



# $J/\psi$ production in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 54.4$ GeV

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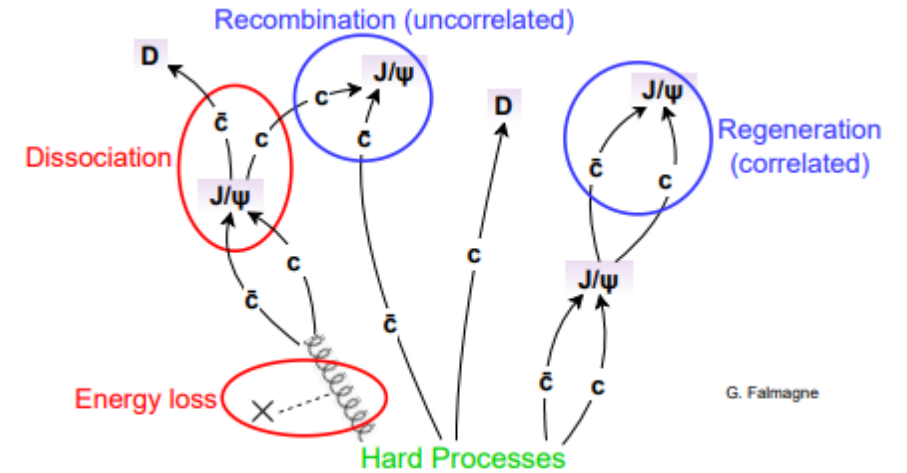
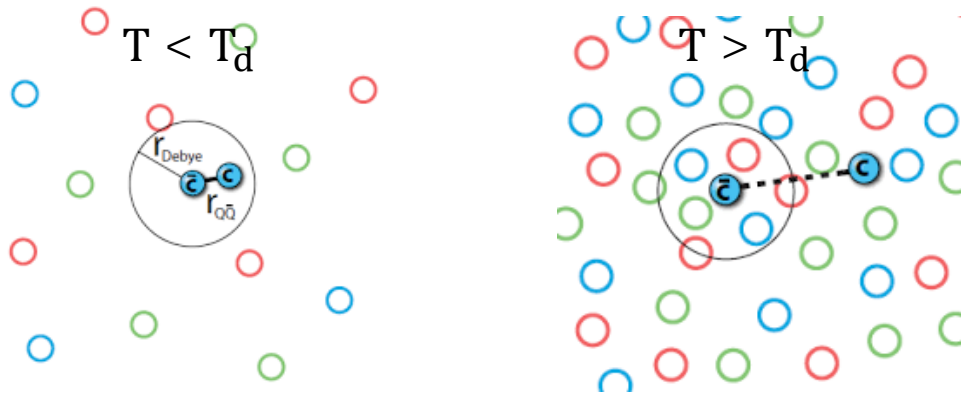


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- Motivation
  
- $J/\psi$  suppression in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 54.4$  GeV
  - $J/\psi$  signal reconstruction
  - $J/\psi$  cross section in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 54.4$  GeV
  - Nuclear modification factor distribution
  
- Summary

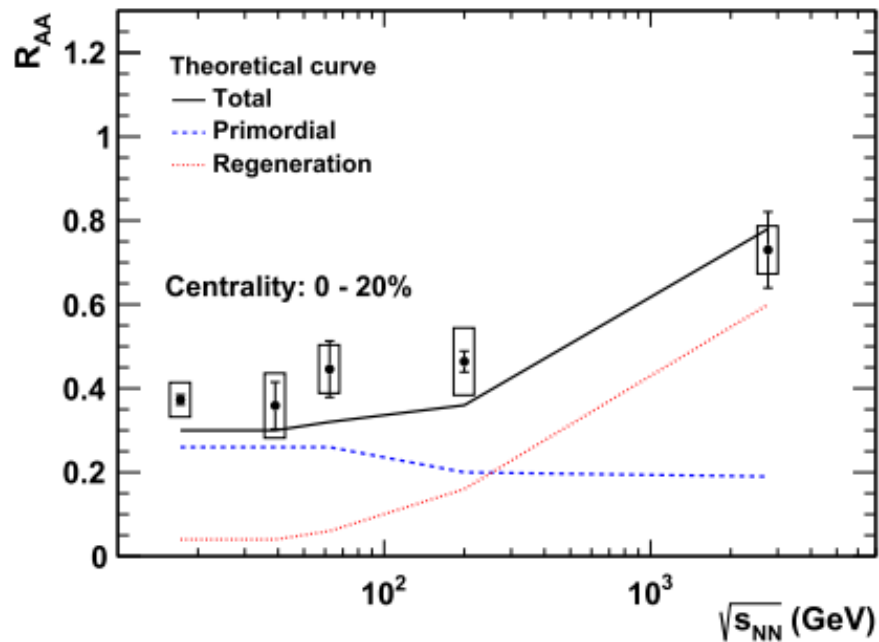
- Heavy quarkonia are ideal probes of the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)



## Modification of J/ψ yield:

- **Dissociation in QGP (like color screening effect, Dynamical screening)**
- **Regeneration**
- Cold nuclear matter effects (like nPDF, Cronin effect, Nuclear absorption )
- Other final state effects (co-mover effect)

