

# Heavy Flavor and Quarkonia Measurements from RHIC

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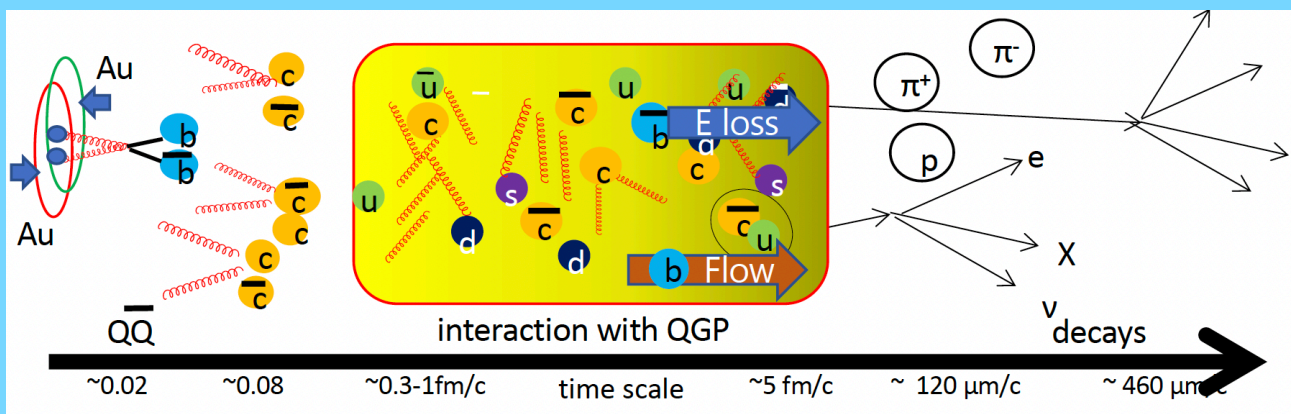


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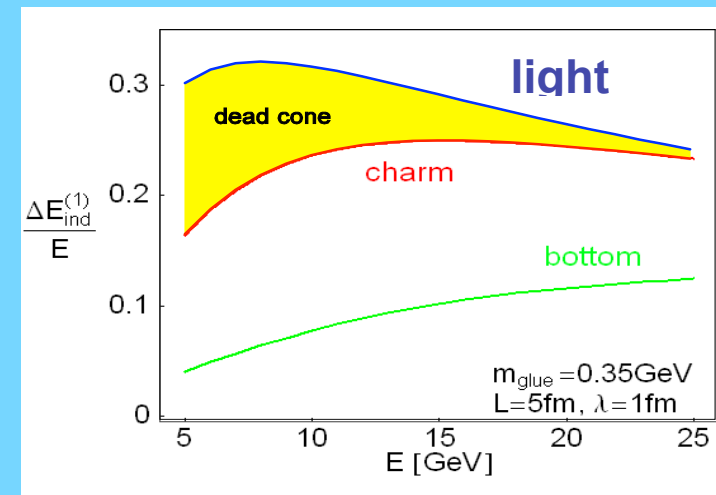
- \* Introduction
- \* Flow of HF in Au+Au
- \* Mass ordering of charm and beauty energy loss in Au+Au
- \* Charmed hadrons
- \* Quarkonia
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# Introduction

- \* Charm and beauty quarks are produced in initial hard scatterings and experience the entire evolution of  $A+A$  interactions
- \* Flow of open heavy flavor hadrons helps elucidate interaction of HF with medium, thermalization and production mechanisms of HF and probe sQGP properties
- \* Quarkonia: Thermometer of QGP via their suppression pattern (Satz, Matsui). Many effects play a role like dissociation in QGP, cold matter absorption, recombination/coalescence from  $c$ ,  $c\bar{c}$ , feeding, eg B mesons carry 10-25% of charmonia yields.

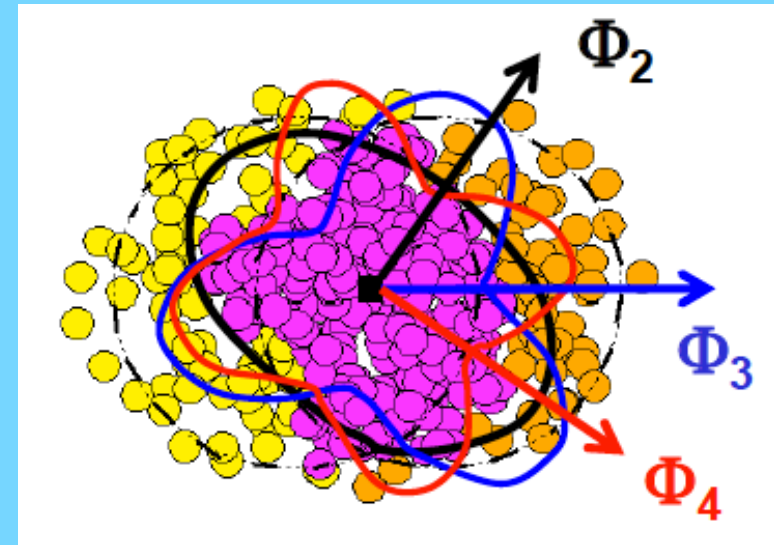
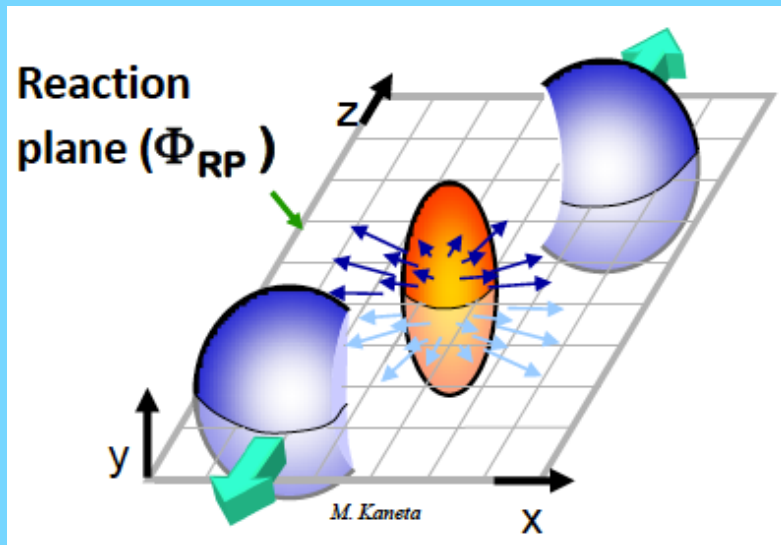


M. Shimomura, PHENIX, SQM2024



M. Djordjevic PRL 94 (2004)

# Flow coefficients $v_n$ , $n=1,2,3..$

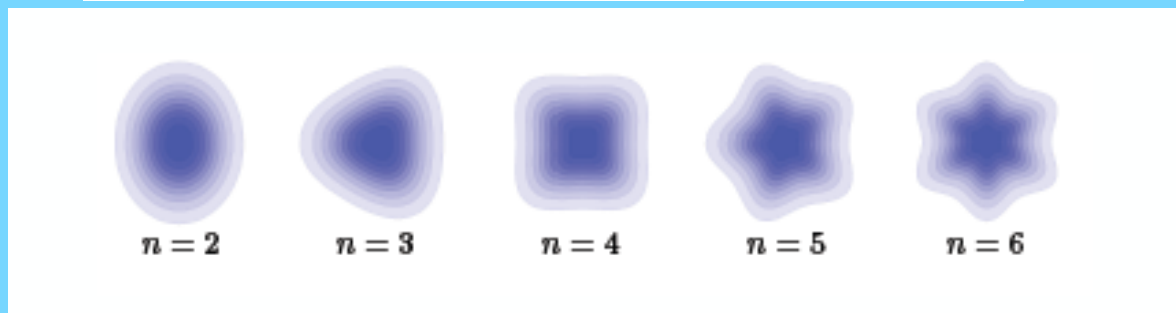


Matter in the overlap area of two colliding nuclei gets compressed and heated  
 Initial anisotropy gets transferred into the momentum space via pressure gradients

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto \mathbf{1} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)]$$

$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\phi - \Phi_n)] \rangle$$

$v$  : flow coefficients  
 ( $v_1$ : directed flow,  
 $v_2$ : elliptic flow, ...)

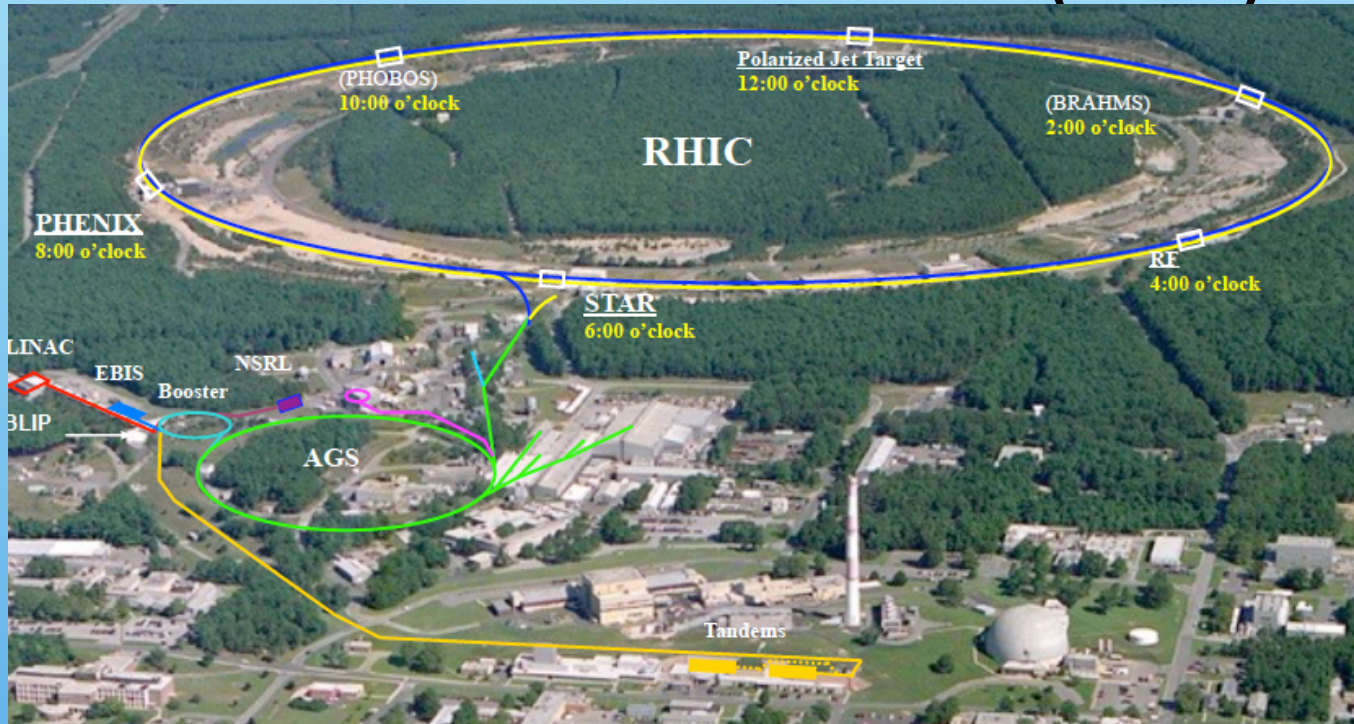


Higher harmonics

# Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

at the Brookhaven Lab, Long Island, New York, USA

## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)



**RHIC** has been exploring nuclear matter at extreme conditions since 2000

**4 experiments initially:**  
**STAR PHENIX**  
**BRAHMS PHOBOS**

**Still running: STAR**

**Still analysing data:**  
**PHENIX**

**New: sPHENIX**



**Some of the colliding systems:**

p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Au+Au  
Cu+Au, U+U, Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru

