

# From Heavy Ions to Quark Matter

## Episode 1

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# A-A collisions in the LHC!

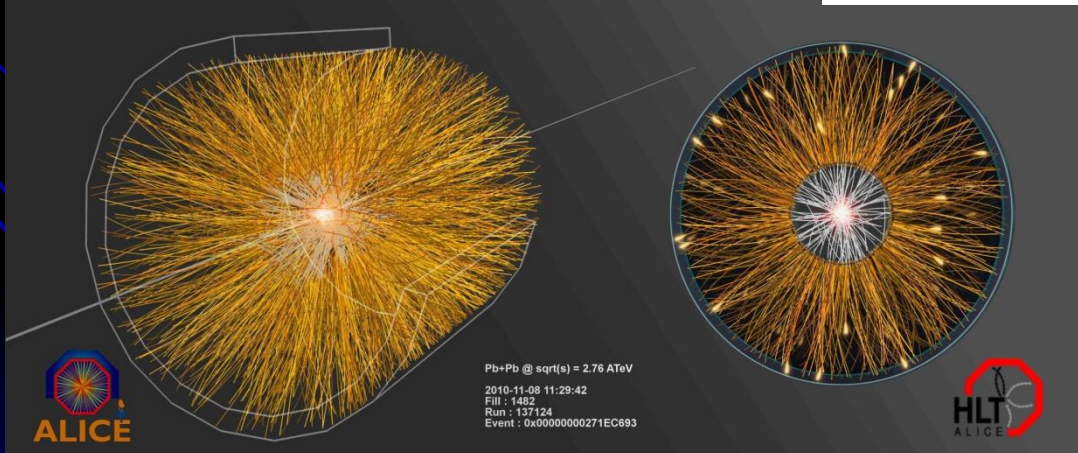
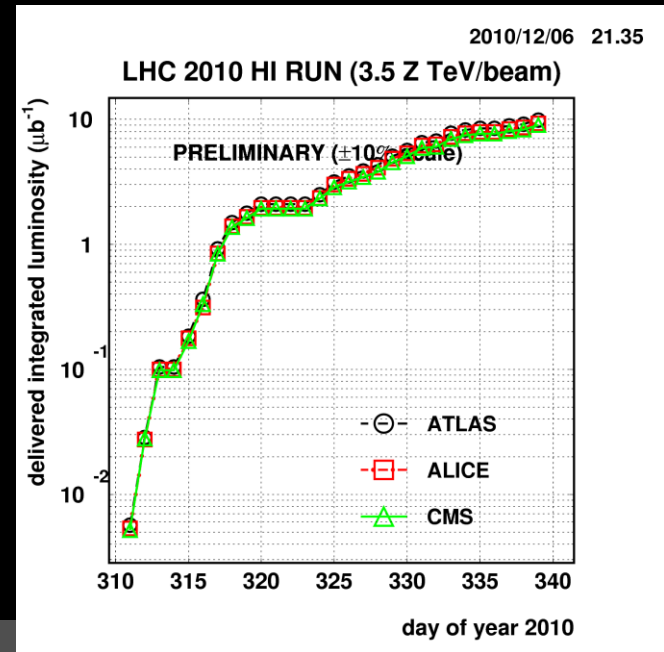
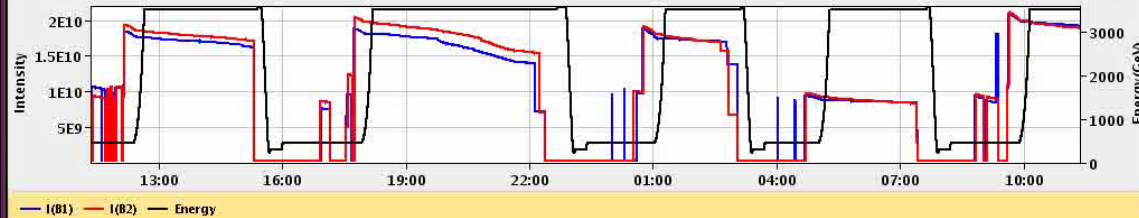
- 8 November 2010: the beginning of a new era for Heavy Ion Physics

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BRAN Luminosity (ub.s) <sup>-1</sup>	0.008	0.000	0.004	0.000
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BKGD 2	3.000	0.000	0.000	1.308
BKGD 3	19,000	1.780	0.098	0.040

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# Two puzzles in QCD

# The Standard Model and QCD

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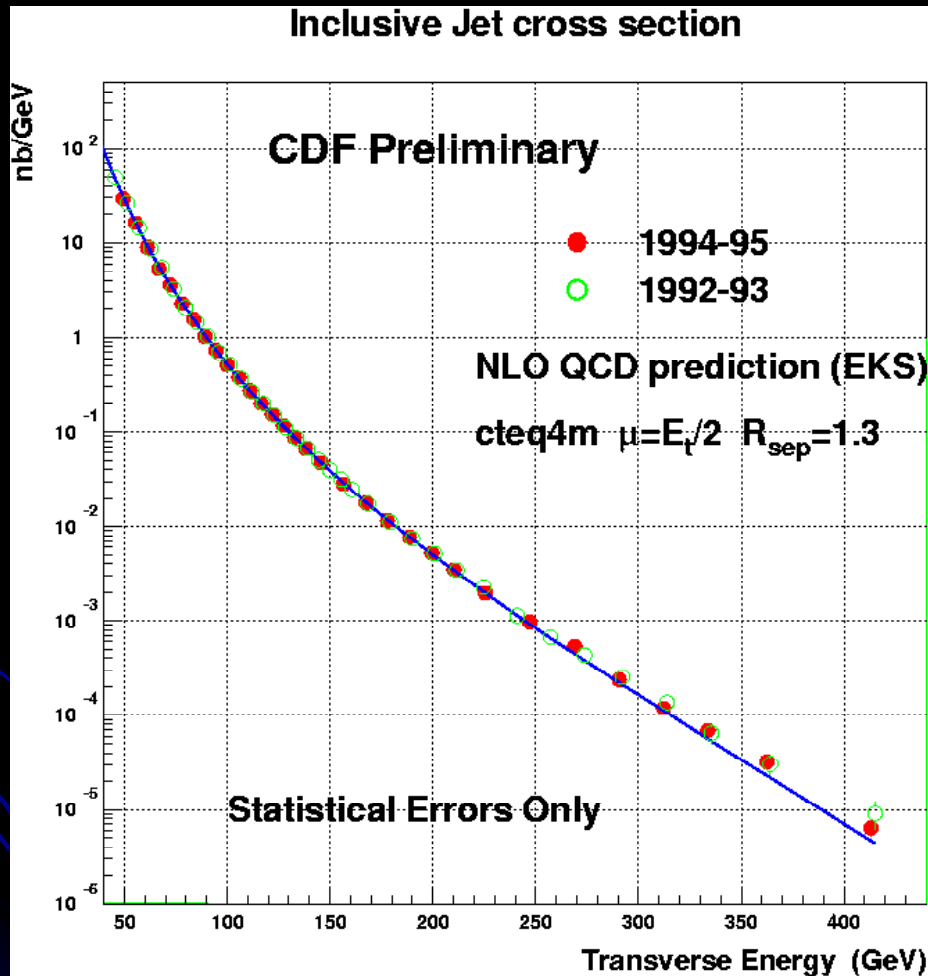
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- e.g.: pQCD vs production of high energy jets



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  - particle production at high  $p_T$
  - heavy flavour production
  - ...
- ... but with outstanding puzzles

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- A proton is thought to be made of two u and one d quarks
- The sum of their masses is around 12 MeV
- ... but the proton mass is 938 MeV!
- how is the extra mass generated?

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- Nobody ever succeeded in detecting an isolated quark
- Quarks seem to be permanently confined within protons, neutrons, pions and other hadrons.

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- It looks like one half of the fundamental fermions are not directly observable...  
how does this come about?

# Confinement and deconfinement

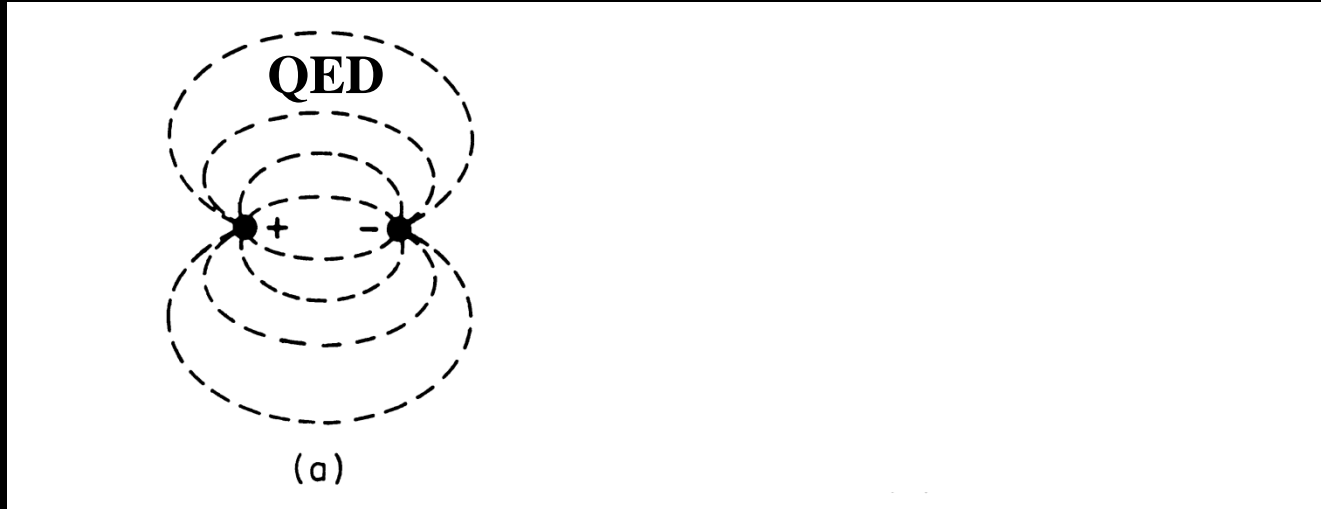
(an "intuitive" view)

# Confinement

- At scales of the order of the hadron size ( $\sim 1$  fm) perturbative methods lose validity
- Calculations rely on approximate methods (such as lattice theory or effective theories)
- There are compelling arguments (but no rigorous proof) that the non-abelian nature of QCD is responsible for the confinement of colour

[see e.g. Gottfried-Weisskopf, p. 99]

# Confining potential in QCD



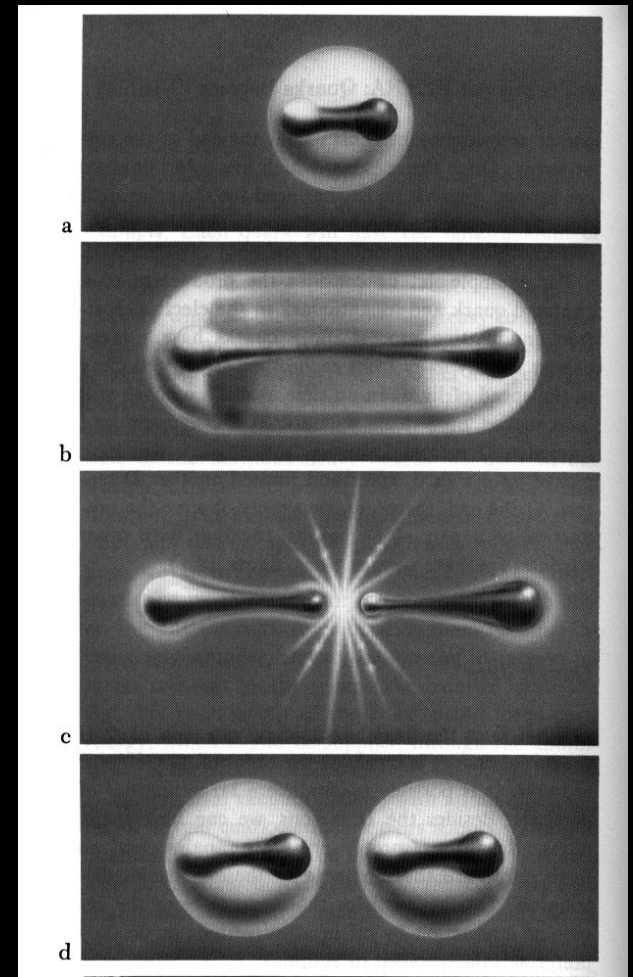
- In QCD, the field lines are compressed into a "flux tube" (or "string") of constant cross-section ( $\sim \text{fm}^2$ ), leading to a long-distance potential which grows linearly with  $r$ .

$$V_{long} = kr$$

with  $k \sim 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$

# String breaking

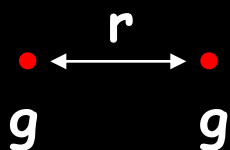
- If one tries to pull the string apart, when the energy stored in the string ( $kr$ ) reaches the point where it is energetically favourable to create a  $q\bar{q}$  pair, the string breaks...
- ...and one ends up with two colour-neutral strings (and eventually hadrons)



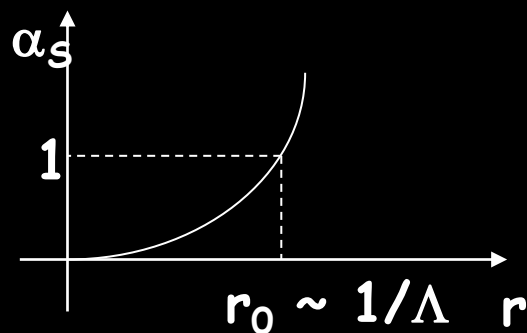
[illustration from Fritsch]

# QCD vacuum

- e.g.: 2 gluons in singlet state at a distance  $r$



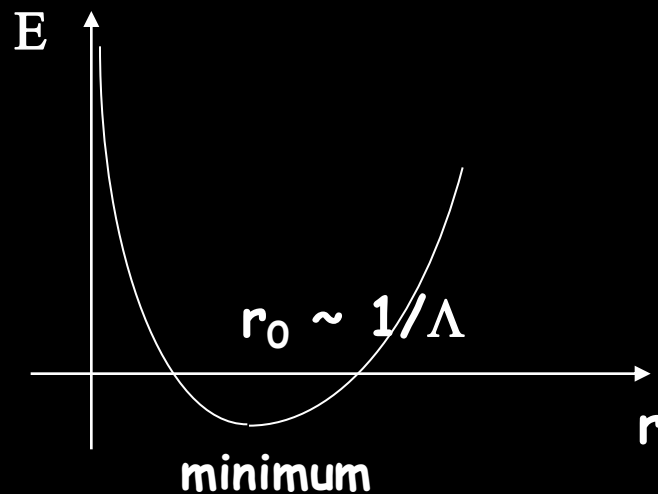
$$\Delta p \Delta r \sim \hbar = 1$$



$$r \sim \frac{1}{p} \sim \frac{1}{E_{KIN}} \rightarrow E_{KIN} \sim \frac{1}{r}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{r} - C \frac{\alpha_S}{r} = \frac{1 - C\alpha_S}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r \rightarrow 0 & \quad E \sim \frac{1}{r} \\ r \sim r_0 & \quad E \sim 0 \\ r \rightarrow \infty & \quad E \sim kr \end{aligned}$$



# QCD vacuum

- The “empty” vacuum is unstable. There is a state of lower energy that consists of cells, each containing a gluon pair in colour- and spin- singlet state. The size of these cells is of order  $r_0$ . We may speak of a “liquid” vacuum.

Gottfried-Weisskopf, IV C

# Bag Model

- Due to the non-abelian nature of QCD and to the large value of the QCD coupling, the QCD vacuum is a rather complex object, behaving practically as a liquid
- The MIT bag model describes the essential phenomenology of confinement by assuming that quarks are confined within bubbles (bags) of perturbative (= empty) vacuum of radius  $R$  upon which the QCD vacuum exerts a confining pressure  $B$

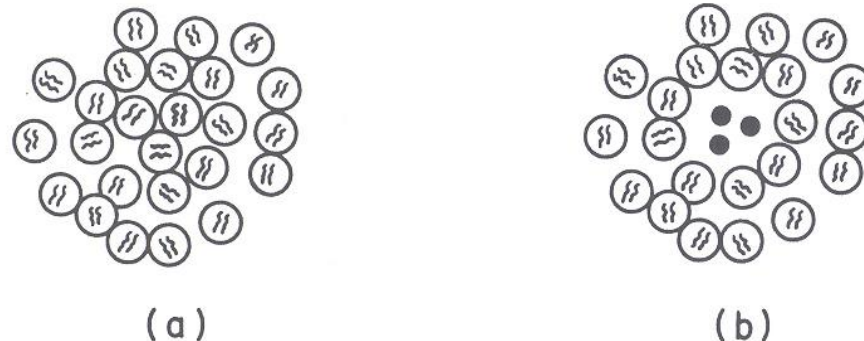


FIG. 9. The QCD vacuum state is depicted in (a). It is a random distribution of cells that contain a gluon pair in a color and spin singlet state. Quarks (in a color singlet configuration) displace these cells, creating a region (or "bag") of "empty" vacuum, as shown in (b).

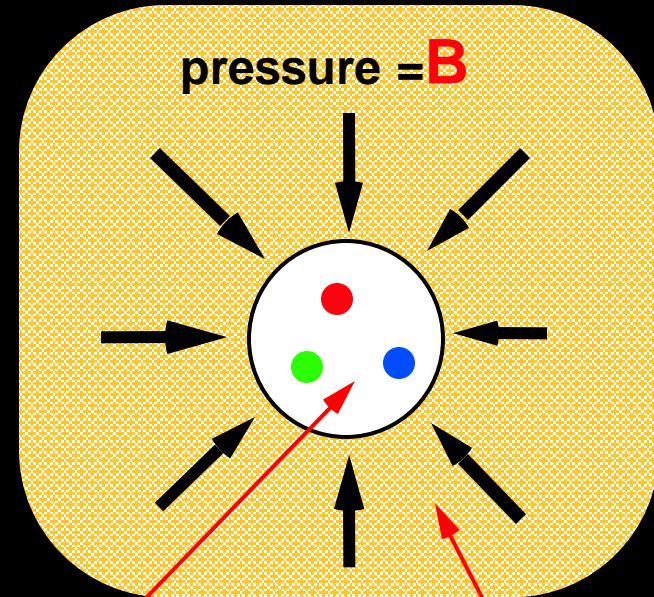


- The bubble radius  $R$  is determined by the balance between the vacuum pressure  $B$  and the outward kinetic pressure exerted by the quarks

- From hadron spectra:

$$B \sim (200 \text{ MeV})^4$$

Bag model of a hadron



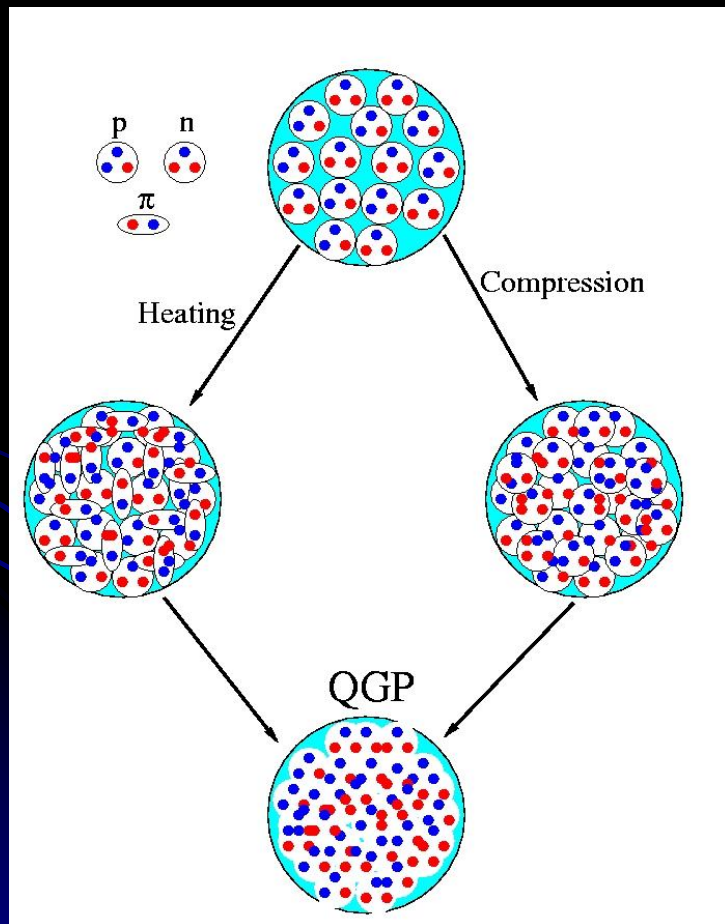
"empty" vacuum

"true" (QCD) vacuum

$$B = \text{"bag constant"} \quad B^{1/4} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$$

# Deconfinement

- What if we compress/heat matter so much that the individual hadrons start to interpenetrate?

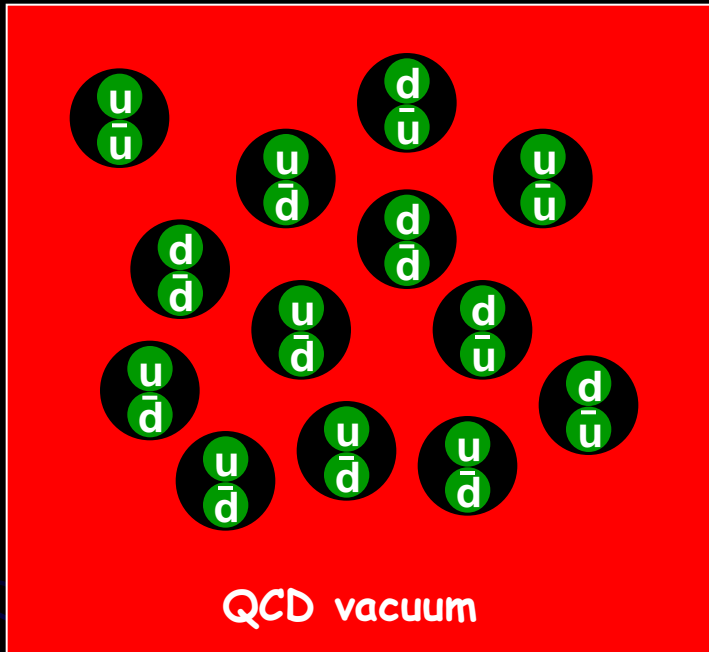


Lattice QCD predicts that if a system of hadrons is brought to sufficiently large density and/or temperature a **deconfinement** phase transition should occur

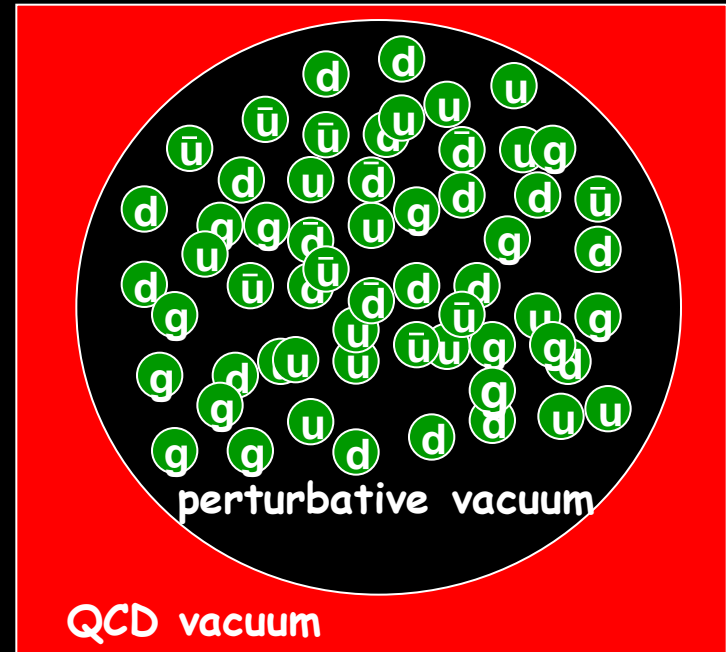
In the new phase, called **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**, quarks and gluons are no longer confined within individual hadrons, but are free to move around over a larger volume

# Deconfinement: a toy model

Hadron (pion) Gas



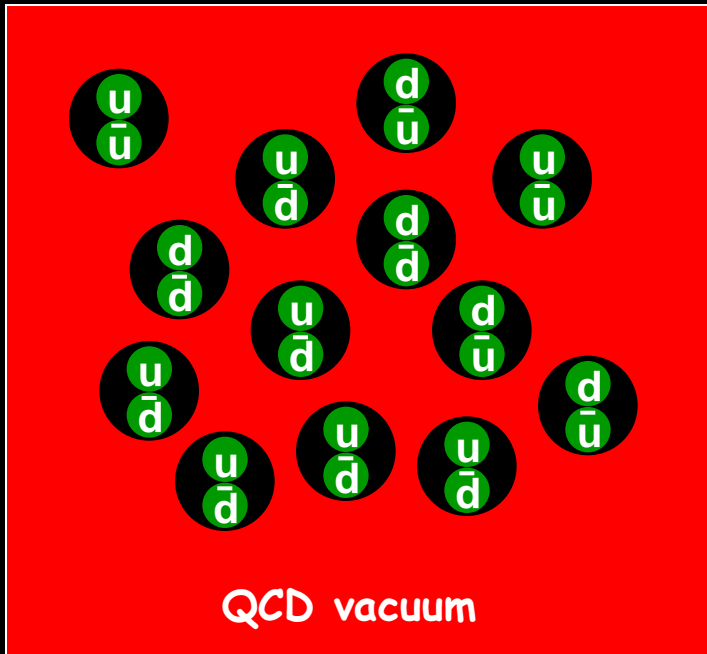
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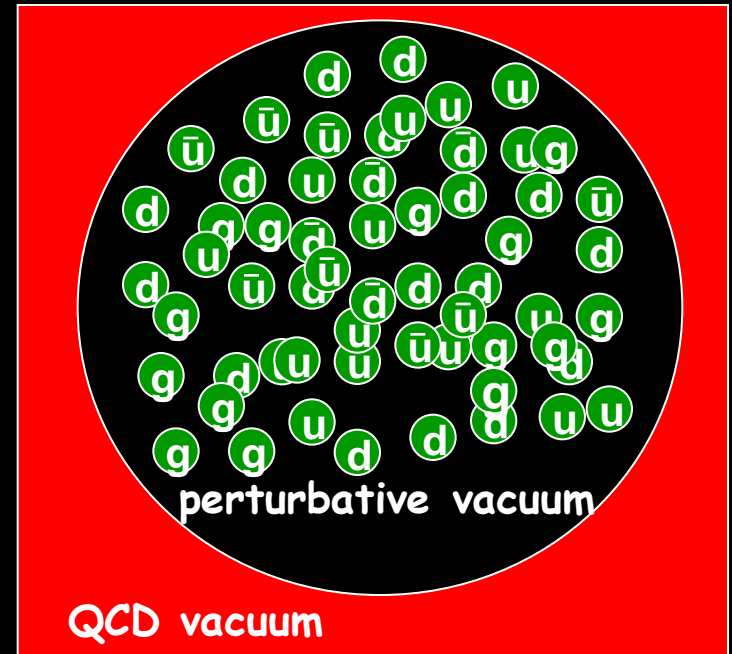
- Gibbs' criterion: the stable phase is the one with the largest pressure
- From statistical mechanics:  
(for an ideal gas)

$$p = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \left( g_B + \frac{7}{8} g_F \right) \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90}$$

## Hadron (pion) Gas



## Quark-Gluon Plasma



$$g_B = 3 \quad g_F = 0$$

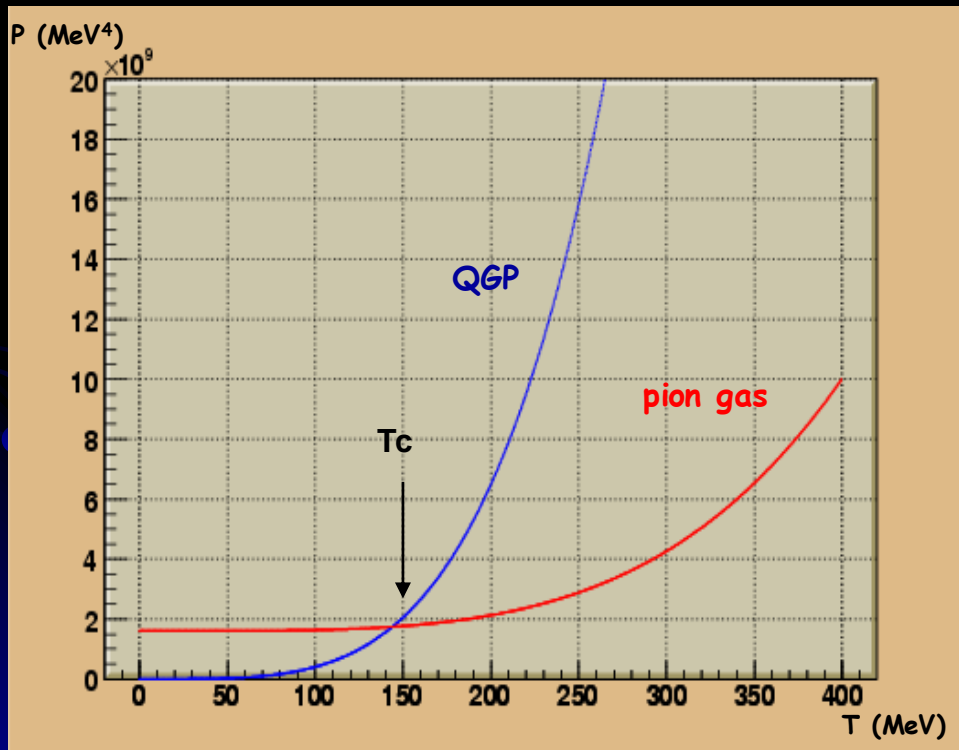
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$$g_B = 16 \quad g_F = 24$$

$$p = \frac{3}{90} \pi^2 T^4 + B$$

$$p = \frac{37}{90} \pi^2 T^4$$

- At low temperature the hadron gas is the stable phase
- There is a temperature  $T_c$  above which the QGP "wins", thanks to the larger number of degrees of freedom



