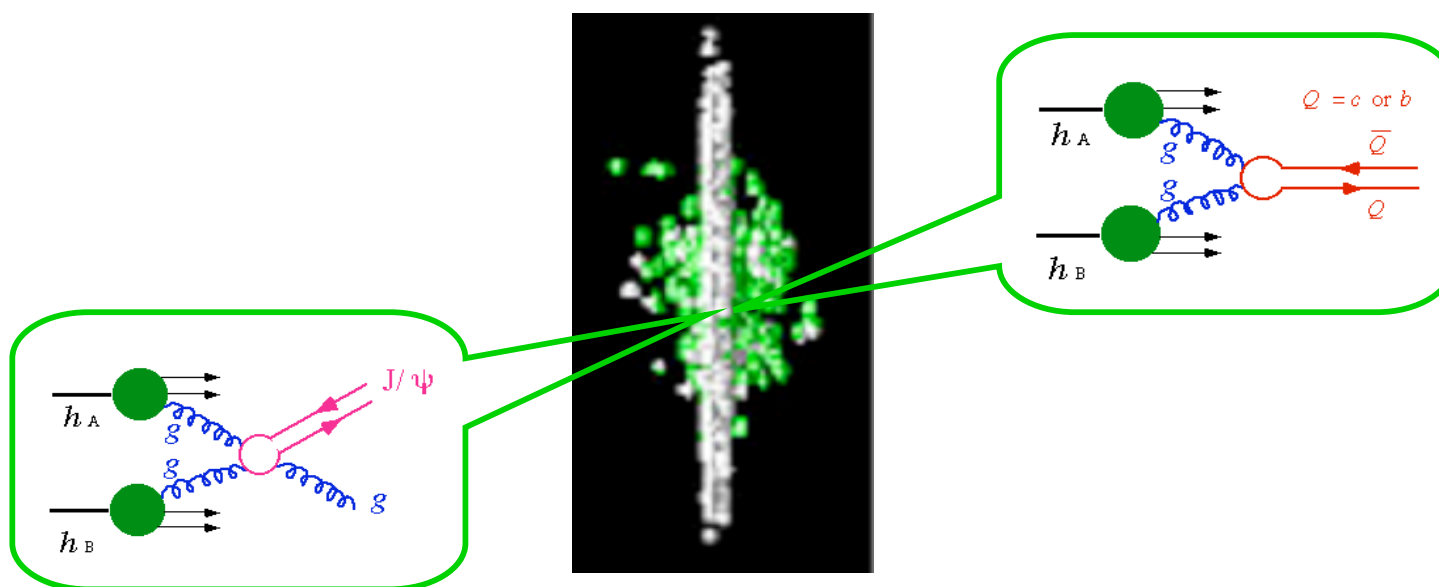


# Charm Production In AuAu, dAu and pp Reactions from the PHENIX Experiment at RHIC



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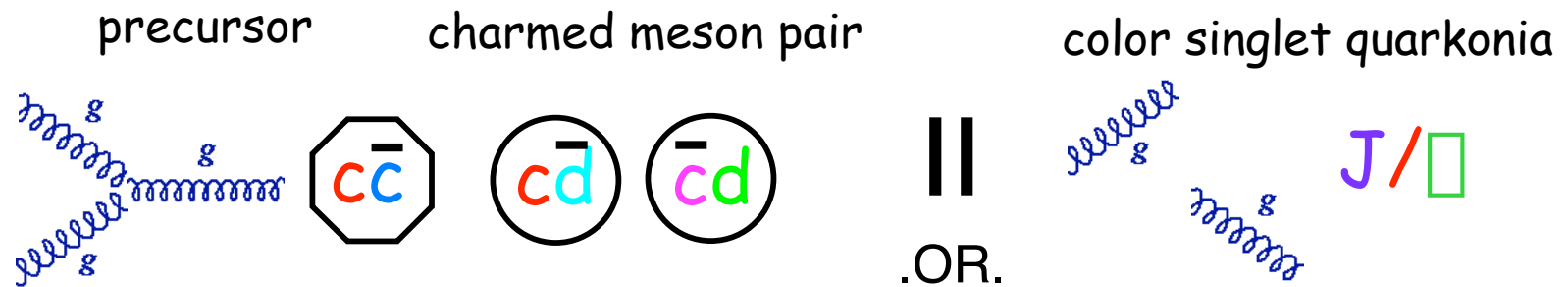


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# Charm Probes The Initial State & The Medium



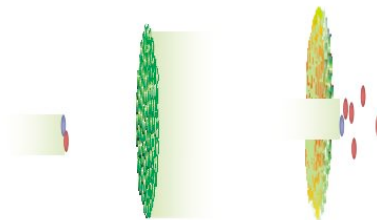
$$\Pi = 1/m_q \sim 0.1 \text{ fm}$$

charm local time

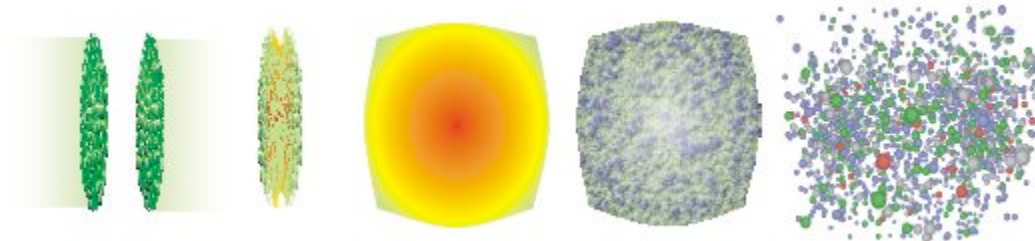
$$\Pi = 1/m_q v \sim 1 \text{ fm}$$

medium local time

d-Au



Au+Au



# Outline

## PHENIX Data

- Single Electron Spectra (pp, dAu, AuAu)
- Electron  $v_2$

## The PHYSICS These Data Address

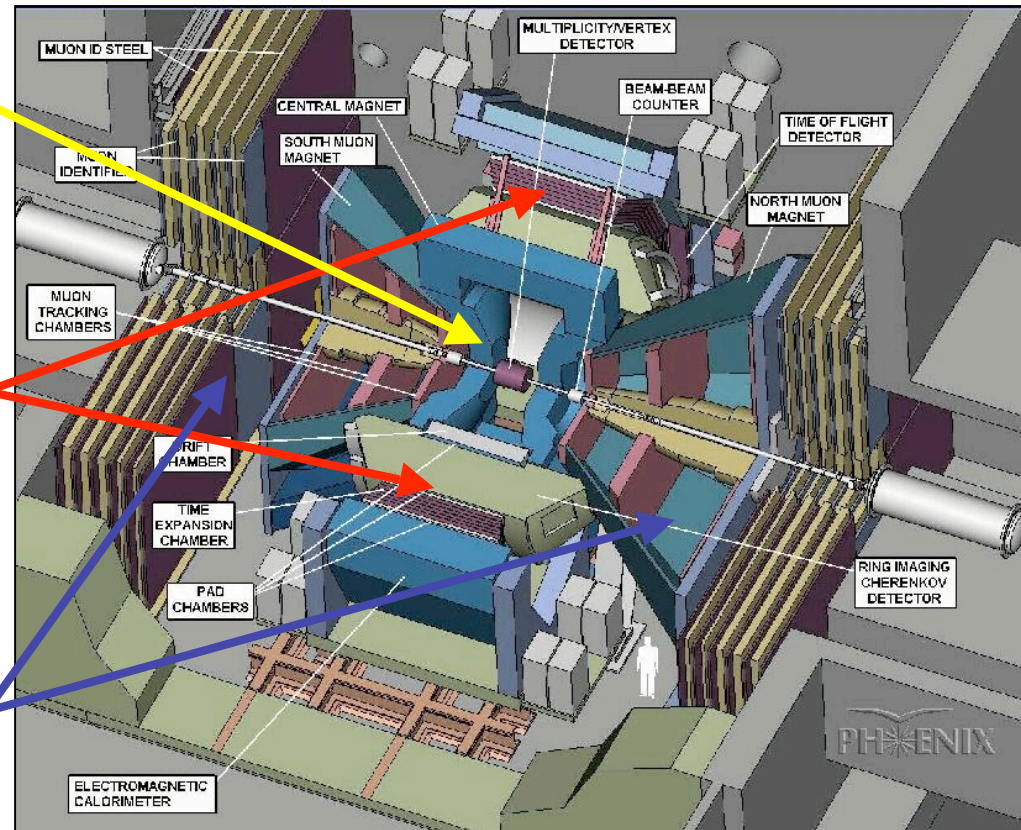
- Nuclear modifications to total charm production
- Nuclear modifications to the charm spectrum
- Charm dynamics in medium, do charm quarks flow ?

