

# High- $p_T$ suppression phenomena in nucleus-nucleus collisions within the Parton Quenching Model (PQM)

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# Outline

- High-pt suppression at RHIC
- Phenomenology of Parton Energy Loss
- Details of the Parton Quenching Model
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  - Glauber geometry
  - Parton-by-parton approach
- Confrontation with RHIC data
- Heavy-Quark energy loss at RHIC (\*)
- Opacity problem

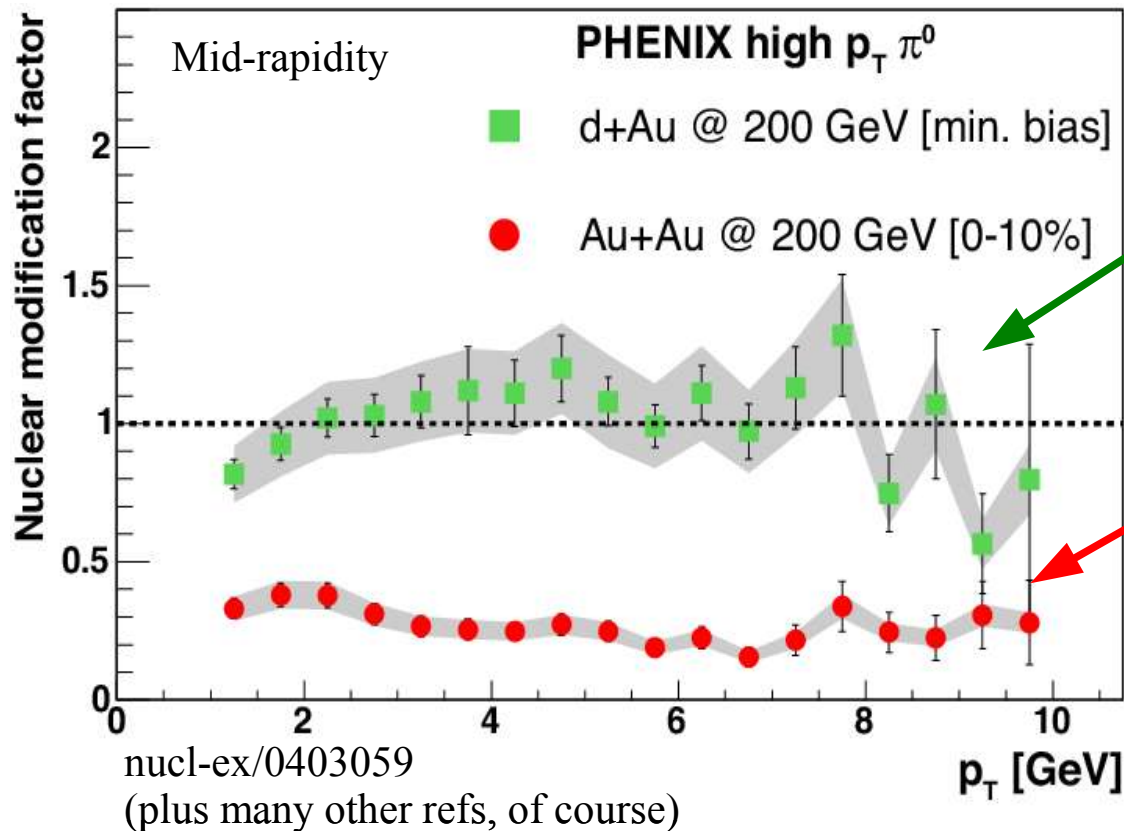
(\*) if there is time

# Leading-particle suppression at RHIC

Compare  $p_T$  distributions of leading particles in pp, dAu and AA (for different centralities)

Nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AB}(p_T, \eta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{coll}}} \times \frac{dN_{AB}/dp_T}{dN_{pp}/dp_T}(p_T, \eta)$$



Control measurement in d+Au **no suppression** ( $R_{dA} \approx 1$ )

Central Au+Au collision up to **factor 5 suppressed** ( $R_{AuAu} = 0.2$ )

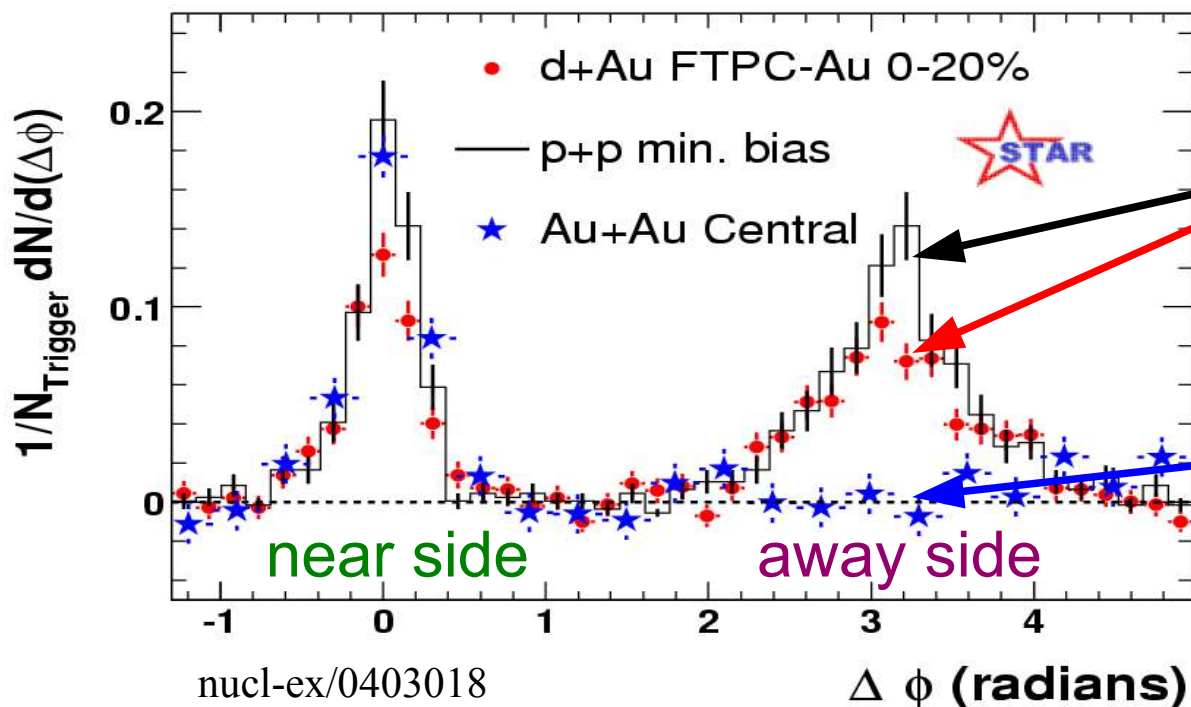
➔ **Final-state effect**

# Disappearance of away-side correlations at RHIC

- Trigger: highest  $p_T$  track with  $p_T > 4$  GeV
- $\Delta\phi$  distribution:  $2 \text{ GeV} < p_T < p_T^{\text{trigger}}$
- Normalize to number of trigger particles

Suppression factor

$$I_{AB}^{\text{away}} = \int_{\text{away}} dN_{AB} / \int_{\text{away}} dN_{pp}$$



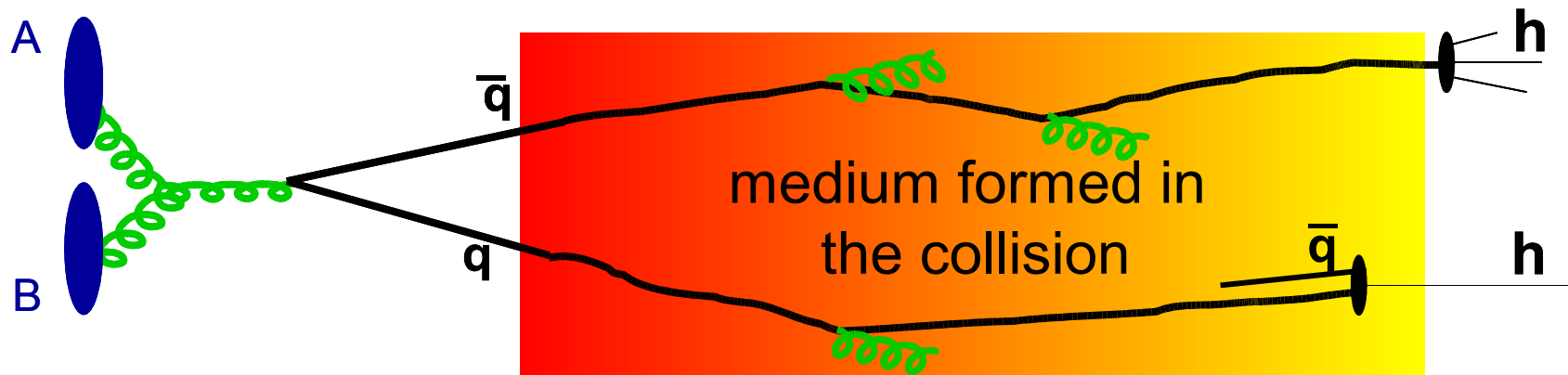
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(plus many other refs, of course)

Measurement in pp and d+Au **not suppressed** ( $I_{AA} \approx 1$ )

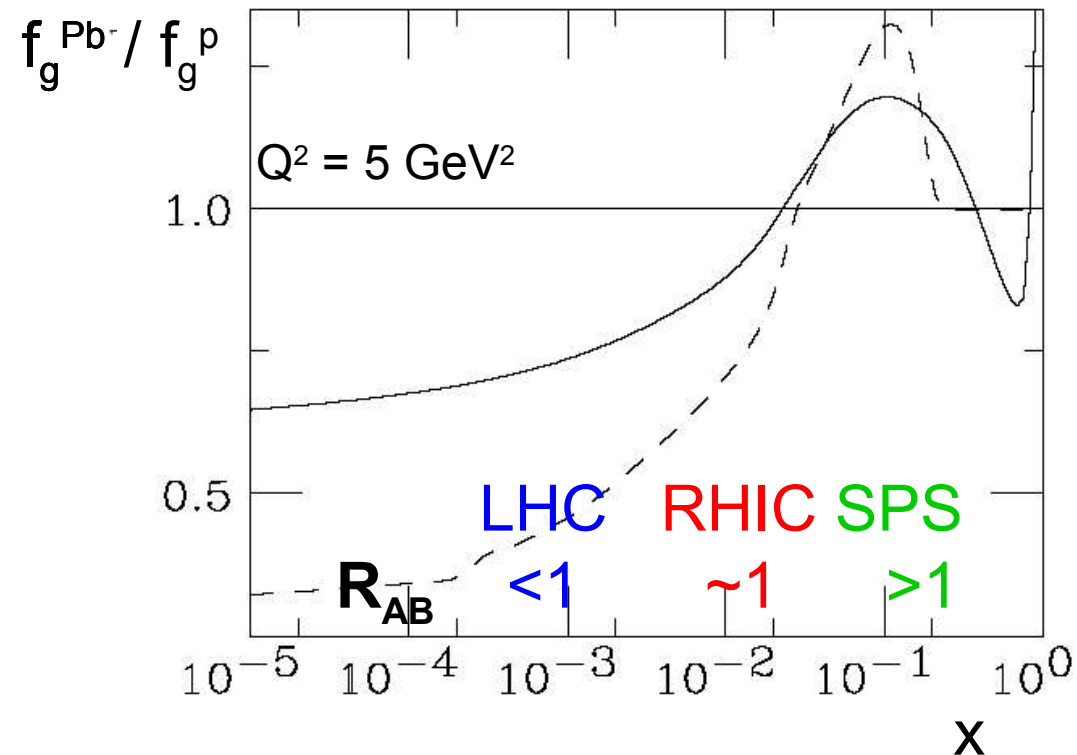
Central Au+Au collision **strongly suppressed** ( $I_{AA} \approx 0.1$ )

➔ **Final-state effect**

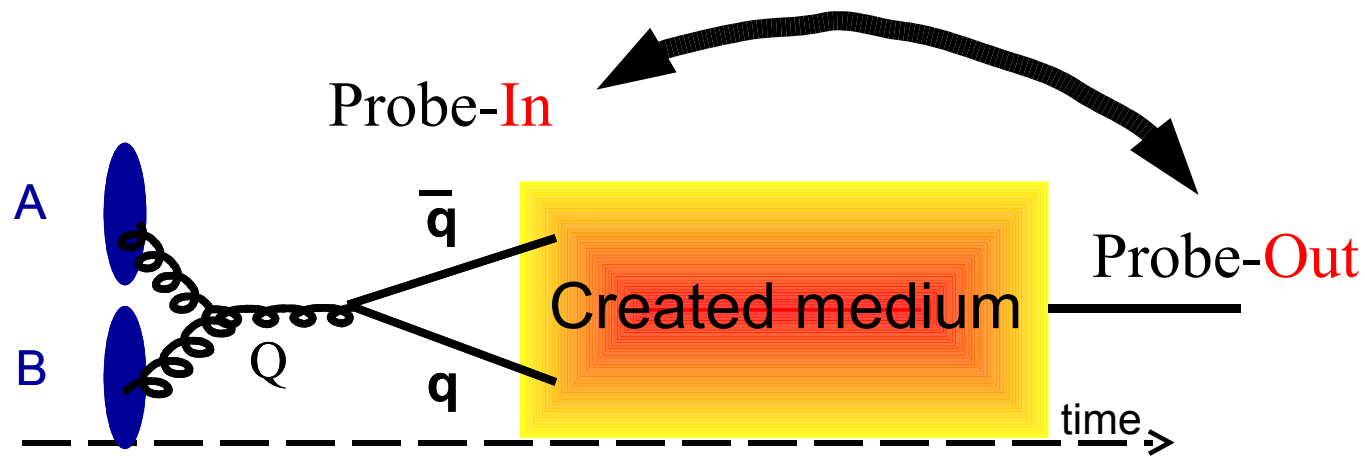
# High- $p_T$ particle production in A+B collisions



- Proton-Proton baseline (pQCD)
- Initial-state effects
  - Nuclear PDF (anti-/shadowing)
  - $K_T$  broadening (Cronin)
- Final-state effects
  - Energy loss
  - In-medium hadronization (coalescence)



# Hard probes in nucleus-nucleus collisions

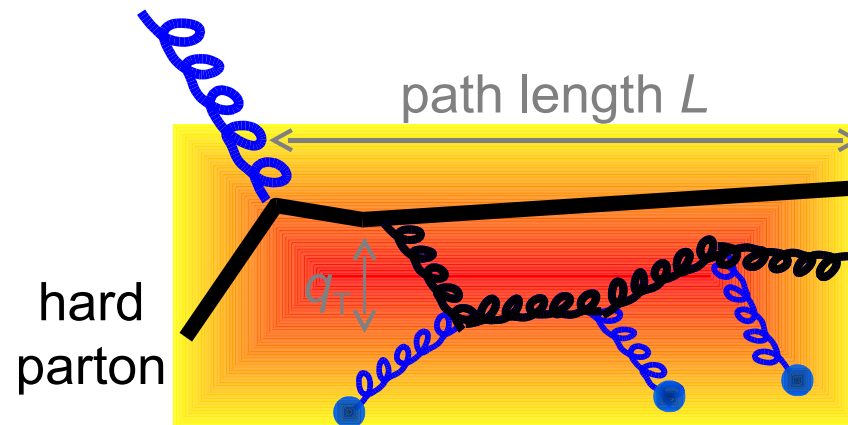


- Large virtuality  $Q$  leads to **small** “formation time”  $\Delta t \sim 1/Q$  and **small**  $\alpha_s$
- Initial yields and  $p_T$  distributions in **A+B** may be **predicted** by **pp measurements** + **pQCD** + collision geometry (**Glauber**) + additional “known” nuclear (initial state) effects (e.g. nPDFs)
- **Deviations from such predictions are attributed to the medium**

# Parton energy loss inspired by pQCD

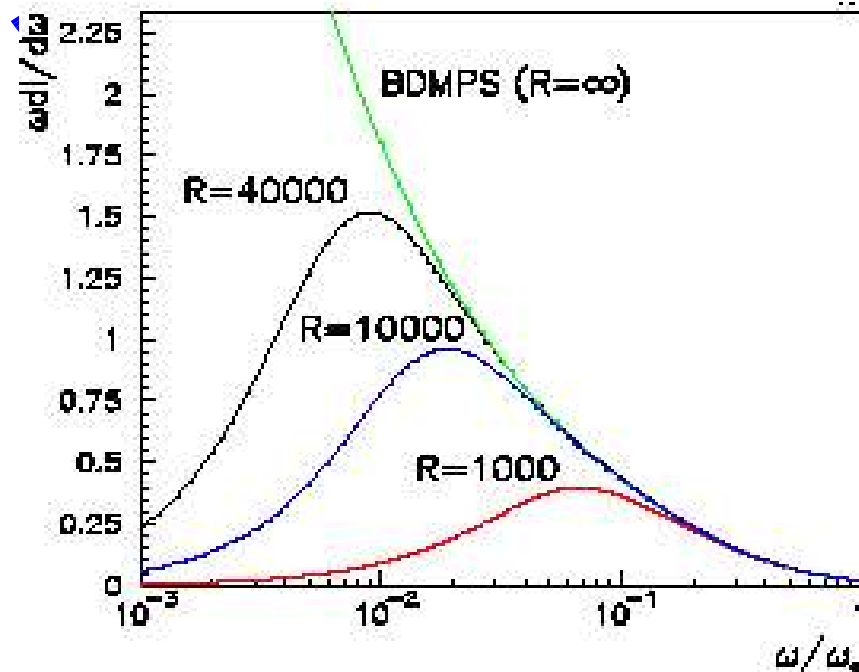
- Partons travel a few fm in the high **color**-density medium
- Bjorken ('82): energy loss due to elastic (collisional) scattering
- Successive calculations ('92++) revealed/suggested that **medium-induced gluon radiation** (QCD bremsstrahlung) dominates:

Coherent wave-function gluon accumulates  $k_{\perp}$  due to **multiple inelastic scatterings** in the medium until decoheres and is radiated off the original hard parton



Bjorken, Gyulassy, Plümer, Thoma, Wang, Wang, Baier, Dokshitzer, Müller, Peigne', Schiff, Levai, Vitev, Zhakarov, Salgado, Wiedemann, ...

# Parton energy loss in pQCD (BDMPS-Z)



## BDMPS-Z formalism

STATIC  
MEDIUM

$$\hat{q} = \frac{\langle q_T^2 \rangle}{\lambda} \quad \text{transport coefficient}$$

Radiated-gluon energy distrib.:

$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \propto \alpha_S C_R \begin{cases} \sqrt{\omega_c / \omega} & \text{for } \omega < \omega_c \\ (\omega_c / \omega)^2 & \text{for } \omega \geq \omega_c \end{cases}$$

$C_R$

Casimir coupling factor: 4/3 for q, 3 for g

$$\omega_c = \hat{q} L^2 / 2$$

determines the scale of the radiated energy

$$R = \omega_c L$$

related to constraint  $k_T < \omega$  and  
controls shape at  $\omega \ll \omega_c$

Baier, Dokshitzer, Müller, Peigne, Schiff, NPB 483 (1997) 291.

Zakharov, JTEPL 63 (1996) 952.

Salgado, Wiedemann, PRD 68(2003) 014008.



# Calculating the energy loss

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \approx \int_0^{\omega_c} d\omega \omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \propto \alpha_S C_R \omega_C \propto \alpha_S C_R \hat{q} L^2$$

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \hat{q} \propto \rho \int dq_T^2 q_T^2 d\sigma/dq_T^2$$

(gluons volume-density and interaction cross section)



**Probe the medium**

## Finite parton energy (qualitatively)

- If  $E < \omega_c$  (e.g. small  $p_T$  with traversing large  $L$ ) :

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \approx \int_0^E d\omega \omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \propto \alpha_S C_R \sqrt{E \omega} \propto \alpha_S C_R \sqrt{E} \sqrt{\hat{q}} L$$

- Introduces dependence on parton energy
- Reduces sensitivity to density
- Leads to linear dependence on path length

# Expanding medium

- Time-dep. density of scattering centers

$$\hat{q}(\tau) = \hat{q}_0 \times \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^\alpha$$

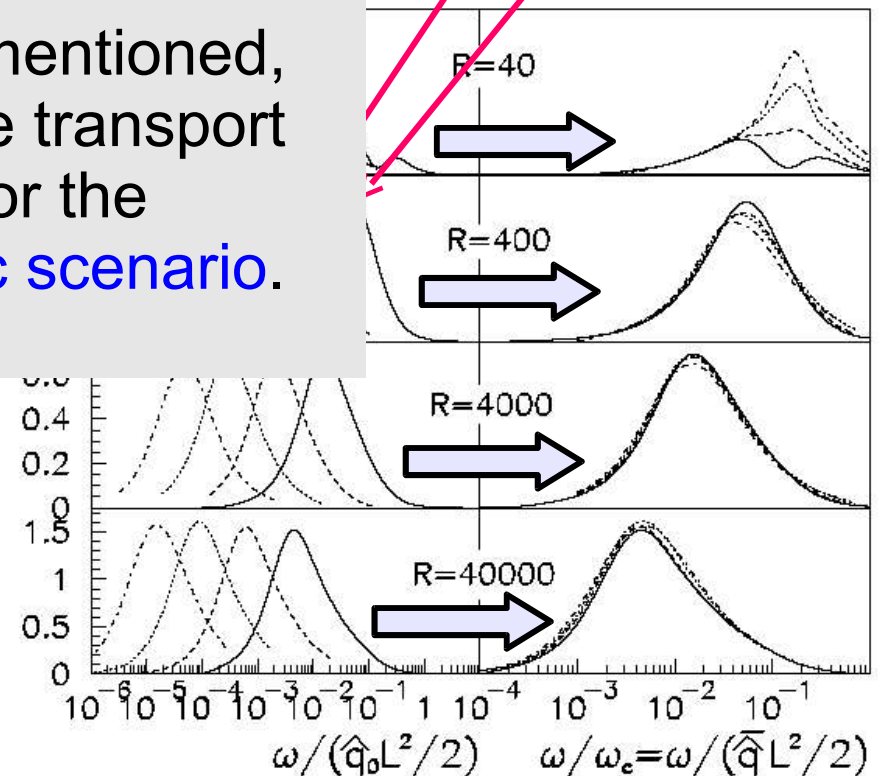
- Dynamical scattering spectrum is the same for an equivalent static scenario with the same transport coefficient

$$\bar{q} = \frac{2}{L^2} \int_{\tau_0}^{L+\tau_0} d\tau (\tau - \tau_0) \hat{q}(\tau)$$

If not explicitly mentioned, all values for the transport coefficient are for the equivalent static scenario.

EQUIVALENT  
STATIC  
SCENARIO

$\alpha = 1.5, 1.0, 0.5, 0$



➔ **Calculations for a static scenario apply for also for expanding systems**

Salgado, Wiedemann, PRL 89 (2002) 092303.

