



Probe the Quark Gluon Plasma with Quarkonia at the STAR Experiment

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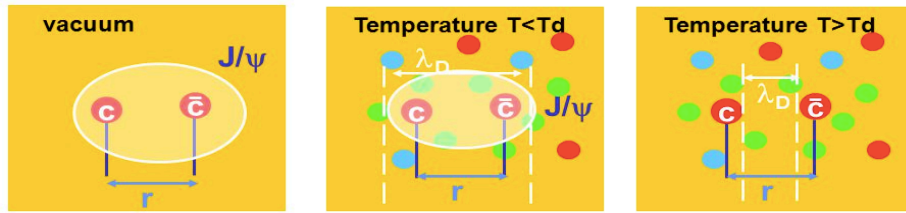


Why Quarkonia?

- **Early creation:** experience entire evolution of quark-gluon plasma
- **Evidence of deconfinement:** quark-antiquark potential color-screened by surrounding partons \rightarrow *(static) dissociation*

J/ψ suppression was proposed as a direct proof of QGP formation

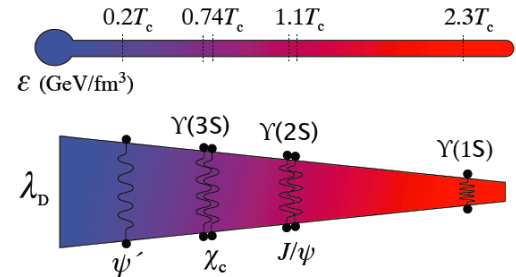
*T. Matsui and H. Satz
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$$r_{q\bar{q}} \sim 1 / E_{binding} > r_D \sim 1 / T$$

- **“Thermometer”:** different states dissociate at different temperatures \rightarrow *sequential suppression*

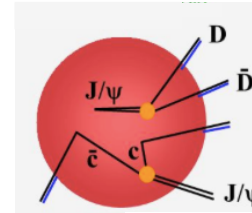
	J/ψ	$\psi(2S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
E_b (MeV)	~ 640	~ 60	~ 1100	~ 500	~ 200



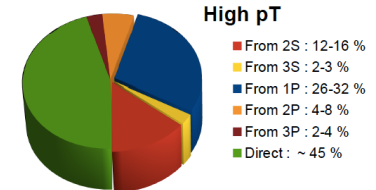
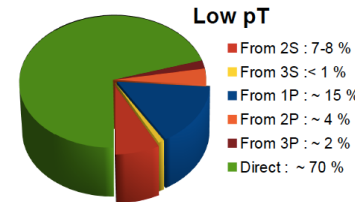
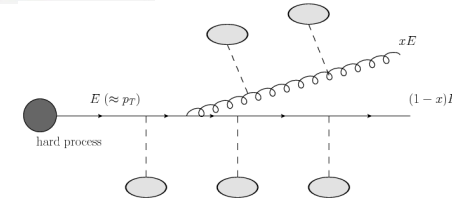
The Complications

Other effects

- Dynamic dissociation
- (Re)generation
 - *Deconfinement is a prerequisite*
 - Depend on species, energy, p_T , etc
- Medium-induced energy loss
 - Color-octet states; parton fragmentation
- Formation time
 - High p_T hadrons fly out of medium faster
- **Feed-down contributions**
 - Depend on species, \sqrt{s} , p_T , etc



Central AA collisions	SPS 20 GeV	RHIC 200 GeV	LHC 5 TeV
$N_{c\bar{c}}/\text{event}$	~ 0.2	~ 10	~ 115



A. Andronic, EPJC 76 (2016) 107

LHC energy

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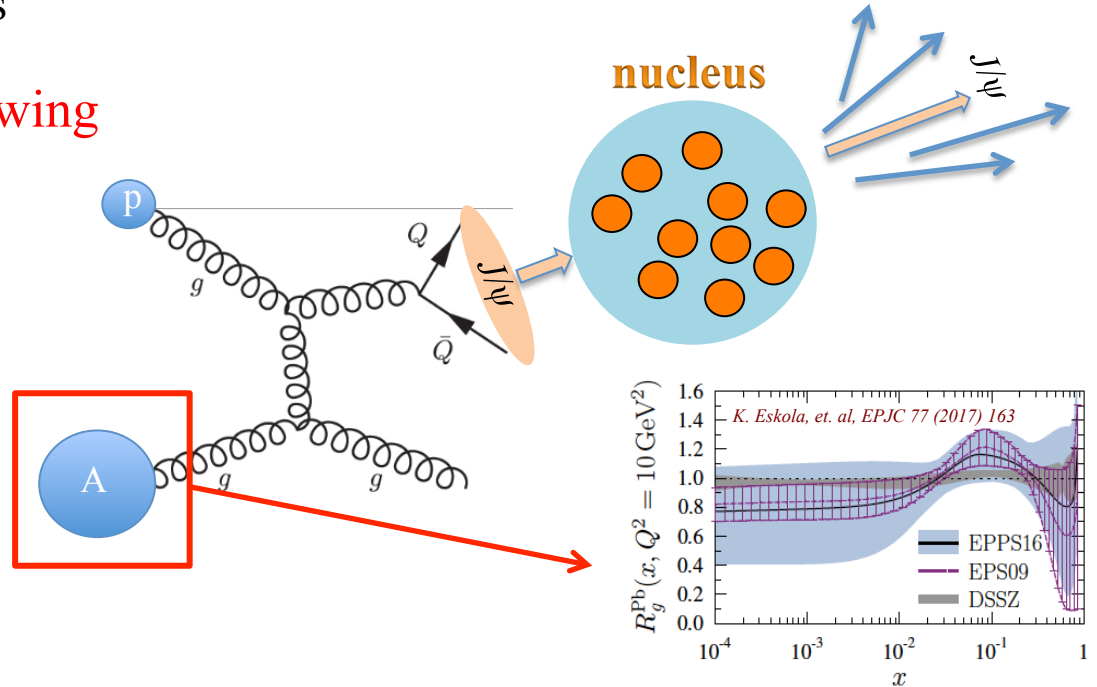
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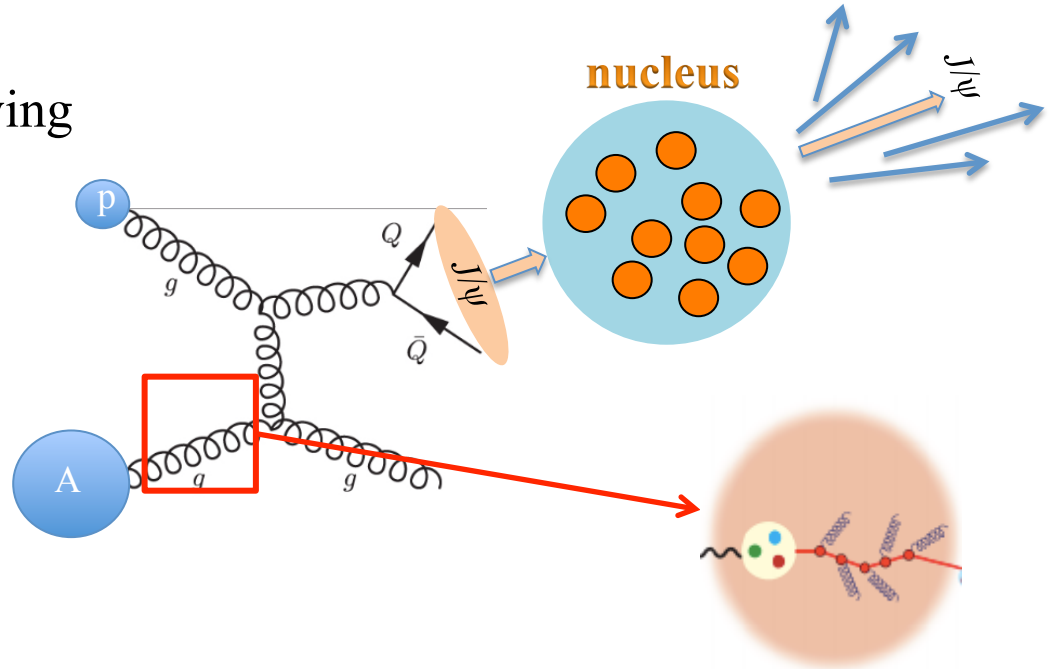
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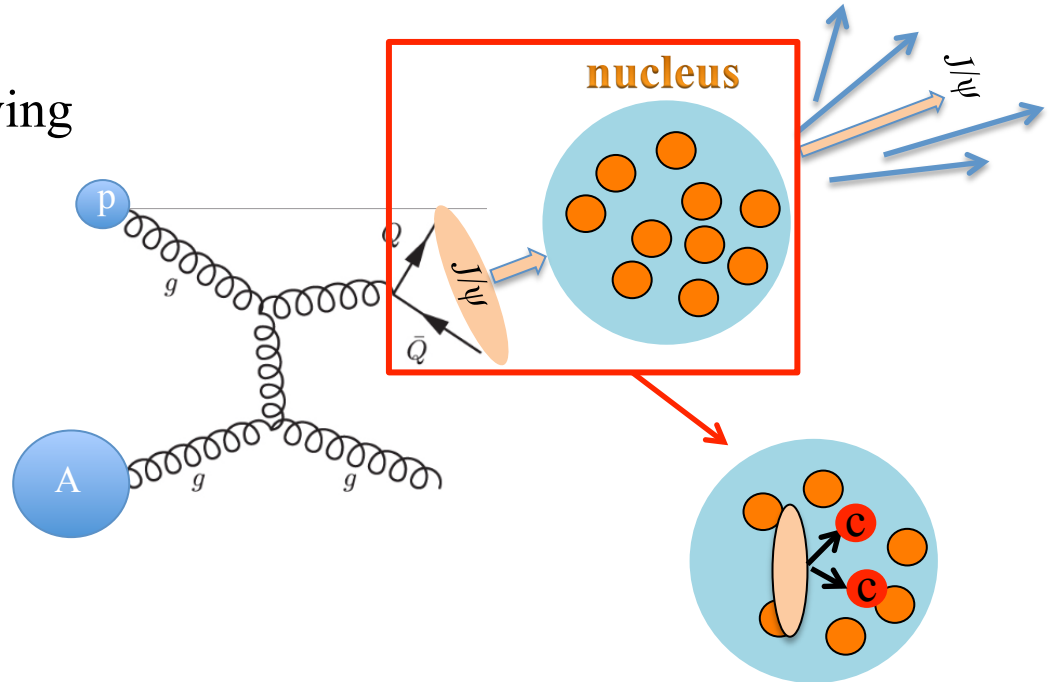
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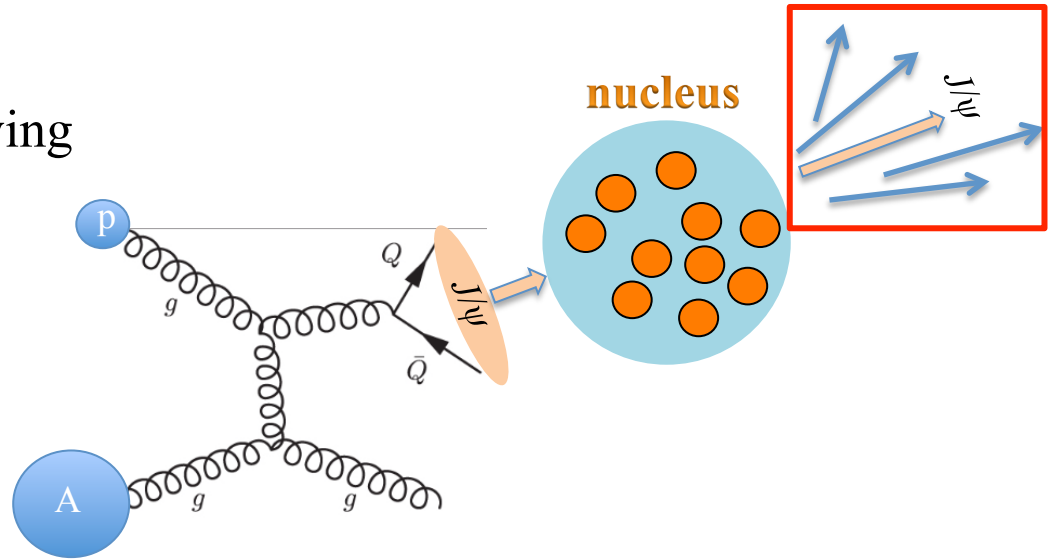
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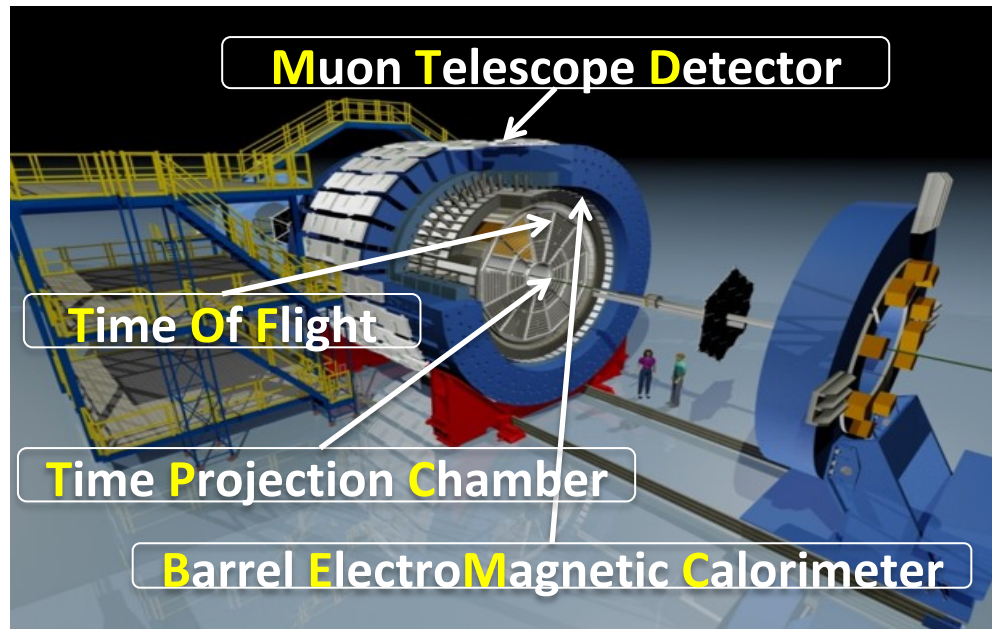


