

# Probing QGP at RHIC with leptonic and quarkonia probes.

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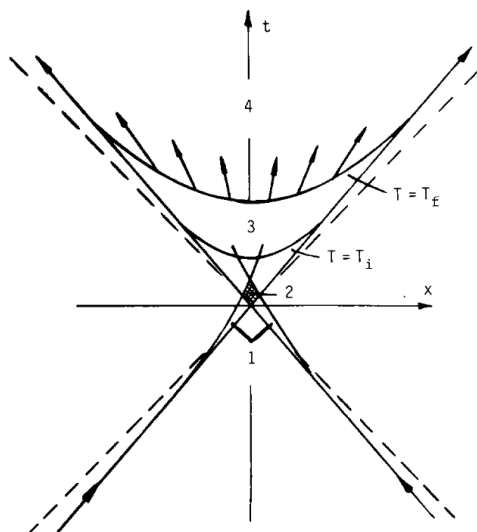


Fig. 1. The space--time picture of hadronic collisions, proceeding through the following stages: (1) structure function formation; (2) hard collisions; (3) final state interaction; (4) free secondaries.

## QUARK-GLUON PLASMA AND HADRONIC PRODUCTION OF LEPTONS, PHOTONS AND PSIIONS

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I should like to argue in this paper, that a very important intermediate region exists, namely reactions taking place far from the collision point and not obeying the parton model, but at the same time treatable by perturbative QCD methods.

We are interested in the final state interaction region, limited by two lines:  $T(x, t) = T_i$ , the initial temperature at which the thermodynamical description becomes reasonable, and  $T(x, t) = T_f \sim m_{\sim}$ , where the system breaks into secondaries [4,7].

The medium is assumed to be the quark-gluon plasma discussed in ref. [5],

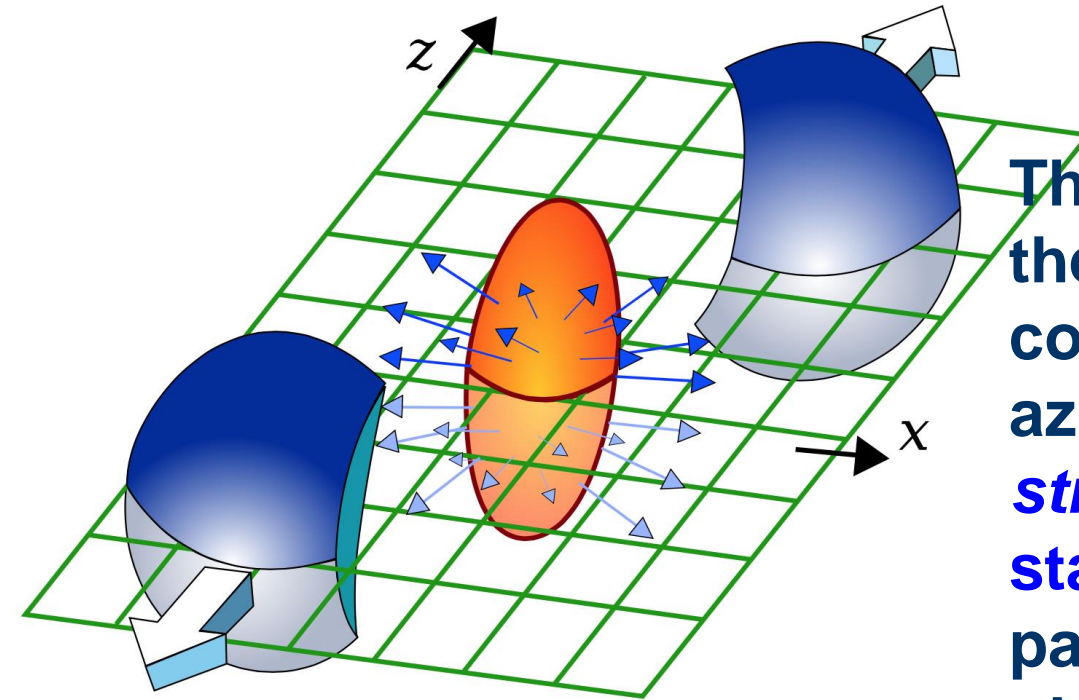
## ● RHIC → RHIC II

## LHC



- First collisions 2000
- p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Cu+Au, Au+Au, U+U
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 7 - 200$  GeV
- Polarized protons

- First collisions 2010
- p+p, Pb+Pb, p+Pb
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV
- (5.5 TeV in 2015-16)



The collective nature of the the collision created medium converts **initial state** azimuthal asymmetry into a **strong** signal in the **final state** particle emission pattern

$$dn/d\phi \sim 1 + 2 v_2(p_T) \cos (2 \phi)$$

$$\frac{dN}{d(\phi - \Phi_n)} = N_0 \left[ 1 + 2 \sum v_n \cos \{n(\phi - \Phi_n)\} \right]$$

$$v_n = \langle \cos \{n(\phi - \Phi_n)\} \rangle$$

**V3 and higher tells of fluctuations**

## Collision

Initial state?  
CGC?

## Rapid equilibration

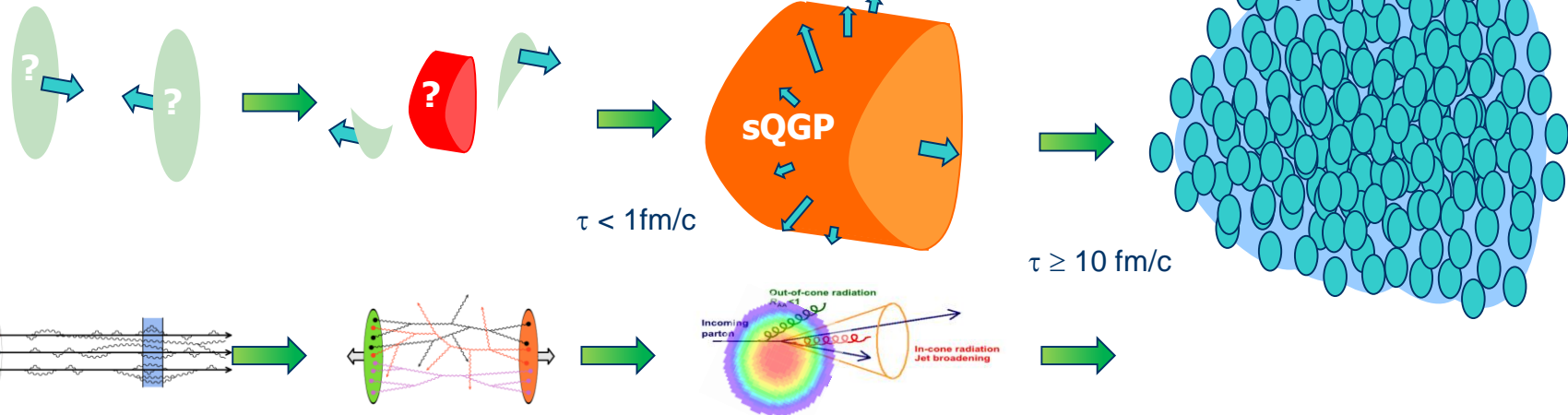
How?  
Glasma?  
Role of B-field?

## Anisotropically expanding sQGP

Properties?  
 $T, \eta/s, q, \mathcal{D}, \dots$  ?  
Quasiparticles ?

## Hadronization to freeze-out

Coalescence? Chiral symmetry?



