

Overview of Experimental Results on Heavy Flavor Probes from LHC



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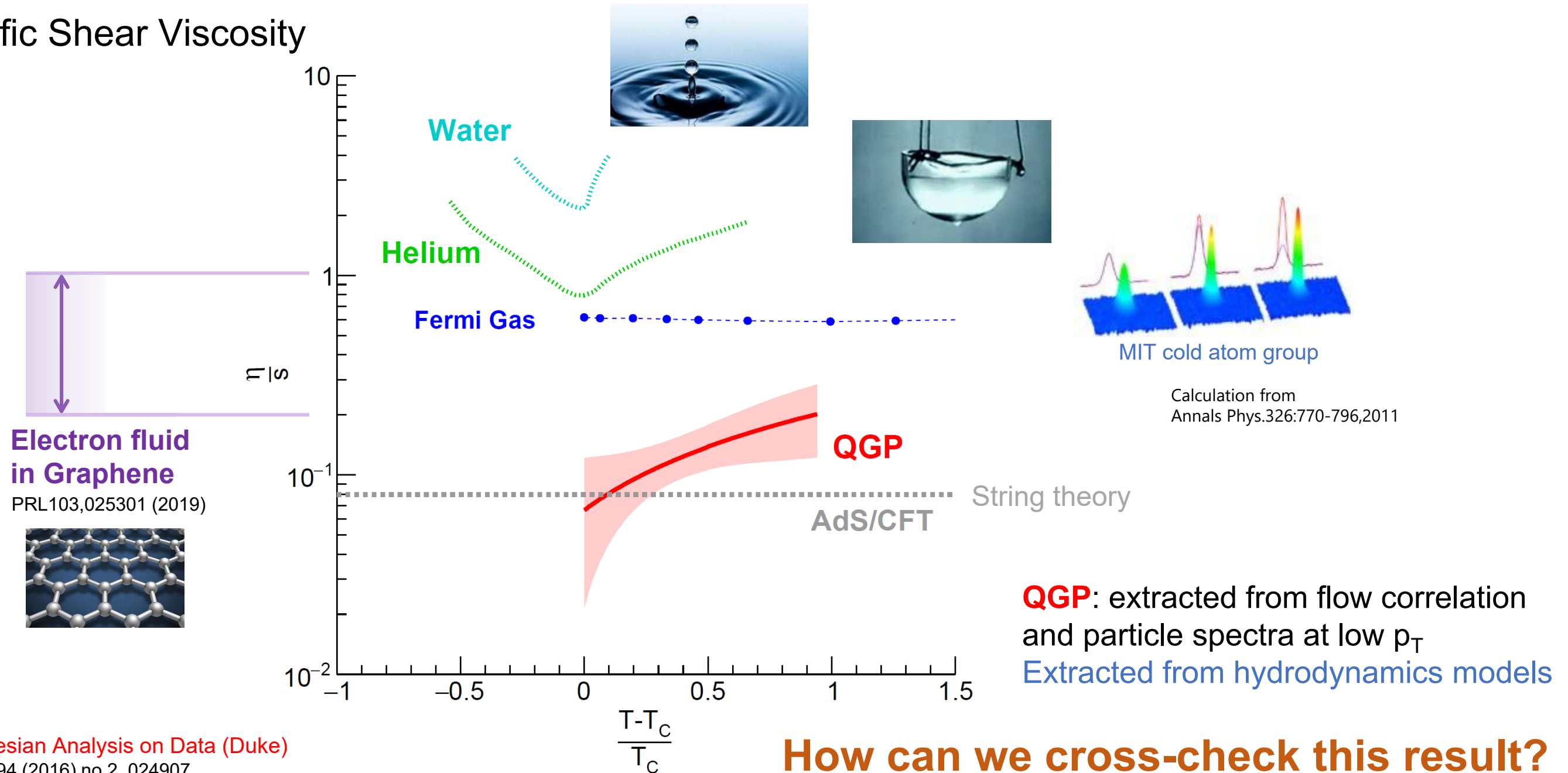
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Soft Probes: Near Perfect Fluid

Specific Shear Viscosity



How can we cross-check this result?

Open Questions

- What are the properties of QGP?
- How does the hydrodynamization happen and how QGP is created?
- How does hadronization happen in low and high parton density environment?

Goal: Answers with Hard Probes

- What are the properties of QGP?

Extract **QGP** properties from **slow** (diffusion) and **fast** moving hard probes (energy loss / elastic scatterings)

- How does the hydrodynamization happen and how QGP is created?

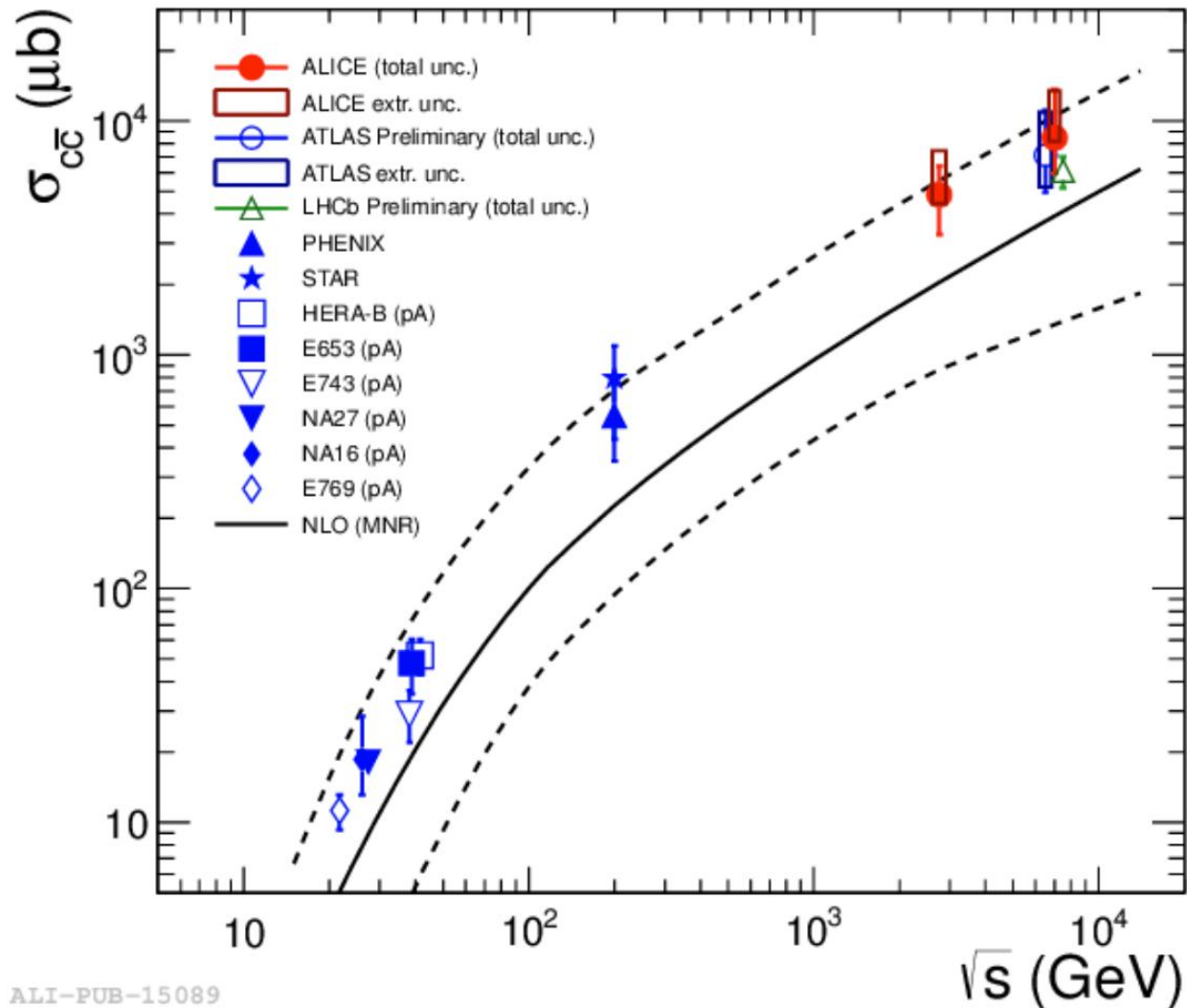
Start from probes that are far from hydrodynamization
Excite QGP **medium response** and see how it evolves

- How does hadronization happen in low and high parton density environment?

Study how **heavy quarks** and **jets** hadronize

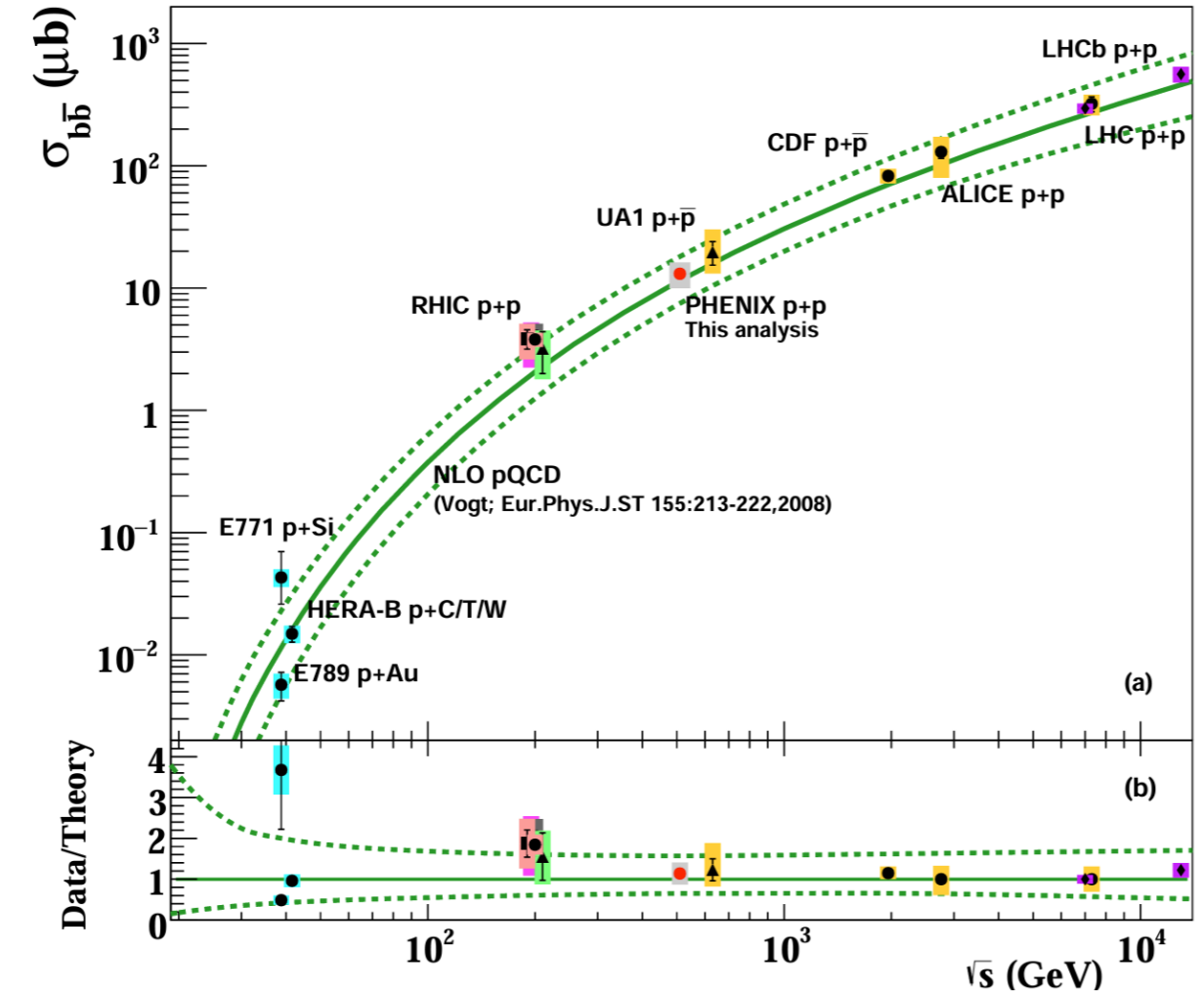
How many $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ are produced in 0-5% A+A?

Estimation with pp and pA total cross-section



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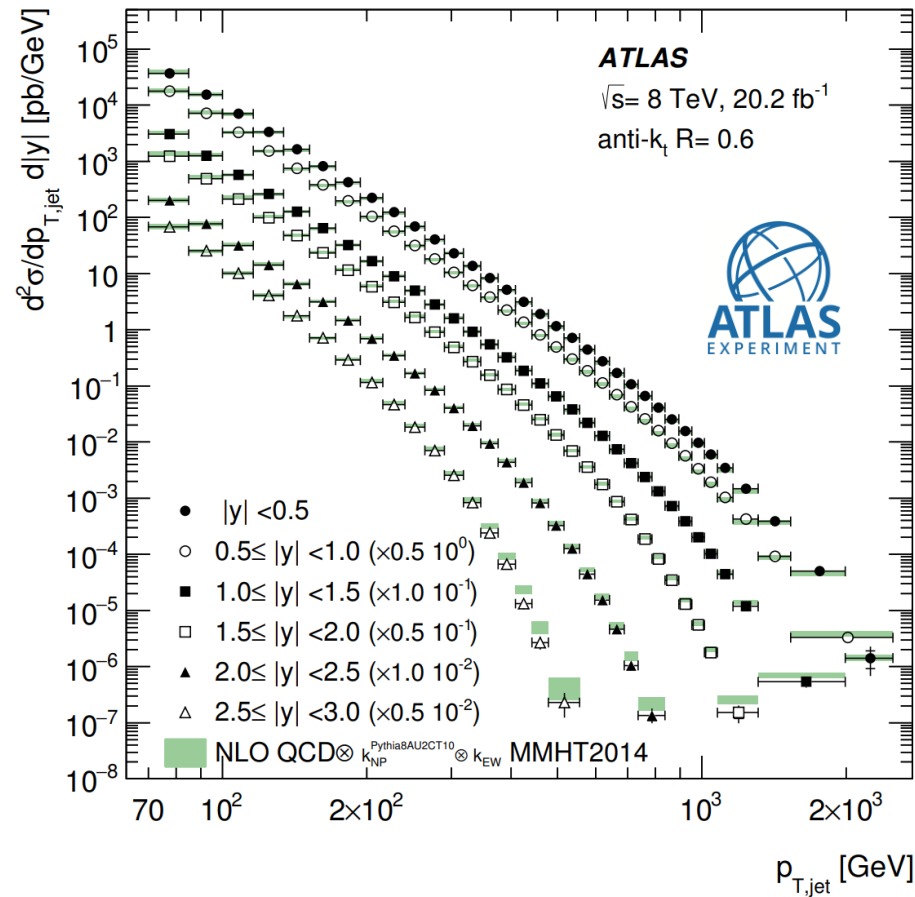
~ 15 pairs of $c\bar{c}$ in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV
 ~ 210 pairs of $c\bar{c}$ in 0-5% PbPb at 5 TeV



~ 0.1 pairs of $b\bar{b}$ in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV
 ~ 6 pairs of $b\bar{b}$ in central PbPb at 5 TeV

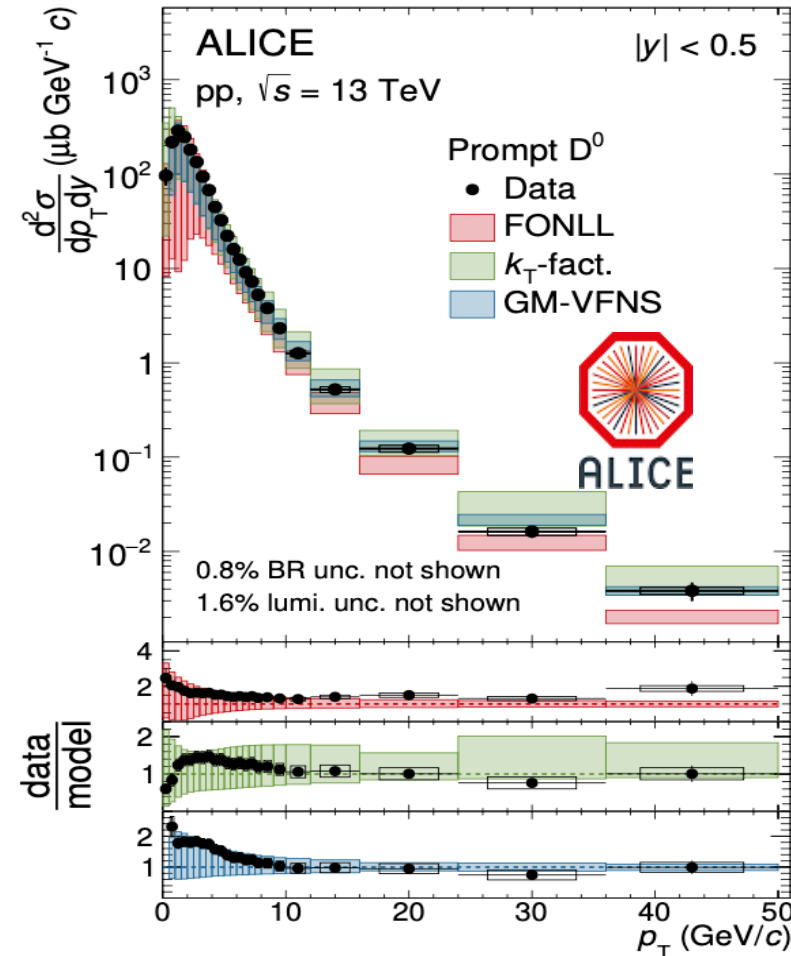
Jet and Heavy Flavor Meson Production in pp

Jet

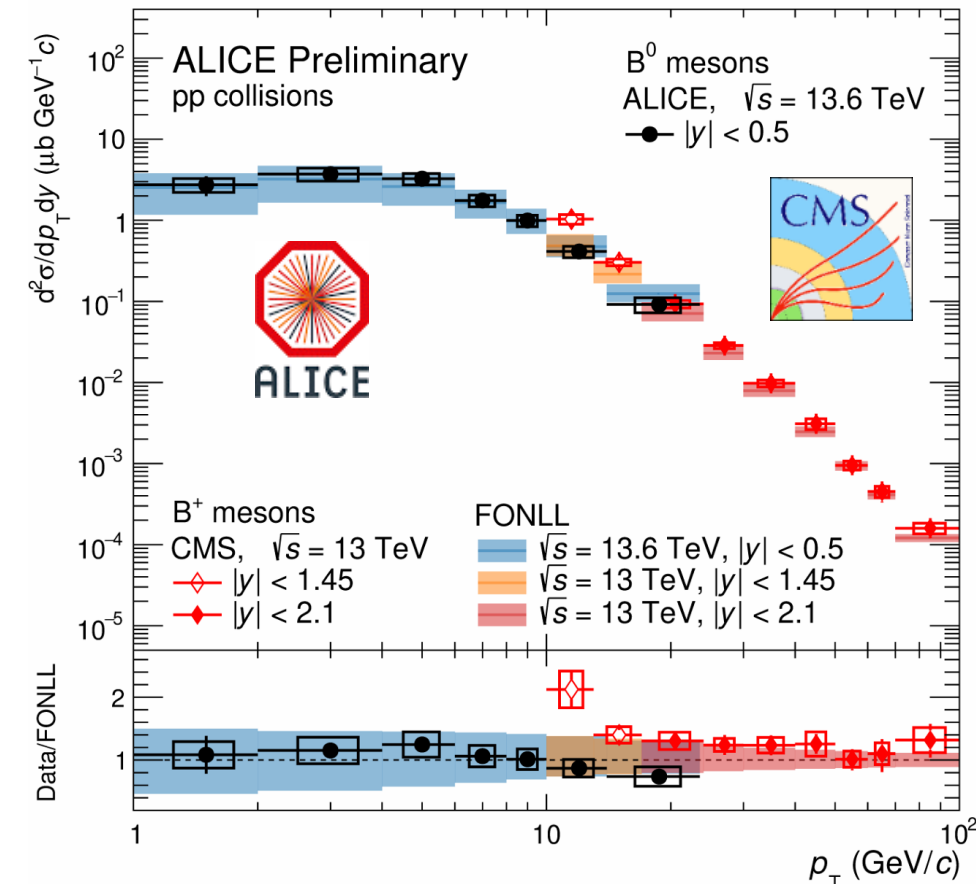


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D^0

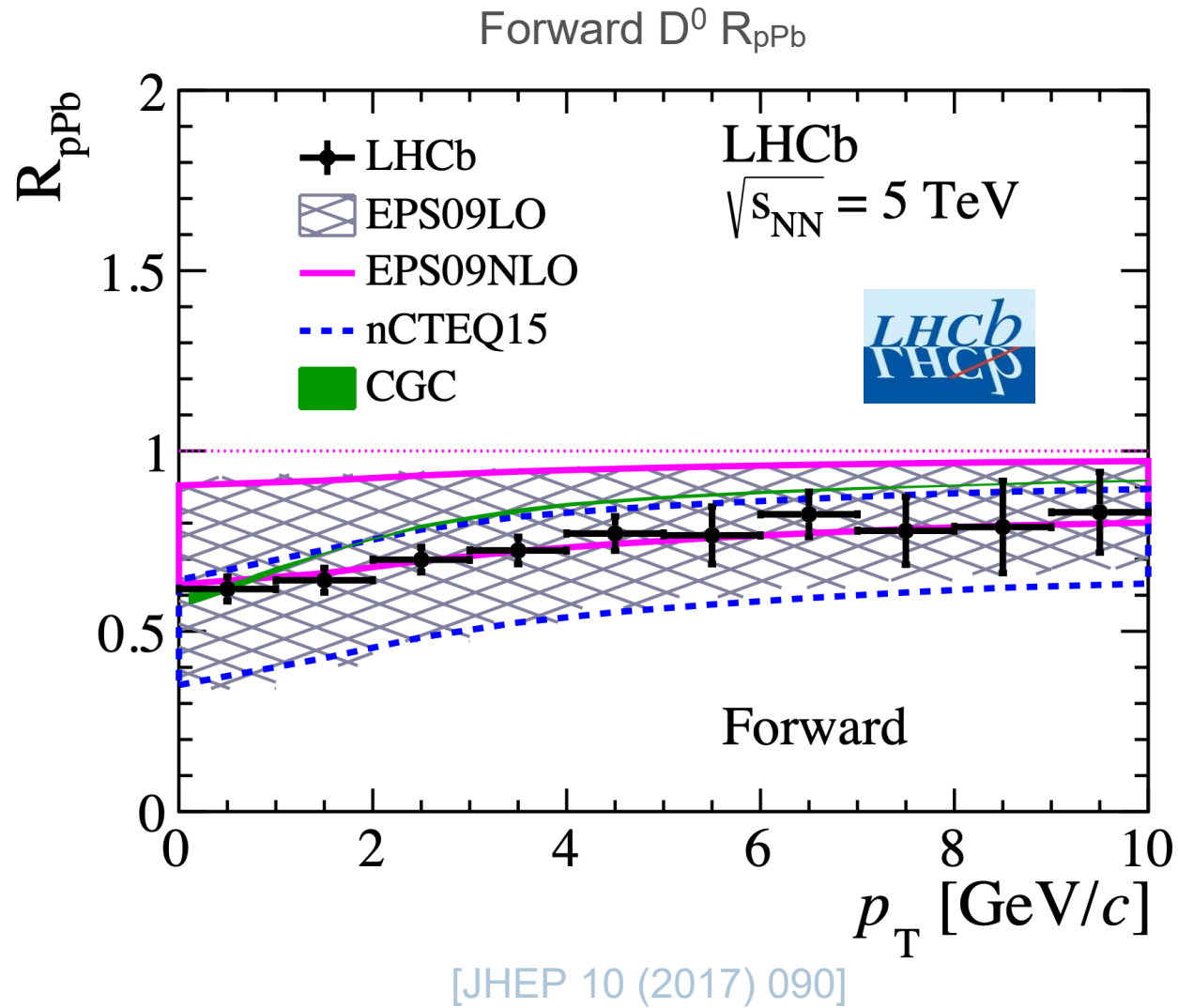


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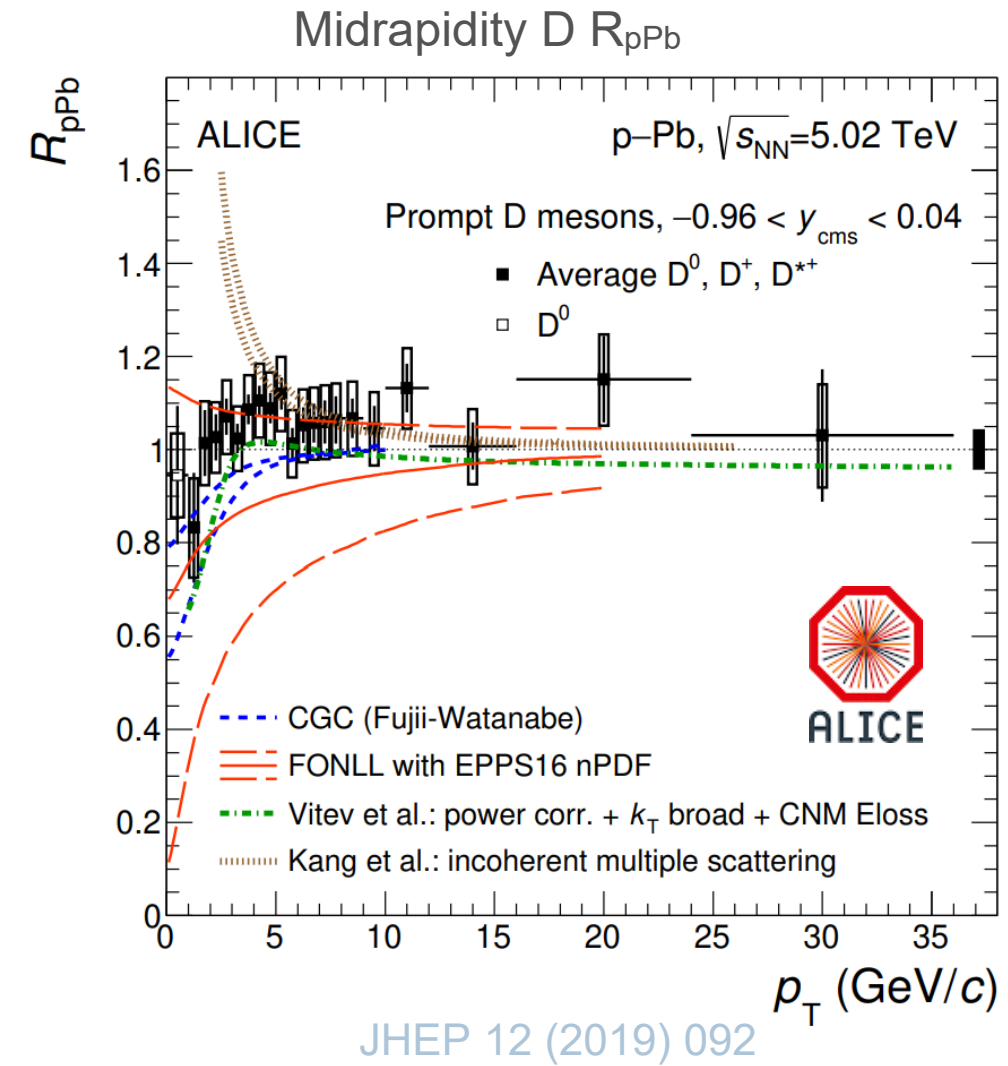


Jets and heavy flavor meson p_T spectra can be described by pQCD calculations

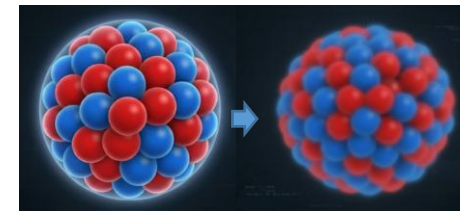
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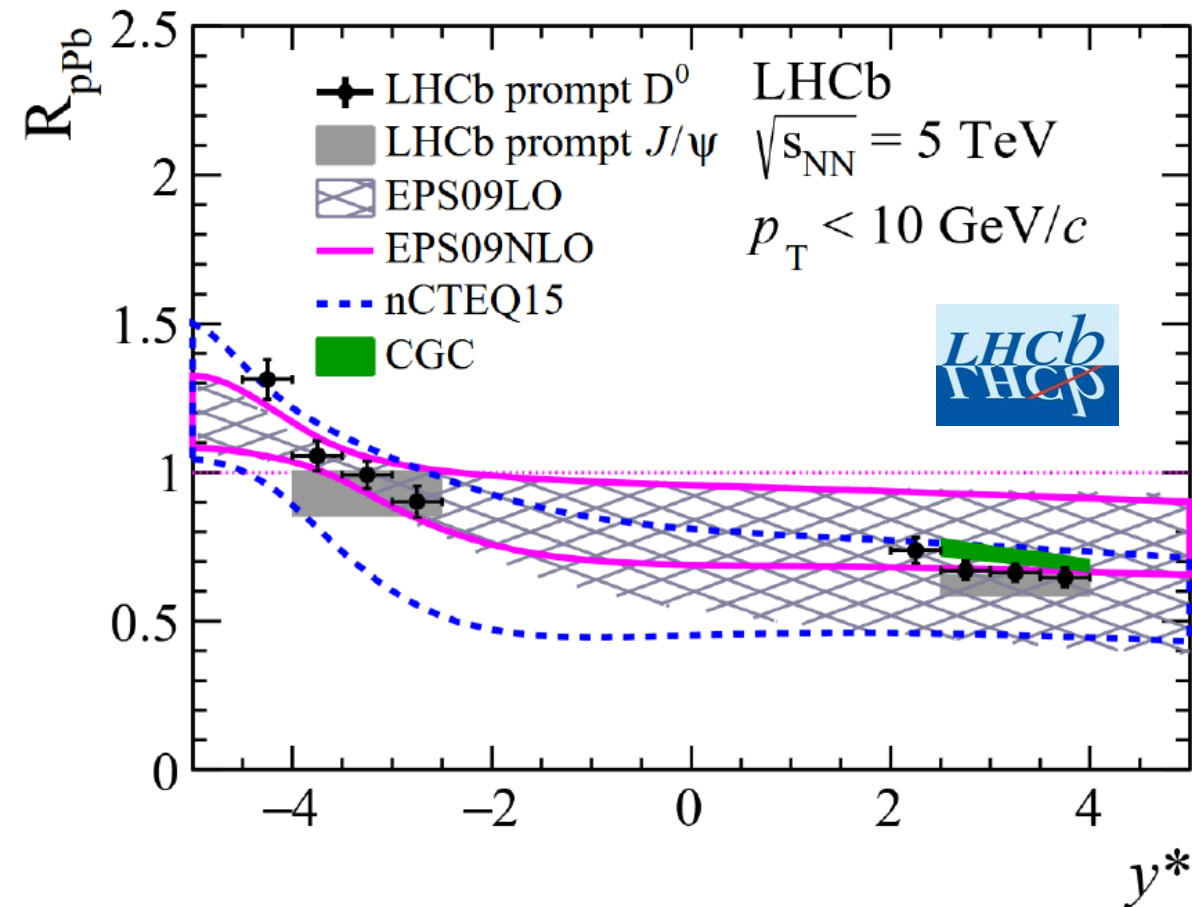
Significant suppression of D^0 in the forward region
 Larger suppression at low D^0 p_T from LHCb



Small (<2%) or negligible suppression
 of prompt D in the mid-rapidity

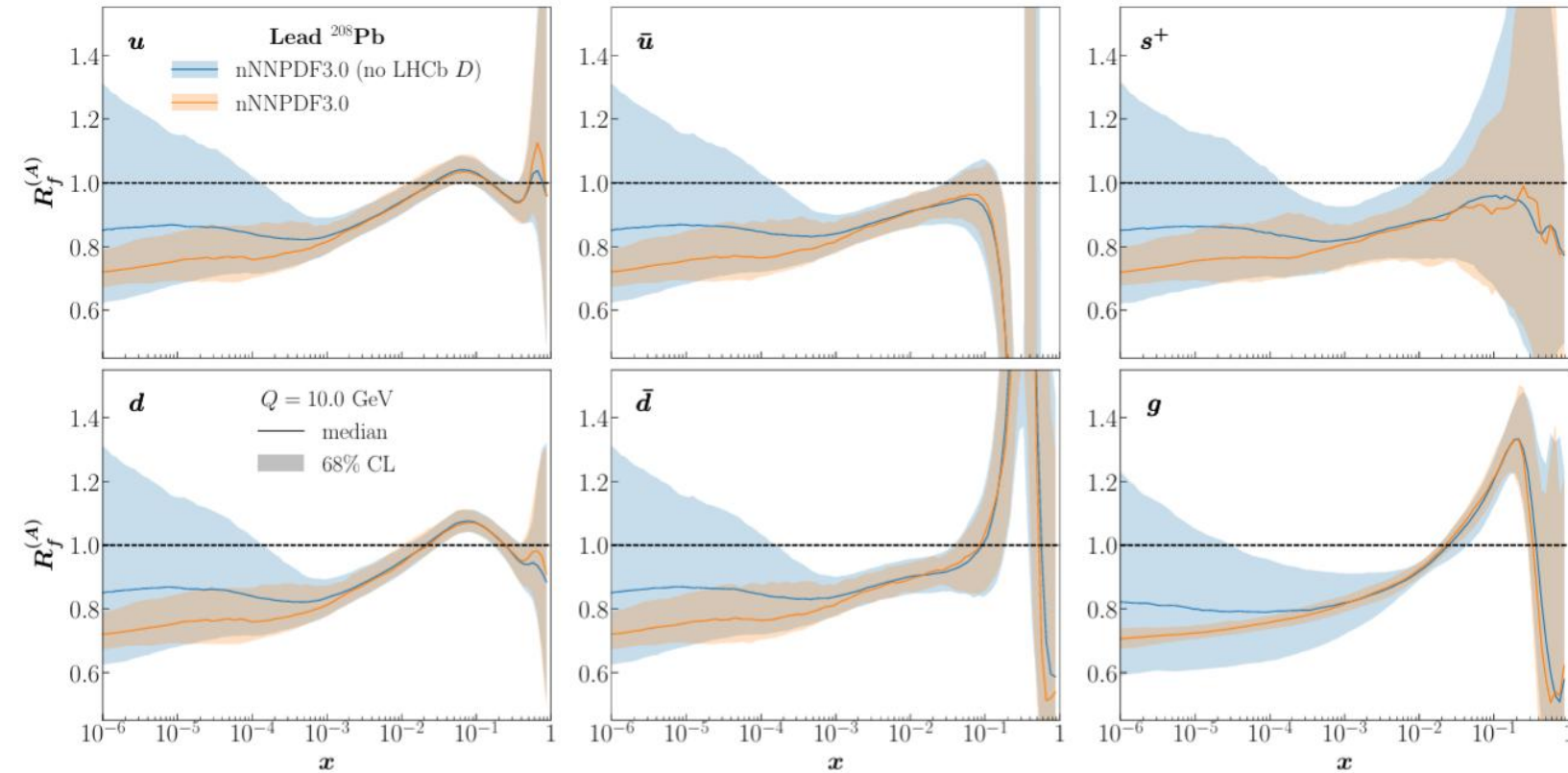


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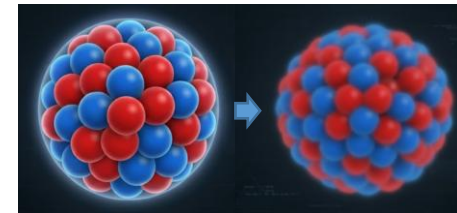
D^0 significantly suppressed in forward rapidity in pPb, sensitive to **low x parton from Pb**

- Can be described by **Nuclear PDF**
- Nucleons in ions have different PDF from free protons

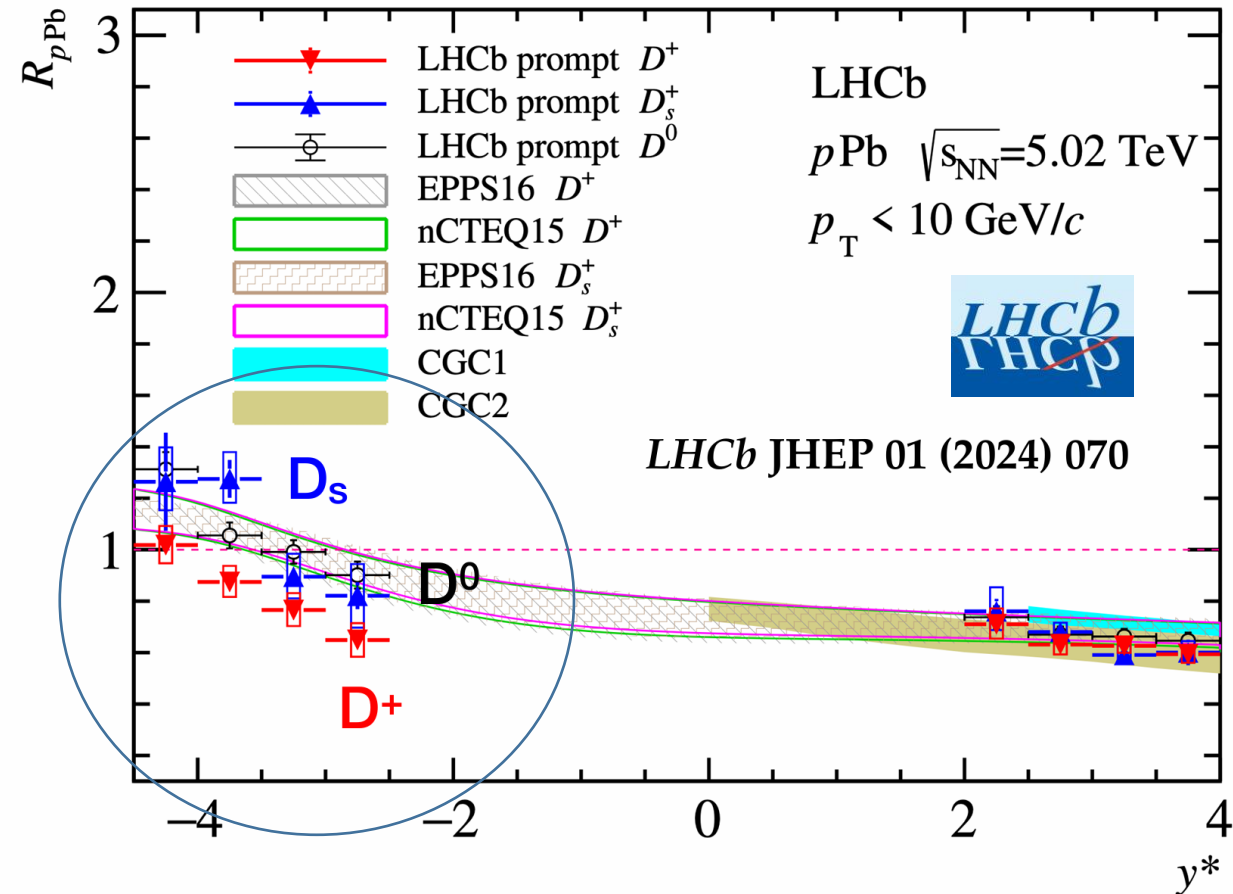


Strong constraints on gluon PDF at **low x** from **LHCb D^0** and CMS dijet at intermediate to high x in pPb collisions in NNPDF3.0 (shown), EPPS21 and nCTEQ25

Low x gluons are strongly suppressed in heavy ion!



