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Theoretical issues in J/ψ suppression

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This week 32 years ago: November revolution

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Experimental Observation of a Heavy Particle J^\dagger

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(Received 12 November 1974)

12 November

We report the observation of a heavy particle J , with mass $m = 3.1$ GeV and width approximately zero. The observation was made from the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + x$ by measuring the e^+e^- mass spectrum with a precise pair spectrometer at the Brookhaven National Laboratory's 30-GeV alternating-gradient synchrotron.

Discovery of a Narrow Resonance in e^+e^- Annihilation*

J.-E. Augustin,† A. M. Boyarski, M. Breidenbach, F. Bulos, J. T. Dakin, G. J. Feldman,
G. E. Fischer, D. Fryberger, G. Hanson, B. Jean-Marie,† R. R. Larsen, V. Lüth,
H. L. Lynch, D. Lyon, C. C. Morehouse, J. M. Paterson, M. L. Perl,
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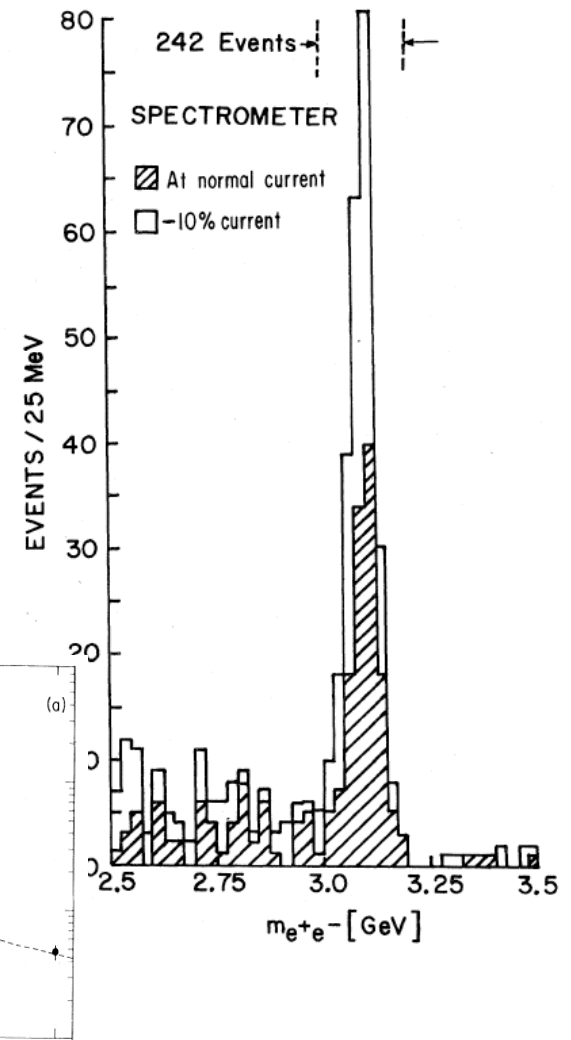
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We have observed a very sharp peak in the cross section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, e^+e^- , and possibly $\mu^+\mu^-$ at a center-of-mass energy of 3.105 ± 0.003 GeV. The upper limit to the full width at half-maximum is 1.3 MeV.



Why are heavy quarks so important?

Heavy quark masses M_H are generated at the electroweak scale, and are external parameters in QCD;

Heavy quarks are “heavy” because their masses are large on the typical QCD scale of Λ_{QCD} :

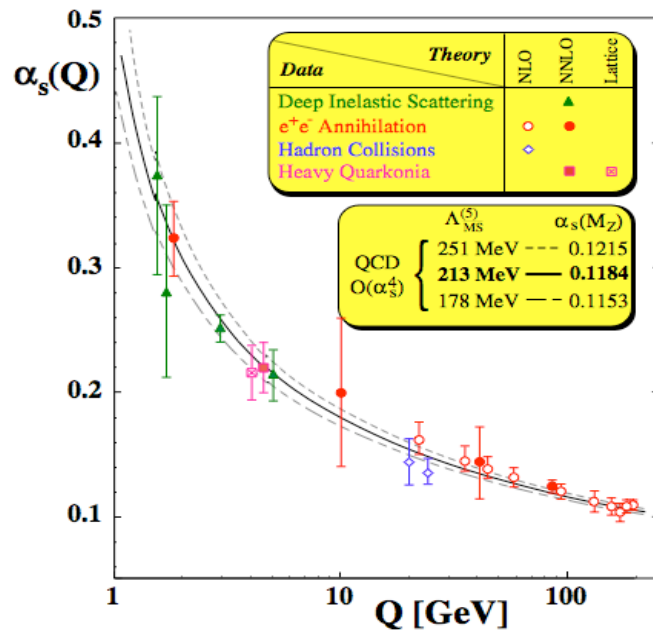
$$M_H \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

coupling is small \rightarrow narrow width

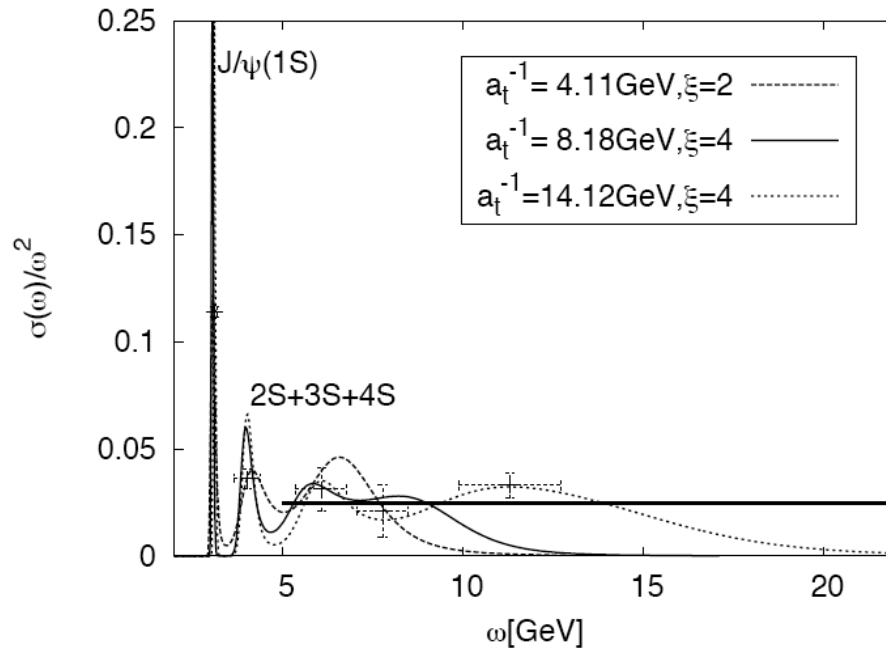
$$\alpha_s(M_H) \ll 1$$

$$\frac{\langle \alpha_s G^2 \rangle}{M_H^4} \ll 1$$

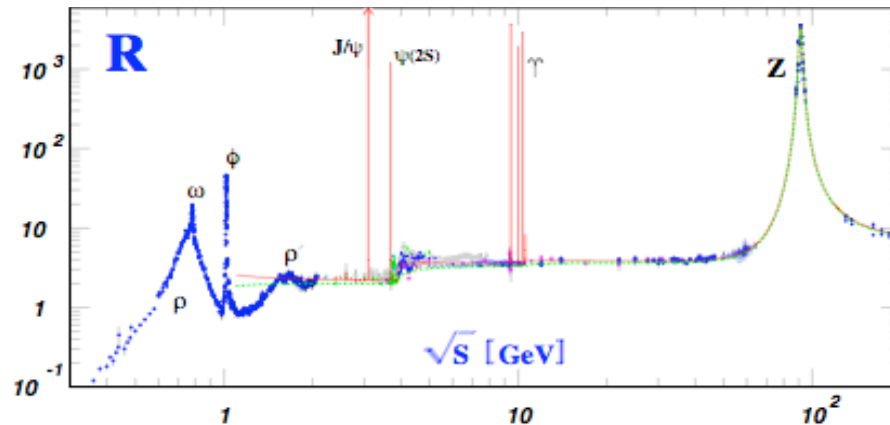
vacuum fields are weak
on the heavy quark scale:
may be treated as perturbation



Why are heavy quarkonia so special?



Heavy quarks =
 small velocities,
 small size,
 tight binding,
 weak coupling
 to light hadrons...
 all “relatively”



20 years ago: J/ψ in the plasma



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9 October 1986

J/ψ SUPPRESSION BY QUARK–GLUON PLASMA FORMATION ☆

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Received 17 July 1986

If high energy heavy ion collisions lead to the formation of a hot quark–gluon plasma, then colour screening prevents $c\bar{c}$ binding in the deconfined interior of the interaction region. To study this effect, the temperature dependence of the screening radius, as obtained from lattice QCD, is compared with the J/ψ radius calculated in charmonium models. The feasibility to detect this effect clearly in the dilepton mass spectrum is examined. It is concluded that J/ψ suppression in nuclear collisions should provide an unambiguous signature of quark–gluon plasma formation.

T. Matsui & H. Satz:

We thus conclude, that there appears to be no mechanism for J/ψ suppression in nuclear collisions except the formation of a deconfining plasma, and if such a plasma is produced, there seems to be no way to avoid J/ψ suppression.

