

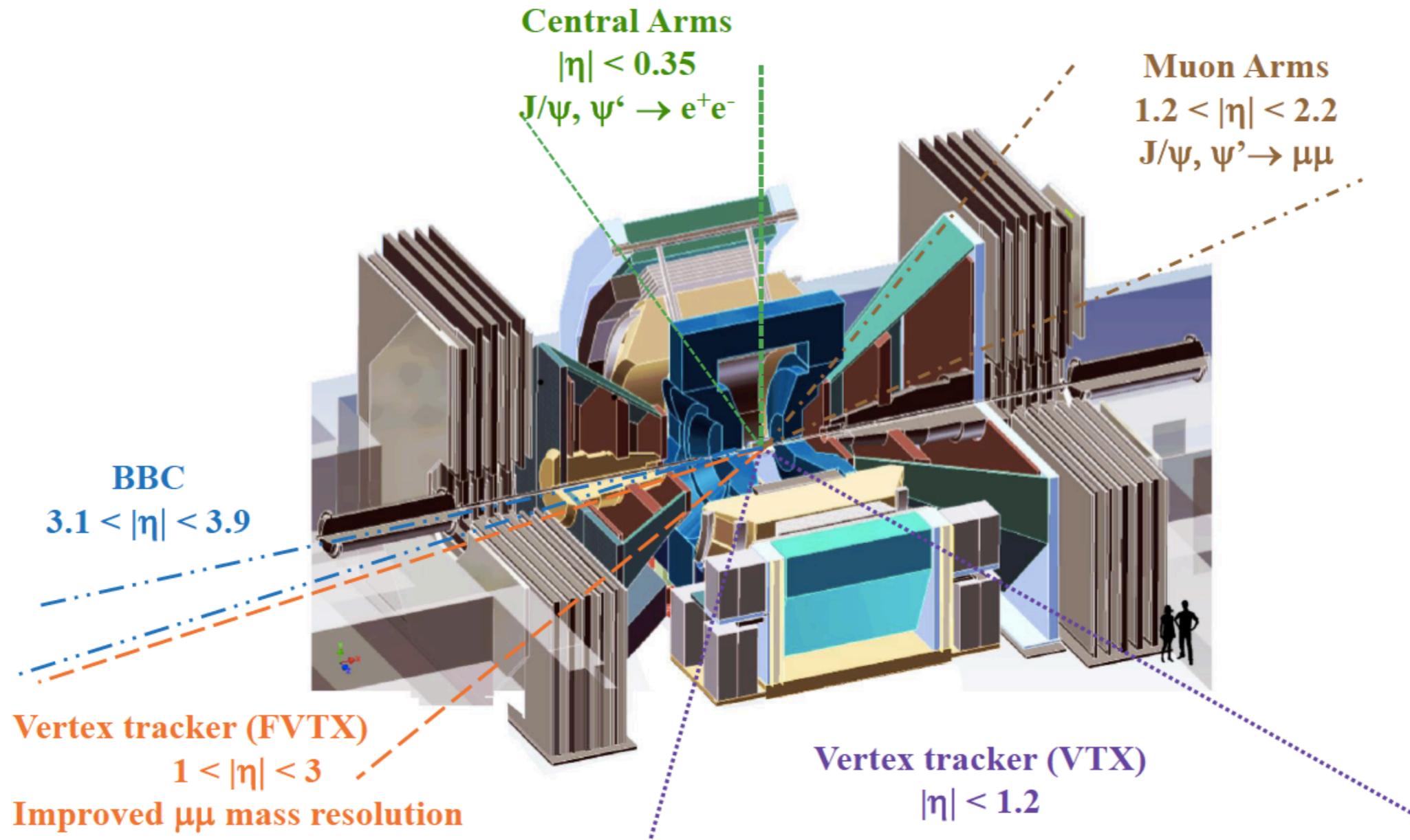
PHENIX Quarkonium Results

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Quarkonia - PHENIX



Di-leptons measured in $y = (-2.2, -1.2) (-0.35, 0.35) (1.2, 2.2)$

- No triggering required in Au+Au
- Efficient triggers in p+p, (p,d, ^3He)+A

Introduction

Recent quarkonium analyses in PHENIX have focused on small systems results for J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$.

$p+Al$, $p+Au$ and ^3He+Au data from the 2014 and 2015 RHIC runs have been added to our $d+Au$ data from 2008.

The recent quarkonium data are all at forward and backward rapidity (no new central arm data).

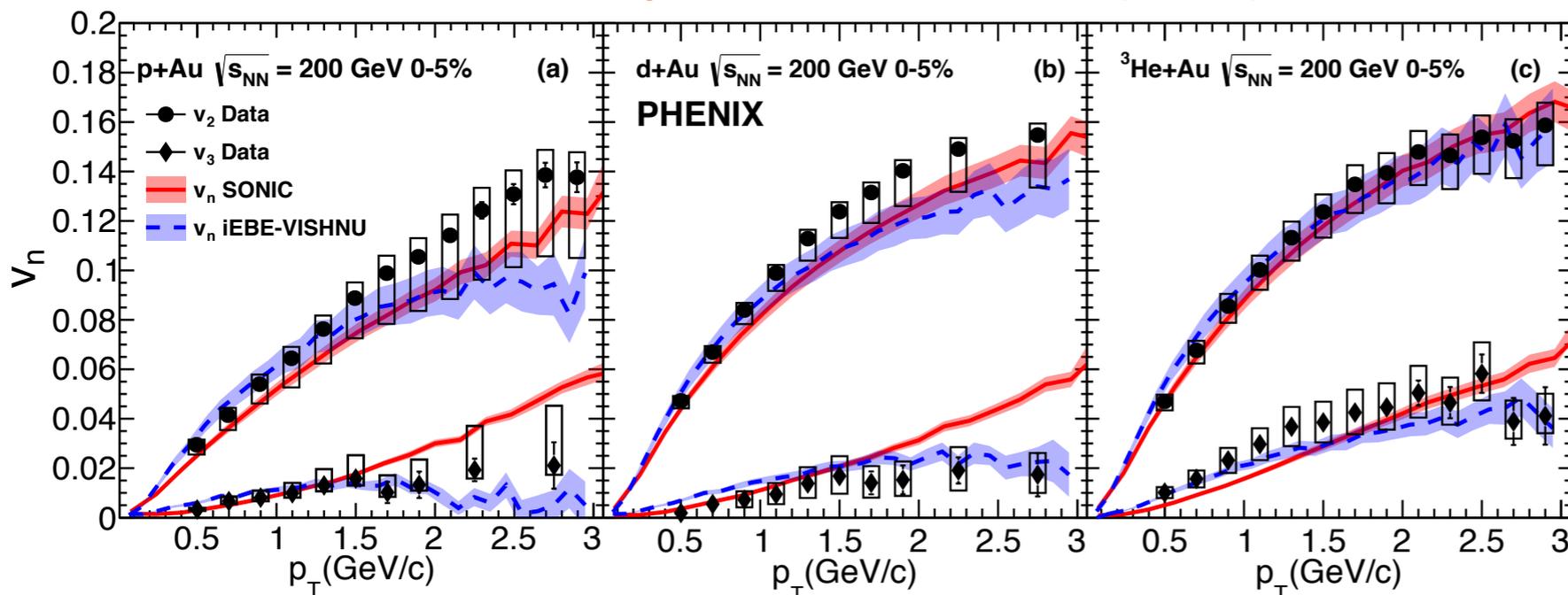
In the in-medium program, we measure modifications of quarkonia production in $p+A$ or $A+A$ collisions **relative to** $p+p$ collisions.

- Interested in low/medium p_T , where modifications are largest.
- Not sensitive to production mechanism.
- Not sensitive to some experimental systematic uncertainties.

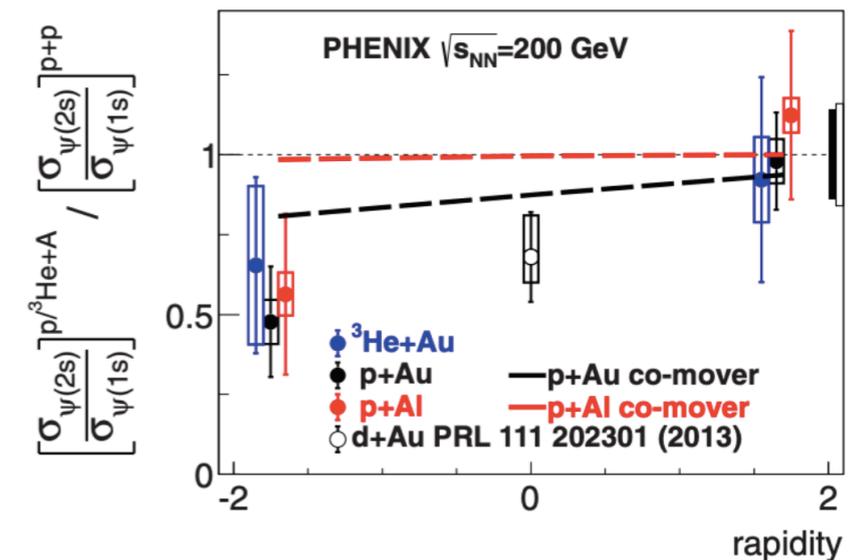
Motivation for studying light systems

- Interest in p+A partly motivated by the A+A program
 - p+A is sensitive to initial state effects that are not theoretically well understood.
 - Assumed for a long time **only** initial state effects present in p+A.
- **But:**
 - Unexpectedly strong suppression of the $\psi(2S)$ observed in d+Au collisions at RHIC, and then in p+Pb collisions at LHC.
 - The observation of flow in small systems, observed first at LHC and then at RHIC.
 - Final state effects on quarkonia production in p+A?

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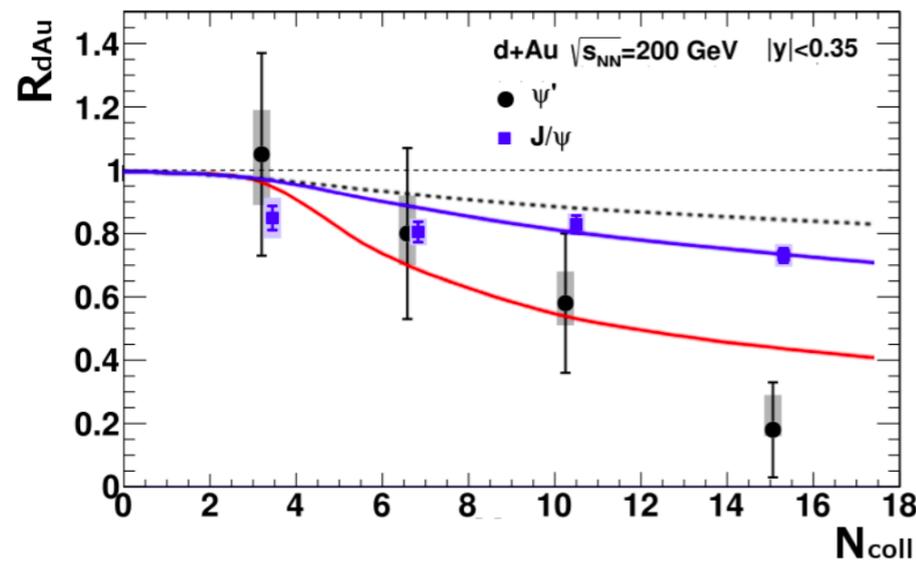
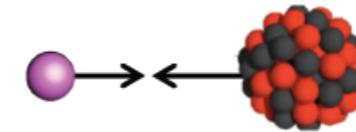
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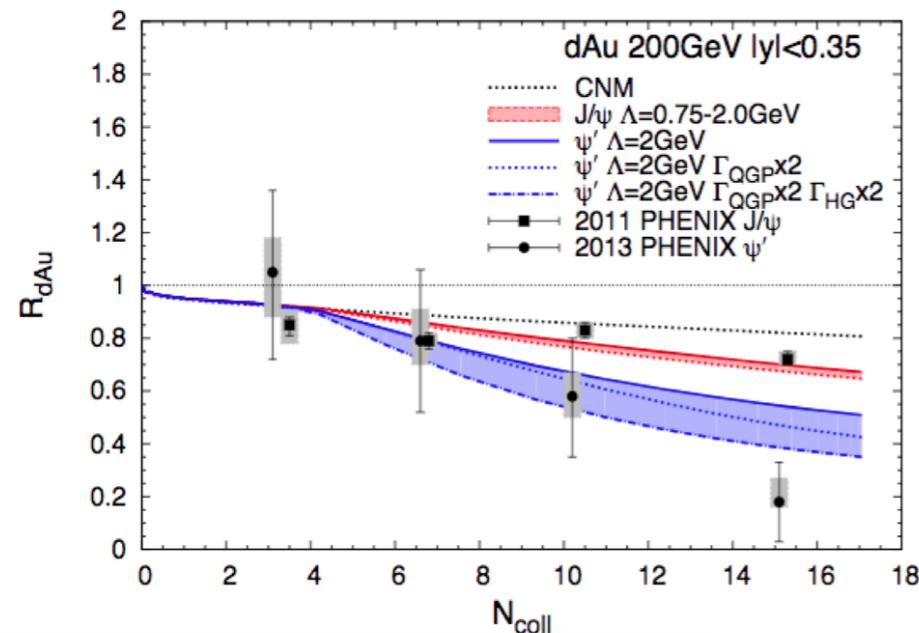
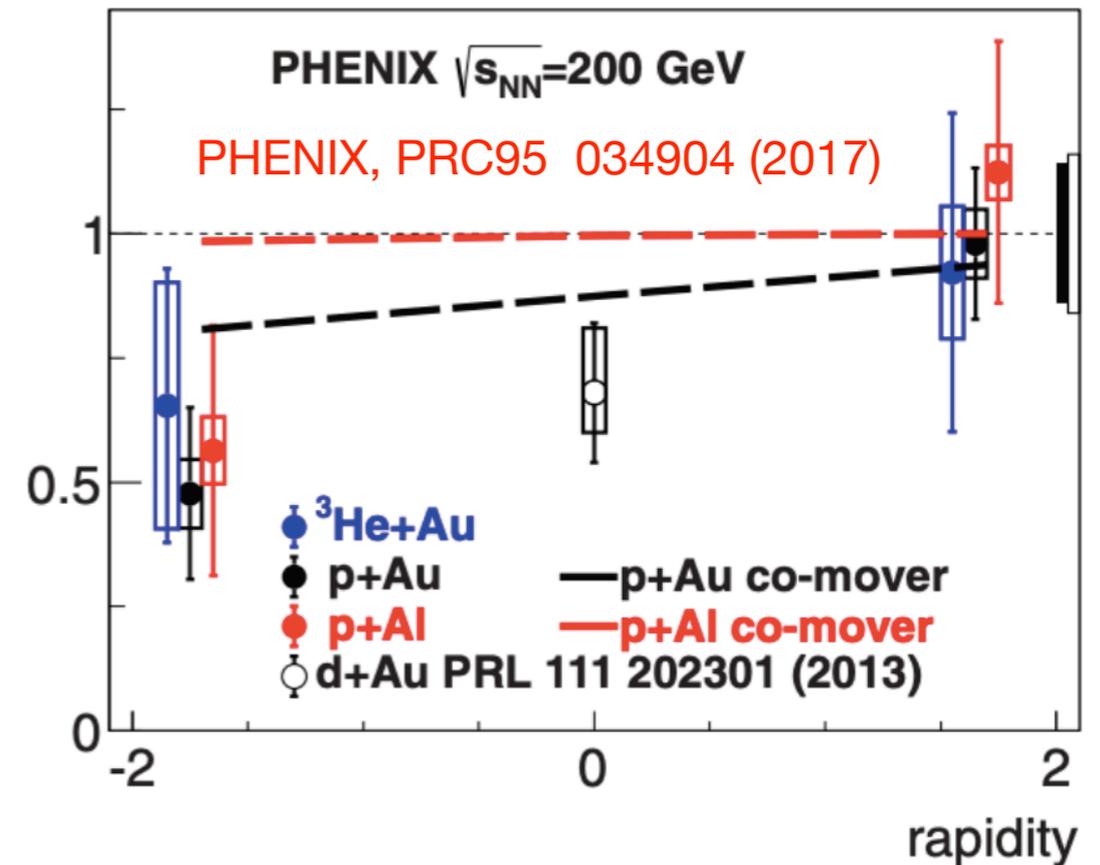
$\psi(2S)$ results