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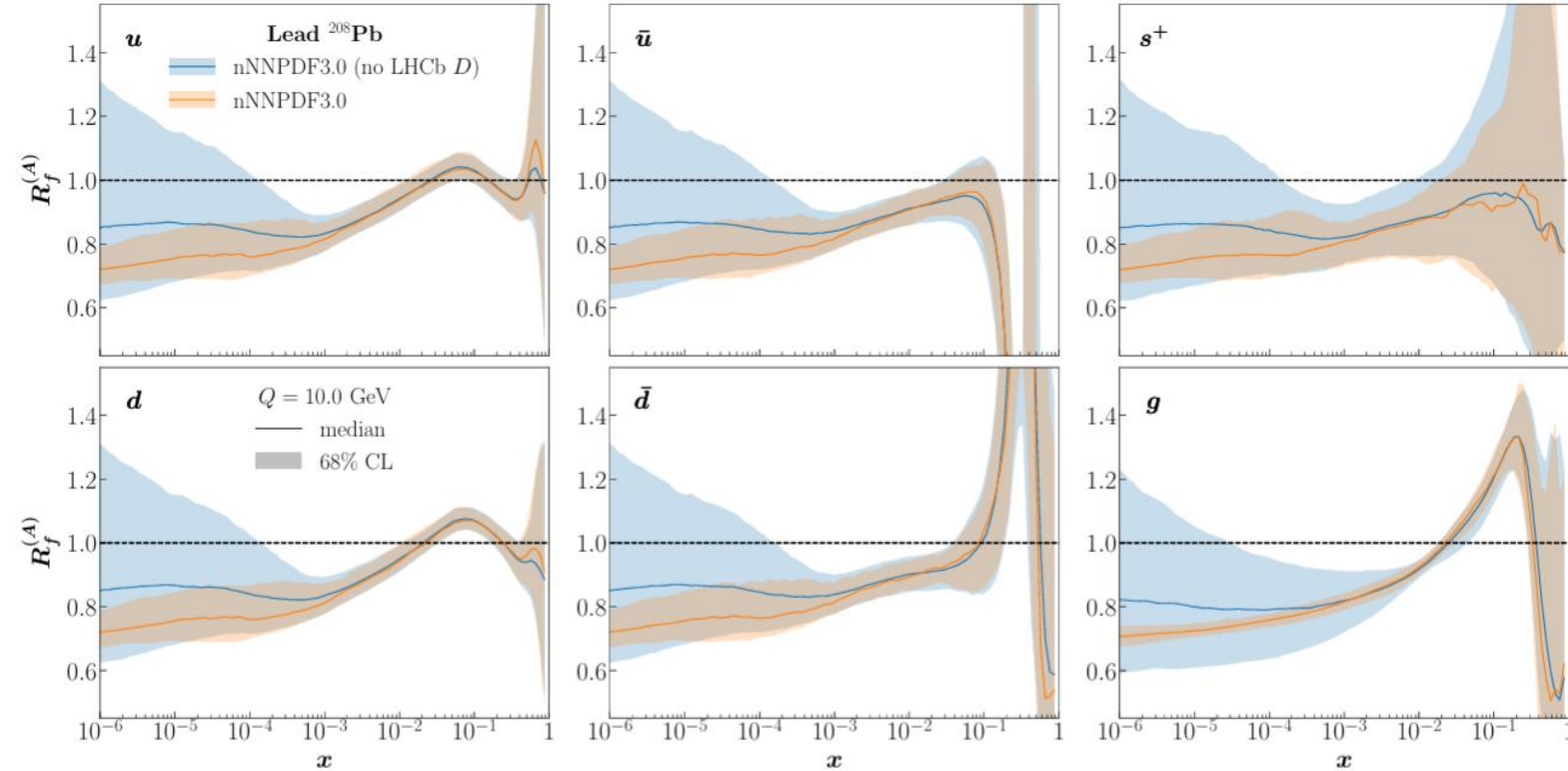


Significant **hadronization effect** may present in the experimental data

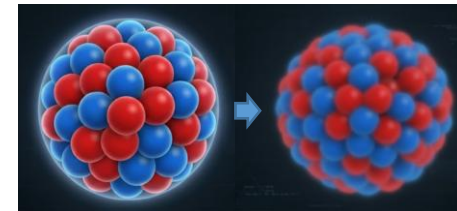
Backward region R_{pPb} : (high x region)

$$D_s \geq D^0 \geq D^+$$

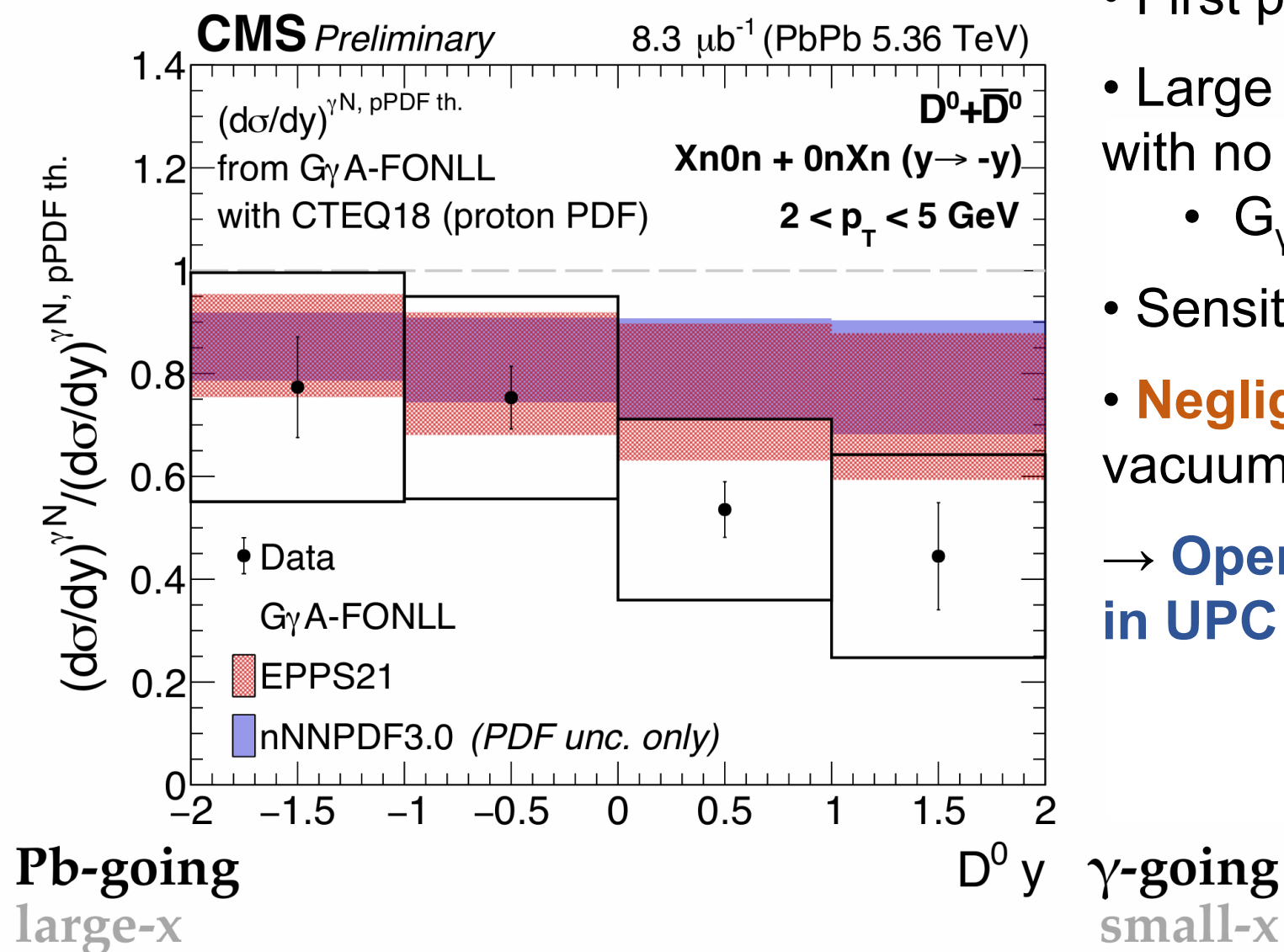
nPDF analyzers needs to proceed with caution!



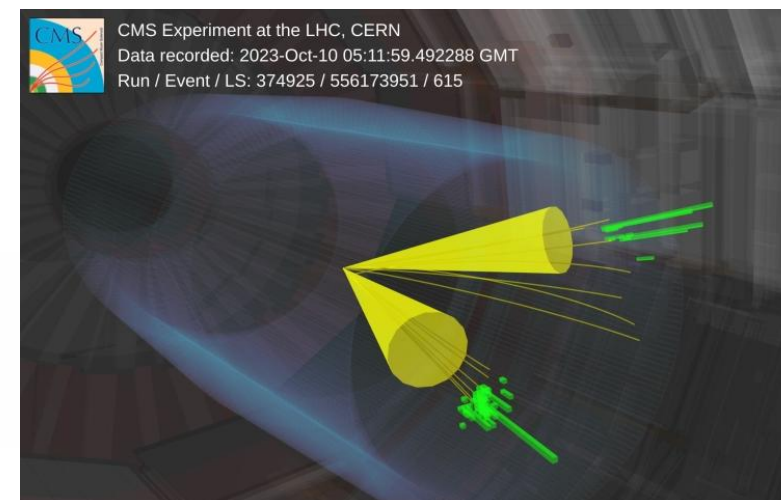
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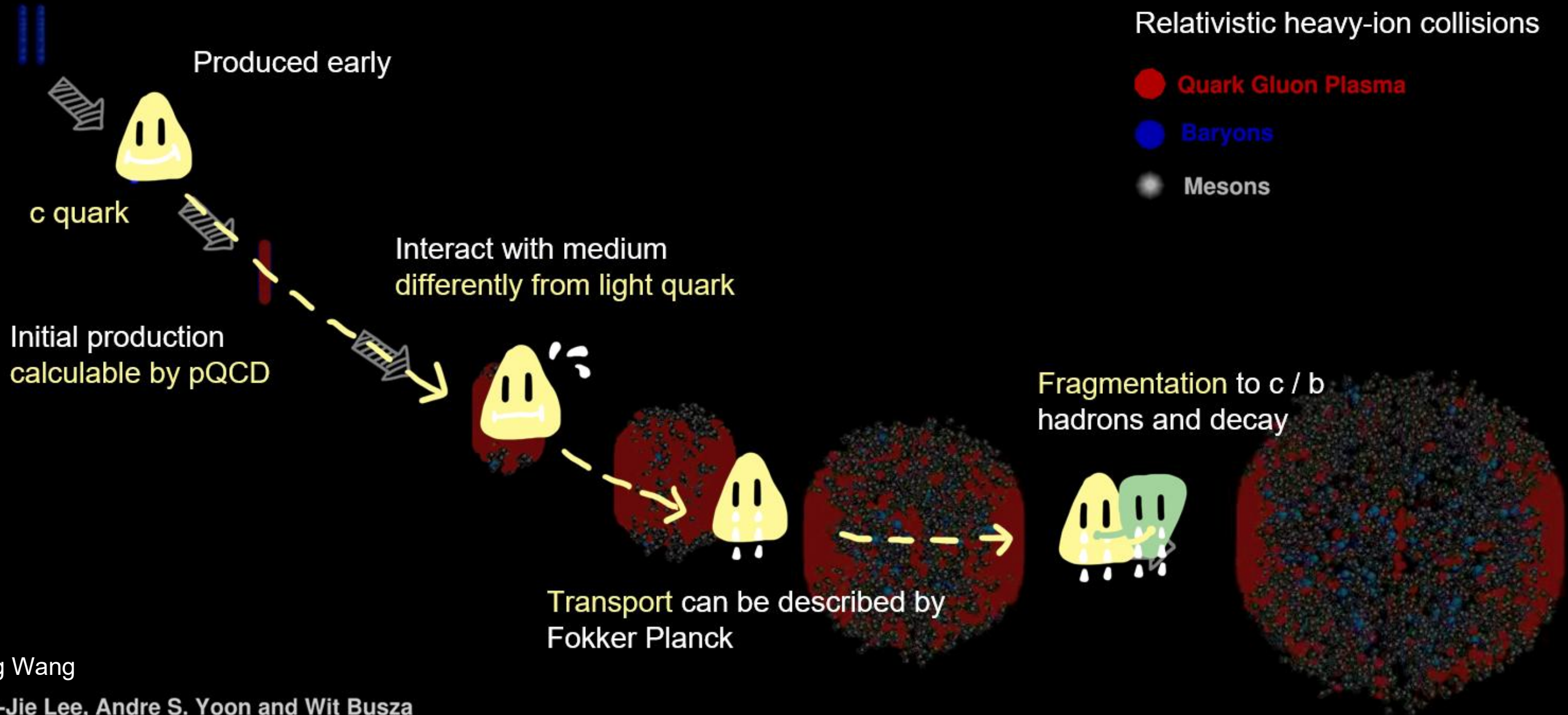
Photonuclear D^0 Production in PbPb UPC



- First photonuclear production of D^0 in PbPb UPCs
 - Large suppression compared to pQCD calculations with no nuclear PDF effect:
 - $G_{\gamma A}$ -FONLL^[1] with CTEQ18 + 0nXn EMD
 - Sensitive to gluon nPDF to small x
 - **Negligible hadronization effects** expected in the vacuum like UPC environment
- **Opens a large program of open heavy flavors in UPC at LHC**



Life of a Heavy Quark in HIC

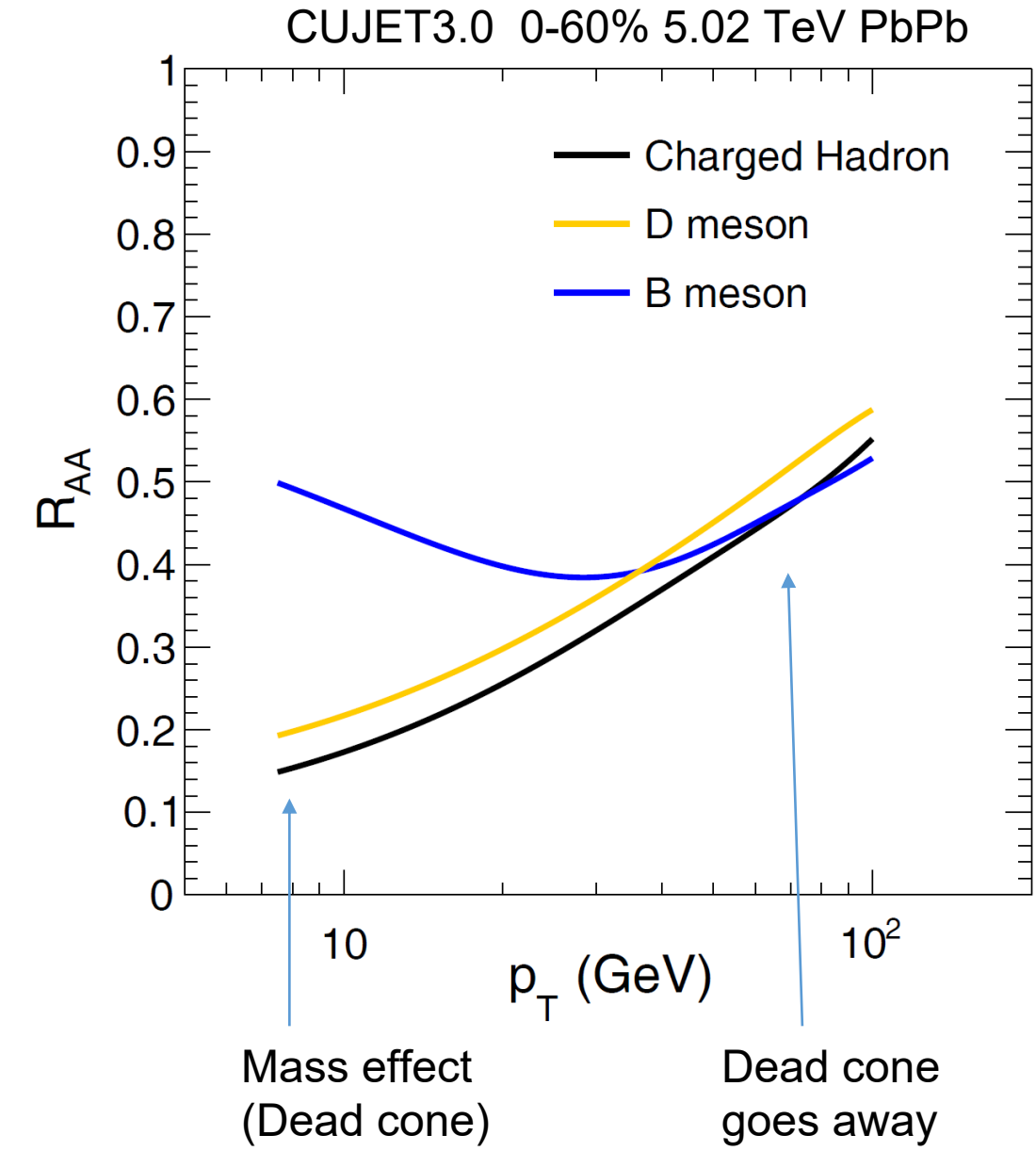
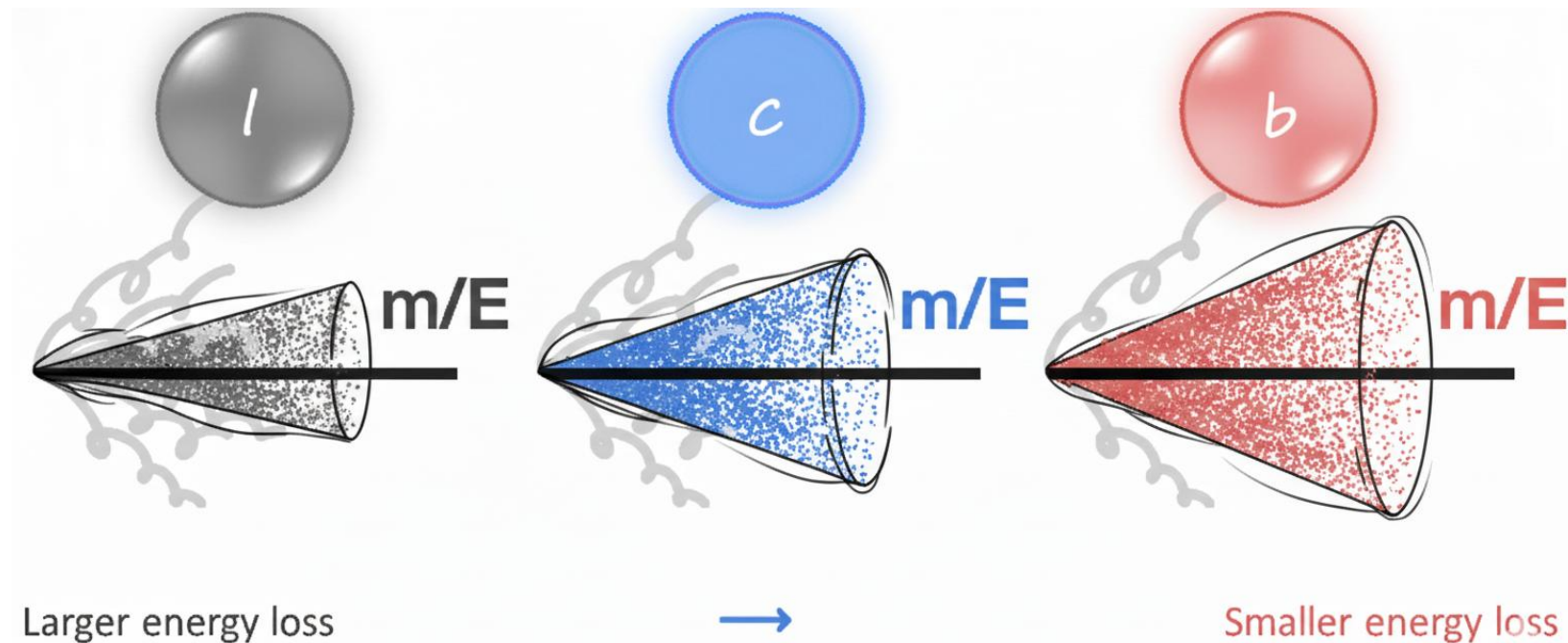


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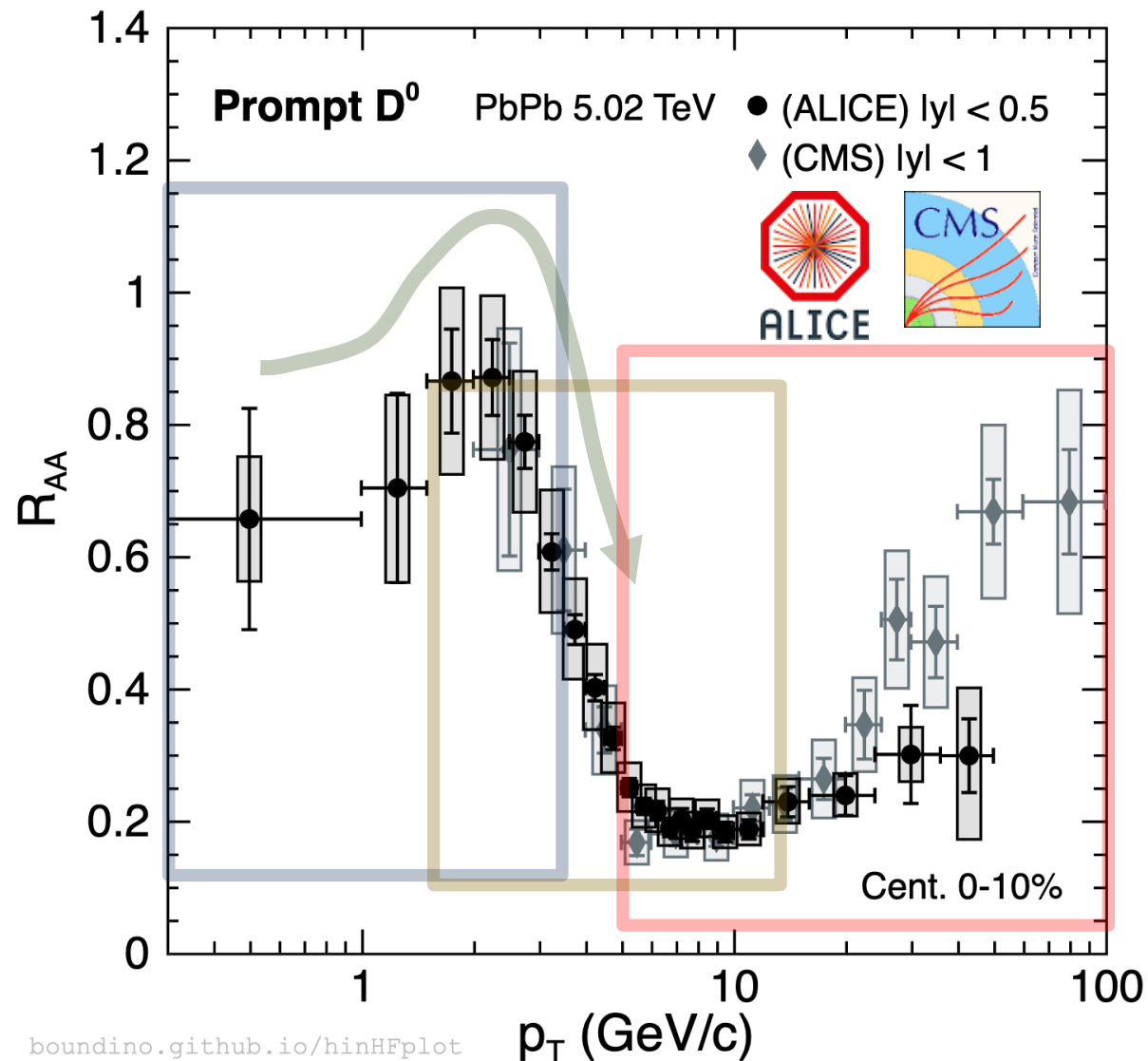
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Quark Mass Dependence of the Hadron Suppression

Radiation is suppressed inside $\theta < m/E$



D^0 R_{AA} Understanding the Shape



Good agreement between experiments at **low D^0 p_T** ,
Some difference at **high D^0 p_T**

Multiple effects at play:

nPDF shadowing:

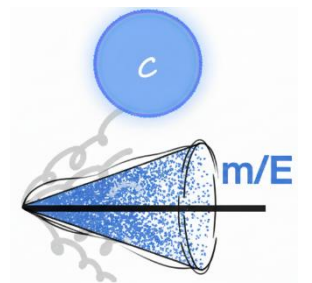
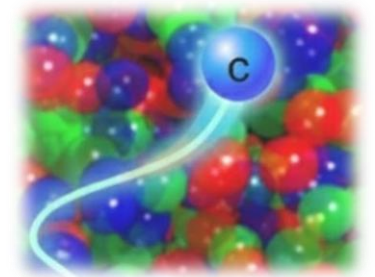
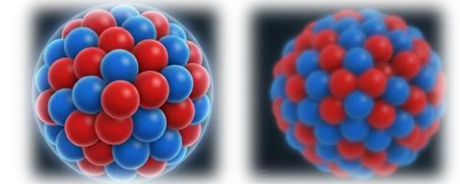
- Suppression at low p_T

Collective flow + hadronization:

- Medium pushes very low- p_T charm quarks to higher p_T
- Receive momentum from light quark, creating a “flow bump”

Jet quenching:

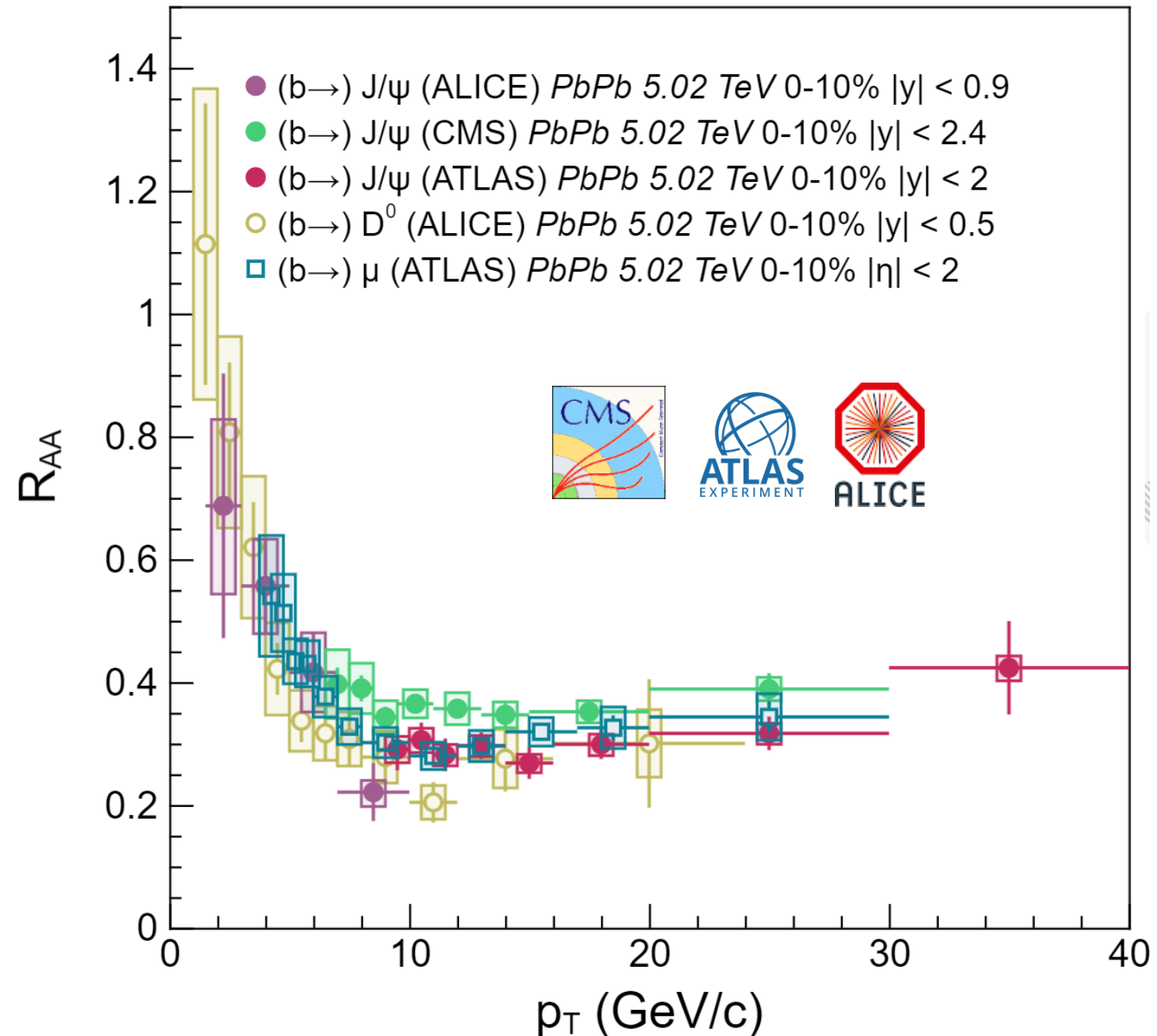
- **Collisional** (in the intermediate p_T) and **radiative** energy loss
- Sensitive to p_T shape before modification (lower slope at high p_T)



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Beauty R_{AA} in 0-10% PbPb at 5 TeV

