PHENIX

Highlights

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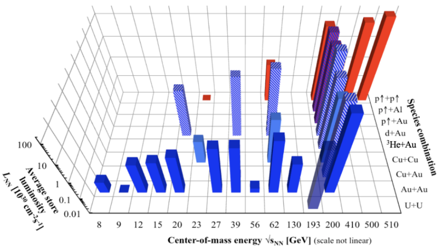
Data collected

Run	Species	Energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Integrated Luminosity (mb^{-1})
1 (2000)	Au+Au	56	1.0E-6
2 (2001/2002)	Au+Au	200	2.4E-5
	p+p	200	1.5E+5
3 (2003)	d+Au	200	2.7E+3
	p+p	200	3.5E+5
4 (2004)	Au+Au	200	2.4E+2
	Au+Au	62.4	9.0E+0
5 (2005)	Cu+Cu	200	3.0E+3
	Cu+Cu	62.4	1.9E+2
	Cu+Cu	22.4	2.7E+3
	p+p	200	3.4E+6
6 (2006)	p+p	200	7.5E+6
	p+p	62.4	8.0E+4
7 (2007)	Au+Au	200	8.1E+2
8 (2008)	d+Au	200	8.0E+4
	p+p	200	5.2E+6
9 (2009)	p+p	500	1.4E+7
	p+p	200	1.6E+7
10 (2010)	Au+Au	200	1.5E+3
	Au+Au	62.4	1.1E+2
	Au+Au	39	4.0E+4
	Au+Au	7.7	3.0E+2

RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 16)



Completed taking data in 2016
Many high impact analyses ongoing

Run	Species	Energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Integrated Luminosity (mb^{-1})
11 (2011)	p+p	500	1.8E+7
	Au+Au	19.6	2.0E+0
	Au+Au	200	1.7E+3
	Au+Au	27	7.0E+0
12 (2012)	p+p	200	1.0E+7
	p+p	510	3.2E+7
	U+U	193	2.0E+2
	Cu+Au	200	5.0E+3
13 (2013)	p+p	510	1.6E+8
14 (2014)	Au+Au	14.6	4.0E+0
	Au+Au	200	7.5E+3
	^{3}He+Au	200	2.4E+4
15 (2015)	p+p	200	6.0E+7
	p+Au	200	2.0E+5
	p+Al	200	5.0E+5
16 (2016)	Au+Au	200	7.0E+3
	d+Au	200	5.0E+4
	d+Au	62.4	5.0E+3
	d+Au	19.6	8.0E+1
	d+Au	39	2.0E+3

Data and analysis preservation

- 212/225 PHENIX papers on HEPData

Recent Papers

- arXiv:2406.08301 Jet modification via π^0-hadron correlations in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRC109, 044912 (2024) Non-prompt γ in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRC109, 044907 (2024) Charm and bottom production in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRC109, 054910 (2024) Identified charged hadron production in p+Al, ^{3}He+Au, and Cu+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ and U+U at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 193$ GeV
- PRD108, 072016 (2023) Transverse spin asymmetry of $h^{\pm}$ in p+p, p+Al, and p+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRL130, 251901 (2023) Direct γ cross section in p+p $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV
- PRD107, 112004 (2023) Transverse spin asymmetry of π^0, η in p+Al and p+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRD107, 052012 (2023) Transverse spin asymmetry of heavy flavor decay electrons
- PRC107, 024914 (2023) Low p_T γ in Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39$ and 62.4 GeV
- PRC107, 024907 (2023) Flow in p+p, p+Al, d+Au, ^{3}He+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- PRC107, 014907 (2023) ϕ in Cu+Au and U+U $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV
- arXiv:2303.12899 Suppression of high p_T π^0 relative to direct γ in central d+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

PHENIX at AUM 2024

- **Yuri Mitrankov**, *Highlights from the PHENIX experiment on flow measurements*
  —Tuesday Morning
- **Sanghoon Lim**, *The small system flow measurements from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC*
  —Tuesday Afternoon
- **Devon Loomis**, *Highlights from PHENIX Spin*
  —Tuesday Afternoon
- **Dan Richford**, *Open Heavy-Flavor Physics - PHENIX*
  —Wednesday Morning
- **Ming Liu**, *HF Quarkonium Physics - PHENIX*
  —Wednesday Afternoon

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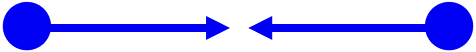
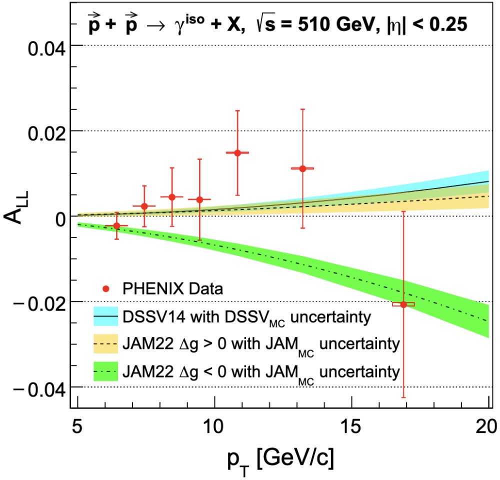


p+p

A_{LL} of direct photons

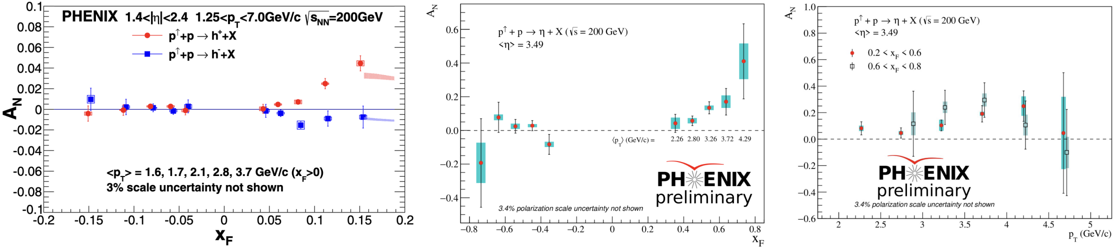
PHENIX, PRL 130, 251901 (2023)



- Polarized gluon PDF Δg had sign ambiguity in previous results
  —JAM Collaboration, PRD105 074022 (2022)
  —JAM Collaboration, PRD106 L031502 (2022)
- PHENIX results indicate $\Delta g > 0$ at 2.8σ level

A_N of hadrons

PHENIX, PRD 108, 072016 (2023)



- h^+: large positive asymmetries
- h^-: mix of negative π and positive K asymmetries
- η: large (20-40%) asymmetries at high x_F

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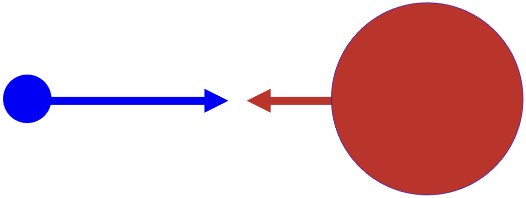
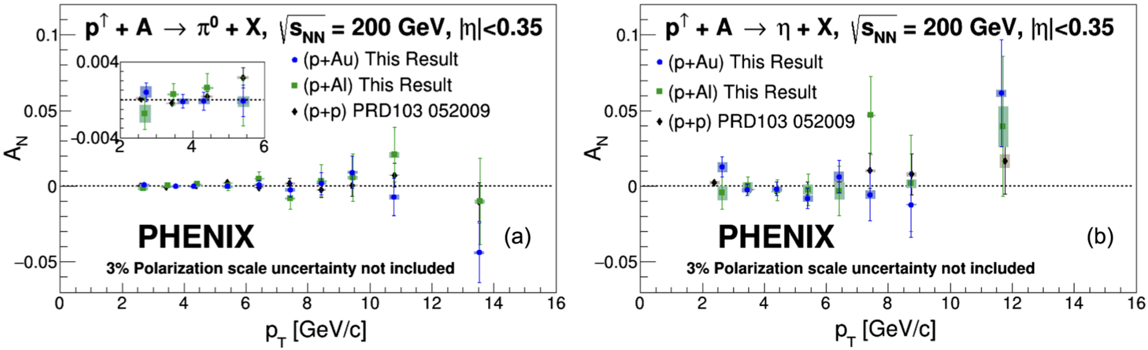


p,d,^{3}He+Au

A_N of identified particles in small systems

PHENIX, PRD 107, 112004 (2023)



- Midrapidity π^0 and η A_N
- High precision measurements of $p^\uparrow$+p, $p^\uparrow$+Al, $p^\uparrow$+Au all consistent with zero

A_N of charged particles in small systems

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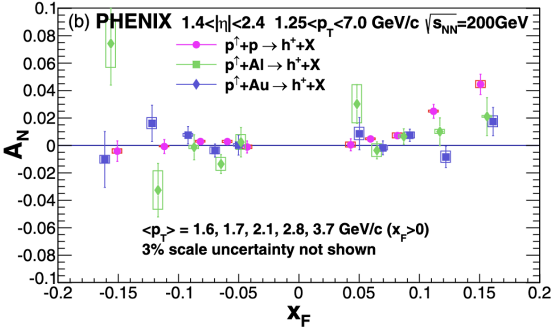
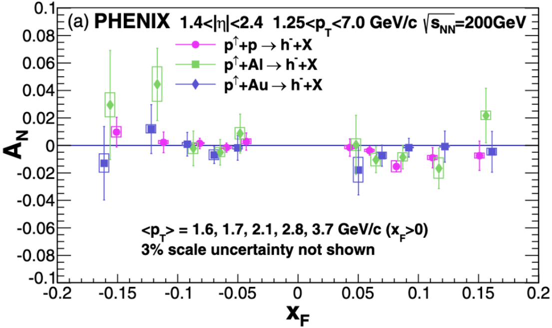
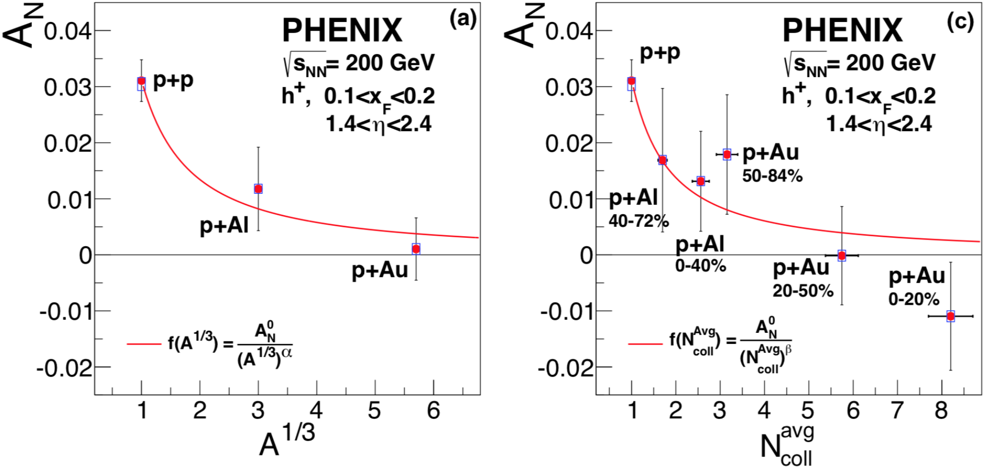




