

A Review of Recent A+A Quarkonia Results from  
PHENIX

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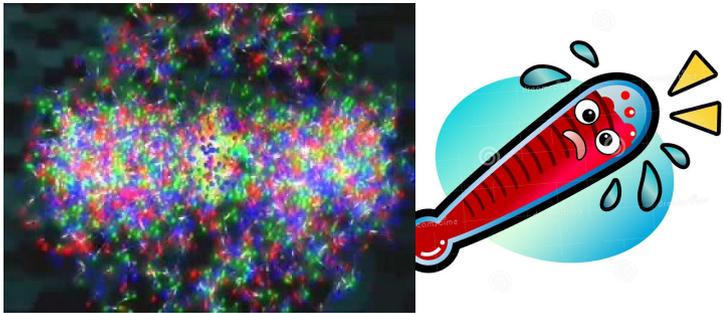
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# Why are we interested in studying quarkonia?

Quarkonia

→ QGP *thermometer*

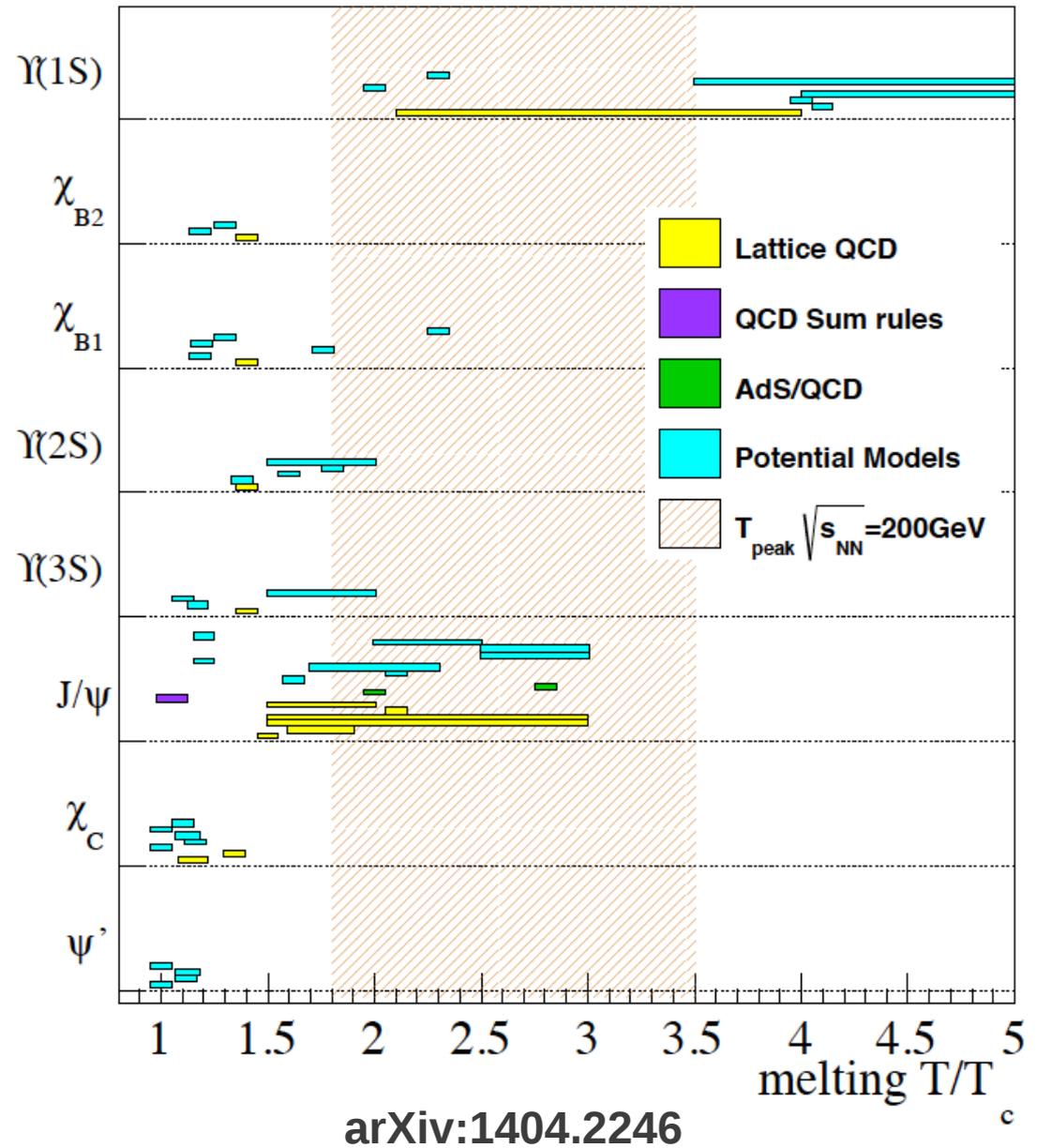


Quarkonia production

→ Many entangled effects!

Solution?

→ Isolate them in different scenarios.



# What quarkonia measurements have PHENIX made so far?

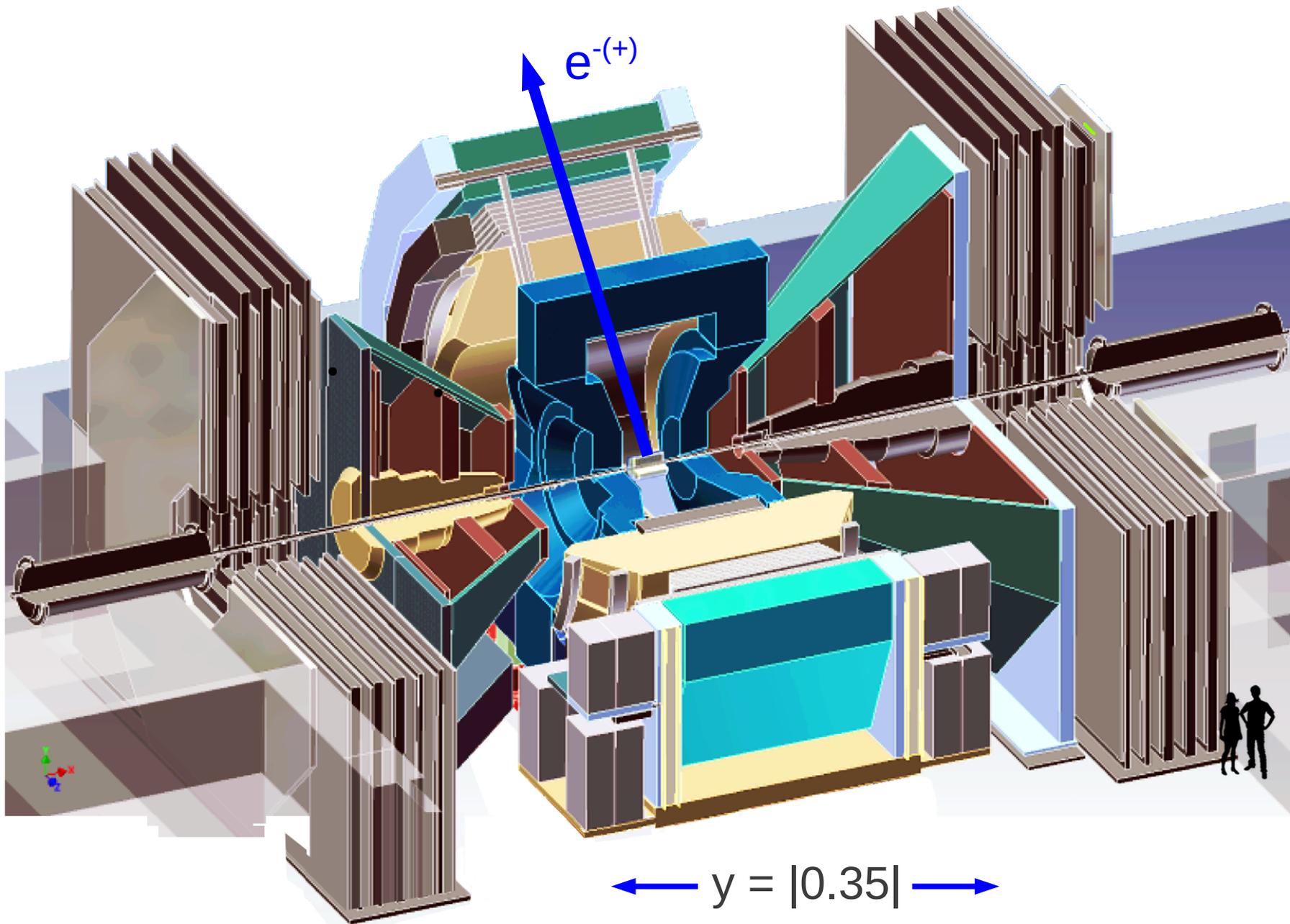
Sqrt( $s_{NN}$ )	Collision Species	J/ $\psi$	$\psi'$	Upsilon
200 GeV	Au+Au	Yes		Yes
	Cu+Au	Yes		
	Cu+Cu	Yes		
	d+Au	Yes	Yes	Yes
193 GeV	U+U	Yes		
62 GeV	Au+Au	Yes		
39 GeV	Au+Au	Yes		

Au+Au beam energy scan, asymmetric Cu+Au, d+Au CNM study, U+U and Cu+Cu vary collision system size.

=> Plenty of variations = interesting physics!

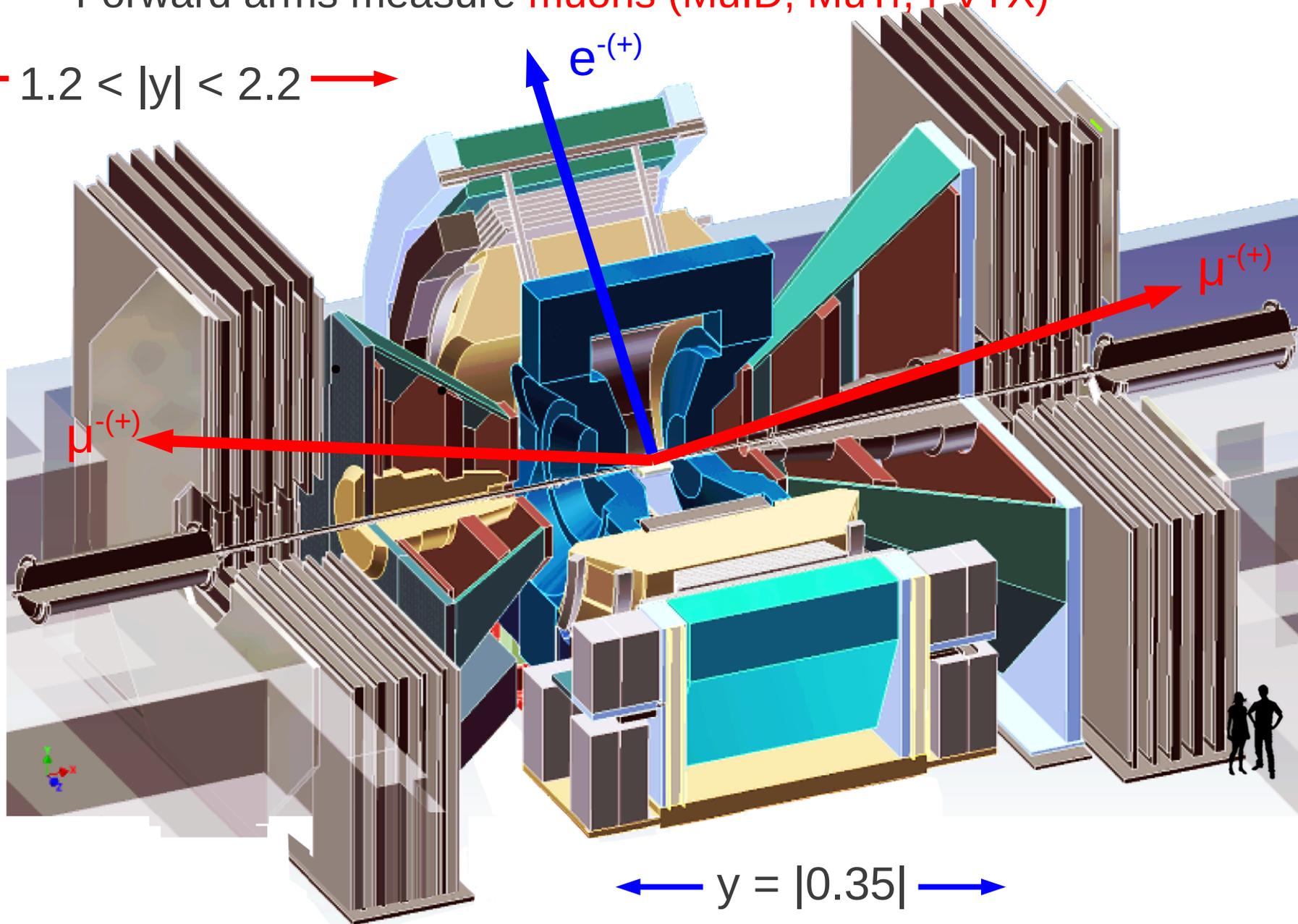
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- Forward arms measure **muons** (MuID, MuTr, FVTX)



