



Measurement of the Υ production in heavy-ion collisions at the top RHIC energy with the STAR detector

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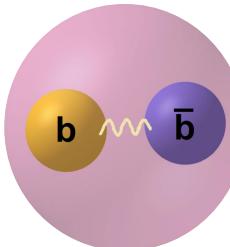
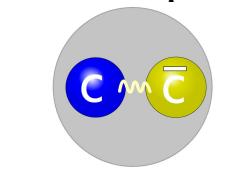
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Outline

- Physics motivation
- STAR detector
- γ measurement in Au+Au and isobar ($^{96}_{40}\text{Zr} + ^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$ & $^{96}_{44}\text{Ru} + ^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$) collisions
- Comparison with LHC results and theoretical calculations
- Summary

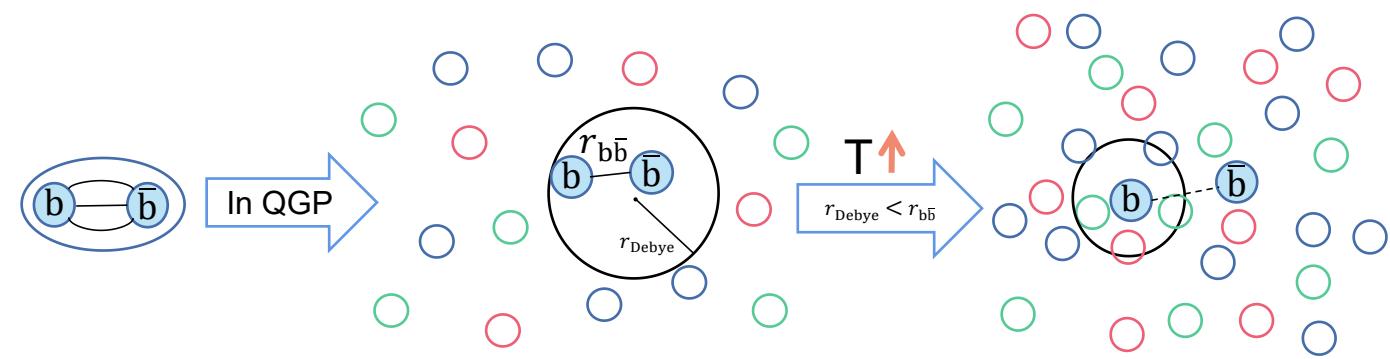
Physics motivation

- Heavy quarks produced via initial hard scatterings
→ Imprint the entire evolution history of QGP
- Quarkonium suppression due to the color-screening effect was proposed as a direct evidence of the QGP formation
T. Matsui, H. Satz, Phys. Lett. B178 (1986) 416
- Compared to charmonia, bottomonia are suggested as cleaner probes

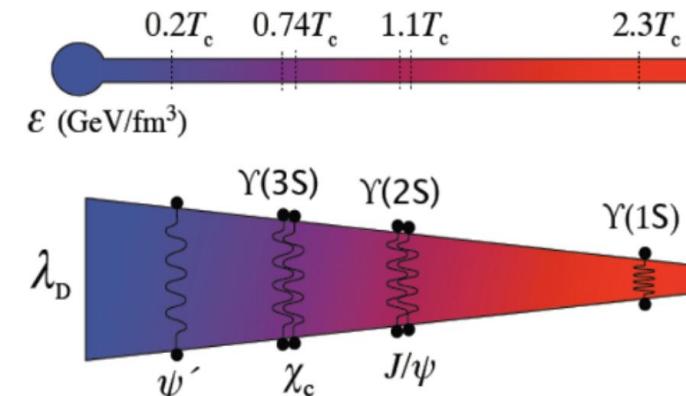


Other effects

- Sizable regeneration
- Negligible regeneration
- Sequential suppression -> "QGP thermometer"
- Cold nuclear matter (CNM)
- Medium-induced energy loss
- Feed-down