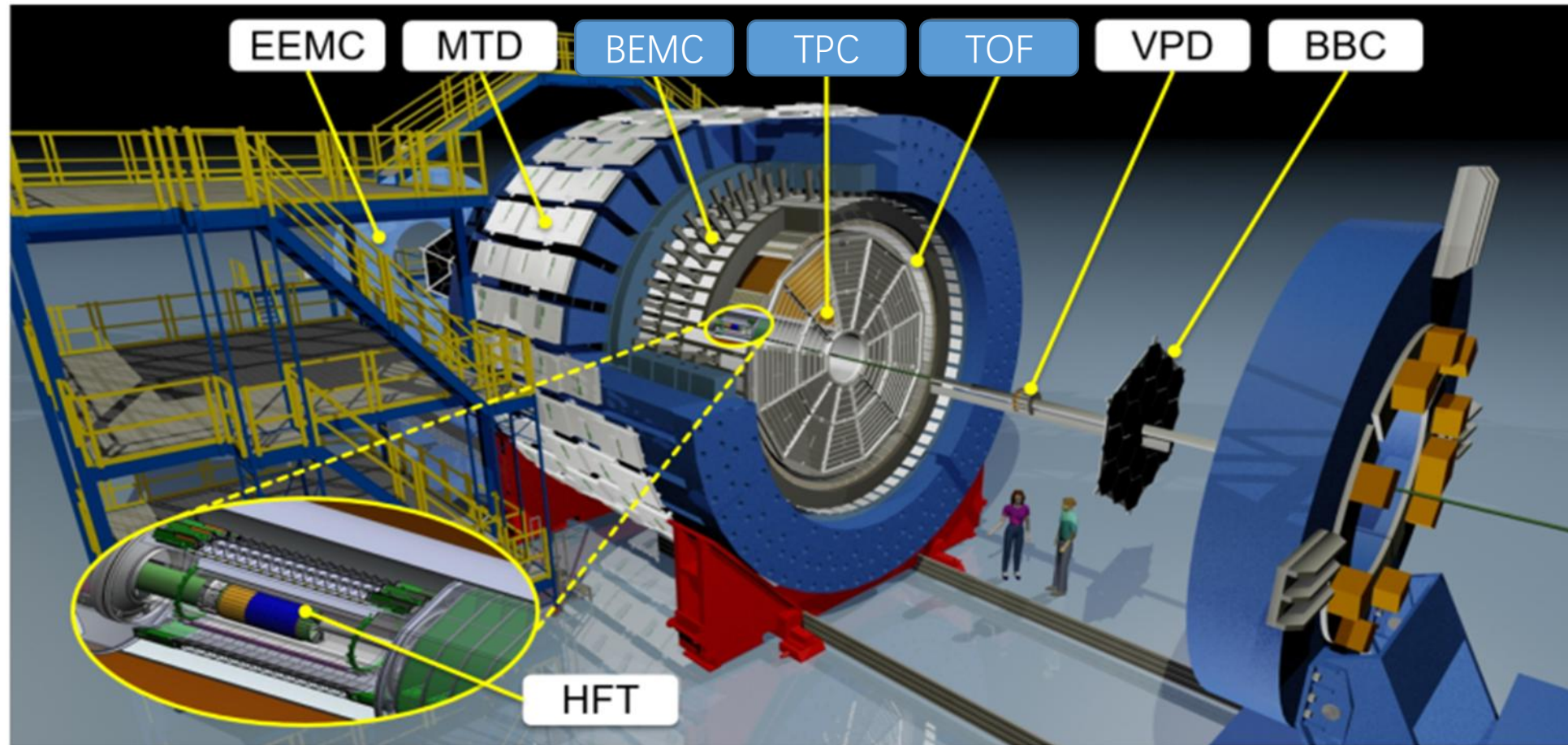
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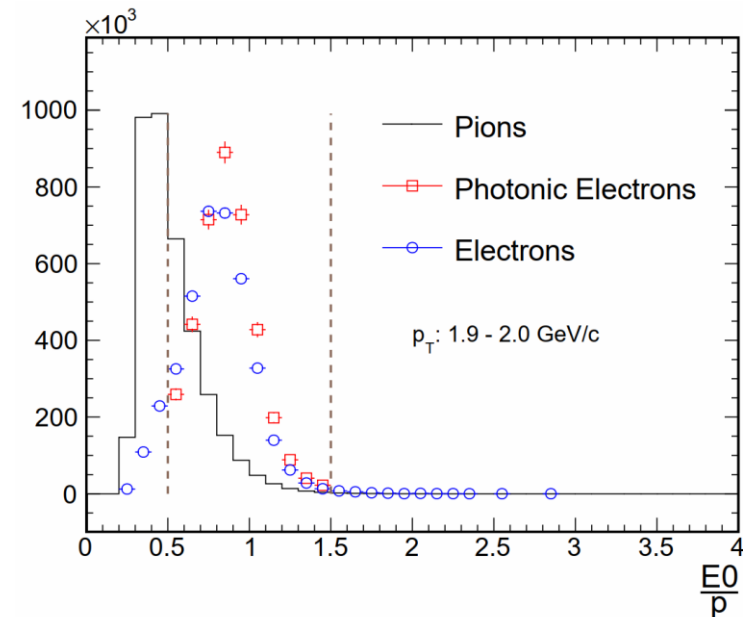
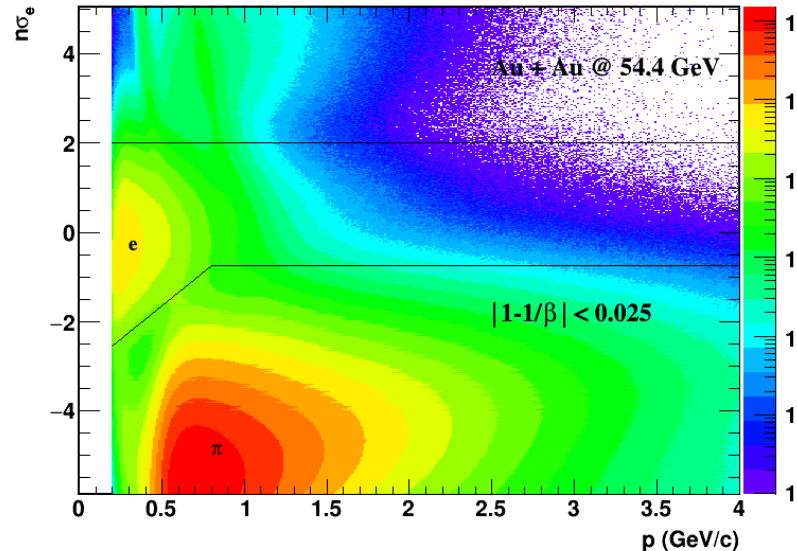
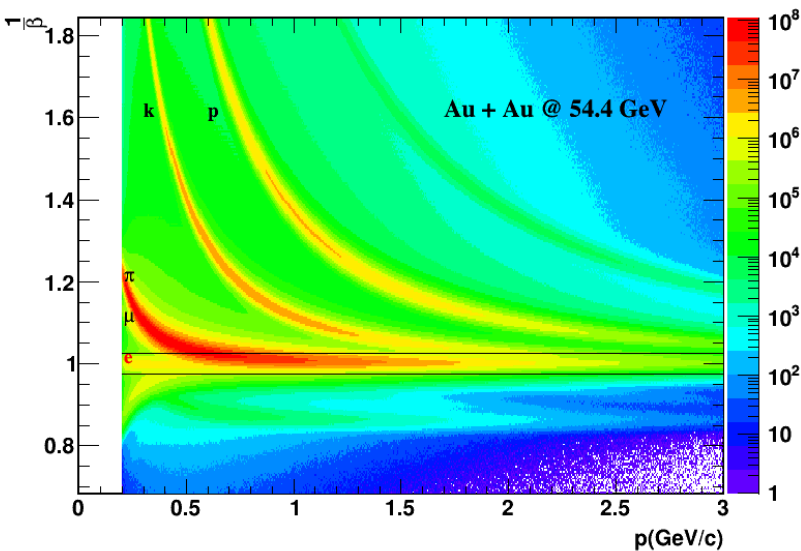
- The J/ $\psi$  production has been measured in Au+Au collisions at 39, 62.4 and 200 GeV and in Pb+Pb collisions at 17.3 GeV, 2.76 and 5.02 TeV
- No significant energy dependence of nuclear modification factor within uncertainties at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 200$  GeV
  - Interplay of melting in the QGP, cold nuclear matter effects and regeneration
- ~10x more statistics in 54.4 GeV, and this will help better understand **the energy dependence** of J/ $\psi$  suppression, as well as **the  $p_T$  distributions**

# The Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC



- ✓ **TPC:** Tracking and energy loss
- ✓ **TOF:** Time of flight, particle identification
- ✓ **BEMC:** Identification of high- $p_T$  electrons
- Minimum-bias trigger (VPD or ZDC)

# Electron identification



- $|\vec{P}| \leq 0.8$
- $3 \times |\vec{P}| - 3.15 < n\sigma_e < 2$
- $\left| \frac{1}{\beta} - 1.0 \right| < 0.025$

- $|\vec{P}| > 0.8$
- $-0.75 < n\sigma_e < 2$
- $\left| \frac{1}{\beta} - 1.0 \right| < 0.025$

$p_T \leq 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

- $-1.5 < n\sigma_e < 2$
- $\left| \frac{1}{\beta} - 1.0 \right| < 0.025$
- $0.5 < E_0/p < 1.5$

TOF&BEMC

$p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

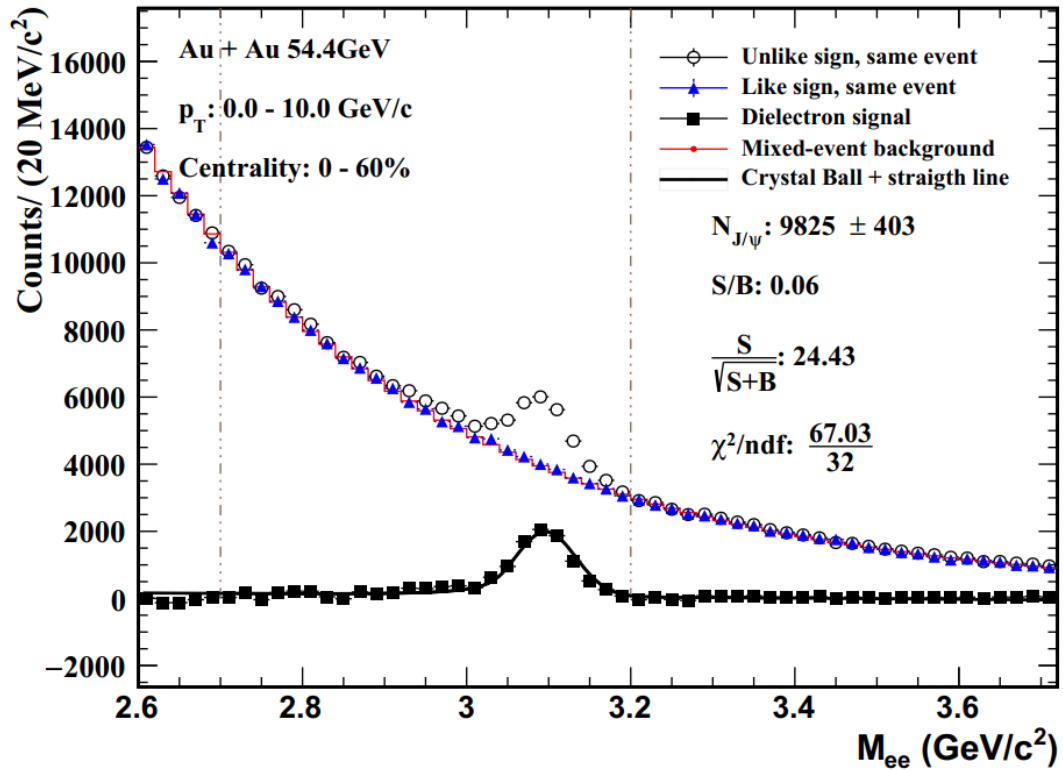
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BEMC

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# J/ψ raw signal in Au+Au collisions



- J/ψ raw signal are reconstructed through dielectron channel
- J/ψ signal shape from embedding with additional momentum smearing
- Residual background described by a straight line
- Raw counts extracted by bin counting in  $2.7 < M_{ee} < 3.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Not full BEMC information used at 54.4 and 200 GeV → Implementing full BEMC information can further improve the electron purity