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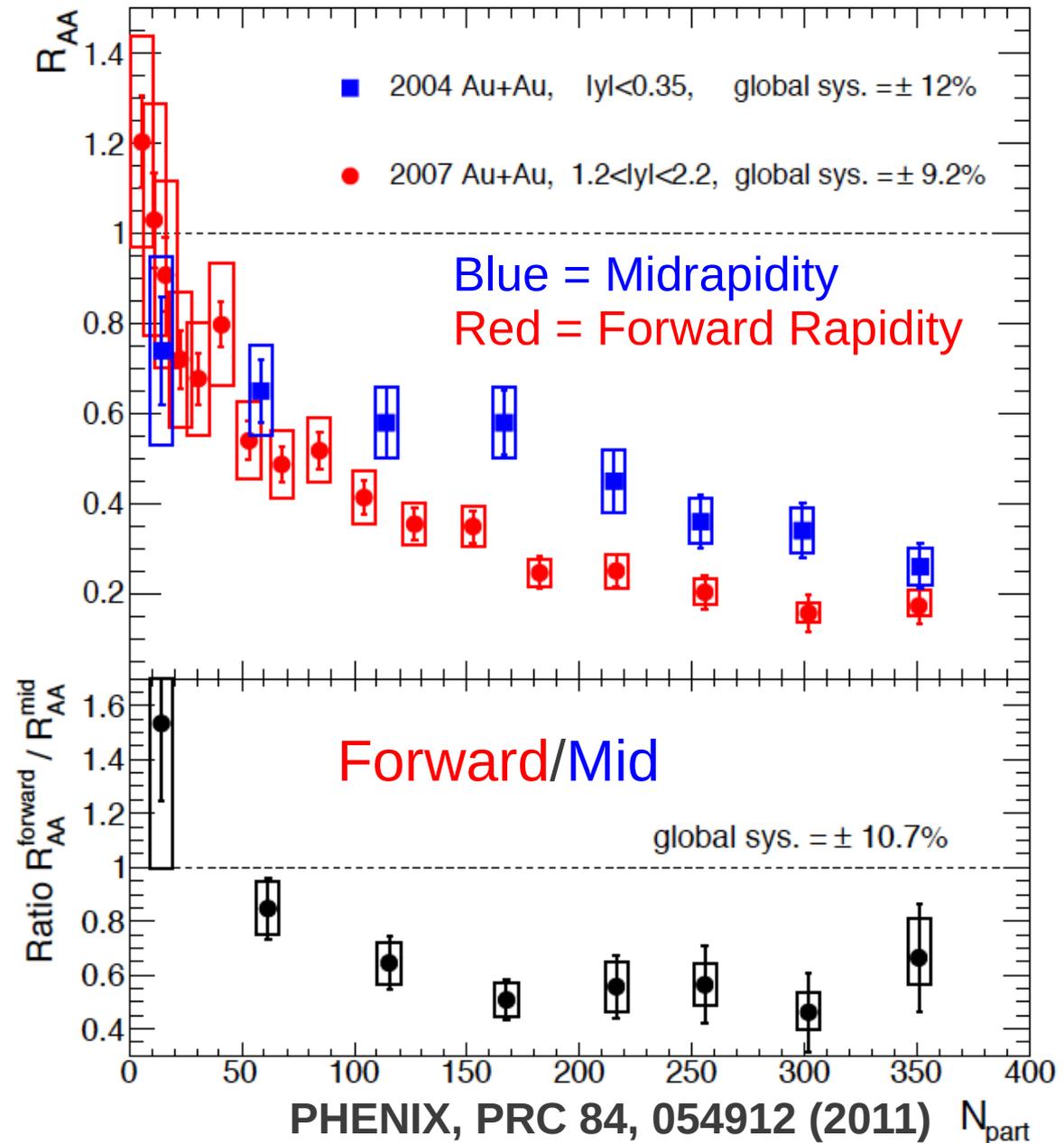
J/ψ  $R_{AA}$  vs  $N_{part}$

Expectation from color screening:

$$R_{AA}(\text{mid}) < R_{AA}(\text{forward}).$$

→ Clearly not the case!

CNM effects?



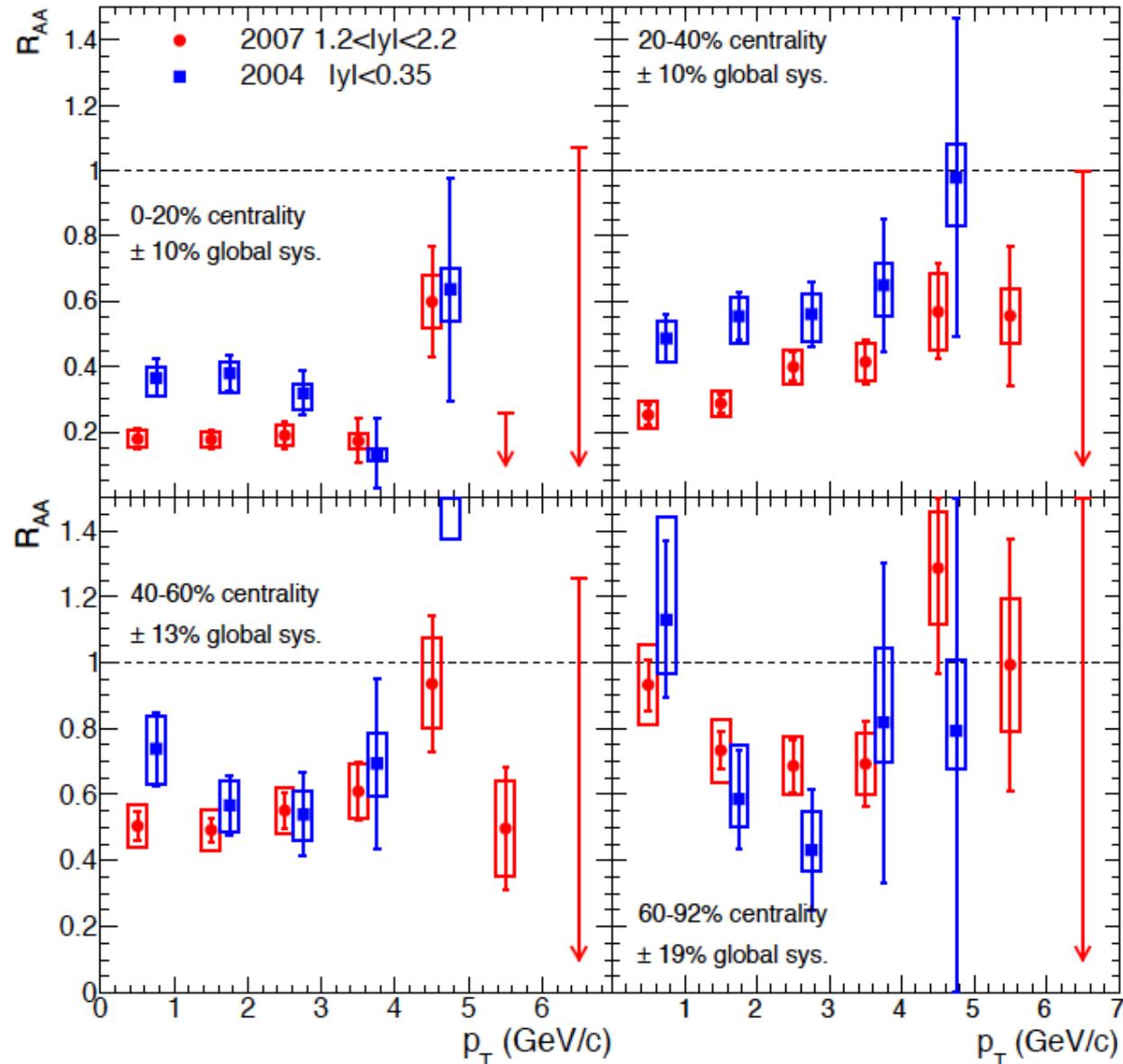
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Blue = Midrapidity  
Red = Forward Rapidity

J/ψ  $R_{AA}$  vs  $p_T$ , four centrality bins.

$R_{AA}(\text{forward}) < R_{AA}(\text{mid})$

$R_{AA}(\text{low } p_T) < R_{AA}(\text{high } p_T)$



# Cold Nuclear Matter Effects

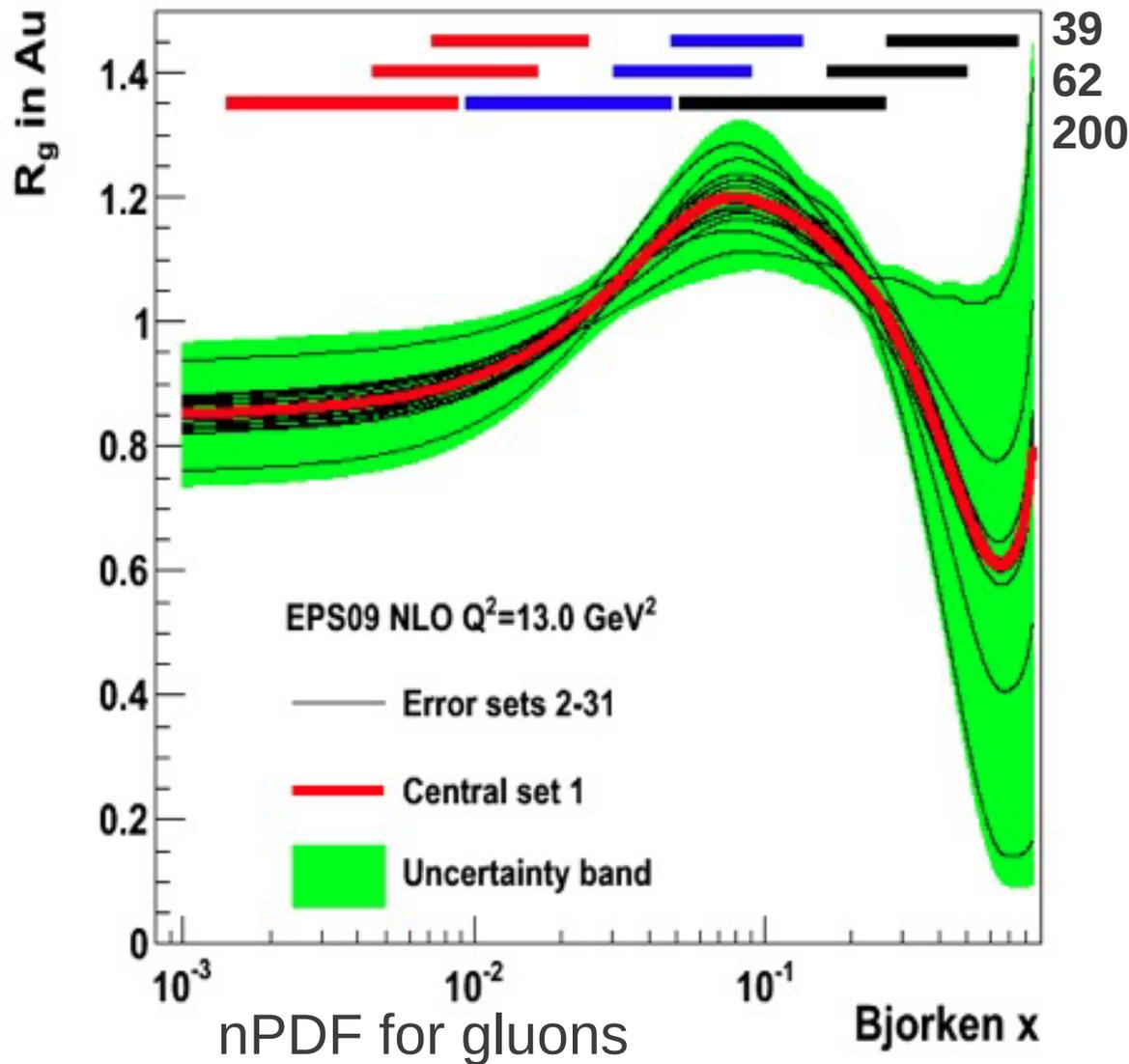
CNM effects : effects on heavy quark production not arising from the presence of the hot, dense medium.

Some of these are:

- **Shadowing** : modified gluon densities in the nucleus, parametrized by nuclear parton distribution functions, such as EKS98 or EPS09. (More on this next slide)
- **Parton energy loss**
- **Gluon saturation** (color glass condensate)
- For c-cbar pairs, **breakup** from collisions with oncoming nucleons (more on this next slide).

# Shadowing

$2.2 > y > 1.2$   $0.35 > y > -0.35$   $-1.2 > y > -2.2$



Shadowing (reduction in  $R_g$ ) at forward rapidity, anti-shadowing (enhancement) at backward rapidity.

Smallest effect is at midrapidity.

Strongly dependent on energy and rapidity.

