

# HF Quarkonium Physics in PHENIX

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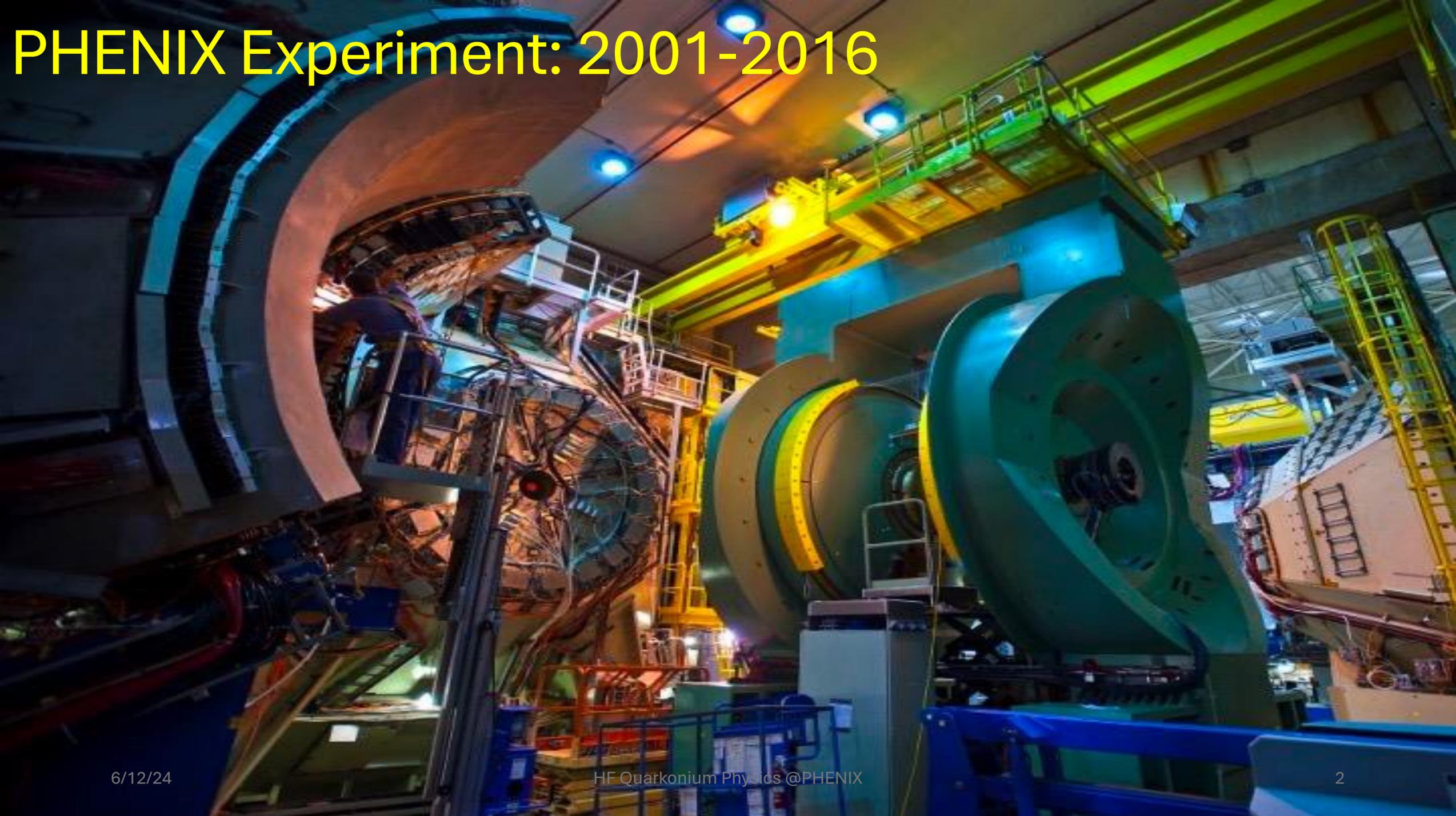
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# PHENIX Experiment: 2001-2016



# Broad Physics Topics being explored: HI, Spin to BSM

- continue producing high impact physics beyond 2016

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Editors' Suggestion

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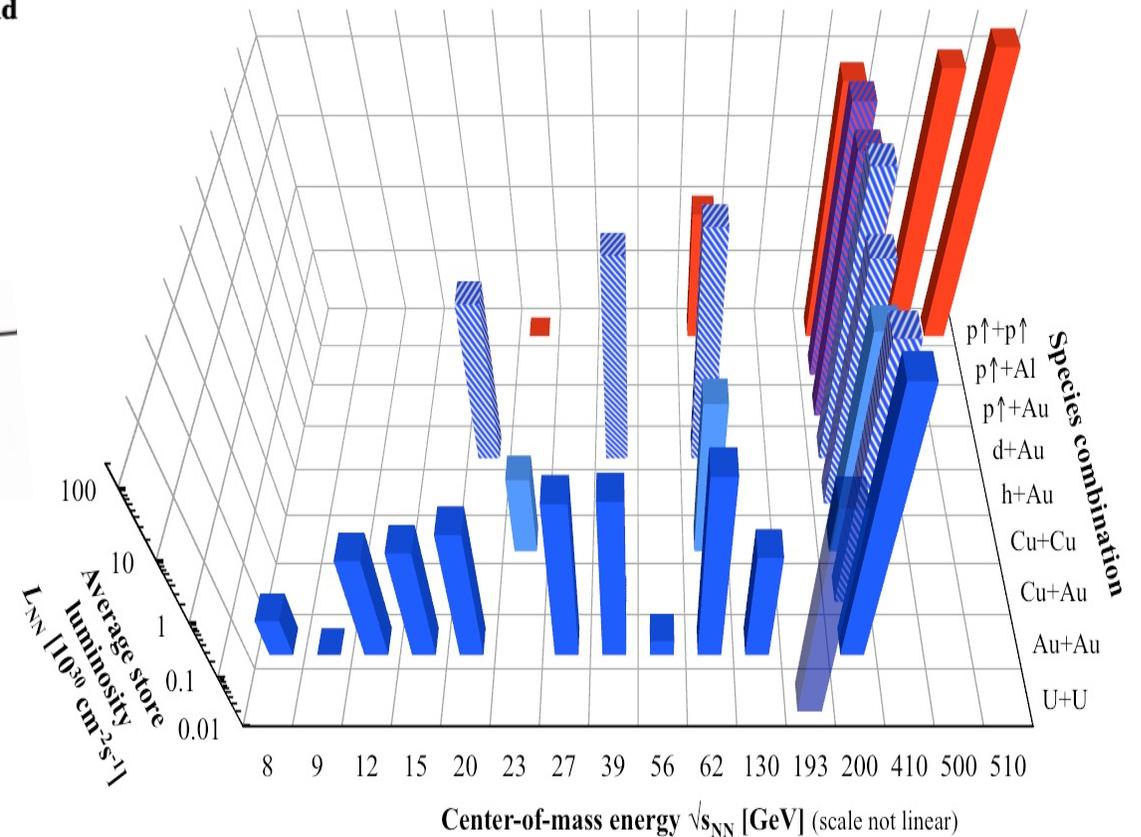
Measurement of Direct-Photon Cross Section and Double-Helicity Asymmetry at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV in  $\bar{p} + \bar{p}$  Collisions

"Study of charged hadron production in  $p+Al$ ,  $3He+Au$ ,  $Cu+Au$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV and in  $U+U$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 193$  GeV"

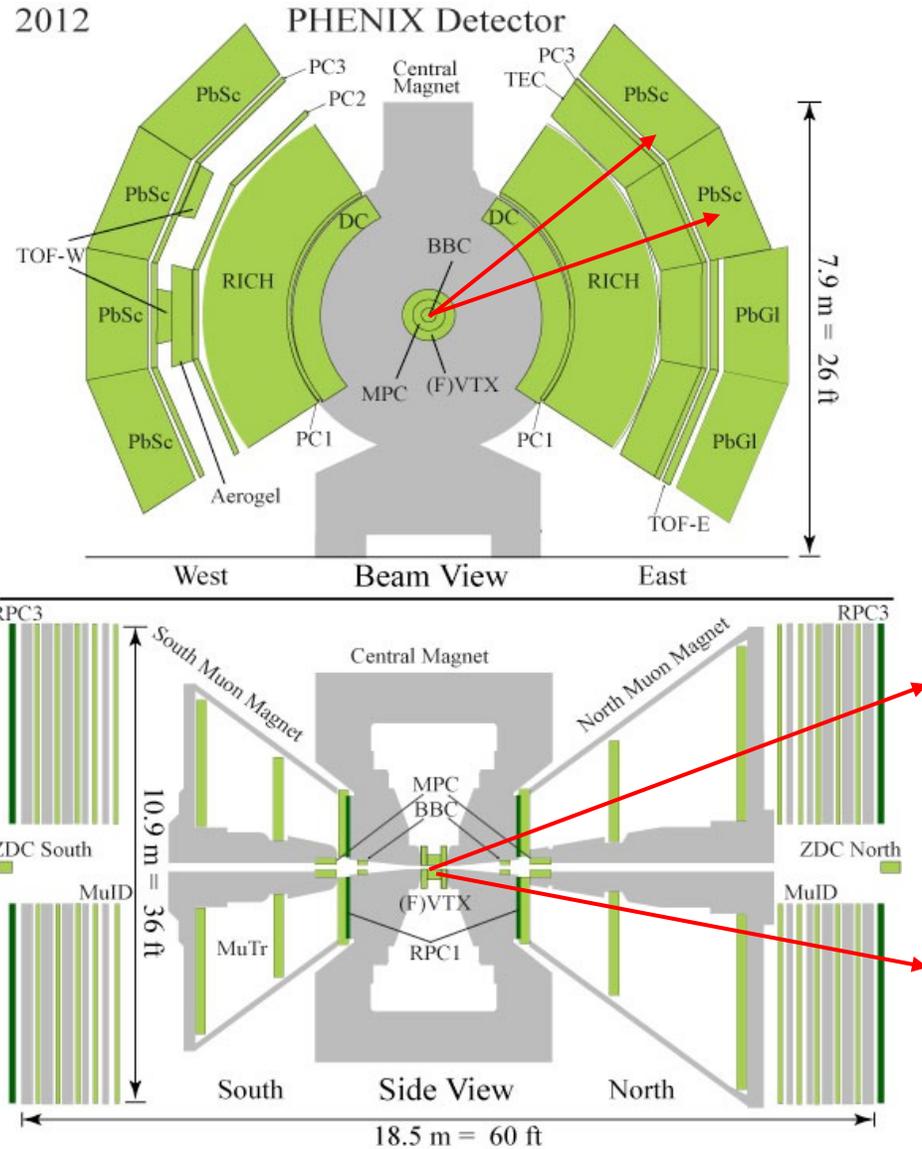
Preprint: [arXiv:2312.09827](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.09827) [inSPIRE](#), [Citations](#)

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RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 16)



# PHENIX Detector: $J/\psi \rightarrow \text{di-lepton}$



**Central Arms**  $|\eta| < 0.35$

- Identified charged hadrons
- Neutral Pions/Etas
- Direct Photon
- $J/\psi$
- Heavy Flavor (VTX)

**Muon Arms**  $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

- $J/\psi$
- Unidentified charged hadrons
- Heavy Flavor (FVTX)

**BBC/MPC**  $3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$

- Neutral Pion's, Eta's
- Charged particles

**ZDC**  $|\eta| \sim 5.9$

- Neutrons

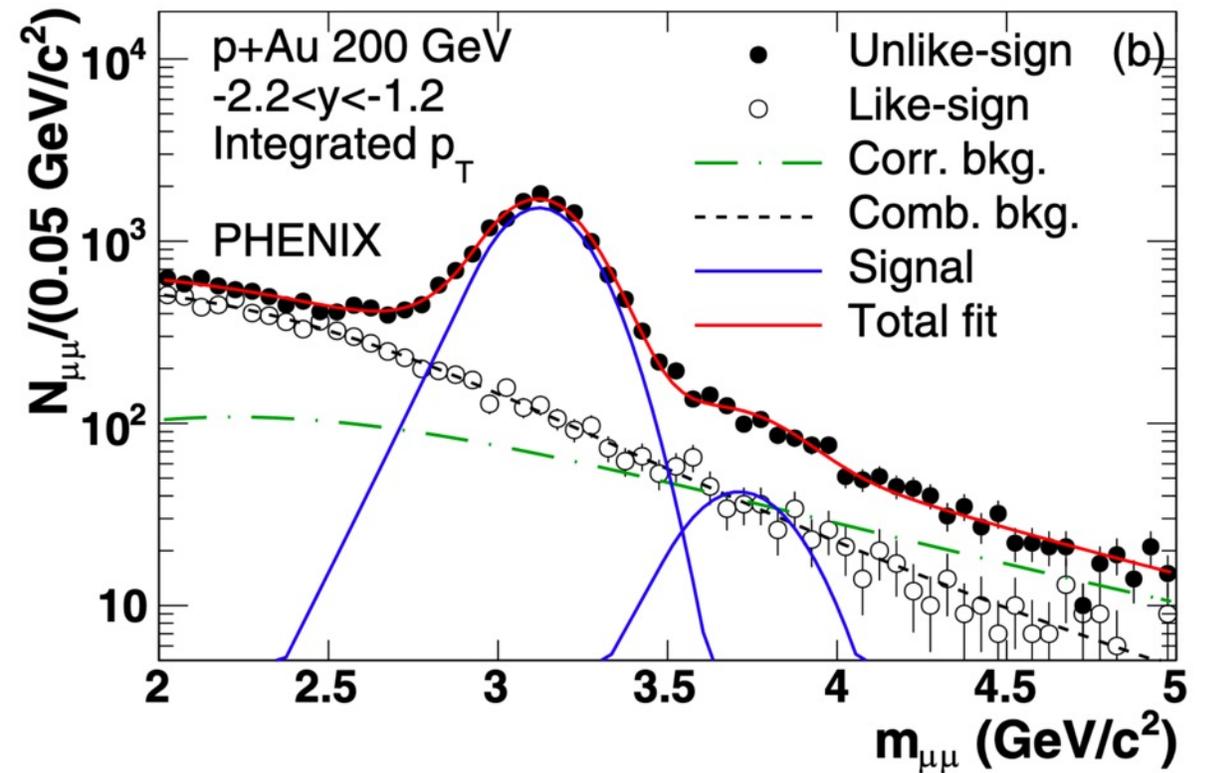
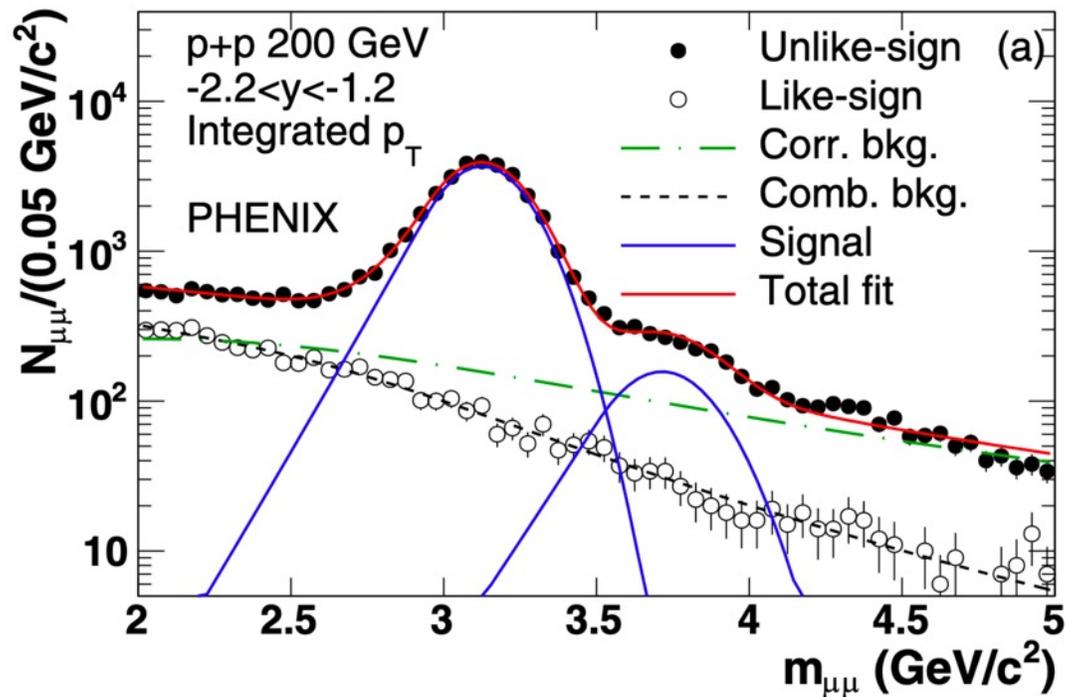
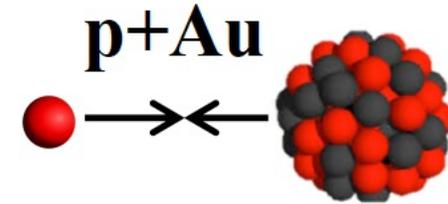
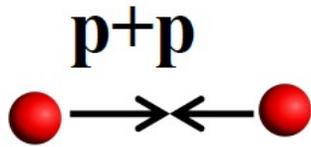
**$J/\psi$  &  $\psi(2S)$  Measurements:**