# The PHENIX Experiment

Event characterization  
detectors in middle

Two central arms for  
measuring hadrons,  
photons and electrons

Two forward arms for  
measuring muons

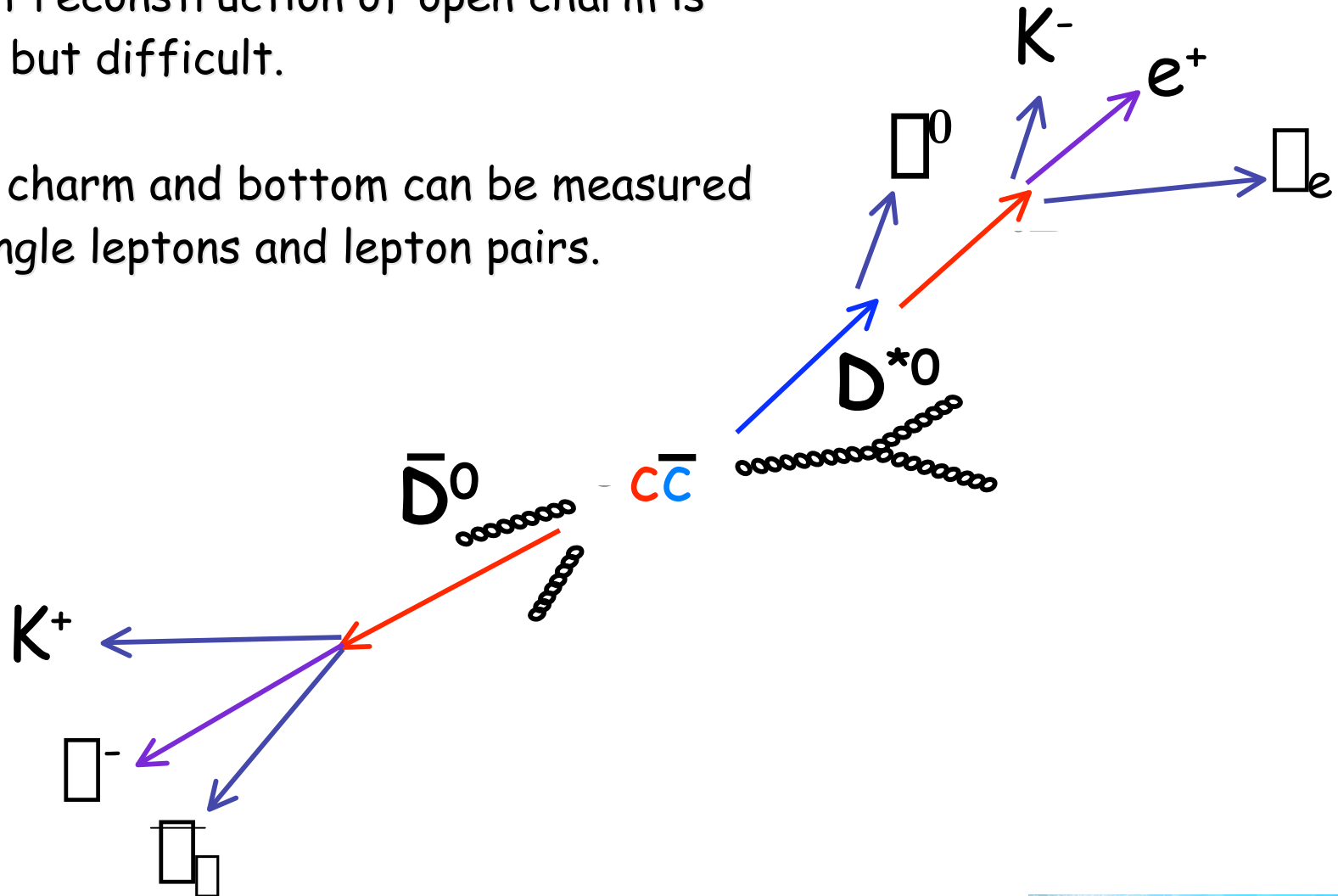


The data I will show today is all from the central  
arm and therefore at  $\eta = 0$

# Measuring Charm via Semi-leptonic D Meson Decay

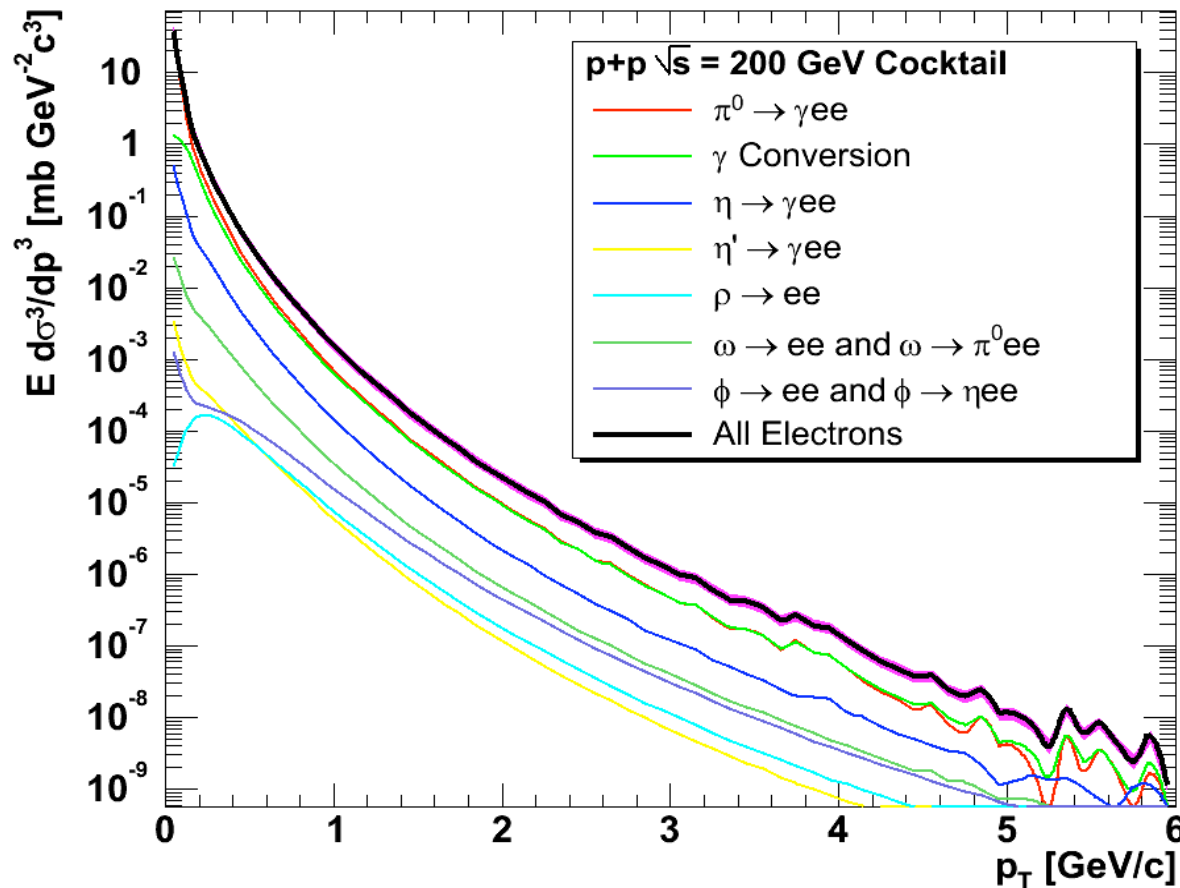
Direct reconstruction of open charm is ideal, but difficult.

Open charm and bottom can be measured via single leptons and lepton pairs.





# Single Electrons From pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$



PHENIX measures  
inclusive electron spectra

The physics we are  
interested in what's  
left over after we  
subtract.

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma ee$

$\gamma$  Conversion

$\eta \rightarrow \gamma ee$

$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma ee$

$\rho \rightarrow ee$

$\omega \rightarrow ee$  and  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 ee$

$\phi \rightarrow ee$  and  $\phi \rightarrow \eta ee$

Light hadron cocktail from decay generator

# Non-Photonic Single Electrons Defined

We call electrons **that are not from**

- $\pi^0$  Dalitz
- $\pi$  conversions
- $\pi$  Dalitz

## Non-Photonic Electrons

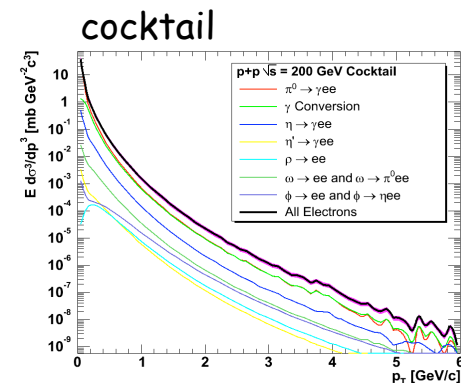
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# Subtracting The Photonic Electrons

## Cocktail subtraction method

- Light hadron cocktail. Dominant input is taken from PHENIX measured  $\pi^0$   $\pi^+$   $\pi^-$  spectra.
- Other mesons from  $m_T$  scaling assumption and asymptotic ratios from lower energy data.
- Photon conversion from material budget in PHENIX acceptance.



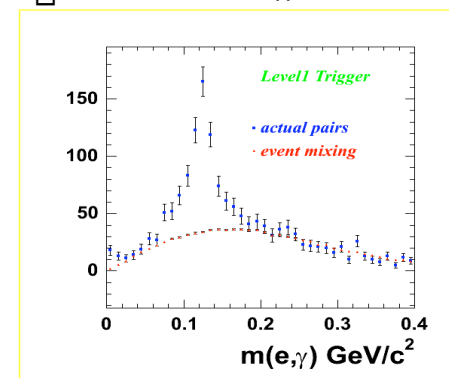
## Converter method

- Comparison of  $e^{+/-}$  spectra with and without converter allows separation of photonic and non-photonic sources of single electrons.

