

Multiple scattering and p_T -broadening at RHIC energies

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- pp collision: intrinsic transverse momentum distribution of the partons
- pA collision: extra enhancement of the intrinsic transverse momentum distribution
- Soft vs. semihard/hard prescattering
- AA collision
- RHIC
- Summary and outlook

Motivation & Program

Heavy Ion Physics: **nuclear (collective) effects**
search for phenomena beyond a proton-proton collision

This talk:

- Use **pQCD** (“clear model”)
- concentrate on meson (M) production

① Fix perturbative QCD (**pQCD**) description of

$$p + p \longrightarrow M + X$$

② Search for **nuclear effects** in

$$p + A \longrightarrow M + X$$

- initial-state scattering,
[Phys. Rev. C61 \(2000\) R21902.](#)
- final-state radiation
- (anti) shadowing, EMC
- jet-quenching, [nucl-th/0012017](#)
- ...

③ Try $A + A$ collisions (at RHIC)

Meson Production in pp collisions in pQCD

Factorization:

$$E_M \frac{d\sigma_M^{pp}}{d^3p} = \sum_{abcd} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{a/p}(x_1, Q^2) f_{b/p}(x_2, Q^2) \\ \times \frac{d\sigma(ab \rightarrow cd)}{d\hat{t}} \frac{D_{M/c}(z_c, \hat{Q}^2)}{\pi z_c^2} \hat{s} \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u})$$

$f_{a/p}(x, Q^2)$: parton distribution function (PDF)

Q^2 : scale of the pQCD calculation

$D_{M/c}(z_c, \hat{Q}^2)$: fragmentation function (FF)

\hat{Q}^2 : scale of the parton fragmentation

$\frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab \rightarrow cd)$: differential (**partonic**)

$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$: renormalization scale

Basic elements of a pQCD calculation

- Parton Distribution Functions

GRV LO Glück, Reya, Vogt
Z. Phys. C53 (1992) 127.

$$Q = p_T/2$$

$$\Lambda = 200 \text{ MeV}$$

- Fragmentation Functions

BKK LO Binnewies, Kniehl, Kramer
Phys. Rev. D52, 4947 (1995)

KKP LO Kniehl, Kramer and Pötter
Nucl. Phys. B582, 514 (2000)

$$\hat{Q} = p_T/2z_c$$

- Partonic Cross Sections

LO: R.D. Field, *Applications of pQCD*, Addison
Wesley, (1989)

Improving pQCD

- ① Improved NLO calculations:
adjusted (optimized) scale parameters

P. Aurenche *et al.* Eur. Phys. J. C13, 347 (2000).

Result: NLO still underestimates data by a factor of 2.

- ② Additional (non-perturbative) property:

intrinsic k_T

$$dx f_{a/p}(x, Q^2) \longrightarrow dx d^2k_T g(\vec{k}_T) f_{a/p}(x, Q^2)$$

$$g(\vec{k}_T) = \frac{\exp(-k_T^2 / \langle k_T^2 \rangle)}{\pi \langle k_T^2 \rangle}$$

$\langle k_T^2 \rangle$: 2D width of the k_T

$\langle k_T^2 \rangle$: $= 4 \langle k_T \rangle^2 / \pi$

Motivation: Heisenberg principle, initial radiation

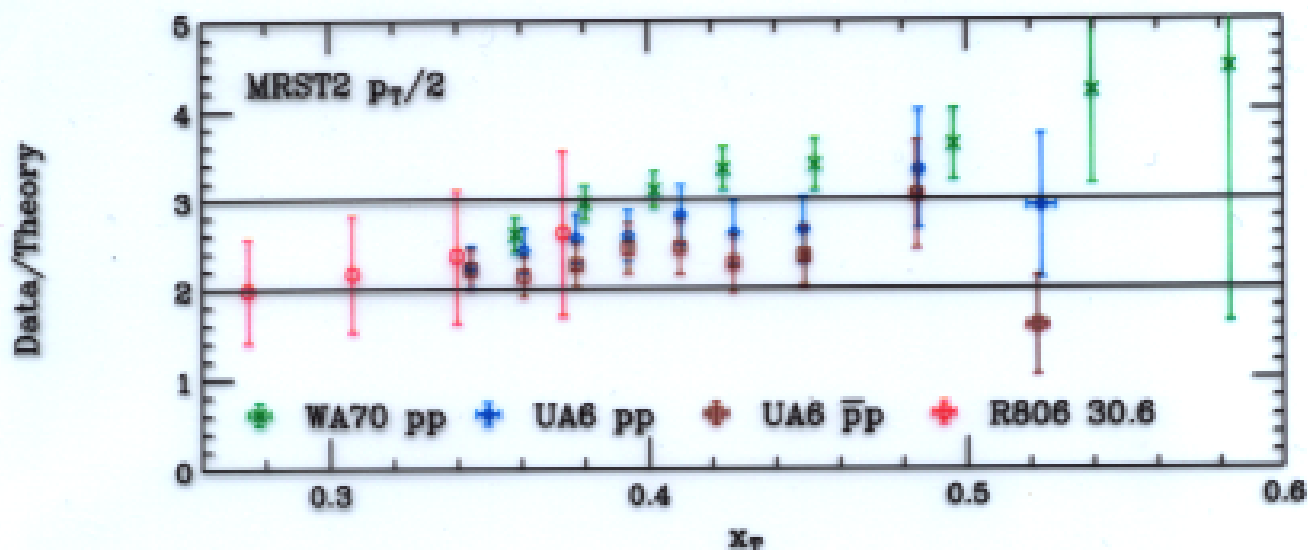


Figure 8: Comparison of WA70, UA6 and ISR π^0 data with NLO prediction based on the MRST2 parton densities. All scales are set equal to $p_T/2$.

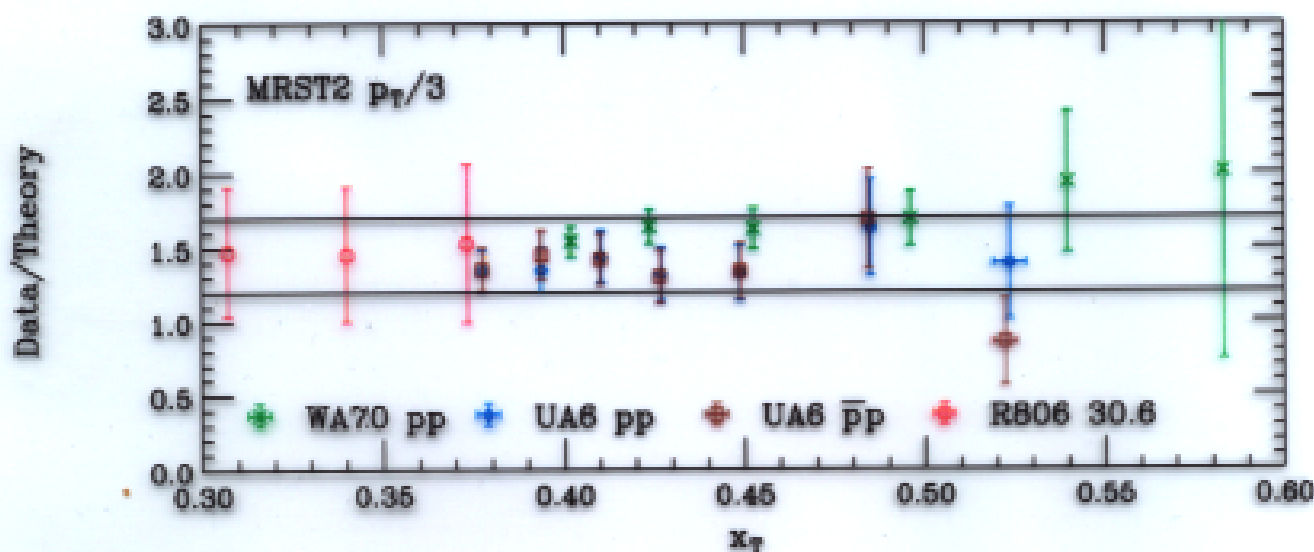


Figure 9: Same as Fig. 8, but for scale choice $p_T/3$.

