

# **Heavy quark production in d+Au collisions at forward rapidity in PHENIX**

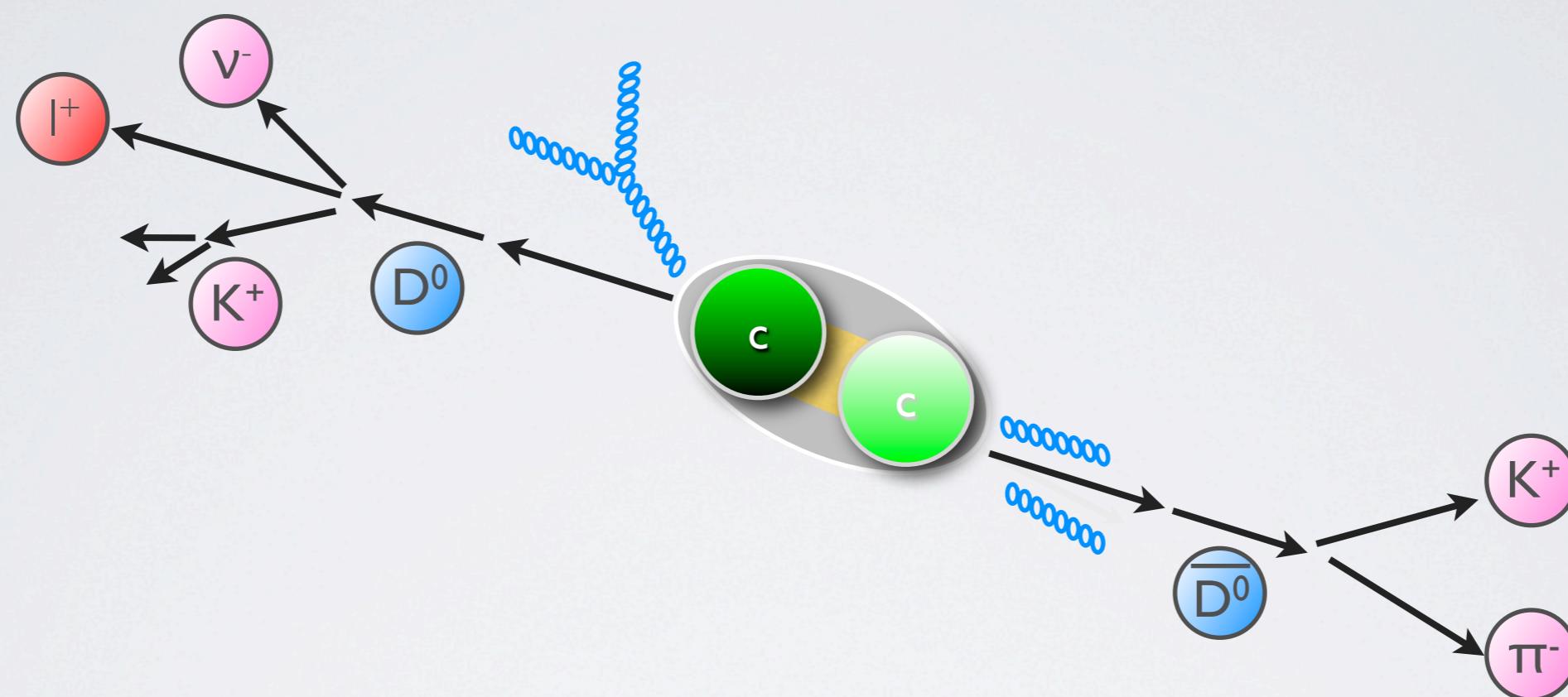
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# Introduction

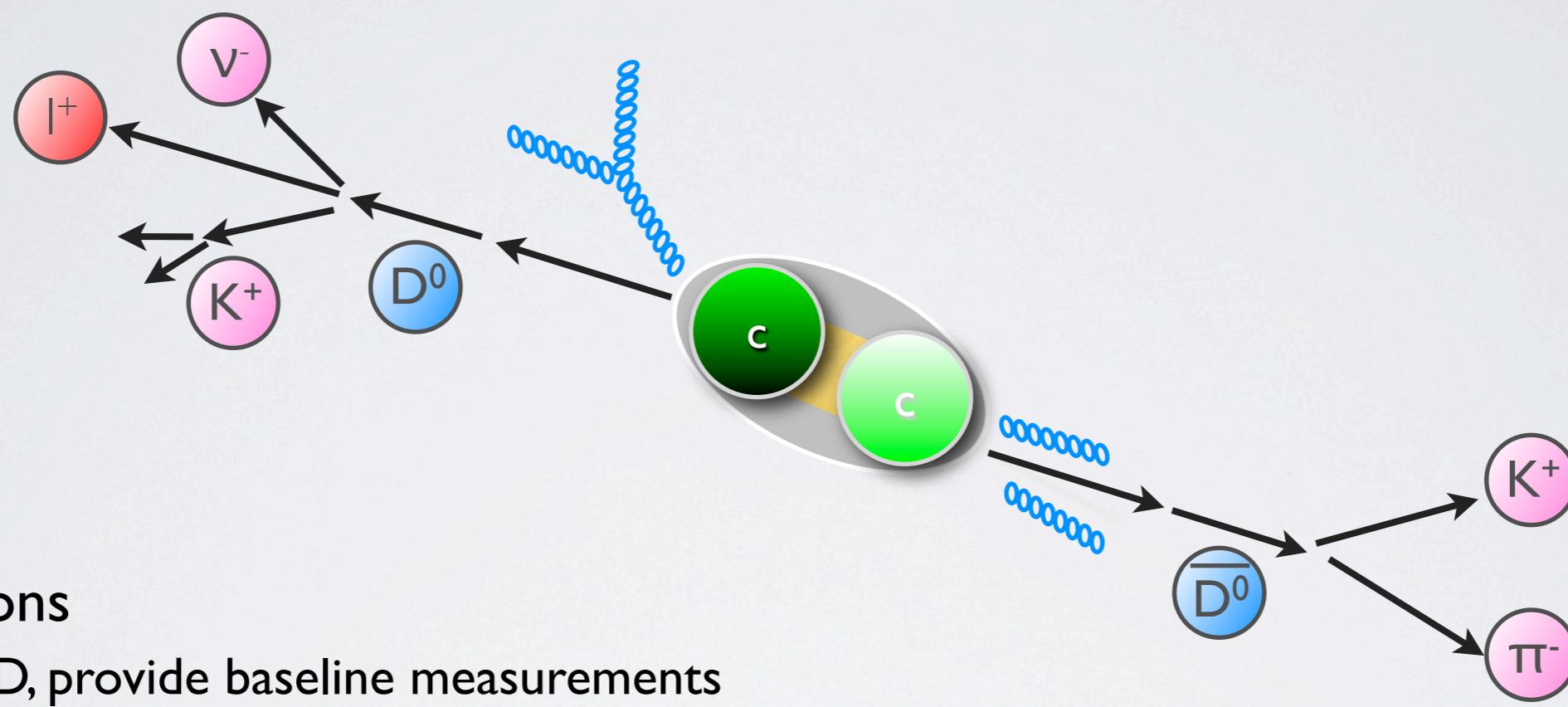
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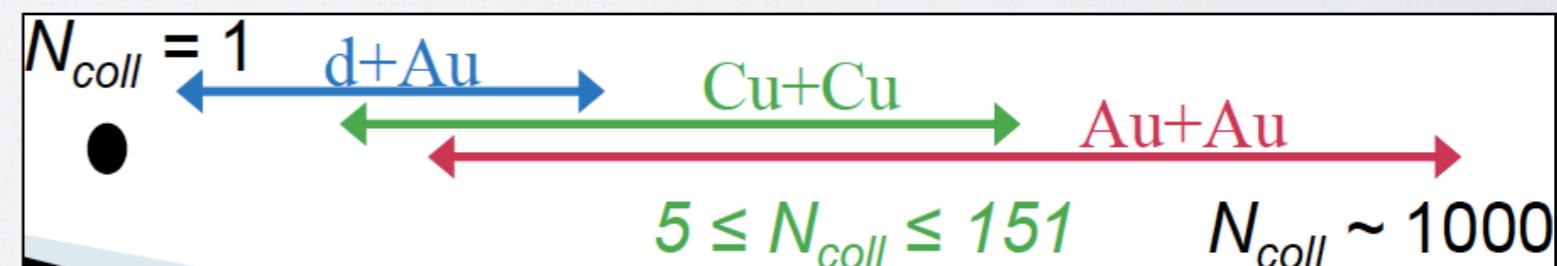


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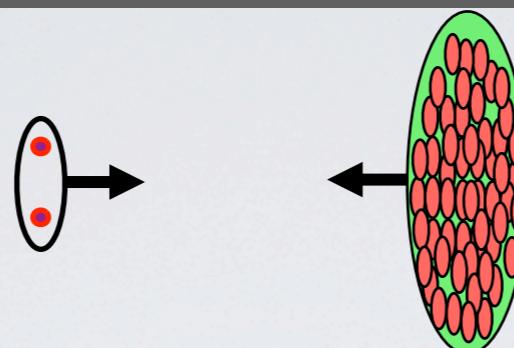
- $p+p$  collisions
  - Test pQCD, provide baseline measurements
- $d+Au$  collisions
  - Study cold nuclear matter effects
- Heavy-ion collisions
  - Probe effects of hot and dense medium



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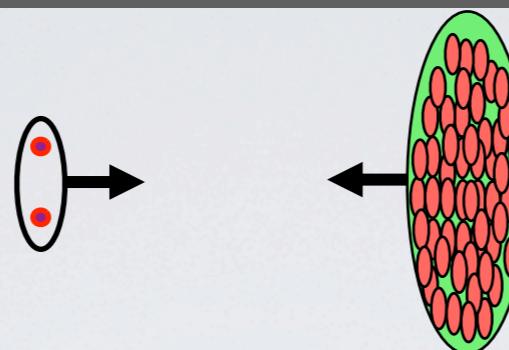
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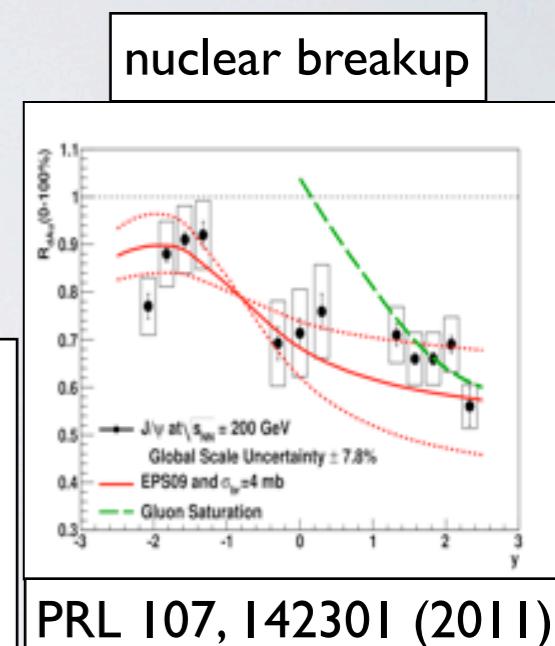
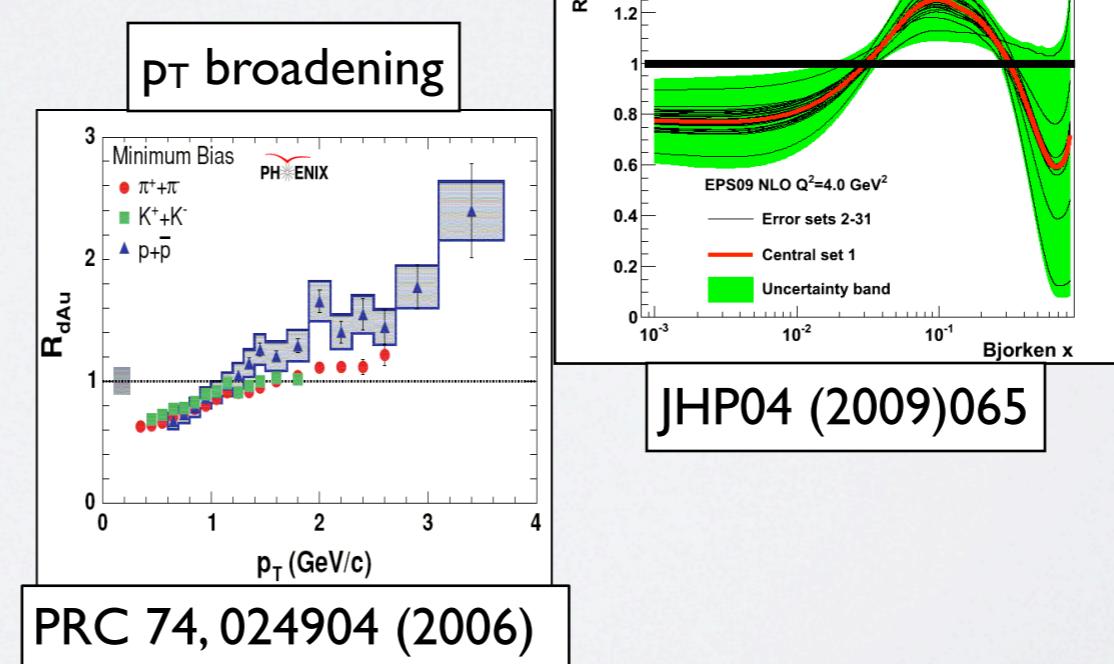
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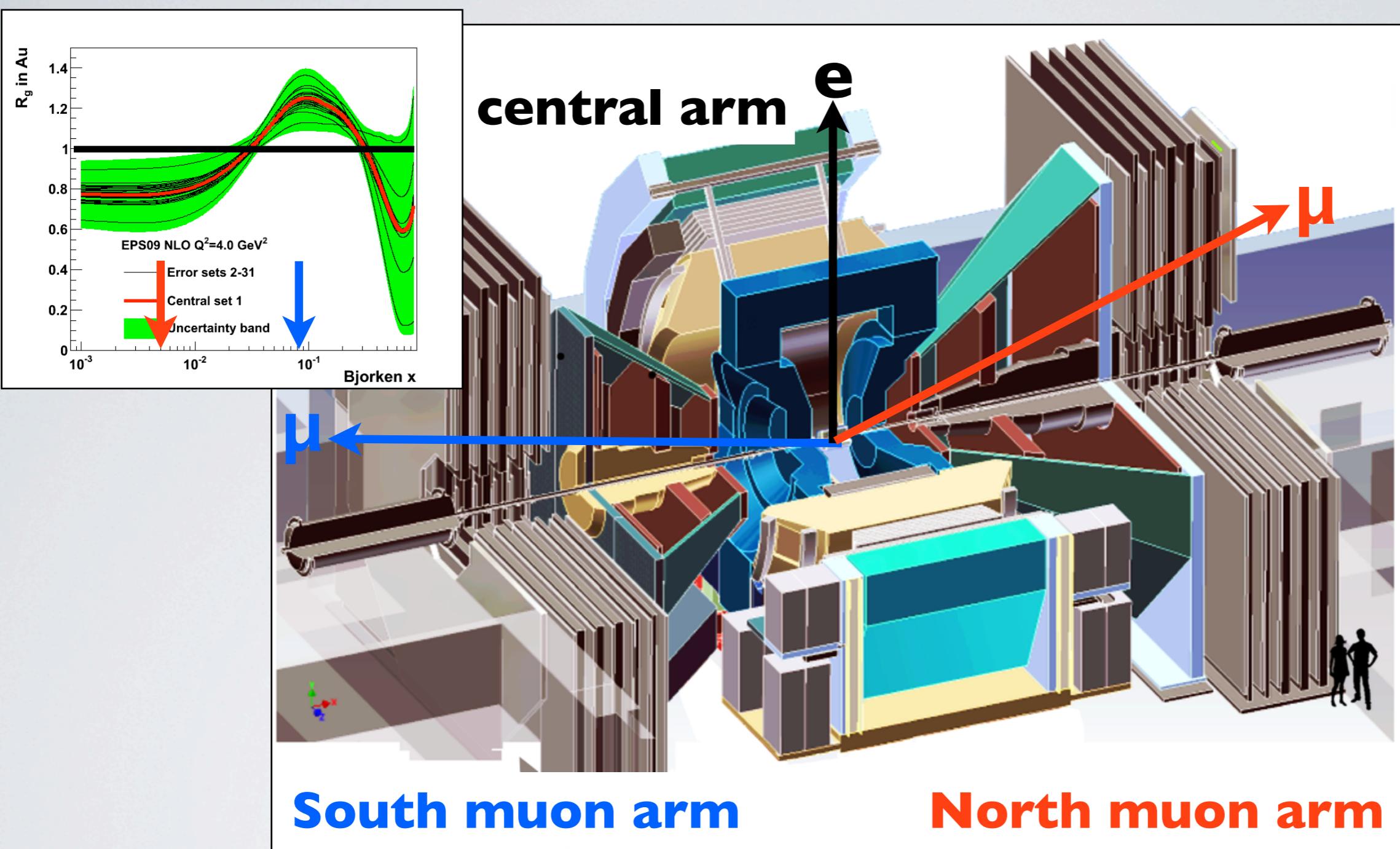
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- Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects

