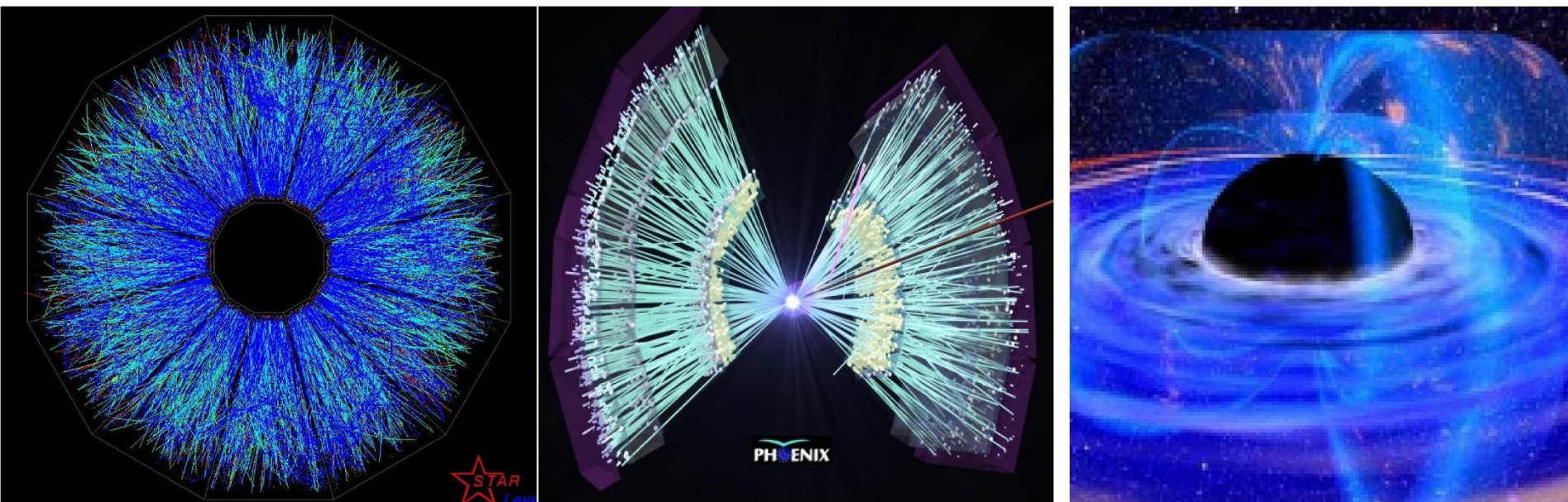


Probing the QCD medium at RHIC collective behavior and the quenching of jets



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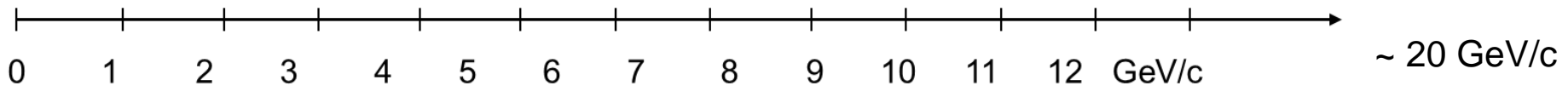
Outline of lectures

■ Preliminaries:

- Motivation for heavy ion experiments at relativistic energies
- Introduction to RHIC and its experimental program

■ RHIC discoveries:

- enormous collective motion of the medium: Perfect fluid behavior
- quenching of jets in the QCD medium



Physics at different Energy/momentum scales in HI collisions at RHIC

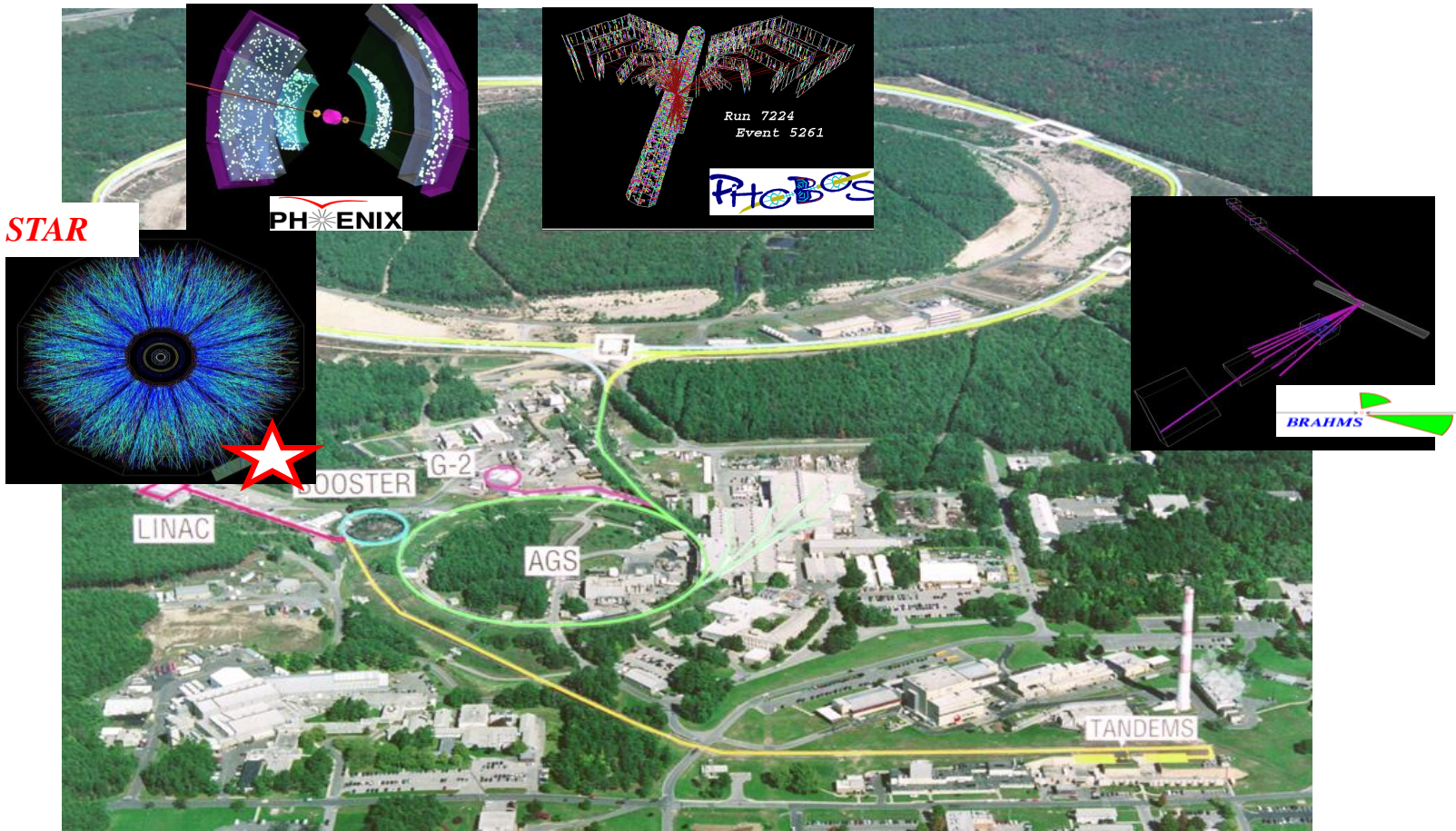
Perfect fluid
bulk medium
hydrodynamics

Jet Quenching
Testing the medium with a QCD probe
pQCD

Long Island, NY, USA

RHIC



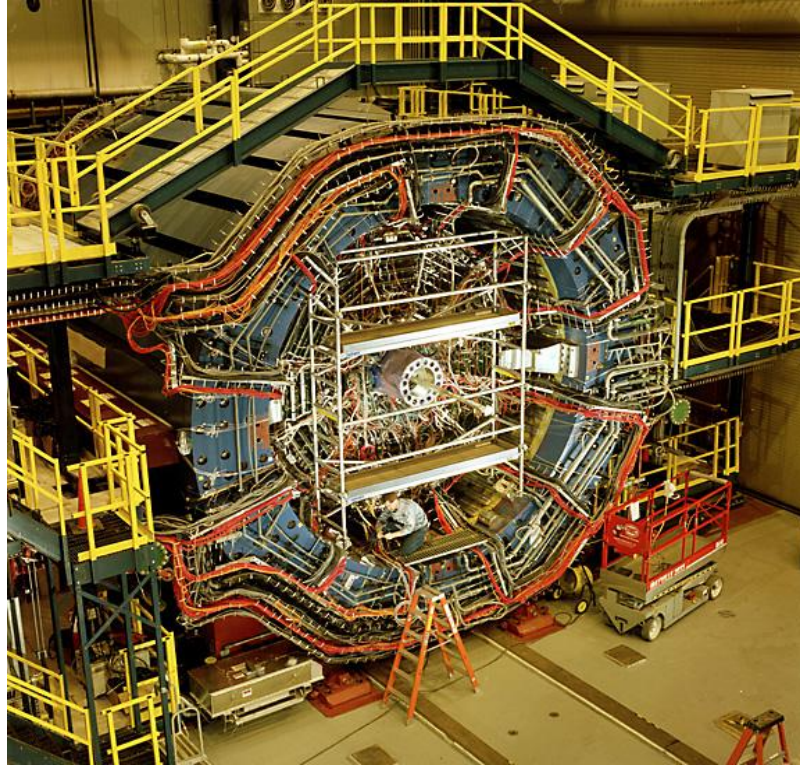


10 years at RHIC: Collide Au + Au ions for maximum volume

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, p+p, d+A and Cu+Cu to compare

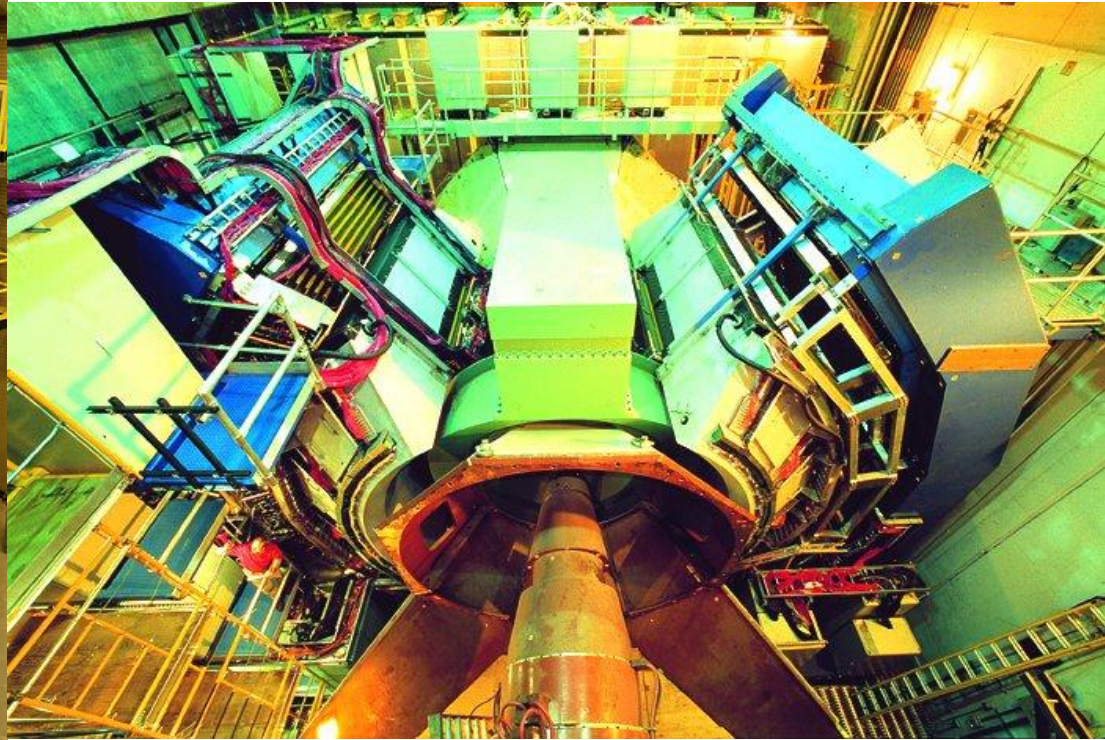
Energies $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7, 11, 22, 39, 56, 62, 130, 200$ GeV

The Present Experiments at RHIC



STAR

***specialty: large acceptance
measurement of hadrons***

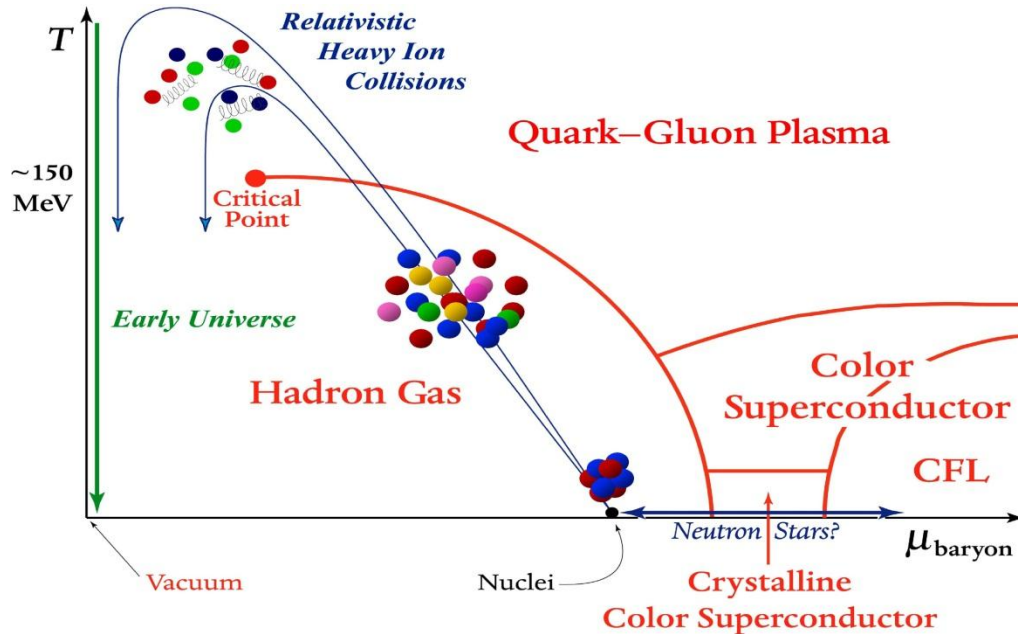


PHENIX

***specialty: rare probes, leptons,
and photons***

Both experiments undergoing extensive upgrades: vertex tracking, calorimetry, forward coverage.

Why collide HI at high energy?

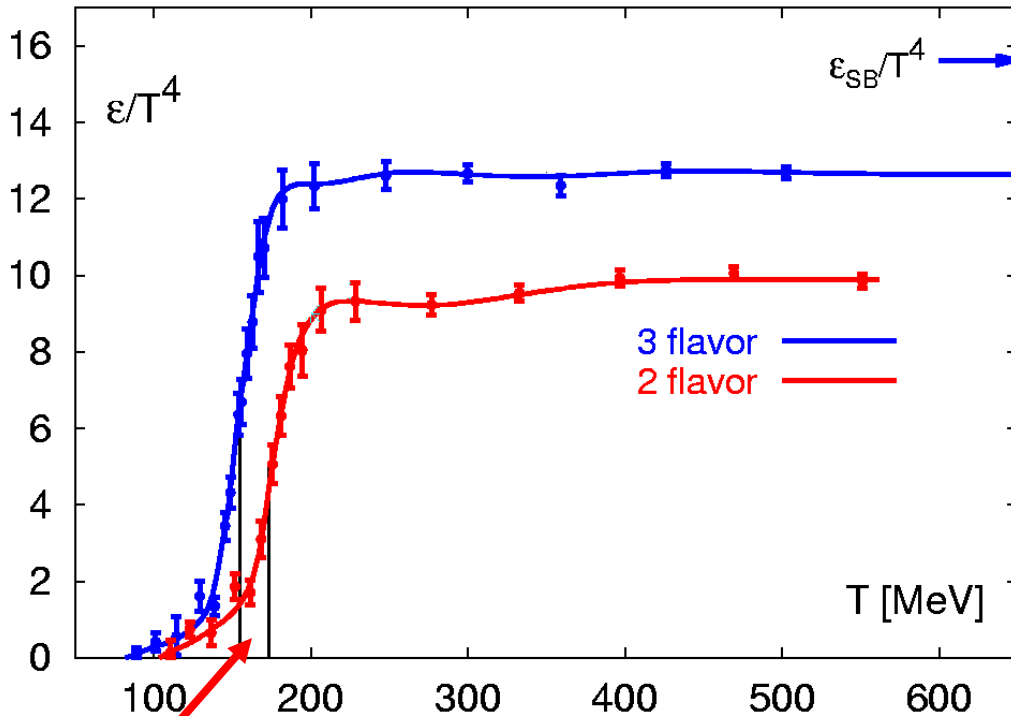


- Motivation: HI experiments at high energy give access to a (simpler) QCD phase at high T that existed in the early Universe
- Goals:
 - to create matter above the phase transition
 - study its structure and thermodynamics properties

Lattice QCD at Finite Temperature

F. Karsch, hep-ph/010314

($\mu_B=0$)



Critical Temperature, $T_C \sim 135 - 170$ MeV
 Critical Energy Density, $\epsilon_C \sim 1$ GeV/fm³

$$\epsilon = g \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$$

Hadronic Matter:

quarks and gluons confined

For $T \sim 200$ MeV, **3** pions with spin=0

Quark Gluon Matter:

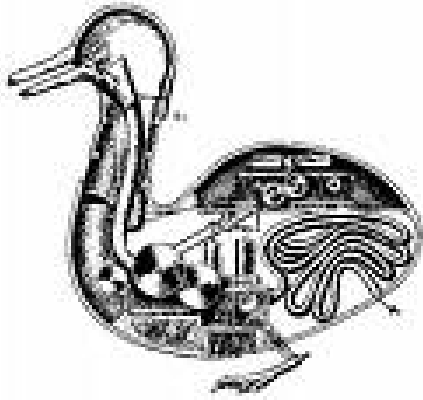
8 gluons;

2(3) quark flavors, antiquarks,
 2 spins, 3 colors

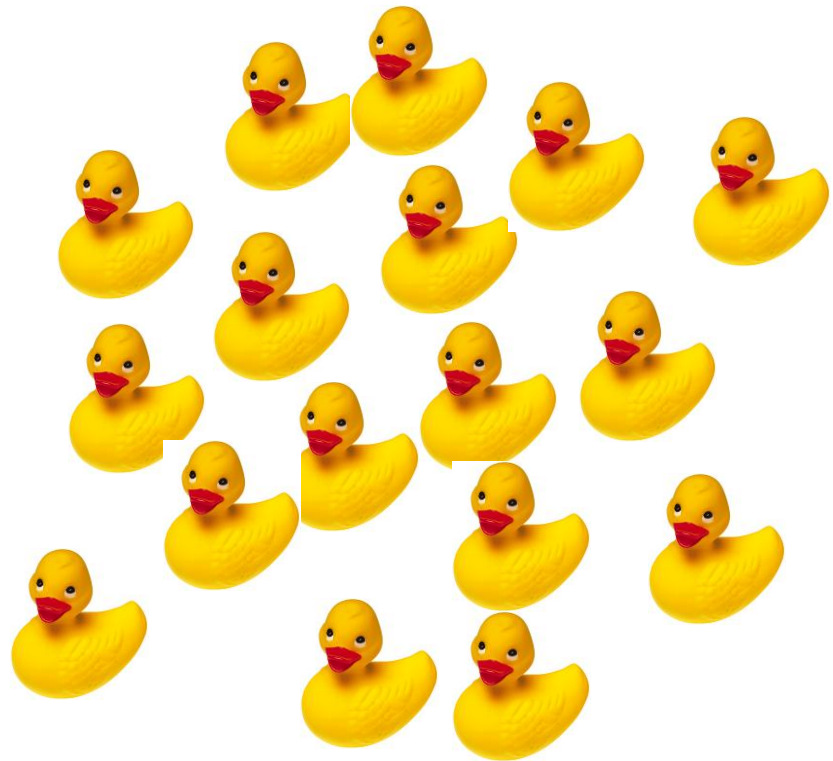
$$\epsilon = \left\{ 2_s \cdot 8_g + \frac{7}{8} \cdot 2_s \cdot 2_a \cdot 2_f(3) \cdot 3_c \right\} \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$$