Quarkonium Production in $p+p$

- Production mechanism still not fully understood
 - Process: perturbative (QQ) + *non-perturbative* (hadronization)
- Models on the market
 - **(Improved) Color Evaporation Model**: a fixed fraction of $c\bar{c}$ evolve into a given charmonium state
 - **Color Singlet Model**: same quantum state for $c\bar{c}$ and charmonium
 - **Non-Relativistic QCD**: relative contributions of different color-singlet and color-octet pairs encoded in LDMEs
 - Large discrepancies in LDMEs among different groups
 - **CGC+NRQCD** at low p_T
- More differential measurements of better precision are crucial
 - Cross-section; event activity; production in jets; polarization ...

The Solenoid Tracker At RHIC

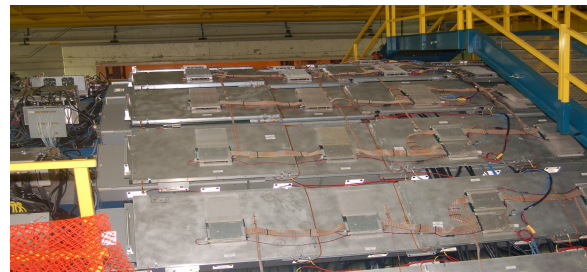
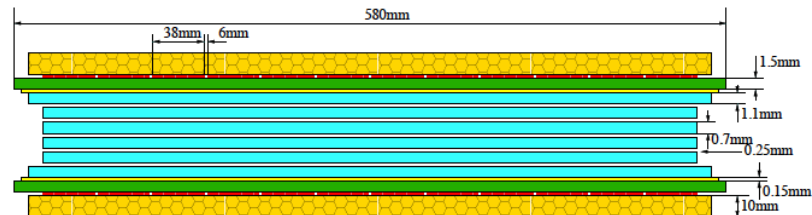
- Mid-rapidity detector: $|\eta| < 1, 0 < \varphi < 2\pi$



- **TPC**: measure momentum and energy loss
- **TOF**: measure particles' flight time to extend PID to higher p_T
- **BEMC**: trigger on and identify high- p_T **electrons**
- **MTD**: trigger on and identify **muons**
 - $p_T > \sim 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c$

Muon Telescope Detector

- **MRPC** with double readout
 - Resolution: timing (~ 100 ps) and position (~ 1 -2 cm)
- Trigger based on timing
- Located outside of the STAR magnet, acting as an absorber to other hadrons
- 122 trays; 1439 readout strips

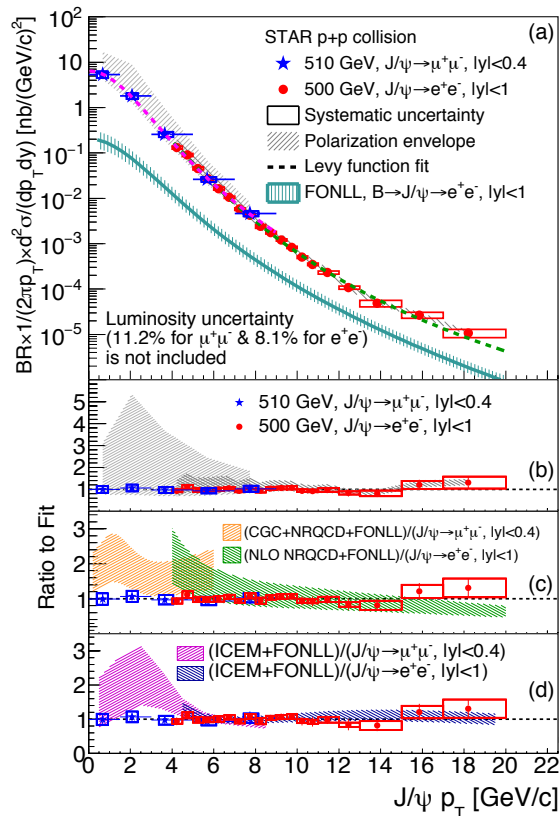


Detector	PID	Kinematics	Acceptance	Bremsstrahlung
MTD (μ)	Timing & Position	Low-high p_T	$ \eta < 0.5$, $\phi \sim 45\%$	Reduced
BEMC (e)	Energy	High- p_T	$ \eta < 1$, full ϕ	

pp Collisions
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$p+p$ @ 510 GeV: Inclusive J/ψ Cross Section