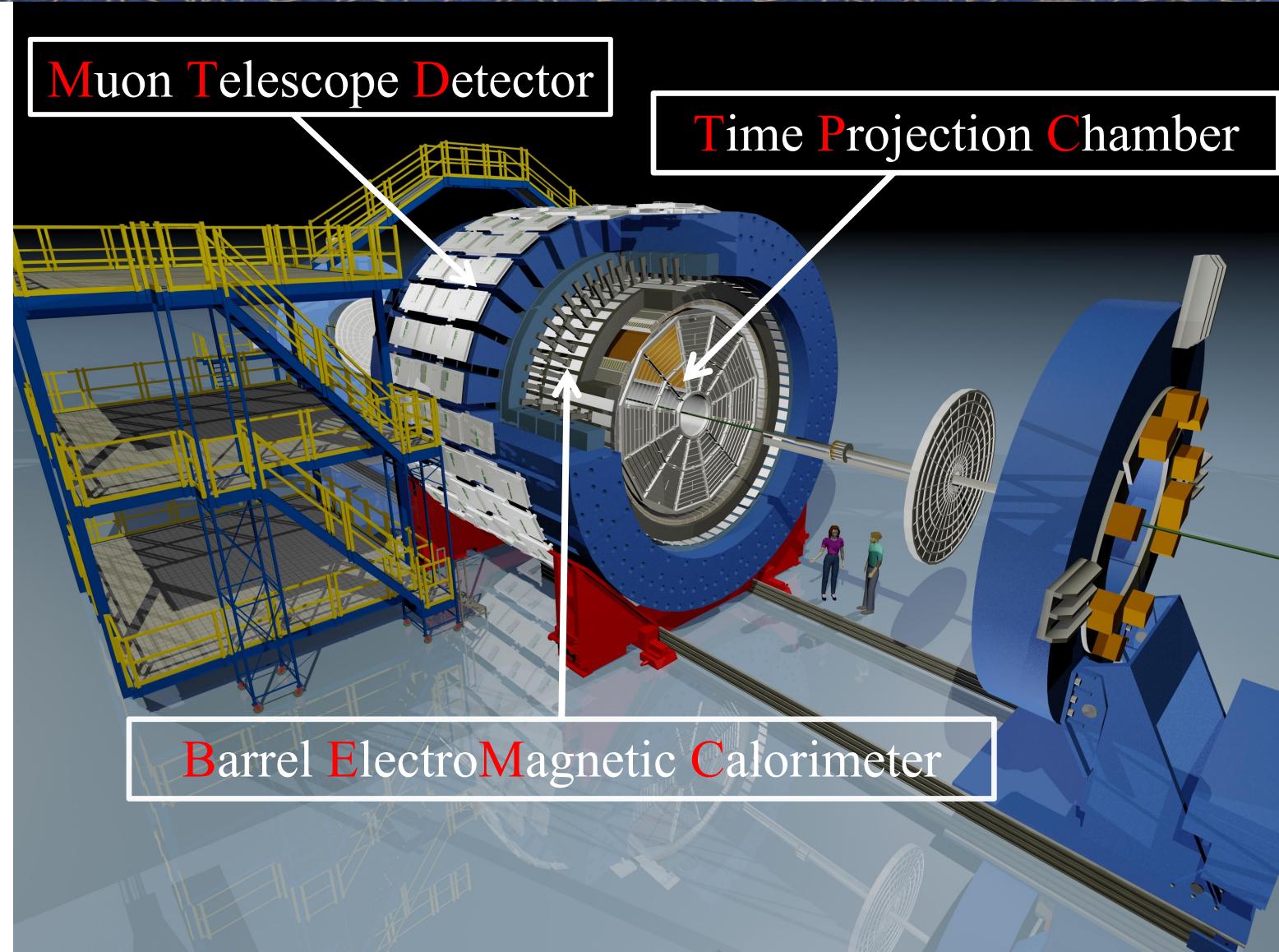


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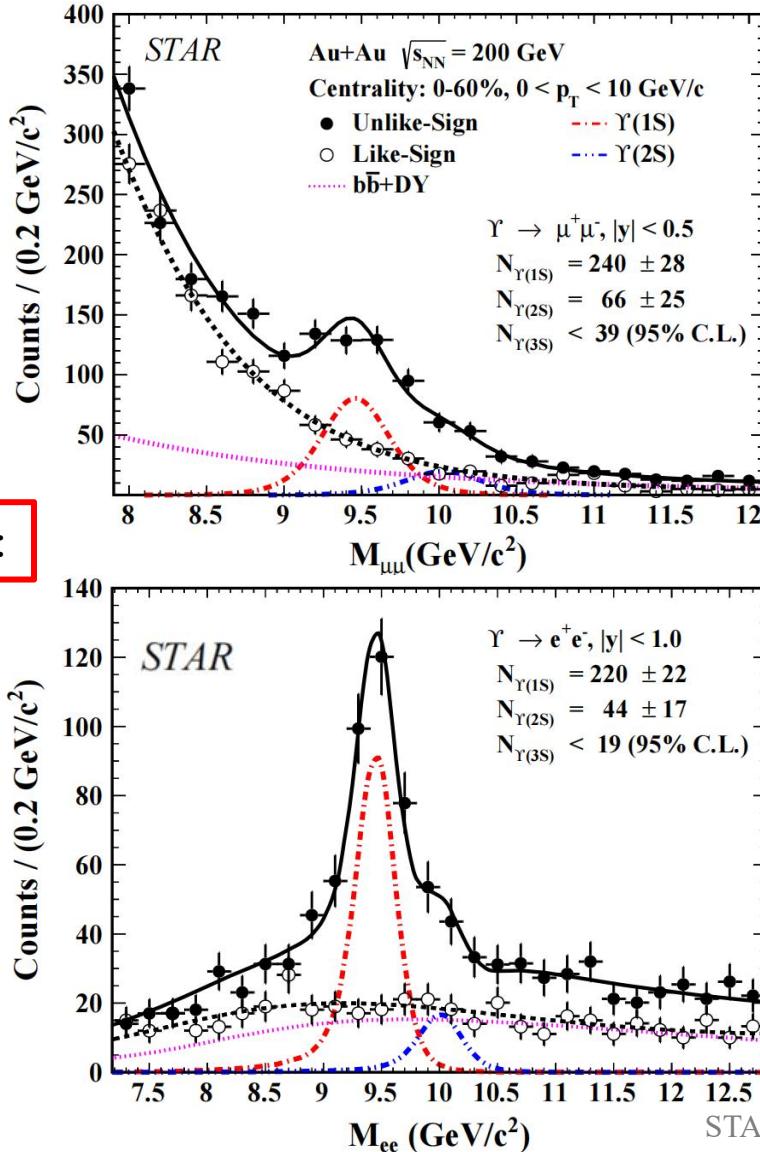
Alexei Bazavov *et al.* arXiv:1904.09951(2018)