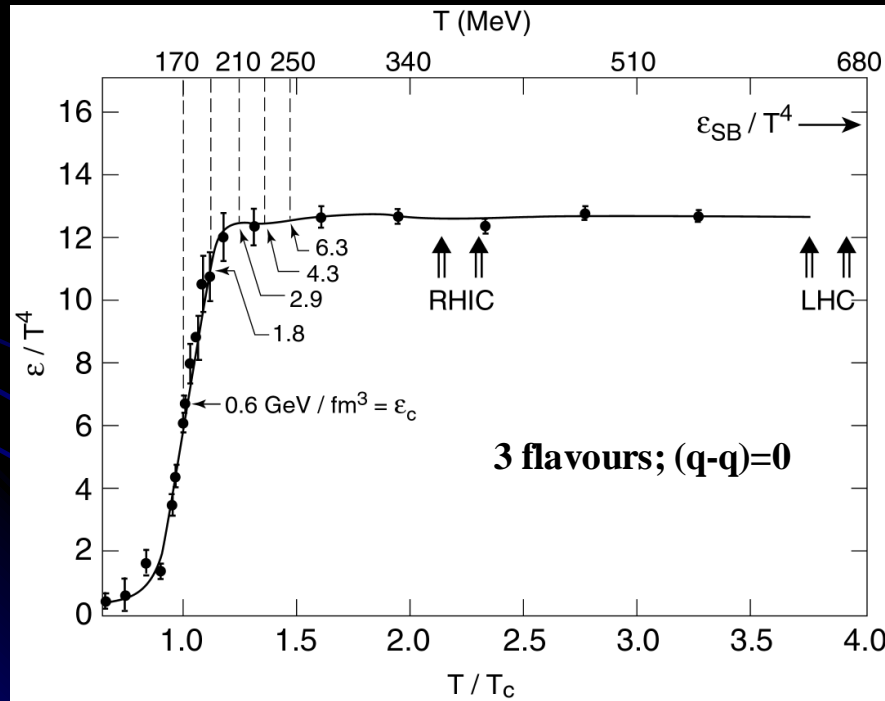
$$T_c = \left( \frac{90}{34 \pi^2} \right)^{1/4} B^{1/4}$$

$$\approx 150 \text{ MeV}$$

- very simplified calculation...
    - more refined estimates:
      - $T_c \approx 170 \text{ MeV}$
  - 170 MeV?
    - recall:  $T_{\text{room}}$  (300 K)  $\sim 25 \text{ meV}$
    - (of course, lowercase m)
- $T_c \approx 170 \text{ MeV} \approx 2000 \text{ billion K}$   
 (compare Sun core: 15 million K)

# Lattice QCD

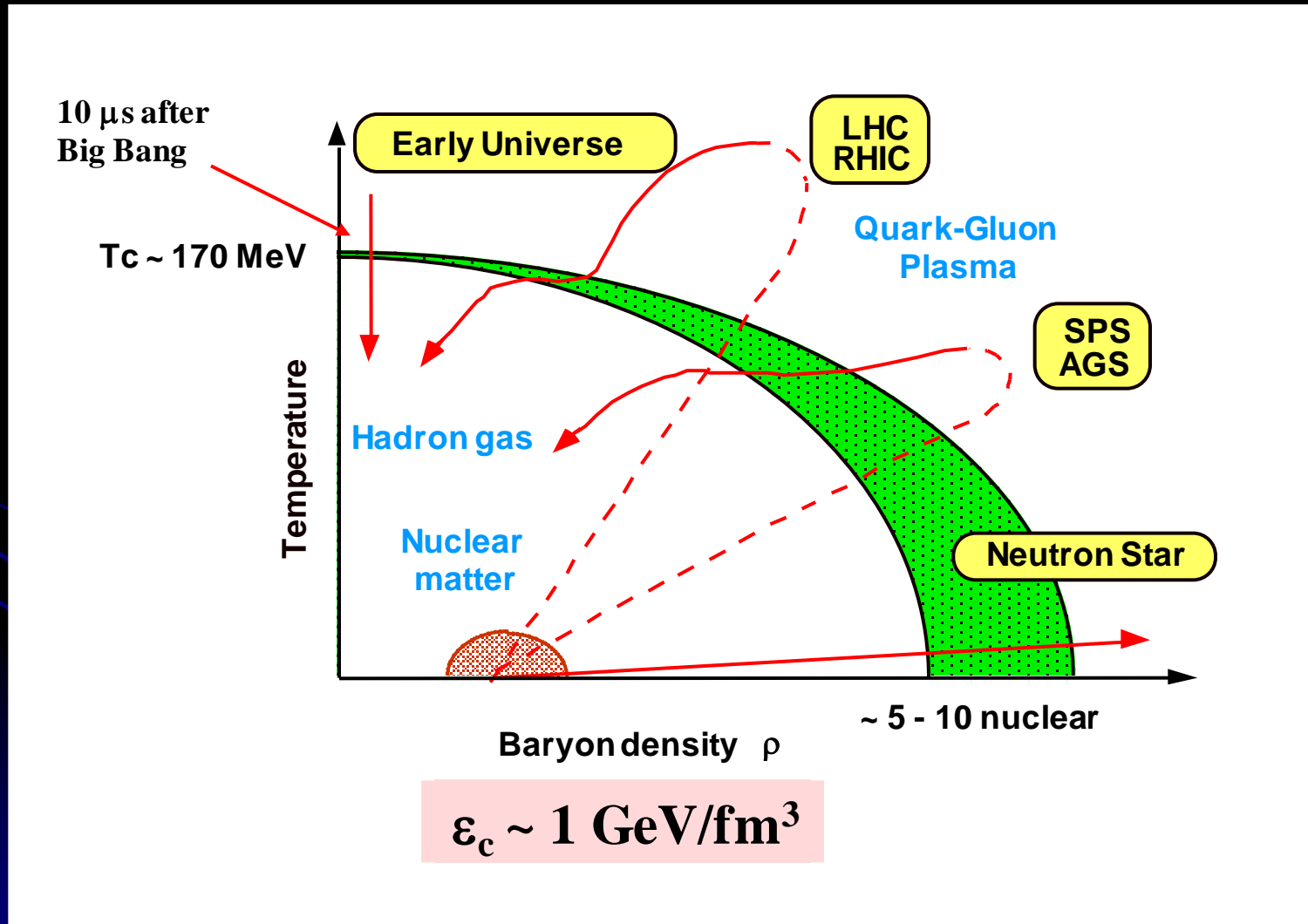
- rigorous way of doing calculations in non-perturbative regime of QCD
- discretization on a space-time lattice
  - ultraviolet (large momentum scale) divergencies can be avoided



- zero baryon density, 3 flavours
- $\epsilon$  changes rapidly around  $T_c$
- $T_c = 170$  MeV:  
→  $\epsilon_c = 0.6$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>
- at  $T \sim 1.2 T_c$   $\epsilon$  settles at about 80% of the Stefan-Boltzmann value for an ideal gas of  $q, \bar{q}, g$  ( $\epsilon_{SB}$ )

# QCD phase diagram

- an "artist's view"...

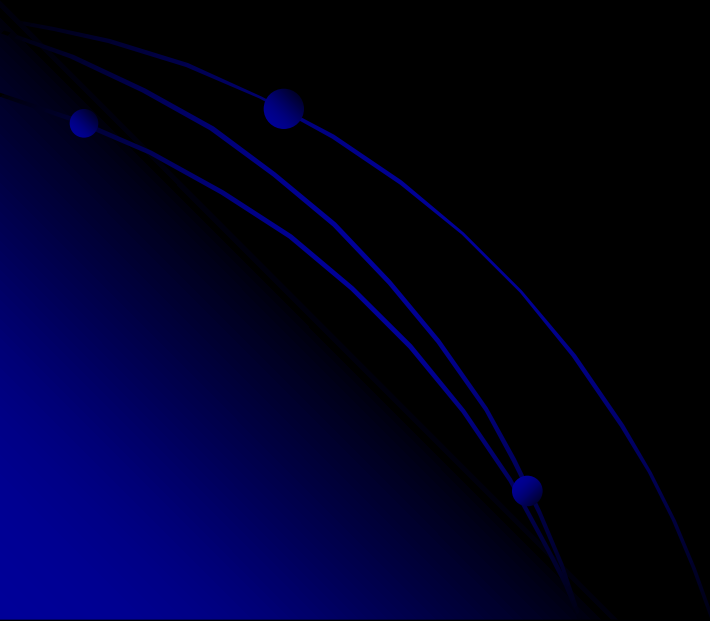


# Restoration of bare masses

- Confined quarks acquire an additional mass ( $\sim 350$  MeV) dynamically, through the confining effect of strong interactions
  - $M(\text{proton}) \approx 938$  MeV;  $m(u)+m(u)+m(d) = 10\div 15$  MeV
- Deconfinement is expected to be accompanied by a restoration of the masses to the "bare" values they have in the Lagrangian
- As quarks become deconfined, the masses go back to the bare values; e.g.:
  - $m(u,d): \sim 350$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  a few MeV
  - $m(s): \sim 500$  MeV  $\rightarrow \sim 150$  MeV
- (This effect is usually referred to as "**Partial Restoration of Chiral Symmetry**". Chiral Symmetry: fermions and antifermions have opposite helicity. The symmetry is exact only for massless particles, therefore its restoration here is only partial)

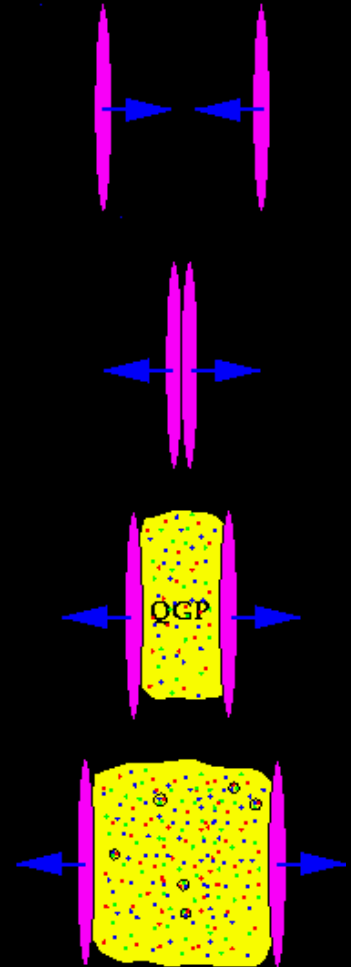


# Nucleus - Nucleus collisions



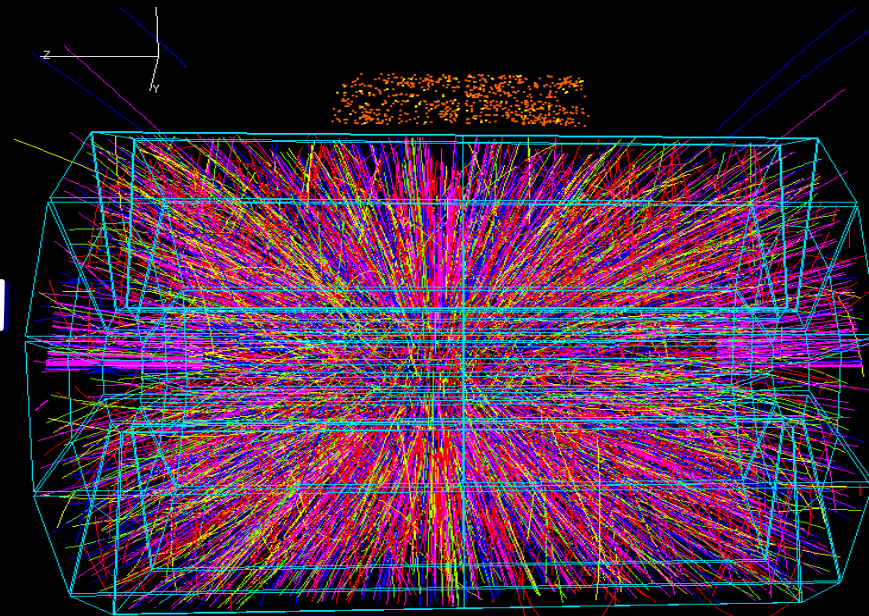
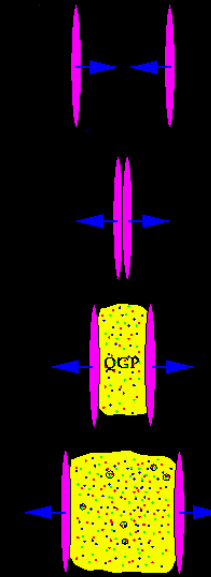
# Nucleus-nucleus collisions

- How do we test this theory in the lab?
- How can we compress/heat matter to such cosmic energy densities?
- By colliding two heavy nuclei at ultrarelativistic energies we hope to be able to recreate, for a short time span (about  $10^{-23}$ s, or a few fm/c) the appropriate conditions for deconfinement



- Even if a QGP is formed, as the system expands and cools down it will hadronize again, as it did at the beginning of the life of the Universe: we end up with confined matter again
  - QGP lifetime  $\sim$  a few fm/c

- The properties of the medium must be inferred from the properties of the hadronic final state



# Collisions of Heavy Nuclei at SPS and RHIC

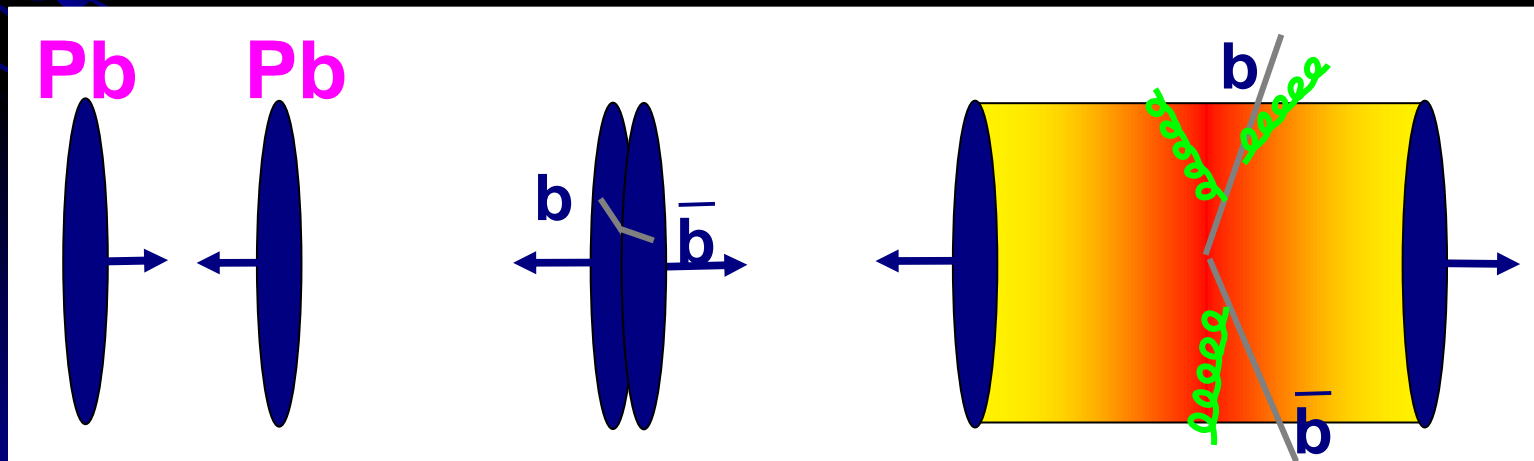
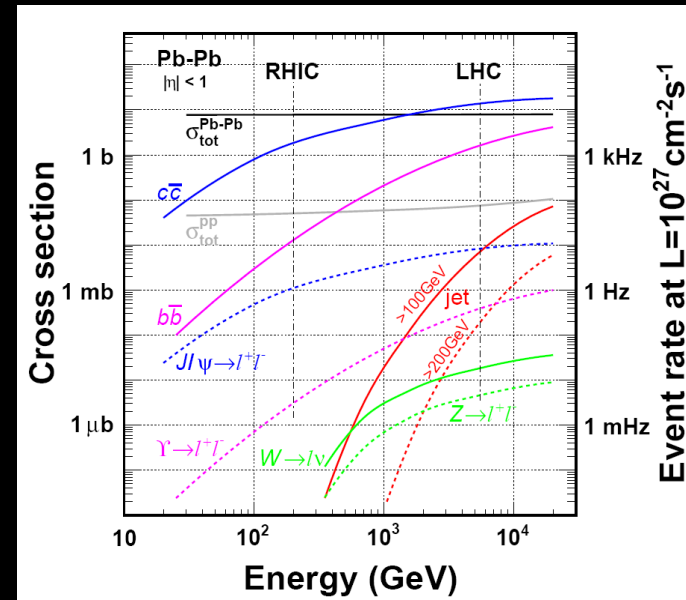
- Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) at CERN (Geneva):
  - Pb-Pb fixed target,  $p = 158 \text{ A GeV} \rightarrow \underline{\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17.3 \text{ GeV}}$
  - 1994 - 2003
  - 9 experiments:
    - WA97 (silicon pixel telescope spectrometer: production of strange and multiply strange particles)
    - WA98 (photon and hadron spectrometer: photon and hadron production)
    - NA44 (single arm spectrometer: particle spectra, interferometry, particle correlations)
    - NA45 ( $e^+e^-$  spectrometer: low mass lepton pairs)
    - NA49 (large acceptance TPC: particle spectra, strangeness production, interferometry, event-by-event, ...)
    - NA50 (dimuon spectrometer: high mass lepton pairs,  $J/\psi$  production)
    - NA52 (focussing spectrometer: strangelet search, particle production)
    - NA57 (silicon pixel telescope spectrometer: production of strange and multiply strange particles)
    - NA60 (dimuon spectrometer + pixels: dileptons and charm)
- Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at BNL (Long Island)
  - Au-Au collider,  $\underline{\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}}$
  - 2000 - ...
  - 4 experiments:
    - STAR (multi-purpose experiment: focus on hadrons)
    - PHENIX (multi-purpose experiment: focus on leptons, photons)
    - BRAHMS (two-arm spectrometer: particle spectra, forward rapidity)
    - PHOBOS (silicon array: particle spectra)

# Nucleus-Nucleus collisions at the LHC!

		SPS	RHIC	LHC
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	[GeV]	17.3	200	5500
$dN_{ch}/dy$		450	800	1600
$\epsilon$	[GeV/fm <sup>3</sup> ]	3	5.5	<b>~ 10</b>

- large  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  deeper in deconfinement region  
 $\rightarrow$  closer to "ideal" behaviour?
- large cross section for "hard probes"!  
 $\rightarrow$  a new set of tools to probe the medium properties

e.g.:



# LHC as a HI accelerator

- Fully ionised  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  nucleus accelerated in LHC  
(configuration magnetically identical to that for pp)

$$E_{\text{Pb}} = Z E_p = 82 \cdot 7 \text{ TeV} = 574 \text{ TeV}$$



$$\sqrt{s_{\text{PbPb}}} = 1.15 \text{ PeV}$$

- the relevant figure is  $\sqrt{s}$  per nucleon-nucleon collision:  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = \frac{2E_{\text{Pb}}}{A} = \frac{Z}{A} \sqrt{s_{\text{pp}}} = 0.39 \sqrt{s_{\text{pp}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$$

- ... of course, real life is more complicated...
  - ion collimation
  - sensitivity of LHC instrumentation
  - injection chain
  - ...

# Luminosity limitations

- Bound-Free Pair Production (BFPP):



with subsequent loss of the  $^{208}\text{Pb}^{81+}$

- creates a small beam of  $^{208}\text{Pb}^{81+}$ , with an intensity  $\propto$  Luminosity
- impinging on a superconducting dipole (that you don't want to quench...)
- cross section  $\propto Z^7$  (!)  $\sim 280$  b for PbPb at LHC (hadronic cross section  $\sim 8$  b...)

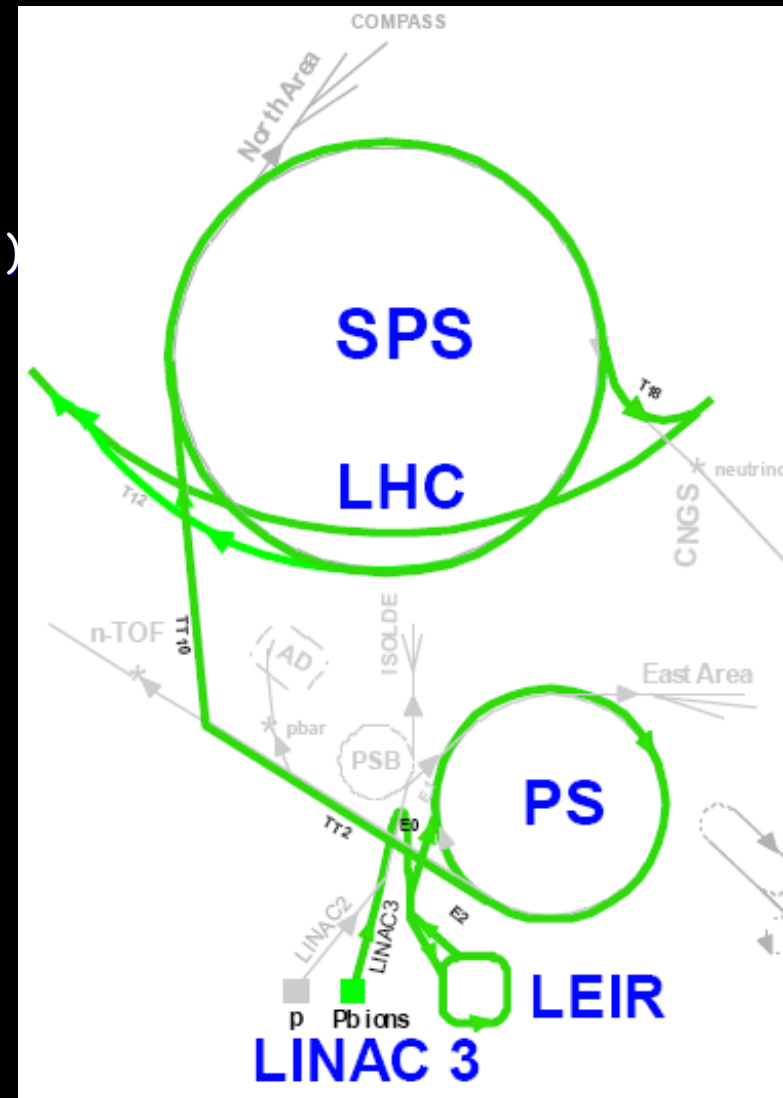
- Collimation losses

- collimation for ions (which can break up into fragments) is harder than for protons
- limitation on the total intensity

→ luminosity limited to  $\sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

# Pb nuclei in the LHC

- “Nominal” configuration:
    - 592 bunches (for protons: 2808)
    - $7 \cdot 10^7$  ions/bunch (for protons:  $\sim 10^{11}$ )
    - $L \sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (for protons:  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )
    - 8 kHz interaction rate
  - “Early scheme” configuration:
    - for first heavy-ion run (2010)
    - $7 \cdot 10^7$  ions/bunch
    - 62 bunches
    - $\frac{1}{2}$  energy  $\rightarrow \times 2$  transverse emittance
    - $\frac{1}{4}$  less focussing
      - $\beta^*$ :  $0.5 \text{ m} \rightarrow 2 \text{ m}$
    - $L \sim 1.3 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
    - $\sim 100 \text{ Hz}$  interaction rate
- a dedicated AA experiment: ALICE and AA capability in ATLAS and CMS





# From Heavy Ions to Quark Matter

## Episode 2

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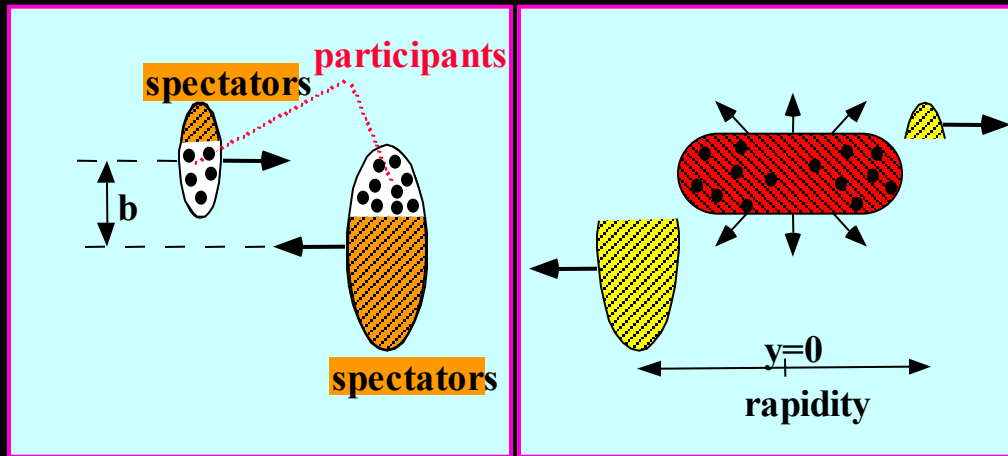


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# Collision centrality

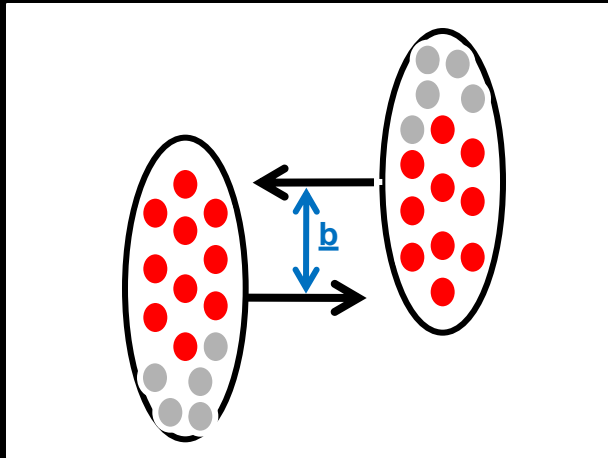
- How far do the centers of the two colliding nuclei pass one another?