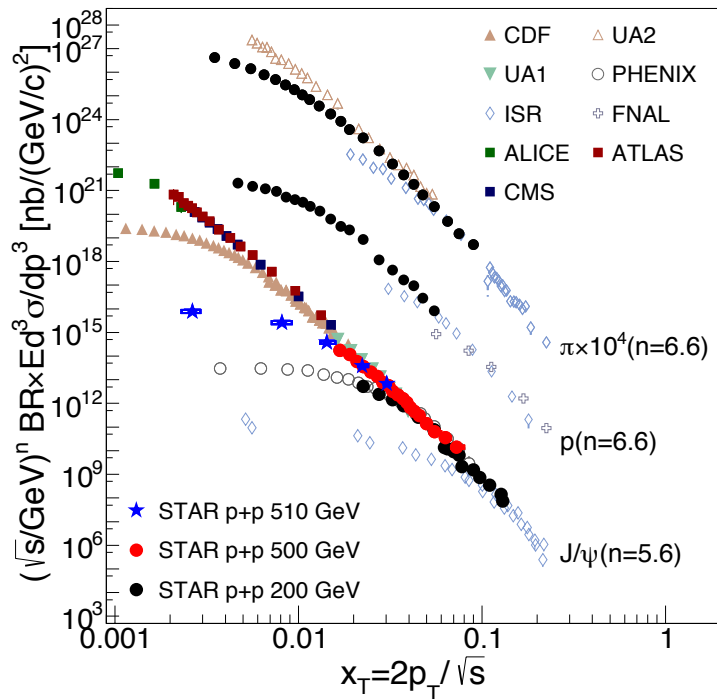
STAR: PRD 100 (2019) 52009



- **Inclusive J/ψ cross section spanning from 0 – 20 GeV/c**
 - Low p_T : muon channel
 - High p_T : electron channel
- Sizable polarization envelope for the muon channel with relatively small acceptance
- Comparison to theory
 - b-hadron feed-down calculated by FONLL
 - Low p_T : CGC+NRQCD and ICEM above data; consistent within polarization envelope
 - High p_T : NLO NRQCD and ICEM are consistent with data within uncertainties

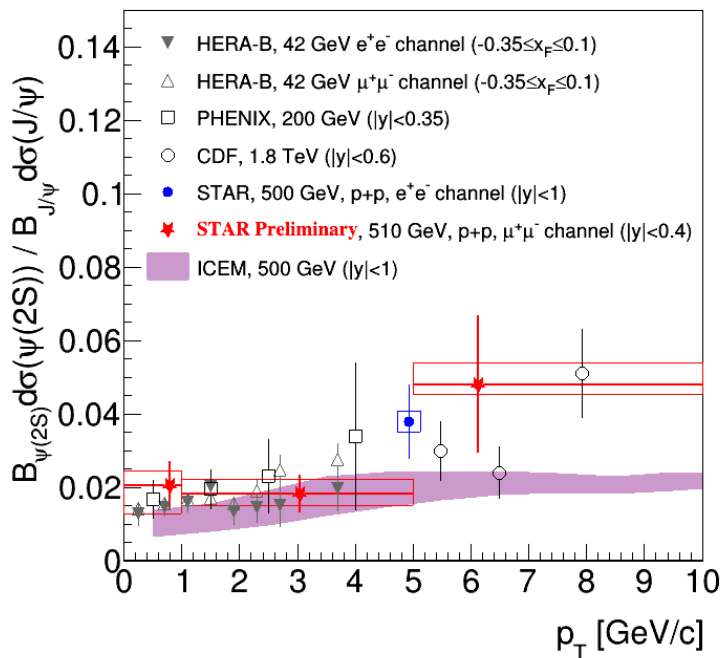
$p+p$ @ 510 GeV: x_T scaling

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- High p_T J/ψ follows x_T scaling with $n = 5.6 \pm 0.1$
 - Close to the CO and CEM predictions of $n \sim 6$
 - Smaller than NNLO* CSM prediction of $n \sim 8$
- Scaling breaks up at low p_T

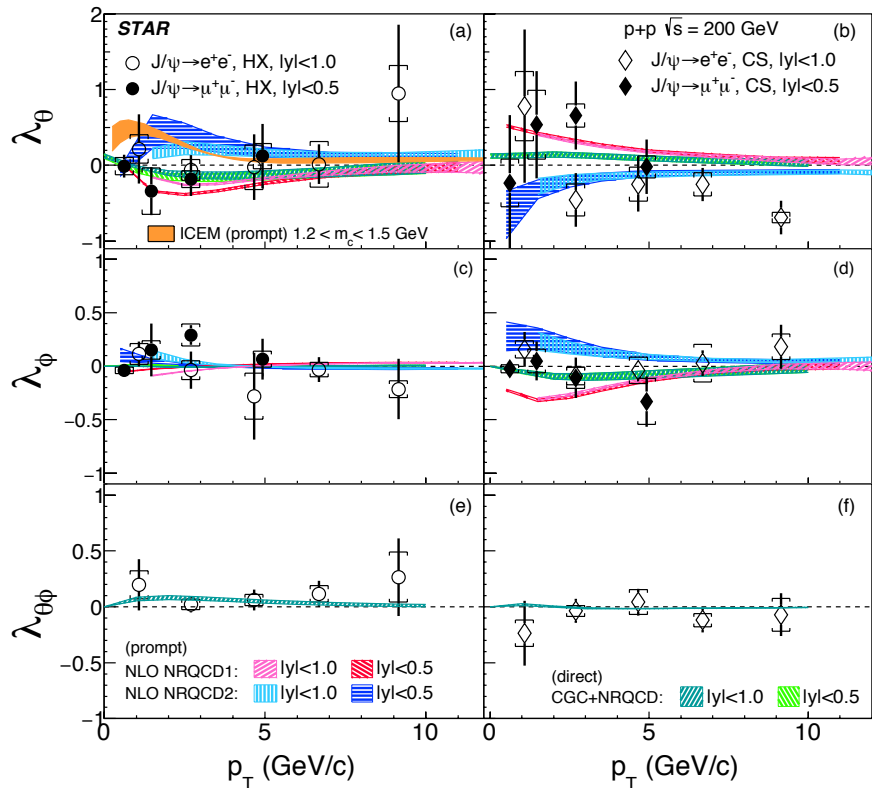
$p+p$ @ 510 GeV: $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ Ratio



- Indication of **rising trend** for inclusive $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ ratio as a function of p_T
- Consistent with world-wide data and ICEM calculation
- Constrain feed-down contribution to J/ψ

$p+p$ @ 200 GeV: J/ψ Polarization

STAR: arXiv: 2007.04732



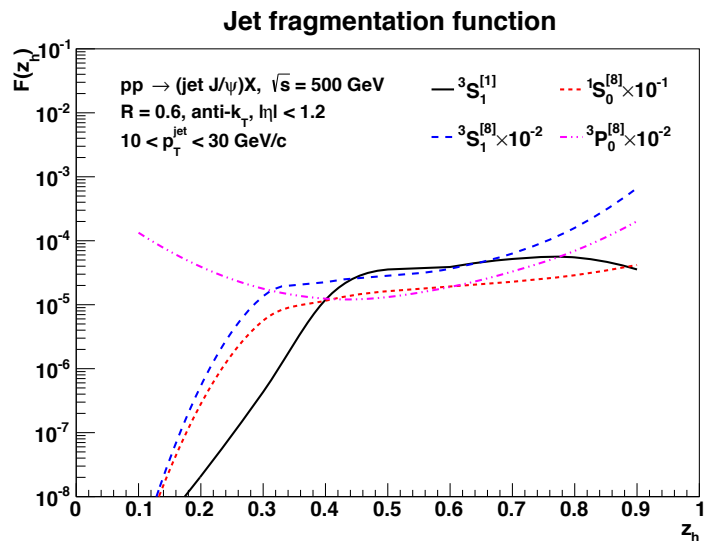
- Inclusive J/ψ polarization parameters as a function of p_T
 - Helicity and CS frames
- J/ψ polarization consistent with 0 within uncertainties
 - CS, $p_T \sim 9$ GeV/c: 3σ deviation
- Comparison to theory calculation of prompt or direct J/ψ

TABLE III. List of χ^2/NDF and the corresponding p -values between data and different model calculations.