- Forward rapidity $h^{\pm}$ A_N
- Strong nuclear size dependence seen for h^{+}

Reminder: A_N of charged particles in small systems

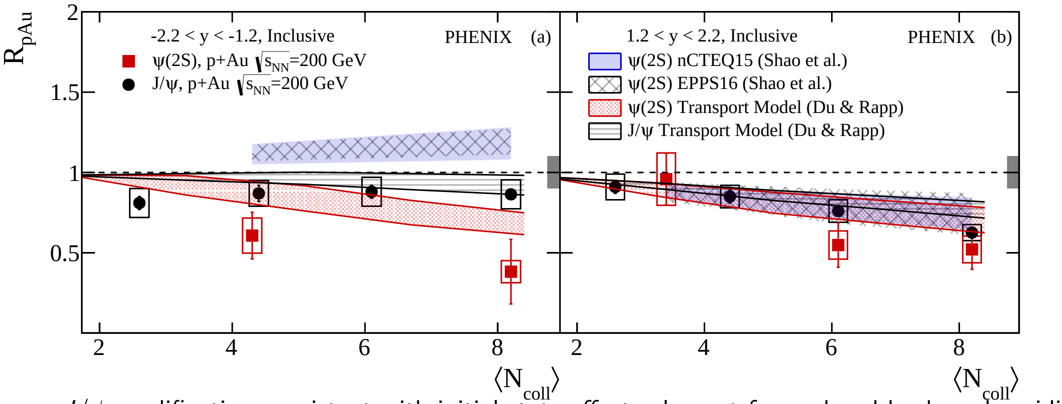
PHENIX, PRL 123, 122001 (2019)



- Strong nuclear size dependence seen for h^+ previously

J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ in small systems

PHENIX, PRC 105, 064912 (2023)



- J/ψ modification consistent with initial state effects alone at forward and backward rapidity
- $\psi(2S)$ modification indicates presence of final state effects at backward rapidity
  —Presence of co-movers? QGP?

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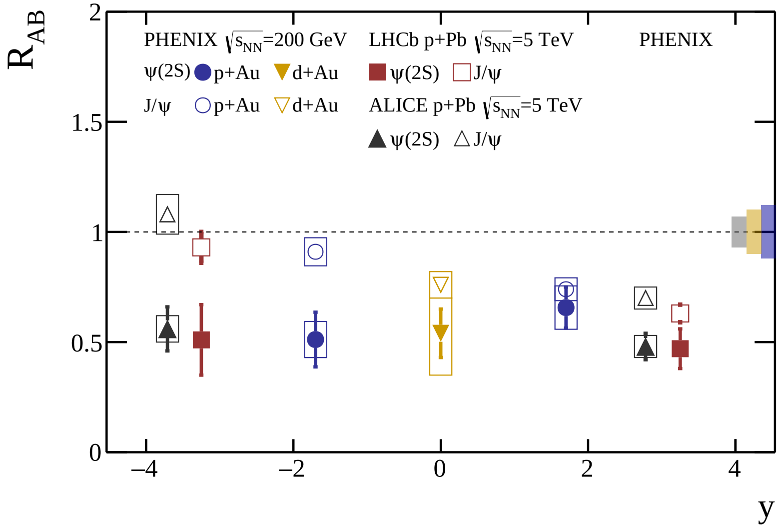
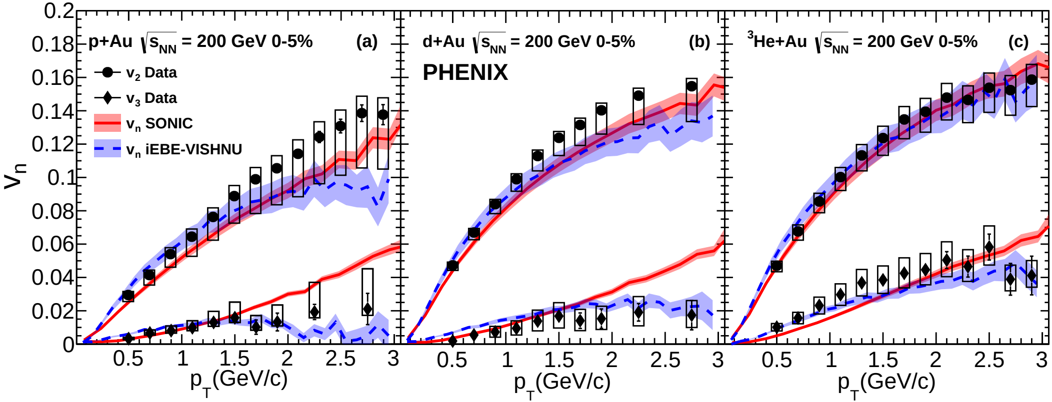


Similar patterns for J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ found at RHIC and LHC

v_n in small systems

PHENIX, Nat. Phys. 15, 214–220 (2019)



- v_2 and v_3 vs p_T predicted or described very well by hydrodynamics in all three systems
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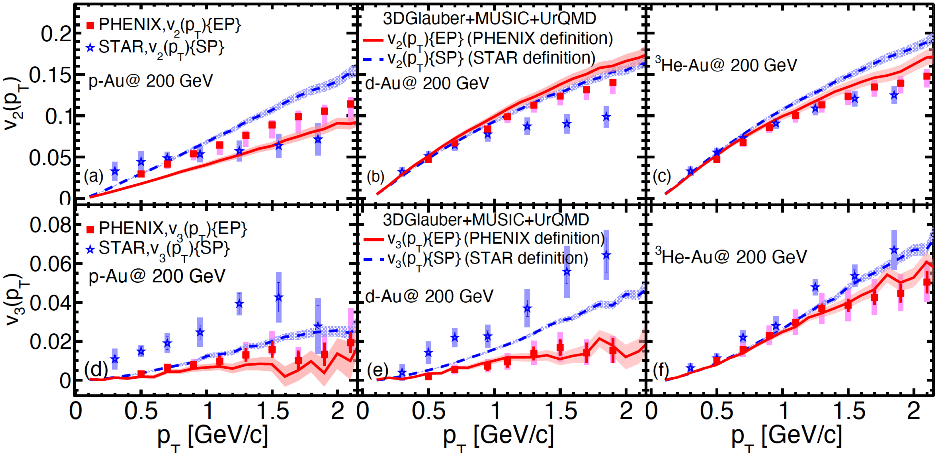
v_n in small systems

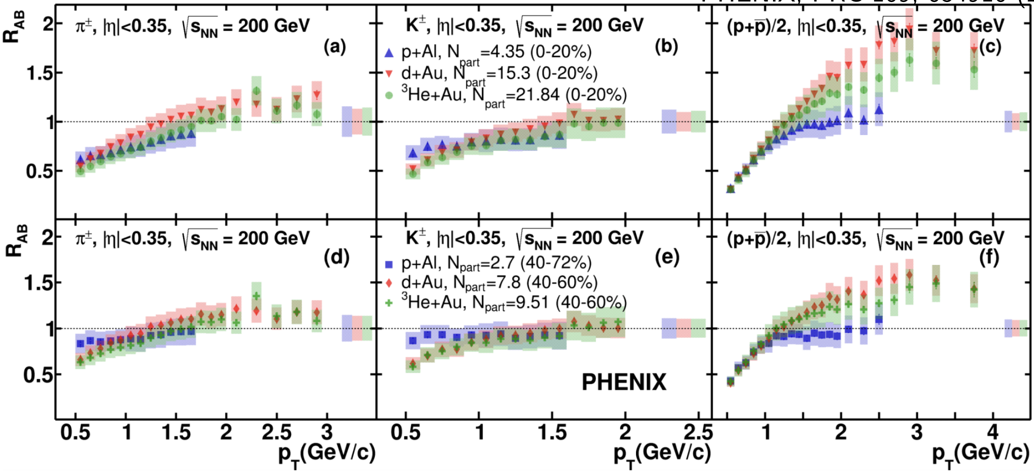
W. Zhao et al, Phys. Rev. C 107, 014904 (2023)



- Flow decorrelations lead to larger v_3 for STAR, explaining ∼50% of the difference between the experiments in this particular model

PID hadrons

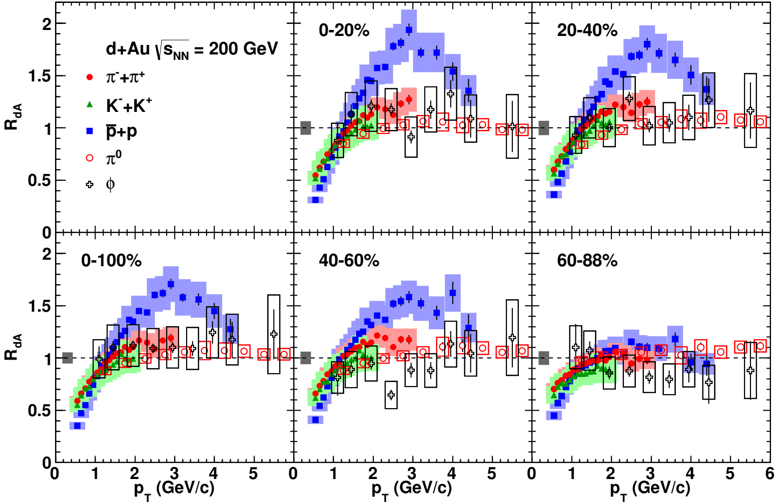
PHENIX, PRC 109, 054910 (2024)



- Proton R_{AB} at high p_T not ordered by system size—largest in d+Au

Reminder: "Cronin enhancement" in d+Au

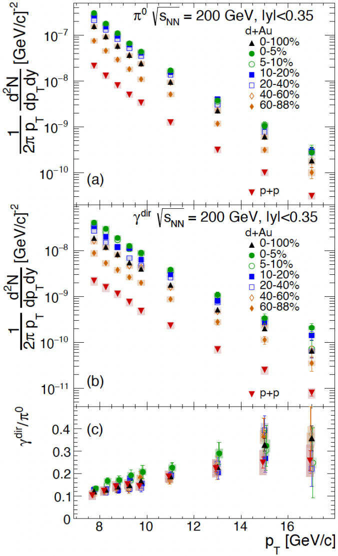
PHENIX, PRC 88, 024906 (2013)



π^+, π^-, π^0,
K^+, K^-,
p, $\bar{p}$,
ϕ

When looking at d+Au only, we *do* see clear N_{part} dependence of proton enhancement, suggesting interplay between system size and collision type