$\langle k_T^2 \rangle_{pp}$ from $p+p \rightarrow (\pi^+, \pi^0) + X$ in LO

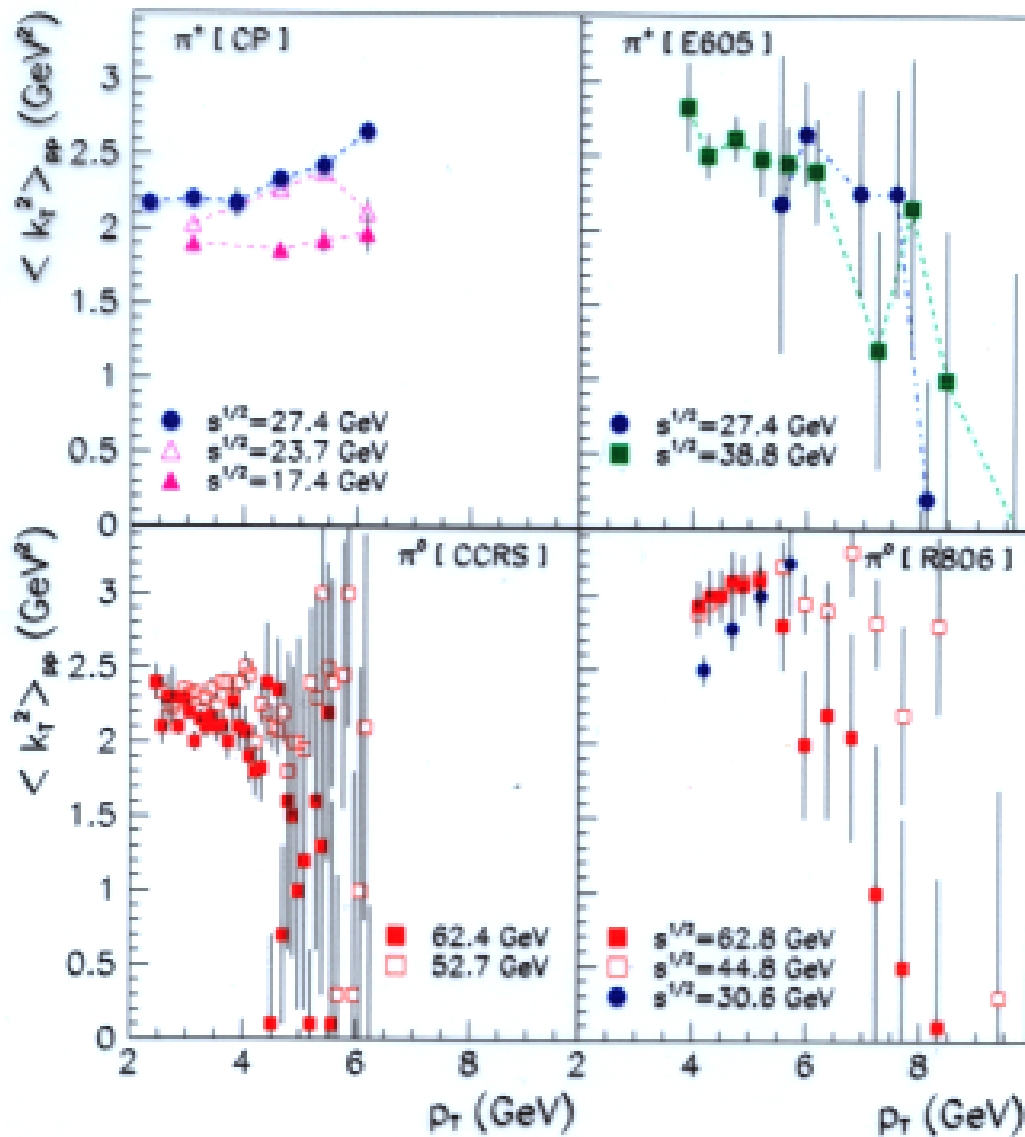
