

# $\gamma$ measurements in p+p, p+Au and Au+Au collisions from the STAR experiment

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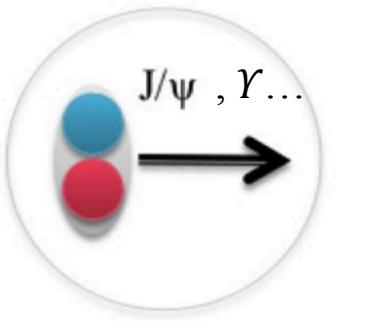
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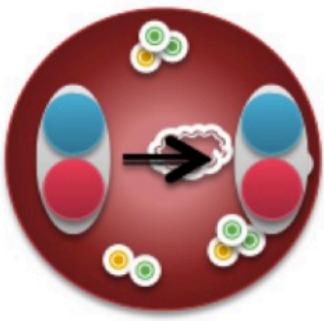
# Outline

- **Quarkonium as a probe of QGP**
- **STAR experiment**
- **New  $\Upsilon$  measurements at STAR in different systems:**
  - p+p 200 and 500 GeV
  - p+Au 200 GeV
  - Au+Au 200 GeV
- **Comparison with LHC results and model calculations**
- **Summary and outlook**

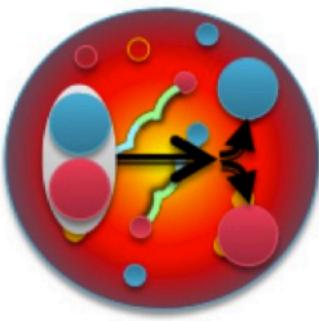
# Quarkonia as a thermometer for QGP



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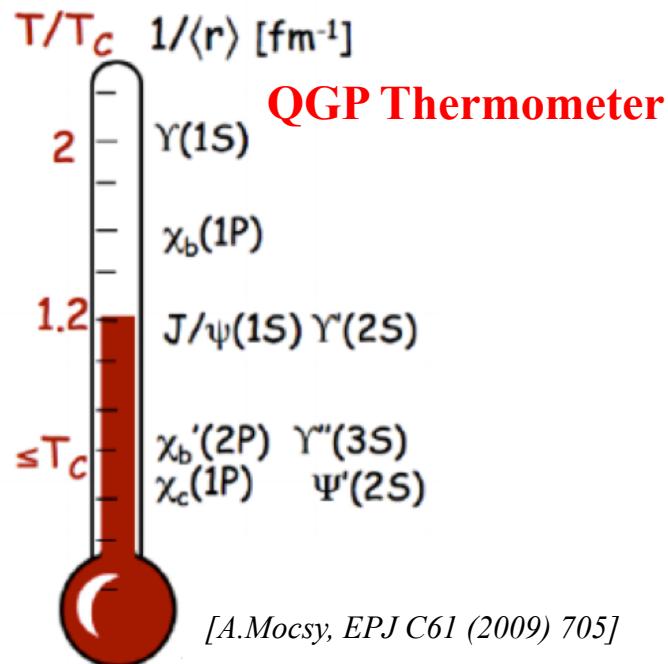


$0 < T < T_c$



$T_c < T$

Illustration: A. Rothkopf



[A. Mocsy, EPJ C61 (2009) 705]

**Quarkonia melt in QGP due to color screening effect**

----- T.Matsui and H. Satz (1986)

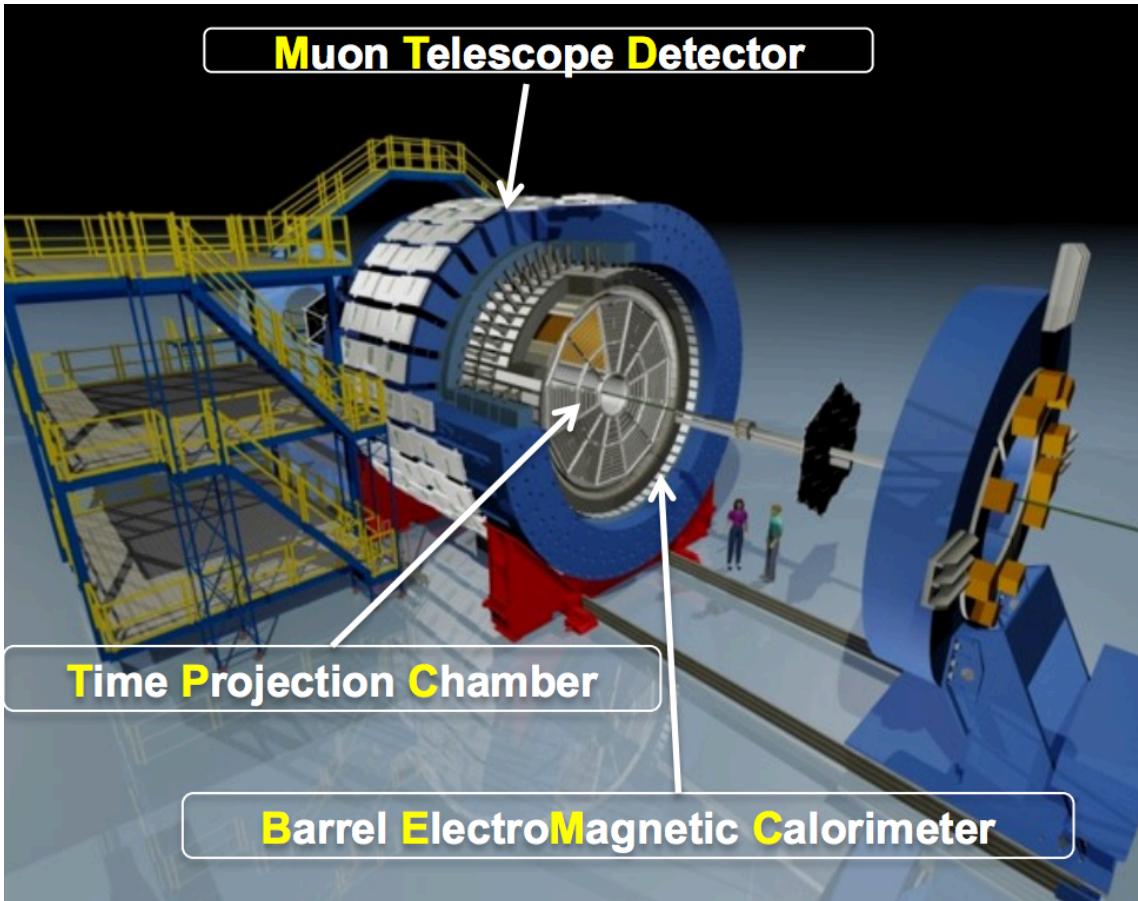
**Bottomonia, compared to charmonia at RHIC:**

- Regeneration is negligible  
[A. Emerick, X. Zhao & R. Rapp EPJA48 (2012) 72]
- Co-mover absorption is negligible  
[Lin & Ko, PLB 503 (2001) 104]