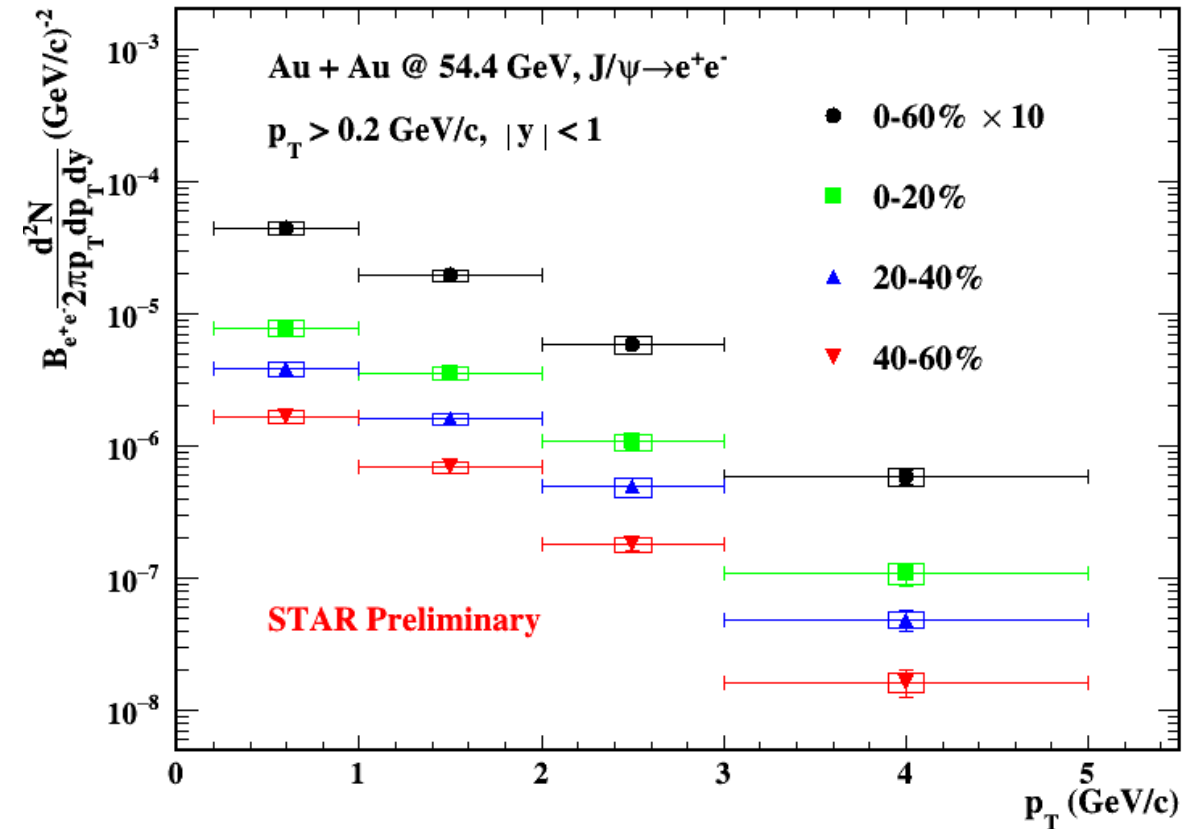
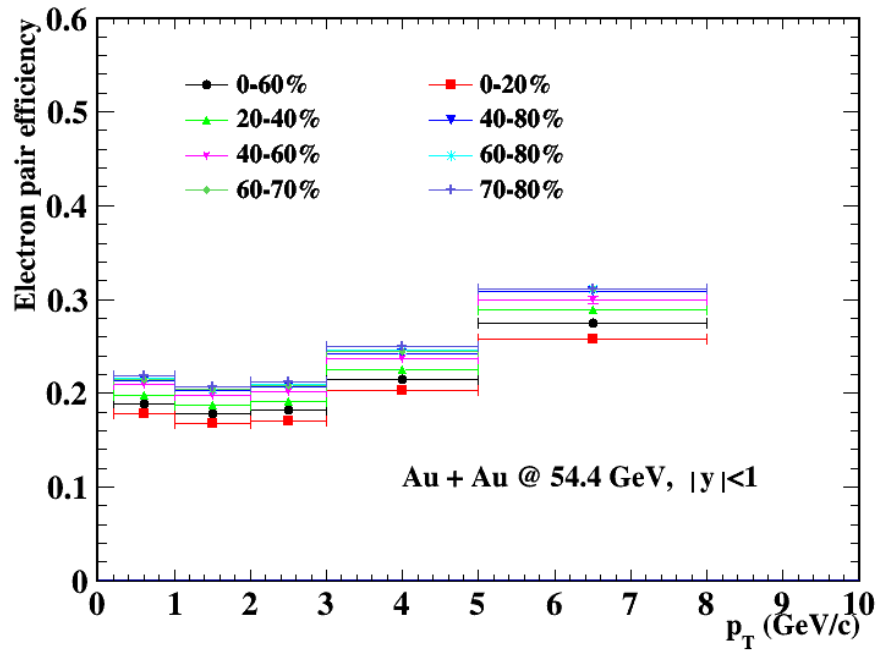
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	39 GeV	54.4 GeV	62.4 GeV	200 GeV
S/B	0.34	0.06	0.19	0.03
Significance	10	24	9	22

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# Efficiency and invariant yield



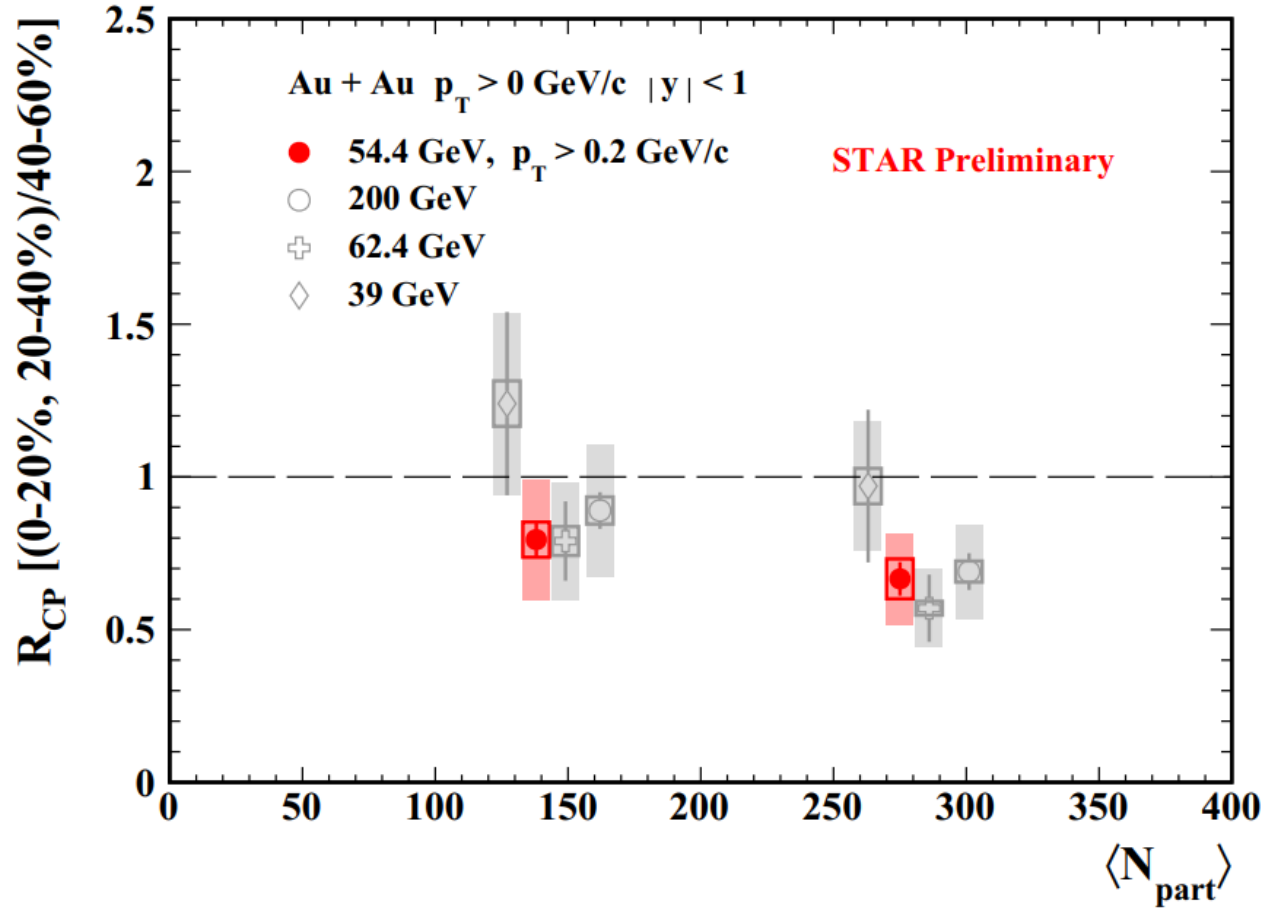
- The pair efficiency is evaluated by folding the single track efficiency
- The acceptance is showed below:  $p_T^e \geq 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta_e| \leq 1$ ,  $|y_{ee}| \leq 1$