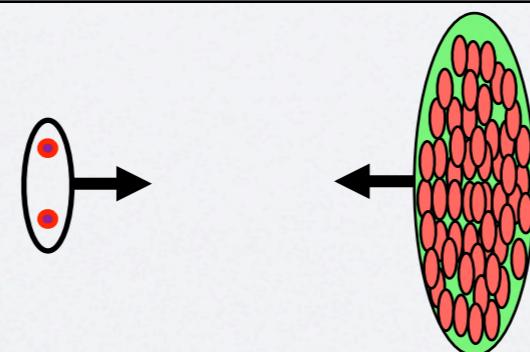
- Modification of parton distribution function
- $p_T$  ( $k_T$ ) broadening (Cronin effect)
- Nuclear break-up (absorption)
- Initial parton energy loss



# Heavy-flavor in PHENIX



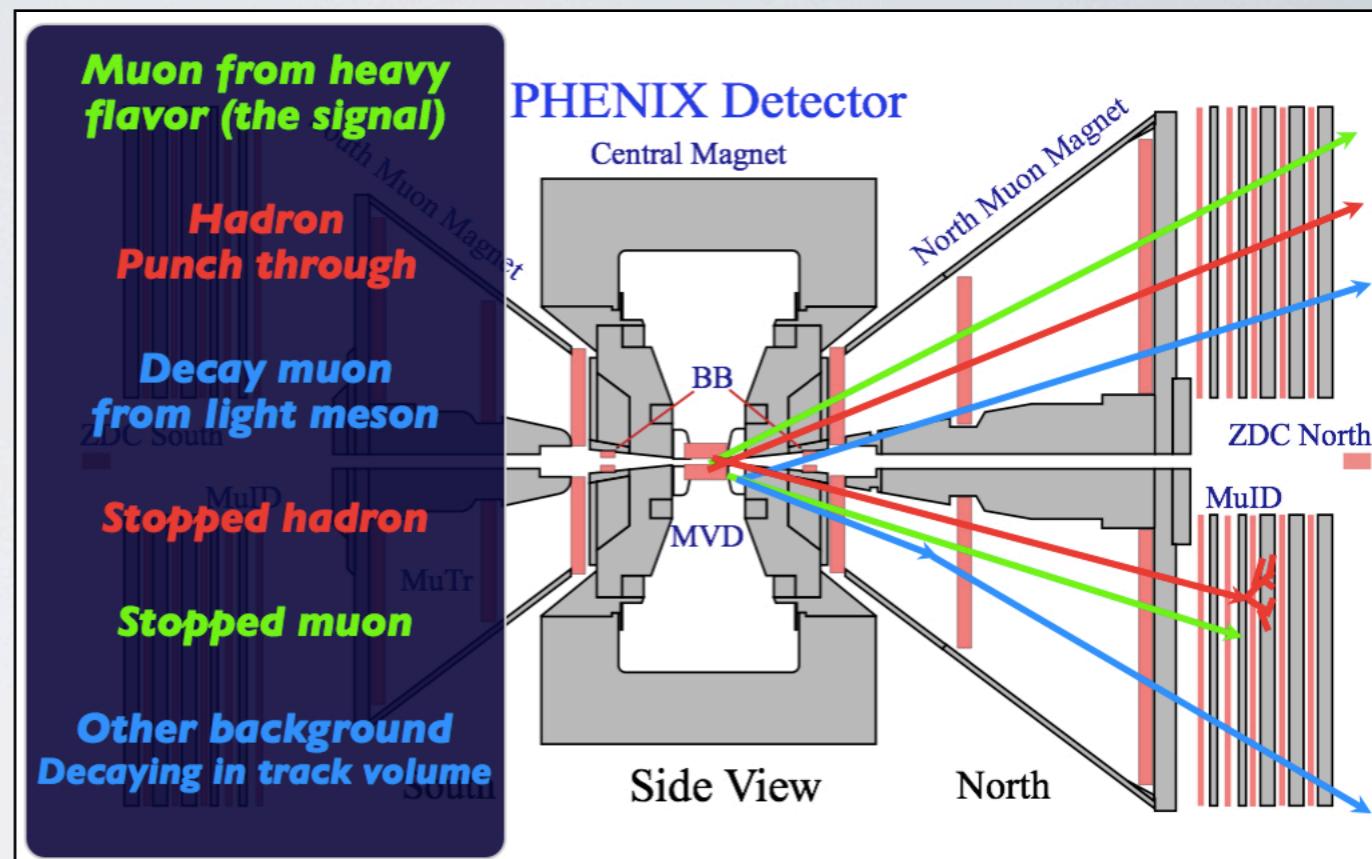
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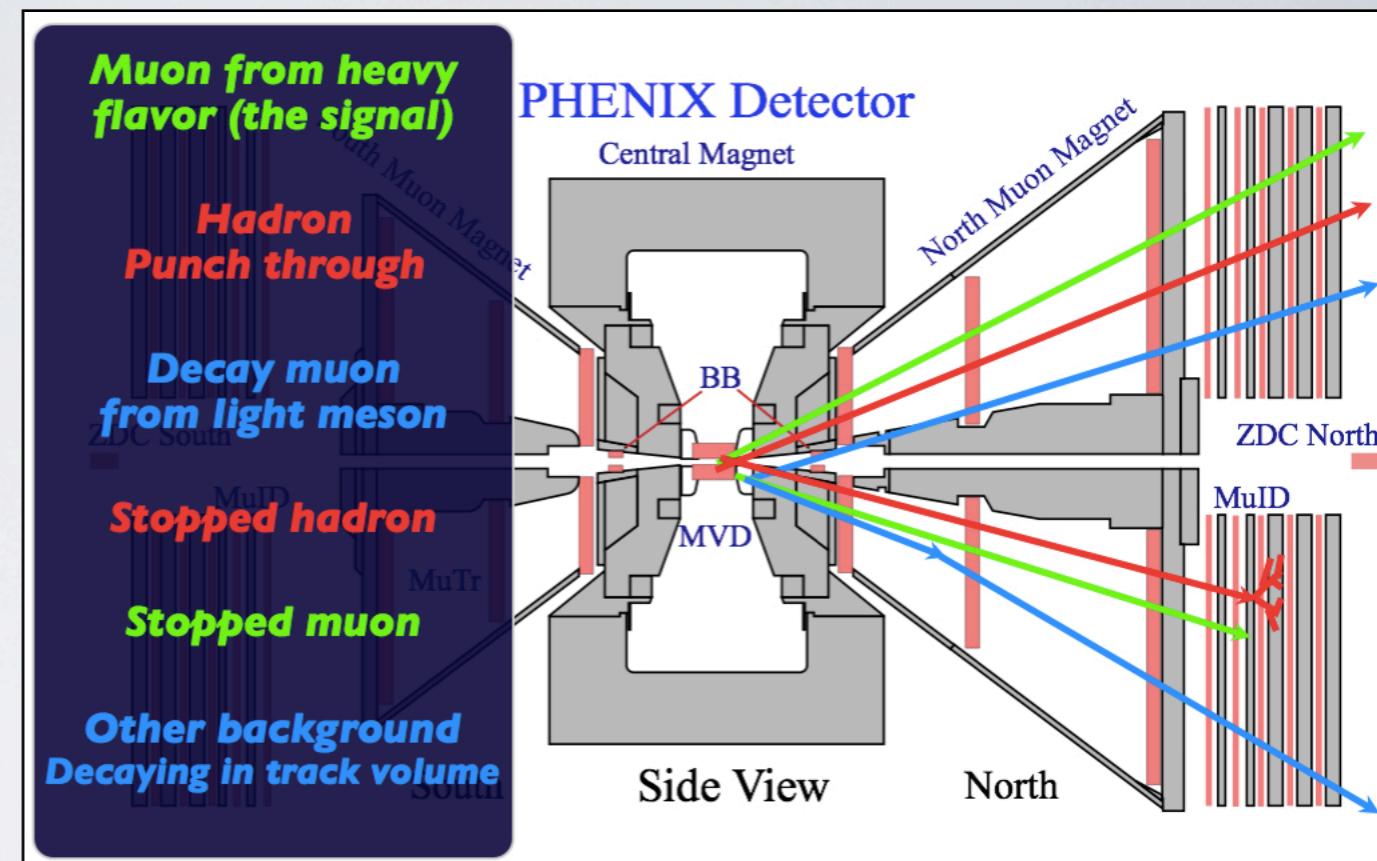
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- Main background sources
  - **Decay muons** from light hadrons ( $\pi, K$ ) and **punch-through hadrons**
- Background estimation
  - Hadron cocktail method - full MC simulation of light hadrons ( $\pi, K, p$ )
  - Muons from  $J/\psi$  are estimated based on the PHENIX  $J/\psi$  results

