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# A new insight on mass hierarchy in heavy flavor suppression

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# Mass hierarchy effect in energy loss mechanisms

- The experimental observations of  $R_{AA}$  mass hierarchy (i.e., dead cone) analyzed within radiative models

PLB 519,199; PRD 85, 054012;

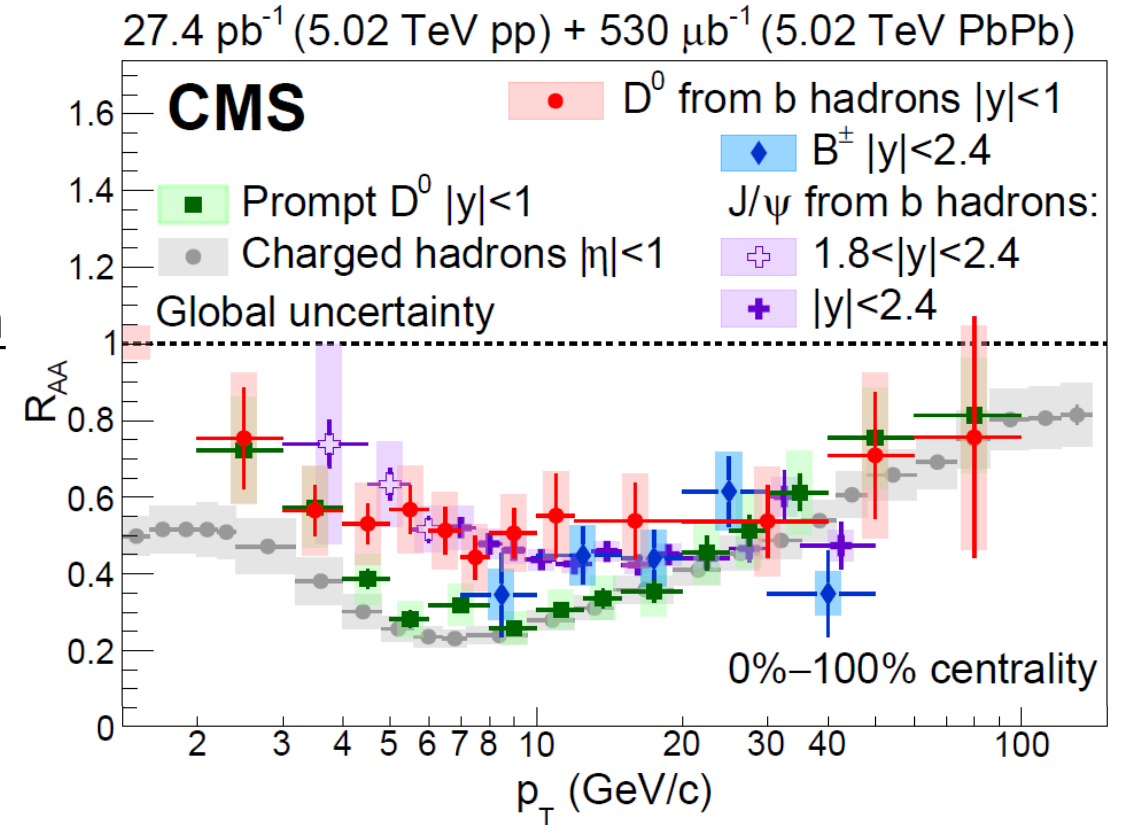
PRD 69, 114003; NPA 733, 265; PRC 77, 024905; PLB 763, 439;

PRL 93, 072301

- At intermediate- $p_{\perp}$  range ( $p_{\perp} \lesssim 10$  GeV) **charm** and **bottom collisional** – comparable to (or larger) than radiative energy loss

NPA 784, 426; PRC 74, 064907; JPG 42, 075105; PLB 273, 128; PRC 72, 014905; APHA 22, 93

- The **mass hierarchy in collisional energy loss** is not yet addressed
- The upcoming RHIC and LHC measurements – employ **high- $p_{\perp}$  heavy flavor data** for studying **interaction mechanisms in QGP**



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## Our goals

- I. Utilizing complex  $R_{AA}$  patterns to differentiate between major energy loss mechanisms

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# Our goals

- I. Utilizing complex  $R_{AA}$  patterns to differentiate between major energy loss mechanisms
- II. Focusing on the region  $p_T < 50$  GeV and addressing:
  - Which **observable** could isolate collisional from radiative energy loss
  - Analytical derivation of an **explicit relation** between **collisional suppression/energy loss** and **heavy quark mass**
  - Analytical and numerical derivation of the **mass ordering** in collisional energy loss through this observable

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# Numerical framework: DREENA-C

D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, J. Phys. G 46, no.8, 085101

- Full-fledged DREENA-C (Dynamical Radiative and Elastic ENergy loss Approach, C stands for constant/average temperature profile) framework:
  - Dynamical energy loss formalism:
    - ✓ Complex, unique and realistic features
    - ✓ Dominant ingredient for generating high- $p_{\perp}$  suppression predictions
  - Constant (average) Temperature profile:
    - ✓ Excludes complications from details of medium evolution
    - ✓ Analytical derivations feasible
    - ✓ Insignificant loss of accuracy in  $R_{AA}$  predictions (compared to DREENA-B (PLB 791, 236) and DREENA-A), low  $R_{AA}$  sensitivity to details of medium evolution

JPG 46, 085101; PLB 791, 236; PRC 99, 061902(R); PRC 85, 044903; NPA 932, 140

DREENA-C is an optimal framework for these studies (I and II), through  $R_{AA}$ , as it assumes sophisticated energy loss model.

# The dynamical energy loss formalism

## ✓ Includes:

- QCD medium of finite size and finite temperature
- The medium consists of dynamical (i.e., moving) partons
- Based on finite T field theory and generalized HTL approach

M. Djordjevic, PRC 74, 064907; PRC 80, 064909, M. Djordjevic, U. Heinz, PRL 101, 022302

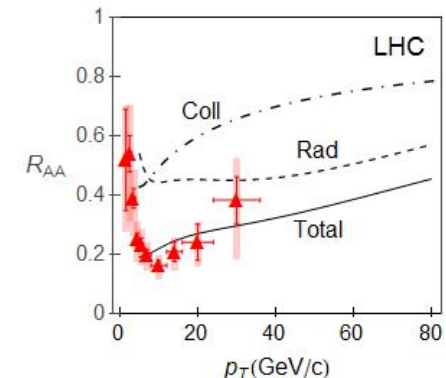
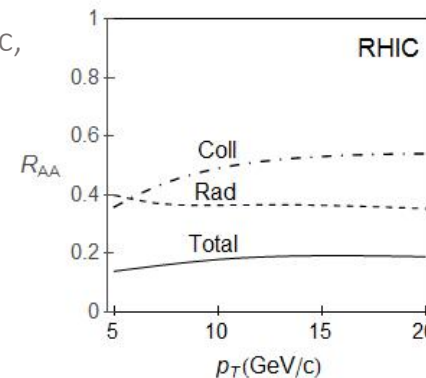
- The same theoretical framework for both radiative and collisional energy loss
- Applicable to both light and heavy flavor M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, Nucl. Phys. A 733, 265
- Finite magnetic mass effects M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 709, 229
- Running coupling M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 734, 286
- Relaxed soft-gluon approximation B. Blagojevic, M. Djordjevic, M. Djordjevic, PRC 99, 024901

All ingredients **necessary**  
for reliable  
high- $p_{\perp}$   $R_{AA}$  predictions!

