

QUARKONIUM PRODUCTION VIA RECOMBINATION

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IN-MEDIUM FORMATION

HIGH ENERGY EVOLUTION OF MATSUI-SATZ:

$R_{\text{plasma screening}} < R_{\text{quarkonium}}$ SUPPRESSION in a static medium, or

KHARZEEV-SATZ: Ionization with deconfined gluons

Charm pair diffuse away, will not recombine during deconfinement phase or at hadronization

NEW SCENARIO AT COLLIDER ENERGIES

Multiple $c\bar{c}$ pairs in high energy AA Collisions

$$N_{c\bar{c}}(b=0) \cong 30 \sigma_{c\bar{c}}^{pp} (mb)$$

CENTRAL VALUES AT RHIC:

- 10-15 from extrapolation of low energy
- 20 from PHENIX electrons
- 40 from STAR electrons and $K\pi$

AND AT LHC: 100-200??

PROBE REGION OF COLOR DECONFINEMENT WITH MULTIPLE PAIRS OF HEAVY QUARKS

Avoids Matsui-Satz Condition

Form Quarkonium directly in the Medium

Formation and Suppression Competition

Scenario supported by lattice calculations of quarkonium spectral functions (J/ψ and η_c)

Suppression of Initially Produced J/ψ

$$N_{J/\psi}^{\text{Initial}}(\tau_f) = \varepsilon(\tau_f) N_{J/\psi}^{\text{Initial}}(\tau_i)$$

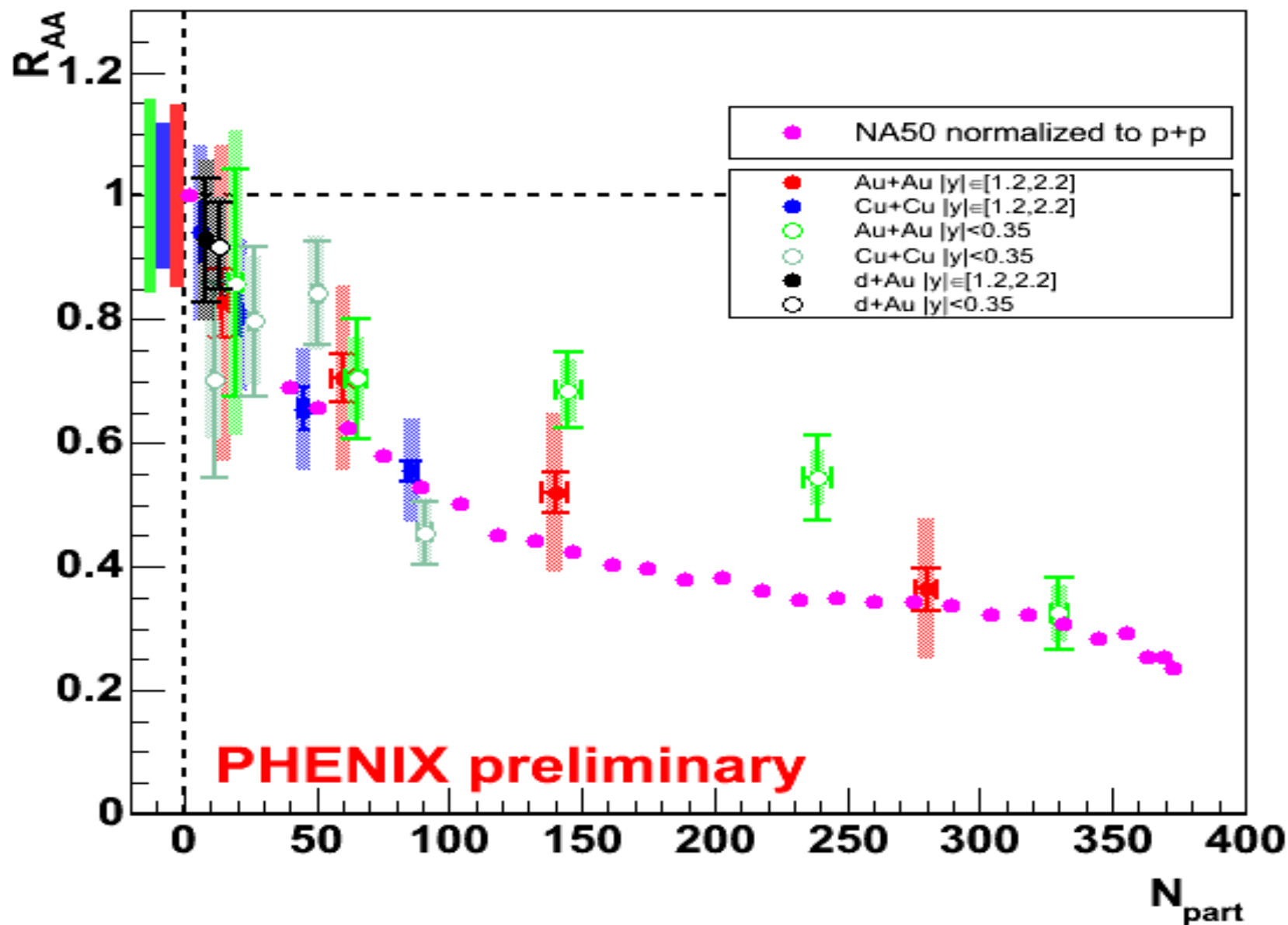
$$\varepsilon(\tau) = \exp\left[-\int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} \lambda_D \rho_g d\tau\right]$$

Continuous In-Medium Formation followed by Partial Suppression

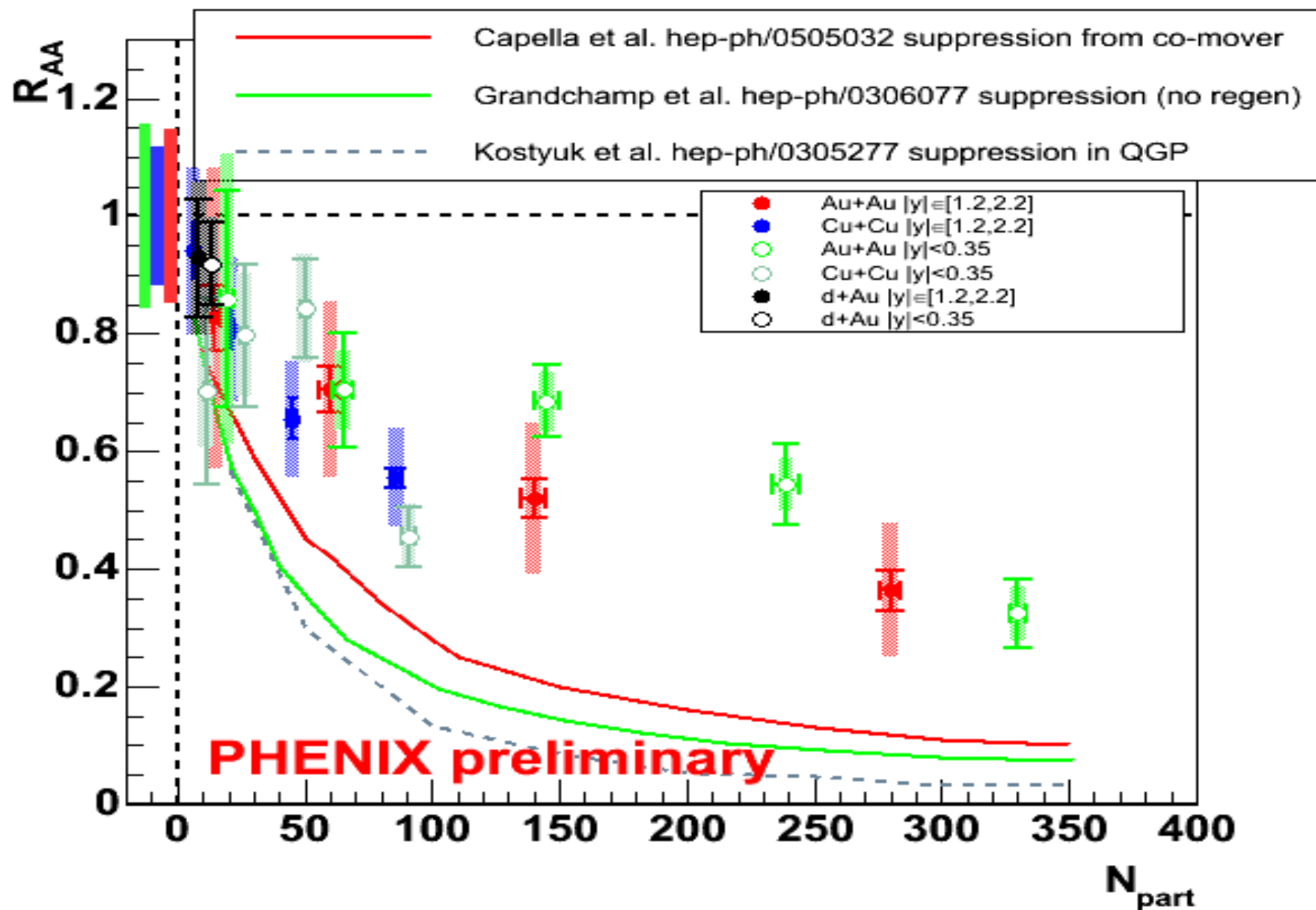
$$N_{J/\psi}^{\text{Form}}(\tau_f) = N_{\text{cc}}^2 \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_f} \lambda_{\text{F}} V^{-1}(\tau) \gamma(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\gamma(\tau) = \exp\left[-\int_{\tau}^{\tau_f} \lambda_{\text{D}} \rho_{\text{g}} d\tau\right]$$

