

# The Little Bang: A liquid tale of Heavy Ion collisions

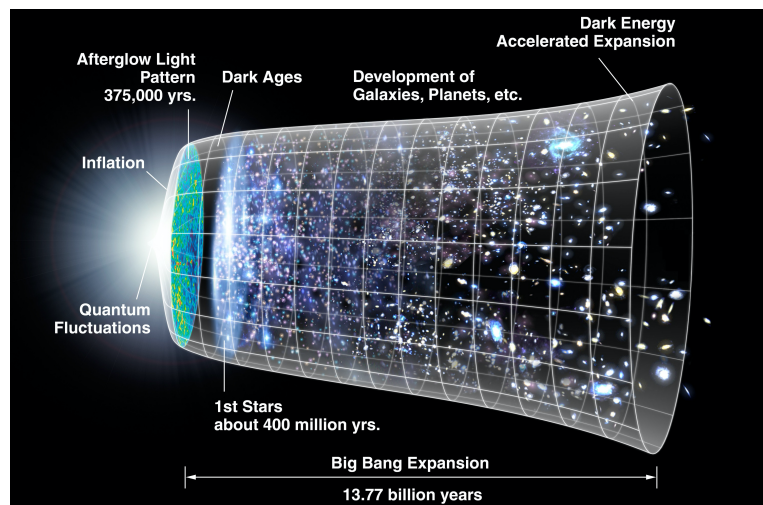
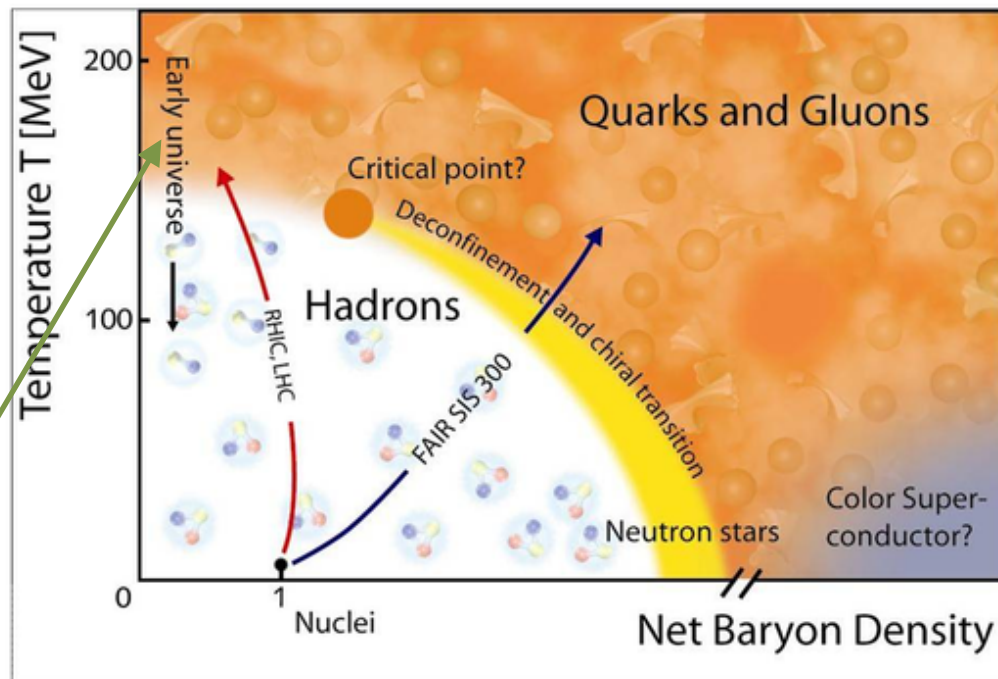
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# Heavy Ion Collisions

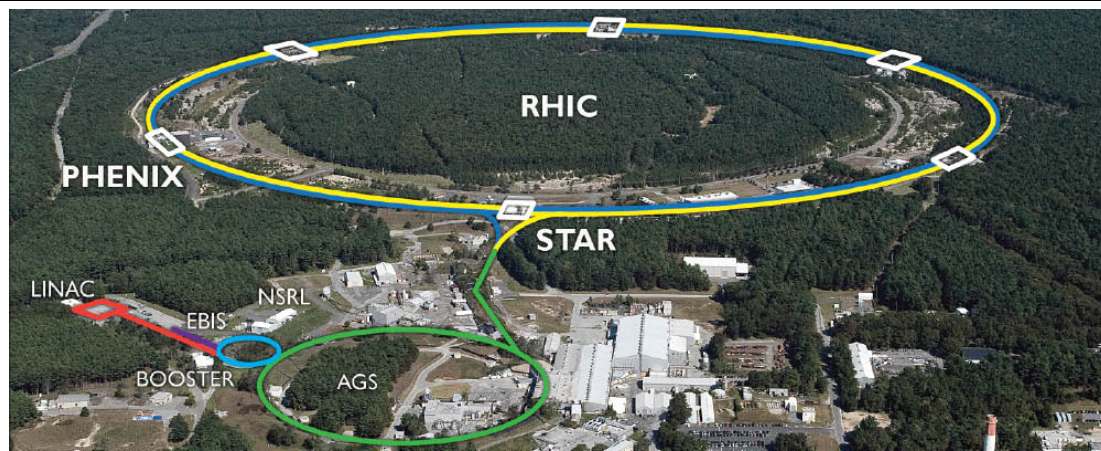
Region accesible through HIC

- Low Net Baryon density
- High Temperatures
- $T_c \sim 160 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow e_c \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$
- RHIC AuAu @ 200GeV  $\rightarrow T \sim 349 \text{ MeV}$
- Similar conditions present in at  $t \sim 10^{-6} \text{ s}$  after Big Bang



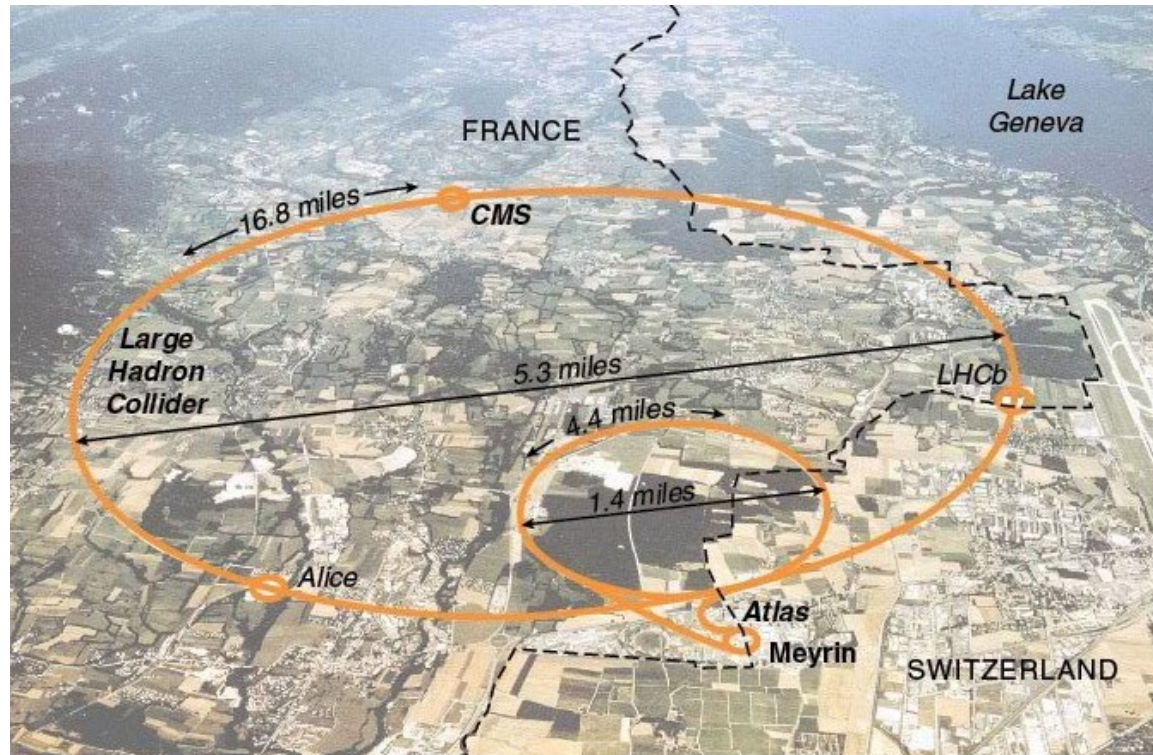
- Systematic exploration and characterization of QCD matter under extreme conditions of temperature and pressure
- Unique controlled way to study deconfined QCD matter ( Quark-Gluon Plasma )

# How do we produce QGP?



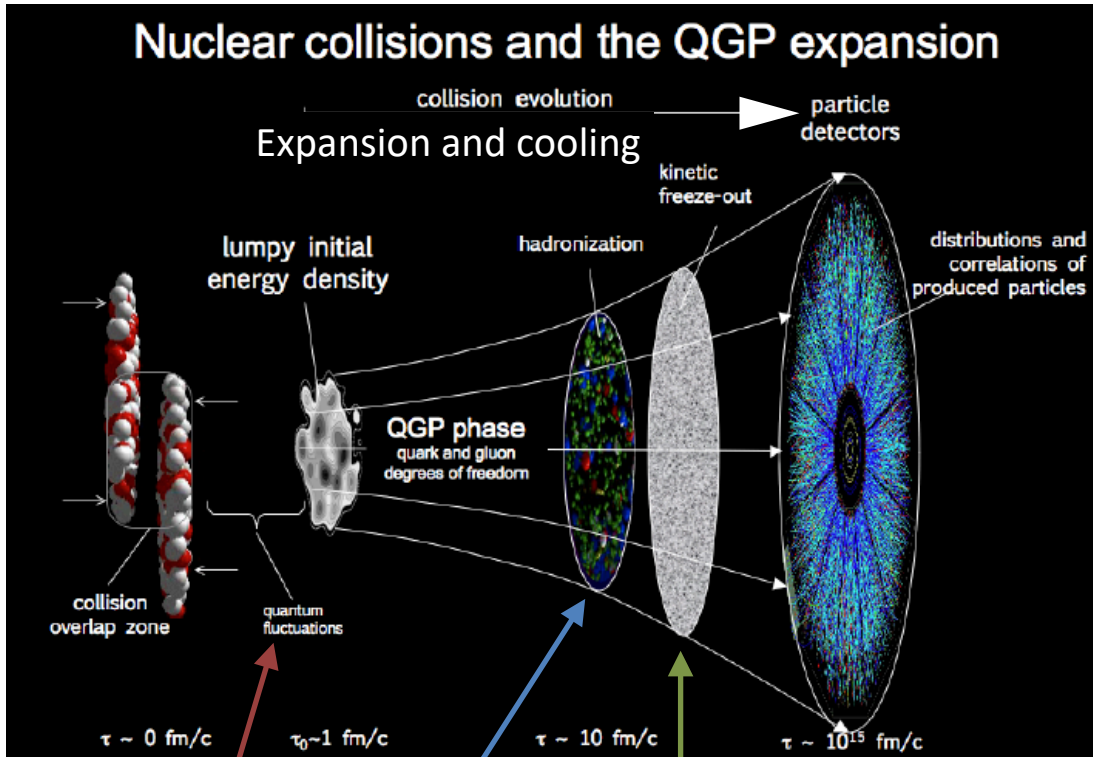
- First production of QGP ~20 years ago (SPS/RHIC)
- RHIC continues operations (STAR / sPHENIX) and will keep running for another 5 years

- LHC has four main experiments (ALICE/CMS/ATLAS/LHCb).
- All of them have a Heavy Ion program



RHIC	LHC
Low energies	High energies
Collision engineering	Large acceptance

# Evolution of a Heavy-Ions Collision



Non-equilibrium stage

Close to critical Temperature for deconfinement

Hadronic gas phase

Hadrons mean free path is large enough that hadrons do not collide with each other anymore

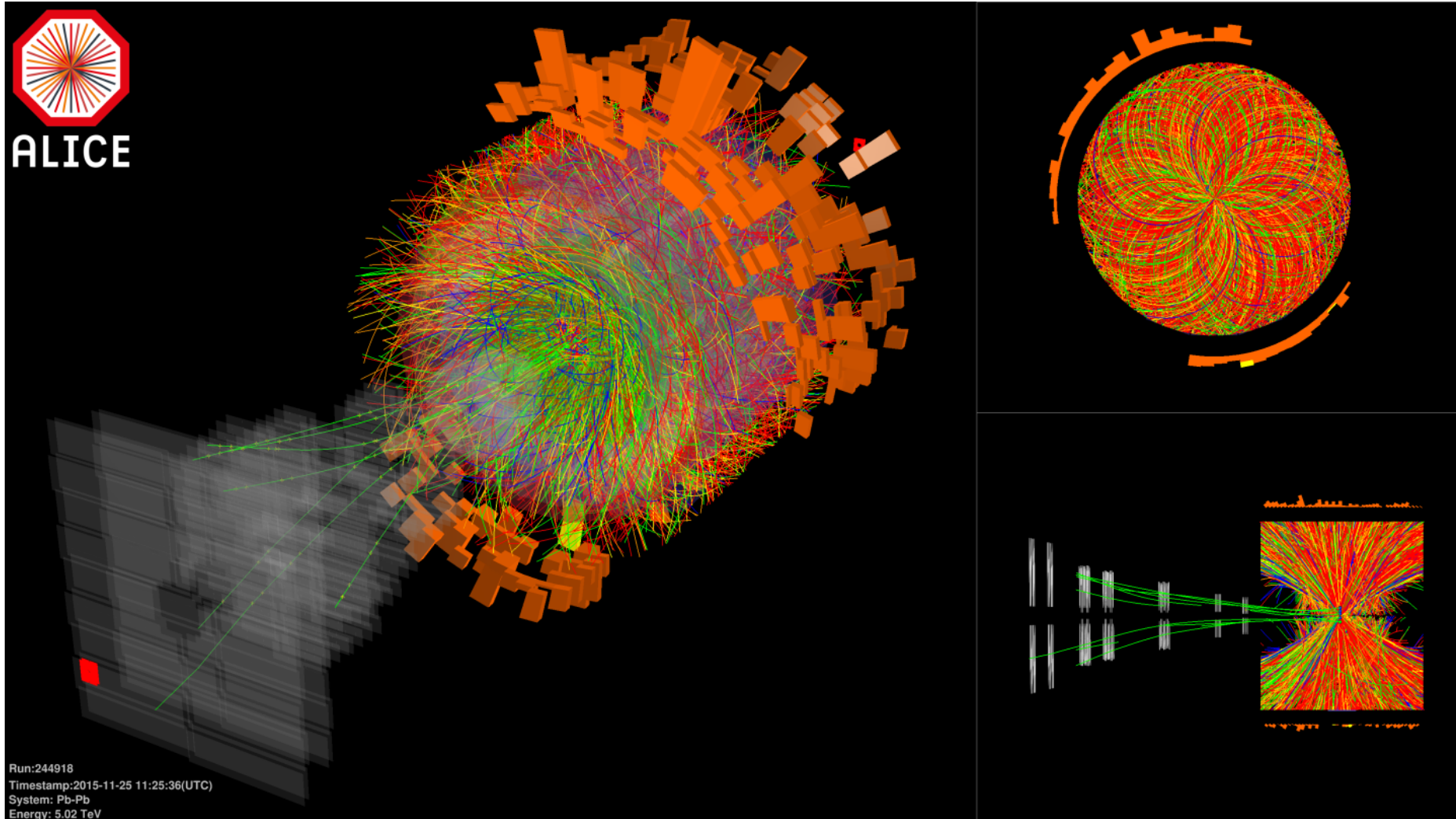
Free streaming towards detectors

Quite simplified model but very educative

- A lot happened already before hadronic matter arrives to our detectors
- However correlation analysis of the observables allow us to probe the evolution

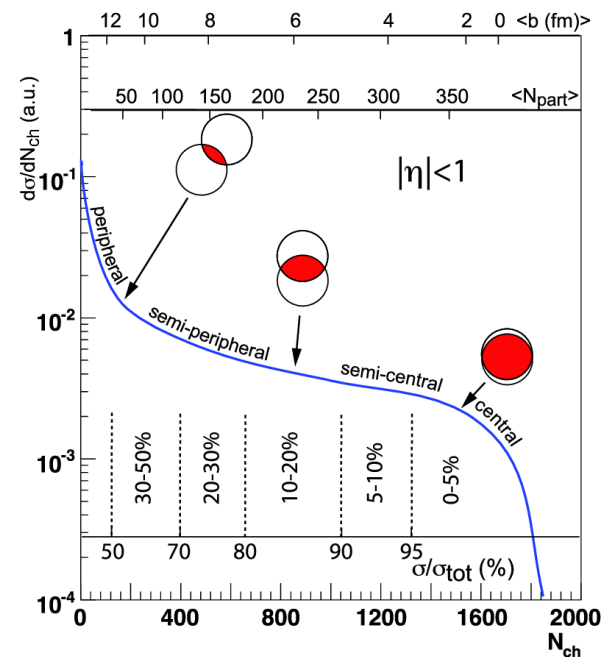
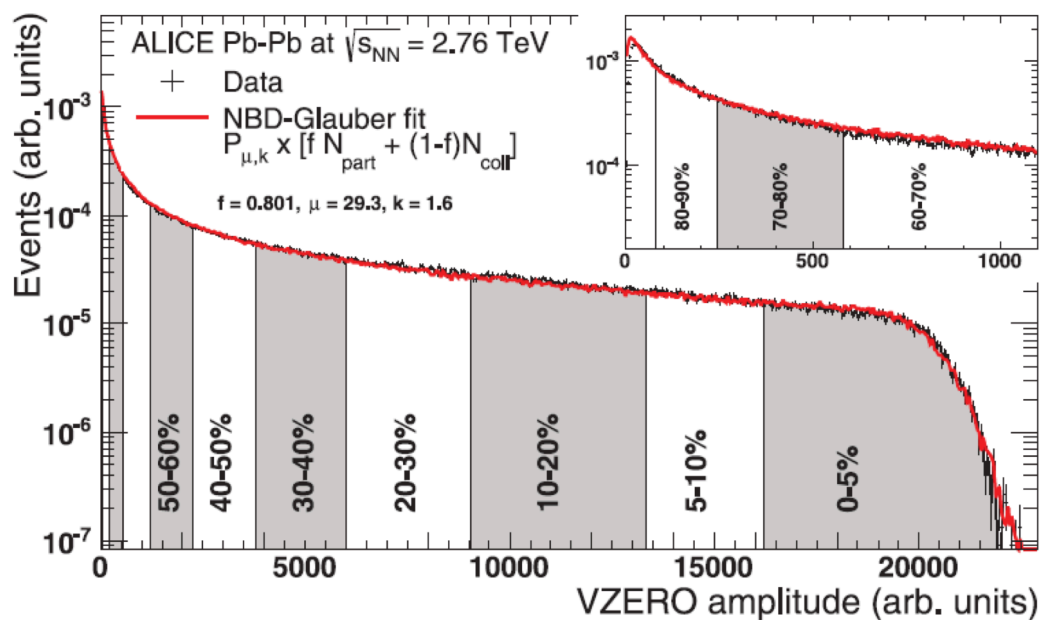
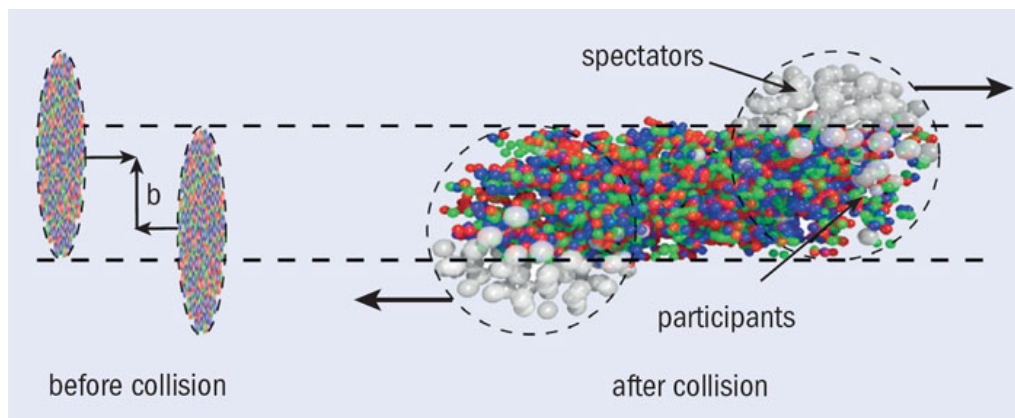


# A single collision event for PbPb @ 5.72 TeV

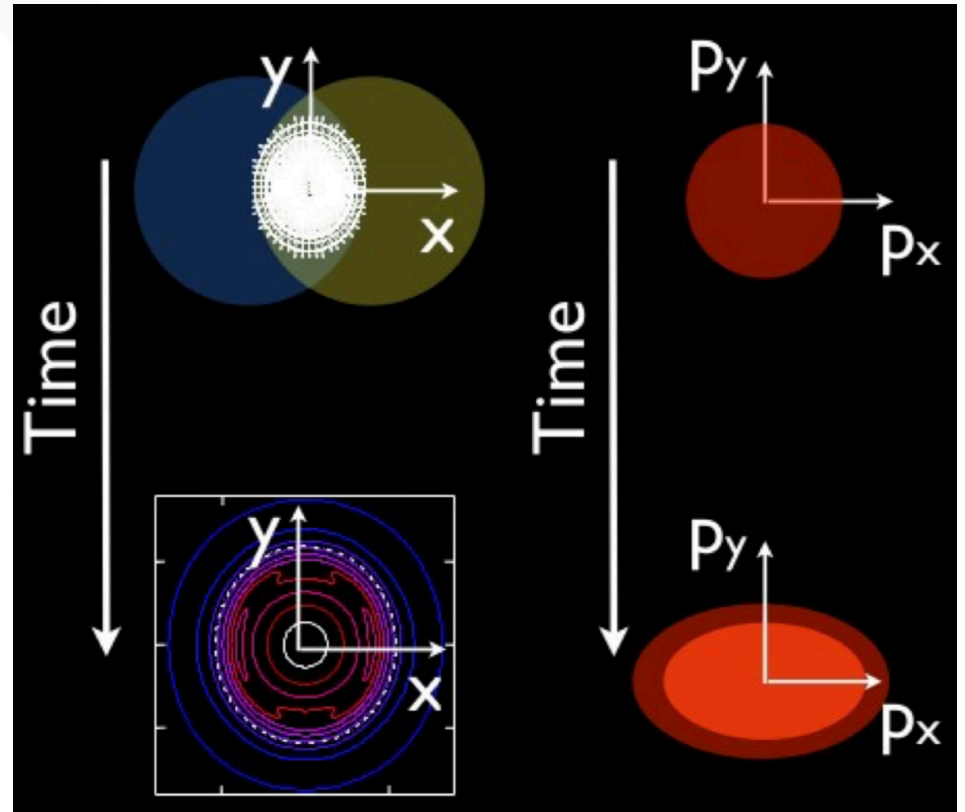
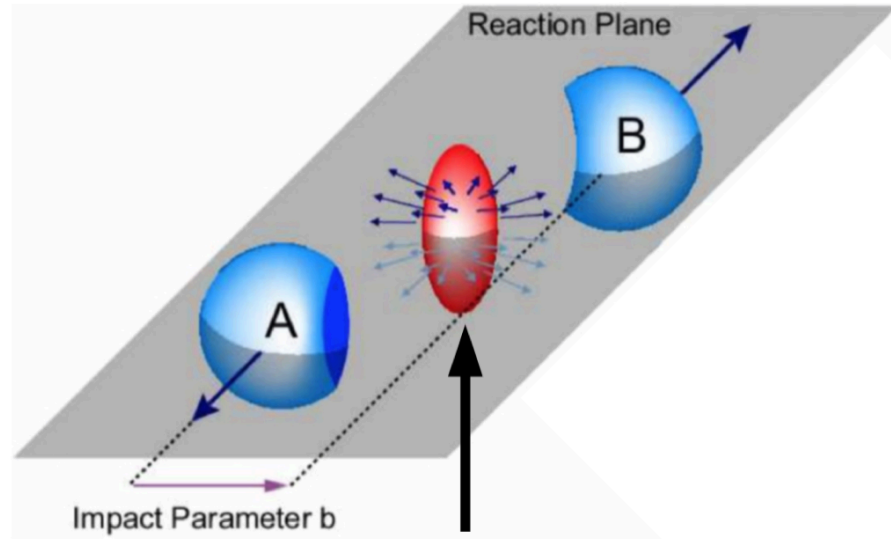


# Centrality

- Measures how big is the nuclear overlap in a collision
- Allows us to study effect of medium differentially

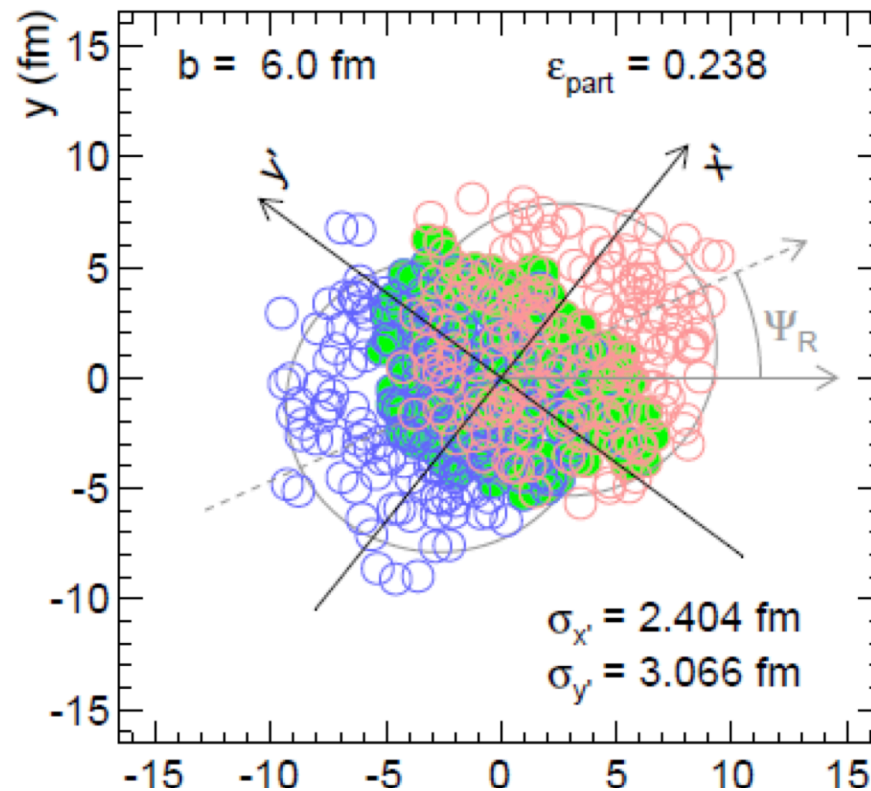


# Collective effects: all particle correlation



- Initial spatial anisotropy => final momentum anisotropy
  - Pressure gradient and a medium-like expansion

# Measuring azimuthal anisotropy



$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) \right),$$

$$v_2 = \langle \langle \cos 2(\varphi - \Psi_2) \rangle \rangle = \langle \langle e^{2i(\varphi - \Psi_2)} \rangle \rangle,$$

# The strength of the Q-vector

$$Q_n \equiv \sum_i^M \exp in\varphi_i$$

If particle momenta distribution is isotropic:  
Underlying PDF would be that of a random walk

$$Q_n \equiv |Q_n| \exp in\Psi_n.$$

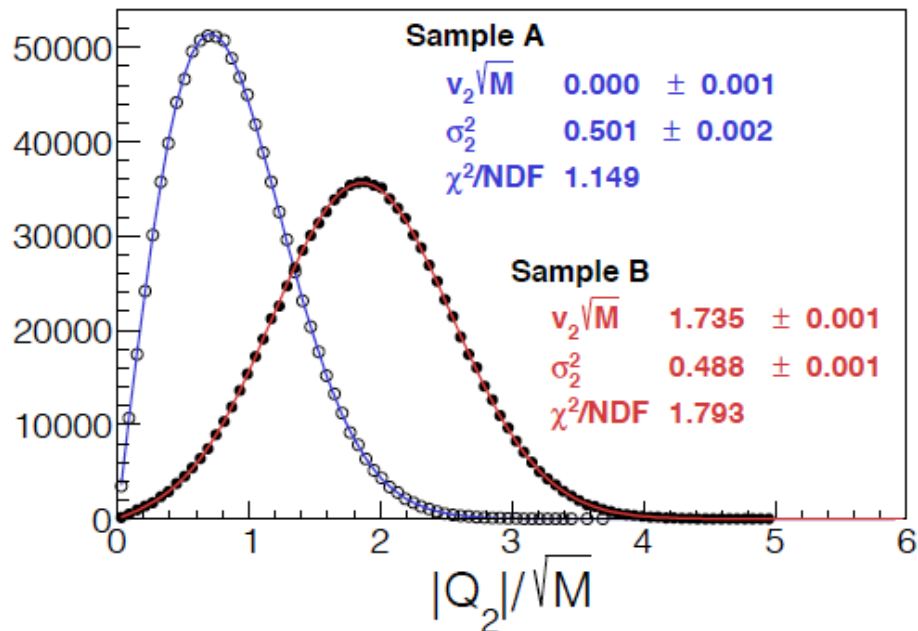
MC simulation

Input:

SampleA: isotropic distribution

SampleB:  $v_2=0.1$  (no other harmonics)

In both cases multiplicity is 300 particles



A fairly good approximation of such distribution is given by:

$$\frac{dN}{dq_n} = \frac{q_n}{\sigma_n^2} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2 + q_n^2}{2\sigma_n^2}\right) I_0\left(\frac{q_n a}{\sigma_n^2}\right),$$

# “Shape-analysis” for $q_n \rightarrow$ Cumulants

- Two particle correlator := second order cumulant

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\langle 2 \rangle_n\rangle &= \langle\langle \exp ni (\varphi_i - \Psi_n + \Psi_n - \varphi_j) \rangle\rangle \\ &= \langle\langle \exp ni (\varphi - \Psi_n) \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \exp ni (\Psi_n - \varphi) \rangle\rangle = \langle v_n^2 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Provided that factorization is allowed

This is the tricky part actually: You have to assumed that the only source of correlation is through the event plane

There are ways to diminish spurious correlation: introduction of rapidity gaps is the most popular one

- Four particle correlator:

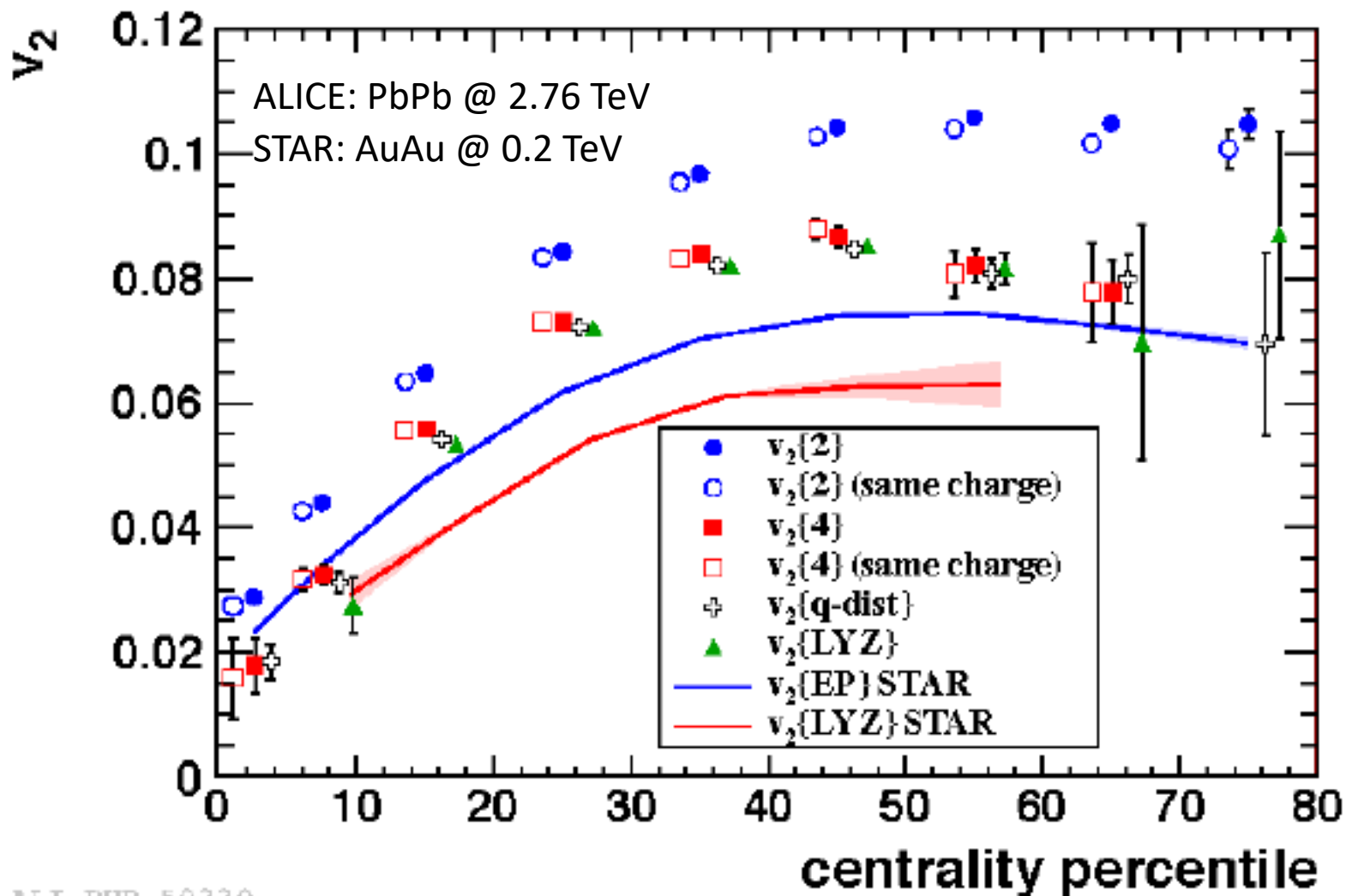
$$\langle 4 \rangle_n \equiv \langle \exp ni (\varphi_i + \varphi_j - \varphi_k - \varphi_l) \rangle,$$