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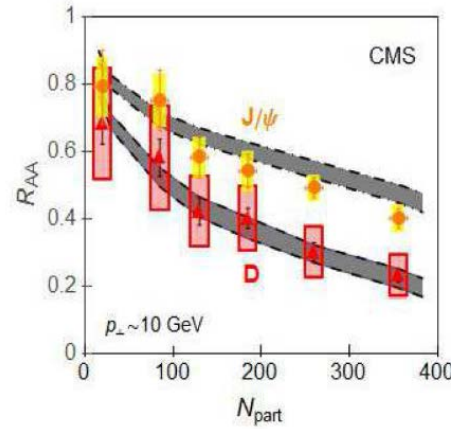
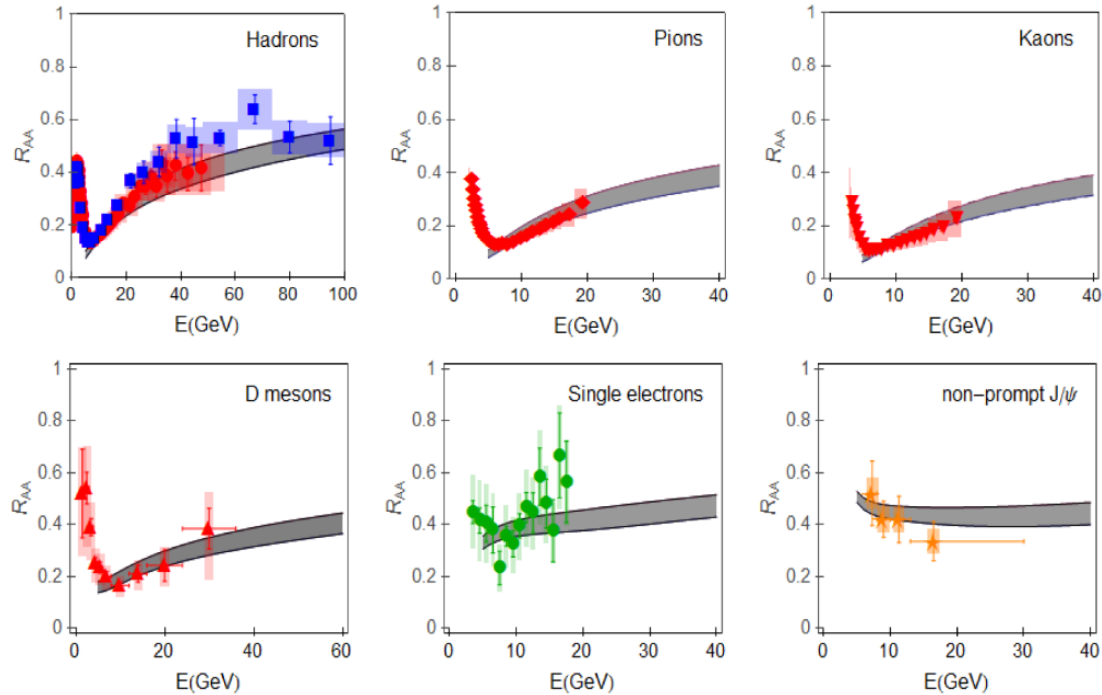
B. Ilic and M. Djordjevic, PRC 106, 014902

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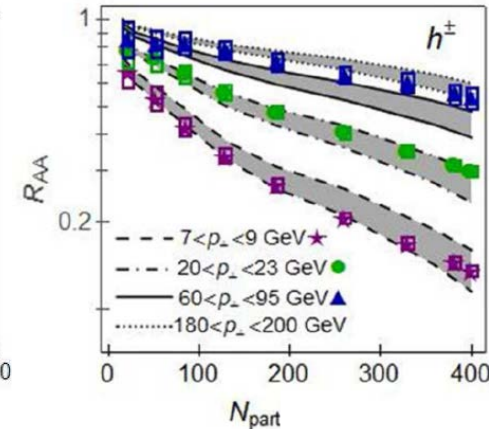


# Experimental validation of DREENA-C framework

PLB 734, 286



PRC 94, 044908



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Explains high- $p_{\perp}$   $R_{AA}$  data for different probes, collision systems (experiments), energies and centralities!

Addresses heavy-flavor puzzle and has clear predictive power!

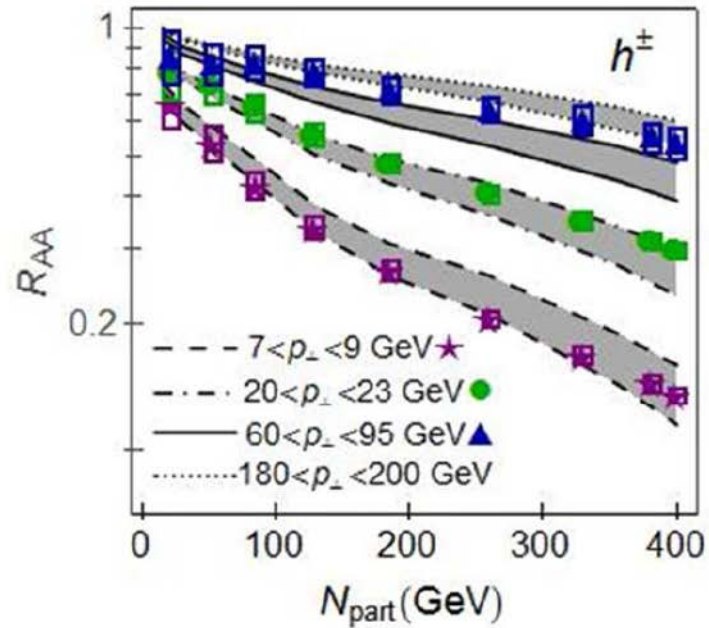
In generating all predictions we used:

- ✓ The same numerical procedure (DREENA-C, D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, JPG 46, no.8, 085101)
- ✓ The same parameter set
- ✓ No fitting parameter

M. Djordjevic, B. Blagojevic and L. Zivkovic, PRC 94, 044908 (JHEP 1704,) 039

DREENA-C accurately addresses high- $p_{\perp}$  parton-medium interactions and is adequate for these studies.

# I. Nonintuitive suppression patterns (light or D probes)

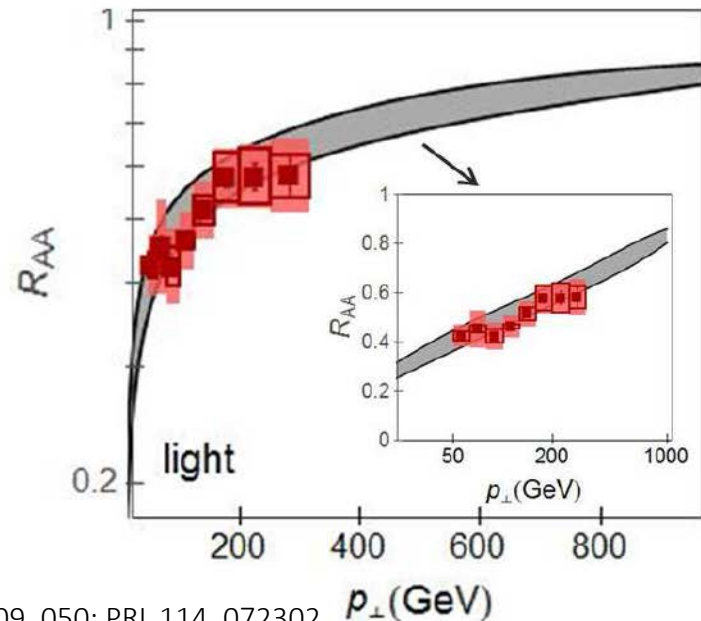


With increasing  $p_T$ ,  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $N_{part}$  :

- flatter
- difference between curves smaller

Saturation in  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $N_{part}$ .