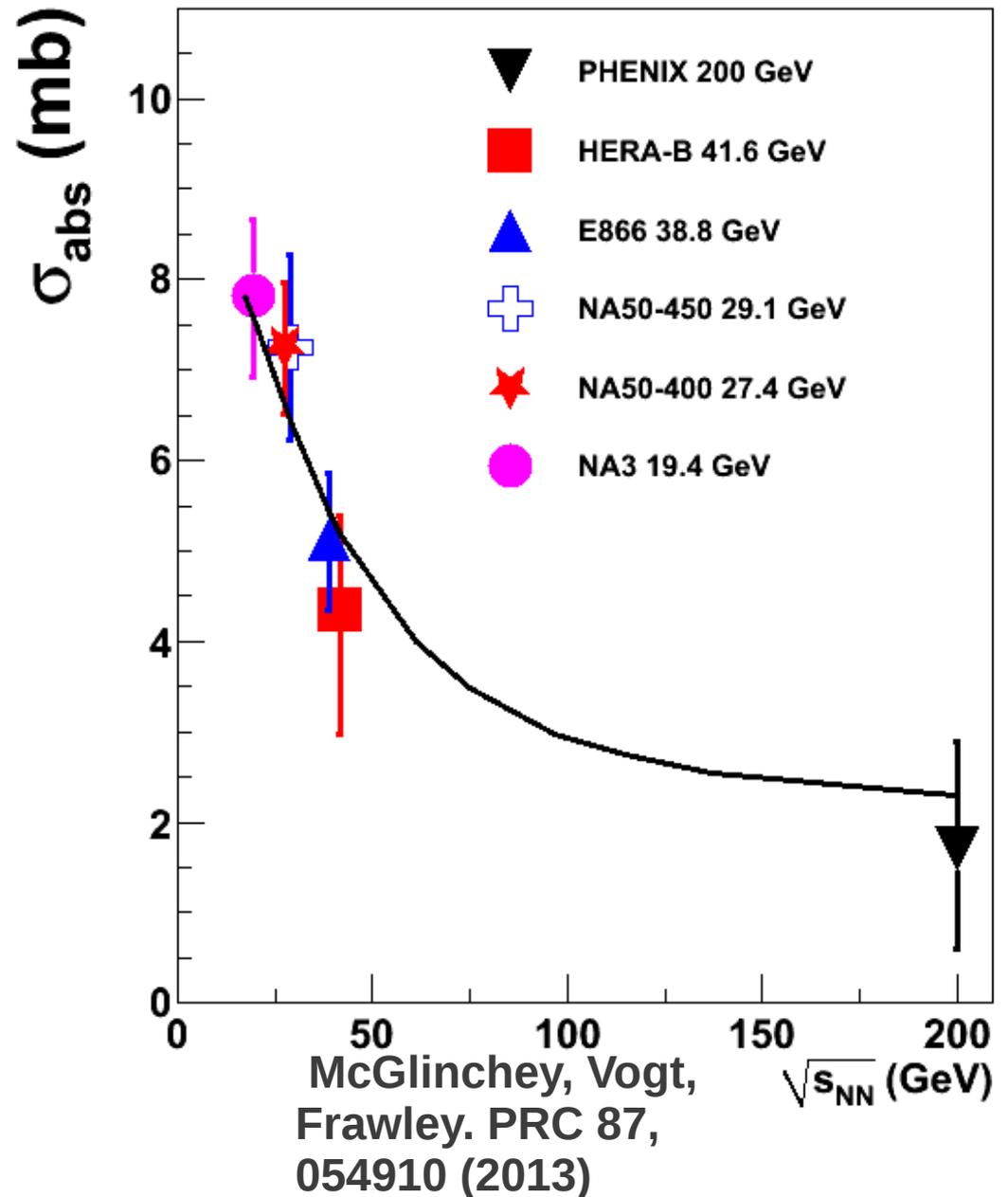
Not very well constrained!

# Effective Breakup Cross Section

Parametrize all non-shadowing CNM effects into an “effective” breakup cross section.

Strongly dependent on rapidity and energy.

→ Cannot directly compare  $R_{AA}$  between experiments which vary these factors.



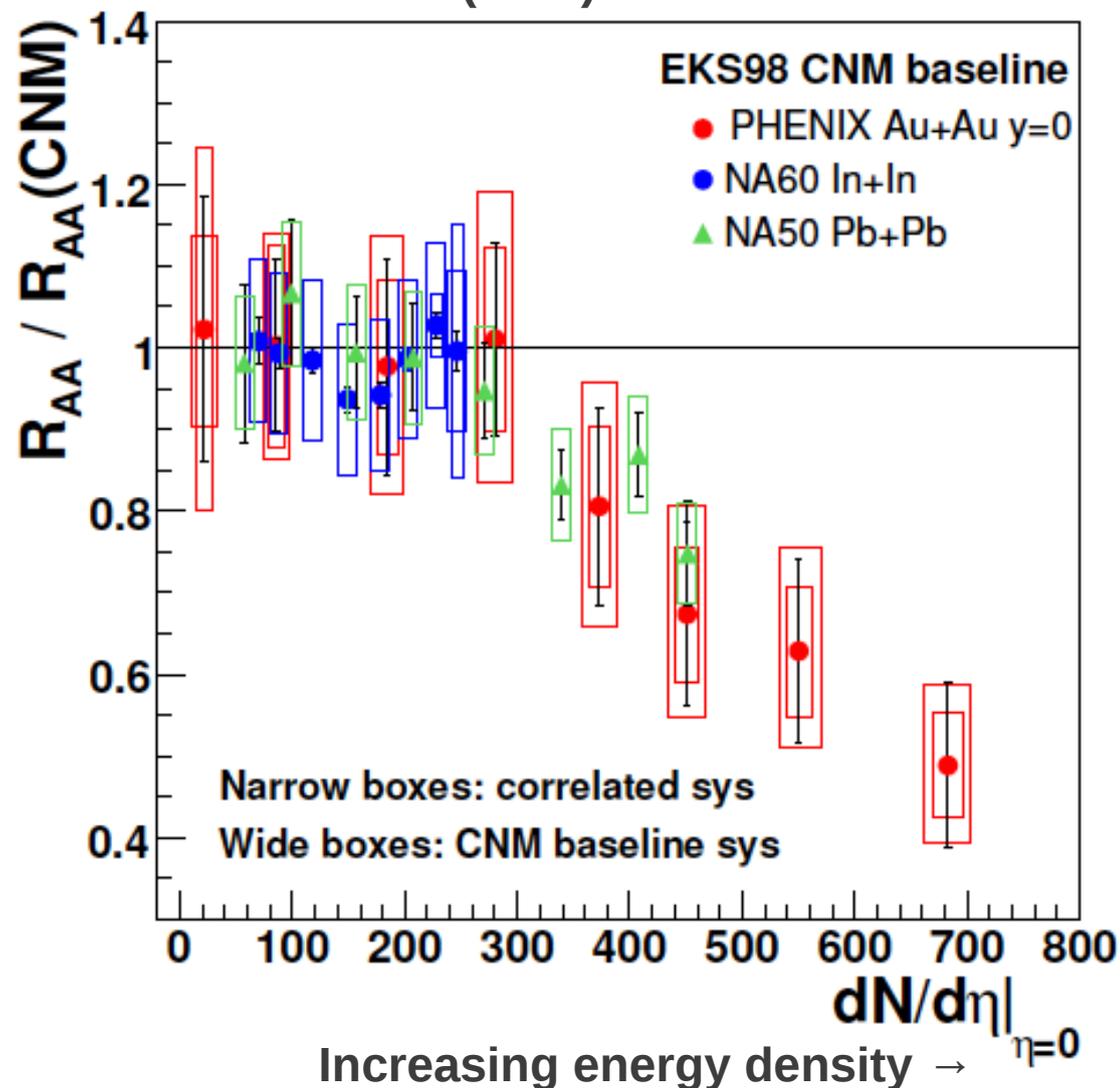
# Dividing Out CNM Effects

EPJC (2011) 71:1534

CNM effects parameterized by shadowing + effective absorption cross section.

→ Assumes complete factorization of cold and hot matter effects.

HNM effects similar between NA50, NA60 and PHENIX.



=> Color screening suppression increases with  $dN/d\eta$

→ only above  $dN/d\eta = 300$ .

# HNM effects: Destruction vs Regeneration

**Destruction** : Color screening dissociates heavy quark pairs.

**Regeneration** : (Un)correlated charm quarks that are close to being bound can result in charmonia formation at hadronization.

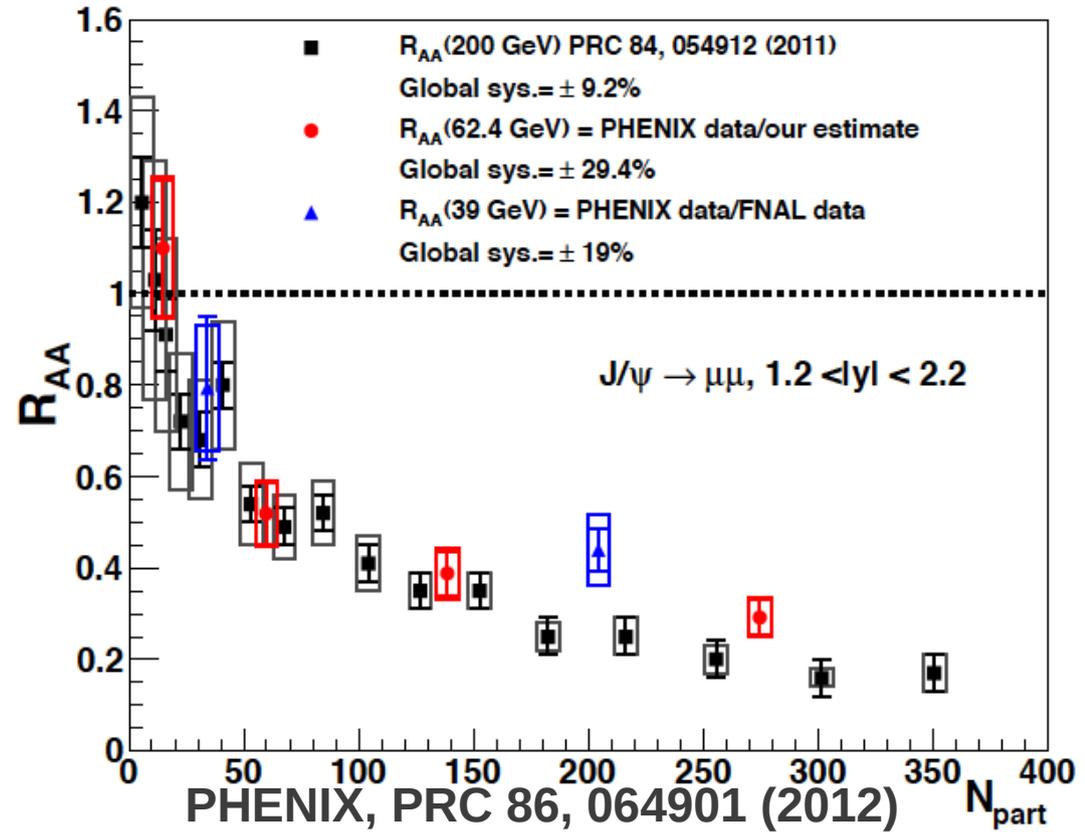
→ Increased probability at higher energies.

Two competing effects!

# PHENIX $J/\psi$ $R_{AA}$ for Different Energies

~Similar suppression!

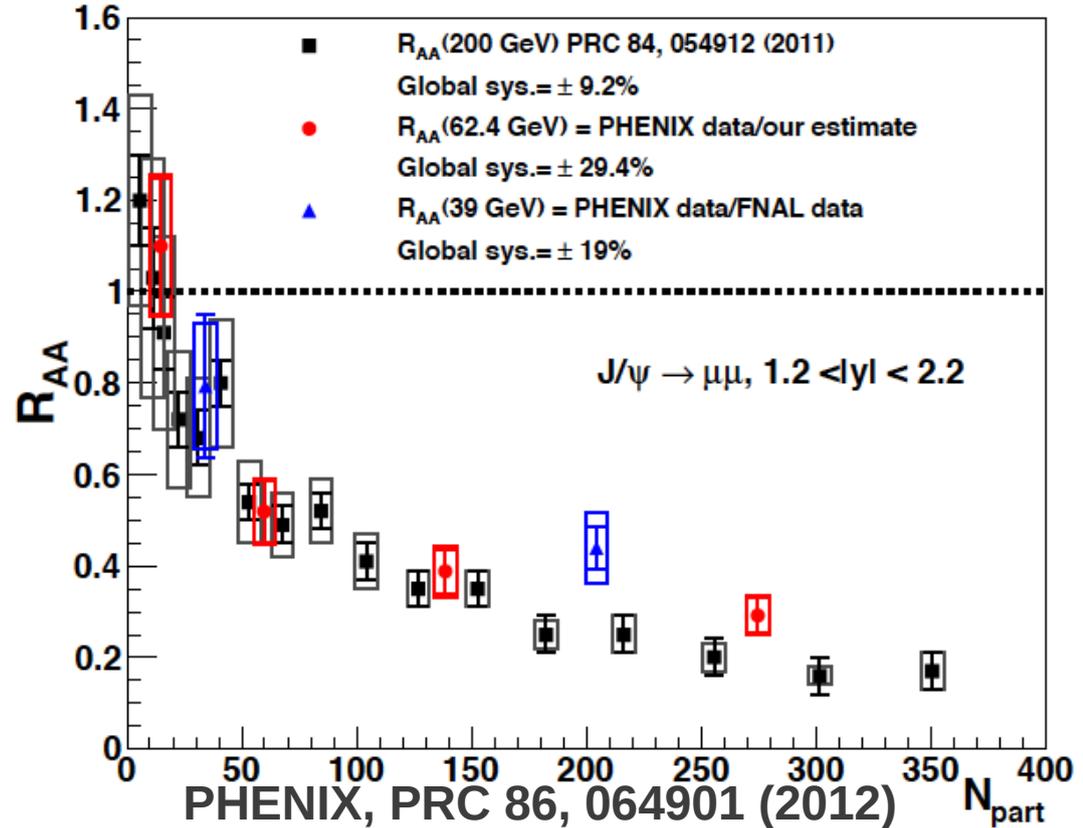
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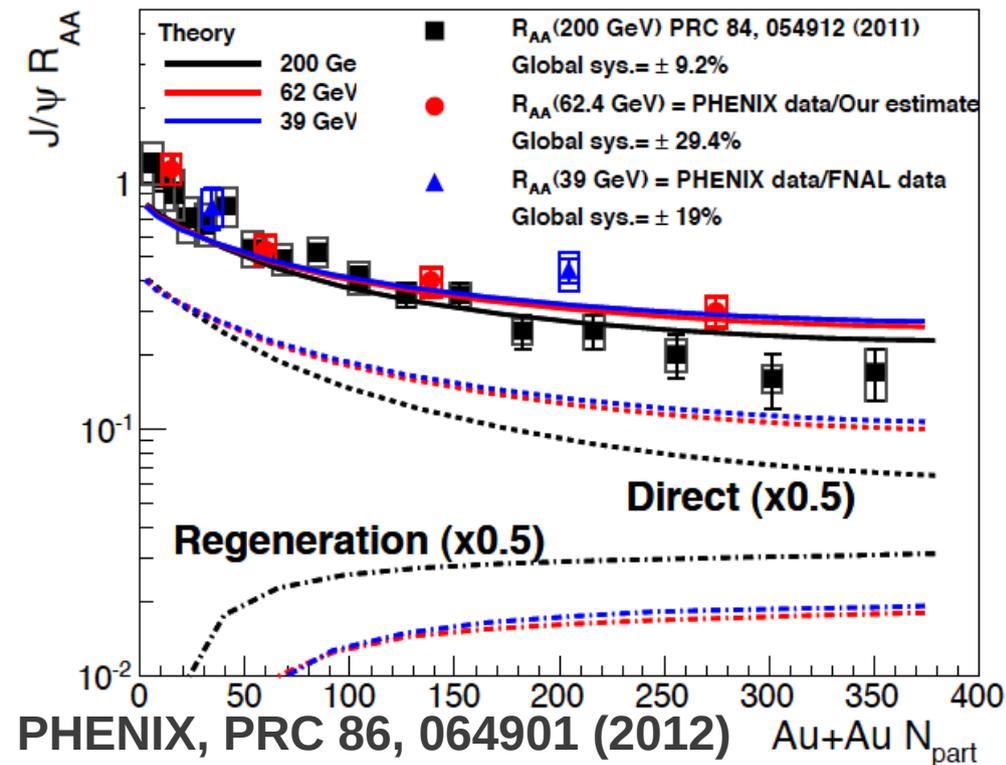
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Good agreement with models.