Strong suppression at backward rapidity relative to J/ψ

- Not explained by CNM effects
- Suggestive of a final state effect



$$\frac{\left[\frac{\sigma_{\psi(2s)}}{\sigma_{\psi(1s)}} \right]^{p/\text{He+A}}}{\left[\frac{\sigma_{\psi(2s)}}{\sigma_{\psi(1s)}} \right]^{p+p}}$$

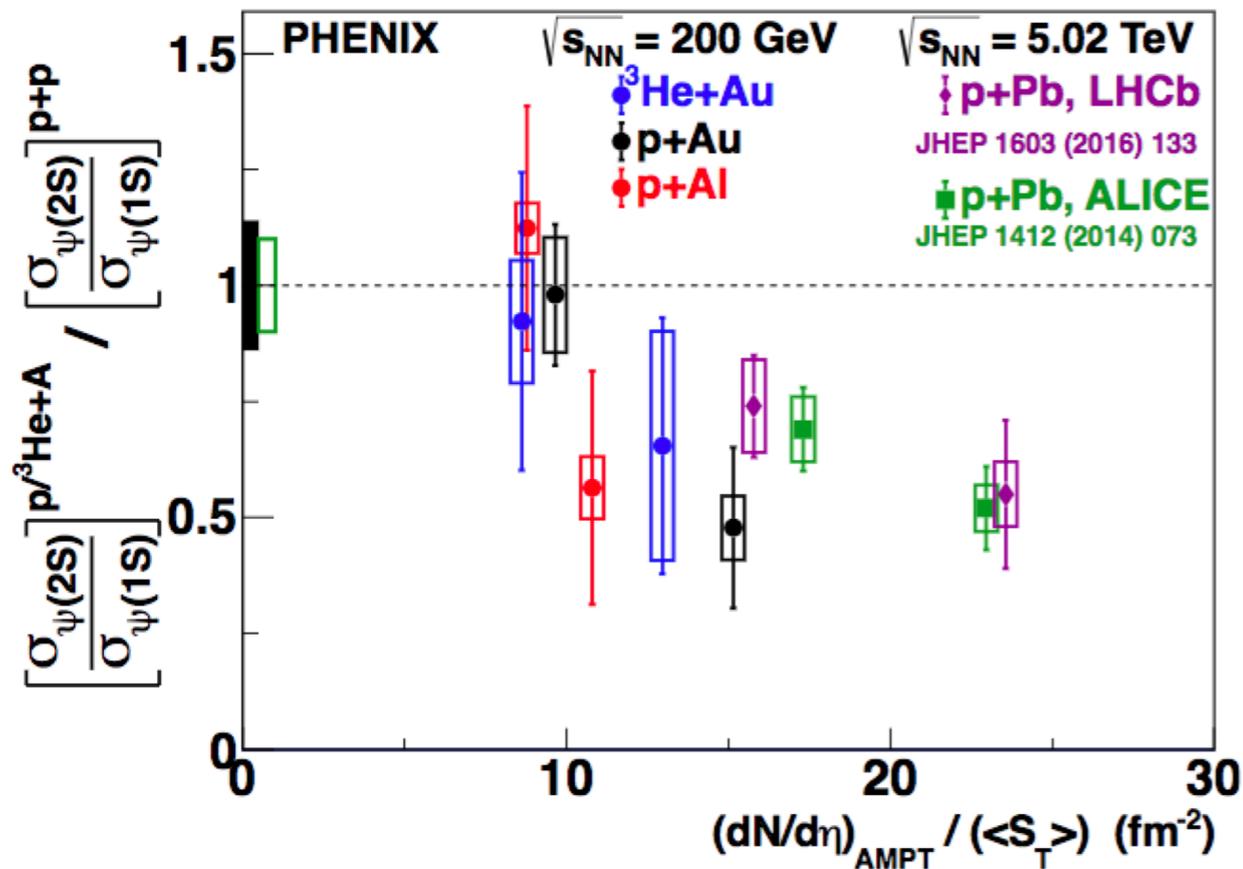
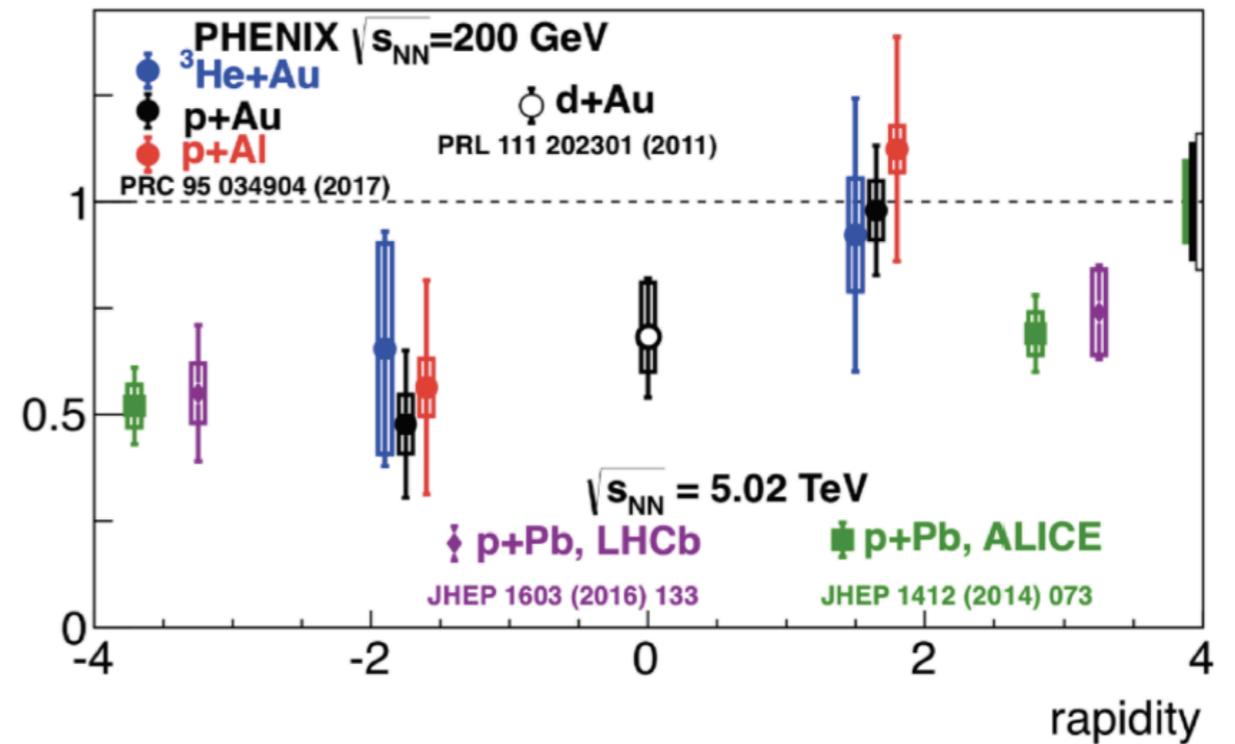


Mid-rapidity data are well described by calculations involving comovers or a short lived plasma phase

RHIC + LHC $\psi(2S)$ data compared

Pattern not so clear when plotted against rapidity

$$\left[\frac{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}}{\sigma_{\psi(1S)}} \right]_{p, {}^3\text{He+A}} / \left[\frac{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}}{\sigma_{\psi(1S)}} \right]_{p+p}$$



But it makes more sense when plotted vs $dN/d\eta$

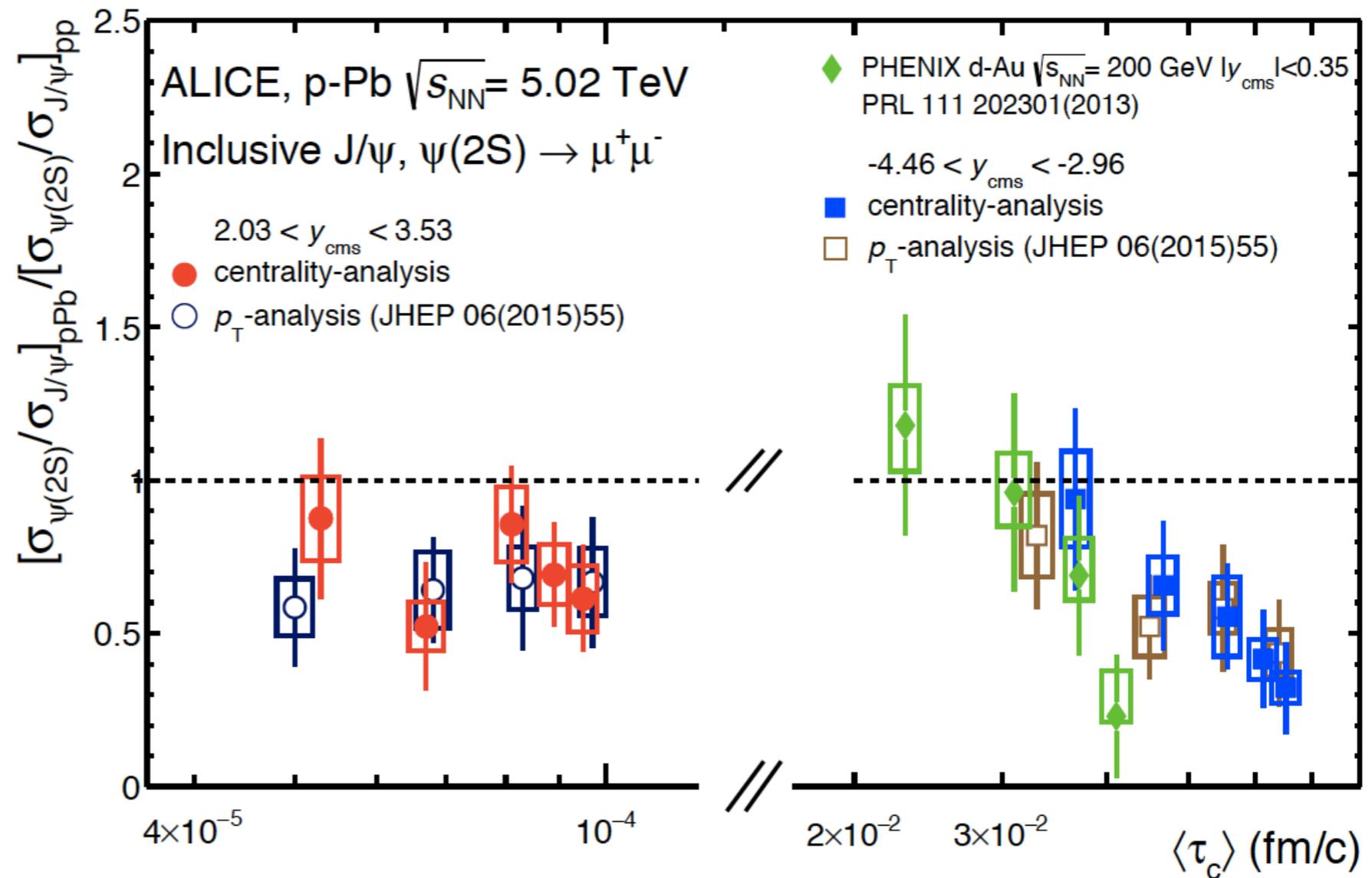
However: $\psi(2S)$ in p+Pb at 5.02 TeV, d+Au at 0.2 TeV - dependence on time in nucleus?

Hmm...

Not clear what mechanism would produce strong **differential** suppression at $\sim 0.5 - 1$ fm/c.

forward/backward rapidity measurements in PHENIX would help a lot to fill this in!

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An attempt to put p+A charmonium together

Du and Rapp ([JHEP 1903 \(2019\) 015](#)) have adapted their transport model, used to describe heavy ion collisions, for small systems. They try to describe all available charmonium J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ data from RHIC and LHC, including the J/ψ v_2 .