Nonintuitive observations in agreement with our framework!



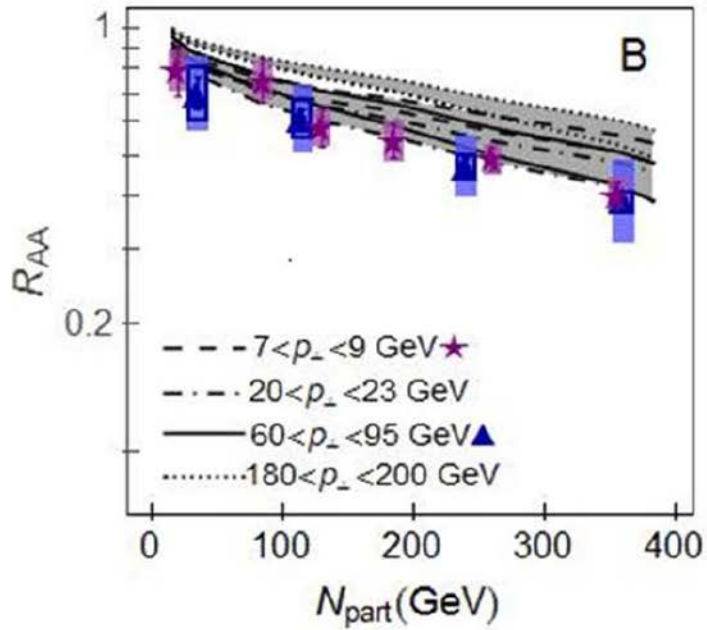
With increasing  $p_T$ ,  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$  flatter.

Saturation in  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$ .

Which energy loss mechanism is accountable for these observations?



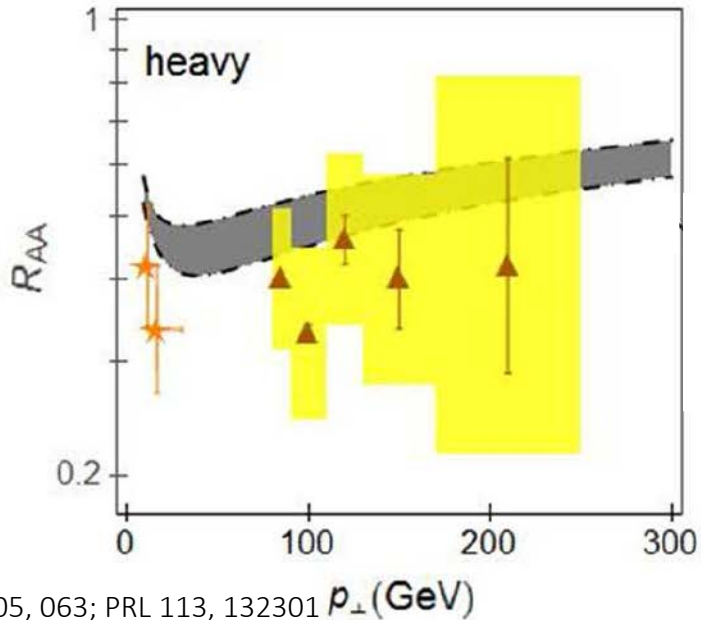
# I. Nonintuitive suppression patterns (B probes)



$R_{AA}$  vs.  $N_{part}$   
pattern  
qualitatively  
different  
 (compared to  
 light probes)

Flatter  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $N_{part}$   
 across the  
 $p_T$  range

Nonintuitive  
 observation  
 well  
 reproduced  
 within our  
 framework!

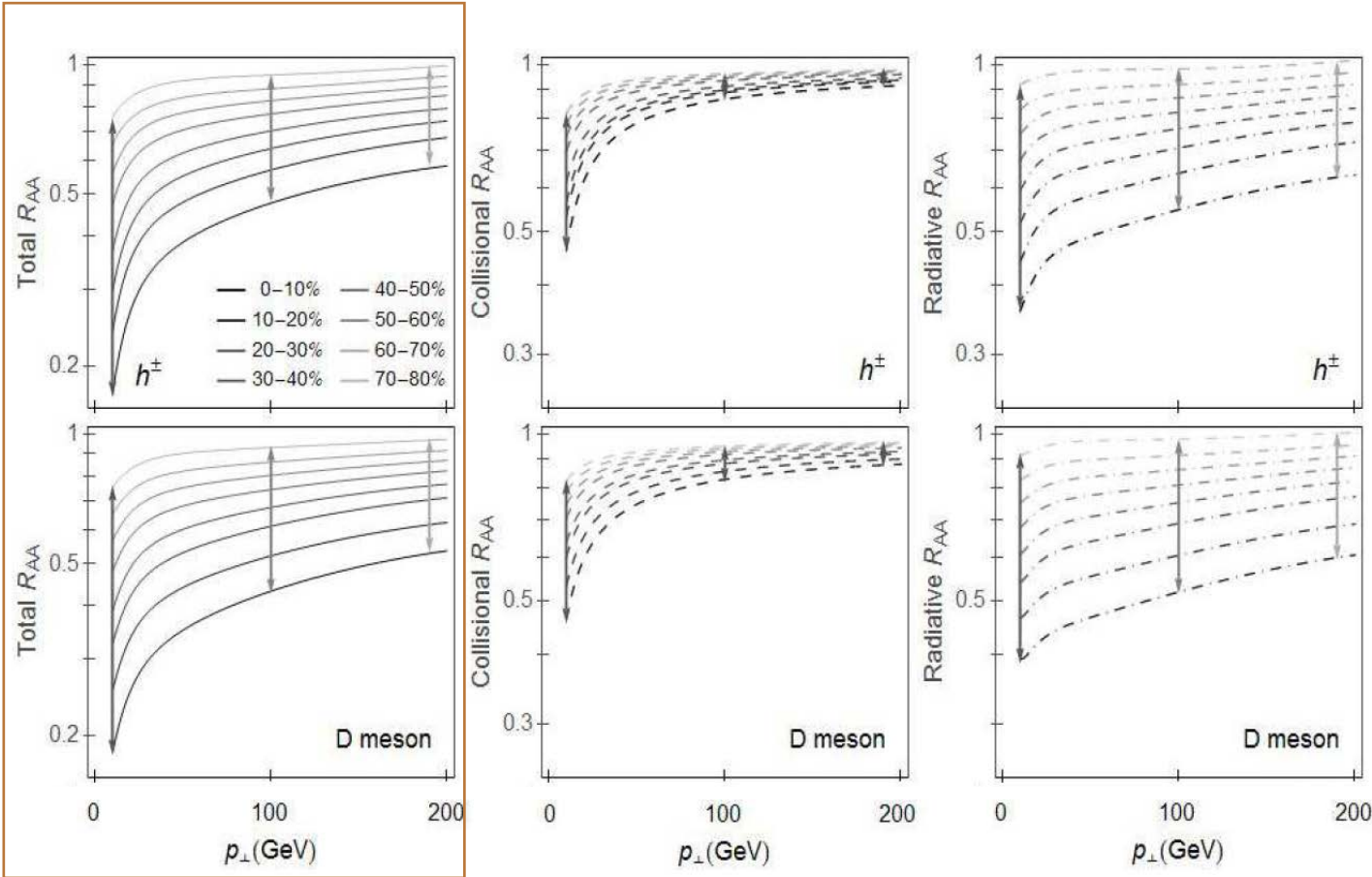


Slower  
 $R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$   
 change  
 (compared to light  
 probes)

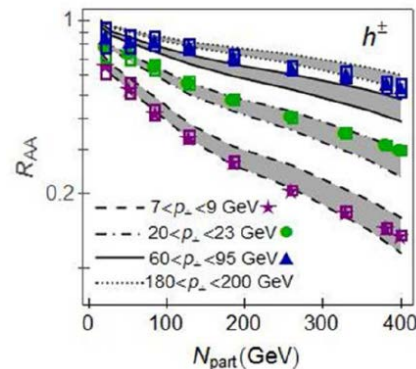
Which energy  
 loss  
 mechanism is  
 accountable  
 for these  
 observations?

