



Charmonia in Heavy Ion Collisions should we go **back to SPS ?**

- charmonia in A+A : the current (simplified) picture –
 - back to SPS : the CHIC picture –

• Motivations

- Quarkonia suppression is a prediction of lattice QCD calculations, for instance :

state	J/ψ(1S)	χ _c (1P)	ψ'(2S)	Υ(1S)	χ _b (1P)	Υ(2S)	χ _b (2P)	Υ(3S)
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[H. Satz, J. Phys. G 32 \(2006\)](#)

• Experimental setups

SPS/CERN – NA38, NA50, NA60 ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17 - 30$ GeV): fixed target experiments

- ✦ **Statistic** : 100 000's J/ψ
- ✦ **Data sets** : p+A w/ A=p, d, Be, Al, Cu, Ag, W, Pb; S+U, In+In, Pb+Pb
- ✦ **Small rapidity coverage** (typically $y_{CMS} \in [0,1]$)

RHIC/BNL – Phenix experiment ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV): collider experiments

- ✦ **Statistic** : 1000's J/ψ (10000's since 2007)
- ✦ **Data sets** : p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Au+Au
- ✦ **Large rapidity coverage** ($y_{CMS} \in [-0.5,0.5]$, $y_{CMS} \in [-2.2,-1.2]$ and $y_{CMS} \in [1.2,2.2]$)

LHC/CERN experiments ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5,5$ TeV): collider experiments

- ✦ **Collider experiments**
- ✦ **Statistic** : 100000's J/ψ
- ✦ **Data sets** : p+p, Pb+Pb, p+Pb
- ✦ **Large rapidity coverage** ($|y_{CMS}| < 2.5$ ATLAS/CMS, $|y_{CMS}| < 0.9$ and $-4.0 < y_{CMS} < -2.5$ ALICE)

- Sequential suppression in a QGP**

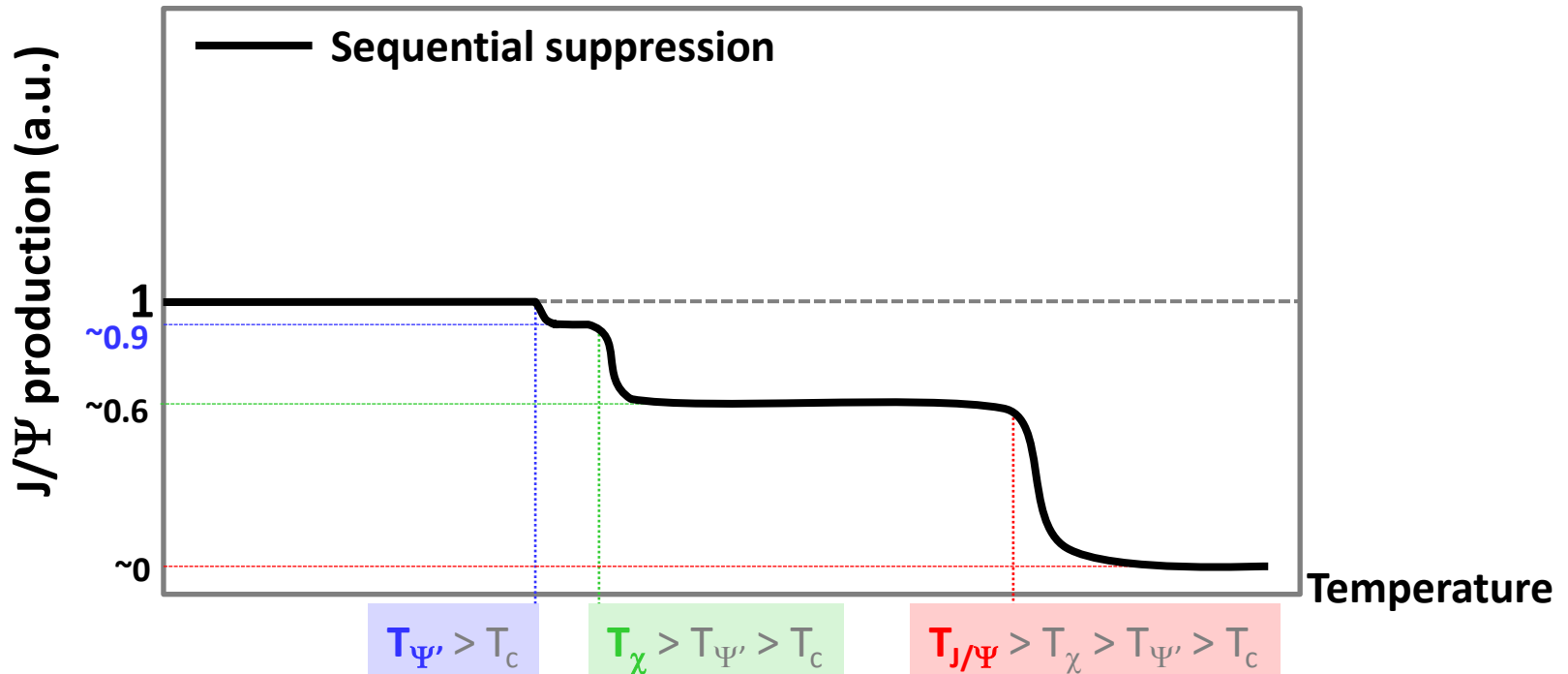
inclusive J/Ψ yield \sim **60%** direct J/Ψ + **30%** $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$ + **10%** $\Psi' \rightarrow J/\Psi + X$

Charmonium temperatures
of dissociation

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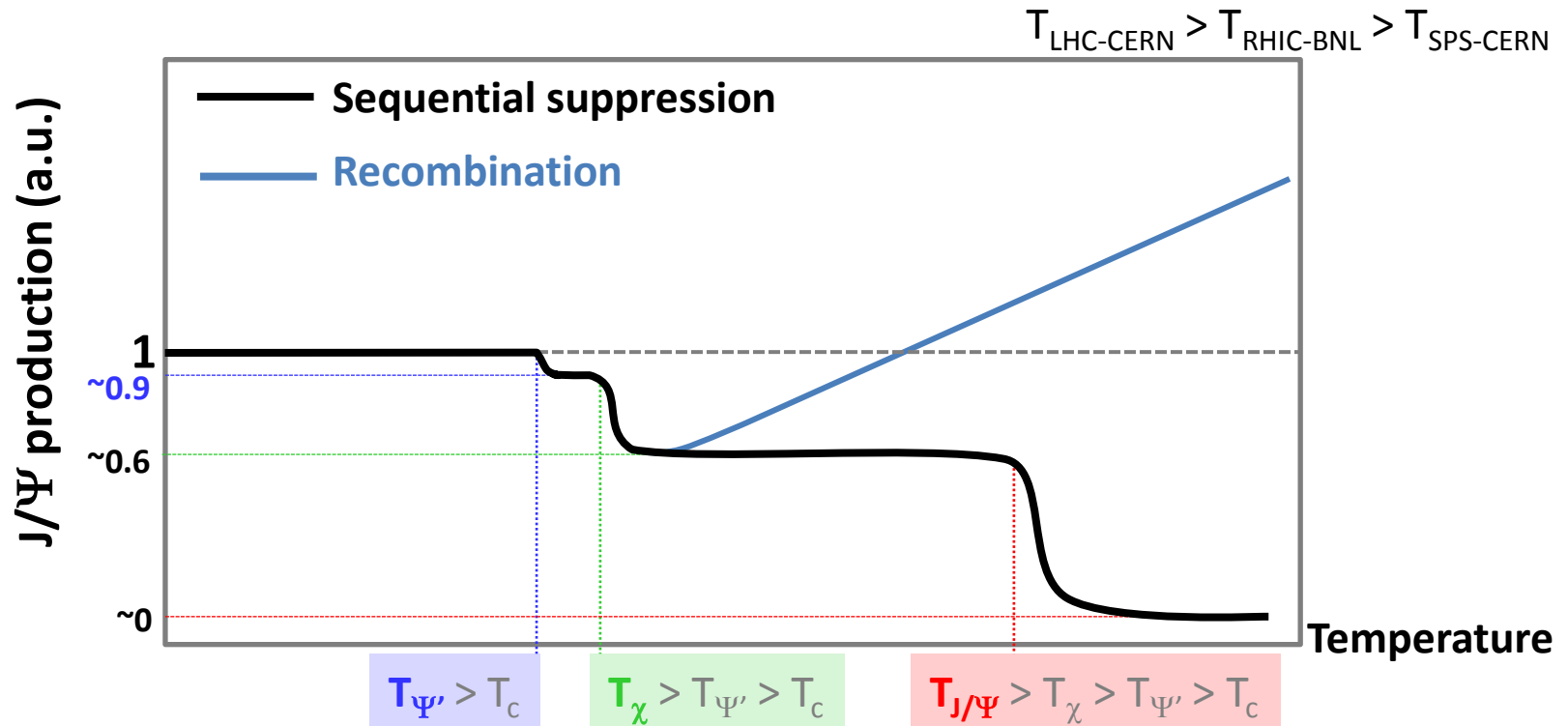
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$T_{\text{LHC-CERN}} > T_{\text{RHIC-BNL}} > T_{\text{SPS-CERN}}$



- Recombination **in a QGP**

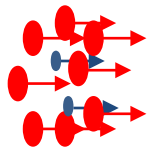
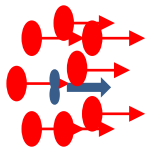
If QGP at work → **c and \bar{c} quarks can combine to form a J/Ψ**
 (require a large number of $c\bar{c}$ pairs → RHIC ? LHC ?)