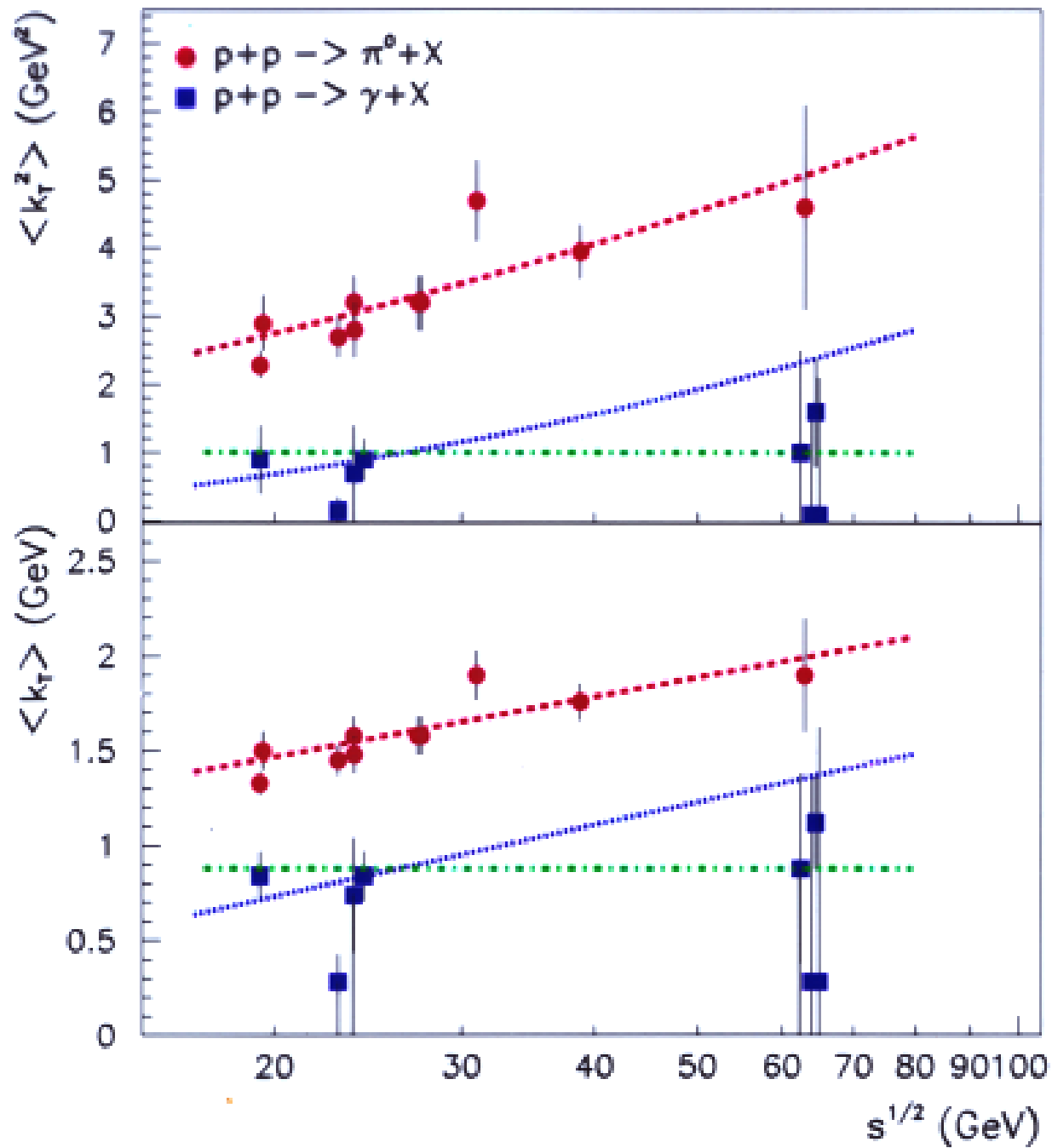
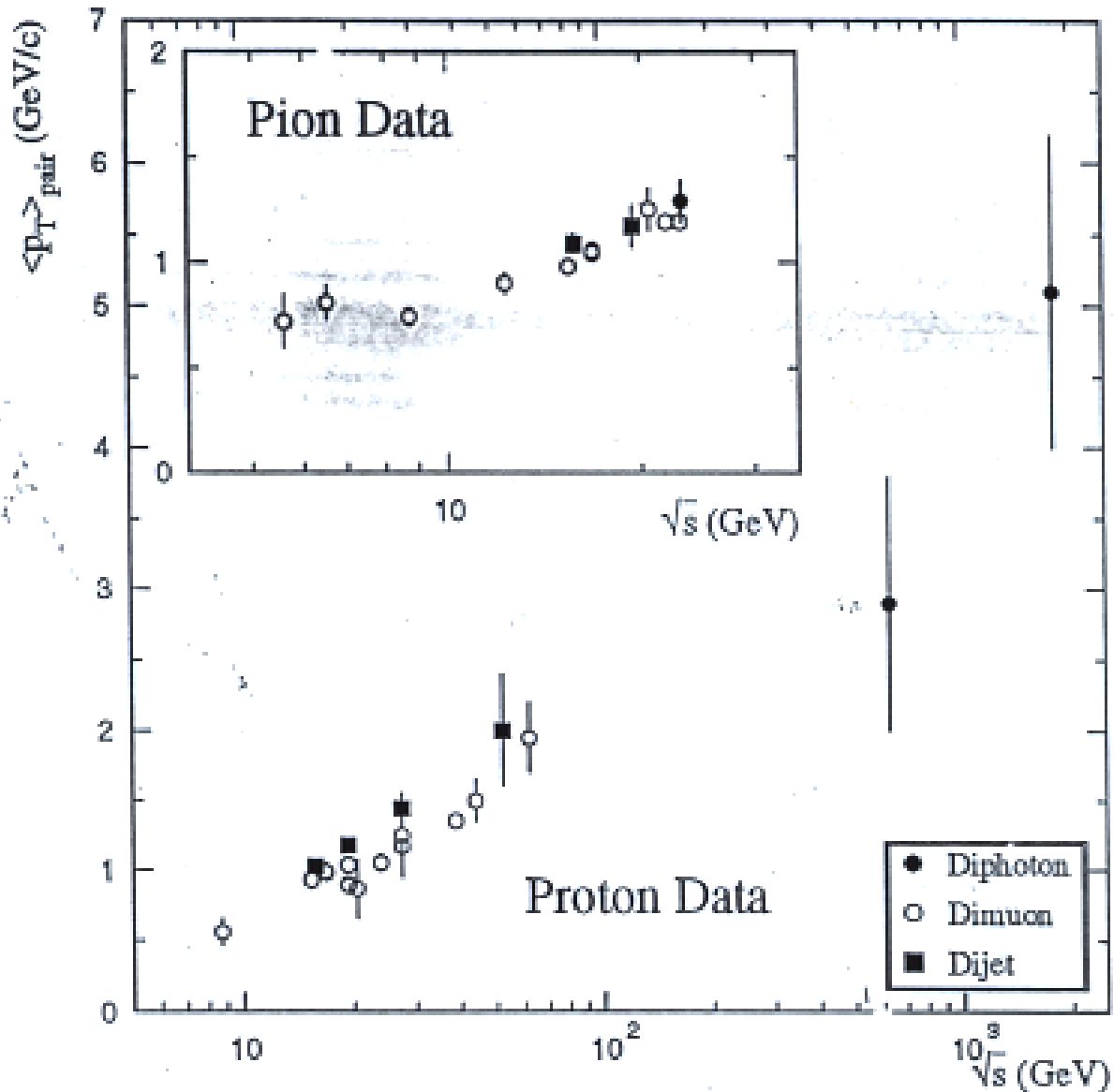


