

**Lecture 1:**  
**Basics, hard scattering  
processes in nuclei**

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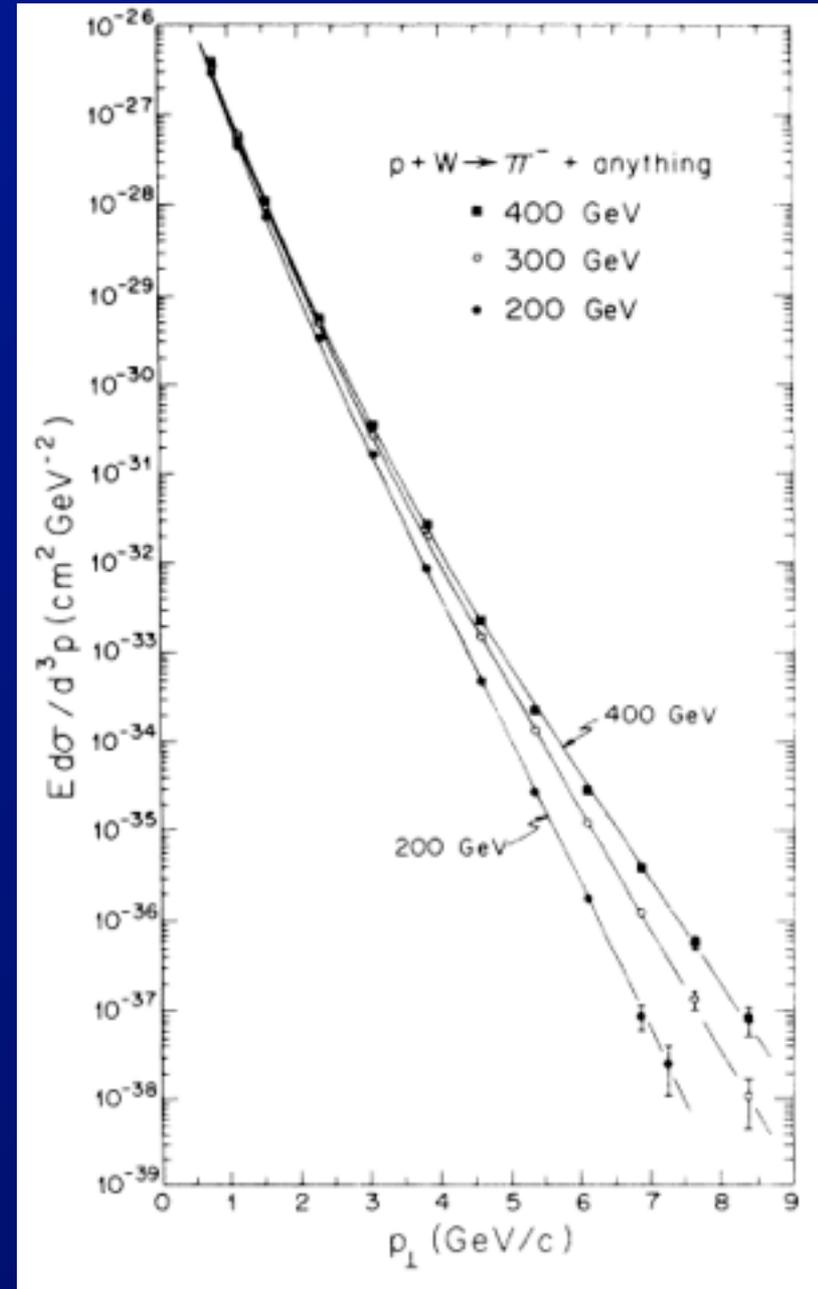
**Cronin effect: a “case study”**

# An early measurement

Cronin *et al*,  
Phys. Rev. D11 (1975) 3105

- **Inclusive invariant cross-section for  $\pi^-$  production as a function of  $p_T$** 
  - At  $90^\circ$  in center of mass
  - For three different fixed target collision energies

⇒ **Clear variation in yield at high  $p_T$  with collision energy.**



# Some basics

- First, center of mass energies:

- 200 GeV  $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 19.4$  GeV

- 300 GeV  $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 23.7$  GeV

- 400 GeV  $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 27.4$  GeV

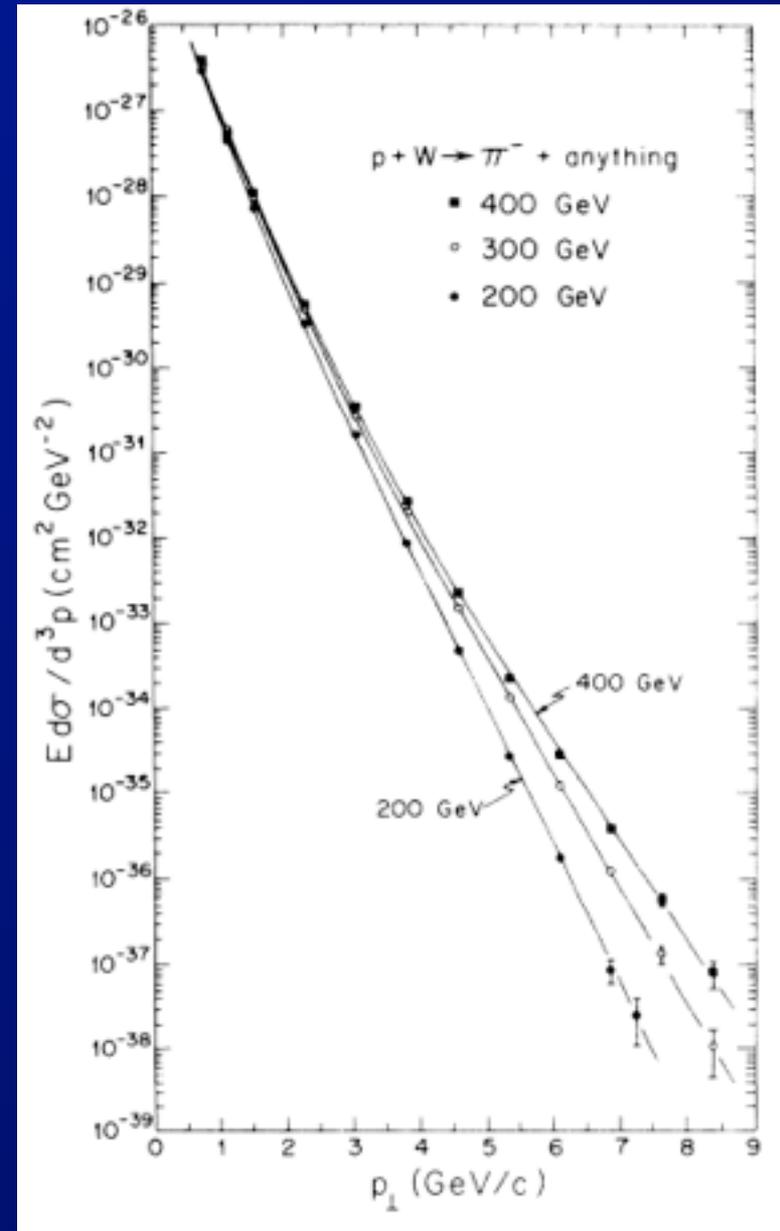
- Kinematic limits:

- At nucleon-nucleon level single particle  $p_T$  must satisfy  $p_T < \sqrt{s}/2$

- $\Rightarrow 12.0, 13.9, 15.6$  GeV

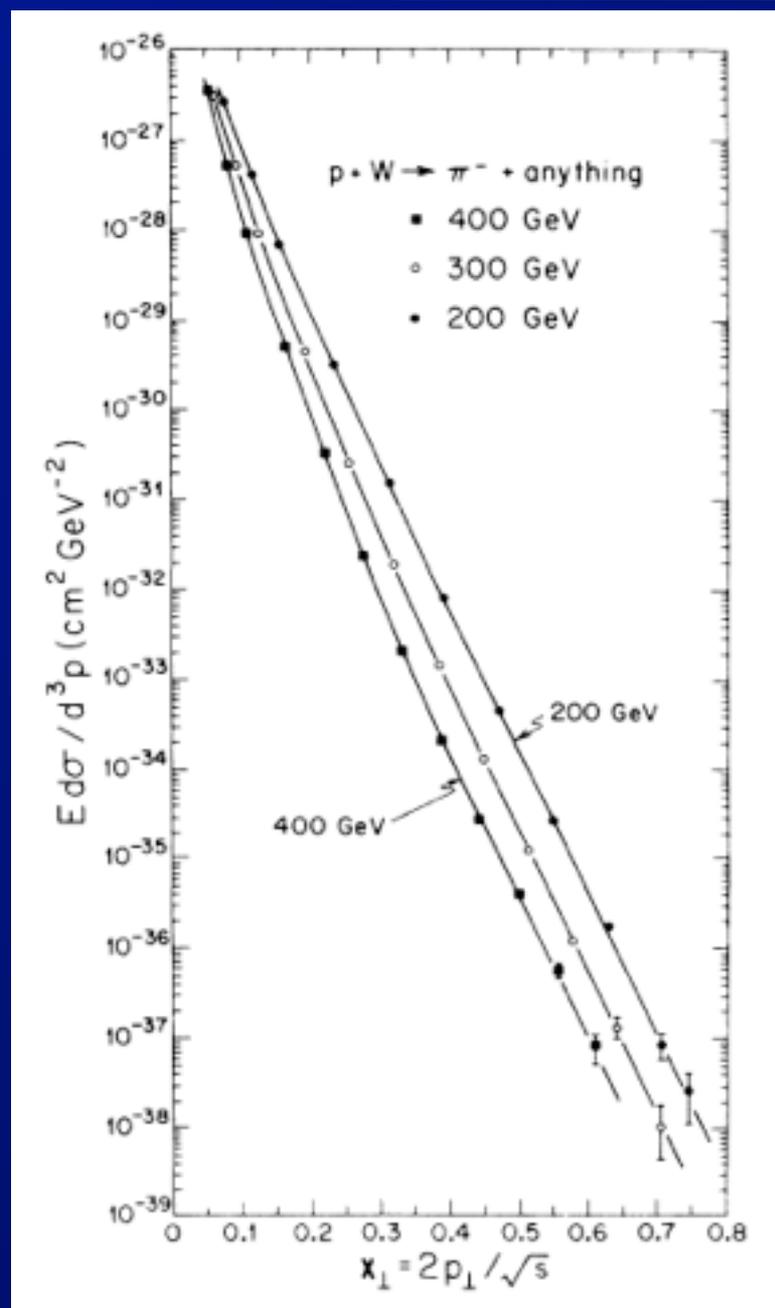
- Invariant cross-section

- $E d^3p$  is Lorentz invariant



# Early measurement: $x_T$

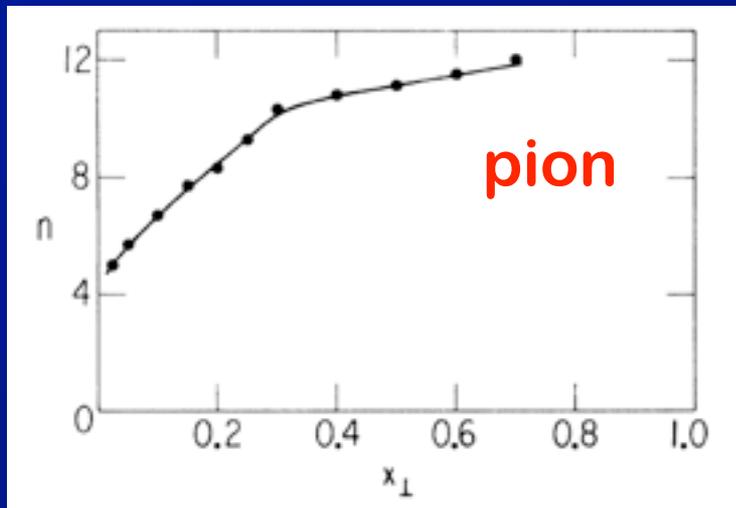
- Define a scaling variable:
  - $x_{\perp} = p_T / (\sqrt{s}/2)$
  - Measurements extend to significant fraction of kinematic limit.
- Shapes of  $x_T$  spectra between different energies are similar.
  - But have different normalization.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Correct for  $\sqrt{s}$  in  
 $p_T \rightarrow x_{\perp}$   
transformation



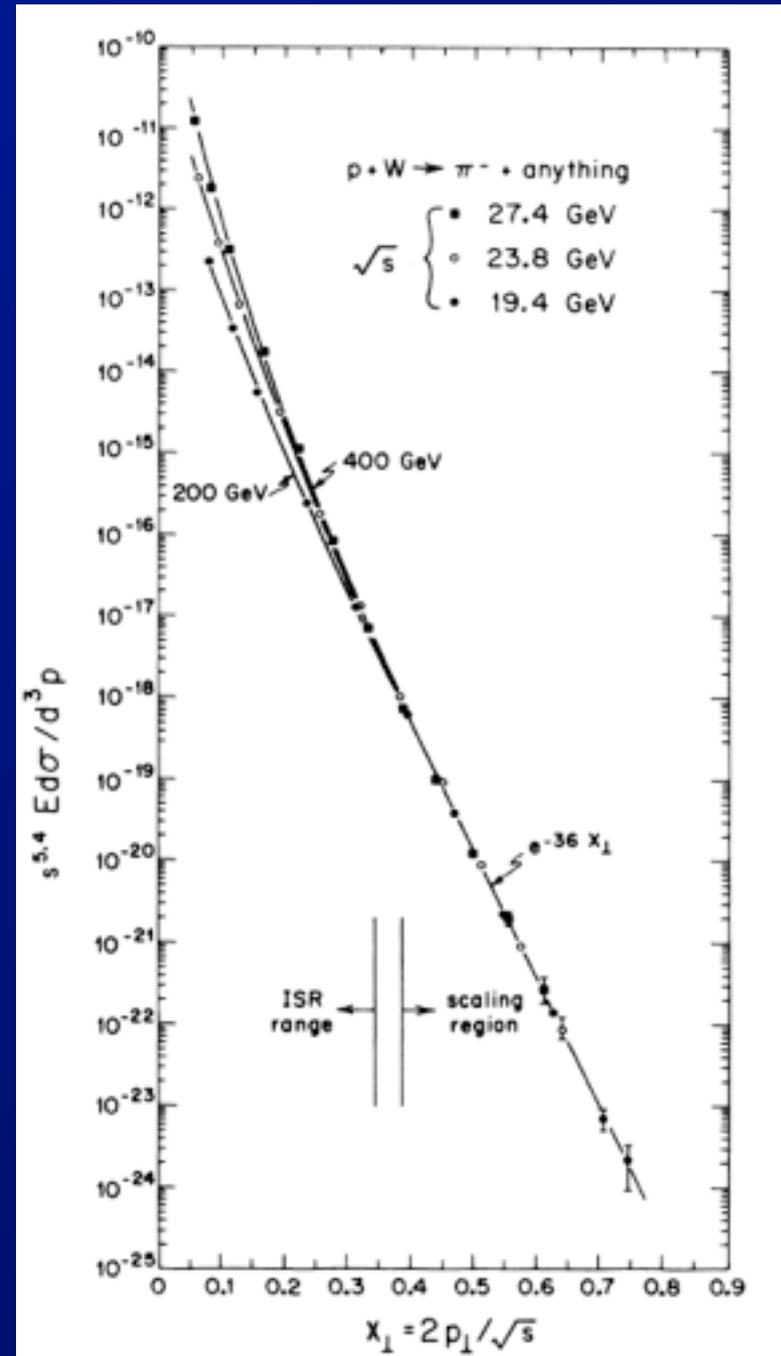
# $x_T$ scaling

- High- $p_T$  invariant cross-sections have power-law shape:

$$- E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \propto \left( \frac{1}{p_T} \right)^n$$



- Then, under  $p_T \rightarrow x_{\perp}$  pick up factor of  $\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^n$



# A dependence

- Cross-sections were observed to vary (inclusively) as  $A^\alpha$ .

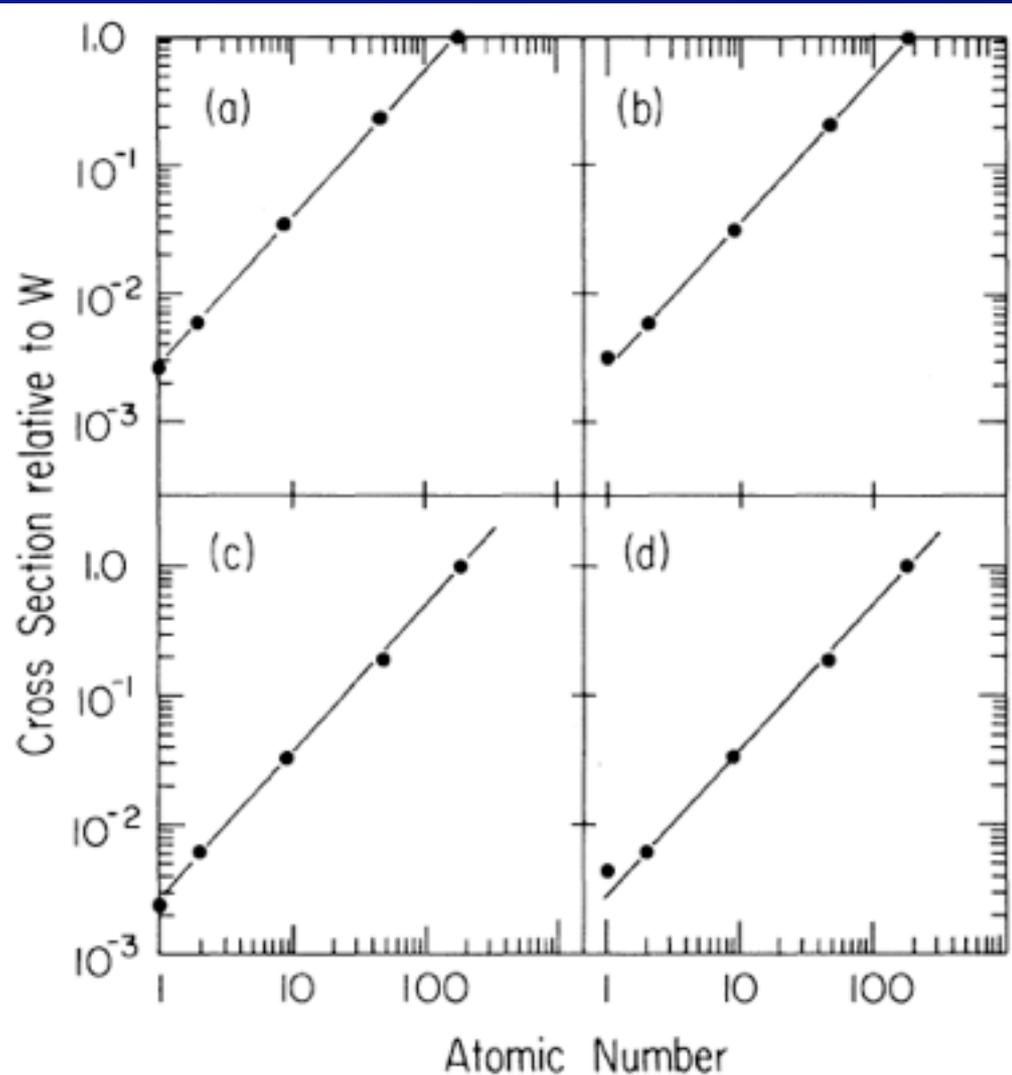


FIG. 1. The invariant cross section for  $\pi$  production relative to tungsten for various atomic numbers at 400 GeV; (a)  $\pi^-$  at  $p_{\perp} = 3.85$  GeV/c, (b)  $\pi^+$  at  $p_{\perp} = 3.85$  GeV/c, (c)  $\pi^-$  at  $p_{\perp} = 5.38$  GeV/c, (d)  $\pi^+$  at  $p_{\perp} = 5.38$  GeV/c.

# A dependence

- Extracted values of  $\alpha(p_T)$  for pions, kaons and protons.