- Usually expressed in terms of:
  - $b$  (impact parameter)
  - number of participants  $N_{part}(b)$ 
    - [sometimes one speaks of "number of wounded nucleons":  $N_W(b)$ ]
  - percentage of cross section  $\sigma(b)$

- Experimentally, the centrality is evaluated by measuring one or more of these variables:
  - $N_{ch}$ : number of charged particles produced in a given rapidity interval (near mid-rapidity)
    - increases ( $\sim$  linearly) with  $N_{part}$
  - $E_T$ : transverse energy =  $\sum E_i \sin \theta_i$ 
    - increases ( $\sim$  linearly) with  $N_{part}$
  - $E_{ZDC}$ : energy collected in a "zero degree" calorimeter
    - increases ( $\sim$  linearly) with  $N_{spectators}$

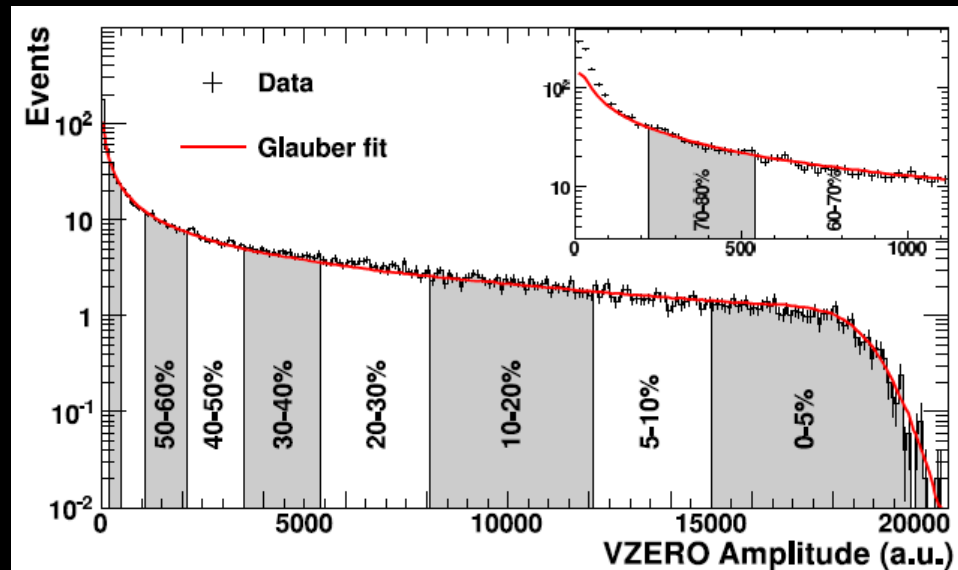
# Geometry of a Pb-Pb collision



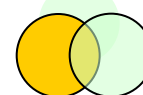
- central collisions
  - small **impact parameter  $b$**
  - high number of **participants**  $\rightarrow$  high multiplicity
- peripheral collisions
  - large **impact parameter  $b$**
  - low number of **participants**  $\rightarrow$  low multiplicity

for example: sum of the amplitudes in the ALICE V0 scintillators  $\rightarrow$  reproduced by simple model (**red**):

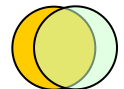
- random relative position of nuclei in transverse plane
- Woods-Saxon distribution inside nucleus
- deviation at very low amplitude expected due to non-nuclear (electromagnetic) processes



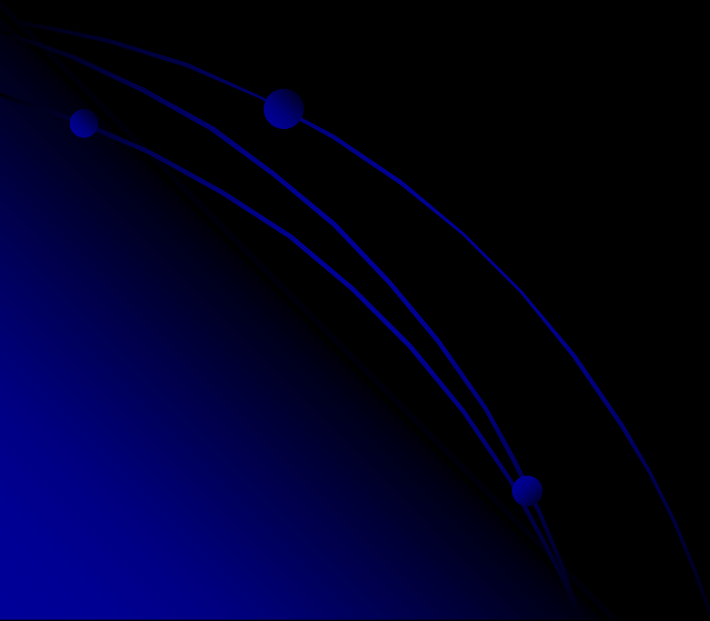
peripheral



central



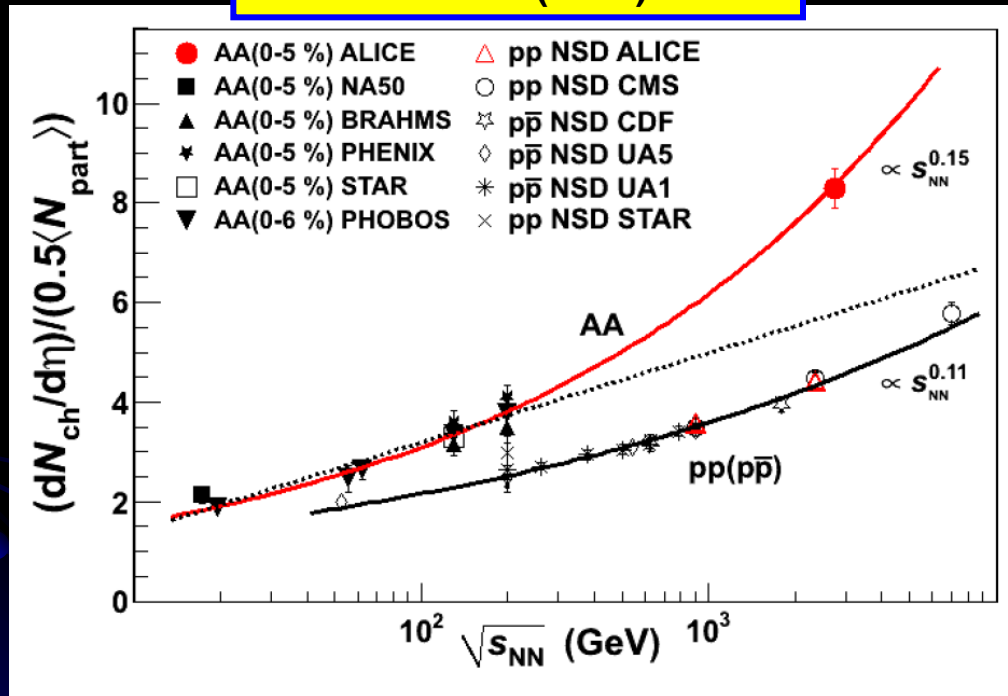
# Bulk observables: multiplicity and volume



# Particle multiplicity

most central collisions at LHC:  $\sim 1600$  charged particles per unit of  $\eta$

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- log extrapolation:
  - OK at lower energies
  - finally fails at the LHC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV Pb+Pb, 0-5% central,  $|\eta| < 0.5$

$dN_{ch}/d\eta / (\langle N_{part} \rangle / 2) = 8.3 \pm 0.4$  (sys.)

# Bjorken's formula

- To evaluate the energy density reached in the collision:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{Sc\tau_0} \left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=0}$$

$S$  = transversedimension of nucleus  
 $\tau_0$  = "formationtime"  $\sim 1$  fm/c

- for central collisions at LHC:

$$\left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=0} \approx 1800 \text{ GeV}$$

- Initial time  $\tau_0$  normally taken to be  $\sim 1$  fm/c
  - i.e. equal to the "formation time": the time it takes for the energy initially stored in the field to materialize into particles

- Transverse dimension:  $S \approx 160 \text{ fm}^2$  ( $R_A \approx 1.2A^{1/3} \text{ fm}$ )

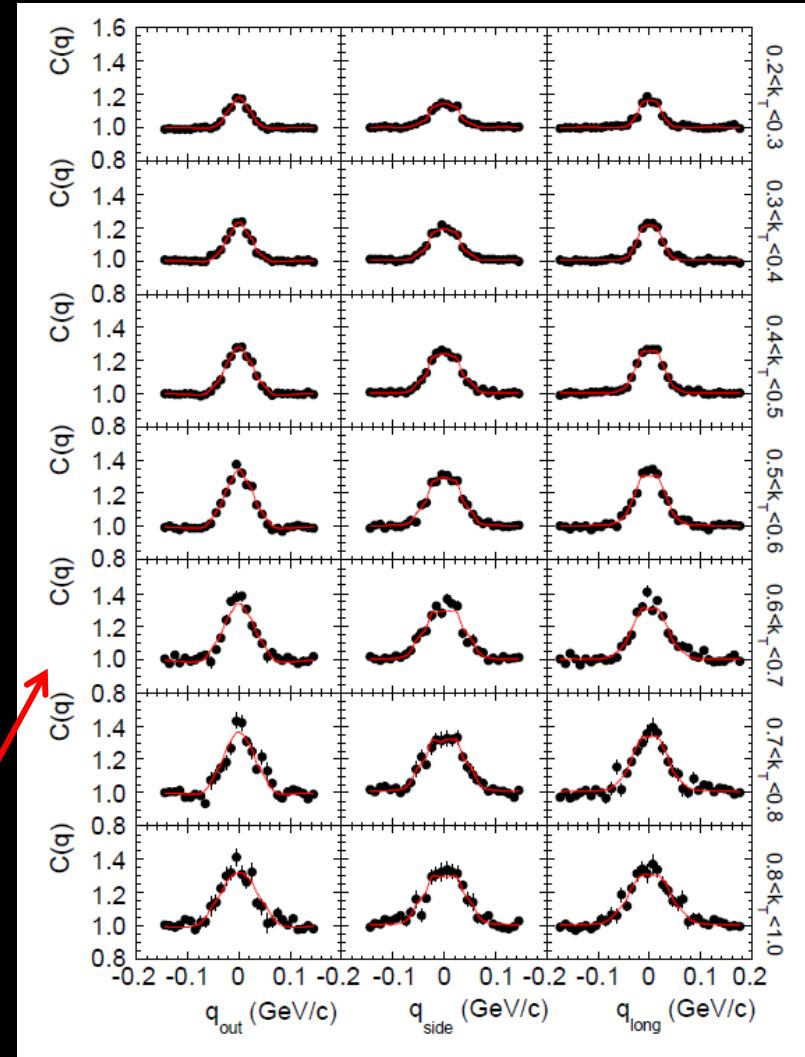
→  $\varepsilon \sim (1800 / 160) \text{ GeV/fm}^3 \sim 10 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

More than enough  
for deconfinement!



# Hanbury Brown - Twiss interferometry

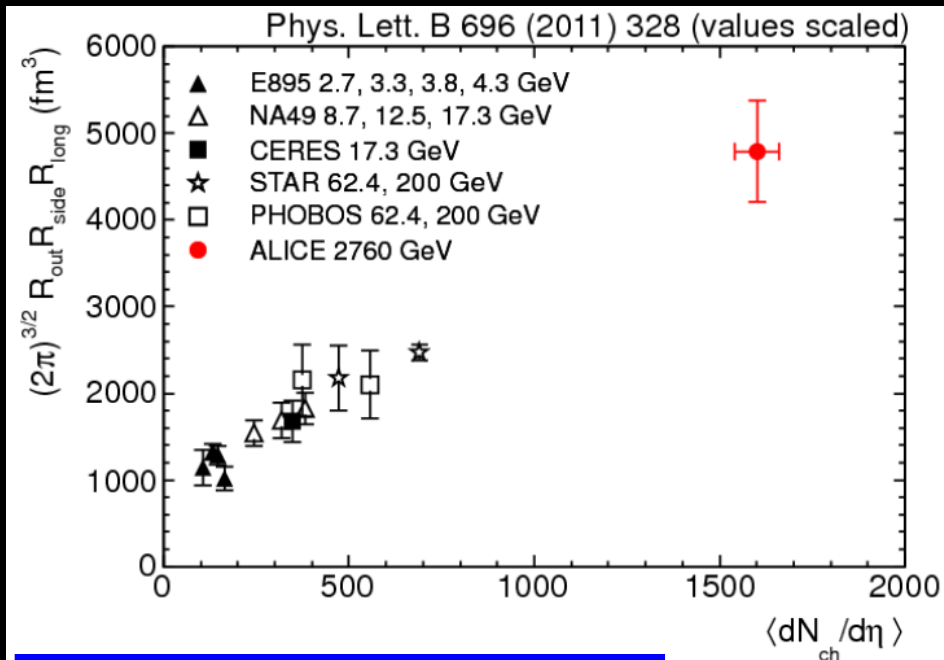
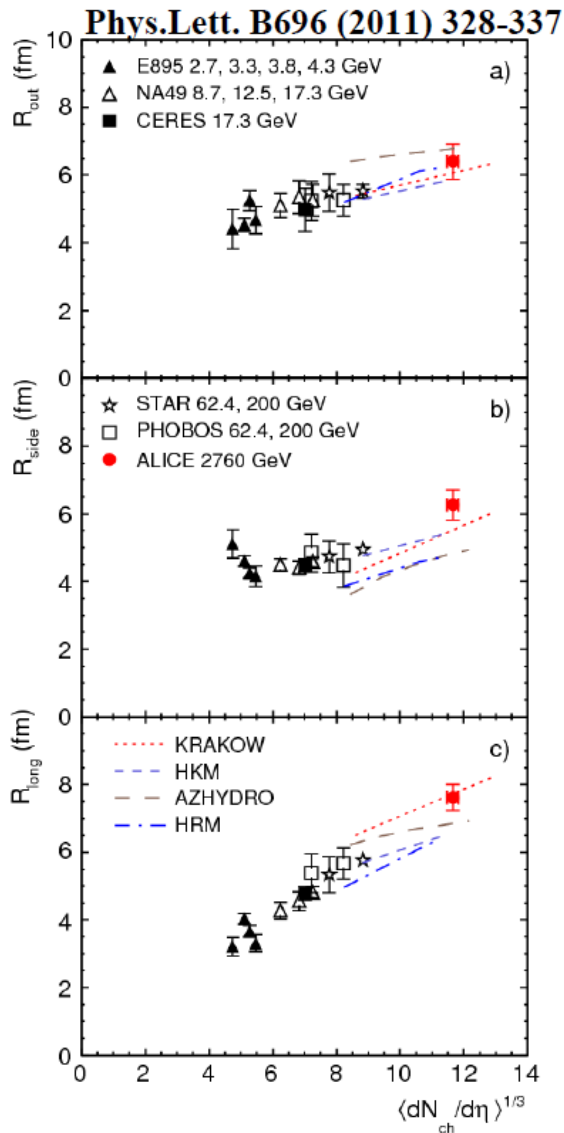
- quantum phenomenon: enhancement of correlation function for identical bosons
- from Heisenberg's uncertainty principle:
  - $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \sim \hbar$  (Planck's constant)
  - (width of enhancement) · (source size)  $\sim \hbar$
  - extract source size from correlation function
- first used with photons in the 1950s by astronomers Hanbury Brown and Twiss
  - measured size of star Sirius by aiming at it two photomultipliers separated by a few metres
- e.g.: three components of correlation function  $C(q = \text{momentum difference})$  for pairs of pions for eight intervals of pair transverse momentum ( $k_T$ )



# HBT interferometry

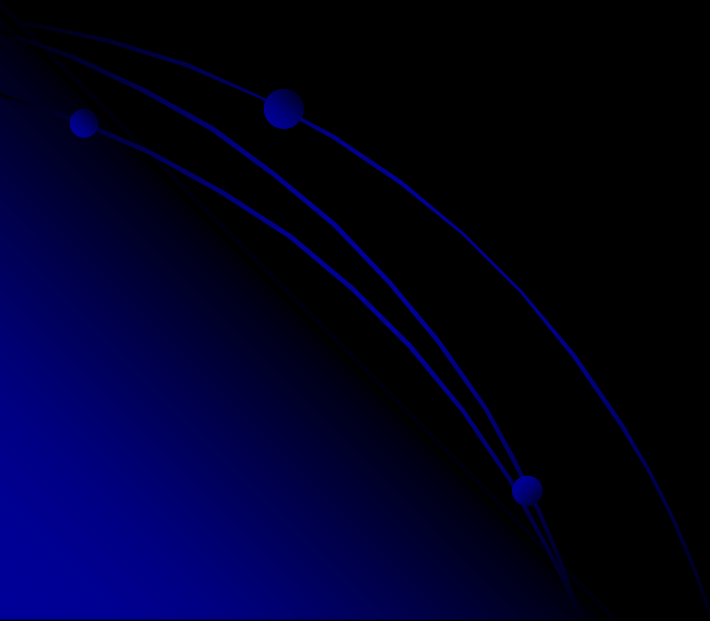
from RHIC to LHC:

- increase of size in the 3 dimensions
  - out, long, and (finally!) side
- "homogeneity" volume  $\sim \times 2$



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# Strangeness enhancement



# Historic QGP predictions

## Strangeness Production in the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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(Received 11 January 1982)

Rates are calculated for the processes  $gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}$  and  $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$  in highly excited quark-gluon plasma. For temperature  $T \geq 160$  MeV the strangeness abundance saturates during the lifetime ( $\sim 10^{-23}$  sec) of the plasma created in high-energy nuclear collisions. The chemical equilibration time for gluons and light quarks is found to be less than  $10^{-24}$  sec.

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Given the present knowledge about the interactions between constituents (quarks and gluons), it appears almost unavoidable that, at sufficiently high energy density caused by compression and/or excitation, the individual hadrons dissolve in a new phase consisting of almost-free quarks and gluons.<sup>1</sup> This quark-gluon plasma is a highly excited state of hadronic matter that occupies a volume large as compared with all characteristic length scales. Within this volume individual color charges exist and propagate in the same manner as they do inside elementary particles as described, e.g., within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) bag model.<sup>2</sup>

It is generally agreed that the best way to create a quark-gluon plasma in the laboratory is with collisions of heavy nuclei at sufficiently high energy. We investigate the abundance of strangeness as function of the lifetime and excitation of the plasma state. This investigation was motivated by the observation that significant changes in relative and absolute abundance of strange particles, such as  $\bar{\Lambda}$ ,<sup>3</sup> could serve as a probe for quark-gluon plasma formation. Another interesting signature may be the possible creation of exotic

multistrange hadrons.<sup>4</sup> After identifying the strangeness-producing mechanisms we compute the relevant rates as functions of the energy density ("temperature") of the plasma state and compare them with those for light  $u$  and  $d$  quarks.

In lowest order in perturbative QCD  $s\bar{s}$ -quark pairs can be created by annihilation of light quark-antiquark pairs [Fig. 1(a)] and in collisions of two gluons [Fig. 1(b)]. The averaged total cross sections for these processes were calculated by

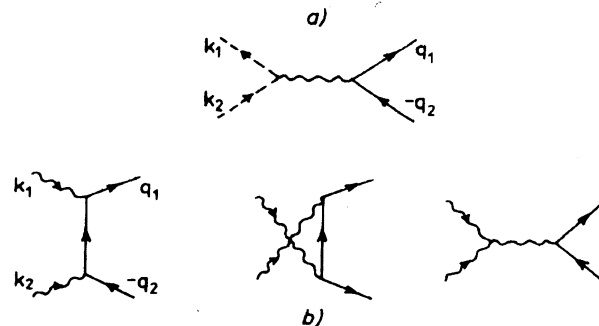
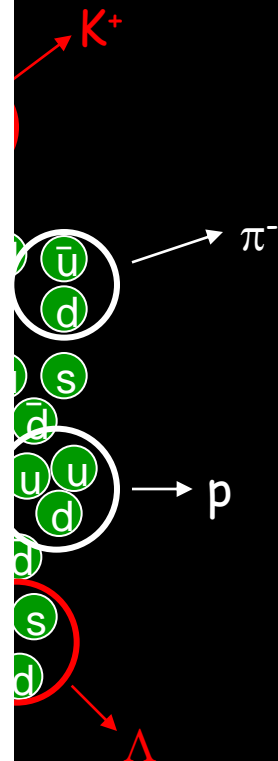


FIG. 1. Lowest-order QCD diagrams for  $s\bar{s}$  production: (a)  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ , (b)  $gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ .

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ent value



- The QGP strangeness abundance is enhanced
- As the QGP cools down, eventually the quarks recombine into hadrons ("hadronization")
- The abundance of strange hadrons should also be enhanced
- The enhancement should be larger for particles of higher strangeness content, e.g.:

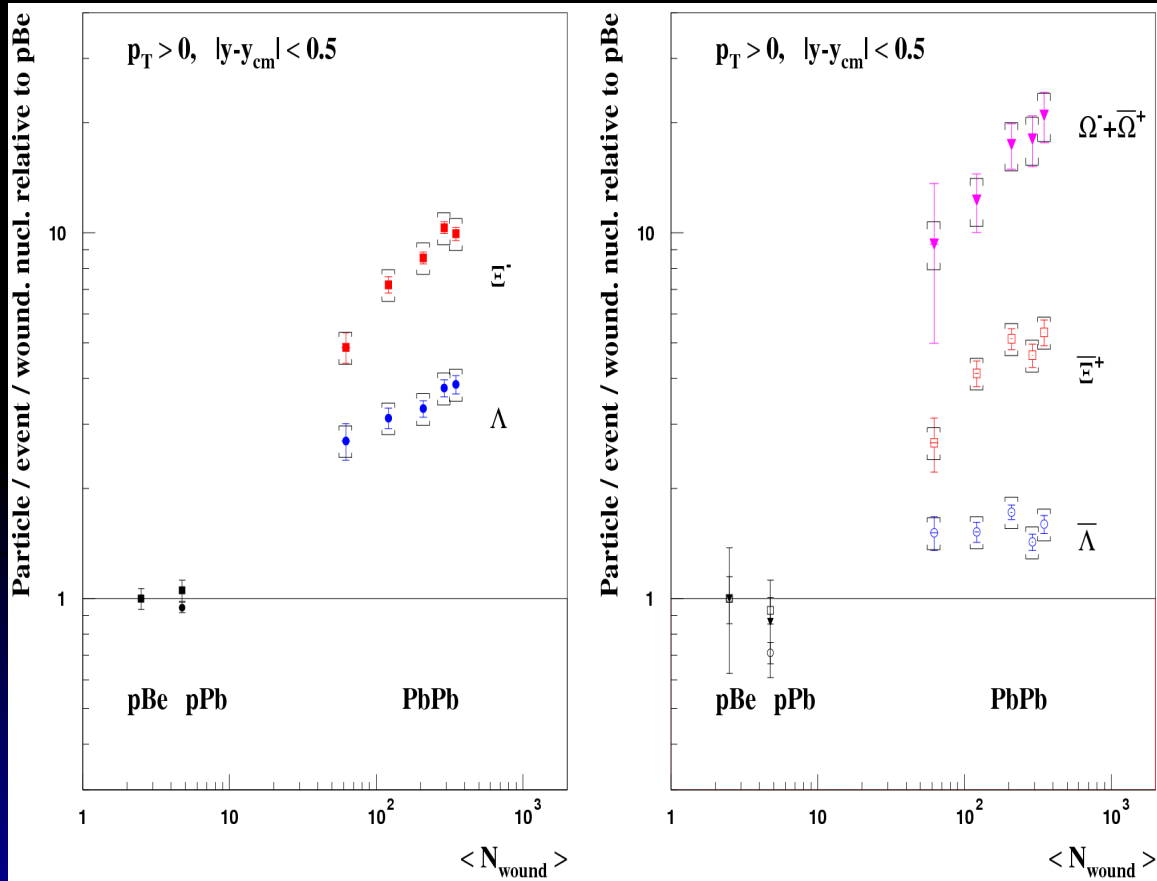
$$E(\Omega^-) > E(\Xi^-) > E(\Lambda)$$

$$(sss) \quad (ssd) \quad (sud)$$

$$|s| = 3 \quad |s| = 2 \quad |s| = 1$$

# Strangeness enhancement at the SPS

- Enhancement relative to p-Be (WA97/NA57)



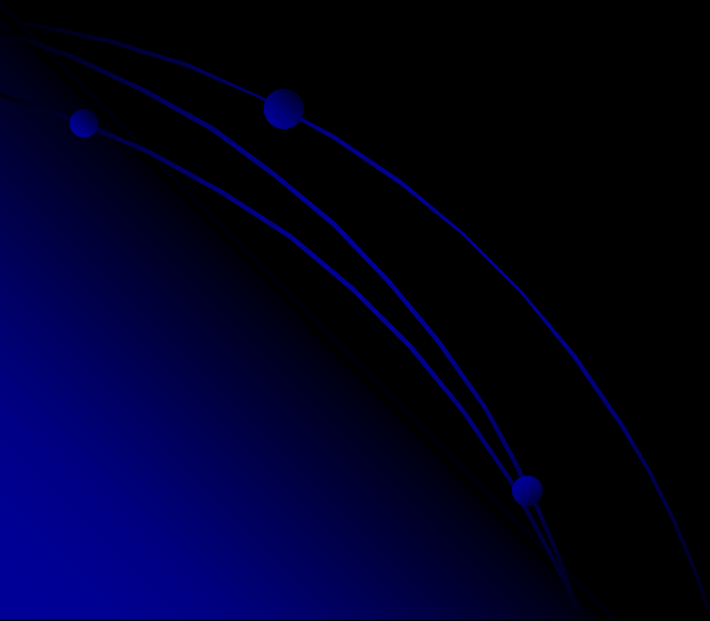
Enhancement is larger for particles of higher strangeness content (QGP prediction!)

up to a factor  $\sim 20$  for  $\Omega$

So far, no hadronic model has reproduced these observations (try harder!)

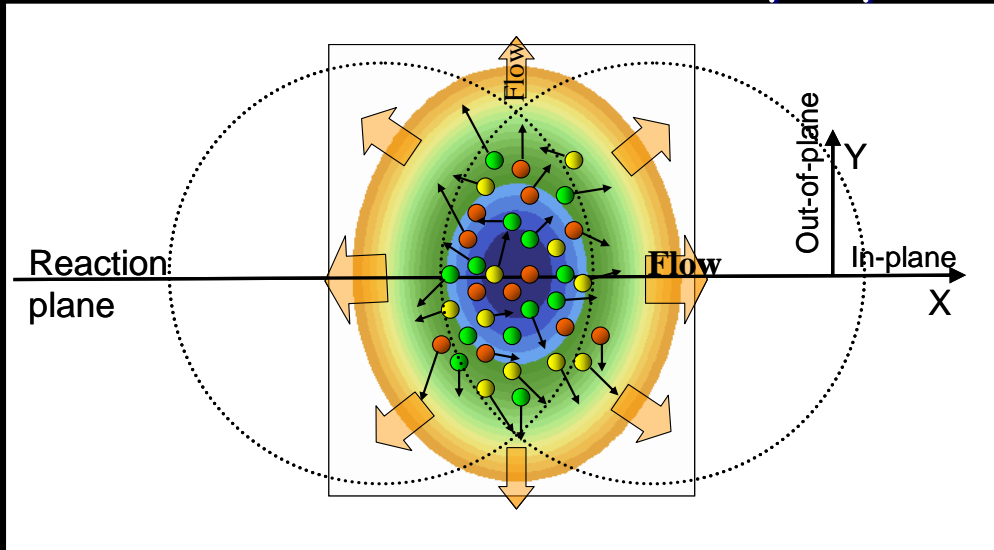
Actually, the most reliable hadronic models predicted an opposite behaviour of enhancement vs strangeness

# Particle correlations



# Elliptic Flow

- Non-central collisions are azimuthally asymmetric



- The transfer of this asymmetry to momentum space provides a measure of the strength of collective phenomena
- Large mean free path
  - particles stream out isotropically, no memory of the asymmetry
  - extreme: ideal gas (infinite mean free path)
- Small mean free path
  - larger density gradient  $\rightarrow$  larger pressure gradient  $\rightarrow$  larger momentum
  - extreme: ideal liquid (zero mean free path, hydrodynamic limit)



# Azimuthal Asymmetry

- Fourier expansion of azimuthal distribution:

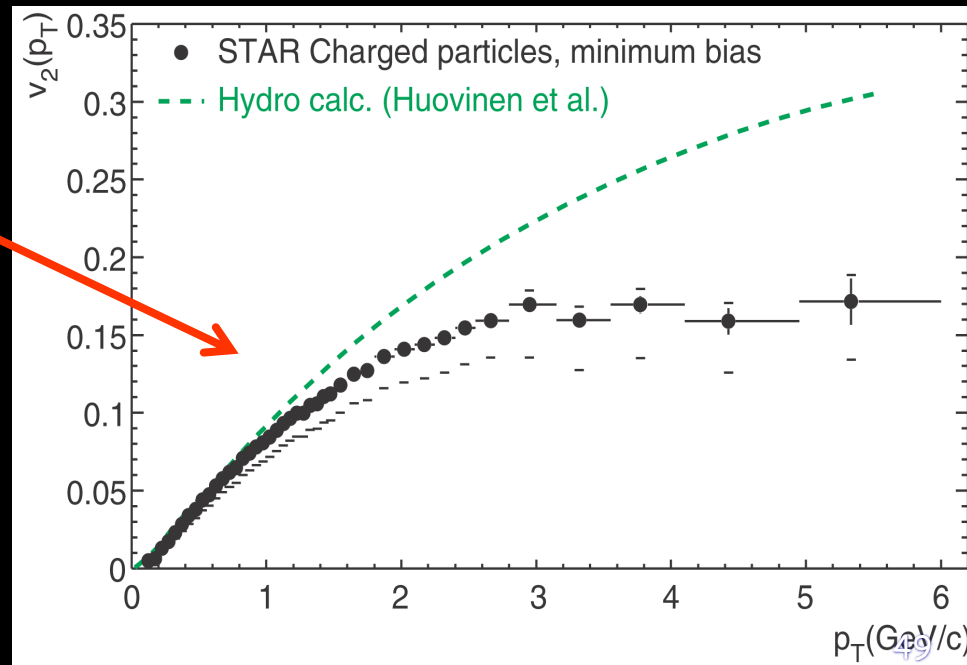
$$\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy d\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\varphi) + \dots \right)$$

$$v_1 = \langle \cos \varphi \rangle \quad \text{"directed flow"}$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\varphi \rangle \quad \text{"elliptic flow"}$$

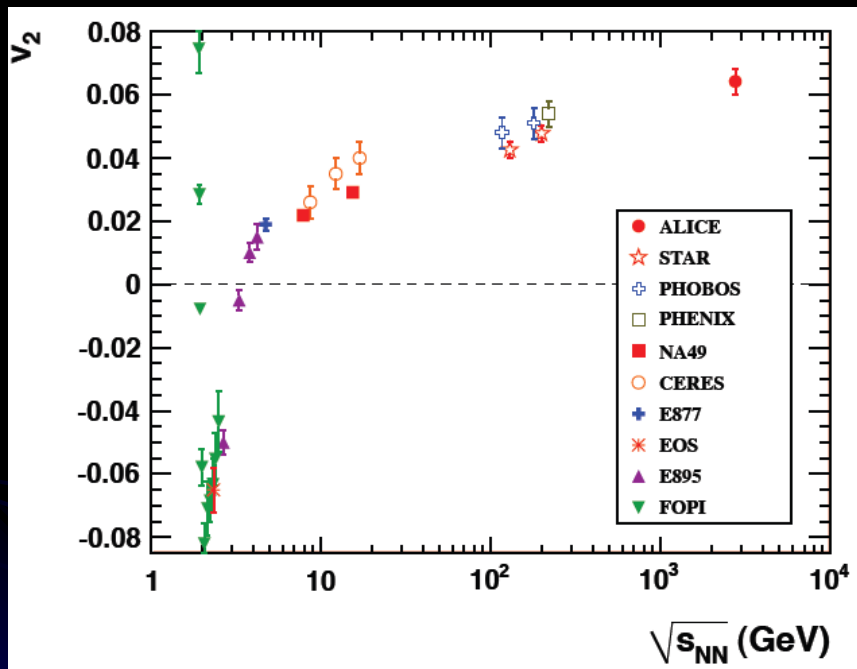
@RHIC:

- at low  $p_T$ : azimuthal asymmetry almost as large as expected at hydro limit!
  - "perfect liquid"?
- very far from "ideal gas" picture of plasma



