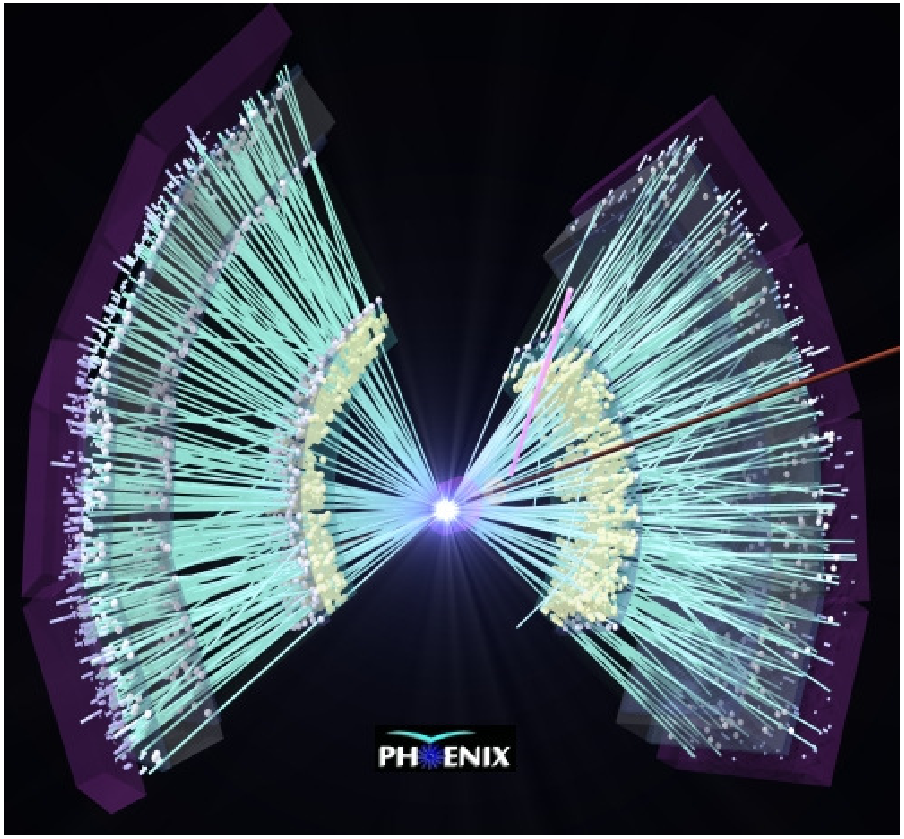
Relativistic Heavy Ions Collisions at PHENIX
(some of) Recent results



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Outline:

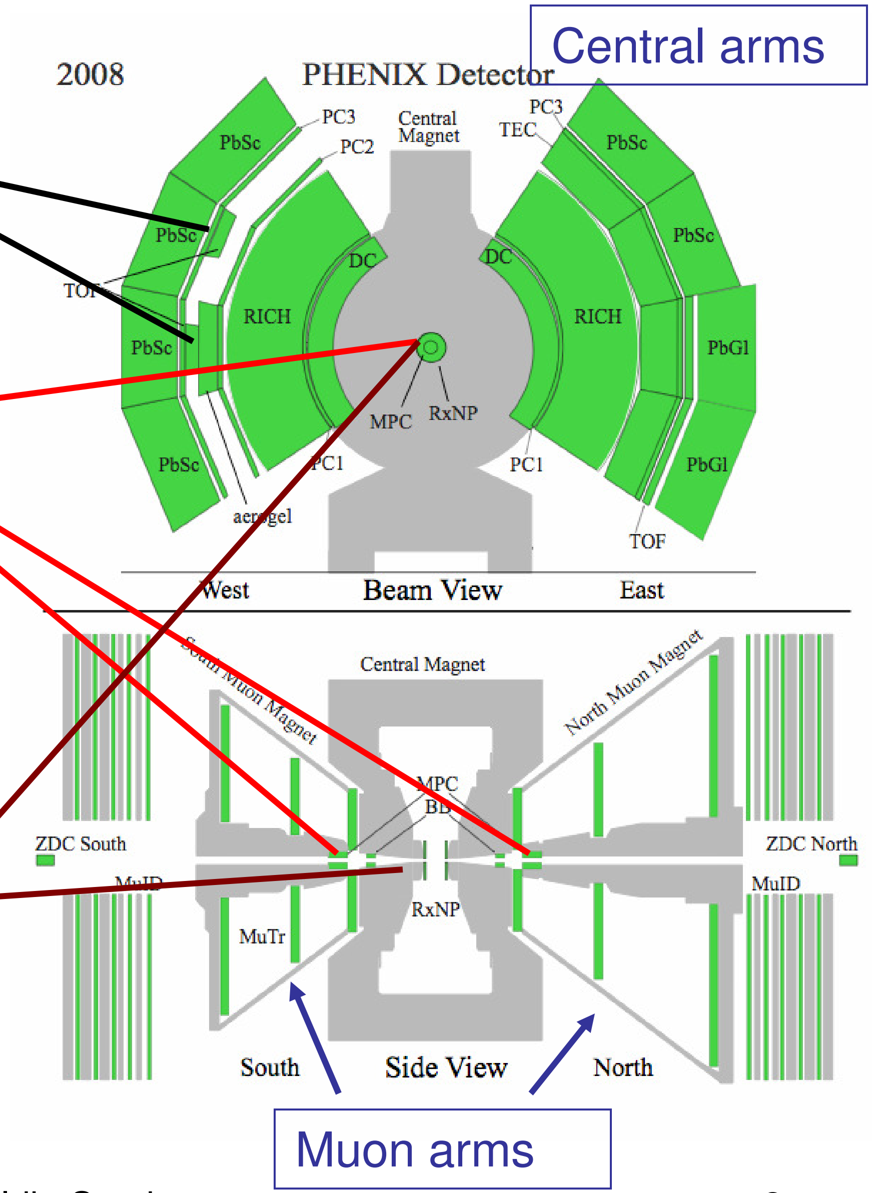
1. Jet quenching
2. Direct photons: high pT, thermal, correlations
3. J/Ψ, cold nuclear effects, suppression, v2
4. Heavy Flavor via non-photonic Electrons. Charm and Bottom
5. Two particle correlations, ridge, Mach cone
6. Anisotropic flow v_2 and v_4
7. Summary

PHENIX 2008. New detector sets

TOF-W: MultiGapResistive Plate chambers, ~75ps time resolution, PID at high p_T

Muon Piston Calorimeter:
400 $PbWO_4$ crystals
Forward physics in pp
Reaction plane determination in AA
$3.1 < |\eta| < 3.7$

Reaction Plane Detector:
2 x 2 rings with 12 scintillator counters each.
Reaction plane determination in AA
Trigger counter for low energy runs
$\eta = 1.0 \rightarrow 1.5$, $\eta = 1.5 \rightarrow 2.8$



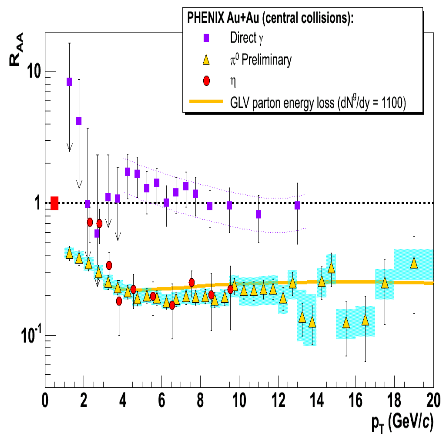
RHIC beam 2000-2008

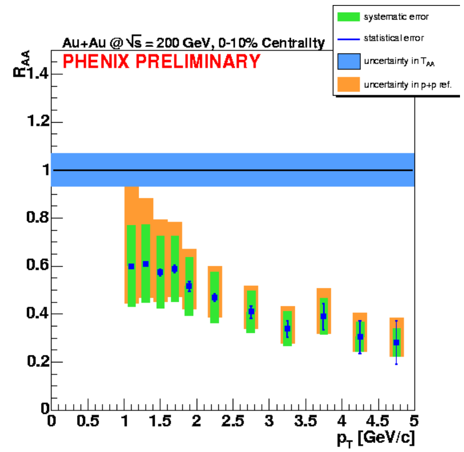
	p+p	d+Au	Au+Au	Cu+Cu
22.4 GeV				●
62.4 GeV	●		●	●
130 GeV			●	
200 GeV	●	●	●	●

Reference | **sQGP ?**

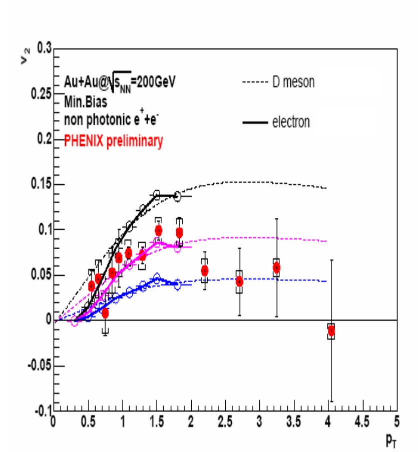
$h^{+/-}$, π^0 , $\pi^{+/-}$, η, ω, p, $K^0{}_s$,Λ, e (from c & b)

sQGP @ RHIC

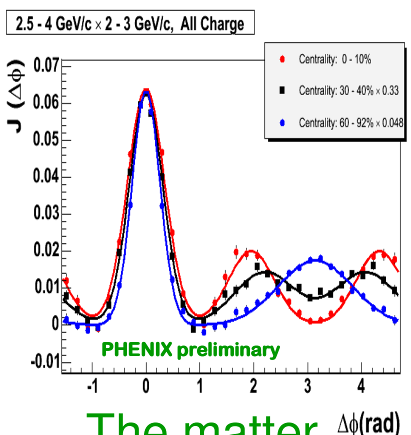




The matter is dense



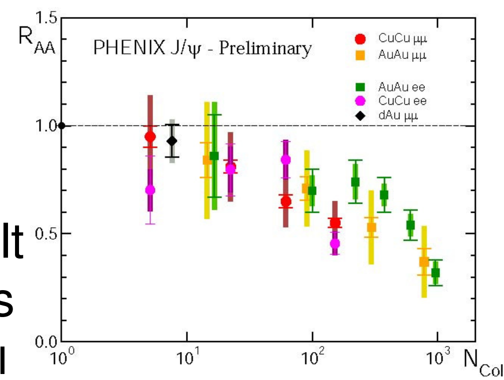
The matter is strongly coupled



The matter modifies jets

strongly interacting
Quark-**G**luon
Plasma

The matter may melt but regenerate J/ψ's



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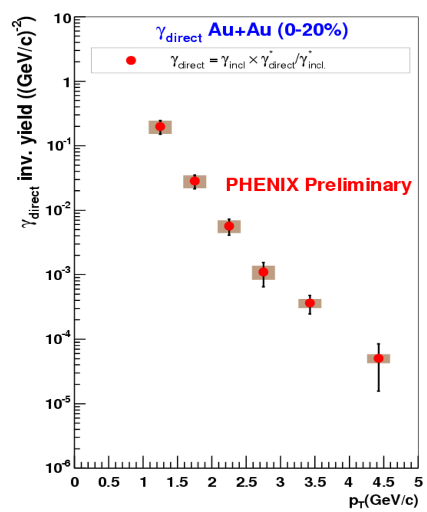


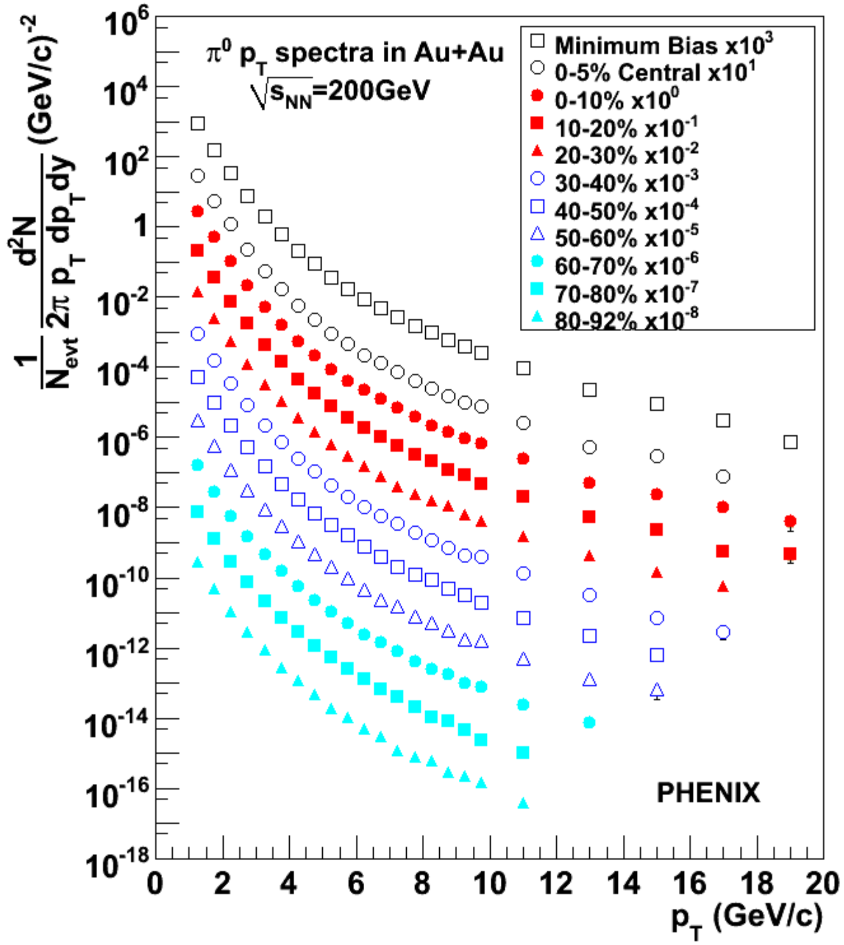
The matter is hot

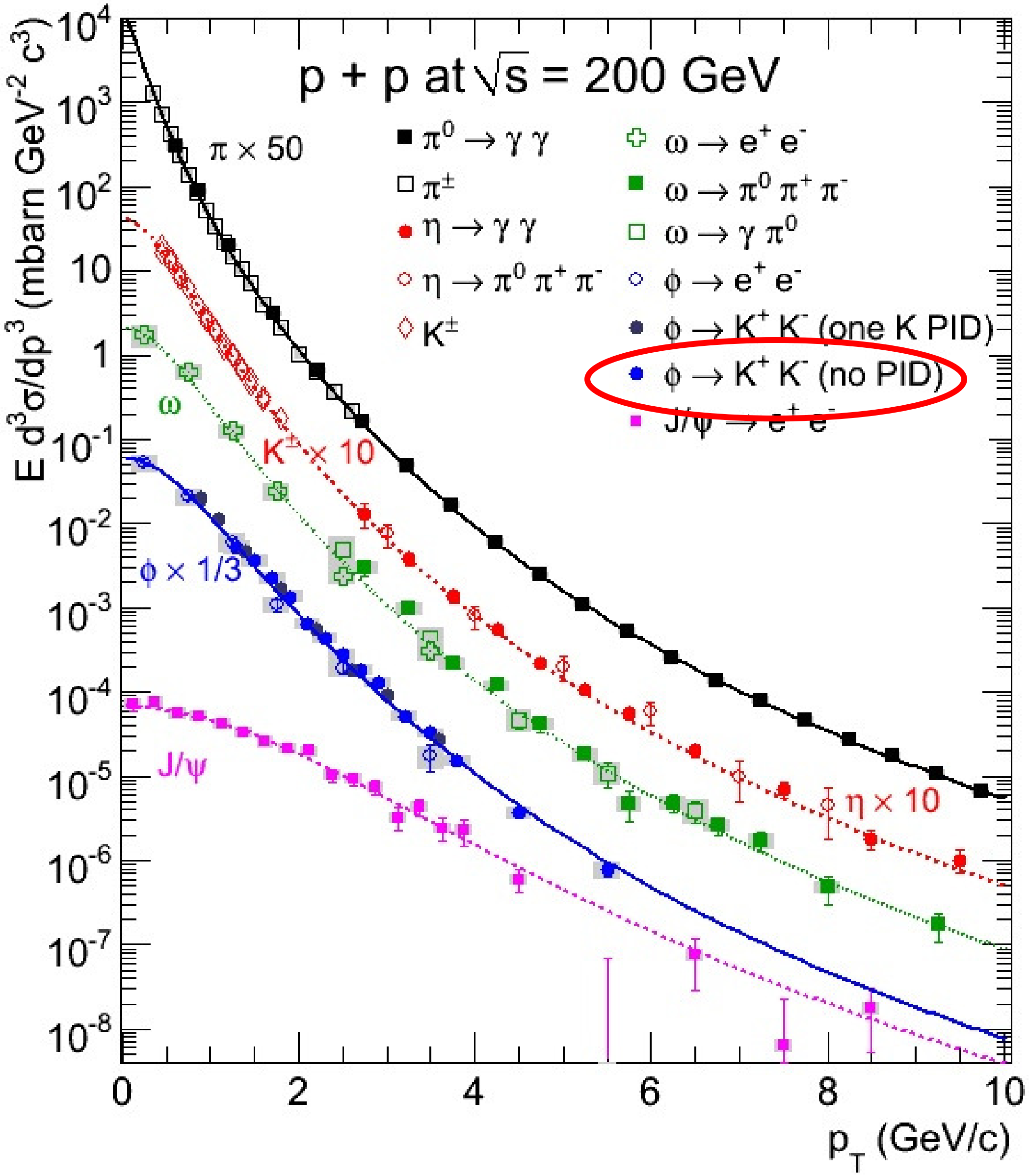
1. Jet quenching, Nuclear Modification Factor R_{AA}

New data:

- Extended beam energy range down to 22 GeV
- Wider momentum range
- New particles
- Better statistics

More new data…



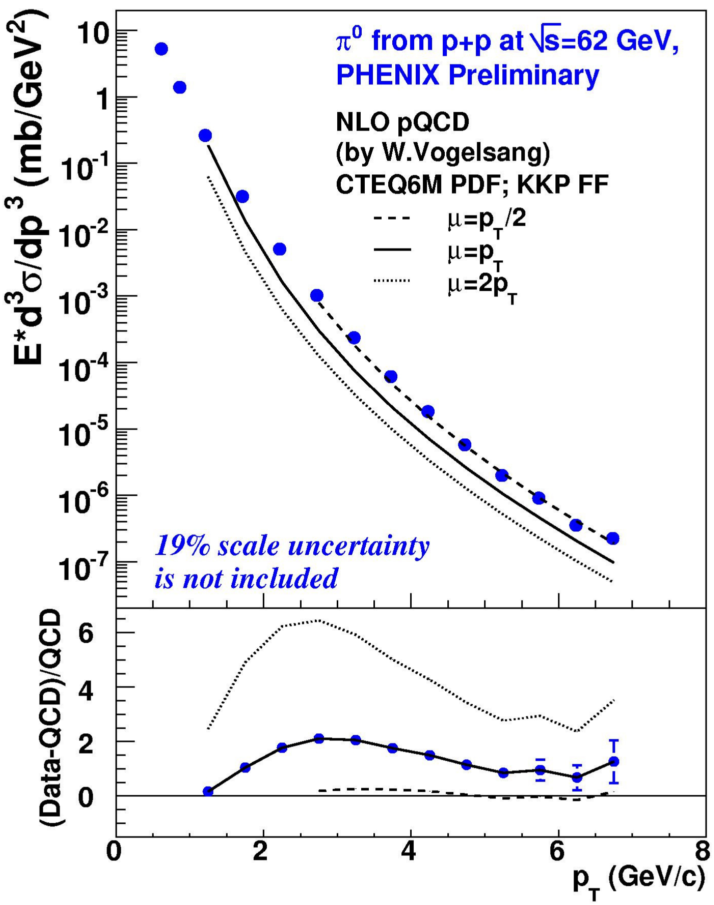


π^0 Au+Au 200 GeV (Run 4)

arXiv:0801.4020

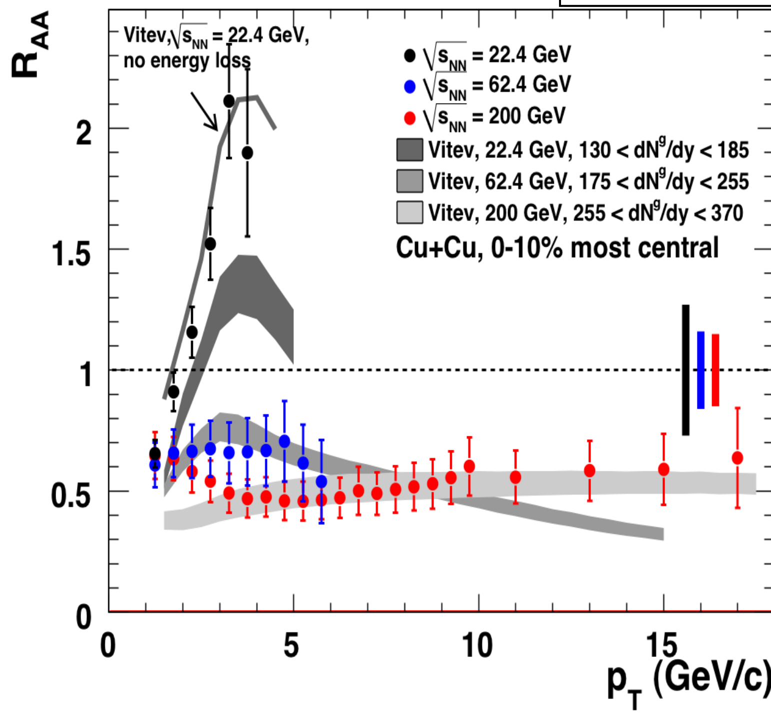
Beam energy scan

p+p reference at 62 GeV



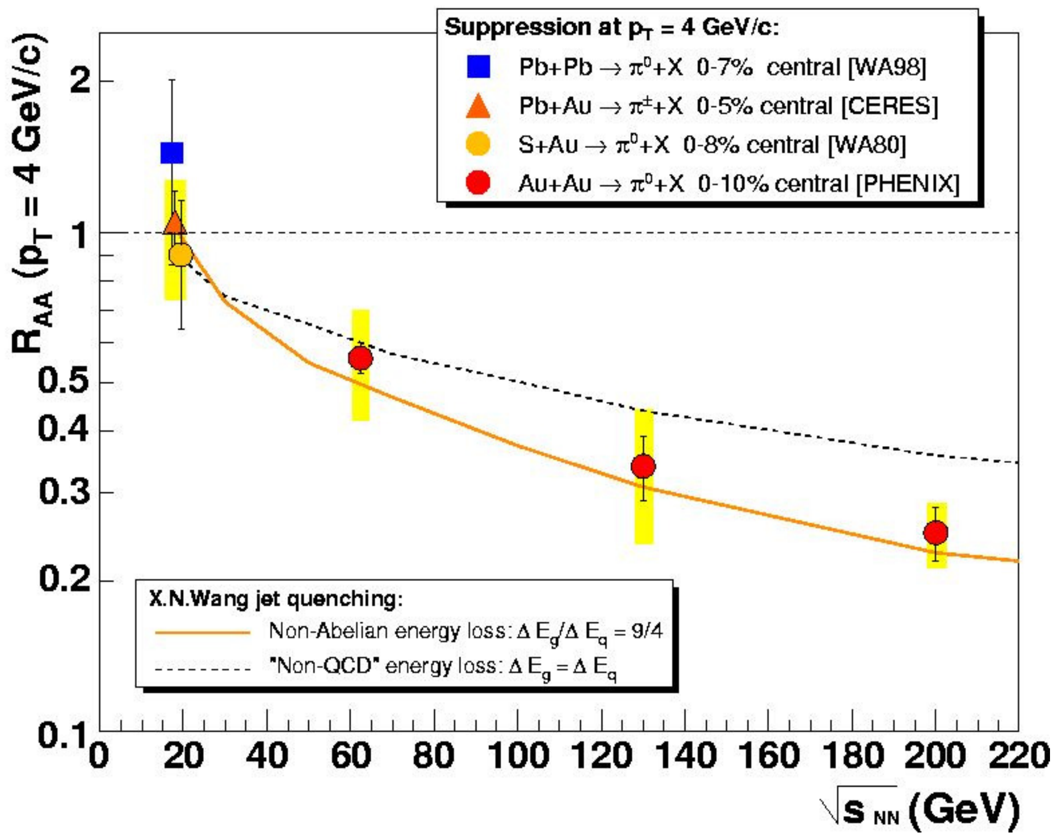
π^0 Cu+Cu **22,62,200** GeV (Run 5)