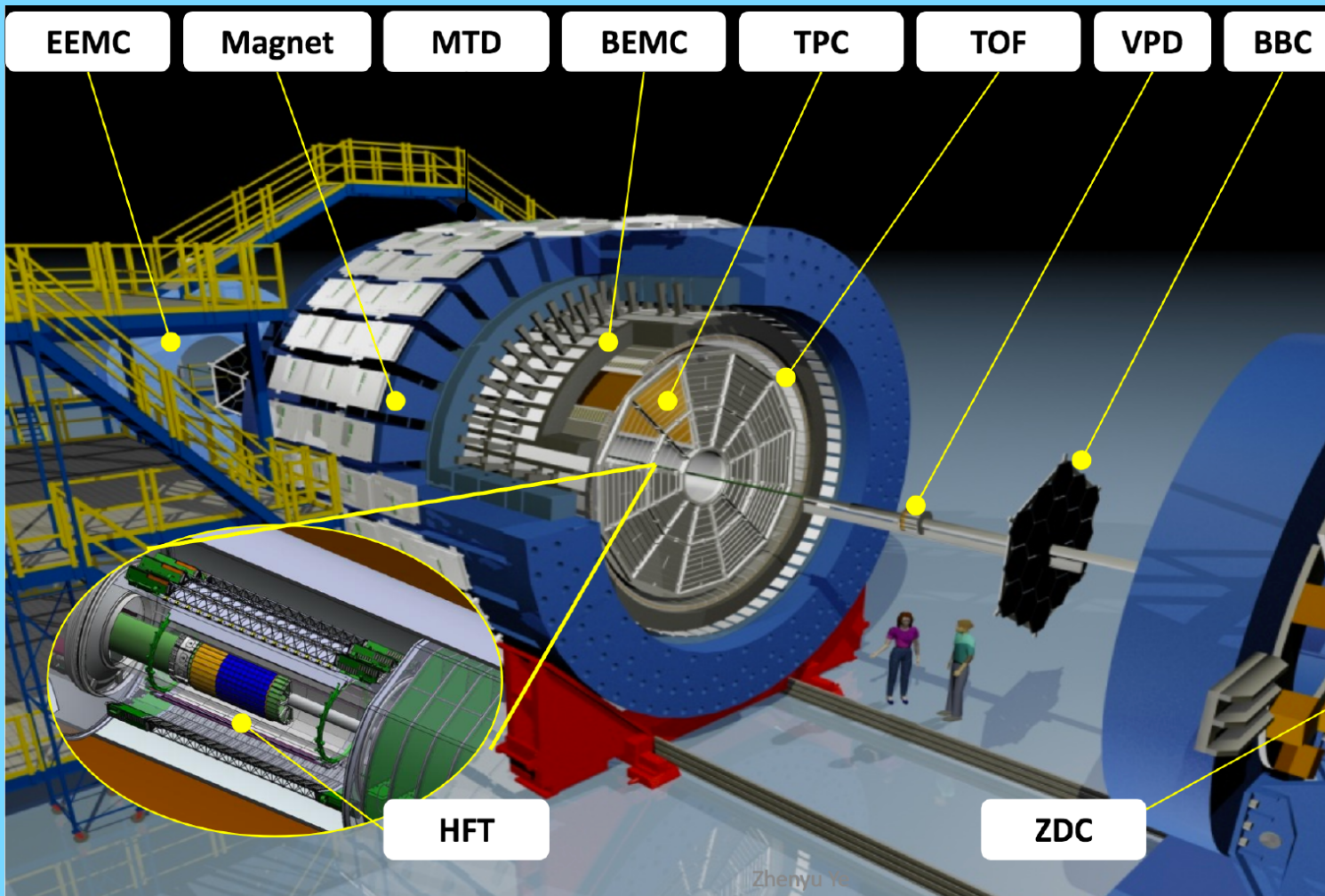
**Some of the energies A+A :**

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62, 130, 200 \text{ GeV}$

and low energy scan

7.7, 11.5, 19.6, 22.4, 27, 39 GeV  
+ Fixed target

# The STAR Experiment at RHIC



Detectors used for open heavy flavor: Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT), Time Projection Chamber (TPC), Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC) Time-Of-Flight detector (TOF). Electron ( $e^+, e^-$ ) identification :  $\Delta(\phi)=4\pi$ ,  $|\eta|<1$

# The PHENIX Experiment at RHIC

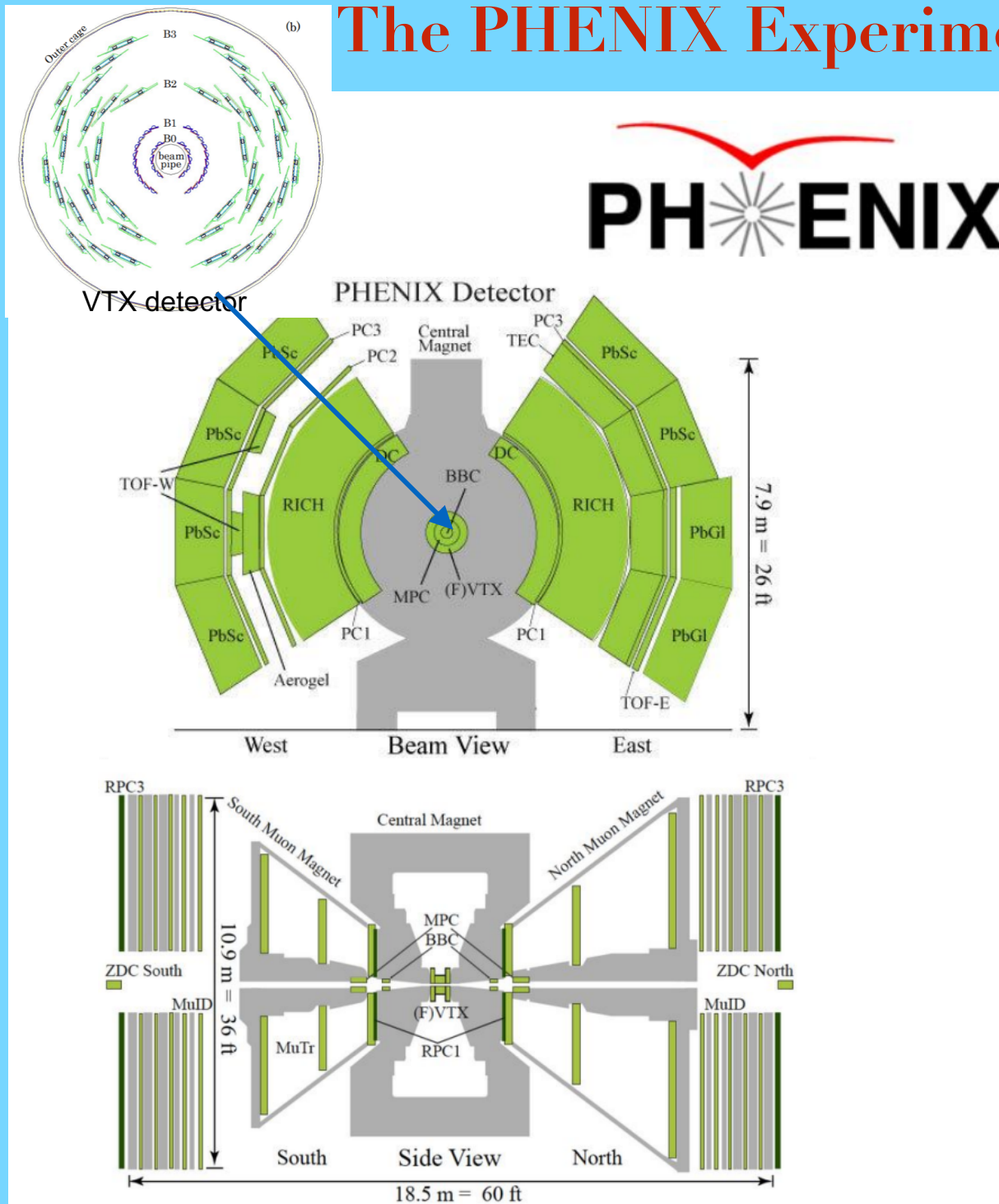
Detectors used for open heavy flavor results:

-Central spectrometer arms :  
ring imaging Cerenkov detector (RICH), electromagnetic calorimeter (EMCal), Drift Chambers (DC), multi-wire proportional pad chambers (PC) and silicon Vertex detector (VTX).

Electron ( $e^+, e^-$ ) identification:  
 $|y| < 0.35$  and azimuthal angle  
 $\phi = 2\pi/2$

-Muon arms:  $1.2 < |y| < 2.2$ ,  
 $\phi = 2\pi/2$

Data taking completed in 2016

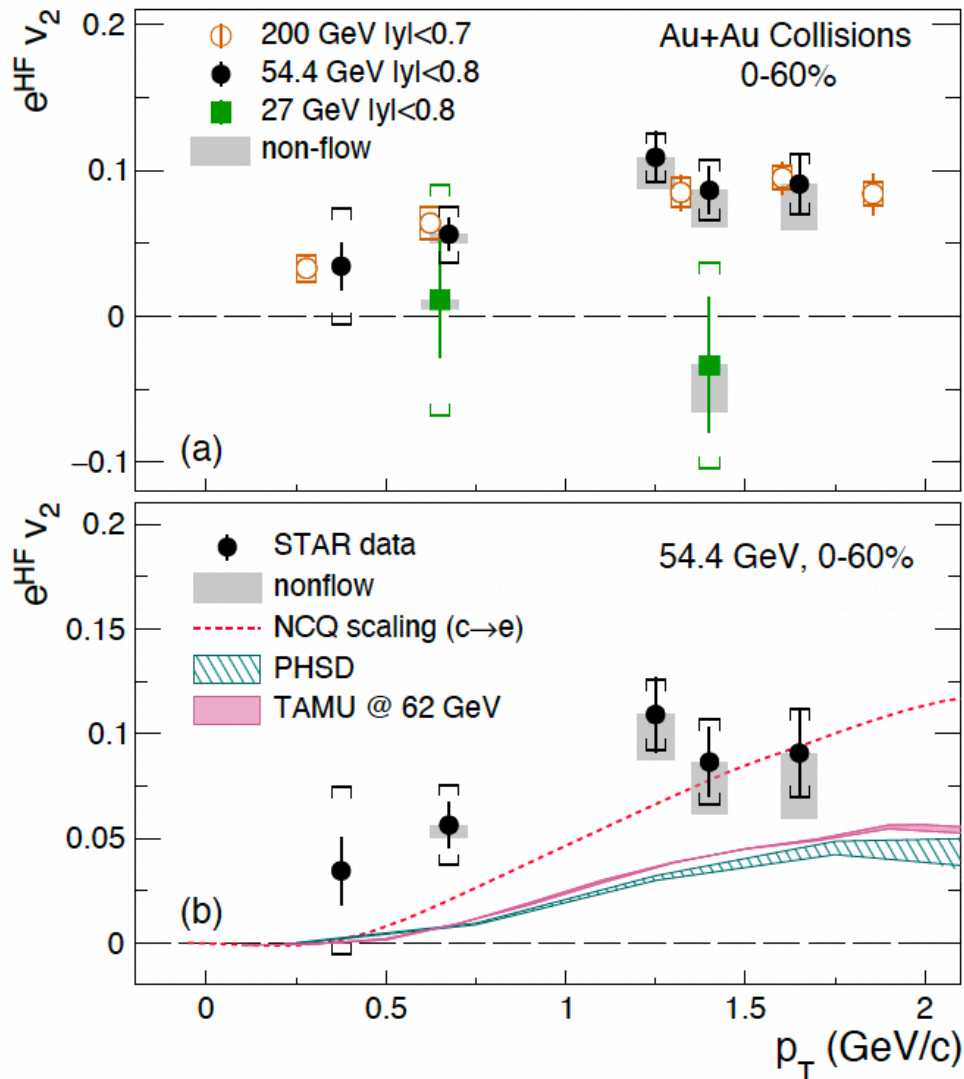


# Charm and Bottom flow in Au+Au collisions



# STAR heavy flavor decay electron elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) in Au+Au collisions at 27, 54 (0-60%) compared to 200 GeV

STAR Collaboration, ArXiv 2303.03546, *Phys.Lett.B* 844 (2023) 138071



\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 54.4 GeV is comparable to 200 GeV, and non-zero above  $p_T$  0.5 GeV/c, indicating strong charm quark interactions with the medium

\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 27 GeV is consistent with zero at all  $p_T$  within large uncertainties