- **Suppression by comovers (Alternative scenario)**

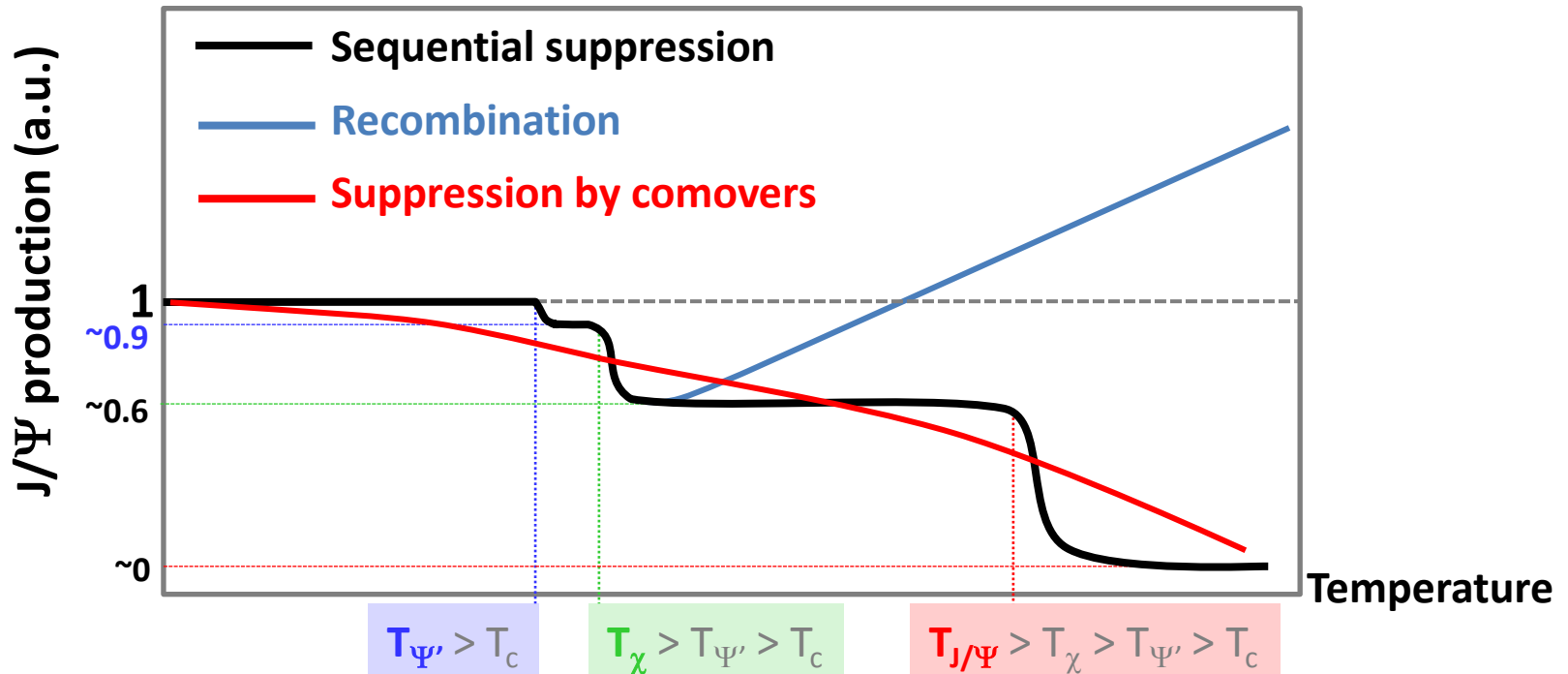
- Suppression by comovers: [\(Eur.Phys.J.C58:437-444,2008\)](#)

- quarkonia can be broken by interaction with comoving hadrons



Two parameters
 Interaction cross section σ_{co} Hadron density N^{co}

$$\tau \frac{dN_{J/\psi}}{d\tau}(b, s, y) = -\sigma_{co} N^{co}(b, s, y) N_{J/\psi}(b, s, y)$$



- SPS (17 GeV): NA38, NA51, NA50, NA60

Two major results :

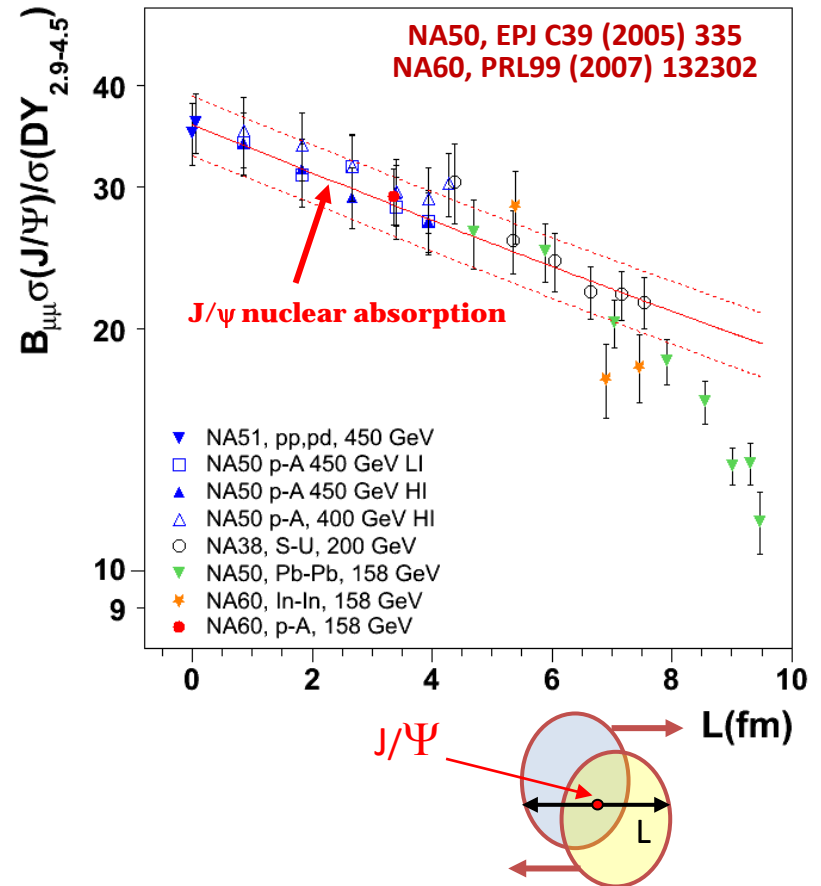
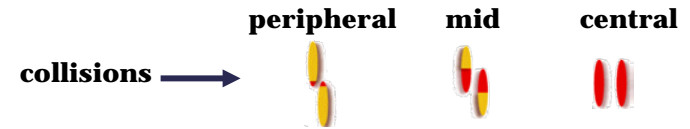
- Observation of **Cold Nuclear Matter effects** : Absorption by nuclear matter

- Suppression observed from p+p to peripheral Pb+Pb
- J/ψ survival probability :

$$S(J/\Psi) \propto e^{-\rho\sigma_{abs}L}$$

- Fit to data: $\sigma_{abs} = 4.18 \pm 0.35 \text{ mb}$

- Observation of **Anomalous suppression** in Pb+Pb (NA50) central collisions when compared with Cold Nuclear Matter effects.



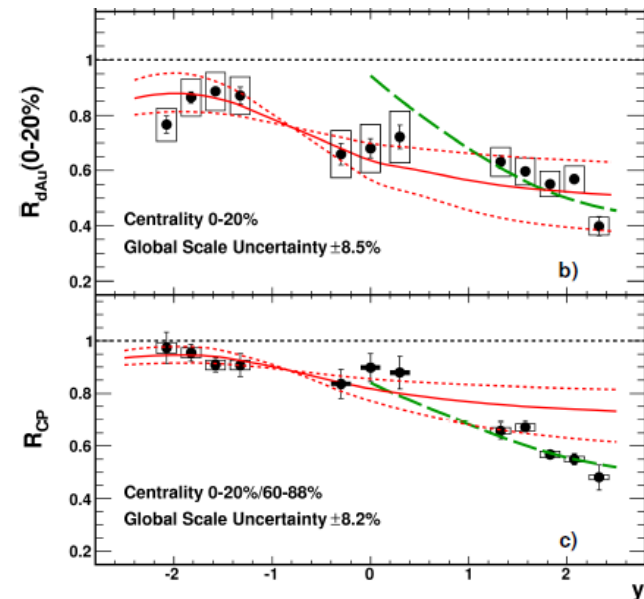
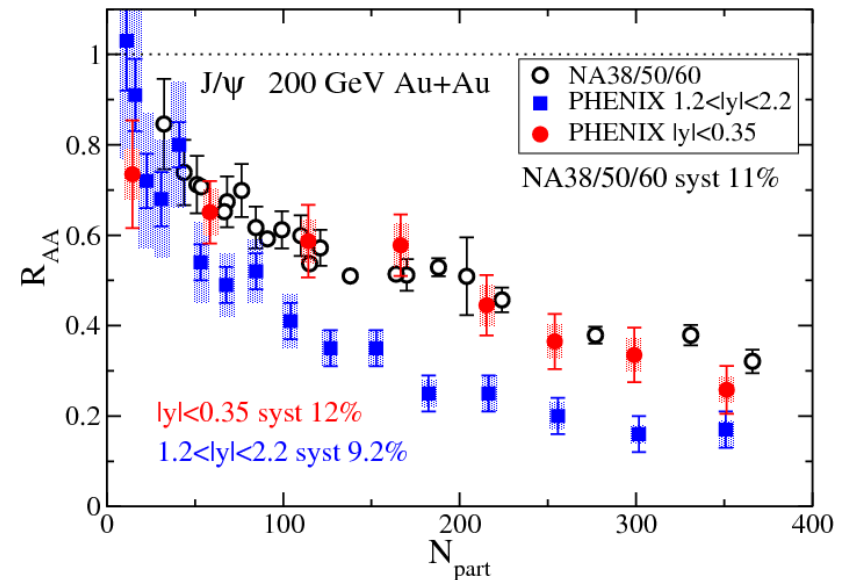
- **RHIC (200 GeV) .vs. SPS (17 GeV)**

1. **Hot and dense matter effects**

- Measure J/Ψ in Au+Au (RHIC) Pb+Pb (SPS)
- Compare at same rapidity (same $y \sim$ same x_F)
 - $0 < y < 1$ at SPS (**NA50/NA60**)
 - $|y| < 0.35$ at RHIC (**PHENIX**)
- Expected larger suppression at RHIC due to larger energy density
- observe **SIMILAR SUPPRESSION at mid rapidity**
- Observe **LARGER SUPPRESSION at forward rapidity**

