

SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF THE ENERGY LOSS IN QGP AT RHIC-PHENIX

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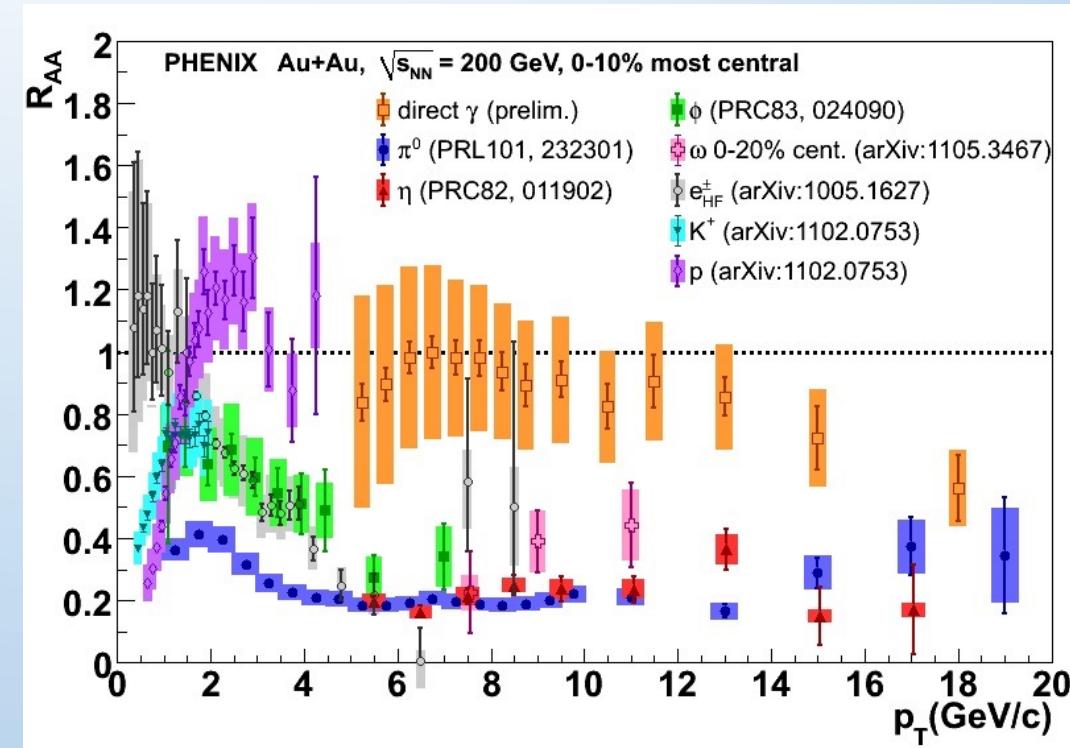
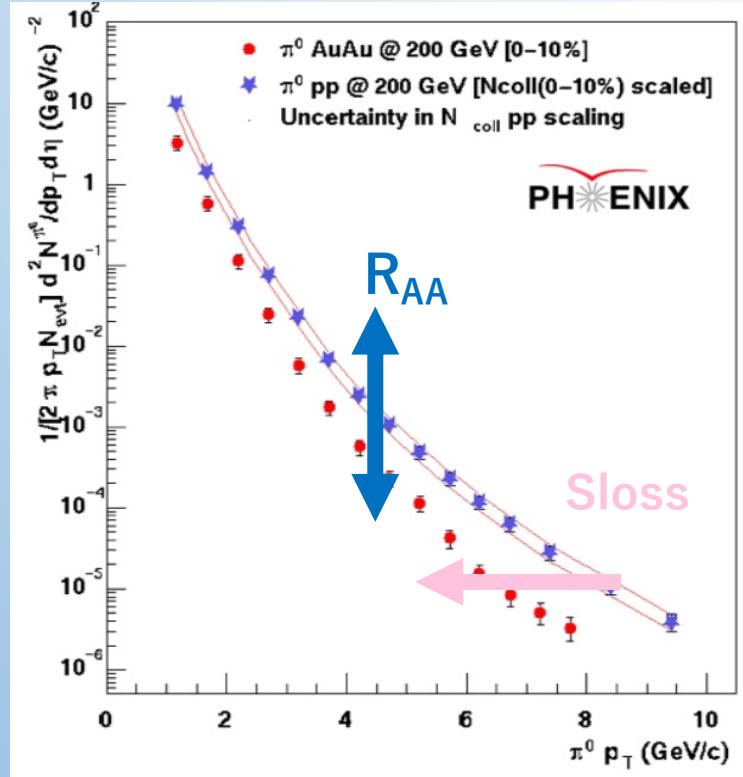
Charged hadron energy loss

Findings 1: Yield Suppression

R_{AA} : Nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AA} = \frac{Y_{AA}}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \sigma_{pp}}$$

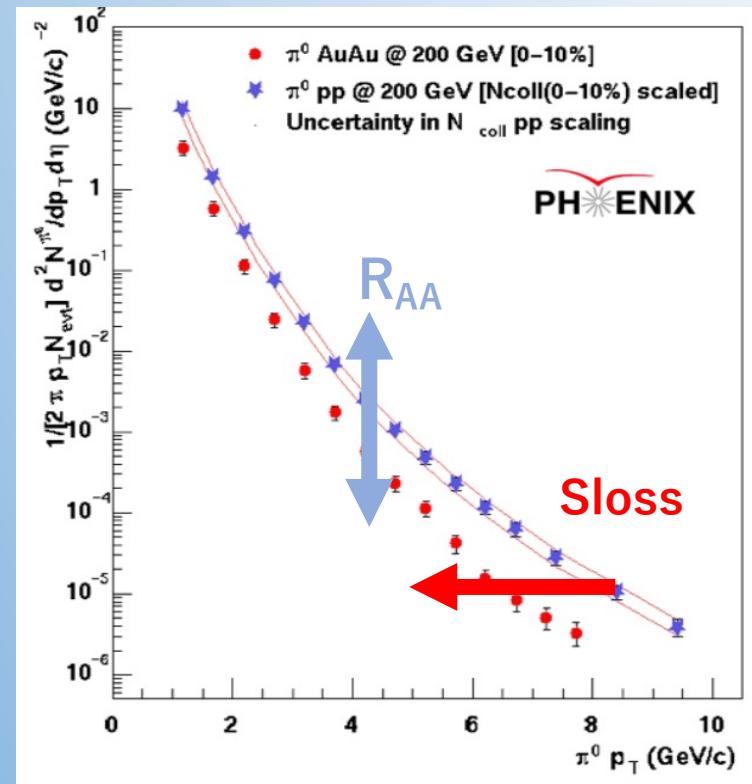
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 $R_{AA} < 1 \rightarrow$ Suppression



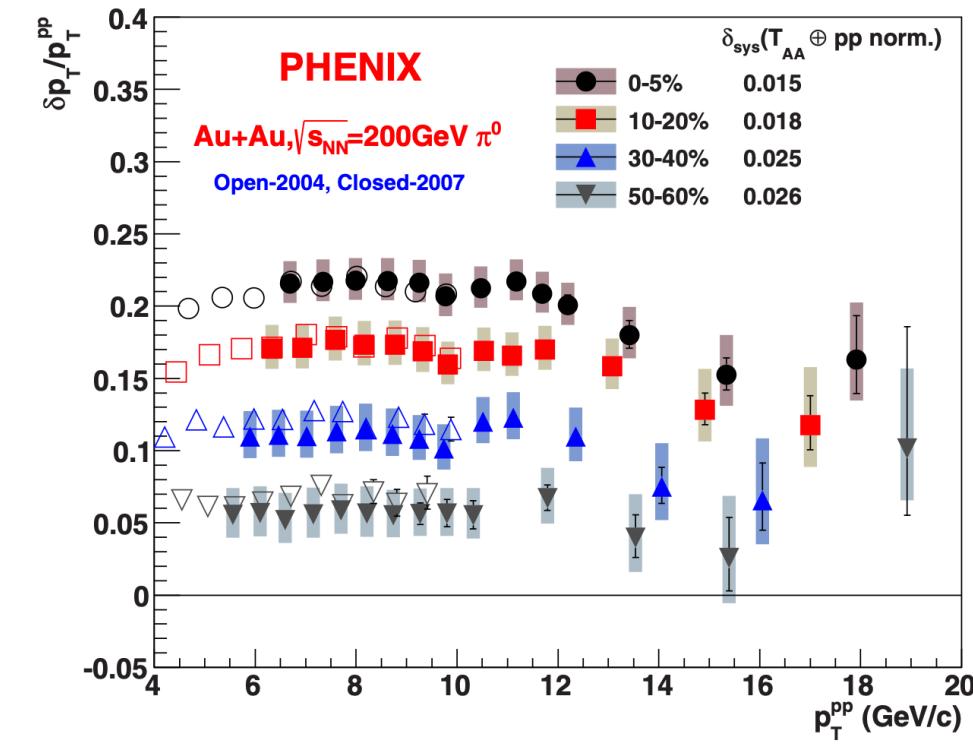
- High p_T hadron suppression has been observed.

Findings 2: Fractional momentum loss (S_{loss})

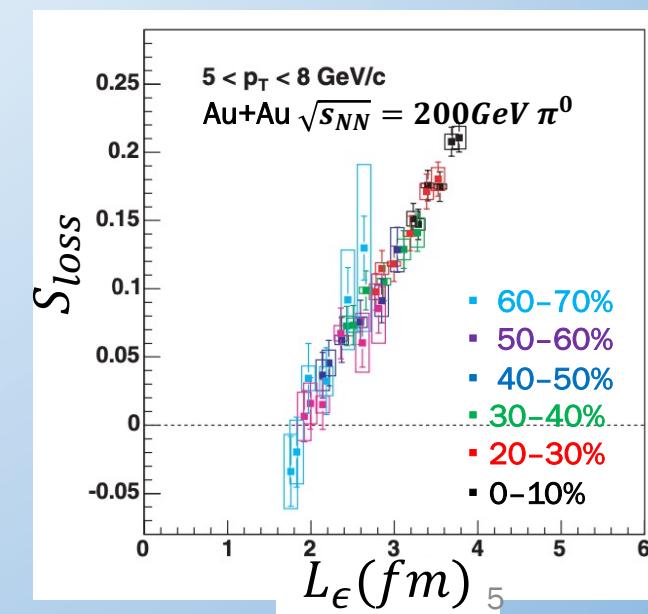
$$S_{\text{loss}} = \frac{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{pp}}(\text{scaled}) - p_{\text{T}}^{\text{AA}}}{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{pp}}(\text{scaled})}$$



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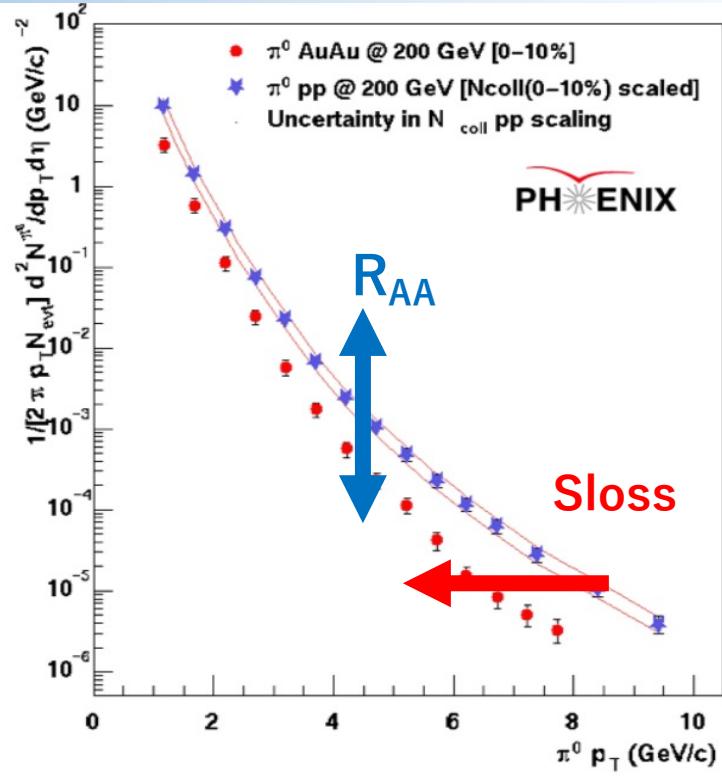


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- S_{loss} doesn't have strong dependence on p_{T} .
- Larger S_{loss} is seen with larger reaction area which is caused by more central collisions.
- S_{loss} depends on L_{ϵ} , an effective radius of the collision.

Motivation



R_{AA} : Nuclear modification factor

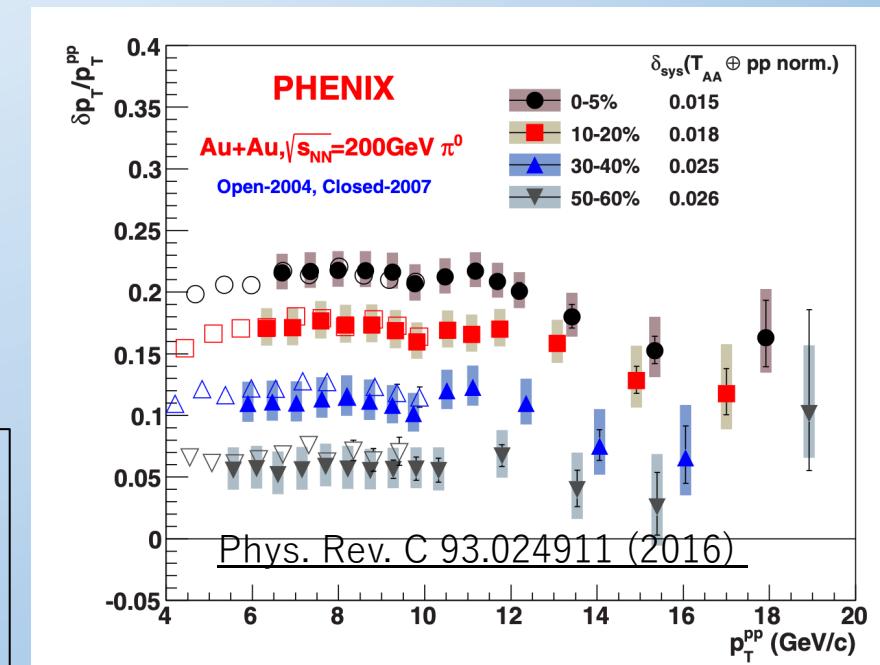
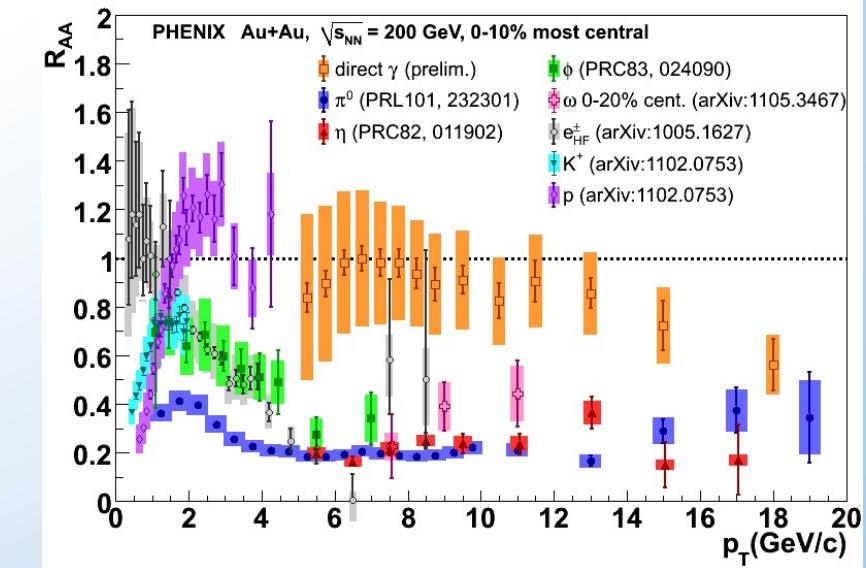
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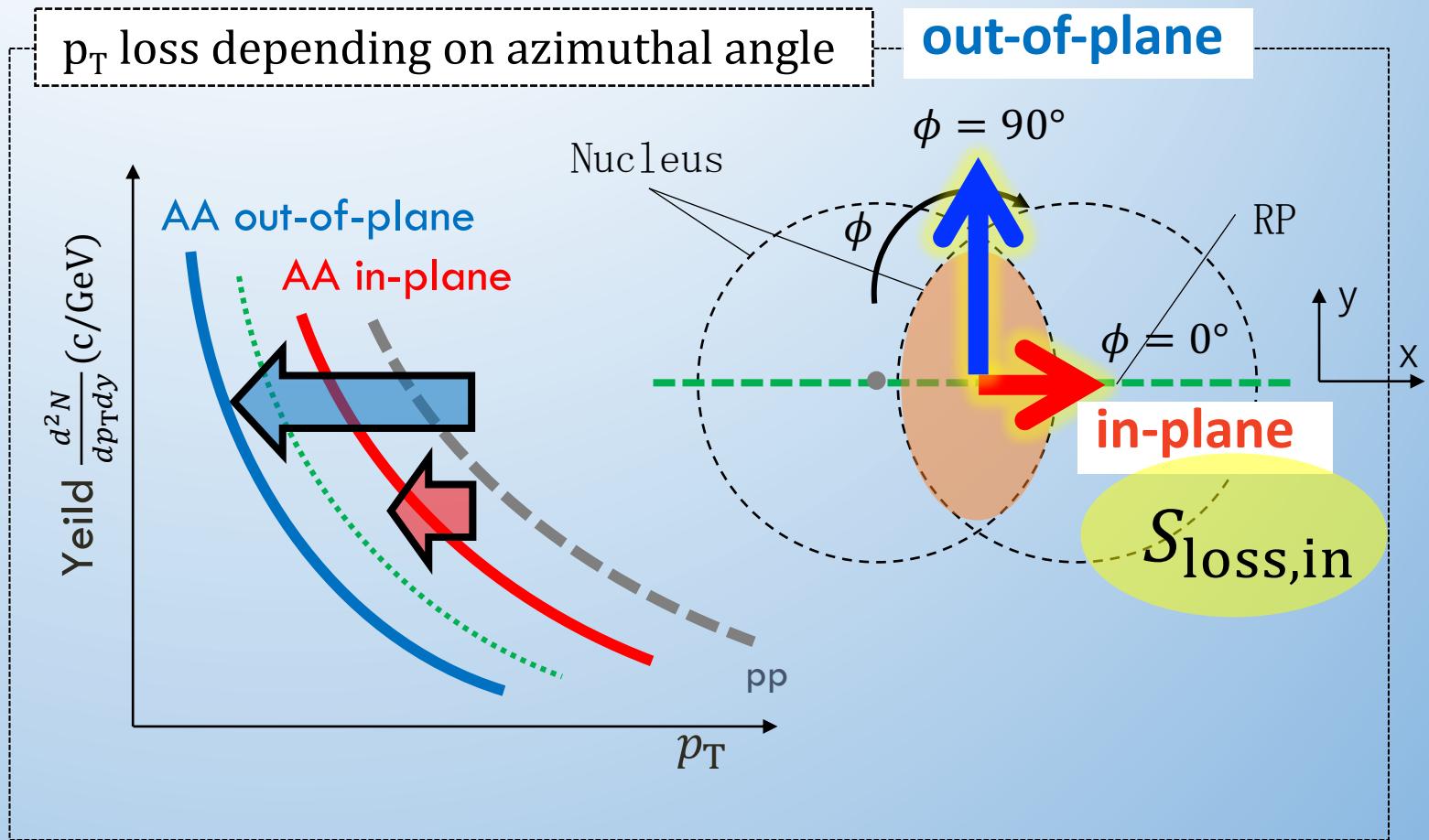
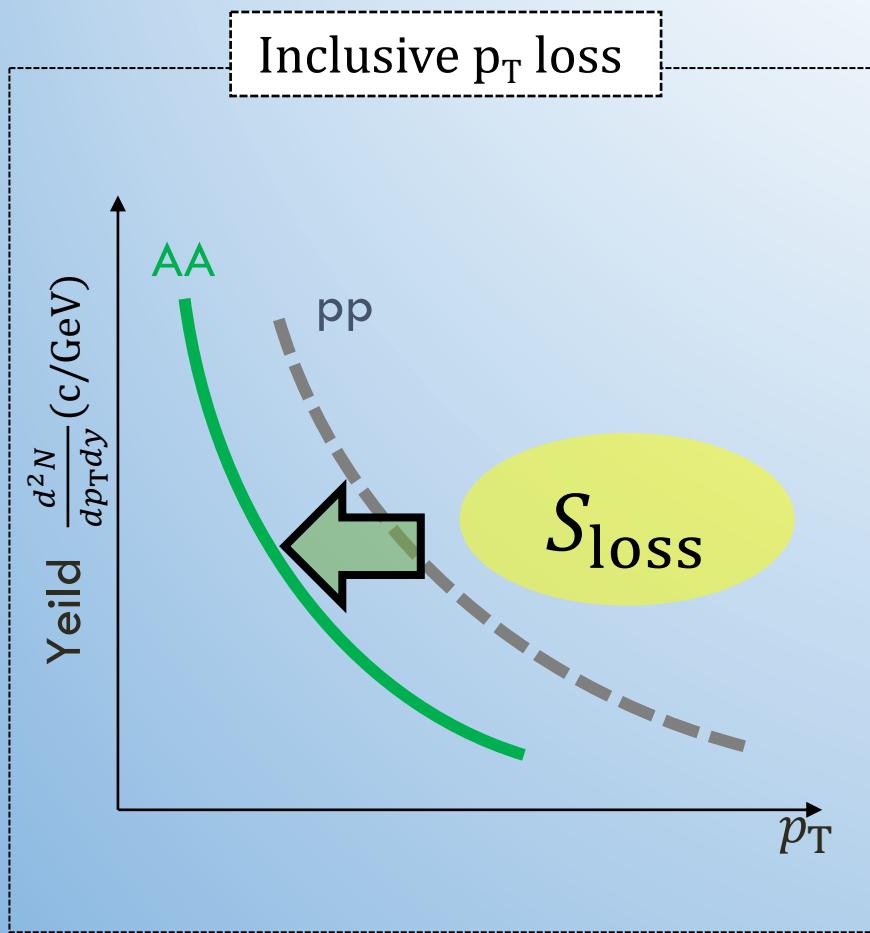
S_{loss} : the fractional momentum loss

$$S_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{pp}(\text{scaled}) - p_T^{AA}}{p_T^{pp}(\text{scaled})}$$

To understand S_{loss} behavior better,
we study the dependence of the size, density, and
azimuthal angle of the reaction region in AA
collision.