→ a cleaner probe

# The Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC (STAR)

- Mid-rapidity detector:  $|\eta| < 1$ ,  $0 < \phi < 2\pi$



## ➤ TPC

- Tracking, momentum
- $dE/dx$

## ➤ BEMC

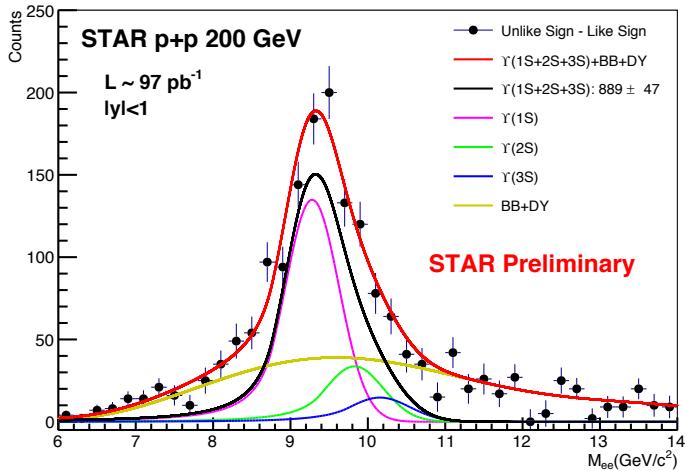
- Trigger on and identify electrons
- $p/E$

## ➤ MTD ( $|\eta| < 0.5$ , $\phi \sim 45\%$ )

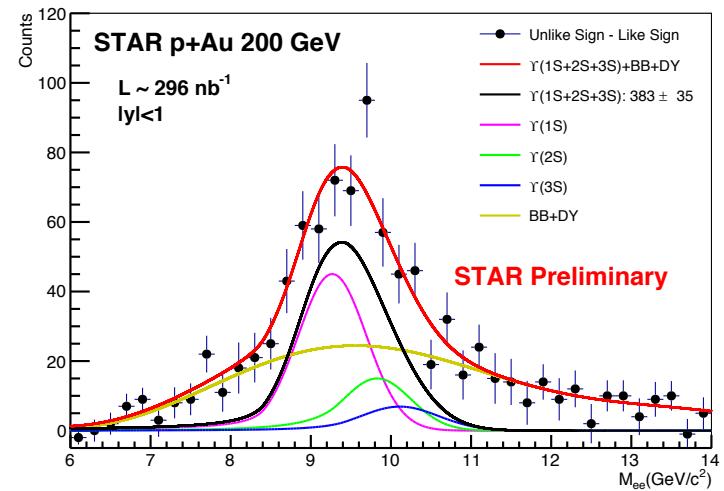
- Trigger on and identify muons
- Precise timing (~100 ps)
  - Spatial resolution (~1 cm)
  - Dimuon trigger for quarkonia
  - Less Bremsstrahlung

# $\gamma$ signals in p+p and p+Au collisions

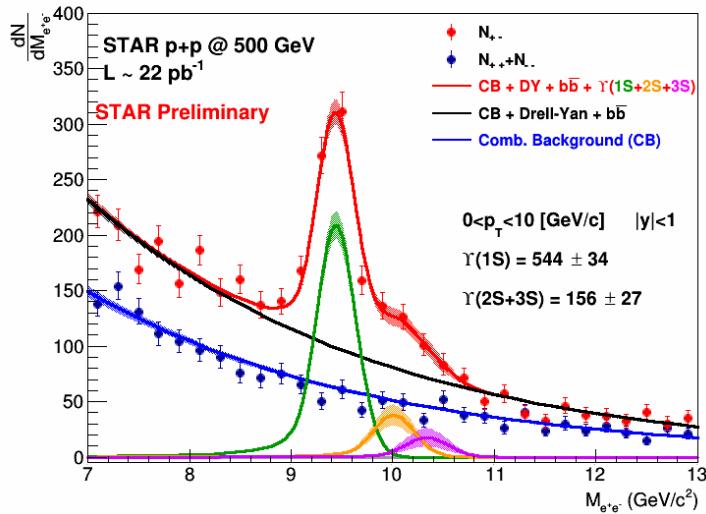
$\gamma$  signal in 2015 p+p 200 GeV



$\gamma$  signal in 2015 p+Au 200 GeV



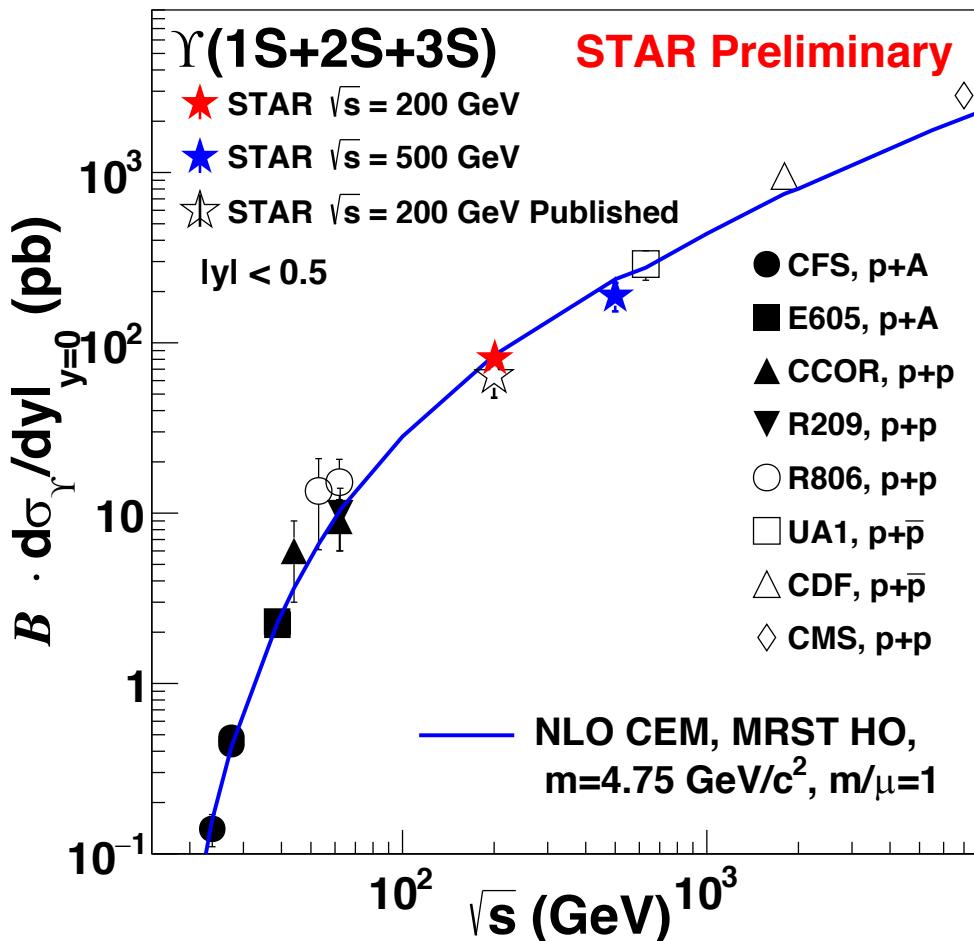
$\gamma$  signal in 2011 p+p 500 GeV



Datasets (dielectron):