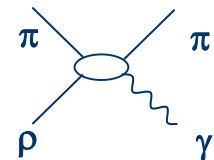
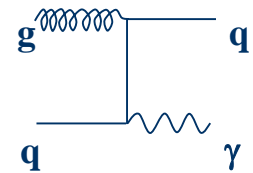
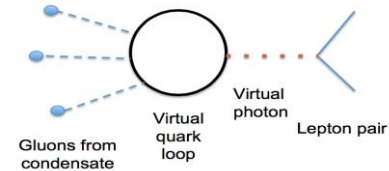
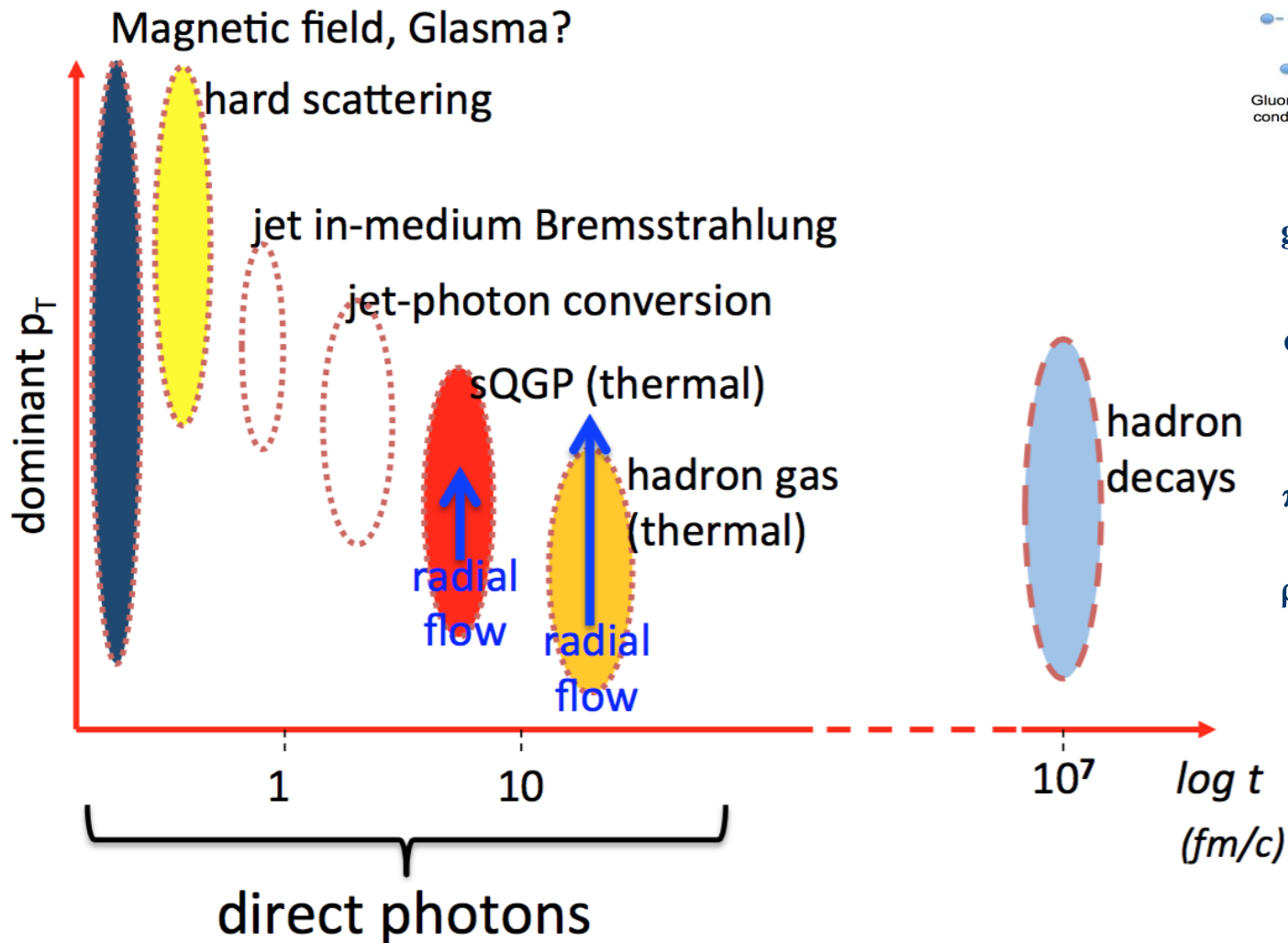
Observables:

Photon emission  
Di-leptons and quarkonia  
Heavy flavors  
Jets

Measurable:

Yields  
Spectra  
Suppression (with respect to scaled reference)  
Energy loss and pattern

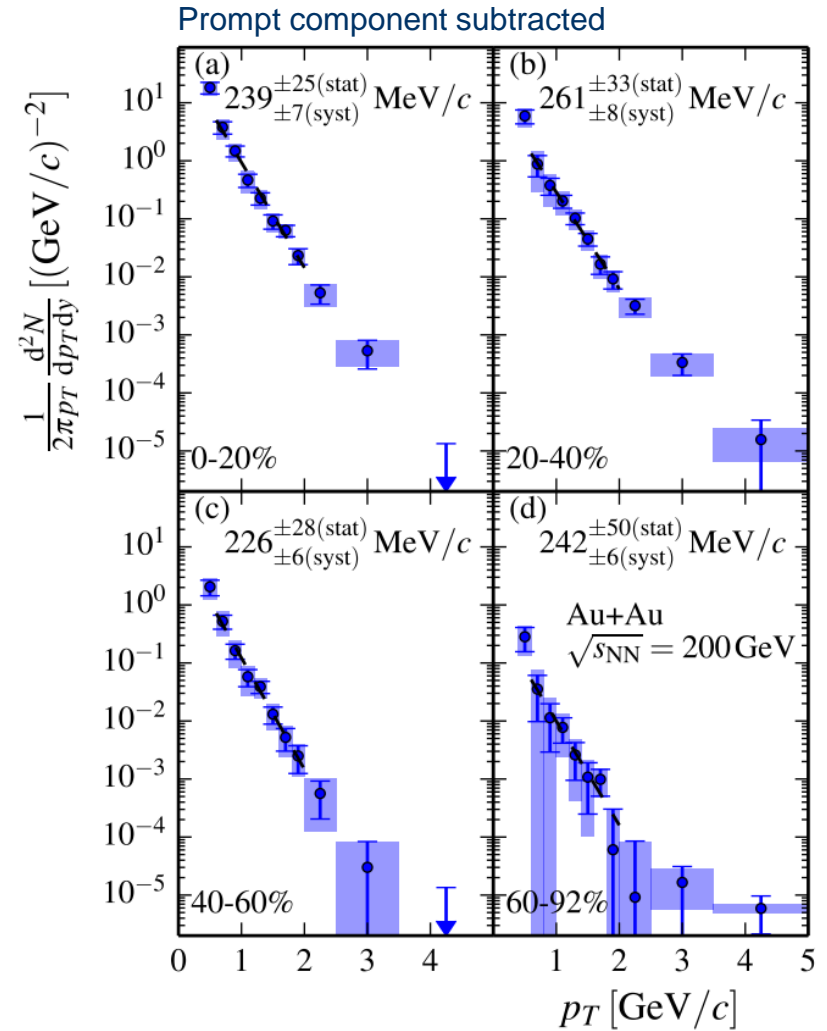
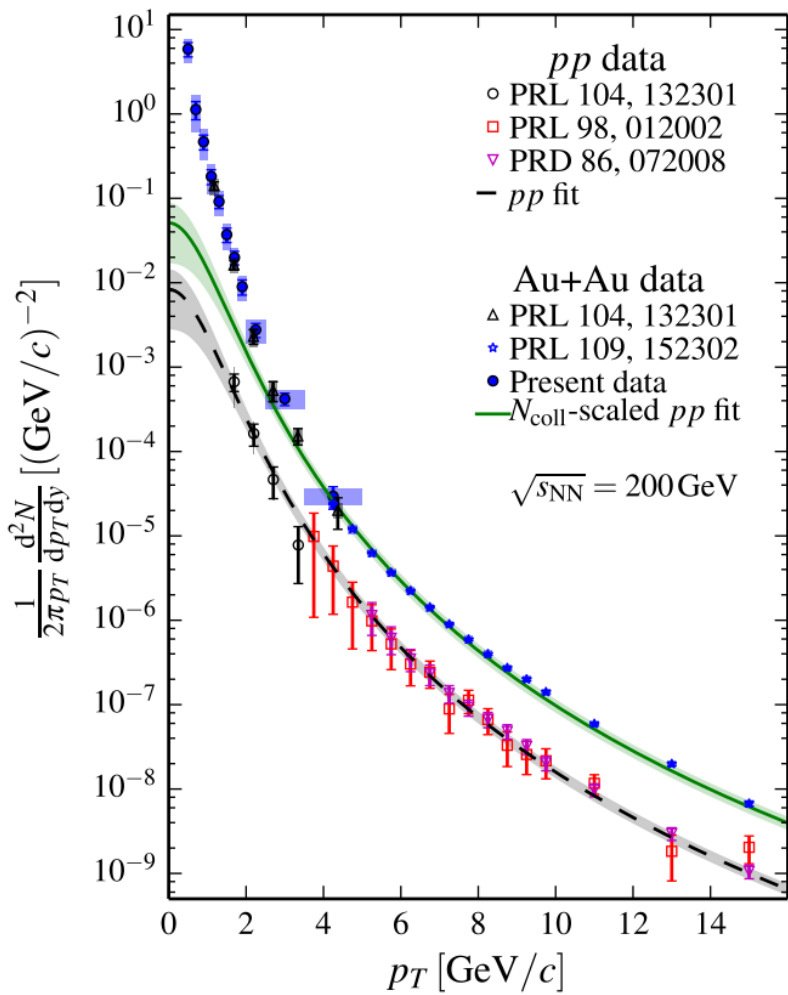
# Photons Sources in Heavy Ion Collisions



Early emission  $\rightarrow$  High yield  $\rightarrow$  high T  
 Late emission  $\rightarrow$  Long in-medium time  $\rightarrow$  Large Doppler shift