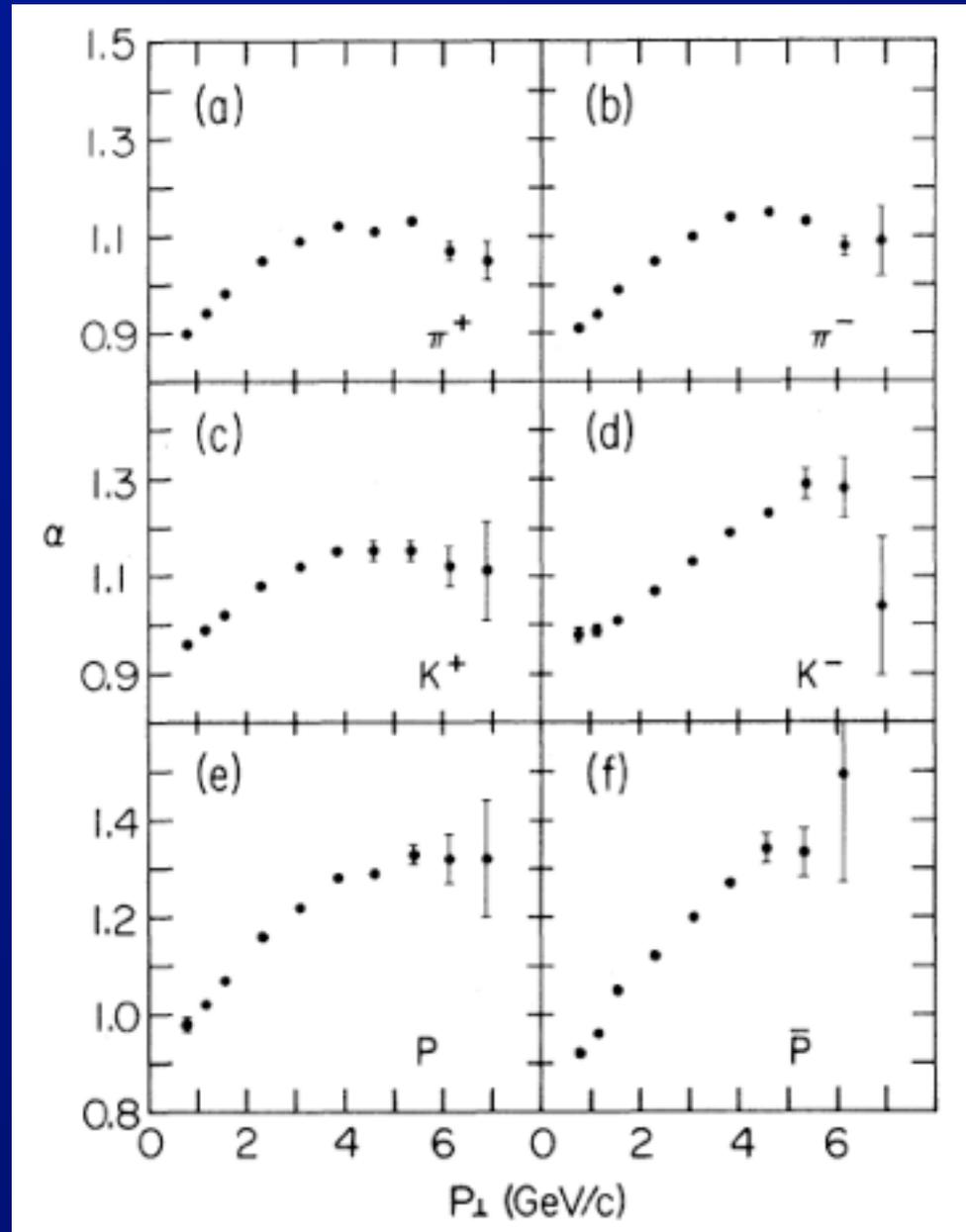
–  $0.9 < \alpha(p_T) < 1.1$   
for pions

⇒ Surprise:  $\alpha > 1$

⇒ Varies with  
particle type

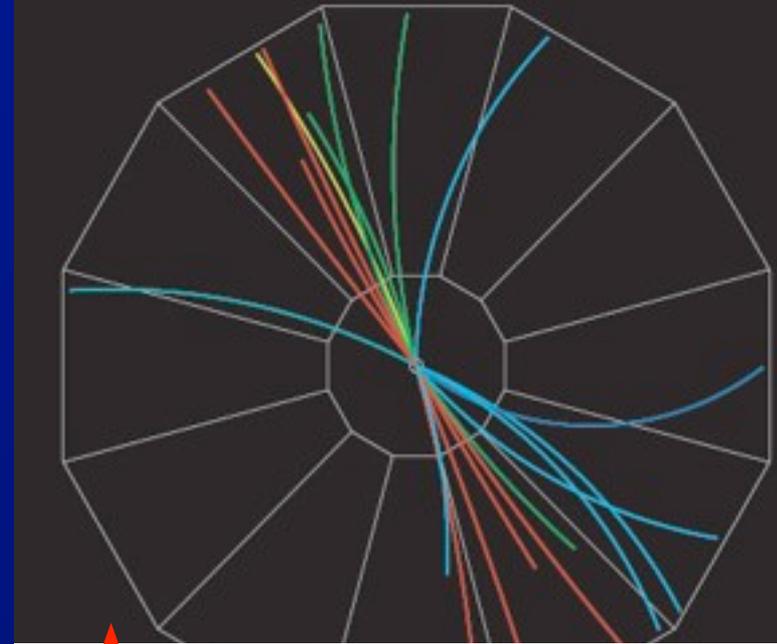
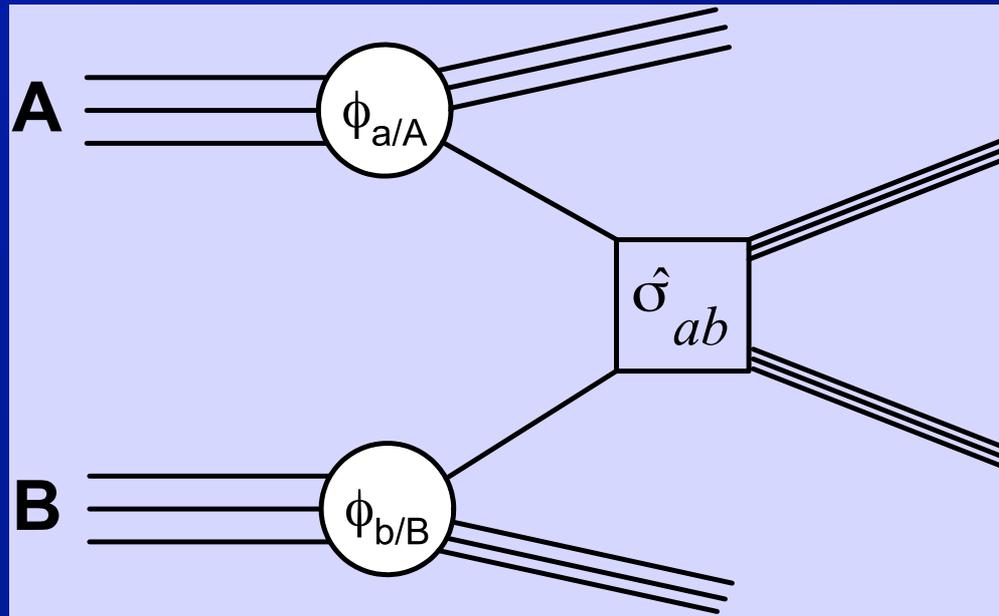
- This is the well-known “Cronin effect”

⇒ Why?



**Physics: pQCD, geometry**

# Hard Scattering in p-p Collisions



p-p di-jet Event

From Collins, Soper, Sterman  
Phys. Lett. B438:184-192, 1998

$$\sigma_{AB} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a dx_b \phi_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2) \phi_{b/B}(x_b, \mu^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab} \left( \frac{Q^2}{x_a x_b S}, \frac{Q}{\mu}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{Q^P} \right) \right)$$

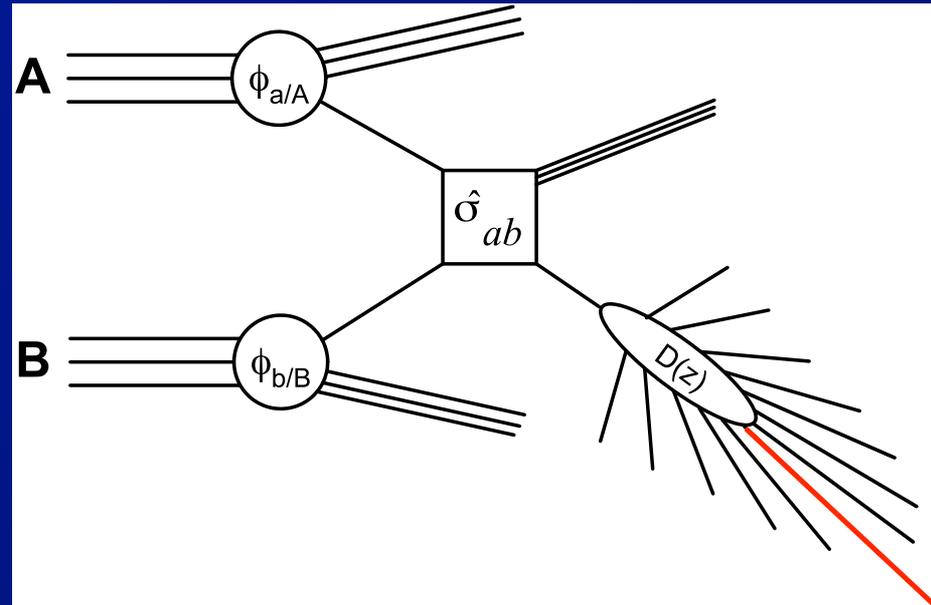
• **Factorization: separation of  $\sigma$  into**

– Short-distance physics:  $\hat{\sigma}$

– Long-distance physics:  $\varphi$ 's (universal)

# Single High-pt Hadron Production

- For single hadron production need fragmentation functions



- Describe inclusive hadron longitudinal momentum distribution inside a jet

$\Rightarrow D_i^a(z)$  for parton  $i \rightarrow$  hadron  $a$

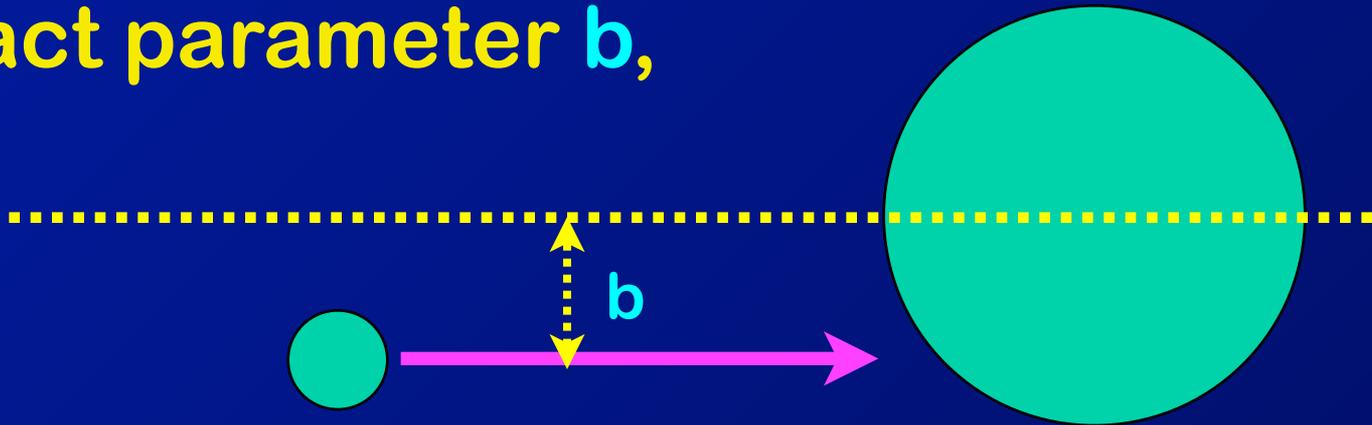
$\Rightarrow z$  is fraction of parton/jet momentum carried by the hadron

- Fragmentation functions satisfy sum rule

$$- \sum_a \int_0^1 dz z D_i^a(z) = 1$$

# e/p-A: nuclear geometry

- Starting point, nuclear nucleon density distribution:  $\rho(r)$
- Then, assuming straight-line trajectory at impact parameter  $b$ ,



- electron or proton passes through “thickness”

$$T(b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \rho(\sqrt{b^2 + z^2})$$

- $T(b)$  has dimensions  $1/L^2$

$\Rightarrow T(b) \times \text{cross-section} = \text{number of scatterings}$

# e/p-A: nuclear geometry

- Then, e.g. produce high- $p_T$  hadrons in p-A collisions at rate/event:

$$- E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} = T(b) \times E \frac{d^3 \sigma^{pp}}{dp^3}$$

- With a corresponding differential cross-section per impact parameter:

$$- E \frac{d\sigma^{pA}}{db d^3 p} = 2\pi b \left( E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} \right) = 2\pi b \left( T(b) \times E \frac{d^3 \sigma^{pp}}{dp^3} \right)$$

- Integrate over b:

$$- E \frac{d\sigma^{pA}}{d^3 p} = \int db 2\pi b T(b) \times E \frac{d^3 \sigma^{pp}}{dp^3}$$

# e/p-A: nuclear geometry

- But,

- $\int db 2\pi b T(b) = \int db dz 2\pi b \rho(\sqrt{b^2 + z^2}) = \int d^3r \rho(r) = A$

- So,

- $E \frac{d\sigma^{pA}}{d^3p} = A \times E \frac{d^3\sigma^{pp}}{dp^3}$

- You'll sometimes hear that this result depends on small p-p cross-section

- ⇒ complete nonsense!

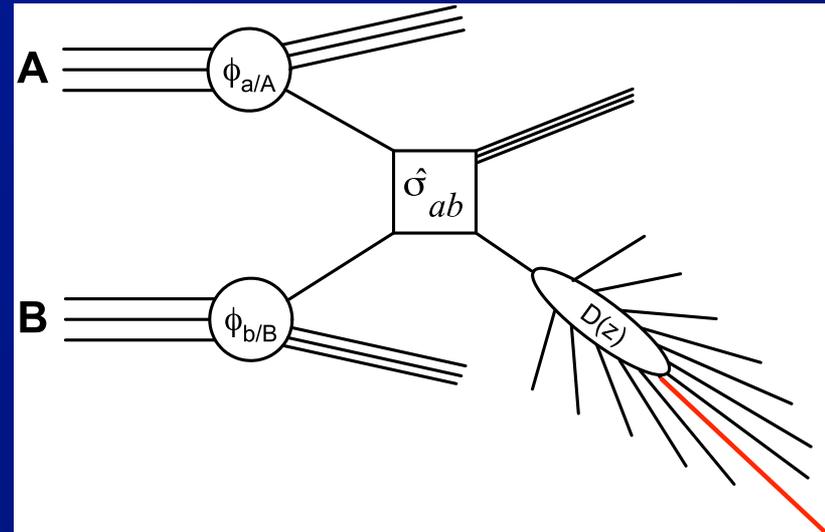
- In principle, can have a total hard scattering rate/event  $n^{pA(b)} = T(b)\sigma^{pp}$  that is  $> \sim 1$

- ⇒ especially in p+Pb @ LHC

# e/p-A: nuclear geometry

- So what assumptions did we make in:

$$E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} = T(b) \times E \frac{d^3 \sigma^{pp}}{dp^3}$$



- That  $\phi$ 's,  $D$ 's are the same when colliding with proton and nucleus
- That  $\phi$ 's,  $D$ 's are the same everywhere along the path ( $z$ ) of the proton through the nucleus.

⇒ **Universality**

- That multiple hard scatterings are incoherent
- That the hard scattering occurs over a small transverse distance.
- That  $T(b)$  is constant over transverse size of p

# Factorization (crudely)

- Why is there no knowledge of the finite (transverse) size of the proton in

$$\sigma_{AB} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a dx_b \phi_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2) \phi_{b/B}(x_b, \mu^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab} \left( \frac{Q^2}{x_a x_b s}, \frac{Q}{\mu}, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{Q^P} \right) \right)$$

- Suppose we consider some spatial distribution of partons in proton:  $\eta(\mathbf{z}, r_T)$ 
  - longitudinal physics complicated but it's the transverse part of the problem that matters

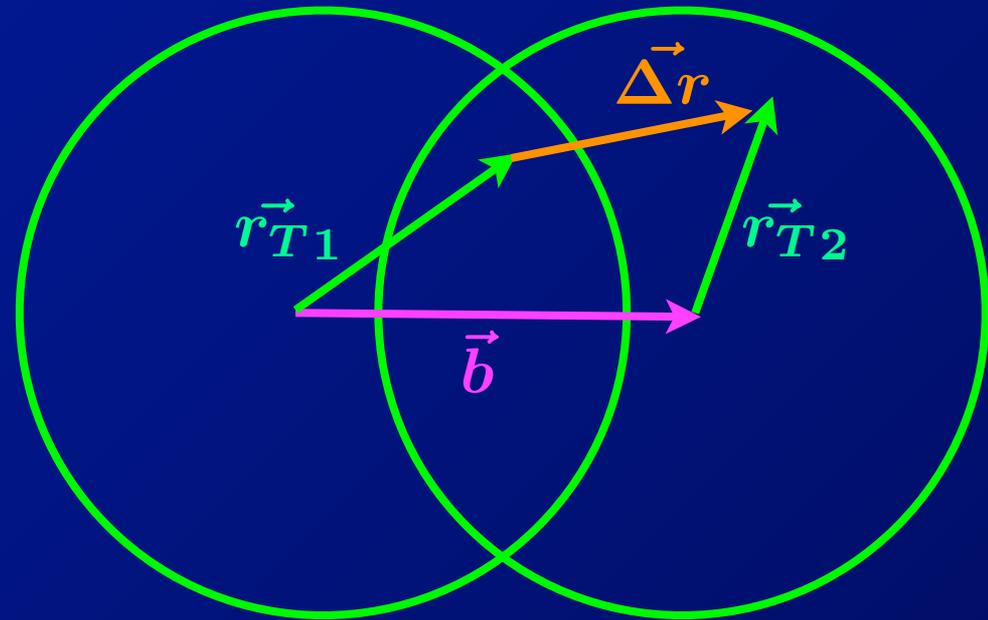
- Define proton thickness

$$t(r_T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \eta(\sqrt{r_T^2 + z^2})$$

- Consider proton-proton collision in transverse plane.

# Factorization (crudely)

- Consider two partons at transverse positions relative to proton centers of  $r_{T1}^{\vec{}}$  and  $r_{T2}^{\vec{}}$
- Separated by a distance  $\Delta r^{\vec{}}$



$$\Delta r^{\vec{}} = \vec{b} + r_{T2}^{\vec{}} - r_{T1}^{\vec{}}$$

- Write differential cross-section for scattering between the two partons

$$- d^2\sigma / d\Delta r^{\vec{}}^2$$

- Then,  $\sigma_{hard}^{pp} = \int d^2b \int d^2r_{T1} \int d^2r_{T2} t(r_{T1})t(r_{T2}) \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Delta r^{\vec{}}^2}$

# Factorization (crudely)

- But, large momentum transfer scattering occurs over small transverse distance

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Delta\vec{r}^2} \propto \delta^2(\Delta\vec{r})$$

- Then,

- $\sigma_{hard}^{pp} \rightarrow \int d^2r_{T1} \int d^2r_{T2} t(r_{T1})t(r_{T2}) \rightarrow n_1 \times n_2$

- Of course neglects all QM, kinematics, etc

- $\Rightarrow$  But gets the essence of the transverse physics right.

- So, what happens in p+A collisions?

