



# Heavy Flavor and Quarkonia



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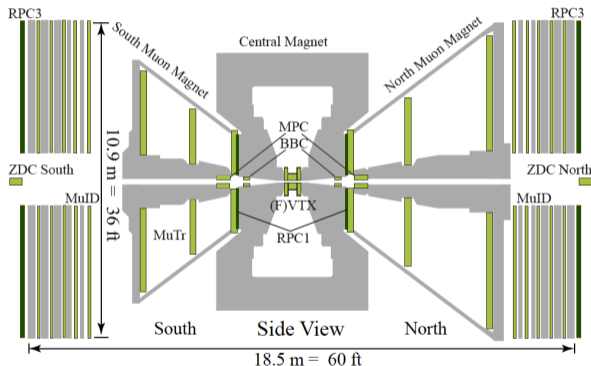
# Brief Introduction

## Quarkonia & Heavy Flavor Overview

Three recent PHENIX analyses focus on the following collision systems and investigate the following:

- 2013  $p+p$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV
  - 2014  ${}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ ,  $\text{Au}+\text{Au}$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
  - 2015  $p+p$ ,  $p+\text{Al}$ ,  $p+\text{Au}$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
  - 2016  $d+\text{Au}$ ,  $\text{Au}+\text{Au}$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
- ① Do we see evidence for multi-parton interactions at RHIC energies?
  - ② Are there final state effects on charmonium production in  $p+p$  collisions?
  - ③ Is there evidence of mass ordering for charged hadron vs. open heavy flavor  $v_2$ ?

# PHENIX Muon Arms



**South arm:  $-2.2 < \eta < -1.2$**

**North arm:  $1.2 < \eta < 2.4$**

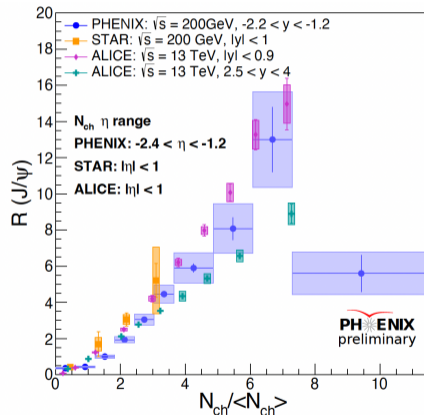
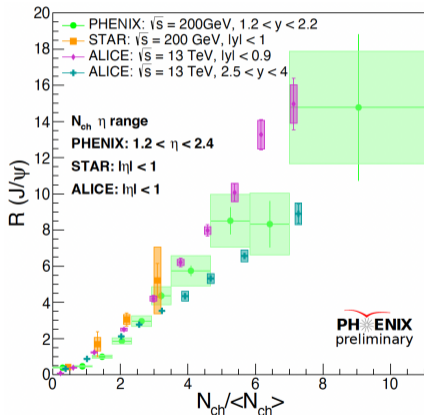
- **Forward Silicon Vertex Detector (FVTX)**
  - 4 layers of silicon strip stations for precision measurement of track trajectory
  - Charged particle multiplicity
- **Muon Tracker (MuTr)**
  - 3 cathode strip chambers measure momentum of charged tracks
- **Muon Identifier (MuID)**
  - 5 layers of steel absorbers for hadron and muon separation



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# Quarkonia & Heavy Flavor Results

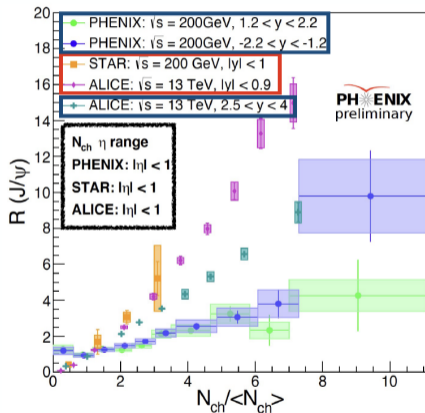
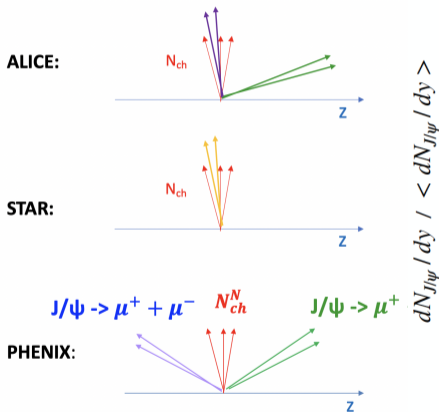
# Multiplicity Dependent $J/\psi$ Production