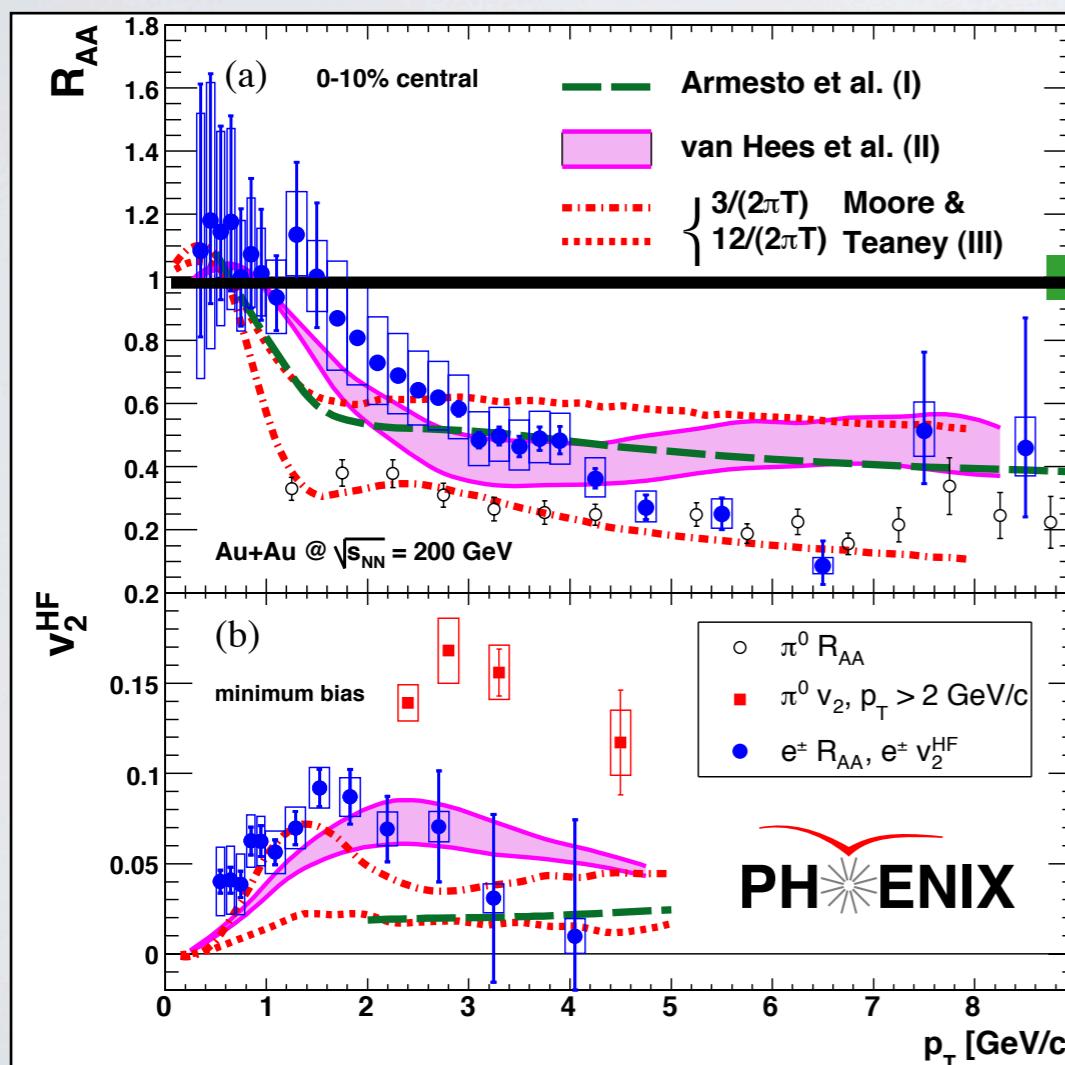


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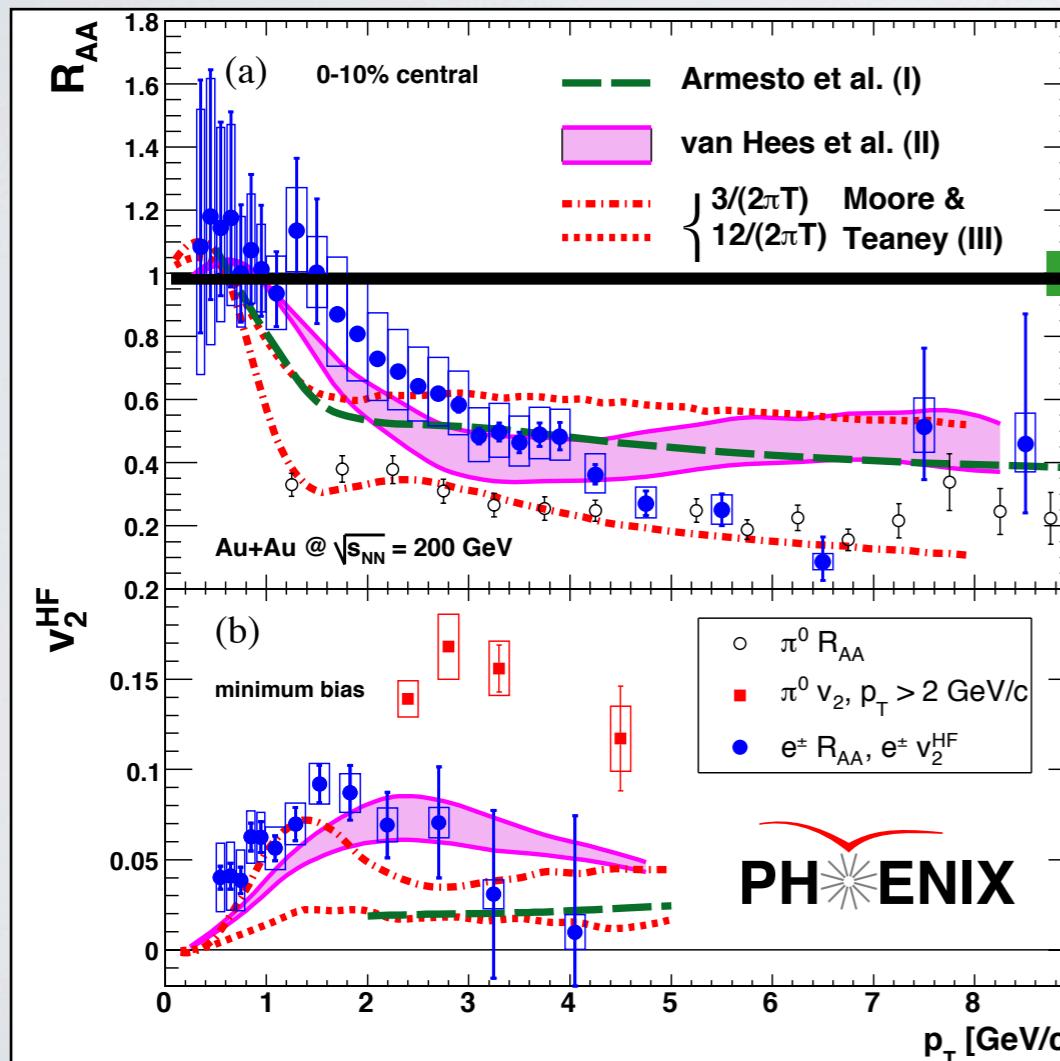


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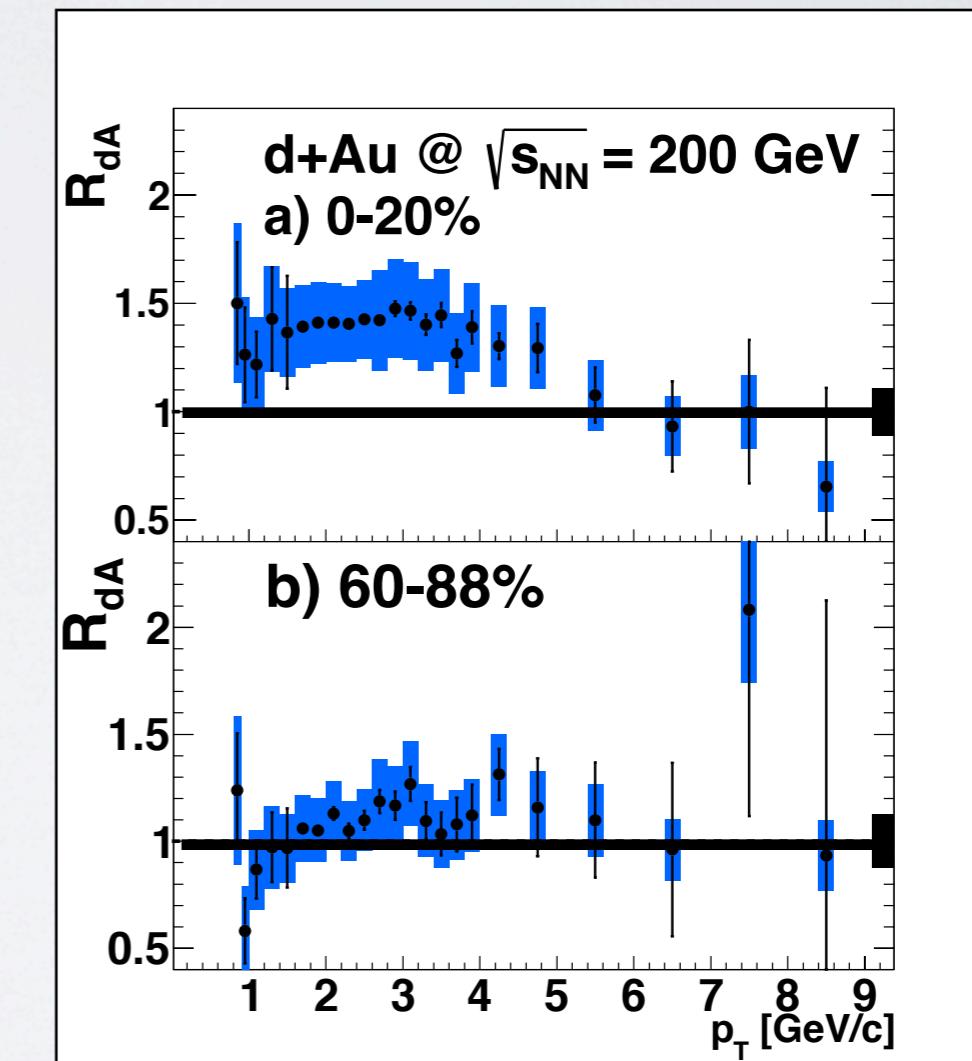
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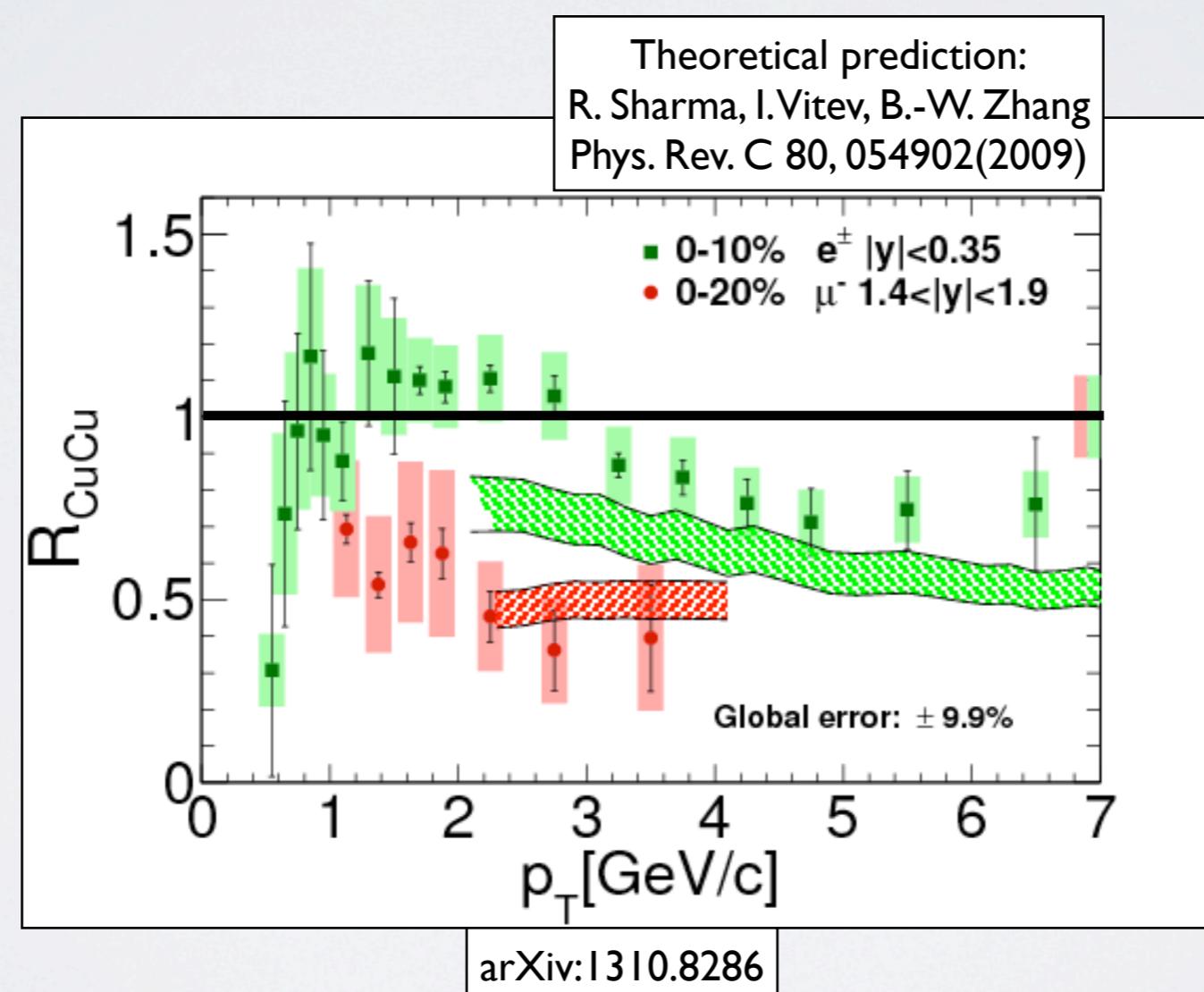
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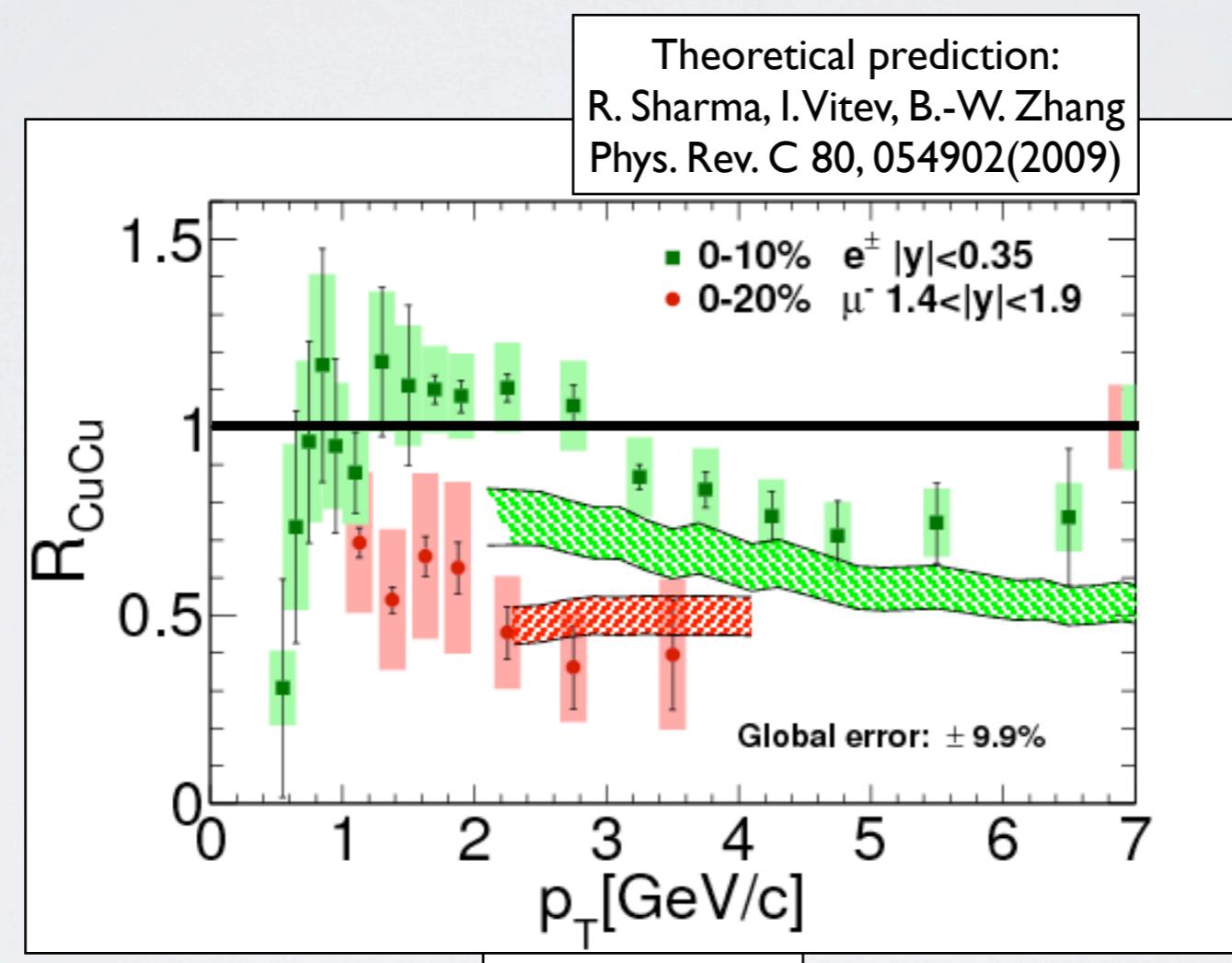
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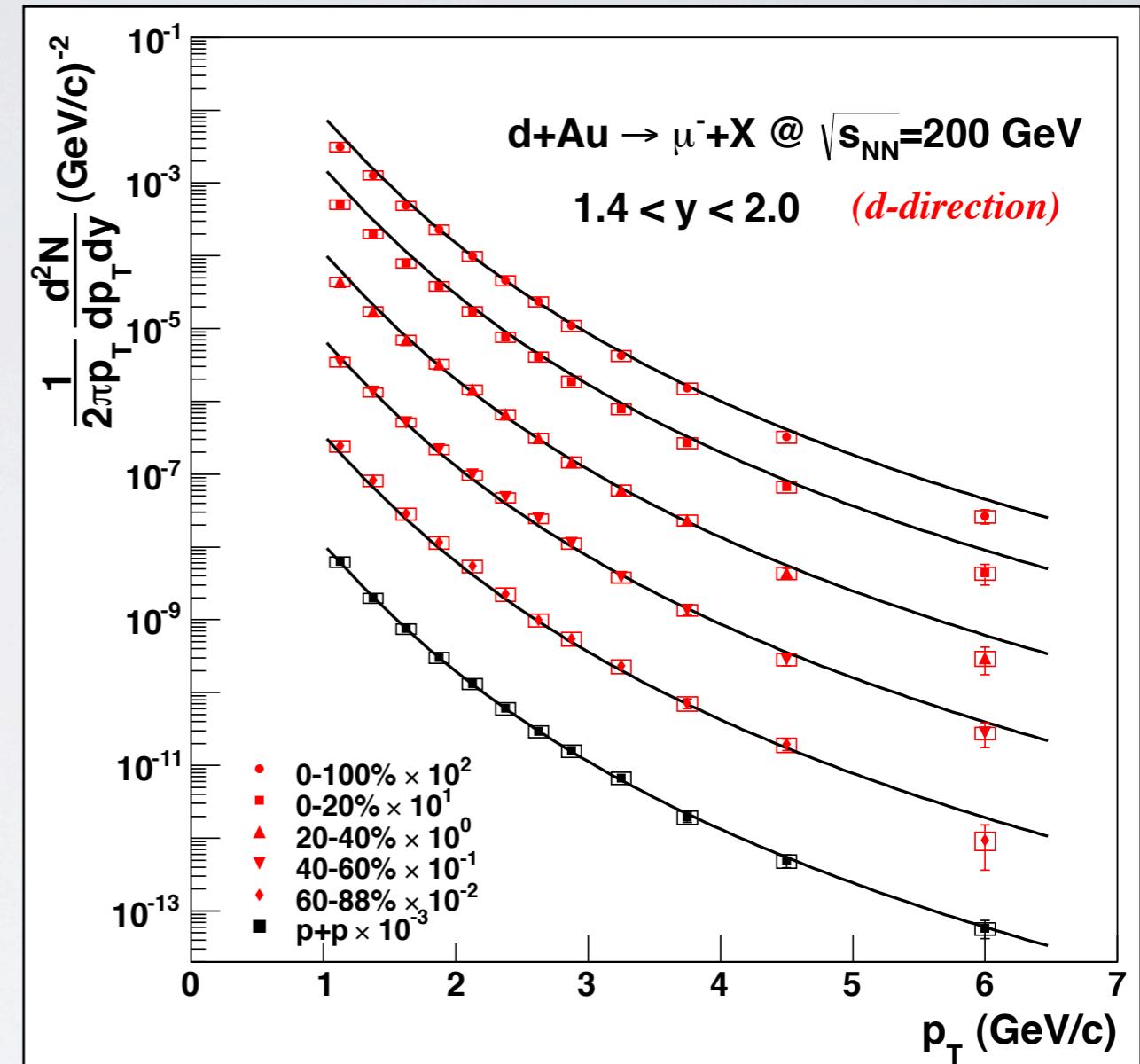
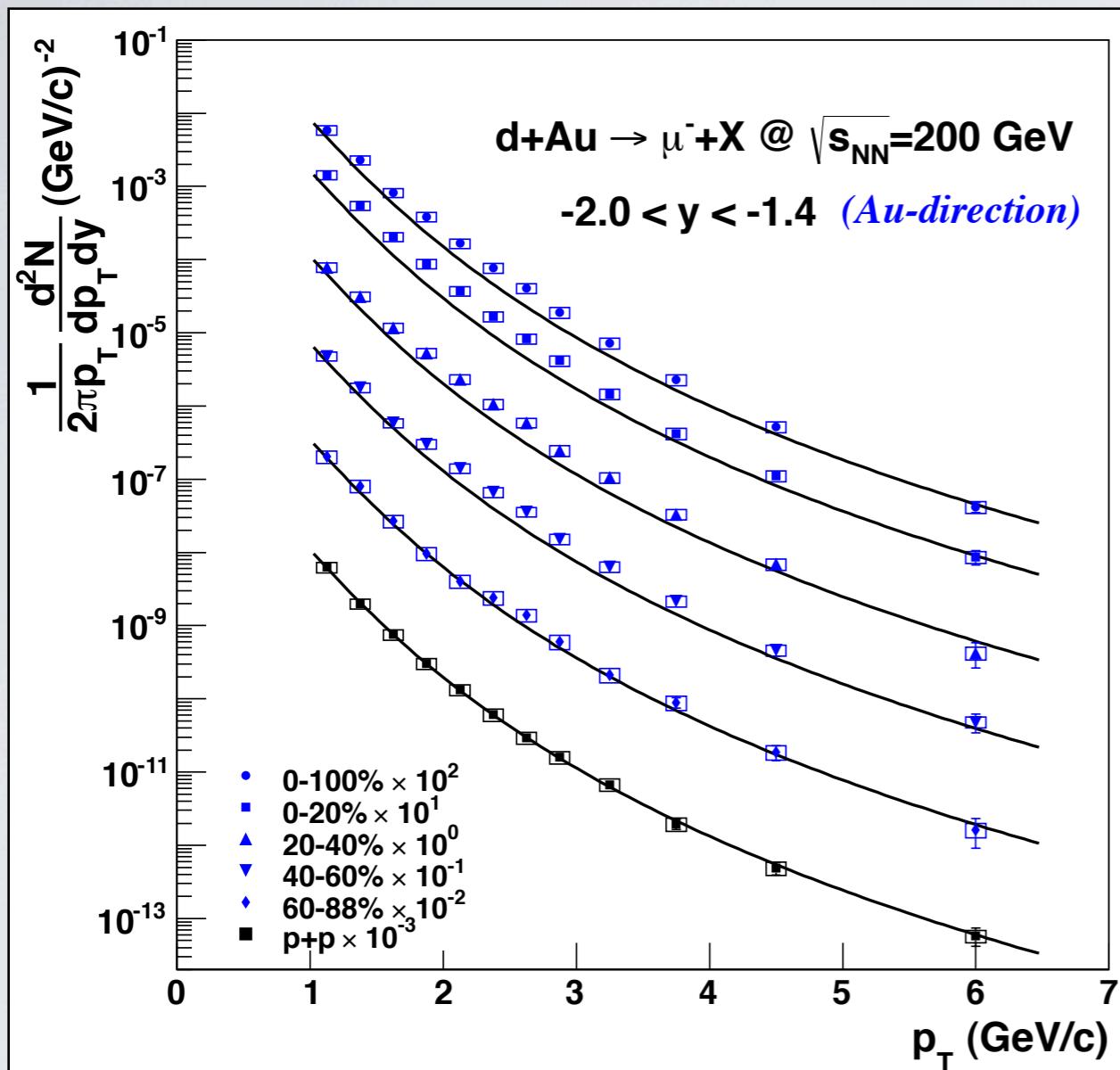
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**large CNM effects at forward?**