S_{loss} , $S_{\text{loss,in}}$ and $S_{\text{loss,out}}$



Analysis procedure

- ① In-plane spectra and out-of-plane spectra in A+A collision

azimuthal distribution of generated particle $\frac{dN(\phi)}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi$

in-plane ($\phi = 0^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{in} = \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \times (1 + 2v_2)$$

out-of-plane ($\phi = 90^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{out} = \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \times (1 - 2v_2)$$

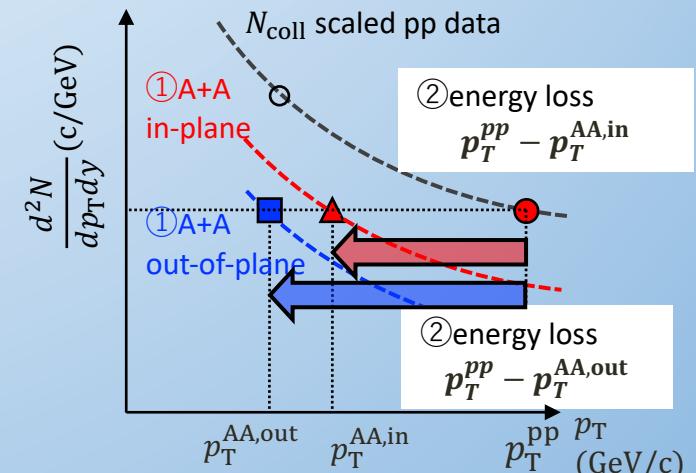
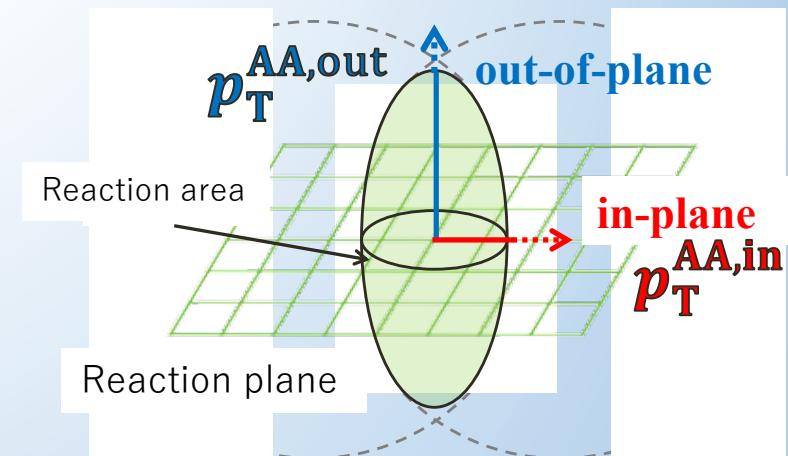
- ② The fractional momentum loss, $S_{loss,in}$ ($S_{loss,out}$), of in-plane (out-of-plane) using N_{coll} scaled pp data and in-plane spectra (out-of-plane spectra) in A+A collision

- The fractional momentum loss of in-plane:

$$S_{loss,in} = \frac{p_T^{pp} - p_T^{AA,in}}{p_T^{pp}}$$

- The fractional momentum loss of out-of-plane:

$$S_{loss,out} = \frac{p_T^{pp} - p_T^{AA,out}}{p_T^{pp}}$$

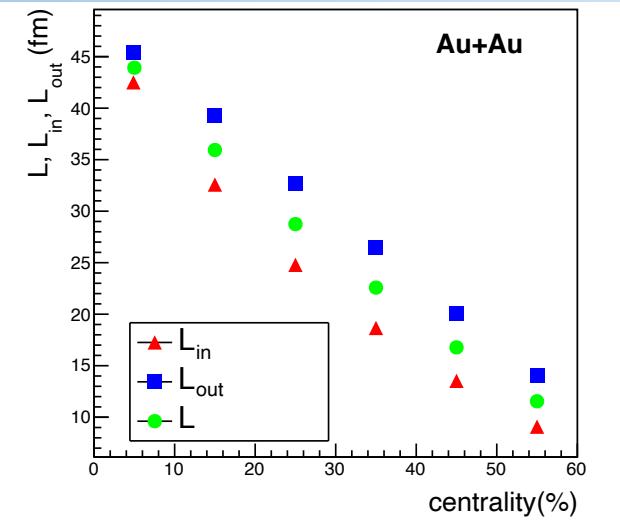


Parameters

L_{in} , L_{out} , L by Glauber MC

- Calculate the distance from the collision center to the edge of reaction area. Reaction area is defined by participant distribution.

- In-plane path-length : L_{in}
- Out-of-plane path-length : L_{out}
- path-length: $L = \frac{L_{in}+L_{out}}{2}$



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$N_{part,in}$, $N_{part,out}$ by Glauber MC

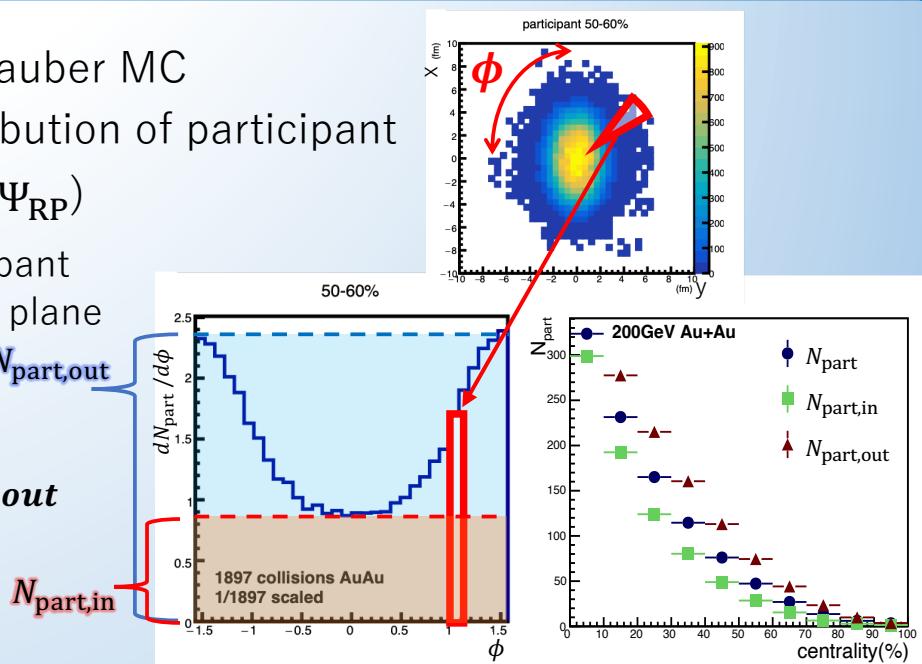
- Calculate the azimuthal distribution of participant

$$\frac{dN_{part}}{d\phi} \text{ vs. } \phi \quad (\phi = \phi_{part} - \Psi_{RP})$$

ϕ_{part} : azimuthal angle of participant

Ψ_{RP} : azimuthal angle of reaction plane

- in-plane $N_{part} \propto N_{part,in}$
- out-of-plane $N_{part} \propto N_{part,out}$



$$\left. \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right|_{in}, \left. \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right|_{out}$$

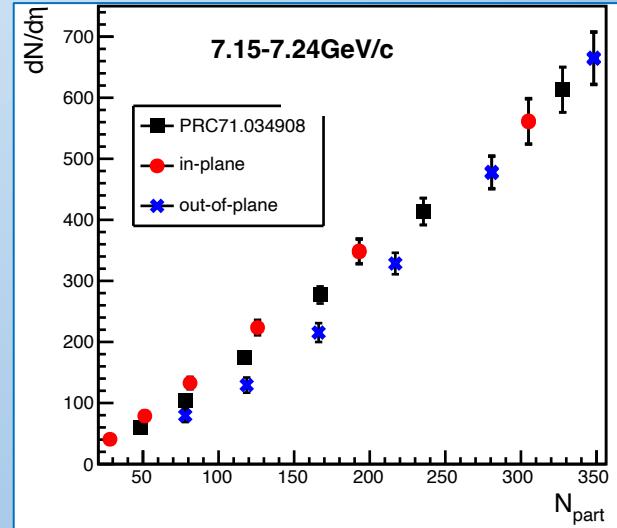
- Calculate $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ of in-plane and out-of-plane

- in-plane ($\phi = 0^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right|_{in} = \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \times (1 + 2v_2)$$

- out-of-plane ($\phi = 90^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right|_{out} = \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \times (1 - 2v_2)$$



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PHENIX Detector

The diagram illustrates the PHENIX detector's internal structure. A central beamline passes through various tracking and calorimetric systems. Two red arrows indicate particle paths: one from a muon (μ^+) source through the MuID and MuTr detectors, and another from an electron (e^-) source through the EMCAL, TOF, RICH, PC, and DC detectors. The detector is surrounded by a complex arrangement of lead bricks and other sub-detectors.

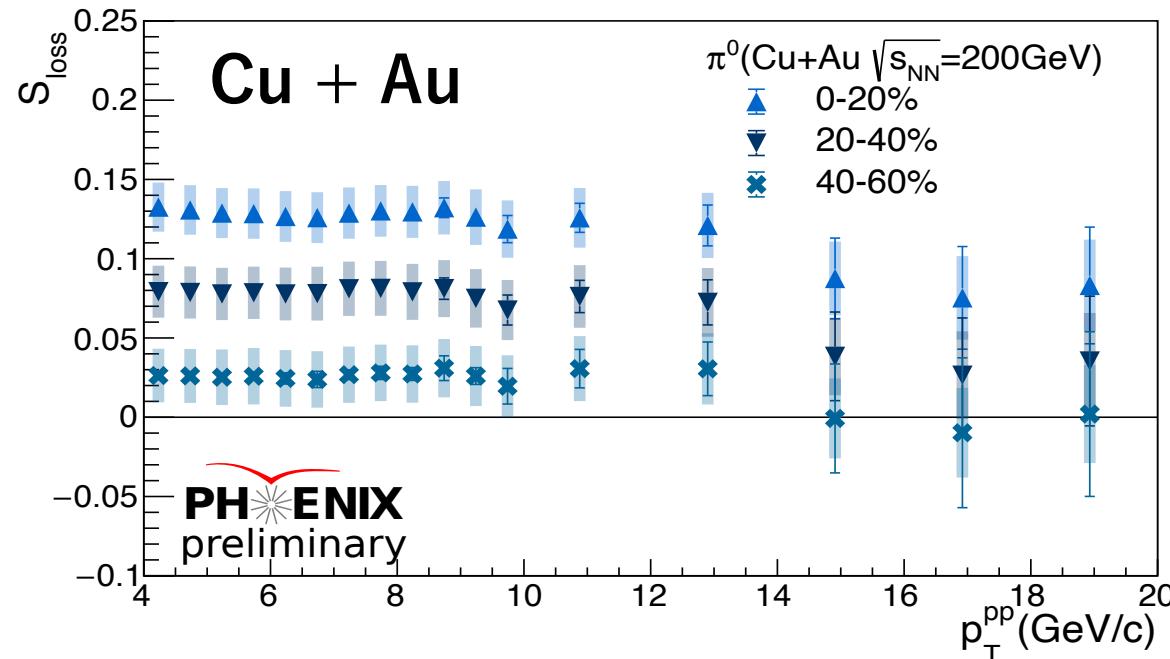
VTX & FVTX

Three photographs show the VTX and FVTX detectors. The first image shows the FVTX detector. The second image shows the VTX detector, highlighted with a red border. The third image shows the FVTX detector again. Labels 'FVTX' and 'VTX' are placed above their respective images.

- Central Arms
 - $|y|<0.35, \phi\sim 2\cdot\pi/2$
 - Electrons, γ , hadrons
 - DC, PC, RICH, EMCAL, TOF
- Muon Arms
 - $1.2\sim|y|<2.2, \phi\sim 2\cdot\pi/2$
 - Muons, Hadrons
- VTX-FVTX
 - Precise tracking for HF-ID

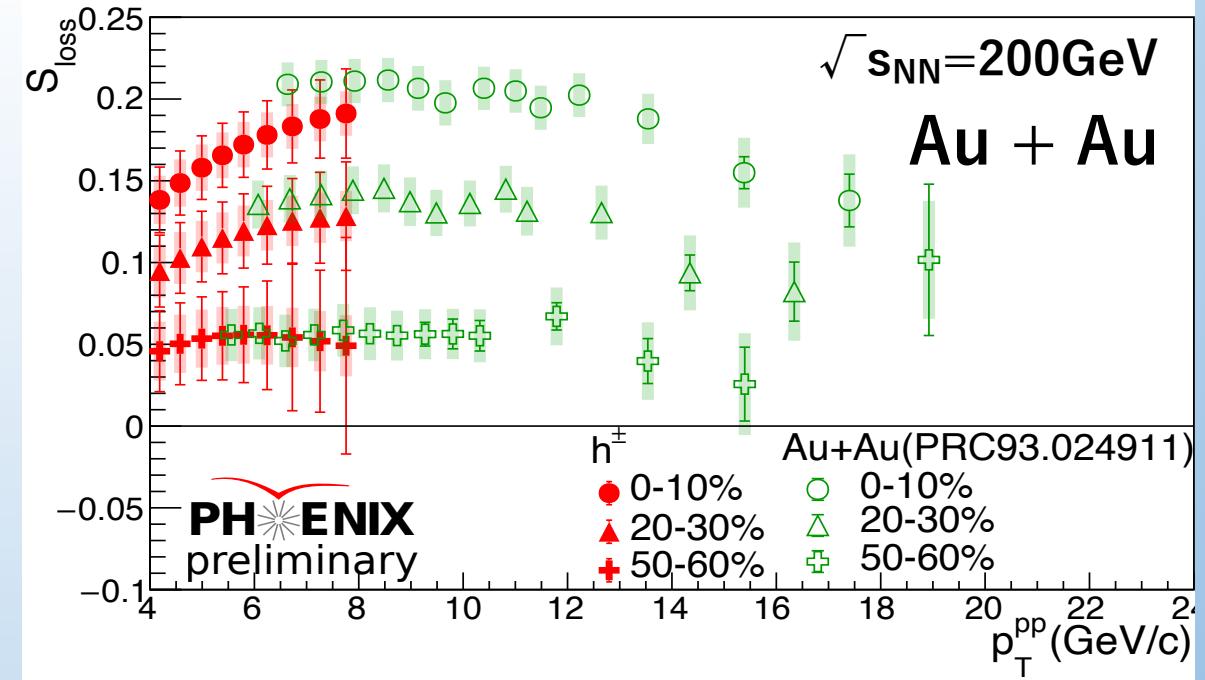
PHENIX completed the data taking in 2016.
The data production completed.
Analyses are ongoing.

Result : S_{loss} vs. p_{T}



Collision size and density difference

- No significant difference in the tendency of p_{T} dependence of S_{loss} between Cu+Au and Au+Au.

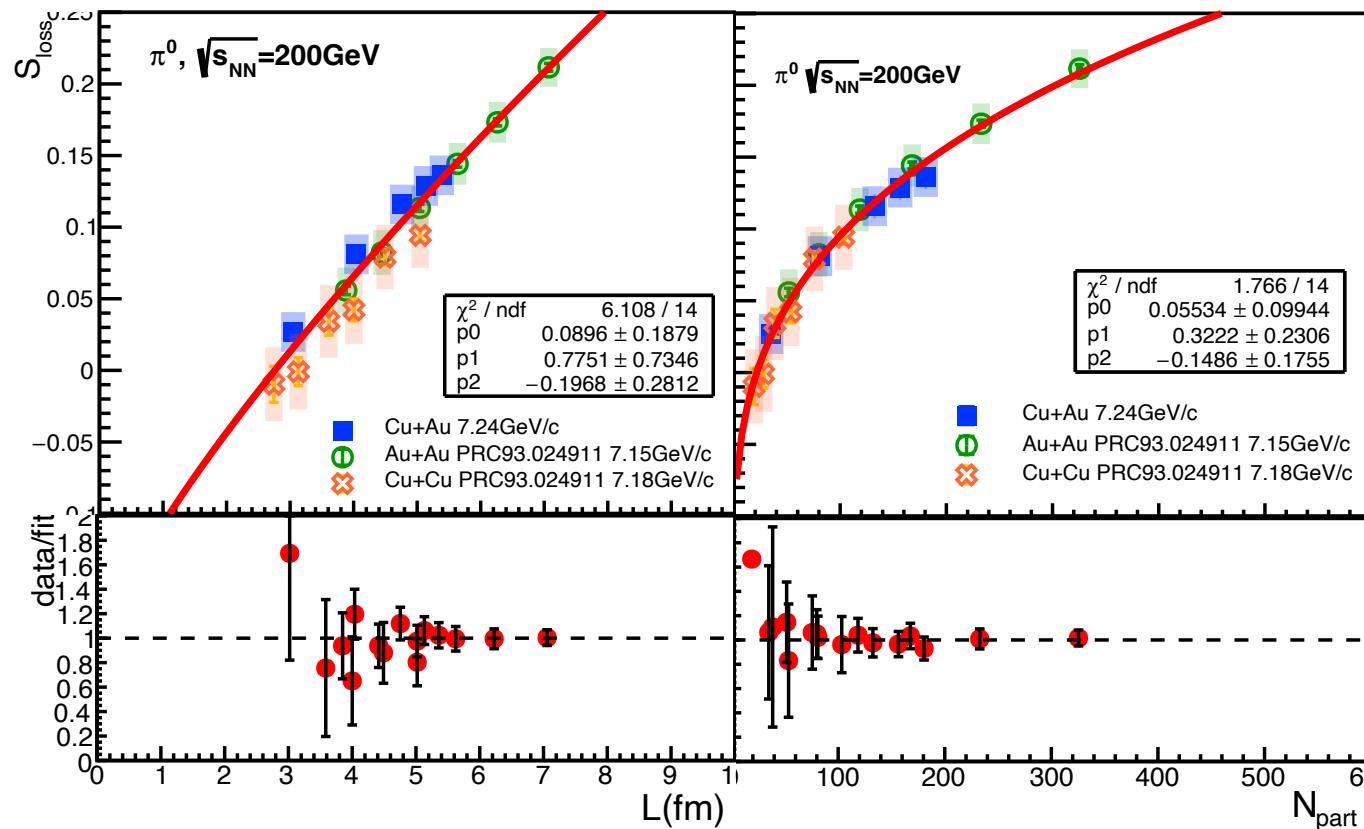


Particle species difference

- No significant difference in S_{loss} between charged hadrons and π^0 s.

S_{loss} vs. L , N_{part} at Cu+Au, Au+Au, Cu+Cu

* Similar results for the measured p_T regions (4-10GeV/c).



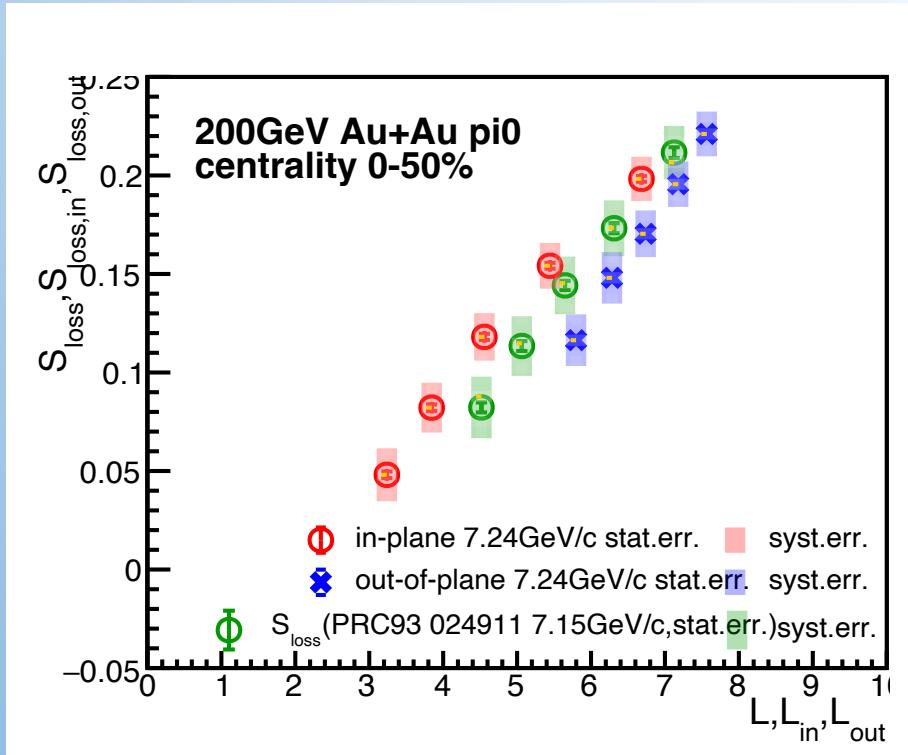
Different collision size and density

- No significant difference in the tendency of S_{loss} between Cu+Au, Au+Au, and Cu+Cu.
- S_{loss} draws one curve as a function of N_{part} better than L with different collision systems.