$p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$  to exclude coherent photon induced production



# $R_{CP}$ vs $\langle N_{part} \rangle$



$$R_{CP} = \frac{\frac{dN/dy}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} (\text{central})}{\frac{dN/dy}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} (\text{peripheral})}$$

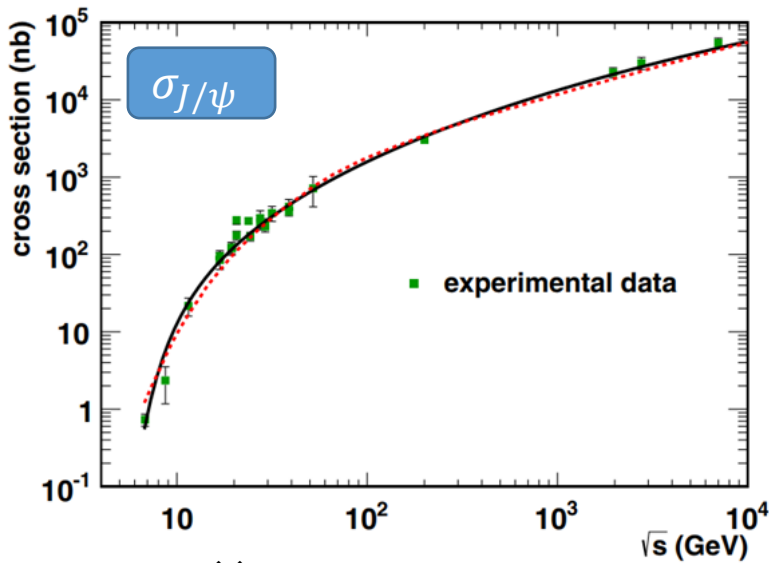
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- Peripheral 40 – 60 % centrality is used as reference
- A suppression is observed in central Au+Au collisions at 54.4 GeV, similar to that at 62.4 and 200 GeV

# p+p baseline

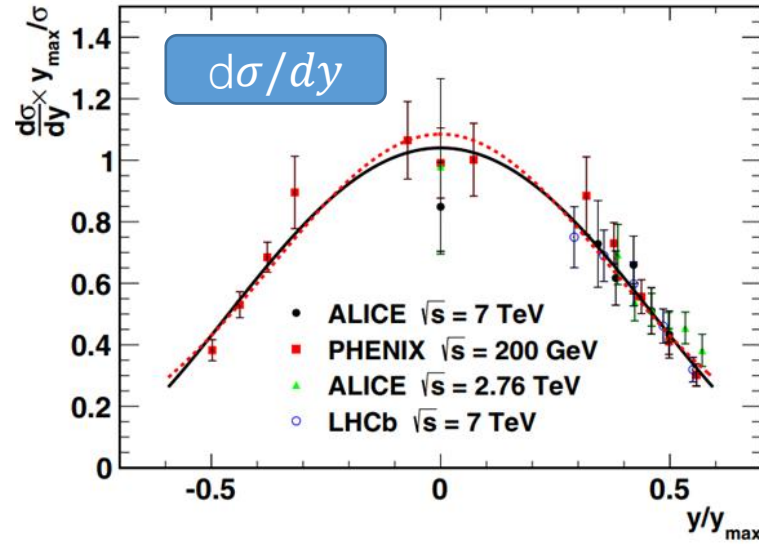
- For p+p baseline at 39, 54.4, and 62.4 GeV, they are extracted from phenomenological calculations
- Energy interpolation from the existing **total J/ψ cross section** measurements
- Energy evolution of the **rapidity distribution**
- Energy evolution of **J/ψ transverse momentum** distribution

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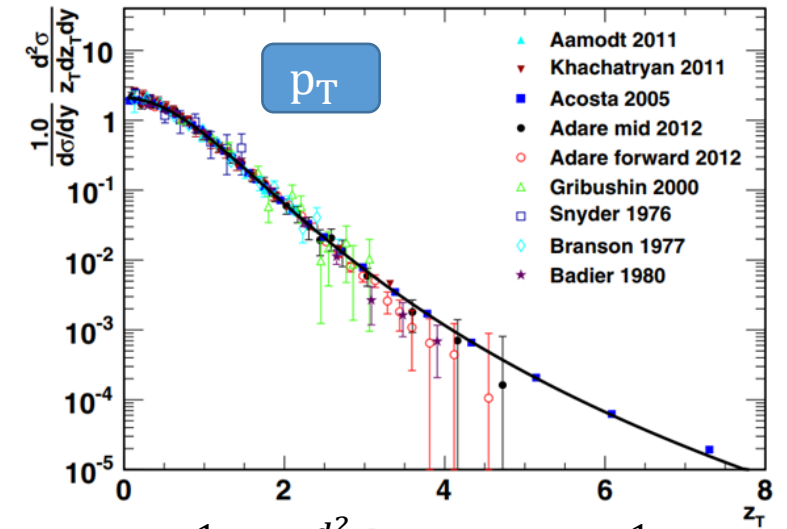


$$\sigma = \alpha \times \sigma_{CEM}$$

$$\text{where } y_{max} = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{m_{J/\psi}}\right)$$



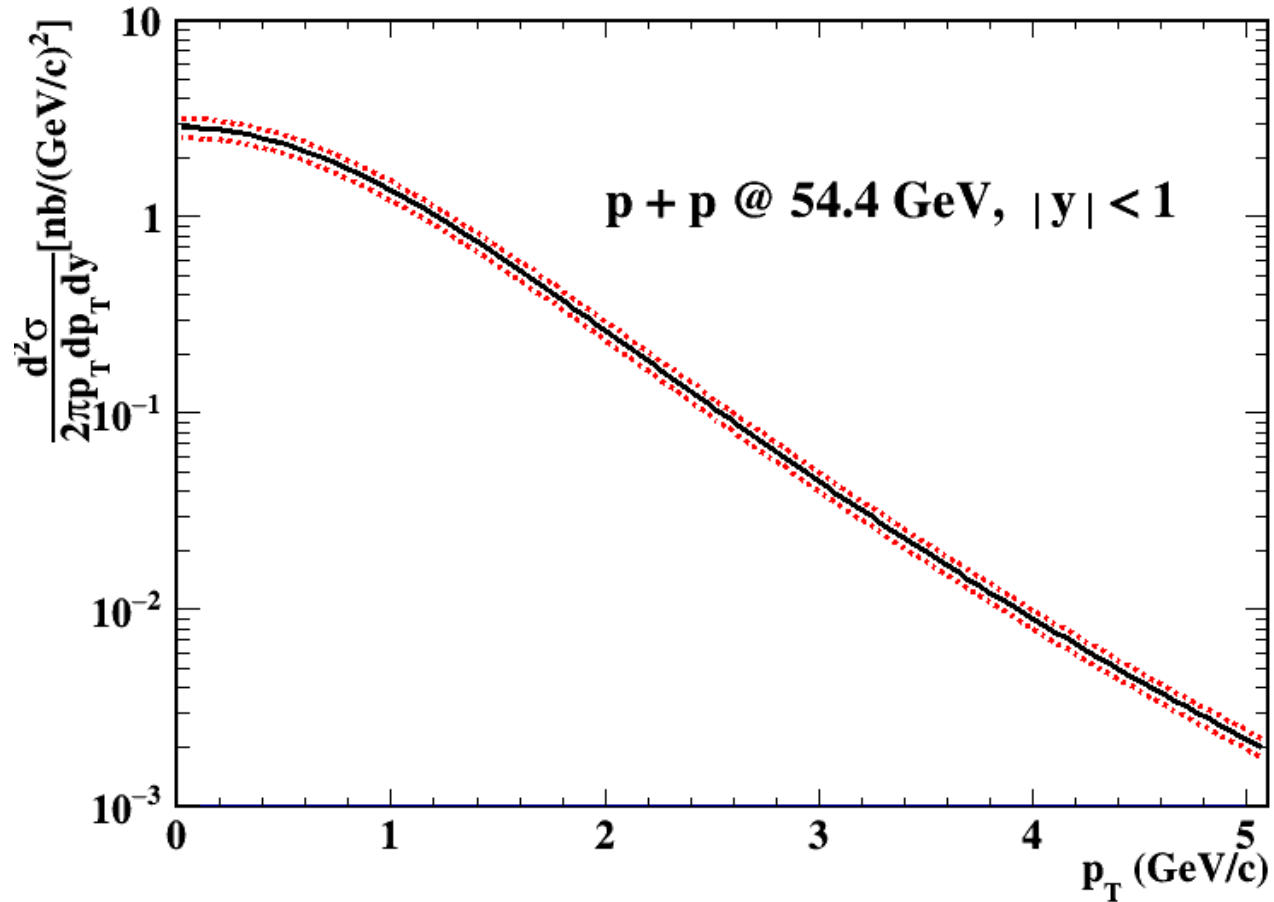
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dy} = a e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y/y_{max}}{b}\right)^2}$$



$$\frac{1}{d\sigma/dy} \frac{d^2\sigma}{z_T dz_T dy} = a \times \frac{1}{(1+b^2 z_T^2)^n}$$

