

# Extracting bottom quark production cross section from p+p collisions at RHIC

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- Model calculations and total cross section extrapolations

# How to Measure Non-Photonic Electron (NPE) spectrum

- Non-photonic electron yield is calculated according to:

$$N(\text{non-photonic electron}) = N(\text{inclusive electron}) \cdot \text{purity} - N(\text{photonic electron}) / \epsilon$$

Photonic electron (PHE) background is mainly from  $\gamma$  conversion and  $\pi^0, \eta$  Dalitz decays.

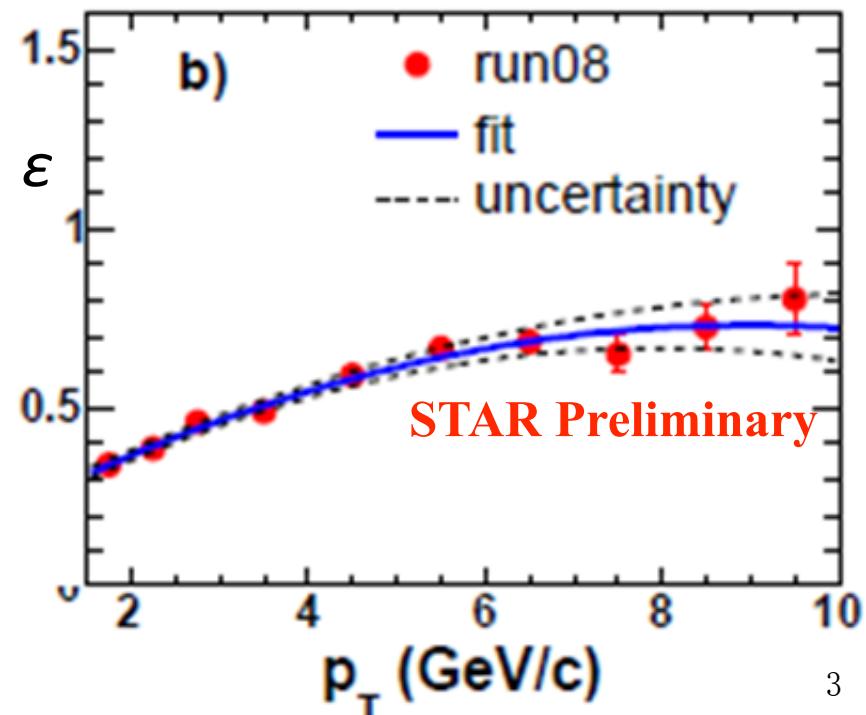
- Identify the photonic electron via mass reconstruction and small mass cut, get its statistics using unlike-like method.
- Does not depend on the accurate knowledge of the material budget.
- There is an in-efficiency due to detector acceptance, etc.

$\epsilon$ : photonic electron reconstruction efficiency

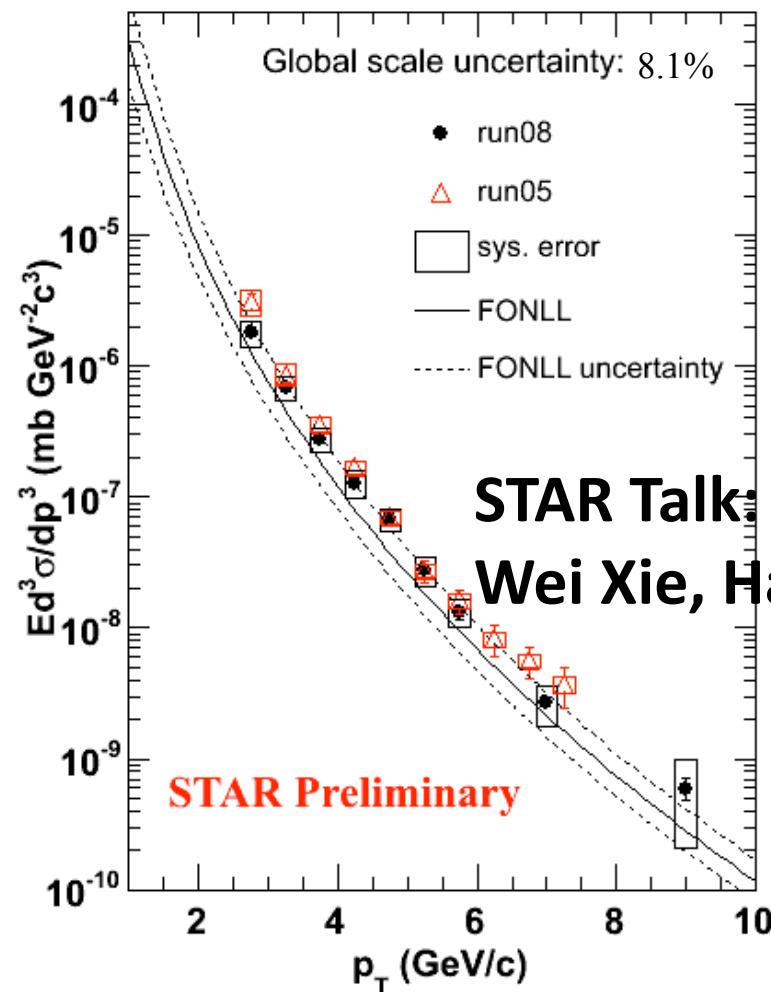
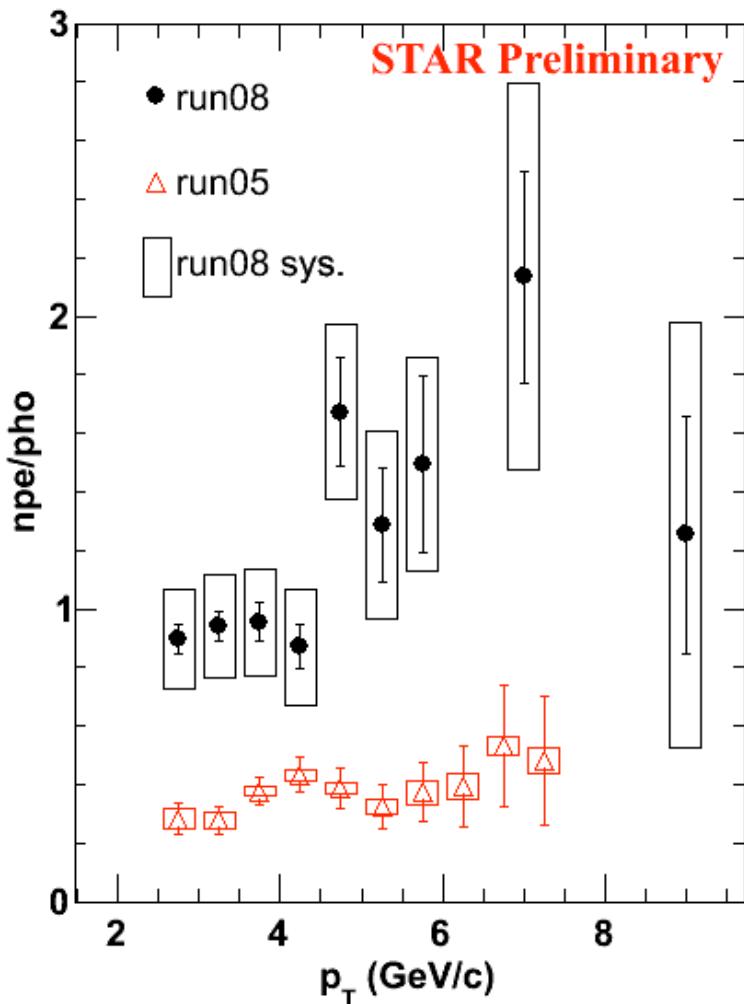
- NPE cross section:

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \frac{1}{2\pi p_T \Delta p_T \Delta y} \frac{N_{npe}}{\epsilon_{rec} \epsilon_{trig} \epsilon_{eid} \epsilon_{BBC}}$$

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# STAR high pT NPE Measurements in 200GeV p+p collisions

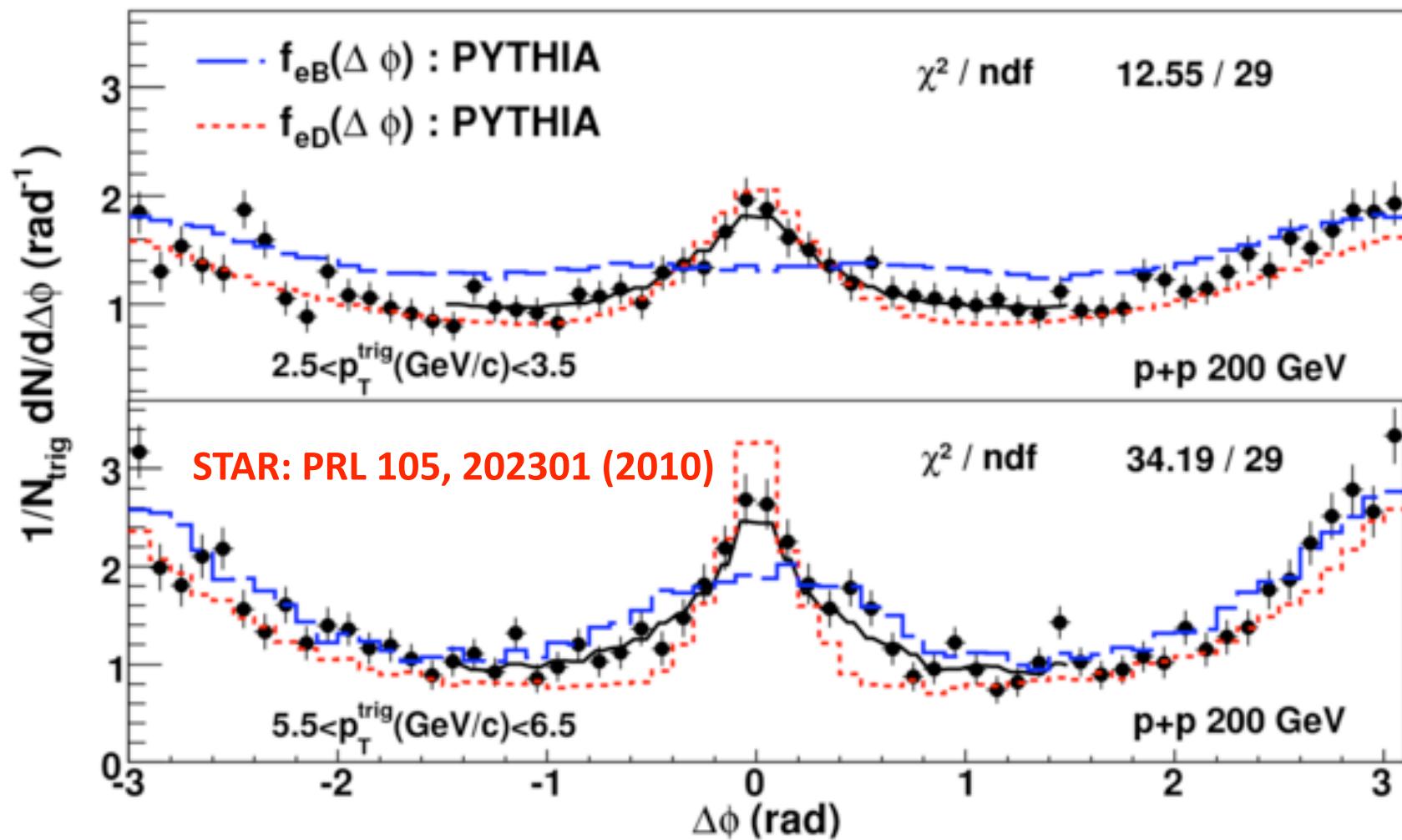


Measurement done using TPC+EMC using run08 and run05 data.

Run 2005: high material budget v.s. Run 2008: low material budget