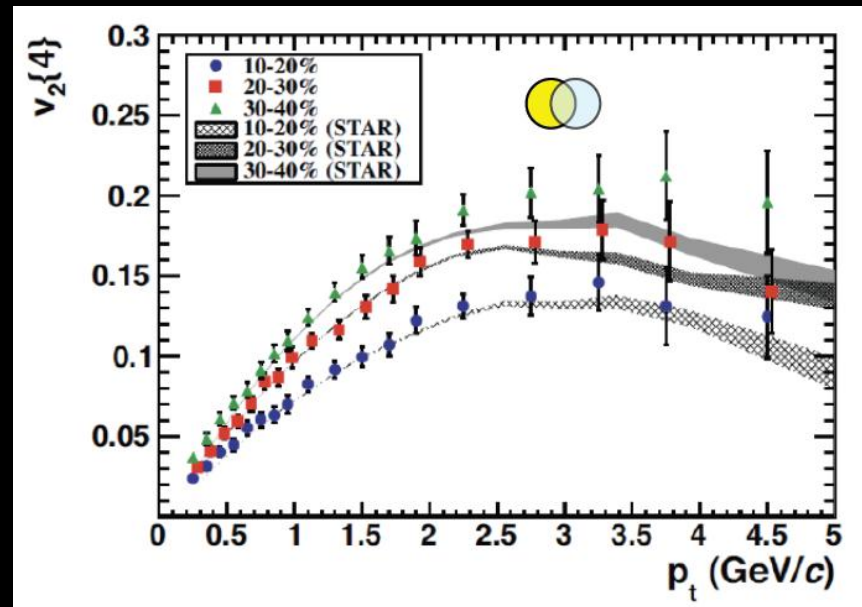
# $v_2$ at the LHC

- $v_2$  still large at the LHC



→ system still behaves very close to ideal liquid (low viscosity)

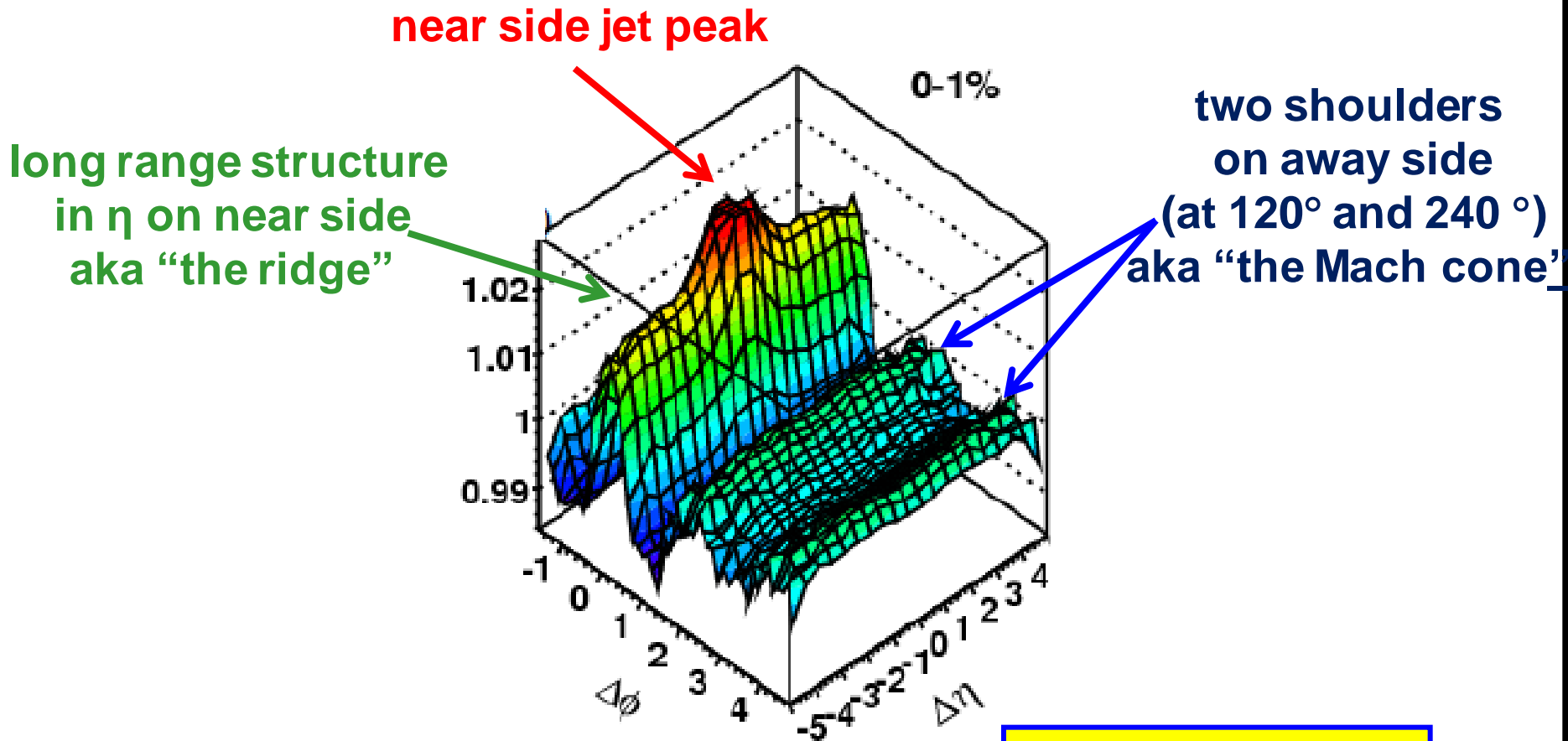
- $v_2(p_T)$  very similar at LHC and RHIC



→ similar hydrodynamical behaviour?

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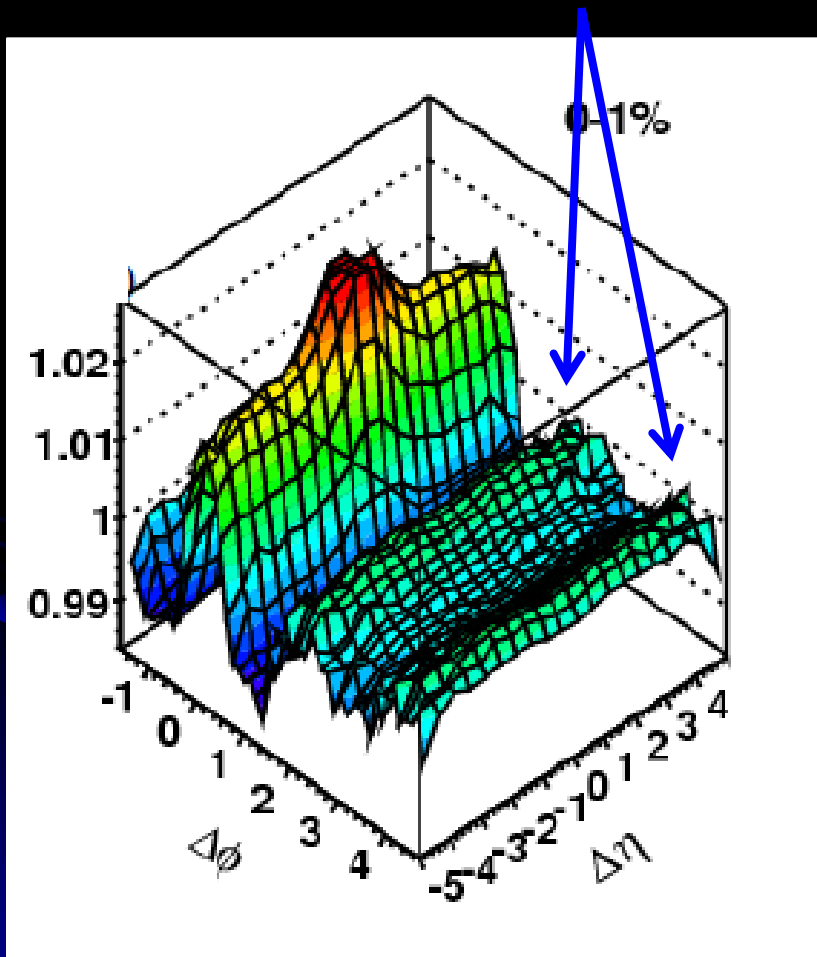
# Structures in $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$



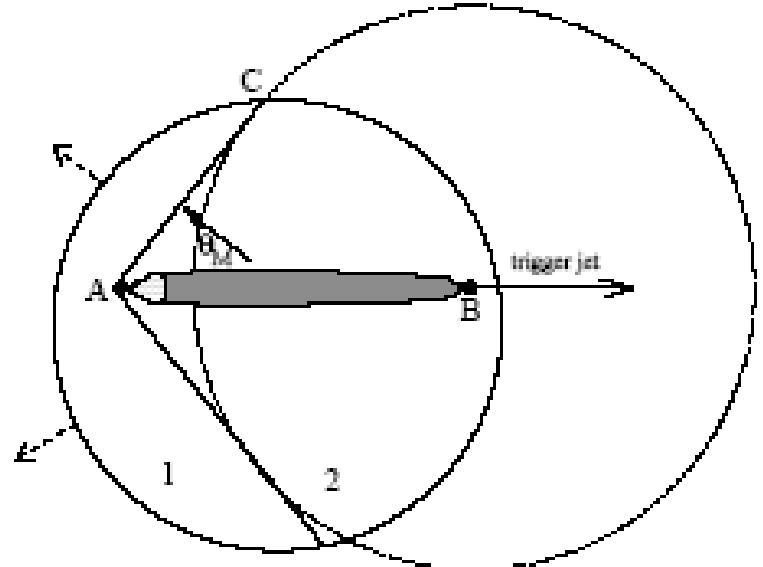
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# Mach cone?

- double-hump structure on away-side, at  $120^\circ$  and  $240^\circ$
- a proposed explanation:
  - shock wave (sonic boom) : propagation through medium of recoiling parton

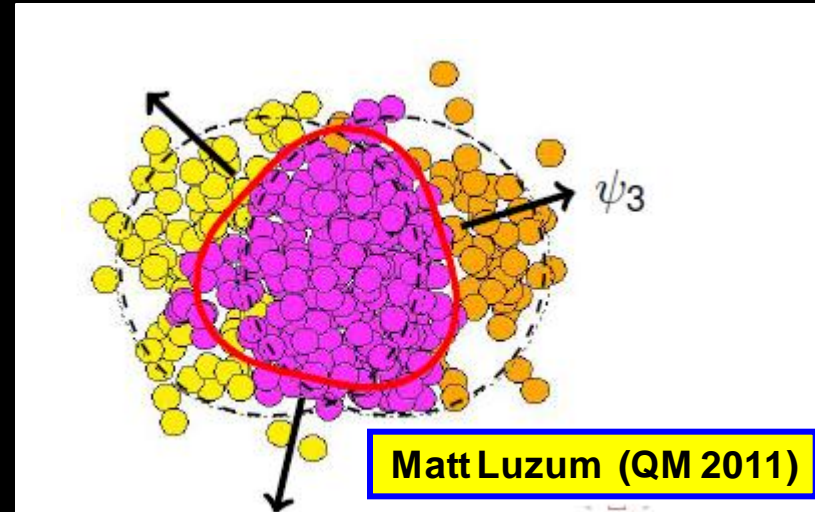


[Casalderrey-Solana, et al.: hep-ph/0411315]

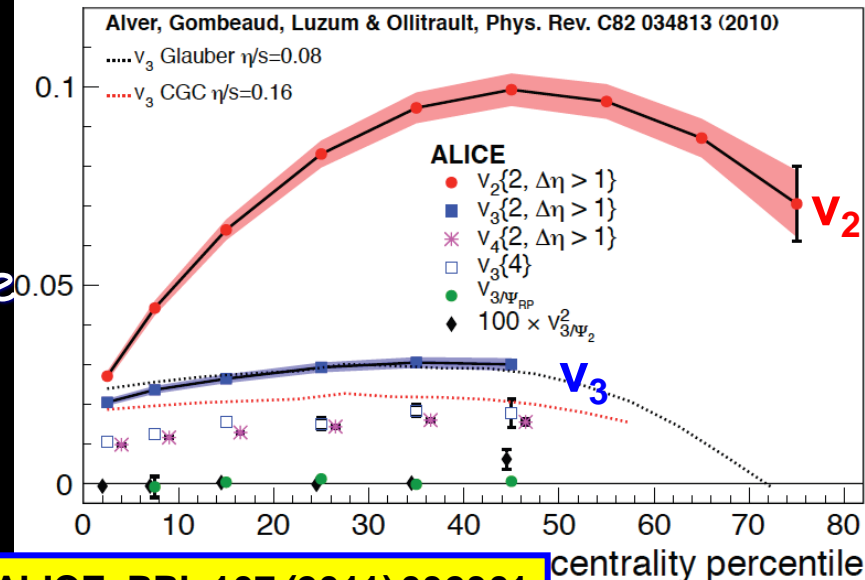


# Fluctuations $\rightarrow v_3$

- “ideal” shape of participants’ overlap is  $\sim$  elliptic
    - in particular: no odd harmonics expected
    - participants’ plane coincides with event plane
  - but fluctuations in initial conditions:
    - participants plane  $\neq$  event plane
- $\rightarrow v_3$  (“triangular”) harmonic appears [B Alver & G Roland, PRC81 (2010) 054905]

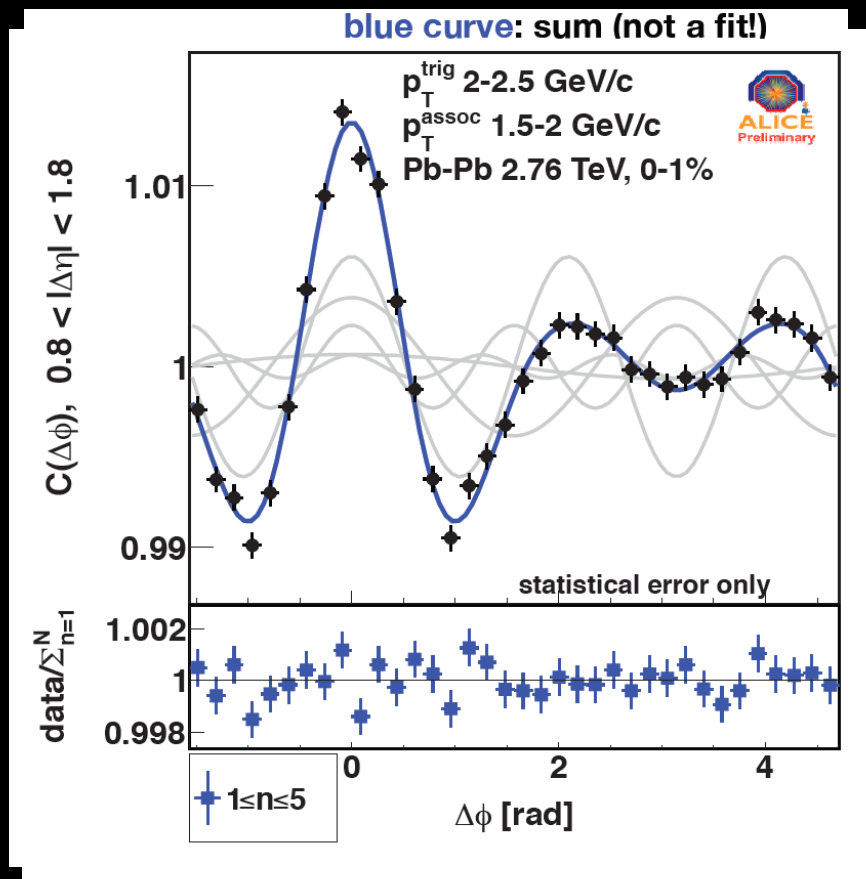


- and indeed,  $v_3 \neq 0$  !
- $v_3$  has weaker centrality dependence than  $v_2$
- when calculated wrt participants plane,  $v_3$  vanishes
  - as expected, if due to fluctuations...



# Long- $\eta$ -range correlations

- “ultra-central” events: dramatic shape evolution in a very narrow centrality range
- double hump structure on away-side appears on 1% most central
  - visible without any need for  $v_2$  subtraction!
- first five harmonics describe shape at  $10^{-3}$  level
  - “ridge” and “Mach cone”
    - explanations based on medium response to propagating partons were proposed at RHIC
    - Fourier analysis of new data suggests very natural alternative explanation in terms of hydrodynamic response to initial state fluctuations



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# Flow vs non-flow correlations

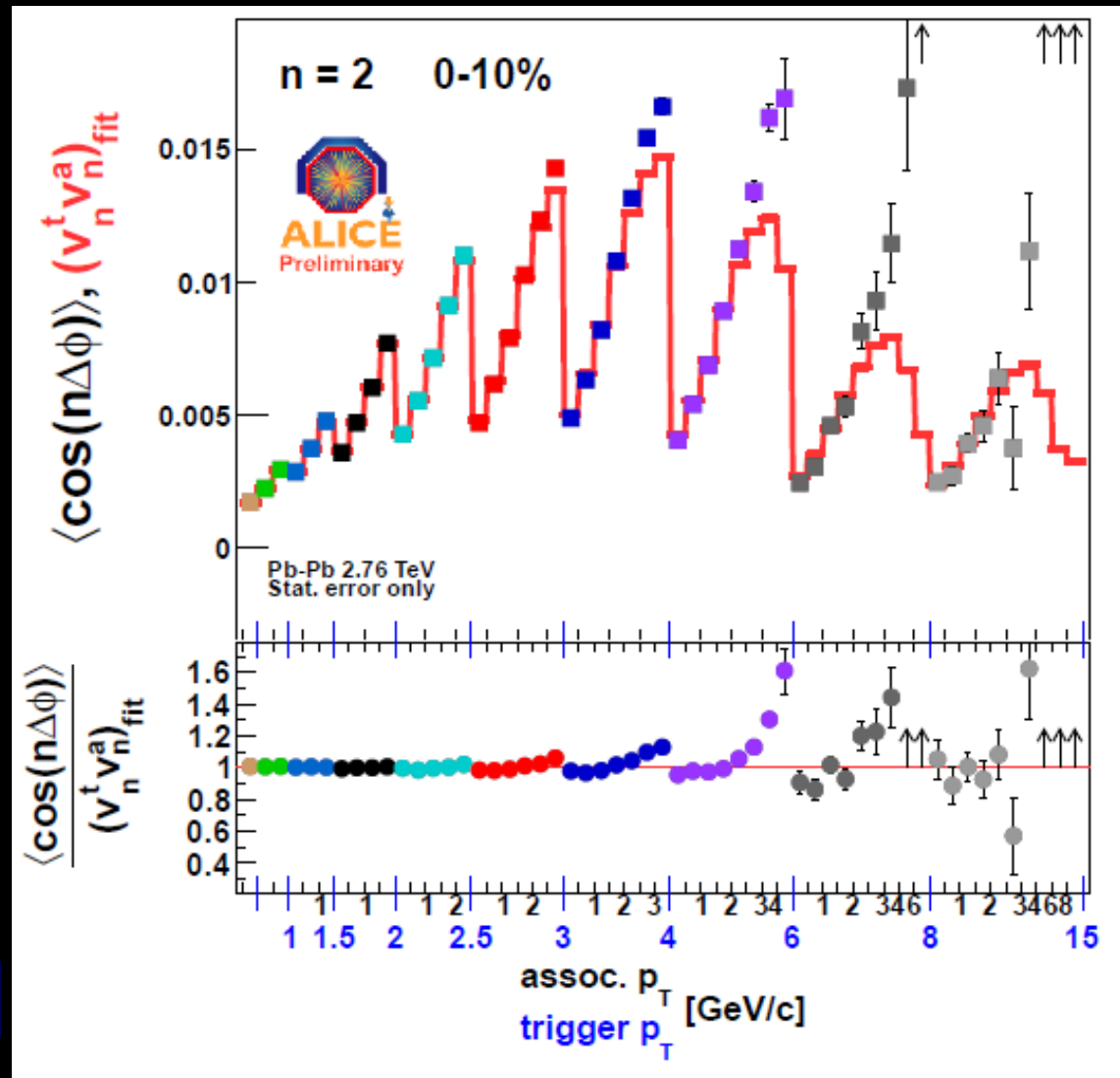
- collective flow effects generate two-particle correlations via a global event-wide correlation
- expect a factorisation relation between single-particle azimuthal asymmetry  $v_n$  and two-particle correlation  $V_{n\Delta}$ :

$$V_{n\Delta} = V_n^{trig} V_n^{assoc}$$

- jets or resonance decays cause correlations of a few energetic particles
- assess flow vs. non-flow by testing the above factorisation relation

# Flow vs non-flow correlations

- compare single particle values with global fit
- $v_2$  to  $v_5$  factorize until  $p_T \sim 3-4 \text{ GeV}/c$ , then jet-like correlations strat to dominate
- $v_1$  factorization problematic, influenced by away-side jet (momentum conservation)

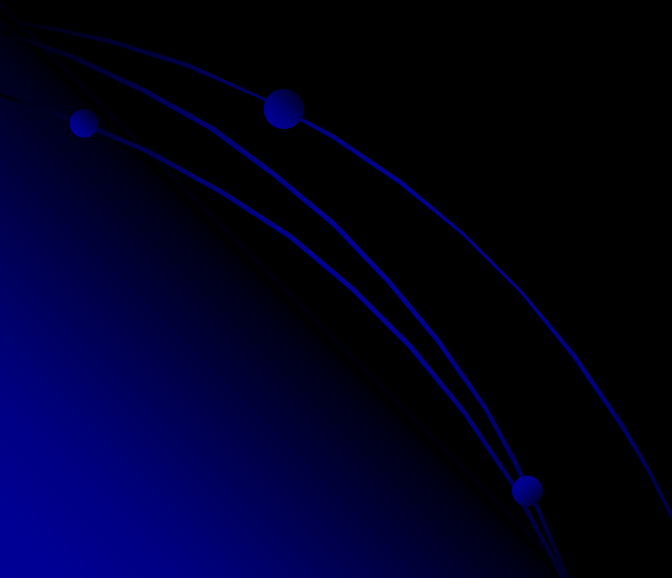


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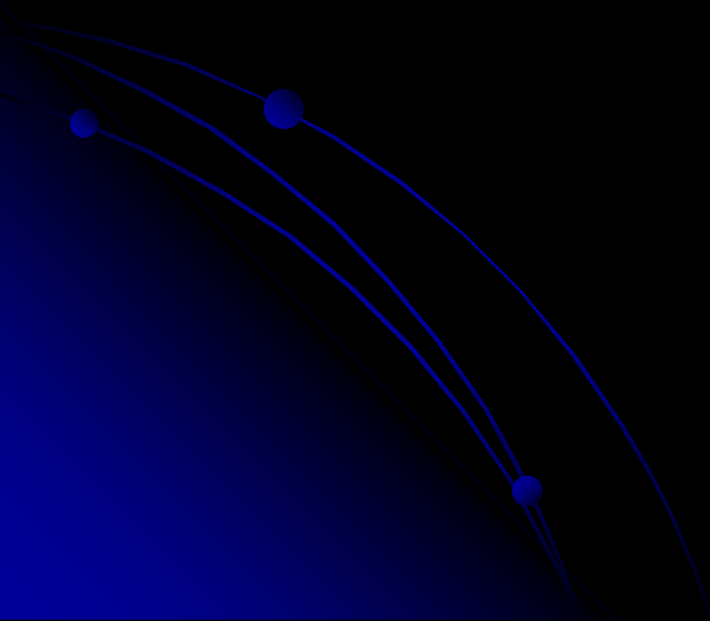


# Correlations: outlook

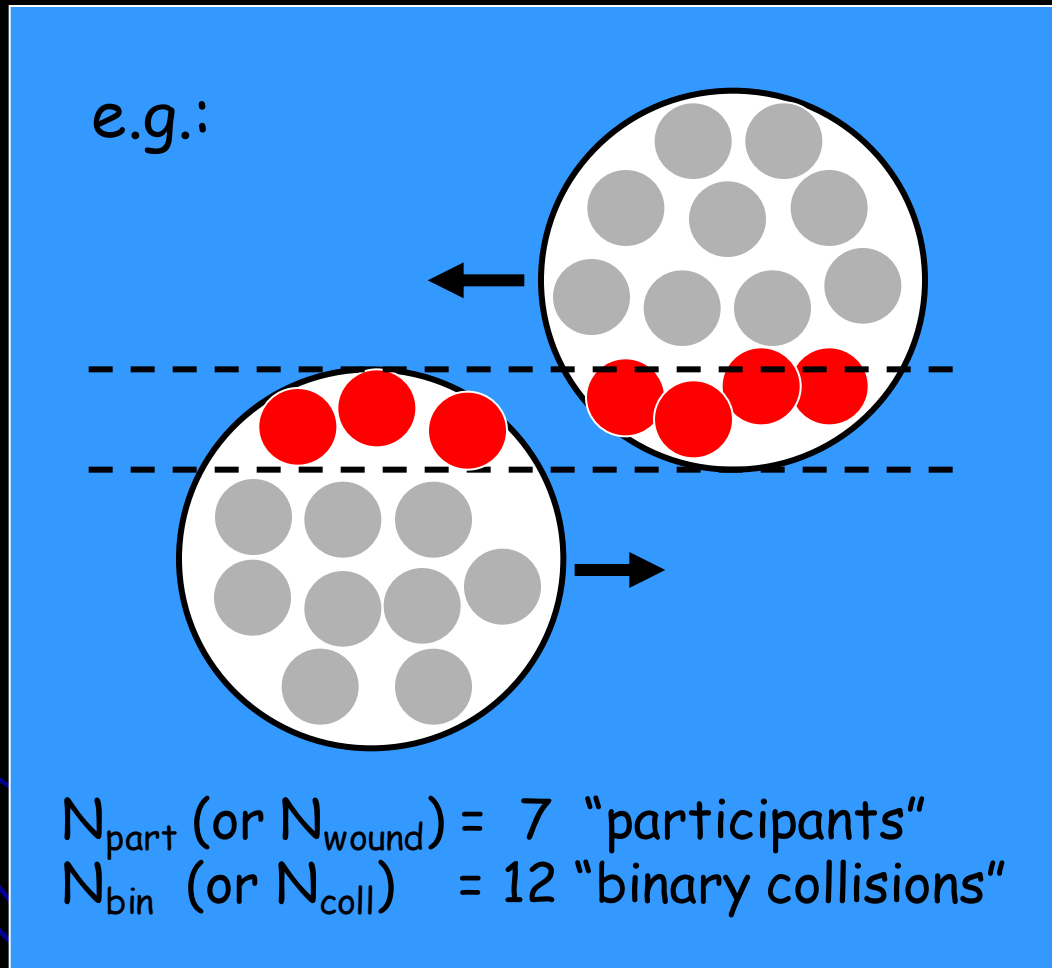
- is there any residual room for medium response effects?  
→ look at the “small print” on the away side
- quantitative comparisons with full hydrodynamic calculations



# High- $p_T$ suppression



# Participants Scaling vs Binary Scaling



- "Soft", large cross-section processes expected to scale like  $N_{\text{part}}$
- "Hard", low cross-section processes expected to scale like  $N_{\text{bin}}$

# The nuclear modification factor

- quantify departure from binary scaling in AA

→ ratio of yield in AA versus reference collisions

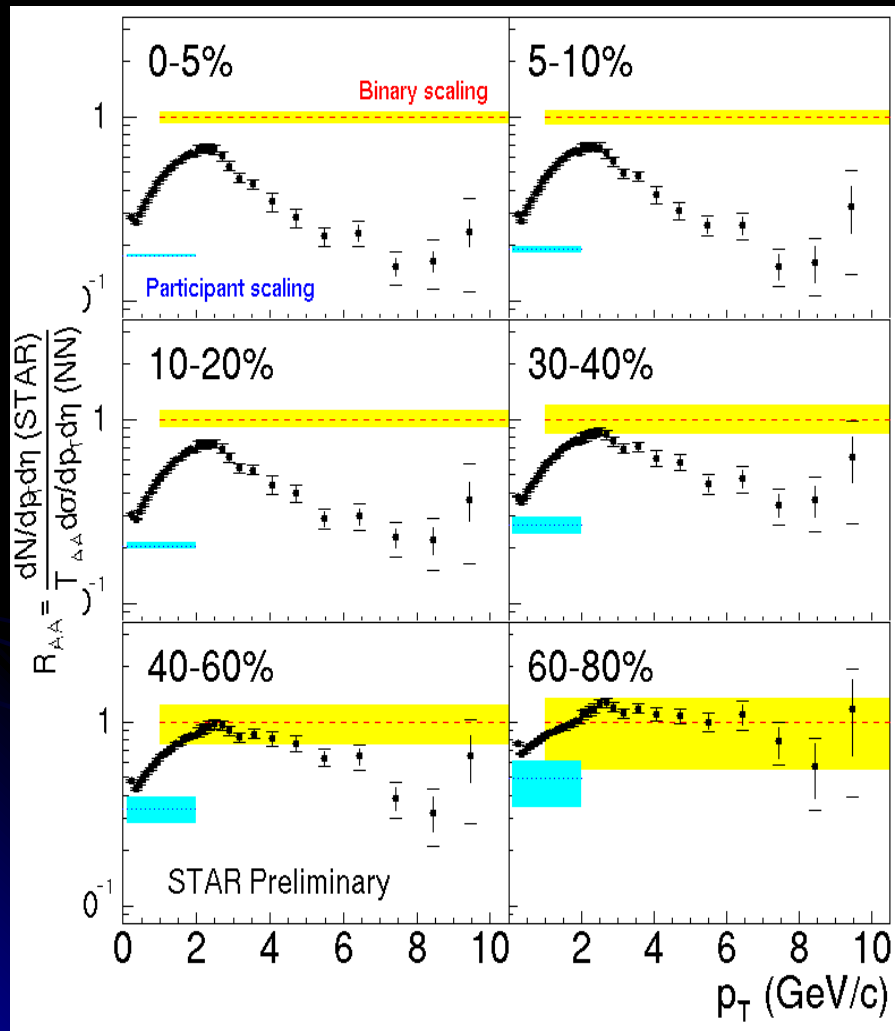
- e.g.: reference is pp →  $R_{AA}$

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA}}{\text{Yield}_{pp}} \cdot \frac{1}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{AA}}$$

- ...or peripheral AA →  $R_{cp}$  ("central to peripheral")

$$R_{cp} = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA,central}}{\text{Yield}_{AA,periph}} \cdot \frac{\langle Nbin \rangle_{AA,periph}}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{AA,central}}$$

# High $p_T$ suppression: $R_{AA}$ at RHIC

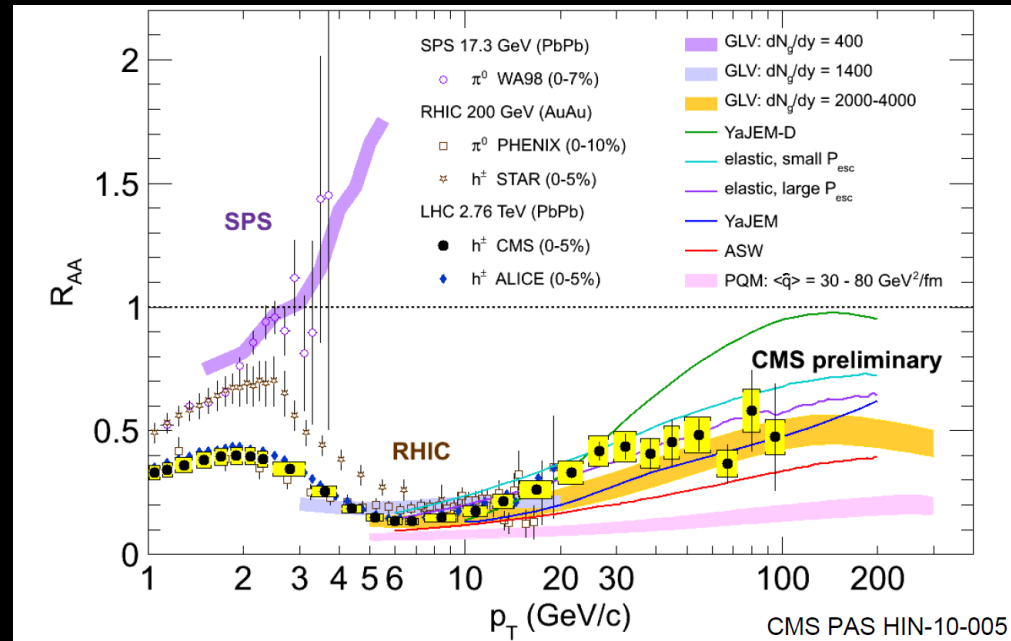


- High  $p_T$  particle production expected to scale with number of binary NN collisions if no medium effects
- Clearly does not work for more central collisions
- Interpreted as due to loss of energy of partons propagating through medium

# $R_{AA}$ at the LHC

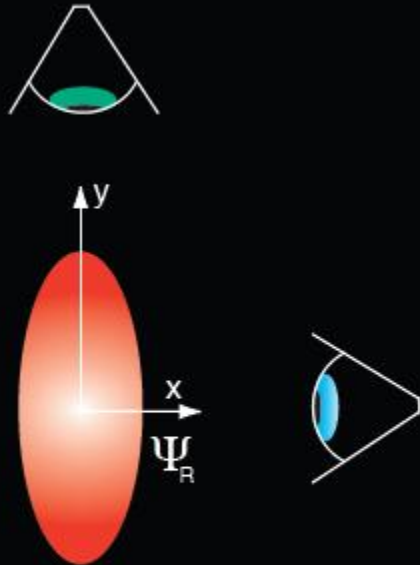
- Suppression even larger than @ RHIC
- $R_{AA}(p_T)$  for charged particles produced in 0-5% centrality range
  - minimum ( $\sim 0.14$ ) for  $p_T \sim 6-7$  GeV/c
  - then slow increase at high  $p_T$
  - still significant suppression at  $p_T \sim 100$  GeV/c!
- essential quantitative constraint for parton energy loss models!