- In principle, replace:  $\eta(z, r_{T2}^{\vec{r}}) \rightarrow \eta_A(z, r_{T2}^{\vec{r}})$   
 $t(r_{T2}^{\vec{r}}) \rightarrow t_A(r_{T2}^{\vec{r}})$

# Factorization (crudely)

- But, write in terms of convolution of nucleon parton density and nuclear density function:

$$\eta_A(z, \vec{r}_T) = \int dz_A \int d^2 r_{TA} \rho(z_A, \vec{r}_{TA}) \eta(z - z_A, \vec{r}_T - \vec{r}_{TA})$$

$$t_A(z, \vec{r}_T) = \int d^2 r_{T'} T(\vec{r}_T - \vec{r}_{T'}) t(\vec{r}_{T'})$$

- Now write the p+A hard scattering probability at an impact parameter  $b$

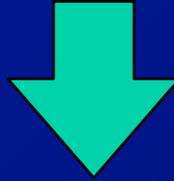
$$P_{hard}(b) = \int d^2 r_{T1} \int d^2 r_{T2} \int d^2 r_{TA} t(\vec{r}_{T1}) T(\vec{r}_{TA}) t(\vec{r}_{T2} - \vec{r}_{TA}) \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Delta r^2}$$

- If everything works as above this should reduce to  $\sigma_{pp}^{hard} T(b)$

# Factorization (crudely)

- Put in the delta function

$$P_{hard}(b) = \int d^2 r_{T_1} \int d^2 r_{T_2} \int d^2 r_{T'} t(\vec{r}_{T_1}) T(\vec{r}_{T_2} - \vec{r}_{T'}) t(\vec{r}_{T'}) \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Delta \vec{r}^2}$$

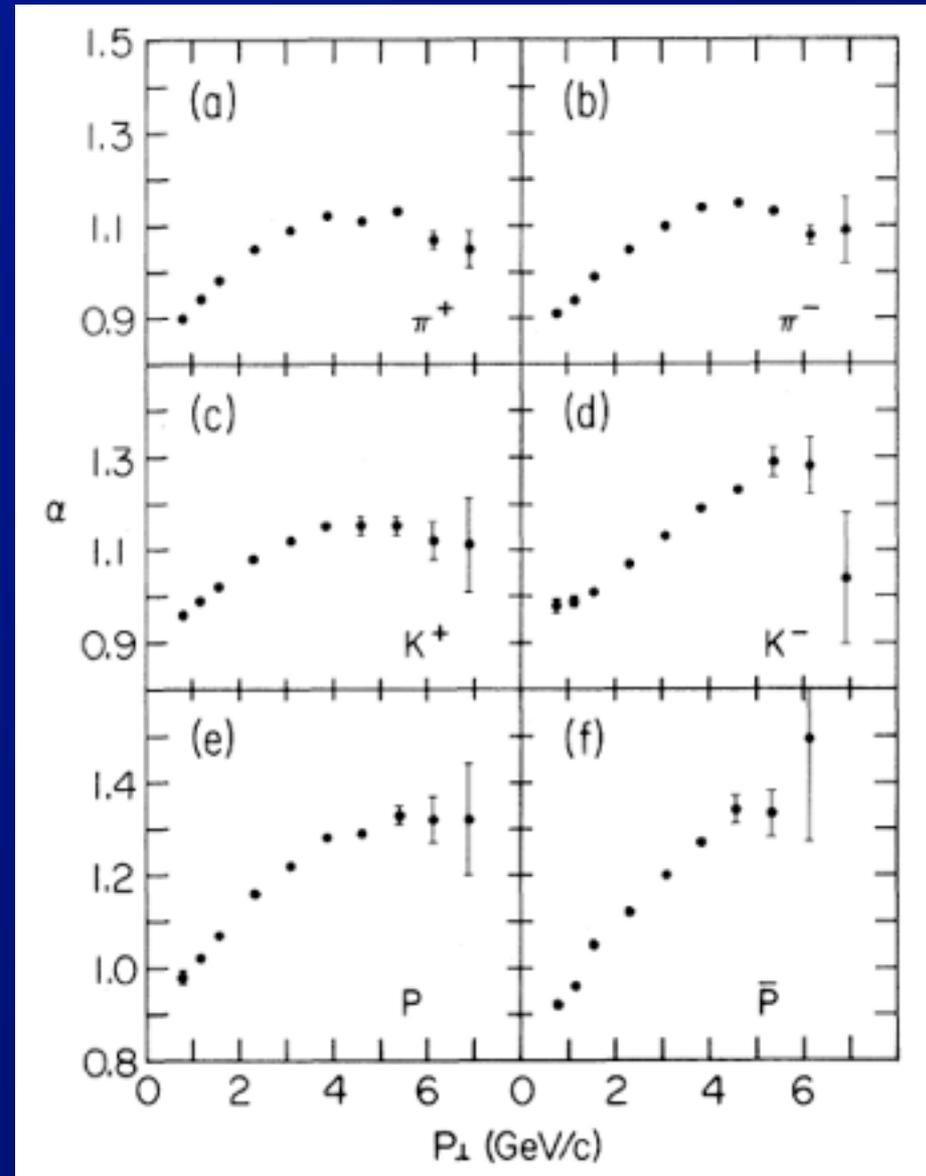


$$P_{hard}(b) = \int d^2 r_{T_1} \int d^2 r_{T'} T(\vec{r}_{T_1} - \vec{r}_{T'} - \vec{b}) t(\vec{r}_{T_1}) t(\vec{r}_{T'})$$

- No simple reduction.
- But, the ranges of  $\vec{r}_{T_1}$  and  $\vec{r}_{T'}$  over which  $t(\vec{r}_{T_1})$  and  $t(\vec{r}_{T'})$  are finite are small ( $< 1$  fm).
  - we are sampling nuclear thickness over a small region around  $\vec{b}$
- If  $T$  is  $\approx$  constant over that region:
  - $P_{hard}(b) \approx T(b) \int d^2 r_{T_1} \int d^2 r_{T'} t(\vec{r}_{T_1}) t(\vec{r}_{T'}) \rightarrow T(b) \sigma_{hard}$

# Go back to Cronin

- So hard scattering rates in p+A varying as  $A^1$  make sense.
  - What about  $< 1$ ?
  - What about  $> 1$ ?
  - Why particle species dependent?



# Why $\alpha < 1$ @ low $p_T$ ?

Cronin *et al*,  
Phys. Rev. D 29,  
2476–2482 (1984)

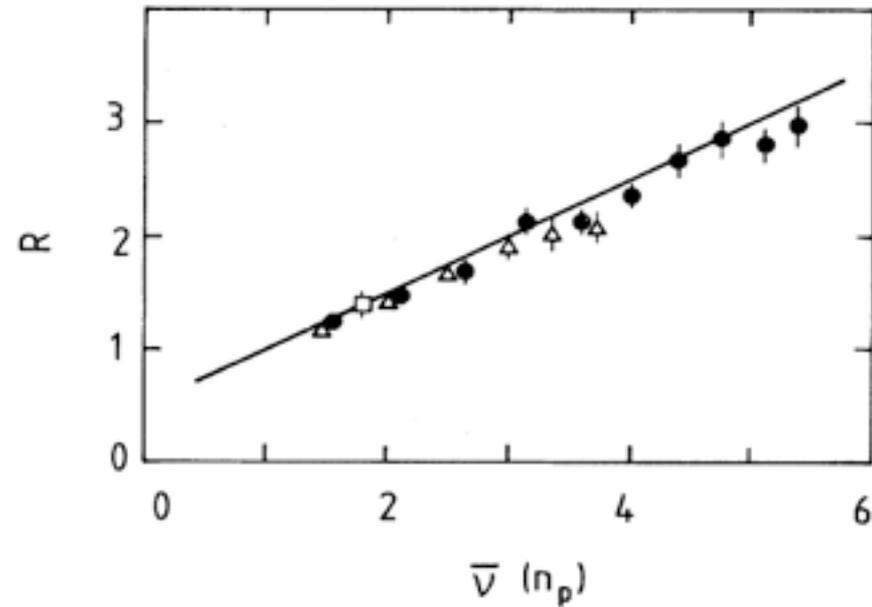


FIG. 4. The ratio  $R = \langle n \rangle_{pA} / \langle n \rangle_{pp}$  versus the average number  $\bar{\nu}(n_p)$  of projectile collisions for  $pXe$  (circles),  $pAr$  (triangles), and  $pNe$  (squares) collisions. A line of the form  $R = 0.5[\bar{\nu}(n_p) + 1]$  is shown for comparison.

- Soft particle production does not grow proportional to number of soft N-N scatterings,  $\nu = \sigma_{inel} T(b)$

⇒ Instead varies like number of wounded nucleons (participants),  $N_w = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \nu)$

# Why $\alpha < 1$ @ low $p_T$ ?

- If we integrate over impact parameter the contribution from the “1” is proportional to the total p+A inelastic cross-section

$$\Rightarrow A^{2/3}$$

- While the contribution proportional to  $v$  varies like  $A^1$

$\Rightarrow$  So the soft production varies with  $A$  at a power between  $2/3$  and  $1$ .

- Strictly, pure wounded-nucleon scaling only applies for total multiplicities

– Depending on kinematic region covered soft  $A$  dependence can be closer to  $2/3$  or  $1$ .

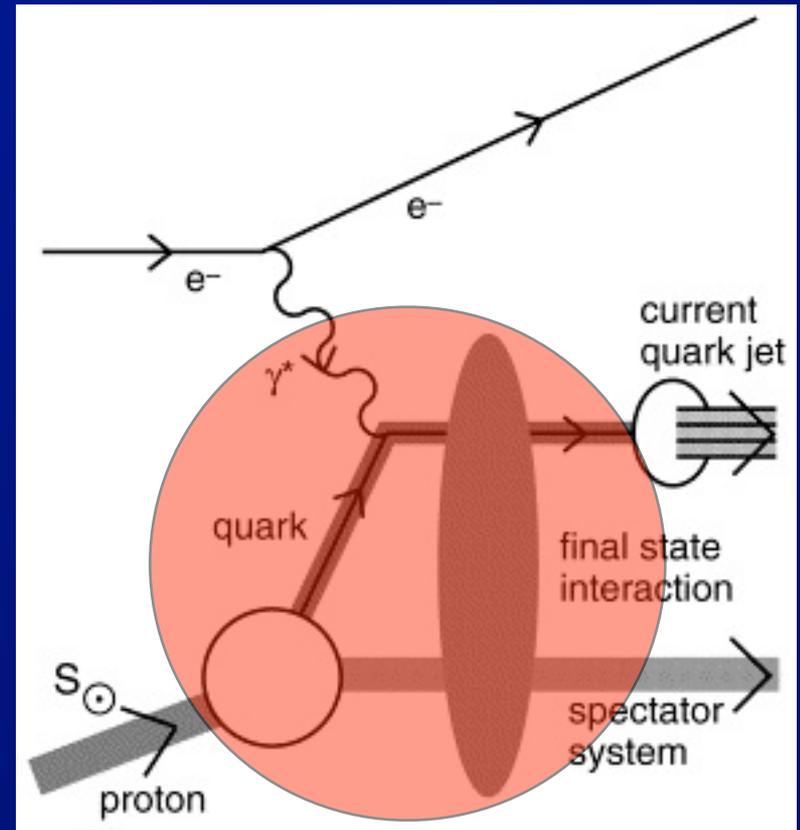
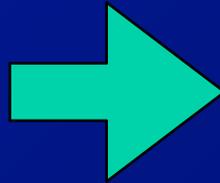
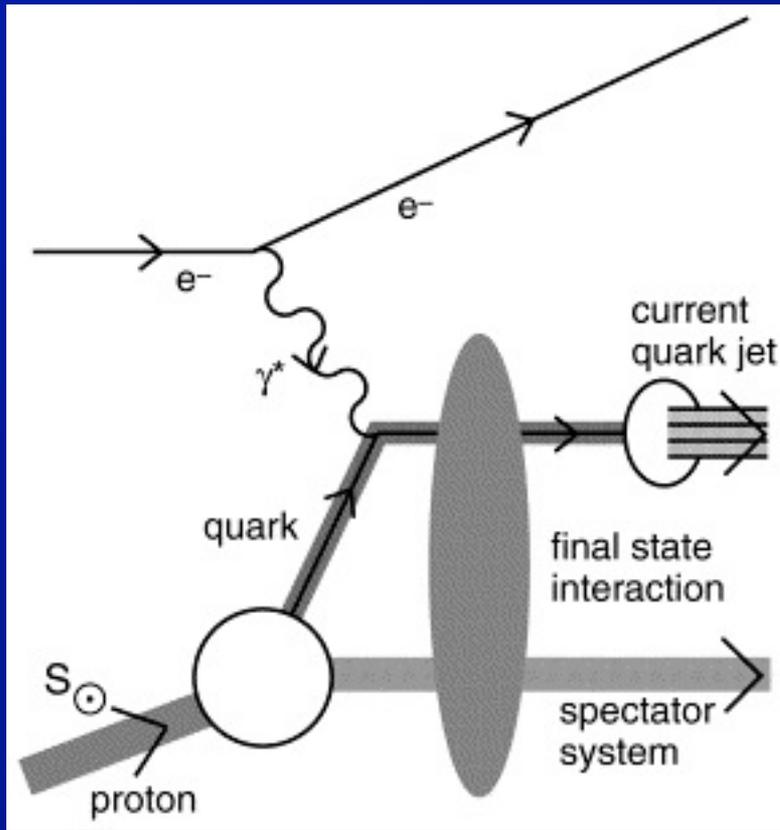
$\Rightarrow$  Beware,  $\alpha \neq R_{pPb}$

# Why $\alpha > 1$ @ high $p_T$ ?

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- **The  $\alpha > 1$  results from higher twist terms**
  - $\Rightarrow$  involve additional soft ( $\ll Q^2$ ) exchanges between ingoing/outgoing parton of hard scattering and other partons from target
- **In case of Cronin effect:**
  - Usual explanation is soft multiple scatterings of ingoing and outgoing partons
    - $\Rightarrow$  broadens the  $p_T$  distribution
  - fragmentation no longer universal!
    - $\Rightarrow$  hadron species dependence
    - $\Rightarrow$  Poorly understood

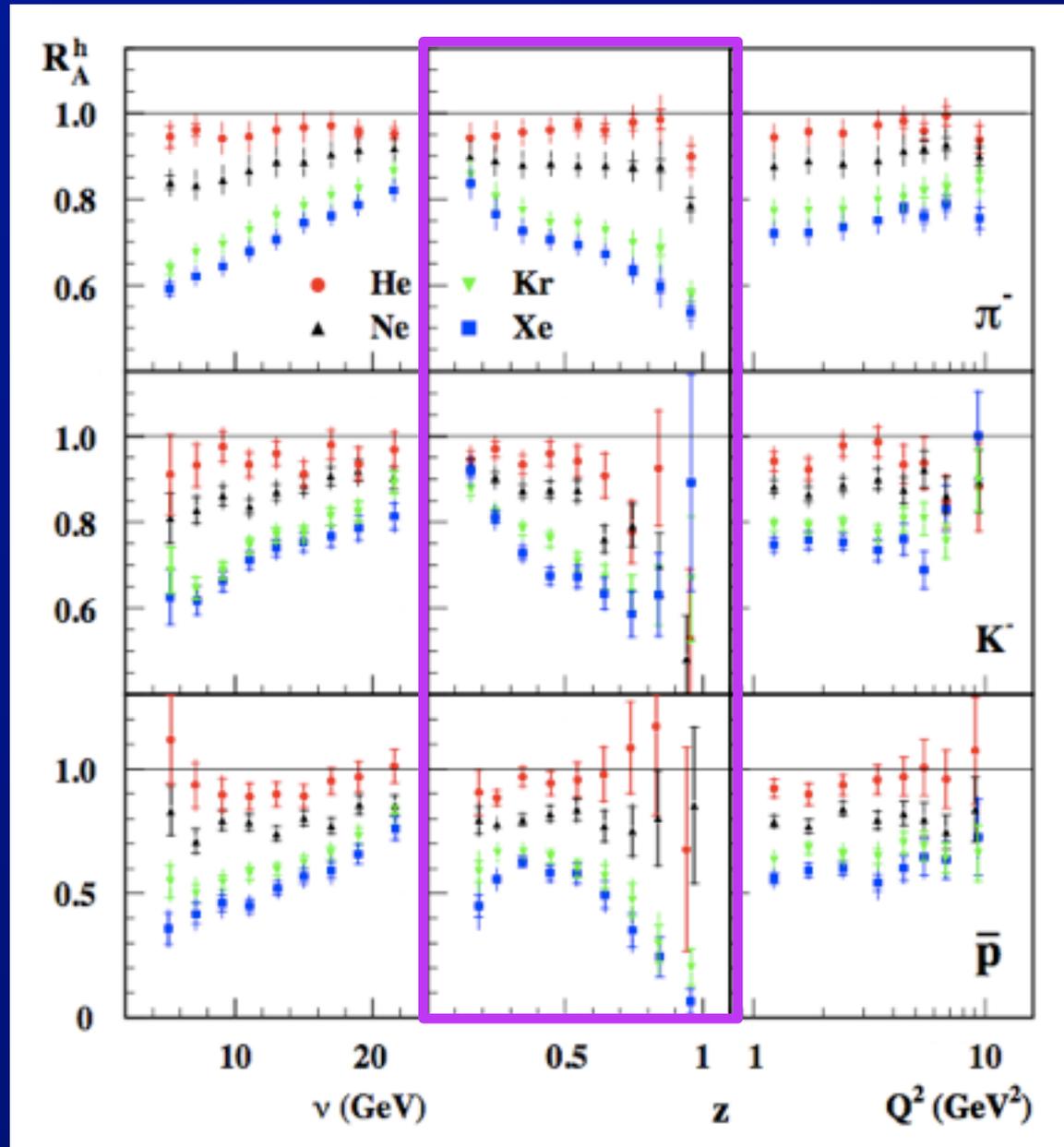
# Quarks fragmenting in nuclei



- Study the fragmentation of quarks (?) in nucleus using semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering

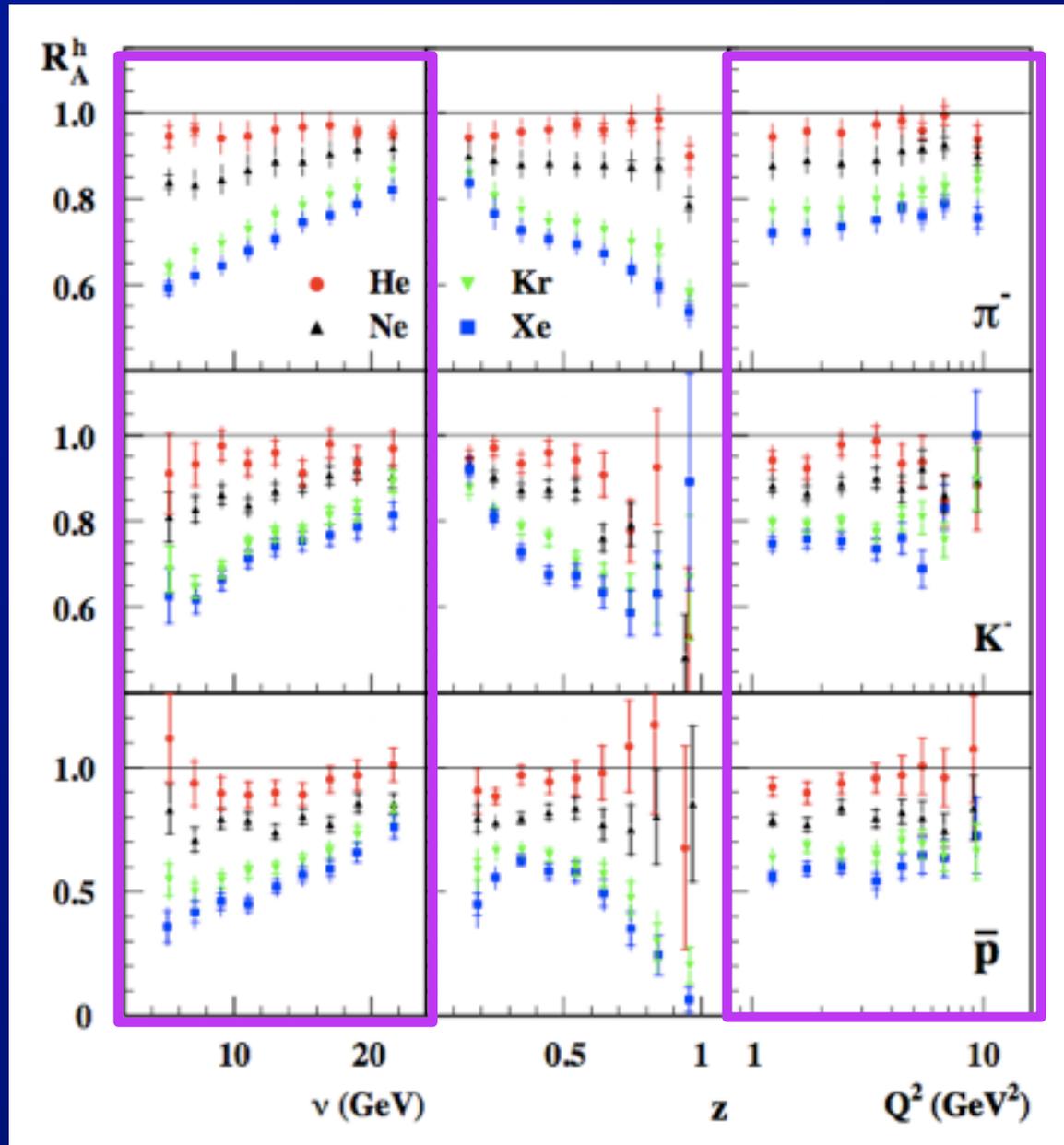
# “Stopping” quarks in nuclei

- $z$  = fraction of quark energy ( $\nu$ ) carried by hadron
- Ratio of yields relative to those on deuterium
- ⇒  $A$  and flavor dependent reduction in yield of high- $z$  hadrons



