

# FIRST LIGHT HUNTING: PROBING SOME OF THE NON-EQUILIBRIUM ASPECTS OF HIC

**SYMPOSIUM ON JET QUENCHING  
IN HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS**



*Real TITLE:*

# FROM HARD PROBES CAFÉ TO HEAVY-ION TEA: THREE DECADES OF HOT FLUIDS

**CELEBRATING XIN-NIAN  
AND HIS CAREER**

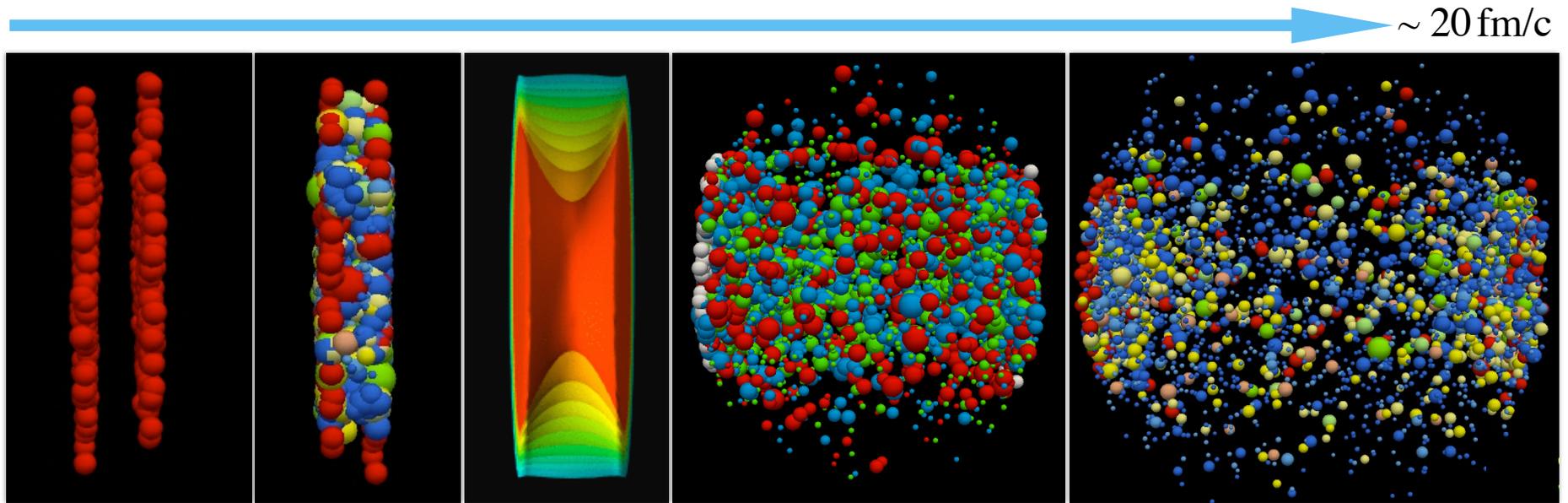


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# Relativistic nuclear collisions: The “standard picture”



Initial state

Pre-“equilibrium”

QGP

Hadronization

Thermal freeze-out

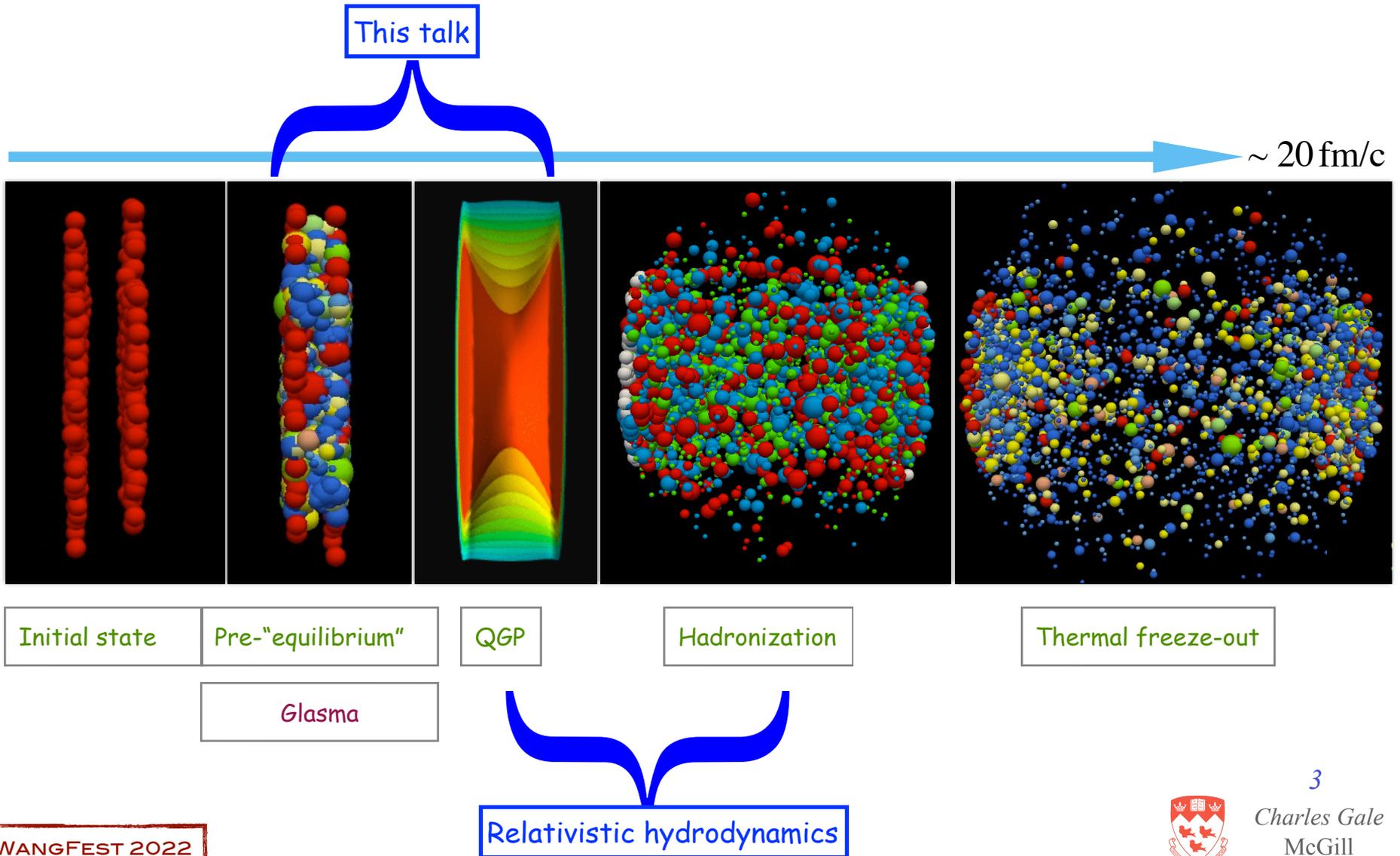
Glasma



Relativistic hydrodynamics



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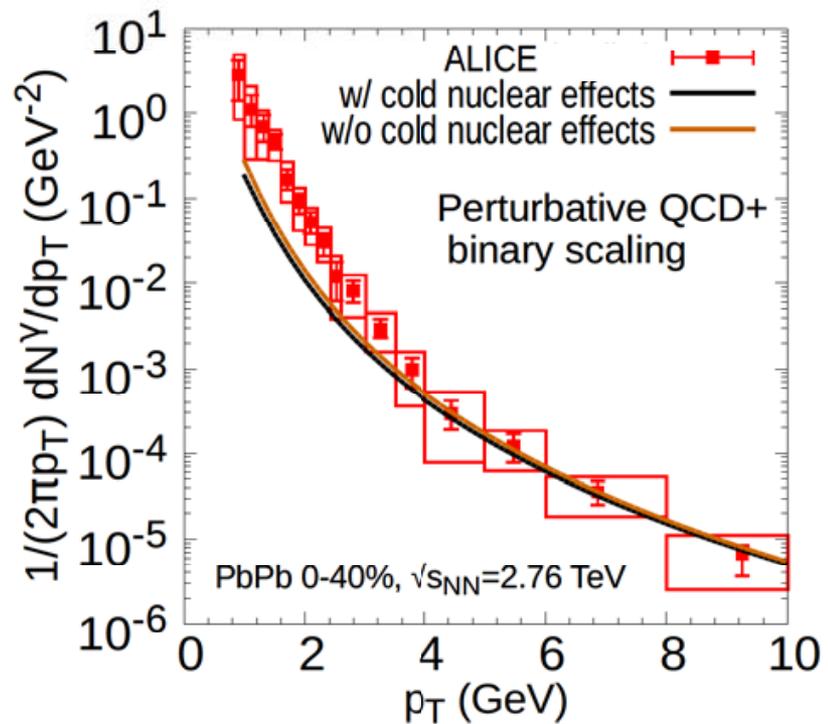
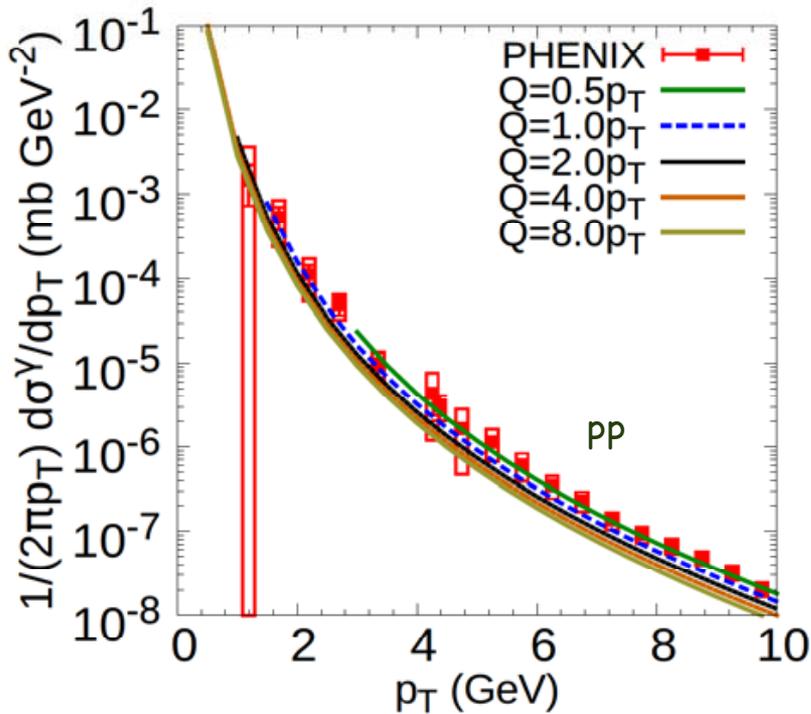
# Outline

- The “standard picture” of relativistic HIC has enjoyed much phenomenological success
- There still exists fundamental questions unresolved:
  - How does matter approach “hydrodynamization” so fast?
  - Q: How well do we know the “pre-hydro” period?
  - A: Need penetrating probe(s).
    - Photons & Jets
- Photons can be **soft** and still **penetrating**
  - They enjoy a unique status
- Near equilibrium, photons carry information about local conditions at emission: temperature, flow.
- What about the contributions away from equilibrium?



