

# J/ $\psi$ Production and Nuclear Effects for d+Au & p+p Collisions in PHENIX at RHIC

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- Physics issues in J/ $\psi$  production and nuclear effects
  - production mechanisms
  - shadowing,  $p_T$  broadening, absorption, parton energy loss
  - QGP signature?
- PHENIX: di-muons & di-electrons
- J/ $\psi$  measurements in dAu and pp collisions with  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $e^+e^-$  pairs in PHENIX
- Expectations for AuAu collisions
- Summary



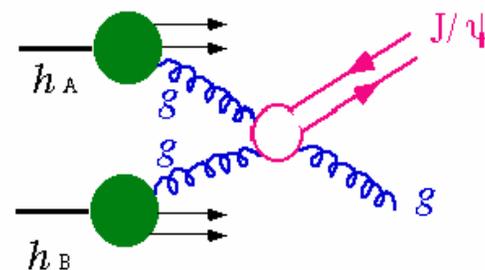
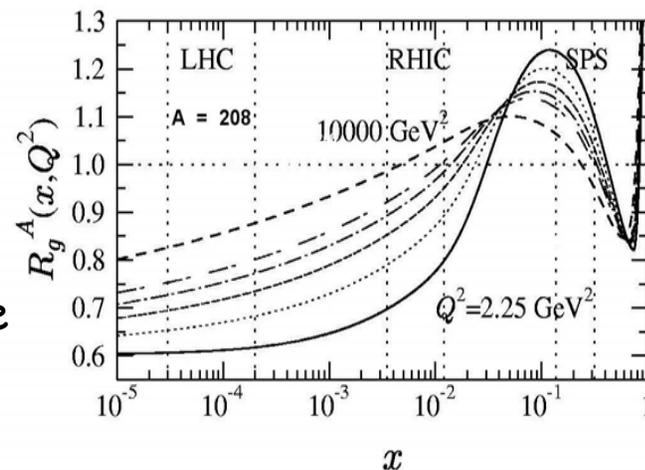
# Nuclear modification of parton level structure & dynamics

## Modification of parton momentum distributions of nucleons embedded in nuclei *Eskola, Kolhinen, Vogt hep-ph/0104124*

- e.g. shadowing - depletion of low-momentum partons
- Very low momentum fraction partons have large size, overlap with neighbors, and fuse; thus enhancing the population at higher momenta at the expense of lower momenta
- color glass condensate - specific/fundamental model that gives gluon shadowing in nuclei

## Production of heavy vector mesons, e.g. $J/\psi$ , $\psi'$ and $\Upsilon$

- production: color singlet or octet  $c\bar{c}$ ?
- hadronization time
- feed-down from higher mass resonances, e.g.  $\chi_c$



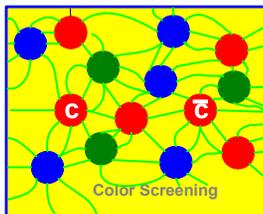
# Nuclear modification of parton level structure & dynamics II

## Nuclear effects on parton "dynamics"

- energy loss of partons as they propagate through nuclei
- and (associated?) multiple scattering effects (Cronin effect)
- absorption of  $J/\psi$  on nucleons or co-movers; compared to no-absorption for open charm production

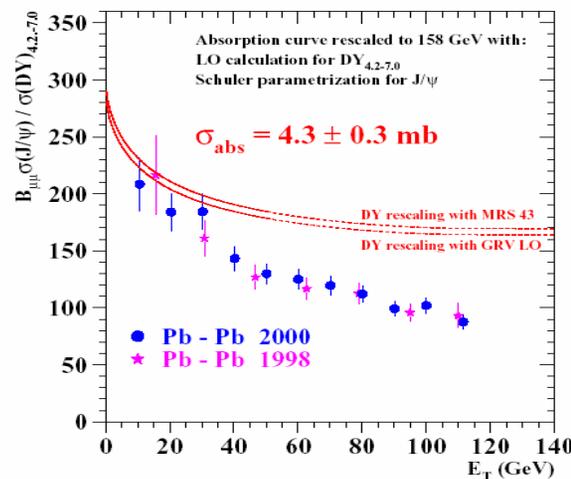
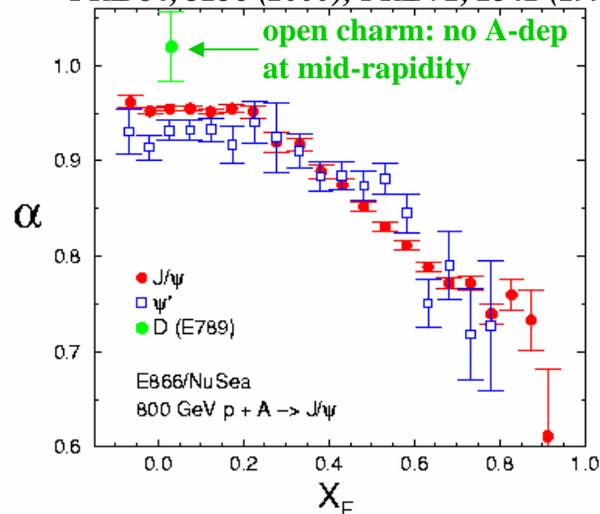
## dAu also baseline for AuAu $J/\psi$ Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) signature

