

# The Temperature of the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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Statistical QCD shows for strongly interacting matter

∃ color deconfinement,

∃ a transition to a hot quark-gluon plasma,

for  $T > T_c$ ;

but it does not specify

what thermometer can measure the temperature

of a deconfined medium.

## What can we use as QGP Thermometer?

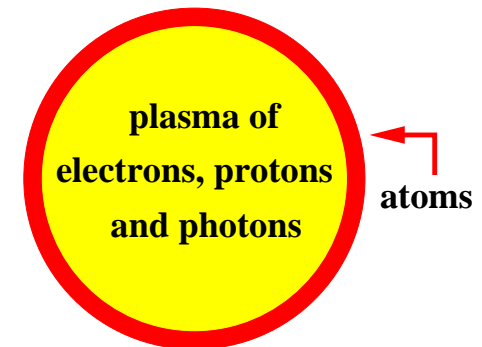
hadron abundances  $\Rightarrow$  hadronization stage of QGP

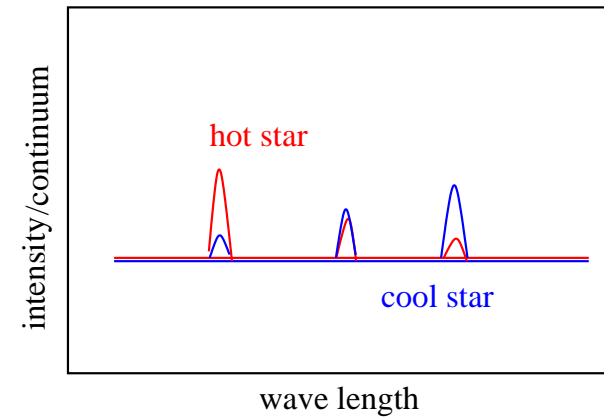
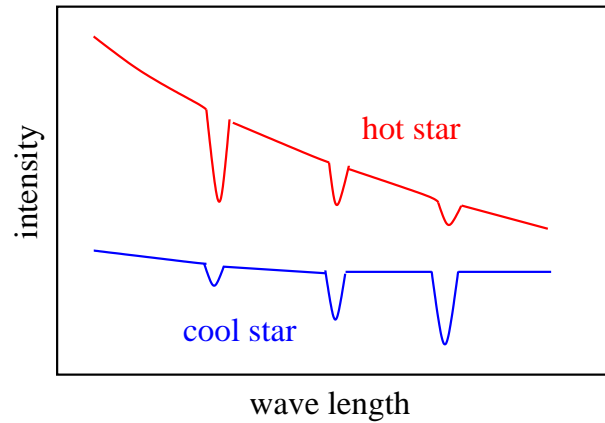
$\exists$  probe of earlier hot QGP,  
not accessible to direct measurements?

$\exists$  a similar problem in astrophysics:

How does one measure temperatures of stellar interiors?

photons from plasma core are emitted,  
absorbed by atoms in crust, lead to  
absorption lines in stellar spectra





- absorption lines indicate presence of atomic species
- absorption strength gives temperature of stellar interior

Conjecture: **Quarkonia** are the spectral lines of the QGP

Matsui & HS, 1986

$\exists$  no crust of QGP, but  $\exists$  early hard production of quarkonia

they're there when QGP appears, and its effect on different quarkonium states tells how hot the QGP is.

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2. Quarkonia **melt** in a hot QGP
3. Quarkonium production is **suppressed** in nuclear collisions
4. Quarkonia can be **created** at QGP hadronization

## Conclusions

# 1. Quarkonia are very unusual hadrons

**heavy** quark ( $Q\bar{Q}$ ) bound states **stable** under strong decay

- **heavy**:  $m_c \simeq 1.2 - 1.4$  GeV,  $m_b \simeq 4.6 - 4.9$  GeV
- **stable**:  $M_{c\bar{c}} \leq 2M_D$  and  $M_{b\bar{b}} \leq 2M_B$

What is “**usual**”?