# "Extreme non-equilibrium": pQCD Photons

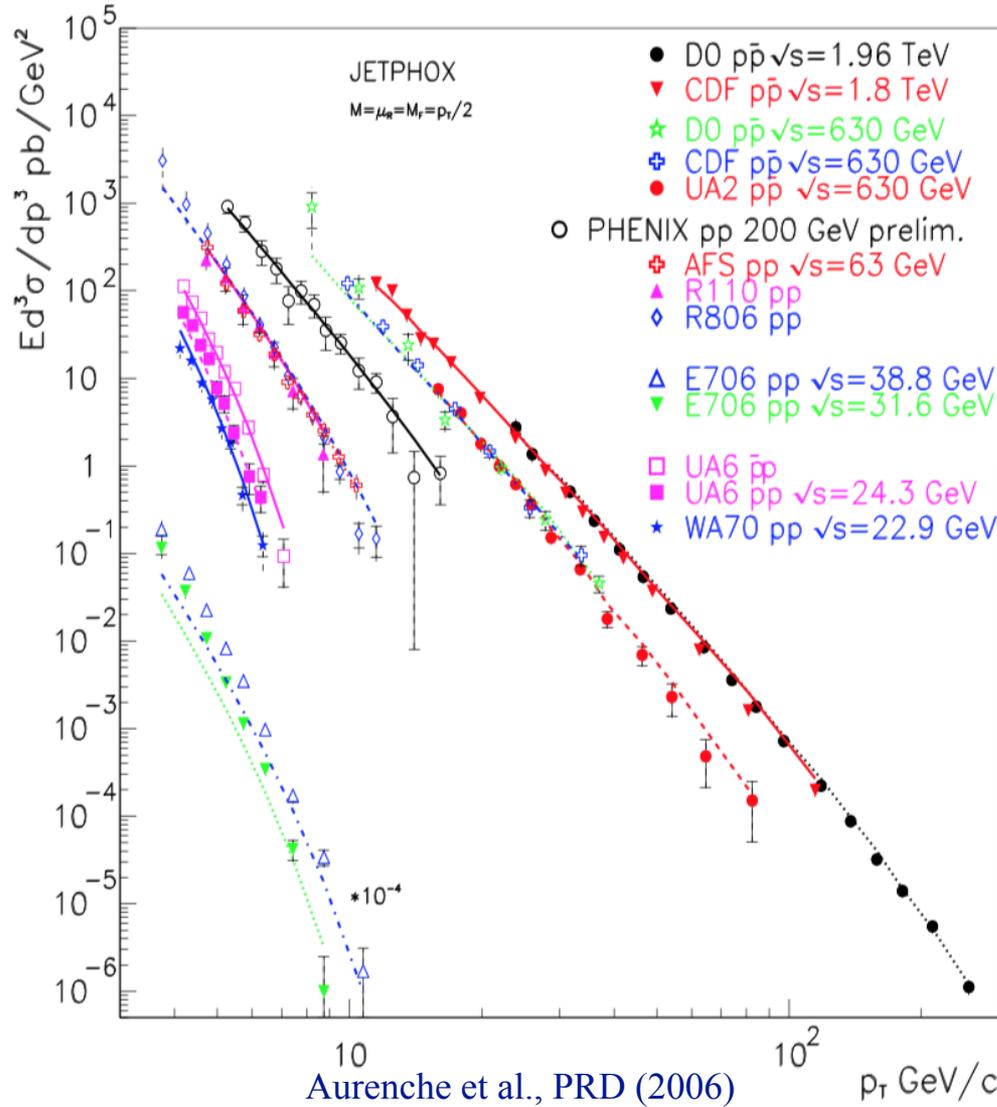
- Calculated @ NLO in pQCD
  - INCNLO, P. Aurenche et al., Eur. PJC (2000)
  - CTEQ6.1m, BFG-2, Isospin, EPS09
  - Measurement!



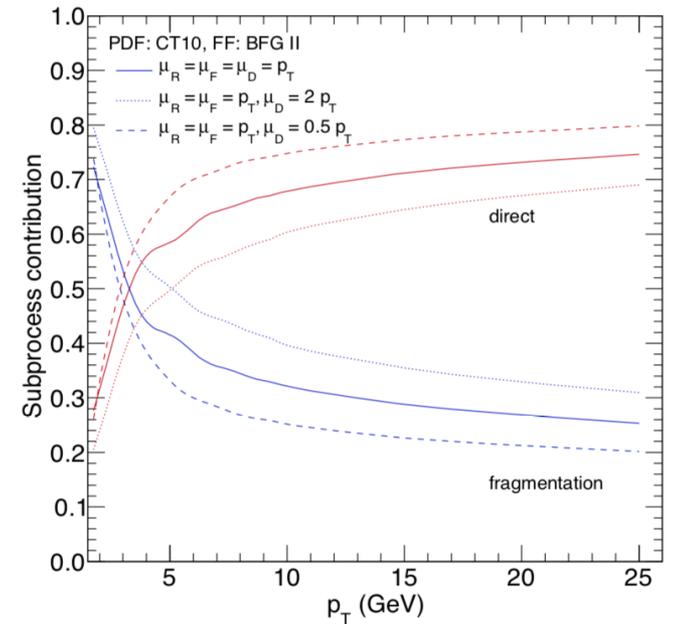
J.-F. Paquet, PhD Thesis (2015)  
Paquet et al., PRC (2016)



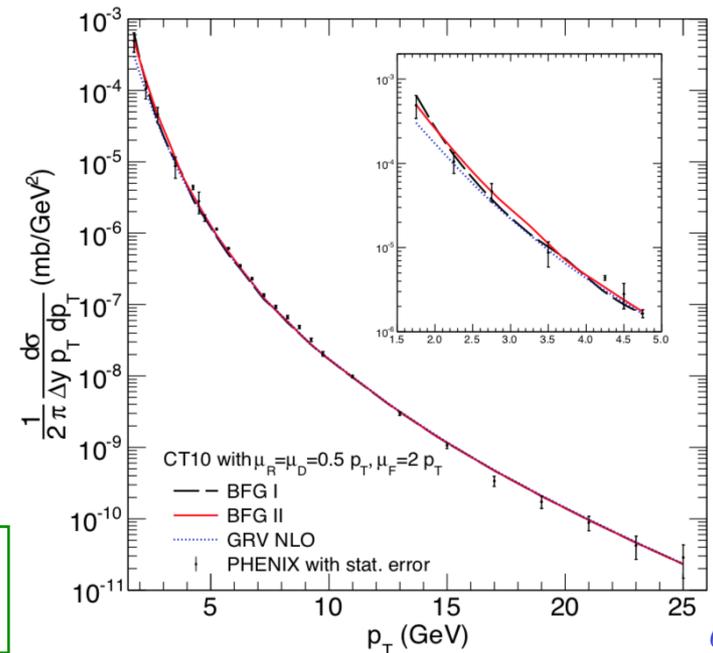
pQCD photon calculations carry uncertainties



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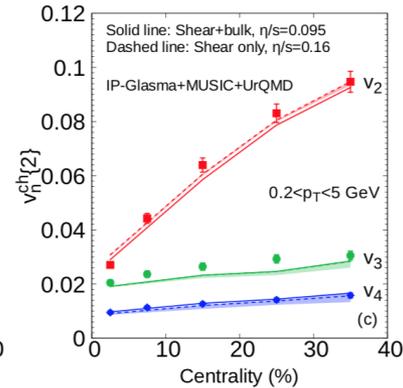
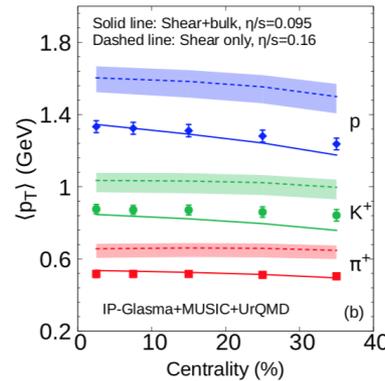
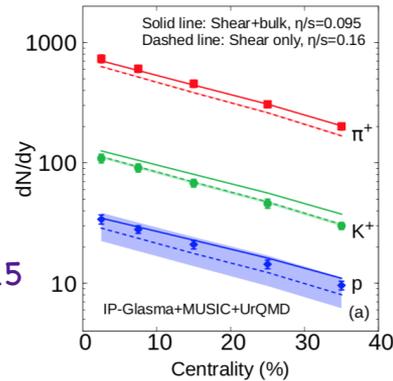
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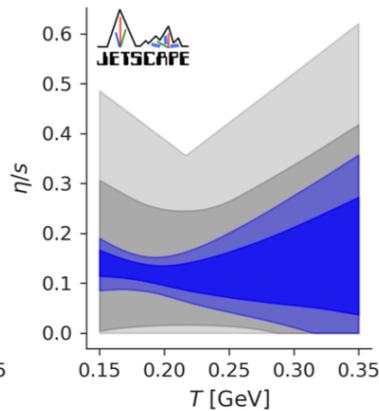
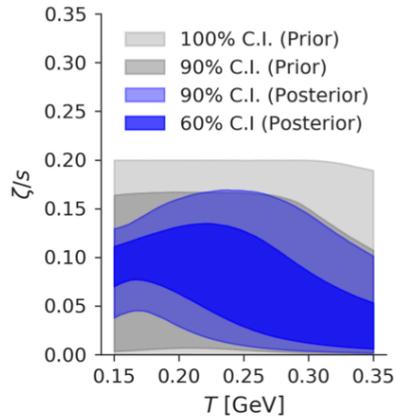
Kaufmann, Mukherjee, Vogelsang, CERN Proc. 2018  
 Fragmentation component:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow (\text{jet } \gamma) X$

# Different paths to non-equilibrium physics

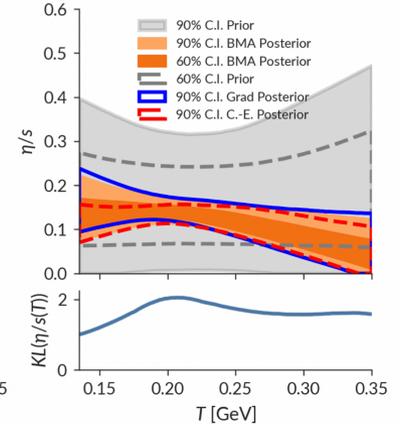
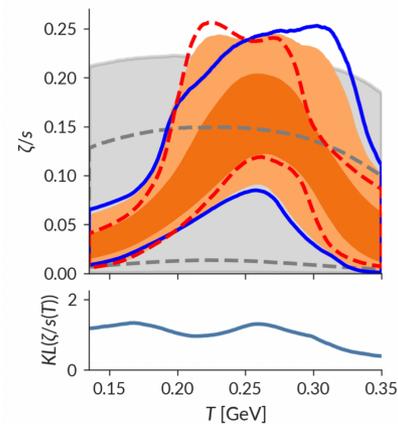
- “Top-down”: start from ideal hydrodynamics, incorporate corrections  $\{\pi^{\mu\nu}, \Pi\} \therefore f_{\text{eq}} \rightarrow f_{\text{eq}} + \delta f(\mathbf{p}, u^\mu, \eta, \zeta)$



S. Ryu et al., PRL 2015  
Pb+Pb, 2.76 A TeV



JETSCAPE Collab., PRC 2021; PRL 2021  
Bernhard, Moreland, Bass, Nature Phys. (2019)  
Novak et al., PRC (2014)