Model	χ^2/NDF	p -value
ICEM [7]	13.28/9	0.150
NRQCD1 [40]	48.81/32	0.029
NRQCD2 [13]	42.99/32	0.093
CGC+NRQCD [19]	32.11/46	0.940

$p+p$ @ 500 GeV: J/ψ in Jets

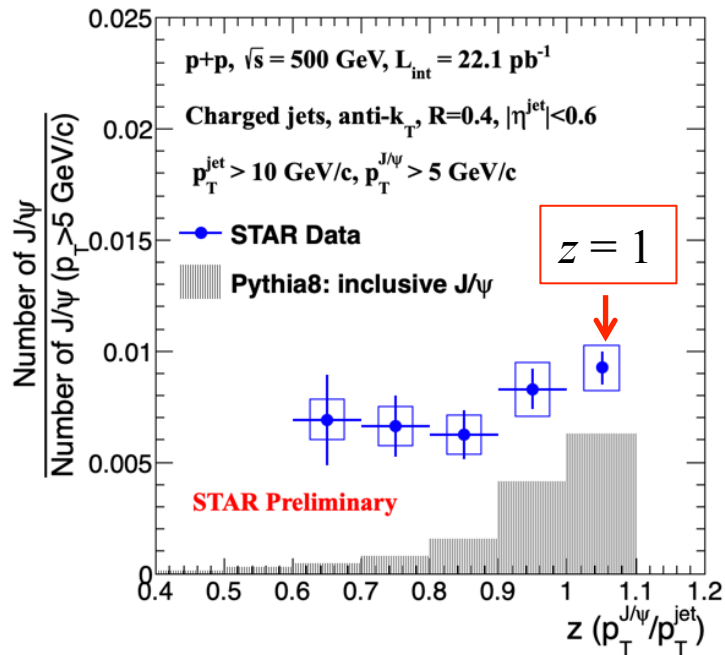
Z. Kang, et al, PRL 119 (2017) 032001
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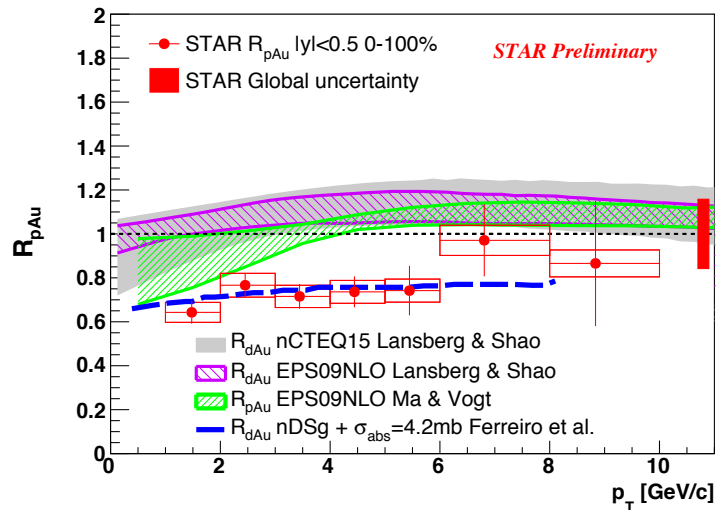
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- Jet fragmentation patterns to J/ψ are different for different channels
- First measurement of J/ψ in charged jets at RHIC
- No significant z dependence for $z < 1$
- Compared to Pythia, J/ψ in data is more likely to be produced in jets, and carries a smaller fraction of jet energy

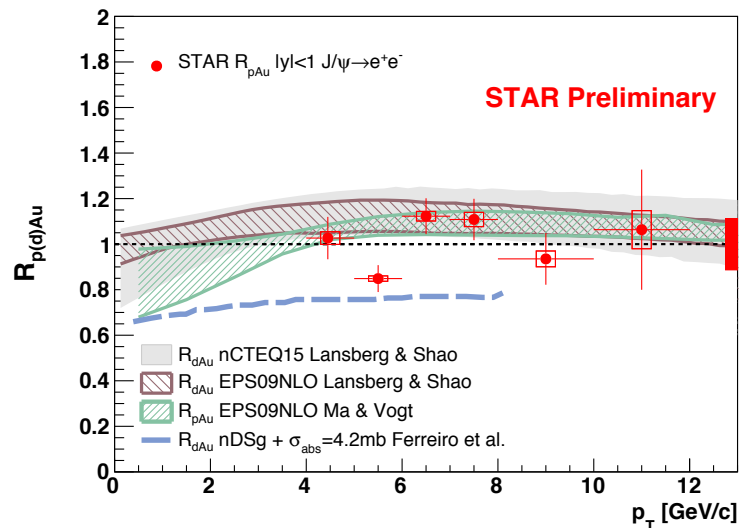
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J/ψ R_{pAu} at 200 GeV

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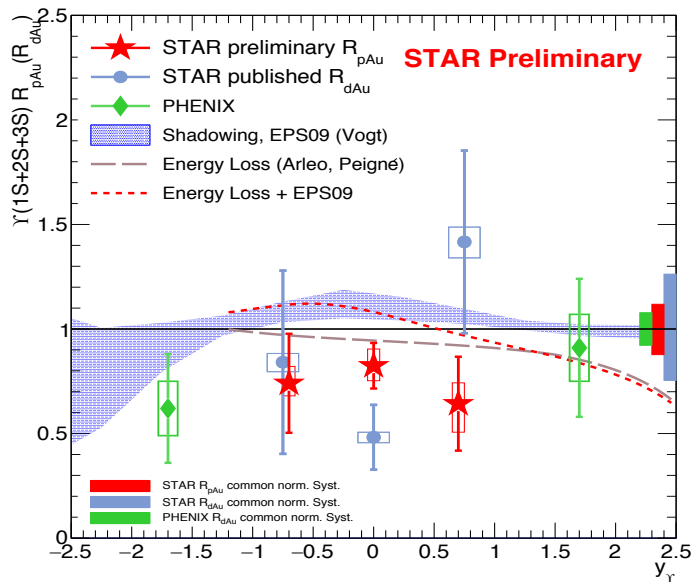
$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$



- $R_{pAu} \sim 0.65$ at 1 GeV/c and rises to 1 at high p_T
- Data agree with nPDF calculations at high p_T , but seem to favor additional nuclear absorption at low p_T

EPS09+NLO: Ma & Vogt, Private Comm.
nCTEQ, EPS09+NLO: Lansberg Shao,
Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.1, 1
Comp. Phys. Comm. 198 (2016) 238-259
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Ferreriro et al., Few Body Syst. 53 (2012) 27

ΥR_{pAu} at 200 GeV



- Indication of Υ suppression in p+Au collisions
 - $R_{pAu} = 0.82 \pm 0.10(\text{stat}) + 0.08(\text{syst}) - 0.07(\text{syst}) \pm 0.10(\text{global})$
 - A factor of two better precision than R_{dAu} measurement
- Additional suppression mechanism seems needed beyond nPDF effects

STAR: PLB 735 (2014) 127

PHENIX: PRC 87 (2013) 044909

R. Vogt, et. al, PoS ConfinementX 203 (2012)

F. Arleo, S. Peigné, JHEP 1303 (2013) 122

K. J. Eskola, et. al, JHEP 0904 (2009) 065

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Au+Au @ 200 GeV: J/ψ R_{AA} vs. p_T

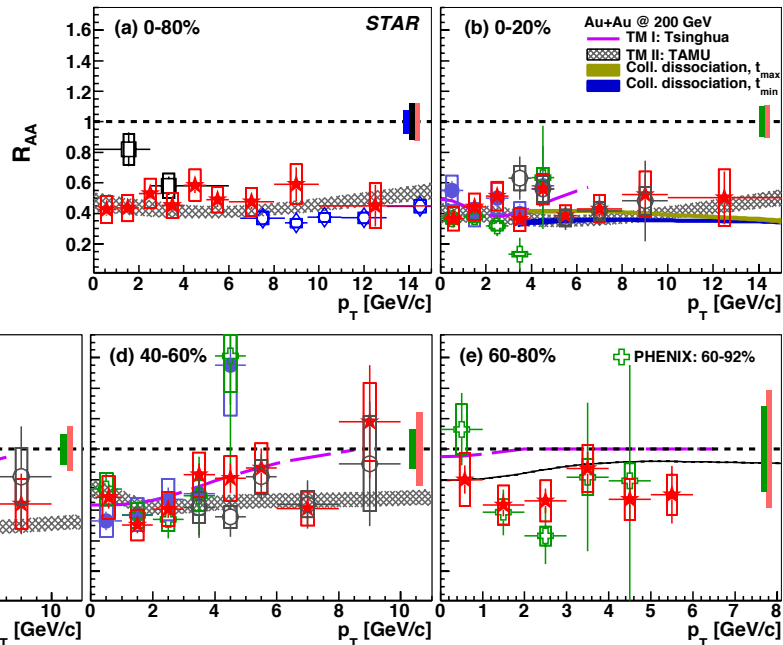
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Au+Au @ 200 GeV, Inclusive J/ψ

- ★ STAR: $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $|\eta| < 0.5$
- Systematic uncertainty
- ⊕ PHENIX: $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $|\eta| < 0.35$
- ● STAR: $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $|\eta| < 1$

Pb+Pb @ 2.76 TeV

- ALICE: Inclusive J/ψ , 0-40%, $|\eta| < 0.8$
- ◇ CMS: Prompt J/ψ , 0-100%, $|\eta| < 2.4$



- J/ψ is suppressed up to 15 GeV/c
- No strong p_T dependence; interplay of different effects
 - Dissociation: decrease with p_T due to formation time effects
 - Regeneration: mostly at low p_T
 - CNM: more profound at low p_T
 - b-hadron feed-down
- Transport and energy loss models can qualitatively describe data