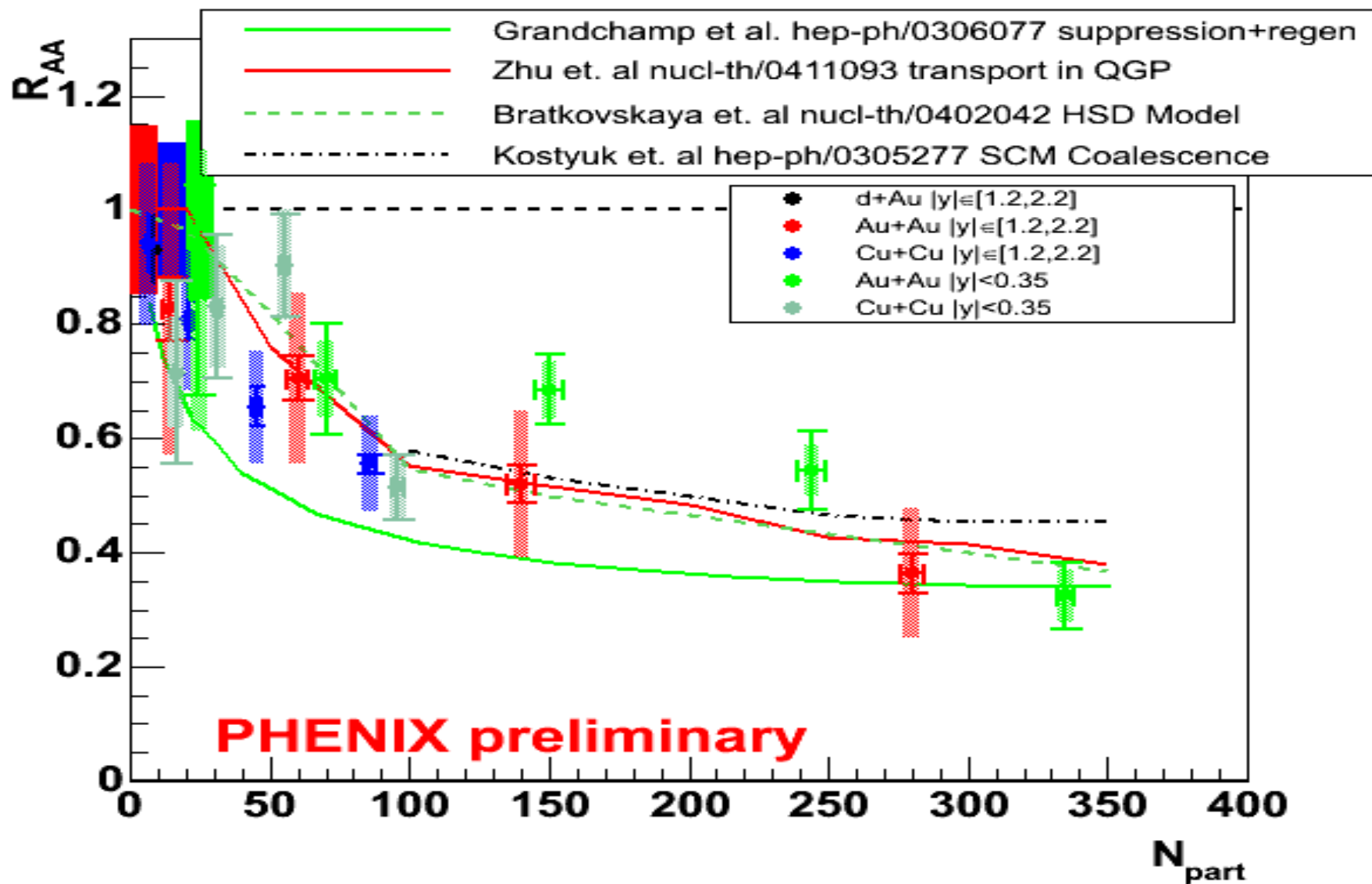
J/ψ nuclear modification factor R_{AA}



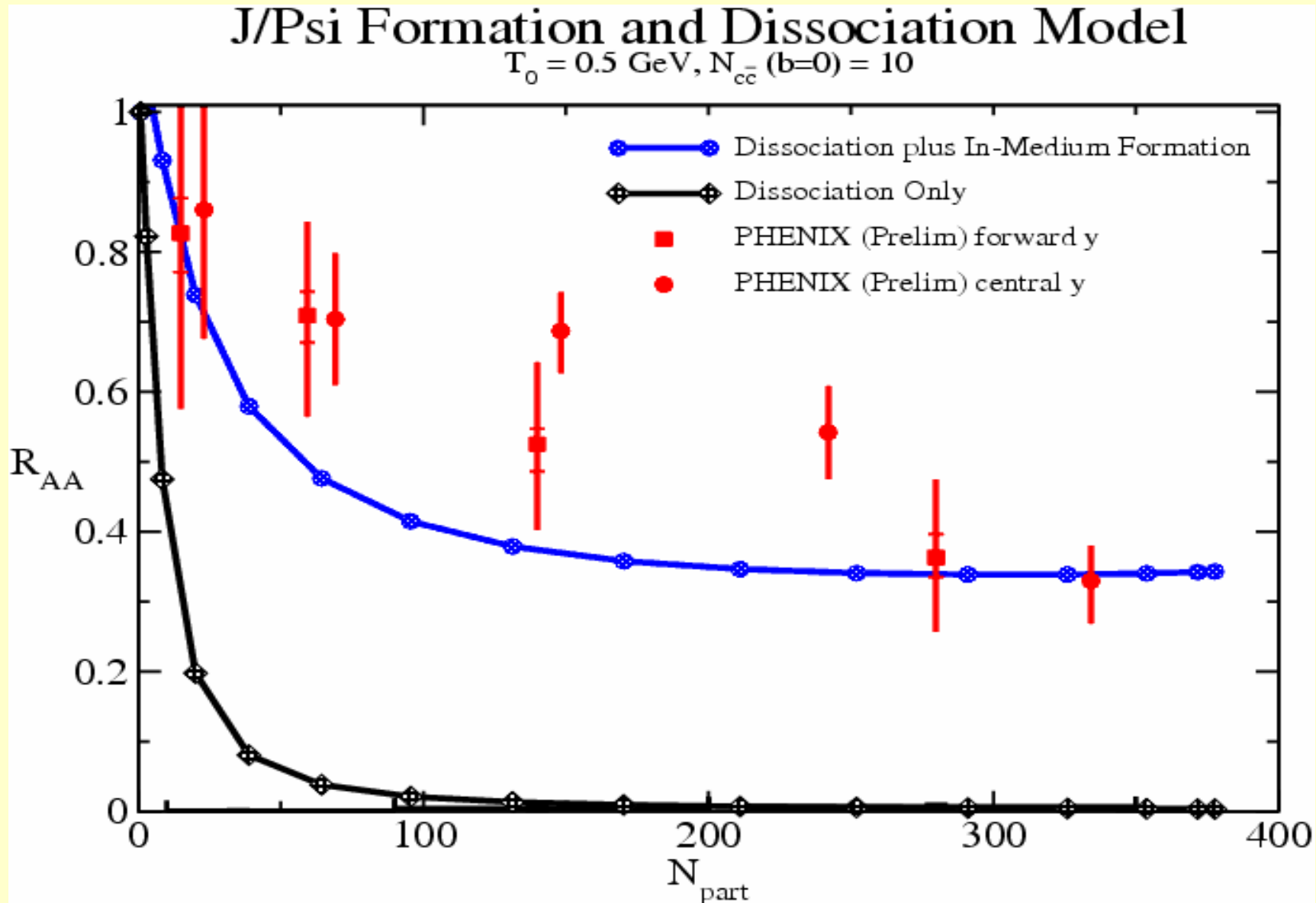
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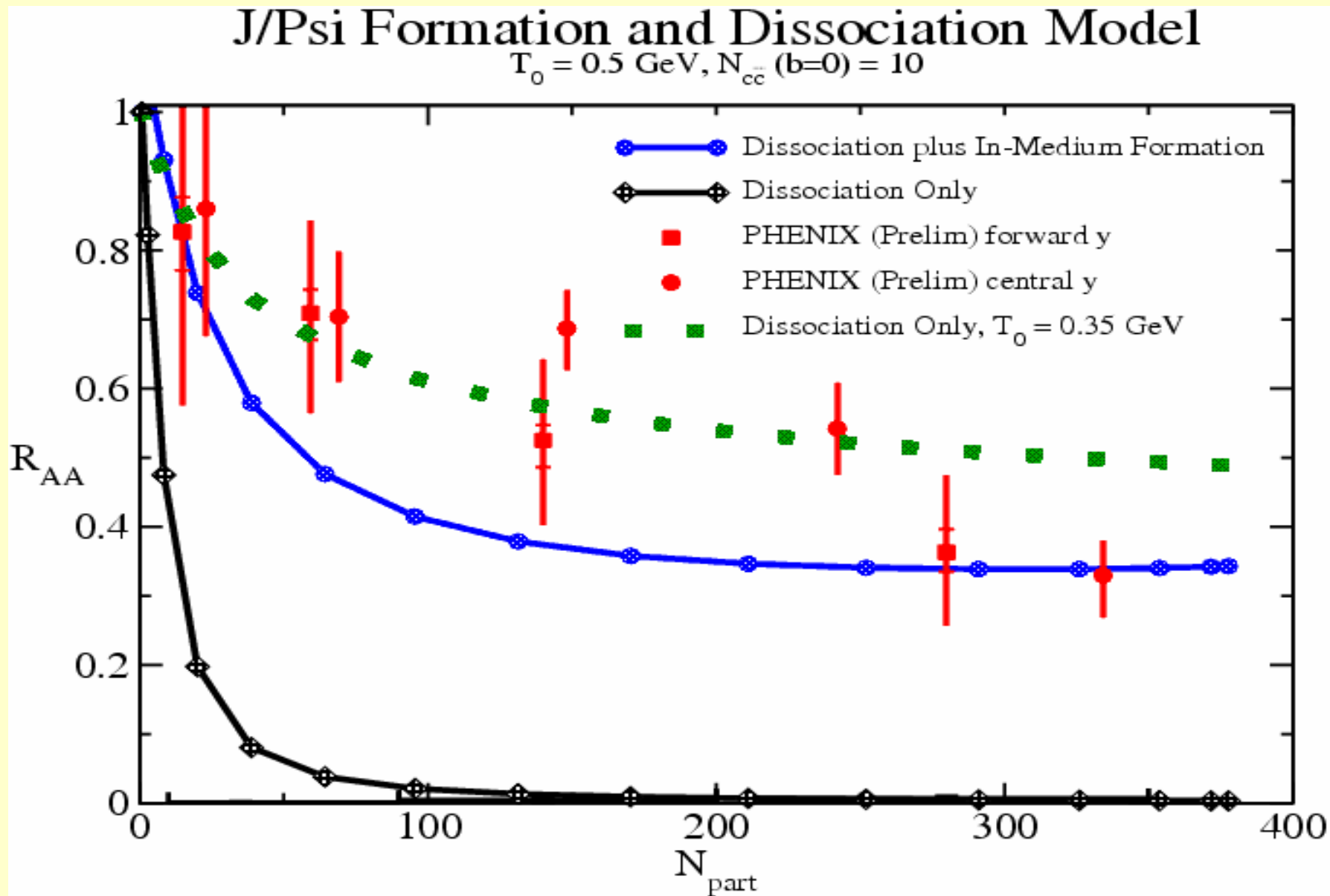
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Kinetic Model Recombination Predictions Consistent with data



but Dissociation Alone is still a contender



CAN Y AND P_T SPECTRA PROVIDE SIGNATURES OF IN-MEDIUM FORMATION?

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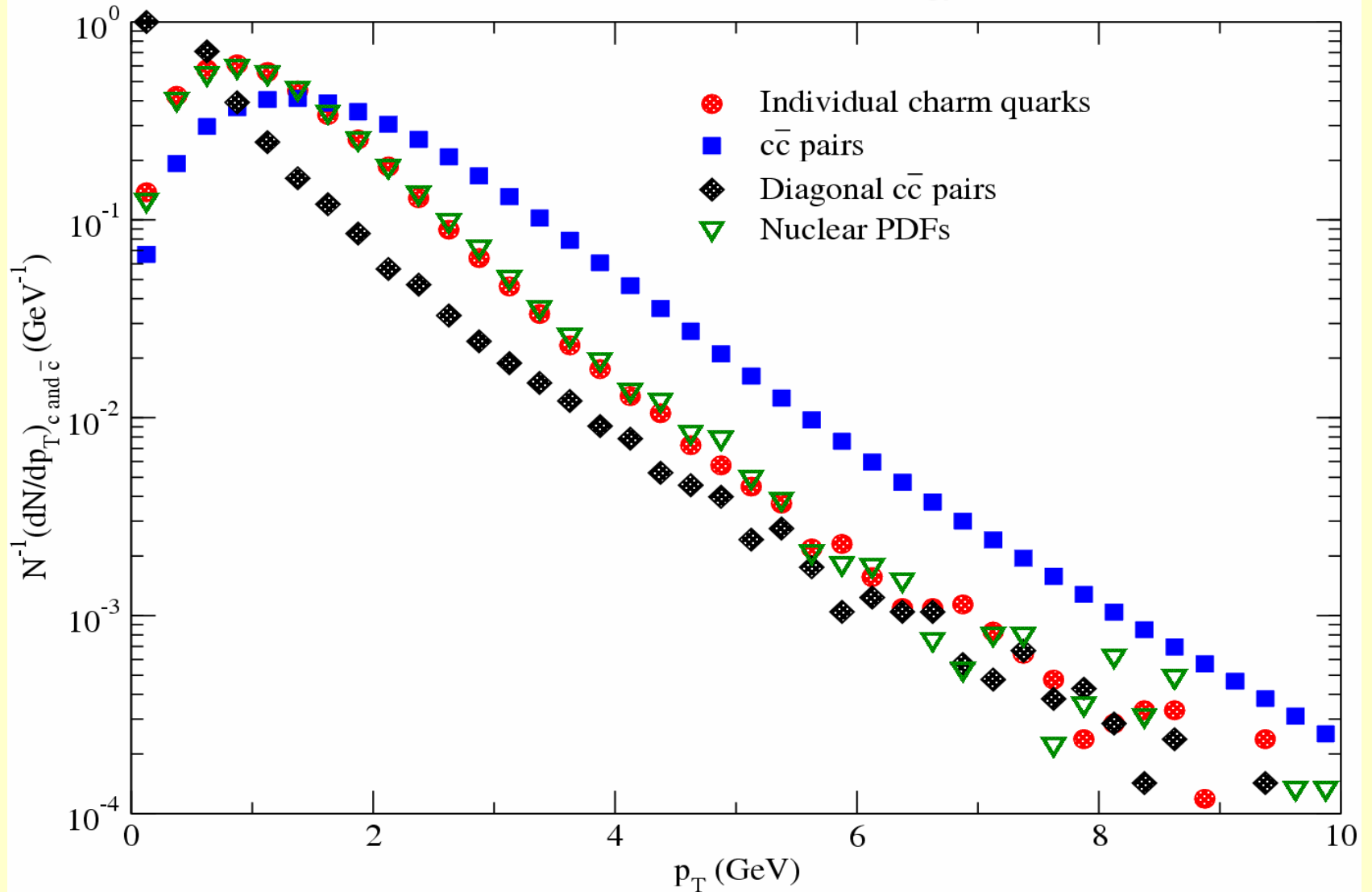
1. Generate sample of $c\bar{c}$ pairs from NLO pQCD (smear LO q_t)
2. Supplement with k_t to simulate initial state and confinement effects
3. Integrate formation rate using these events to define particle distributions (no c quark-medium interaction)
4. Repeat with c quark thermal+flow distribution (maximal c quark-medium interaction)

$$\frac{dN_{J/\psi}}{d^3p_{J/\psi}} = \int \frac{dt}{V(t)} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\bar{c}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\bar{c}}} v_{rel} \frac{d\sigma(p_i + p_j \rightarrow p_{J/\psi} + X)}{d^3p_{J/\psi}}$$

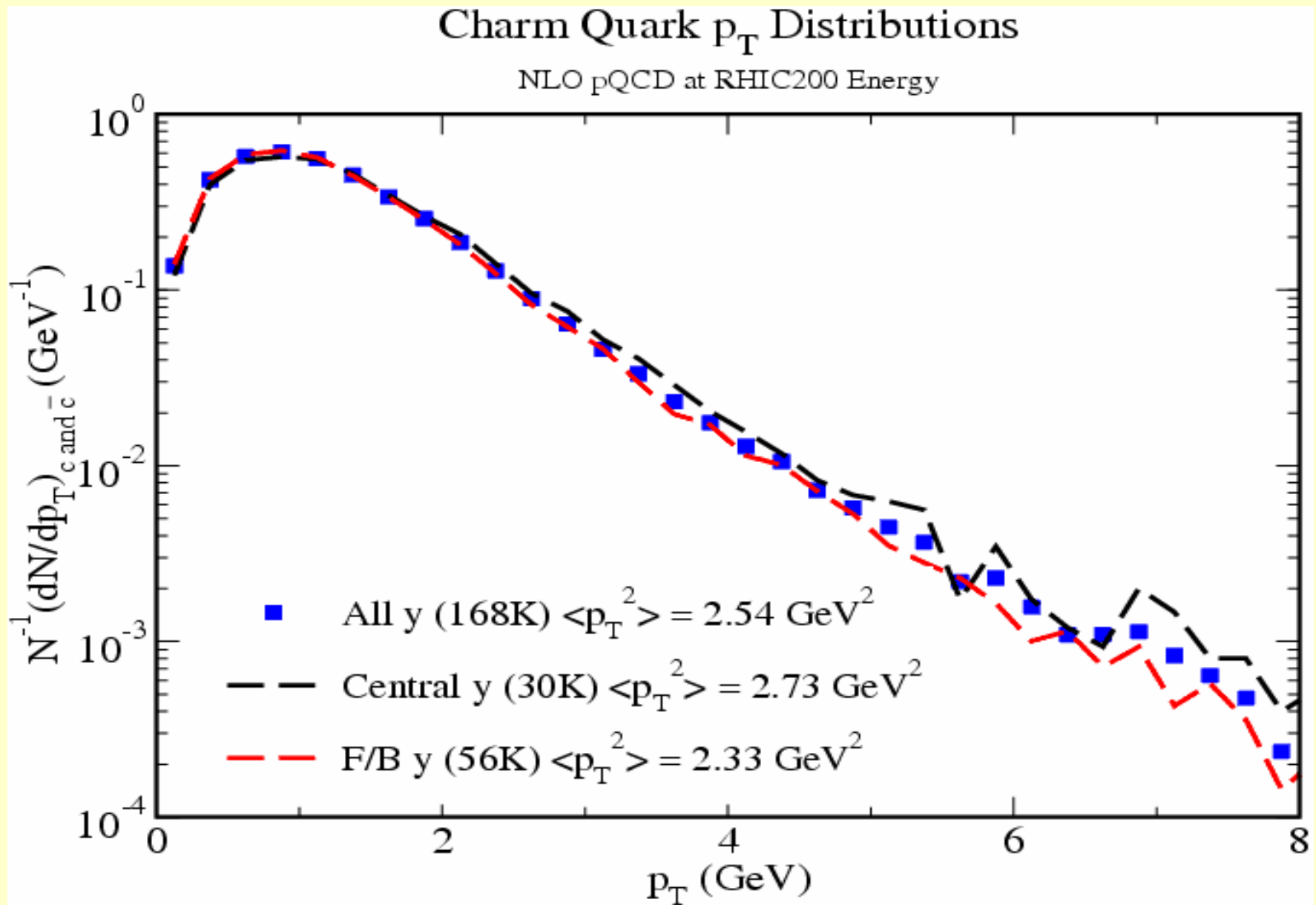
- All combinations of c and cbar contribute
- Total has expected $(N_{c\bar{c}})^2 / V$ behavior
- Prefactor is integrated flux per cbar pair
- “Off-Diagonal” Pair y and p_T distributions differ from “Diagonal”, should survive in J/ψ
- Weighting with in-medium formation probability introduces additional modification