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA}(p_T)}{\langle N_{bin} \rangle_{AA} \text{Yield}_{pp}(p_T)}$$

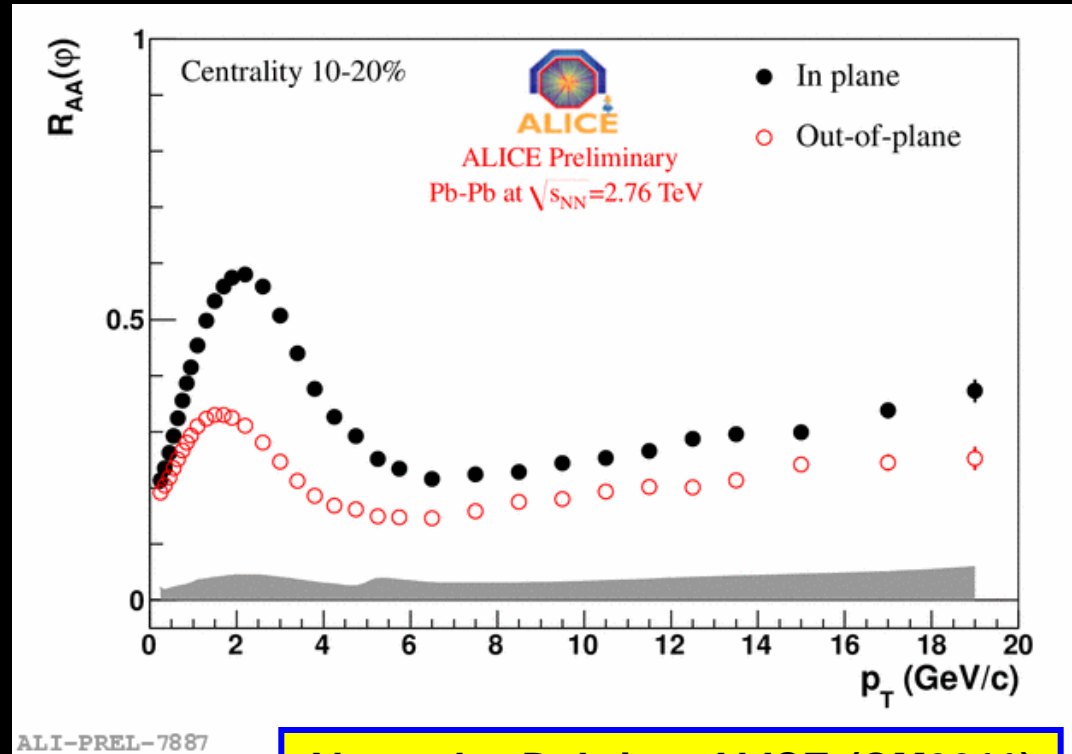


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# Suppression vs event plane



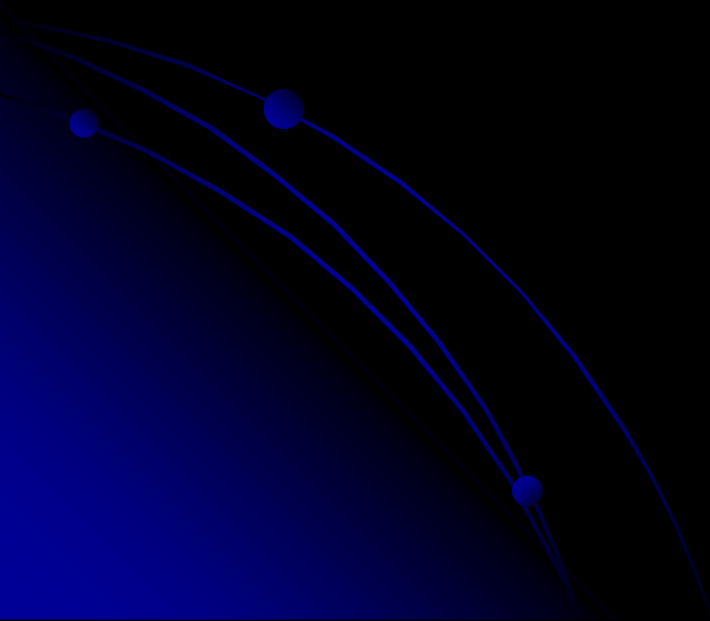
$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_2) \rangle$$



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- significant effect, even at 20 GeV!
- further constraints to energy loss models  
→ path-length dependence of energy loss ( $L^2, L^3, \dots$ )

# Quark number scaling



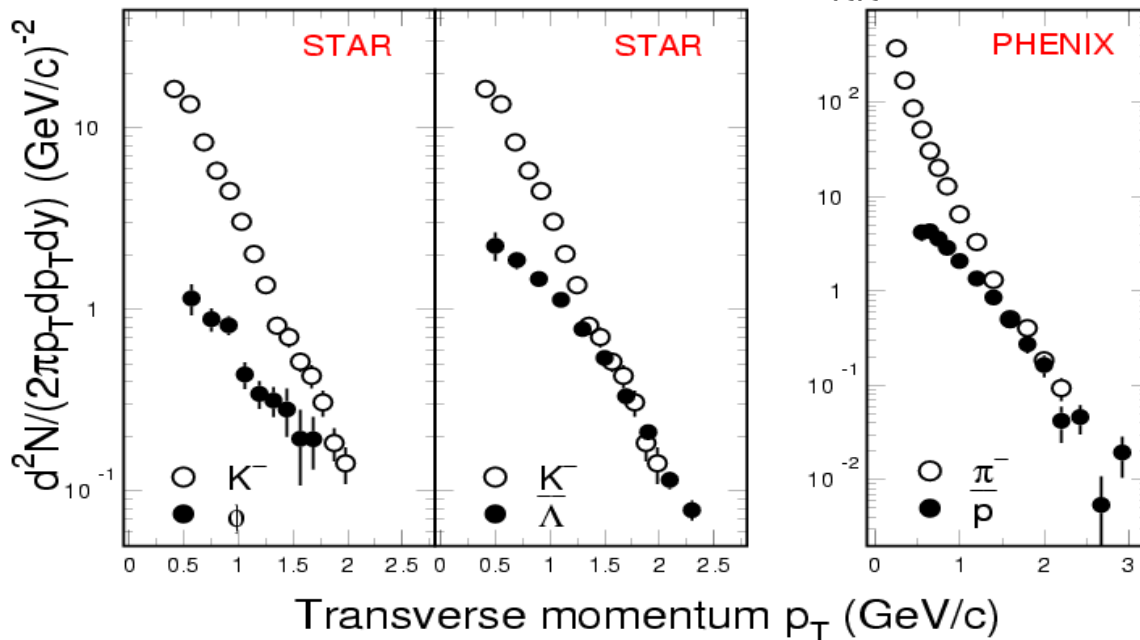


# Baryon puzzle @ RHIC

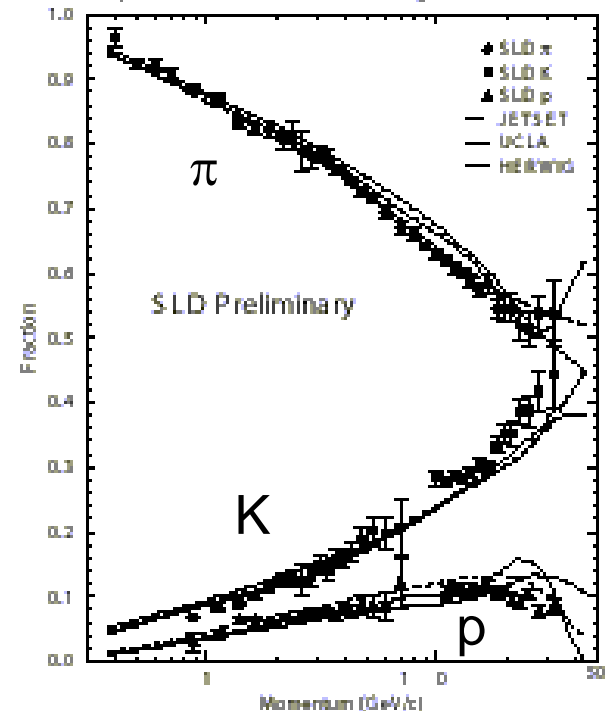
- Central Au-Au: as many  $\pi^-$  ( $K^-$ ) as  $\bar{p}$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ) at  $p_T \sim 1.5 \div 2.5$  GeV

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{jet}$  (SLD)
  - very few baryons from fragmentation!

Central Au + Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 130$  GeV



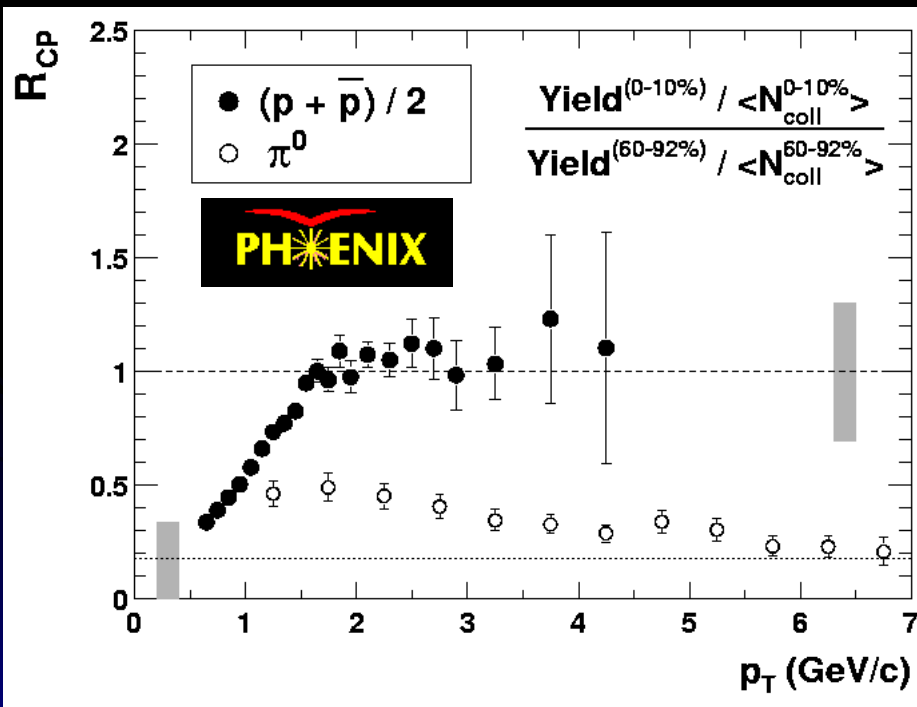
Comparison of Fractions with Fragmentation Models



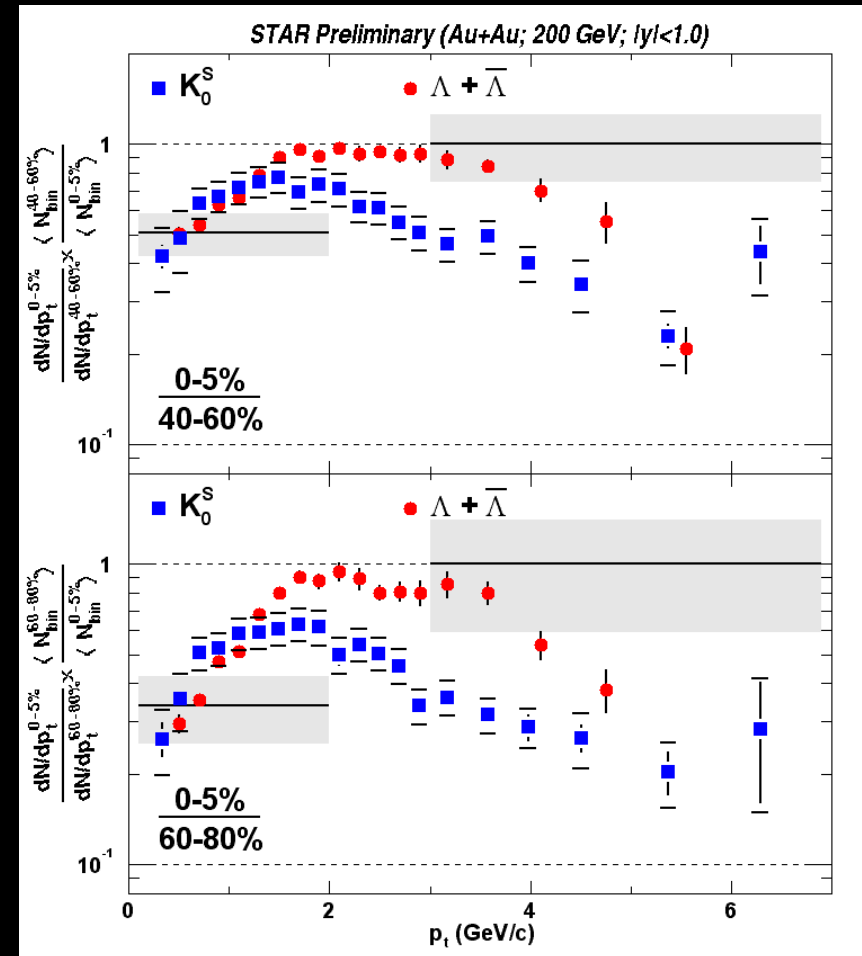
# Rcp

- at higher  $p_T$ ,  $R_{cp}$  of baryons also comes down!

$$R_{cp} = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA,central}}{\text{Yield}_{AA,periph}} \cdot \frac{\langle N_{coll} \rangle_{AA,periph}}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle_{AA,central}}$$

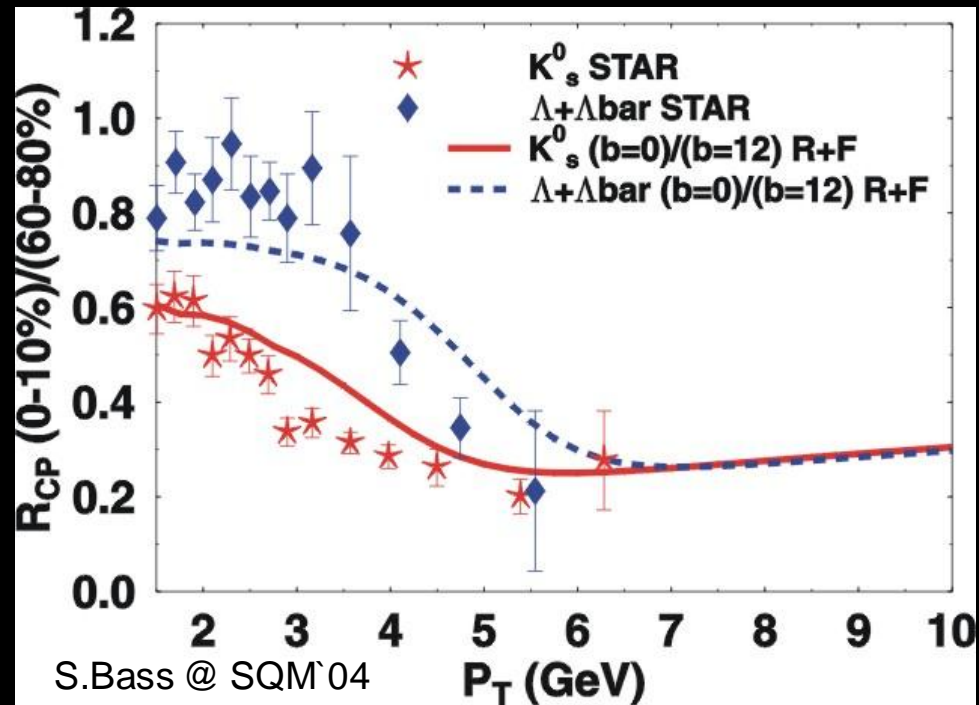
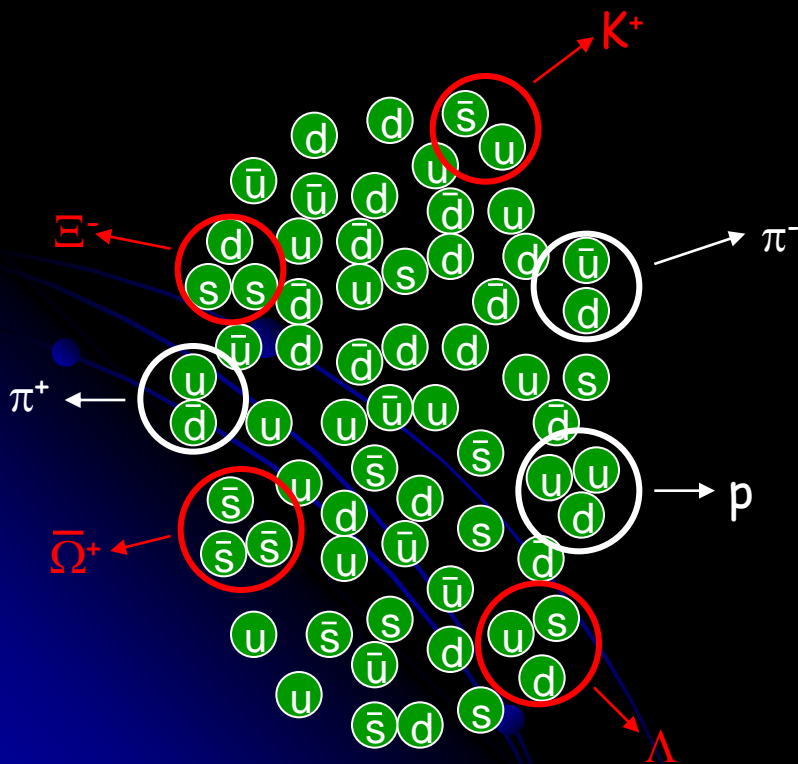


- if loss is partonic, shouldn't it affect  $p$  and  $\pi$  in the same way?



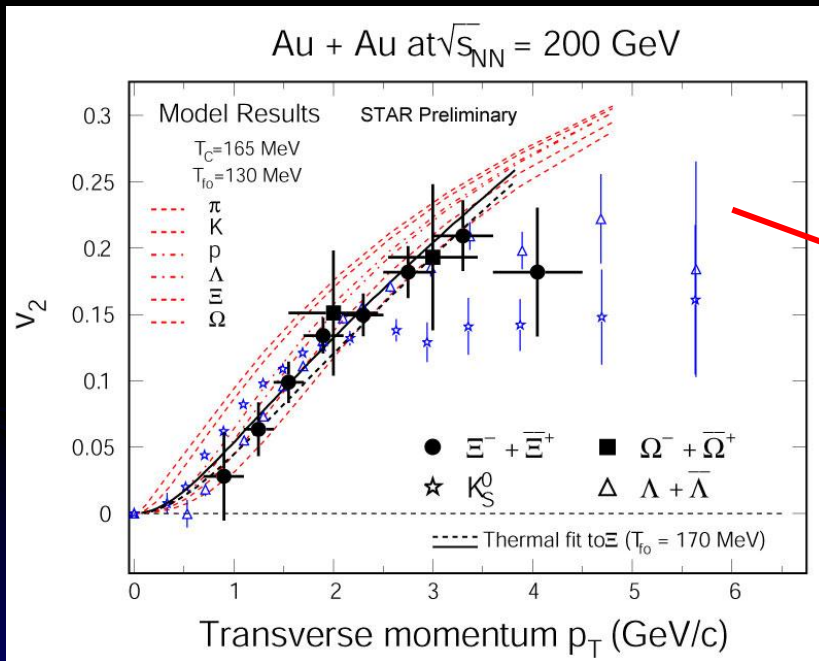
# Quark Recombination?

- if hadrons are formed by recombination, features of the parton spectrum are shifted to higher  $p_T$  in the hadron spectrum, in a different way for mesons and baryons  
 → quark number scaling



# Quark number scaling and $v_2$

- Recombination also offers an explanation for  $v_2$  baryon puzzle...

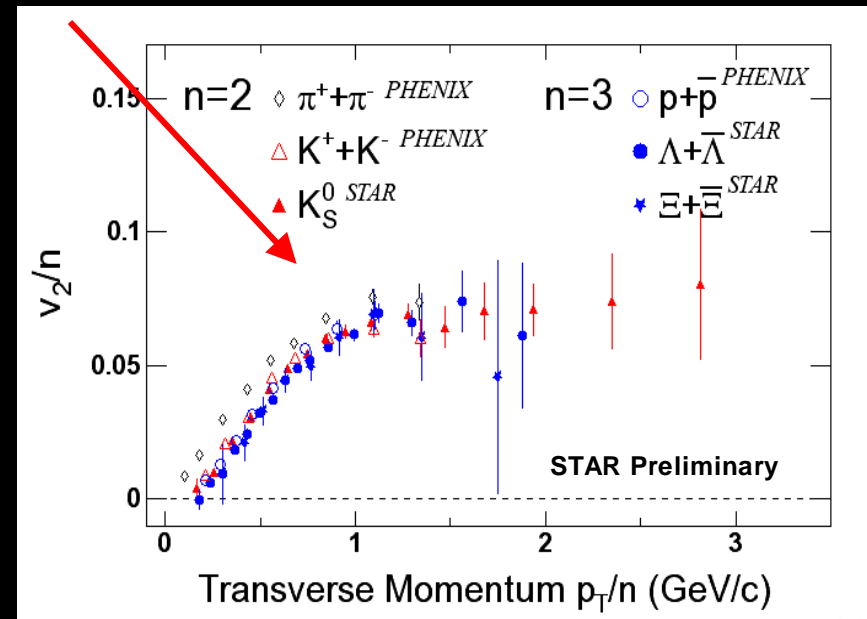


$$\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy} (1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi) + \dots)$$

$$v_1 = \langle \cos \phi \rangle \text{ "direct flow"}$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\phi \rangle \text{ "elliptic flow"}$$

scaled with  $n(\text{quarks})$



# From Heavy Ions to Quark Matter

## Episode 3

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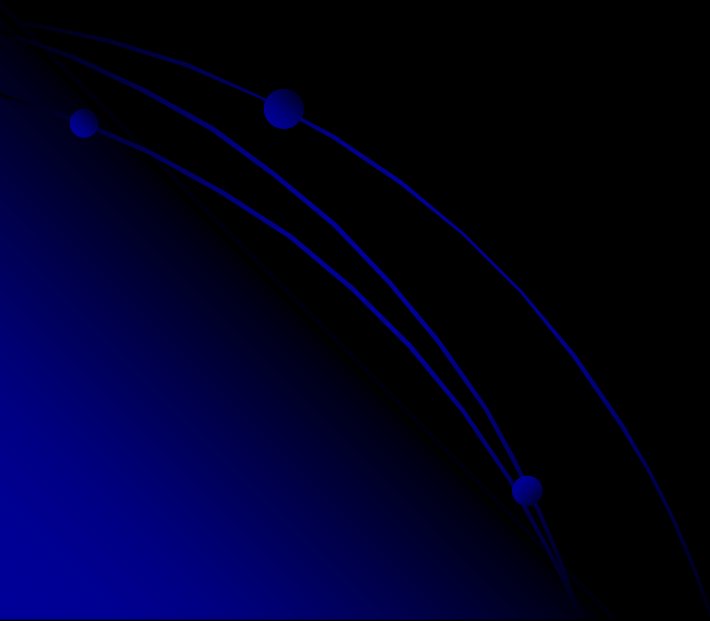
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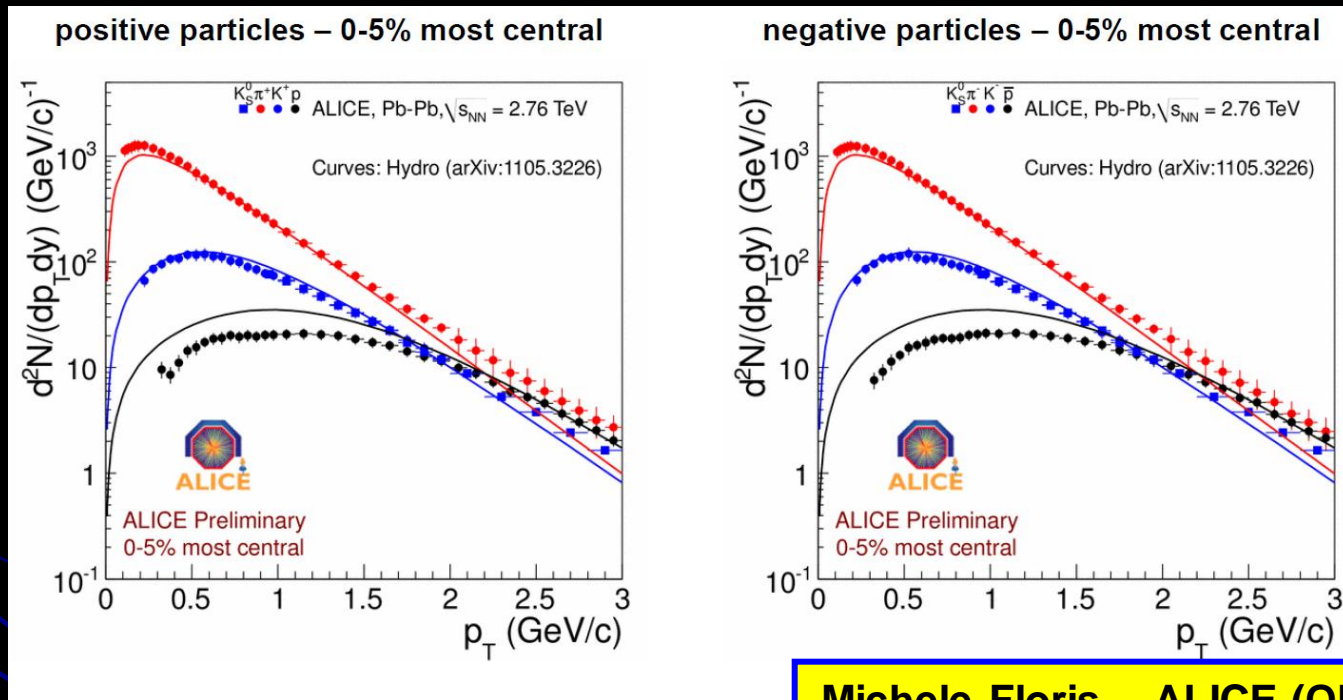
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# Identified particles