- Debye screening predicted to destroy  $J/\psi$ 's in a QGP

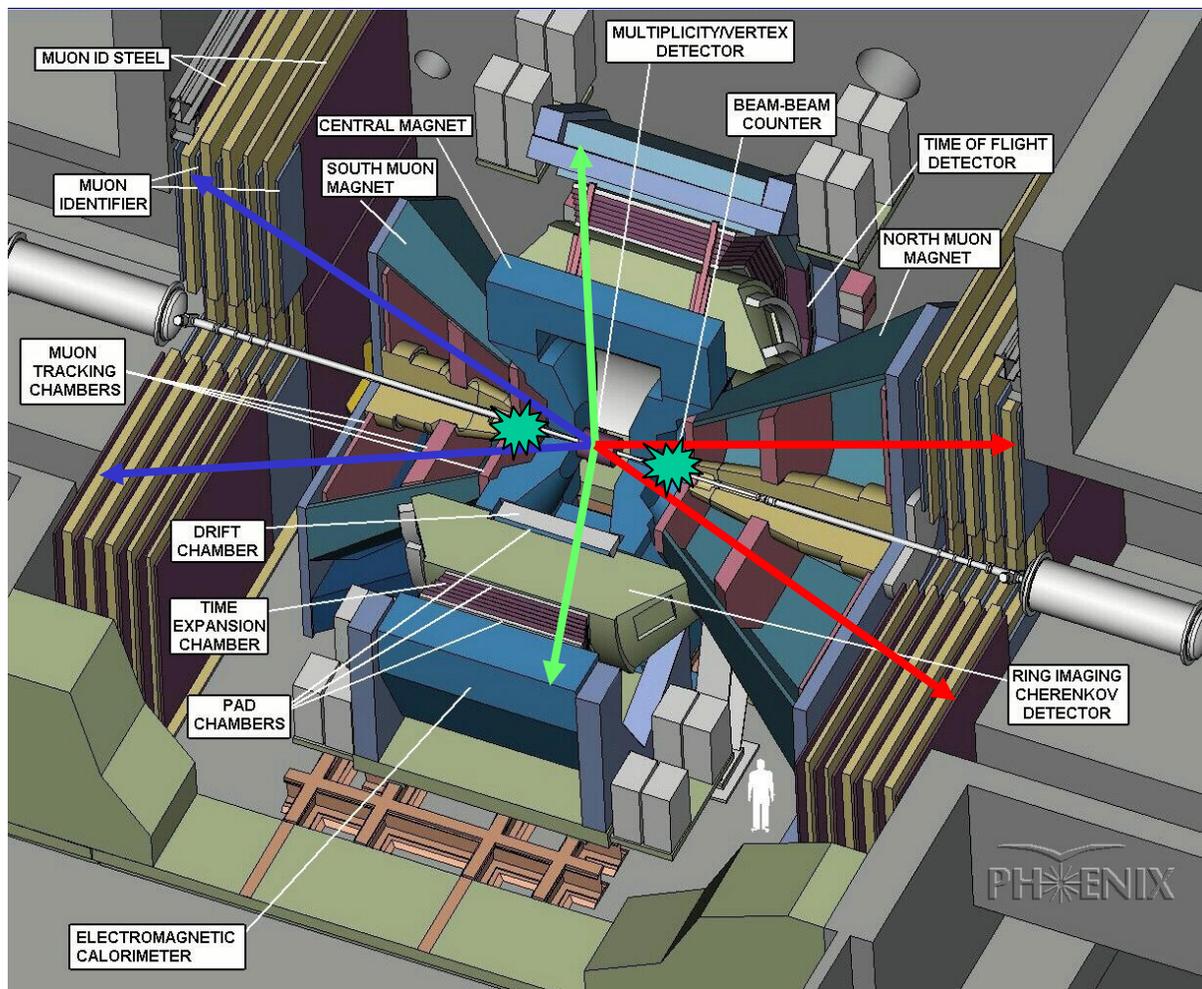


- but recent charm recombination models might instead cause an enhancement?

800 GeV p-A (FNAL)  $\sigma_A = \sigma_p * A^\alpha$   
 PRL 84, 3256 (2000); PRL 72, 2542 (1994)



# J/ $\psi$ 's in PHENIX



$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$   
 identified in RICH  
 and EMCal  
 -  $|\eta| < 0.35$   
 -  $p > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$