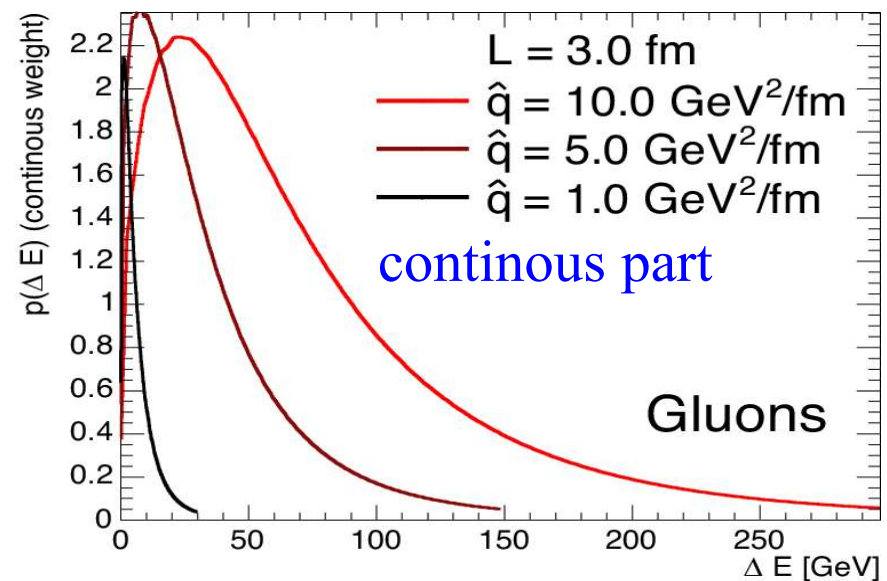
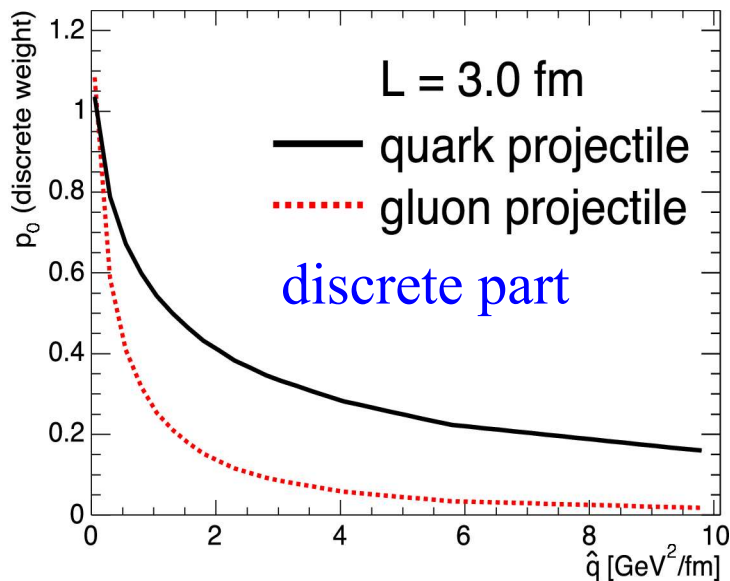
# Quenching weights

- Compute energy loss probability distributions

$$P(\Delta E) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \int d\omega_i \frac{dI(\omega_i)}{d\omega} \right] \delta \left( \Delta E - \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i \right) \exp \left[ - \int d\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \right]$$

- Calculated from  $\omega dI/d\omega$  in the  $E \rightarrow \infty$  approximation (no E dep.)

$$P(\Delta E; C_R, \hat{q}, L) = p_0(C_R, \hat{q}, L) + p(\Delta E; C_R, \hat{q}, L) \quad [\alpha_S = 1/3]$$



BDMS, JHEP 0109 (2001) 033  
Salgado, Wiedemann, PRD 68 (2003) 014008

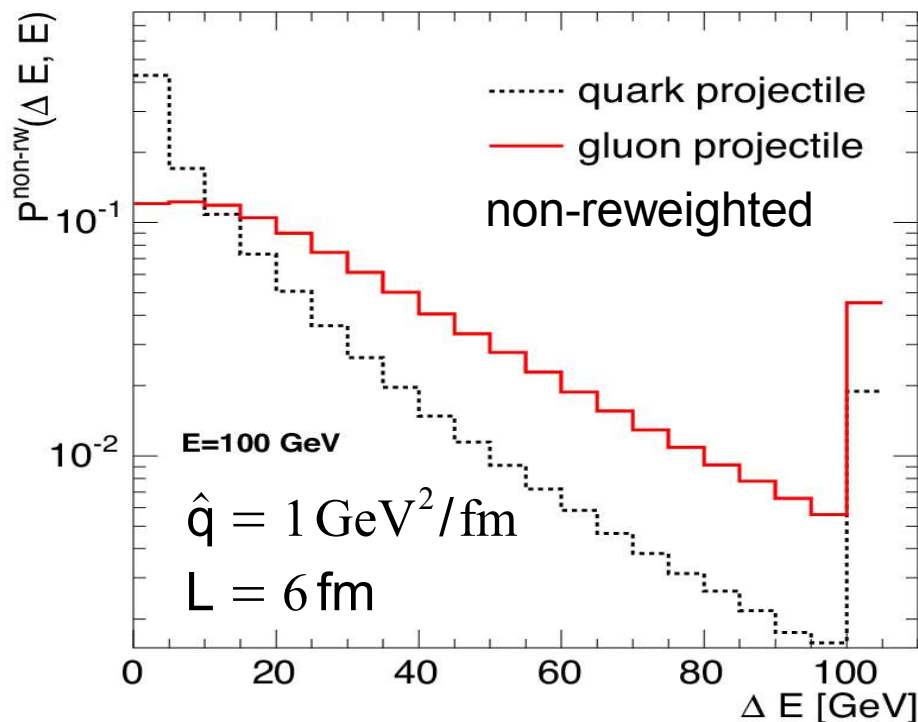
**➔ Constrained weights**

# Constrained quenching weights

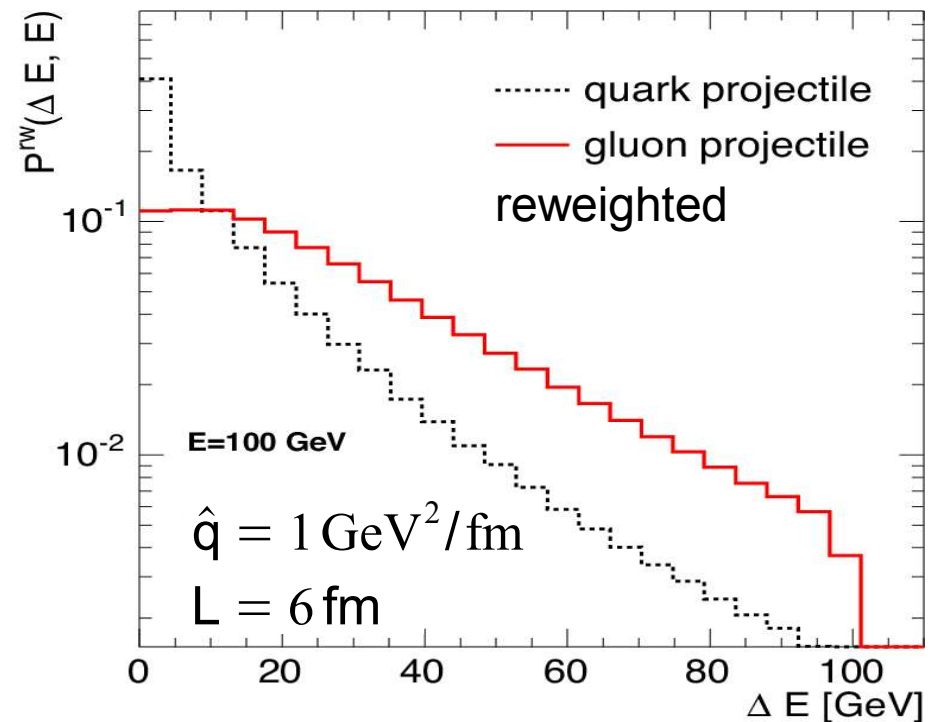
Construct constrained weights from quenching weights

$$P(\Delta E; C_R, \hat{q}, L, E) \text{ with } \Delta E \leq E$$

a) non-reweighted weight  
(thermalize for  $\Delta E > E$ )



b) reweighted weight  
(truncate + renormalize at  $\Delta E = E$ )



# Calculating unquenched particle spectra

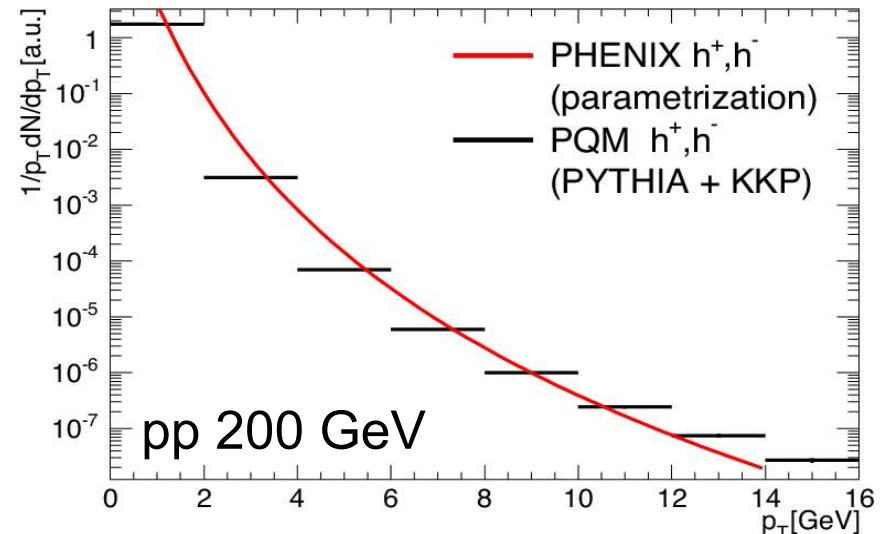
Standard pQCD + collinear factorization + vacuum fragmentation

$$\left. \frac{d^2 \sigma^h}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y \approx 0} = \sum_{a,b,j} \int dF_{ab} \left. \frac{d^2 \sigma^{ab \rightarrow jX}}{dp_{T,j} dy} \right|_{y \approx 0} \times \frac{D_{h/j}(z_j)}{z_j^2}$$

Monte Carlo approach:

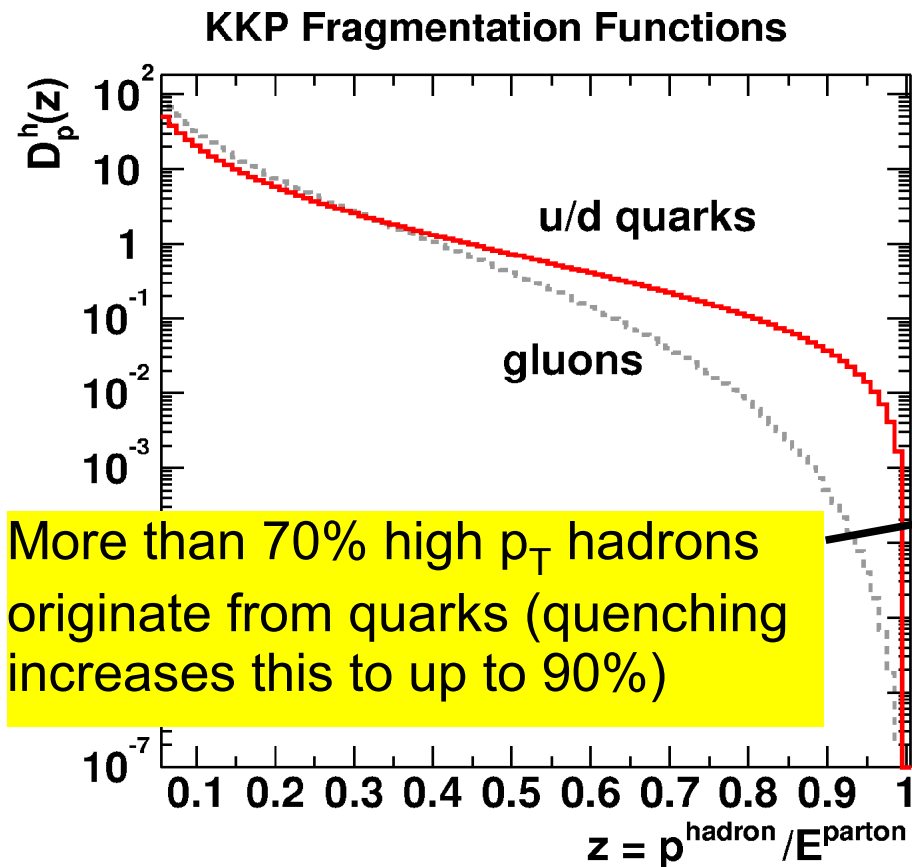
Verify shape with PHENIX parametrization for pp

$$\frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T} = C \left( 1 + \frac{p_0}{p_T} \right)^n + r(p_T)$$

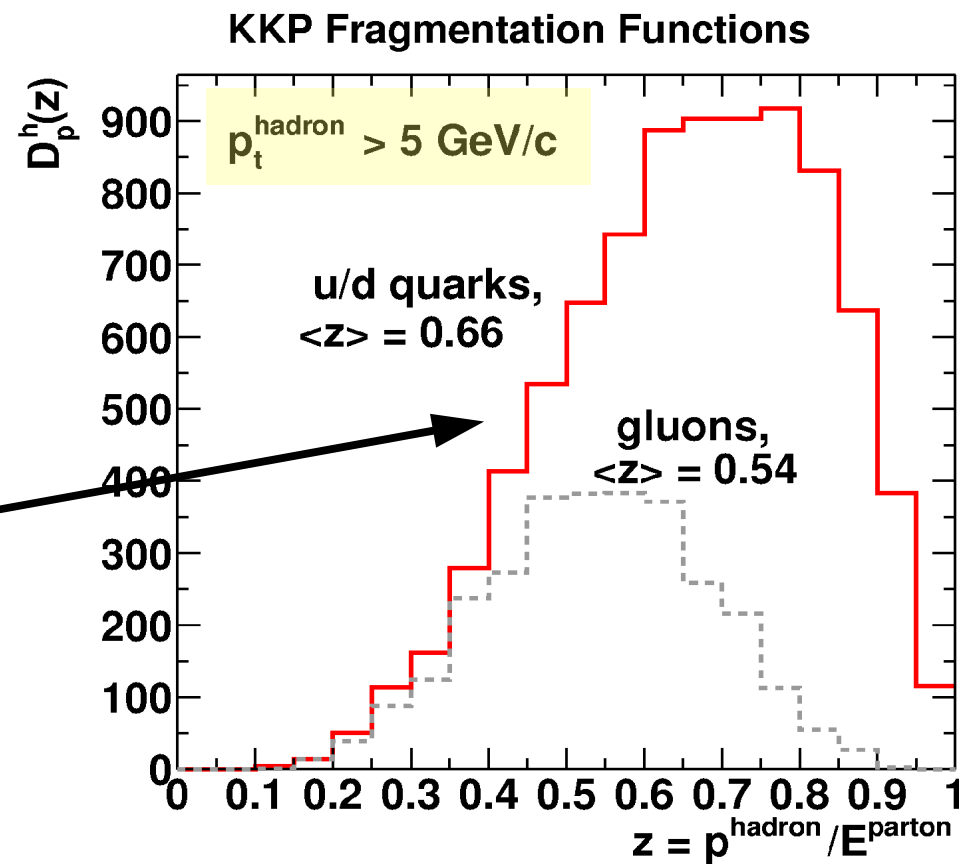


# PYTHIA + KKP fragmentation

PYTHIA  $p_T$  parton distributions + relative ratio of quarks-to-gluons at 200 GeV cms energy using CTEQ 4L + KKP at LO



More than 70% high  $p_T$  hadrons originate from quarks (quenching increases this to up to 90%)



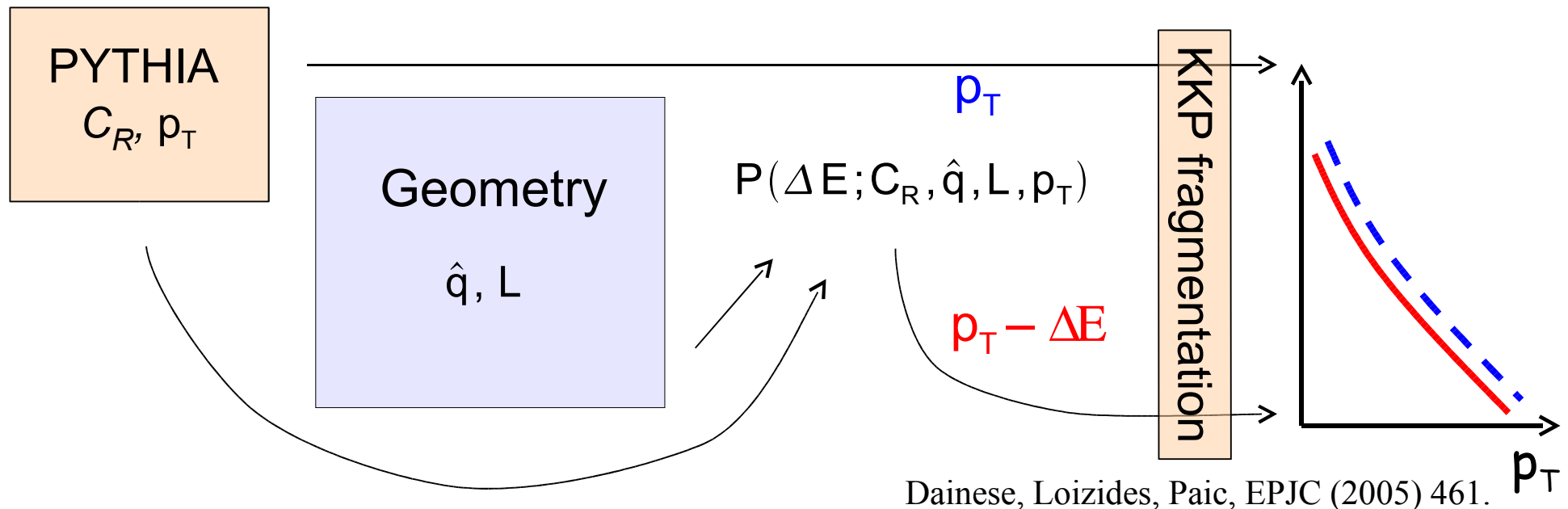
# Calculating quenched particle spectra

Factorized pQCD + final state quenching + vacuum fragmentation

$$\left. \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\text{quenched}}^h}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y \approx 0} = \sum_{a,b,j} \int dF_{ab} d\Delta E_j dz_j \left. \frac{d^2 \sigma^{ab \rightarrow jX}}{dp_{T,j}^{\text{init}} dy} \right|_{y \approx 0} \times$$

$$\delta(p_{T,j}^{\text{init}} - p_{T,j} - \Delta E_j) P(\Delta E_j; C_j, \hat{q}_j, L_j, p_{T,j}) \frac{D_{h/j}(z_j)}{z_j^2}$$

Monte Carlo approach:



Dainese, Loizides, Paic, EPJC (2005) 461.

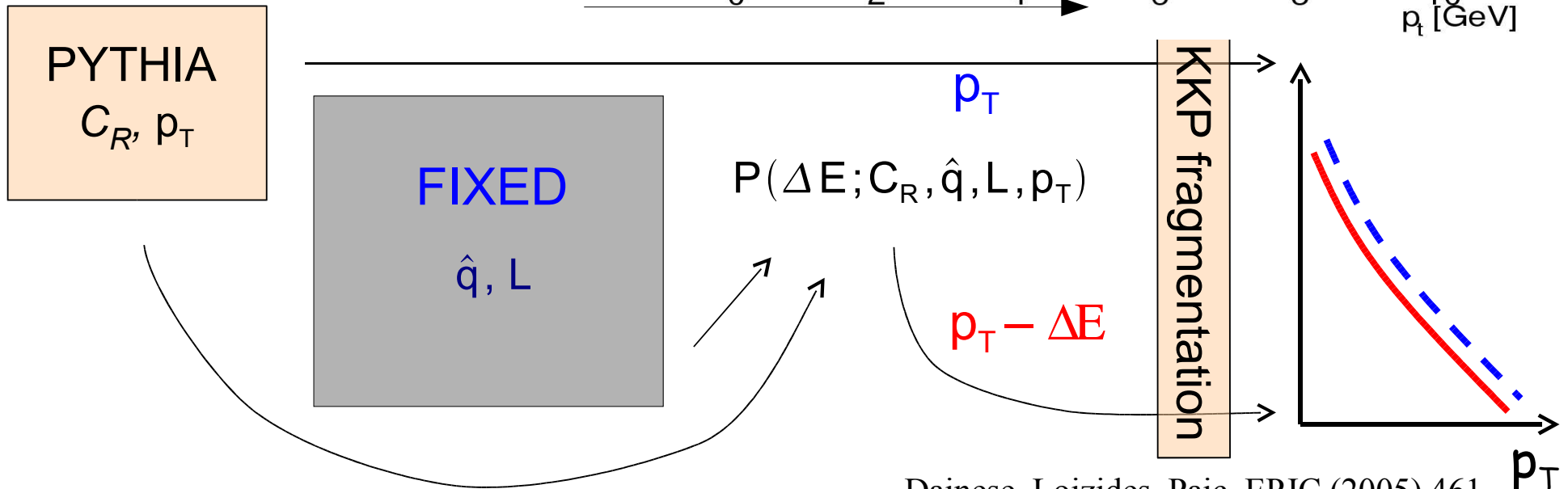
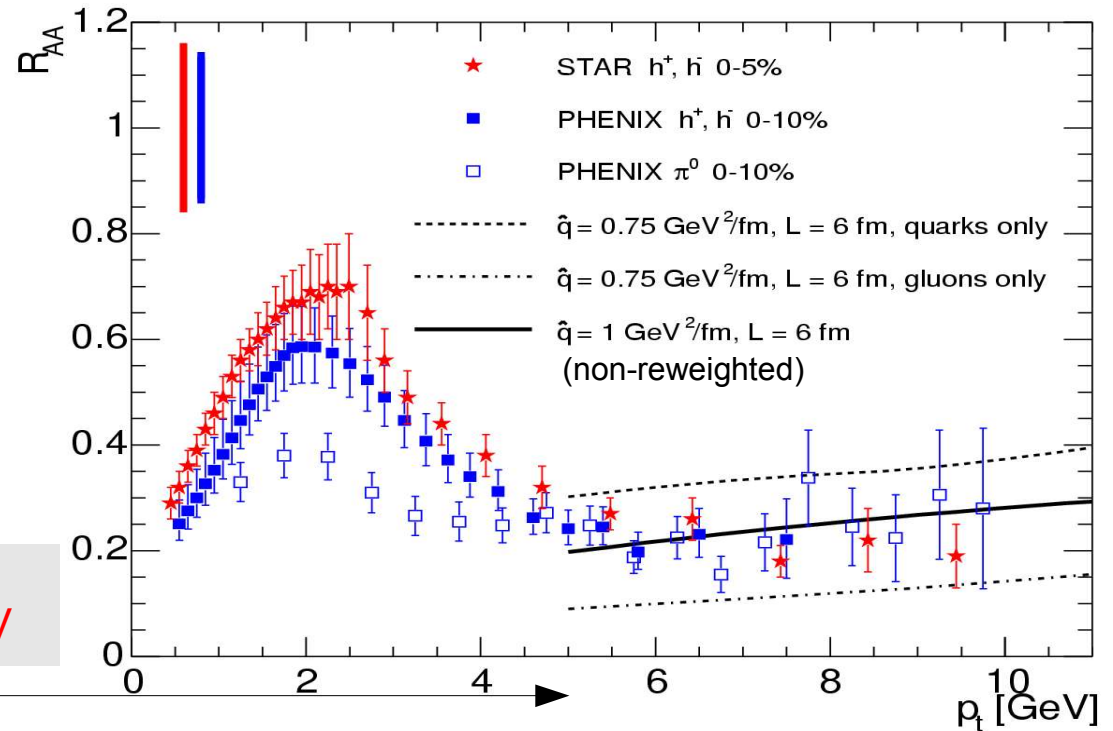
# $R_{AA}$ in central Au+Au at 200 GeV

Need

$$\hat{q} = 1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$$

to describe the measured suppression in 0-10% Au+Au for fixed length of 6 fm

No initial-state effects and in-medium hadronization:  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$



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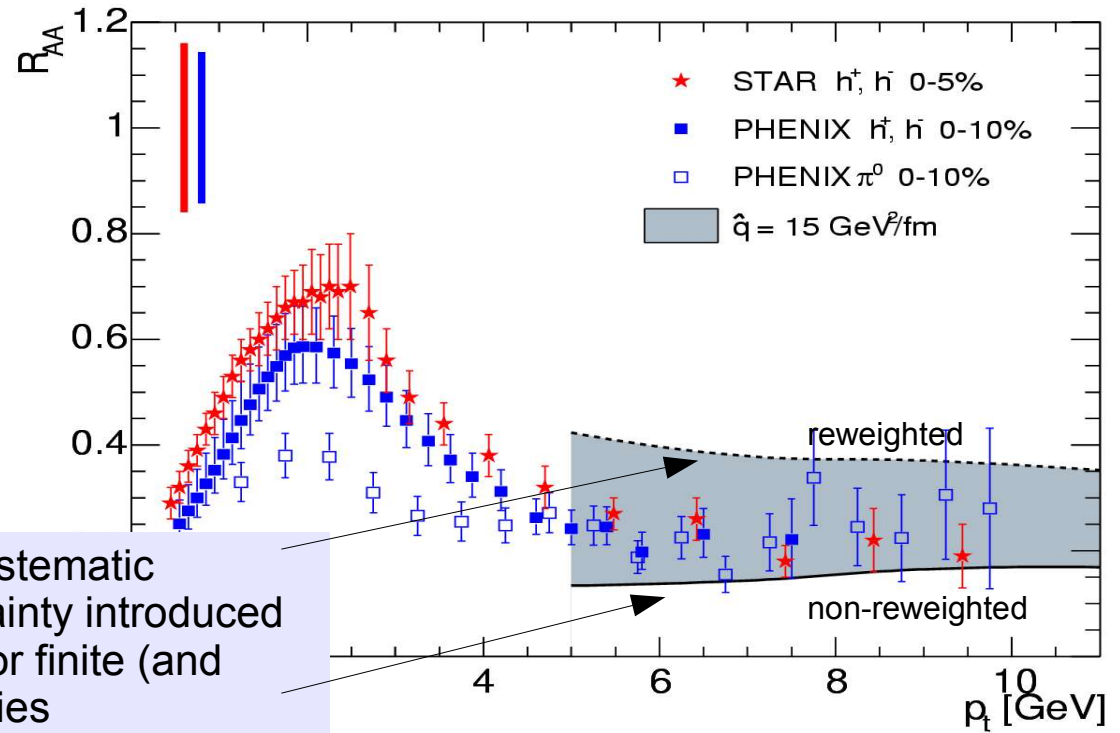