# Direct Photon Emission from 200 GeV Au+Au

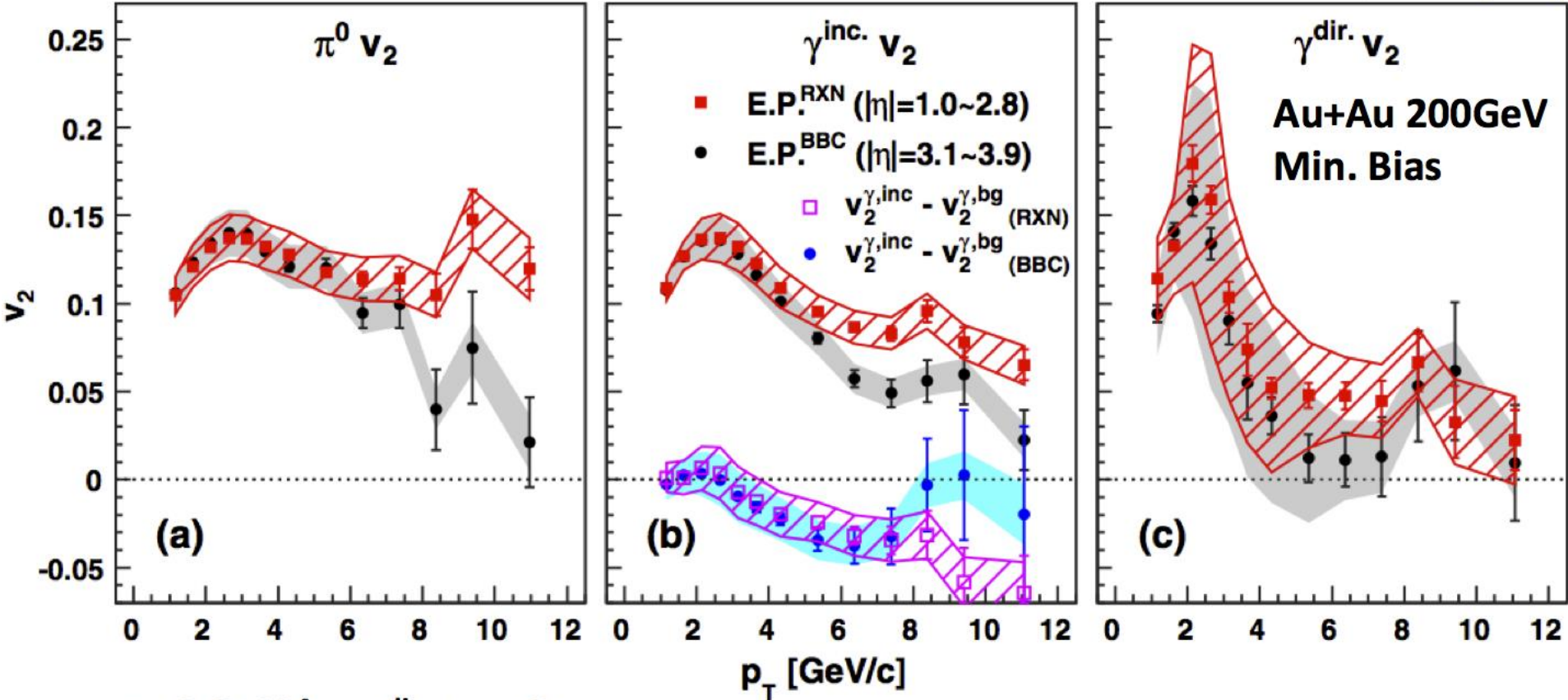
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Large direct photon excess yield with inv. slope  $T \sim 240 \text{ MeV}$

# Large Direct Photon Elliptic Flow ( $v_2$ )

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$p_T > 4$  GeV/c :  $\gamma^{\text{dir.}} v_2 \approx 0$

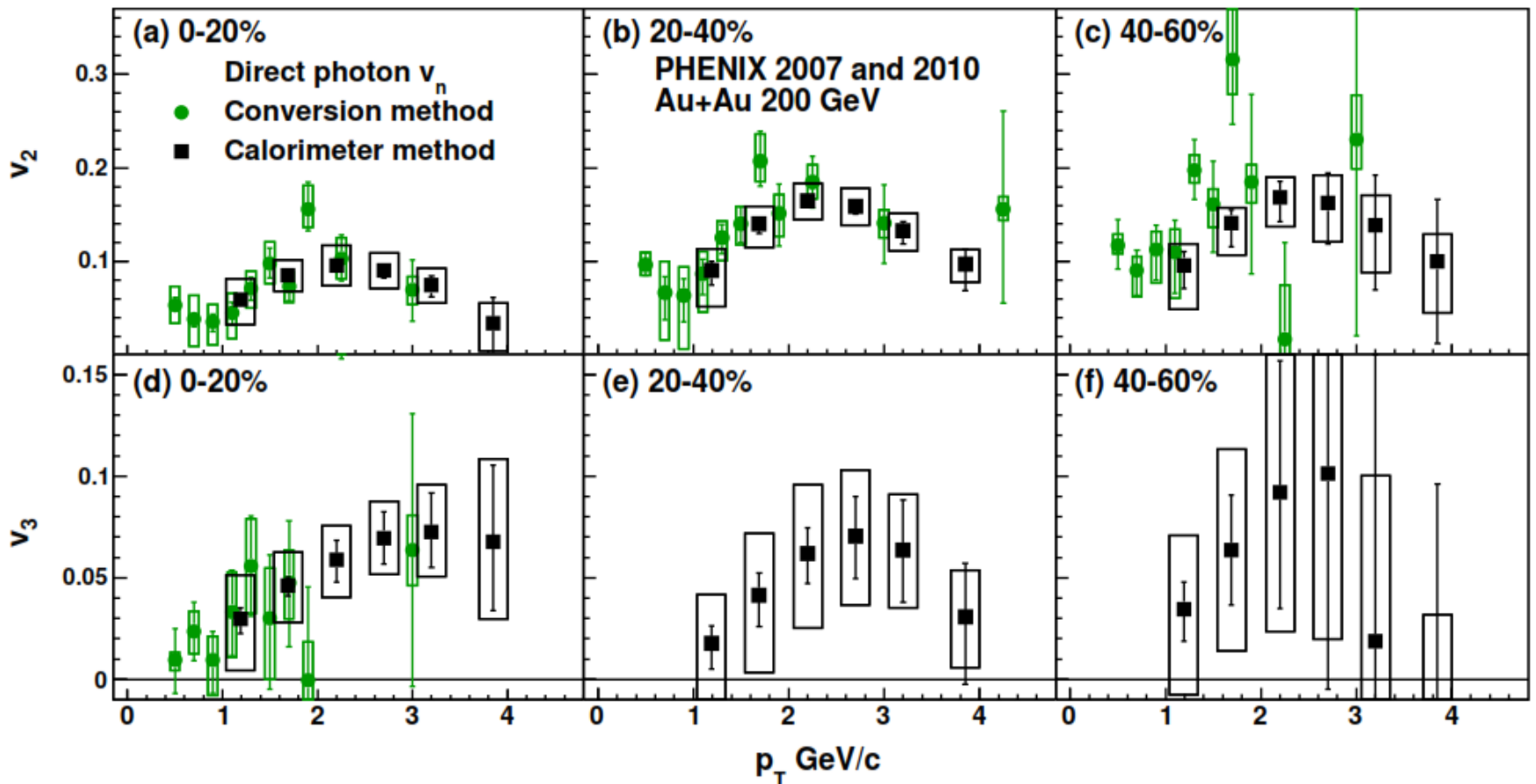
$p_T < 4$  GeV/c ( $p_T \approx 2$  GeV/c) : hadron  $v_2 \approx \gamma^{\text{dir.}} v_2 > 0$

**Conventional wisdom :  $p_T < 4$  GeV/c**

**Photons are emitted at late stage of collisions, temperature is low.**

# Direct Photons Flow confirmed

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Large  $v_2$  and  $v_3$   
Consistent with that measured for charged and  $\pi^0$ 's



# but not interpreted ....

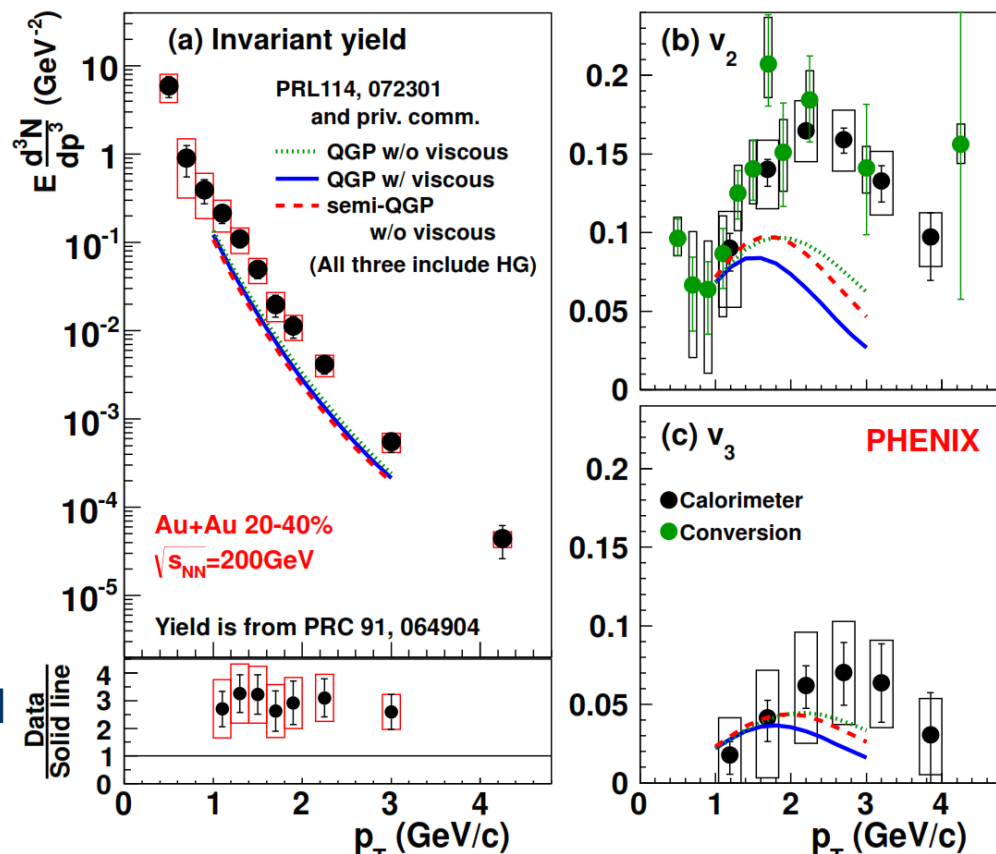
Many model calculations and consideration\*:

- More traditional, large contribution from hadron gas
  - Thermal rate in QGP & HG, with hydro (viscous/non viscous) or blastwave evolution
  - Microscopic transport (PHSD)
- New early contributions
  - Non-equilibrium effects (glasma, etc.)
  - Enhanced thermal emission in large B-fields
  - Modified formation time and initial conditions
- New effects at phase boundary
  - Extended emission
  - Emission at and after hadronization

\*list not complete

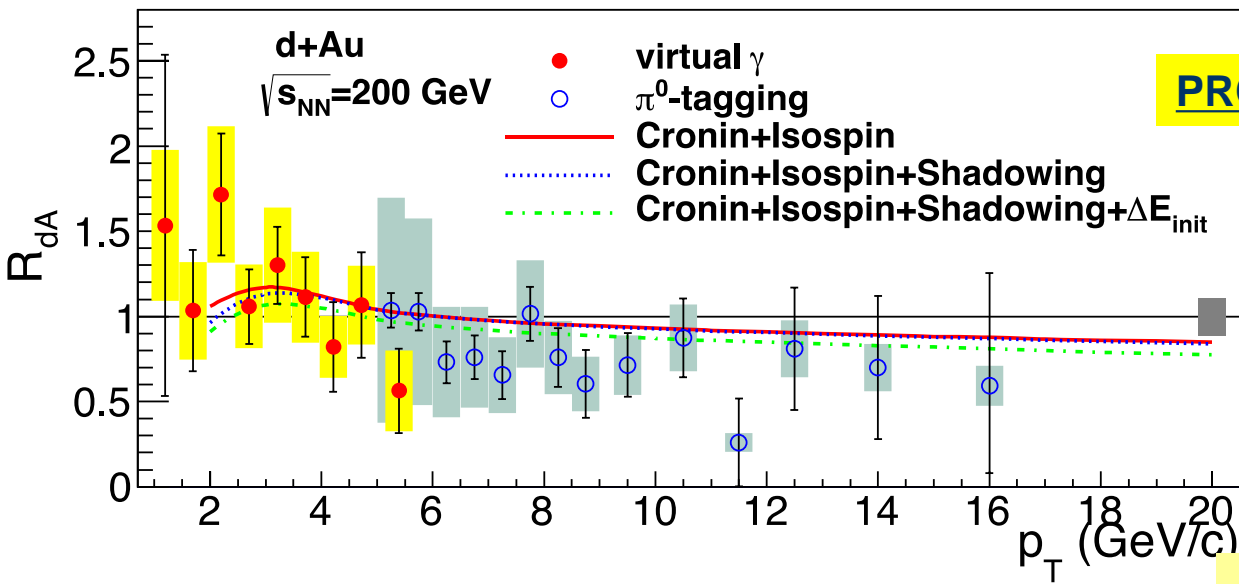
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Example: viscous hydro + thermal emission



Large yield and  $v_n$  challenge understanding of sources, emission rates and space-time evolution

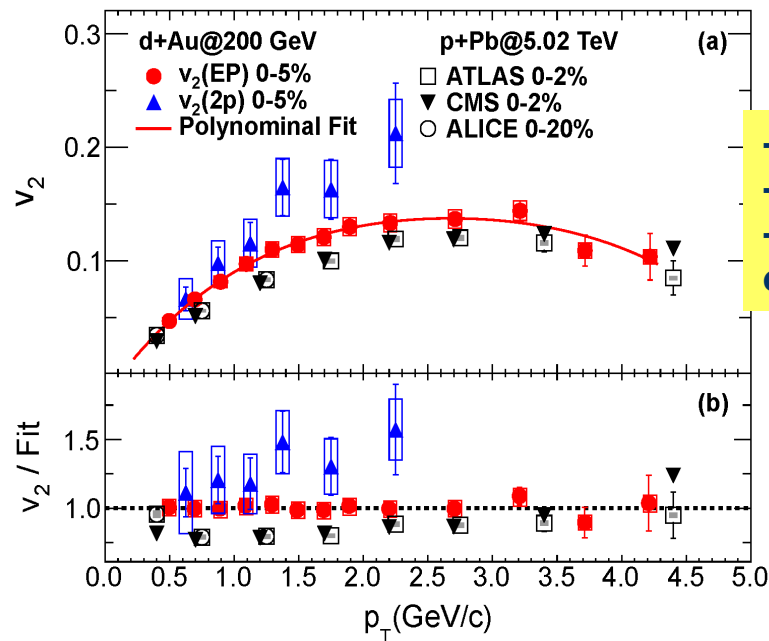
# Expected and unexpected ...



PRC87, 054907 (2013)

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- No modification in initial hard scattering and PDF compared to p+p at mid-rapidity but ...
- We didn't anticipate "flow" in a small system like d+Au

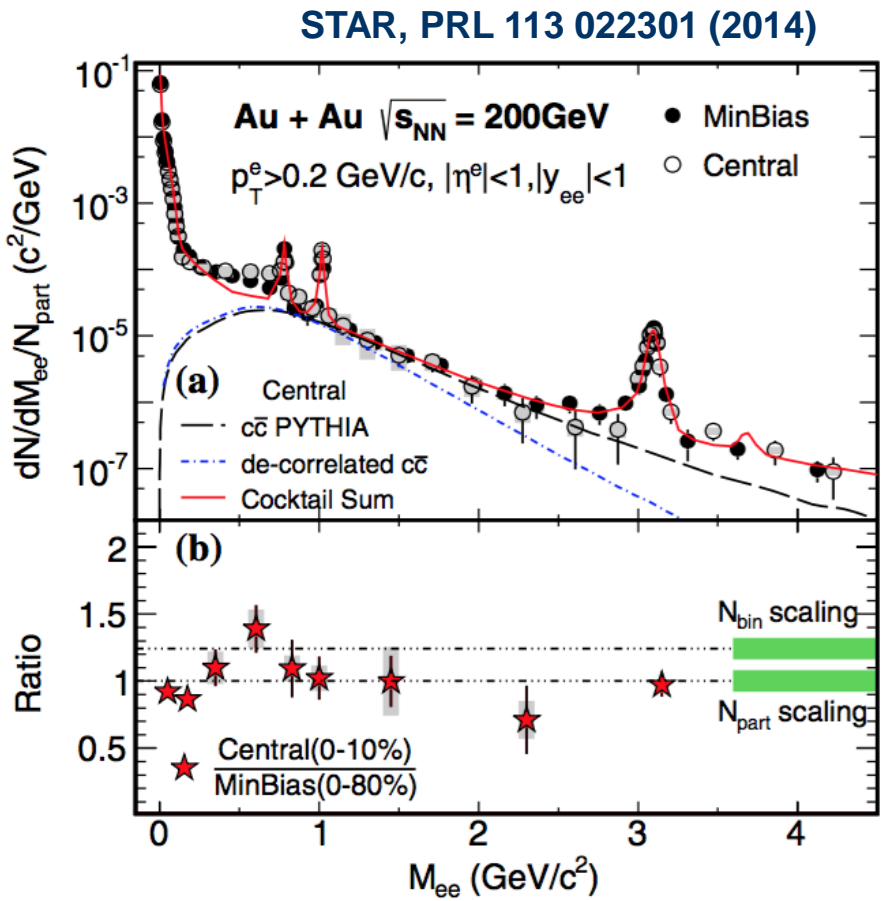
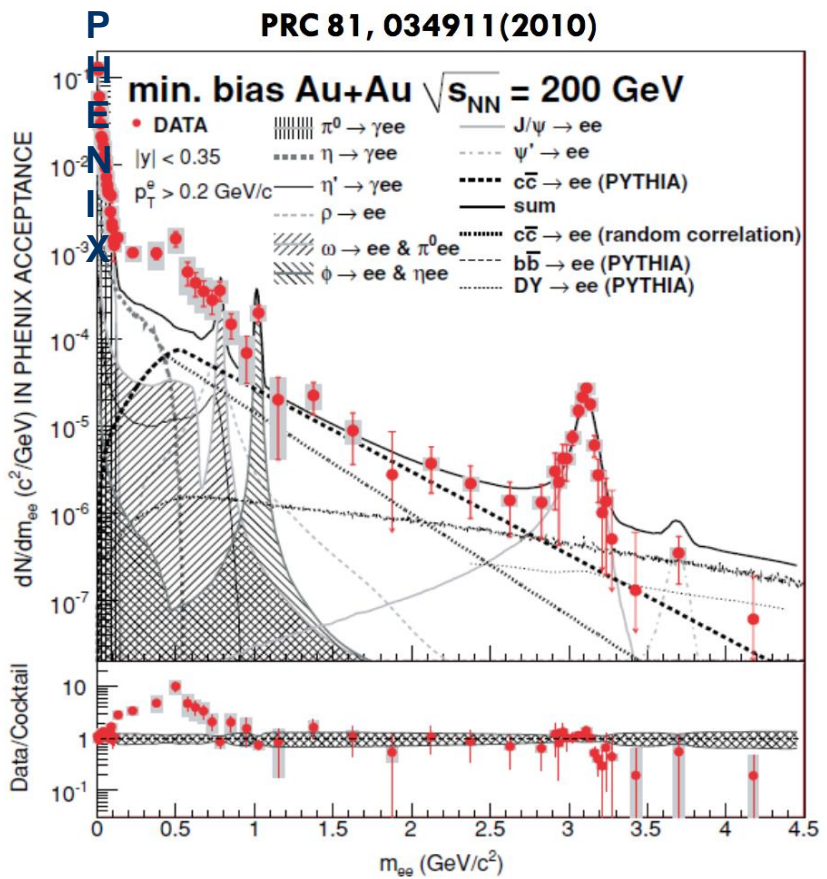