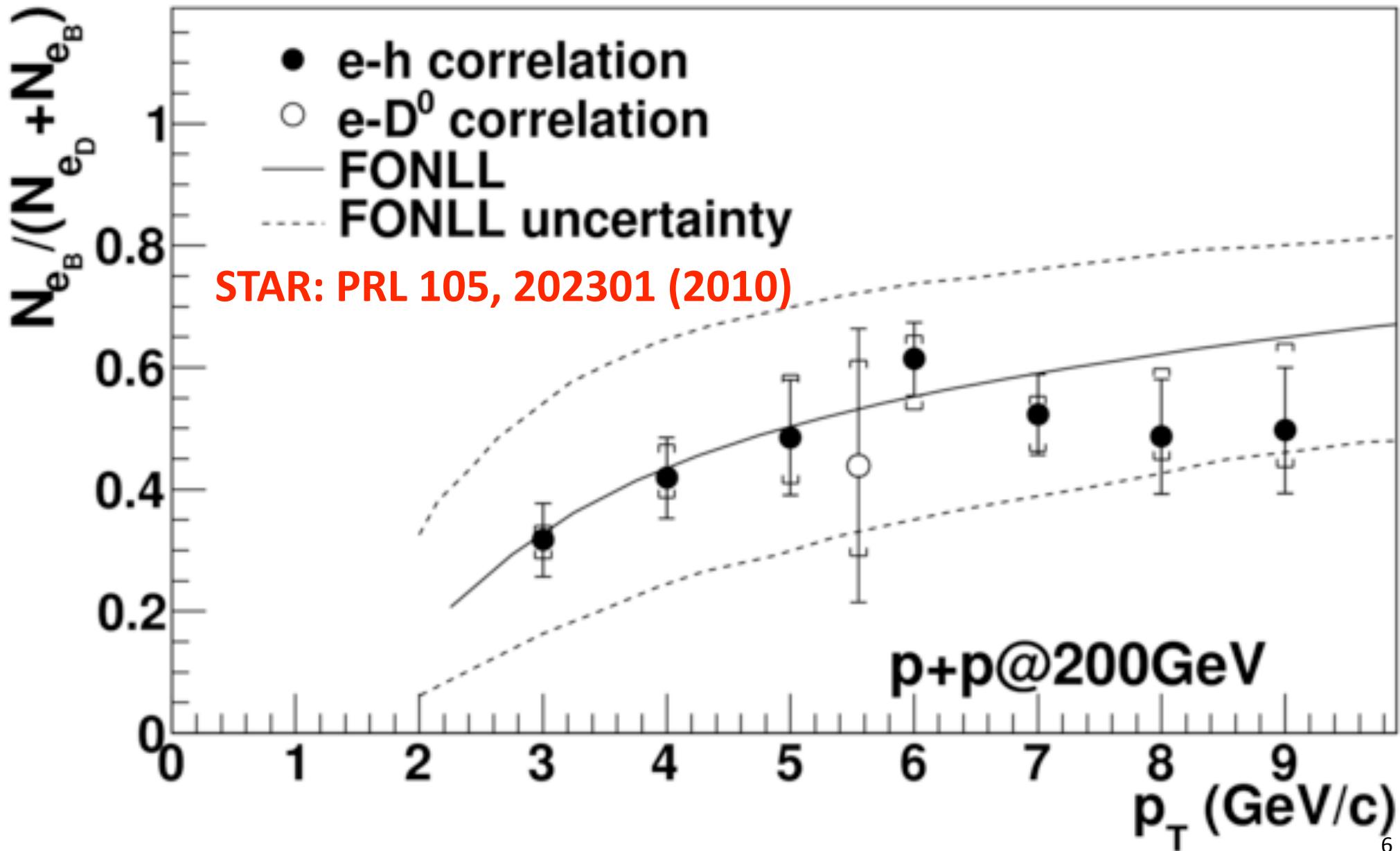
✓ **pT>2.5GeV/c NPE measurement with dramatically different background agree with each very well**

# the Bottom Quark Contribution to NPE



A study on the azimuthal correlations between the non-photonic electrons and hadrons in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV.  
Compared against PYTHIA calculations to obtain the relative contributions of Bottom and Charm mesons.