Charm Quark p_T Distributions

NLO pQCD at RHIC200 Energy

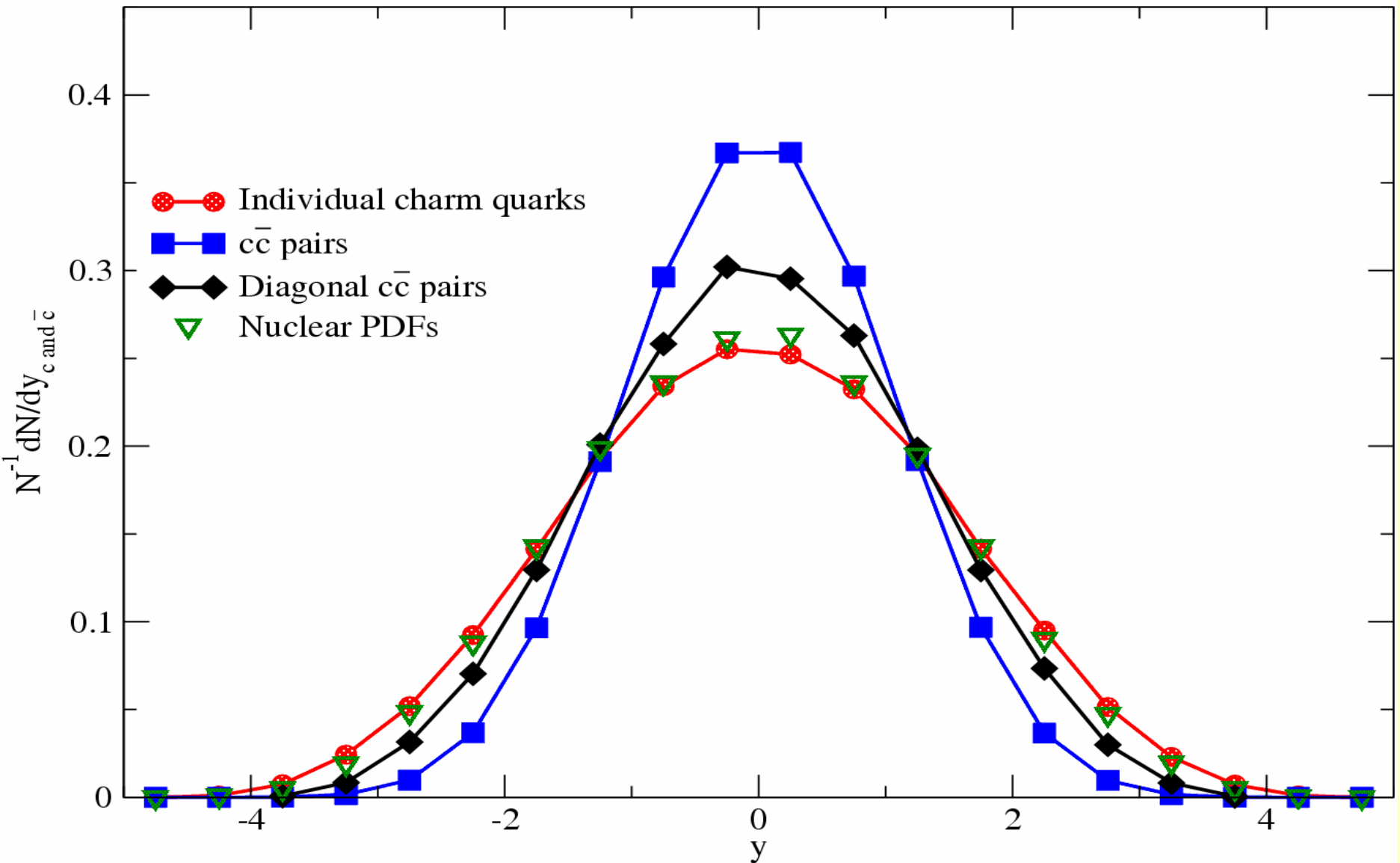


P_T distribution shows minimal variation with y interval



Charm Quark y Distributions

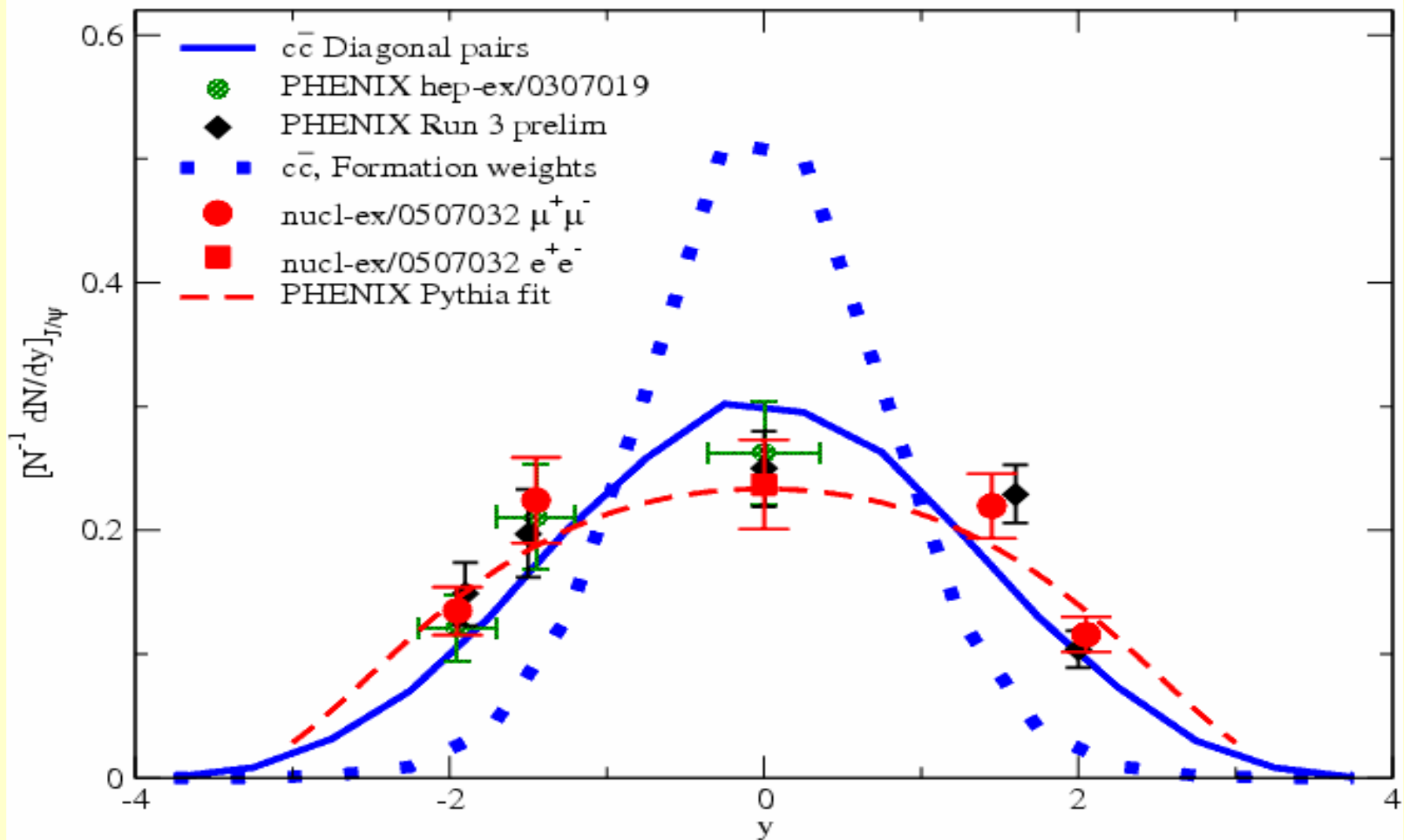
NLO pQCD at RHIC200 Energy



p-p data “select” unbiased diagonal c-cbar pairs

Rapidity Spectra for pp \rightarrow J/ ψ

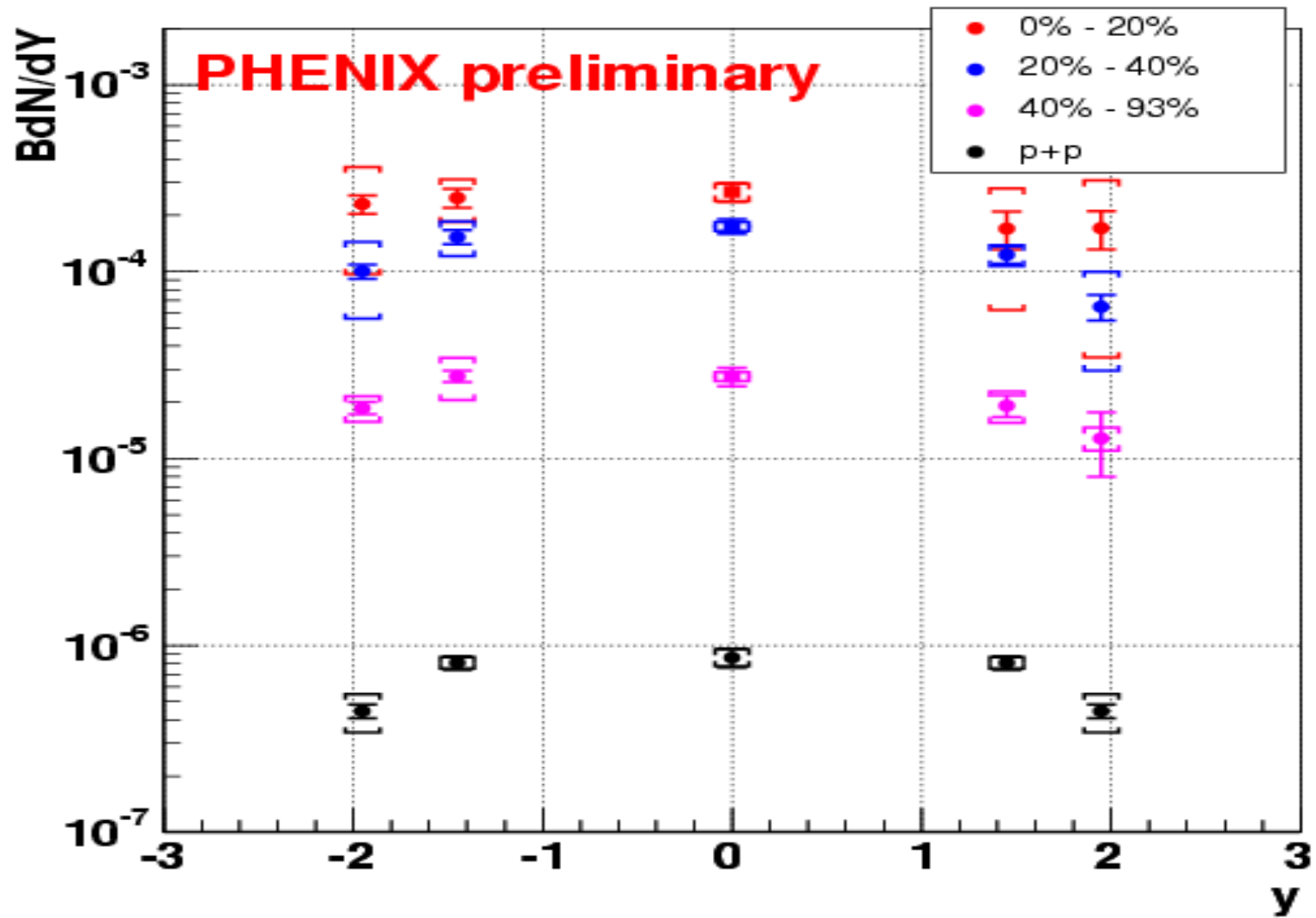
Comparison with $c\bar{c}$ diagonal pairs