Central: $R_{AA} \sim 0.4$ for $p_T > 5$ GeV/c → **dissociation in effect**

$J/\psi R_{AA}$: RHIC vs. LHC

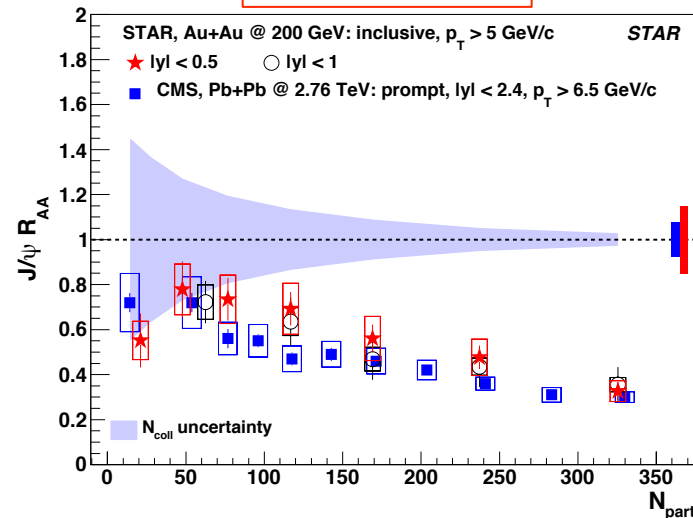
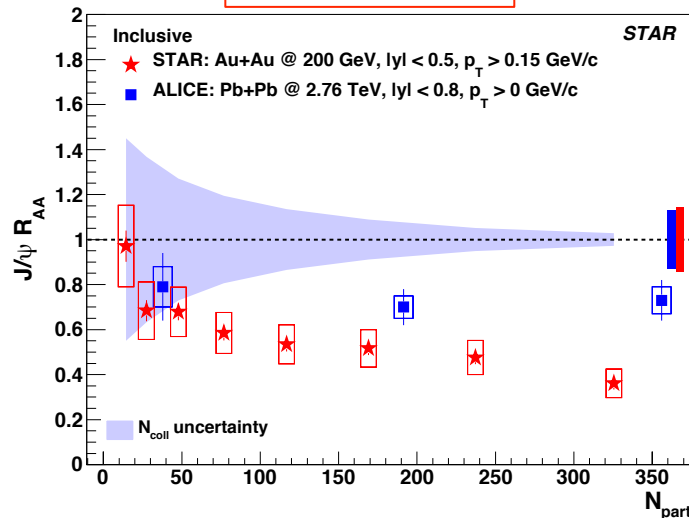
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ALICE: JHEP 07 (2015) 051

CMS: EPJC 77 (017) 052

$p_T > 0$ GeV/c

$p_T > 5$ GeV/c

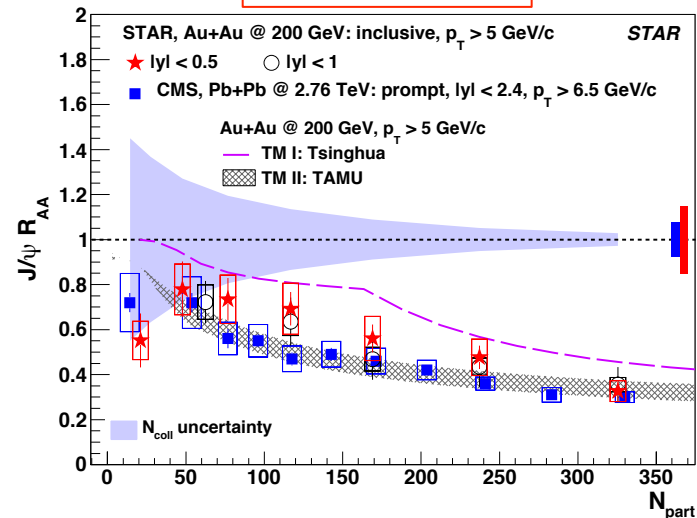
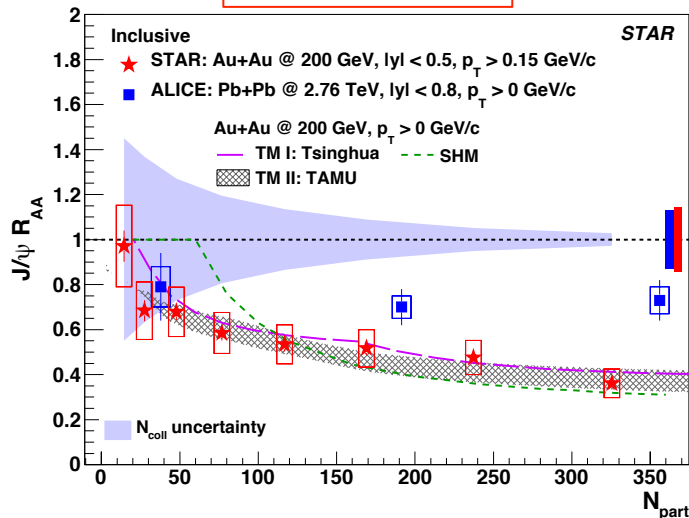


- $p_T > 0$ GeV/c: more suppressed at RHIC in central events \rightarrow **smaller regeneration contribution due to lower charm cross-section**
- $p_T > 5$ GeV/c: less suppressed at RHIC in semi-central events \rightarrow **smaller dissociation rate due to lower temperature**

$J/\psi R_{AA}$: Data vs. Transport Model

$p_T > 0$ GeV/c

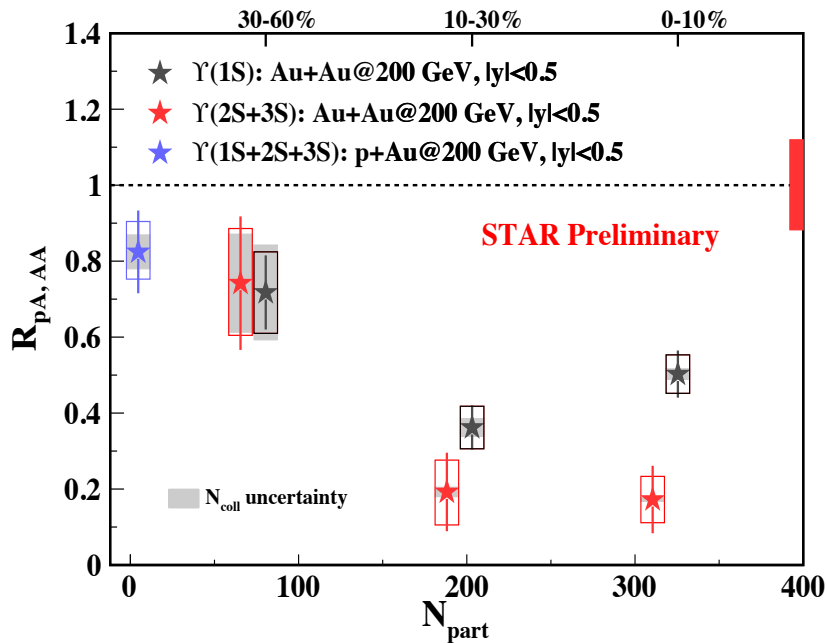
$p_T > 5$ GeV/c



- $p_T > 0$ GeV/c: describe centrality dependence quite well
 - SHM: no CNM
- $p_T > 5$ GeV/c: Tsinghua model overshoots data while TMAU model is below data in semi-central collisions

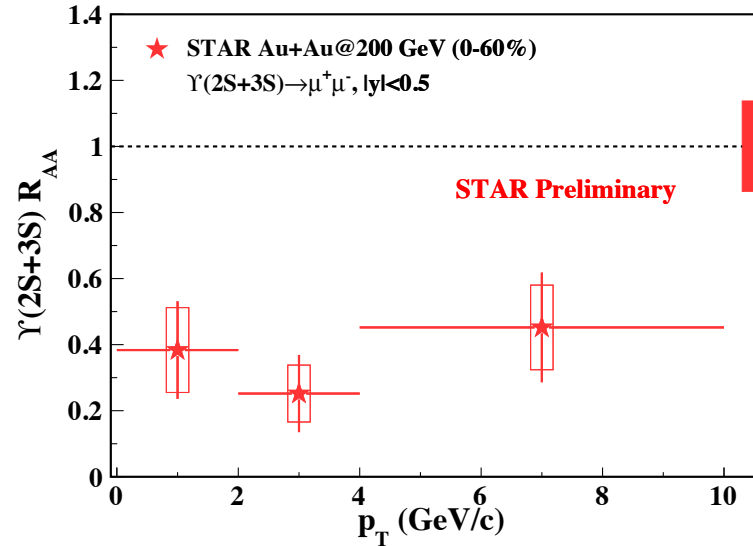
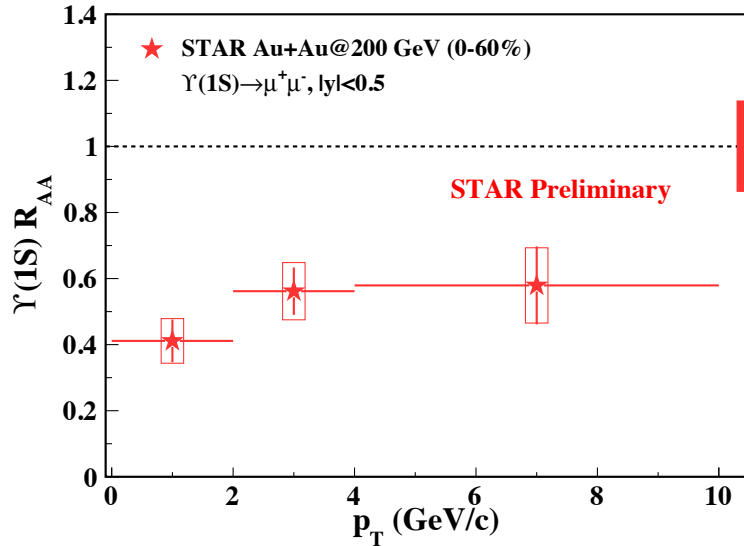
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$Au+Au @ 200 \text{ GeV}: \Upsilon R_{AA}$ vs. Centrality