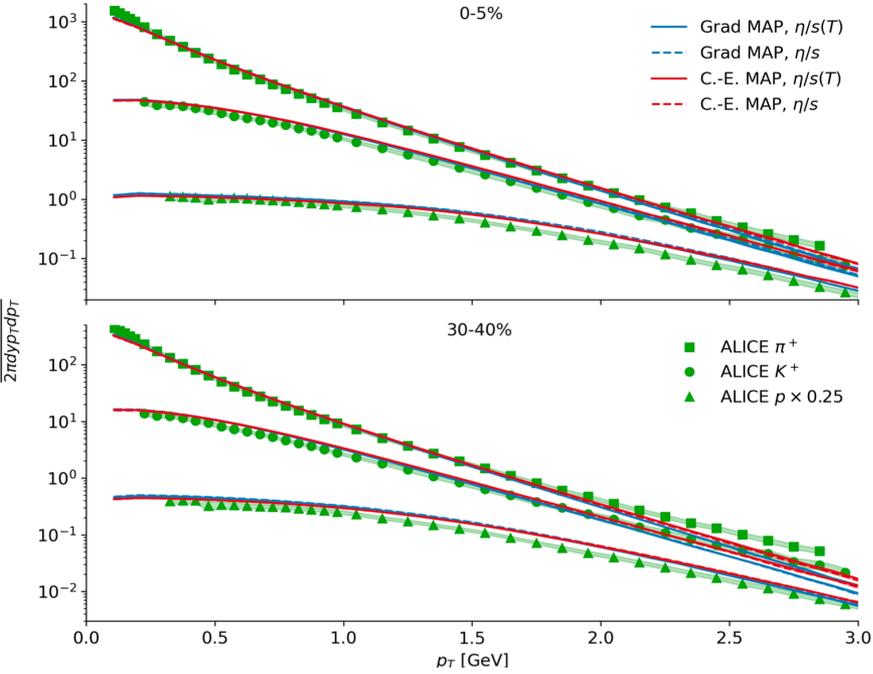


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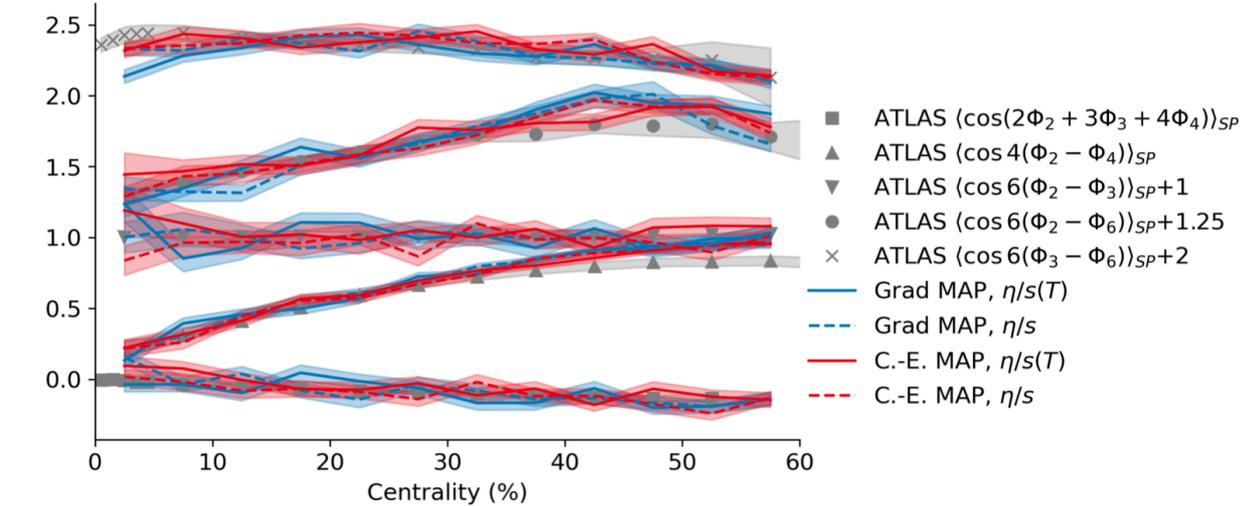


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# Predictions



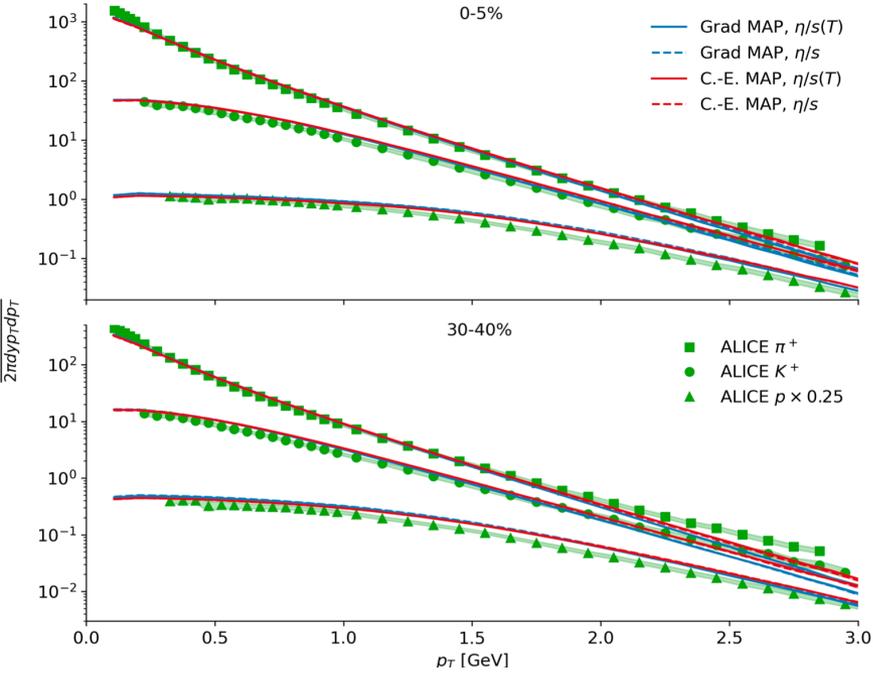
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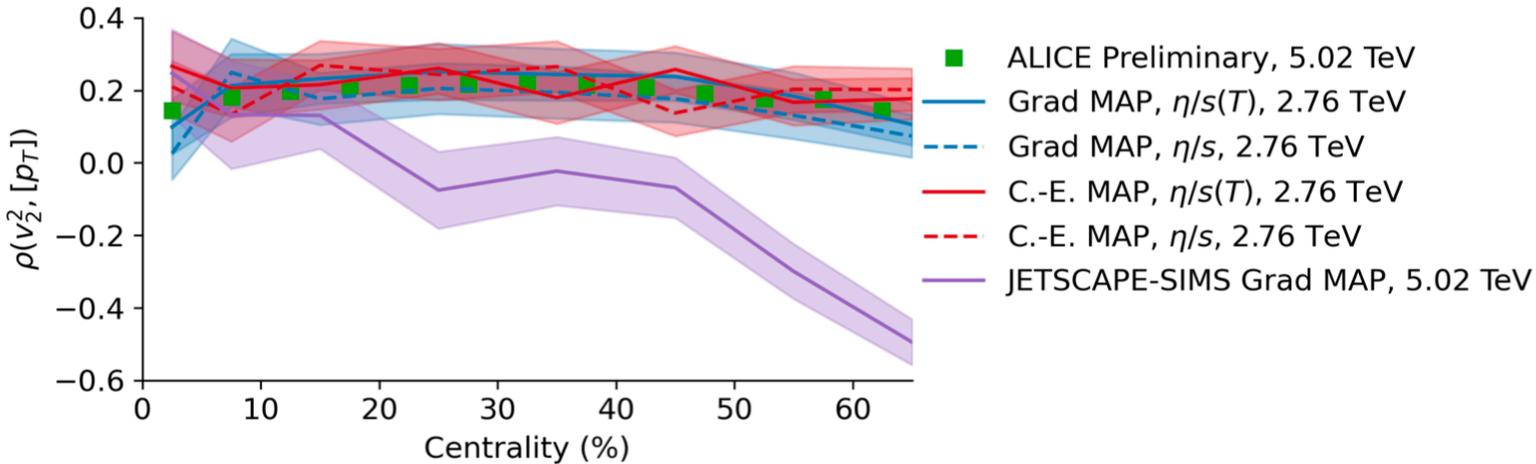
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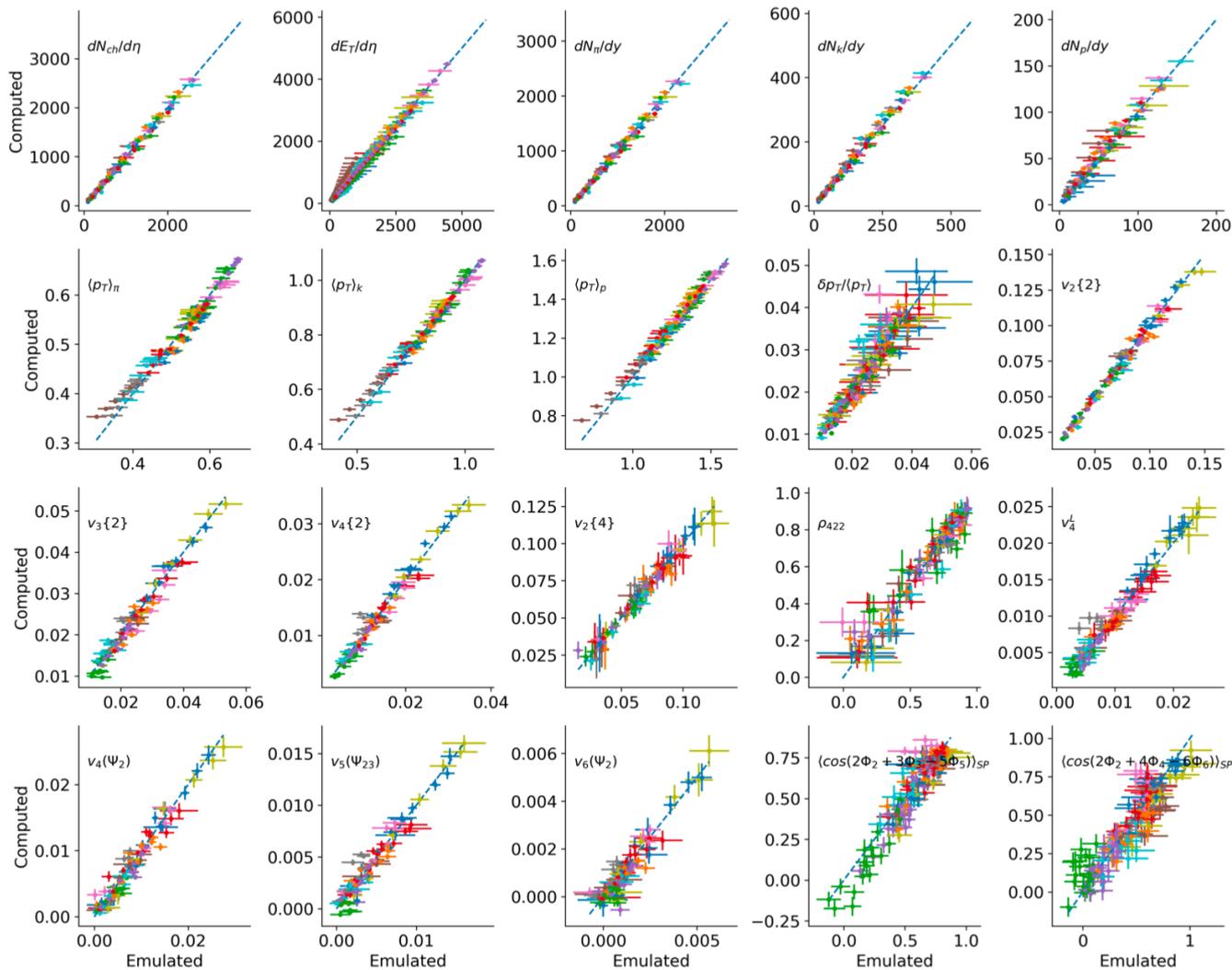
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# One more thing...



First full-scale implementation of transfer learning in heavy-ion collisions

Hydro analyses carry precise quantitative info on the non-eq. features

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Figure 6.5: Transfer learning emulated vs. computed for all observables considered. Validation points are shown with a consistent color to identify correlations between points. The diagonal dashed line is located at  $y = x$ , denoting perfect prediction.