  
**NEW RESULT**


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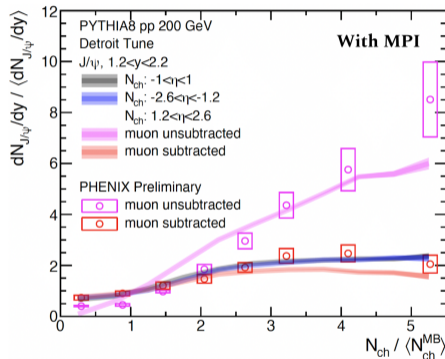
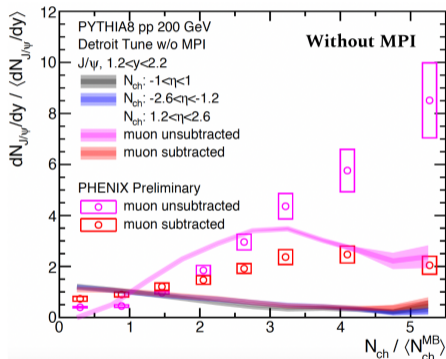
- First PHENIX measurement of relative  $J/\psi$  yields  $R$  vs. normalized event charged particle multiplicity  $N_{ch}/\langle N_{ch} \rangle$  in  $p+p$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=200 \text{ GeV}$

# Multiplicity Dependent $J/\psi$ Production

  
**NEW RESULT**


- Multiplicity dependent measurements vary based on rapidity of  $N_{ch}$
- After  $J/\psi$  tracks subtracted, PHENIX multiplicity dependence similar at fwd, bkwd rapidity

# Multiplicity Dependent $J/\psi$ Production

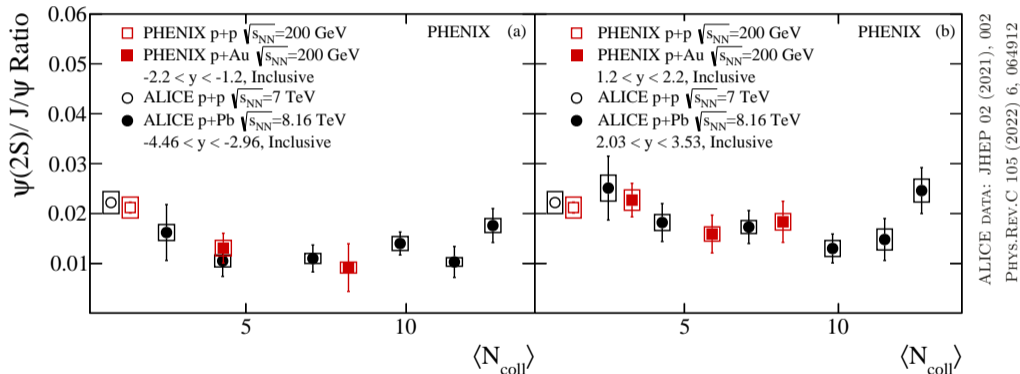
  
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- $J/\psi$  relative yields compared with PYTHIA8 Detroit tune for RHIC energies
- Data is shown for  $J/\psi$  multiplicity both before and after  $J/\psi$  tracks subtracted
  - **Multi-parton interactions are required to reproduce PHENIX data**

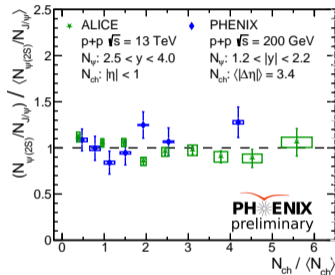
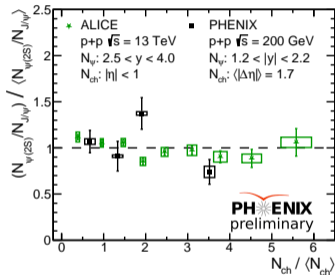
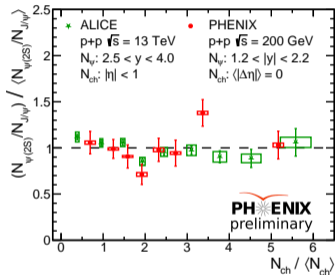


