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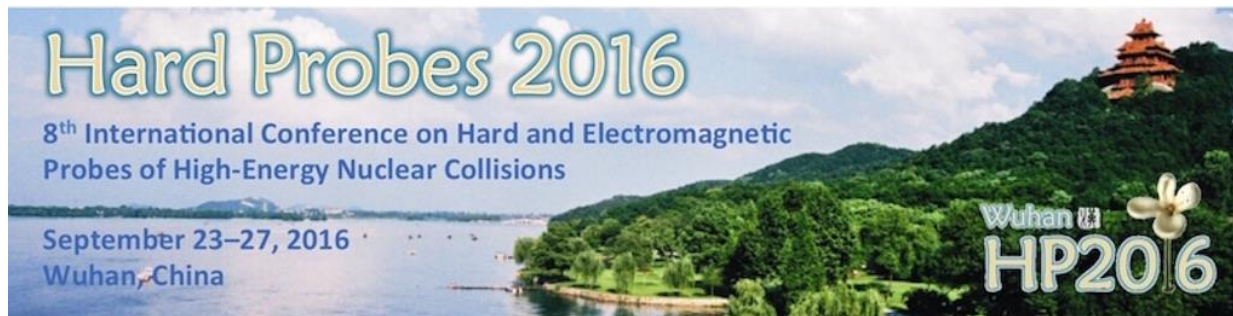
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Heavy Flavor Physics: Experimental Results at RHIC

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Motivations

□ One of the most important probes for sQGP

- Heavy quark involve more abundant E-loss mechanisms.
 - *gluon radiation, collisional energy loss, collisional disassociation, etc*
- Allow further understanding of the medium properties.
- Cold Nuclear effects
 - *Gluon shadowing, Color glass condensate, etc*
- Sensitive to the gluon nPDF distribution.
 - *produced mostly from gluon fusion*

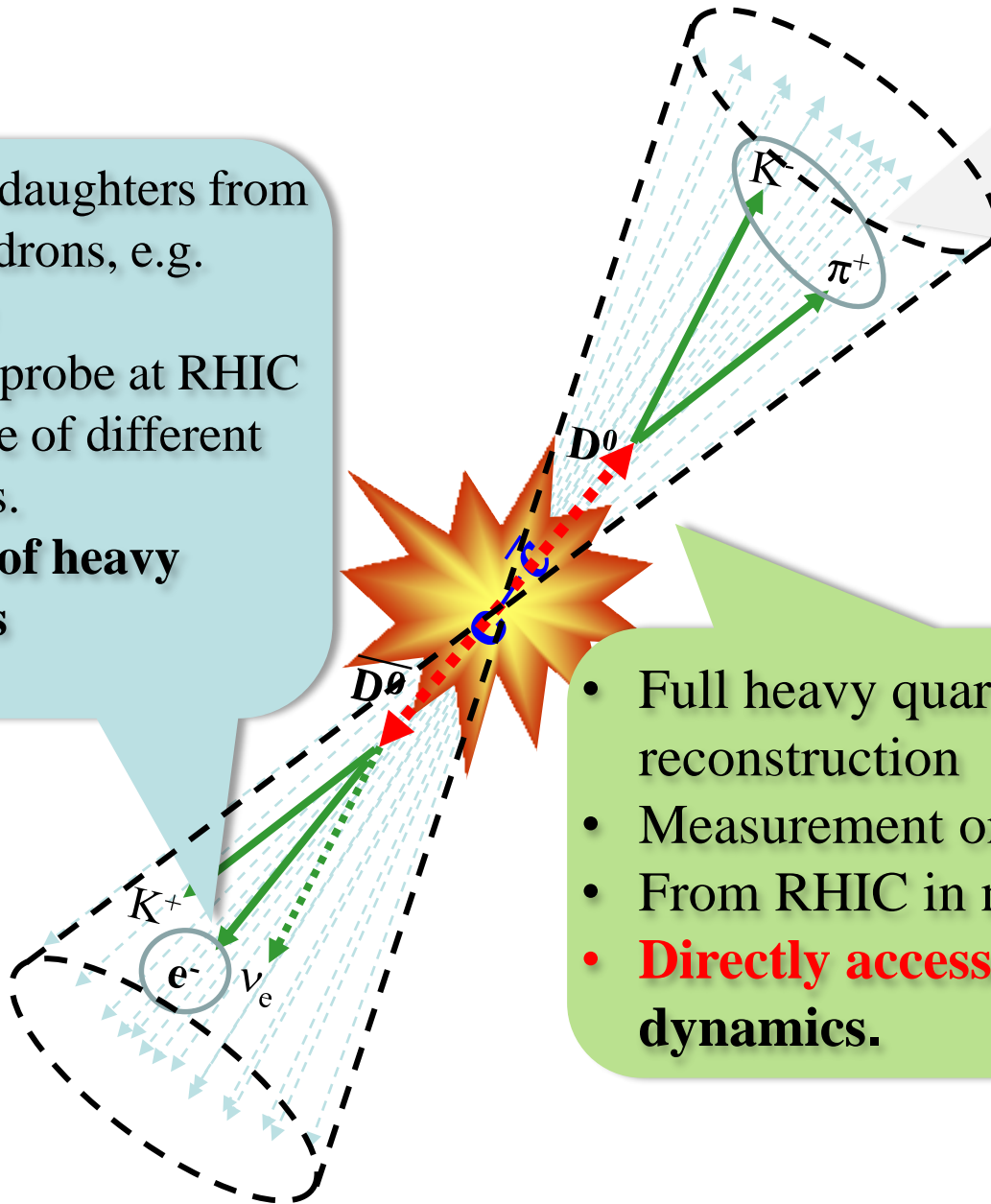
□ A good reference to quarkonia production

- Similar initial state effect.
 - *CGC, Shadowing, initial state energy loss, etc.*
- Large cross section (compared to J/ψ).
 - *Accurate reference measurements.*

□ A “Gold Mine” being fully explored.

How to study Heavy Quarks

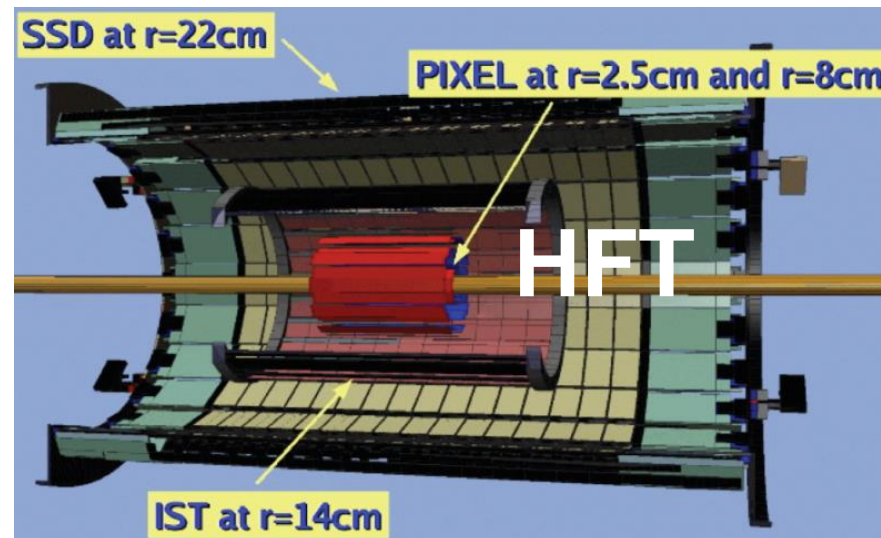
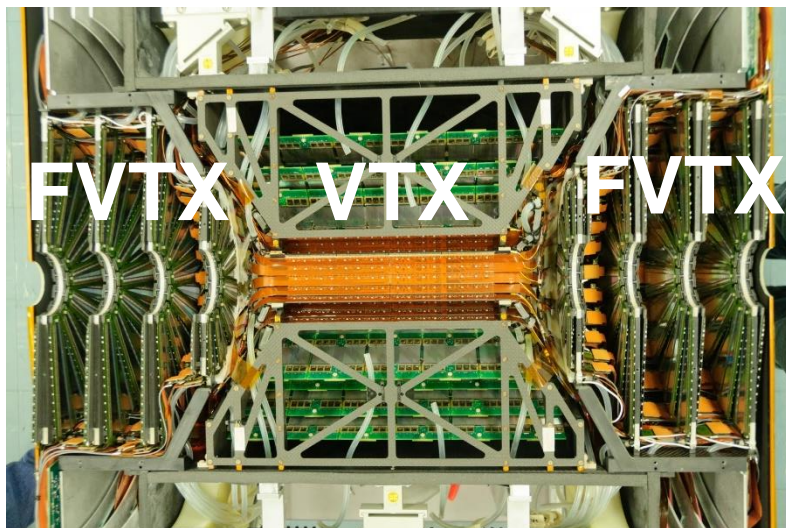
- Decay daughters from HF Hadrons, e.g. $HF \rightarrow e$
- A Key probe at RHIC
- Mixture of different sources.
- **Proxy** of heavy quarks



- Direct reco. of HF hadrons
- One of the Key probes at LHC and at RHIC after svtx upgrade
- **Better Proxy** of heavy quarks

- Full heavy quark jet reconstruction
- Measurement only from LHC
- From RHIC in near future
- **Directly accessing** heavy quark dynamics.

How are Heavy Quarks Studied at RHIC



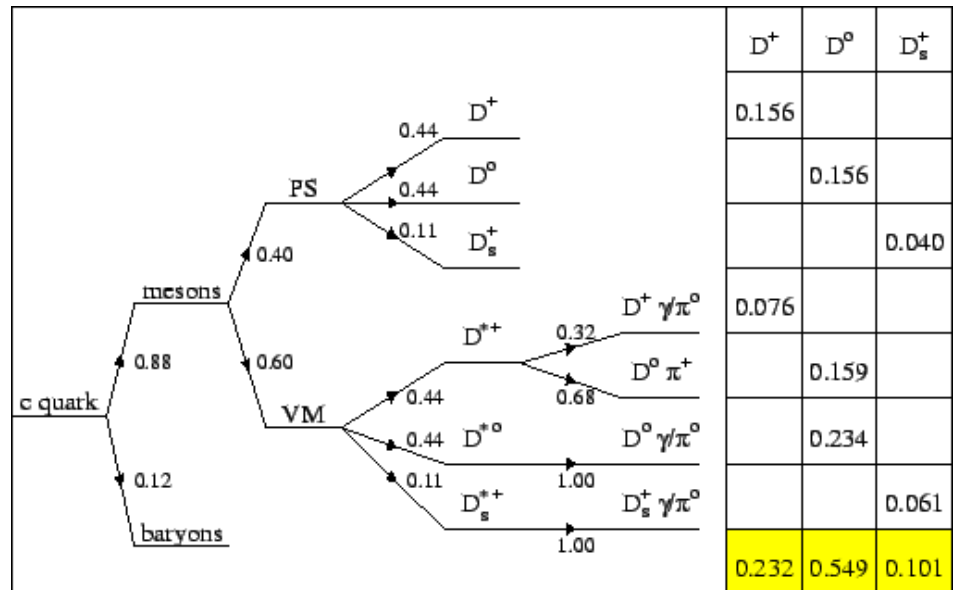
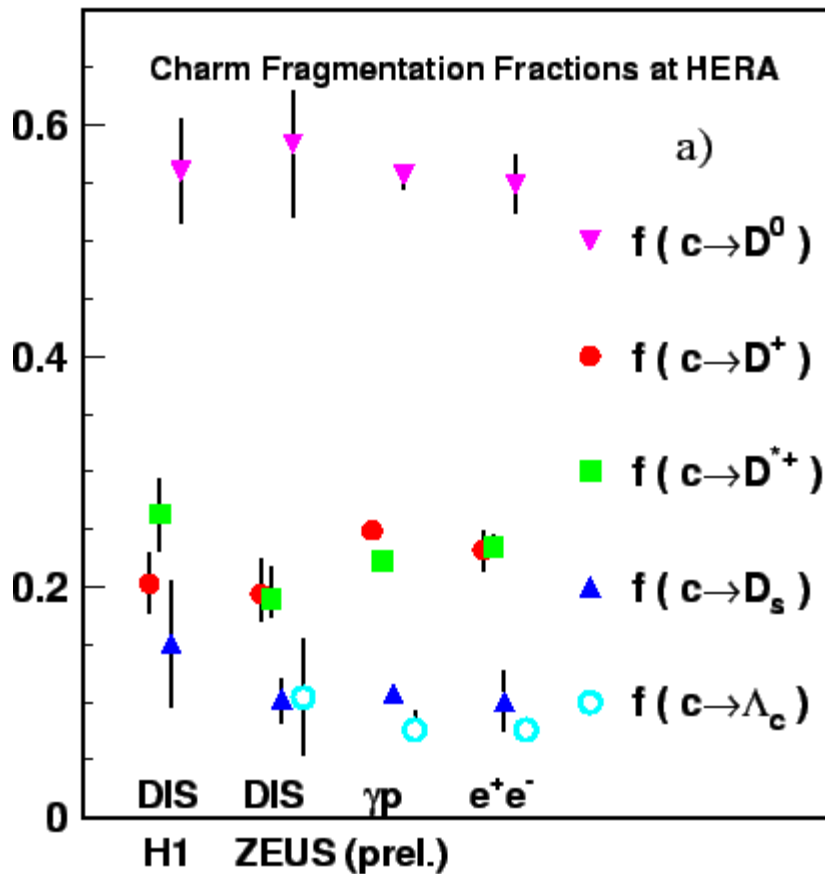
❑ Full reconstruction of HF hadrons

- ❖ More direct access to the heavy quark kinematics,
- ❖ hard to trigger.
 - Limit the p_T reach of the measurements
- ❖ small(er) Branching Ratio:
 - $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$: BR: $\sim 4.0\%$
 - $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$: BR: $\sim 2.3\%$
 - $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ + J/\psi$: BR: $\sim 6 \times 10^{-5}$

❑ Decay daughters from HF hadrons

- ❖ Indirect access to the heavy quark kinematics
- ❖ can be triggered easily.
 - Ideal for higher p_T measurements
- ❖ High(er) branching ratio
 - $B^0/B^+ \rightarrow e^+ + X$: BR: $\sim 10\%$
 - $B \rightarrow J/\psi + X$: BR: $\sim 1\%$
 - $D^0 \rightarrow e^+ + X$: BR: $\sim 7\%$
 - $D^+ \rightarrow e^+ + X$: BR: $\sim 17\%$

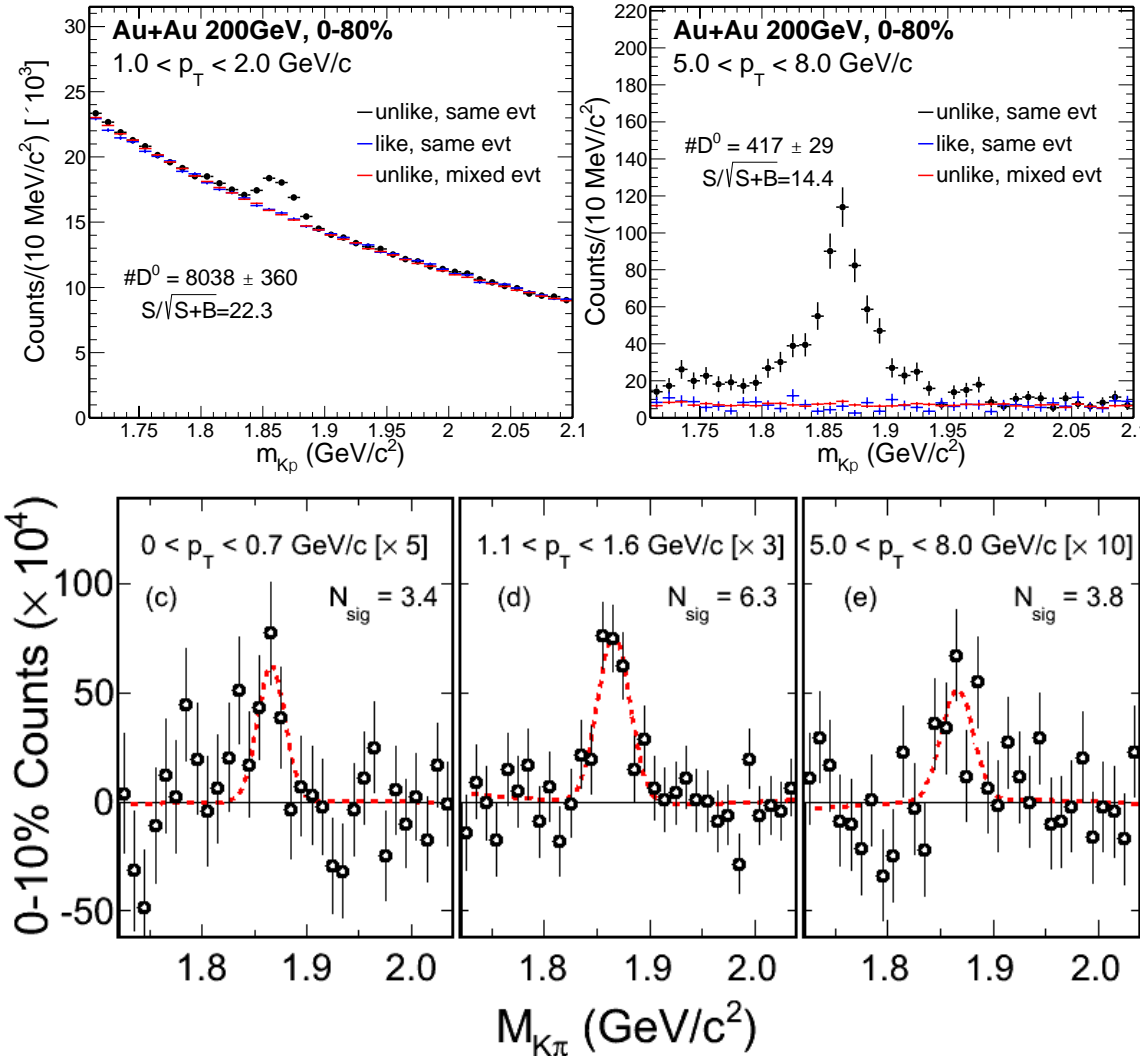
Charm Fragmentation Fraction



- E. Groom *et al.* [Particle Data Group Collaboration], Eur. Phys. J. C **15** (2000) 1.
- <http://www.desy.de/~ameyer/hq/node38.html>