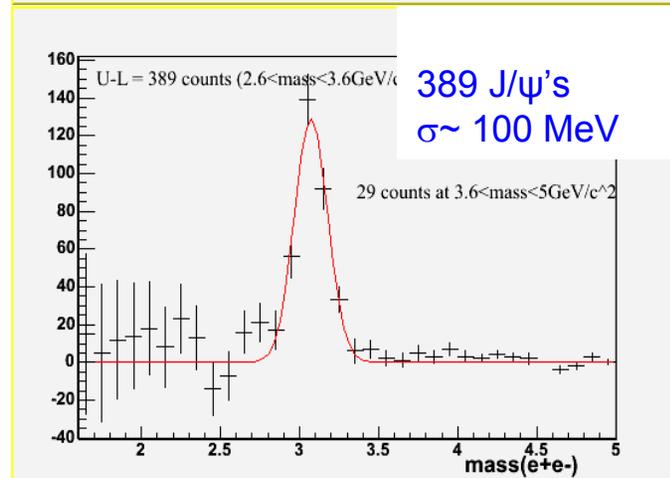
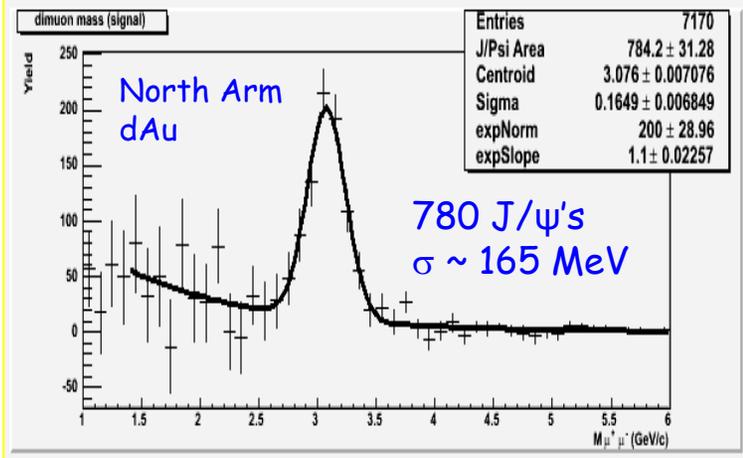
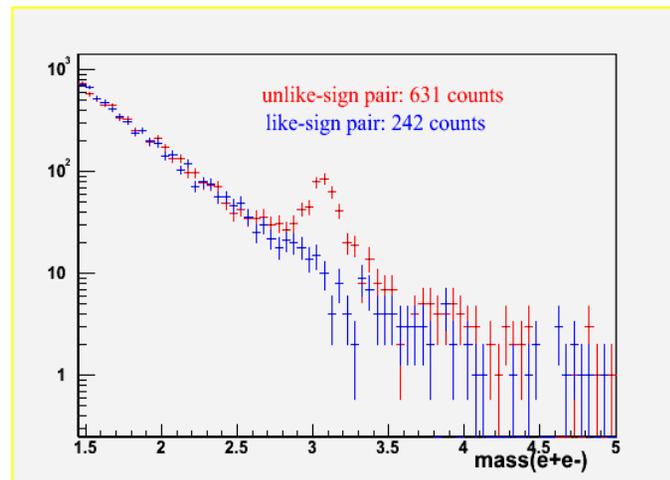
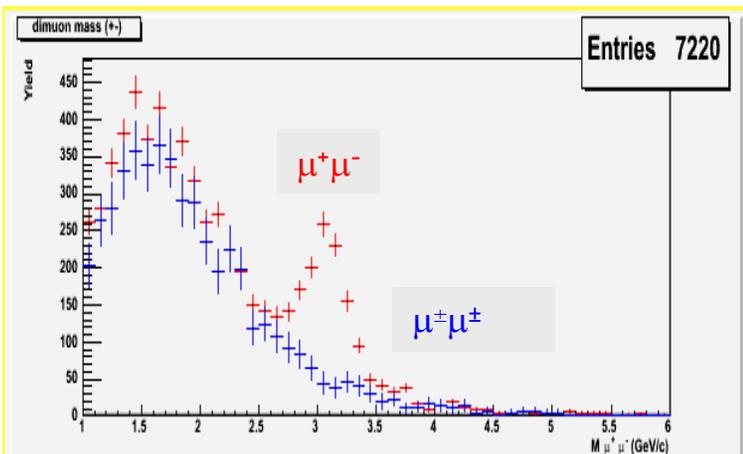
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$   
 identified in 2 fwd  
 spectrometers  
 -  $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$   
 -  $p > 2 \text{ GeV}$

Centrality and  
 vertex given by  
 BBC in  $3 < |\eta| < 3.9$

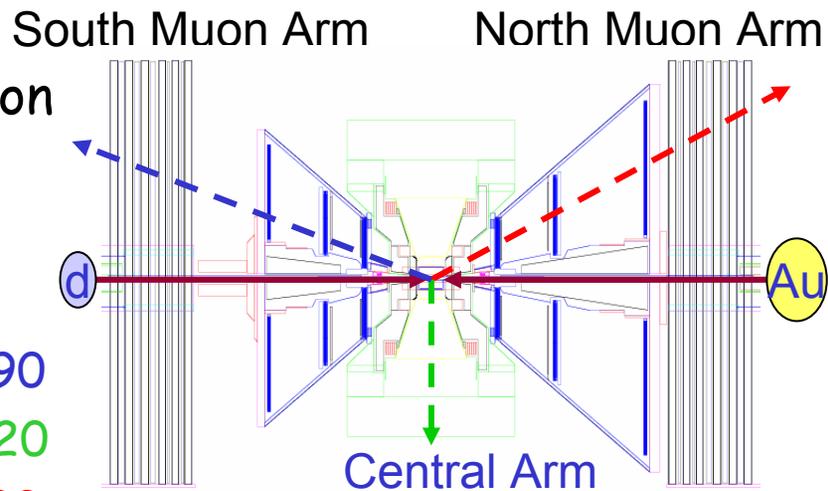
# J/ψ yields in PHENIX from recent dAu run (2003) at RHIC

$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \quad 1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