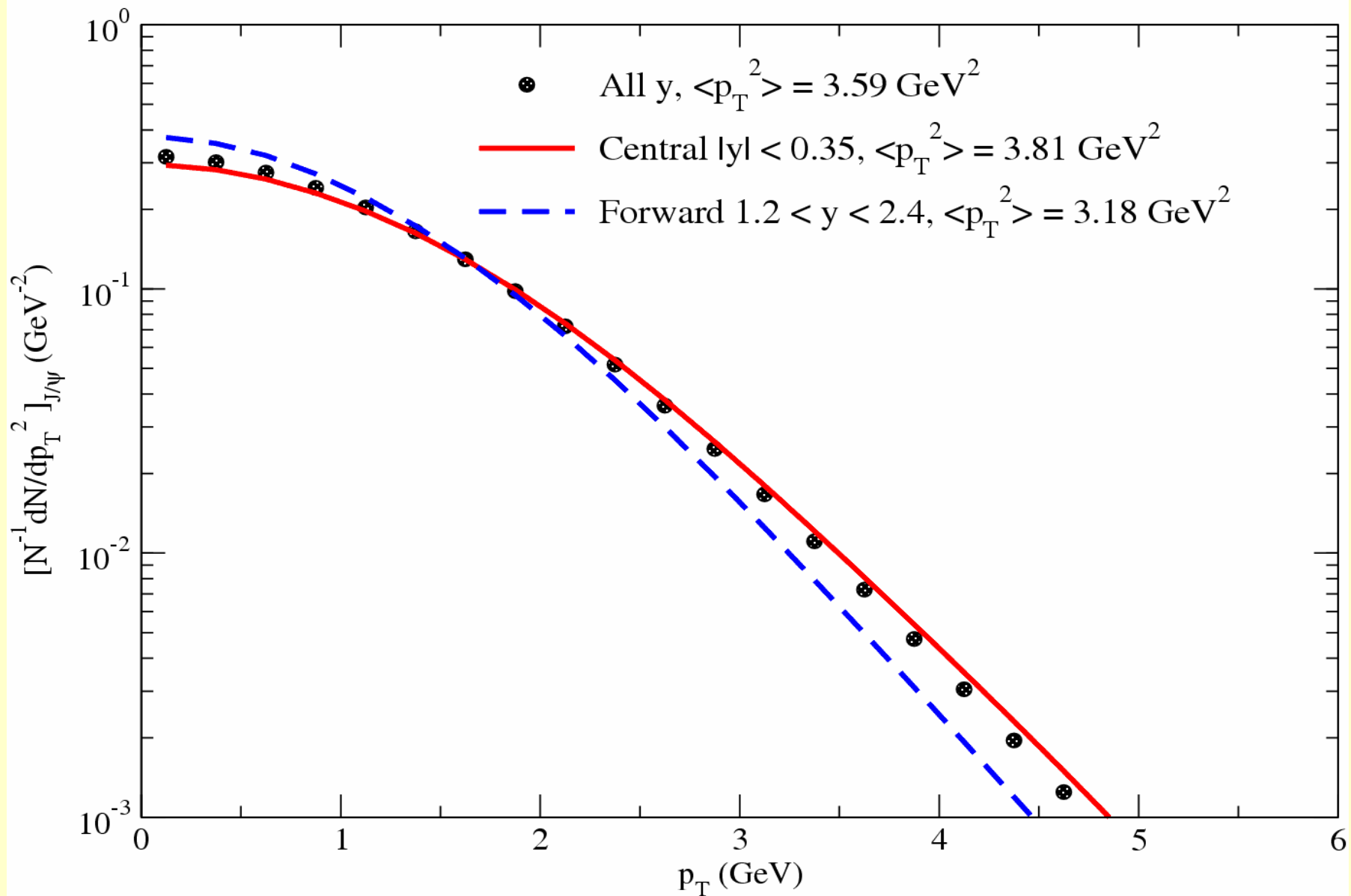
$$\langle p_T^2 \rangle_{AB} = \langle p_T^2 \rangle_{pp} + \lambda^2 \{ \bar{n}_A + \bar{n}_B - 2 \}$$

Nuclear broadening from Initial state parton scattering, extract $\lambda^2 = 0.56 \pm 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ from pp and dAu at RHIC, compare with $0.12 \pm 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$ at fixed-target energy. Note: λ and n are correlated within given nuclear geometry.

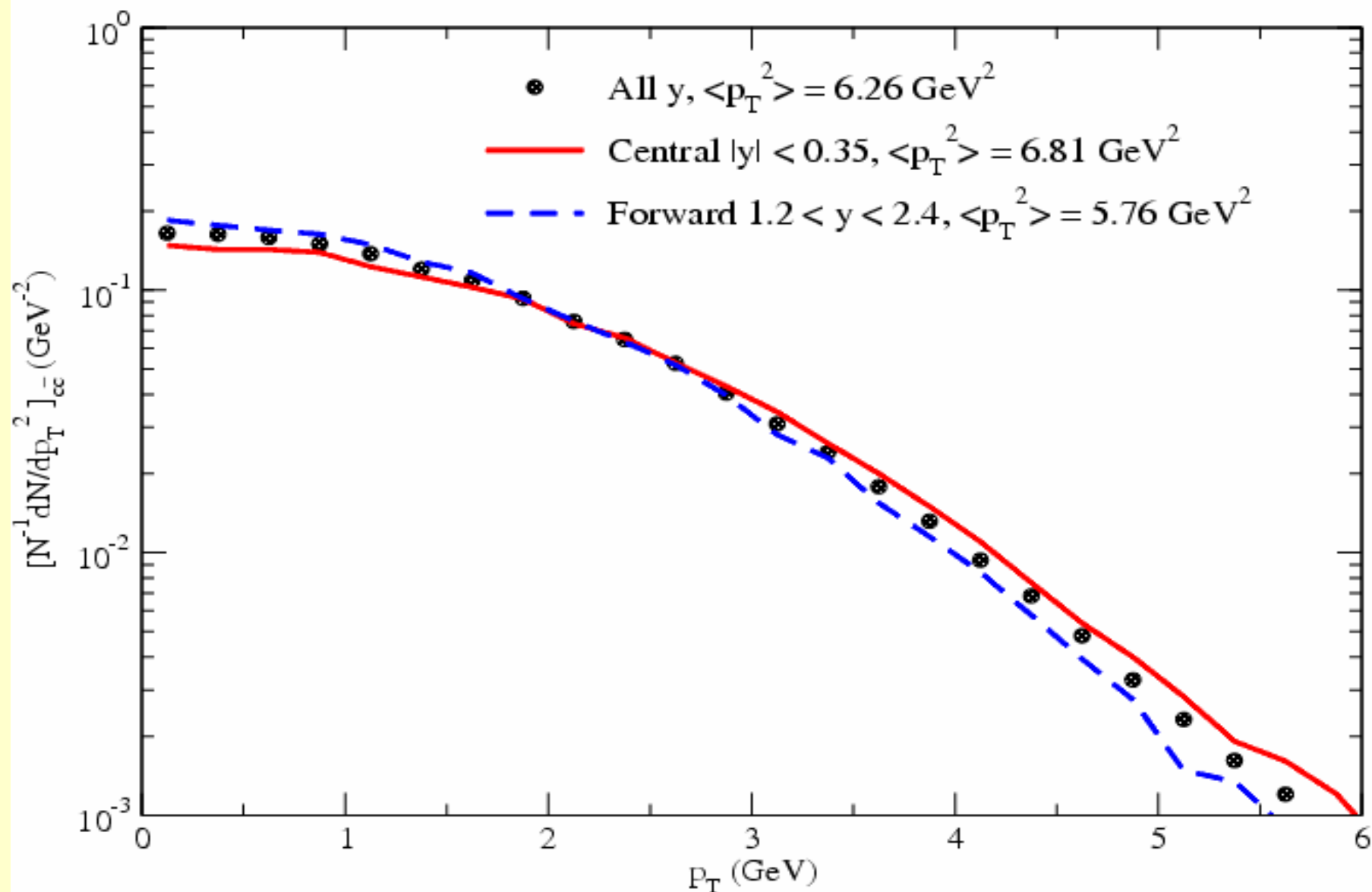
J/ψ BdN/dY - Au+Au @ $\sqrt{S_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$



