrated R_{AA} for $p/d/^3\text{He}/\text{Au}+\text{Au}$
- R_{AA} from all three systems converge for $N_{\text{part}} > \sim 12$
 - Similar **hot** matter is produced?
- System ordering of R_{AA} is seen for $N_{\text{part}} < 12$ is seen; $R_{p\text{Au}} \sim R_{d\text{Au}} > R_{\text{HeAu}} > R_{\text{AuAu}}$



Cold nuclear energy loss?

- Different energy loss scenarios (no, small or moderate) are comparable to the data at high- p_T
- System dependent enhancement change at low- p_T is not reproduced
 - The peak positions are also different
 - Additional parameters to be tuned?

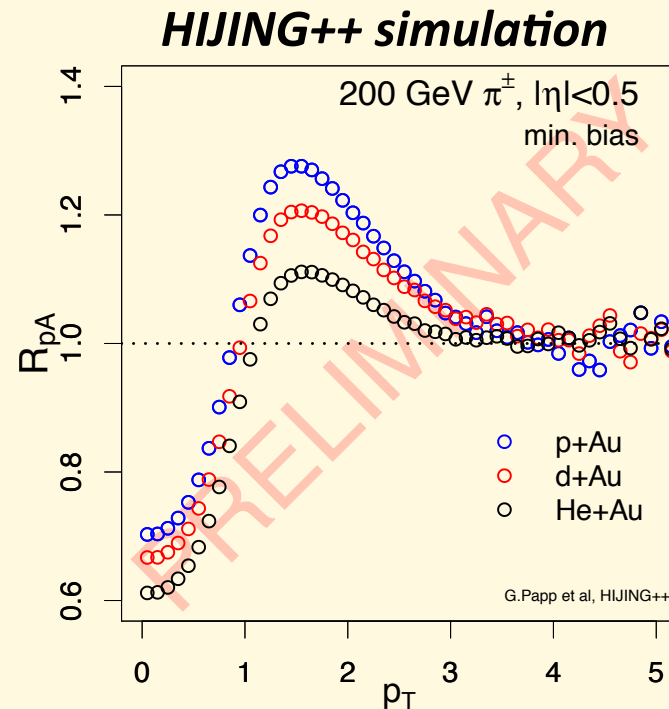
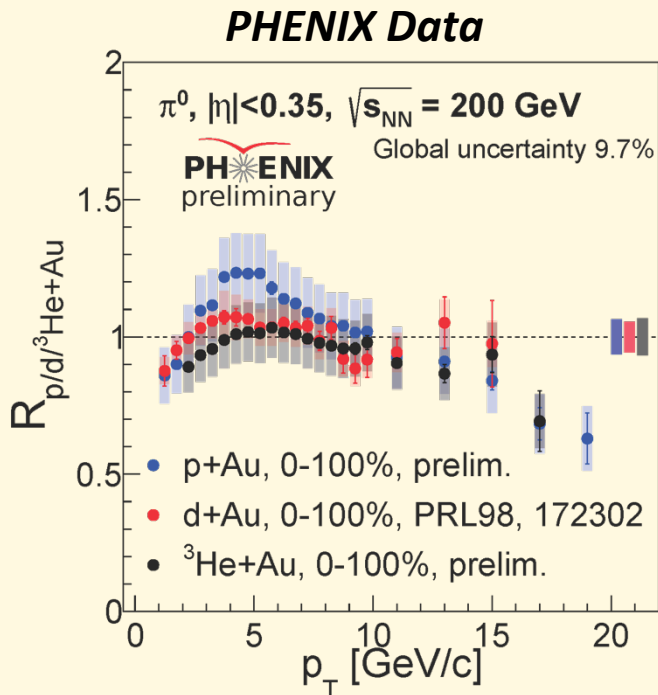
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Multiple scattering ?

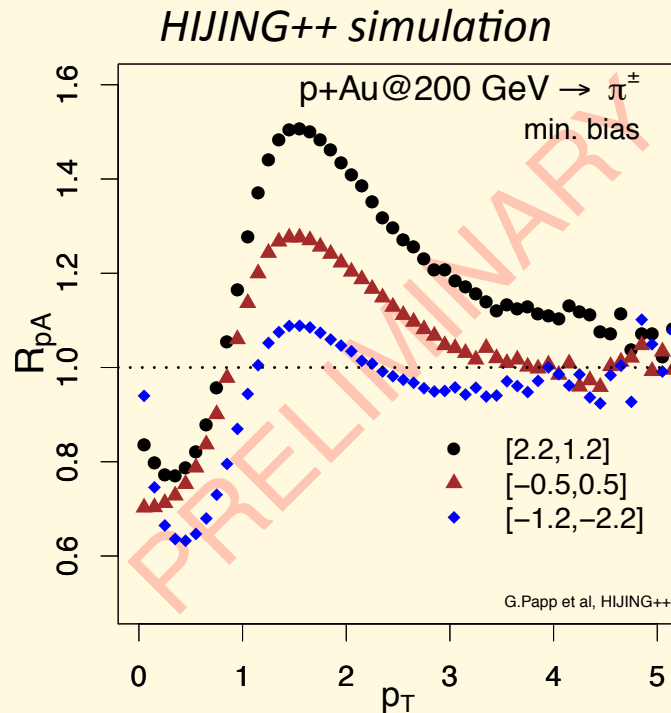
- HIJING++ simulation shows similar trend between collision systems
 - Ingredient: multiple scattering + shadowing effect
- HIJING++ predicts the Cronin peak around $p_T = 1.5-2\text{GeV}/c$
 - Much lower than in the data ($p_T \sim 5\text{ GeV}/c$)