- 2011 p+p 500 GeV ( $\sim 20 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )
- 2015 p+p 200 GeV ( $\sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )
- 2015 p+Au 200 GeV ( $\sim 300 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )

# $\gamma$ in p+p collisions at 200 and 500 GeV

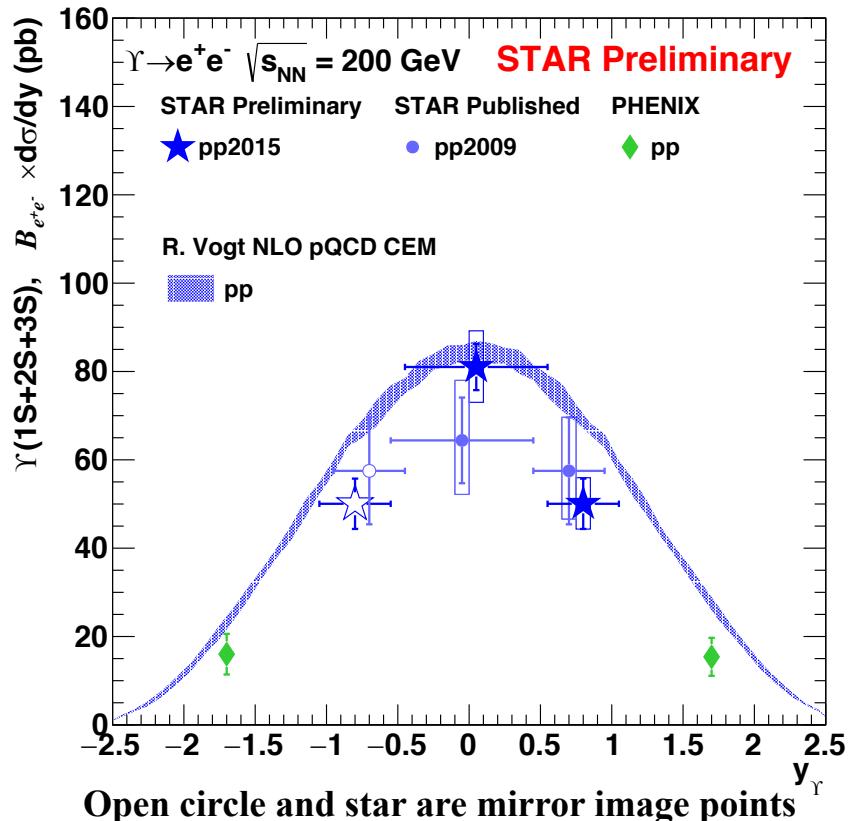


- STAR published ( $|\gamma| < 0.5$ )
  - 2009 p+p 200 GeV:  
 **$64 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 14(\text{syst})$  pb**  
STAR: PLB 735 (2014) 127
- New results ( $|\gamma| < 0.5$ )
  - 2015 p+p 200 GeV:  
 **$81 \pm 5(\text{stat}) \pm 8(\text{syst})$  pb**
  - 2011 p+p 500 GeV:  
 **$186 \pm 14(\text{stat}) \pm 33(\text{syst})$  pb**

New measurements in p+p collisions at 200 and 500 GeV

- Follow world-wide data trend predicted by CEM
- Much improved p+p reference for p+Au and Au+Au studies

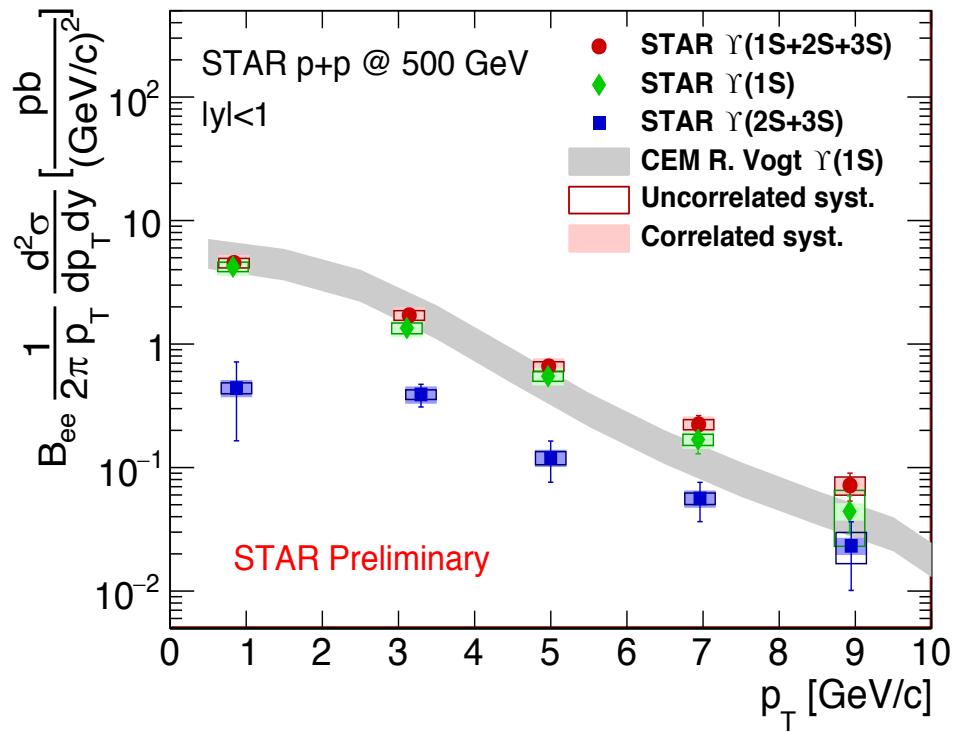
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[STAR: PLB 735 (2014) 127]