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

$$\mu^+ + \mu^-;$$

*BR = 6%,  
 Good statistics;  
 Good triggers;*

# J/ψ, Psi(2S) Measurements in Dimuon Channel



# Selected Recent Highlights

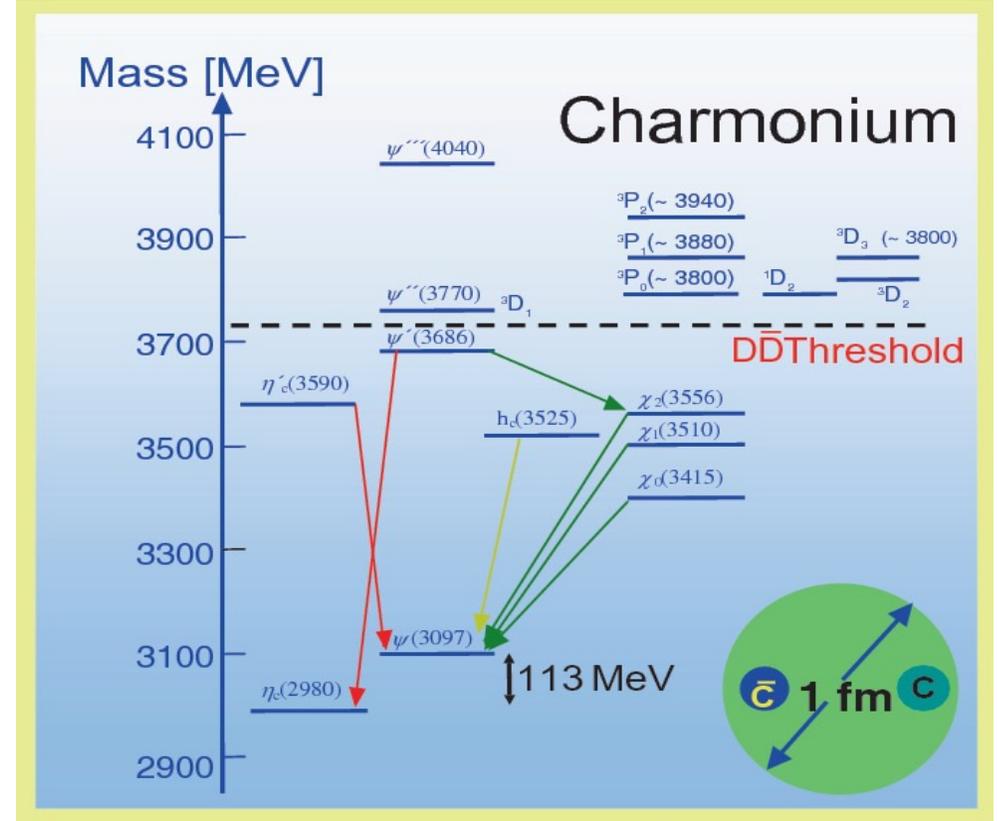
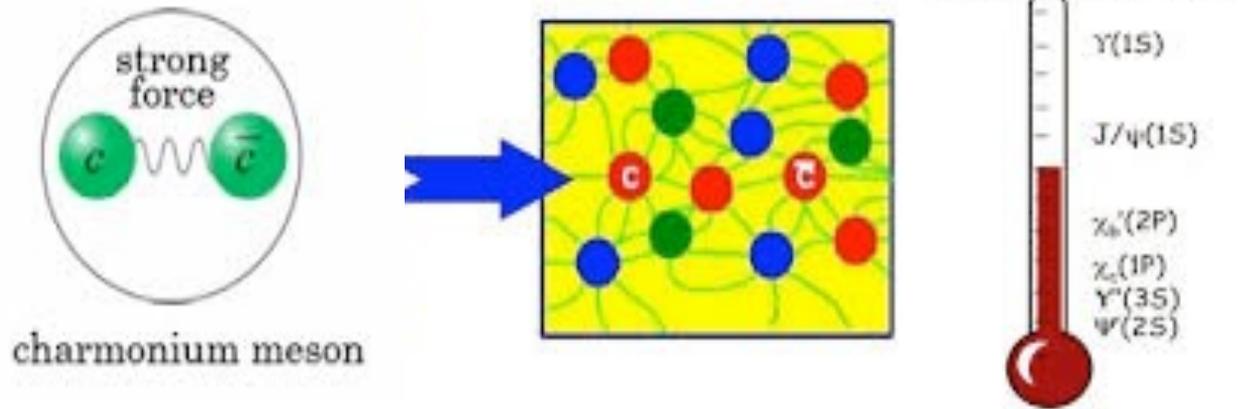
- J/Psi flow in Au+Au collisions
- J/Psi, Psi(2S) and CNM in p+A (Al, Au)
- J/Psi and Psi(2S) productions vs event multiplicity (p+p)

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# Why HF Quarkonium?

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Matsui & Satz, Phys. Lett. B178 (1986)  
- first quantitative predictions



**Binding energy  $\sim O(10^2)$  MeV  $\sim$  QGP Temperatures**

Quarkonium dissociation by string breaking

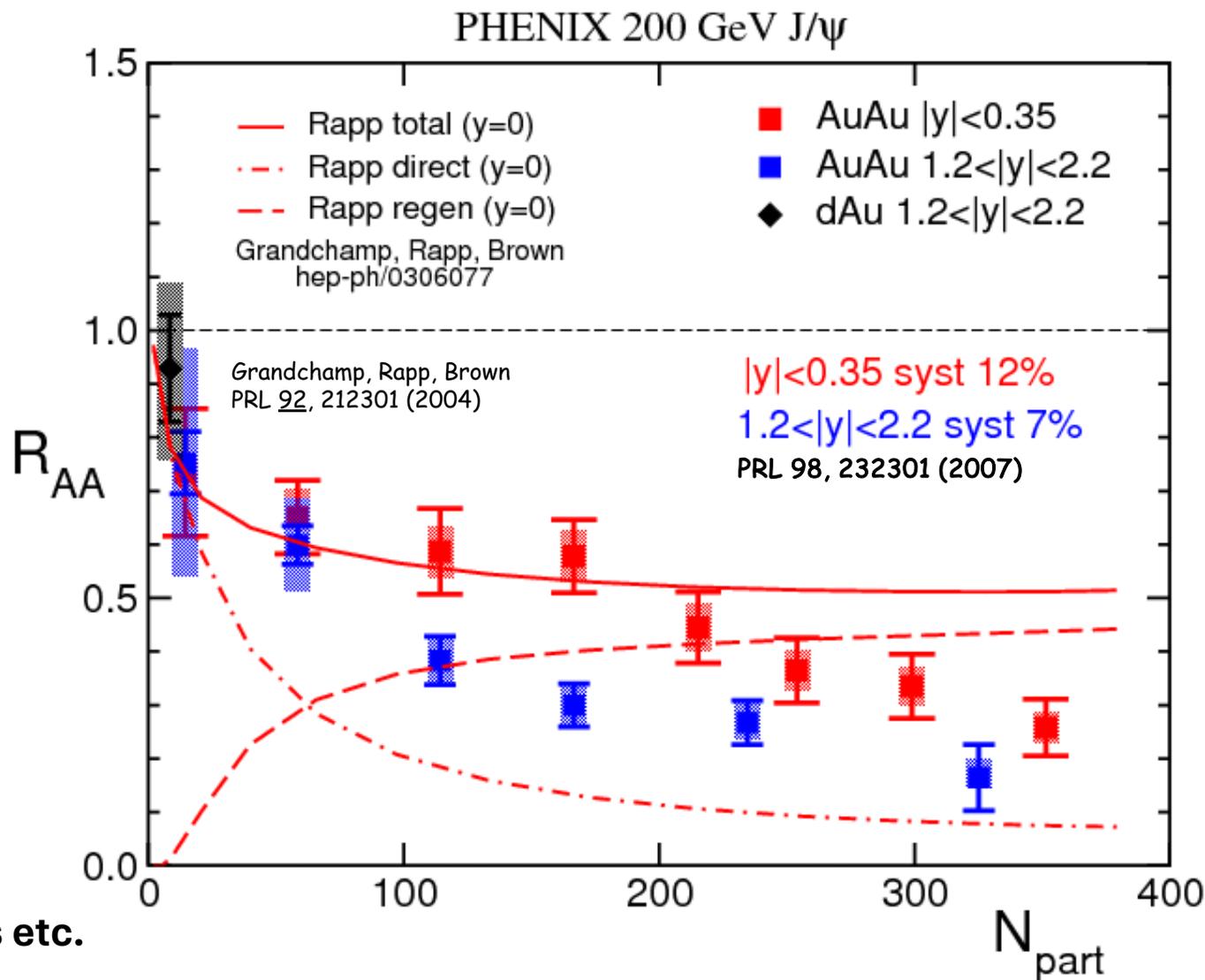
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State	$J/\psi$	$\chi_c$	$\psi'$	$\Upsilon$	$\chi_b$	$\Upsilon'$	$\chi'_b$	$\Upsilon''$
$E_s^i$ (GeV)	0.64	0.20	0.05	1.10	0.67	0.54	0.31	0.20
$T_d/T_c$	–	0.74	0.1–0.2	–	–	$\gtrsim 0.93$	0.83	0.74

# Supprises from the frist J/Psi Measurements in Au+Au

- New phenomena, regeneration compensating for screening!

- Larger gluon density at RHIC expected to give stronger suppression than SPS
- But larger charm production at RHIC gives higher probability of regeneration,  $\langle c\text{-}c\text{-}\bar{c} \rangle \sim 20$  in central Au+Au at top energy
- Forward rapidity lower than mid due to smaller open-charm density there for recombination
- Sensitive to open-charm production
  - Expect inherited flow from open charm;
  - Expect regeneration would be HUGE at the LHC! Confirmed many years later!

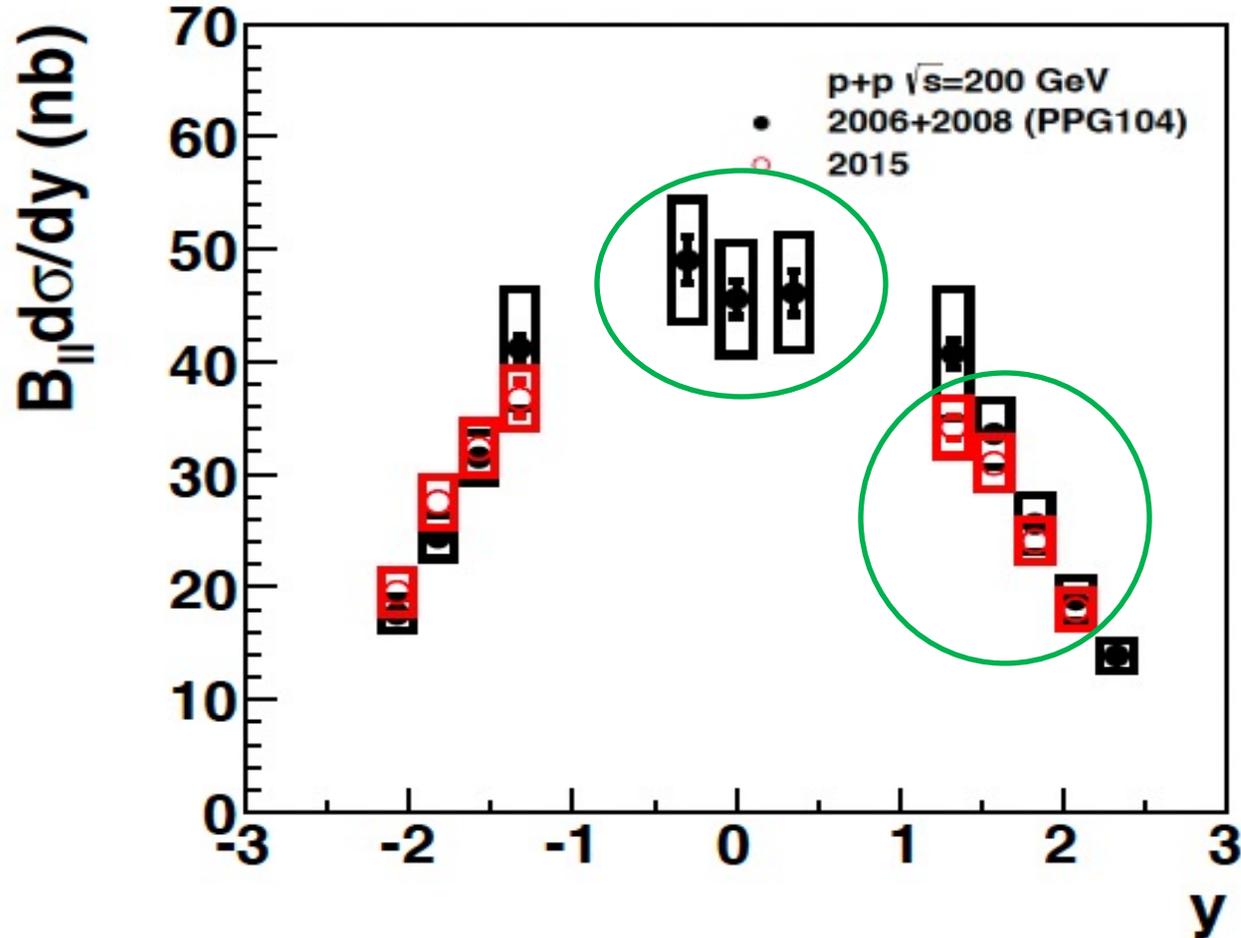


Need to go beyond a simple “color screening” model,  
 - check other observables/effects: flow, particle ratios etc.