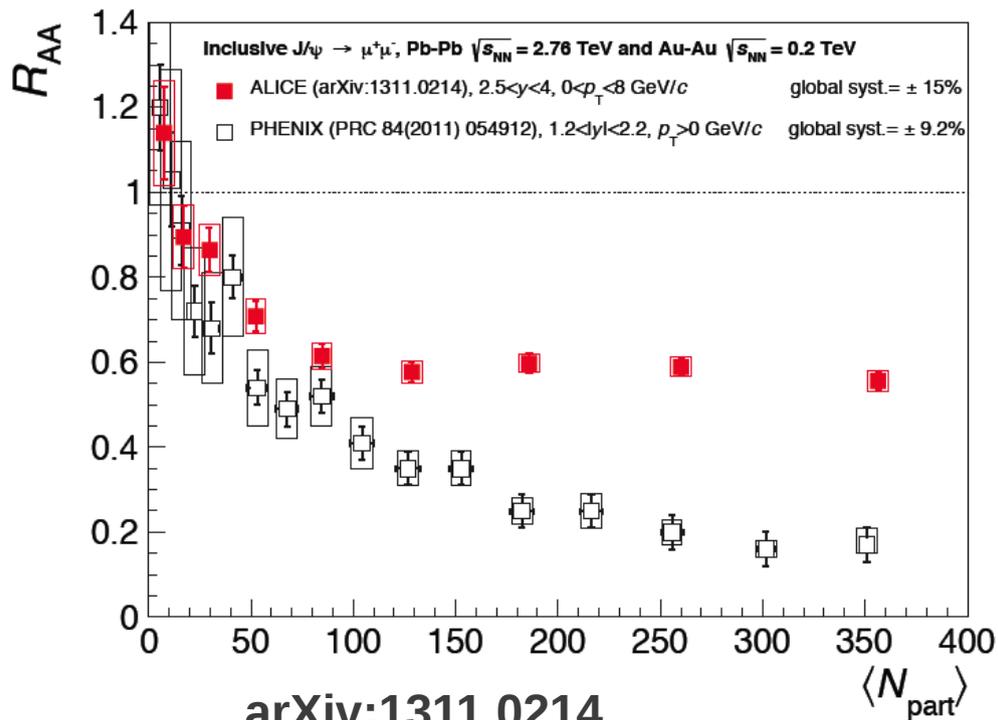
→ **Not** only CNM effects and destruction depend on collision energy!





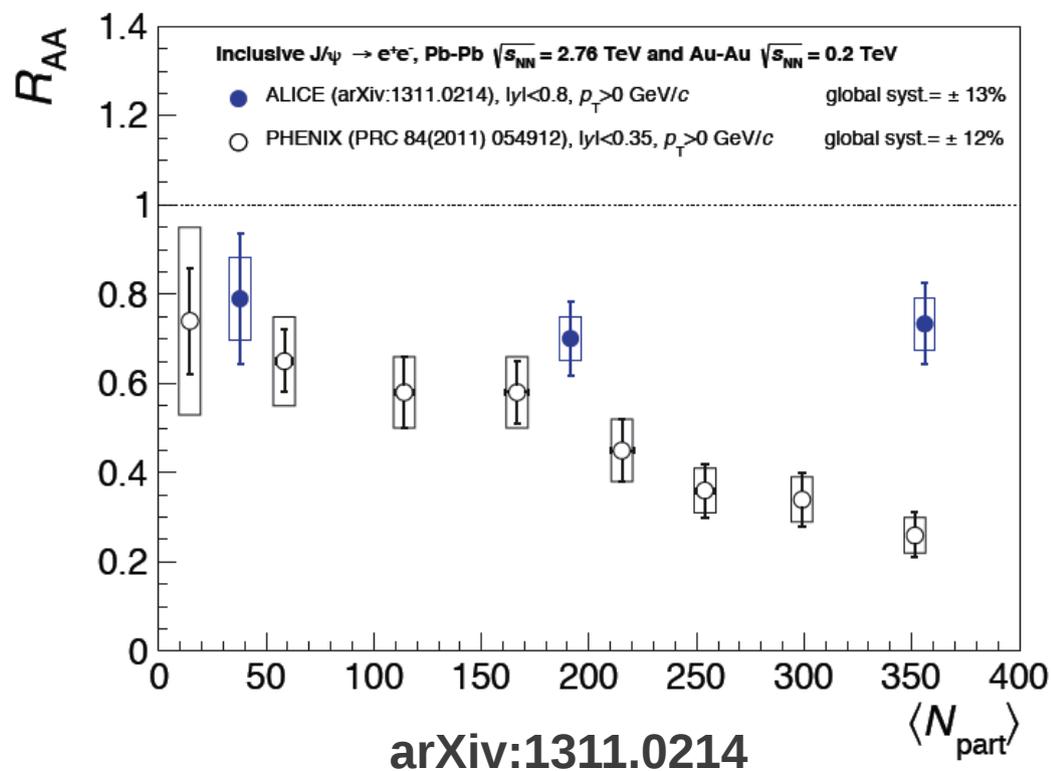
# PHENIX and ALICE : A Comparison vs Centrality

**forward rapidity  $2.5 < y < 4$**



ALICE forward : flat for  $N_{part} \geq 70$

**mid-rapidity  $|y| < 0.8$**



ALICE mid : Trend consistent with forward rapidity.

$$\rightarrow R_{AA}(\text{mid}) > R_{AA}(\text{forward})$$

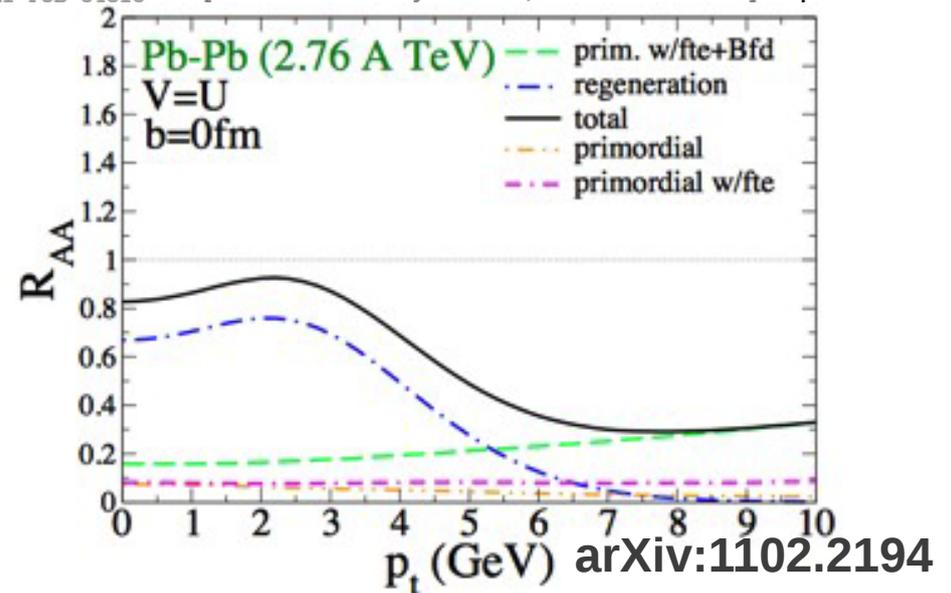
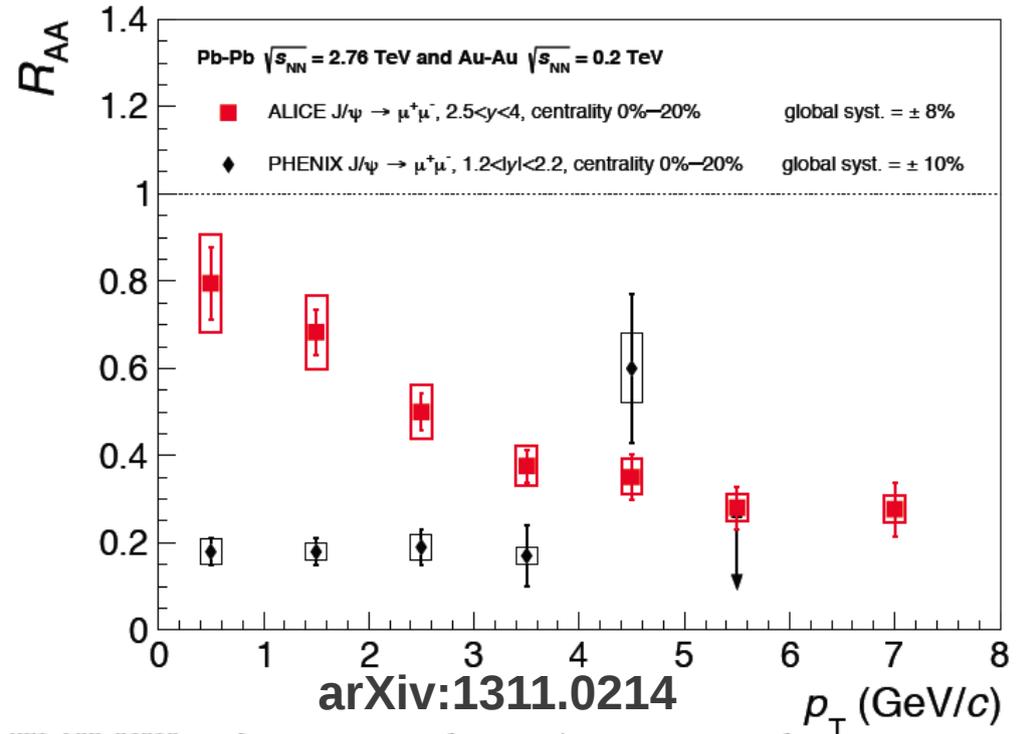
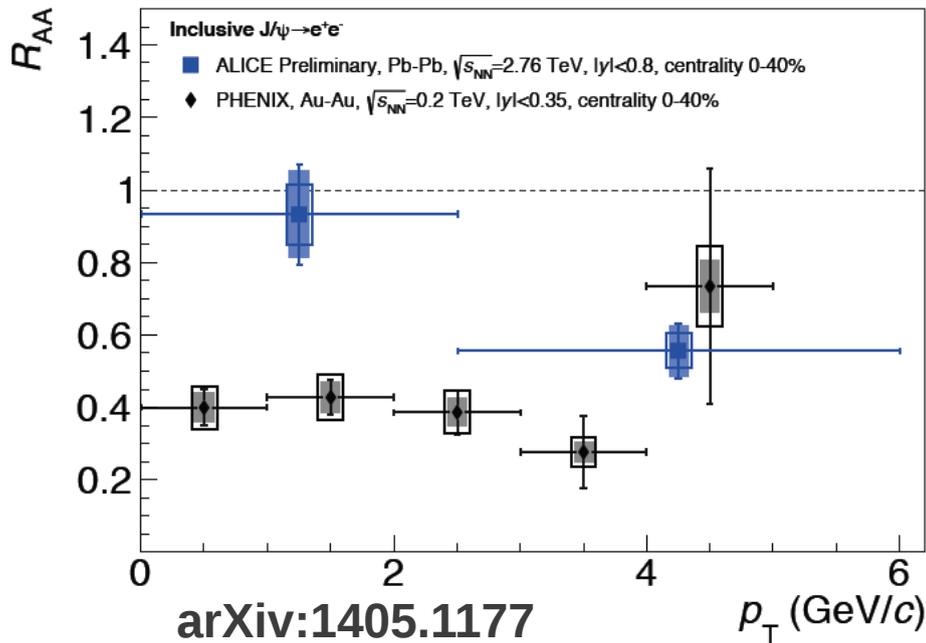
$\rightarrow$  Regeneration likely at higher energy!