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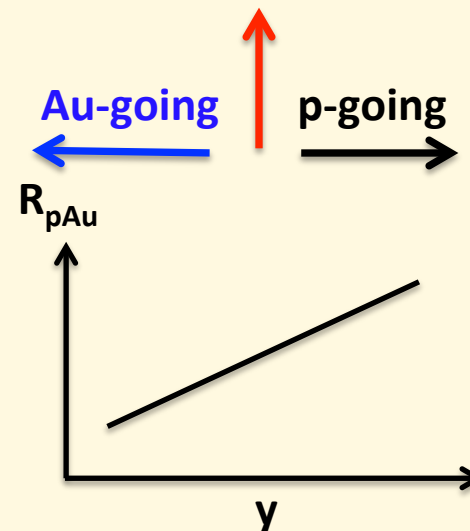


Lessons from model comparison

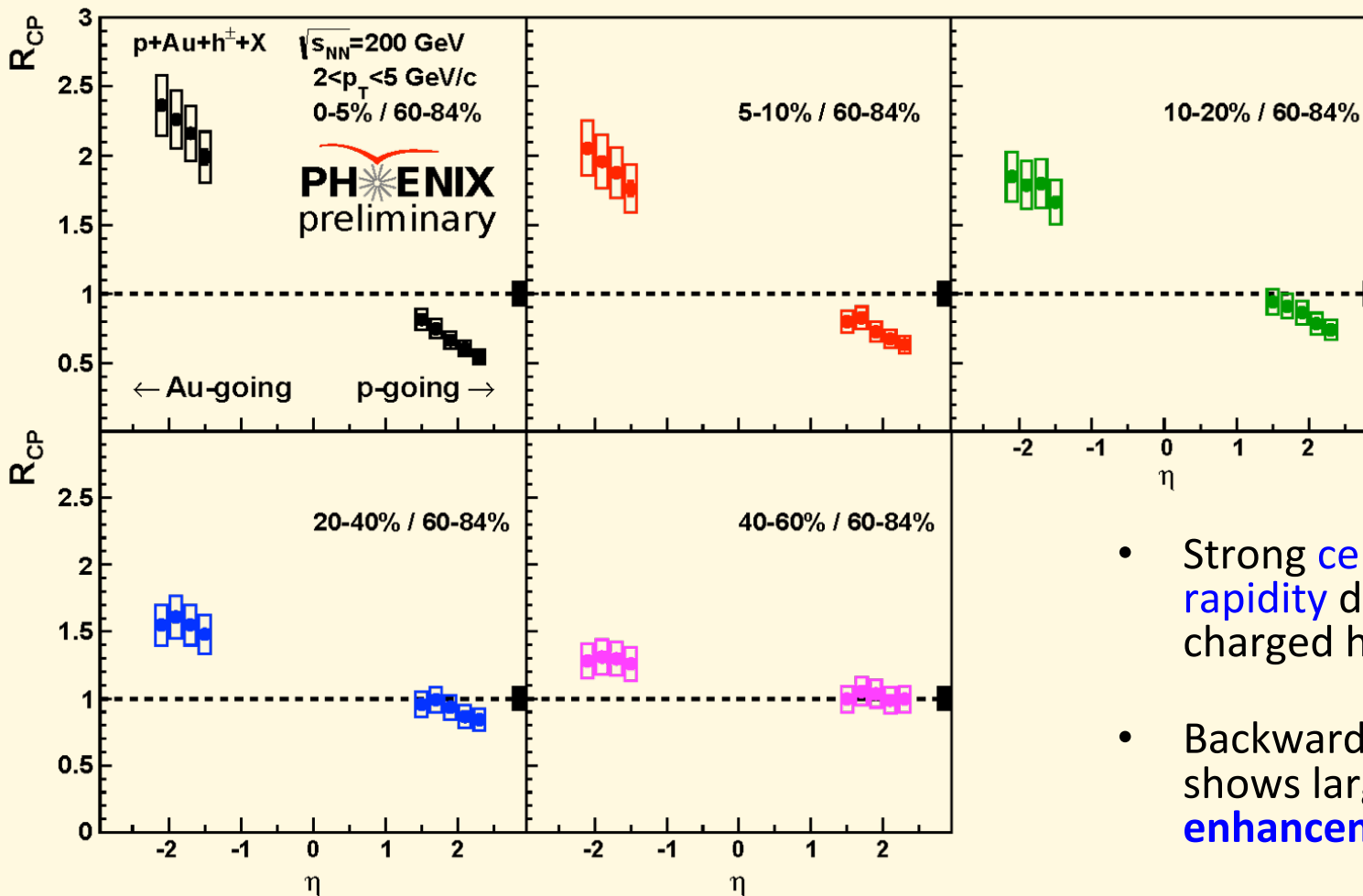
- Cold nuclear energy loss alone can't describe the trend of nuclear modification factors for $p/d/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ collisions
- Multiple scattering + shadowing scenario seems to describe the spectra
 - This scenario predicts **larger** (**smaller**) enhancement in the **forward** (**backward**) in comparison to **mid-rapidity**