- light quark ( $q\bar{q}$ ) constituents
- hadronic size  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1} \simeq 1$  fm, independent of mass
- loosely bound,  $M_\rho - 2M_\pi \gg 0$ ,  $M_\phi - 2M_K \simeq 0$
- relative production abundances  $\sim$  energy independent, statistical: at large  $\sqrt{s}$ , rate  $R_{i/j} \sim$  phase space at  $T_c$
- $(dN_{q\bar{q}}/dy) \sim \ln s$

Quarkonia: heavy quarks  $\Rightarrow$  non-relativistic potential theory

Jacobs et al. 1986

Schrödinger equation  $\left\{ 2m_c - \frac{1}{m_c} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right\} \Phi_i(r) = M_i \Phi_i(r)$

with confining (“Cornell”) potential  $V(r) = \sigma r - \frac{\alpha}{r}$

state	$J/\psi$	$\chi_c$	$\psi'$	$\Upsilon$	$\chi_b$	$\Upsilon'$	$\chi'_b$	$\Upsilon''$
mass [GeV]	3.10	3.53	3.68	9.46	9.99	10.02	10.26	10.36
$\Delta E$ [GeV]	0.64	0.20	0.05	1.10	0.67	0.54	0.31	0.20
radius [fm]	0.25	0.36	0.45	0.14	0.22	0.28	0.34	0.39

$(m_c = 1.25 \text{ GeV}, m_b = 4.65 \text{ GeV}, \sqrt{\sigma} = 0.445 \text{ GeV}, \alpha = \pi/12)$

excellent account of full quarkonium spectroscopy:

spin-averaged masses , binding energies, radii.

⇒ quarkonia are **unusual**

– very small, mass-dependent size:

$$r_{J/\psi} \simeq 0.25 \text{ fm}, \quad r_{\Upsilon} \simeq 0.14 \text{ fm} \quad \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

– very tightly bound:

$$\begin{aligned} 2M_D - M_{J/\psi} &\simeq 0.64 \text{ GeV} \\ 2M_B - M_{\Upsilon} &\simeq 1.10 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}$$

● Potential model study of quarkonia: conceptually simple

more recent and more basic approaches:

- finite temperature lattice QCD
- effective field theories, weak coupling expansion
- AdS/CFT, and more...

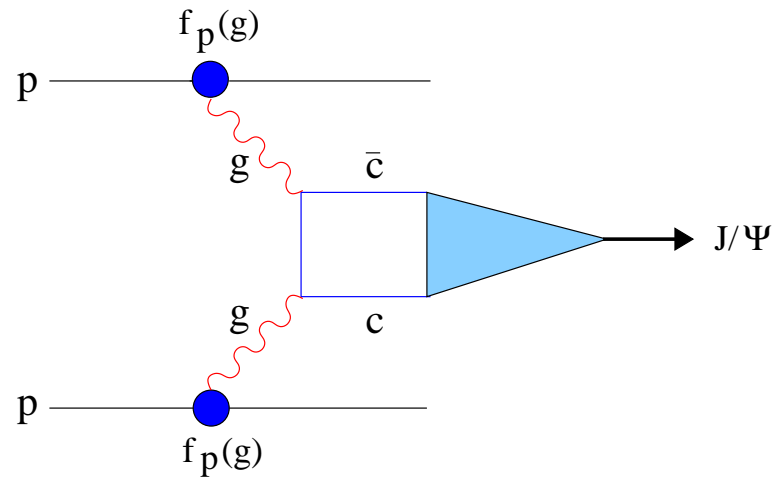
see e.g. [N. Brambilla et al, arXiv:1010.5827](#)

[M. Laine, arXiv:0810.1112](#)



## primary production via partonic interaction dynamics

Einhorn & Ellis 1975, Baier & Rückl 1983, Lansberg 2006



given parton distribution functions from DIS,  
 $c\bar{c}$  production is perturbatively calculable (cum grano salis)

$J/\psi$  binding is not, but it is independent of collision energy:

$$R[(J/\psi)/c\bar{c}] \sim |\phi_{J/\psi}(0)|^2 \neq f(s)$$

results for/from elementary collisions:

- heavy flavor & quarkonium production are dynamical, not statistical statistical hadronization as light hadrons

Quarkonium production in elementary collisions: no medium

What happens to quarkonia in hot strongly interacting media?