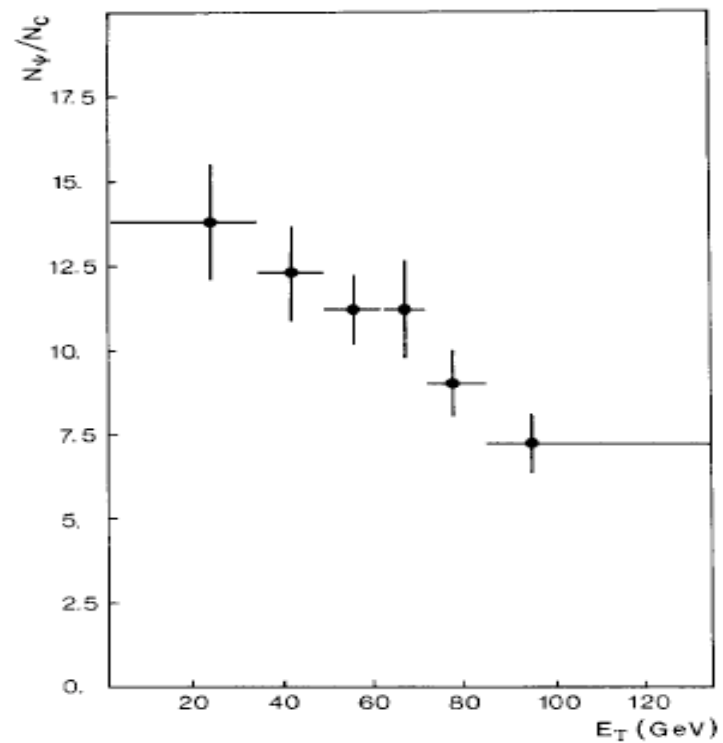
NA38: the first observation of J/Ψ suppression

6 April 1989

THE PRODUCTION OF J/Ψ
IN 200 GeV/NUCLEON OXYGEN-URANIUM INTERACTIONS

NA38 Collaboration

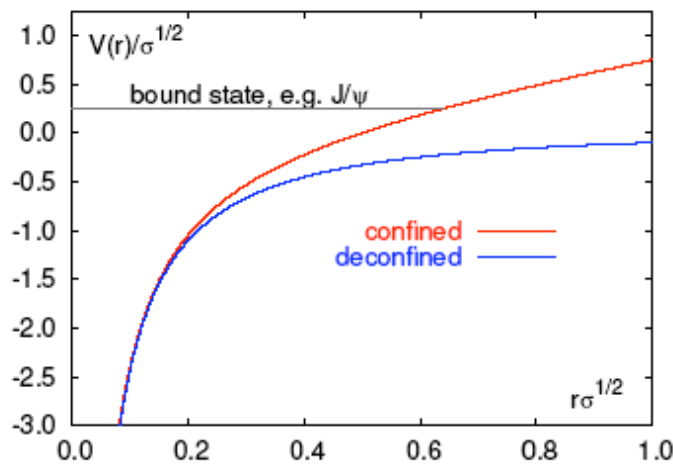
And so the story began...



Heavy quarkonium as a probe

The Matsui-Satz argument:

- deconfinement \Rightarrow screening
 \Rightarrow no heavy quark bound states in a QGP



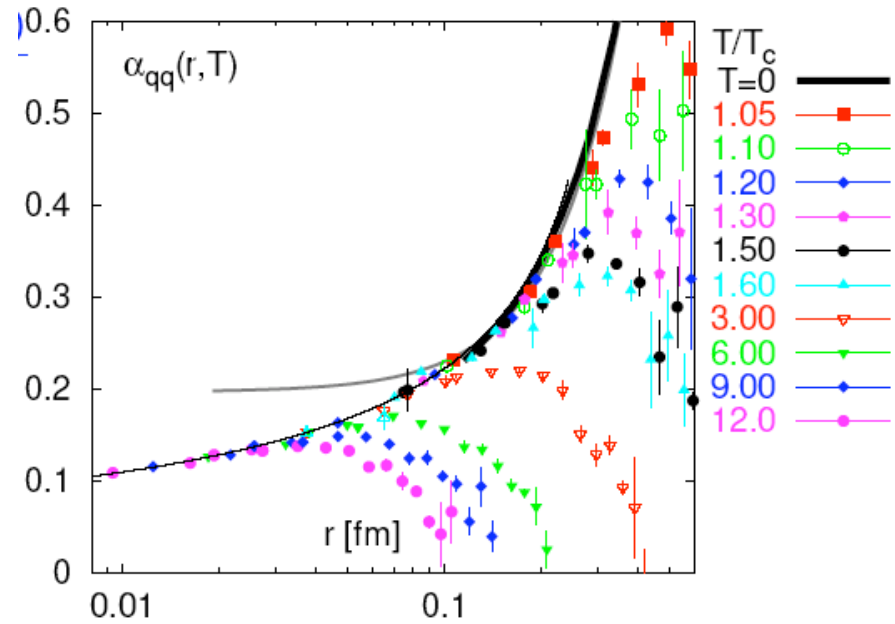
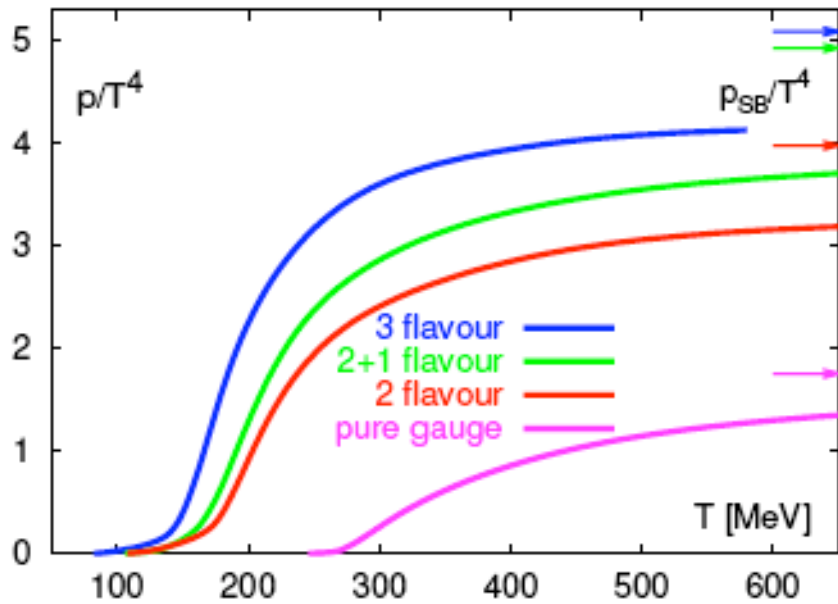
$V_{\bar{q}q}(r, T) \rightarrow \infty$ confinement

$V_{\bar{q}q}(r, T) < \infty$ deconfinement

F.Karsch

the link between the observables
and the McLerran-Svetitsky
confinement criterion

QCD plasma

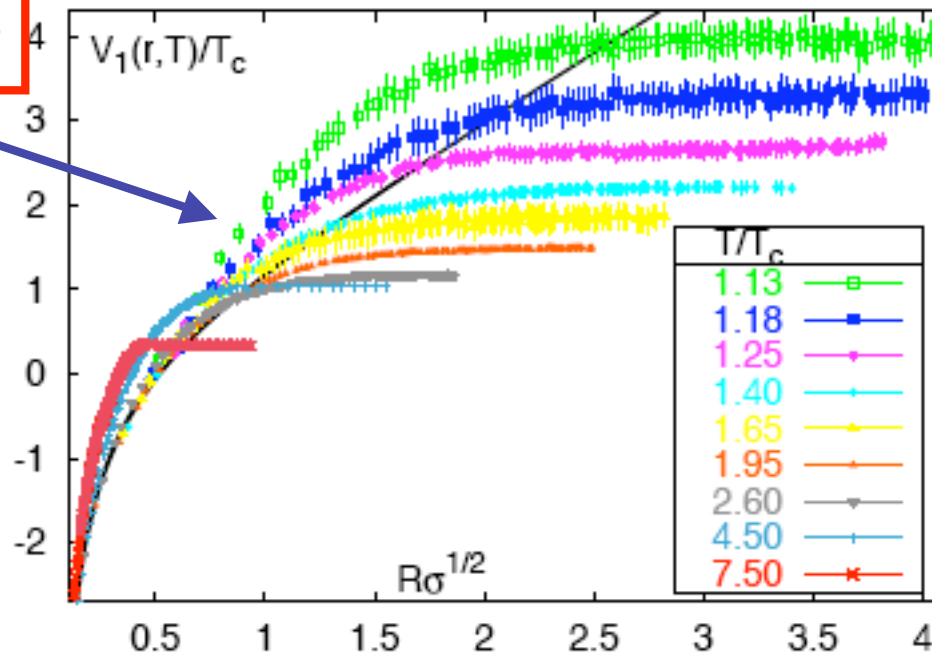


Talks by T. Hatsuda, F. Karsch

T-dependence of
the running coupling
develops in the NP-region
at $T < 3 T_c$

Heavy quark internal energy above T_c

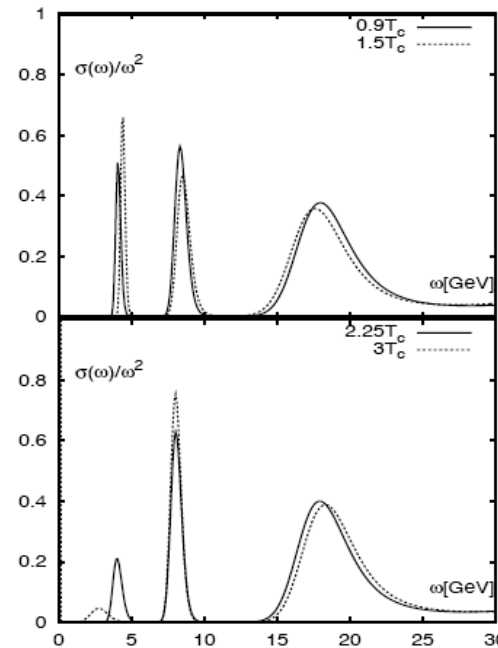
Remnants
of confinement?