Allows for the construction of the 4th order cumulant

$$d_n \{4\} \equiv \langle\langle 4 \rangle_{n;p,Q,q} \rangle - 2 \langle\langle 2 \rangle_{n;p,Q} \rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle_{n;Q,Q} \rangle,$$

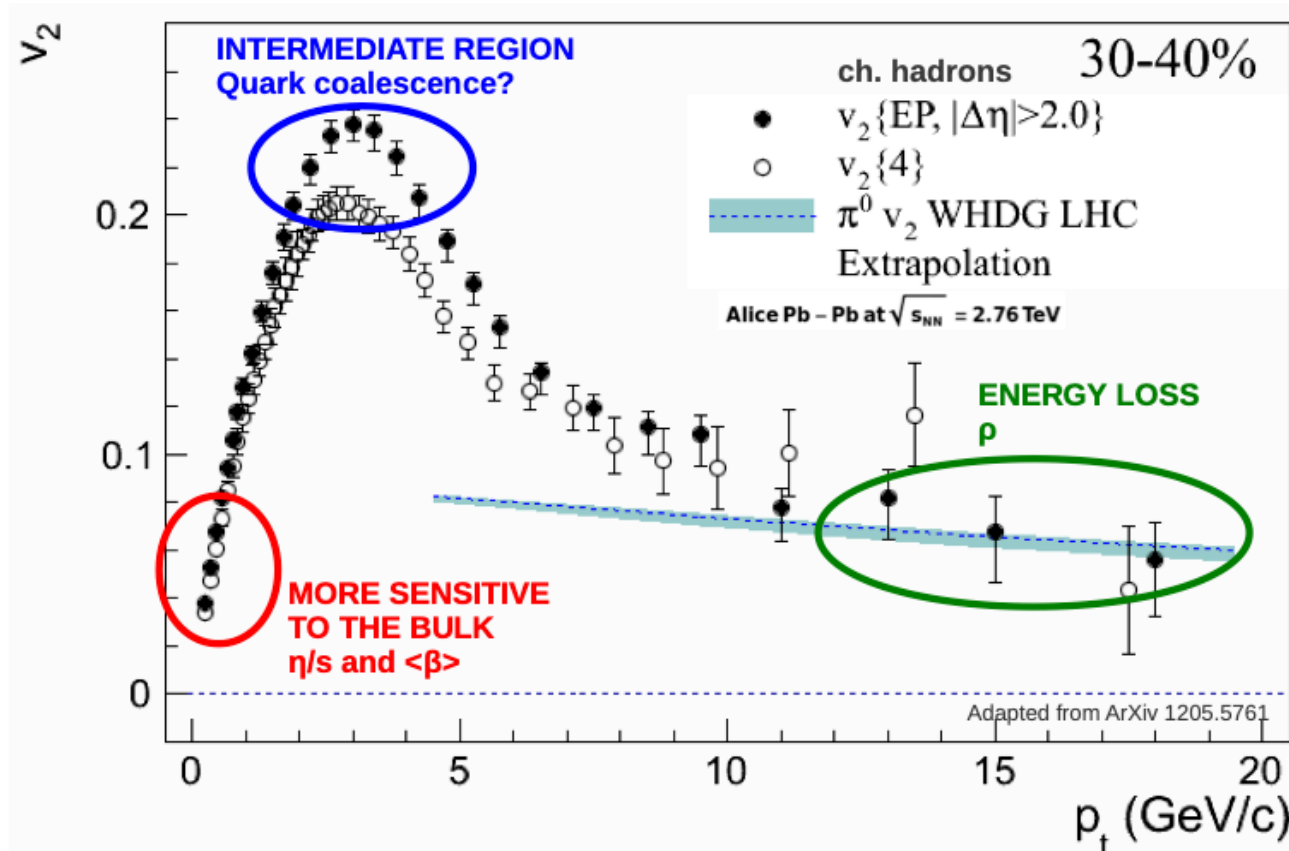
$$v_n \{4\} = -\frac{d_n \{4\}}{\sqrt[4]{-r_n \{4\}}^3}$$

# How do all these translate to medium expansion?



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# Looking at the Pt dependence

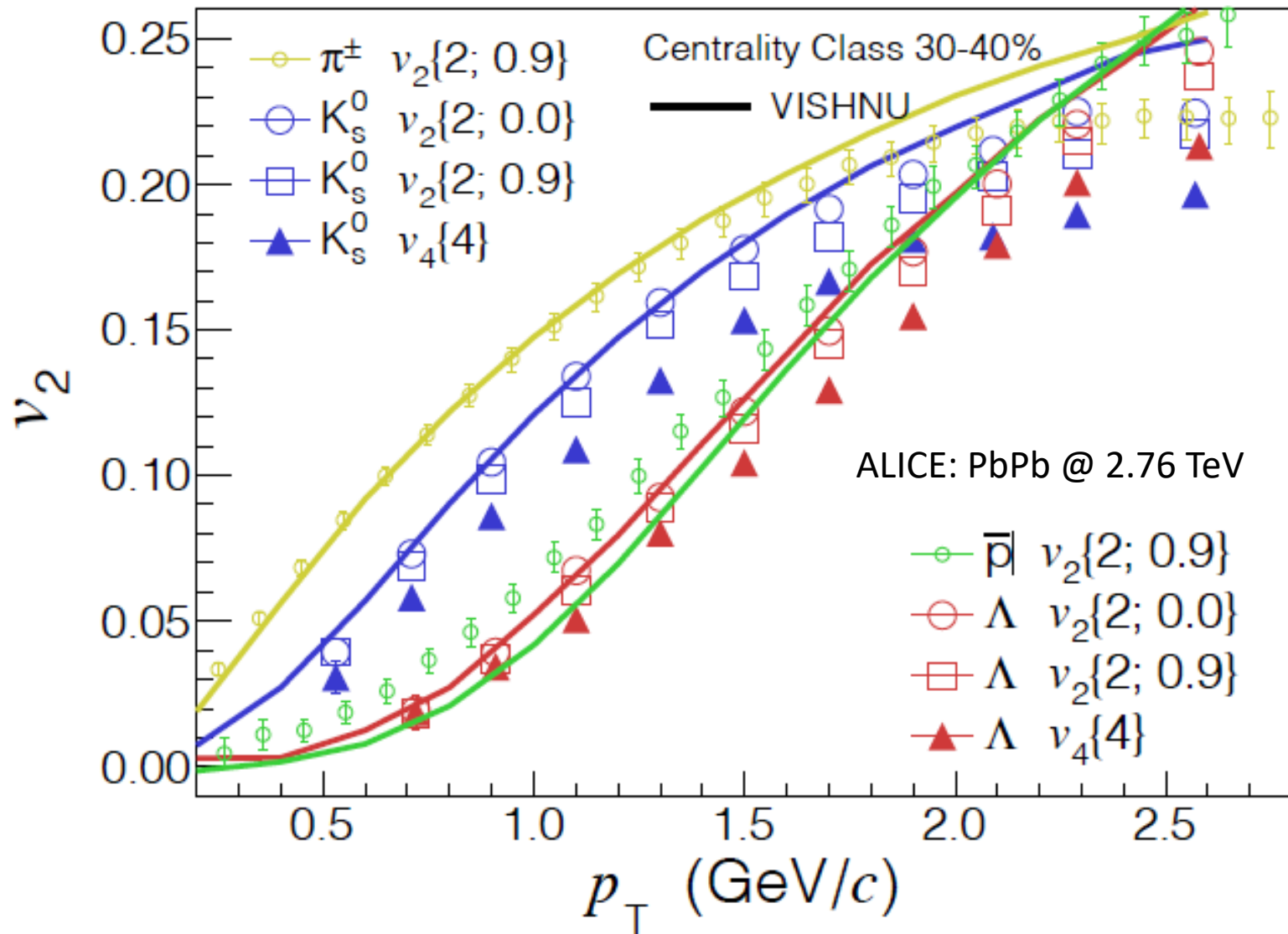


**[low pt]** measure the intensive properties of the medium ( $\eta/s$  and  $\beta$ )

**[intermediate pt]** give handle on the hadronization mechanism

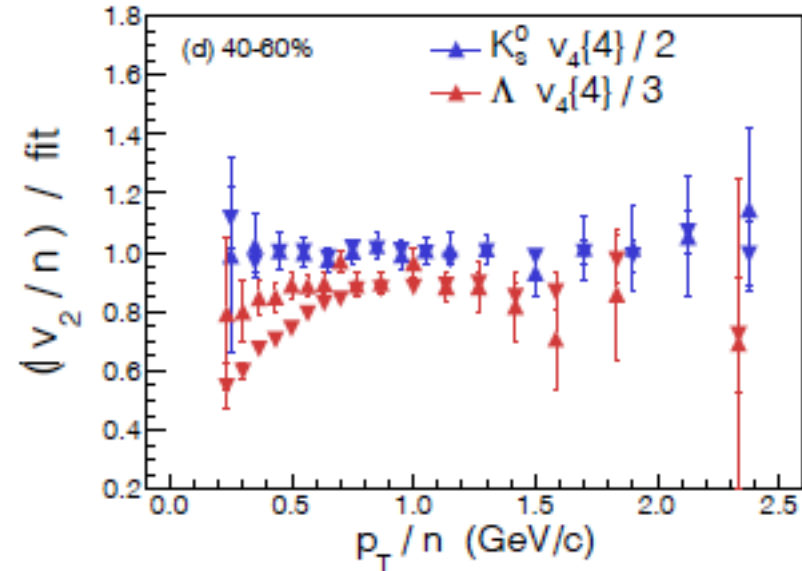
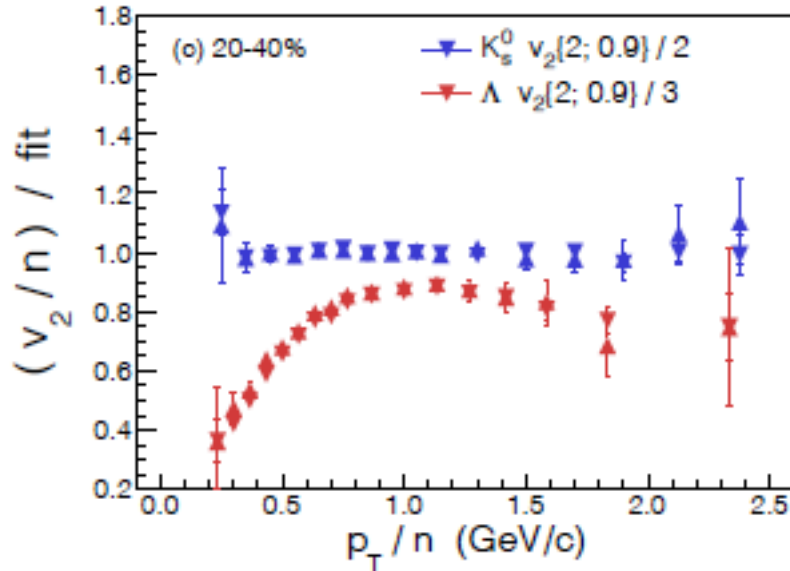
**[high pt]** measure the path length dependence in medium

# A common velocity field: Hydro success!



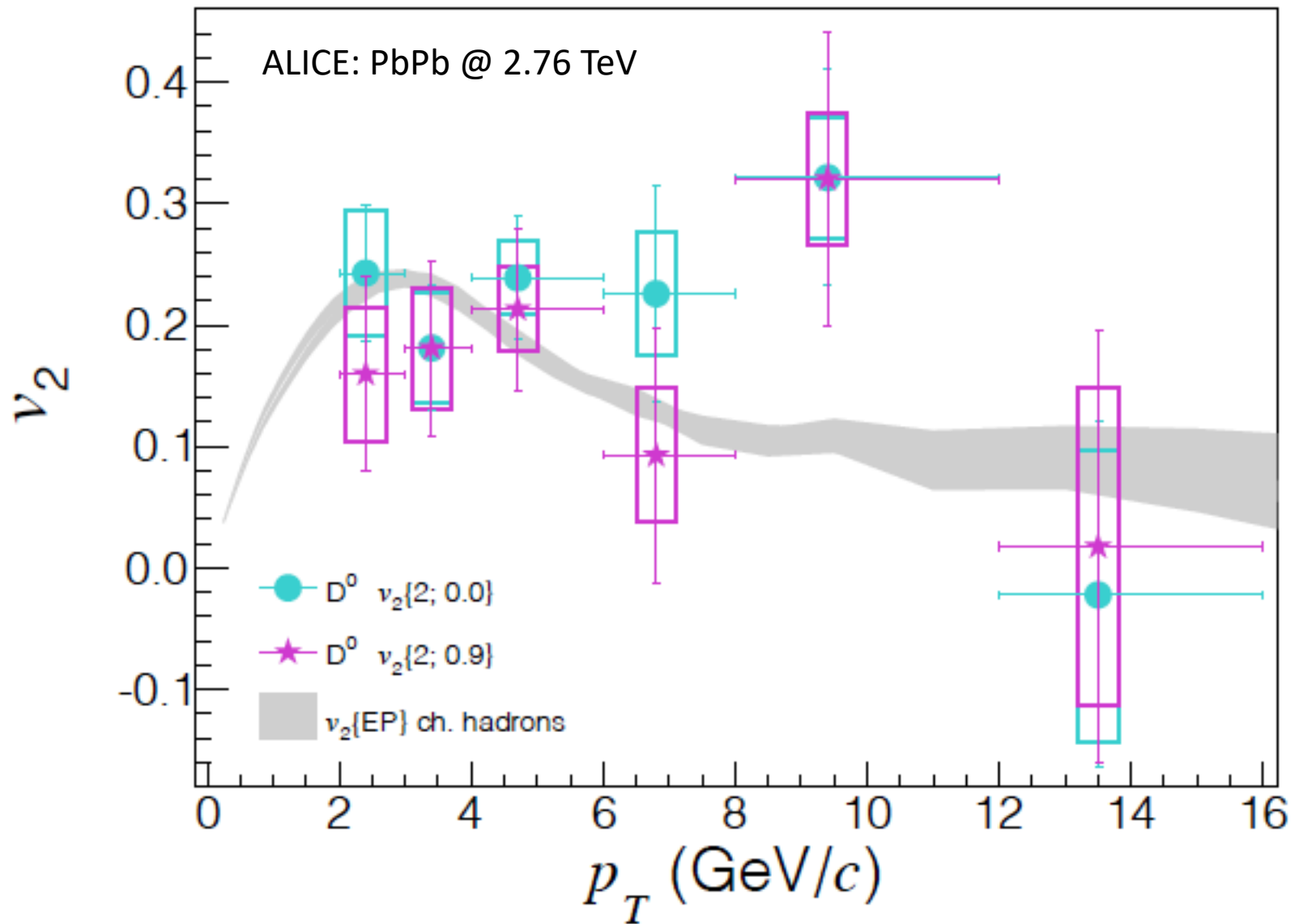
# A smoking gun for deconfinement?

ALICE: PbPb @ 2.76 TeV



- Scaling holds partially within 15%
- Leading hadronization mechanism may be quark coalescence at intermediate  $p_T$
- If so, clear signal that deconfined quarks suffered flow

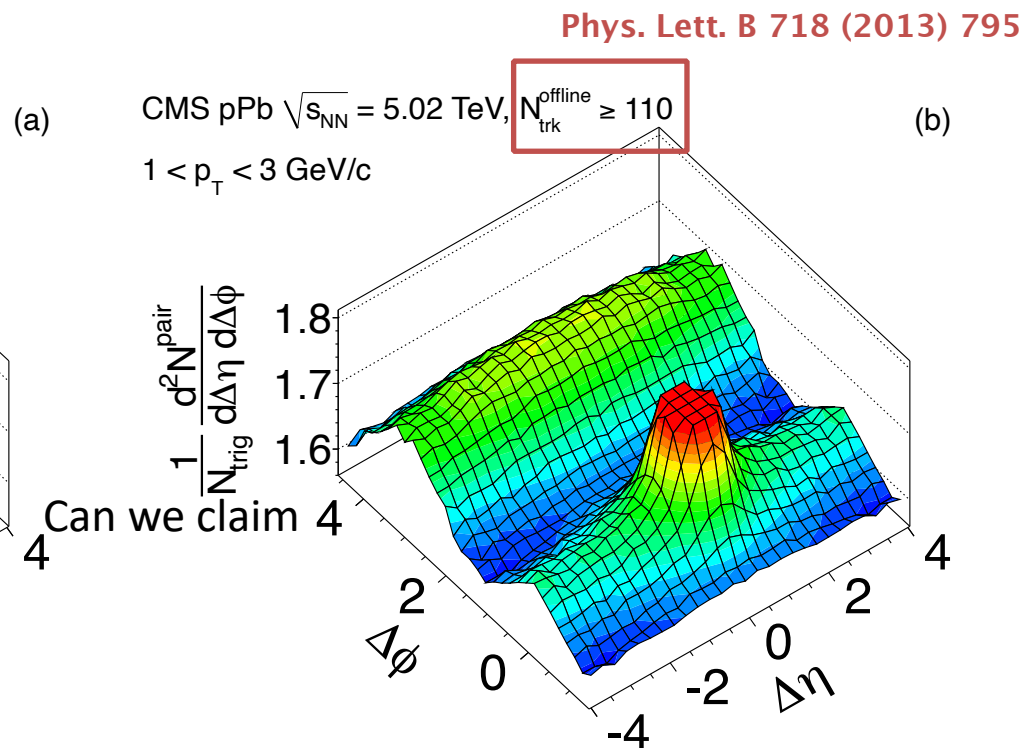
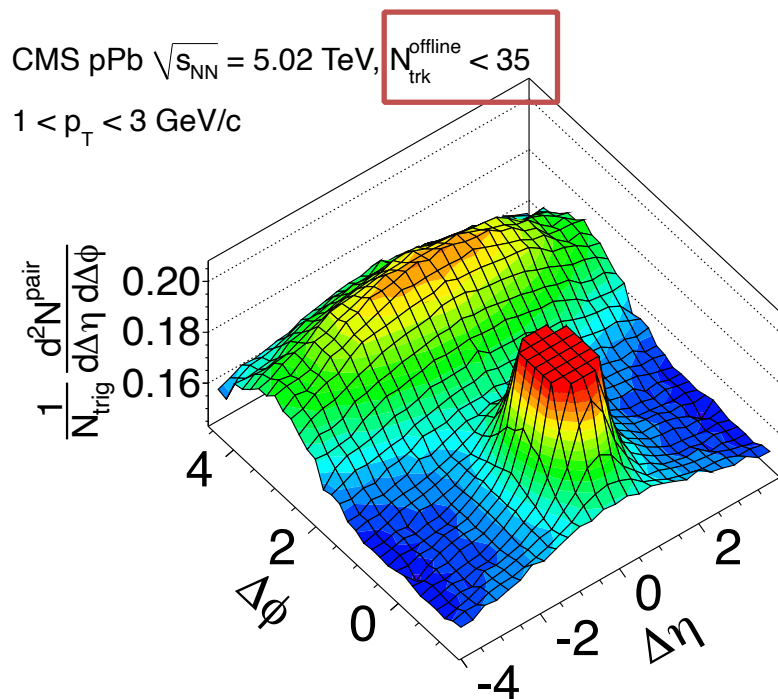
# Or perhaps there is more about it?



Things are way more interesting that we thought

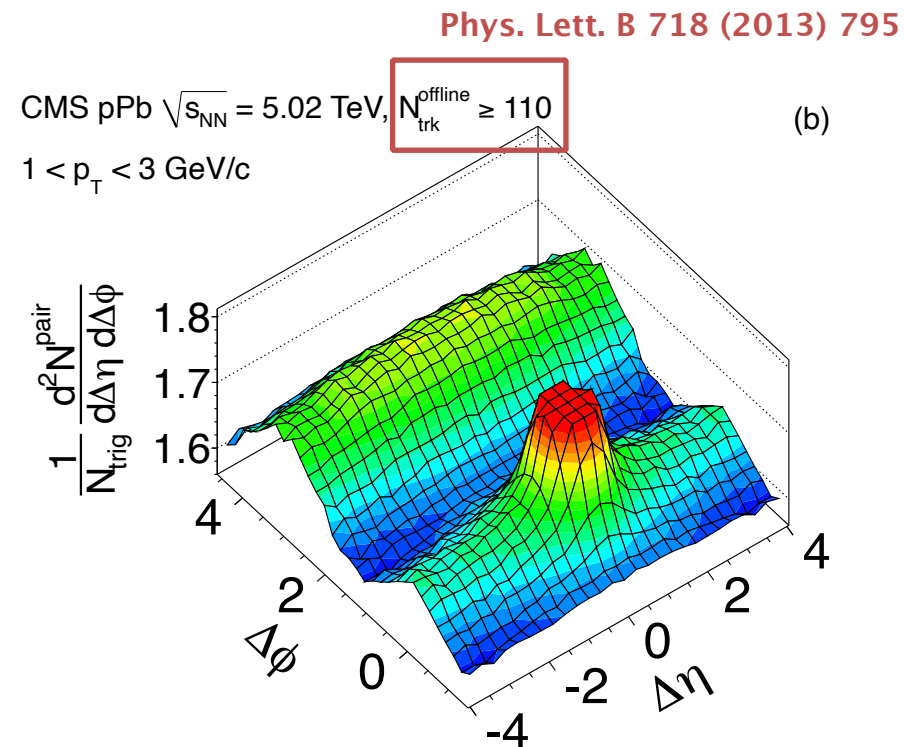
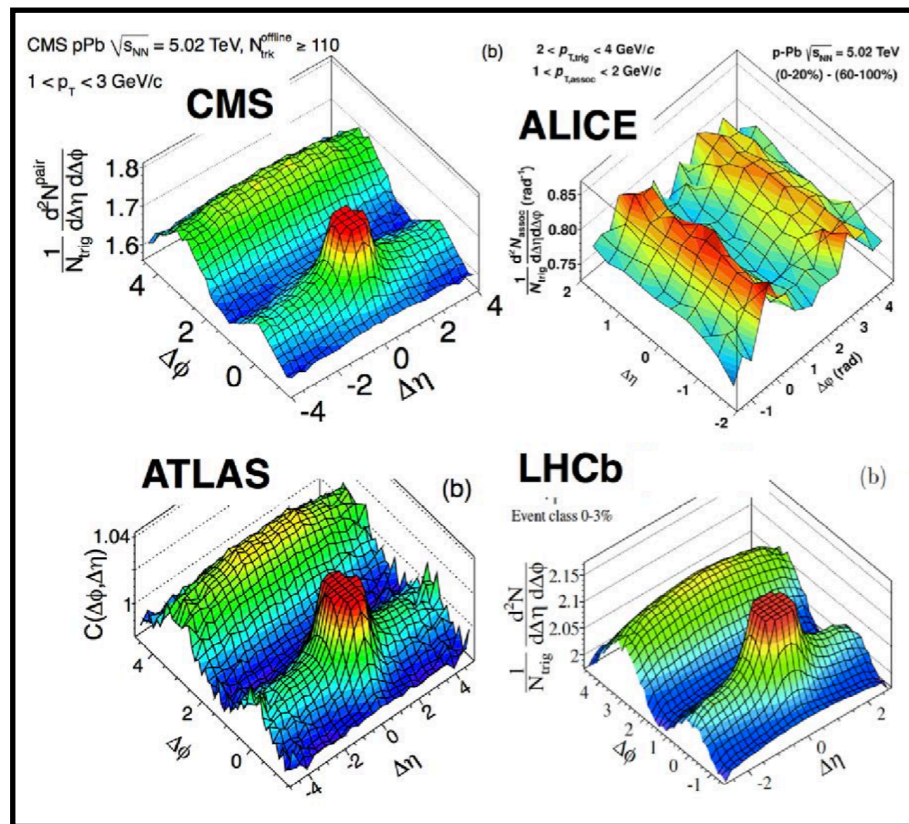


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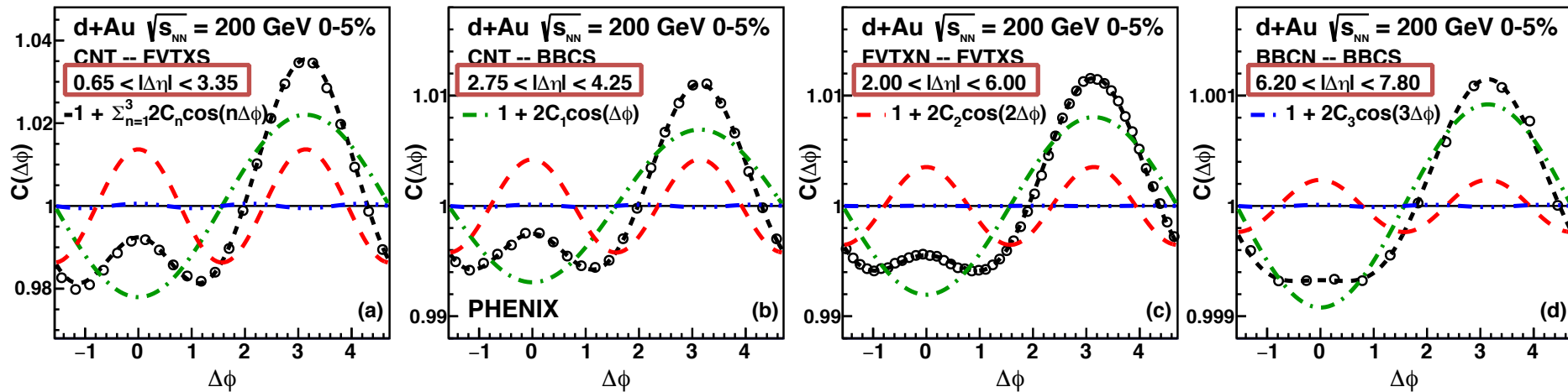
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By 2015, confirmed by other experiments at LHC

# Small Systems at RHIC Papers Published

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- Nature Physics vol. 15, 214–220 (**2019**) - (PHENIX) Creation of quark–gluon plasma droplets with three distinct geometries
- PRL 121, 222301 (**2018**) - (PHENIX) Pseudorapidity Dependence of Particle Production and Elliptic Flow in Asymmetric Nuclear Collisions of pAl, pAu, dAu, HeAu at 200 GeV
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- PRC 98,014912 (**2018**) - (PHENIX) Measurement of emission-angle anisotropy via long-range angular correlations with high-pT hadrons in dAu and pp collisions at 200 GeV
- PRC 97, 064904 (**2018**) - (PHENIX) Measurements of mass-dependent azimuthal anisotropy in central pAu, dAu, and HeAu collisions at 200 GeV
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- PRL 115,142301 (**2015**) - (PHENIX) Measurements of Elliptic and Triangular Flow in High-Multiplicity HeAu Collisions at 200GeV
- PRL 114,192301 (**2015**) - (PHENIX) - Measurement of Long-Range Angular Correlation and Quadrupole Anisotropy of Pions and (Anti)Protons in Central dAu Collisions at 200 GeV
- Phys. Lett. B 747 (**2015**) 265 - (STAR)- Long-range pseudorapidity dihadron correlations in dAu collisions at 200 GeV
- PRL 111, 212301 (**2013**)- (PHENIX) - Quadrupole Anisotropy in Dihadron Azimuthal Correlations in Central dAu Collisions at 200 GeV