# Qualitative explanation of the observations (light or D probes)

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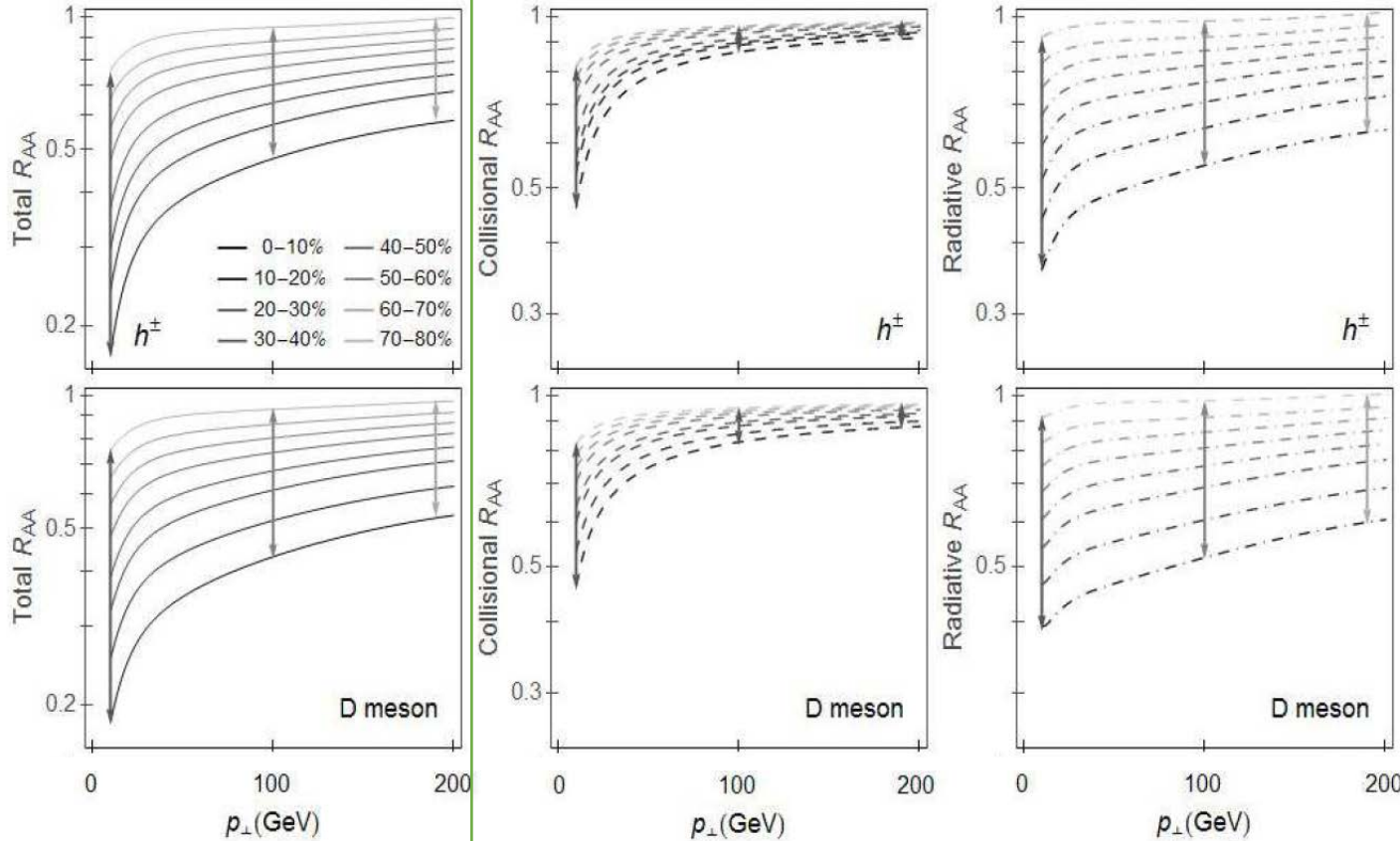


The lower  $p_T$  arrow spans a much larger  $R_{AA}$  range compared to the larger  $p_T$  arrows that are similar.



# Qualitative explanation of the observations (light or D probes)

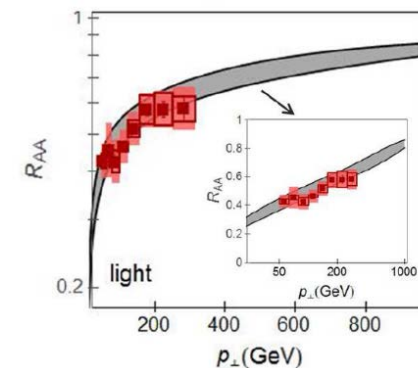
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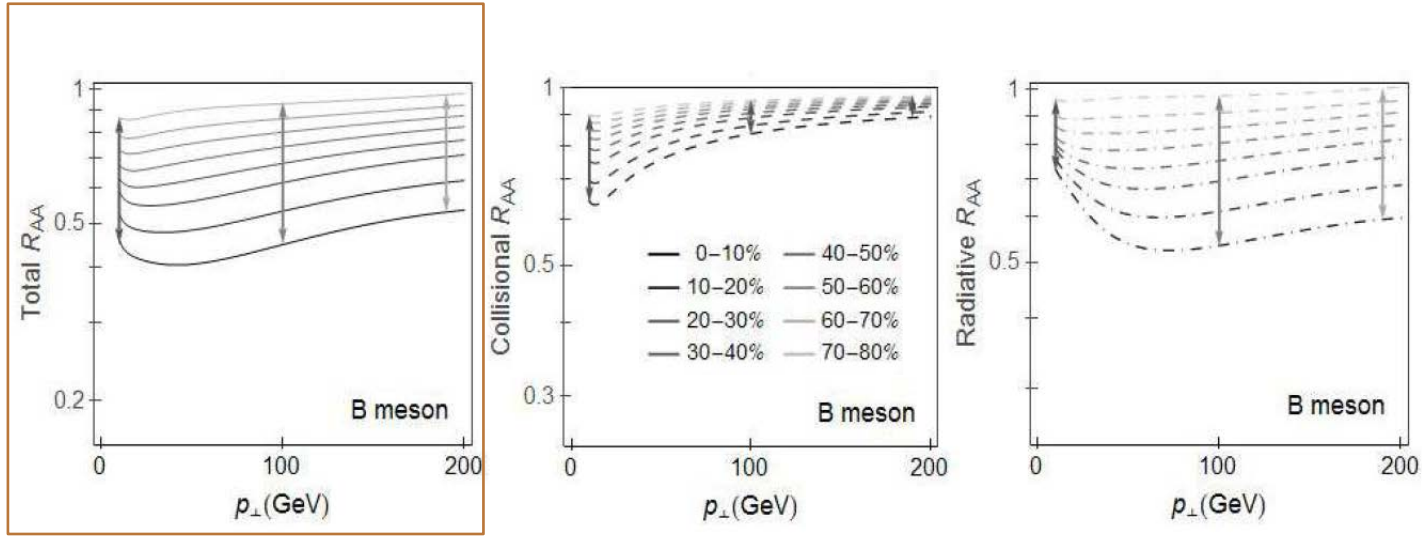
Collisional contribution: significant at lower  $p_T$  (steep increase)

Radiative contribution: important at entire  $p_T$  range (slow increase)

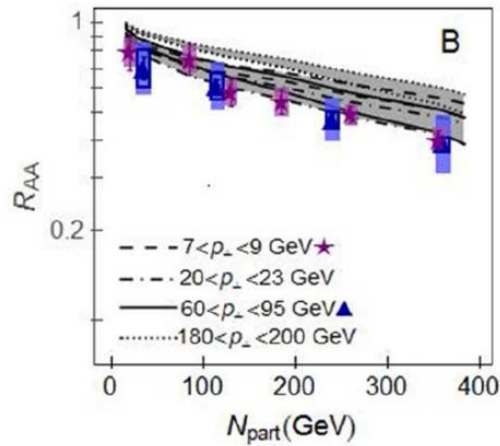
$R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$  pattern result of interplay of collisional and radiative contributions.