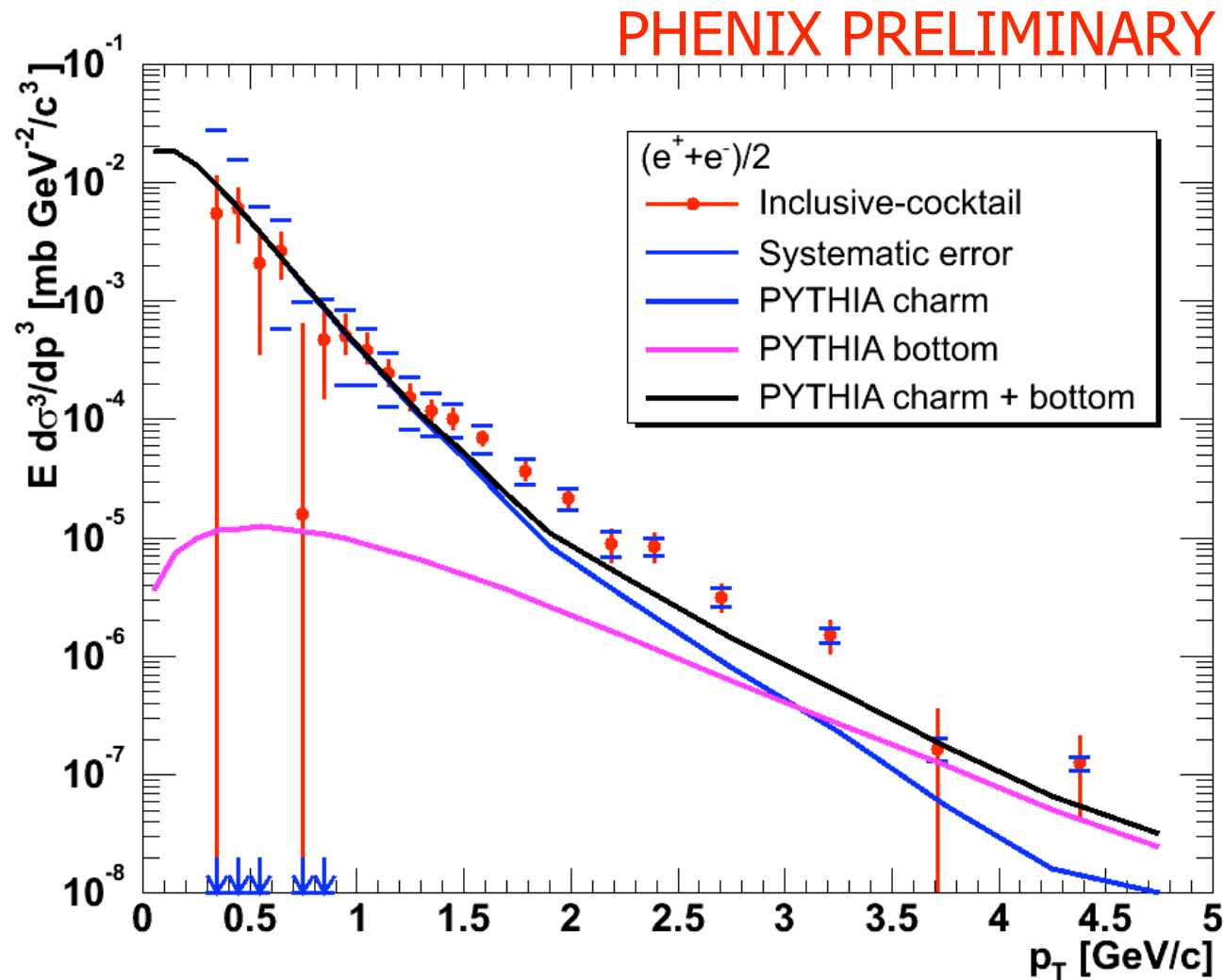
## Direct measurement via $\pi^-e$ coincidences

Yield of  $\pi^-e$  in vicinity of  $\pi$  mass with mixed event subtraction & PHENIX measured  $\pi$  correction

$\pi^-e$  invariant mass



# PHENIX Non-Photonic Single Electron Spectra pp $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



200 GeV pp non-  
photonic single  
electron spectrum  
from cocktail  
subtraction method

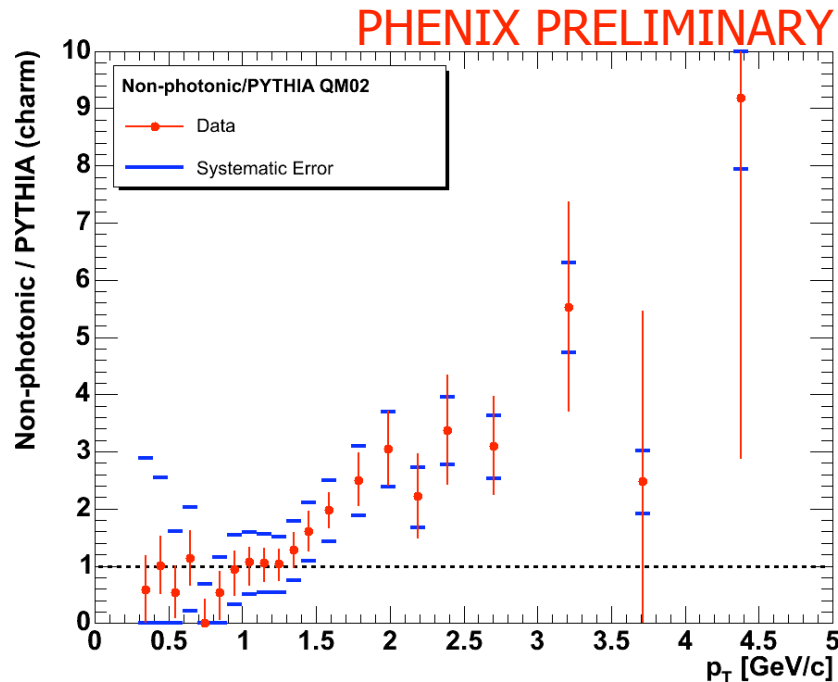
PYTHIA tuned to  
low energy data<sup>1</sup>

Data is excess of  
PYTHIA charm +  
bottom above  $p_T = 1.5$   
GeV/c

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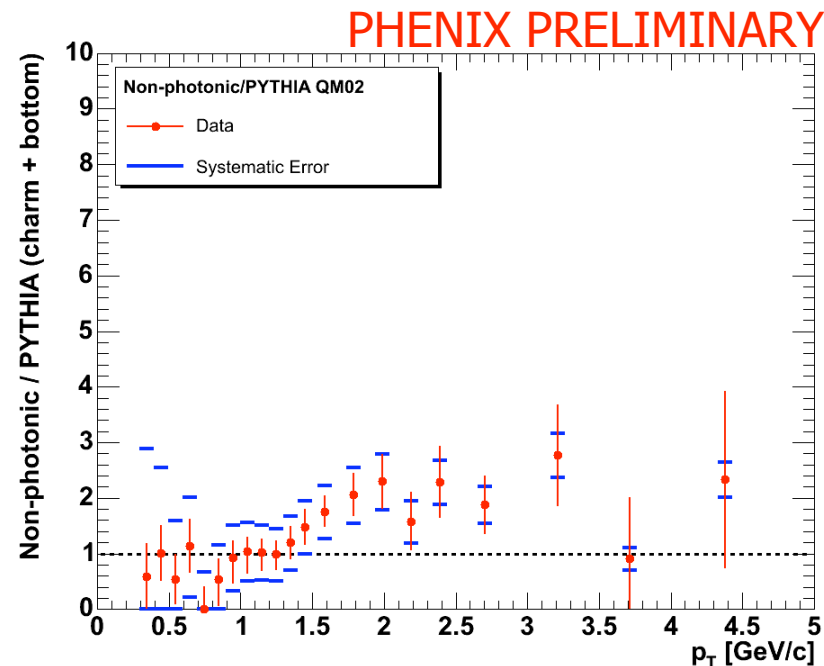
<sup>1</sup>Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 192303 (2002)