\* The elliptic flow of heavy flavor electrons in Au+Au collisions at 54.4 GeV at high  $p_T$  is consistent with the expected  $v_2$  assuming that the c quark follows the Number of constituent Quark scaling

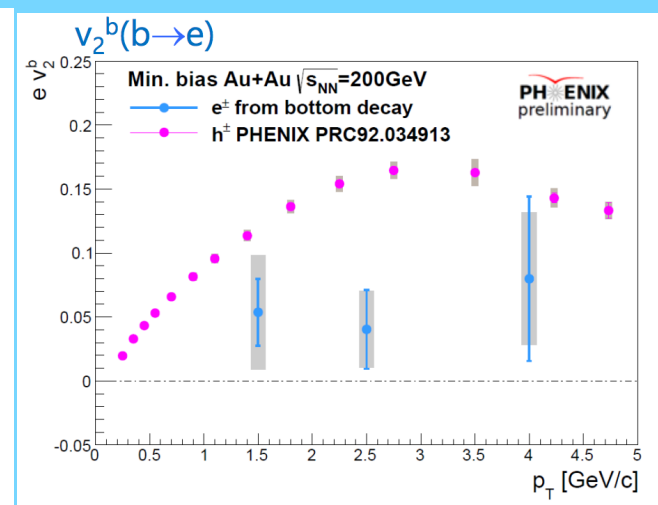
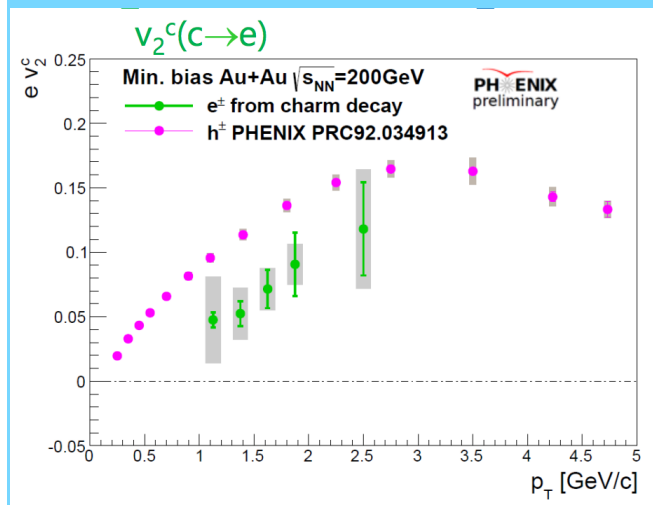
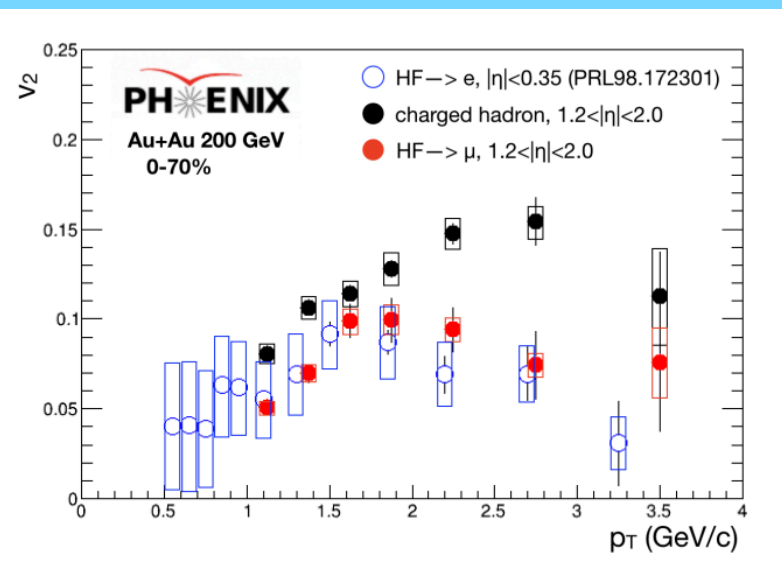
# PHENIX elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) of electrons from charm and bottom decays in min. bias Au+Au 200 GeV

PHENIX Coll., arXiv:2409.12715

Forward rapidity  
HF (b+c)

Midrapidity  
charm

Midrapidity  
bottom



T Hachiya et al, PHENIX collaboration, QM2022  
M. Shimomura, SQM2024

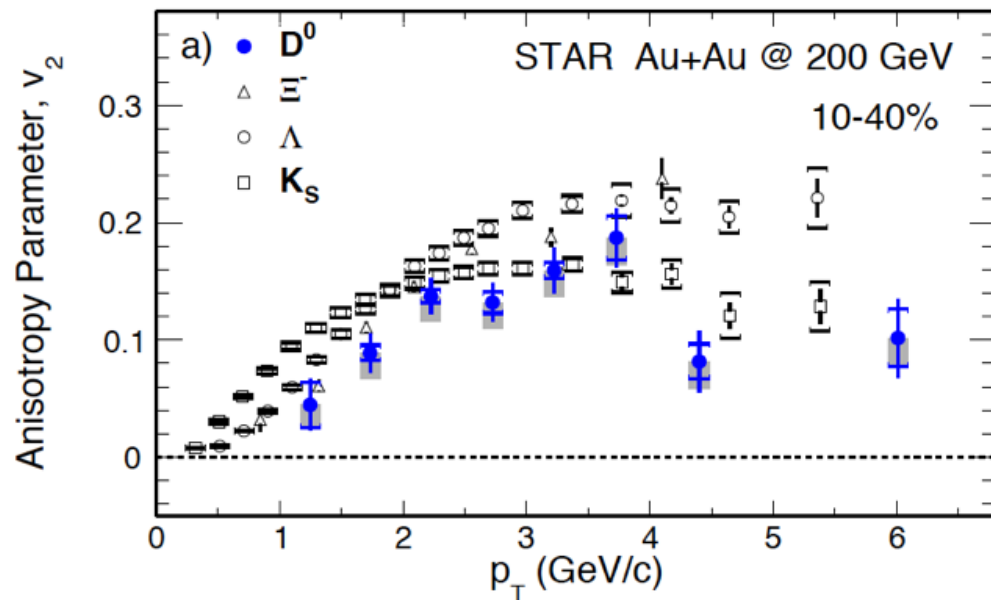
- \*  $v_2$  of Heavy Flavor is positive at both midrapidity and at forward rapidity and mostly consistent
- \*  $v_2$  of hadrons is larger than  $v_2$  of charm
- \* hint of positive  $v_2$  of bottom  $\rightarrow$  electrons ( $e^{\pm}$ ) (with  $\sim 1.1$  sigma)
- \*  $v_2$  of charm is larger than  $v_2$  of bottom  $\rightarrow$  Heavier quarks have less flow

# Strangeness and charm $v_2$

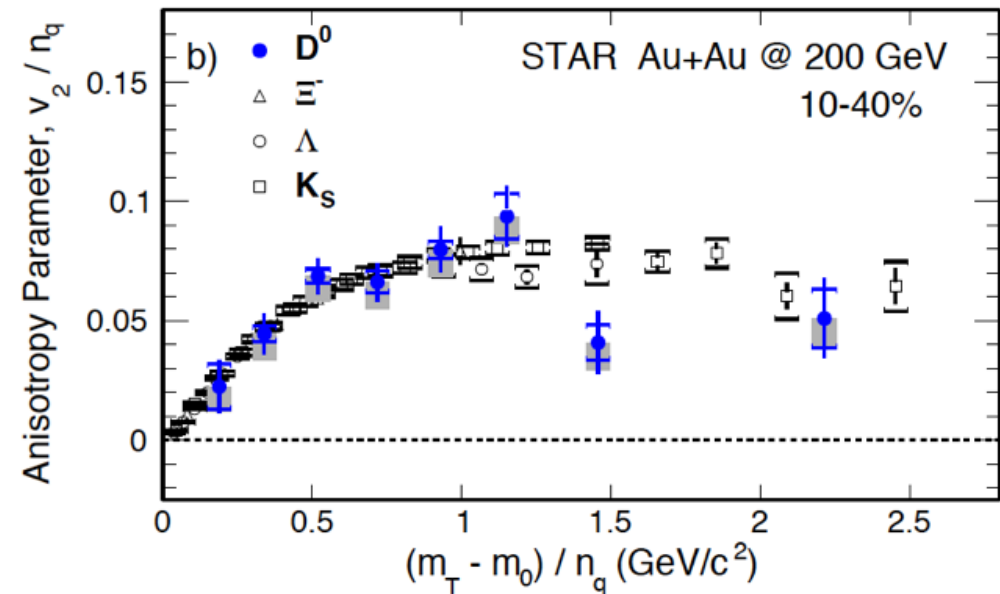
## STAR $D^0$ $v_2$ from STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker

L. Adamczyk et al, STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 212301 (2017), 1701.06060

### Mass ordering



### NCQ scaling



$v_2$  of  $D^0$  in Au+Au follows Number-of-Constituent-Quarks scaling of other hadrons  
-> Evidence for thermalization of u,d,s,c mesons

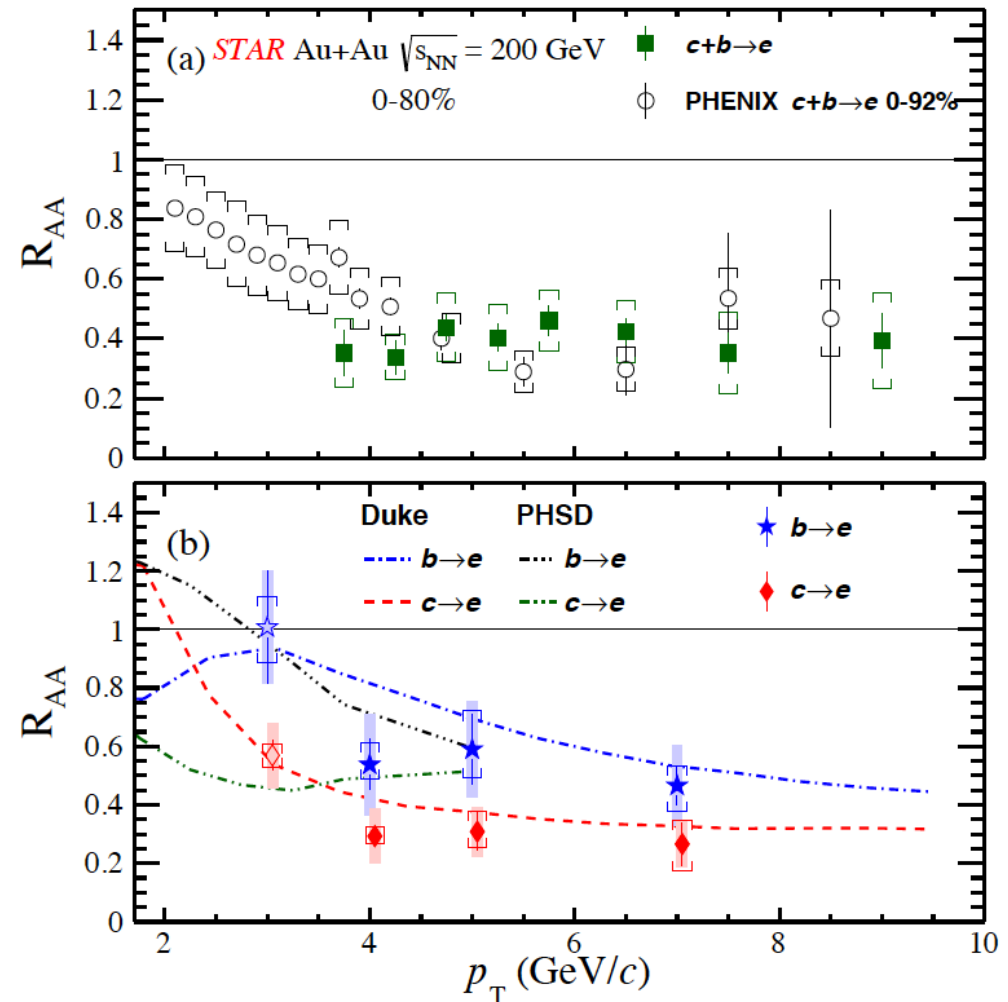
# Evidence of Mass Ordering of Charm and Bottom Quark Energy Loss in Au+Au Collisions