# $R_{AA}$ in central Au+Au at 200 GeV (2)

Need

$$\hat{q} = 15 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$$

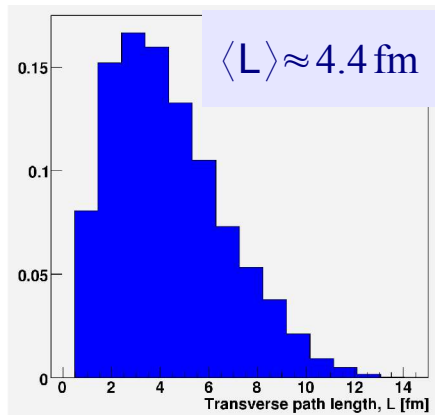
to describe the measured suppression in 0-10% Au+Au for Glauber-based length distribution



Band represents systematic (theoretical) uncertainty introduced by the constraints for finite (and small) parton energies

PYTHIA  
 $C_R, p_T$

$$L = \frac{\int dl |\rho(x_0+l, y_0+l; b)|}{\int dl \rho(x_0+l, y_0+l; b)}$$

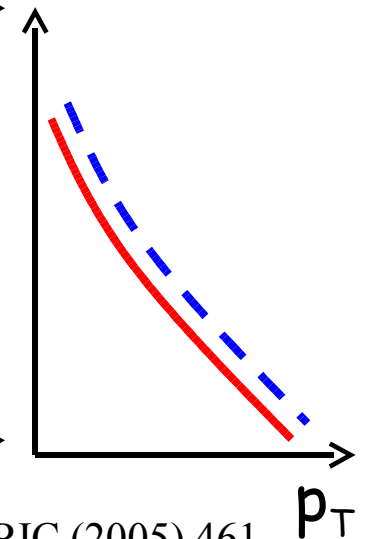


and FIXED  $\hat{q}$

$$P(\Delta E; C_R, \hat{q}, L, p_T)$$

$$p_T - \Delta E$$

KKP fragmentation

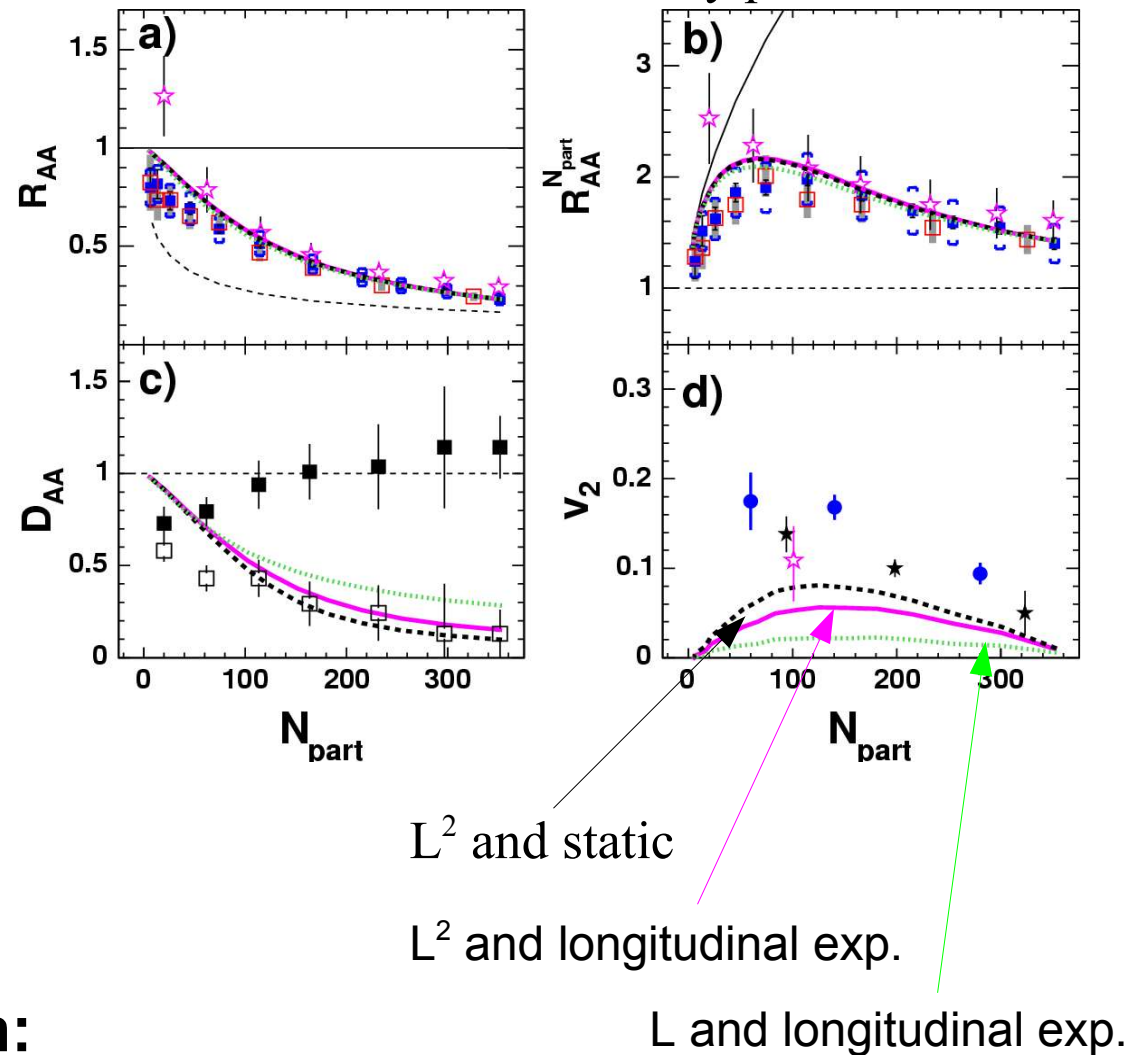


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# Role of collision geometry

- Parton production according to  $\rho_{\text{coll}}(x, y; b)$
- Parton absorption according:
 
$$f = \exp(-k l) ; l \propto \int f(l) \rho(l) dl$$
 independent on  $p_T$  where  $l$  is line-integral over density-profile for different expansion scenarios
- Results relatively independent on detailed modelling of matter (not shown) and absorption patterns

Wood-Saxon density profile



**Opaque medium:  
geometry (volume)  
dominates**

Drees, Feng, Jia, PRC 71 (2005) 034909.

# PQM parton-by-parton approach

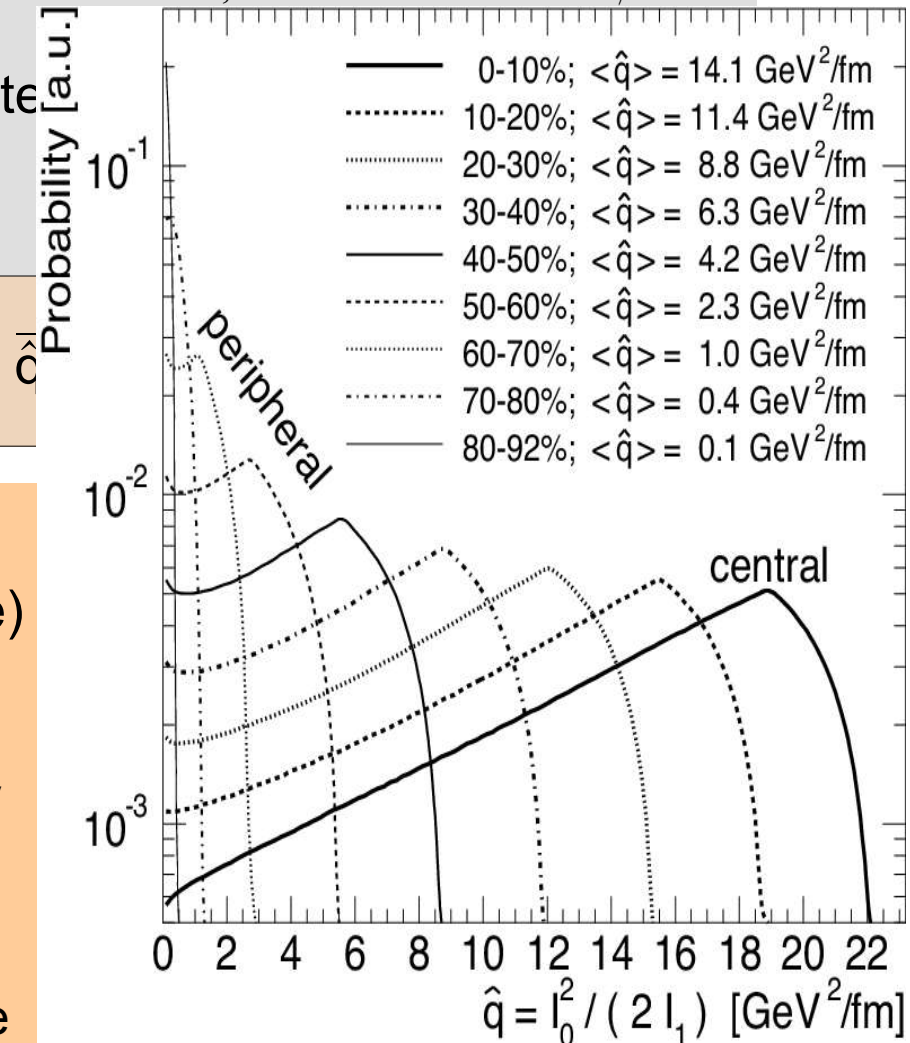
- Define “local” transport coefficient

$$\hat{q}(\xi; x_0, y_0, \phi_0; \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{k} \times T_A T_B(x_0 + \xi \cos \phi_0, y_0 + \xi \sin \phi_0; \mathbf{b})$$

- Definition of matter:  $\propto \rho_{\text{coll}}$  (note)
- With  $I_i = \int_0^\infty d\xi \xi^i \hat{q}(\xi)$  one gets

parton-by-parton dependent

- Definition of  $L$  independent of  $k$
- Parameter  $k$  must be tuned by data (once)
  - Single parameter to set the scale
  - Implicitly depends on systems and energy (see later)
  - Use Glauber to scale to other centralities
  - Report  $\langle \hat{q} \rangle \propto k$  for a given centrality range



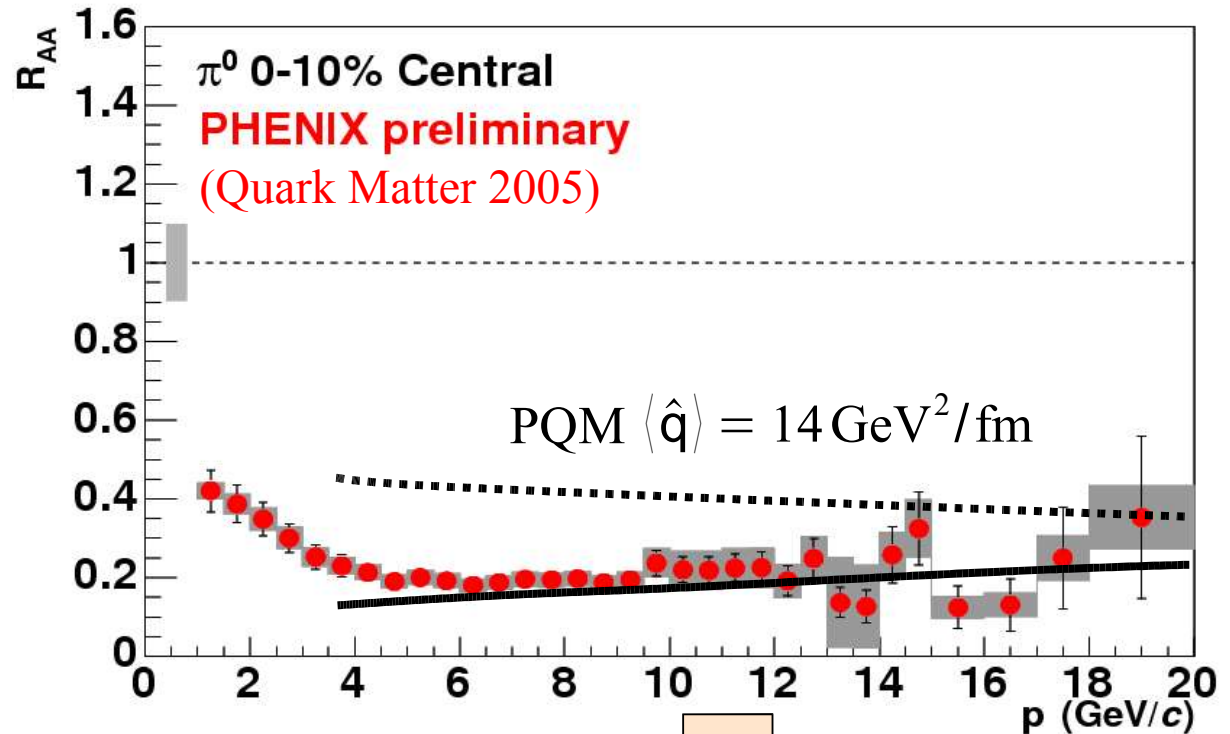
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# $R_{AA}$ in central Au+Au at 200 GeV (3)

Find

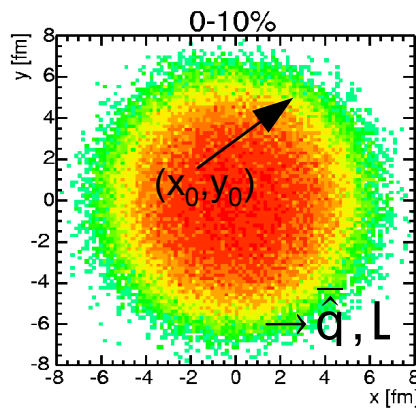
$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle = 14 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$$

to describe the measured suppression in 0-10% Au+Au for the parton-by-parton approach



PYTHIA

$C_R, p_T$

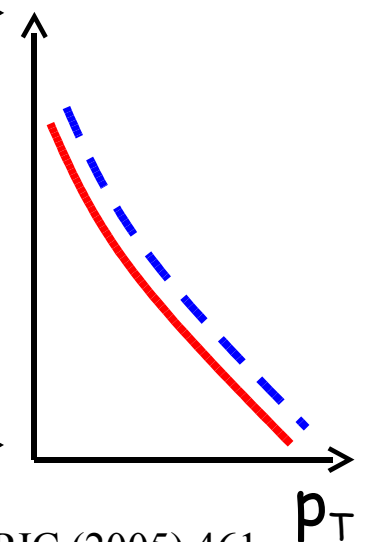


$p_T$

$$P(\Delta E; C_R, \hat{q}, L, p_T)$$

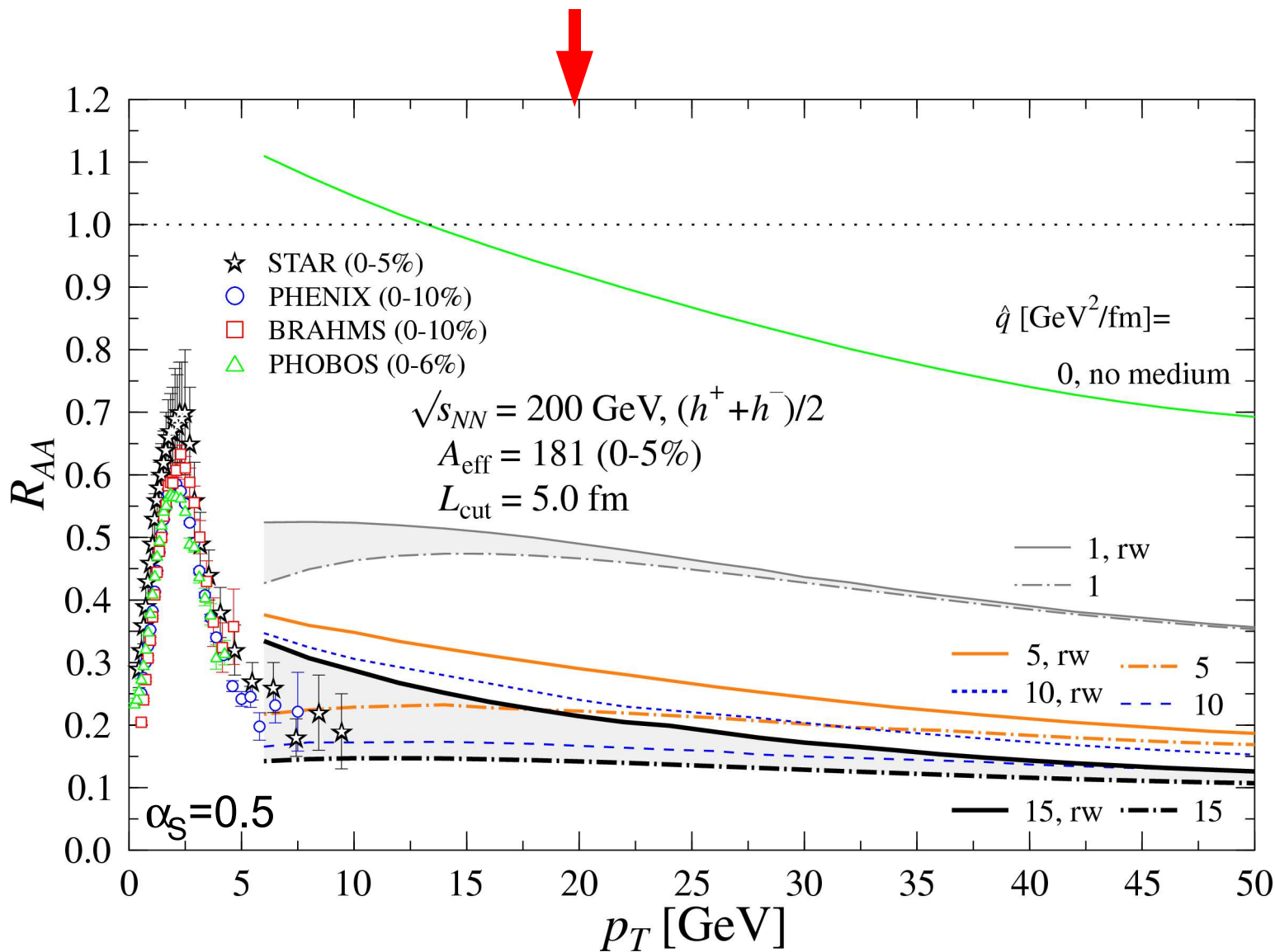
$p_T - \Delta E$

KKP fragmentation



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# $R_{AA}$ in central Au+Au at 200 GeV (4)

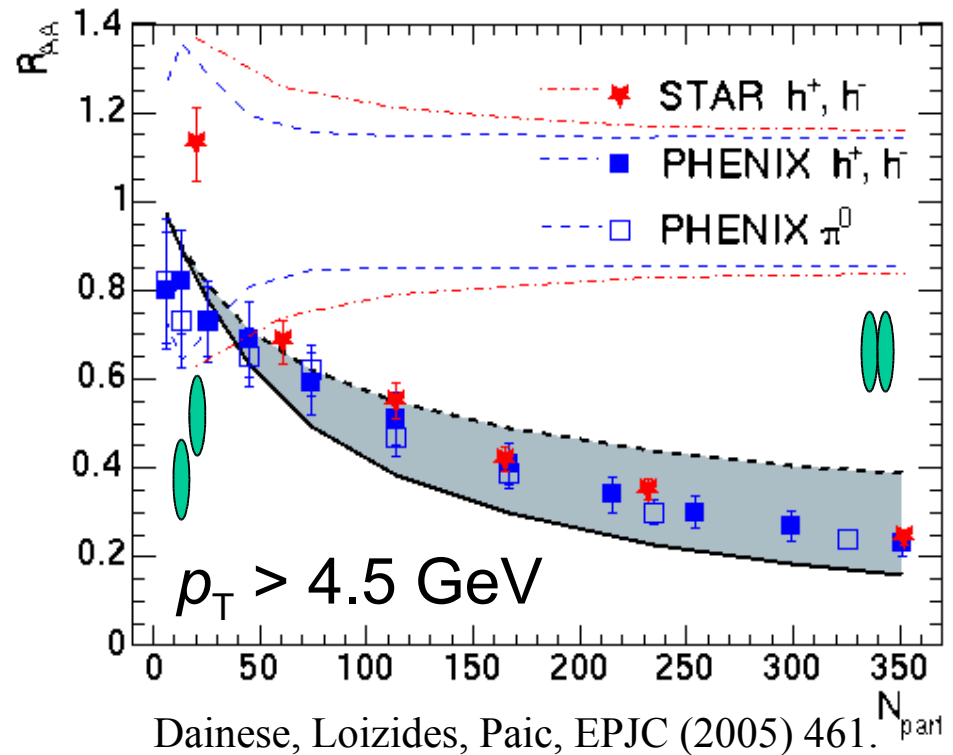
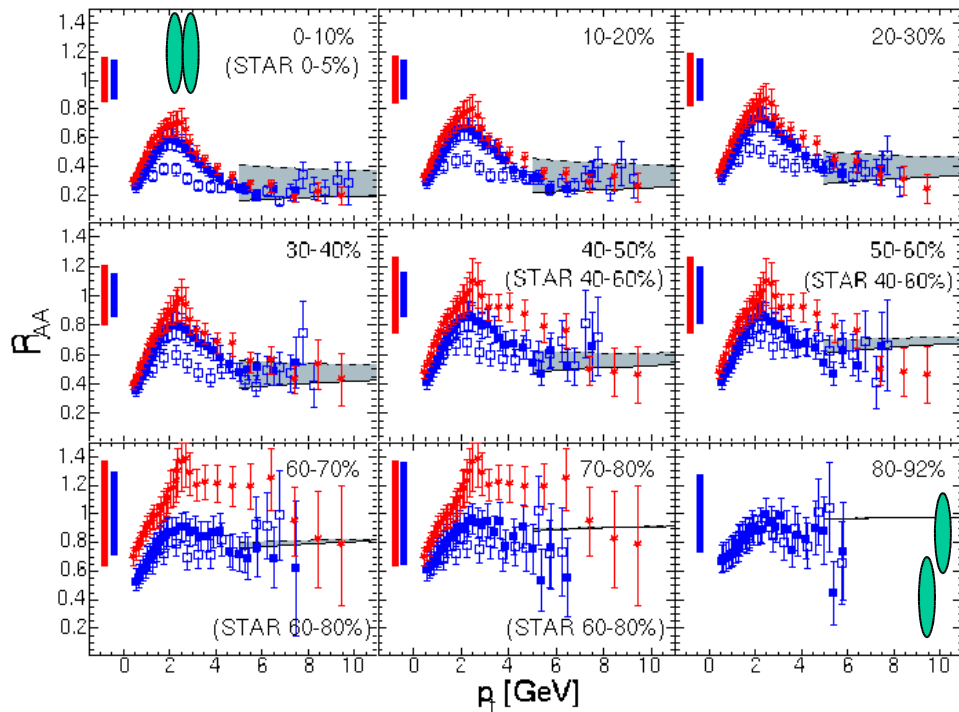
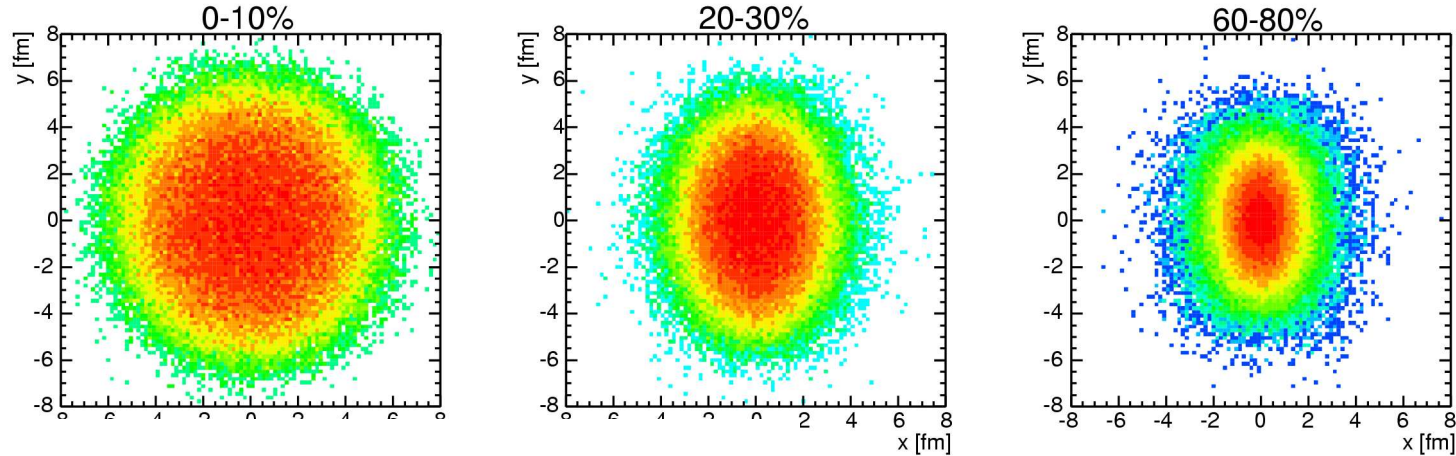