# the $N_{e_B}/(N_{e_B}+N_{e_D})$ ratio



# Formulas to calculate B->e and D->e

$$N_{e_B} = (N_{e_B} + N_{e_D}) \cdot \frac{N_{e_B}}{N_{e_B} + N_{e_D}}$$

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} \Big|_{e_B} = E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} \Big|_{e_B + e_D} \cdot \frac{N_{e_B}}{N_{e_B} + N_{e_D}}$$

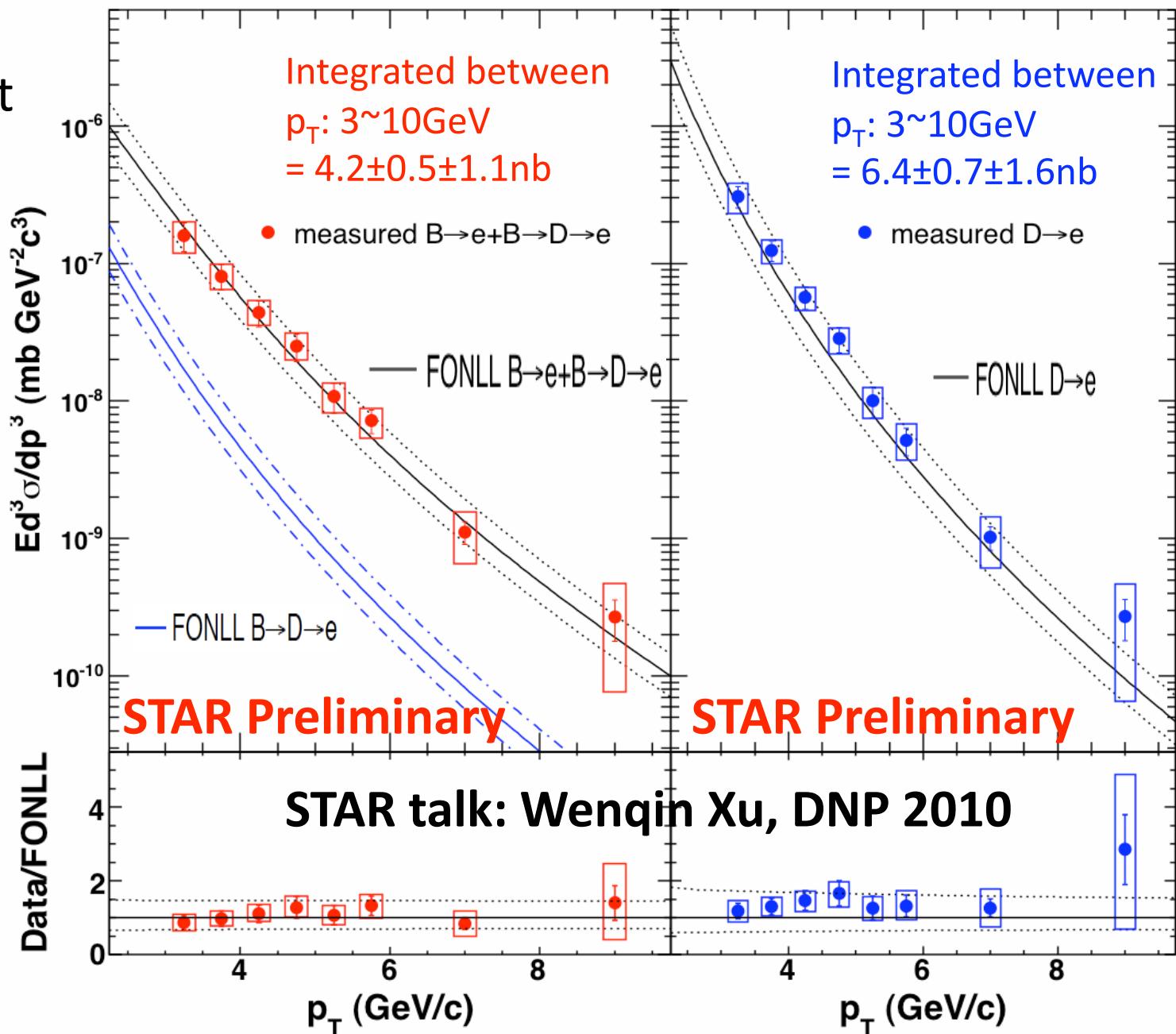
$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} \Big|_{e_B + e_D} = E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} \Big|_{e_{NPE}} - E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\vec{p}^3} \Big|_{e_{J/\psi}}$$

p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV  
Run8 and Run5 combined result  
See Wei Xie's talk at HP10.

Measured J/ $\psi$   
by STAR and  
PHENIX, fed  
into PYTHIA  
and decay into  
electrons

# Invariant cross section of electrons from bottom and charm decays

pp collisions at  
 $\sqrt{s} = 200\text{GeV}$



FONLL is from [1]

[1]:M. Cacciari, P. Nason and R. Vogt, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 20 122001 (2005);

M. Cacciari, R. Vogt, private communications

# Scale up the FONLL Prediction

- FONLL [1] predicts:

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 1.87^{+0.99}_{-0.67} \mu b$$