The transport model uses

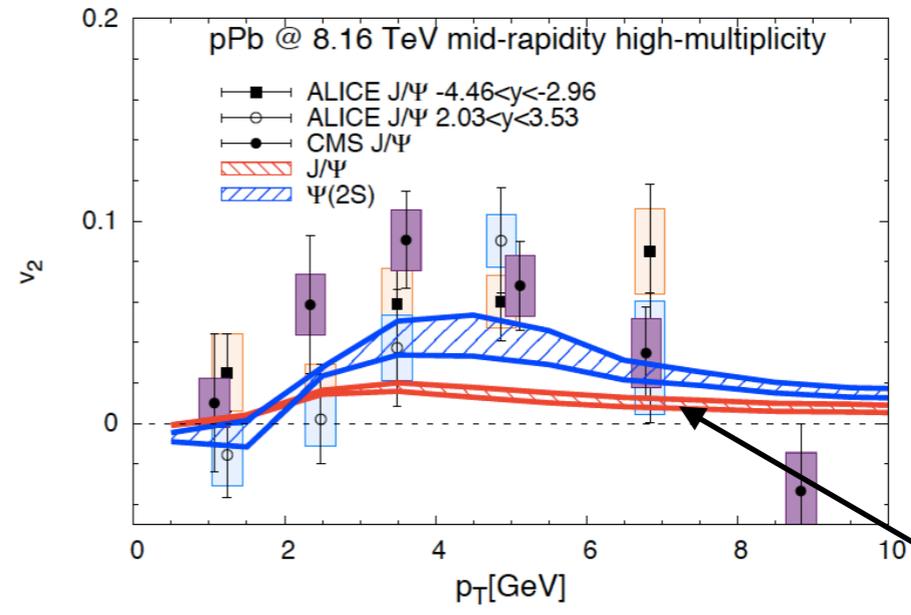
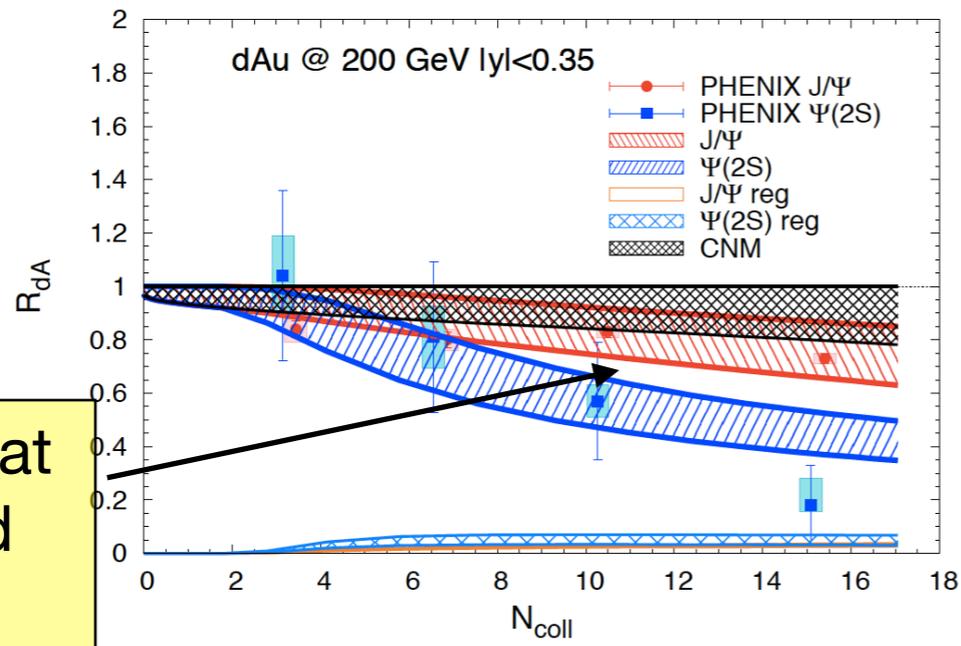
- A rate equation approach within a fireball model
- Initial geometry of the fireball from a Monte-Carlo event generator
- Initial anisotropies are caused by fluctuations
- Includes corrections for CNM effects

The results for J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$ centrality dependence and J/ψ v_2 are shown on the next slide.

- The calculations also provide a good description of the p_T dependence — not shown here.

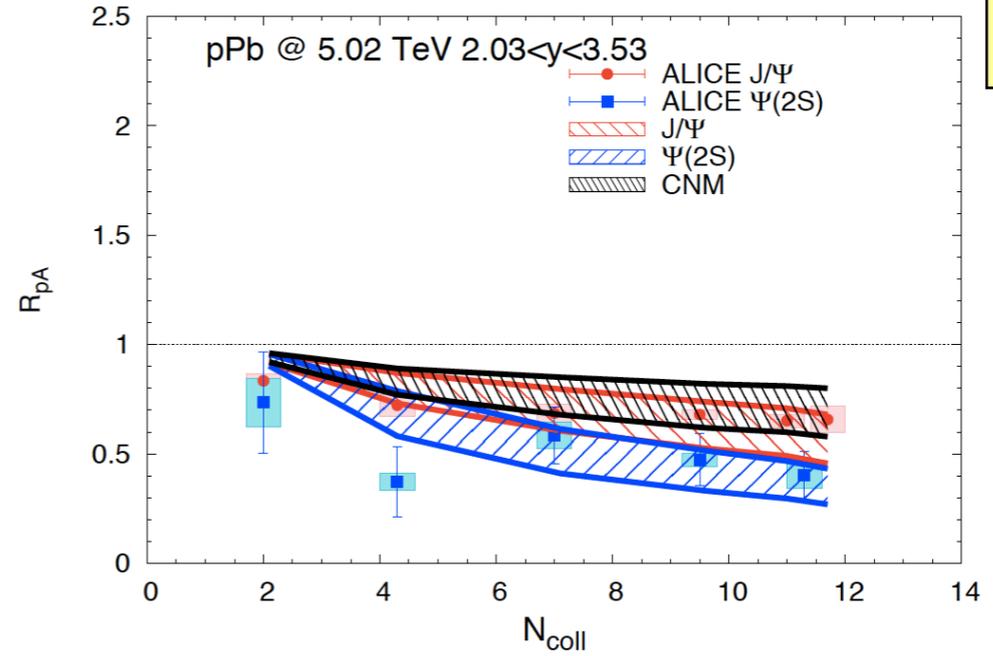
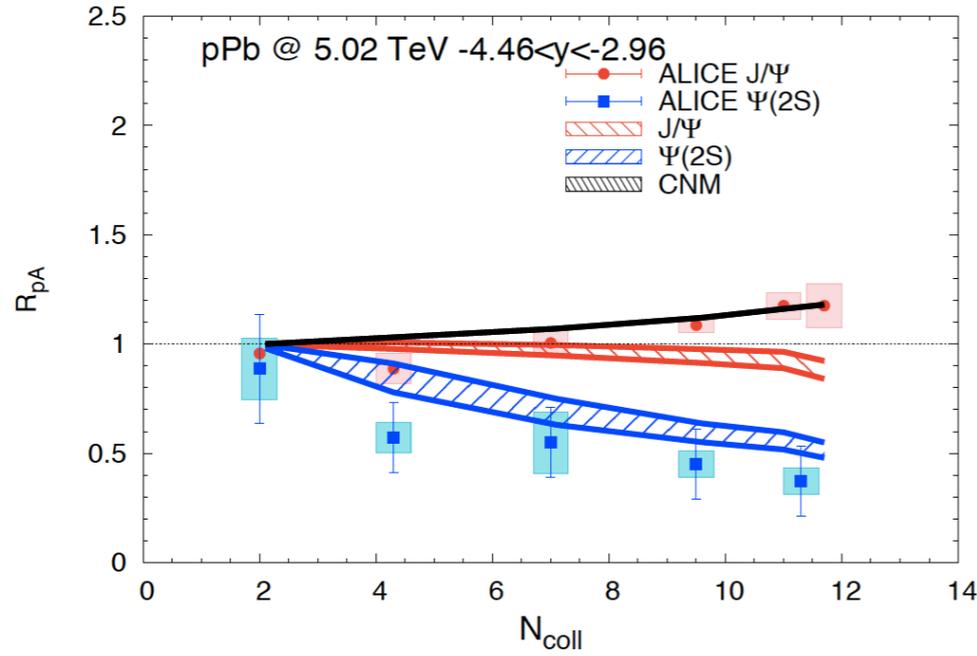
200 GeV

~20% effect at RHIC beyond CNM on J/ψ

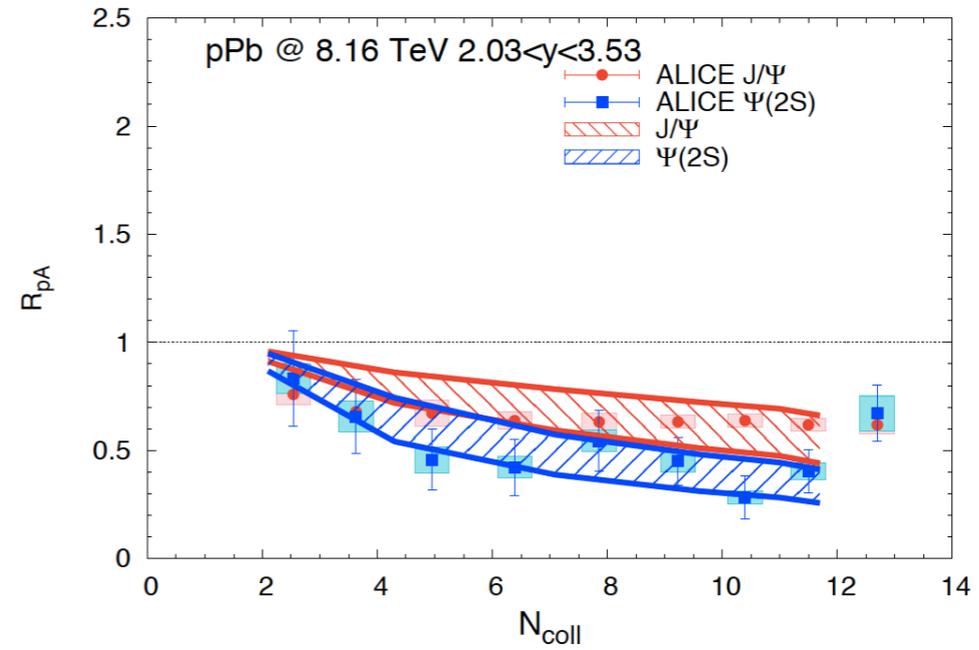
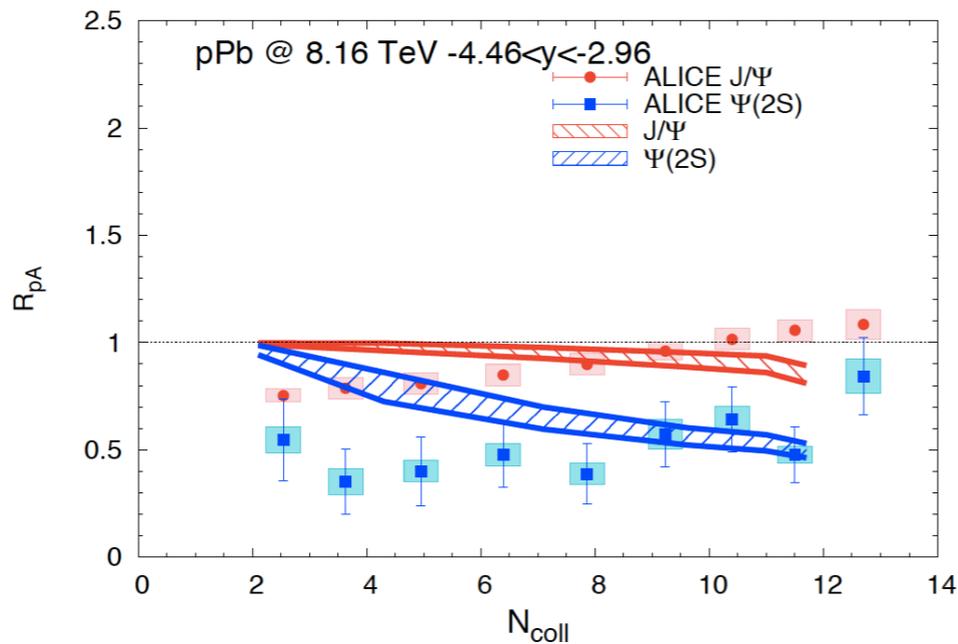


J/ψ v₂ not explained

5.02 TeV



8.16 TeV



J/ ψ results

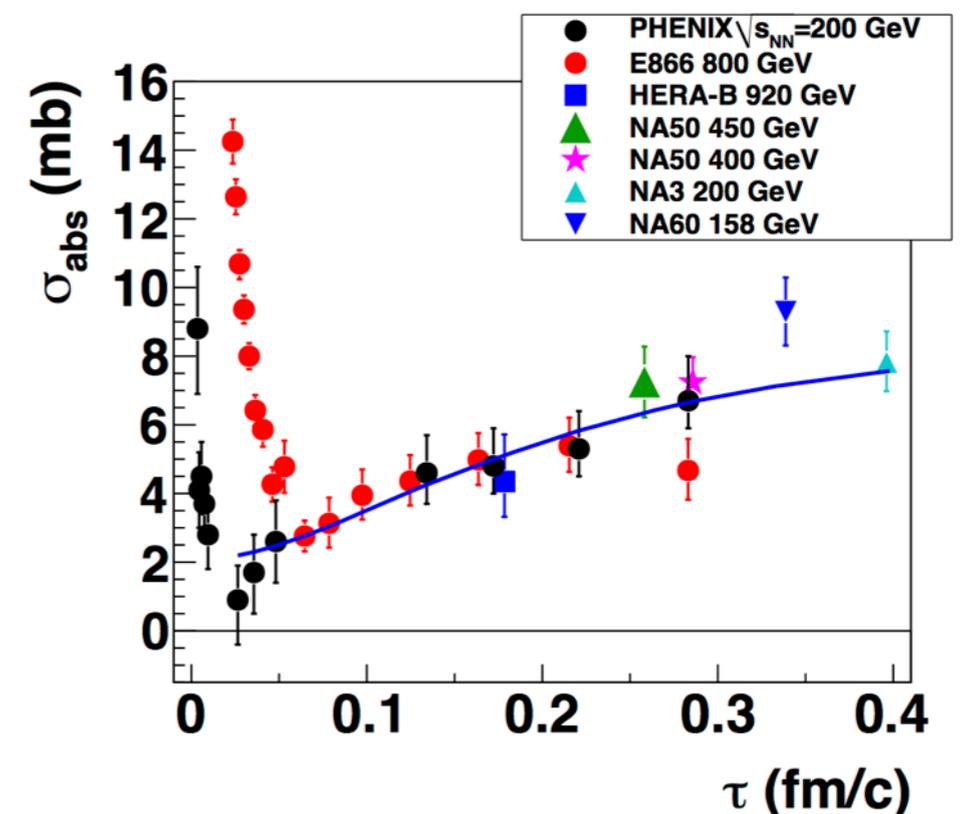
Explore in detail the effect of projectile size on inclusive J/ ψ modification in p/d/ ^3He +Au collisions.

Expect any such effects to be largest at backward rapidity.

Note that backward rapidity J/ ψ in PHENIX experience a significant breakup cross section from collisions with target nucleons (in addition to substantial anti-shadowing).

- However there is no reason to expect either shadowing or breakup to be different for these three light projectiles.