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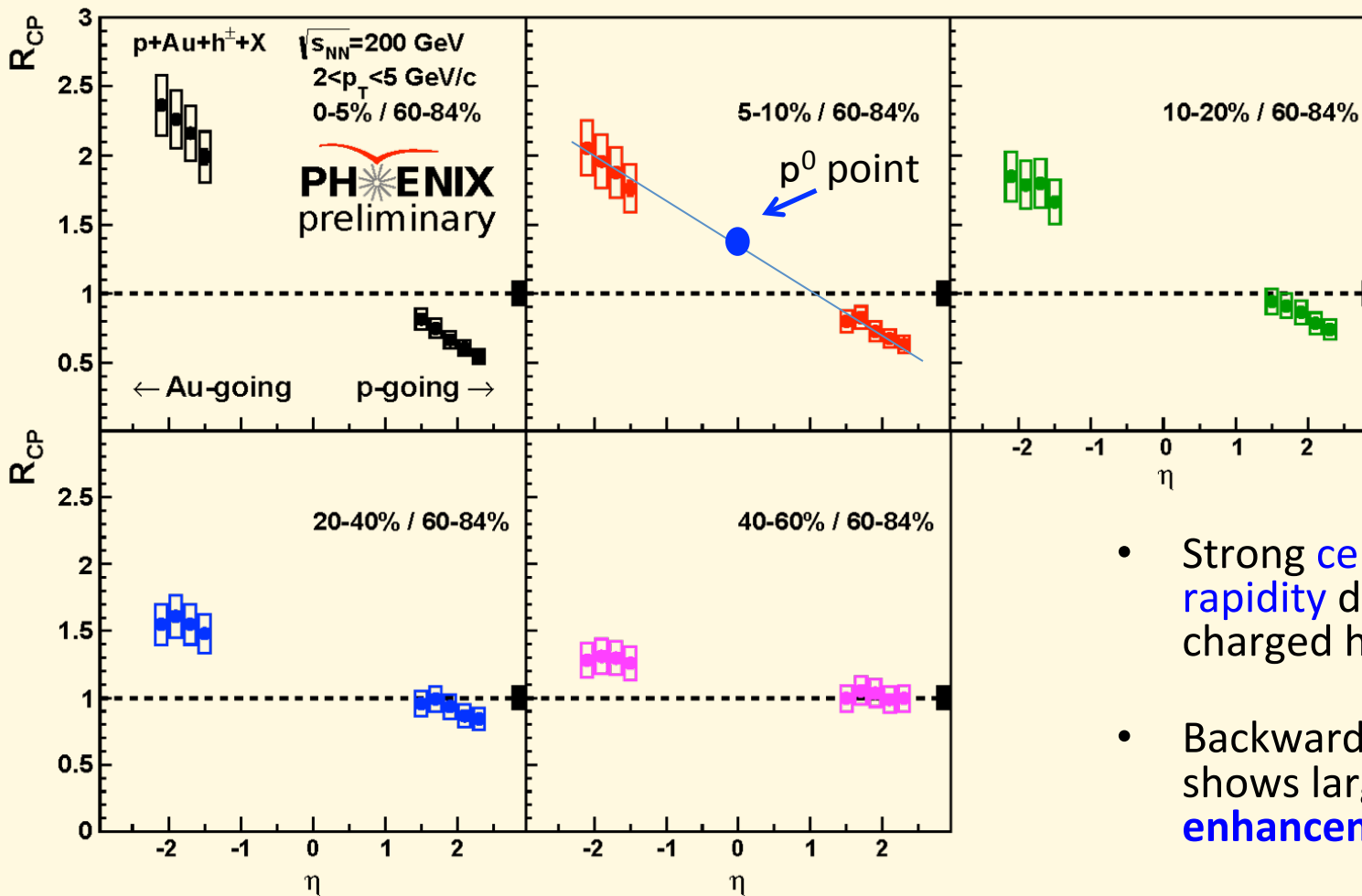
Looking forward and backward



- Strong **centrality** and **rapidity** dependence of charged hadrons
- Backward rapidity shows large **enhancement**
- Forward rapidity shows **suppression**

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Dataset collected by PHENIX