arXiv:0801.4555

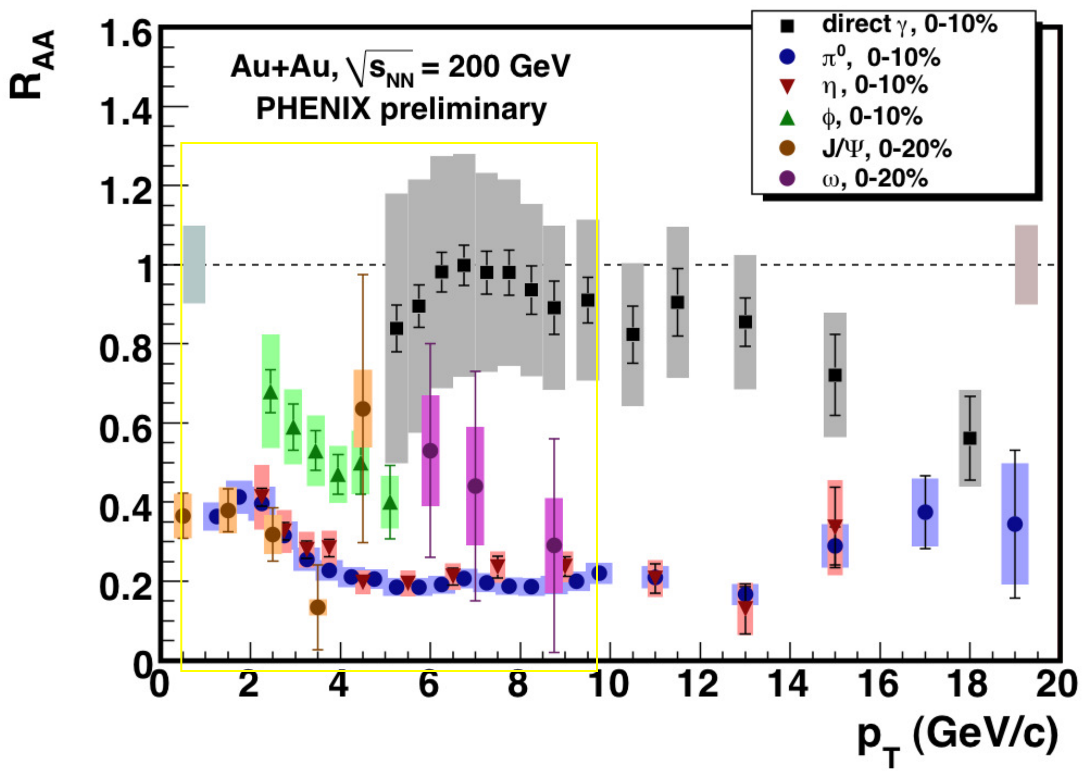


Suppression is not seen at low energy.
Model calculations indicate quenching expected at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 22 GeV, but Cronin effect dominates ?

Suppression increases with beam energy

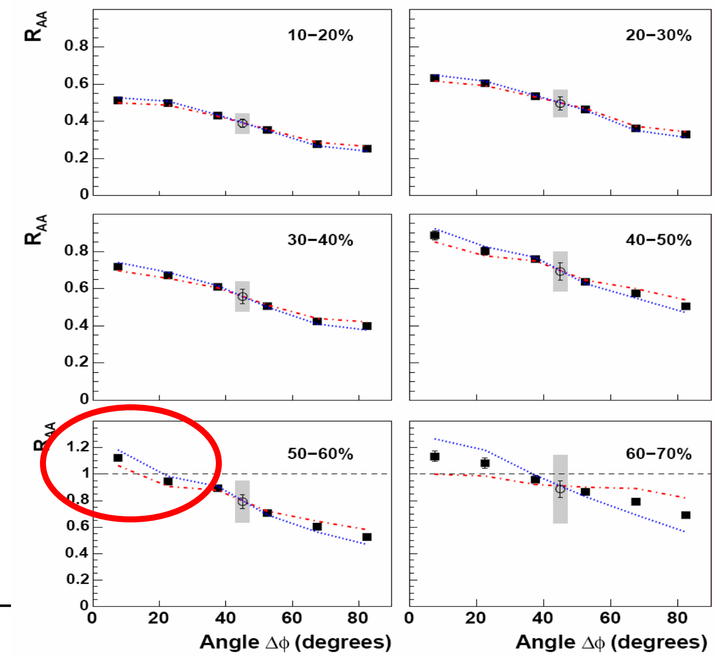


Dependence on Particle Species:
π^0, η, ϕ, J/ψ, ω Mesons and Direct γ in Au+Au at 200 GeV

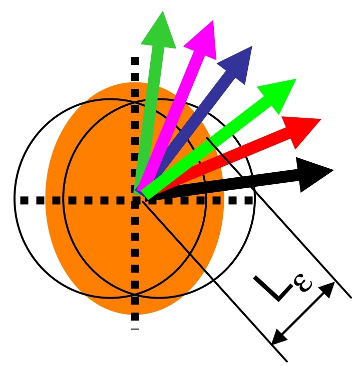


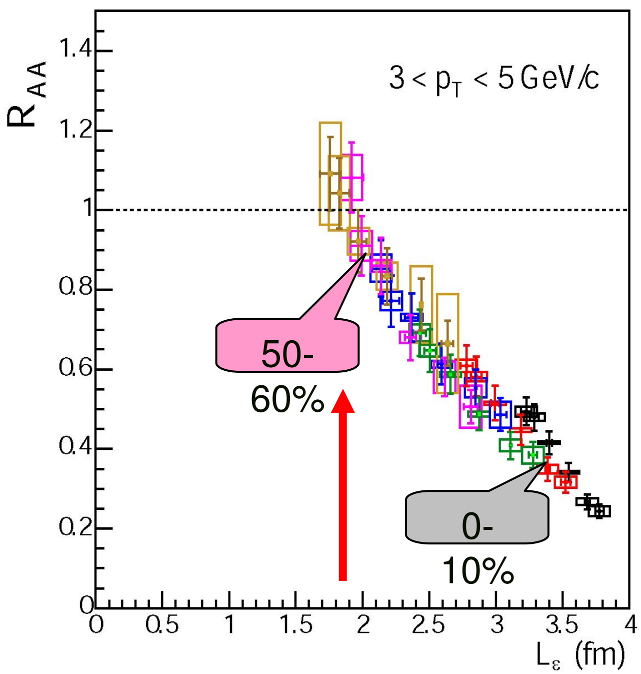
- Same suppression pattern for π^0 and η: Consistent with parton energy loss and fragmentation in the vacuum
- R_{AA} for ϕ's larger than π^0 R_{AA} for $2 < p_T < 5$ GeV/c

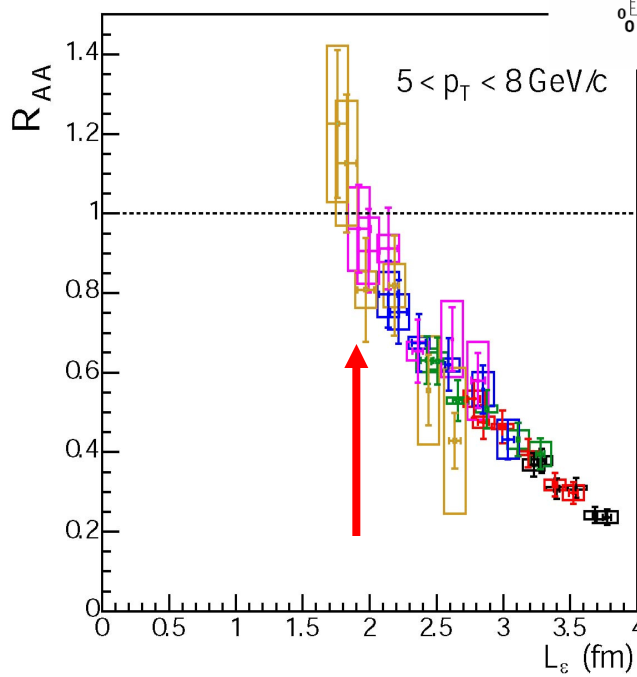
New type of data for π^0 RAA vs. reaction plane orientation



Changing amount of matter by centrality and by angle versus the reaction plane







Thickness, L_ε

Absence of suppression in layer less than 2 fm

Formation time effect?

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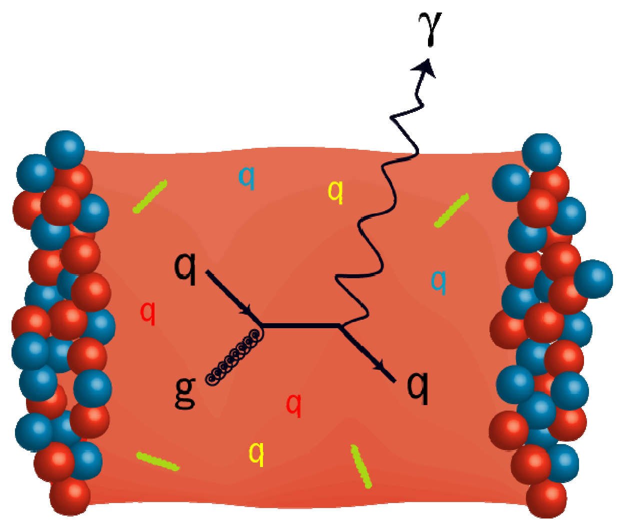
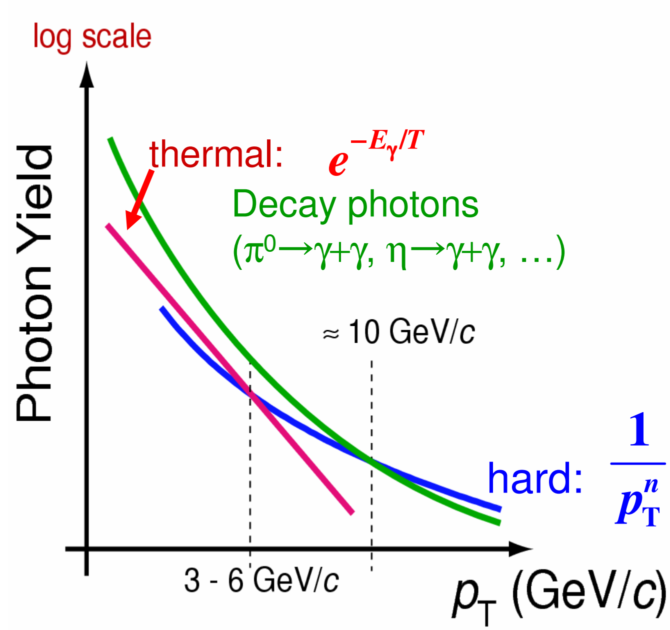
2. Direct photons

- Direct photons are an important probe.
  - Penetrate the strong interacting matter
  - Emitted from every stage of collisions
    - Hard photons (**High pT**)
      - – Initial hard scattering, Pre-equilibrium
    - Thermal photons (**Low pT**)
      - – Carry the thermodynamic information from QGP and hadron gas

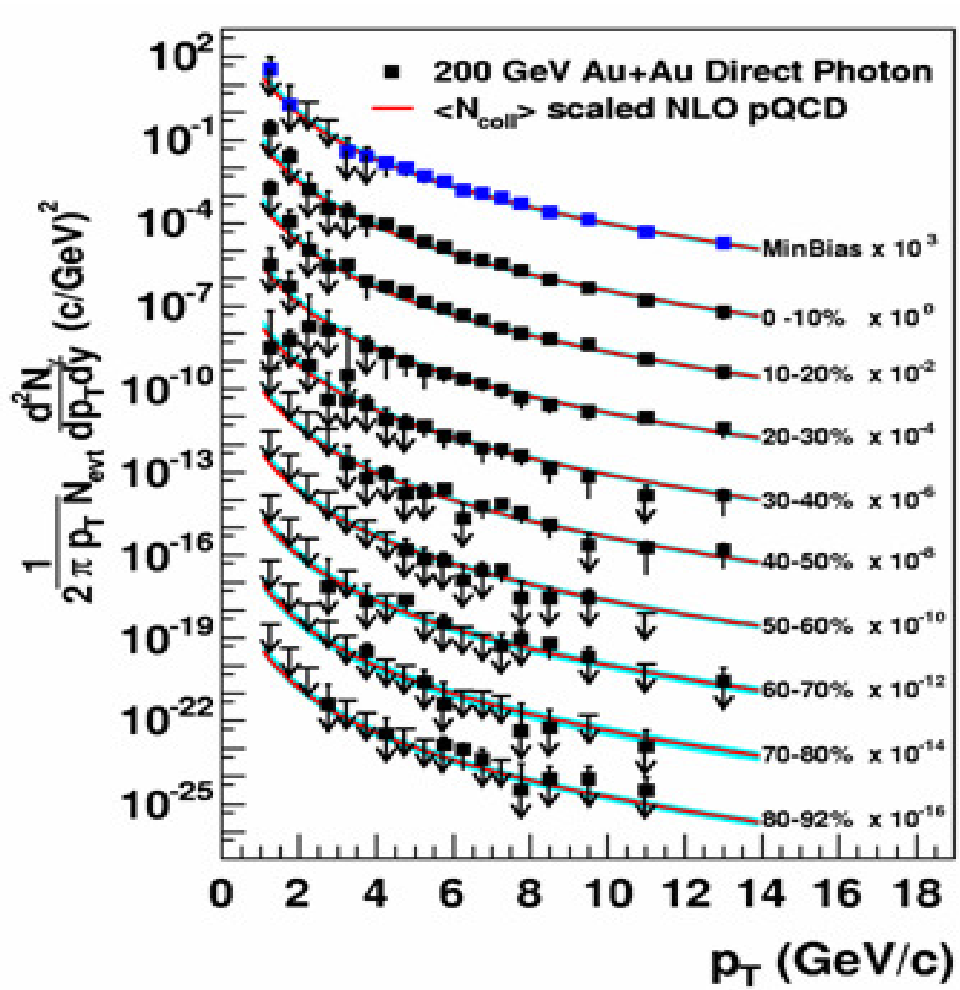
Major experimental problem – large background from decays



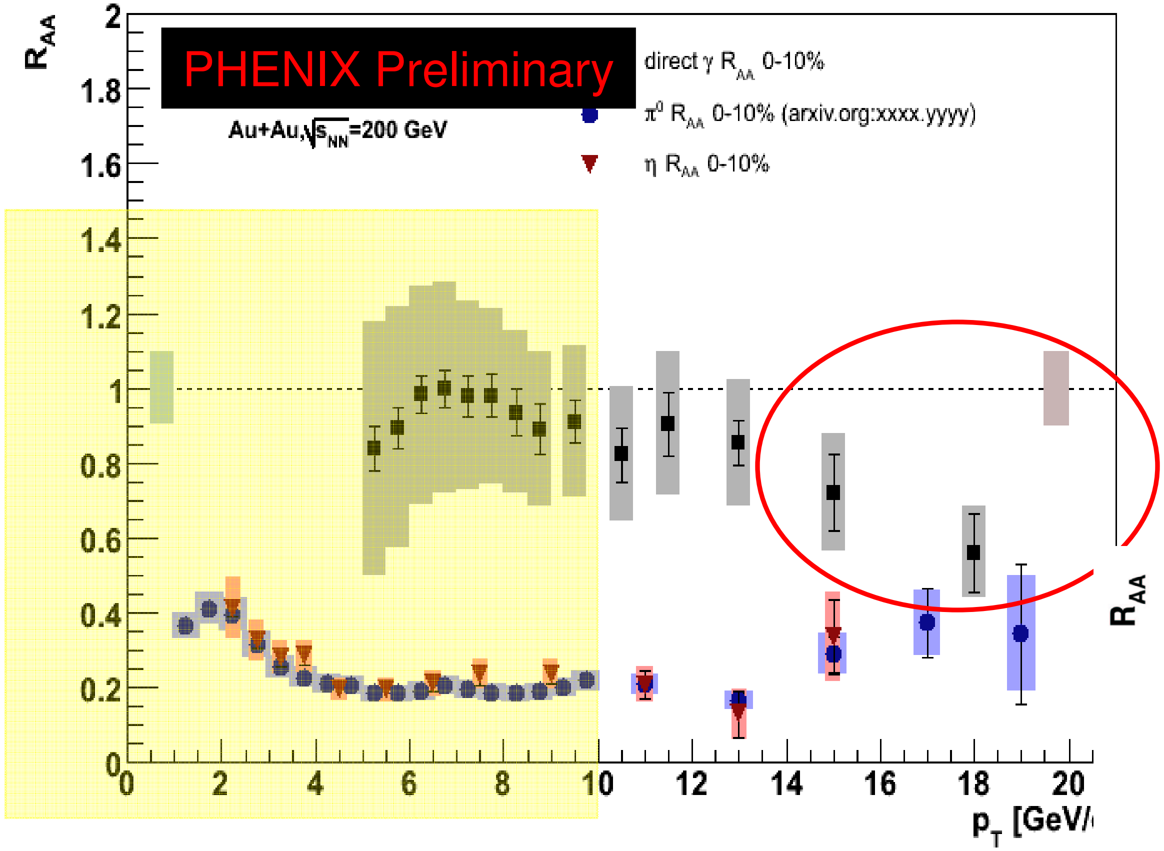
Central Au+Au at RHIC



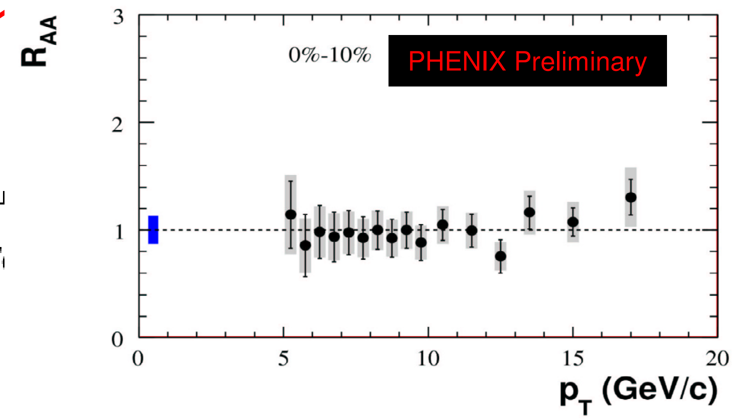
High Pt photons spectrum Au+Au



Check of NN-binary scaling

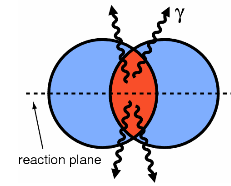


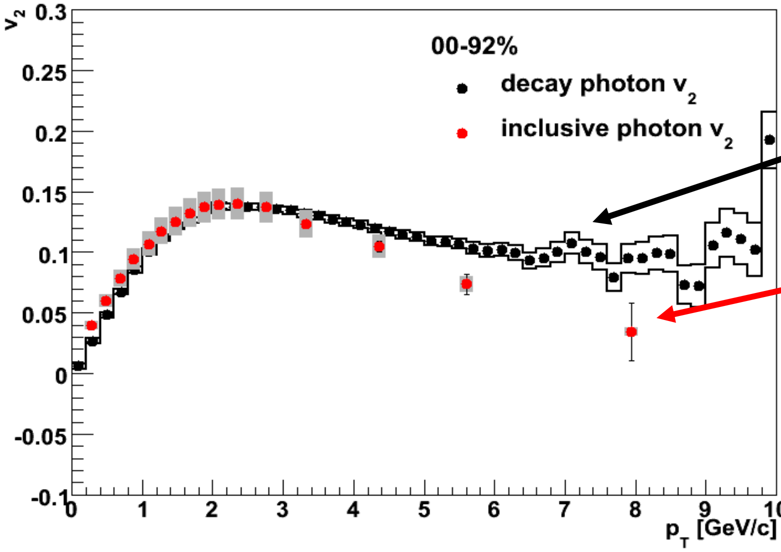
But,
Central Cu+Cu 200 Ge,V
Direct Photons



- Run 4 (QM06): High p_T γ suppression?
- Isospin (charge) effect ? ← Data for p+p were used as a reference. Over normalized? Need p+n and n+n ! (d+Au, last year Run8!)