## $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$ Ratio at RHIC and LHC



- The  $\psi(2S)$  to  $J/\psi$  ratio in  $p+p$  collisions at RHIC, LHC show no clear energy dependence
- **Comparison of the  $p+A$  to  $p+p$  ratio strongly suggests final state effects** in  $p+A$  collisions at backward rapidity, as initial state effects expected to largely cancel

# Multiplicity Dependent $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$


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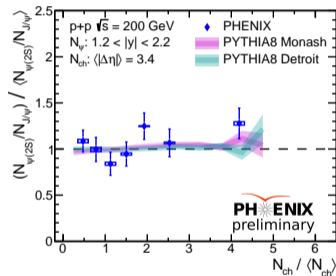
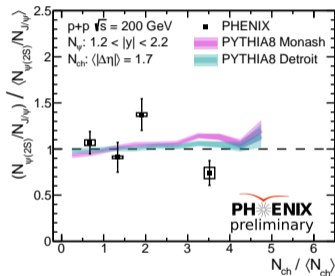
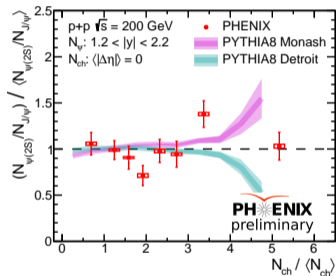
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- Multiplicity-dependent studies in small systems provide a testing ground for examining the onset of QGP-like effects
- PHENIX ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV) and ALICE ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=13$  TeV) results consistent, with **weak multiplicity dependence more or less consistent with unity**
  - Note that ALICE results have charged particle multiplicity measured at mid-rapidity

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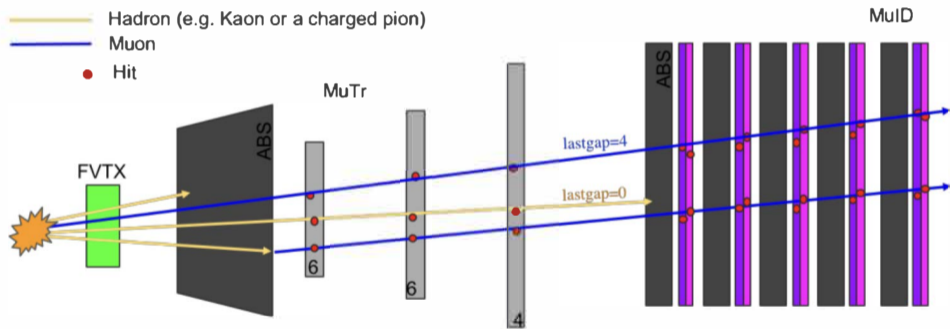
## Multiplicity Dependent $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$

**PHENIX**  
NEW RESULT



- $\psi(2S)$  to  $J/\psi$  ratios shown with particle multiplicity measured in different  $|\Delta\eta|$  ranges
- **Co-moving particle or QGP related final state effects appear to be small** in RHIC  $p+p$  collisions, with minimal change in ratio with increasing particle multiplicity
  - Overall, both PYTHIA tunes with MPI describe measurements well at lower multiplicity

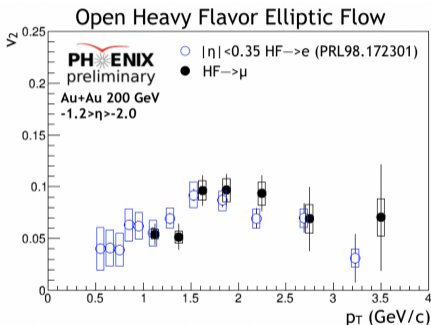
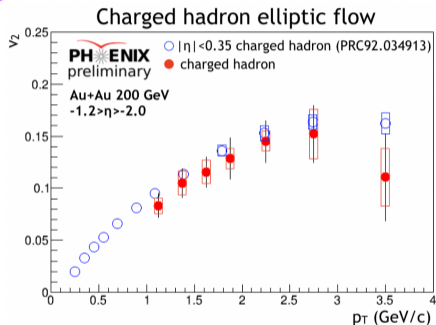
# Open Heavy Flavor $v_2$ at RHIC


  
 NEW RESULT


- Charged hadron tracks shown stopping in Muon Arm absorber, last gap 0 of MuID
- Heavy flavor muon tracks shown penetrating the full length of Muon Identifier

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## Open Heavy Flavor $v_2$ at RHIC