O.Kaczmarek, F. Karsch, P.Petreczky,
F. Zantow, hep-lat/0309121

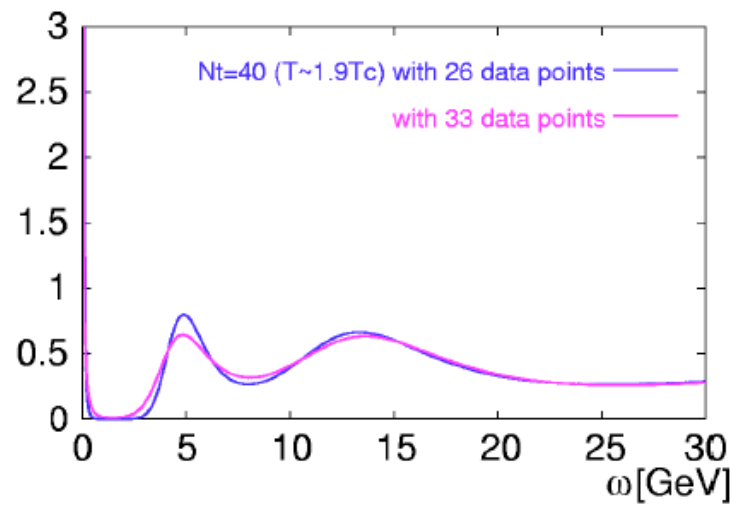
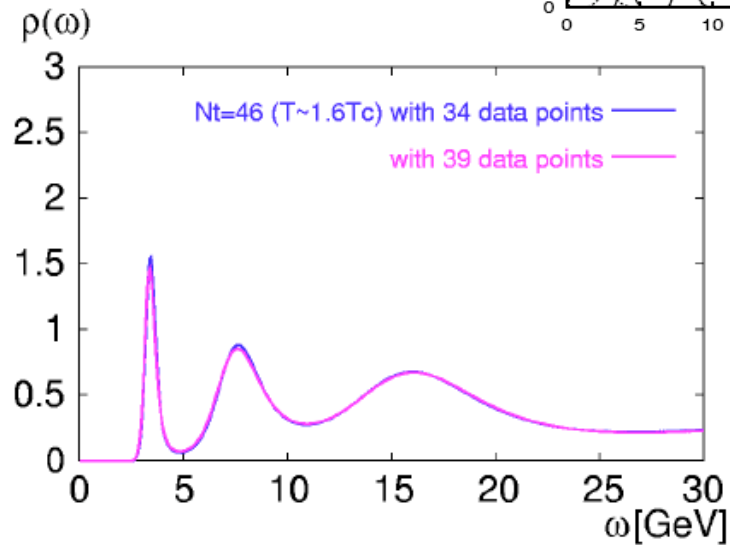
J/ Ψ above T_c : alive and well?

Talks by
T.Hatsuda,
K.Petrov



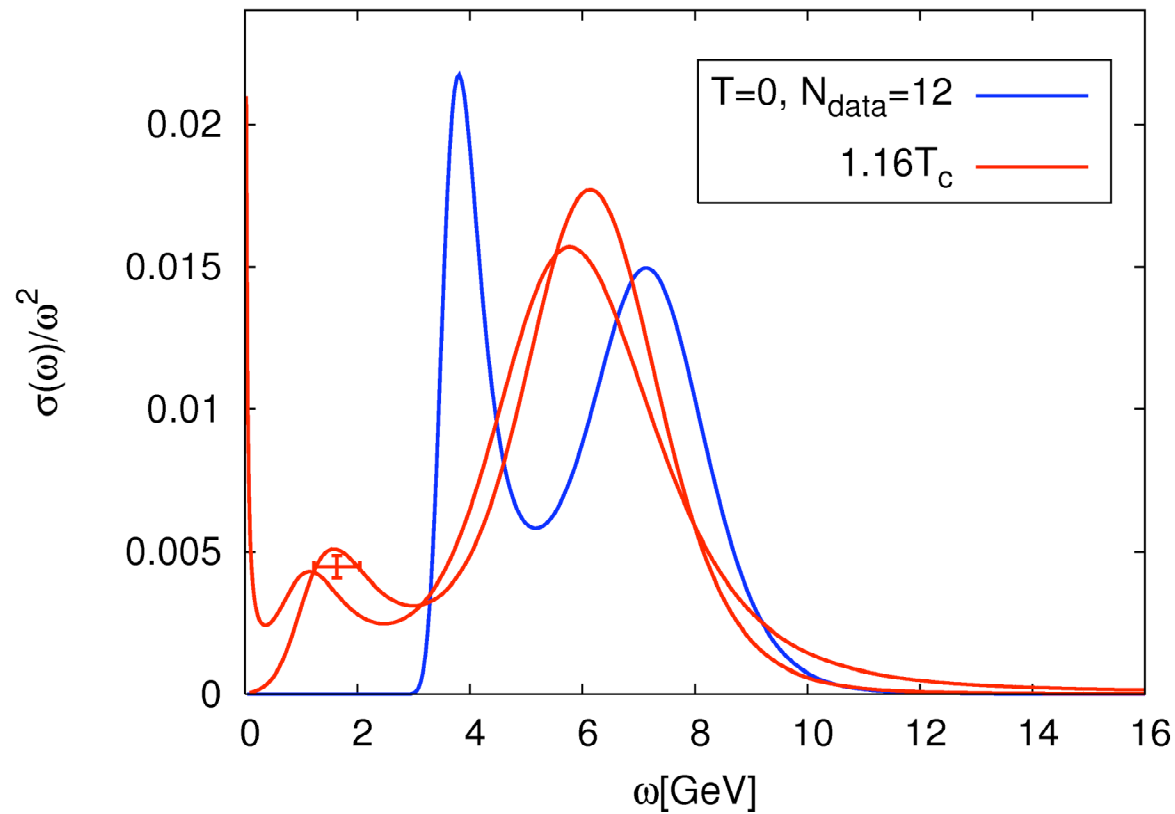
J/ Ψ survives
in the plasma
up to $\sim 2 T_c$

S.Datta,
F.Karsch,
P.Petreczky,
I.Wetzerke



M.Asakawa,
T.Hatsuda

Excited states disappear at $T \sim T_c$



Scalar channel; from A.Jakovac et al., hep-lat/0611017

Screening at finite momentum

* Weak coupling: enhanced screening
in the direction of momentum

M.Chu & T.Matsui '89, M.Mustafa et al '04

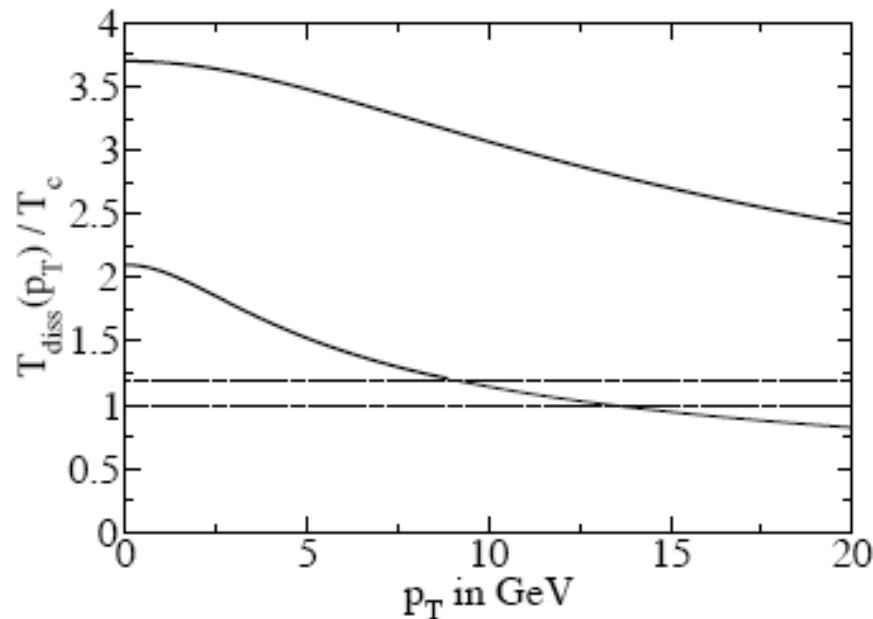


FIG. 3: A $1/\sqrt{\gamma}$ -velocity scaling of the screening length in QCD would imply that the J/Ψ dissociation temperature $T_{\text{diss}}(p_T)$ decreases significantly with transverse momentum.