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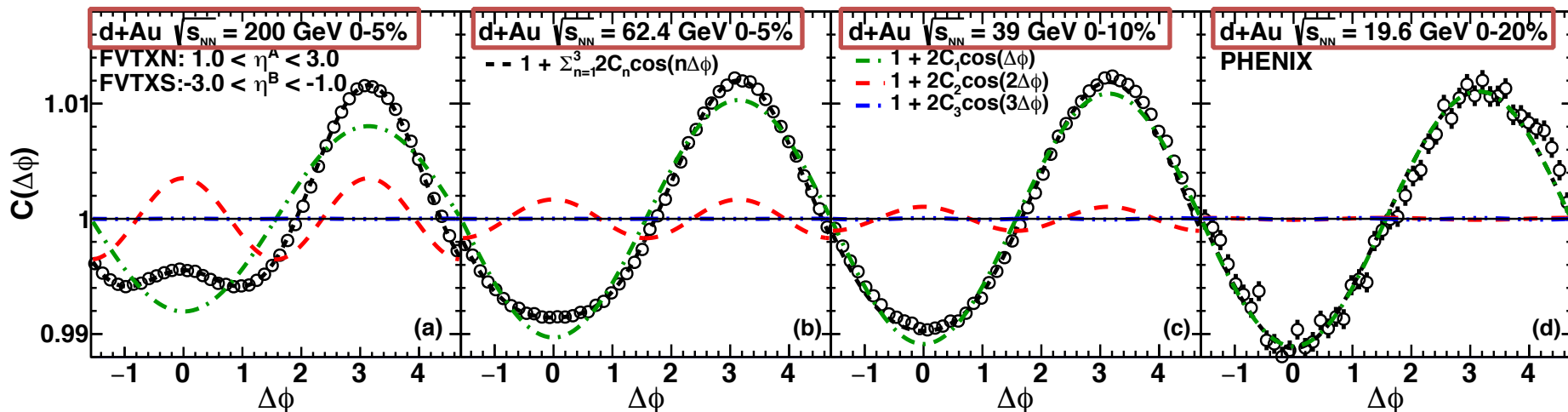
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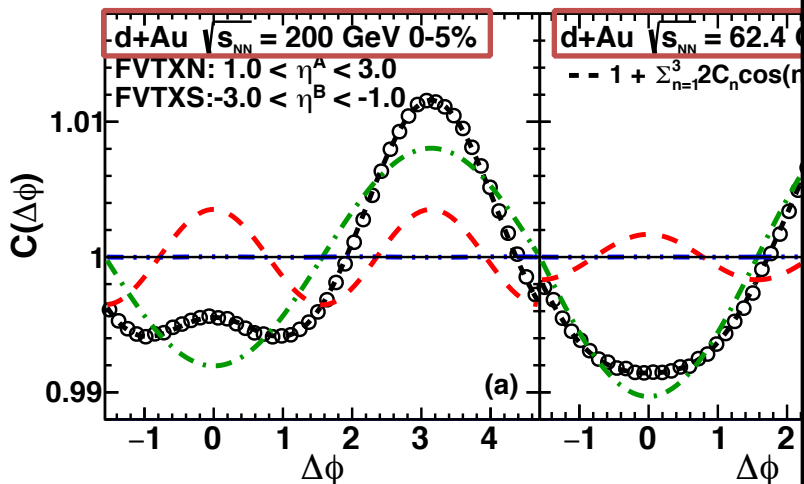
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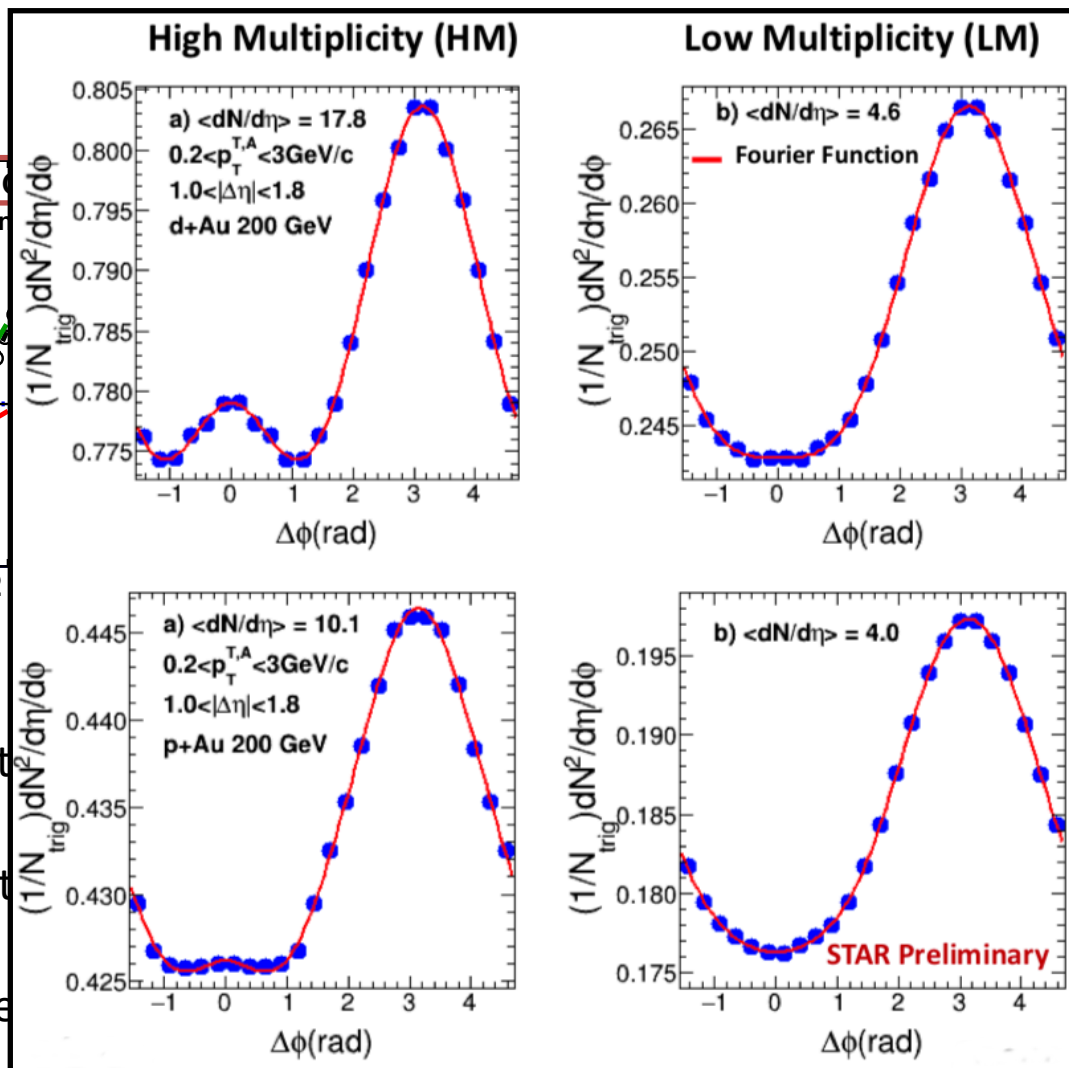
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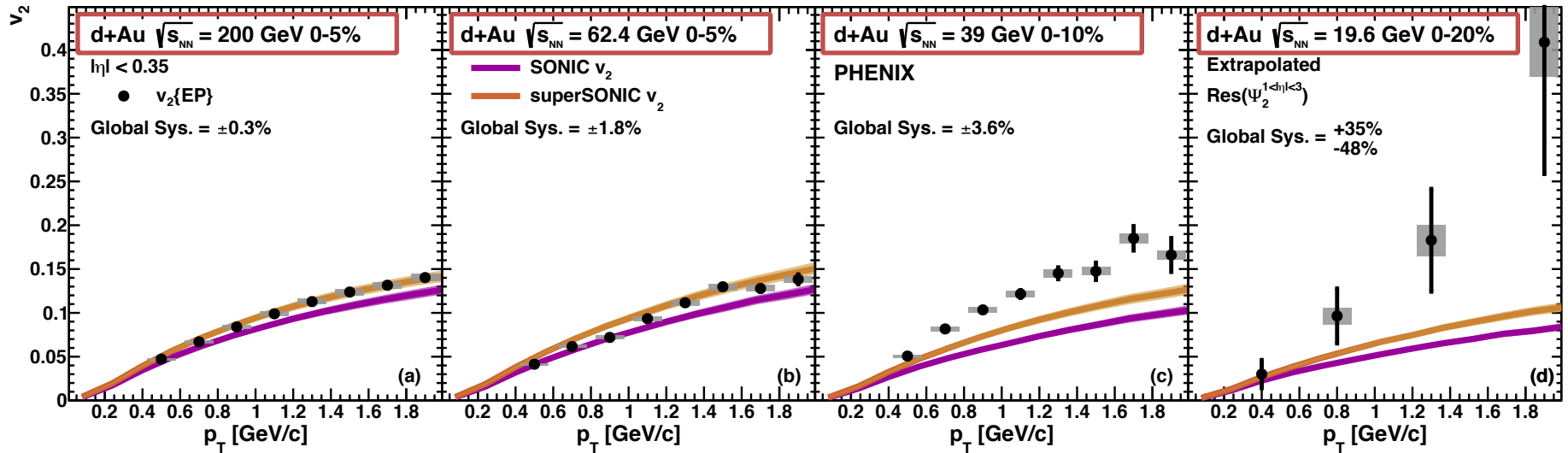
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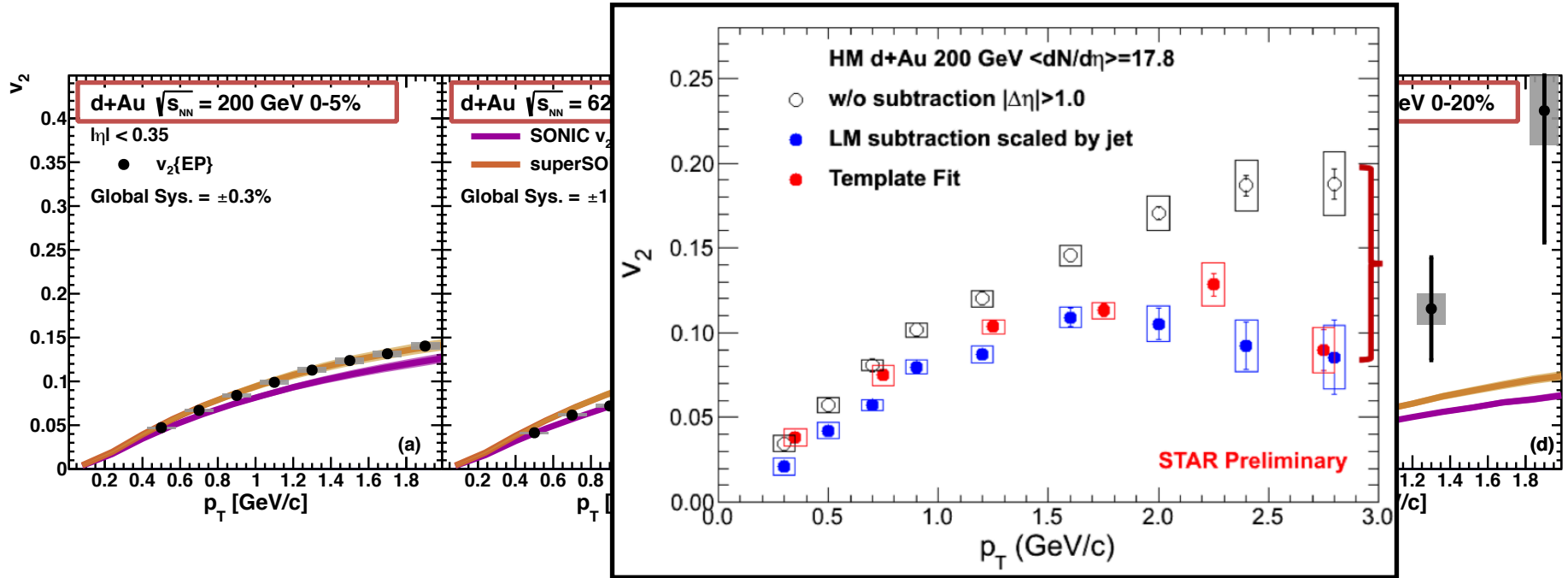
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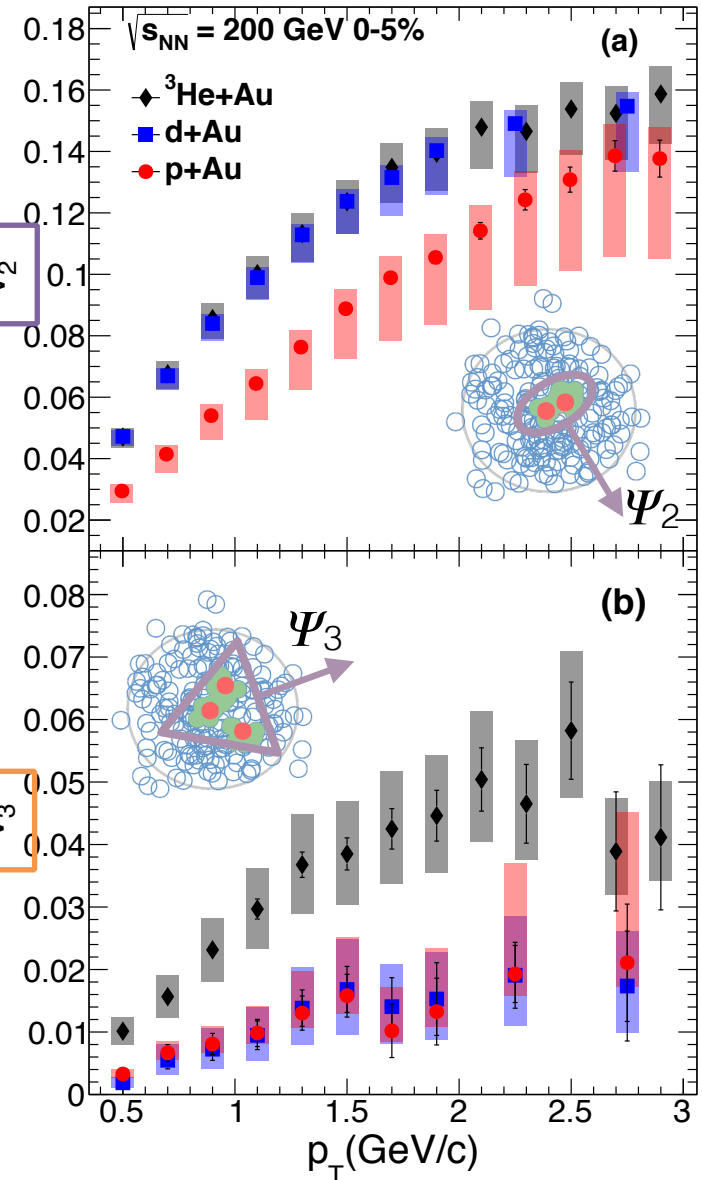
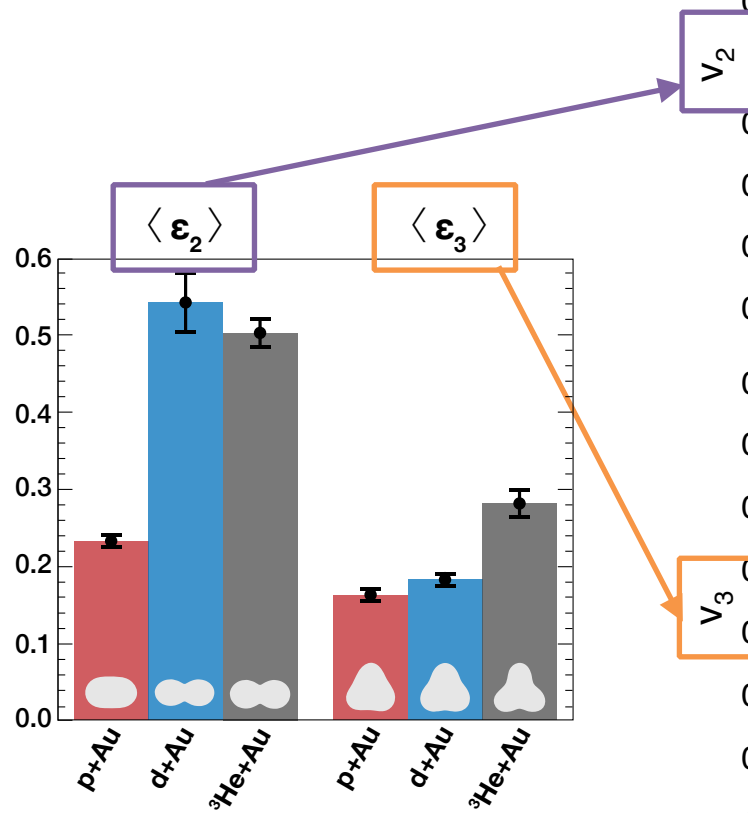
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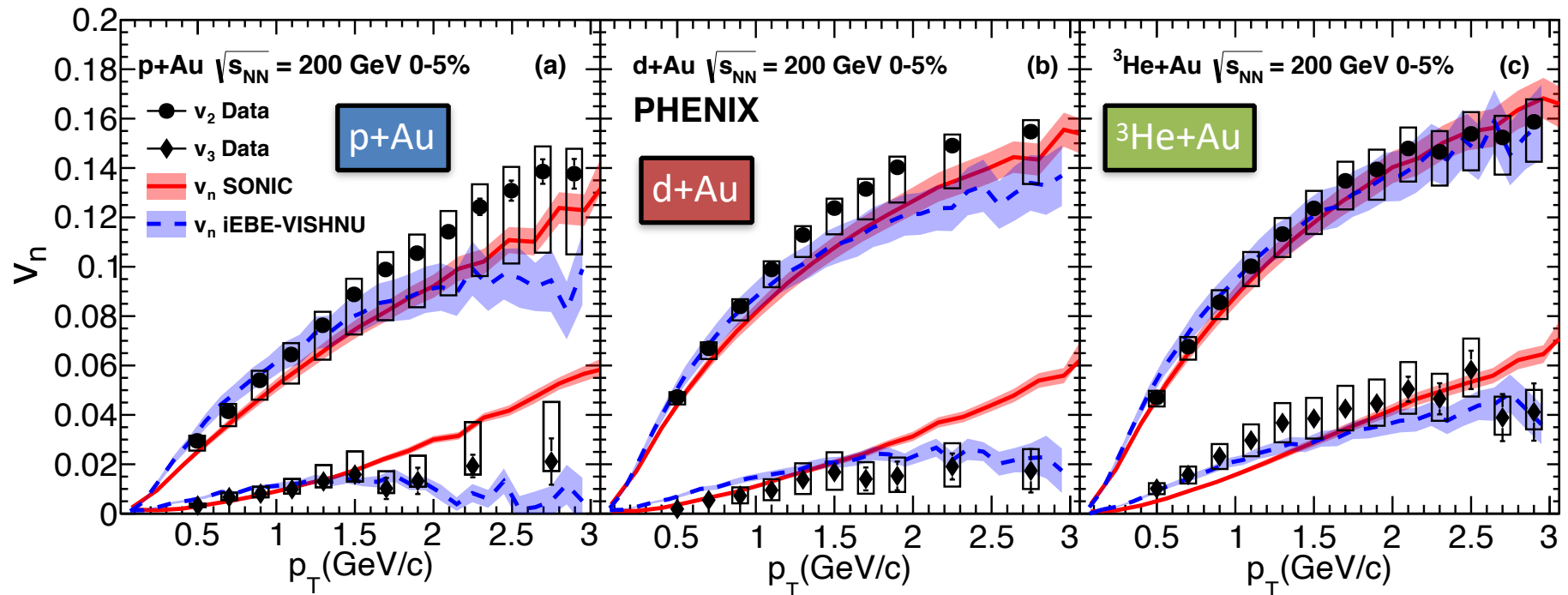
# pAu, dAu, HeAu and a geometry stress tale

- PHENIX published this year the remarkable scaling of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  with the initial eccentricity



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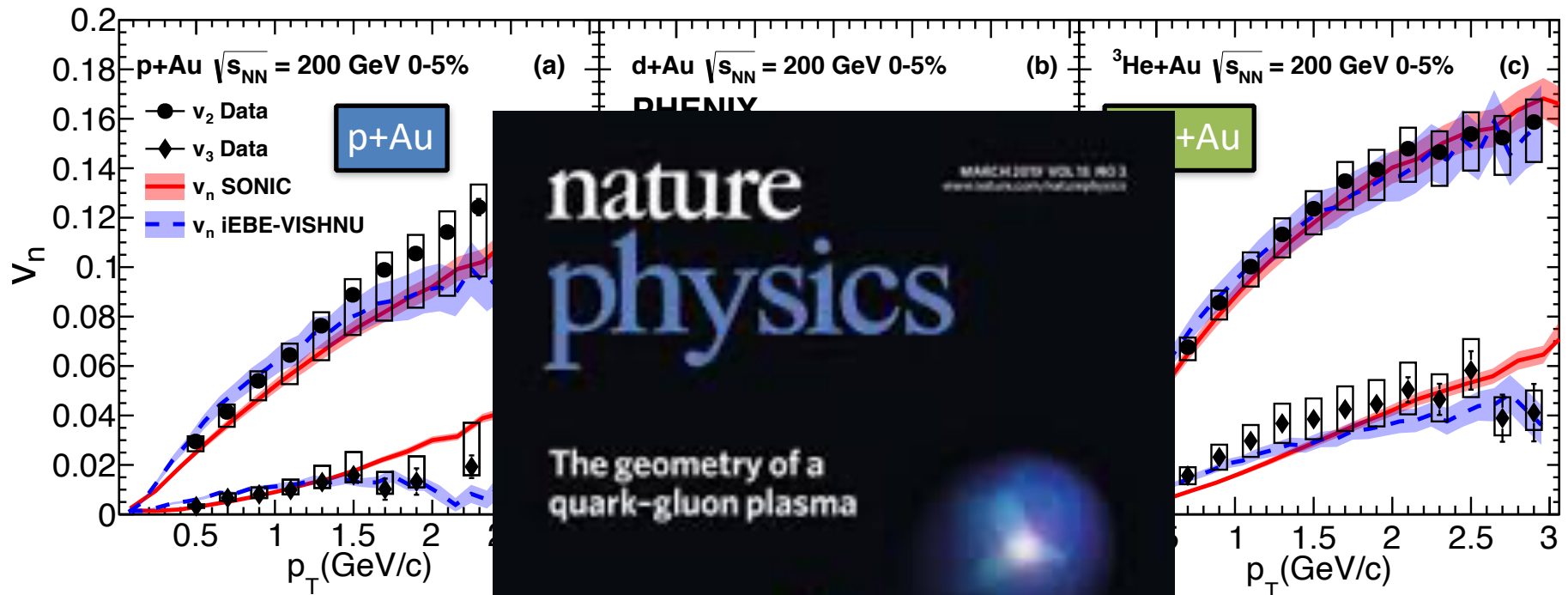
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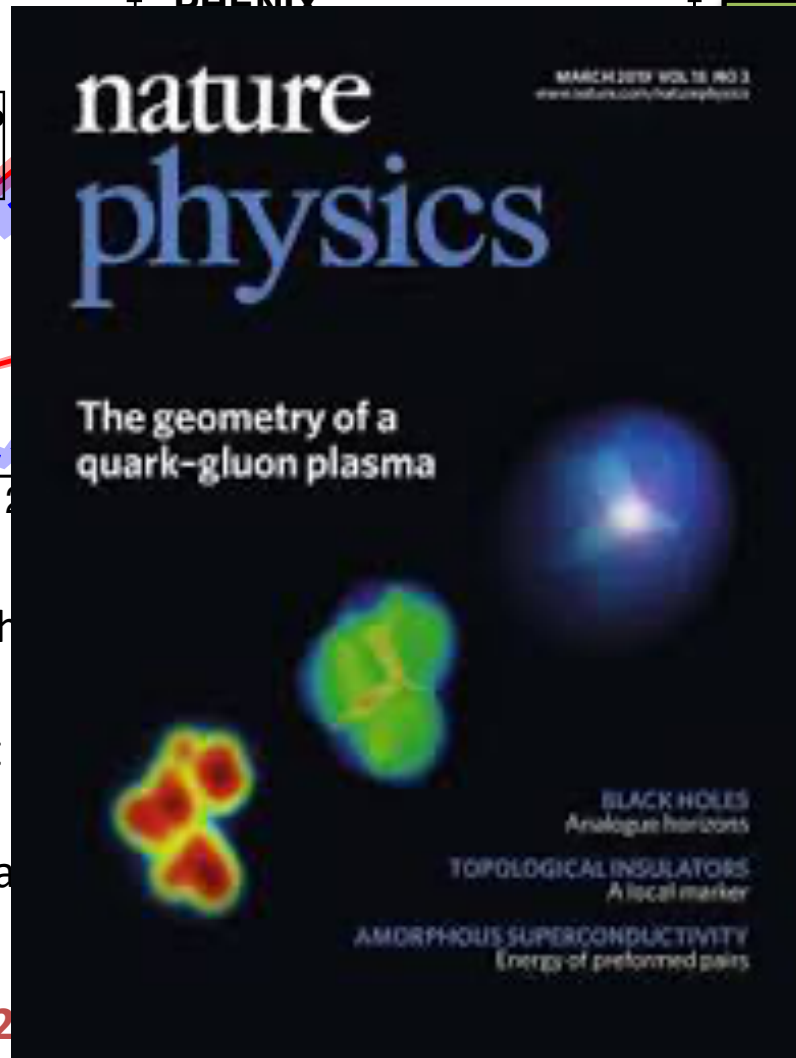
- Hydro models reproduce the  $p_T$  dependence quite well for all systems
- Supports that QGP droplet is created in these small systems
- Alternatives based on initial state effects alone fail to describe all data simultaneously

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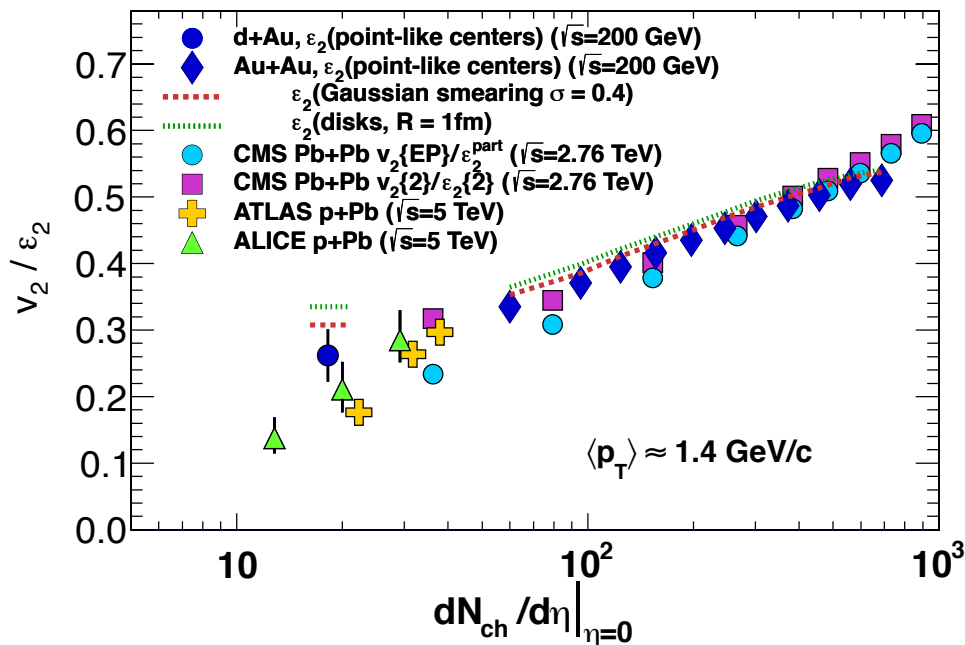
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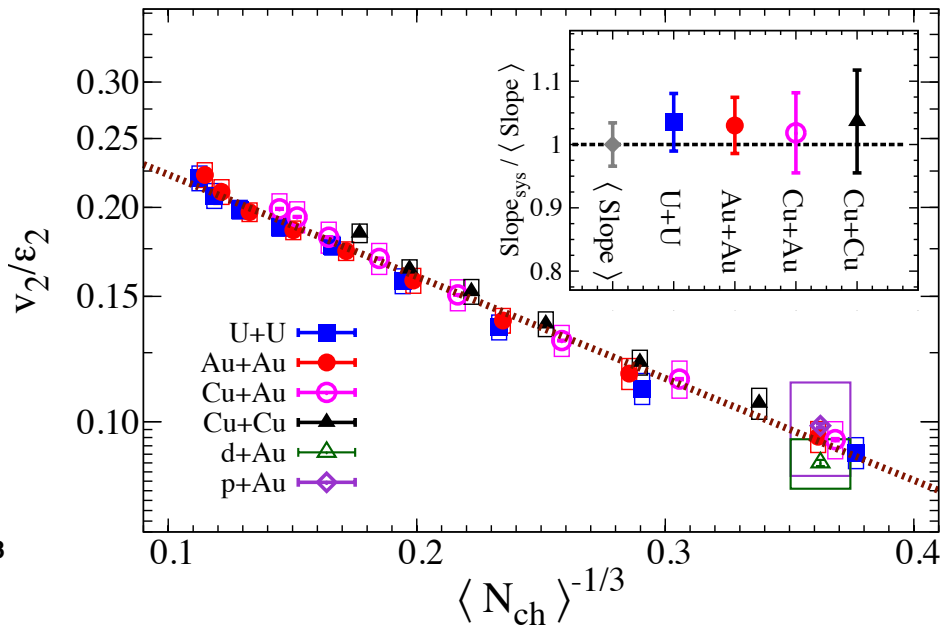
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# Universal scaling from large to small systems

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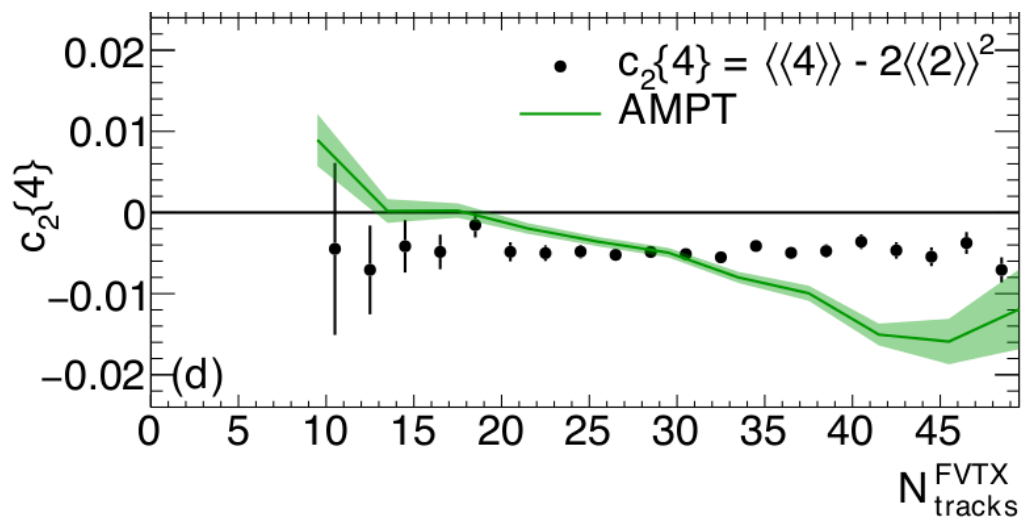
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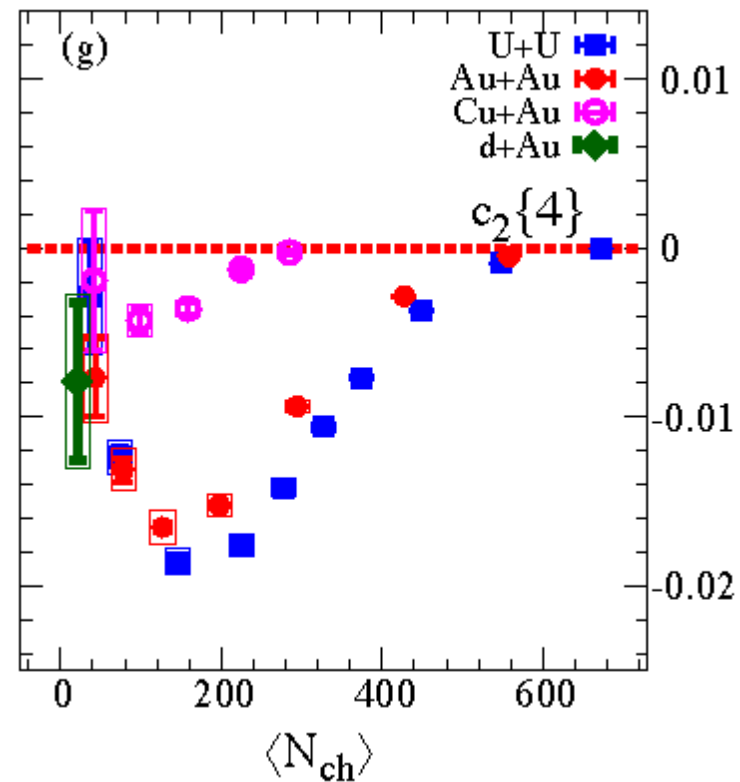
- Small systems fit nicely into trend for scaled  $v_2$  as function of multiplicity in large systems

# Multiparticle correlations

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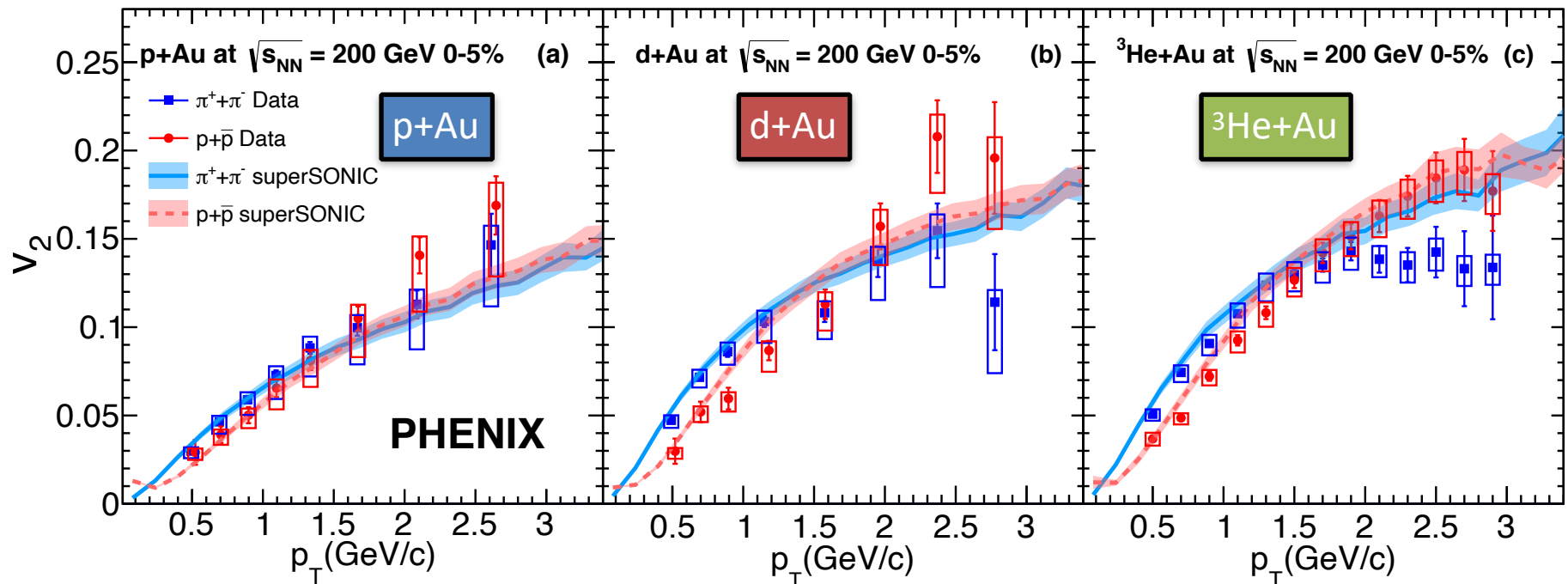


STAR, PRL 122, 172301 (2019)  $\times 10^{-3}$



- Fourth order cumulant of the Q distribution for d+Au is negative
- And it is compatible with the  $N_{\text{ch}}$  dependance found in large systems too

# $v_2(p_T)$ from common velocity field



- Large separation between pions and protons  $v_2$  at low  $p_T$
- Split in  $v_2$  well reproduced by hydrodynamics

# Summary

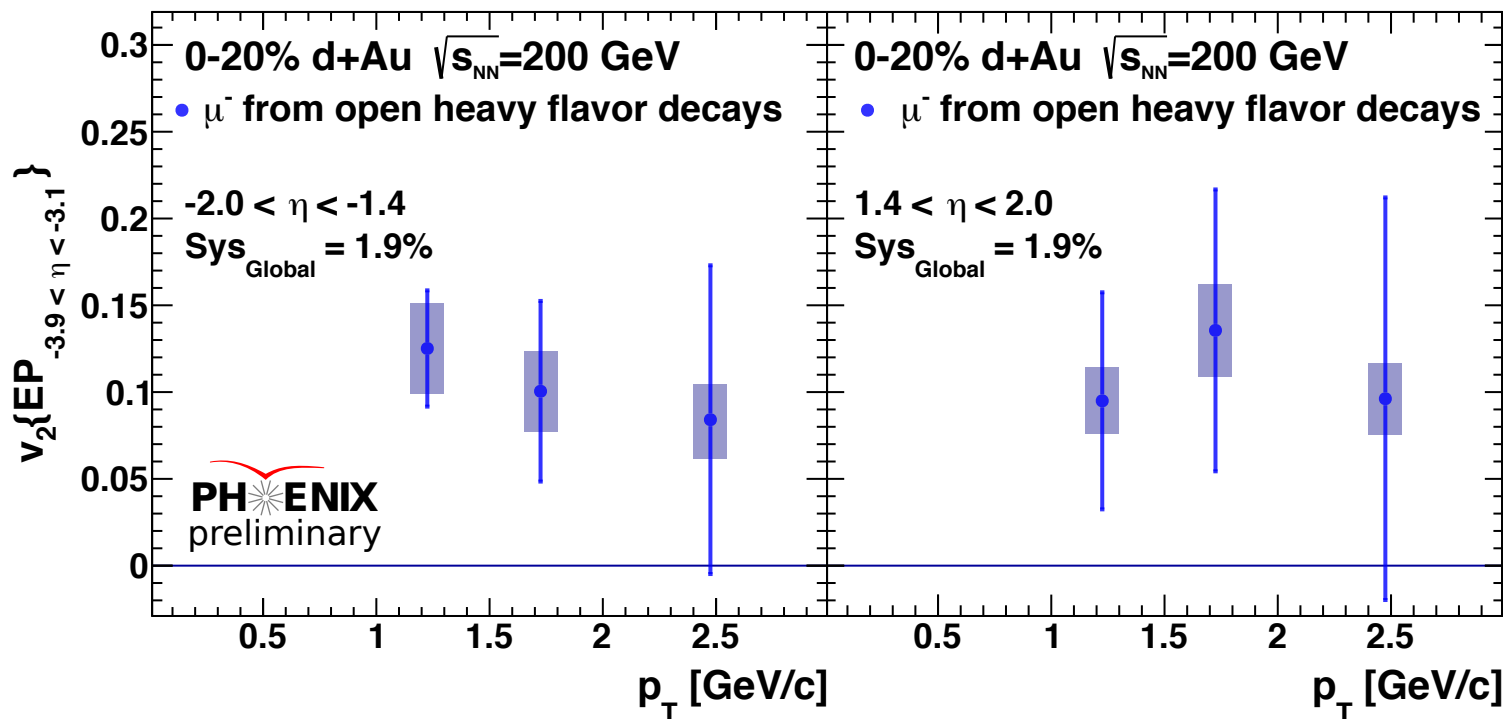
- A brief introduction to the importance of flow measurements in the understanding of the expanding QGP was presented

## Smaller Systems

- Finite “flow-like” signals in Small Systems from 20 to 200 GeV and for different system geometries.
- Strong correlation between  $v_n$  and initial (spatial) anisotropy.
- Hydrodynamics models (quark-gluon droplets) are only models able to reproduced the large variety of small systems.