→ How about looking at more details such as angle dependent S_{loss}

S_{loss} , $S_{\text{loss,in}}$, $S_{\text{loss,out}}$ vs. L

*Similar results for the measured p_T regions (4-10GeV/c)



- In plain
- Inclusive
- Out-of-plain

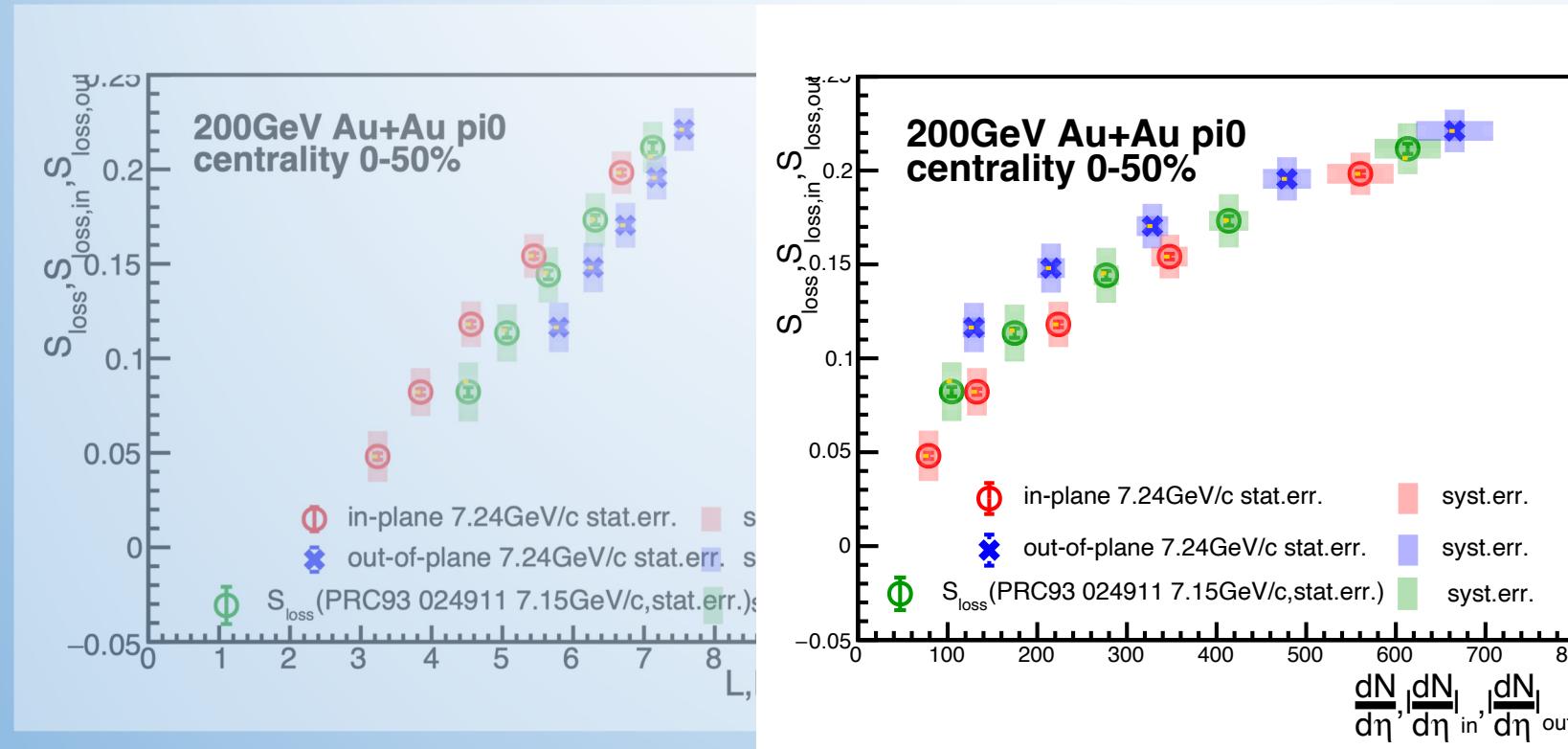
S_{loss} of in-plain and out-of-plain

- have similar tendency.
- but, doesn't follow the same curve as a function of L .

All three have different curves.

S_{loss} , $S_{\text{loss,in}}$, $S_{\text{loss,out}}$ vs. L , $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$

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- × Out-of-plain

Same as L ,
these three S_{loss} have
similar trend but doesn't
follow the same curve
as a function of $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$.

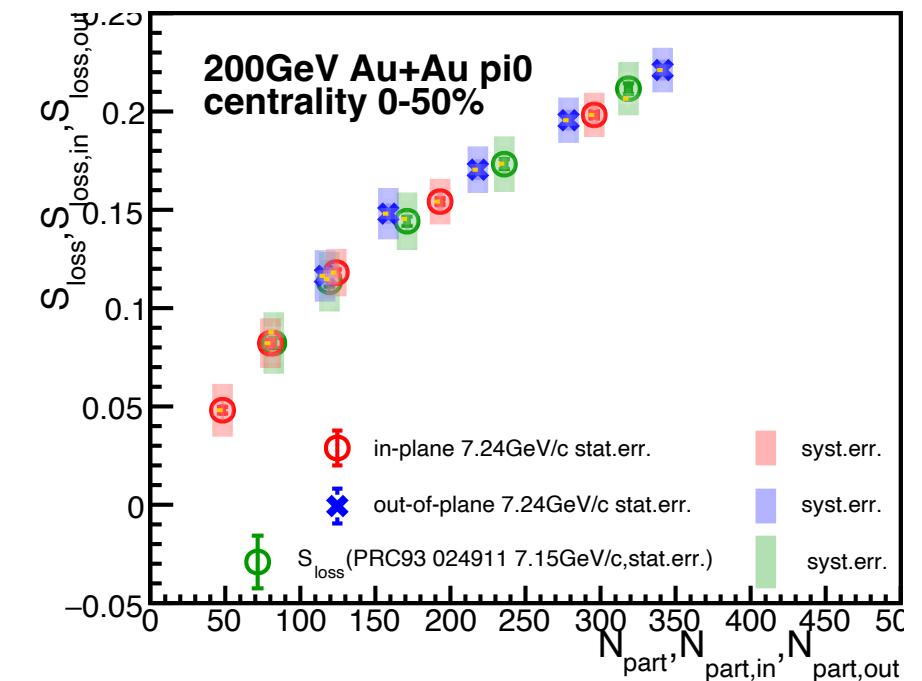
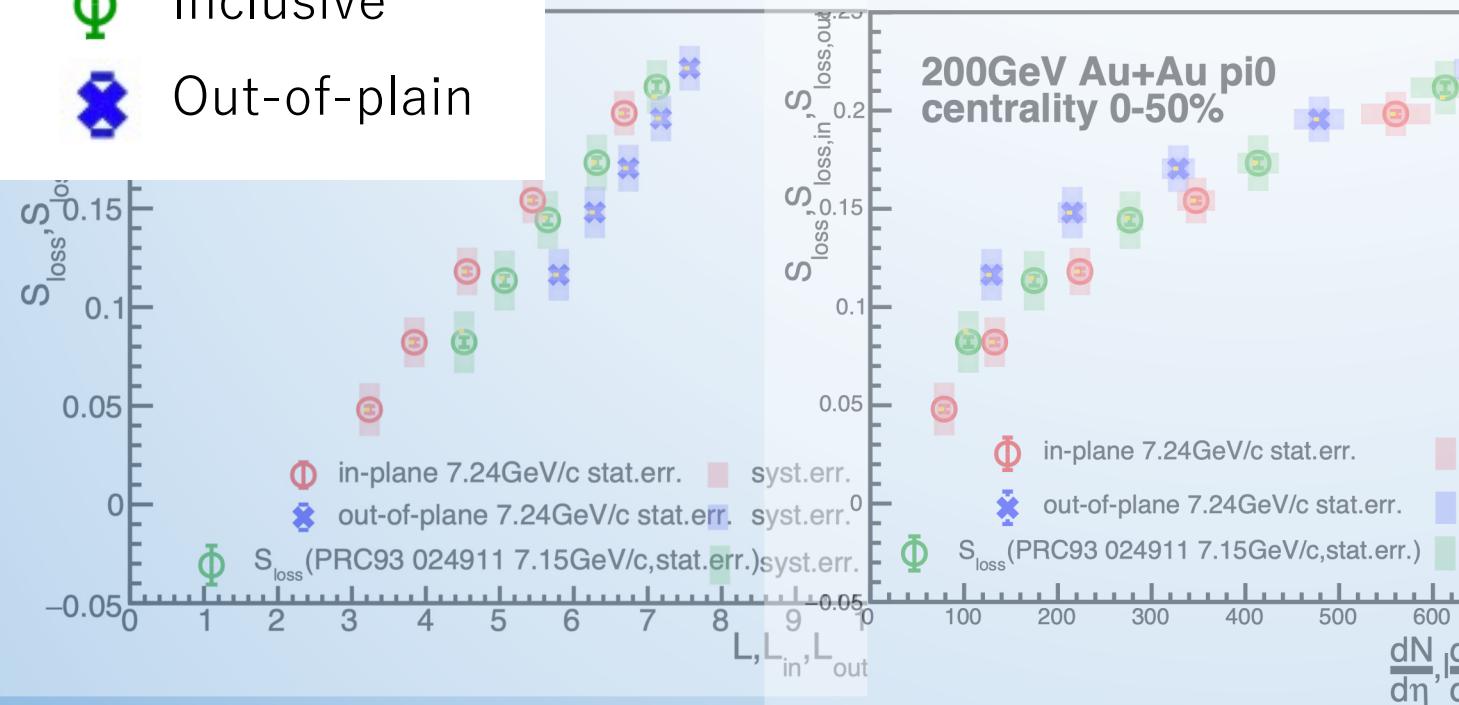
$S_{\text{loss}}, S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}}$ VS. $L, dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta, N_{\text{part}}$

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① In plain

Φ Inclusive

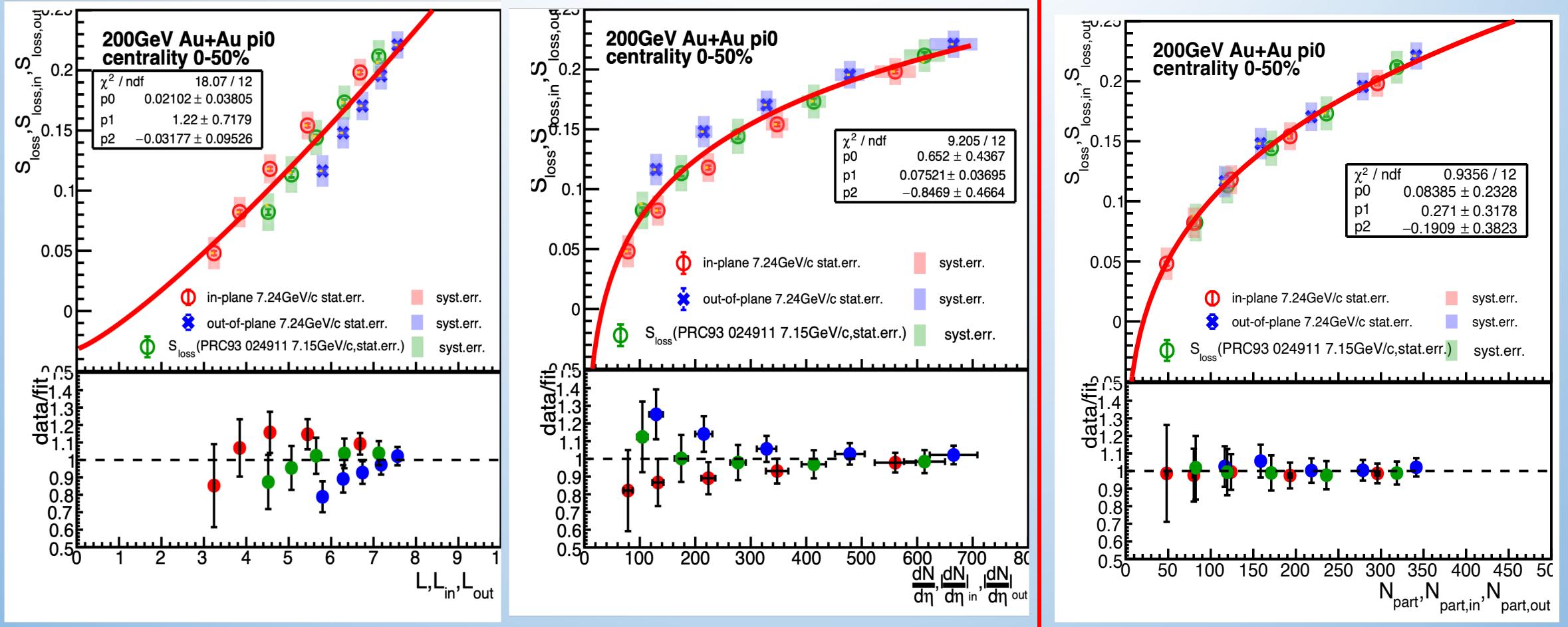
✖ Out-of-plain



- $S_{\text{loss}}, S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}}$ follow a curve most as a functions of N_{part} .

$S_{\text{loss}}, S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}}$ vs. $L, dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta, N_{\text{part}}$

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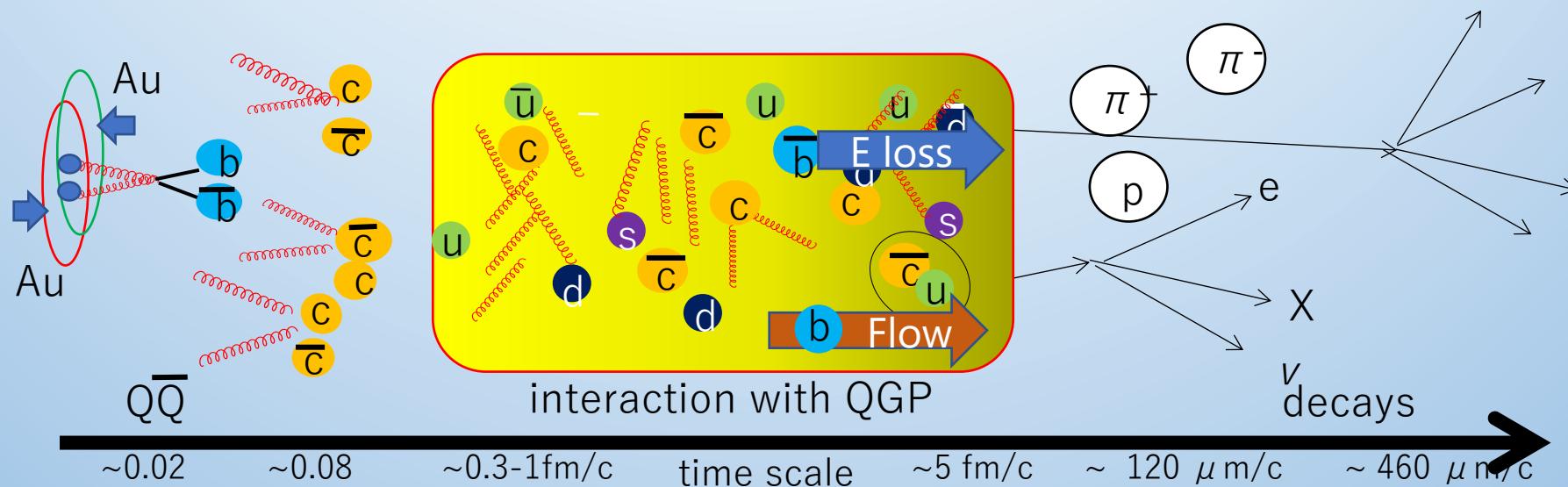
- $S_{\text{loss}}, S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}}$ draw a curve as a functions of N_{part} better than L and $dN/d\eta$.
→ indicates the importance of initial particle density dependence.

Heavy flavor energy loss

Why heavy flavor, bottom & charm ?

- b and c are mainly created by initial collisions at RHIC energy
 - Production can be calculated by pQCD
- Their p_T and angular distributions can be modified in QGP
 - Suffer energy loss and flow effects –

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Mc} \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV} \gg T_{\text{QGP}} \sim 400 \text{ MeV} \\ \text{Mb} \sim 4.5 \text{ GeV} \quad \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 200 \text{ MeV} \end{array}$$

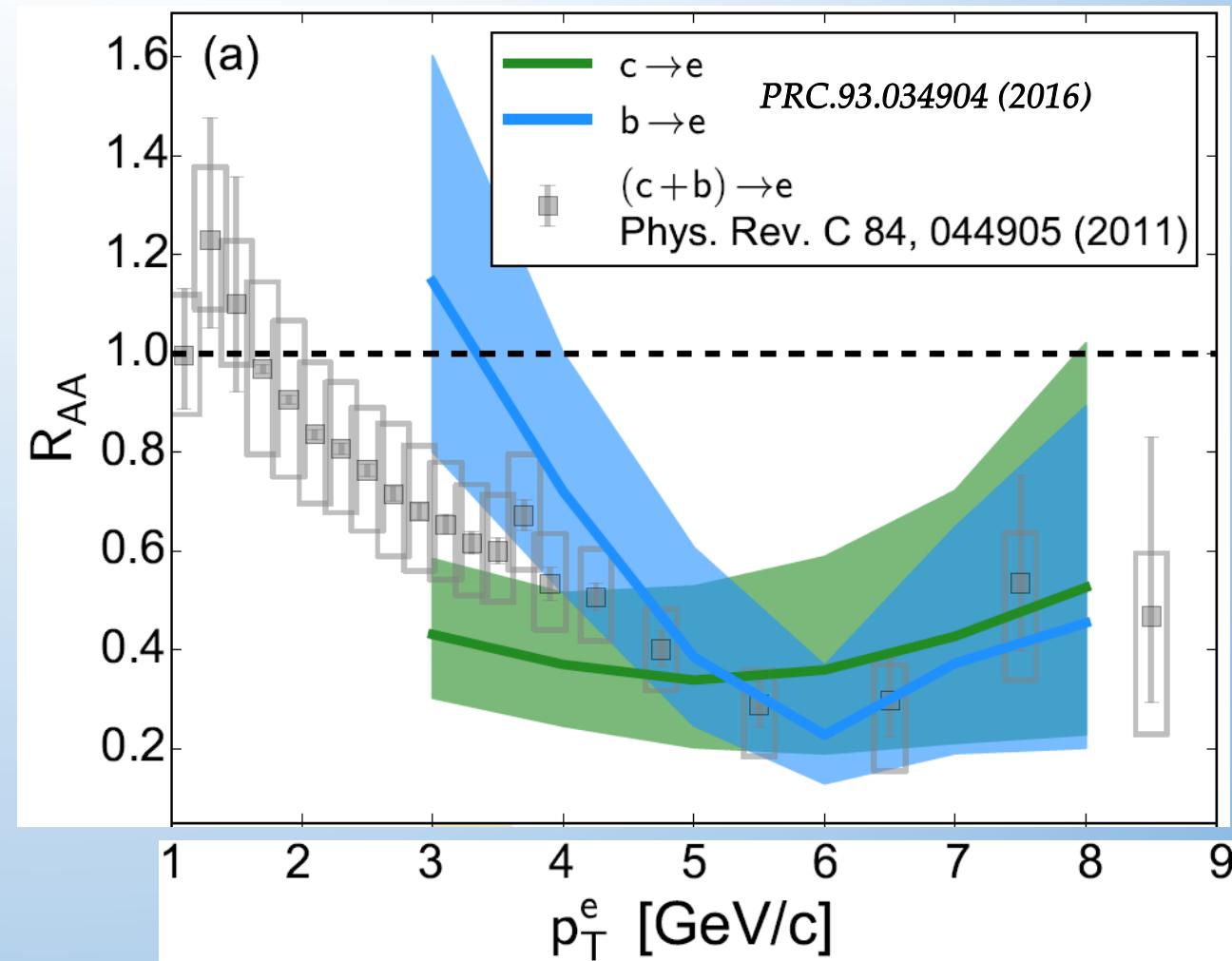


Modification of Heavy flavor shows the property of QGP

Findings1 : Heavy flavor suppression

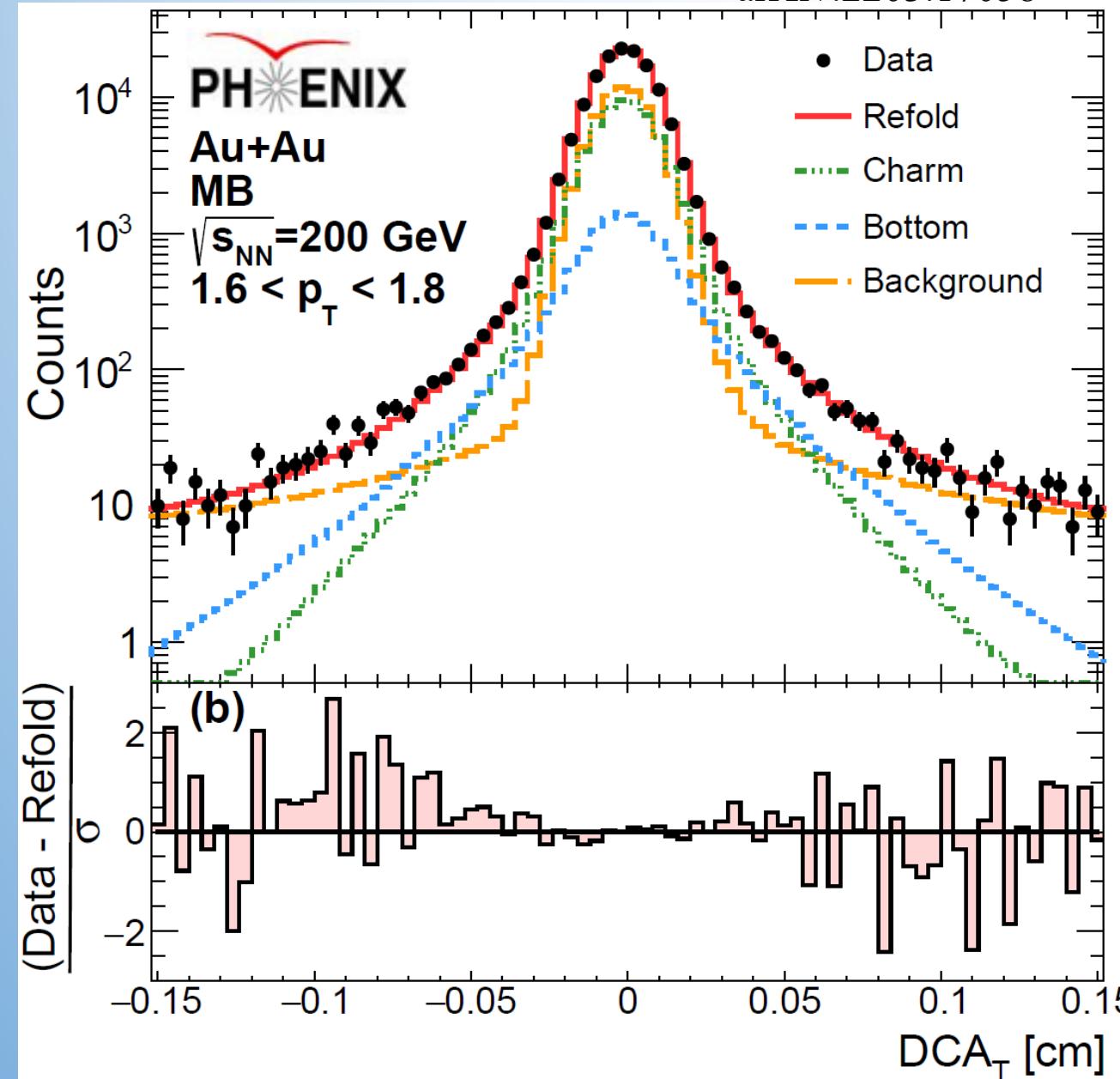
$$R_{AA} = \frac{Yield(Au + Au)}{N_{coll} * Yield(p + p)}$$

- PHENIX observes strong suppression of hf electron.
- Successfully separated b and c components.