## 2. Quarkonia melt in a hot QGP

Matsui & HS 1986, Karsch et al. 1988

- QGP consists of deconfined color charges, hence  
 $\exists$  color screening for  $Q\bar{Q}$  state
- screening radius  $r_D(T)$  decreases with temperature  $T$
- if  $r_D(T)$  falls below binding radius  $r_i$  of  $Q\bar{Q}$  state  $i$ ,  
 $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  cannot bind, quarkonium  $i$  cannot exist

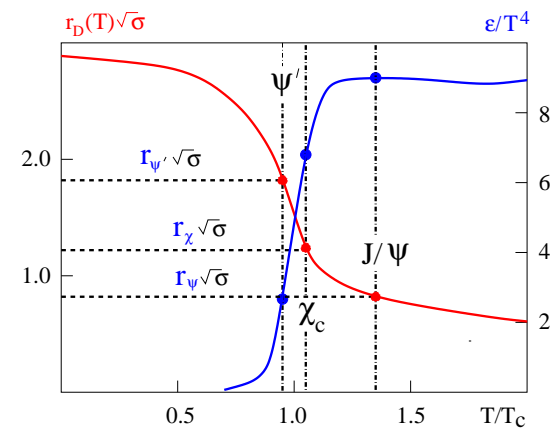
- quarkonium dissociation points  $T_i$ , from  $r_D(T_i) = r_i$ ,  
specify temperature of QGP

Color screening  $\Rightarrow$  binding **weaker** and of **shorter range**

when force range/screening radius  
become less than binding radius,  
 $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  cannot “see” each other

$\Rightarrow$  quarkonium dissociation points

determine temperature  $\Rightarrow$  energy density of medium



How to calculate quarkonium dissociation temperatures?

- determine heavy quark potential  $V(r, T)$  in finite temperature QCD, solve Schrödinger equation

- calculate in-medium quarkonium spectrum  $\sigma(\omega, T)$  directly in finite temperature lattice QCD

## Heavy Quark Studies in Finite Temperature QCD

Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_Q$  for QGP with/without color singlet  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair:

$$F_Q(r, T) = -T \ln \int d\Gamma \exp\{-\mathcal{H}_Q/T\}$$

$$F_0(T) = -T \ln \int d\Gamma \exp\{-\mathcal{H}_0/T\}$$

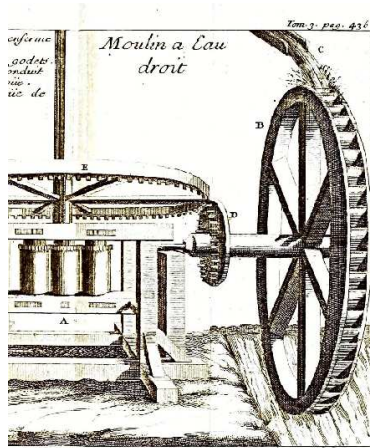
study free energy difference  $F(r, T) = F_Q(r, T) - F_0(T)$ ,

internal energy difference  $U(r, T)$  & entropy difference  $S(r, T)$

$$F(r, T) = U(r, T) - TS(r, T)$$

what is the relevant potential?  $V = U$  or  $V = F$  or mixture?

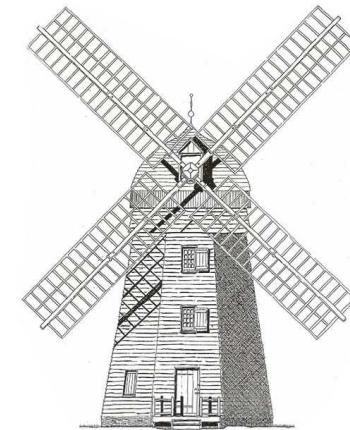
Digal et al. 2001; Shuryak & Zahed 2004; Wong 2004/5; Alberico et al. 2005;  
Digal et al. 2005; Mocsy & Petreczky 2005/6



Solution:

HS 2015

Energetic vs. Entropic Force



Pressure  $P$  specifies the force acting on the  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair

$$P(T, r) = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} \right)_T = - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right)_T + T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial r} \right)_T = K_u(T, r) + K_s(T, r).$$

$K_u(T, r)$ : energetic force  $\sim$  watermill

$K_s(T, r)$ : entropic force  $\sim$  windmill

- Model for  $Q\bar{Q}$  in strongly coupled QGP; free energy

$$F(r, T) = \sigma r \left[ \frac{1 - e^{-\mu r}}{\mu r} \right] = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} [1 - e^{-x}], \quad x = \mu r$$