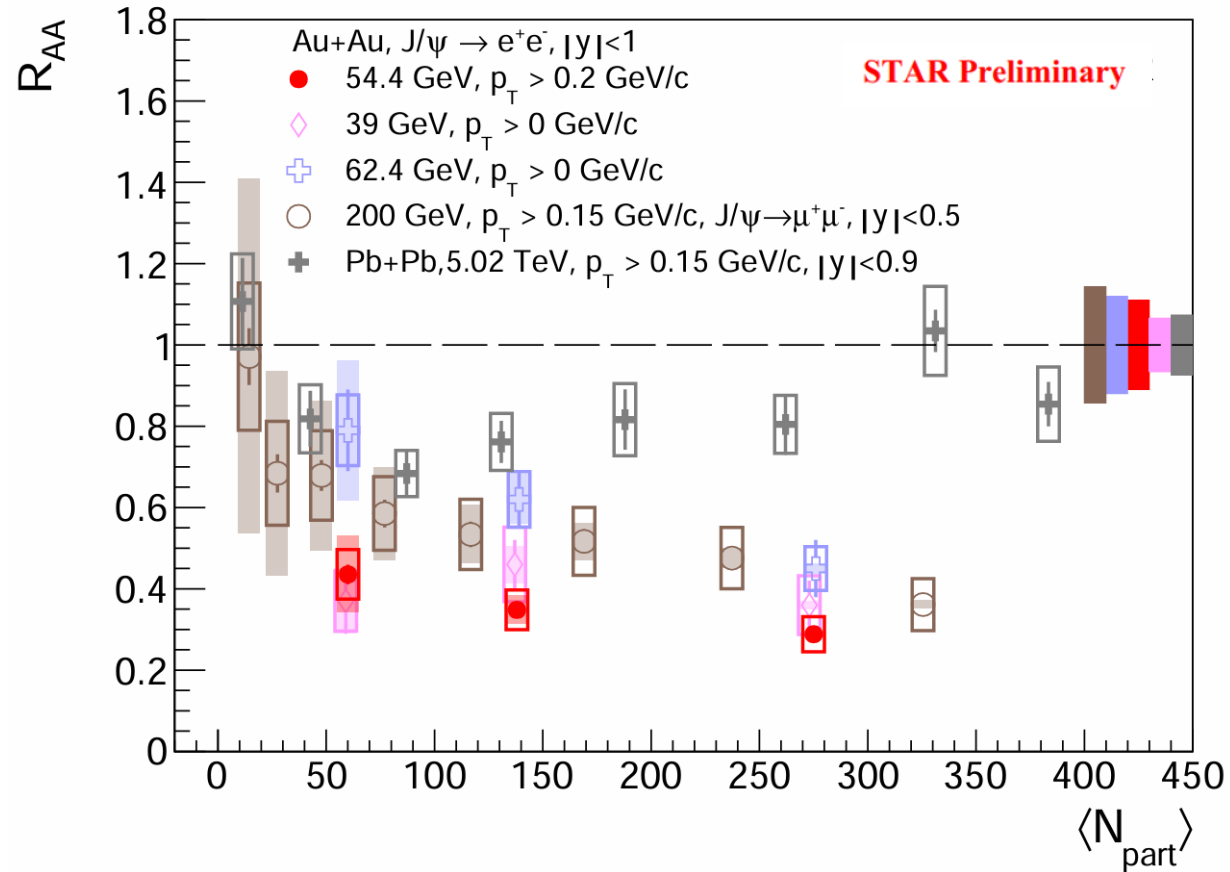
$$\text{where } z_T = p_T / \langle p_T \rangle$$

- For p+p baseline at 39, **54.4**, and 62.4 GeV, they are extracted from phenomenological calculations



- The  $p_T$  dependence of expected  $J/\psi$  differential cross section in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 54.4$  GeV and midrapidity
- The uncertainty from interpolation:  $\sim 11\%$

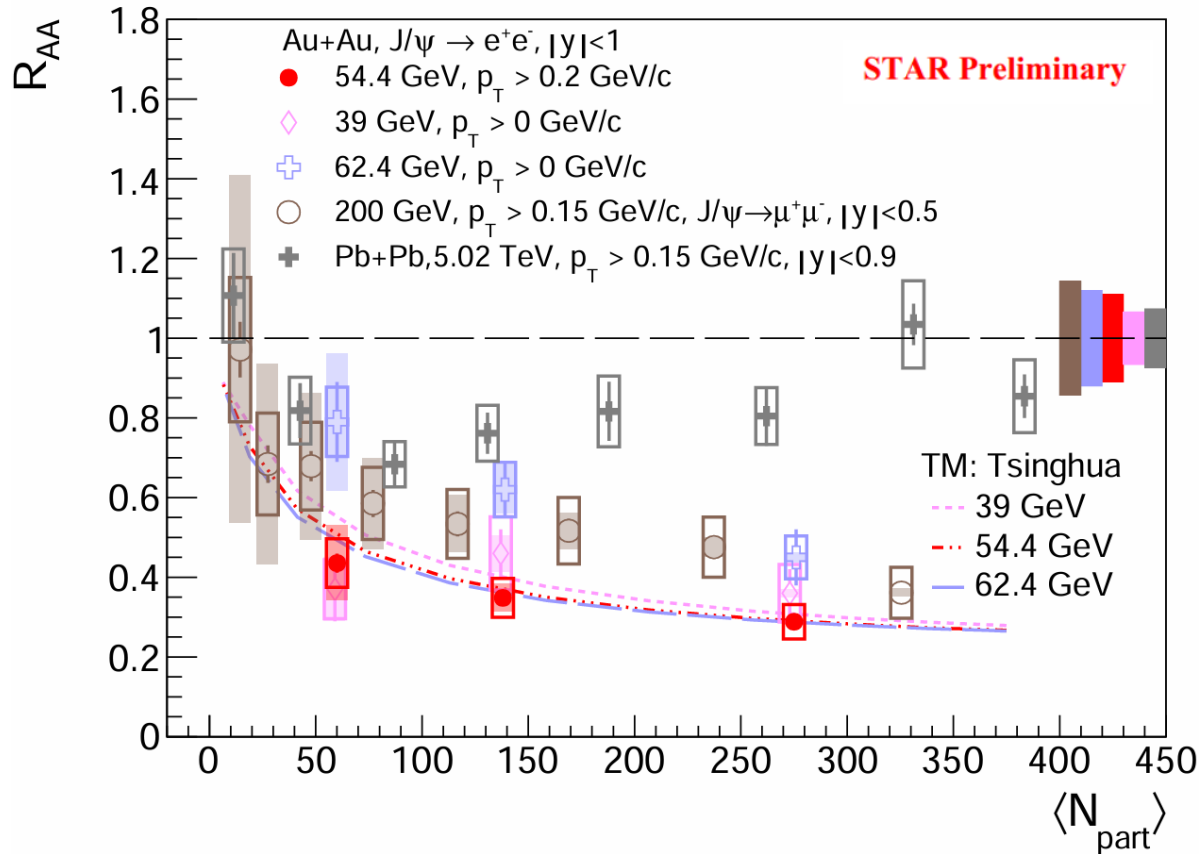
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- Suppression of  $J/\psi$  production is observed in Au + Au collisions at 54.4 GeV with better precision
- No significant energy dependence is observed among 39, 54.4, 62.4 and 200 GeV, as a function of  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$
- Less regeneration contribution at RHIC energies