$$\epsilon = 37(48) \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$$

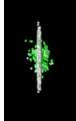
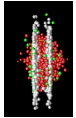
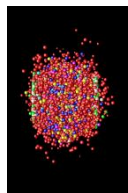
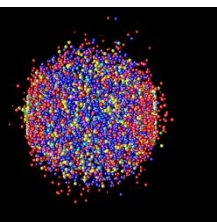
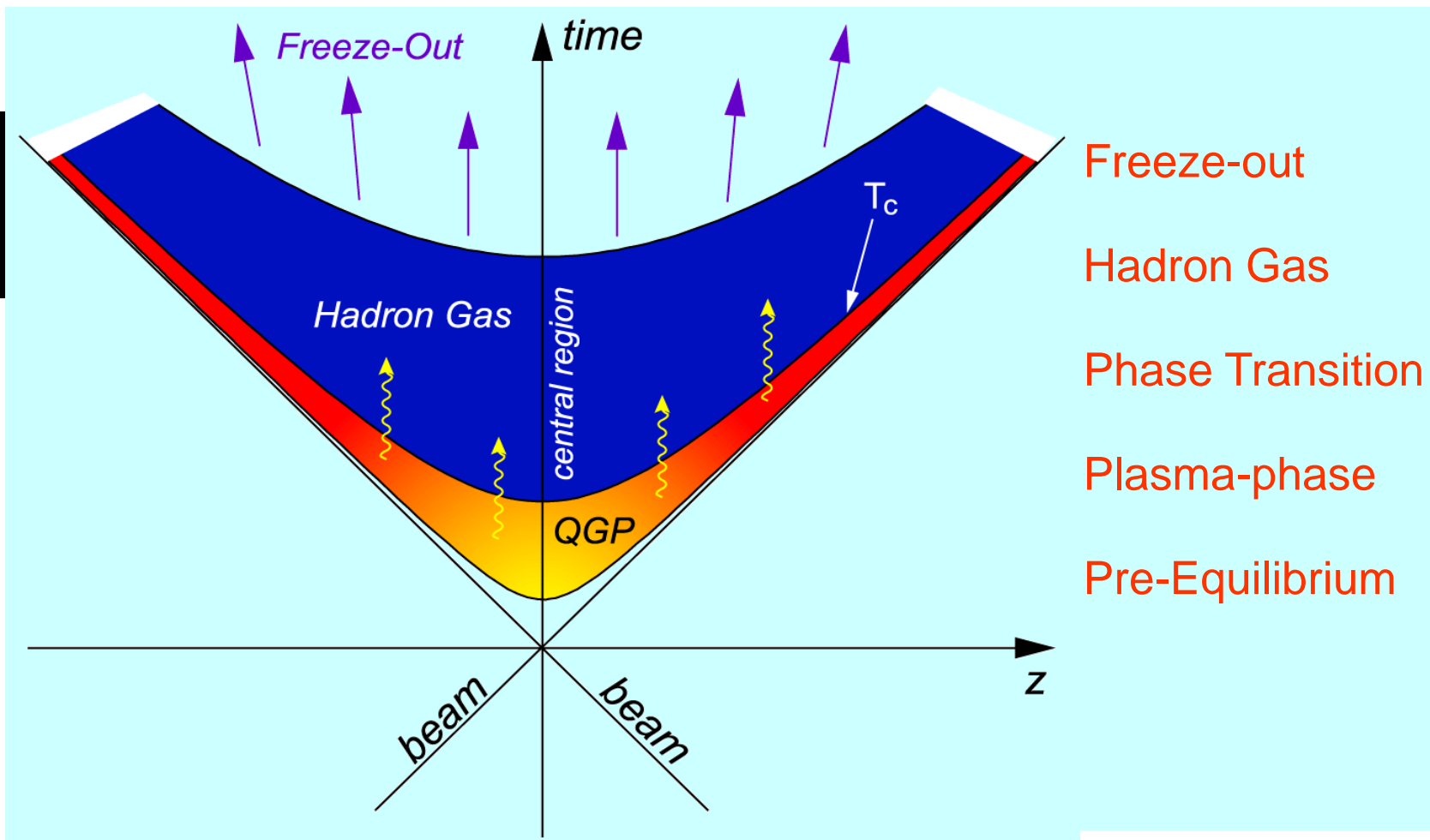
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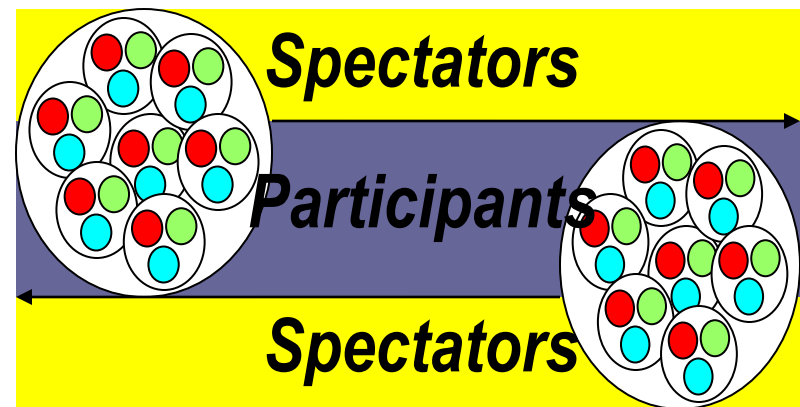
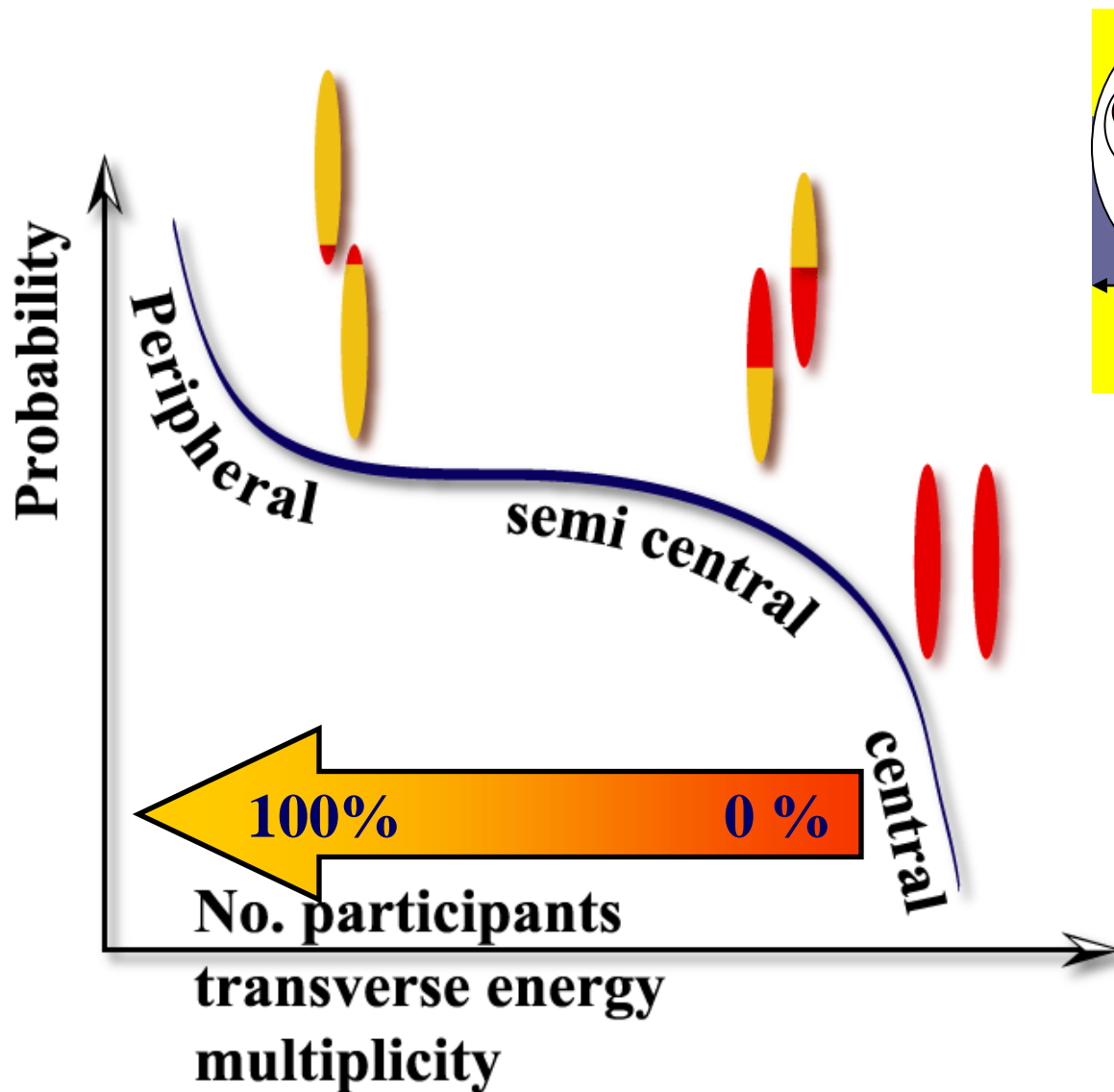
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Evolution of a heavy ion collision



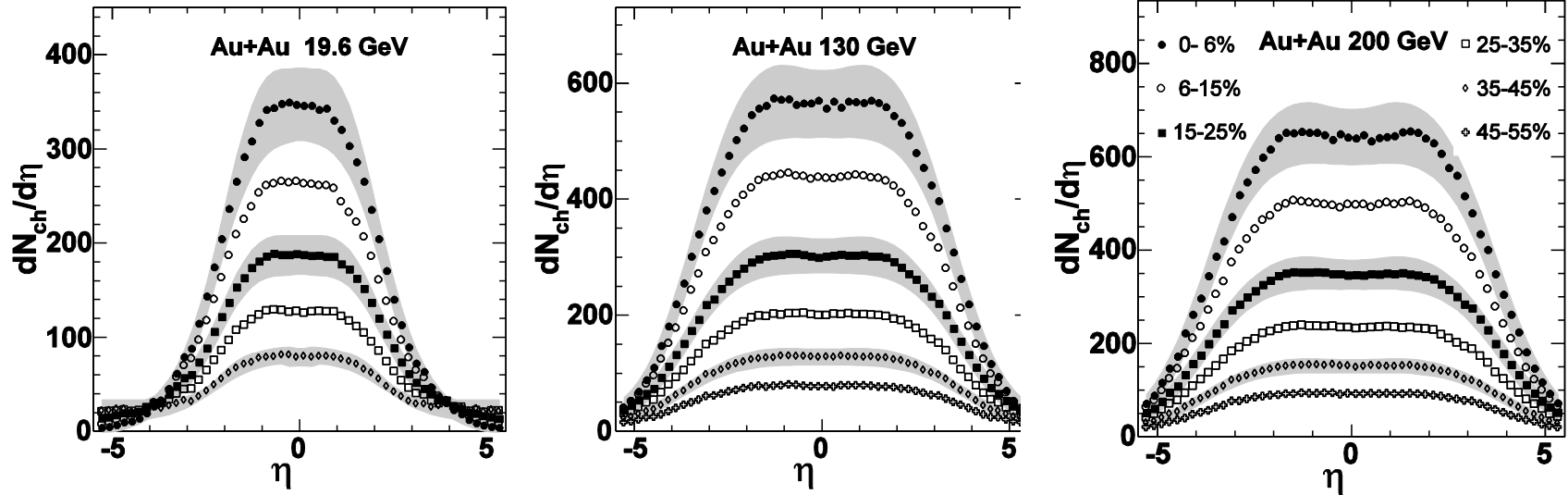
AA collisions are not all the same



Nuclei are extended objects

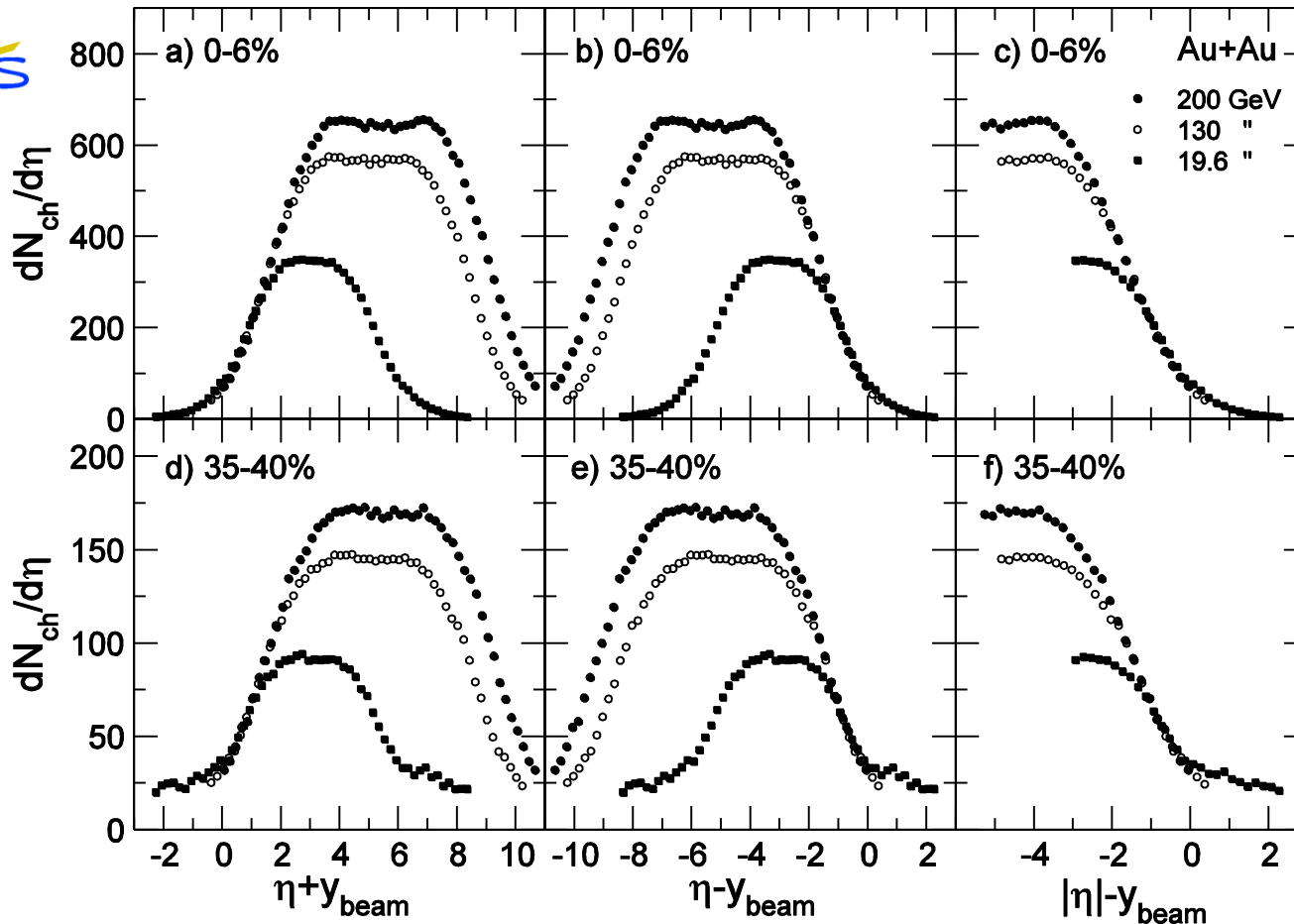
- Impact parameter
- Number of participants
- Centrality
(% from total inelastic cross-section)

N_{ch} rapidity dependence

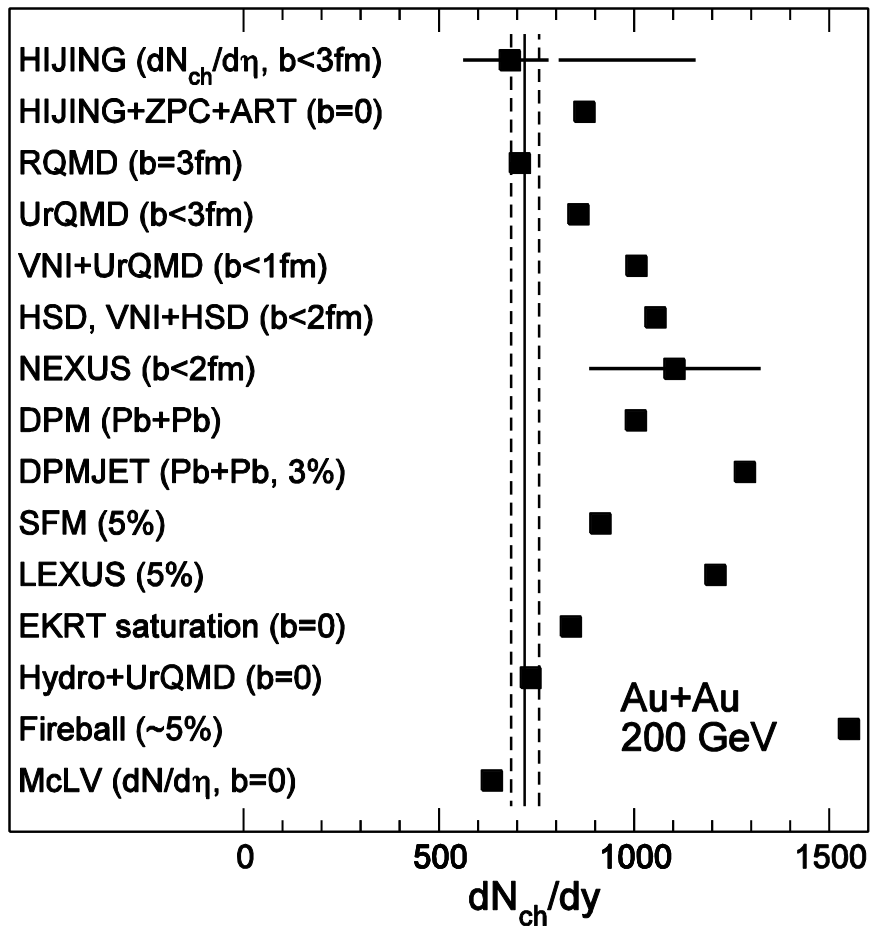
- Integrate the distribution to get total multiplicity – study the production as a function of energy
- Explore scaling behavior
 - Is there longitudinal boost invariance ?
 - What is the entropy of the system ?
 - How are hadrons produced ?

Longitudinal scaling

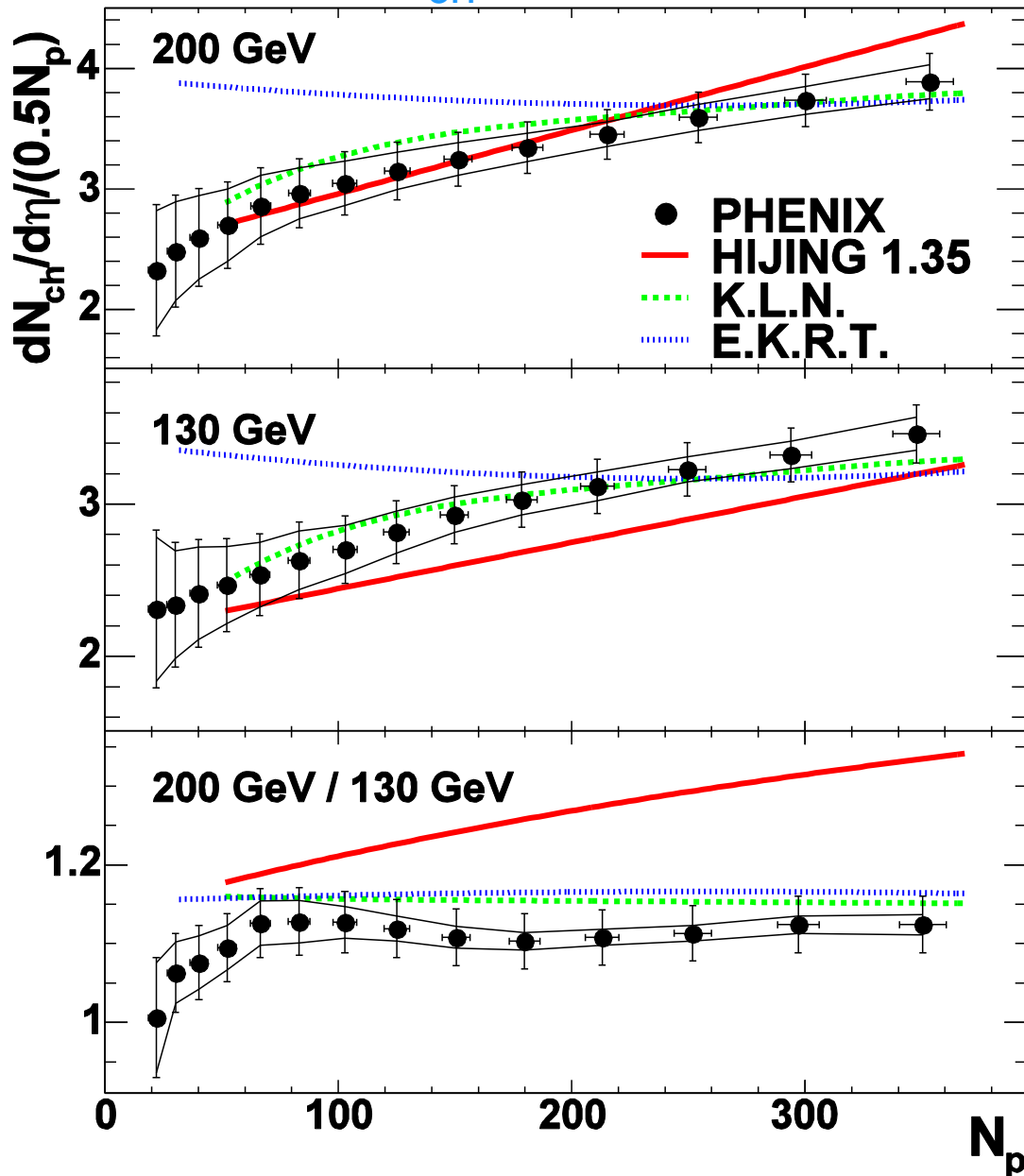



- Particles near beam and target rapidity governed by limiting fragmentation
- Projectile hadron viewed in the rest frame of the target is highly Lorentz contracted. It passes through the target leaving it in an excited state which is independent of energy or even the identity of the projectile. It then fragments to produce hadrons

And a full pallet of N_{ch} to theory comparison from PHOBOS



N_{ch} as a model killer (PHENIX)