# $p_T$ spectra vs hydrodynamics

- comparison of identified particle spectra with hydro predictions



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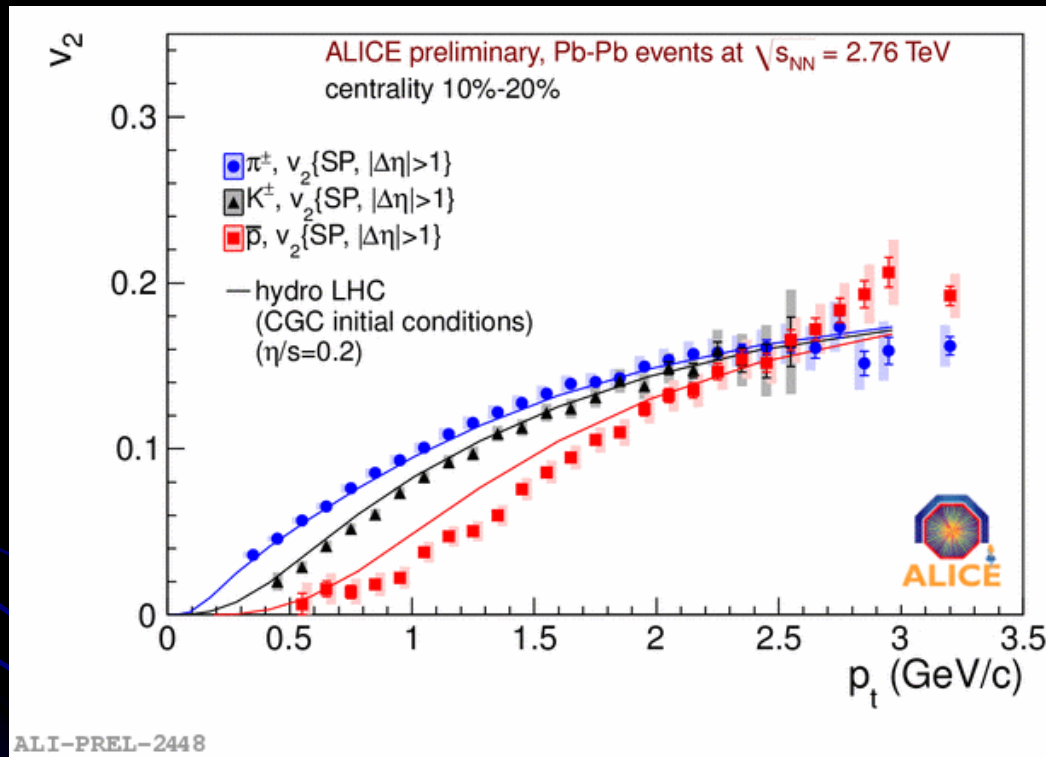
- (calculations by C Shen et al.: arXiv:1105.3226 [nucl-th])

→ OK for  $\pi$  and  $K$ , but  $p$  seem to “misbehave” (less yield, flatter spectrum)



# $v_2$ vs hydrodynamics

- comparison of identified particles  $v_2(p_T)$  with hydro prediction

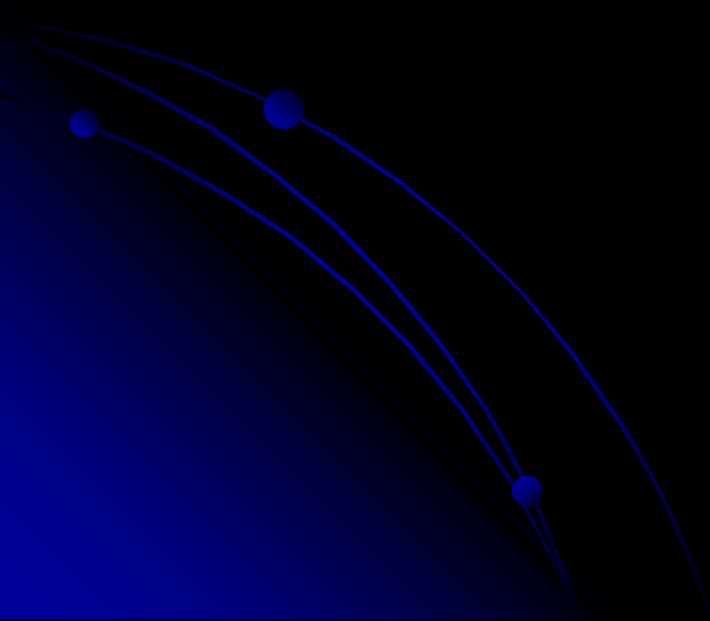


Raimond Snellings  
ALICE (QM2011)

- (calculation by C Shen et al.: arXiv:1105.3226 [nucl-th])

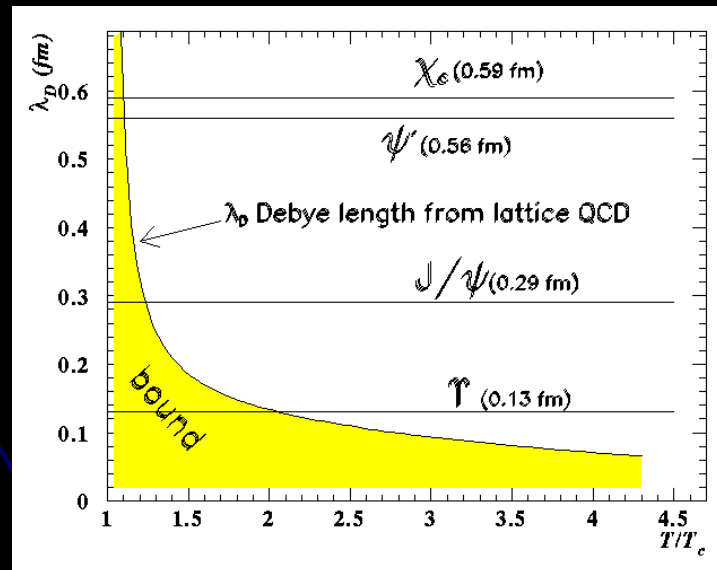
→ again, protons are off... → what's going on with protons?  
to be continued...

# Quarkonia

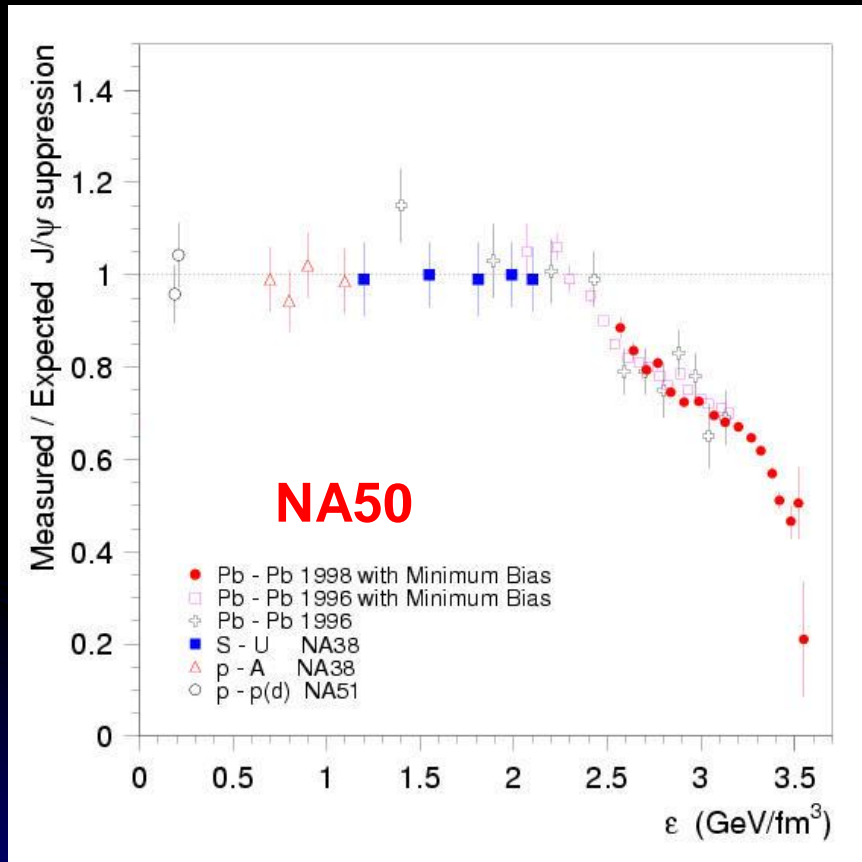


# Charmonium suppression

- QGP signature proposed by Matsui and Satz, 1986
- In the plasma phase the interaction potential is expected to be screened beyond the Debye length  $\lambda_D$  (analogous to e.m. Debye screening):
- Charmonium ( $c\bar{c}$ ) and bottonium ( $b\bar{b}$ ) states with  $r > \lambda_D$  will not bind; their production will be suppressed

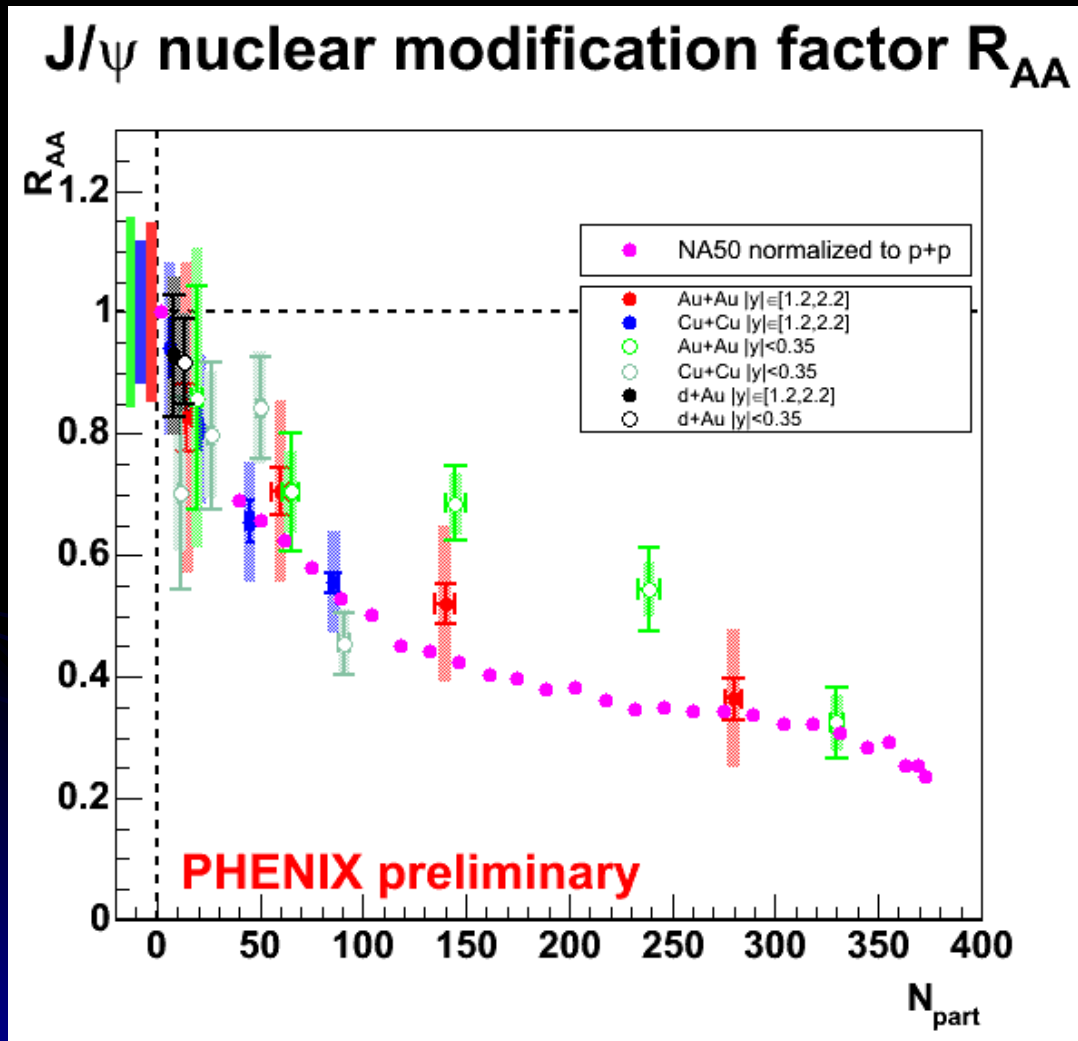


# J/ $\psi$ suppression pattern at the SPS



- measured/expected  $J/\psi$  suppression vs estimated energy density
  - anomalous suppression sets in at  $\epsilon \sim 2.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$  ( $b \sim 8 \text{ fm}$ )
  - effect seems to accelerate at  $\epsilon \sim 3 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$  ( $b \sim 3.6 \text{ fm}$ )
  - this pattern has been interpreted as successive melting of the  $\chi_c$  and of the  $J/\psi$

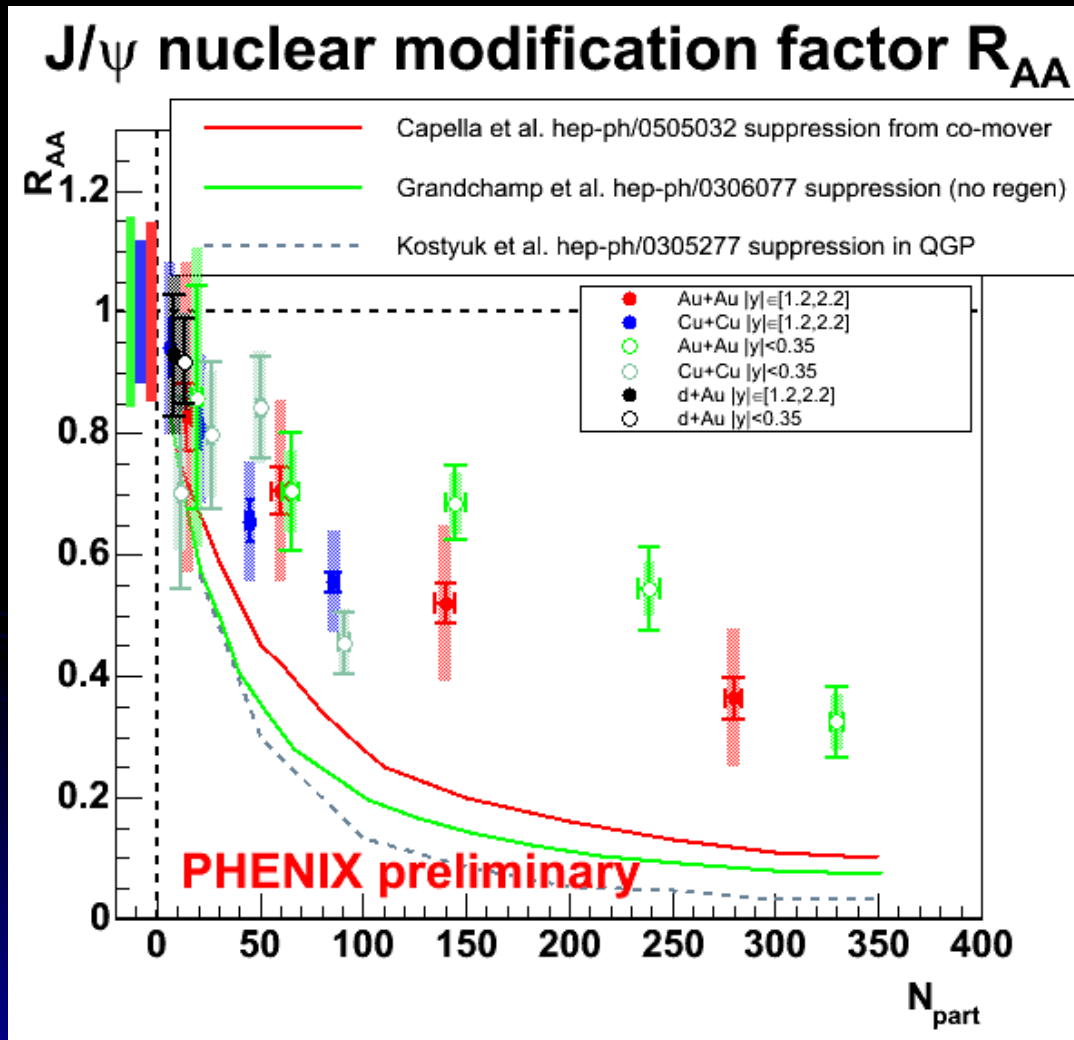
# J/ψ suppression at RHIC



- J/ψ ~ as suppressed as at SPS (NA50)

[Hugo Pereira (PHENIX), QM05]

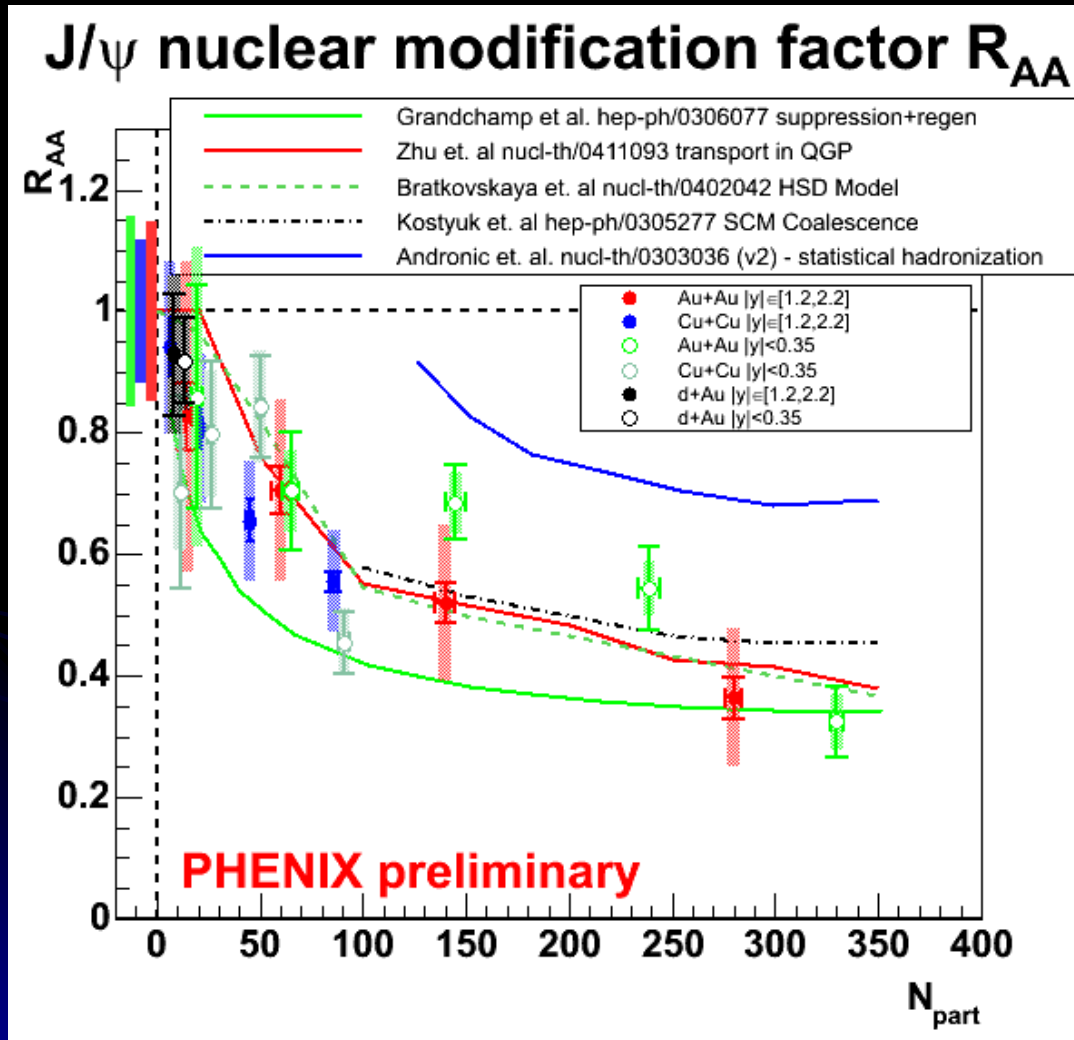
# J/ψ suppression at RHIC



- all models reproducing magnitude of J/ψ suppression at SPS predicted larger suppression at RHIC

[Hugo Pereira (PHENIX), QM05]

# J/ψ suppression at RHIC

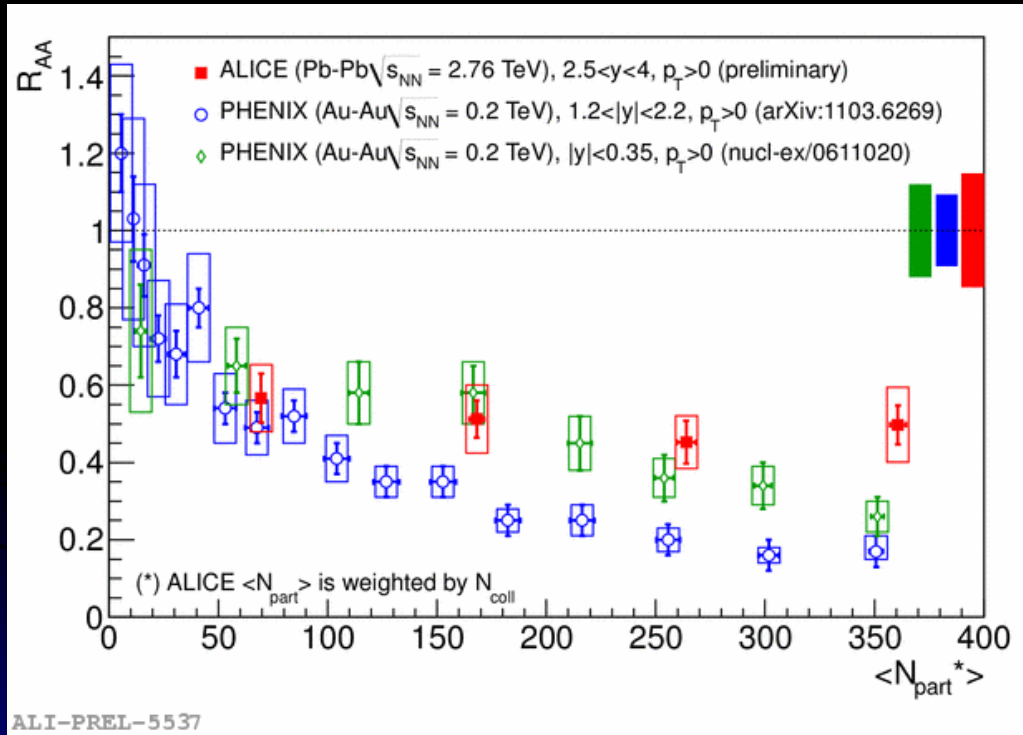


- Models including recombination of  $c$  and  $\bar{c}$  produced in different initial parton-parton collisions do better...

[Hugo Pereira (PHENIX), QM05]

# J/ψ @ LHC: forward y, low p<sub>T</sub>

- LHC: 2.5 < y < 4, p<sub>T</sub> > 0 (ALICE)



→ less suppression than

RHIC: 1.2 < y < 2.2, p<sub>T</sub> > 0 (PHENIX)

→ ~ as suppressed as

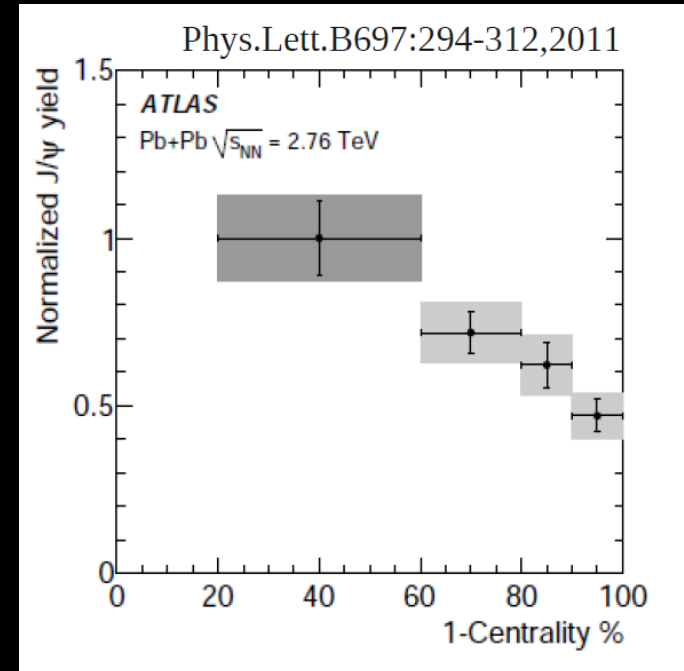
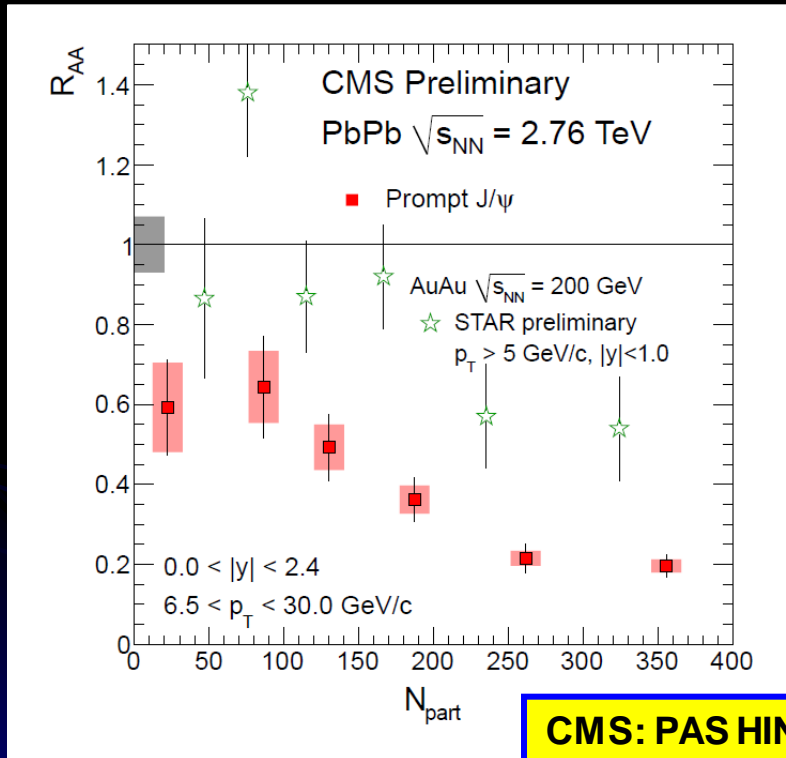
RHIC: |y| < 0.35, p<sub>T</sub> > 0 (PHENIX)

Ginés Martínez – ALICE (QM2011)



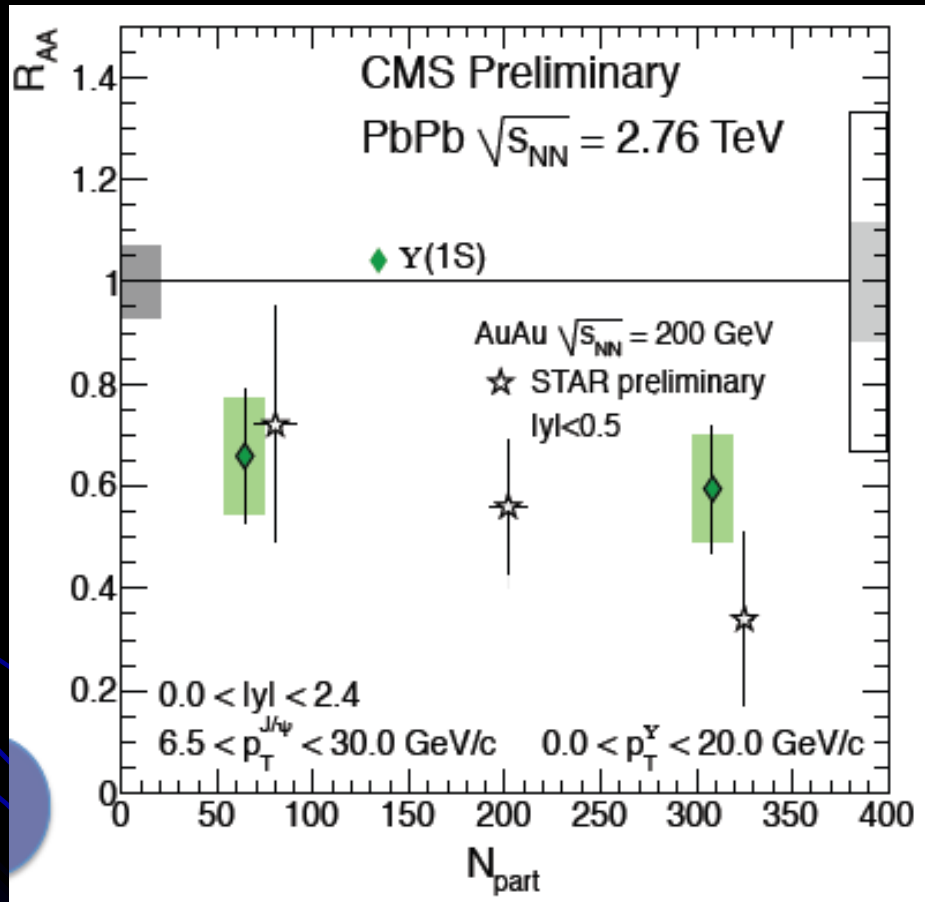
# J/ψ @ LHC: central y, high p<sub>T</sub>

- LHC:  $|y| < 2.4$ ,  $p_T > 6.5$  GeV/c (CMS) prompt J/ψ
- LHC  $|y| < 2.5$ ,  $p_T > 3$  GeV/c (ATLAS)