- \square ~55% $\rightarrow D^0$ ($c\tau = 122.9 \mu\text{m}$): $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ $BR: 4.0\%$
- \square ~10% $\rightarrow D_s^+$ ($c\tau = 149.9 \mu\text{m}$): $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + (\phi \rightarrow) K^+ K^-$ $BR: 2.3\%$
- \square ~23% $\rightarrow D^+$ ($c\tau = 311.8 \mu\text{m}$): $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ $BR: 9.4\%$
- \square ~10% $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ ($c\tau = 59.9 \mu\text{m}$): $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p^+ K^- \pi^+$ $BR: 5.0\%$

D⁰ Signal in Au+Au at 200 GeV



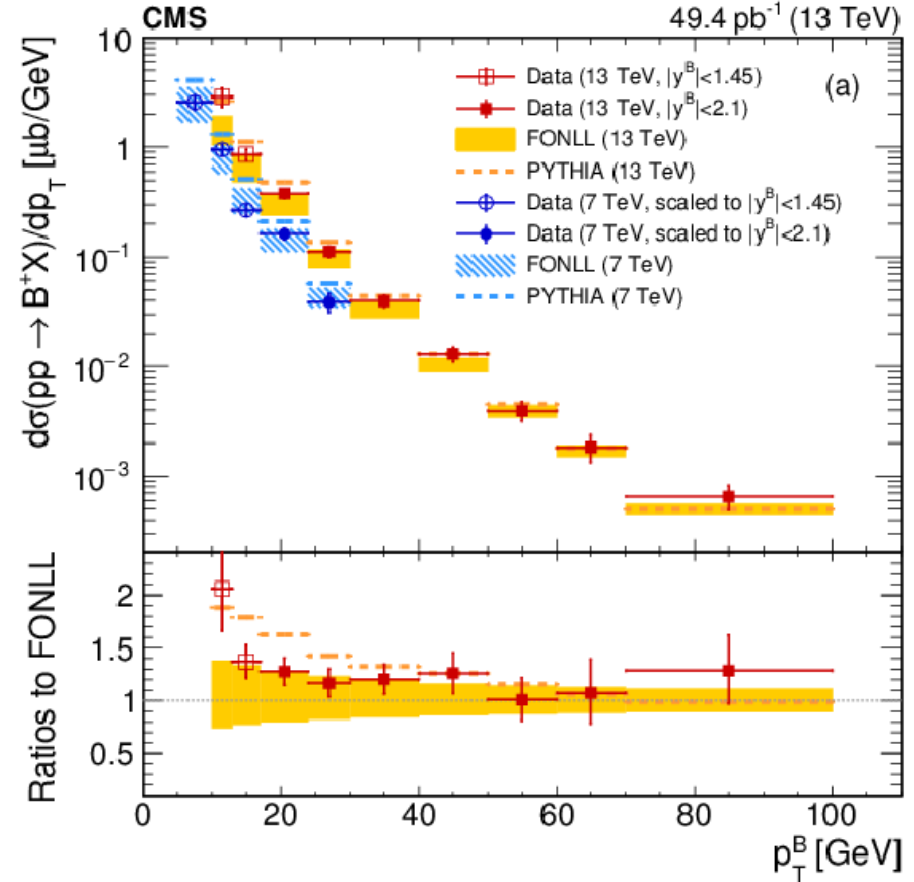
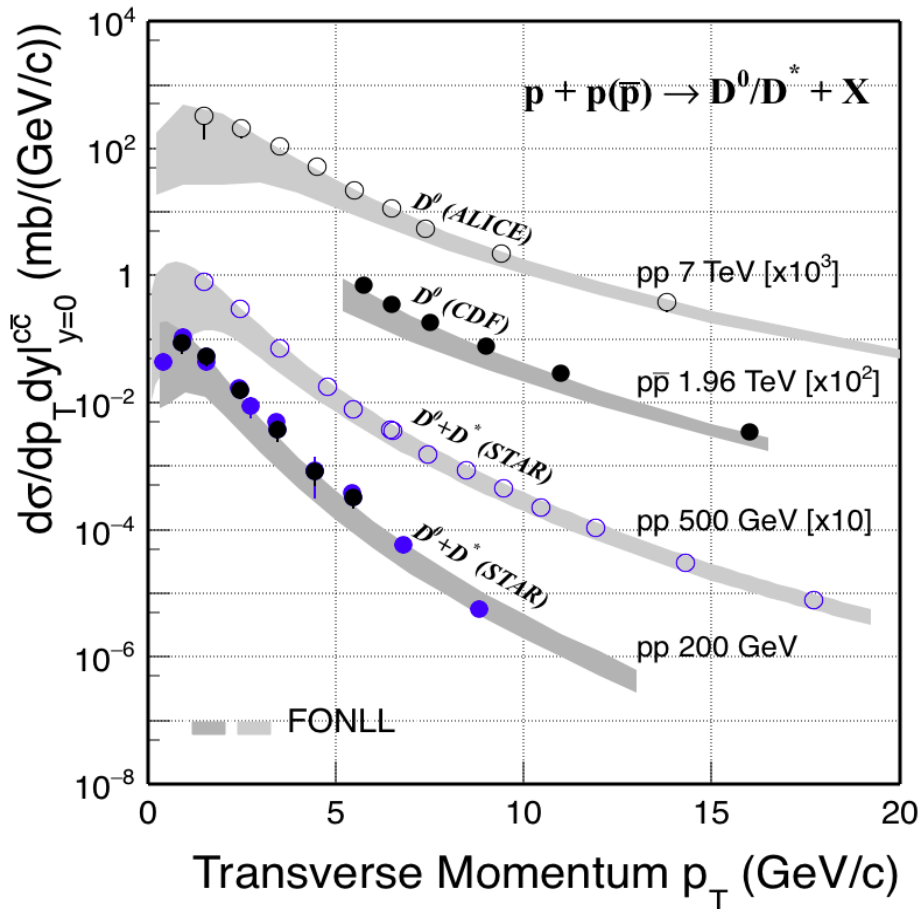
□ Run2010 & 2011 w/o HFT.

- Total: ~800 M Min.Bias events
- $S/\sqrt{S+B}$ ($p_T \sim 1-2 \text{ GeV/c}$): ~6.0
- $S/\sqrt{S+B}$ ($p_T \sim 5-8 \text{ GeV/c}$): 3.8

□ Run2014 w/ HFT.

- Total: ~1 B Min.Bias events
- $S/\sqrt{S+B}$ ($p_T \sim 1-2 \text{ GeV/c}$): ~22.3
- $S/\sqrt{S+B}$ ($p_T \sim 5-8 \text{ GeV/c}$): 14.4

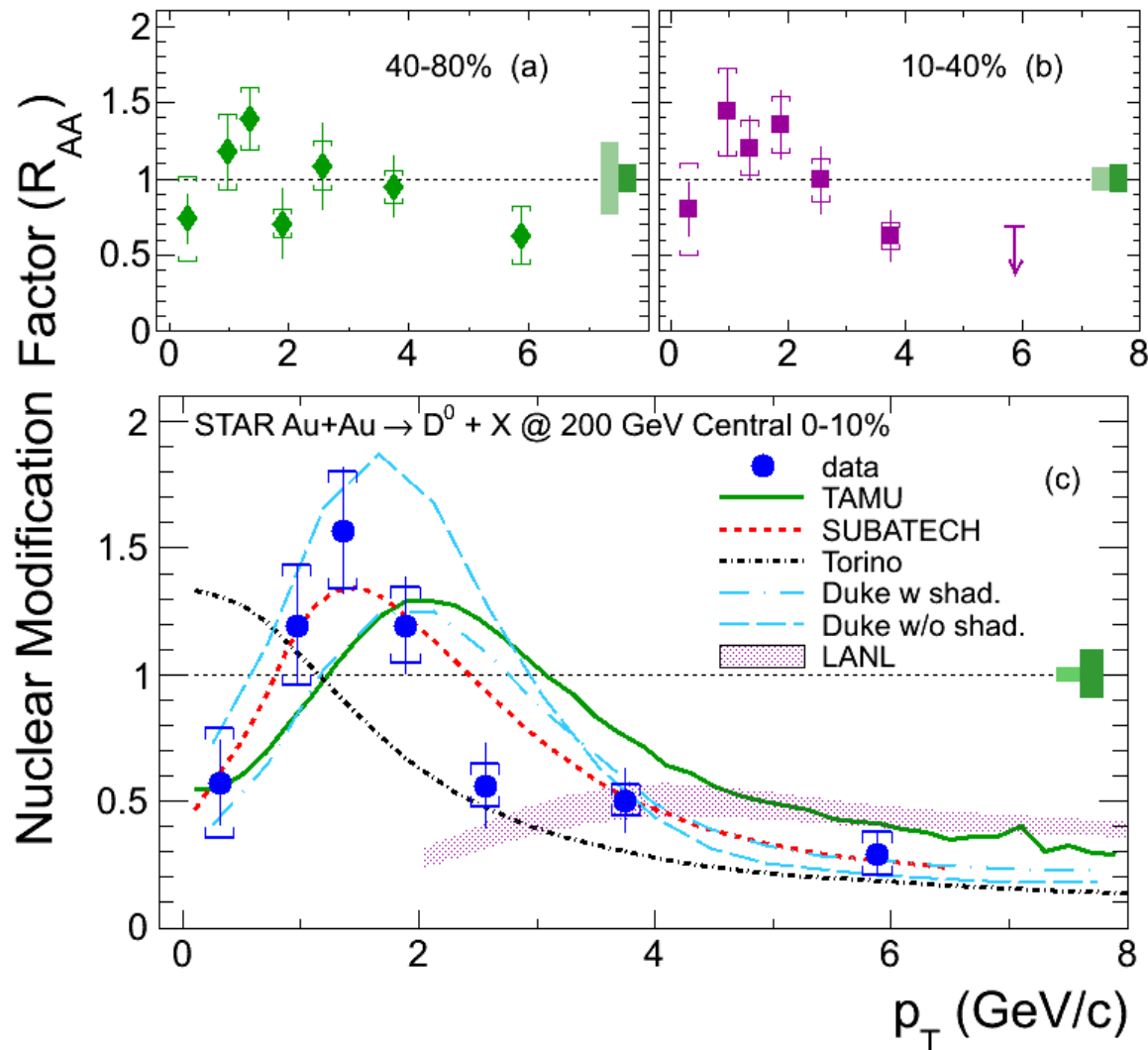
D⁰ Signal in p+p Collisions



□ FONLL provide a good description on HF production in pp collisions

- From 200 GeV – 13 TeV

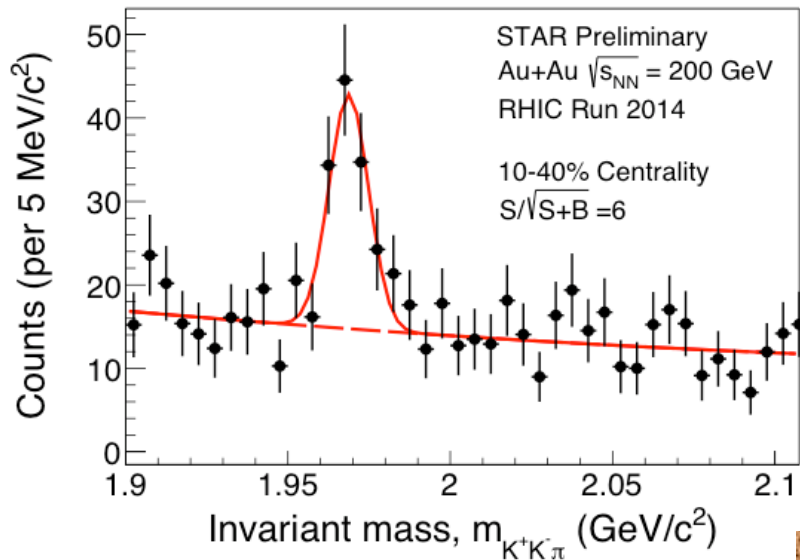
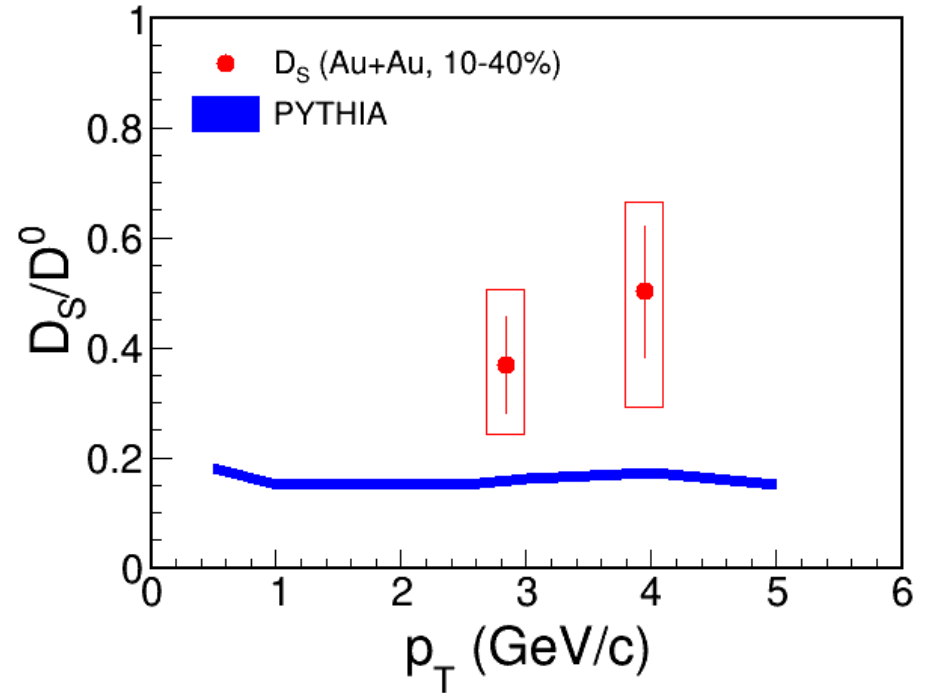
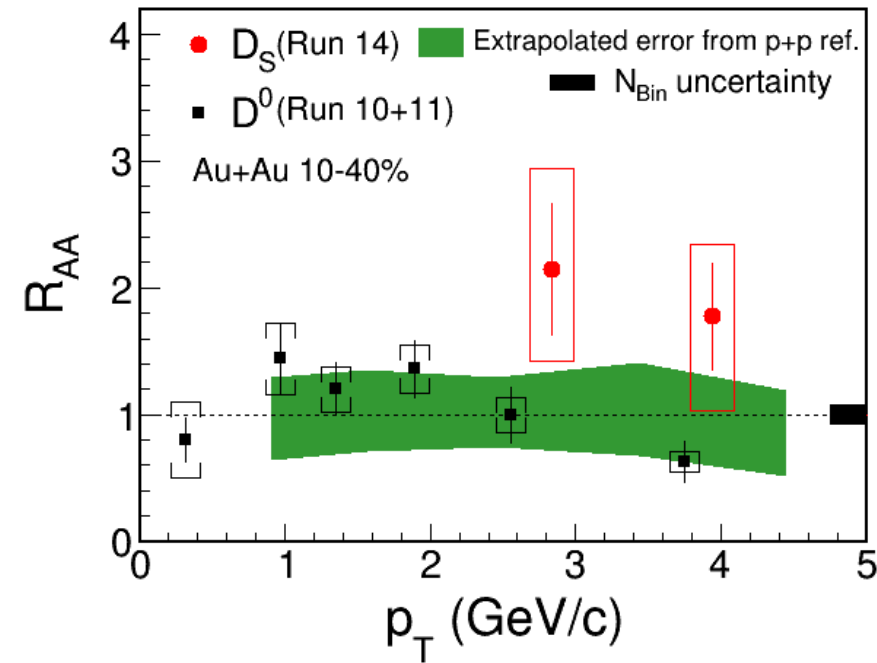
Enhancement of D^0 production at Intermediate p_T in Au+Au at 200 GeV