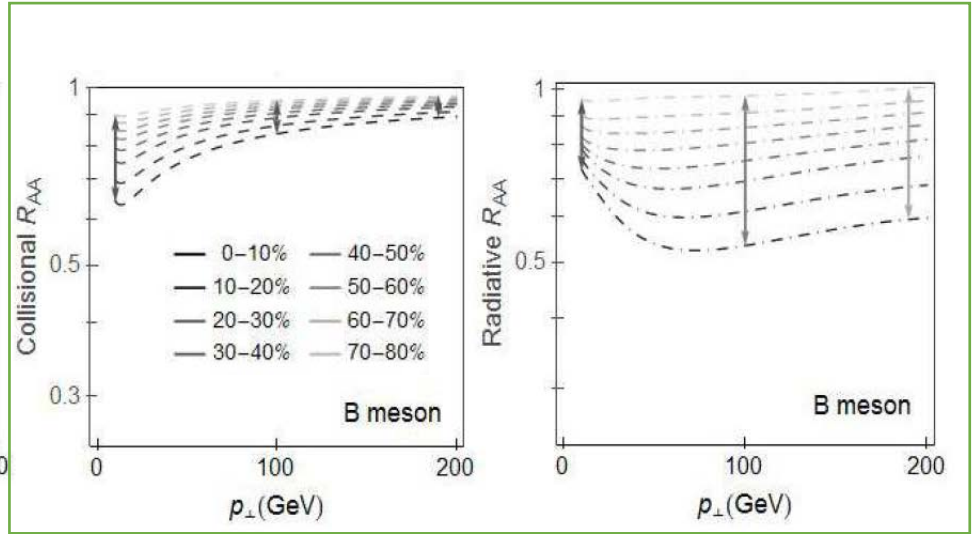
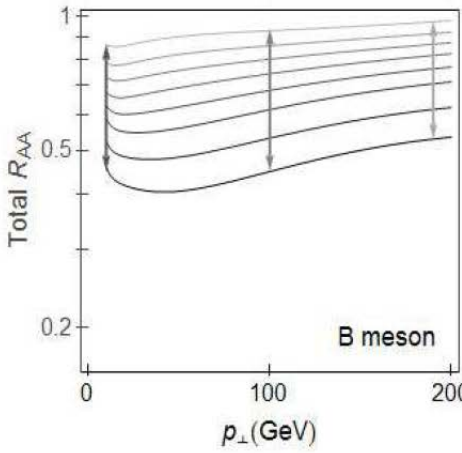
# Qualitative explanation of the observations (B probes)



$R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$  curves  
practically  
equidistant across  
the  $p_T$  range.



# Qualitative explanation of the observations (B probes)



At lower  $p_T$ :

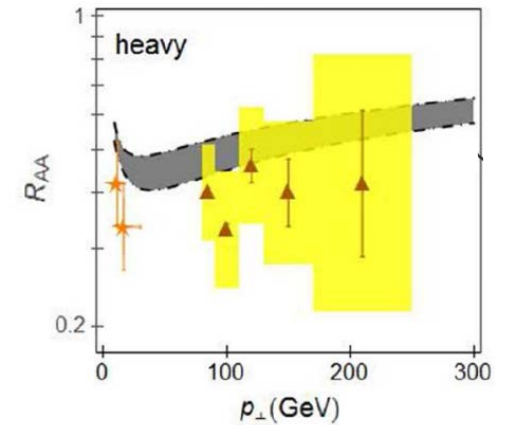
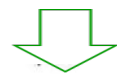
Both **collisional** and **radiative** contributions significant  
(notably smaller than for light/D probes)



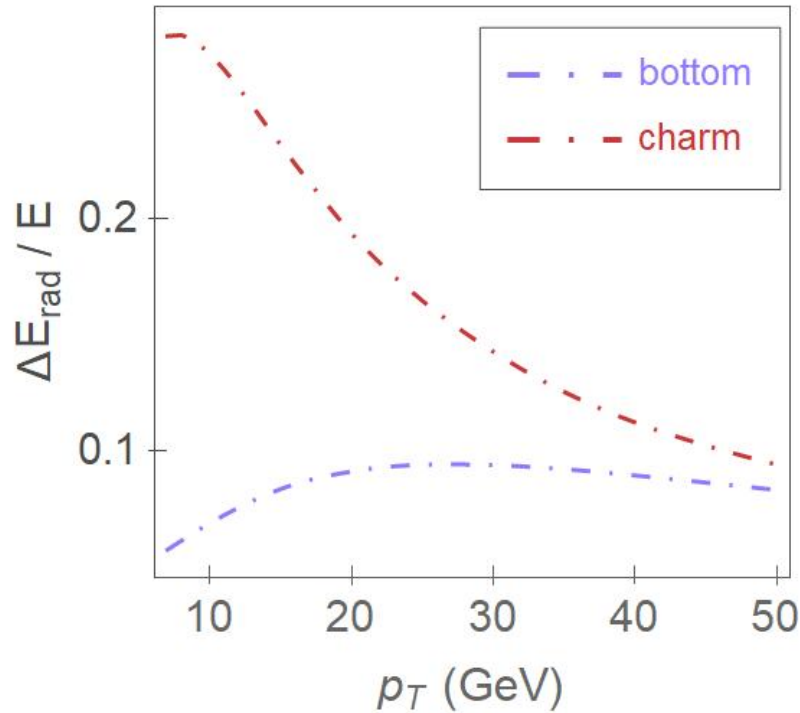
At higher  $p_T$ :

Nearly flat radiative  $R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$  only important.