* AdS/CFT:

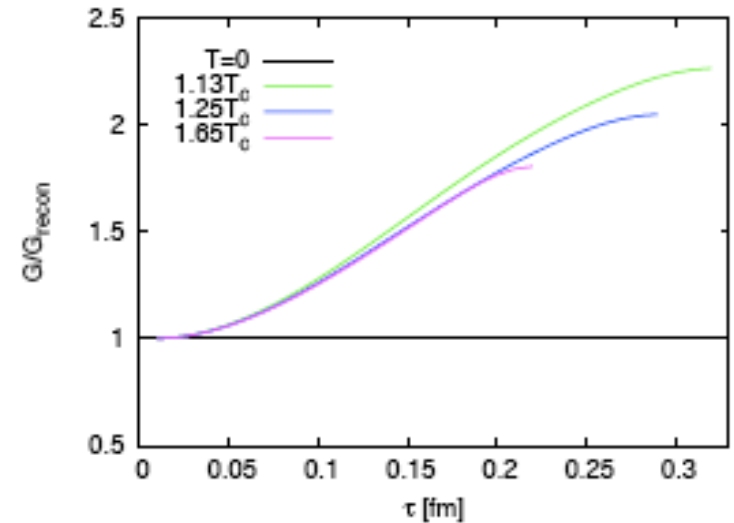
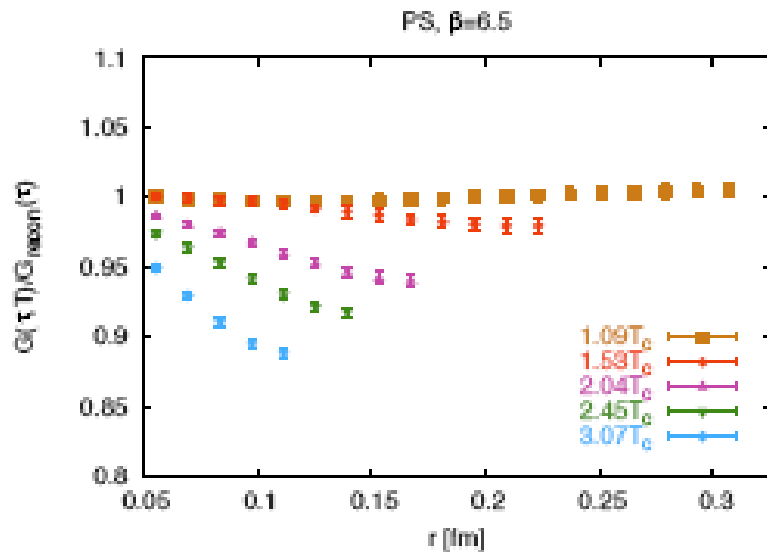
Lorentz contraction
of the screening
length, enhanced
screening

H.Liu, K.Rajagopal,
U.Wiedemann '06

* Lattice calculations
so far limited to
 $p/T < 5$;

* Experiment: how
to disentangle from
the suppression due to
gluon fragmentation?

The potential model



A. Mocsy,
P. Petreczky
hep-ph/0606053

Lattice



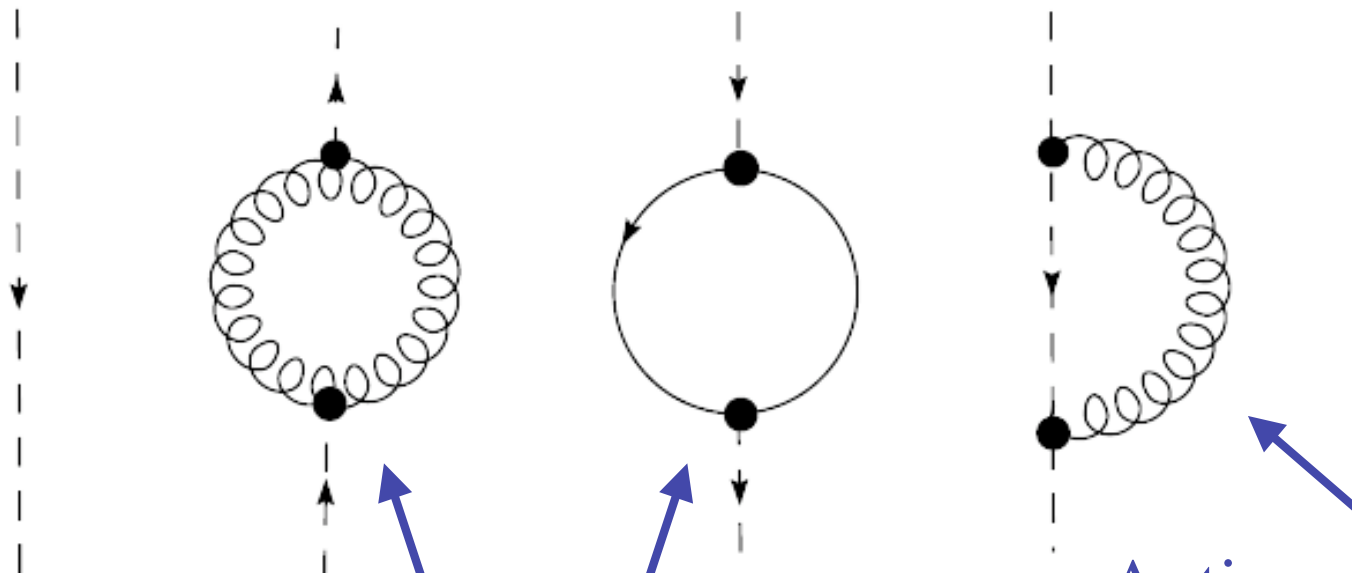
Potential

Talk by A.Mocsy

Potential models, even fitted to static lattice potentials, fail to describe the behavior of quarkonium correlators and spectral densities - screening sets in too early

Why?

Space-time picture of $\bar{Q}Q$ interaction (Coulomb gauge)



Coulomb;
instantaneous

Screening; **not** instantaneous

Anti-screening,
and possibly
confinement;
Gribov, Zwanziger,..
instantaneous

$$V(R) = \sum_m \sigma(m^2) \frac{\exp(-mR)}{R}$$

Difficulties of the potential model

Potential model is based on the assumption that the interaction is instantaneous, or at least much faster than the typical revolution time of heavy quarks in quarkonium, $\tau \sim 1/\varepsilon$.

OK for the Coulomb potential;

Fails for soft vacuum fields;

Fails for the screened gluon exchange as well -

Retardation effects are crucial:

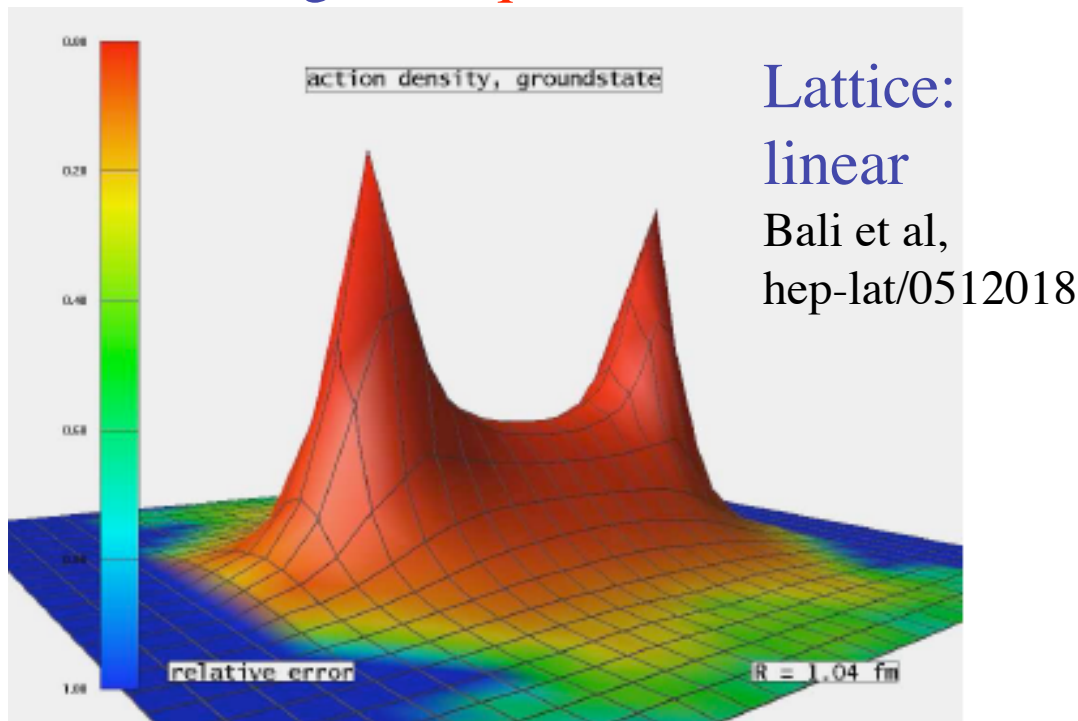


Can quarkonium at finite T elucidate the nature of confinement?

Potential in the Operator Product Expansion:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} V(r) \approx -\frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \alpha_s(r)}{2N_c} \left(1 + \sum_n a_n \alpha_s^n(r) + c_3 \Lambda_{QCD}^3 r^3 \right)$$

Confining, but: **quadratic, not linear!**



energy shift due to quadratic Stark effect in the vacuum field with $E^2 < 0$ (“gluon condensate”)

SVZ, Voloshin, Leutwyler, ...