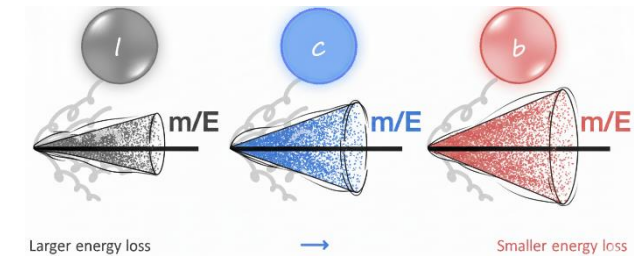
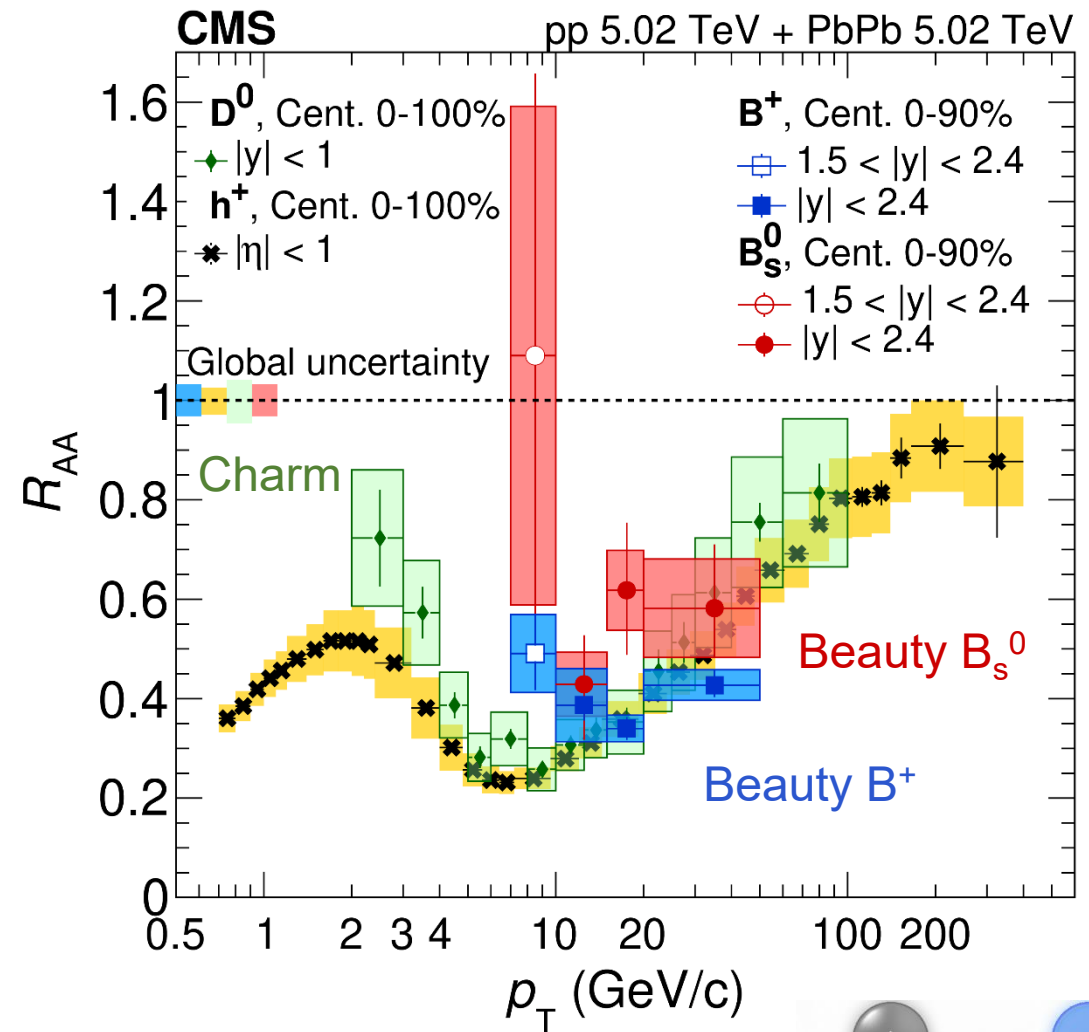
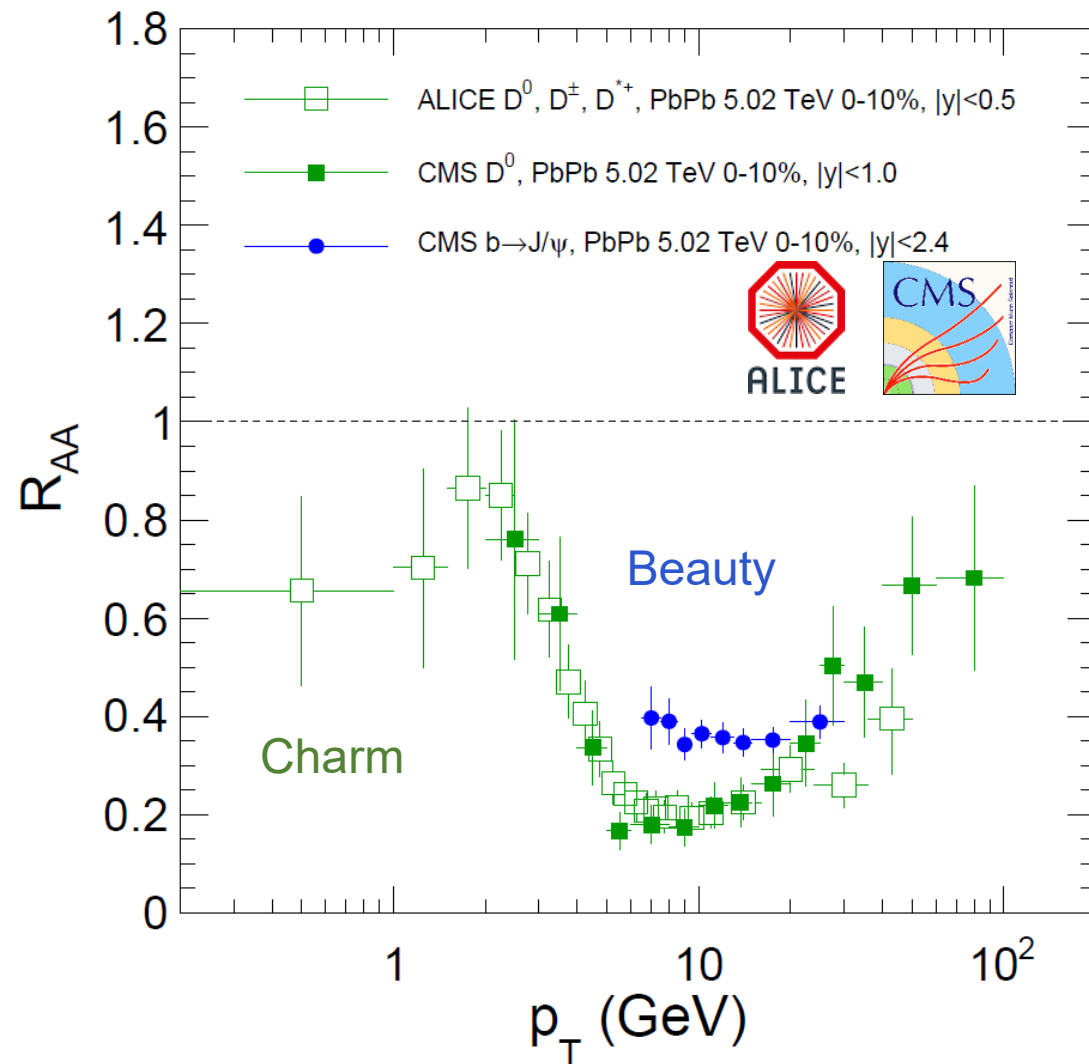
- Precise measurement of beauty suppression from **non-prompt J/ψ** , D^0 and μ from b decay in **0-10% PbPb**
- R_{AA} results are close to each other at high p_T (although J/ψ , D^0 and μ carry different fraction of beauty momentum)
- Some difference between non-prompt J/ψ from **ATLAS** and **CMS**, to be followed up with Run 3+4 data



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NP D ALICE arXiv 2202.00815

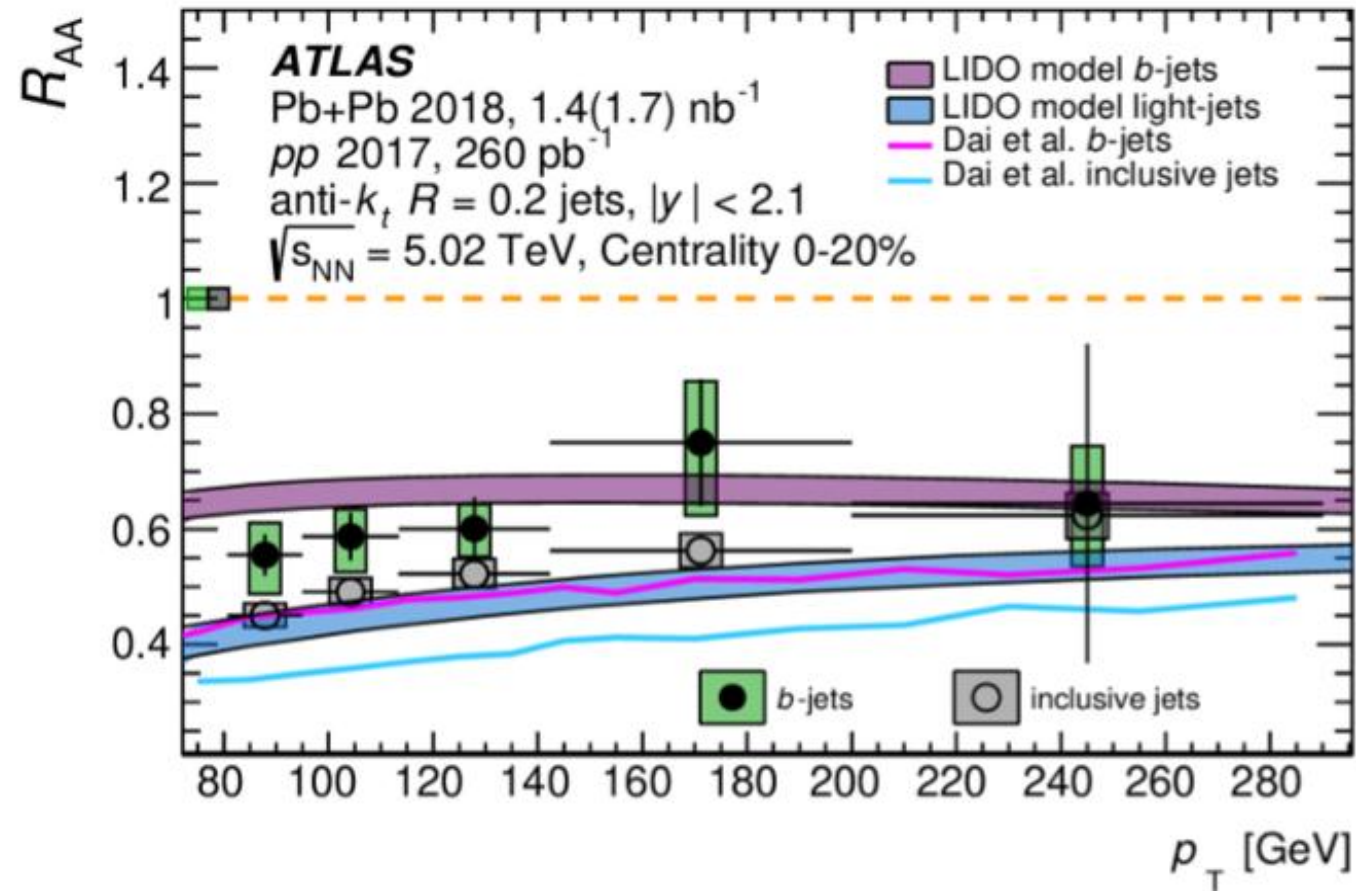
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Beauty vs. Charm R_{AA}



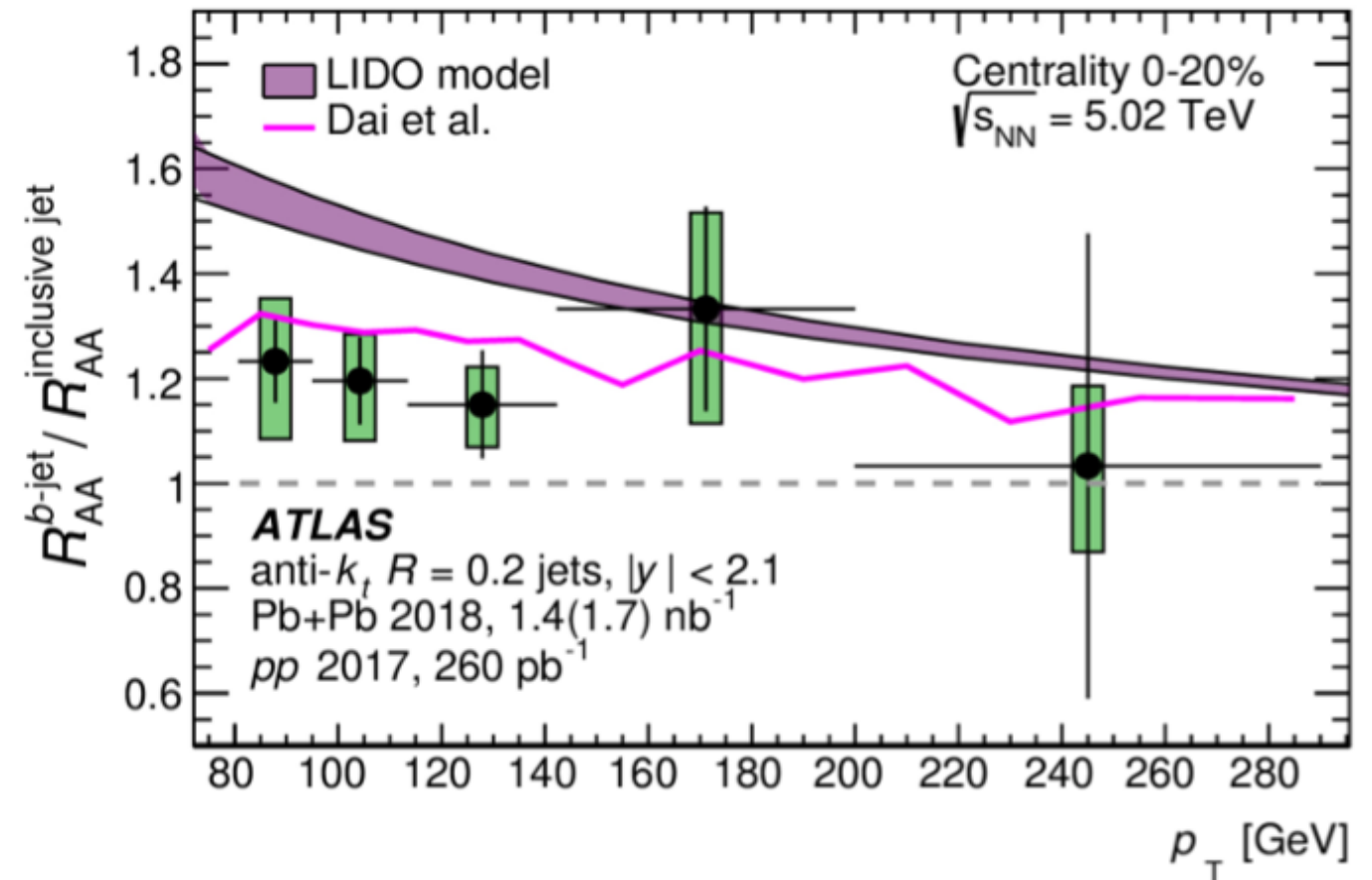
- Important input to diffusion coefficient D_s and $\hat{q}$
- HF hadron R_{AA} depends on quark mass:
 - Significance mass dependence at low p_T and disappearance at high p_T

Color Charge Dependence of Energy Loss



Comparison between **quark-enriched** jets and **inclusive (quark & gluon)** jets

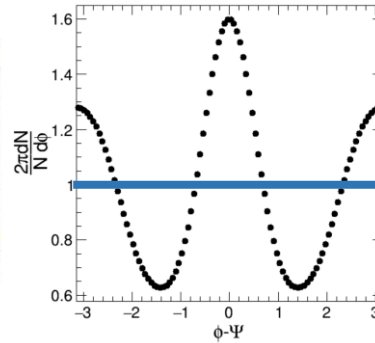
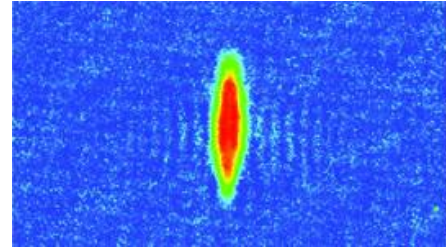
R_{AA} larger for b -jets: smaller b -jet suppression as compared to inclusive jets



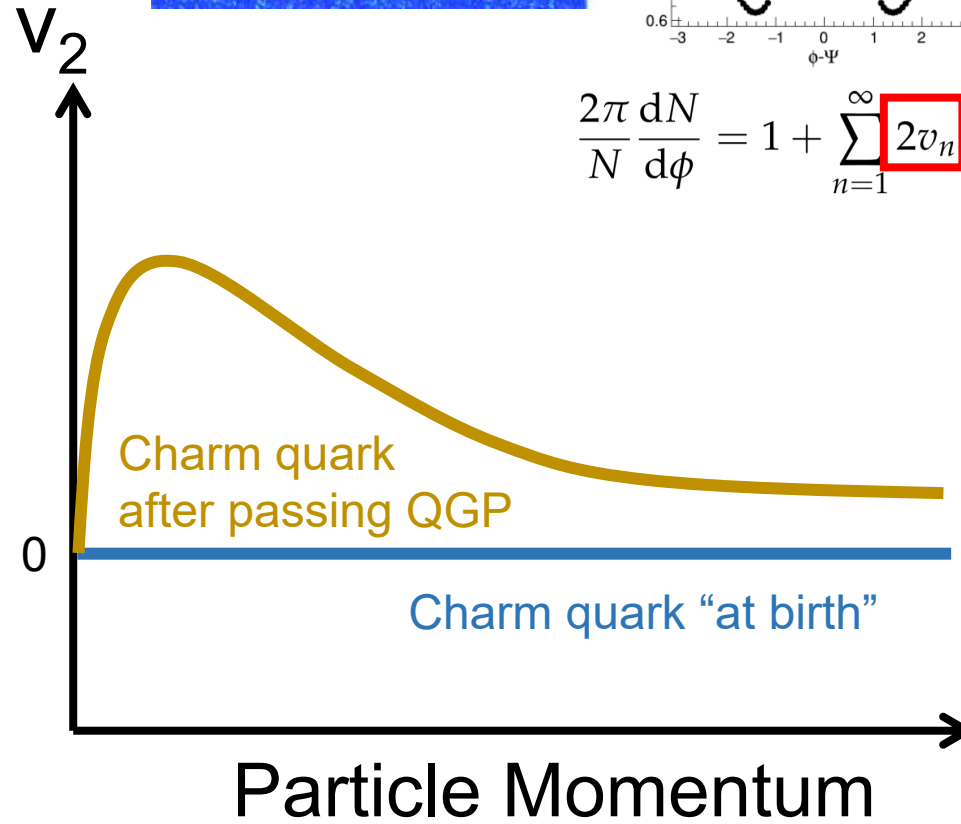
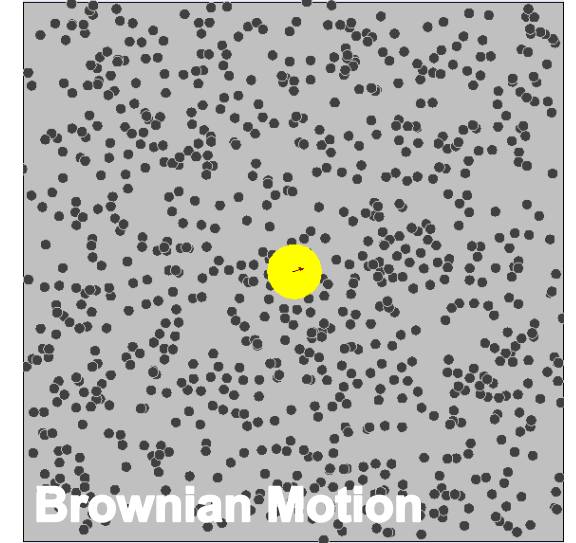
Double ratios show that b -jets are about 20% less suppressed than inclusive jet in central collisions

Gluons lose more energy than (beauty-) quarks

Heavy Quark (Charm and Beauty) Diffusion



$$\frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{dN}{d\phi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \boxed{2v_n} \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$



Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_Q(t, p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p A(p) f_Q(t, p) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \vec{p}} B(p) f_Q(t, p)$$

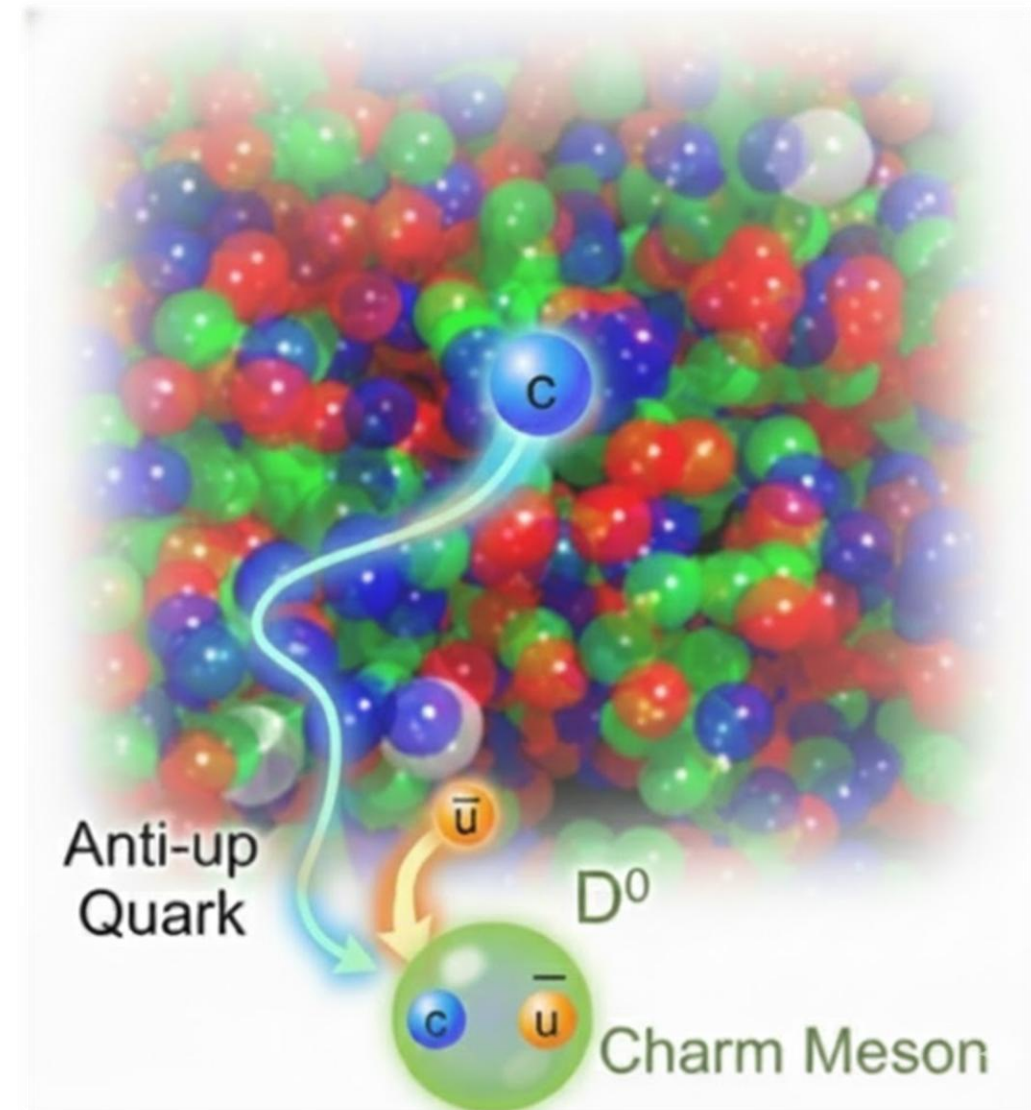
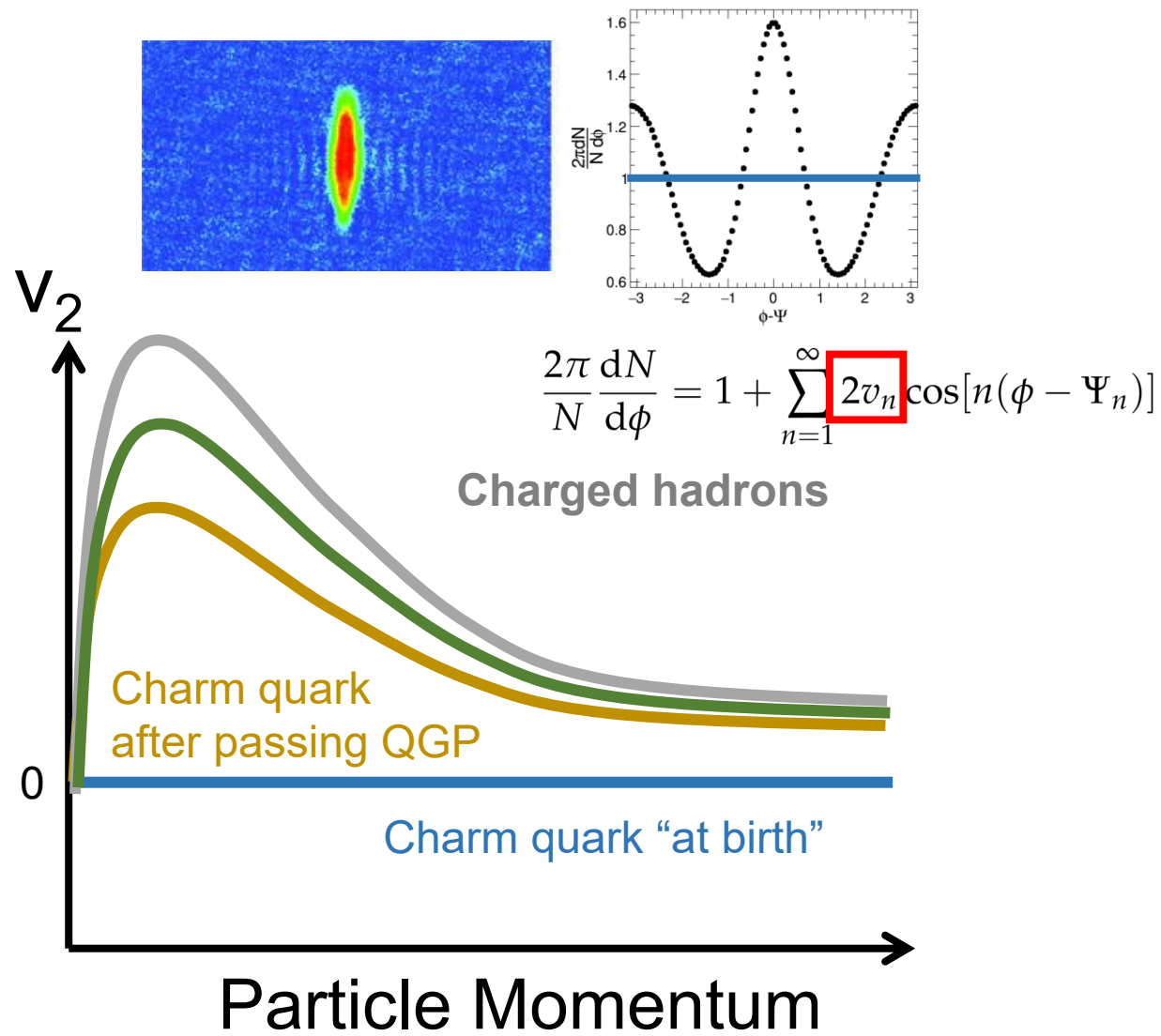
A and B are transport coefficients

$$\mathcal{D}_s = \frac{T}{m_Q A(p=0)}$$

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Artist's impression



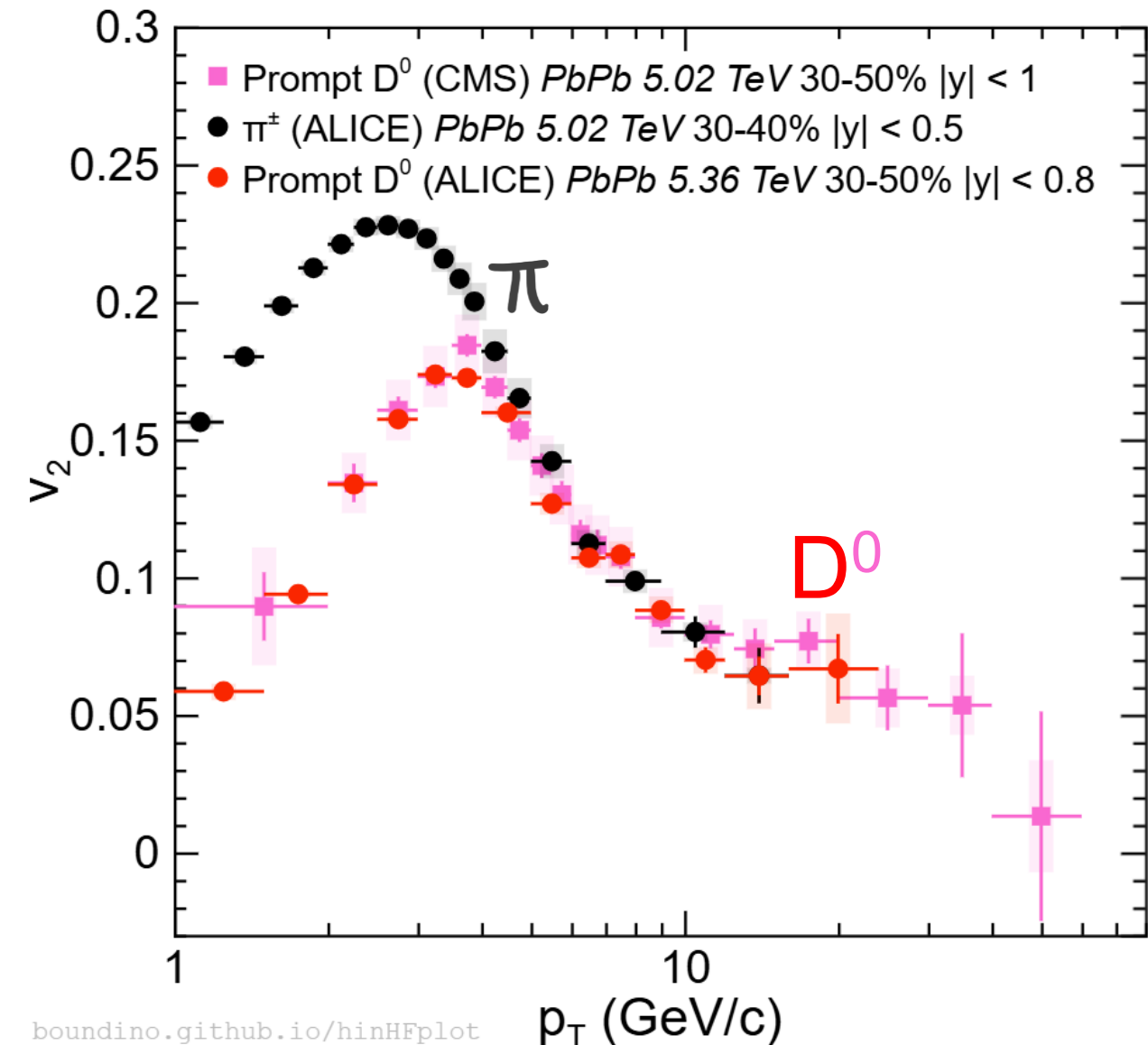
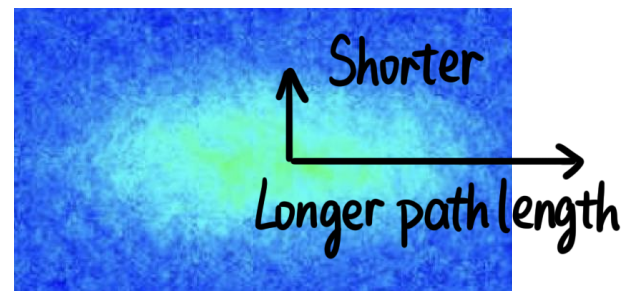
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- Hadronization effect could change the v_2 of the heavy flavor hadron further

$D^0 v_2$ vs. Charged Hadron v_2

Charm quarks **flow** with the medium!

Non-zero D^0 meson v_2 up to high p_T

- Mass ordering at low p_T , expected from hydrodynamic flow (heavier particles get smaller v_2 at the same p_T)
- Same magnitude between π and D^0 in $p_T > 4 \sim 5$ GeV, a regime where the anisotropy may come mainly from path-length dependence of energy loss?

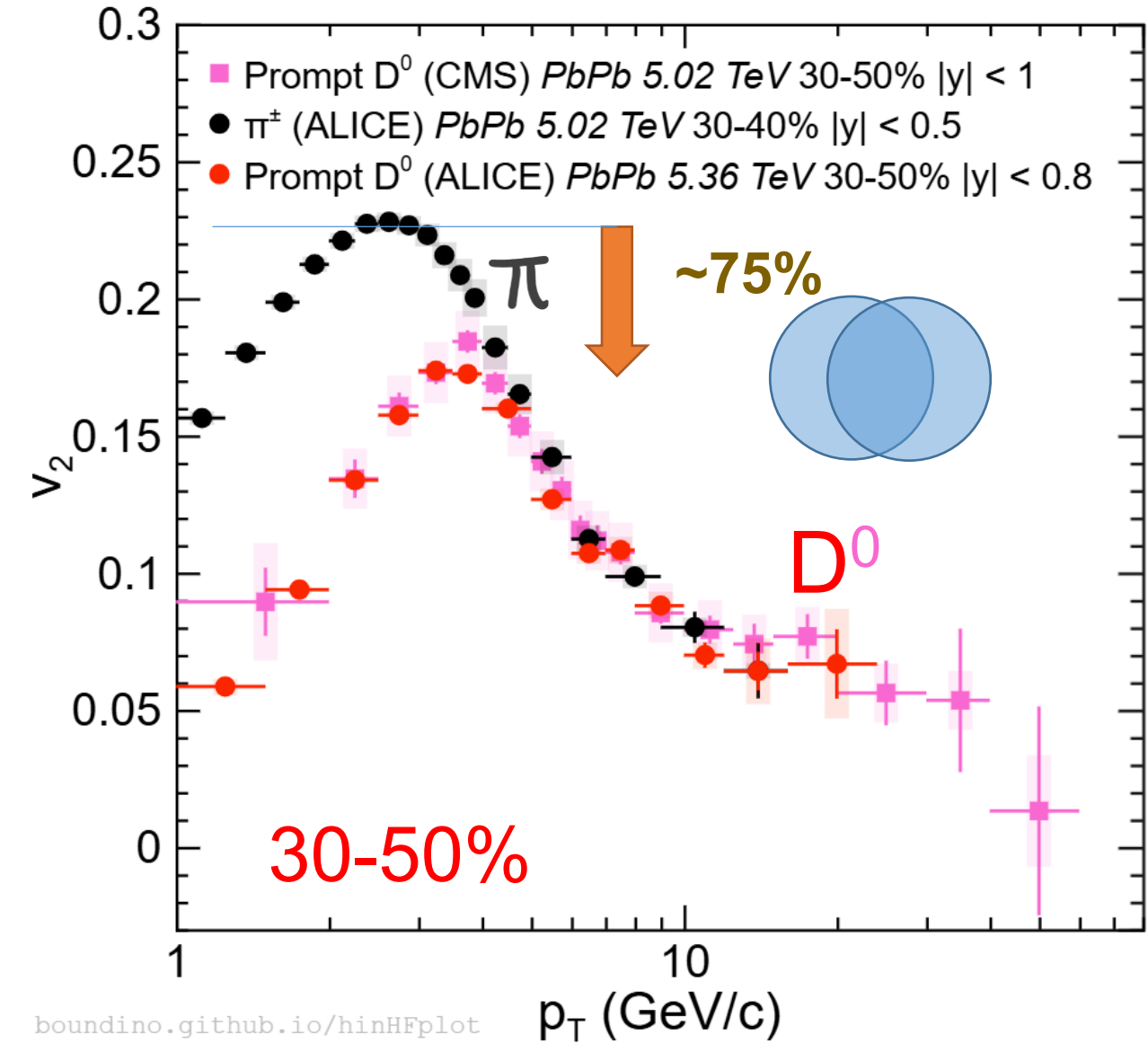
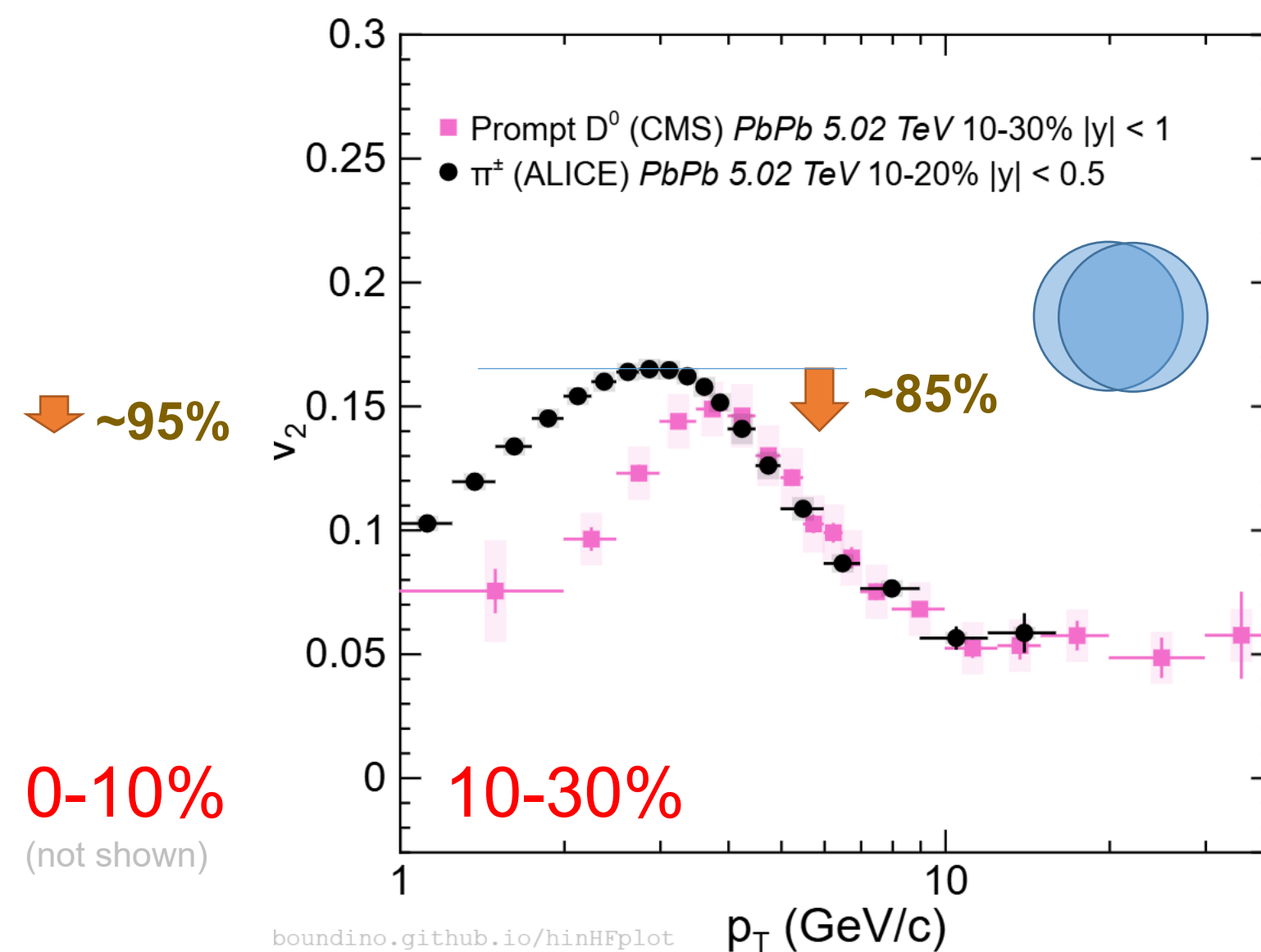