Rapidity Variation of J/ψ Formation p_T Spectra

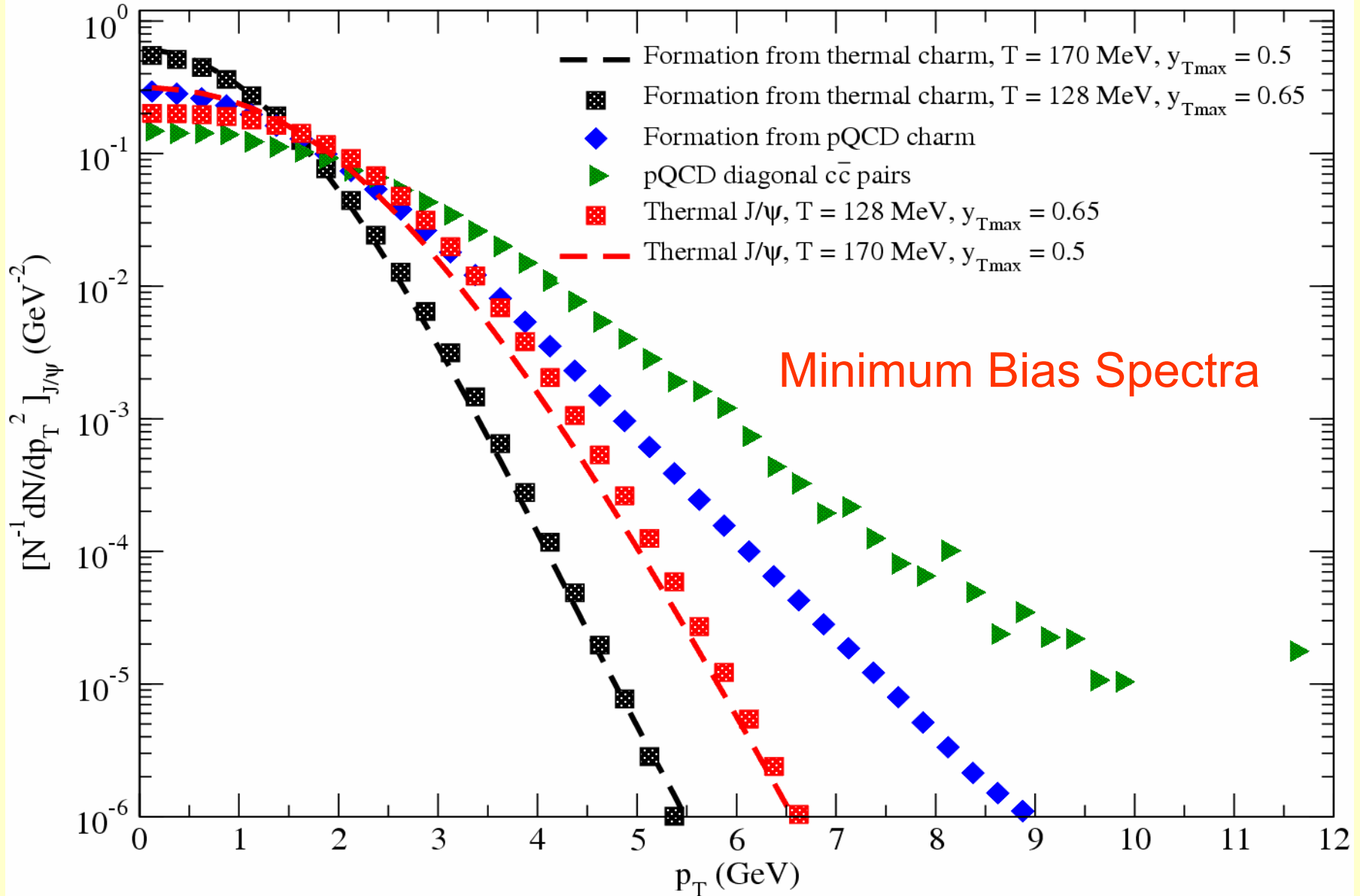


Rapidity Variation of Diagonal $c\bar{c}$ Pair p_T Spectra

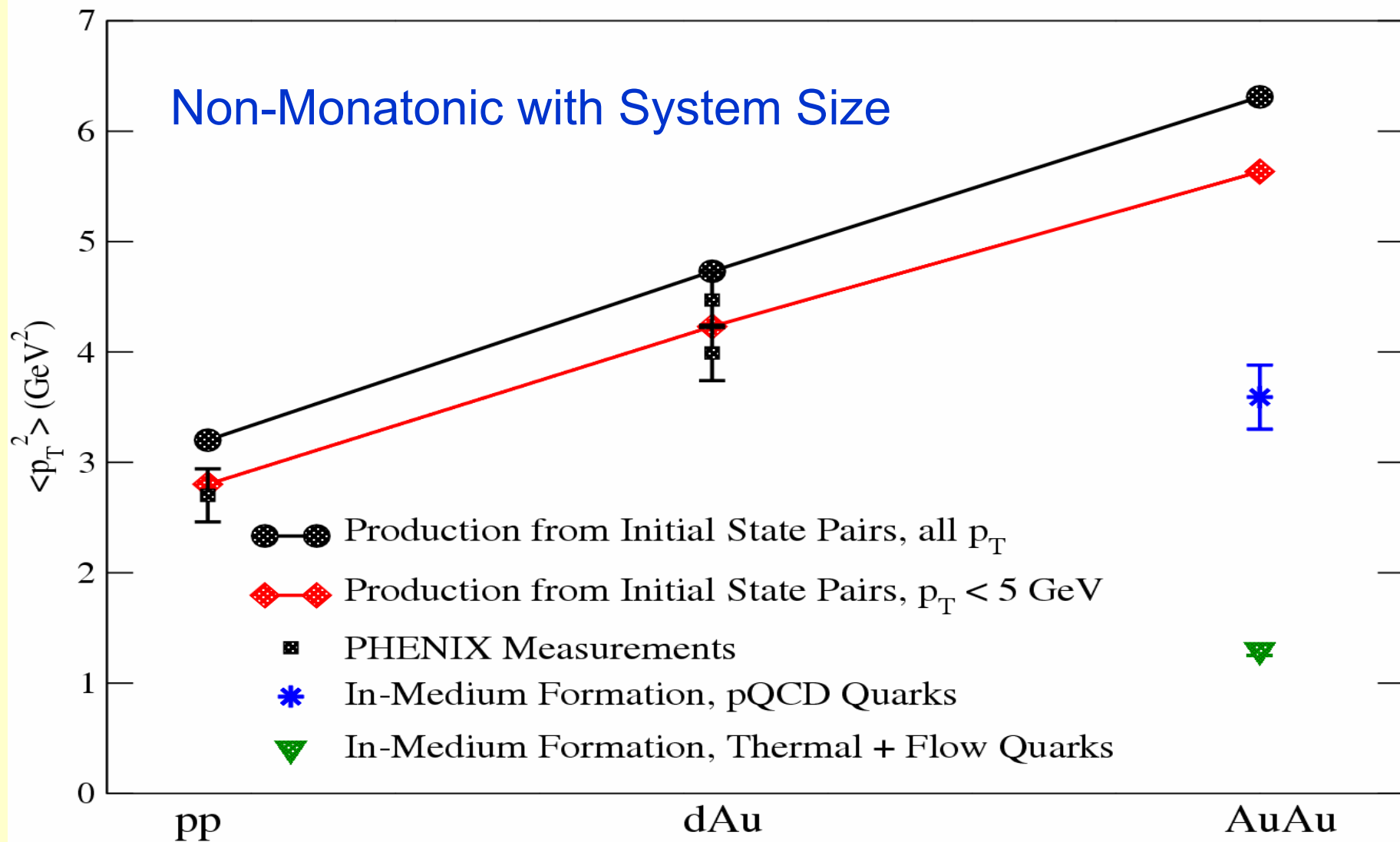


J/ ψ Formation p_T Distributions

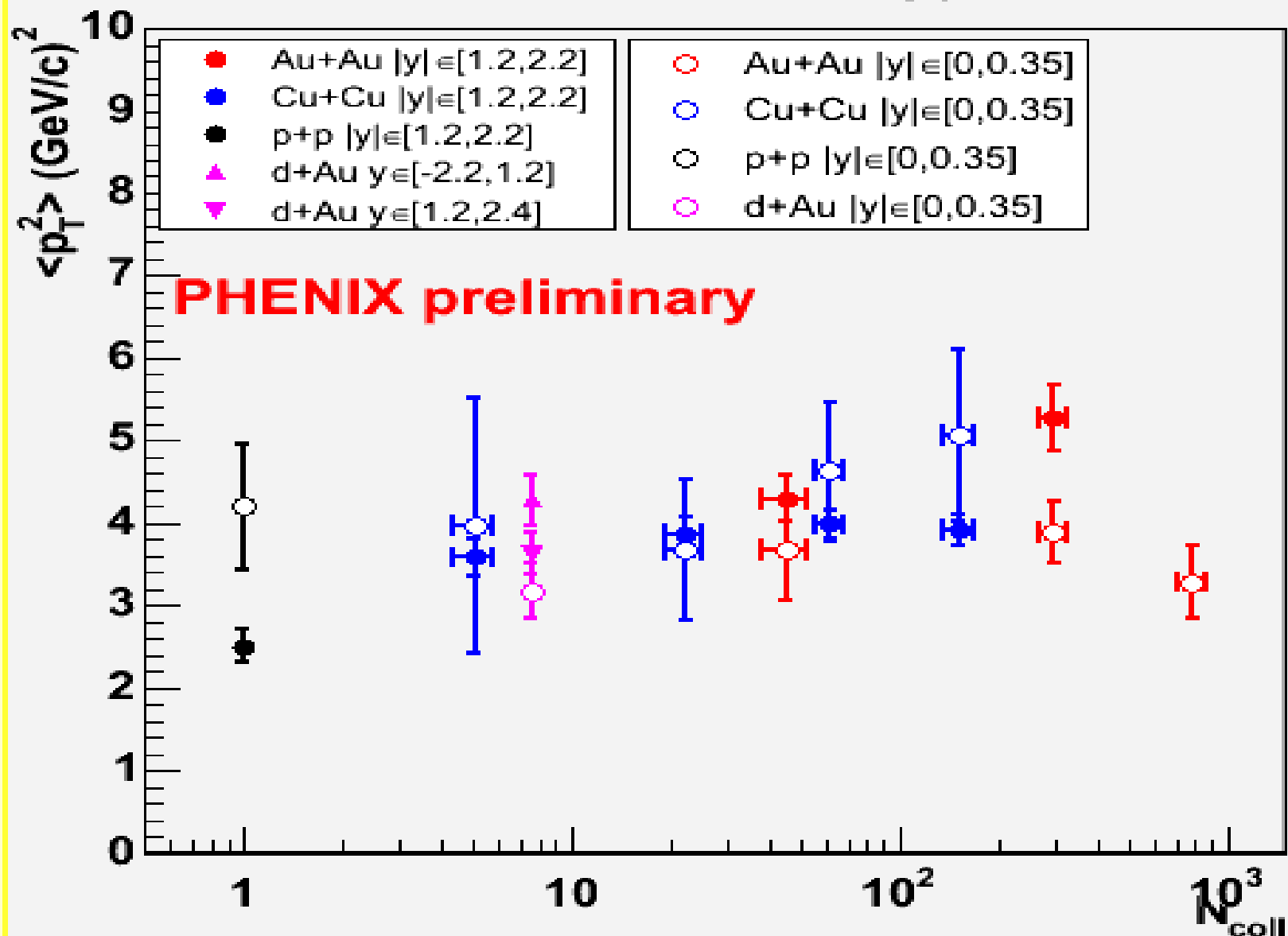
Comparison with direct Thermal Distribution



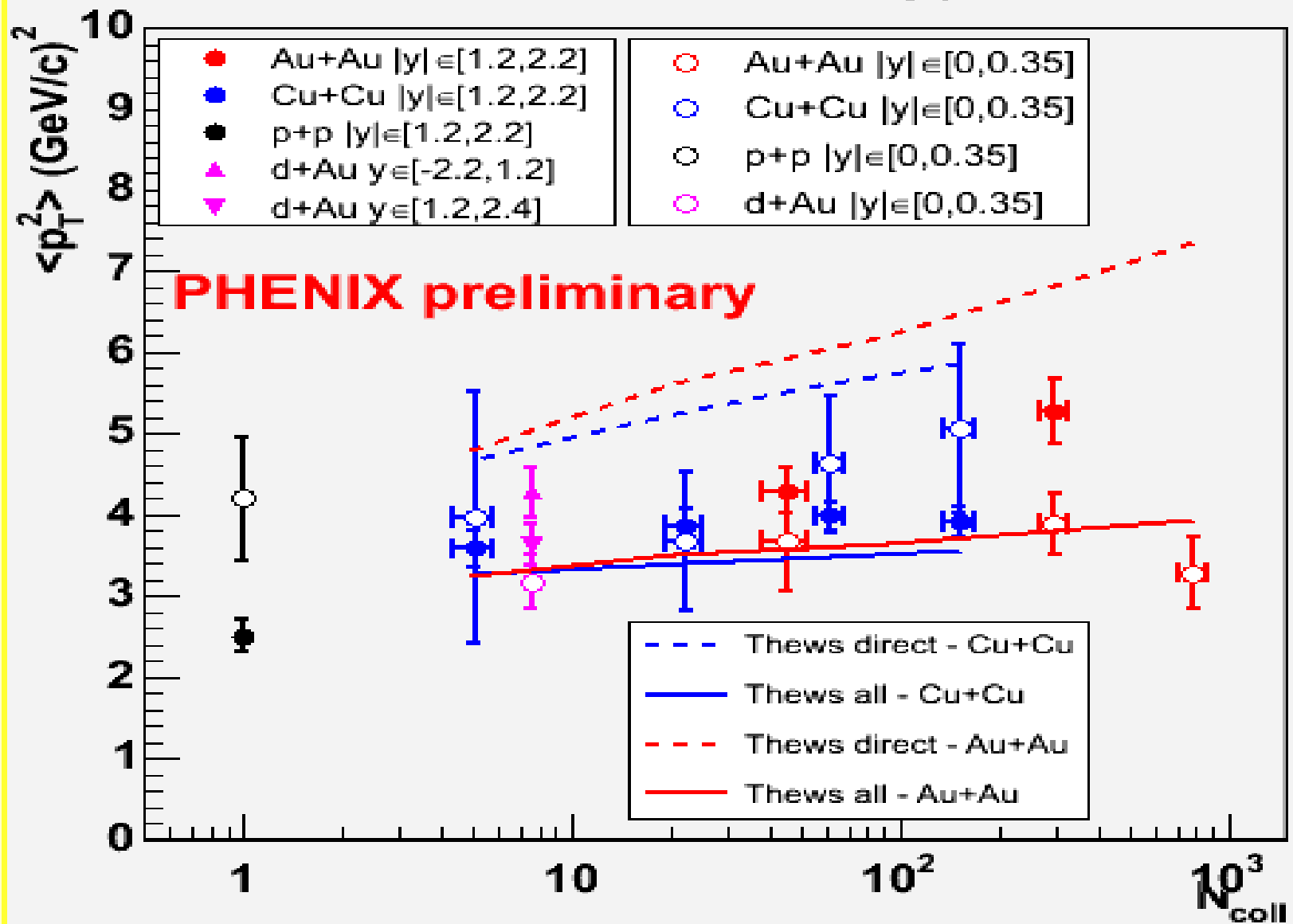
J/ψ Transverse Momentum Width Evolution



$\langle p_T^2 \rangle$ vs N_{coll}

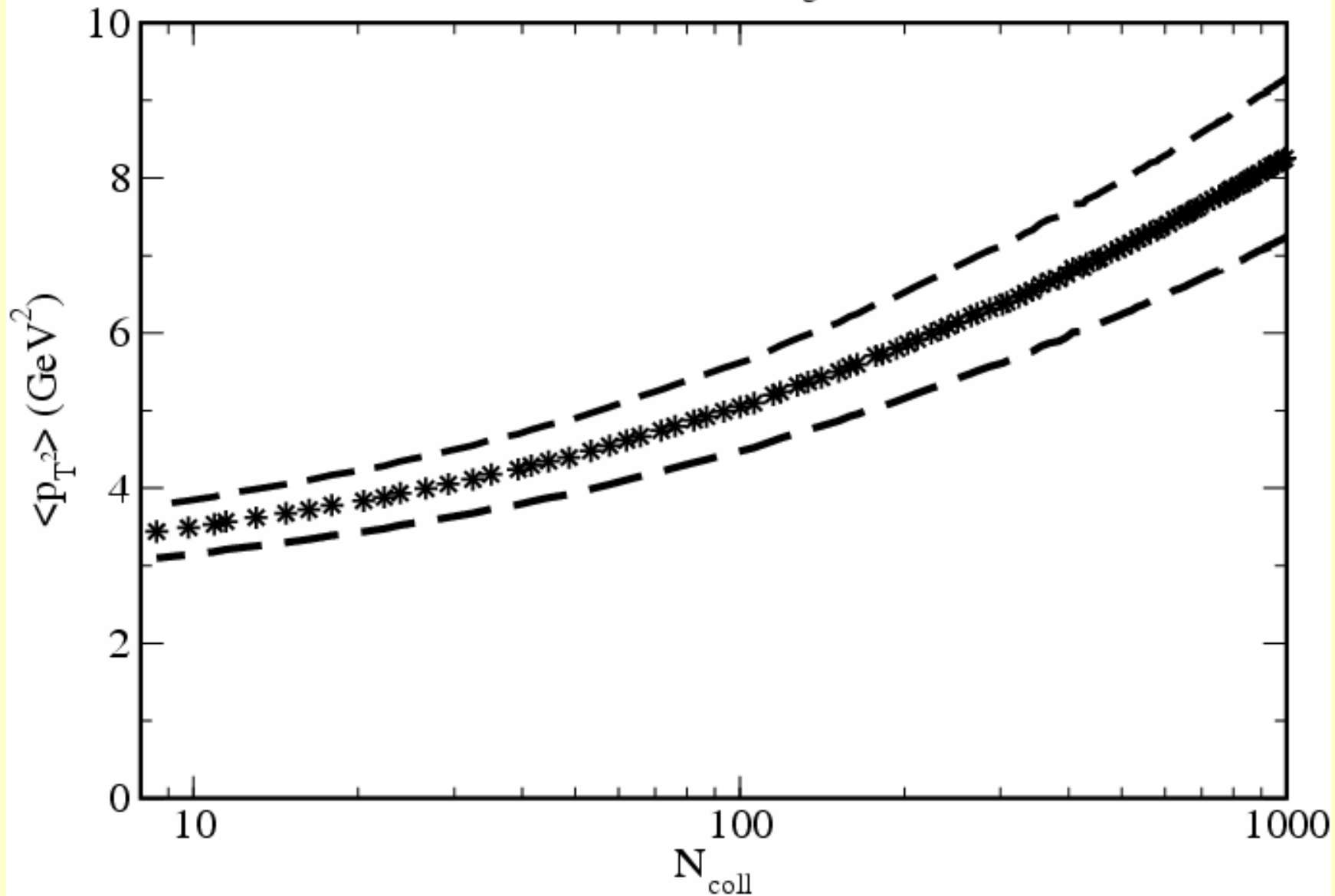


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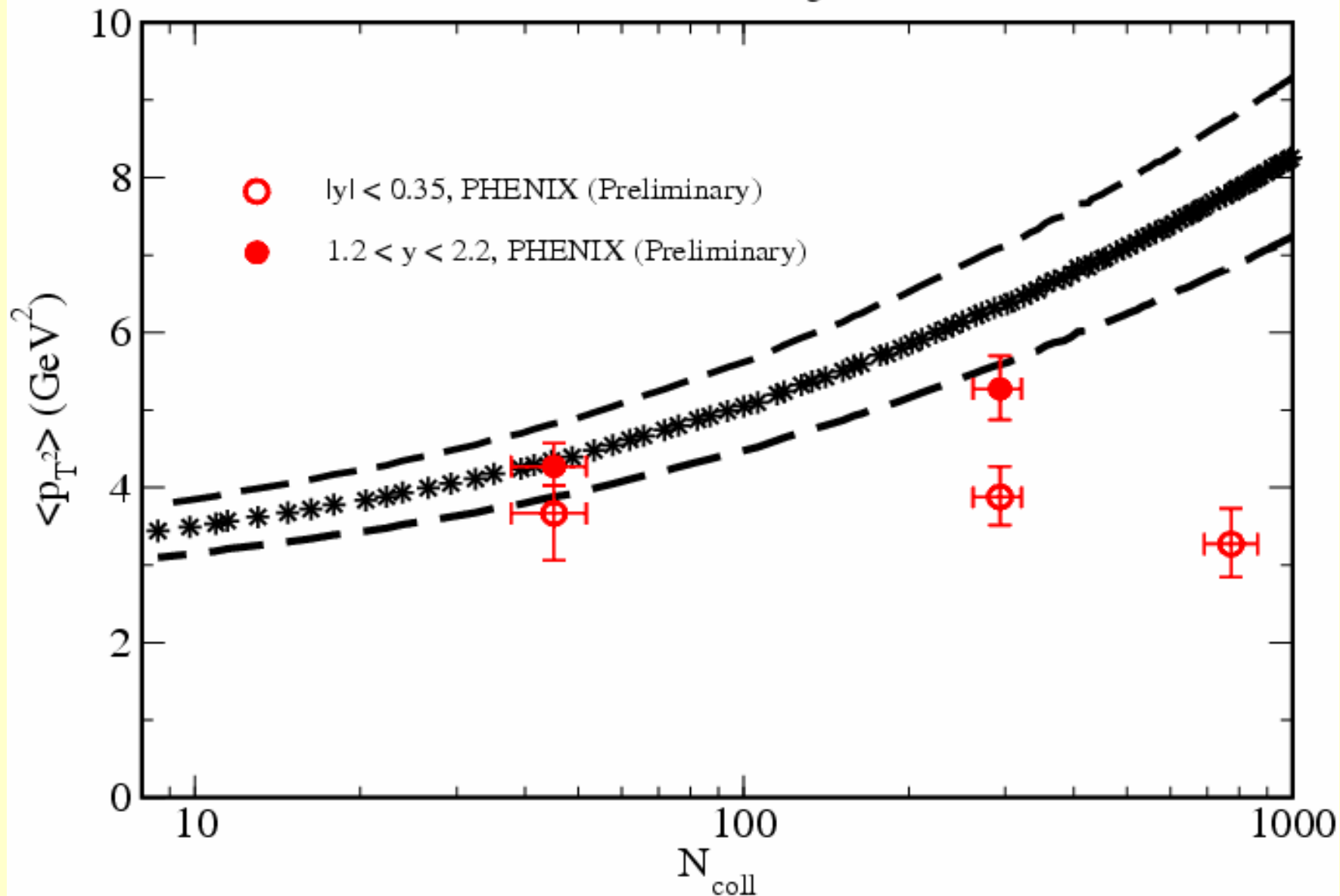
P_T Widths for Direct J/ψ at RHIC200