- First-ever RHIC measurement of open heavy flavor elliptic flow at forward rapidity
  - **Open heavy flavor  $v_2$  consistent with PHENIX mid-rapidity results**
- Mass ordering apparent where lighter charged hadrons (left) show stronger elliptic flow
  - Only 2014 data shown (2016 data will increase statistics  $\sim 4$  times)

## Conclusion

### SMALL SYSTEM COLLISIONS

 $p+p$ 

- Multiplicity dependent  $J/\psi$  varies based on  $\eta$  of charged particle tracks
  - PHENIX data well described by PYTHIA Detroit tune with MPI
    - $\Rightarrow$  Evidence for MPI at RHIC energies
- $\psi(2S)$  to  $J/\psi$  ratio in  $p+p$  collisions shows weak dependence on multiplicity
  - $\Rightarrow$  No evidence for  $\psi(2S)$  final state effects in  $p+p$  collisions at RHIC

### LARGE SYSTEM COLLISIONS

 $A+A$ 

- First RHIC measurement of open heavy flavor  $v_2$  at forward rapidity
  - Results consistent with PHENIX mid-rapidity measurements, suggesting similar QGP effects (temperature/pressure gradients) at both rapidities
    - $\Rightarrow$  Mass ordering observed at forward rapidity



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Back-Up

# PHENIX, Past & Present



## PHENIX Overview

- **2000–2016**  
PHENIX recorded heavy-ion data at RHIC for 16 years
- **Publications**  
PHENIX has 215 physics papers published (75 in *Phys. Rev. Lett.*)
- **Presentations/Theses**  
**Zenodo** contains ~400 materials
- **Recent Highlights**  
2023 direct photon measurement **BNL News Release**

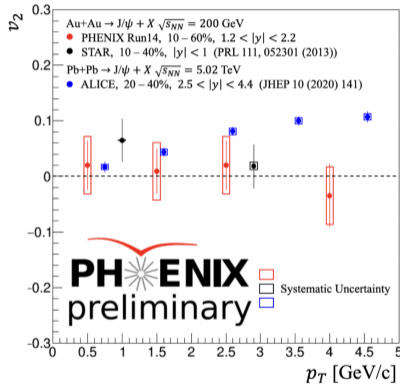
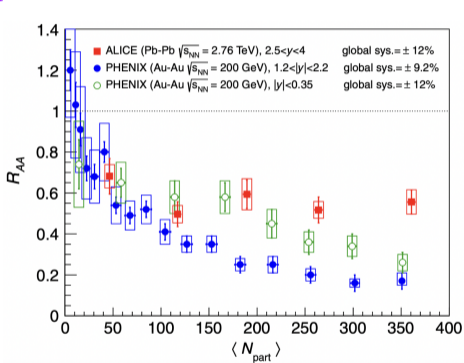
## Data Preservation

- **2021–Present**  
Efforts led by Gabor David, Maxim Potekhin, Christine Nattrass and team of undergraduates at UT Knoxville
- **Publications**  
PHENIX data from ~200 PHENIX publications uploaded to HEPData
- **Present**  
Still have PHENIX data from ~30 publications to upload



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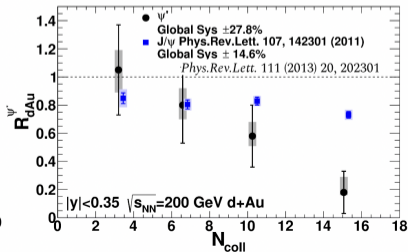
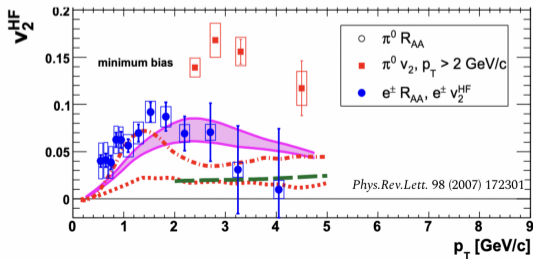
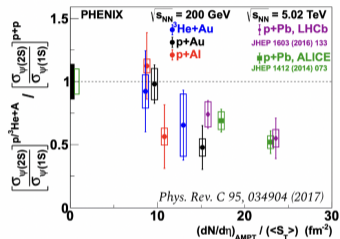
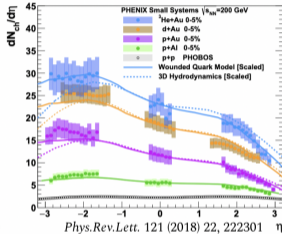
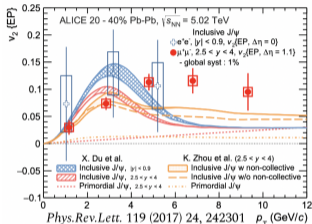
## $J/\psi$ in A+A Collisions at RHIC (LHC)