$R_{AA}$  vs.  $p_T$  pattern consequence of **mass hierarchy** in **collisional** and **radiative** energy losses



## II. Mass hierarchy in energy loss mechanisms

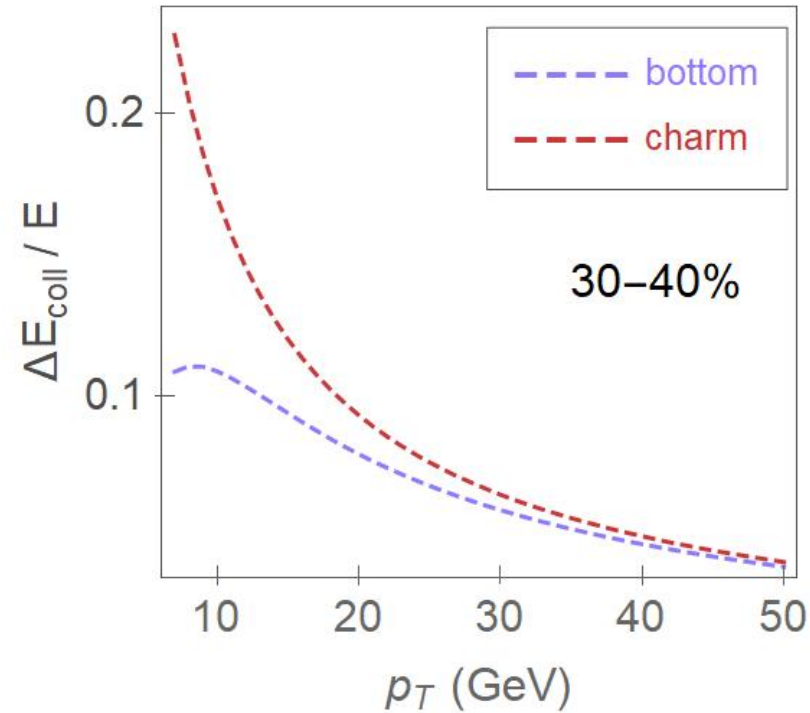


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PRC 94, 044908



The **dead-cone effect (DCE)**, i.e., the mass hierarchy in **radiative energy loss**.

DCE: gluons's radiation off heavy quark is suppressed at  $\theta < M/E$  compared to massless parton.



PRC 74, 064907; PRC 93, 014901; NPA 931,  
581; arXiv:0812.0270



Importantly: Obtained clear mass hierarchy in **collisional energy loss** also!



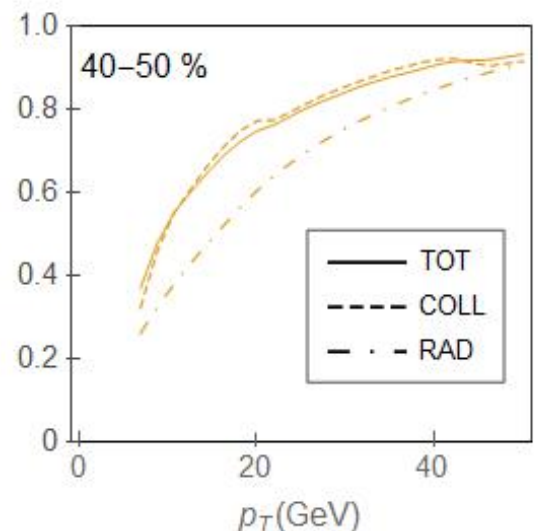
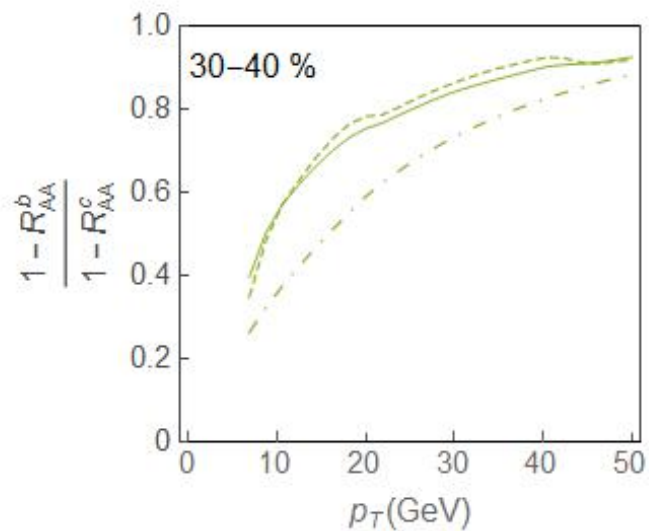
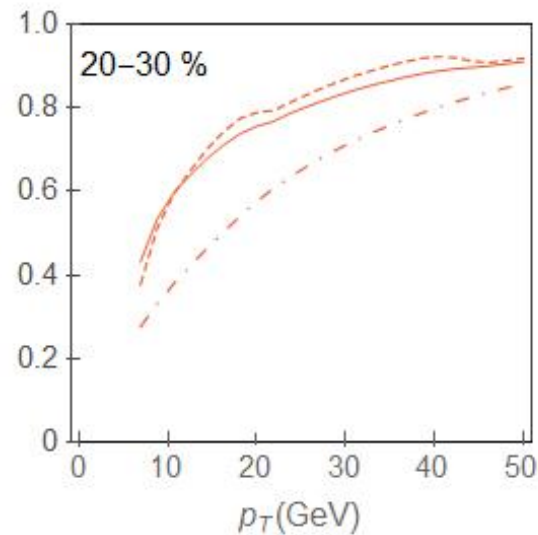
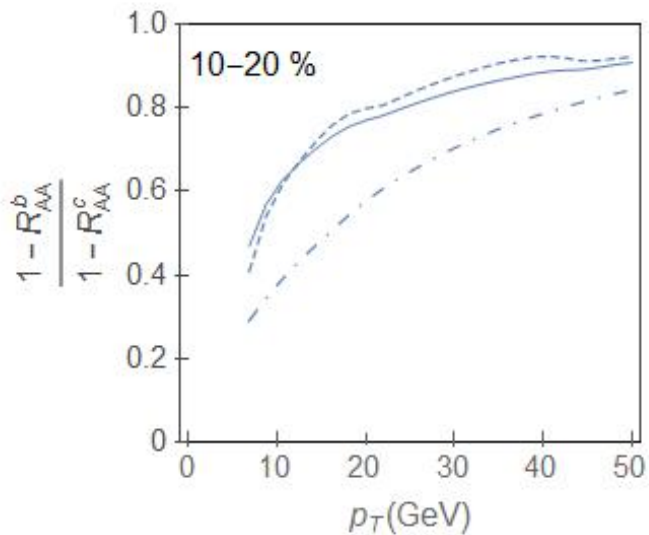
Which **observable** could quantify this effect?

**Proposition:**  
 $f(1 - R_{AA})$ , as being particularly sensitive to parton energy loss solely.

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# Search for an observable



Unexpectedly:  
For all centralities  
TOT and COLL  
ratios  
nearly  
overlapping!



Collisional  
contribution in the  
origin of heavy  
flavor  $1 - R_{AA}$



$1 - R_{AA}$  ratio might disclose mass hierarchy in collisional energy loss.

# Analytical derivation: Which information does the new observable carry?

Convolution of initial parton  $p_T$  distribution and collisional energy loss:

$$\frac{d\sigma^f}{dp_T^2} = \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) \frac{d\sigma^i(p_T + \varepsilon)}{dp_T^2} = \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) \frac{d\sigma^i(p_T)}{dp_T^2} + \int d\varepsilon D(\varepsilon) \frac{\varepsilon}{1!} \frac{d}{dp_T} \left( \frac{d\sigma^i(p_T)}{dp_T^2} \right) + \dots$$