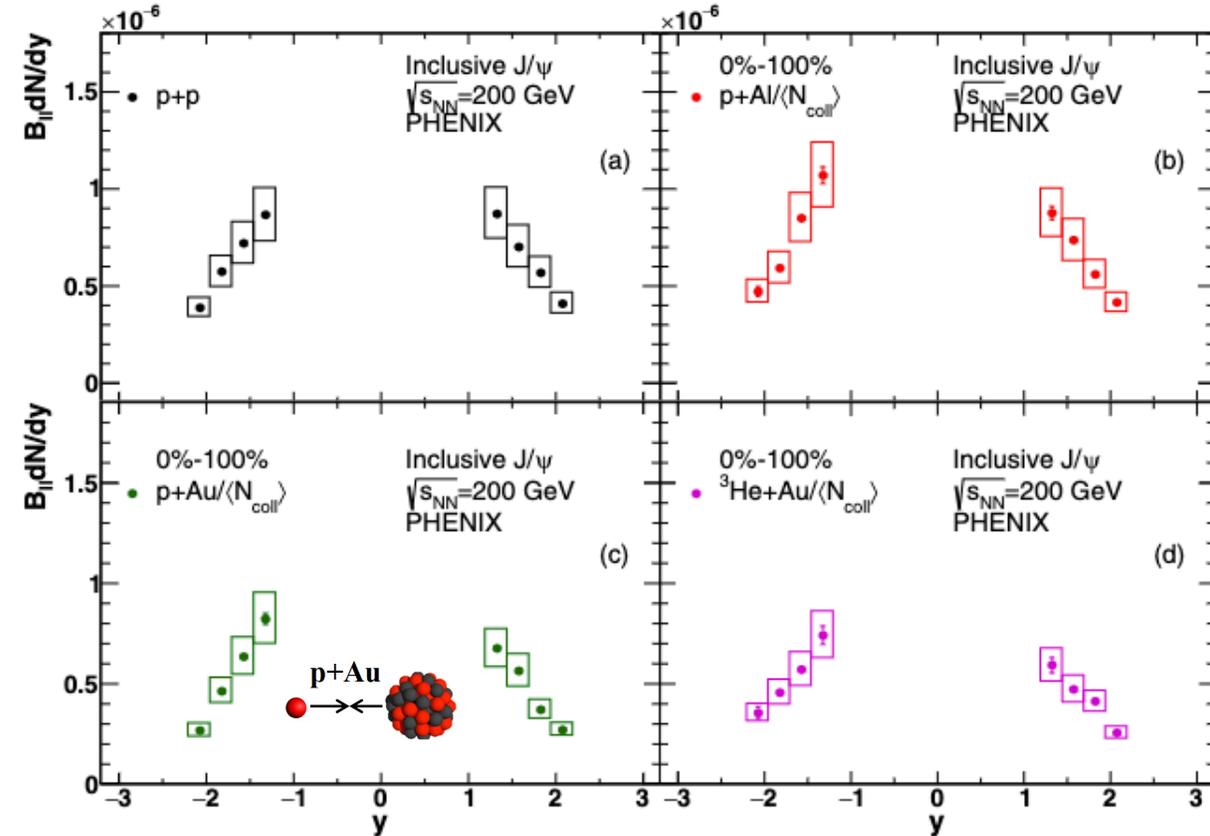
# J/Psi Production vs Rapidity

- p+p, p+Al, p+Au, <sup>3</sup>He+Au

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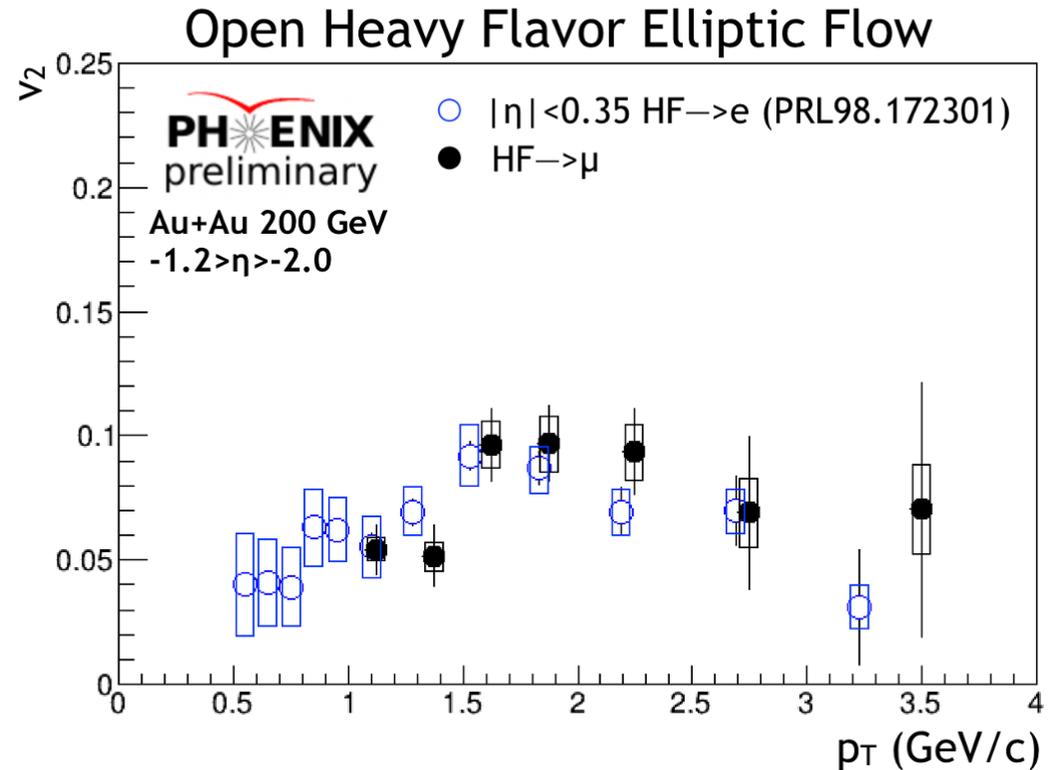
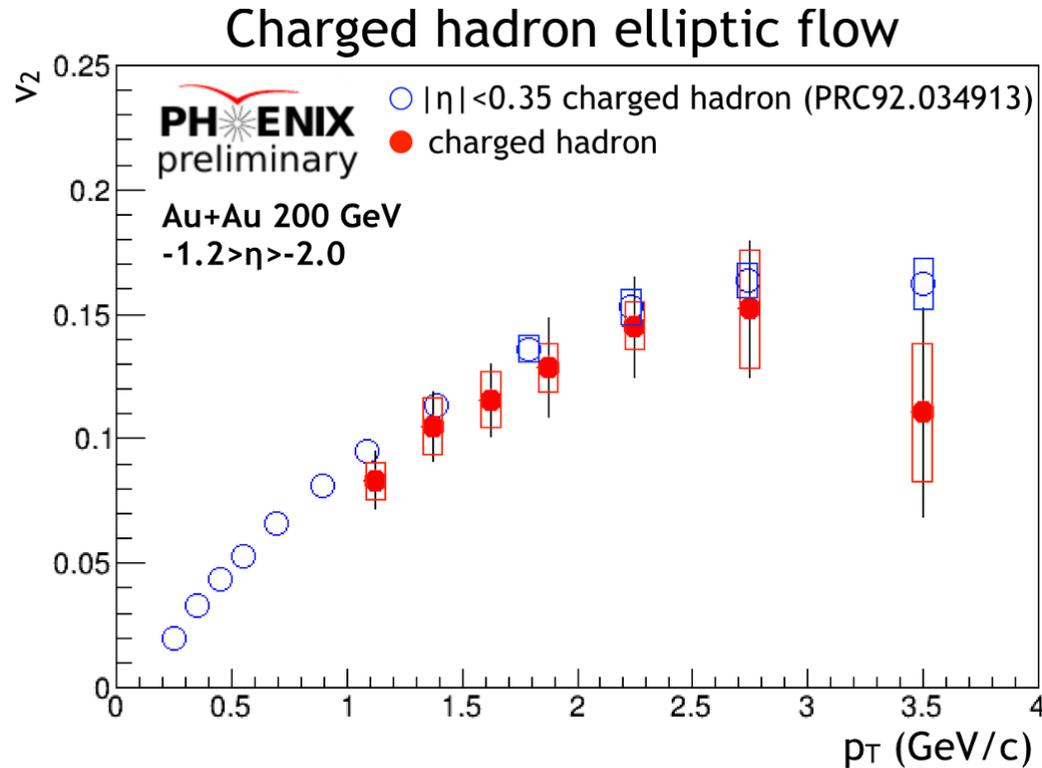


Forward/Backward J/Psi measured in dimuon channel in p+p/Al/Au & <sup>3</sup>He+Au



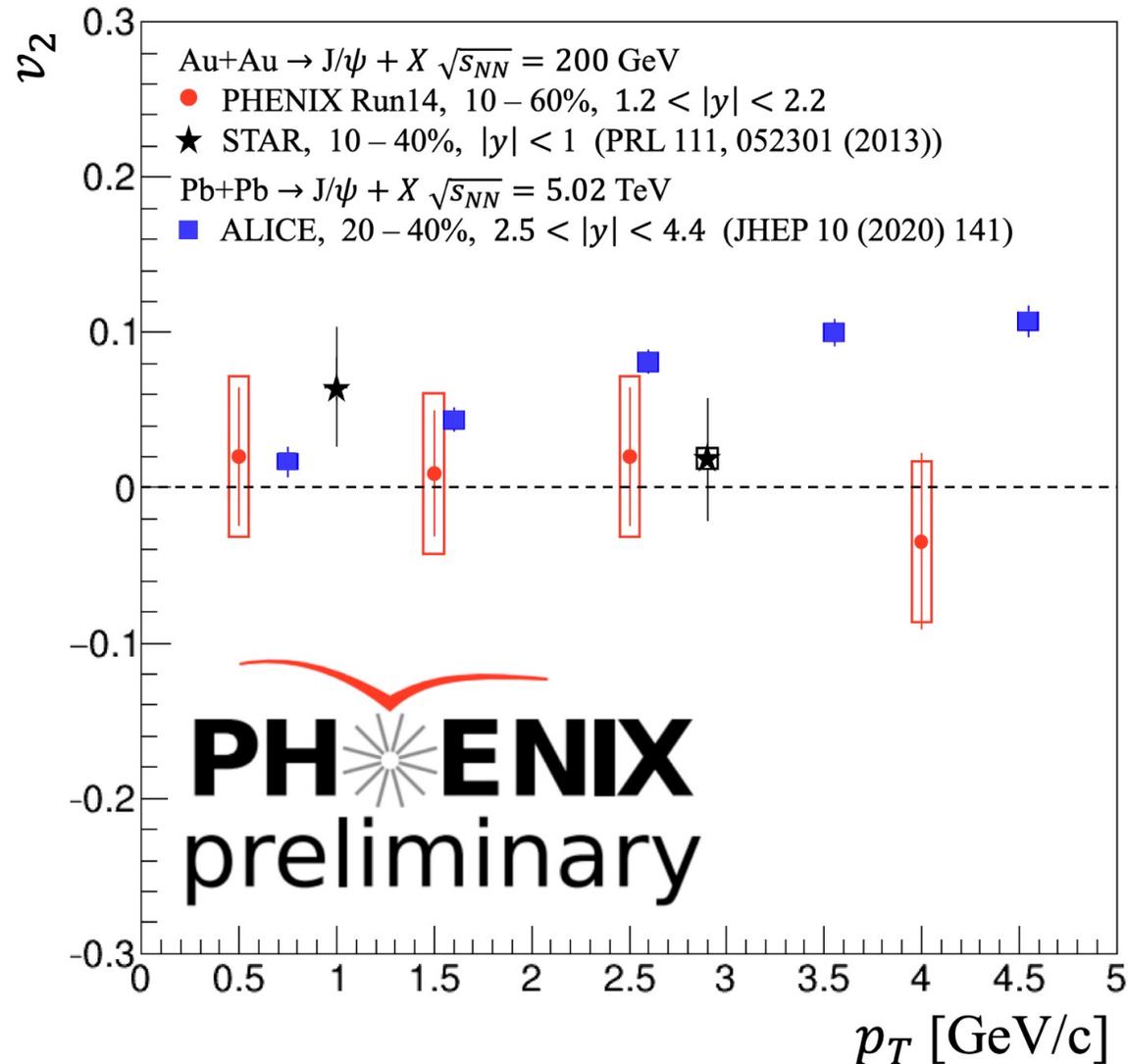
# None-zero Open HF $v_2$ Observed:

- at both central & forward rapidity



- First observation of none-zero open heavy flavor  $v_2$  at the forward rapidity
  - Consistent with mid-rapidity HF results
  - Smaller than light hadron  $v_2$
  - **Similar magnitude in central and forward rapidity**

# First J/Psi v2 in the forward rapidity



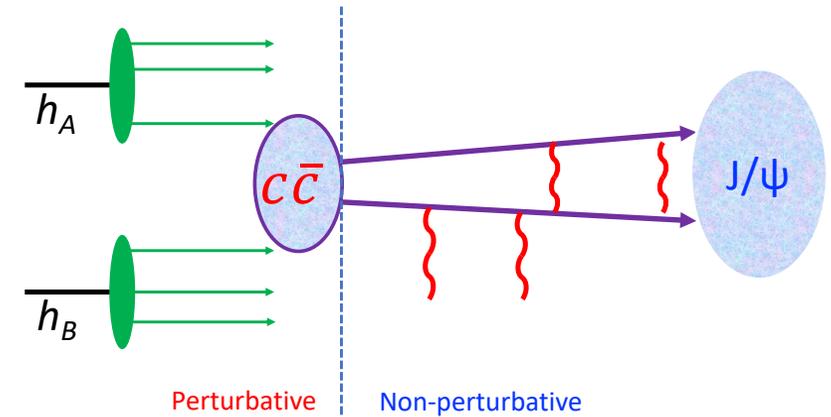
- Compared with STAR (central) and ALICE (forward) none-zero  $v_2$ , much smaller  $v_2$  in the forward rapidity, consistent with zero
  - Open charm, none-zero  $v_2$ !
  - Final State Interactions(FSI)
    - Breakup?
  - J/Psi formation
    - lack of “recombination” in the forward rapidity?
- Run2016 Au+Au, in progress
  - 4x more stat!

# J/ψ Production

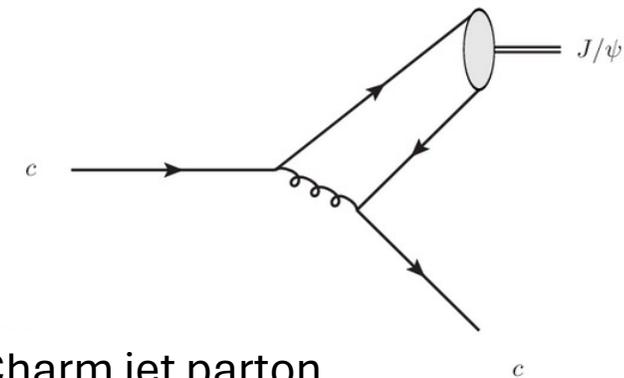
## Perturbative + Non-perturbative

- J/ψ ( $c\bar{c}$ ), a simplest QCD system

- “ $c\bar{c}$ ” pair from hard processes
  - Low pT:
    - Traditional “single” hard scattering process in “p+p”
    - Multiple semi-hard parton interactions (MPI), important at high energy
  - High pT:
    - Jet fragmentation and parton shower, important at high pT
- “ $c\bar{c}$ ” hadronization to J/ψ
  - Color neutralization
    - NRQCD
    - Color evaporation
  - Interactions with QCD medium in HI
  - **Recombination if multiple  $\langle c\bar{c} \rangle$  pairs created in HI**



I. Belyaev et al, Mod. Phys. Lett. A, (2017)



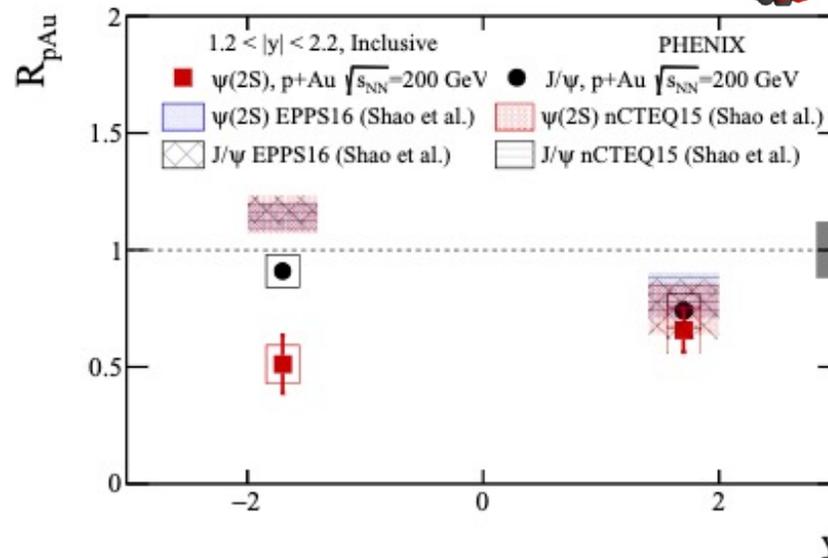
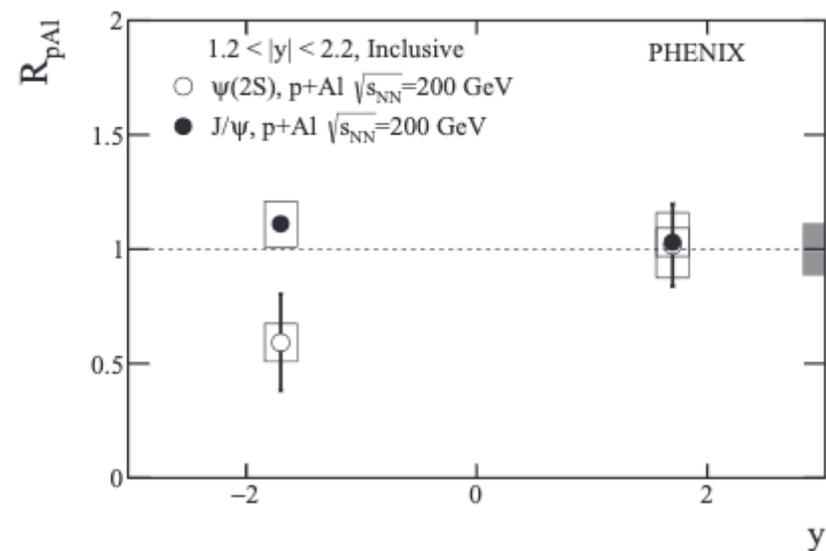
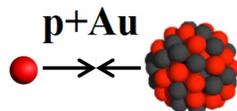
Charm jet parton shower..

# Charmonia in p+p, p+Al, p+Au

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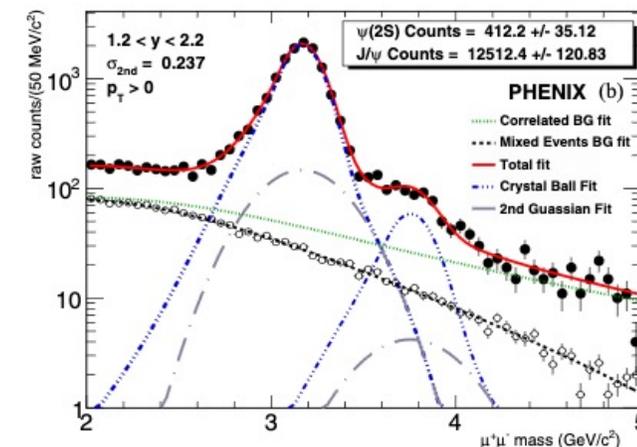
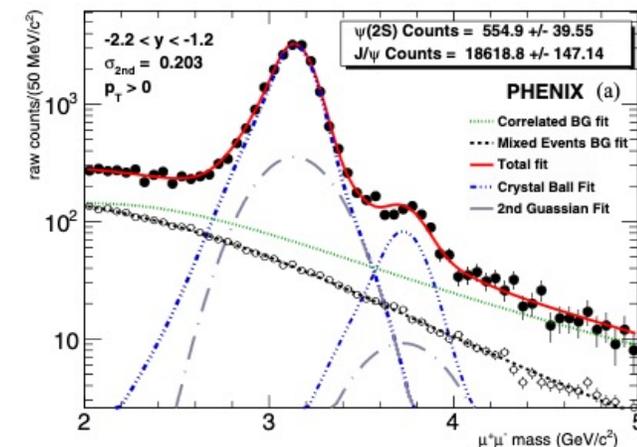
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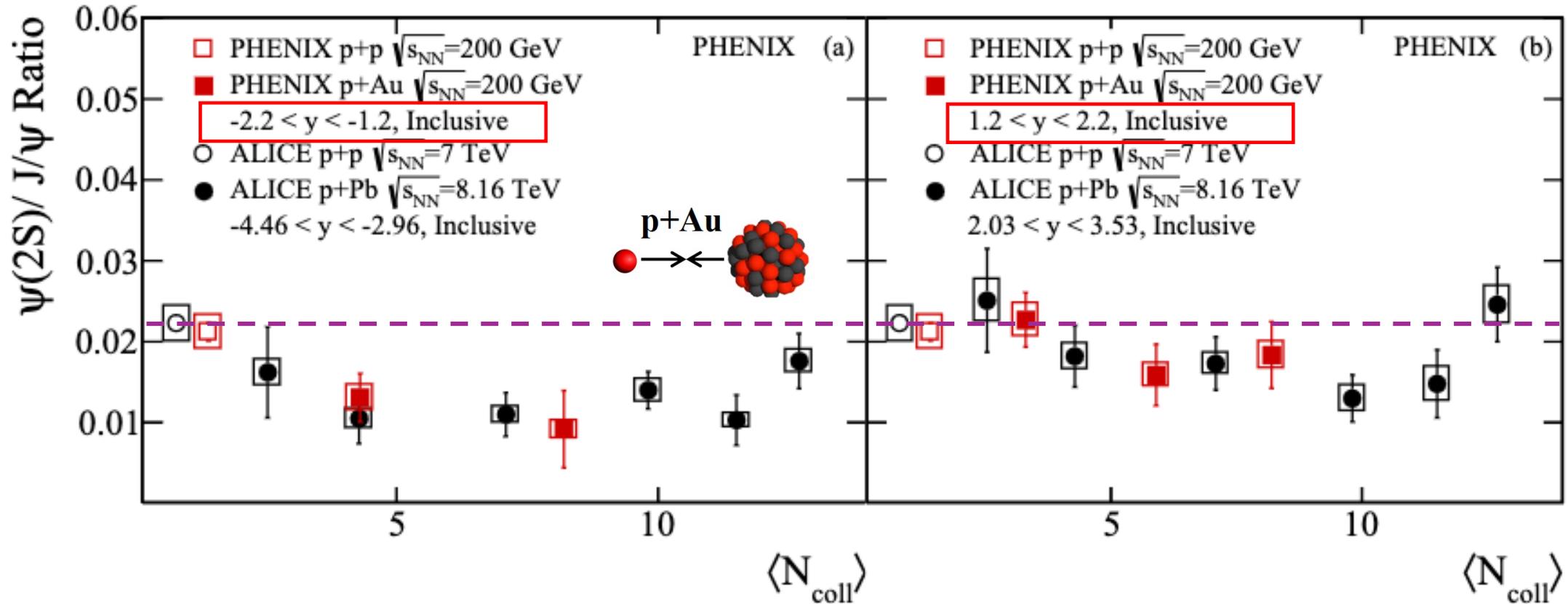