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$D^0 v_2$ vs. Charged Hadron v_2 : Degree of Charm Hydrodynamization

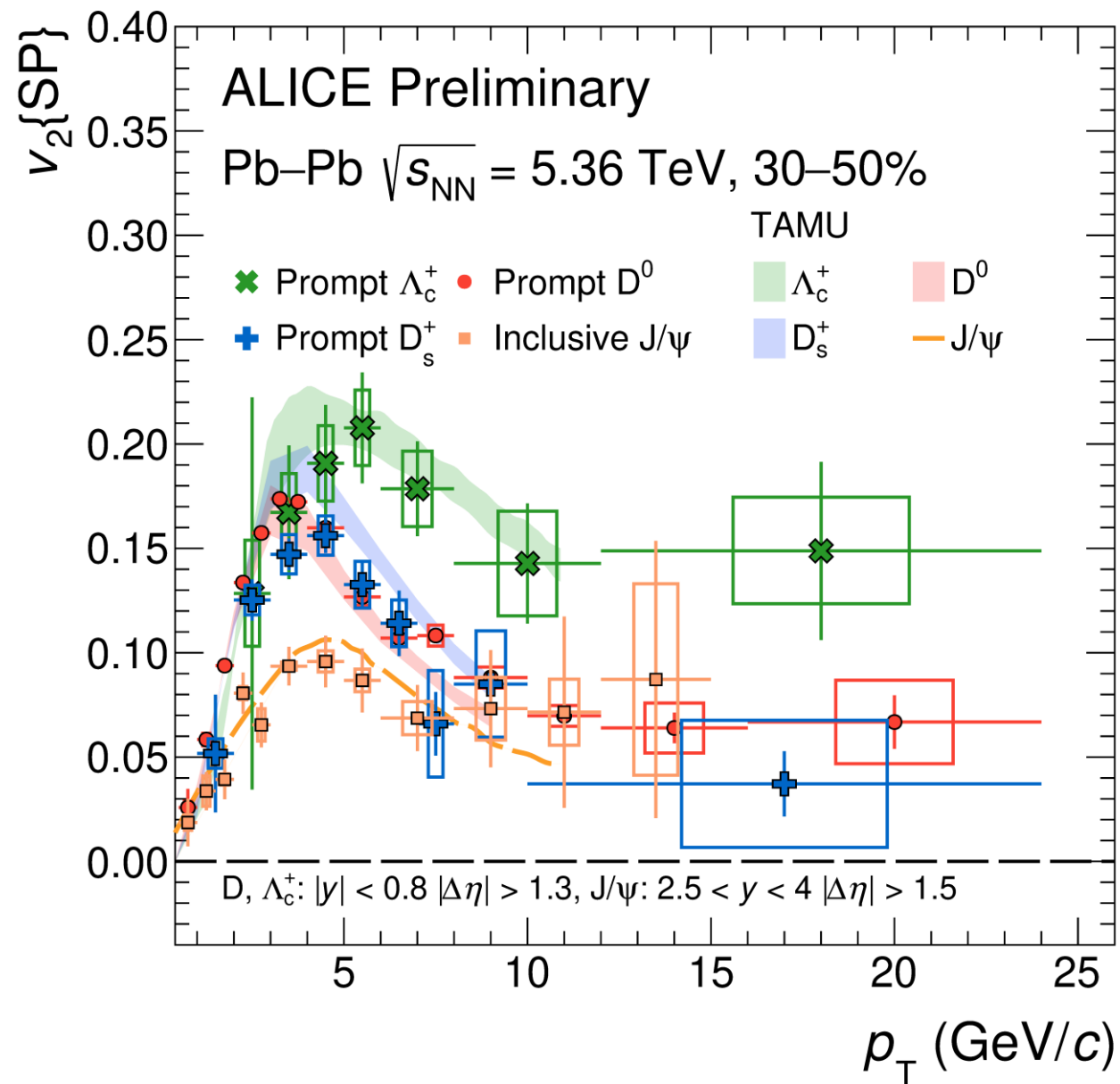


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In central collision (10-30%), the max $D^0 v_2$ is closer to $\pi^+ v_2$
In 0-10%, max $D^0 v_2$ is very similar to $\pi^+ v_2$ ($\sim 95\%$)
(not shown, if average 0-5% and 5-10% π^+ results)

$\rightarrow$ Indication that D^0 is closer to hydrodynamization in 0-10% than 30-50%!

Charm Hadron v_2 in PbPb at 5.36 TeV



- All measured charm hadrons exhibit flow.

- Observed ordering $\Lambda_c v_2 > D^0 v_2$:

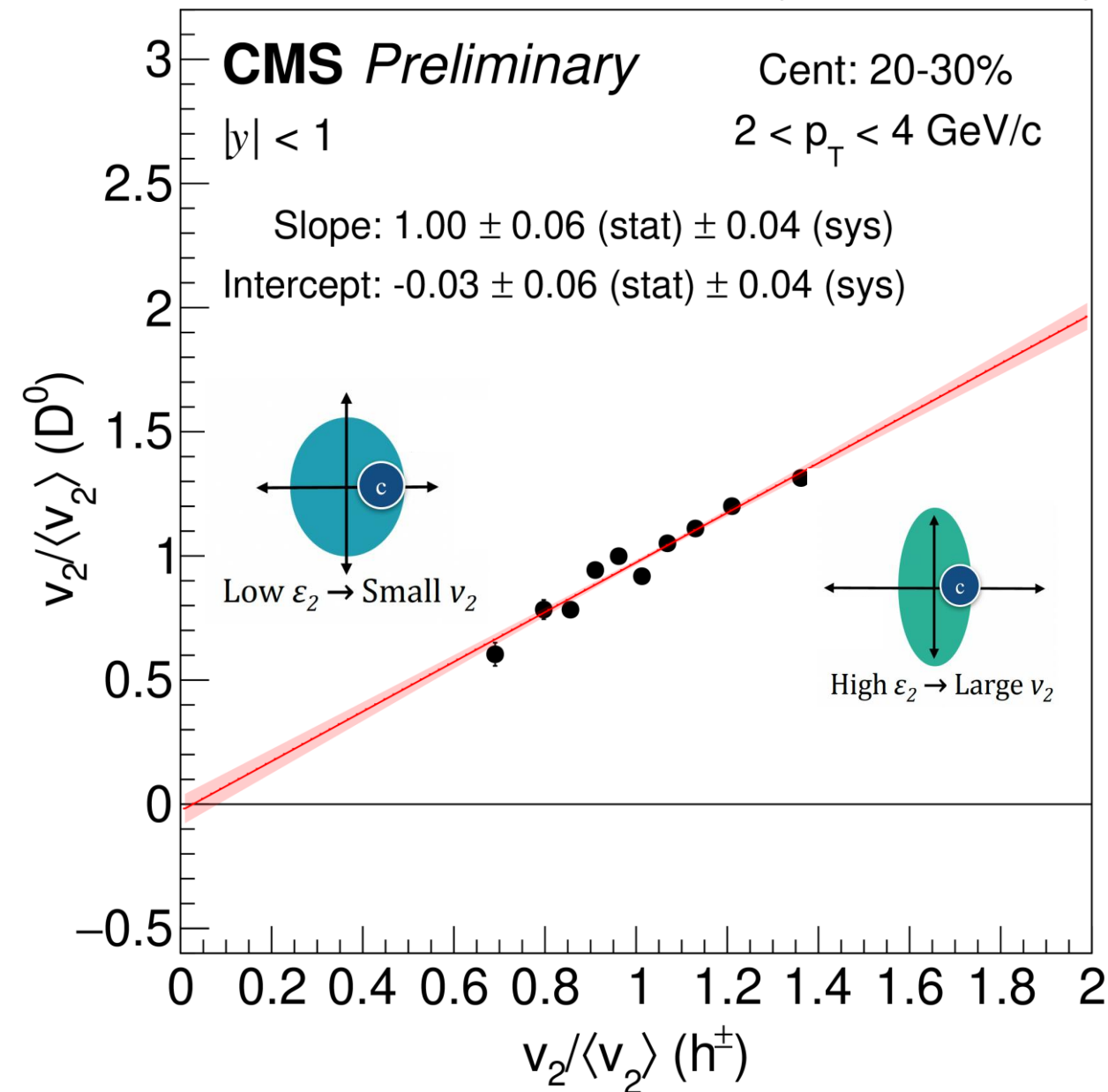
It probably suggest **hadronization via sequential heavy-light quark combination** rather than charm-diquark coalescence

- Data show $D_s v_2 \leq D^0 v_2$, opposite to TAMU prediction $D_s v_2 > D^0 v_2$.

- This data shows charm hadron v_2 is not a simple linear combination of constituent-quark v_2 .

Charm Quark v_2 vs. Light Flavor v_2

0.607 nb⁻¹ (PbPb 5.02 TeV)

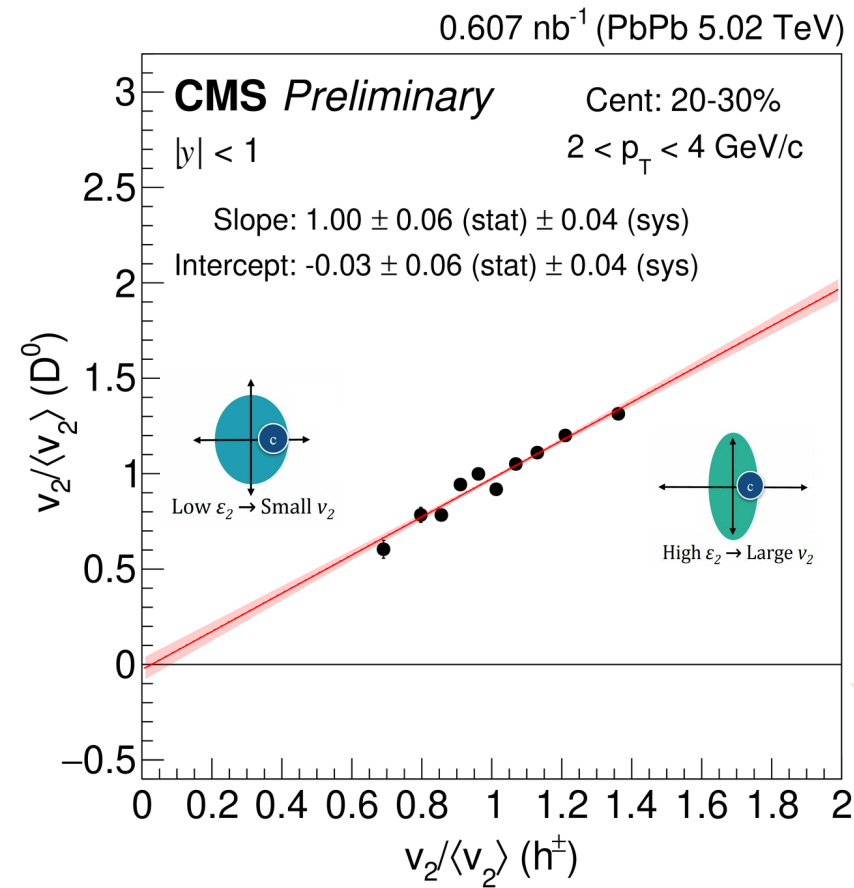


Do charm quarks develop elliptic flow (v_2) through interactions with the light partons in the QGP?

Vary initial eccentricity by Event Shape Engineering q_2 while **keeping the same centrality**

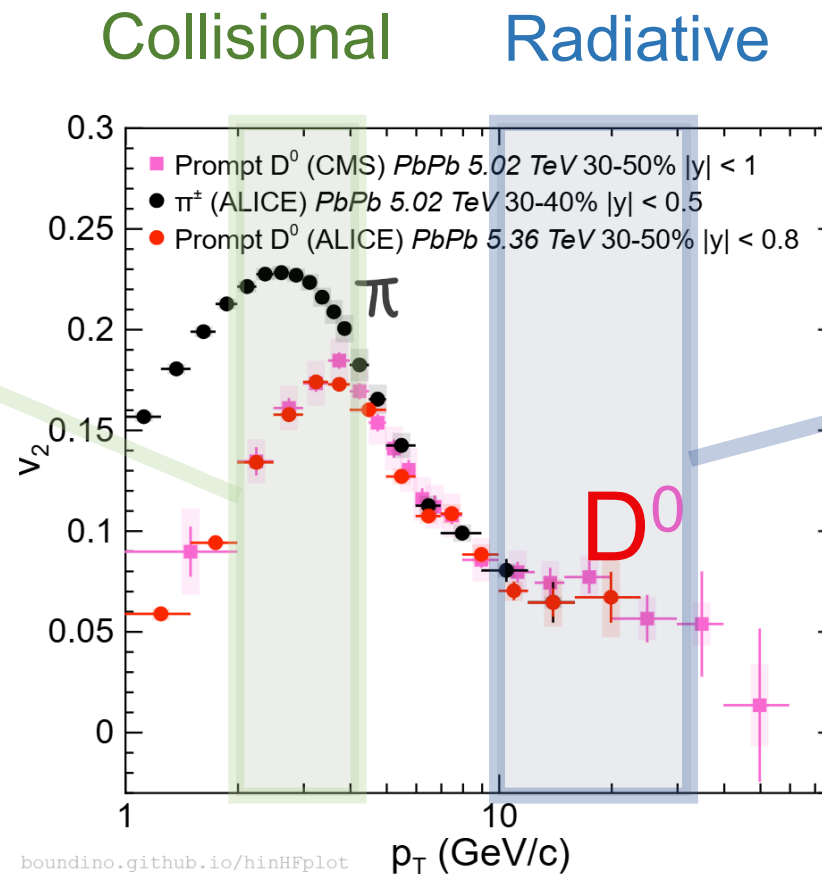
- D^0 v_2 significantly increases with q_2
- **Linear correlation** between D^0 v_2 and light hadron v_2
- Slope is consistent with 1
- This shows D^0 v_2 is driven by initial shape, similar to light flavors

Charm Quark v_2 vs. Light Flavor v_2



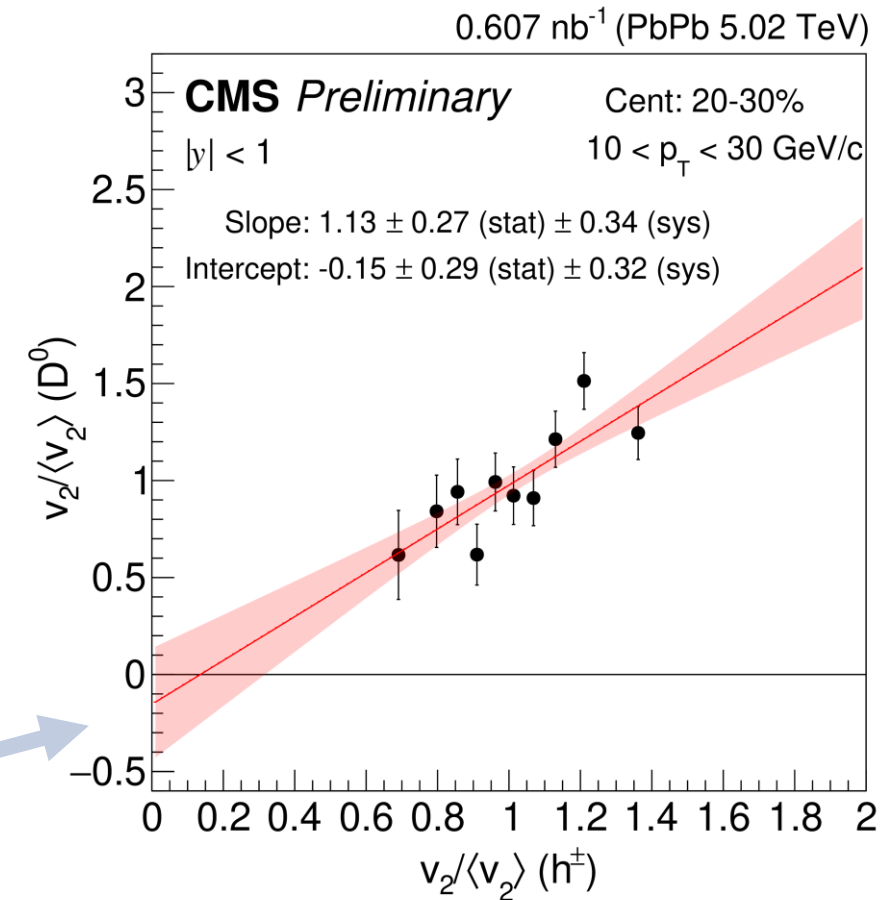
D^0 v_2 is driven by initial shape, similar to light flavors at low p_T

Insensitive to the underlying mechanism!!!



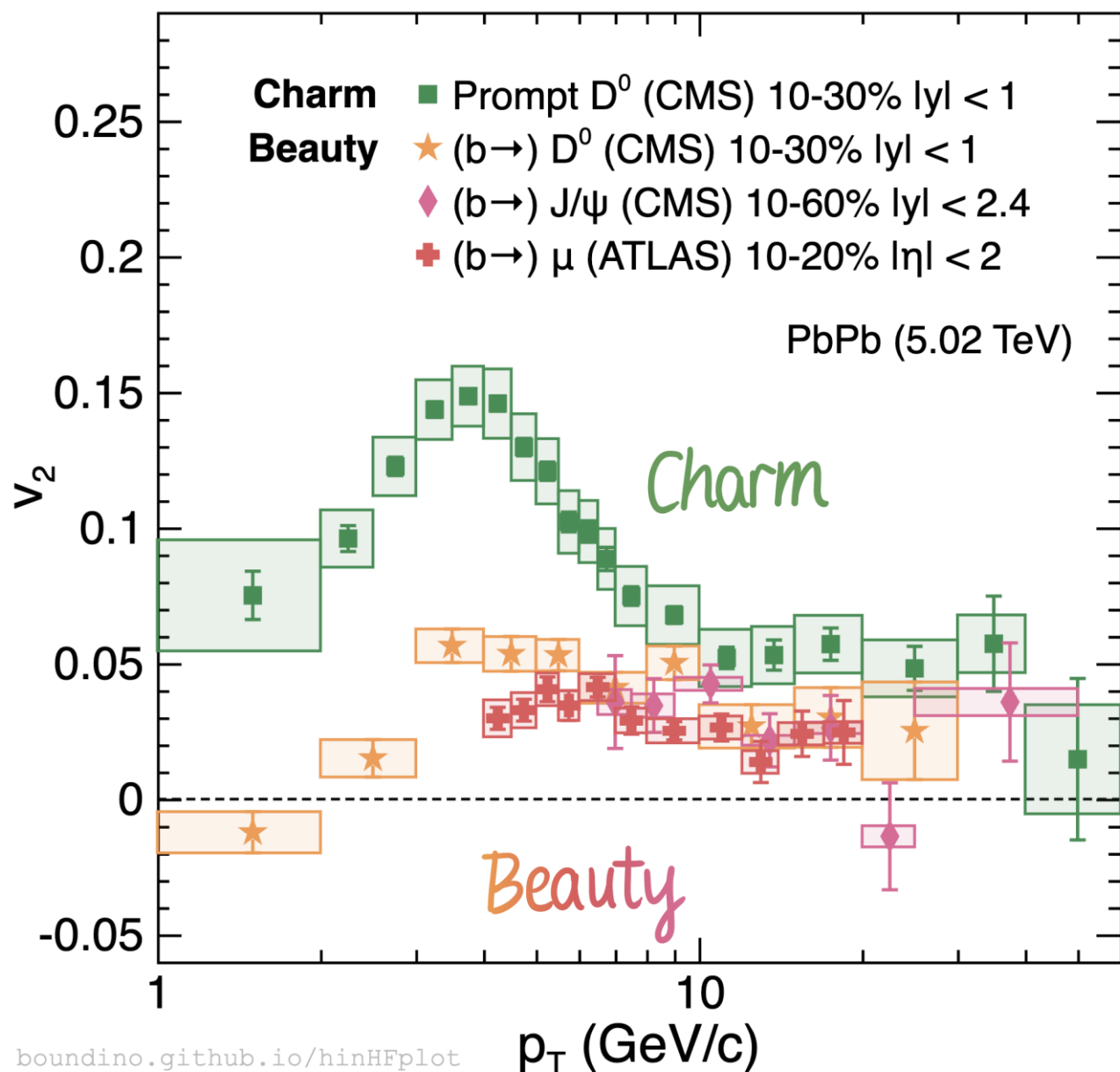
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Also true at high p_T , regardless of the underlying mechanism

Collective Flow: Charm vs Beauty



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Significant **open beauty** flow signal!

- Smaller v_2 than **charm hadrons** at low p_T
- Weaker collective flow behavior

→ **Beauty** remembers more about their initial state ($v_2=0$) than **charm** due to the expected longer relaxation time

Important input to diffusion constant

However, there are significant uncertainties associated with hadronization that translate **charm** and **beauty** quark spectra to hadron spectra

Experimental and Theoretical Extraction

Experimentally, we usually use two particle correlation, cumulant or scalar product method to extract $v_2\{2\}$

$$v_2\{2\}^2 \approx \bar{v}_2^2 + \sigma_{v_2}^2 + \delta,$$

It has been shown experimentally feasible to extract $v_2\{4\}$ using four particle correlation:

$$v_2\{4\}^2 \approx \bar{v}_2^2 - \sigma_{v_2}^2$$

* In the Gaussian limit and assuming v_2 is proportional to light flavor v_2

Theoretical calculations usually extract directly the $\bar{v}_2$

$$v_2^{(i)} \equiv \left\langle \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_{2,PP}^{(i)}) \right\rangle_{\text{particles in event } i}.$$

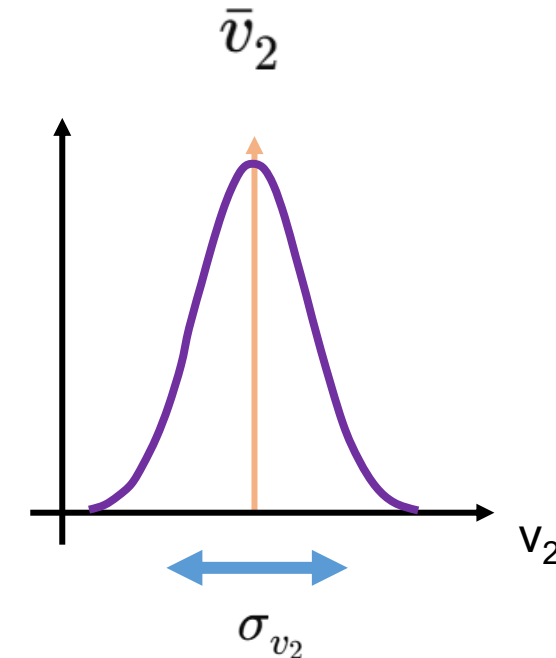
Not apple to apple comparison!

- the event-by-event mean

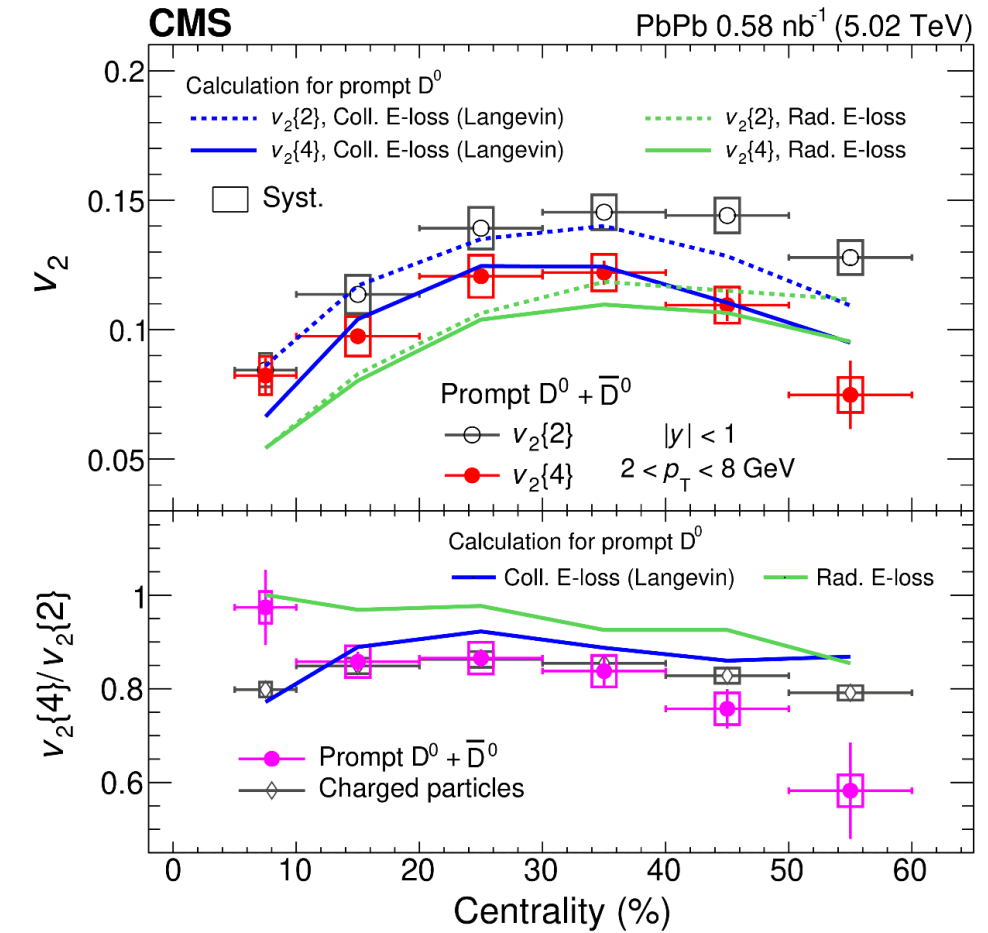
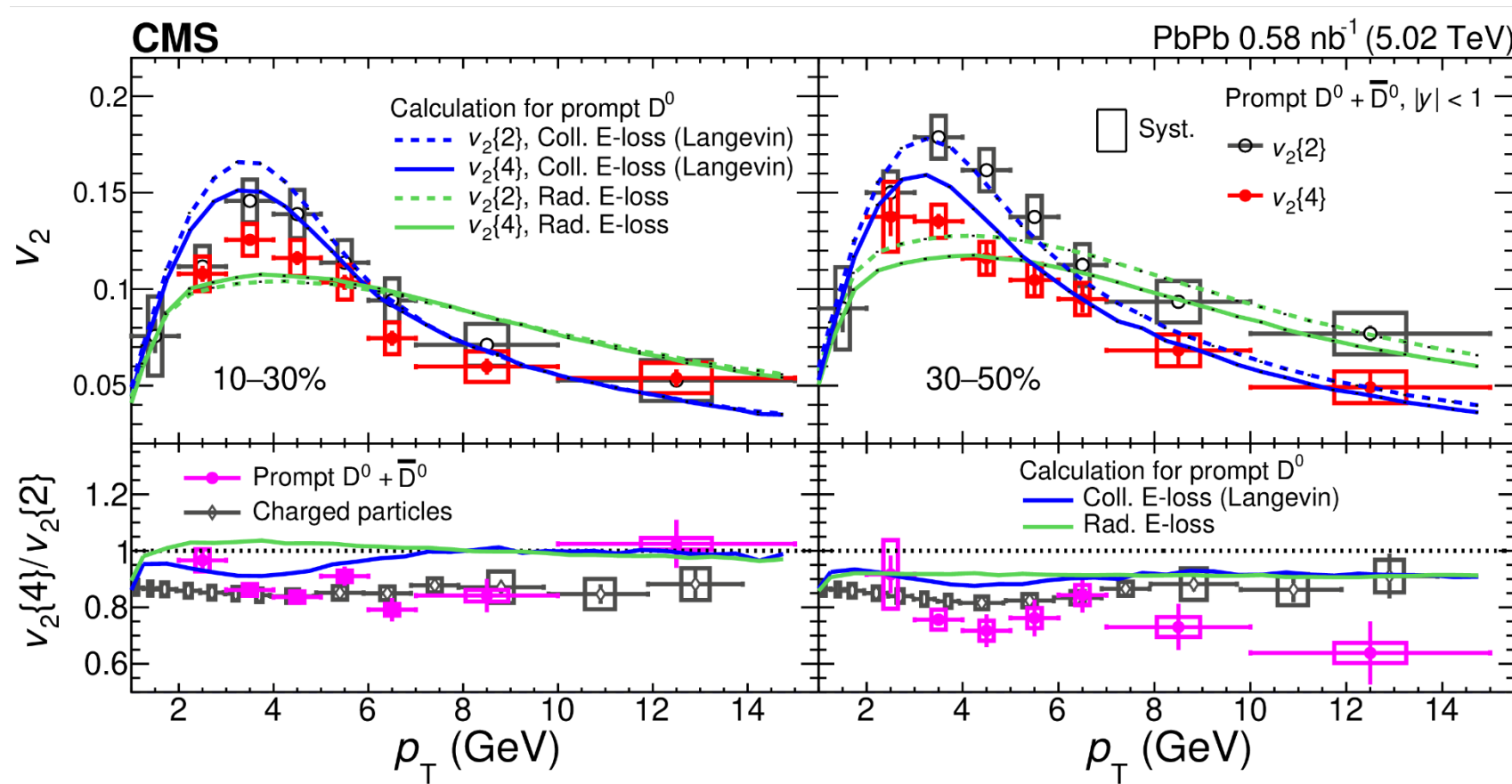
$$\bar{v}_2 = \langle v_2^{(i)} \rangle,$$

- the variance

$$\sigma_{v_2}^2 = \langle (v_2^{(i)})^2 \rangle - \bar{v}_2^2.$$



Prompt D^0 $v_2\{2\}$ vs. $v_2\{4\}$



Multiparticle correlation measurement with D^0 is possible at LHC!

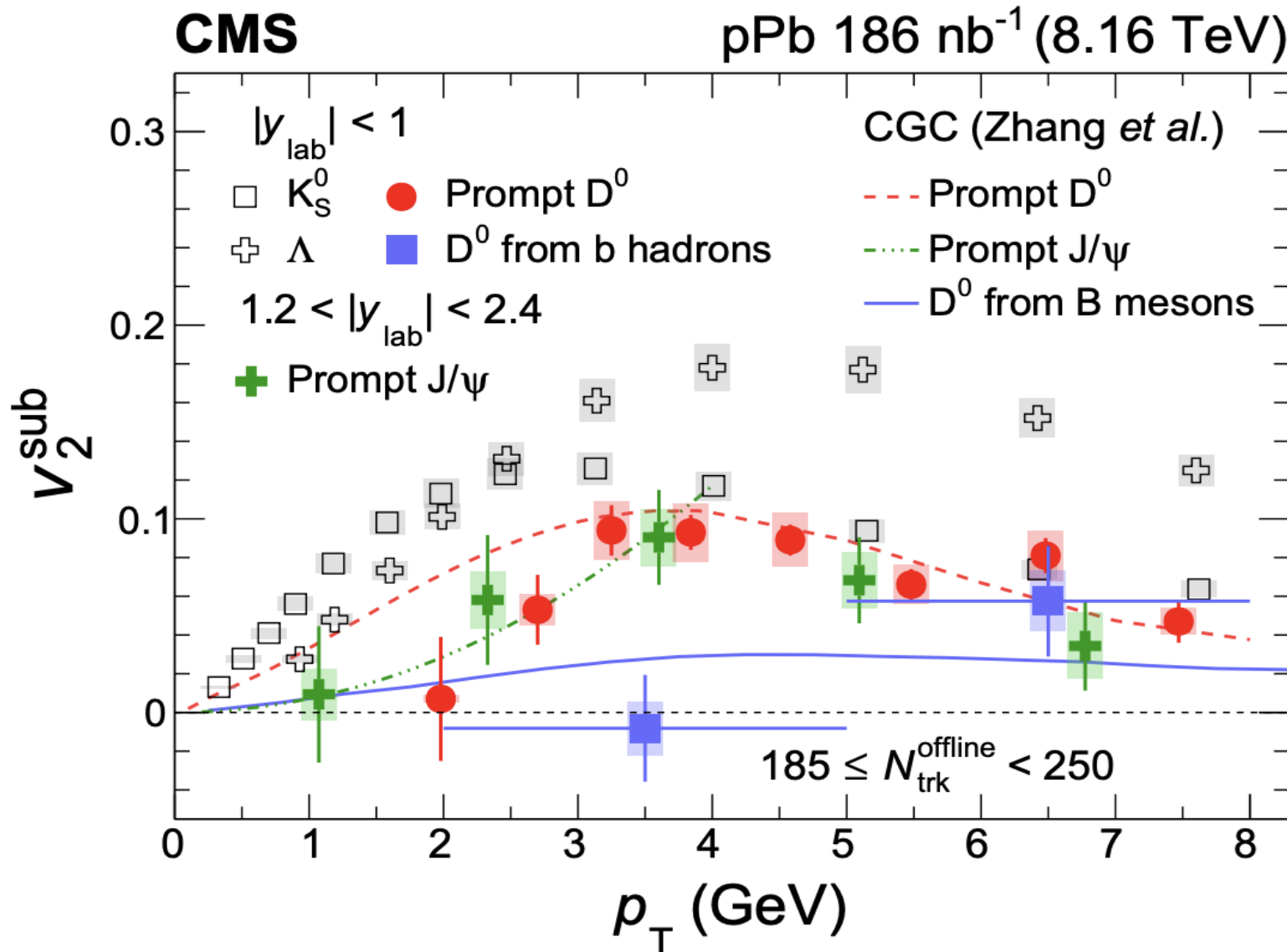
- Sensitive to D^0 flow fluctuation and suppression of nonflow contribution.