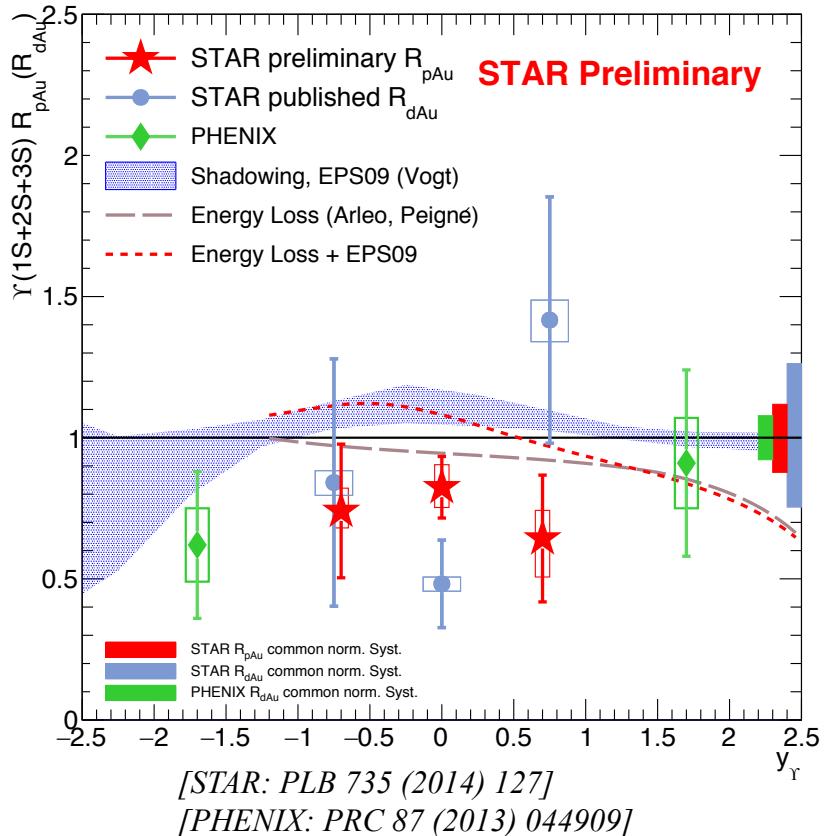
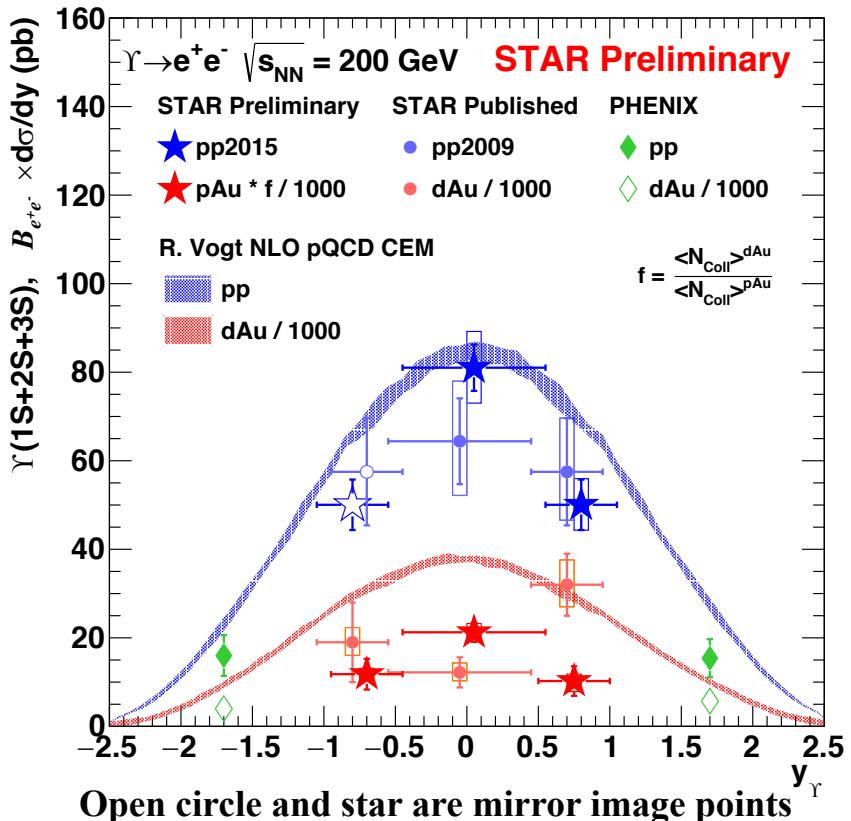
[PHENIX: PRC 87 (2013) 044909]

- p+p 200 GeV: narrower rapidity distribution than NLO CEM calculation
- p+p 500 GeV:  $\gamma(1S)$   $p_T$  spectrum consistent with NLO CEM calculation



[R. Vogt, PRC 92 (2015) 034909]

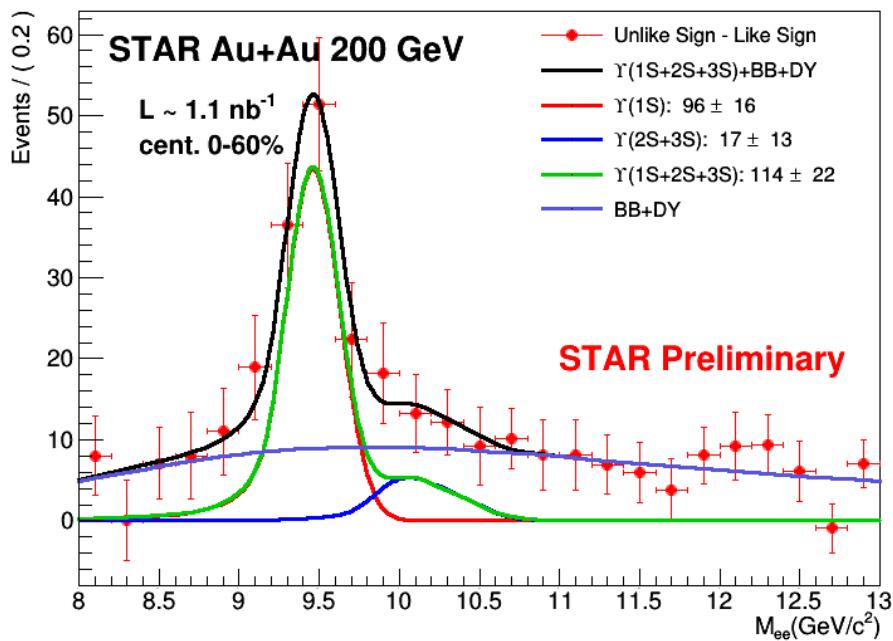
# $\gamma$ in p+p and p+Au collisions at 200 GeV