- p+Al: more suppression in Psi(2S) in the backward rapidity

- p+Au: more suppression, in both F & B rapidity

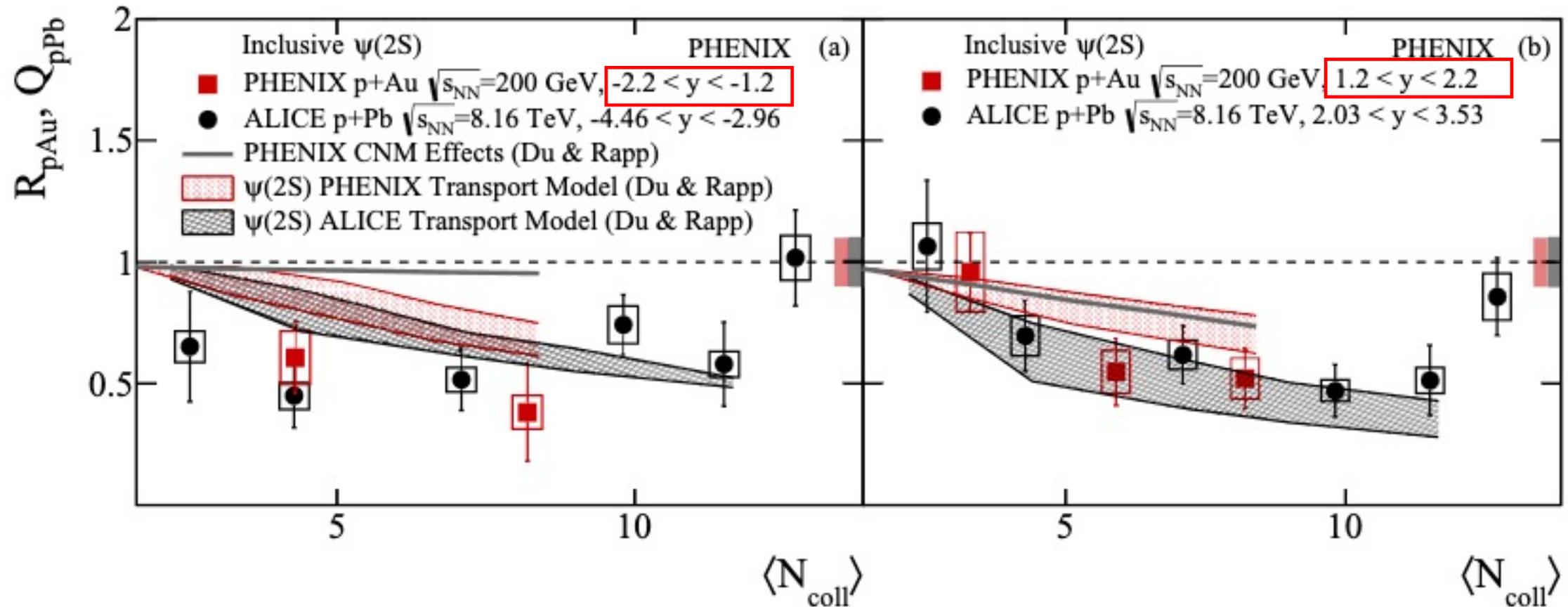


# Psi(2S) to J/Psi Ratios in p+A at RHIC and LHC



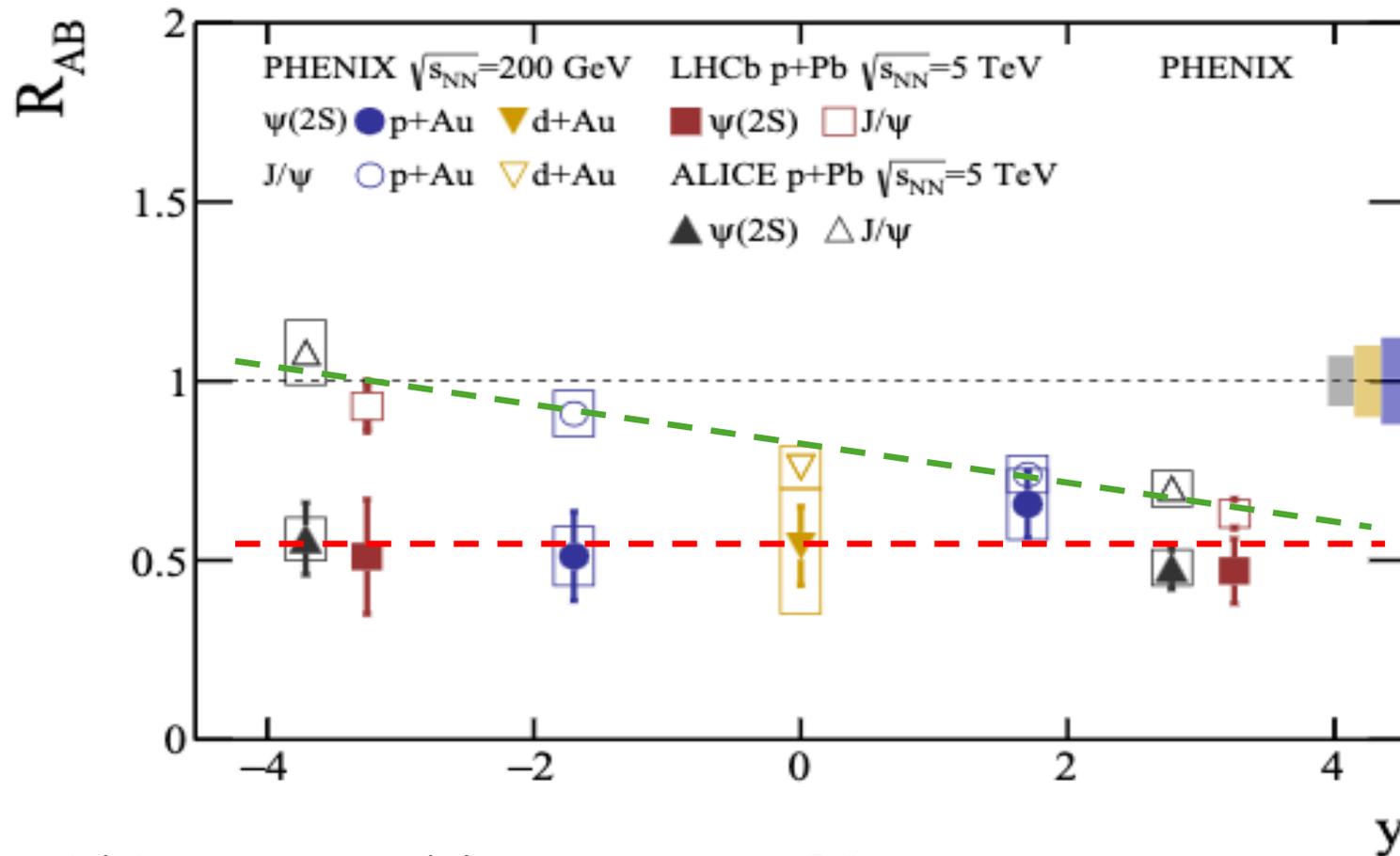
- Similar suppression pattern, weak energy dependence
- Final state effect is significant, and larger in the backward rapidity where multiplicity is higher

# Compared with Models



- stronger suppression in the backward rapidity, more final state effects not accounted for?

# RHIC vs LHC $R_{AB}$ : Put them all together



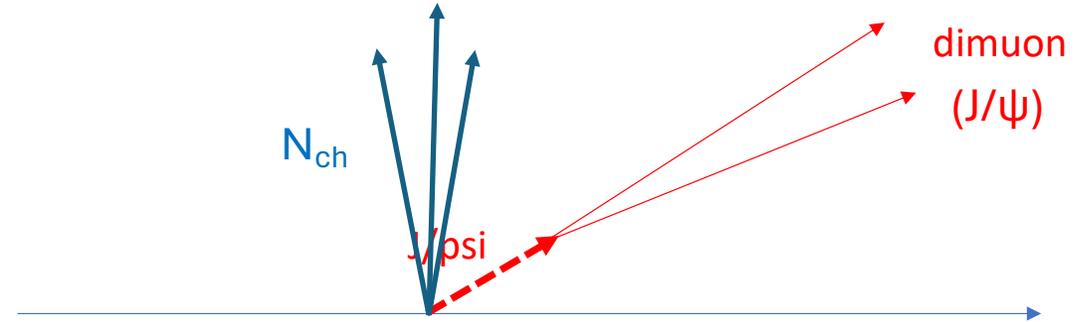
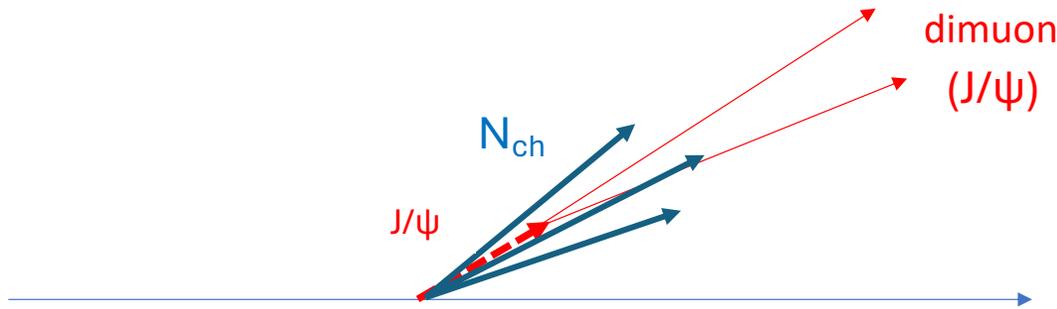
- $J/\psi$   $R_{AB} \sim$  strong rapidity dependence, FSI?
- $\psi(2S)$   $R_{AB}$  remain  $\sim$  flat vs rapidity, also independent of collision energy, suppression already saturated?

# Study $J/\psi$ Yields vs Event Multiplicity at Different Rapidity

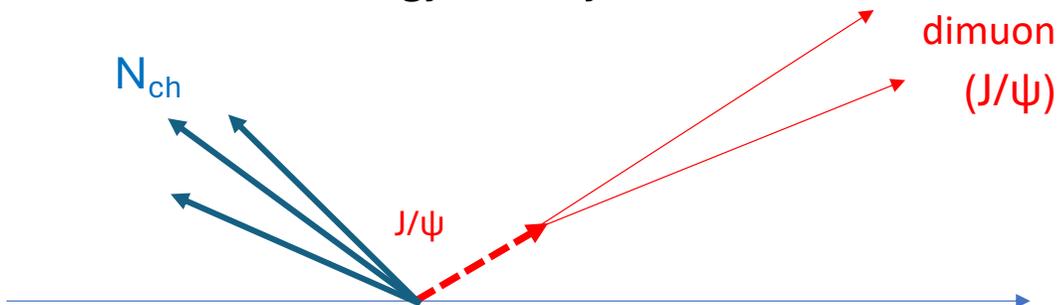
- Final State Interactions (FSI)
- Local event multiplicity:  $N_{ch}$
- Multi-Parton Interactions (MPI)

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

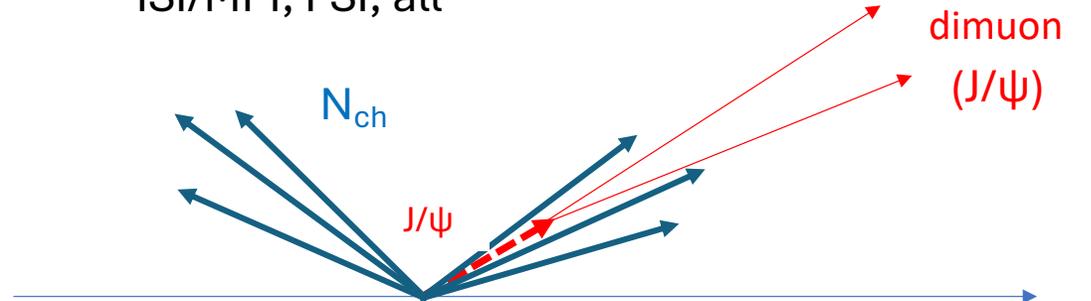
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ISI/MPI, FSI, all

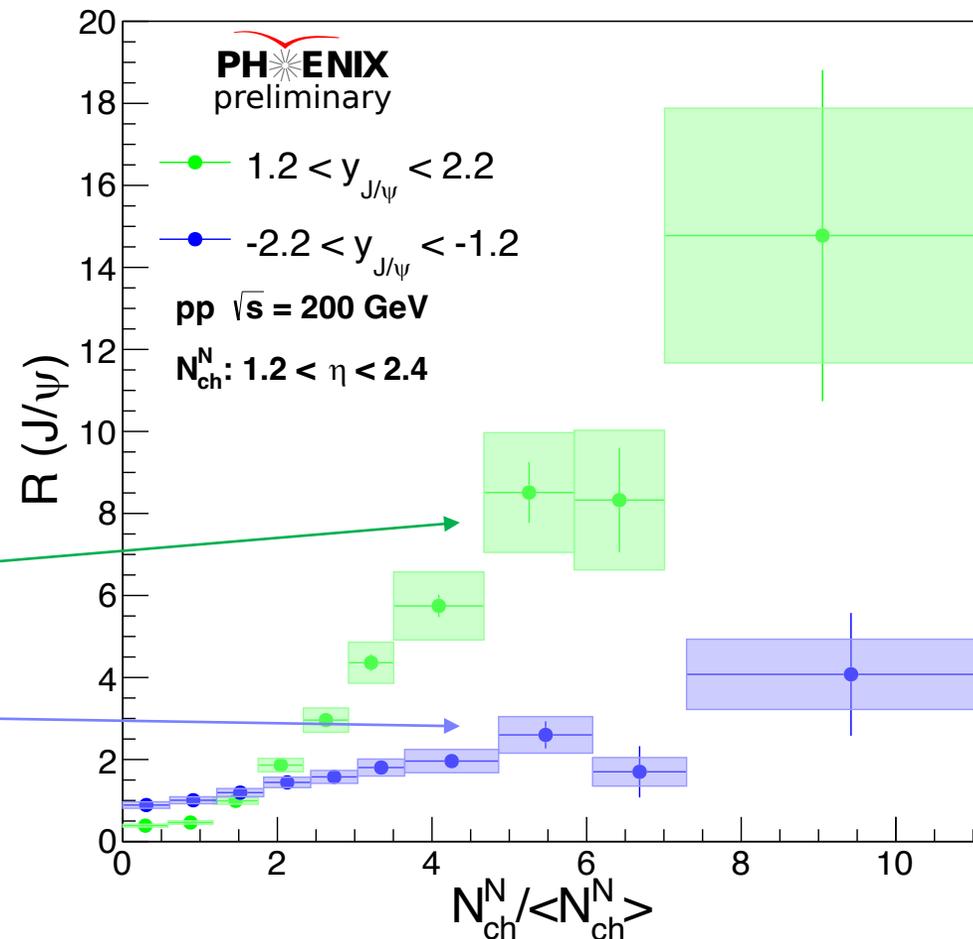
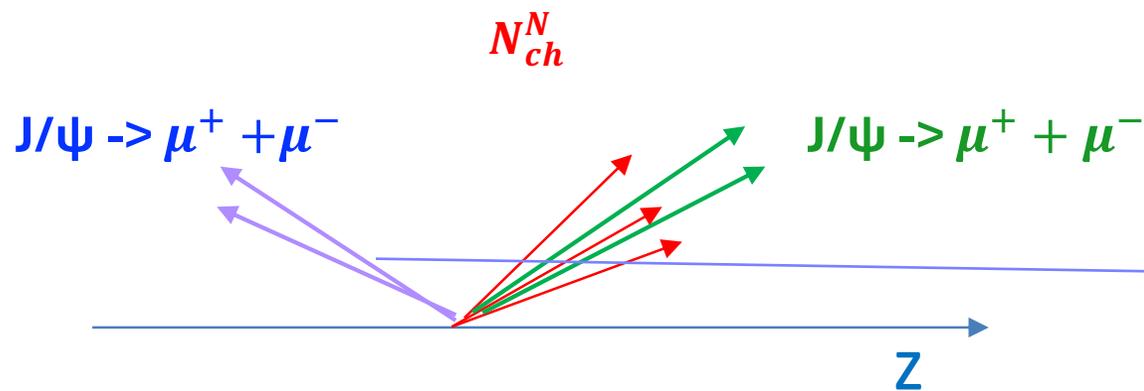