# Pre-equilibrium physics from “the other side”: KØMPØST

## An EKT approach to the pre-hydro phase

$$\partial_\tau f_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p}} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{|\mathbf{p}|} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p}} - \frac{p^z}{\tau} \partial_{p^z} f_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p}} = \mathcal{C} [f_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p}}]$$

$$T^{\mu\nu}(t_{EKT}, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{T}_x^{\mu\nu} + \delta T_x^{\mu\nu}(t_{EKT}, \mathbf{x})$$

Average  $T^{\mu\nu}$  evaluated over causal circle

$$\bar{T}^{\mu\nu}(\tau) = \nu_g \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^0} \bar{f}(\tau, \mathbf{p})$$

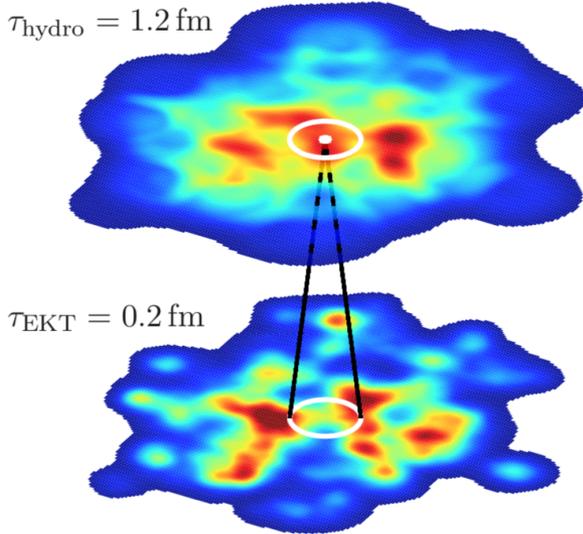
Linear response:

$$\frac{\delta T^{\mu\nu}(\tau, \mathbf{x})}{\bar{T}_x^{\tau\tau}(\tau)} = \frac{1}{\bar{T}_x^{\tau\tau}(\tau_0)} \int d^2\mathbf{x}_0 G_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0, \tau, \tau_0) \delta T_x^{\alpha\beta}(\tau_0, \mathbf{x}_0)$$

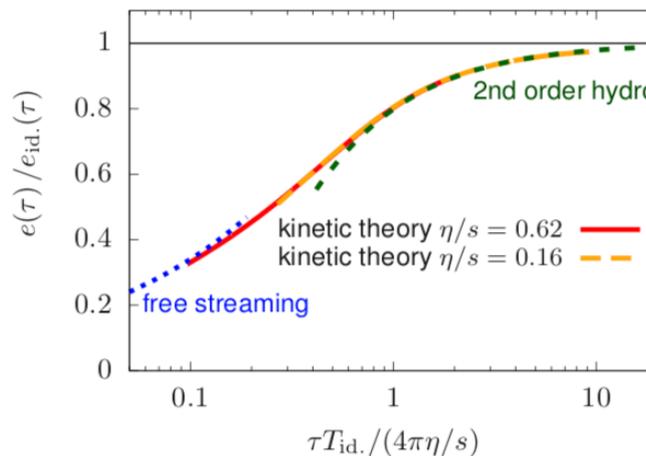
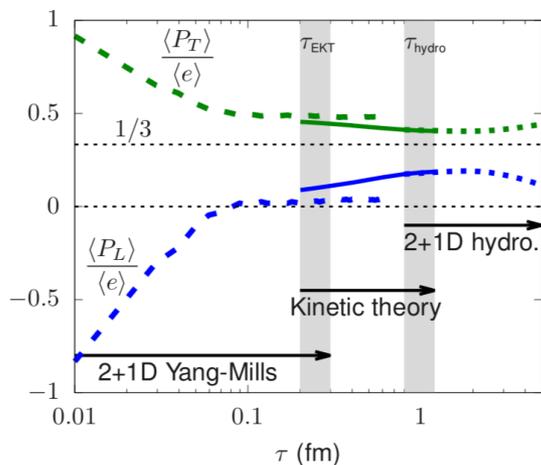
Advantages:

- BE is 6+1 dimensions in general
- Owing to scaling property, Green’s functions can be evaluated and stored

Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Paquet, Schlichting, Teaney, PRL (2019); PRC 2019

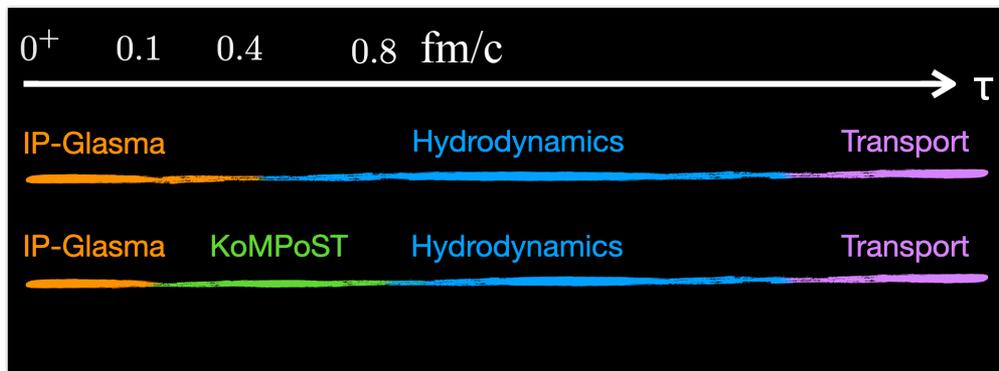


# KoMPoST: an interface between early times & hydrodynamics

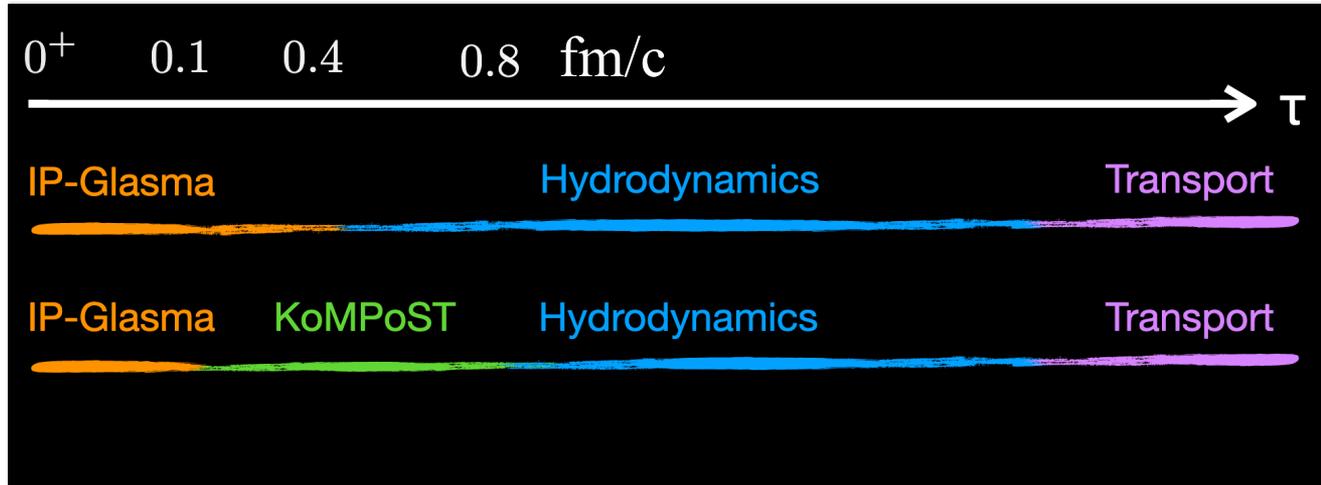


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Road map:



# From early to late times:

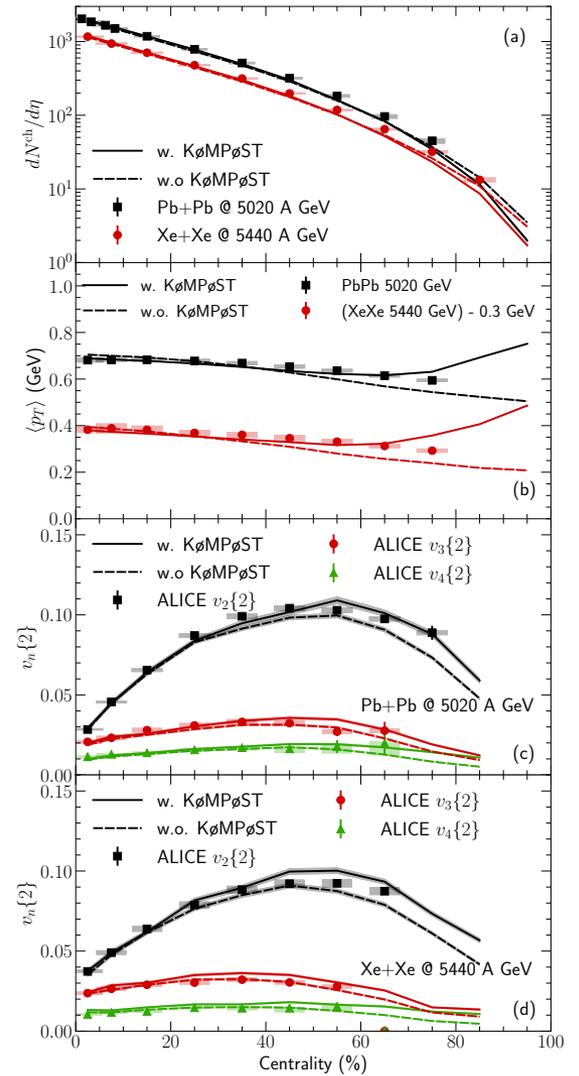
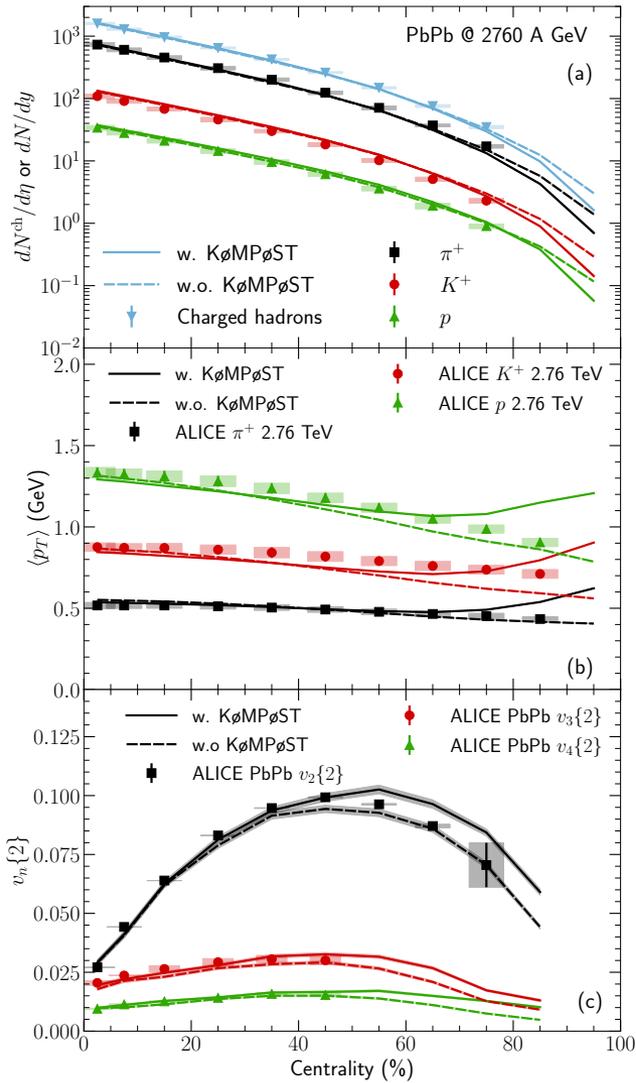
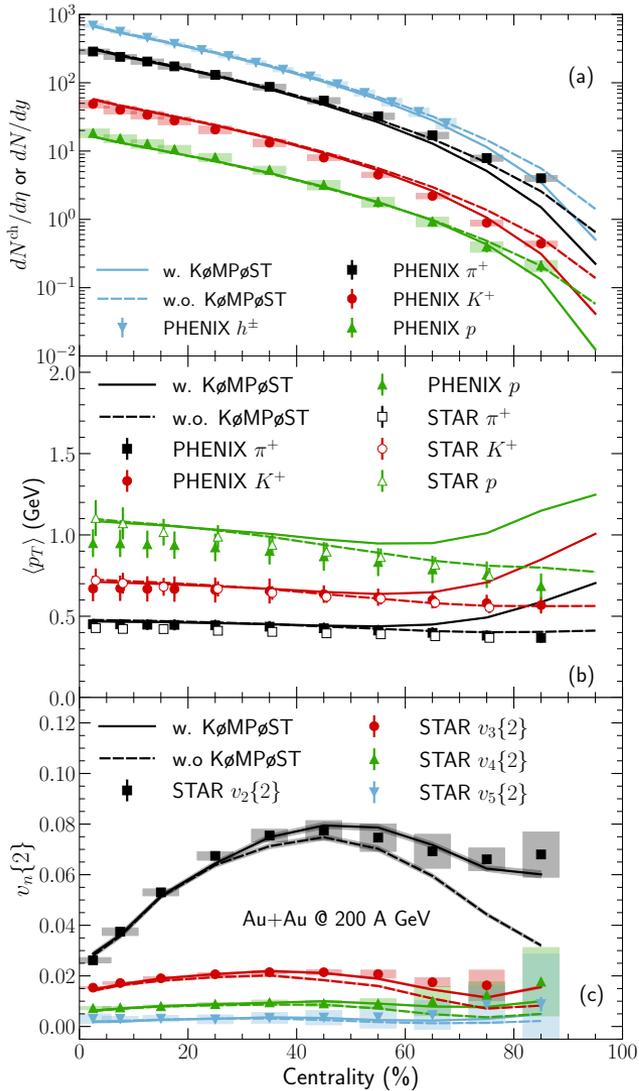