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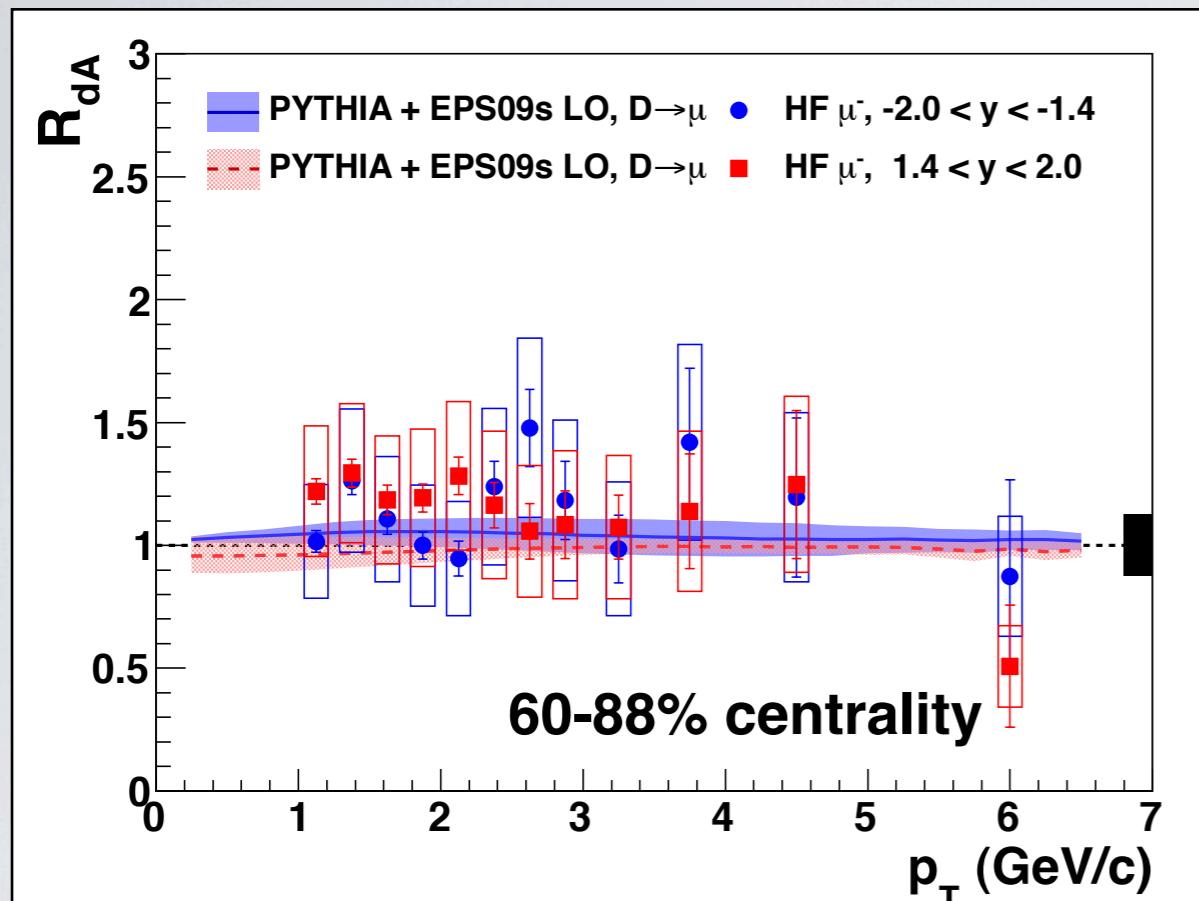
# HF muon $p_T$ spectra



arXiv:1310.1005

- Invariant yield of heavy-flavor muon in d+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - lines are scaled fit functions of the p+p results by the average number of binary collision corresponding centrality class