Figure 3: The best fit values of $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$ in $pp \rightarrow \pi + X$ reactions.



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1: $\langle p_T \rangle$ of pairs of muons, photons, and jets, produced in hadronic collisions

proton nucleus collisions

• **theory:**

The proton-nucleus collision is a **superposition** of *pp* collisions proposed by the Glauber model:

$$E_M \frac{d\sigma_M^{pA}}{d^3p} = \sum_{abcd} \int d^2b t_A(b) \int d^2k_{T_1} d^2k_{T_2} g(\vec{k}_{T_1}) g(\vec{k}_{T_2}) \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{a/p}(x_1, Q^2) \times f_{b/p}(x_2, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab \rightarrow cd) \frac{D_{M/c}(z_c, \hat{Q}^2)}{\pi z_c}$$

$t_A(b)$: nuclear thickness function

$$t_A(\vec{b}) = \int dz \rho(\vec{b}, z)$$

- sharp sphere $t_A(b) = 2\rho_0 \sqrt{R_A^2 - b^2}$
- Gaussian $t_A(b) = \rho_0 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{-\alpha b^2}$
- Woods-Saxon

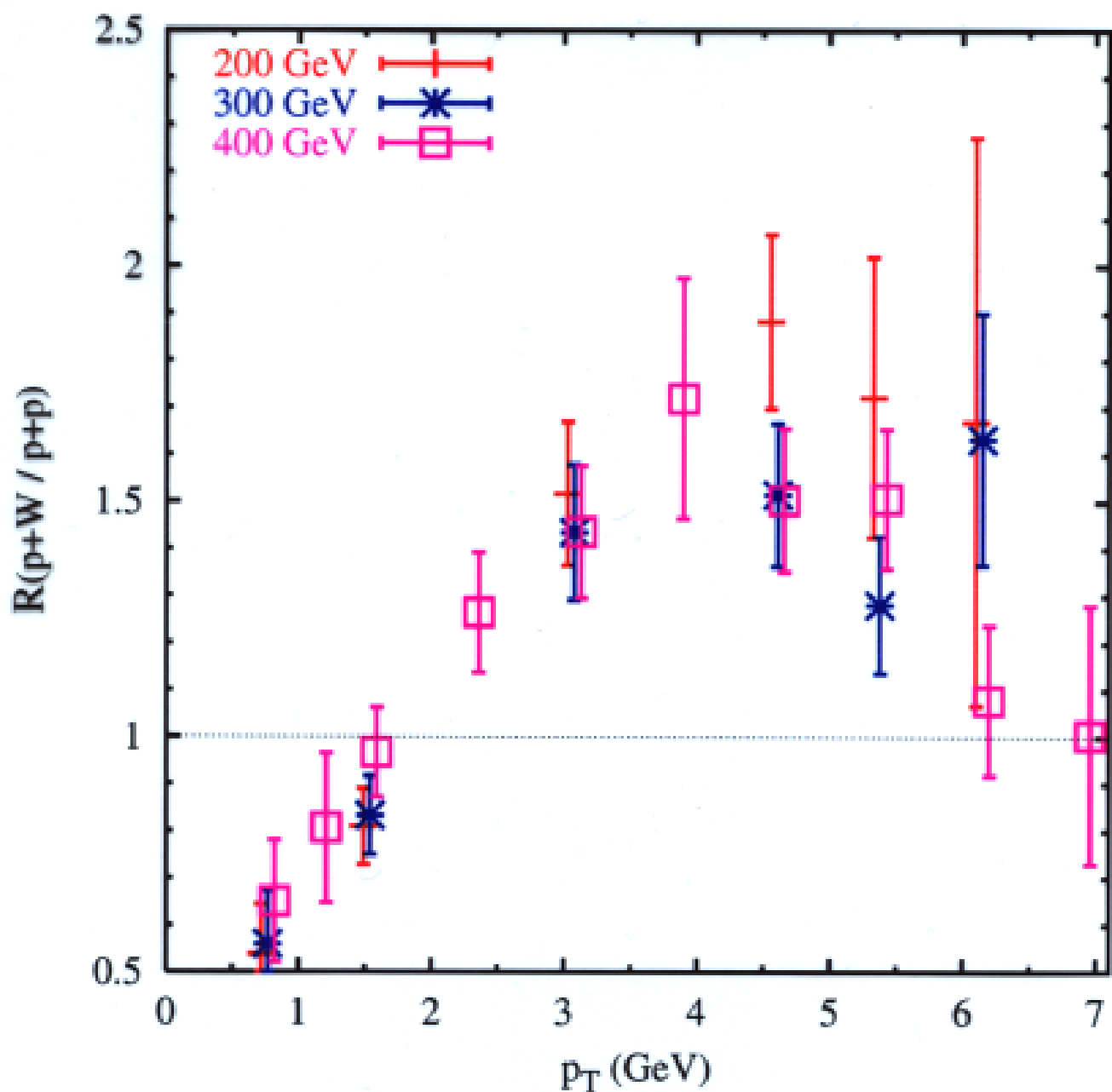


Figure 5: $p + W \rightarrow \pi^+ + X$ differential cross section compared to $p + p$ one at $E_{lab} = 200, 300, 400$ GeV. Data is taken from Anreasyan et al., Phys. Rev. D19, 764 (1979).

✿ Cronin effect:

There is an **enhancement** in a certain p_T range in the particle production in a pA collision compared to a pp collision.

✓ Allow the width parameter $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$ to vary



$$\langle k_T^2 \rangle_{pA} = \langle k_T^2 \rangle_{pp} + C_{all} h(\nu_A(b) - 1)$$

$\nu_A(b)$: $\sigma_{NN} t_A(b)$ number of target particles within the channel swept by the projectile

C_{all} : average transverse momentum square imparted per collision

$h()$: "effectivity" function, number of effective contributors

🐱 Underlying picture:

- Random **soft** (pre)collisions change the transverse momentum of the proton before the final collision at the end of the channel.
- Particles are produced in a multiparticle collision event the incoming nucleon colliding on $h(\nu_A(b) - 1) + 1$ target particles.