$$T_{\text{IP-Glasma}}^{\mu\nu}(0^+) \rightarrow T_{\text{KØMPØST}}^{\mu\nu}(\tau_{\text{EKT}}) \rightarrow T_{\text{Hydro}}^{\mu\nu}(\tau_{\text{Hydro}}) \rightarrow T_{\text{UrQMD}}^{\mu\nu}(\tau_{\text{C-F}})$$

- KØMPØST is conformal
- It consists of gluons



# EFFECT OF PRE-EQ. PHASE: HADRONS



$$\eta/s = 0.12$$

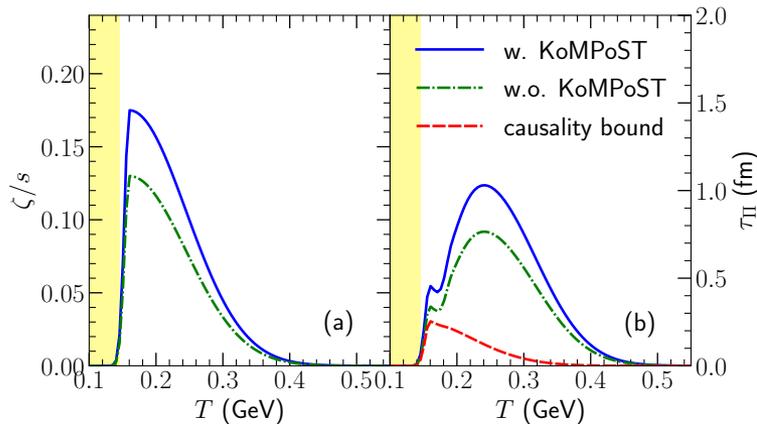
See also Nunes da Silva et al., PRC (2021)



# EFFECT OF PRE-EQ. PHASE: HADRONS (II)

KoMPoST is conformal; no bulk viscous effects

- Less entropy production
  - Increased normalization of initial energy density by 20%
- More radial flow
  - Larger bulk viscosity: +30%

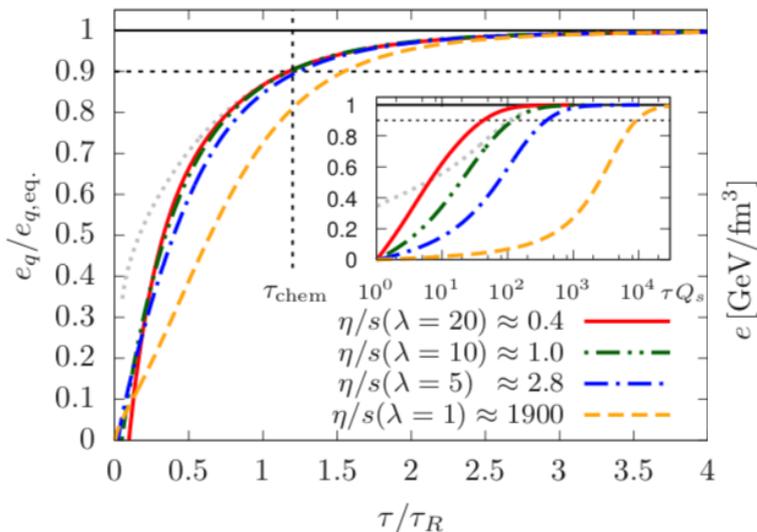


- In peripheral collisions, the lack of bulk viscous effects is the most apparent
- Hadronic observables  $\rightarrow$  Transport coefficients are sensitive to the early times dynamics

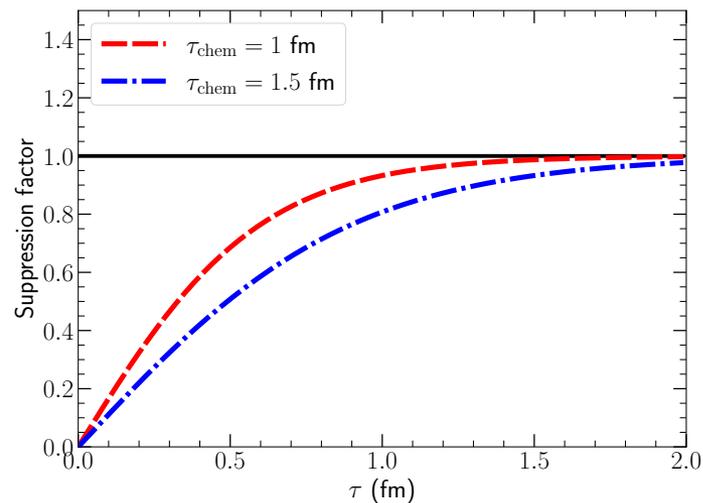


# EFFECT OF PRE-EQ. PHASE: PHOTONS

In K $\phi$ MP $\phi$ ST the response functions are evaluated in pure glue kinetic theory. We need some statement about departure from kinetic equilibrium, about quark content.



Kurkela, Mazeliauskas PRL (2019)



Gale, Paquet, Schenke, Chen, PRC (2022)

- Vovchenko et al., PRC (2016)
- Oliva et al., PRC (2017)
- Churchill et al., PRC (2021)

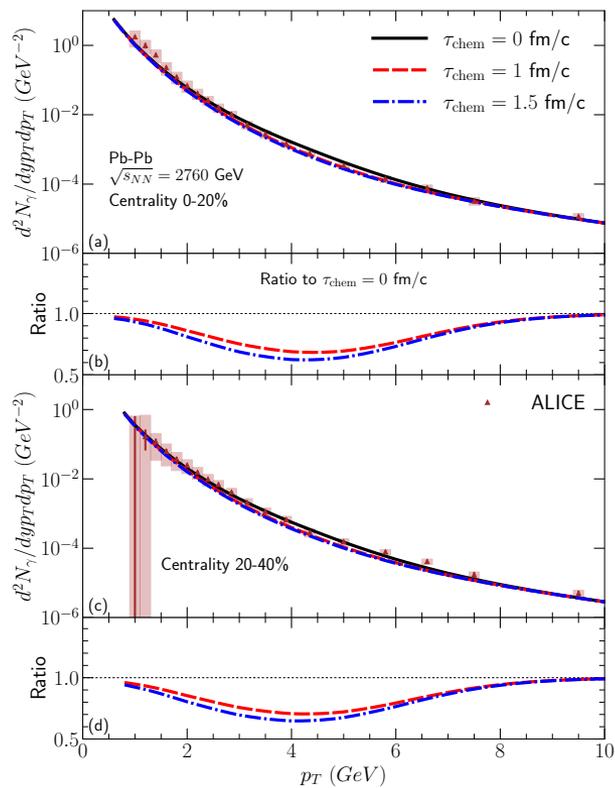
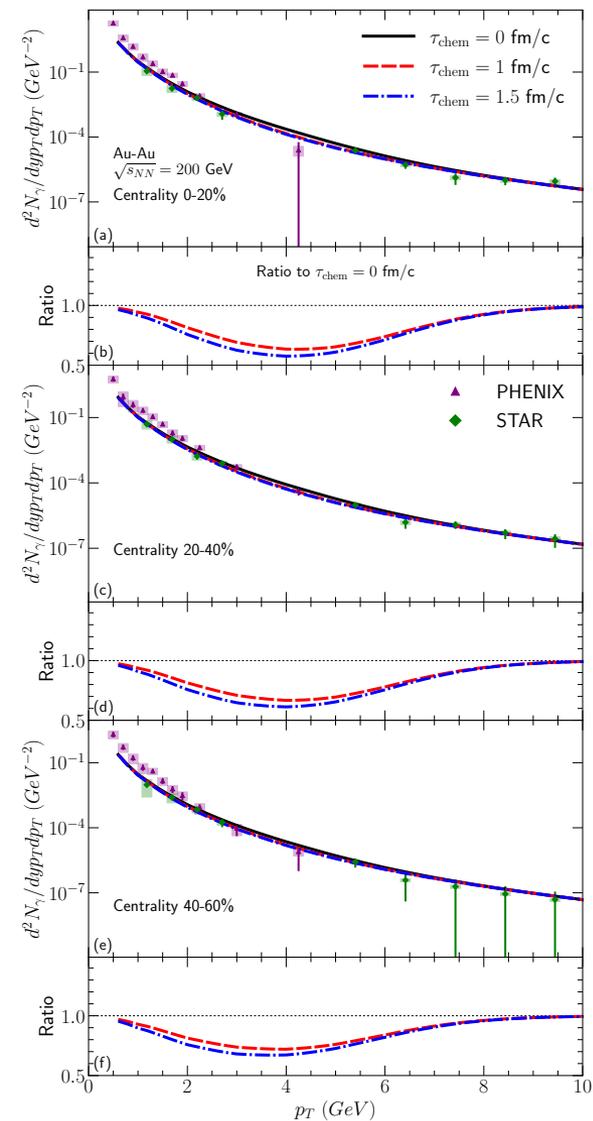
$$f_q = \mathcal{S} f_q^{eq.}$$



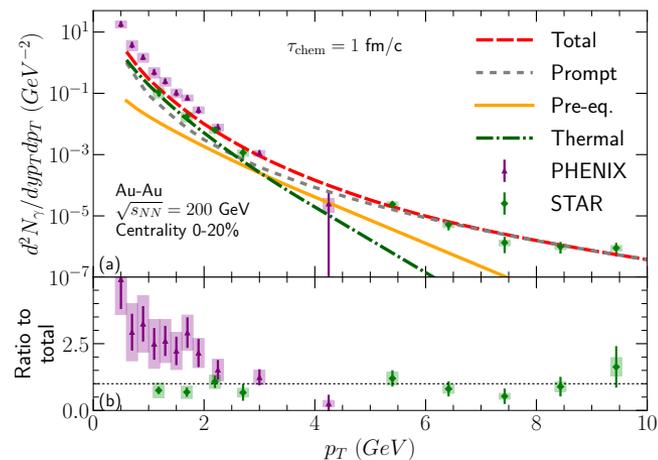
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RHIC