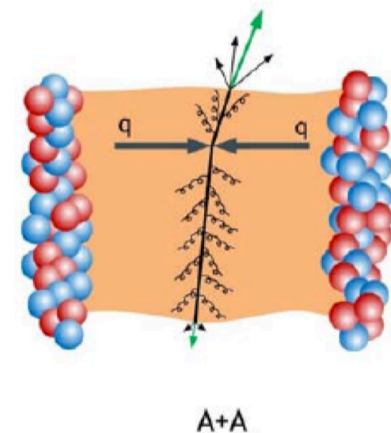
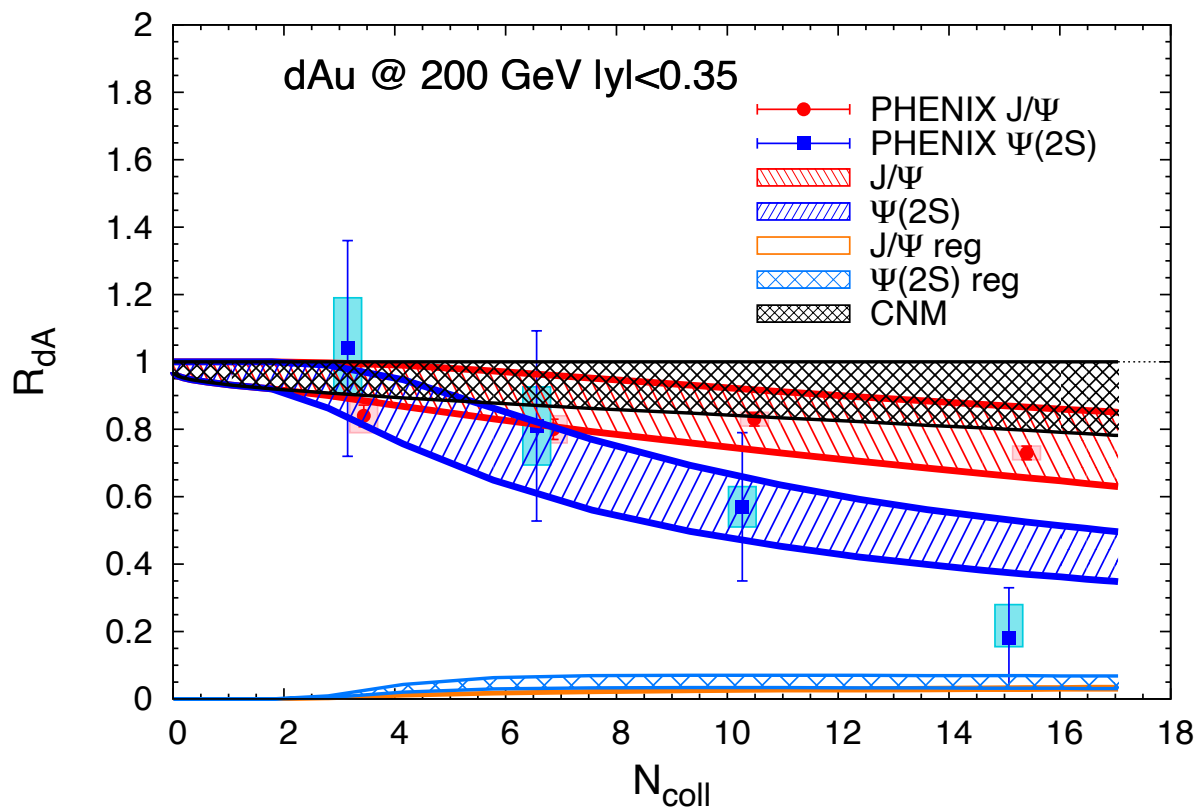
**FEW OTHER RESULTS FROM SMALL SYSTEMS  
AT RHIC SKIPPED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS**

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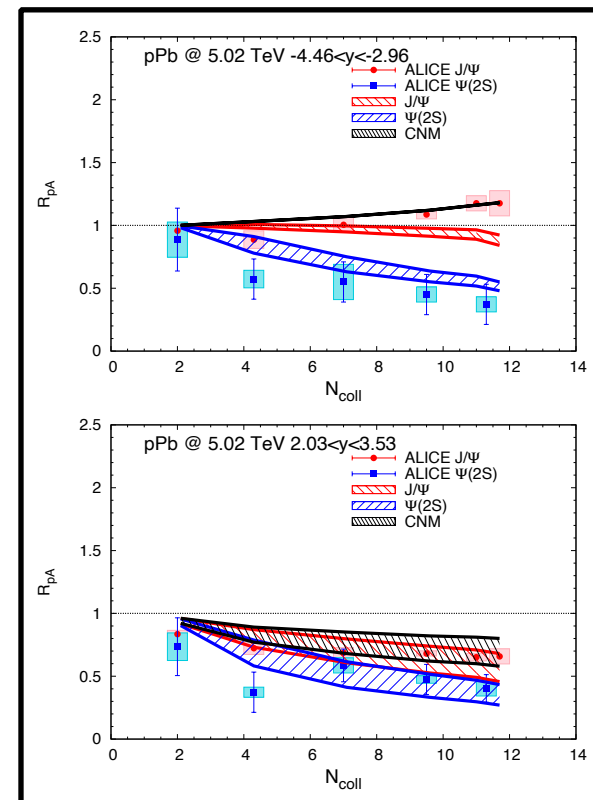
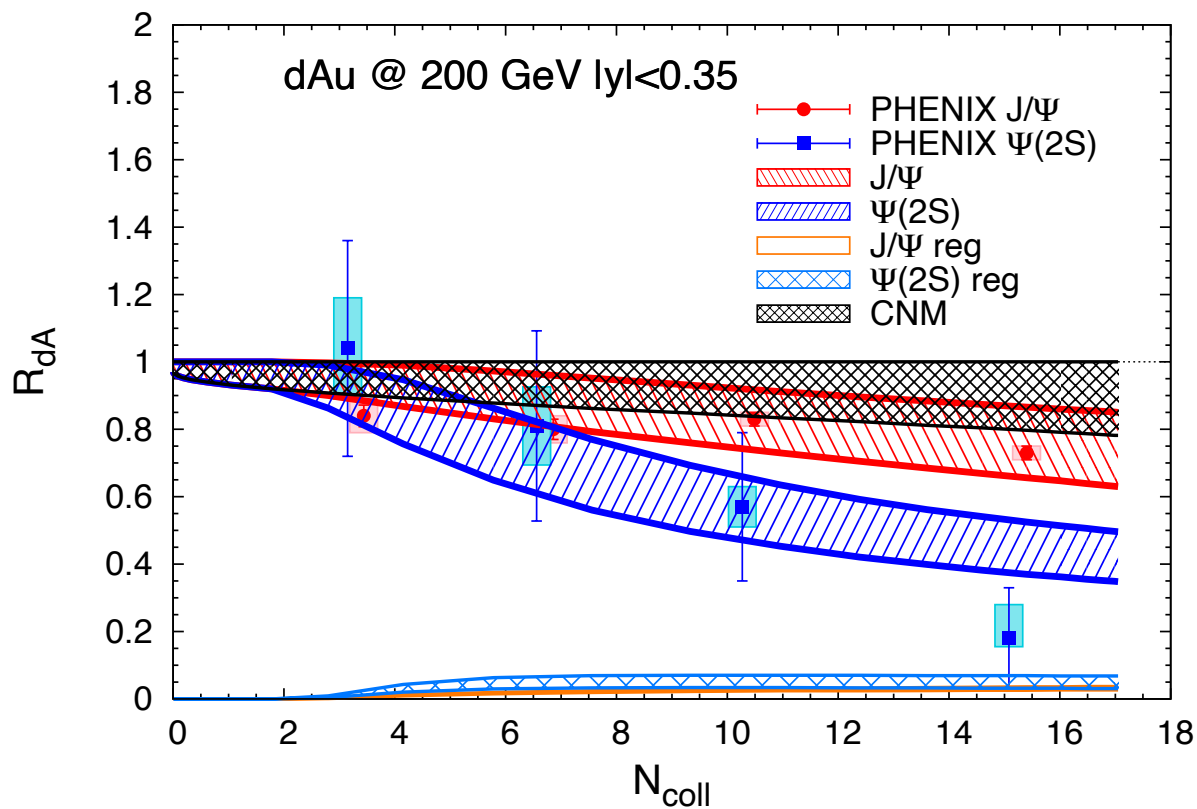
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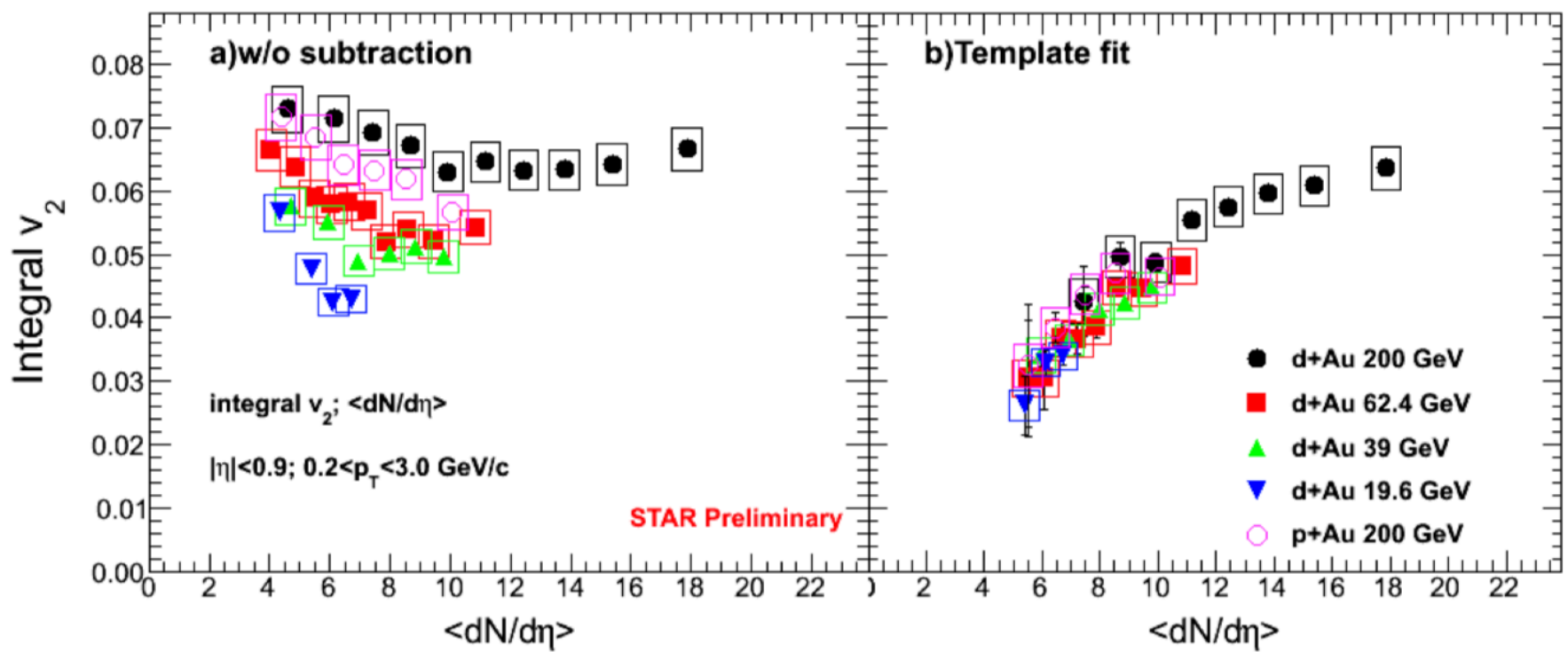
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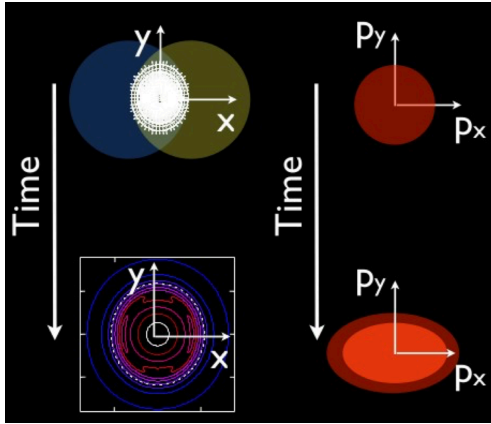
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# Universal trend in $v_2$ for small systems

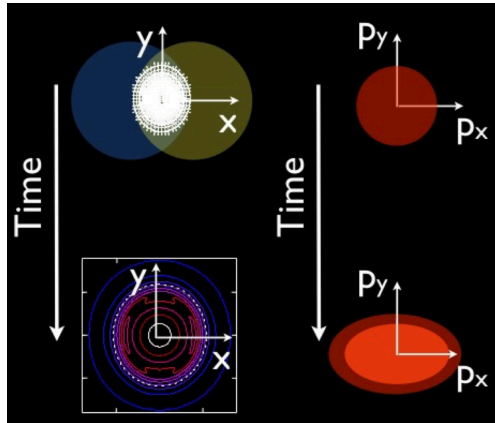


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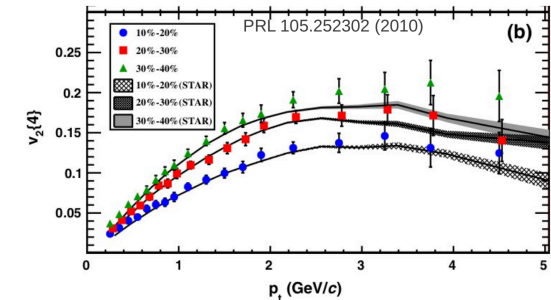
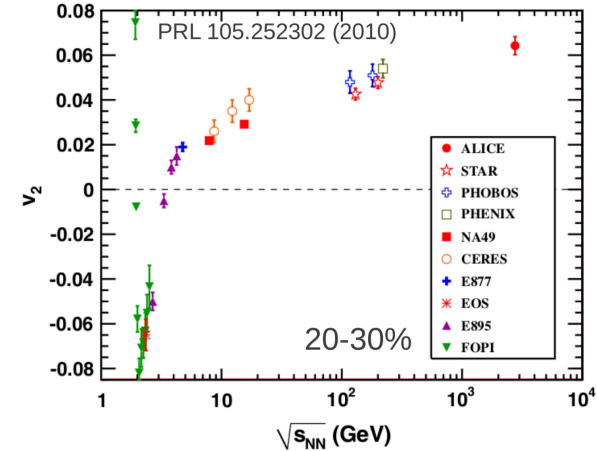
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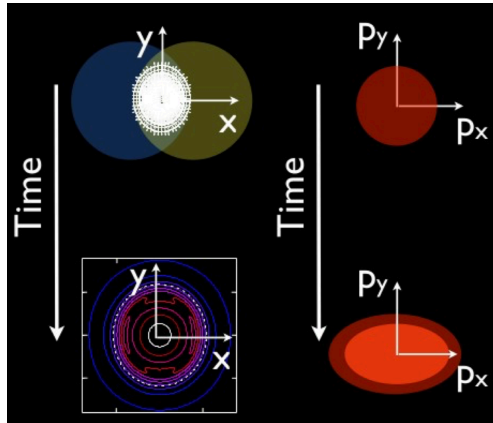
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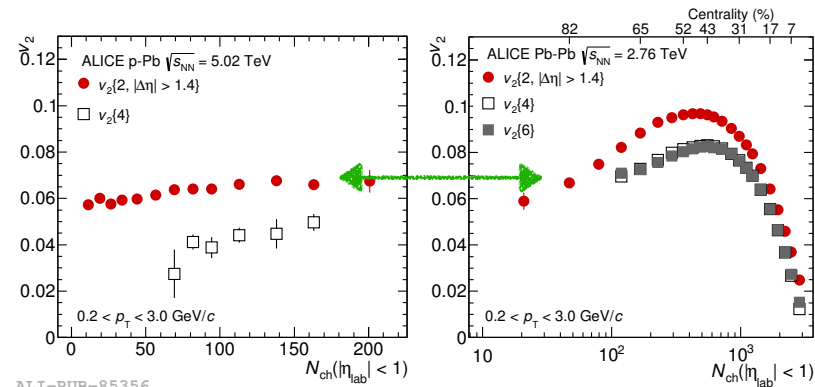
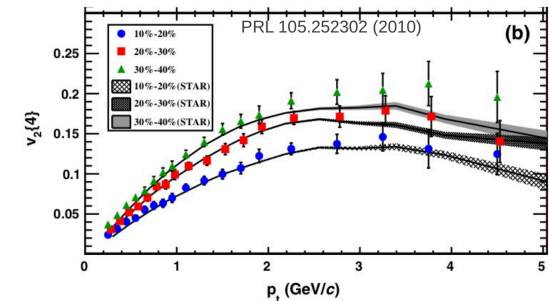
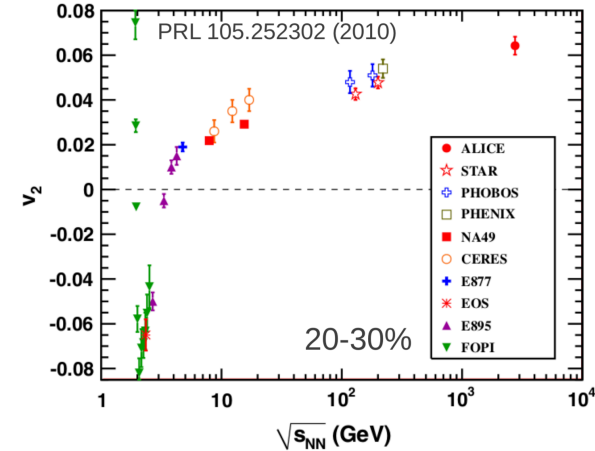


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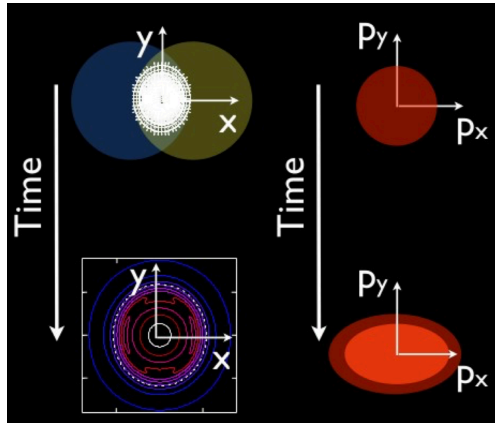
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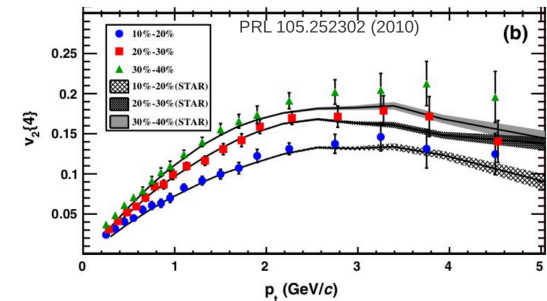
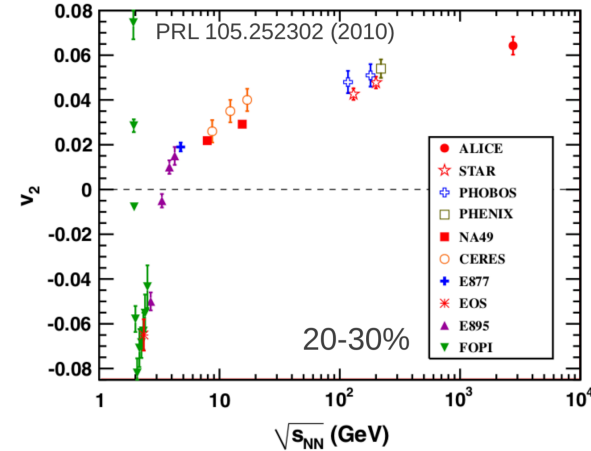
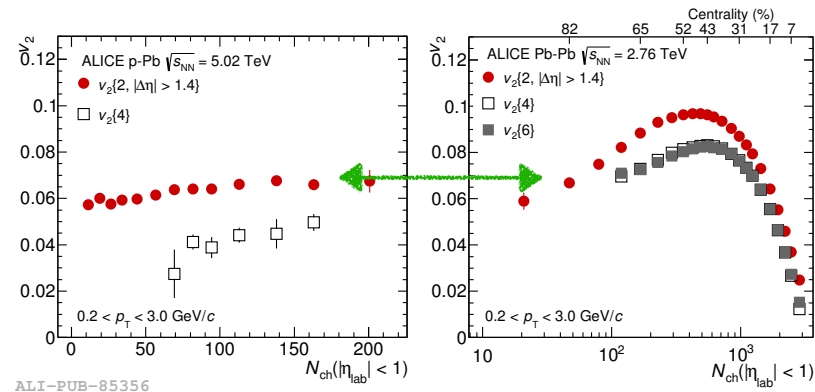
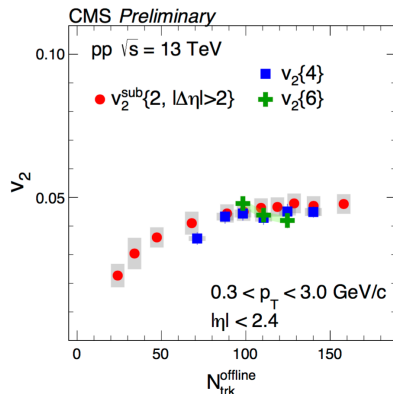
- Hot QCD matter is created in HIC: strongly interacting phase
- No direct experimental access to it
- One of the main probes is anisotropic flow

What do we learn from  $v_n$ ?

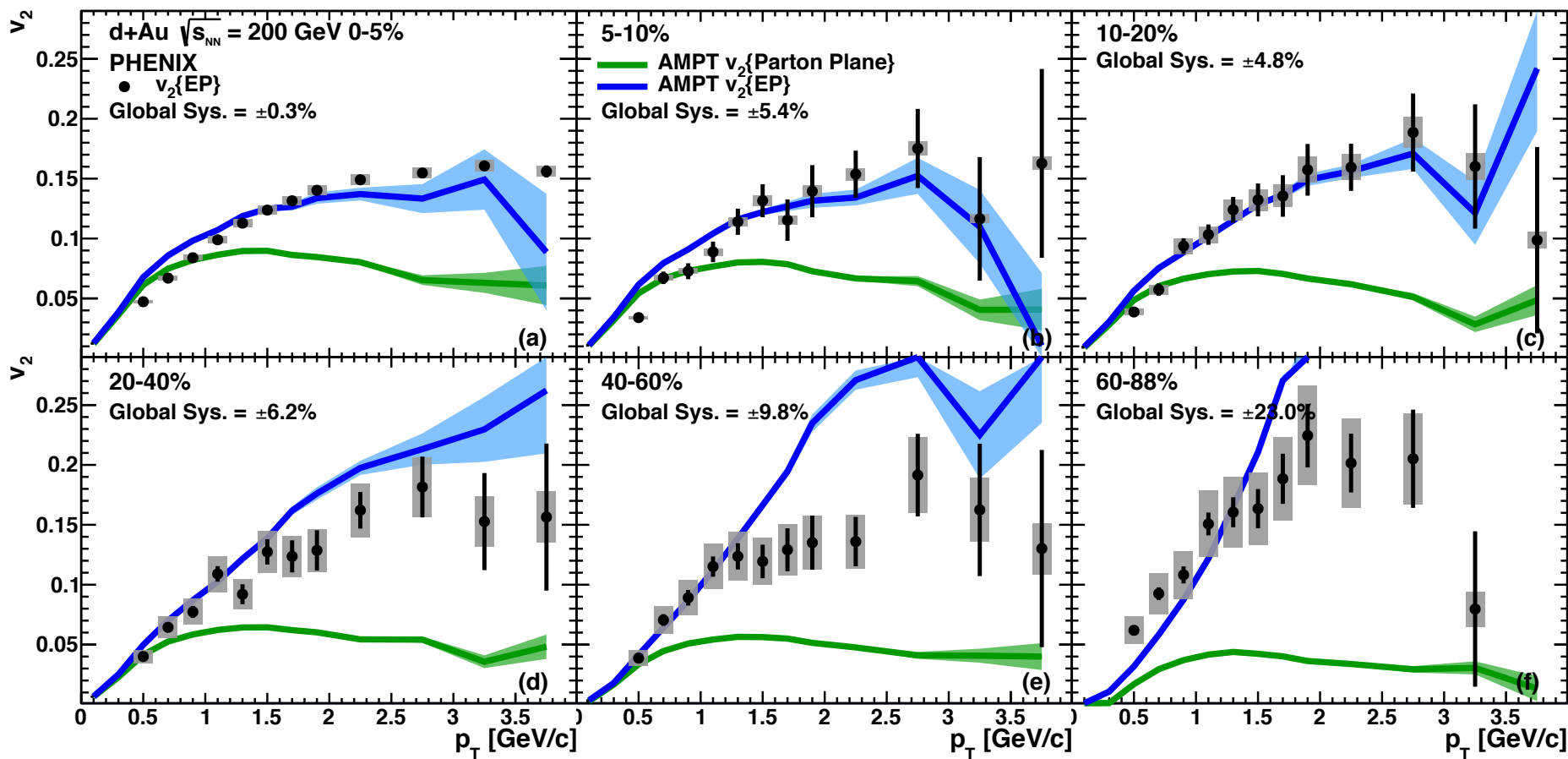
- Very low viscous fluid
- Increase with energy density
- Differential  $v_2$  similar between LHC and RHIC

All particle correlation even for pp?

Truth is in the details



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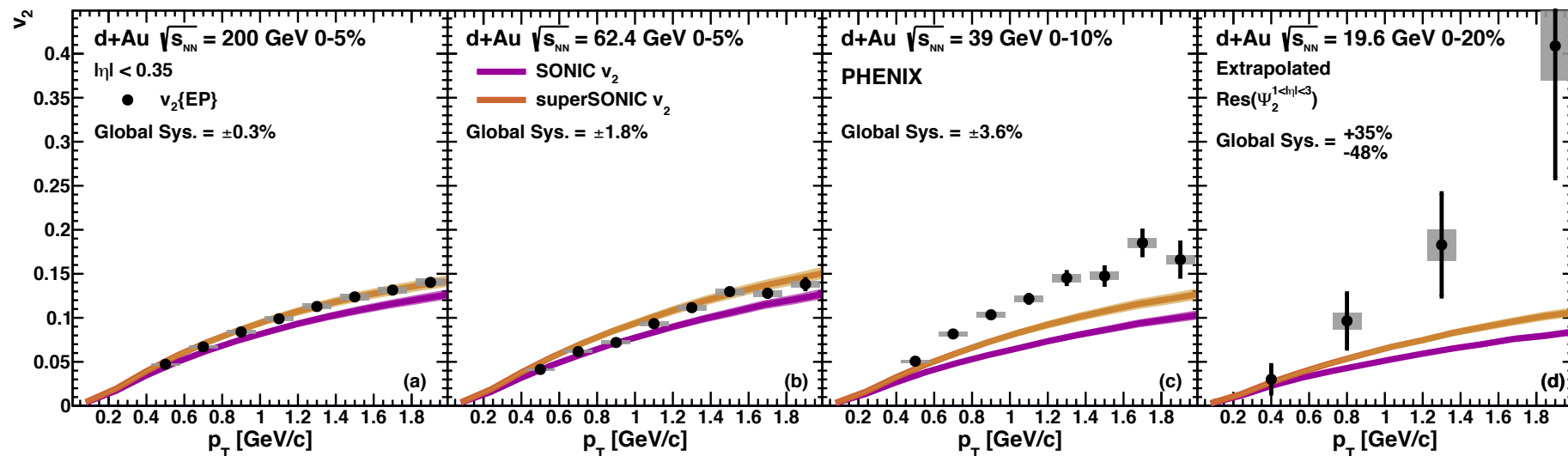
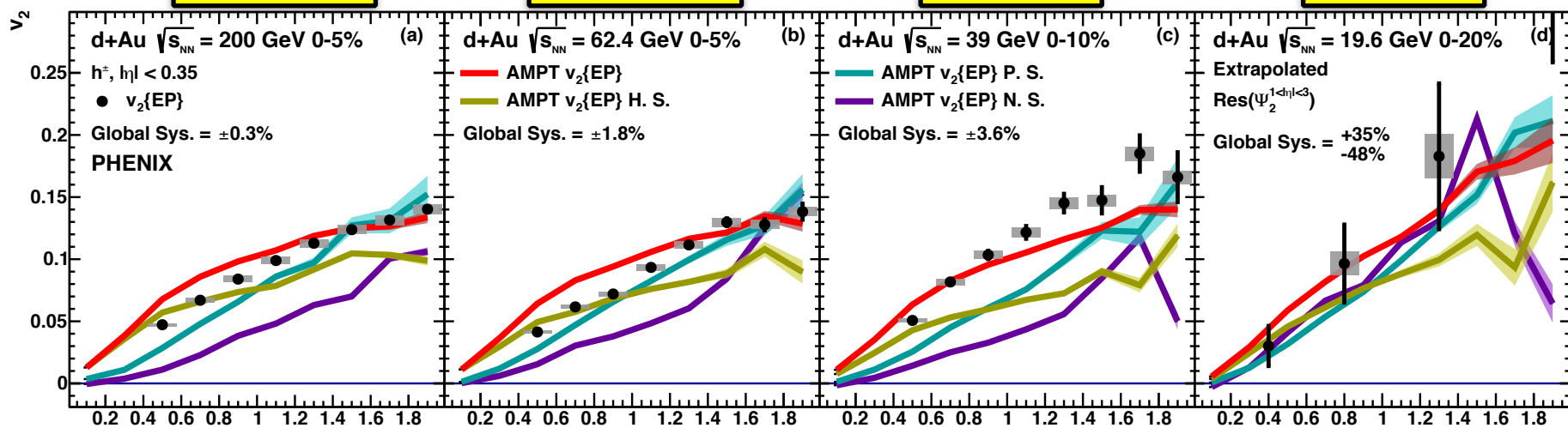
# $v_2(p_T)$ for Most Central Low $p_T$