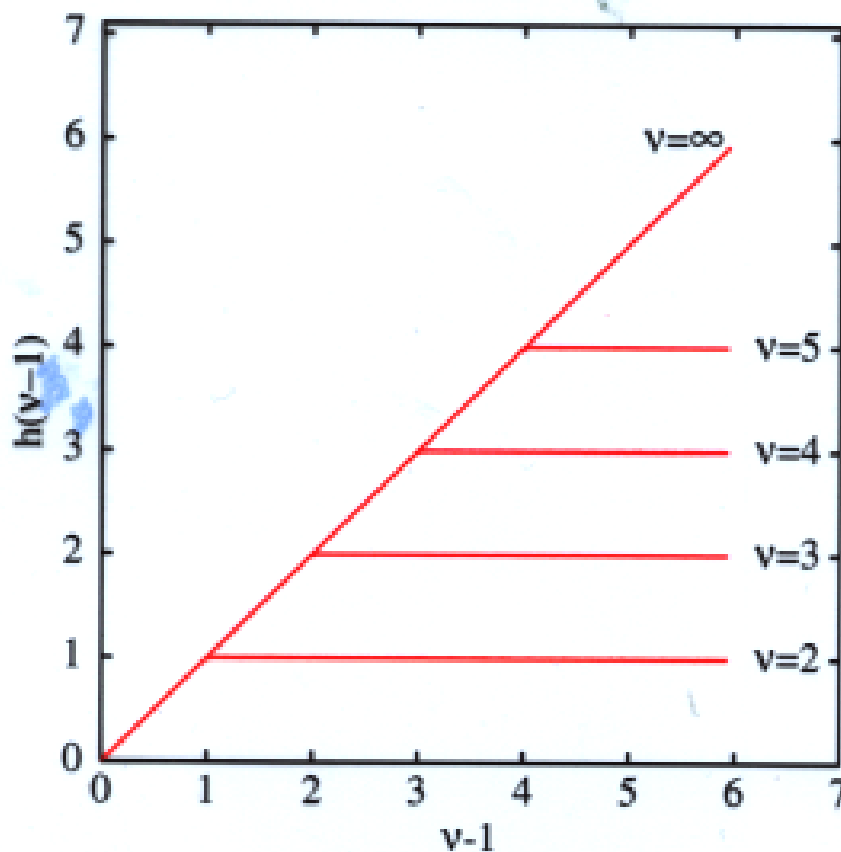
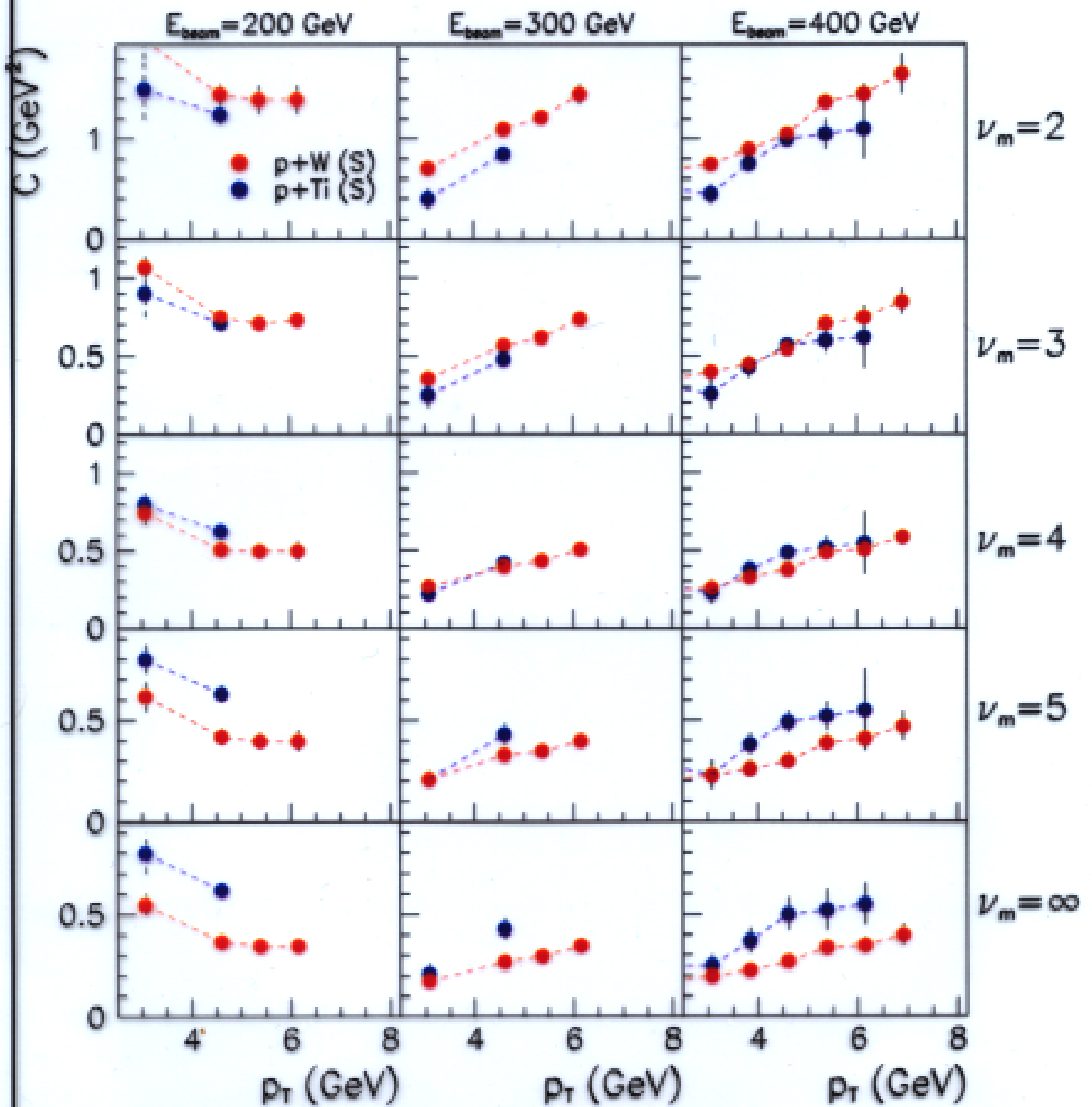


Figure 6: Effective (multi)collision number.

C from $p+A \rightarrow \pi^+ + X$ in LO – Antresyan



Nucleus Nucleus collisions

Some more integrals to perform

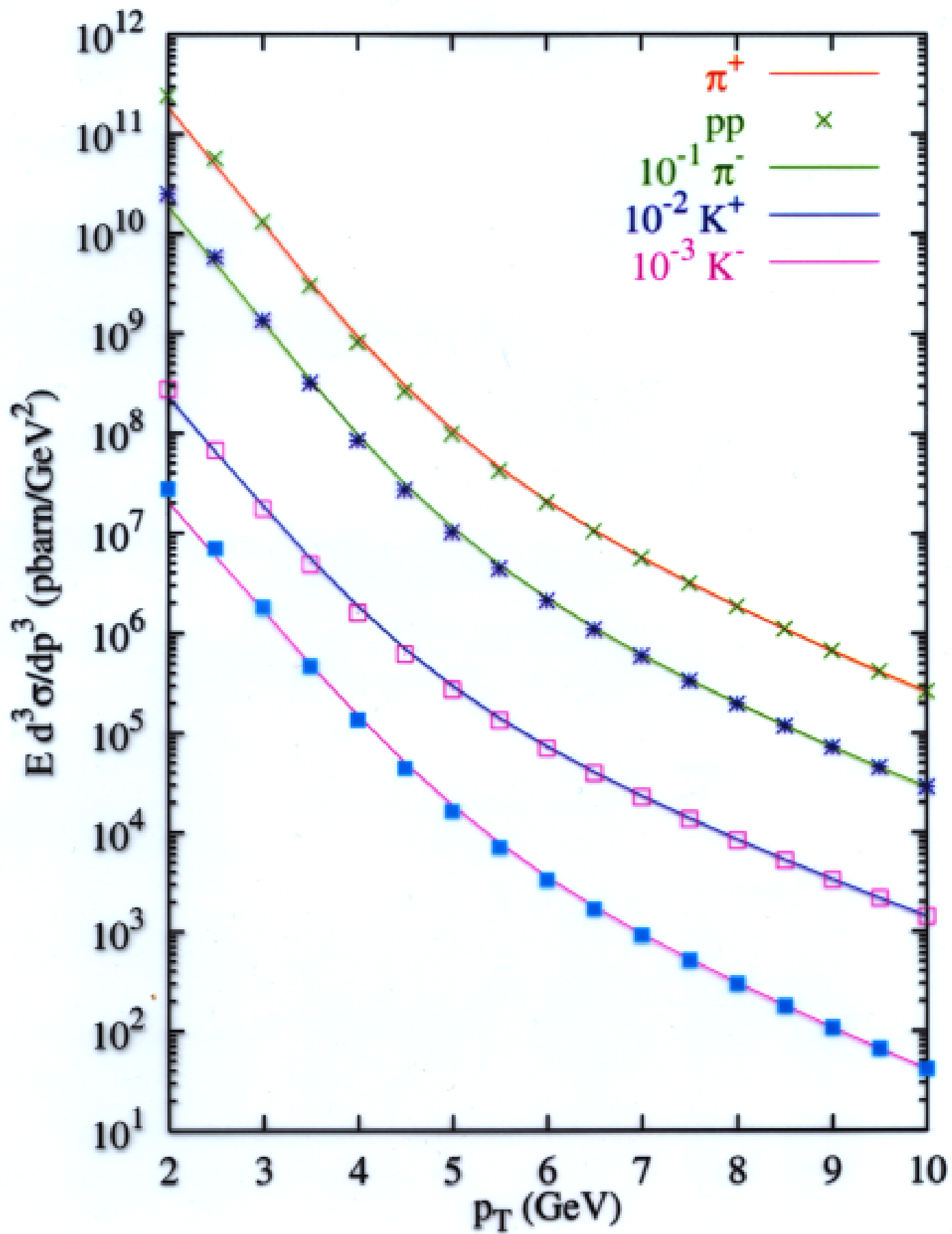
$$E_\pi \frac{d\sigma_\pi^{AA}}{d^3p} = \sum_{abcd} \int d^2b d^2r t_A(\vec{b}) t_B(\vec{b}-\vec{r}) \dots$$