$v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2\{4\}$ can differ by up to **30-40%!!**

- Similar or slightly larger than that in light flavor
- Hinting significant contribution from flow fluctuation in $v_2\{2\}$! (and possibly residual nonflow)

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Heavy Flavor Hadron v_2 in pPb



At high multiplicity, significant prompt D^0 and J/ψ v_2 were observed (with nonflow subtraction)

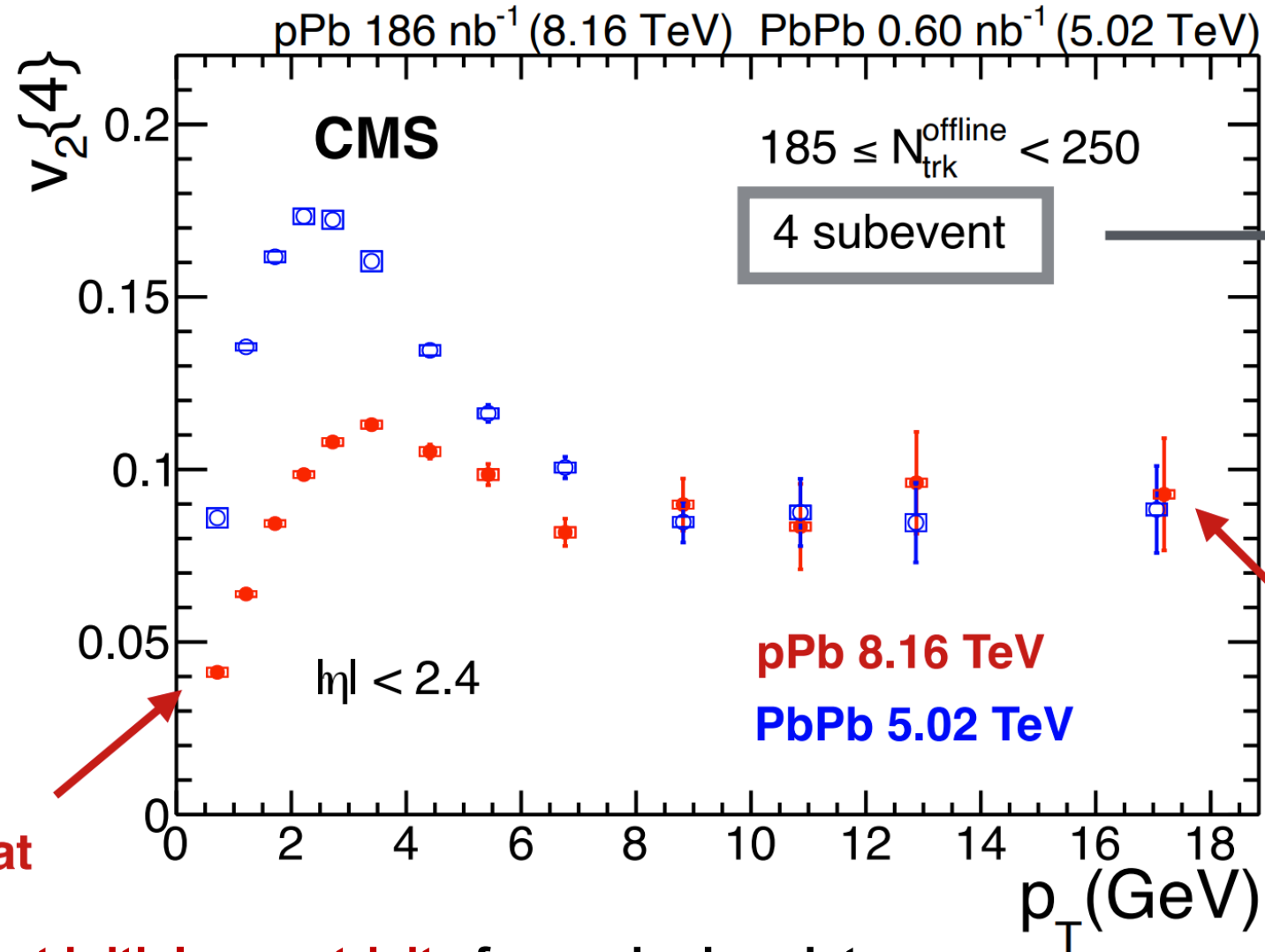
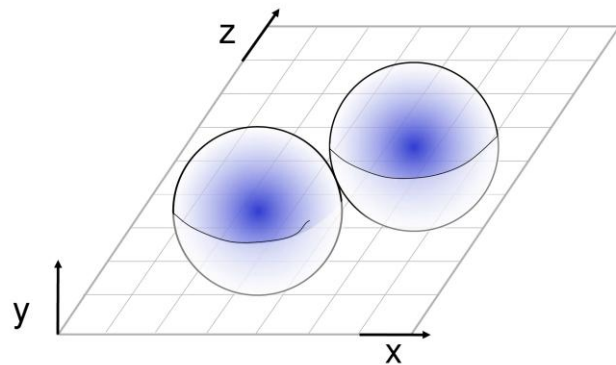
→ Charm diffusion in pPb?

The v_2 values are sizable (as large as 0.09) and remain non-zero up to high p_T ($p_T \sim 8$ GeV)!

→ Is this pathlength dependent parton energy loss?

High multiplicity selection:
What kind of events are we studying?

Charged Hadron v_2 in pPb and PbPb



suppression of non-flow

Same $v_2\{4\}$ in pPb and PbPb collisions

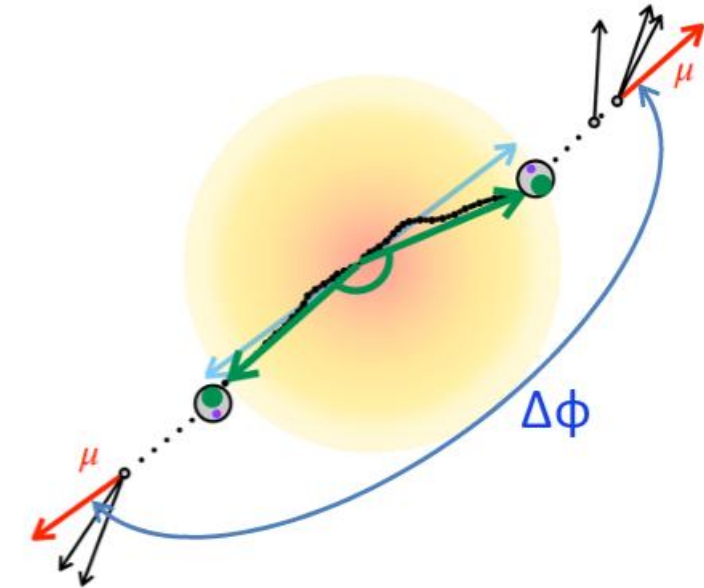
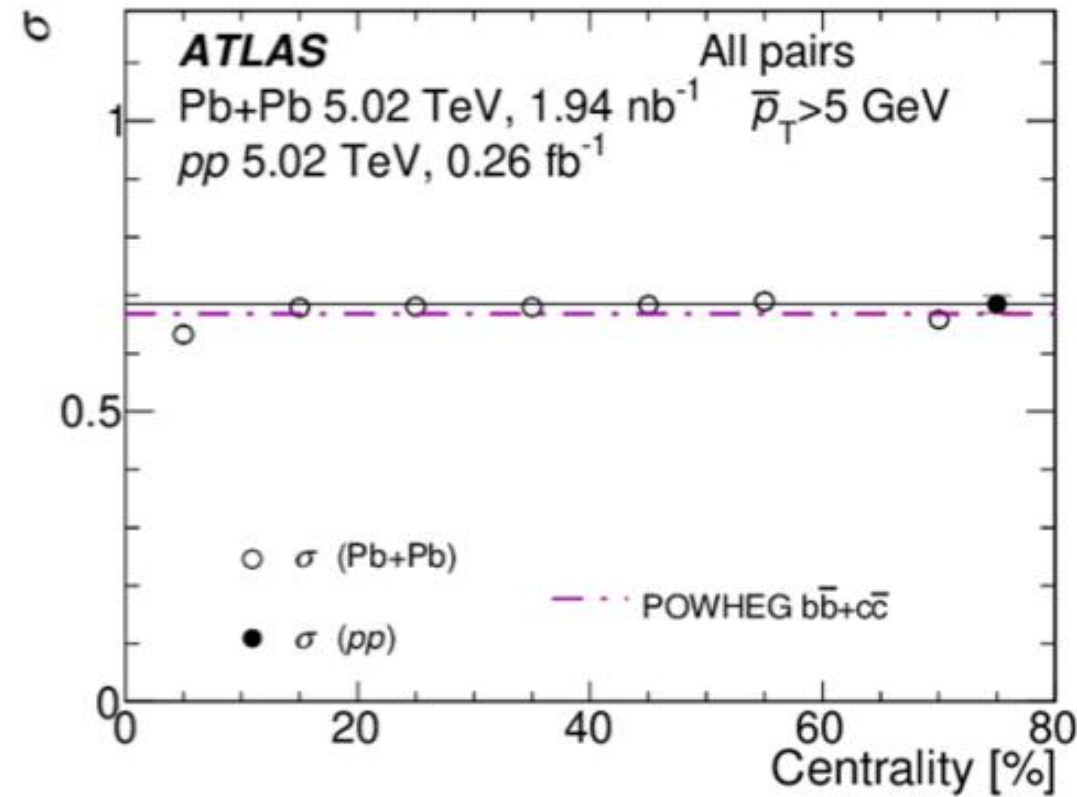
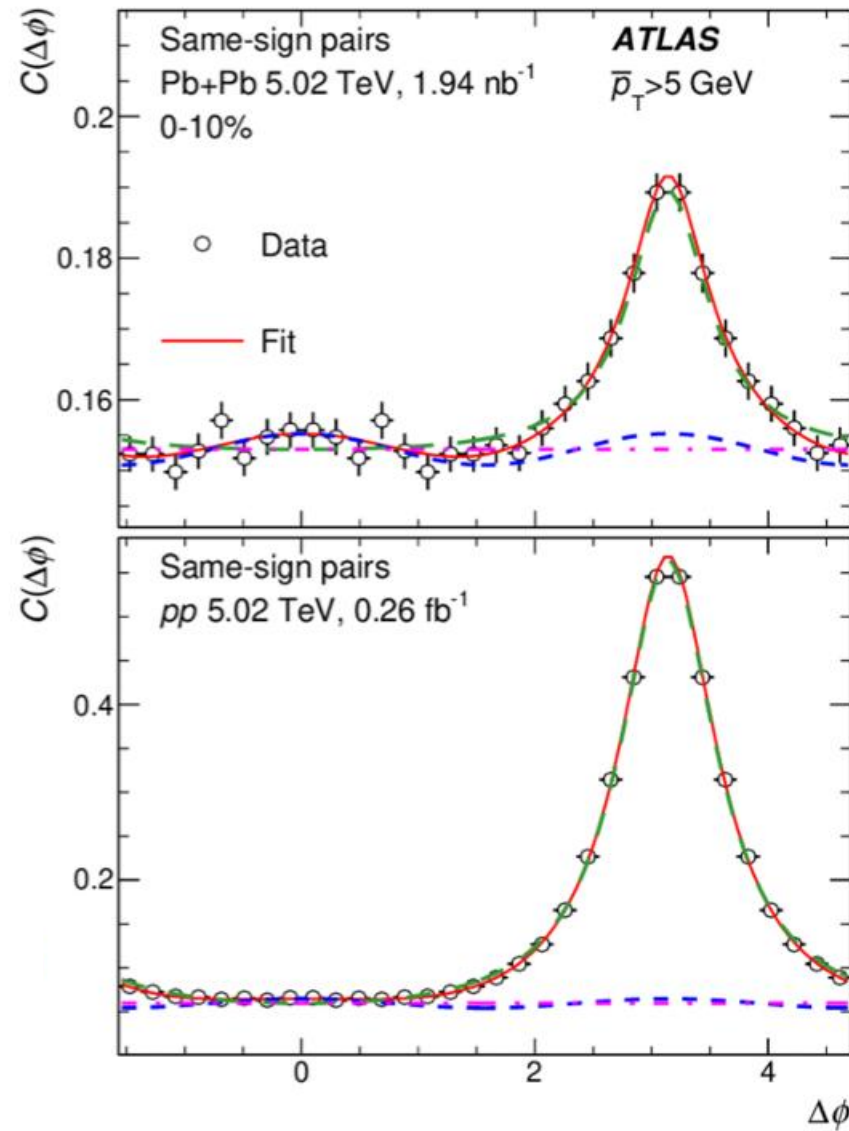
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Sizable differences at low p_T

→ Point to very different initial eccentricity from a hydro picture

- High p_T v_2 highly depends on the analysis method
- May not be explained by simply pathlength dependence of parton energy loss

Beyond v_2 : Heavy Flavor Muon Angular Correlation



Strong suppression of HF muon in PbPb has been observed
 $\mu+\mu$ angular correlation: An attempt to study charm diffusion with respect to **another hard probe (axis)**!

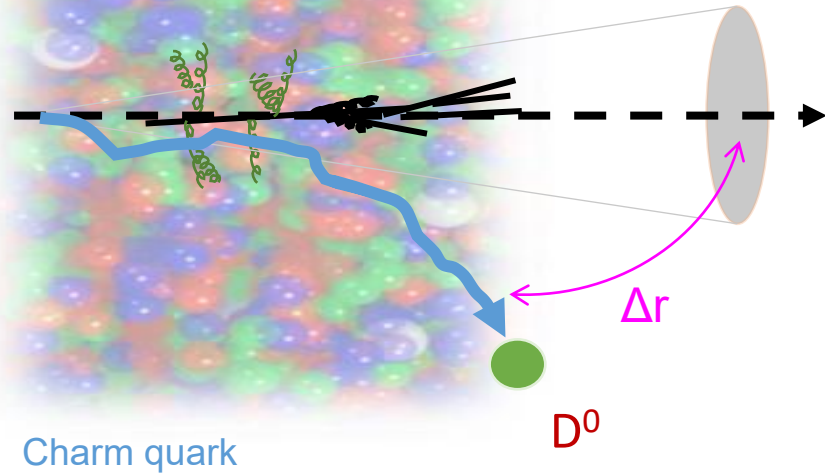
No significant modification of the width in the two HF-muon correlation function was observed

→ Competing effect from jet selection bias?

Beyond v_2 : Direct Detection of Charm Diffusion

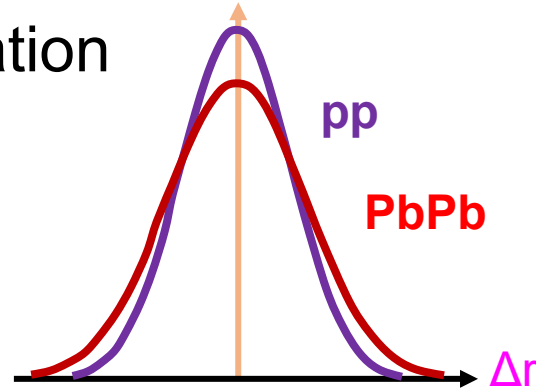
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Jet

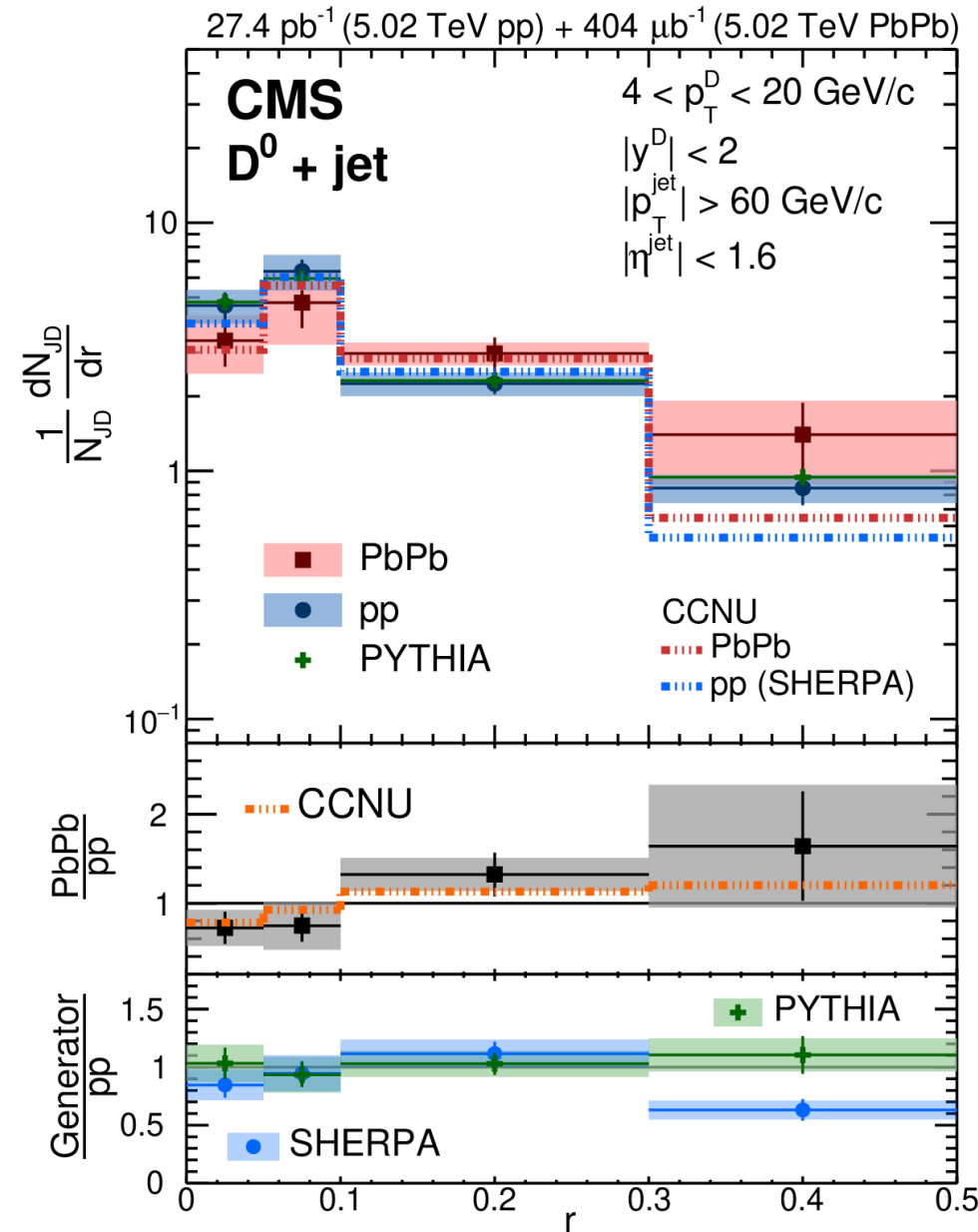


Charm quark

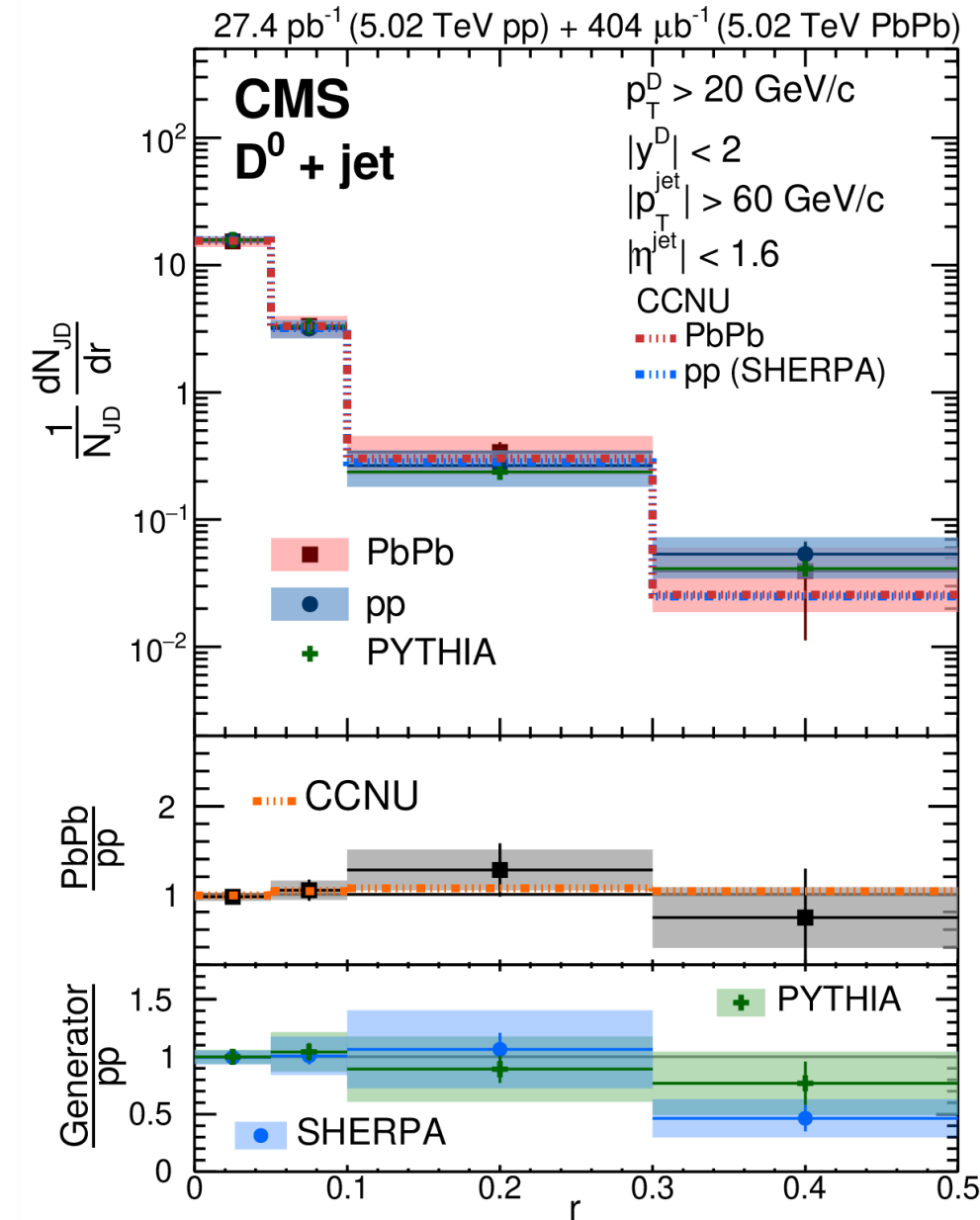
- Indication of charm diffusion with **low p_T D^0** , but not yet significant
- **High p_T D^0** : small or no modification

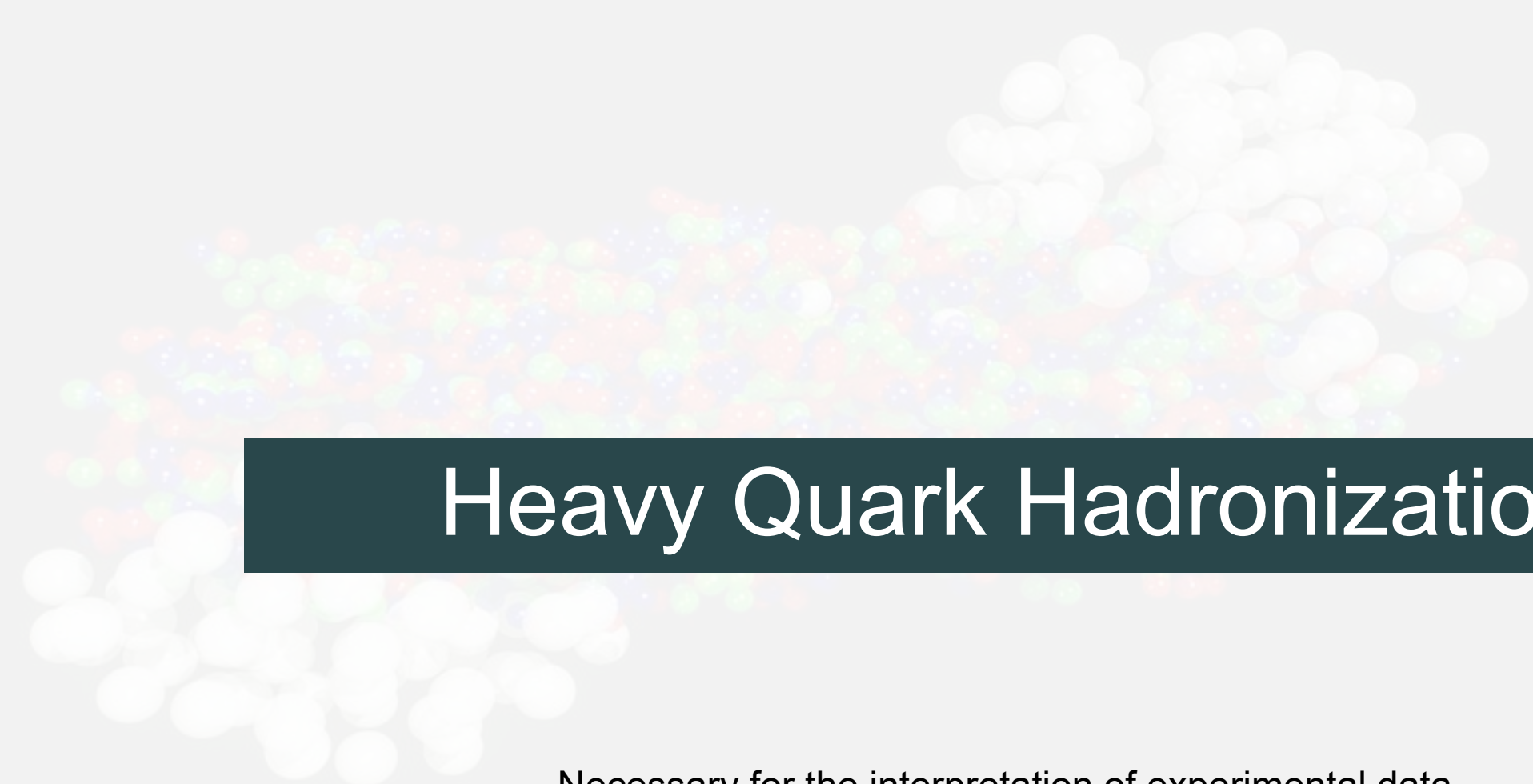


Low p_T D^0



High p_T D^0



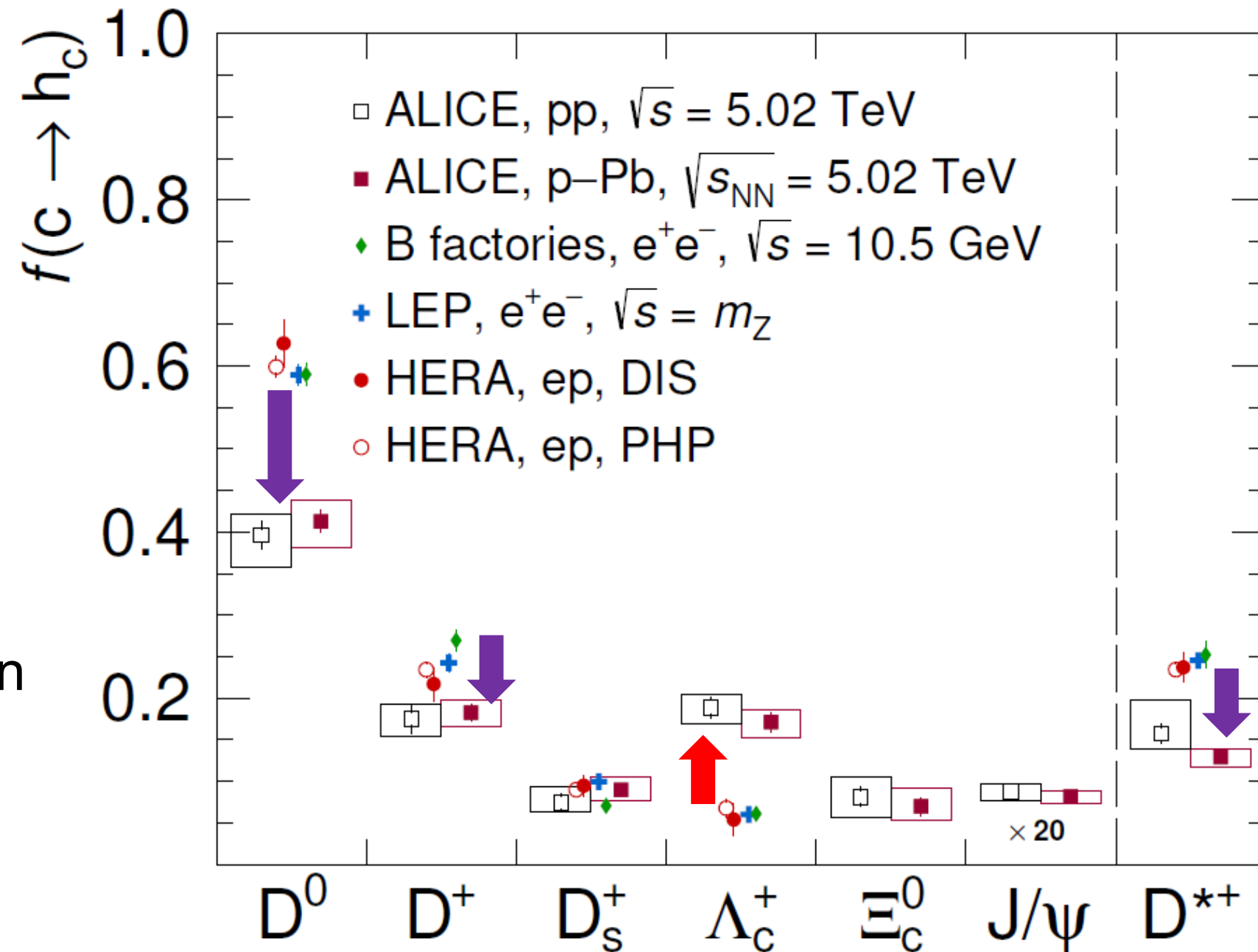


Heavy Quark Hadronization

Necessary for the interpretation of experimental data

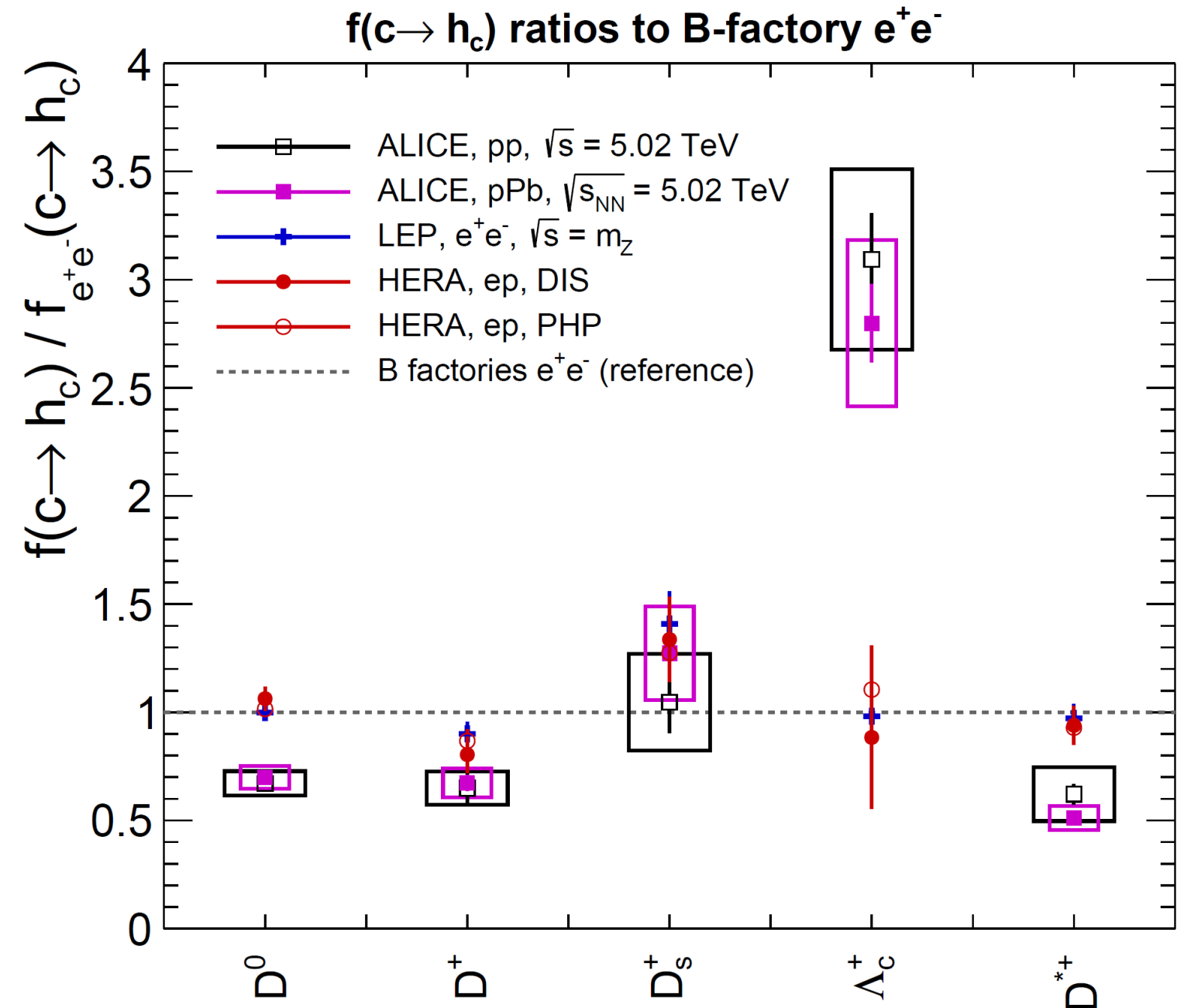
Charm Hadronization in ee, ep, pp and pPb

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- Suppression of D^0 , D^+ , and D^{*+}
- Enhancement of Λ_c
- Challenge to the “universal” fragmentation function used in theoretical calculations