Bottom and charm separation

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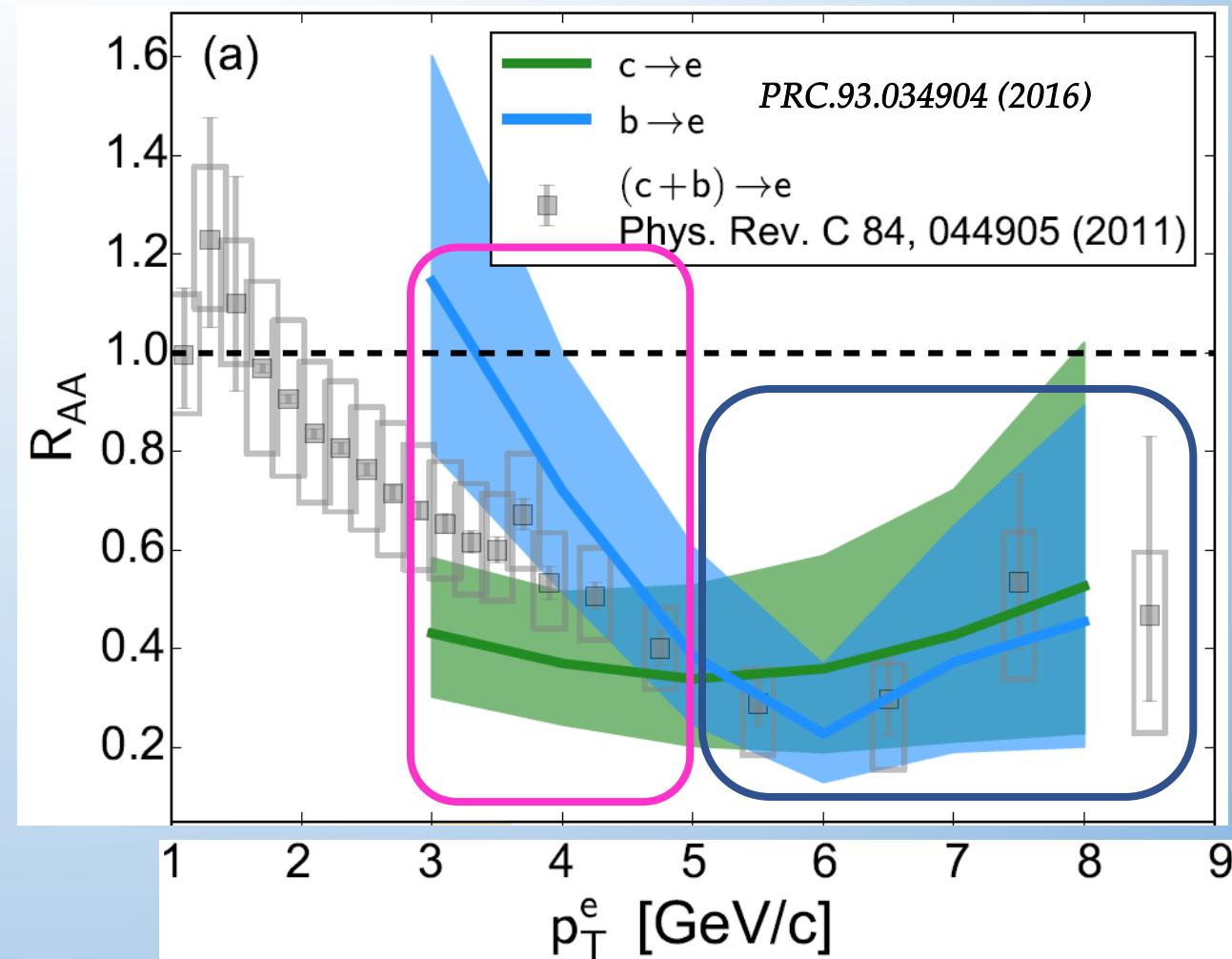


- Au+Au 200 GeV in 2014
 - 17 B events = 3 times larger than 2011
- Electrons from charm and bottom hadron decays
- Charm and bottom separation using the distance-of-closest-approach (DCA) and p_T distribution
- Bayesian unfolding method:
 - Separates charm and bottom contribution in electrons
 - Extract charm and bottom hadron yields

Findings2 : HF Mass dependence of suppression

- Both are suppressed at high p_T
 - $R_{AA}(b) \sim R_{AA}(c) < 1$ at high p_T
- B is less suppressed at low p_T
 - $R_{AA}(b) > R_{AA}(c)$ at low p_T
- Consistent with the expected mass ordering
 - $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$
- Radiative loss @ high p_T
- Coll. & Rad. loss @ low p_T
- To understand energy loss of the mass dependence more, we need systematic study
 - Centrality dependence
 - Azimuthal anisotropy

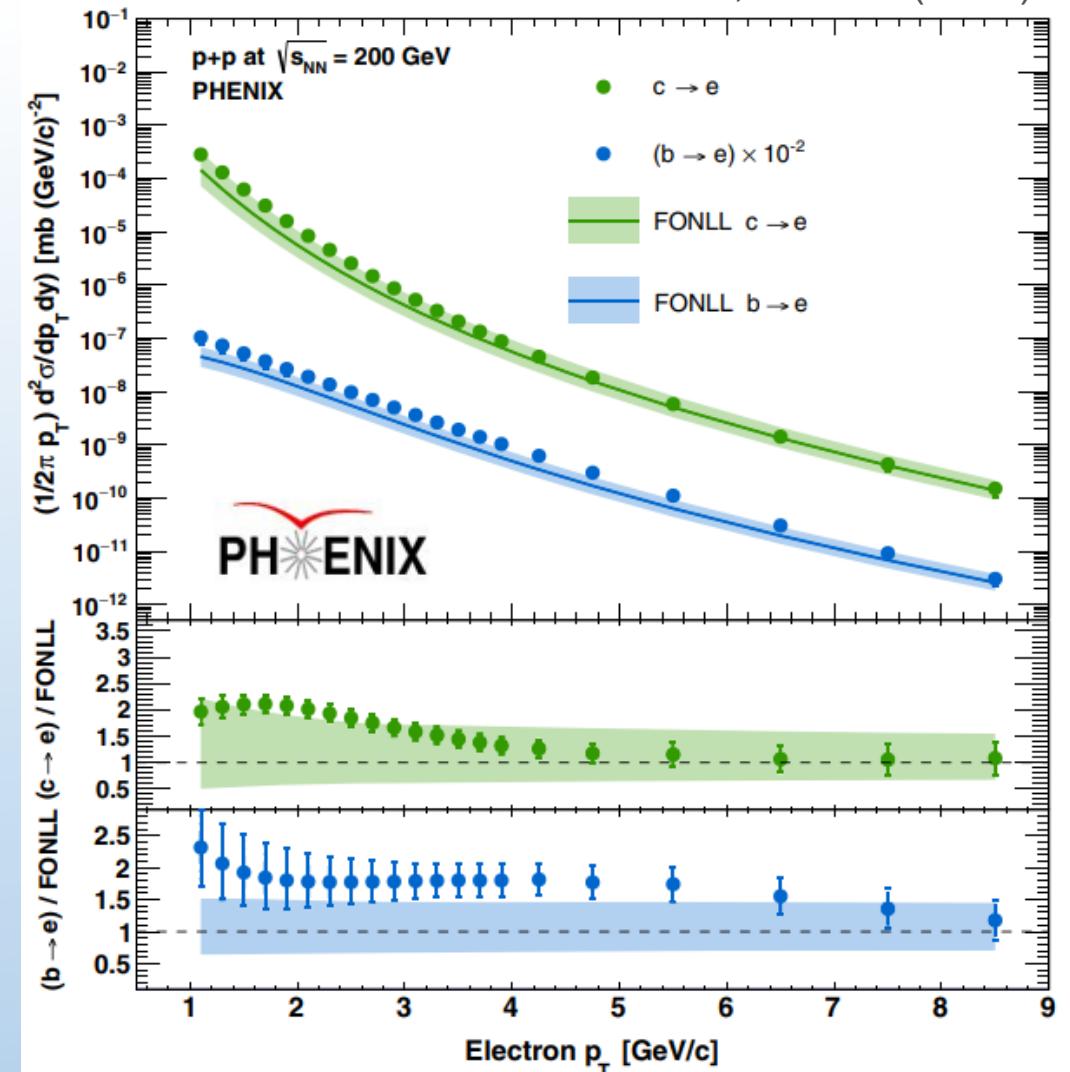
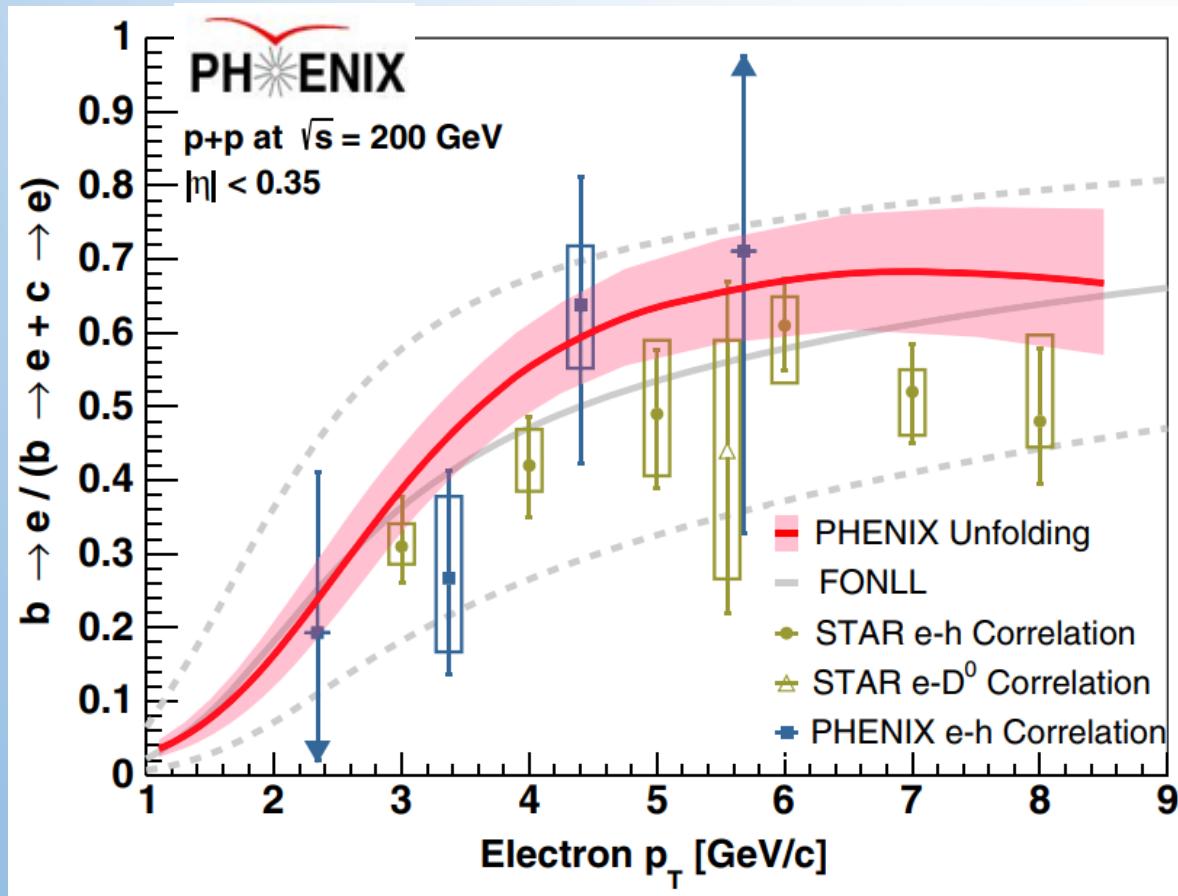
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Updated p+p baseline : Bottom Electron Fraction

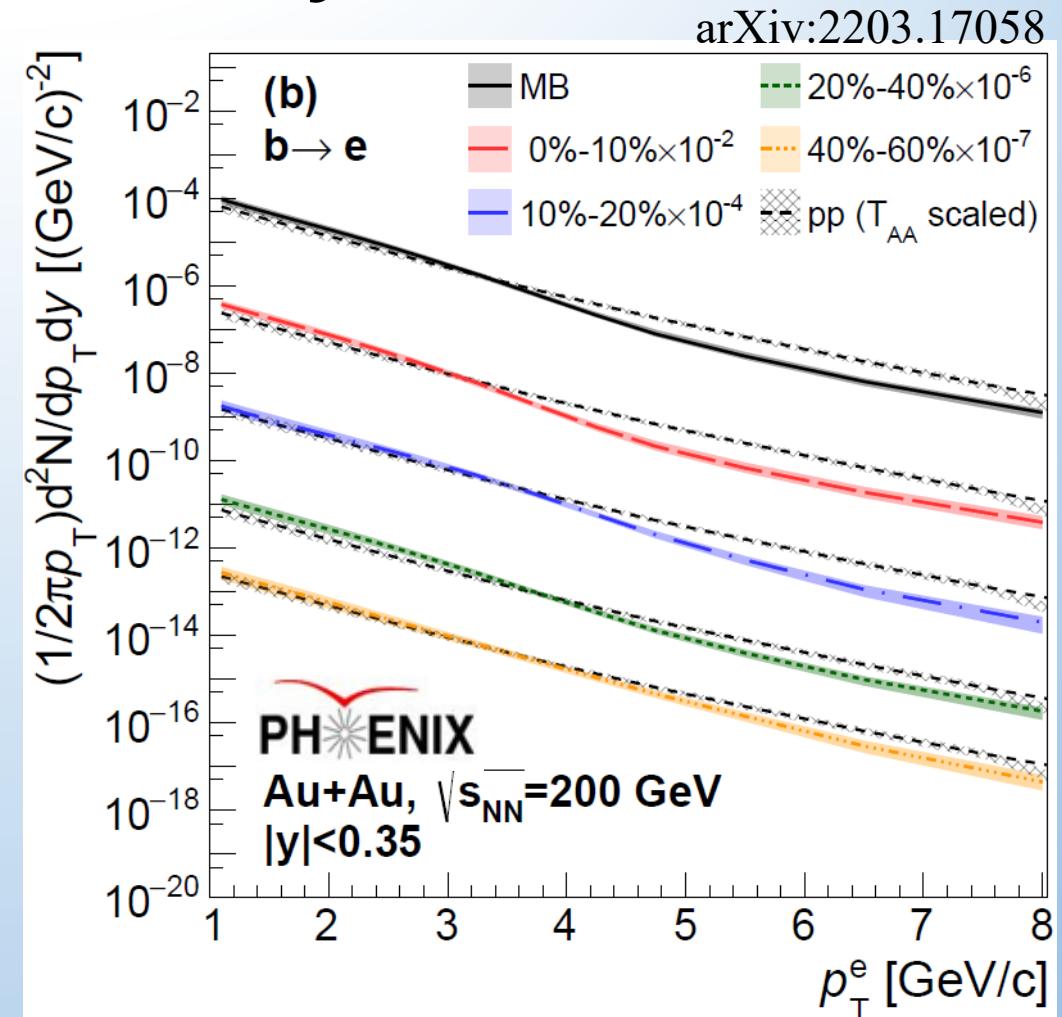
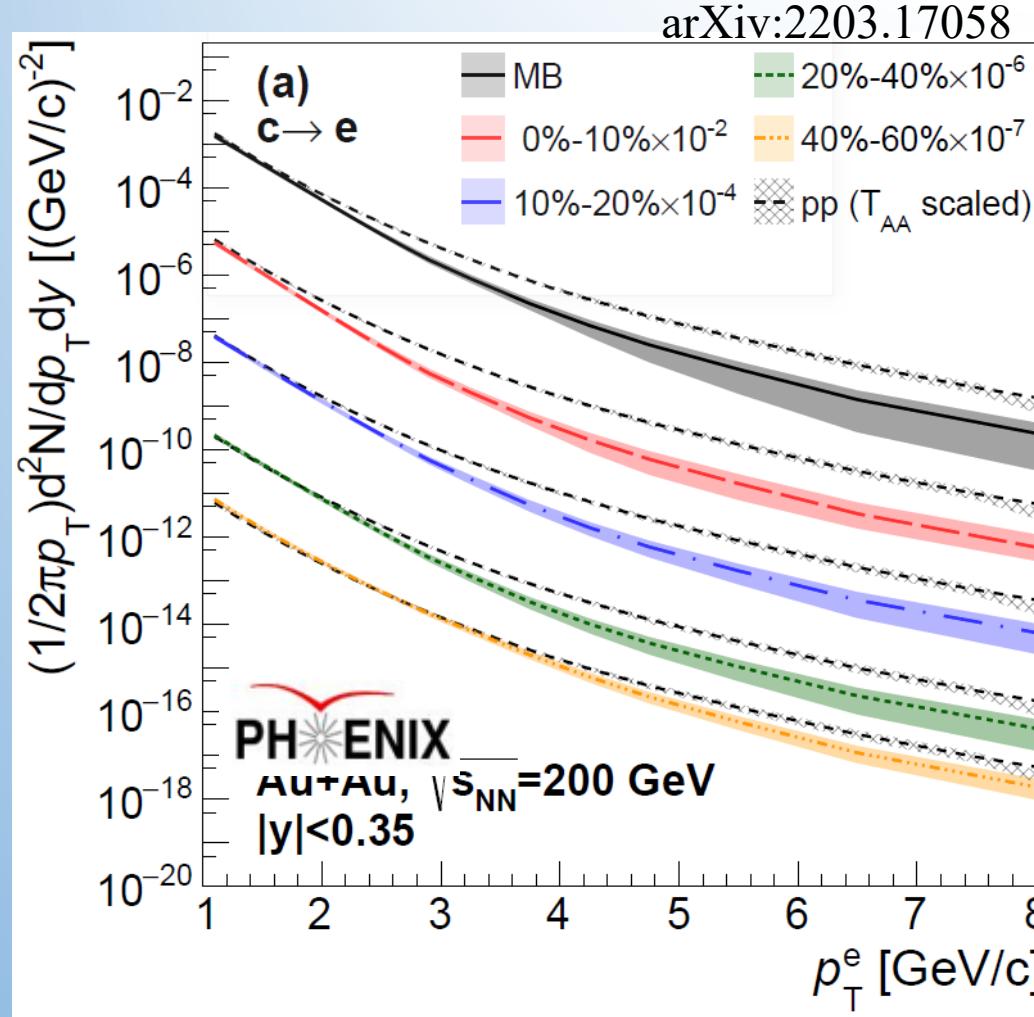
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- New p + p baseline of bottoms and charms available w/ $p_T = 1 \sim 8$ GeV/c

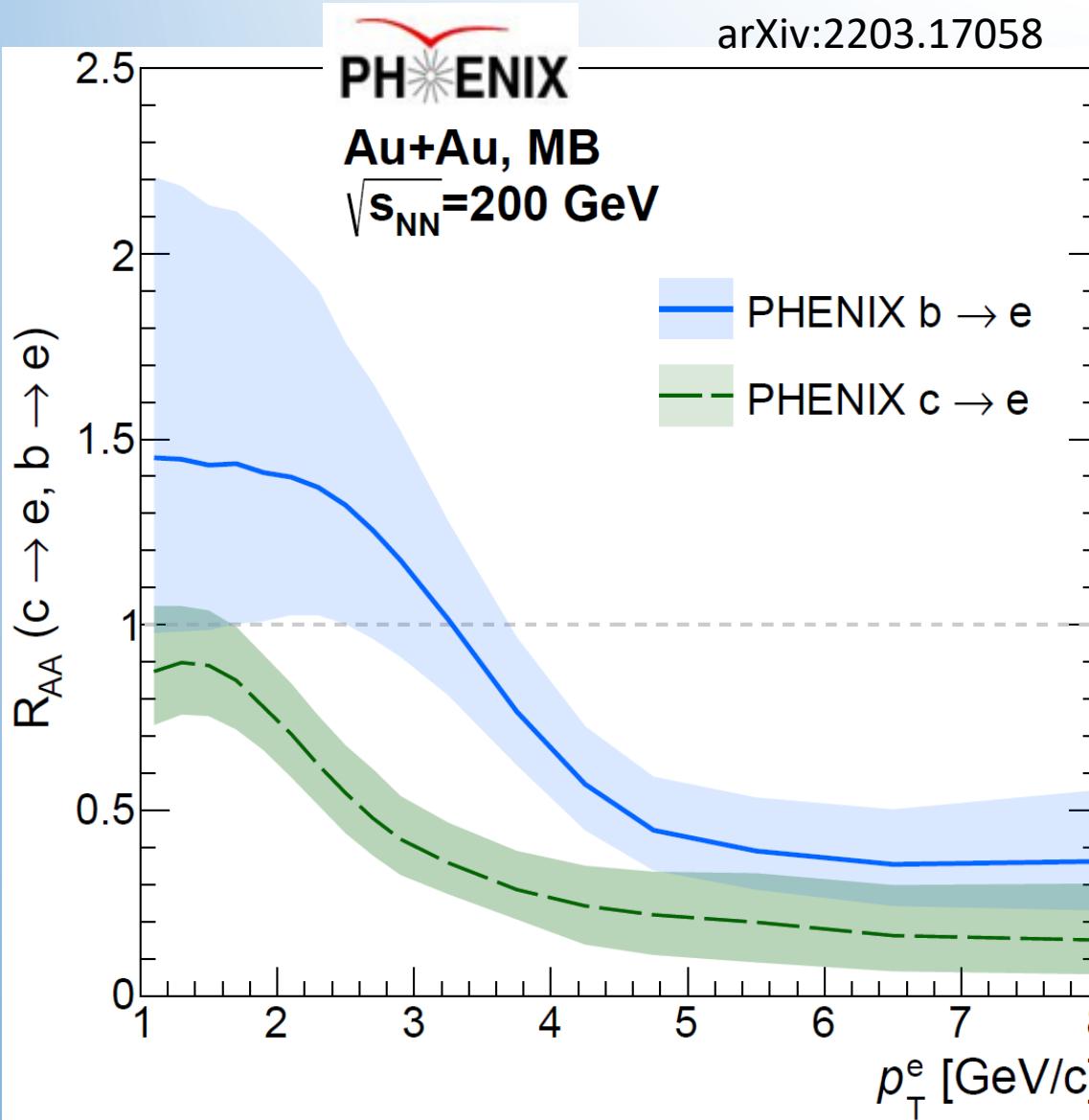
Charm and Bottom Electron yields in Au+Au