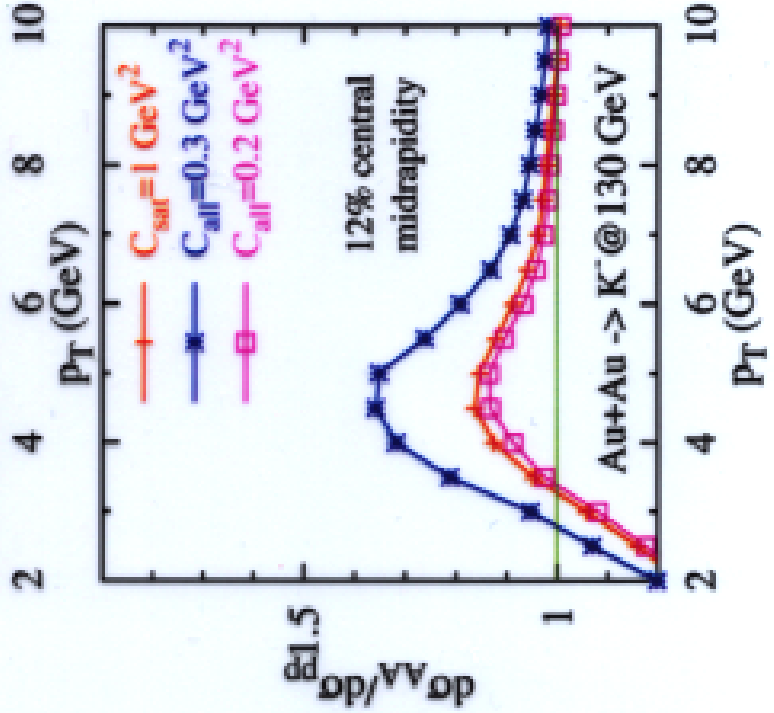
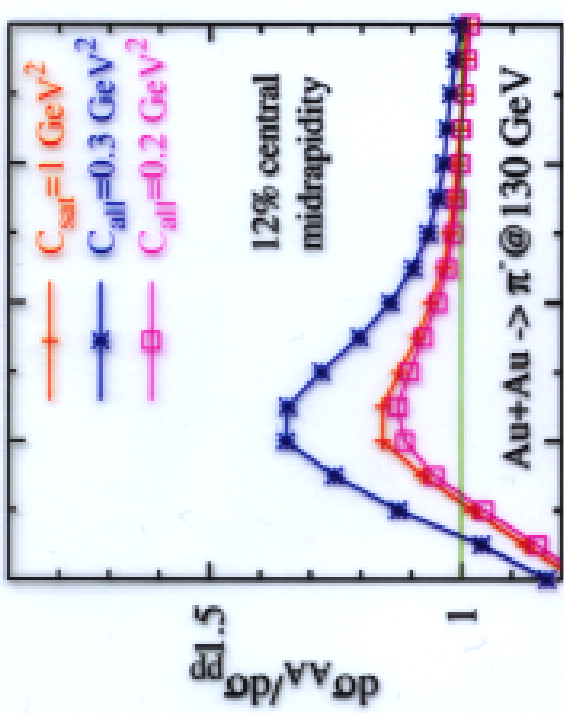
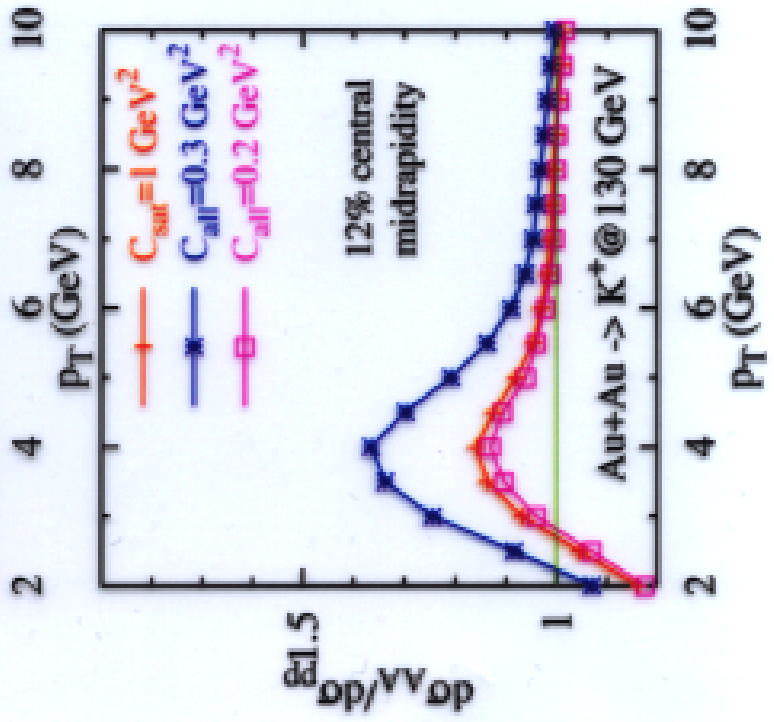
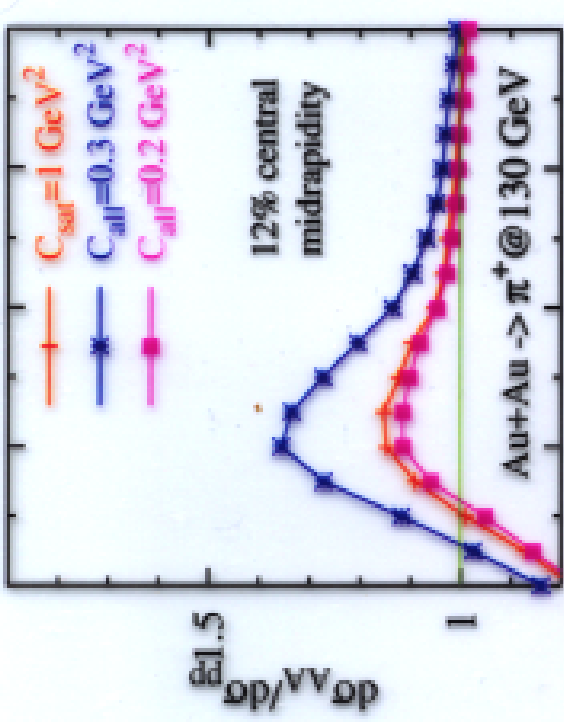
with centrality cut, $b \leq b_{max}$.