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STAR Collaboration, EPJC 82 (2022) 1150, arXiv:2111.14615

PHENIX Collaboration, PRC93, 034904 (2016), 1509.04662

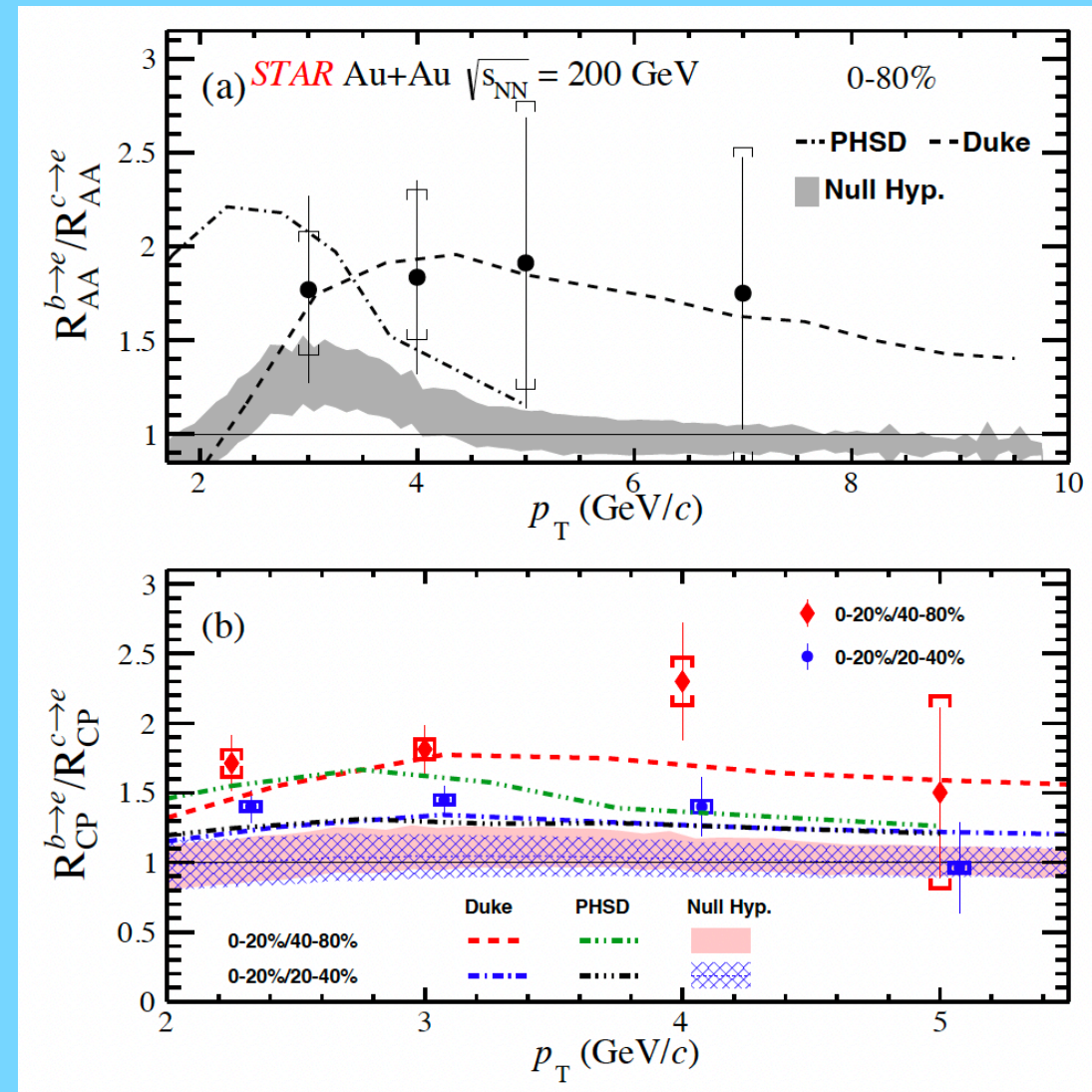
- \* PHSD: Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics model
- \* Duke: modified Langevin transport model
- \* Both models include heavy quark (HQ) diffusion in the QGP medium, HQ hadronization through coalescence and fragmentation and mass-dependent energy loss mechanisms
- \* Data consistent with model predictions
- \*  **$R_{AA}$  vs  $p_T$  of  $c+b \rightarrow e$  in AuAu 0-80%: STAR and PHENIX are consistent**
- \* **Evidence of mass ordering of  $R_{AA}$  of electrons from bottom and charm in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV is observed**
- \* **Results are consistent with models including mass-dependent energy loss mechanisms**



# STAR Evidence of Mass Ordering of Charm and Bottom Quark Energy Loss in Au+Au Collisions

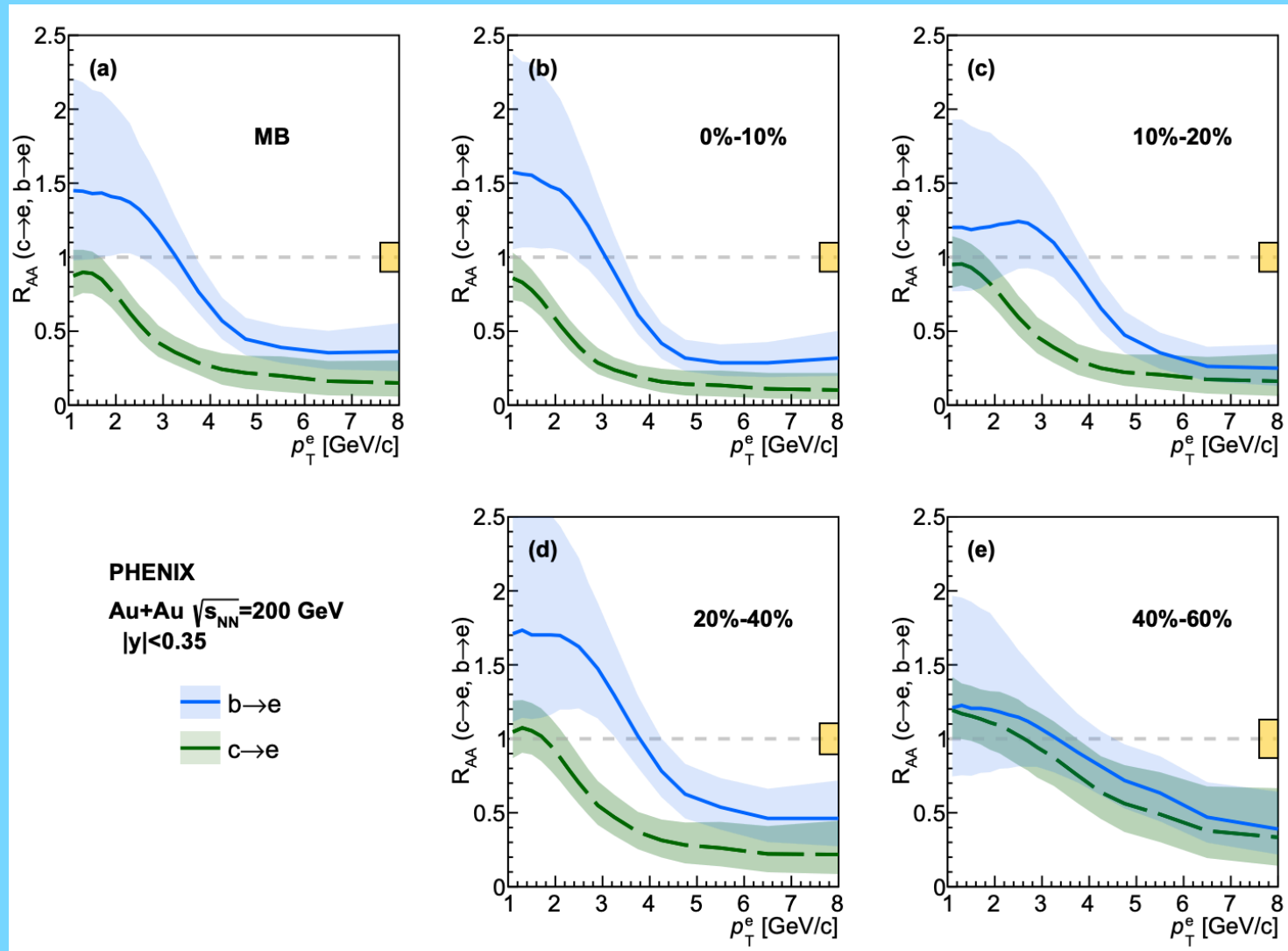
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- \* Ratios of  $R(\text{AA})$  and  $R(\text{CP})$  of bottom- $\rightarrow$ e to charm- $\rightarrow$ e vs  $p_T$
- \* The  $R(\text{CP})$  ratios of b- $\rightarrow$ e and c- $\rightarrow$ e for (0-20%)/(40-80%) show a significant deviation from unity



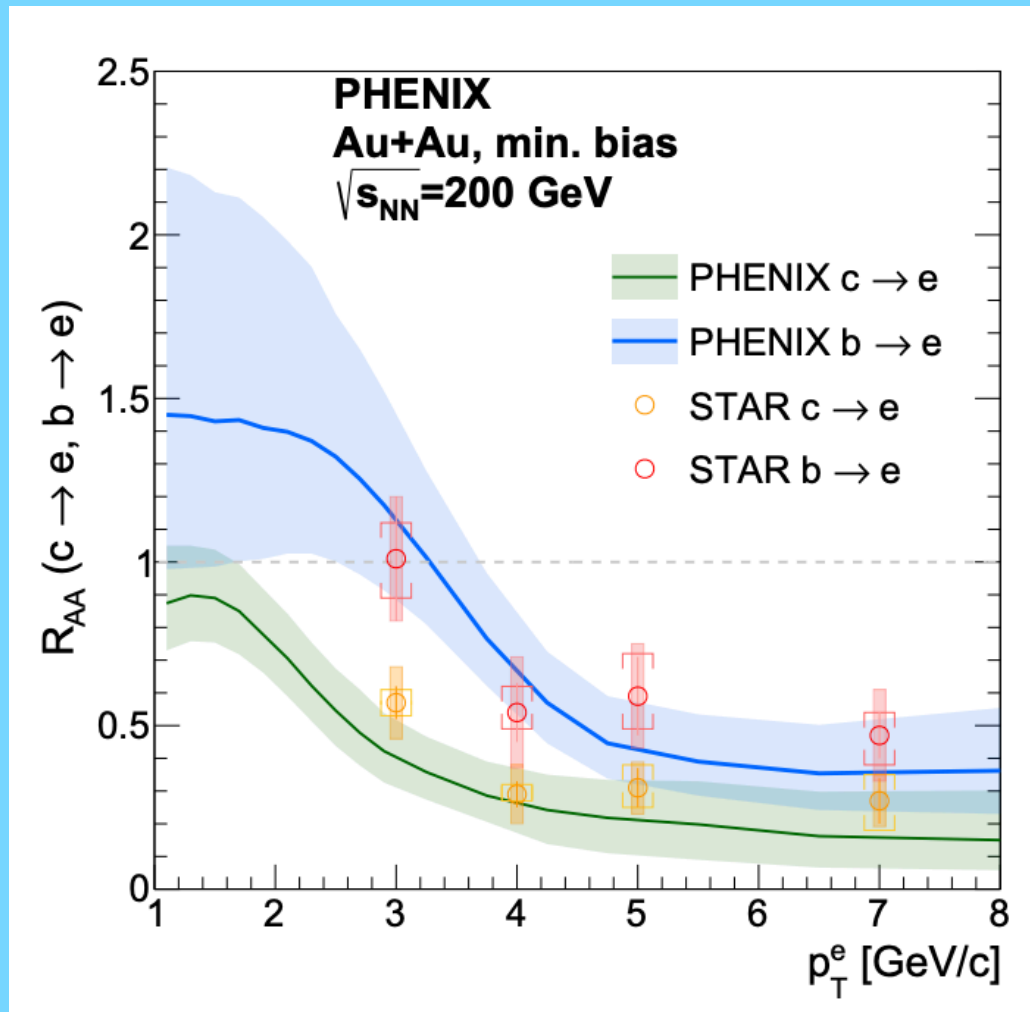
# PHENIX hierarchy of suppression of $b \rightarrow e$ and $c \rightarrow e$ in Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV

U.H.Acharya et al (PHENIX Collaboration) Charm- and Bottom-Quark Production in Au+Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV, 2203.17058, Phys. Rev. C 109, 044907 (2024)



\*  $b \rightarrow e$  higher than  $c \rightarrow e$  in Au+Au 200 GeV Minimum Bias and various centralities except the most peripheral collisions

# PHENIX vs STAR Minimum Bias Au+Au



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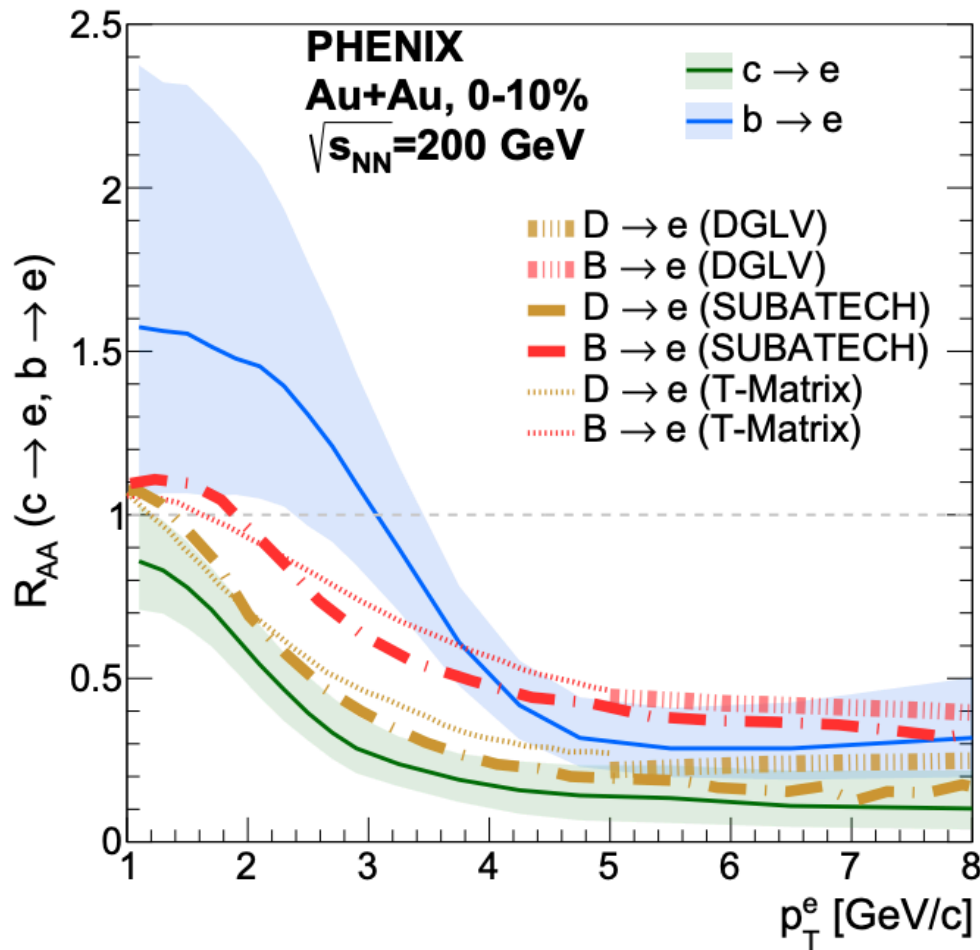
M. S. Abdallah et al. (STAR Collaboration), Evidence of Mass Ordering of Charm and Bottom Quark Energy Energy Loss in Au+Au Collisions at RHIC, arXiv:2111.14615.

\* STAR (points) and PHENIX (lines) b and c to electron measurements in Minimum Bias Au+Au 200 GeV are consistent



# PHENIX vs Models, 0-10% Au+Au

U.H.Acharya et al (PHENIX Collaboration) Charm- and Bottom-Quark Production in Au+Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV, 2203.17058



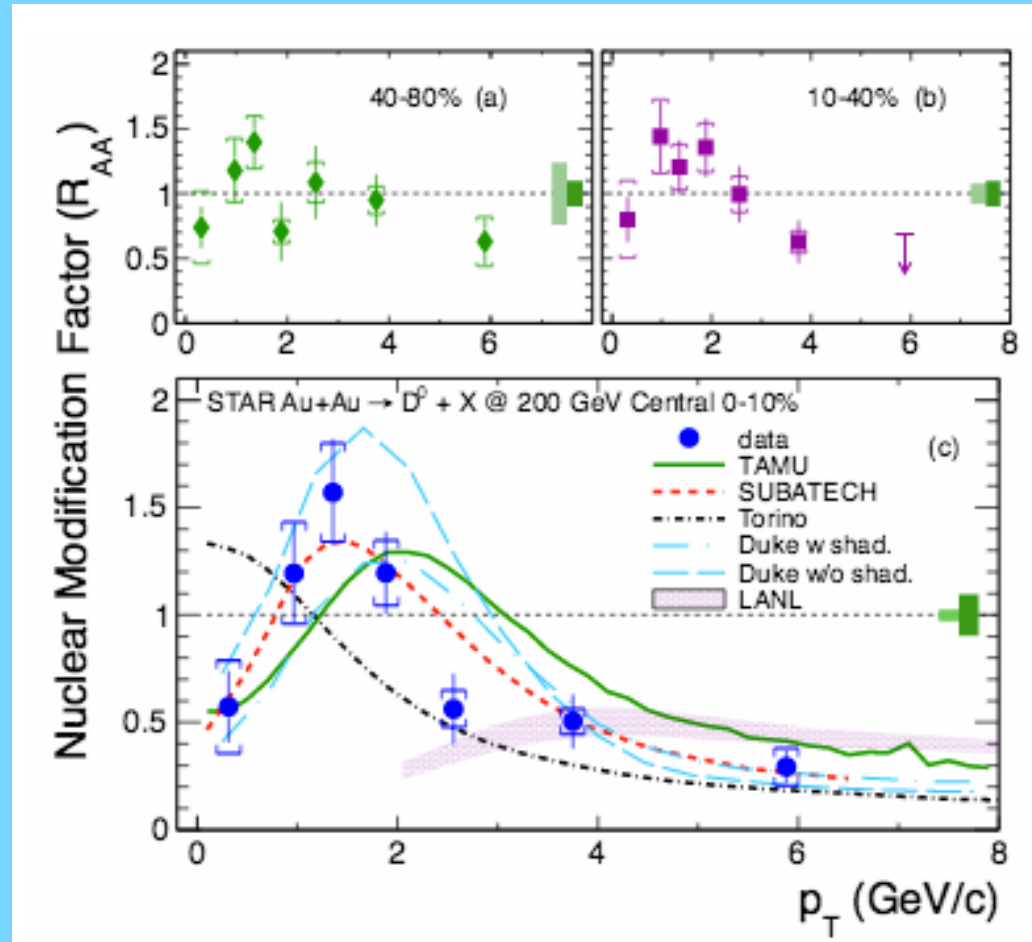
- \* T-Matrix approach is assuming formation of a hadronic resonance by a heavy quark in the QGP based on lattice quantum chromodynamics.
- \* The SUBATECH model employs a hard thermal loop calculation for the collisional energy loss.
- \* The DGLV model calculates both the collisional and radiative energy loss assuming an effectively static medium (shown for  $p_T > 5$  GeV).

- \* All shown models expect a quark mass ordering for the energy loss in the QGP medium, as observed in the data.
- \* The measured bottom nuclear modification is larger than the calculations at  $p_T$  2 to 4 GeV/c.

# Charmed hadrons in Au+Au collisions

# STAR $R_{AA}$ of $D_0$ in Au+Au 200 GeV

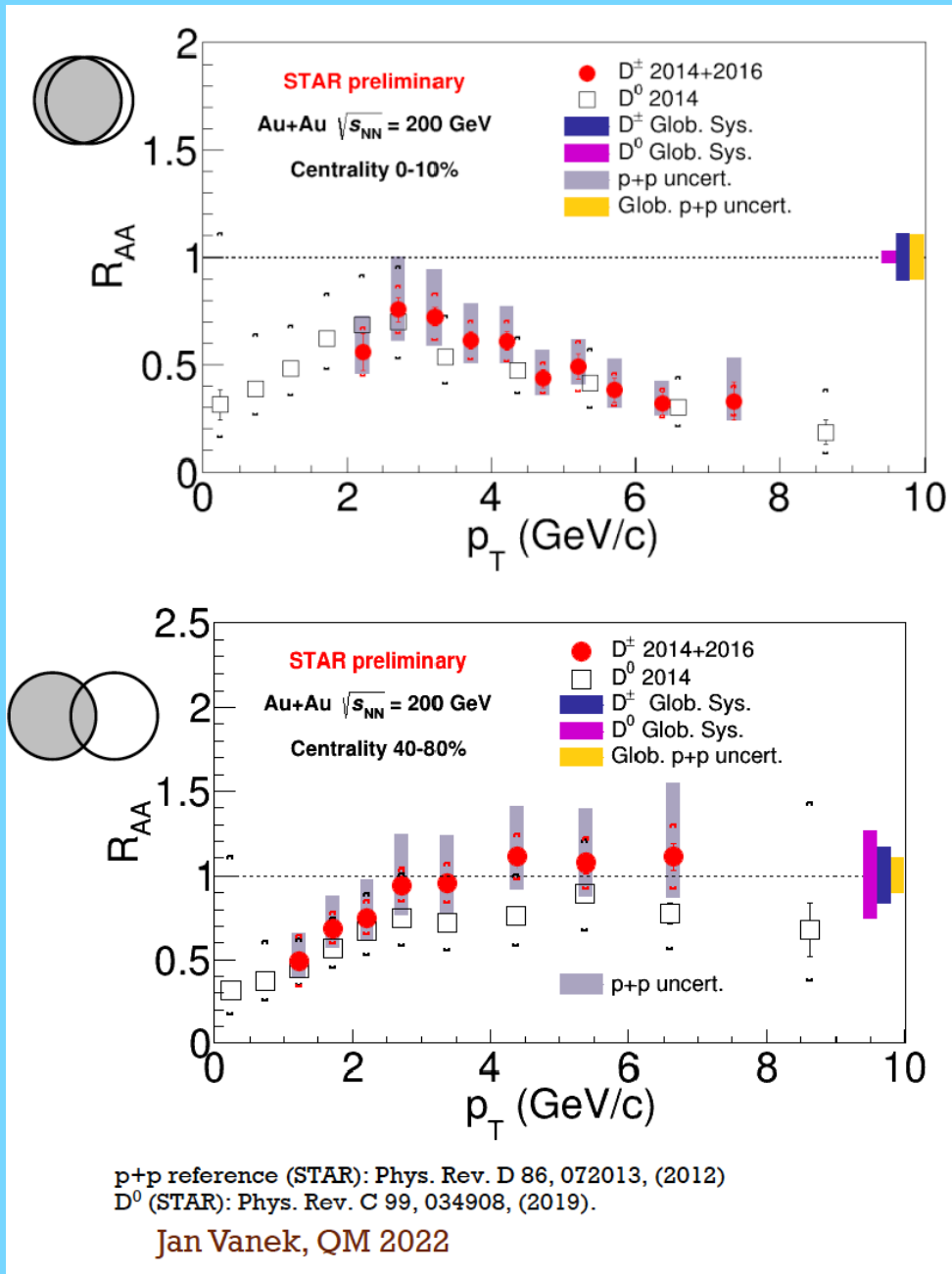
STAR: Phys. Rev. Lett. **113** (2014) 142301 and 1404.6185



$R_{AA}$  of  $D_0$  at high  $p_T$ :

- $R_{AA}$   $D_0$  suppression in central Au+Au 200 GeV
- Enhancement at  $p_T \sim 0.7-2$  GeV (described eg by models with charm quark coalescence with light quarks)