# “Stopping” quarks in nuclei

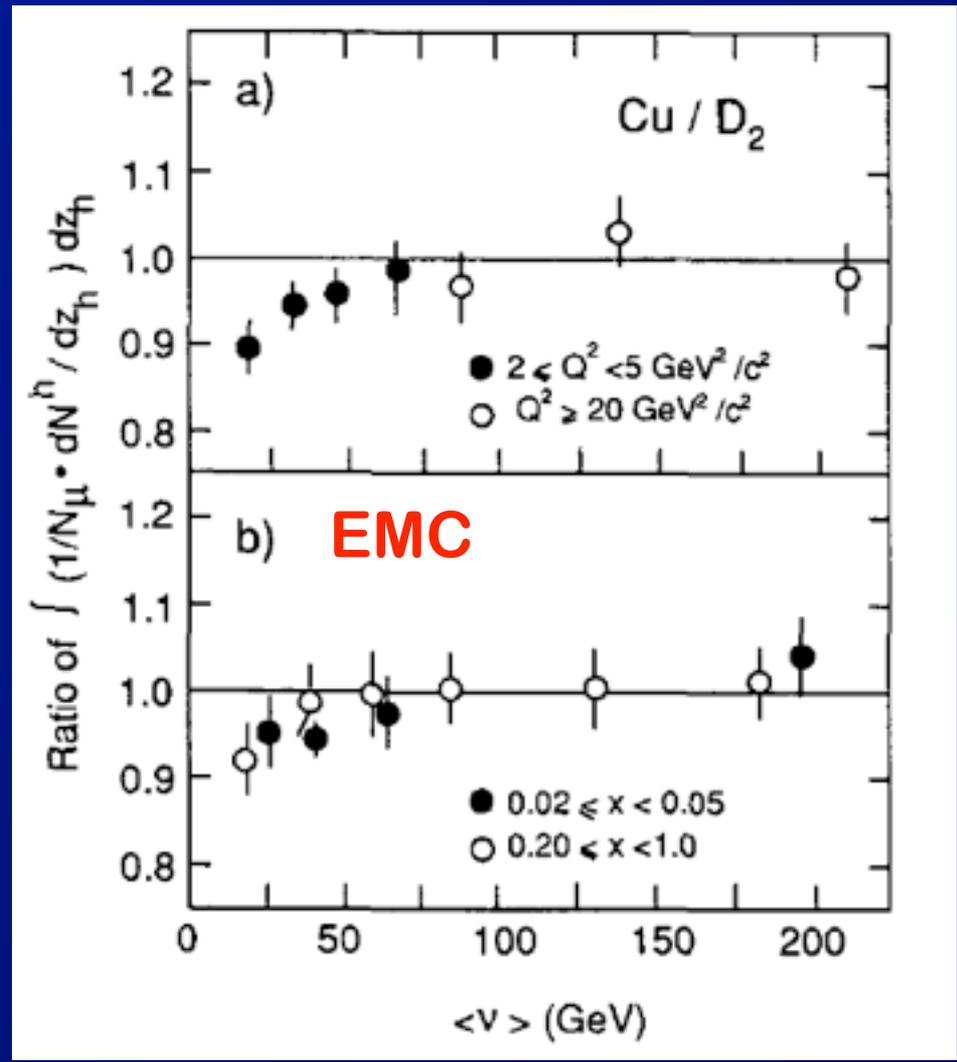
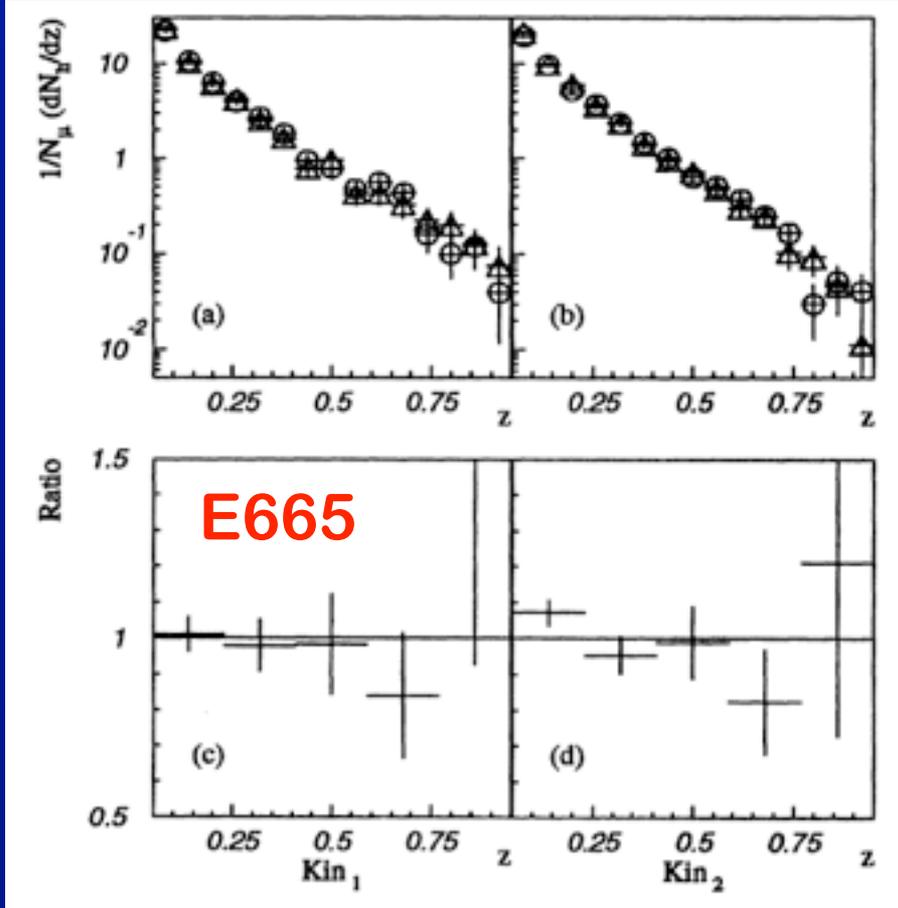
- Weak  $Q^2$  dependence
- “Stopping” decreases with increasing quark energy.



# “Stopping” quarks in nuclei

$$\text{Kin}_1 \equiv \begin{cases} x_{Bj} < 0.005, \\ Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Kin}_2 \equiv \begin{cases} x_{Bj} > 0.03, \\ Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2. \end{cases}$$



- E665 ( $\nu > 100 \text{ GeV}$ ) and EMC see little/no stopping of quarks in nucleus

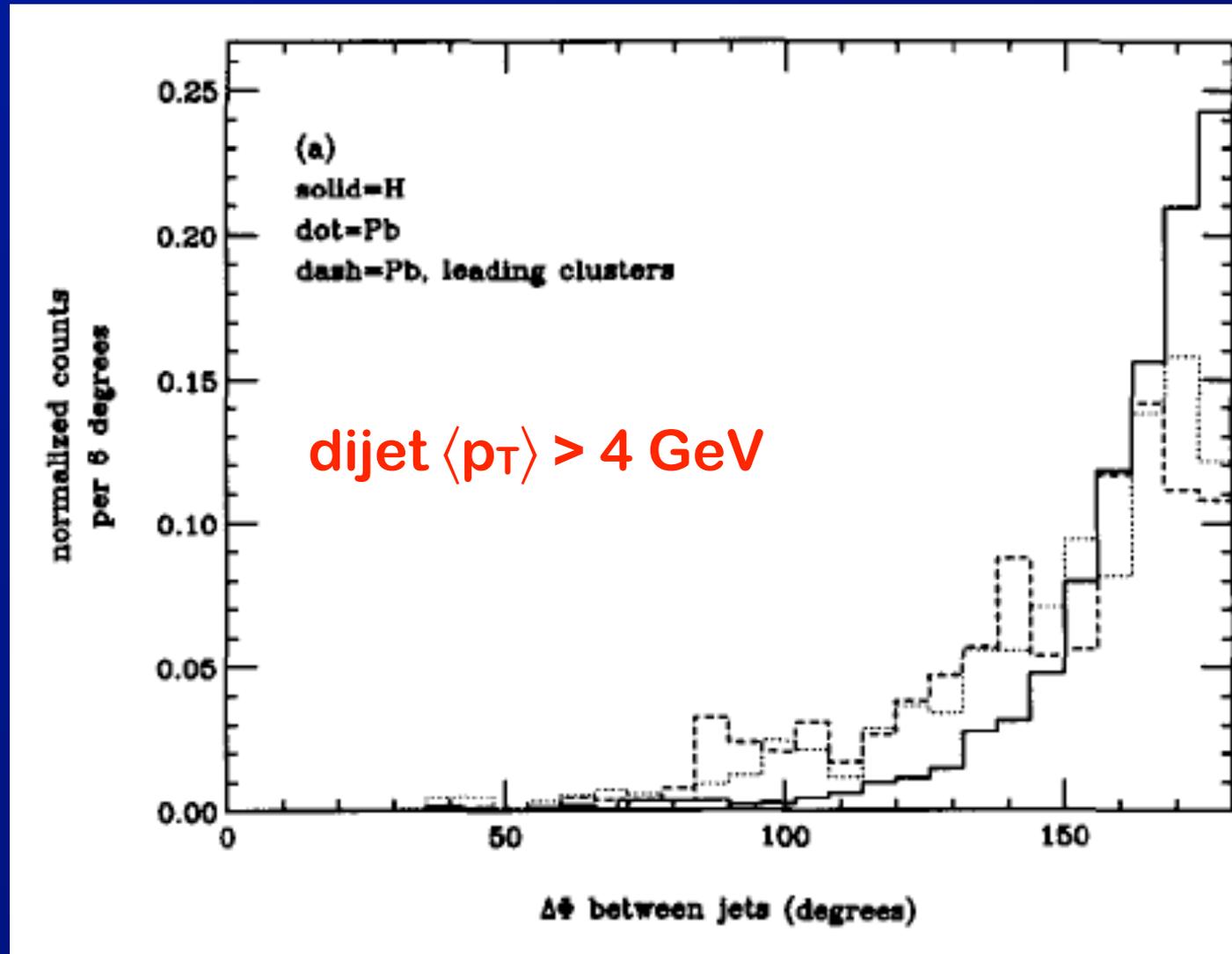
# “Cold nucleus” energy loss

- Existing data suggest that cold nucleus energy loss is small for quark energies greater than  $\sim 100$  GeV.
  - Better data needed  $\rightarrow$  EIC.
- Consider effects in d/p+A at RHIC, LHC.
  - mid-rapidity jets with transverse mass
$$m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}$$
  - Have energies in the nuclear rest frame given by  $E = m_T \cosh \Delta y$
  - With  $\Delta y$  the rapidity difference between the jet and the nucleus.
- For RHIC @ mid-rapidity,  $E = m_T \times 106$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  weak cold nucleus energy loss
  - $\Rightarrow$  even less @ LHC except maybe at large  $y$ .

# Jets in p+A @ fixed-target energies

E609, Corcoran *et al*, PLB 259 (1991) 209

400 GeV  
(fixed target)  
p+p and p+Pb

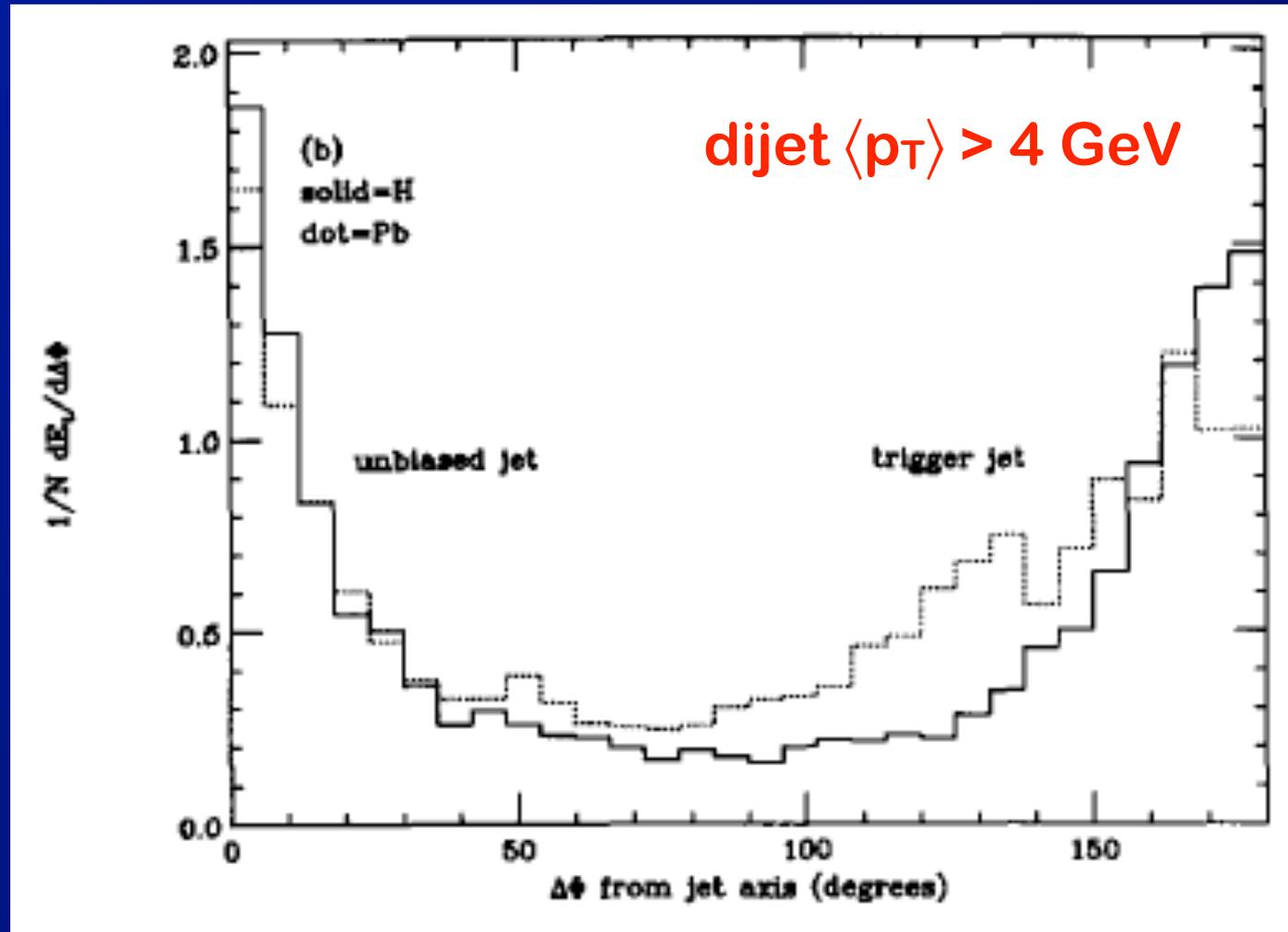


- Broadening of the dijet  $\Delta\phi$  distribution

# Jets in p+A @ fixed-target energies

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400 GeV  
(fixed target)  
p+p and p+Pb



- Similar results with calorimetric energy flow instead of jets.

# Jets in p+A @ fixed-target energies

E557, Stewart *et al*, Phys. Rev. D 42, 1385–1395 (1990)

800 GeV  
(fixed target)  
p+p, Be, C,  
Cu, and Pb

Single jets

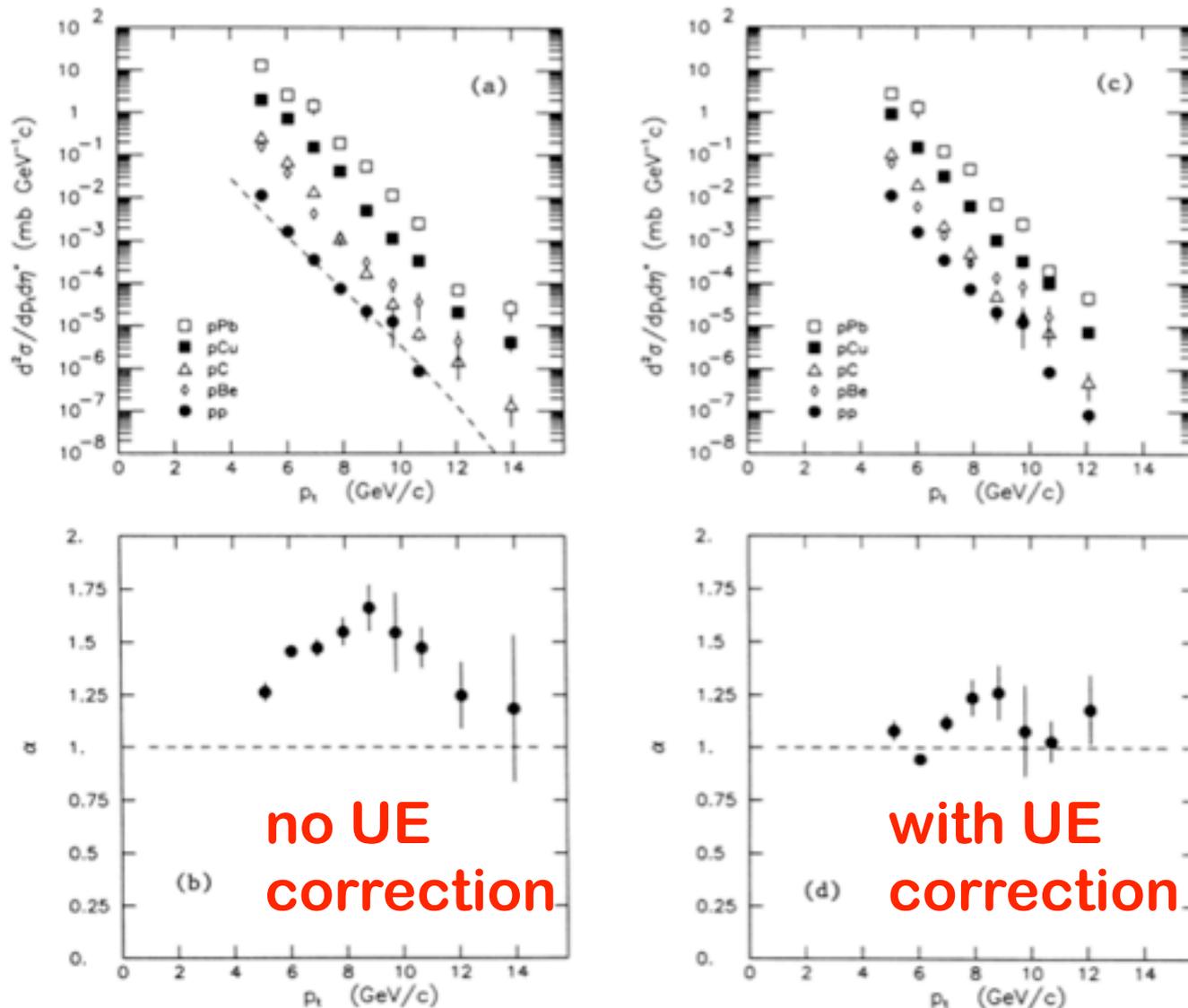


FIG. 7. (a) Dependence of  $d^2\sigma/dp_T d\eta^*$  on jet  $p_T$  for pA interactions at 800 GeV/c. The dashed line represents the c.m. energy-dependent parametrization of jet cross sections for the pp interactions.<sup>6</sup> (b)  $\alpha$  vs  $p_T$ . (c) and (d) Same as (a) and (b) after correction for the underlying event (see text) was applied to the heavier nuclei data.