# Comparison With PYTHIA

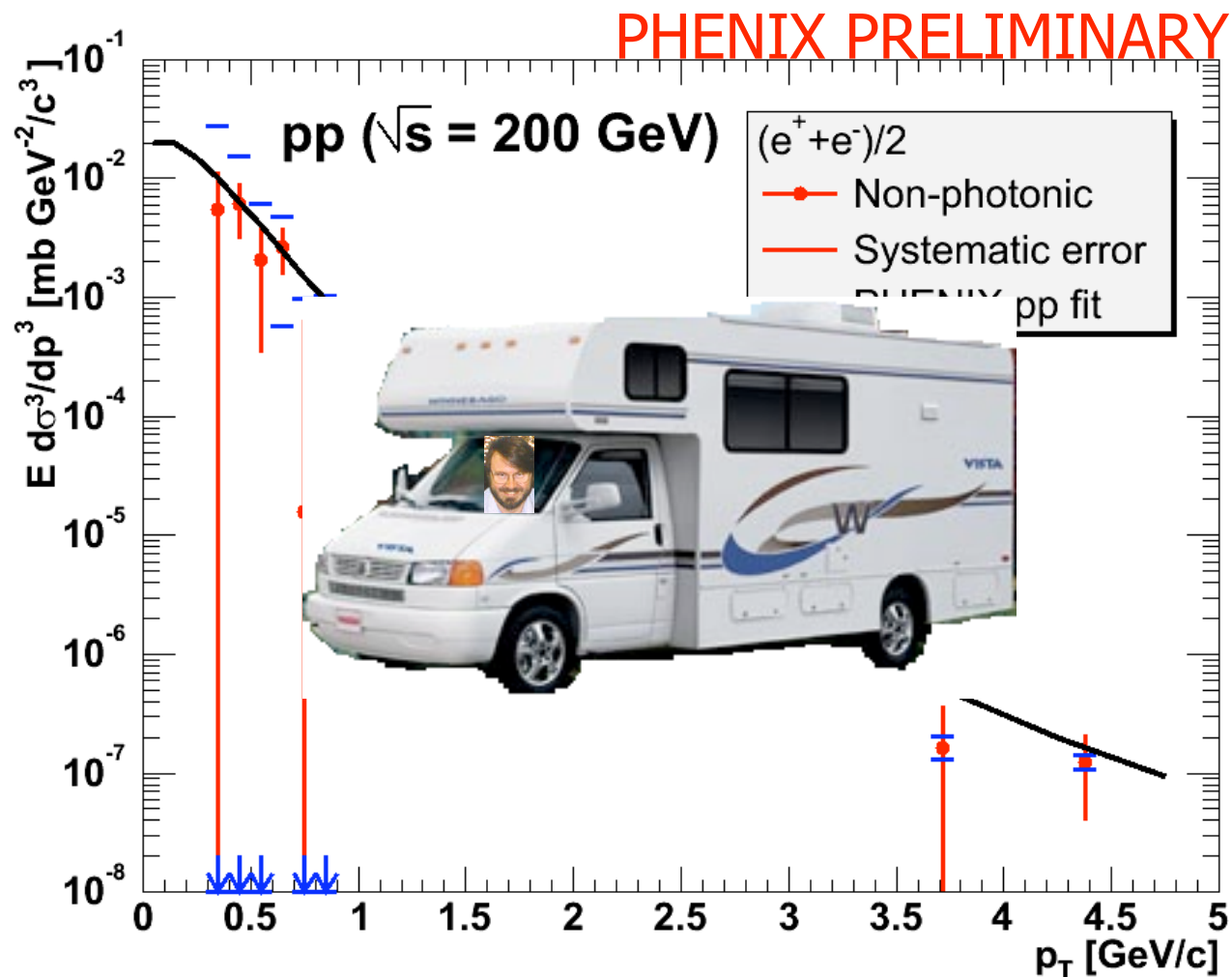


PYTHIA charm alone  
under predicts the data  
by a factor of 2-5 at  
moderated  $p_T$

PYTHIA charm + bottom  
under predict the tail by  
a factor of  $\sim 2-3$

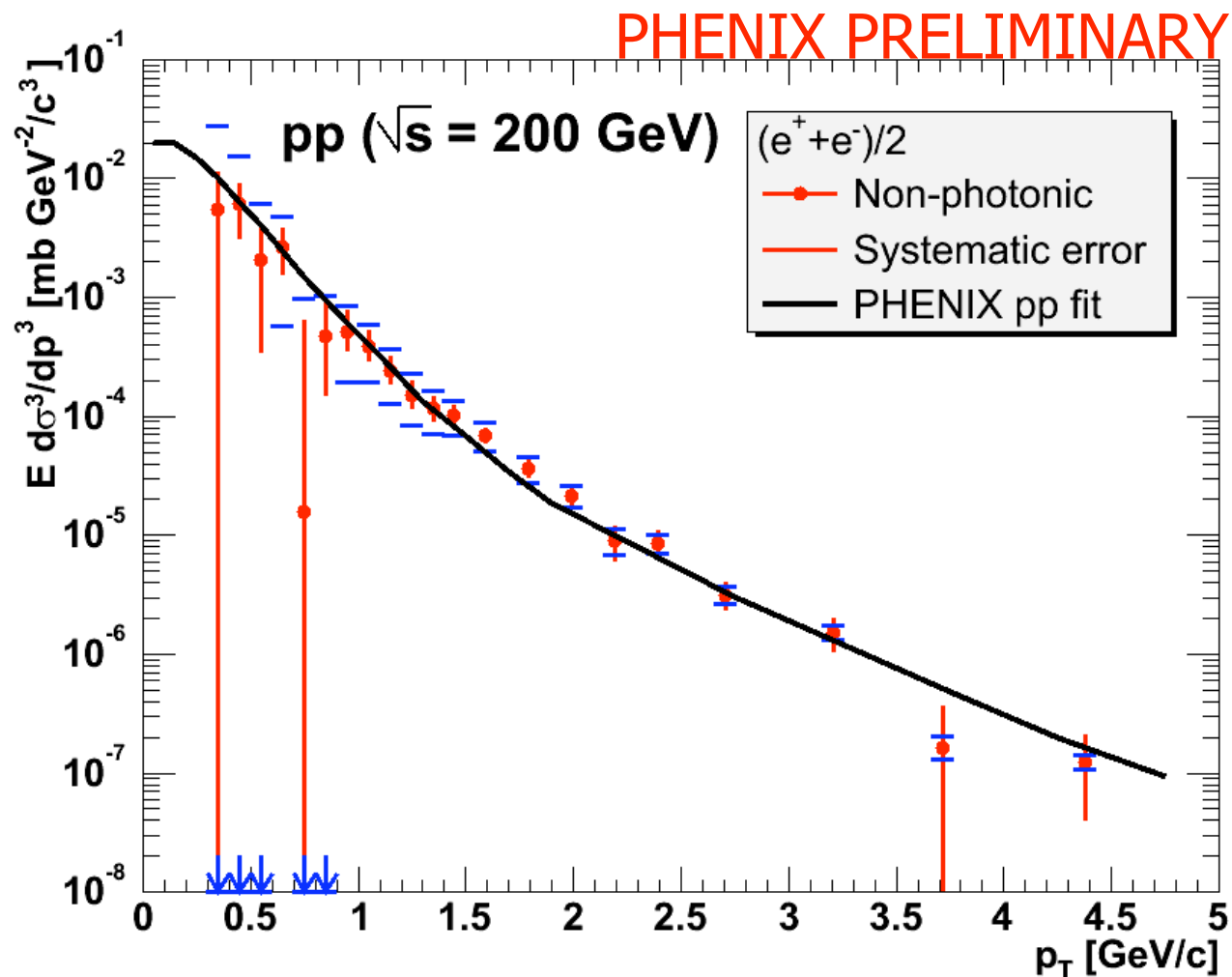


# PYTHIA Heads For the Florida Keys In a Winnebago



PHENIX pp fit baseline for dAu and AuAu data

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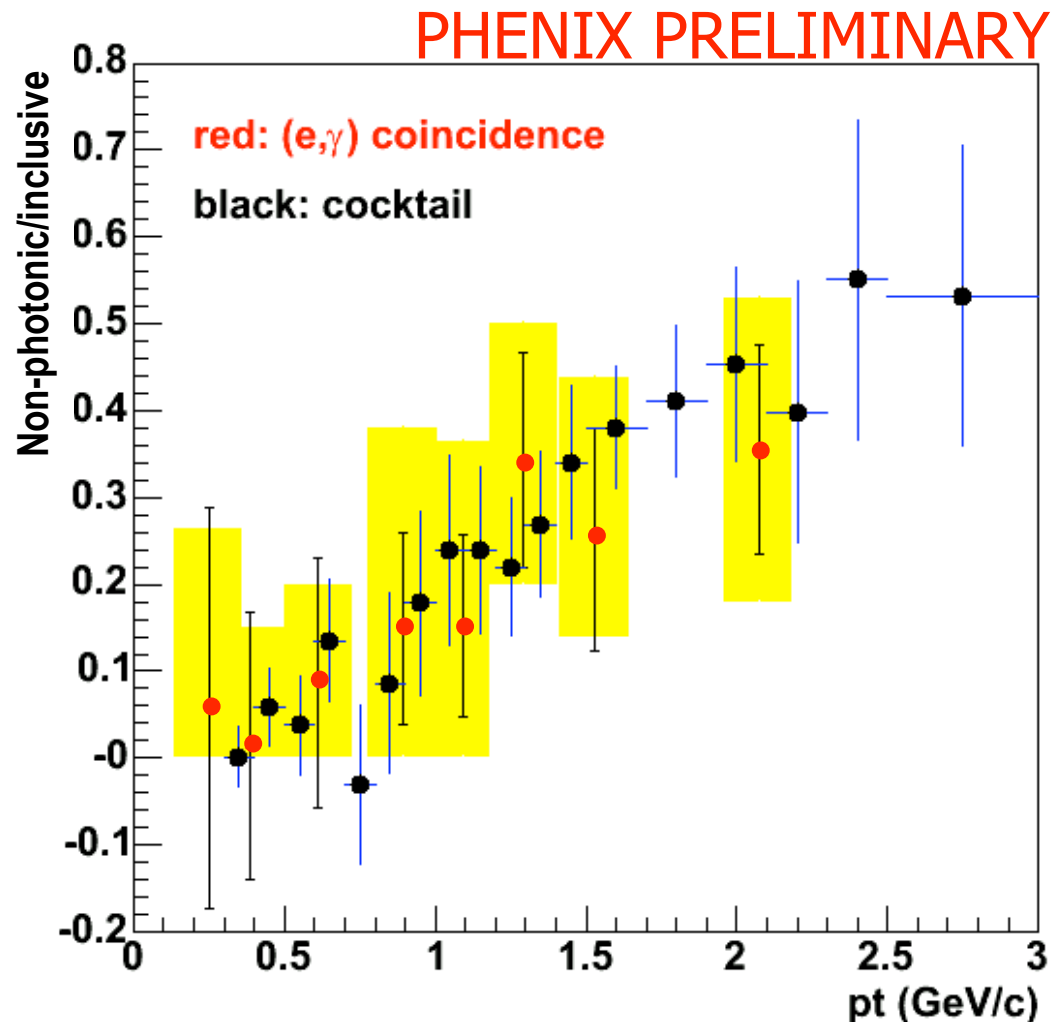
# Independent $\pi$ -e Analysis

Mixed event subtraction of the  $\pi$ -e invariant mass spectrum in the vicinity of the pion mass - eta from the cocktail