# STAR Charmed hadrons: $D^{+-}$ and $D^0$ measurement



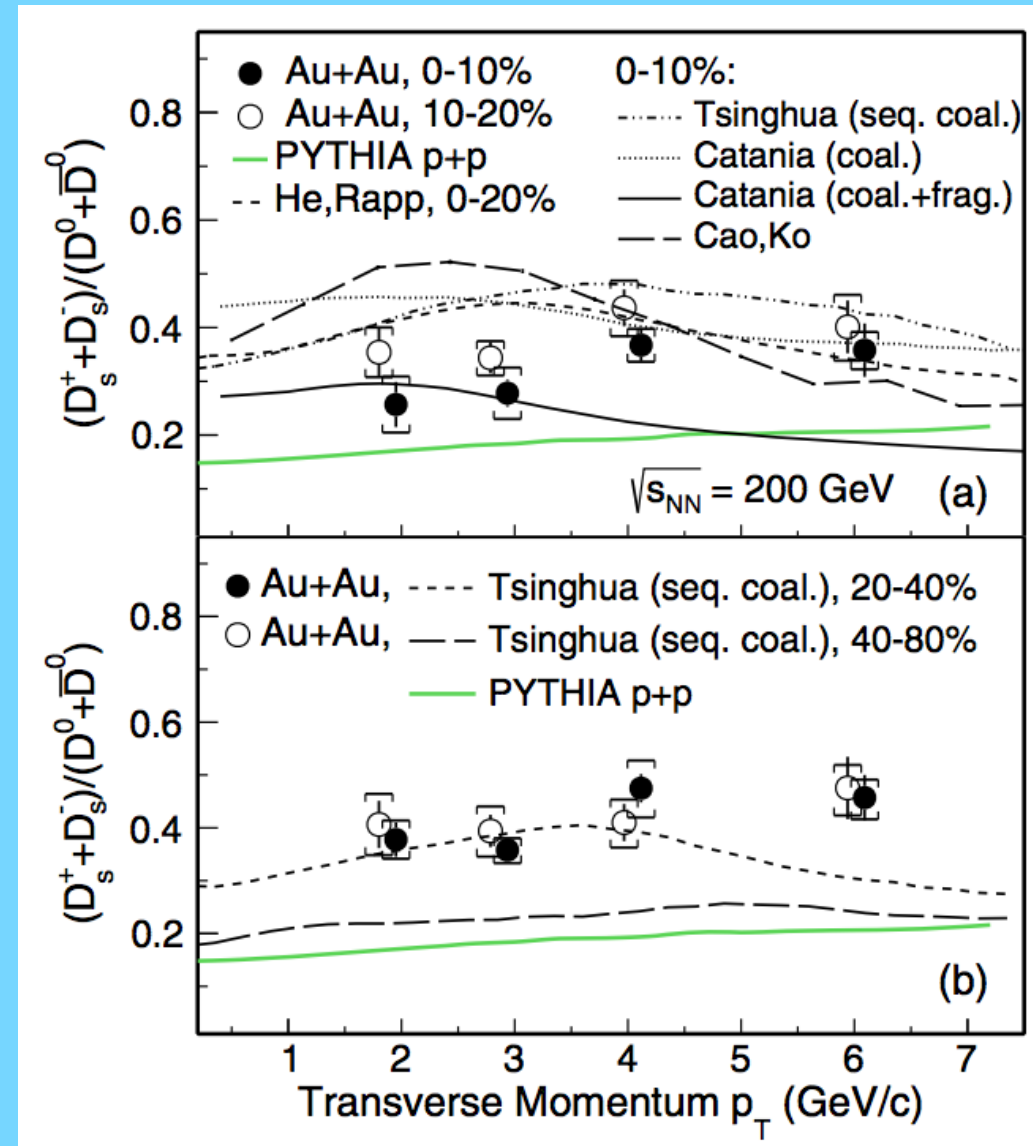
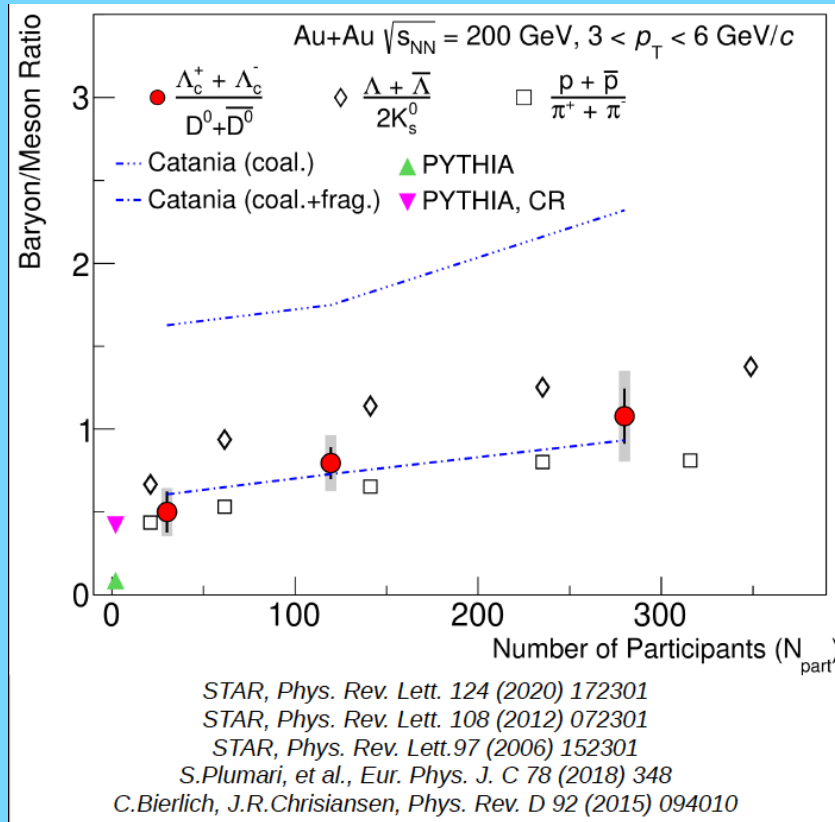
J. Vanek et al, STAR Collaboration, QM2022

- \* Centrality dependence of  $R_{AA}$  of  $D^{+/-}$  and  $D^0$  measured
- \*  $R_{AA}$  of  $D^{+/-}$  and  $D^0$  are consistent with each other and suppressed at high  $p_T$  in central (0-10%) Au+Au collisions

# STAR, $\Lambda_c$ and $D_s$ measurements

STAR Collaboration, PRL 124 (2020) 17, 172301

STAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, (2021), 092301

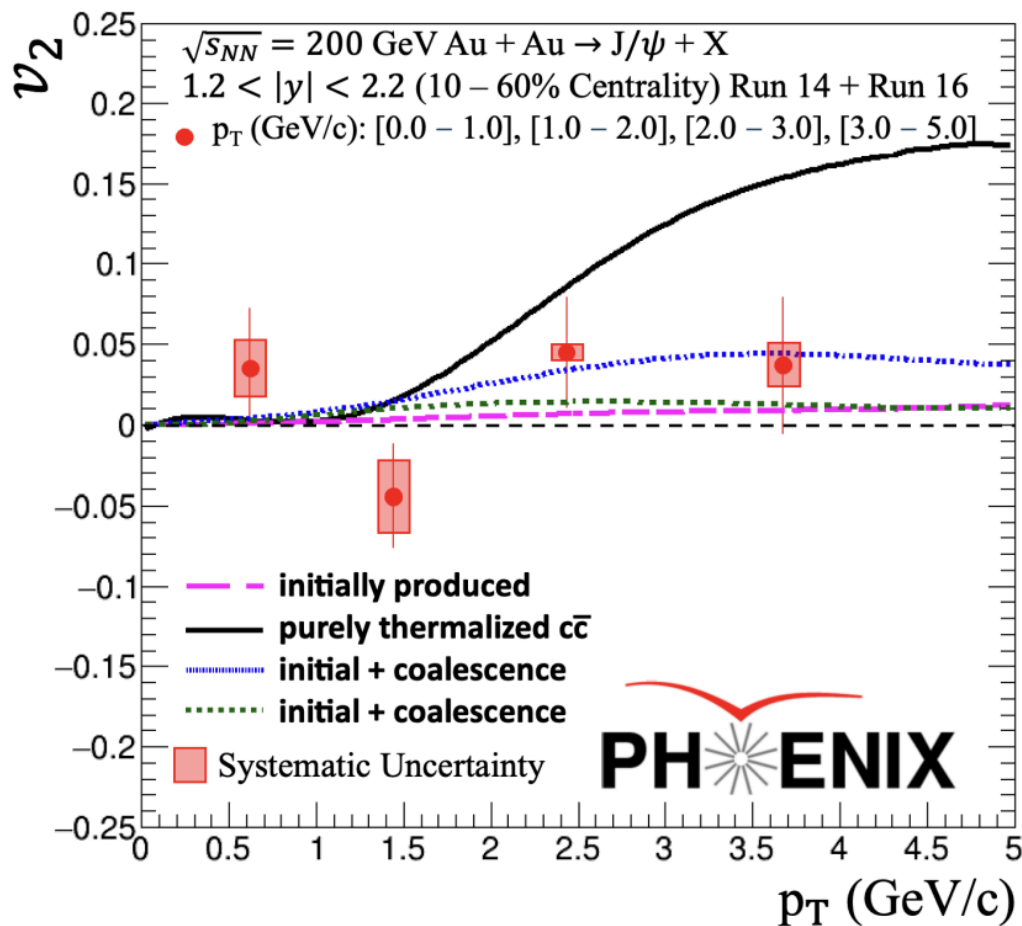


- \*  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  and  $D_s/D^0$  ratios in 200 GeV Au+Au are higher than PYTHIA
- \* Data are in accordance with models that include coalescence hadronization of charm hadrons

# Quarkonia

# PHENIX: $v_2$ of J/Psi in Au+Au at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV at forward y

PHENIX Coll., arXiv:2409.12756



- Elliptic flow of J/Psi in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s}$  200 GeV (10-60% centrality) at forward rapidity is consistent with zero
- Elliptic flow of J/Psi does not agree with a model with purely thermalized  $c\bar{c}$  and agrees with both models with only initially produced J/Psi and models including initial J/Psi and J/Psi from coalescence.

Models

L. Yan et al, PRL 97, 232301 (2006)

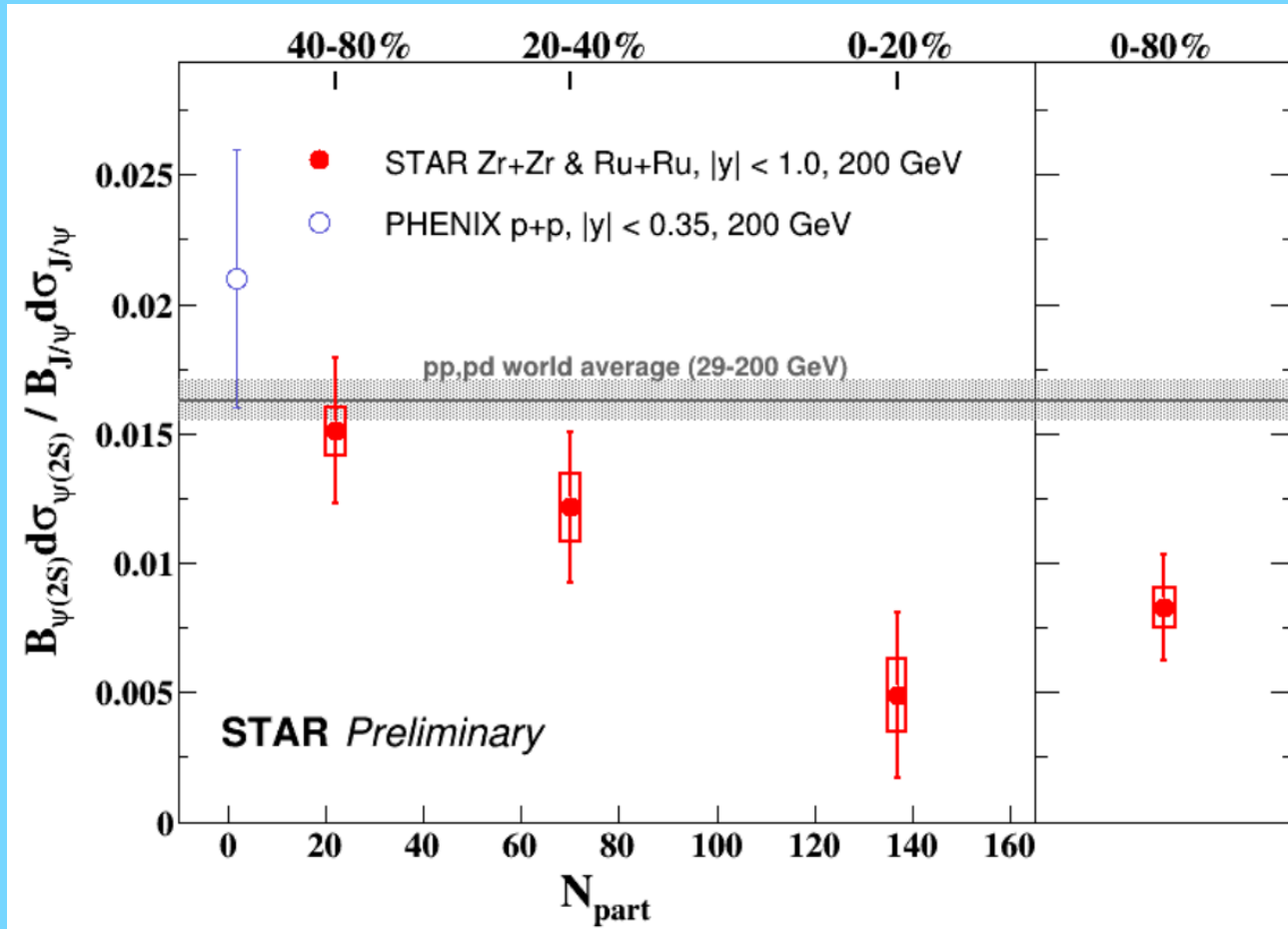
V. Greco et al, PLB 595, 202 (2004)