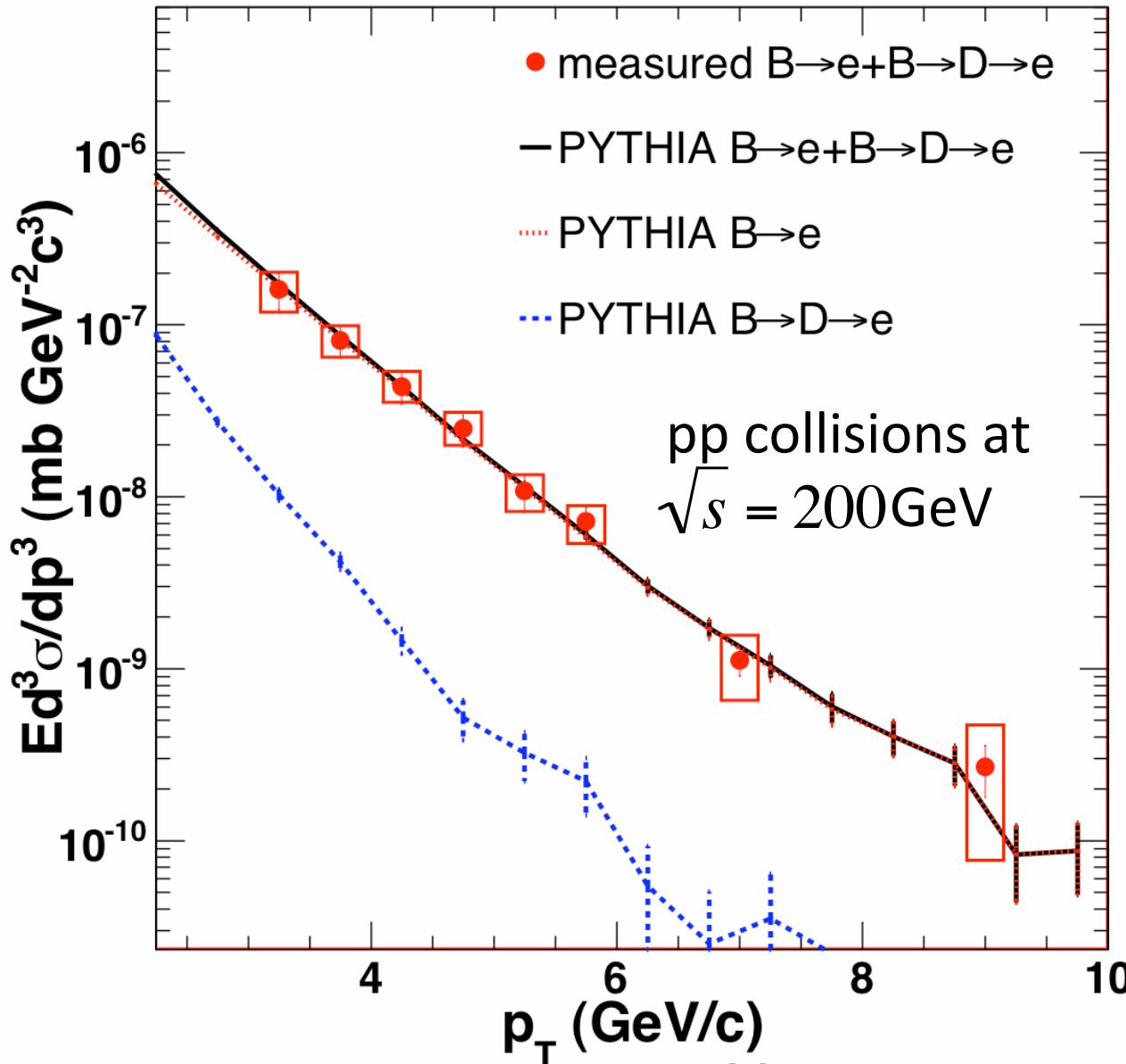
- Data/FONLL ratio is fit to be  $1.1 \pm 0.1(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.3(\text{sys.})$
- Multiple it by 1.1:

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 1.87 \times 1.1 = 2.06 \mu b$$

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MSEL=1

# PYTHIA 6.409<sub>[2]</sub> calculations



All default set up, except:  
p.d.f.= CTEQ5M1

Used in an earlier STAR paper:  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 062301 (2005).

The original PYTHIA calculation has been normalized to the data, i.e. the integrated cross section from 3GeV/c to 10GeV/c is fixed to be 4.2nb in PYTHIA