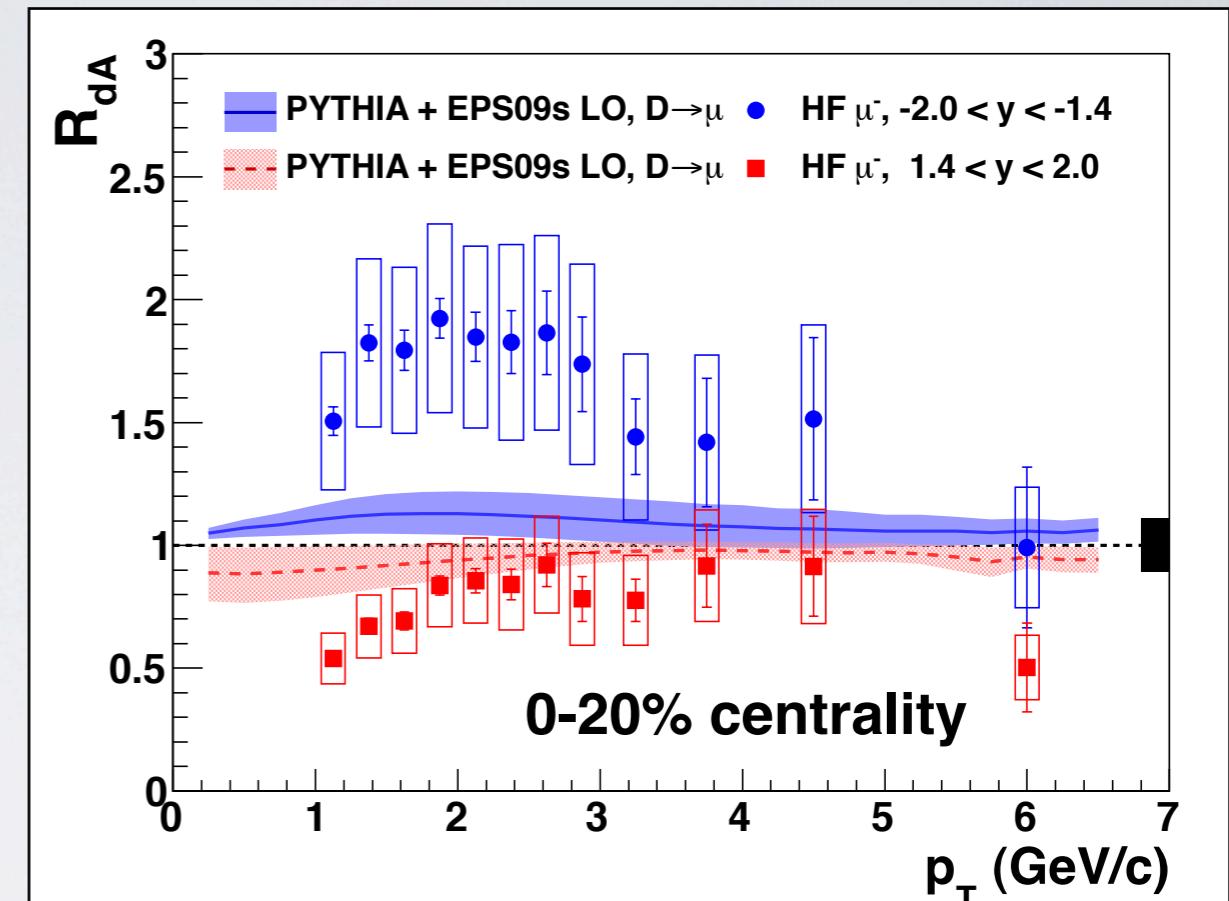
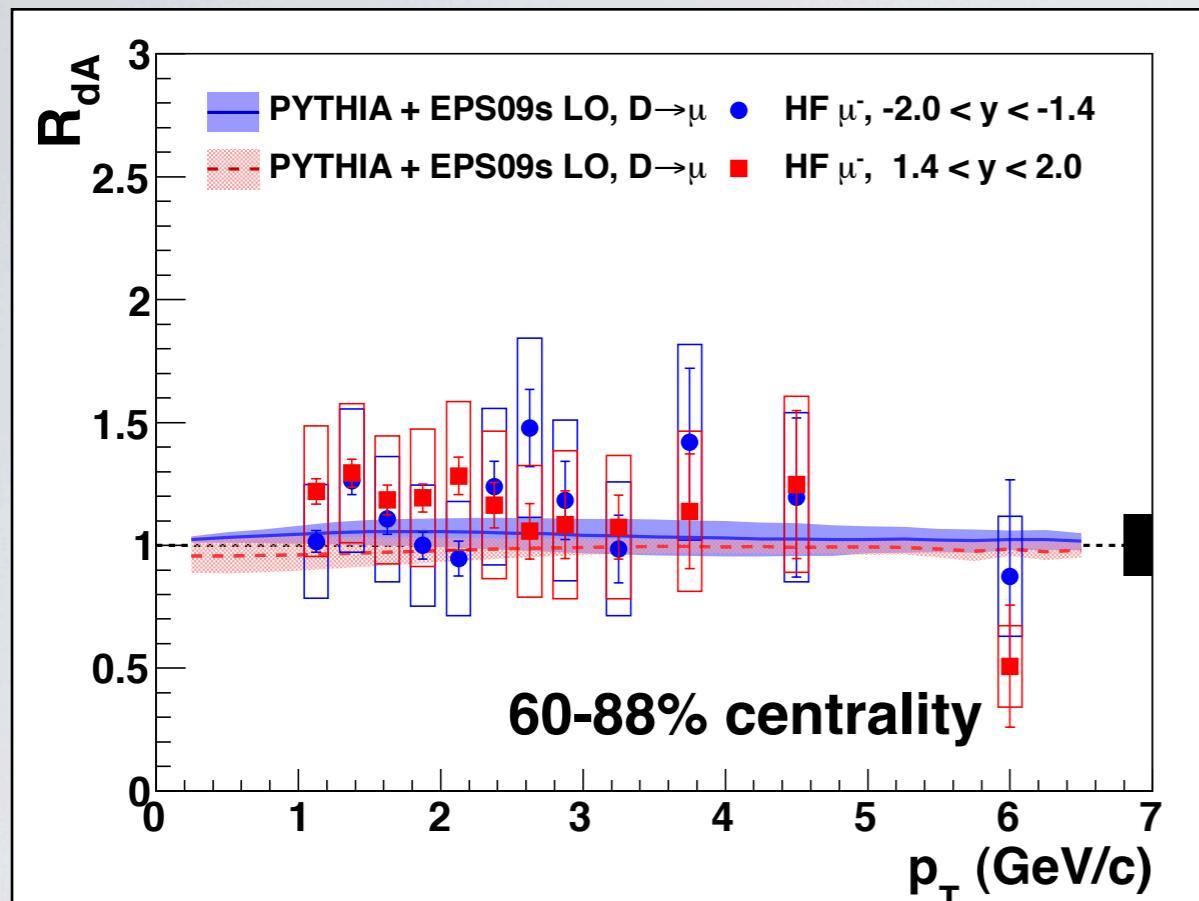
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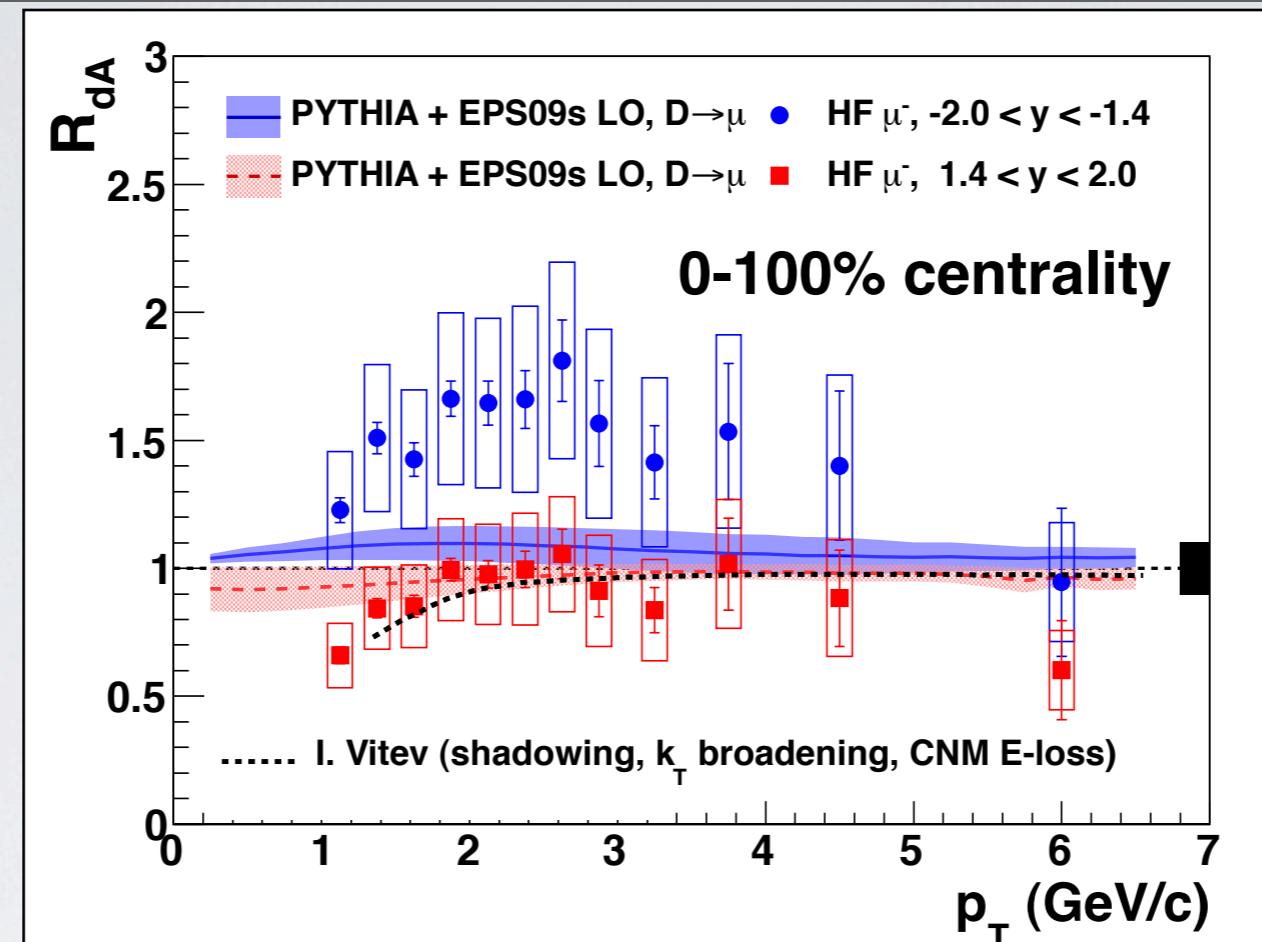
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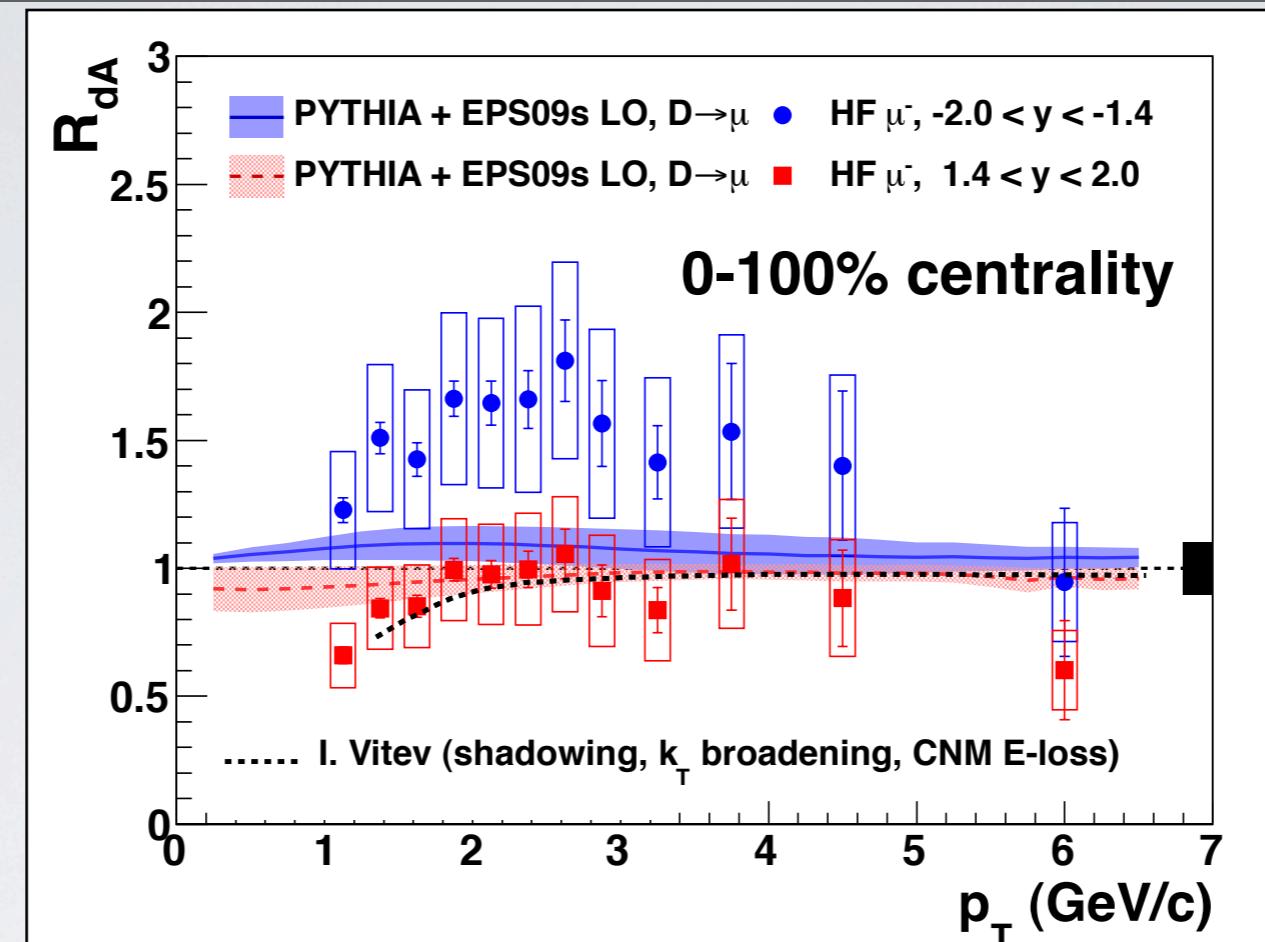
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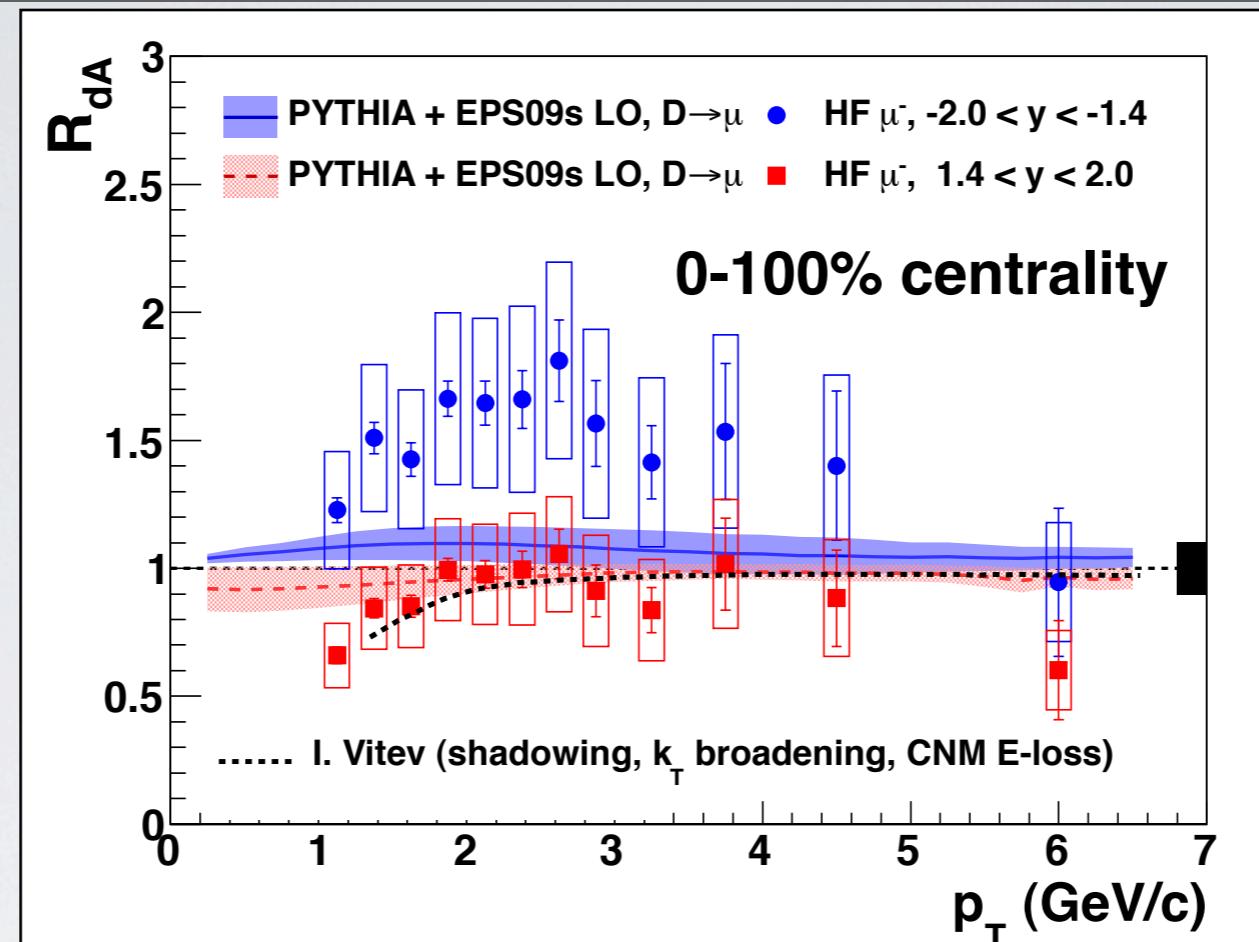
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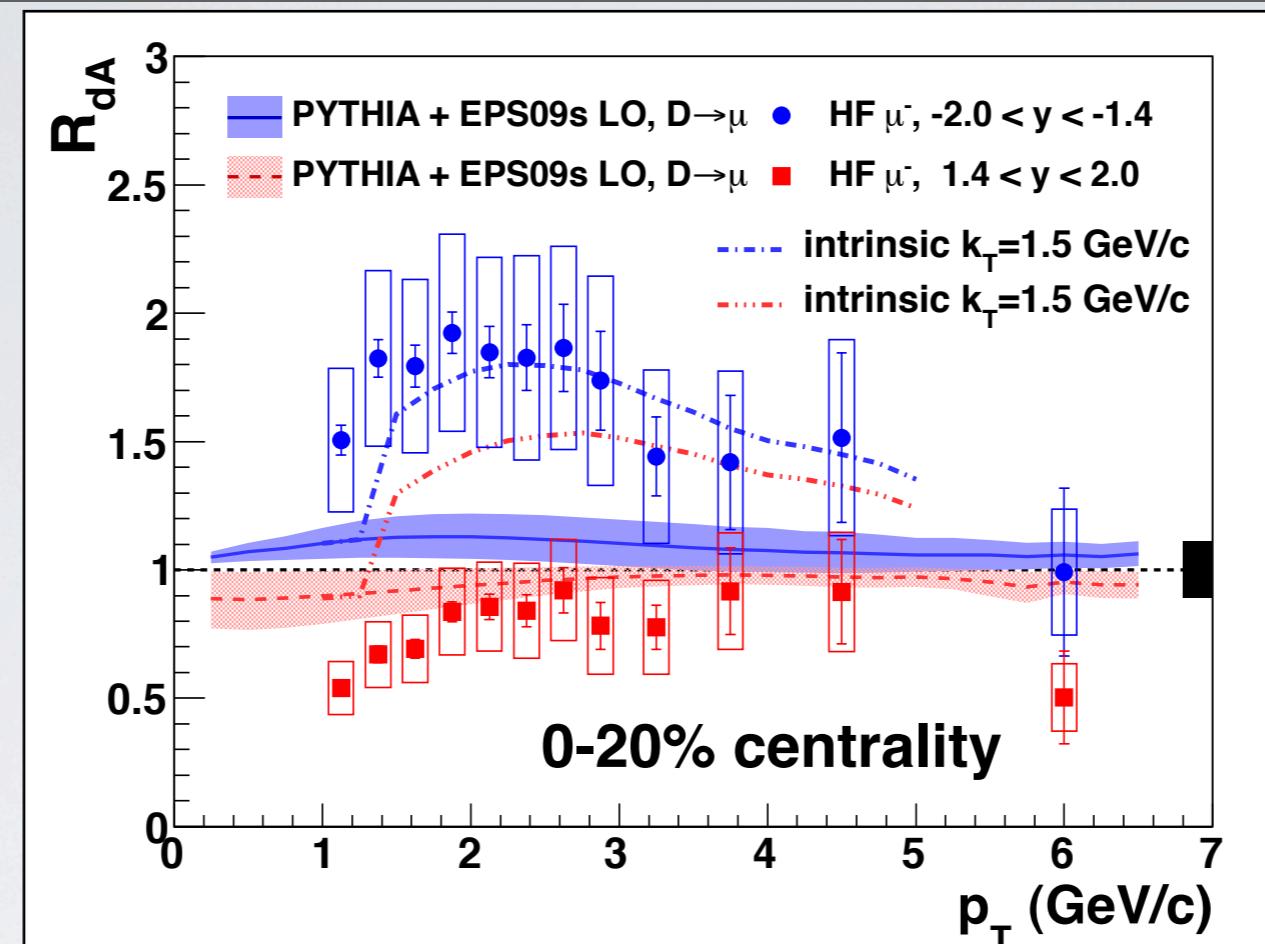
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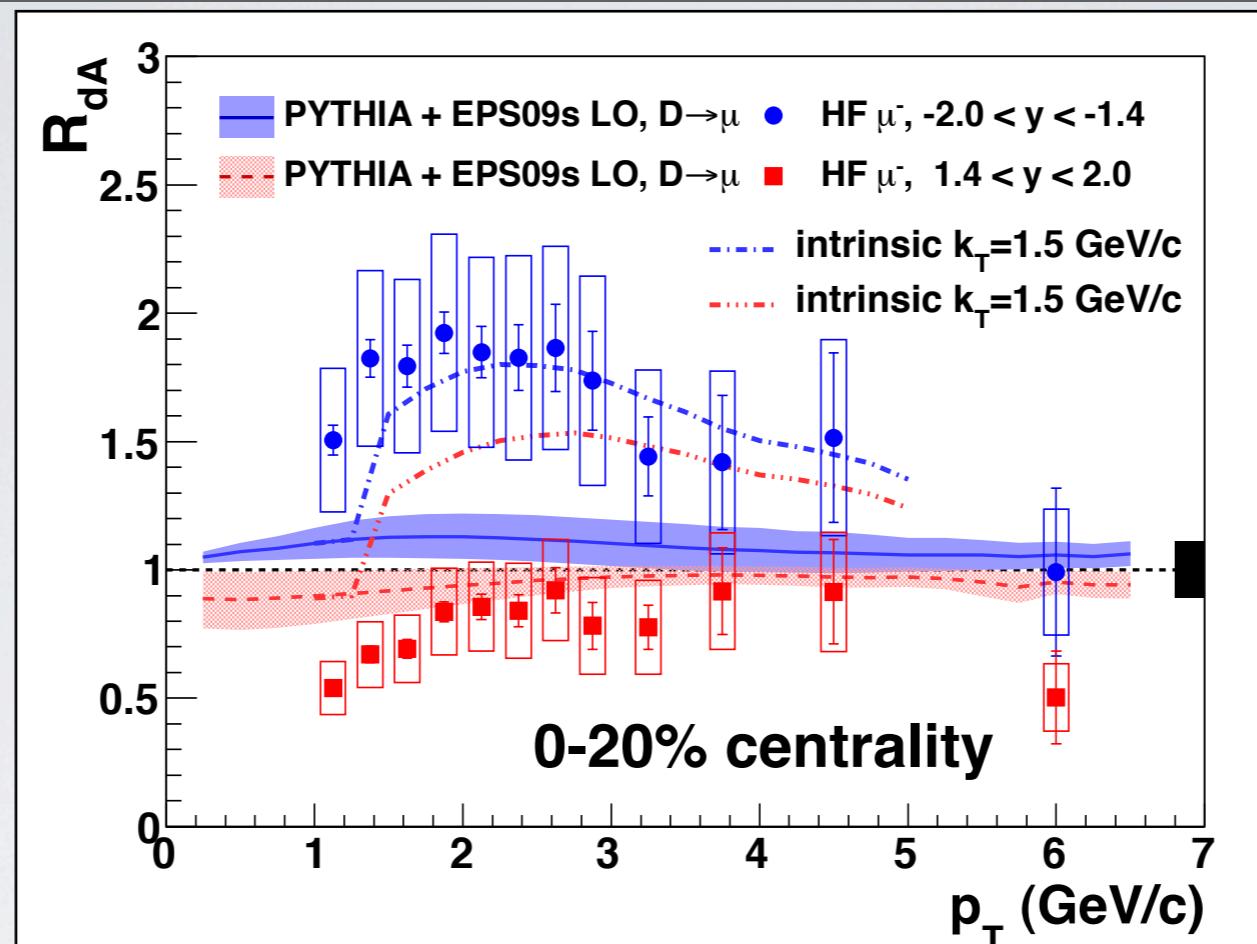
**Predictions from both models can reproduce the forward data!!**