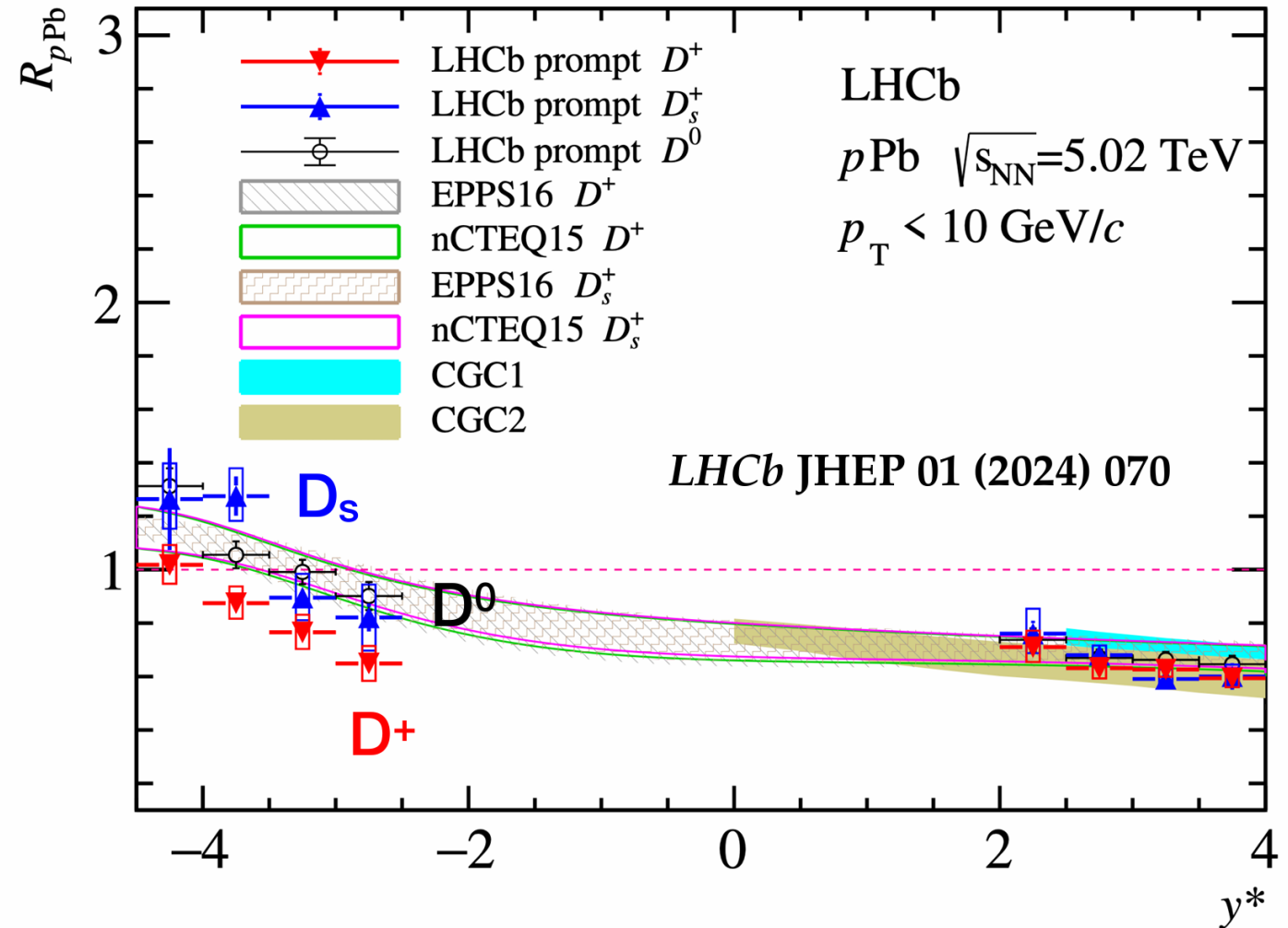
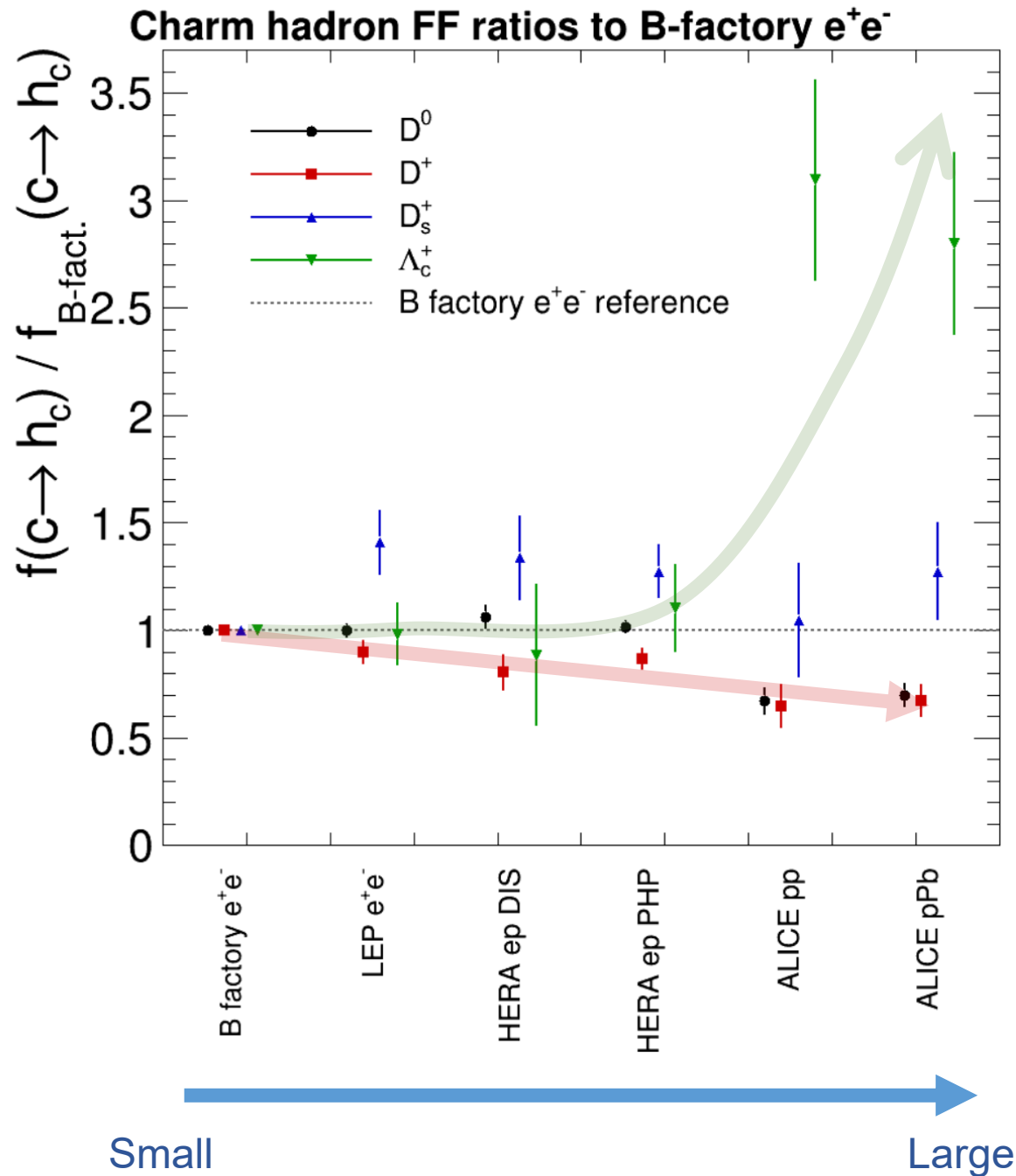


Charm Hadronization in ee, ep, pp and pPb

- Charm hadronization is already modified in pp collisions!
- Suppression of D^0 , D^+ , and D^{*+} (30%)
- Enhancement of Λ_c (up to 3x)
- Challenge to the “universal” fragmentation function used in theoretical calculations



Charm Hadron FF Ratios from ee, ep, pp to pPb

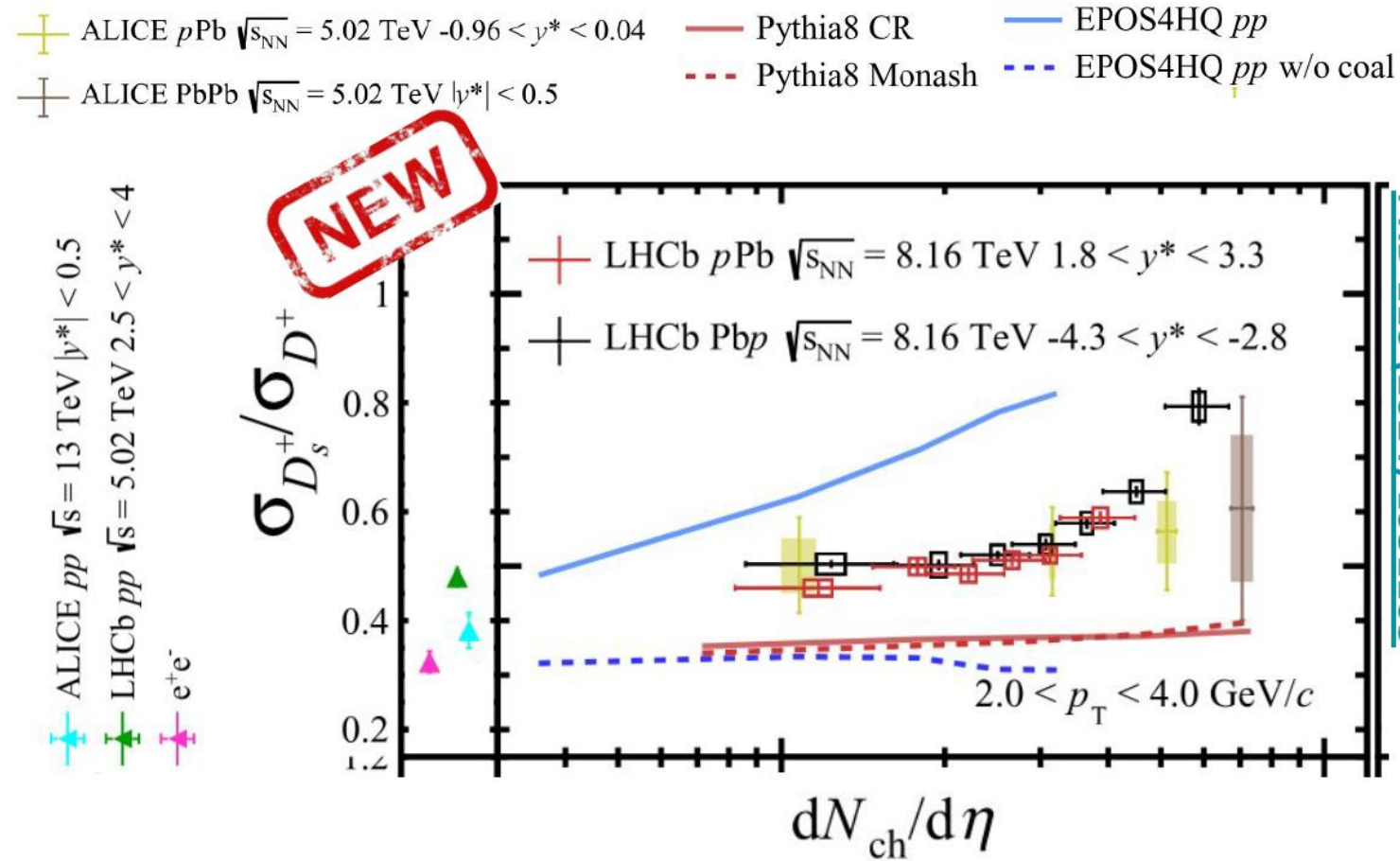


The universality already broken in ee and ep?

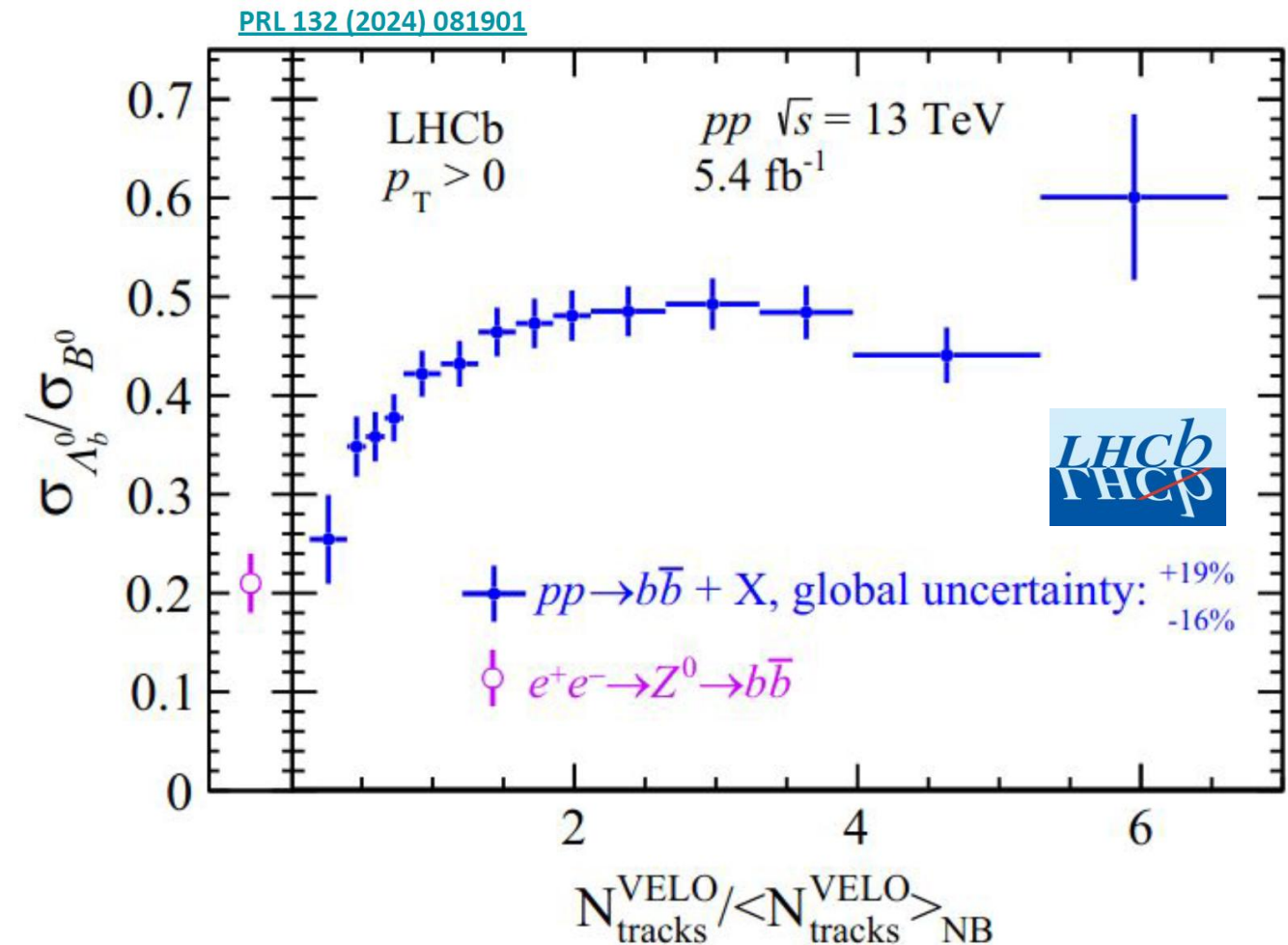
$\rightarrow$ What is the proper baseline?

Motivate particle ratio measurements in ee, pp and pPb as a function of event size

D_s^+/D^0 and Λ_b/B^0 Ratios vs. Event Size



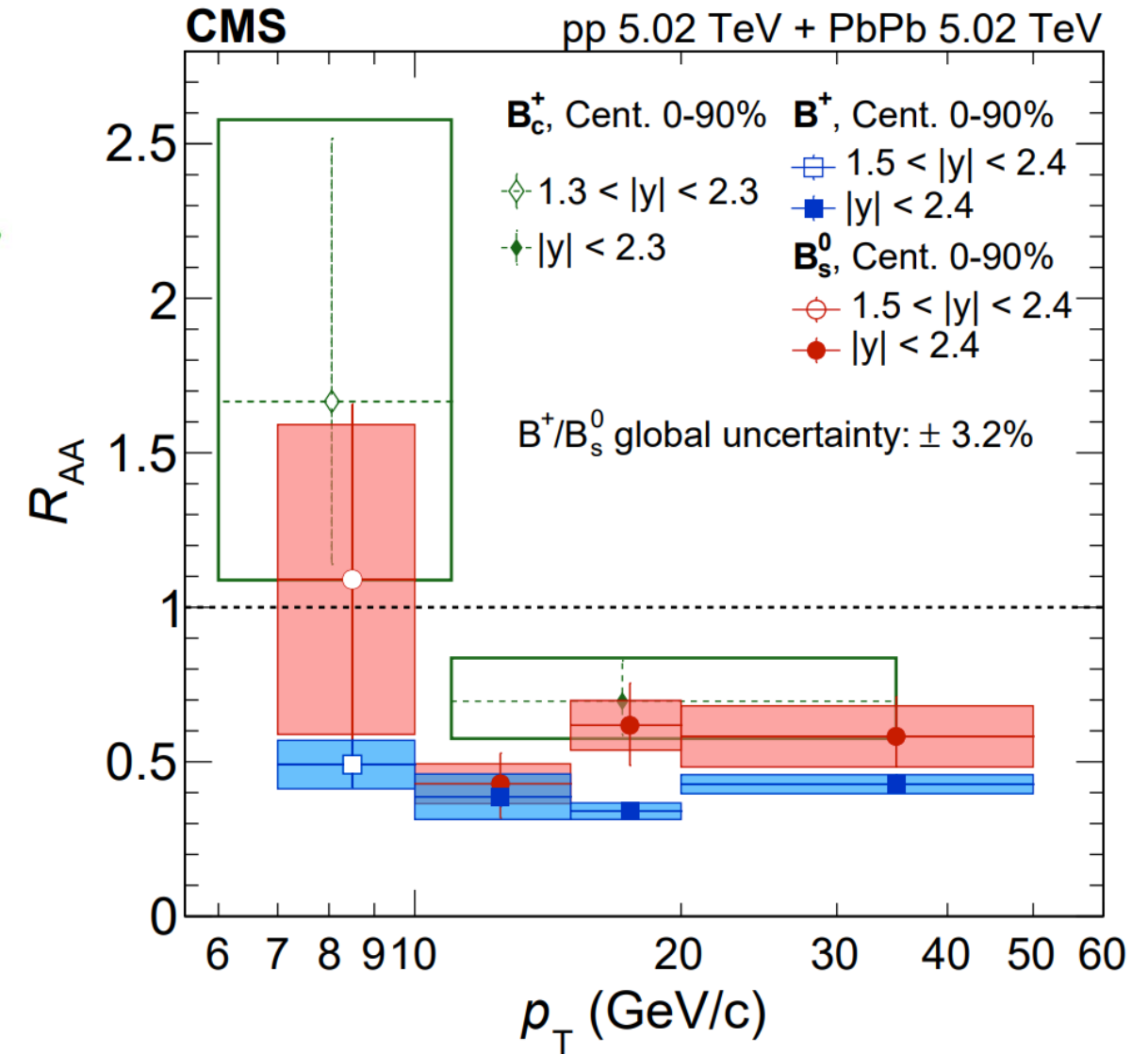
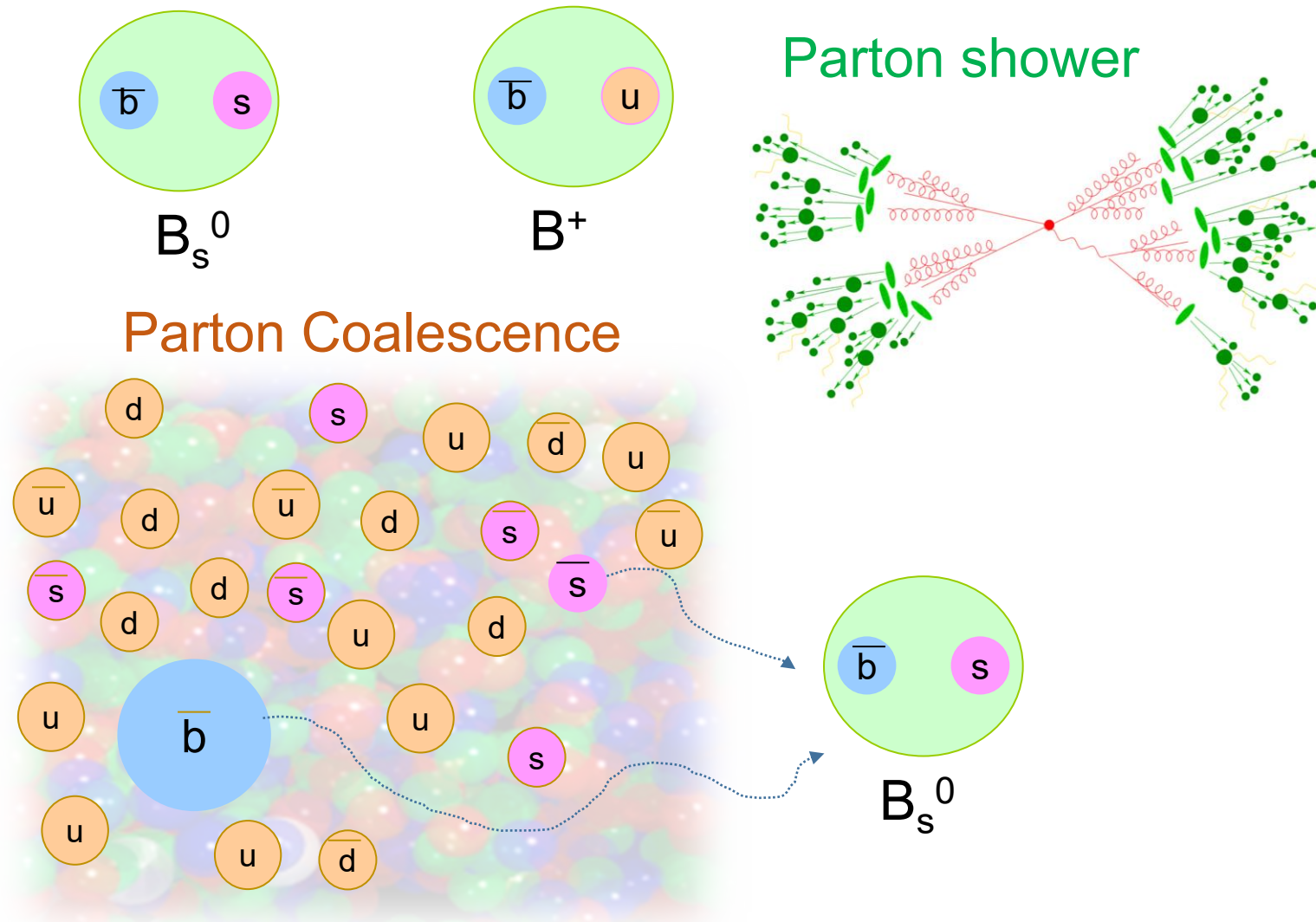
Larger D_s^+/D^0 ratio at high multiplicity in pPb
Can not be described by event generators



Larger Λ_b/B^0 ratio at high multiplicity in pp
Extrapolate nicely to Z pole e^+e^- data at low multiplicity limit

Is this hadronization effect or selection bias?

Beauty Quark Hadronization in PbPb

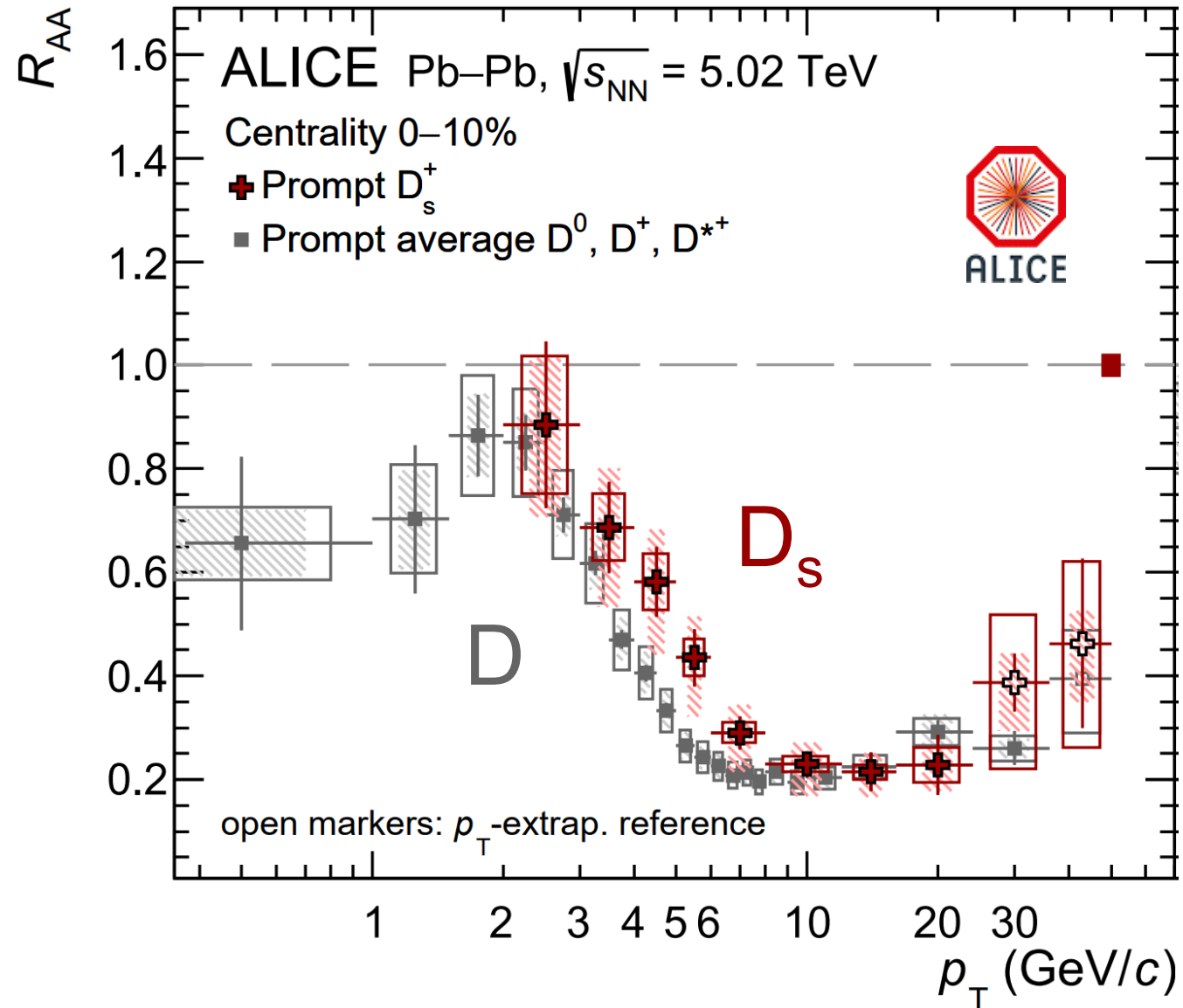


In PbPb, there are **additional modifications** beyond pp collisions:

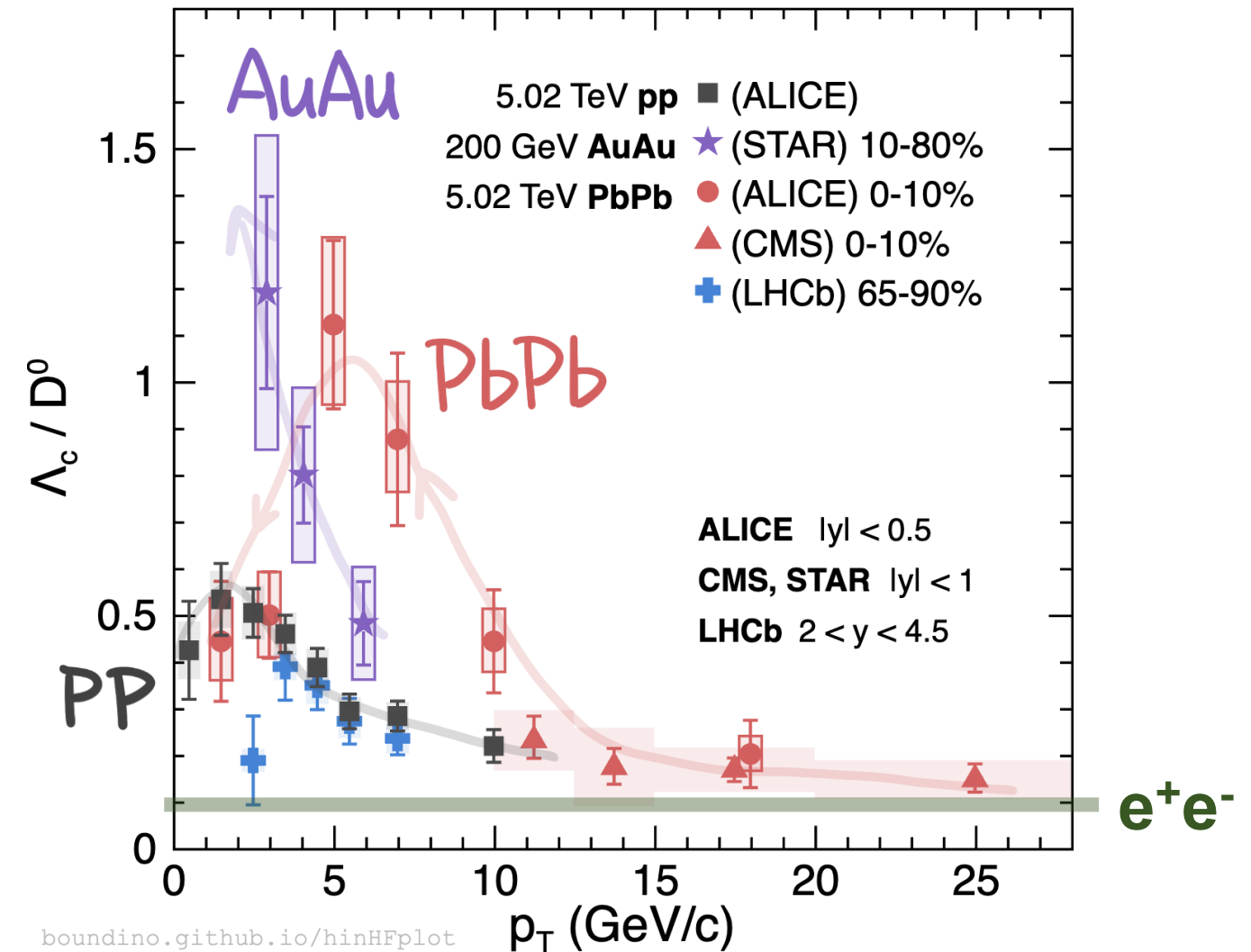
$$B_c^+ R_{AA} \geq B_s^0 \geq B^+$$

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Charm Quark Hadronization

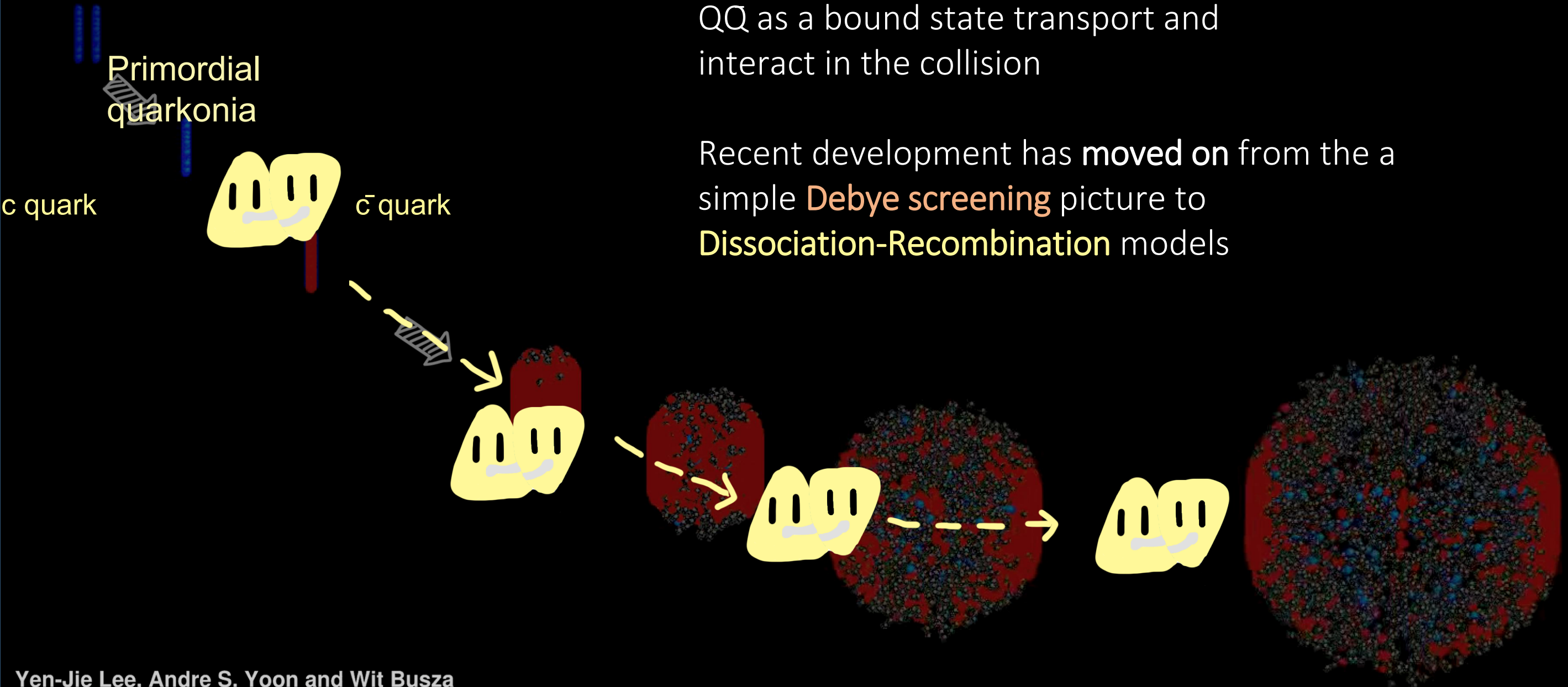


Indication of enhanced production of D_s (2.3σ) in PbPb collisions

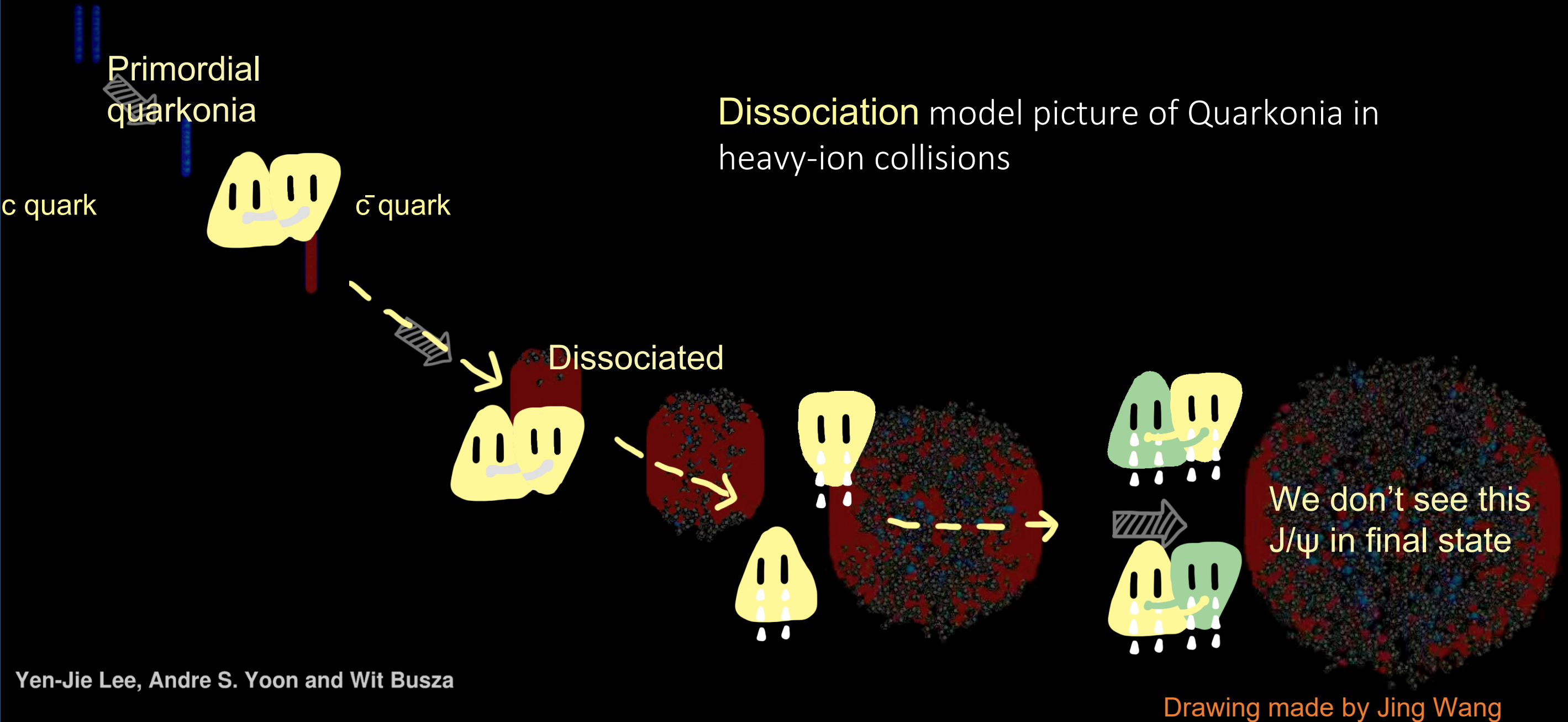


Significant enhancement of charm baryon in AuAu and PbPb compared to pp at intermediate p_T