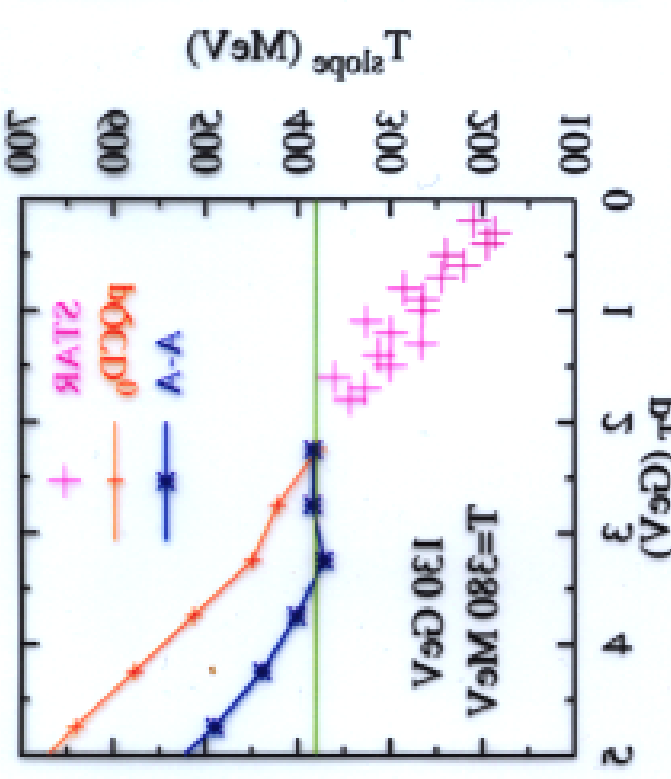
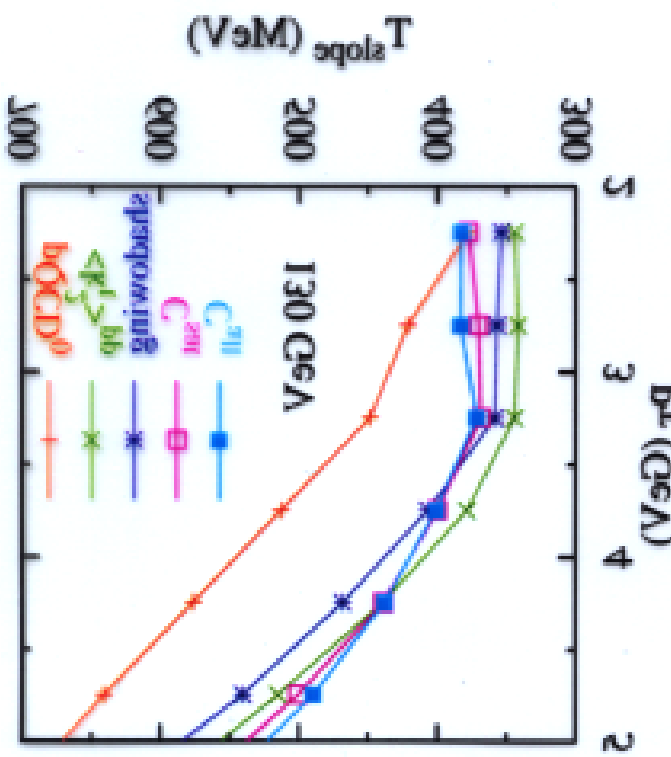
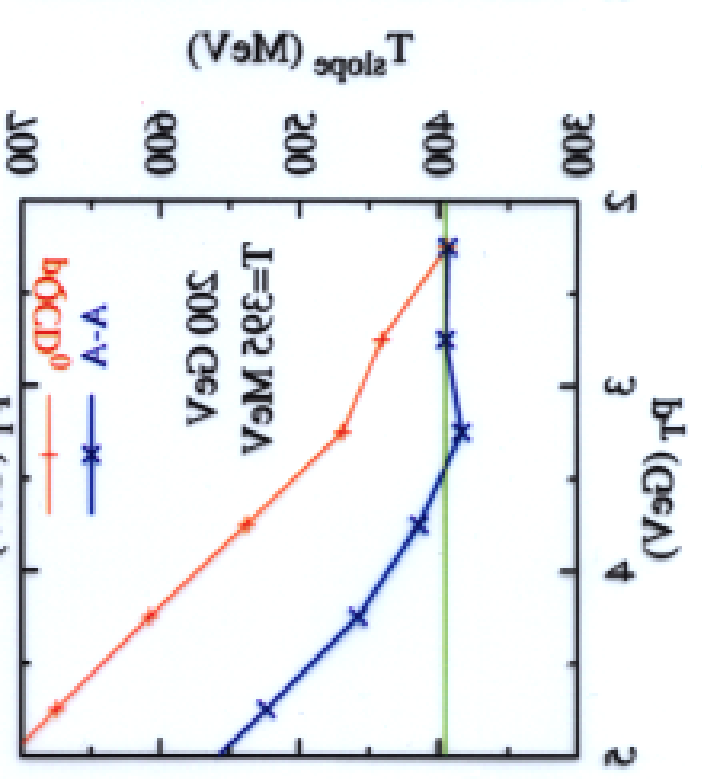
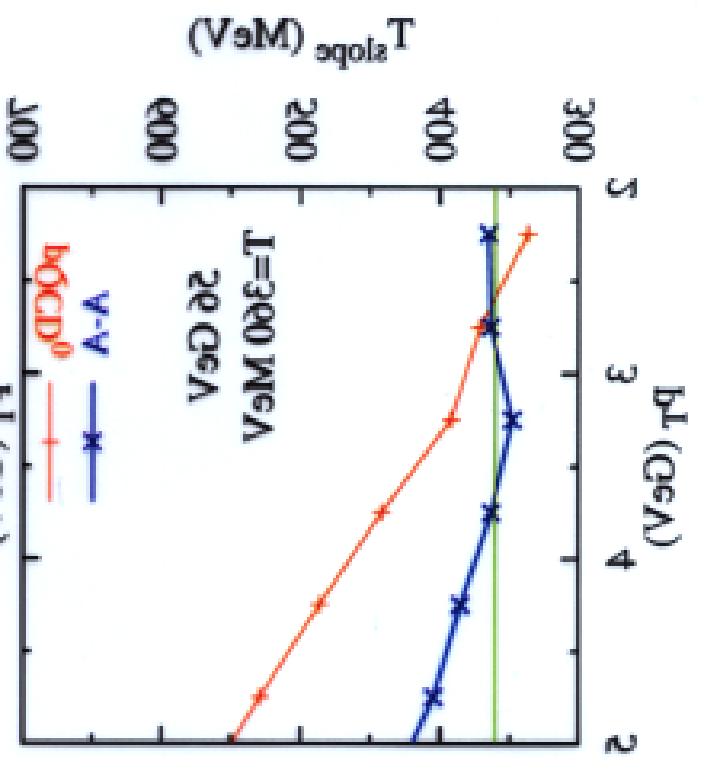
✎ extra nuclear enhancement takes places **both** for target and projectile nucleons.

✎ Calculations for **RHIC** are performed selecting the most central events with $b_{max} = 3fm$, corresponding to $\sim 12\%$ of most central events.