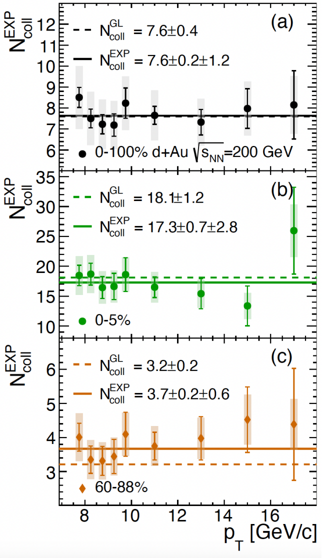
γ^{dir} and π^0 spectra in d+Au



Since direct photons are not modified, we can use them to define N_{coll} experimentally

$$N_{\text{coll}}^{\text{EXP}} = \frac{Y_{dAu}^{\gamma^{\text{dir}}}}{Y_{pp}^{\gamma^{\text{dir}}}}$$

PHENIX, arXiv:2303.12899



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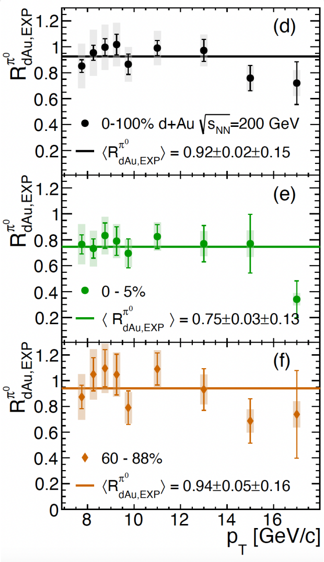

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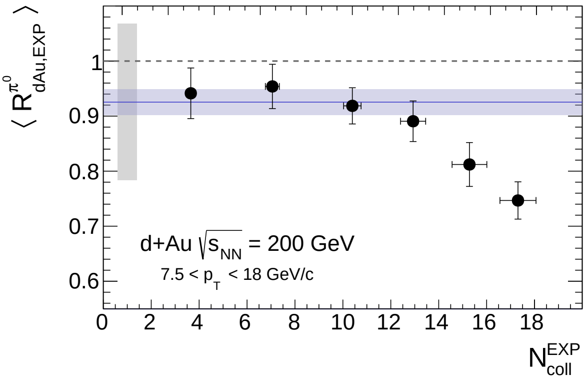

—No enhancement in peripheral

—Modest suppression in central

Suppression pattern not necessarily indicative of final state effects, see e.g. D.V. Perepelitsa arXiv:2404.17660

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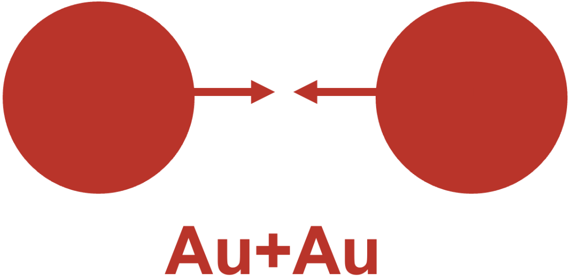
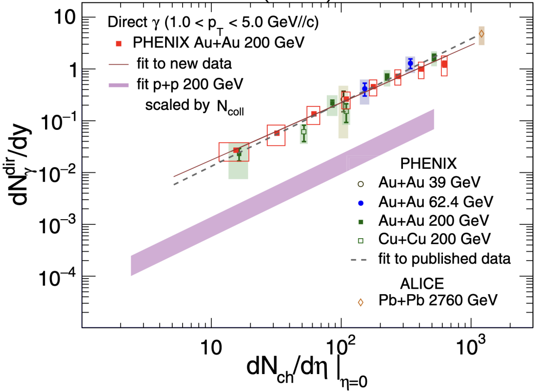
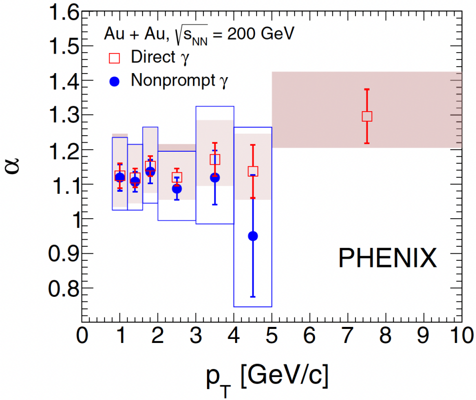


Direct photons in Au+Au

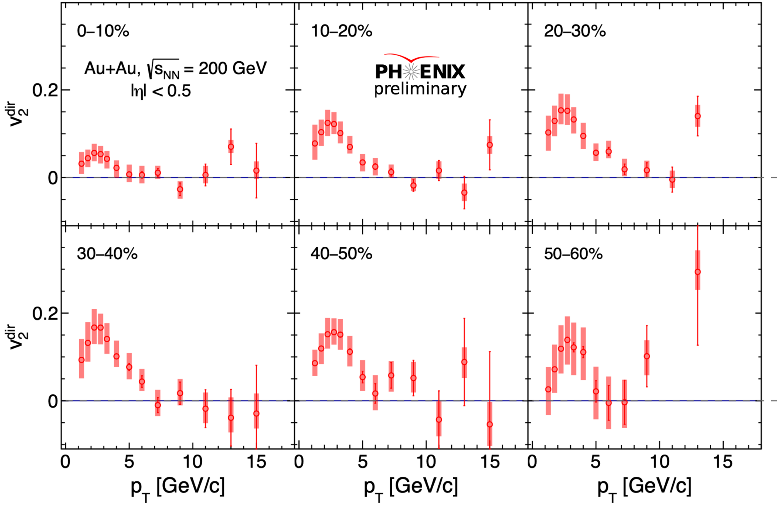
PHENIX, PRC 109, 044912 (2024)





- Photon yields proportional to $(dN_{ch}/d\eta)^{\alpha}$
- The scaling of yields holds for various large systems
- Large excess of direct photons relative to N_{coll}-scaled $p+p$

v_2 of direct photons in Au+Au

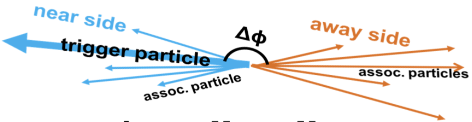


- Significant reduction in statistical and systematic uncertainties over previous measurement
- Results consistent with zero at high p_T

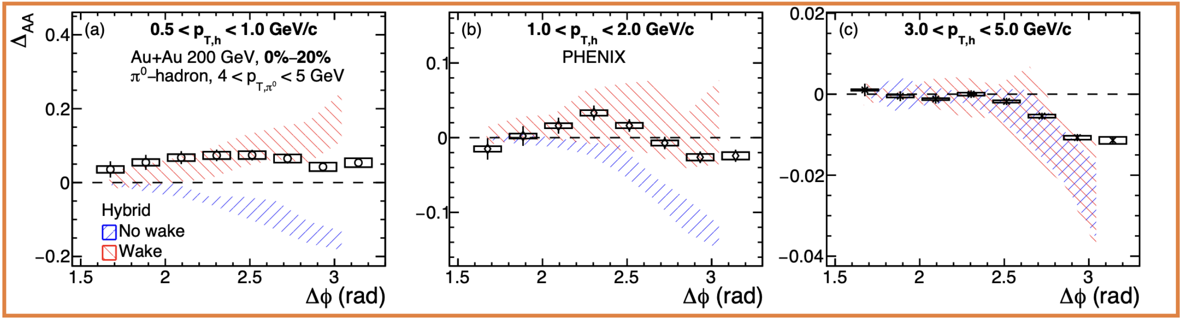
Medium response to jets in Au+Au

PHENIX, arXiv:2406.08301

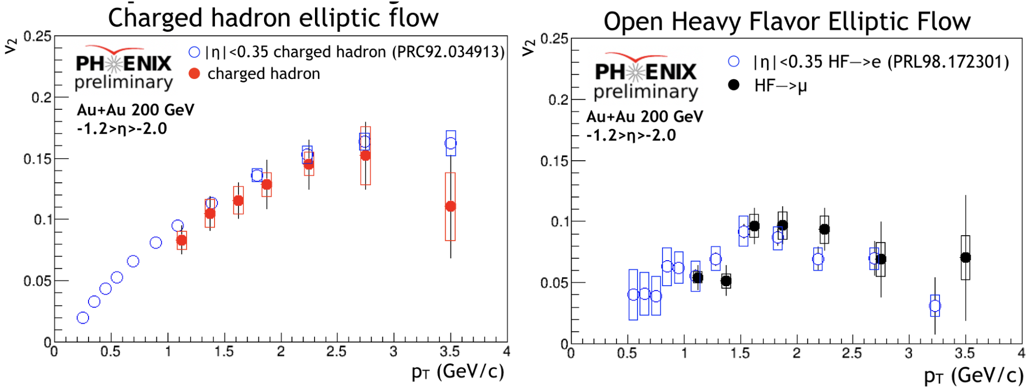
- Transition from enhancement for low p_T to suppression for high p_T associated hadrons
- Trend is reproduced with Hybrid model with medium response



$$\Delta_{AA} = Y_{AA} - Y_{pp}$$

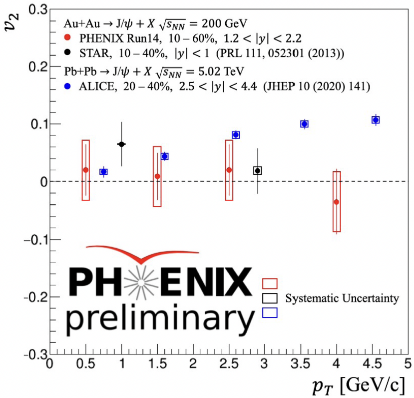


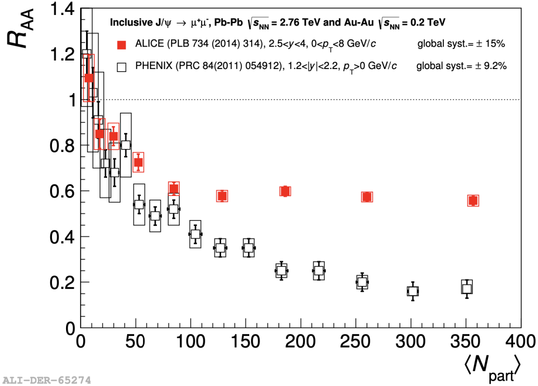
Open heavy flavor v_2 in Au+Au



- First-ever RHIC measurement of open heavy flavor elliptic flow at forward rapidity
- Mass ordering apparent

J/ψ in Au+Au

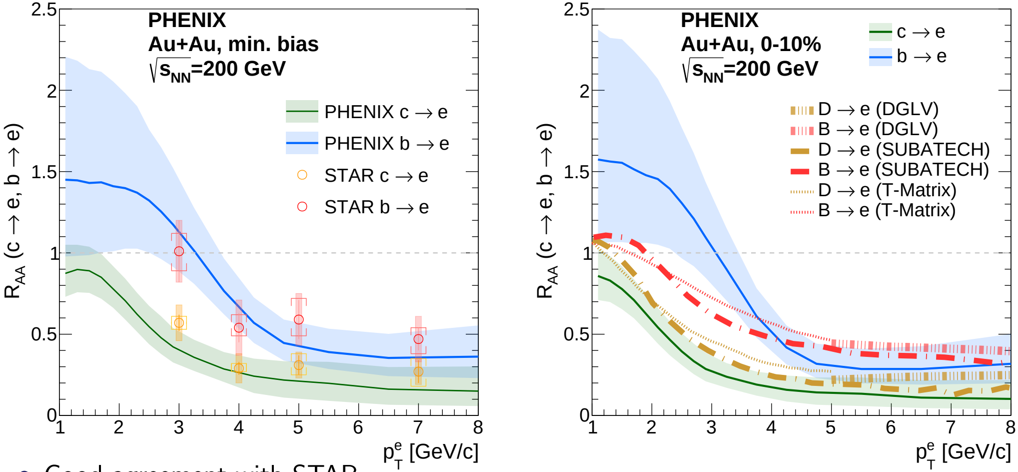




- PHENIX J/ψ v_2 consistent with zero, while clearly non-zero in ALICE data
- PHENIX J/ψ shows stronger suppression compared to ALICE
- Regeneration seems to play a big role at LHC, not at RHIC

c and b in Au+Au

PHENIX, PRC 109, 044907 (2024)