# J/ψ Yields vs Event Multiplicity

**RED** = Tracklets  $N_{ch}^N$  ( $1.2 < \eta < 2.4$ )

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**Blue** = J/ψ ( $-2.2 < y < -1.2$ )

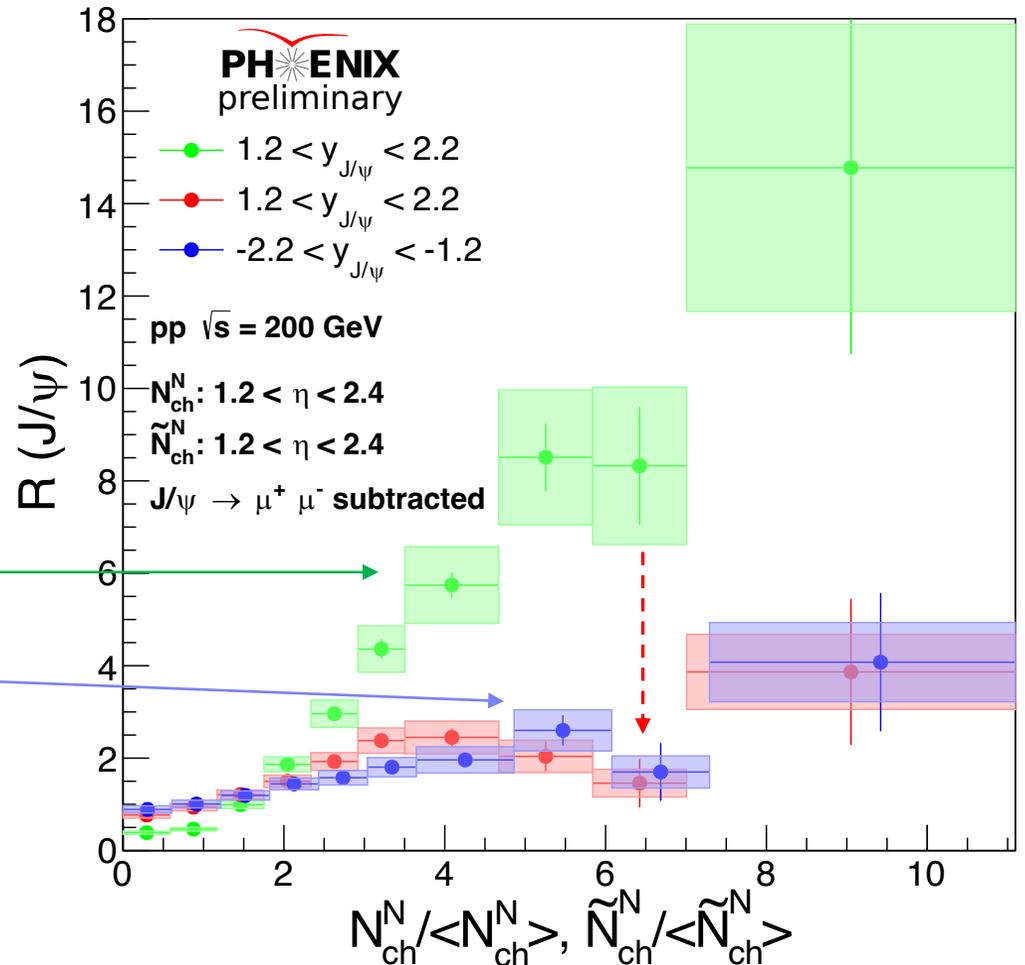
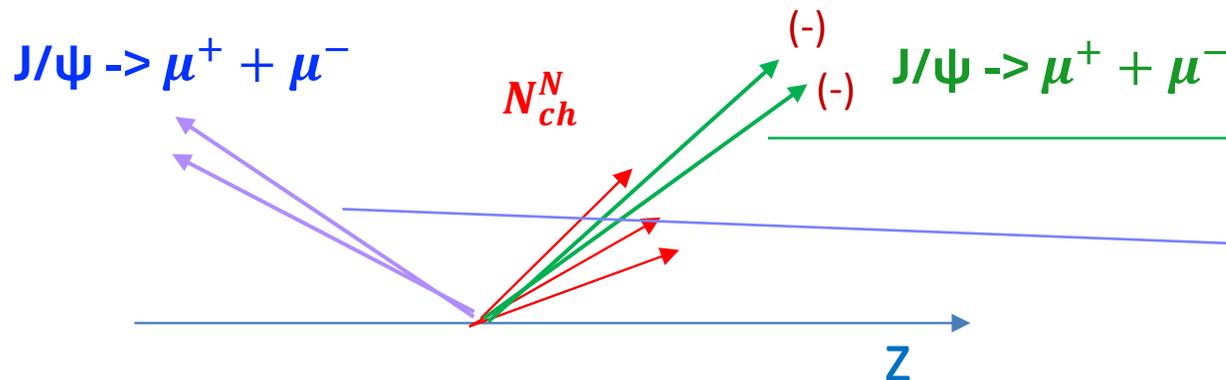


# J/ψ Yields vs Event Multiplicity: All Together

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 [inclusive, dimuon subtracted]

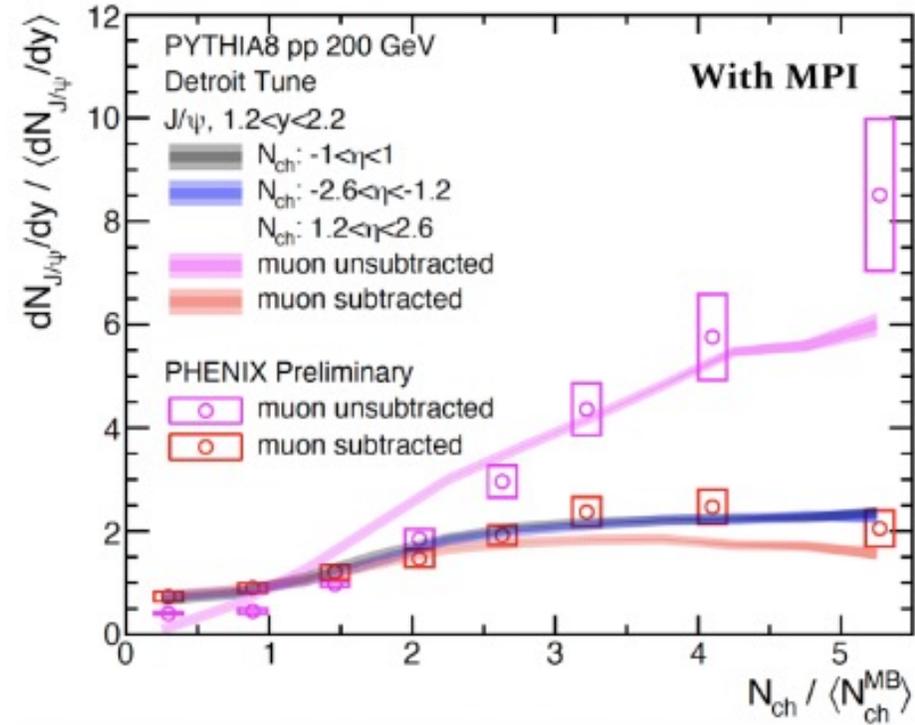
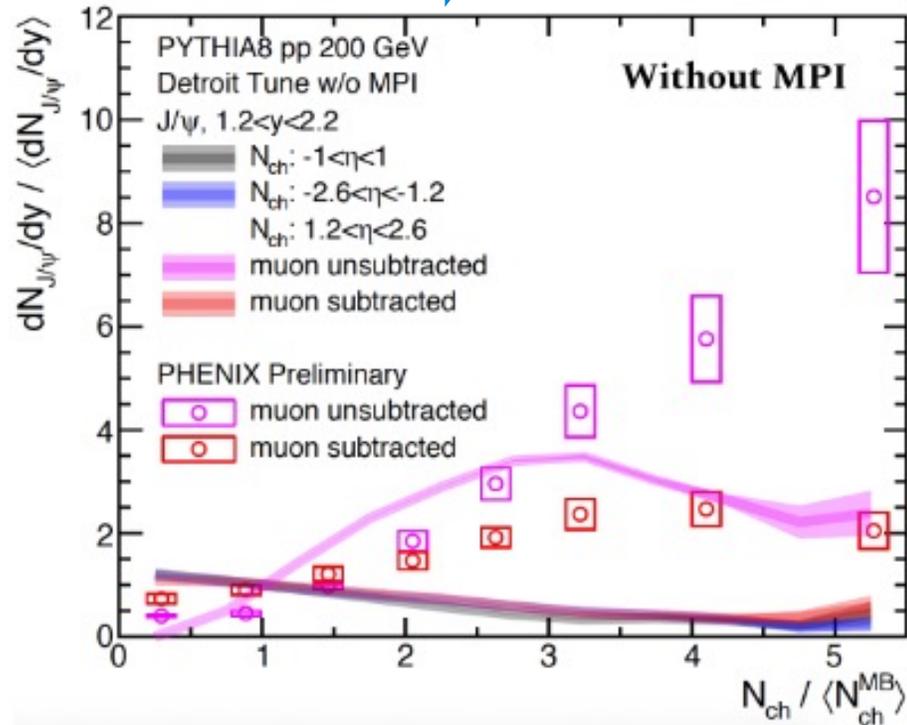
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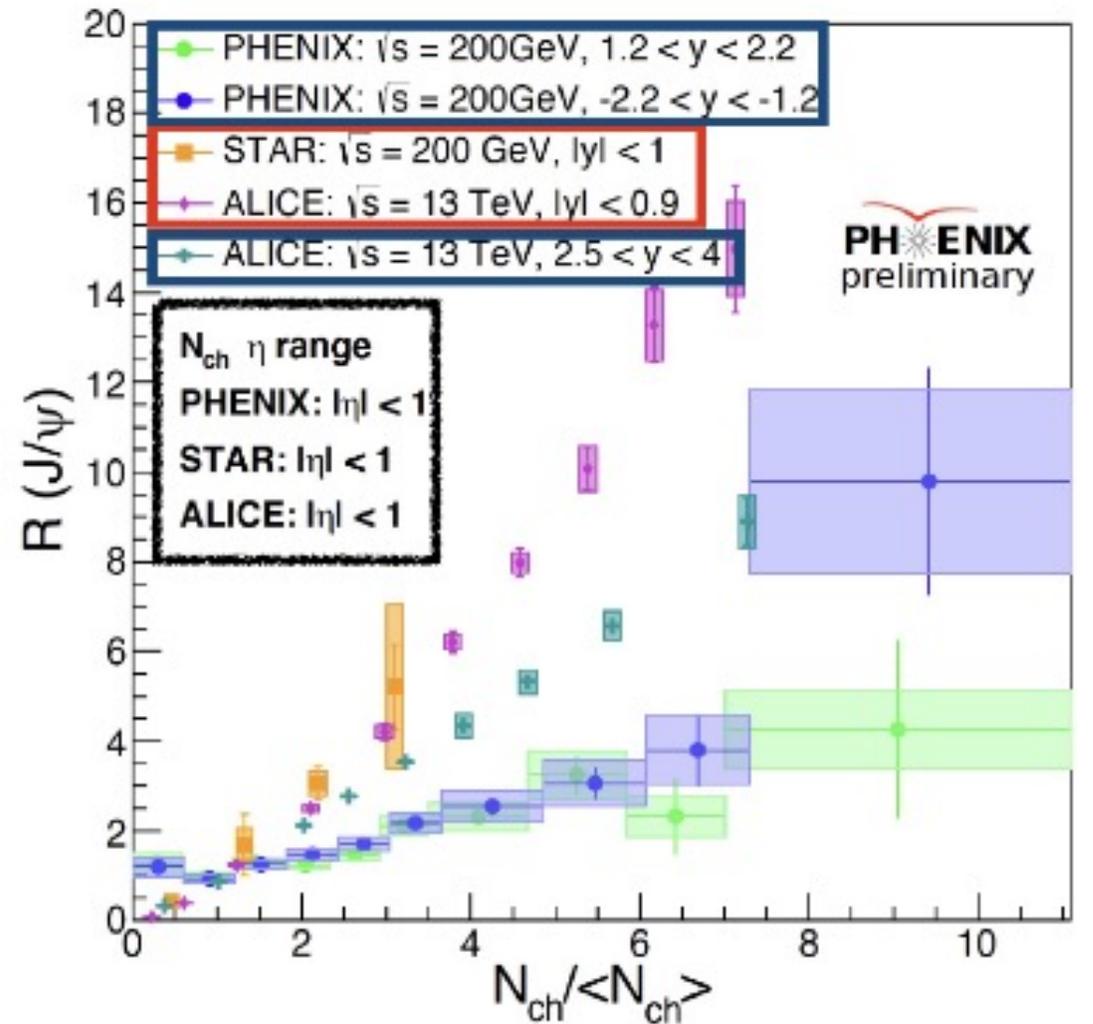
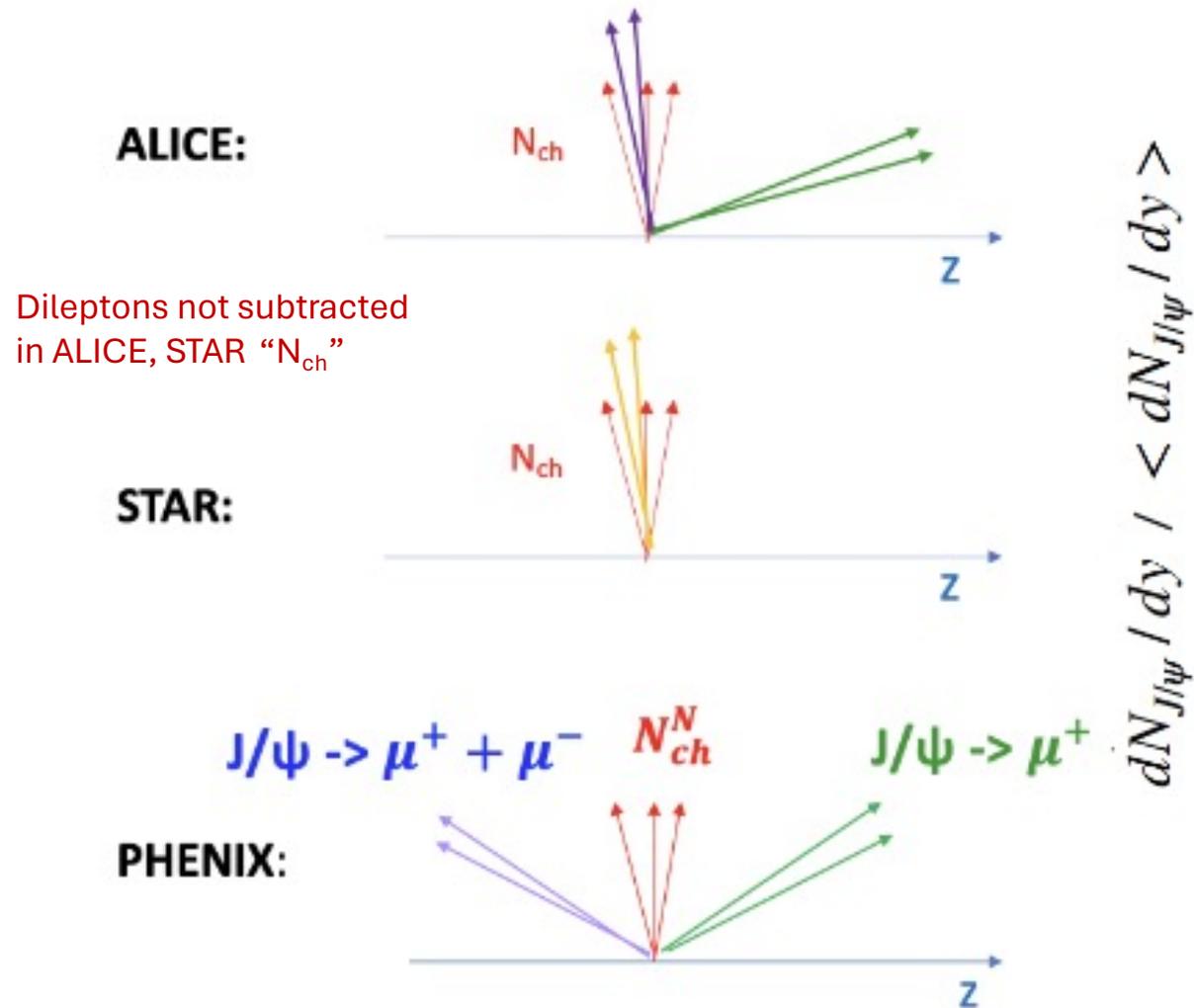
- Less MPI contribution to the forward J/ψ production?