Direct γ v_2 : Au+Au 200 GeV

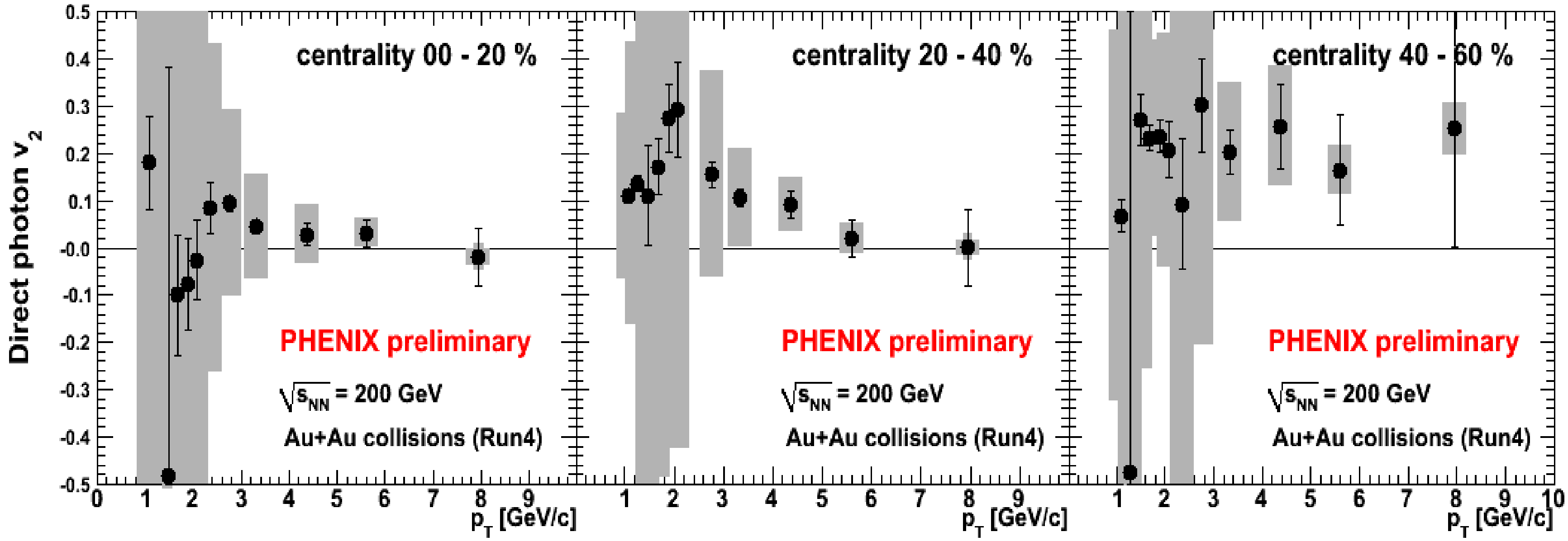




Estimate from all hadron decays

All photons measured

Within the errors v2 =0



Low pT Photons

Long-awaited results for both p+p and Au+Au

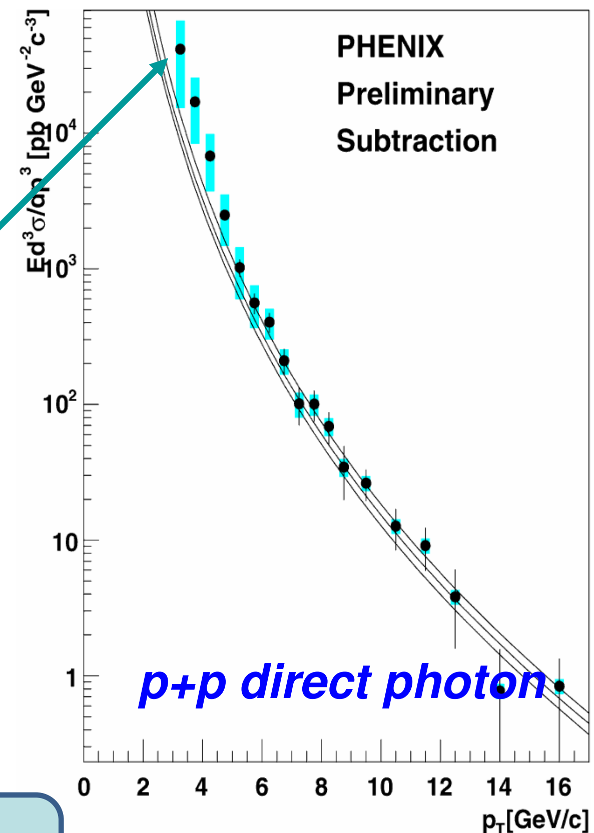
- Experimental determination is very important since applicability of pQCD is doubtable in low pT region.

In 'real' photon measurement

- Measured yield with a large systematic error

Difficulty on measuring low pT "real" direct photons

1. Finite energy resolution of the EMCal
2. Large hadron background

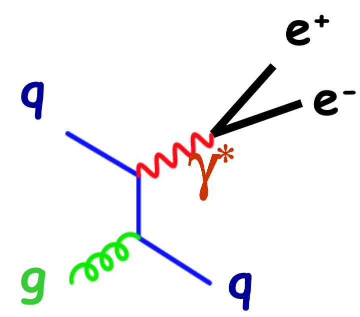


Alternative method to measure low pT direct photons
→ Measure e^+e^- pairs from 'virtual' direct photons

New method: to use di-electrons from internal conversion

Direct photon production process, like gluon Compton scattering
$q+g \rightarrow q+\gamma$,

has an associated process through internal conversion
$q+g \rightarrow q+\gamma^* \rightarrow q+e^+e^-$



Kroll-Wada formula, symbolic representation

$d^2n / dm_{ee} = F_{QED}(m_{ee})*S*dn_{\gamma}$

factor F_{QED} – can be calculated in QED,

$S = 1$ for $P_{ee} >> m_{ee}$

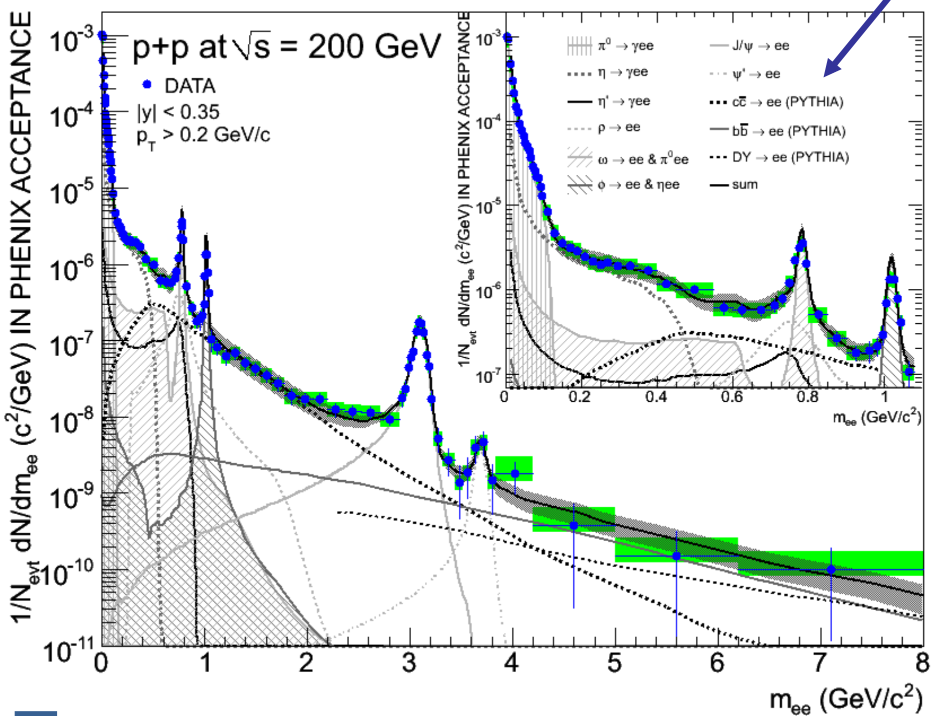
arXiv:0804.4168

Formula works also for meson Dalitz decays and factor S is related to meson form factor

Di-electron spectrum. "Cocktail" comparison

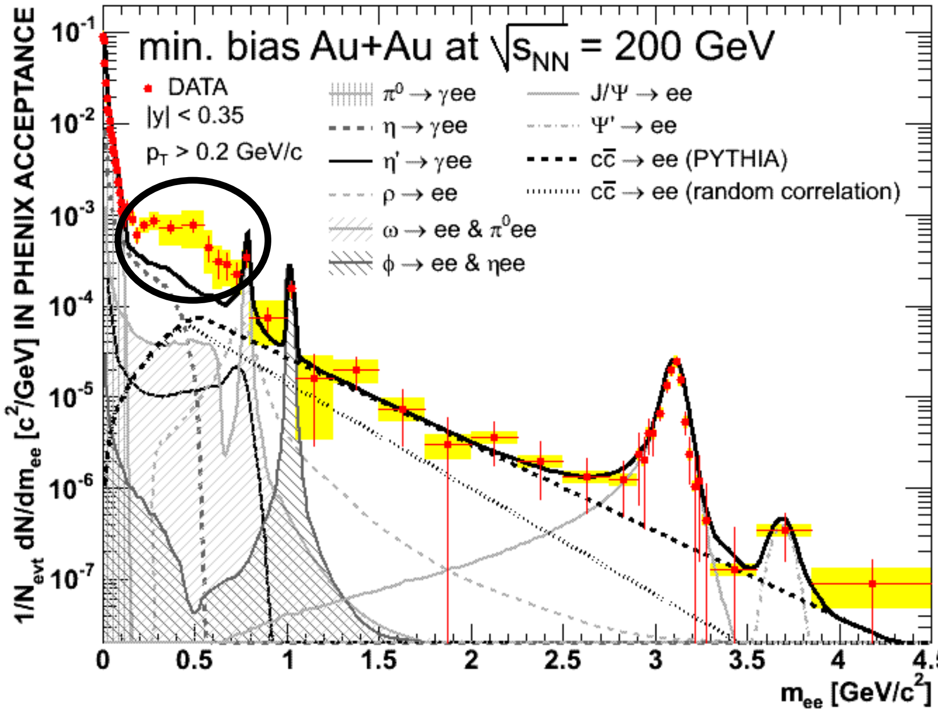
arXiv: 0802.0050

p+p



Au+Au

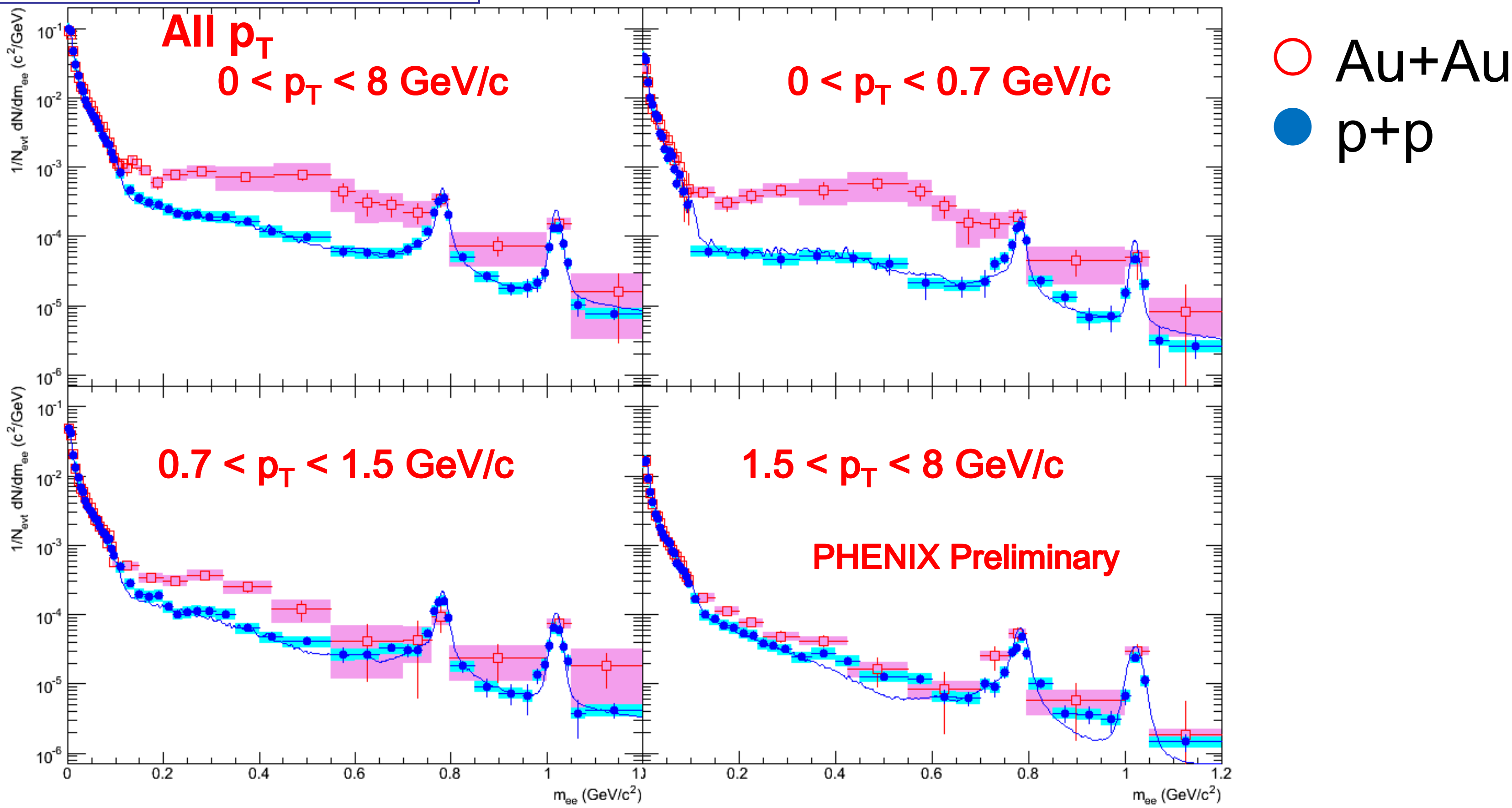
arXiv: 0706.3034



- p+p
  - Excellent agreement with cocktail
- Au+Au
  - Large enhancement in low mass region
  - Integrated yield in150MeV < m_{ee} < 750MeV
    - Real/cocktail = 3.4 ± 0.2(stat) ± 1.3(sys) ± 0.7(model)

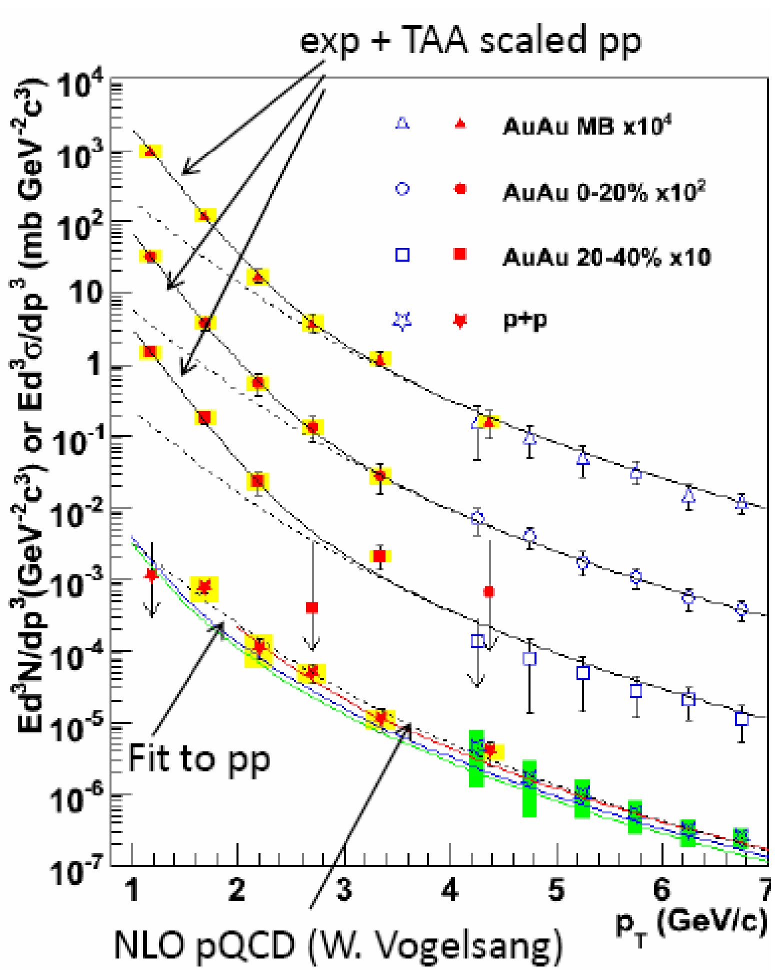
m_{ee} , p_T Sliced Mass Spectra

Normalized by the yield in m_{ee} < 100MeV



- Shape differences between p+p and Au+Au are larger at lower pT.

Thermal Photon Spectra via internal conversion



The virtual direct photon fraction is converted to the direct photon yield.

p+p

- First measurement in 1-4GeV/c
- Consistent with NLO pQCD

→ **Serves as a crucial reference**

Au+Au

- Above binary scaled NLO pQCD

→ **Excess comes from thermal photons?**

TABLE I: Summary of the fits. The first and second errors are statistical and systematical, respectively.

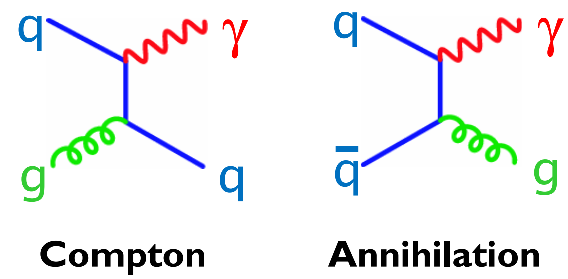
centrality	$dN/dy(p_T > 1\text{GeV}/c)$	T(MeV)	χ^2/DOF
0-20%	$1.10 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.30$	$221 \pm 23 \pm 18$	3.6/4
20-40%	$0.52 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.14$	$215 \pm 20 \pm 15$	5.2/3
MB	$0.33 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.09$	$224 \pm 16 \pm 19$	0.9/4

Mean photon temperature in collision

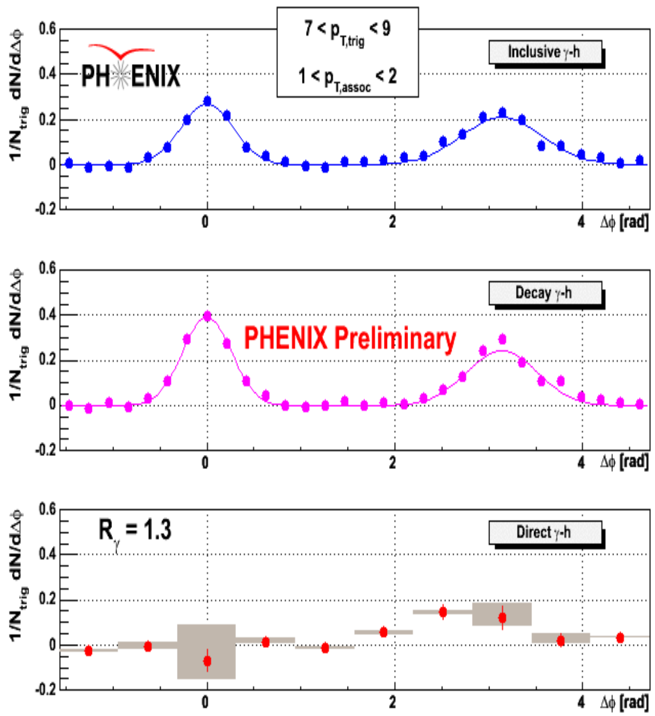
arXiv:0804.4168

Two-particle Direct Photon-Jet ϕ Correlation

- Excellent Complement to *h-h* di-jet
- “Leading Order” Picture
  - Exact Momentum Balance w/ Away-Side Jet
- p+p: Measure Gluon Distribution Function
- A+A:
  - Calibrated Probe of Energy Loss
  - More sensitive (?) probe than single particle spectra or Di-Hadron Correlations
  - Like having one of your jets automatically reconstructed!