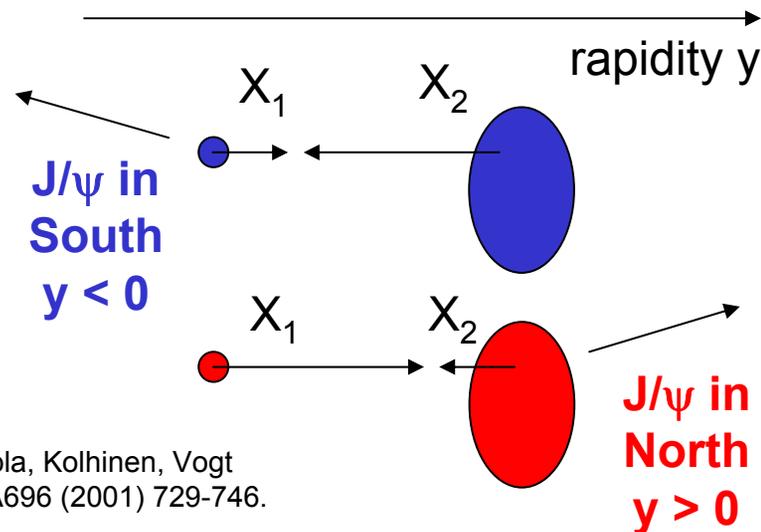
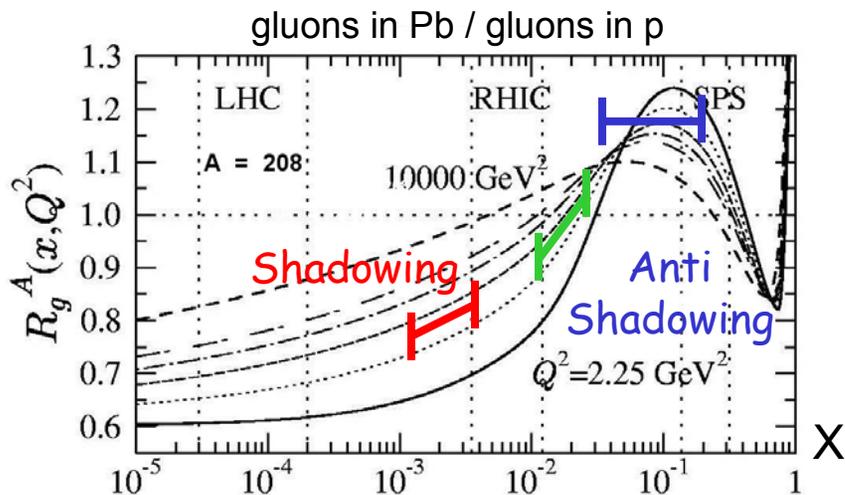
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- In PHENIX, J/ψ mostly produced by gluon fusion, and thus sensitive to gluon pdf
- Three rapidity ranges probe different momentum fractions of Au partons
  - South ( $y < -1.2$ ) : large  $X_2$  (in gold)  $\sim 0.090$
  - Central ( $y \sim 0$ ) : intermediate  $X_2$   $\sim 0.020$
  - North ( $y > 1.2$ ) : small  $X_2$  (in gold)  $\sim 0.003$



## Example of predicted gluon shadowing in d+Au



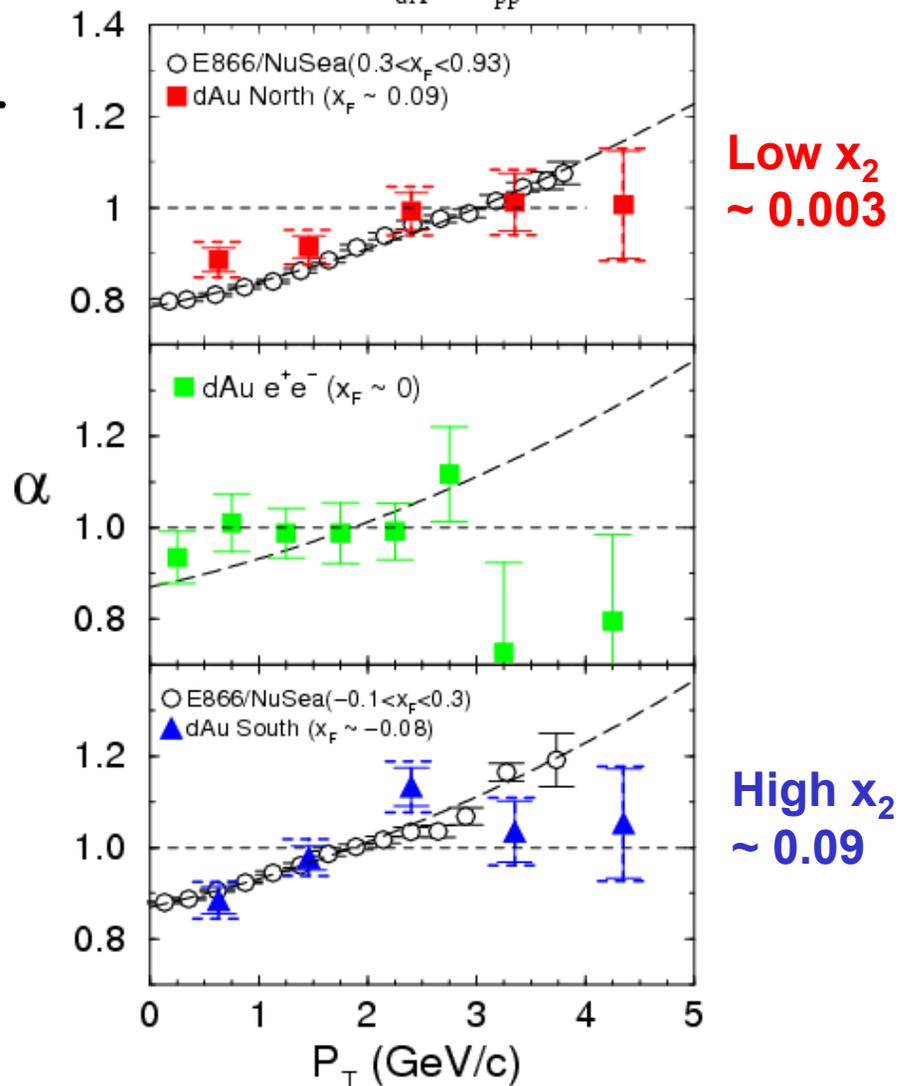
From Eskola, Kolhinen, Vogt  
Nucl. Phys. A696 (2001) 729-746.