-all charged  
-EP – event plane  
-2p – Au direction only

# Single Photon's summary:

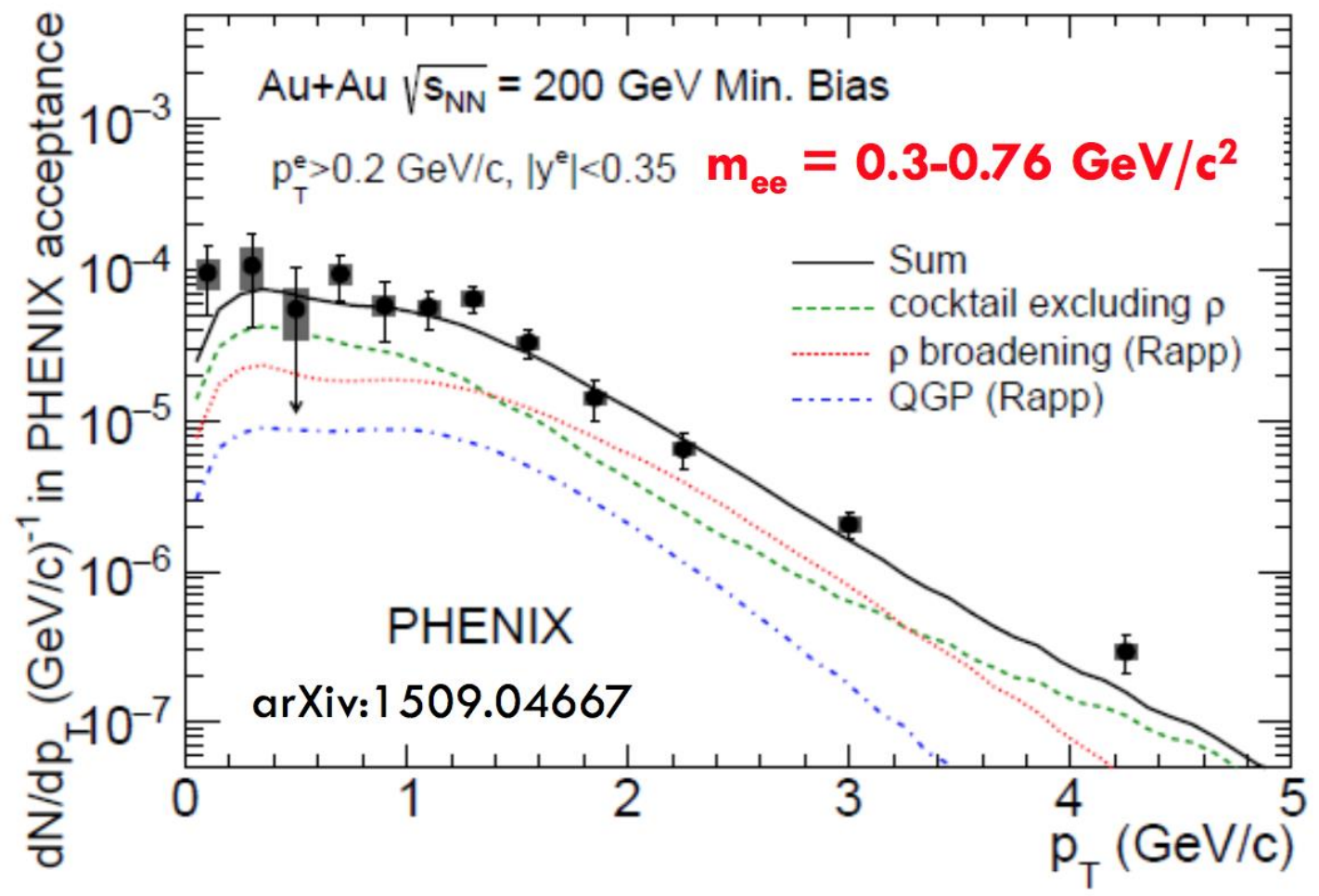
- ✓ An excess of yield above the  $N_{\text{coll}}$  scaled p+p yield is observed at all centralities up to about 4GeV/c photon pT;
- ✓ Prompt photon subtracted pT slope of the excess photons is close to ~240MeV and independent of centrality;
- ✓ Excess yield scales as  $N^{1.4}$
- ✓ Photons from affected pT range flow with measured  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  close to that of  $\pi^0$ 's;
- ✓ Theoretical picture is incomplete at best. Large excess points to early emission, large flow points to late emission.

# Low Mass $e^+e^-$ Pair Emission

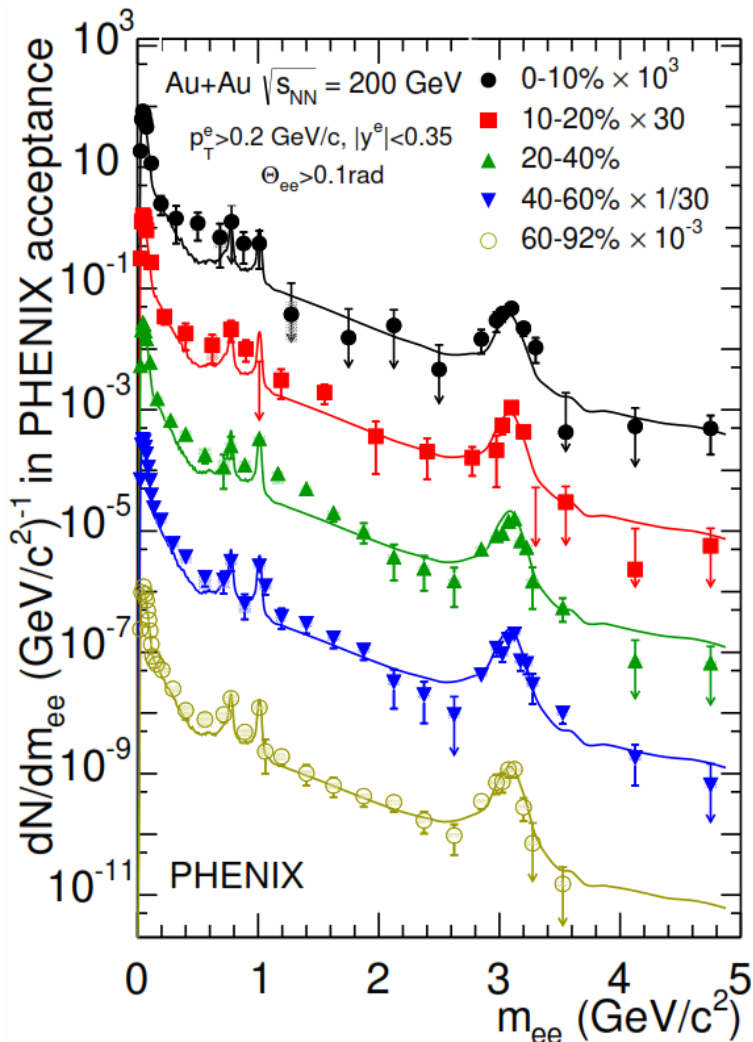


# Resolution: PHENIX+HBD Data from 2010

- Active rejection of conversion and Dalitz pairs;
- Improved hadron rejection;
- Improved analysis technique.

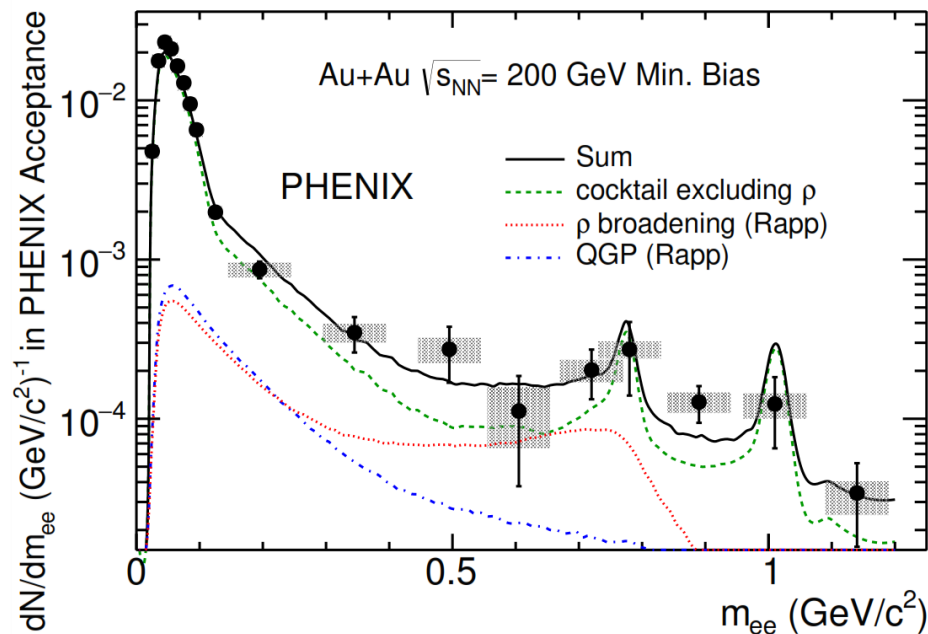


# Moderate Enhancement in 200 GeV Au+Au



Moderate enhancement  
 consistent with  $\rho$   
 broadening

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## Moderate enhancement

- for  $300 < m < 750$  MeV factor\*  
 min.bias  $2.3 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2$   
 central  $3.2 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.2$