# Jets in p+A @ fixed-target energies

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800 GeV  
(fixed target)  
p+p, Be, C,  
Cu, and Pb

dijets ( $E_{jj}$  is  
scalar sum  
of dijet  $E_T$ 's)

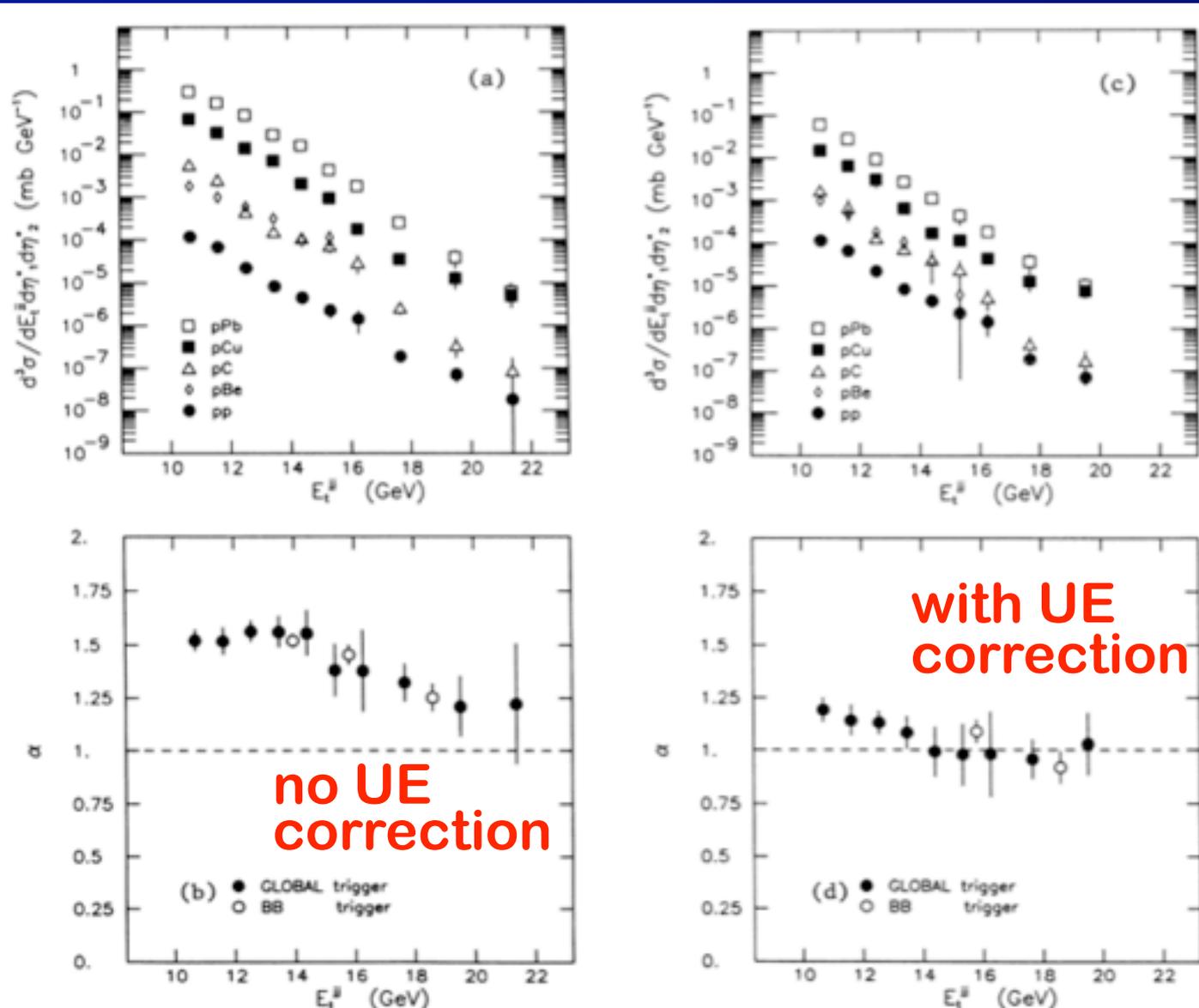


FIG. 8. (a) Dependence of  $d^3\sigma/dE_{jj}^{\mu}d\eta_1^*d\eta_2^*$  on dijet  $E_{jj}^{\mu}$  for pA interactions at 800 GeV/c, where  $E_{jj}^{\mu}$  is the scalar sum of transverse energy of the two jets. (b)  $\alpha$  vs  $E_{jj}^{\mu}$ . (c) and (d) Same as (a) and (b) after correction for the underlying event (see text) was applied to the heavier nuclei data.

# Jets in fixed-target p+A

- Data suggest that in p+heavy nucleus collisions, for jets with  $p_T \sim 4-6$  GeV
  - “nuclear enhancements” are observed in the single jet, dijet rates
  - and dijet acoplanarity.
- But, E557 data show that at higher jet  $p_T$ , at most weak modifications
  - ⇒ once underlying event is subtracted
- “nuclear effects” are dying away more rapidly with jet energy in p+A than in e+A?
  - ⇒ due to larger  $Q^2$  in p+A vs DIS?

# Summary

- Studies of hard scattering processes in proton-nucleus and lepton-nucleus collisions show non-trivial  $A$  dependence
  - Separate from nuclear PDF modifications
- Those effects are consistent with initial and/or final-state transverse momentum broadening
  - Cronin effect, Dijet broadening
- And cold nuclear energy loss
  - semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering
- Confined to  $p_T$  scales  $\lesssim 10$  GeV
  - ⇒ Though relevant scales for broadening & energy loss may be different

# Geometry, again

- Go back to:

- $E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} = T(b) \times E \frac{d^3 \sigma^{pp}}{dp^3}$

- Most fundamental expression of the impact of the nuclear geometry on hard scattering

- ⇒ assuming factorization

- Often, the right-hand side is reinterpreted

- $E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} = T(b) \times \sigma_{inel}^{pp} \times E \frac{d^3 n^{pp}}{dp^3}$

- Then,  $N_{coll}$  is defined  $N_{coll} = T(b) \sigma_{inel}^{pp}$

- Yielding,  $E \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)}}{dp^3} = N_{coll} \times E \frac{d^3 n^{pp}}{dp^3}$

# Geometry, again

- Which might motivate a definition of  $R_{pA}$

$$- R_{pA} \equiv \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)} / dp^3}{N_{coll} d^3 n^{pp} / dp^3}$$

- This is an abomination!

- Measuring  $E d^3 n^{pp} / dp^3$  is difficult due to
  - ⇒ diffraction (in inelastic cross-section)
  - ⇒ inefficiencies in triggering on or reconstructing low-multiplicity events.

- But, if we use  $T(b)$  and p-p cross-section for hard process,  $R_{pA}$  is robust

$$- R_{pA} \equiv \frac{d^3 n^{pA(b)} / dp^3}{T(b) d^3 \sigma^{pp} / dp^3}$$

# RHIC: a new regime



7-200 GeV/A Au+Au, d+Au, Cu+Cu  
32-500 GeV p+p, ...

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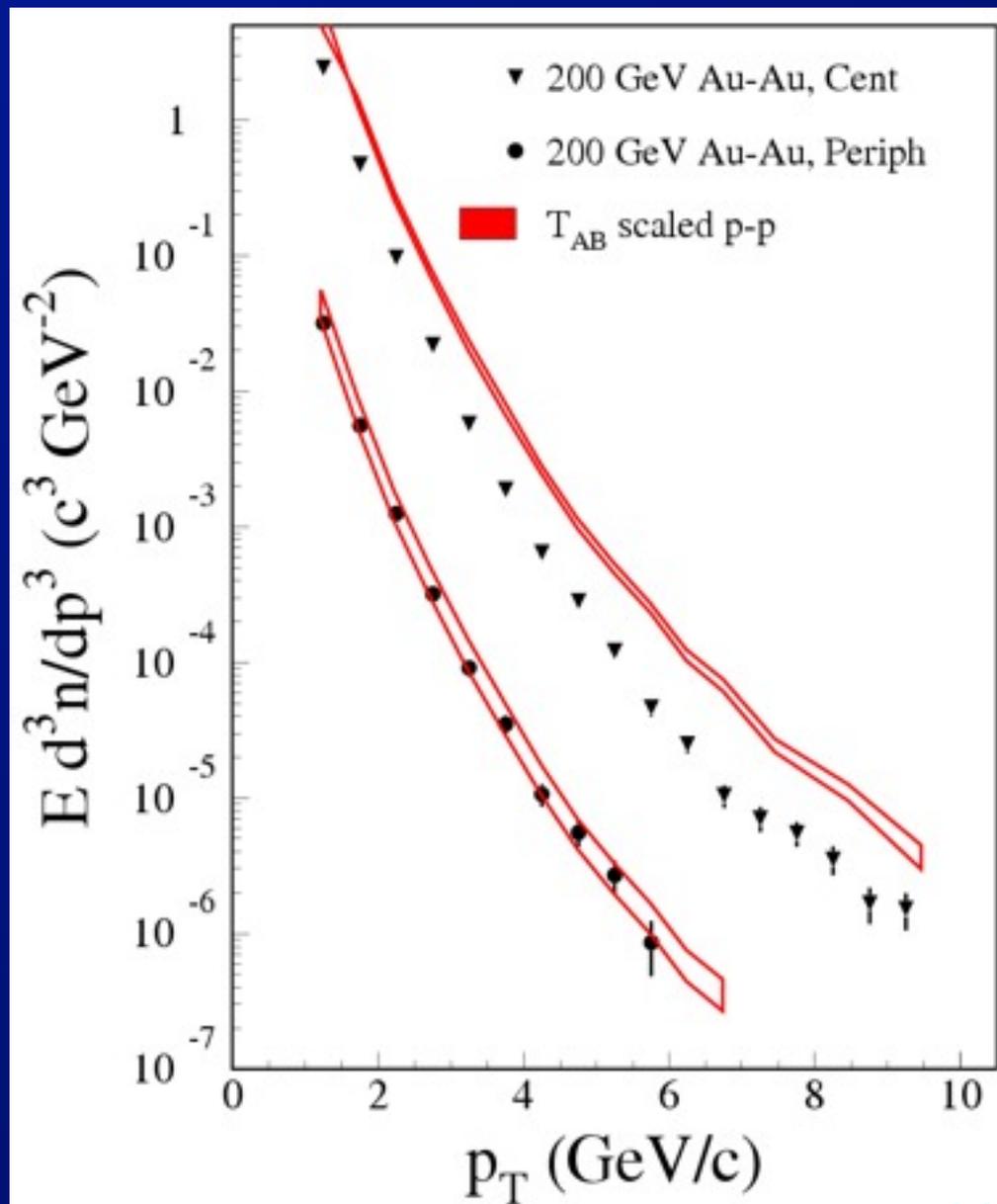
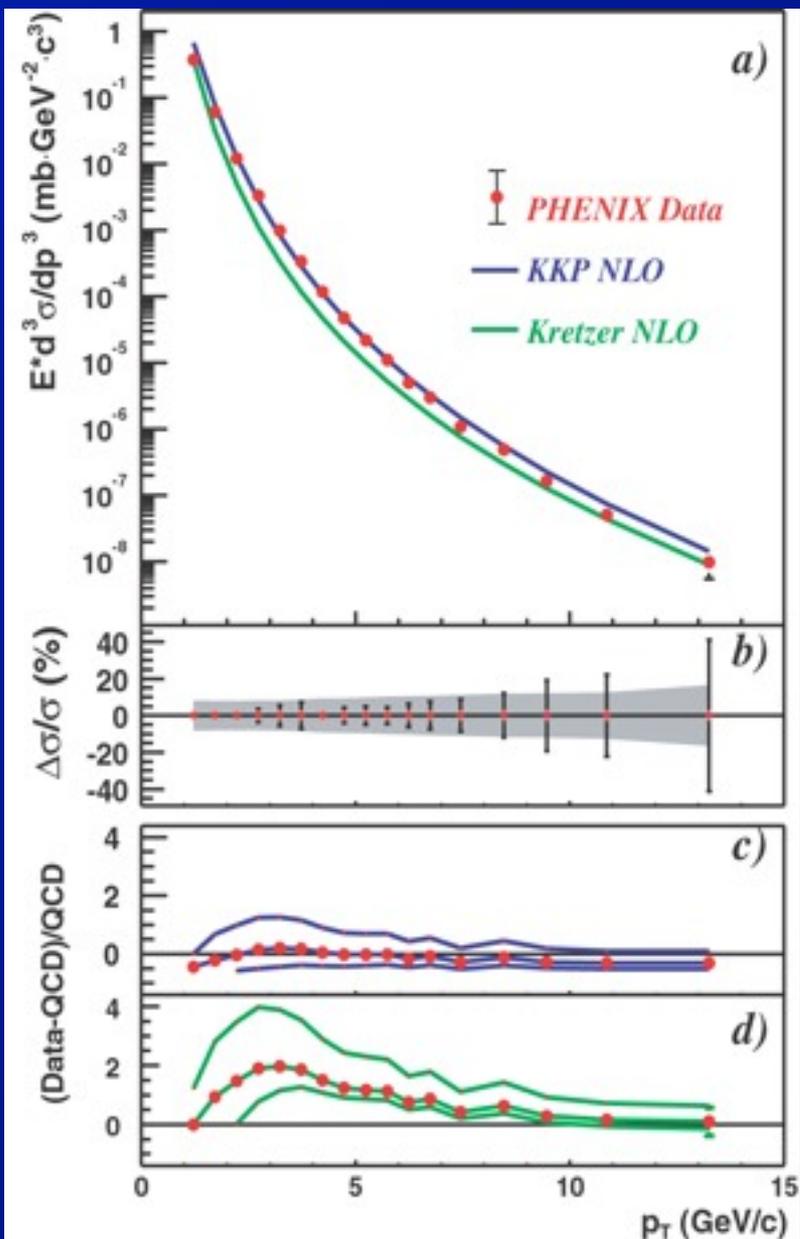


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# The early days of jet quenching

PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 241803 (2003)



# A-A Hard Scattering Rates

- For “partonic” scattering or production processes, rates are determined by  $T_{AB}$

$$T_{AB}(b) = \int d\vec{r} T_A(|\vec{r}|) T_B(|\vec{b} - \vec{r}|)$$

- t-integrated A-A parton luminosity
- Normalized relative to p-p

- If factorization holds, then

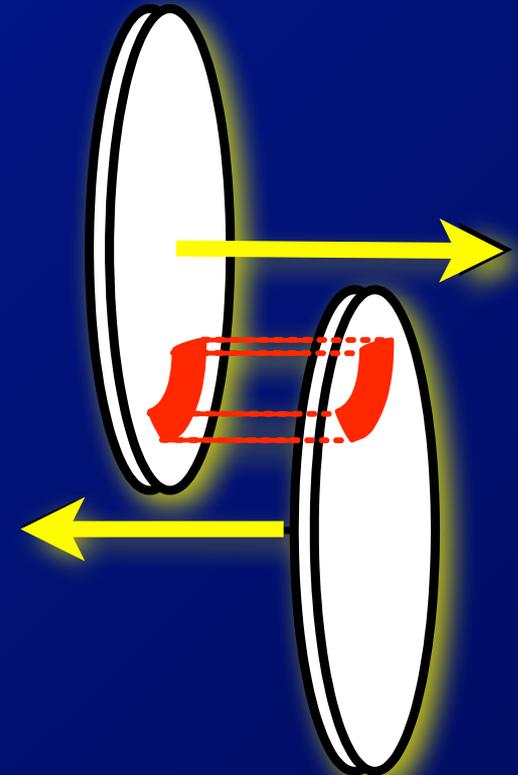
$$\frac{dn_{hard}^{AB}}{dp_{\perp}^2} = \frac{d\sigma_{hard}^{NN}}{dp_{\perp}^2} T_{AB}(b)$$

- Define  $R_{AA}$

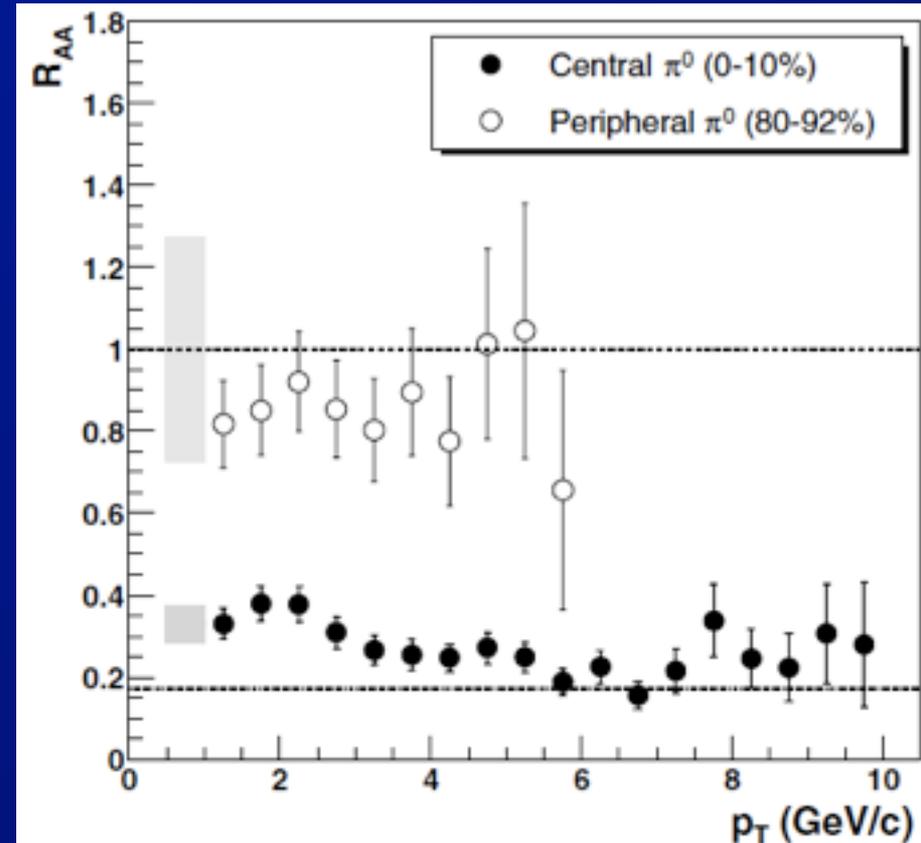
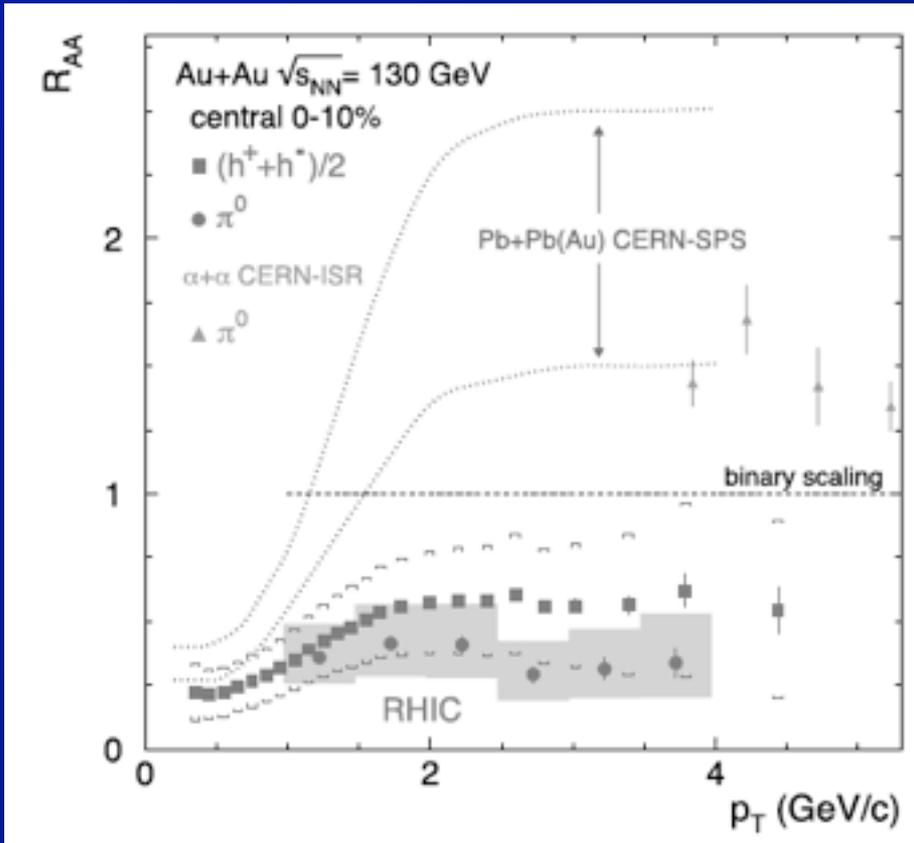
- Degree to which factorization is violated

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dn_{hard}^{AB}}{dp_{\perp}^2} / \frac{d\sigma_{hard}^{NN}}{dp_{\perp}^2} T_{AB}(b)$$

$$T(r_t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \rho_A^{nucleon}(z, r_t)$$



# PHENIX: “jet” quenching @ 130, 200 GeV



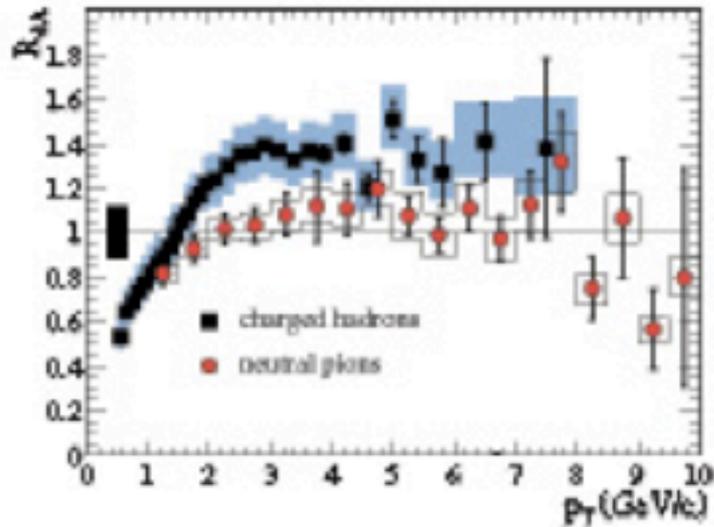
- Limited reach in  $p_T$  compared to what we are used to in the LHC era.