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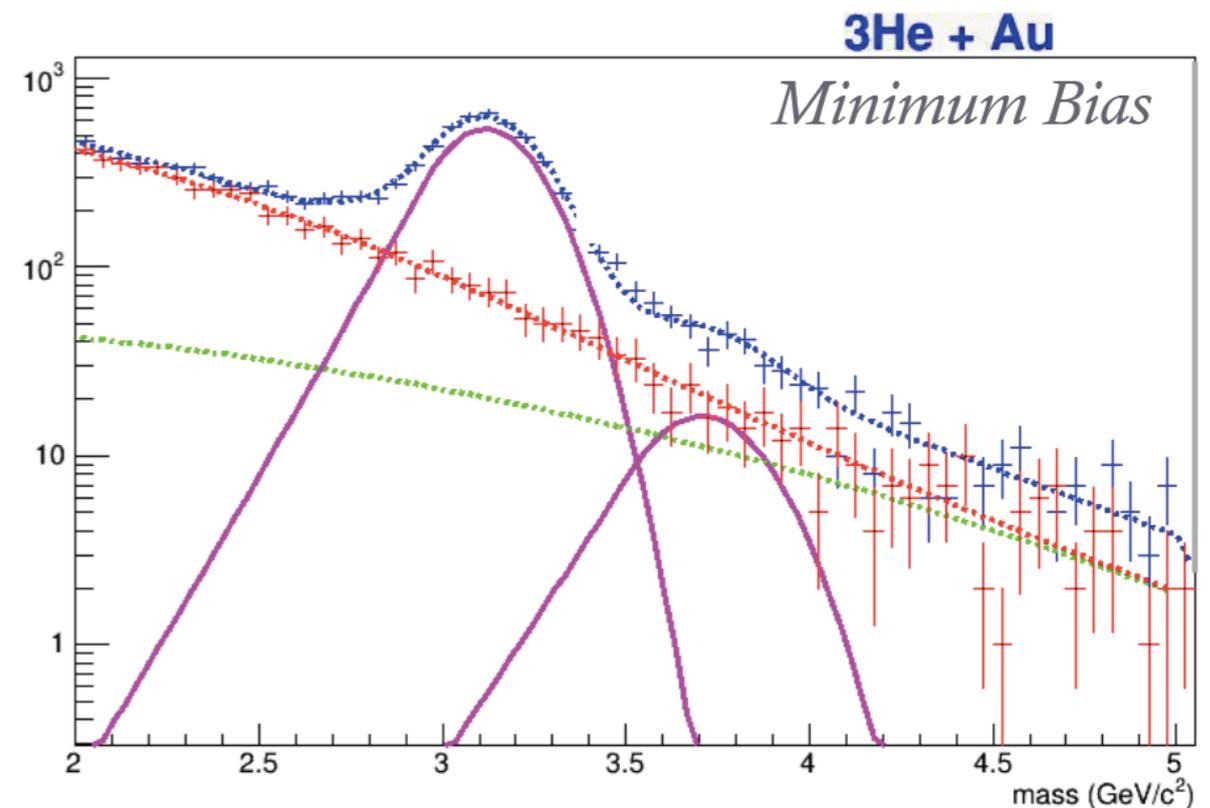
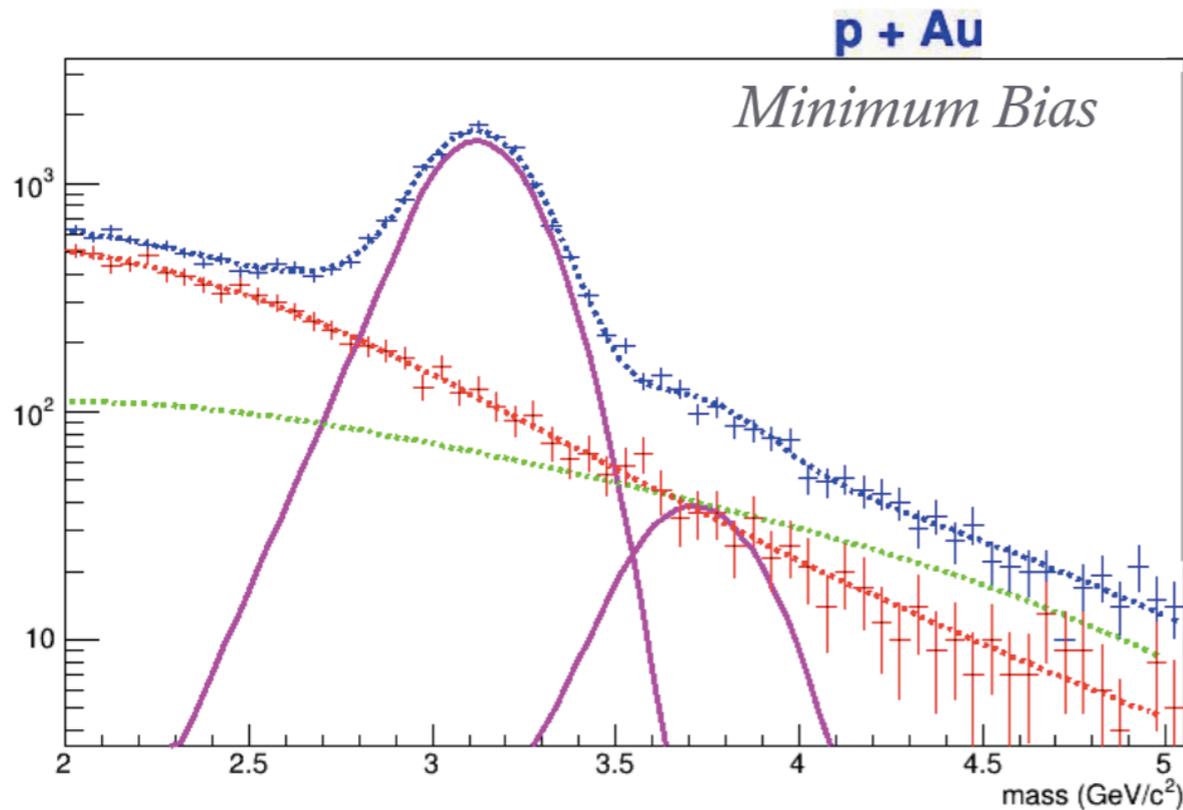
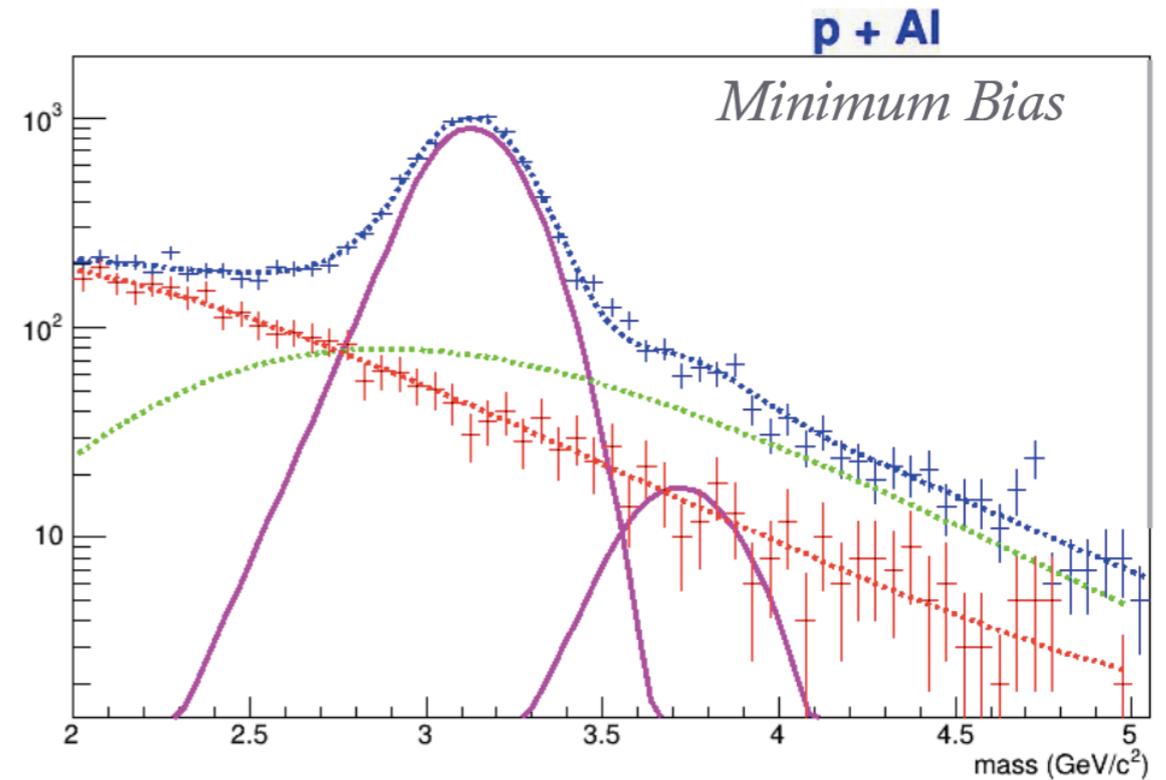


J/ ψ Measurement

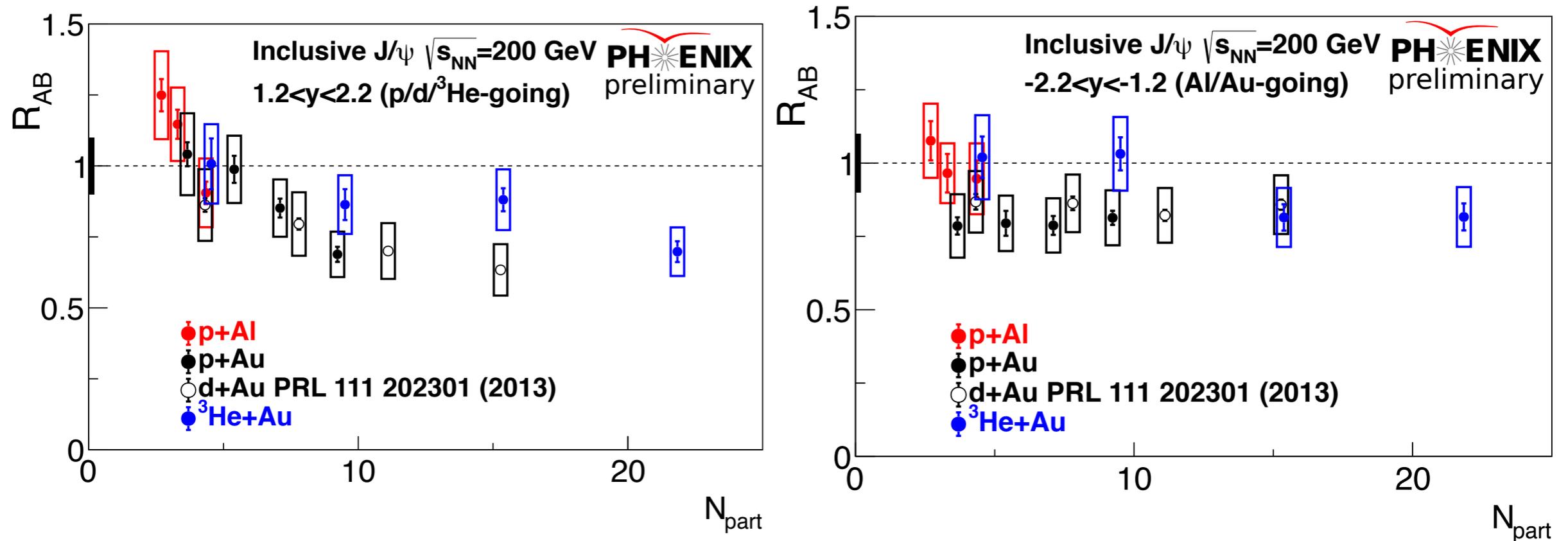
Dimuon invariant mass spectra for p+Al, p+Au and ^3He +Au

With fitted J/ ψ peak and various background sources shown

- **Red** : combinatoric from like-sign.
- **Green**: non- combinatoric (physics) background estimate.