# dAu/pp versus $p_T$

$p_T$  broadening comparable  
to lower energy  
( $\sqrt{s} = 39$  GeV in E866)

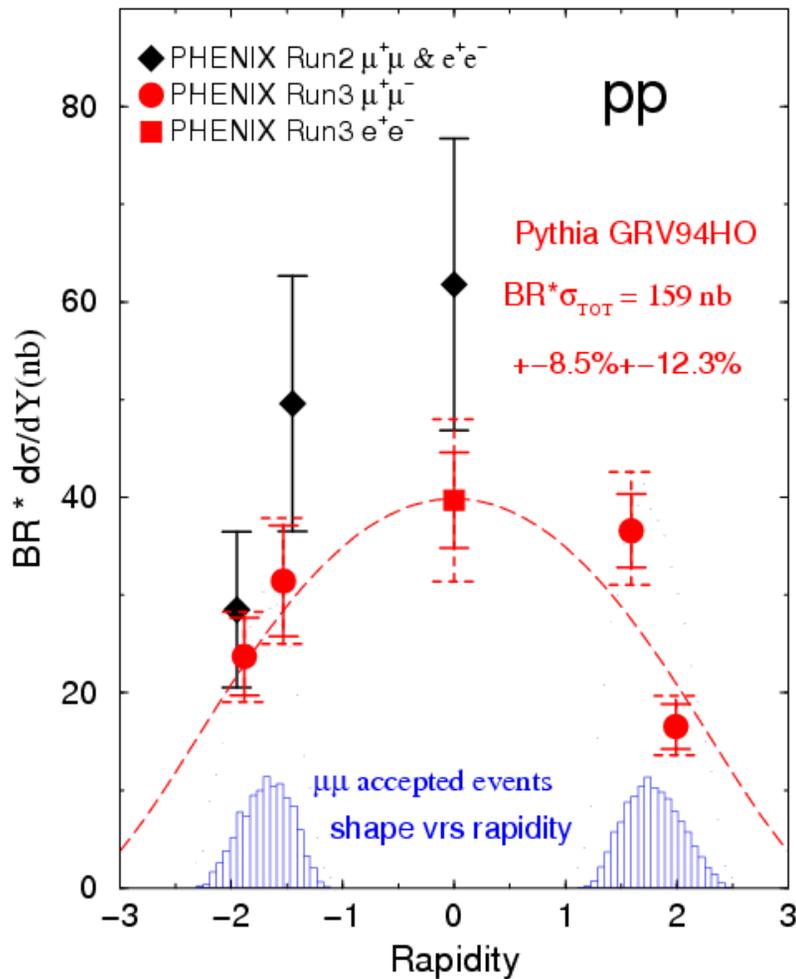
$$\sigma_{dA} = \sigma_{pp} (2 \times 197)^\alpha$$

PHENIX Preliminary 200 GeV  
 $J/\Psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ ,  $\sigma_{dA} = \sigma_{pp} (2A)^\alpha$