- HIJING – pQCD based model with soft and hard component of particle production

X.N.Wang and M.Gyulassy,
PRL 86, 3498 (2001)

- KLN – gluon saturation in the initial state

D.Kharzeev and M. Nardi,
Phys.Lett. B503, 121 (2001)

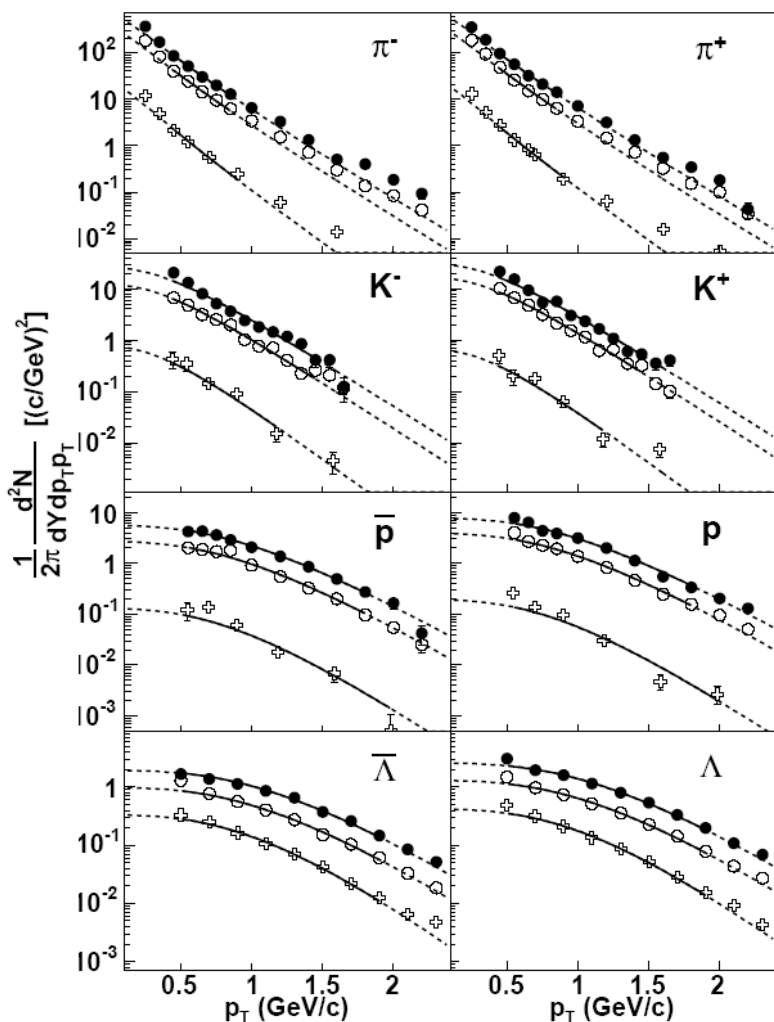
D.Kharzeev and E.Levin,
Phys.Lett. B523, 79 (2001)

- EKRT – saturation in the final state

K.J.Eskola et al,
Nucl Phys. B570, 379 and
Phys.Lett. B 497, 39 (2001)

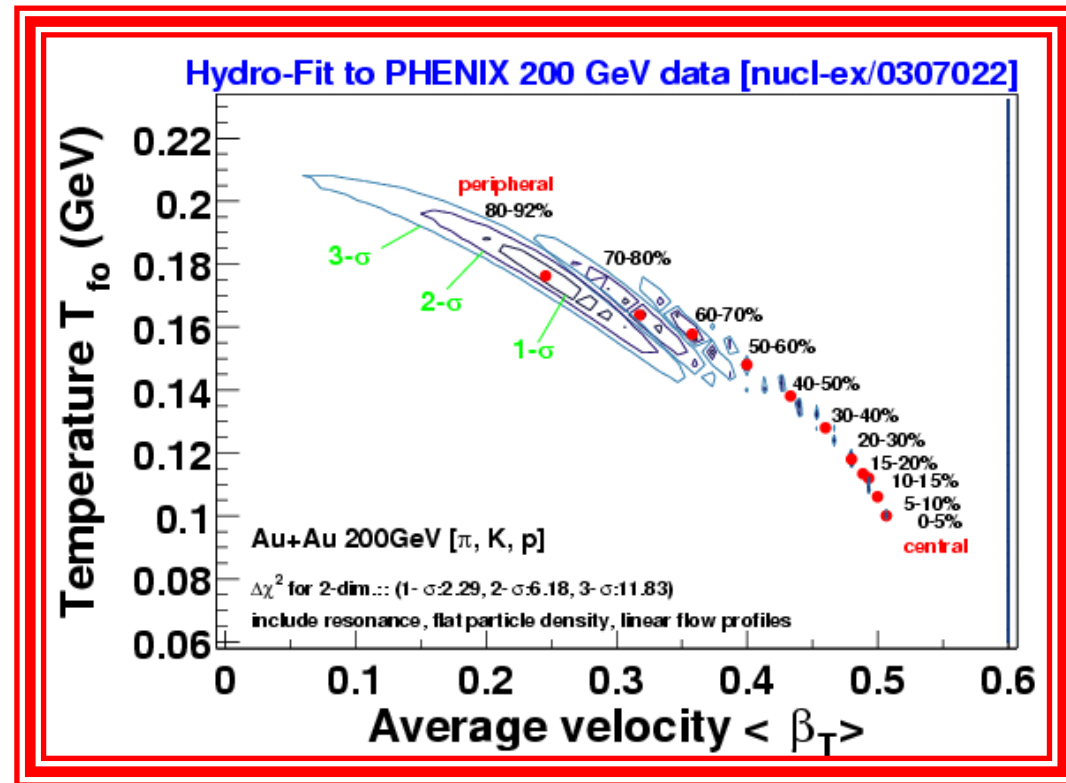
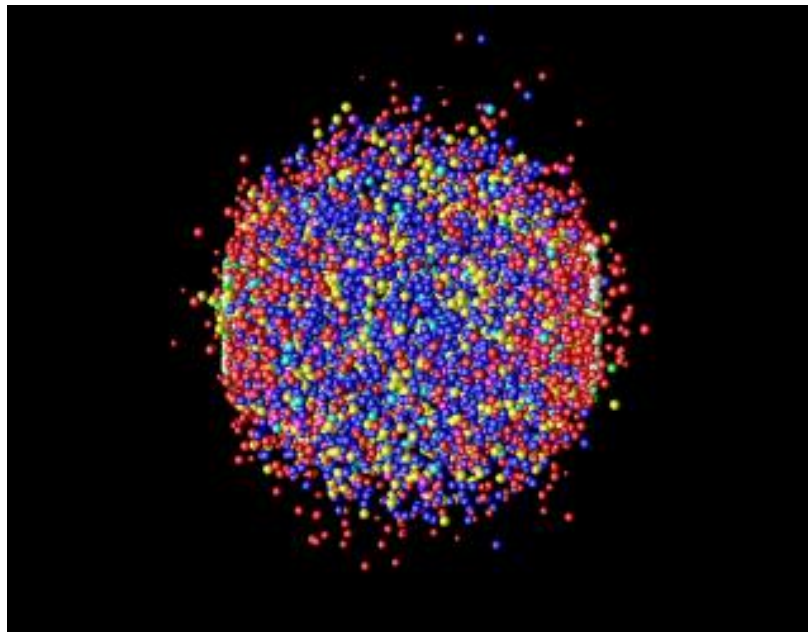
Hadron spectral shapes (low- p_T)

Retiere and Lisa – nucl-th/0312024



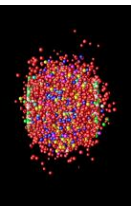
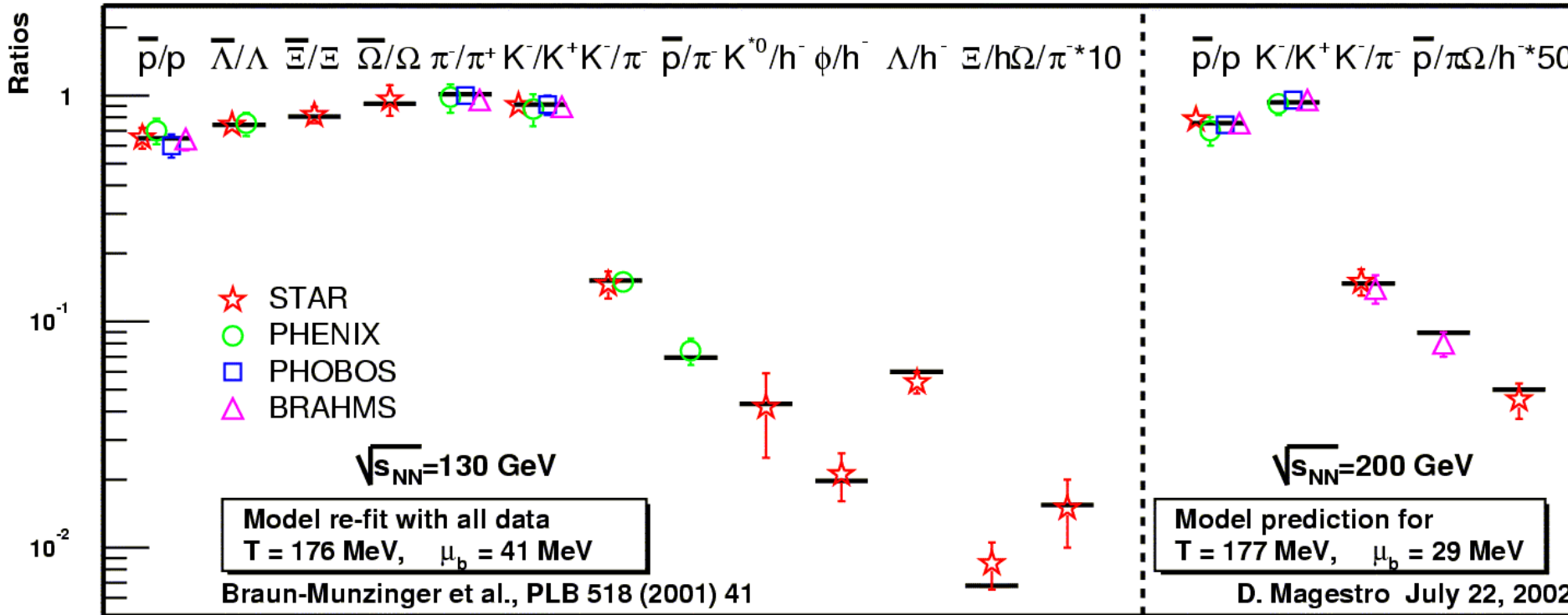
- Central Au+Au collisions
- Boltzmann distribution modified to include a common flow velocity (“blast-wave” fit) in good agreement with data
- Rapid expansion with $\langle \beta_T \rangle \sim 0.5 c$ and $T_{fo} \sim 110 \text{ MeV}$

Radial flow and T at kinetic freeze-out



- Explosive collective expansion (centrality dependent)
- Next: Integrate spectra to get hadron yields
 - Compare to thermal models of hadron production
 - Determine the chemical freeze-out conditions

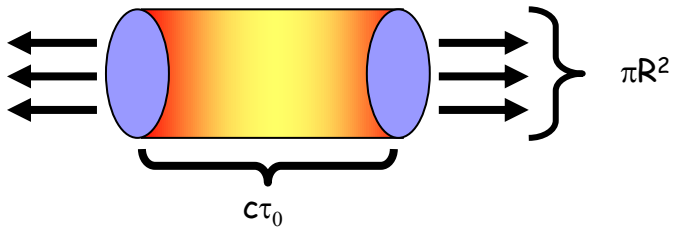
Chemical freeze-out at $\sim T_c$



- Thermally equilibrated final state, including strangeness
 - When and how is thermalization achieved ?
 - Did the system spend time in a QGP phase ?

Is the energy density high enough ?

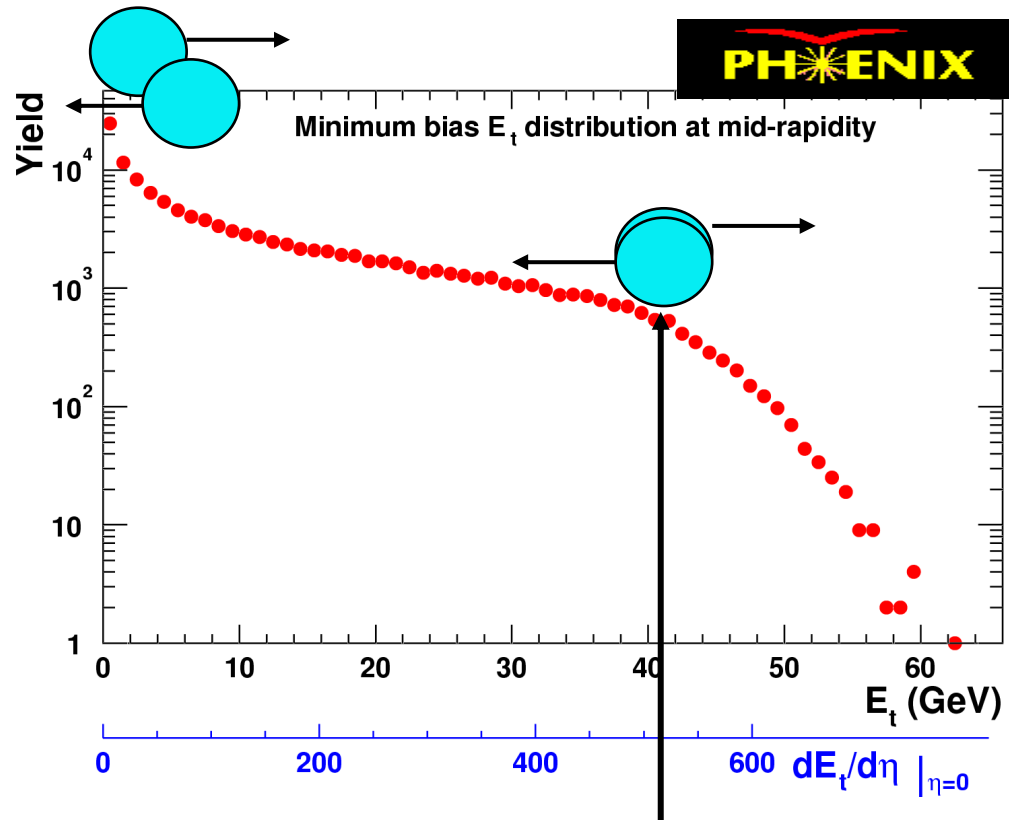
Colliding system expands:



Energy \perp to beam direction

$$\mathcal{E}_{Bj} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{1}{c \tau_0} \left(\frac{dE_T}{dy} \right)$$

per unit velocity \parallel to beam



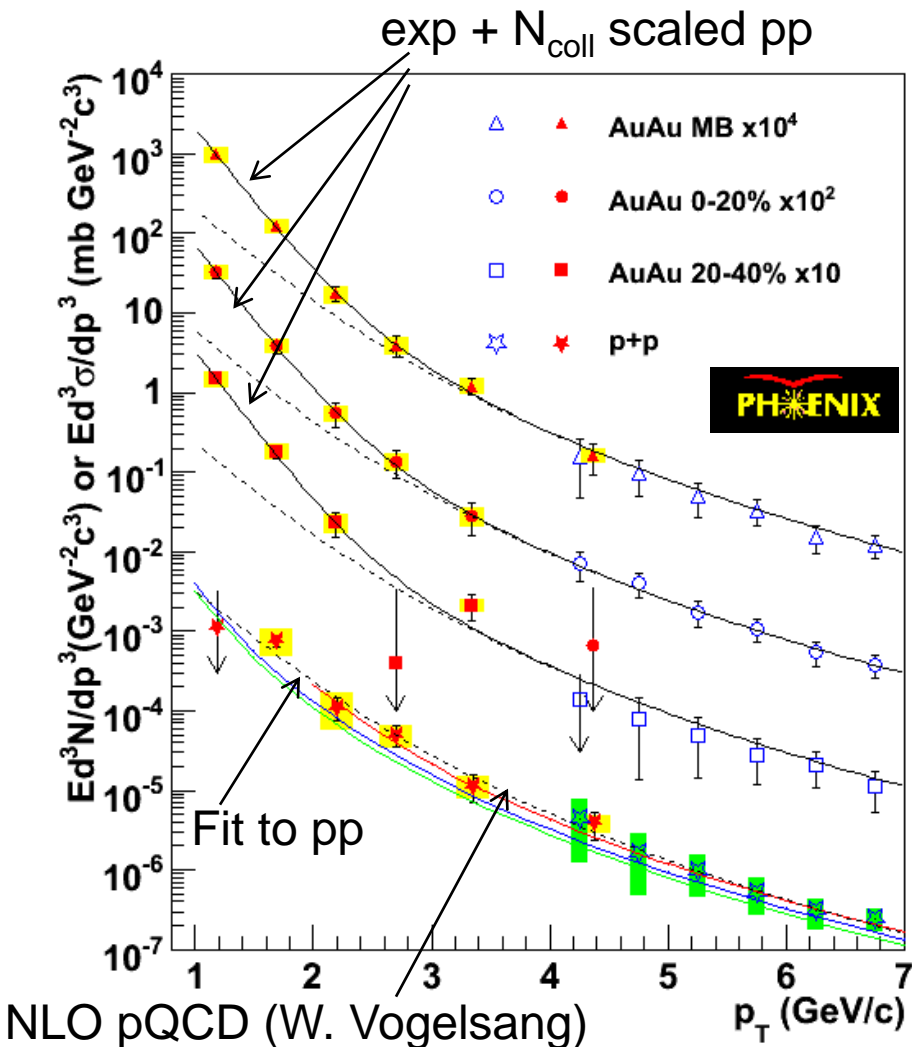
$\rightarrow \epsilon \geq 5.5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ (200 GeV Au+Au)
well above predicted transition!

value is lower limit:

longitudinal expansion rate, formation time overestimated

Radiated photons $\rightarrow T_{init}$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 132301 (2010)



Measure:

\square γ (direct)

\square $\gamma^* \rightarrow e+e^-$

Compare spectra in p+p and Au+Au

\square In p+p: pQCD works to low p_T

\square In Au+Au: soft (thermal) excess fit with exponential

Extract initial temperature:

$T = 221 \pm 23 \pm 18$ MeV
(central)

$T = 224 \pm 16 \pm 19$ MeV (MB)

- The initial T and energy density are above the critical values predicted by l-QCD
- Matter appears to be in thermal equilibrium with hadron abundances frozen at T_C ; μ_b is small (as expected)
 - **Hence thermodynamics description is applicable**
- Next: describe evolution and properties
 - **Equation of state ?**
 - **Transport properties ?**
 - **Interactions ?**

Basics of Hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamic Equations

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \text{Energy-momentum conservation}$$

$$\partial_\mu n_i^\mu = 0 \quad \text{Charge conservations (baryon, strangeness, etc...)}$$

For perfect fluids (neglecting viscosity),

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (e + P)u^\mu u^\nu - P g^{\mu\nu}$$

Energy density

Pressure

4-velocity

Need **equation of state (EoS)**

$$P(e, n_B)$$

to close the system of eqs.
→ Hydro can be connected directly with **lattice QCD**

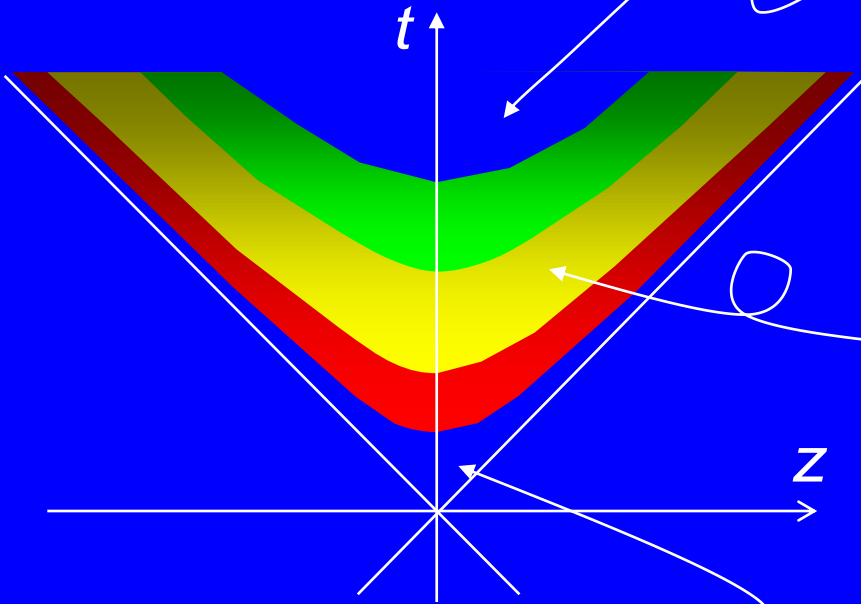
Within ideal hydrodynamics, pressure gradient dP/dx is the driving force of collective flow.

→ Collective flow is believed to reflect information about EoS!

→ Phenomenon which connects 1st principle with experiment

Caveat: Thermalization, $\lambda \ll$ (typical system size)

Inputs to Hydrodynamics



Final stage:

Free streaming particles

→ Need decoupling prescription

→ Constrained by identified particle spectra

Intermediate stage:

Hydrodynamics can be valid if thermalization is achieved.