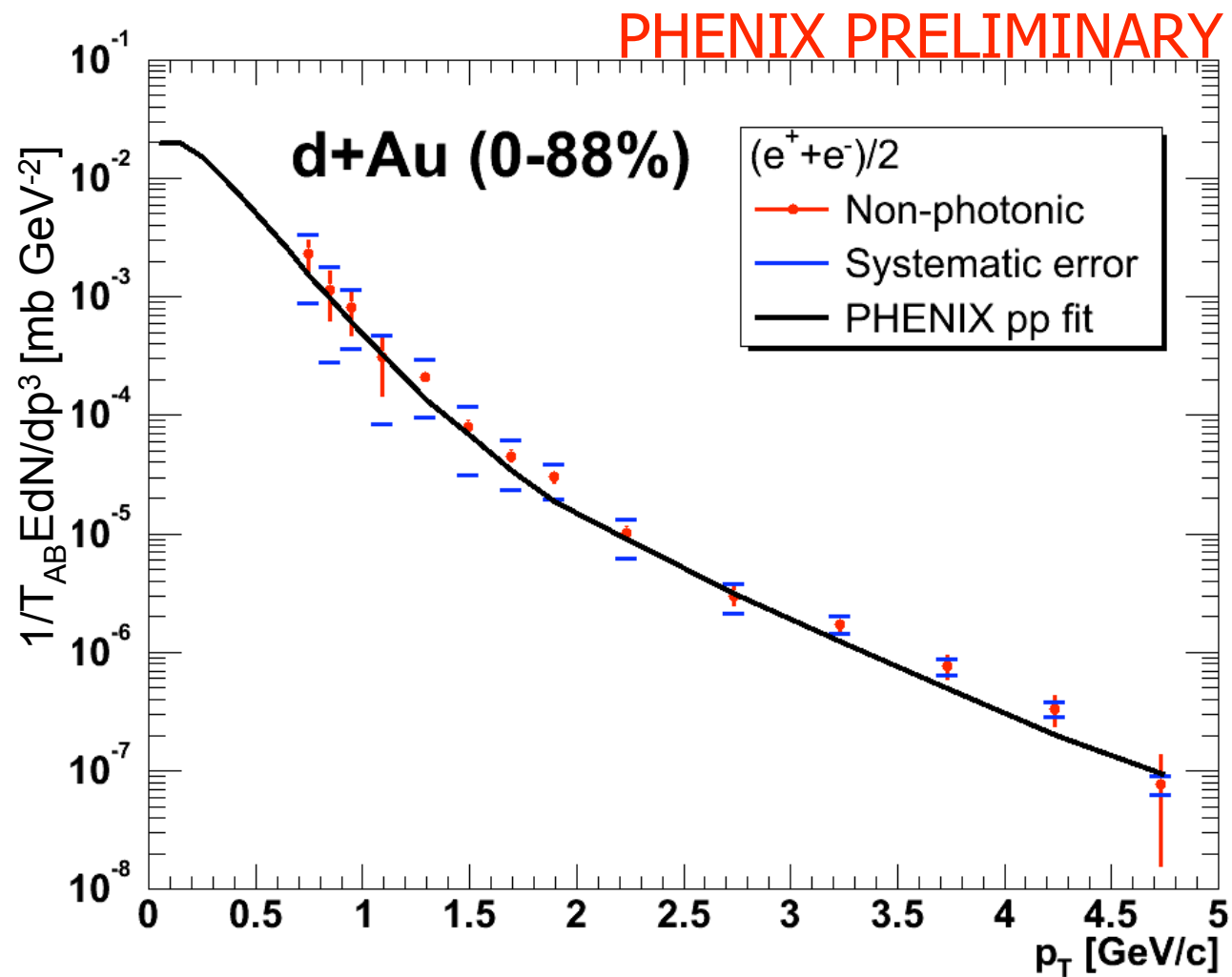
Direct measurement of the single electrons from pion and eta conversions/Dalitz

Data shows good agreement with the cocktail subtraction

Poster by  
Xinhua Li



# Deuteron Gold Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV} / \text{nucleon}$



200 GeV dAu non-  
photonic single  
electron spectrum  
from converter  
method

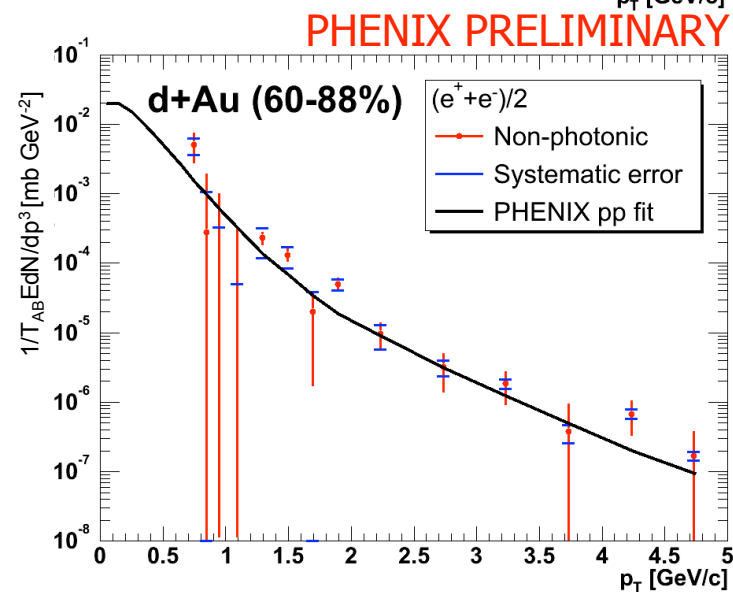
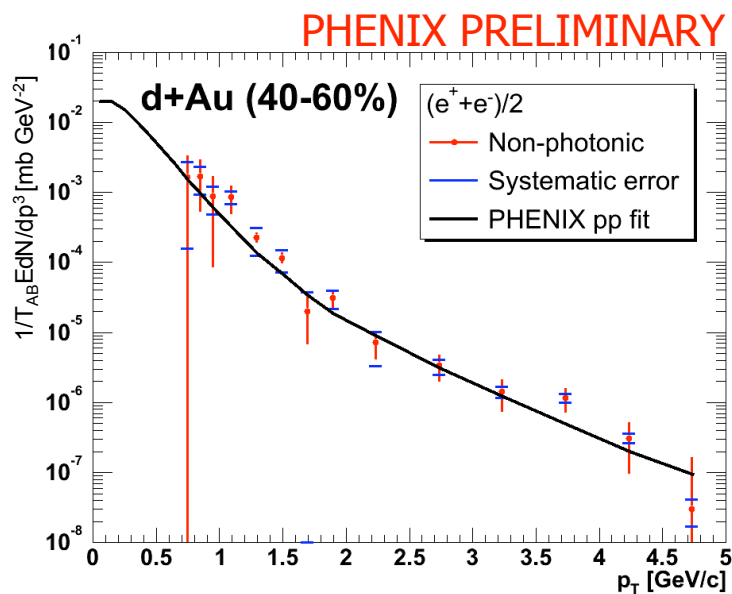
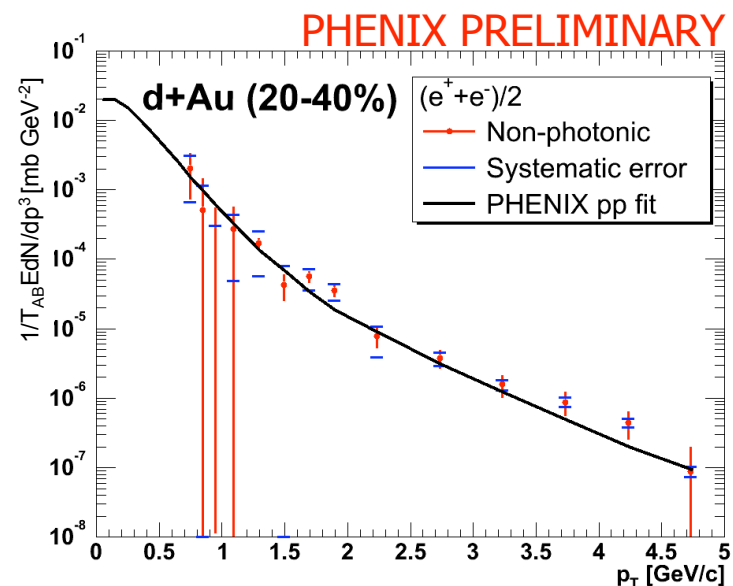
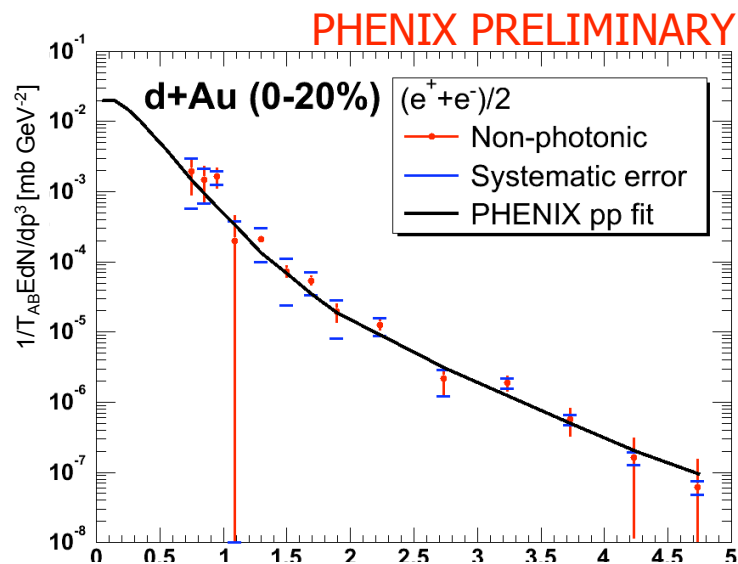
Data divided by  $T_{AB}$