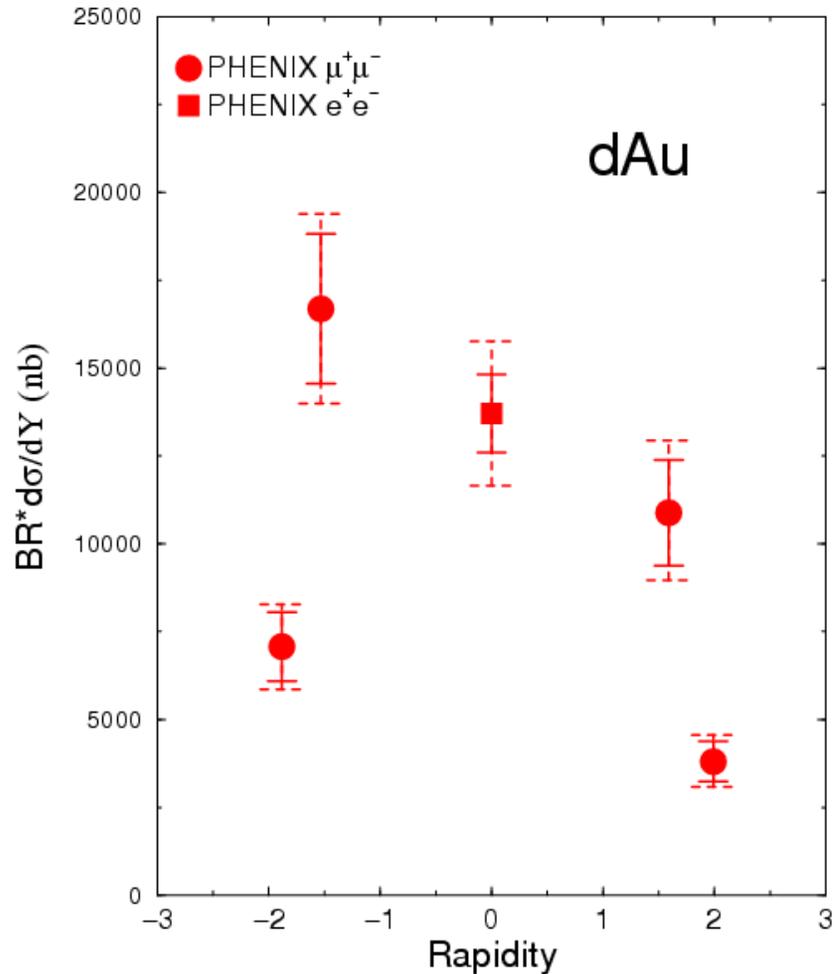


# Cross section versus rapidity

pp J/Ψ – PHENIX Preliminary

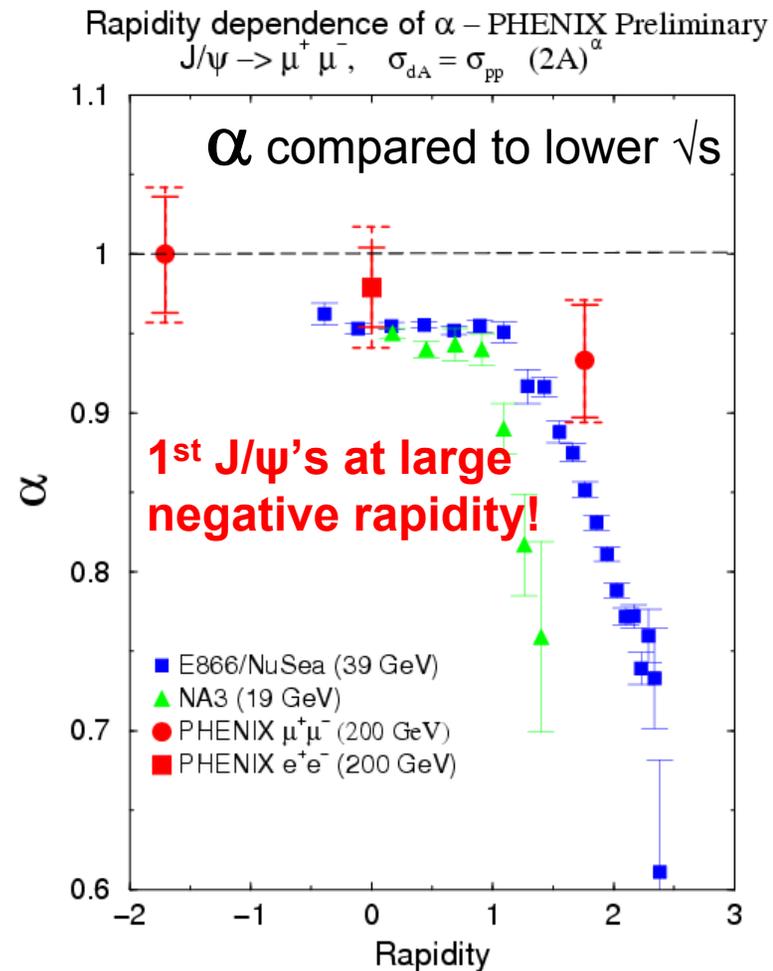
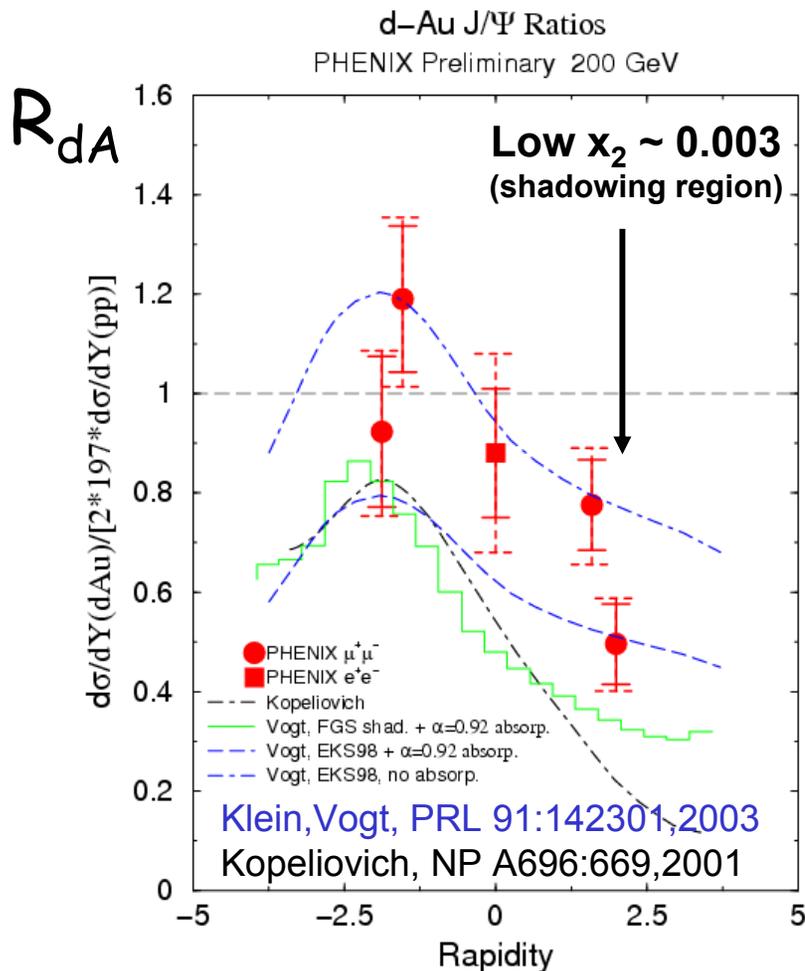


dAu J/Ψ – PHENIX Preliminary



$BR \sigma_{pp}^{J/\psi} = 160 \text{ nb} \pm 8.5 \% (\text{fit}) \pm 12.3\% (\text{abs}) - \text{preliminary}$