- Good agreement with STAR
- Good agreement with models (all p_T for c, $p_T > 4$ GeV/c for b)

Brief summary and outlook

- Evidence of final state effects in charmonium production in small systems at RHIC
- Evidence of centrality determination bias in high-p_T particle R_{xA} in small systems, can use direct photons to correct for this bias
  —No enhancement in peripheral collisions
  —Suppression in central collisions
- First measurement of open heavy flavor v_2 at forward rapidity in Au+Au
- Zero v_2 for J/ψ (and stronger suppression compared to LHC)
  —Regeneration less important RHIC energies
- Comprehensive set of small systems measurements
  —Understanding the longitudinal dynamics is essential to understanding the measurements
- Comprehensive set of direct photon measurements
- More interesting and important measurements from PHENIX coming soon!

Additional Material

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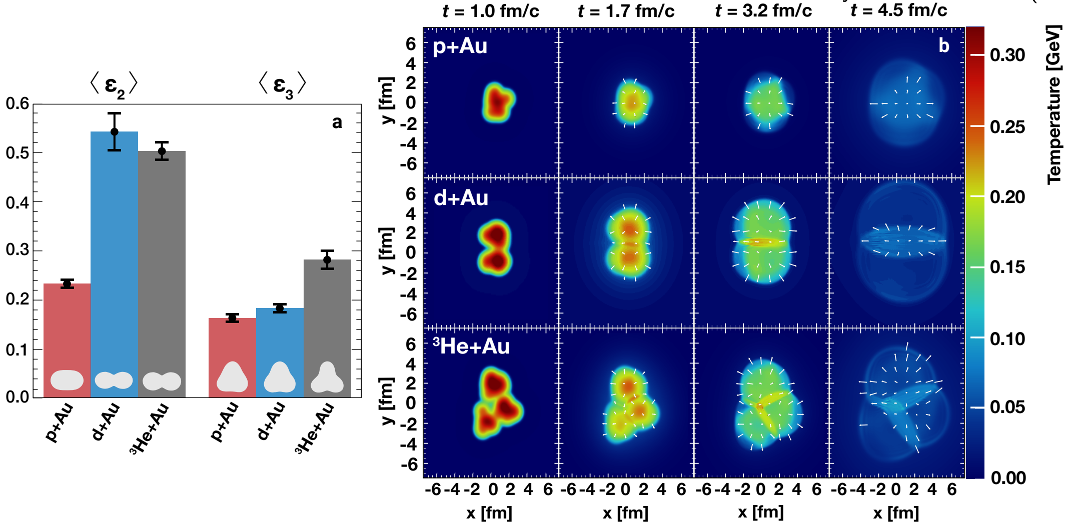
Small systems geometry scan

PHENIX, Nat. Phys. 15, 214–220 (2019)



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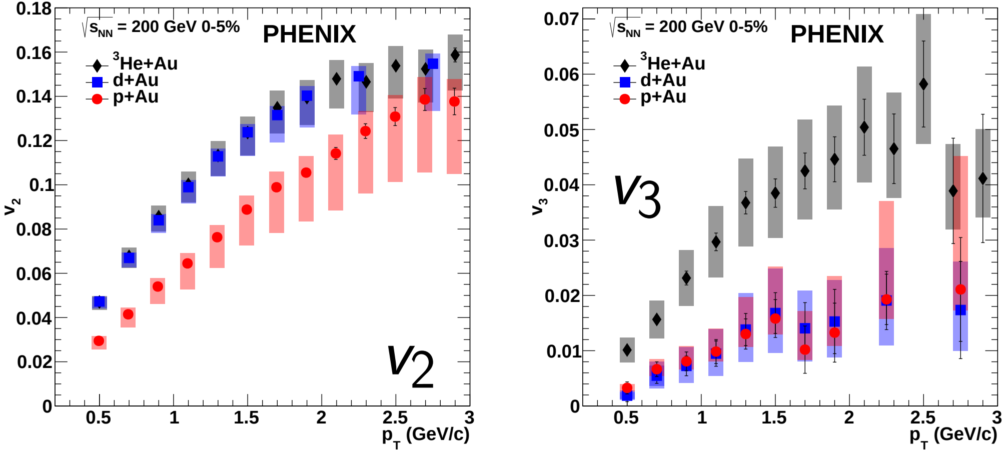

- v_2 and v_3 ordering matches ε_2 and ε_3 ordering in all three systems
  —Collective motion of system translates the initial geometry into the final state

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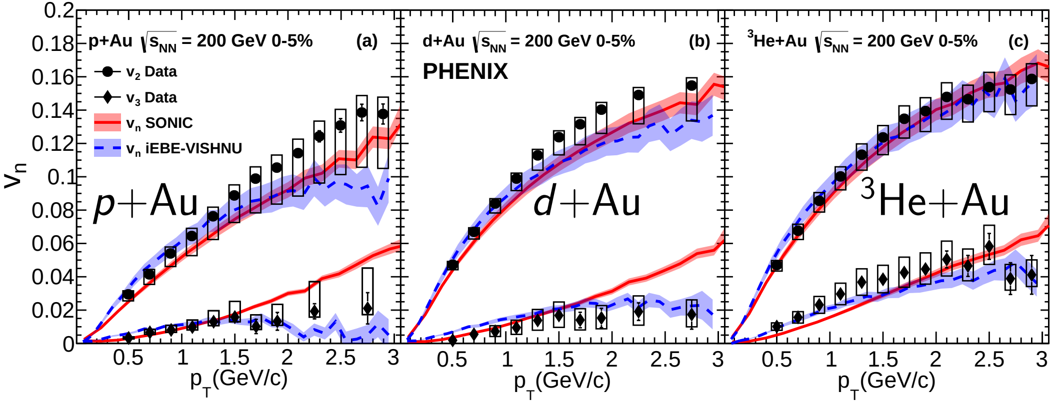

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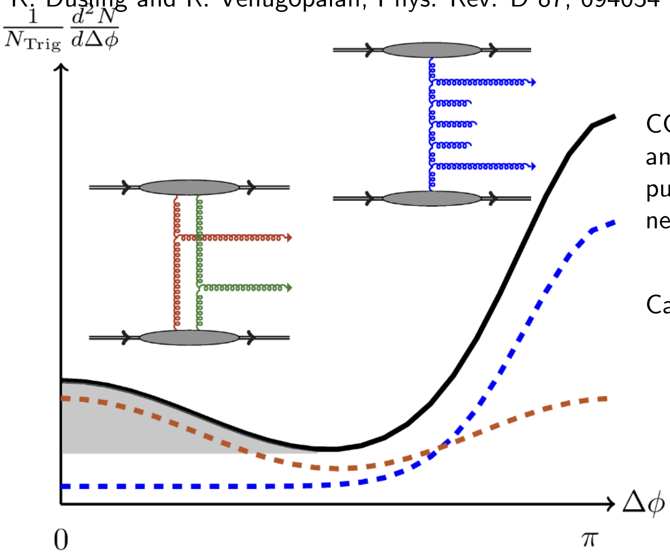
Can initial state effects explain the data?

K. Dusling and R. Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D 87, 094034 (2013)

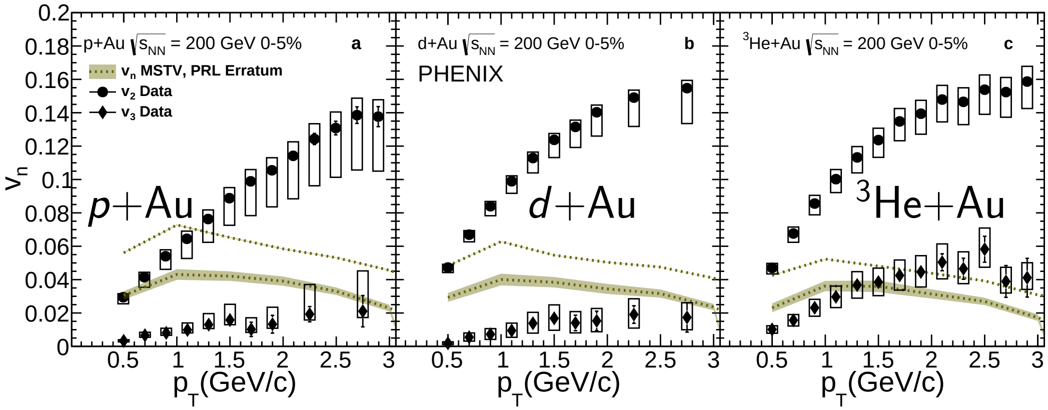


CGC framework: glasma diagrams produce angular correlations like the ridge and v_n purely from initial state correlations, with no need for final state interactions (hydro)

Can they explain the data?

Initial state effects cannot explain the data

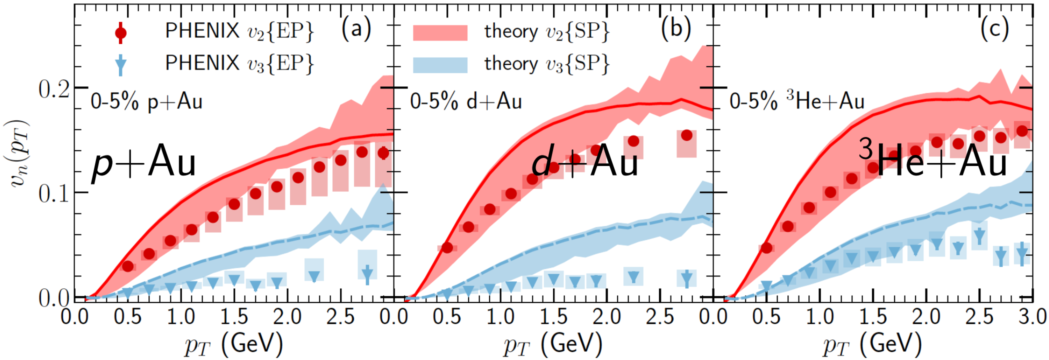
PHENIX, Nat. Phys. 15, 214–220 (2019)



- Initial state effects (CGC/Glasma) alone do not describe the data —Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 039901 (Erratum) (2019)

How important are initial state effects?