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- PHENIX  $J/\psi$   $R_{AA}$  shows stronger suppression than ALICE at both forward and mid-rapidity
  - Regeneration effects modify charmonia measurements at LHC energies
- At RHIC energies, regeneration not as significant  $\rightarrow J/\psi$  flow consistent with zero

# Motivation for Current Work



# Recent PHENIX Heavy Ion Talks

QM 2022, WWND 2023, DIS 2023, and HP 2023 (all talks hyperlinked)

[Charm and bottom quark energy loss and flow measurements in Au+Au collisions by PHENIX](#)

[J/ψ forward rapidity azimuthal anisotropy in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV measured by PHENIX](#)

[Nuclear modification of hard scattering processes in small systems at PHENIX](#)

[J/ψ and ψ\(2S\) production in small systems with PHENIX](#)

[Low p<sub>T</sub> direct photon production at RHIC measured with PHENIX](#)

[Exploring jet modification via γ-hadron and π<sup>0</sup>-hadron correlations in Au+Au collisions at PHENIX](#)

[Study of multiplicity-dependent charmonia production in p+p collisions at PHENIX](#)

[Systematic study of the energy loss in QGP at RHIC-PHENIX](#)

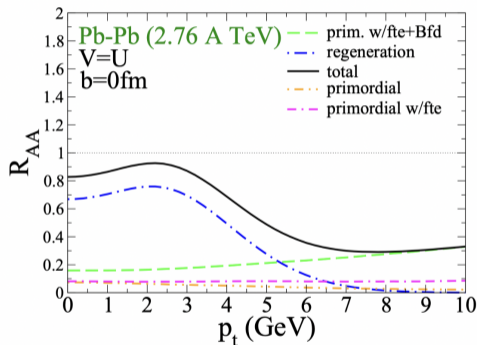
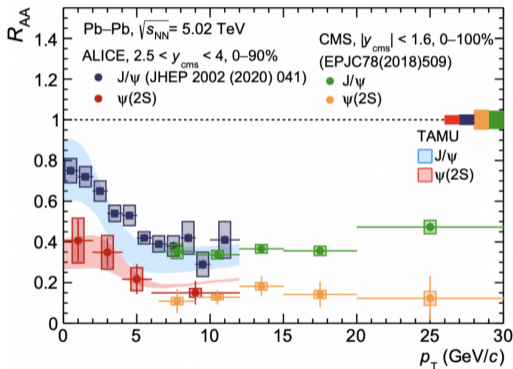
[Transverse single spin asymmetries of charged hadrons from p+p, p+Al, and p+Au collisions in PHENIX](#)

[Recent longitudinal spin asymmetry and cross section results at PHENIX](#)

[Transverse single-spin asymmetry of midrapidity π<sup>0</sup> and η mesons in p+Al and p+Au collisions at PHENIX](#)

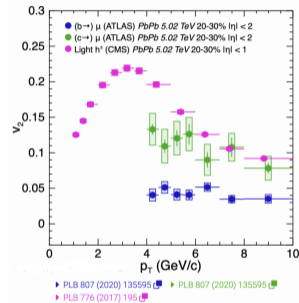
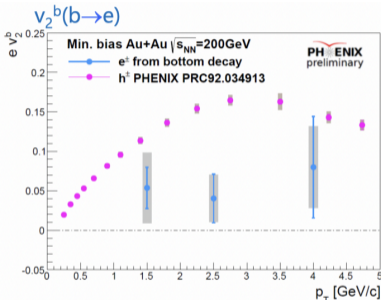
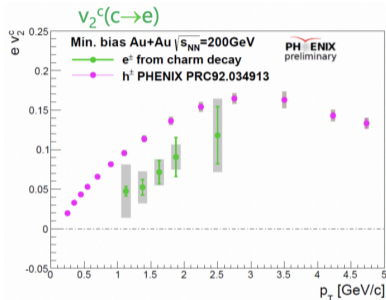
[PHENIX measurements of azimuthal anisotropy of heavy flavor hadrons and J/ψ in Au+Au collisions](#)