→ Need EoS

Initial stage:

Particle production and pre-thermalization beyond hydrodynamics

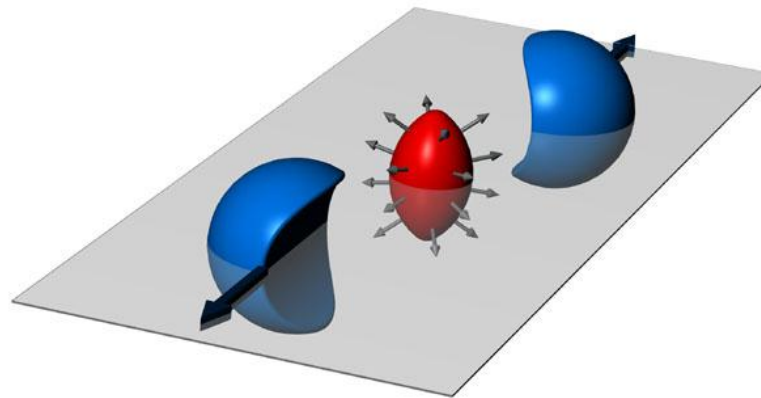
→ Instead, initial conditions for hydro simulations

Need modeling

(1) EoS, (2) Initial cond., and (3) Decoupling

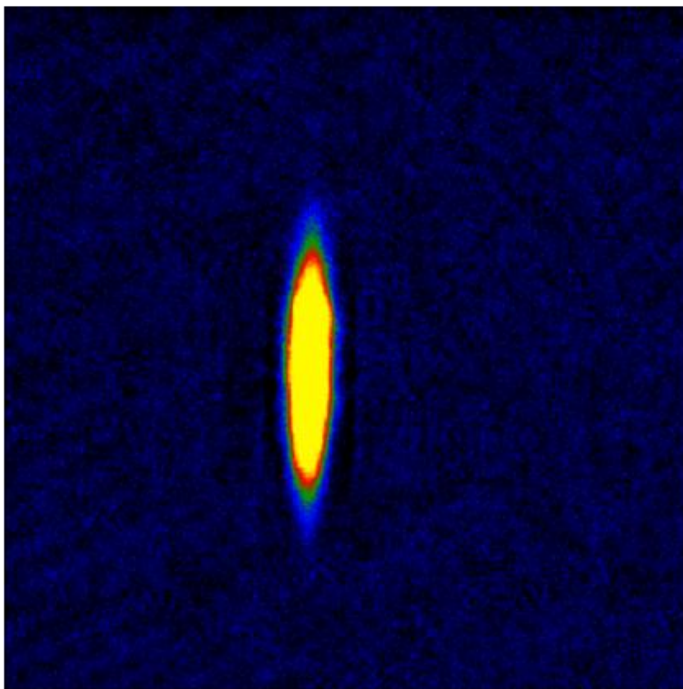
Gas vs liquid

- Start with asymmetric initial conditions
- Apply pressure
- What happens next ?

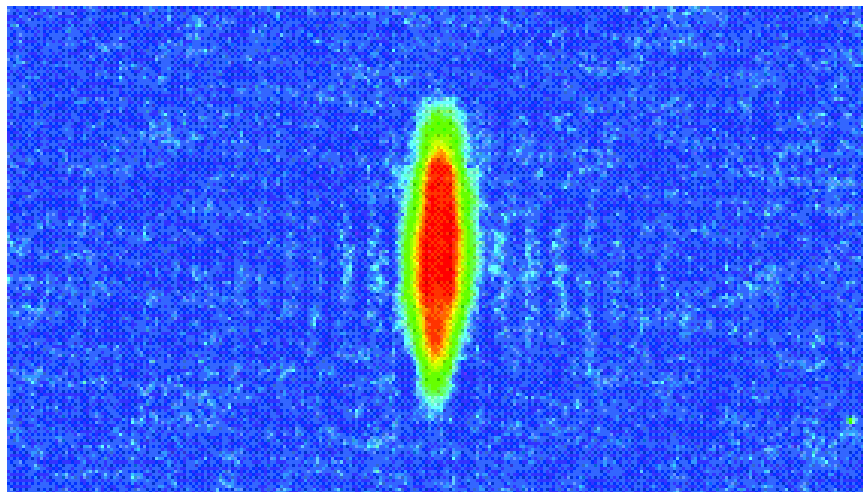


Gas vs liquid

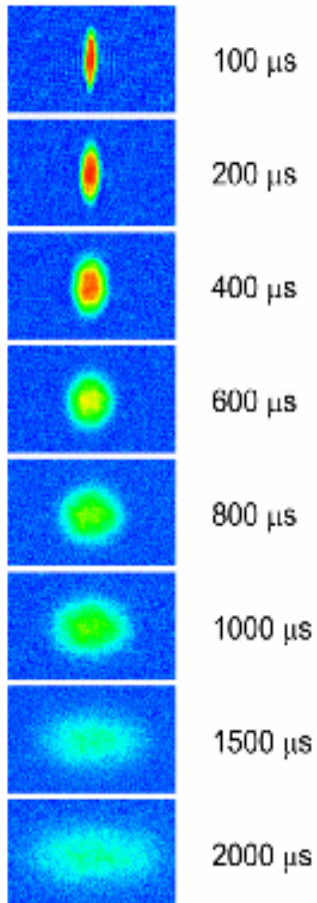
GAS: Large mean free path
isotropic expansion



Liquid: small mean free path
anisotropic expansion



Explore a system where we control over mfp



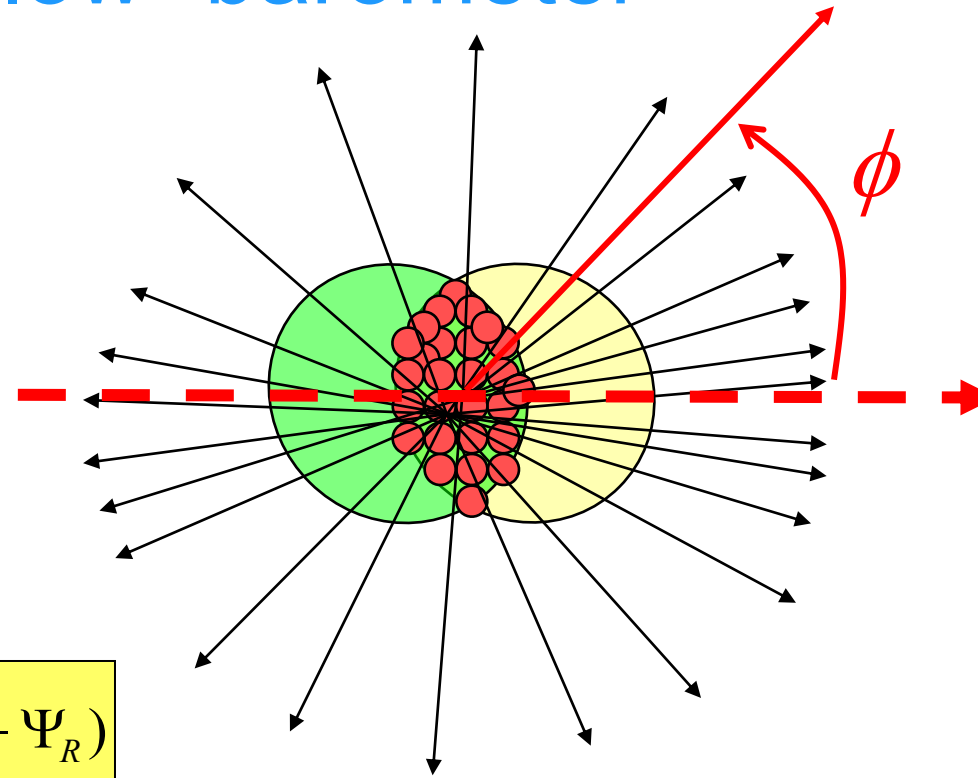
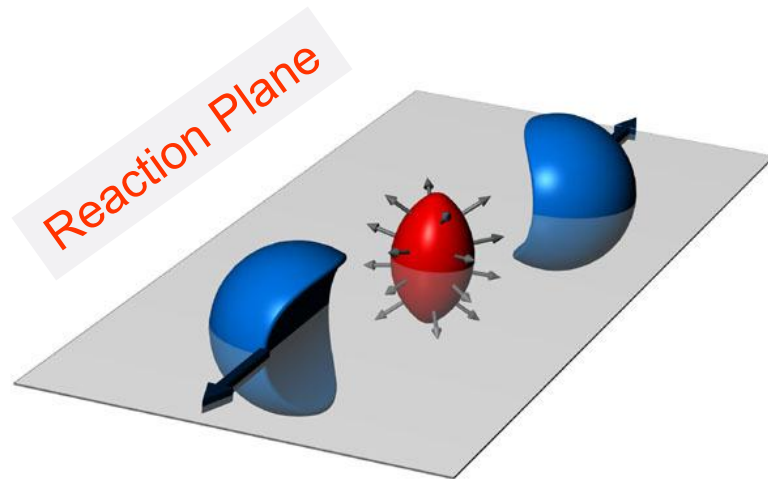
Elliptic flow with trapped Li^6 atoms:

K.M.O'Hara et al, Science 298,2179, 2002

T.Bourdel et al, PRL 91 020402 , July 11 2003

- nano-Kelvin gas of ^6Li atoms in magnetic trap
- Feshbach resonance tuned for large cross-section (i.e. small mean free path)
- nearly ideal hydrodynamics
- anisotropic expansion when trapping field dropped
- THIS IS A LIQUID

The elliptic flow “barometer”

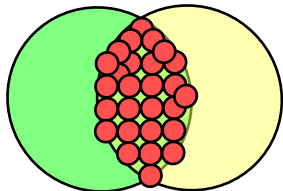


$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_R)$$

- Measure the azimuthal distribution of particle emission with respect to the reaction plane. Fourier expansion
- Driven by pressure gradients => barometer
- Self-quenching due to expansion => sensitive to early times

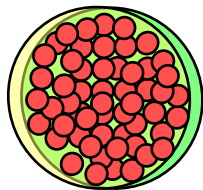
... and the RHIC data show

Increasingly peripheral

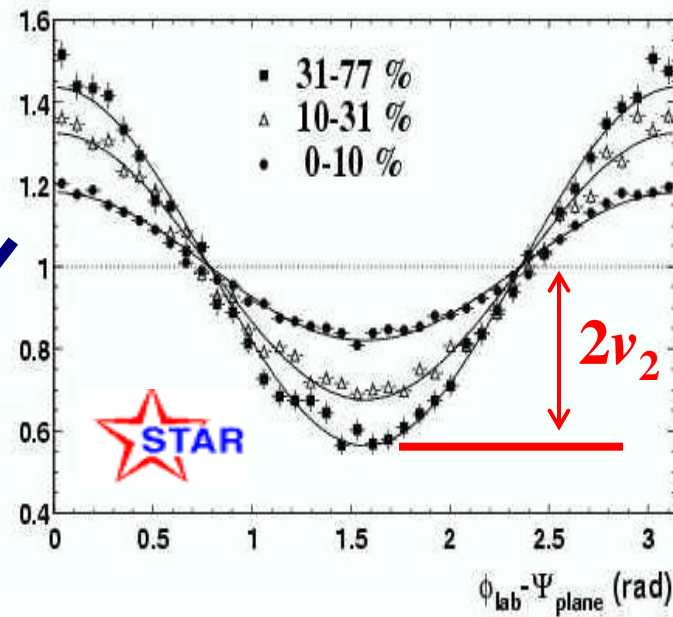


Larger eccentricity (and v_2)

0-10% = central collisions



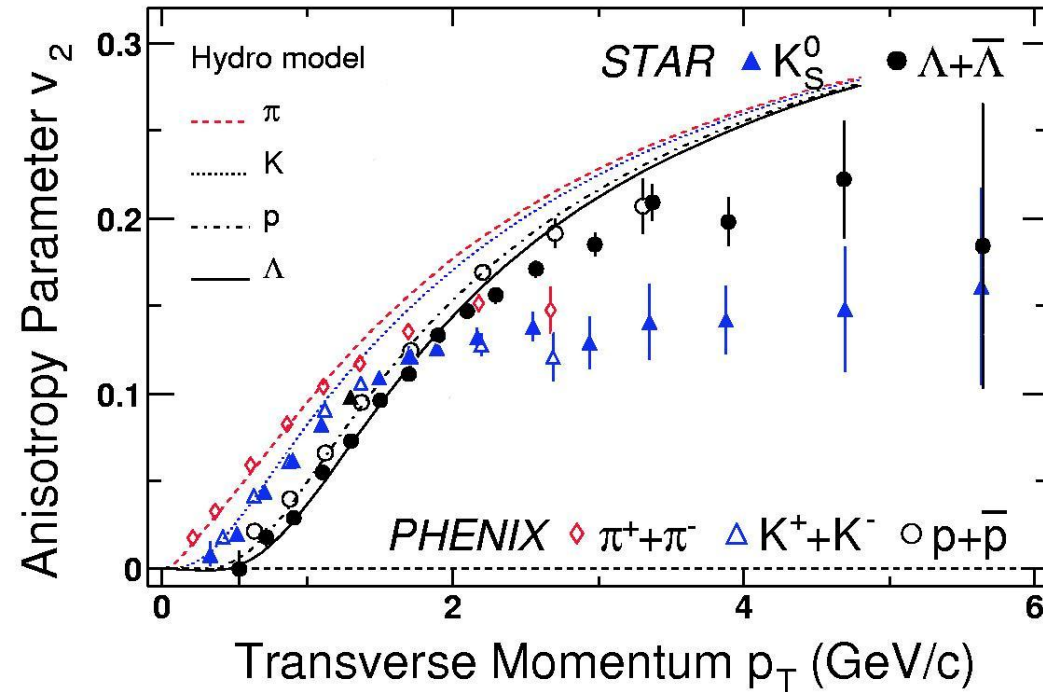
Smaller eccentricity (and v_2)



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

- Enormous asymmetry in particle emission
=> Strong pressure gradients and liquid properties

Hydrodynamics at RHIC



- Ideal hydrodynamics (i.e. – zero viscosity) describes with great precision the mass ordering in v_2 vs p_T
- What can we learn from this comparison ?

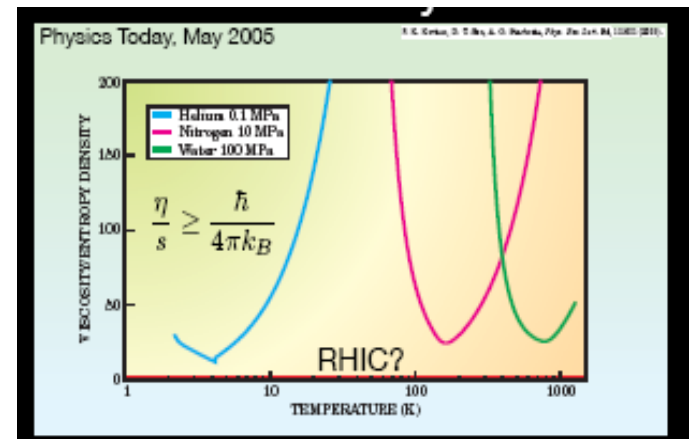
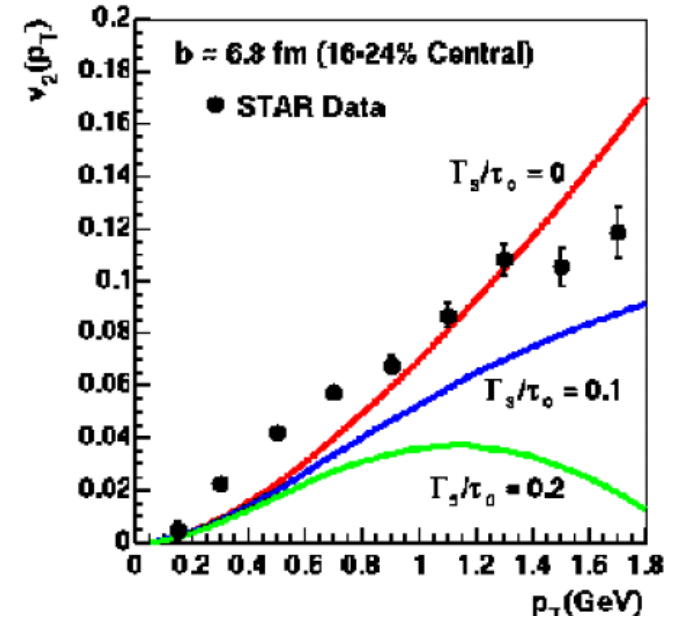
- Elliptic flow develops early in the collisions: \Rightarrow early thermalization $\tau < 1$ fm/c
- EoS with phase transition describes the data, while hadron gas EoS does not
- Recent viscous hydro estimates show that the data indeed require very low η/s close to conjectured lower limit of $1/4\pi$

- Solving hydro with viscosity is hard
- In 2003 the viscous corrections were estimated in a simplified numerical model
- Even small viscosity breaks agreement with data

$$\frac{\text{viscosity}}{\text{entropy density}} = \frac{\eta}{s} \leq \sim 0.1??$$

RHIC produces the most perfect fluid in nature !

D. Teaney, nucl-th/0301099



QGP perfect liquid makes the top



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The Top Physics Stories for 2005

At the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) on Long Island, the four large detector groups agreed, for the first time, on a consensus interpretation of several year's worth of high-energy ion collisions: the fireball made in these collisions -- a sort of stand-in for the primordial universe only a few microseconds after the big bang -- was not a gas of weakly interacting quarks and gluons as earlier expected, but something more like a liquid of strongly interacting quarks and gluons ([PNU 728](#)).

What's new on this front ?

- A lot of theoretical development recently

Summary

Denes Molnar
RHIC/AGS User meeting
June 7-10 , 2010

We have come a long way during the past few years:

- we can solve relativistic dissipative hydro (2+1D)
- we can solve covariant transport near its hydro limit (full 3D)
- hydro applicability at RHIC looks good (from transport) for $\eta/s \lesssim 0.2$
- support for resonance gas model based on lattice QCD
- **based on dissipative hydro + Cooper-Frye ansatz: $\eta/s \sim 0.1 - 0.2$ at RHIC**
 $\eta/s \gtrsim 0.5$ very hard to accommodate in either transport or hydro

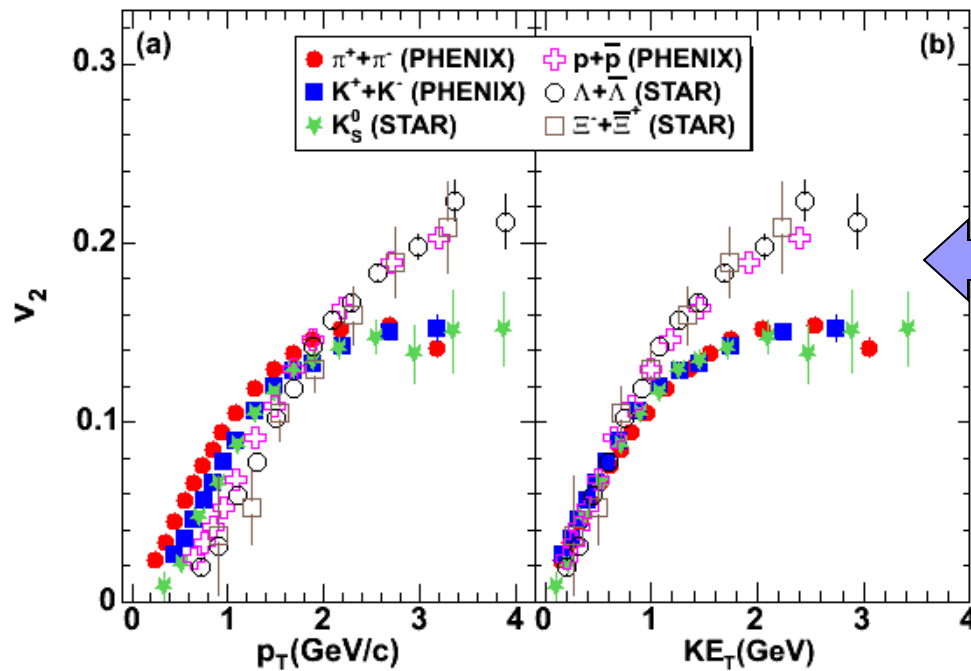
Still more work needs to be done:

- dissipative hydrodynamics of particle mixtures - identified particles(!)
- hadronic afterburner lacking
- initial conditions, fluctuations - size, centrality, and \sqrt{s} systematics



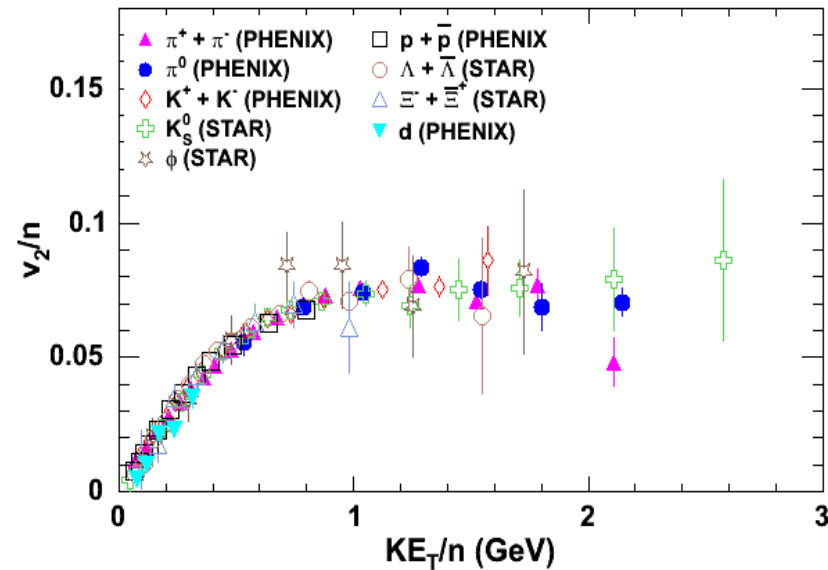
- The medium has achieved (at least local) thermal equilibrium on a very short time scale (< 1 fm/c)
- The medium flows with very small viscosity
- The system expands radially with $\beta_T \sim 0.7$ c
- Total particle production is governed by thermal rates and chemical potentials (observed in particle ratios)
- The temperature at hadronization is ~ 170 MeV $\sim T_c$
- The temperature at freeze-out is ~ 100 MeV
- EoS with a phase transition is favored by the data

What are the quanta that flow ?