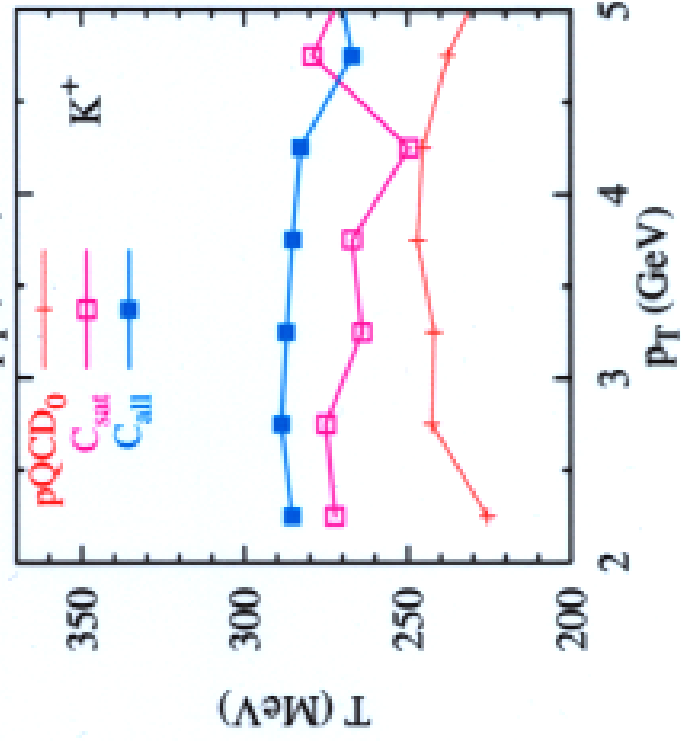
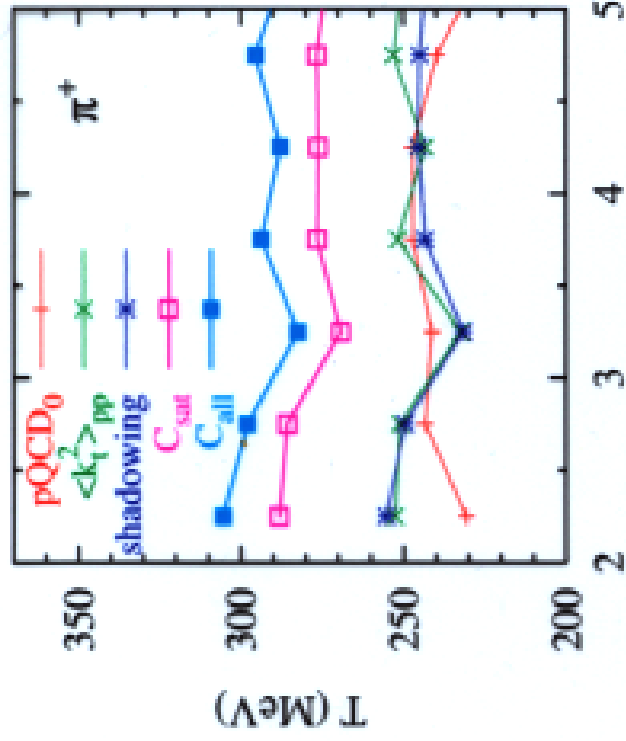
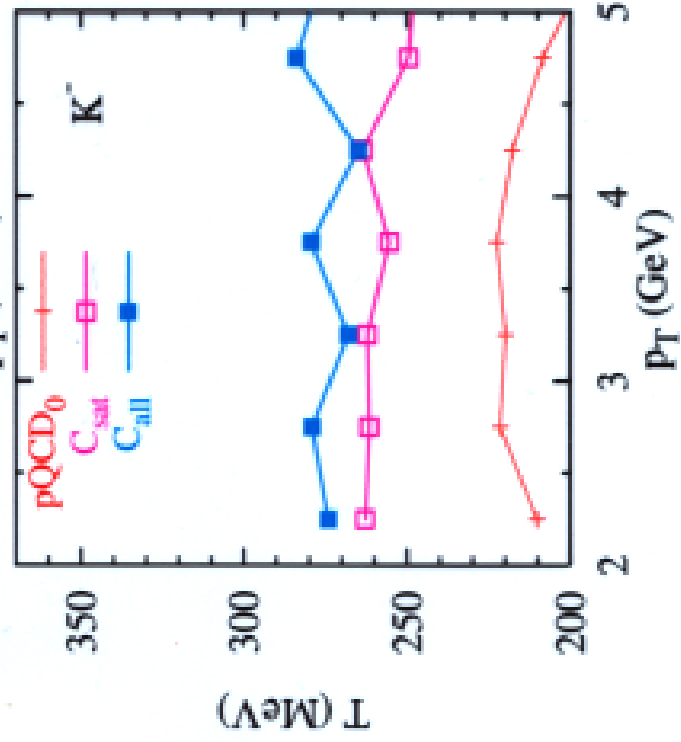
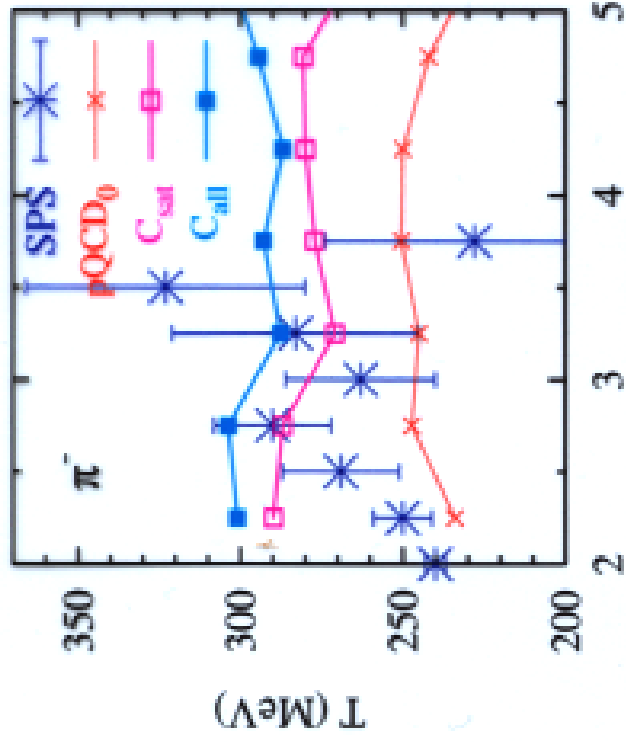
slope parameter: $\frac{Ed\sigma}{d^3p} \propto e^{-m_t/T}$







Pb+Pb @ 158 GeV SPS



Summary

- Proper pQCD description of (photon and) pion production in hadron-hadron collisions in the p_T range 2–8 GeV requires the introduction of intrinsic transverse momentum distribution of the partons.
- In proton-nucleus collisions the average intrinsic transverse momentum of the projectile increases due to the nuclear environment.
- The increase in the average intrinsic transverse momentum is described best assuming a scattering of the incoming proton on maximum few (≈ 3) target nucleons.
- pQCD shows an exponential slope in particle production in the range $p_T = 2 - 4 \text{ GeV}$ with a slope parameter $T \approx 350 - 400 \text{ MeV}$, which is highly insensitive to the exact mechanism of nuclear enhancement.

- Nuclear multiscattering effects are balanced by shadowing at RHIC energies in nucleus-nucleus collisions.
- Nuclear multiscattering effects may be understood better from
 - p - p data
 - p - A systematic analysis (from light to heavy nuclei)