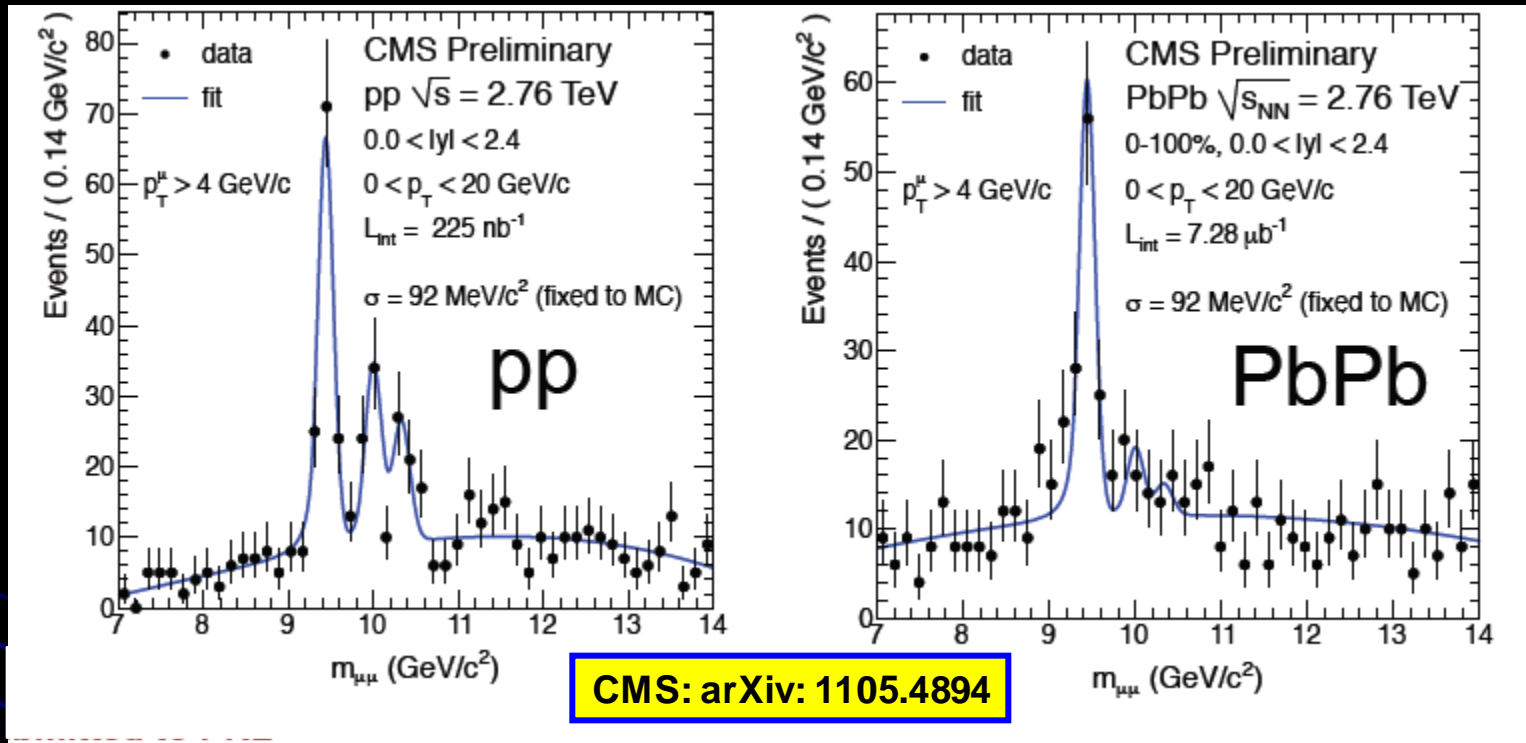
→ more suppressed than  
RHIC:  $|y| < 1$ ,  $p_T > 5$  GeV/c (STAR)  
inclusive J/ψ

# $\Upsilon(1S)$ suppression



CMS: PAS HIN-10-006

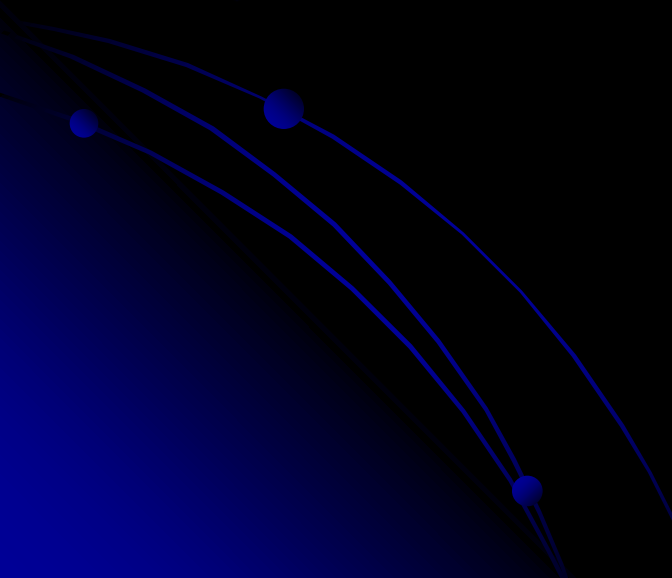
# $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$ suppression!



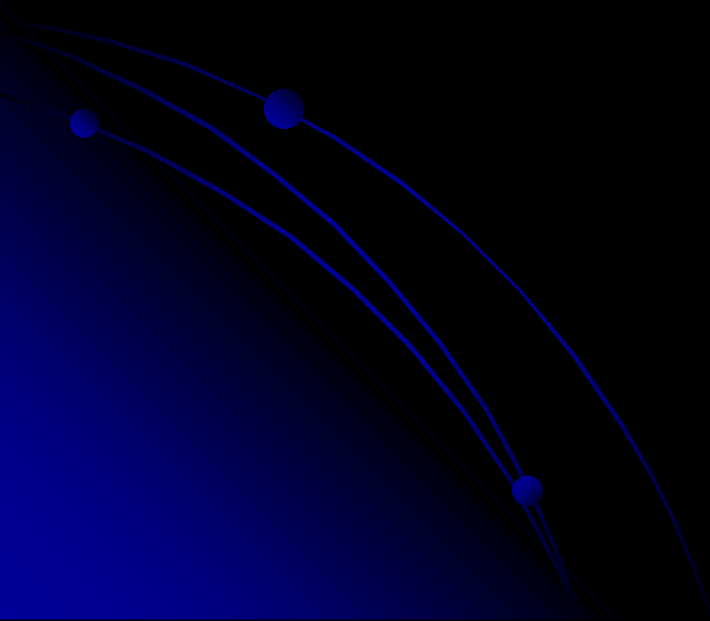
- additional suppression for  $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$  w.r.t.  $\Upsilon(1S)$  ?

# Quarkonia: outlook

- the future runs should allow us to establish quantitatively the complete quarkonium suppression(/recombination?) pattern
  - high statistic measurements
  - open flavour baseline / contamination
  - pA baseline

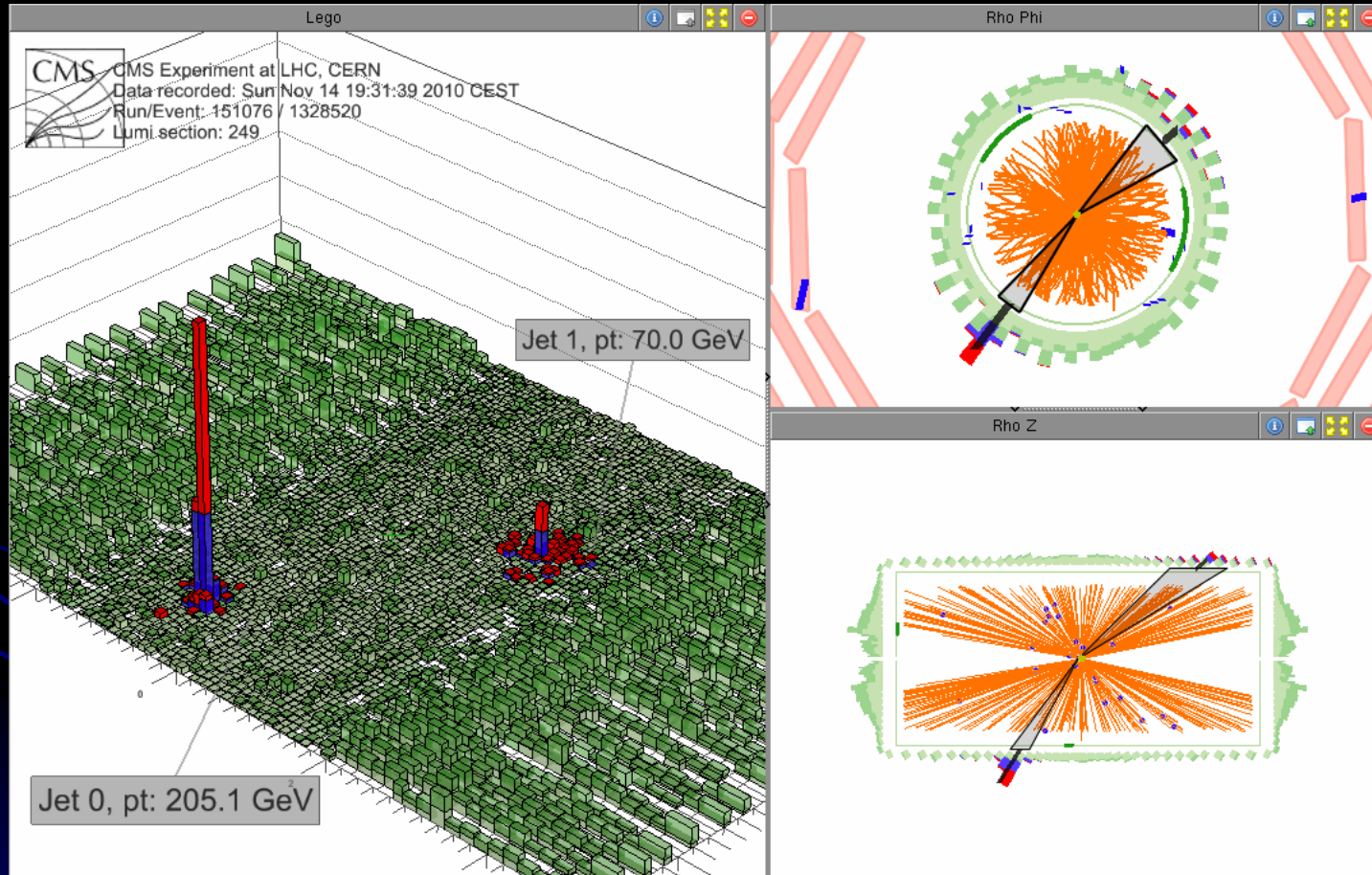


# Jets



# Di-jet imbalance

- Pb-Pb events with large di-jet imbalance observed at the LHC

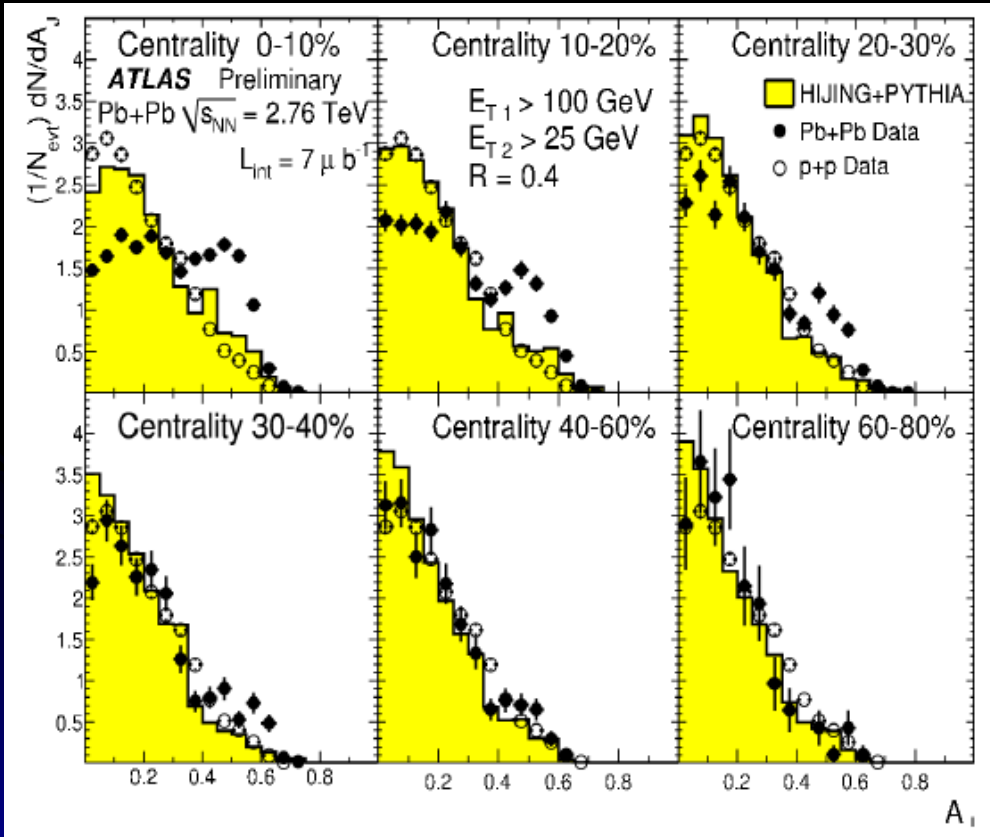


→ recoiling jet strongly quenched!

CMS: arXiv:1102.1957

# $A_J$

- imbalance quantified by the di-jet asymmetry variable  $A_J$ :



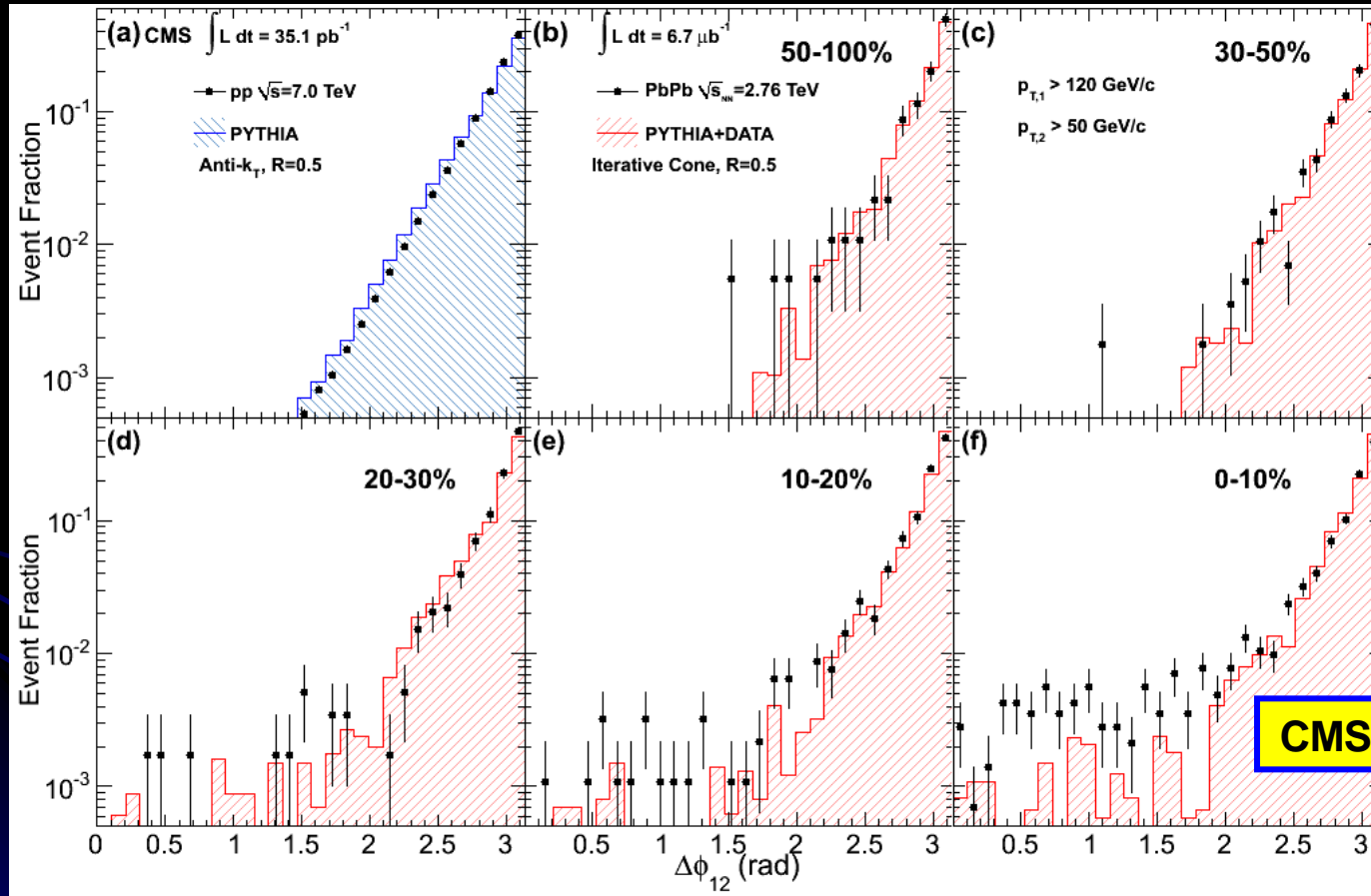
$$A_J = \frac{E_{T1} - E_{T2}}{E_{T1} + E_{T2}} \quad \begin{array}{l} E_{T1} > 100 \text{ GeV} \\ E_{T2} > 25 \text{ GeV} \end{array}$$

- with increasing centrality:  
 → enhancement of asymmetric di-jets with respect to pp
  - & HIJING + PYTHIA simulation

ATLAS: PRL105 (2010) 252303

# Di-jet $\Delta\phi$

- no visible angular decorrelation in  $\Delta\phi$  wrt pp collisions!

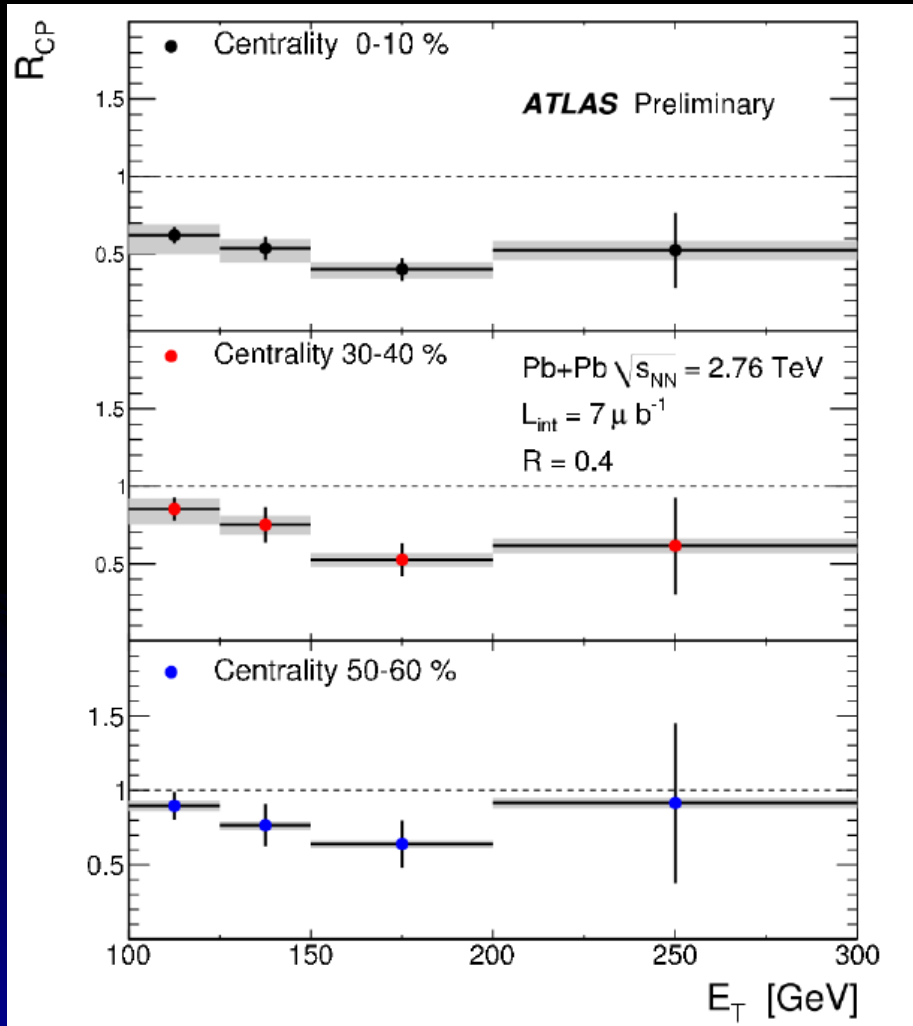


CMS: arXiv:1102.1957

→ large imbalance effect on jet energy, but very little effect on jet direction!



# Jet nuclear modification factor



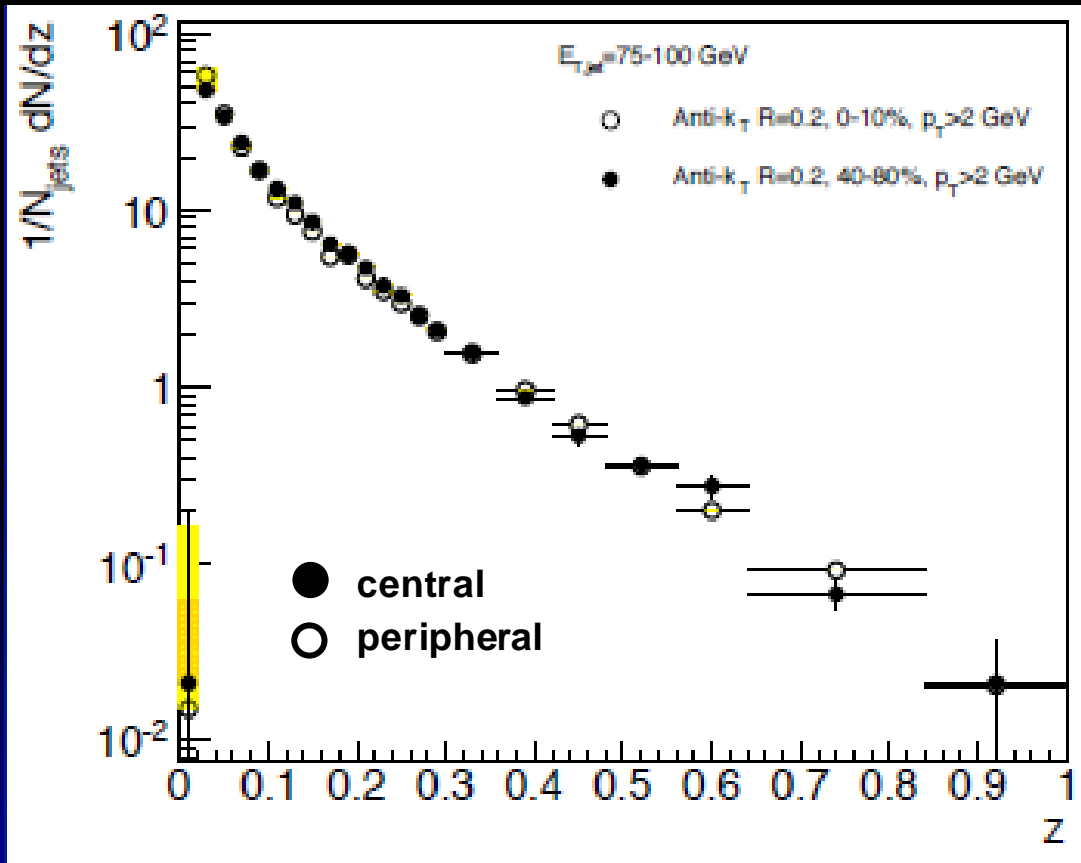
$$R_{CP} = \frac{\langle N_{bin} \rangle_{Central} \text{Yield}_{Central}}{\langle N_{bin} \rangle_{Peripheral} \text{Yield}_{Peripheral}}$$

- substantial suppression of jet production
  - in central Pb-Pb wrt binary-scaled peripheral
- out to very large jet energies!

**Brian Cole – ATLAS (QM2011)**

# Jet fragmentation function

- distribution of the momenta of the fragments along the jet axis



Brian Cole – ATLAS (QM2011)

$$z = \frac{p_T^{hadron} \cdot \cos(\Delta R)}{E_T^{jet}}$$

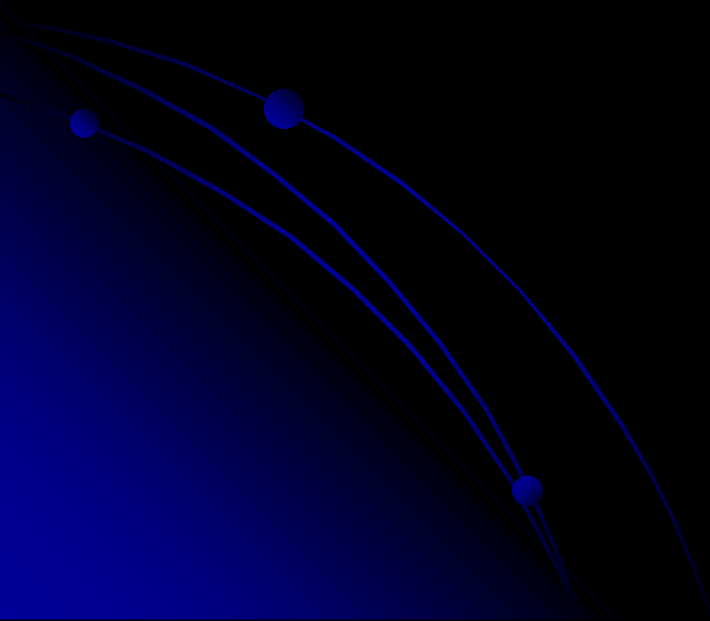
- distribution is very similar in central and peripheral events
  - although quenching is very different...
- apparently no effect from quenching inside the jet cone...
- another puzzle ?



# What next?

- understand theoretically what is going on
  - strong di-jet asymmetry
  - no visible effects in fragmentation function, dijet angular correlations...
- $\gamma/Z$ -jet fragmentation functions
  - measure fragmentation function of jets recoiling against vector bosons  $\rightarrow$  low-bias estimate of jet energy before quenching
- explore the surroundings of away-side jets
  - broadening? softening? re-heating?
- in-medium fragmentation vs reaction plane
  - path length dependence!
- b-tagged jets (quark vs gluon jets)
- extreme suppression?
  - "mono-jet" events? what do they look like?