STAR detector

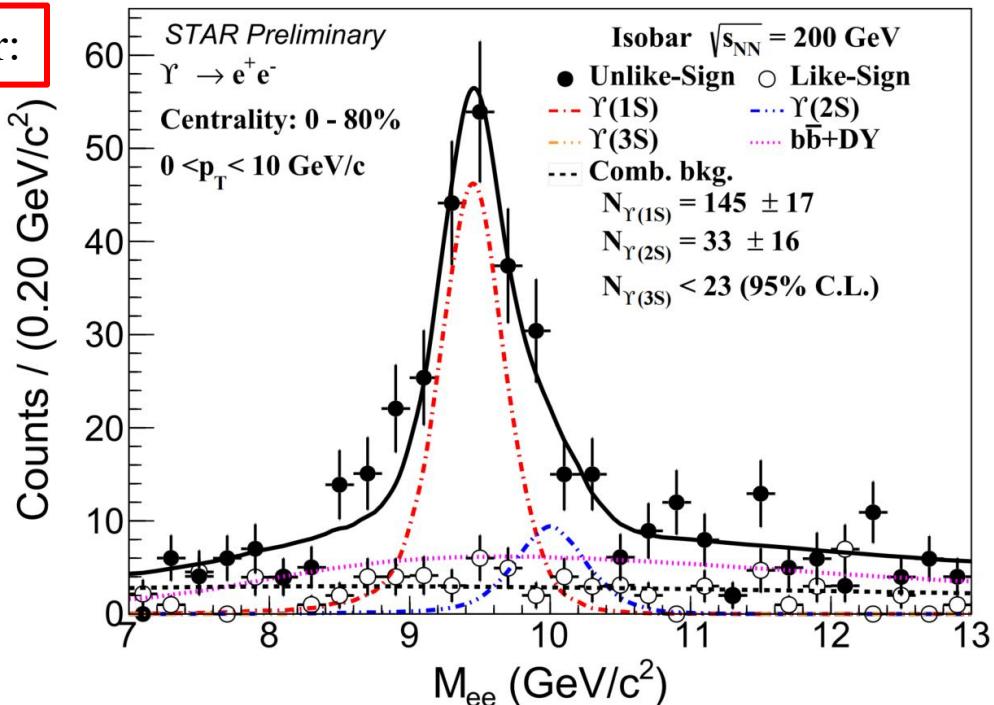


- TPC
 - $|\eta| < 1$
 - Tracking, momentum and energy loss
- BEMC
 - $|\eta| < 1$
 - Trigger on electron with $p_T > 3.5 \text{ GeV}$
 - Identify high- p_T electron
- MTD
 - $|\eta| < 0.5$
 - Trigger on muon with $p_T > 1.2 \text{ GeV}$
 - Identify muon

Signal extraction



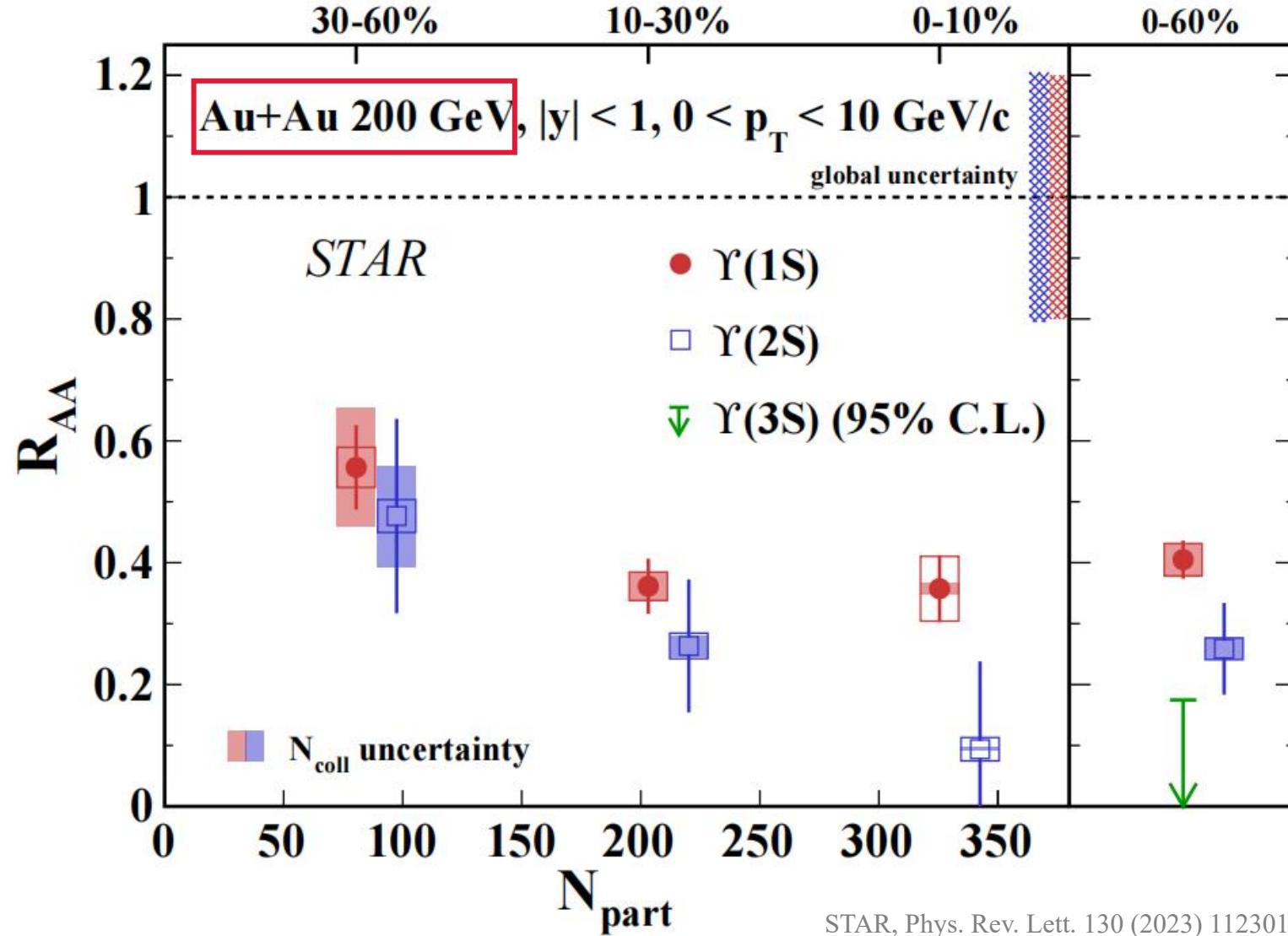
Isobar:



- Unbinned maximum-likelihood simultaneous fit to unlike-sign and like-sign mass distributions
- Template of each γ state — simulation with detector effects
- Residual background (dotted line) — Correlated $b\bar{b}$ + Drell-Yan background with its shape determined using Pythia 6
- Combinatorial Background (dashed line) — exponential function

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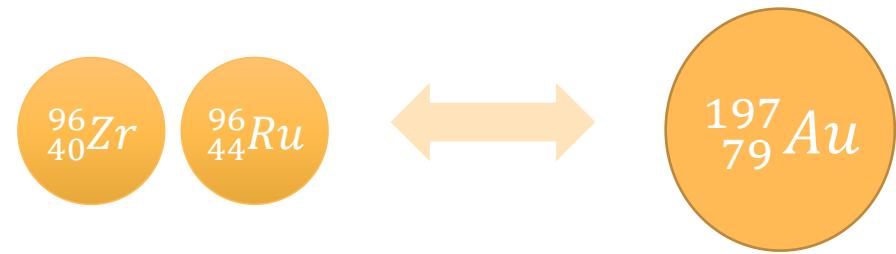
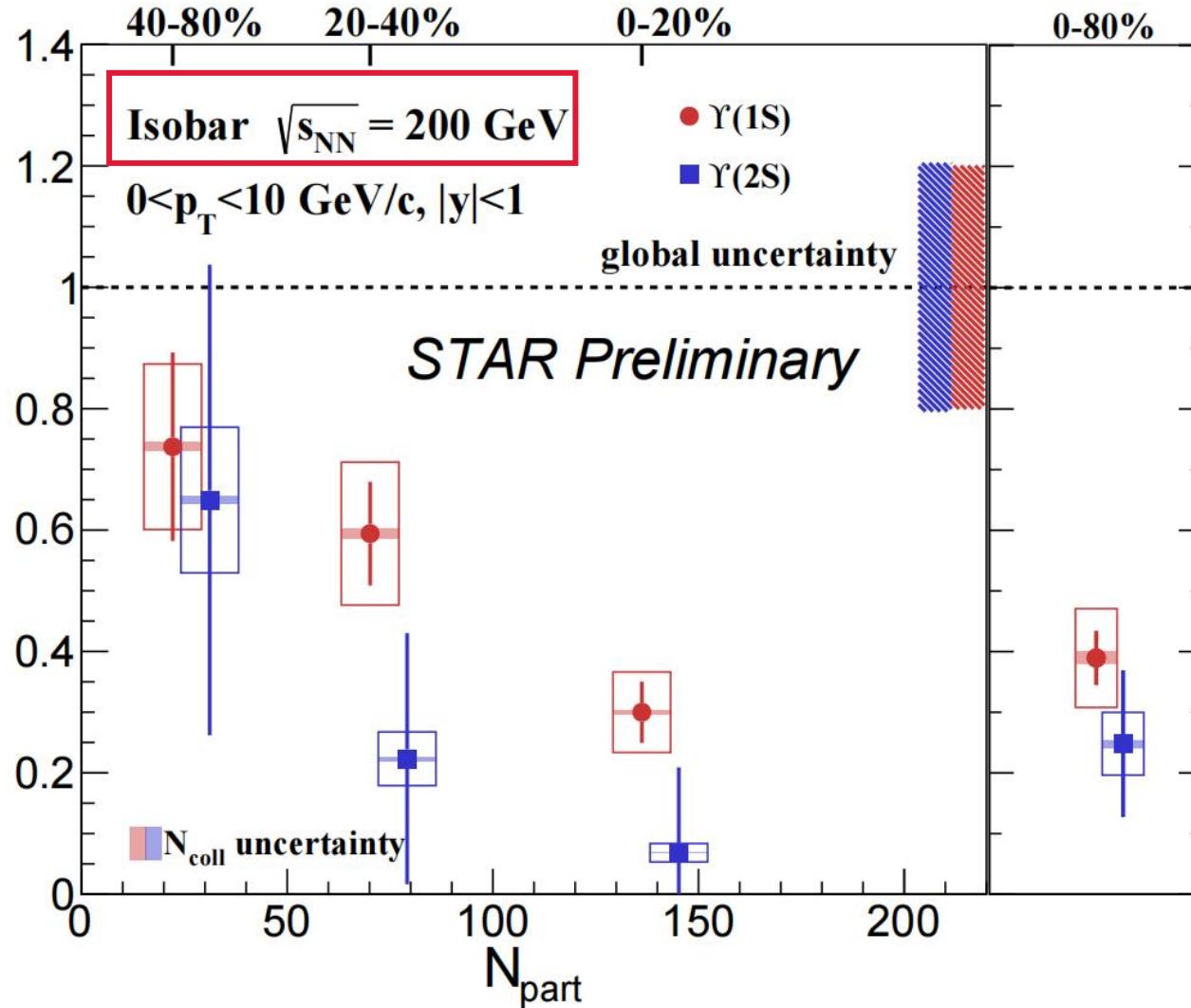
Centrality dependence of R_{AA} in Au+Au collisions



- Significant suppression for different γ states is observed
- Suppression gradually increase towards central collisions
- Results are consistent with sequential suppression pattern