# dAu/pp versus rapidity



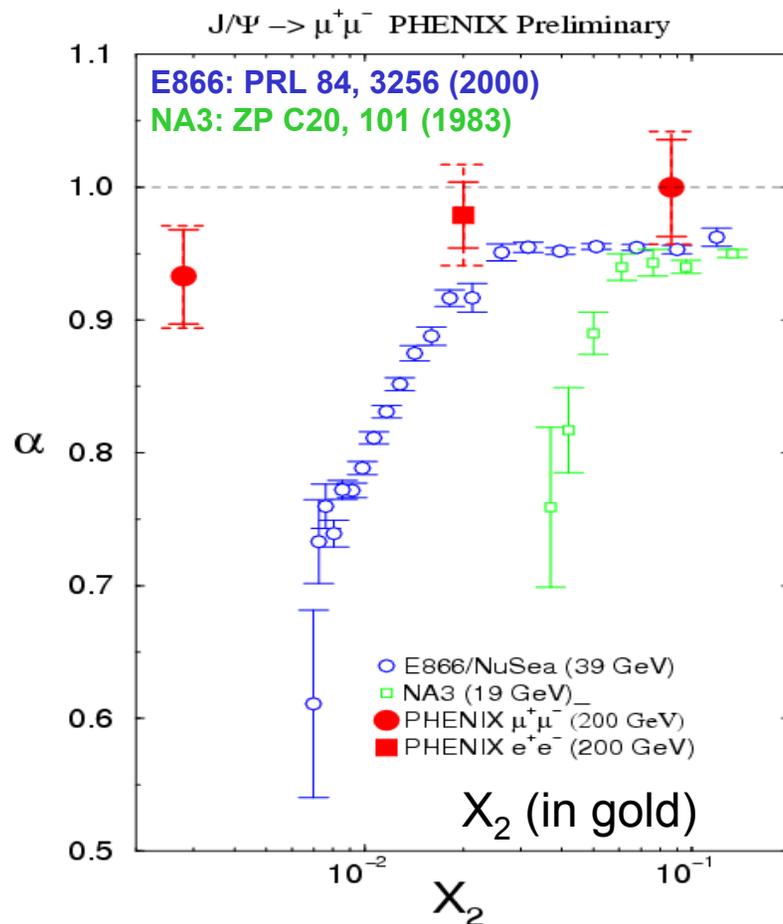
Data favors (weak) shadowing + (weak) absorption ( $\alpha > 0.92$ )

With limited statistics difficult to disentangle nuclear effects

Will need another dAu run! (and more pp data also)

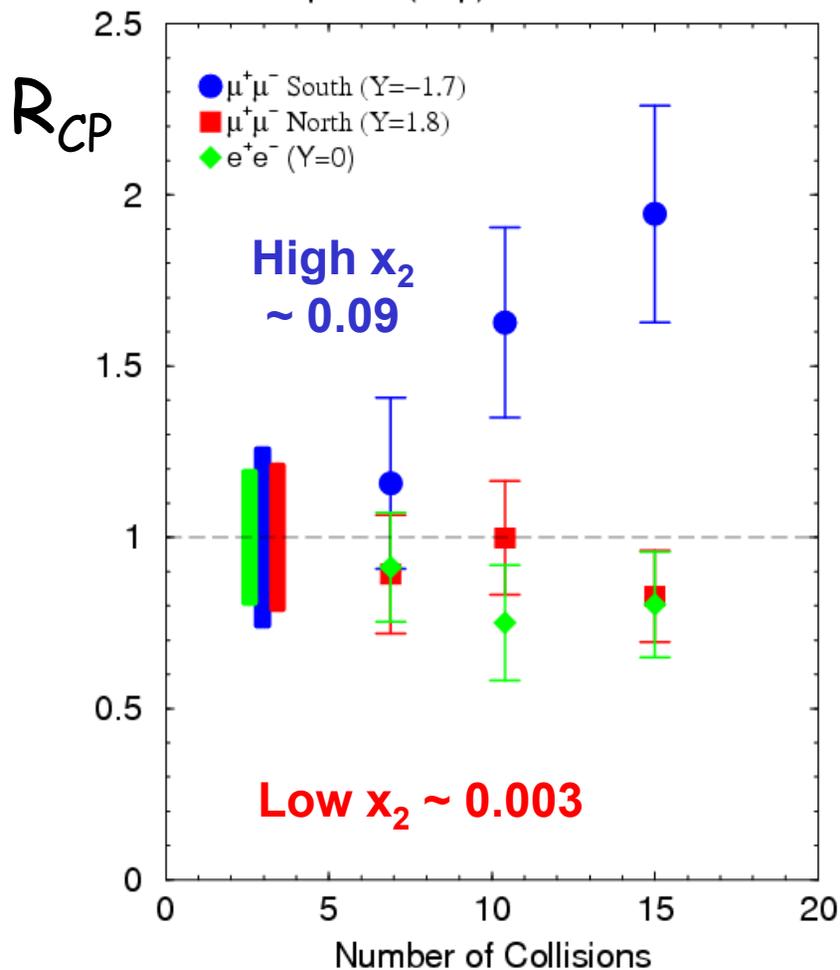
# $\alpha$ versus $x_2(x_{Au})$ compared to lower $\sqrt{s}$

- Not universal versus  $X_2$  : shadowing is not the whole story.
- Energy loss expected to be weak at RHIC energy
- But could explain larger suppression seen for lower energy data?



# Central/peripheral versus $N_{coll}$

$J/\Psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$  PHENIX Preliminary 200 GeV  
Central/Peripheral ( $R_{cp}$ ) vrs Number of Collisions



$$R_{cp}(N_{coll}) = \frac{N_{J\psi}^{cent} \times \langle N_{coll}^{periph} \rangle}{N_{J\psi}^{periph} \times \langle N_{coll}^{cent} \rangle}$$