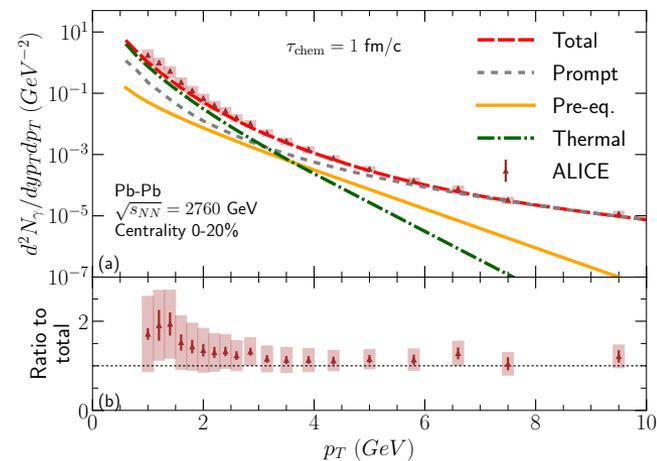
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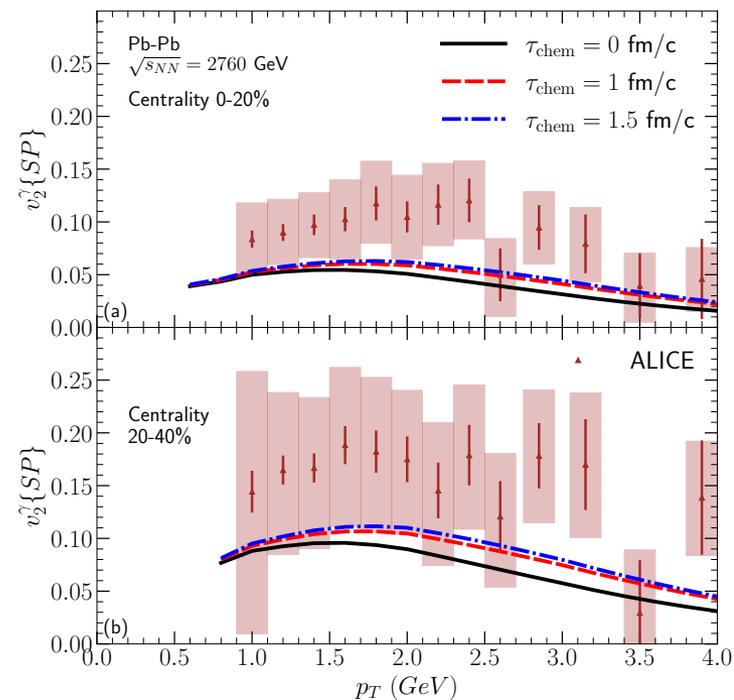
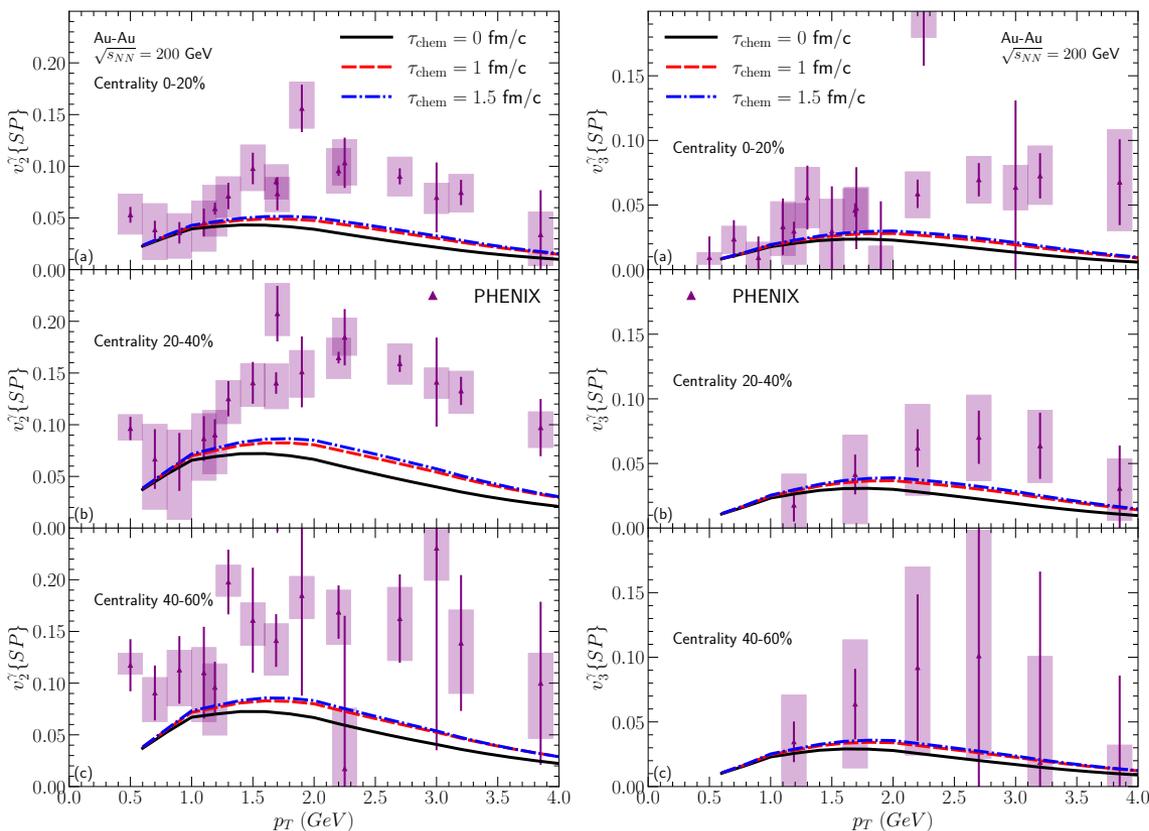
Effect of chem. eq. appears at intermediate  $p_T$



Effect of pre-eq. photons appears at intermediate  $p_T$



# PHOTON MOMENTUM ANISOTROPY



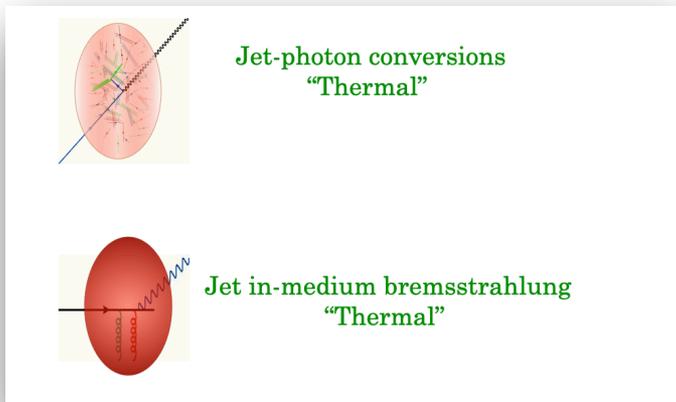
- The early time dynamics have some influence on the photon momentum anisotropy.
  - The “photon flow puzzle” is more of a puzzle at RHIC than at the LHC
- Partial conclusion: pre-hydro effects can matter and are within reach of (next?) generation (Bayesian) analyses

# ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION

Relativistic heavy-ion collisions produce jets, and (semi)hard components can exist down to the GeV scale (minijets)

Cao, Wang, Rept. Prog. Phys. 2021

## “JET-MEDIUM” PHOTONS: SAME PHYSICS AS JET QUENCHING



Fries, Müller, Srivastava, PRL (2004); Turbide, Gale, Jeon, Moore, PRC (2005); Turbide, Gale, Fries, PRL (2006)

- PYTHIA
- MARTINI
- jet-photon conversion; jet-photon bremsstrahlung

Rouzbeh Modarresi Yazdi (2022)



# MINIJETS?

## FLASHBACK : 1991

- Music:
  - Nathalie Cole - Unforgettable
  - Nirvana - Nevermind
  - Pearl Jam - 10
  - M. C. Hammer - Too Legit to Quit
- Movies:
  - Terminator 2
  - Silence of The Lambs
  - JFK
- TV:
  - Seinfeld
  - Home Improvement
  - Northern Exposure
- Books:
  - The Firm - John Grisham
  - Me: Stories of My Life - Katharine Hepburn
  - The Sum of All Fears - Tom Clancy



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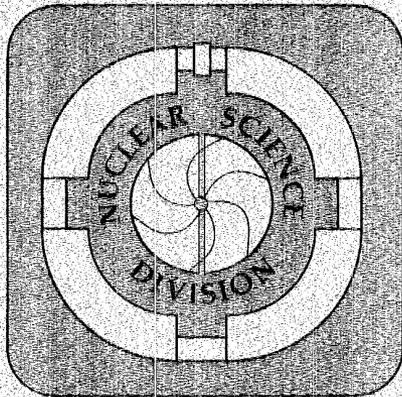
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**Mini-jet and Particle Production in Ultra-Relativistic  
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Mini-jet and Particle Production in Ultra-Relativistic  
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**Abstract**

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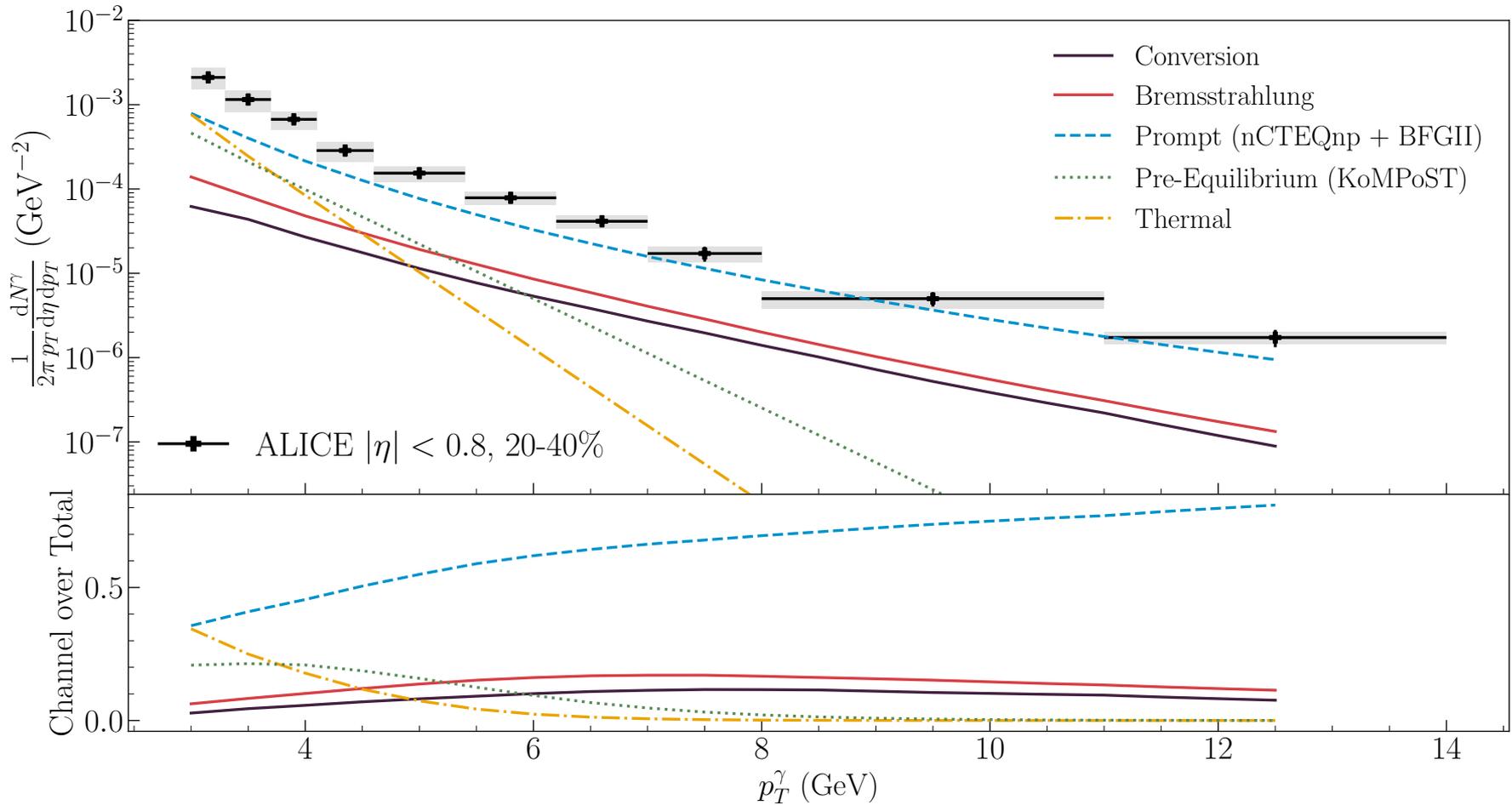
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# THE DIFFERENT PHOTON SOURCES