# $R_{AA}$ vs $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ : compared with transport model calculations



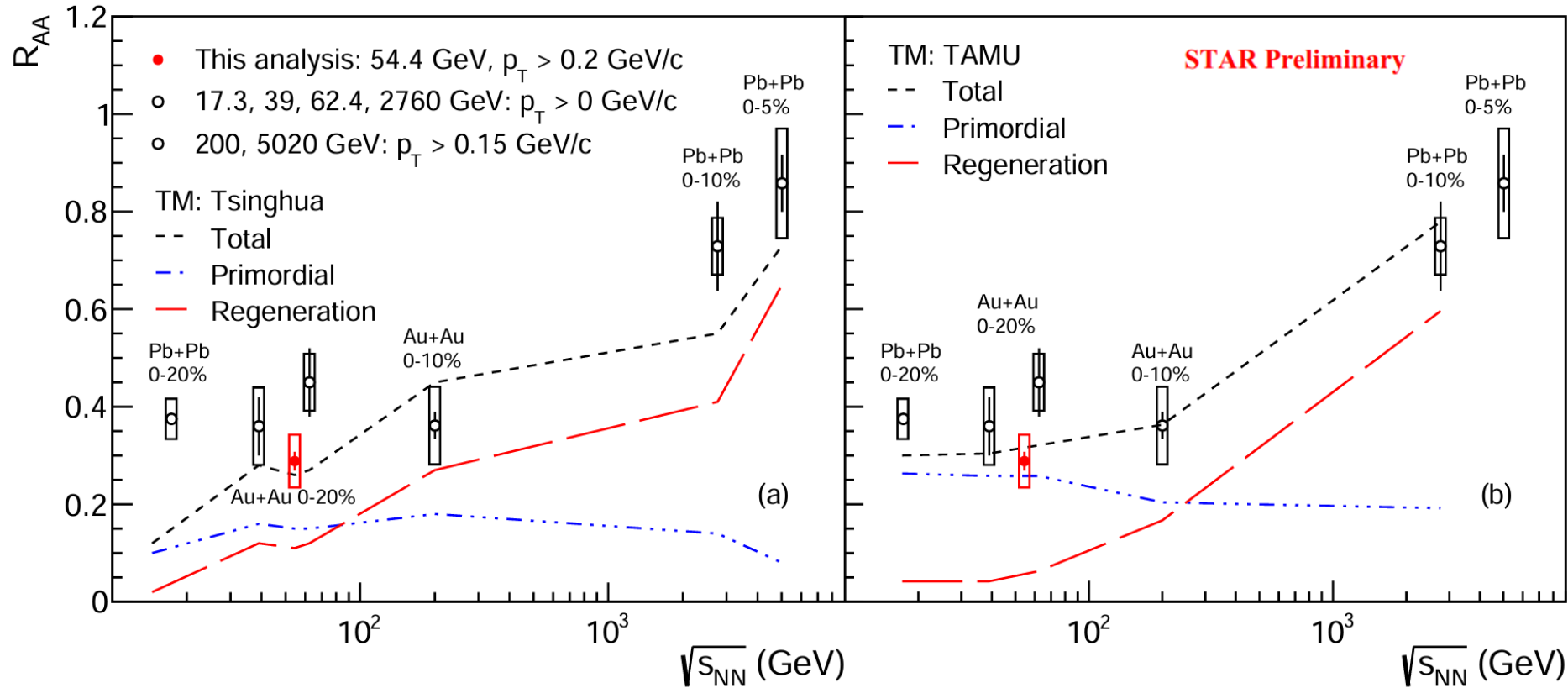
Transport model

Primordial suppression, including dissociation in the hot medium and cold nuclear matter effects

Regeneration effects, the rate is proportional to the square of charm quark number, hence  $\propto N_{coll}^2$

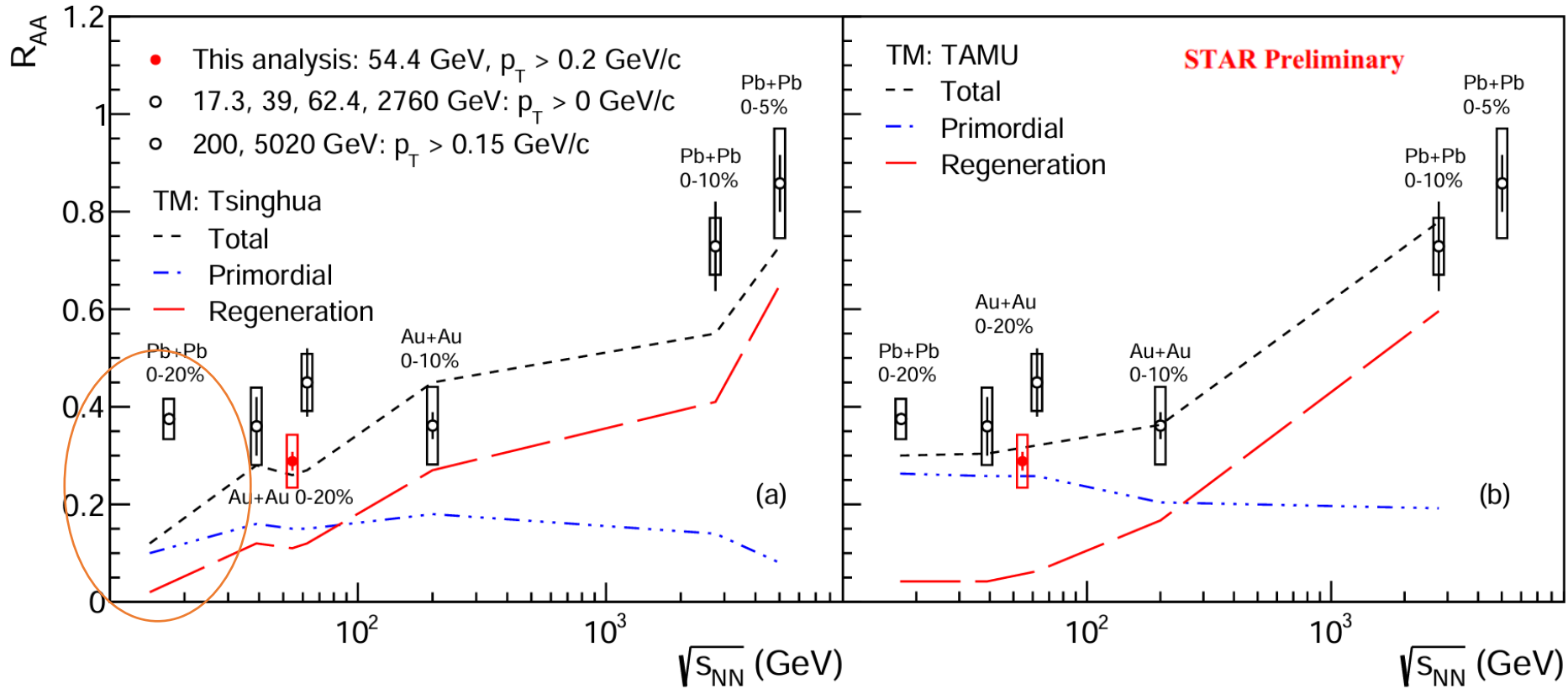
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- Within current uncertainties, the model calculations (Tsinghua) can describe the  $p_T$  integrated  $R_{AA}$  at 39, 54.4, and 62.4, as a function of  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$

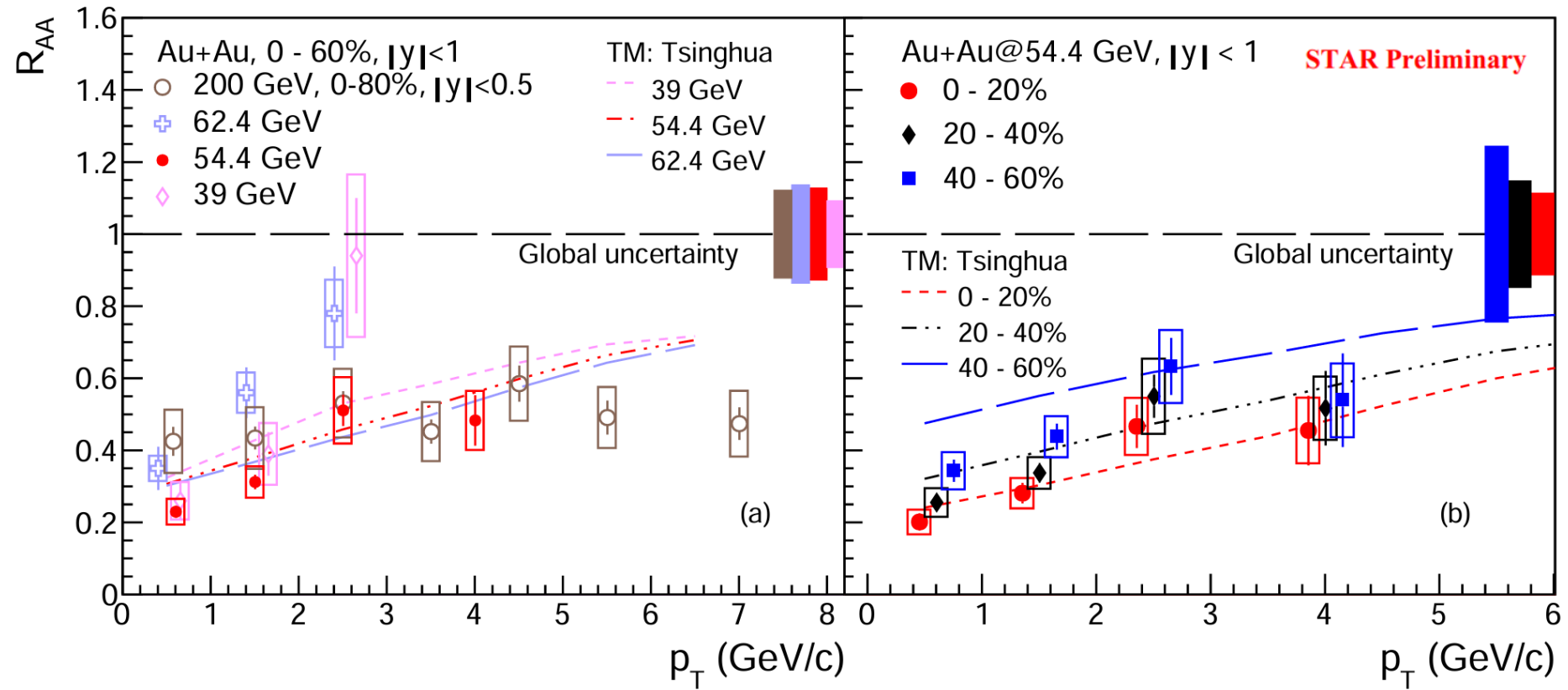


- No significant energy dependence is observed within uncertainties up to 200 GeV, interplay of hot and cold matter effects
- Model calculations are both consistent with the observed energy trend