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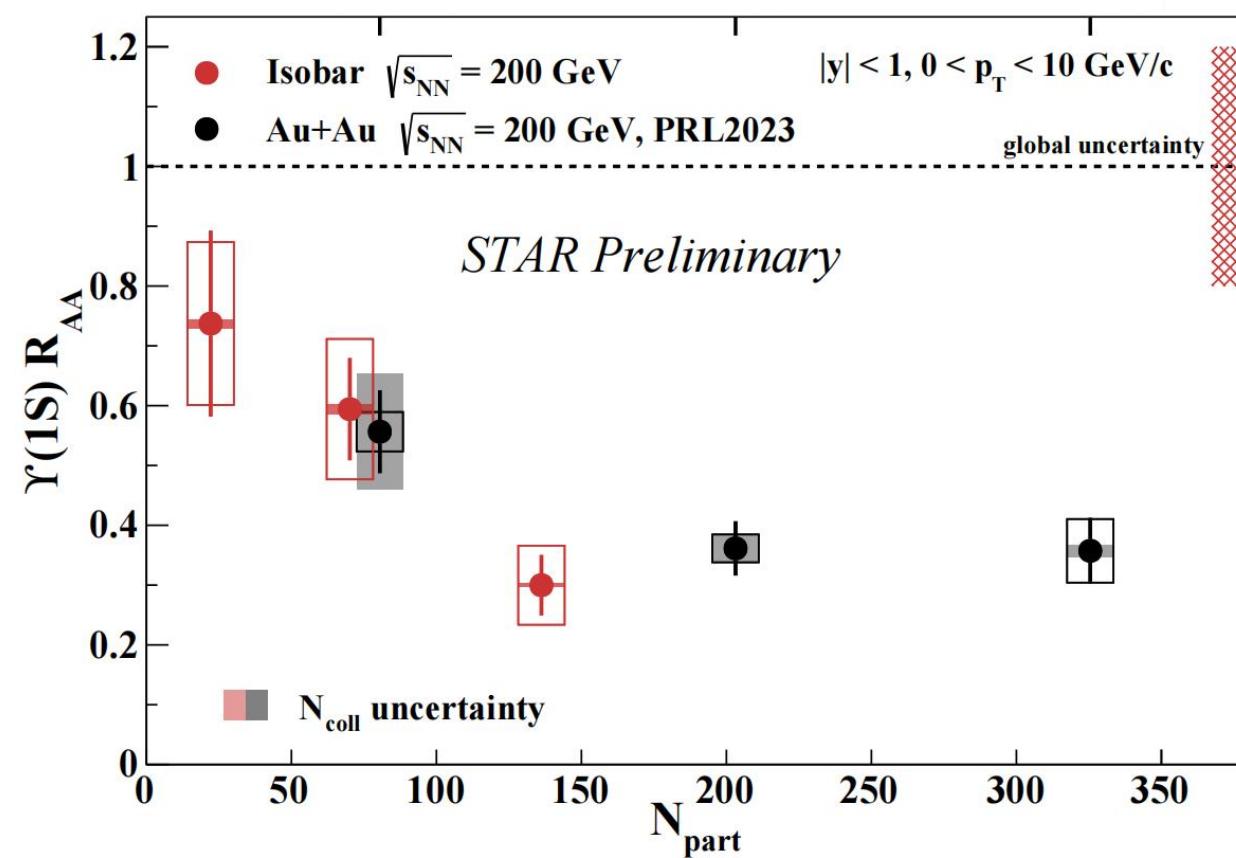
Centrality dependence of R_{AA} in isobar collisions



- Similar behavior observed in isobar collisions as in Au+Au collisions
 - Significant suppression in 0-80% isobar collisions
 - More suppression in central collision
 - Hint of sequential suppression pattern

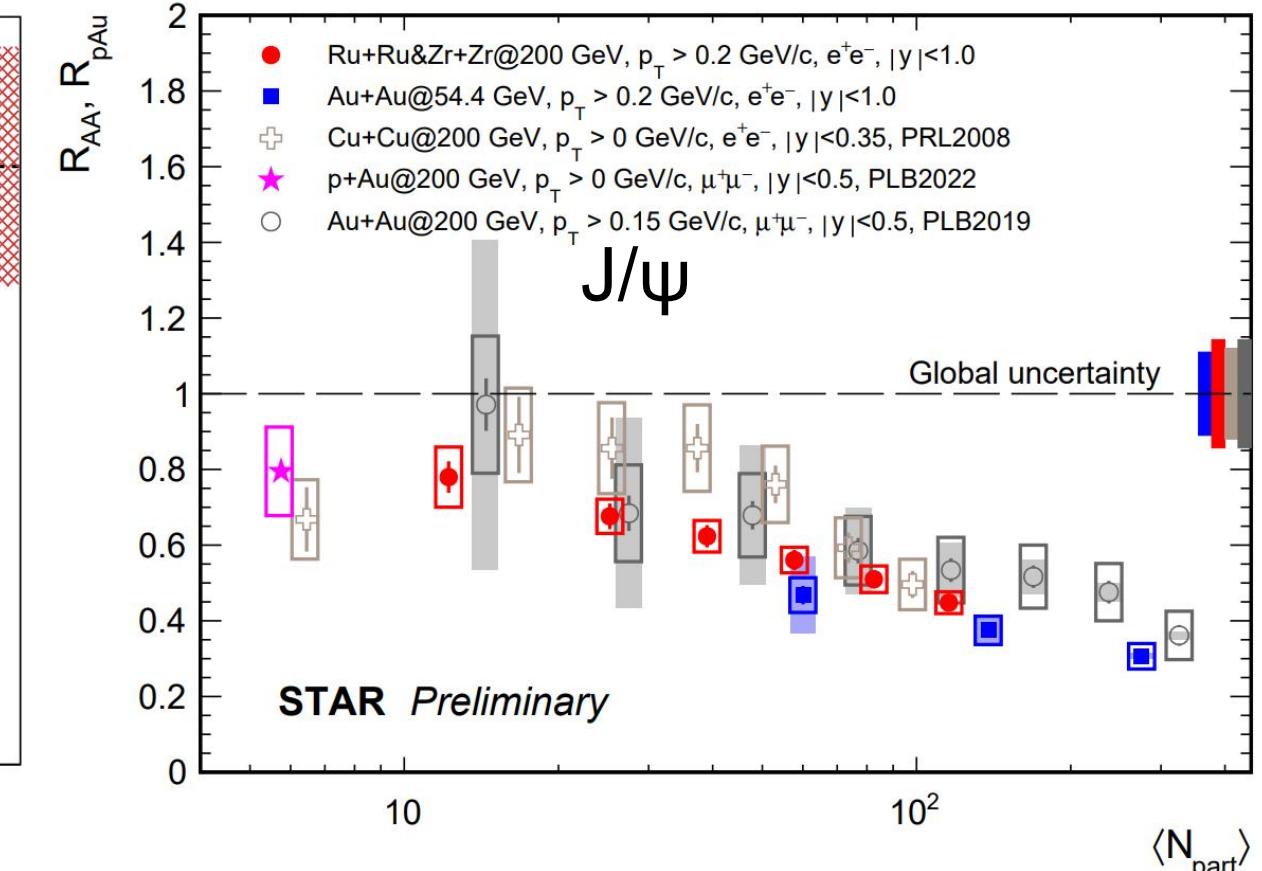
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System size dependence of R_{AA} at 200 GeV