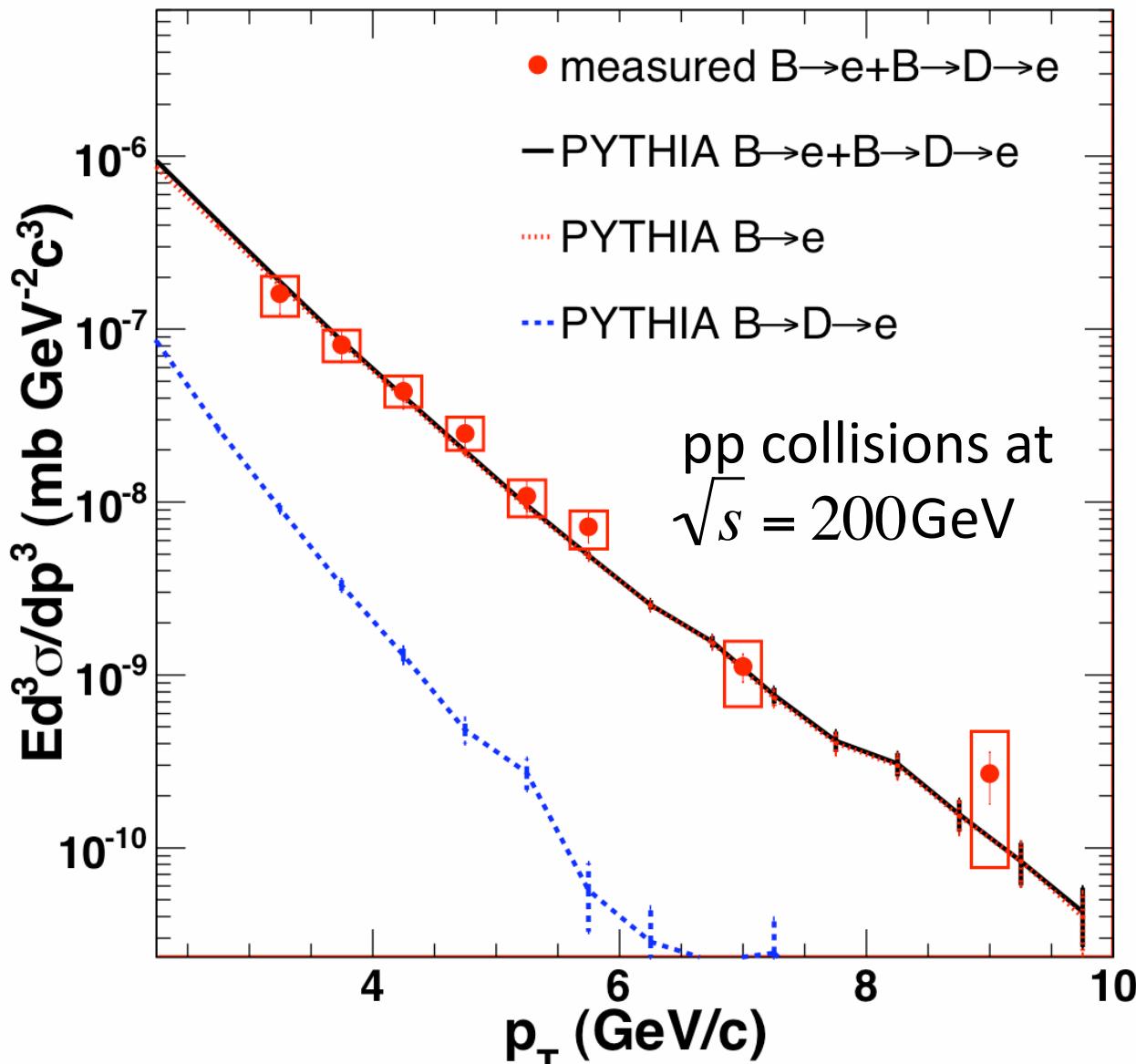
Use normalized PYTHIA calculation to extrapolate:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy} \right|_{y=0} (0 - 10\text{GeV}/c) = 41.4\text{nb}$$

A factor of 10 extrapolation.

MSEL=5

# MSEL=5, everything else the same



In PYTHIA,  
MSEL=1 is the Mini-bias  
processes mode, default  
MSEL=5 is a heavy flavor  
(Bottom quark)  
processes mode

Use normalized PYTHIA calculation  
to extrapolate:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy} \right|_{y=0} (0 - 10\text{GeV}/c) = 55.4\text{nb}$$

34% higher!

Mini-bias mode includes higher order diagrams, e.g. Flavor Excitation, etc

See [2] and also E. Norrbin, T.Sjostrand, Eur.Phys.J.C17:137-161,2000

# Other PYTHIA calculations

PYTHIA parameters	$\sigma_{B \rightarrow e} (nb)$	deviation
$\langle k_T \rangle^* = 2.0 \text{ GeV(D)}; \text{Max.}k_T = 5.0 \text{ GeV(D)}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5M1}$	41.4	0
$\langle k_T \rangle = 0.5 \text{ GeV}; \text{Max.}k_T = 5.0 \text{ GeV(D)}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5M1}$	42.8	+3%
$\langle k_T \rangle = 1.5 \text{ GeV}; \text{Max.}k_T = 10.0 \text{ GeV}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5M1}$	39.6	-4%
$\langle k_T \rangle = 3.0 \text{ GeV}; \text{Max.}k_T = 15.0 \text{ GeV}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5M1}$	43.4	+5%
$\langle k_T \rangle = 4.5 \text{ GeV}; \text{Max.}k_T = 20.0 \text{ GeV}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5M1}$	37.1	-10%
$\langle k_T \rangle = 2.0 \text{ GeV(D)}; \text{Max.}k_T = 5.0 \text{ GeV(D)}; \text{p.d.f=CTEQ5L (D)}$	41.1	-1%
CDF tuneA [3]	47.1	+14%

PYTHIA default

All of them use the default MSEL=1 mode.

\*The intrinsic  $k_T$  is a Gaussian distribution with the width set by parp(91) and the upper cut off set by parp(93).

[3] [http://www.phys.ufl.edu/~rfield/cdf/tunes/py\\_tuneA.html](http://www.phys.ufl.edu/~rfield/cdf/tunes/py_tuneA.html)

# Branch ratio Correction

particle	Admixture in PDG	in PYTHIA	B.R. in PDG	in PYTHIA
$B^0$	$(40.1 \pm 1.3)\%$	39.5%	$(10.33 \pm 0.28)\%$	10.52%
$B^+$	$(40.1 \pm 1.3)\%$	39.7%	$(10.99 \pm 0.28)\%$	10.47%
$B_s^0$	$(11.3 \pm 1.3)\%$	11.6%	$(7.9 \pm 2.4)\%$	10.53%
$b - baryon$	$(8.5 \pm 2.2)\%$	9.1%	$(\sim 9.3)\%$	9.24%
Admixture Average	-	-	$(10.86 \pm 0.35)\%$	10.4%