- Yields in Au+Au are measured in MB, 0-10, 10-20, 20-40, 40-60%
- Show the difference from p+p scaled by T_{AA} at high p_T

$R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e)$ & $R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e)$ in Au+Au 200GeV

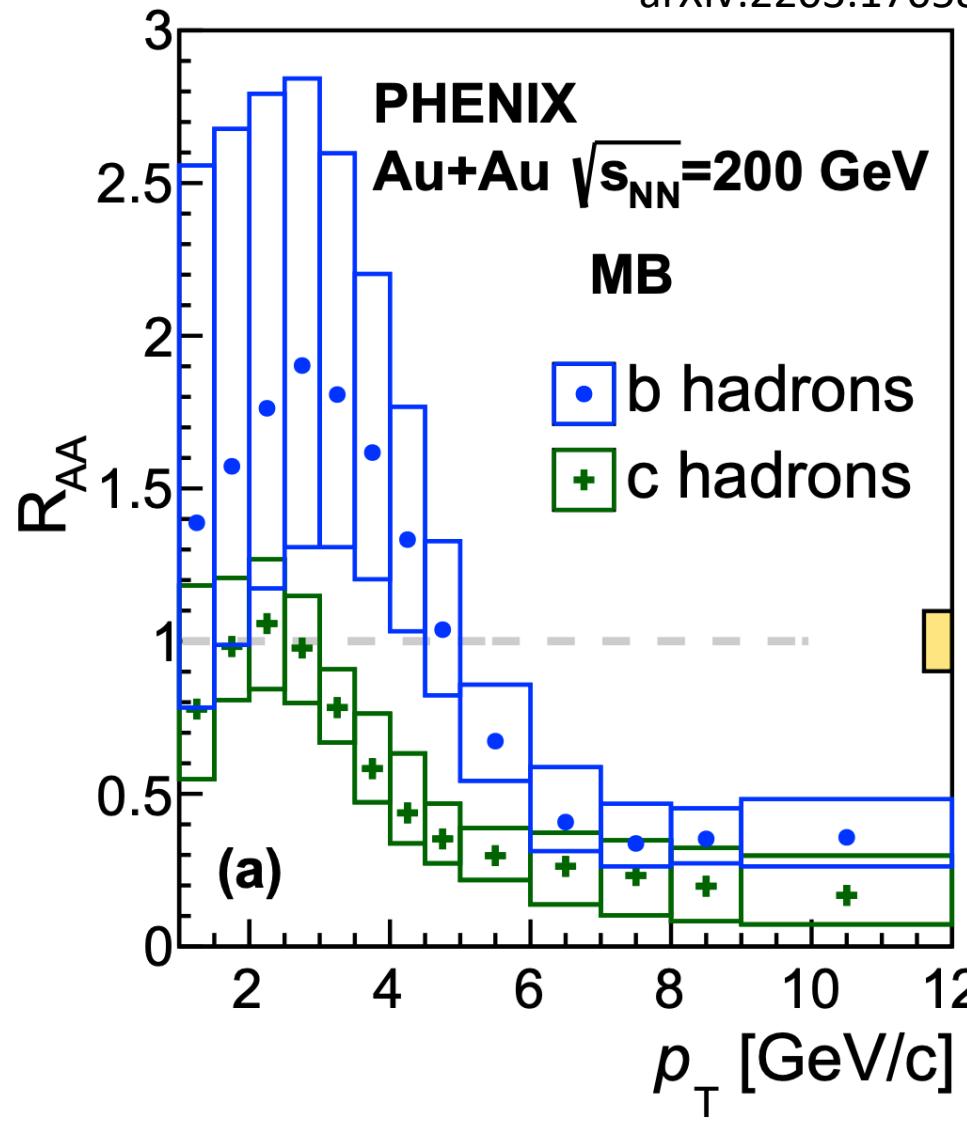
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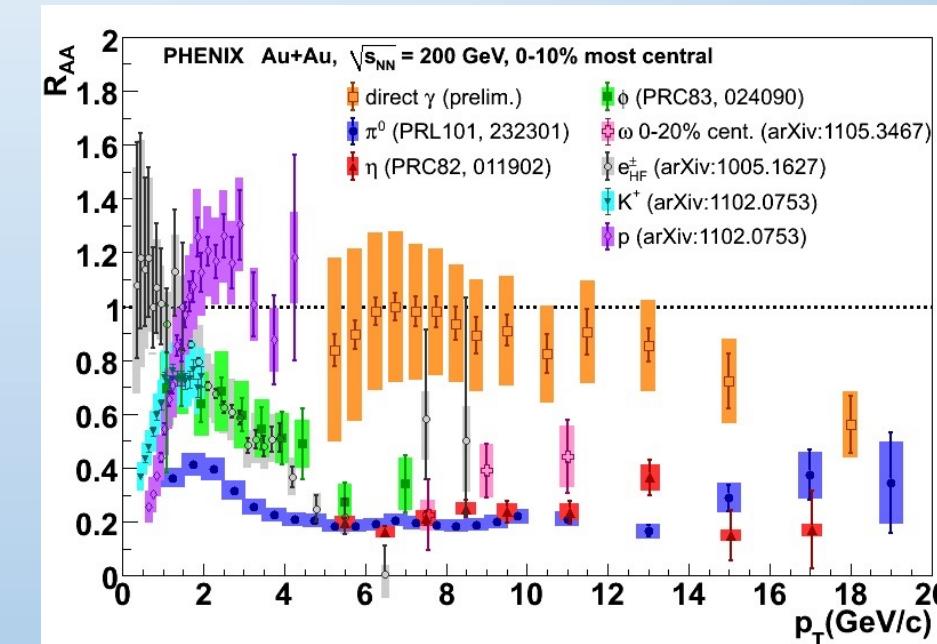
- Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}
 - Broad p_T range : 1 - 8 GeV/c
 - Smaller uncertainty with new p+p baseline
- Low p_T : $R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e) \sim R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e) = 1$
- Mid p_T : $R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e) > R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e)$
- High p_T : $R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e) \sim R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e) < 1$
- p_T dependence and mass dependence are seen.

Charm and Bottom hadron R_{AA}

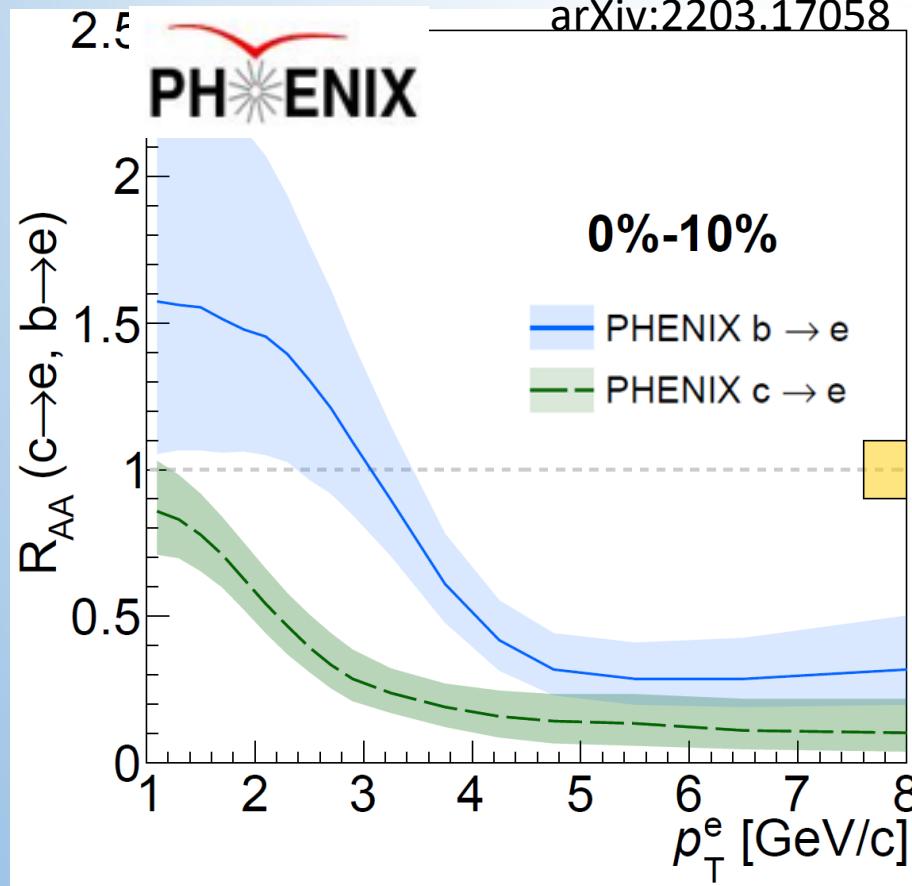
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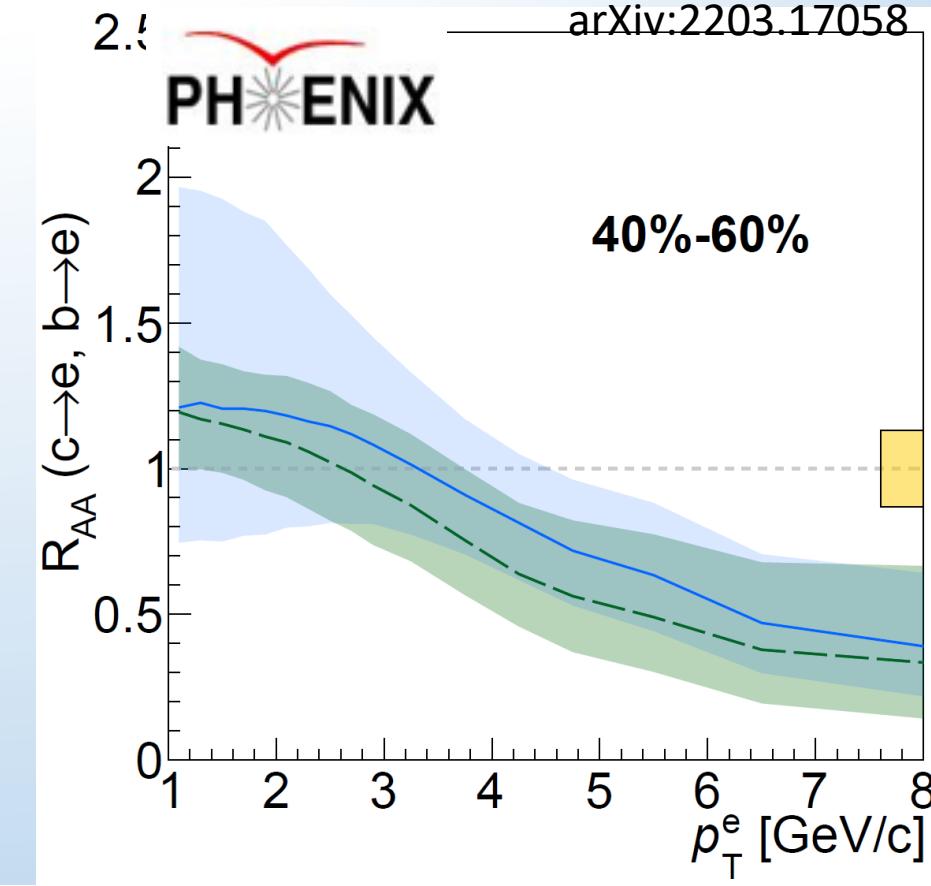
- Our unfolding method provides parent charm and bottom hadron yields.
- Charm and bottom hadron R_{AA} show same trend.
- No clear difference between c/b and u/d at high p_T



Centrality dependence of $R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e)$ & $R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e)$



c and b are different and suppressed.

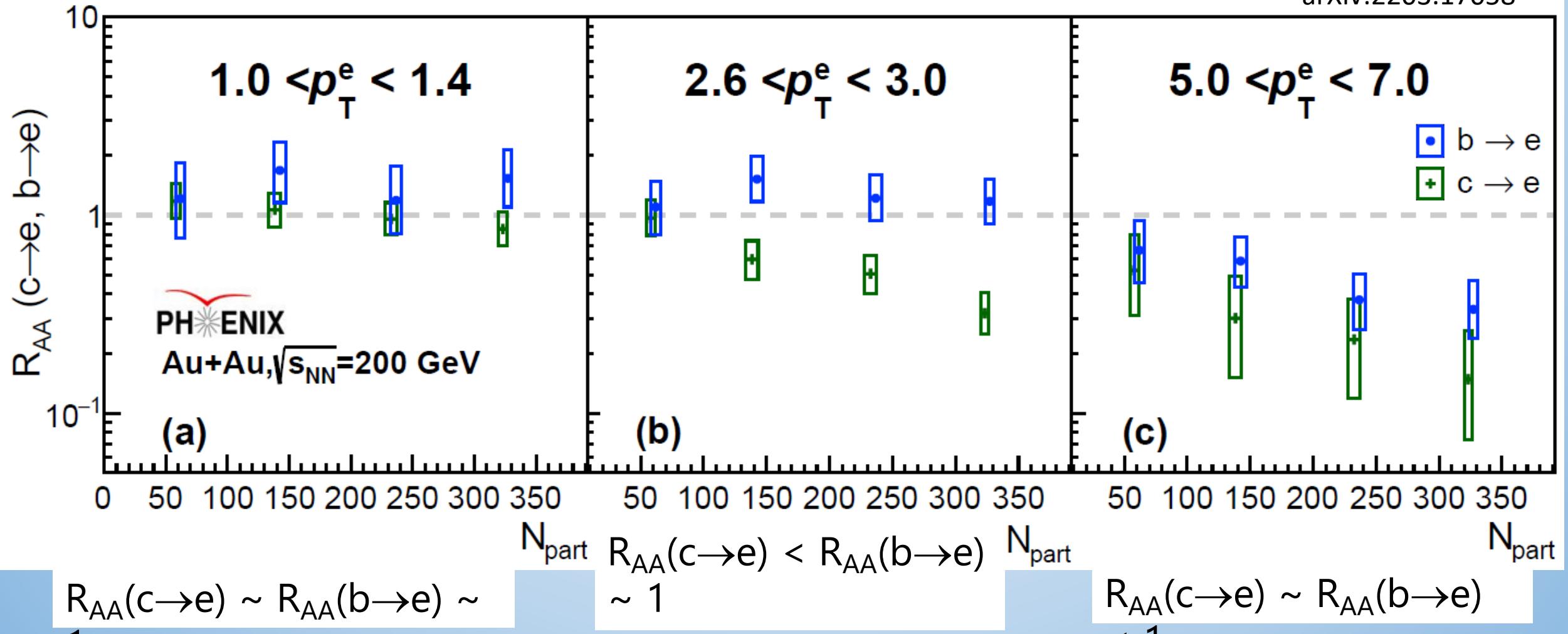


c and b are similar and less suppressed.

Centrality dependence of the energy loss is seen as expected.

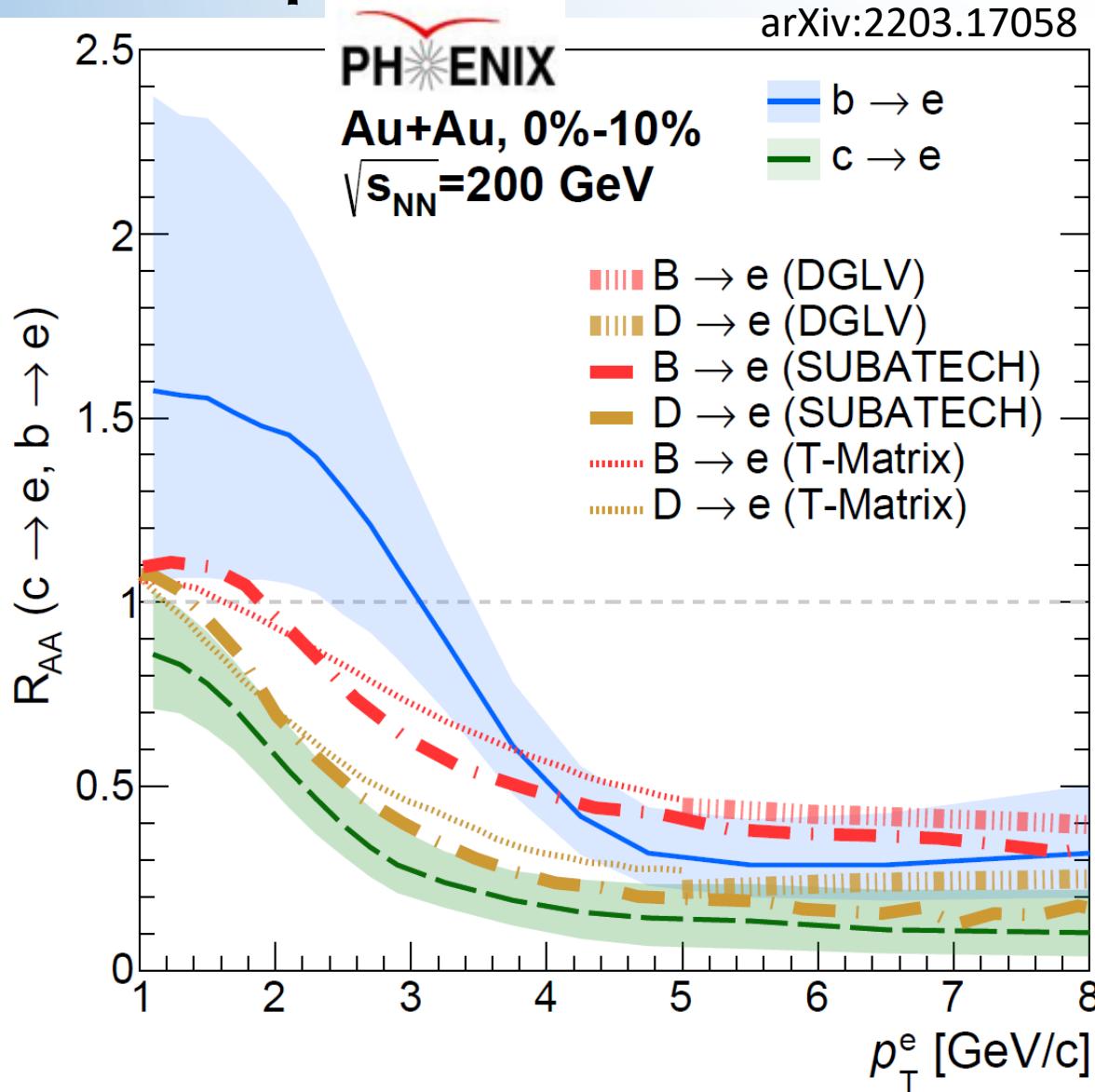
Charm and Bottom R_{AA} vs. N_{part}

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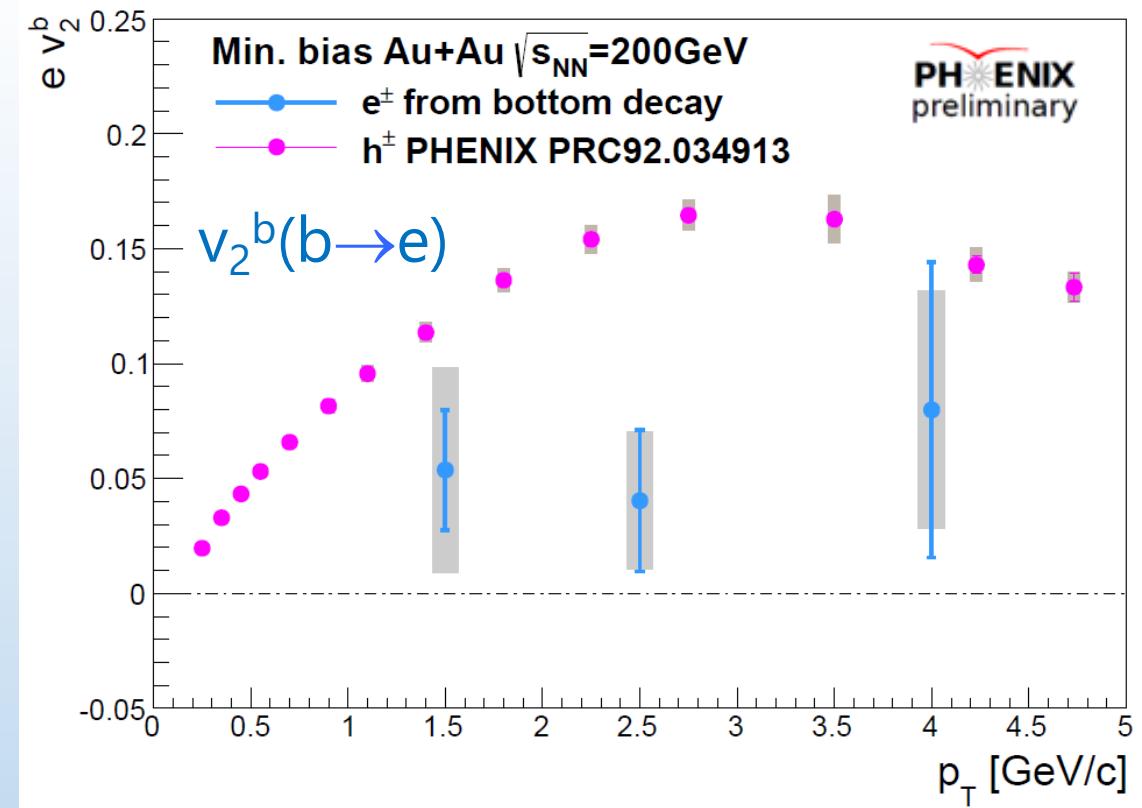
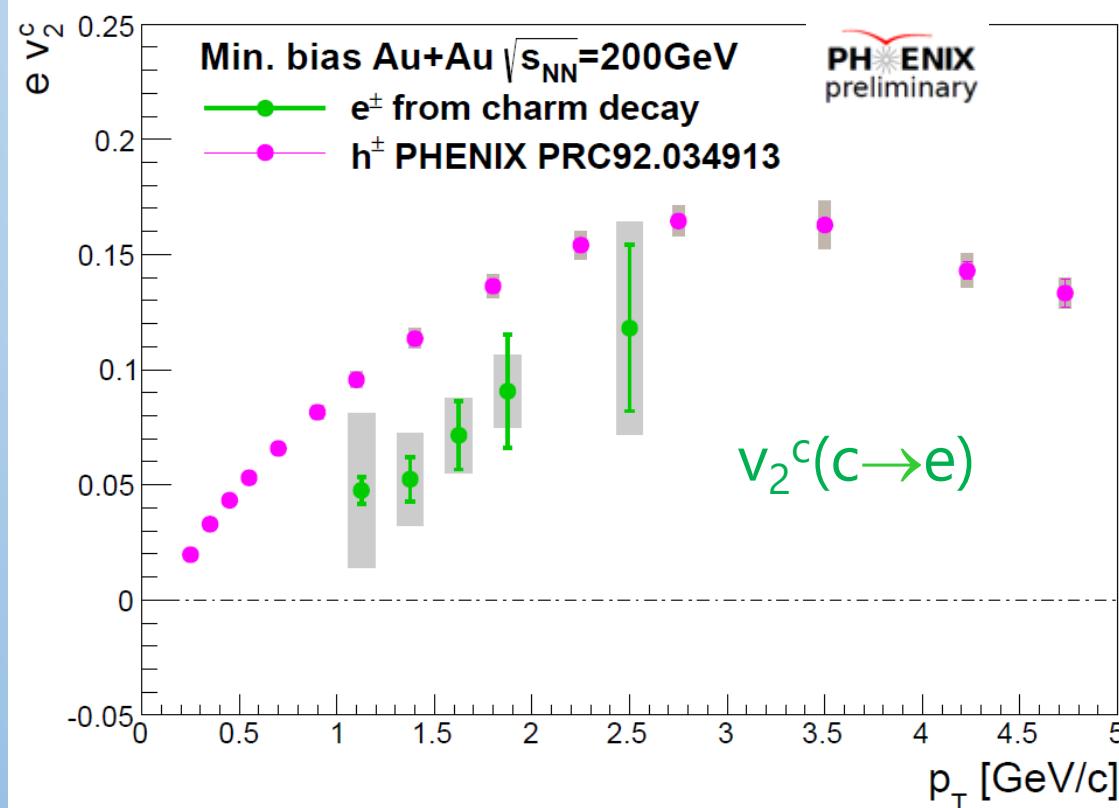
Centrality and p_T dependence are observed