X. Zhao et al, arXiv:0806.1239

Y. Liu et al, Nucl Phys A 834, 317 C (2010)

# STAR: $\Psi(2S)$ to $J/\Psi$ ratio in Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV

Wei Zhang et al, STAR Coll., HP2024



PHENIX, PRD 85, 092004 (2012)

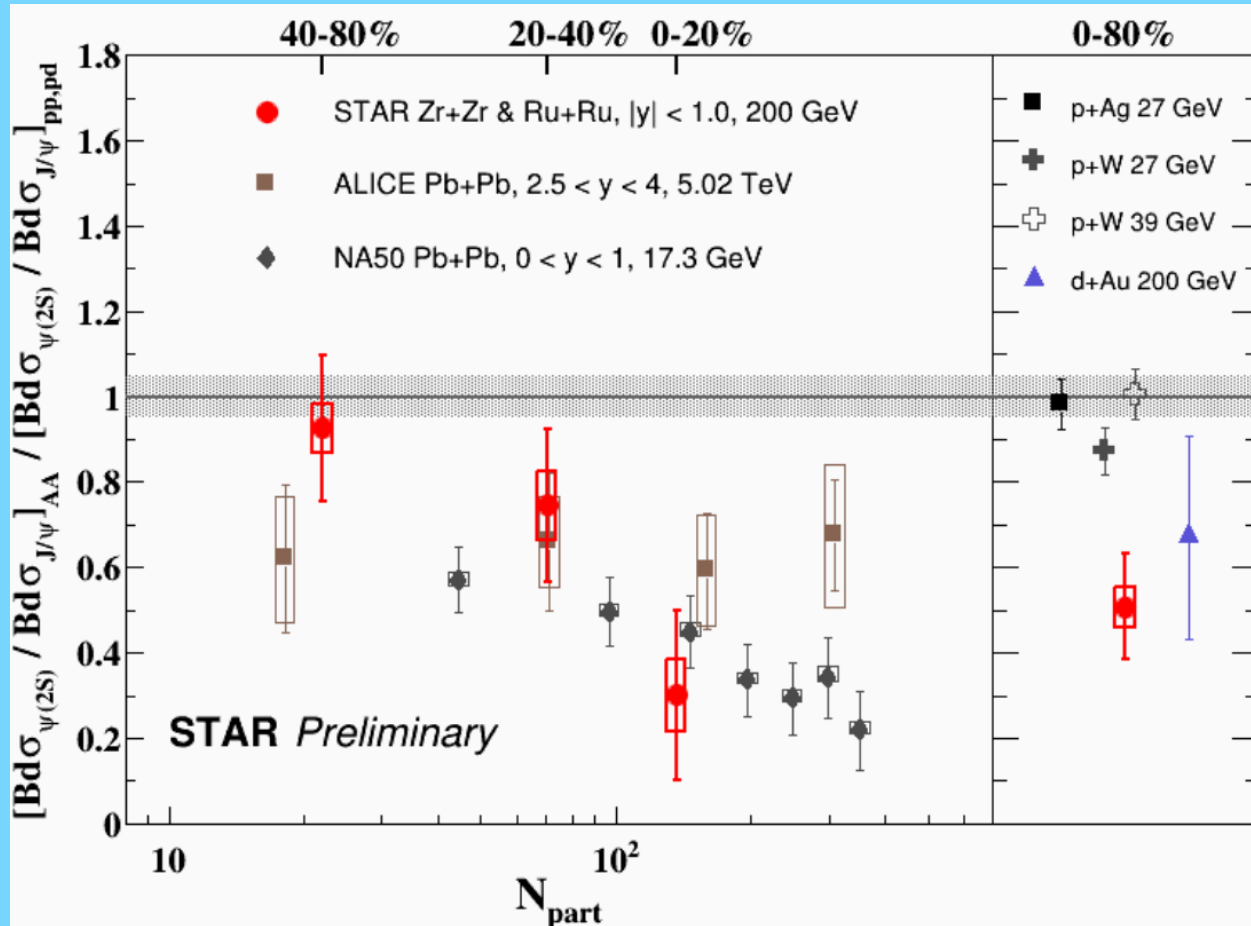
pp reference is the average of measurements in p+p(d) by NA51, ISR and PHENIX

Observation of charmonium sequential suppression in heavy ion collisions at RHIC



# STAR: Double ratio AA/pp of Psi(2S) to J/Psi ratio in Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru collisions at sqrt(s)=200 GeV

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PHENIX, PRD 85, 092004 (2012)

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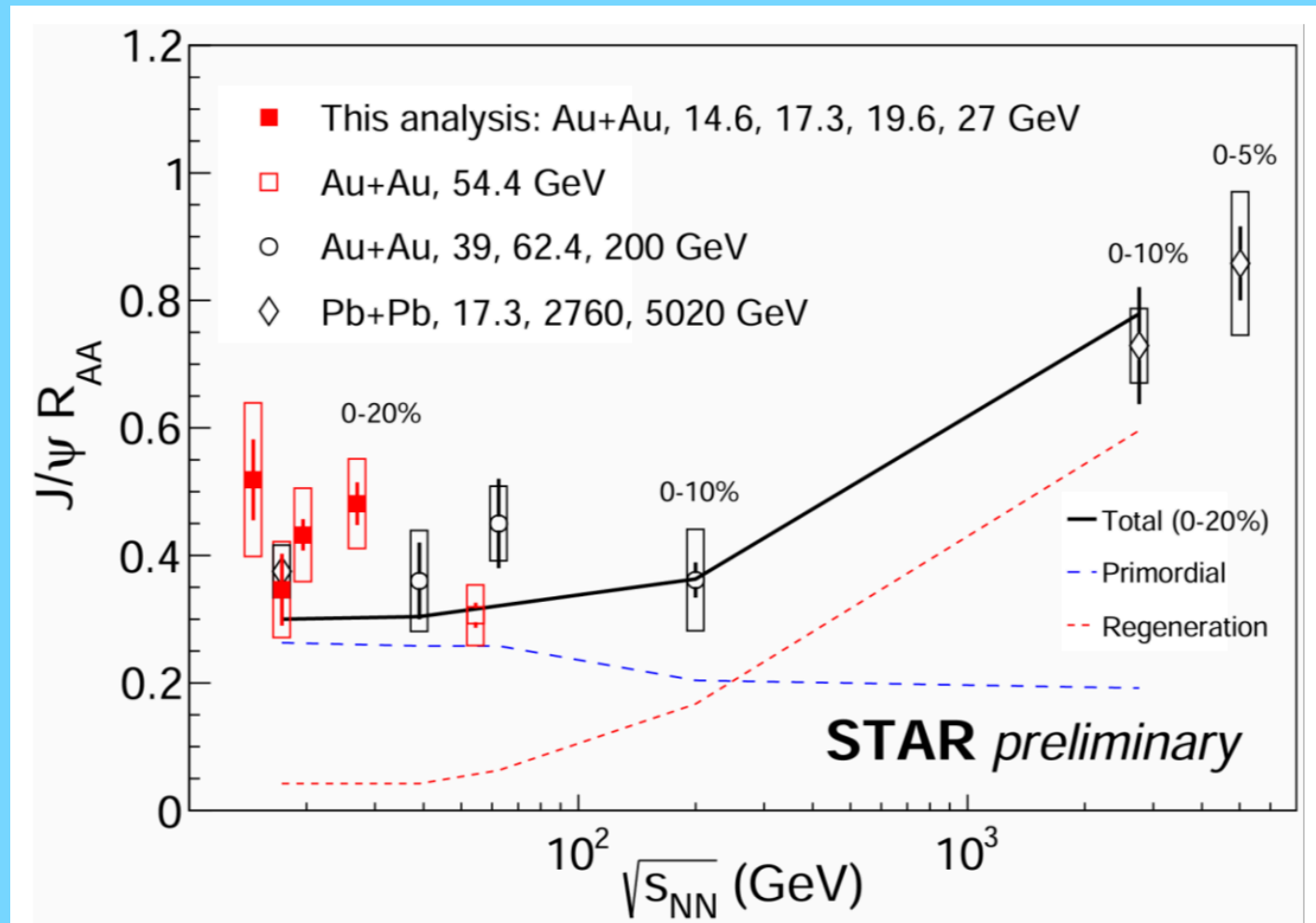
Double Ratio:

$$\frac{[(Bd\sigma_{\psi(2S)})/(Bd\sigma_{J/\psi})]_{AA}}{[(Bd\sigma_{\psi(2S)})/(Bd\sigma_{J/\psi})]_{pp,pd}}$$

Centrality dependence of charmonium sequential suppression in heavy ion collisions at RHIC seem more similar to that at SPS than at LHC