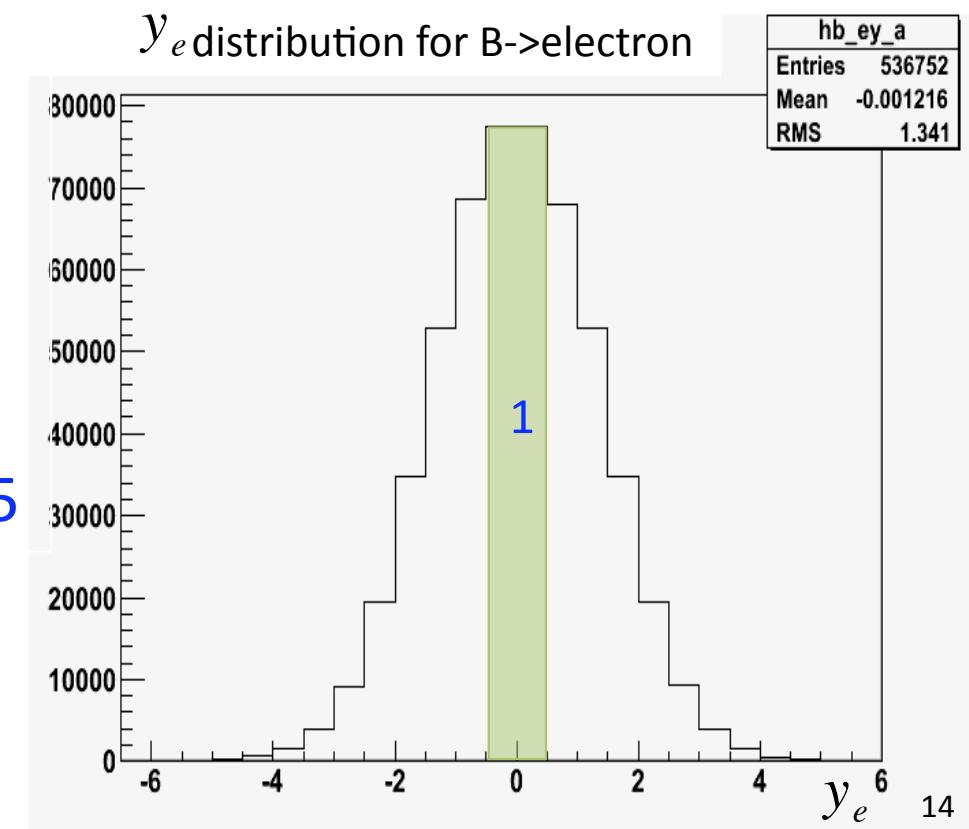
- The  $B^\pm, B^0, B^s, B$ -baryons admixture and branch ratios in PYTHIA are close to PDG [4] values, based on measurements at LEP, Tevatron,  $SppS$ , etc.
- $B^\pm, B^0, B^s$  and  $B$ -baryons have **similar** semi-leptonic branch ratios and masses. So the result is not sensitive to the admixture.
- Estimated overall B.R.~**10.4%**

# Rapidity distribution correction

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = \frac{\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{B.R.} = \left( \frac{\int \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy_e} dy_e}{\int_{-0.5}^{0.5} \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy_e} dy_e} \right) \cdot \frac{\left. \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy_e} \right|_{y_e=0}}{B.R.}$$

Need a correction to extrapolate from  $|y_e| < 0.5$  to the full rapidity:

$$\frac{\int \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy_e} dy_e}{\int_{-0.5}^{0.5} \frac{d\sigma_{B \rightarrow e}}{dy_e} dy_e} = \text{The whole Area under the histogram} = 3.5$$



# The total $b\bar{b}$ production cross sections

Based on model calculations scaled to match STAR  
NPE measurements in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV:

PYTHIA, Mini-bias Mode:

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 1.38 \mu b$$

PYTHIA, MSEL=5 Mode:

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 1.88 \mu b$$

FONLL $\times 1.1$ :

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 2.06 \mu b$$

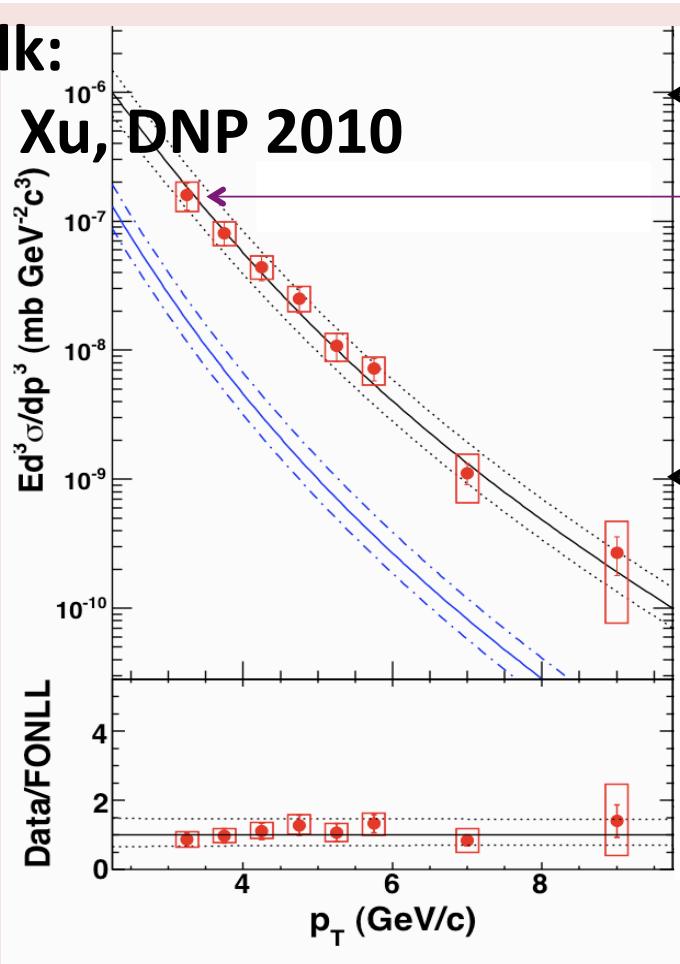
With 12% (stat.) and 26% (sys.) experimental uncertainty.