2. **Cold Nuclear Matter effects at RHIC**

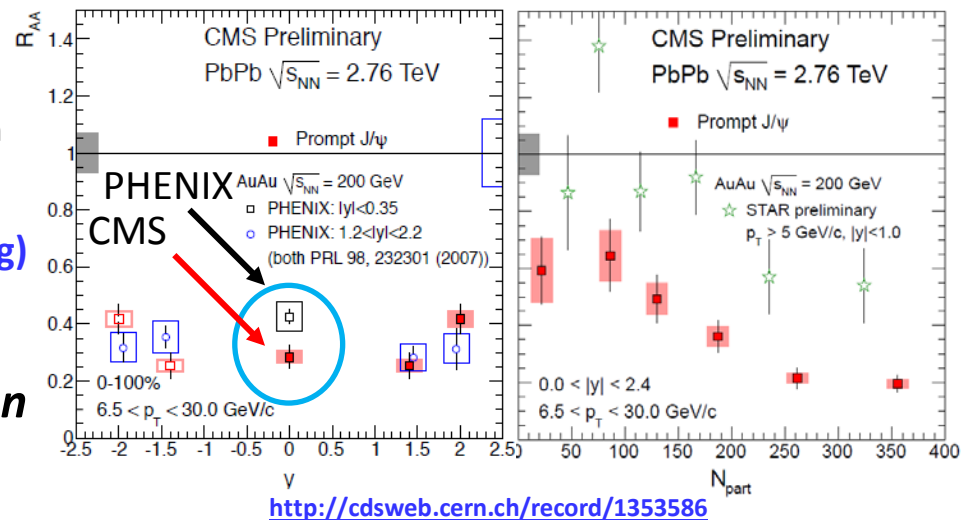
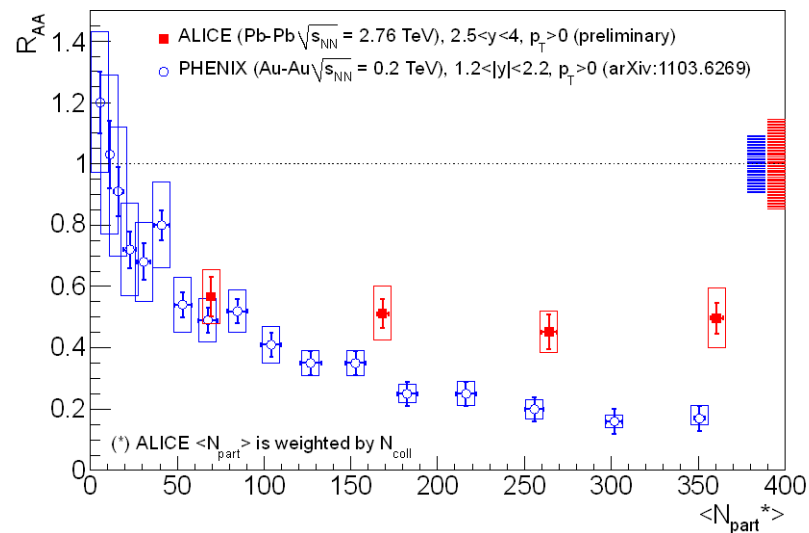
- Measure J/Ψ production in d+Au collisions
- Observe **LARGER SUPPRESSION at forward rapidity (small x_2)**
- Pattern still not fully understood
- Difference forward.vs.mid rapidity may explain larger suppression observed in forward Au+Au



- **RHIC (200 GeV) .vs. LHC (2.76 TeV) at forward rapidity**
 - Compare PHENIX vs ALICE
 - $1.2 < |y| < 2.2$ at RHIC/PHENIX
 - $2.5 < y < 4$ at LHC/ALICE
 - **LESS SUPPRESSION** at LHC .vs. RHIC
 - Could be due to **recombination** effects

- **RHIC (200 GeV) .vs. LHC (2.76 TeV) at mid-rapidity**
 - Compare PHENIX, STAR vs CMS
 - $|y| < 0.35$ at RHIC/PHENIX
 - $|y| < 1$ at RHIC/STAR
 - $|y| < 1$ at LHC/CMS
 - **MORE SUPPRESSION** at LHC .vs. RHIC
 - $p_T > 6.5$ GeV/c → in principle no recombination applies
 - larger suppression due to **QGP effects ?**
 - Hint of **sequential suppression ? (J/Ψ melting)**

Caution : Need CNM effects comparison



<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1353586>

- Overall possible J/Ψ (simplified) picture

- Similar suppression** at SPS vs. RHIC

Ψ' and χ_c suppression only ?

- CMS: Larger suppression** at LHC

$p_T > 6.5 \text{ GeV}/c \rightarrow$ « outside » recombination regime ?

Hint of sequential suppression ?

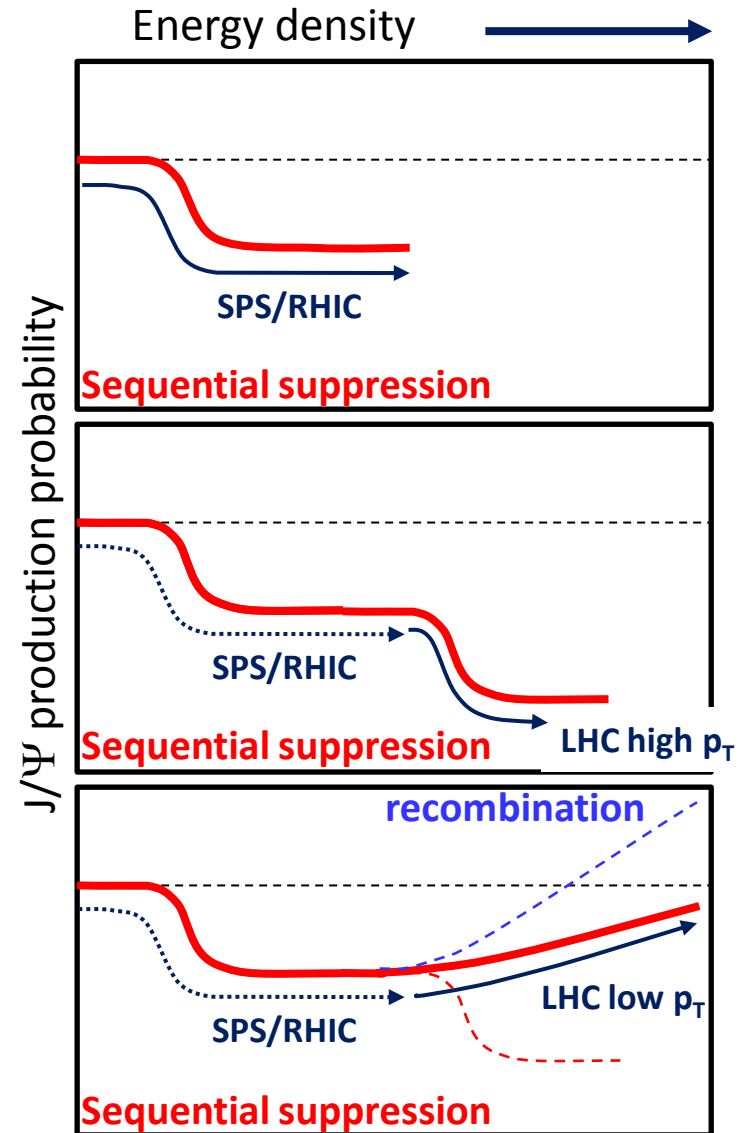
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- ALICE $|y| > 2.5$: Smaller suppression** at LHC

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- **Answers to these questions are mandatory :**
 - **What are CNM effects at LHC ?** → p+Pb run
 - *Shadowing should be large at forward rapidity*
 - *Shadowing should be small at high p_T*
 - *Resonance break-up cross section should be small*

 - **Is recombination mechanism at work ?** → ALICE.vs.CMS at $|y|=0$
 - *If smaller suppression observed at mid-rapidity and low p_T*

 - **Is sequential suppression at work ?**
 - *Need several (at least two) resonances*
 - *Ψ' is not a good probe because of comovers*
 - *Should measure χ_c* → unreachable

- **Measuring χ_c in A+A:**
 - test charmonia sequential suppression
 - How χ_c is suppressed relative to J/ Ψ ? Dependence with y , p_T , centrality?
 - ➔ ***Mandatory to draw the whole picture (SPS .vs. RHIC .vs. LHC)***

- **Should measure χ_c at SPS. Why at SPS ?**
 - ***If we understand SPS, we understand RHIC (same suppression)***
 - Anomalous suppression has been seen at SPS
 - Appropriate range of energy density: can investigate Ψ' , χ_c and J/ Ψ suppression
 - **On average, 0.1 $c\bar{c}$ pair/event**
 - ➔ ***No recombination at SPS***

- **Fixed target experiment ?**
 - Can operate many target species
 - ➔ ***Better control of CNM effects***

Charmonia suppression

At SPS

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 + 30% $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$
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Inclusive J/Ψ yield

Two possible scenarios:

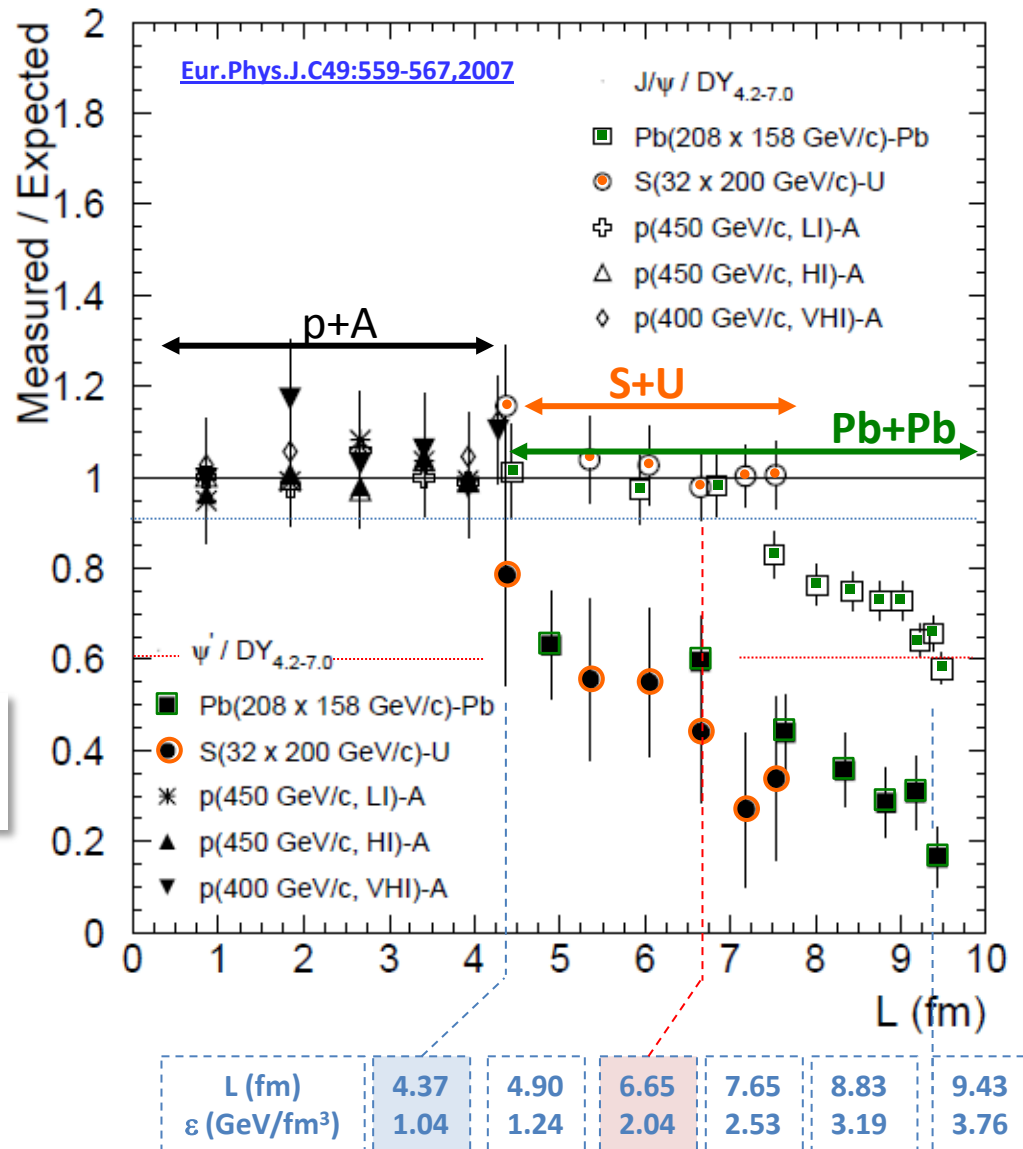
- sequential suppression (QGP)
- comovers (no QGP)

Temperature of dissociation

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Because $\Delta E(\Psi') \sim 50$ MeV

- Ψ' easily suppressed by comovers

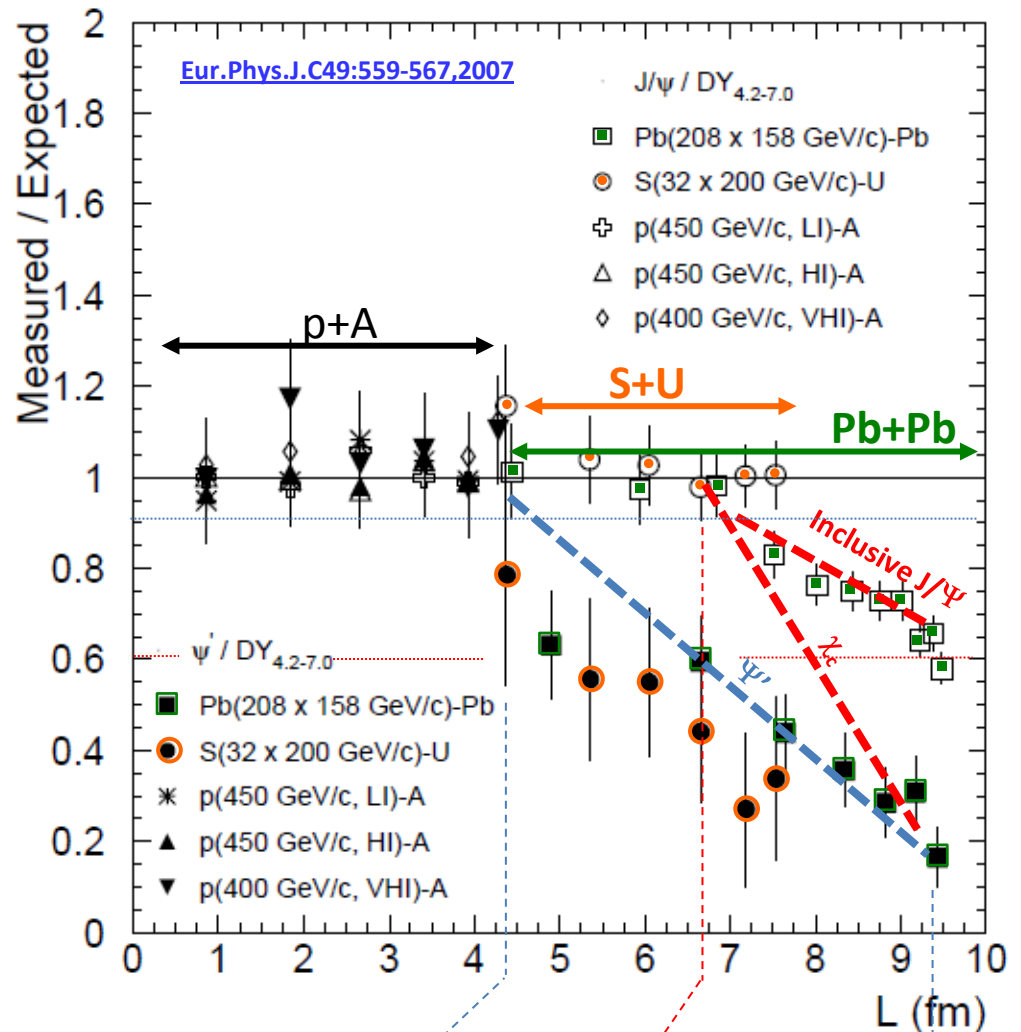
Because $\Delta E(\chi_c) \sim 200$ MeV and $\Delta E(J/\Psi) \sim 600$ MeV

- χ_c and J/Ψ hardly suppressed by comovers

If χ_c suppressed by QGP,

- χ_c slope strongly steeper than J/Ψ and Ψ'

Measuring χ_c suppression pattern will (in)validate this



Note that direct J/Ψ can be experimentally estimated
 $Yield_{incl. J/\Psi} - Yield_{\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma} - Yield_{\Psi'} \sim Yield_{direct J/\Psi}$

Two possible scenarios

2. No QGP (full comovers)

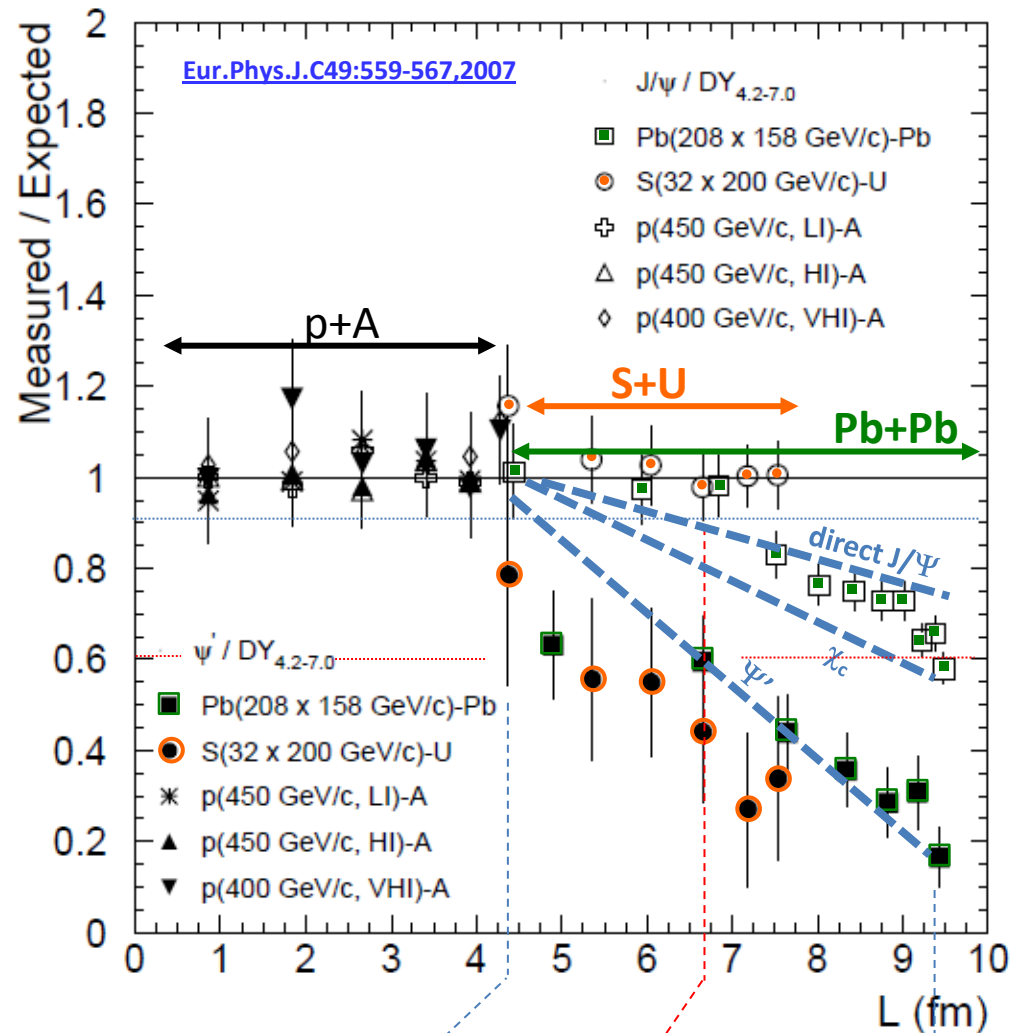
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Because $\sigma_{J/\Psi-co} \leq \sigma_{\chi_c-co} \leq \sigma_{\Psi'-co}$