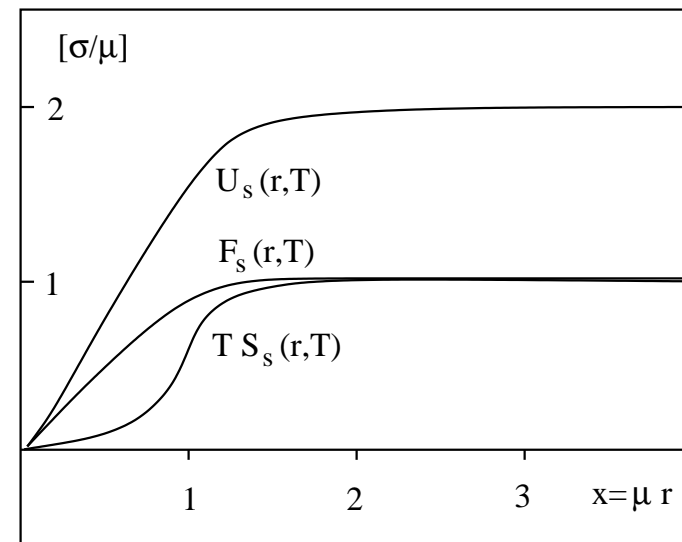
leads to entropy and internal energy

$$TS(T, r) = (\sigma/\mu) [1 - (1 + x)e^{-x}]$$

$$U(T, r) = (\sigma/\mu) [2 - (2 + x)e^{-x}]$$

large distance limit of  
internal energy:

one  $\sigma/\mu$  work against string,  
one  $\sigma/\mu$  polarization clouds  
for  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  (entropy increase)



Consider force on  $Q\bar{Q} \sim$  pressure

$$P(T, r) = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} \right)_T = - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right)_T + T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial r} \right)_T = K_u(T, r) + K_s(T, r)$$

two components:

- attractive energetic force  $K_u(T, r) = [-\sigma(1+x)e^{-x}]$
- repulsive entropic force  $K_s(T, r) = [\sigma x e^{-x}]$
- effective  $Q\bar{Q}$  force:  $K(T, r) = K_u(T, r) + K_s(T, r) = -\sigma e^{-x}$

internal energy  $U$  increases

by work against string ( $\sim$  attractive force) and

by formation of polarization clouds ( $\sim$  repulsive force)

only overall force component is relevant for binding:  $F(T, r)$

- weakly interacting plasma (QED, perturbative QCD)

Laine et al. 2007, Beraudo et al. 2008, Brambilla et al. 2008, Escobedo & Soto 2008,  
Burnier et al. 2009, 2014

real-time propagator of  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair in medium

$$V_w(r, T) = -\alpha \left[ \mu(T) - \frac{1}{r} e^{-\mu(T)r} \right]$$

with  $\mu(T) = 1/r_D(T) \sim \alpha T$ ,

imaginary-time propagator of  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair in medium

$$F_w(r, T) = -\alpha \left[ \mu(T) - \frac{1}{r} e^{-\mu(T)r} \right]$$

in perturbative limit, potential (real part) is free energy

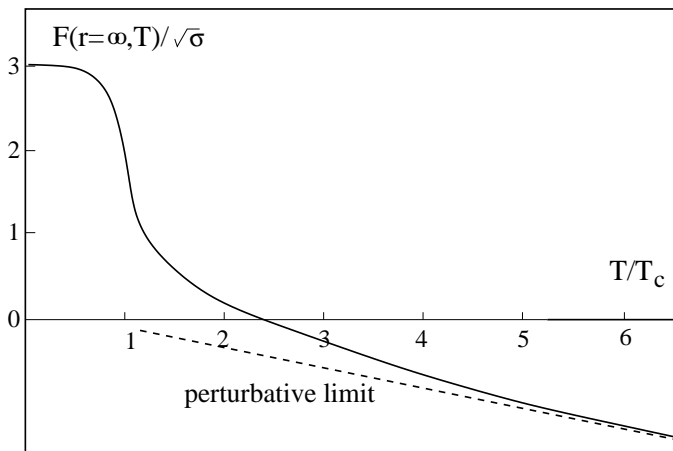


Combine strong and weak coupling components

$$F(r, T) = \frac{\sigma}{\mu(T)} \left[ 1 - e^{-\mu(T)r} \right] - \alpha \left[ \mu(T) - \frac{1}{r} e^{-\mu(T)r} \right]$$