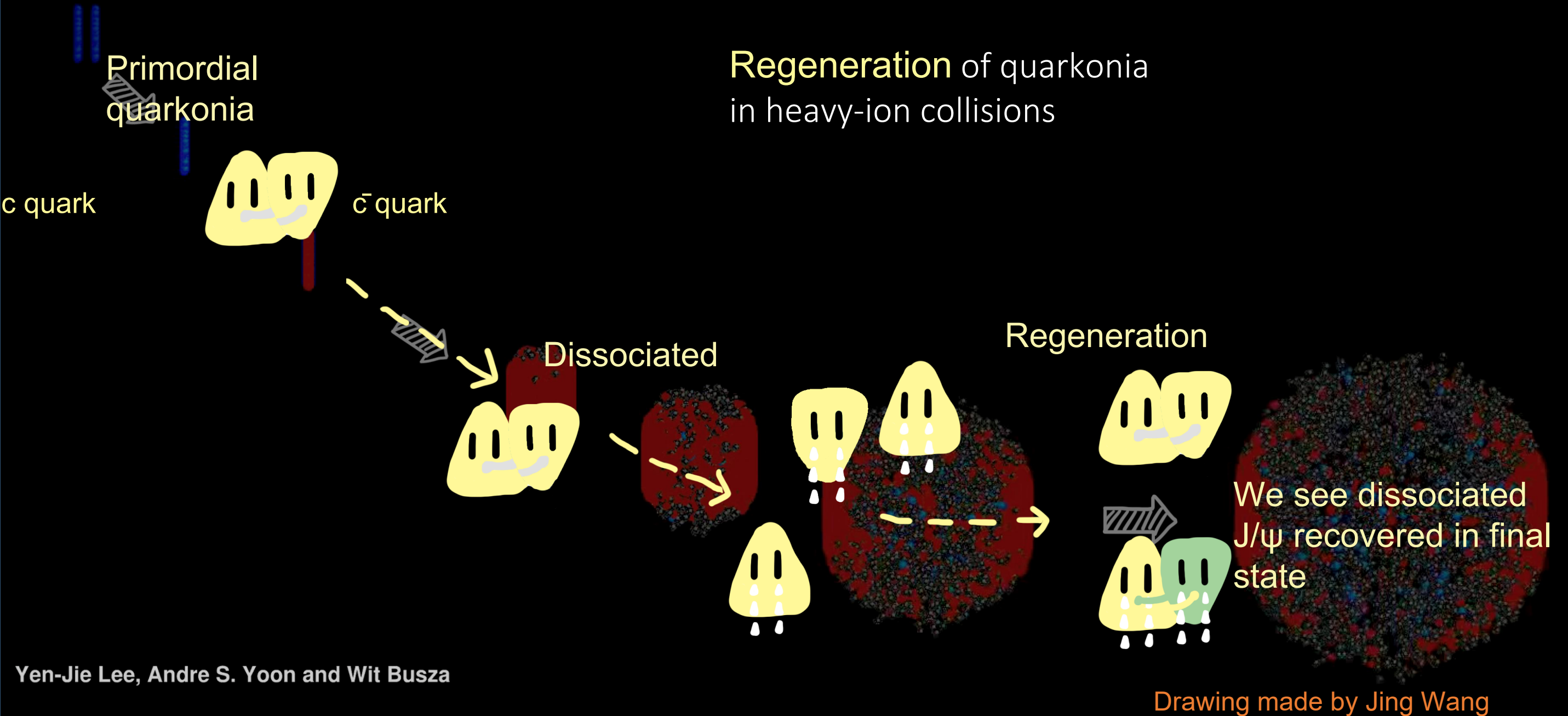
Life of a Quarkonium in HIC



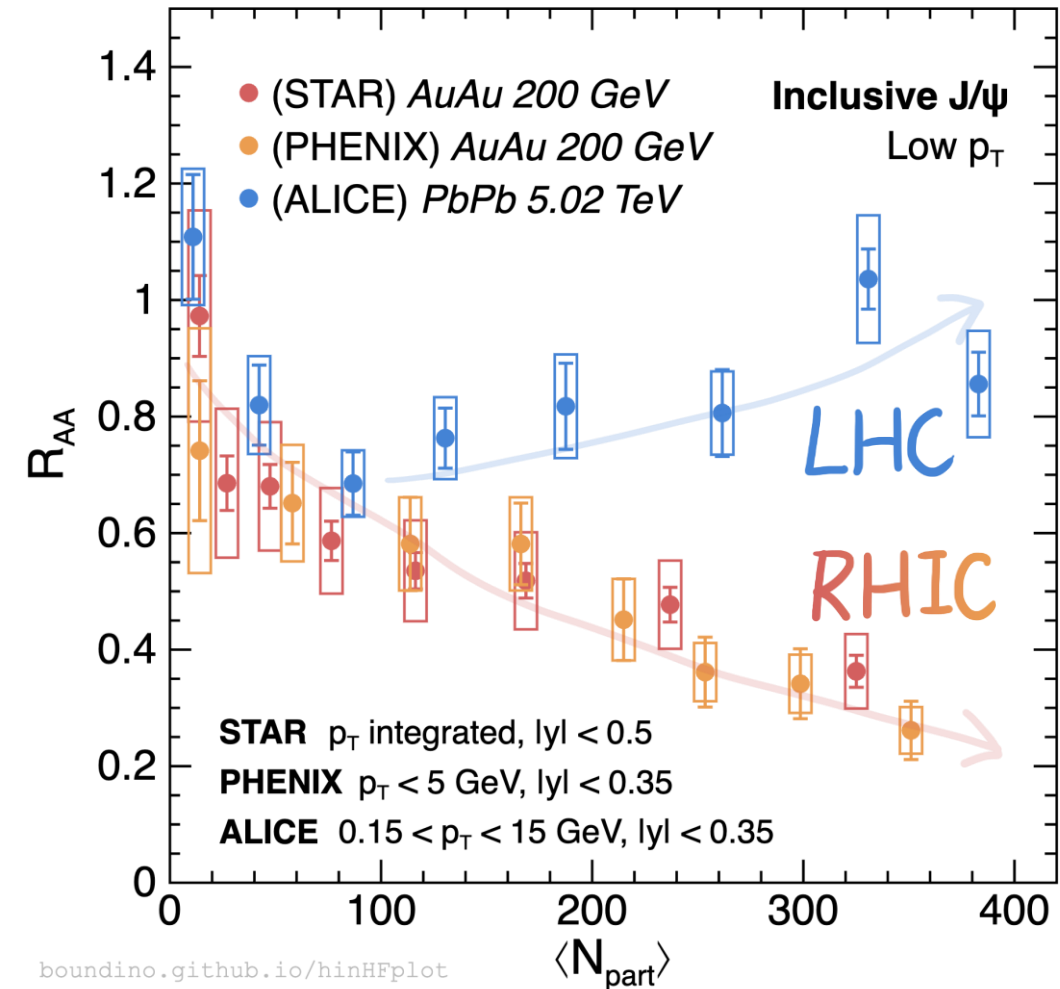
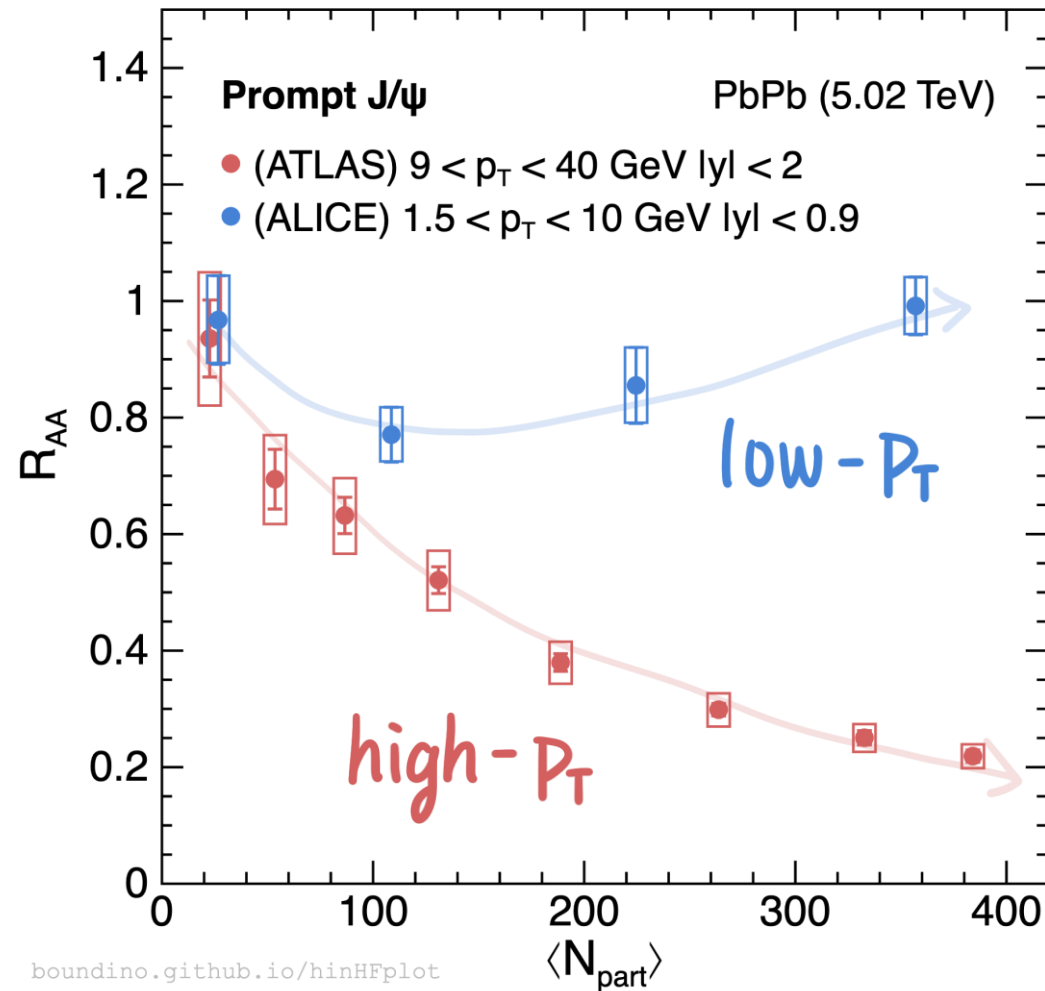
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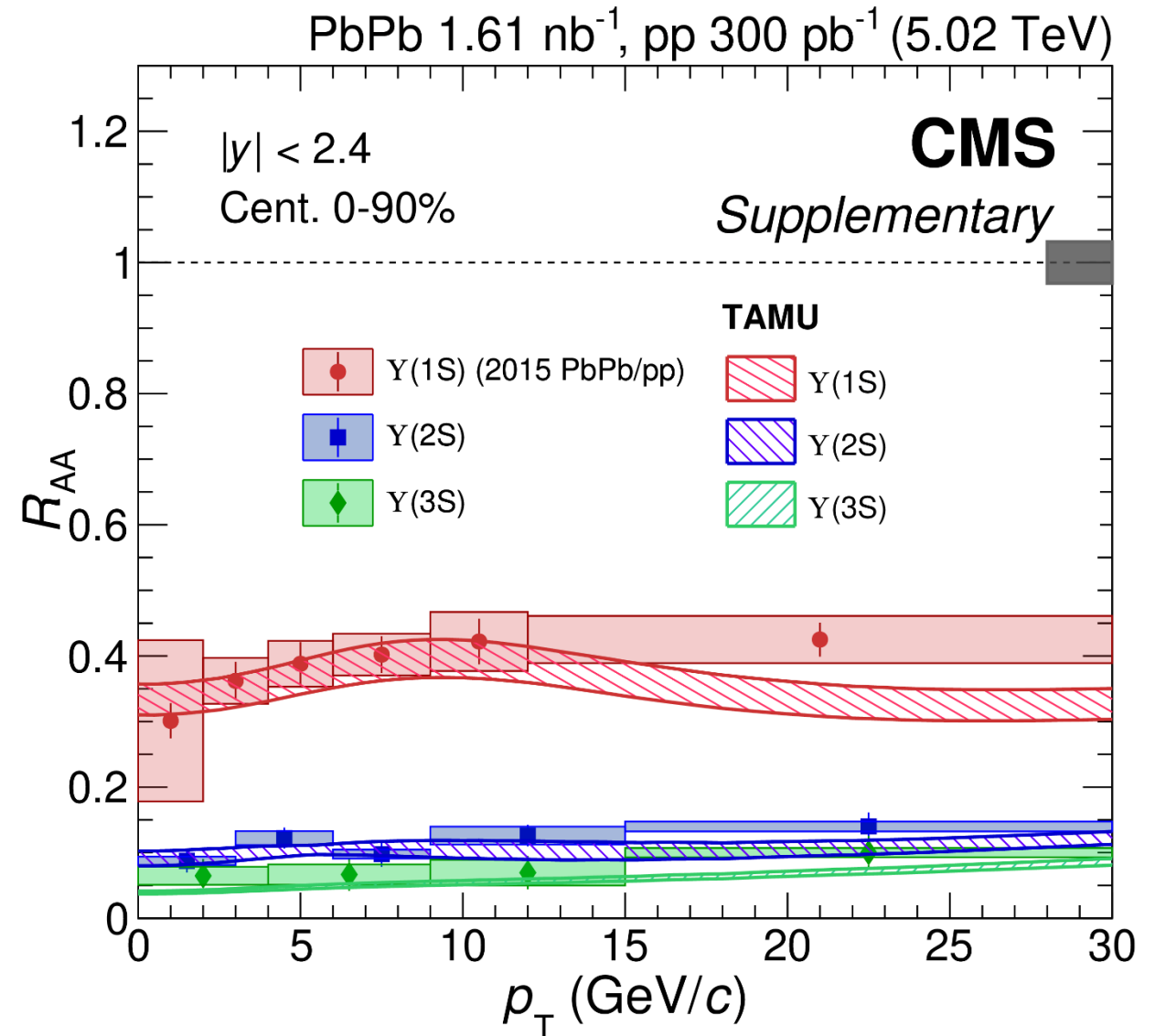
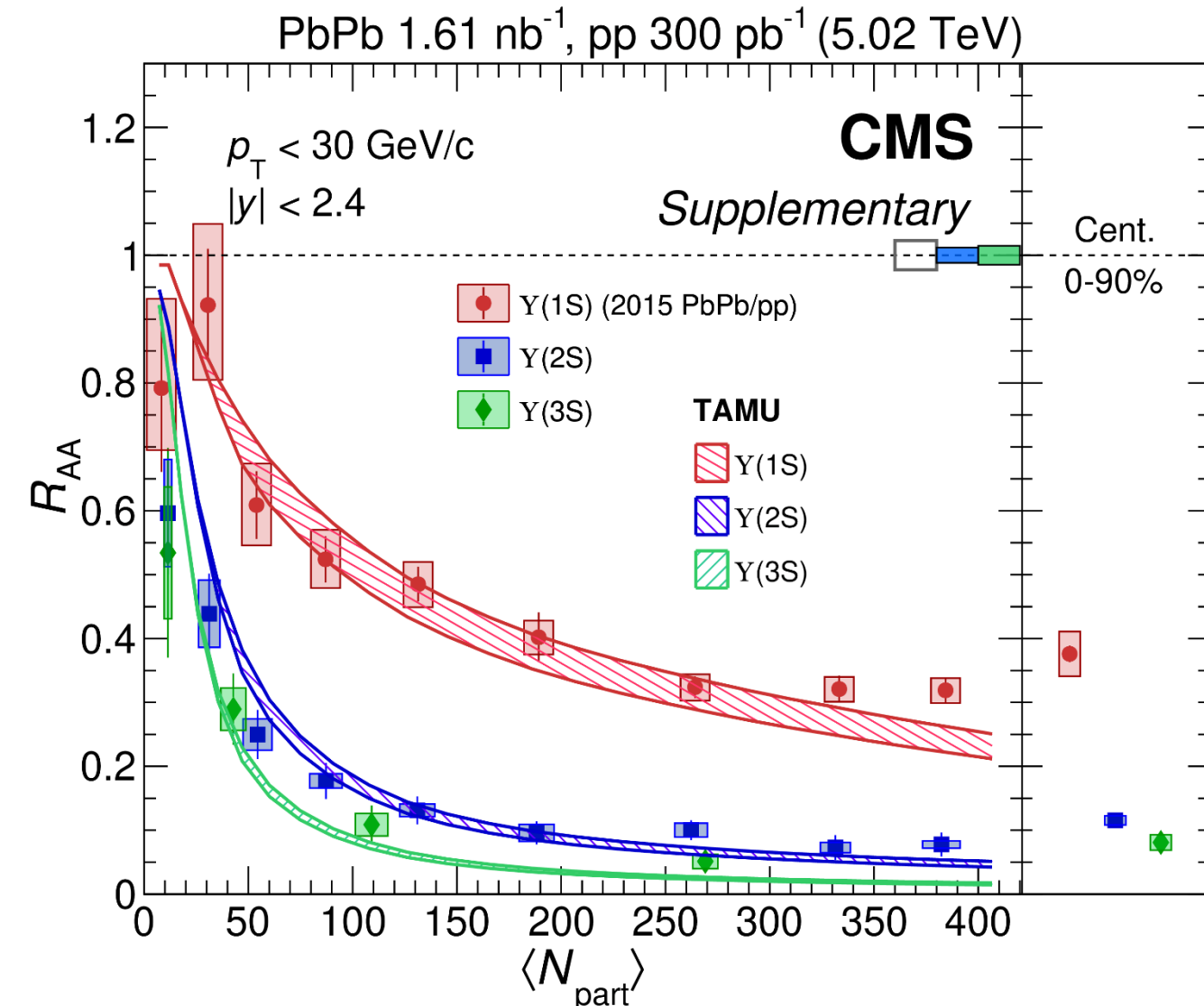
Charmonia in QGP Regeneration



Regeneration

- (Un-)correlated $Q\bar{Q}$ in QGP regenerate Quarkonia
- Increasing R_{AA} at low p_T towards central events
 - Central events have larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$
- Significant in LHC but not in RHIC
 - Higher collision energy: larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$

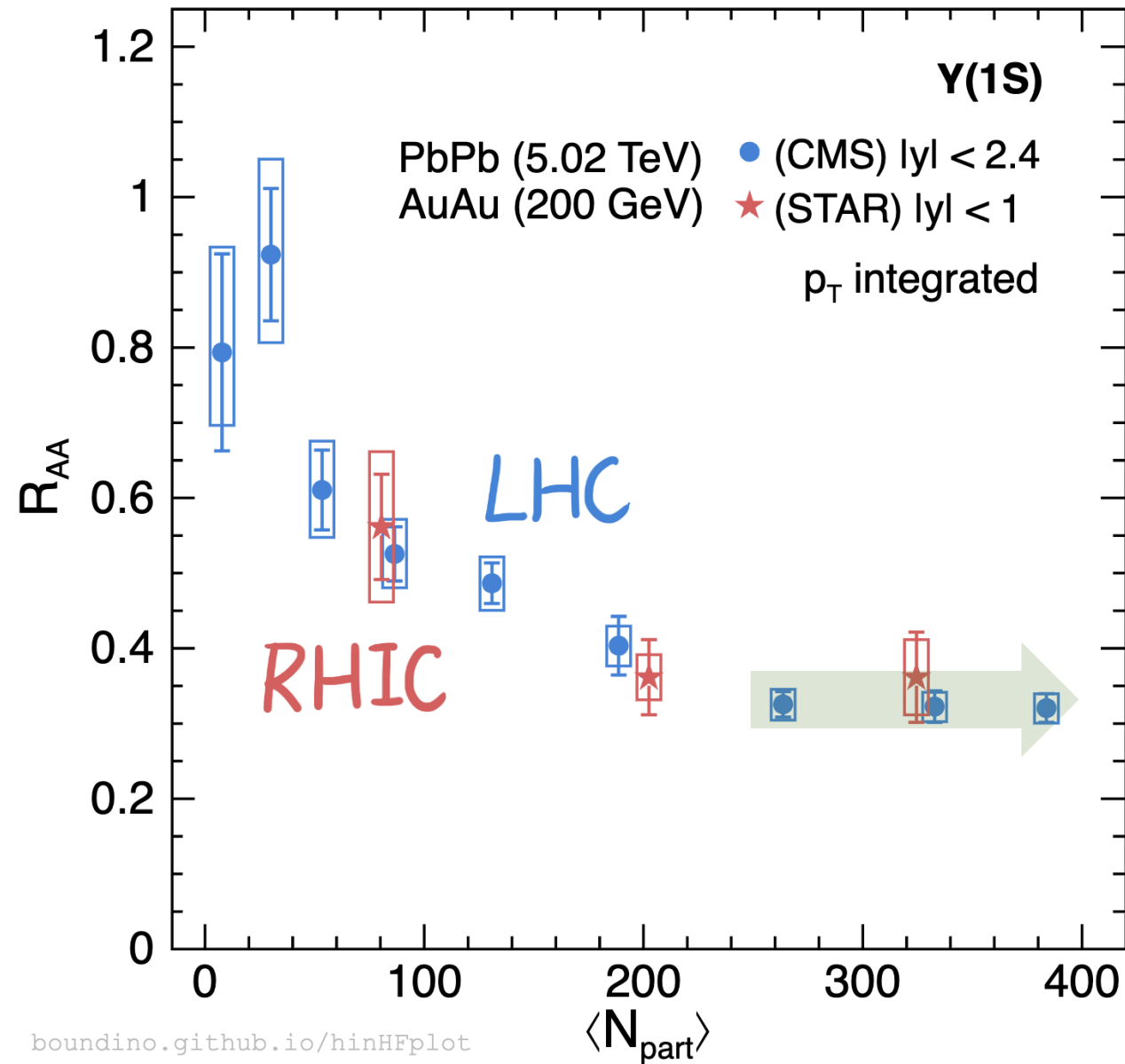
Y(nS) R_{AA} in PbPb



- Following the sequential suppression pattern well
- Reasonable but not perfect description from **TAMU**, tends to overpredict the suppression in central PbPb

- Is there a “flow bump”?
- Do we have room for regeneration?

Dissociation + Regeneration Picture: Challenge

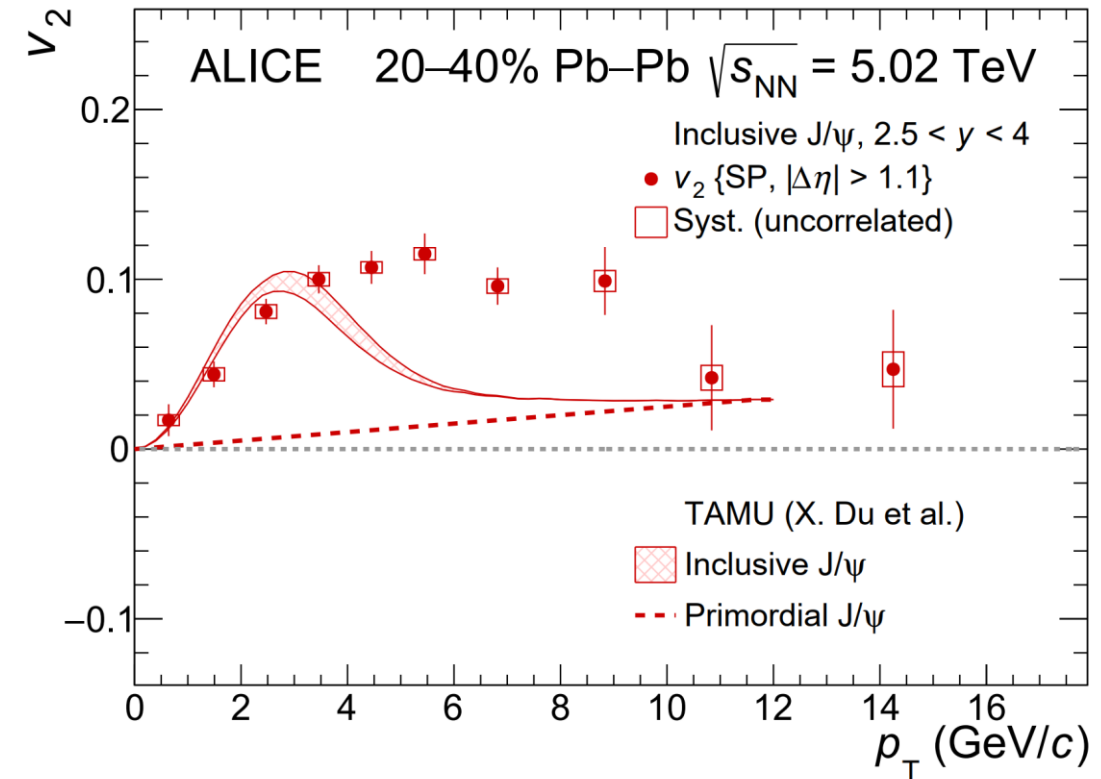
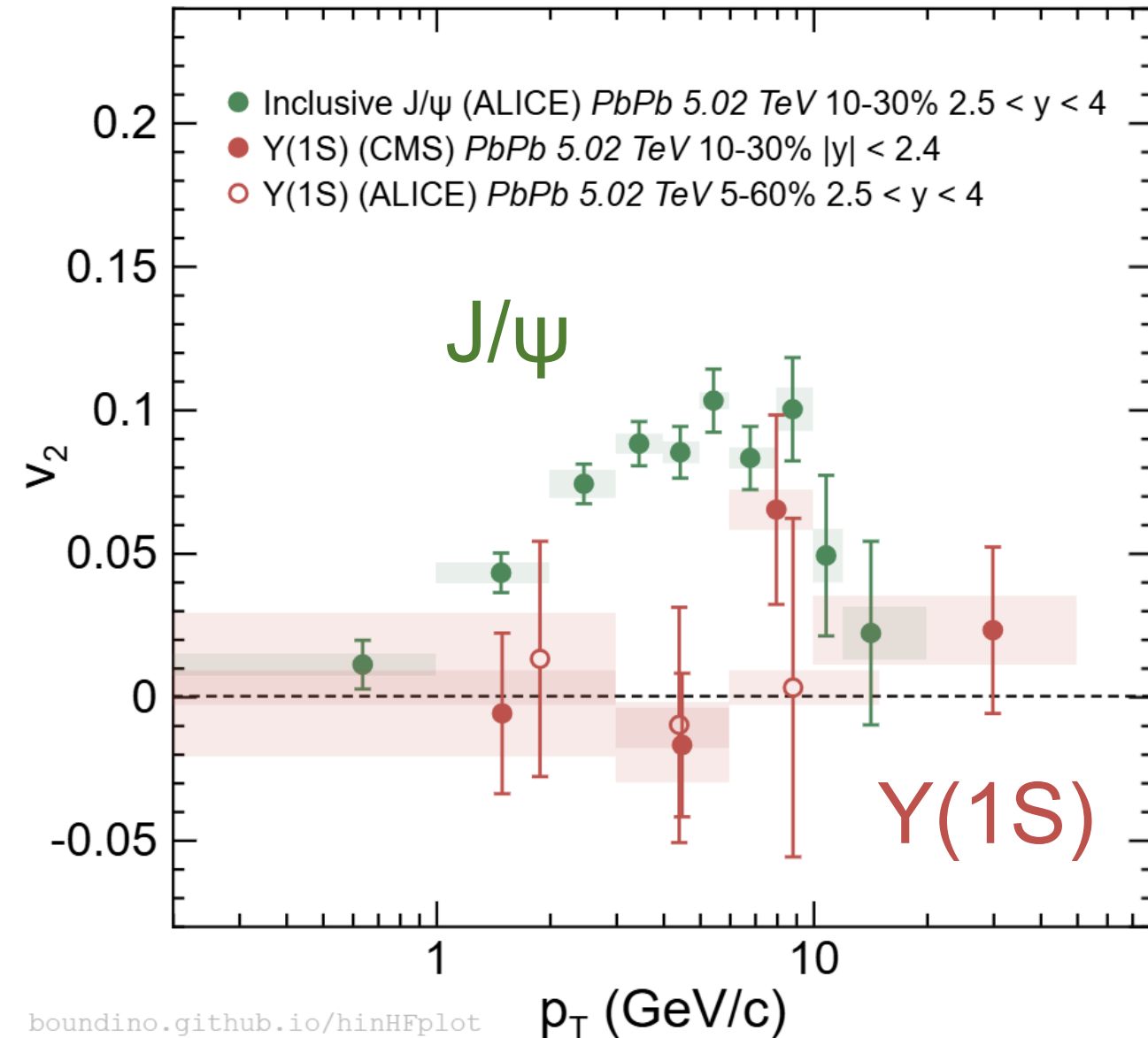


- Why is $Y(1S)$ suppression so similar between **LHC** and **RHIC**?
 - Regeneration in LHC compensated the effect from higher initial temperature?
- Why does $Y(1S)$ not continue decreasing in most central events?
 - Models with regeneration don't describe it perfectly

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Collective Flow Mass Hierarchy in Quarkonia

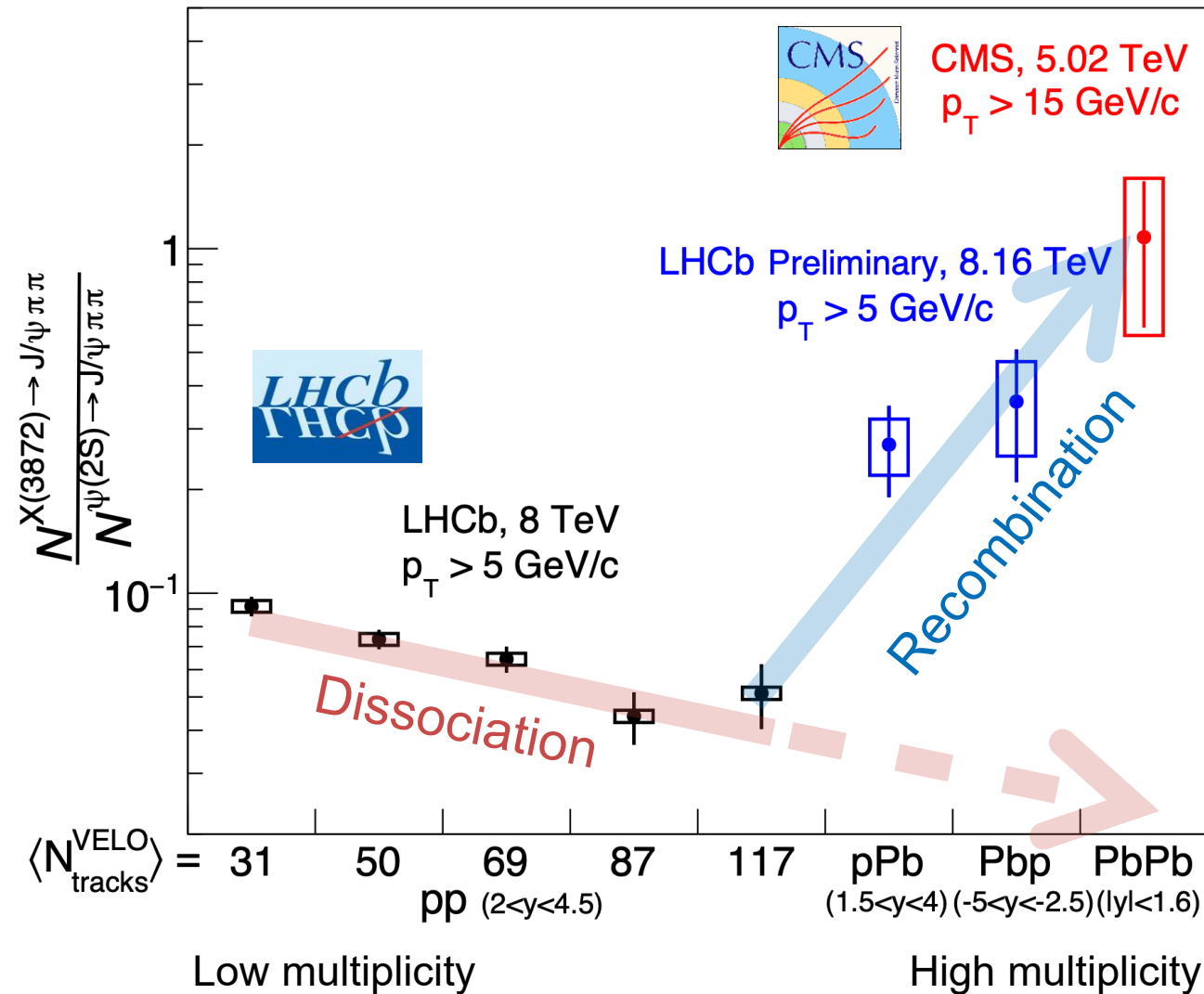
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- Significant J/ψ v_2 : contribution from regeneration effect, can not be described by pure melting picture
 - $Y(1S)$ v_2 consistent with 0
 - Leave only small room for regeneration
- Generally b quarks are less hydrodynamized than charm

Dissociation-Recombination: Exotic Hadron X(3872)

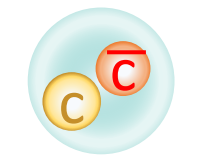
X(3872) / $\psi(2S)$ across collision systems



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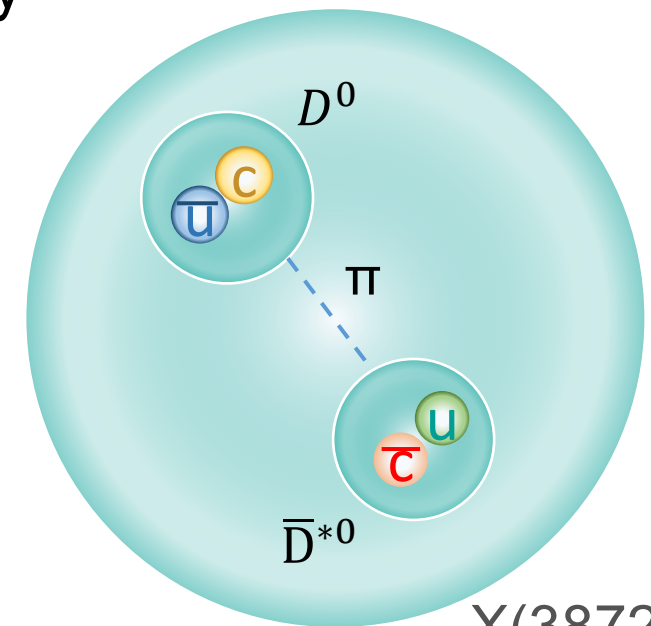
X(3872) to $\psi(2S)$ yield ratio across collision systems:

- Dissociated by interactions with comovers (pp/pPb) or medium (PbPb)
- Enhanced via recombination
- Different binding energy vary the size of the effects