- Ψ' slope slightly steeper than χ_c
- χ_c slope slightly steeper than J/Ψ

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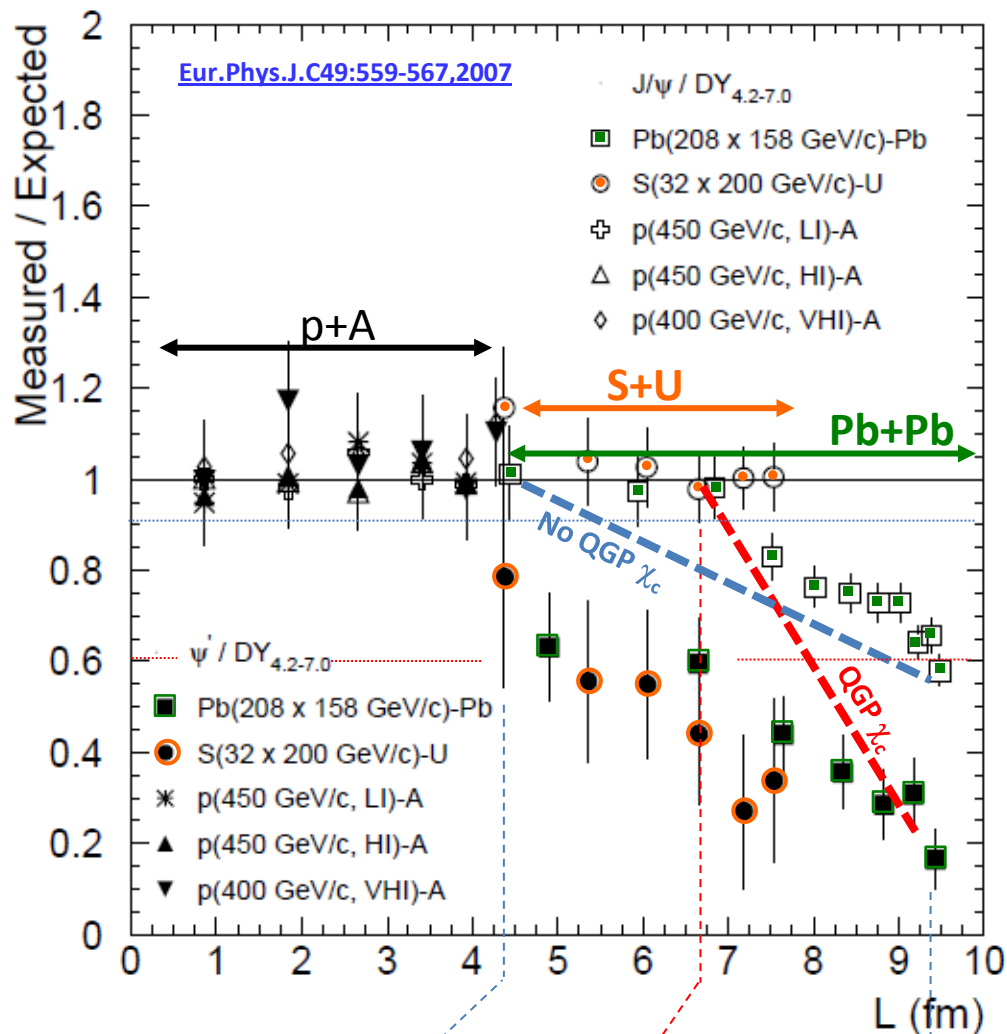
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- Conclusion :

measuring Ψ' , J/Ψ and χ_c suppression pattern

will answer the question

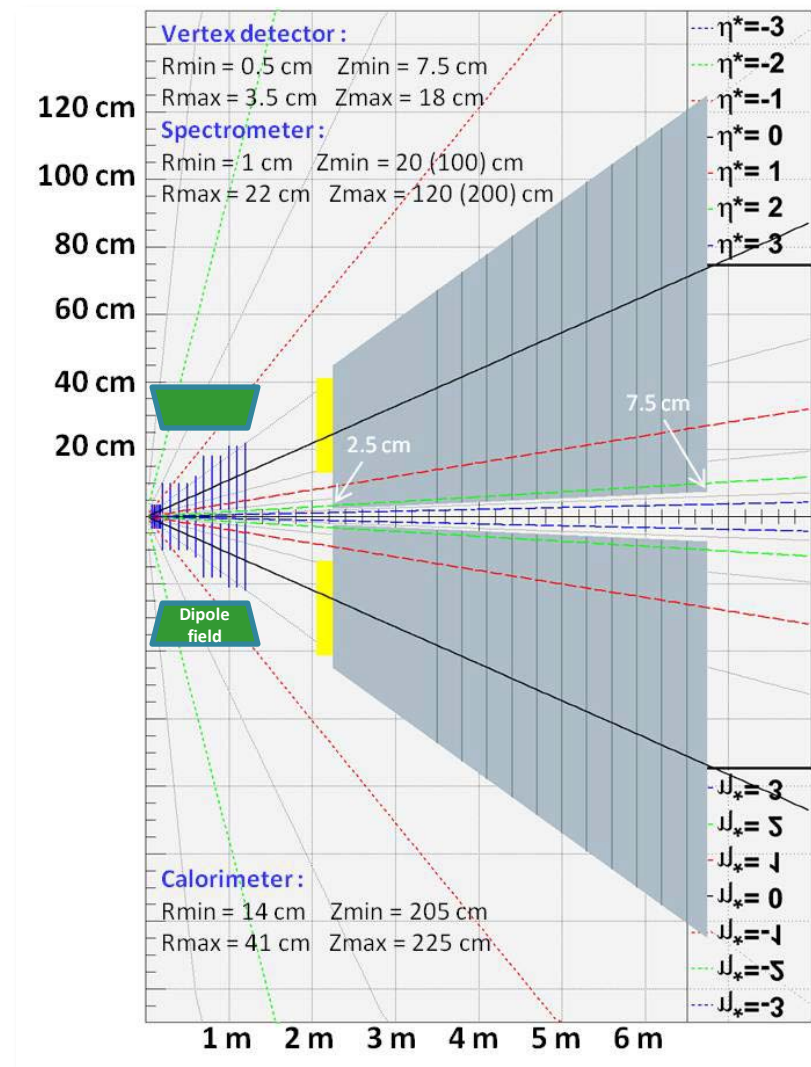
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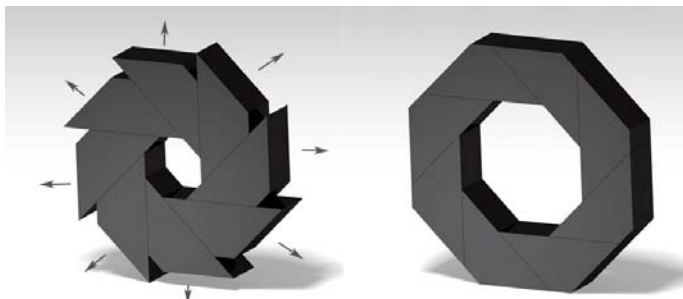
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- **Primary goals :**
 - $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ at $y_{CMS} = 0$
 - $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ in large y_{CMS} range
- **Detector features : very compact**
 - 1. Spectrometer**
 - Measure tracks before absorber $\rightarrow \sigma_M \sim 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - Covers $y_{CMS} [-0.5, 2]$ \rightarrow need high segmentation
 - \rightarrow Silicon technologies
 - 2. Calorimeter**
 - Measuring γ in high π^0 multiplicity environment
 - \rightarrow ultra-granular ECal (Calice)
 - 3. Absorber/trigger**
 - Using 4.5 m thick Fe to absorb π/K and low P $\mu^{+/-}$
 - Can use smaller absorber if Fe magnetized
 - Trigger to be defined (expected rate = 0.3 kHz)
- **Expected performances**
 - 1. tracking :** $\frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim 1\%$ within 1m long 2.5T \vec{B}
 - 2. Calorimetry :** $\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim \frac{20\%}{\sqrt{E}}$



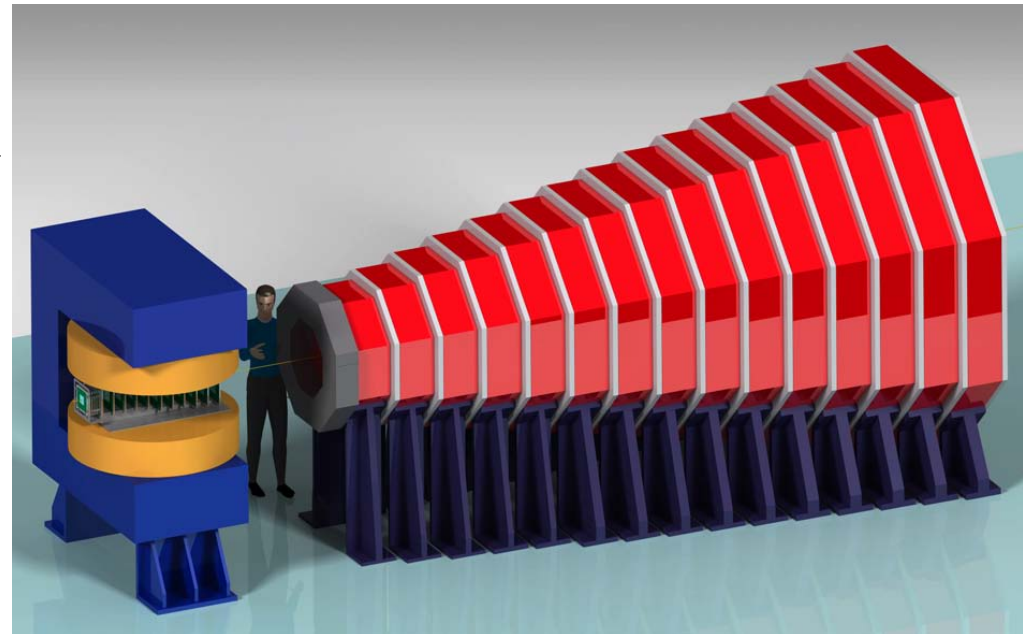
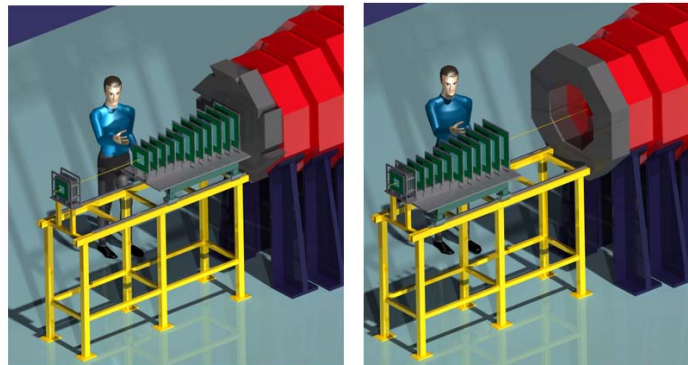
- CHIC: Experimental setup flexibility