- Complicated dependence on mass and p_T
- Simplifies when plotted vs transverse kinetic energy
- **Two groups: baryons and mesons**

- Now scale both axes with the number of constituent quarks
 - **2 for mesons**
 - **3 for baryons**
- Uniform behavior observed in flow/per constituent quark

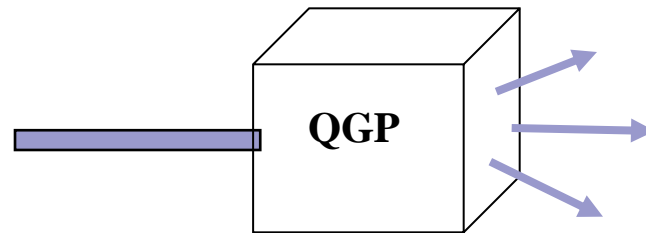


**THE BULK SYSTEM HAS UNIQUE
PROPERTIES AND IS SURELY
NOT A HADRON GAS !**

Now lets switch gears to “hard” physics

- I will make an artificial distinction of the “medium” and “the probe”
- In fact: both are produced in the collision
 - **Medium: The bulk of the particles; dominantly soft production and possibly exhibiting some phase.**
 - **Probe: Particles whose production is calculable, measurable, and thermally incompatible with (distinct from) the medium.**

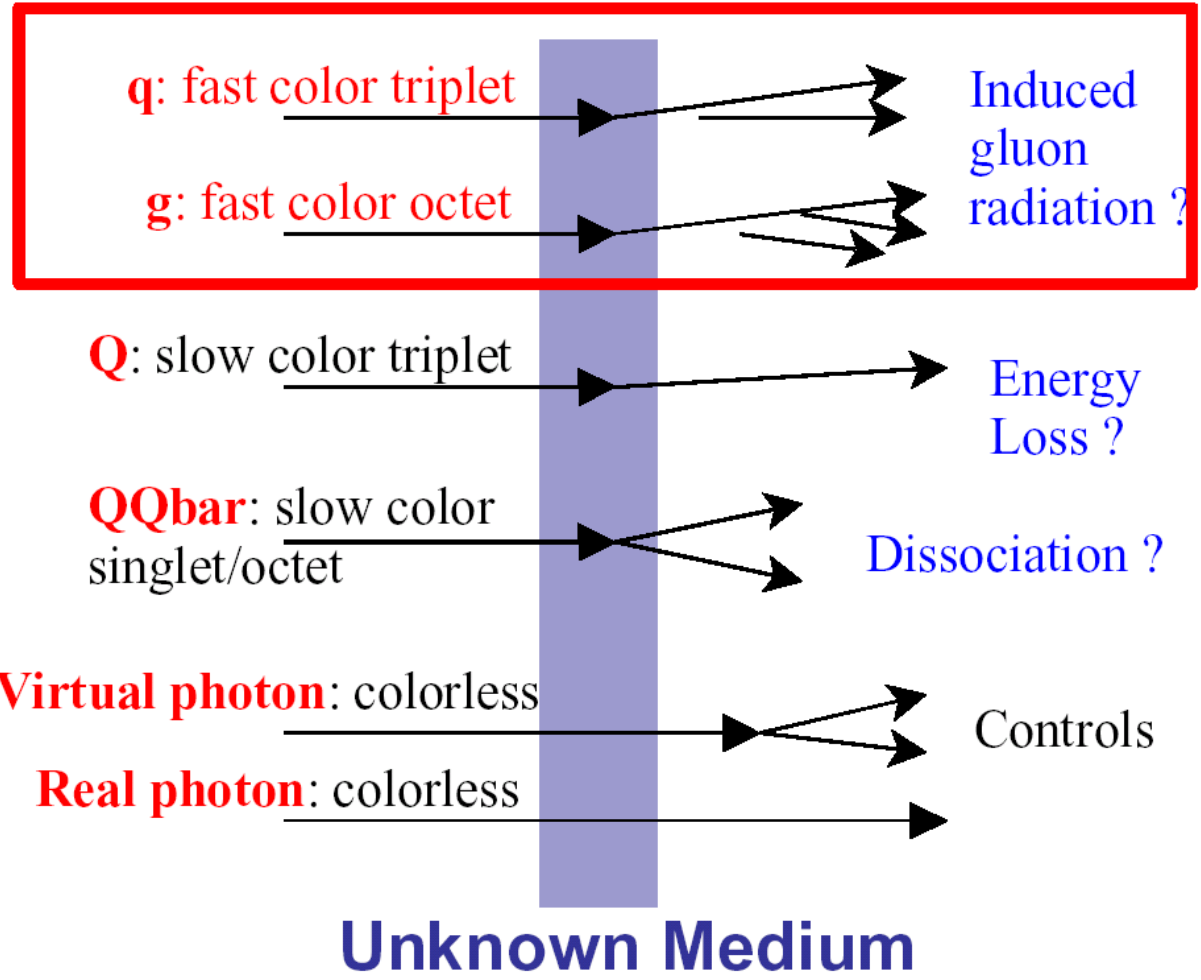
- The basic idea:



- Things to learn

- **Measure the density of the medium**
- **Is the medium colored (i.e. deconfined) ? Specific pQCD predictions for induced gluon radiation since 1990s**

The Probes Gallery:



Jet Suppression

charm/bottom dynamics

J/Ψ & Υ

direct photons
CONTROL

The importance of the control measurement(s) cannot be overstated!

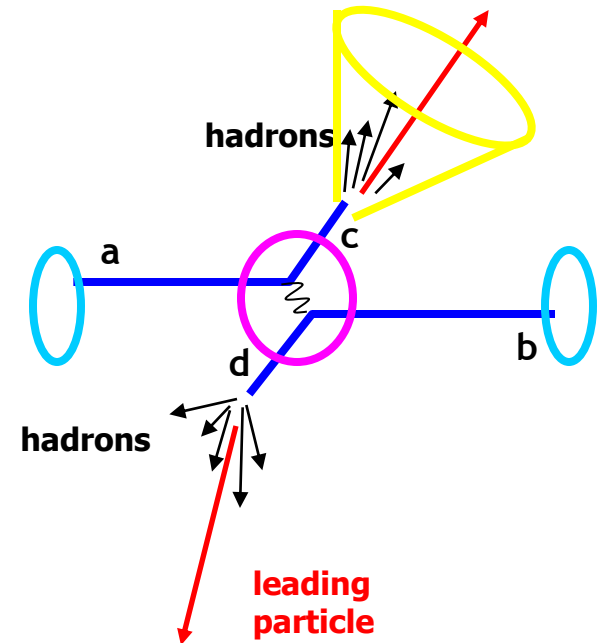
High p_T Particle Production in pp

Jet: A localized collection of hadrons which come from a fragmenting parton

Parton Distribution Functions

Hard-scattering cross-section

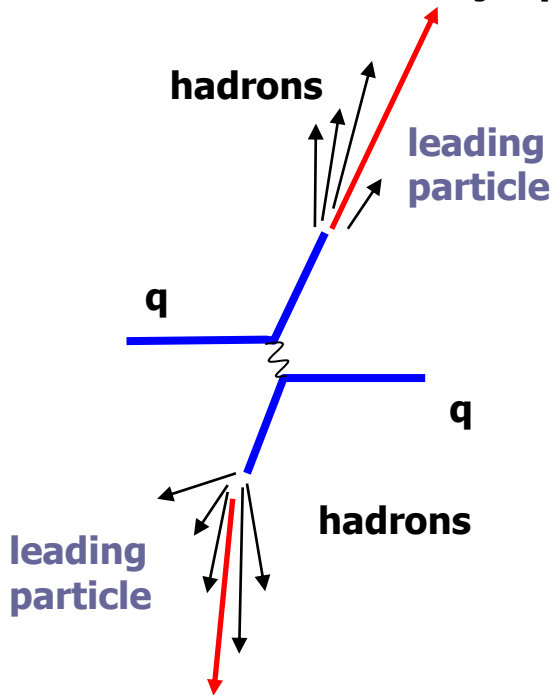
Fragmentation Function



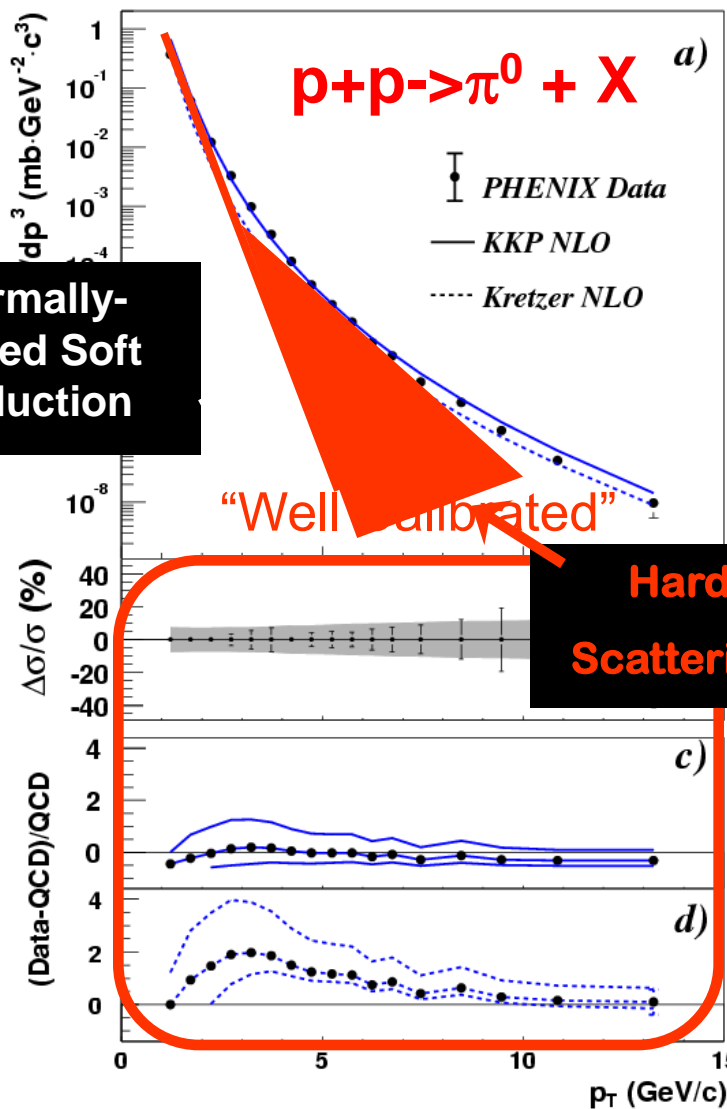
“Collinear factorization”

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^h}{dy d^2 p_T} = K \sum_{abcd} \int dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, Q^2) f_b(x_b, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab \rightarrow cd) \frac{D_{h/c}^0}{\pi z_c}$$

schematic view of jet production



- Measurement from elementary collisions. Leading particles spectra used as a “proxy” to jets.



High p_T Particle Production in A+A

$$\frac{dN_{AB}^h}{dy d^2 p_T} = ABK \sum_{abcd} \int dx_a dx_b \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_a d^2 \mathbf{k}_b$$

(pQCD context...)

$$\otimes f_{a/A}(x_a, Q^2) f_{b/B}(x_b, Q^2)$$

Parton Distribution Functions

$$\otimes g(\mathbf{k}_a) g(\mathbf{k}_b)$$

Intrinsic k_T , Cronin Effect

$$\otimes S_A(x_a, Q_a^2) S_B(x_b, Q_b^2)$$

Shadowing,

$$\otimes \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab \rightarrow cd)$$

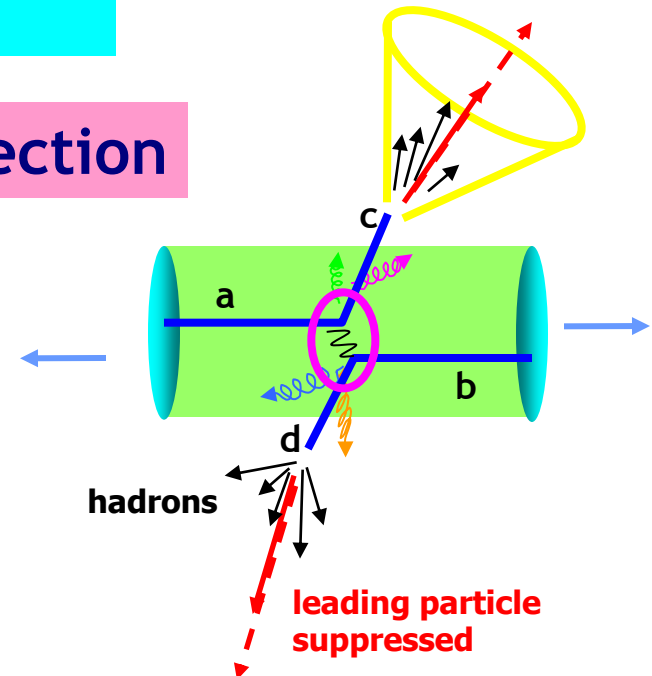
Hard-scattering cross-section

$$\otimes \int_0^1 d\varepsilon P(\varepsilon) \frac{z_c^*}{z_c}$$

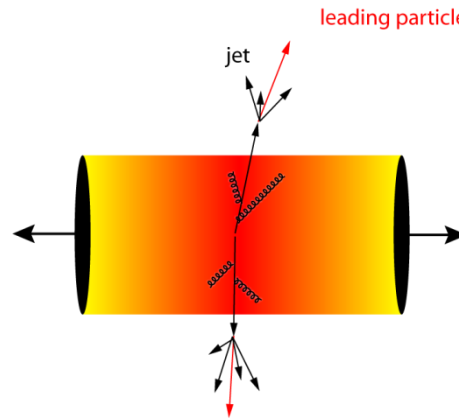
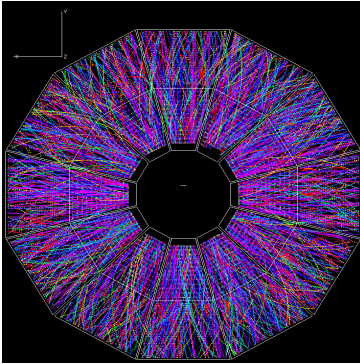
Partonic Energy Loss

$$\otimes \frac{D_{h/c}^0(z_c^*, Q_c^2)}{\pi z_c}$$

Fragmentation Function

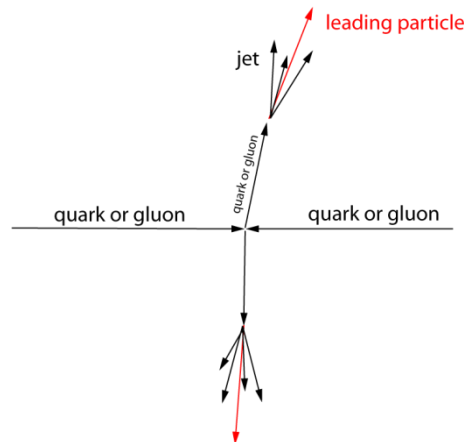
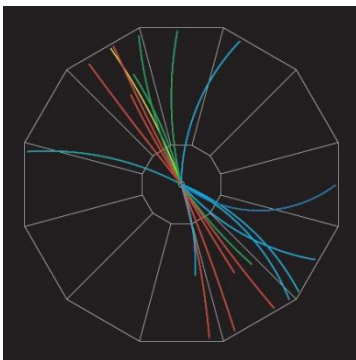


Quantifying the nuclear effect

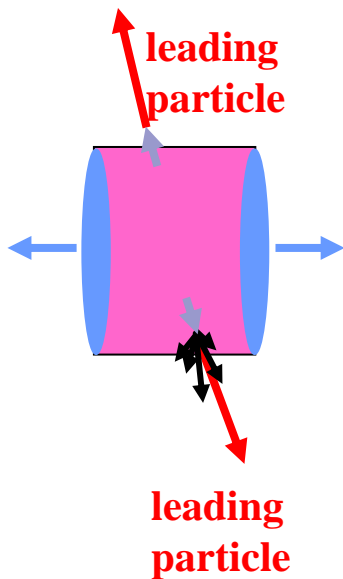


Energy loss depends on
properties of medium
 (gluon densities, size,
 transport coefficients)
properties of “probe”
 (color charge, mass)

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{yield in } A+A / \text{number of equivalent } p+p \text{ collisions}}{\text{yield in } p+p}$$



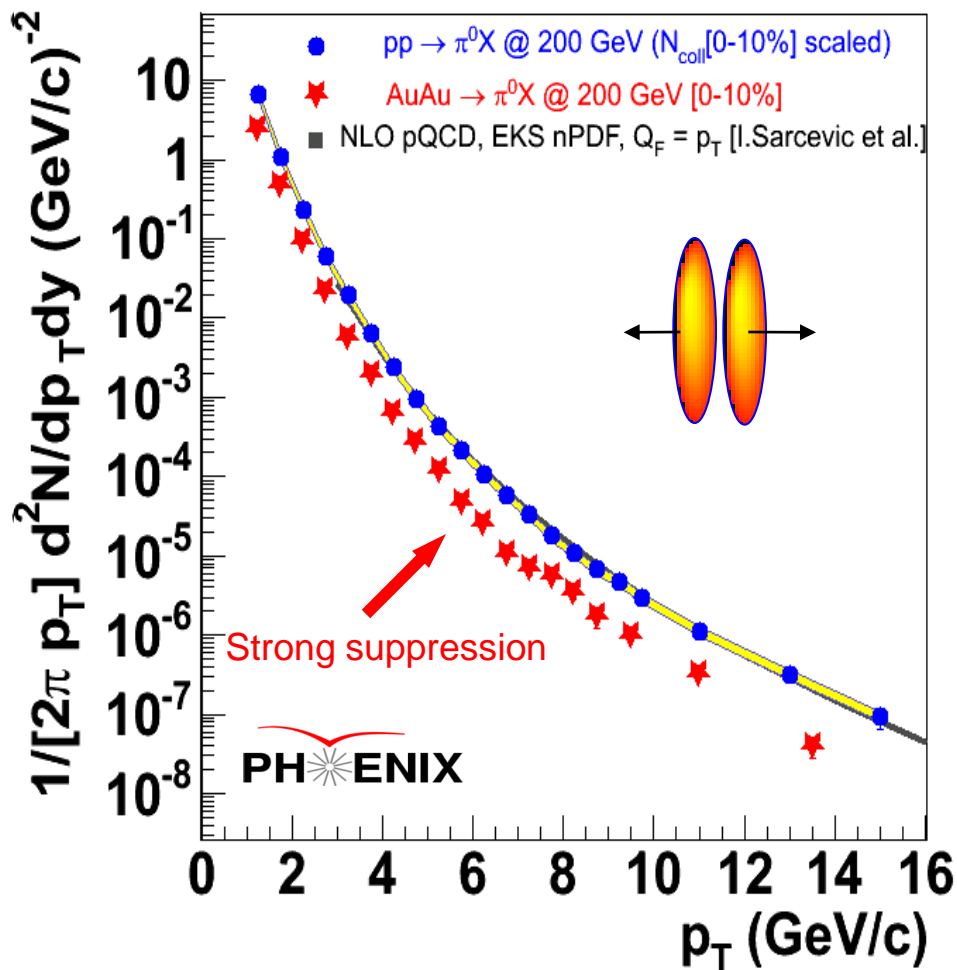
- Single-particle spectrum and QCD predictions

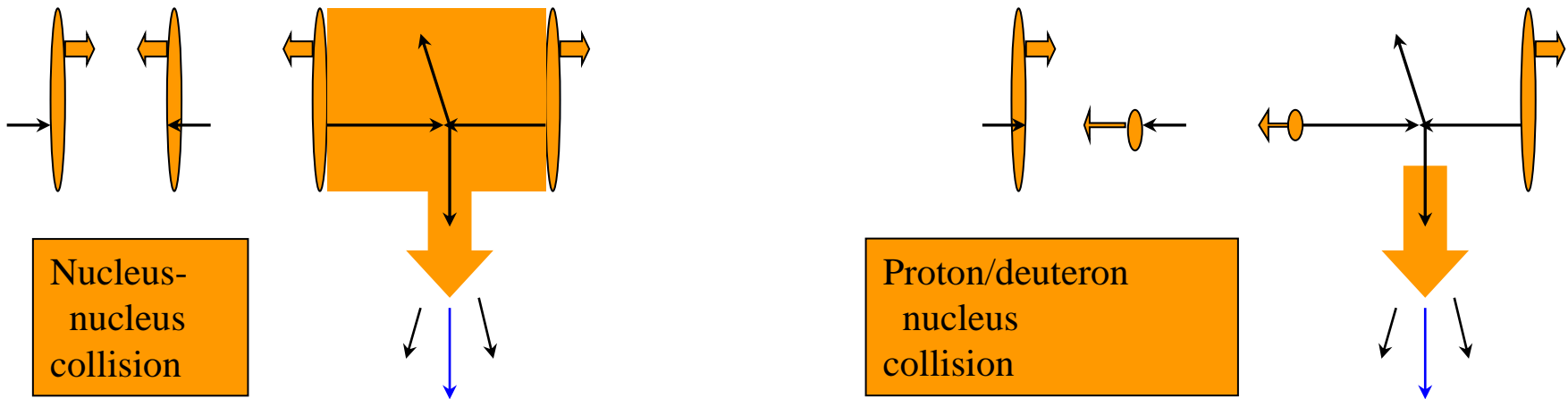


Peripheral spectra agree well with p+p (data & pQCD) scaled by N_{coll}

Central data exhibits suppression!