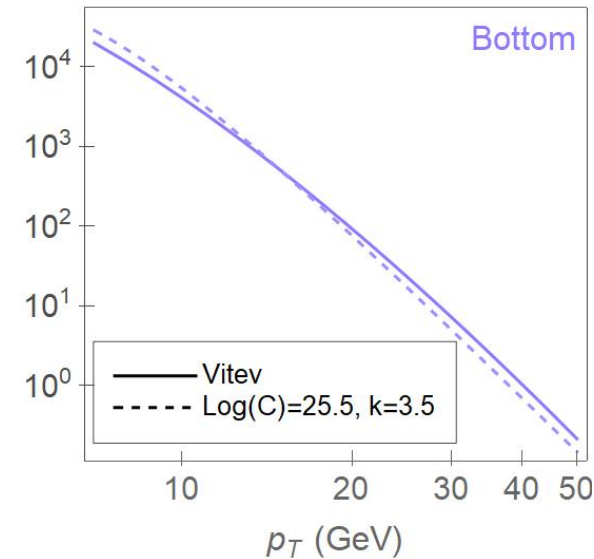
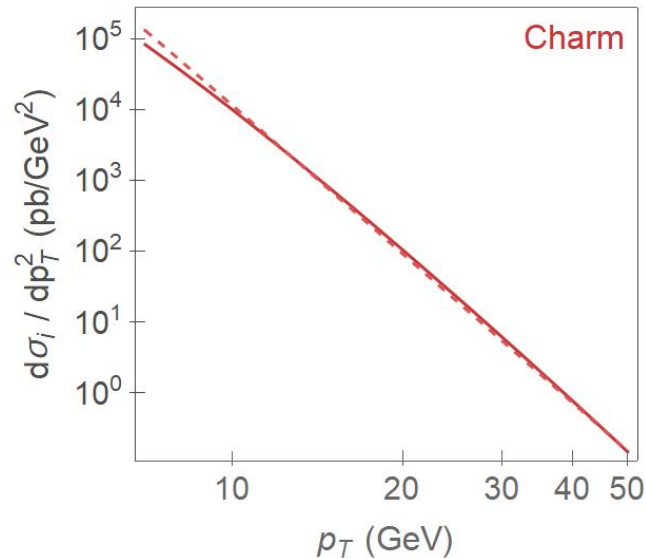
$$\simeq \frac{d\sigma^i}{dp_T^2} + \Delta E_{coll} \frac{d}{dp_T} \left( \frac{d\sigma^i}{dp_T^2} \right)$$

JHEP 09, 033; PRC 72, 014905

Initial distribution parameterization:

$$\frac{d\sigma^i}{dp_T^2} = \frac{C}{(p_T^2 + M^2)^k}$$

PRC 71, 064904



PLB 718, 482; PRC 80, 054902

⇒ The same  $C$  and  $k$  for bottom and charm.



# Analytical derivation: Which information does the new observable carry?

Suppression:

$$R_{AA} = \frac{d\sigma^f}{dp_T^2} / \frac{d\sigma^i}{dp_T^2} \quad \text{PRC 71, 064904}$$

$$1 - R_{AA} \approx 2k \frac{p_T}{E} \frac{\Delta E_{coll}}{E}$$

Collisional energy loss:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{coll}}{E} \sim \frac{1}{Ev^2} \left( v + \frac{v^2 - 1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+v}{1-v} \right) \right)$$

$$v = \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{p_T^2 + M^2}}$$

NPB 351 (3), 491

Mass dependence of collisional energy loss:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{coll}}{E} \sim \frac{1}{p_T} \left[ 1 - \frac{M^2}{p_T^2} \ln(2) + \left( \frac{M}{p_T} \right)^{\frac{M}{p_T} + 1} - \frac{M}{p_T} \right]$$

Mass dependence of  $1 - R_{AA}$  ratio:

$$1 - R_{AA} \sim \frac{2k}{p_T} \left[ 1 - \frac{M^2}{p_T^2} \left( \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{M}{p_T} \right)^{\frac{M}{p_T} + 1} - \frac{M}{p_T} \right]$$

Dominant terms

$$\frac{1 - R_{AA}^b}{1 - R_{AA}^c} \approx \frac{1 - \frac{M_b}{p_T}}{1 - \frac{M_c}{p_T}}$$

Carries information about mass hierarchy in collisional energy loss!

New observable

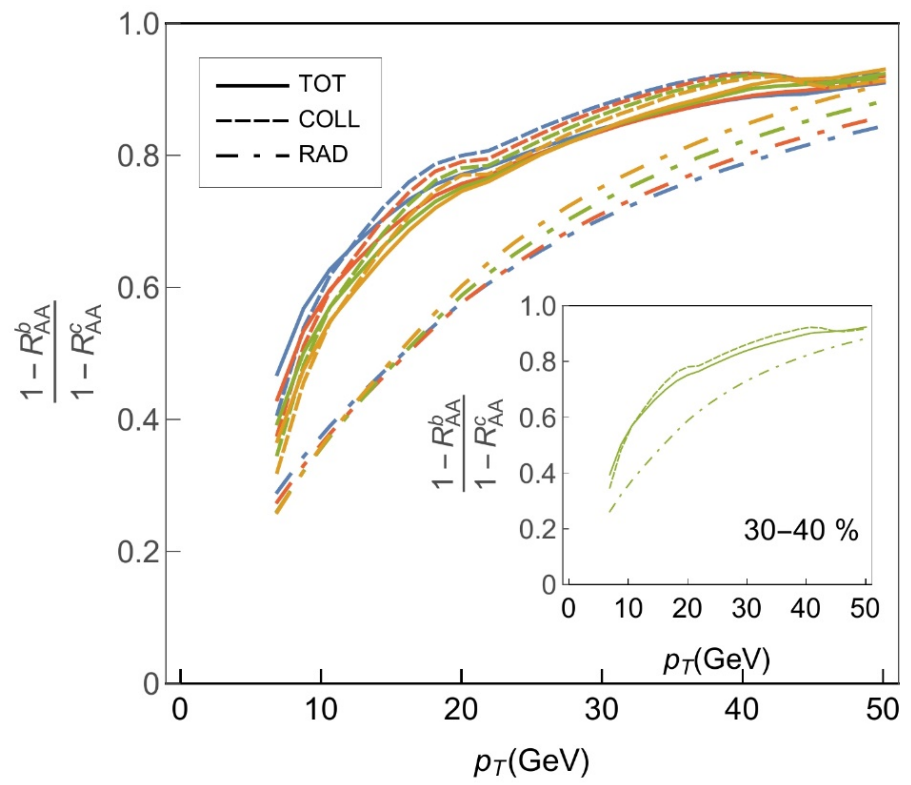
# The new observable $\frac{1-R_{AA}^b}{1-R_{AA}^c}$

Unexpectedly simple relation:

$$\frac{1-R_{AA}^b}{1-R_{AA}^c} \approx \frac{1-\frac{M_b}{p_T}}{1-\frac{M_c}{p_T}}$$

It is independent of:

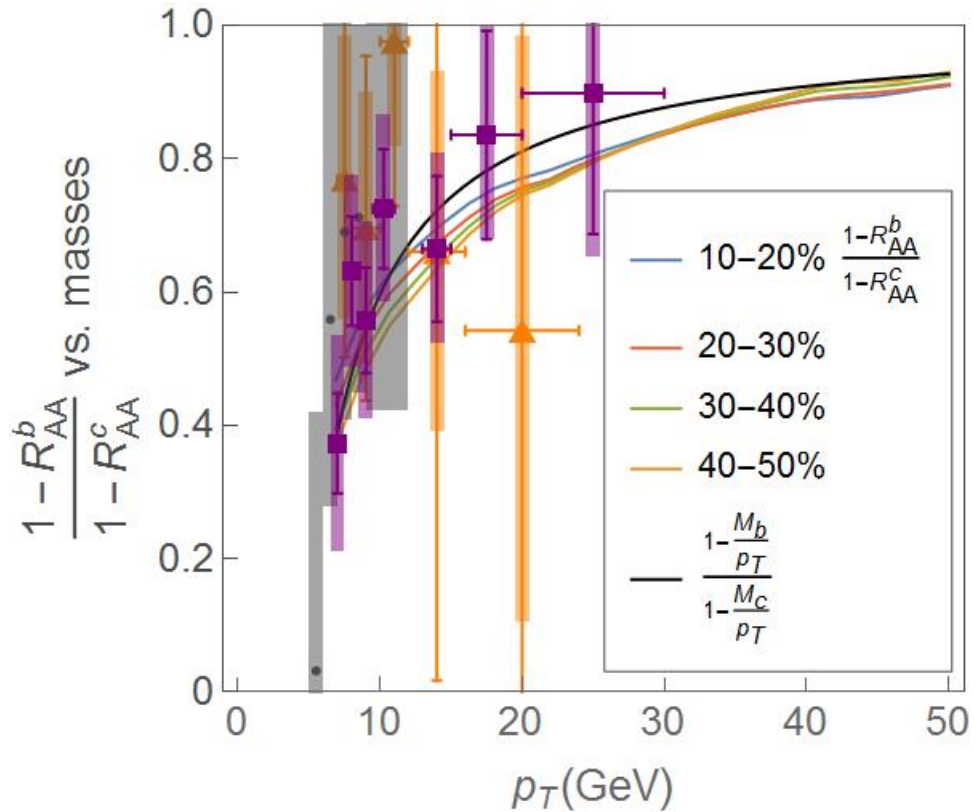
- The collision centrality
- The collision system (size)
- The collision energy