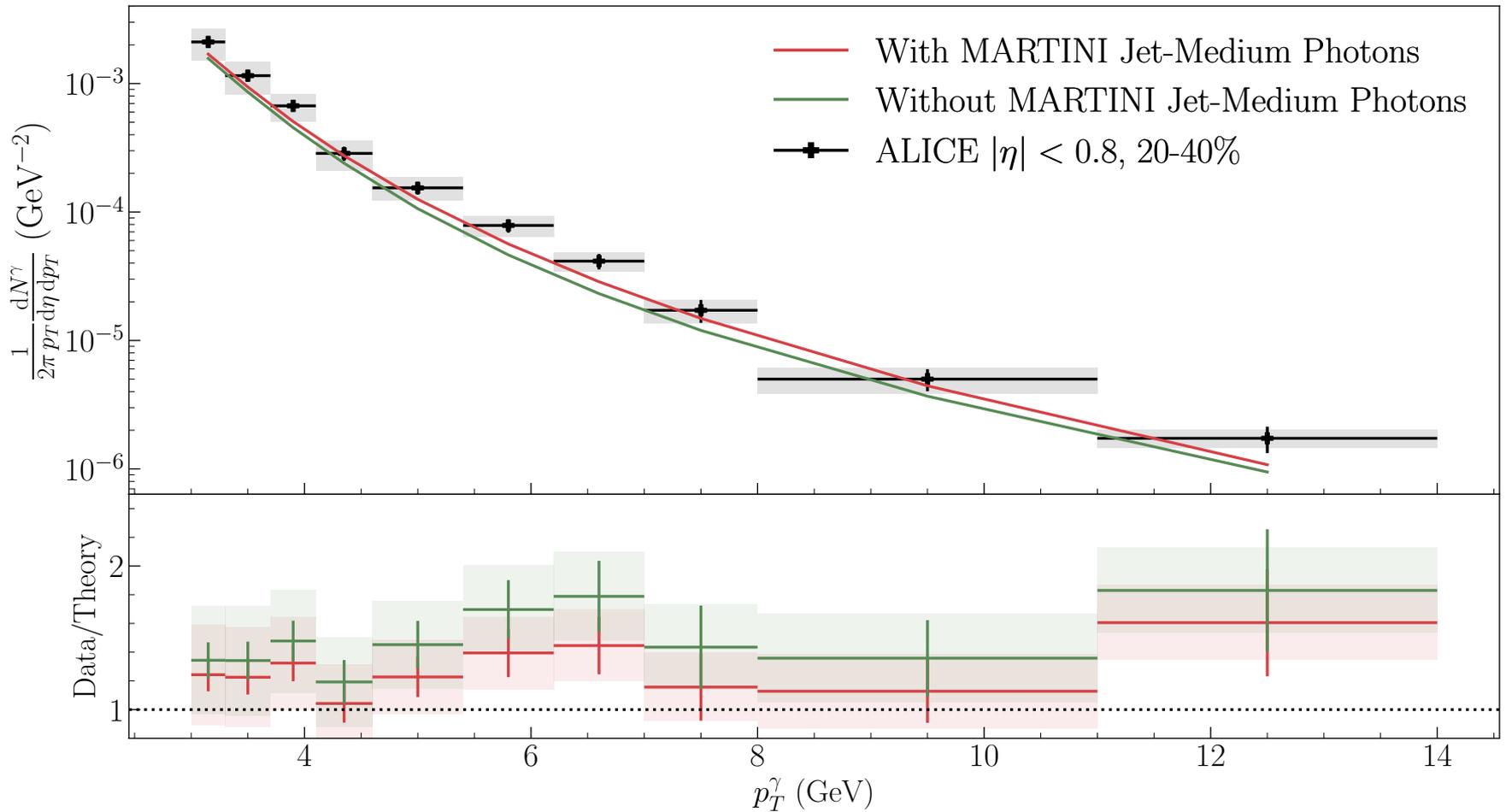
Pb+Pb, 2.76 TeV



- AMY used here
- Jet-related photons  $\sim 30\%$  @  $p_T \sim 4 - 5$  GeV



# With and without jet-medium photons



Pb+Pb, 2.76 TeV

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# CAN PHOTONS BE USED TO DISTINGUISH E-LOSS FORMALISMS?

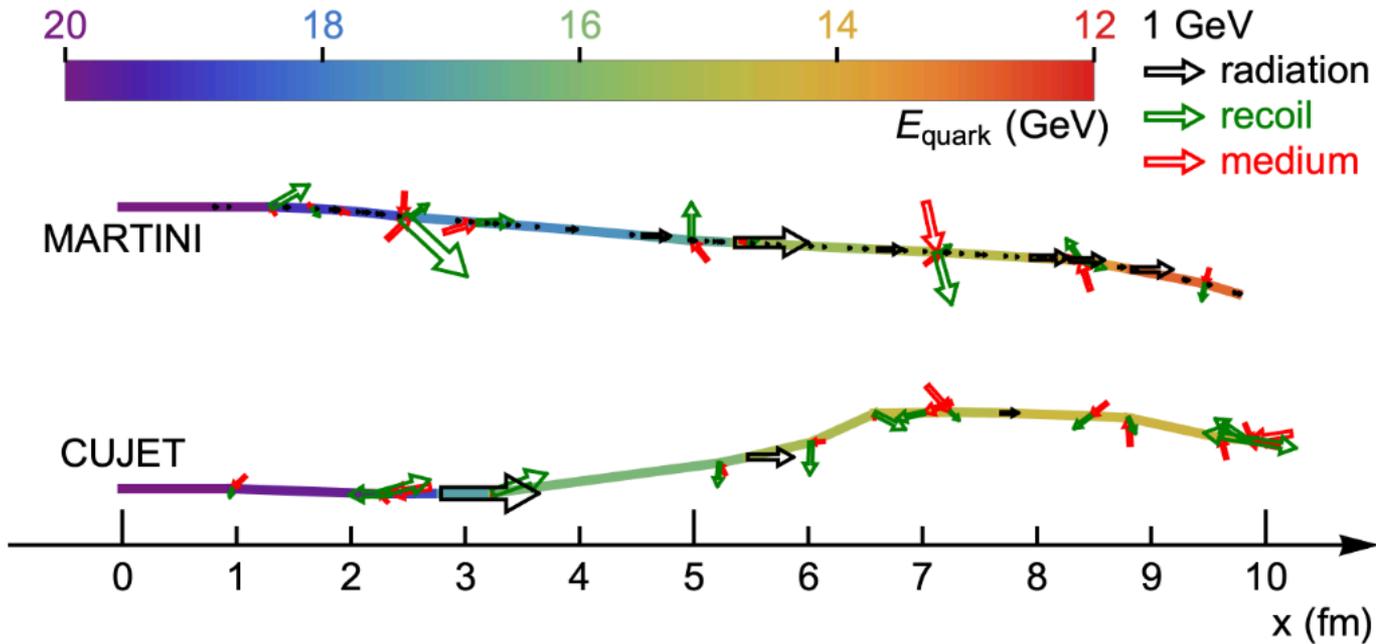
$$\frac{d\Gamma_{i \rightarrow jk}^{\text{AMY}}}{dz}(p, z) = \frac{\alpha_s P_{i \rightarrow jk}(z)}{2pz(1-z)^2} \bar{f}_j(z, p) \bar{f}_k((1-z)p) \times \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{h}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \text{Re} \left[ 2\mathbf{h}_\perp \cdot g_{(z,p)}(\mathbf{h}_\perp) \right]$$

Schenke, Jeon, Gale, PRC (2009); AMY JHEP (2001)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Gamma_{i \rightarrow gi}^{\text{DGLV}}}{dz}(p, z, \tau) &= \frac{18C_i^R}{\pi^2} \frac{4 + N_f}{16 + 9N_f} \rho(T) \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp \left[ \frac{1}{z_+} \left| \frac{dz_+}{dz} \right| \alpha_s \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{z_+ - z_+^2} \right) \right. \\ &\times \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}_\perp}{\mathbf{q}_\perp^2} \left[ \frac{\alpha_s^2(\mathbf{q}_\perp^2)}{\mathbf{q}_\perp^2 + m_D^2} \frac{-2}{(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)^2 + \chi^2} \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot (\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + \chi^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)^2}{(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)^2 + \chi^2} \right) \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. \left( 1 - \cos \left( \frac{(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)^2 + \chi^2}{2z_+ p} \tau \right) \right) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

Gyulassy, Levai, Vitev, NPB (2000), Djorjevic, Gyulassy, NPA (2013)