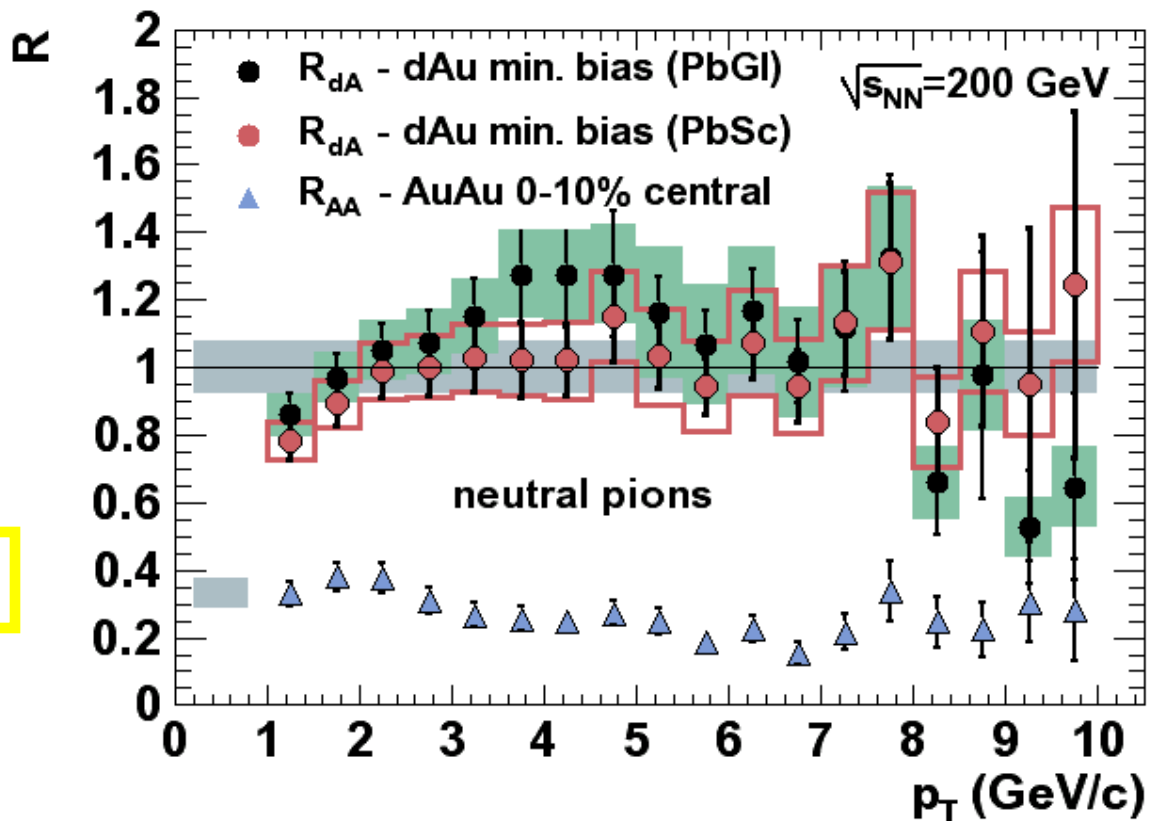
Au+Au $\rightarrow \pi^0 + X$ (central)





- Collisions of small with large nuclei are usually considered necessary to quantify cold nuclear matter effects.
- At RHIC, theoretical prediction from “Color Glass Condensate” model provides alternative explanation of data:
 - Jets are not quenched, but are a priori made in fewer numbers.
 - **Color Glass Condensate** hep-ph/0212316; Kharzeev, Levin, Nardi, Gribov, Ryshkin, Mueller, Qiu, McLerran, Venugopalan, Balitsky, Kovchegov, Kovner, Iancu
- Small + Large distinguishes all initial and final state effects.

R_{AA} vs. R_{dA} for Identified π^0



d+Au

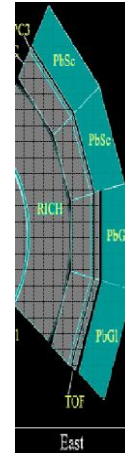
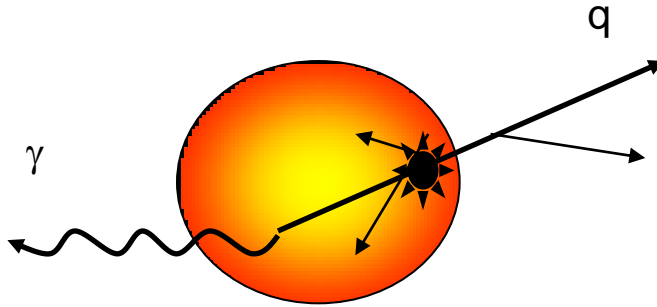
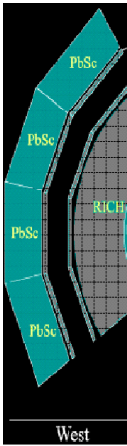
Initial State
Effects Only

Au+Au

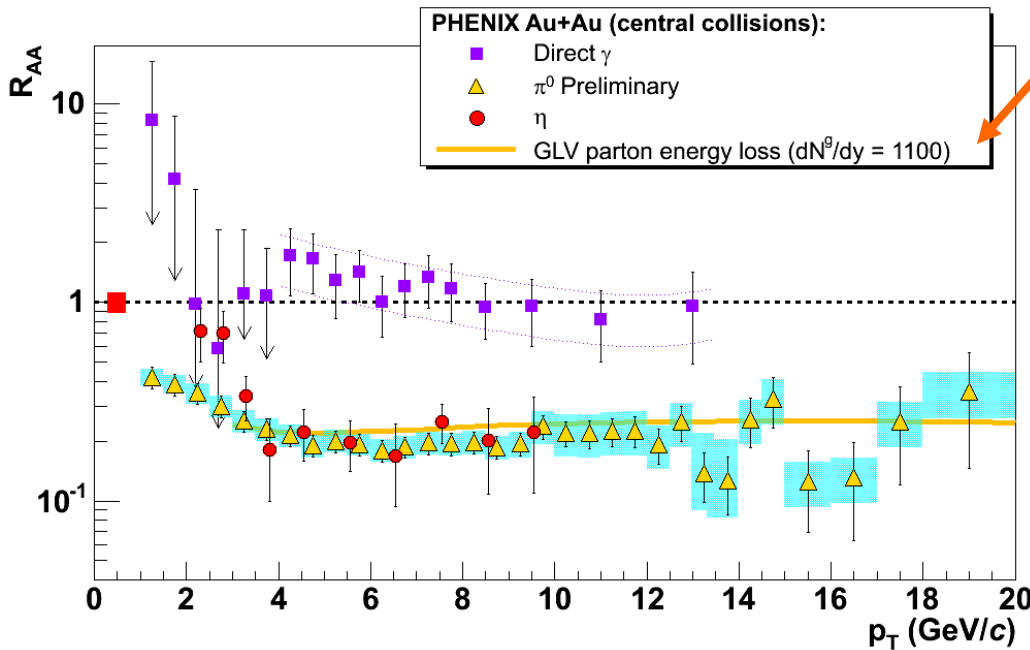
Initial + Final
State Effects

- d-Au results rule out CGC as the explanation for Jet Suppression at Central Rapidity and high p_T**

Control experiment #2: colorless probe



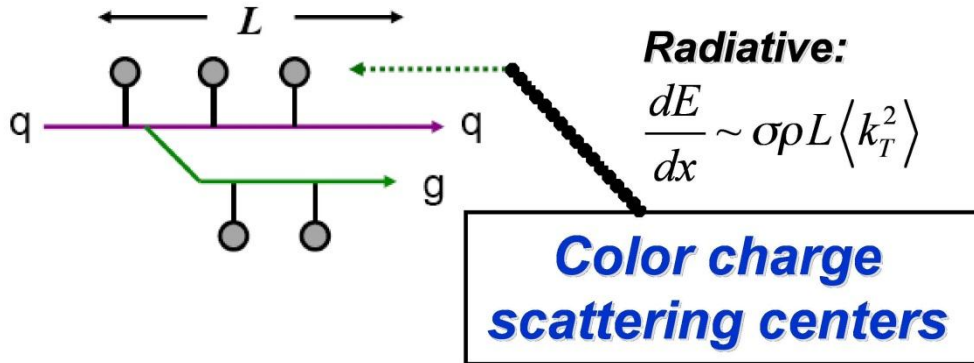
Confirm that jet quenching is due to energy loss in the medium.
Deduce the medium density.



Photons shine !

Pions and etas – suppressed !

Quantify energy loss from data



k_T transfer per collision

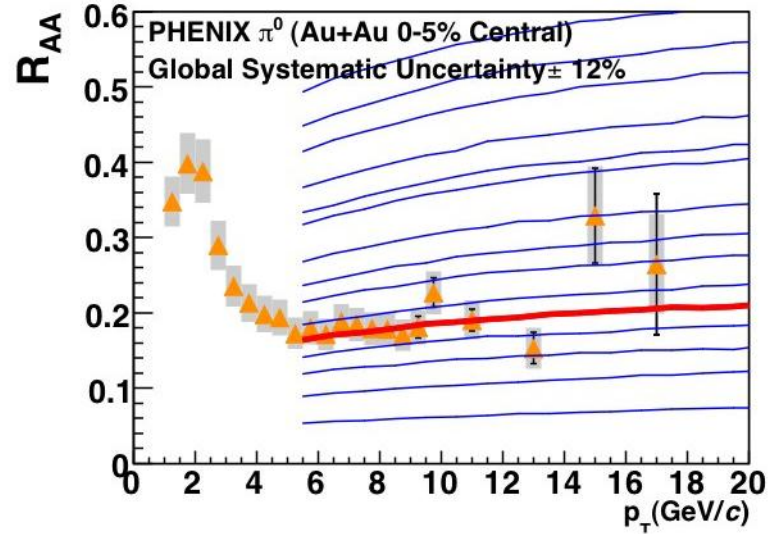
$$\hat{q} \sim \rho\sigma \langle k_T^2 \rangle$$

Can access ρ and \hat{q}

Scattering Power Of Medium

Density of Scattering centers

C. Loizides Eur.Phys.J. C49 (2007) 339: theory
 PRC77, 064907 (2008): data

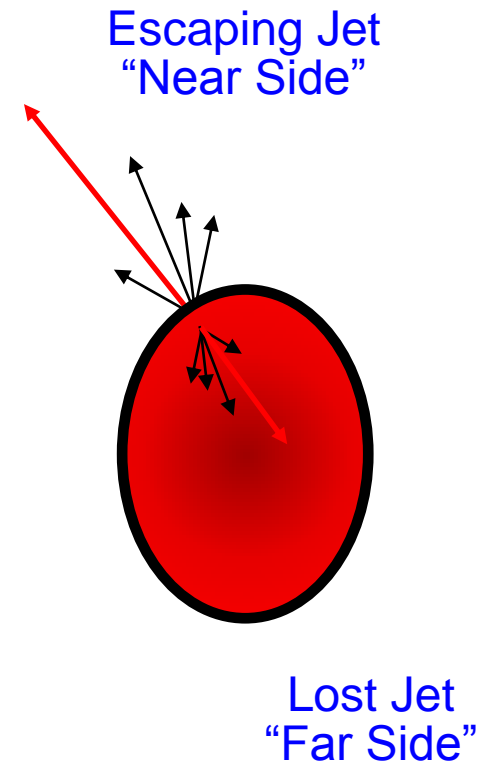


Data with sufficient precision to constrain model parameters to 20-25%. arXiv: 0801.1665

Back to back jets (di-jets)

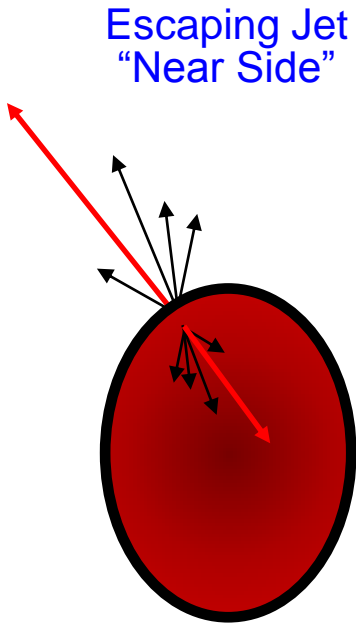
single particle spectra tell you a lot, but
you should be able to learn even more
from di-jets

Tomographic information on the medium

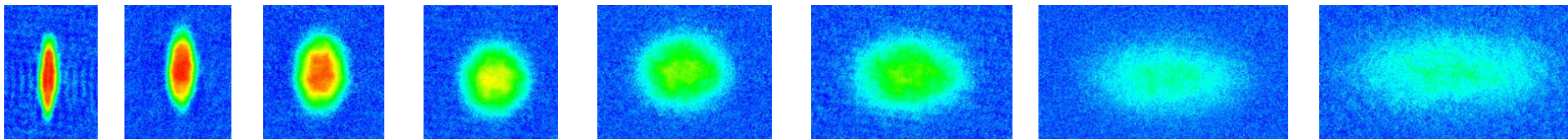
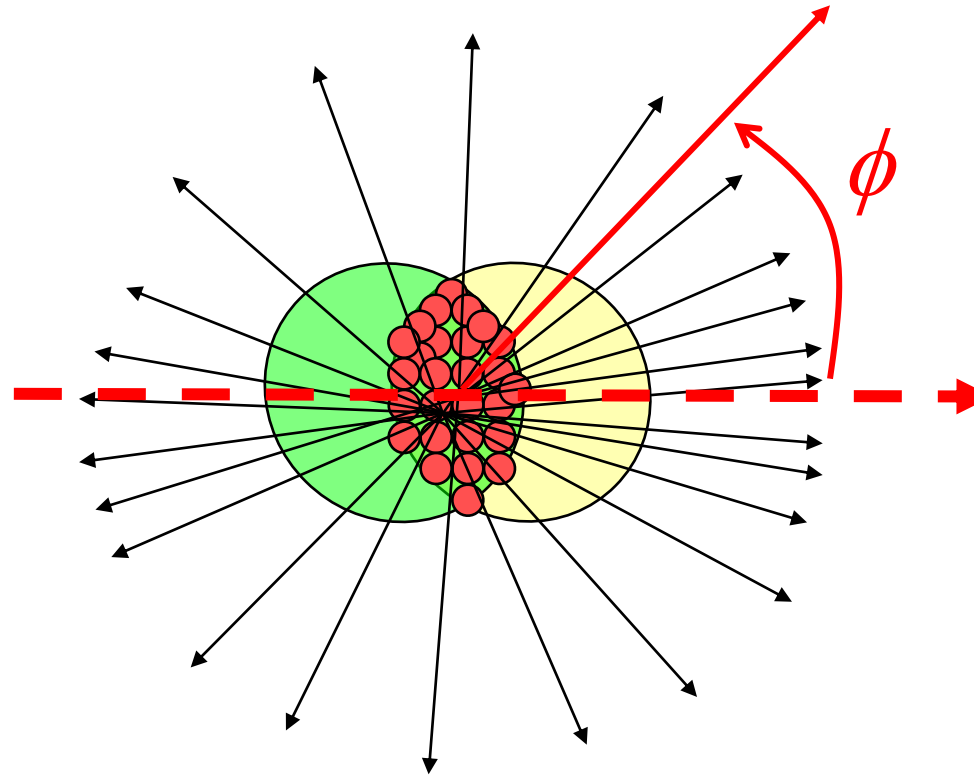


Back-to-back jets and flow

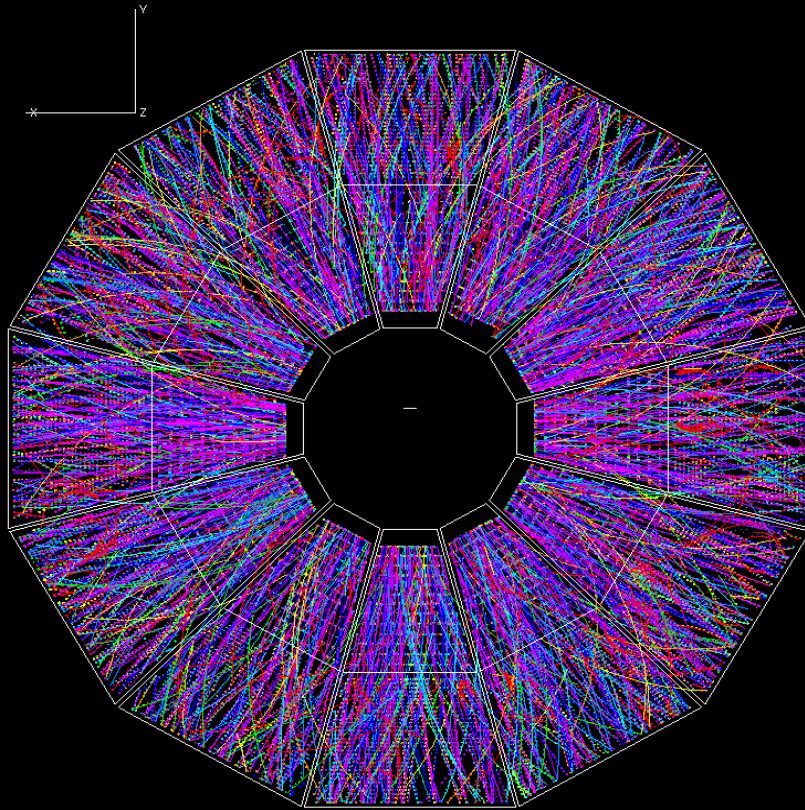
Tomographic information on the medium



Lost Jet "Far Side"