- Qualitative features of single hadron suppression already established in 2003.

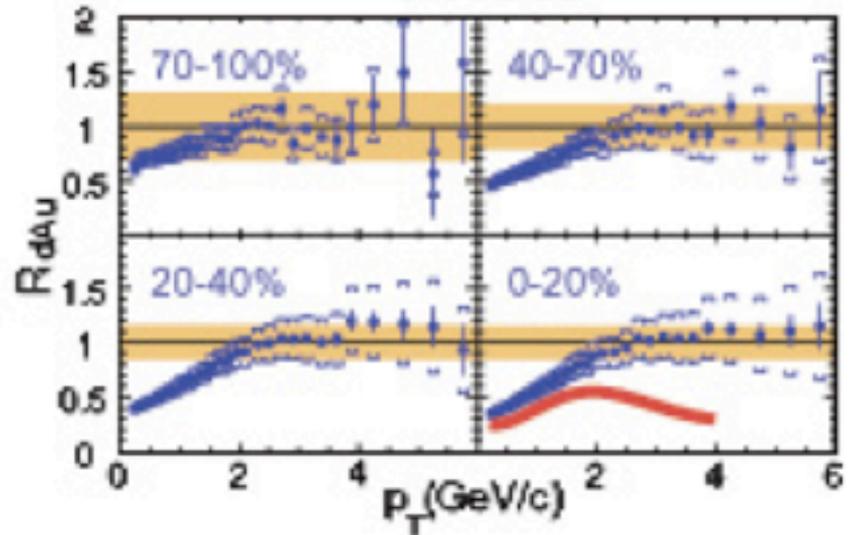
⇒ In particular, apparent weak  $p_T$  variation

# Single/di-hadron suppression w/ control

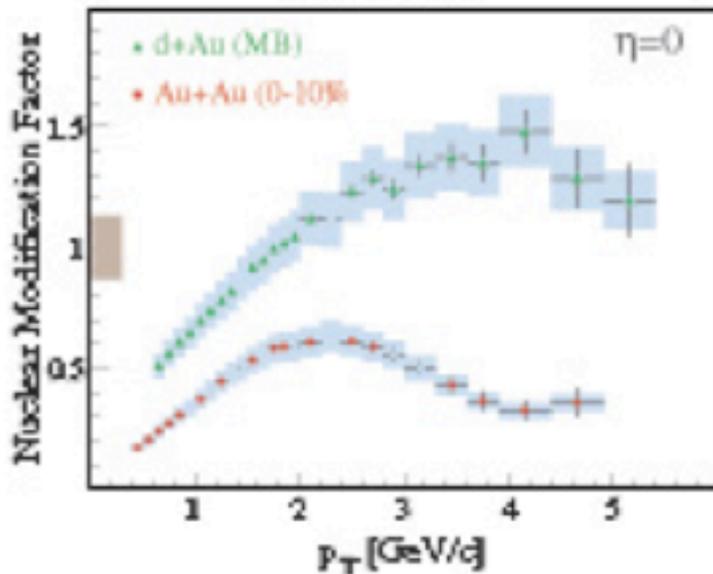
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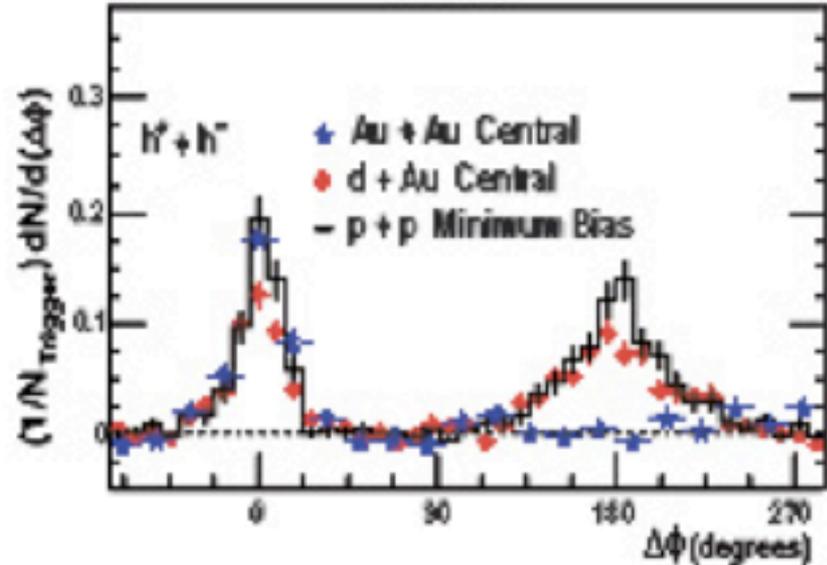
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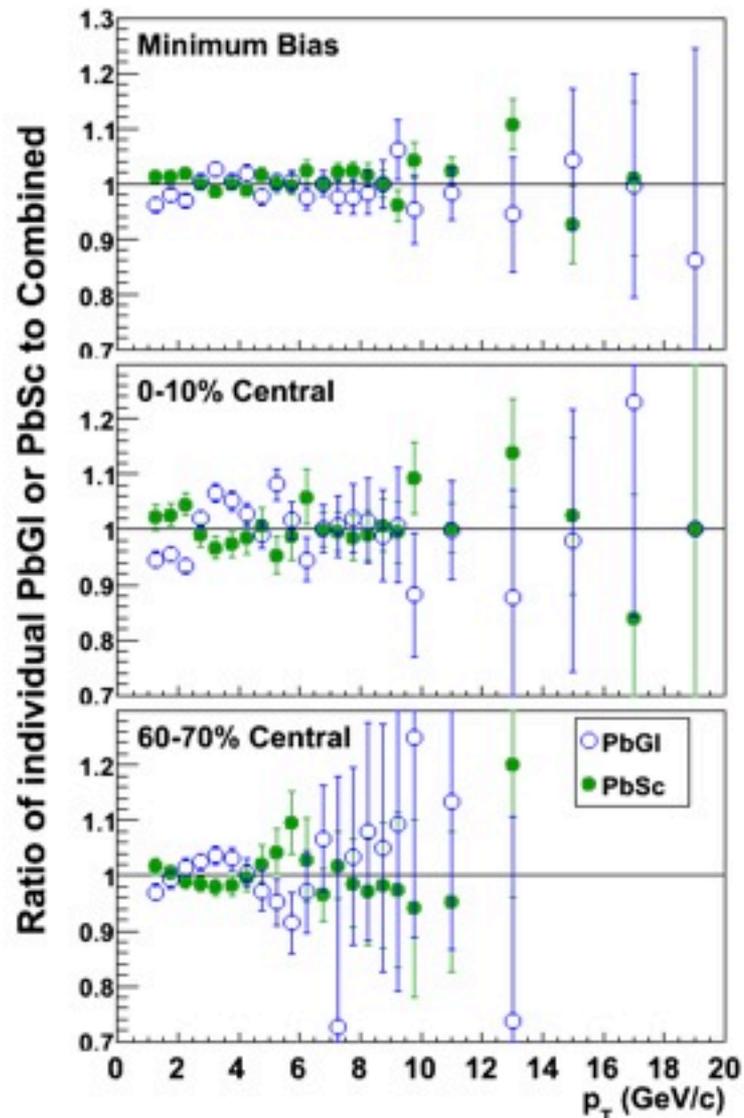
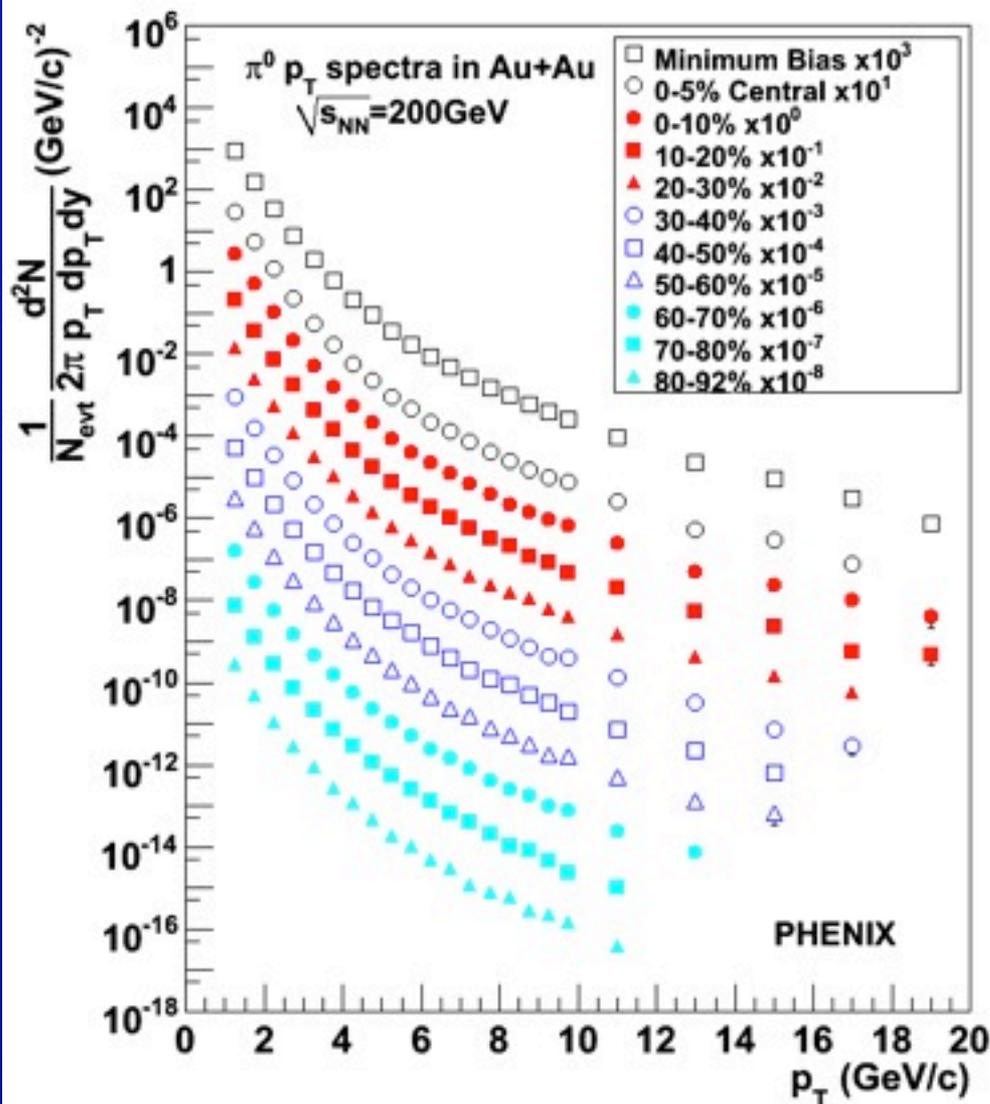
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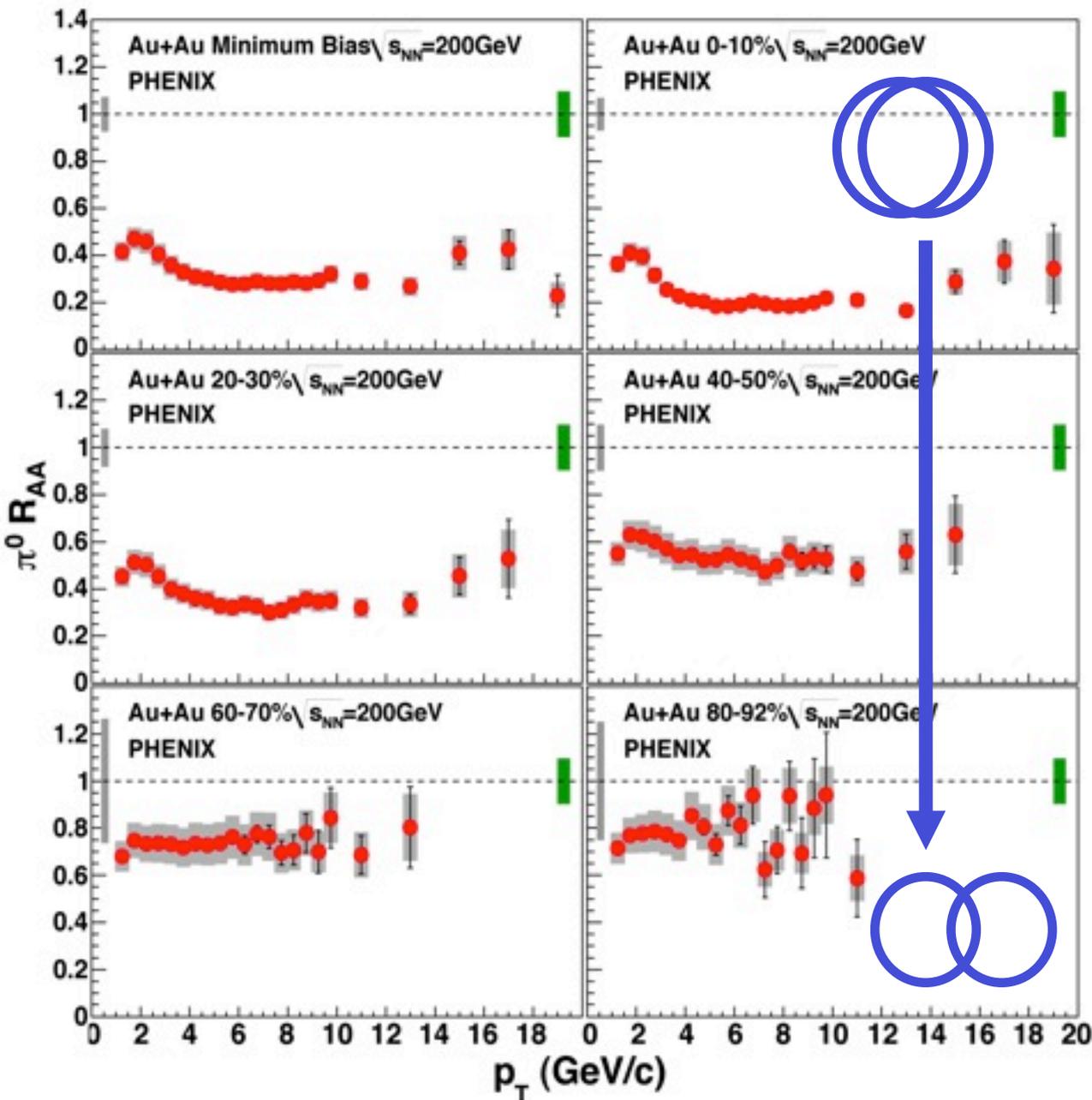


# PHENIX Au+Au $\pi^0$ Spectra



- Control over systematic errors w/ two measurements using different electromagnetic calorimeter