Spectacular  
agreement within  
stated errors

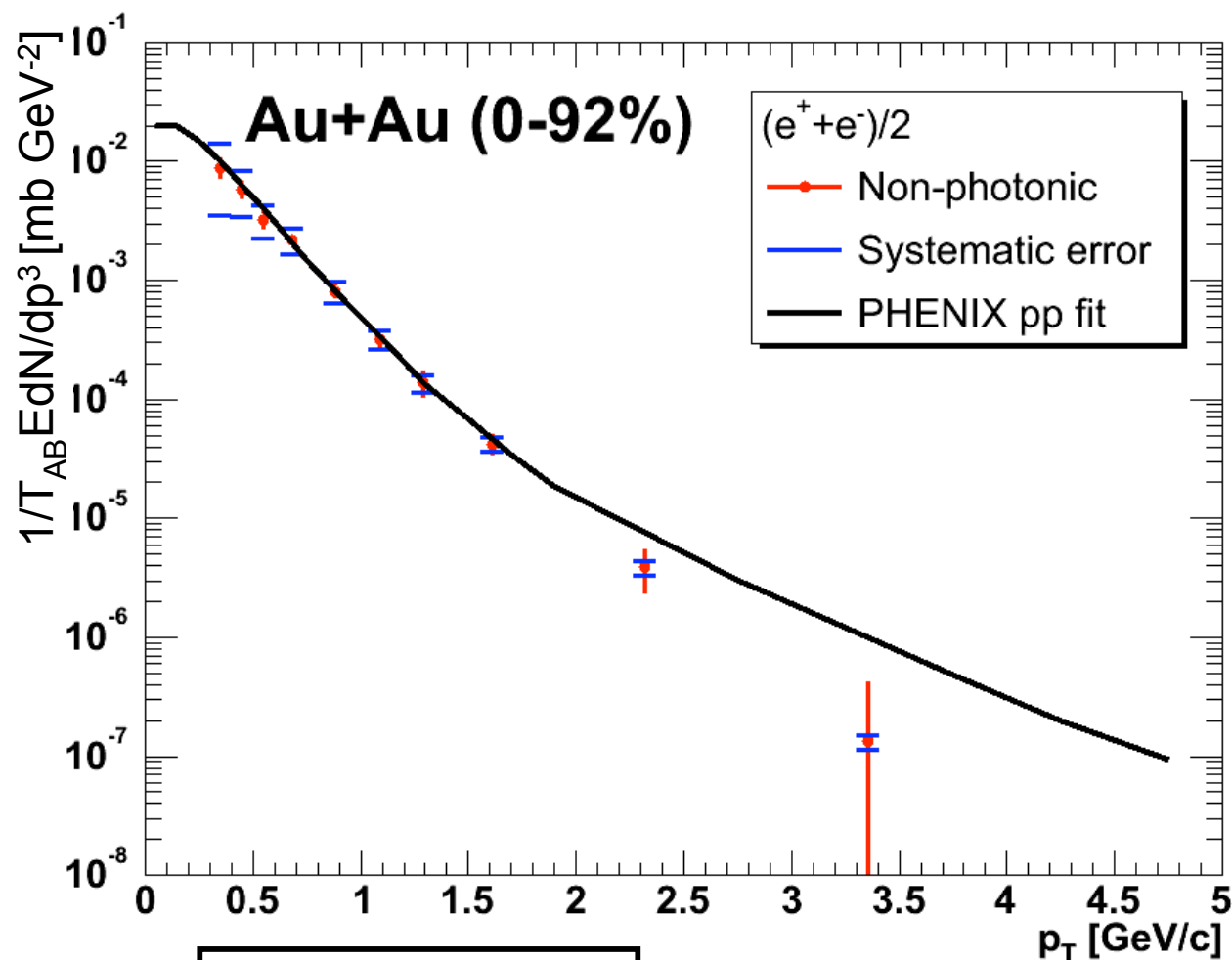
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# Centrality Dependence In Deuteron Au Collisions



# Single Electron Spectra Au+Au $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



200 GeV Au+Au non-photonic single electron spectrum from converter method

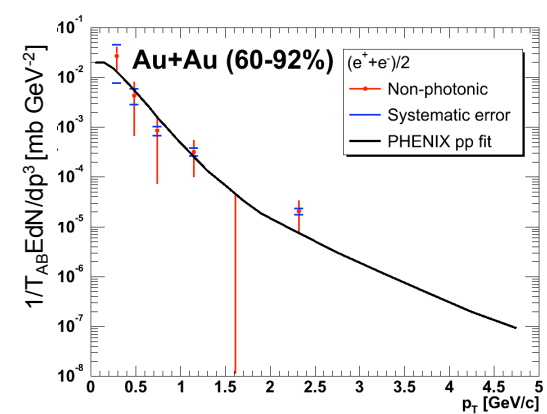
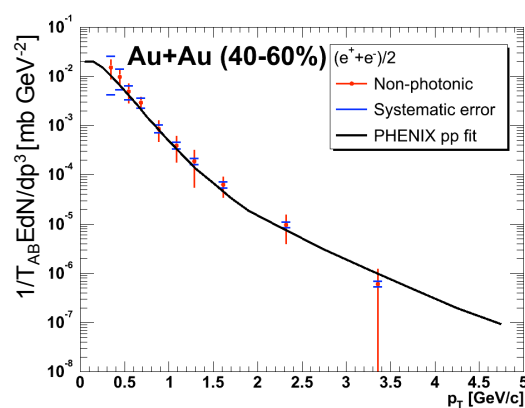
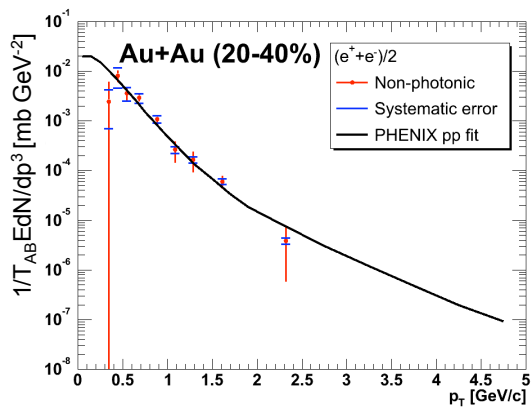
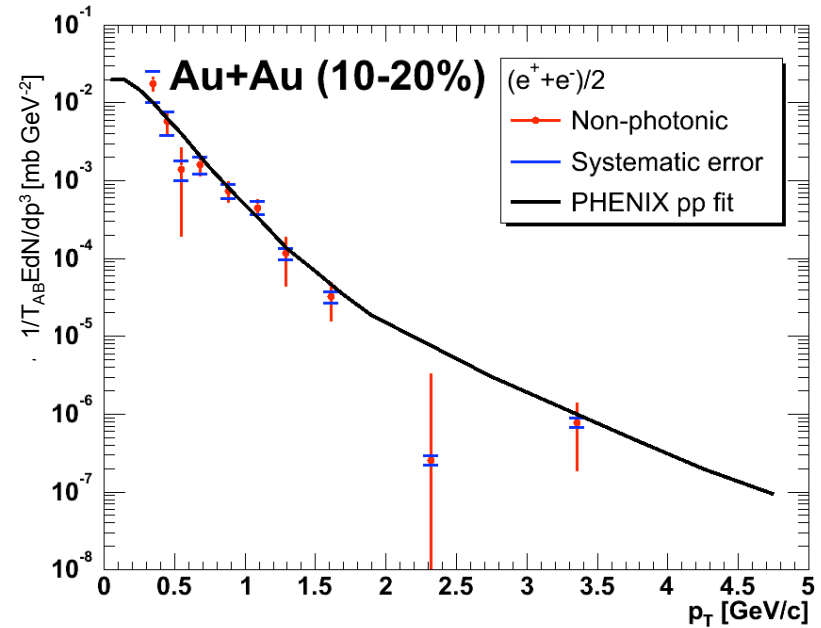
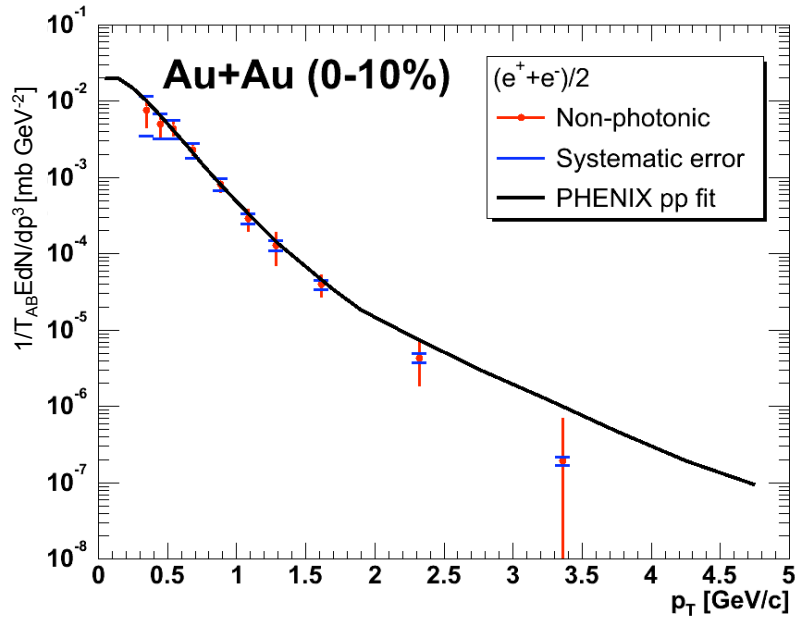
Data is divided by  $T_{AA}$  and overlaid with PHENIX pp fit