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# Centrality dep. of $R_{AA}$ for Au+Au at 200 GeV

Glauber:

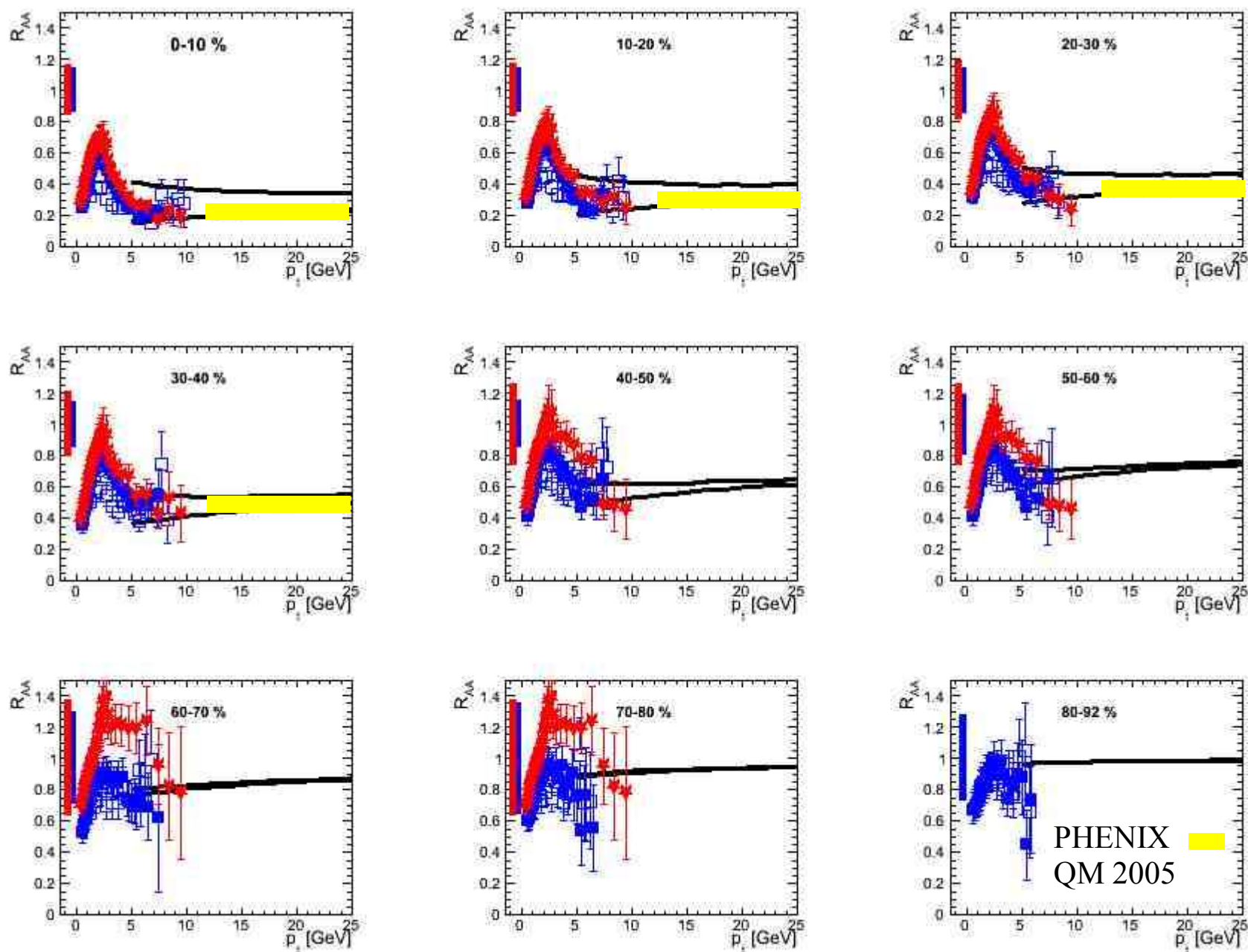
$$\hat{q}(b) = k^{\text{AuAu}, 200\text{GeV}} \times T_A T_B(b)$$



Dainese, Loizides, Paic, EPJC (2005) 461.  $N_{part}$

# Centrality dep. of $R_{AA}$ for Au+Au at 200 GeV (2)

## New $\pi^0$ $R_{AA}$ data for 200 GeV Au Au from PHENIX



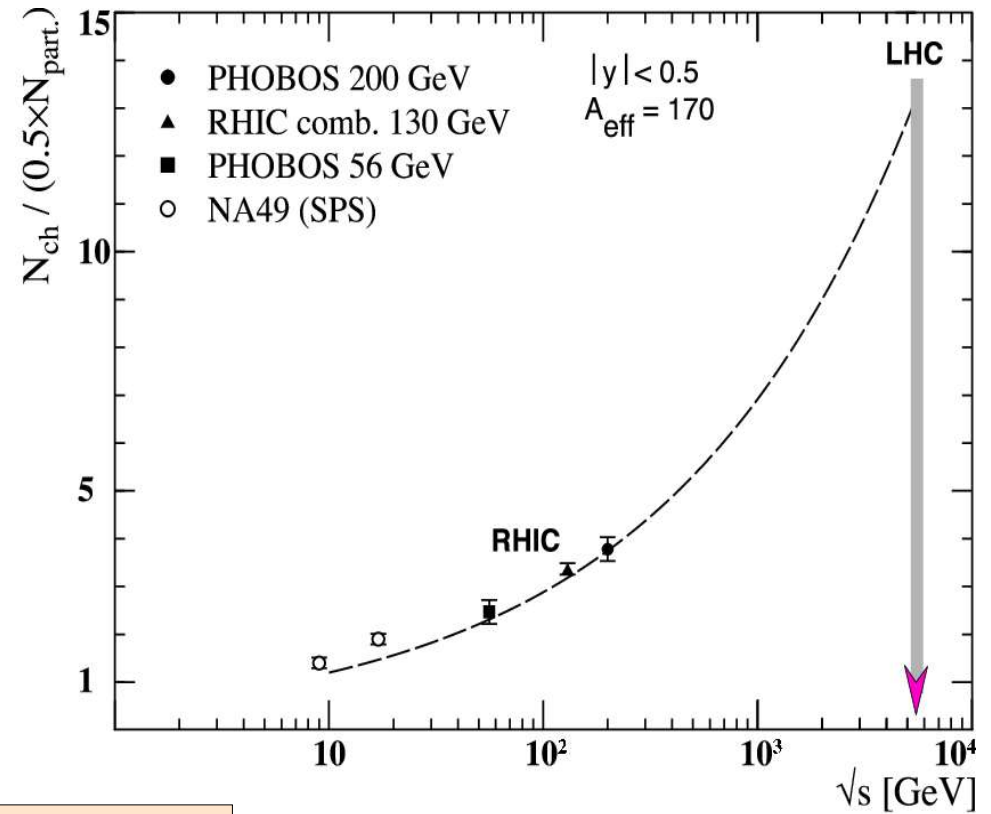
# Extrapolation to other systems

The transport coefficient is proportional to the gluon density, which according to the saturation model (EKRT) scales with

$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle \propto n^{\text{gluons}} \propto A^{0.383} \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}^{0.574}}$$

Using the extracted value at Au+Au 200 GeV gives (for 0-10% collisions)

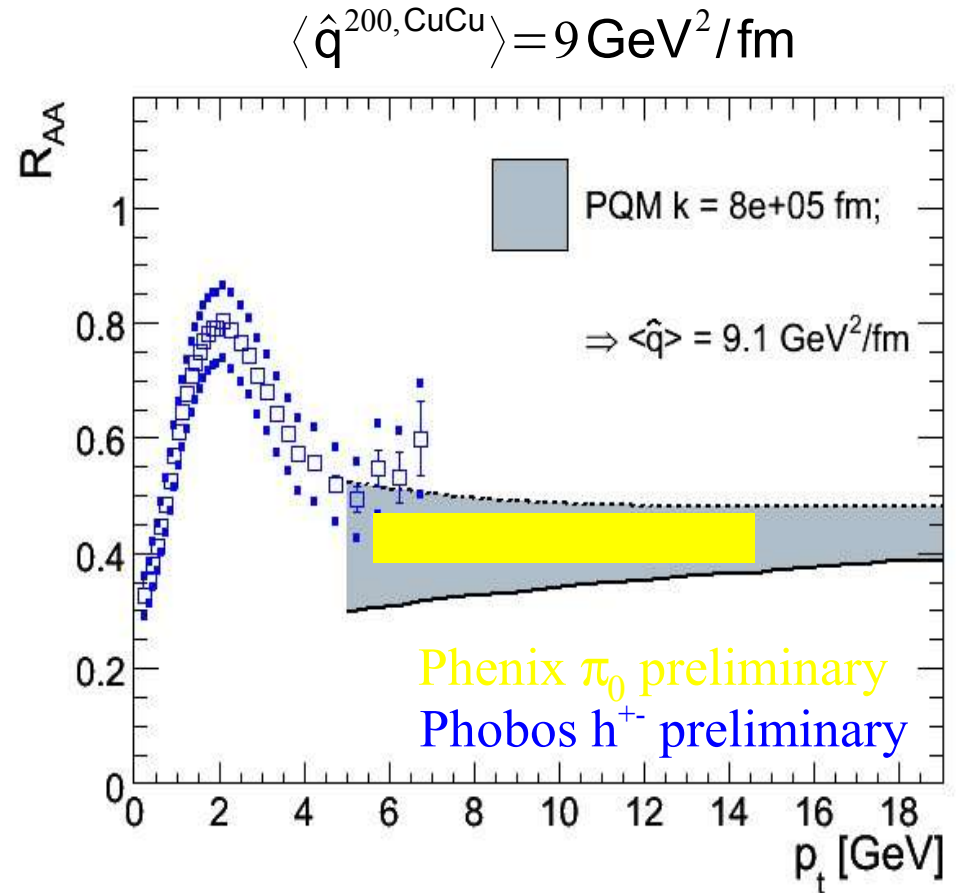
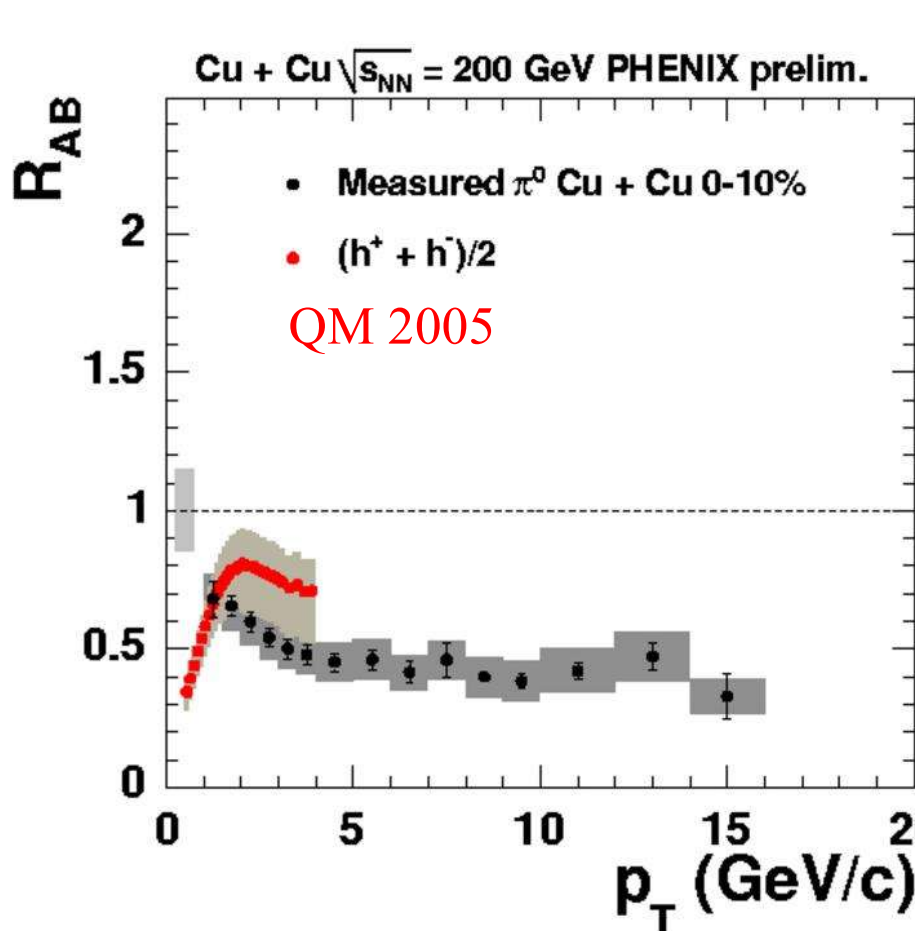
$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle = (A/197)^{0.383} \left( \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}/200 \right)^{0.574} \times 14 \text{ [GeV}^2/\text{fm]}$$



**Scale with 0.5 for 62.4 GeV Au+Au;**  
**with 0.63 for 200 GeV Cu+Cu**  
 (Factor 7 for 5.5 TeV Pb+Pb)

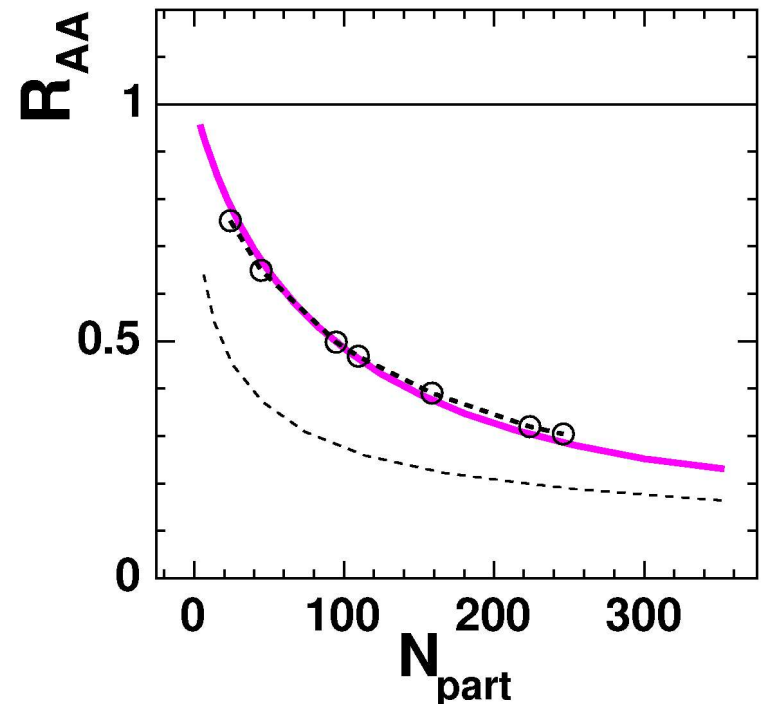
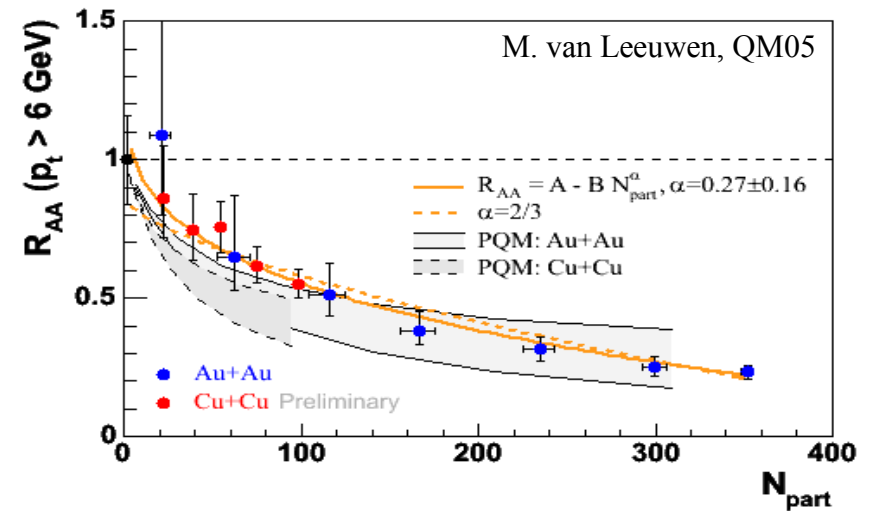
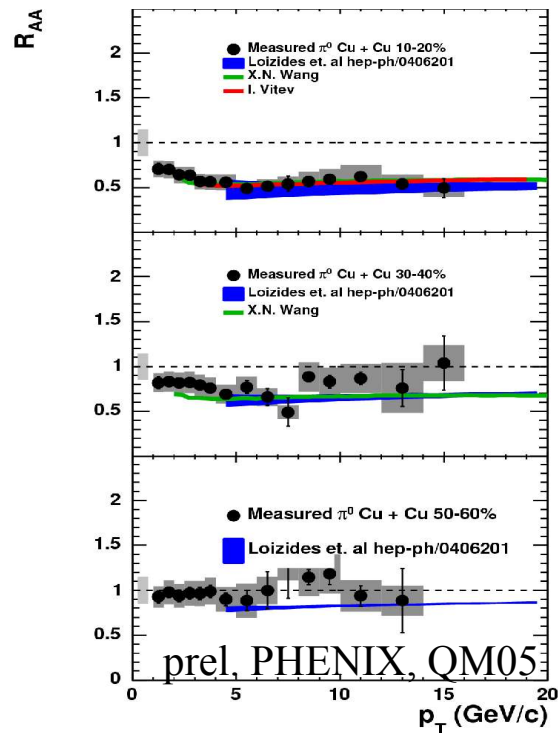
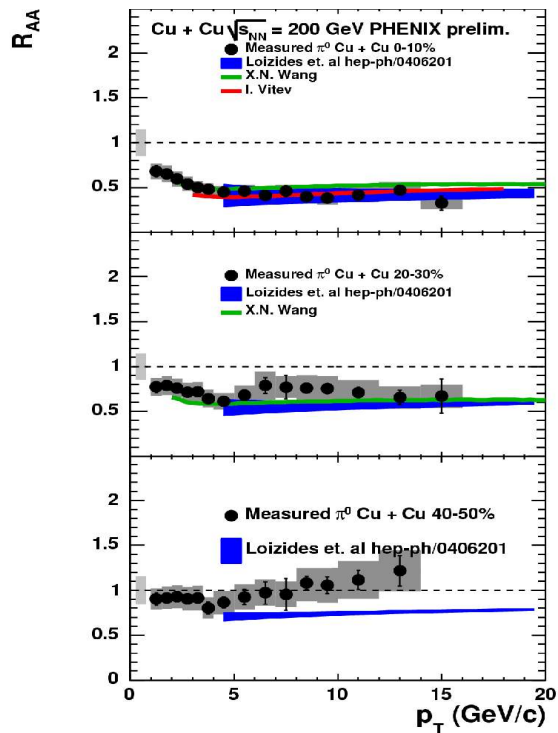


# Extrapolation to other systems (2)



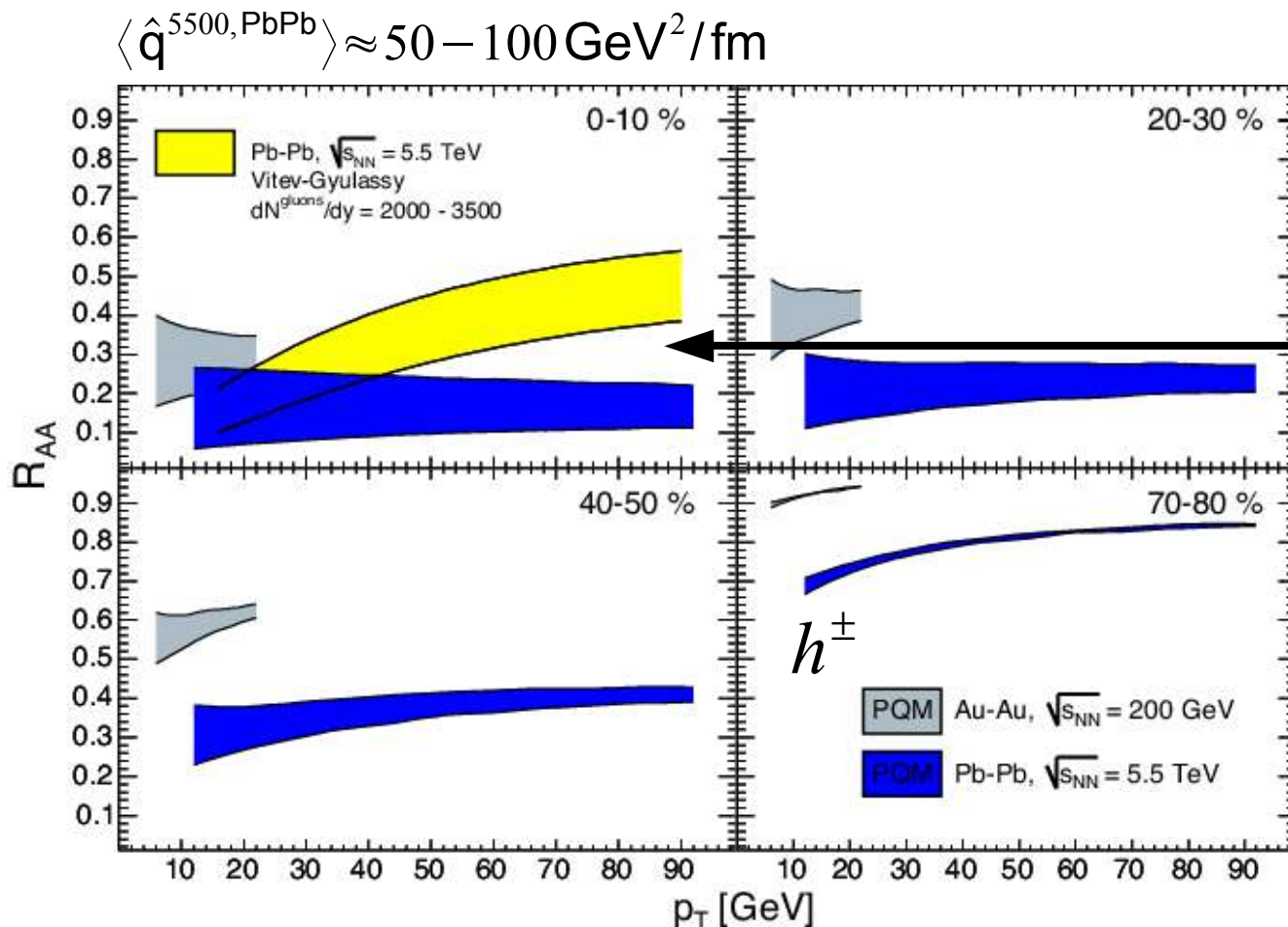
➔ species/energy extrapolation works reasonably well

# $R_{AA}$ for Cu+Cu and Au+Au vs centrality



Drees, Feng, Jia, PRC 71 (2005) 034909.