# Charmonia in PbPb Collisions



- $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$   $R_{AA}$  strongly suppressed at high  $p_T$  - consistent with CMS results
- Transport Model predictions expect sizeable regeneration at LHC energies
  - $q\bar{q}$  pairs close in phase space can recombine to form a quarkonium state

# Charm & Bottom $v_2$ in A+A Collisions



- PHENIX  $v_2$  at central rapidity show mass ordering consistent with  $R_{AA}$  results
- Elliptic flow results for charm and bottom differ at RHIC and LHC energies
- PHENIX is currently working to extend these measurements to forward rapidity
  - Necessary for a more complete understanding of heavy flavor interactions with QGP

# Charged Particle Multiplicity

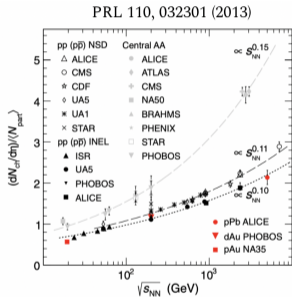


FIG. 2 (color online). Charged-particle pseudorapidity density at midrapidity normalized to the number of participants, calculated with the Glauber model, for  $p + \text{Pb}$ ,  $p + \text{Au}$ , and  $d + \text{Au}$  [8,9] collisions as a function of  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ , compared to NSD [10–16] and inelastic [12,17–19]  $pp$  ( $p\bar{p}$ ) collisions as well as central heavy-ion [19–30] collisions. The curves  $\propto s_{NN}^{0.11}$  and  $s_{NN}^{0.15}$  (from Ref. [28]) are superimposed on the NSD  $pp$  ( $p\bar{p}$ ) and central heavy-ion data, respectively, while  $\propto s_{NN}^{0.10}$  (from Ref. [18]) is superimposed on the inelastic  $pp$  ( $p\bar{p}$ ) data.

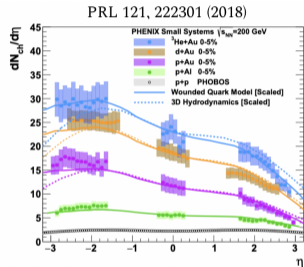


FIG. 1. Charged hadron  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  as a function of pseudorapidity in high-multiplicity 0%-5% central  $^3\text{He} + \text{Au}$ ,  $d + \text{Au}$ ,  $p + \text{Au}$ , and  $p + \text{Al}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ . Also shown are results in inelastic  $p + p$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  as measured by the PHOBOS Collaboration [27]. Predictions from the wounded-quark [3] and hydrodynamical [4] models are shown. The calculations have an overall normalization factor ( $S$ ) to best match the data. These factors are  $S = 0.88, 0.93, 0.85, 0.77$  for the wounded quark model for  $p + \text{Al}$ ,  $p + \text{Au}$ ,  $d + \text{Au}$ ,  $^3\text{He} + \text{Au}$  respectively, and  $S = 0.81, 0.96, 0.75$  for the hydrodynamical model for  $p + \text{Au}$ ,  $d + \text{Au}$ ,  $^3\text{He} + \text{Au}$  respectively.

### Radial and Elliptic Flow at RHIC: Further Predictions

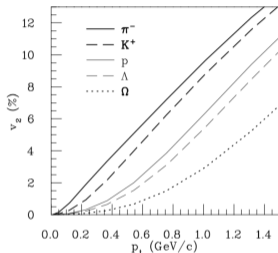
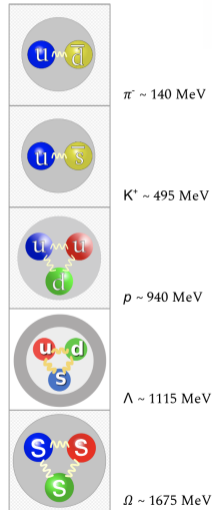


FIG. 3.  $p_t$ -differential elliptic flow at midrapidity for various hadrons from minimum bias Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 130$  A GeV for EOS Q(120).

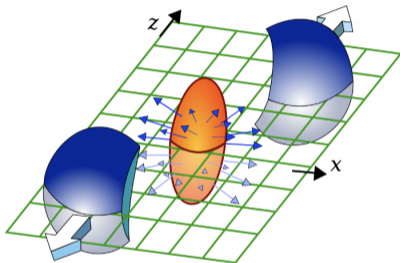
Figure 3 shows the differential momentum anisotropy  $v_2(p_t)$  for different hadron species for EOS Q and  $T_f \approx 120$  MeV. At a given value of  $p_t$ , the elliptic flow is seen to decrease with increasing particle mass. This is a consequence of rest-mass-dependent radial flow effects on the shape of the single-particle  $p_t$ -spectrum, as will be analytically discussed in the following section.