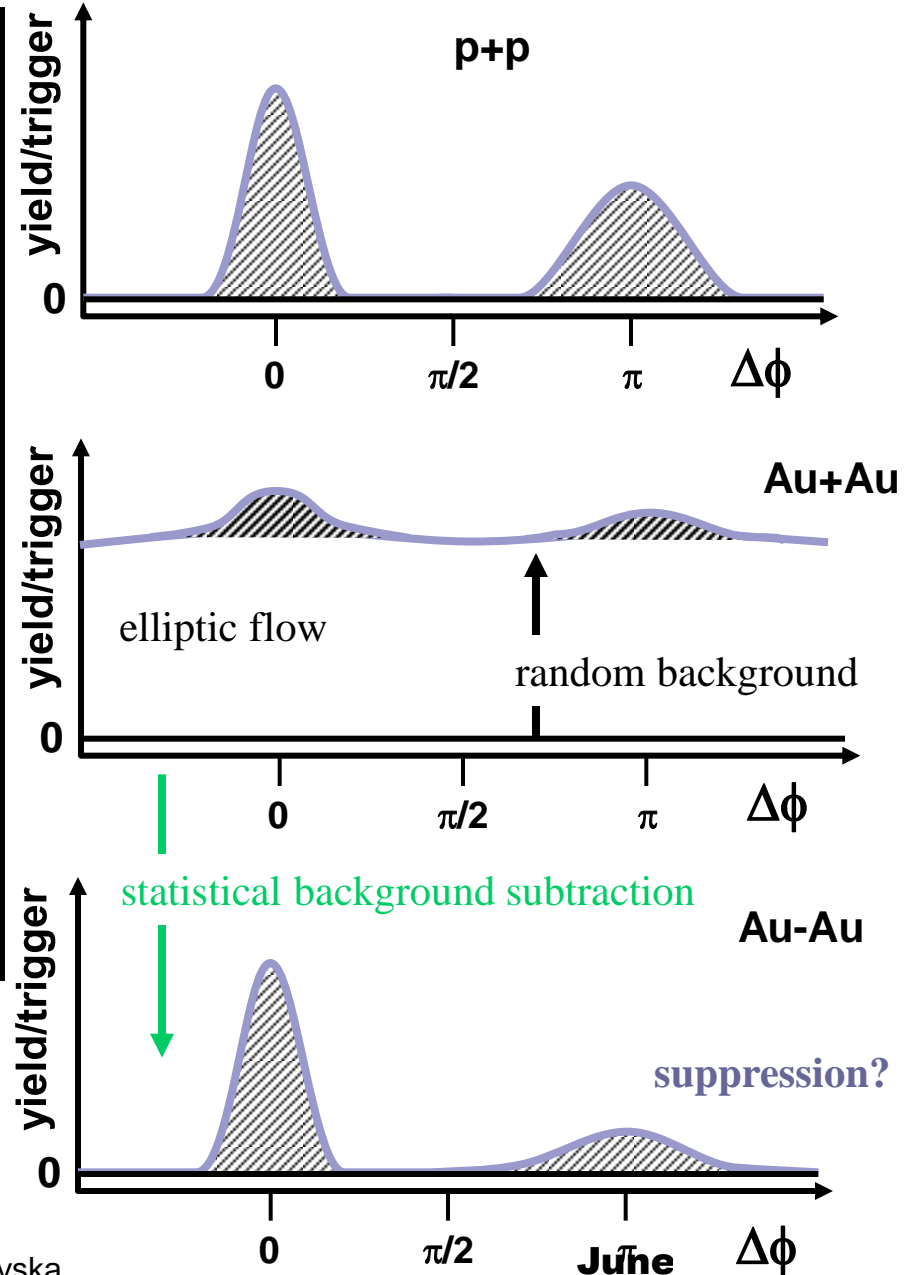


Time



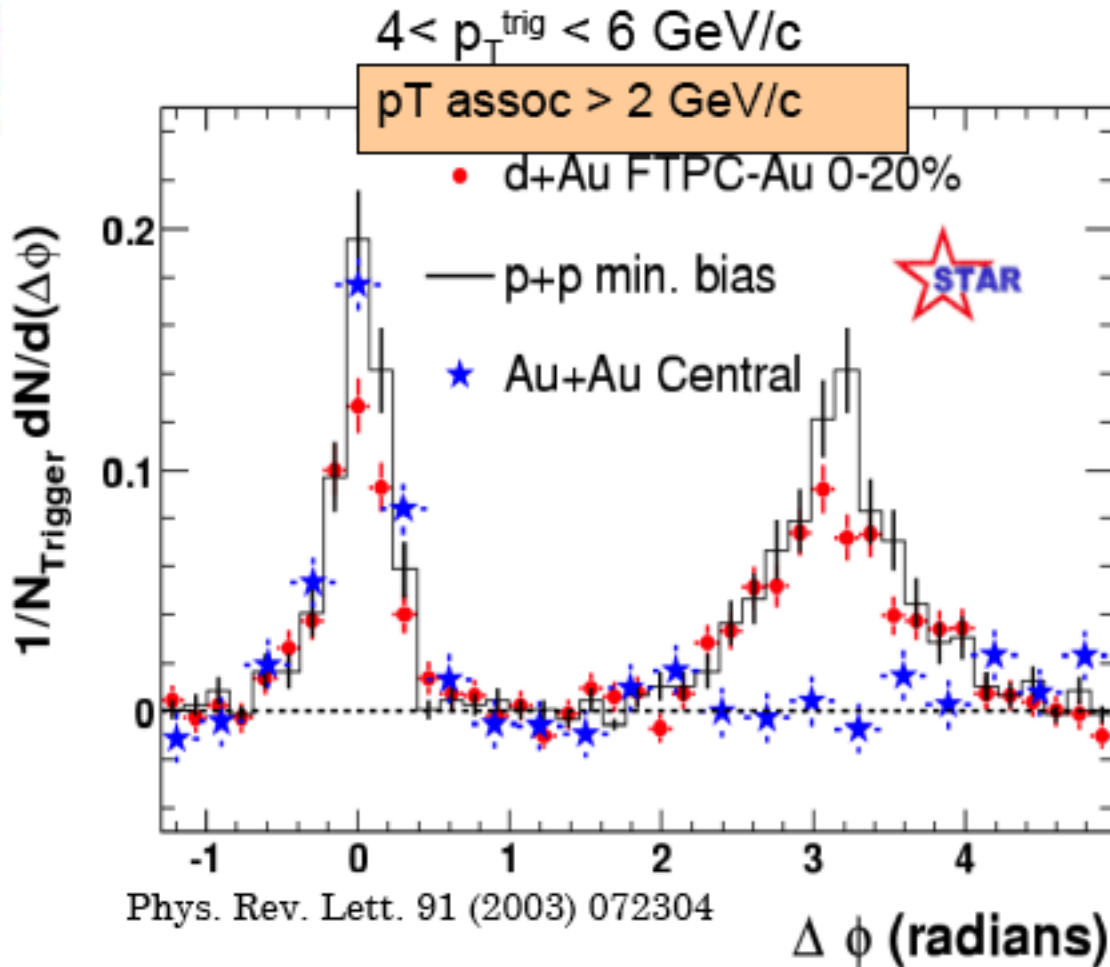
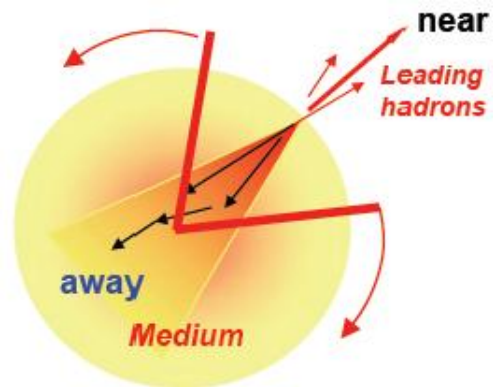
Au+Au → ???

STAR

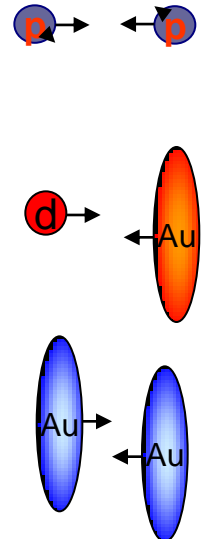


Jet correlations in Au-Au via statistical background subtraction

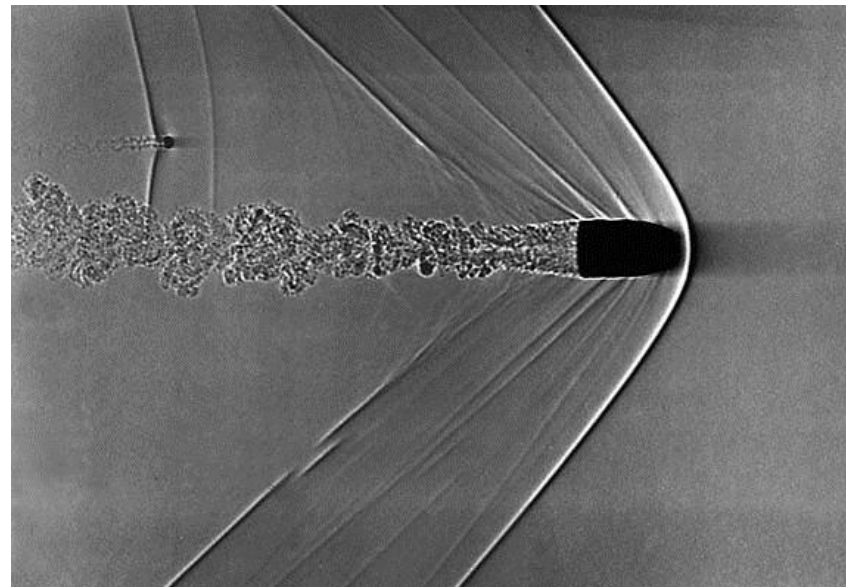
Dijets are suppressed



$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$



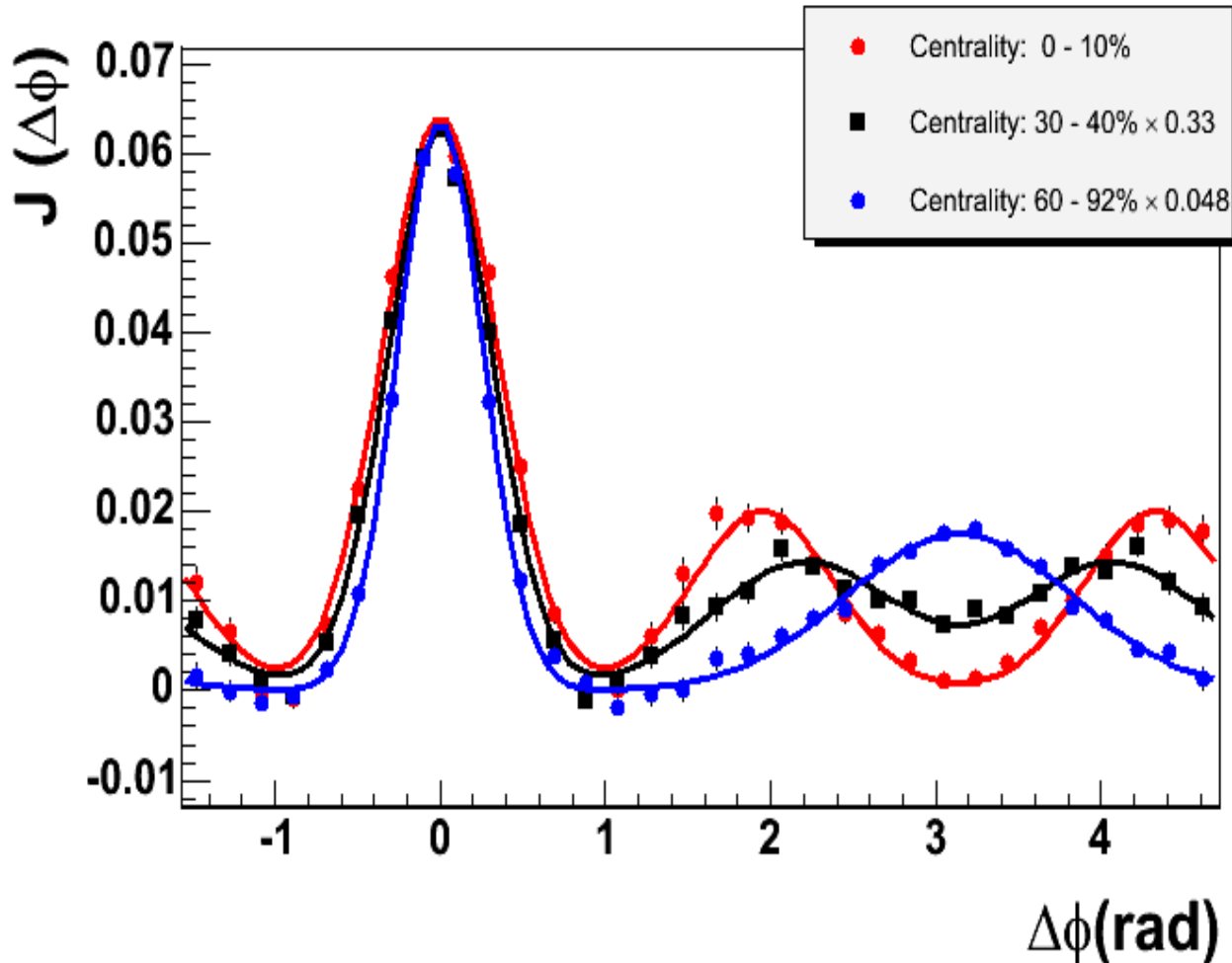




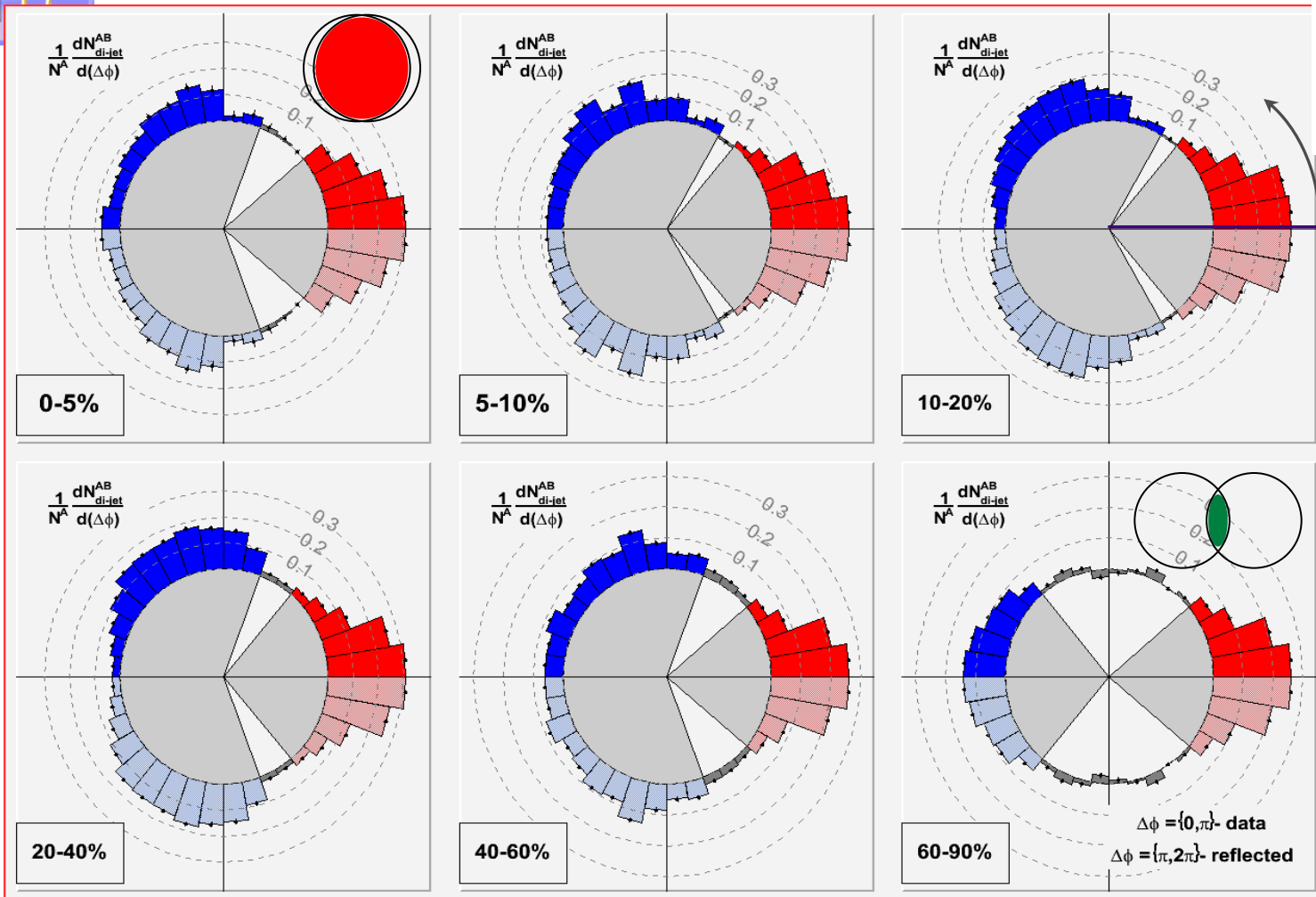
- It looks like the medium quenches the jets, but it also responds to the propagation of the fast moving parton
- If you look closely, you will find the lost energy at lower momenta !

Here is what the data look like

2.5 - 4 GeV/c \times 2 - 3 GeV/c, All Charge

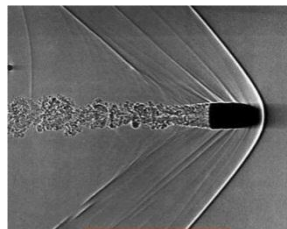
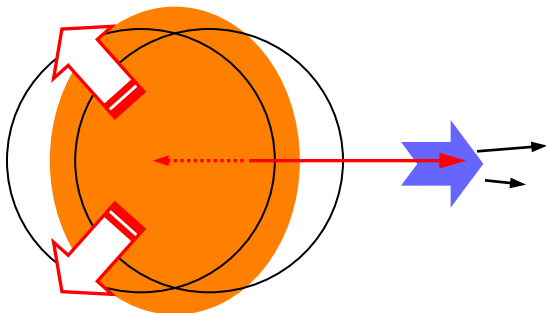


- The shapes of jets are modified by the matter.
 - Mach cone?
 - Cerenkov?
- Can the properties of the matter be measured from the shape?
 - Sound velocity
 - Di-electric constant



Pair opening angle

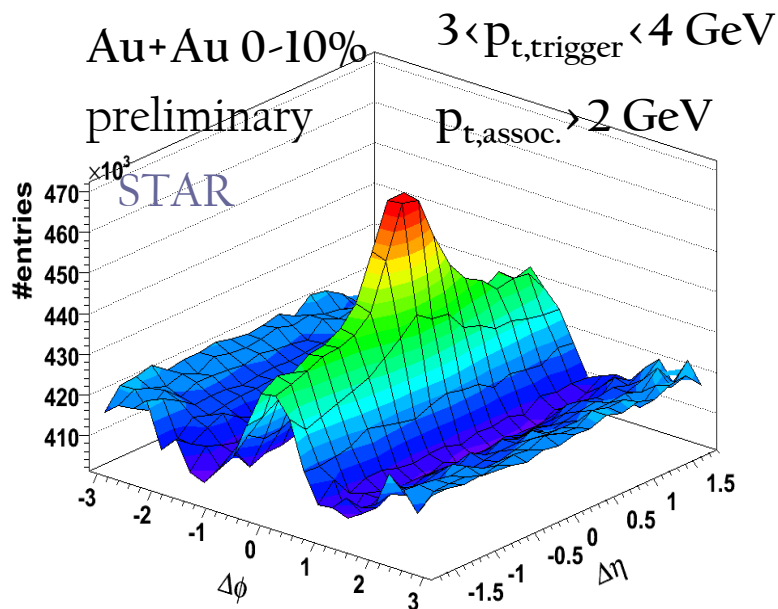
Trigger particle



$$\cos(\theta_M) = c_s$$

Peak: $\phi = \pi - (1.2-1.38)$
 → speed of sound
 $c_s \sim 0.2-0.4 c$

Other interesting structures

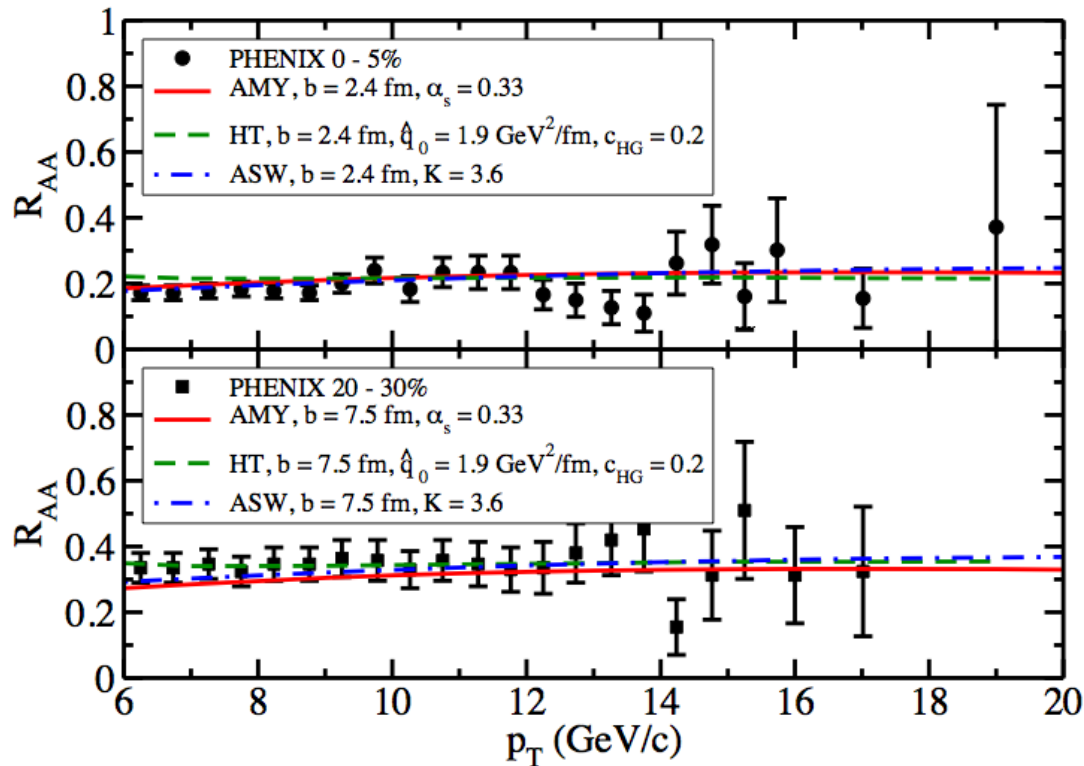


The near side shows interesting structures as well: “the ridge”.

These phenomena are presently studied with multi-particle correlations as well.