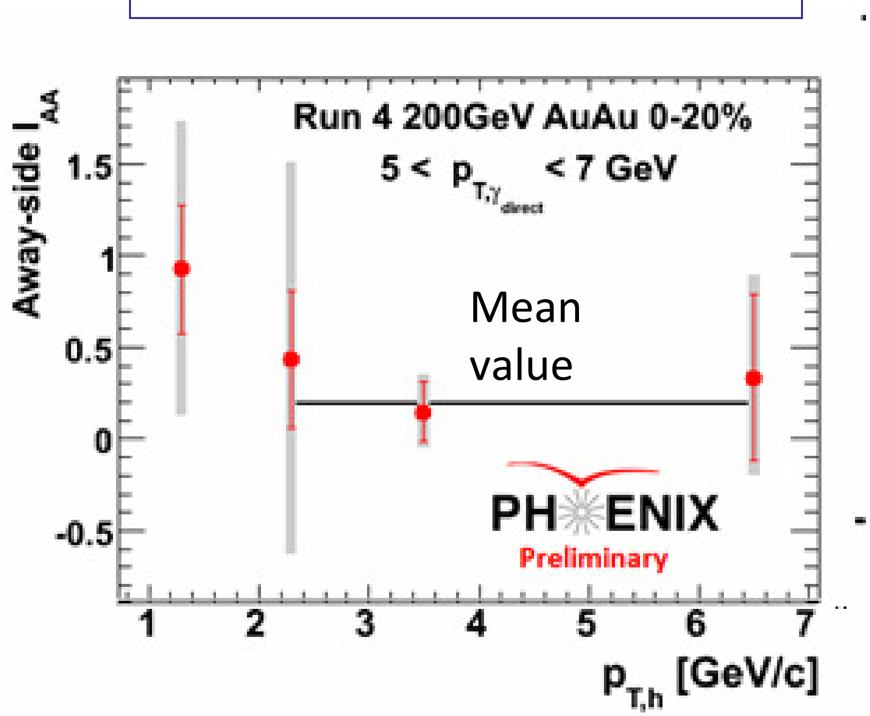


Direct Photon Processes at LO

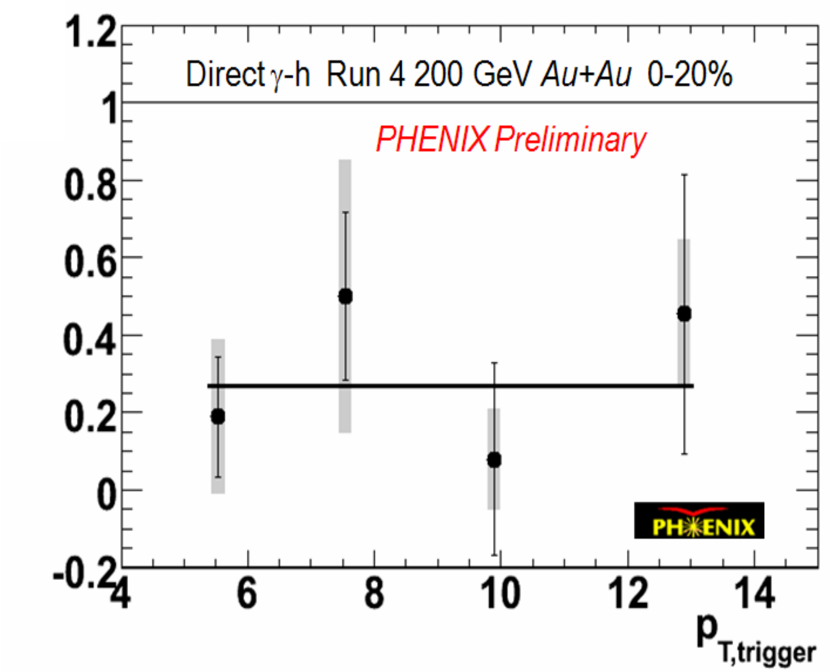


Direct γ trigger: Au+Au away-side suppression, I_{AA}

Scan on hadron momentum



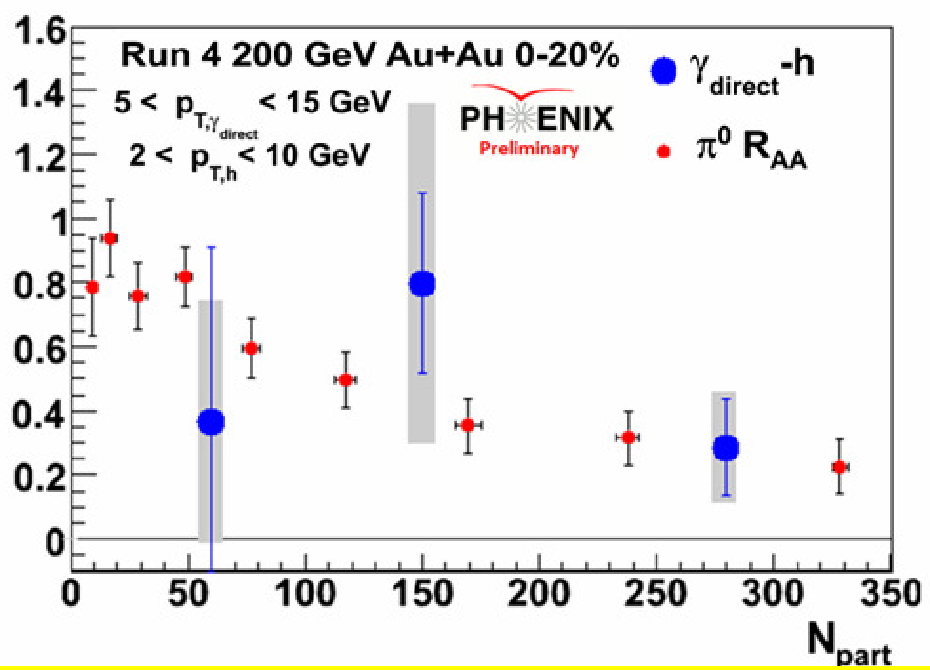
Scan on tigger momentum



Mean Value I_{AA} (away side) vs Centrality

Mean Value $I_{AA}(p_{Ta}, p_{T\gamma})$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta p_T^{assoc}\,\Delta p_T^{\gamma\,trig}}\int I_{AA}(p_T^{assoc}, p_T^{\gamma\,trig})\,dp_T$$

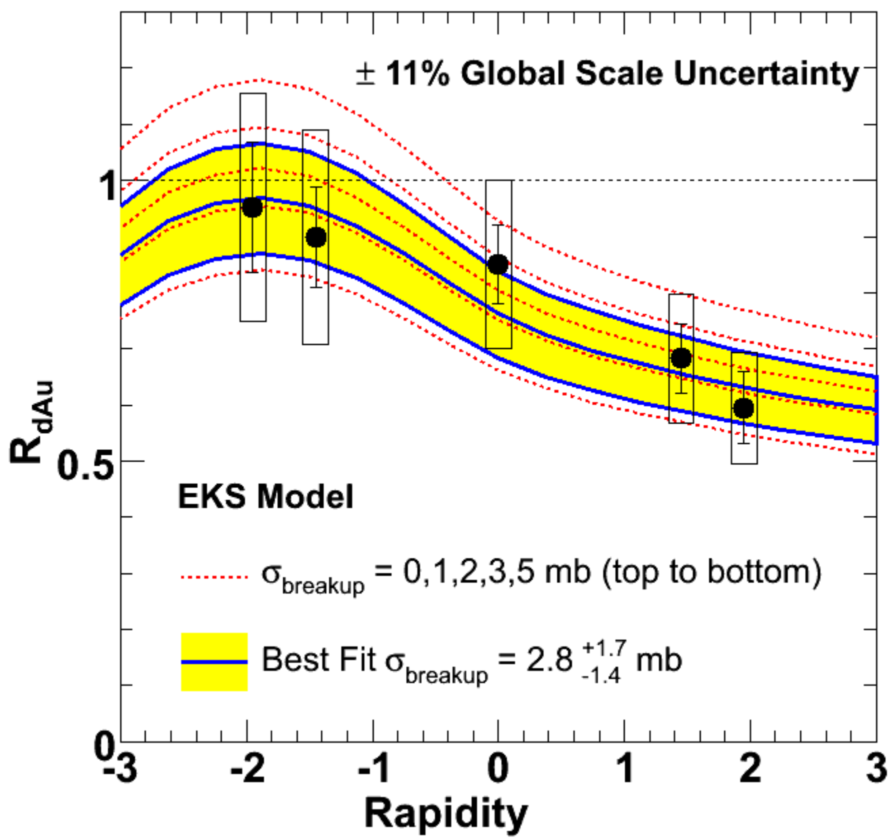


- I_{AA} ~= R_{AA} → surface bias paradigm (still with large uncertainties)
- First look @ Run7 statistical improvements look encouraging

3. J/Ψ

J/ψ d+Au: Cold Nuclear Matter effects

J/ψ R_{dAu} 200 GeV



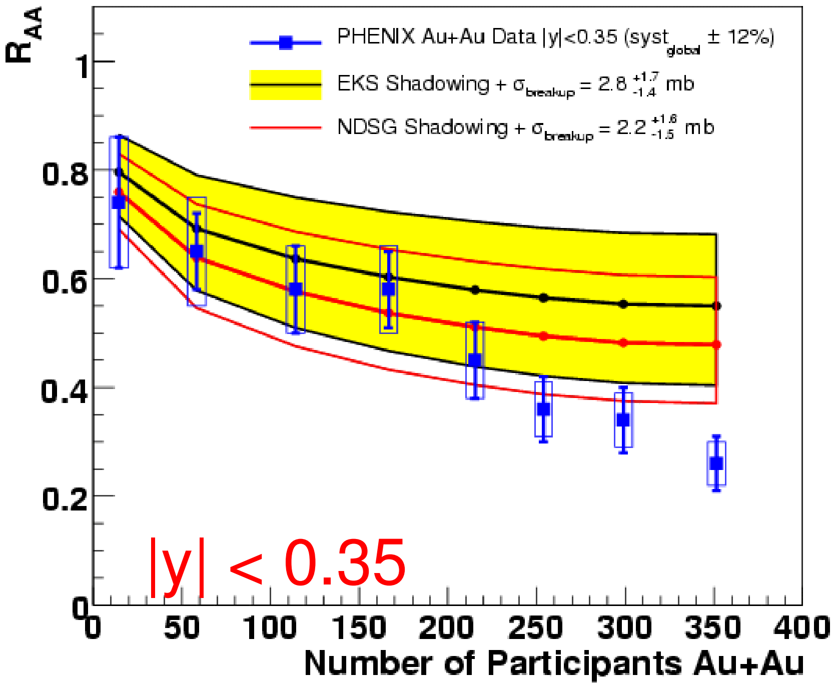
- Increased Run 5 p+p statistics (x10 Run 3)
- Improved & consistent p+p and dAu analysis
  - Improved alignment, resolution, yield extraction,…
  - Cancellation of systematic errors in R_{dAu}
- Result: CNM = Shadowing(EKS) + $\sigma_{Breakup}$ = 2.8 mb
  - Consistent within errors with previous results
  - and with $\sigma_{Breakup}$=4.2+/-0.5mb (SPS result)

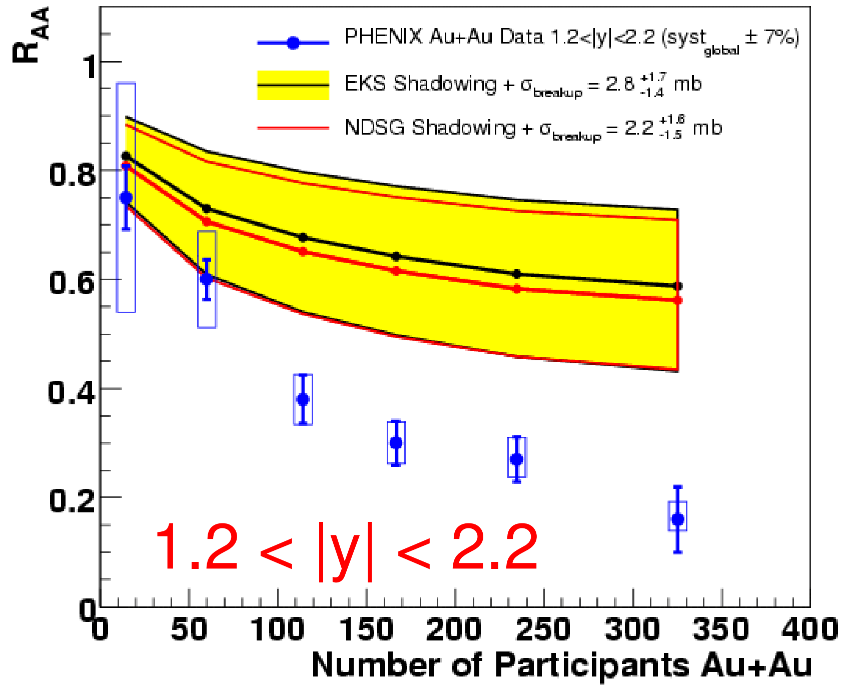
arXiv:0711.3917

Run8 d+Au ~30 times larger statistics is coming

J/ψ suppression in Au+Au: include CNM Effects

J/ψ R_{AuAu} 200 GeV (Run4)





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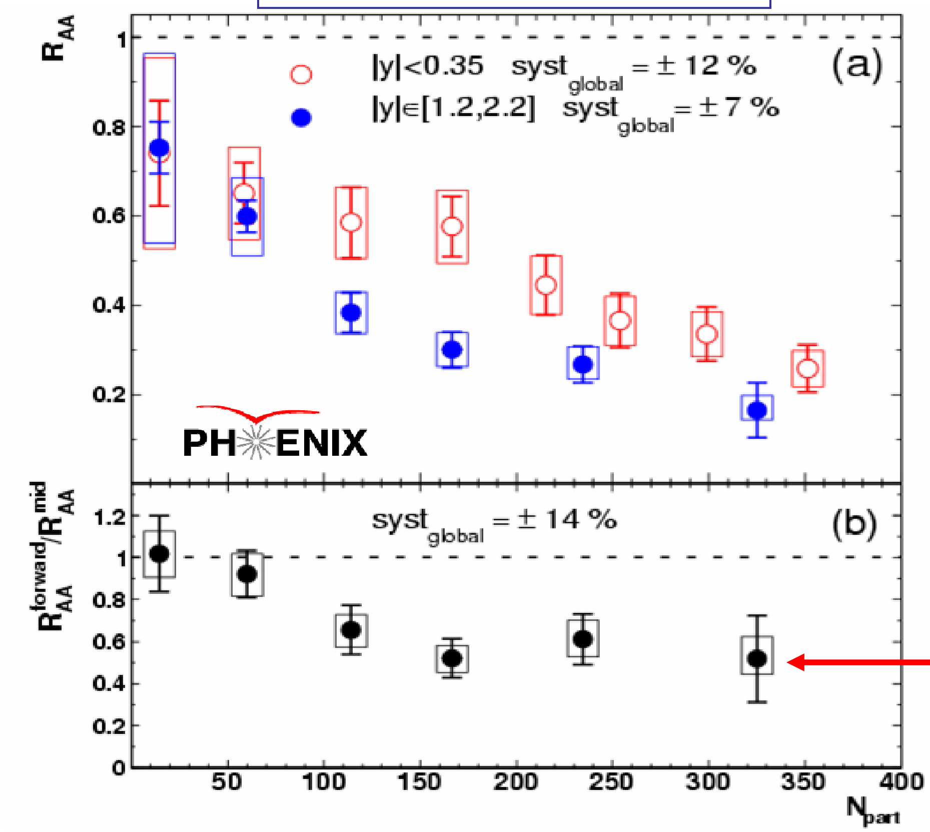
- Large errors still (need Run 8 d+Au, Run 7 Au+Au)
  - Comparison suggests more forward suppression beyond CNM than at mid-rapidity
  - BUT models shown don't include R_{dAu} impact parameter dependence

More look on rapidity dependence

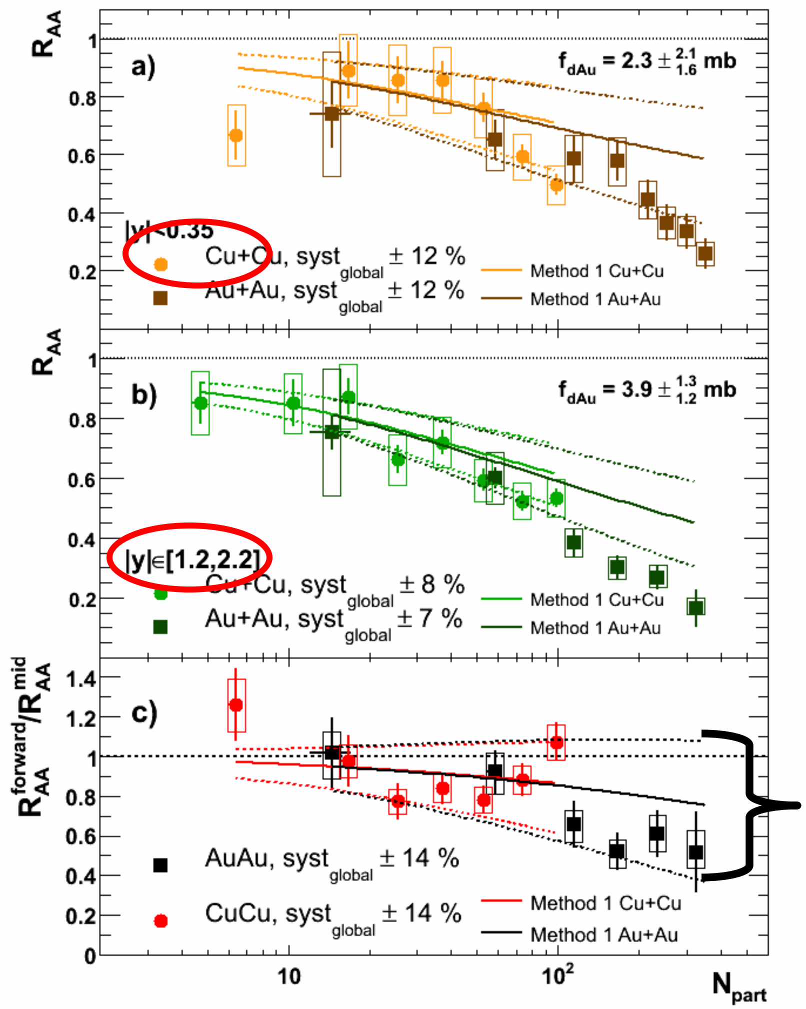
Au+Au 200 GeV



At forward rapidity y=[1.2, 2.2] absorption 2 times stronger than in central region with high energy density. **Recombination of cc-bar pairs?**

J/ψ R_{AA} Cu+Cu and Au+Au

J/ψ R_{AA} 200 GeV



arXiv:0801.0220

- Approx 2x more J/ψ statistics in Cu+Cu sample than Au+Au sample
  - More precise N_{part}<100 info
- Curves show R_{AA} prediction from ad hoc CNM fit to R_{dAu} separately at y=0 and y > 1.2
- CNM from R_{dAu} fit describes suppression for N_{part} < 100.

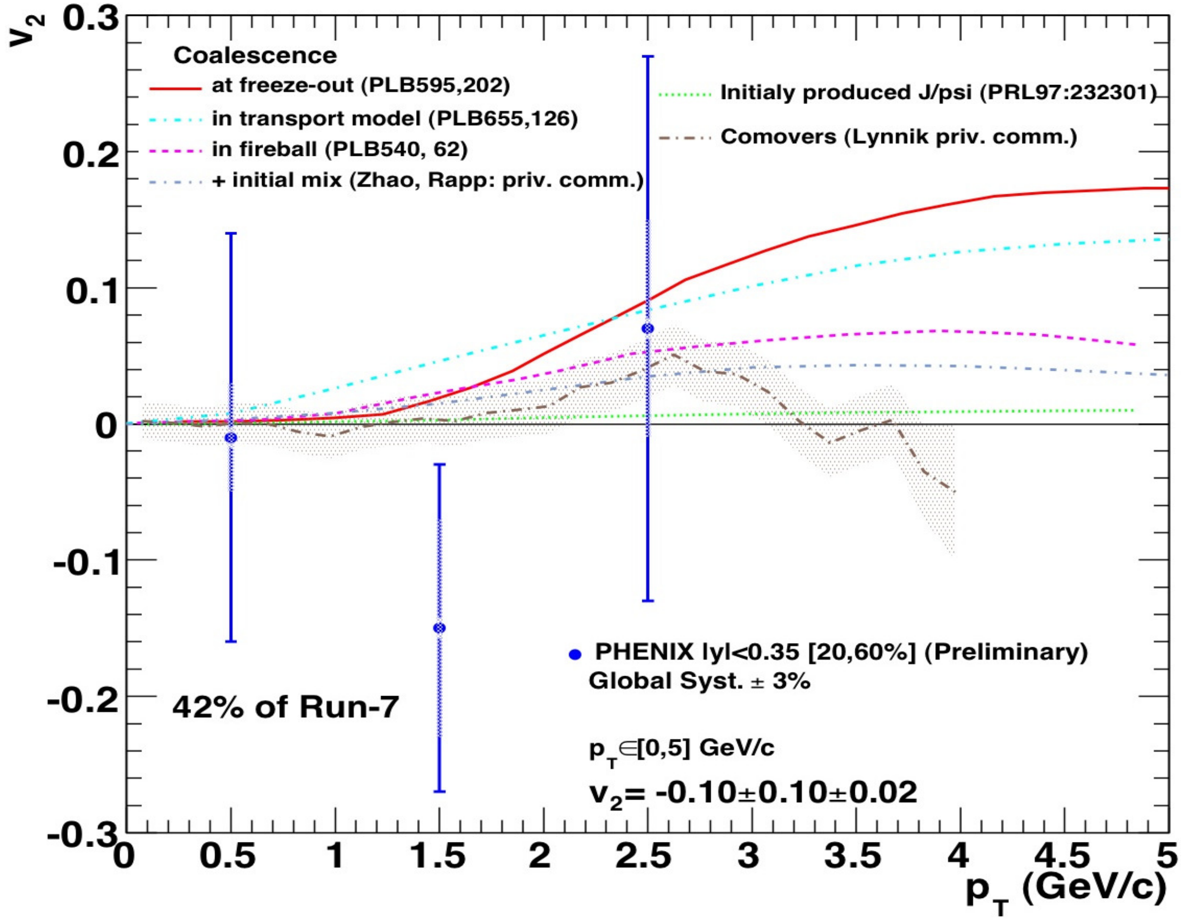
R_{dAu} constraints are **not sufficient** to say if suppression beyond cold nuclear matter is stronger at forward rapidity

Azimuthal asymmetry for - J/Ψ → e^+e^- at midrapidity

First ever at RHIC.

v_2 - J/Ψ → $\mu^+\mu^-$ coming soon

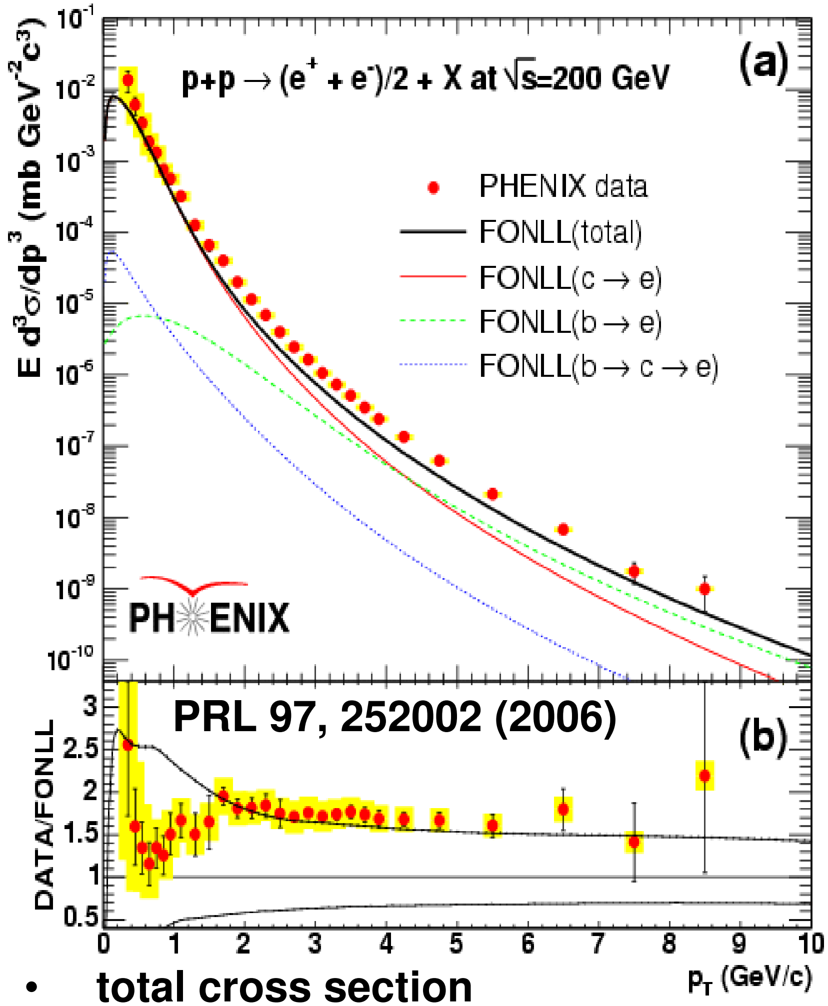
J/Psi coalescence ?