Enhancement at intermediate p_T

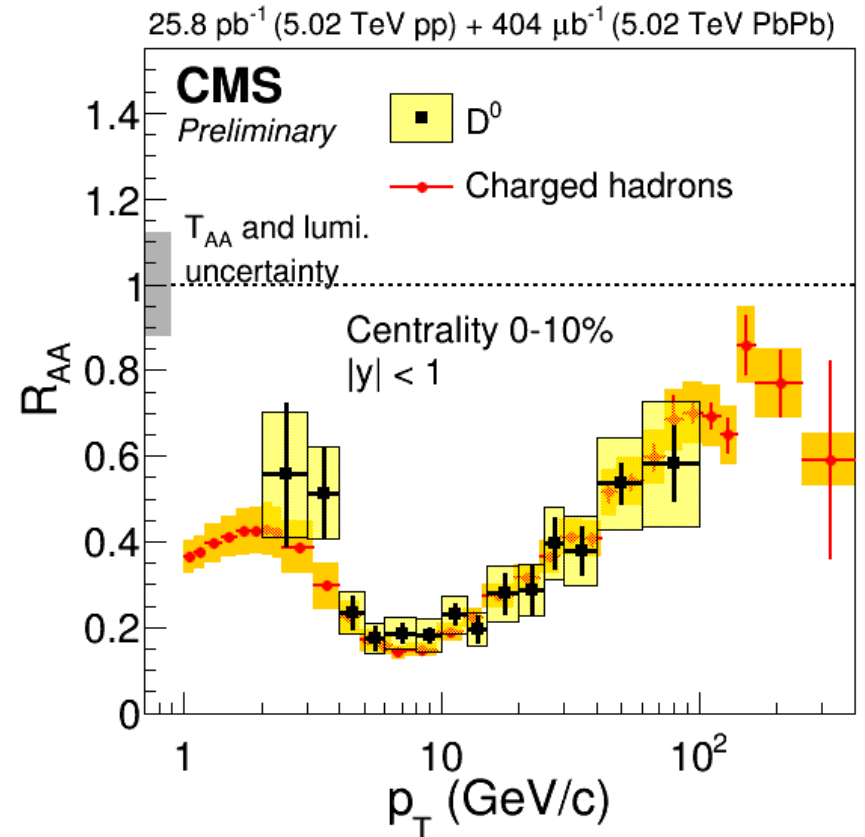
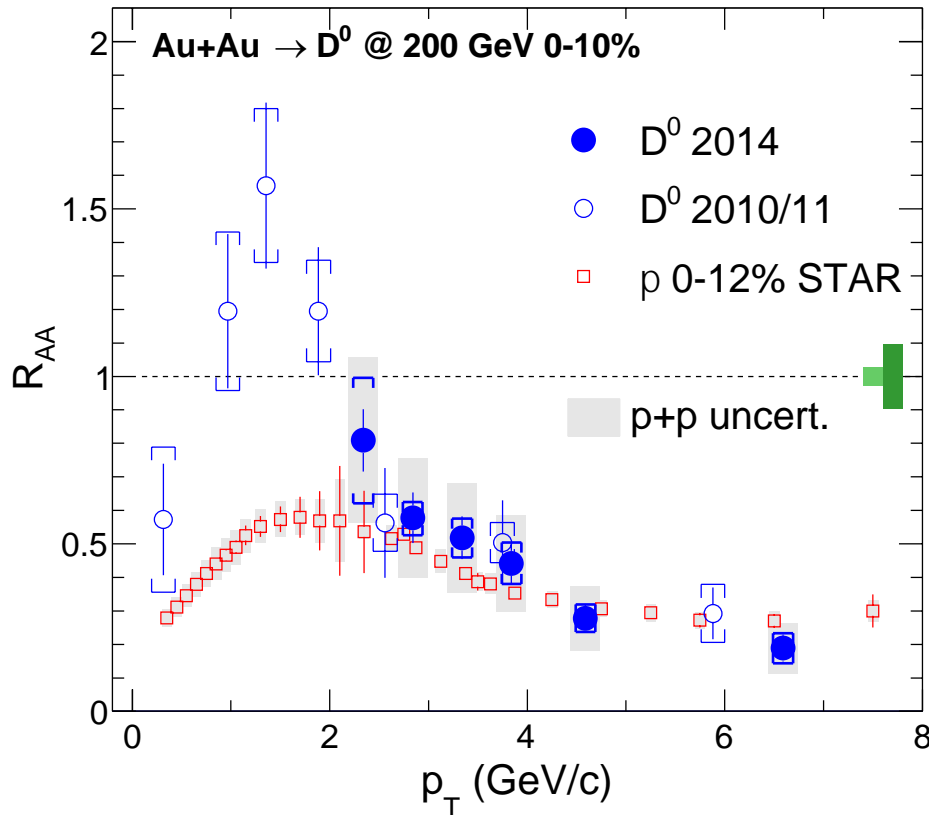
- Can be described by models including coalescence between charm quark and light quark
- Cold nuclear matter effects may also contribute

First $D_s R_{AA}$ Measurement in Au+Au at 200 GeV



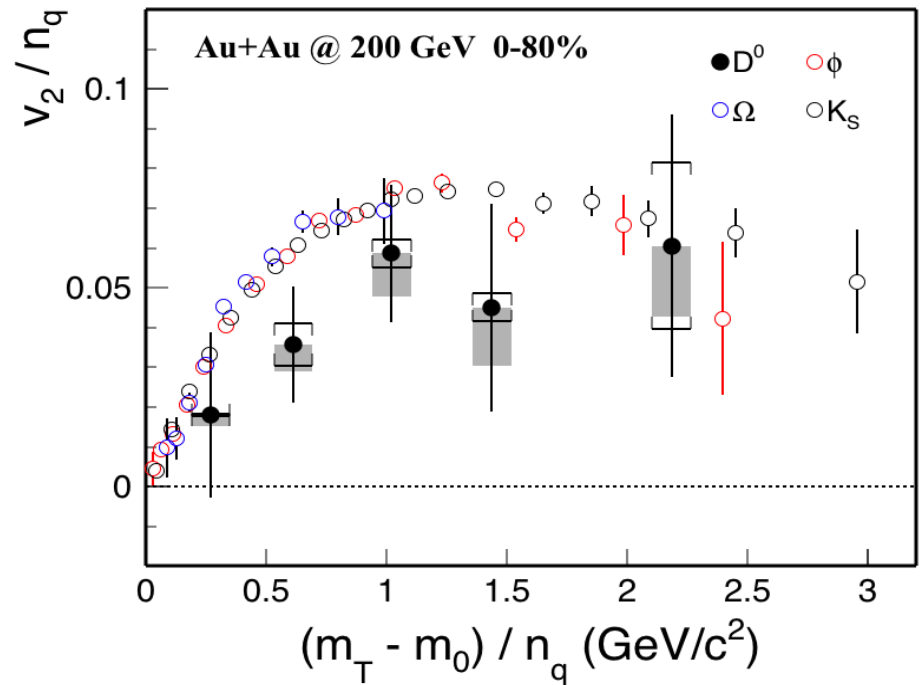
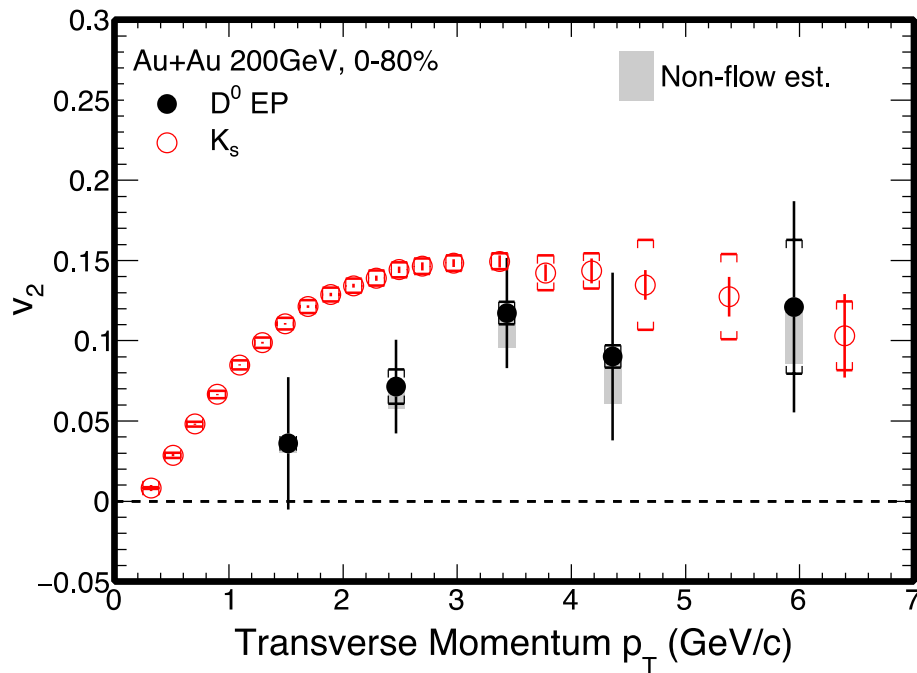
- ☐ Coalescence + Strangeness enhancement
 $\rightarrow R_{AA}(D_s) > R_{AA}(D^0)$
- ☐ First D_s meson reconstruction at RHIC
- ☐ pp reference calculated from measured charm cross section [Phys. Rev. D86, 72013 (2012)].
- ☐ indication of $R_{AA}(D_s) > R_{AA}(D^0)$
 - *More statistics is needed for conclusion*

Large Suppression of D^0 production at High p_T in Au+Au at 200 GeV



- ☐ New result with HFT has improved precision.
- ☐ Large suppression (5x) of D^0 production at high p_T
- ☐ $R_{AA}(D^0) \approx R_{AA}(\text{charged})$ for $p_T > 2$ GeV/c within uncertainties
 - *at both RHIC and the LHC*

Significant D^0 v_2 Observed



- ❑ $v_2(D^0)$ is measured using EP and Correlation method.
- ❑ $v_2(D^0) < v_2(\text{hadron})$ for specific p_T bins.

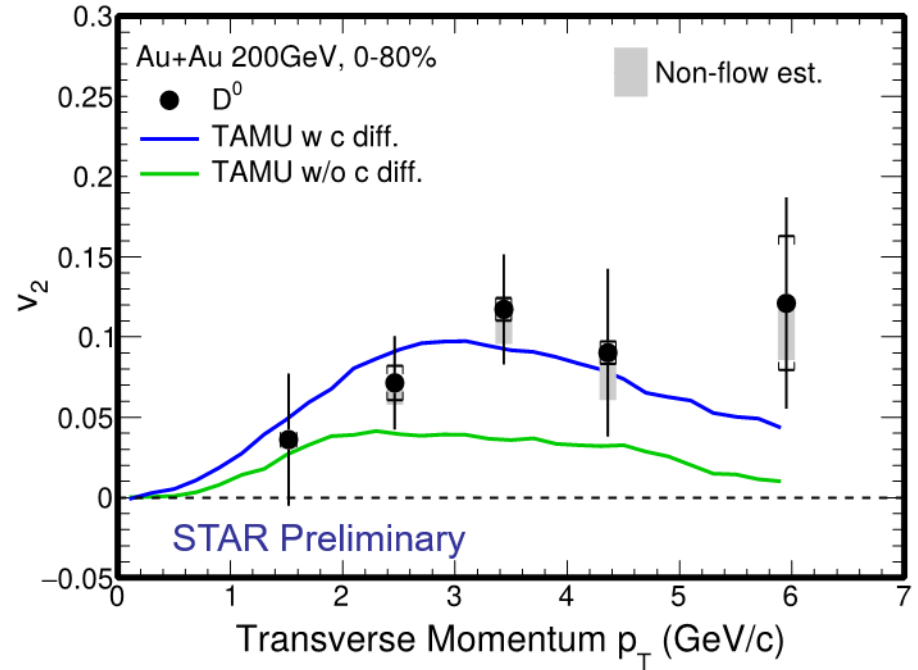
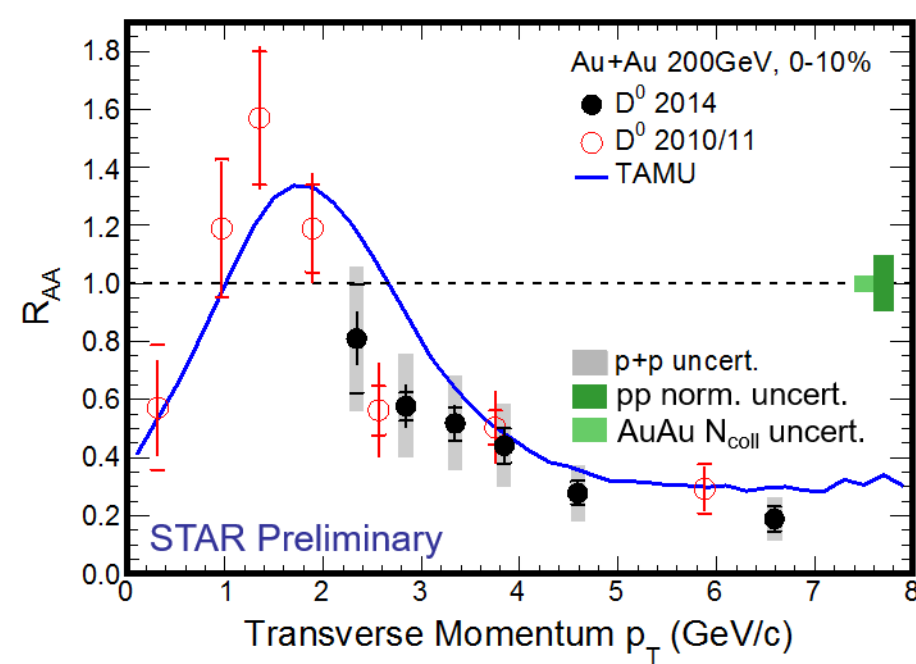
Centrality differential results are needed for a better comparison

- ❑ NCQ scaling for light hadrons at RHIC
 - *Hint of $v_2/n_q(D^0) < v_2/n_q(\text{hadrons})$*

❑ Not a fair comparison

- $N(D^0) \propto N_{coll} \times R_{AA}(D^0)$
- $N(\text{hadron}) \propto (N_{part})^\alpha \times R_{AA}(\text{hadron})$