@200 GeV

@62.4 GeV

@39 GeV

@20 GeV

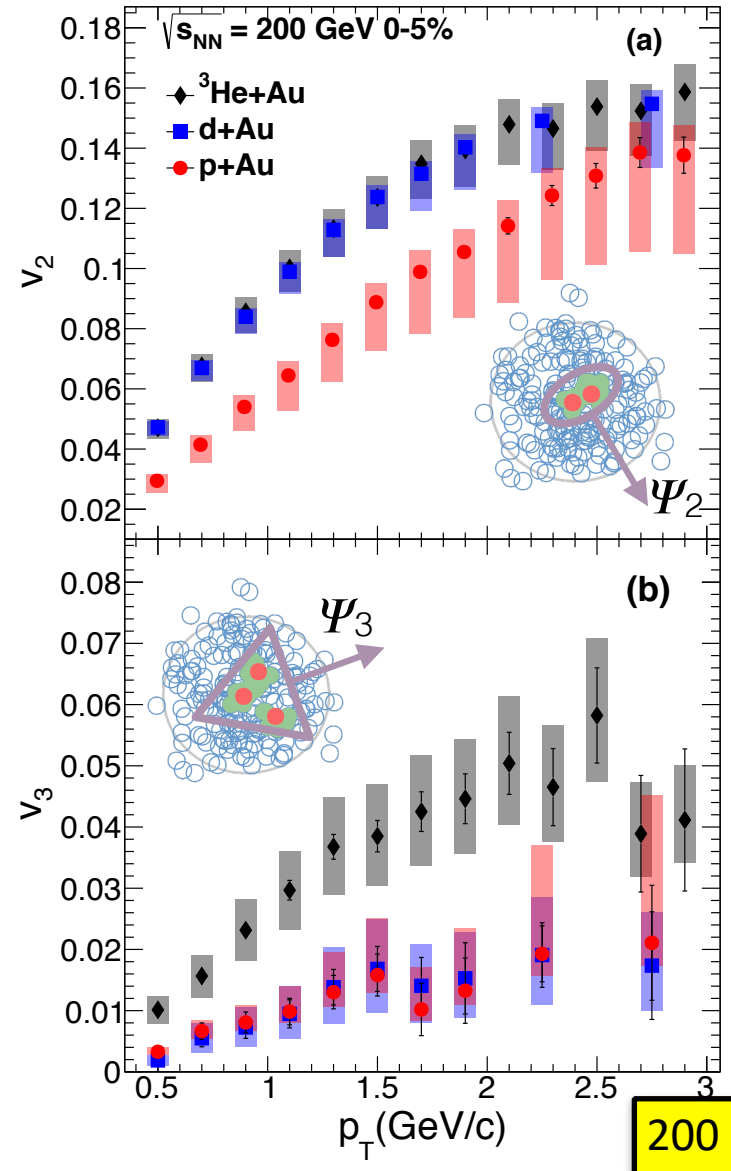


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d+Au

# $v_2$ and $v_3$ for Most Central Collisions

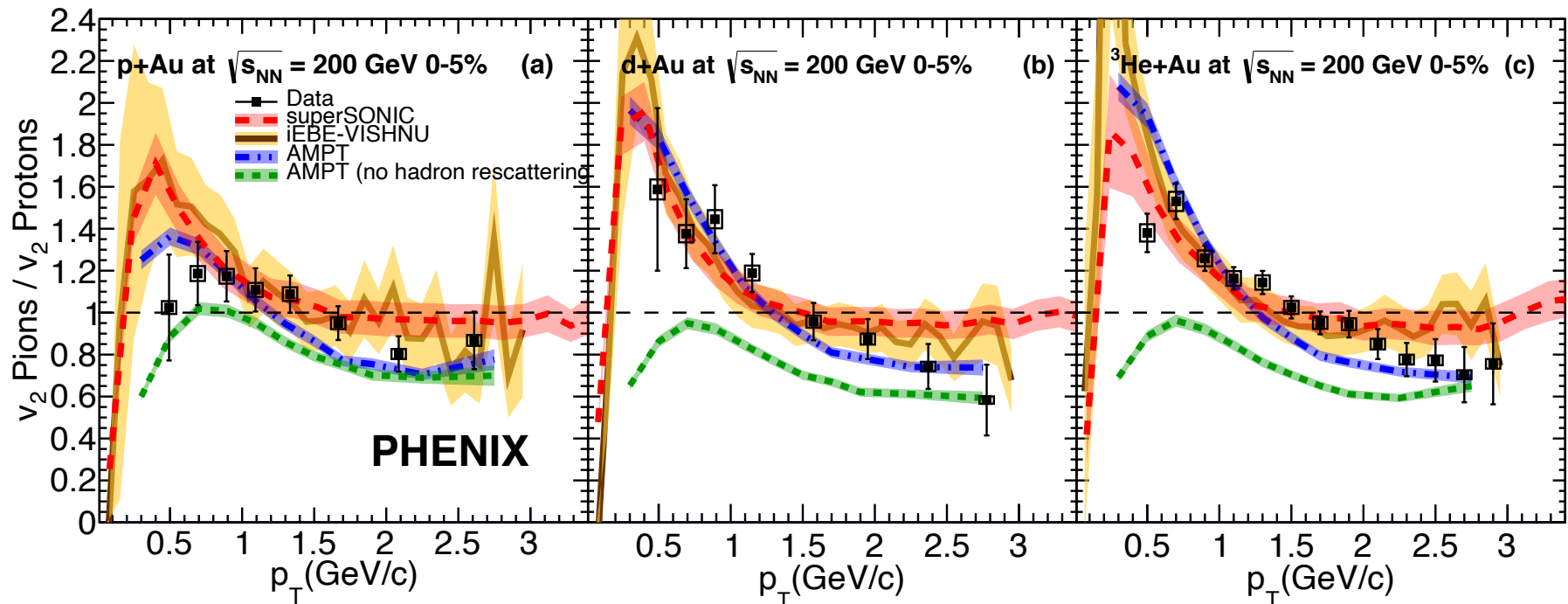
- Interesting scaling of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  with system size
  - d+Au  $v_2$  close to  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$
  - d+Au  $v_3$  close to p+Au



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## Particle Production Mechanism

# $v_2(p_T)$ Mass Dependence

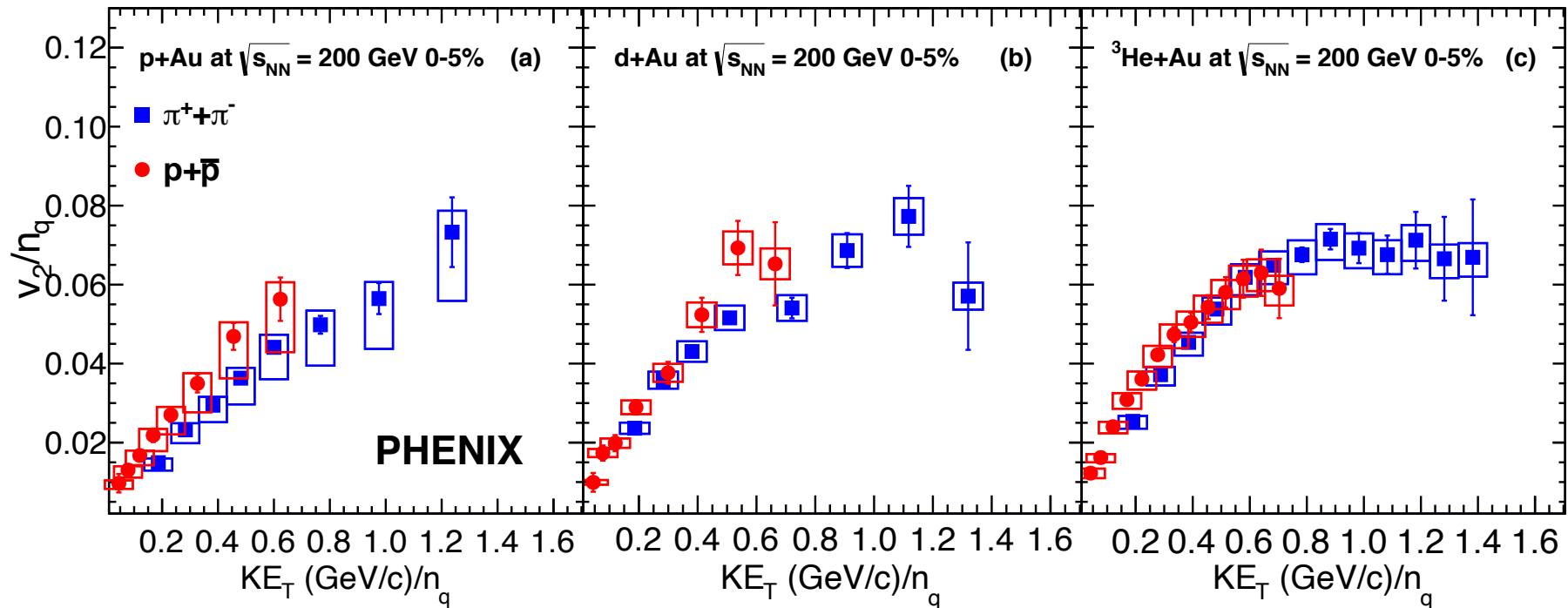


- Large difference in  $v_2$  for pions and protons.

- Hydro reproduces quite well low  $p_T$  data. Radial Flow push?

- AMPT model suggests the difference could build up during hadronic scattering.

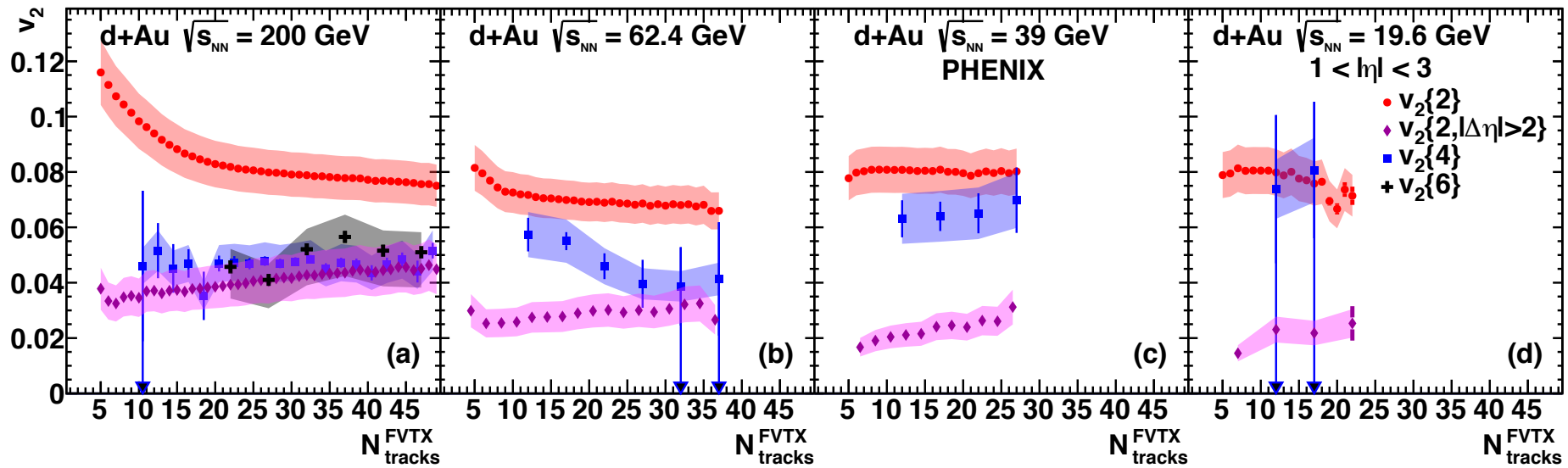
# Partonic $v_2(p_T)$ Test



- Test of scaling with constituent quarks.

- Approximate quark scaling holds very well for the three different systems. Deconfinement?

# MPC from 200 to 20 GeV

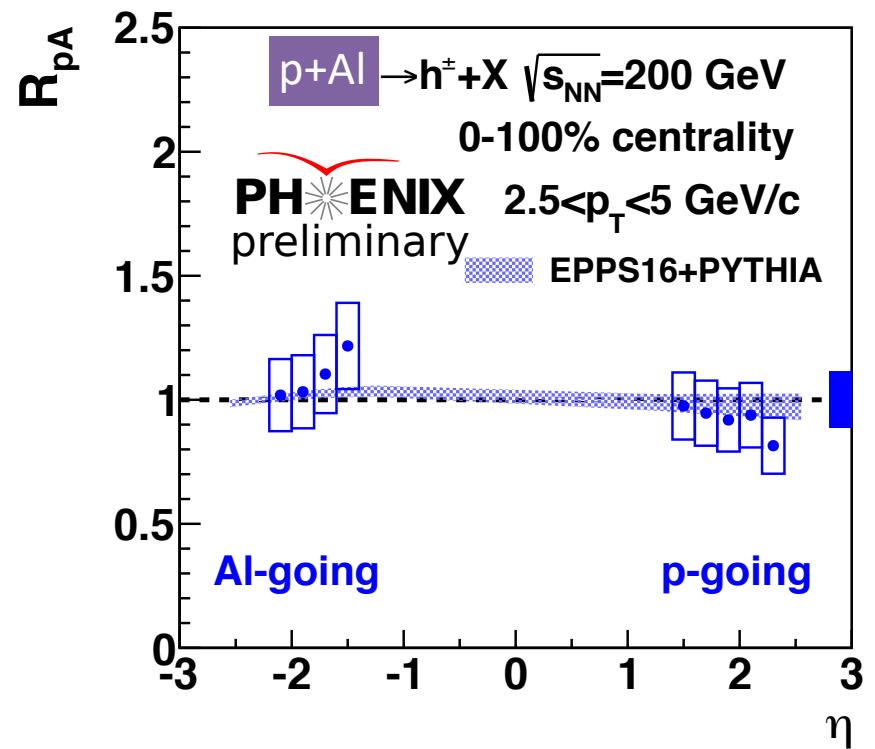
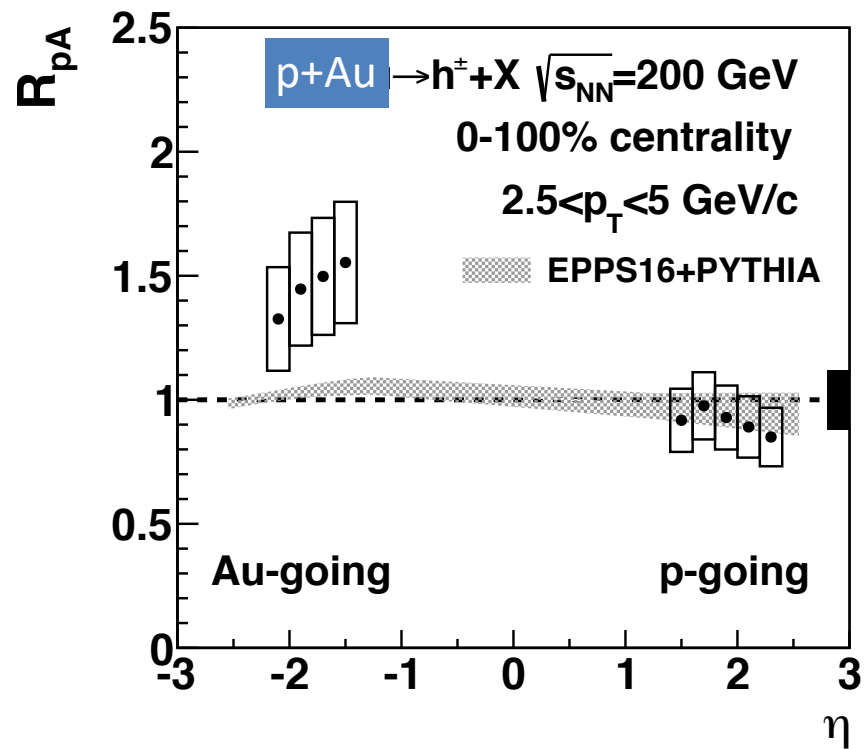


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Forward Rapidities

# **NUCLEAR MODIFICATION FACTOR**

# $R_{pA}(\eta)$ for Charged Hadrons

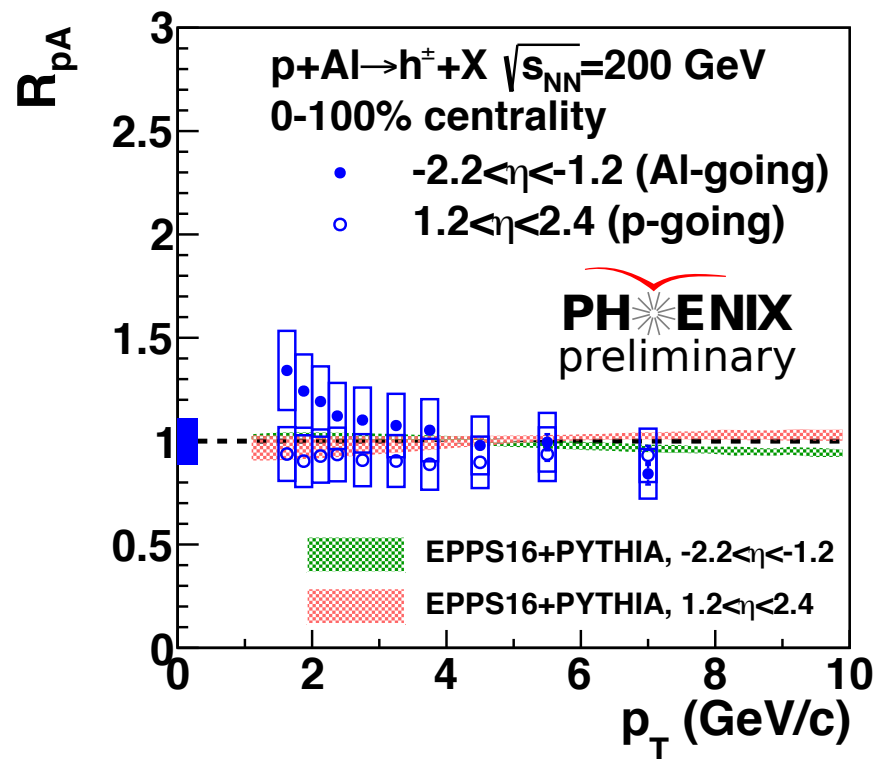
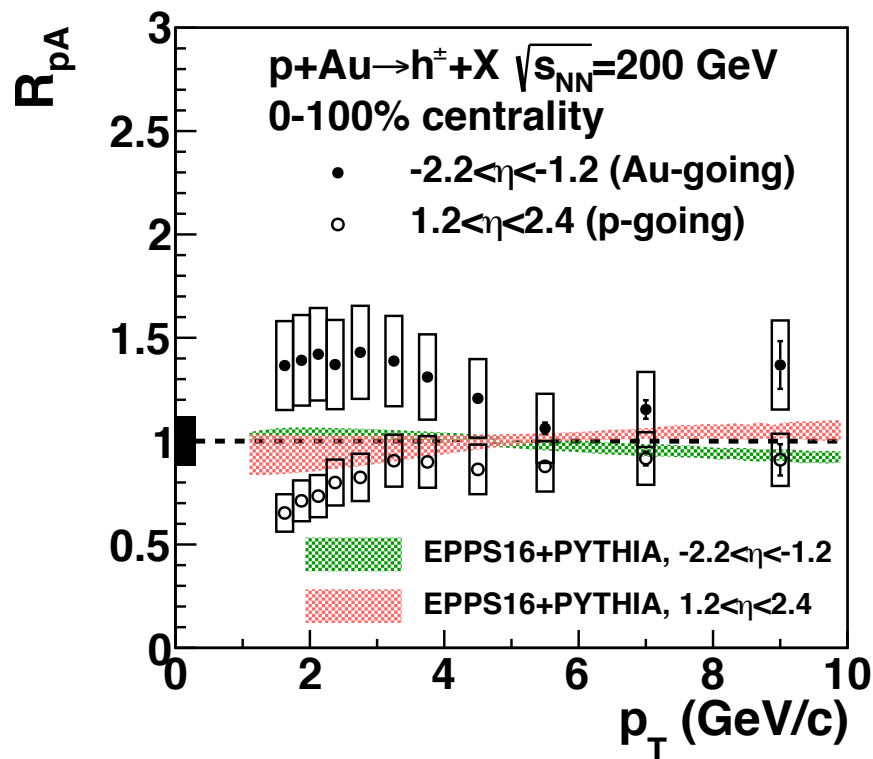


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Where does it come from?

p+Au    p+Al

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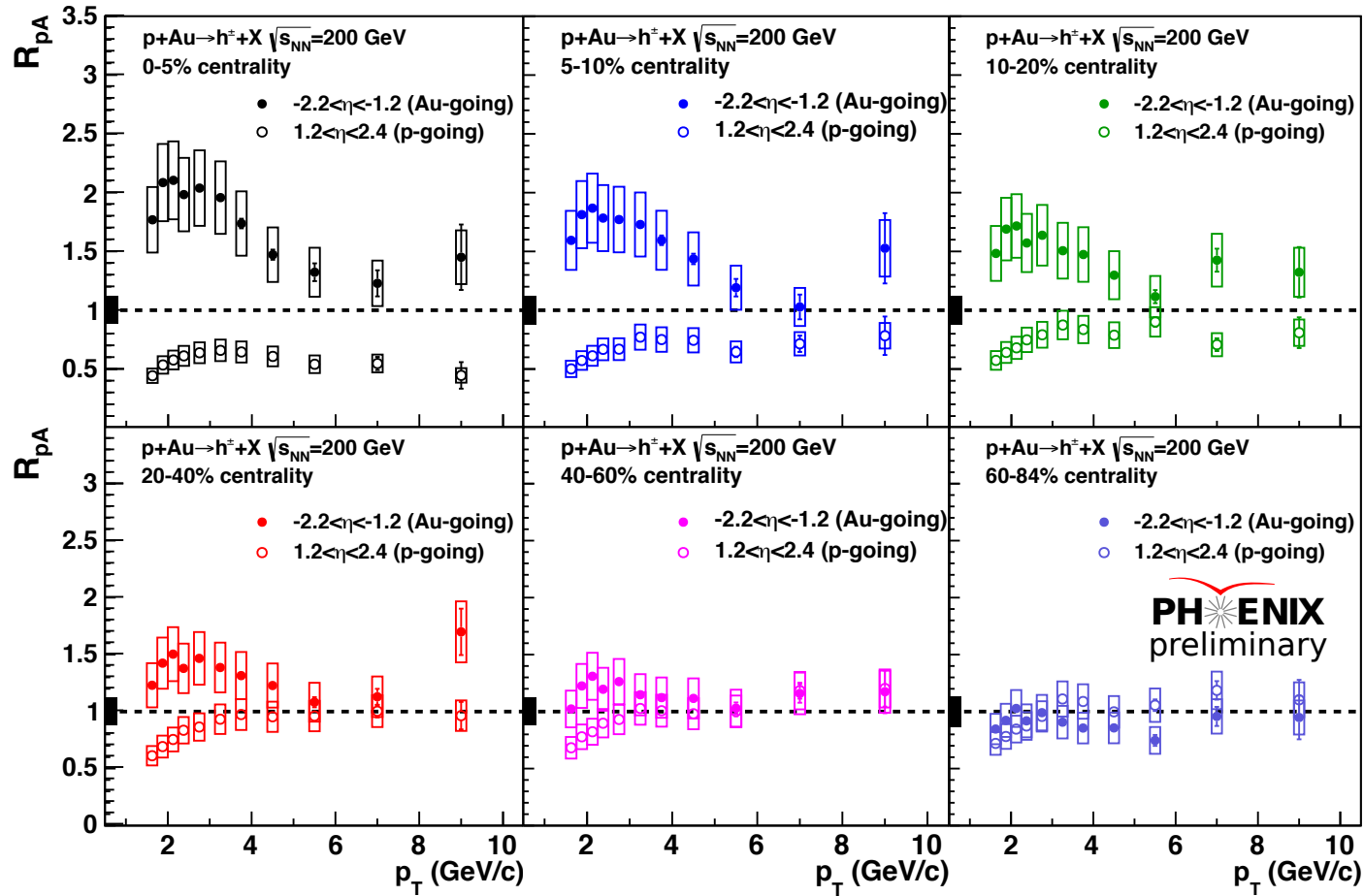
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# Centrality Dependence of $R_{pA}(p_T)$



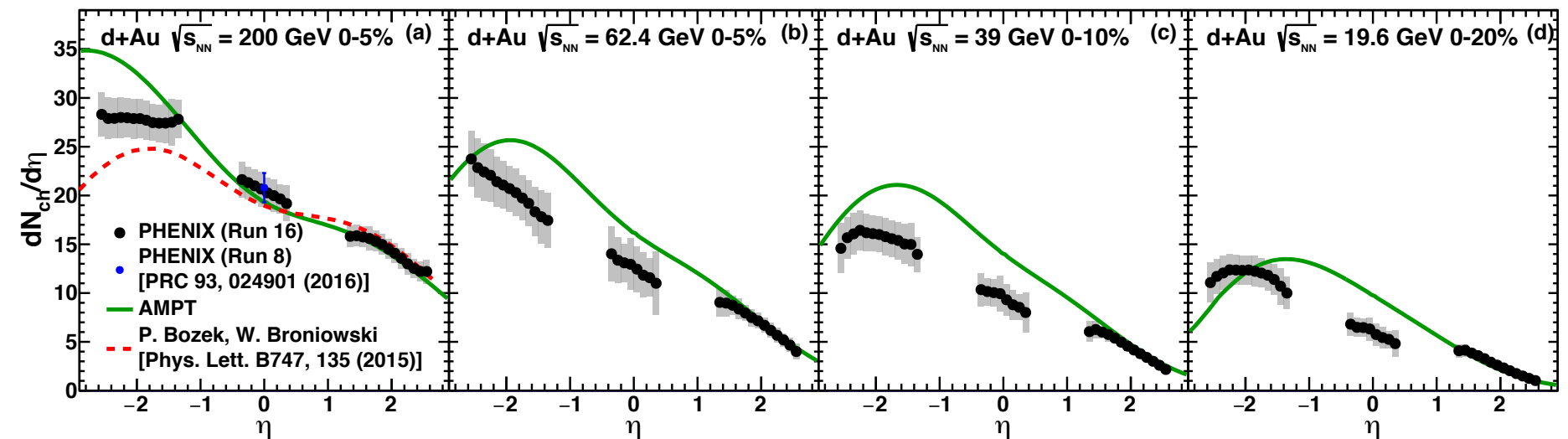
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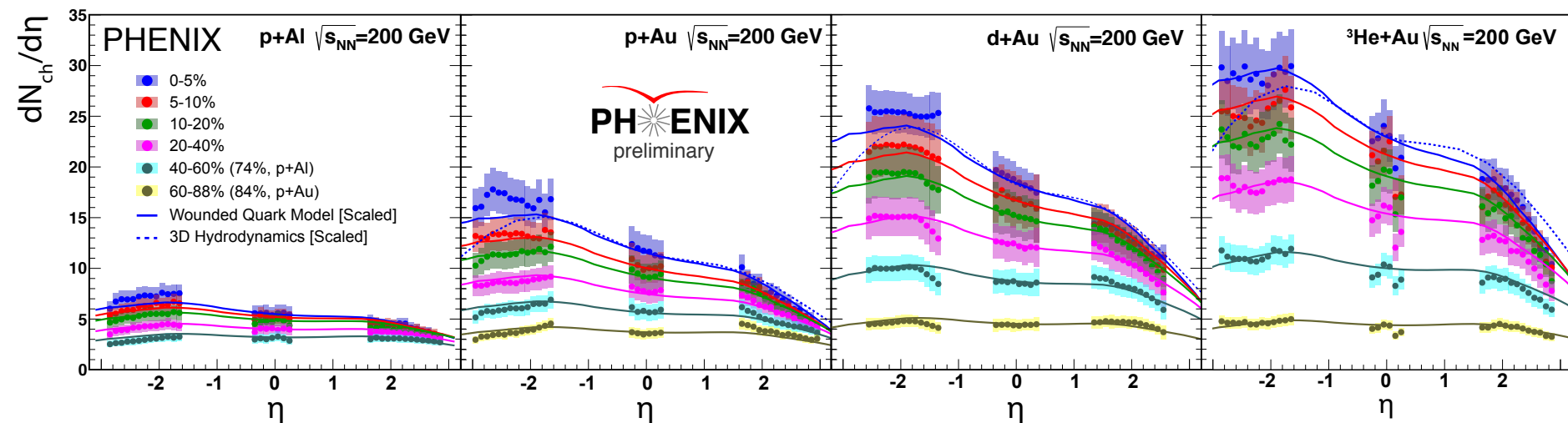
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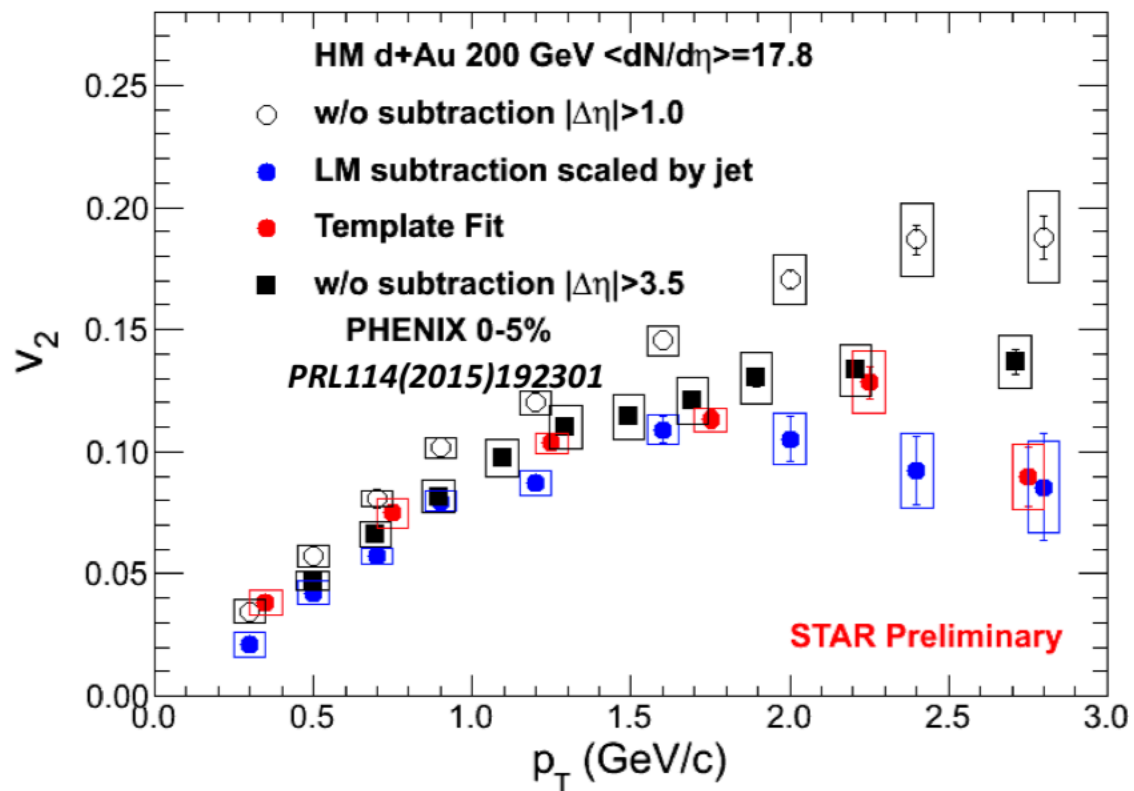


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• Hydro describes quite well the data from different systems at all centralities

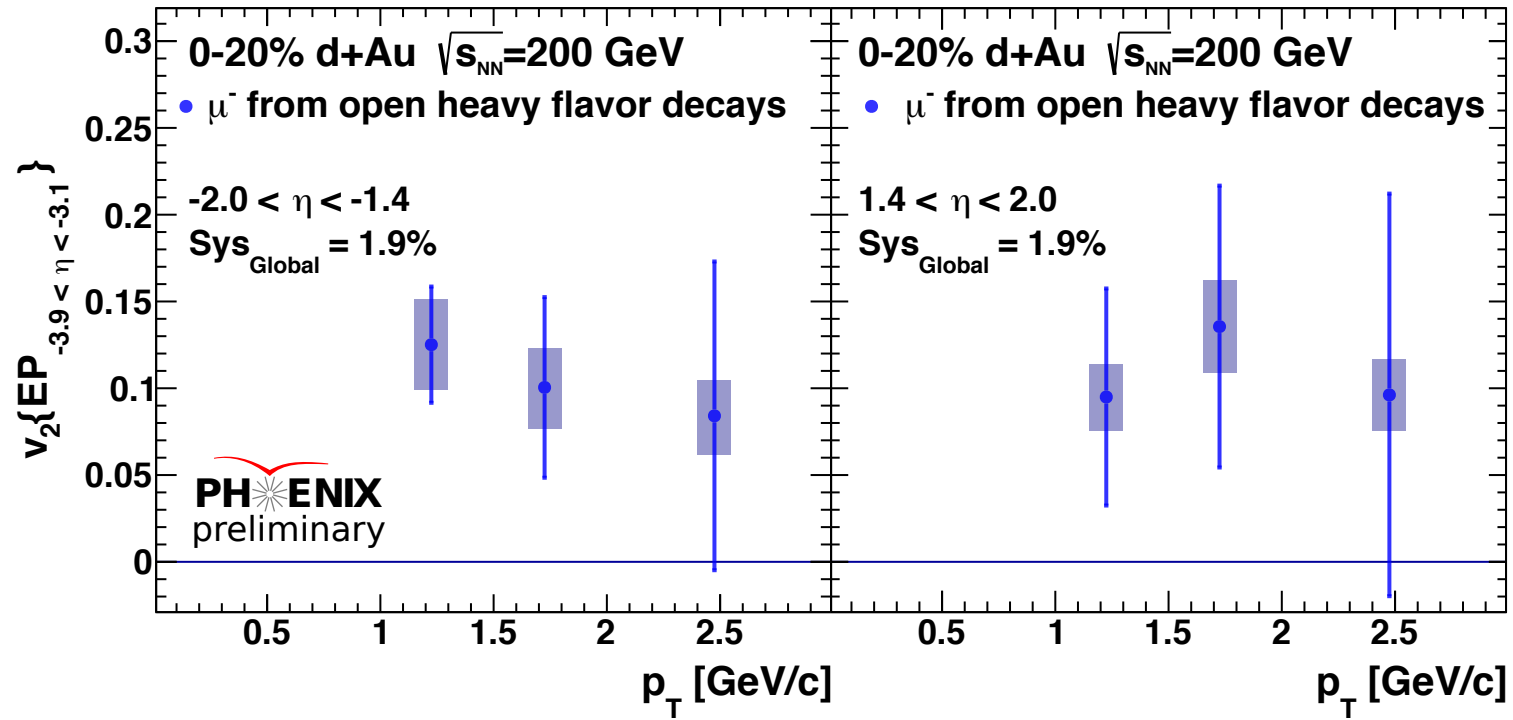
**HEAVY FLAVOUR**



# Heavy Flavour in Heavy Ion Collisions

- In Heavy Ion Collisions, heavy flavour particles are expected to be produced mainly in the hard scattering.
- A large (comparable to ch-particles) azimuthal anisotropy has been found for HF-particles in several experiments, species and energies, which suggests some degree of sensitivity to the collective expansion.
- How about small systems, low energies?