# $R_{AA}$ prediction for LHC



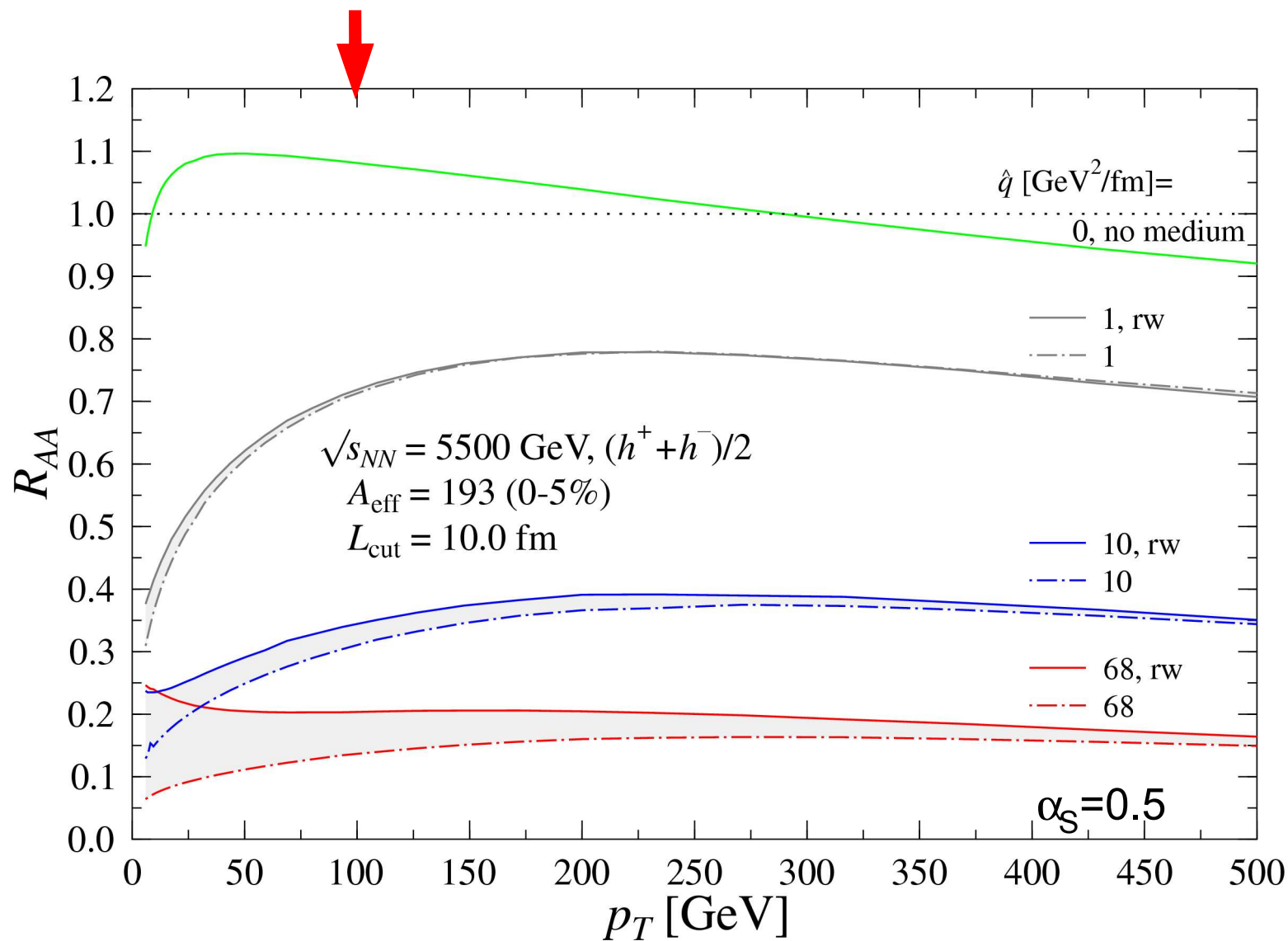
Interesting(?)  
difference  
in predictions.

$$R_{AA}^{5.5 \text{ TeV}} \approx \frac{R_{AA}^{200 \text{ GeV}}}{2}$$

➔ PQM predicts a rather  
 $p_T$ -independent  $R_{AA}$   
(for central collisions)

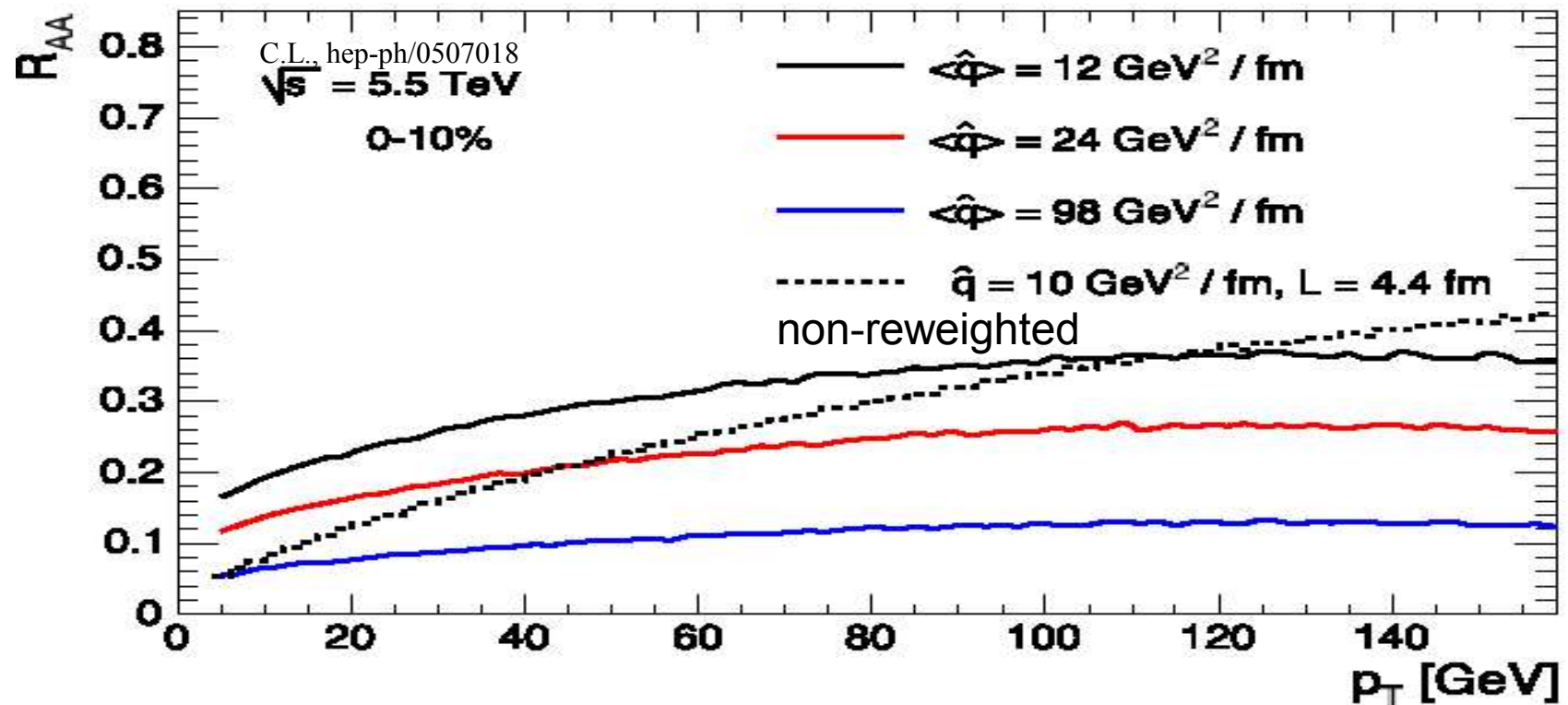
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# $R_{AA}$ prediction for LHC (2)



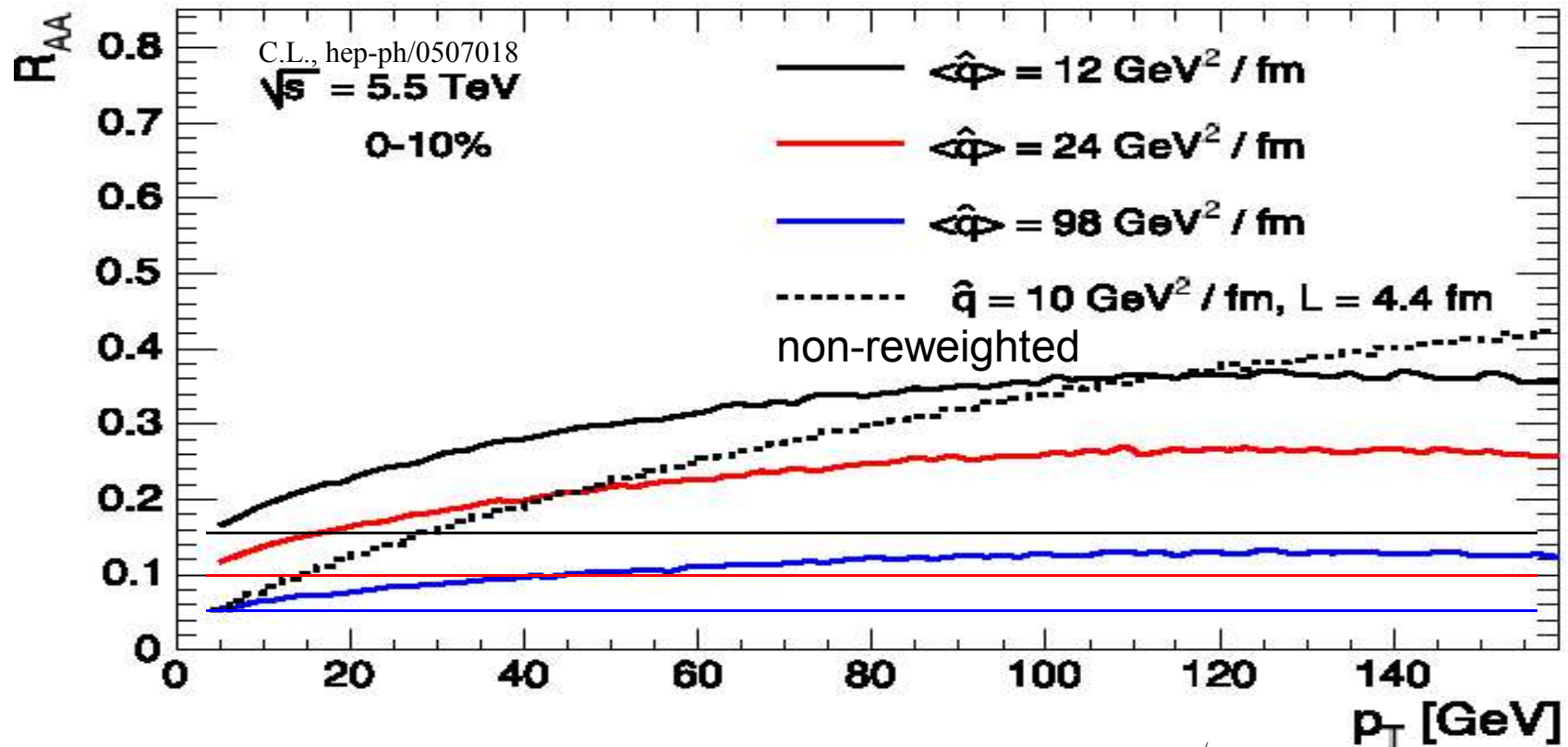
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# Why is $R_{AA}$ flat?



- The larger the parton energy the longer the possible explorable path length
  - For very large medium density  $R_{AA}$  flattens because all partons pay about the same prize for traversing the medium ( $\Delta E/E \sim E^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0.5$ )
  - Check: For fixed geometry  $R_{AA}$  rises as expected

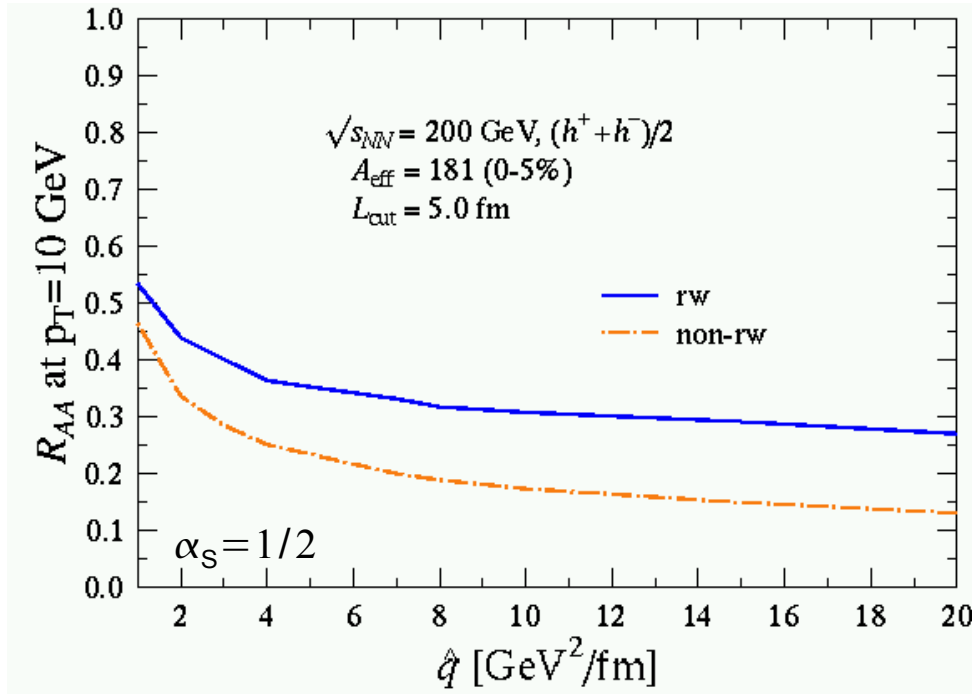
# Why is $R_{AA}$ flat? (2)



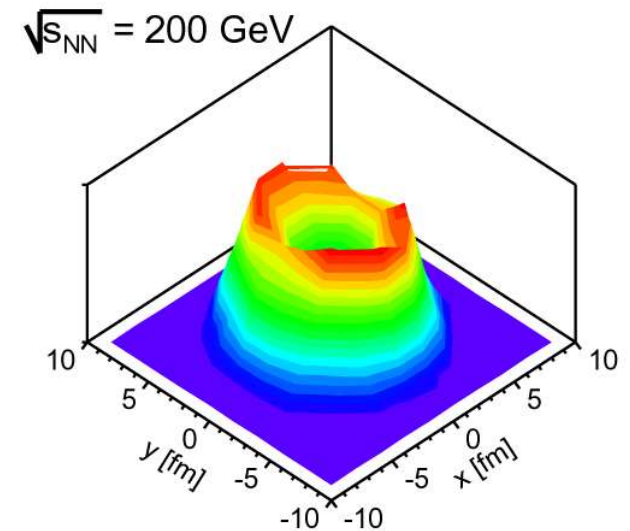
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \int d\Delta E dH P(\Delta E, p_T + \Delta E; H) \frac{dN/dp_T(p)}{dN/dp}$$

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \int d\Delta E dH P(\Delta E, p_T + \Delta E; H) \exp(\Delta E) = \text{const}$$

# Limited sensitivity of $R_{AA}$



“Leading-particle probes are fragile!”



- Strong suppression requires very large densities
- Opaque medium leads to surface emission
- $R_{AA}$  determined by geometry rather than by density



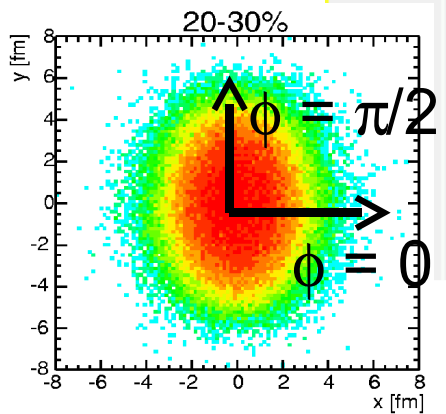
**More differential observables?**

Müller, PRC67 (2003) 061901.

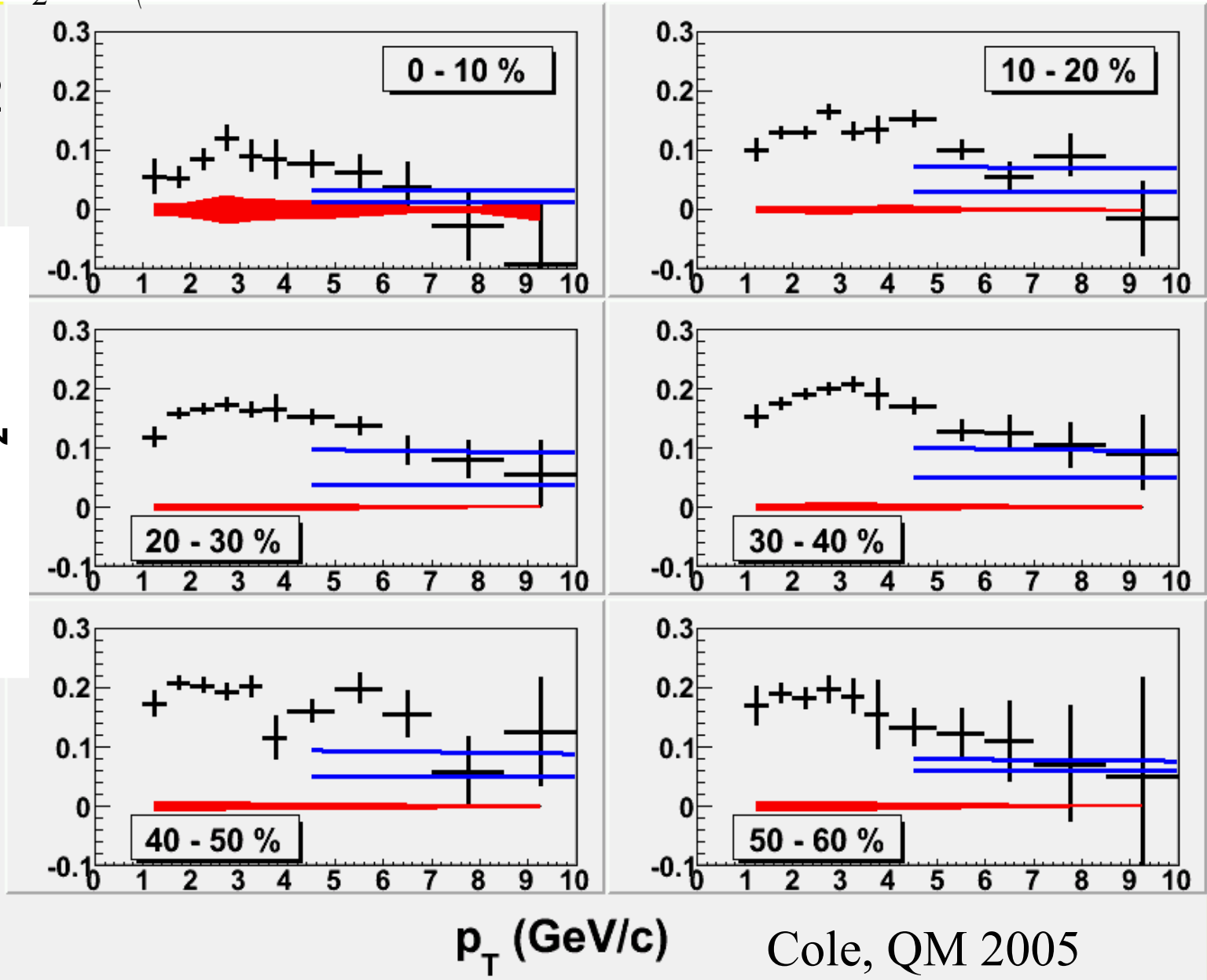
Escola, Honkanen, Salgado, Wiedemann, NPA747 (2005) 511.

# Azimuthal asymmetry

$$dN/d\phi \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos(\phi)$$



$v_2$

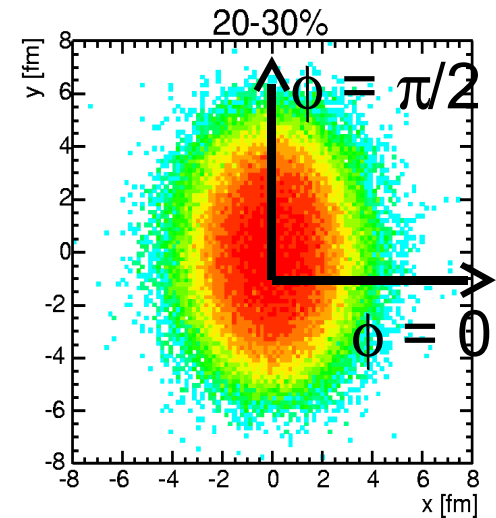
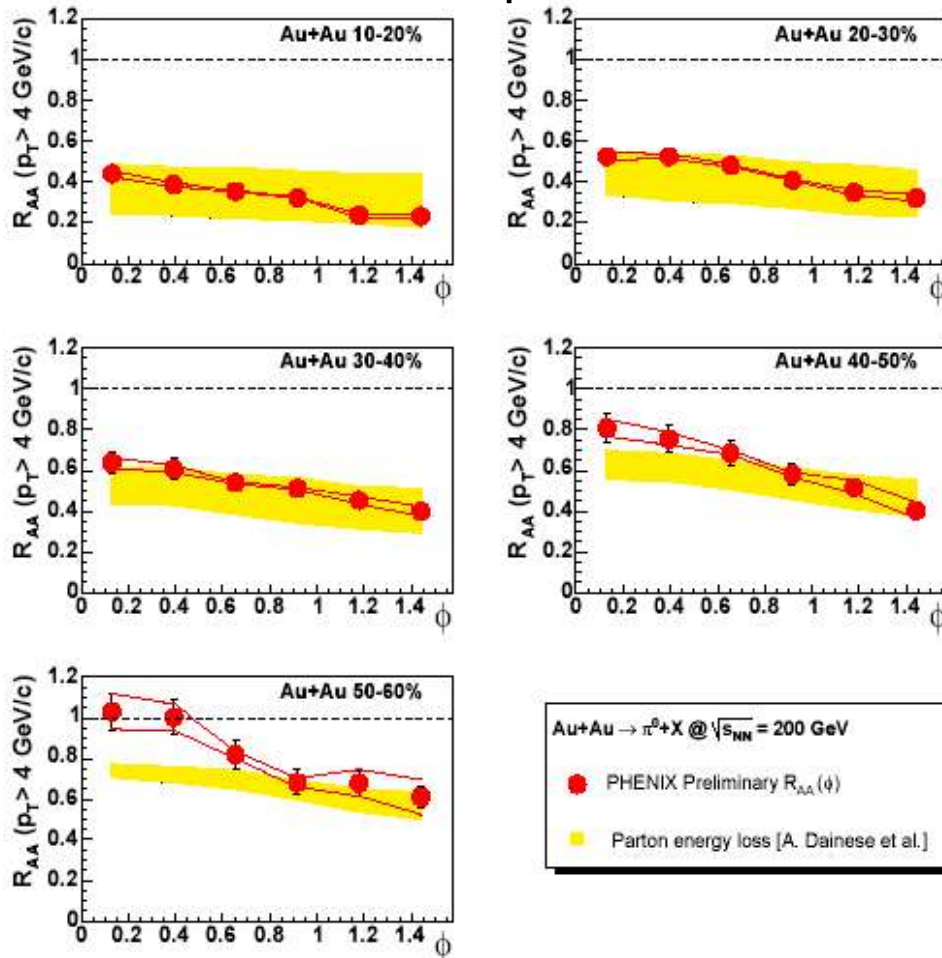




# First data of $R_{AA}$ vs $\phi$ appearing ...

→ Further handle on  $L$ -dependence\*

PHENIX  $\pi^0$  prel. vs PQM



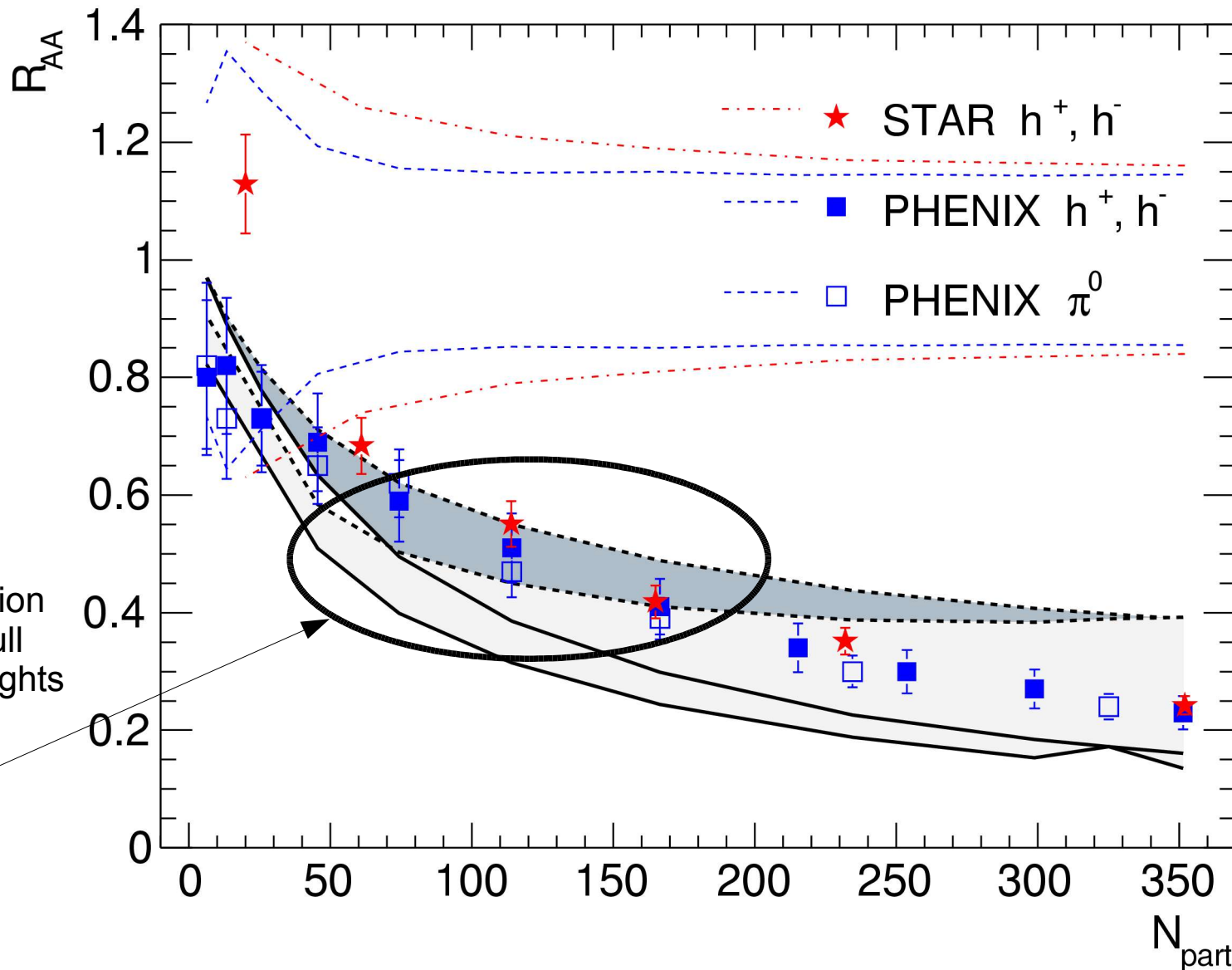
Data show stronger  $\phi$  dep. than PQM model

Note: model is not  $\Delta E \propto L^2$ , rather  $\Delta E \propto L$   
 \* **Beware:** effect of collective flow on  $R_{AA}$  vs  $\phi$  !?!