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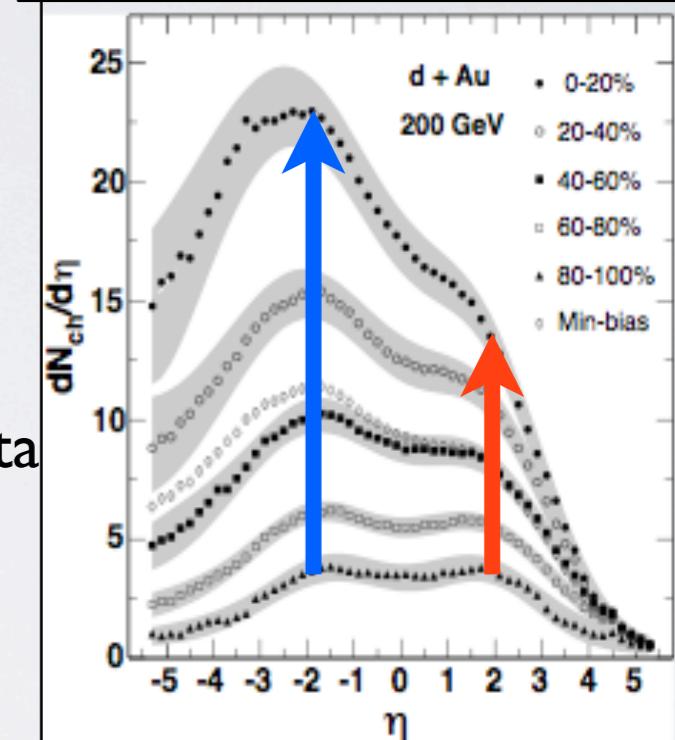


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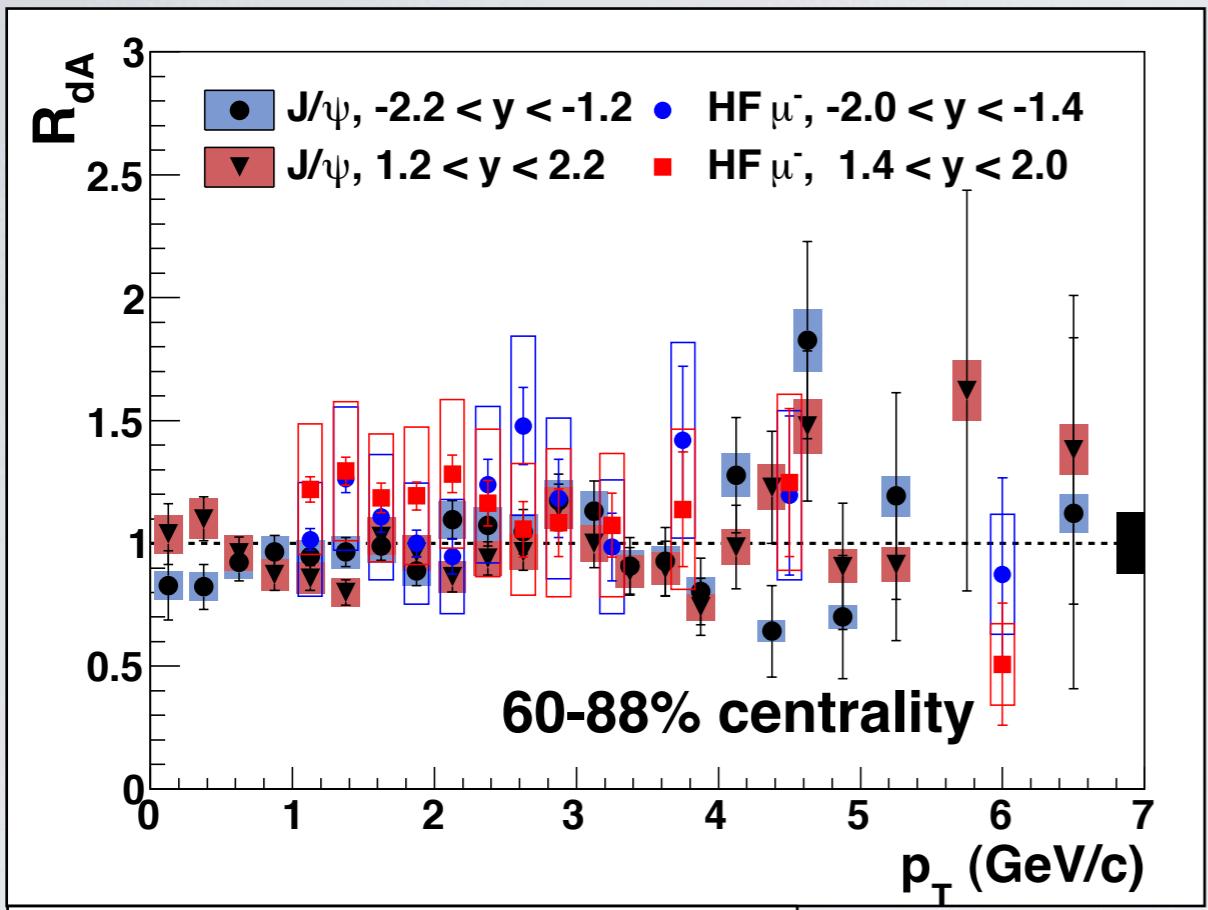


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  - Additional  $p_T$  kick due to multiple scattering with dense co-moving particles at backward rapidity