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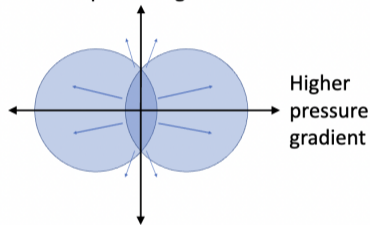
3. *Analytical results.*— In the remainder we try to understand the hydrodynamic behaviour of  $v_2(p_t)$  and its dependence on the hadron mass and freeze-out temperature, using a simple analytical model. Before going into the technical details we give a simple intuitive argument why, at small  $p_t$ , the elliptic flow of heavier particles is smaller than for lighter ones. It is well-known that radial flow shifts the  $p_t$ -distributions to larger values of  $p_t$ , and that for nonrelativistic  $p_t < m$  this effect increases with the particle mass  $m$  and the radial flow velocity ( $v_\perp$ ). In the extreme case of a thin shell expanding at high velocity, the spectrum actually develops a relative minimum at  $p_t = 0$  and a peak at nonzero  $p_t$  (“blast wave peak” [19]), and with increasing mass and ( $v_\perp$ ) the peak shifts to larger  $p_t$ . Relative to the case without radial flow, the spectrum is thus depleted at small  $p_t$ , and the depletion as well as the  $p_t$  range over which it occurs increase with  $m$  and  $\langle v_\perp \rangle$ .



## Azimuthal anisotropy measurements



Lower pressure gradient

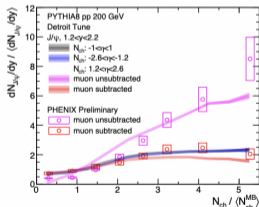
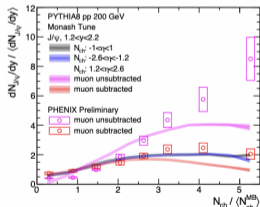
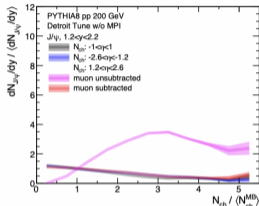
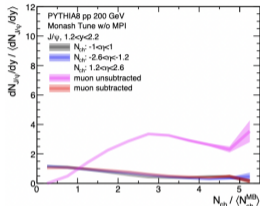


$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos n\varphi \quad v_n = \langle \cos n\varphi \rangle \quad \varepsilon_n = \frac{\sqrt{\langle r^n \cos n\varphi \rangle + \langle r^n \sin n\varphi \rangle}}{\langle r^n \rangle}$$

- Hydrodynamics translates initial shape (including fluctuations) into final state distribution

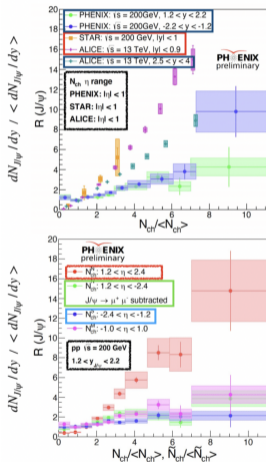


### 3. PHENIX Results - Comparison with PYTHIA8



#### Turn off the MPI effect

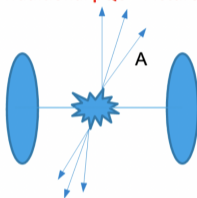
- Multiplicity at different acceptances and the same acceptance with subtraction (red): show a decreasing trend
- PYTHIA with MPI can better describe the data  
**MPI effect is important at 200 GeV**
- Monash Tune for the LHC energies  
Detroit Tune for the RHIC energies  
(\*Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 1, 016011)
- J/ψ at forward rapidity (1.2 < y < 2.2)  
Multiplicity at different (other) acceptance: similar multiplicity dependence between two tunes
- Multiplicity at same acceptance: slightly stronger dependence in **Detroit Tune** at high multiplicity
- Detroit Tune** shows a better agreement with the PHENIX results