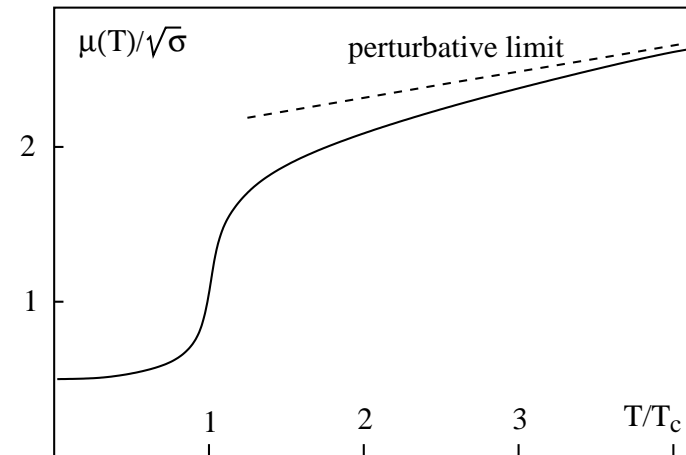
For  $T_c \leq T \lesssim 3 T_c$ : strong component dominates

now large distance limit of  $F(r, T)$   
 becomes  $F_s(\infty, T) = \sigma / \mu(T)$   
 instead of  $F_w(\infty, T) = -\alpha \mu(T)$



moreover, effects of critical behavior on  $\mu(T)$

- in the critical region  $\mu(T) \not\propto T$ ,  
much stronger variation;  
potential model calculations  
must use  
parametrization of lattice data



using  $V(T, r) = F_{\text{lattice}}(T, r)$  in Schrödinger equation,  
indicative results for  $T_{\text{diss}}/T_c$

state	$J/\psi(1S)$	$\chi_c(1P)$	$\psi'(2S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\chi_b(1P)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\chi_b(2P)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
$T_d/T_c$	1.2	1.0	1.0	> 3.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0

Digal et al. 2001; Shuryak & Zahed 2004; Wong 2004/5; Alberico et al. 2005;  
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- Lattice Studies of Quarkonium Spectrum

Calculate correlation function  $G_i(\tau, T)$  for mesonic channel  $i$  determined by quarkonium spectrum  $\sigma_i(\omega, T)$

$$G_i(\tau, T) = \int d\omega \sigma_i(\omega, T) K(\omega, \tau, T)$$

relates imaginary time  $\tau$  and  $c\bar{c}$  energy  $\omega$  through kernel

$$K(\omega, \tau, T) = \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - (1/2T))]}{\sinh(\omega/2T)}$$

invert  $G_i(\tau, T)$  to get quarkonium spectra  $\sigma_i(\omega, T)$

Basic Problem

correlator given at discrete number  $N_\tau/2$  of lattice points with limited precision; presently best  $N_\tau = 96$  ( $0.75 T_c$ ),  $48$  ( $1.5 T_c$ )

want spectra  $\sigma_i(\omega, T)$  at  $\sim 1000$  points in  $\omega$

- brute force solution: calculate correlators for  $N_\tau = 2000$  then inversion is well-defined – project for FAR distant future
- in the meantime: invert  $G(\tau, T)$  by MEM to get  $\sigma(\omega, T)$

Maximum Entropy Method (MEM) here: [Asakawa and Hatsuda 2004](#)

what is the most likely solution for given data, given errors and some basic information?