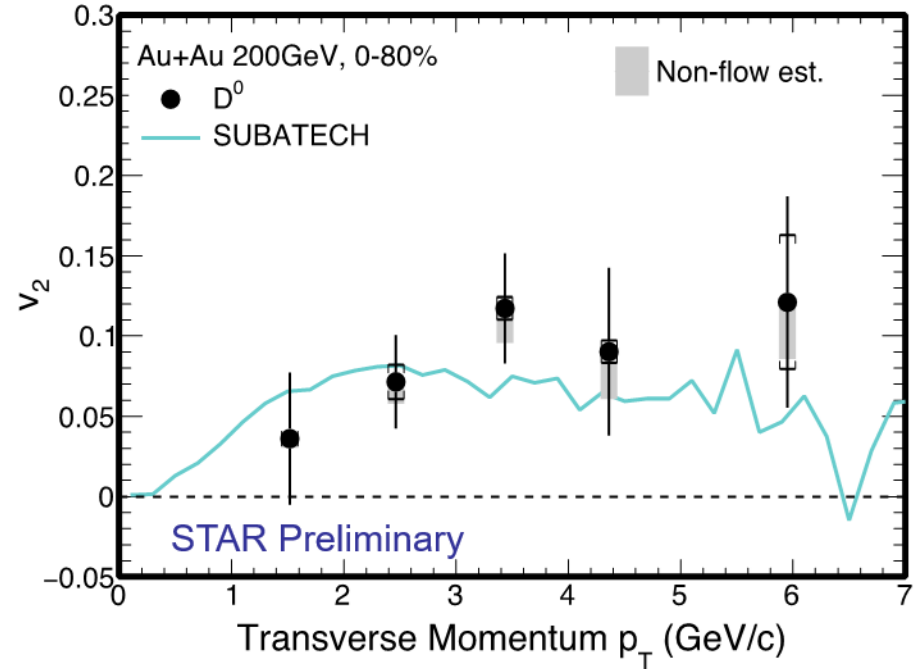
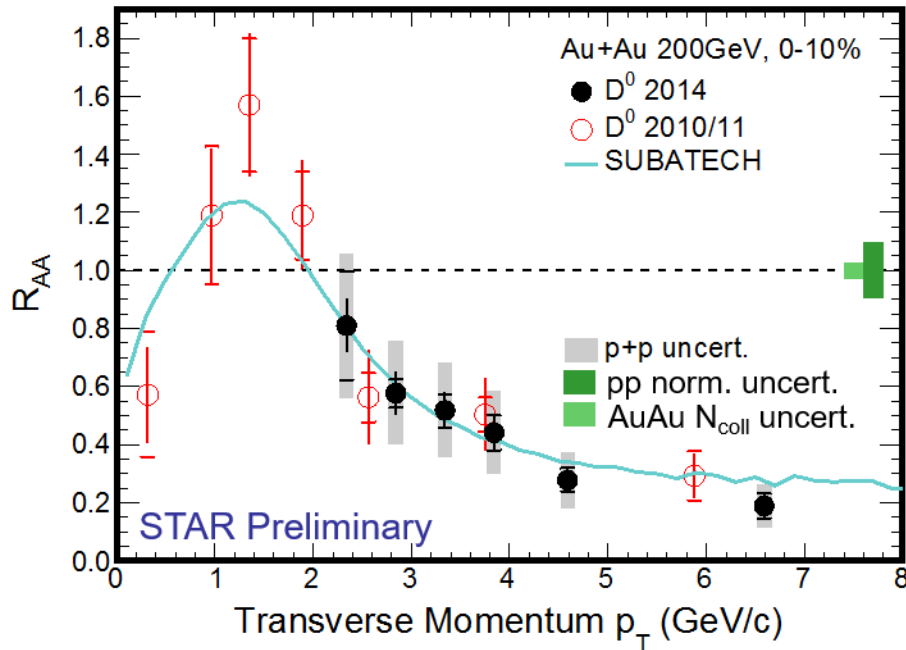
Data/MC Comparison of D^0 Measurements



□ T-Matrix:

- Full T-matrix treatment, non-perturbative model with internal energy as heavy quark potential
- Spatial diffusion coefficient: $2\pi T \times D = 3-11$
- Data favor charm quark diffusion inside the medium.

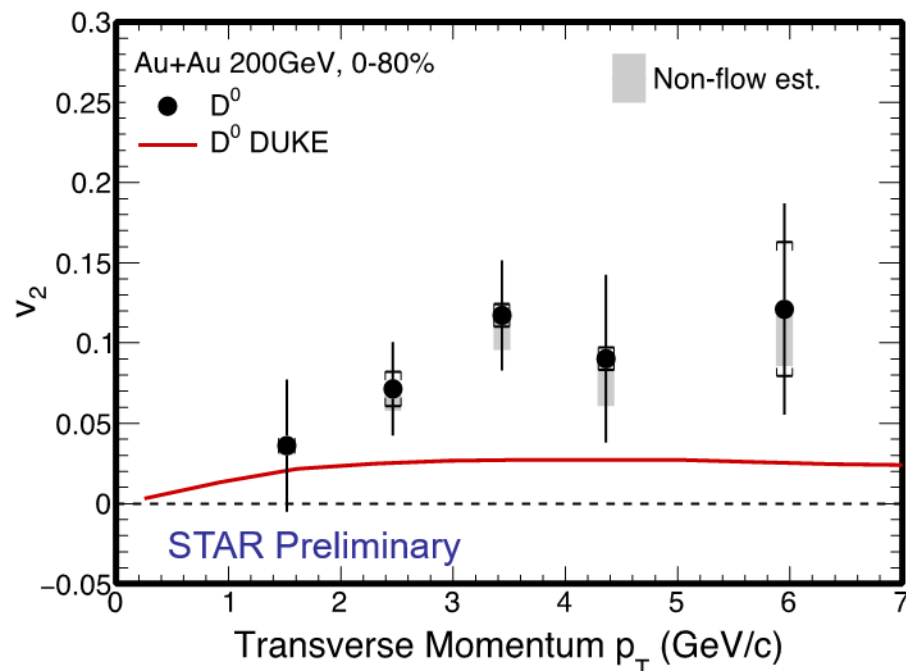
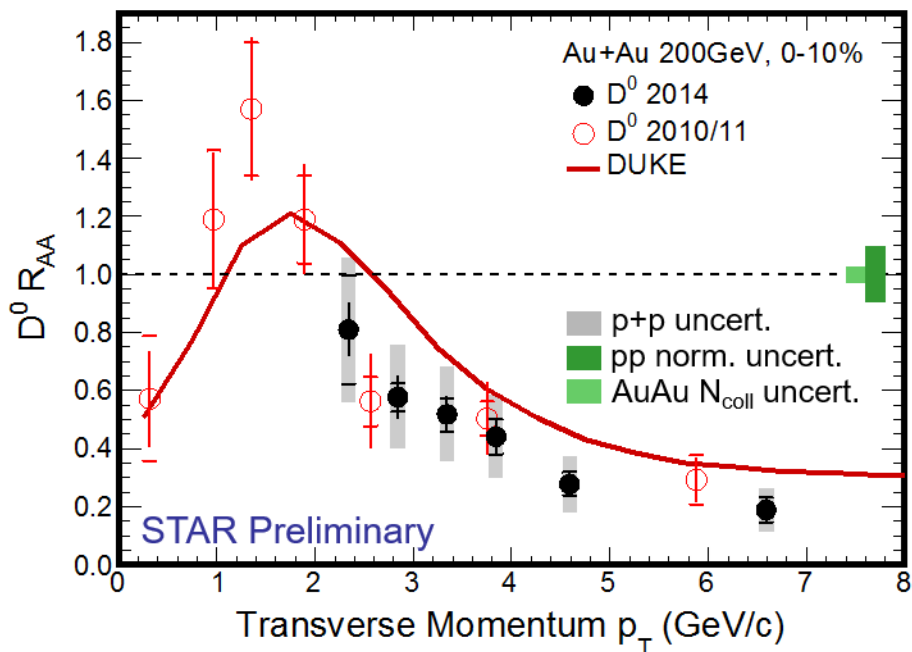
Data/MC Comparison of D^0 Measurements



□ SUBATECH:

- MC@sHQ calculation with latest EPOS3 initial conditions
- Spatial diffusion coefficient: $2\pi T \times D = 2-4$
- Describe the both v_2 and R_{AA} data well.

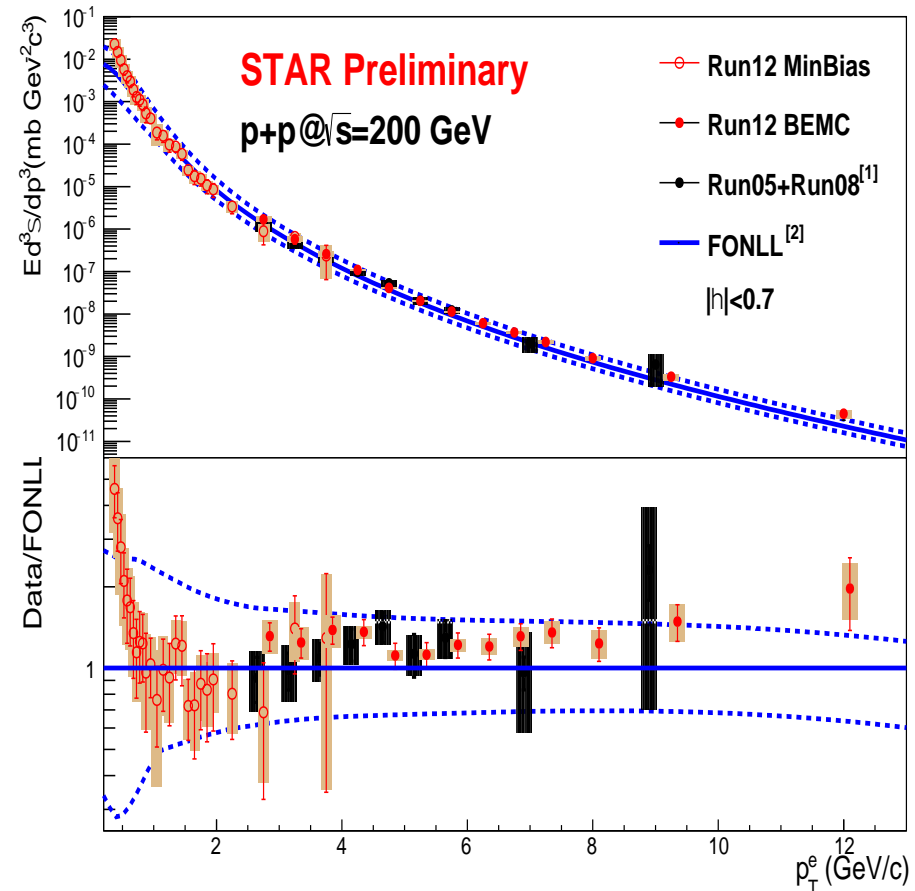
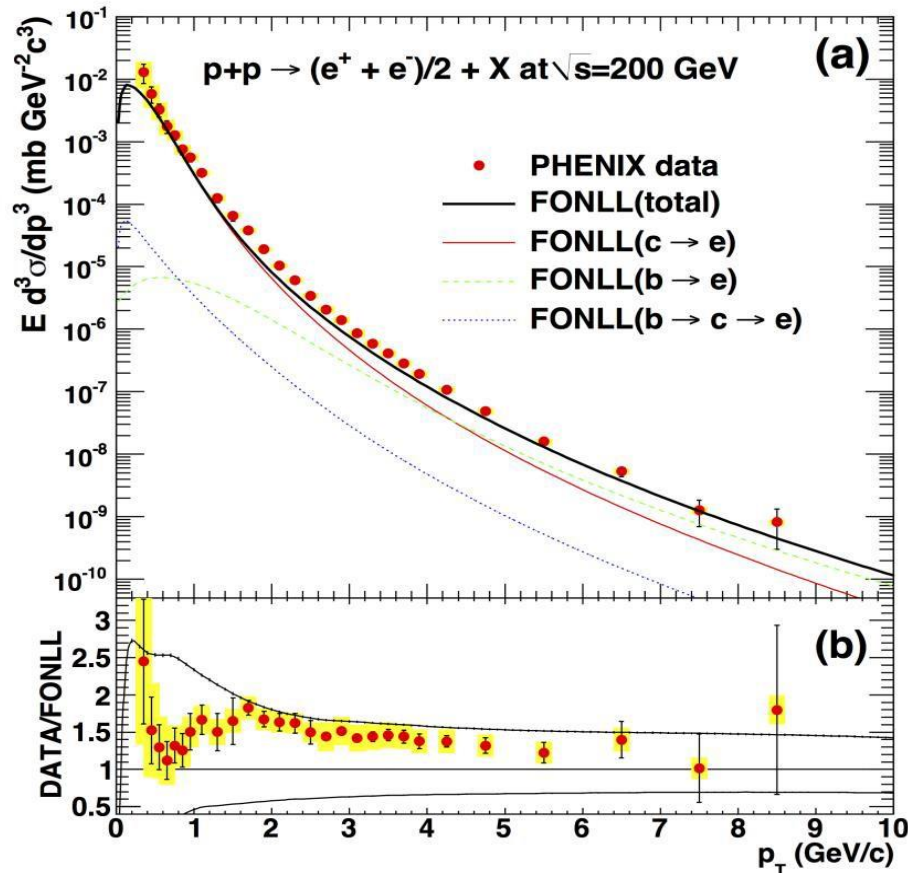
Data/MC Comparison of D^0 Measurements



□ DUKE

- A Linearized Boltzmann Transport Model
- Spatial diffusion coefficient: $2\pi T \times D = 7$ from fitting to LHC results
- Describe v_2 well, underestimate v_2 .

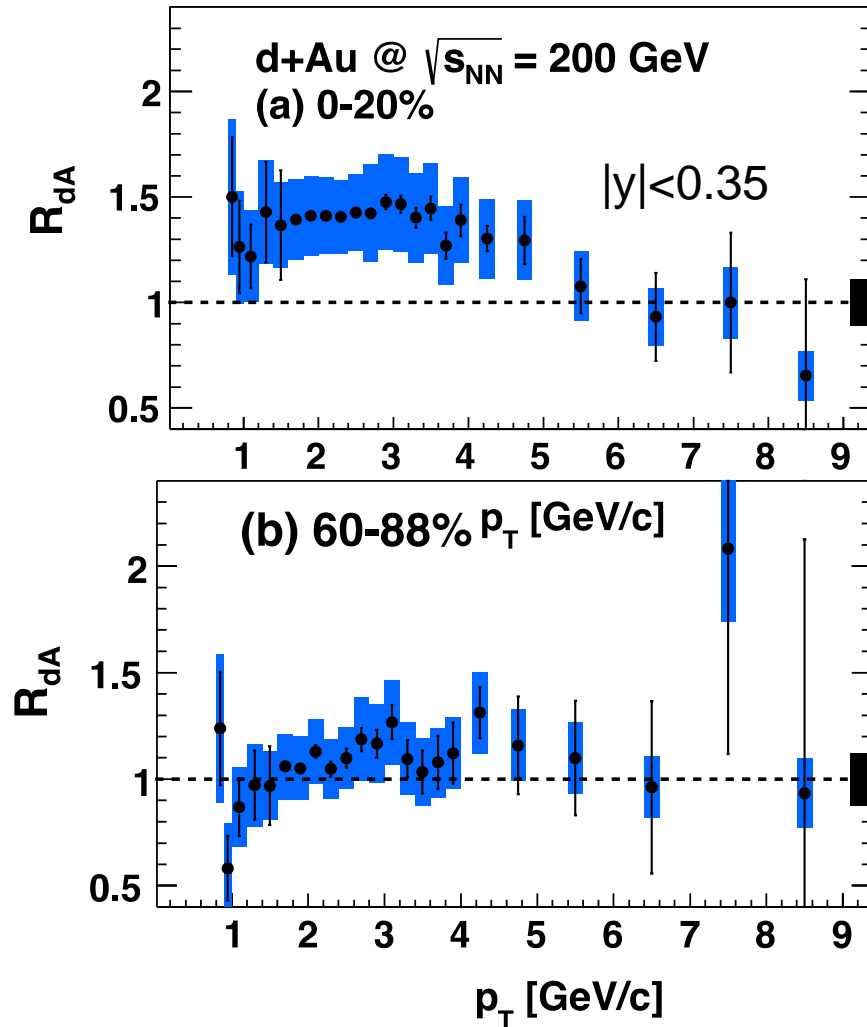
HF \rightarrow e Production in p+p Collisions



□ FONLL can describe well the HF \rightarrow e production in p+p collisions

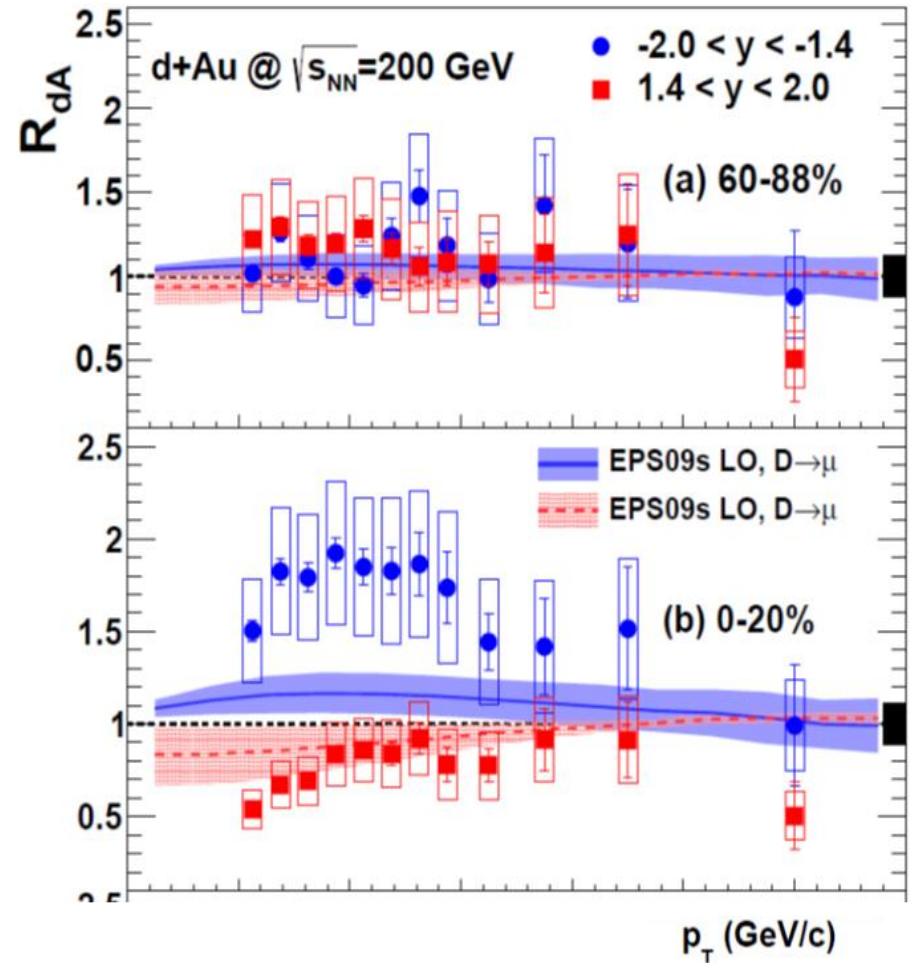
- As for the directly reconstructed D and B meson.