Is confinement a “short-distance” phenomenon?

OPE sums leading large-distance contributions;

are we missing an important short-distance non-perturbative physics?

If yes, it would not be immediately screened away above T_c ...

Perhaps, infrared-finite

QCD coupling?

(strings, monopoles,...)

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) \implies \alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{4\pi}{b_0} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2)} + \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2 - Q^2} \right)$$

“Coulomb confinement” ?

=> Linear confining potential

Gribov; Zwanziger; Zakharov; Narison;
Shirkov;...

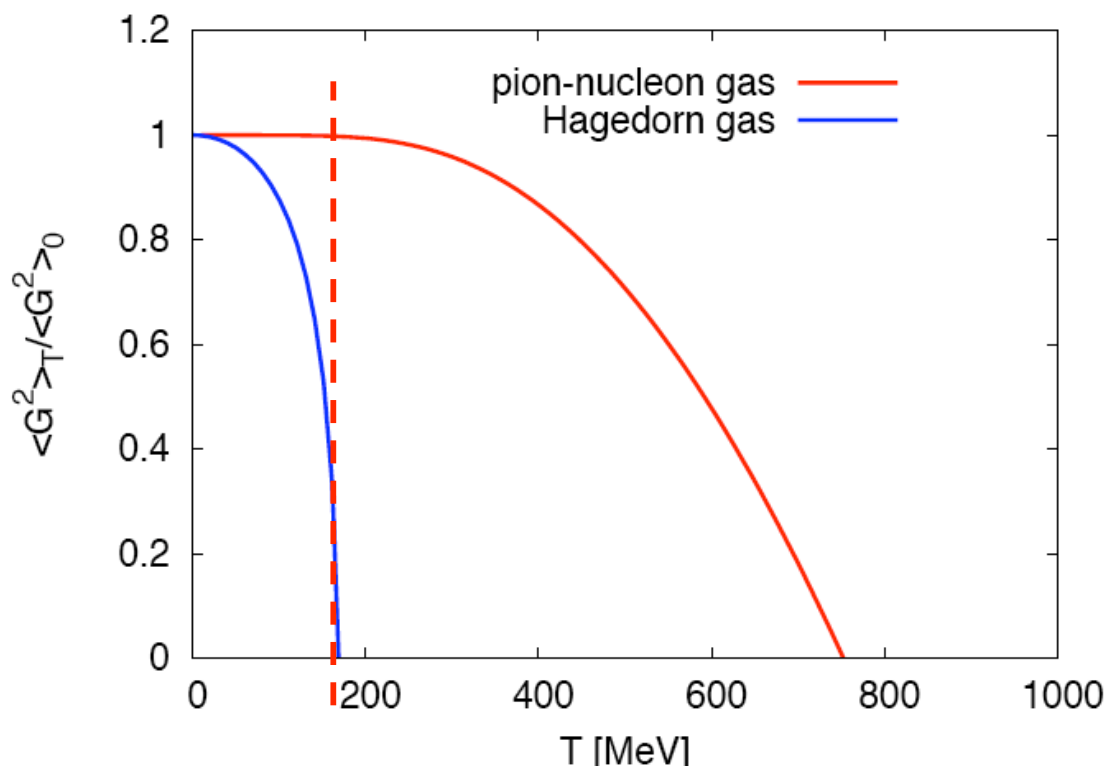
Review: Dokshitzer, DK, hep-ph/0404216

How to tell? Vary the strength of vacuum fields by raising T
and look at quarkonium spectral functions

Do vacuum fields change around T_c ?

YES

$$\left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \right\rangle_T = \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \right\rangle_0 + \sum_h g_h \int \frac{d^3 p}{2E_\pi (2\pi)^3} n(E_h) \langle h(\mathbf{p}) | \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 | h(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$



resonance contributions
 reduce the gluon condensate
 dramatically at high
 temperatures, would lead
 to quarkonium mass shifts
 incompatible with the lattice -
 the remnants of confinement
 should originate somewhere
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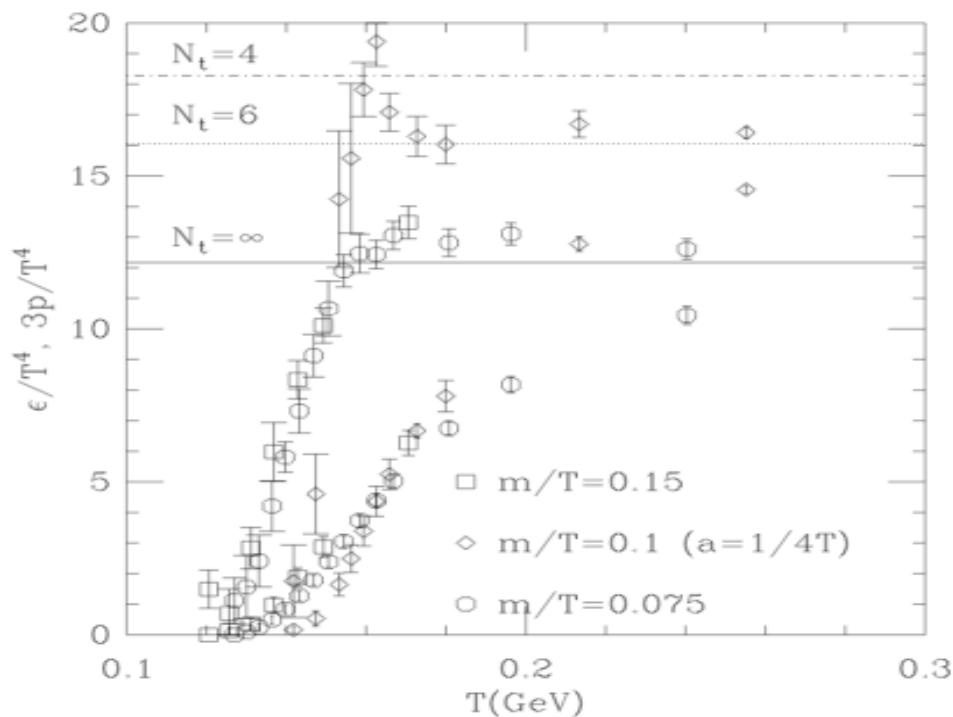
“Coulomb confinement”
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A.Mocsy, DK

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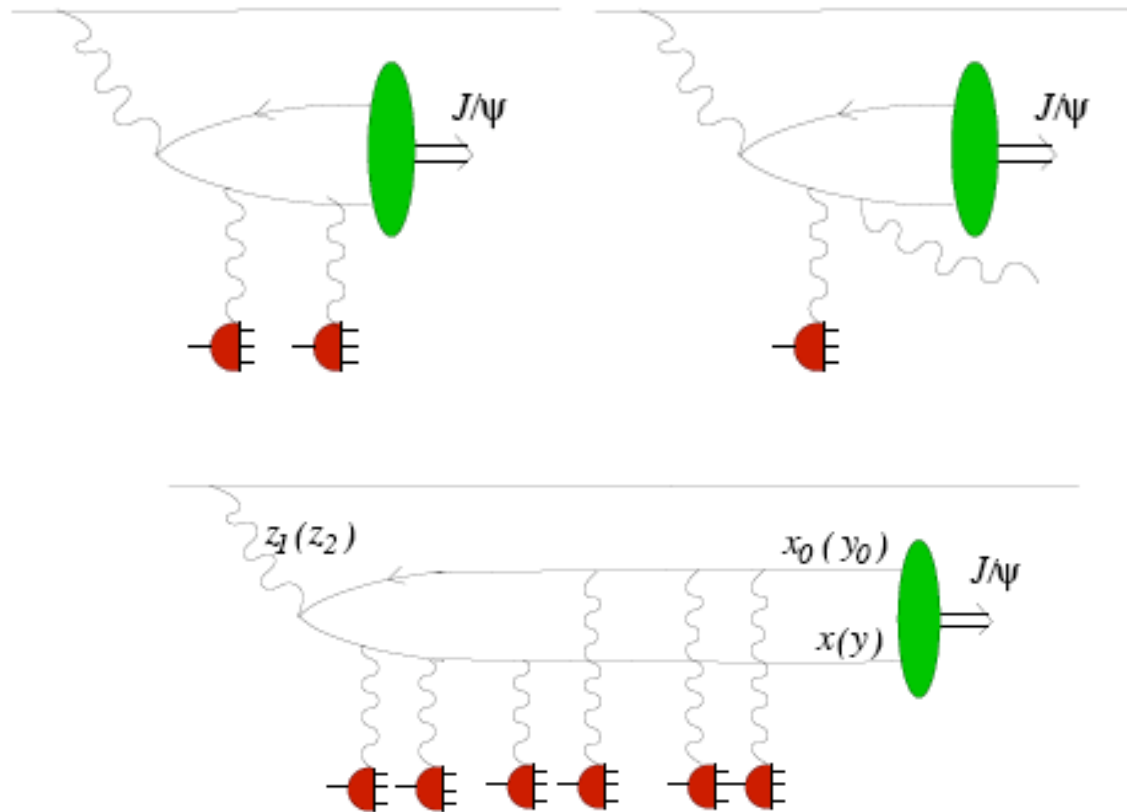
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+ lattice data on $(\epsilon - 3p)$ above T_c