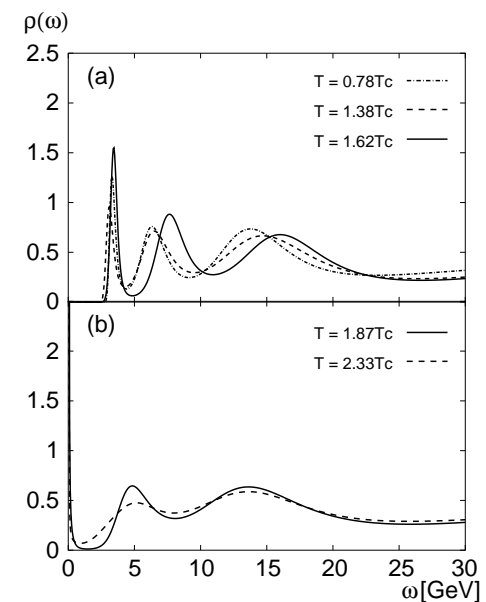
charmonia quenched:

- Umeda et al. 2001
- Asakawa & Hatsuda 2004
- Datta et al. 2004
- Iida et al. 2005
- Jakovac et al. 2005

charmonia unquenched:

- Aarts et al. 2005, 2007

first results  $\Rightarrow$

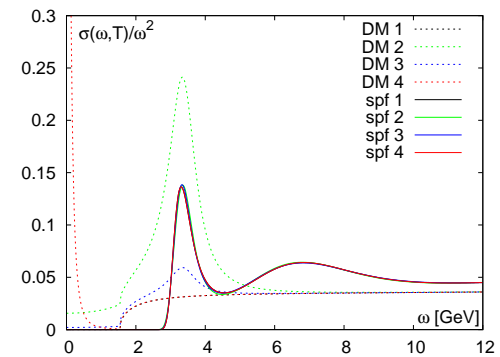


- MEM requires input reference (“default”) function for  $\sigma$ ;  
form of and dependence on default function?

Recent work: [Heng-Tong Ding et al., 2012](#)

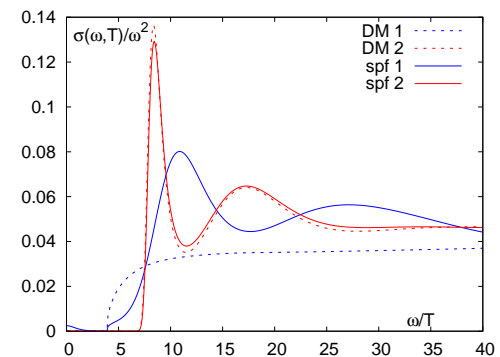
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$$T = 1.50 T_c$$



- better statistics, larger  $N_\tau$  should resolve MEM results
- larger  $N_x$  should (eventually) resolve resonance width

Tentative summary so far:

- $J/\psi$  is dissociated at or around  $T \simeq 1.5 T_c$
- $\chi$  and  $\psi'$  dissociated at or slightly above  $T_c$

### 3. Quarkonium production is **suppressed** in nuclear collisions

...but for a variety of reasons

- nuclear modifications of parton distribution functions
- parton energy loss in cold nuclear matter
- dissociation in cold nuclear matter, by hadronic comovers
- dissociation by color screening (“melting”) in hot QGP

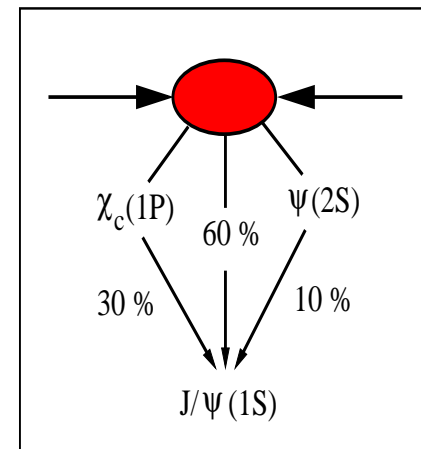
once initial & final state cold nuclear matter effects are taken into account, SPS & RHIC find some 50 % anomalous suppression.