p_T integrated J/ψ vs centrality

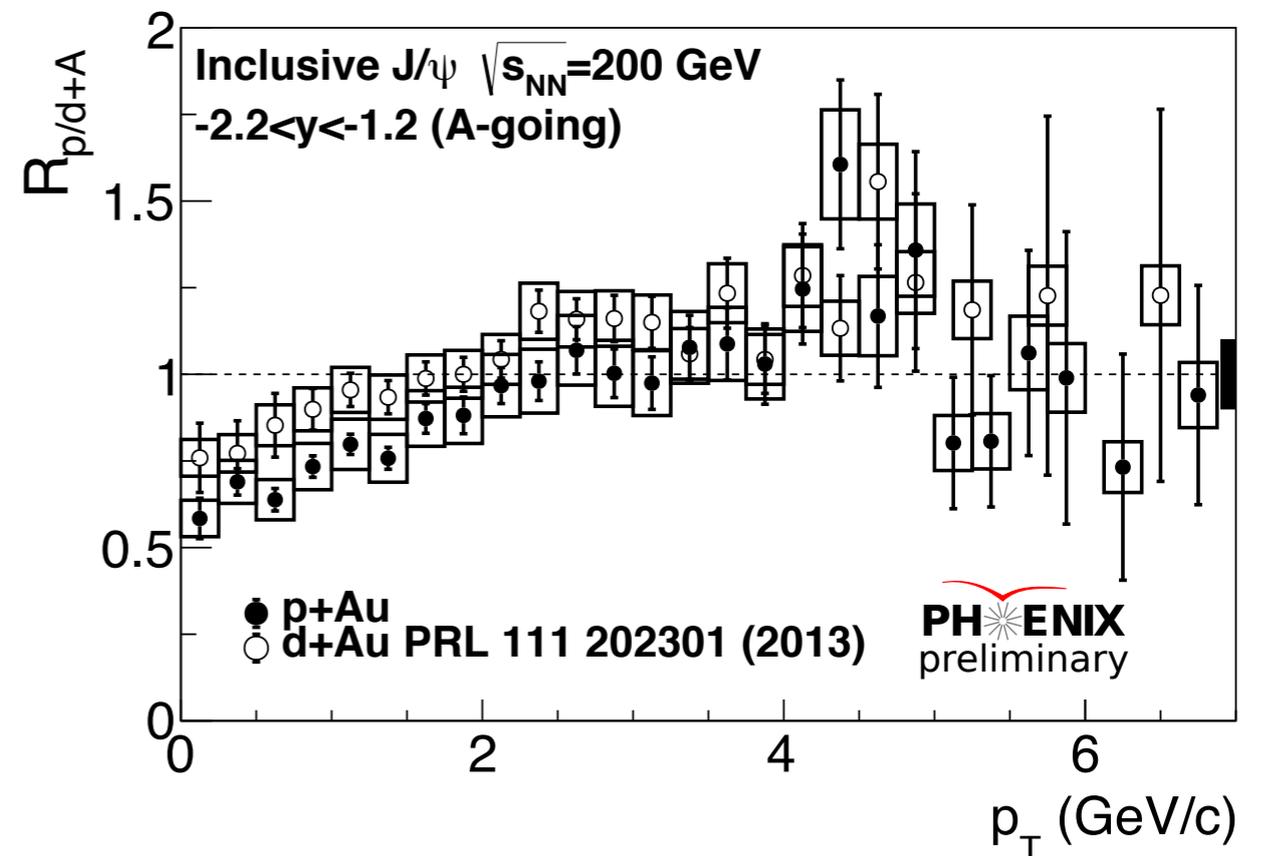
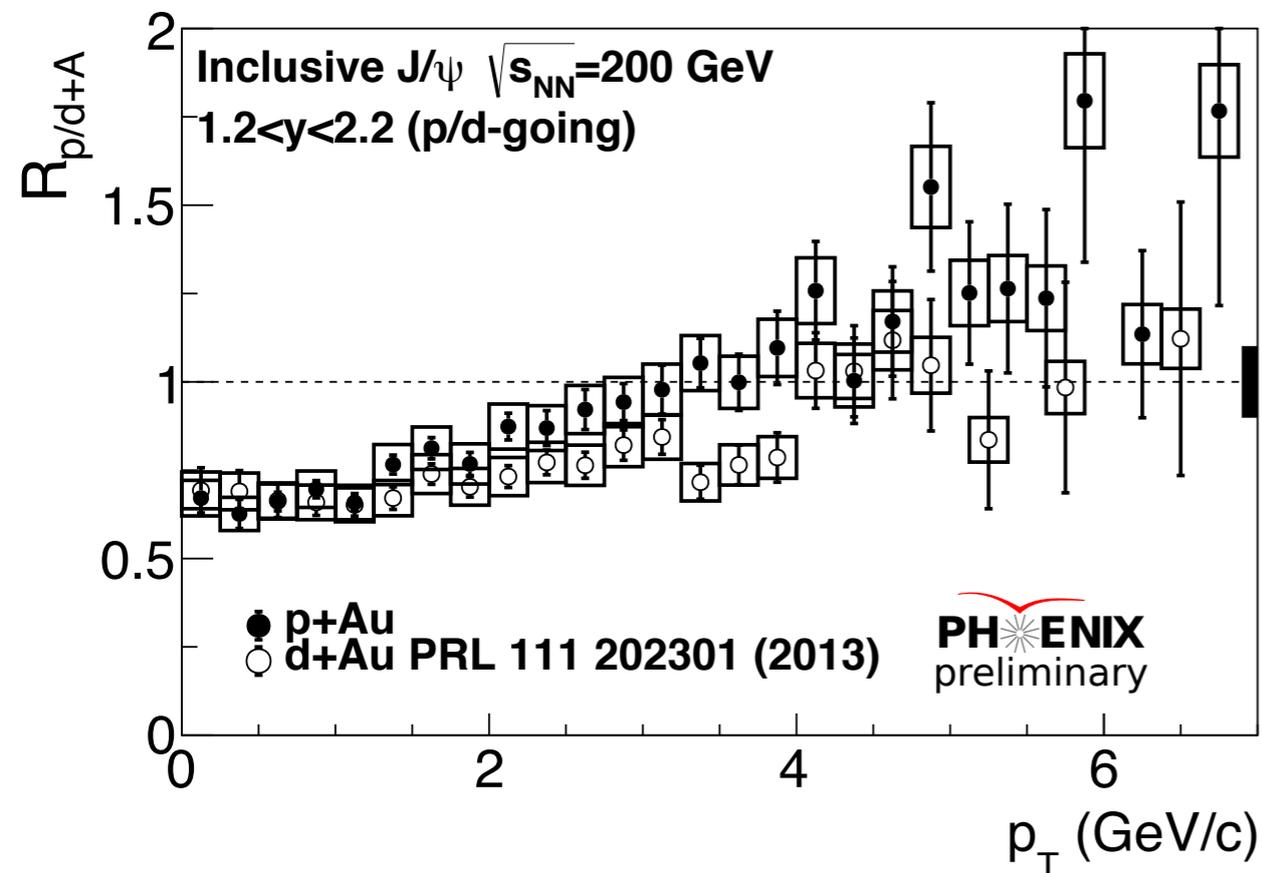


No apparent scaling with N_{part} at forward rapidity.

Hard to tell at backward rapidity, since N_{coll} is relatively flat.

J/ψ p+Au (2015) vs d+Au (2008)

0-100% centrality

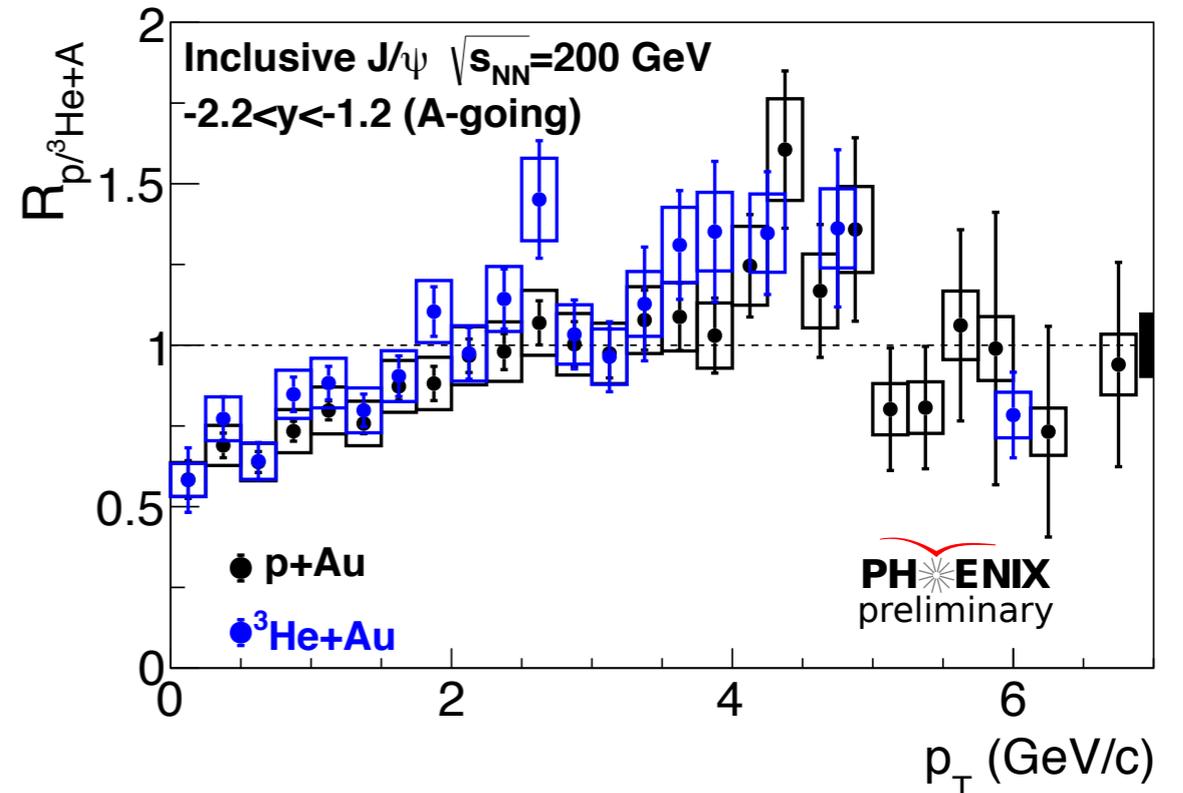
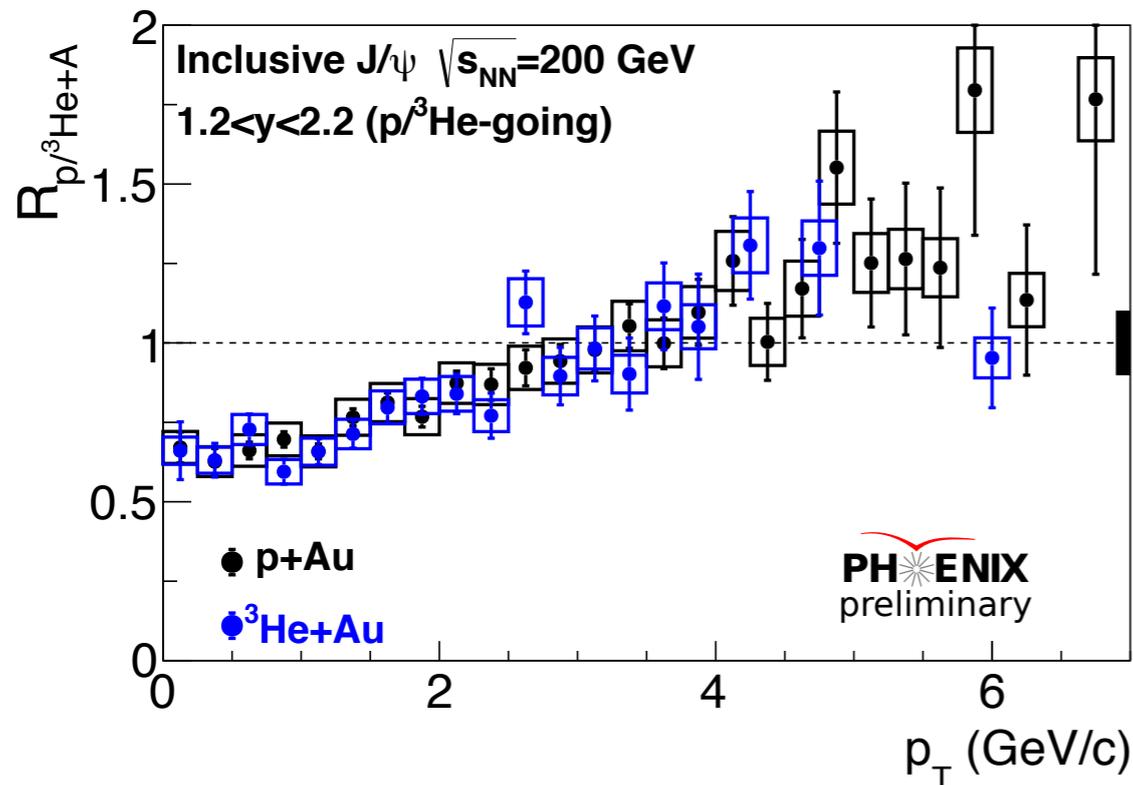


These data were recorded 7 years apart

- Different p+p references.
- Significant changes to the detector between these runs.
- So the systematic errors (boxes) are not strongly correlated between runs.

J/ ψ p+Au (2015) vs ^3He +Au (2014) J/ ψ vs p_T

0-100% centrality

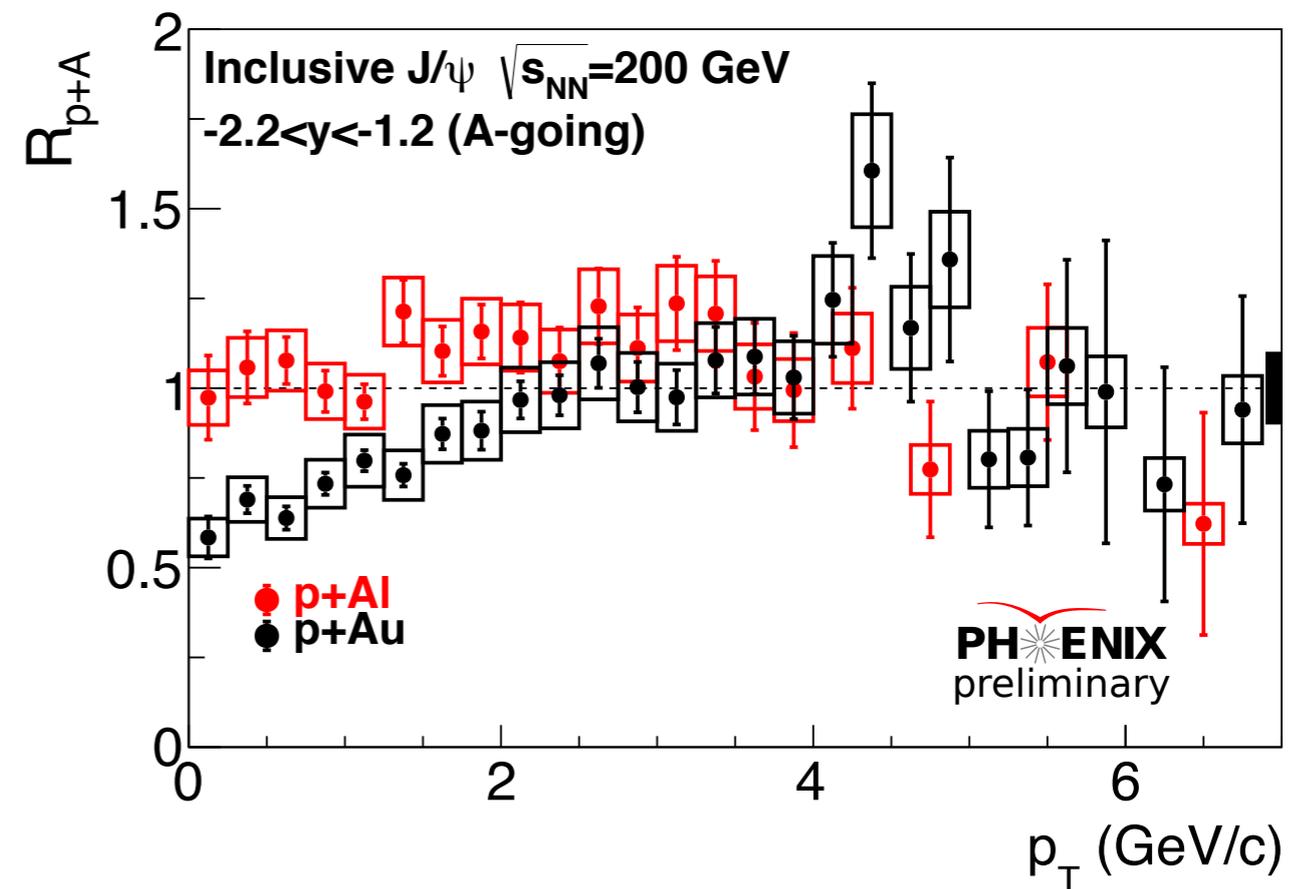
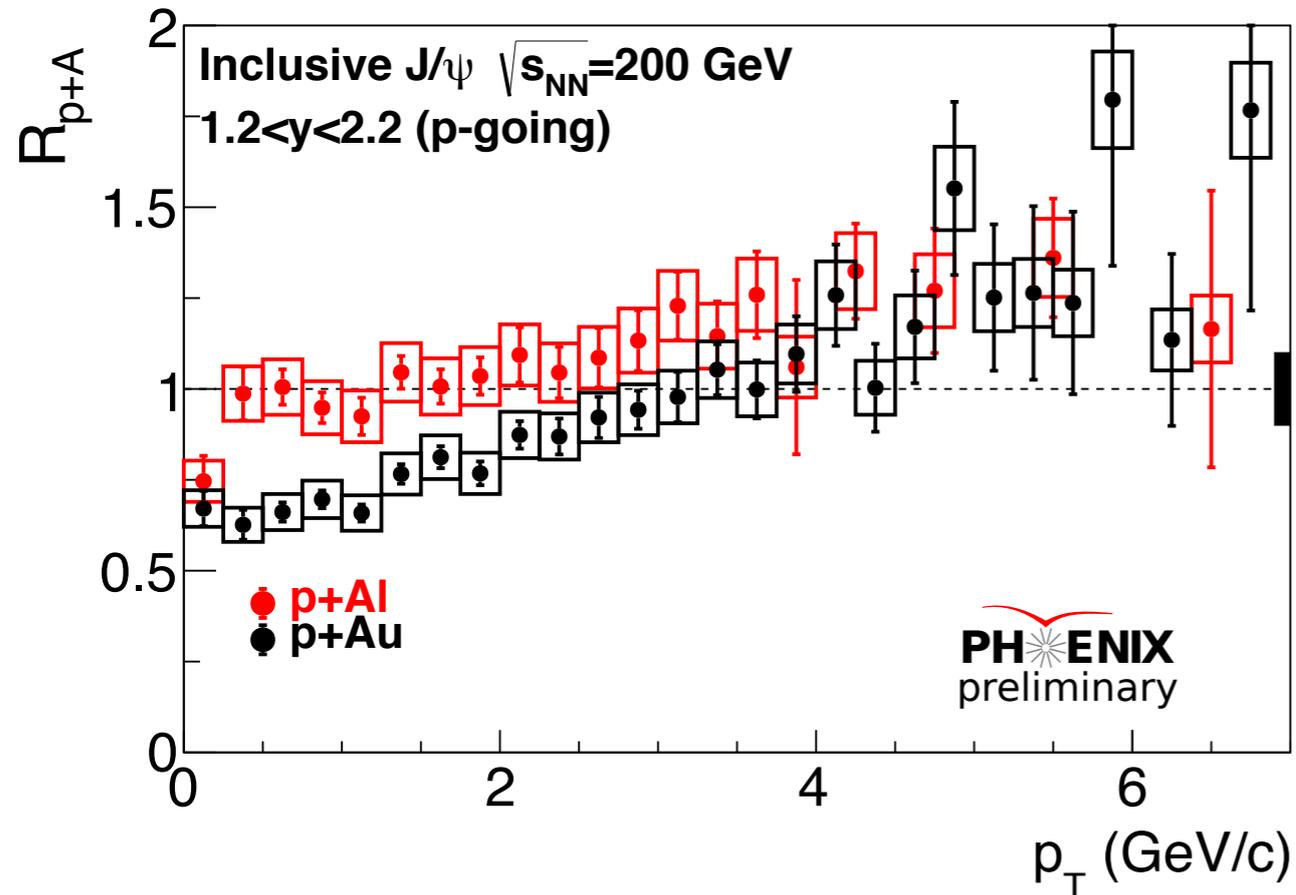