- Improved precision for Υ suppression
 - 2014+2016: dimuon
 - 2011: dielectron
- CNM plays a role
- $R_{AA}^{peri} > R_{AA}^{cent}$: increasing hot medium effects
- 0-10% central: $R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(2S+3S)} < R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(1S)}$
 - **sequential suppression**
 - Similar to that observed at the LHC

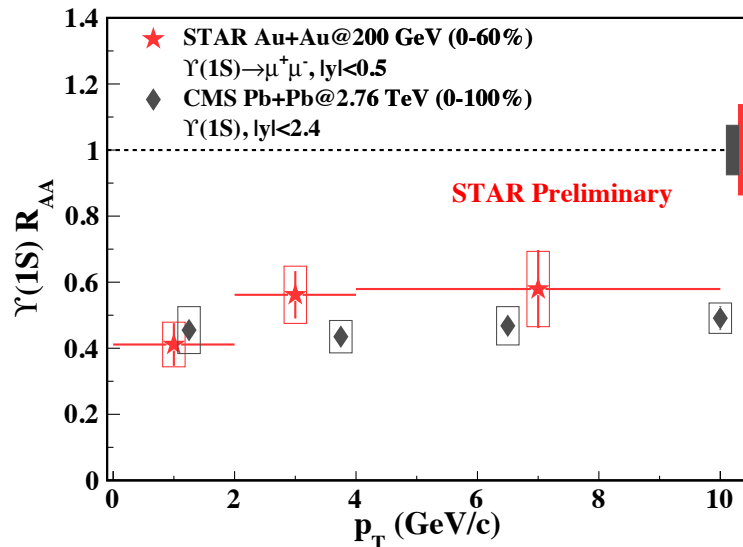
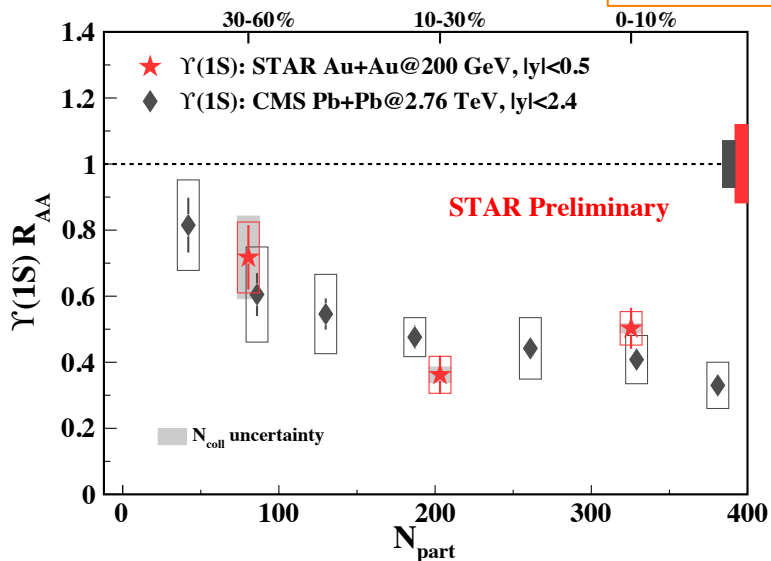
$Au+Au @ 200 \text{ GeV}: \Upsilon R_{AA} \text{ vs. } p_T$



- **No significant p_T dependence**
 - Similar to the J/ψ case
 - Possible explanation: CNM + correlated regeneration

$Y(1S) R_{AA}$: RHIC vs. LHC

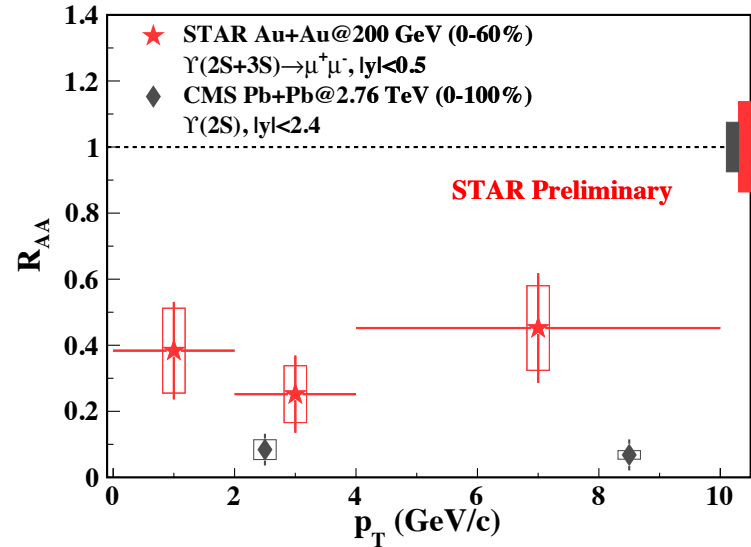
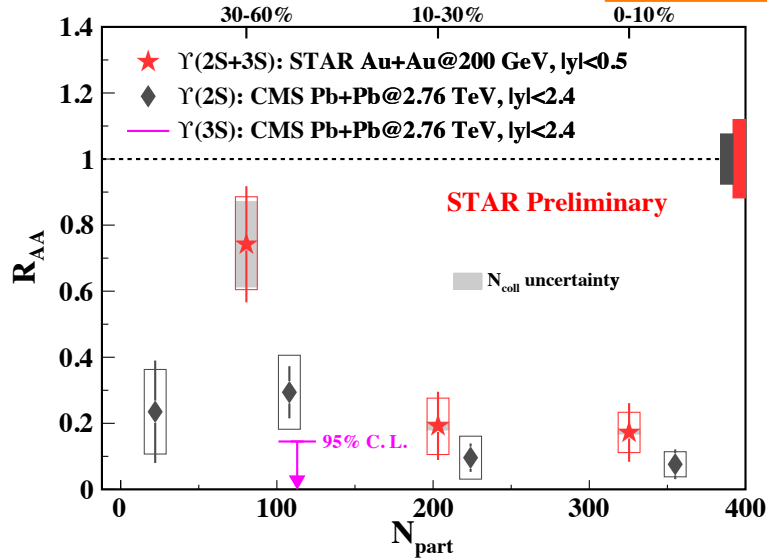
0.2 TeV vs. 2.76 TeV



- $R_{AA}^{0.2\text{TeV}} \sim R_{AA}^{2.76\text{TeV}}$: could be due to similar CNM ($\sim 20\%$) + suppression of excited states

$\Upsilon(2S+3S) R_{AA}$: RHIC vs. LHC

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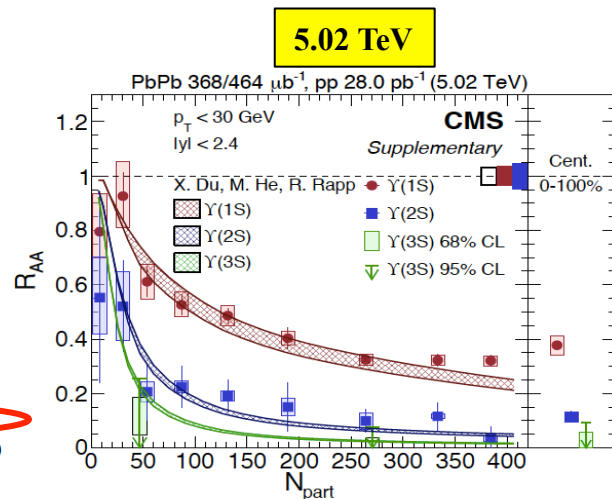
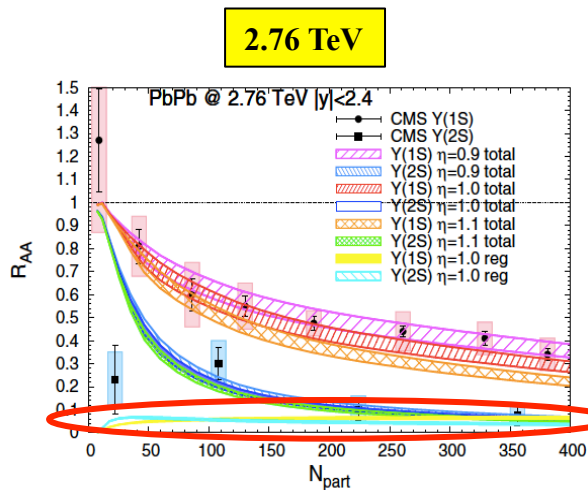
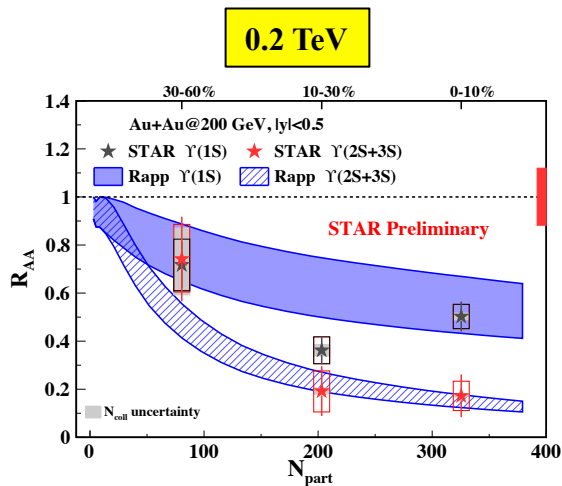