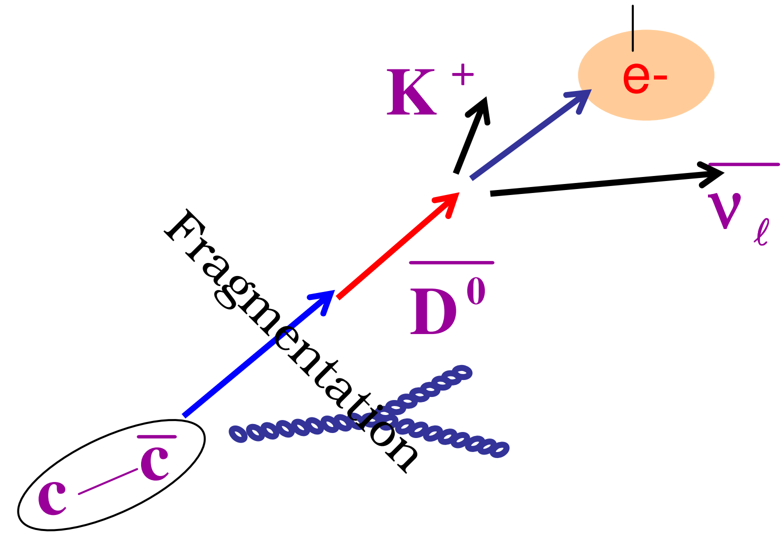


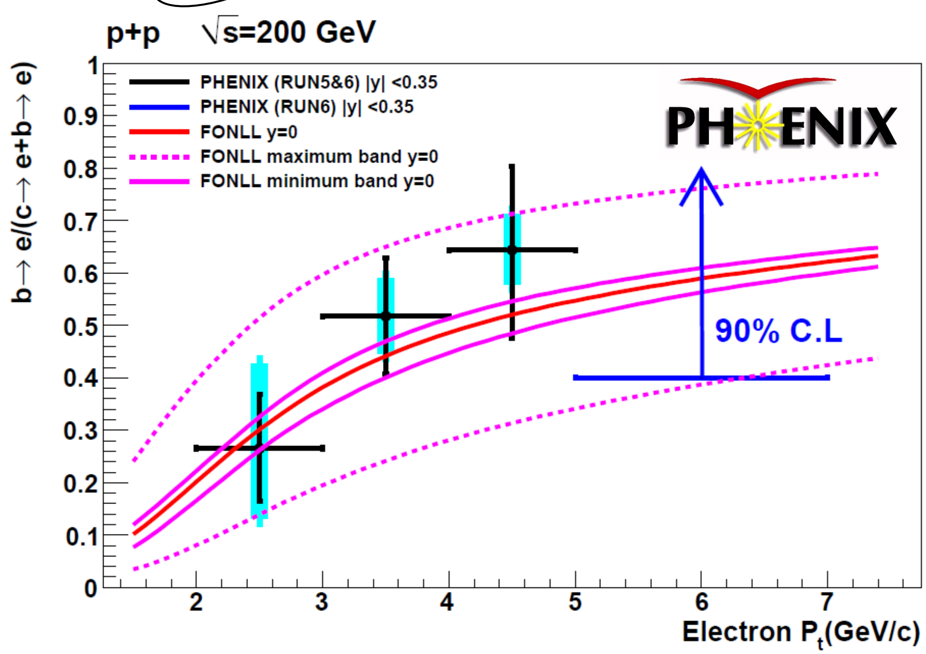
In process, less than half the dataset, muons will help, no clear model predictions

4. Heavy Flavor via non-photonic electrons

Heavy flavor (c+b): p+p at √s = 200 GeV. Good reference



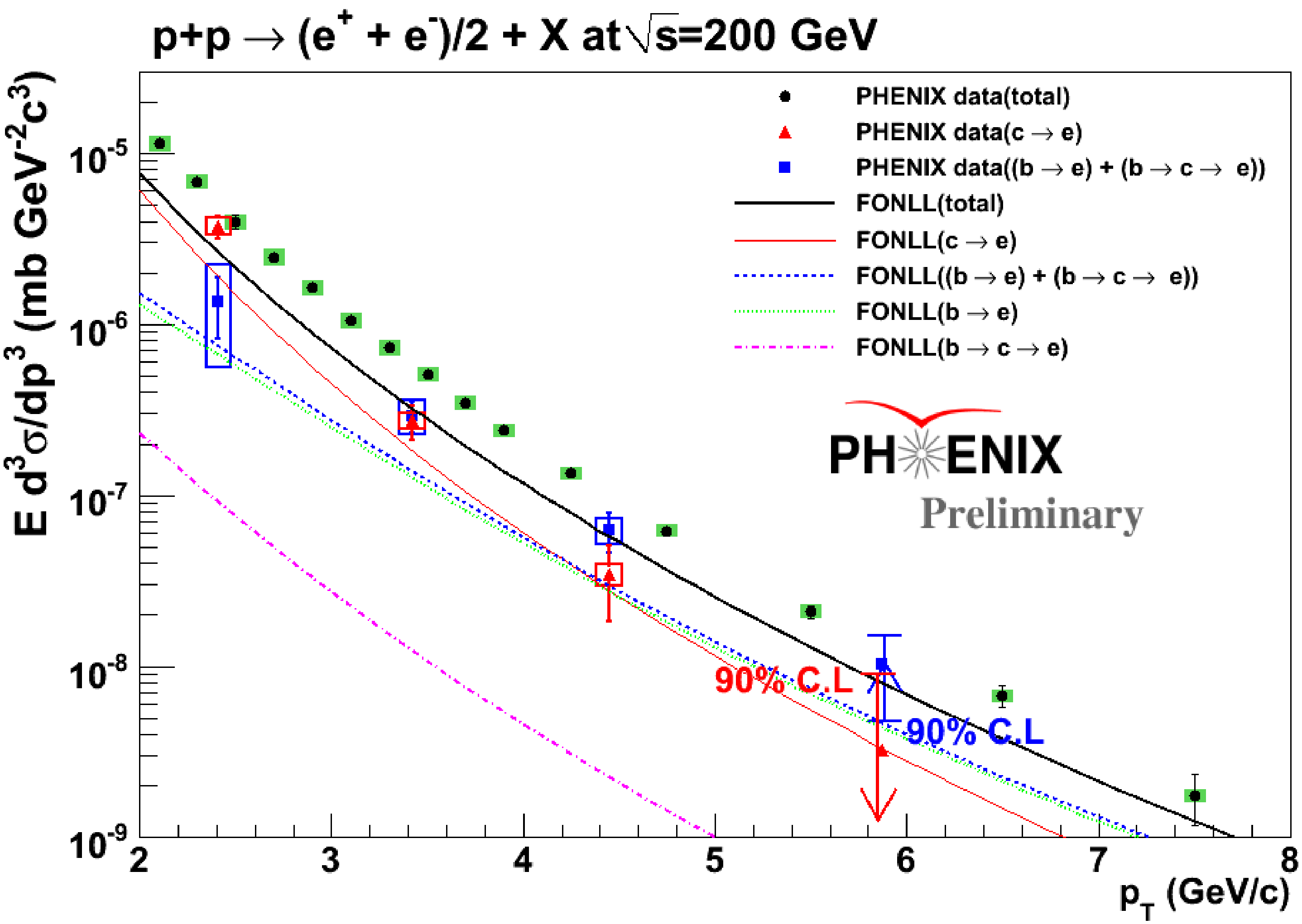




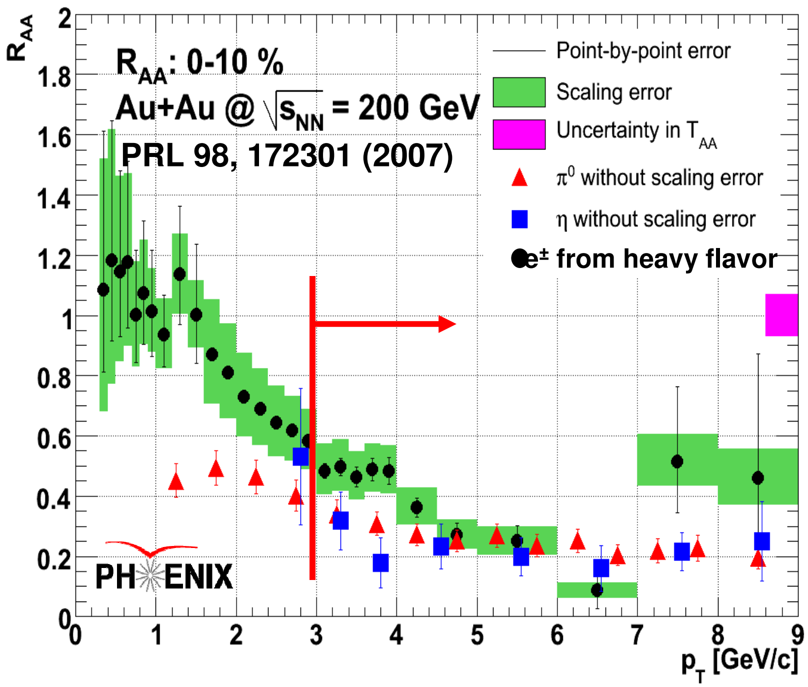
- **total cross section**

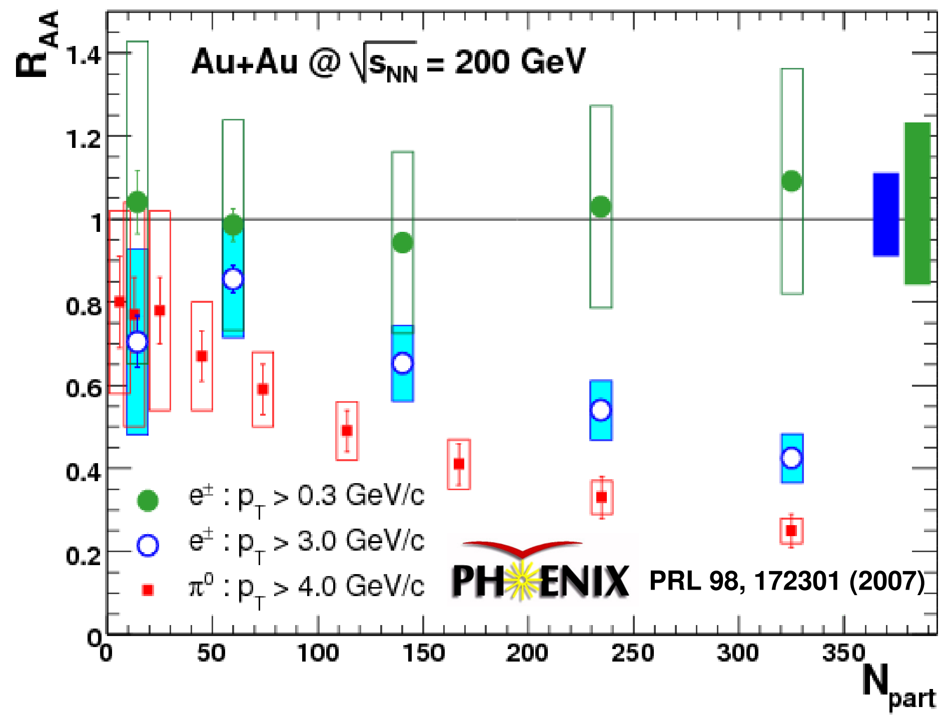
σ_{cc}= 567±57(stat)±224(sys) μb

Spectra from charm and bottom separately



In Au+Au c- and b- quarks are as suppressed as light quarks!





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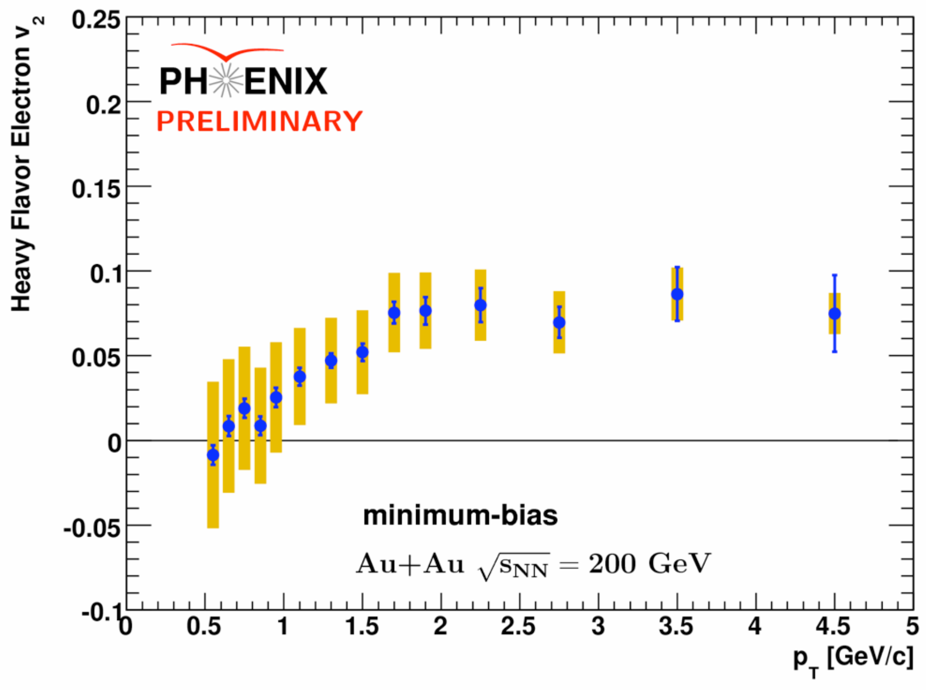
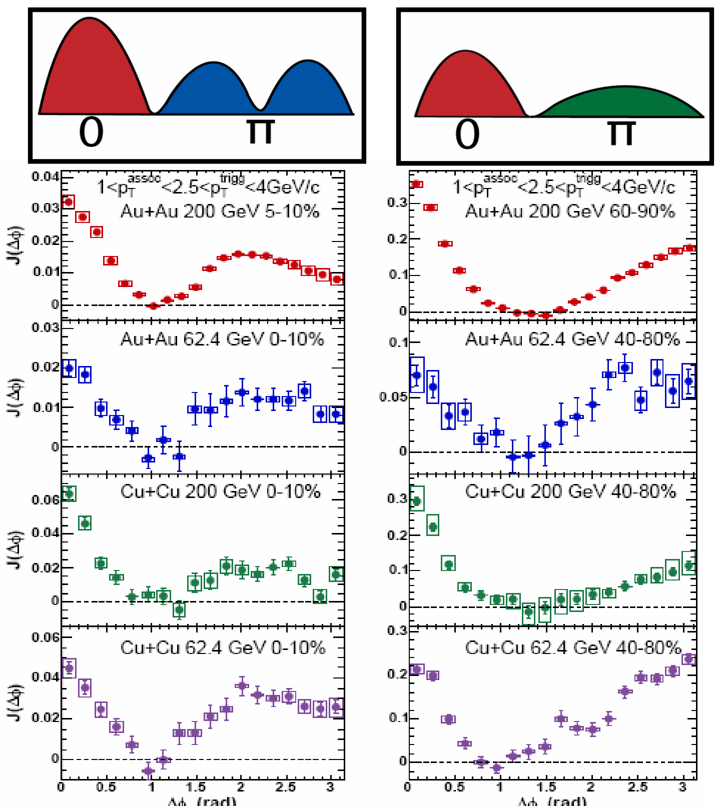
c- and b- quarks as flow as light quarks!



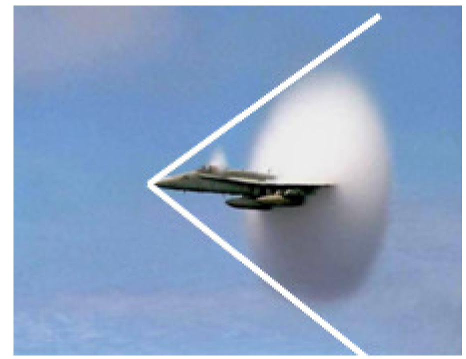
5. Two particle correlation and jet tomography

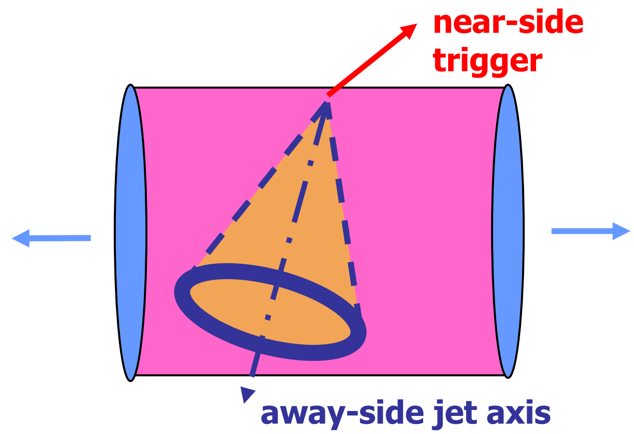
Jet reconstruction difficult in heavy ion collisions
Jet physics can still be studied via two-particle correlations

Shock wave, Mach/Cherenkov cone ?



Azimuthal angle relative to trigger





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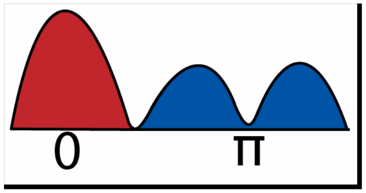
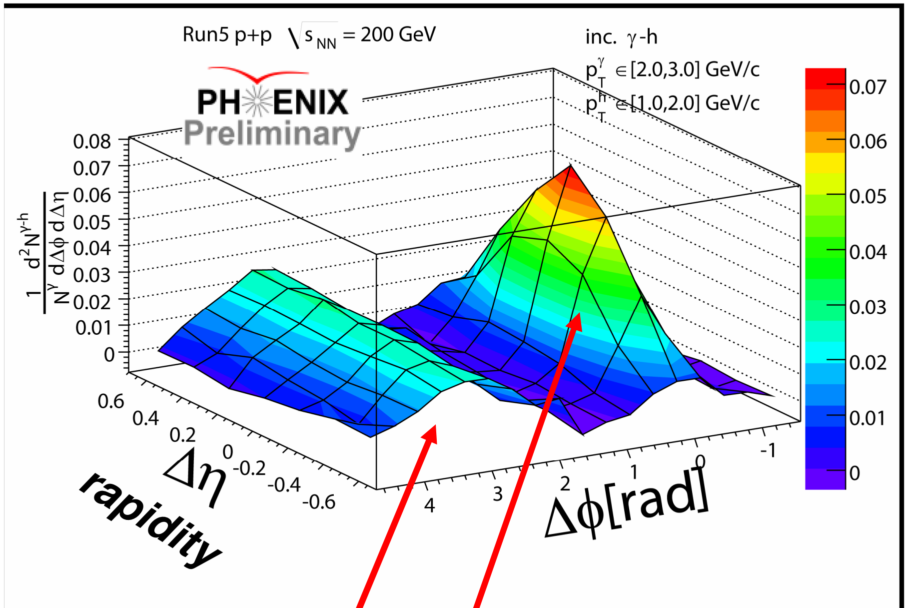
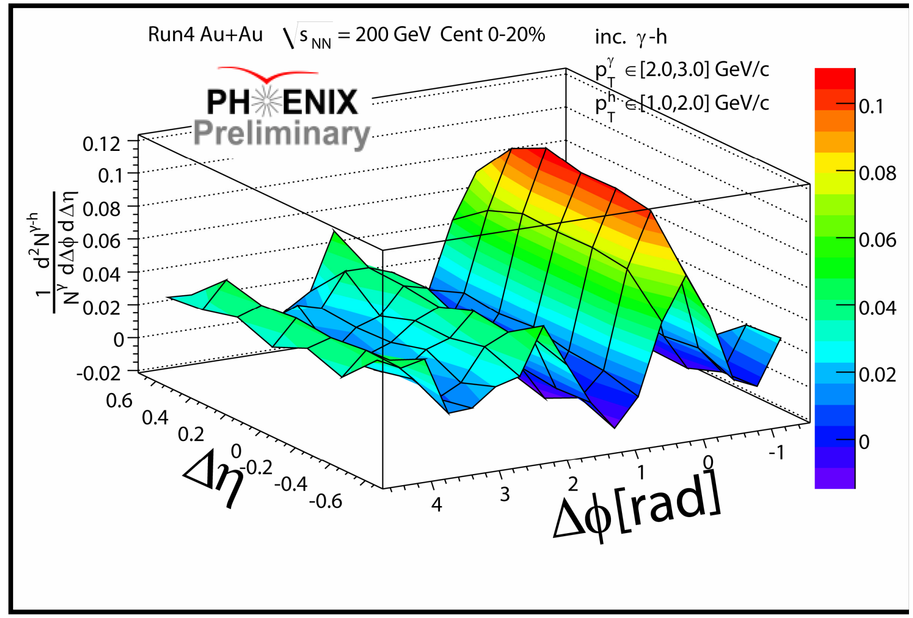


Jets. Medium Response

p+p, peripheral Au+Au



central Au+Au



Away-side Jet

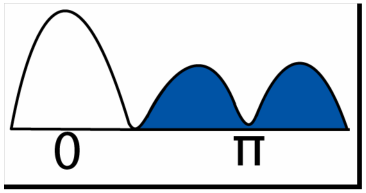
Near-side Jet

Typical

New:

- **Near-side Modification – "Ridge"**
- **Away-side Modification – "Shoulder"**

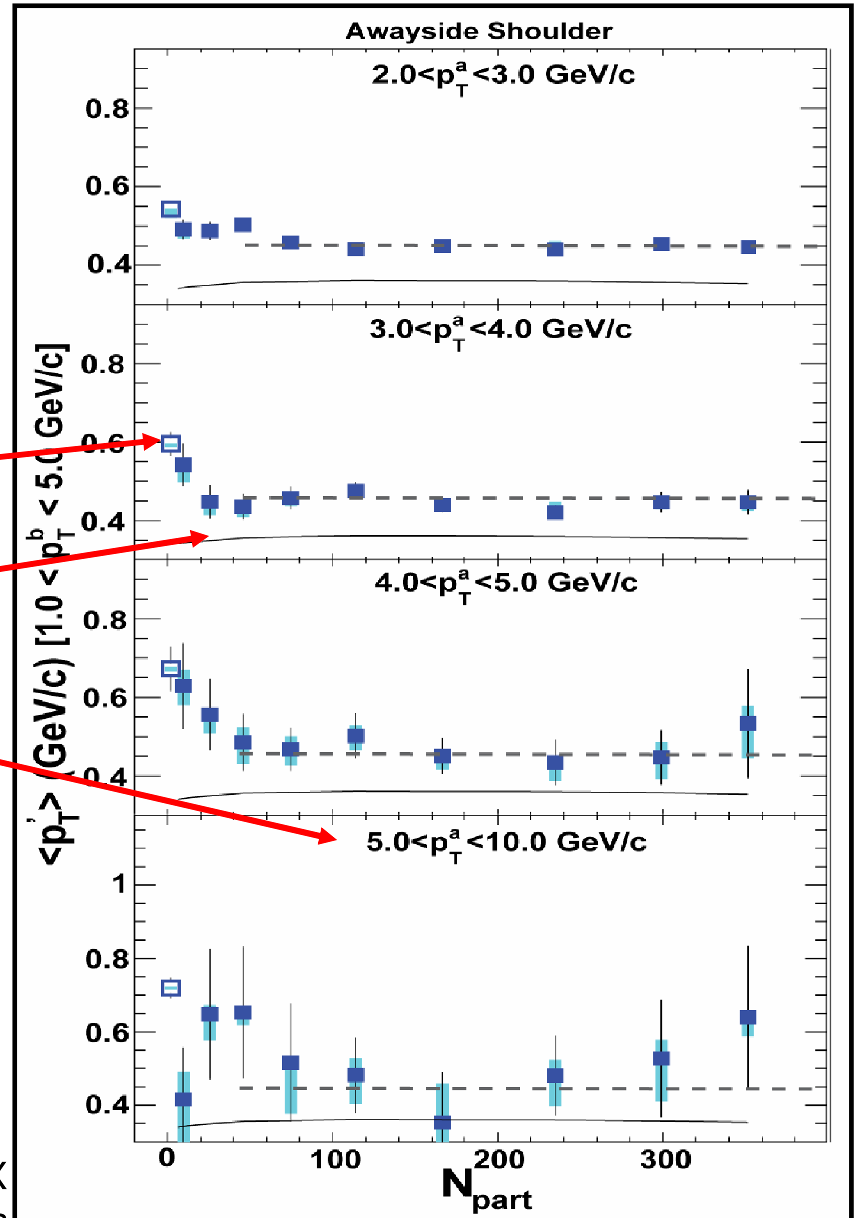
Near-side Ridge theories: Boosted Excess, Backsplash, Local Heating,…
Away-side Shoulder theories: Mach, Jet Survival + Recom, Scattering,…

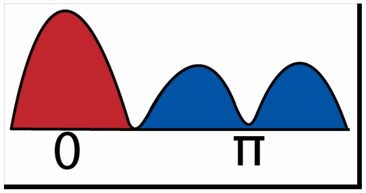


Away-side Shoulder Spectra

Mid-Central → Central Au-Au:

- Medium response dominates the shoulder bin (>50 N_{part})
- **Softer** than p-p away-side
- Close to **inclusive** spectrum
- Little dependence on **trigger** p_T selection

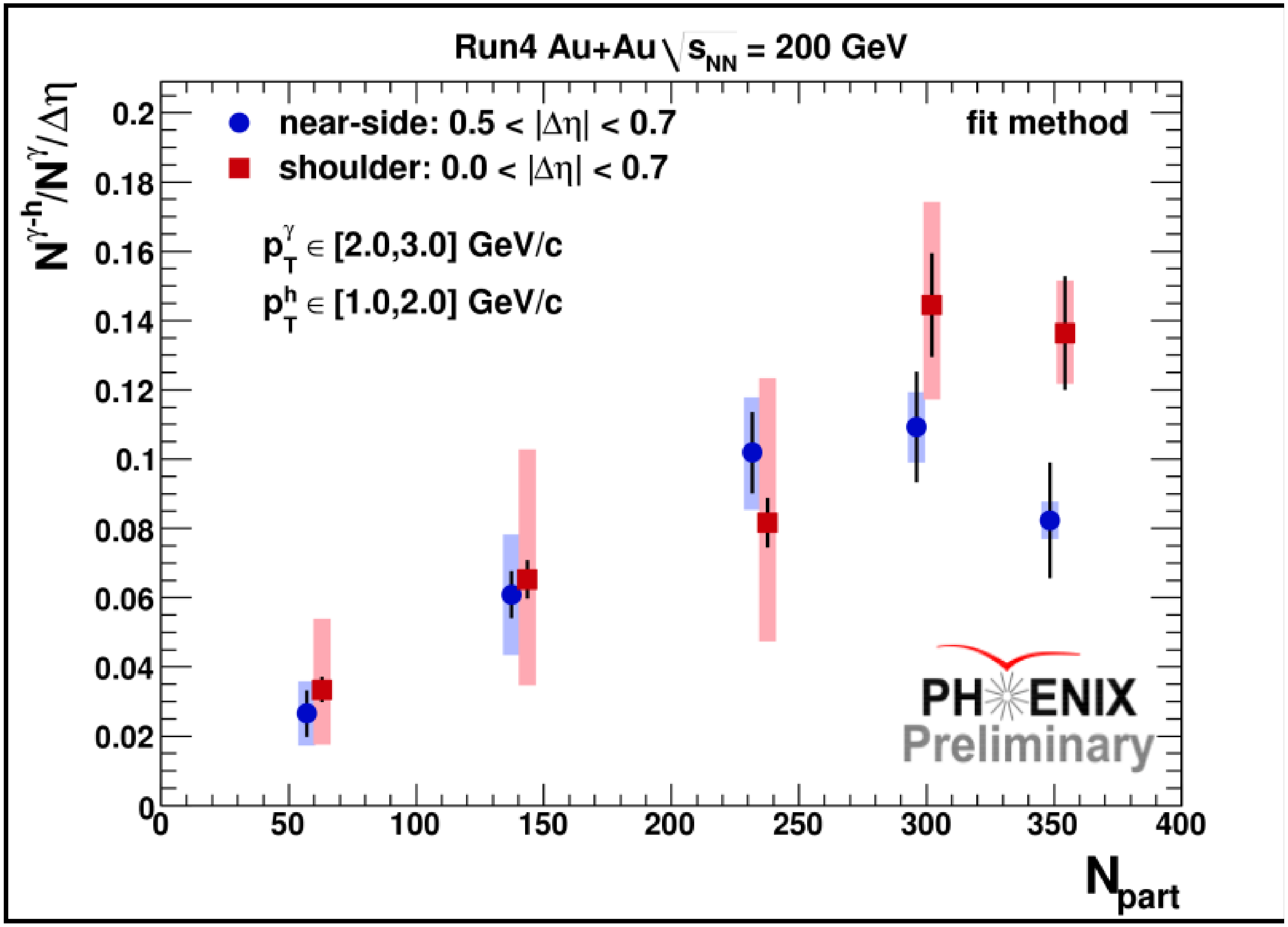


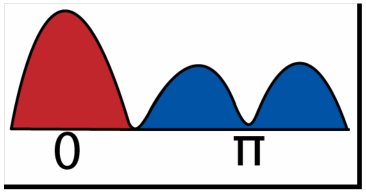


Amplitude- Centrality

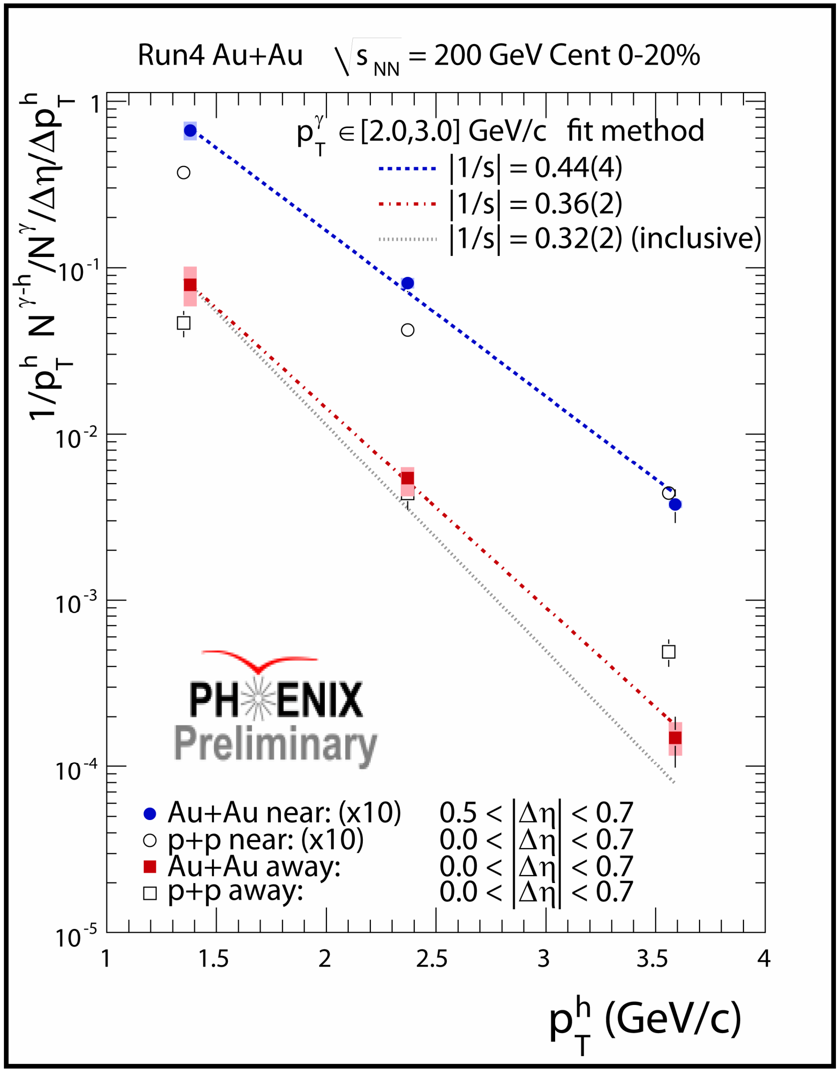
Away-side shoulder and near-side **ridge** share a **common** centrality dependence

- Scale similarity here is largely a factor of p_T selection?





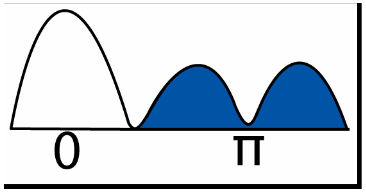
Connections - Spectra



Near-side ridge and away-side shoulder are **both softer** than p-p counterpart jets

- Near-side **ridge** is possibly **harder** than away-side shoulder

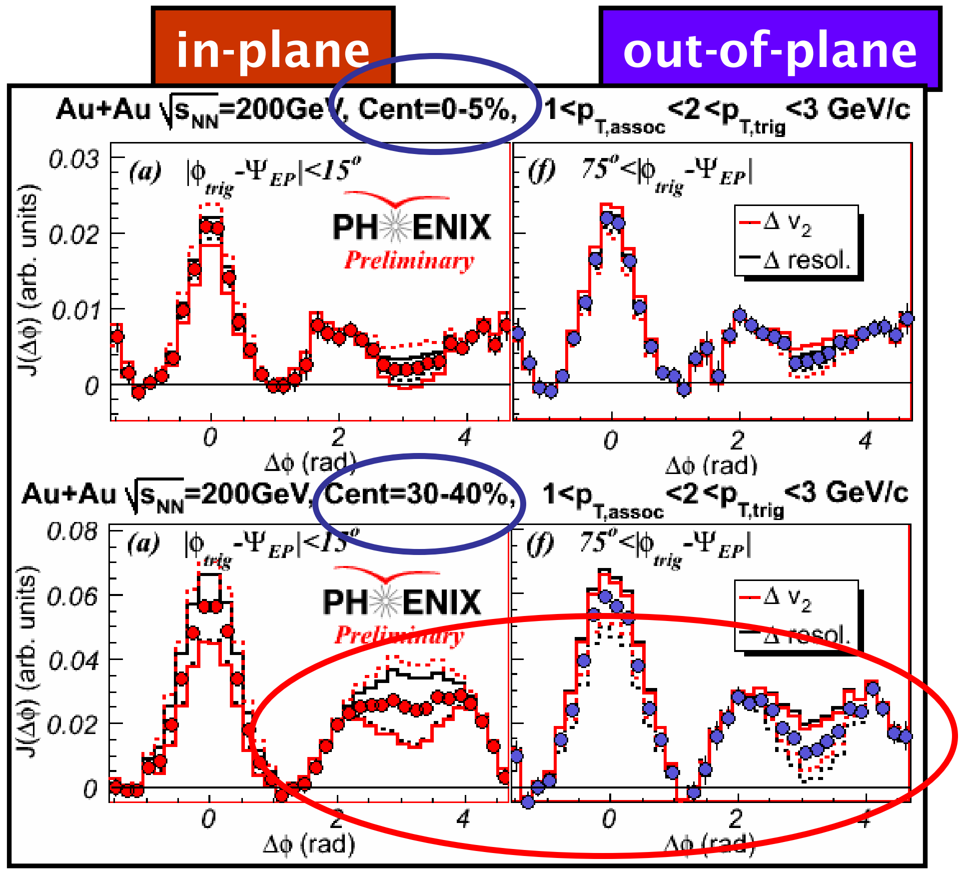
- Away-side shoulder is closest to **inclusive hadron** slope

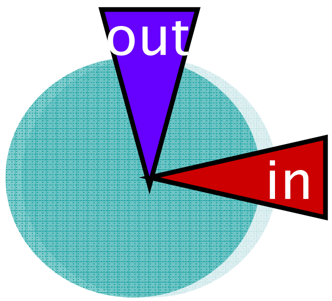


Away-side by Geometry. Preliminary data

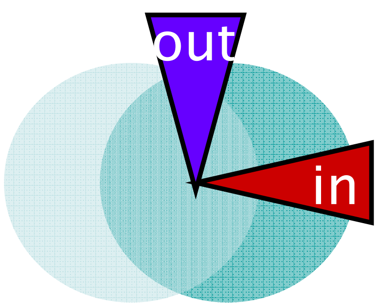
Orientation versus Reaction-Plane:

- Reaction-plane resolution sys errors – Black lines (correlate in-out)
- v_2 sys errors – Red lines (anti-correlate in-out)





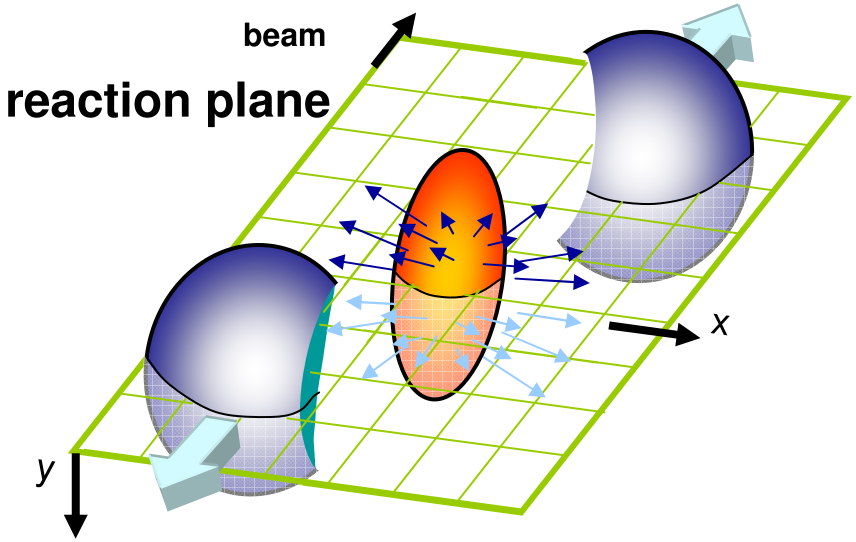
Cent 0-5%

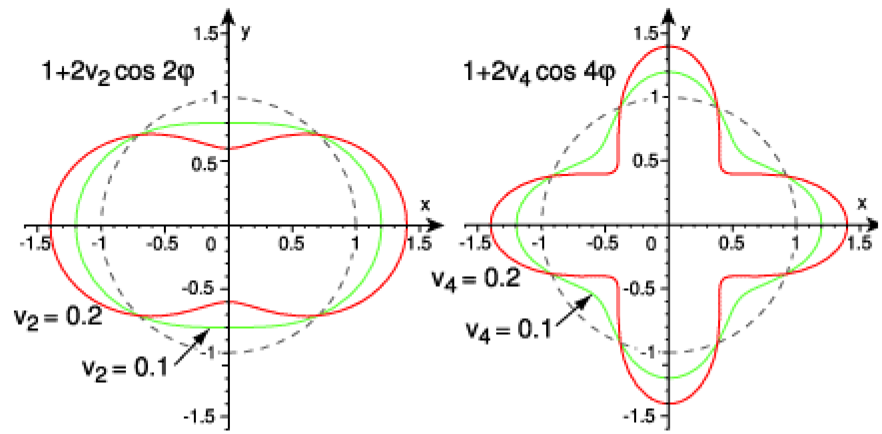


Cent 30-40%

Need more work to quantify

6. Anisotropic flow v_2 and v_4





Peter Kolb, PRC 68, 031902 (2003), nucl-th/0306081

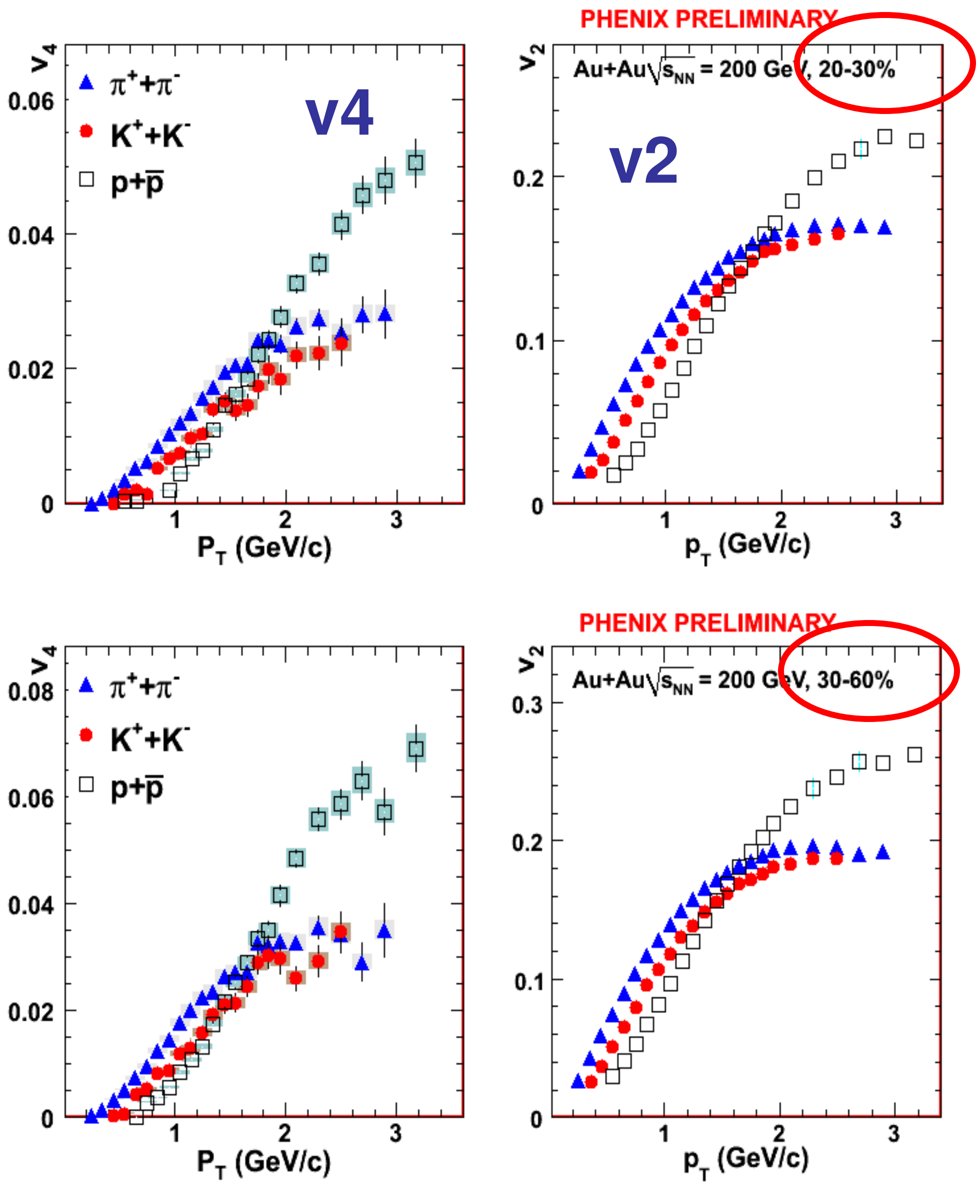
Spatial space asymmetry → momentum space asymmetry

$$E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy}\left(1+2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T, y)\cos\left(n\left(\phi-\Psi_r\right)\right)\right)$$

$$v_n = \left\langle \cos\left(n\left(\phi-\Psi_r\right)\right)\right\rangle$$

- **Azimuthal correlation with the reaction plane**
- **Built up in the early stage and self-quenched, therefore supply the early information of matter generated in the collision**

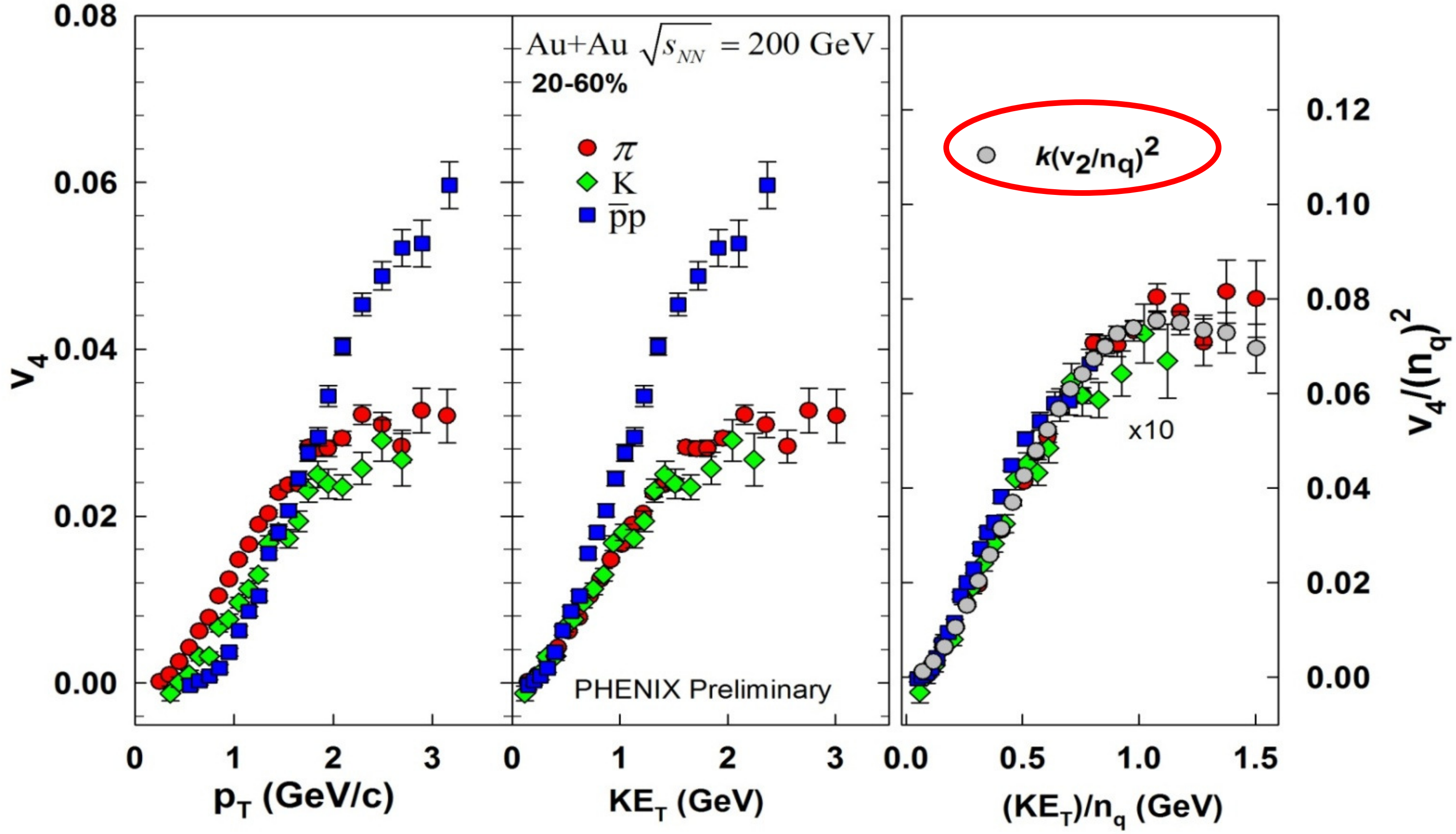
Mass ordering of v_2 and v_4



- V_4 has been measured as a function of p_T in different centrality bins for the π, K and p
- Mass ordering has been observed for both v_2 and v_4

Consistent with the hydrodynamics.