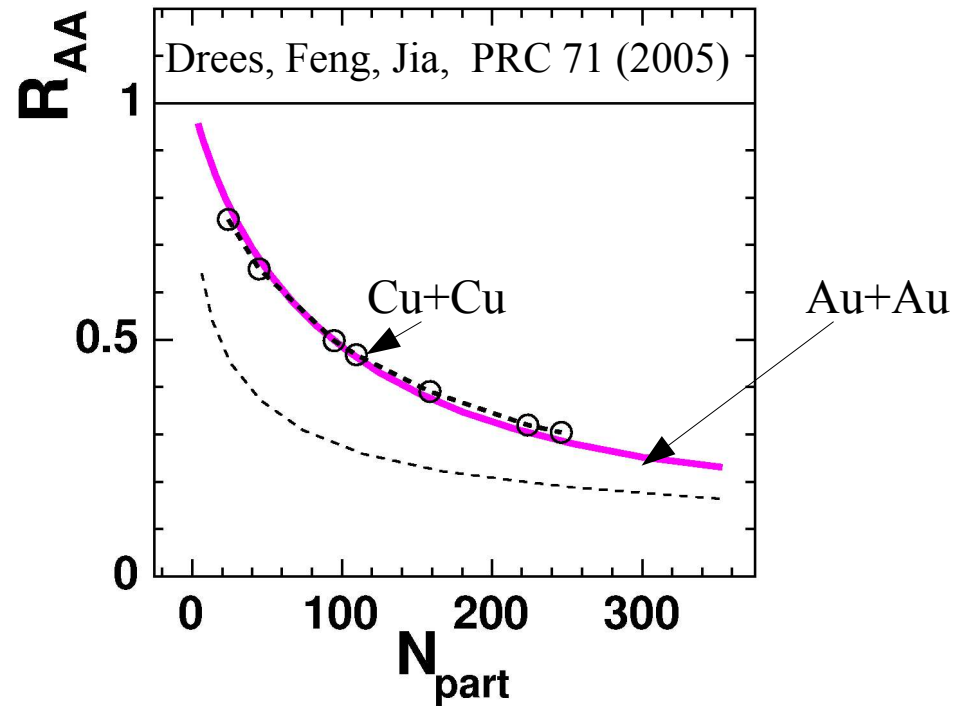
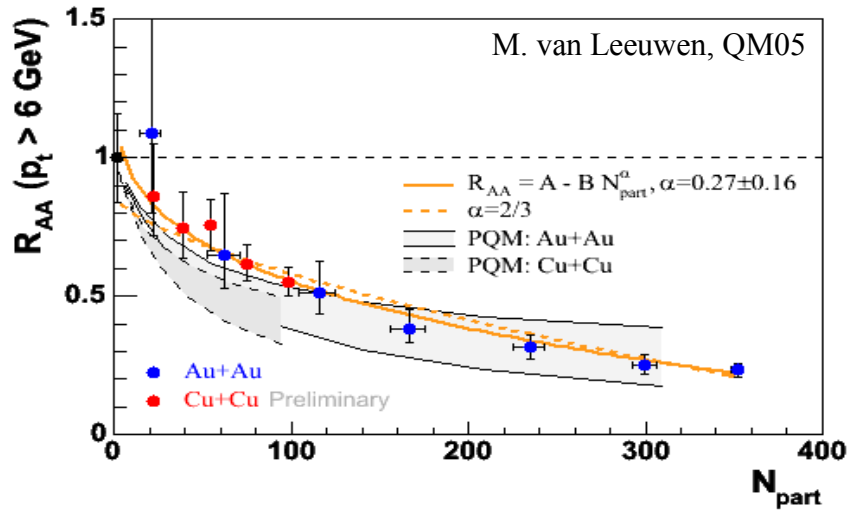
D. d'Enterria (nucl-ex/0504001)

# Construct the extreme case of absorption

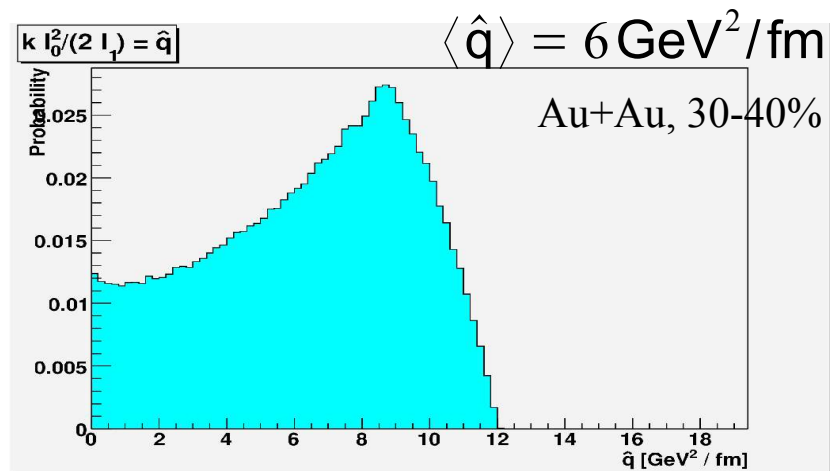
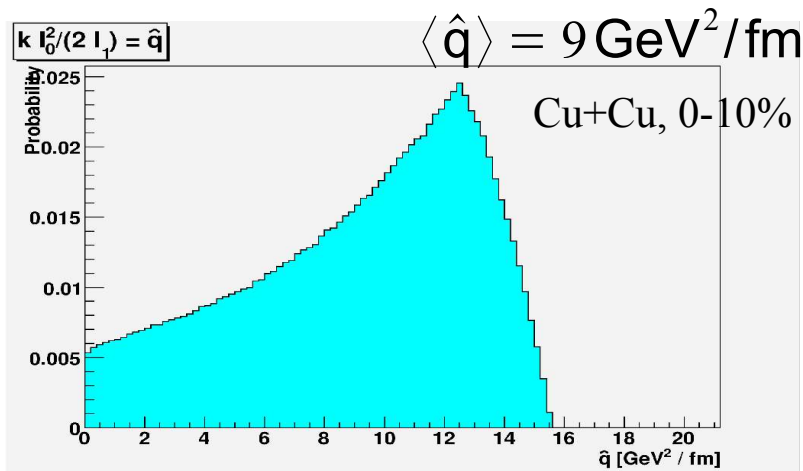
$$P(\Delta E, E; H) \approx p_0(E, H) \delta(\Delta E) + (1 - p_0(E, H)) \delta(E - \Delta E)$$



# Simple(r) models challenge!!!



Need to refine our scaling with EKRT?

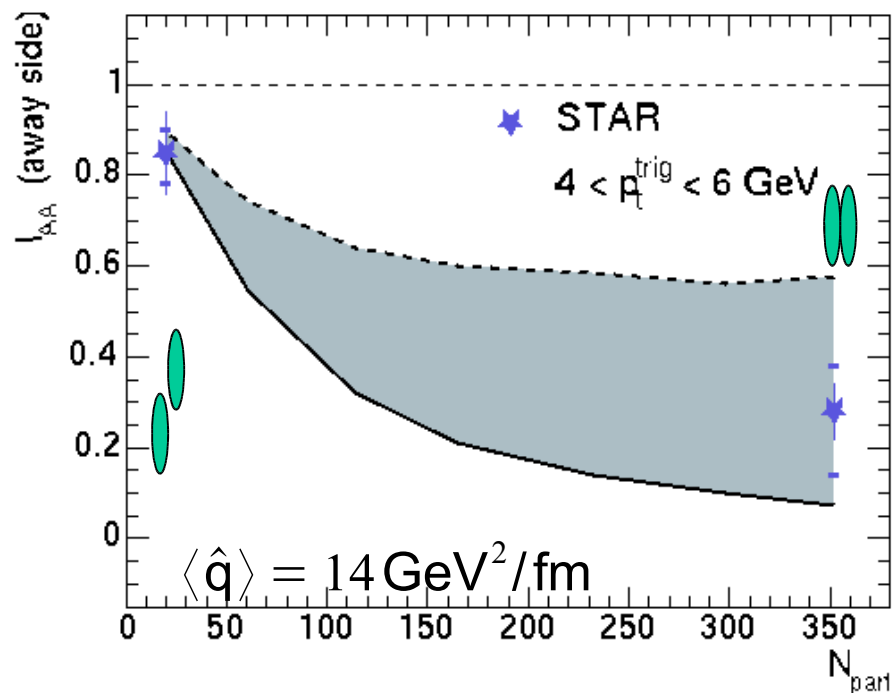
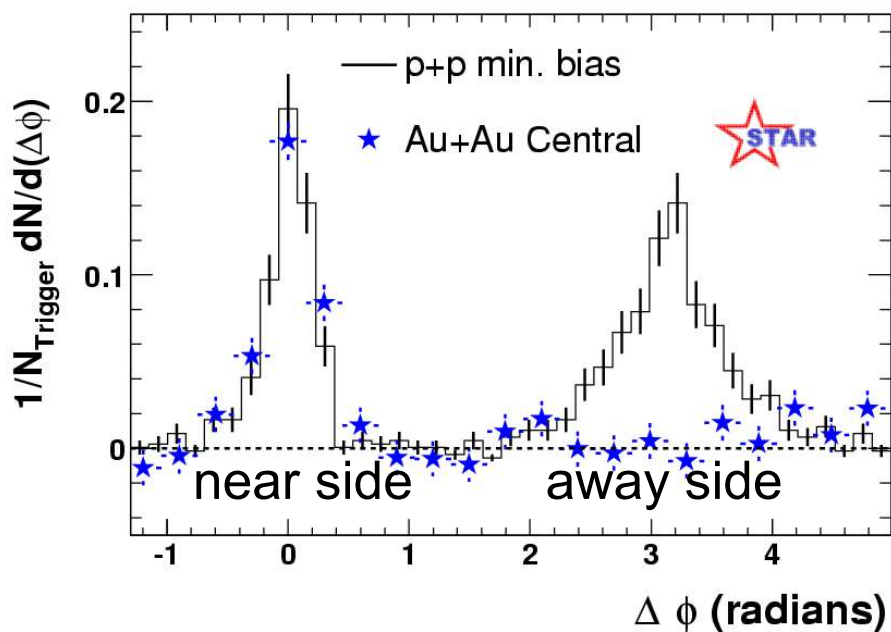


# PQM: Suppression of the away-side jet

$$I_{AB}^{\text{away}} = \int_{\text{away}} dN_{AB} / \int_{\text{away}} dN_{pp}$$

Trigger  $4 < p_T^{\text{trigger}} < 6 \text{ GeV}$

$\Delta\phi$  distribution:  $2 \text{ GeV} < p_T < p_T^{\text{trigger}}$

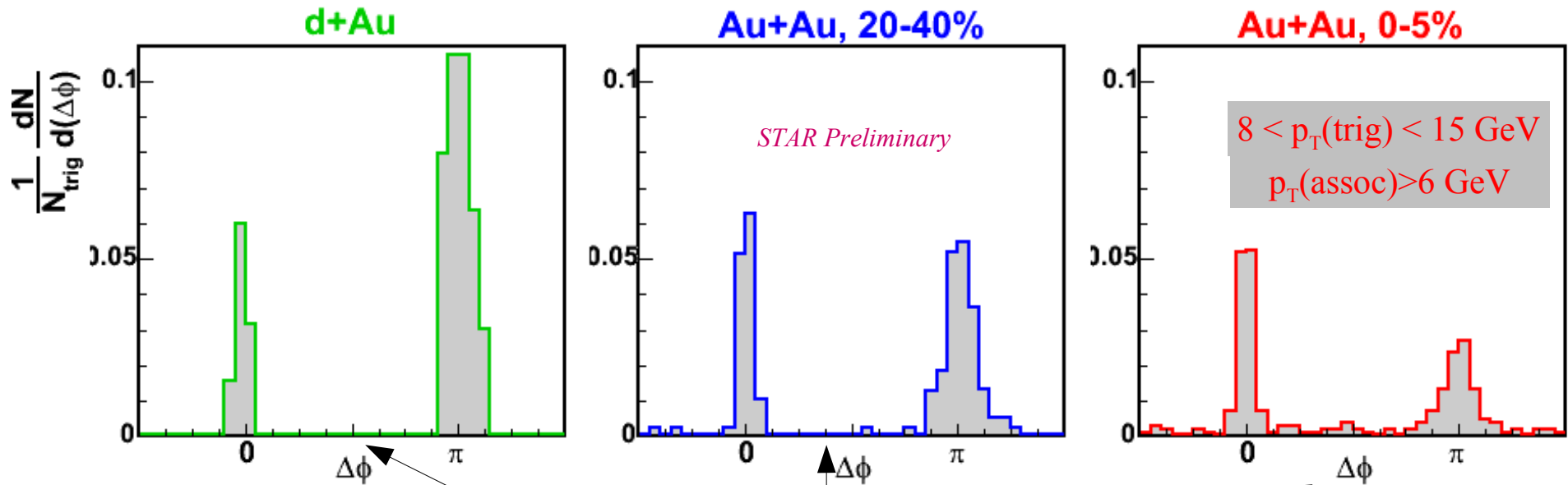


STAR Coll., PRL 90 (2003) 082302  
 STAR Coll., nucl-ex/0501016

# Emergence of true Di-jets in AuAu

Au+Au Run4 allows jet-like two-particle correlations with much higher statistics

*QM 2005,  
Dan Magestro*



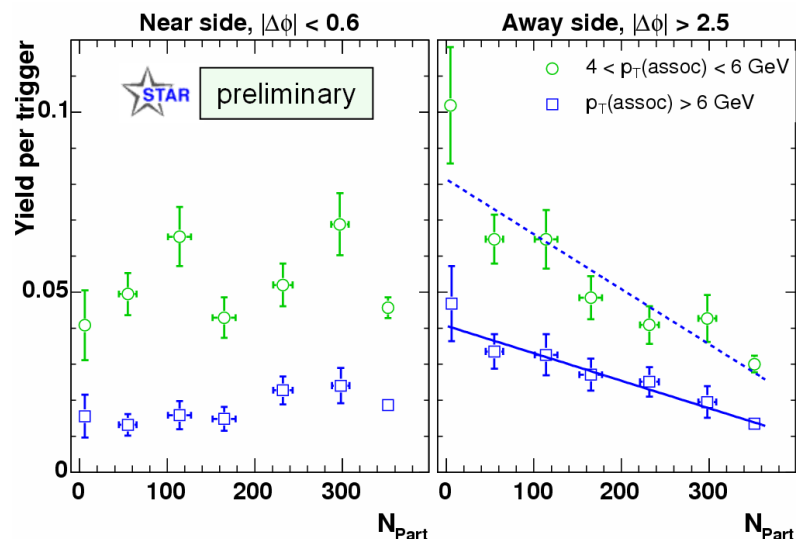
No background subtraction!!!



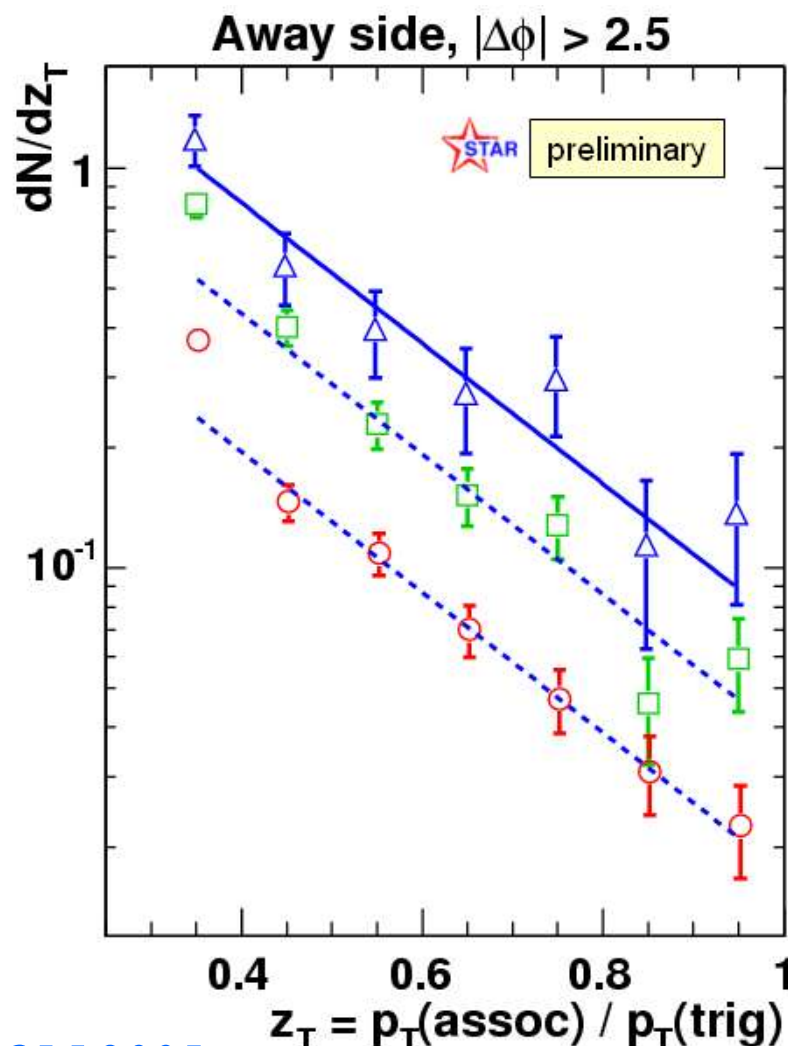
**For the first time clear jet-like peaks seen on near + away-side in central Au+Au collisions**

# Combined di-jets observations

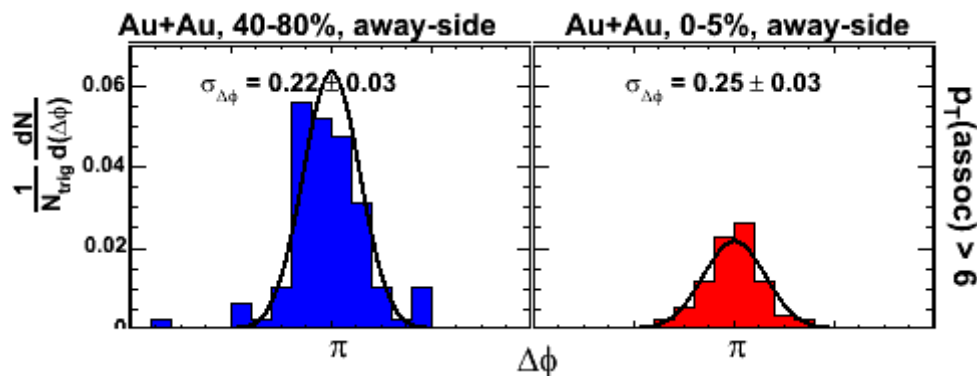
Dijets more suppressed from d+Au to central collisions



Away-side fragmentation pattern unchanged

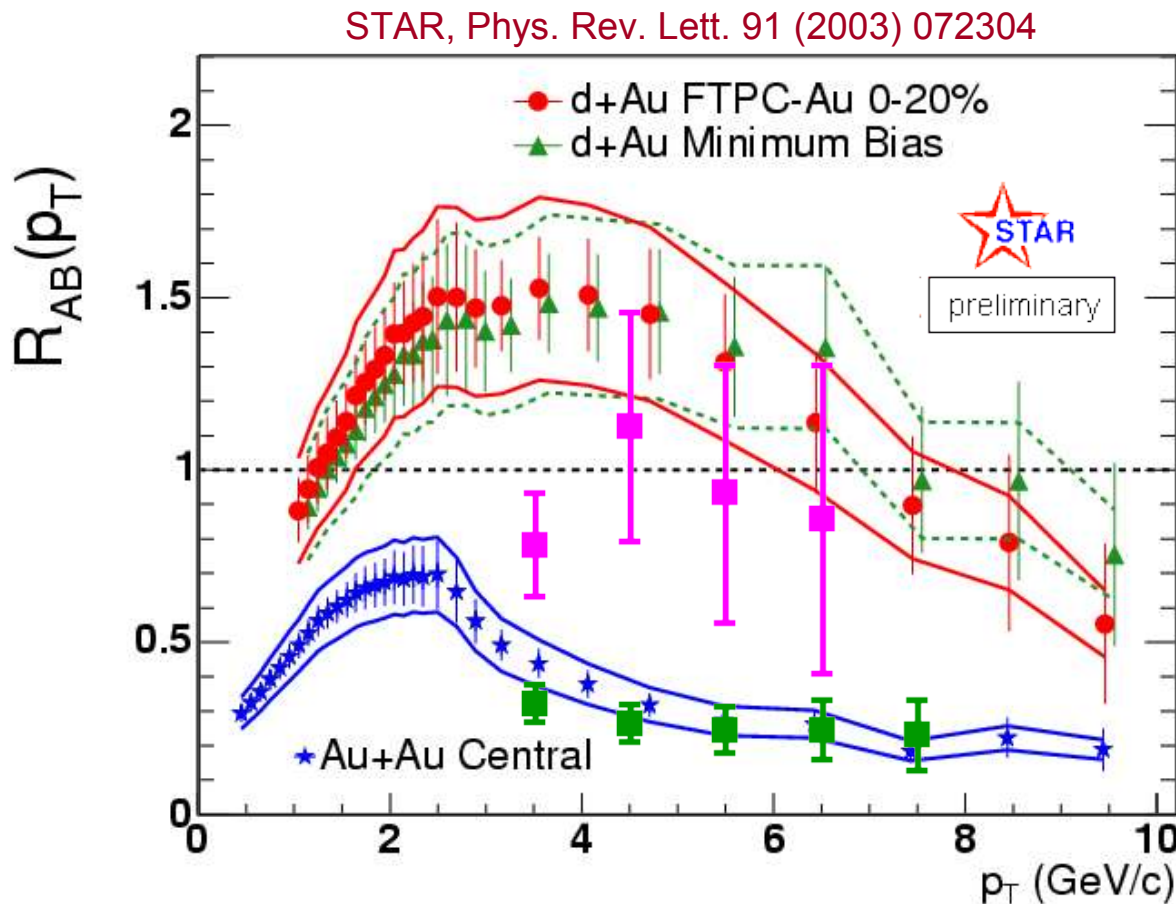


Away-side widths similar for central, noncentral



QM 2005,  
courtesy Dan Magestro

# Dijet assoc. yields ( $I_{AA}$ ) vs. $R_{AA}$



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courtesy  
Dan Magestro*

$8 < p_T(\text{trig}) < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$

= Near-side  $I_{AA}$

= Away-side  $I_{AA}$

- Near-side yields consistent with unity
- Away-side associated yields similar to  $R_{AA}$  values