# PHENIX and ALICE : A Comparison vs $p_T$ forward rapidity

ALICE(low  $p_T$ ) > PHENIX(low  $p_T$ )

Theory : regeneration is responsible for MOST of the  $J/\psi$ 's seen at ALICE.

mid-rapidity



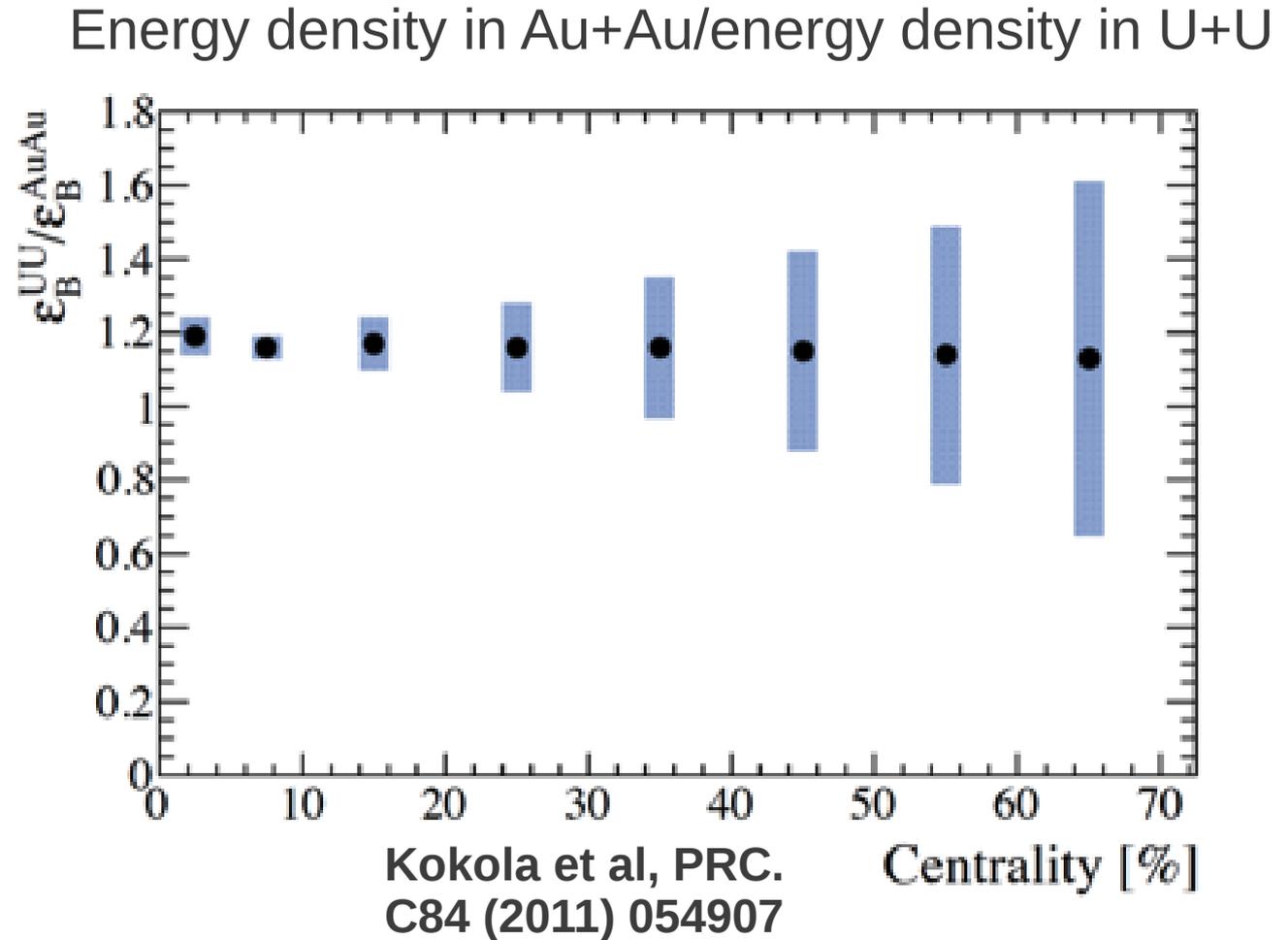
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$$\epsilon_B^{UU} > \epsilon_B^{AuAu} (\sim 15\%)$$

→ Greater suppression due to color screening.

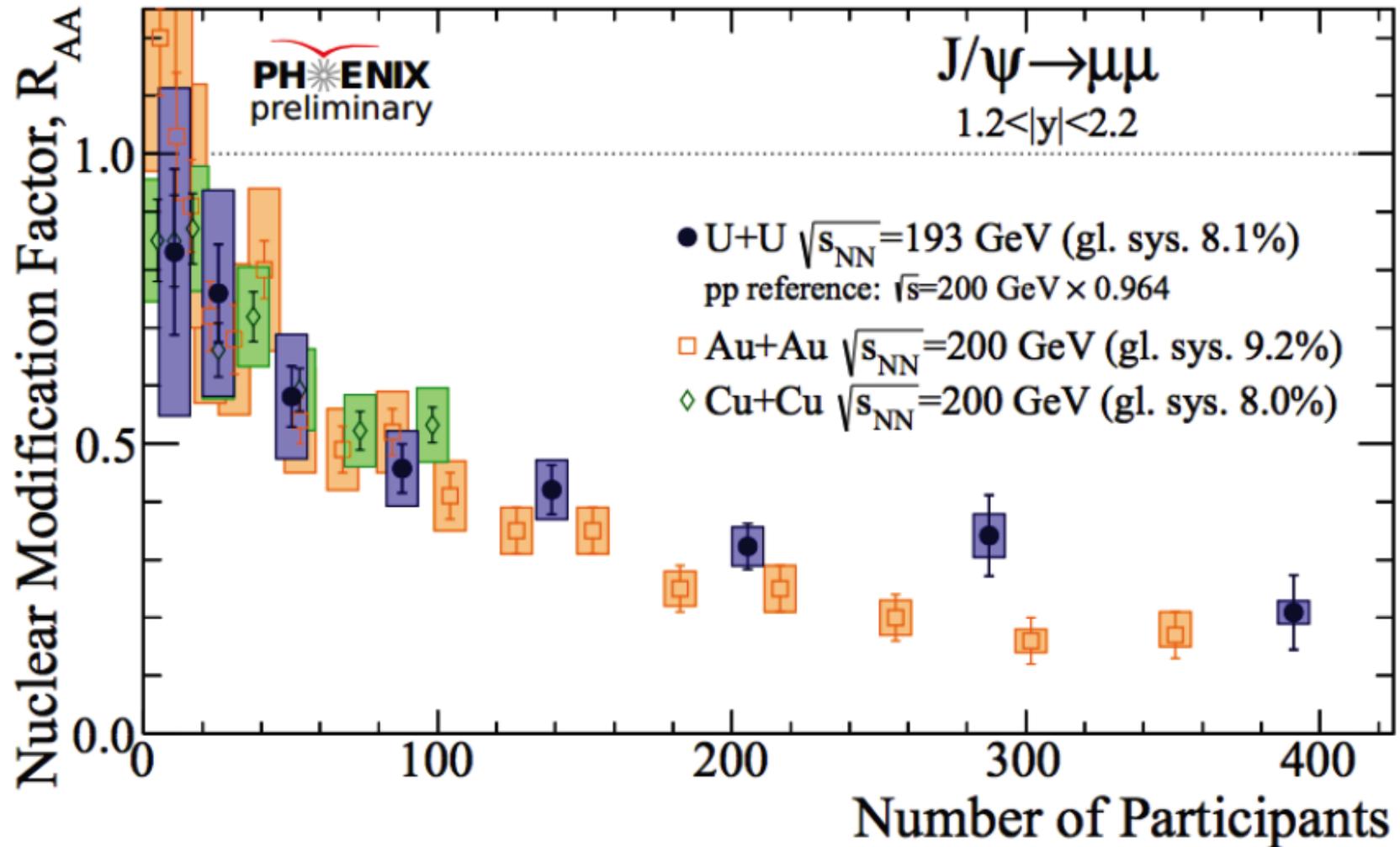
$N_{\text{coll}}$  increases  
=>  $N_{\text{charm}}$  increases

→ Greater probability for regeneration.



Result: Two competing effects!

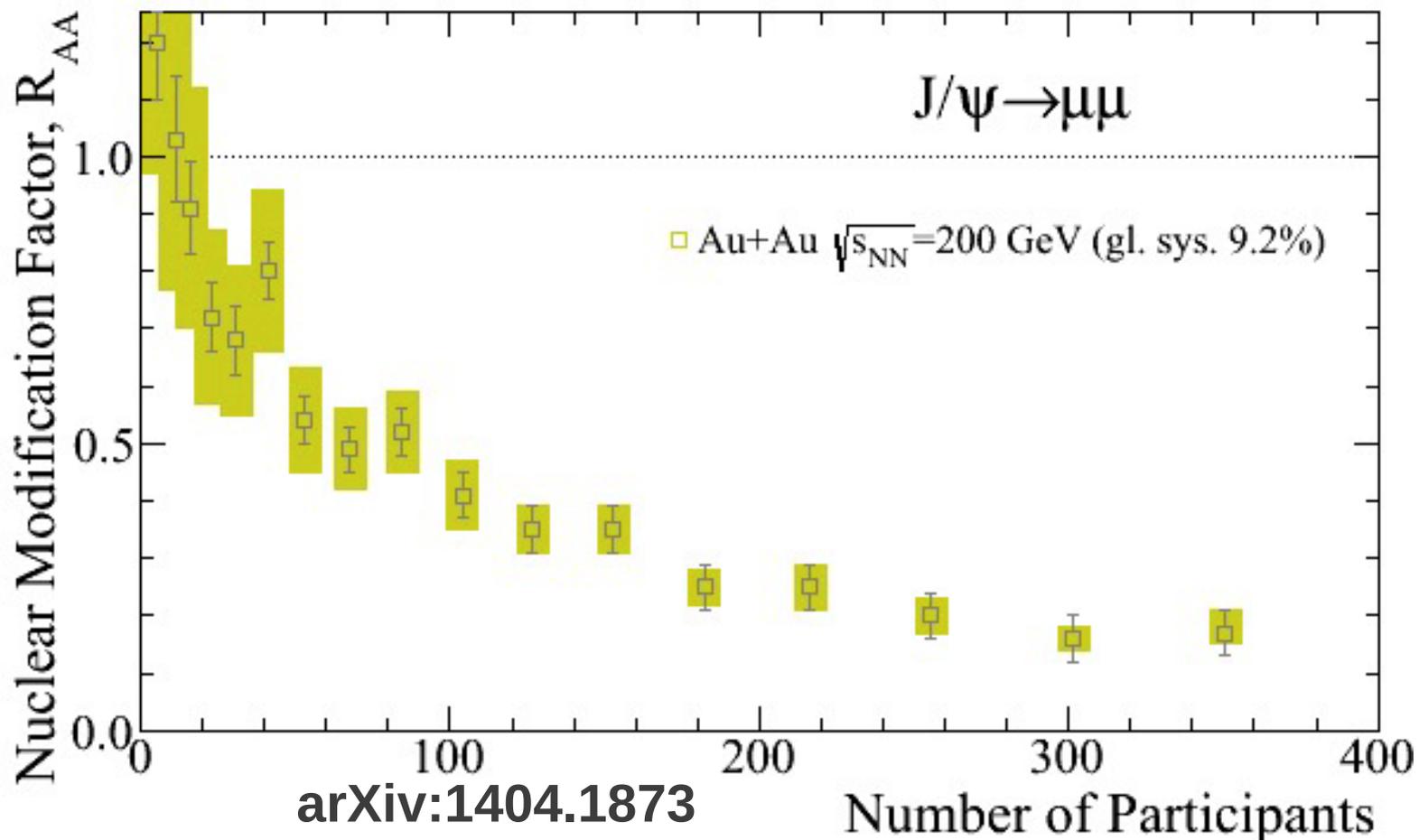
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=> Not much net effect from system size increase.