# backup

# Compare this result with PHENIX

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Integrated  $p_T$ :  $3 \sim 10 \text{ GeV} = 4.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.1 \text{ (sys)} \text{ nb}$

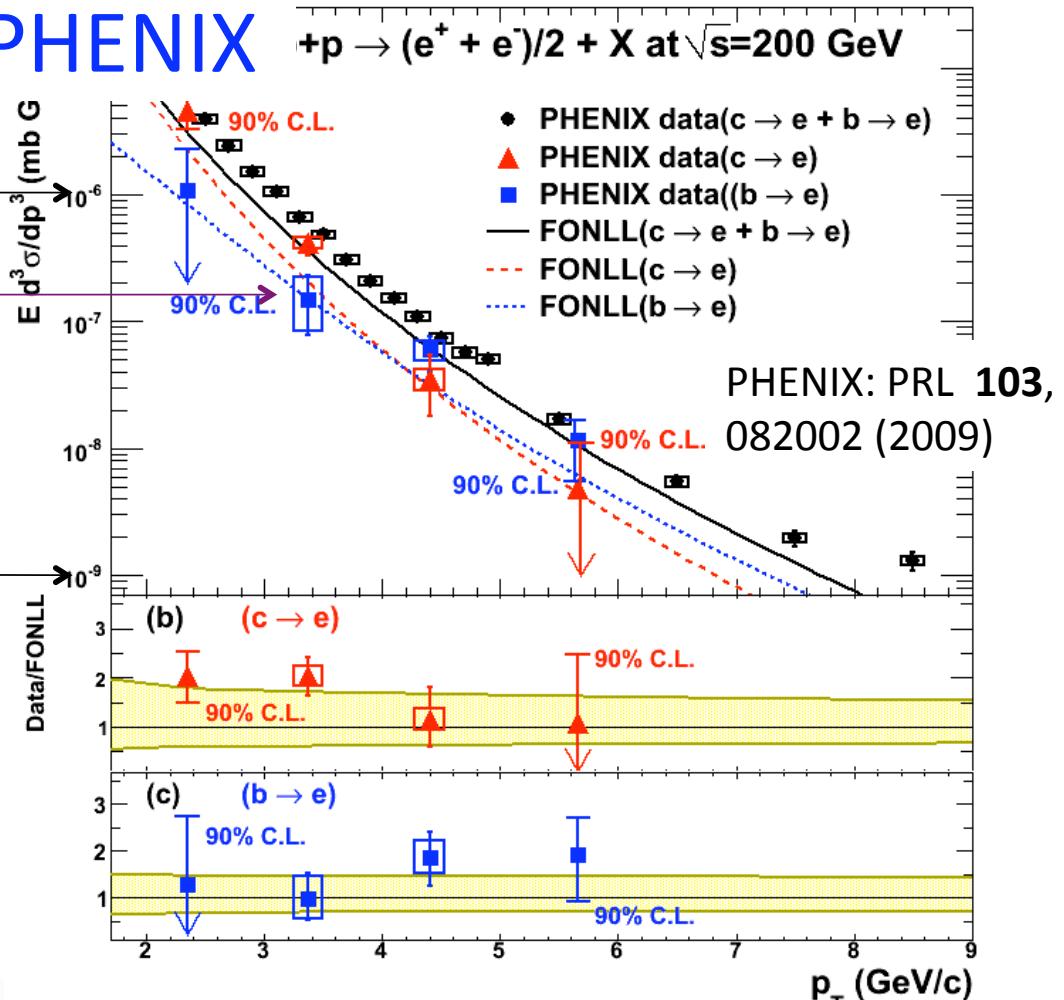
PYTHIA Mini-bias

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PYTHIA MSEL=5

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 1.88 \mu b$$

Exp. uncertainty: 12% (stat.) and 26% (sys.)



The electron spectrum from bottom shown in Fig. 3 is integrated from  $p_T = 3$  to  $5 \text{ GeV}/c$  and gives  $4.8^{+1.8}_{-1.6} \text{ (stat)}^{+1.9}_{-1.8} \text{ (syst)} \text{ nb}$ . This spectrum is then extrapolated to

rapidity, the total bottom cross section is determined to  $\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 3.2^{+1.2}_{-1.1} \text{ (stat)}^{+1.4}_{-1.3} \mu b$ . Various PDF's and b

12% & 8% systematic uncertainty for the extrapolations

PHENIX: PRL 103, 082002 (2009)

# J/ $\psi$ contribution

PHENIX:A. Adare *et al.* [PHENIX Collaboration], *Phys. Rev. D* **59** 82, 012001 (2010).

STAR:B. I. Abelev *et al.* [STAR Collaboration], *Phys. Rev. C* **61** 80, 041902 (2009).