# PYTHIA vs Data: Multi-Parton-Interactions PHENIX



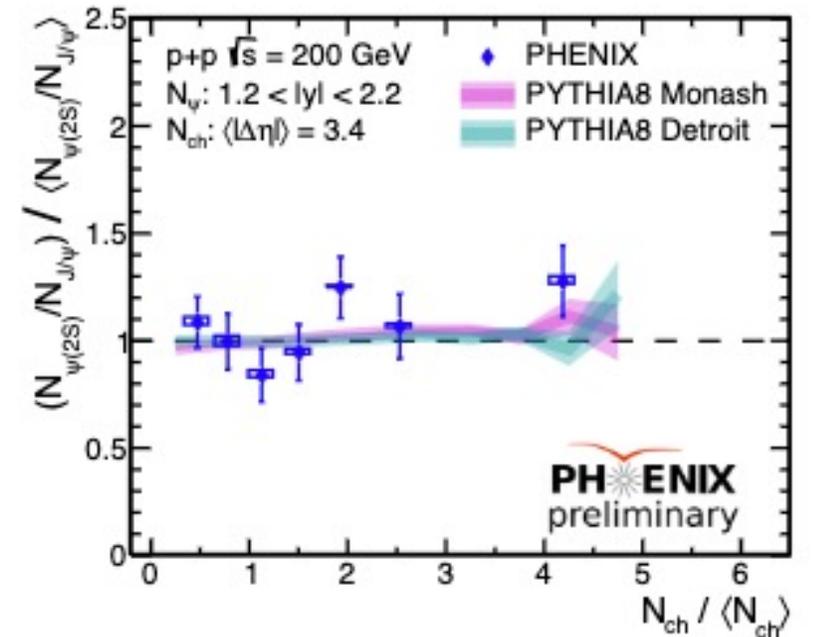
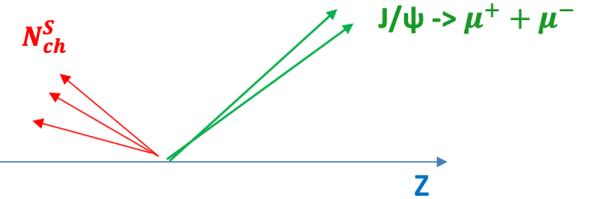
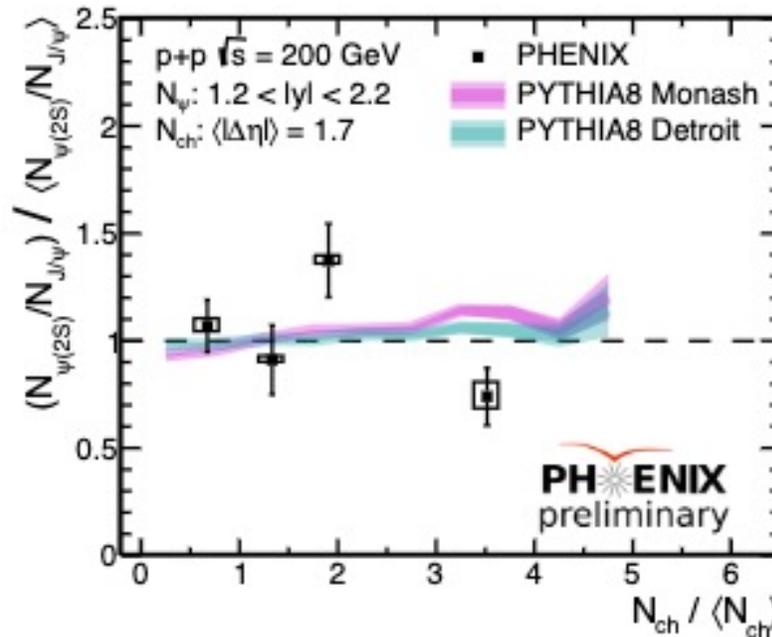
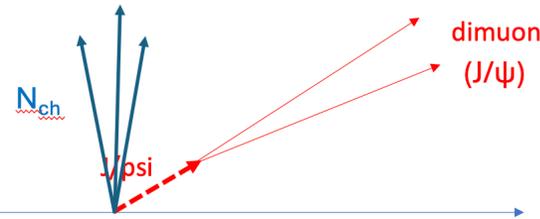
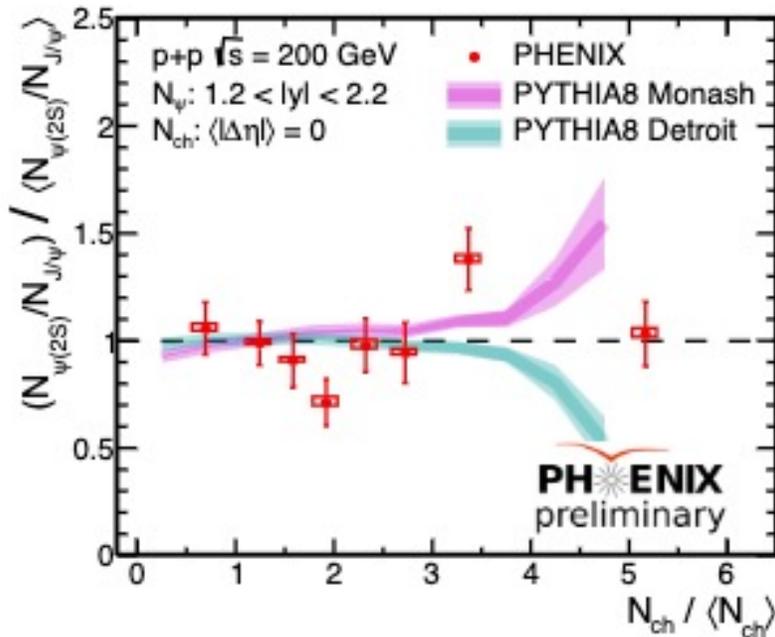
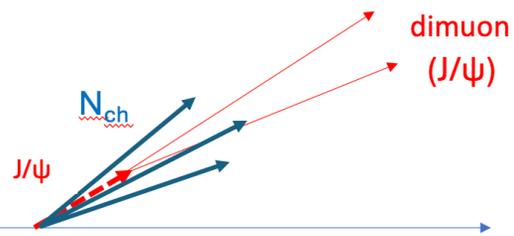
- PYTHIA8 Detroit tune reasonably agree with PHENIX data, with MPI
  - w/o MPI, fit failed badly
- Proper understanding of the Underline Events is important

# J/Psi Multiplicity Dependence: RHIC vs LHC



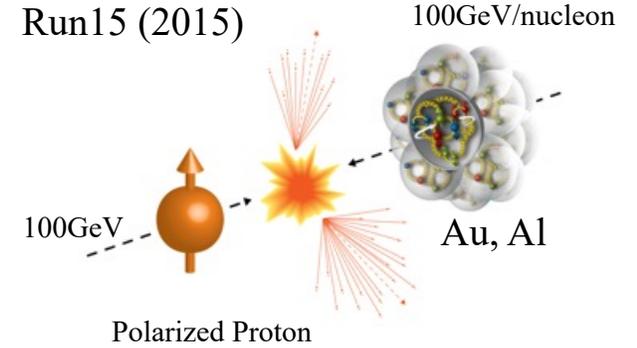
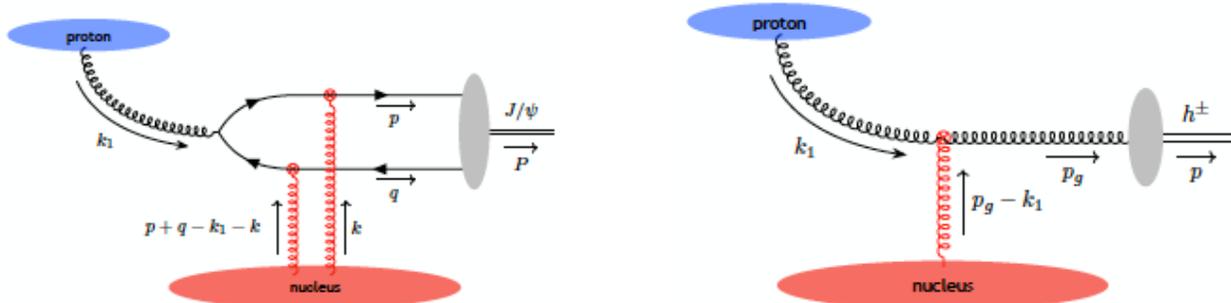
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# More about FSI: Psi(2S) to J/Psi Ratios

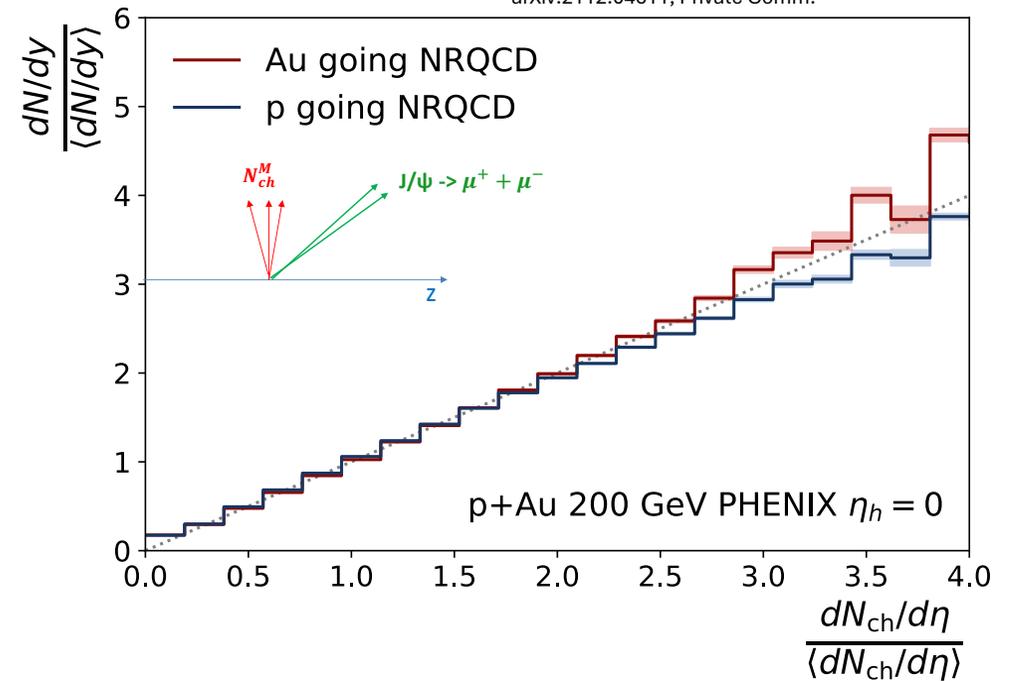
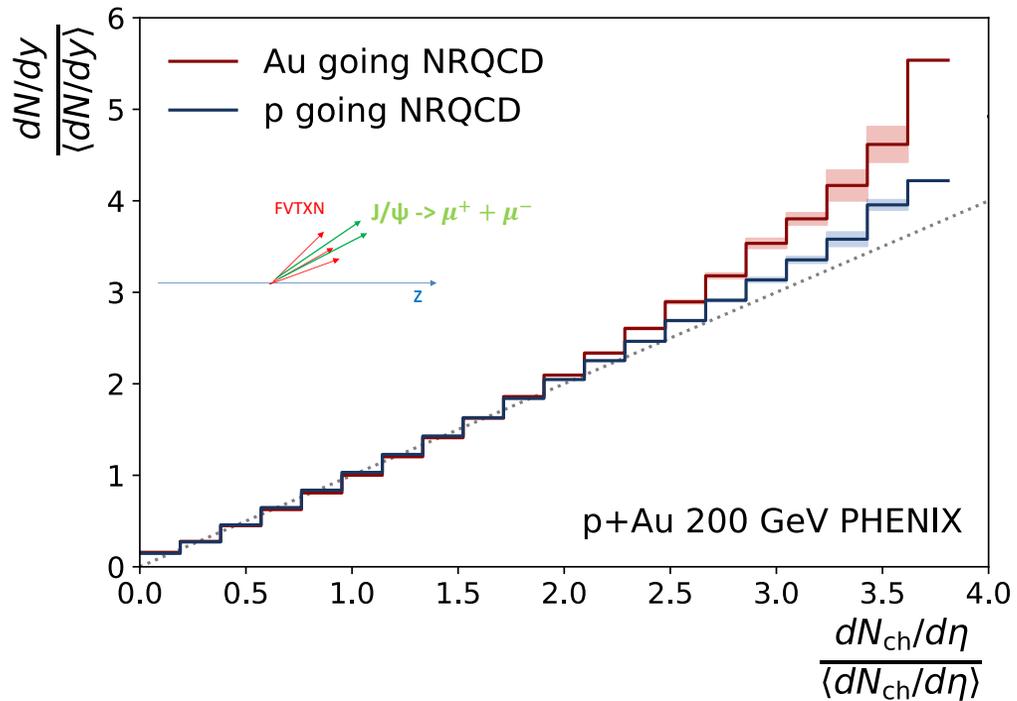


- FSI co-mover interaction effect seems similar to J/Psi and Psi(2S), interesting!
- Weak dependance to underline event multiplicity determined in different rapidity

# Probe CGC in p+Au?

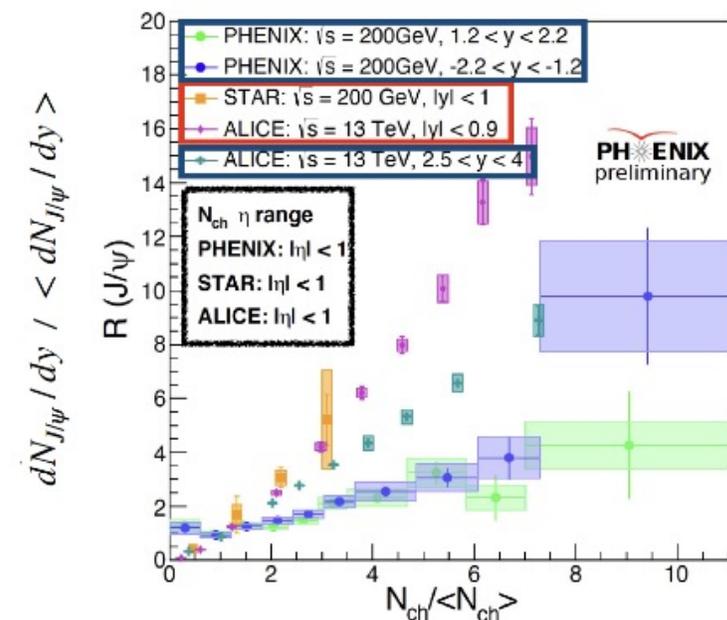
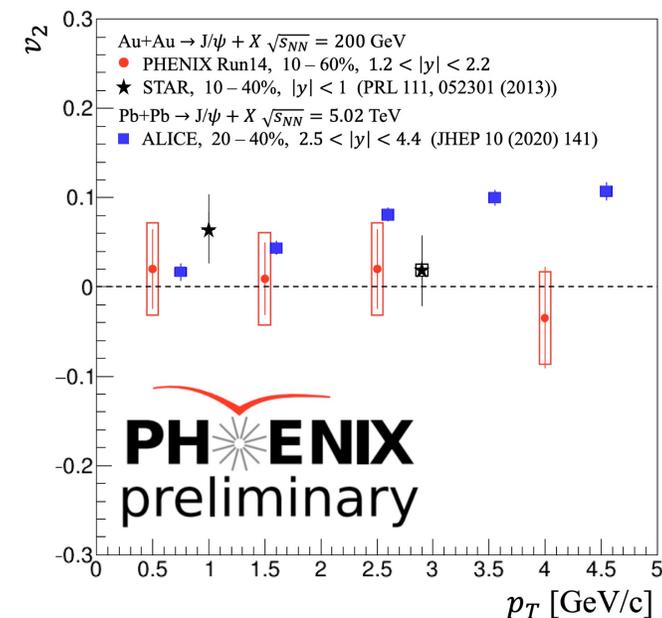


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arXiv:2112.04611; Private Comm.