HF \rightarrow e Production in d+Au Collisions



□ Significant enhancement in 0-20%

- $|y| < 0.35$
- $-2.0 < y < -1.4$ (Au-going)

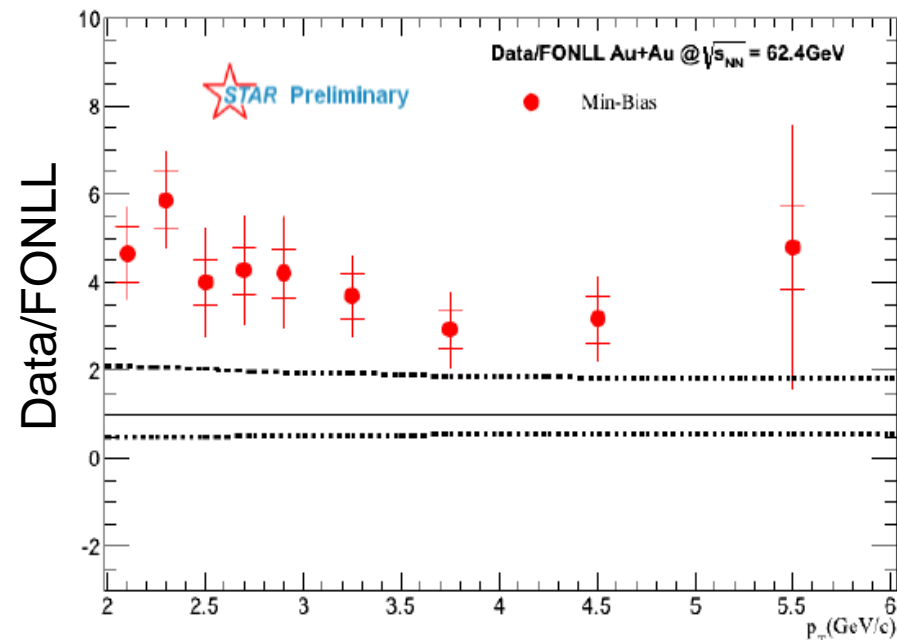
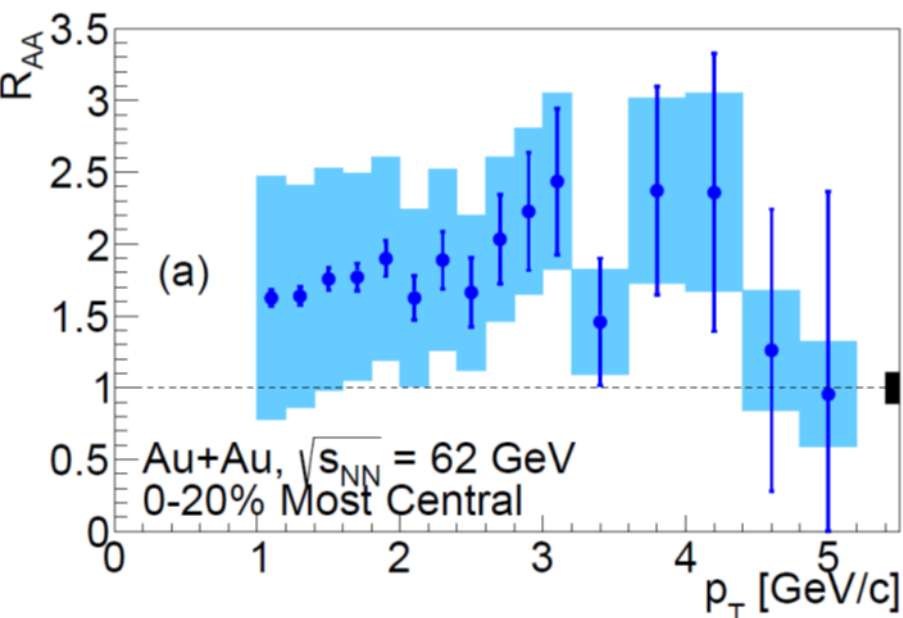


□ $R_{AA} \approx 1.0$ in 60-88% for $|y| < 0.35$

□ Significant suppression in 0-20%

- $1.4 < y < 2.0$ (d-going)

HF \rightarrow e Enhancement at 62.4 GeV

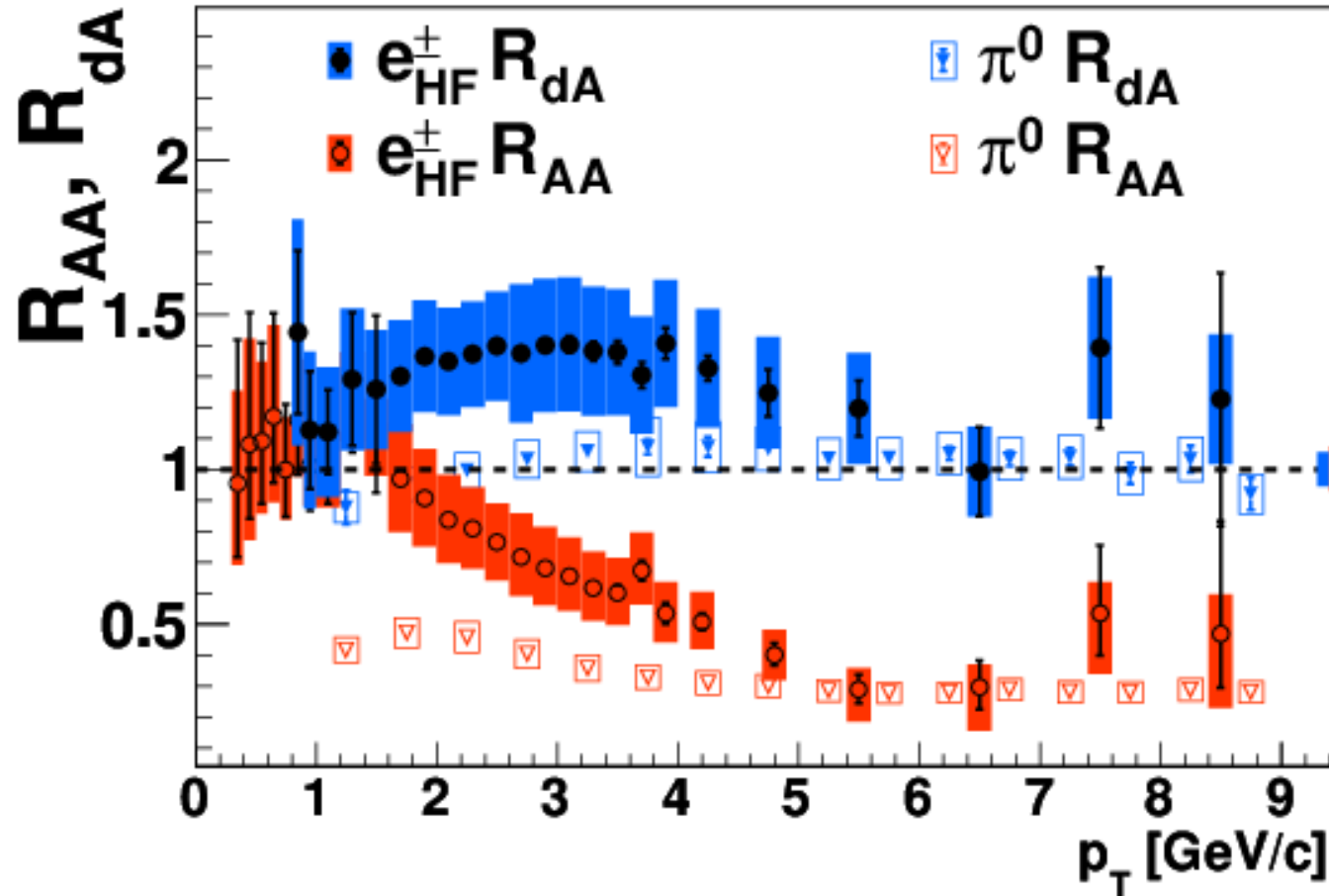


- ❑ Reference from ISR HF \rightarrow e
 - well described by FONLL.
- ❑ Indication of “enhancement”

- ❑ 62.4 GeV pp well described by FONLL. NC A 65, 421 (1981).
- ❑ Indication of “enhancement”

Radial flow and/or CNM enhancement compensate suppression at lower energy?

Production of $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ in Au+Au Collisions



□ Large Suppression of $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ production at high p_T

□ $R_{AA}(\text{HF} \rightarrow e) \approx R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ for $p_T > \sim 5 \text{ GeV/c}$

• similar in the case of D^0 production

□ $R_{AA}(\text{HF} \rightarrow e) > R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ for $p_T = 1 - 5 \text{ GeV/c}$

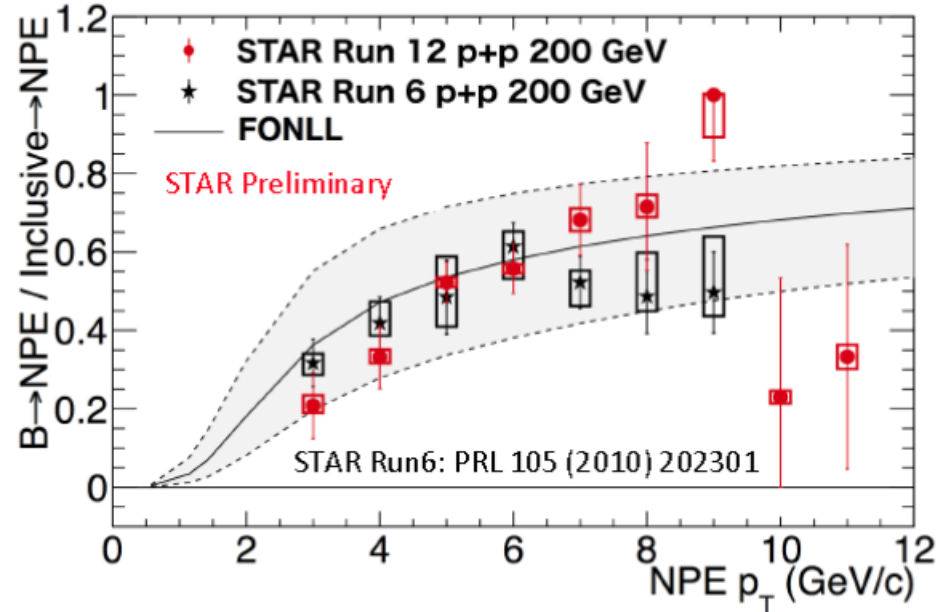
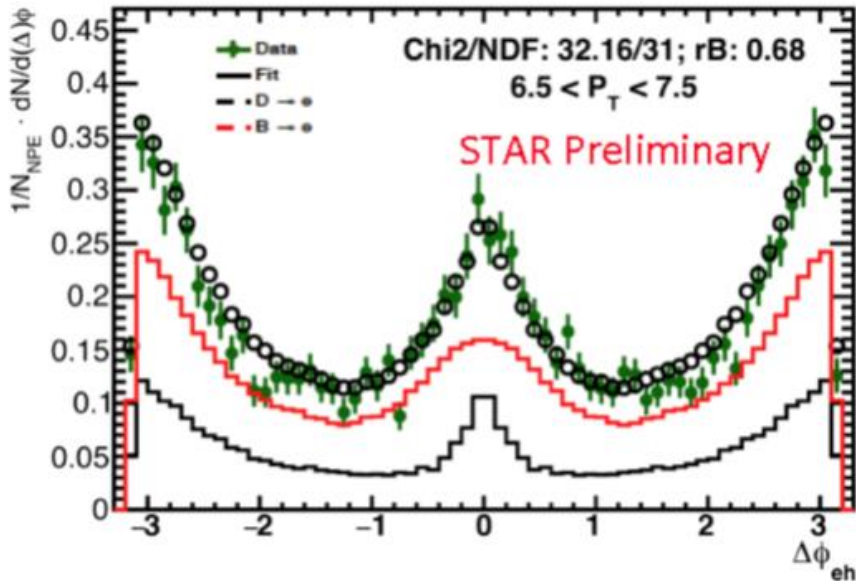
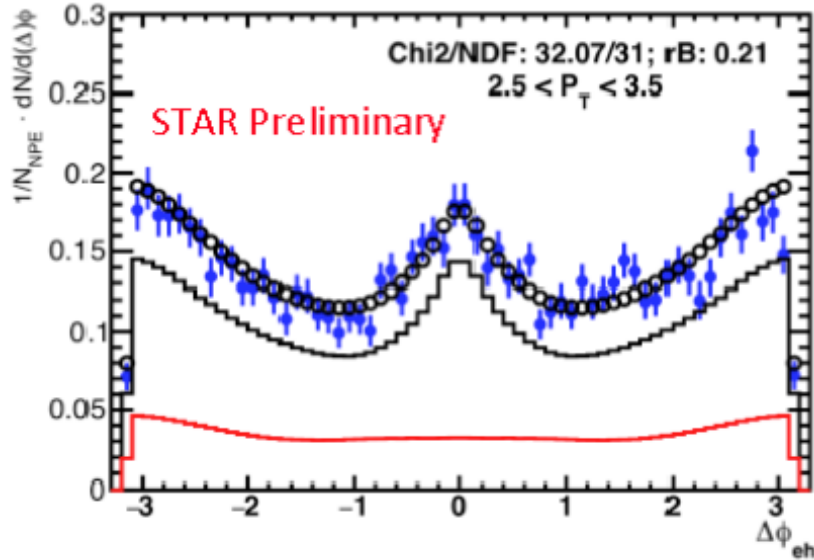
□ Large CNM effect observed

□ (at least) partially responsible for the difference.