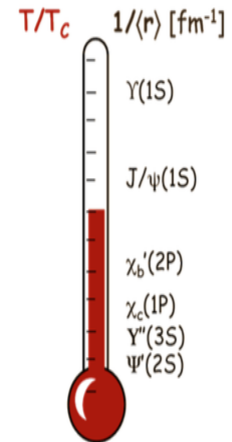
- Smaller than previous result
- Consistent with STAR data
- Consistent with  $\rho$  broadening

\*binary scaled PYTHIA for c/b

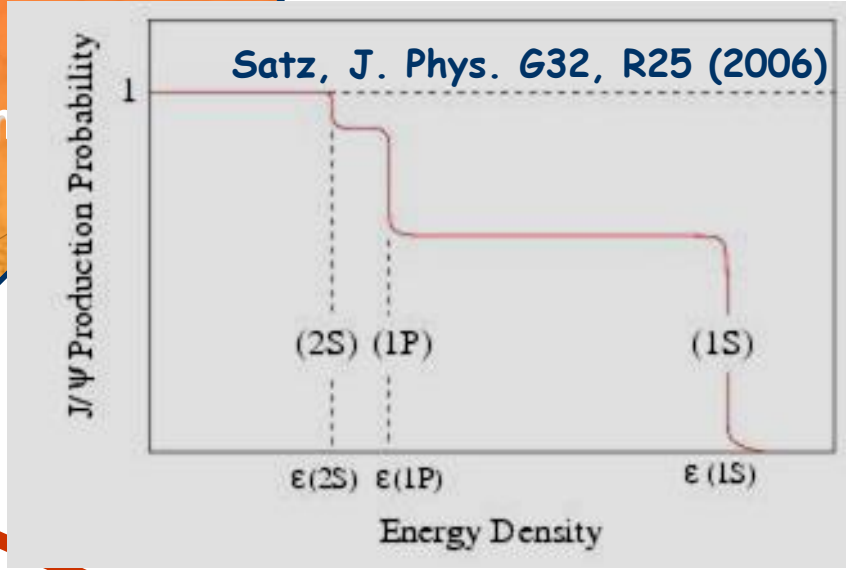
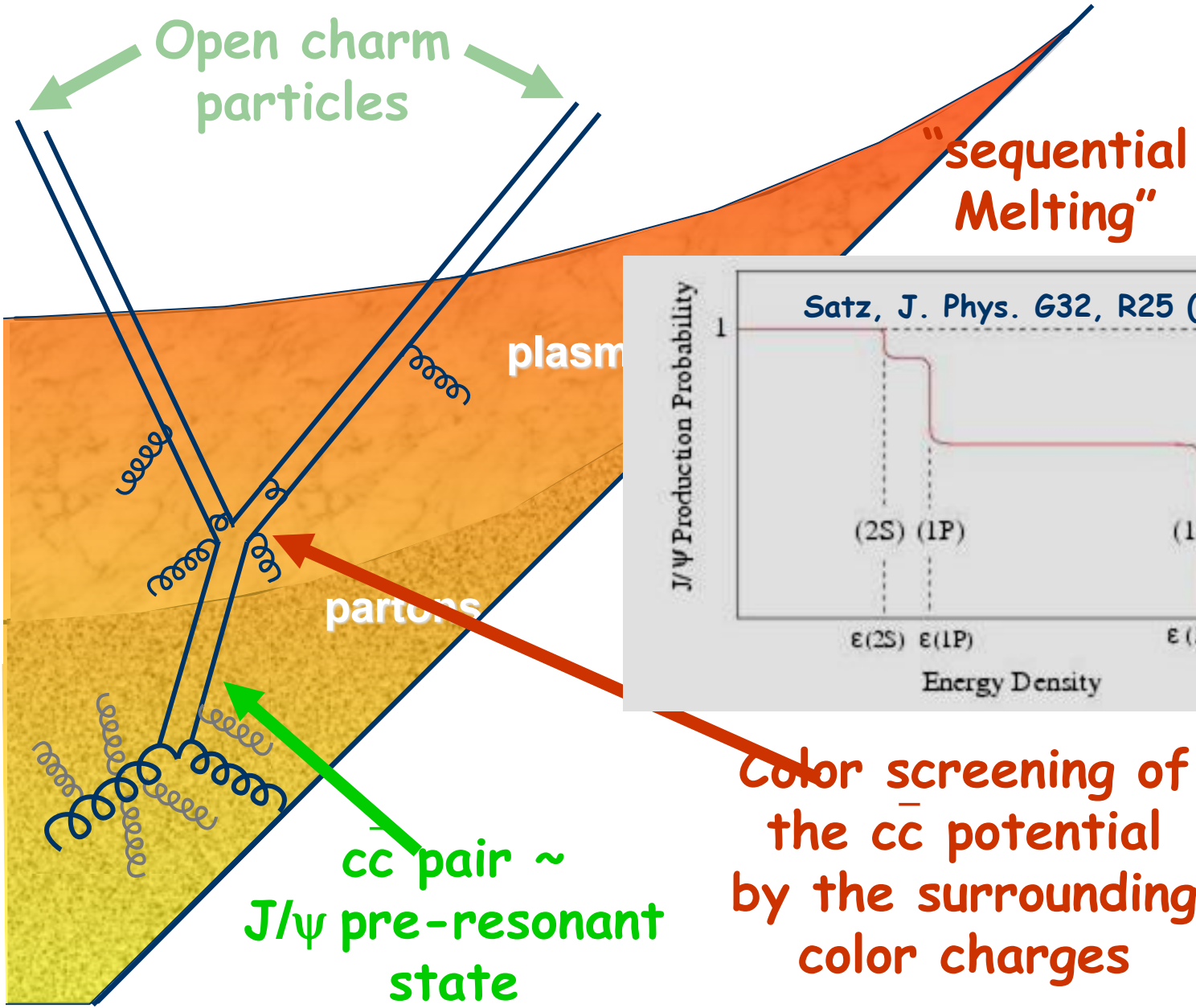
# Di-electron summary

- Small excess in di-electron pair production is a good news;
- It is naturally explained by  $\rho$ -broadening in the matter which is now kind of “experimentally” proven;
- It points towards “clustered” objects in “produced” matter ;
- Could those objects be “quasiparticles” of Edward Shuryak ????