# Summary and Outlook

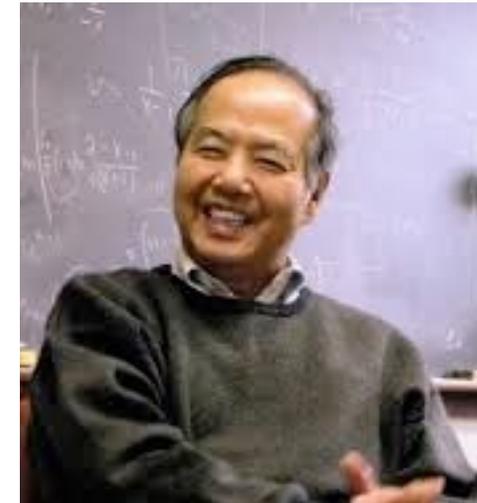
- First J/Psi  $v_2$  measured in the forward rapidity in Au+Au, small, consistent with zero
  - Shed new light on J/Psi production at RHIC
  - Run16 data analysis, in progress
- Very rich QCD physics beyond QGP screening
  - Initial state effects, geometry, nPDF
  - Final state effects, co-mover, recombination
- Strong none-trivial correlation observed between J/Psi yield and UE activity at different rapidity
  - Global vs local density?
  - p+Au data analysis, in progress



# Heavy Ion Collisions

- an exciting playground for QCD physics

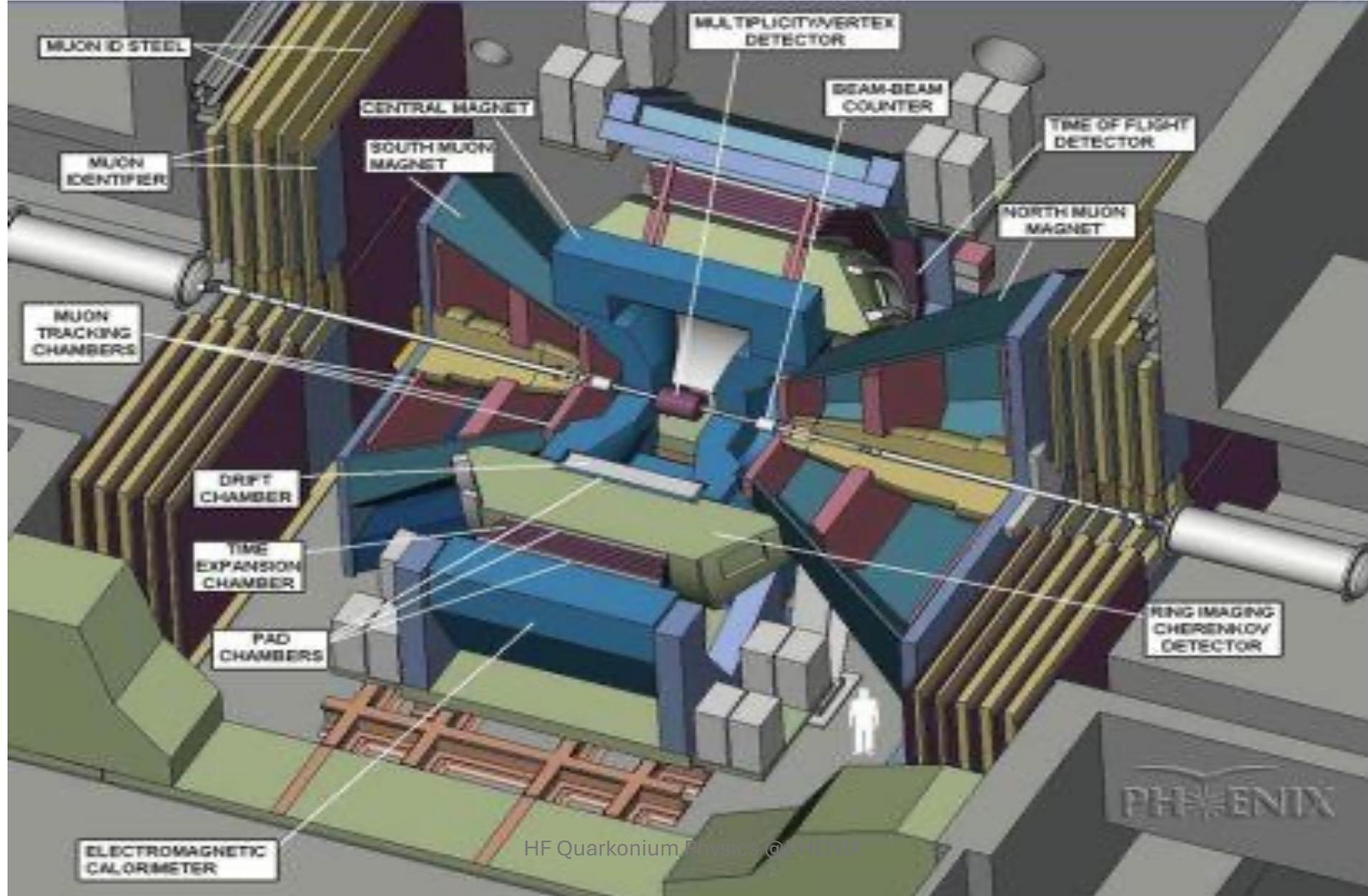
## Birth of Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at BNL, 1983



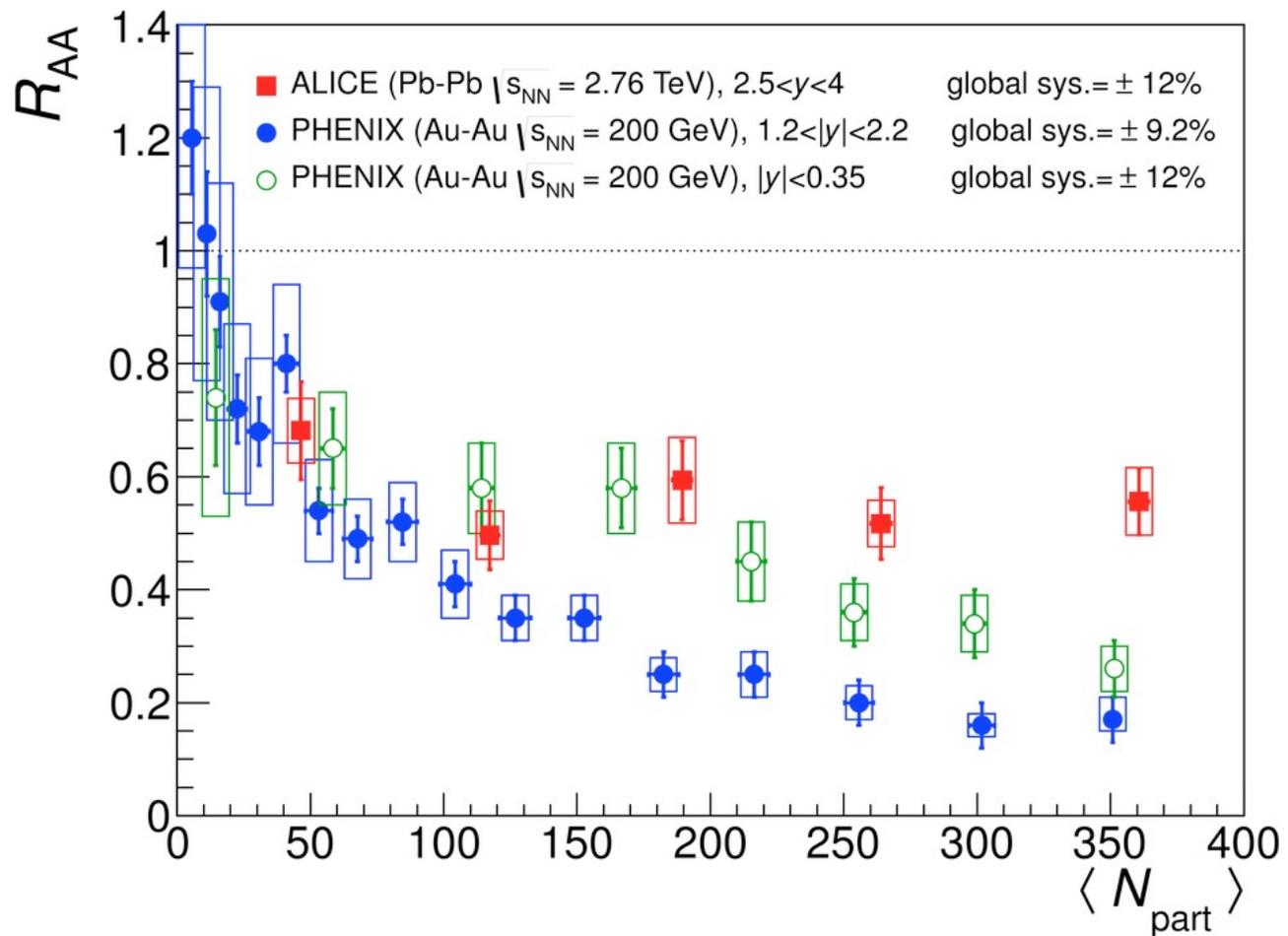
T. D. Lee  
Nobel Prize, 1957

# Backup

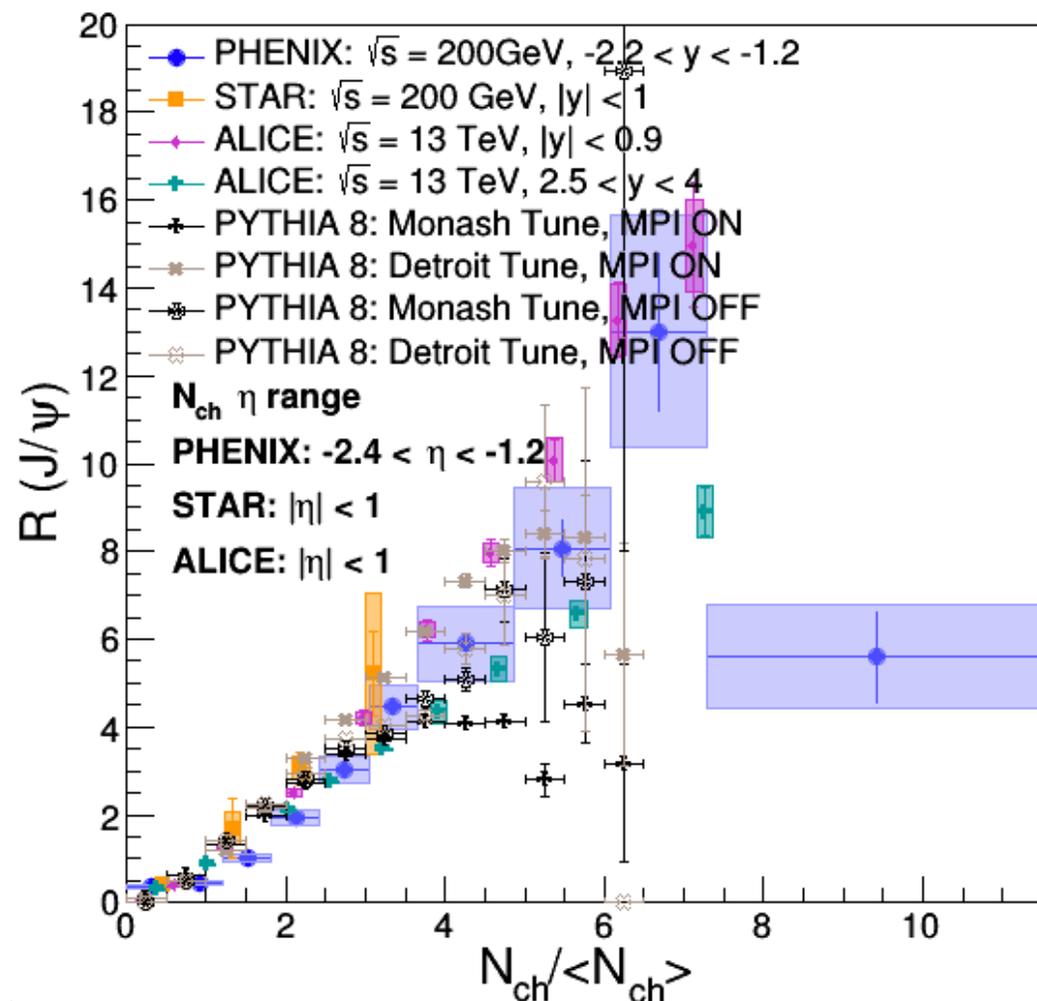
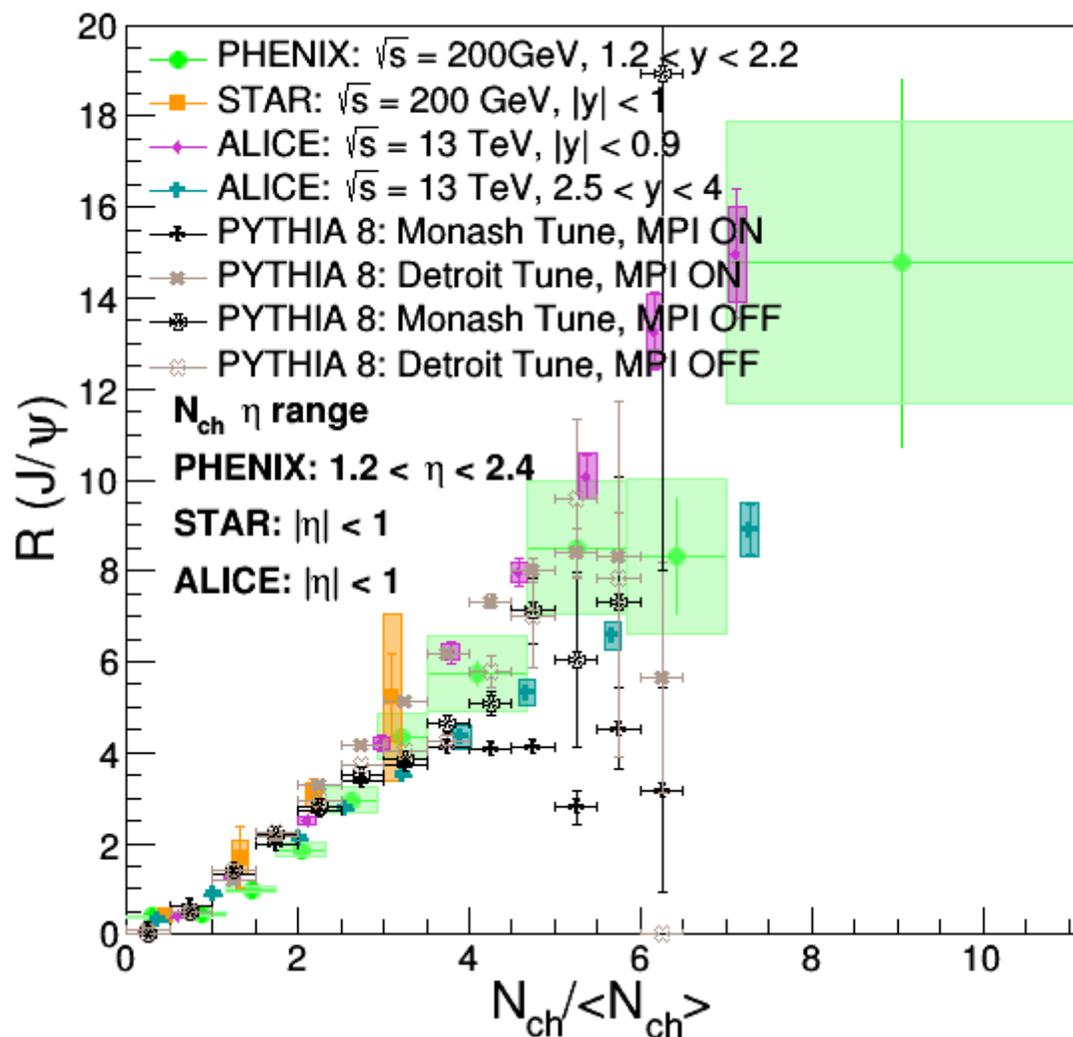
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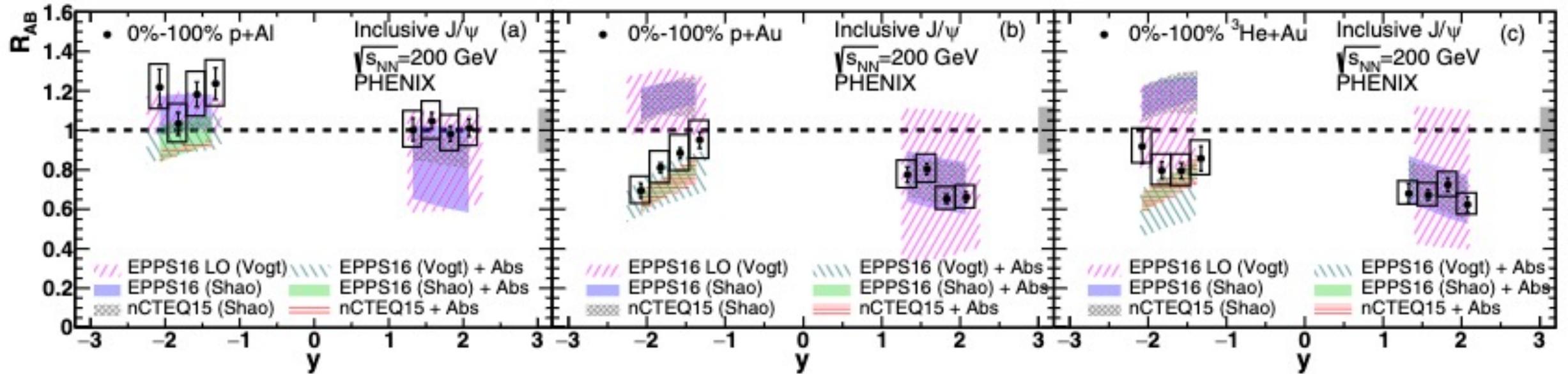
# J/Psi Suppression: RHIC vs LHC