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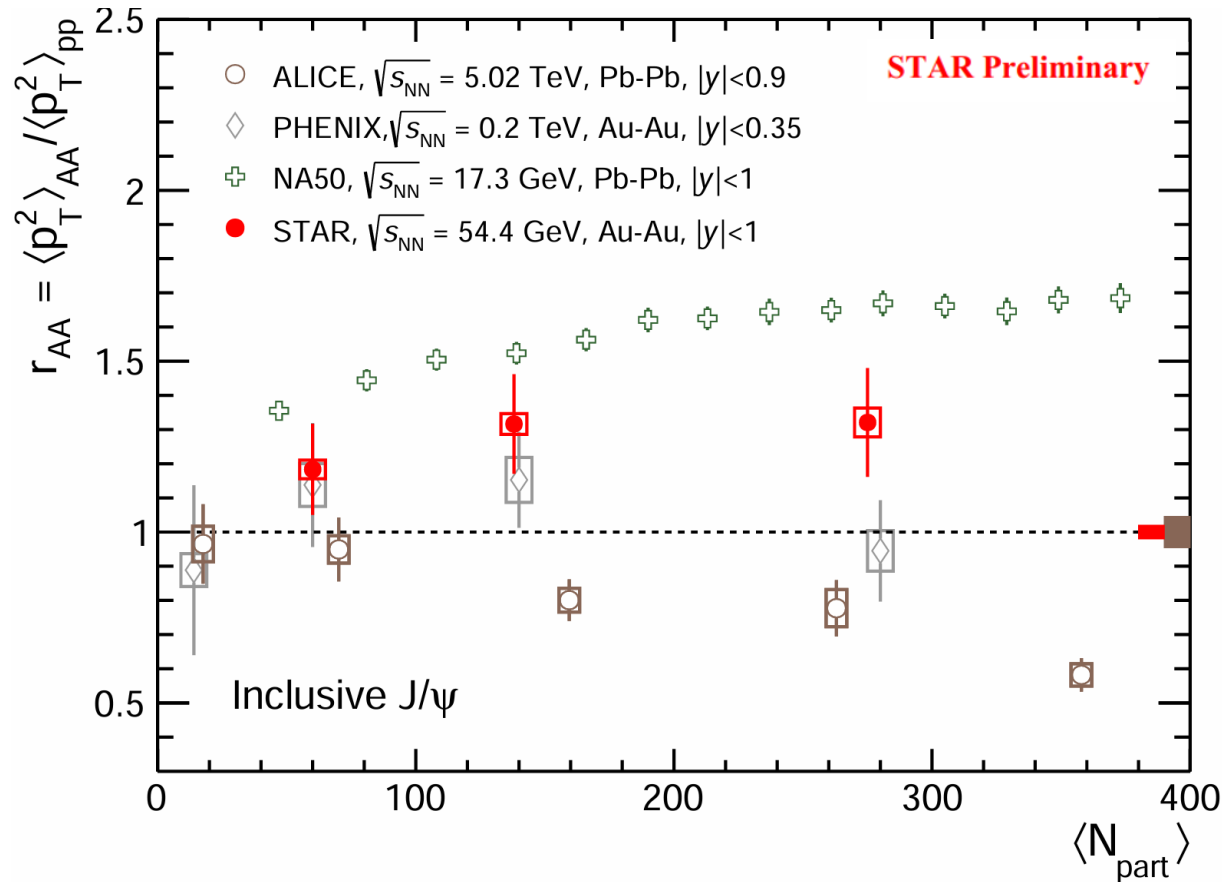
- BES-2 energy regions are crucial for refining our understanding (Wei Zhang, Tuesday, last but not the least)



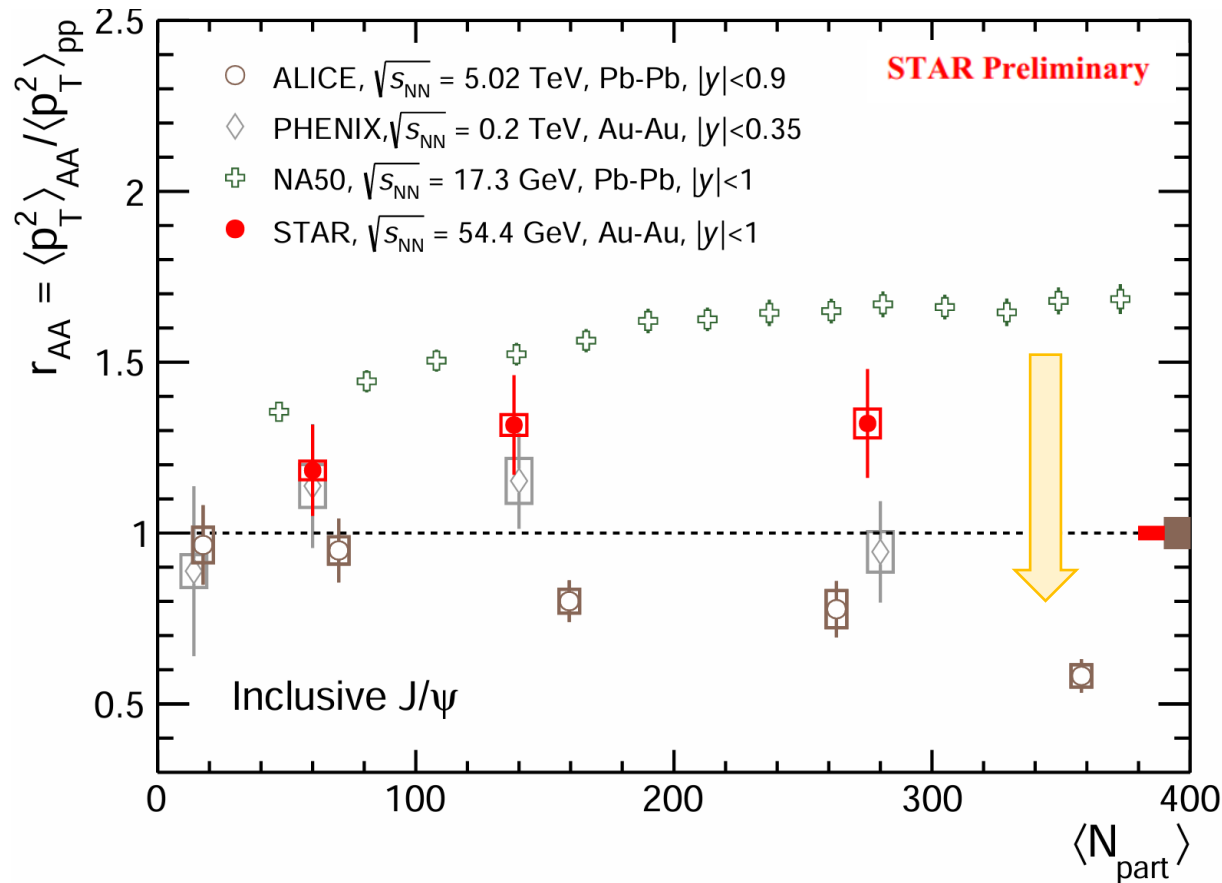
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- $R_{AA}$  seems increase with increasing  $p_T$  for 39, 54.4 and 62.4 GeV, less regeneration contributions than those at higher energies
- The  $p_T$  spectra at low energies is more complicated