Comparing to energy loss models

Look into models that describe $R_{AA}(p_T)$ well at high- p_T



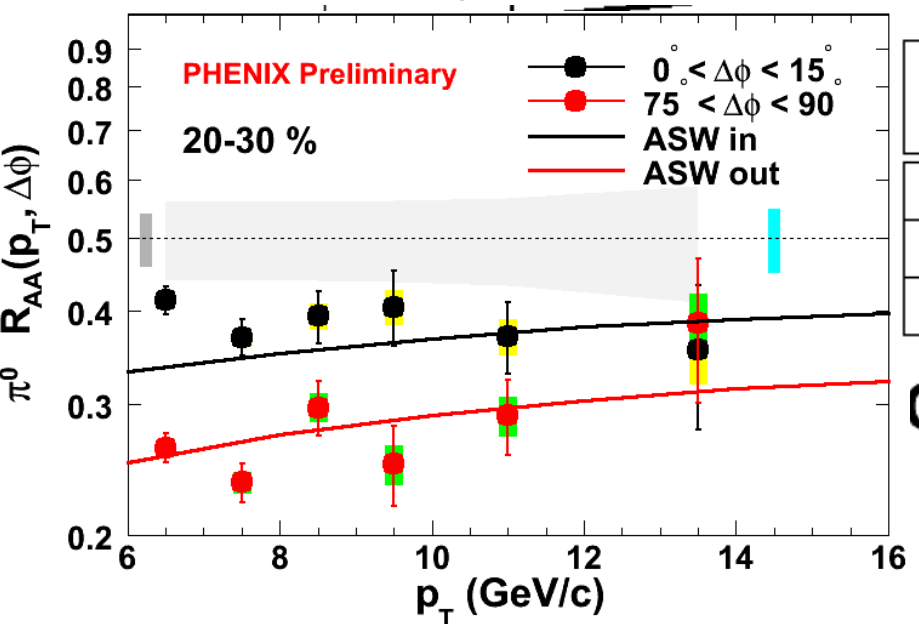
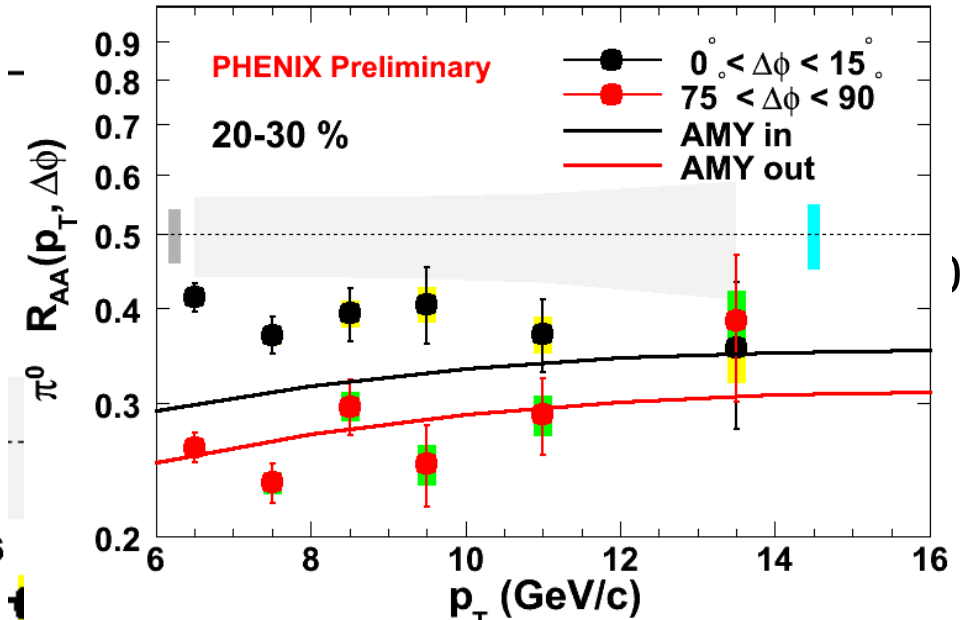
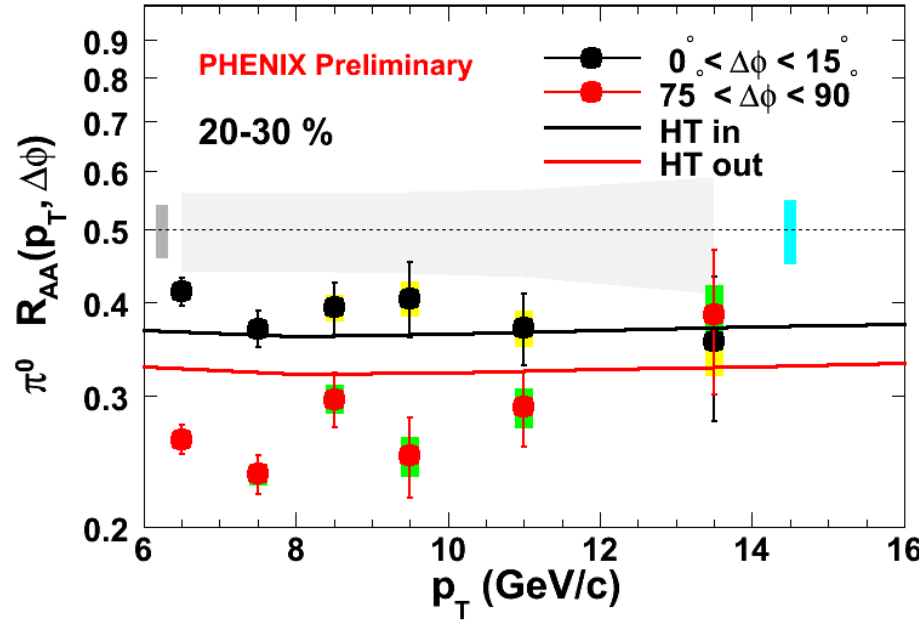
Large discrepancy of extracted transport coefficient \hat{q} -hat:

HT: 2.3 GeV²/fm
 AMY: 4.1 GeV²/fm
 ASW: 10 GeV²/fm

Discriminating power of inclusive R_{AA} is not enough

Calculations by S.Bass *et al* in arXiv:0808.0908

Comparisons to model calculations: 20-30% centrality



$\hat{q}(\vec{r}, \tau)$	ASW	HT	AMY
scales as	\hat{q}_0	\hat{q}_0	\hat{q}_0
$T(\vec{r}, \tau)$	10 GeV ² /fm	2.3 GeV ² /fm	4.1 GeV ² /fm
$\epsilon^{3/4}(\vec{r}, \tau)$	18.5 GeV ² /fm	4.5 GeV ² /fm	
$s(\vec{r}, \tau)$		4.3 GeV ² /fm	

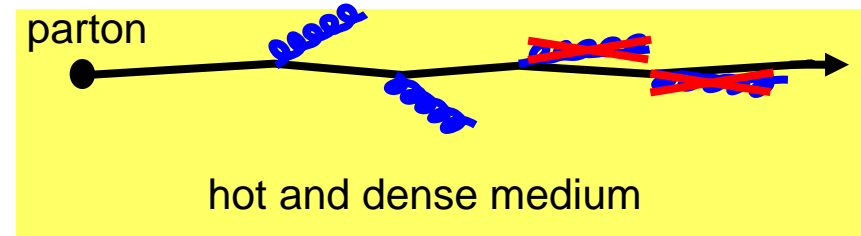
12 14 10
GeV/c)

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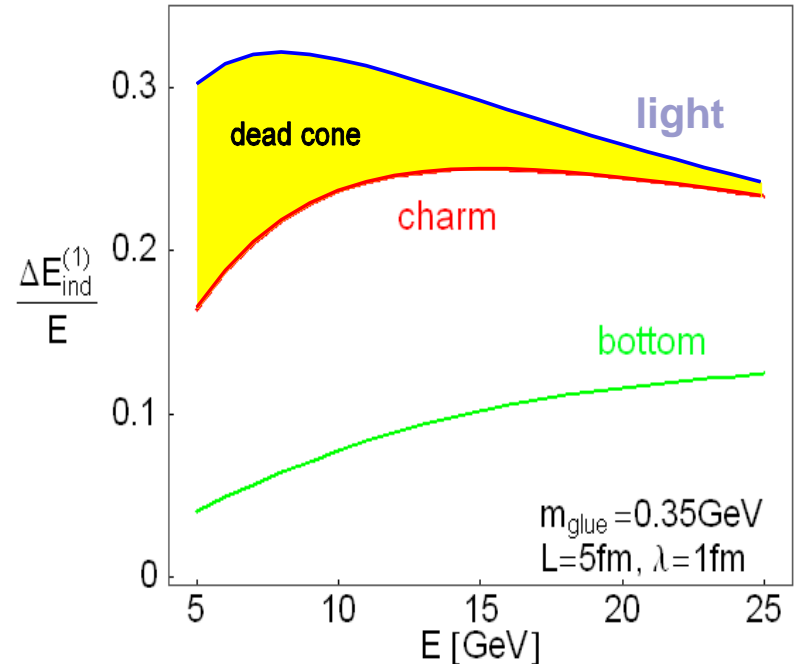
Heavy quarks as a probe

- **p+p data:**
 - baseline of heavy ion measurements
 - test of pQCD calculations
- Due to their **large mass** heavy quarks are primarily **produced** by **gluon fusion** in early stage of collision
 - production rates calculable by pQCD

M. Gyulassy and Z. Lin, PRC 51, 2177 (1995)
- **heavy ion data:**
- Studying **energy loss** of heavy quarks
 - independent way to **extract properties** of the **medium**



ENERGY LOSS



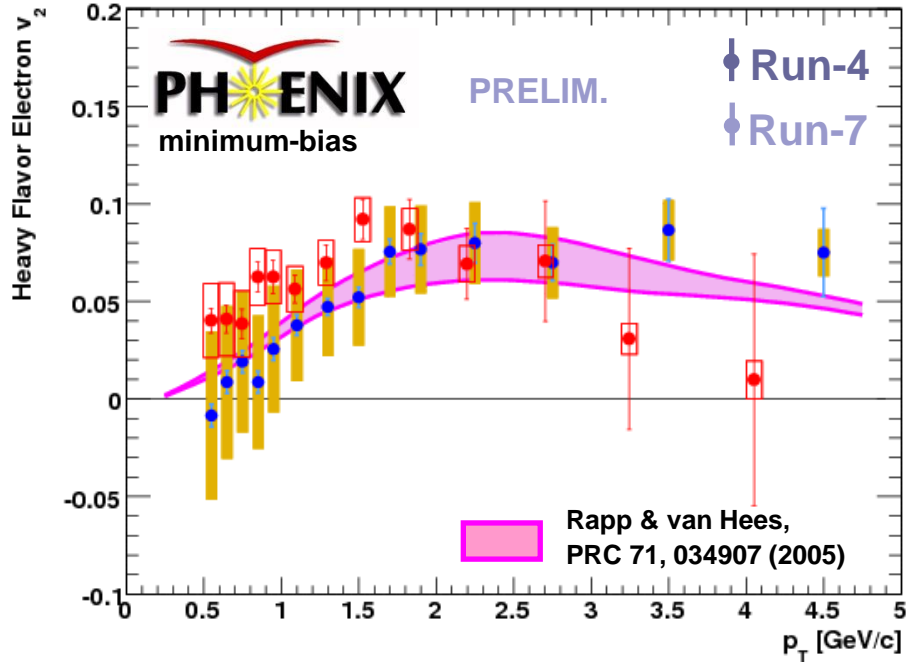
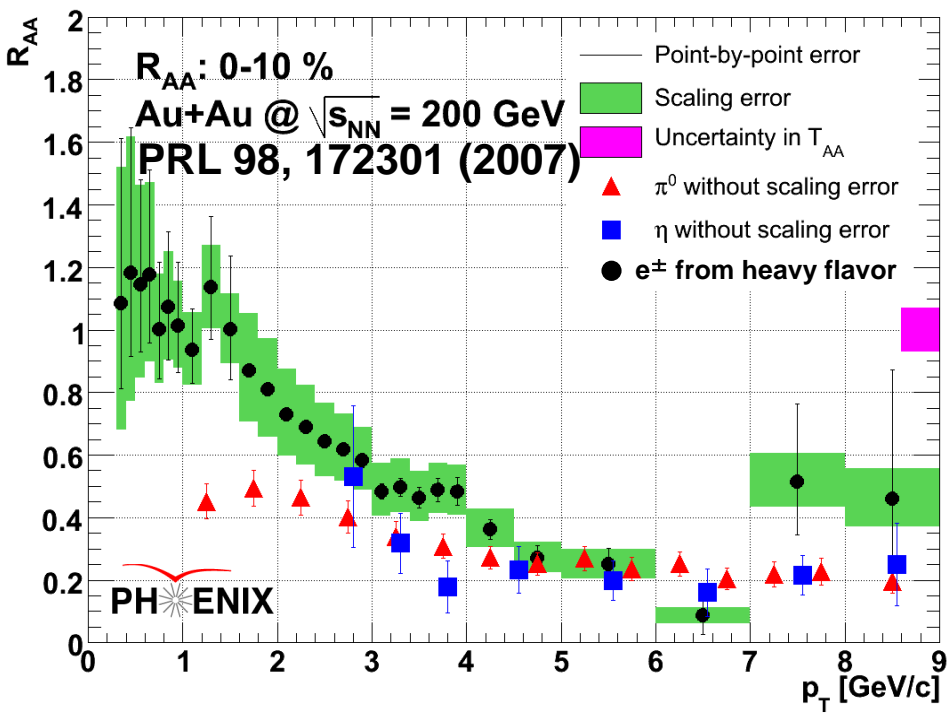
M. Djordjevic PRL 94 (2004)

dead-cone effect:

Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519, 199 (2001)

Discovery: Heavy quarks flow and lose energy

00-10 %



**Lose ~ as much energy
 as light quarks & gluons!**

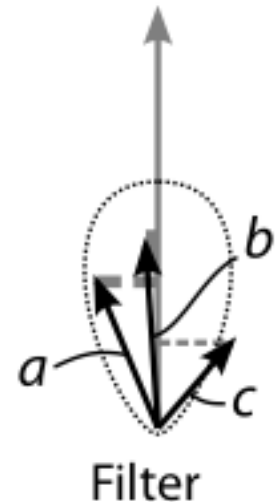
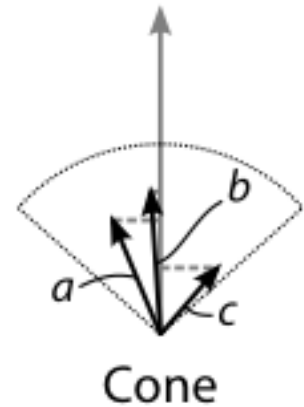
**Actually flow along with
 the bulk medium!**

** Measured via $c \rightarrow e^\pm$, reconstructed D at low p_T*

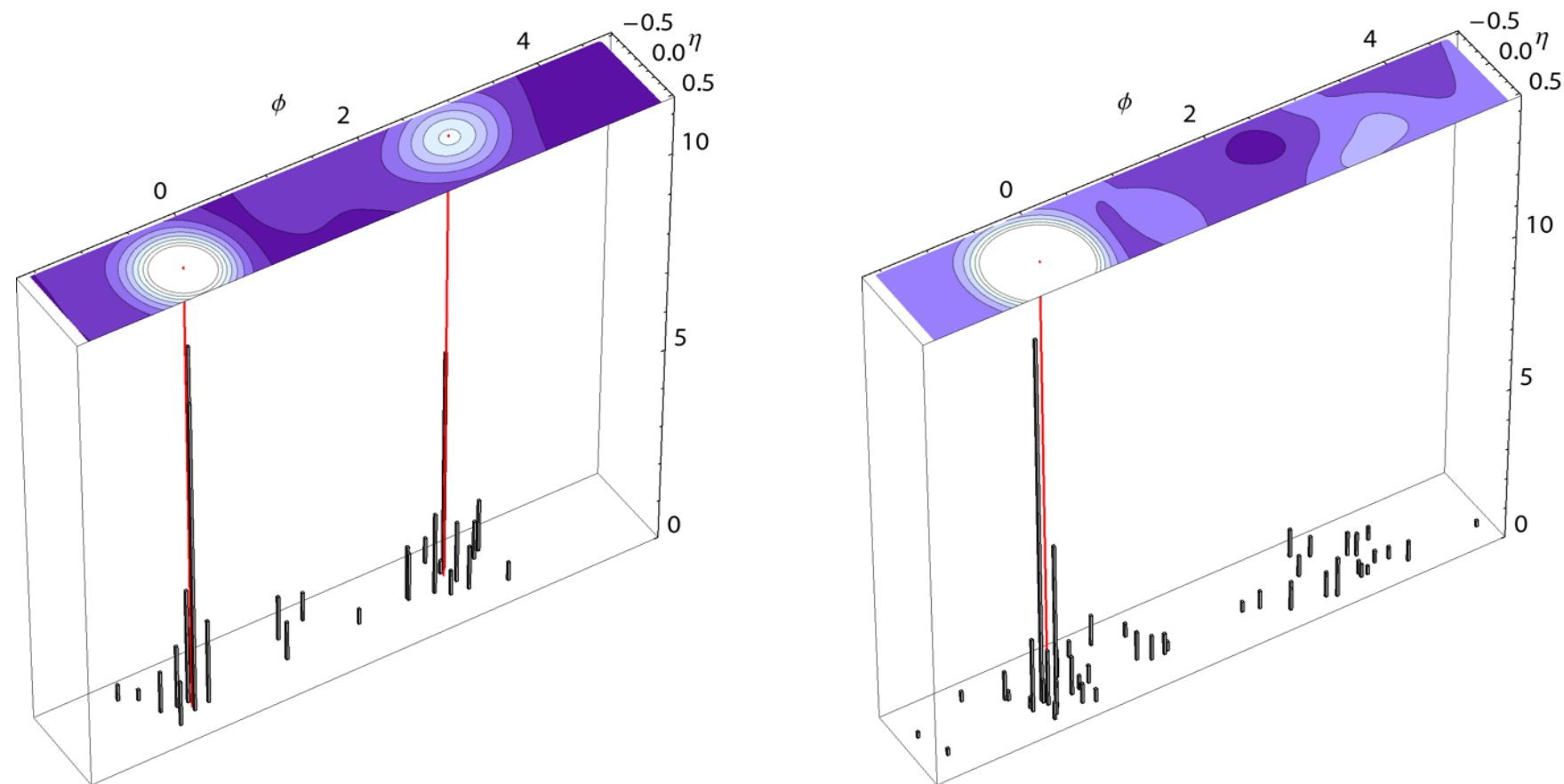
Full jets in PHENIX

- Cone-like algorithm but with angular weight
 - **Implementation naturally seedless, (analytically) collinear, infrared safe**
- Considerations:
 - **Flat angular weight of cone algorithms**
 - **Small cones susceptible to bkgd fluctuations**
 - **Limited angular coverage of PHENIX needs control of edge effects**

Y. Lai, BAC, arXiv:0806.1499



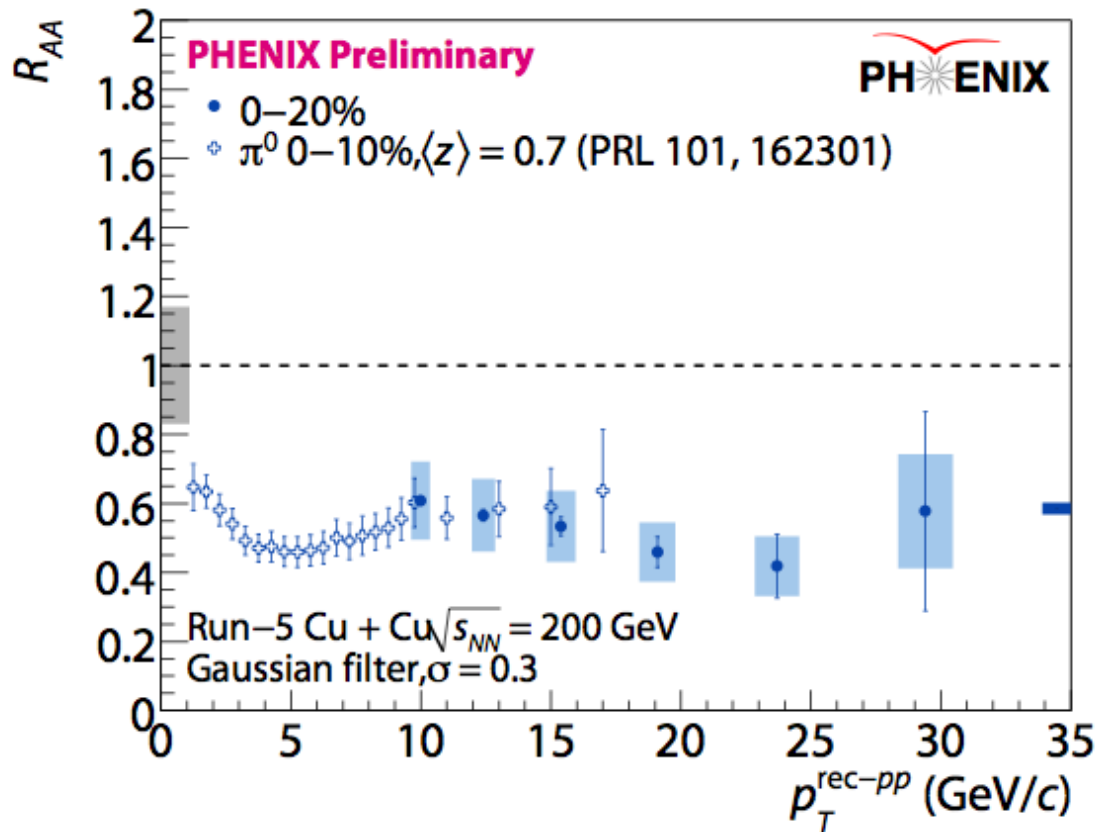
Cu+Cu Event Display



□ Event display of two Cu+Cu events

- Di-jet event
- Single-jet event, other outside acceptance (?)

R_{AA} of jets in CuCu



- Jet R_{AA} comparable to $\pi^0 R_{AA}$. Suggest we are not “seeing” quenched jets
 - Due to algorithm, “Out of cone radiation”, collisional energy loss, other? We don’t know yet

Summary

- Extremely dense and strongly coupled medium has been produced at RHIC.
- The medium quenches the jets , but it is also modified by them.
- Even heavy quarks flow with the bulk.
- After 10 years, the RHIC program has moved beyond the initial exploration phase and is now producing detailed and precise measurements that need detailed and precise theoretical descriptions
- Recent progress in theory gives insight in the collective hydrodynamic behavior
- Calculations in the perturbative regime (“easy”) need to follow suite
- Experiments and the accelerator are being upgraded
- Stayed tuned for more RHIC results in the LHC era !