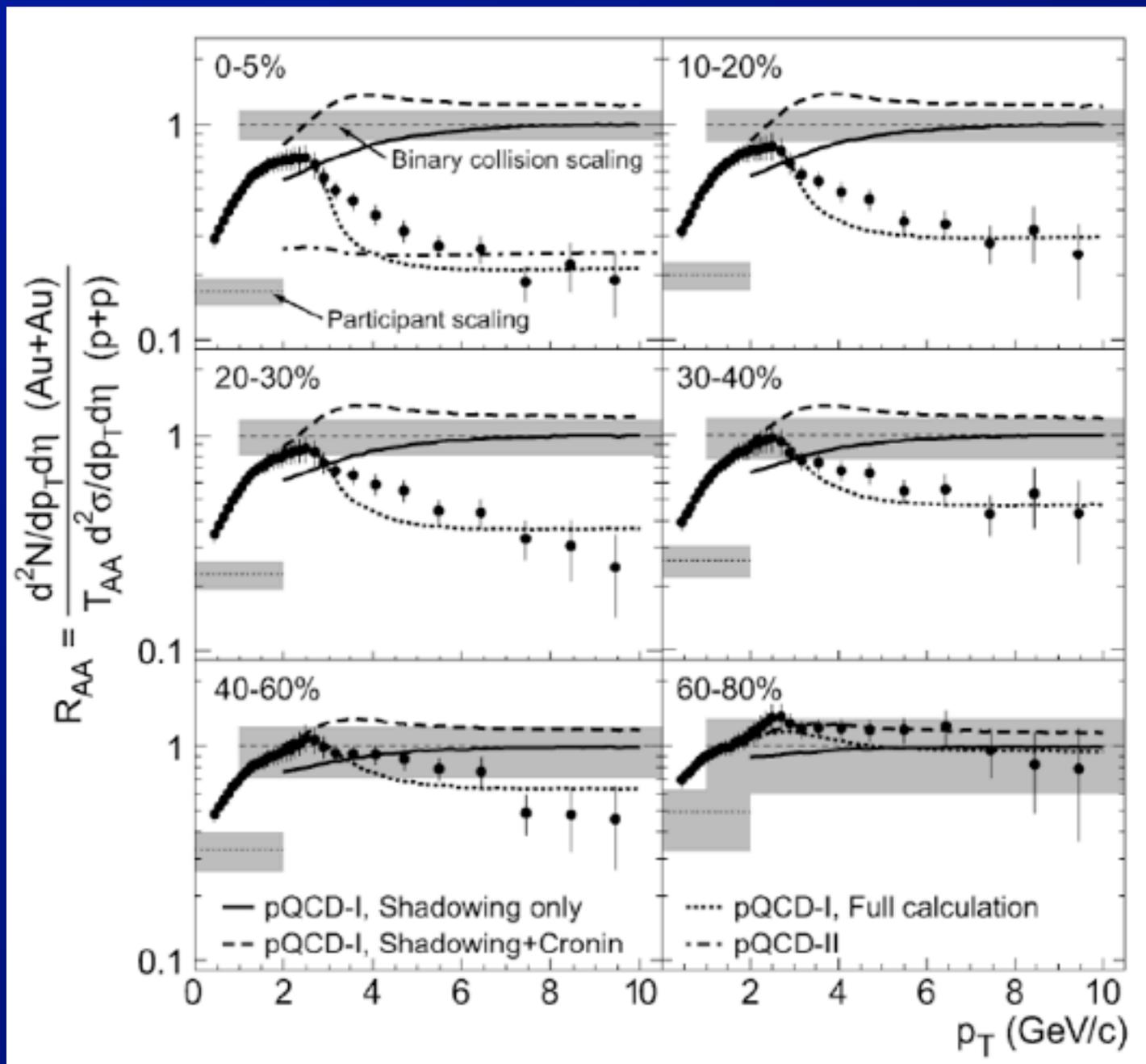
# PHENIX Au+Au $\pi^0 R_{AA}$



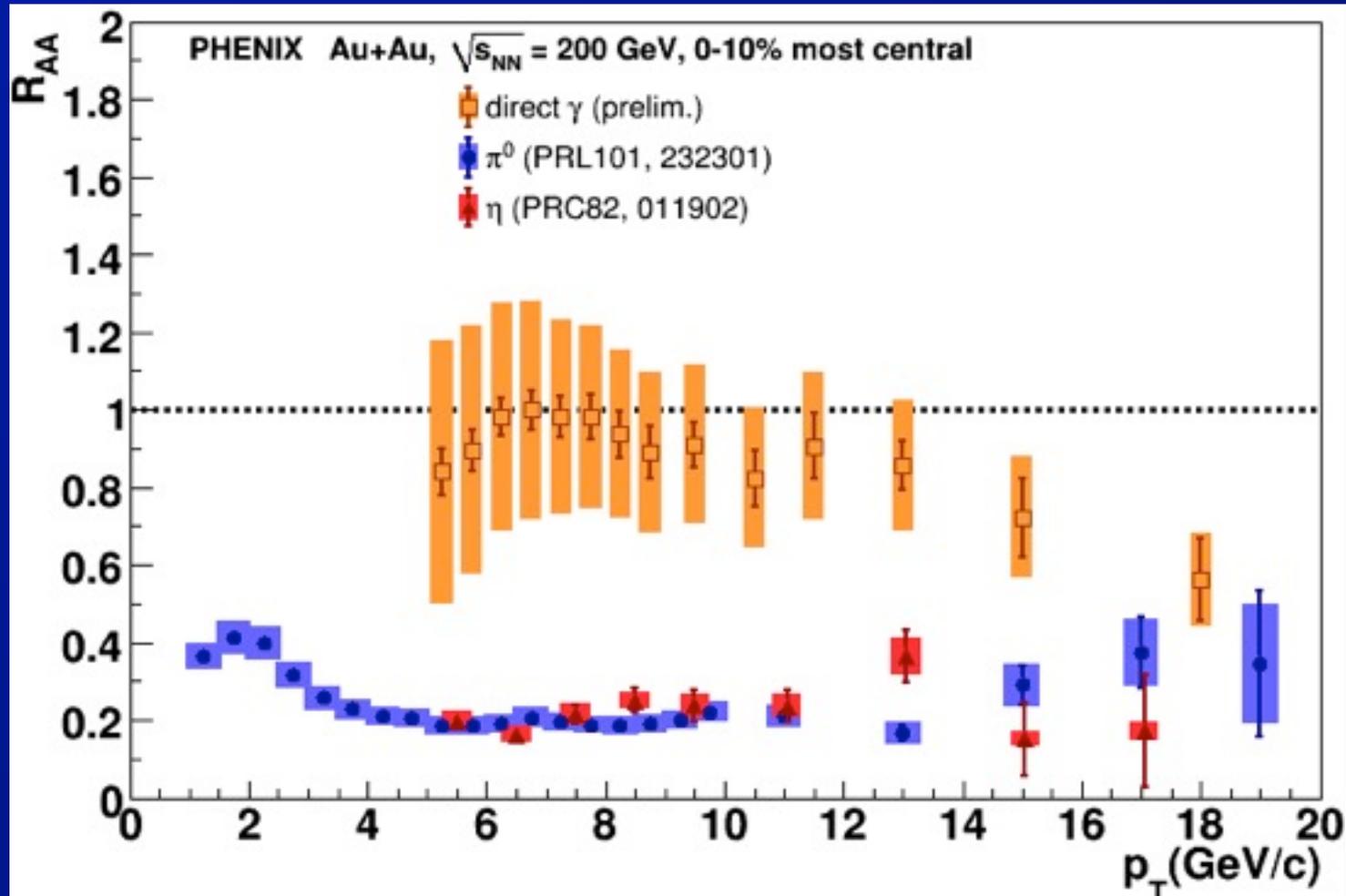
- Factor of  $\sim 5$  violation of factorization in central Au+Au
- Smooth evolution of high- $p_T$   $\pi^0$  suppression with centrality.
- $\approx$  constant for  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c (more on this later).

# STAR charged hadron suppression

STAR, PRL 91  
(2003) 172302

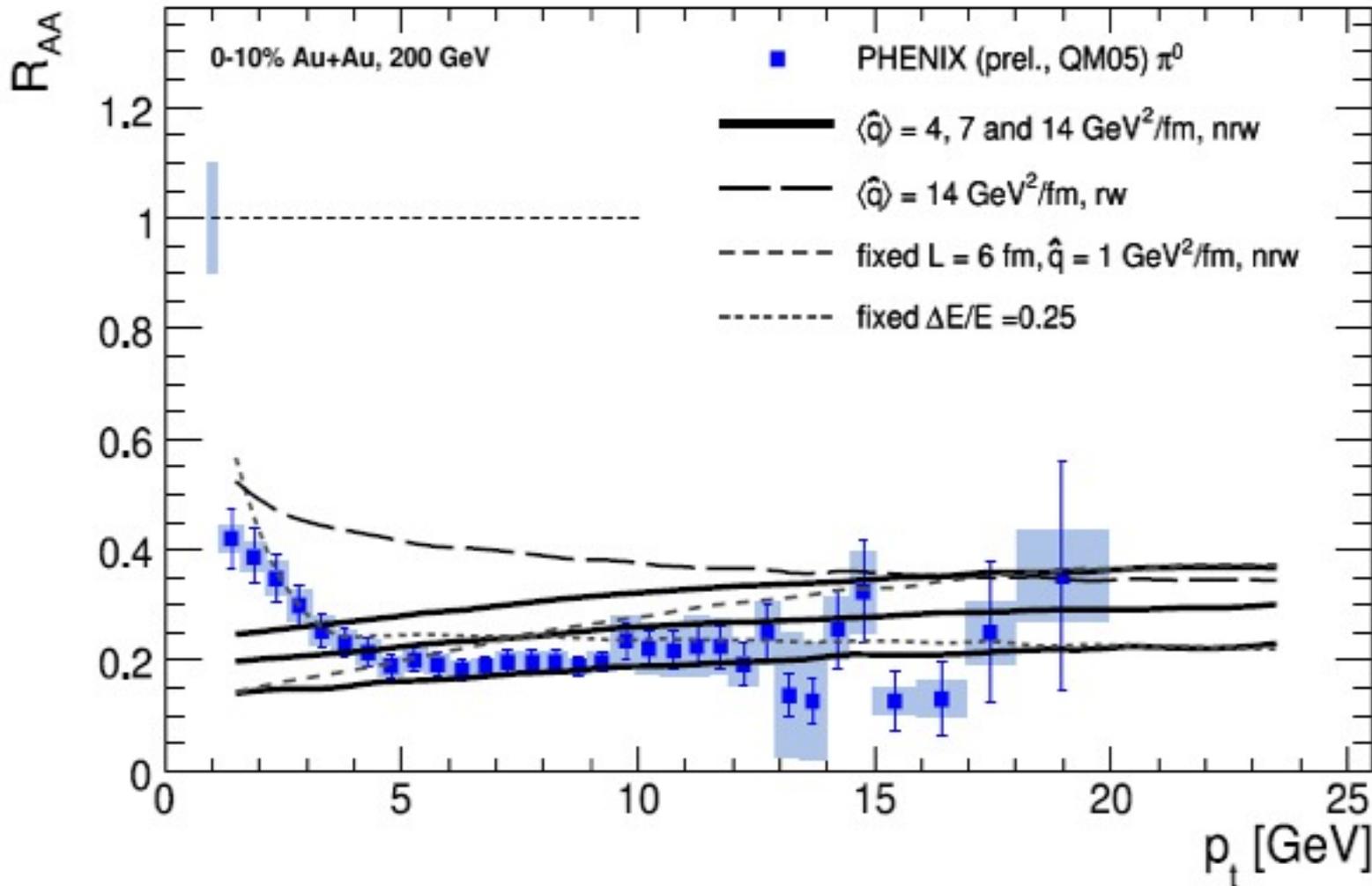


# Single hadrons, photon



- “State of the art” in single hadron suppression measurements @ RHIC.

# Single hadron and quenching “theory”

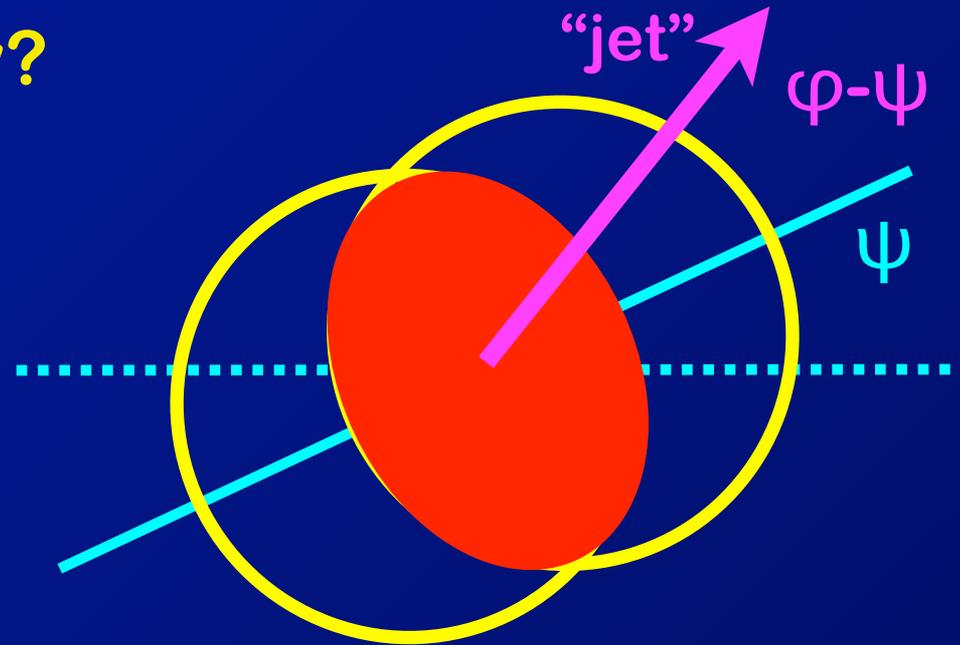


- suggests  $\hat{q}$  values  $\gg$  larger than ones we currently think are appropriate ( $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$ )

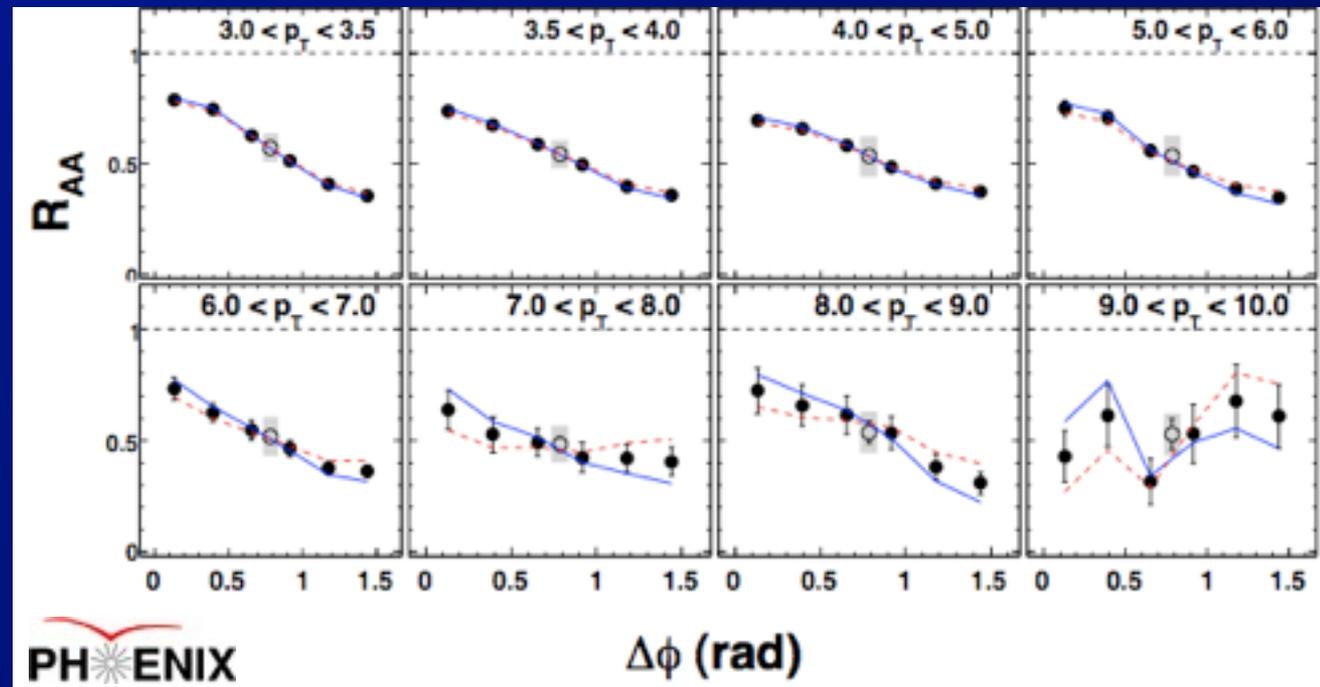
# Jet tomography

- How to probe geometry?

- Use spatial asymmetry of medium @ non-zero impact parameter
- Measure orientation ( $\psi$ ) event-by-event



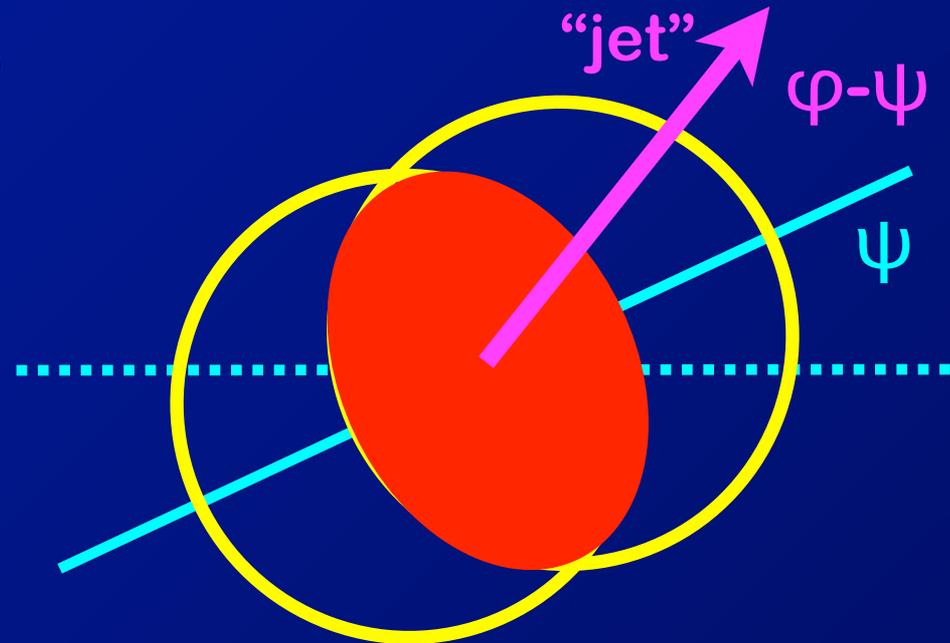
- Measure  $R_{AA}$  vs  $\Delta\varphi = \varphi-\psi$



# Jet tomography

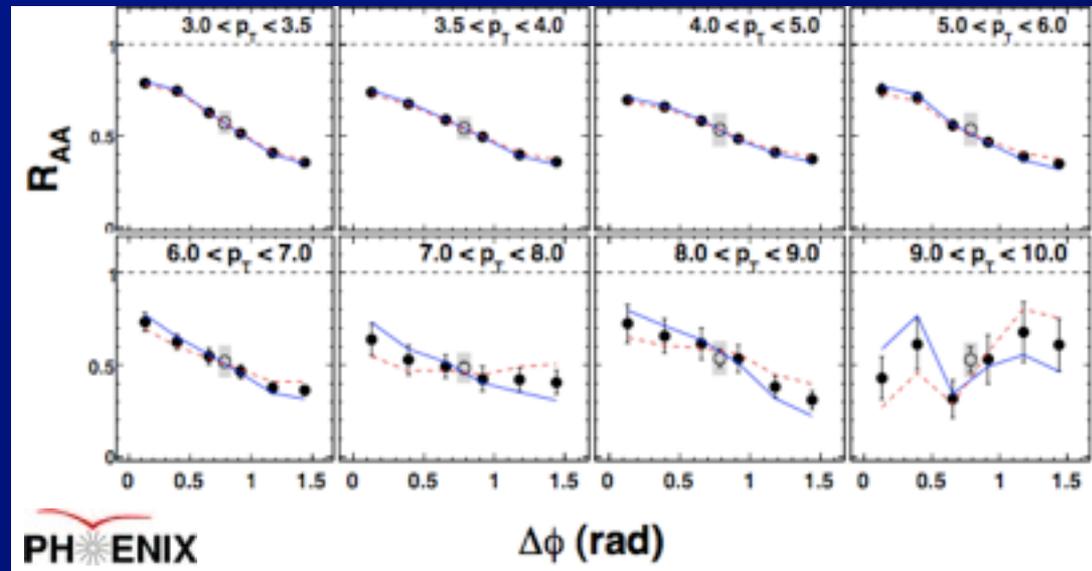
- How to disentangle two contributions?