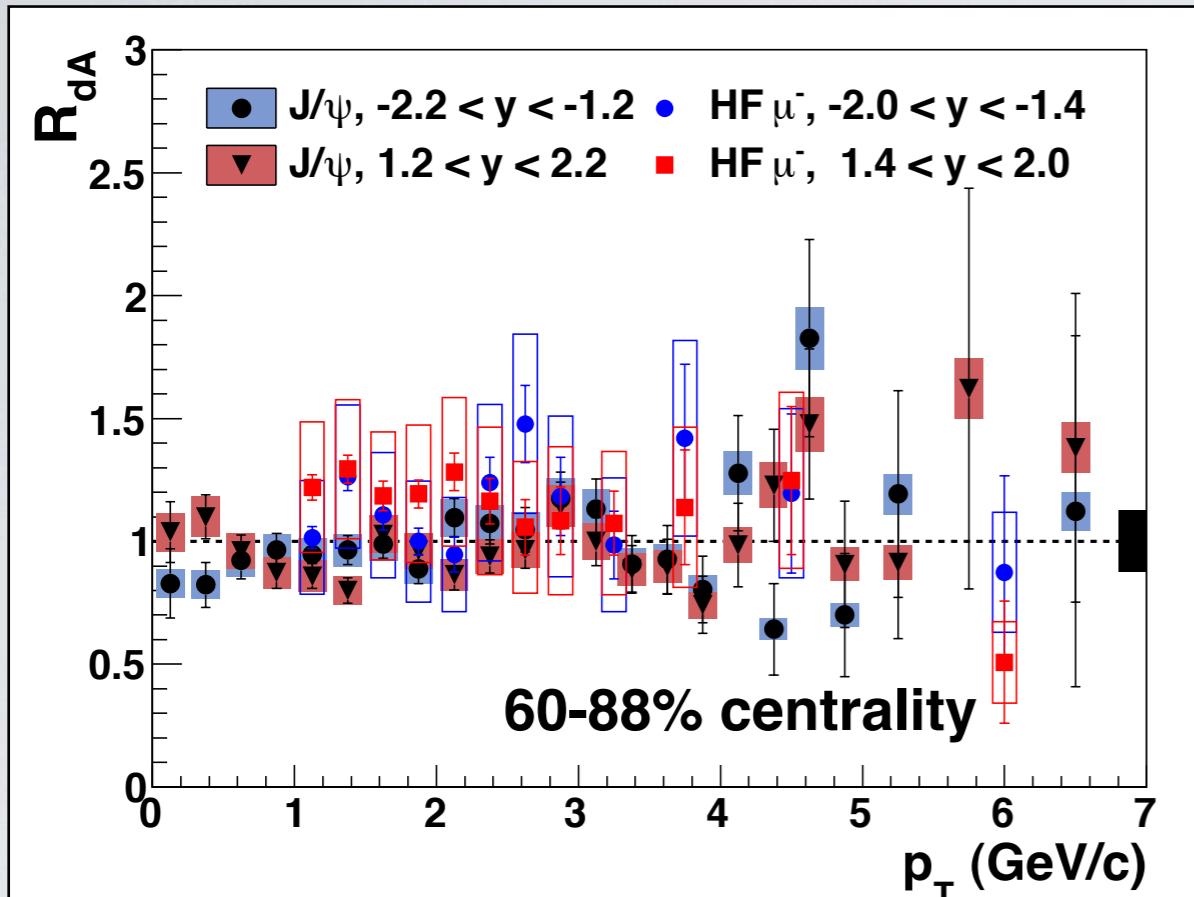
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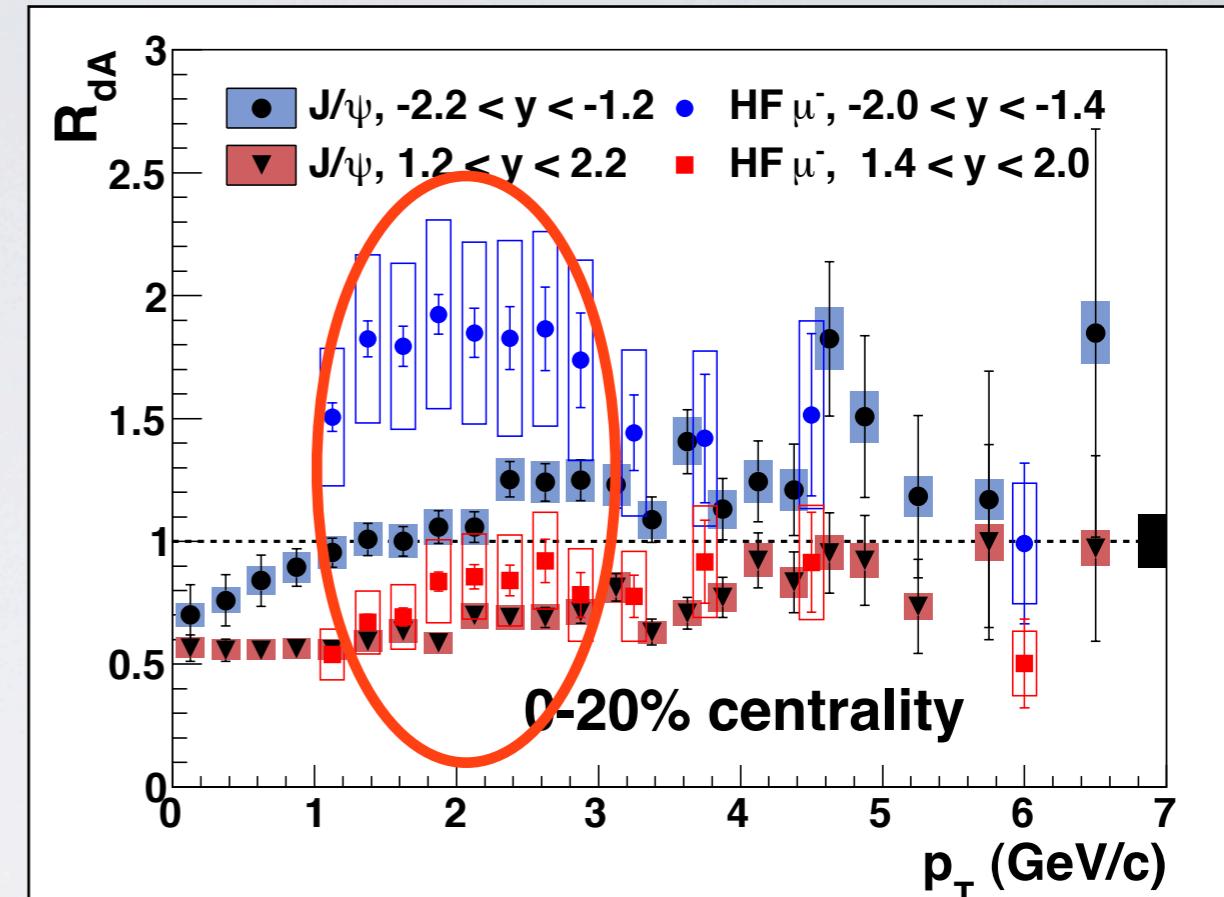
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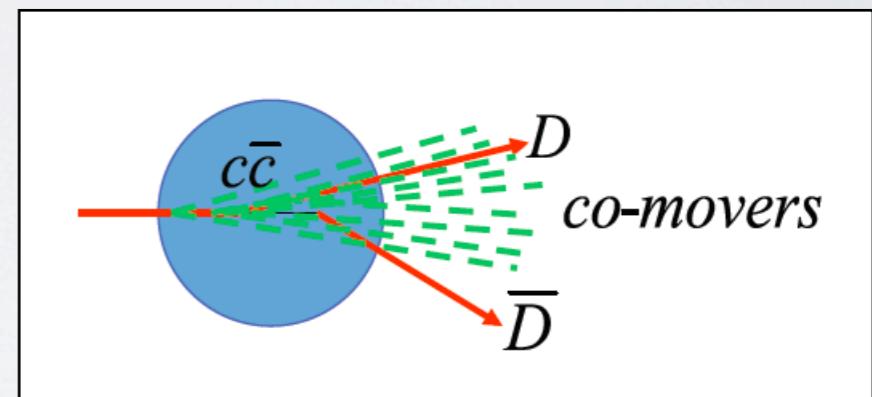
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- In the most central collision
  - $R_{dA}$  of HF muon and J/ $\psi$  are still consistent
  - However, **large difference at backward rapidity**
  - Charm production is enhanced but **J/ $\psi$  seems to be significantly absorbed due to nuclear breakup** inside dense co-movers at backward rapidity



- Heavy-flavor muon production in d+Au collisions
  - **suppression at forward** rapidity
  - **enhancement at backward** rapidity
  - indicate **important role of nuclear break-up in J/ψ production**
  - pQCD calculation well reproduce the forward data
  - EPS09s nPDF prediction underestimate the difference between forward and backward rapidity
- Outlook
  - D/B can be separated with **VTX/FVTX** (Run-14 Au+Au, Run-15 p+Au)
  - Comparison with the ALICE forward data would be interesting