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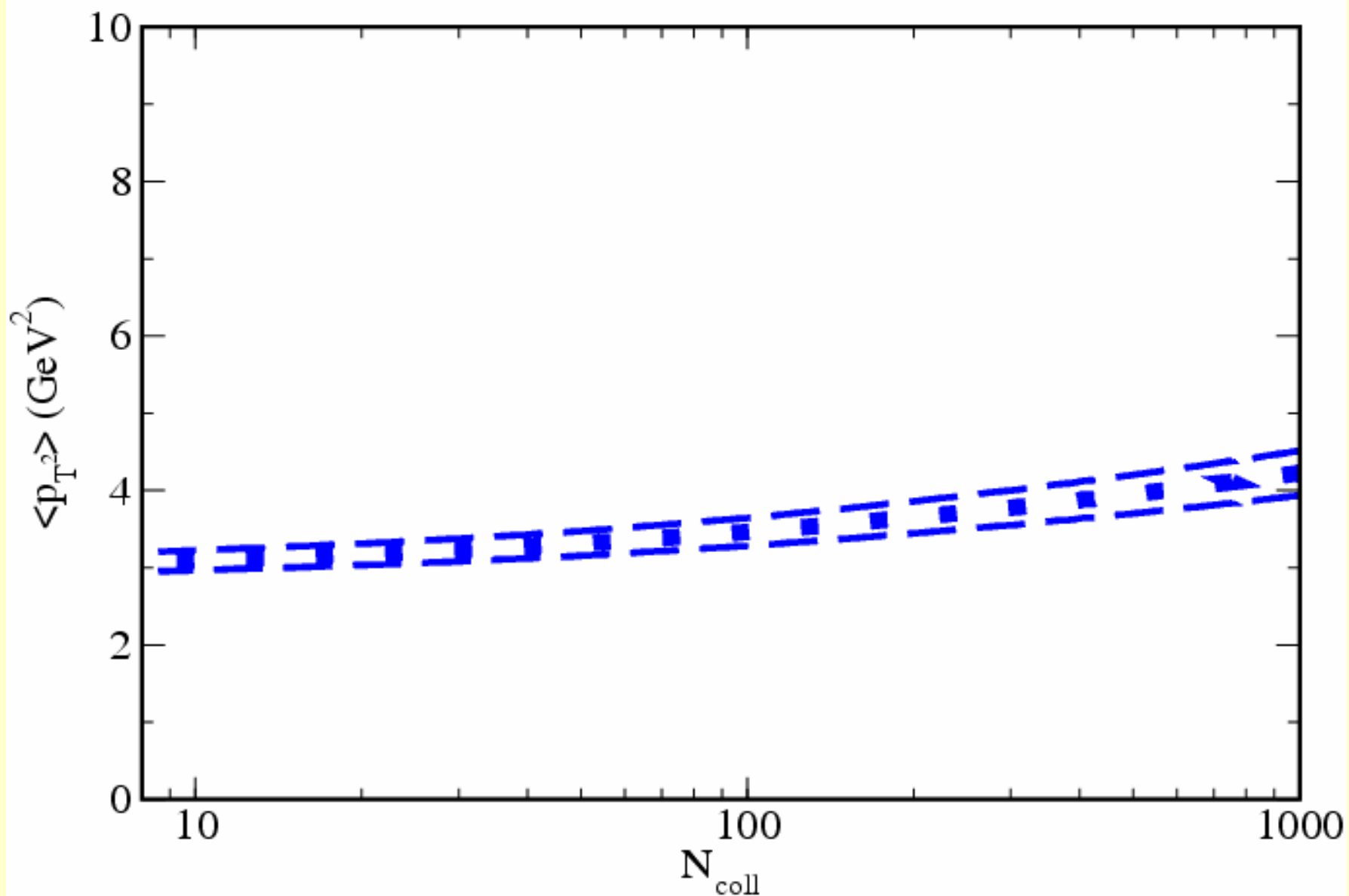


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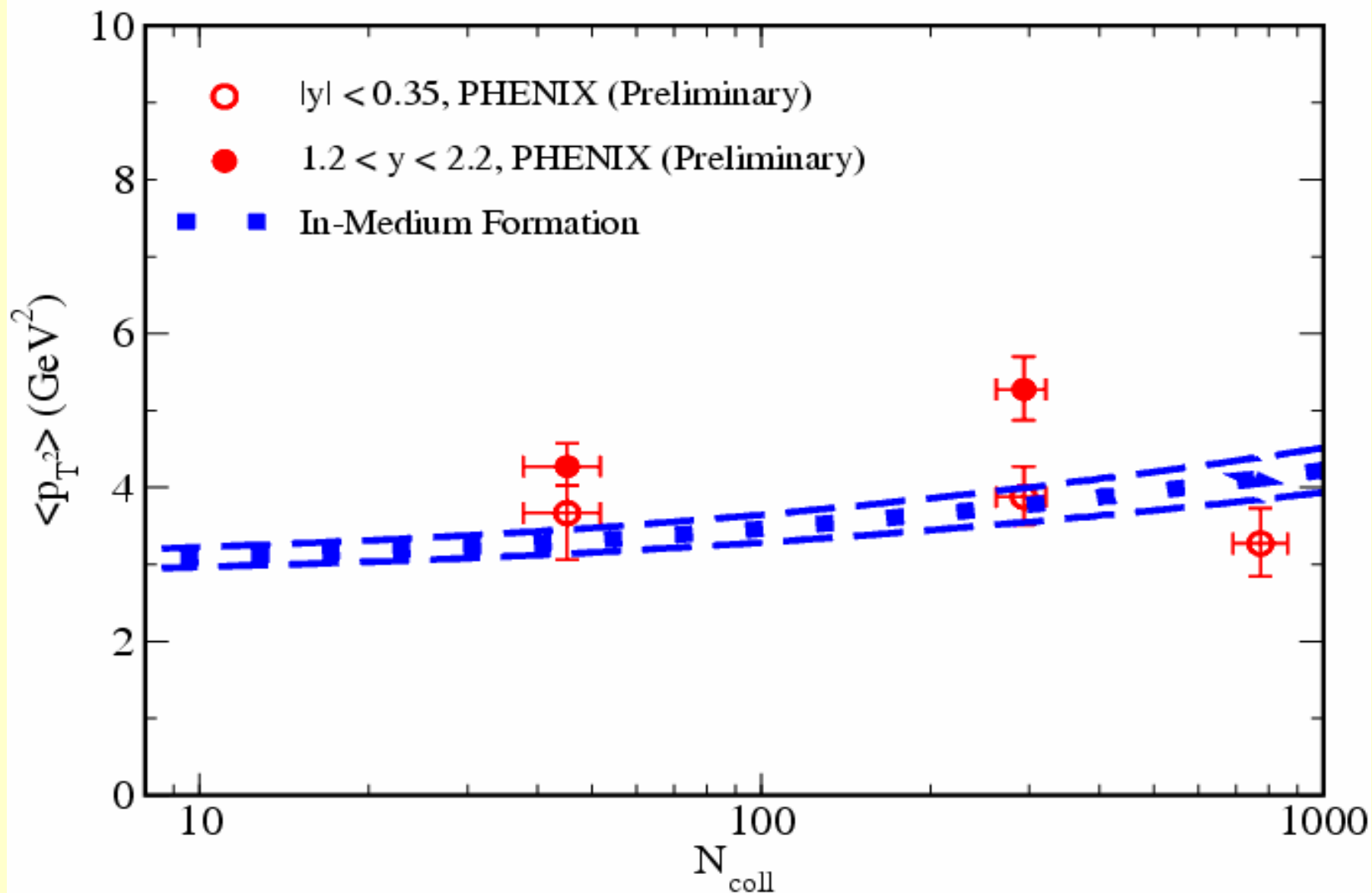
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P_T Widths for In-Medium Formation of J/ψ at RHIC200