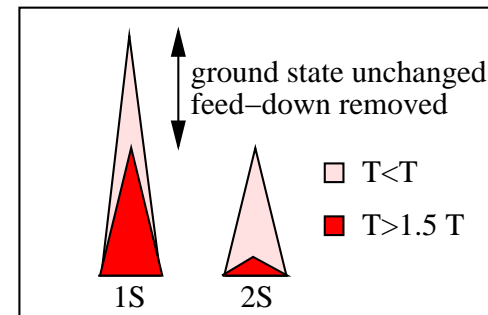
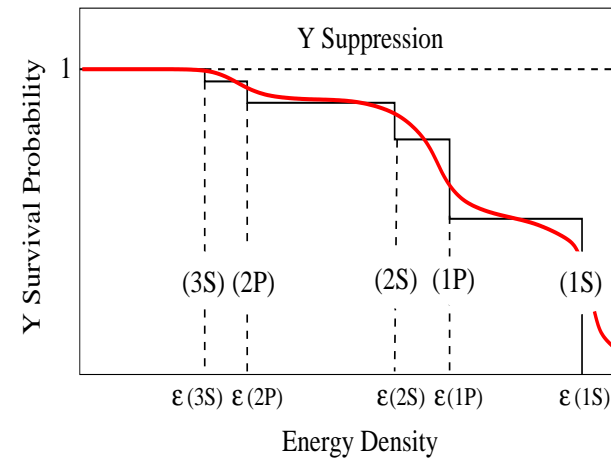
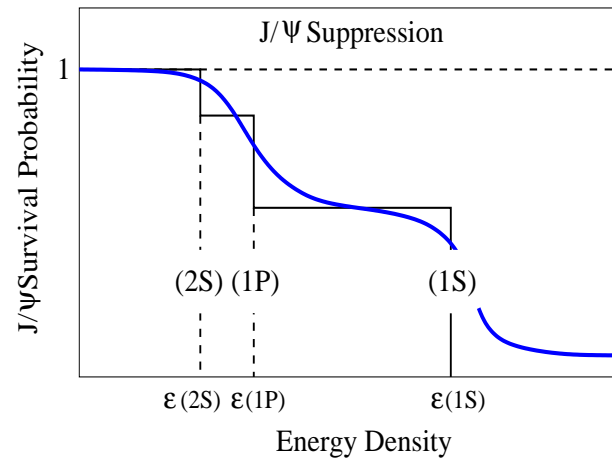
NB: suppression with respect to what? Elementary rates for hidden to open charm/beauty, excited to ground state.

Melting in hot QGP  $\Rightarrow$  sequential quarkonium suppression

Karsch & HS 1991; Gupta & HS 1992; Karsch, Kharzeev & HS 2006

- measured quarkonia x% direct, y% from feed-down decay,
- plasma affects different states differently, loosely bound are easier to dissociate
- excited states decay outside medium;
- sequential quarkonium reduction: first excited states, later direct states





When quarkonium thresholds are calculable and measurable, then they can provide a quantitative test of statistical QCD.

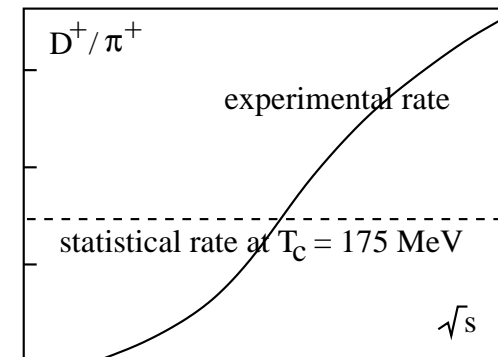


## 4. Quarkonia can be **created** at QGP hadronization

Braun-Munzinger & Stachel 2001, Thews et al. 2001, Grandchamp & Rapp 2002  
Andronic et al. 2003, Zhuang et al. 2006

- $c\bar{c}$  production is a dynamical hard process:

at high energy, produced medium  
contains more than the  
*statistical* number of charm quarks



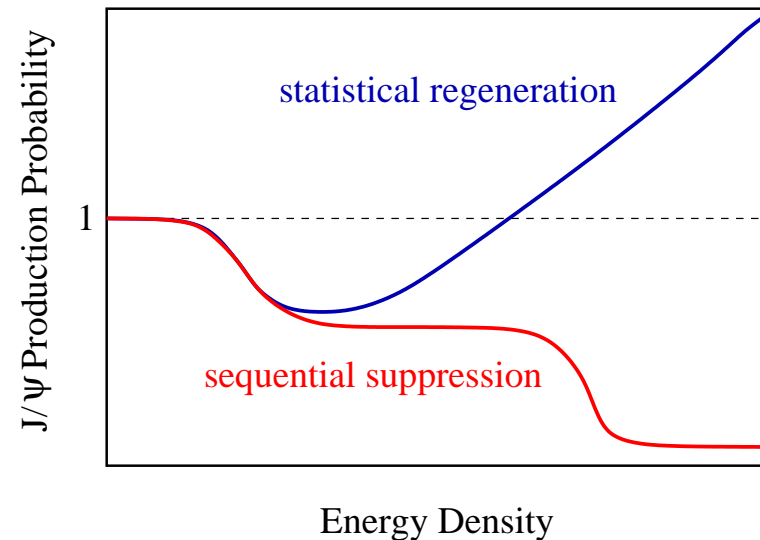
- assume
  - charm quark abundance constant in evolution to  $T_c$
  - charm quarks form part of equilibrium QGP at  $T_c$
  - equilibrium QGP at  $T_c$  hadronizes statistically
  - charmonium production via statistical  $c\bar{c}$  fusion