At low  $p_T$  the pp fit is in good agreement

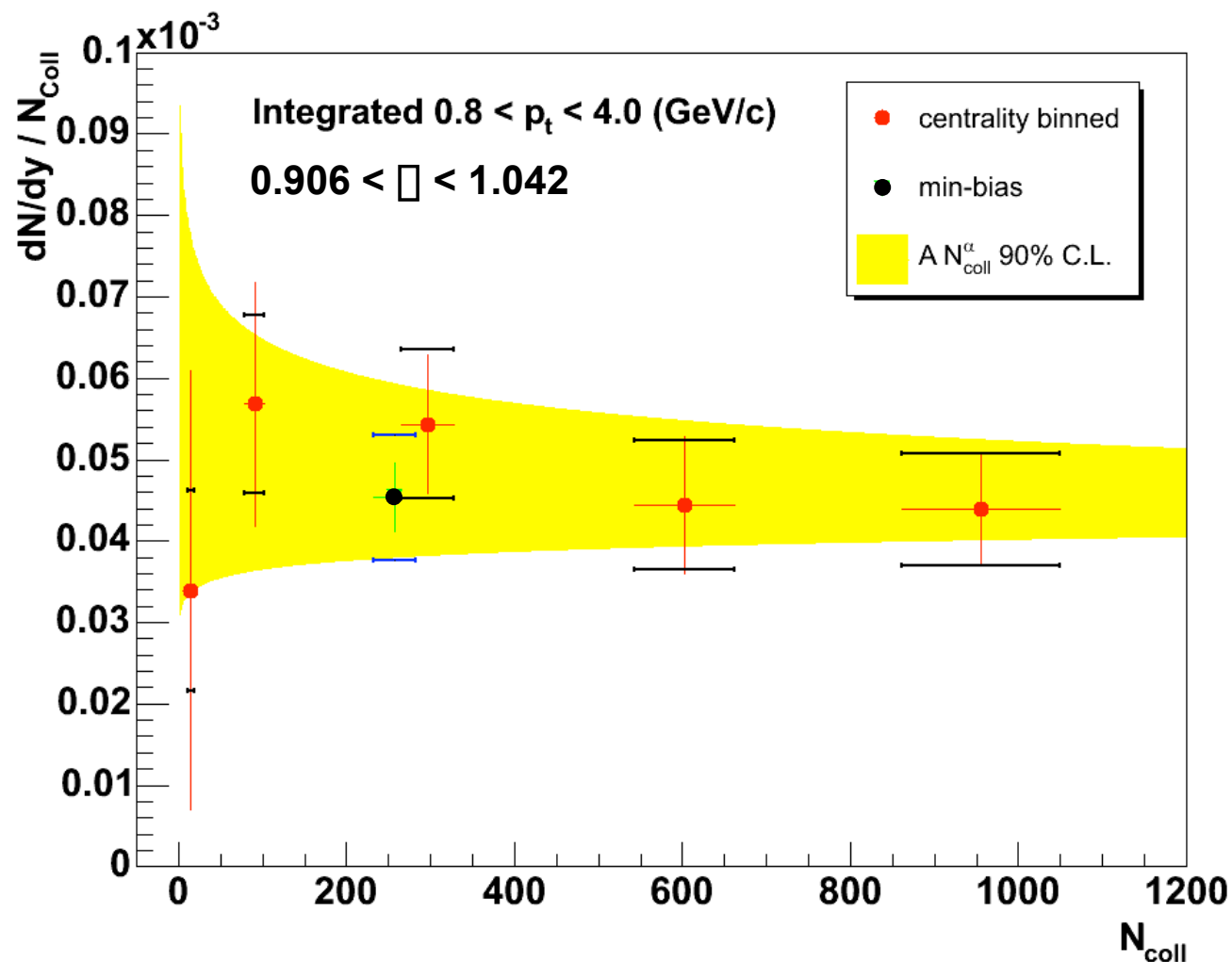
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# Centrality Dependence Au+Au



# $N_{\text{collision}}$ Scaling In Au+Au



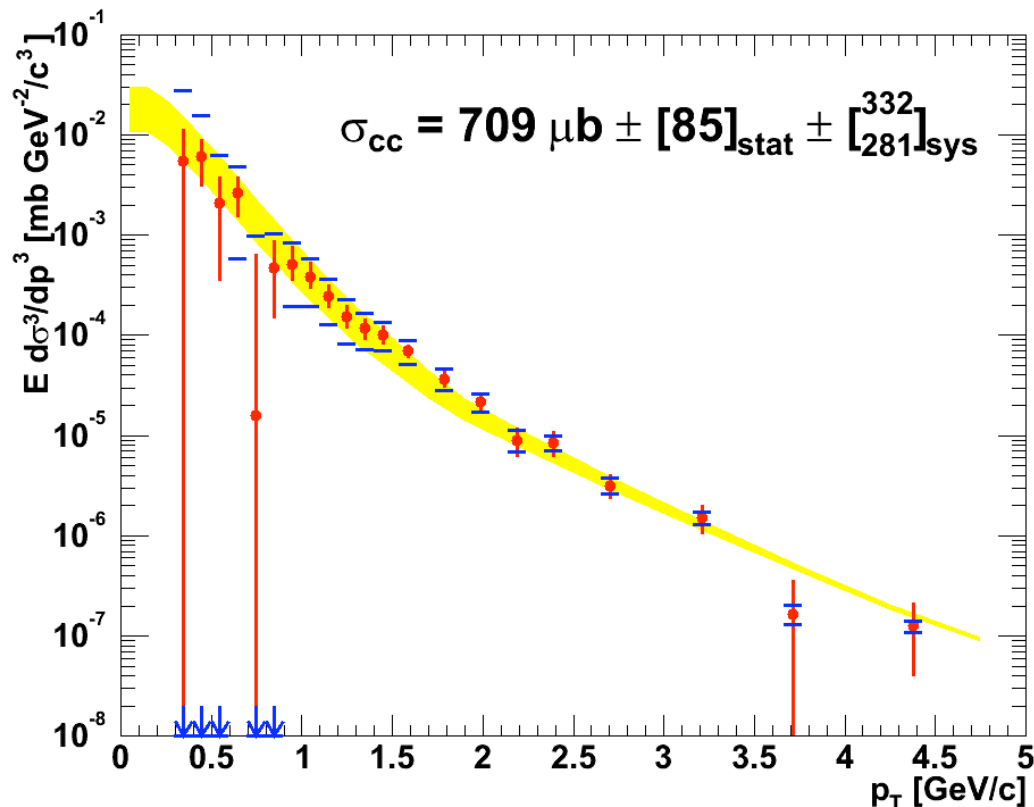
We have quantified the extent to which the Au+Au data exhibits  $N_{\text{coll}}$  scaling

Yellow band represents the set of alpha values consistent with the data at 90% Confidence Level

$$dN/dy = A (N_{\text{coll}})^\alpha$$

## Since You Asked - Total Charm Cross Section $\sqrt{s} = \text{pp } 200 \text{ GeV}$

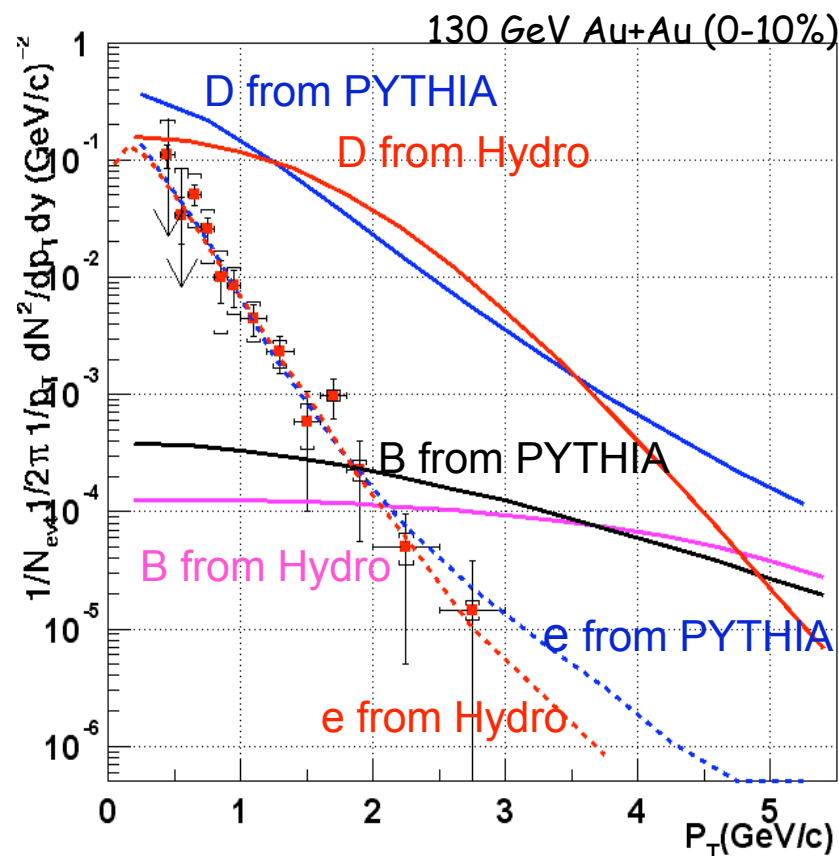
PYTHIA comes out of retirement - Matches the line shape in the region that matters for the determination of the cross section, hence we use it to extrapolate over all phase space



PYTHIA charm + bottom line-shapes with independent floating normalizations that best fit the data

Systematic error is determined by offsetting the data by the upper and lower systematic and extracting the cross section