B. Schenke et al, Phys. Lett. B 803, 135322 (2020)



- Initial state effects important for theory, but make little contribution for central collisions
- Overestimation of data assumed to be related to fluid choice parameters and/or longitudinal dynamics

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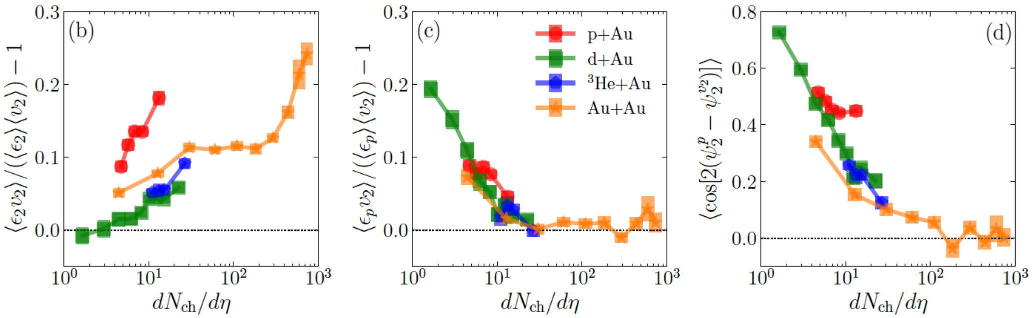

- For central p+Au, modest correlation between ε_p and v_2
- For central d+Au and ^{3}He+Au, no correlation between ε_p and v_2

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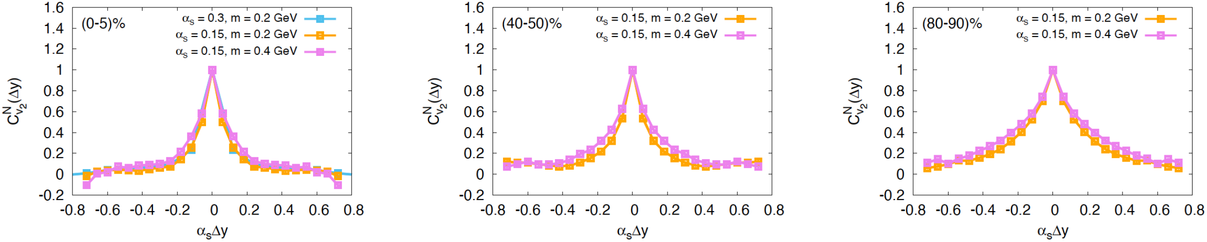
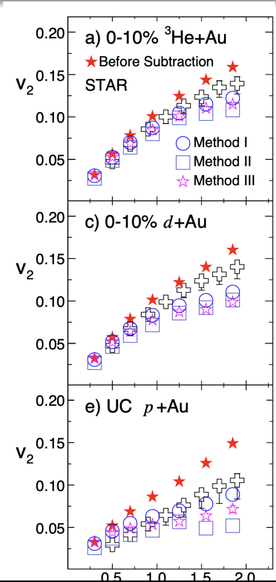
B. Schenke et al, Phys. Rev. D 105, 094023 (2022)



- The CGC/Glasma correlations appear to be too narrow in (pseudo)rapidity to have any significant impact on the data
  —The PHENIX data are measured with three detectors spanning $-3.9 < \eta < +0.35$
- We'll talk more about the importance of the pseudorapidity acceptance of experiments soon

Comparisons with STAR



STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 242301 (2023)

Good agreement between STAR and PHENIX for v_2

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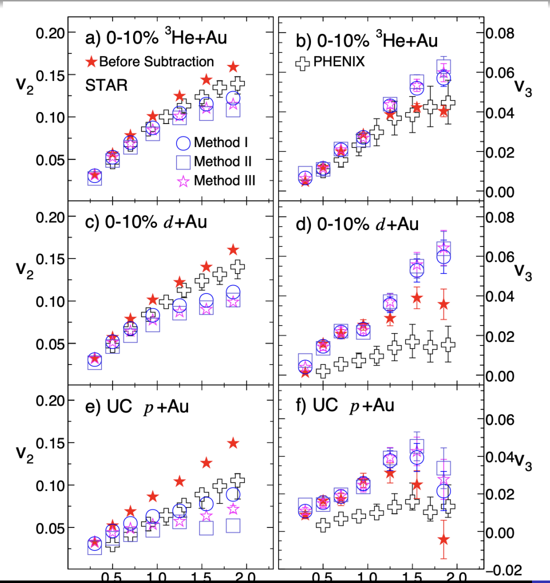

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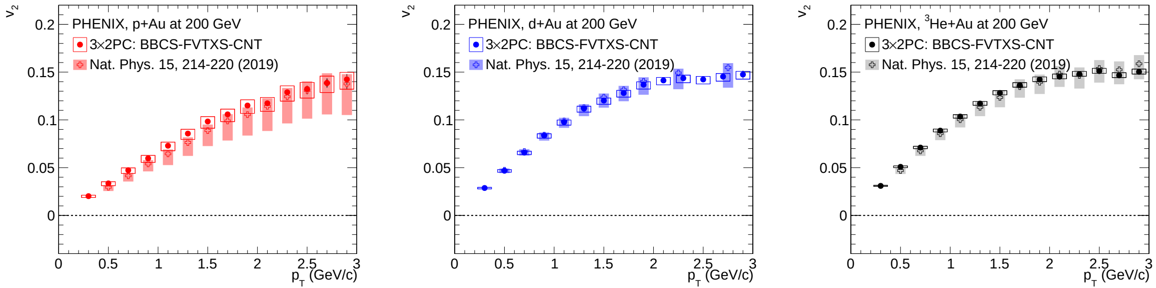
Large difference between STAR and PHENIX for v_3 in p+Au and d+Au

Large subnucleonic fluctuations can overwhelm the intrinsic geometry in some models, leading to similar ε_3 for all systems

PHENIX data update

PHENIX, Phys. Rev. C 105, 024901 (2022)



- PHENIX has completed a new analysis confirming the results published in Nature Physics
- All new analysis using two-particle correlations with event mixing instead of event plane method
  —Completely new and separate code base
  —Very different sensitivity to key experimental effects (beam position, detector alignment)

PHENIX data update

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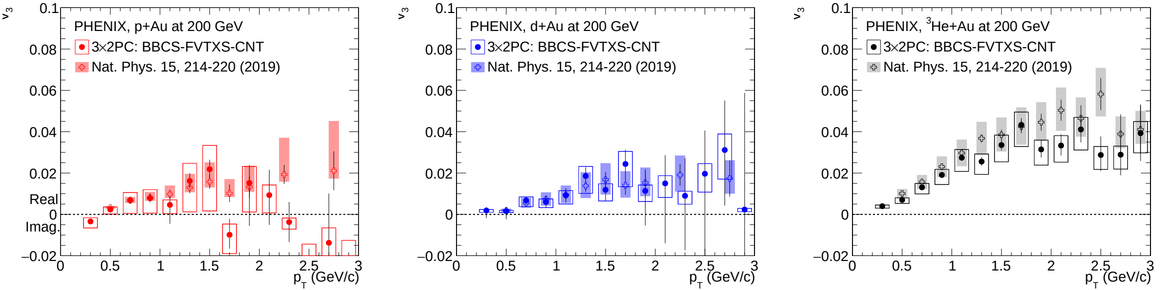

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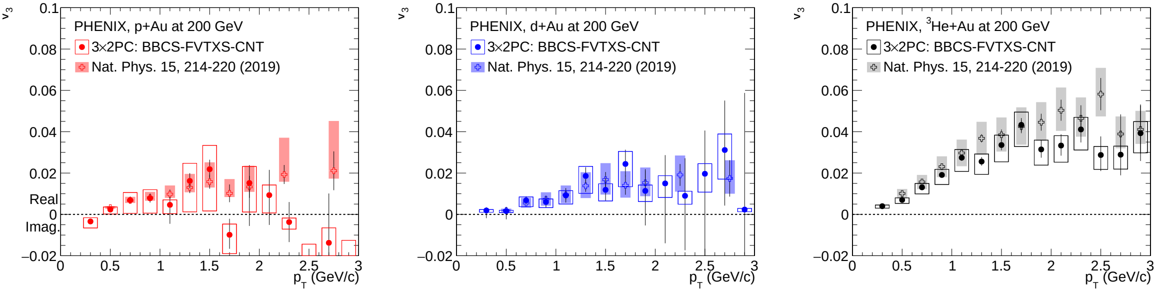

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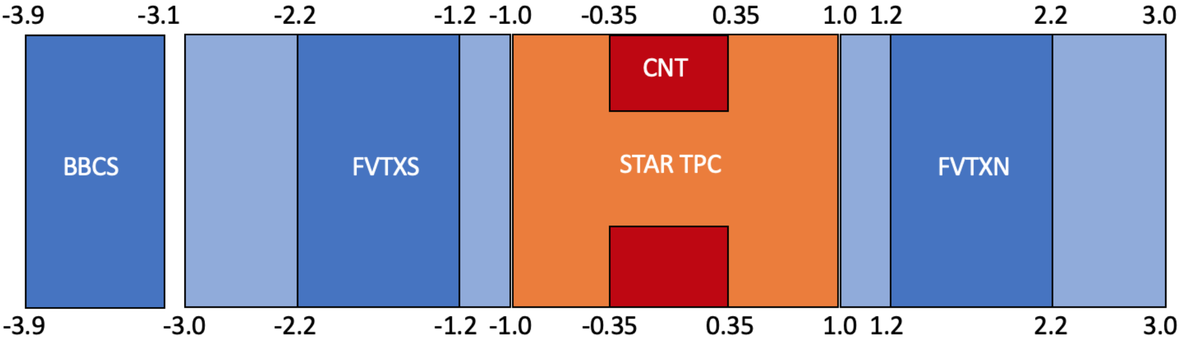
STAR and PHENIX detector comparison



- The PHENIX Nature Physics paper uses the BBCS-FVTXS-CNT detector combination
  —This is very different from the STAR analysis (TPC only)
- We can try to use FVTXS-CNT-FVTXN detector combination to better match STAR
  —Closer, and "balanced" between forward and backward, *but still different*

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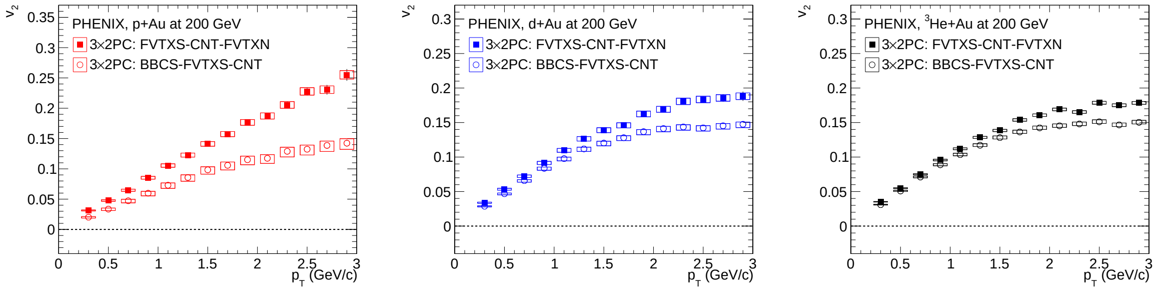