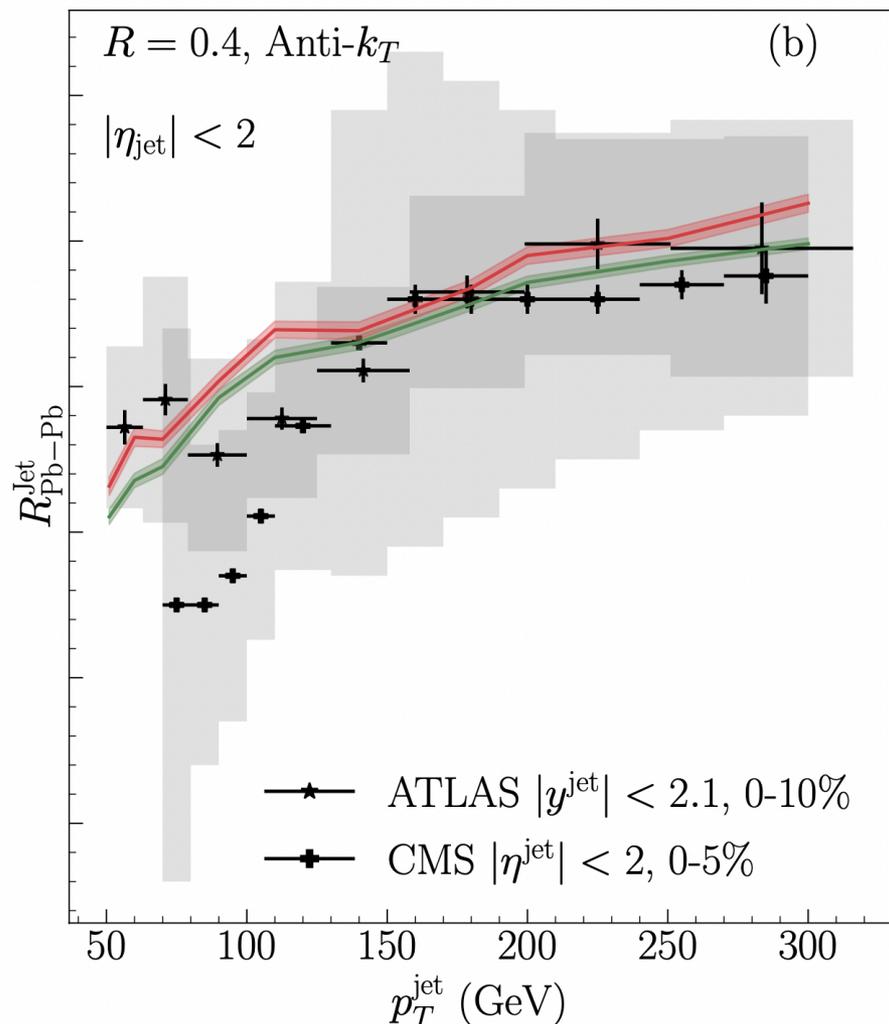
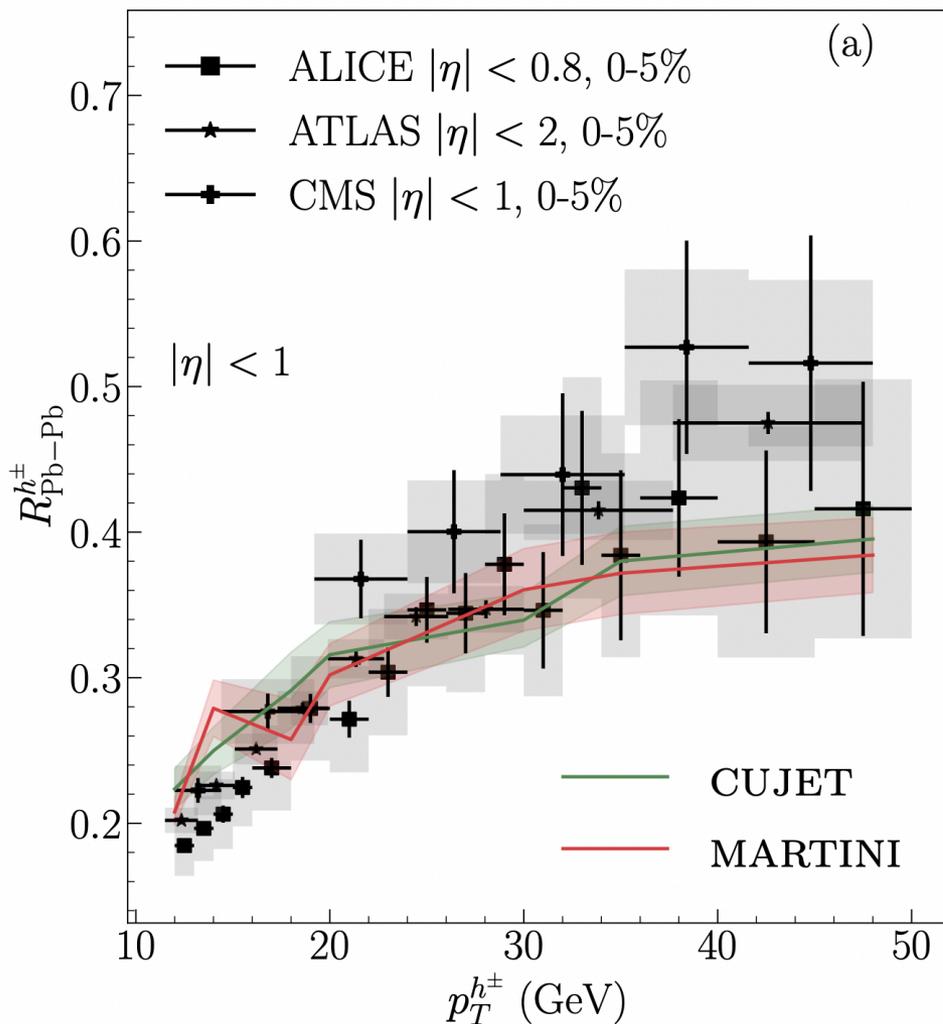


Shi et al., (2022)

Trajectory of a 20 GeV quark with MARTINI and CUJET. Final quark has  $E_{\text{final}} \simeq 12$  GeV

- History of parton development not the same

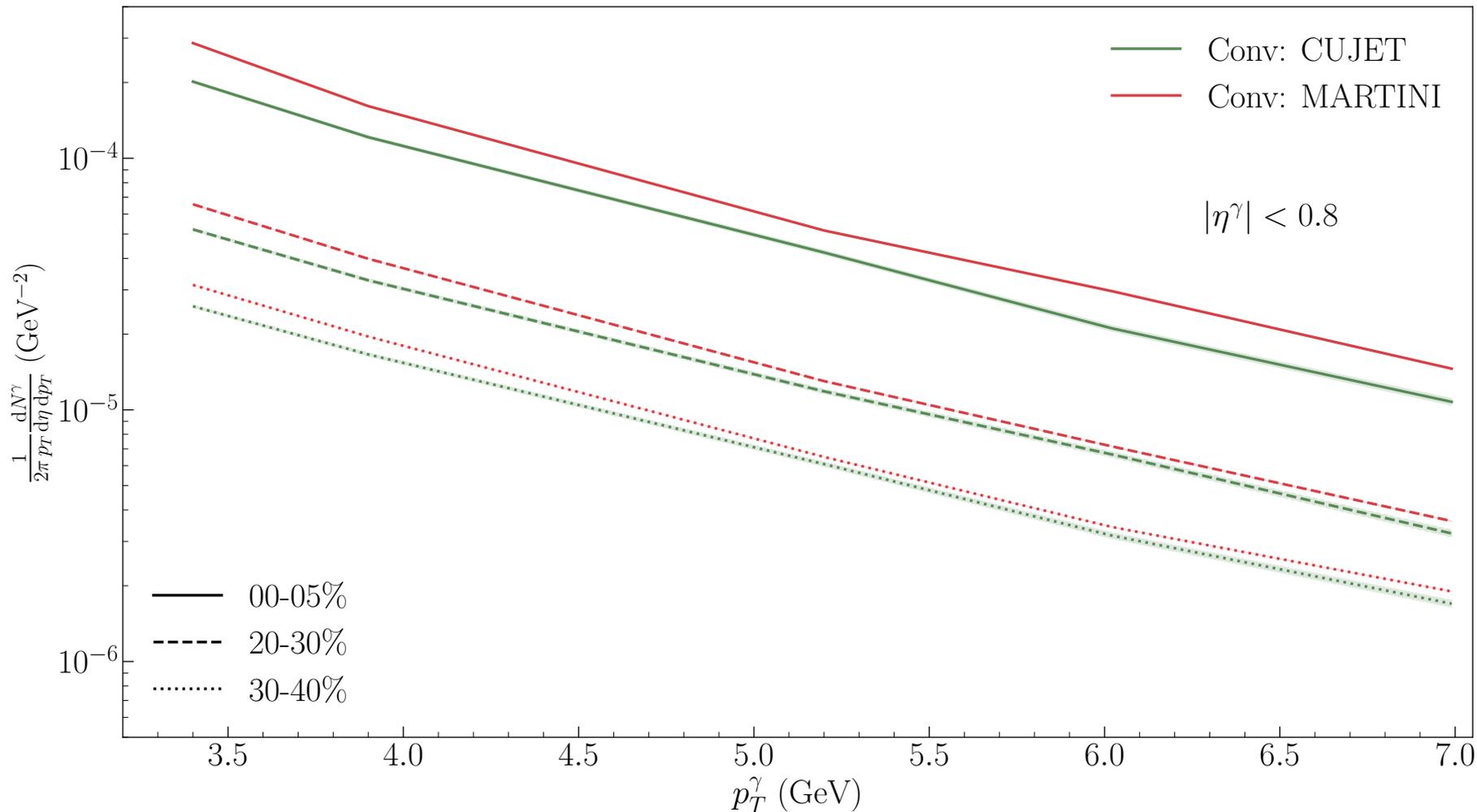
A previous comparison: Bass et al. (JET Coll.), PRC (2009) [ASW, HT, AMY]



Shi, Modaressi Yazdi et al. (2022)

- The value of  $\alpha_s$  in MARTINI and CUJET is fitted to  $R_{AA}^{h^\pm}$
- The values of  $R_{AA}^{\text{jet}}$  follows, given the clustering parameters
- Can photons help separate those?





- MARTINI (AMY) & CUJET, @  $p_T \sim 3 - 4$  GeV differ by 20-30%
- Bremsstrahlung contribution almost complete
- Optimistic about being able to tell the formalisms apart



# CONCLUSIONS

- Much work still to be done in the physics of early-time heavy-ion collisions, but good progress
- Measurements of low momentum photons (real and virtual) are crucial for pQCD
- Pre-hydro effects matter, and signatures are within reach of experiments
- Small systems collisions are especially sensitive to out-of-equilibrium aspects



# FROM HARD PROBES CAFÉ TO HEAVY-ION TEA: THREE DECADES OF HOT FLUIDS

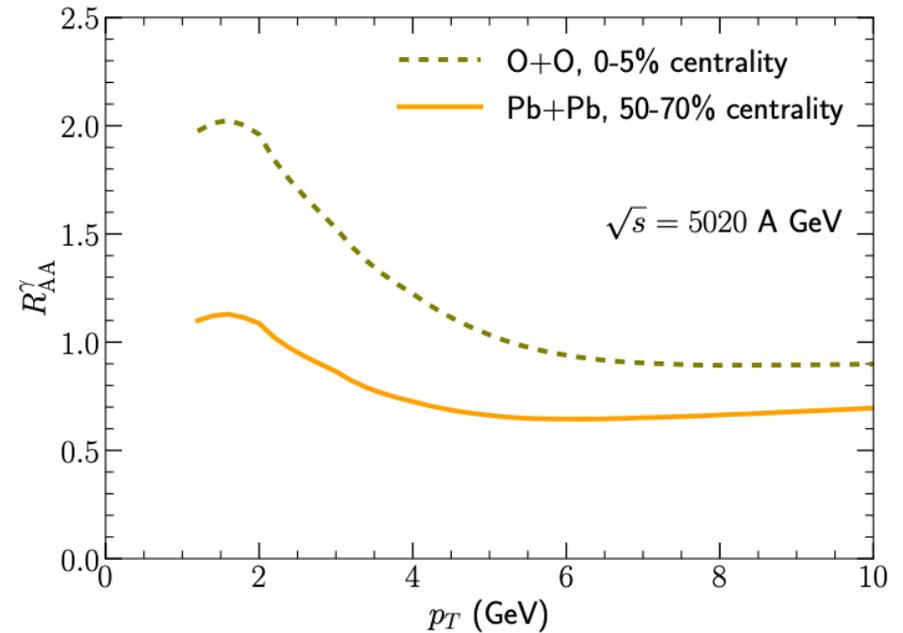
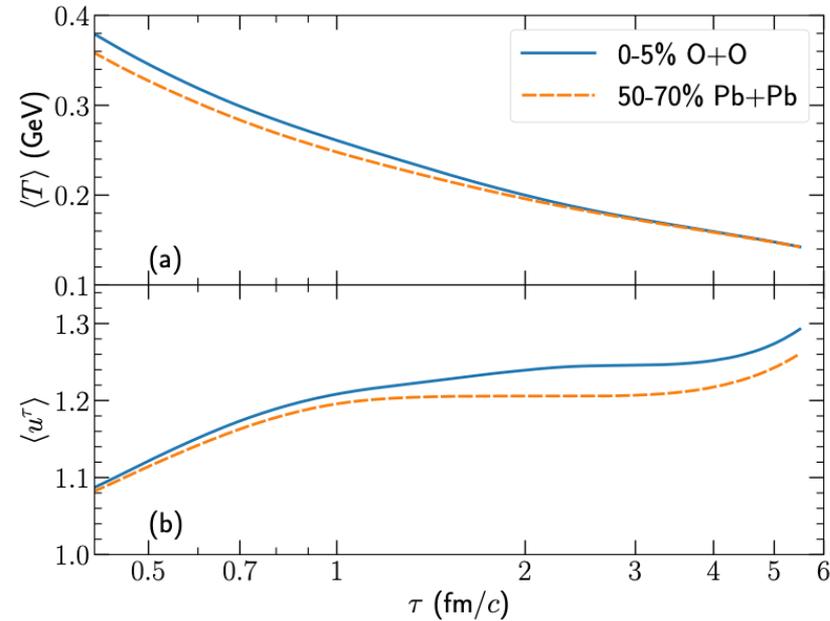
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# SMALL SYSTEMS?

Multiplicity in collisions @ 5 TeV: O+O (0-5%)  $\sim$  Pb+Pb (50-70%)



- Difficult to find evidence of higher  $T$  in small systems with hadronic observables
- $R_{AA}^\gamma$  shows a clear distinction

Gale, Paquet, Schenke, Shen, PRC (2022)