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2007 Au+Au J/ψ  
 $R_{AA}$



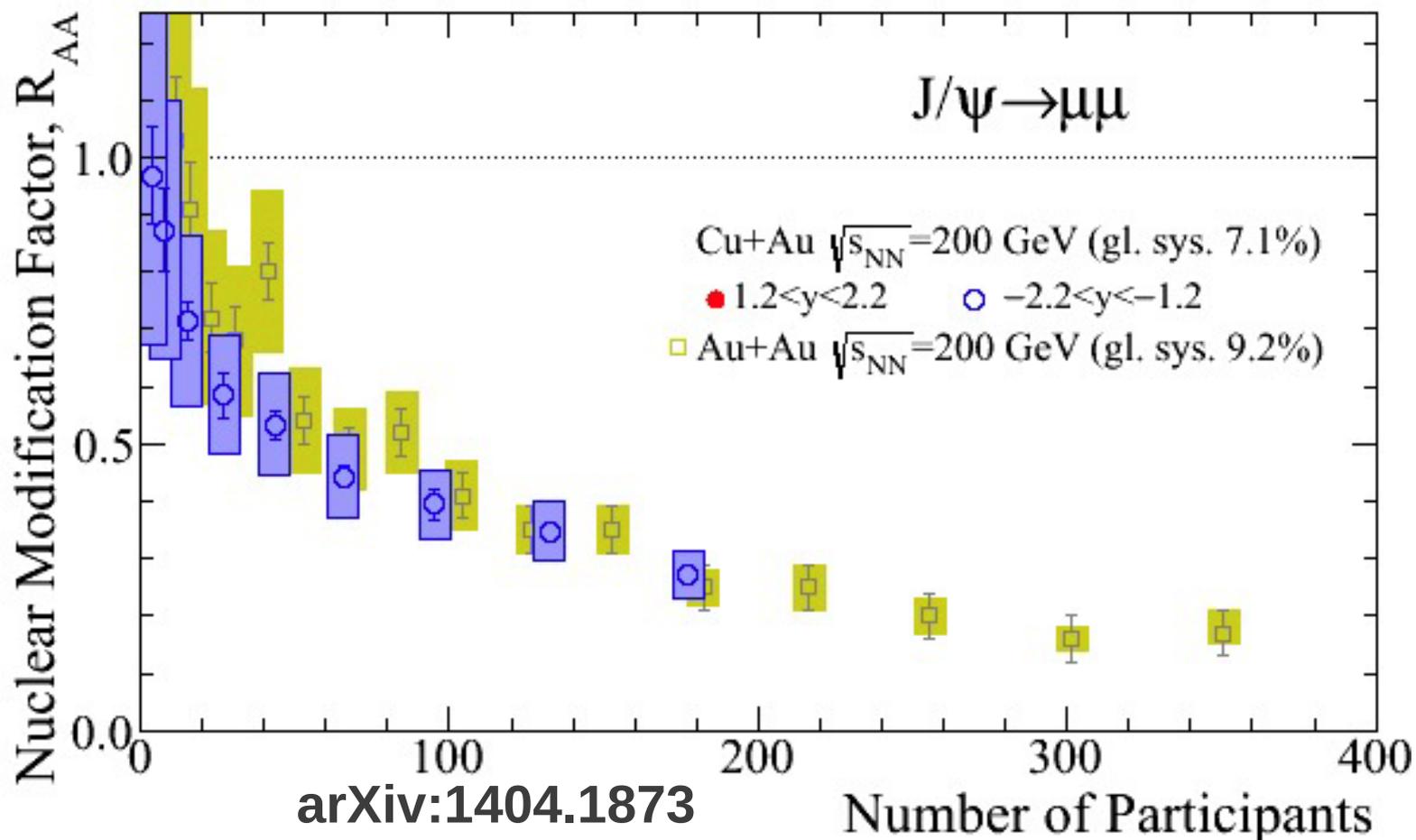
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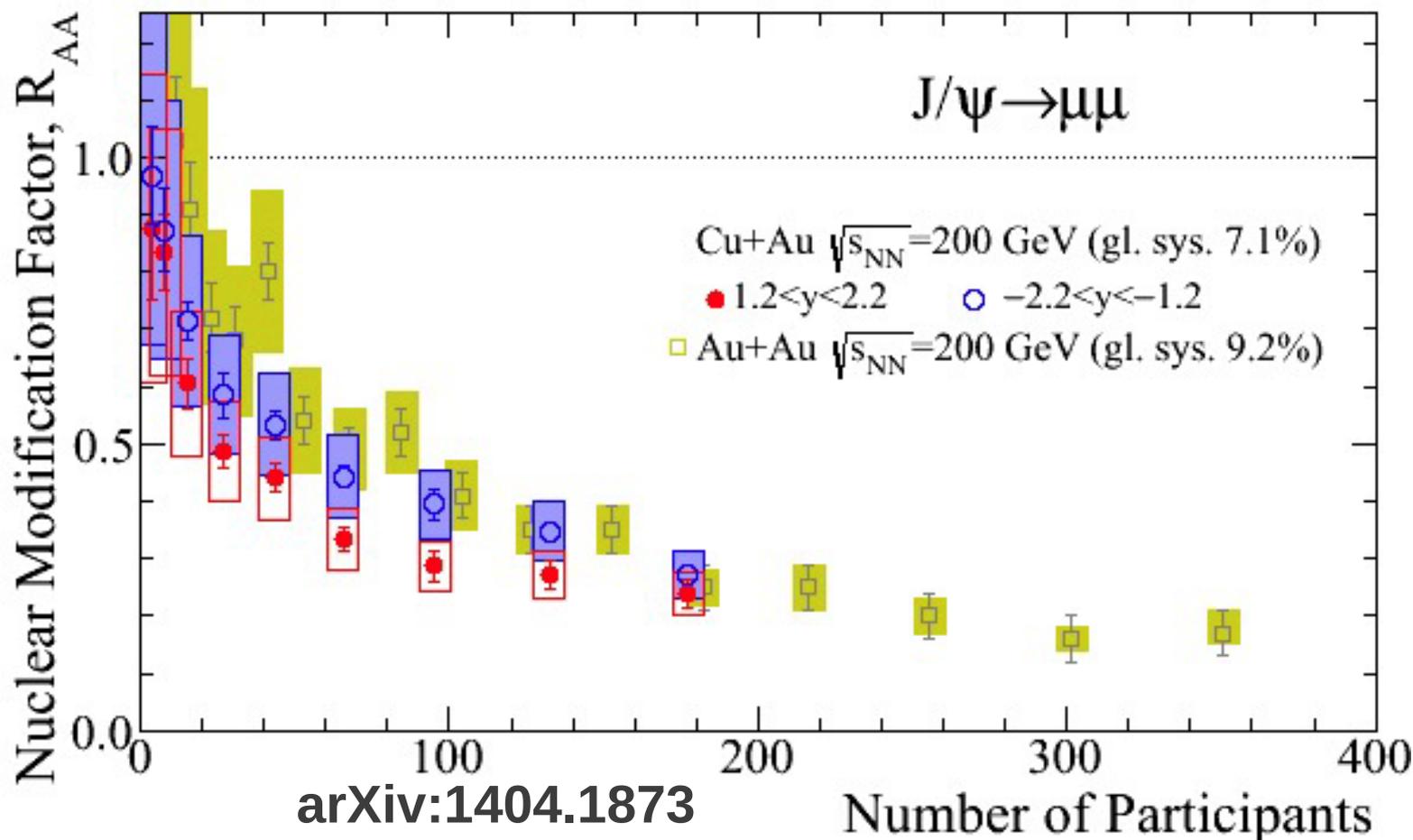
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Is this what we expected?

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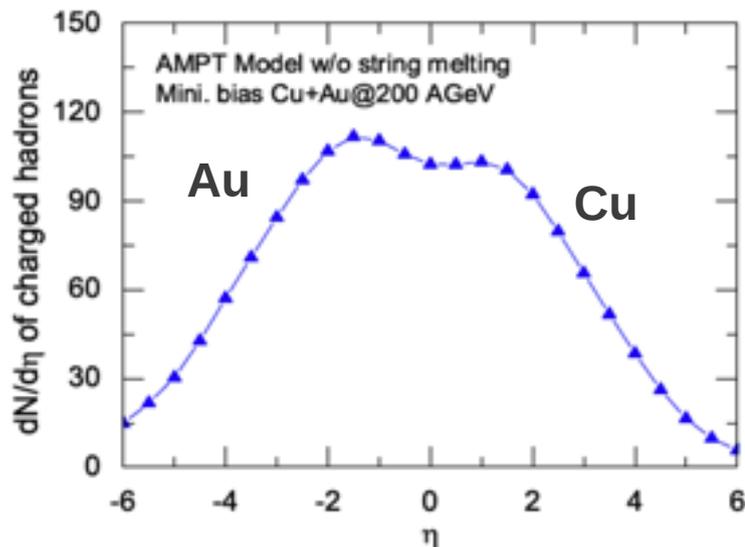
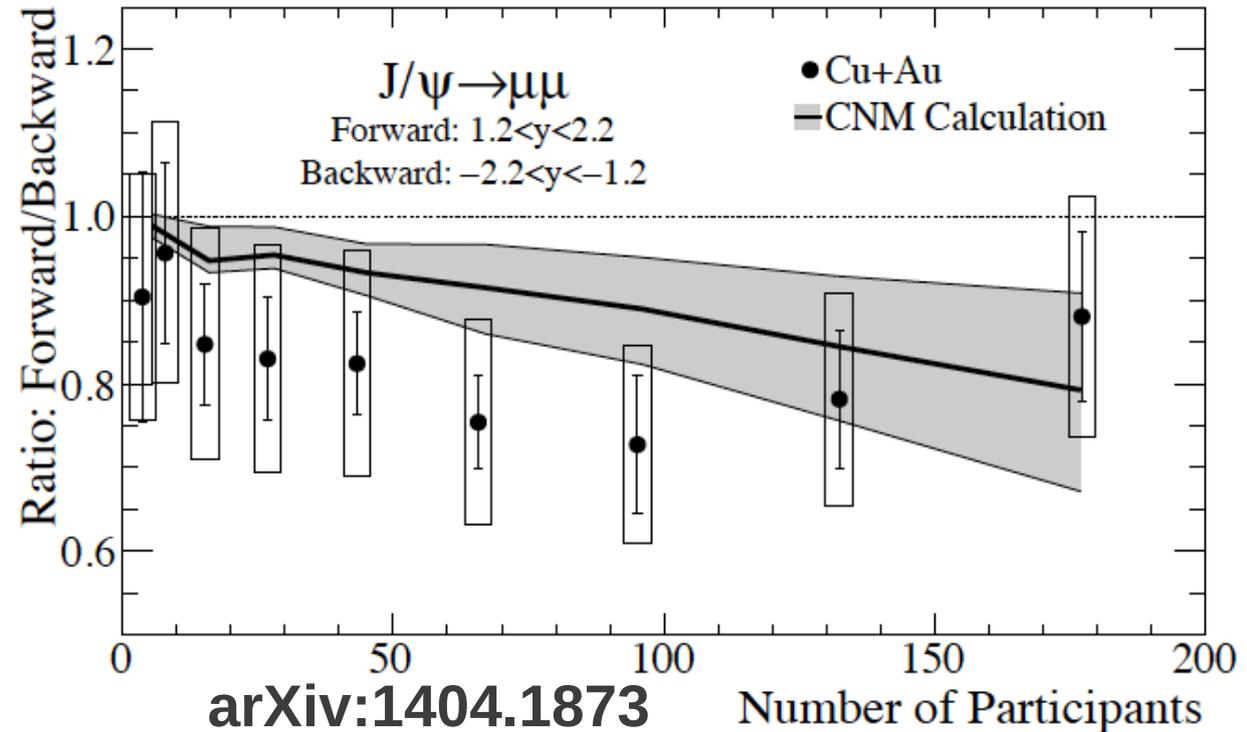
$$dN_{ch}/d\eta(\text{Cu}) < dN_{ch}/d\eta(\text{Au})$$

=> energy density effects should be **smaller** in Cu-going direction

Shadowing(Au) > Shadowing(Cu)

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→ Shadowing effects are stronger than suppression effects.

# Future J/ψ Analyses

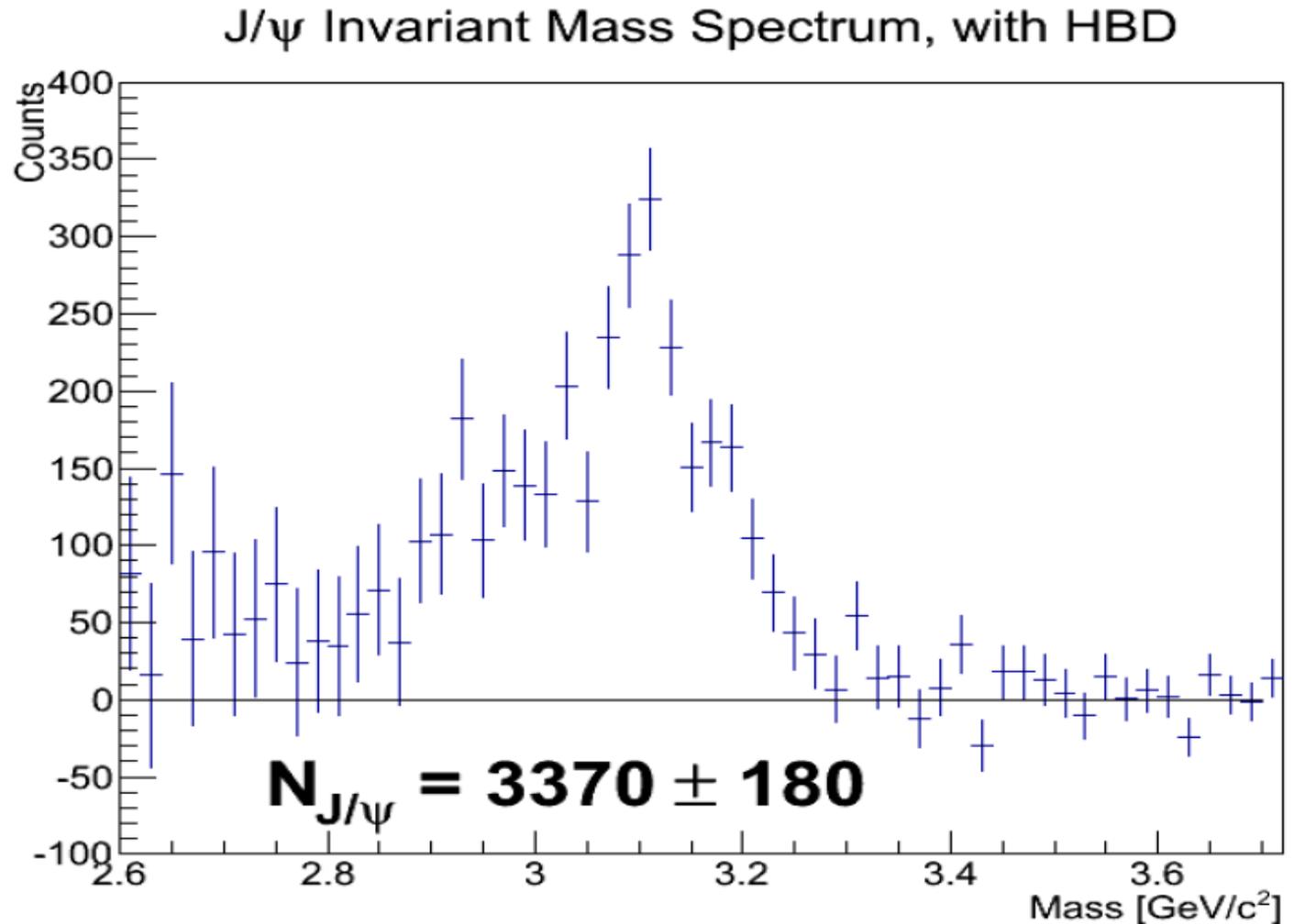
Run 10 Au+Au 200 GeV J/ψ at midrapidity.