Very compact detector
(full detector simulation ongoing) →



Forward rapidity

Mid rapidity

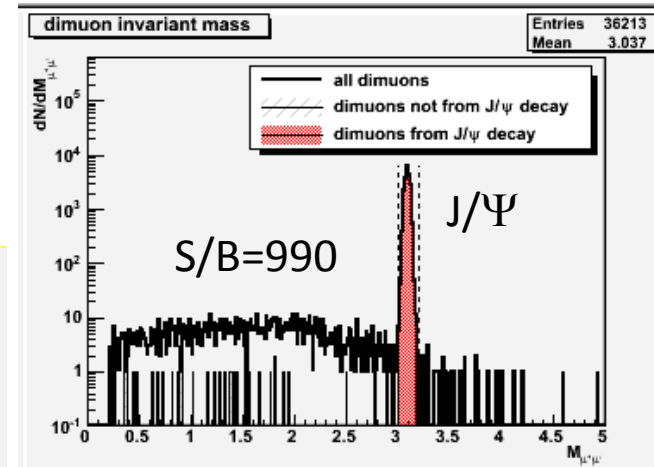
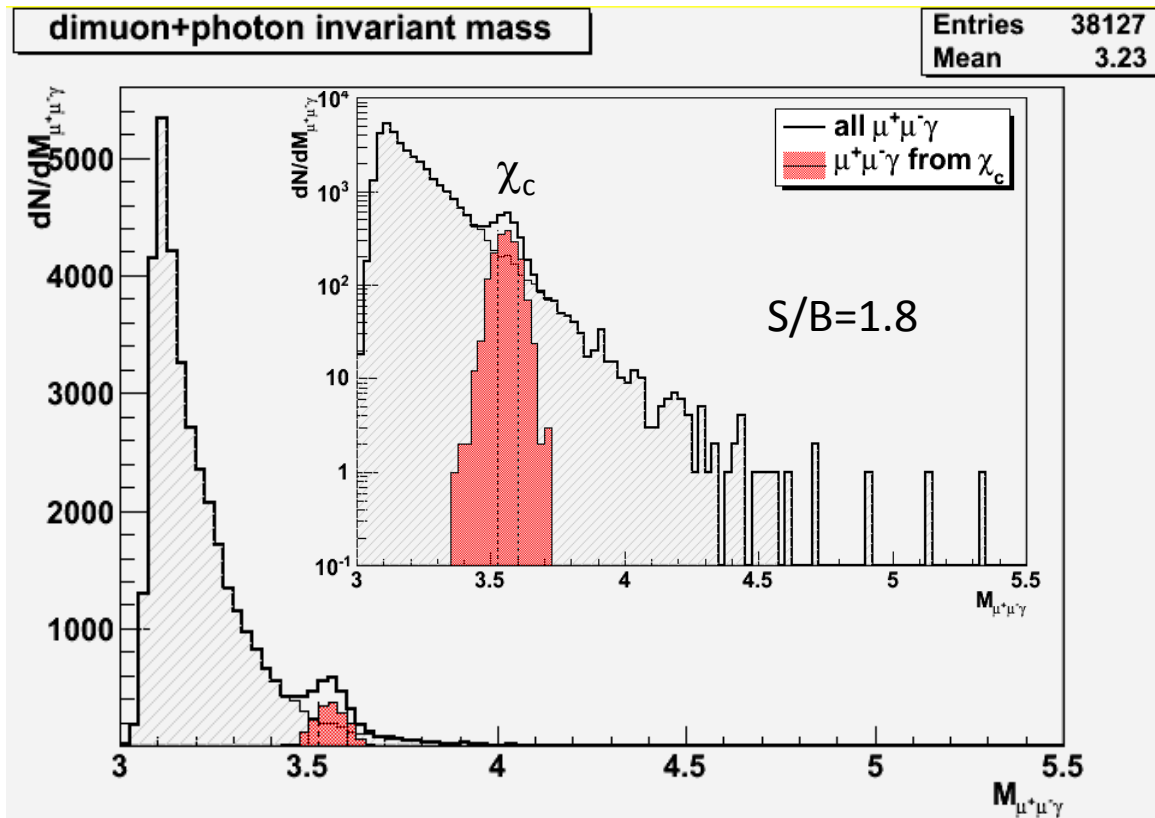


Large rapidity coverage

- fixed target mode → high flexibility
- displace tracker to access large rapidity
- modify calorimeter to access large rapidity

- **Typical mass plots**

- 200 000 Pb+Pb minBias EPOS events
 - 140 000 events with J/Ψ embedded (70%)
 - 60 000 events with χ_c embedded (30%)



After acceptance and selection cuts:

- 35 000 J/Ψ
 → **acc x eff = 17.4%**
- 1700 χ_c
 → **acc x eff = 2.8 %**

- **Typical one month Pb+Pb run with a 4mm thick target**

- ~ 200 000 inclusive $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ expected

- 2 extreme scenarios:

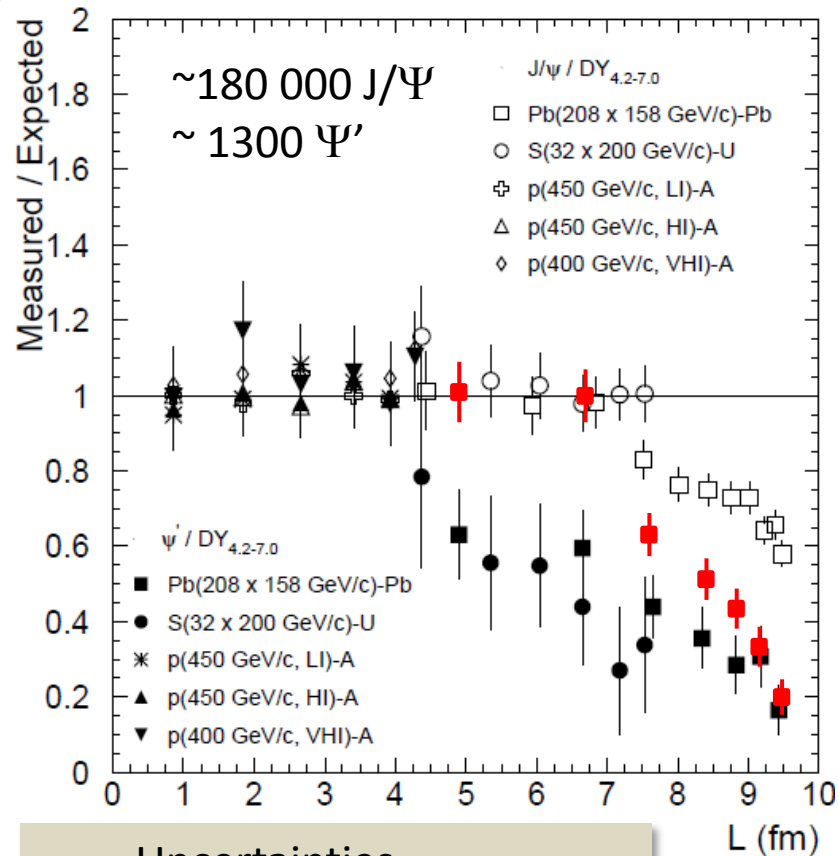
- If χ_c suppressed as J/Ψ $\frac{\chi_c \text{ yield}}{J/\Psi \text{ yield}} \sim 4\%$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{most periph.} \\ \chi_c \text{ yield} \end{array} \right) = 16942 \times 4\% = 677$$

- If χ_c suppressed as Ψ' $\frac{\chi_c \text{ yield}}{\Psi' \text{ yield}} = 2.18$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{most periph.} \\ \chi_c \text{ yield} \end{array} \right) = 16942 \times 4\% \times 0.6 = 406$$

E_T range (GeV)	ψ'	J/ψ	χ_c as J/Ψ	χ_c as Ψ'
3–20	186 ± 25	16942 ± 146	677	406
20–35	243 ± 31	25229 ± 181	1010	530
35–50	227 ± 35	27276 ± 192	1091	495
50–65	193 ± 36	27681 ± 196	1107	421
65–80	154 ± 36	27315 ± 200	1093	336
80–95	159 ± 37	25111 ± 193	1004	347
95–150	110 ± 40	28570 ± 209	1143	240
			7125	2775



Uncertainties
 χ_c stat $> 2 \times \Psi'$ stat
 $\Rightarrow \chi_c$ error $< \Psi'$ error $/\sqrt{2}$

- **Conclusion**

- Core benchmark : **unique test of χ_c in heavy ion collisions**
- What we didn't discuss :
 - **CHIC p+A program**
 - **9 months of proton beam available** – to be compared to the usual one month
 - **capability to access $x_f = 1$**
 - physics of saturation : shadowing, CGC, energy loss (Arléo, Peigné)
 - charmonium hadronisation time
 - charmonium absorption cross section
 - **Drell-Yan studies**
 - **Open charm studies**
 - **Charged/neutral hadrons studies**
 - **Photons studies**
 - **Low mass dileptons**

Backup slides

- Sequential suppression **in a QGP**

If QGP at work → **threshold effect**

Above threshold $\frac{\epsilon}{T^4} = cte$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon_d^{\Psi'}}{(T_d^{\Psi'})^4} = \frac{\epsilon_d^{\chi_c}}{(T_d^{\chi_c})^4}$$

Temperatures of dissociation :