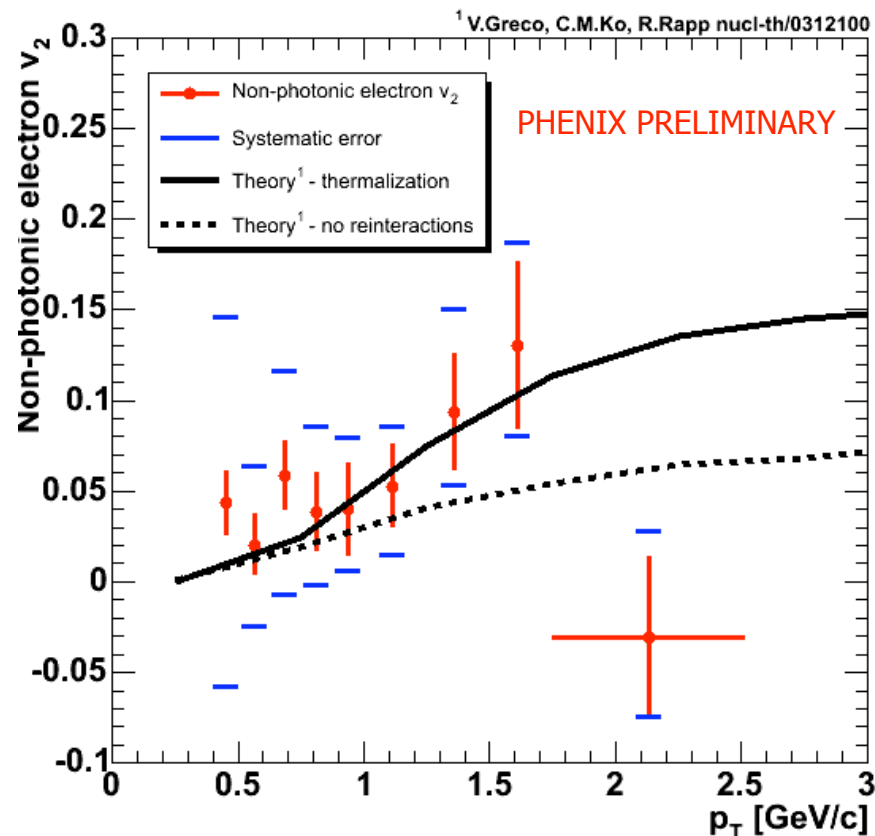
# Back To The Dynamics of Charm In Media



Upper West-Side Sopranos Plot

(S. Batsouli, S.Kelly, M.Gyulassy, J.Nagle)  
Phys.Lett. B557 (2003) 26-32

The measurement of  $v_2$  of charm is a way to discriminate between these contrasting dynamical scenarios



Data indicate non-zero charm flow

Poster by Shingo Sakai PHENIX

## Summary & Conclusions

PHENIX has measured inclusive single electrons in pp, d+Au, and Au+Au at 200 GeV/nucleon.

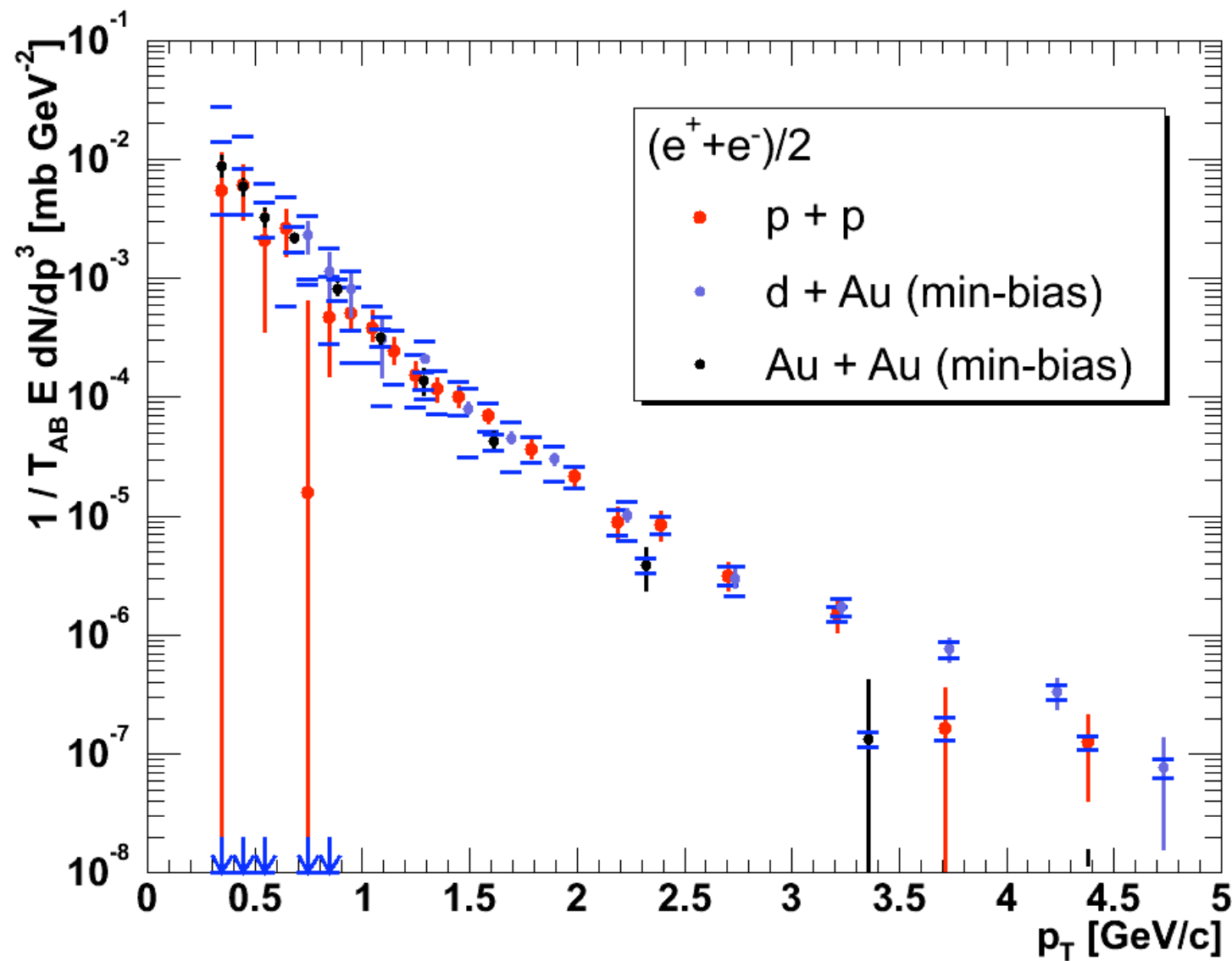
The measured yield of non-photon electrons is consistent with binary scaling in d+Au and Au+Au collisions. Indicating no strong enhancement or suppression of the charm cross section in nuclear systems.

We are statistics limited regarding the presence of spectral modifications in the Au+Au data.

With anticipated Run 4 statistics the indications for spectral modifications in Au+Au and  $v_2$  should be definitive. Run 4 is **the** run for closed **and** open charm physics in Au+Au collisions.



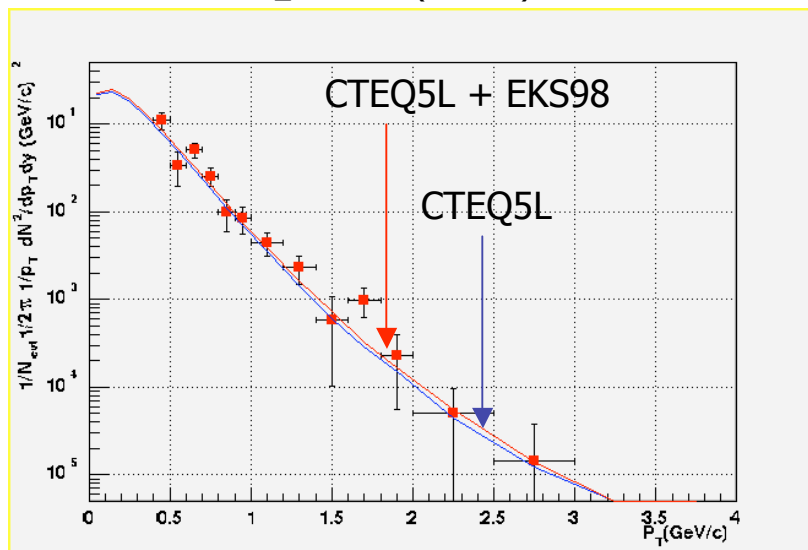
# Single Electron pp, d+Au, Au+Au



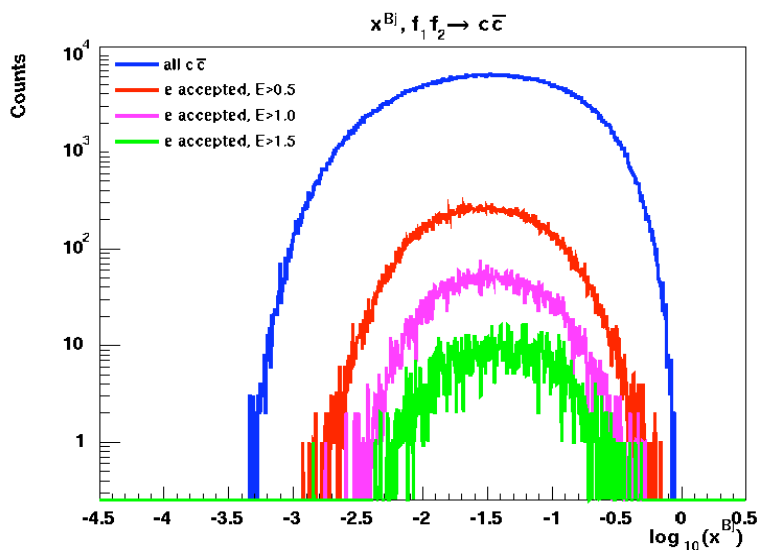
# Backup

# Nothing Dramatic Going On

Au+Au  $\square$  e + X (0-10%) 130 GeV



Point here is that central arm single electrons are not sensitive to shadow+antishadow - These plots need to re-made for 200 GeV data



$$R = xG_A(x, Q^2)/xG(x, Q^2) \quad (A=197)$$