These data were recorded with the same detector 1 year apart

- Same p+p reference
- Same simulations model
- The systematic errors have significant correlations between runs

J/ ψ p+Au (2015) vs p+Al (2015) J/ ψ vs p_T

0-100% centrality



The p+Al data show little modification in 0-100% centrality data.

New: centrality selected J/ψ results

New preliminary results

- For p+Au and $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$, released **only at backward rapidity** for now.
- Forward rapidity p+Au and $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ almost done.
- p+Al analysis is still underway.

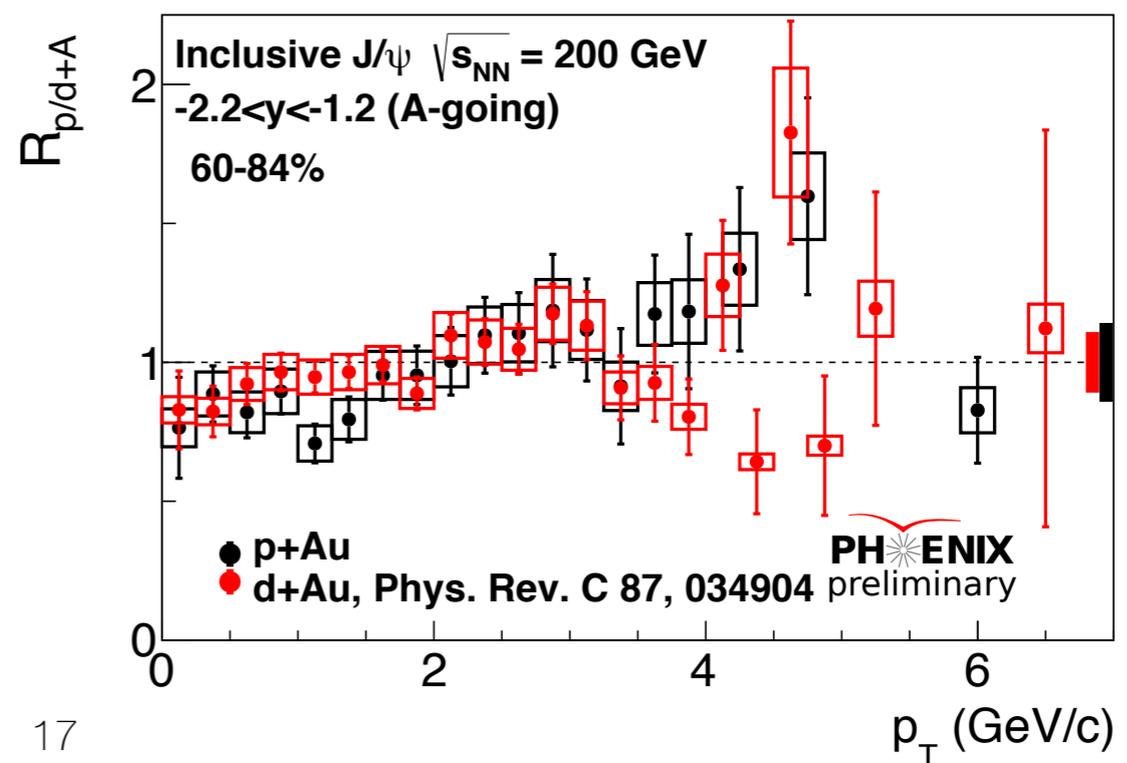
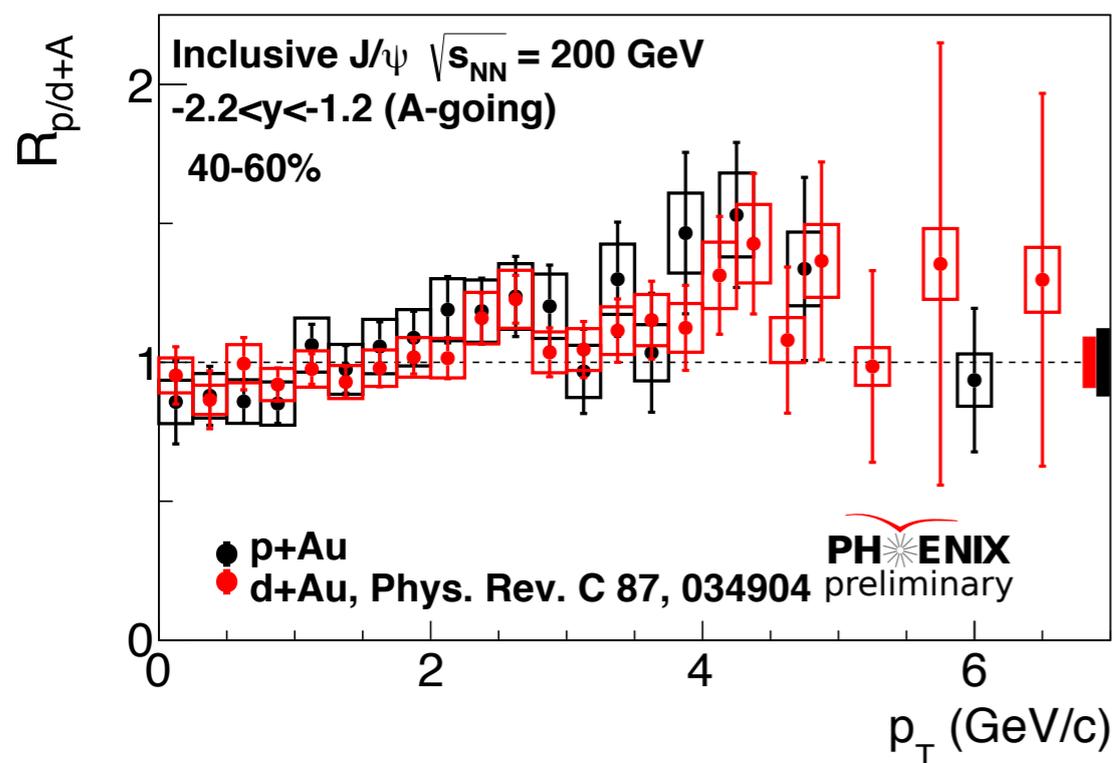
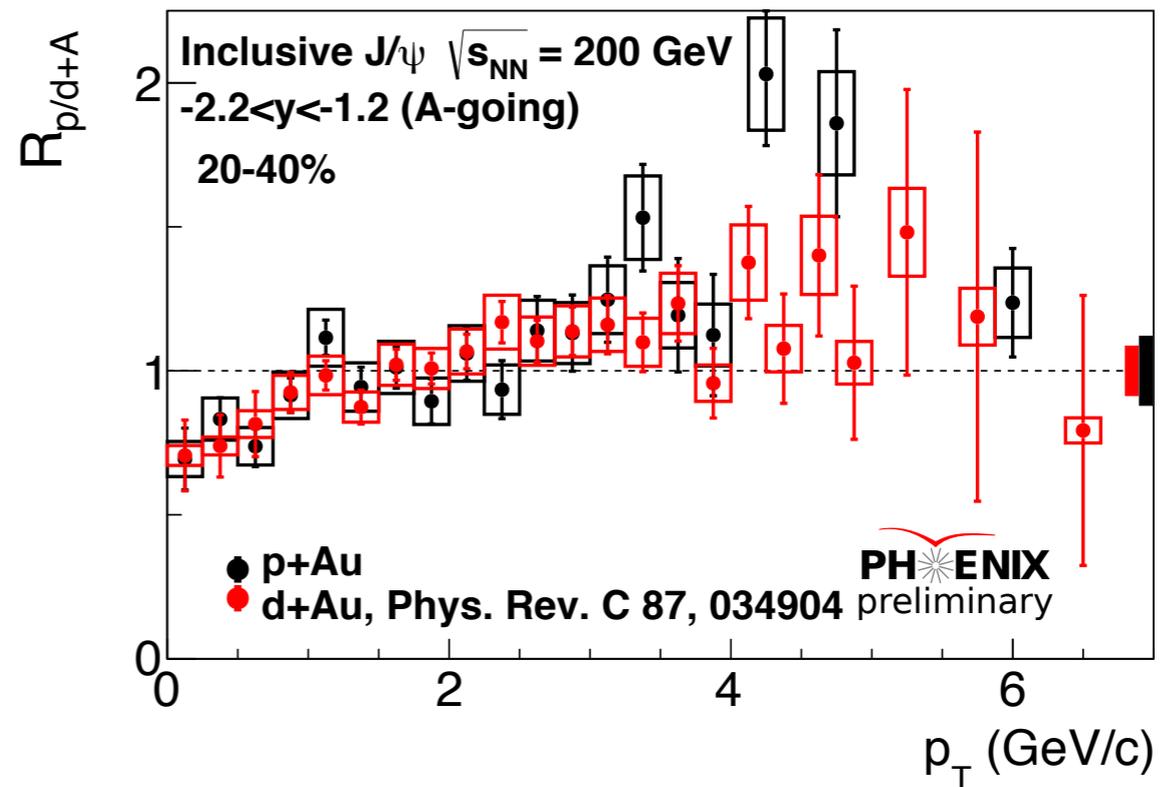
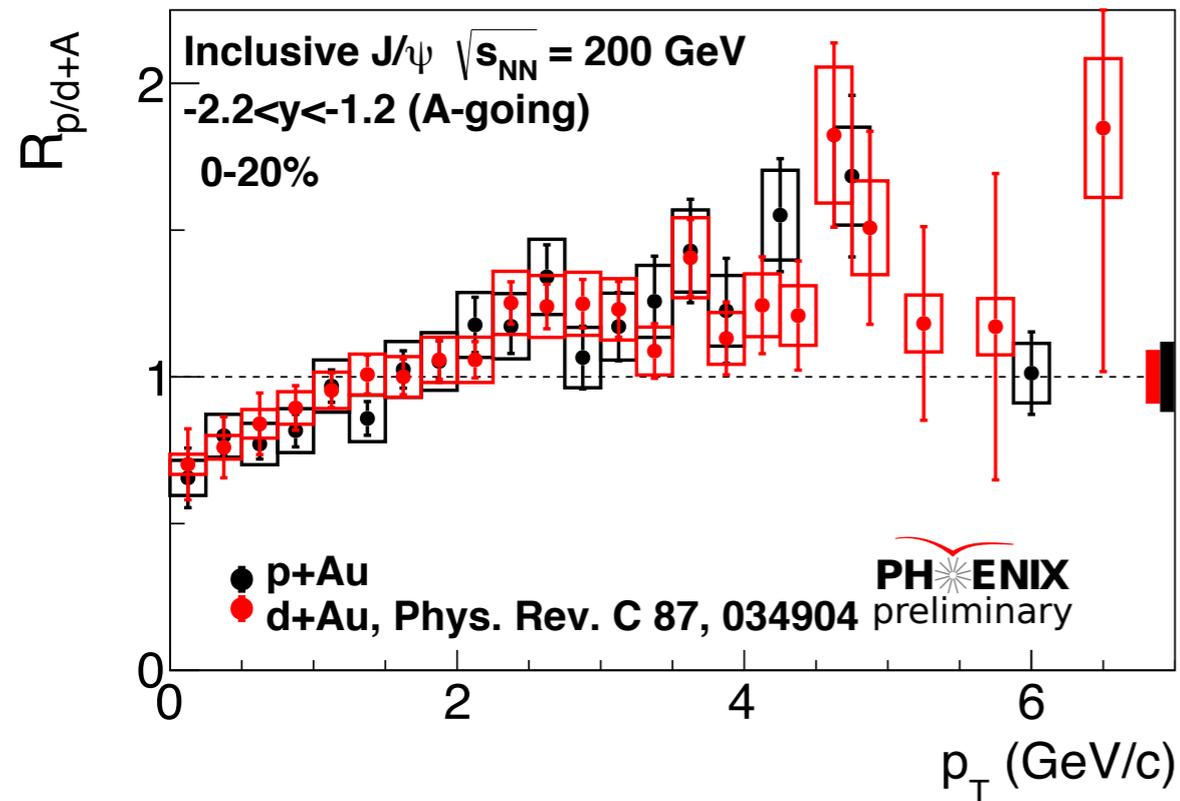
Four centrality bins for p+Au