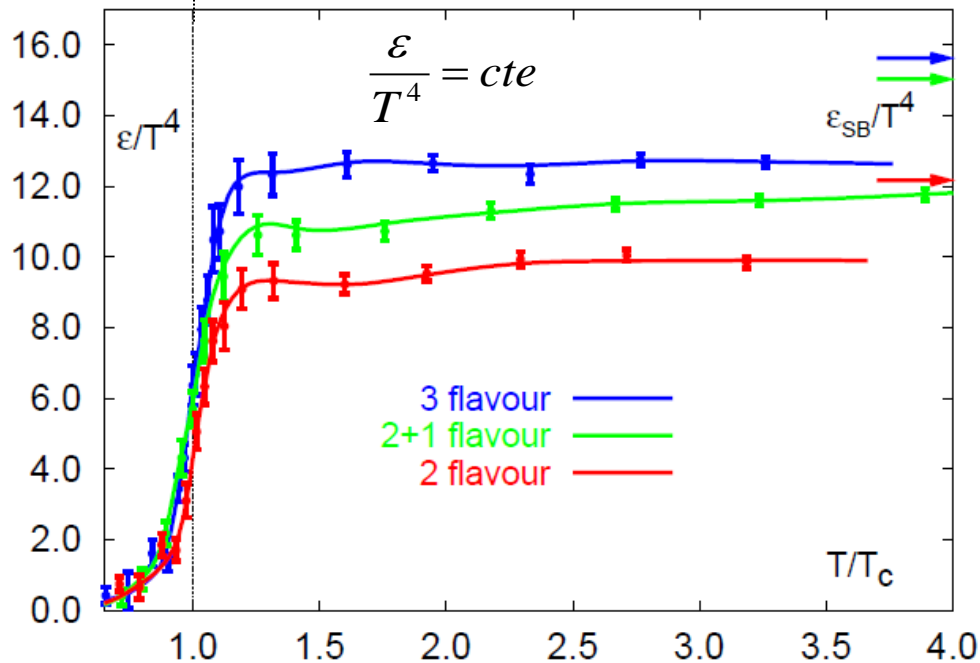
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No QGP ← QGP
threshold

[F. Karsch, Lect. Notes Phys. 583 \(2002\) 209](#)



Sequential suppression in a QGP

Theoretically,
expect

$$\varepsilon_c^{\chi_c} = \left(\frac{1.16}{1.12}\right)^4 \varepsilon_c^{\Psi'} = 1.15 \times \varepsilon_c^{\Psi'}$$

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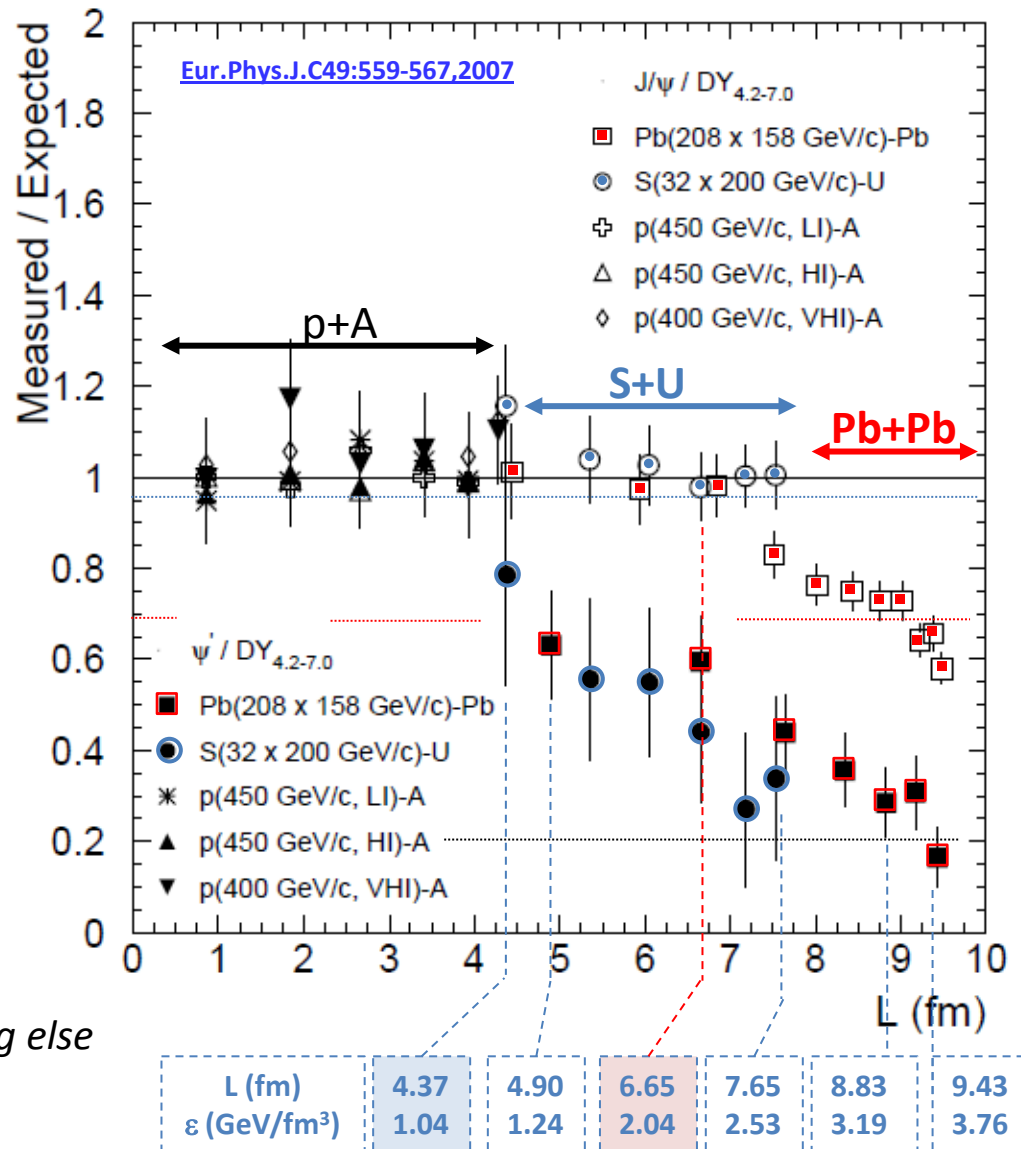
L (fm)	4.9
ε (GeV/fm ³)	1.2

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Conclusion

either theoretical predictions are wrong,
or Ψ' is previously suppressed by something else

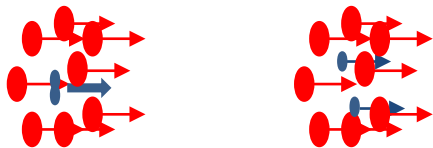


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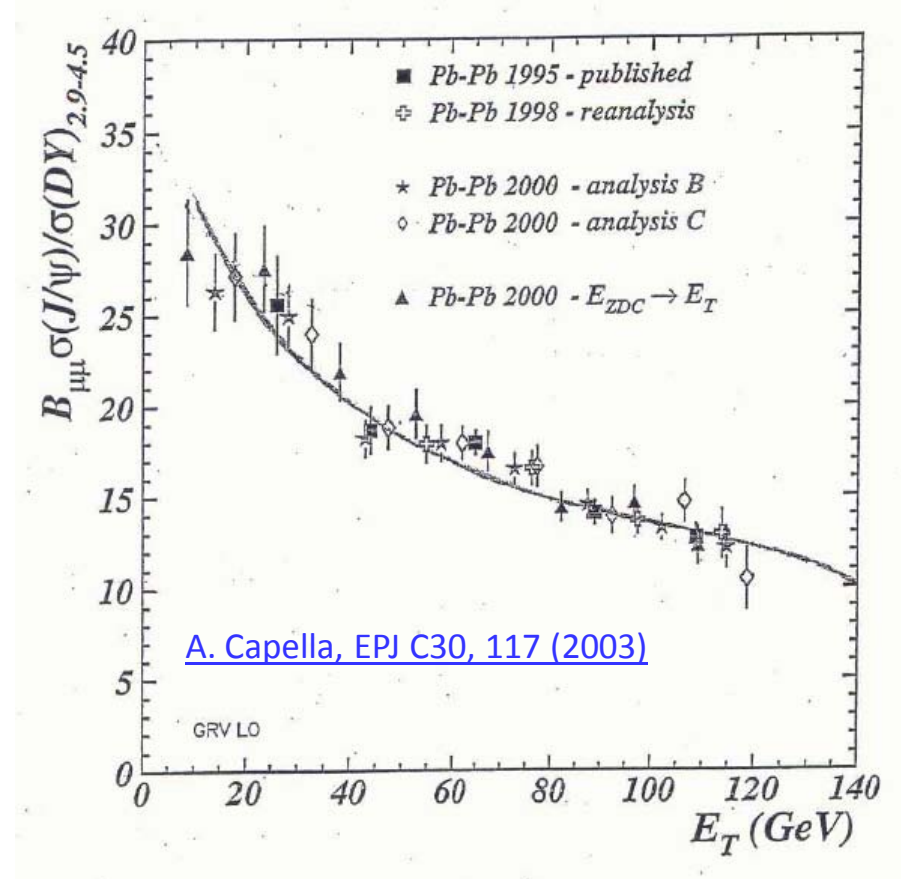
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- **There is a hierarchy in the suppression**

- σ_{co} is linked to the quarkonium binding energy
- The larger the binding energy, the smaller the σ_{co}
- But σ_{co} is theoretically unknown (must be fitted on the data)

- Sequential suppression

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Quarkonium binding energy
 $(\Delta E = M_{\text{quarkonium}} - 2M_D)$