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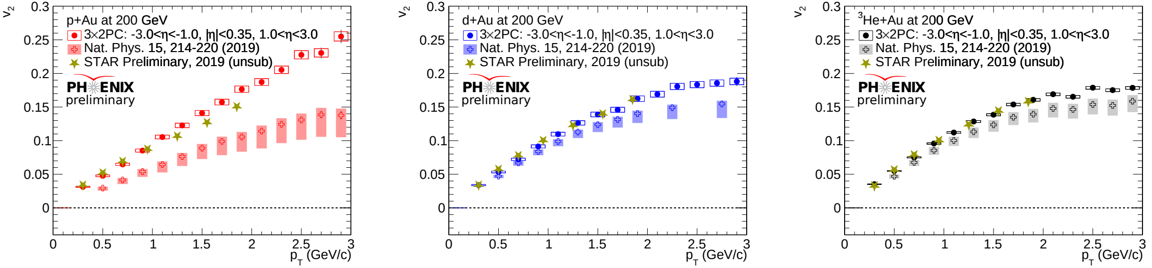

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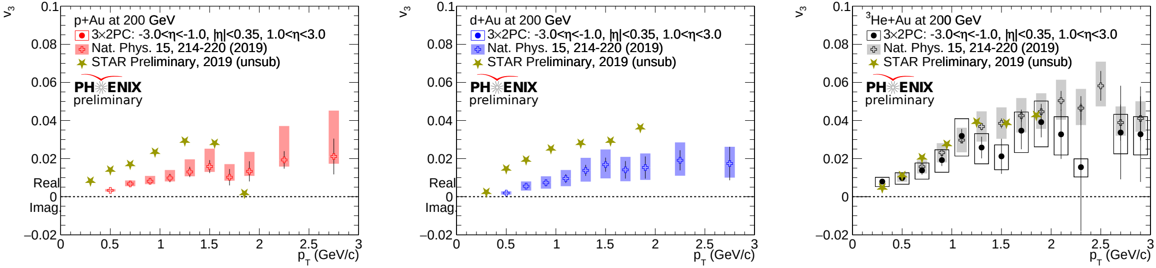

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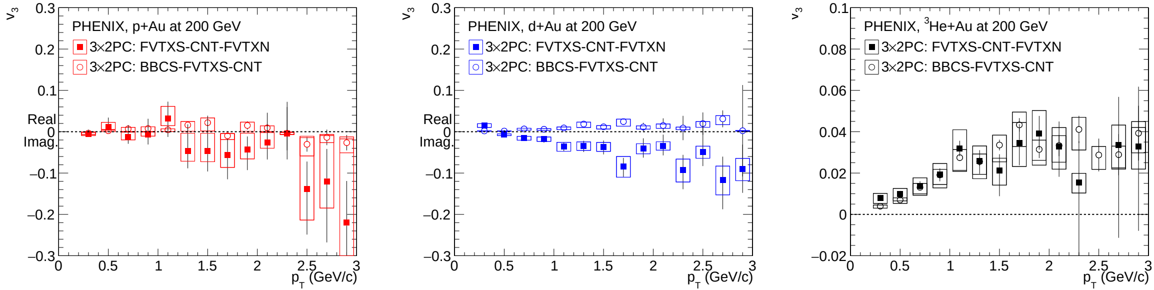

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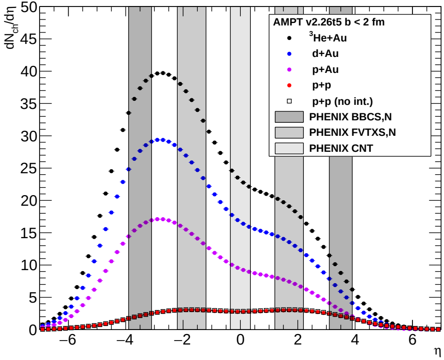
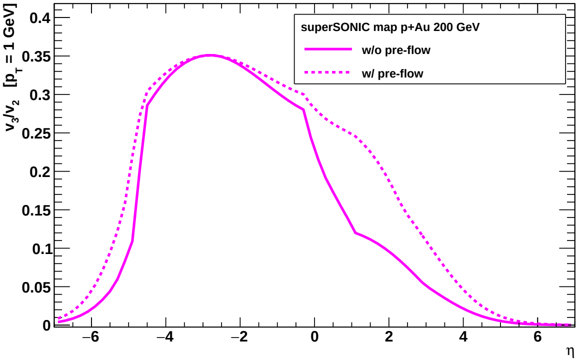
Pseudorapidity dependence in small systems

J.L. Nagle et al, Phys. Rev. C 105, 024906 (2022)

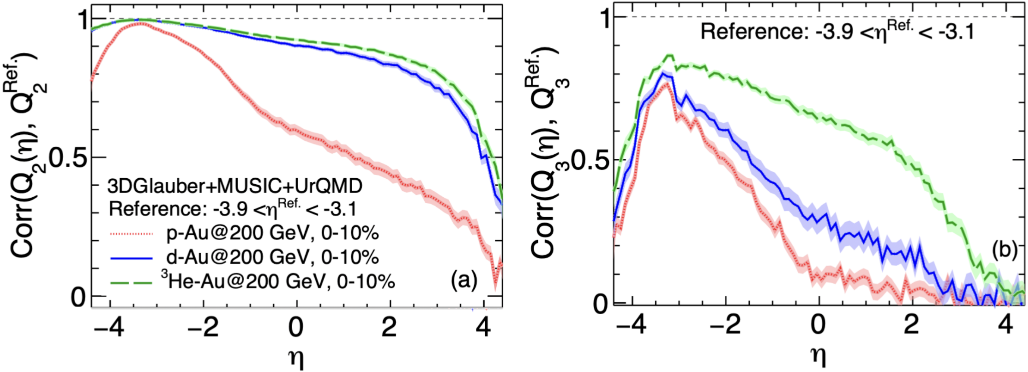




- $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ from AMPT, $v_3(\eta)$ from (super)SONIC
- The likely much stronger pseudorapidity dependence of v_3 compared to v_2 is an essential ingredient in understanding different measurements

Pseudorapidity dependence in small systems

W. Zhao et al, Phys. Rev. C 107, 014904 (2023)



- Flow vectors become decorrelated with increasing pseudorapidity separation
  —The effect is much stronger for v_3 than for v_2
- The hierarchy of the measured v_n depends on that of the geometry *and* decorrelations
  —Interesting that the decorrelation hierarchy matches that of the geometry...

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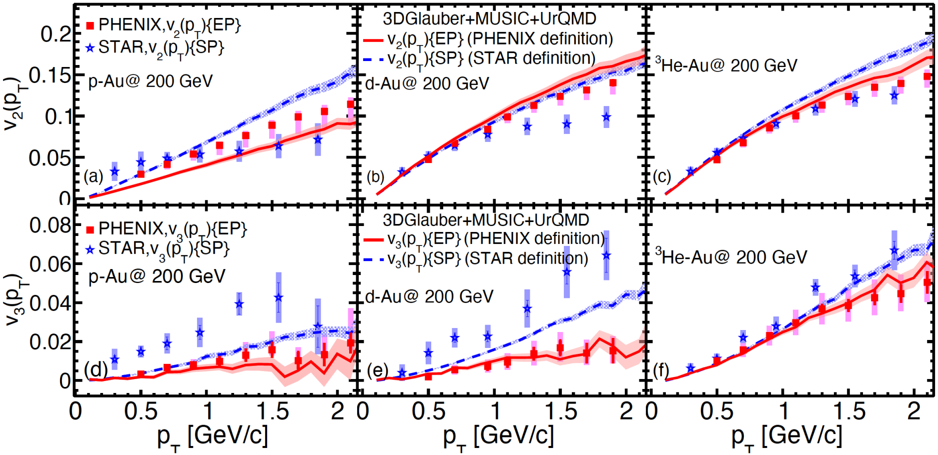

- Flow decorrelations lead to larger v_3 for STAR, explaining ∼50% of the difference between the experiments in this particular model

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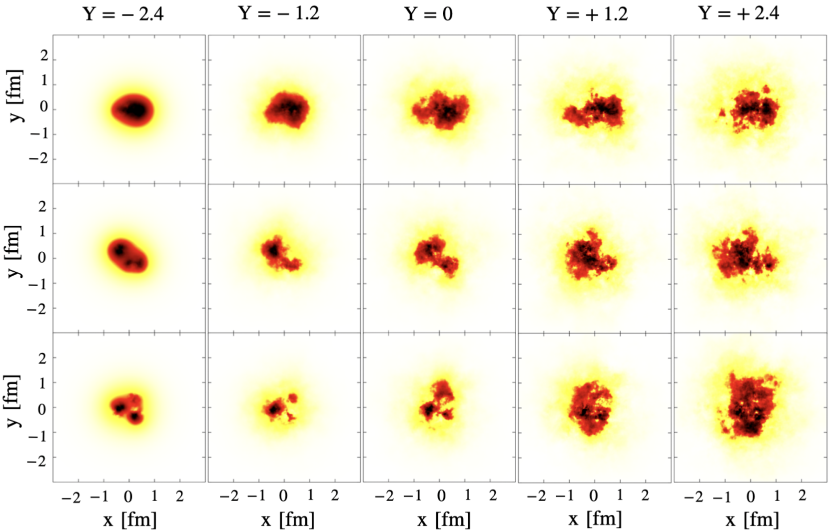
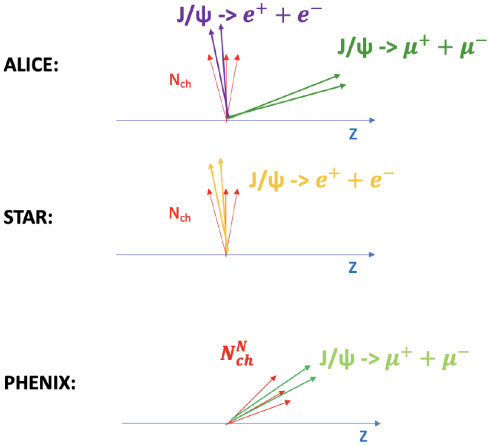
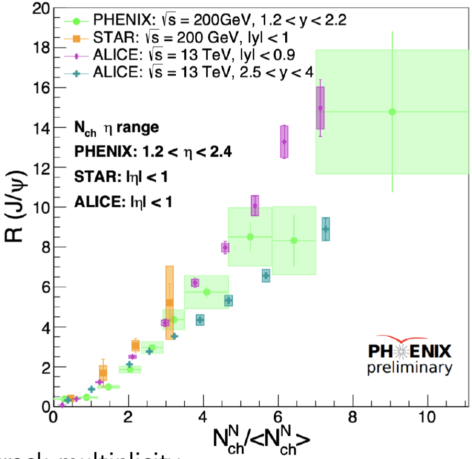
B. Schenke et al, Phys. Rev. D 105, 094023 (2022)



- Intrinsic geometry likely persists over all pseudorapidity ranges
- Fluctuations in the geometry vary as a function of rapidity (p from a p+Pb collision shown)
- PHENIX data follow intrinsic geometry, STAR data follow subnucleonic fluctuations