# $v_2$ of Muons from Heavy Flavour Decays

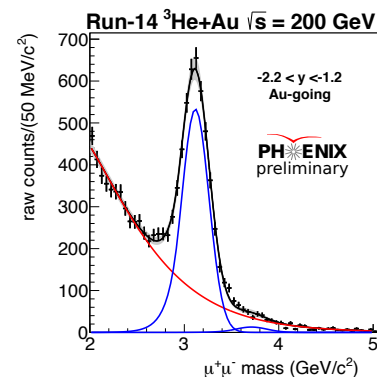
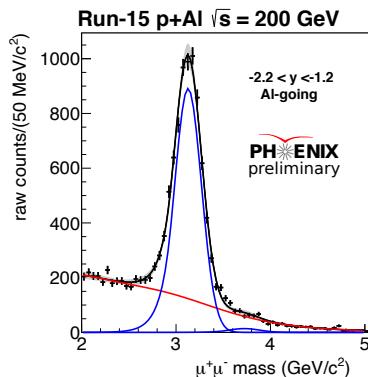
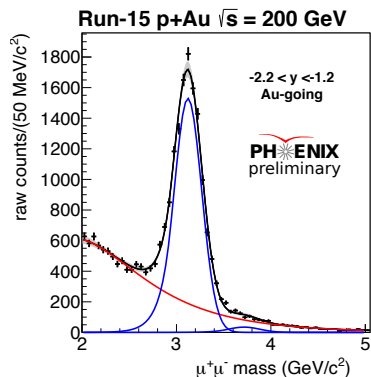


- Muons from heavy flavour decays are obtained from MC templates.

# $R_{AA}$ in Heavy Ion Collisions

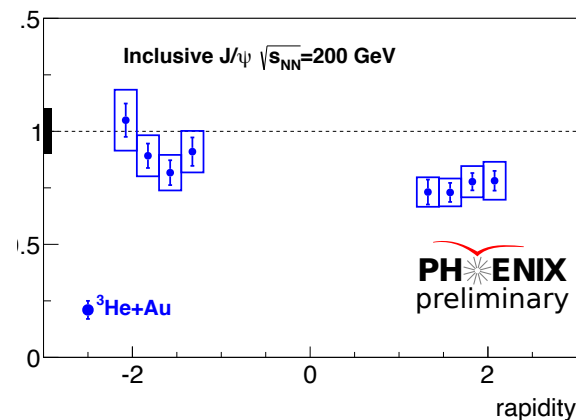
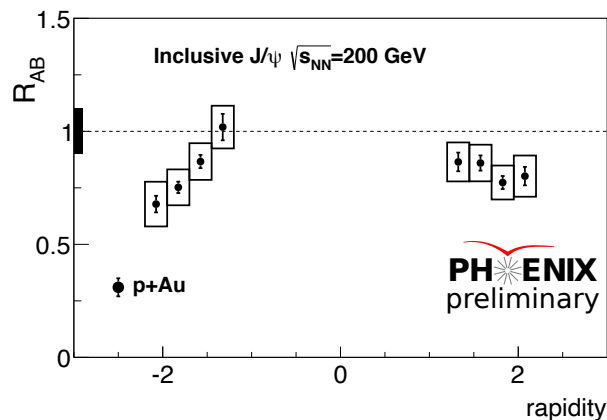
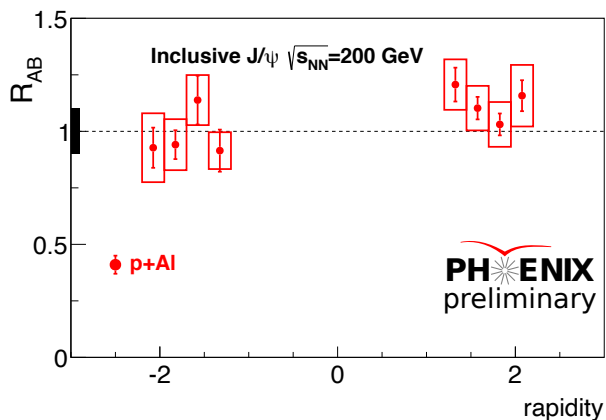
- RAA is one of the (oldest) golden experimental observables in studying the physics of heavy ion collisions.
- It measures the relative yield found in AA to the respective scaled pp measurement, which helps characterise the role of in-medium modification.
- $R_{pA}$  has been also used to study cold-matter effects, such as nuclear shadowing or gluon-saturation, specially at forward rapidities.

# Inclusive J/Psi @ Forward Rapidities



- Preliminary results for closed states hint to suppression even for Au-going direction.

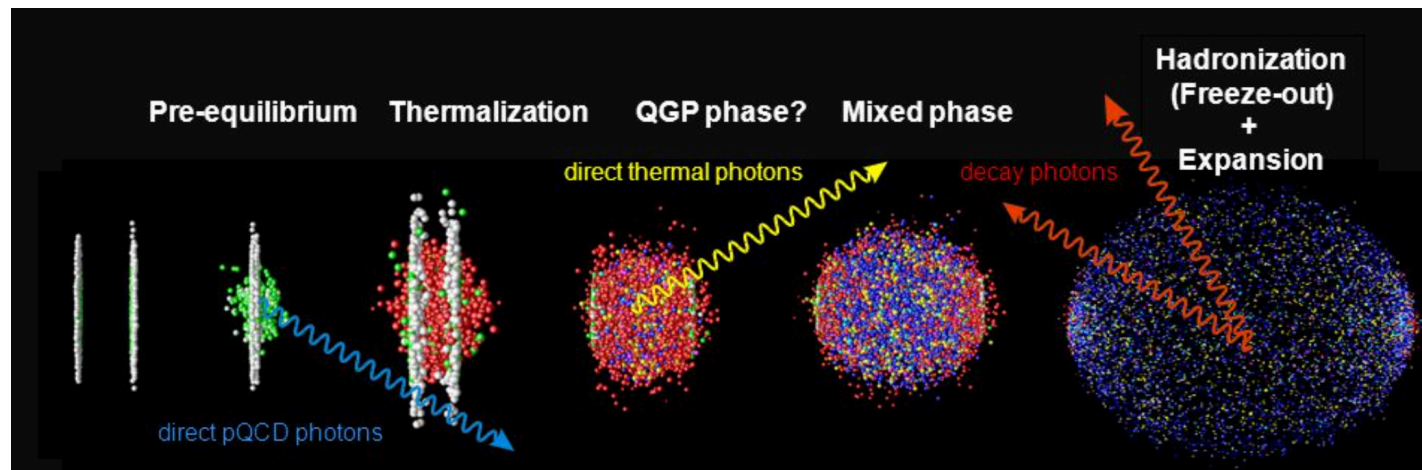
- Are mechanisms responsible for enhancement of charged particles less effective with quarkonia?



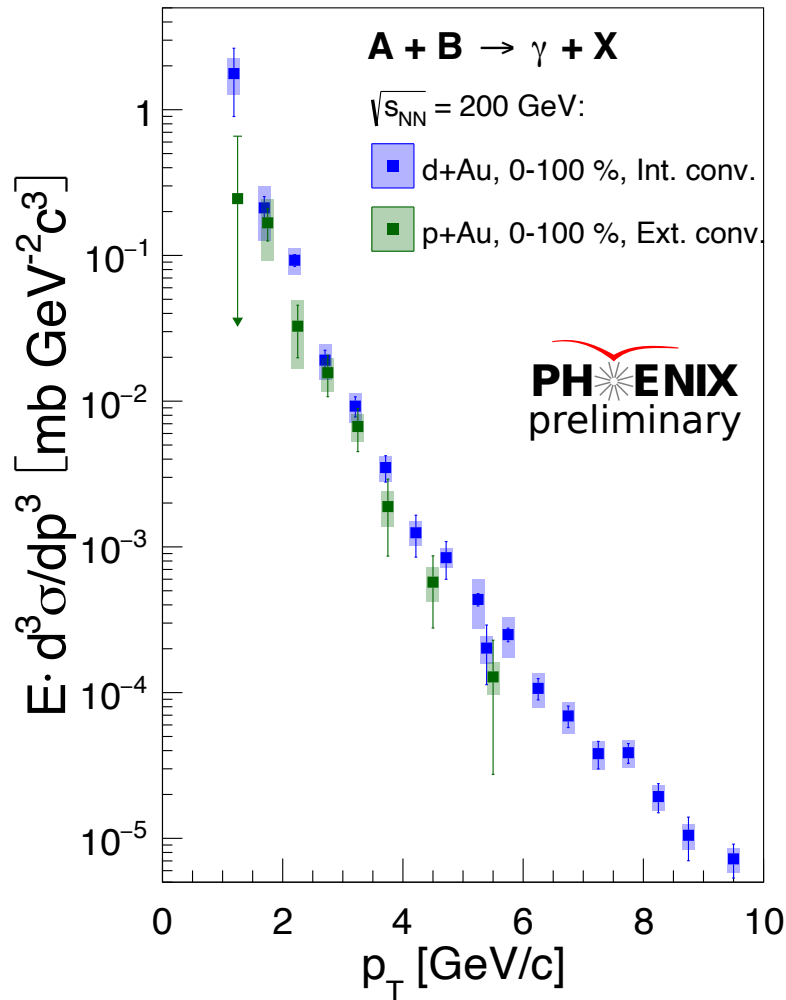
# PHOTONS

# Photons in Heavy Ion Collisions

- Photons from Heavy Ion Collisions
  - Direct Photons
    - Initial State hard scattering (prompt) pQCD
    - Thermal Temperature from Fireball (QGP)
  - Hadronic Photons
    - Decay products Underlying Event



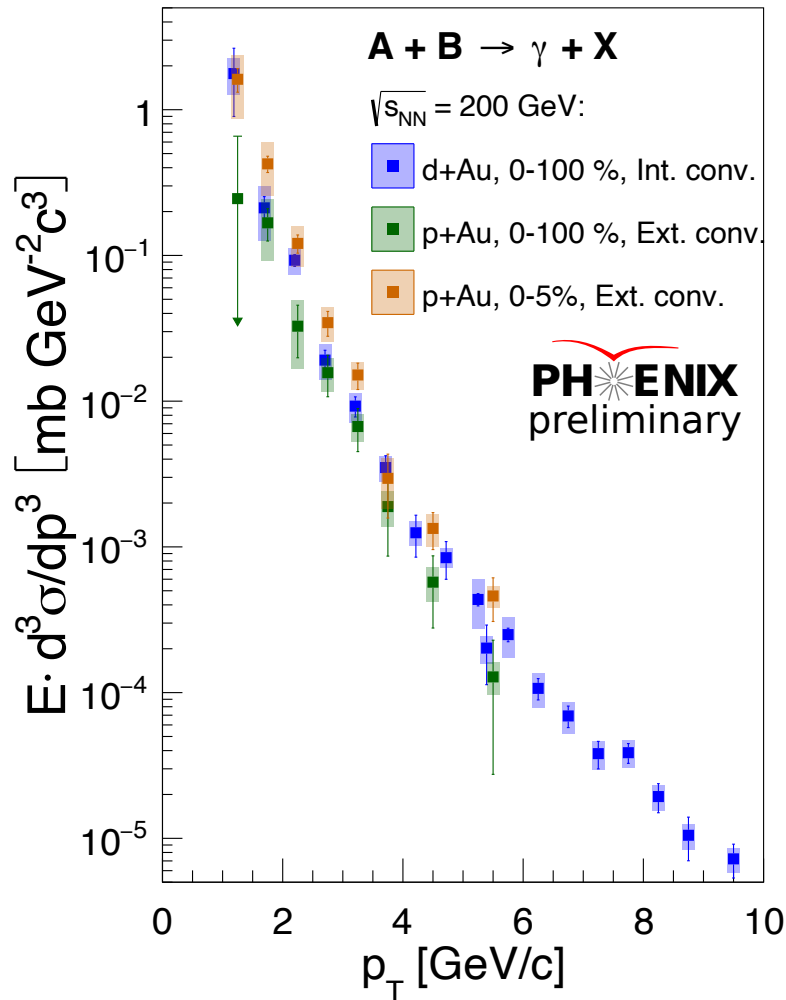
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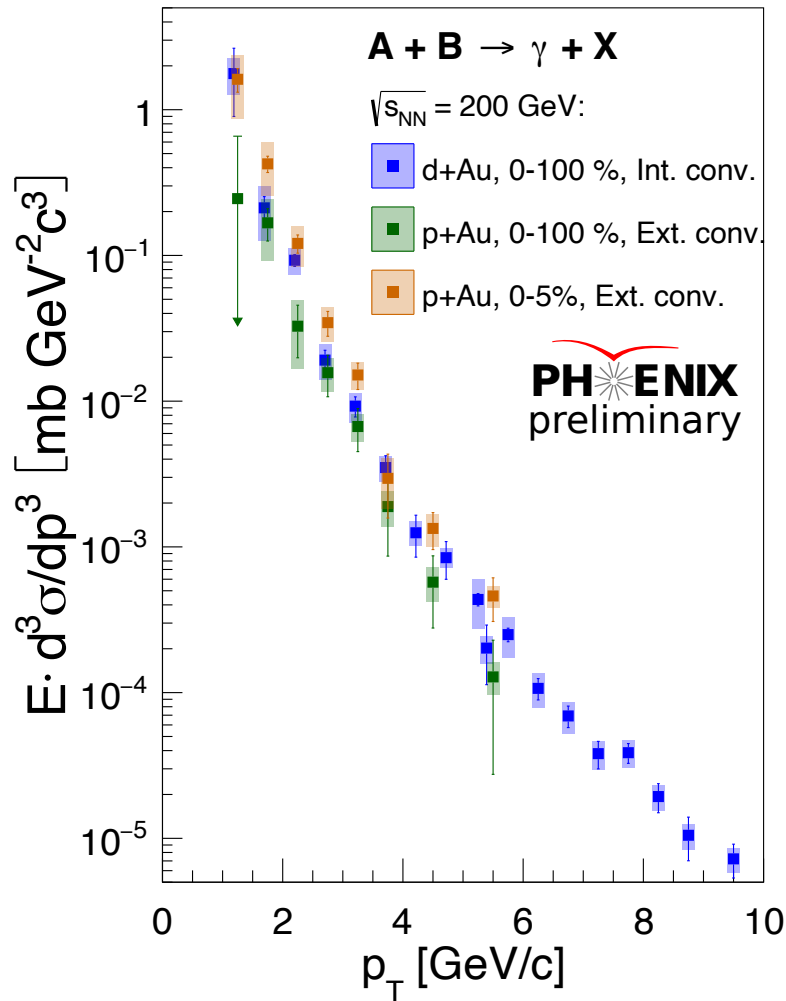


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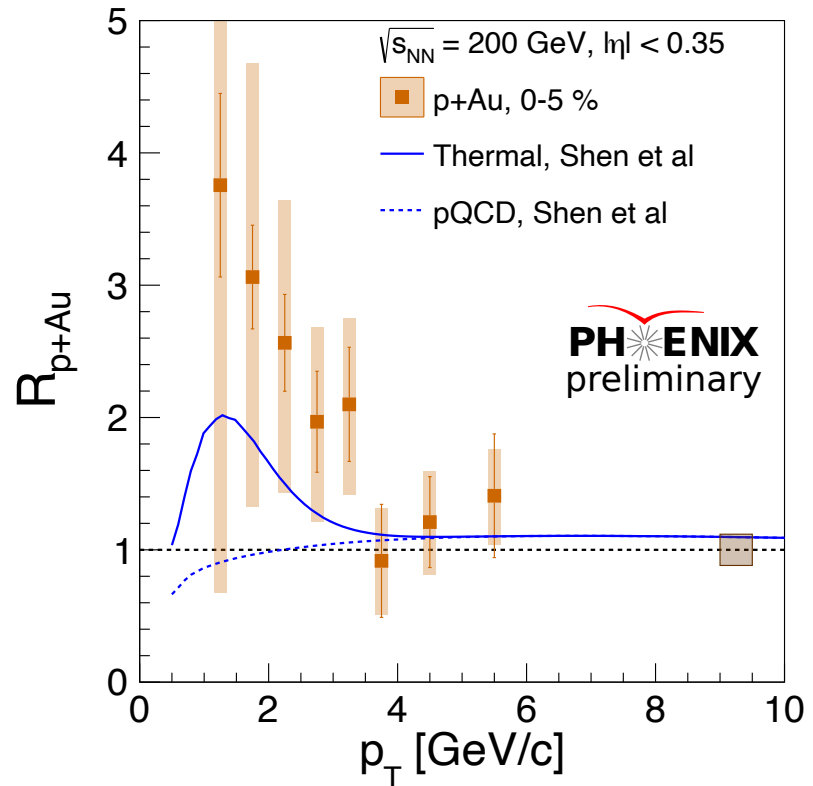
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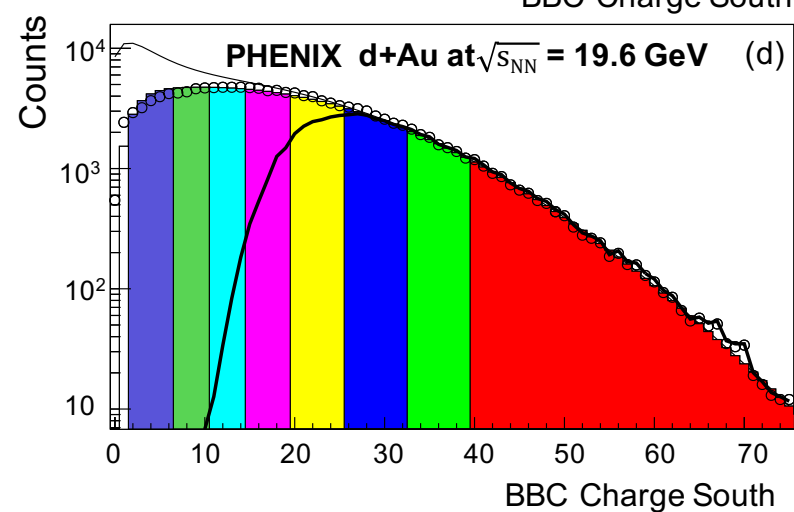
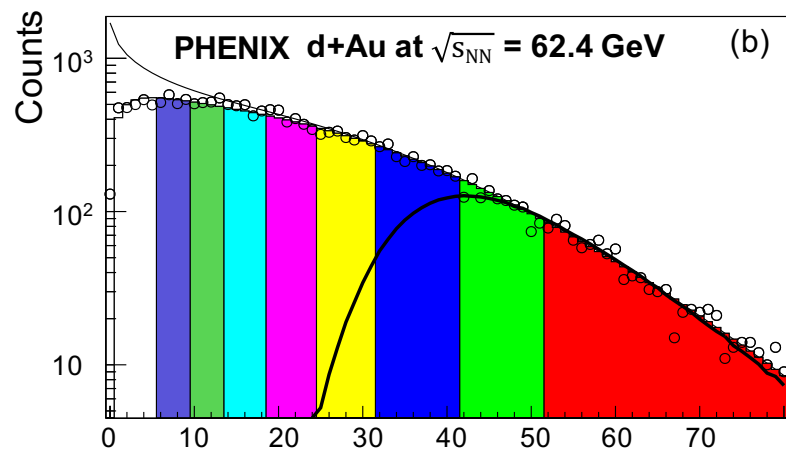
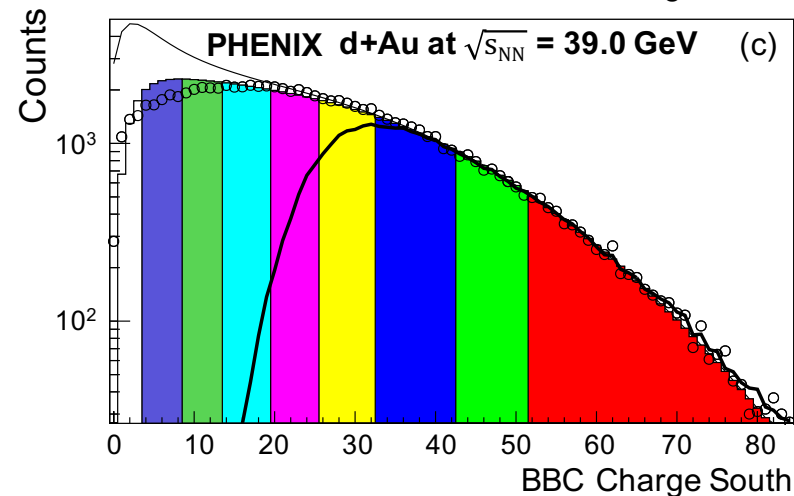
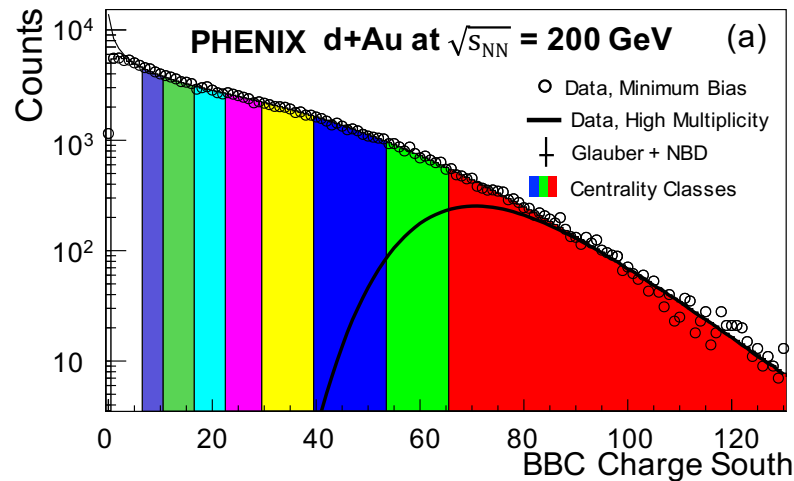


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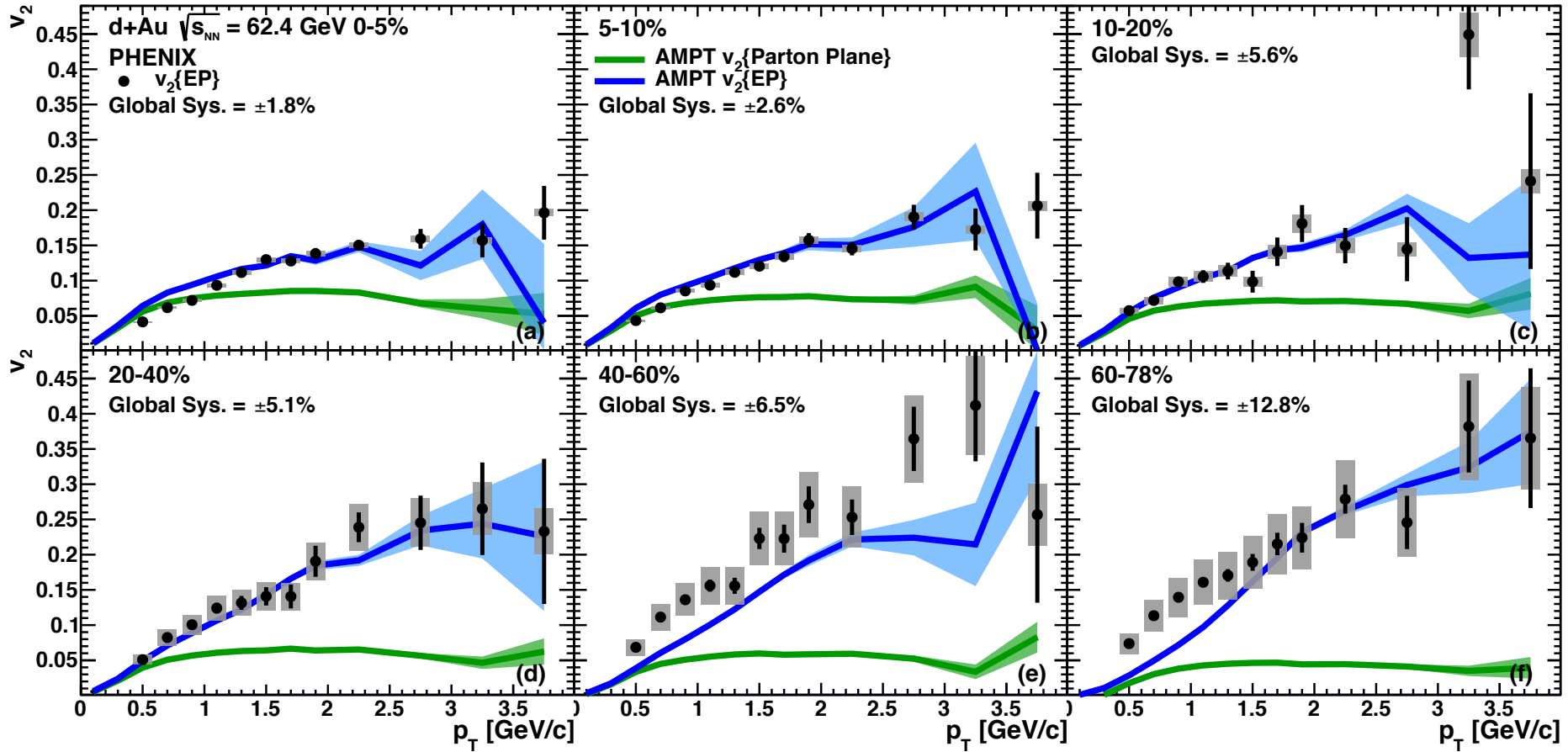
• Does it have a thermal origin?

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# Centrality Classification

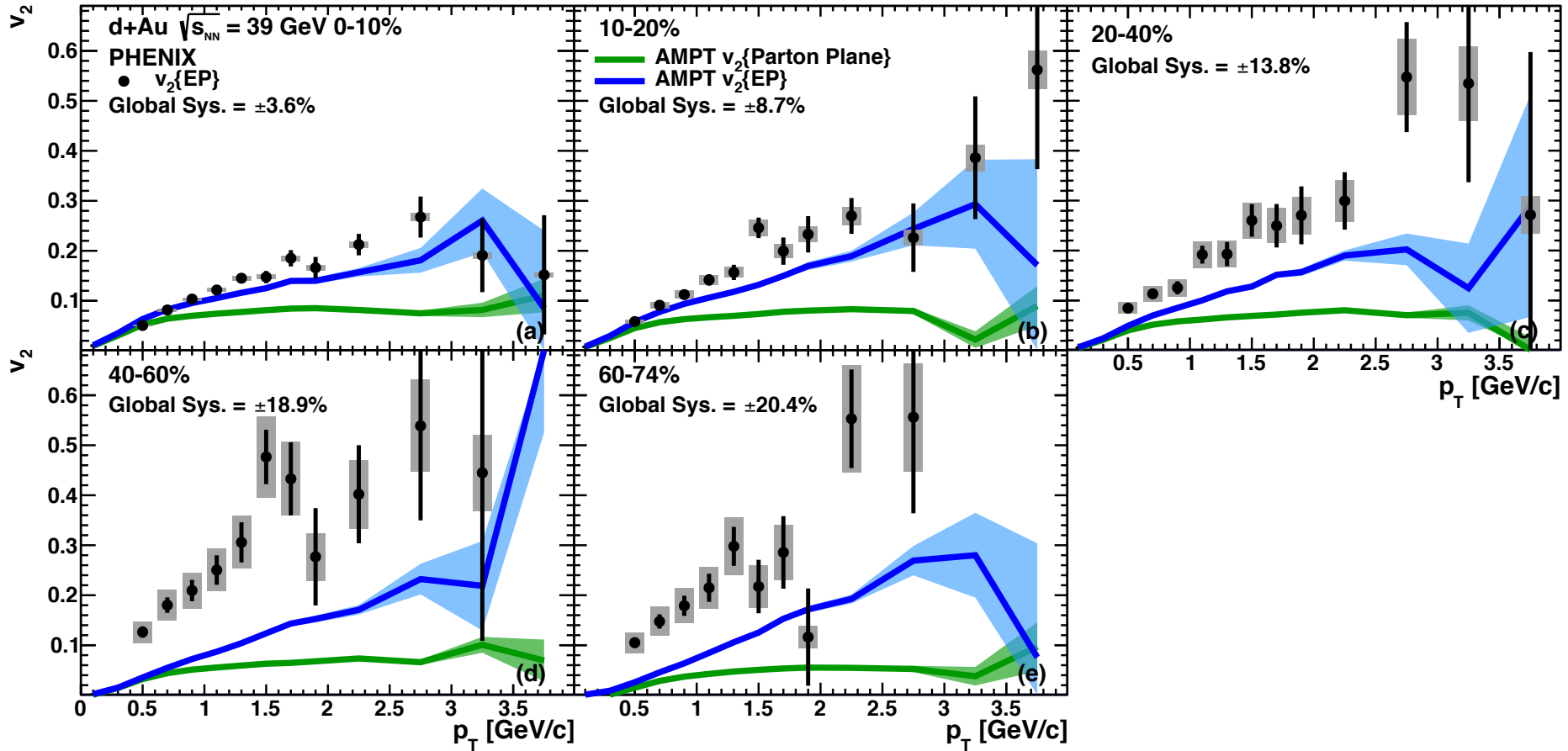


# $v_2(p_T)$ for Charged Particles @ 62.4 GeV



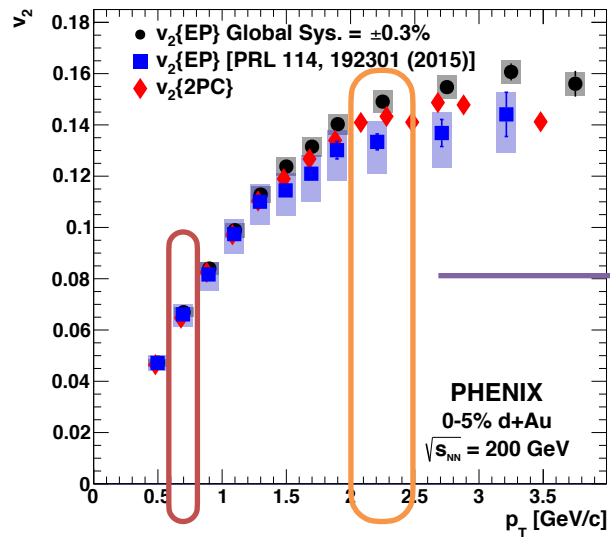
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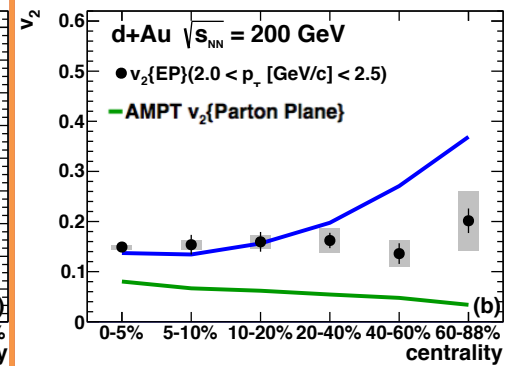
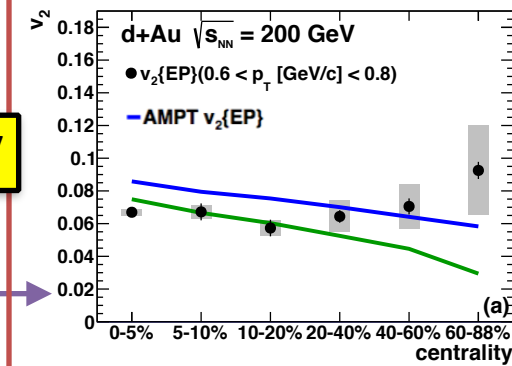


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200 GeV

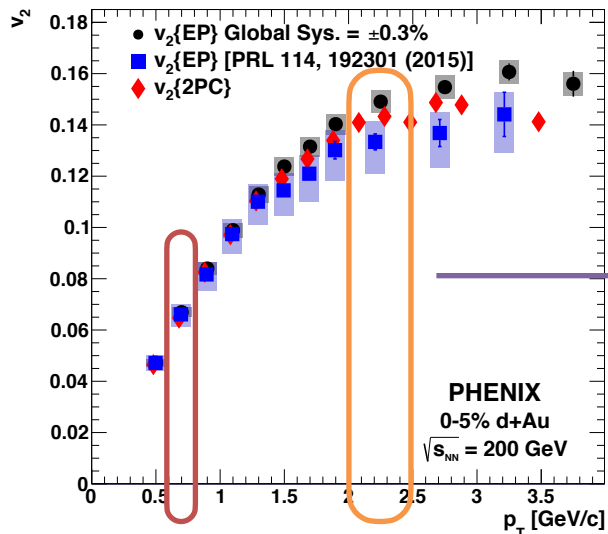


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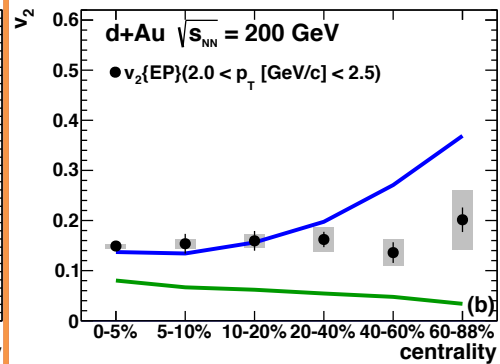
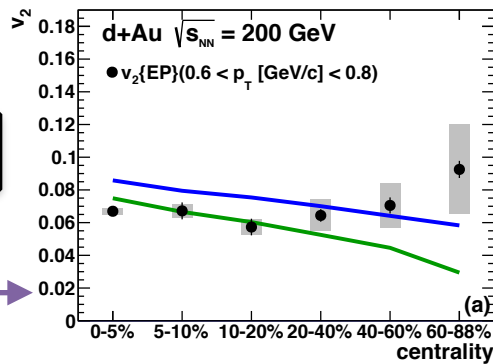
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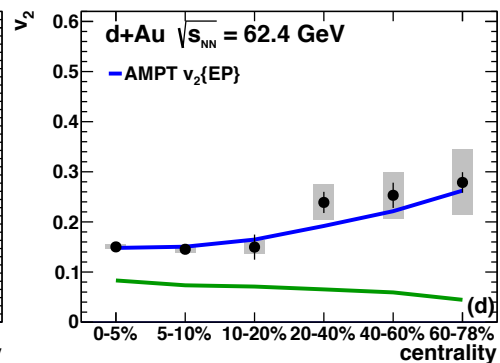
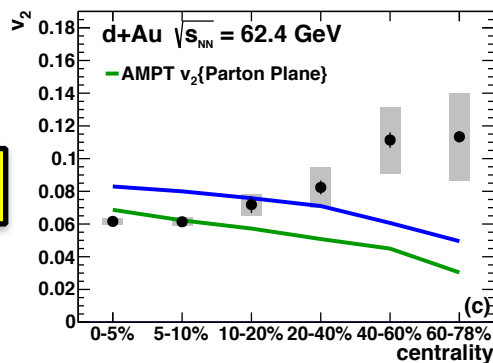