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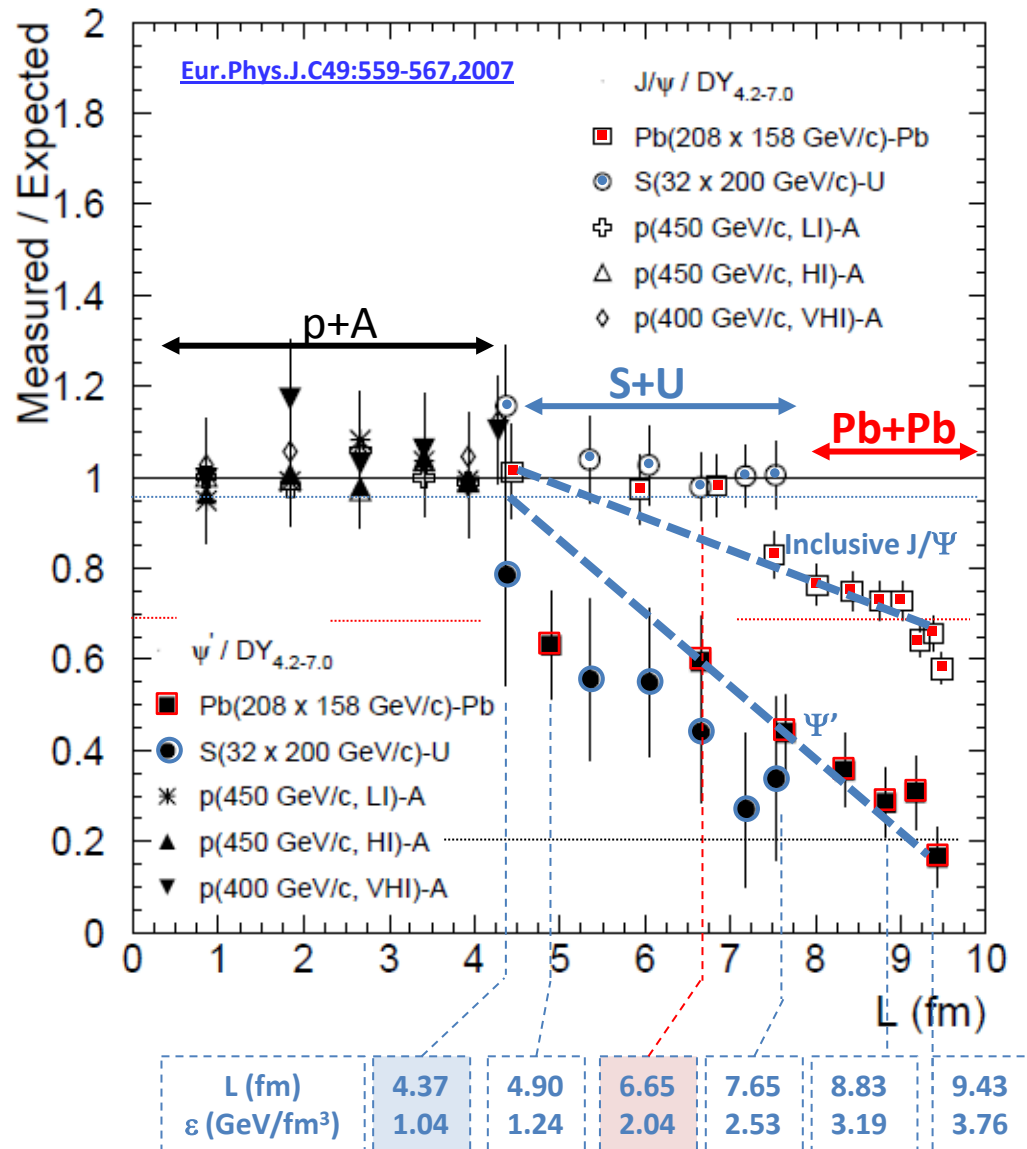
If comovers at work → **smooth suppression**
(reminder: If QGP at work → **threshold effect**)

Experimentally,

- Ψ' suppression pattern slightly steeper than J/Ψ one (theoretically $\sigma_{J/\Psi-co} \leq \sigma_{\Psi'-co}$)
- If comovers at work, χ_c suppression pattern should stand within Ψ' and J/Ψ suppression patterns

Conclusion

Need to measure χ_c pattern to test comovers scenario

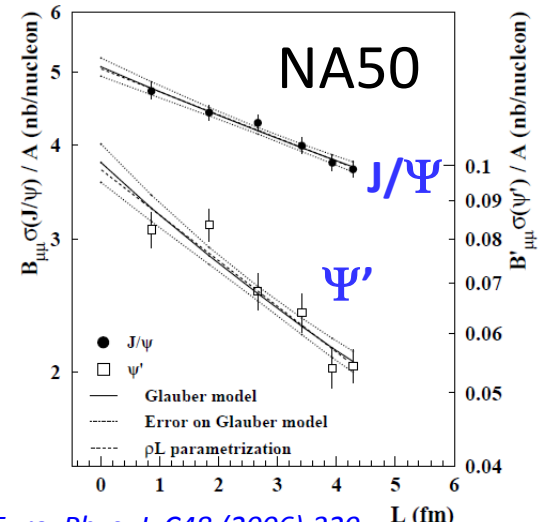


- Benchmark 2: Measure charmonium in p+A at SPS**

J/Ψ and Ψ' suppression in p+A collisions as a function of L



→ Measuring different charmonium states gives key information on Cold Nuclear Matter and production mechanism.

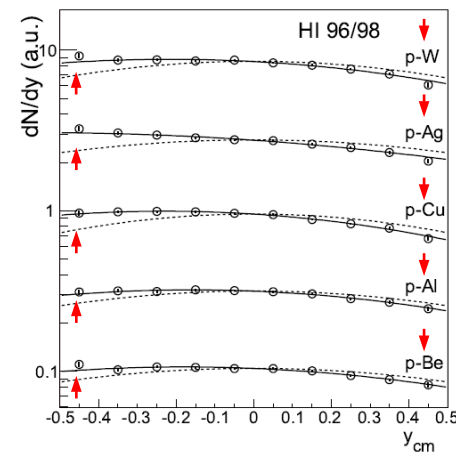


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J/Ψ rapidity distribution in p+A collisions (asymetry wrt $y_{cm}=0$)



→ Measuring charmonium in a wide x_F range is important to identify possible (anti)shadowing effects

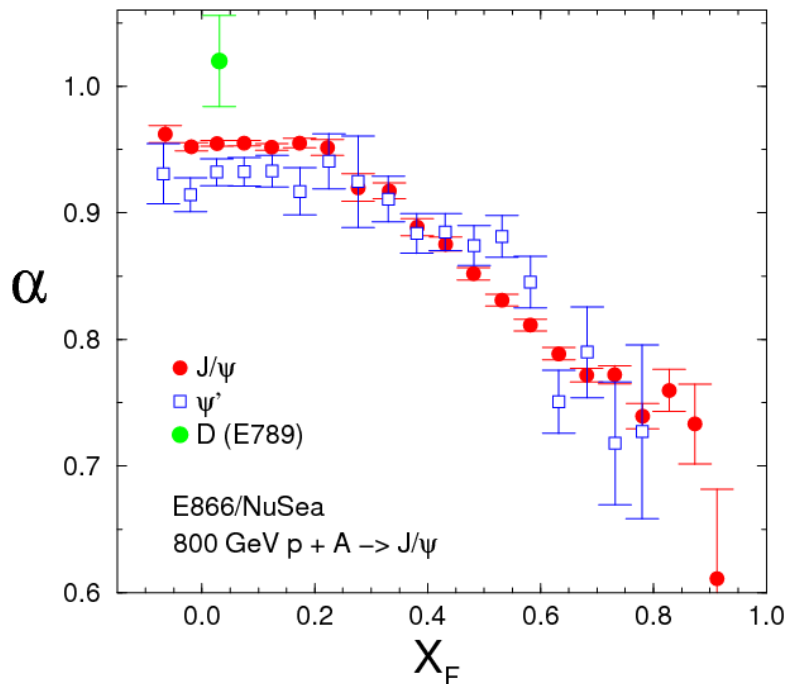


- **Measure charmonium in p+A at SPS**

➔ **Measuring charmonium in a wide x_F range is important to estimate possible (anti)shadowing effects**

$$\sigma_A = \sigma_p * A^\alpha$$

E866, Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 3256-3260 (2000)



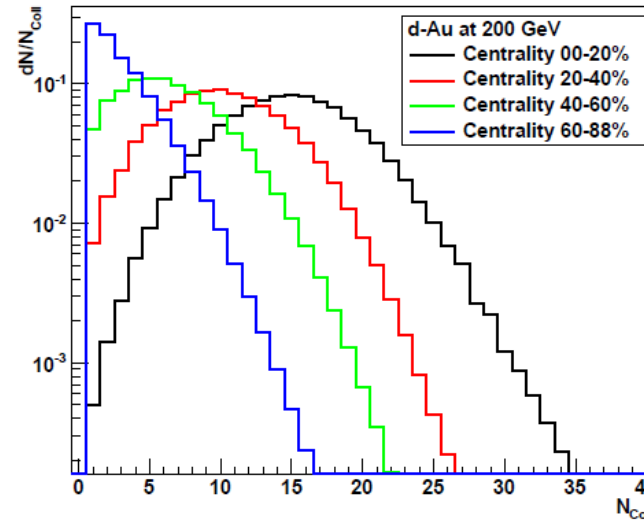
$$x_F = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{s}} \sinh y_{CMS}$$

With $M=3.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $\sqrt{s}=17.2 \text{ GeV}$ (158 GeV)
 $x_F = 1 \rightarrow y_{CMS} = 1.7$

With $M=3.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $\sqrt{s}=29.1 \text{ GeV}$ (450 GeV)
 $x_F = 1 \rightarrow y_{CMS} = 2.2$
 $y_{CMS}=2 \rightarrow x_F = 0.8$

Possible to access large x_F if measuring charmonia at rapidity up to $y_{CMS} \sim 2$

- **Cold Nuclear Matter studies**
 - Must be performed in p+A collisions
 - The more A versatility, the better
- **Collider mode**
 - Difficult to operate many A systems (for instance, since 2000, Phenix operated d+Au collisions only) → studies as a function of centrality
 - Constraints:
 1. **Centrality bin limitation:** due to the “small” number of particle produced in p+A, cannot make as many centrality bins as in A+A collisions
 2. **Glauber uncertainty :** $\langle N_{coll} \rangle$.vs.centricity through Glauber calculation → uncertainty on $\langle N_{coll} \rangle$ (~7% for Phenix)
- **Fixed target mode**
 - Easy to operate many A systems
 - No bin limitation
 - No Glauber uncertainties



Phenix d+Au centrality bins
[arXiv:1204.0777](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.0777)

Collider mode:

$$R_{pA} = \frac{dN_{pA}^{J/\Psi}}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN_{pp}^{J/\Psi}} \times \frac{dN_{pp}^{MB}}{dN_{pA}^{MB}}$$

centrality	$\langle N_{coll} \rangle$
0-20%	15.1 ± 1.0
20-40%	10.2 ± 0.7
40-60%	6.6 ± 0.4
60-88%	3.2 ± 0.2

Fixed target mode:
$$R_{pA} = \frac{\sigma_{pA}^{J/\Psi}}{A \sigma_{pp}^{J/\Psi}}$$