J/ψ yield in p+p





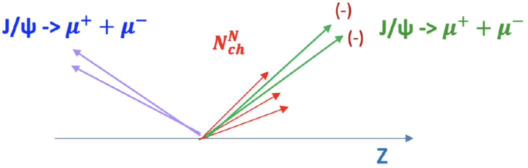
- J/ψ yield exhibits large dependence on local track multiplicity
  —Usually attributed to multi-parton interactions

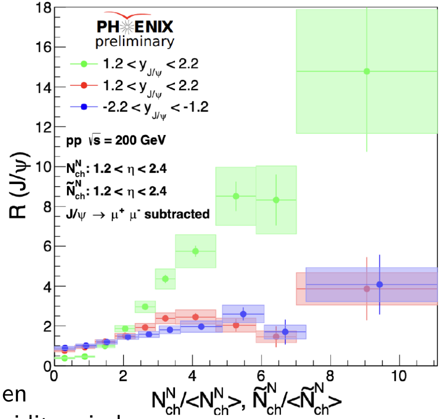
J/ψ yield in $p+p$

J/ψ and tracks in the same rapidity

J/ψ and tracks in the opposite rapidity

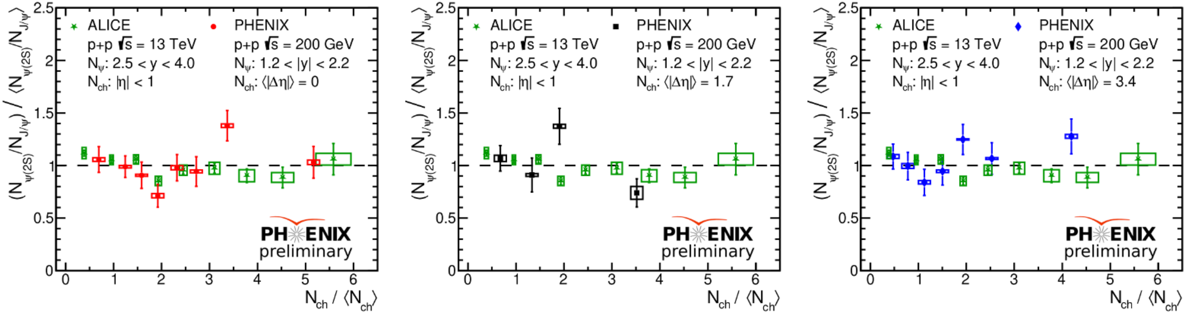
J/ψ and tracks in the same rapidity, tracks from J/psi removed from track count





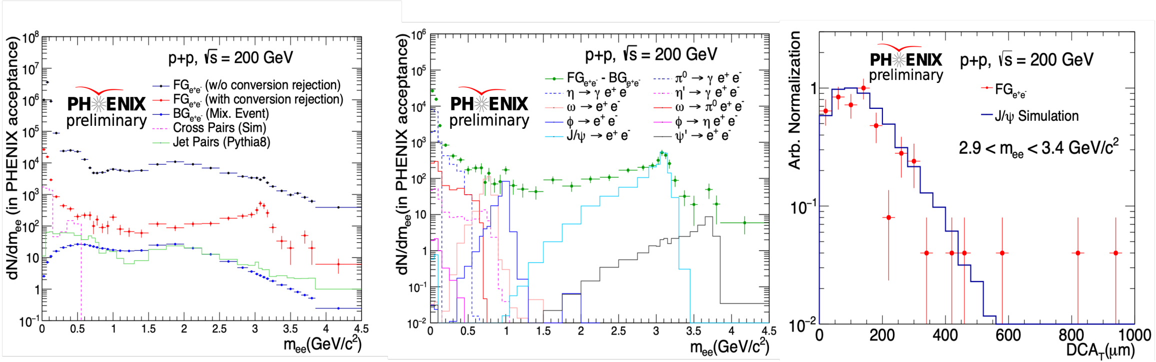
- J/ψ yield vs multiplicity significantly reduced when
  —Looking at J/ψ and multiplicity in separate rapidity windows
  —Looking at J/ψ and multiplicity in the same rapidity window but removing the $\mu^+\mu^-$ from the multiplicity
- Important implications for MPI picture

$\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ ratio in $p+p$



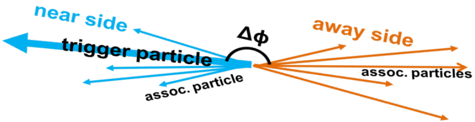
- Multiplicity-dependent studies can be used as test for onset of QGP-like signatures
- PHENIX results match ALICE results, double ratio consistent with unity for all multiplicity

Dilepton invariant mass in p+p

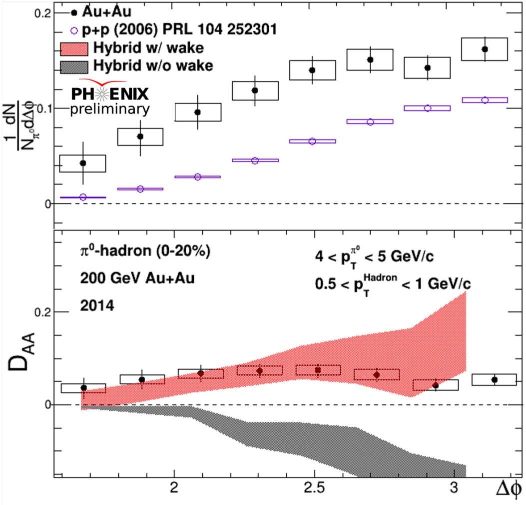


- Measurements of intermediate mass dilepton pairs
- Separation of semi-leptonic decay and prompt pairs

Medium response to jets in Au+Au



- Enhancement of low p_T hadrons quantified with $D_{AA} = Y_{AA} - Y_{pp}$
- Hybrid model with wake consistent with PHENIX π^0-h correlations
- Progressing towards γ^{direct}-h correlations in high statistics Au+Au data sets (2014 and 2016)



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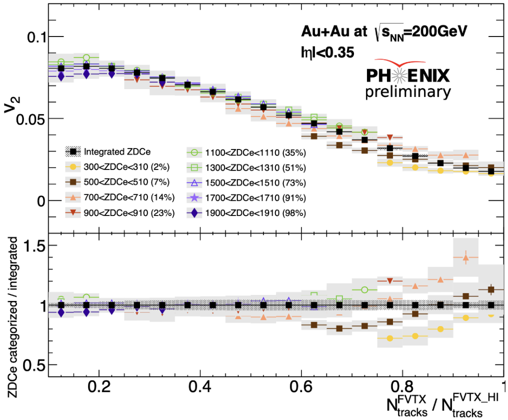

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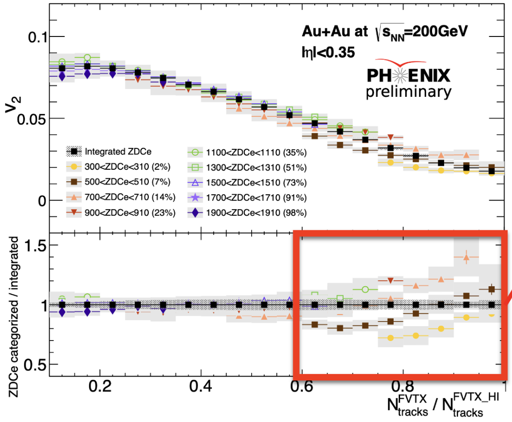

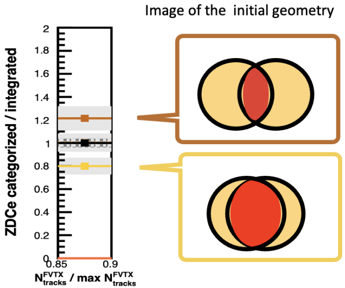

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v_2 in small systems

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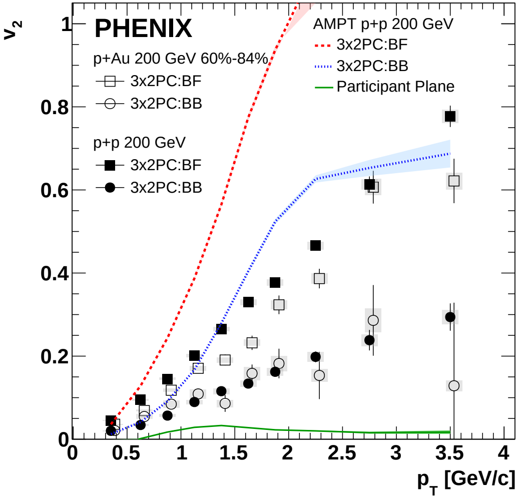

Systematic study of v_2 in small systems
—p+p, p+Au, d+Au, ^{3}He+Au
—Centrality dependence
—Multiple detector combinations

AMPT exhibits little or no collectivity but large v_2 due to non-flow correlations
Also shows similar relative pattern between backward-backward (BB) and backward-forward (BF)

ϕ meson in small systems

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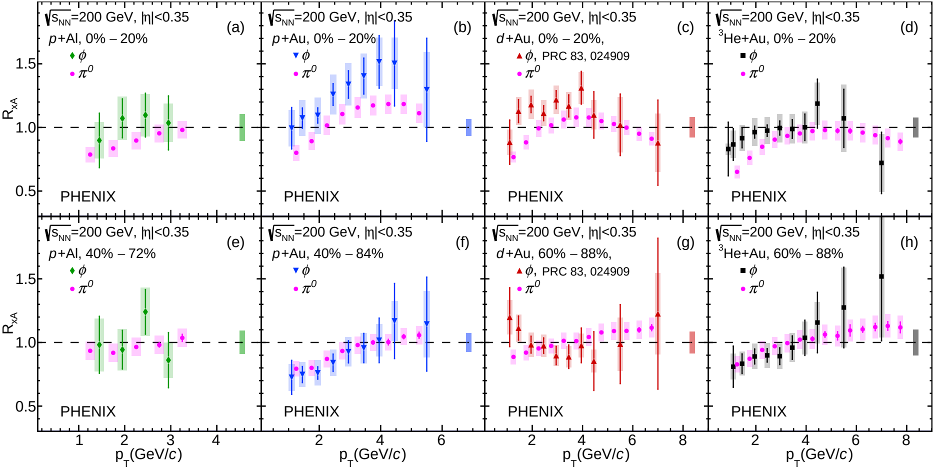

- ϕ similar to π^0 with a few hints of a slight enhancement relative to π^0

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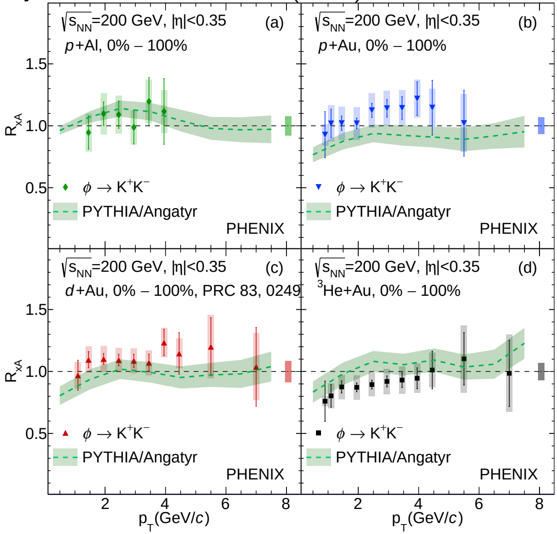