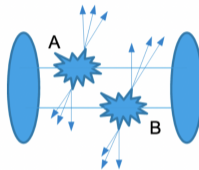
- $J/\psi$  at mid-rapidity:  
 Similar dependence between STAR\* (200 GeV) and ALICE (13 TeV)  
 \*Tracks from  $J/\psi$  are included in multiplicity calculation
  - $J/\psi$  at forward rapidity:  
 Stronger dependence in ALICE (13 TeV) than PHENIX\*\* (200 GeV)  
 \*\*Tracks from  $J/\psi$  are excluded in multiplicity calculation
- Different trends at different rapidity  
 rapidity-dependent MPI?  
 or contribution from  $J/\psi$  to multiplicity calculation?
- Measuring  $J/\psi$  and multiplicity in the same direction:  
 When including tracks from  $J/\psi$ ,  
 the multiplicity dependence becomes stronger  
 and comparable with the ALICE results
  - Measuring multiplicity in different directions:  
 Similar multiplicity dependence

## Multiparton Interactions (MPI)

Traditional pQCD Picture



Elaborated MPI Picture



- Hadronic collider at higher energy enables the phase space for MPI
  - Allow several semi-hard scatterings near the charmonium mass
- Traditional single hard scattering picture is insufficient
  - Typically 4 – 10 scatterings at LHC pp collisions
- MPI: influence charmonium production at high energy hadronic colliders
- Enhance of  $J/\psi$  production along with color reconnection model

# Multiparton Interactions (MPI)

Hard Partonic Scattering: Energetic partons scatter off each other with large momentum transfers. In the traditional pQCD picture, it is simply described as a single hard scattering between two partons in each collision. They can be calculated analytically by pQCD with Feynman diagrams to a very high precision [20]. At RHIC, the  $c\bar{c}$  pair production is dominated by gluon-gluon fusion:  $gg \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ .

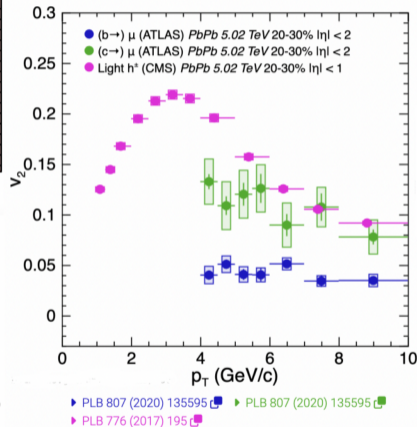
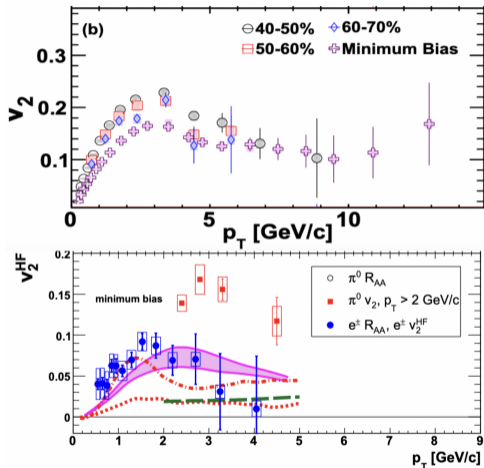
Multiple Parton Interaction (MPI): MPI is an elaborate paradigm to describe the partonic interaction stage at high-energy colliders at RHIC, Tevatron, and the LHC [21]. According to MPI, one hard scattering, accompanied by several semi-hard interactions, takes place in each collision. All of them need to be included in the partonic scattering amplitudes. At present, high-energy hadronic colliders create more phase space for MPI to occur. Many studies at the LHC suggest MPI should be included to better describe the data [22].

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The evidence for MPI comes from high  $p_T$  events observed in hadron collisions at the ISR at CERN [1] and later at the Fermilab Tevatron collider [2, 3, 4]. At lower  $p_T$ , underlying event (UE) observables have been measured in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions in dijet and Drell-Yan events at CDF in Run I [5] and Run II [6] at center-of-mass energies of  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$  TeV and 1.96 TeV respectively, and in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 900$  GeV in a detector-specific study by CMS [7].

At small transverse momentum MPI have been shown to be necessary for the successful description of the UE in Monte Carlo generators such as PYTHIA [8, 9, 10] or HERWIG [11, 12]. Additionally, MPI are currently invoked to account for observations at hadron colliders that would not be explained otherwise: the cross sections of multi-jet production, the survival probability of large rapidity gaps in hard diffraction, etc. [13]. The wide range of phenomena in which MPI are involved highlights the urgency of a more thorough understanding of these reactions both experimentally and from a theoretical point of view.

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