- “secondary” charmonium production: fusion of  $c$  and  $\bar{c}$  from different primary collisions: “statistical regeneration”

Secondary statistical  $J/\psi$  production implies that in sufficiently high energy nuclear collisions

- $J/\psi$  production is strongly enhanced re scaled  $pp$  rate
- ratio of hidden/open charm strongly enhanced re  $pp$  ratio

two readily distinguishable predictions for anomalous  $J/\psi$  production



NB: assumption of statistical quarkonium binding...

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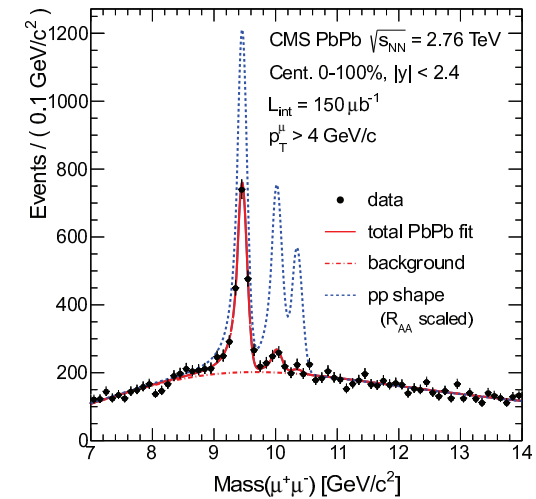
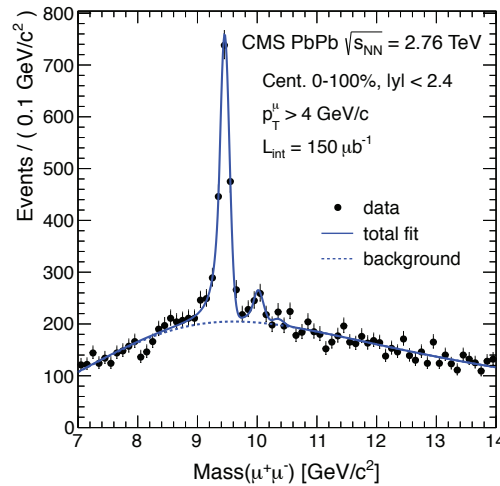
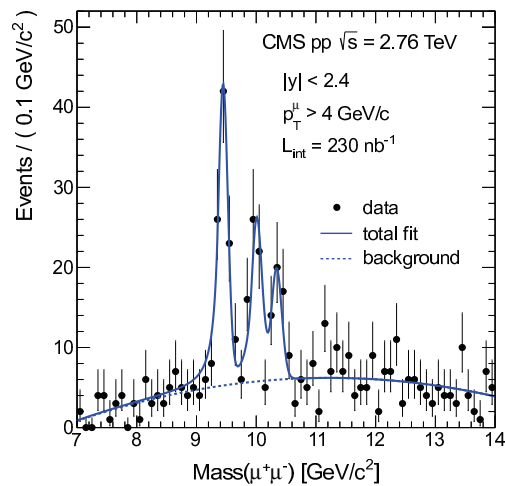
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So is there a conclusion?

Ratio excited/ground state in AA:  $\Upsilon(1S) : \Upsilon(2S) : \Upsilon(3S)$

does the presence of a medium change this from  $pp$  behavior?

initial state effects largely cancel. CMS expt. at CERN-LHC:



Excited states suppressed, feed-down to ground state gone:

sequential suppression.