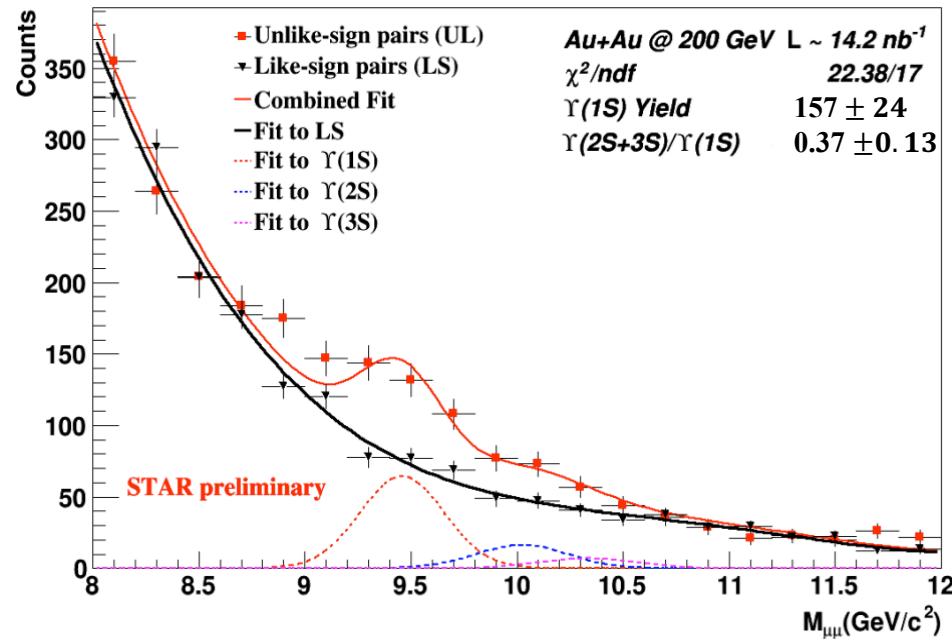
- Indication of  $\gamma(1S+2S+3S)$  suppression in p+Au collisions:
  - $R_{pAu}$  ( $|y| < 0.5$ ):  $0.82 \pm 0.10$  (stat)  $-0.07$  (syst)  $\pm 0.10$  (global)
- The new  $R_{pAu}$  has a much better precision than the published  $R_{dAu}$ 
  - $R_{dAu}$  ( $|y| < 0.5$ ):  $0.48 \pm 0.15$  (stat)  $\pm 0.02$  (syst)  $-0.12$   $+0.13$  (global)

# $\Upsilon$ signals in Au+Au collisions

$\Upsilon \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in 2011 Au+Au



$\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  in 2014 Au+Au

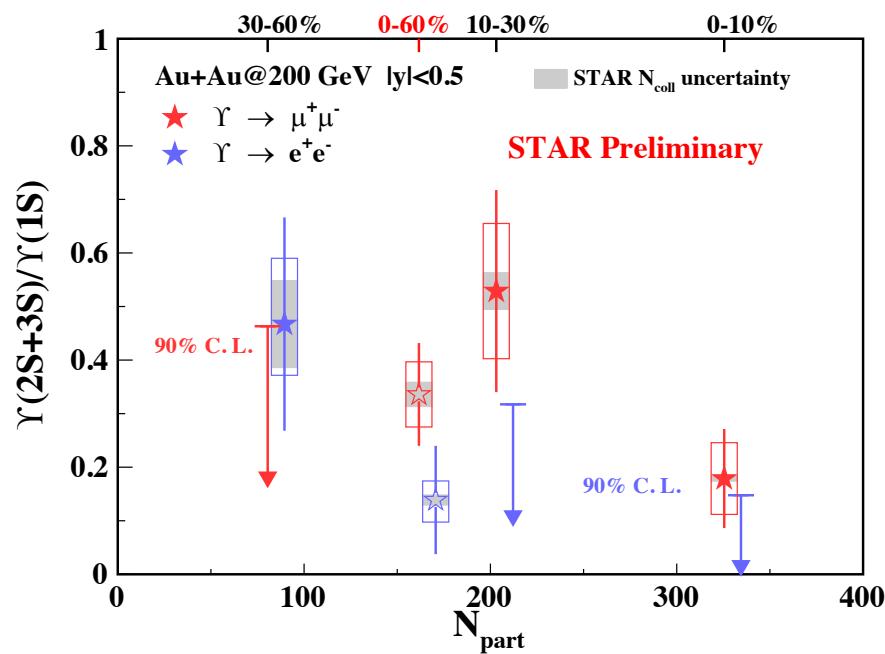
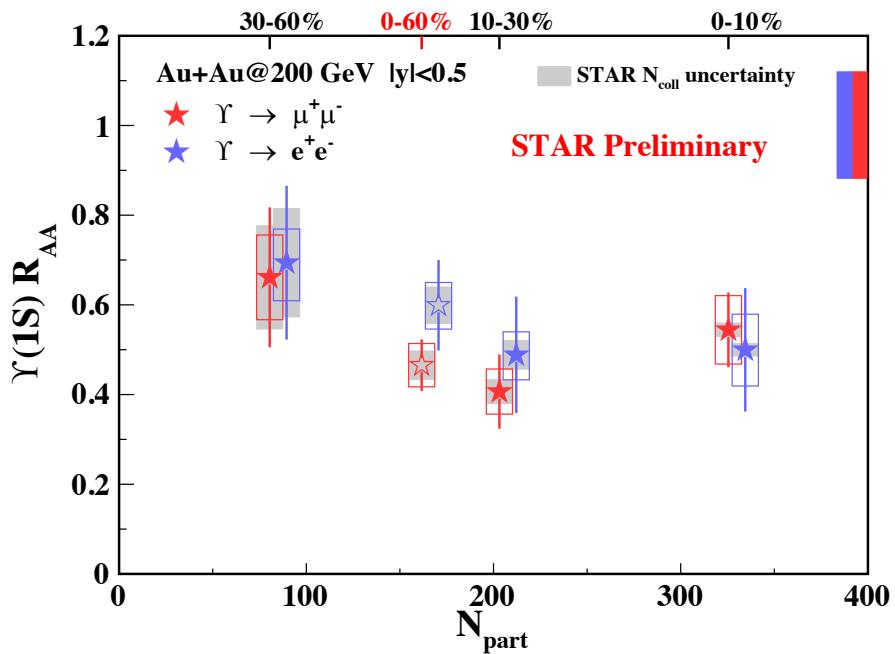


Details in Xinjie Huang's poster: board-D09

Datasets:

- 2011 Au+Au (dielectron) ( $\sim 1.1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )
- 2014 Au+Au (dimuon) ( $\sim 14 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )

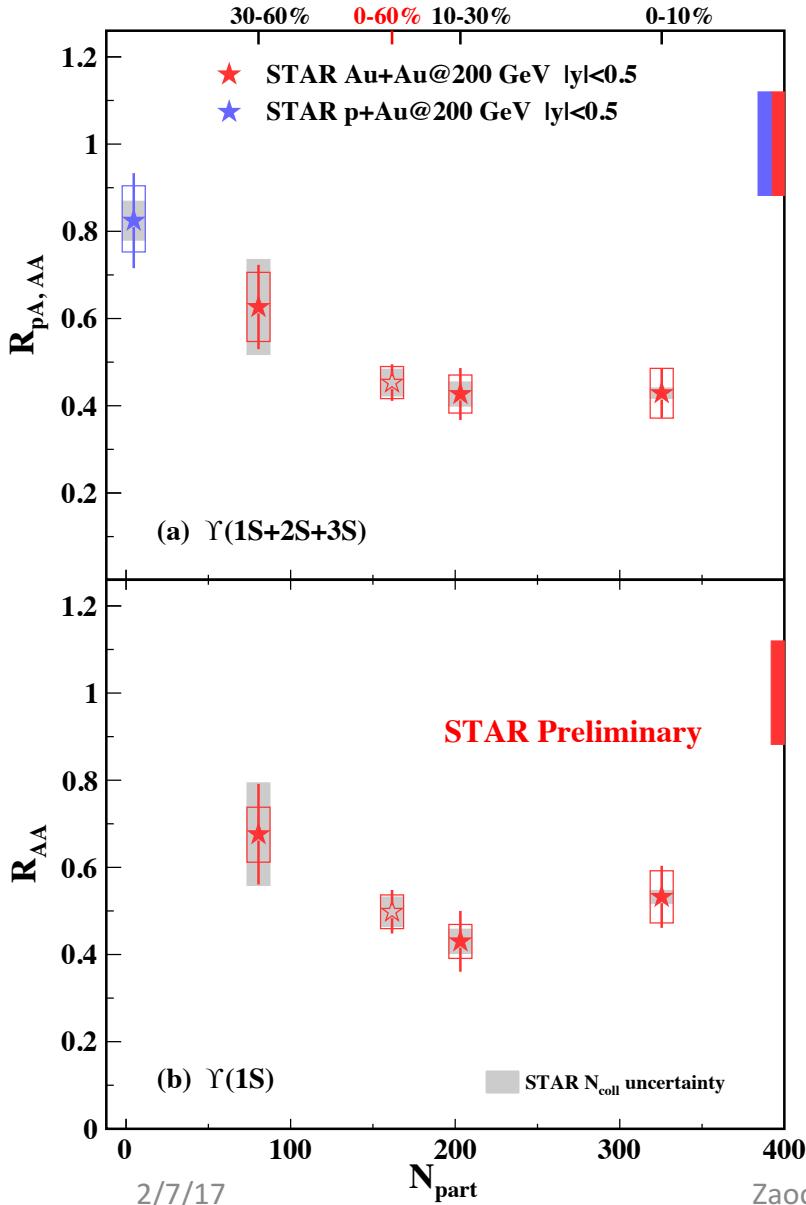
# Results from dielectron and dimuon channels



- Consistent between the dielectron and dimuon channels

→ Combination

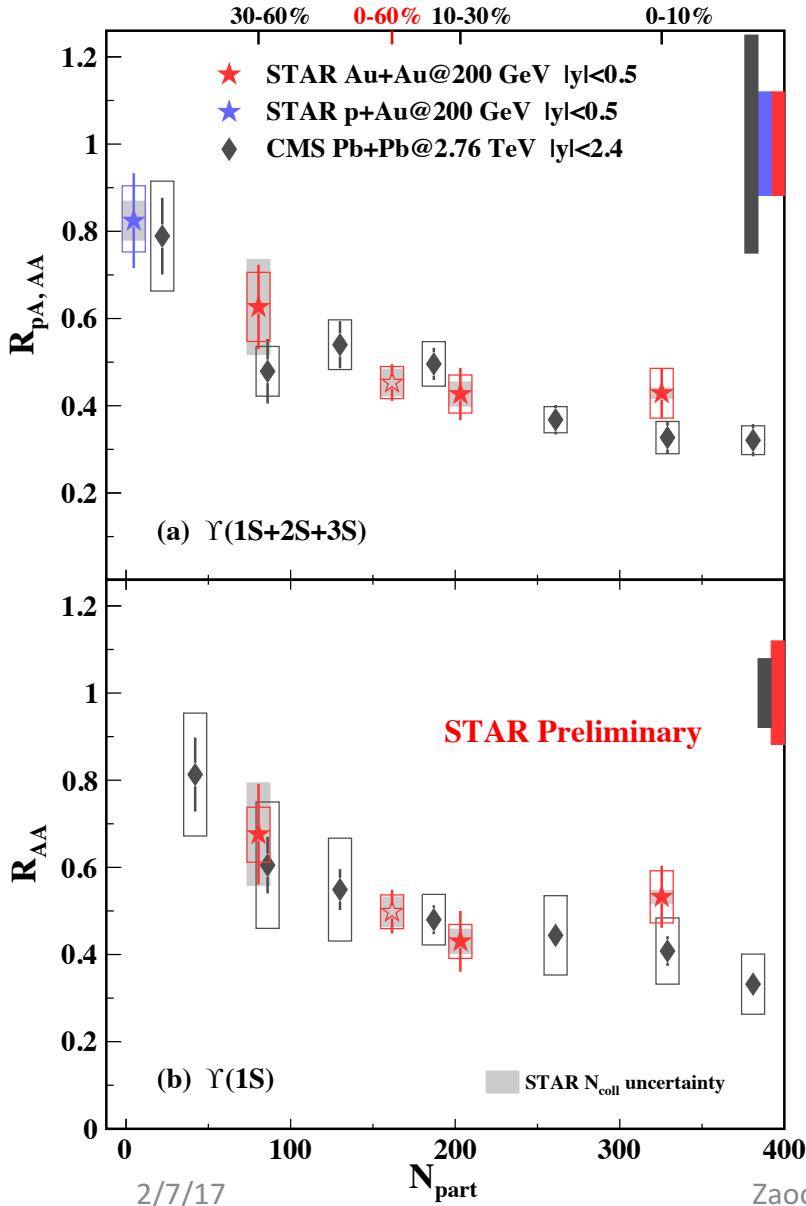
# $\gamma$ suppression in Au+Au collisions – STAR combined



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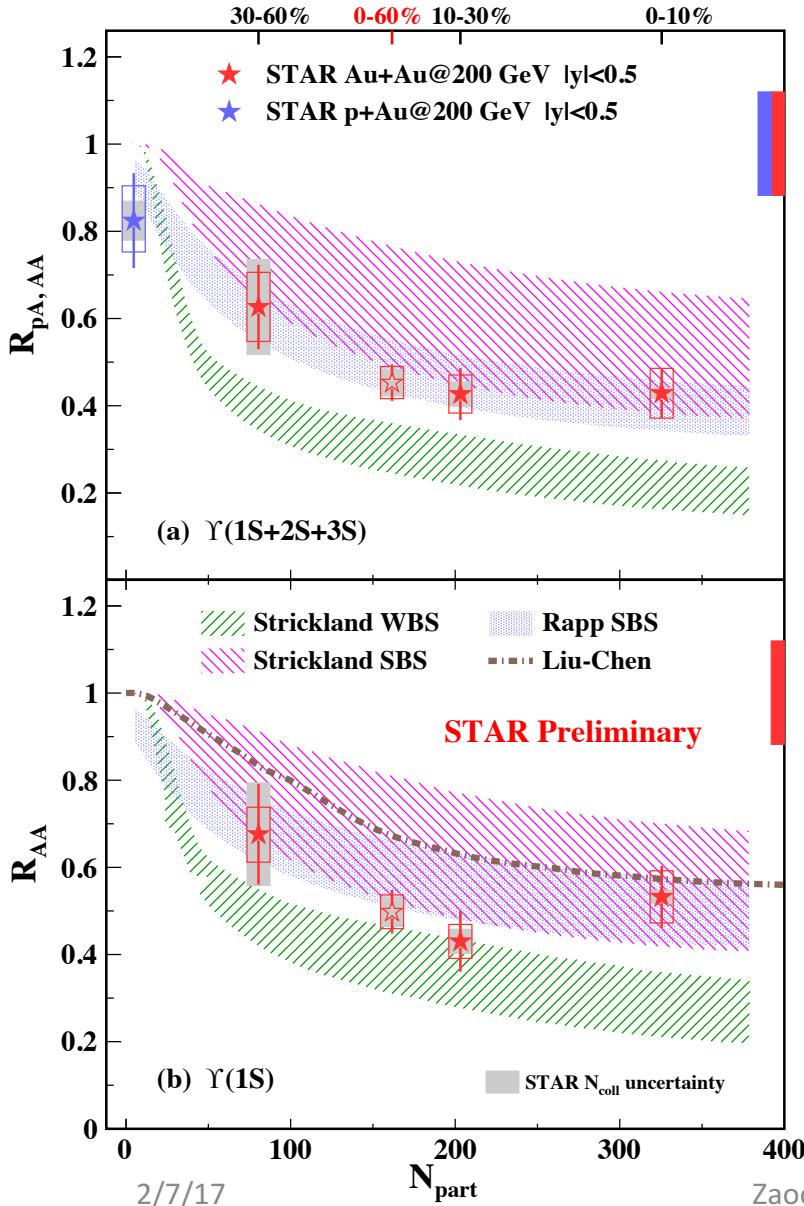