# STAR: collision energy dependence of J/Psi RAA

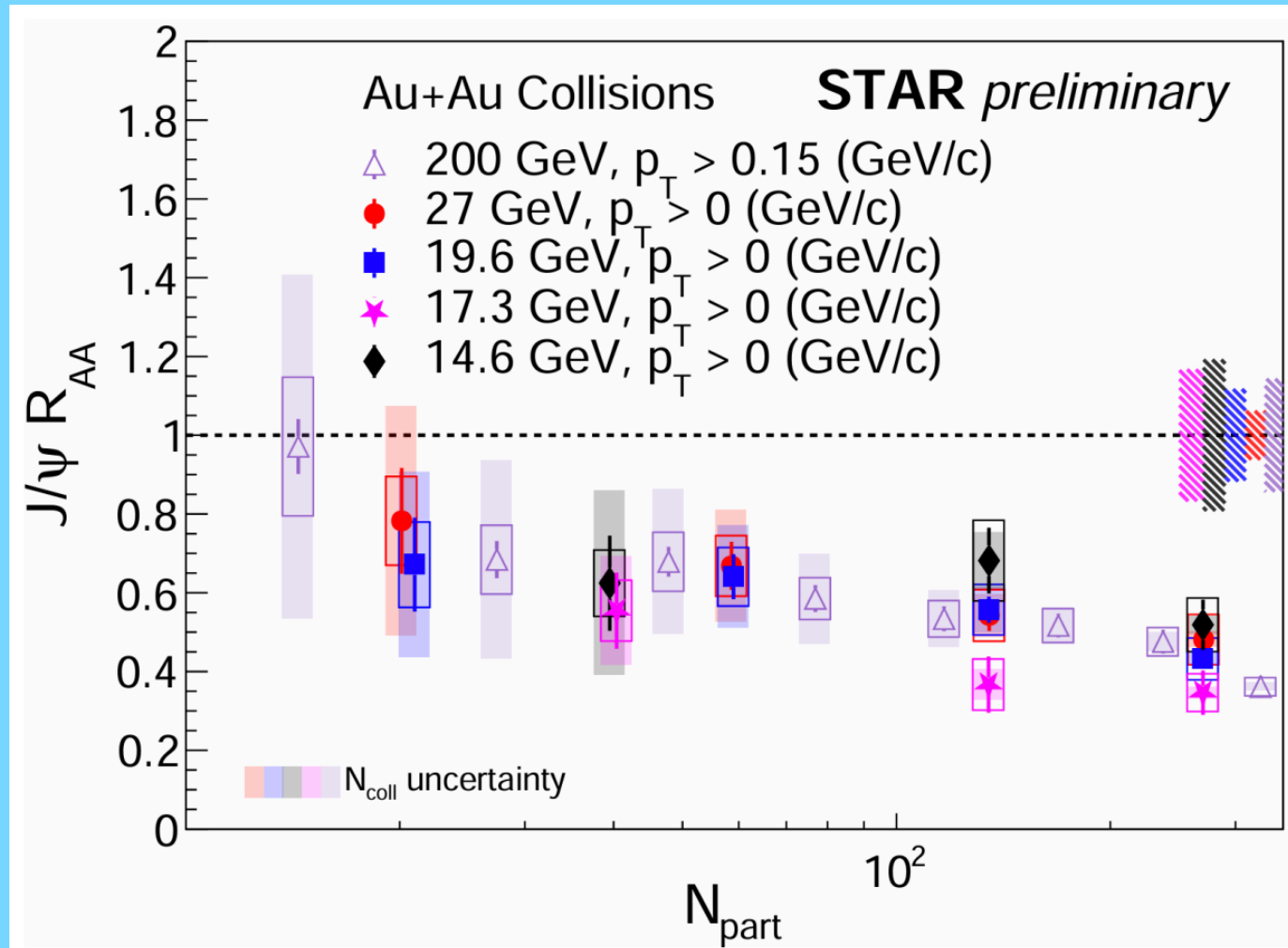
Wei Zhang et al, STAR Coll., HP2024



No significant energy dependence is observed in central Au+Au collisions within uncertainties, up to 200 GeV

# STAR: centrality dependence of J/Psi RAA at RHIC

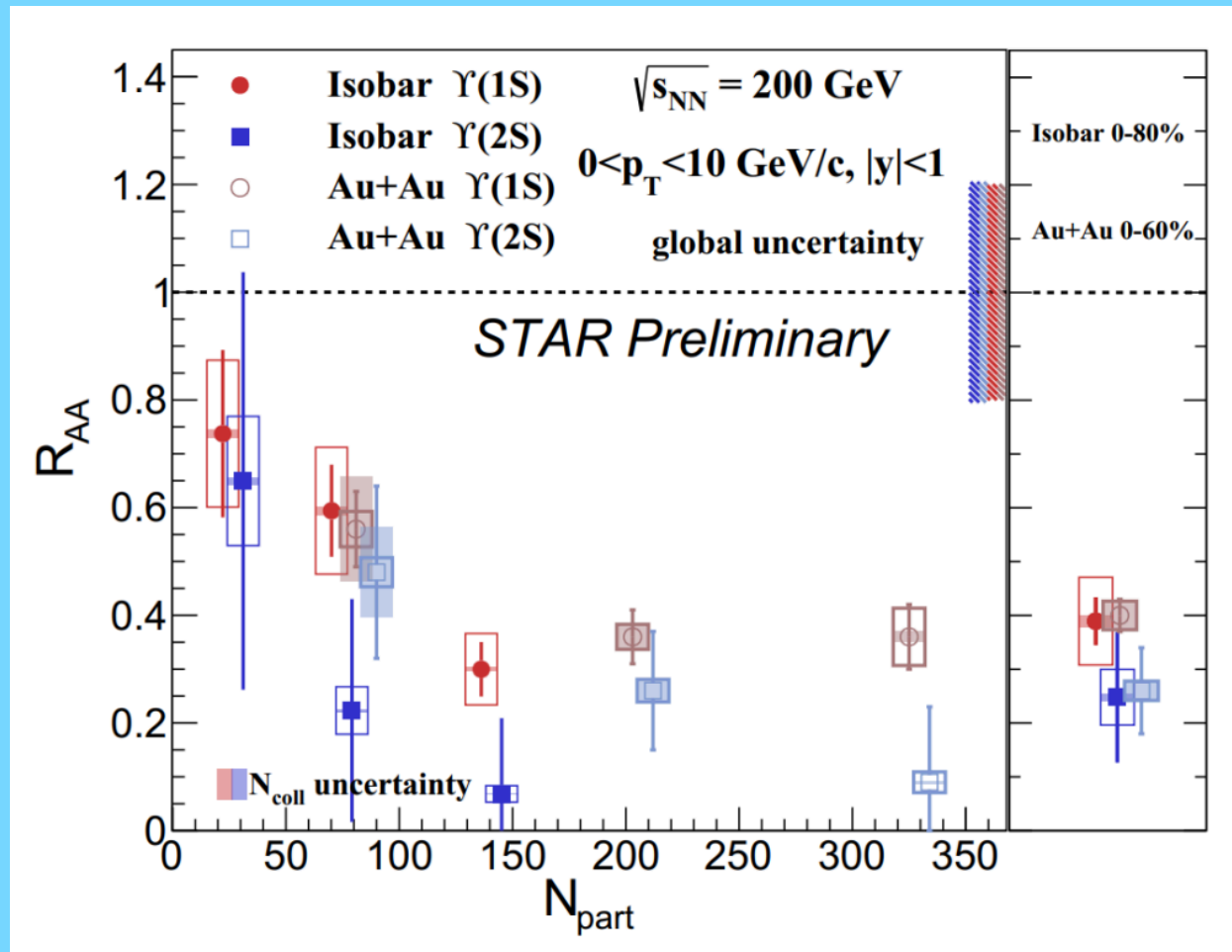
Wei Zhang et al, STAR Coll., HP2024



Decreasing trend of J/Psi RAA as a function of centrality  
No significant energy dependence for similar  $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$

# STAR: $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(2S)$ in Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV

Wei Zhang et al, STAR Coll., HP2024



Hint of sequential suppression of  $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon(2S)$  in Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru and Au+Au collisions.

# Conclusions and Outlook

- \* Flow ( $v_2$ ) results suggest strong interaction of heavy quarks with medium above  $\sqrt{s}=27$  GeV Au+Au
- \* Flow ( $v_2$ ) of charm higher than  $v_2$  of bottom.
- \* Evidence for mass ordering of bottom and charm (measured via  $b, c \rightarrow e$ ) in Au+Au 200 GeV has been observed at RHIC
- \*  $\Lambda(c), D$  in agreement with assumption of coalescence
- \* Flow ( $v_2$ ) of J/Psi at forward rapidity is consistent with zero
- \* Observation of charmonium sequential suppression ( $\psi(2S), J/Psi$ ) in heavy ion collisions at RHIC
- \* No significant energy dependence of J/Psi RAA is observed in central Au+Au collisions within uncertainties, up to 200 GeV
- \* Decreasing trend of J/Psi RAA as a function of centrality. No significant energy dependence for similar  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$
- \* Hint of sequential suppression of Y(1S) and Y(2S) in Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru and Au+Au collisions.

# Outlook

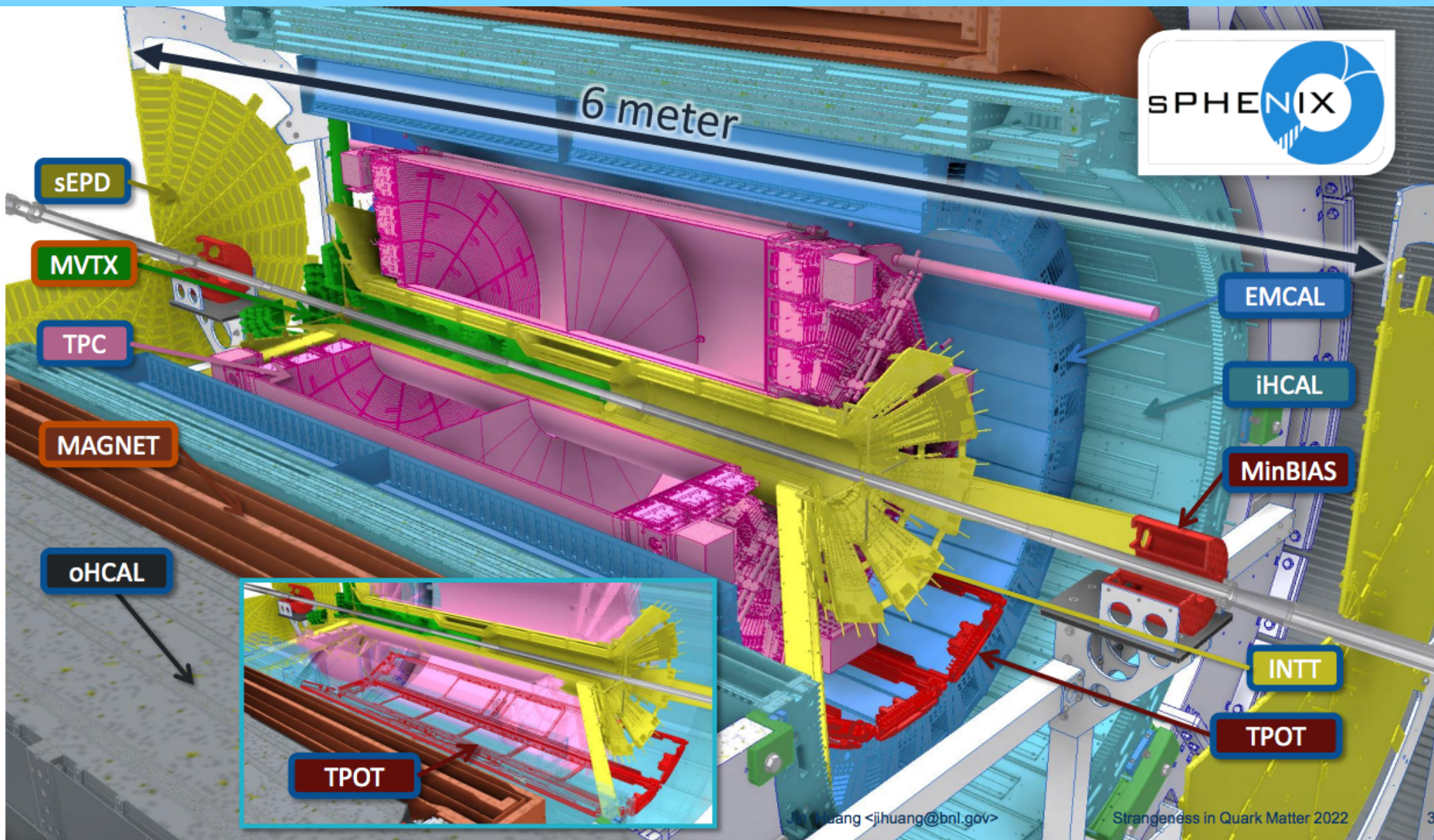
## STAR and sPHENIX run period

**sPHENIX BUP2022 [sPH-TRG-2022-001], 24 (& 28) cryo-week scenarios**

Year	Species	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	Cryo Weeks	Physics Weeks	Rec. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm	Samp. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm
2023	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	9 (13)	3.7 (5.7) nb <sup>-1</sup>	4.5 (6.9) nb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	200	24 (28)	12 (16)	0.3 (0.4) pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 4.5 (6.2) pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	45 (62) pb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow + \text{Au}$	200	–	5	0.003 pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 0.01 pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	0.11 pb <sup>-1</sup>
2025	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	20.5 (24.5)	13 (15) nb <sup>-1</sup>	21 (25) nb <sup>-1</sup>

\* sPHENIX: commissioned

# sPHENIX



Thank you very much