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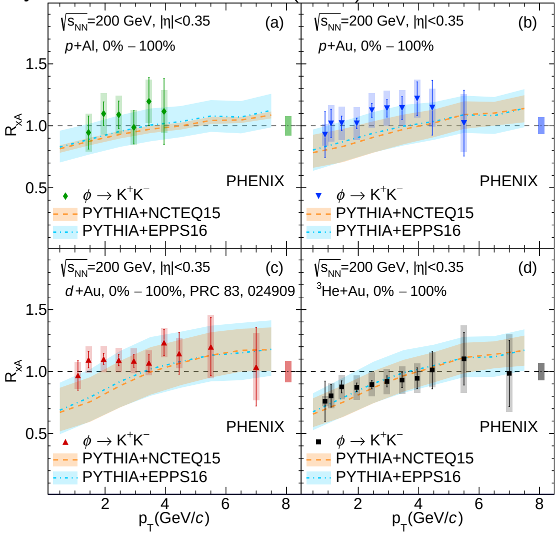

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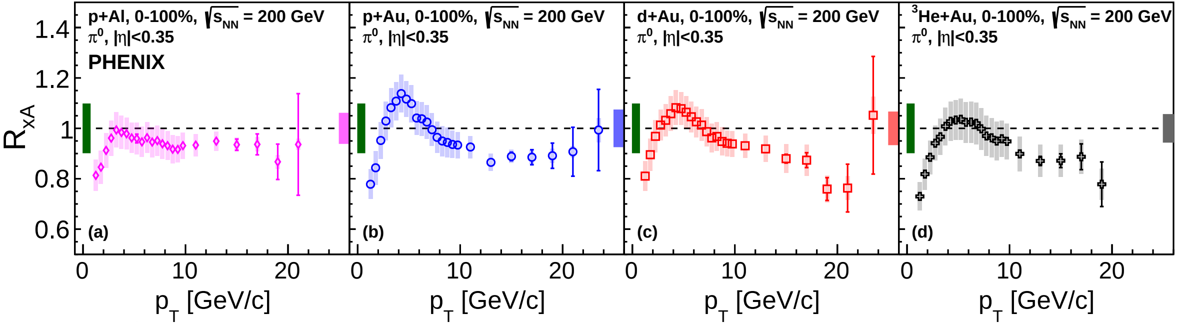

- Minimum bias collisions shown
- Cronin enhancement at intermediate p_T
  —Lighter target shows smaller enhancement (p+Al < p+Au)
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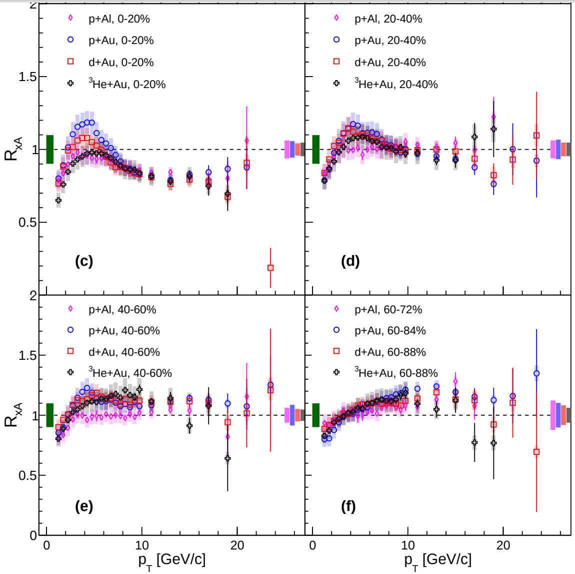

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Considerable centrality dependence—suppression in central, enhancement in peripheral

Peripheral enhancement not new, but still difficult to understand...

Direct photons in Au+Au

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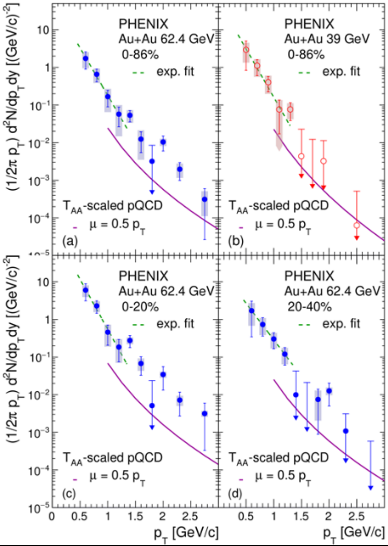

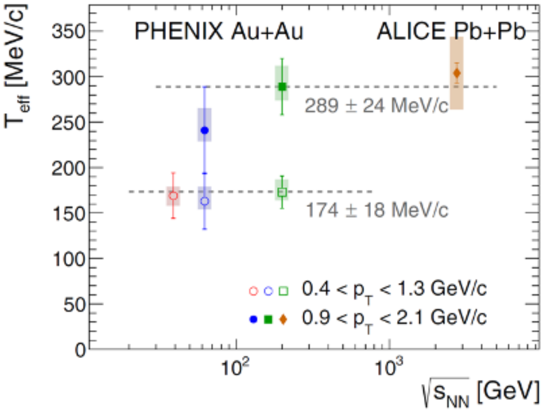

- Systematic measurement of direct photons in various systems and beam energy in wide p_T range

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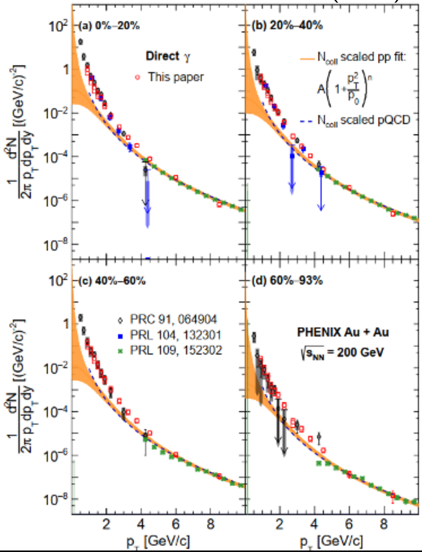

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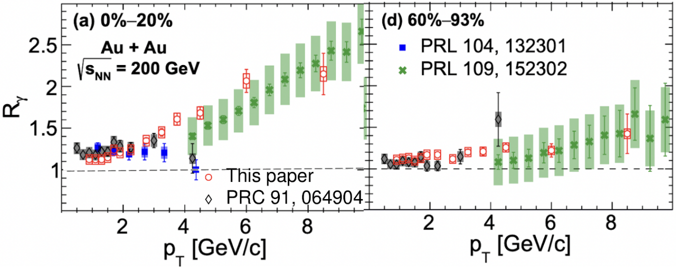

- 10x higher statistics
- Agreement with previous results
- $R_\gamma > 1 \rightarrow$ excess direct photons

c and b in Au+Au

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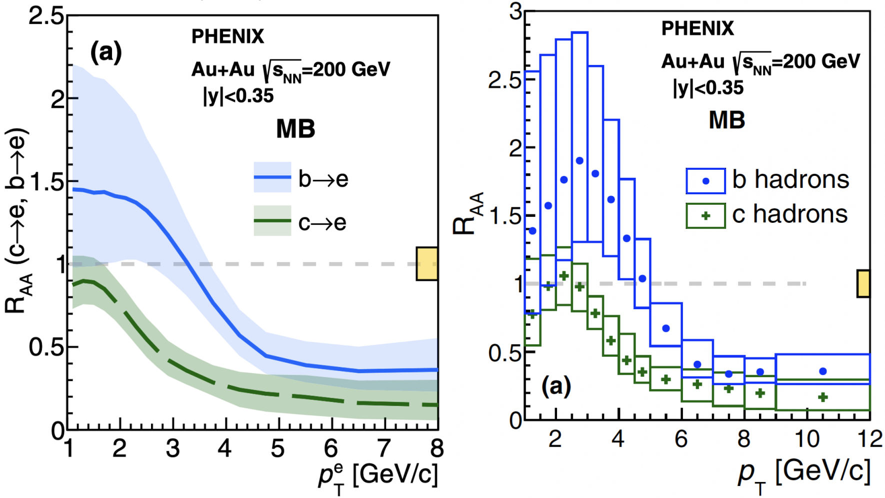
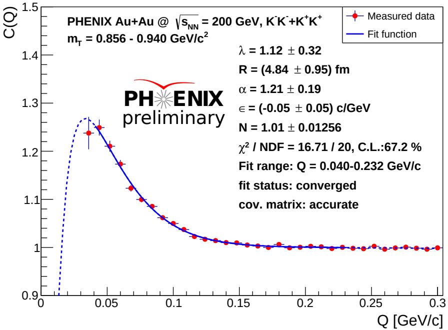
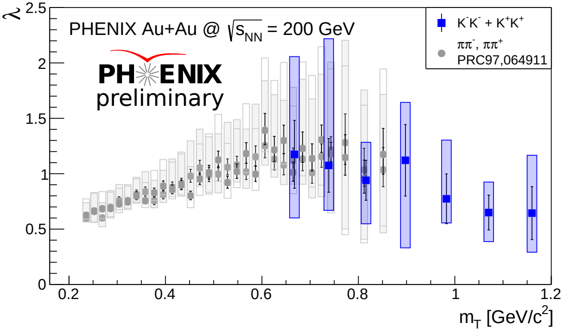


- Bottom shows less suppression than charm

Kaon femtoscopy in Au+Au





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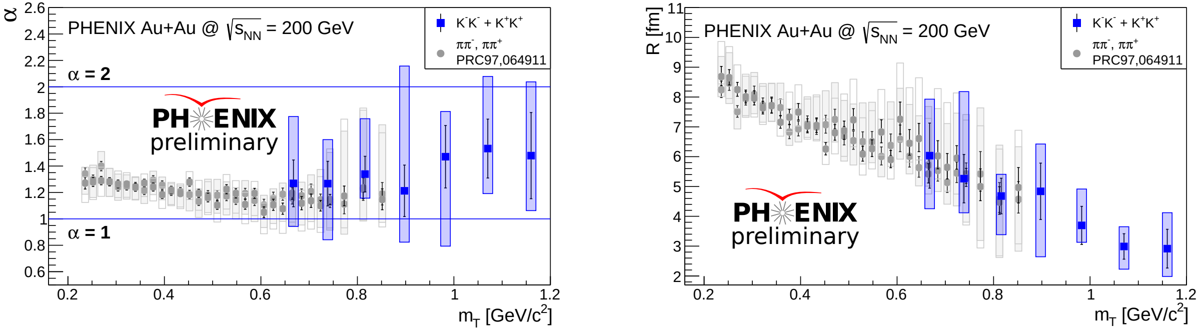

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