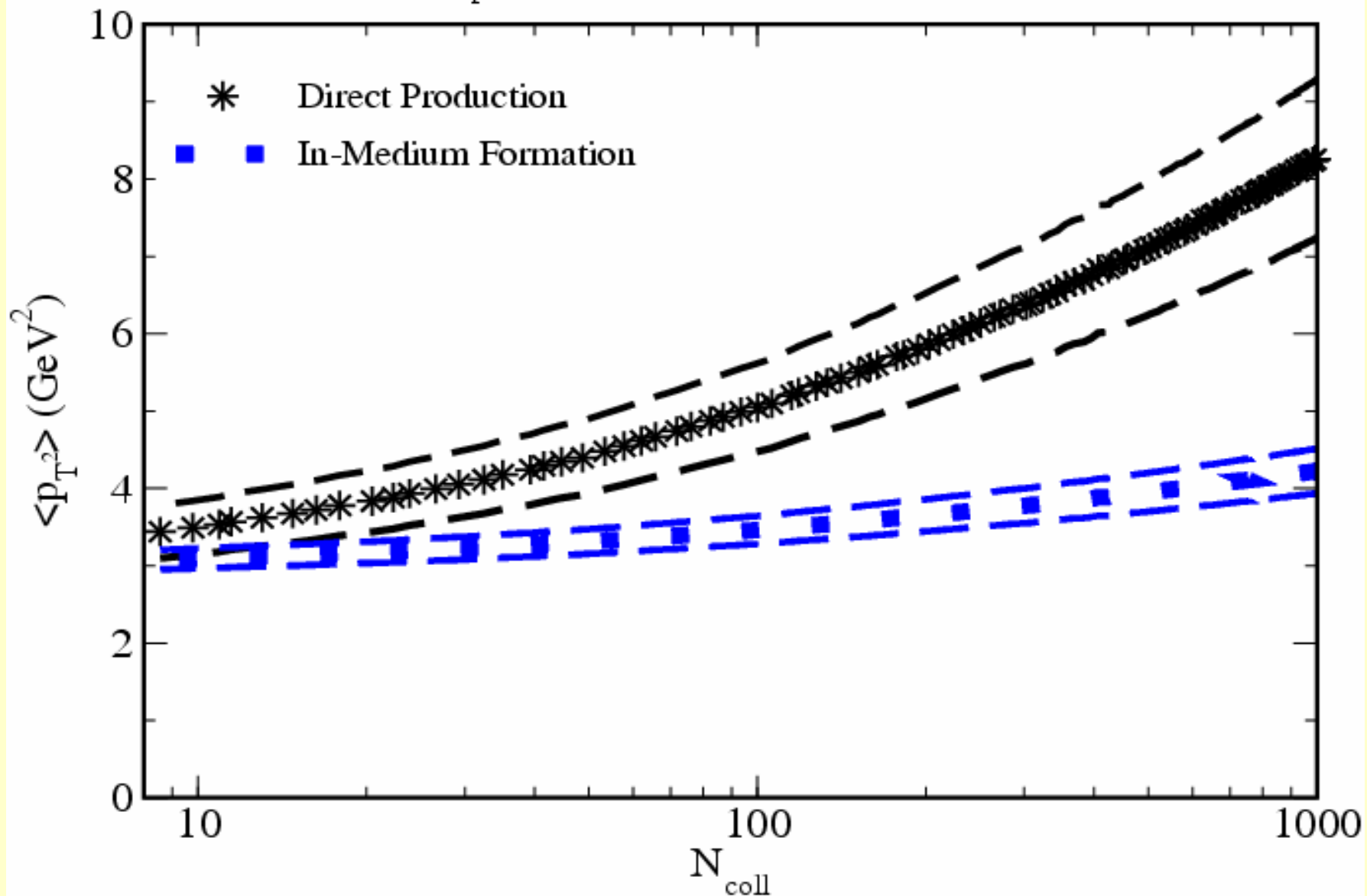


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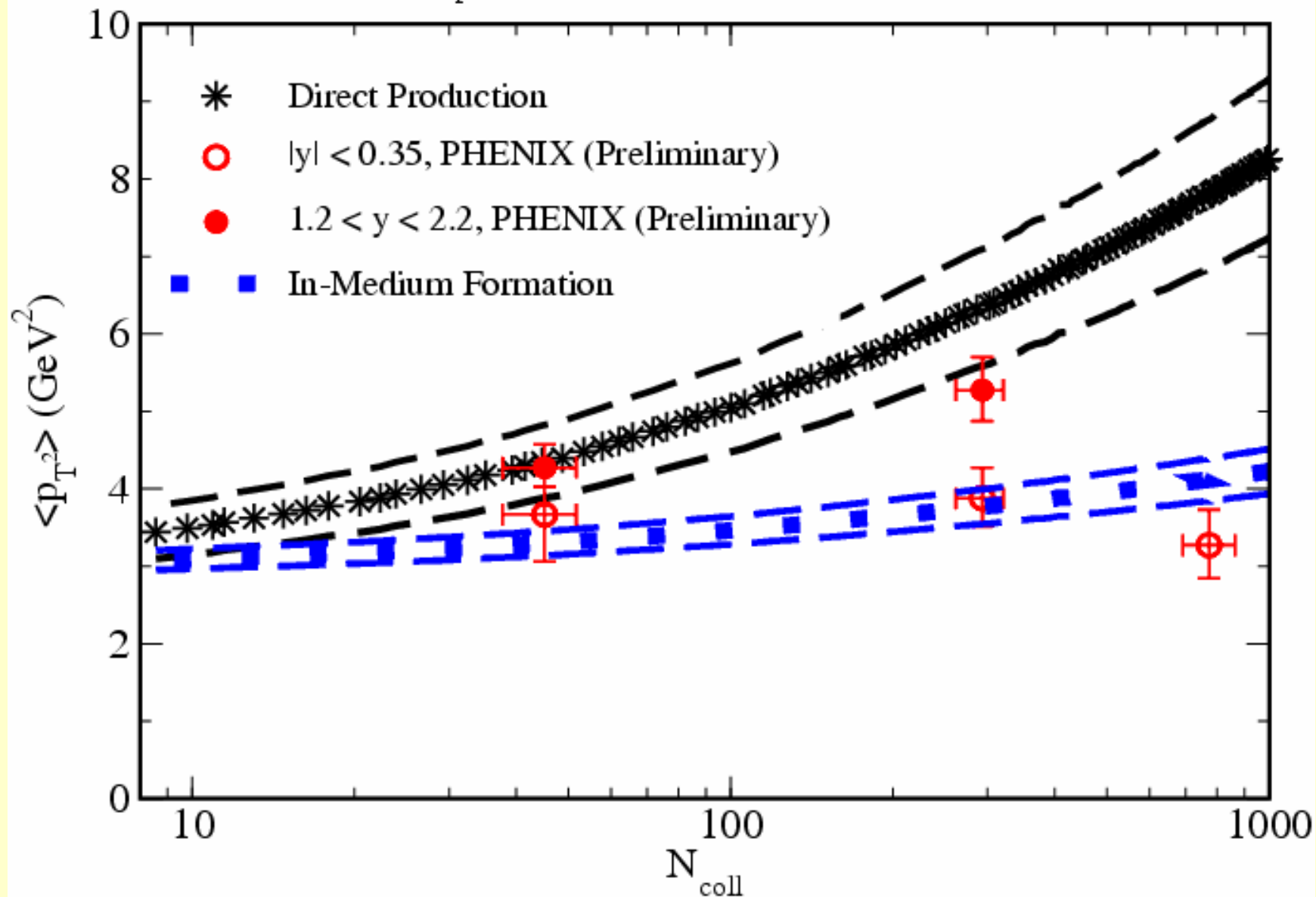
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Comparison of Direct and In-Medium Formation



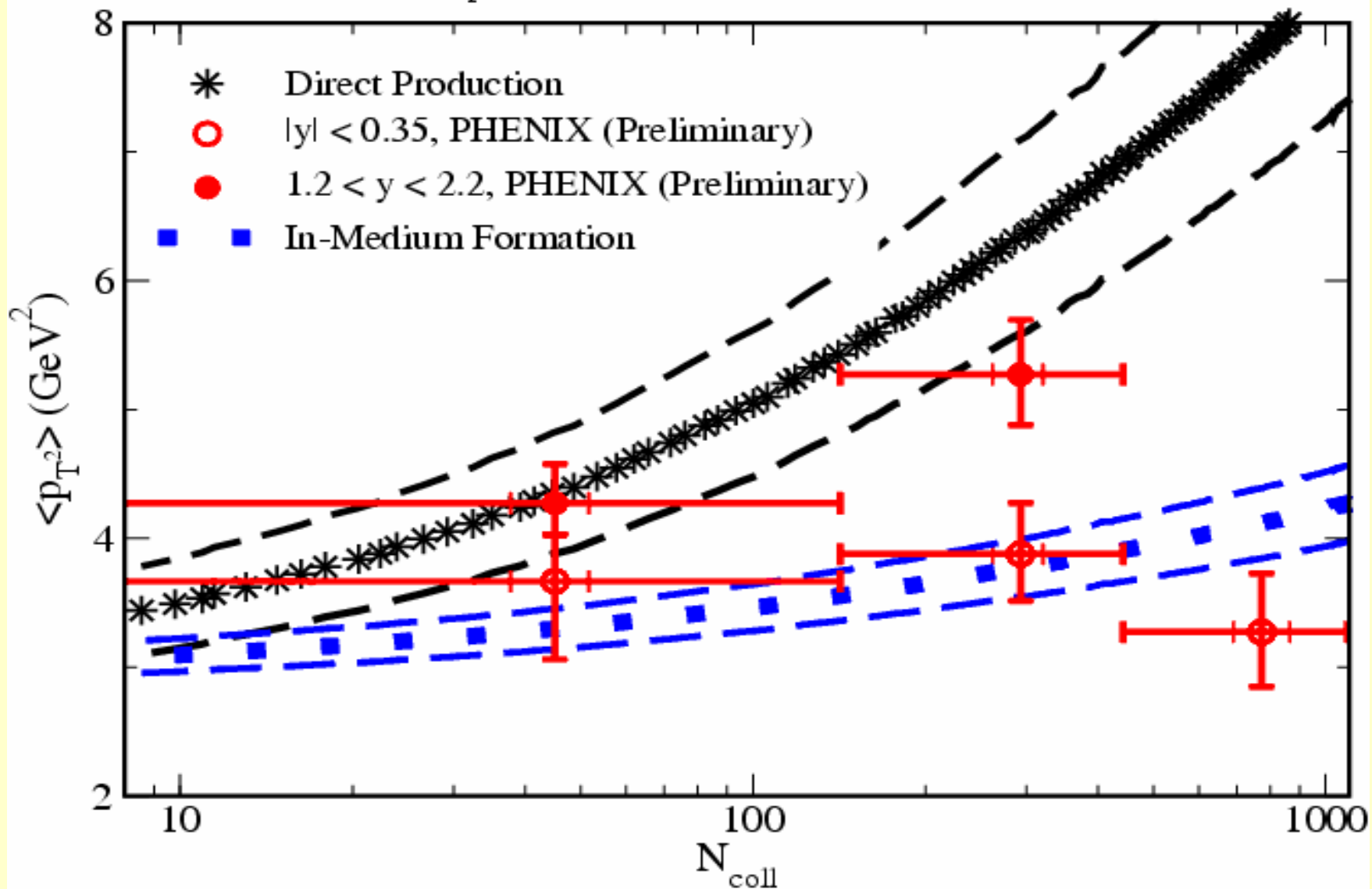
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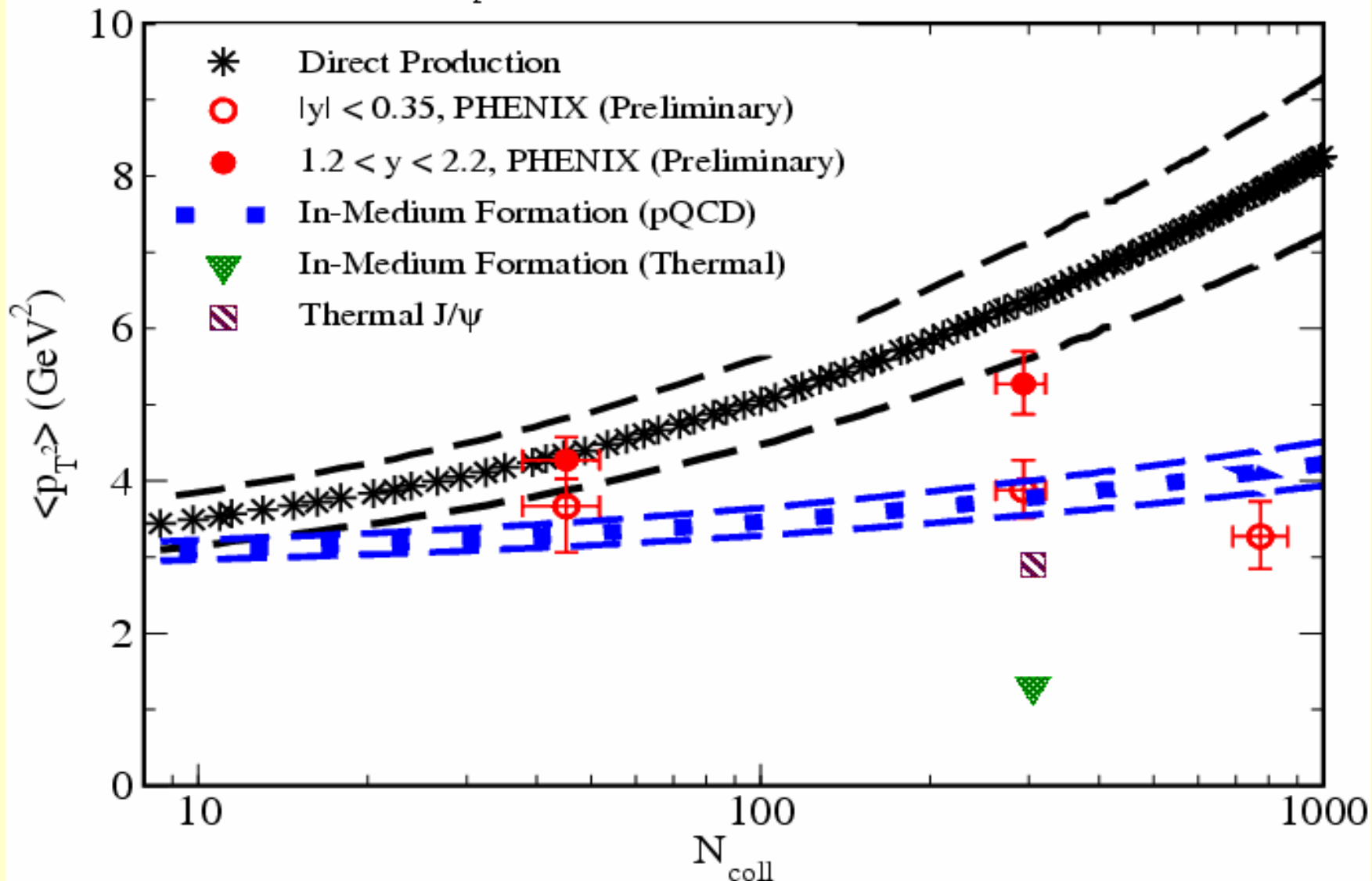
P_T Widths for J/ψ at RHIC200 (PRELIMINARY)

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Comparison of Direct and In-Medium Formation



Combine Initial-State Broadening with Final-State Nuclear Absorption

- Nuclear absorption biases production point toward the later stages of the initial state collision sequence
- Average number of initial-state collisions increases, resulting in larger p_T broadening
- In-medium formation takes place after the nuclear absorption, not subject to this effect