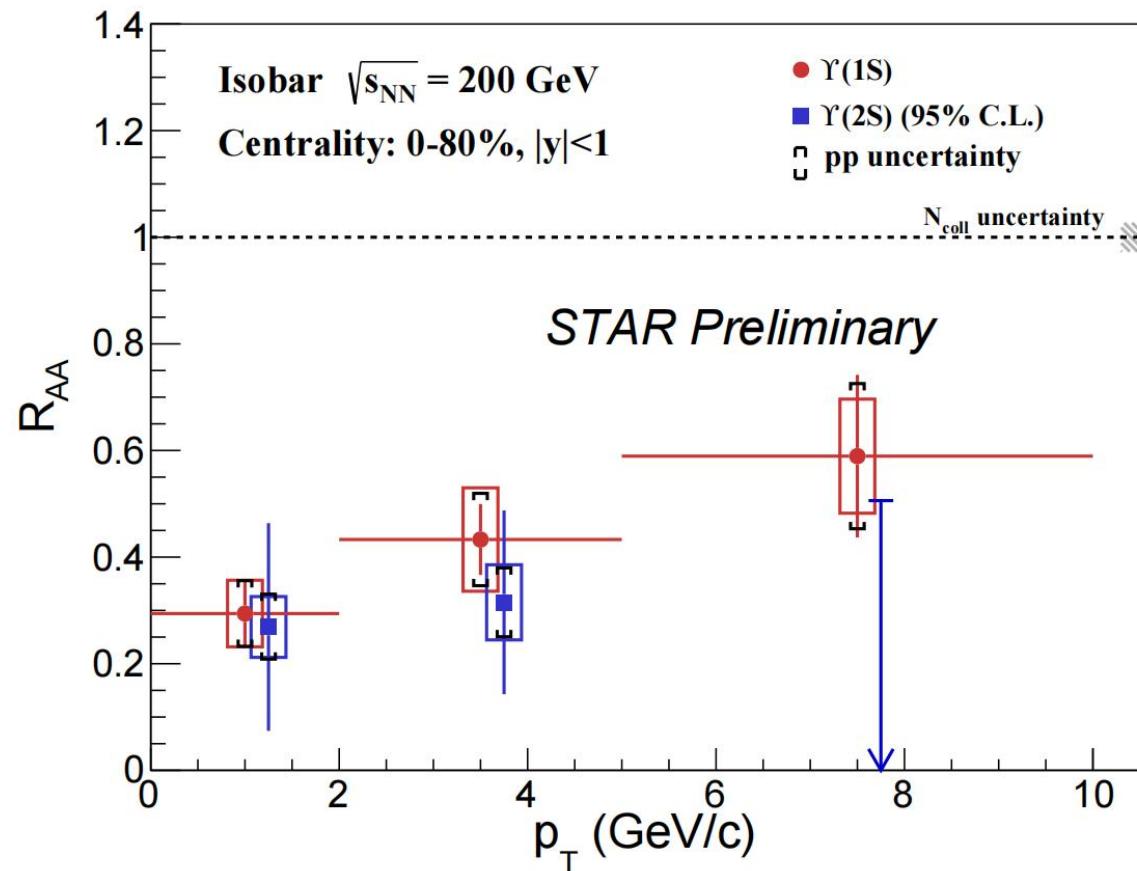
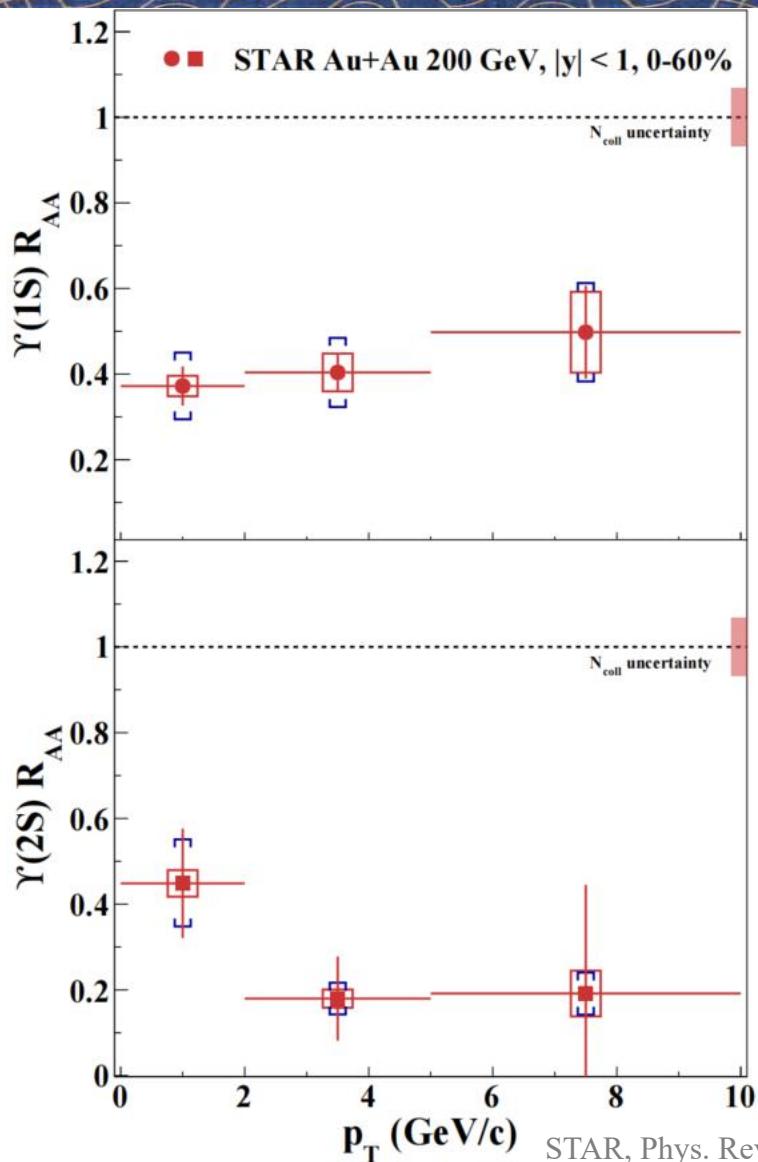