A.Mocsy, DK

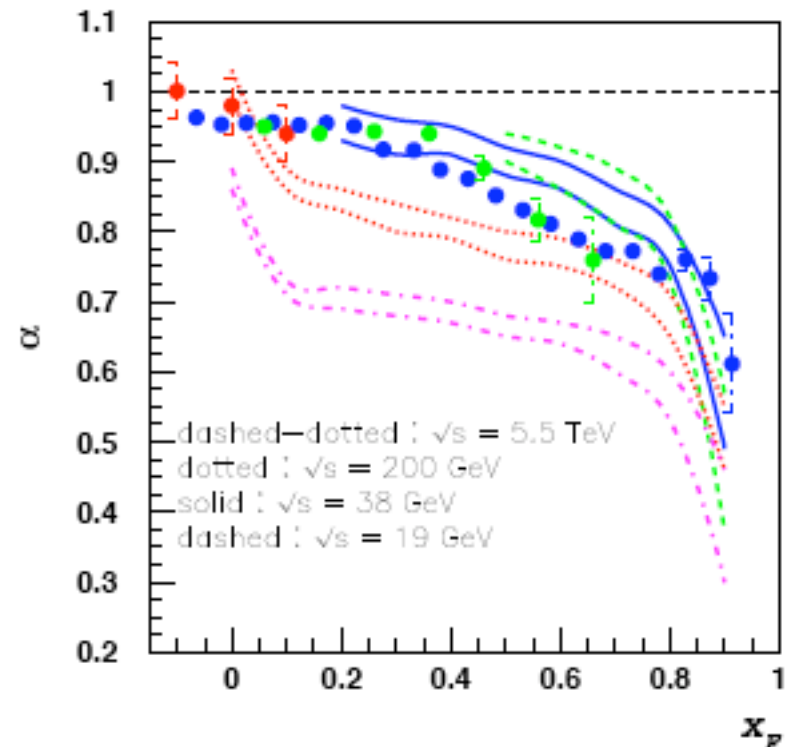
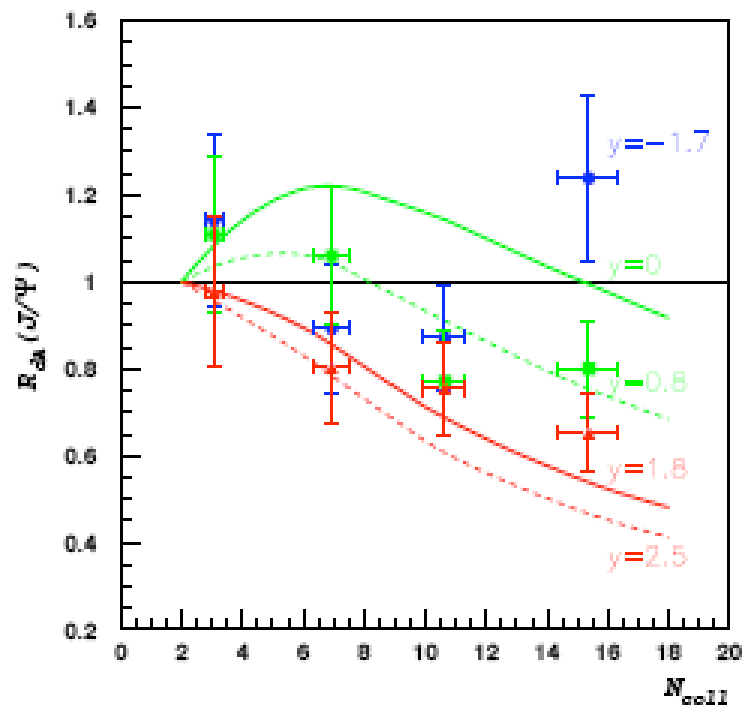
J/Ψ in strong color fields: “initial state effects”



J/ Ψ suppression in the Color Glass Condensate

Somewhat like screening in the plasma, $Q_s \leftrightarrow 2\pi T$

“ x_F scaling”

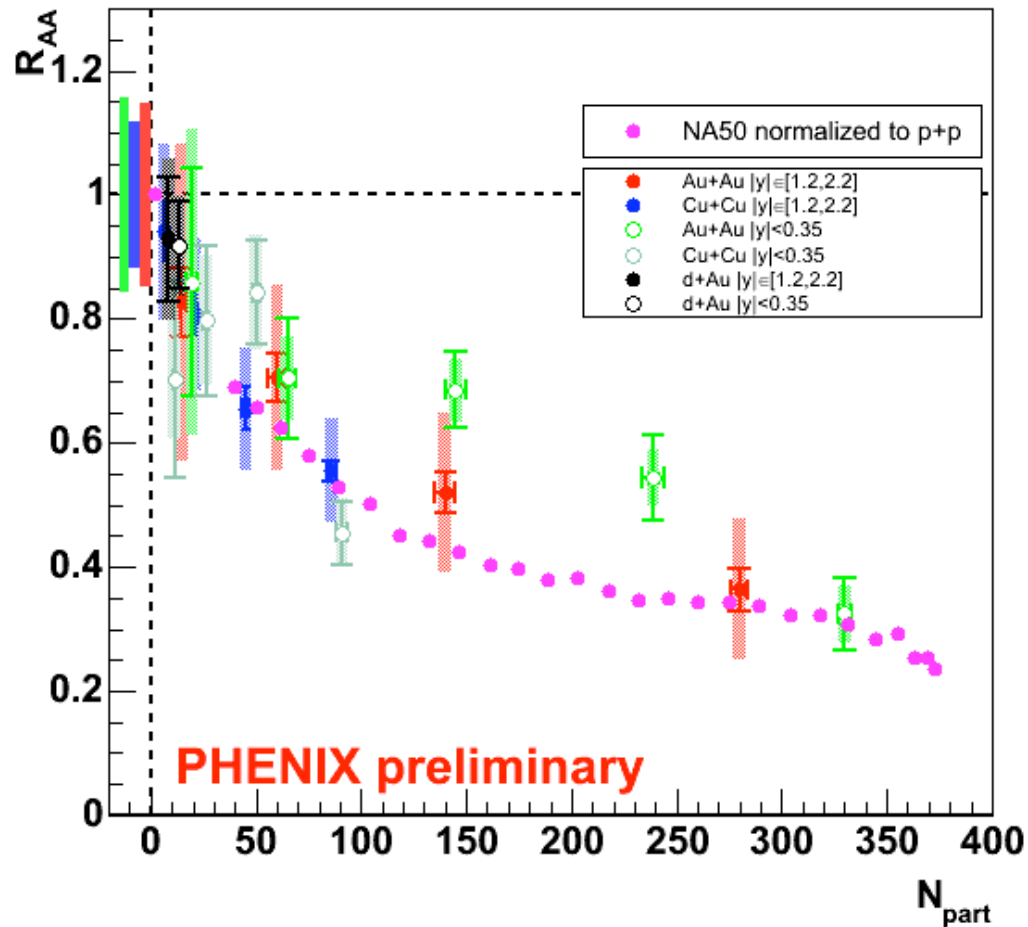


Data: PHENIX Coll., nucl-ex/0507032

DK, K.Tuchin, hep-ph/0510358

J/ψ suppression at RHIC

J/ψ nuclear modification factor R_{AA}



“same as at SPS”?

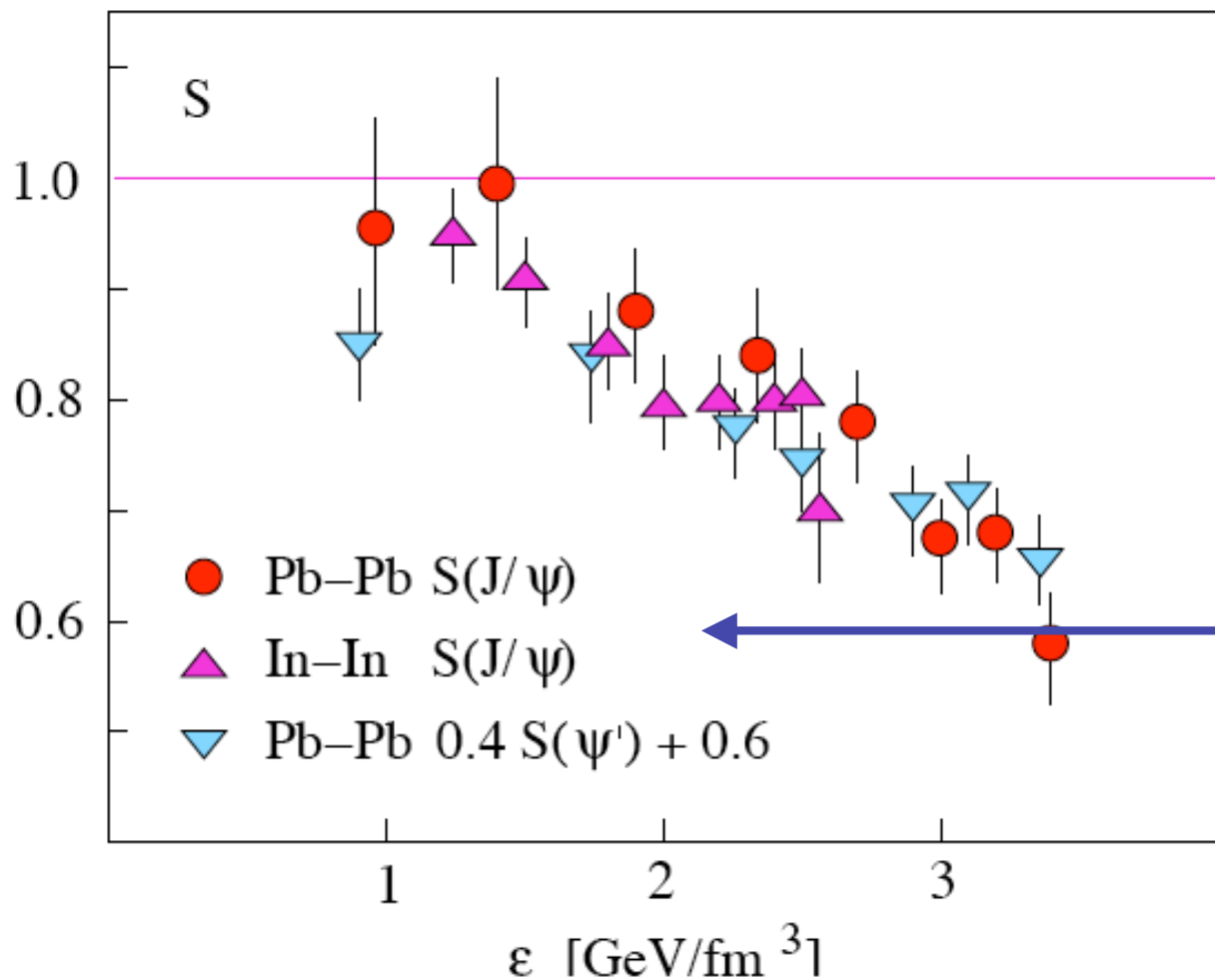
Sequential charmonium dissociation?