- 0-20, 20-40, 40-60, 60-84%

Three centrality bins for $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ (statistics limited in peripheral data)

- 0-20, 20-40, 40-84%

p+Au vs d+Au centrality selected

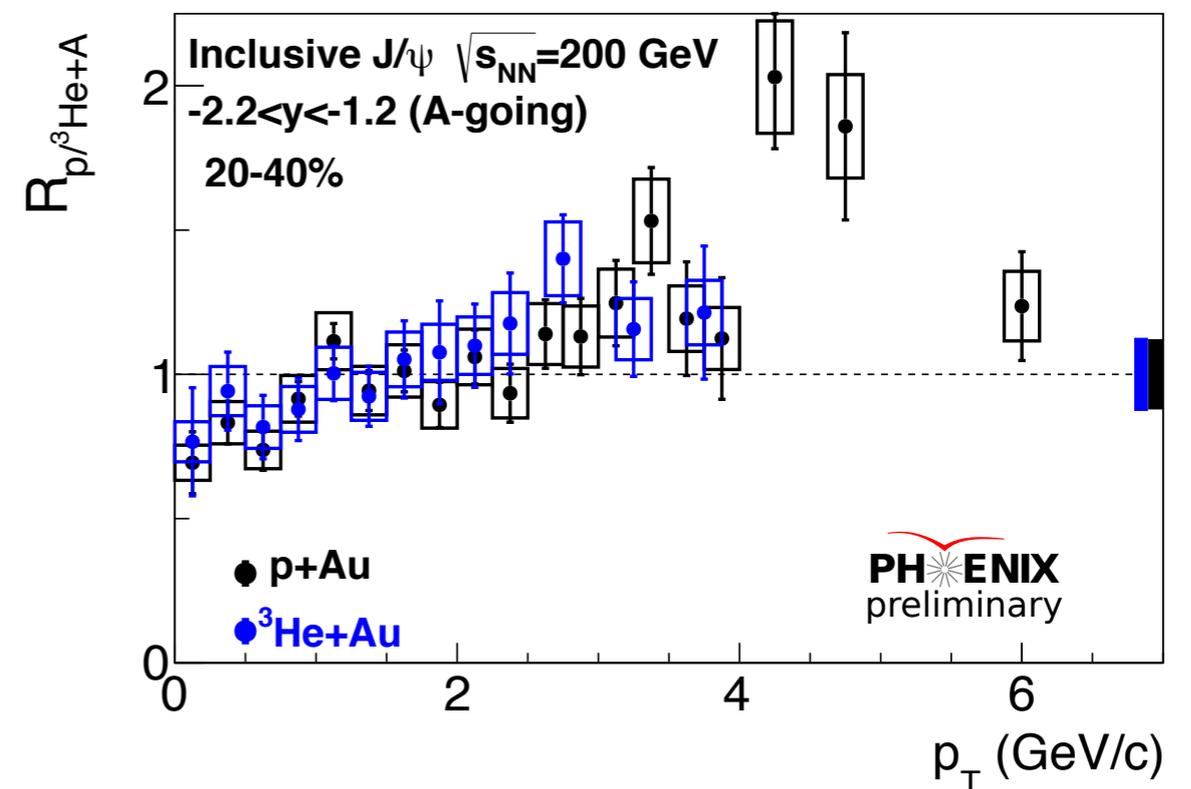
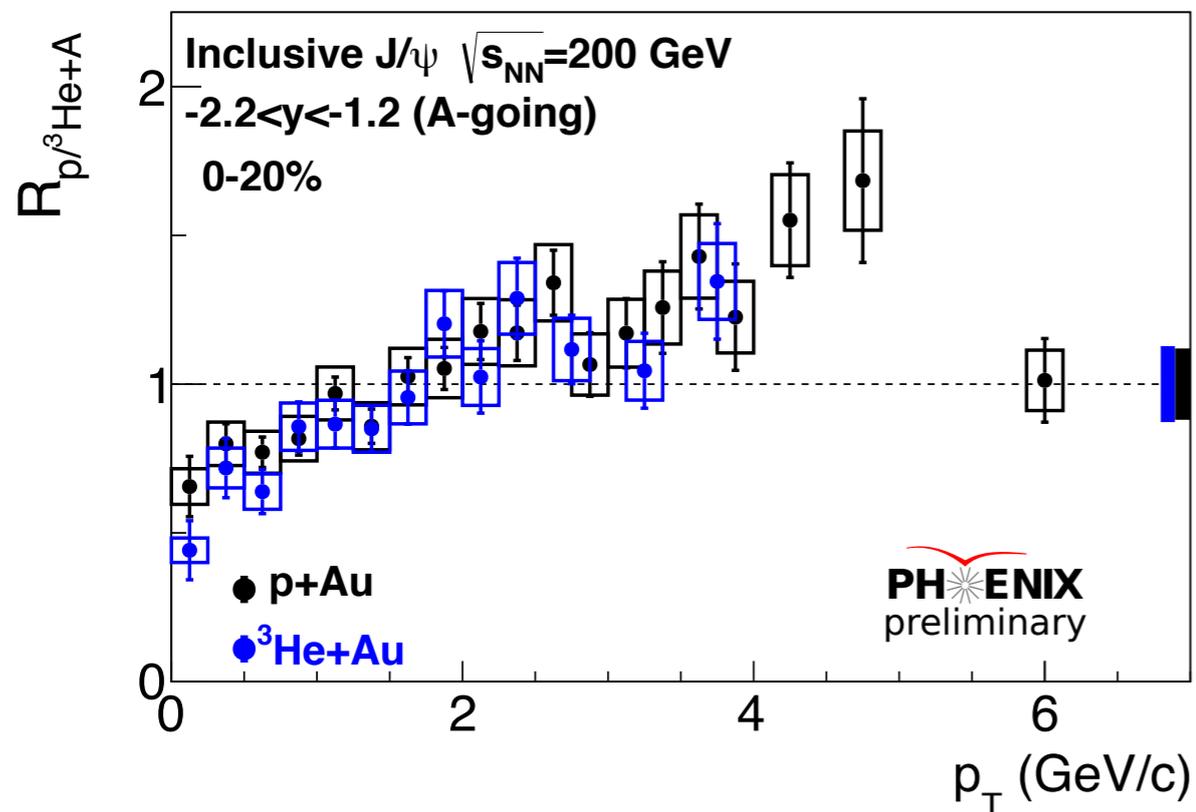


p+Au vs $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ centrality selected

$^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ produces three times as much energy in the collision.

No significant difference observed in modification between the two projectiles.

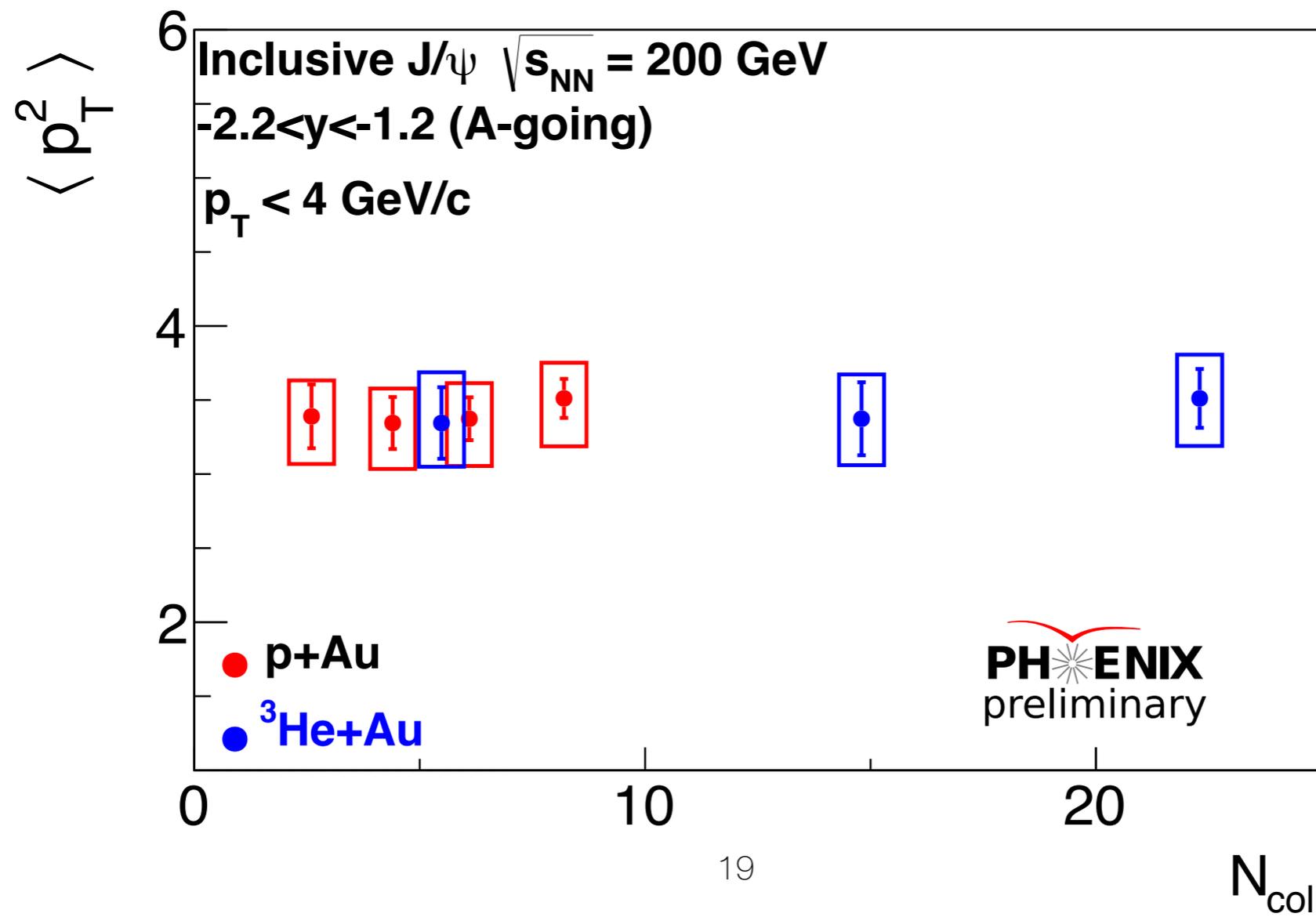
- Indicates dominance of CNM effects over those due to energy production in the collision.



p+Au vs $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$ vs N_{coll}

Limited to $p_T < 4$ GeV/c because of $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ statistics.

- No evidence of any effects due to projectile size.



Summary

We report preliminary new centrality selected data on inclusive J/ψ modifications studied in two small systems - $p/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$.

- Only backward rapidity data are available as yet.

The new centrality selected data are compared with each other, and with existing $d+\text{Au}$ data.