# J/ψ production and differential suppression



QGP thermometer based on sequential suppression of quarkonia. courtesy: A. Mocsy

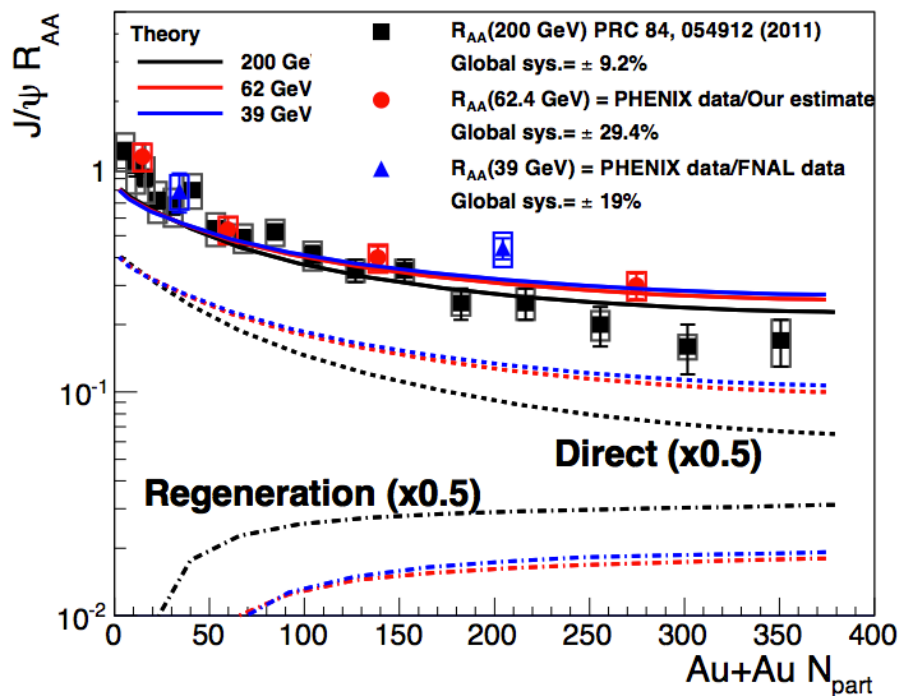


Color screening of the  $c\bar{c}$  potential by the surrounding color charges

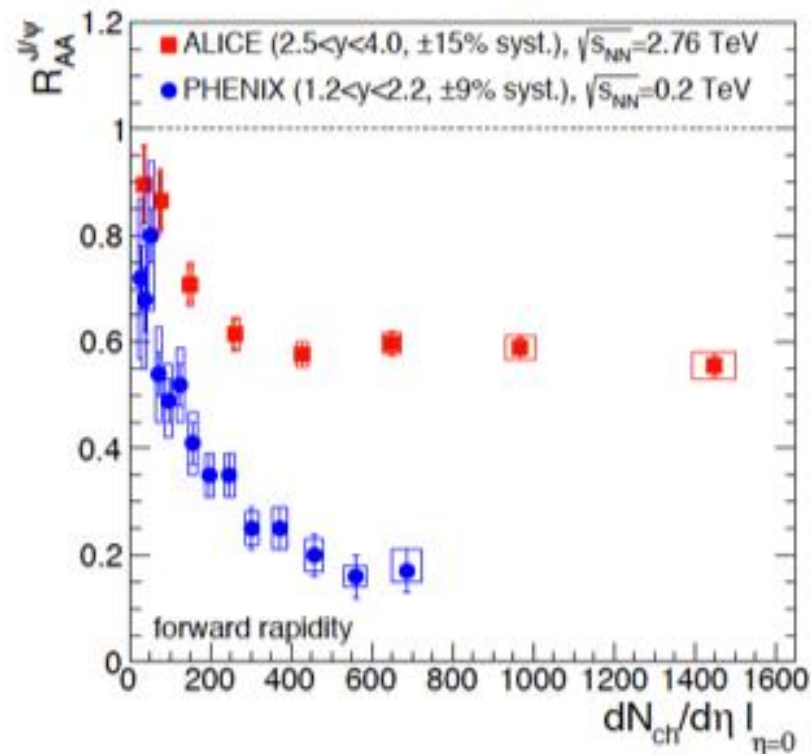


# LHC and strong charm coalescence

At RHIC 39 GeV, 62 GeV, 200 GeV all show similar suppression  
 - perhaps strongest at 200 GeV

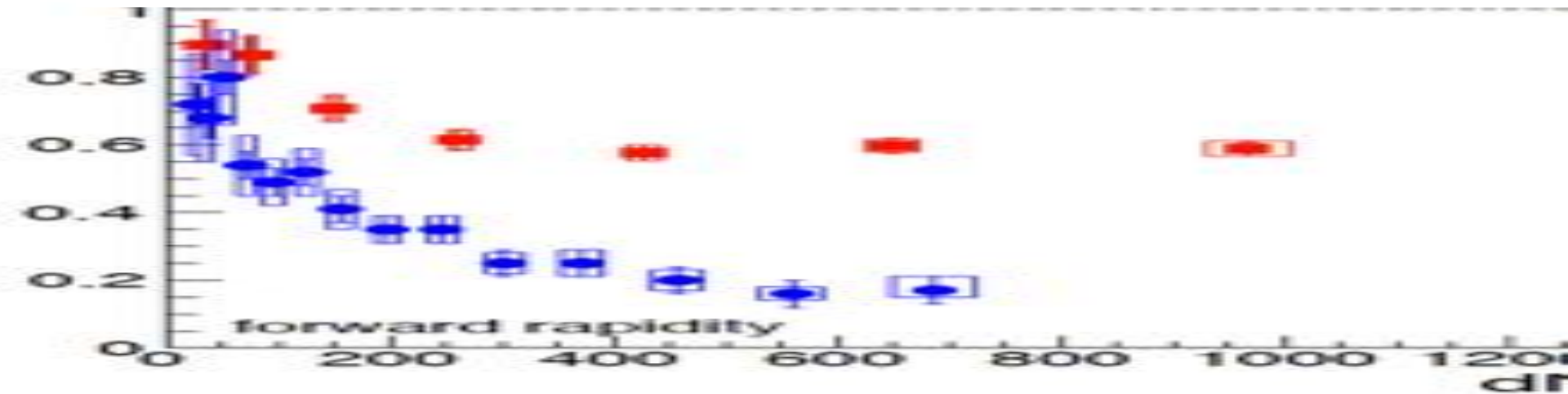
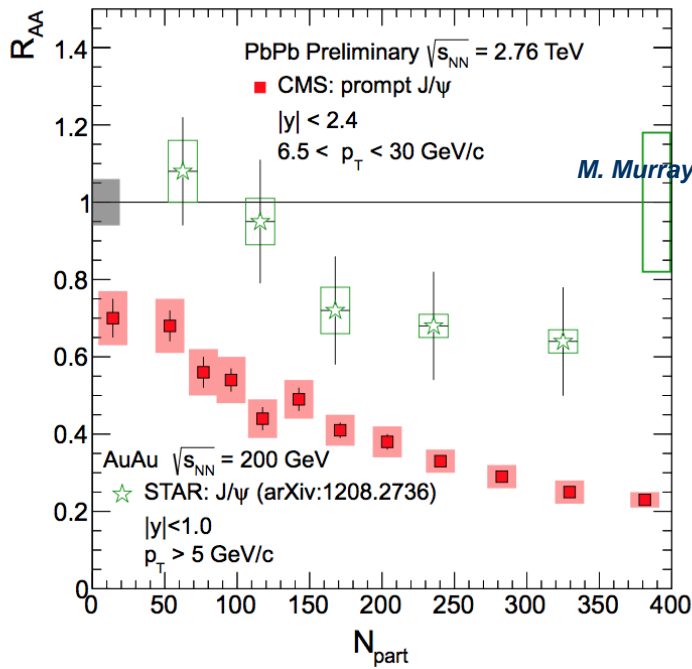


$J/\psi$  suppression much stronger at 200 GeV than 2.76 TeV for similar energy density - strong **coalescence**



In the model (PRC82, (2010) 064905) this similarity is due to a **balance** between color screening and coalescence

# Questioning the RHIC-LHC differences



## U+U measurements

U+U collisions allow us to go to higher energy density at RHIC

Central U+U collisions should have:

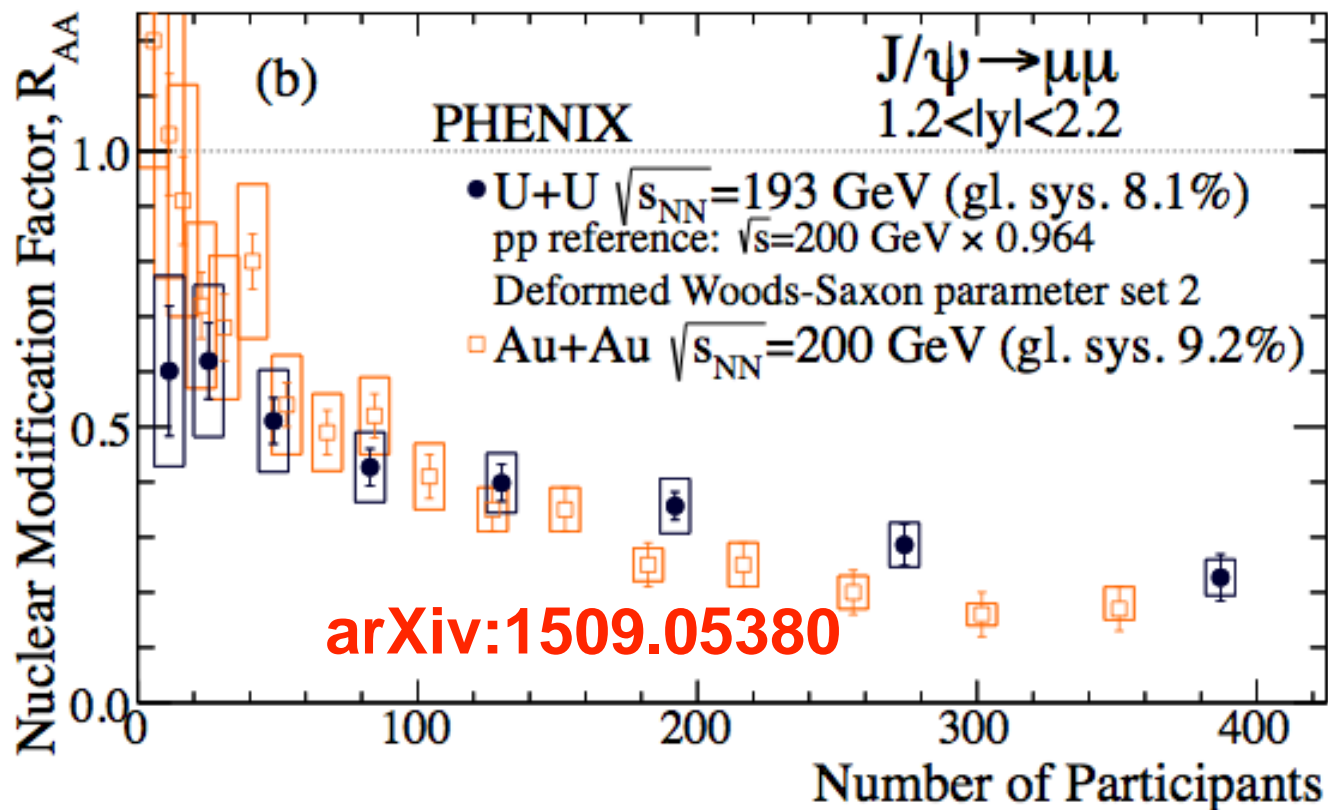
- 15-20% higher energy density than Au+Au collisions
  - stronger **color screening**
- Increased charm production from ~ 25% larger  $N_{coll}$  values
  - stronger **coalescence**

J/ $\psi$  production in U+U collisions allows us to explore how the trade-off between color screening and coalescence evolves as we increase energy density and charm production

In RHIC Run 12 PHENIX recorded  
1.08 B minbias  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 193$  GeV U+U events