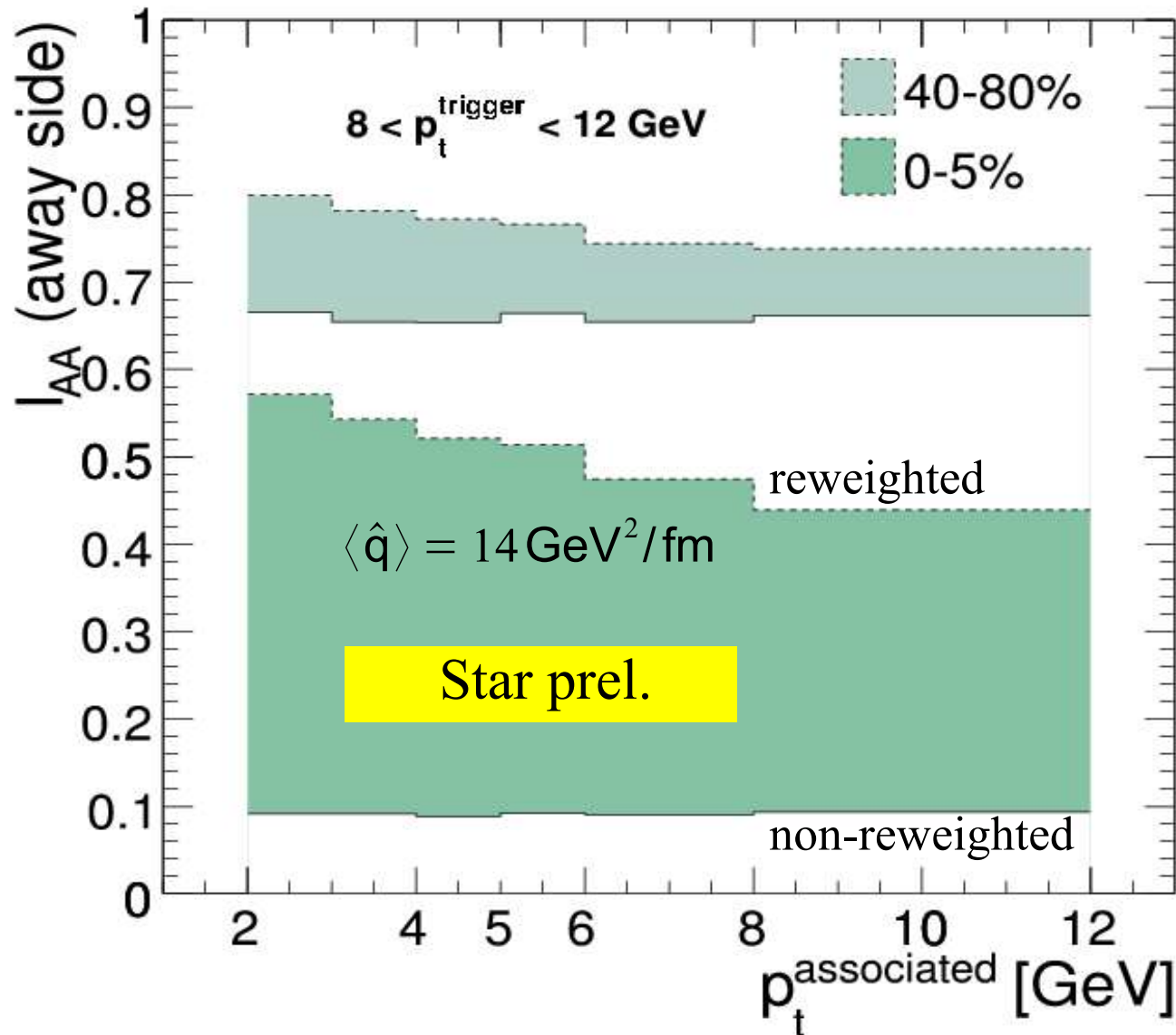
$$I_{AA} = \frac{\text{Yield}(0-5\% \text{ Au+Au})}{\text{Yield}(d+\text{Au})}$$

**Note: Very different quantities are being compared**

# PQM: prediction before PQM

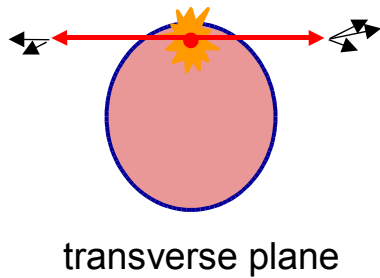
Density ( $\hat{q}$ ) still "tuned" to match  $R_{AA}$   
in central Au+Au at 200 GeV

$$I_{AB}^{\text{away}} = \int_{\text{away}} dN_{AB} / \int_{\text{away}} dN_{pp}$$

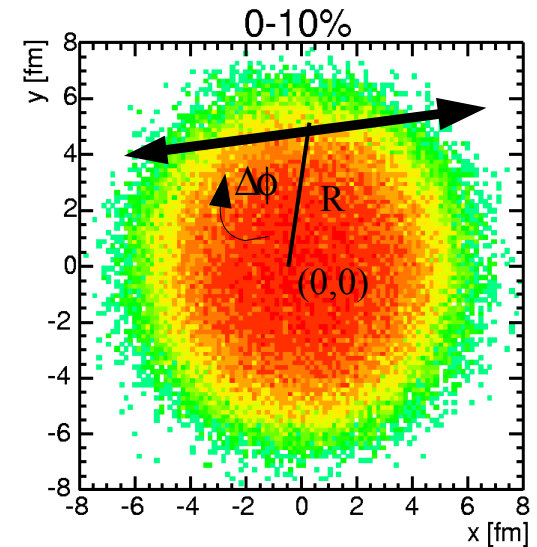




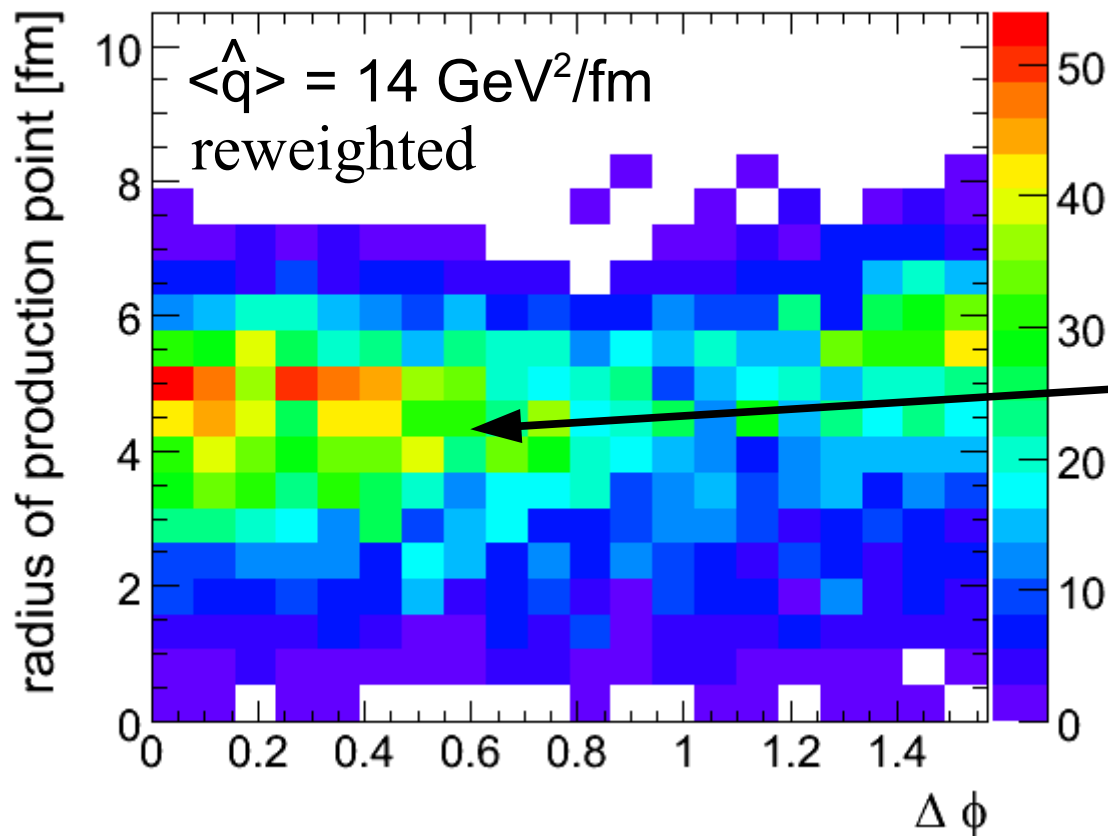
# PQM: Tangential di-jet emission?



What is the phase space of parton pairs which yield hadrons that contribute to the away-side  $I_{AA}$ ?



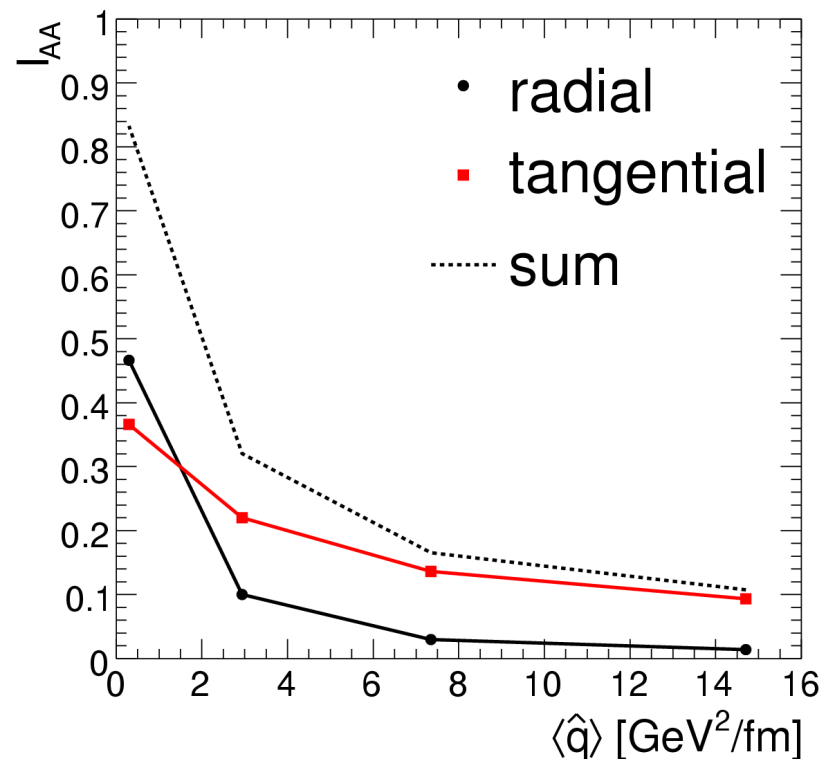
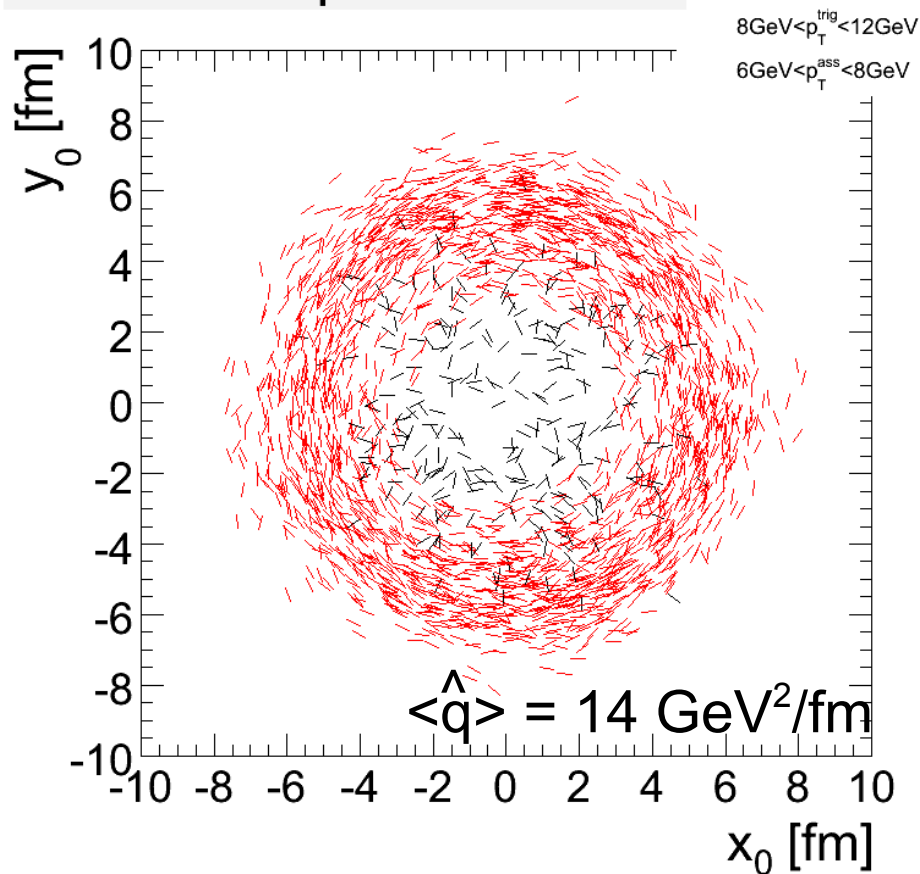
Gluons:  $8\text{GeV} < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 12\text{GeV}$  and  $6\text{GeV} < p_T^{\text{ass}} < 8\text{GeV}$



Unphysical  
behaviour of  
reweighting!!!

# PQM: Tangential di-jet emission?

Parton emission points and direction

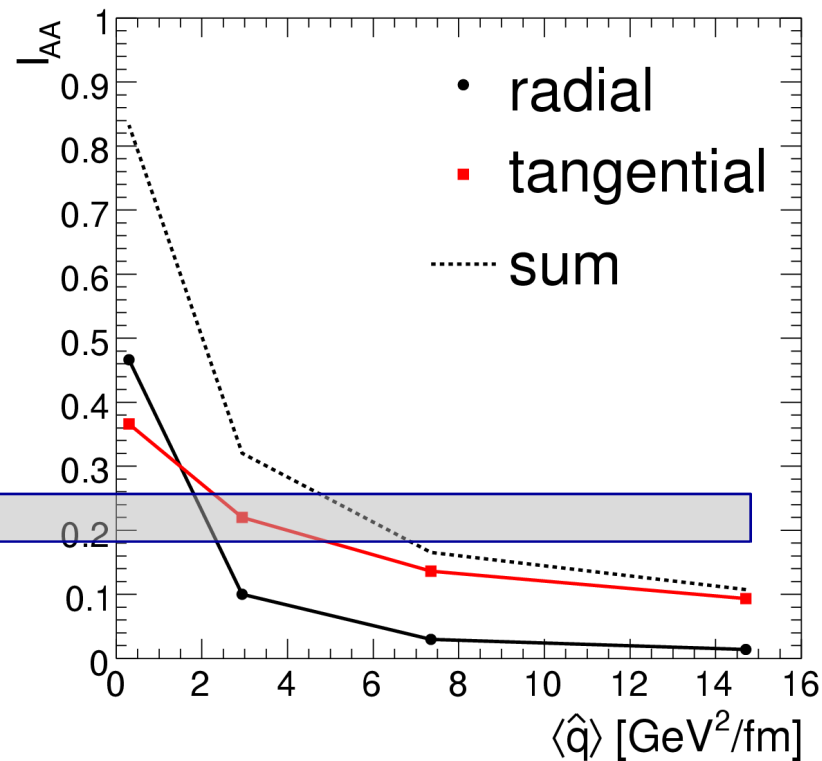
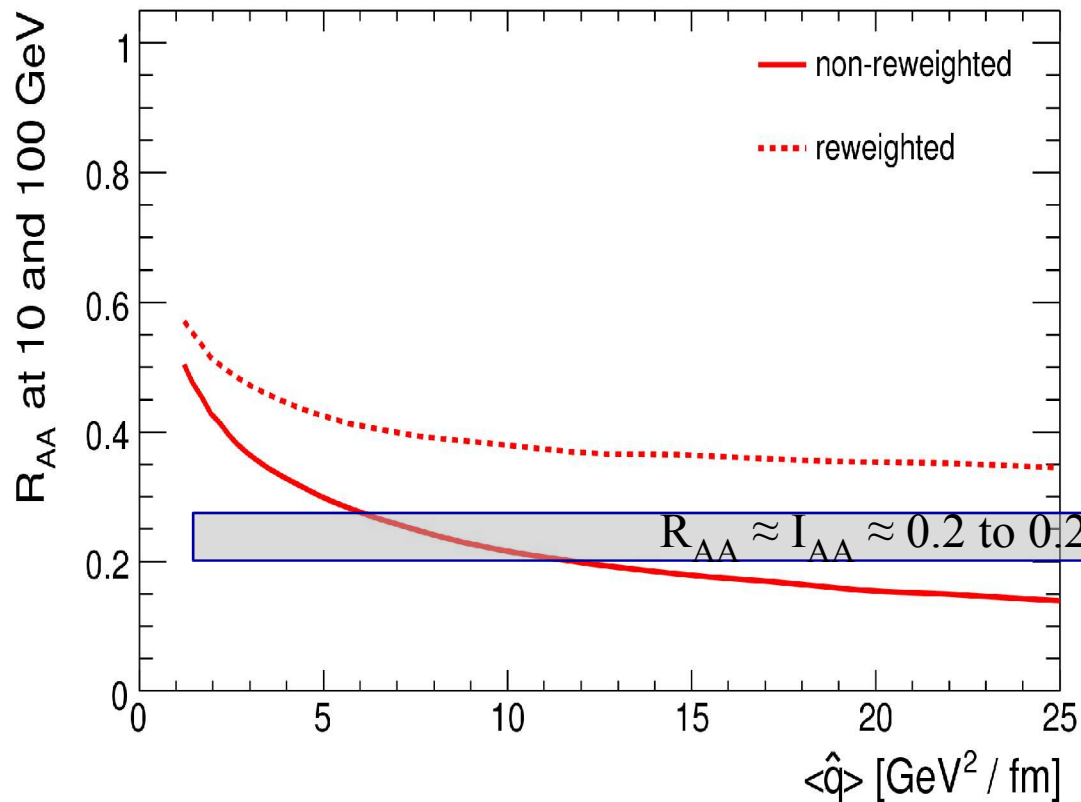



**Large medium density biases dijets towards edges of surface (“tangential emission”)**

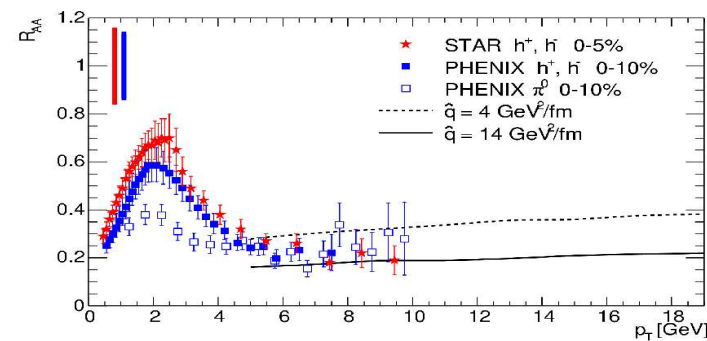
Müller, PRC67 (2003) 061901.

Dainese, Loizides, Paic, QM 2005 Poster.

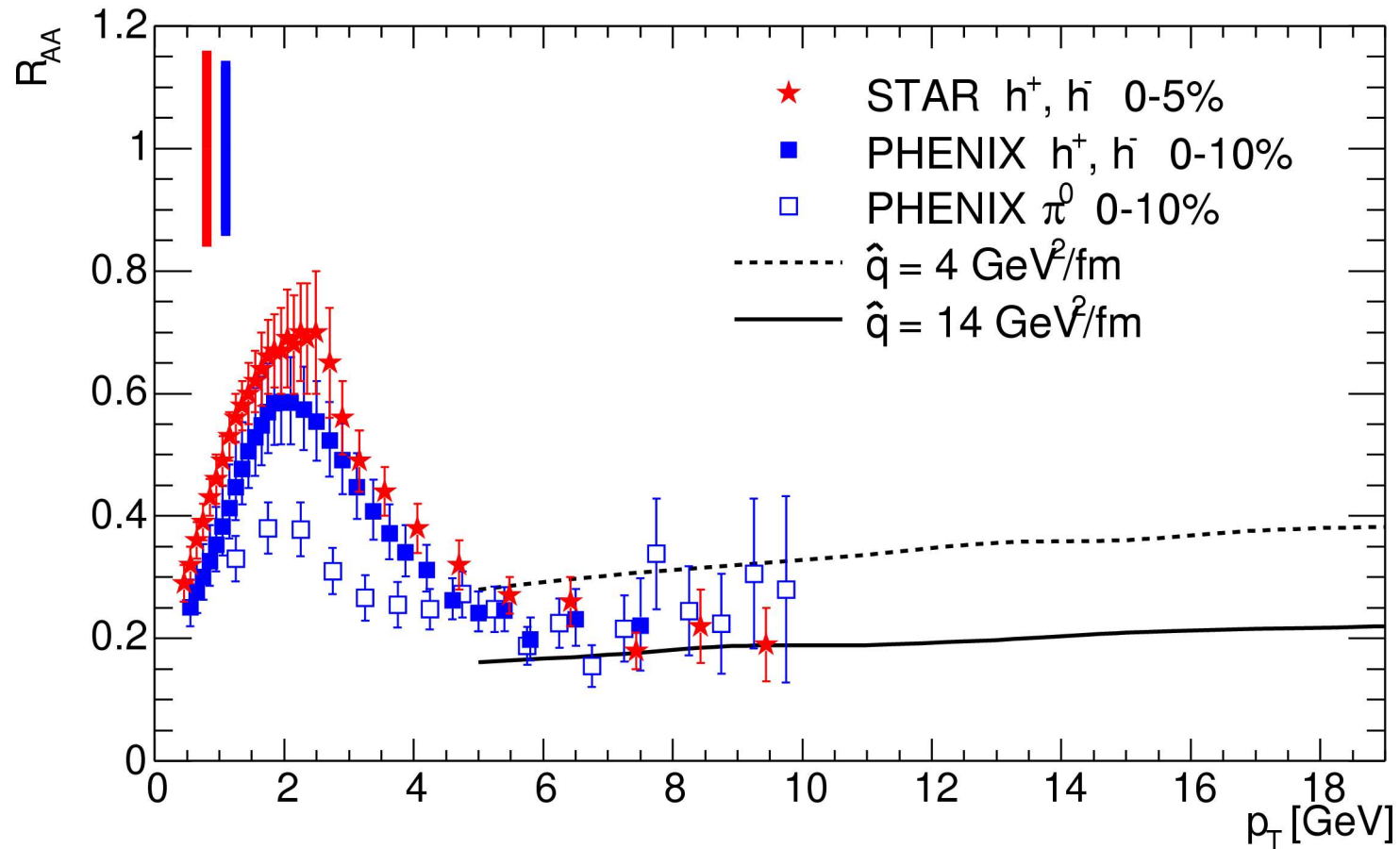
# PQM: Putting pieces together




 $\langle \hat{q} \rangle = 6 - 7 \text{ GeV}^2 / \text{fm}$



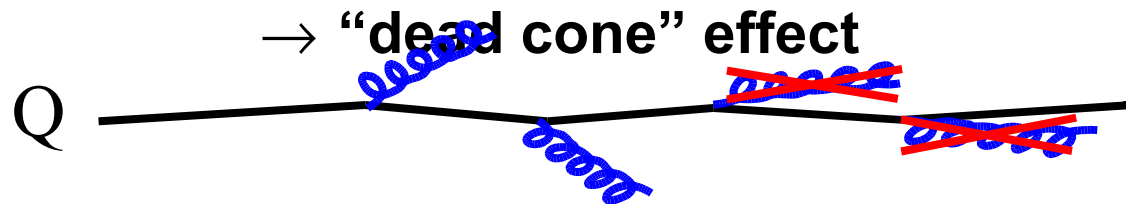
# $R_{AA}$ for non-reweighted band



# Lower E loss for heavy quarks ?

Courtesy by  
A.Dainese

- In vacuum, gluon radiation suppressed at  $\theta < m_Q/E_Q$



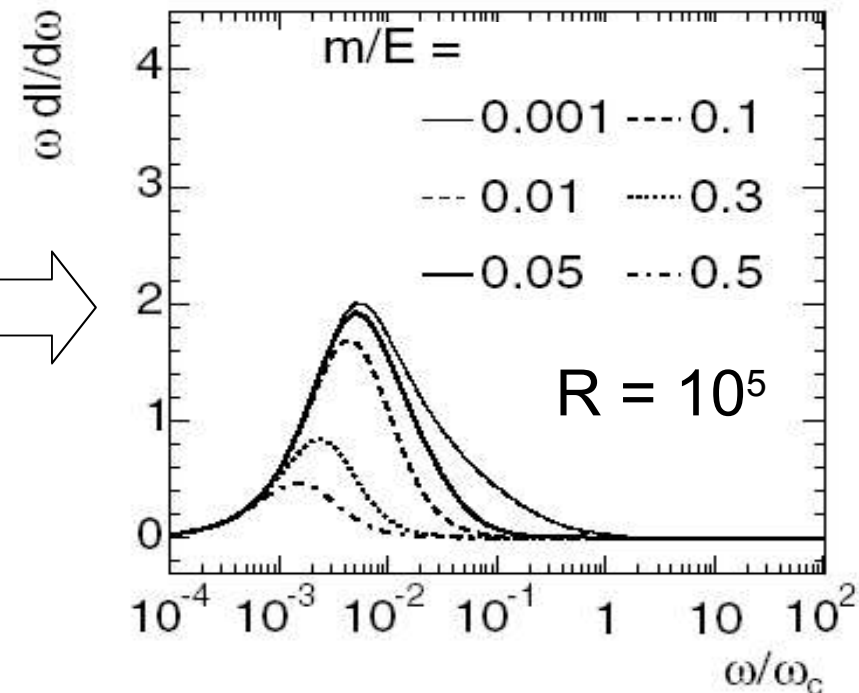
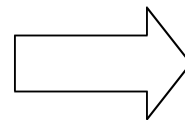
Gluonsstrahlung probability

$$\propto \frac{1}{[\theta^2 + (m_Q/E_Q)^2]^2}$$

- Dead cone implies lower energy loss* (Dokshitzer-Kharzeev, 2001):
  - energy distribution  $\omega dI/d\omega$  of radiated gluons suppressed by angle-dependent factor
  - suppress high- $\omega$  tail

Detailed massive calculation confirms this qualitative feature

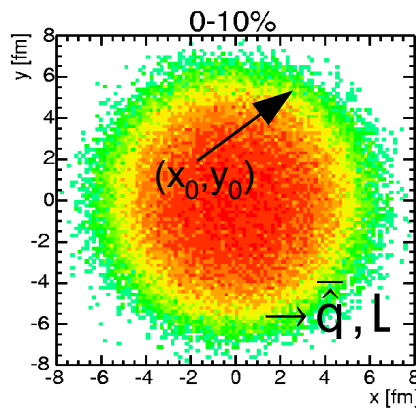
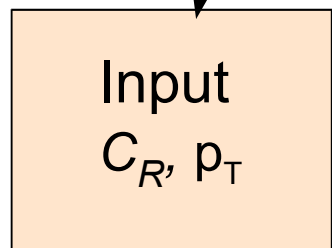
(Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann, PRD 69 (2004) 114003)



Dokshitzer, Khoze, Troyan, JPG 17 (1991) 1602.  
Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199.