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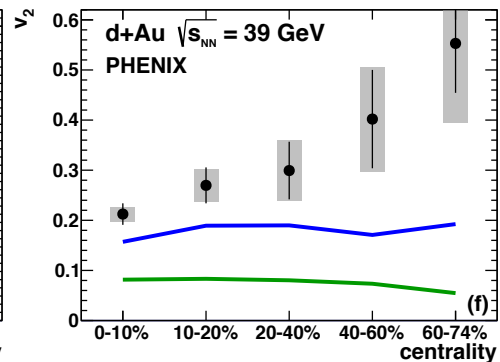
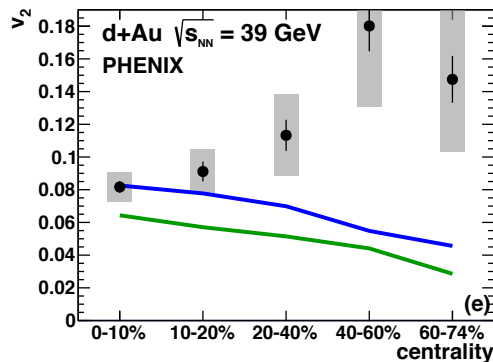


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- Same trend in all energies

62.4 GeV



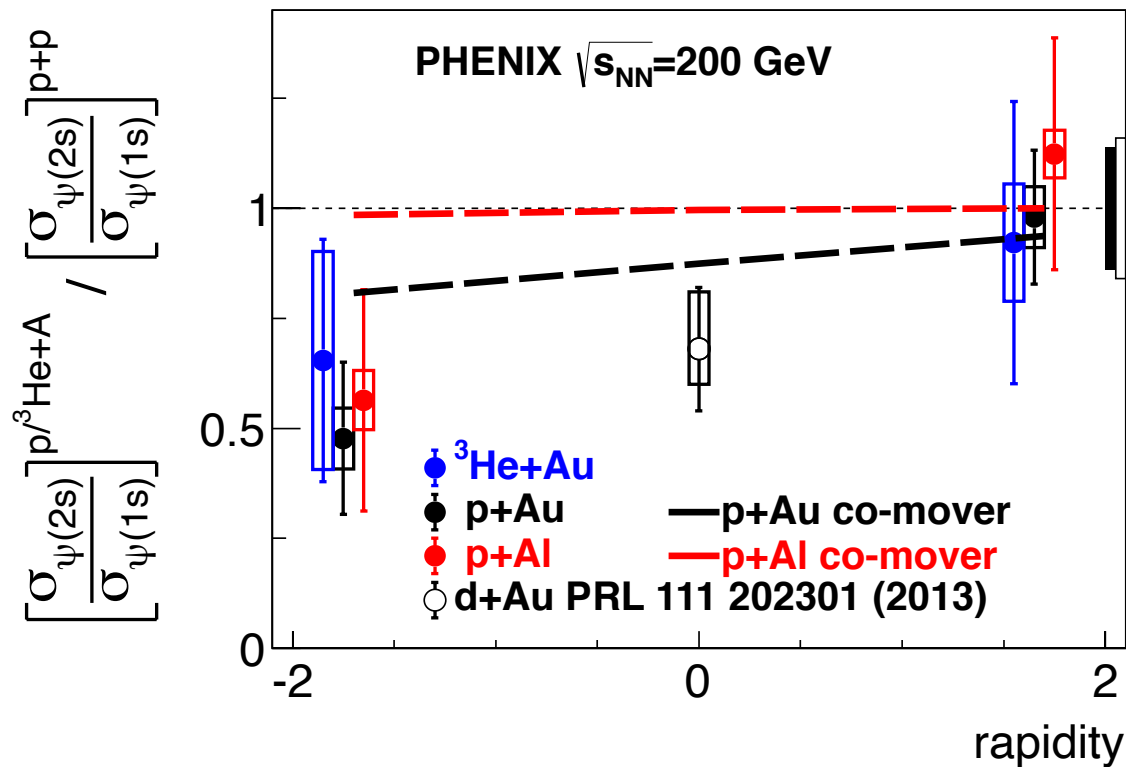
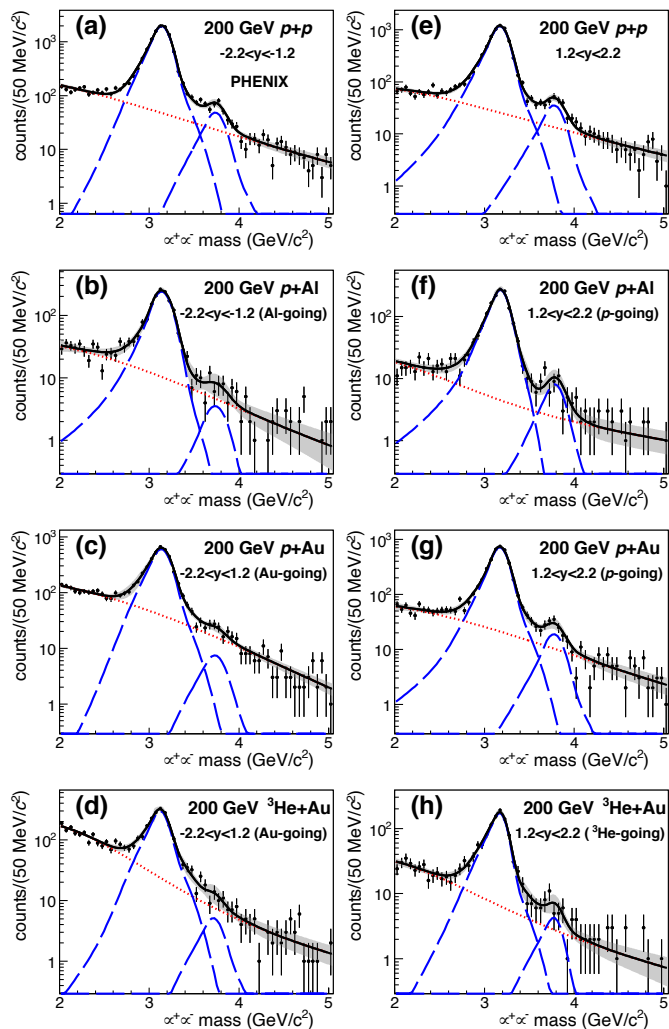
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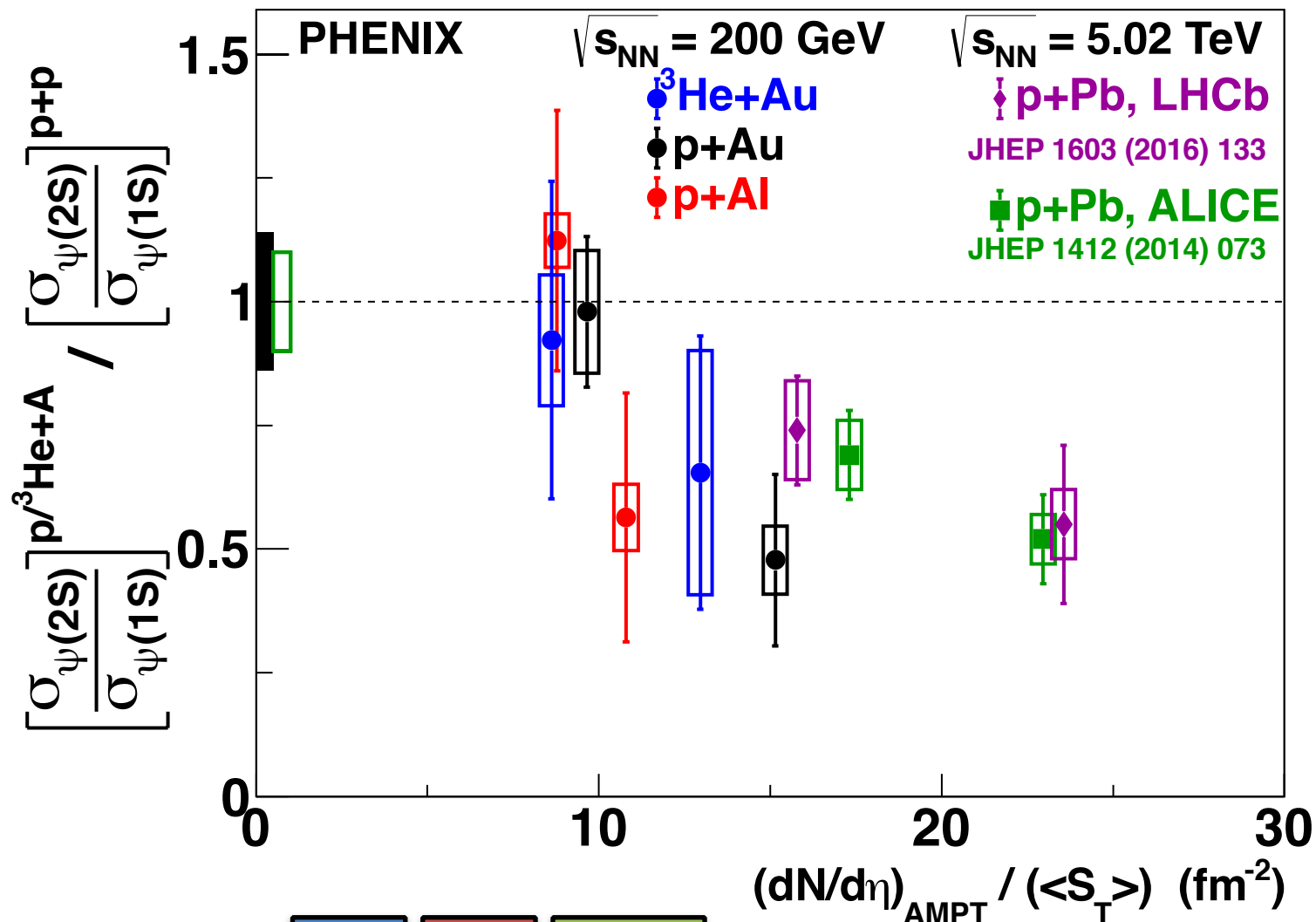
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# Psi(2S) / Psi(1S) Ratios in SS



- Sequential suppression of excited states also present in small systems?

# A Transition?

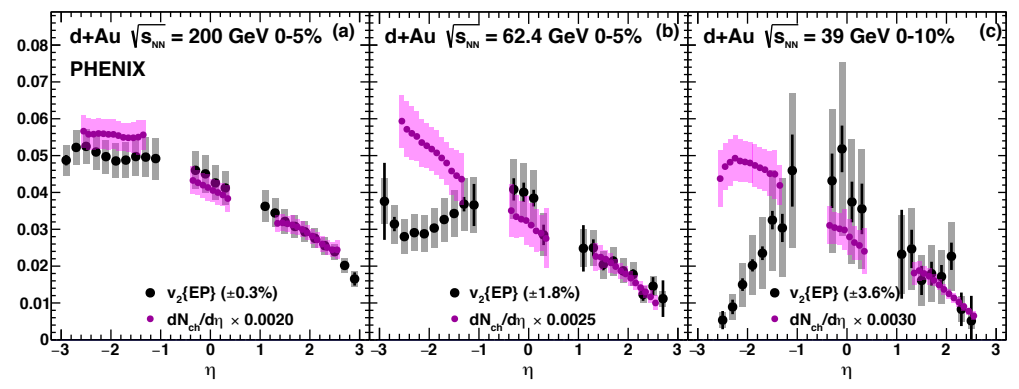
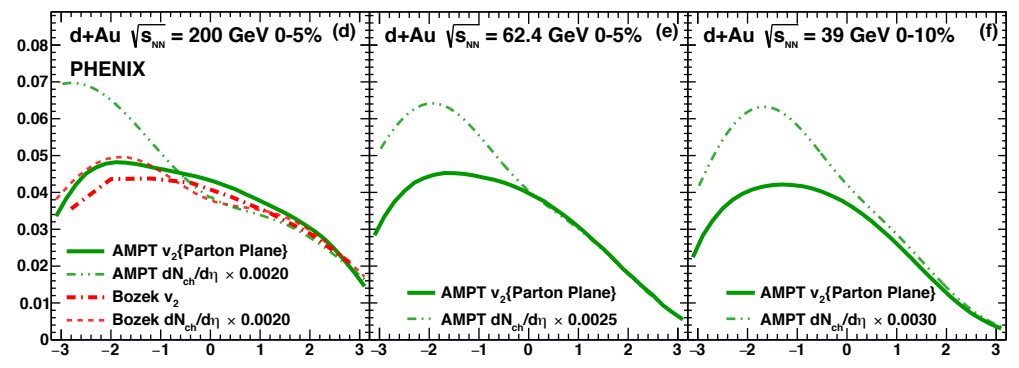
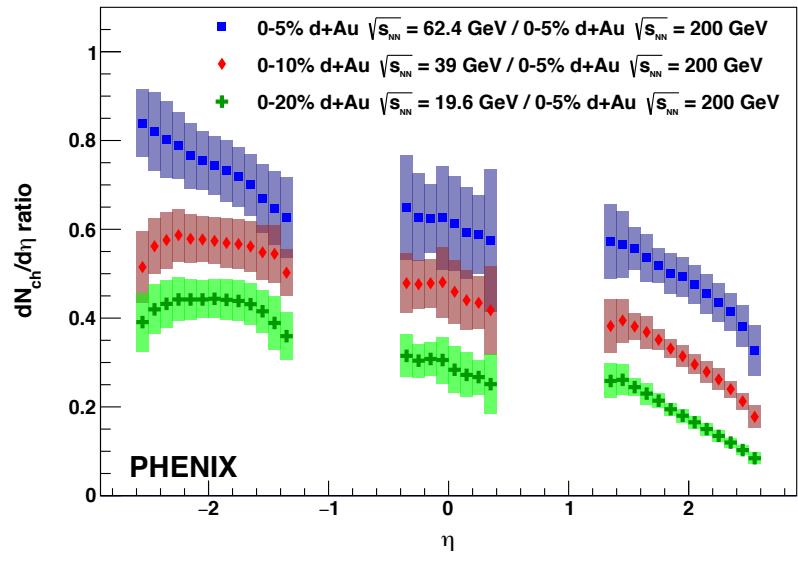
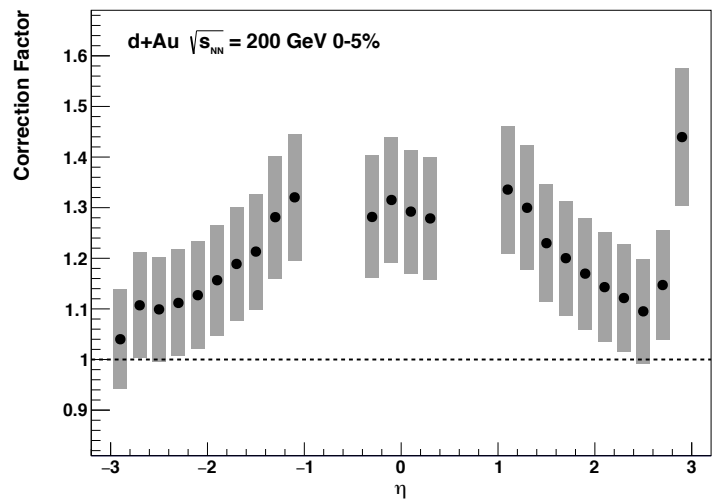


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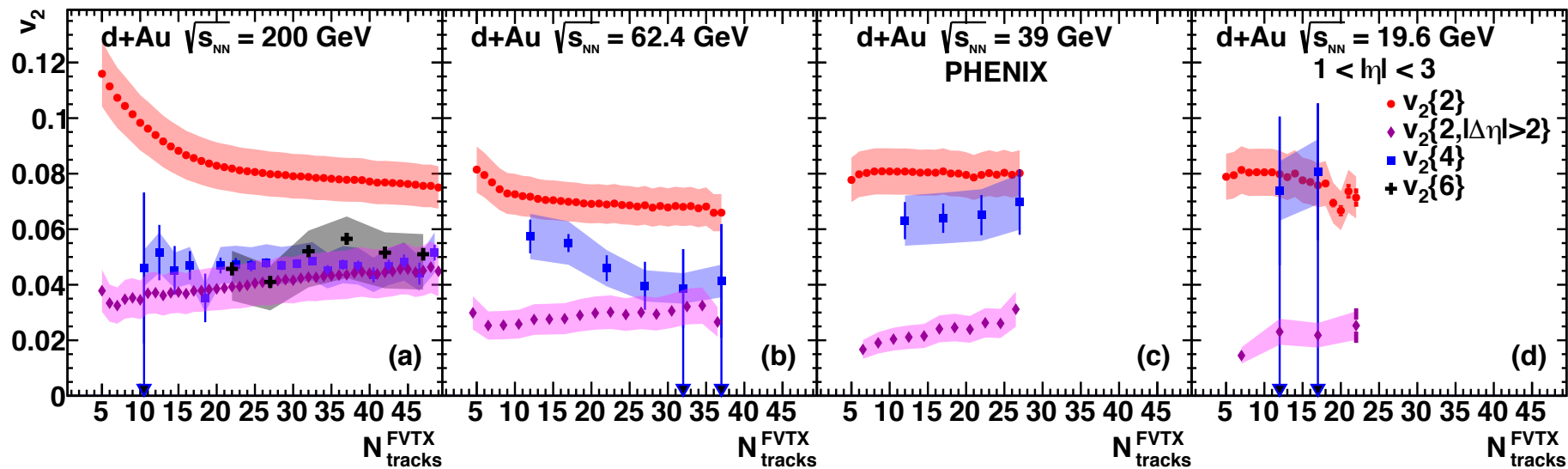
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# More on $dN_{ch}/d\eta$



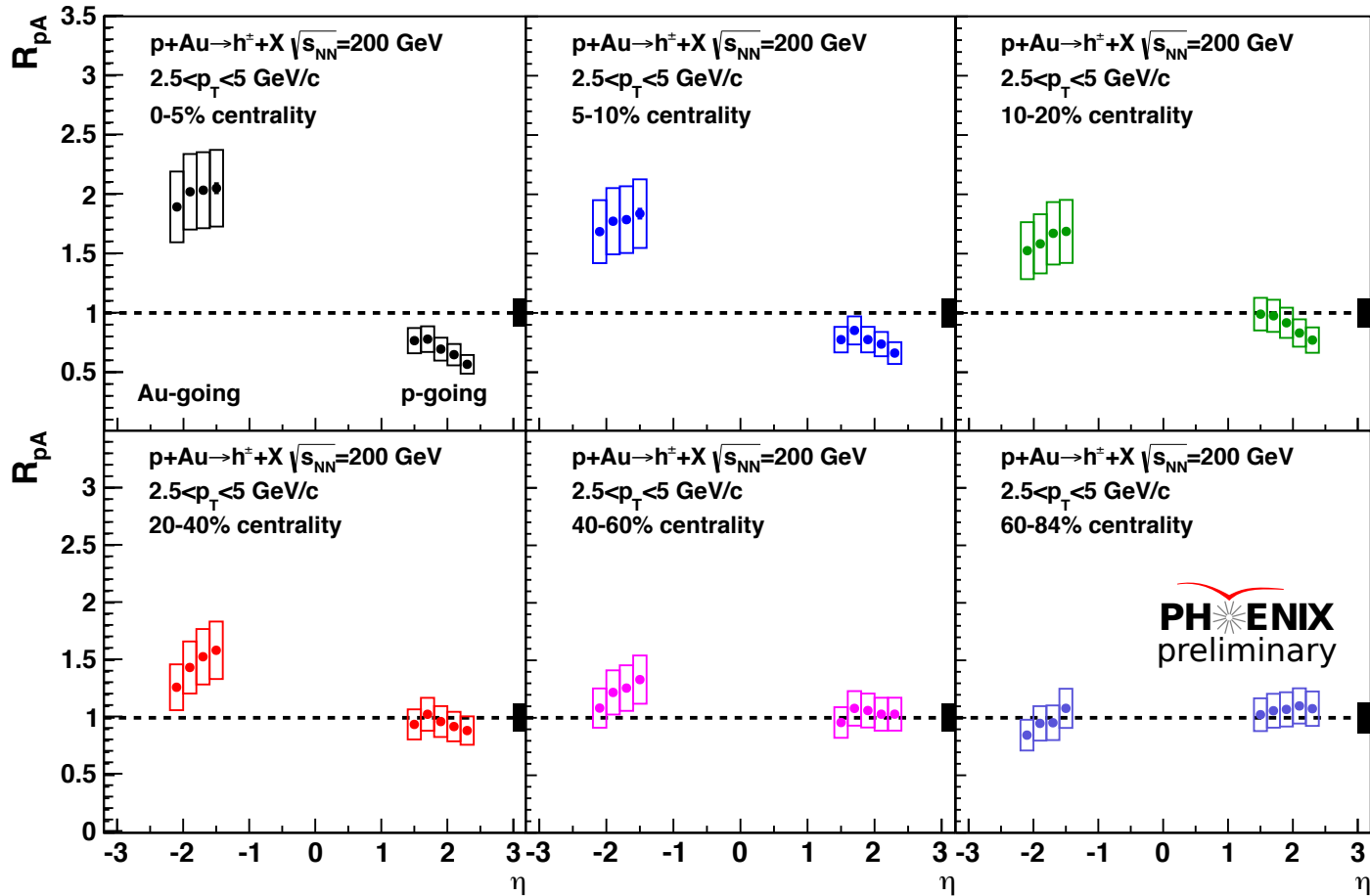
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# $v_2$ at Forward Rapidities via MPC



- Why? By increasing the number of particles in the correlation, a progressive suppression of non-flow can be achieved.

# Centrality Dependence of $R_{pA}(\eta)$

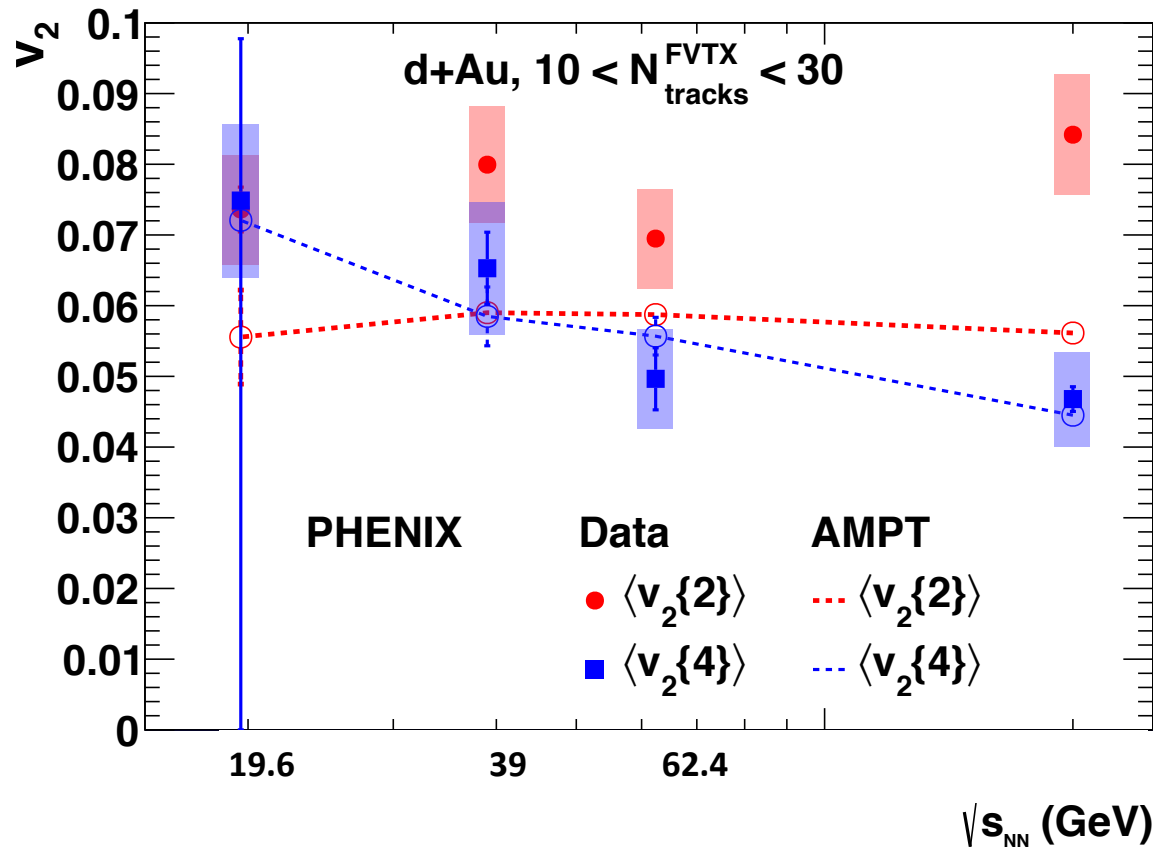


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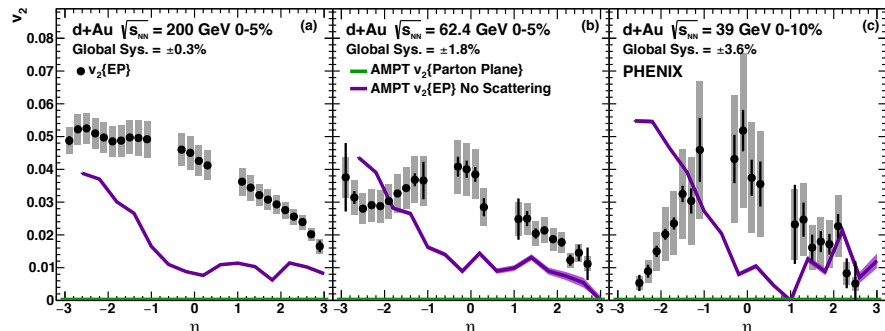
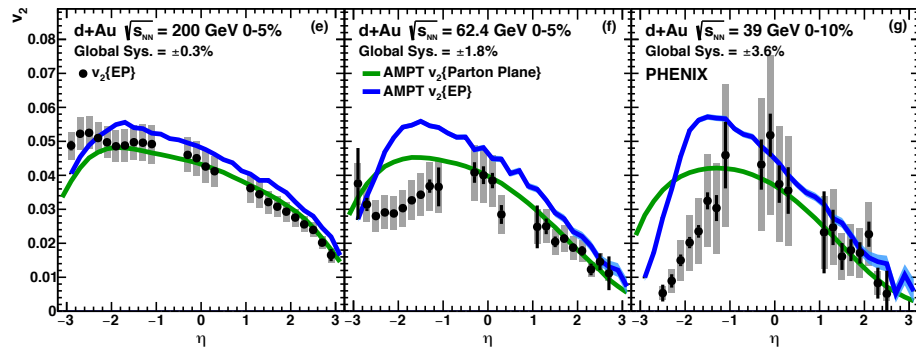
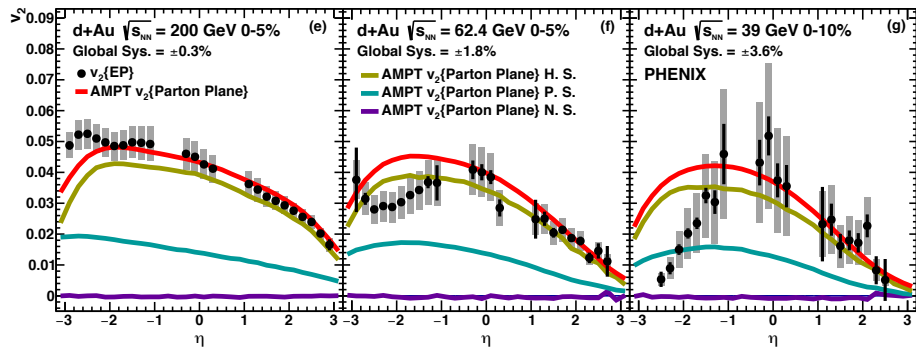
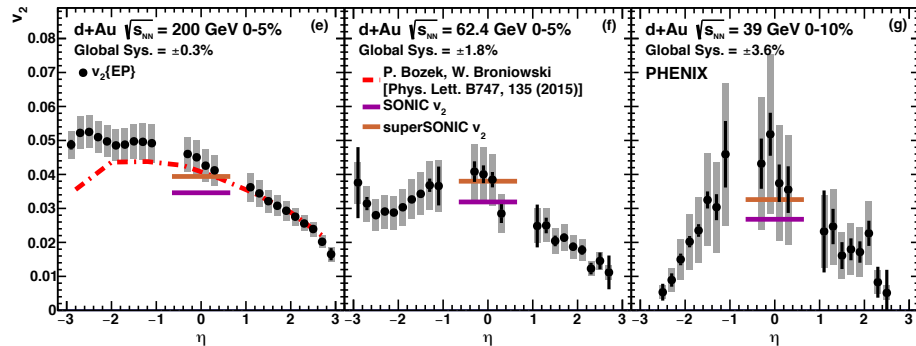
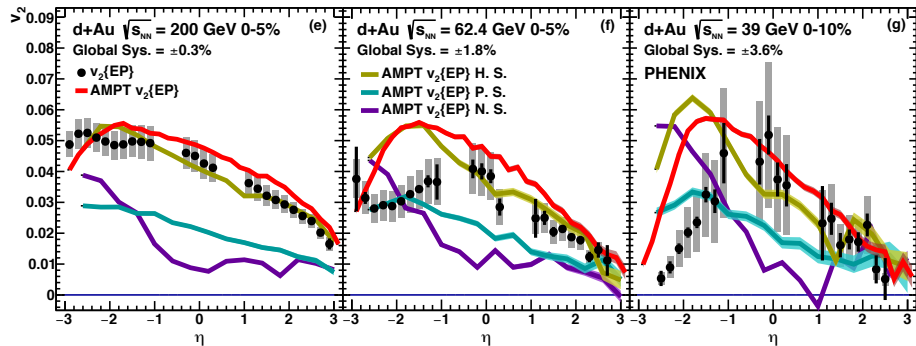
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# $v_2\{2\}$ , $v_2\{4\}$ at Different Energies