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[CMS: arXiv:1611.01510]  
[CMS: PRL 109 (2012) 222301]

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- Data favor the Strongly Binding Scenario (SBS) model

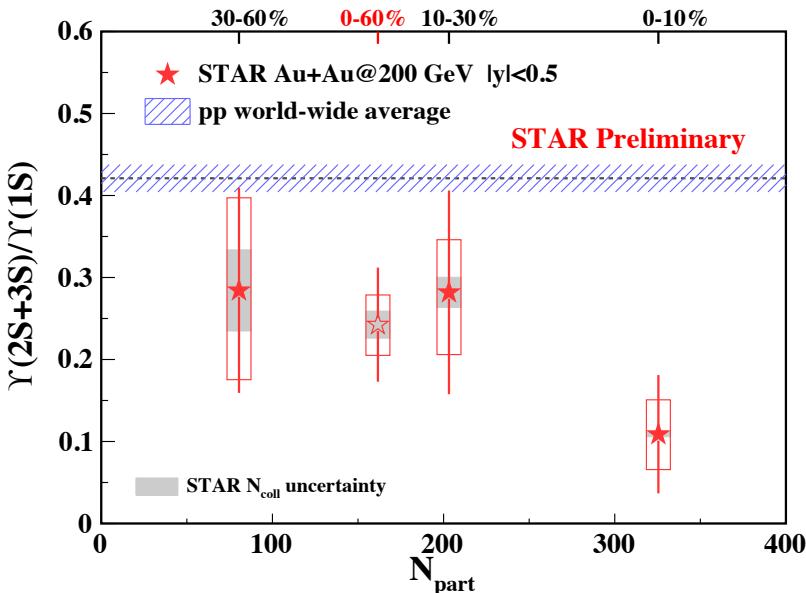
## Models without CNM effects:

- Strickland, Bazov:** [NPA 879 (2012) 25]
  - Hydro-dynamically expanding fire ball
  - Feed down included
  - WBS : free energy as heavy quark potential
  - SBS : internal energy as heavy quark potential
- Liu, Chen, Xu, Zhuang:** [PLB 697 (2011) 32]
  - Feed down included
  - Only excited states could dissociate

## Model with CNM effects:

- Emerick, Zhao, Rapp SBS model:** [EPJ A48 (2012) 72]
  - Modified nPDFs
  - Absorption cross-section:  $\sigma_{(abs)} \sim 0-3$  mb

# $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$ in Au+Au collisions - Ratio

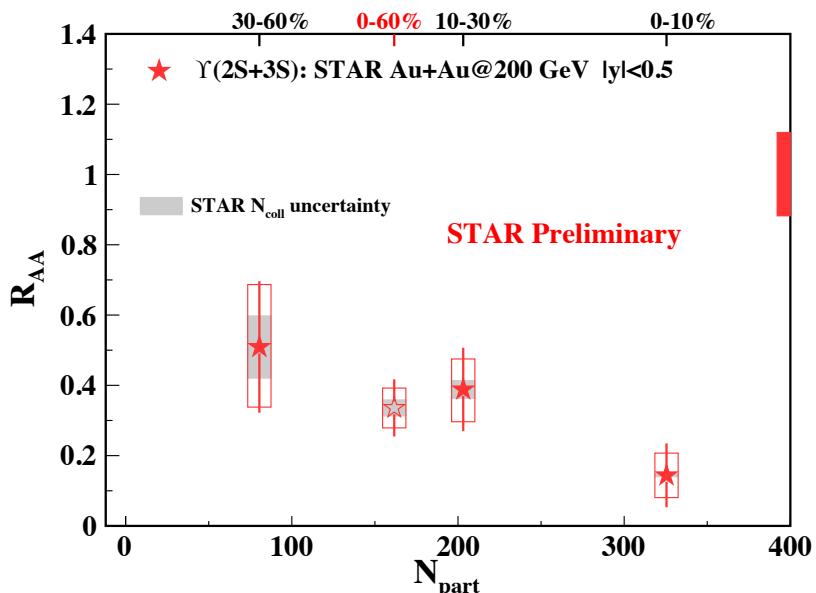
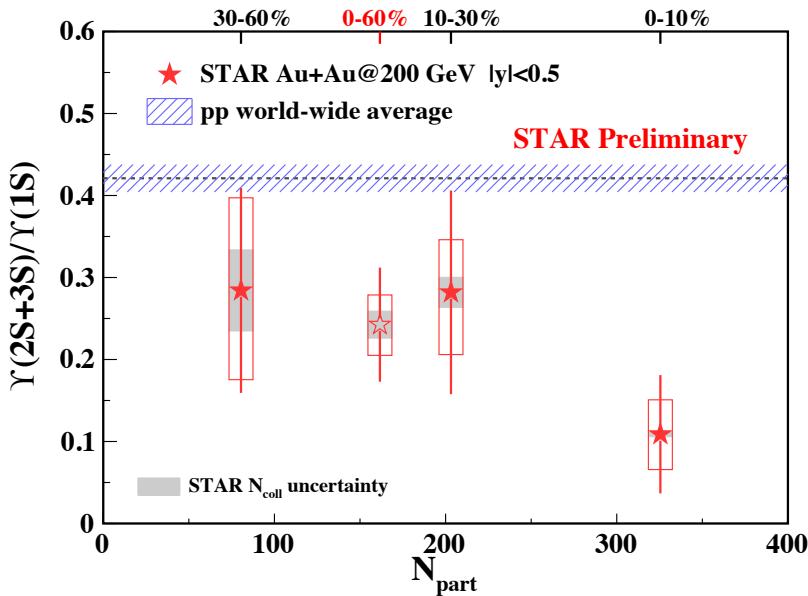


$\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)$ :