□ $\text{HF} \rightarrow e = D \rightarrow e + B \rightarrow e$

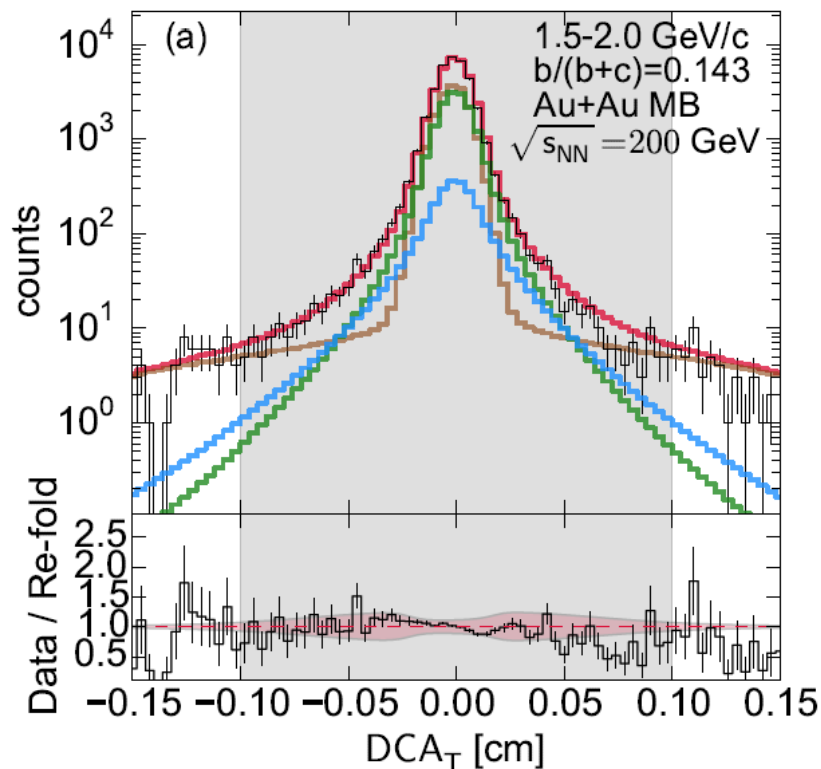
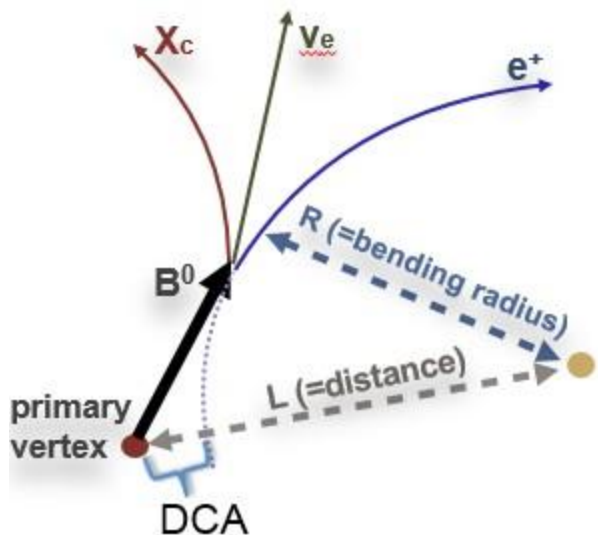
• What about the mass-dependent R_{AA} ?

$B \rightarrow e$ is significant in $HF \rightarrow e$



- ☐ $\Delta\phi_{e-h} = r_B \Delta\phi_{e-h}^B + (1 - r_B) \Delta\phi_{e-h}^D$,
 $r_B = (B \rightarrow e)/(D \rightarrow e + B \rightarrow e)$
- ☐ Wider $\Delta\phi$ distribution for $B \rightarrow e$ because of the larger mass.
- ☐ Combined fit on data to obtain the $B \rightarrow e$ contribution to $HF \rightarrow e$.
- ☐ $r_B > 20\%$ for $p_T(e) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

Disentangle $B \rightarrow e$ from $D \rightarrow e$ in Au+Au



❑ Electrons from background

- Dalitz+conversion+ $J/\psi \rightarrow e +$
 $\text{Ke3} + \text{hadron misPID} + \text{VTX hits}$
 $\text{misAssociation}.$

❑ $D \rightarrow e$ and $B \rightarrow e$ from D, B spectra through an unfolding procedure.

Unfolding D and B hadron Spectra

From A. Dree: QM2015 PHENIX highlight

DCA for B, D decays depends on momentum distribution which is not *a priori* known

Input:

Heavy flavor electron data x :

$$\frac{1}{N_{evt}} \frac{dN^{ehf}}{dp_T}$$

$$DCA_T(p_T)$$

Variables:

c,b hadron yields θ :

$$\frac{d\theta_c}{dp_T}, \frac{d\theta_b}{dp_T}$$

$\pi(\theta)$ suppress discontinuities deviations from θ_{prior}

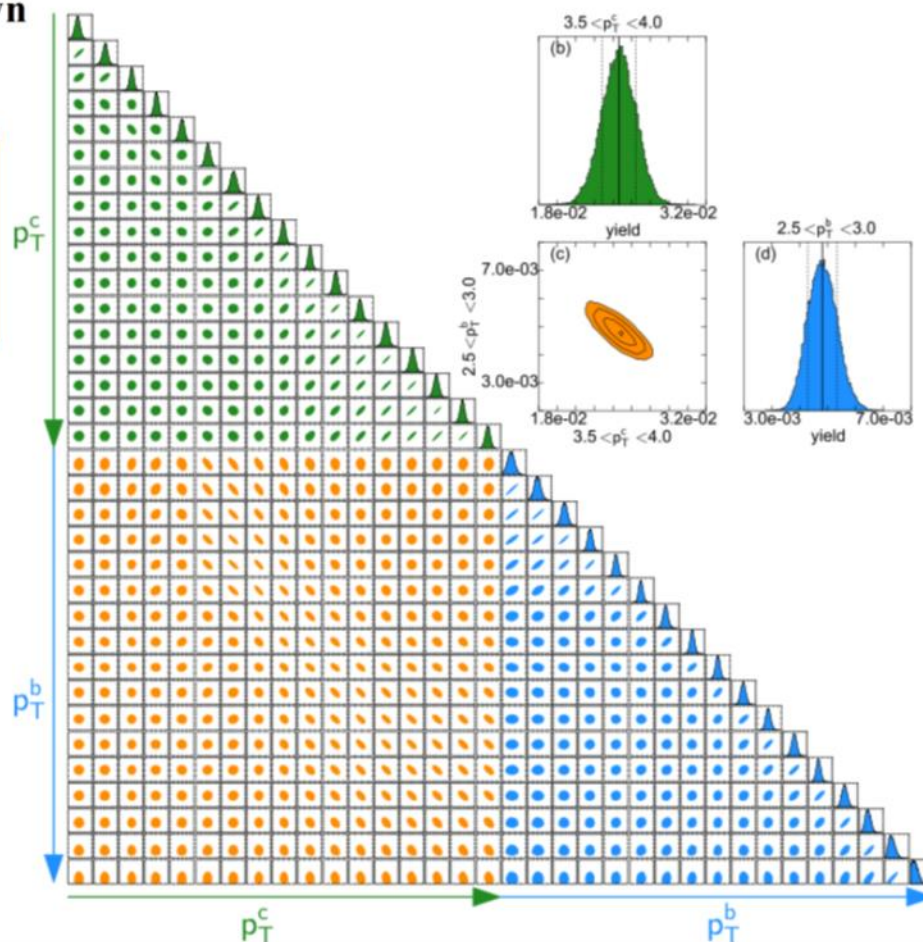
Likelihood $P(x|\theta)$

sample θ_c, θ_b
Markov Chain MC

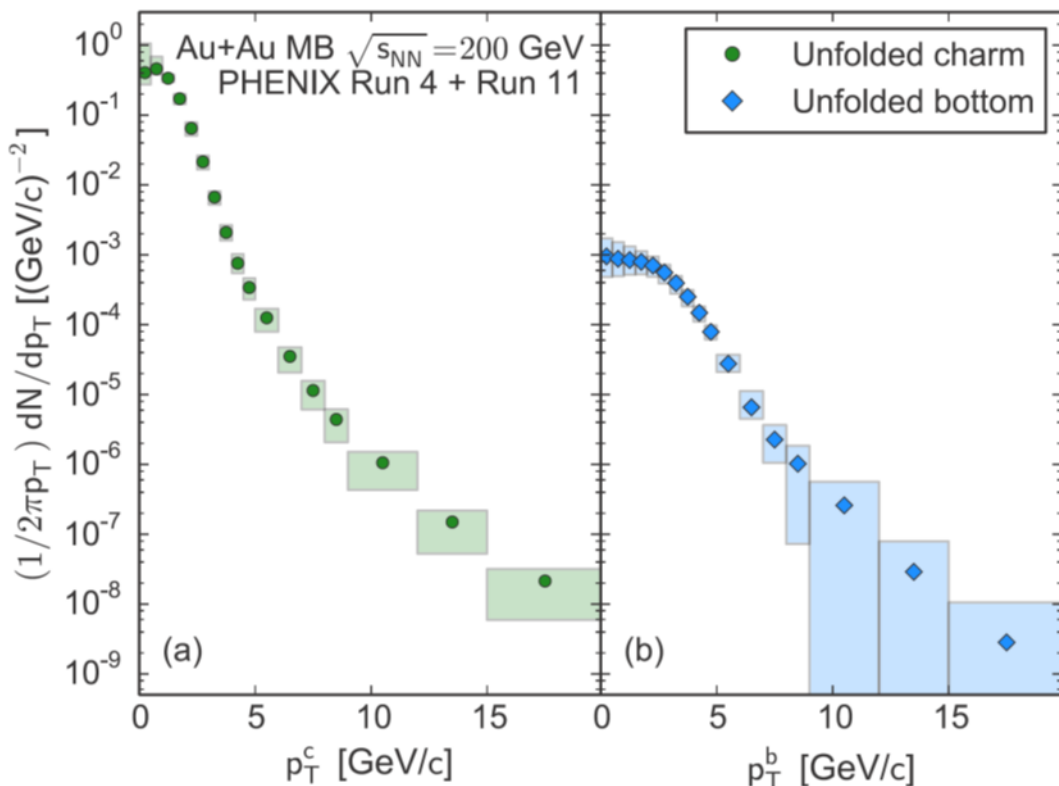
Output:

Probability for θ given x :

$$p(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

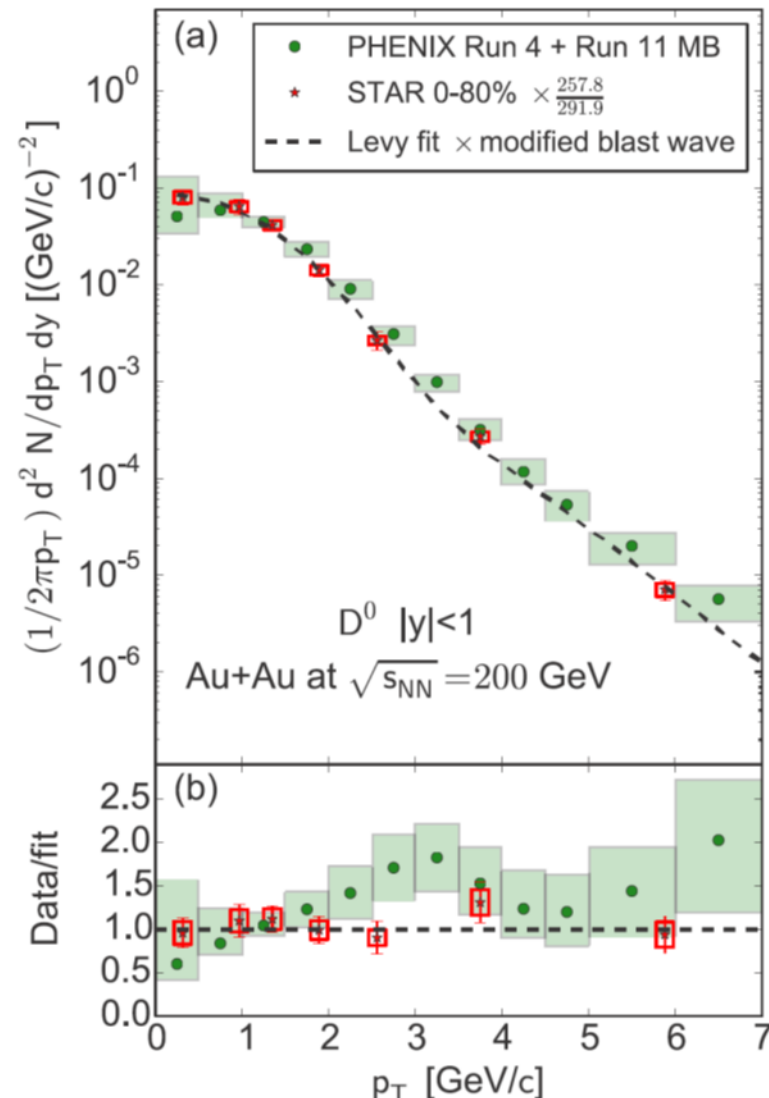


Unfolding D and B hadron Spectra

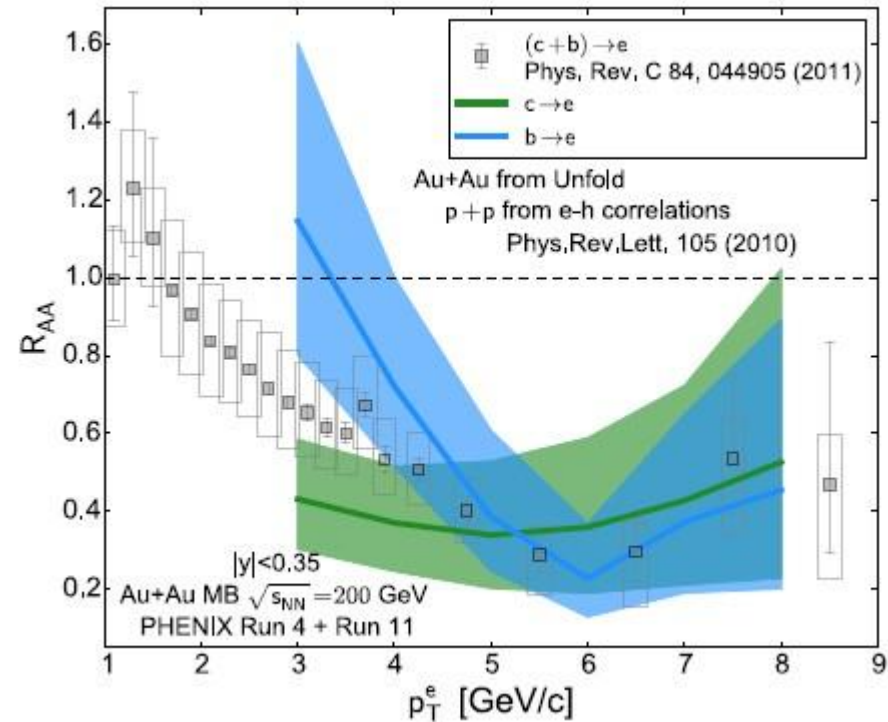
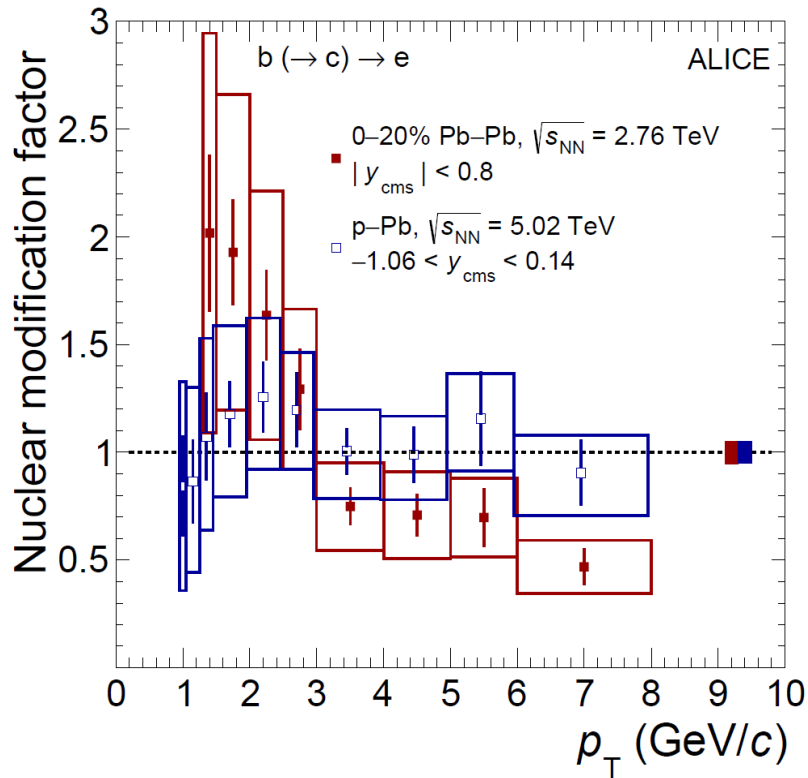


□ D^0 p_T spectra is obtained from PYTHIA prediction on D^0 fraction.

□ Unfolded D^0 spectra consistent with the STAR measurements.