- Each hot or cold effect is expected to be more pronounced within specific  $p_T$  ranges
- To compare the impact of the  $p_T$  distribution in heavy ion collisions at different energies, the  $r_{AA}$  is measured at 54.4 GeV
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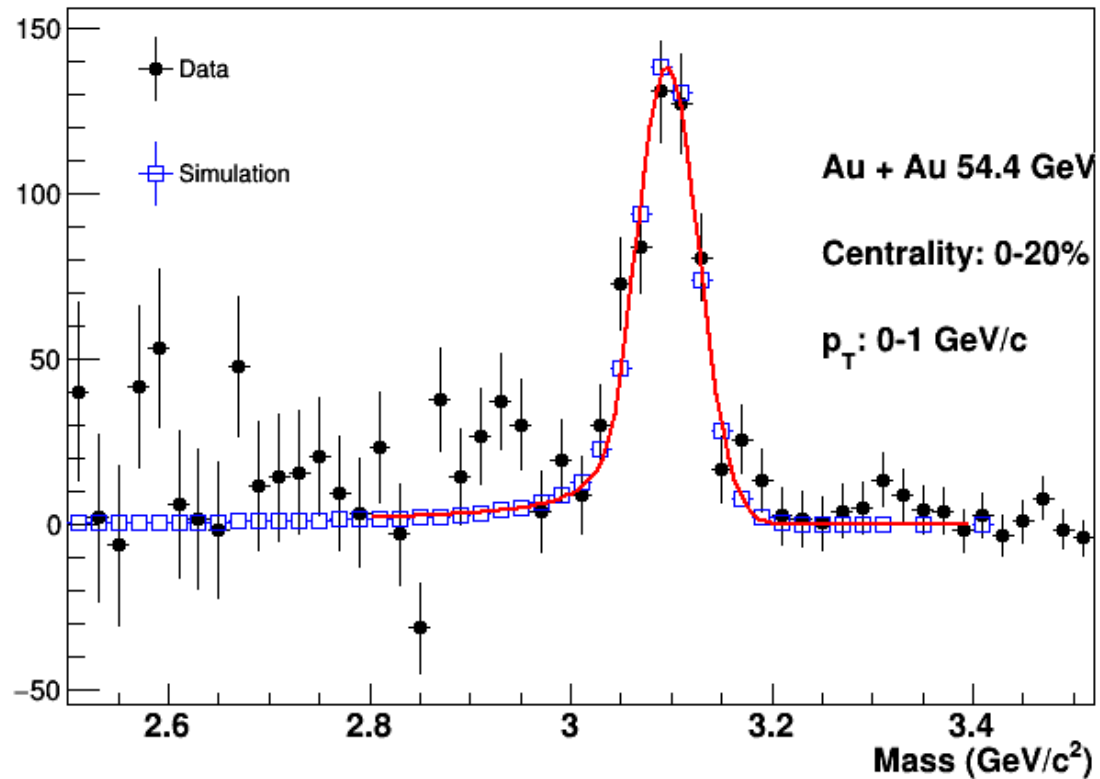
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- Suppression of  $J/\psi$  in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 54.4$  GeV has been observed, with improved precision compare to the previous STAR results
- The suppression is more significant at lower  $p_T$  and central collisions
- No significant energy dependence of  $R_{AA}$  has been observed in central collisions from 17.3 to 200 GeV
- The  $r_{AA}$  at 54.4 GeV follows the energy trends

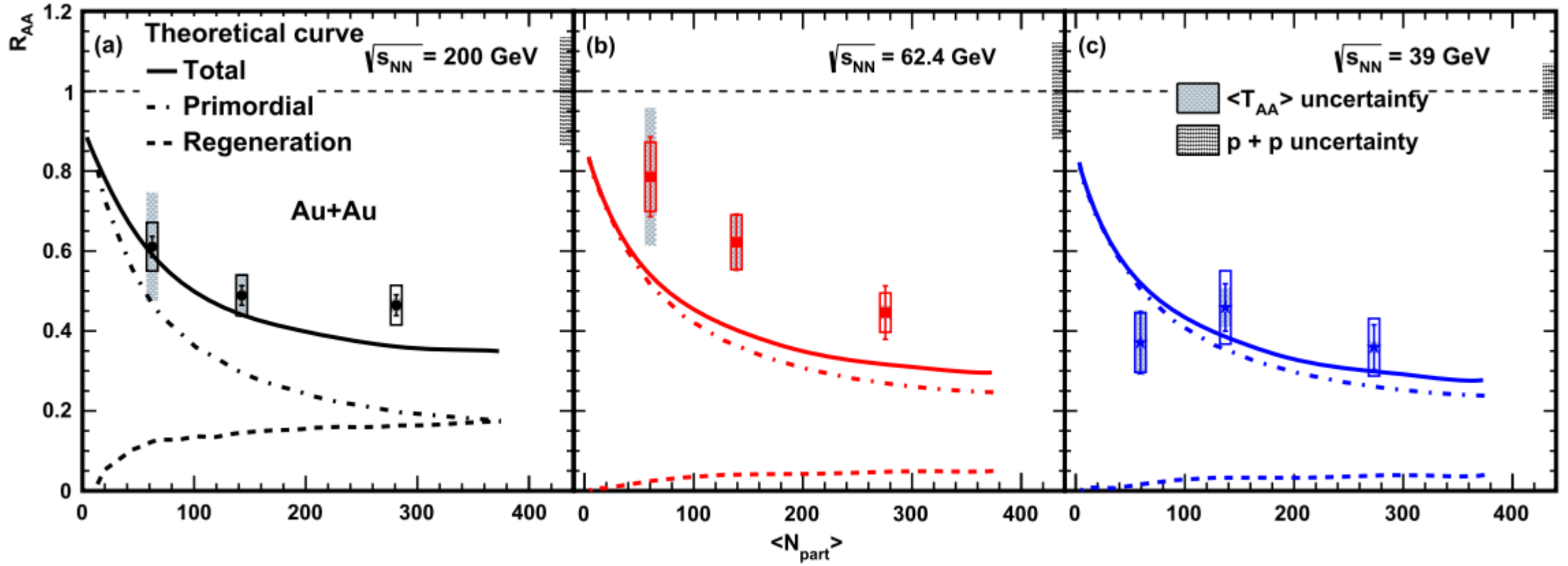
Thanks for your attention

# Back up

# $J/\psi$ signal templates



- The  $J/\psi$  line-shape from embedding and additional momentum smearing matches data well
- The distribution is fitted by Crystal-ball function
- Fix the shape of the Crystal-ball function from simulation when fitting the  $J/\psi$  raw signal from real data



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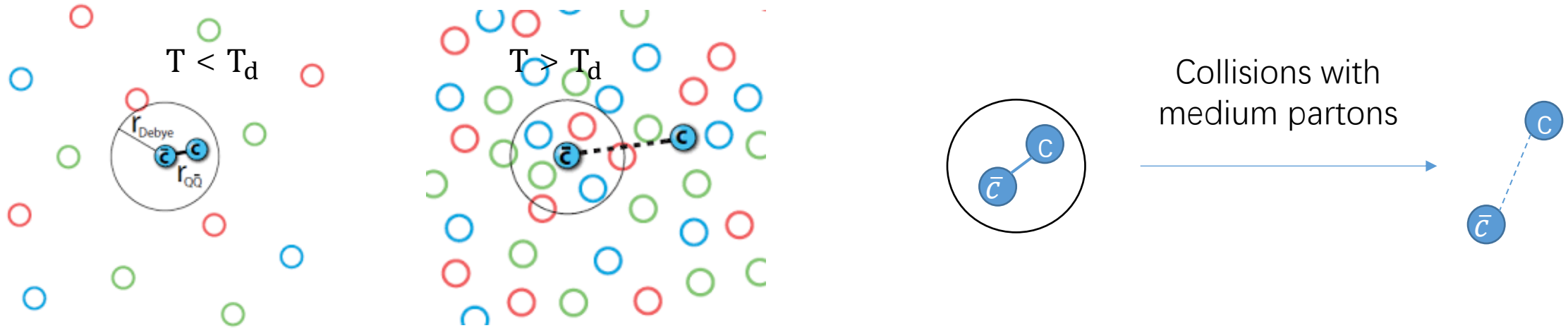
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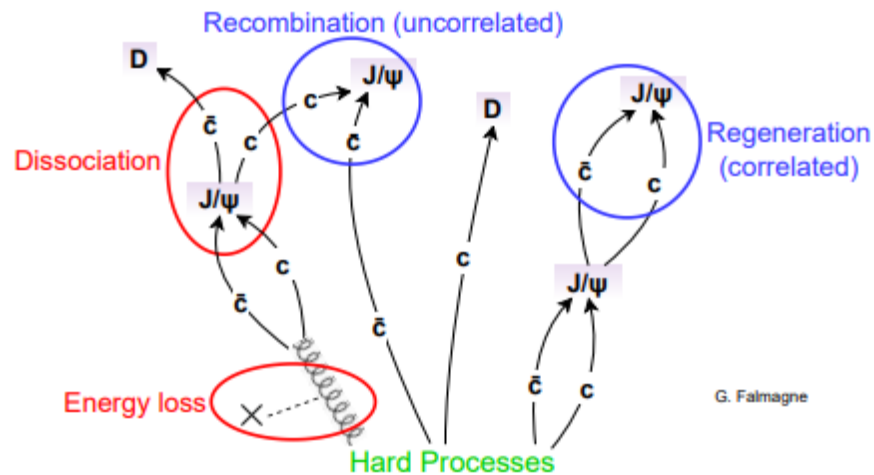


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## Modification of $J/\psi$ yield:

### ➤ Dissociation in QGP

- Color screening effect: suppression of color attraction
- Dynamical processes: collisions with medium partons

### ➤ Regeneration

- Cold nuclear matter effects (like nPDF, coherent energy loss, nuclear absorption )

### ➤ Other final state effects

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