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No significant collision species dependence of the suppression at similar $\langle N_{part} \rangle$



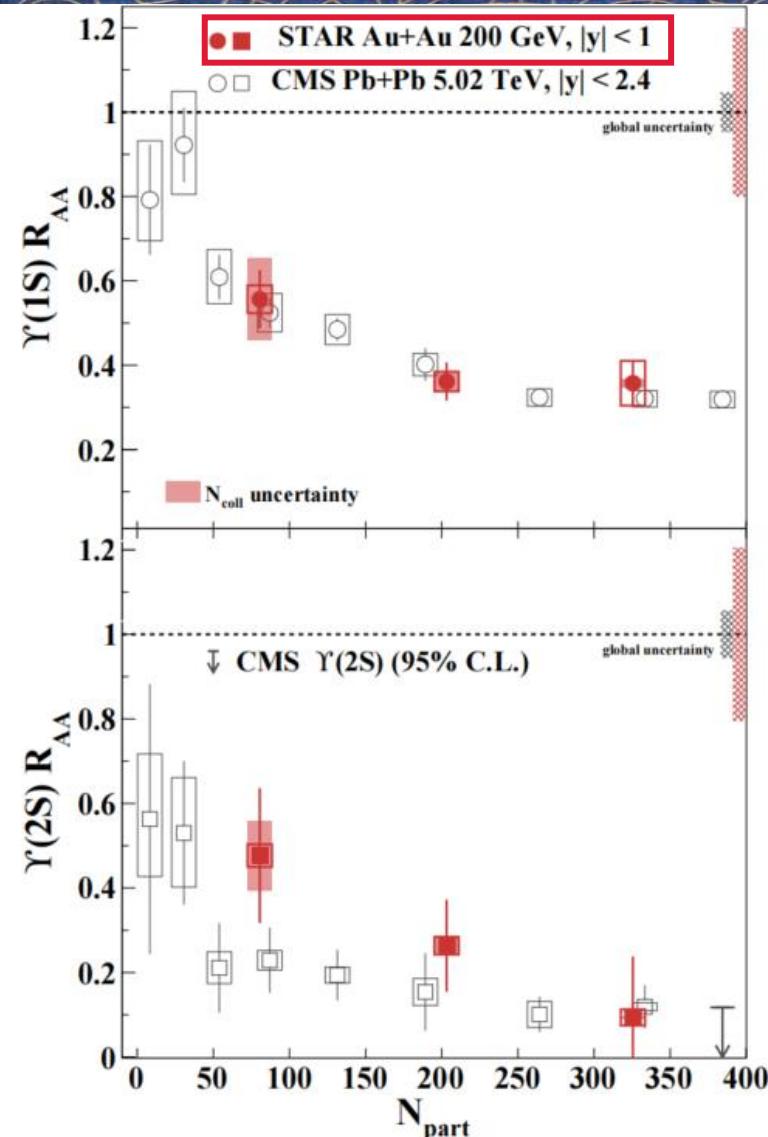
R_{AA} as a function of p_T



- No significant p_T dependence in Au+Au and isobar collisions
 - Hint of an increasing trend of $\gamma(1S) R_{AA}$ as a function p_T

Comparison with LHC results

- $\Upsilon(1S)$ exhibits a similar magnitude of suppression at RHIC and the LHC
- Hint of less suppression for $\Upsilon(2S)$ in peripheral Au+Au collision at RHIC



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 CMS, Phys. Lett. B790 (2019) 270–93.

Comparison with models

- **OQS+pNRQCD:**
dissociation+regeneration+feed-down

JHEP 05 (2021) 136.
arXiv 2205.10289 (2022).