# Implementation in PQM

Tuned pythia, CTEQ4L, EKS98  
or FNLLO, CTEQ6L

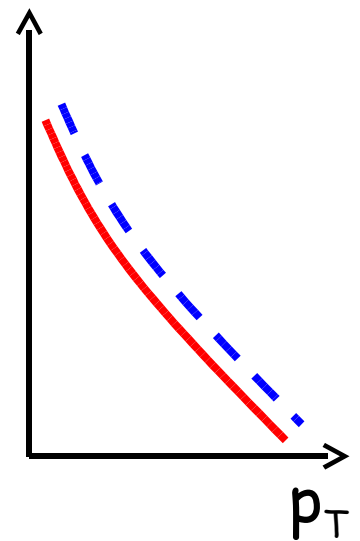


$$P(\Delta E; C_R, m, \bar{q}, L, p_T)$$

$p_T$

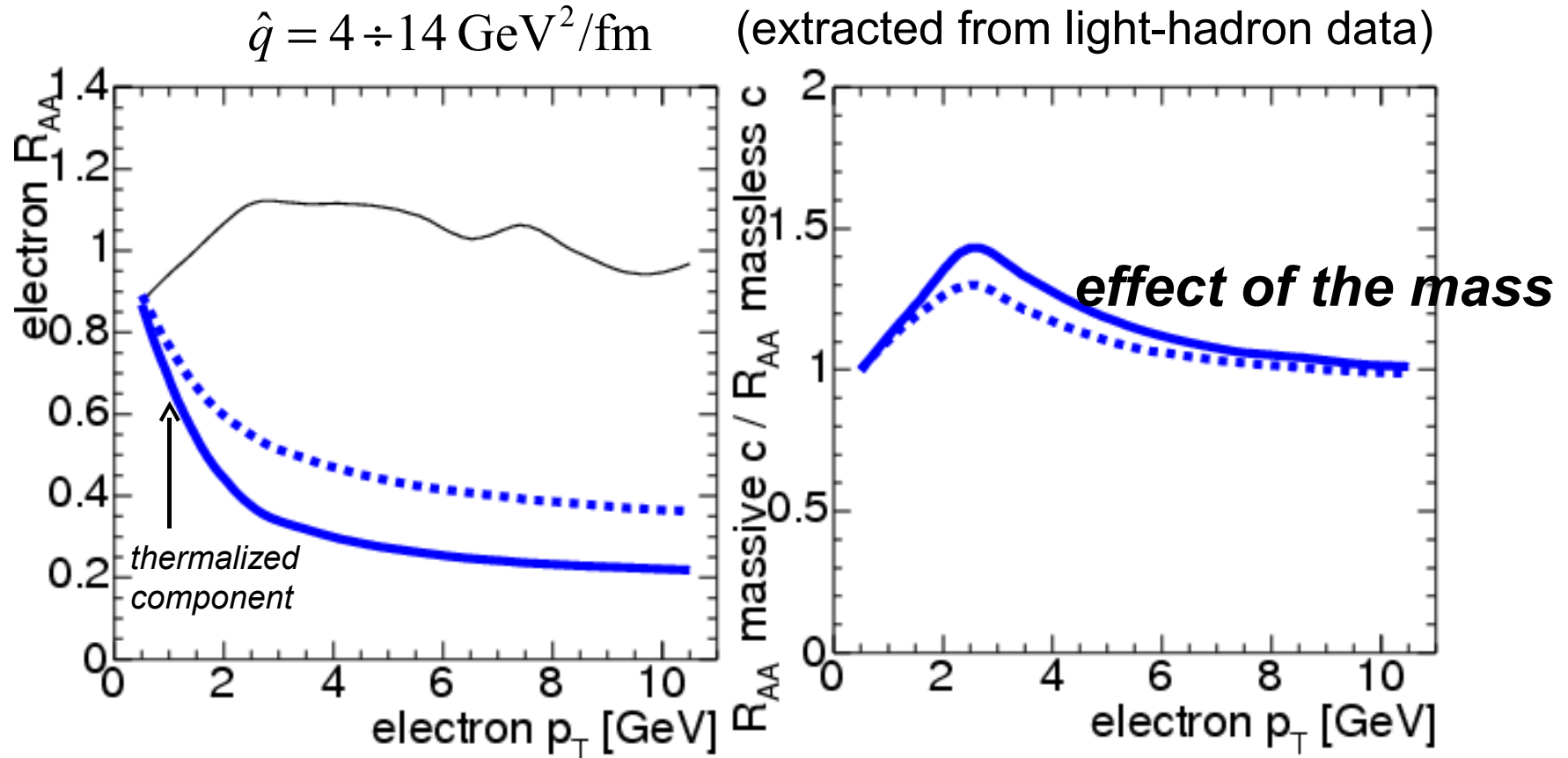
$p_T - \Delta E$

KKP fragmentation



# Charm $R_{AA}$ at RHIC

Courtesy by  
A.Dainese



**Small effect of mass for charm ( $\sim 50\%$  for D,  $\sim 30\%$  for e) at low  $p_T$  [large uncertainties!]**

**Basically no effect in “safe”  $p_T$ -region**

Armesto, Dainese, Salgado, Wiedemann, PRD 71 (2005) 054027.

# Role of beauty at RHIC?

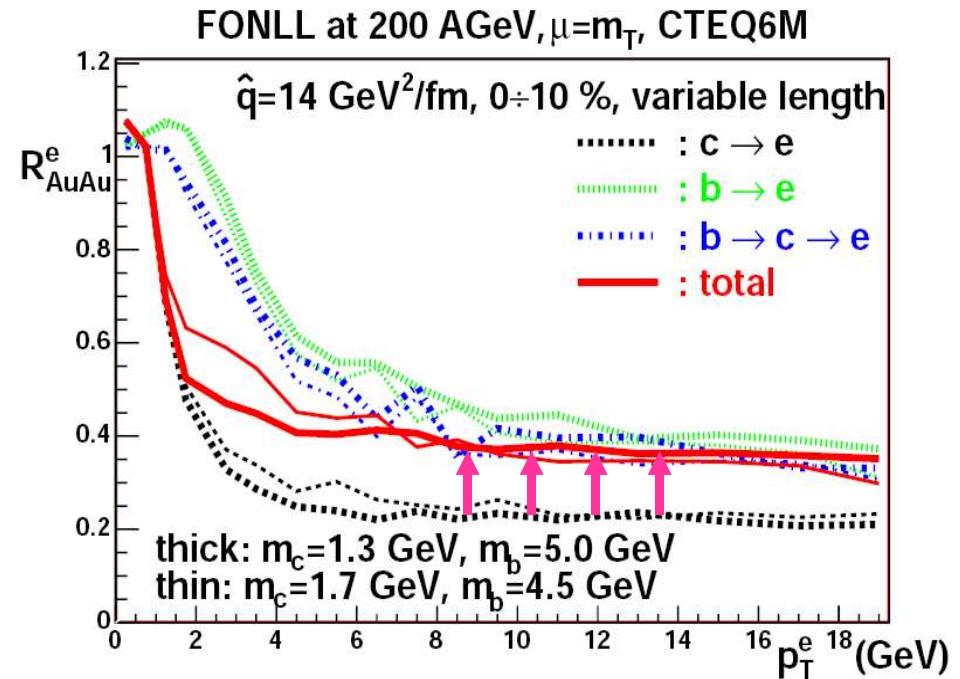
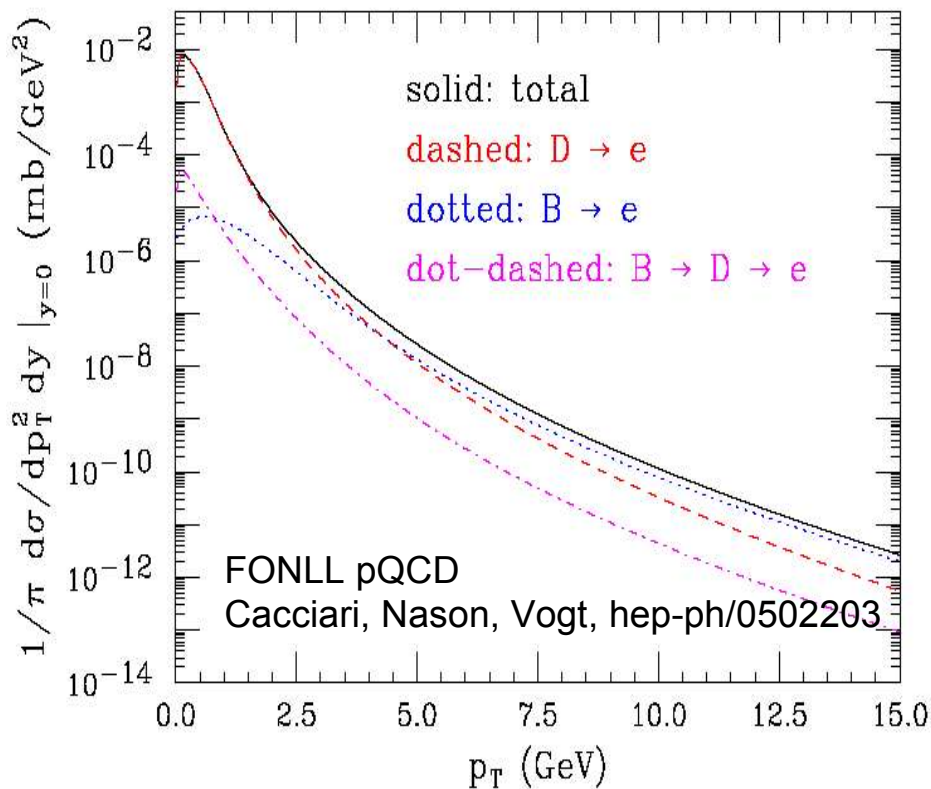
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c + b (?) decay  $e^\pm R_{AA}$  at RHIC

FONLL:

Electron spectrum may be  
~50% charm + ~50% beauty  
for  $3 < p_T < 8$  GeV

Due to larger mass of b quark  
electron  $R_{AA}$  increased by  $\times 2$   
(mass uncertainty also studied)

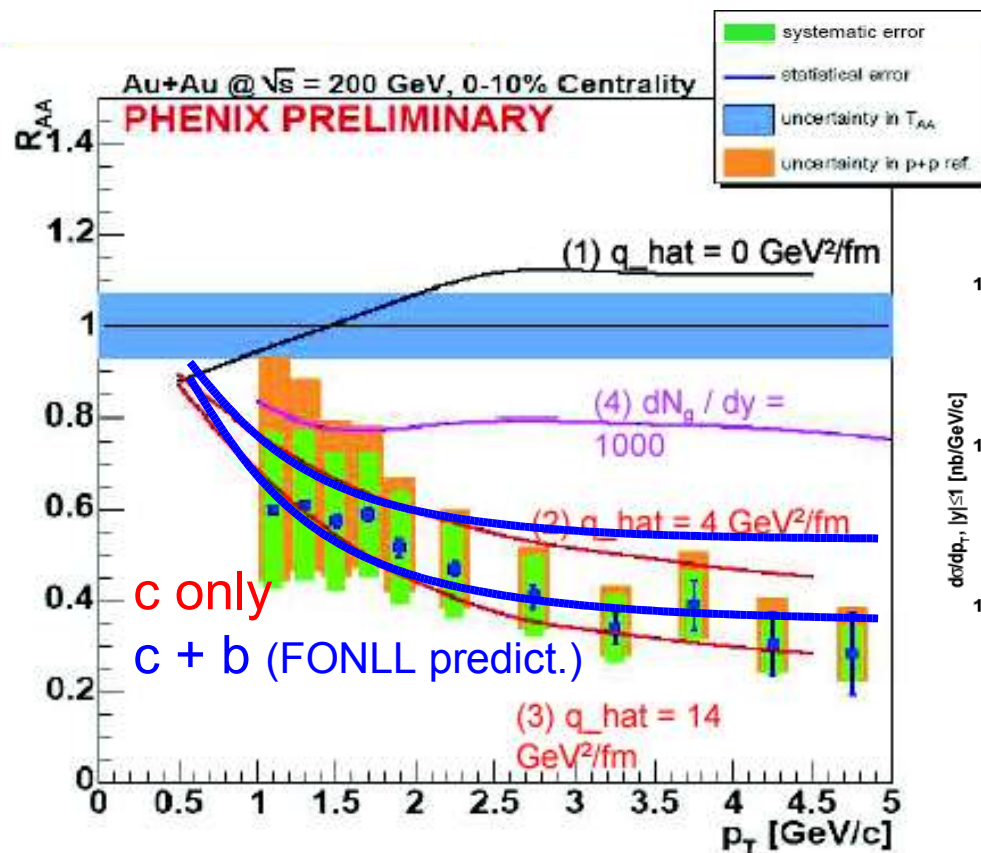


Armesto, Cacciari, Dainese, Salgado, Wiedemann,  
in preparation,  
Armesto @ Quark Matter 05

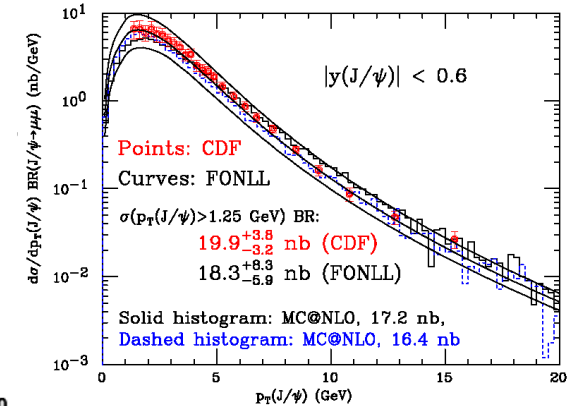
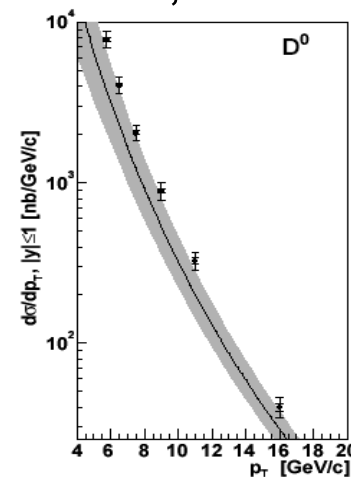


# Heavy-flavour data in Au-Au 200 GeV

Courtesy by  
A.Dainese



Reminder: FONLL@Tevatron:  
D production underpredicted  
B, instead, is OK



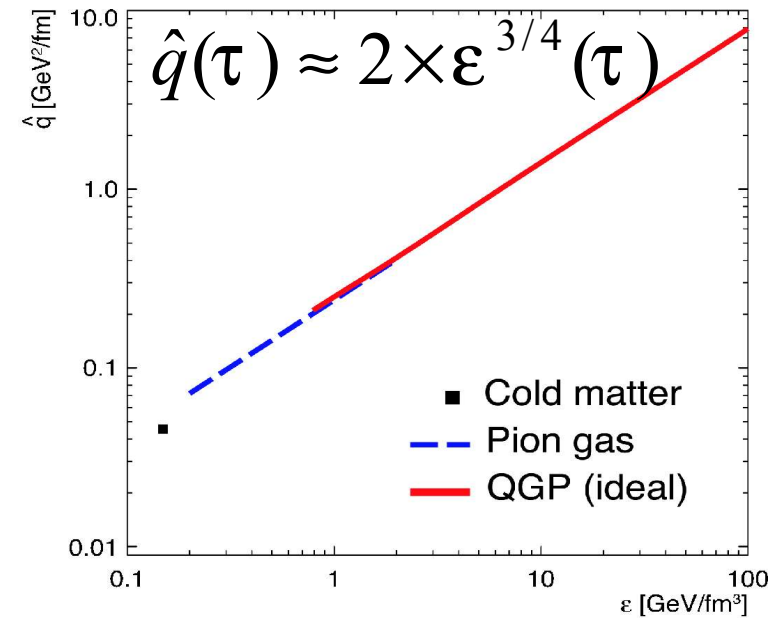
$R_{AA}$  down to 0.3 for  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c! Heavy-quark quenching.  
Similar to that of light! Small room for mass effect ...

**Comparison to predictions: compatible, provided the charm fraction is higher than predicted by FONLL**

Armesto, Dainese, Salgado, Wiedemann, PRD 71 (2005) 054027 + w/Cacciari, in preparation

# The opacity problem

- To what extent do we probe the medium?  
And to what extent do we control the probe?
- Need to relate extracted  $\hat{q}$  to energy density  $\epsilon$
- QCD estimate for ideal QGP:  $c^{\text{pQCD}} = 2$



- Estimate  $c = \frac{q(\tau_0)}{\epsilon(\tau_0)^{4/3}}$
- using  $\hat{q}(\tau) = \hat{q}_0 \times \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^\alpha$
- and  $\bar{q} = \frac{2}{L^2} \int_{\tau_0}^{L+\tau_0} d\tau (\tau - \tau_0) \hat{q}(\tau)$
- For  $\epsilon(\tau_0) \leq 100 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$
- and  $0.75 < \alpha < 1$

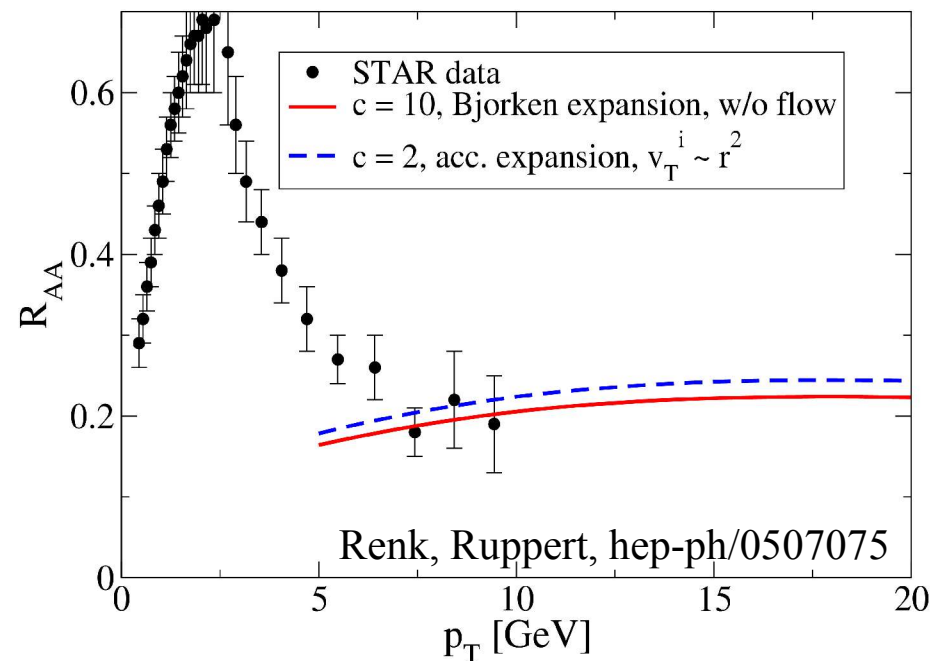
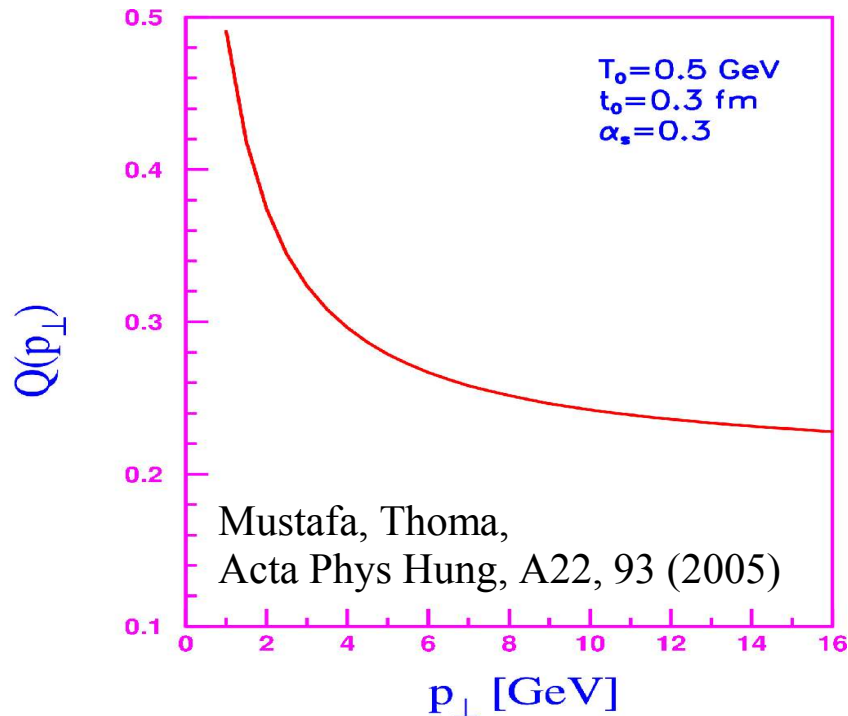
➔  $c = 8 \dots 20$

**The interaction of the hard parton with the medium is much stronger than (perturbatively) expected**

R.Baier, Nucl. Phys. A715 (2003) 209

Escola, Honkanen, Salgado, Wiedemann, NPA747 (2005) 511.

# The opacity problem (2)



- Collisional energy
  - Boltzmann Transport
  - Bjorken Expansion
- Cylinder geometry used
  - Path lengths ?
- Transverse flow
- Local transport coefficient
 
$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle = c \epsilon^{3/4} (T^{n_{\tau}} T^{n-T})$$
- Fireball model for expansion (transverse and longitudinal)

# Summary

- PQM combines the BDMPS framework with Glauber geometry for calculation of high- $p_T$  suppression phenomena in nucleus-nucleus collisions
- With a single parameter adjusted to central Au+Au, 200 GeV to we consistently describe most RHIC data at high- $p_T$
- Recent data shown at QM 2005 constrains
  - 6-7 GeV<sup>2</sup>/fm
  - 4-14 GeV<sup>2</sup>/fm
- Opacity problem:
  - Need to include collisional energy loss?
  - Need to include transverse flow?
  - Need to include hadronic rescattering?

# Backup Slides

# Change to larger $\alpha_S$