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World-wide  $p+p$ : [W. Zha, et. al, PRC 88 (2013) 067901]

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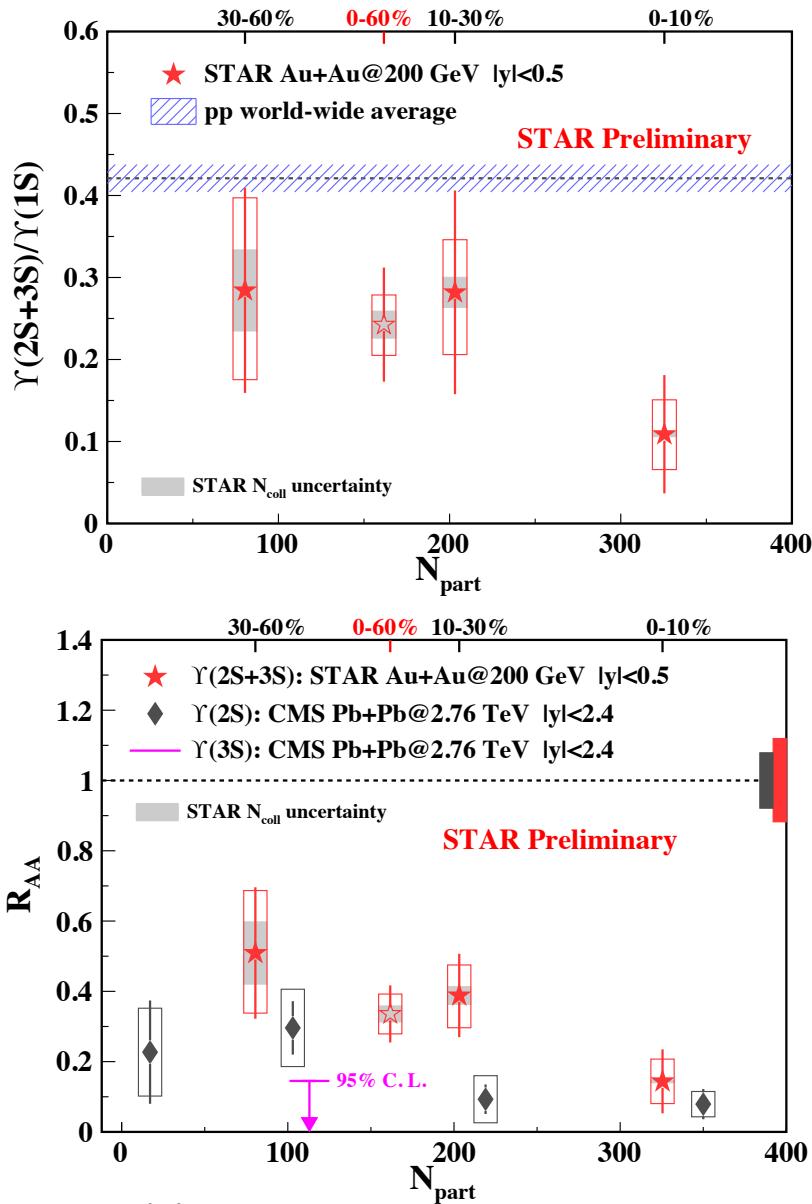
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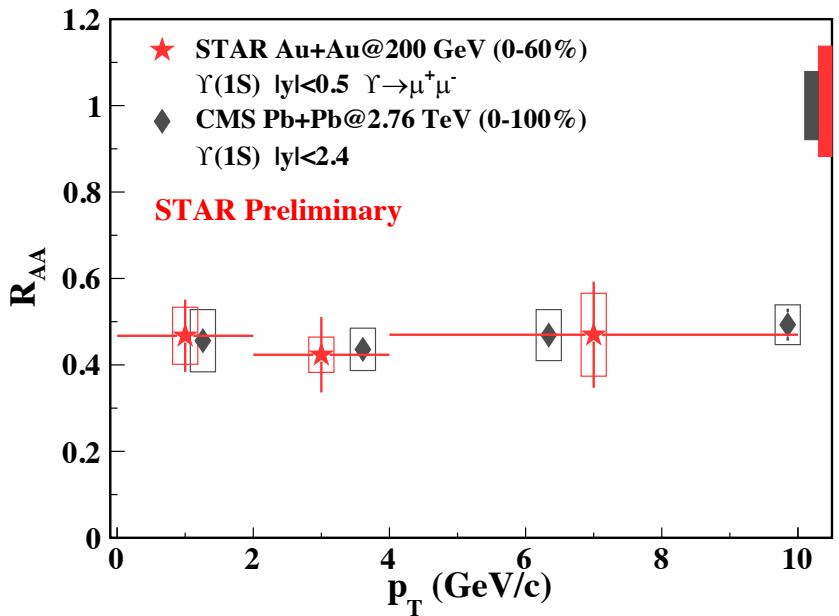
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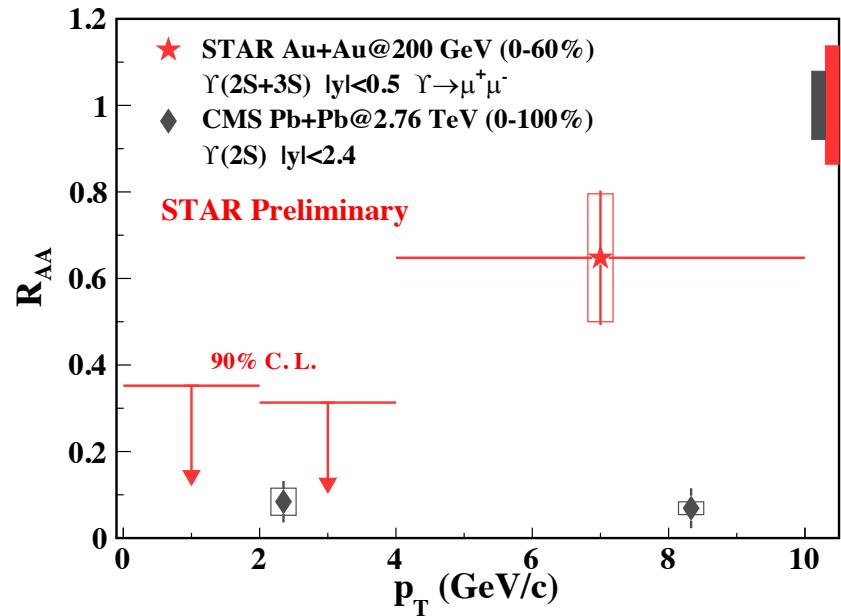
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# $\Upsilon$ suppression vs. $p_T$ via $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

$\Upsilon(1S)$



$\Upsilon(2S+3S)$



[CMS: arXiv:1611.01510]

$\Upsilon(1S)$  STAR:

- Consistent with CMS measurement

$\Upsilon(2S+3S)$  STAR:

- Hint of less suppression towards high  $p_T$  at RHIC than at LHC

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## □ Outlook

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# **THANK YOU !!!**