Comparison with Models



- 3 models
 - DGLV (Phys. Rev. C 90 034910)
 - E-loss + plasma w/ static potentials
 - SUBATECH (Phys. Rev. C 78 014904)
 - : E-loss + running coupling
 - T-Matrix + diffusion ($2\pi TD=4$) (Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 192301)
 - Strongly coupled QGP
- E-loss models agree with data at high p_T
- At low p_T
 - b models underestimates the data
 - c models slightly higher than data

$v_2^c(c \rightarrow e)$ and $v_2^b(b \rightarrow e)$ in Au+Au 200GeV



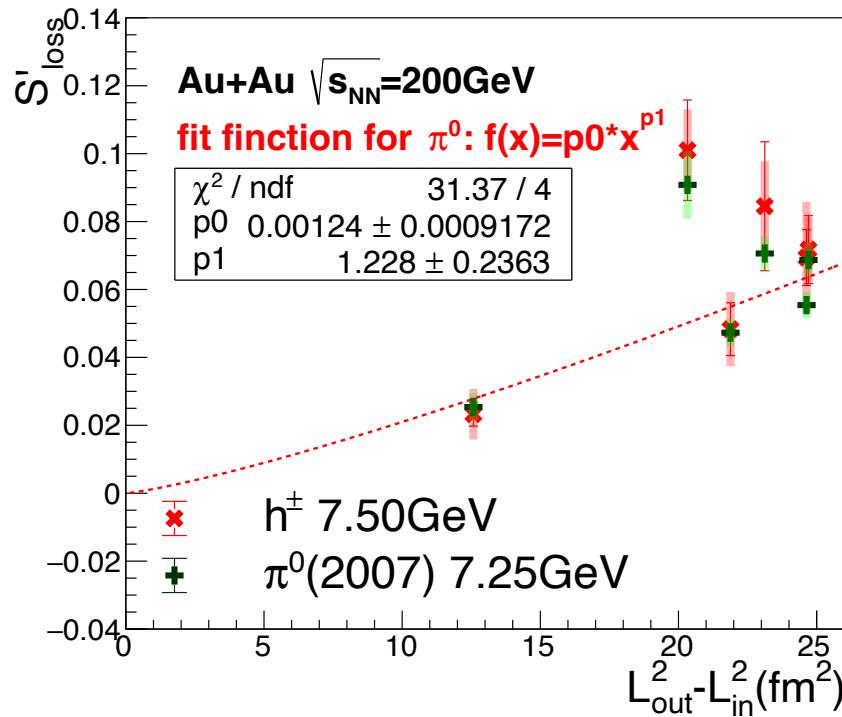
- $v_2(c \rightarrow e)$ is positive with ~ 3.5 sigma
- $v_2(b \rightarrow e)$ indicates positive with 1.1 sigma
- Mass ordering is seen--> consistent with energy loss expectation.

Summary

- To study energy loss in QGP, we measured S_{loss} , $S_{\text{loss,in}}$, $S_{\text{loss,out}}$ for π^0 , h and R_{AA} and v_2 for separated c, b electrons.
 - No significant difference of the tendency on p_T dependence of S_{loss} between Cu+Au and Au+Au and between π^0 and h.
 - S_{loss} , $S_{\text{loss,in}}$, $S_{\text{loss,out}}$ vs. N_{part} follow a curve better than L and $dN/d\eta$. The initial particle density has important role.
 - R_{AA} and v_2 for separated c,b electron show mass, p_T and centrality dependence, and the energy loss signal can be seen as expected.
 - At high p_T , more energy loss and larger v_2 are seen with smaller mass (c more than b).
- No clear R_{AA} difference have been seen (yet?) between lf hadrons and hf hadrons. Need more study.

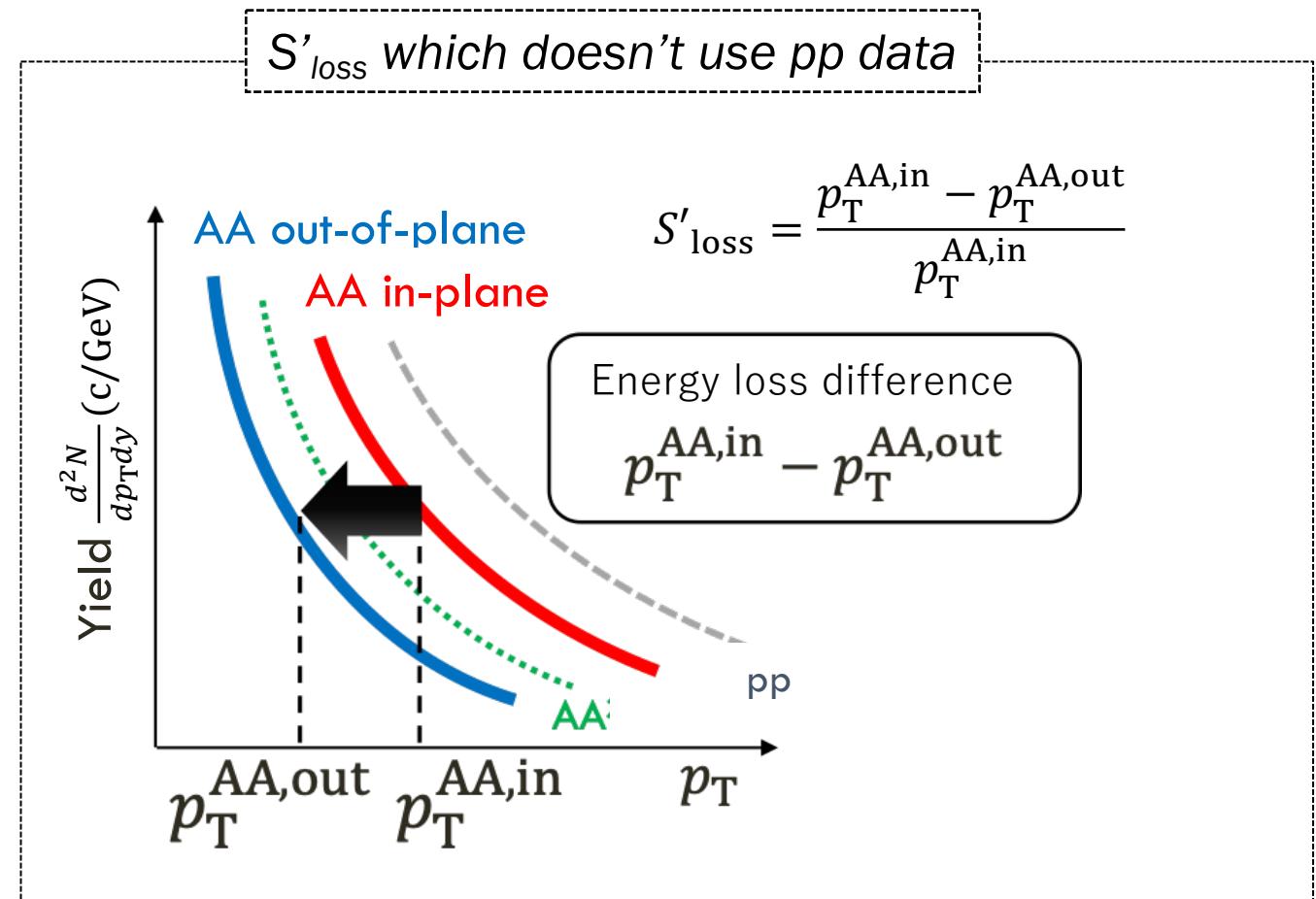
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S' _{loss} without pp collisions

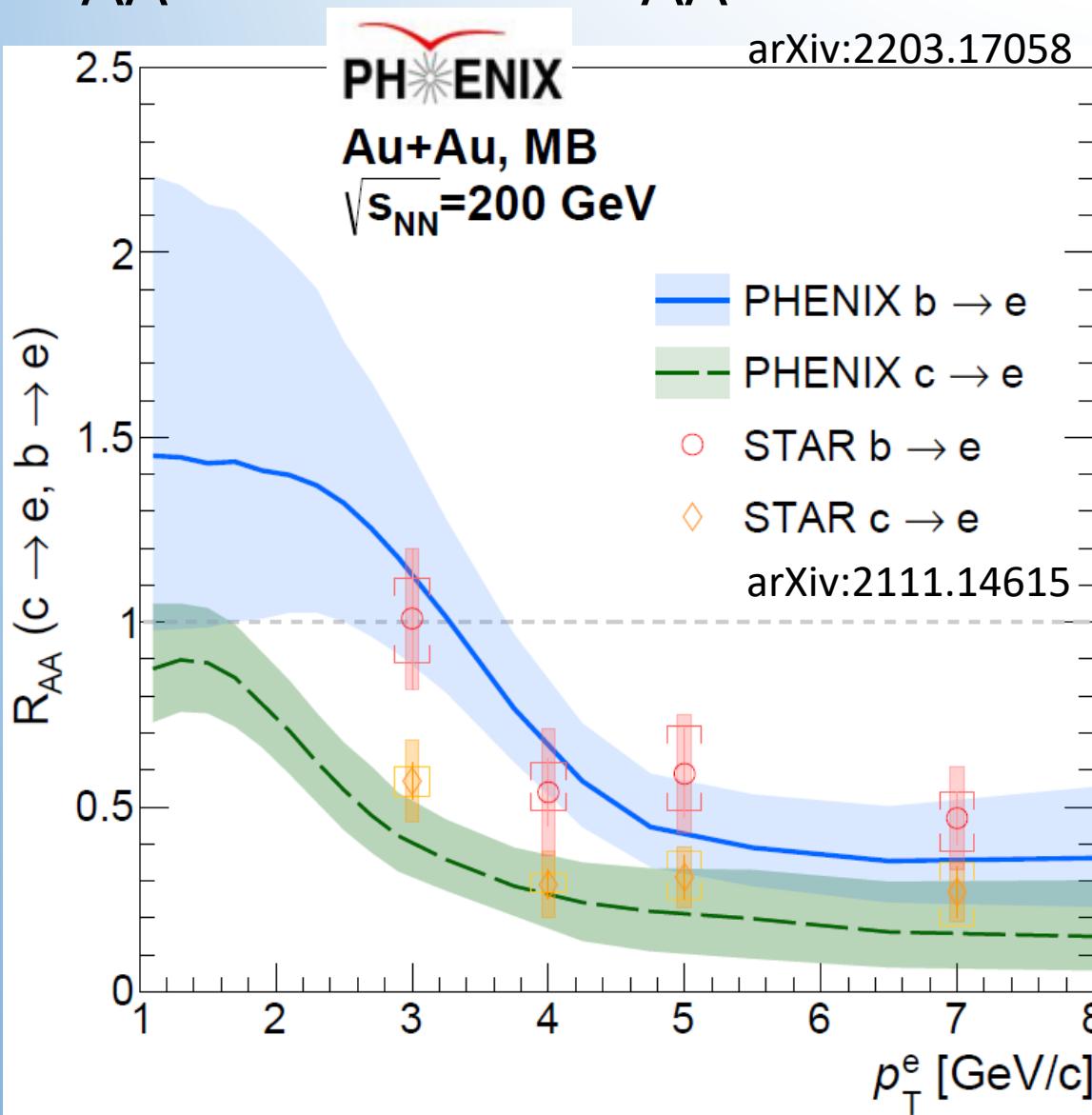


S' _{loss} vs. $L_{\text{out}}^2 - L_{\text{in}}^2$

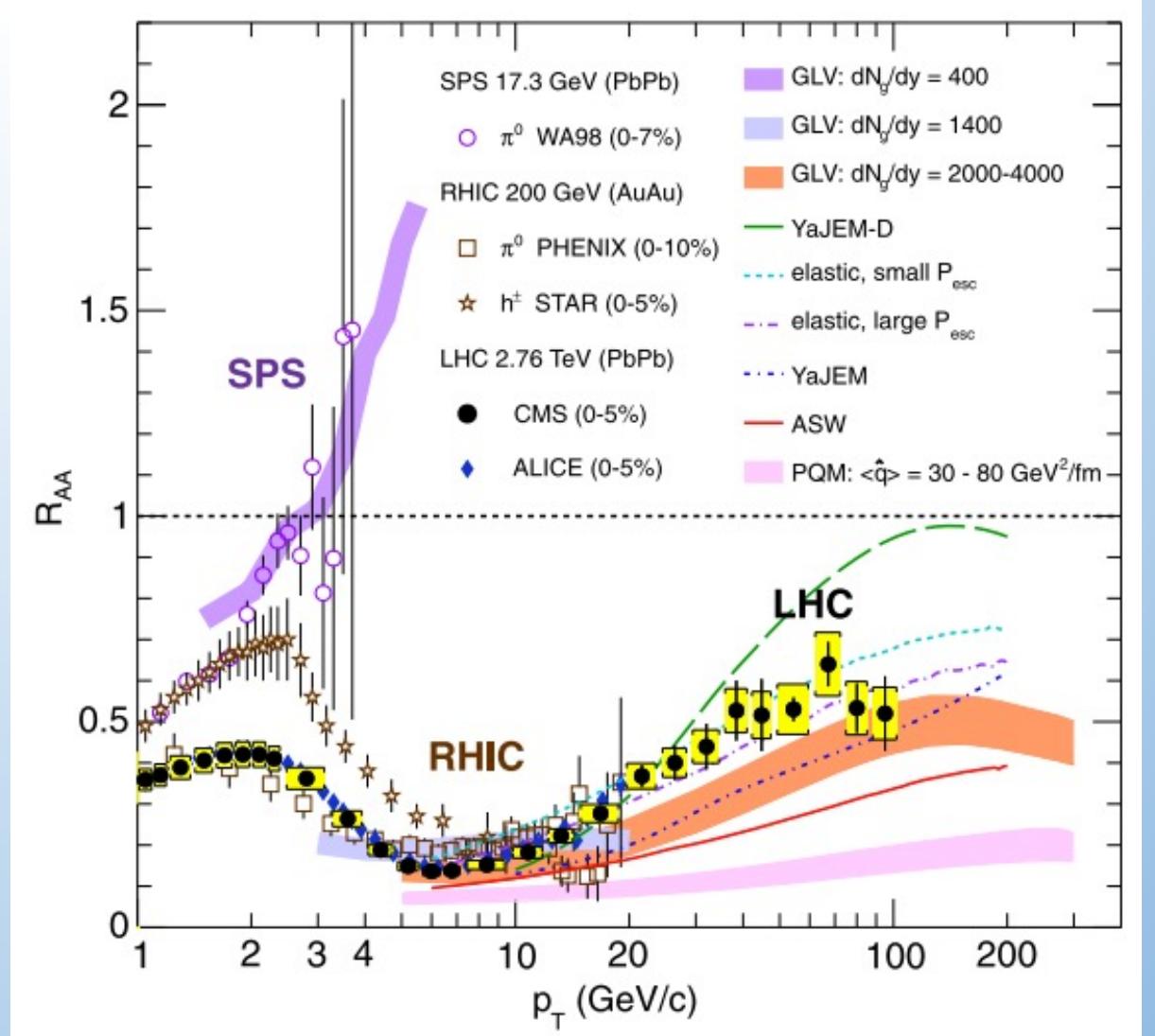
More detailed study about the function for S' _{loss} is needed.



$R_{AA}(b \rightarrow e)$ & $R_{AA}(c \rightarrow e)$ comparison with STAR 0-80%



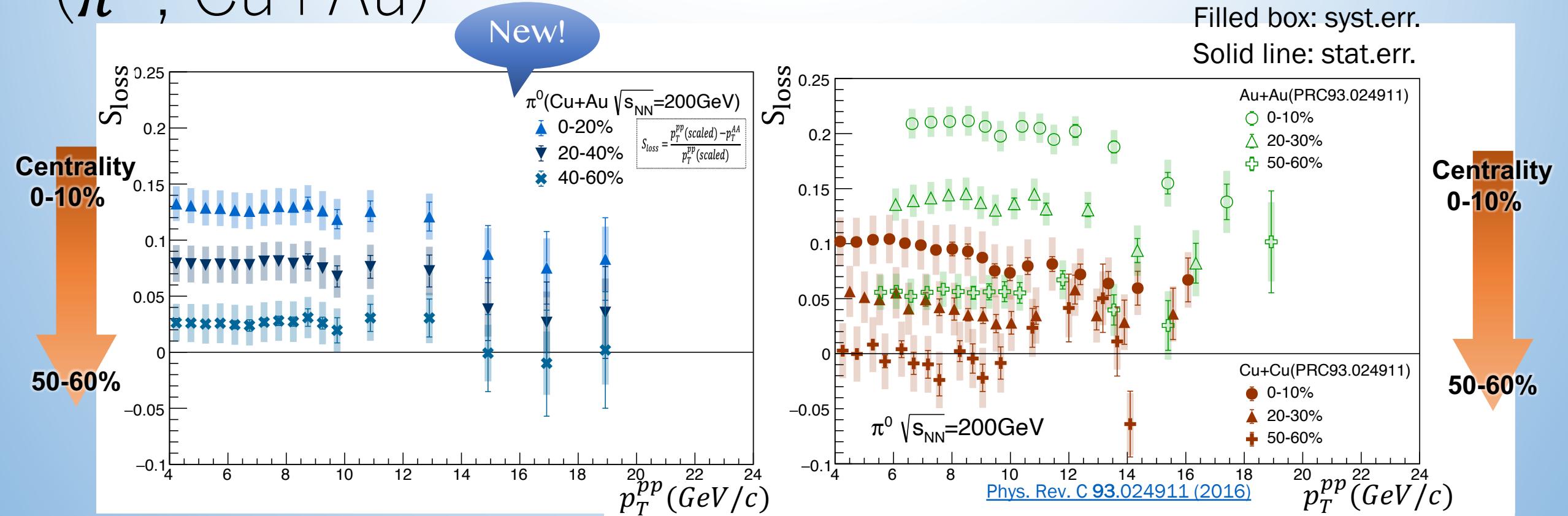
- PHENIX MB and STAR 0-80% are in good agreement within uncertainties



S_{loss} vs. p_T (π^0 , Cu+Au)

$$S_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{pp}(scaled) - p_T^{AA}}{p_T^{pp}(scaled)}$$

Filled box: syst.err.
Solid line: stat.err.