# The U+U $R_{AA}$

Start with the latest parameter set (2) to calculate  $R_{AA}$

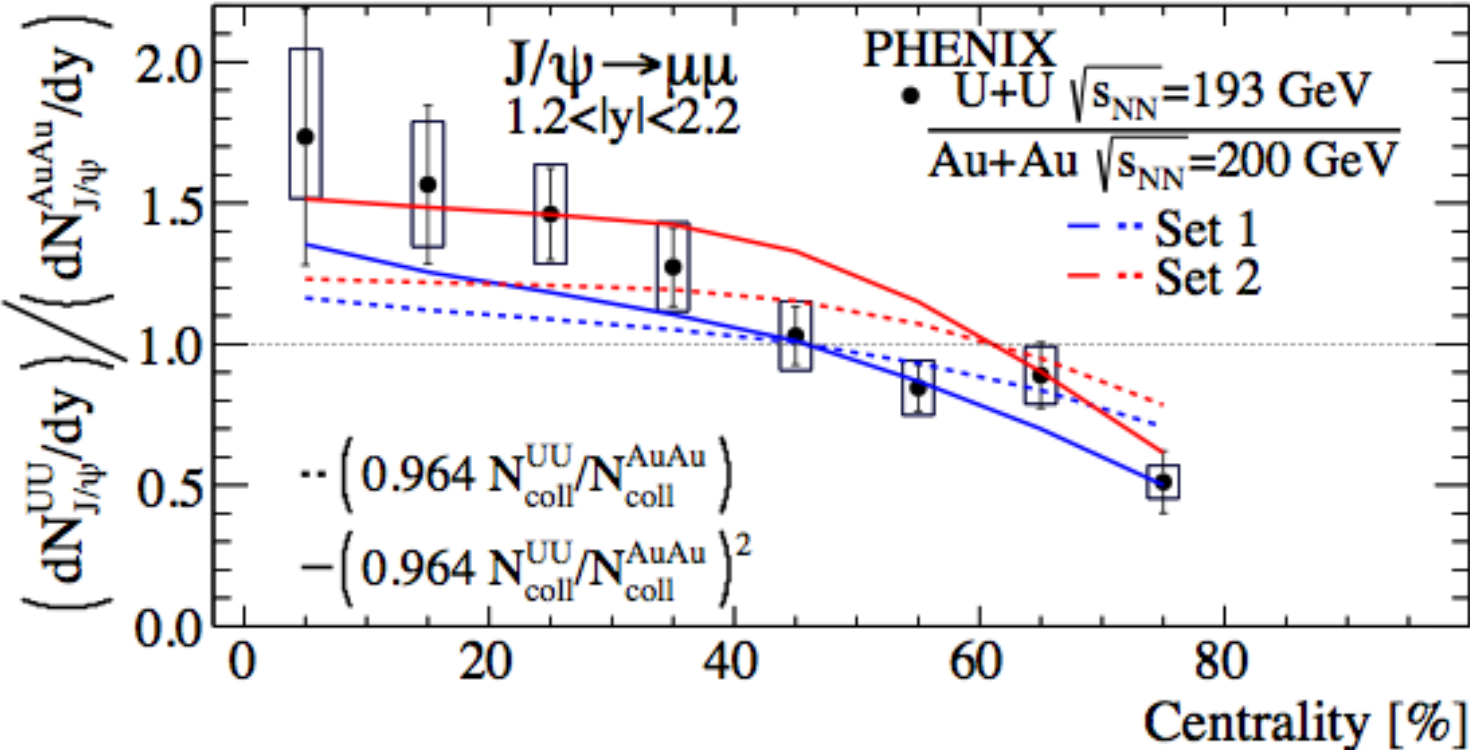


The U+U  $R_{AA}$  is somewhat larger than that for Au+Au at low centralities

Make the experimental ratio of dN/dy values.

- Has the advantage that it does not rely on  $N_{coll}$
- However our expectation for its behavior is determined by  $N_{coll}$

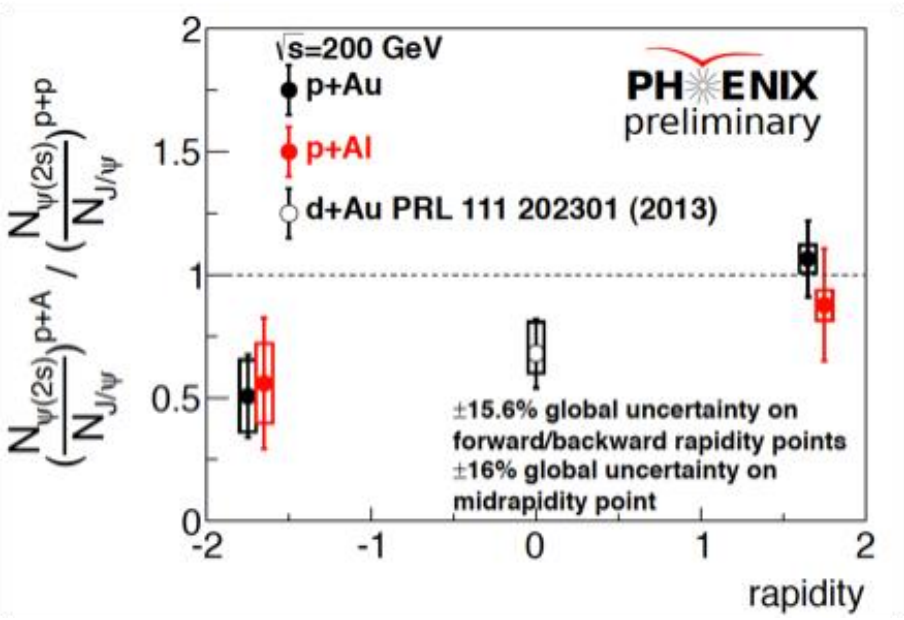
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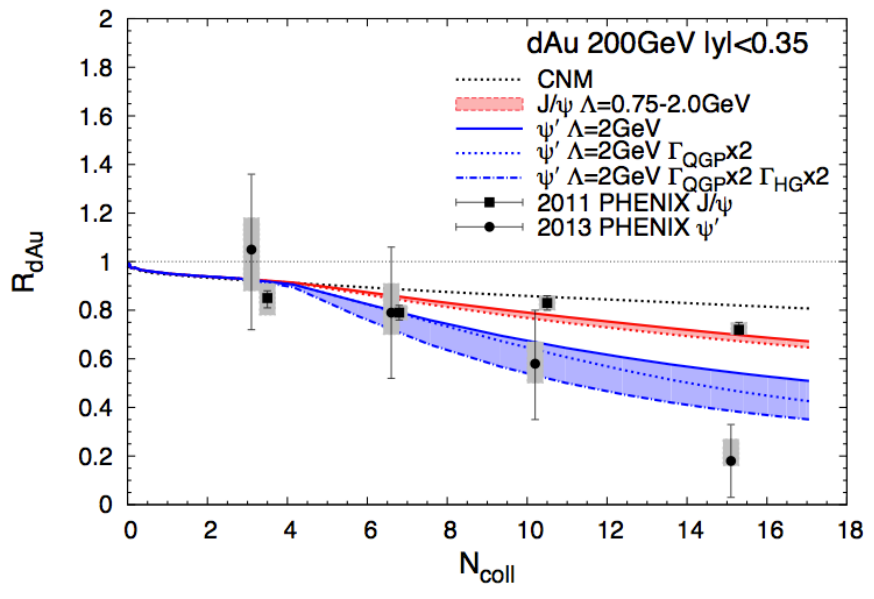
Consistent with a picture in which the increase in charm coalescence becomes more important than the increased color screening when going from Au+Au to U+U

# May small systems hold the key to answers

- ✓ In pA/dA the breakup effects could be ignored (formation time arguments);
- ✓ Data shows suppression at forward rapidity, no suppression at backward rapidity
- ✓ Suppression is caused by interactions with **produced** particles and occurs **after the charmonium leaves the target**



Du & Rapp arXiv:1504.00670



**In AuAu and PbPb collisions over the whole RHIC-LHC energy range prompt  $J/\psi$  follow common pattern of suppression when plotted against participant multiplicities;**

**Little or almost no suppression is visible in RHIC and LHC High  $p_T$   $J/\psi$  data;**

**The suppression of comparable magnitude is also observed in forward direction in small systems (pAu, dAu, pAl) essentially excluding large breakup effects in nuclear matter;**

**What is left are color screening resulting in quarkonia melt in produced media and recombination which follows.**

After many years of theoretical and experimental efforts the Hot & Dense matter probing is still a challenge:

- ✓ We may reliably extract and decompose signals of prompt and “thermal” photons produced at a different stages of collisions but can’t reconcile the total yield and flow attributed to those photons;
- ✓ From the onset of the field our understanding of QGP strongly relied on explanation of disproportionally low yield of quarkonia ( $J/\psi$ ) in central HI collisions (compared to scaled pp-collisions). Today we have related data covering the energy range from SPS to RHIC to LHC. That data shows amazing consistency and energy independent behavior currently impossible to explain without assuming an almost miraculous balancing between quarkonia melting (or break-up by comovers) and regeneration in QGP.

The final consistency between data on di-leptons between experiments and theory is certainly a very good news. What is even better – rho broadening due to in the matter scattering is sufficient to explain observed excess over expectations.

**Can it be a sign of “... particles with  $M, p_t$  as large as 4-5 GeV are mainly produced not via hard collisions, but at the plasma stage ..... “ (Edward Shuryak, 1978)**