The new observable - applicable to both the RHIC and the LHC experiments.

$$\frac{1-R_{AA}^b}{1-R_{AA}^c} \approx \frac{1-\frac{M_b}{p_T}}{1-\frac{M_c}{p_T}}$$

# Testing the adequacy of new observable $\frac{1-R_{AA}^b}{1-R_{AA}^c}$



■ Non-prompt J/ψ CMS: EPJC 78,509  
Average D ALICE: JHEP 1810,174

● PHENIX (arXiv:2203.17058) 20-40% b/c

▲ ALICE Preliminary 30-50% non-prompt D0/D0

NEW

A good agreement between:

Data and our predictions  
(qualitatively and  
quantitatively)

Confirms  
adequacy of  
DREENA-C.

DREENA-C predictions  
and our analytical  
estimate  $\left(1 - \frac{M_b}{p_T}\right) / \left(1 - \frac{M_c}{p_T}\right)$   
(for all centralities).

Implies  
validity of  
our  
analysis.

Data and our  
analytical mass  
estimate.

Supports  
adequacy of  
proposed  
observable.

# Summary

- I. Unexpected and significantly different suppression patterns for different flavors - for differentiating between radiative and collisional contributions
- II. Focused on  $p_T < 50$  GeV region we:
  - Proposed an observable to unravel collisional from radiative energy loss
  - Derived an explicit relation between collisional suppression/energy loss and heavy quark mass
  - Verified the adequacy of the proposed observable against the data
  - Observable robust to collision centrality, system and energy

## Outlook: Specific guidelines for future experimental efforts

- I. Single particles measurements at higher  $p_T$
- II. Lower  $p_T$ , and higher precision measurements → accessible at both RHIC and LHC
- II. B meson suppression data would be beneficial
- II. B meson (non-prompt J/ψ, D0) and D meson suppression data should be provided for the same centrality bins

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# Backup

# DREENA-C: Numerical framework

- Heavy flavor production

Z.B. Kang, I. Vitev, H. Xing, PLB 718, 482; R. Sharma, I. Vitev, and B. W. Zhang, PRC 80, 054902

- Dynamical energy loss in a finite size QCD medium

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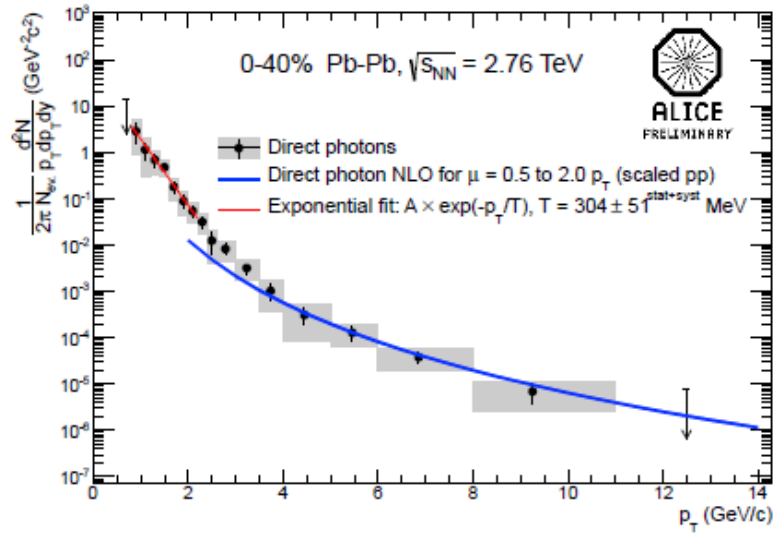
- Multi-gluon fluctuations

M. Gyulassy, P. Levai, I. Vitev, PLB 538, 282

S. Wicks, W. Horowitz, M. Djordjevic, M. Gyulassy, NPA 784, 426

- Path-length fluctuations

A. Dainese, EPJ C33, 495; S. Wicks, W. Horowitz, M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, NPA 784, 426; D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, JPG 46, 085101



ALICE: NPA 904-905 573c

( $T_{eff}$ ) of 304 MeV for 0-40% centrality

2.76 TeV Pb+Pb

$$T^3 \sim \frac{dN_g}{dy} \rightarrow T = c \left( \frac{dN_g}{N_{part}} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$V \sim N_{part} \qquad \frac{dN_g}{N_{part}} \sim \frac{dN_{ch}}{N_{part}/2}$$

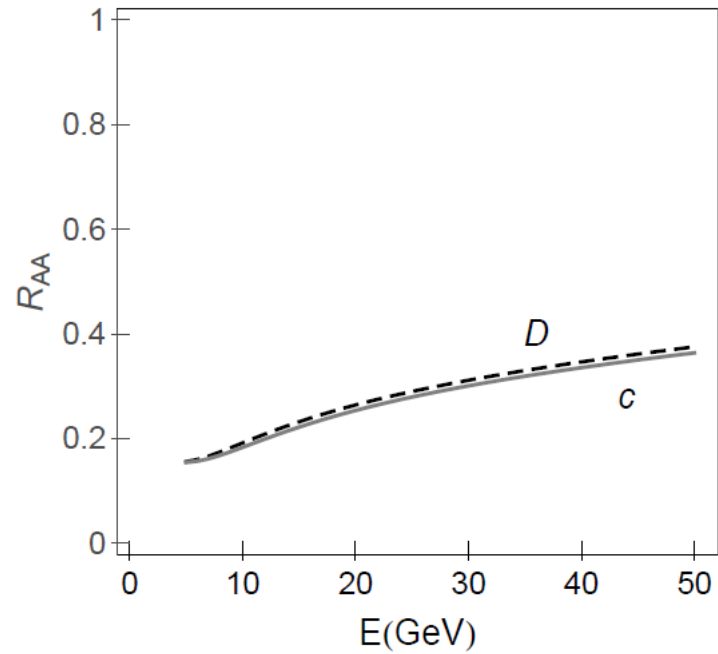
For each centrality region.

measured

M. Gyulassy, P. Levai and I. Vitev, NPB 594 371

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$$\frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_f}{dp_f^3} = \frac{E_i d^3 \sigma_i(Q)}{dp_i^3} \otimes P(E_i \rightarrow E_f)$$

PRL 112, no.4, 042302 (2014)

D and B mesons (non-prompt J/Ψ....)  $R_{AA}$  present genuine charm and bottom probe's suppression.

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M. Djordjevic, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, no.4, 042302 (2014)

M. Djordjevic, Phys. Lett. B 763, 439-444 (2016)