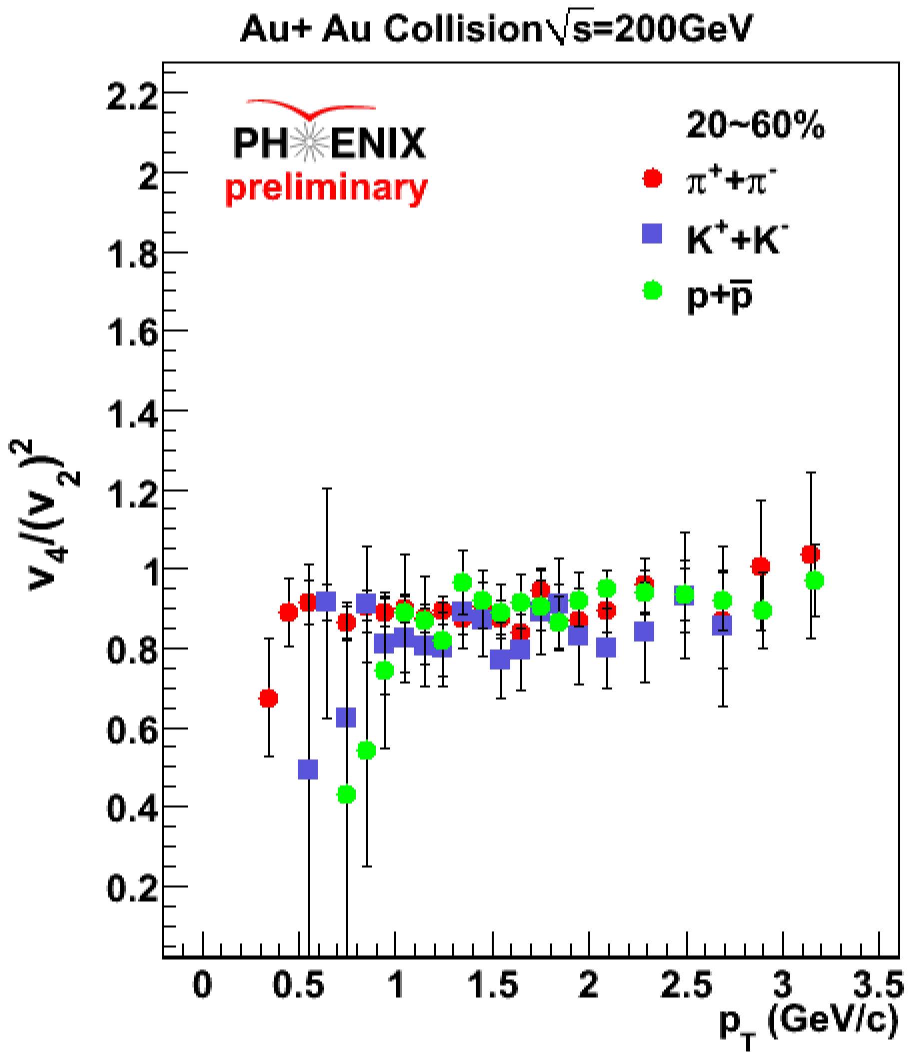
Quark energy (KE_T) Scaling of v_4



- The v_4 follows the KE_T scaling well for $KE_T < 1$ GeV

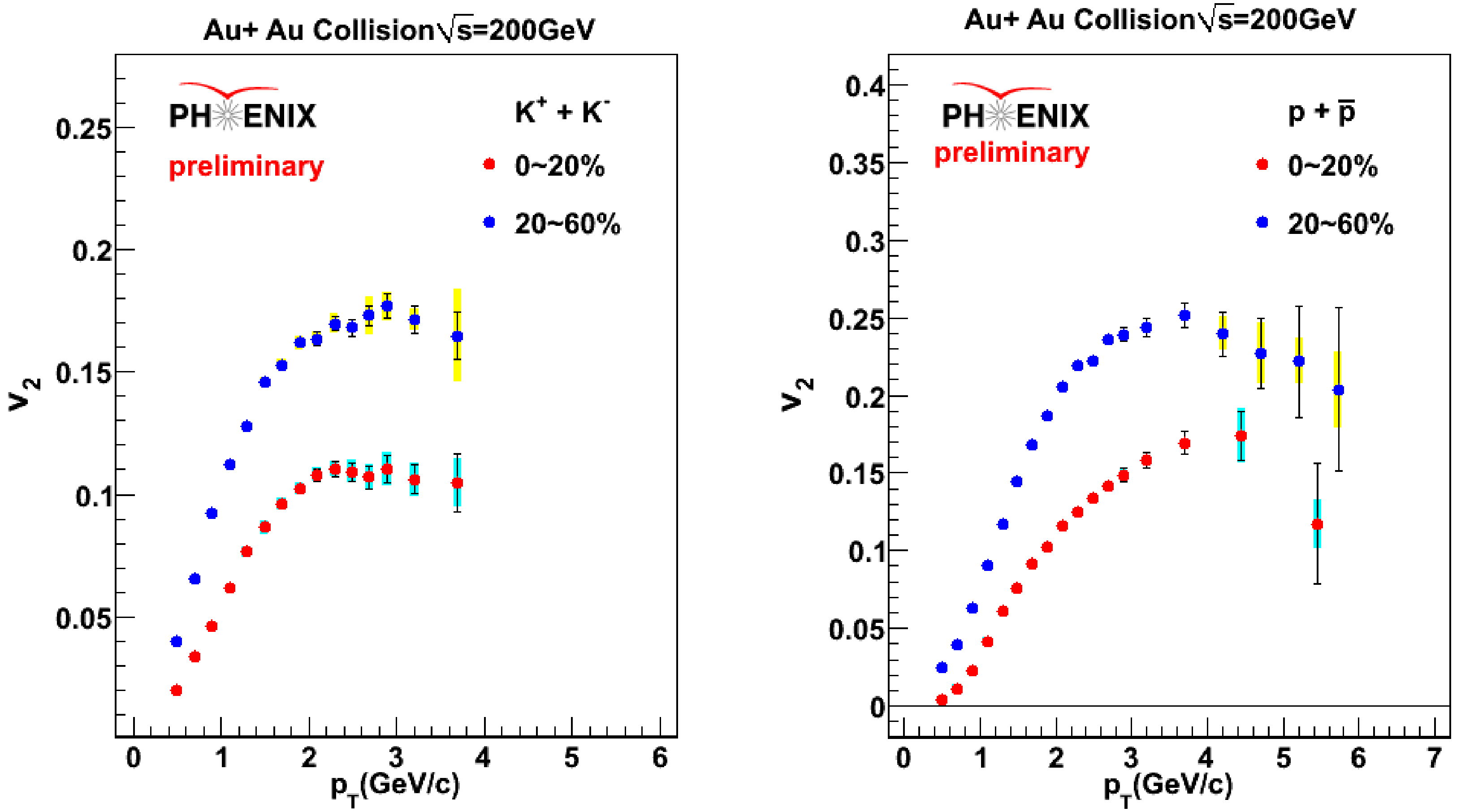
- The number of constituent quark scaling holds for v_4 when $KE_T/nq < 1$ GeV.

This confirms that matter with partonic degrees of freedom has been generated at RHIC



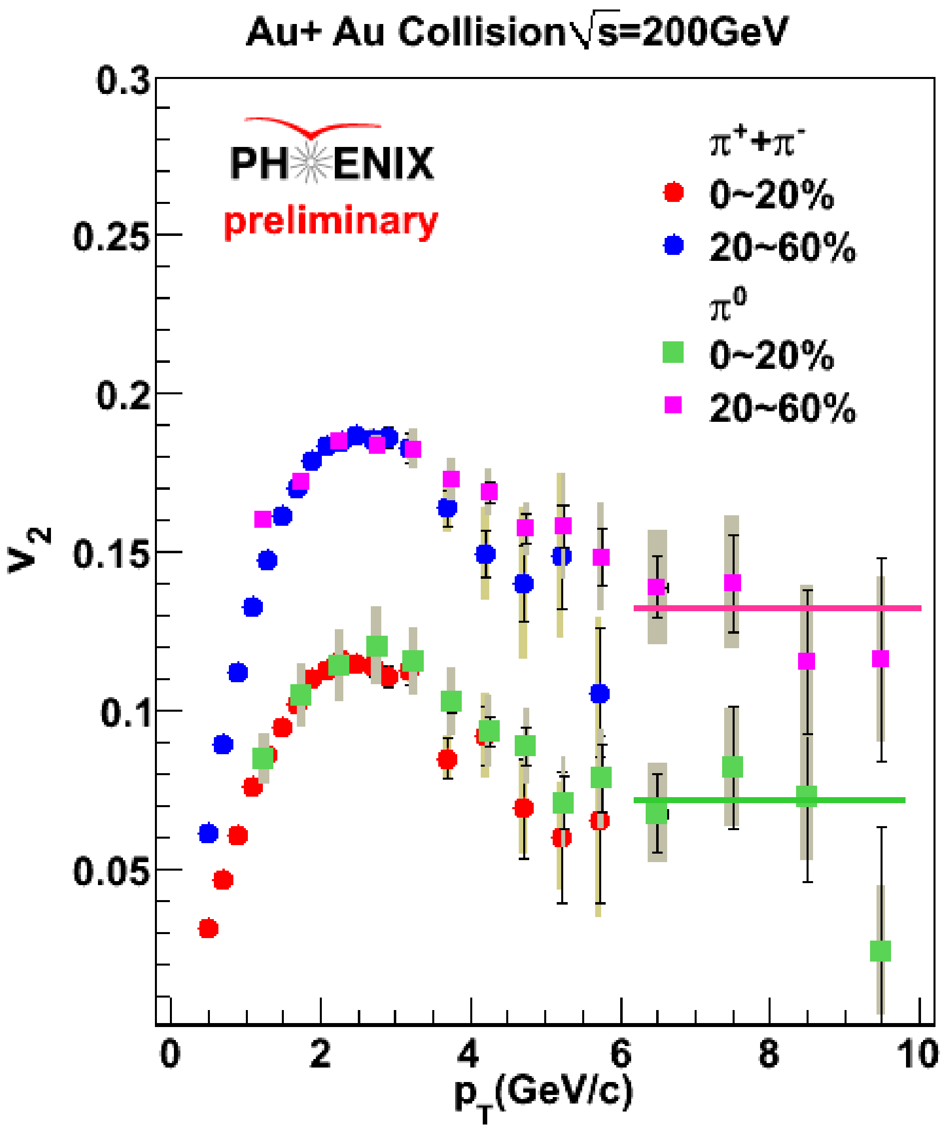
- The ratio of $v_4/(v_2)^2$ is close to 0.9 for the π, K and p
- Mesons and baryons have similar $v_4/(v_2)^2$ ratio

New high pt data on Kaon and Proton v_2

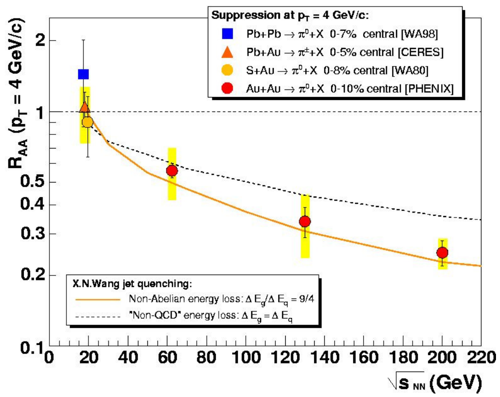


- Kaon v_2 can be measured to 4 GeV/c and protons v_2 can be measured to 6 GeV/c
- Proton v_2 starts to drop at p_T ~ 4 GeV/c

Charged π v_2 at high pt



- Charged π v_2 can be measured to 6 GeV/c.
- The results are consistent with π^0 results in the overlap p_T region.
- π v_2 **significant** at very high pt=6-8 GeV/c!



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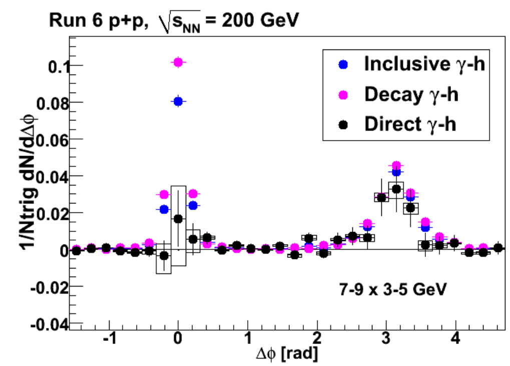
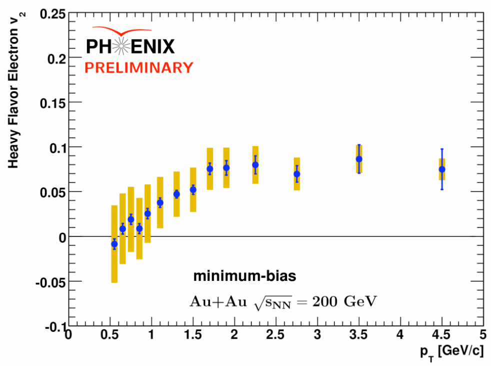
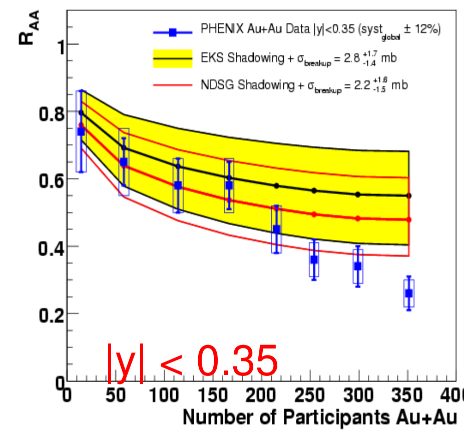


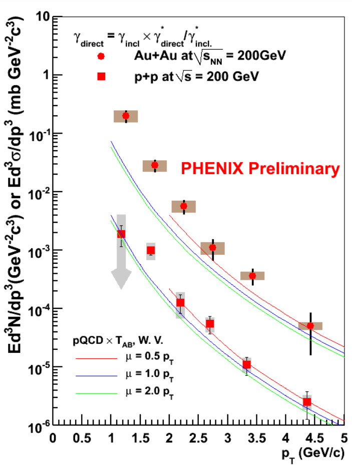
- More precise studies of sQGP matter
  - Systematics of R_{AA}

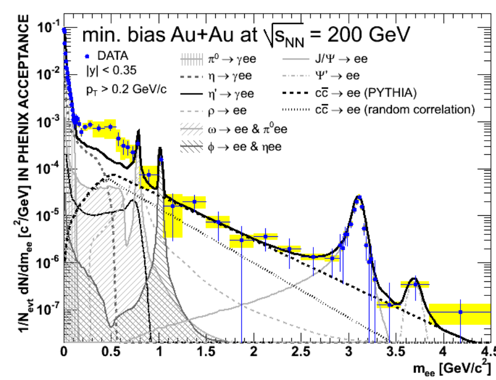
    γ-h correlations





  - J/ψ
- Initial T and evolution
  - Low p_T direct γ excess
  - Dilepton excess





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Partonic Flow

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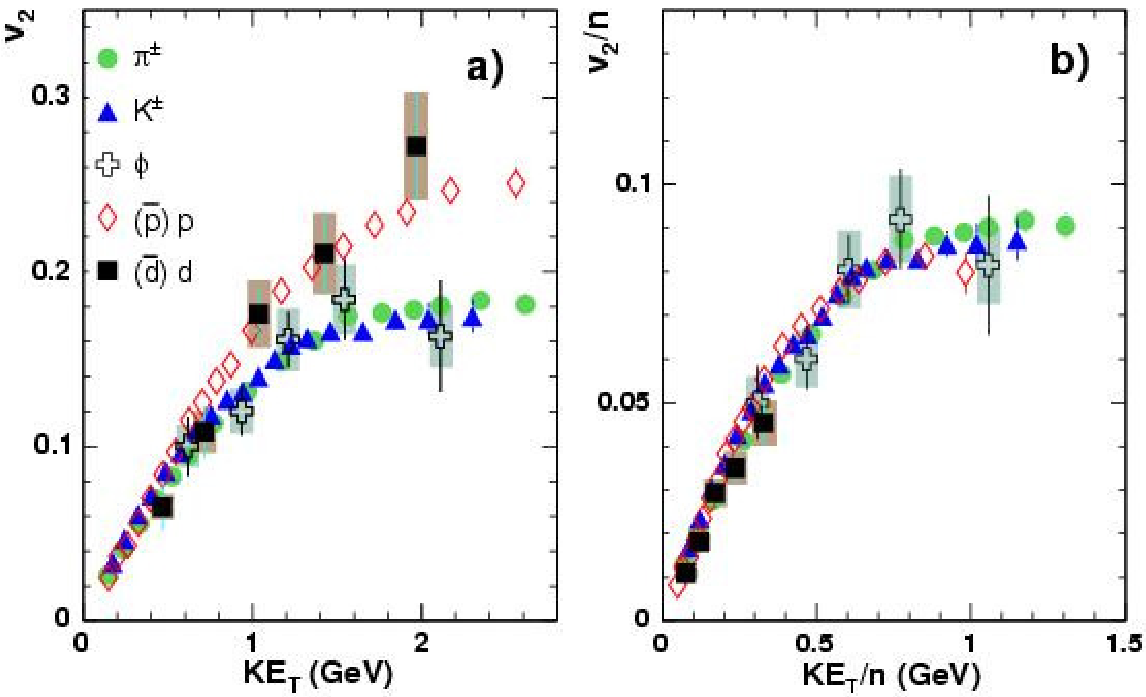
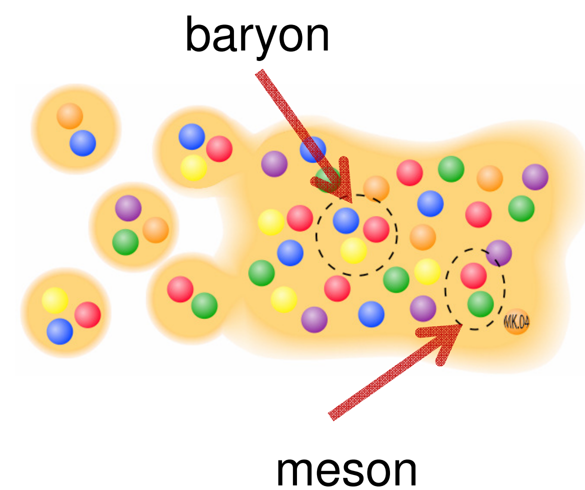


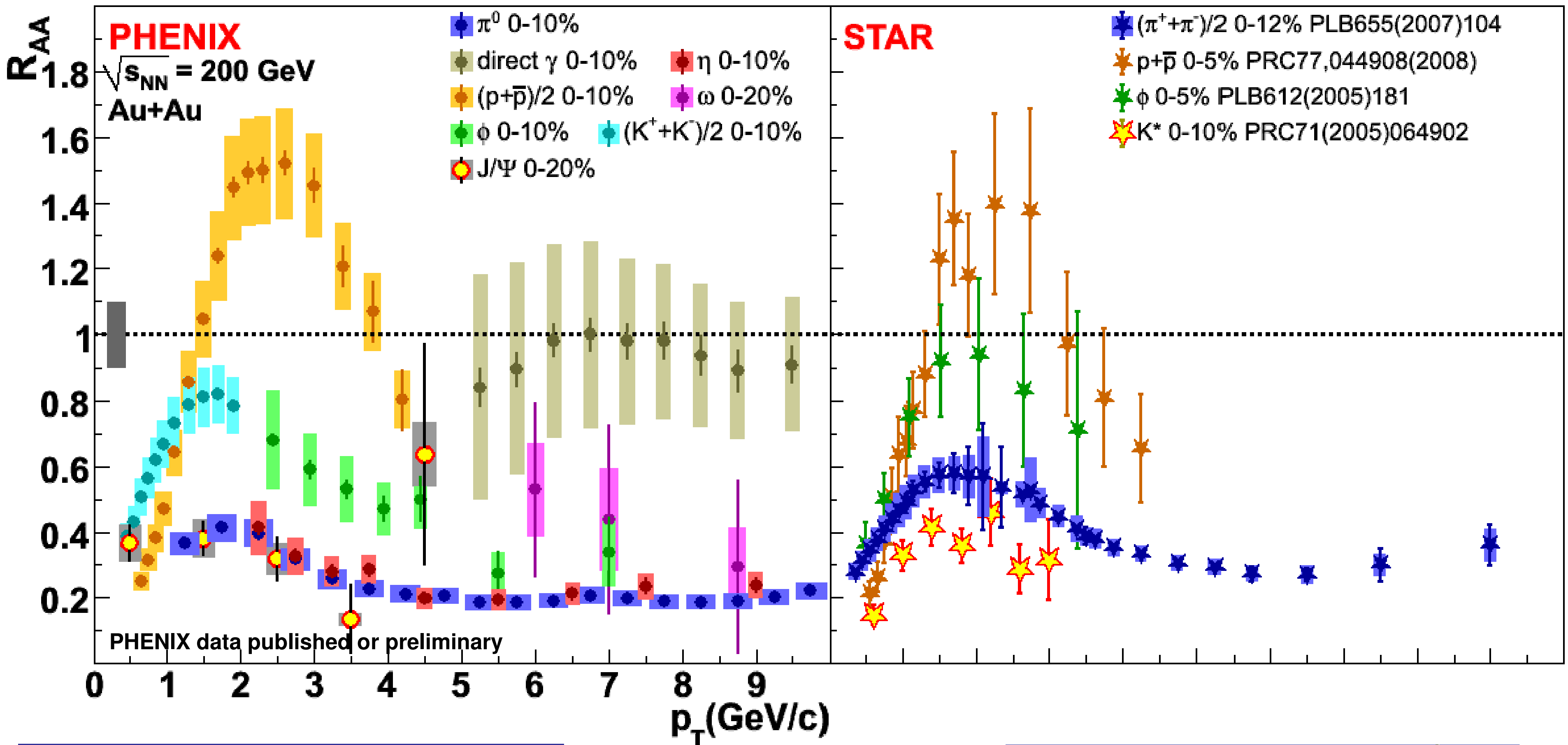


$$KE_T = m_T - m_0$$

Baryon and meson elliptic flow follow the number of constituent quark scaling as a function of transverse kinetic energy KE_T. This indicates that partonic flow builds up at RHIC

◆How about the higher order anisotropic flow such as v_4?