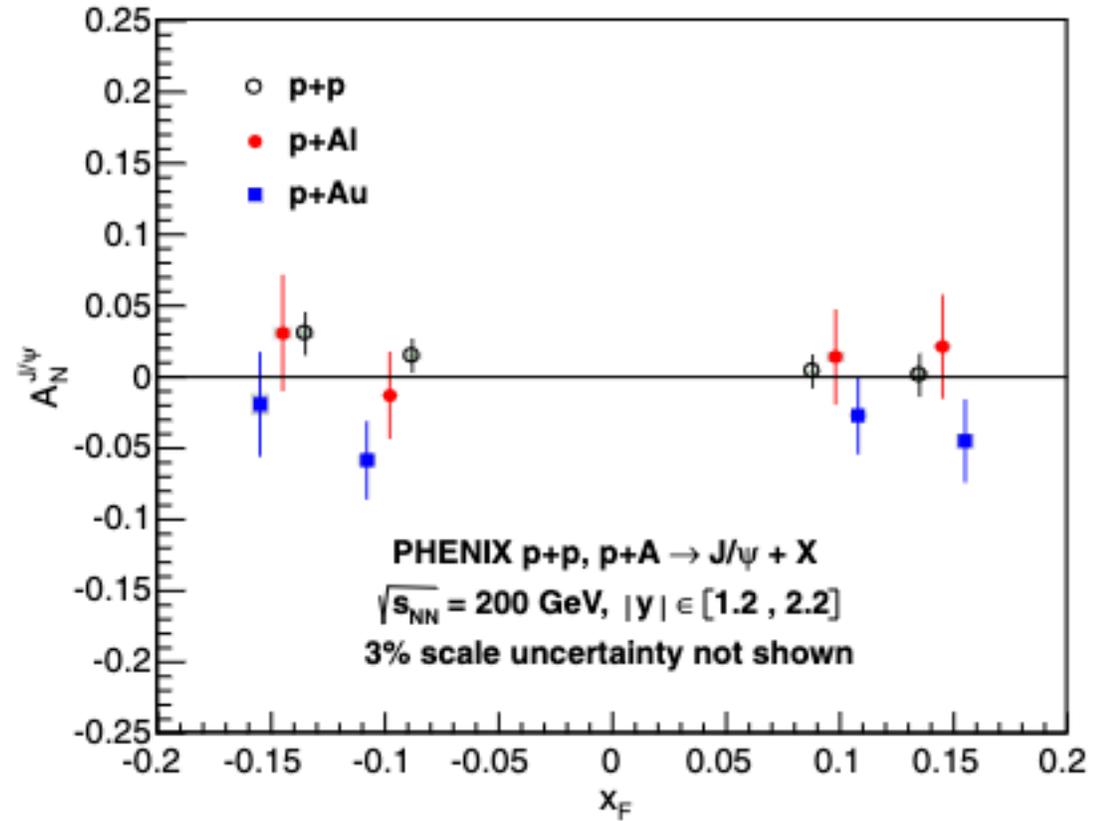
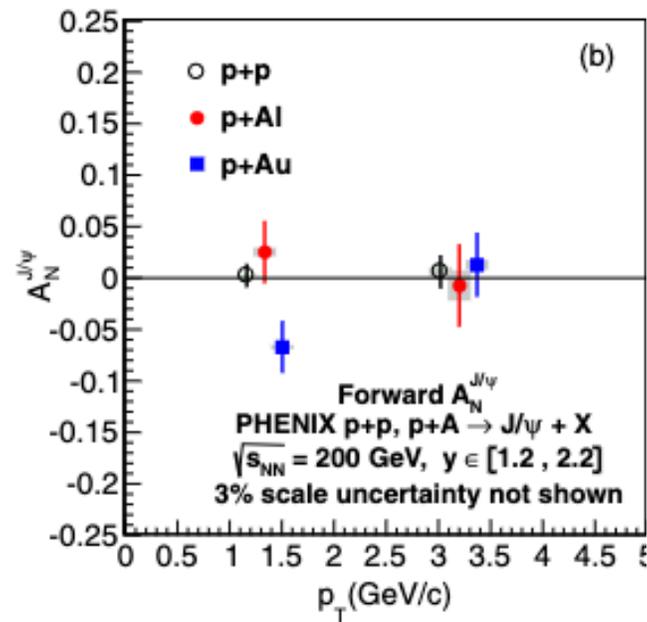
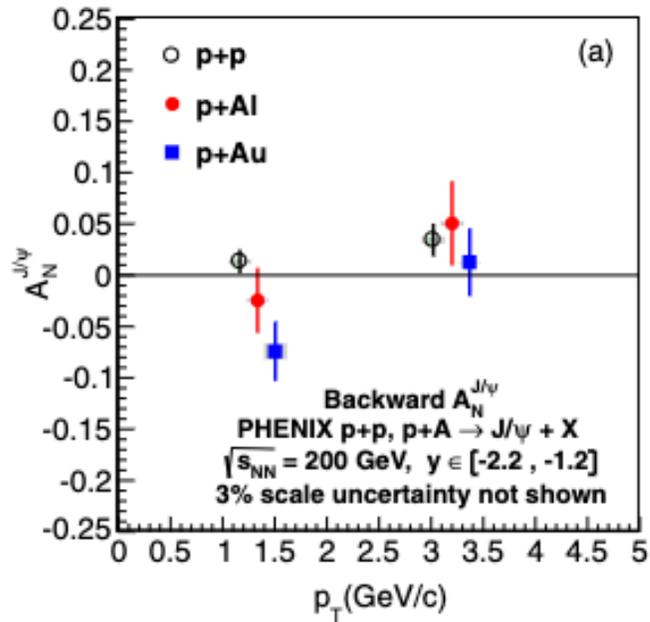
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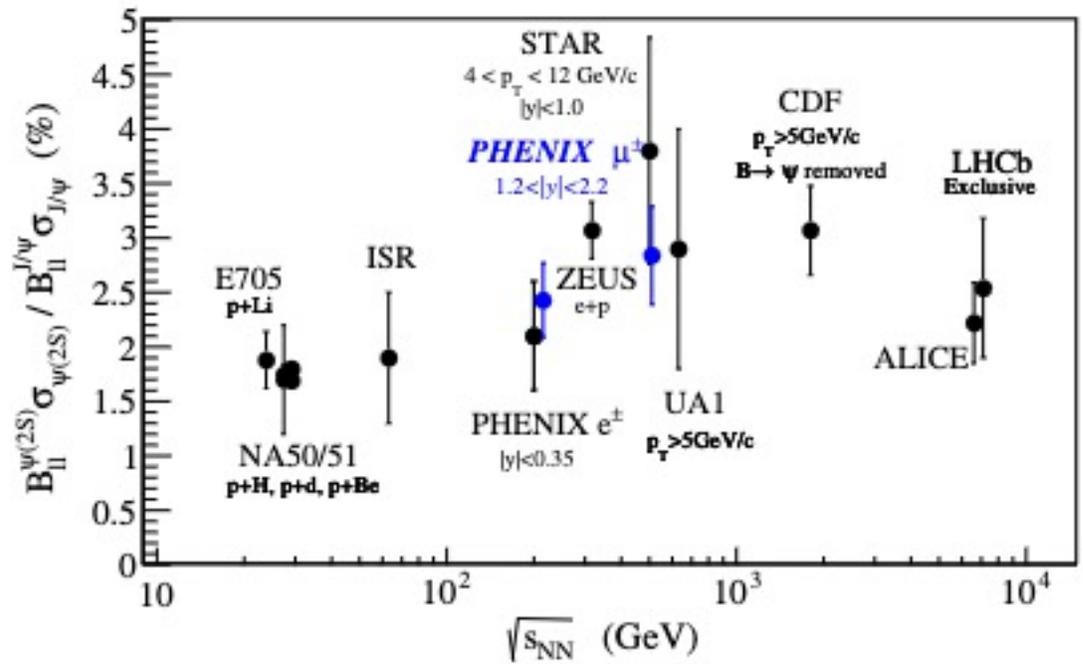
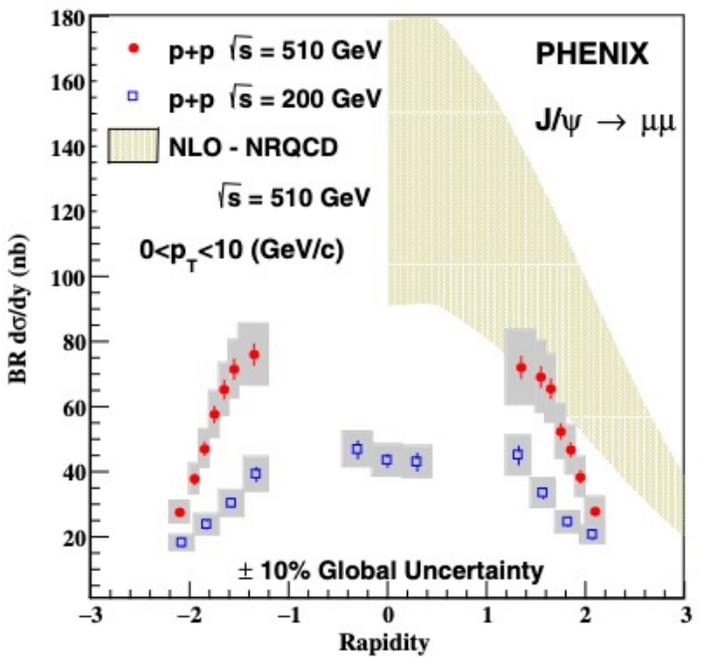
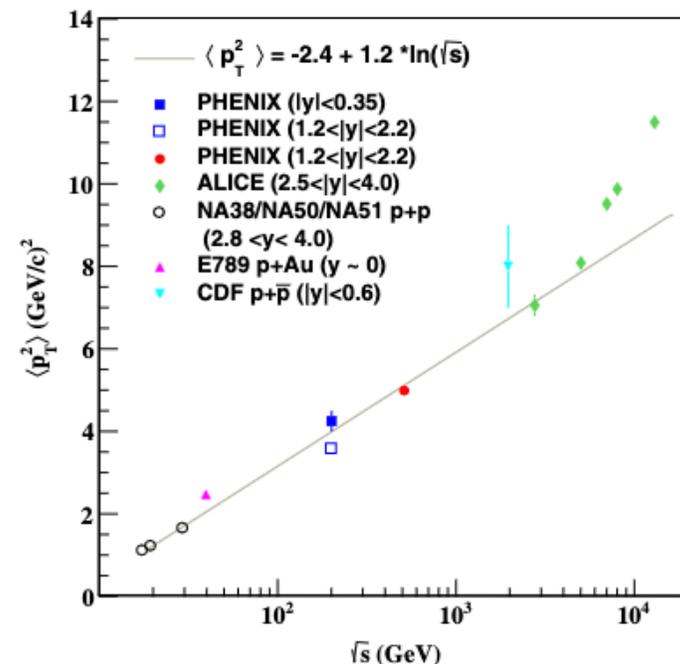
Measurement of  $J/\psi$  at forward and backward rapidity in  $p + p$ ,  $p + \text{Al}$ ,  $p + \text{Au}$ , and  ${}^3\text{He} + \text{Au}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$



Single-spin asymmetry of  $J/\psi$  production in  $p+p$ ,  $p+Al$ , and  $p+Au$  collisions with transversely polarized proton beams at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV



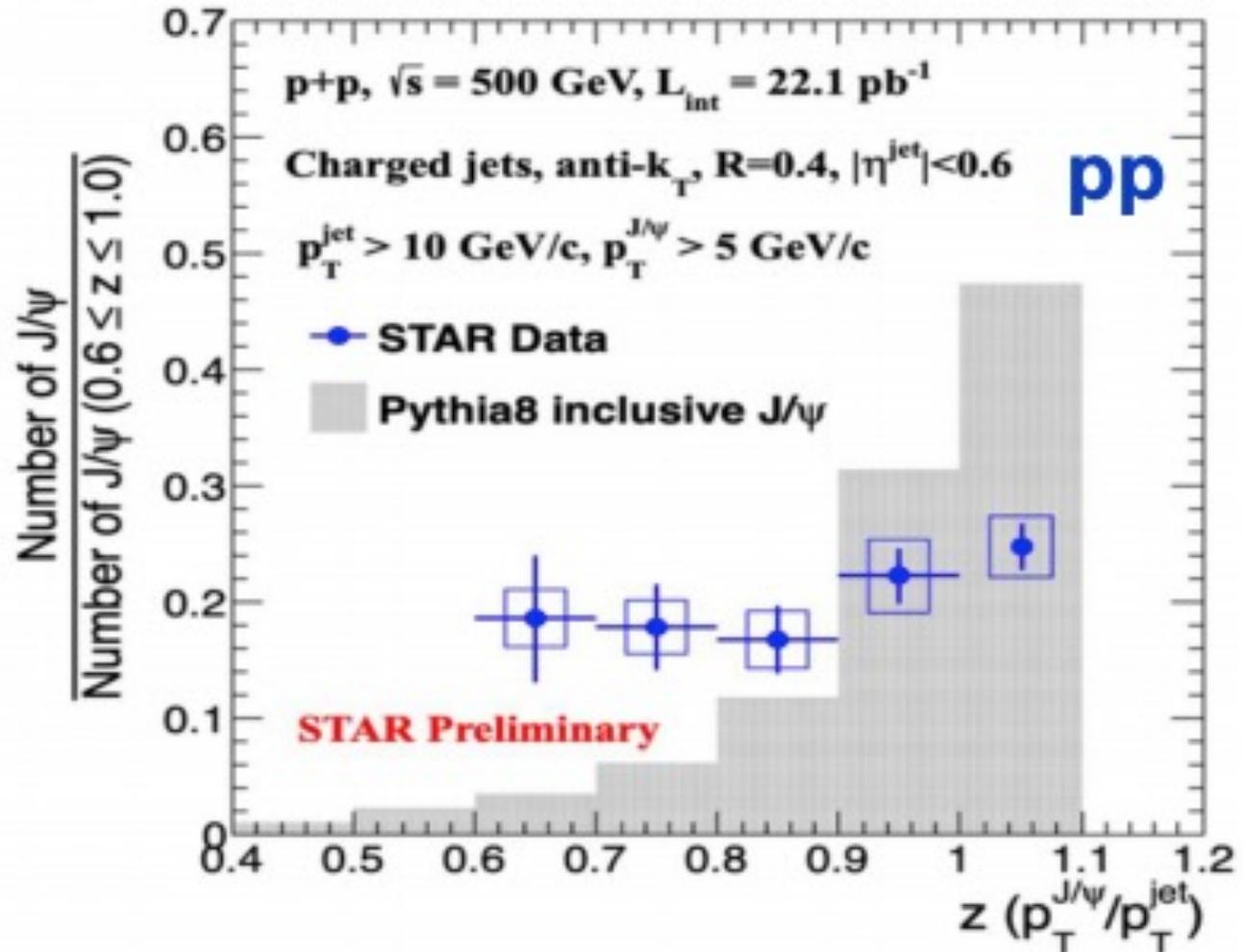
### $J/\psi$ and $\psi(2S)$ production at forward rapidity in $p+p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV



# J/Psi-Jets in pp

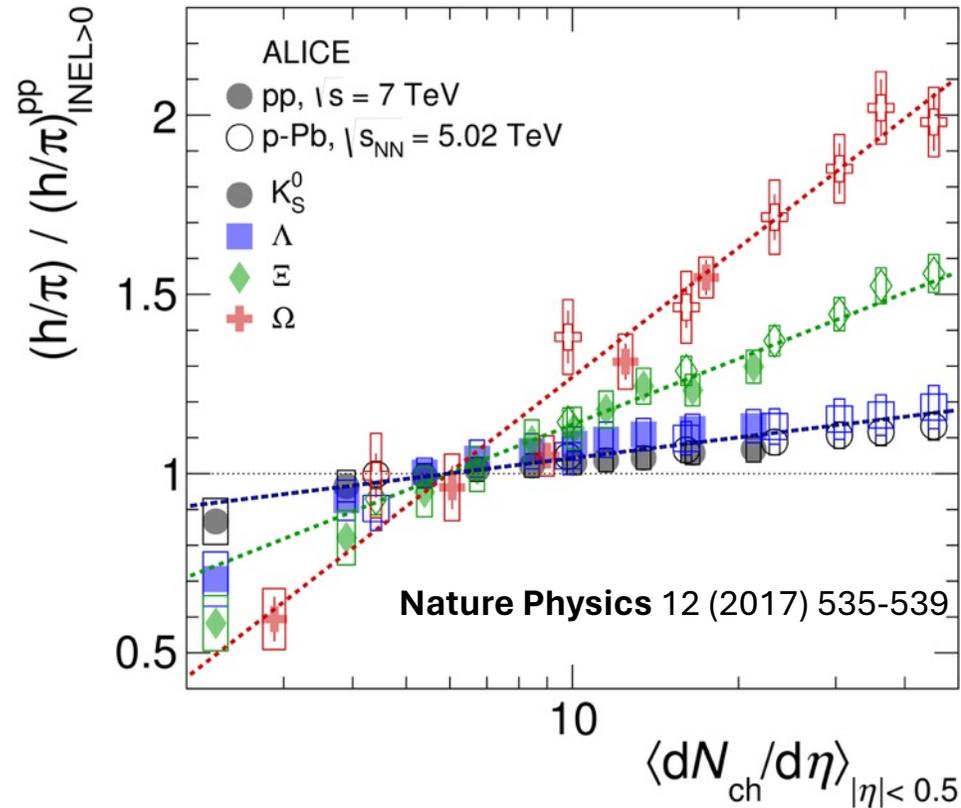
## - flat distribution?

- Quite different from expectation
- J/Psi production mechanisms
  - CEM
  - NRQCD
  - Jet fragmentation
  - ...



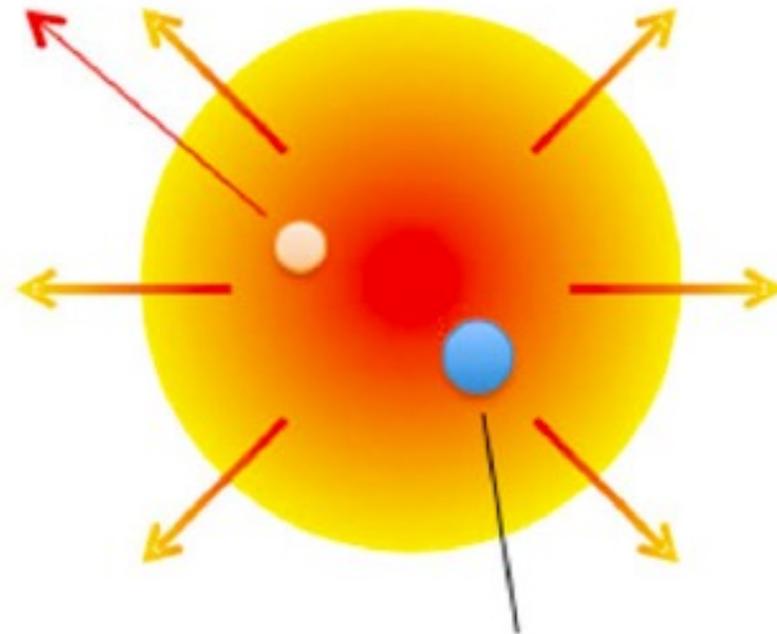
# Event multiplicity dependence

## Strangeness enhancement in high multiplicity pp



# From PHENIX to sPHENIX

charm flows



bottom  
stays cool