Separate $D \rightarrow e$ and $B \rightarrow e$ R_{AA}

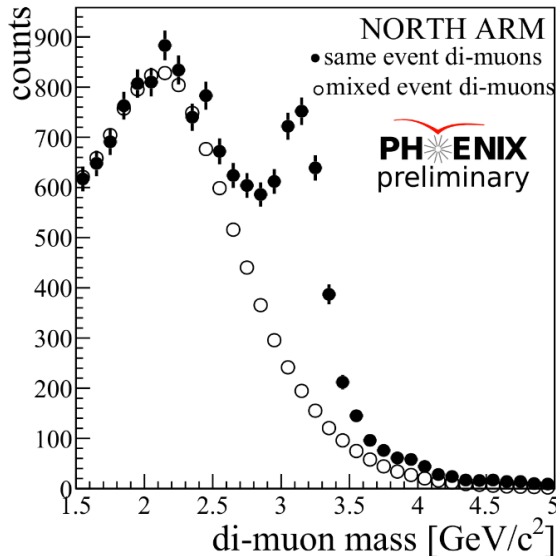
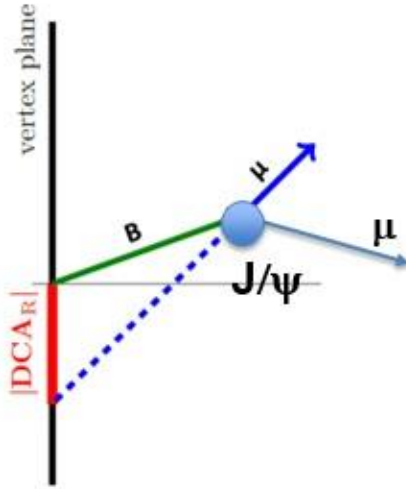
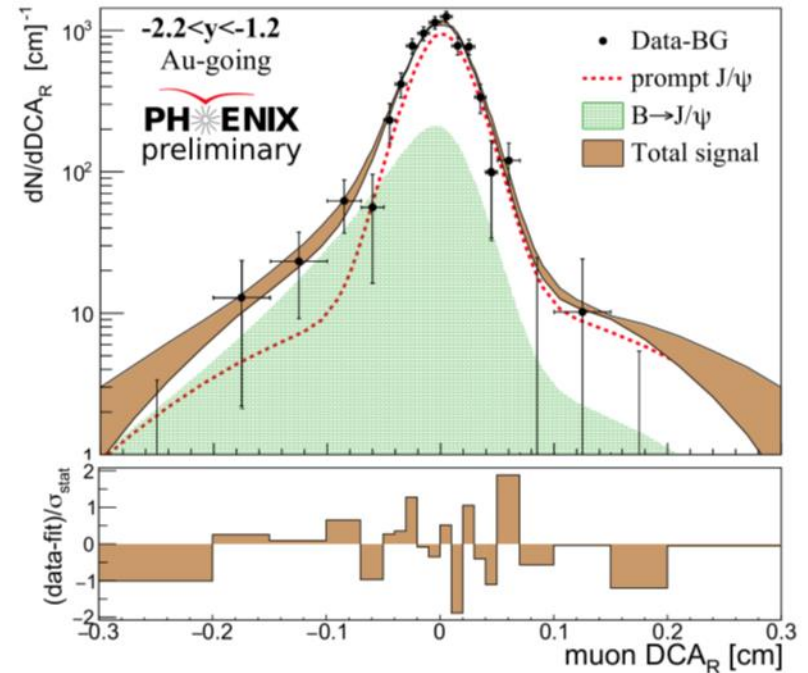
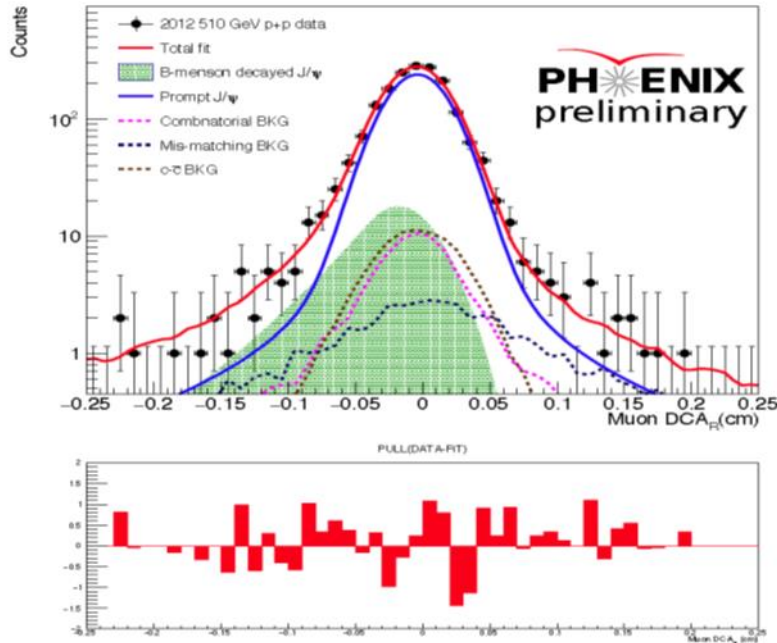


$$R_{AA}^{c \rightarrow e} = \frac{(1 - F_{AuAu})}{(1 - F_{pp})} R_{AA}^{HF}$$

$$R_{AA}^{b \rightarrow e} = \frac{F_{AuAu}}{F_{pp}} R_{AA}^{HF},$$

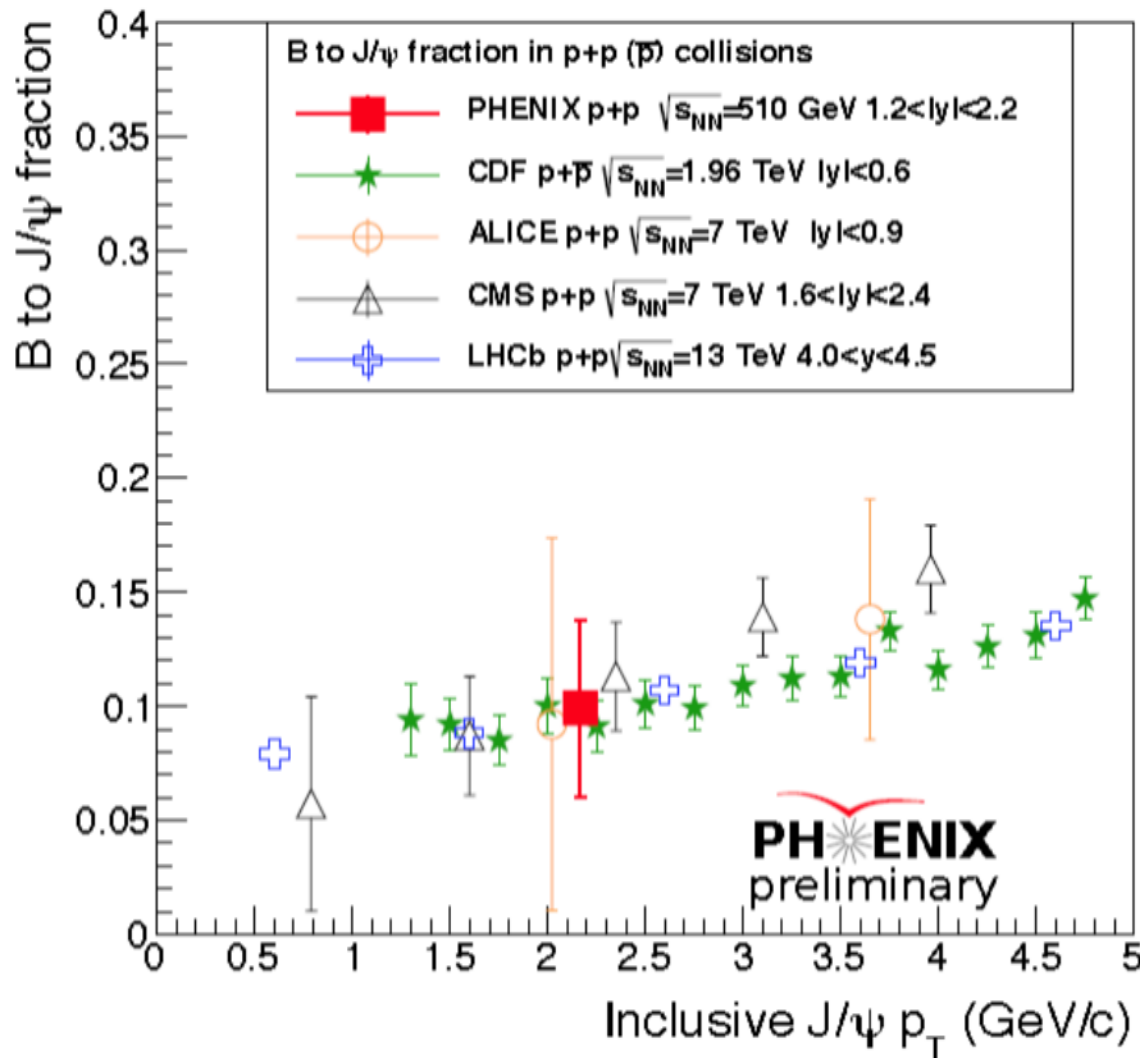
- Hint of $R_{AA}(B \rightarrow e) > R_{AA}(D \rightarrow e)$ for $p_T < 4$ GeV/c
- Suggest the different in shape between $R_{AA}(HF \rightarrow e)$ and $R_{AA}(\pi^0)$ is mostly a mass effect.
- Similar dependence of $R_{AA}(B \rightarrow e)$ vs. p_T is observed in at LHC

Disentangle $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ from prompt J/ψ



- MC template on $B \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and prompt $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$.
- Large difference in shape between the templates.

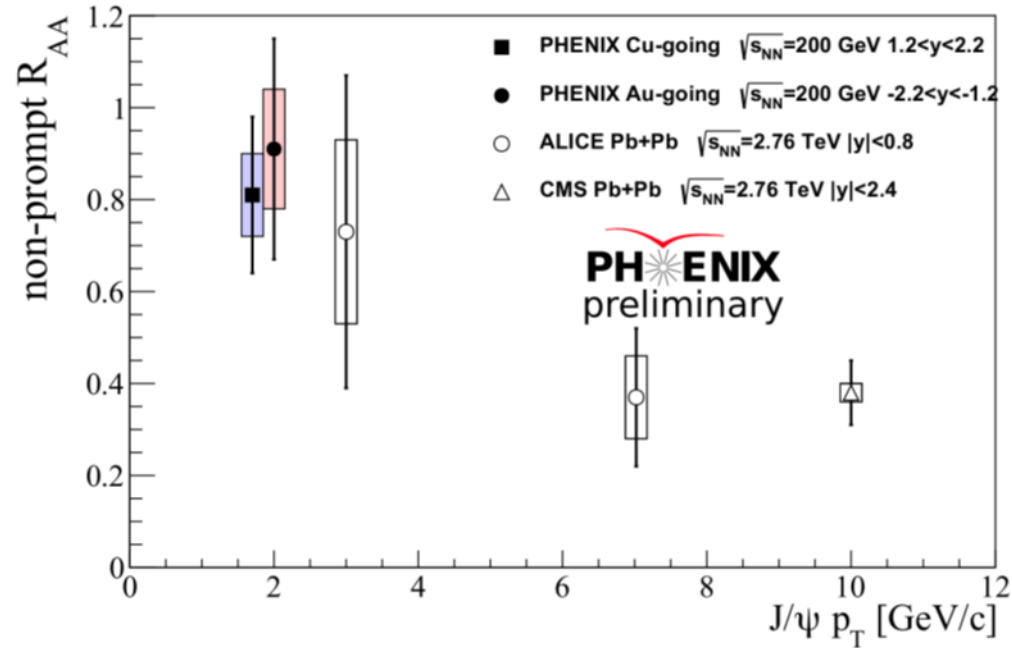
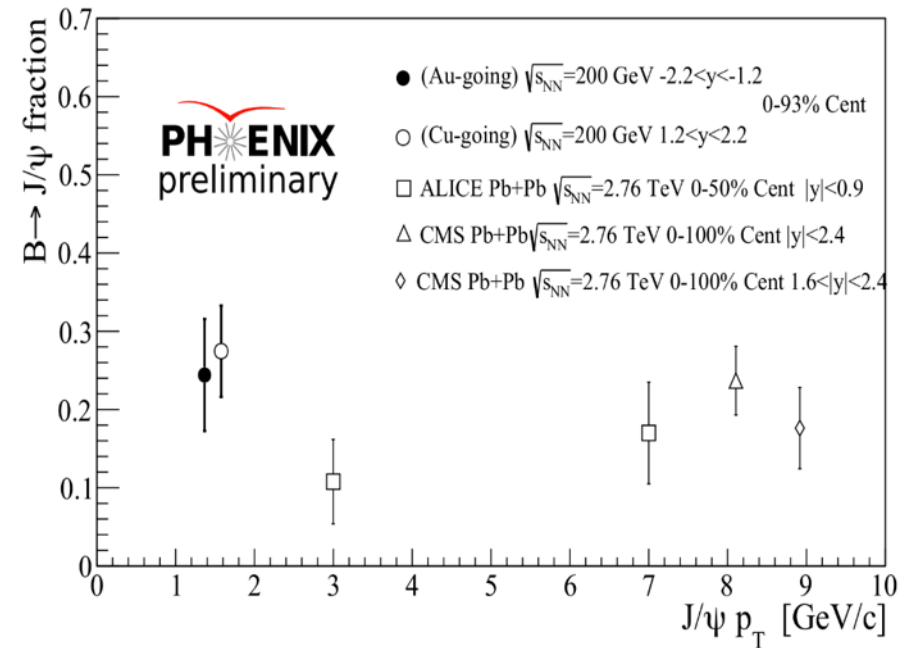
$B \rightarrow J/\psi$ in pp at 510 GeV



□ No large collisions energy dependence for $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ fraction within uncertainties

□ One may assume $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ fraction ~ 0.1 for $p_T = 1-2$ GeV/c in pp at 200 GeV

$B \rightarrow J/\psi$ R_{AA} in Cu+Au at 200 GeV

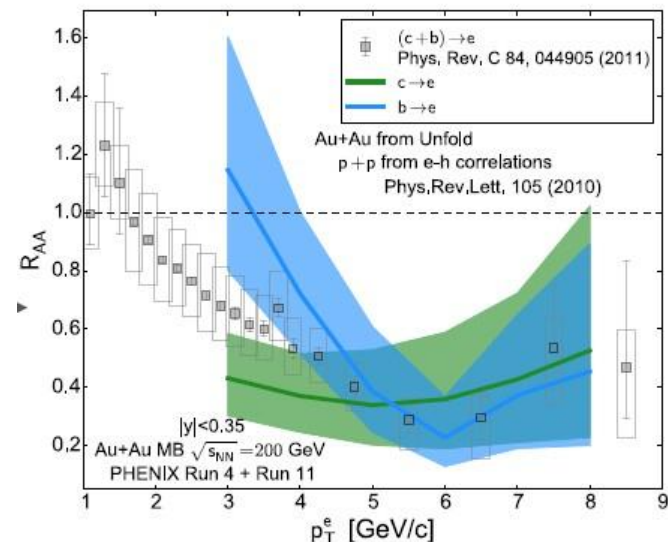


□ Hint of larger $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ fraction in Cu+Au than p+p at 200 GeV

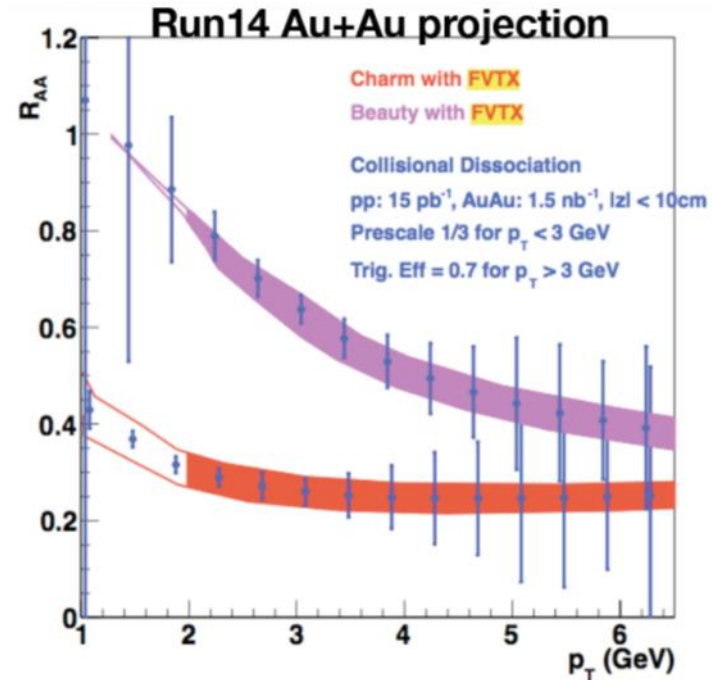
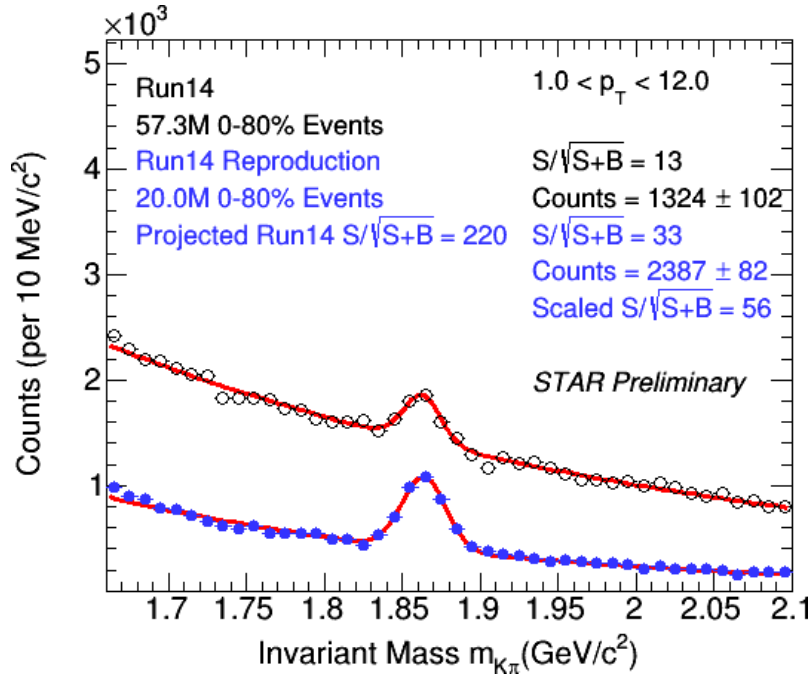
□ Assuming $B \rightarrow J/\psi$ fraction = 0.1 at 200 GeV

$$R_{CuAu}^{B \rightarrow J/\psi} = \frac{F_{CuAu}^{B \rightarrow J/\psi}}{F_{CuAu}^{B \rightarrow J/\psi}} R_{CuAu}^{inc. J/\psi}$$

□ Consistent with the large $B \rightarrow e$ R_{AA} at low p_T



Expectations in the Near Future.