# Heavy flavours



# Charm and beauty: ideal probes

- study medium with probes of known colour charge and mass
  - e.g.: energy loss by gluon radiation expected to be:
    - parton-specific: stronger for gluons than quarks (colour charge)
    - flavour-specific: stronger for lighter than for heavier quarks (dead-cone effect)
- study effect of medium on fragmentation (no extra production of c, b at hadronization)
  - independent string fragmentation vs recombination
    - e.g.:  $D_s^+/D^+$
- + measurement important for quarkonium physics
  - open  $Q\bar{Q}$  production natural normalization for quarkonium studies
  - B meson decays non negligible source of non-prompt  $J/\psi$

# Theoretically...

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_s C_R \hat{q} L^2$$

average energy loss

Casimir coupling factor

transport coefficient of the medium

distance travelled in the medium

→ R.Baier et al., Nucl. Phys. B483 (1997) 291 ("BDMPS")

Energy loss for heavy flavours is expected to be reduced:

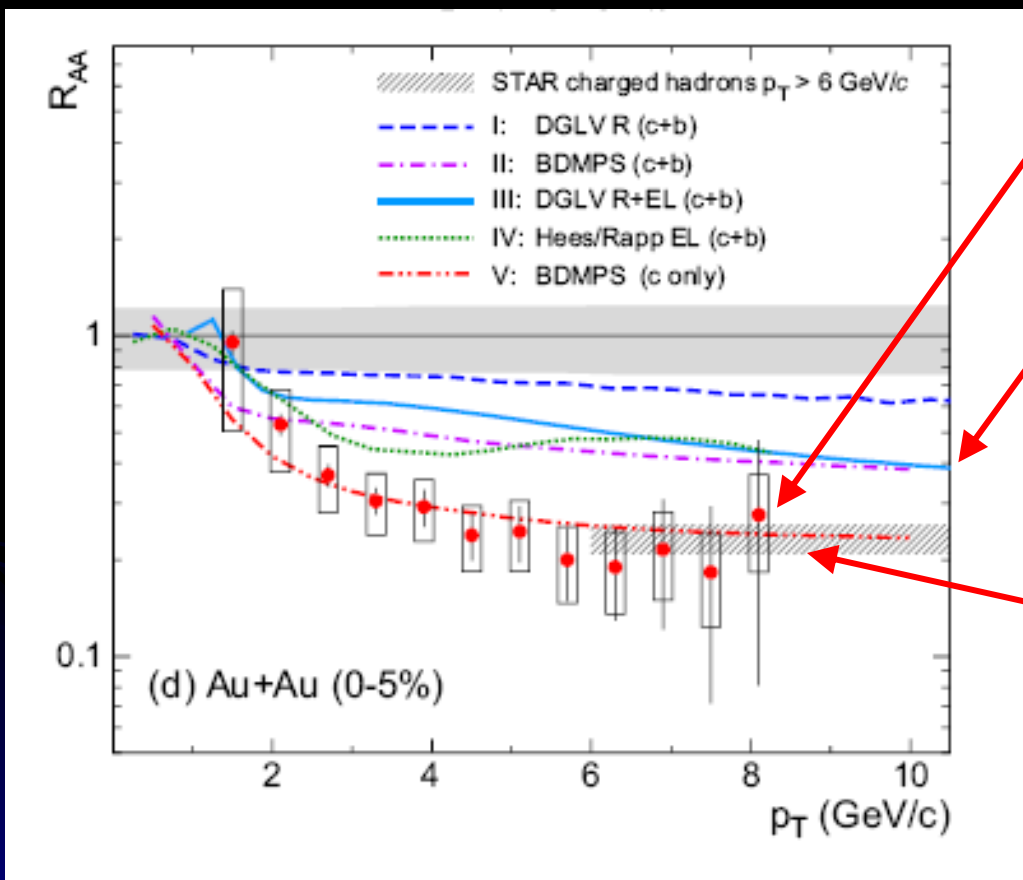
## i) Casimir factor

- light hadrons originate from a mixture of gluon and quark jets, heavy flavoured hadrons originate from quark jets
- $C_R$  is 4/3 for quarks, 3 for gluons

## ii) dead-cone effect

- gluon radiation expected to be suppressed for  $\theta < M_Q/E_Q$   
[Dokshitzer & Karzeev, Phys. Lett. B519 (2001) 199]  
[Armesto et al., Phys. Rev. D69 (2004) 114003]

# Experimentally: at RHIC



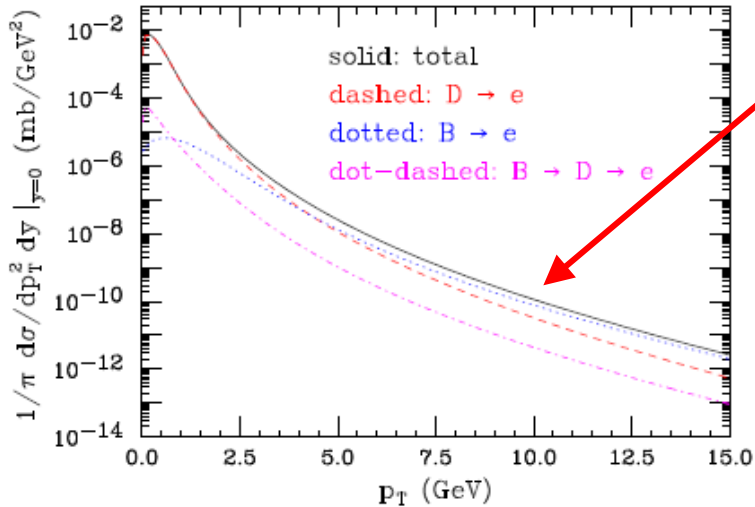
- HF  $e^-$  as suppressed as light hadrons
- use of high density ( $q_{had}$ ), introduction of elastic (in addition to radiative) energy loss... not enough
- high  $q_{had}$  and no beauty electrons does better

[B.I. Abelev et al (STAR): nucl-ex/0607012]

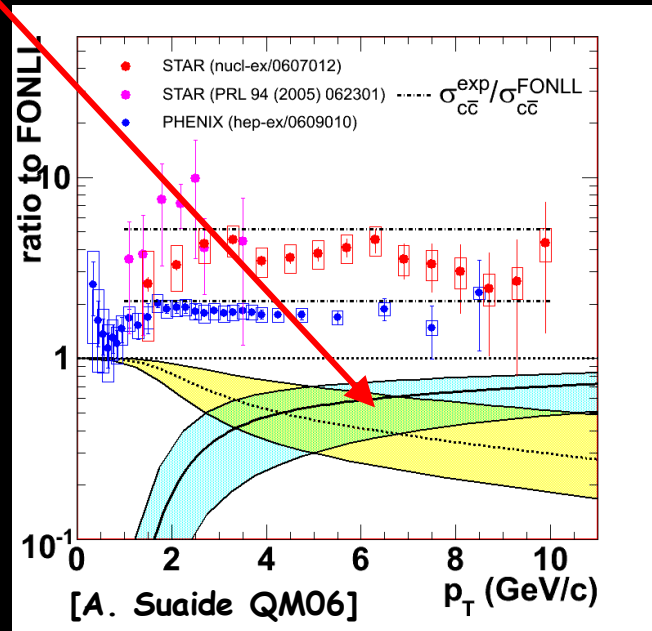


# How much beauty?

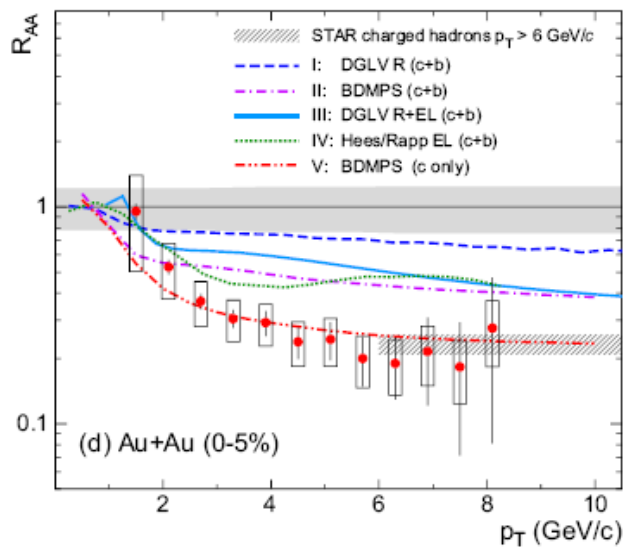
[M. Cacciari et al.: PRL 95 (2005) 122001]



- high  $p_T$  region expected to be beauty-dominated
- but how "high"?



- not easy to disentangle  $c/b$  contributions to RHIC HF  $e$  samples (no heavy flavour vertex detectors in RHIC experiments)

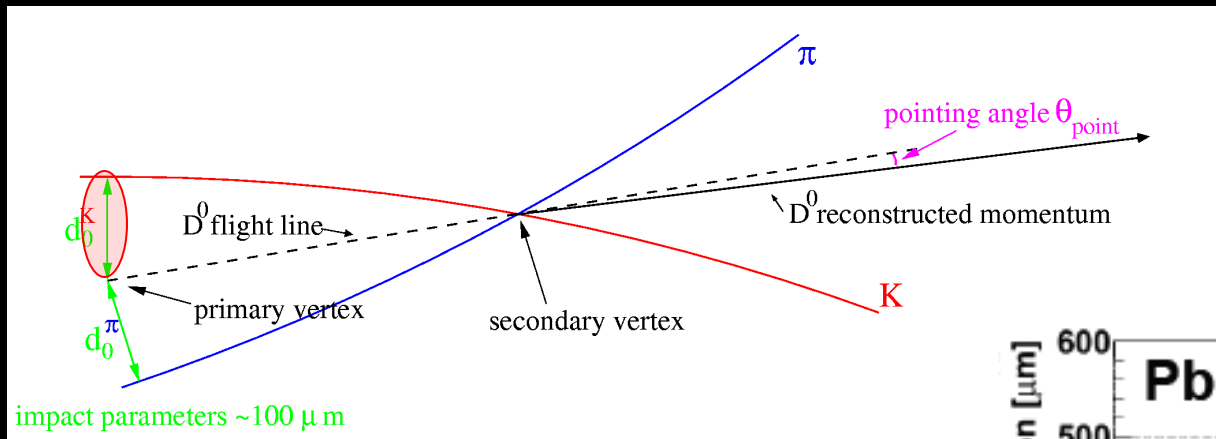


# Vertex Detectors!

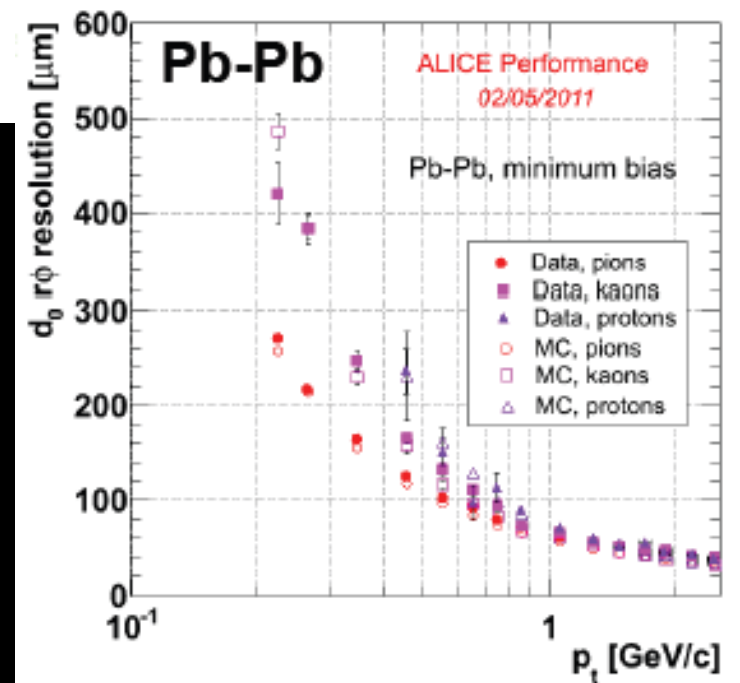
- need less indirect measurement
- full reconstruction of charm decays!
  - get rid of b/c ambiguities
  - study relative abundances in charm sector
- Silicon Pixels in ALICE, ATLAS, CMS
- + Silicon Vertex upgrades in STAR, PHENIX

# Track Impact Parameter

- track impact parameter ( $d_0$ ): separation of secondary tracks from HF decays from primary vertex

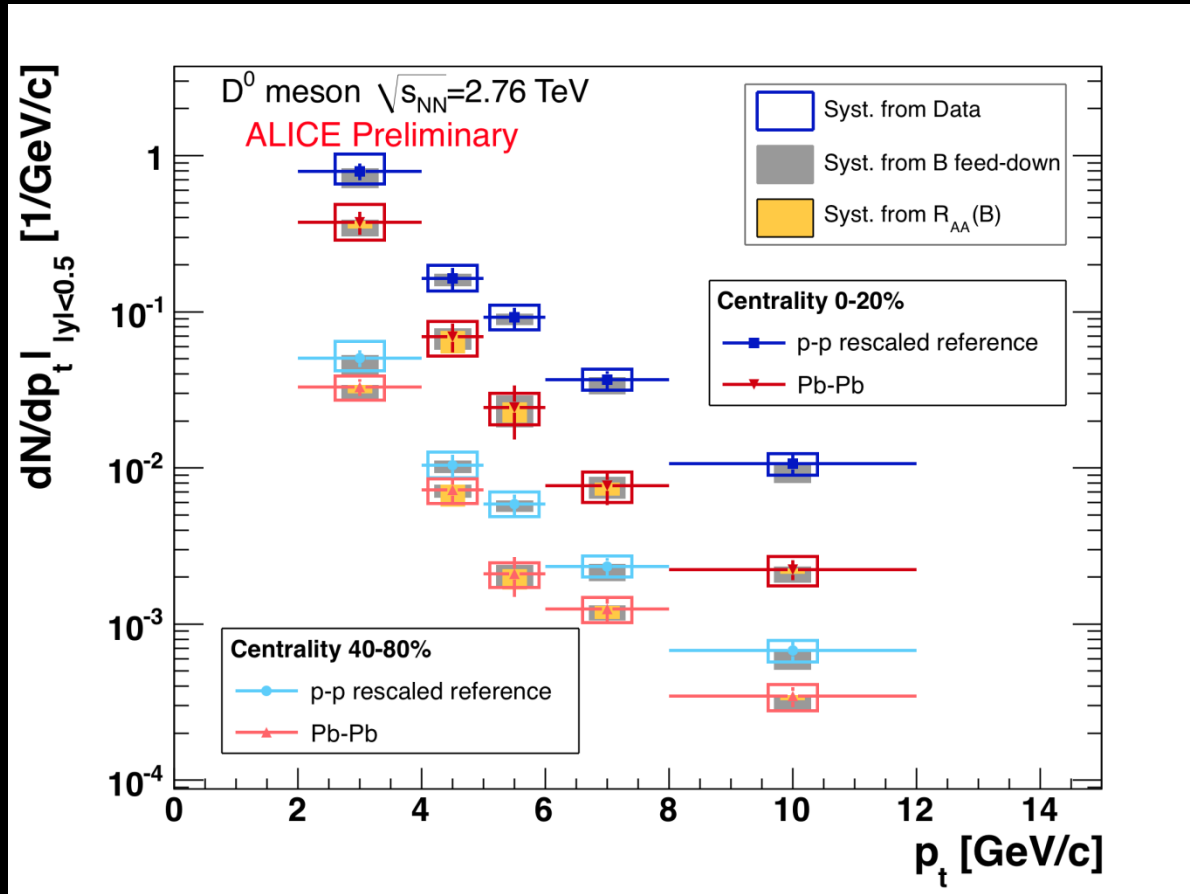
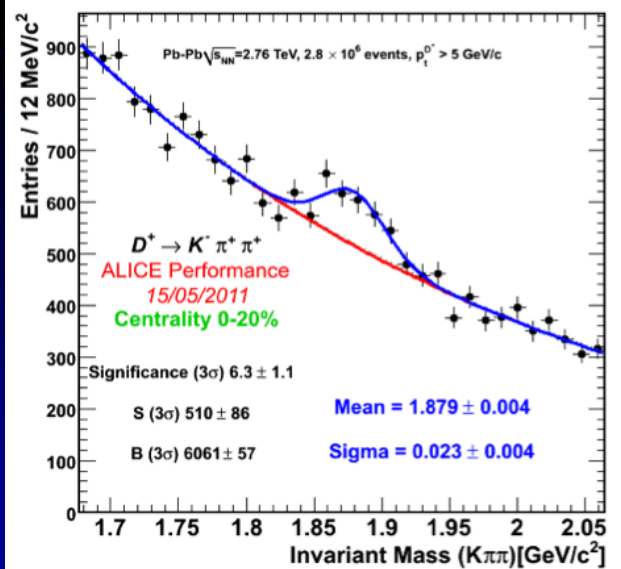
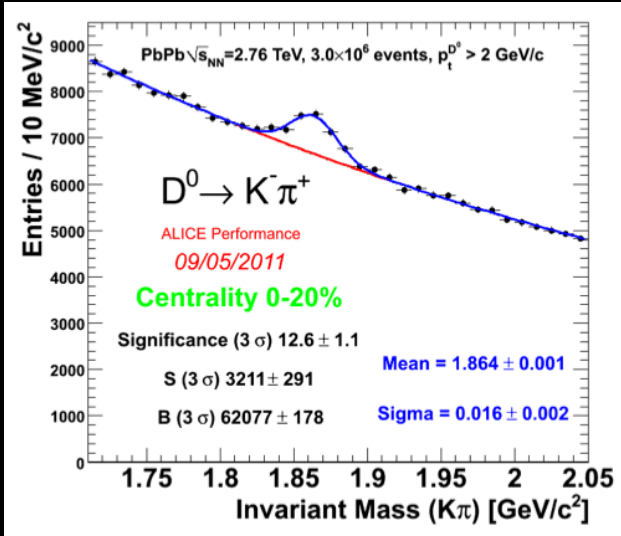


- e.g.:  $d_0$  resolution in ALICE

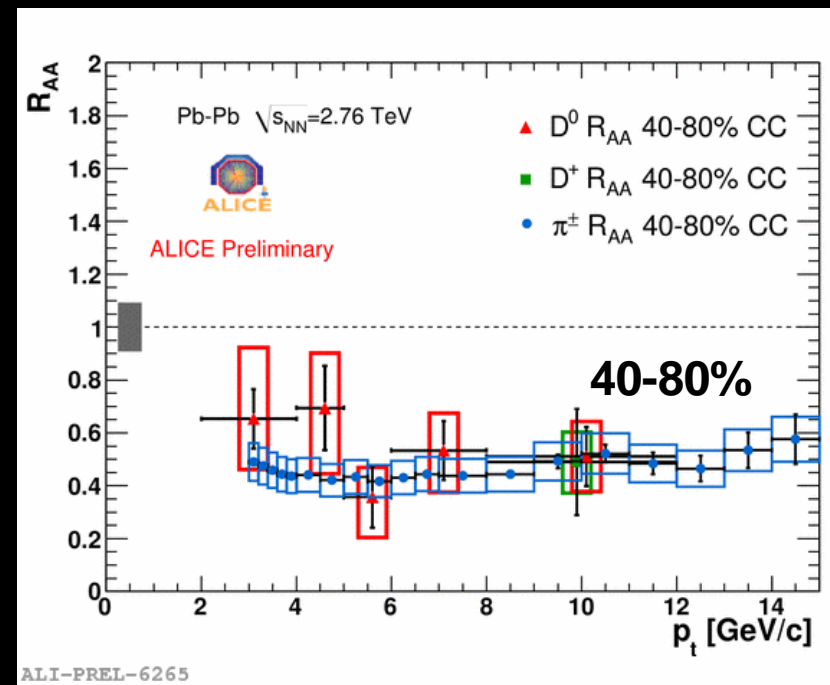
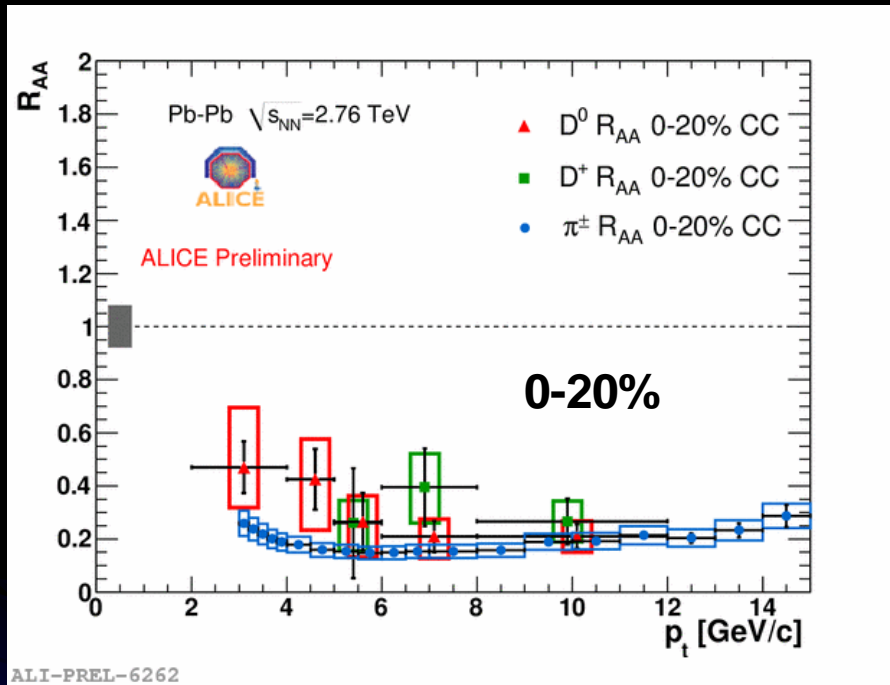


# Reconstructed D decays

→ strong suppression observed in central Pb-Pb (0-20%) with respect to scaled pp reference



# Comparison: D and $\pi^\pm$ suppression

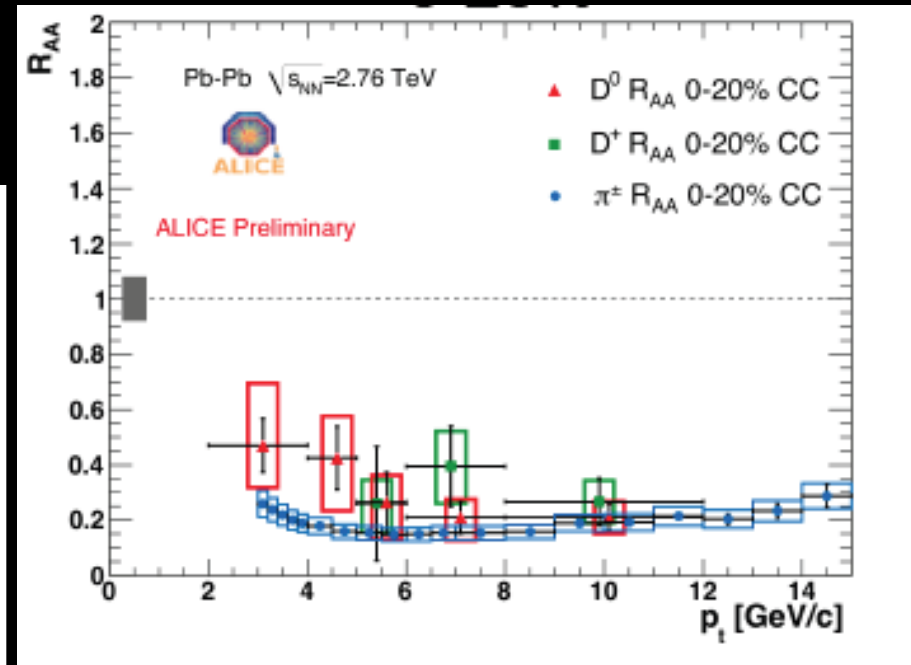
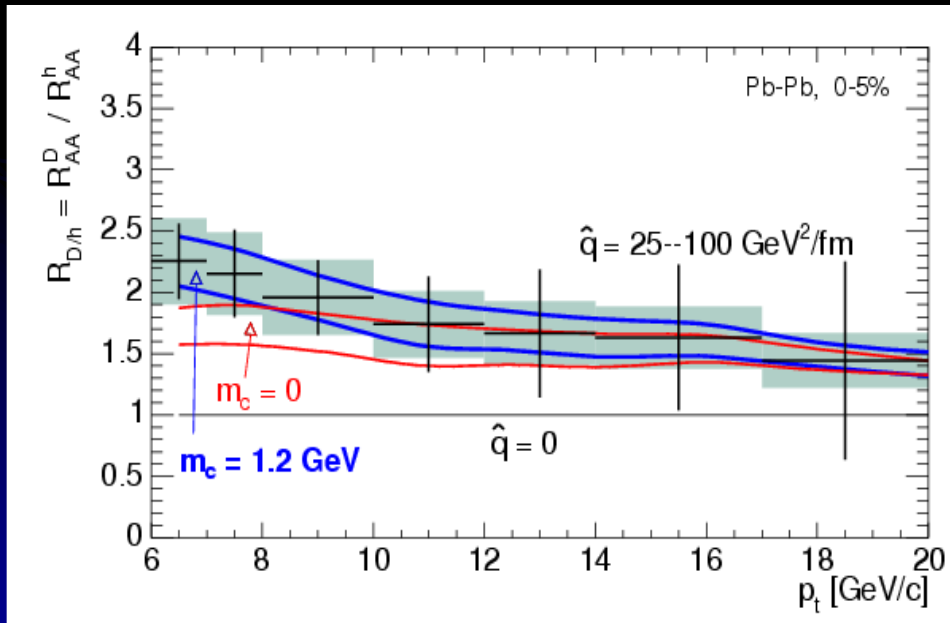


- charm is substantially suppressed:
  - in central collisions:  $\sim$  a factor 4-5 for  $p_T > 5$  GeV/c
- D meson  $R_{AA}$  compatible with  $\pi^\pm R_{AA}$ 
  - slightly larger for  $p_T < 5$  GeV/c

# How about the colour factor?

- quarks ( $C_R = 4/3$ ) expected to couple weaker than gluons ( $C_R = 3$ )
- at  $p_T \sim 8$  GeV, factor  $\sim 2$  less suppression expected for D than for light hadrons in gluon radiation energy loss prediction

- data do show a hint of deviation ( $R_{AA}^D > R_{AA}^\pi$ ), but at much lower  $p_T$  ...



... to be continued with higher statistics...

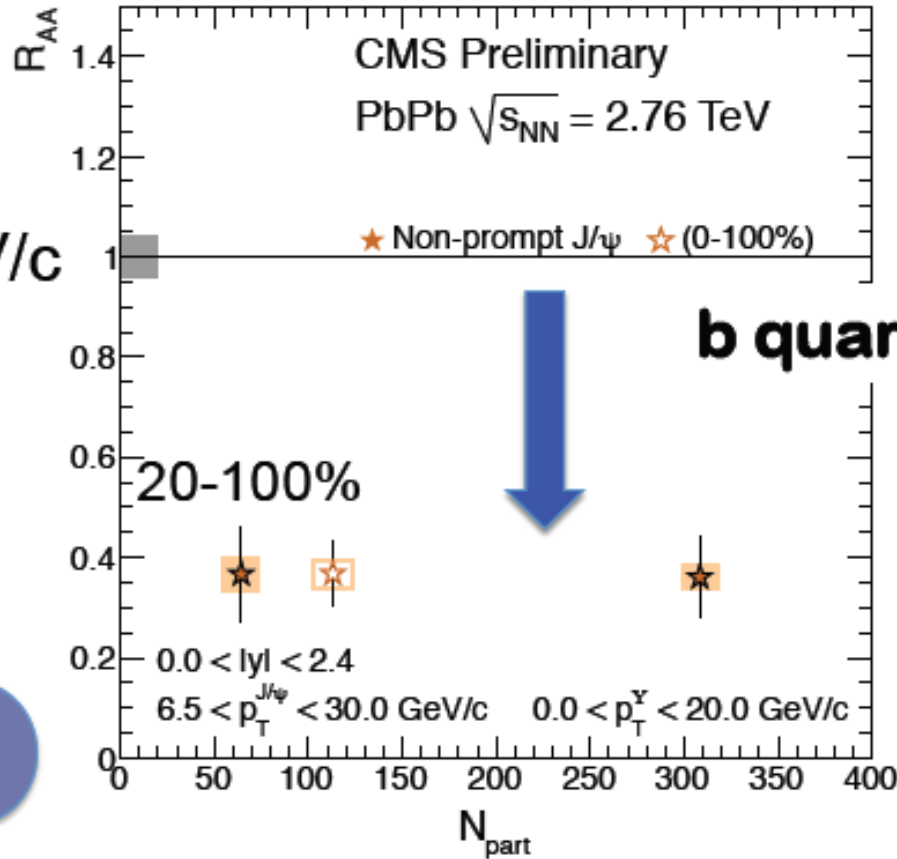
N Armesto et al., Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 054027

# First $B \rightarrow J/\psi R_{AA}$

PbPb

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

$p_T^{J/\psi} > 6.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

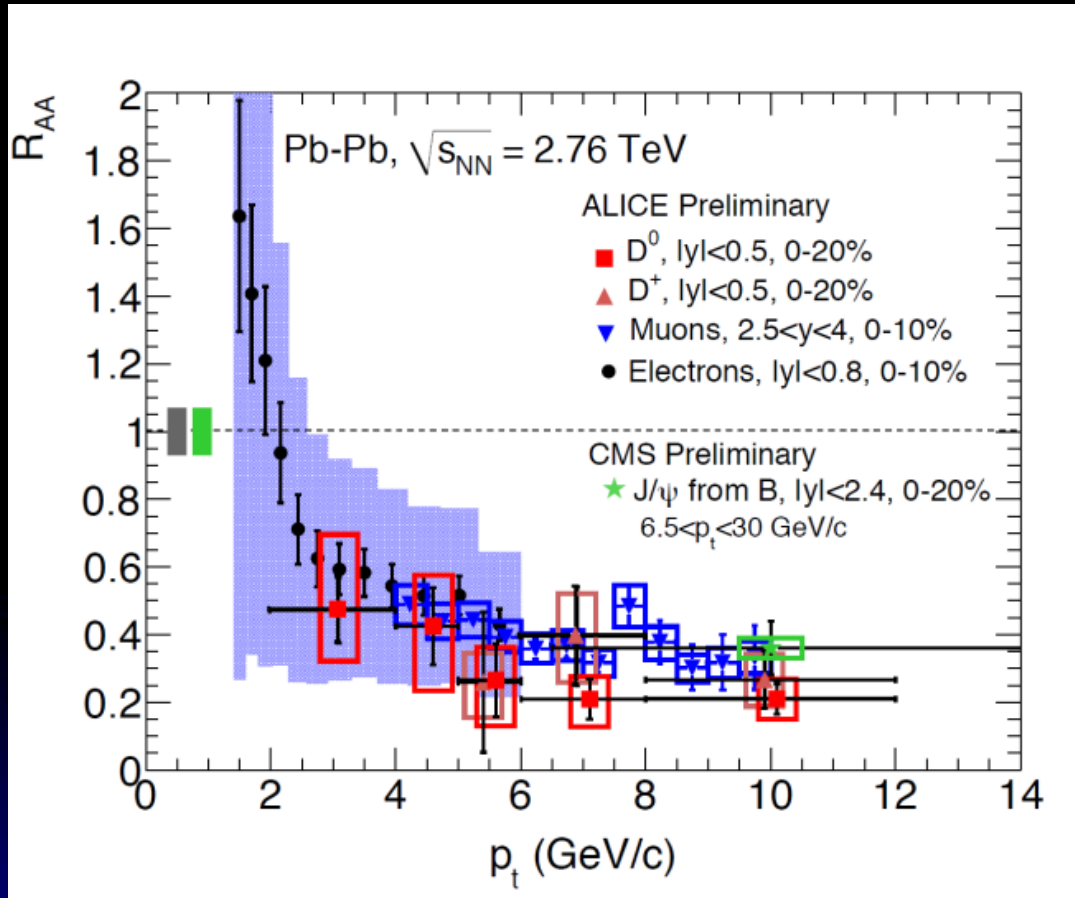


**b quark energy loss ?**

**Minimum bias  $R_{AA} = 0.37 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.03$**

**Central 0-20%  $R_{AA} = 0.36 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$**

# c and b quenching @ LHC



→ substantial suppression of heavy flavour production - beauty, too!

[compilation courtesy of Andrea Dainese]

→ with larger statistics: study parton mass and colour charge dependence of interaction with medium!



# Heavy Flavour: outlook

- high statistics D measurements
  - are D really as suppressed as light hadrons?
- charm thermalisation?
  - measure D mesons  $v_2$
- subtract D background → pure B electron spectrum
  - beauty energy loss in wide  $p_T$  range
- in-medium fragmentation of b-tagged jets !

# Conclusions

- in November 2010, the field of ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions has entered a new era with the start of heavy ion collisions at the LHC
  - abundance of hard probes
  - state-of-the art collider detectors
- exciting results already from first, limited data samples
  - death of ridge and Mach cone?
  - anomalies in proton yields & momentum distributions
  - pattern of jet and heavy flavour suppression challenges energy loss models
- the future looks very bright
  - precision measurements → constrain dynamic and coupling properties of medium
  - look out for surprises!!!

Thank you!

(and stay tuned...)