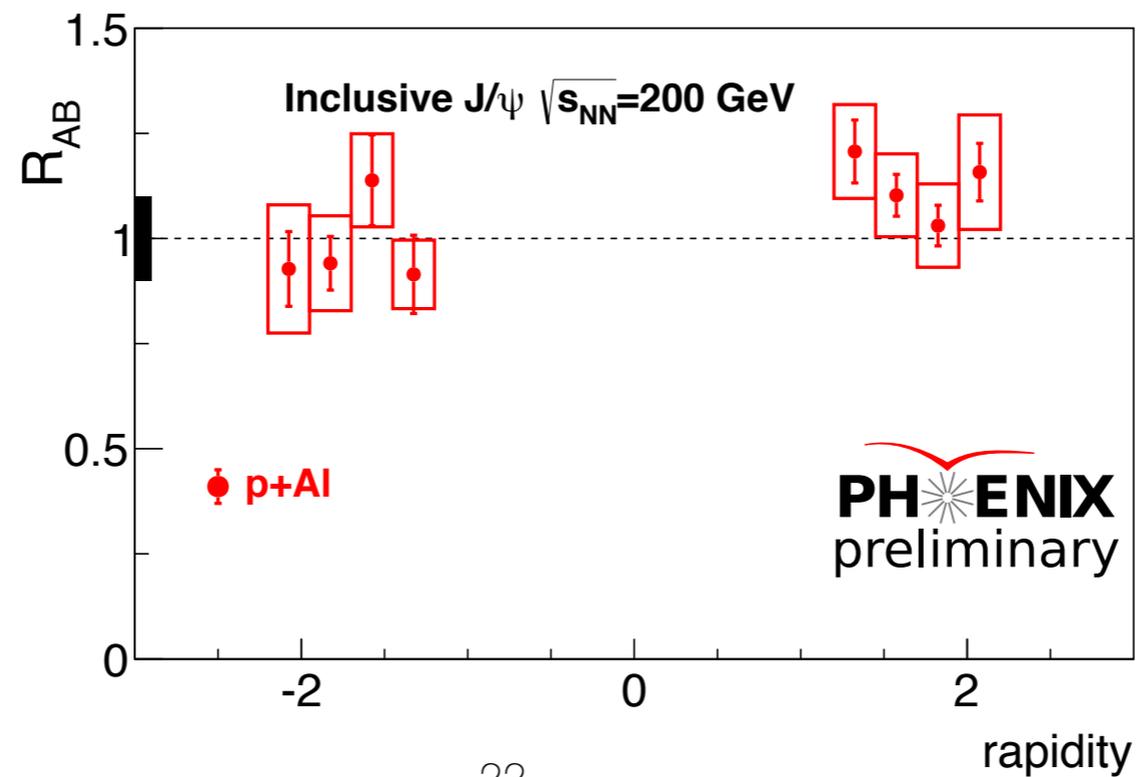
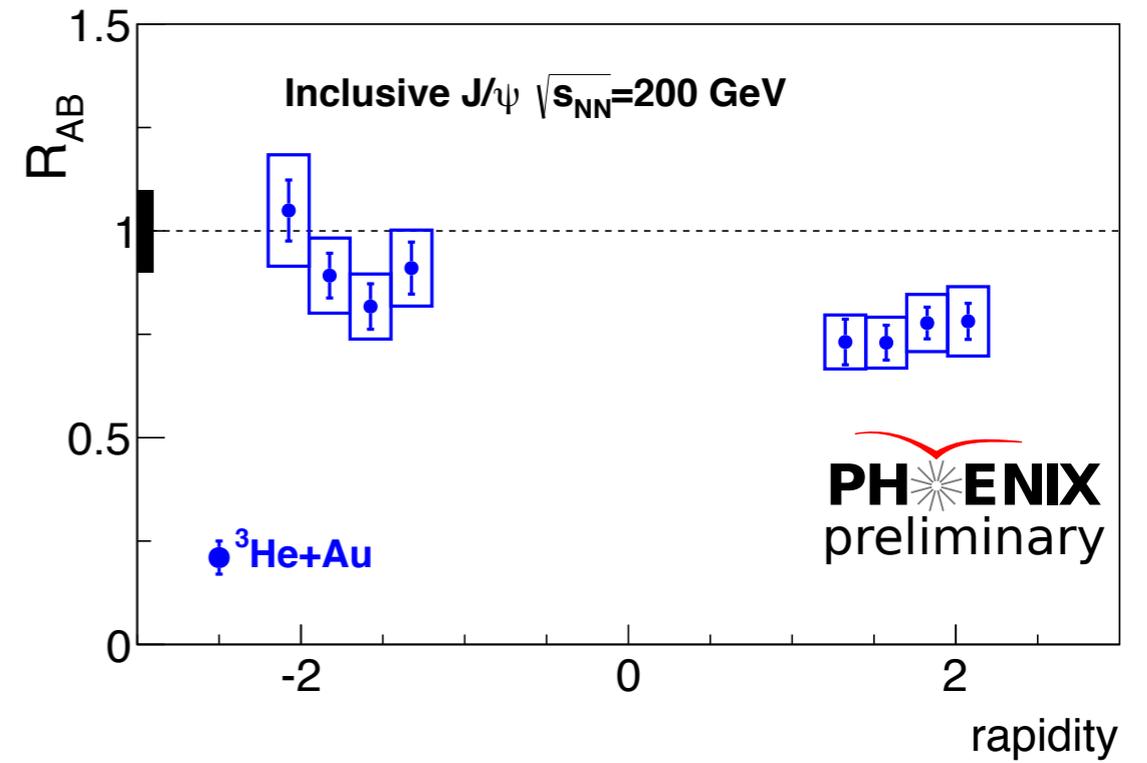
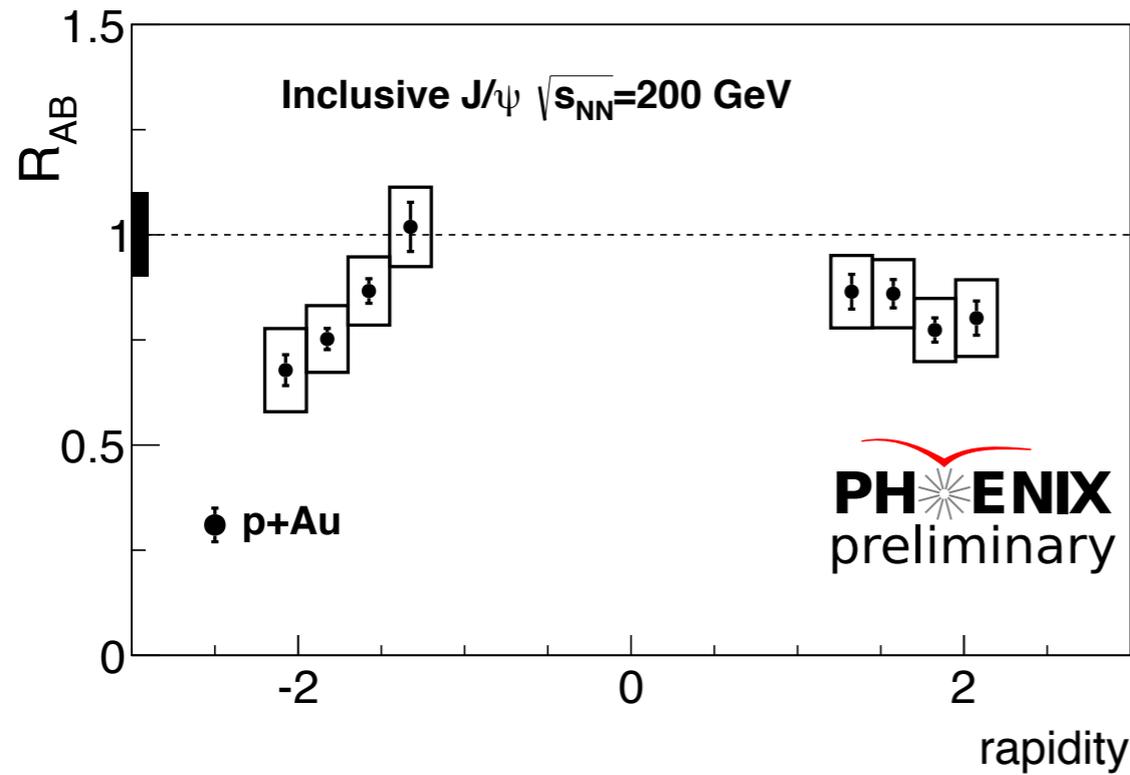
We observe no difference in modification between the $p+\text{Au}$ and ${}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ systems.

To come:

- $p+\text{Au}$ and ${}^3\text{He} + \text{Au}$ at forward rapidity
- $p+\text{Al}$ at forward and backward rapidity
- Possibly J/ψ v_2 in $\text{Au}+\text{Au}$ (dimuons, 2014 run)
- We are also considering whether we can extract $\psi(2S)$ centrality dependent data at forward/backward rapidity for $p+\text{Au}$.

Backup

J/ψ centrality and p_T integrated y dependence



Cold nuclear matter effects from p,d + A

Combine PHENIX d+Au J/ ψ data at 12 rapidities, and J/ ψ data from 6 fixed target experiments

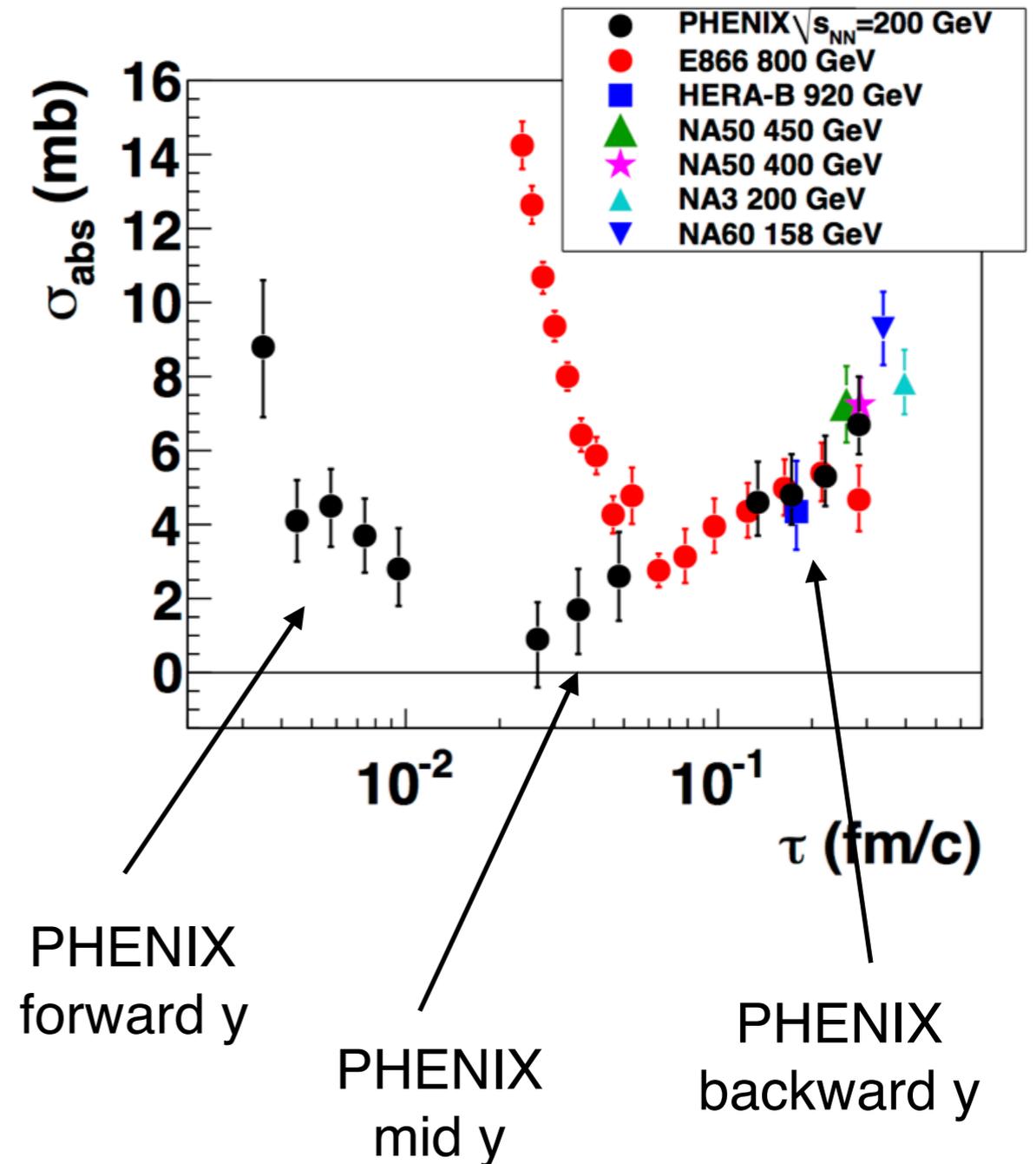
All cross sections parameterized with EKS98 or EPS09 shadowing plus absorption parameter σ_{abs}

Plot absorption parameter vs nuclear crossing time (τ) for p+A or d+Au at 17.3A - 200A GeV CM collision energy

For Au + Au collisions: fold forward & backward rapidity CNM effects together in $1.2 < \eta < 2.2$

- Stronger CNM suppression than at mid rapidity

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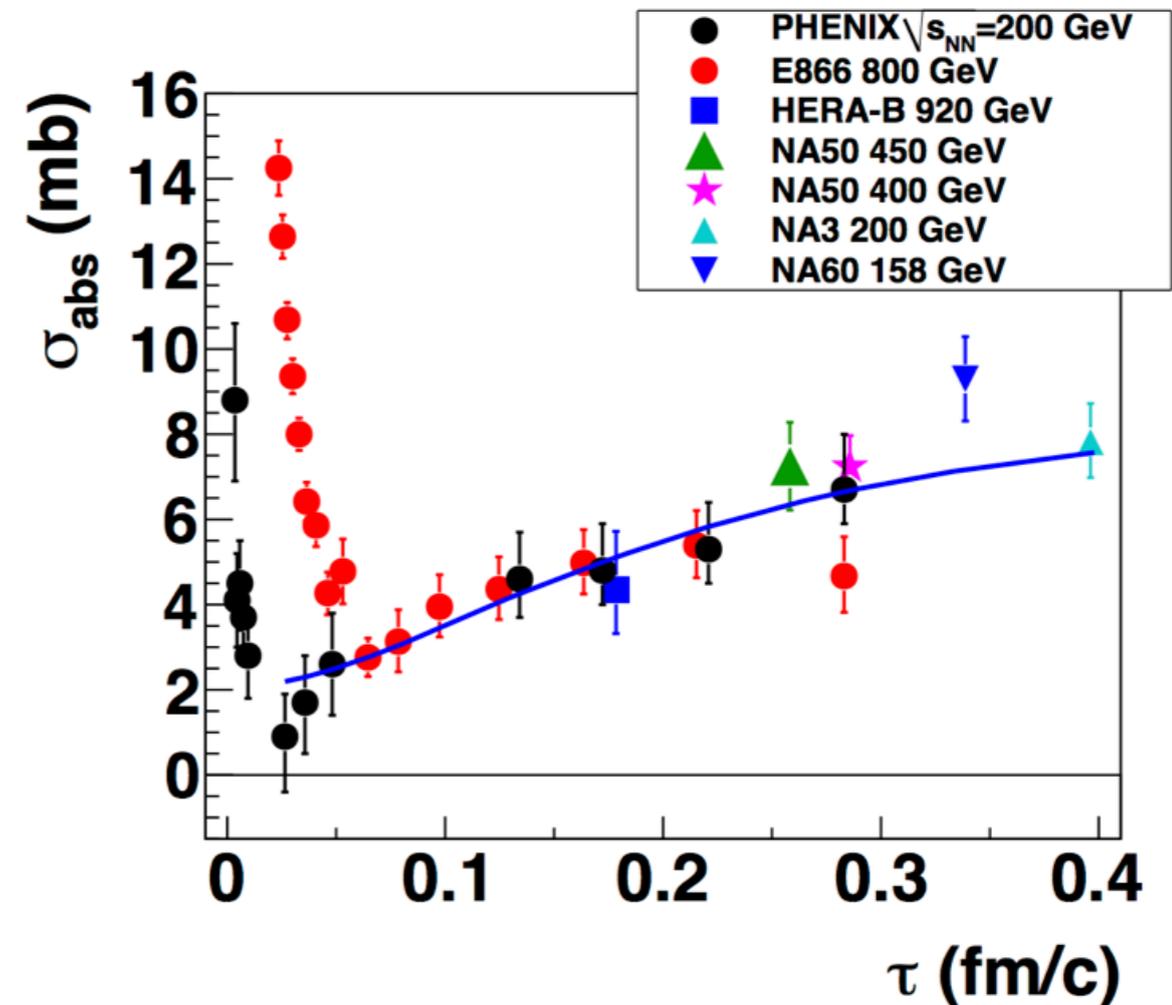


Aside: What is the source of σ_{abs} ?

Fit region above $\tau \sim 0.05$ fm/c with model of **expanding color neutral meson**

- Suggests we really have breakup at backward rapidity (large τ), **something else** at forward rapidity (small τ)

The suppression at forward rapidity (small τ) seems to be well explained by **energy loss in cold nuclear matter**



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