- $R_{AA}^{\text{RHIC}} > \sim R_{AA}^{\text{LHC}}$: hint of less melting at RHIC peripheral

Υ Suppression: Data vs. TAMU model

- T-dependent binding energy; Kinetic rate equation; Include CNM and regeneration

	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	0.2	2.76	5.02
$T_{\text{diss}}(\text{MeV})$	500	240	190	$T_0^{\text{QGP}}(\text{MeV})$	310	555	594



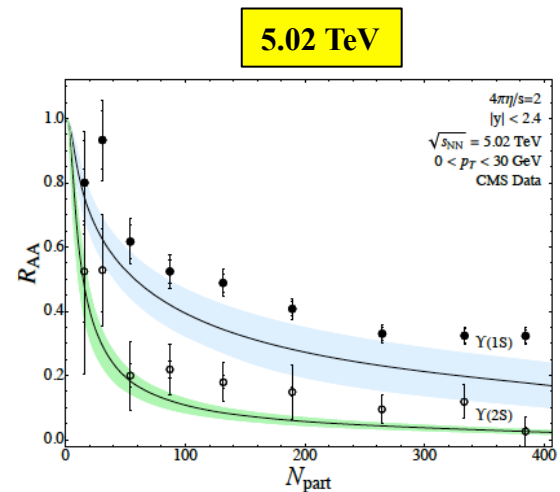
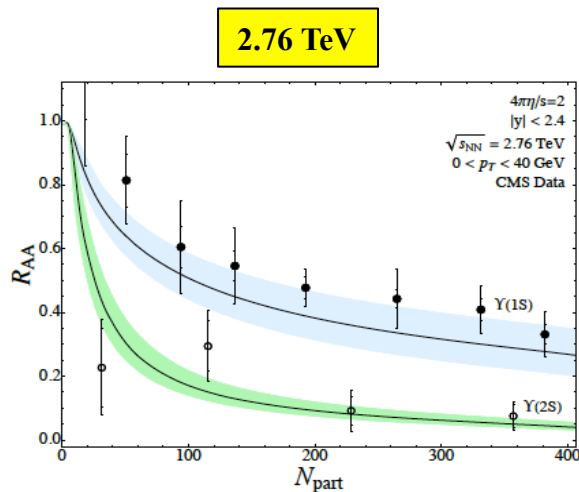
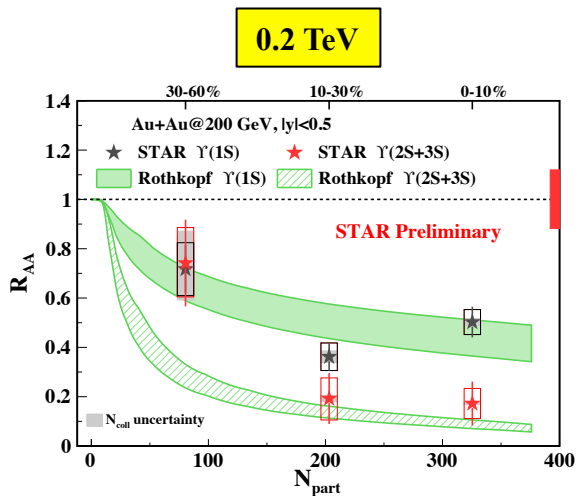
- Good description of Υ suppression from RHIC to LHC energies.
- Non-negligible regeneration, especially for $\Upsilon(2S)$**

X. Du, M. He, R. Rapp PRC 96 (2017) 054901

Υ Suppression: Data vs. lattice-potential model

- Complex potential (IQCD); aHydro medium; No regeneration or CNM

	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	0.2	2.76	5.02
$T_{\text{diss}}(\text{MeV})$	600	230	170	$T_0^{\text{QGP}}(\text{MeV})$	440	546	632



- Consistent with 200 GeV and 2.76 TeV data
- Lay below the 5.02 TeV data

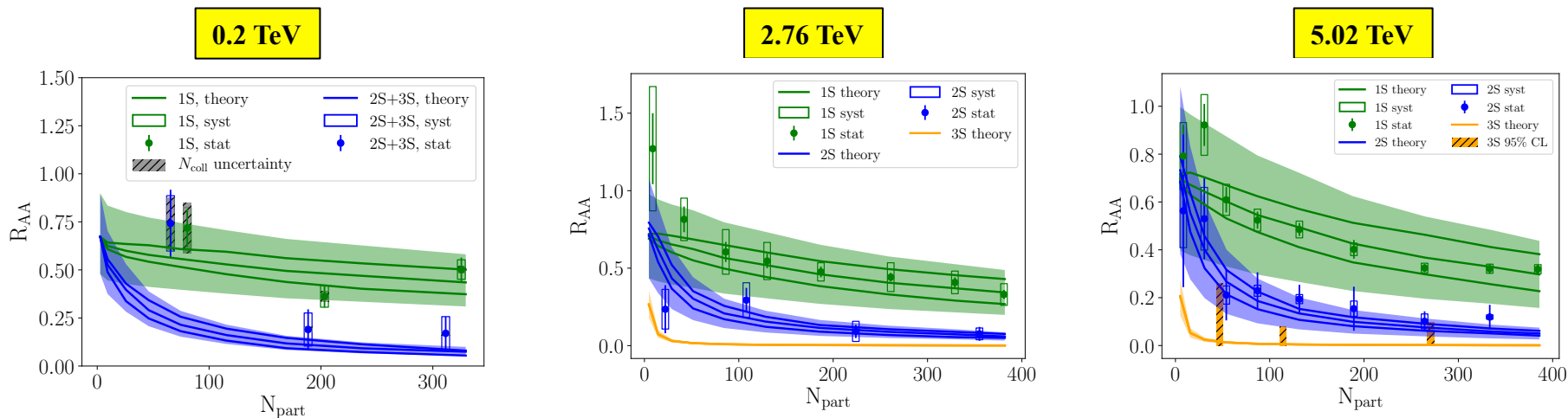
B. Krouppa, et al, PRD 97 (2018) 016017

Υ Suppression: Data vs. Coupled HF Transport

- Coupled Transport Equation; **Correlated recombination**; CNM

X. Yao, et al, arXiv: 2004.06746

	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	0.2	2.76	5.02
T_{disso} (MeV)	450*	225*	154	T_0^{QGP} (MeV)	376	484	511



- Describe RHIC and LHC data reasonably well
- Significant theoretical uncertainties

*Melting temperature at $1/m_D = \Upsilon$ size

Summary

pp collisions

- It remains a challenge to fully understand quarkonium production mechanism
- Measurements of improved precision; new measurements?

pA collisions

- Sizable suppression for low p_T J/ψ & Υ
 - Need to be taken into account when interpreting measurement in AA collisions

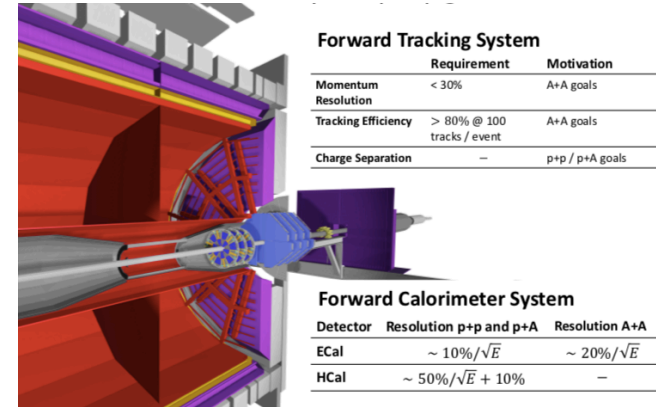
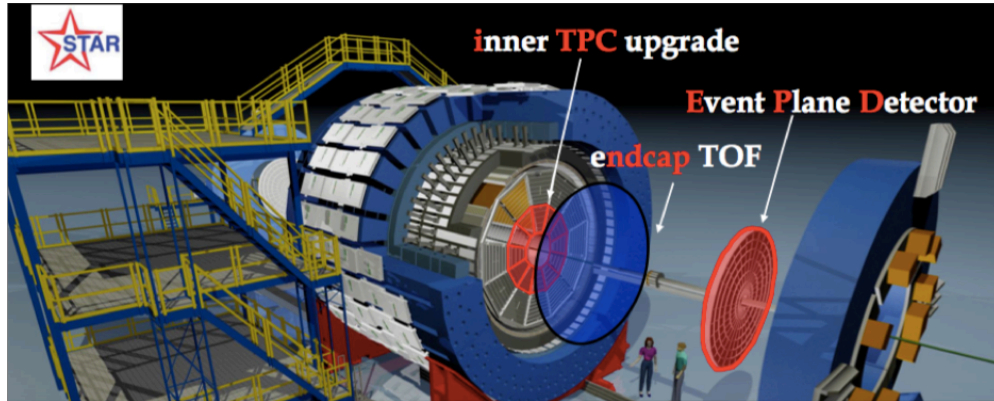
AA collisions

- High- p_T J/ψ strongly suppressed in central collisions → **dissociation**
- Ground and excited Υ exhibit different suppression → **sequential suppression**
- Complementary RHIC & LHC measurements place stringent constraints on model calculations → **medium temperature?**
 - Pin down other knobs: CNM, feed-down, energy loss, recombination ...