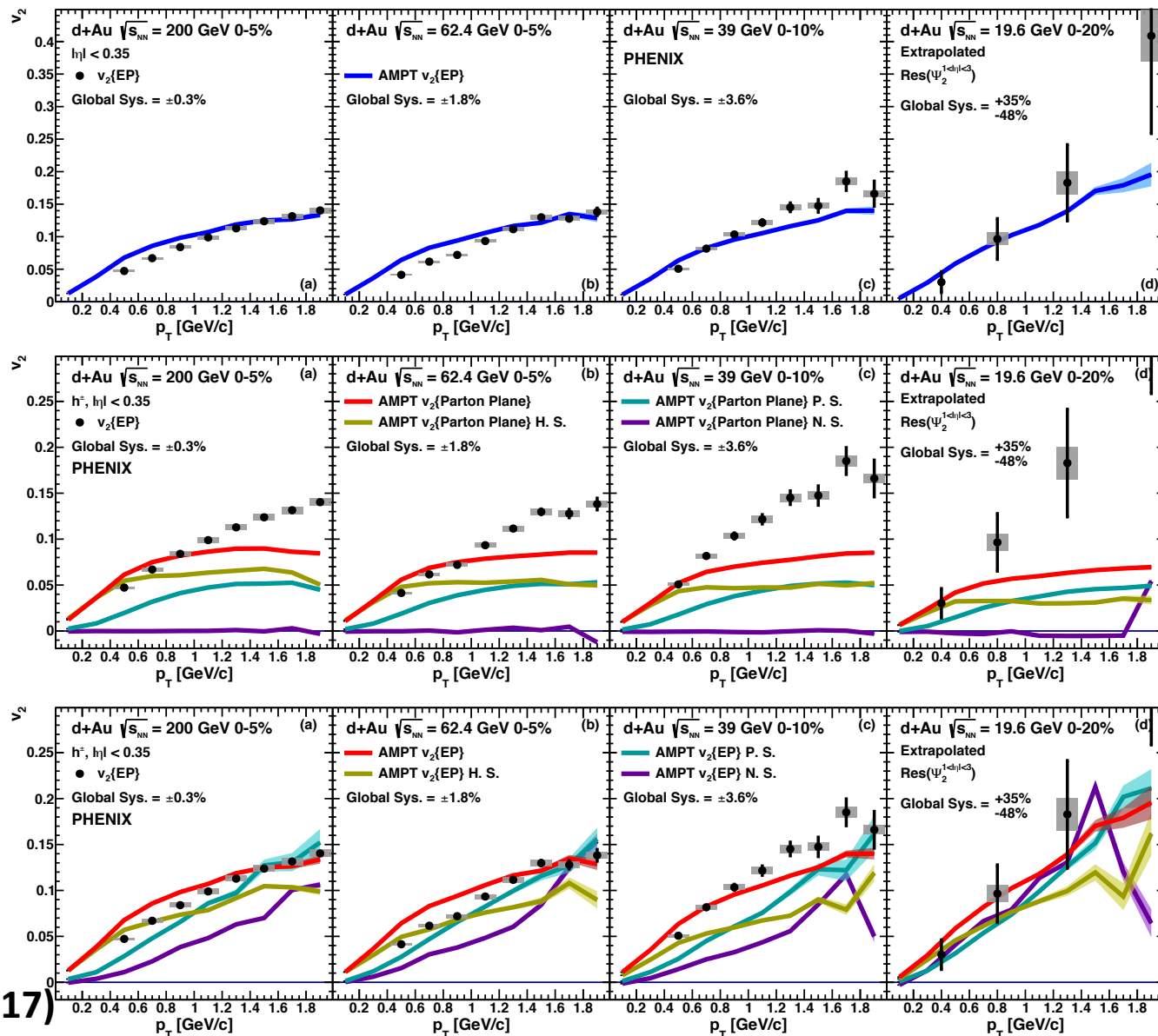


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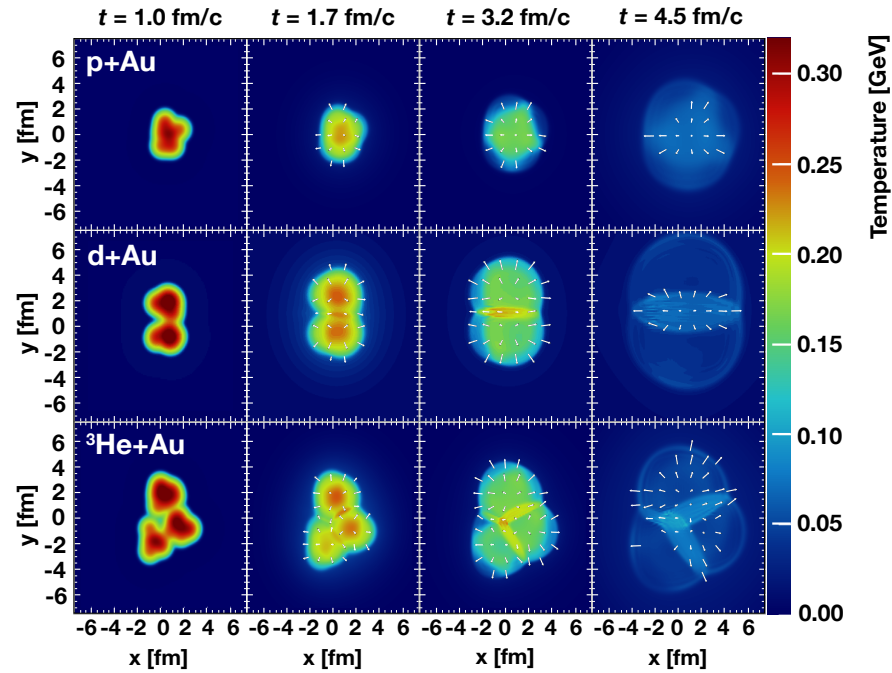
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# More on $v_2(p_T)$



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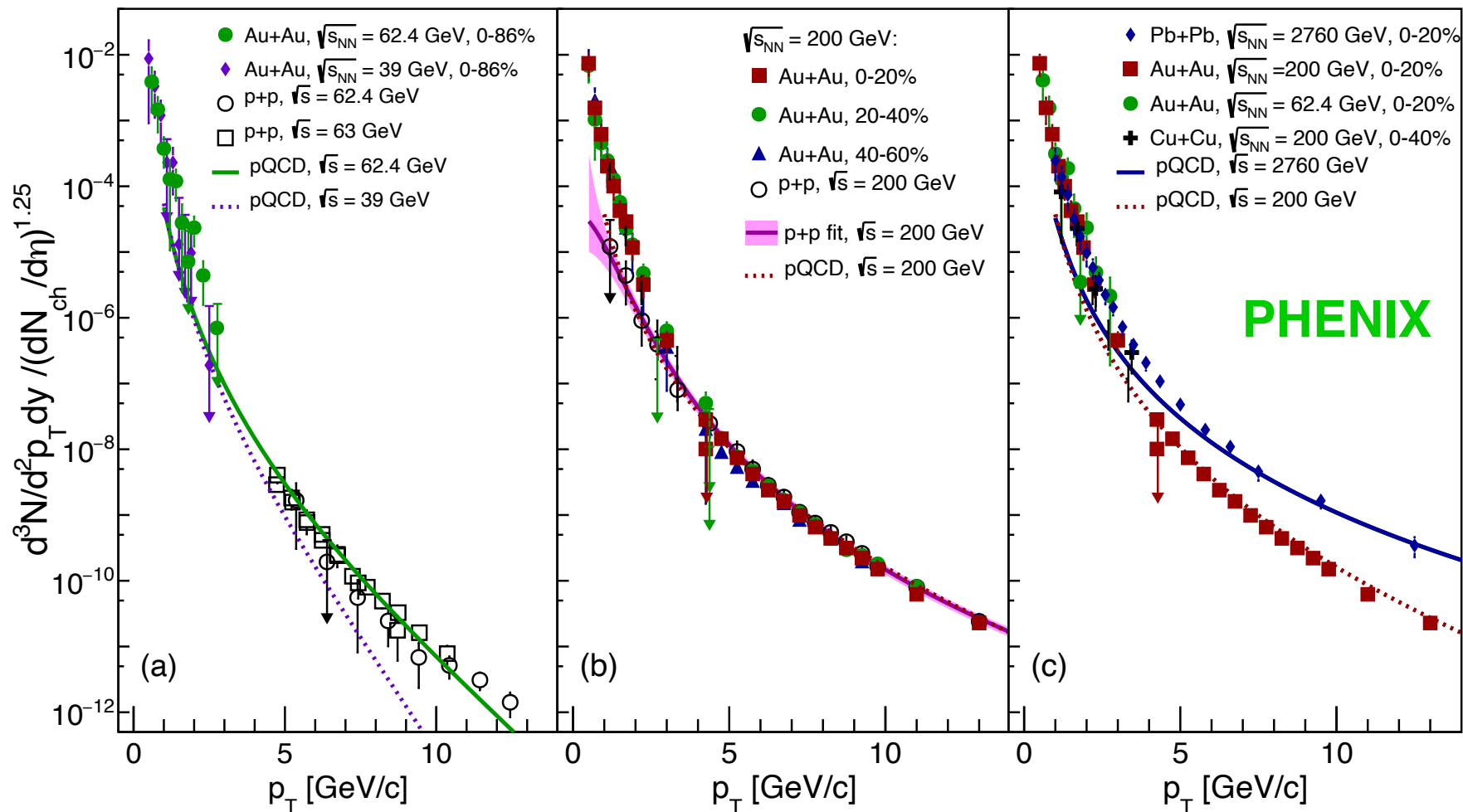
# Hydro Evolution



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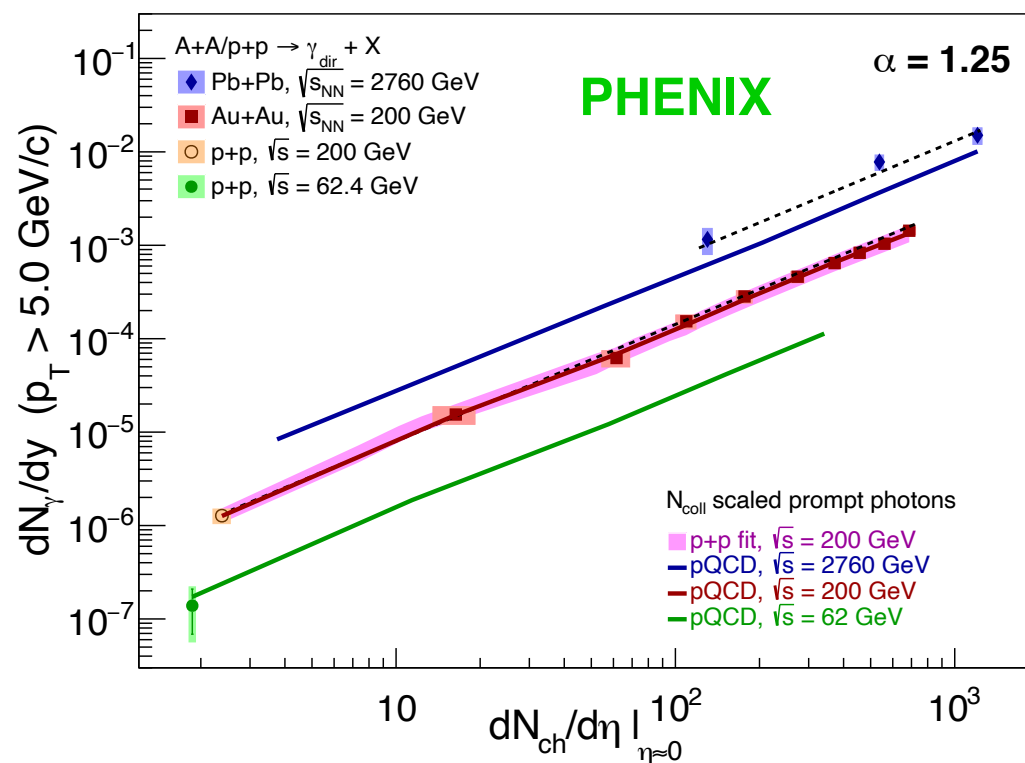
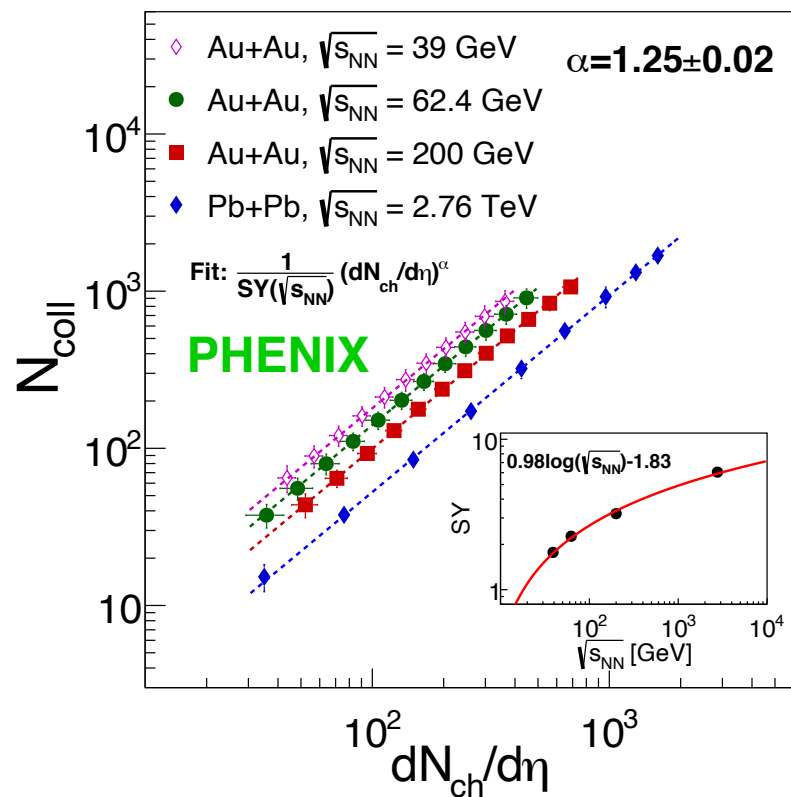


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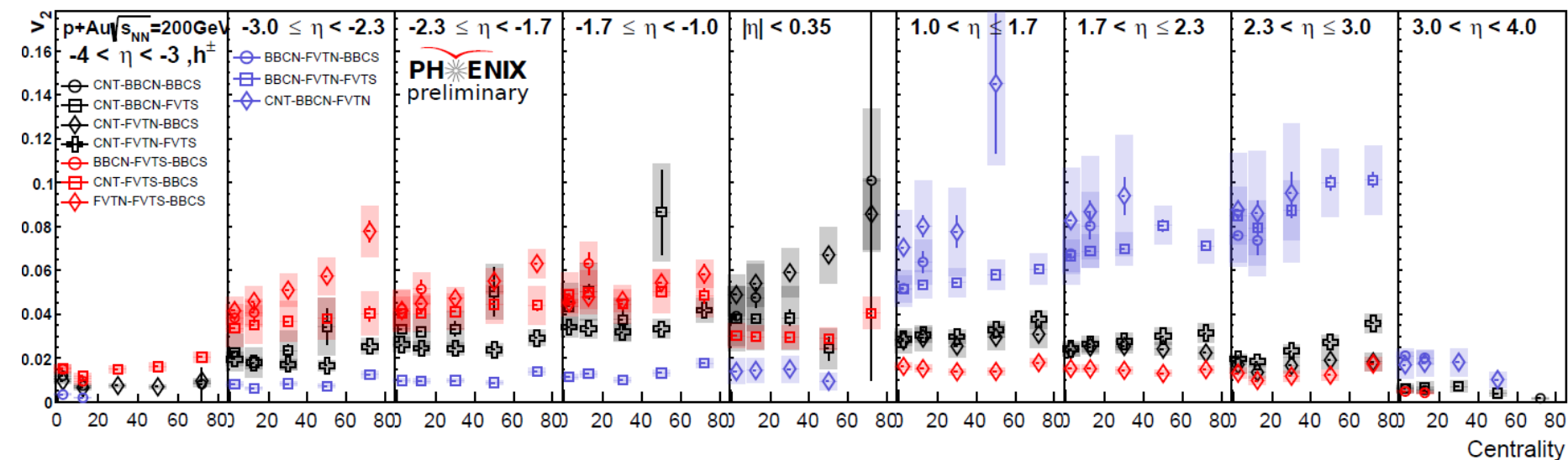
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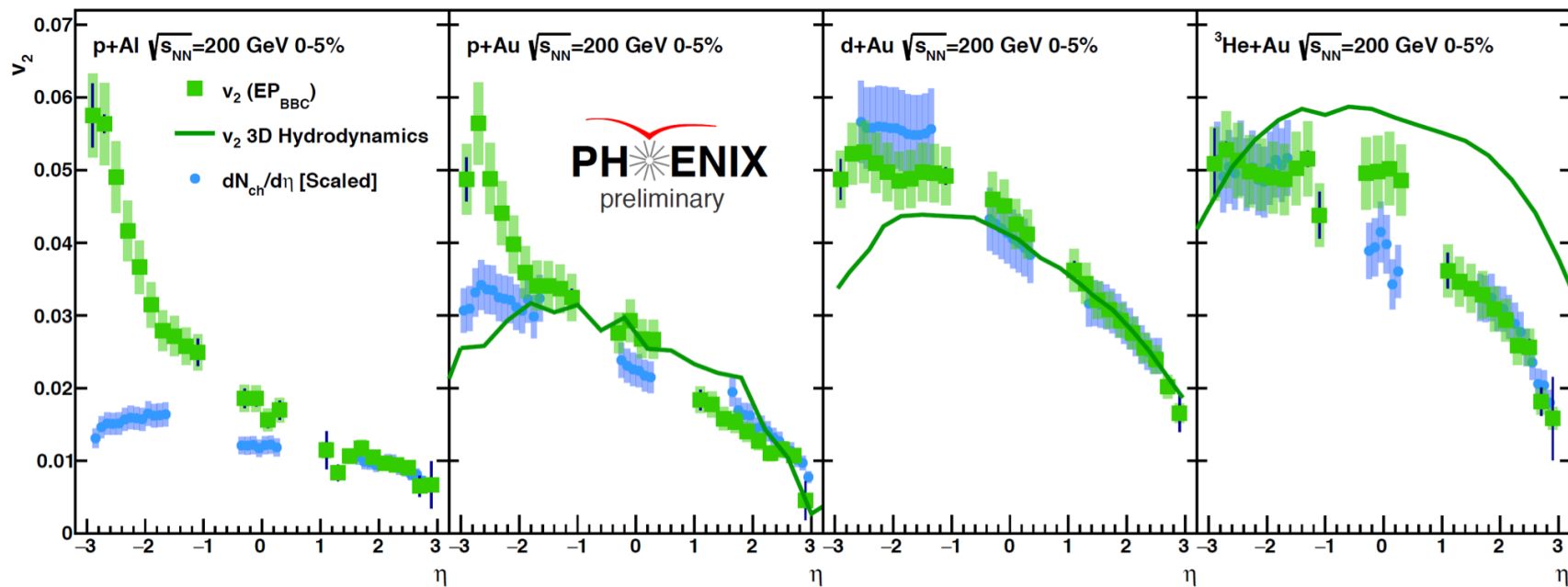


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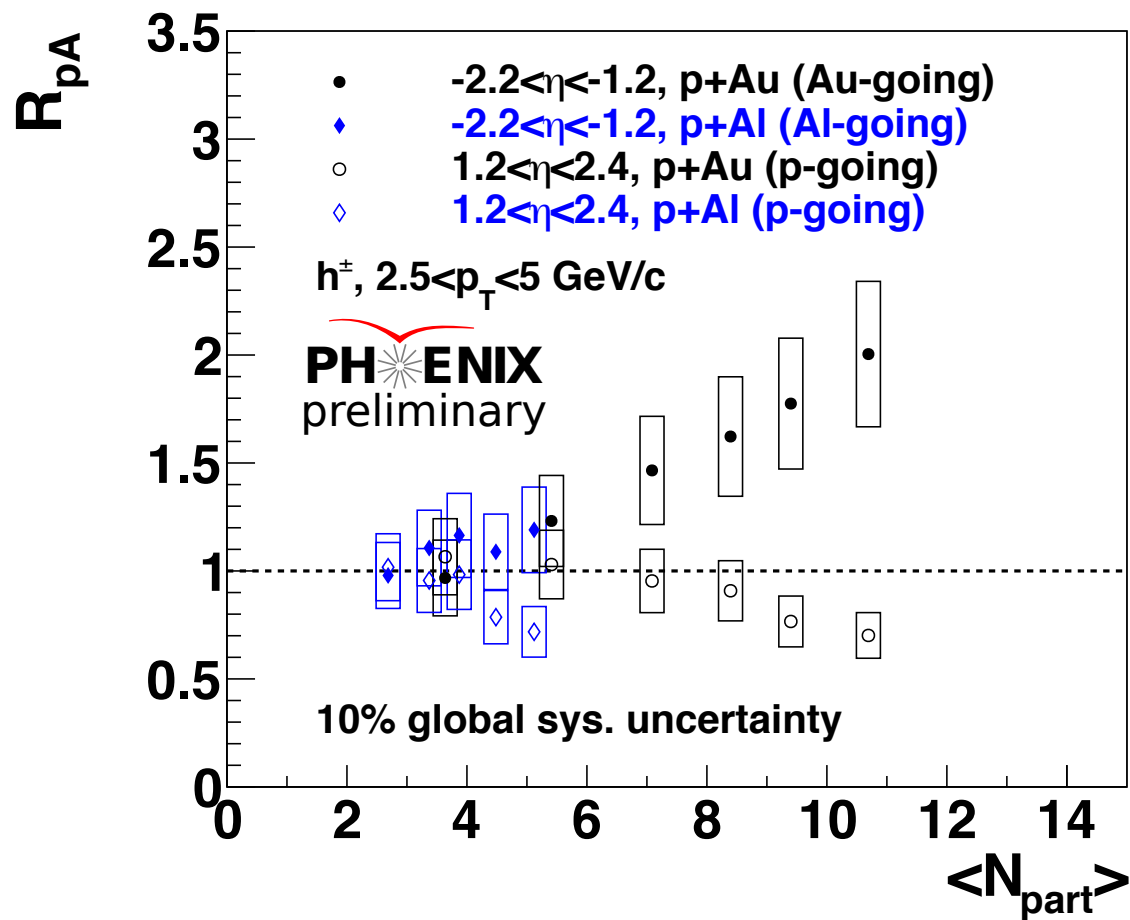
# $v_2(\eta)$ large rapidity coverage



# $v_2(\eta)$ system scan



# R<sub>pA</sub> in SS

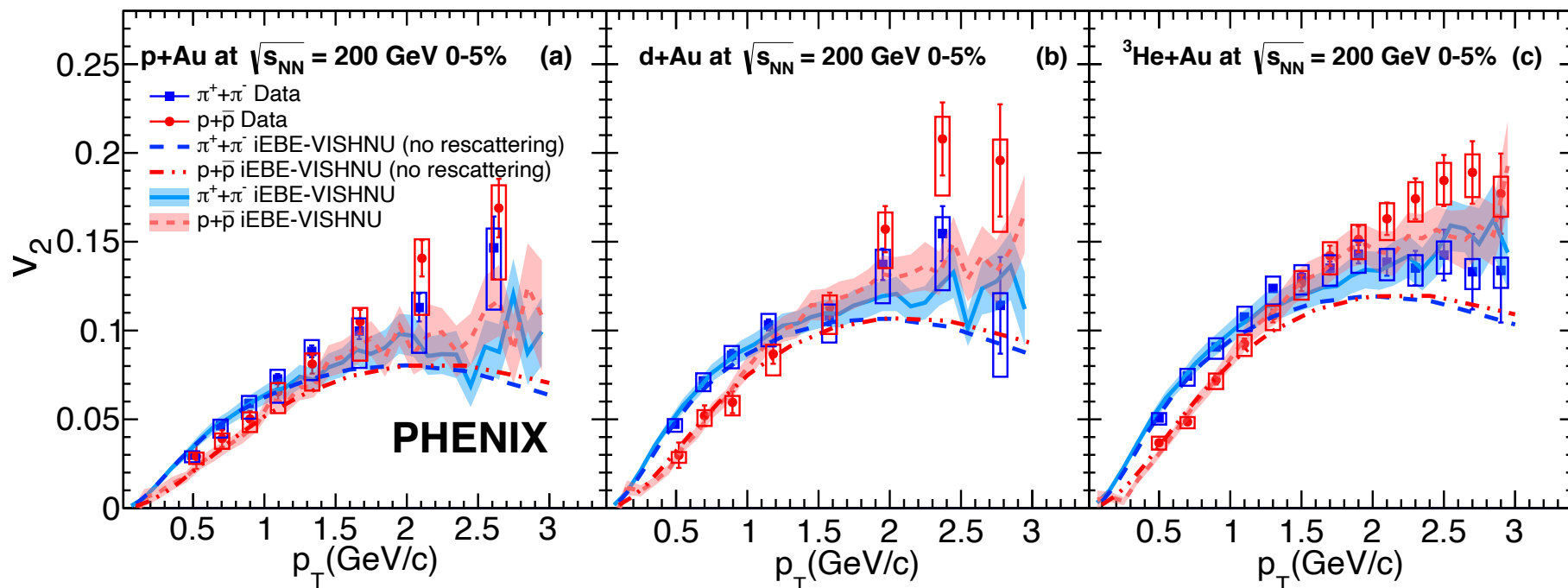


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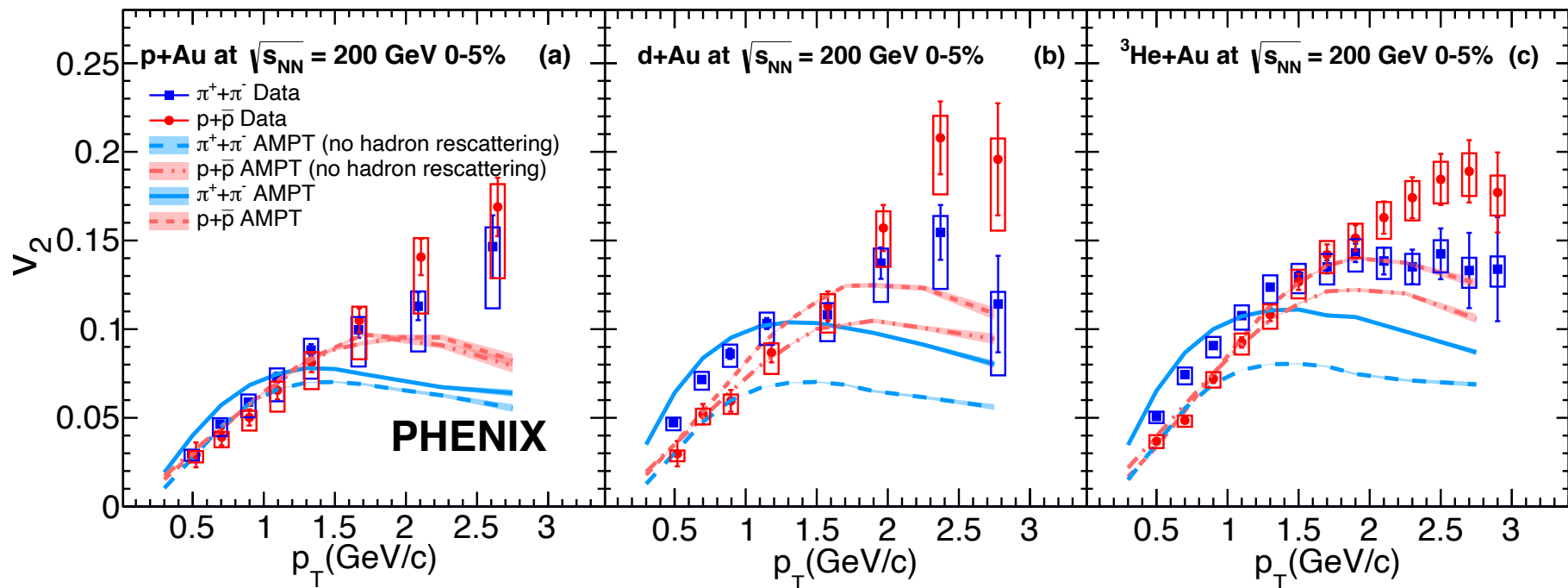
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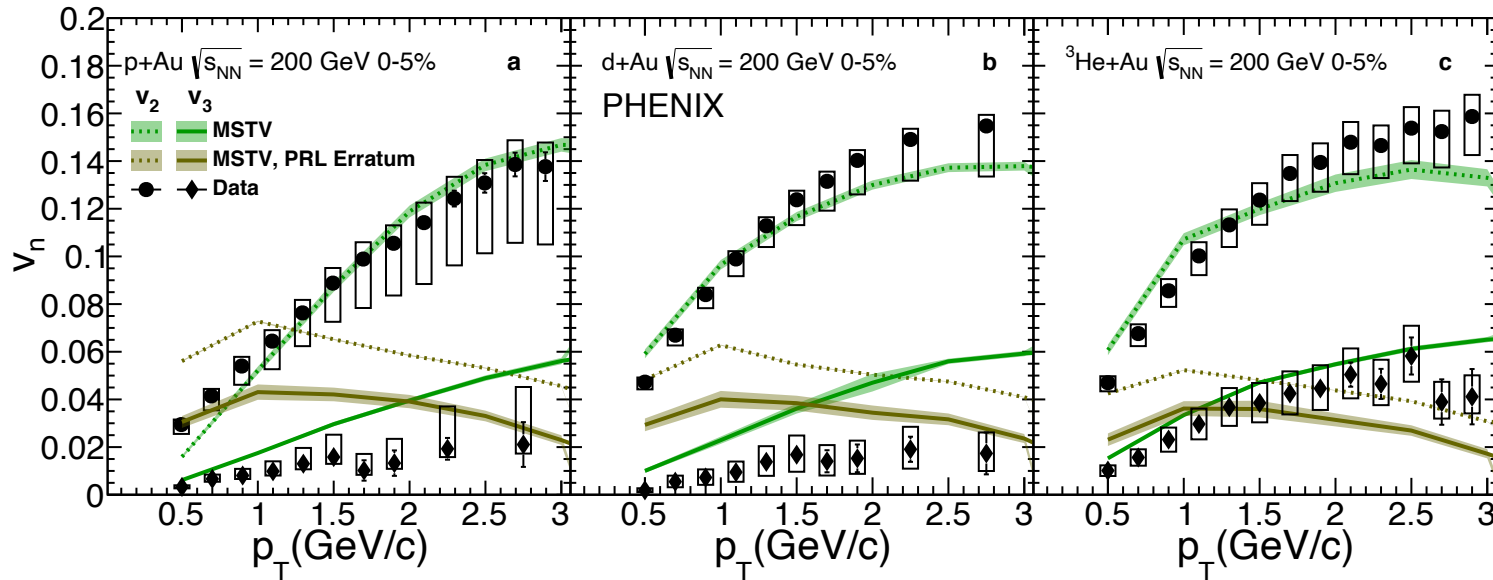
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# $v_2, v_3 \Leftarrow$ CGC EFT $\Rightarrow$ Initial State Correlations

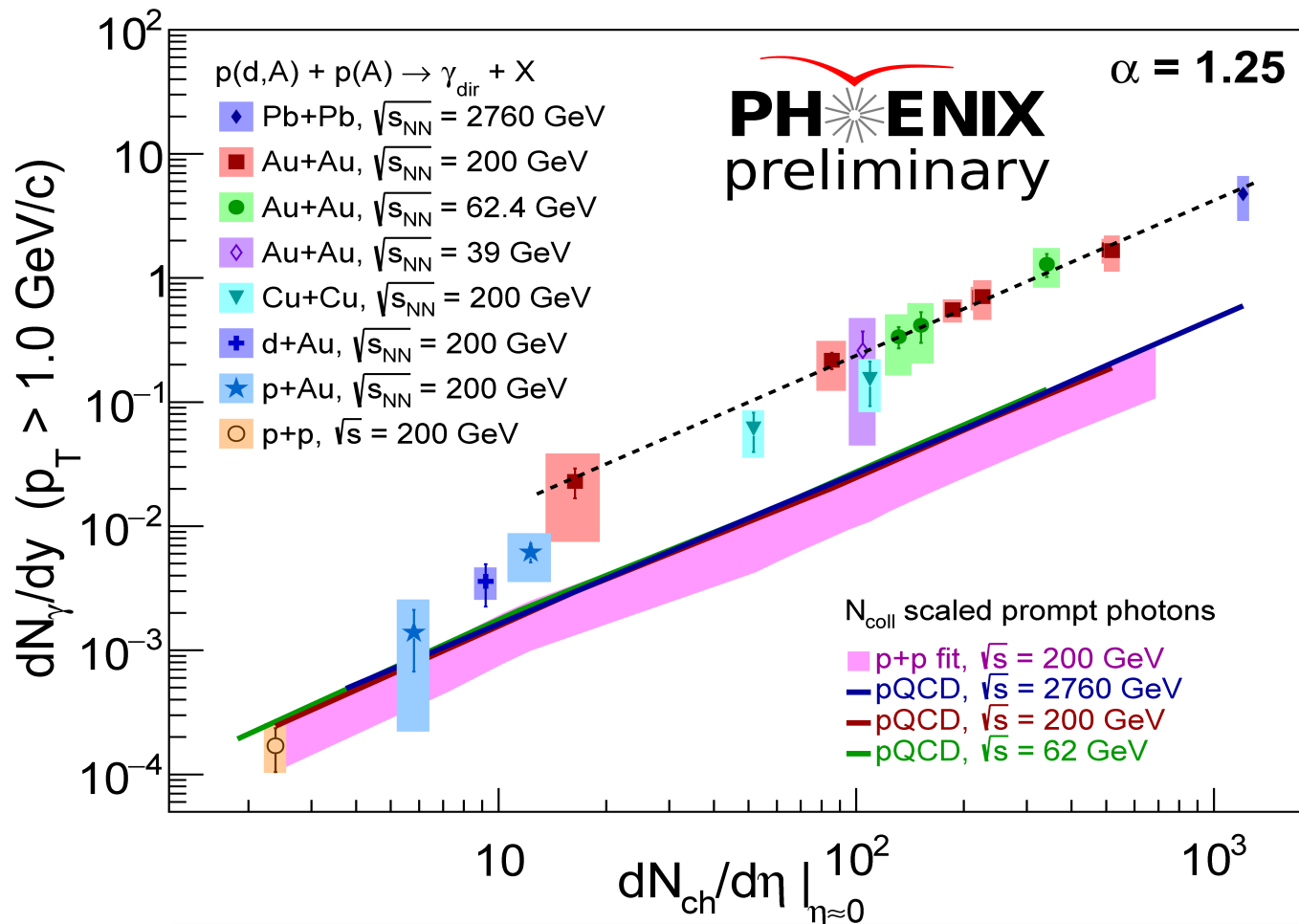


- Recent study extended the CFC effective theory to next to leading order couplings which also provide a scaling in the resulting  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  for asymmetric systems.

- CFC EFT also reproduces quite well the  $v_2$   $p_T$  trend for all systems, however overshoots  $v_3$  in the smallest systems

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# Direct Photon Scaling in HIC



- Yield scales with  $(N_{\text{ch}}/\text{deta})^{1.25}$
- Yield scaling holds over energies, systems, centralities.