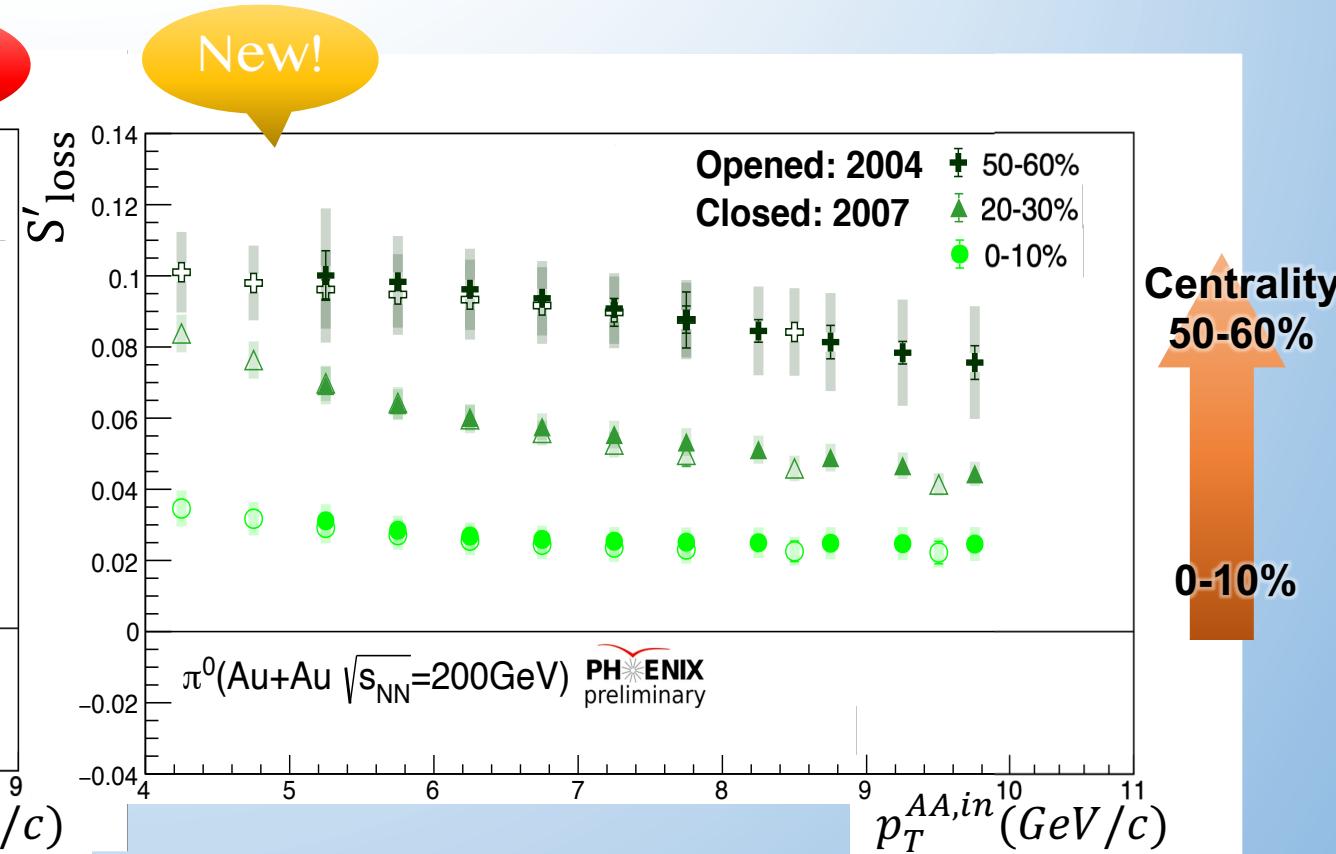
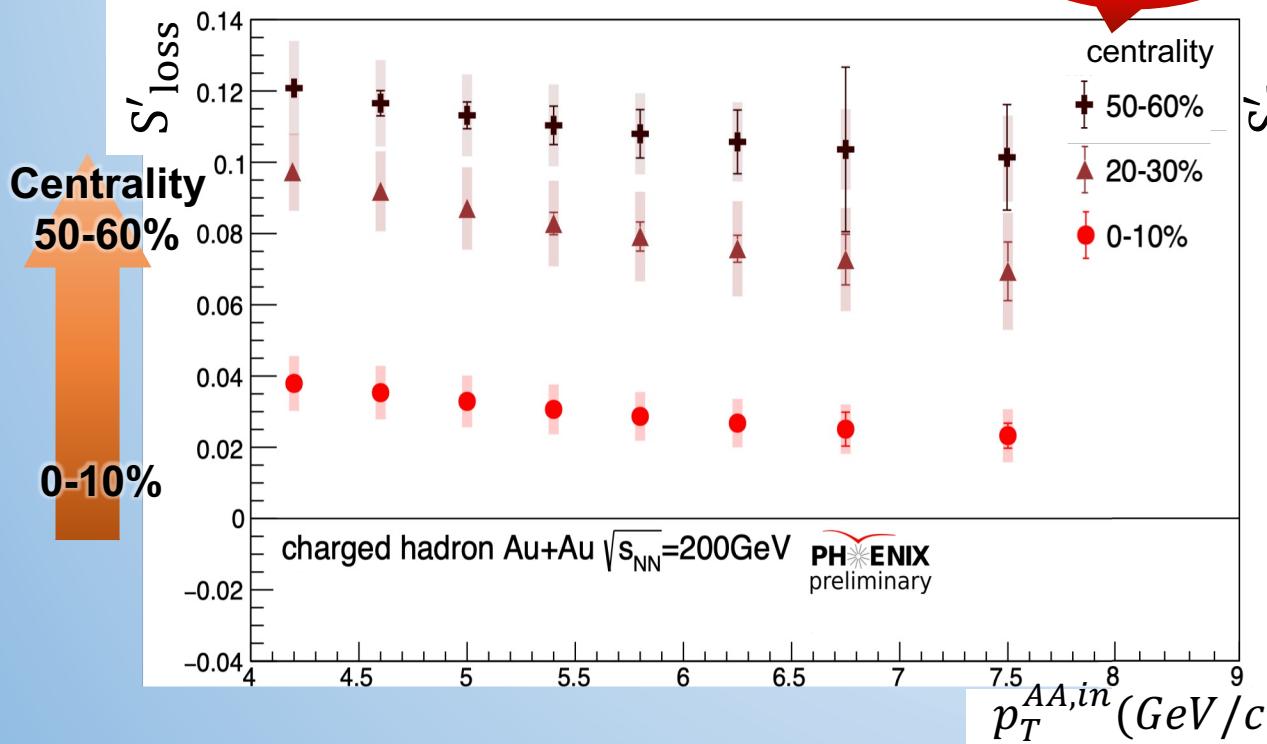


- S_{loss} for π^0 s in Cu+Au is almost constant up to $p_T \sim 12$ GeV and decreases at higher p_T .
- S_{loss} decreases as centrality increases.
- S_{loss} vs. p_T shows the same tendency in Au+Au, Cu+Cu, and Cu+Au asymmetric collisions

S'_{loss} VS. p_T (h^\pm, π^0 (Au+Au))

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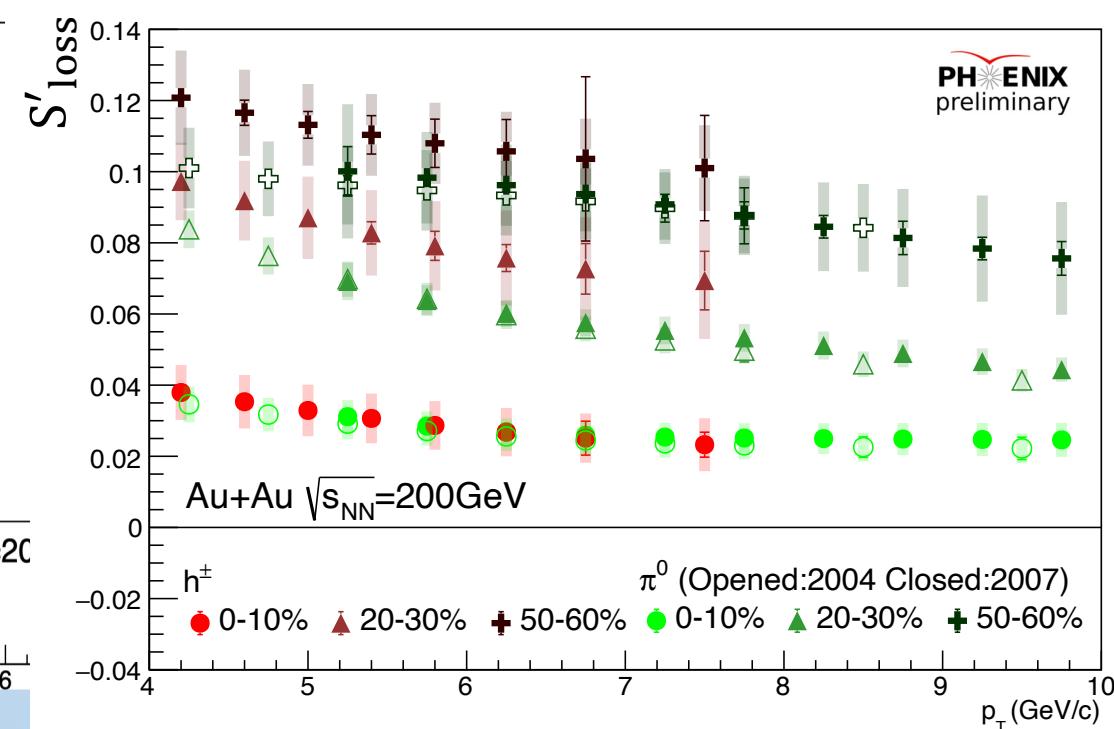
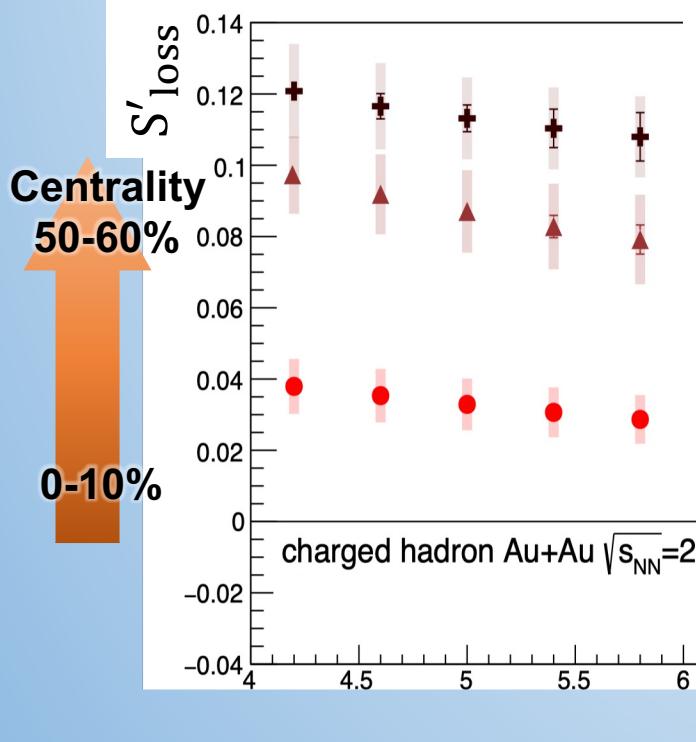
$$S'_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{AA,in} - p_T^{AA,out}}{p_T^{AA,in}}$$



- S'_{loss} for h^\pm s and π^0 s slightly decrease up to $p_T \sim 6$ GeV and seems to be almost constant at higher p_T .
- S'_{loss} increases as centrality increases.
- There is no significant difference between h^\pm s and π^0 s.

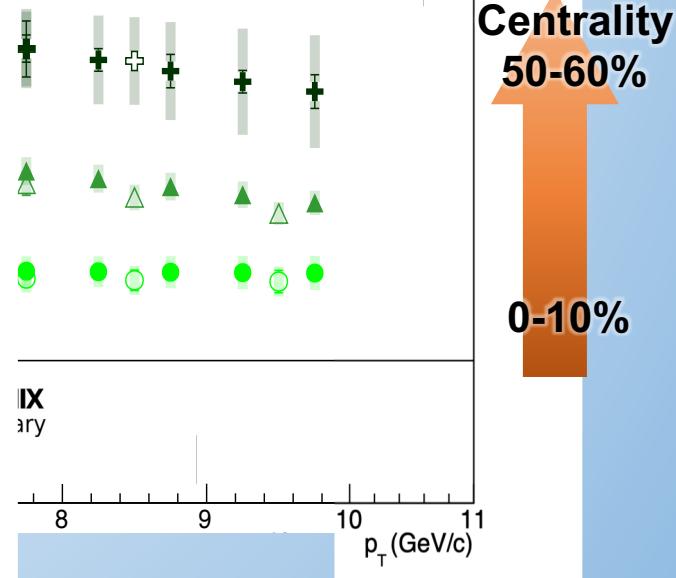
S'_{loss} VS. p_T (h^\pm, π^0 (Au+Au))

$$S'_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{AA,in} - p_T^{AA,out}}{p_T^{AA,in}}$$



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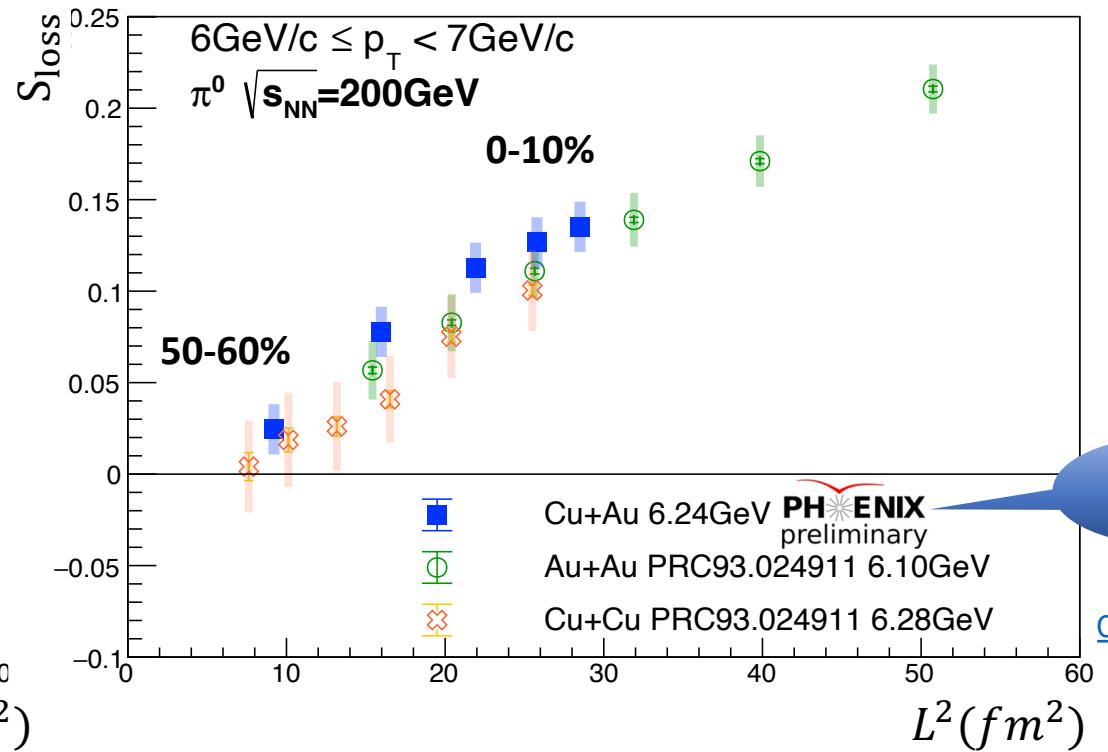
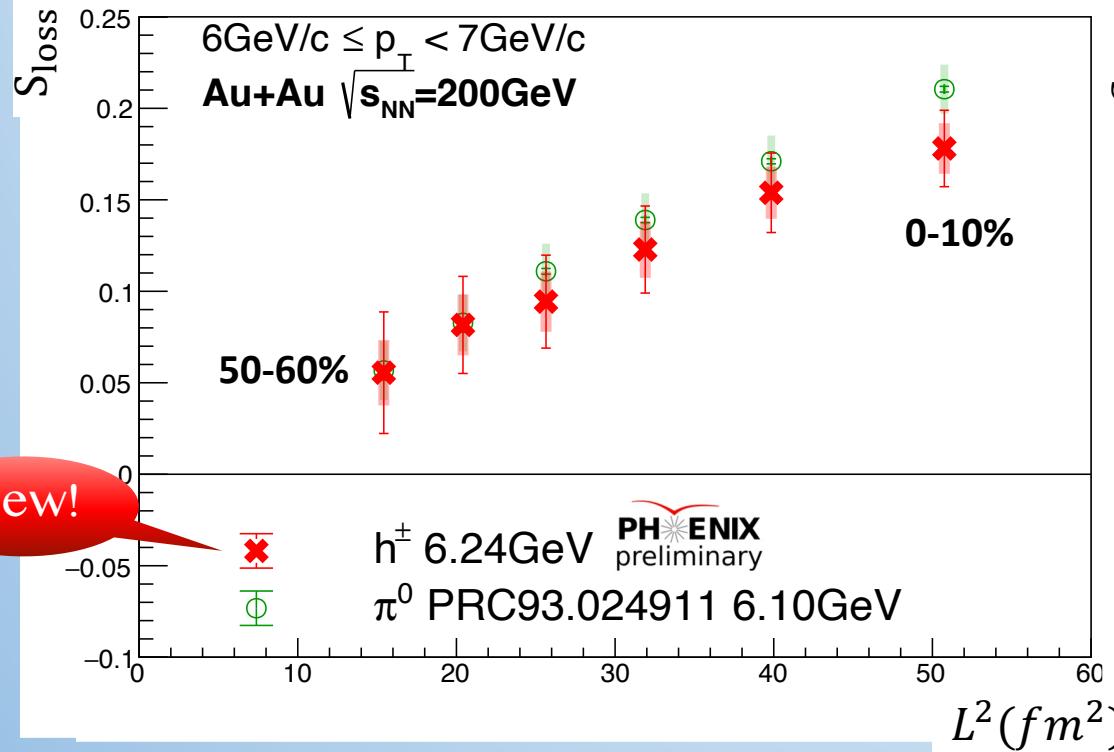
- S'_{loss} for h^\pm s and π^0 s slightly decrease up to $p_T \sim 6$ GeV and seems to be almost constant at higher p_T .
- S'_{loss} increases as centrality increases.
- There is no significant difference between h^\pm s and π^0 s.

S_{loss} vs. L^2 (h^\pm (Au+Au), π^0 (Cu+Au))

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$$S_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{pp}(scaled) - p_T^{AA}}{p_T^{pp}(scaled)}$$

$$L^2 = \left(\frac{L_{out} + L_{in}}{2} \right)^2$$



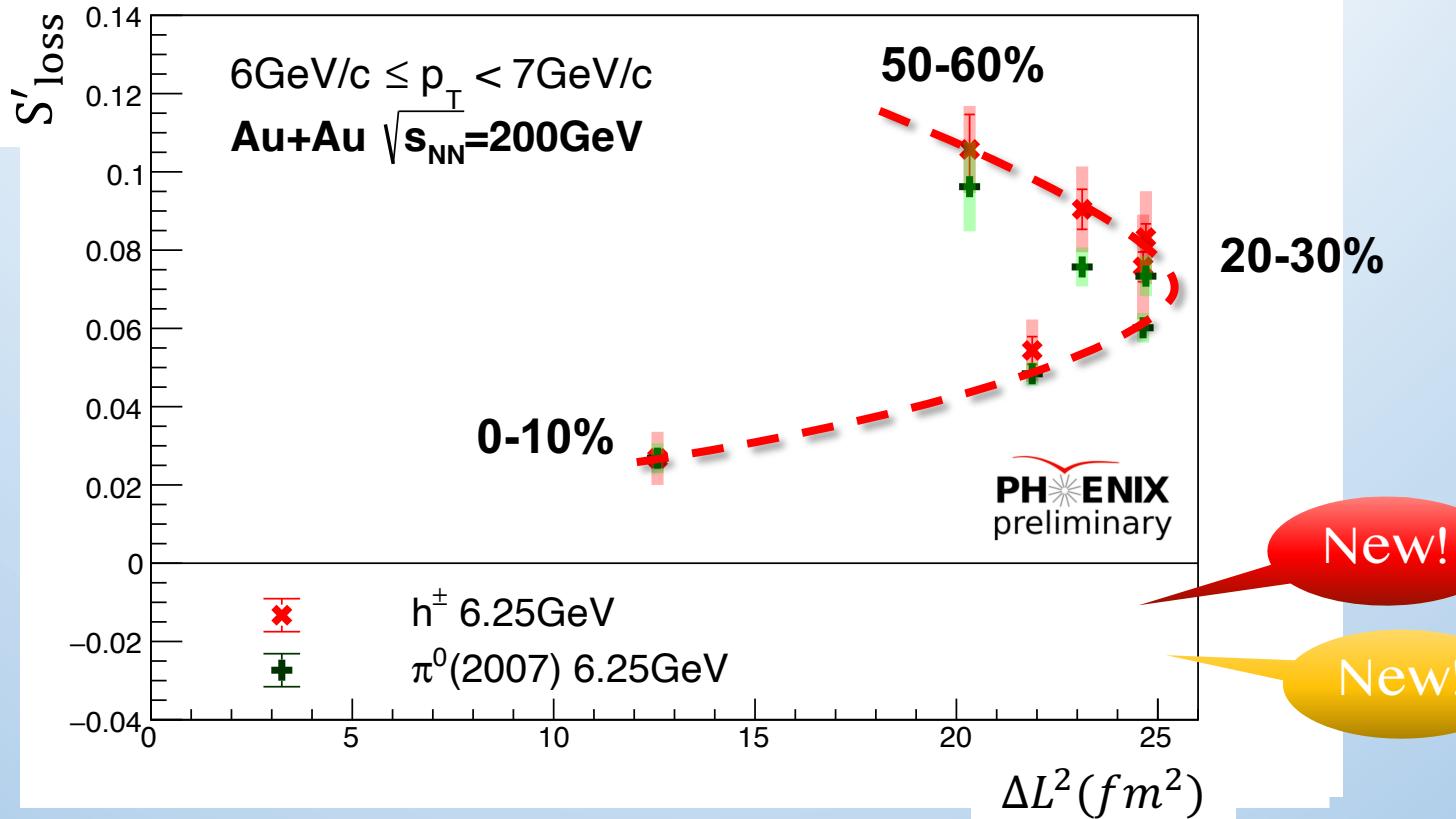
- S_{loss} is proportional to L^2 for both h^\pm s and π^0 s, and it is common in Au+Au, Cu+Cu, and Cu+Au.
- It implies the gluon radiation loss is dominant.

S'_{loss} vs. $\Delta L^2 (= L_{out}^2 - L_{in}^2)$ (h^\pm, π^0 (Au+Au))

$$S'_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{AA,in} - p_T^{AA,out}}{p_T^{AA,in}}$$

$$\Delta L^2 = L_{out}^2 - L_{in}^2$$

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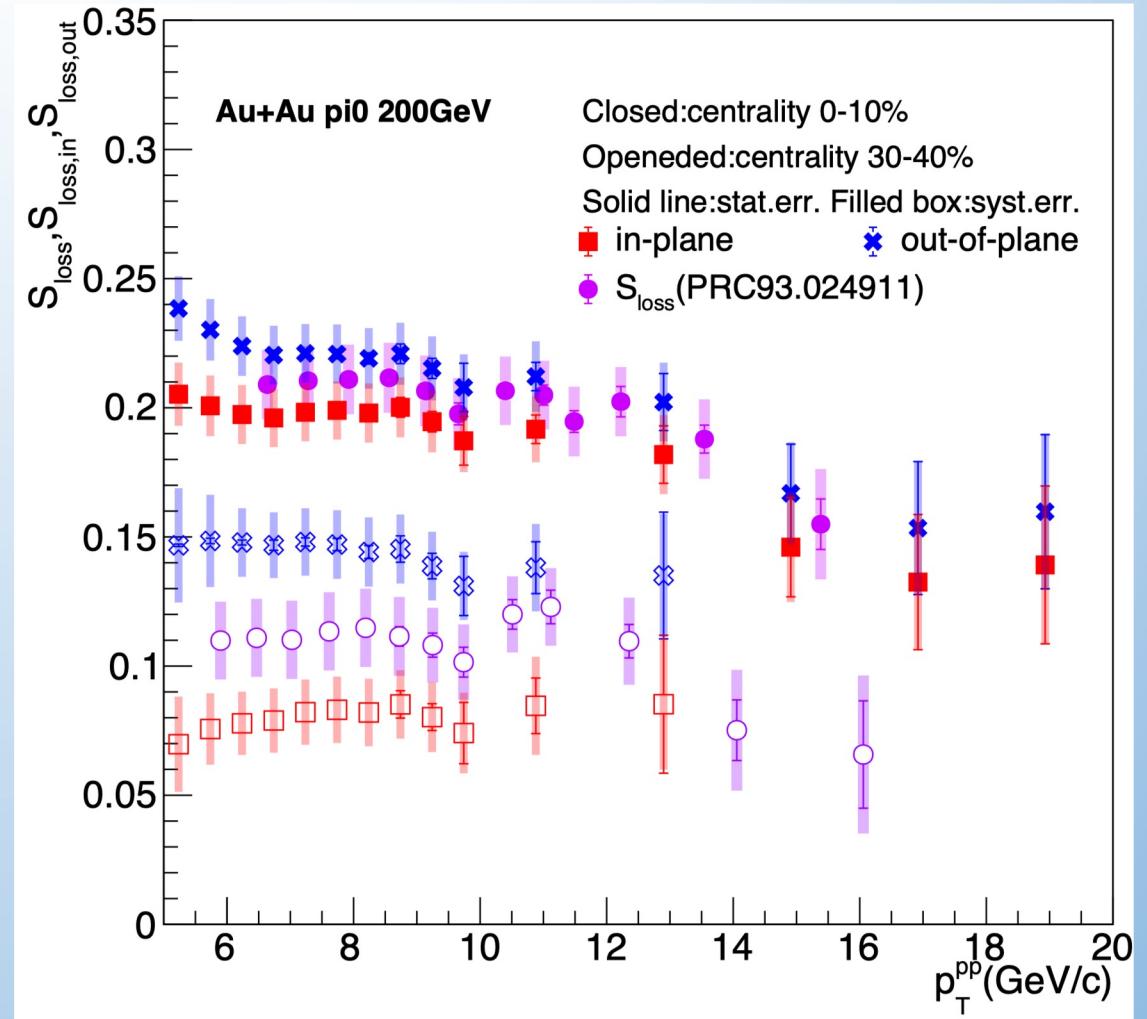


- S'_{loss} is not proportional to $L_{out}^2 - L_{in}^2$. S'_{loss} exhibits a different tendency from S_{loss} !
- There is no significant difference between h^\pm s and π^0 s within uncertainty.