Mean Number of Initial-State Collisions

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=1}^n (m-1) = (n-1)/2$$

Include Final-State Nuclear Absorption

$$\langle n \rangle_{abs} = \frac{1}{P_{tot}} \sum_{m=1}^n (m-1) P_{mn}$$

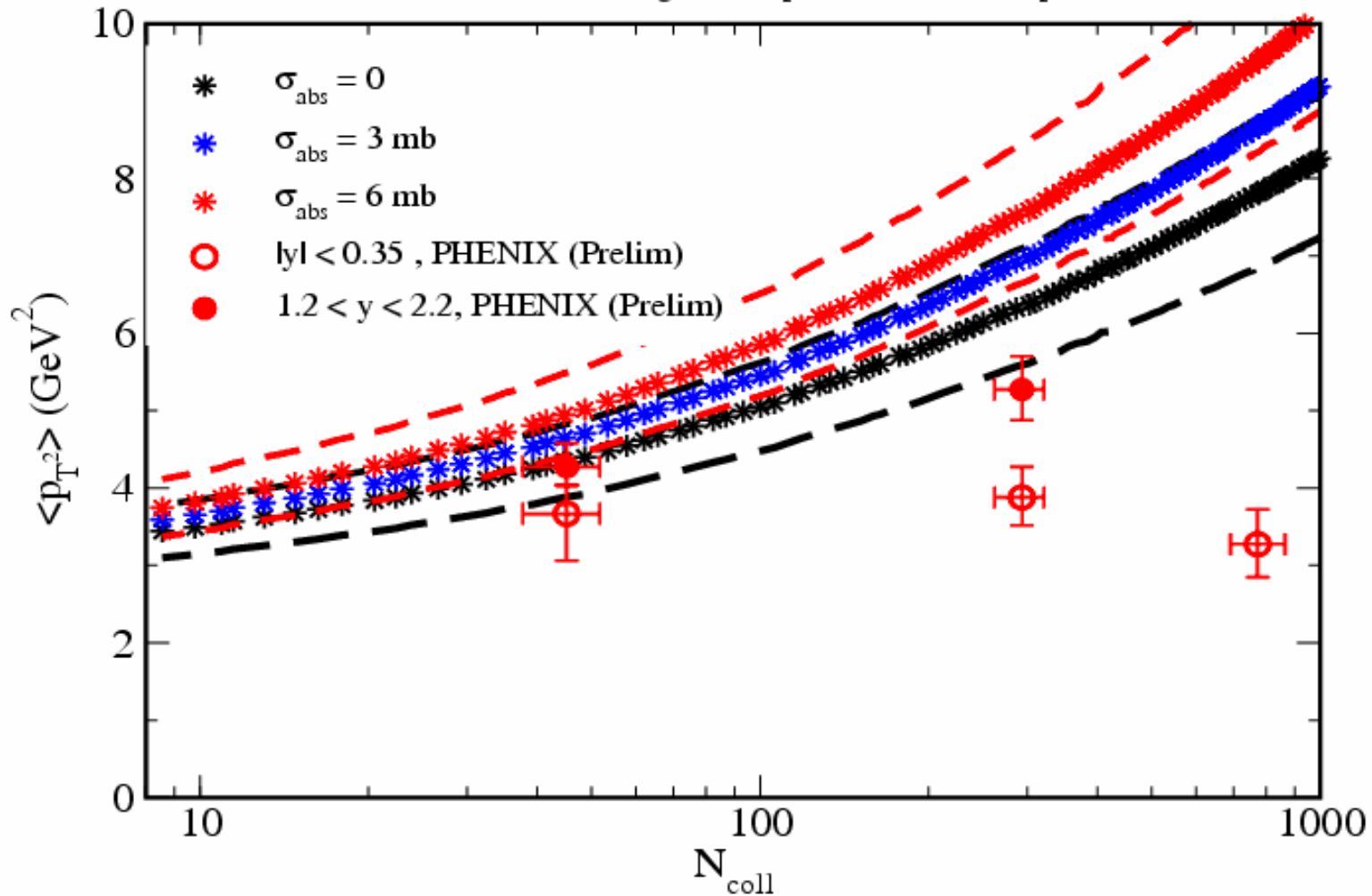
Path Length Model

$$P_{mn} = x^{n-m} \quad x \equiv \exp^{-(\rho\sigma/n)L_{\max}}$$

$$\langle n \rangle_{abs} = \frac{x - 1}{x^n - 1} \sum_{m=1}^n (m - 1) x^{n-m}$$

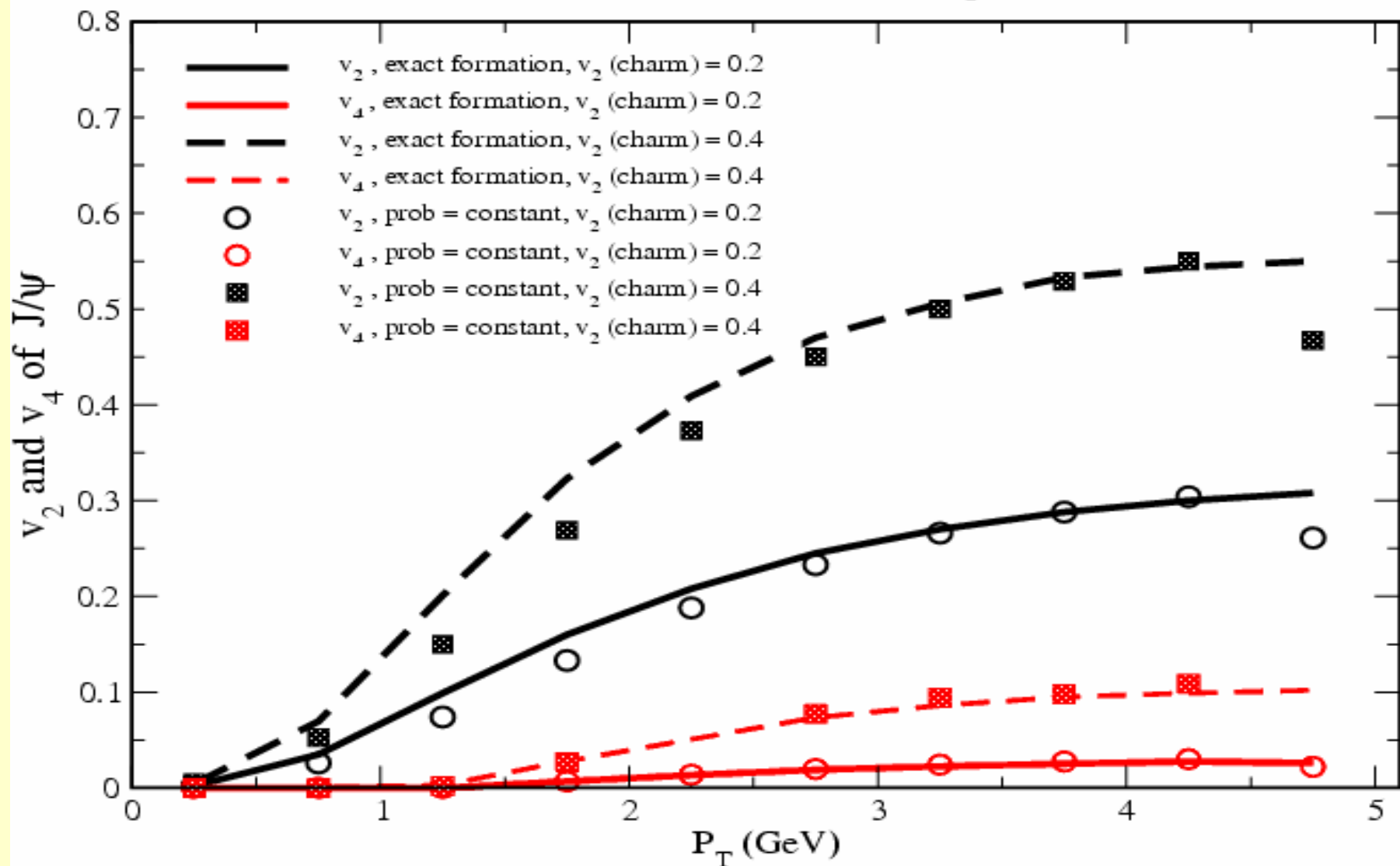
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Initial State Broadening Effects plus Nuclear Absorption



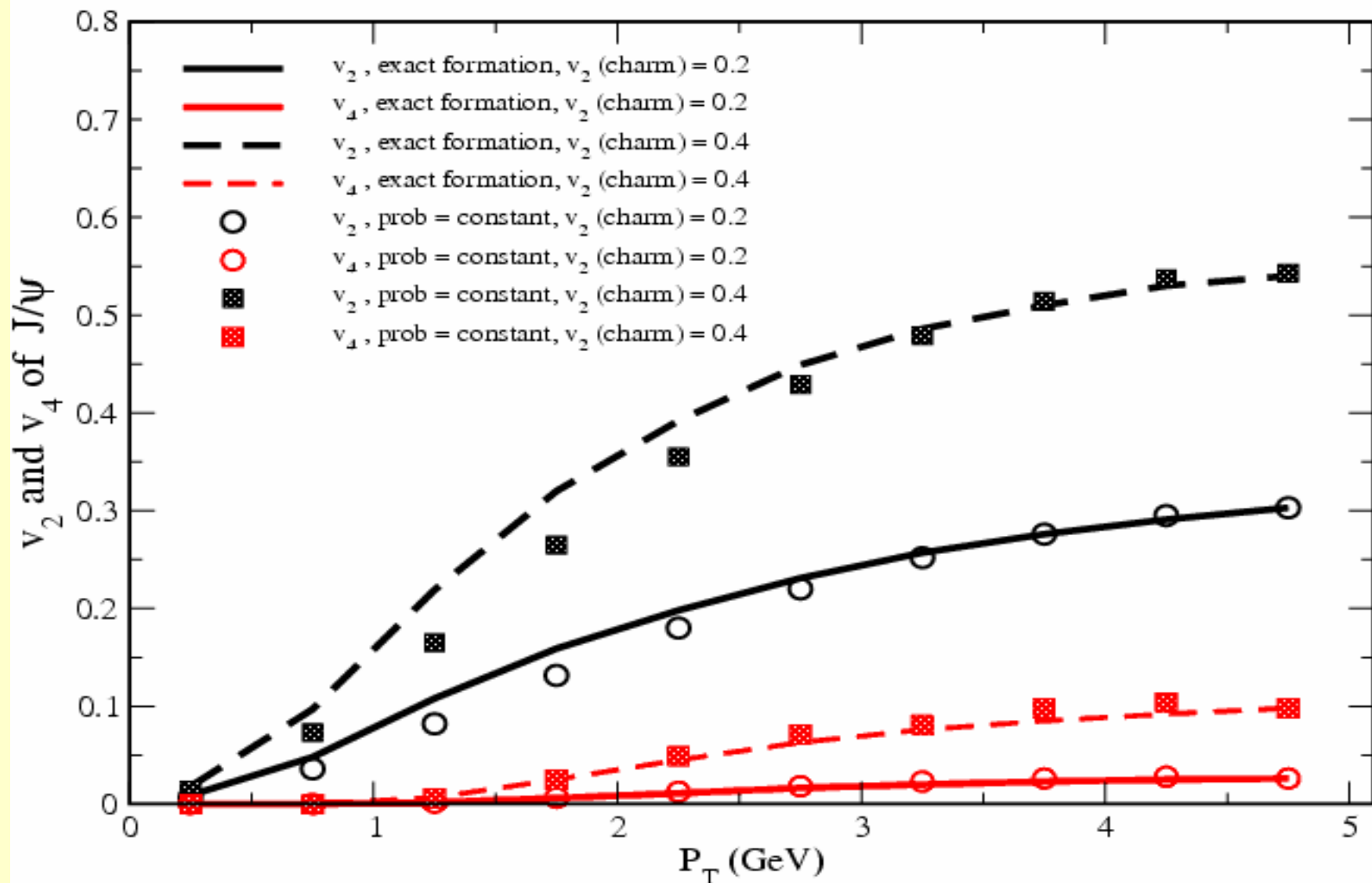
Elliptic Flow of In-Medium Formed J/ψ

Input thermal charm quark with constant $v_2 = 0.2$ and 0.4



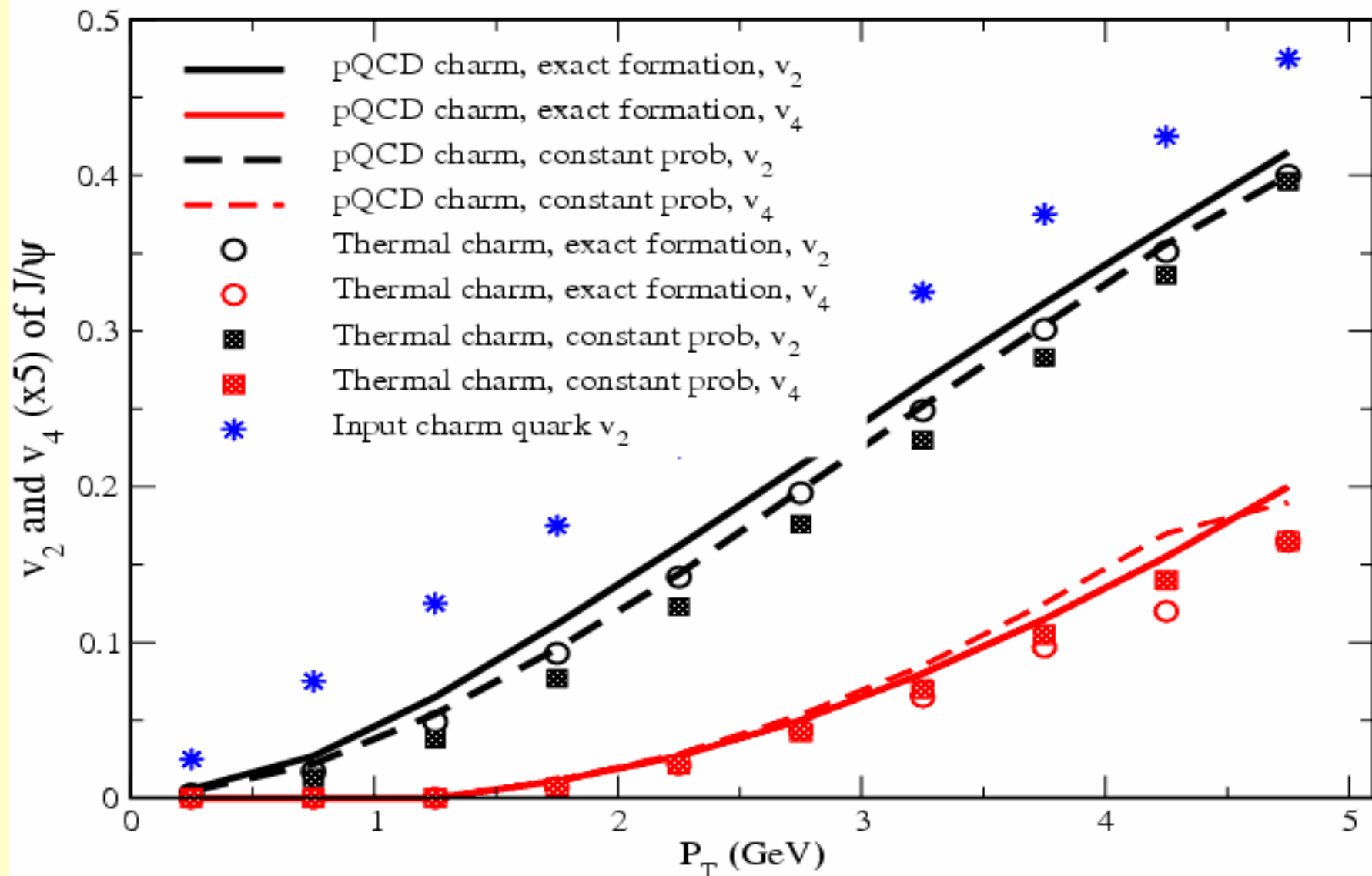
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Elliptic Flow of In-Medium Formed J/ψ

Input charm quark $v_2 = 0.1 P_T$, $0 < P_T < 5$ GeV



SUMMARY

- $R_{AA}(N_{coll})$ points toward In-Medium Formation (AKA regeneration, coalescence, recombination) as the mechanism for J/ψ production in central Au-Au at RHIC. However, sequential suppression remains viable option.
- Normalized p_T and y spectra *alone can* provide signatures of in-medium recombination processes
- Variation of $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$ with system size and centrality provides characteristic signals of in-medium formation

- Initial PHENIX measurements of $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$ depend on rapidity intervals, not understood if J/ψ reflects underlying $c\bar{c}$ pair distributions. Subject to large uncertainties, the in-medium scenario may be preferred.
- Initial PHENIX measurements of y spectra do not exhibit narrowing predicted by in-medium formation
- What about sQGP? Can we retain a scenario of binary interactions? Perhaps charm quarks will not even propagate in the medium.
- Correlation of J/ψ and charm quark flow in progress