Mass ordering breakes?

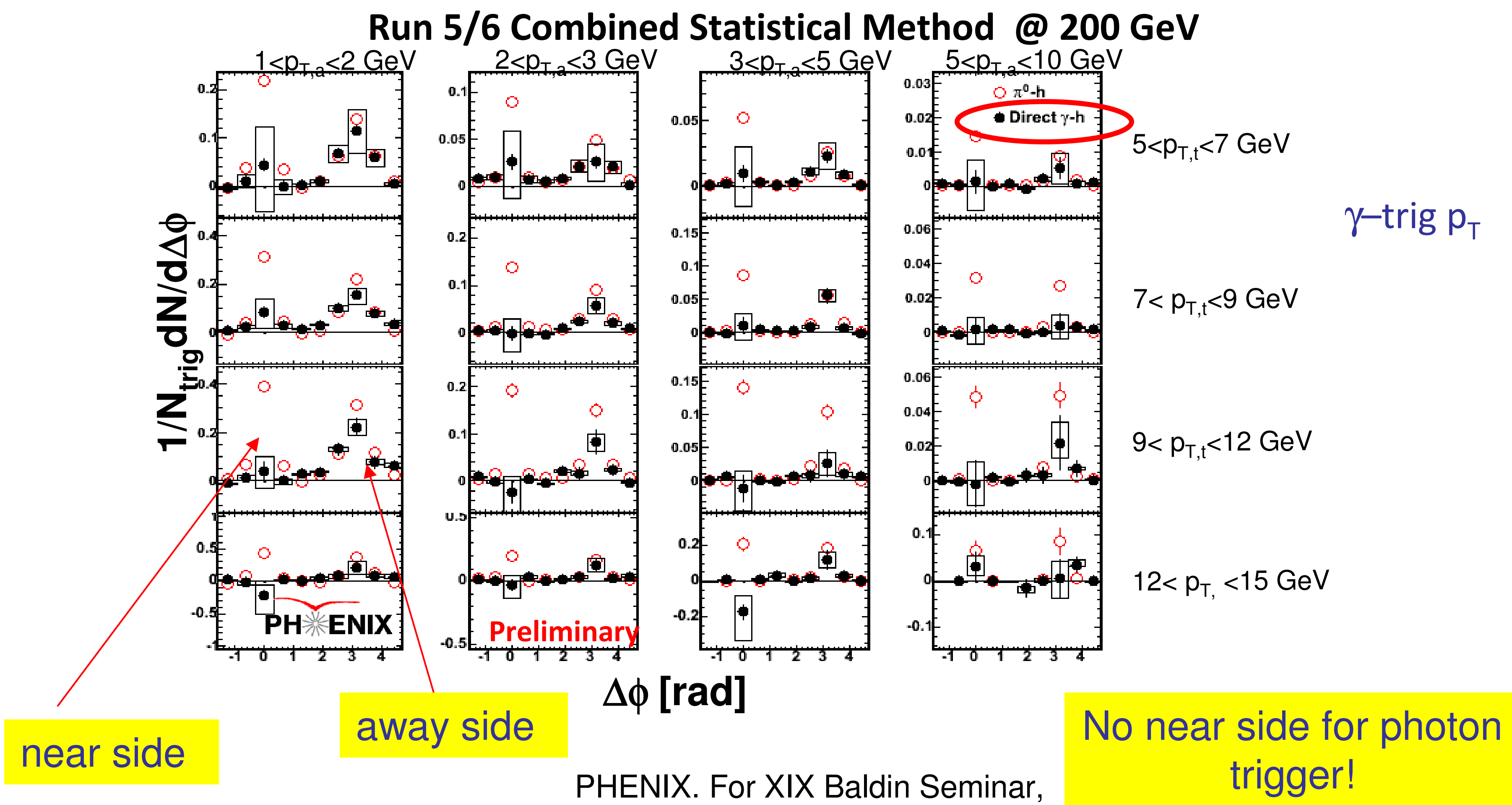


π^0&$\pi^{\pm}$ are suppressed by ~4-5
γ's hold the N_{coll} scaling
η falls dead on π^0
Baryons are enhanced including strange (not shown).

ω is suppressed (inconclusive)
ϕ behaves differently. Why?
$K^{\pm}$ is at low p_T, no overlap.
K* behaves like π^0?
J/Ψ looks like K*… ?

It works nicely… (new p+p results)

- Over a wide range of pt bins, clear Compton awayside-dominant signature
- New PHENIX highest precision p+p dataset



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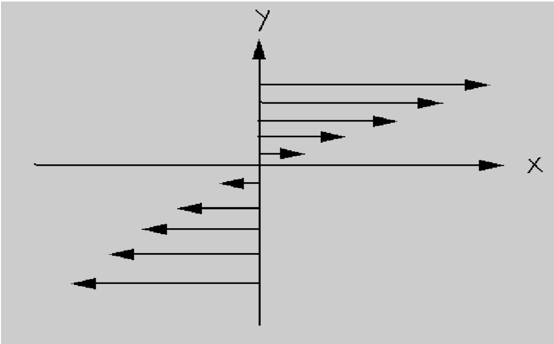
Viscosity Primer

- viscous fluid
  - supports a shear stress
  - viscosity η defined as
  - dimensional estimate

$$\frac{F_x}{A} = -\eta \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}$$



$$\eta \approx (momentum \quad density) \times (mean \quad free \quad path)$$

$$\approx n \, \bar{p} \, mfp = n \, \bar{p} \, \frac{1}{n\sigma} = \frac{\bar{p}}{\sigma}$$

large cross sections ↔ small viscosity

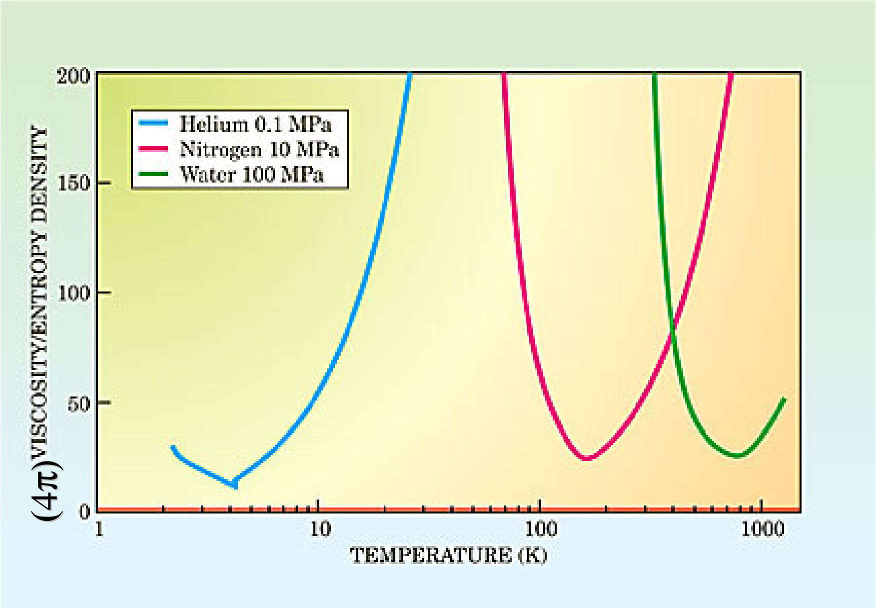
- but how small is “small”?

Viscosity of a "Near Perfect" Fluid

- early hydrodynamic calculations of the medium at RHIC have assumed zero viscosity: $\eta = 0$, i.e. a "perfect fluid"
- conjectured lower quantum limit
  - –derived first in (P. Kovtun, D.T. Son, A.O. Starinets, Phys.Rev.Lett.94:111601, 2005)
  - –motivated by AdS/CFT (Anti de Sitter space / Conformal Field Theo espondence (J. Maldacena: Adv. Theor. Math. Phys. 2, 231, 1998)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi}$$

- "ordinary" fluids
  - – water (at normal conditions)
    - $\eta/s \sim 380\ \hbar/4\pi$
  - – helium (at λ point)
    - $\eta/s \sim 9\ \hbar/4\pi$
- "RHIC fluid"?



Measuring η/s

- need observables that are sensitive to shear stress
- damping (flow, fluctuations, heavy quark motion) ~ η/s
- flow
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    - “Has the QCD critical point been signaled by observations at RHIC?”
  - H.-J. Drescher et al.: Phys. Rev. C76:024905, 2007
    - “The Centrality Dependence of Elliptic Flow, the Hydrodynamic Limit, and the Viscosity of Hot QCD”
- fluctuations
  - S. Gavin and M. Abdel-Aziz: Phys. Rev. Lett. 97:162302, 2006
    - “Measuring Shear Viscosity Using Transverse Momentum Correlations in Relativistic Nuclear Collisions”
- heavy quark motion (drag, flow)
  - A. Adare et al. (PHENIX Collaboration): Phys. Rev. Lett. 98:092301, 2007
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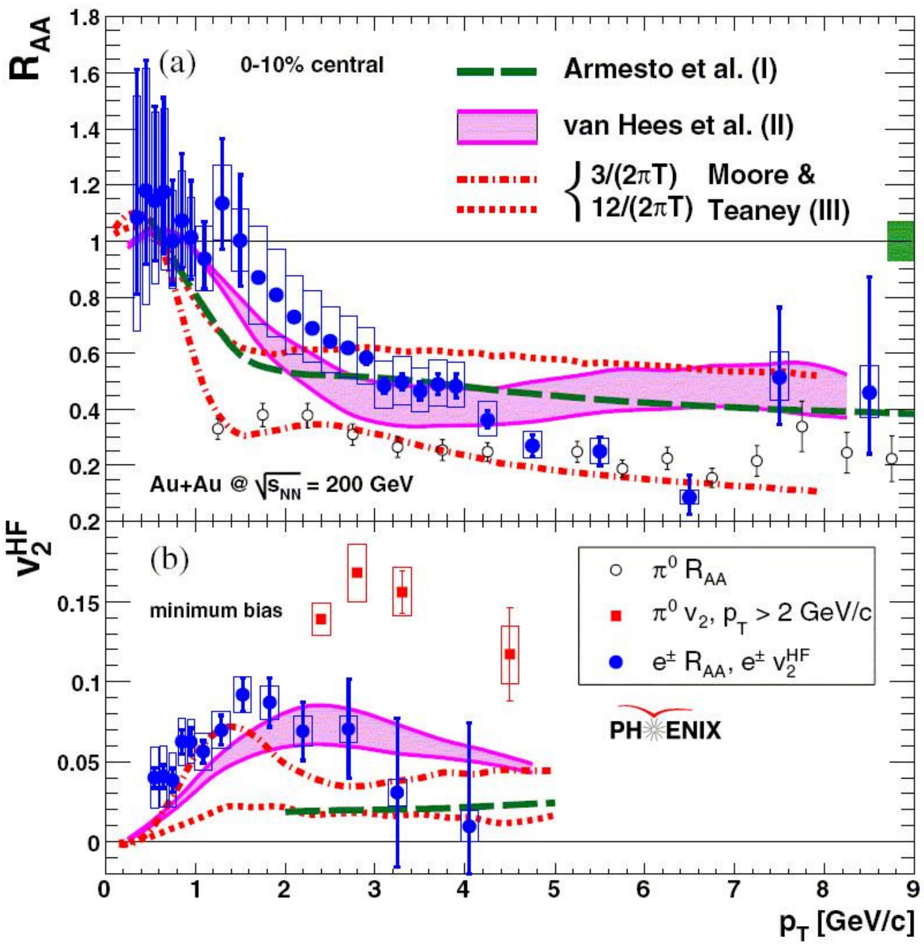
Heavy Flavor via non-photonic Electrons



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- HF strongly suppressed, Significant v_2
  - Implies high density, small diffusion coefficient
  - Estimate $\eta/s = (1.3\text{-}2)/4\pi$
  - Very close to conjectured limit

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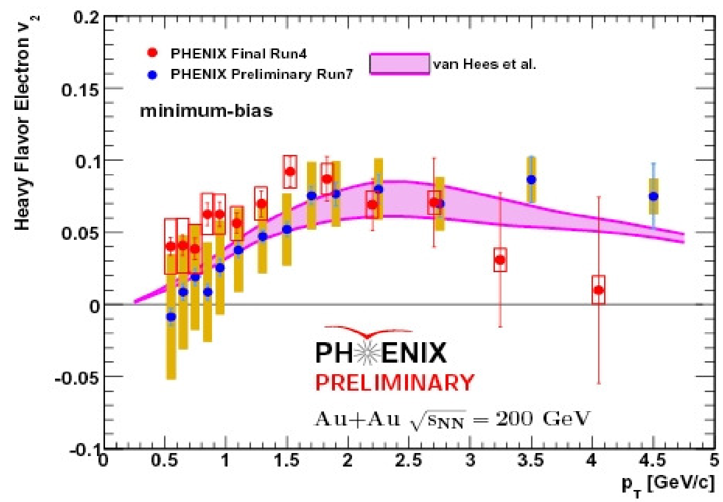
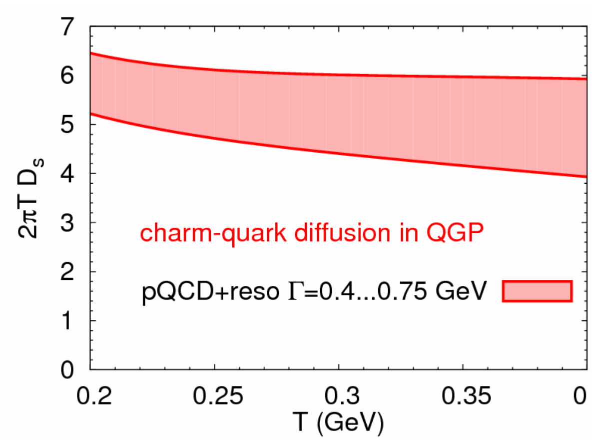


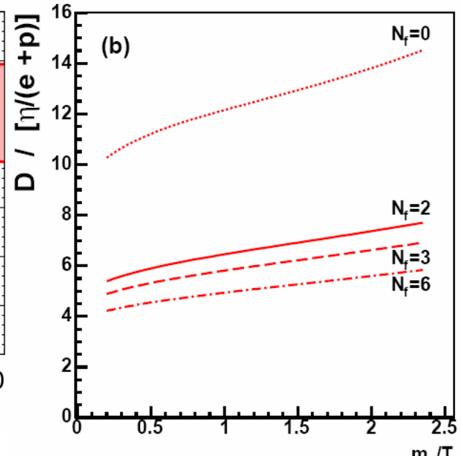
Preliminary Run 7 HF v_2 result:

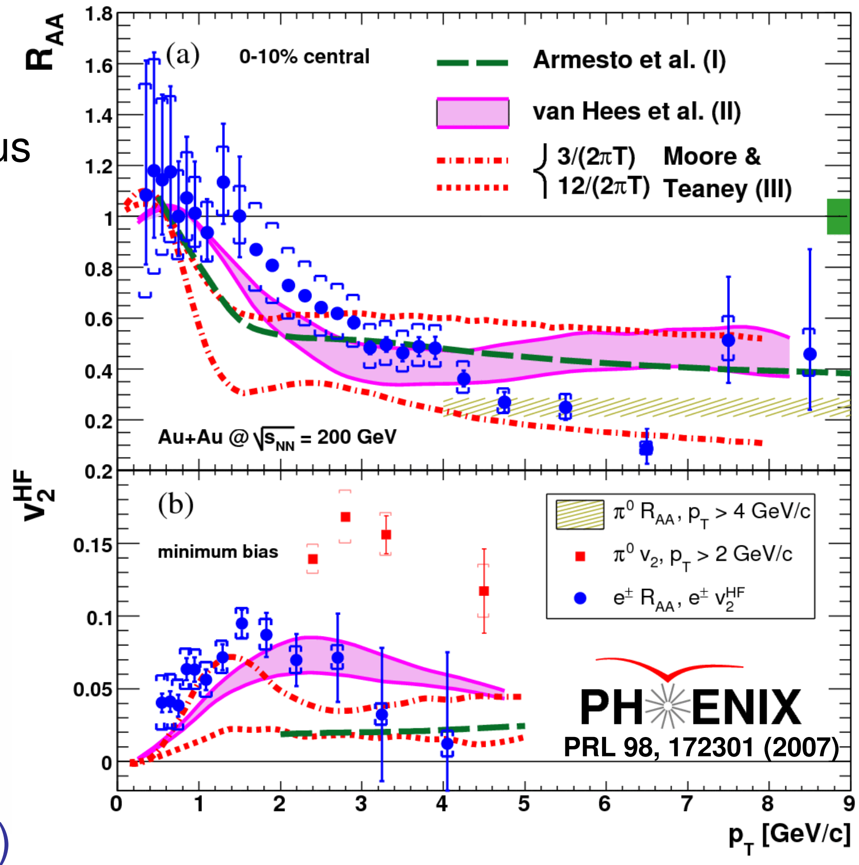
Poster: A.Dion

Estimating η/s from heavy flavor data

- transport models
  - Rapp & van Hees (PRC 71, 034907 (2005))
    - diffusion coefficient required for simultaneous fit of R_{AA} and v_2
      - $D_{HQ} \times 2\pi T \sim 4\text{-}6$



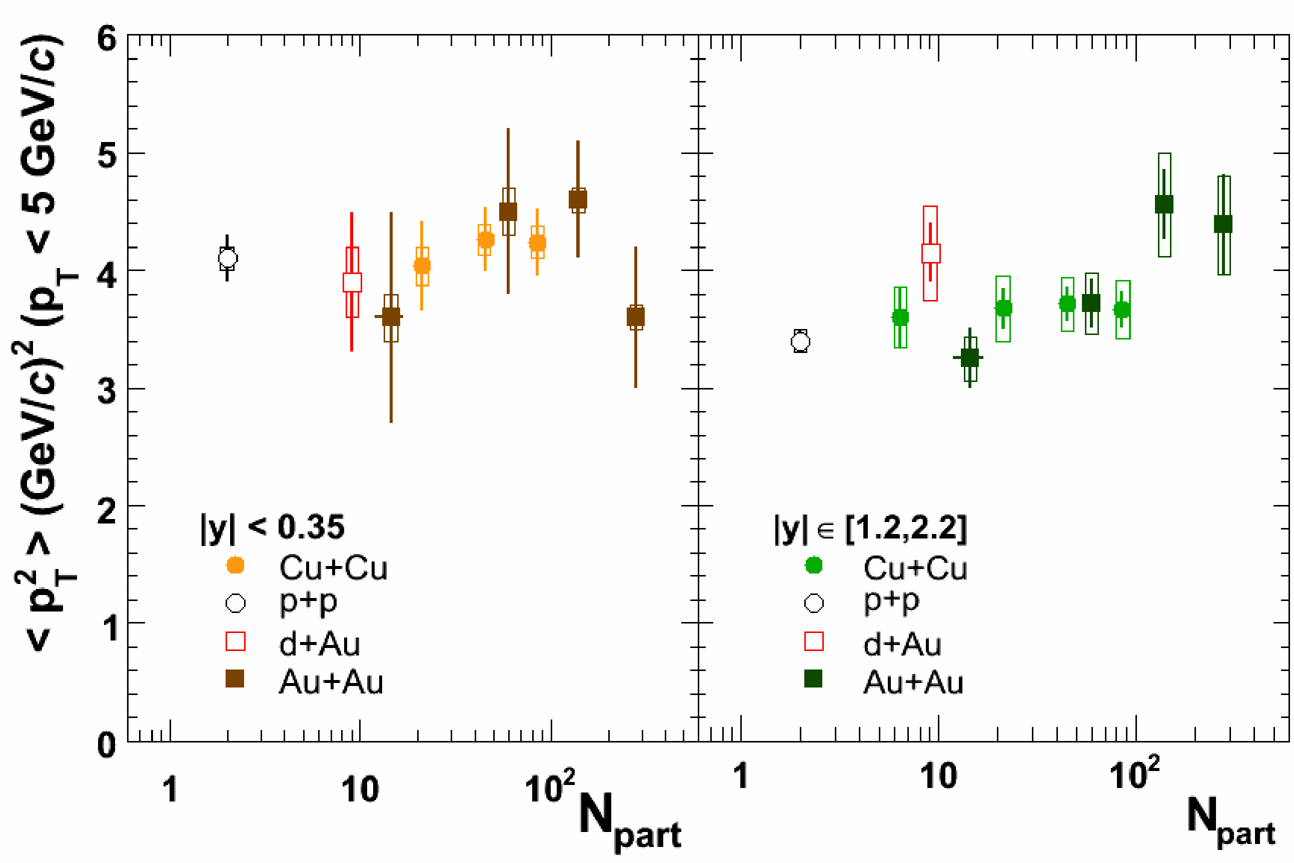




- Moore & Teaney (PRC 71, 064904 (2005))
  - difficulties to describe R_{AA} and v_2 simultaneously
  - calculate perturbatively (and argue that plausible also non-perturbatively)
    - $D_{HQ} / (\eta/(\varepsilon+P)) \sim 6$ (for $N_f = 3$)

$\eta/s = (1.3\text{-}2.0)/4\pi$

J/ψ $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$ Cu+Cu and Au+Au



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- No (or modest) p_T broadening of J/ψ
  - Conspiracy of low p_T suppression and recombination?