- Use spatial asymmetry of medium @ non-zero impact parameter
- Measure orientation ( $\psi$ ) event-by-event



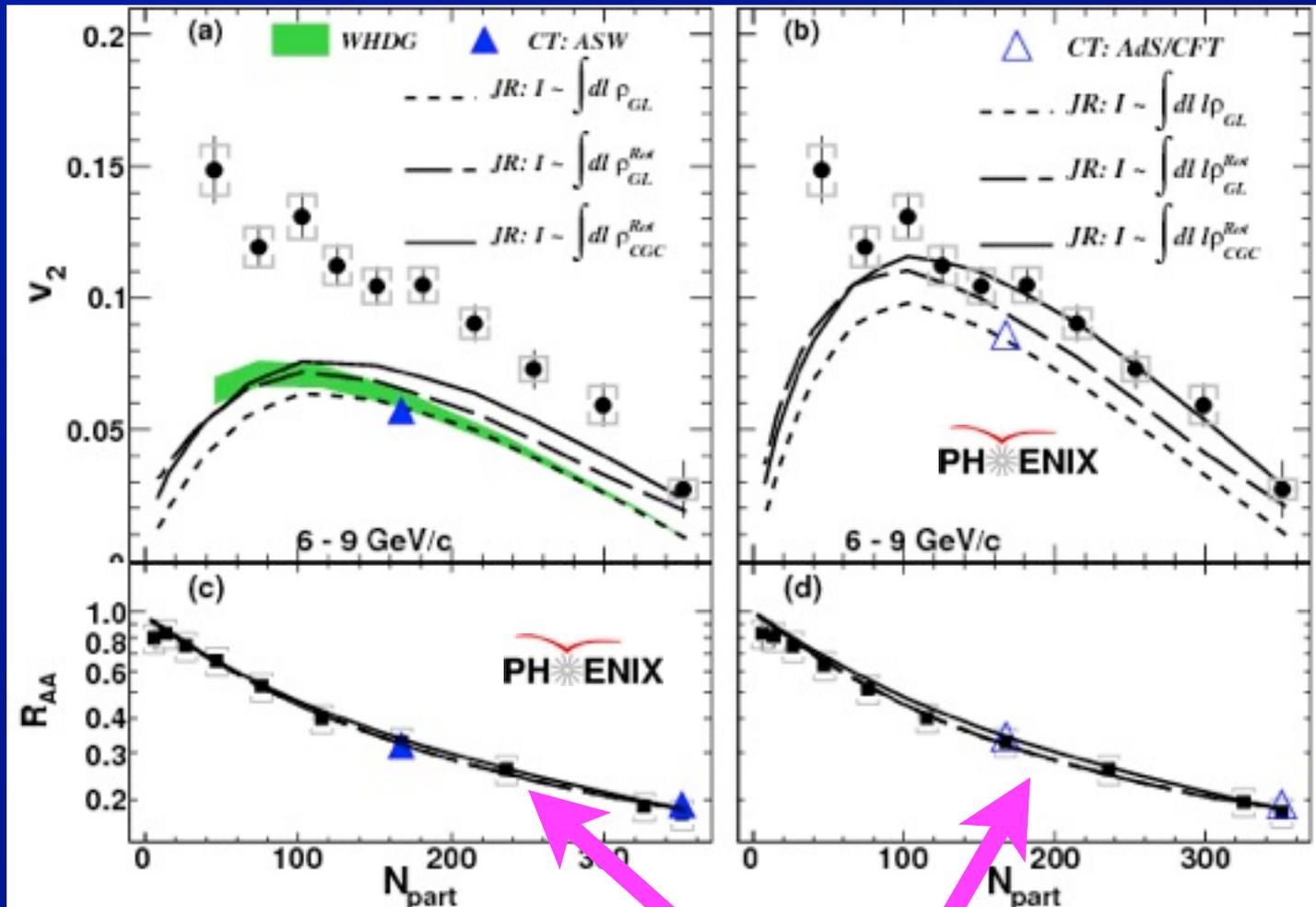
- Measure  $R_{AA}$  vs  $\Delta\phi = \phi - \psi$

- Characterize by amplitude of  $\Delta\phi$  modulation:



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = C \left[ 1 + \underline{2v_2} \cos(2\Delta\phi) \right]$$

# Single hadron suppression

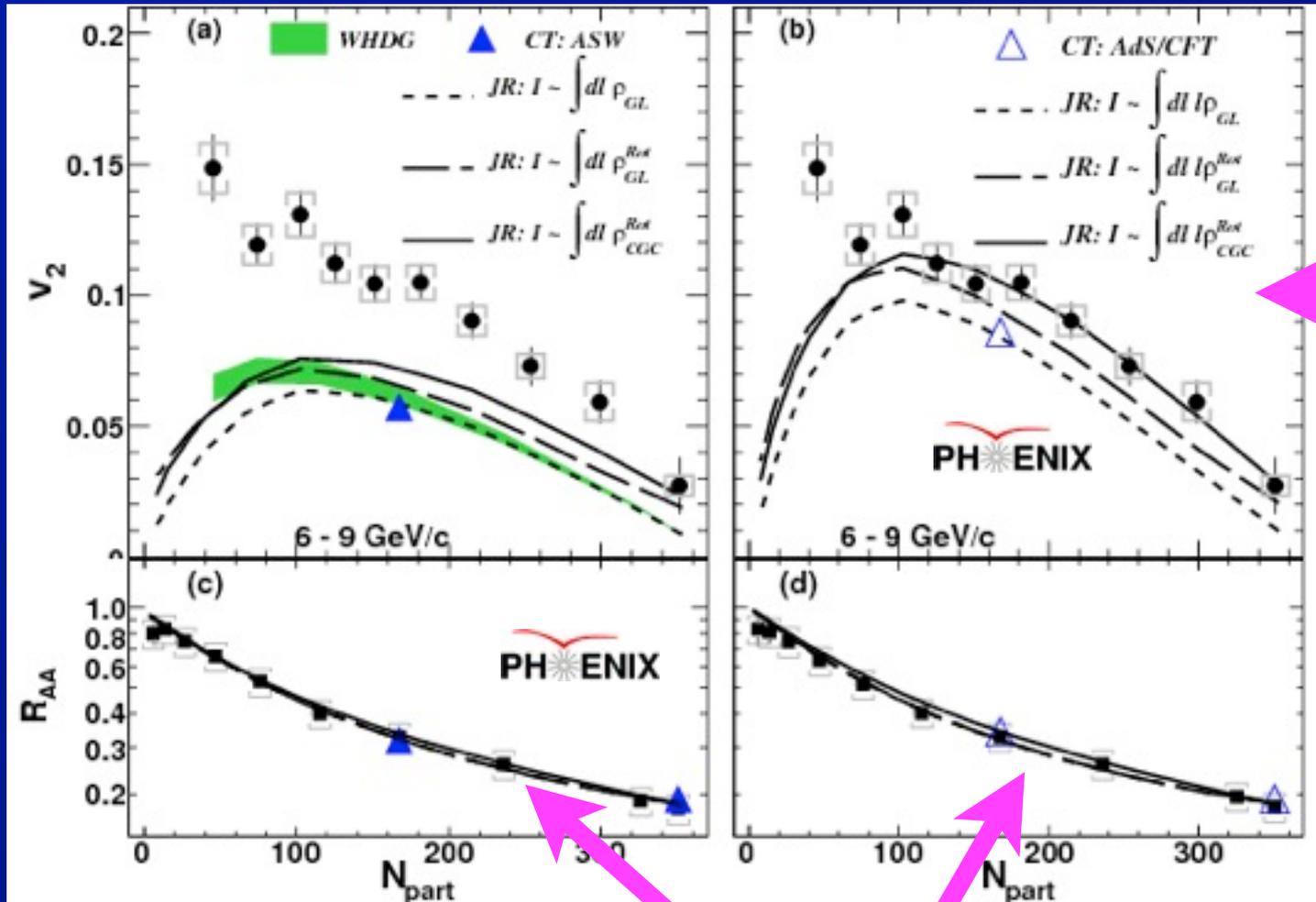


Calculations:

- ▶ Wicks et al., NPA784, 426
- ▶ Marquet, Renk, PLB685, 270
- ▶ Drees, Feng, Jia, PRC71, 034909
- ▶ Jia, Wei, arXiv: 1005.0645

- Two calculations: weak, strong coupling
  - $N_{part}$  dependence same for both
  - But  $v_2$  (modulation vs  $\Delta\phi$ ) prefers strong coupling

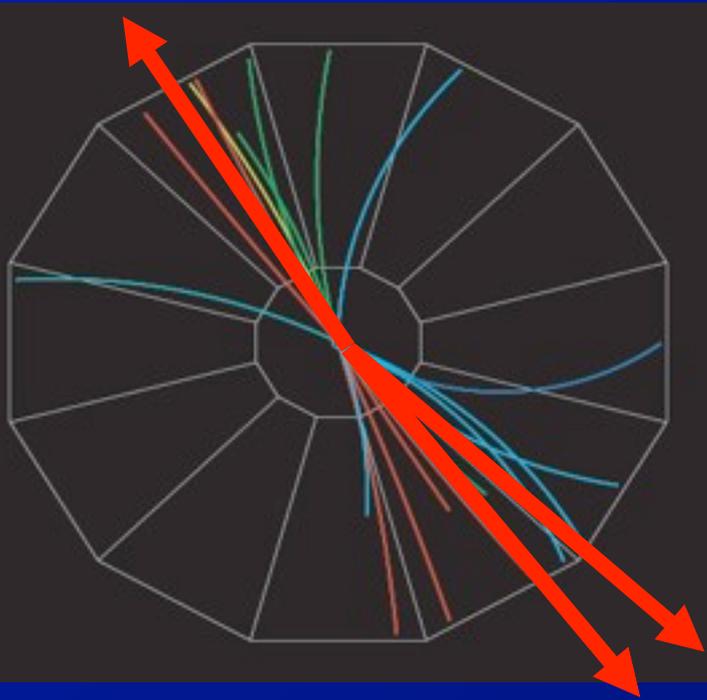
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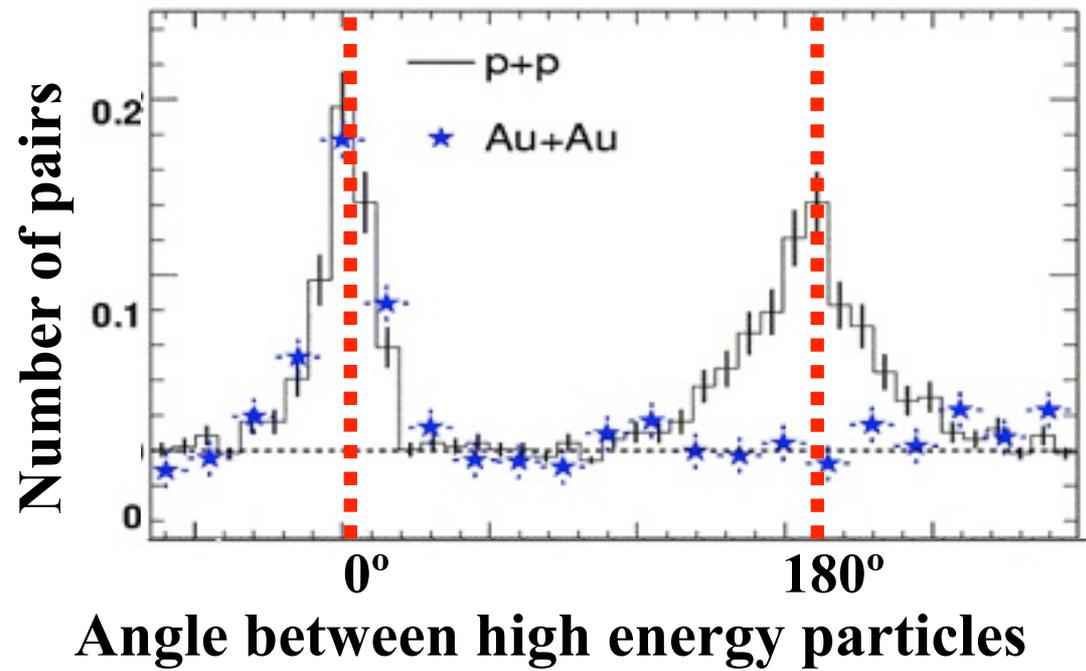
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# STAR Experiment: “Jet” Observations

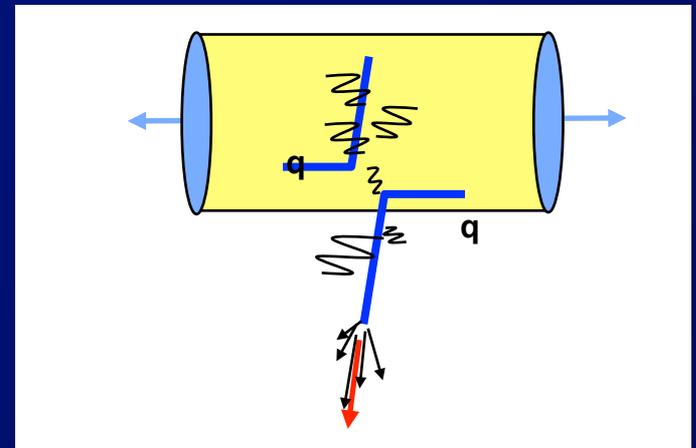
proton-proton jet event



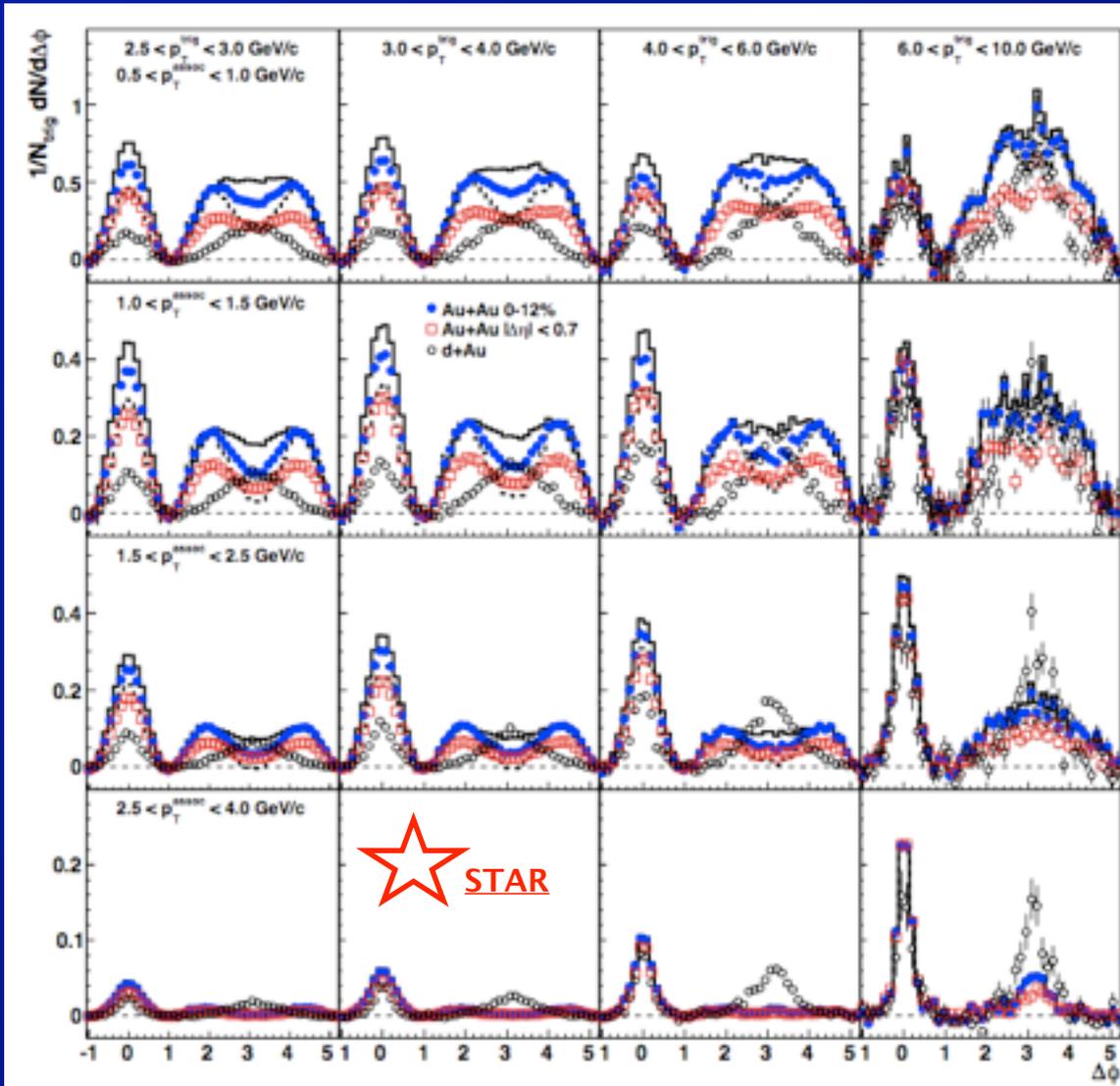
Analyze by measuring (azimuthal) angle between pairs of particles



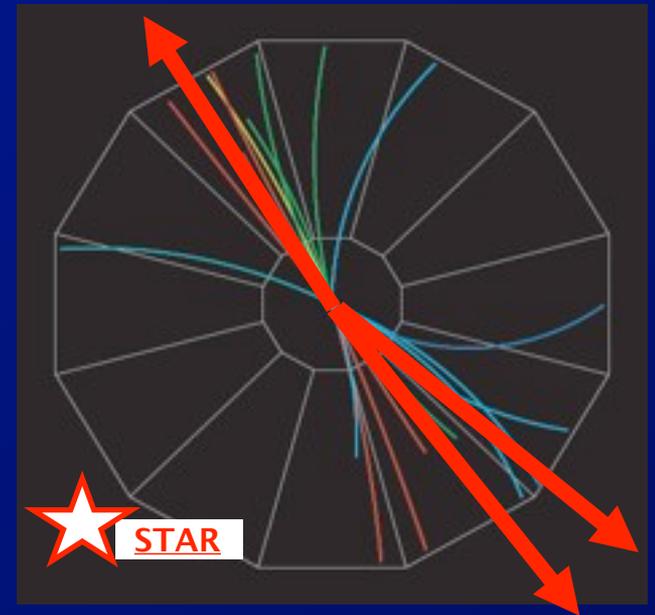
- In Au-Au collisions we see one “jet” at a time
- Strong jet quenching
- Enhanced by surface bias



# Two-particle correlations



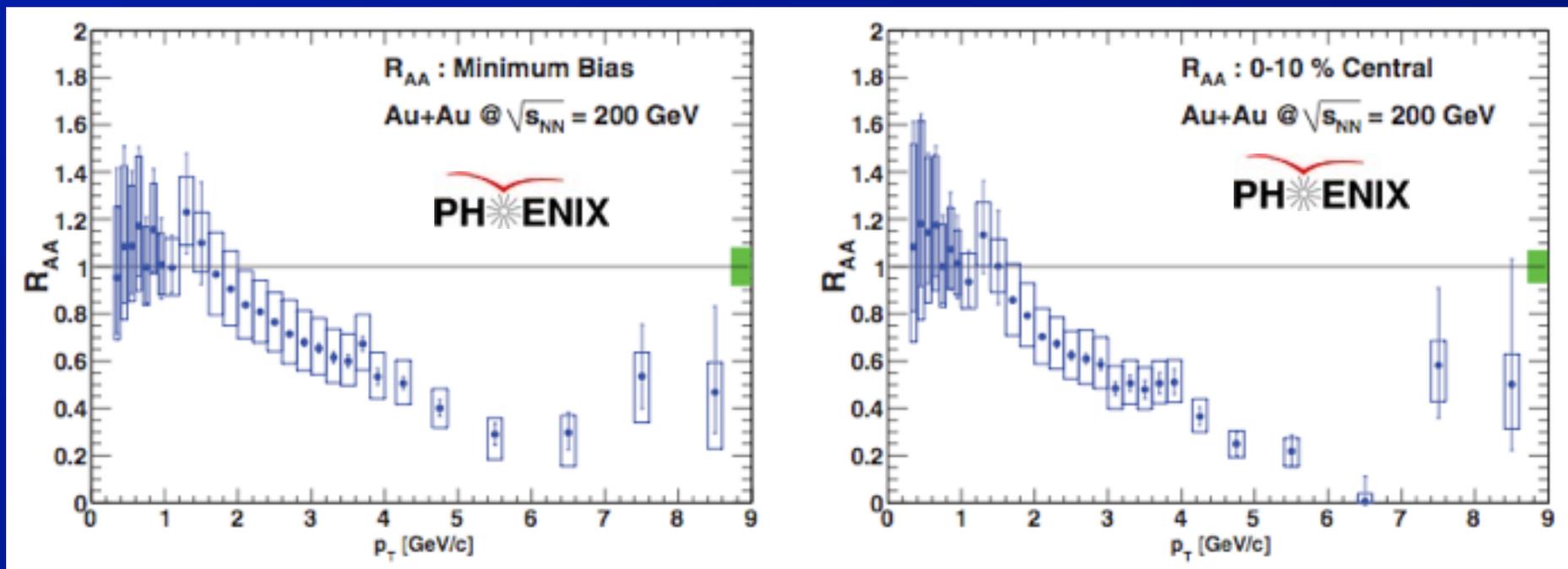
Indirect dijet measurement via dihadron correlations



STAR,  
Phys. Rev. C82  
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- Through very detailed measurements from STAR and PHENIX we've learned that most of this has little to do with high- $p_T$  physics, though it is very interesting

# Heavy quark suppression



- Measure heavy quark production via semi-leptonic decays (B+D) to electrons
  - See suppression comparable to light mesons
    - ⇒ Unexpected due to mass suppression of radiative contributions, especially for b quark.

# RHIC – Where We Stand (from 2009)

- **Significant theoretical uncertainties**
  - Role of collisional energy loss.
  - Differences in approximations.
  - Choice of strong coupling constant.
  - Description of medium
  - Incorporating position, time dependence of medium.
  - Fluctuations in # emitted gluons.
  - Energy loss biases.
- **Currently single hadron data do not sufficiently discriminate, test theoretical differences.**
  - Use more “differential” measurements.
  - Use multi-hadron measurements.

**Better: use full jet measurements**

# Where are we?

- Studies of “jet” modification in nuclei show clear, but modest effects in  $e+A/p+A$  collisions.
  - Clearly decrease with increasing jet energy
- Geometry plays an critical role in hard scattering in nuclei
  - and influencing initial/final-state interactions
- Start of RHIC program opened a new frontier where much larger effects are observed due to (s)QGP.
  - But single, two-particle, heavy quark measurements have not provided unique understanding of quenching physics  $\Rightarrow$  jets.