→ Increasing statistical precision

→ Using HBD

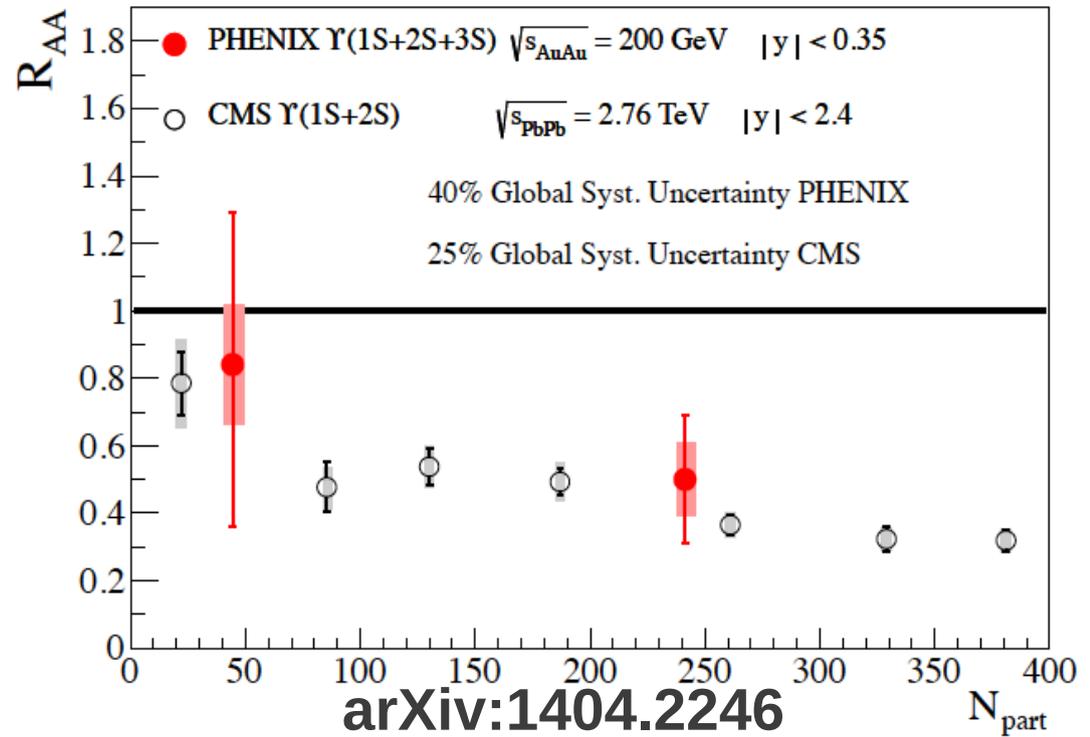
**Run 14** : Highest statistics Au+Au run in PHENIX history. (15+B events!)

→ Silicon vertex detectors performing well!



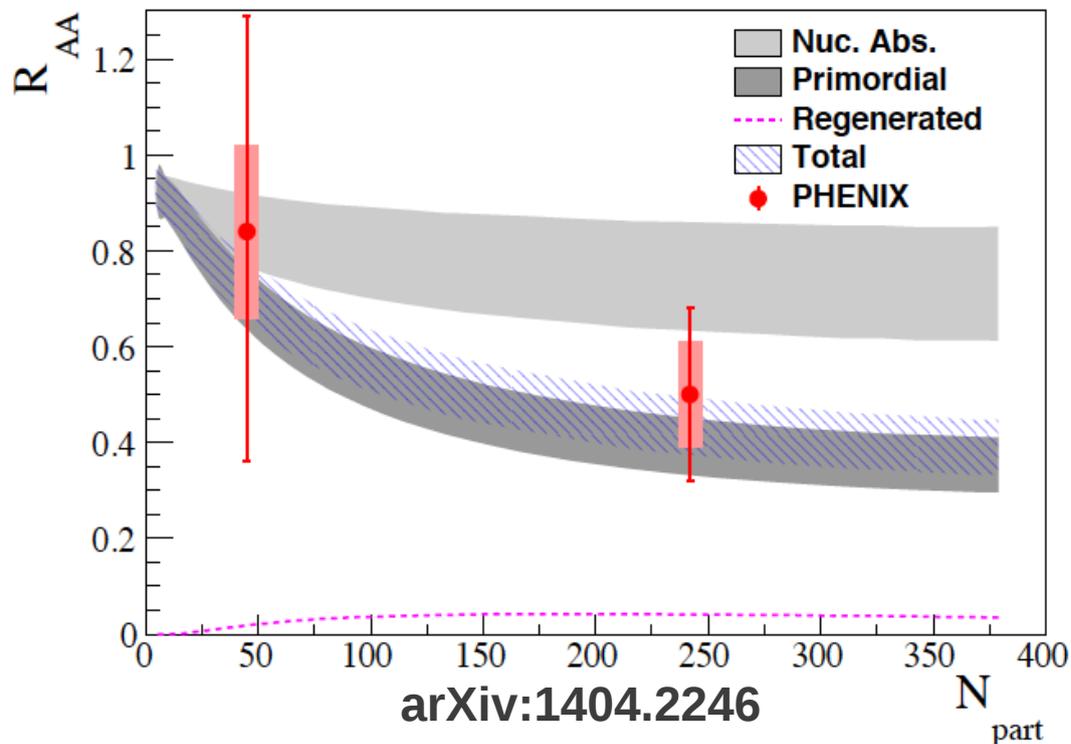
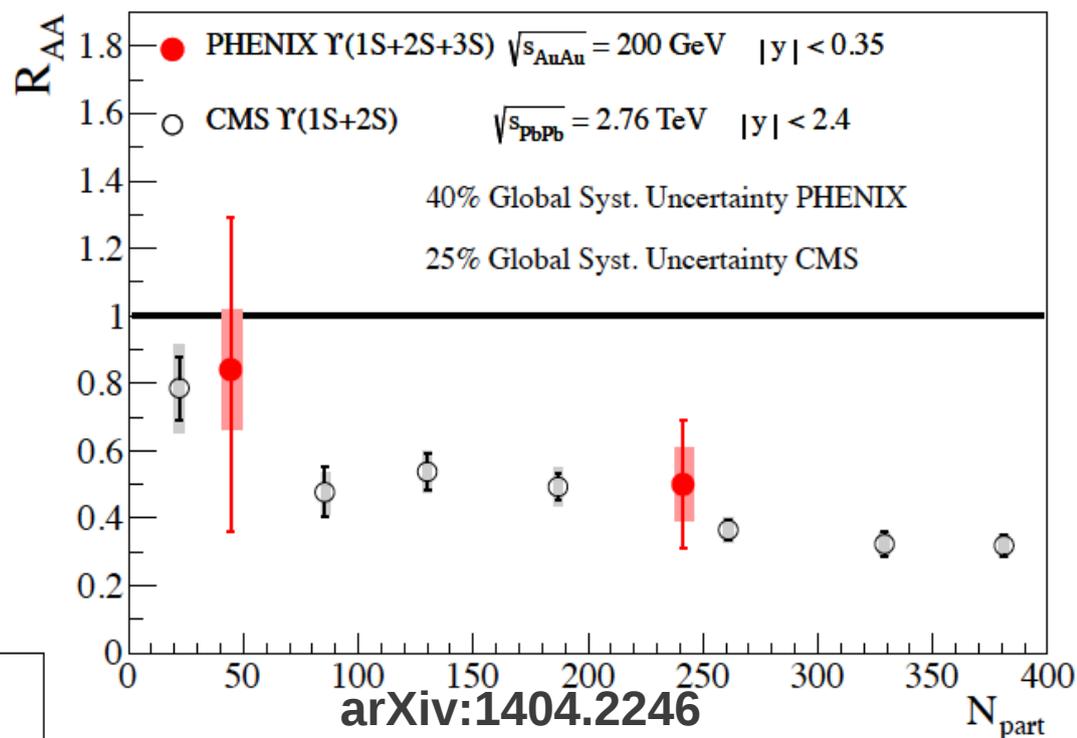
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Model from Rapp et al shows good agreement.

- Minimal regeneration contribution.
- Dissociation by color screening dominates.

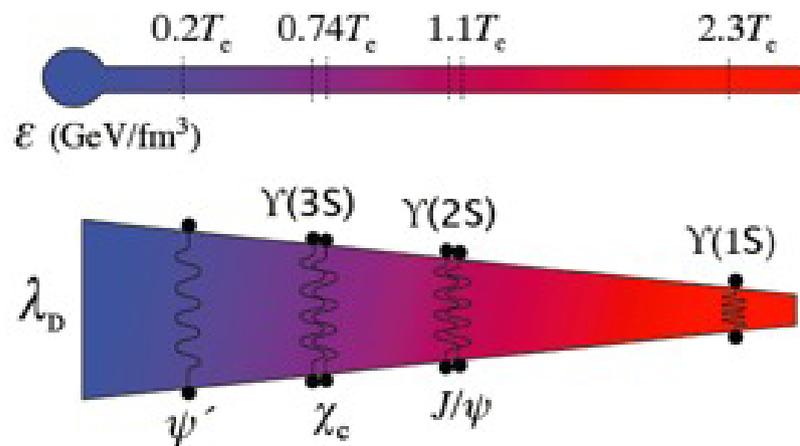
# Y in sPHENIX

Regeneration of Y : low probability (even at LHC!)

→ Main effect on Y yields : destruction

=> Ideal for comparing Y  $R_{AA}$  between PHENIX and CMS.

$R(1S) < R(2S) < R(3S)$  → Effects on states of different sizes!



# Y in sPHENIX

GEANT simulation using preliminary sPHENIX design.

**Y(1S,2S,3S)**

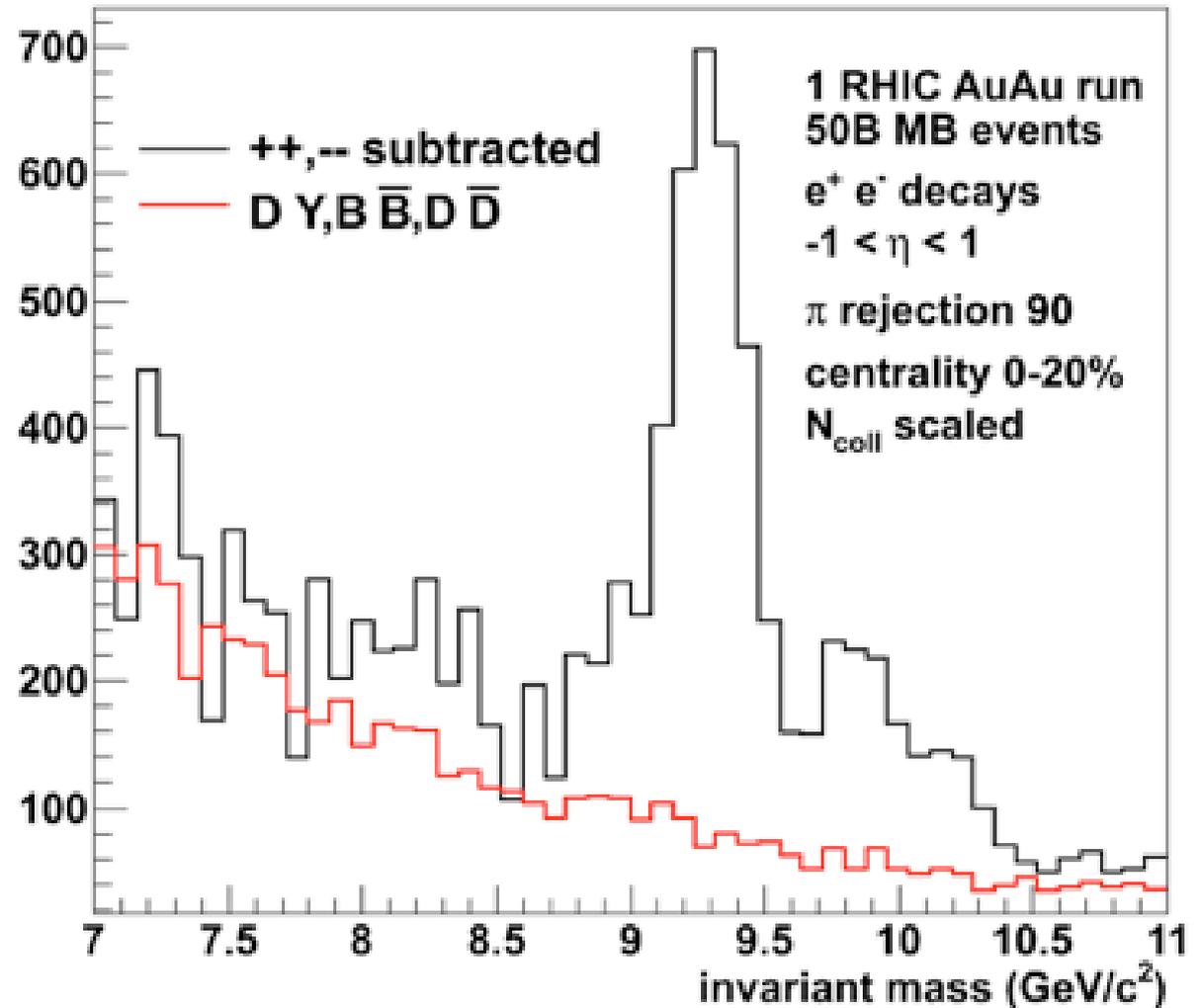
50B Au+Au Events

Dark line : Like-sign subtracted signal.

Red line : Estimate of correlated background.