# **Back up**

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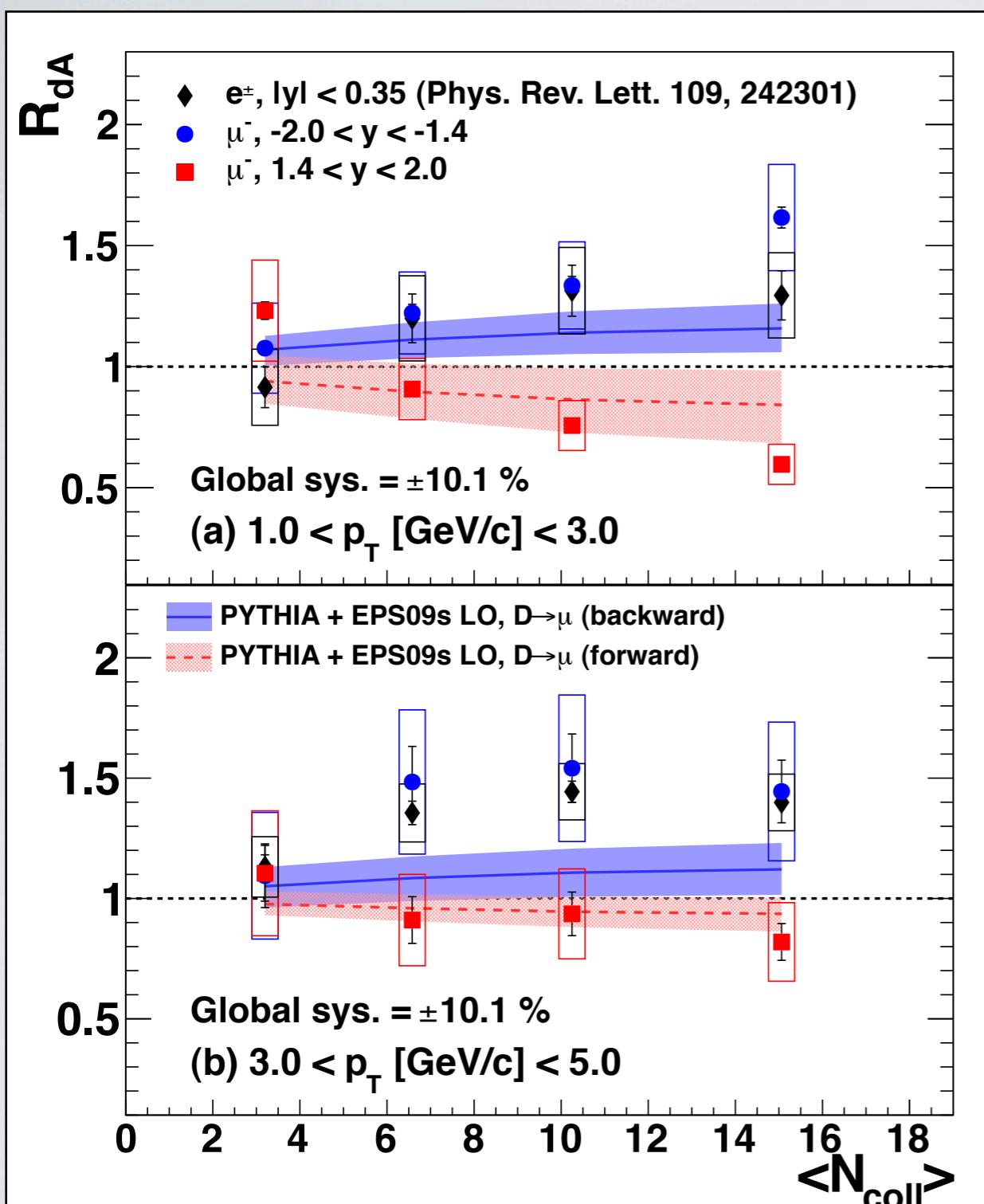
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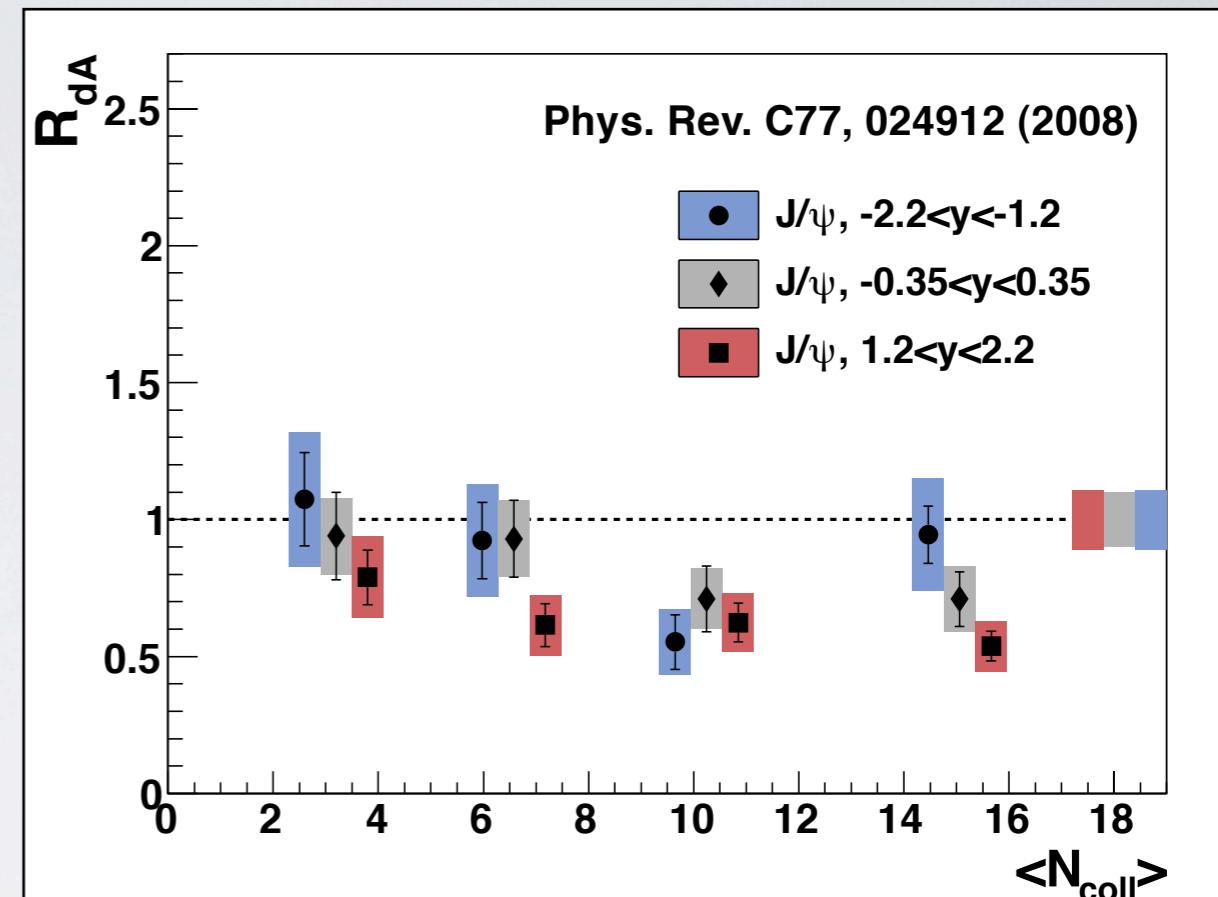
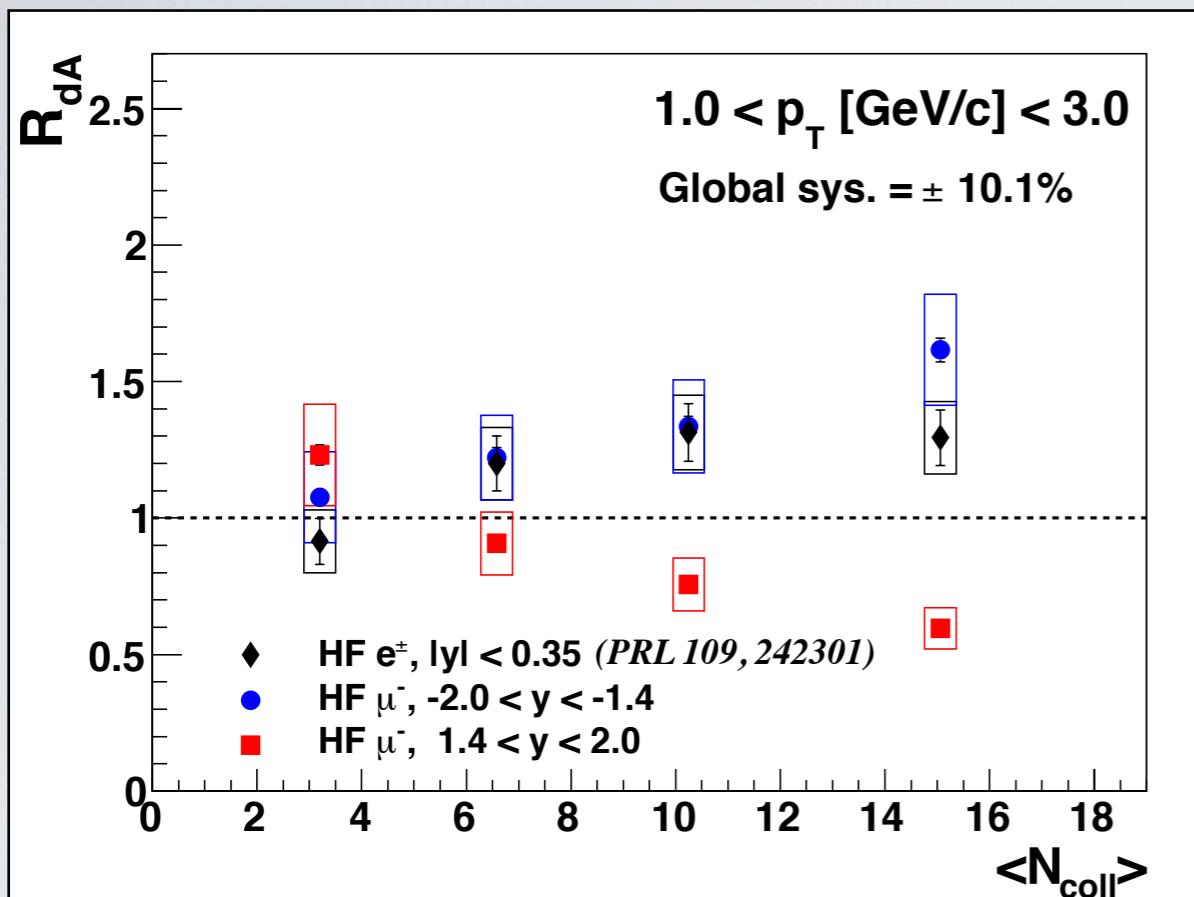
- parton distribution function**:  $f_a(x_a, Q^2)$  and  $f_b(x_b, Q^2)$ , highlighted with a blue box.
- partonic cross section (pQCD)**:  $\hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow cd)$ , highlighted with a black box.
- fragmentation function**:  $D_{h/c}$ , highlighted with an orange box.
- initial-state modification**: This term is present in p+p and d+A collisions, highlighted with a blue box.
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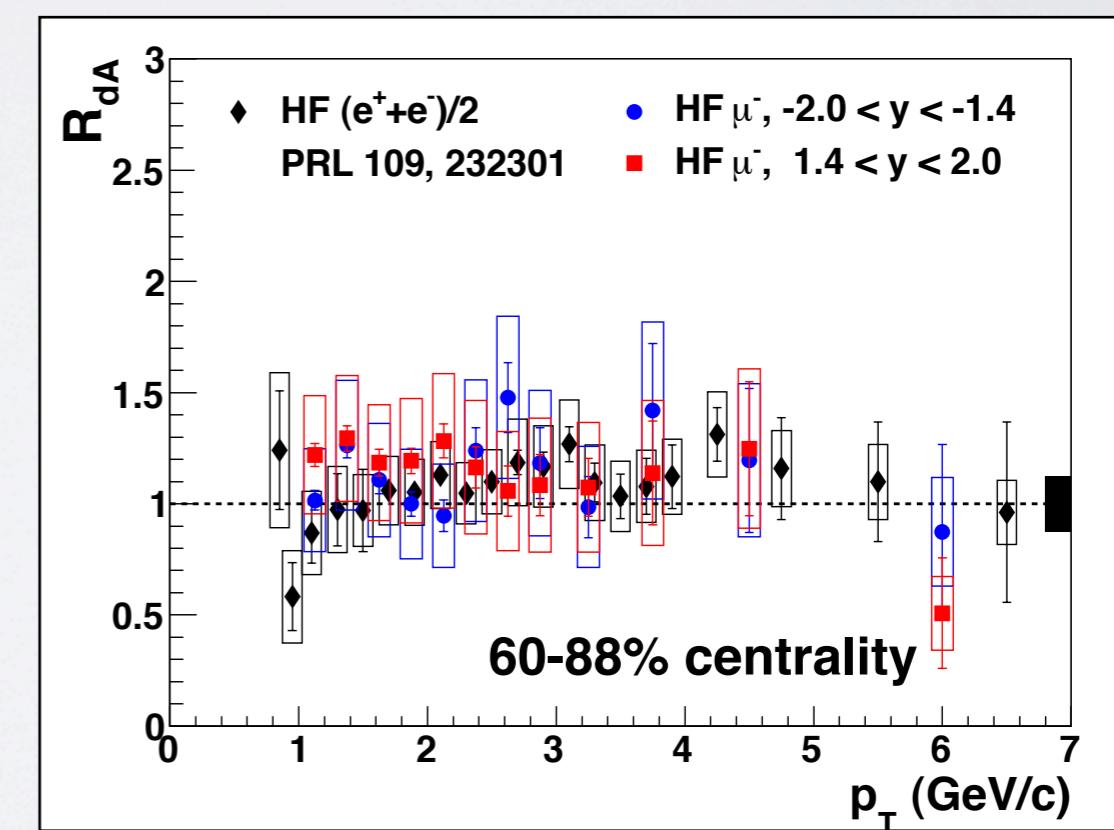
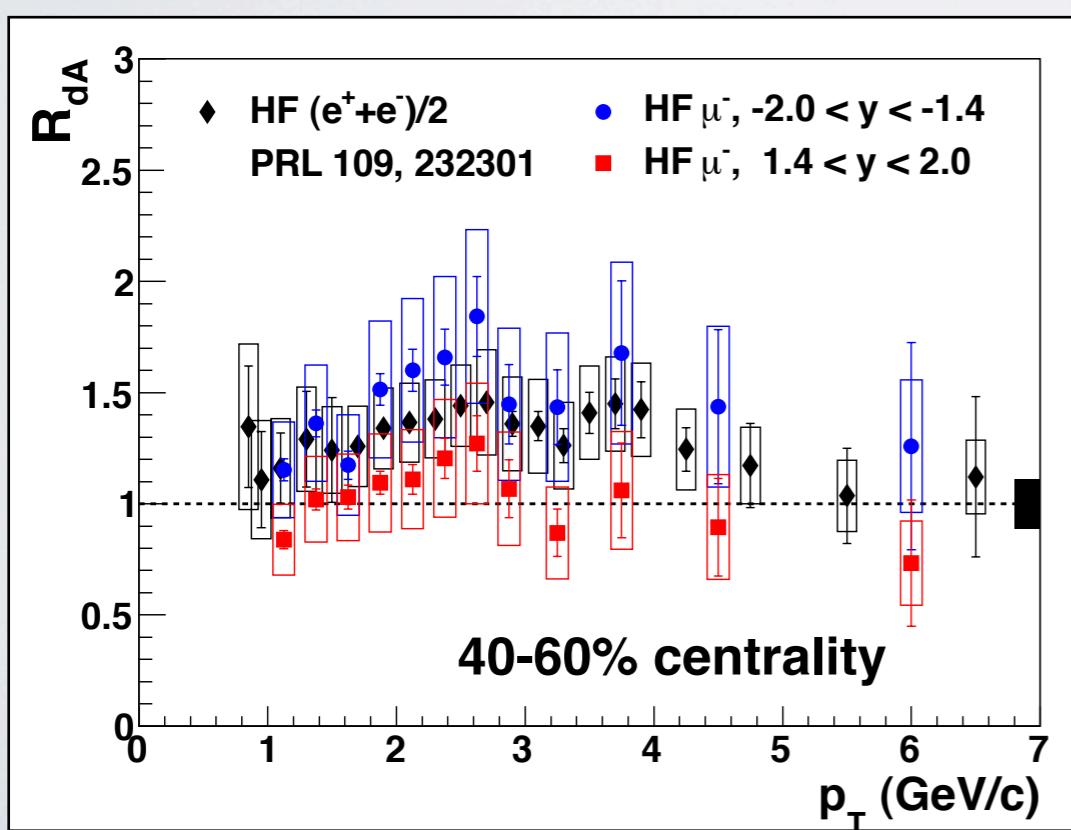
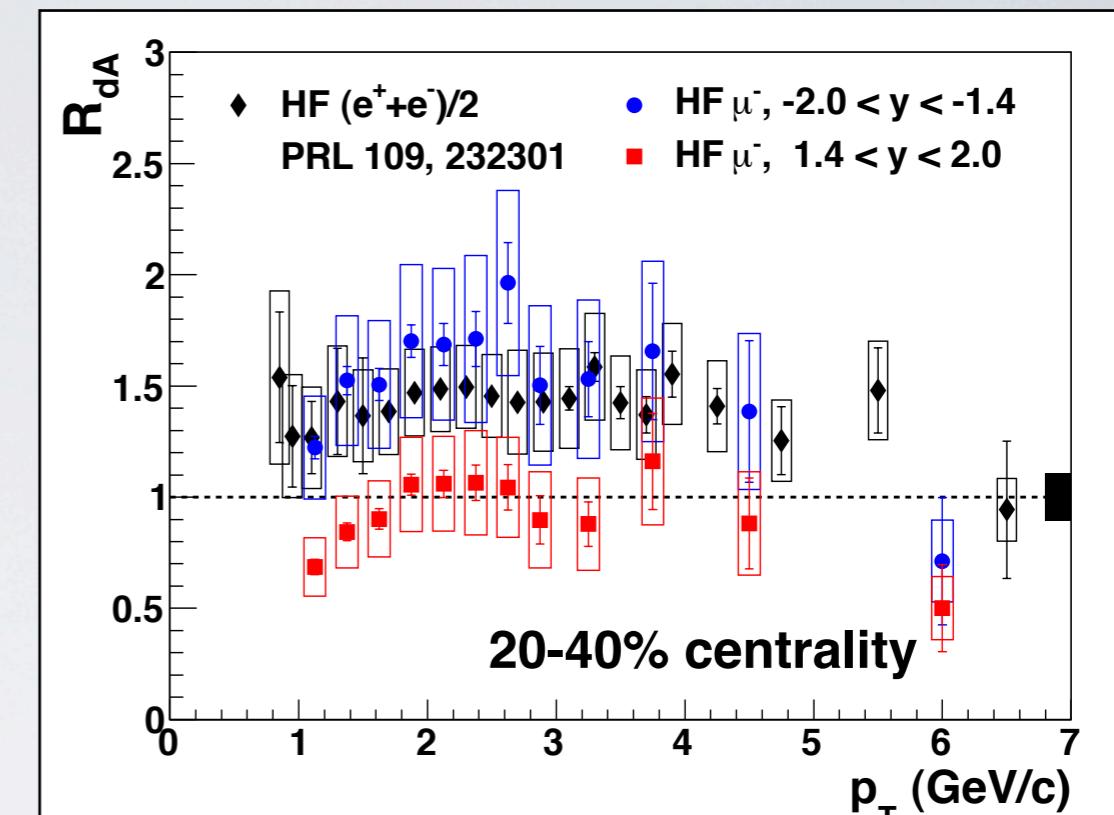
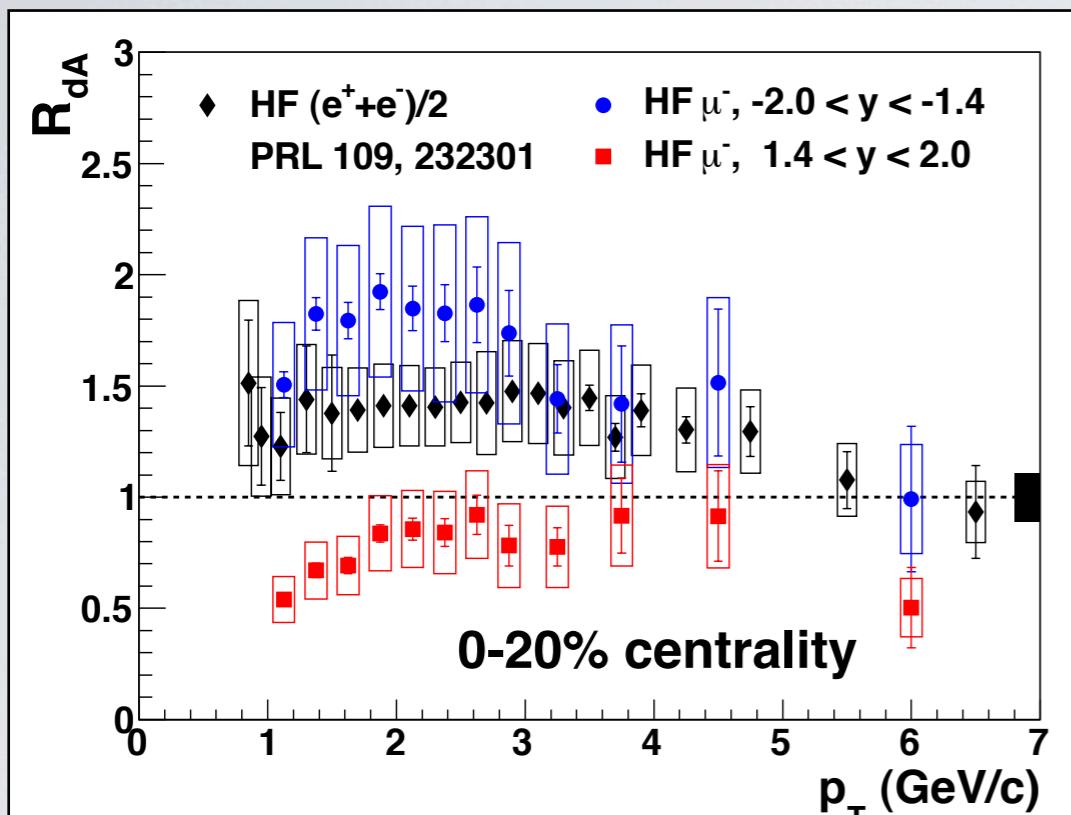
- $R_{dA}$  as a function of  $< N_{coll} >$  in different  $p_T$  ranges
  - Stronger CNM effects with increasing centrality at both rapidity ranges
  - Enhancement at backward rapidity is similar to that in HF electron at mid-rapidity
  - EPS09s calculation shows similar trends, but underestimate the difference between forward and backward rapidity

# HF $\mu$ vs. J/ $\psi$ I



- $R_{dA}$  as a function of  $\langle N_{coll} \rangle$ 
  - $R_{dA}$  of J/ $\psi$  are suppressed at all rapidity ranges  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  only  $R_{dA}$  at forward rapidity are suppressed in case of HF muon  
\*caveat : J/ $\psi$  integrated over the entire  $p_T$  range
  - J/ $\psi$  suppression at forward probably is related to the suppression of charm production
  - Large nuclear break-up is implied at mid- and backward rapidity

# Comparison of $R_{dA}(p_T)$ with HF e at $y=0$



# Comparison to EPS09s calculations