❑ **STAR:** Run14 (reproduction) + Run16 = 10 – 30 \times Run14 (presented)

❑ **PHENIX:** Run14 + Run16 \approx 30 \times Run14 (presented)

❑ List of expected measurements from the near future:

- Precise R_{AA} of $B \rightarrow e$, $D \rightarrow e$, $B \rightarrow J/\psi$
- Precise $D^0 v_2$ in different centrality bin and good v_3 .
- First Λ_c in Au+Au collisions.

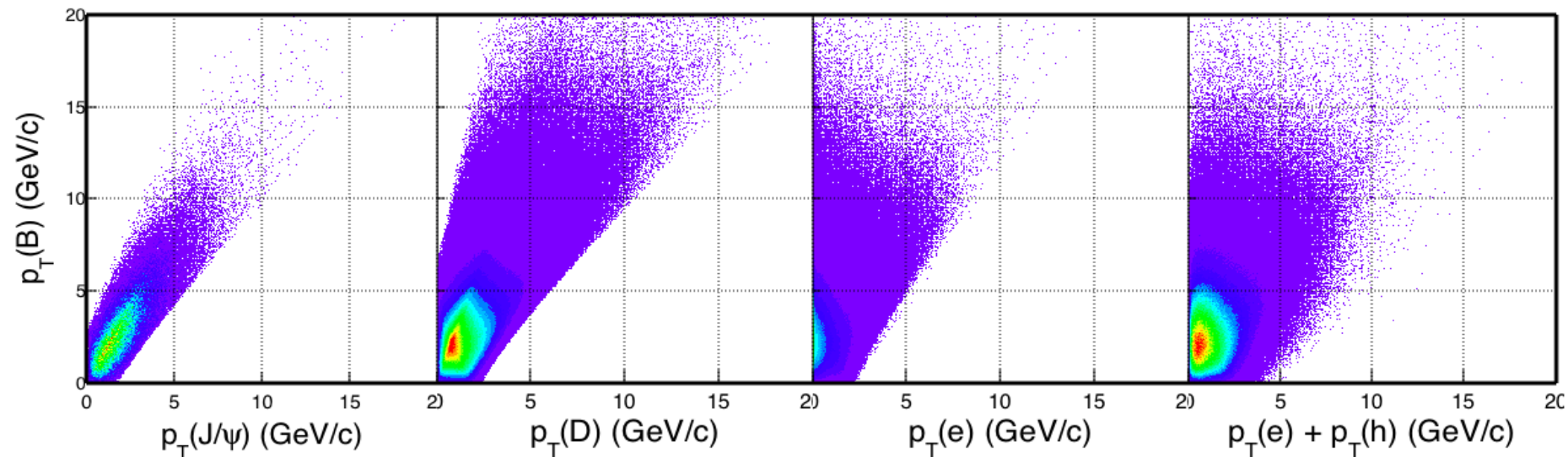
Summary

- ❑ FONLL describe well the HF production in pp collisions from 62 GeV – 13 TeV.
- ❑ Large enhancement of $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ observed in d+Au collision
 - *CNM or/and small system sQGP effect?*
- ❑ Indication of enhancement of $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ in 62.4 GeV/c Au+Au collisions.
 - *CNM or/and sQGP effect?*
- ❑ Enhancement of D^0 production in intermediate p_T
 - *Coalescence*
- ❑ Large suppression of D^0 and $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ at high p_T
 - *Consistent with light hadrons.*
- ❑ Indication of higher $\text{B} \rightarrow e / \text{B} \rightarrow \text{J}/\psi$ R_{AA} than that of $\text{D} \rightarrow e$ R_{AA} at low p_T .
 - *Mass ordering effect or/and p_T spectra.*
- ❑ Significant D^0 v_2 as well as $\text{HF} \rightarrow e$ v_2 are observed.
 - *More measurements in differential centrality bins.*

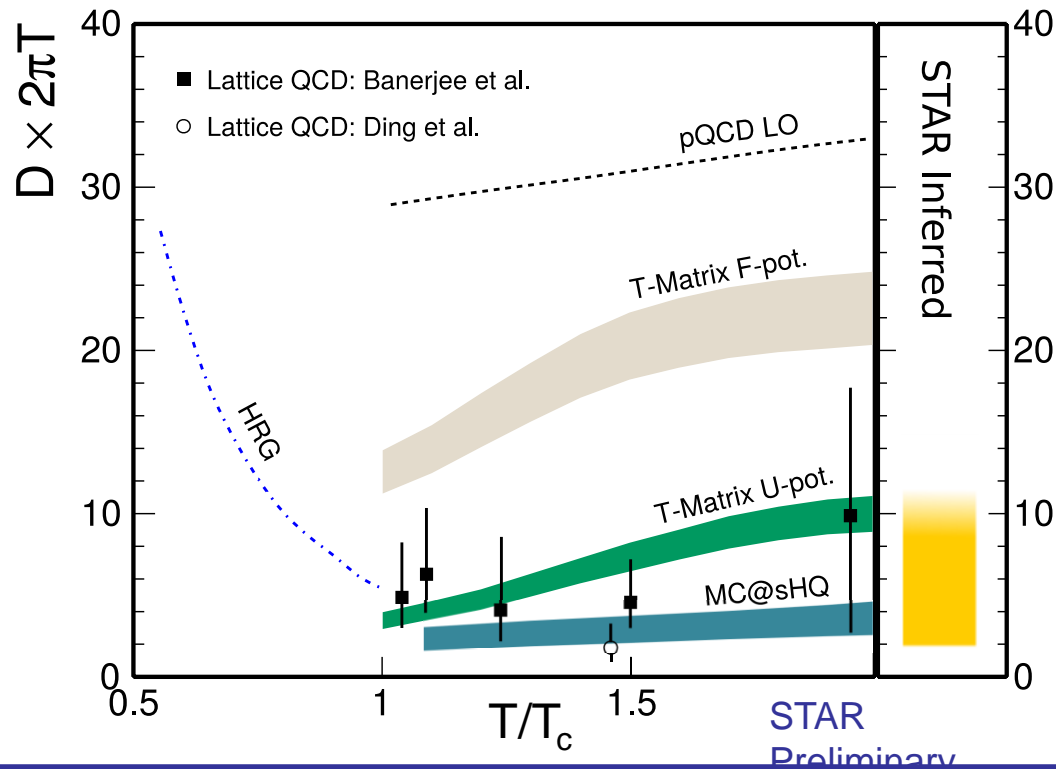
Expecting New and Precision Measurements Soon!

Backup

Kinematical correlation between B-decay daughters and B meson



Diffusion Coefficient



- $D^0 v_2$ and R_{AA} can be described by models with values of $2\pi T \times D$ between 2 and ~ 12
- Lattice calculations, although with large uncertainties, are consistent with values inferred from data
- Differences between models need to be resolved

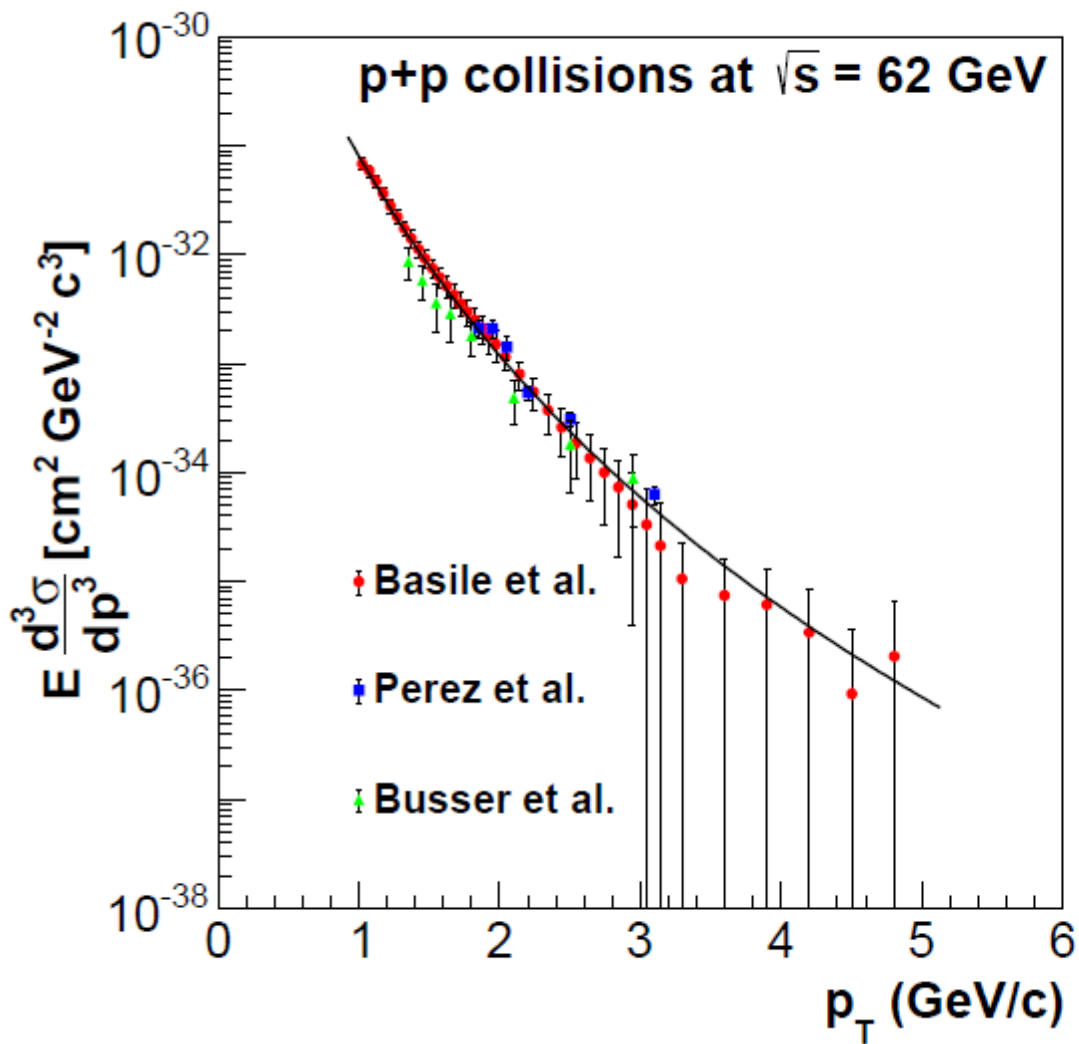
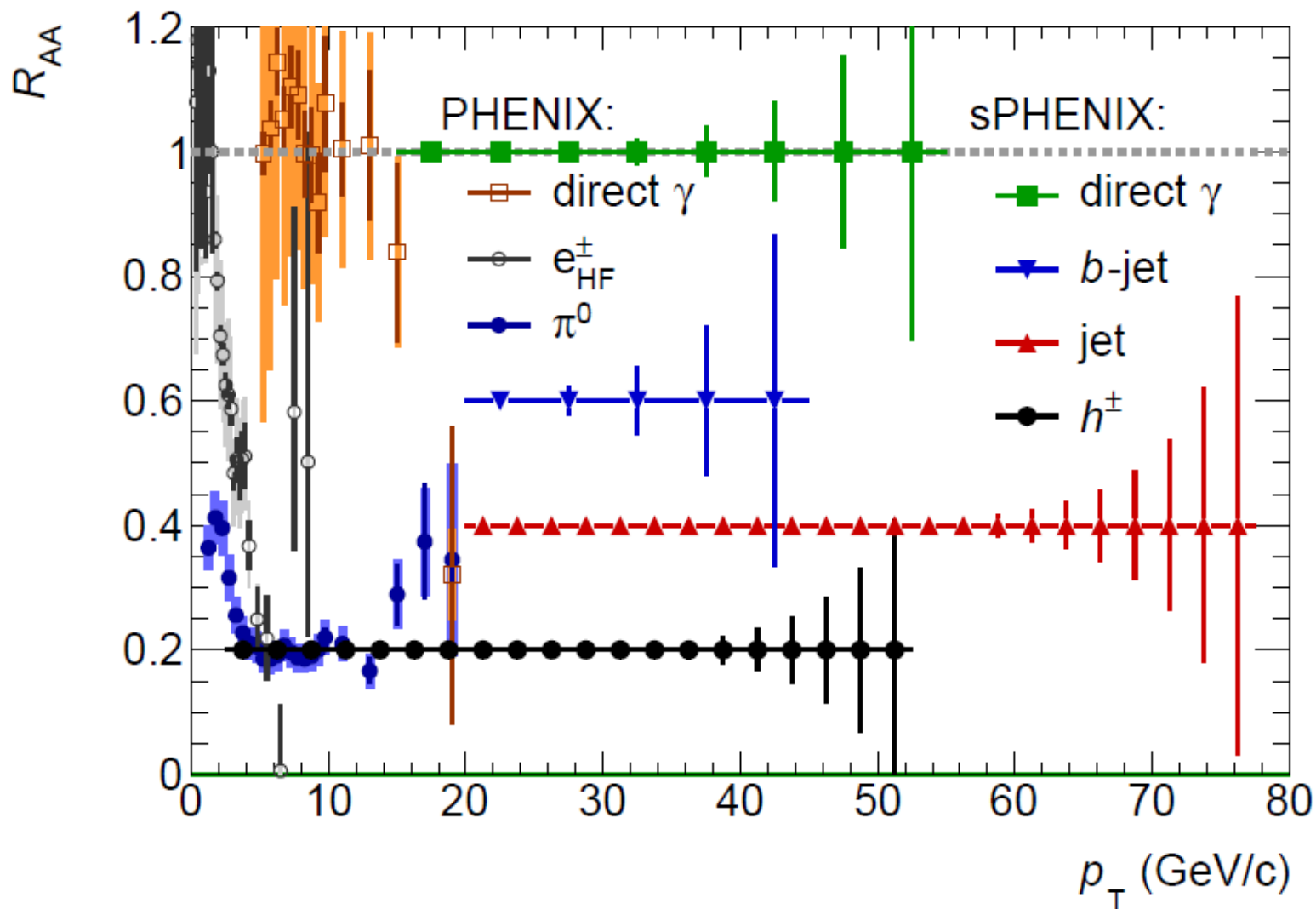


FIG. 13. (Color online) Invariant cross section of heavy-flavor electrons in $p+p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ GeV [38–40]. The curve is a combined power-law fit (see Table III).



Statistics uncertainty after 2 years of data taking.