Still room for improvement in:

- Electron ID
- Tracking
- Radiative tail rejection



# Conclusions

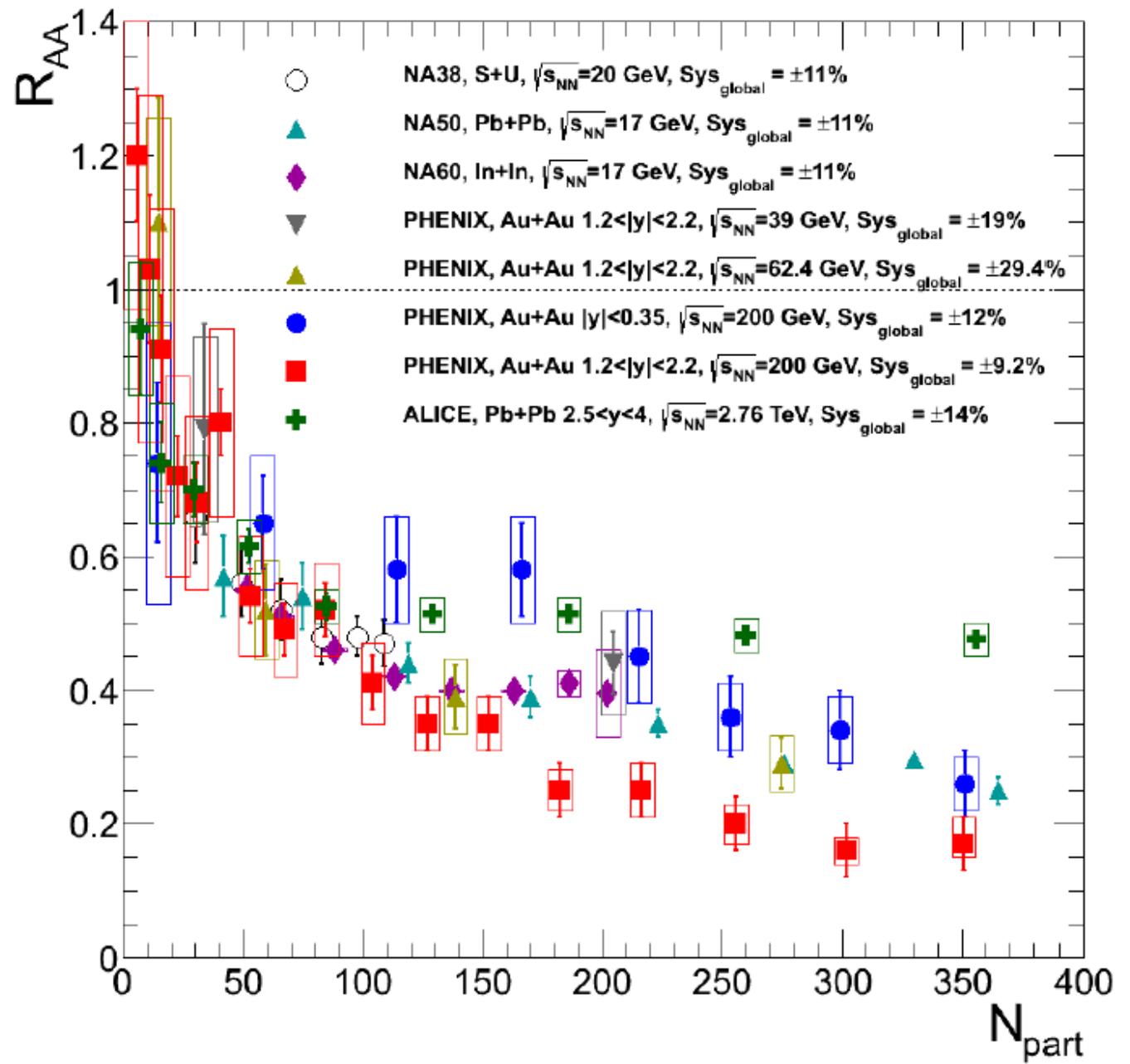
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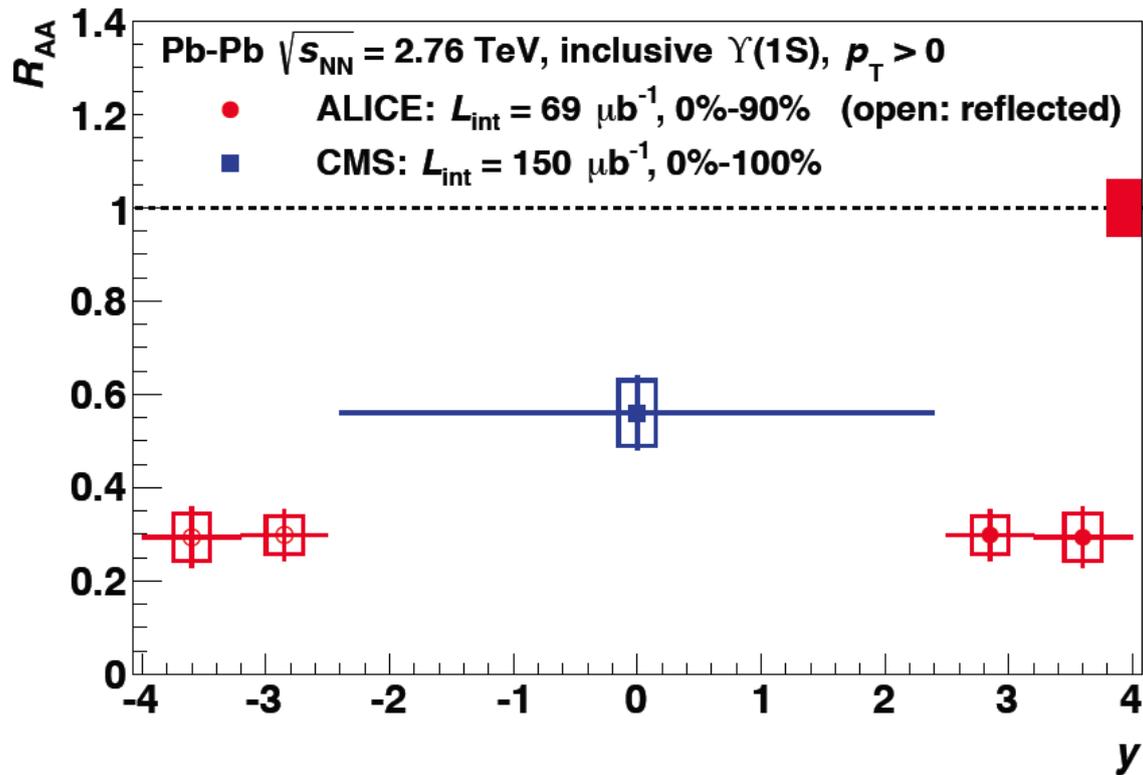
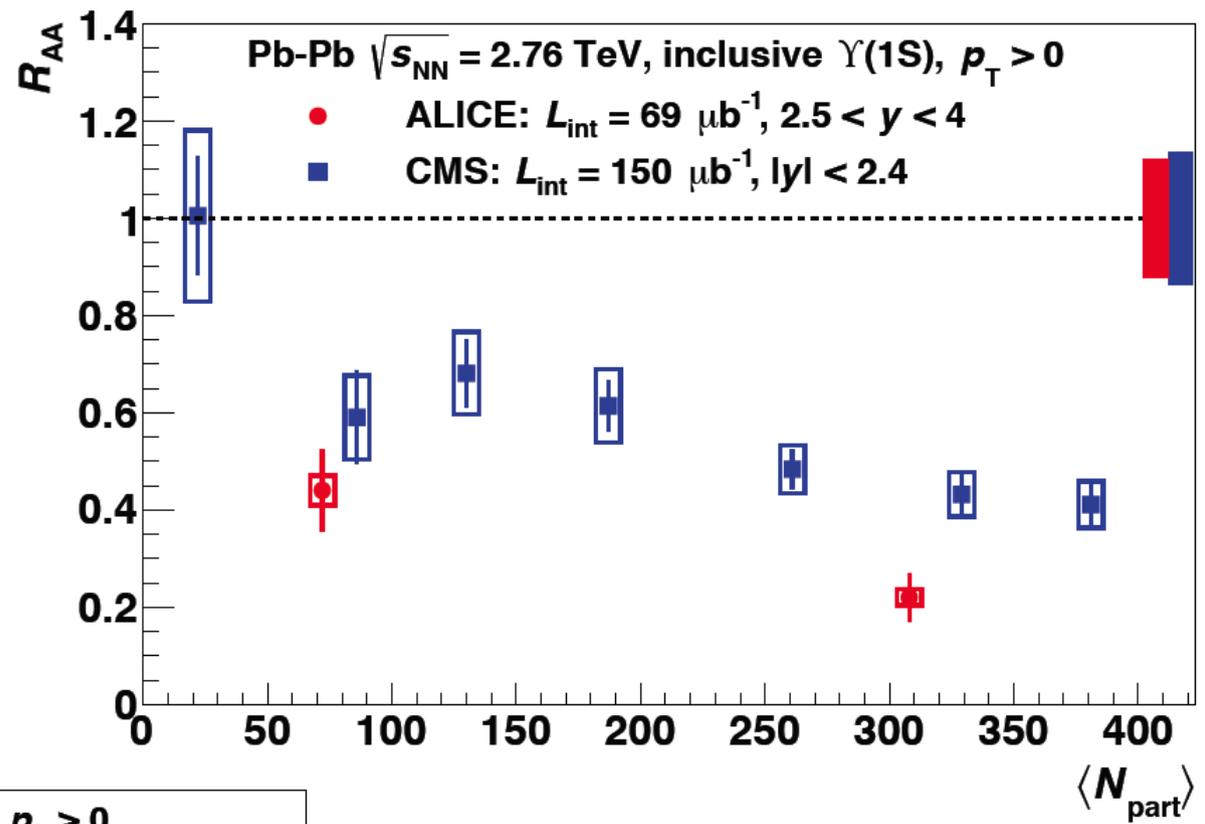
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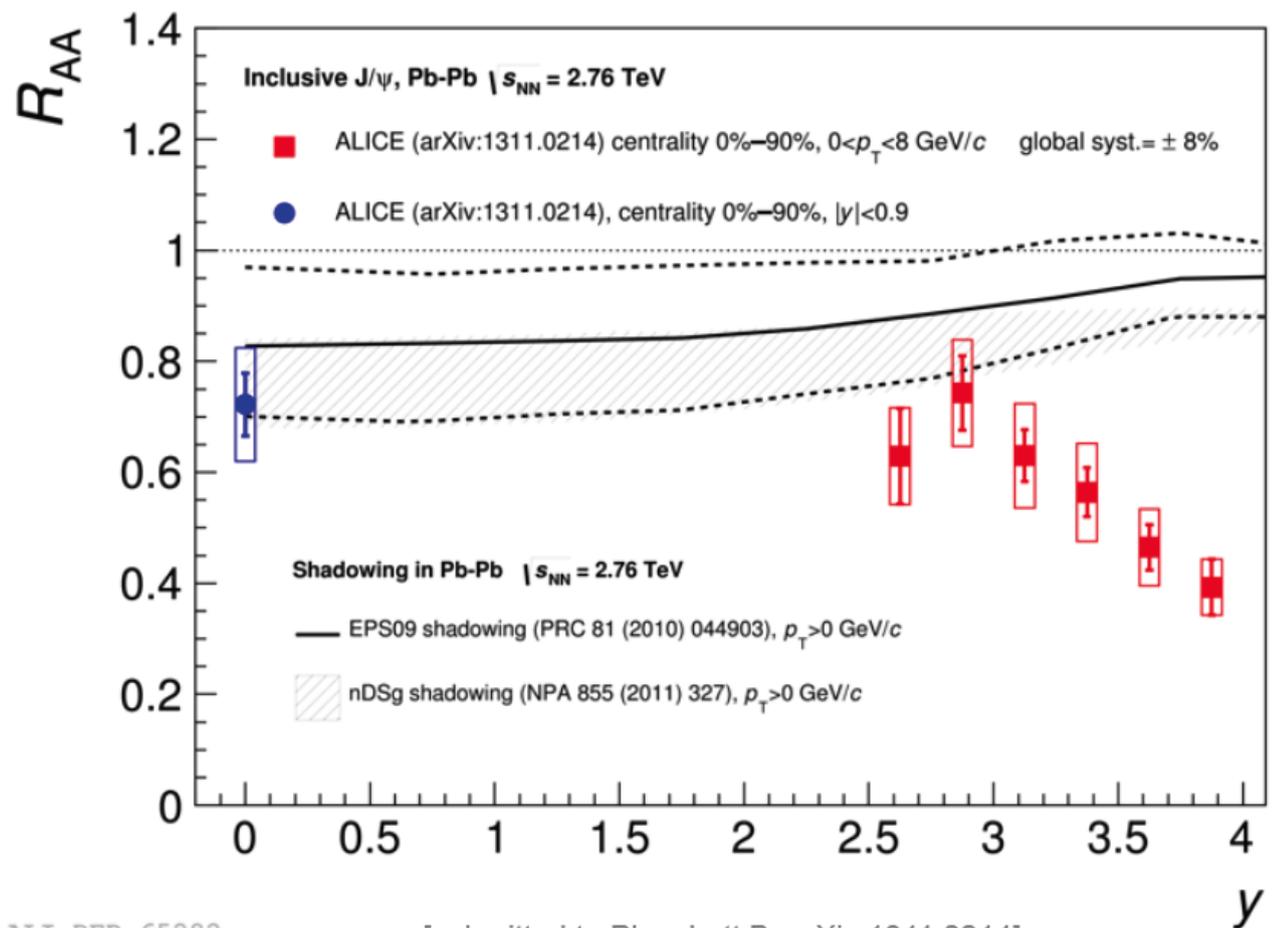
Thanks for your attention!

# Backup



ALICE and CMS  
 Upsilon(1S), forward and  
 midrapidity, vs Npart and  
 rapidity.





CMS and STAR Upsilon (1S, 2S)  
comparison, midrapidity, vs centrality.