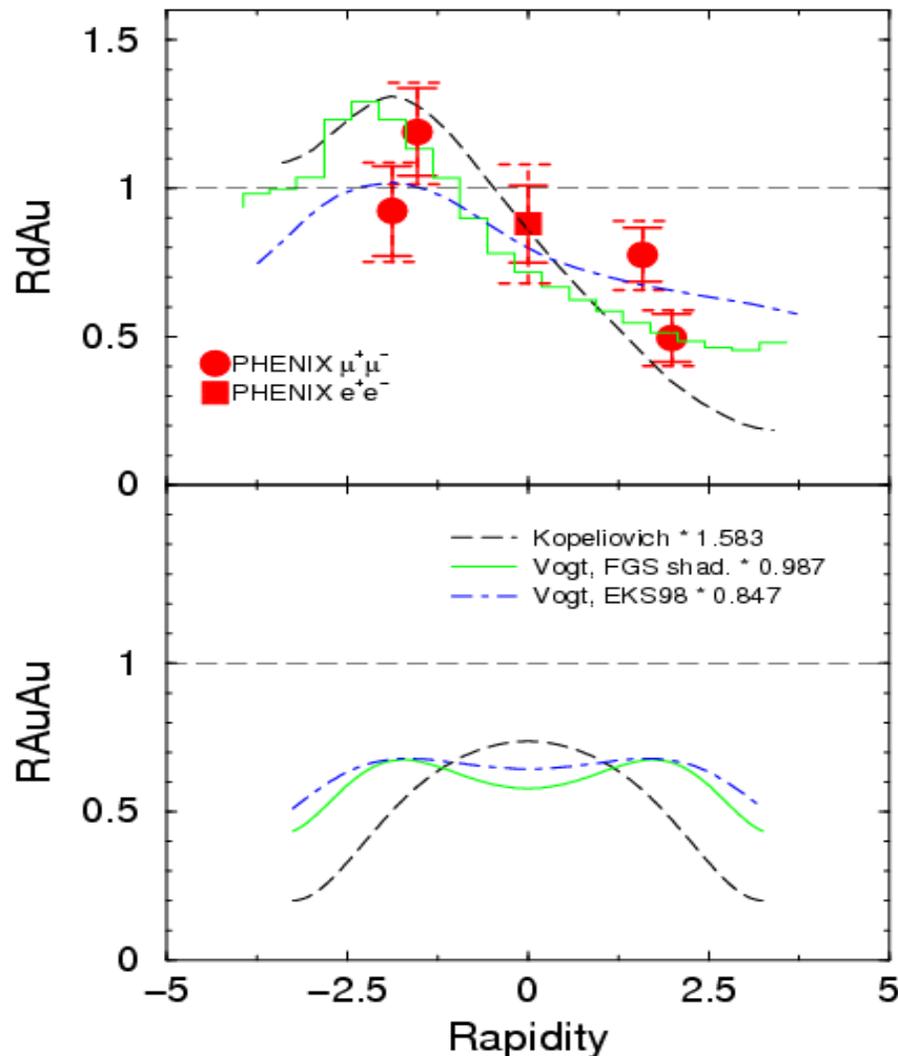
- **Low** and **med**  $x_2$  have small variations
  - Weak nuclear effects
  - Small (shadowing) centrality dependence
- **High**  $x_2$  has a steep rising shape
  - Difficult to see how antishadowing could be so steep when shadowing is not?
  - Effect of being closer to the Au frame?
  - e.g. final-state effects in Au nucleus remnants?

# Simple expectation for AuAu J/ψ's based on nuclear dependence observed in dAu

- Renormalize model predictions to dAu measurement (top panel).
- Then reverse RdAu and multiply by itself (bottom panel)
- Variations between models not too large at mid-rapidity, but substantial in the large negative or positive rapidity regions. Better models (physics understanding) might help, but a higher statistics dAu baseline, especially in the  $\mu\mu$  regions is needed.

- 2004 AuAu run: (1600 J/ψ)/arm expected for  $130 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Challenge of pulling out J/ψ signal in AuAu now being worked!

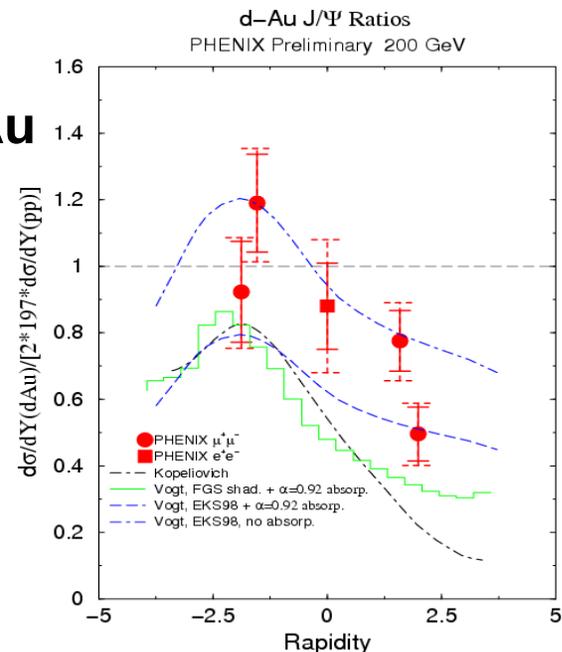
J/ψ dAu Ratios & predictions for AuAu  
PHENIX Preliminary 200 GeV



# Summary

- dAu J/ $\psi$  data suggests that gluon shadowing is weak and that absorption is smaller than expectations based on lower energy data; but  $p_T$  broadening is very similar to that seen at lower energies
- We will need more J/ $\psi$ 's to definitively disentangle these effects. Another dAu run with higher luminosity at RHIC is needed.
- Near the Au frame, at negative rapidity, a dramatic centrality dependence in both J/ $\psi$  (and hadrons) has been observed and challenges theoretical models
- A modest baseline for the study of J/ $\psi$  in AuAu collisions has been obtained. Whether it is adequate will depend on if the AuAu results turn out to be far from simple expectations or not.

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