Both the absence of J/ψ suppression up to $\sim 2 T_c$ in the lattice QCD data and the apparent similarity of the magnitude of suppression at RHIC and SPS are puzzling;

However, the two puzzles may be consistent with each other

F.Karsch, DK, H.Satz,
hep-ph/0512239

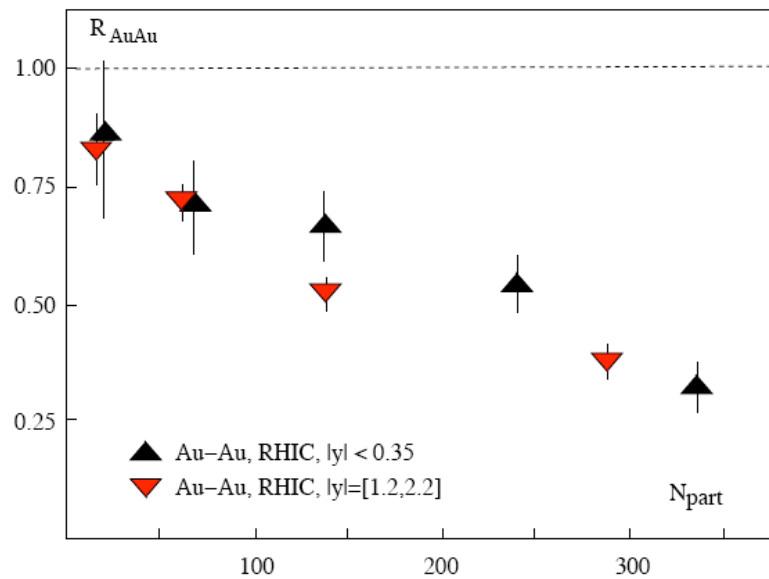
Is there a “direct” J/ψ suppression at SPS?



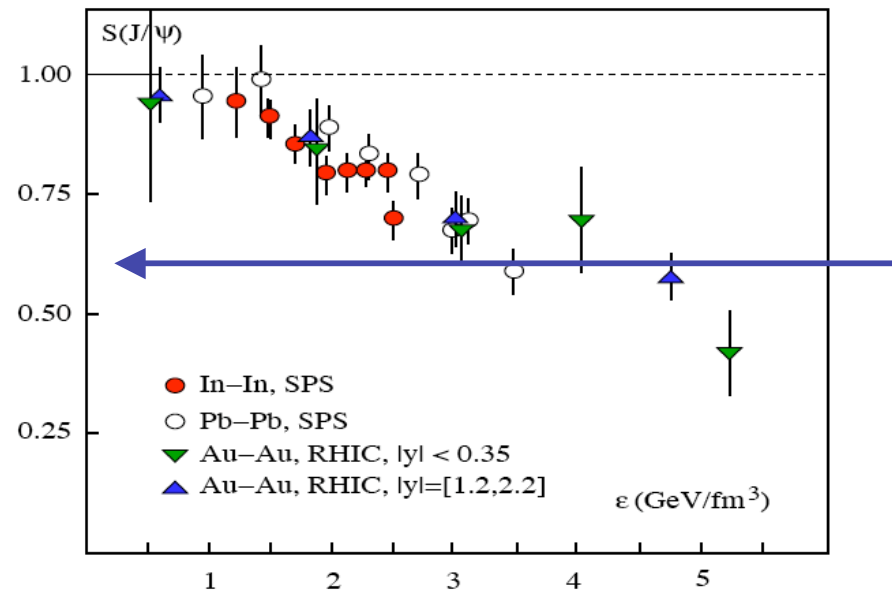
$\sim 40\%$
of observed
 J/ψ 's
originate
from χ and ψ
decays;
they should
be gone above T_c

(S has been corrected
for initial state
suppression)

Is there a “direct” J/ψ suppression at RHIC?

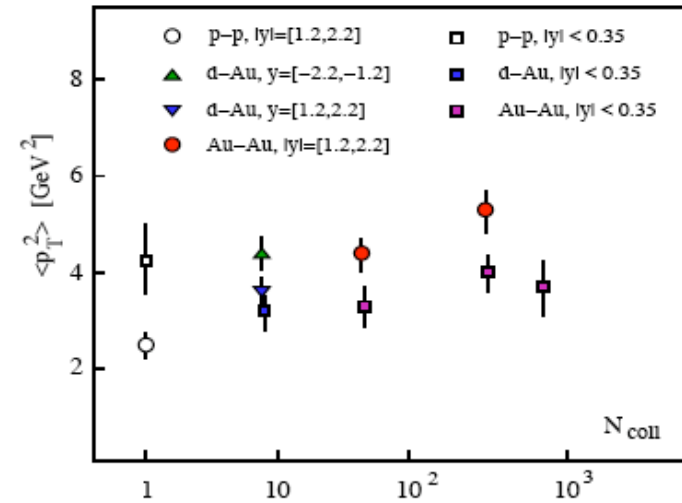
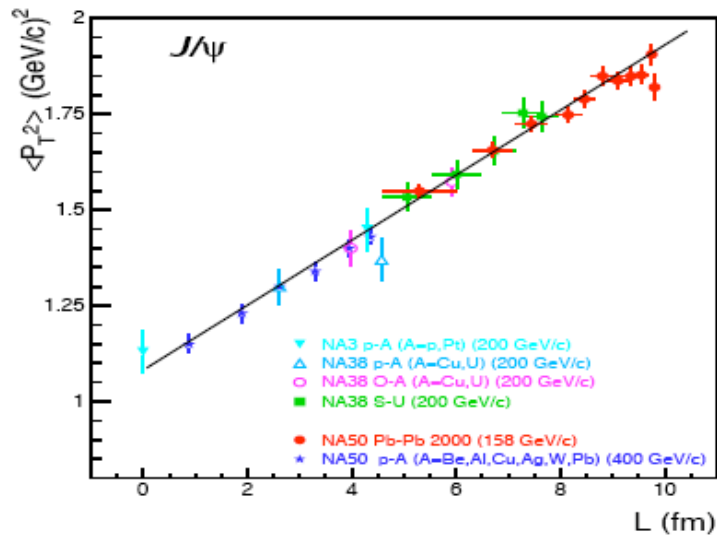