$S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}}$ vs. p_T

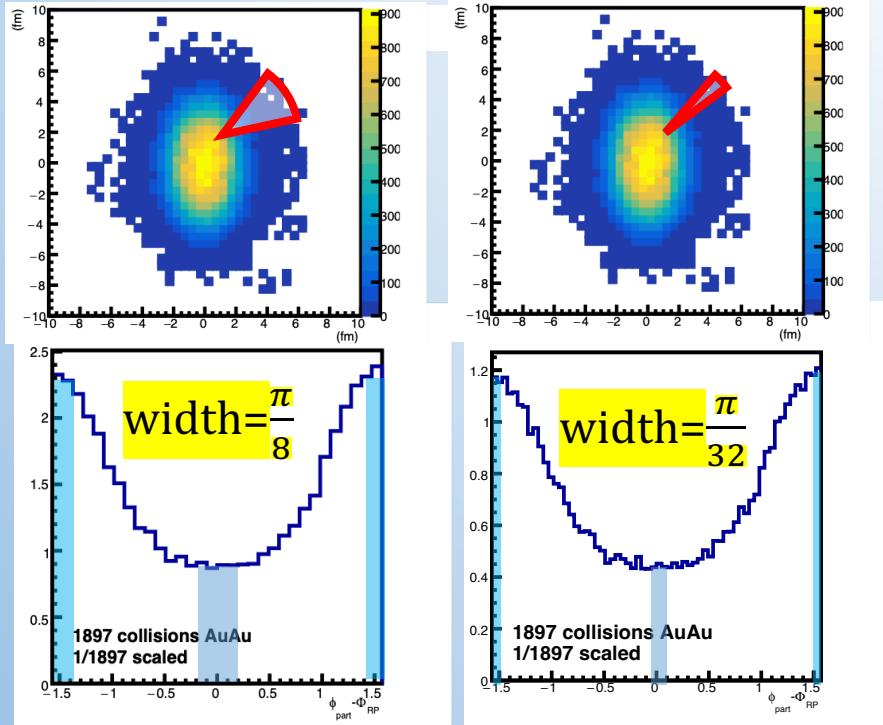
Different azimuthal angle

- The fractional momentum loss are different in the different azimuthal angle.
- Difference in the fractional momentum loss due to azimuthal angle, not seen in S_{loss} .
- The geometric anisotropy contributes to the energy loss mechanism in the QGP.



Systematic uncertainty from the calculation of $N_{\text{part,in}}N_{\text{part,out}}$

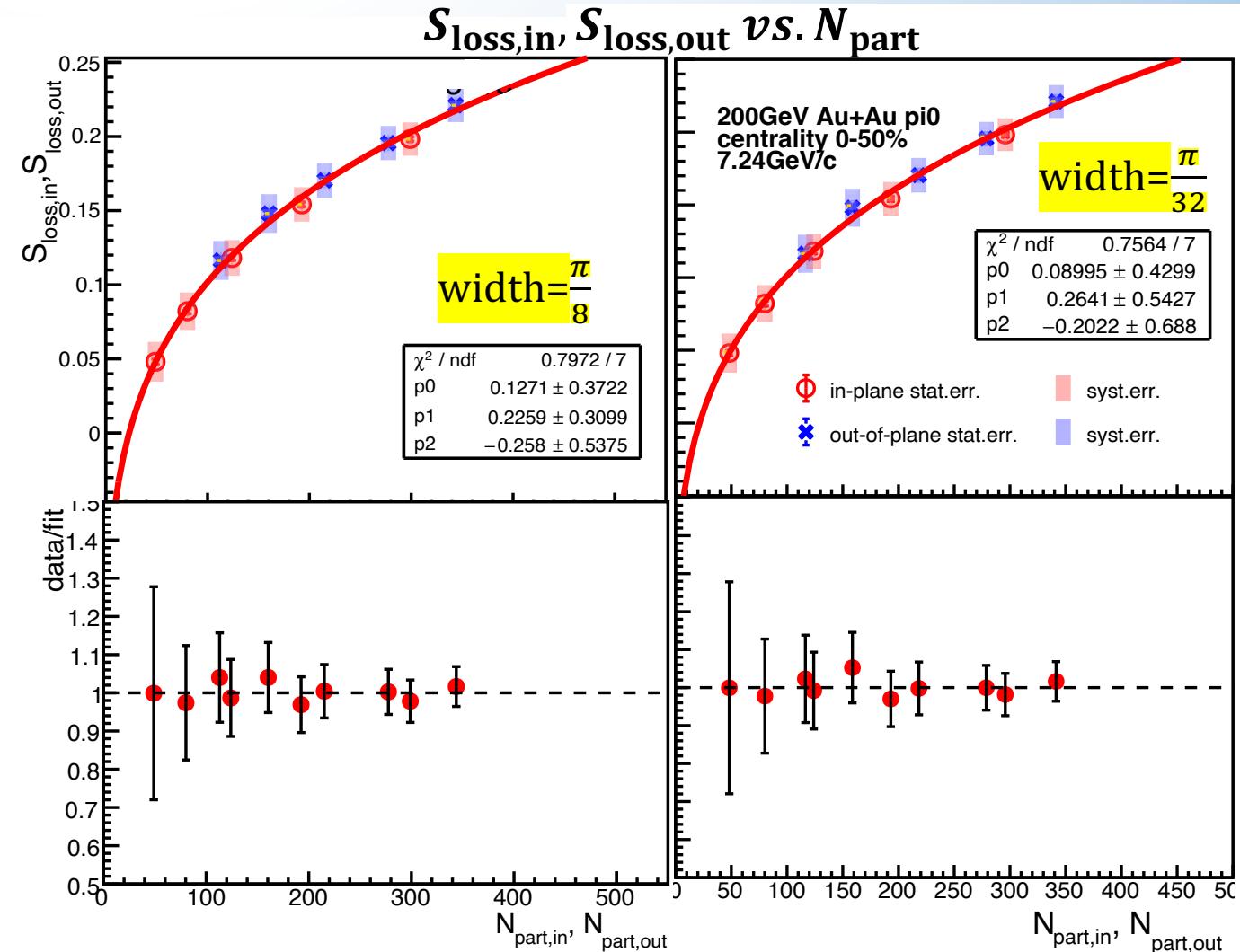
- With different $N_{\text{part,in-out}}$ width of the calculation



- No significant difference of χ^2/ndf

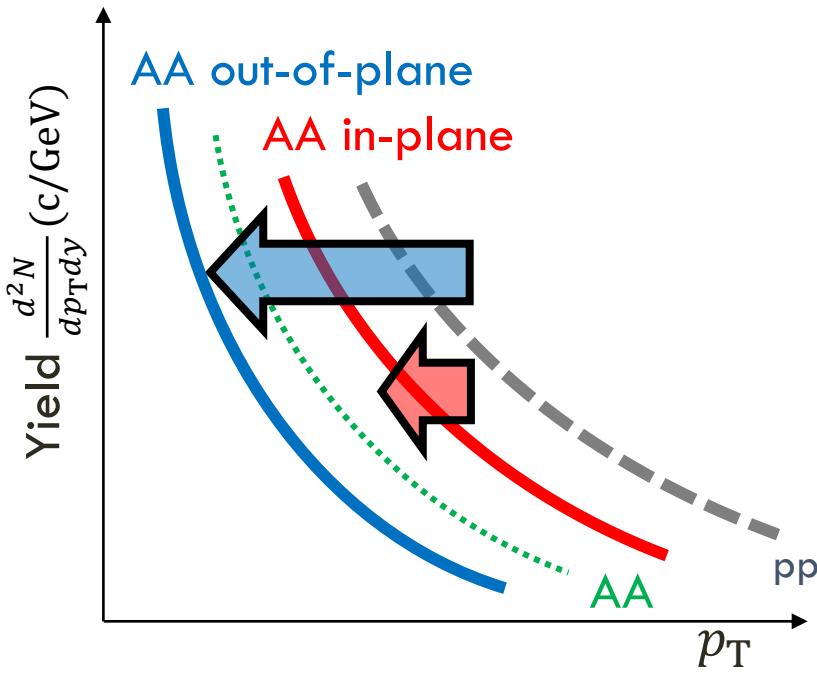
- $N_{\text{part,in}}, N_{\text{part,out}}$ and N_{part} doesn't depend on the width of azimuthal bin.

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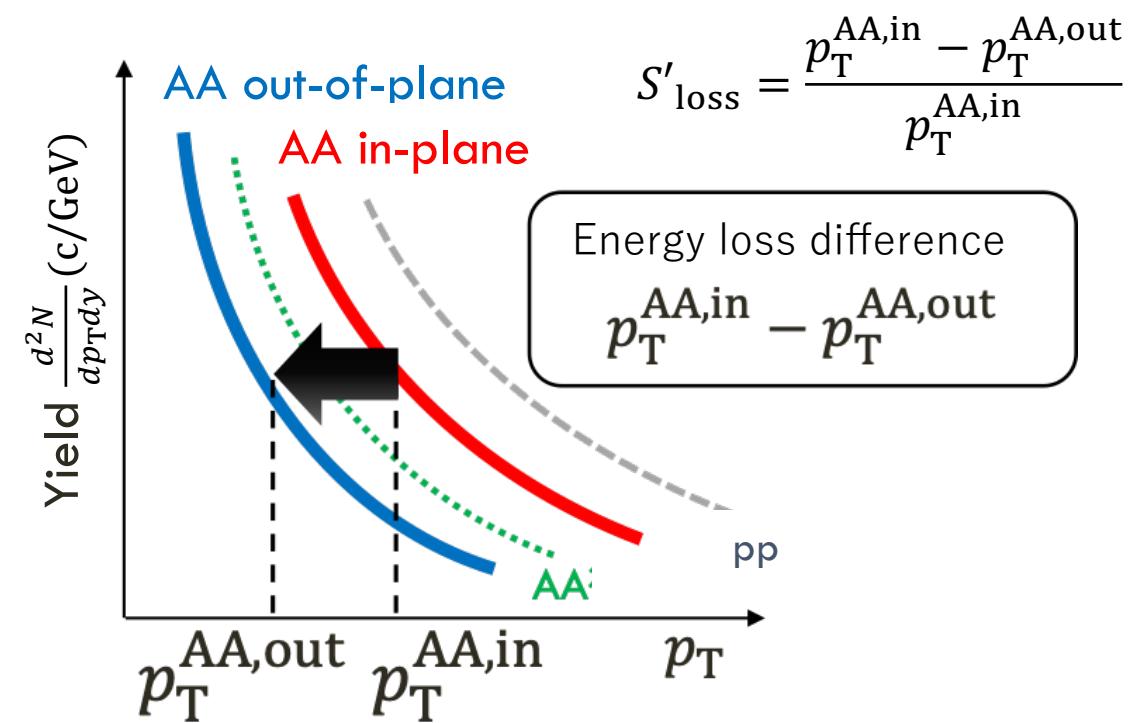


S'_{loss} without pp collisions

S_{loss} depend on azimuthal angle

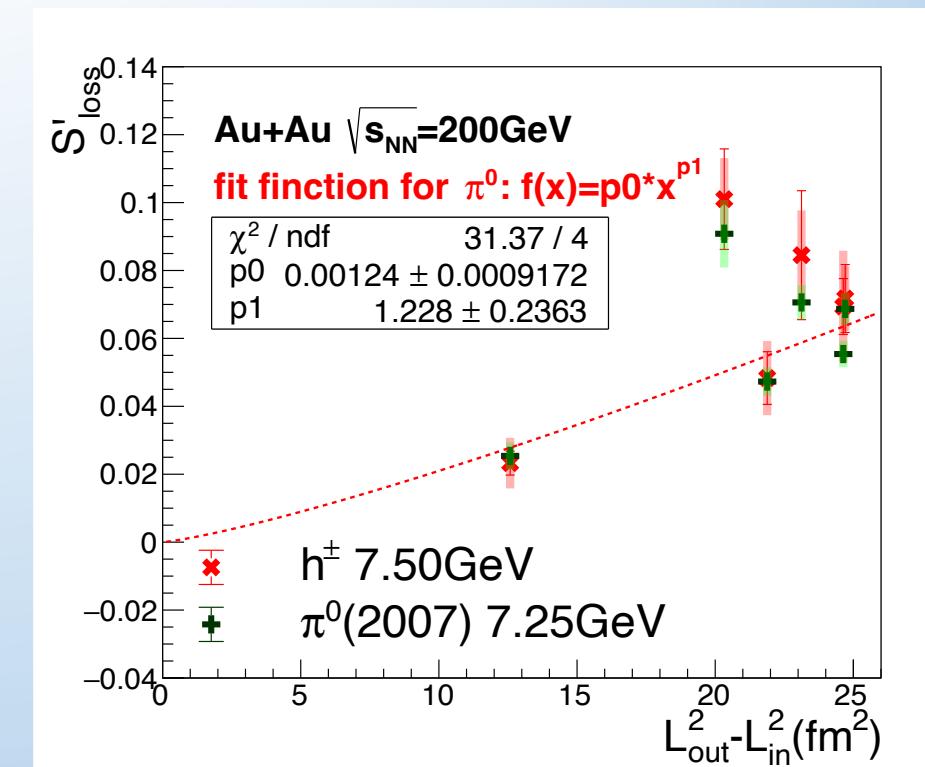
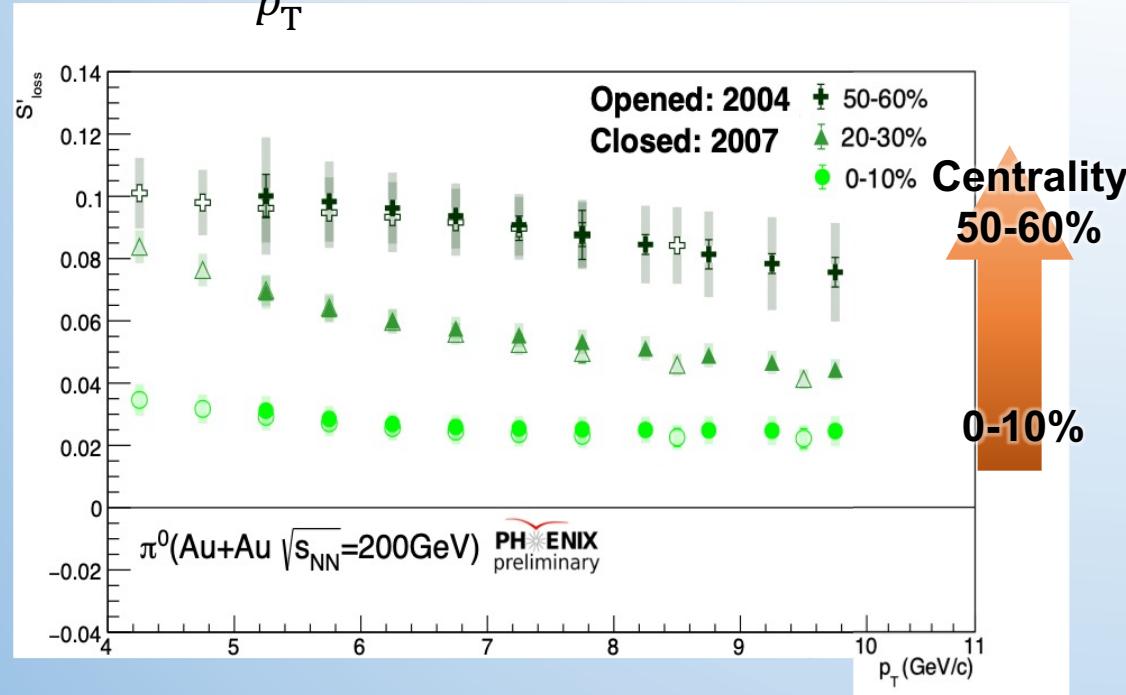


S'_{loss} which doesn't use pp data



S' _{loss} (not use pp collision)

$$S'_{\text{loss}} = \frac{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{AA,in}} - p_{\text{T}}^{\text{AA,out}}}{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{AA,in}}}$$



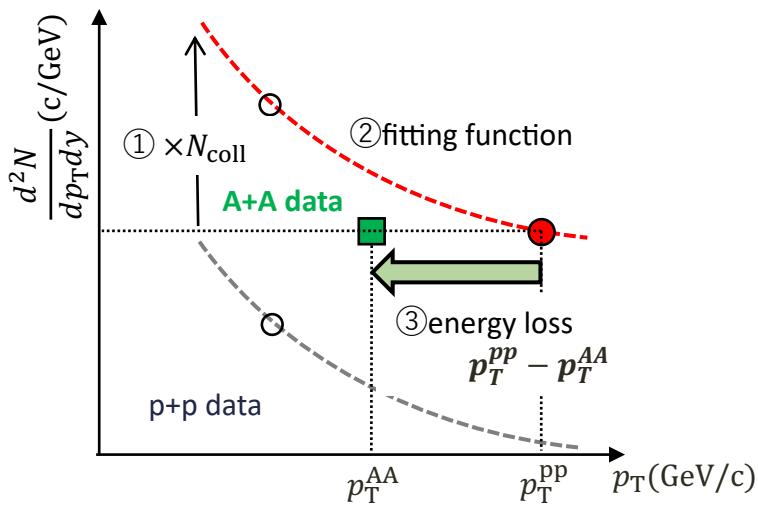
S'_{loss} is roughly proportional to $L_{\text{out}}^2 - L_{\text{in}}^2$.
More detailed study about the function for S'_{loss} is needed.

Methods

$\langle S_{\text{loss}} \rangle$

- ① scale spectra in p+p by binary collision number (N_{coll})
 - ② get the fitting function of the scaled p+p spectra
 - ③ The fractional momentum loss, S_{loss} , using the scaled pp data and spectra in A+A collision
- The fractional momentum loss:

$$S_{\text{loss}} = \frac{p_T^{\text{pp}} - p_T^{\text{AA}}}{p_T^{\text{pp}}}$$



$\langle S_{\text{loss,in}}, S_{\text{loss,out}} \rangle$

- ① In-plane spectra and out-of-plane spectra in A+A collision

azimuthal distribution of generated particle $\frac{dN(\phi)}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2\nu_2 \cos 2\phi$

in-plane ($\phi = 0^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{in}} = \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \times (1 + 2\nu_2)$$

out-of-plane ($\phi = 90^\circ$)

$$\left. \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{out}} = \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \times (1 - 2\nu_2)$$

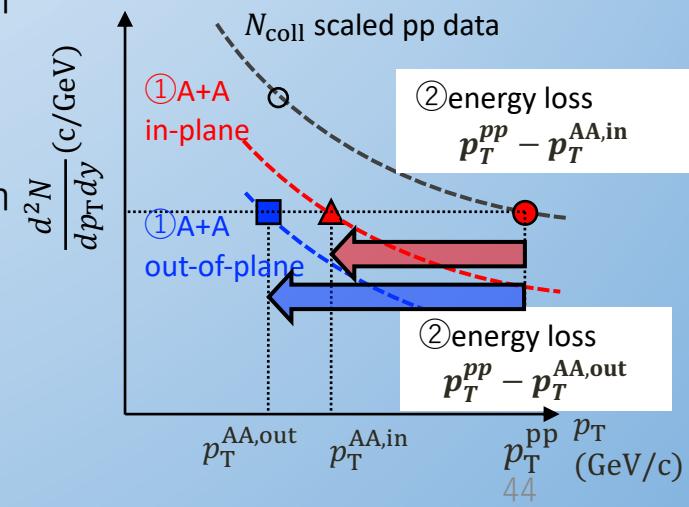
- ② The fractional momentum loss, $S_{\text{loss,in}} (S_{\text{loss,out}})$, of in-plane (out-of-plane) using N_{coll} scaled pp data and in-plane spectra (out-of-plane spectra) in A+A collision

- The fractional momentum loss of in-plane:

$$S_{\text{loss,in}} = \frac{p_T^{\text{pp}} - p_T^{\text{AA,in}}}{p_T^{\text{pp}}}$$

- The fractional momentum loss of out-of-plane:

$$S_{\text{loss,out}} = \frac{p_T^{\text{pp}} - p_T^{\text{AA,out}}}{p_T^{\text{pp}}}$$



L dependences

- S_{loss} : the fractional momentum loss of high- p_{T} hadrons

$$S_{\text{loss}} = \frac{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{pp}}(\text{scaled}) - p_{\text{T}}^{\text{AA}}}{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{pp}}(\text{scaled})}$$

1. S_{loss} does not strongly depend on p_{T} , decreases as centrality increases.
([Phys. Rev. C. 93. 024911 \(2016\)](#))
2. S_{loss} increases with L_{ϵ} , an effective radius of the collision. ([Phys. Rev. C. 76. 034904\(2007\)](#))