- **Transport model:**
dissociation+regeneration + feed-down
+ CNM

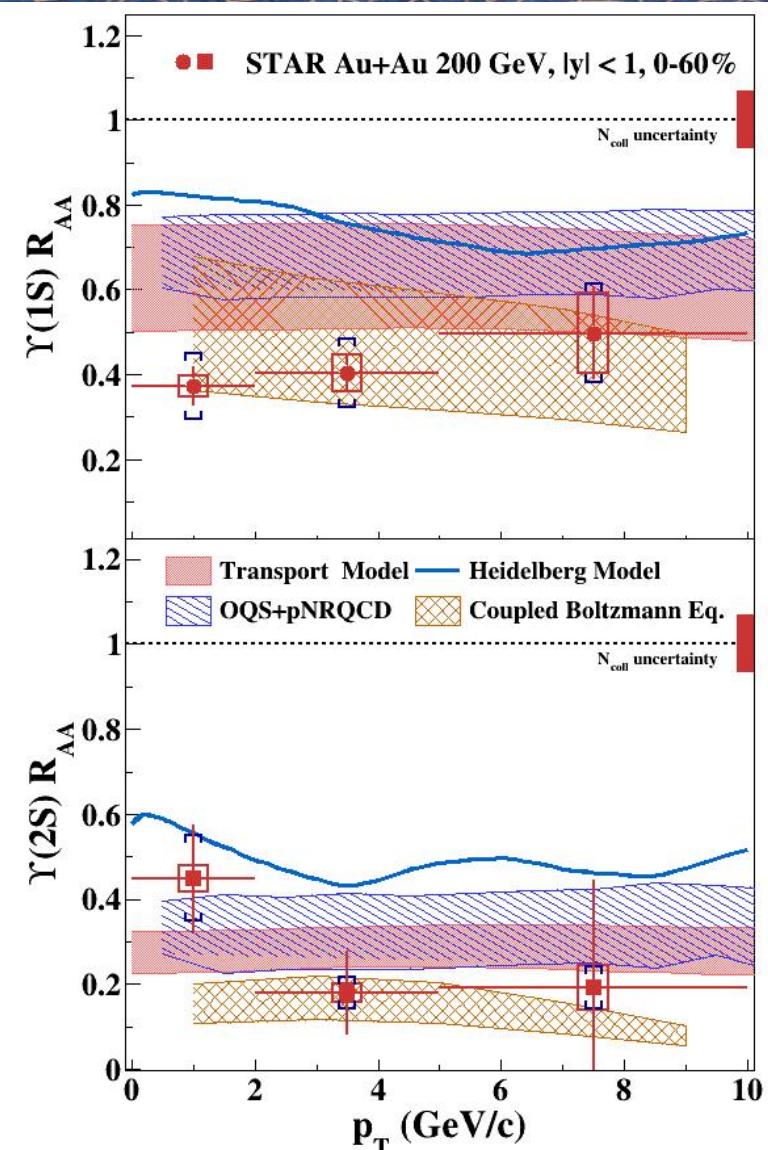
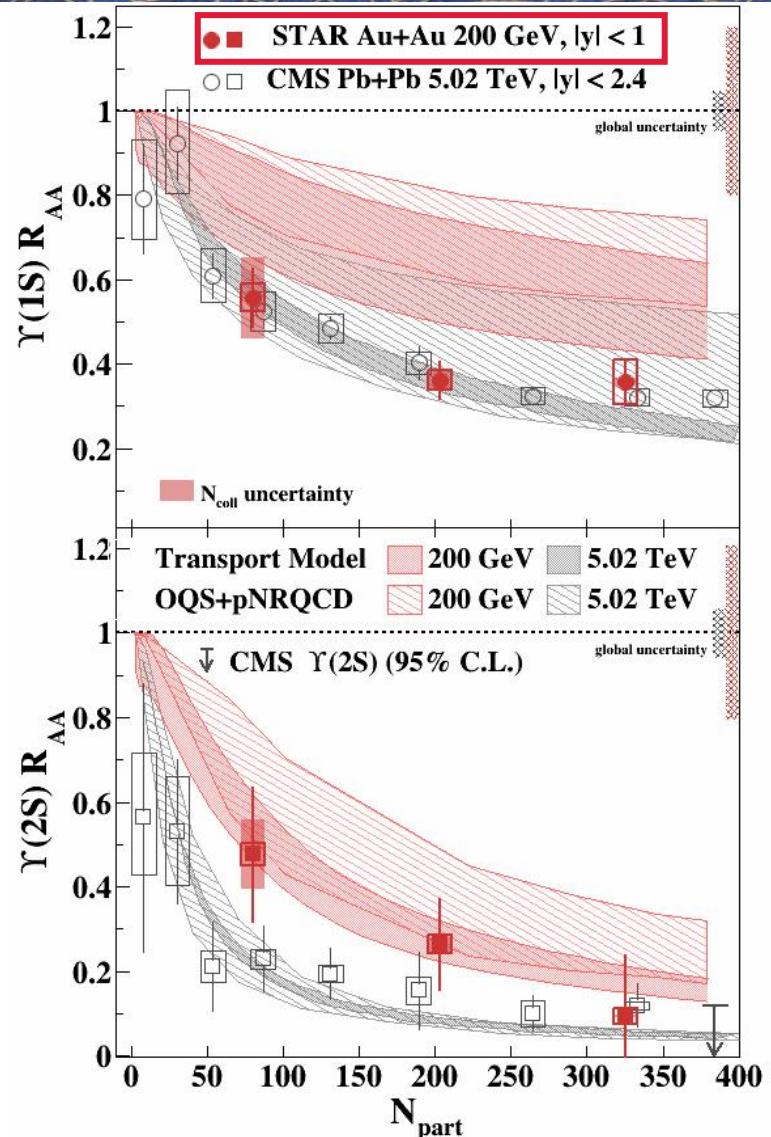
X. Du *et al.* Phys. Rev. C 96 (2017) 054901.

- **Coupled Boltzmann equations:** elastic and inelastic scatterings+correlated regeneration+CNM

➤ X. Yao *et al.* JHEP 01 (2021) 046.

- **Heidelberg model:** gluon-induced dissociation+feed-down.

J. Hoelck *et al.* Phys. Rev. C 95 (2017) 024905



Summary

- Different Υ states are measured separately in Au+Au and isobar collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
 - Consistent with sequential suppression pattern
 - No significant p_T dependence is observed
 - No significant species dependence at the same $\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$: suppression driven by system size
- $\Upsilon(1S)$ has a similar magnitude of suppression at RHIC as observed in Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$
- Different model calculations are consistent with data within the uncertainties

Thank you!