Data: PHENIX, NA50, NA60

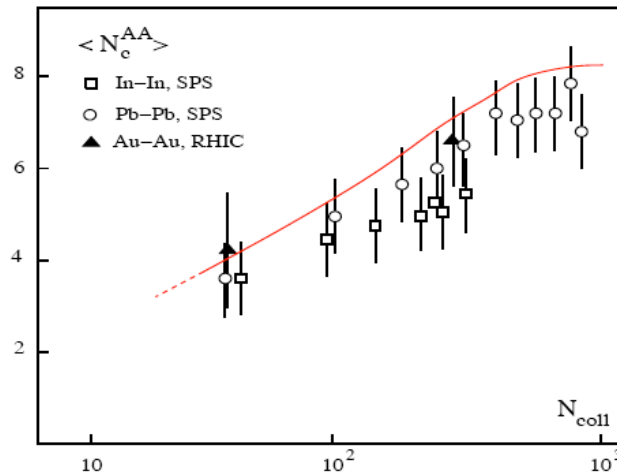


Energy density at the time J/ψ is formed -
assumed $\tau = 1 \text{ fm}/c$

Transverse momentum distributions



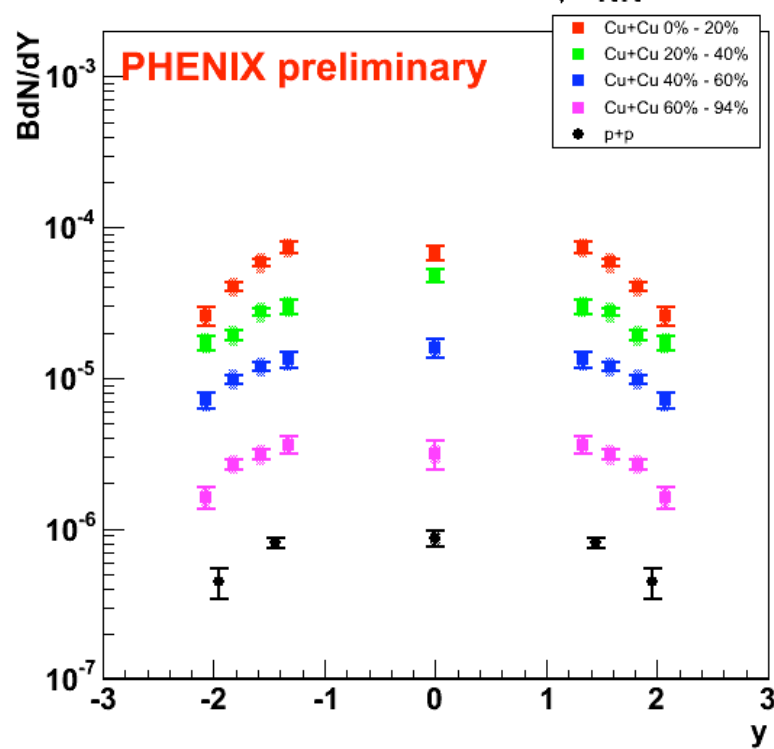
“Secondary” J/ψ 's
 have softer p_T
 distributions +
 Cronin effect \Rightarrow
 suppression mostly
 at small p_T



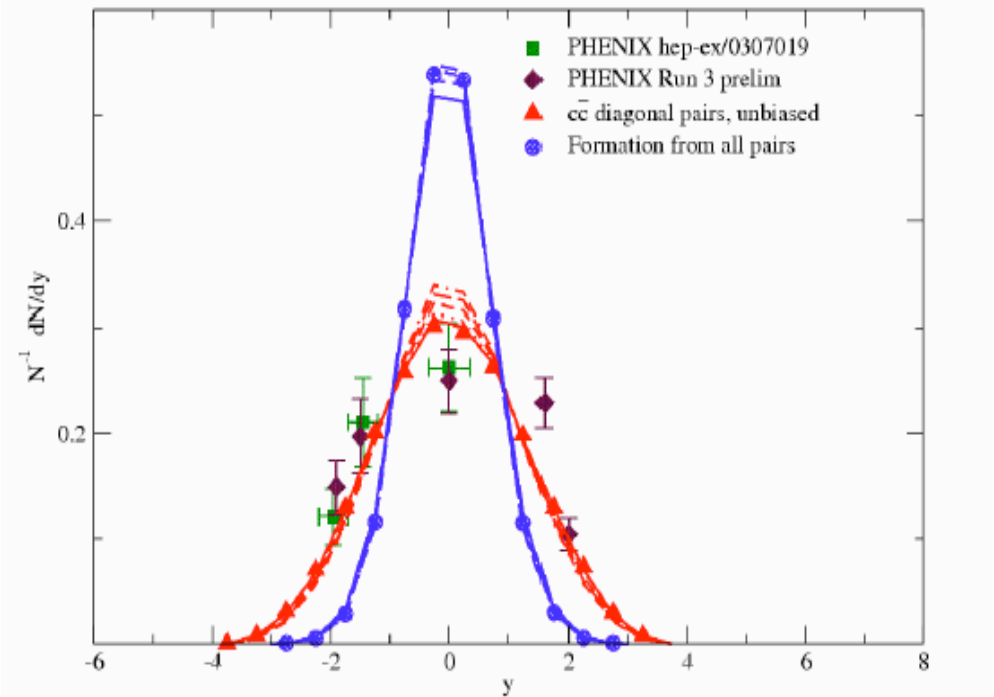
Glauber model
 analysis

Recombination of charm quarks?

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



J/ψ Formation in AA Interactions at RHIC200
Normalized Rapidity Distributions, $10^4 \times 10^4$ NLO $c\bar{c}$ pairs



R.Thews,R.Rapp,...

Recombination narrows the rapidity distribution beyond what is expected from the initial state effects; is this seen?

Summary

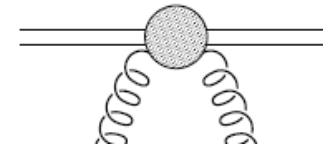
1. 20 years later, the problem of J/ψ behavior in quark-gluon plasma remains in the focus of attention
2. This problem may well keep the key to understanding both the nature of the plasma and the properties of confinement in QCD

More work has to be done...

Additional slides

Quarkonium in the hadron gas

Quarkonium-hadron scattering amplitude



$$\mathcal{M}^{kl}(P', p'; P, p) = -\bar{d}_2 \frac{a_0^2}{\epsilon_0} \langle \pi^k(p') | \frac{1}{2} g^2 \mathbf{E}^{a2}(0) | \pi^l(p) \rangle$$

can be expressed through the matrix element of the trace of the energy-momentum tensor:

$$\langle \pi^k(p') | \frac{1}{2} g^2 \mathbf{E}^{a2}(0) | \pi^l(p) \rangle = \frac{4\pi^2}{b} \langle \pi^k(p') | \theta_\mu^\mu(0) | \pi^l(p) \rangle$$

Therefore, the coupling of heavy quarkonium to hadrons at low energy is analogous to the coupling of the Higgs boson -

$$\Theta_\alpha^\alpha = \frac{\tilde{\beta}(g)}{2g} G^{\alpha\beta a} G_{\alpha\beta}^a + \sum_{l=u,d,s} m_l \bar{q}_l q_l$$

it is proportional to the hadron mass (squared); **decoupling of pions!**

$$\langle h | \Theta_\alpha^\alpha | h \rangle = 2M_h^2$$

DK, nucl-th/9601029

H.Fujii, DK, hep-ph/9903495

Quarkonium in hadron gas: recent lattice results

K.Yokokawa, S.Sasaki,
T.Hatsuda,A.Hayashigaki,
hep-lat/0605009

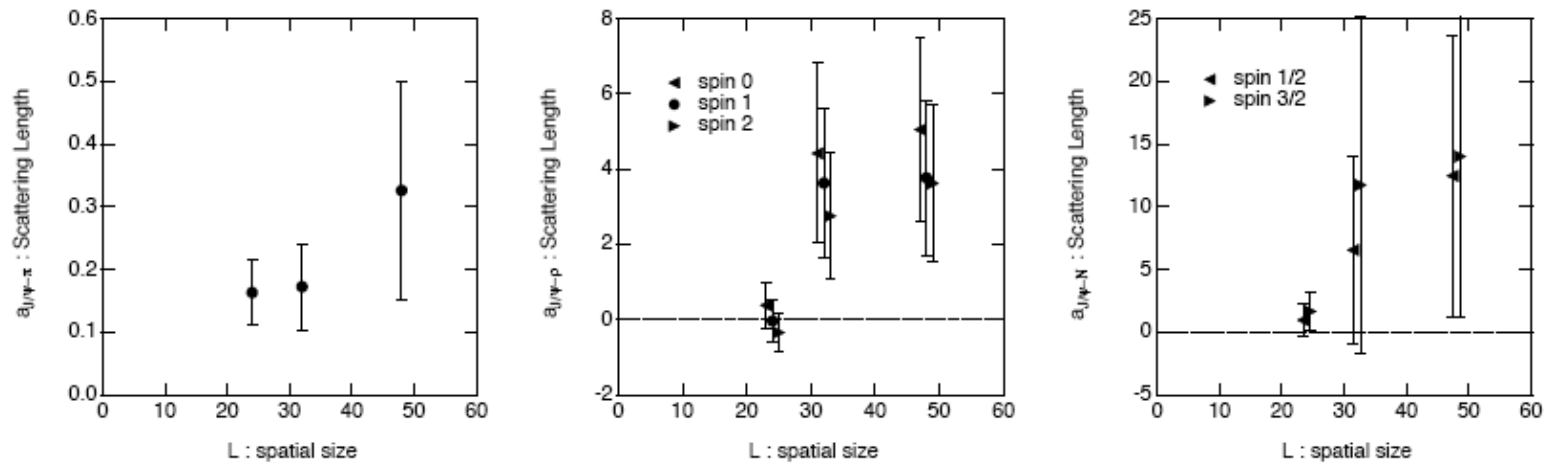


FIG. 4: The scattering lengths as a function of the spatial size L in lattice units for physical pion mass ($M_\pi = 140$ MeV). Left (middle, right) panel is for the J/ψ - π (J/ψ - ρ , J/ψ - N) channel.

$$a_{J/\psi\pi} : a_{J/\psi\rho} : a_{J/\psi N} \simeq 0.3 \pm 0.15 : 4 \pm 1.5 : 15 \pm 10 \sim m_\pi^2 : m_\rho^2 : m_N^2 \simeq 0.3 : 9 : 13$$

Pion “decoupling” seen in the data! J/ψ is safe in the pion gas