Outlook

- **STAR detector configuration**

- 2017+: Heavy Flavor Tracker removed → low material budget for electrons
- 2018+: Event Plane Detector at forward-y → improve EP resolution; reduce non-flow
- 2019+: iTPC upgrade → improved resolution; increased efficiency; extended acceptance
- 2022+: forward tracking + calorimetry → event activity



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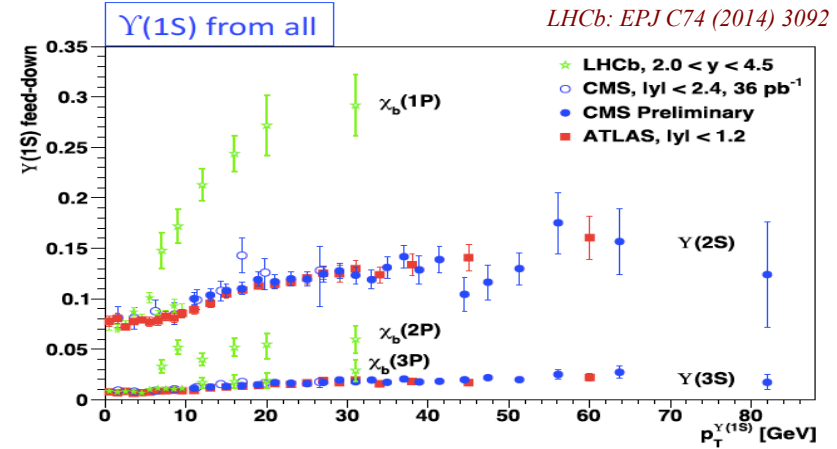
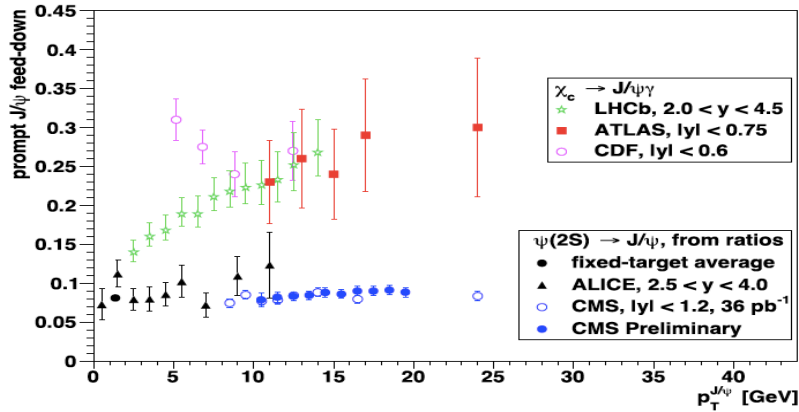
- **Complementarity between electron and muon channels**
- Greatly enhanced statistics → **improve precision**

Year	System	Measurements
2017+2022	p+p @ 500 GeV	✓ J/ψ polarization
2024	p+p @ 200 GeV	✓ J/ψ in jets ✓ J/ψ vs. event activity ...
2024	p+Au @ 200 GeV	✓ J/ψ & Υ CNM ...
2023+2025	Au+Au @ 200 GeV	✓ J/ψ v_2 , especially at low p_T ✓ J/ψ in jets ✓ Υ suppression (sample full L) ...

Backup

And the Feed-down Contribution

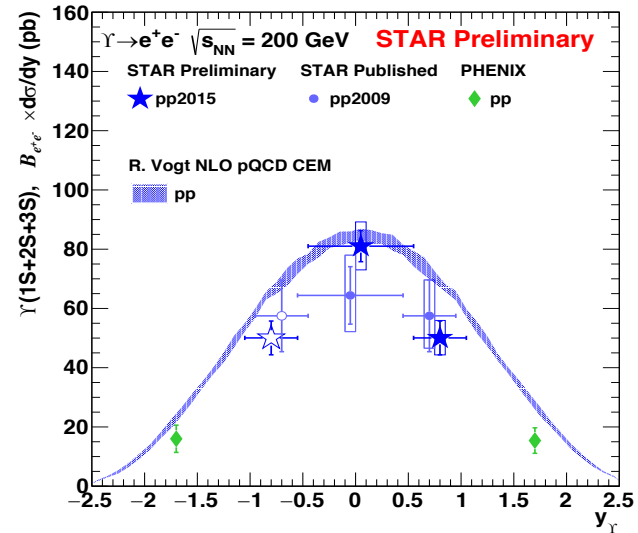
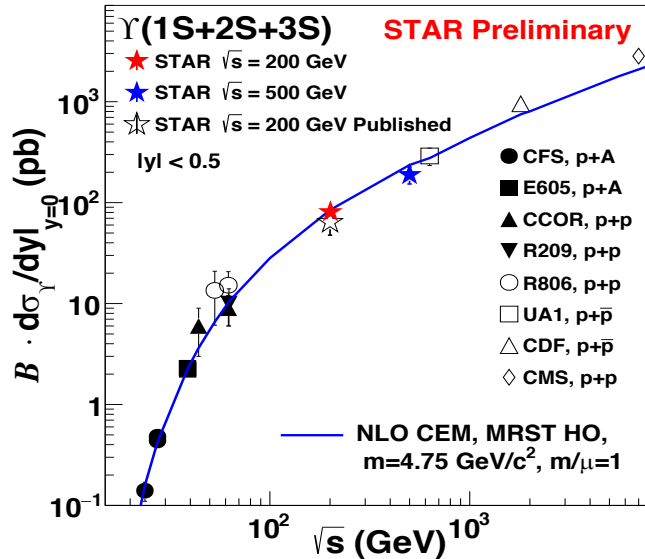
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J/ ψ feed-down	
χ_c	10-30% (vs. p_T)
$\psi(2S)$	$\sim 8\%$
B-hadron	0-50% (vs. p_T, \sqrt{s})

$Y(1S)$ feed-down	
$\chi_b(1P)$	10-30% (vs. p_T)
$\chi_b(2P+3P)$	$\sim 5\%+1-2\%$
$Y(2S+3S)$	8-13%+1-2%

$p+p$ @ 200 GeV: Υ cross-section



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- Υ cross section
 - follows world-wide data trend and calculation from NLO CEM
 - exhibits narrower rapidity distribution than NLO CEM
- Improved reference for p+Au and Au+Au measurements

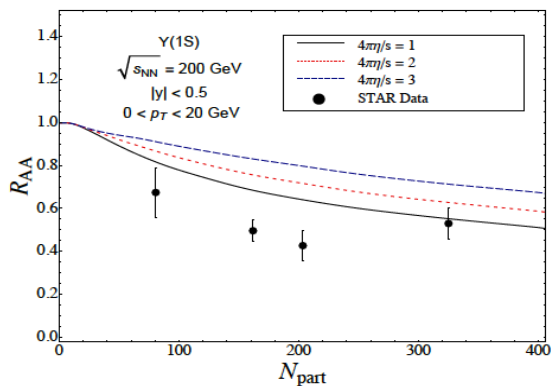
Υ Suppression: Data vs. KSU model

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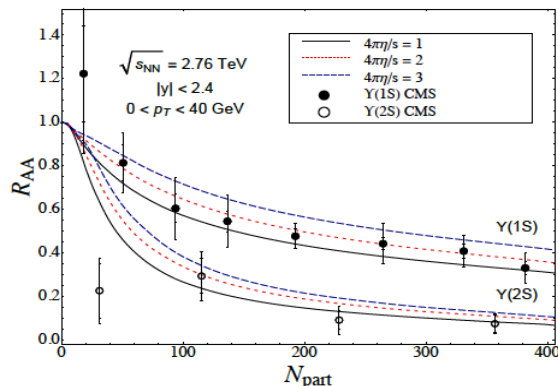
- Complex potential (Perturbative); aHydro medium; No regeneration or CNM

	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	\sqrt{s} (TeV)	0.2	2.76	5.02
T_{disso} (MeV)	600	230	170	T_0^{QGP} (MeV)	440	546	632

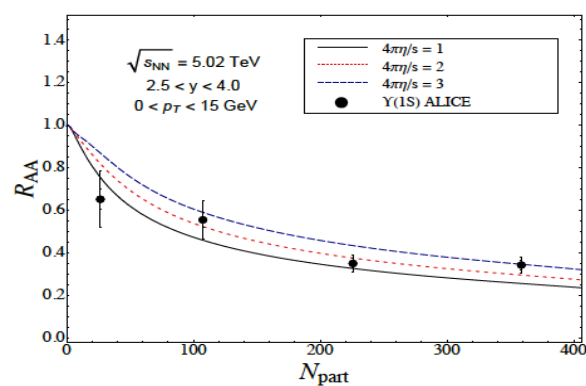
0.2 TeV



2.76 TeV



5.02 TeV



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- Captures the LHC measurements quite well but over-predicts $\Upsilon(1S) R_{AA}$ at RHIC.