$\psi(2S)$

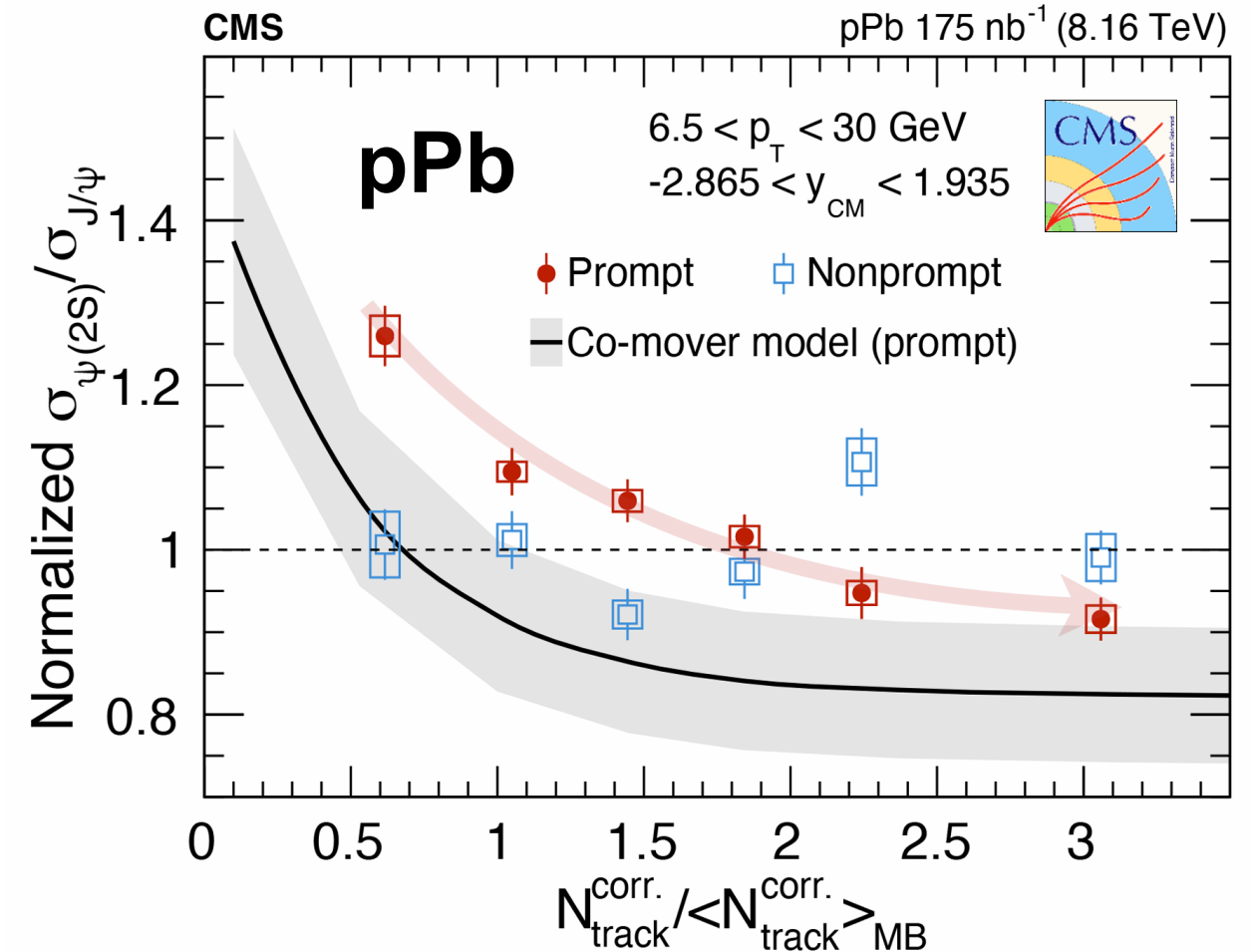
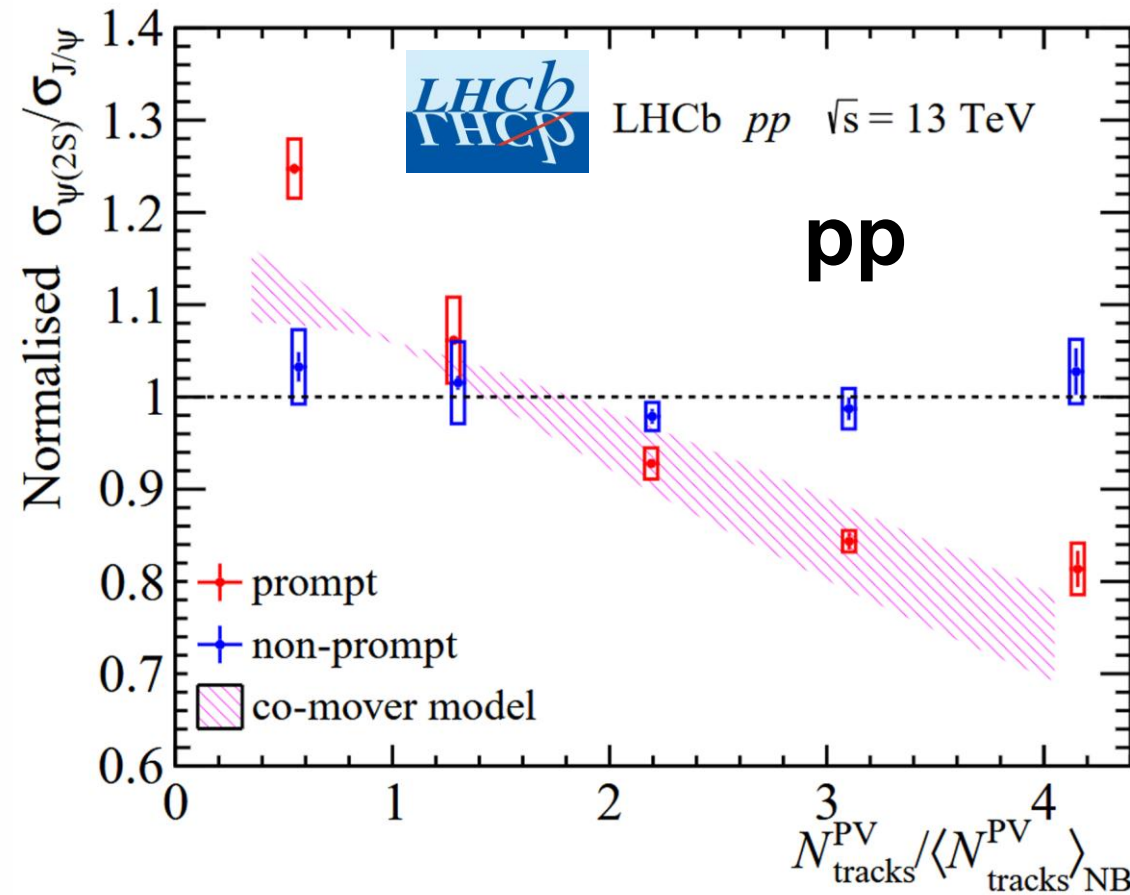
$D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$ molecule



X(3872)

Final State Effects in pPb $\psi(2S)/J/\psi$ vs. Multiplicity

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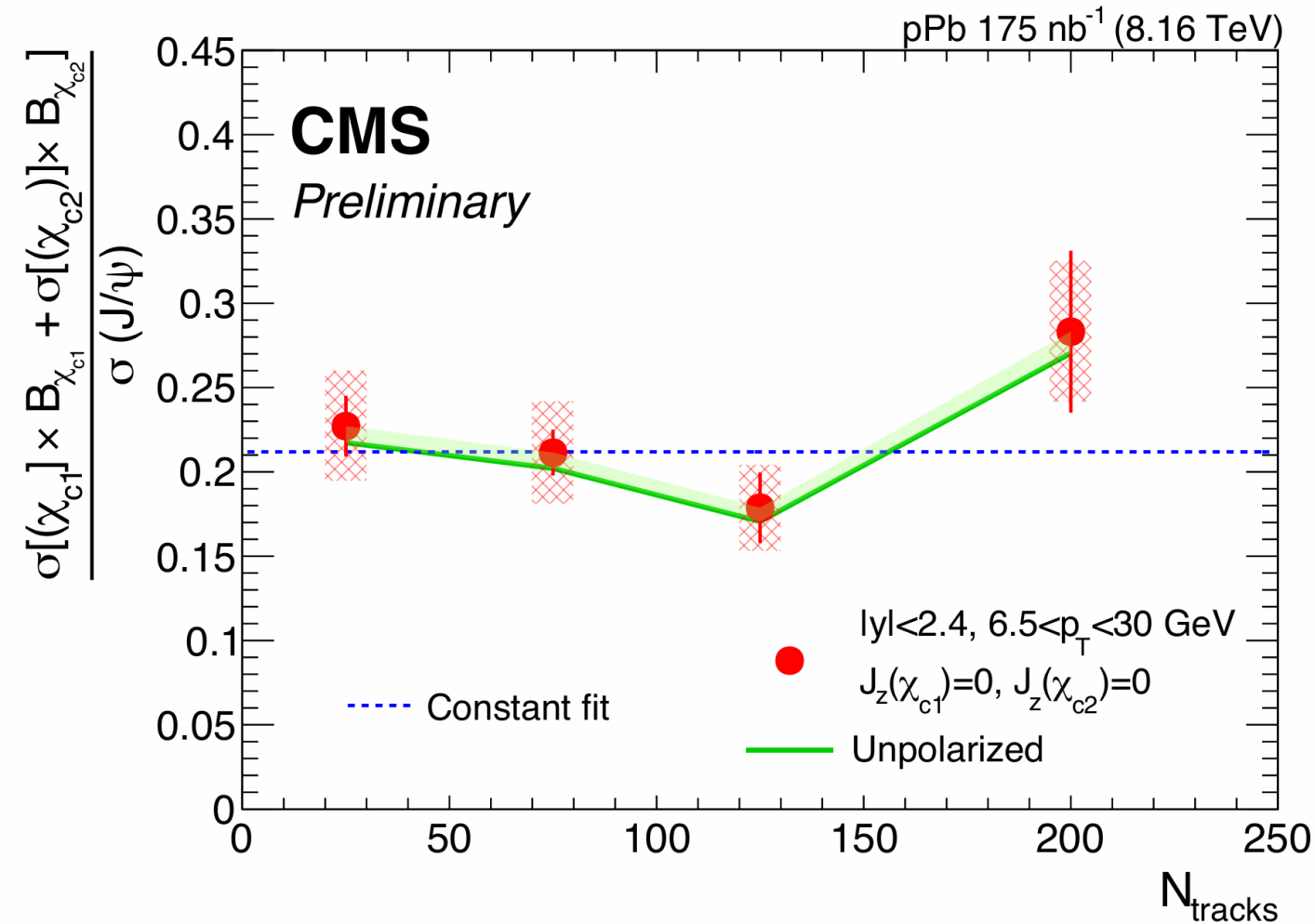


Significant **multiplicity dependence** of prompt $\psi(2S)/J/\psi$ in **pp** and **pPb**

- Can't be due to initial state effects alone
- **Weaker bound state** $\psi(2S)$ easier to be destroyed
- Predicted by **comover models** but can't describe data qualitatively



Final State Effects in pPb $X_c/J/\psi$ vs Multiplicity

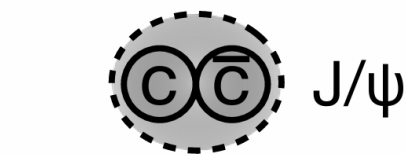


X_{c1}, X_{c2}

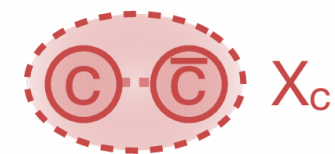
- Binding energy between J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$
- Different orbital angular momentum

$X_c/J/\psi$ **does not** have significant multiplicity dependence in pPb

- Comover / dissociation picture doesn't hold?
- Angular momenta change final state interactions?



$\Delta E \sim 0.64 \text{ GeV}$



$\Delta E \sim 0.2 \text{ GeV}$



$\Delta E \sim 0.05 \text{ GeV}$



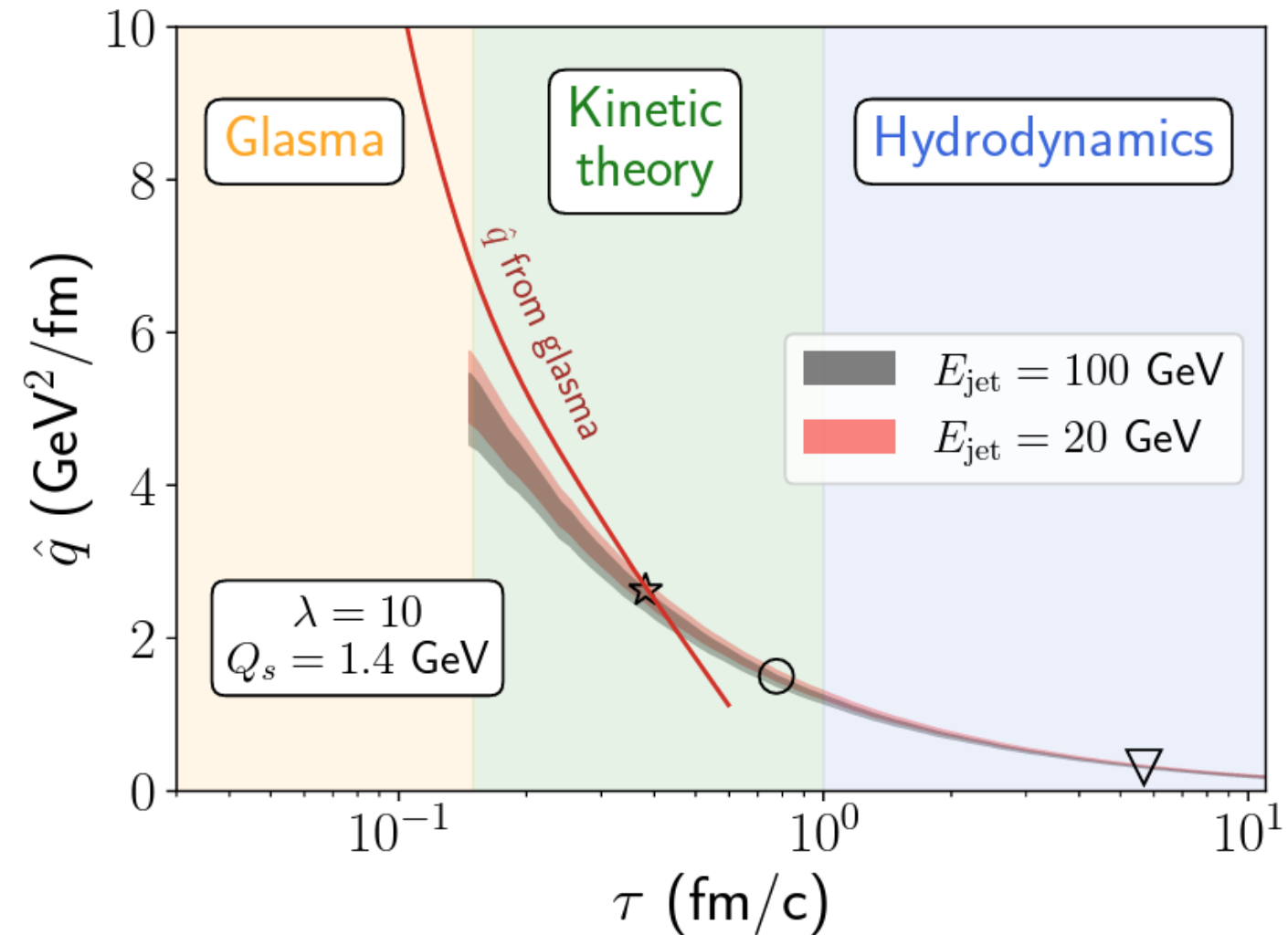
Medium Properties

Time Dependence of Jet Quenching (and Diffusion?)

- We know really little about time dependence
- Jet quenching parameter extracted from data mostly **only in hydrodynamics phase**
- To describe high p_T hadron v_2 and R_{AA} , later **quenching start time τ_0** is preferred in models:
 - Carlota Andres et al.
(R_{AA} and v_2 , PLB 803 (2020) 135318) : $\tau_0 \sim 0.6$ fm/c
 - JETSCAPE (R_{AA}): $\tau_0 \sim 0-1$ fm/c
- What is the role of the **Glasma** phase?

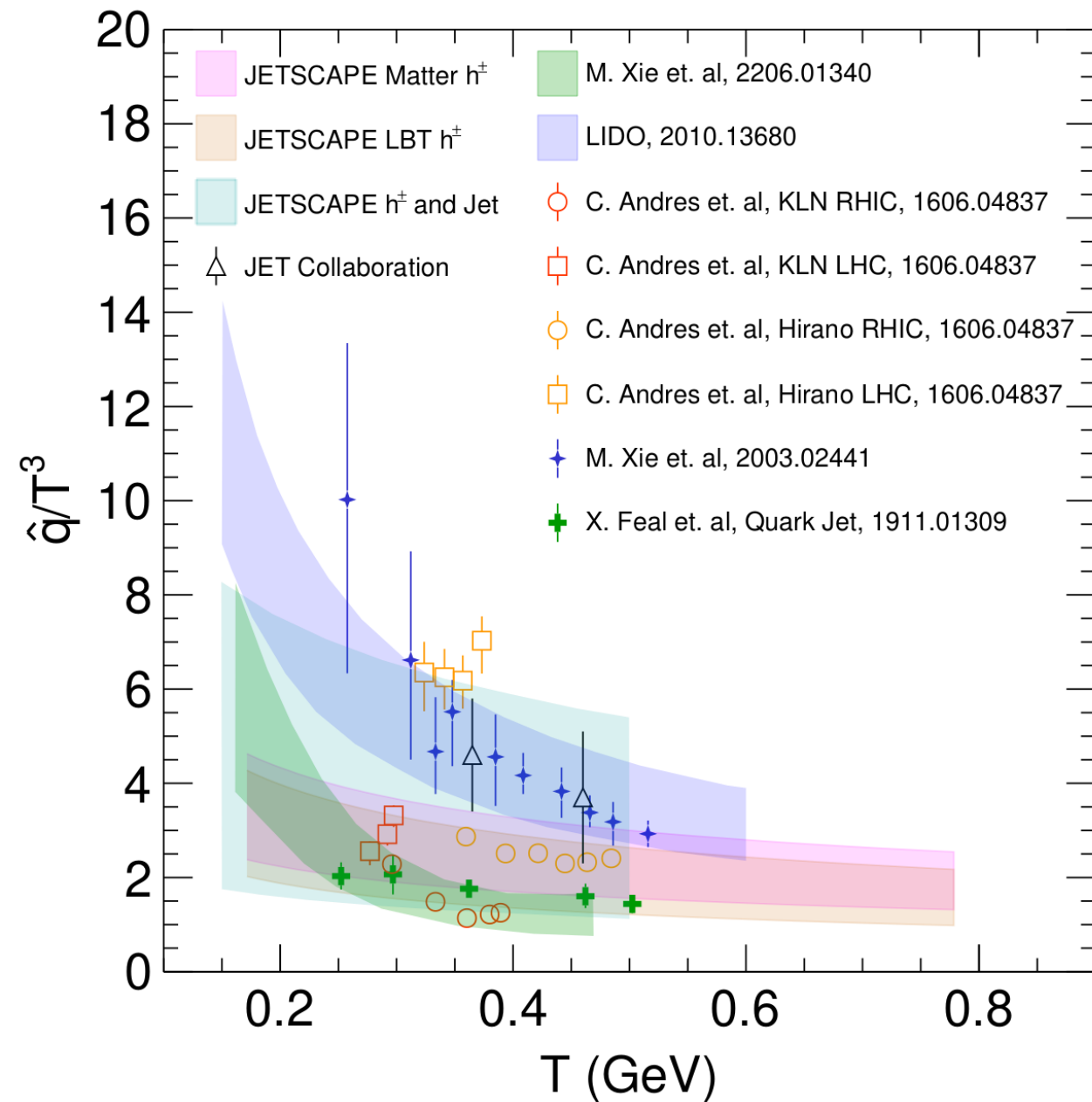
→ Need to measure **hadronic W/Z jets**
which Skip jet Quenching in the first O(0.1 fm)

What can we measure in the HF sector?



[2303.12595 [Boguslavski, Kurkela, Lappi, FL, Peuron]]

QGP Transport Properties with RHIC and LHC Run 2 Data



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Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, 103990 (2022), plot updated for 2025 DNP meeting

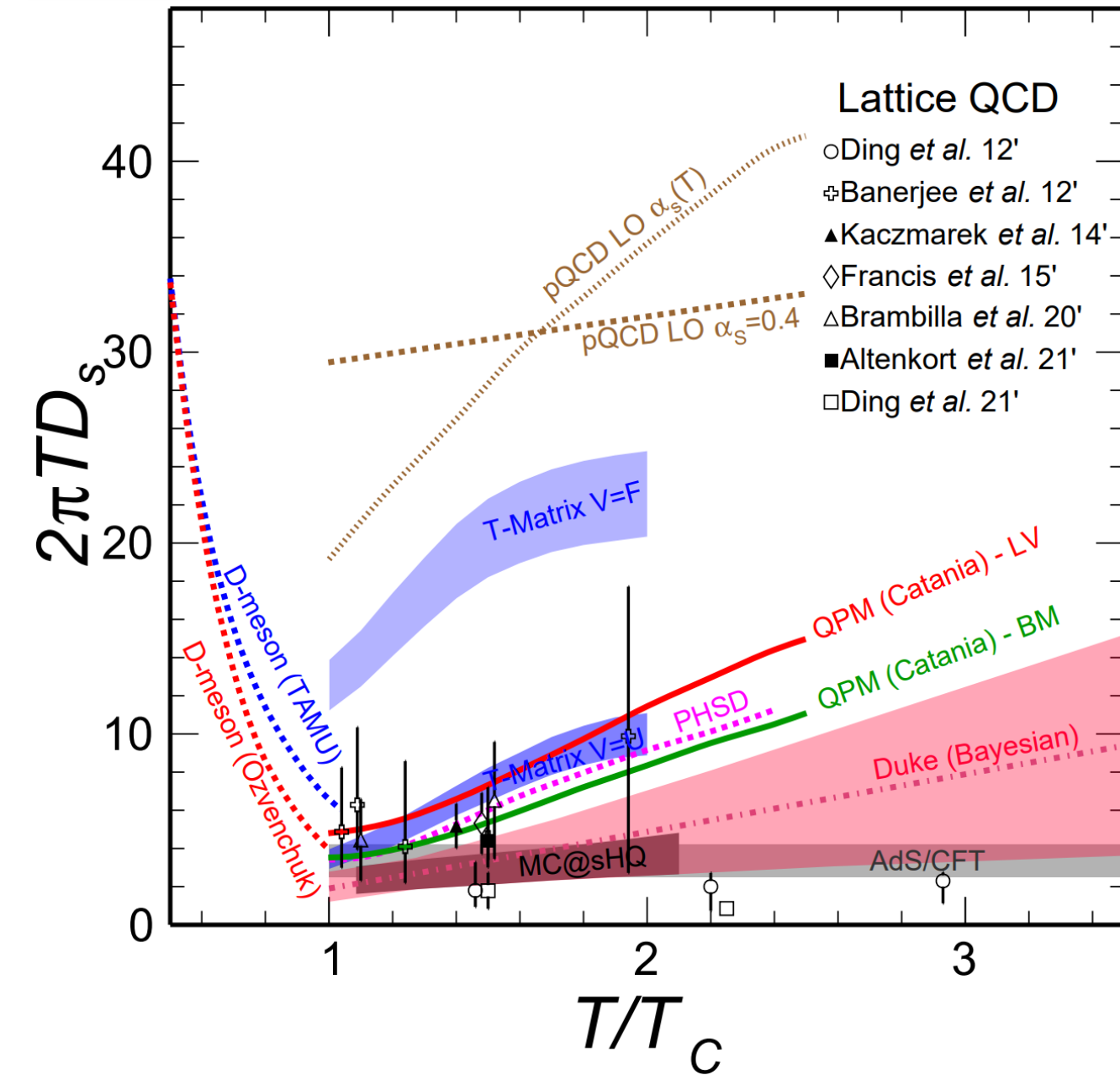
Jet Quenching Parameter $\hat{q}$

- Extracted mainly from charged hadron spectra R_{AA} data
 - Some analyses included γ -hadron and di-hadron data
 - Expansion to include jet observables has started (for instance, **JETSCAPE $h^\pm$ and Jet**)
- $\hat{q}/T^3$: decreasing trend vs. T
- Extracted values differ by up to a factor of 7 (!)

Remaining Issues:

- Different jet quenching mechanisms in theoretical models
- Different QGP media used in calculations
- Hadron re-scattering in the hadron gas phase
- Hadronization of fast moving partons
- Role of initial stages

QGP Transport Properties with RHIC and LHC Run 2 Data



Xin Dong, YJL, Ralf Rapp, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 69 (2019) 417-445

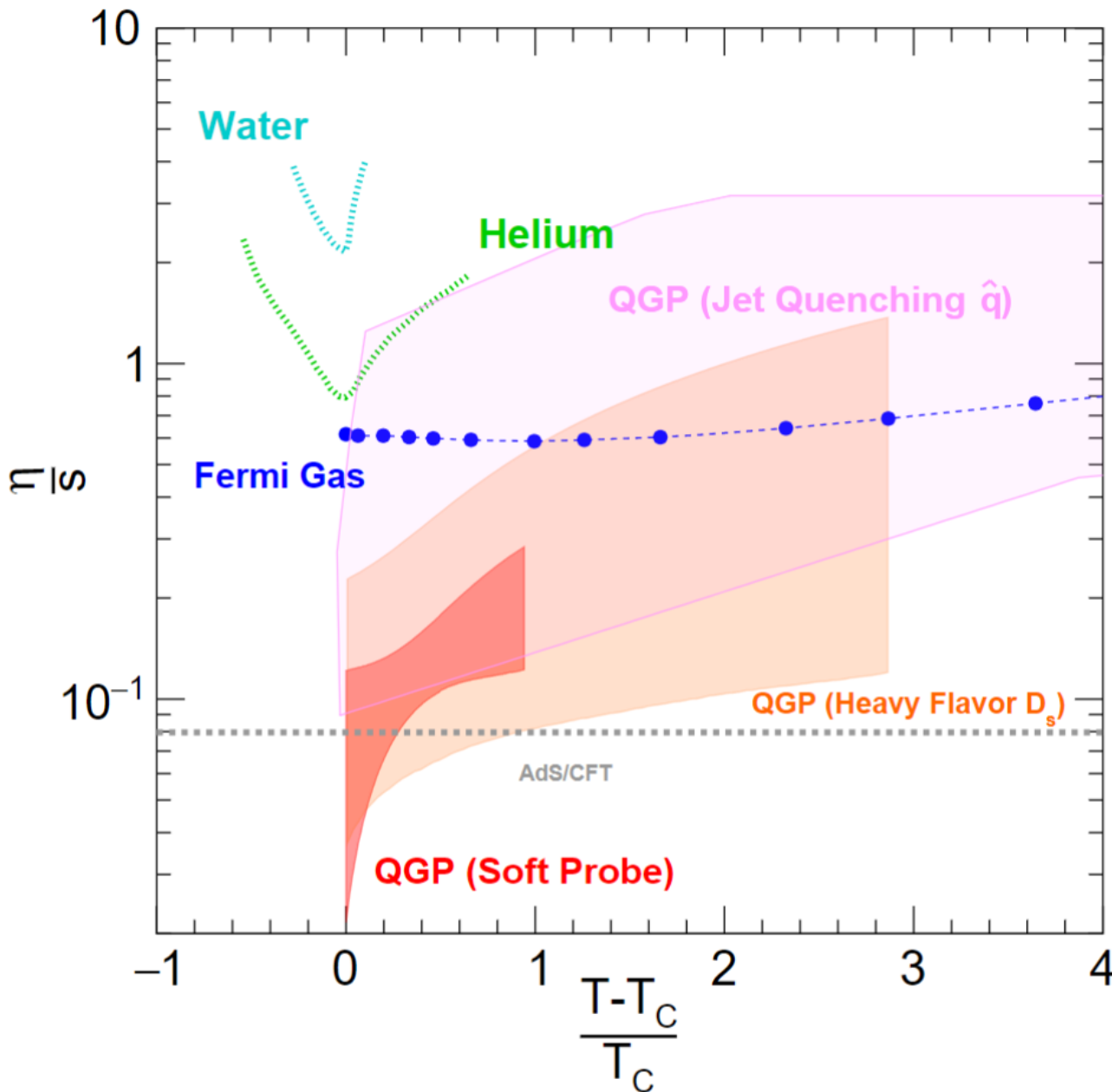
Charm diffusion coefficient D_s

- **Bayesian analysis** from D meson R_{AA} and v_2
- pQCD calculations at LO are ruled out by the data
- Non-perturbative calculations with a potential close to the **HQ free energy from LQCD** are not viable
- Increasing trend of $2\pi TD_s$ vs. T in various models

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Medium Properties from Soft and Hard Probes



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Specific viscosity has been extracted from **soft probes**

- Via identified hadron $dN/d\eta$, $\langle p_T \rangle$, v_2 , v_3 and v_4
- Main uncertainties from initial state and early time dynamics

To get the big picture of the QGP properties with LHC + RHIC data, one could compare the inputs from soft and hard probes:

- **HQ D_s** could be related to specific viscosity by

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{D_s(2\pi T)}{4\pi k}$$

R. Rapp, H. van Hees, 0903.1096
X. Dong, YJL, R. Rapp, 1903.07709

Where the scale factor k ranges between 1 (strong-coupling limit) and 2.5 (weak coupled)

- **Jet quenching parameter $\hat{q}$** could be related to specific viscosity in the limit of multiple soft scattering by

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = C \frac{T^3}{\hat{q}}$$

Where the scale factor C is varied between 1.25 and 2.5

A. Majumder, B. Muller, Xin-Nian Wang PRL 99 (207) 192301
B. Muller PRD 104 (2021) 7, L071501

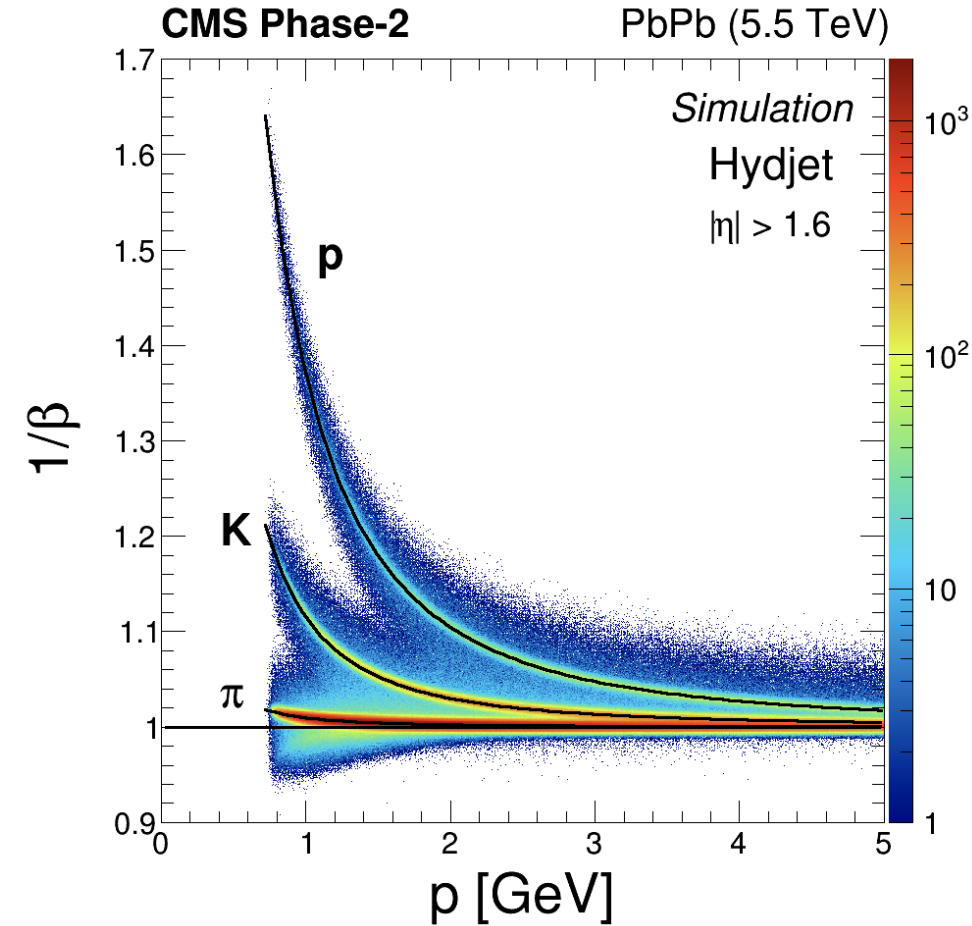
Medium properties extracted from **Jet Quenching** and **Open Heavy Flavor** are consistent with the results from **Soft Probes**, but within rather large uncertainties



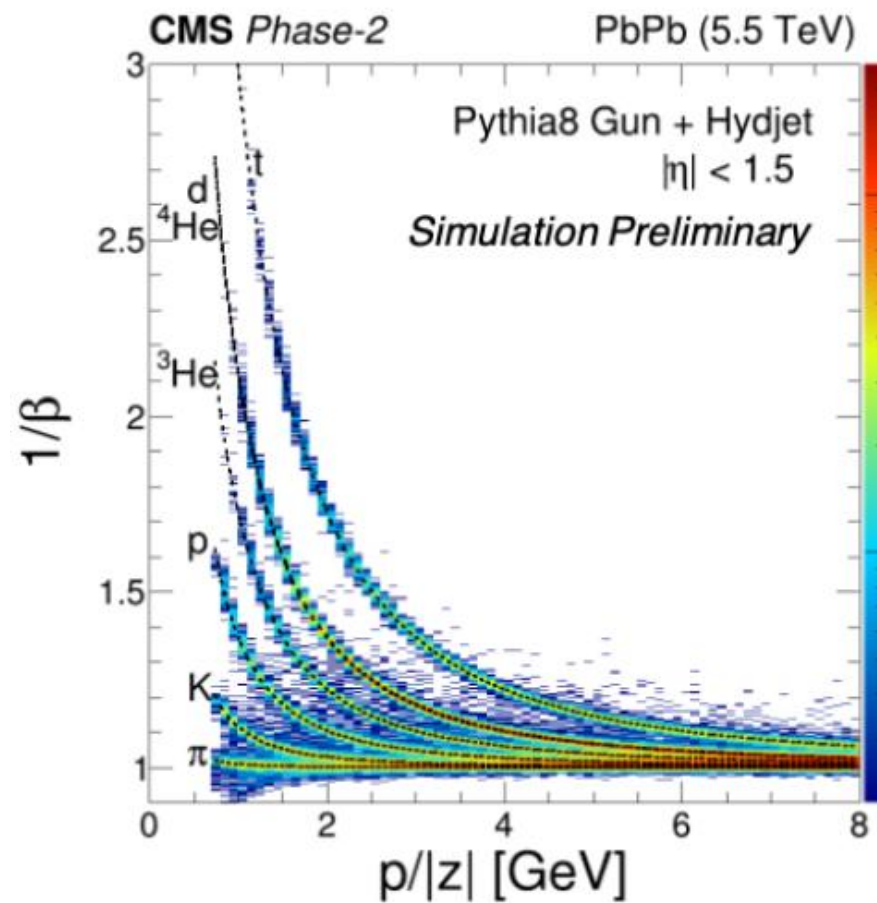
Future Performance in Run 4 Focusing on CMS

CMS MIP Timing Detector (MTD)

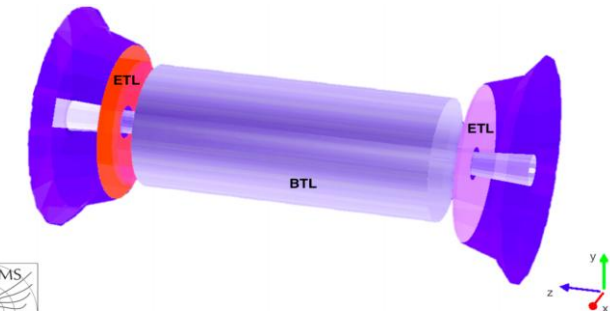
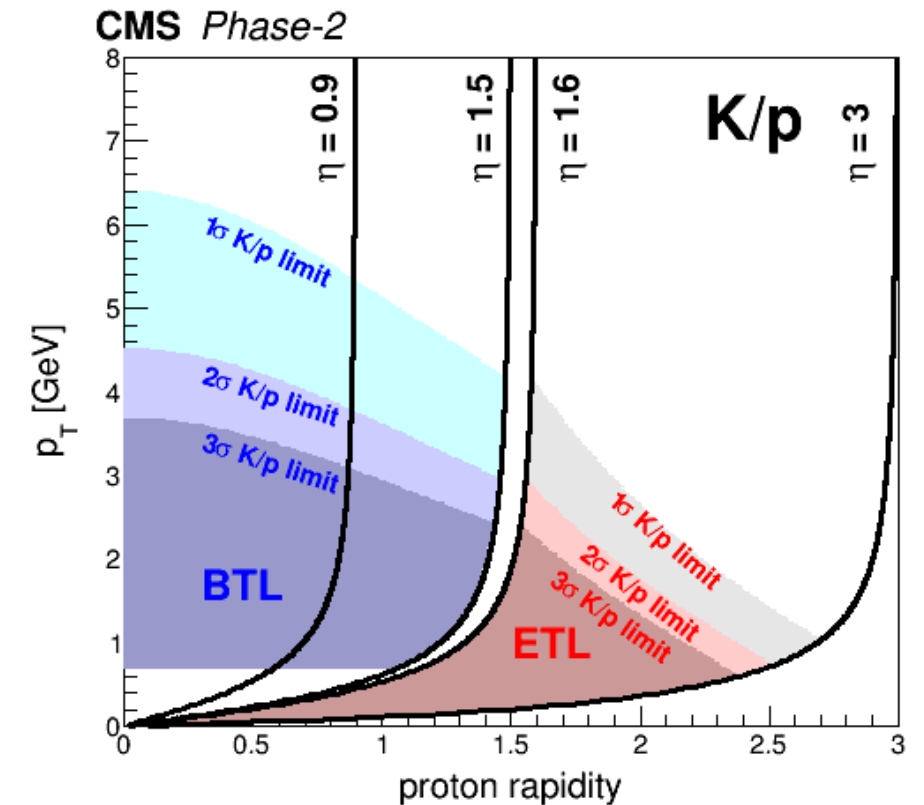
p / K / π separation



Light ion identification

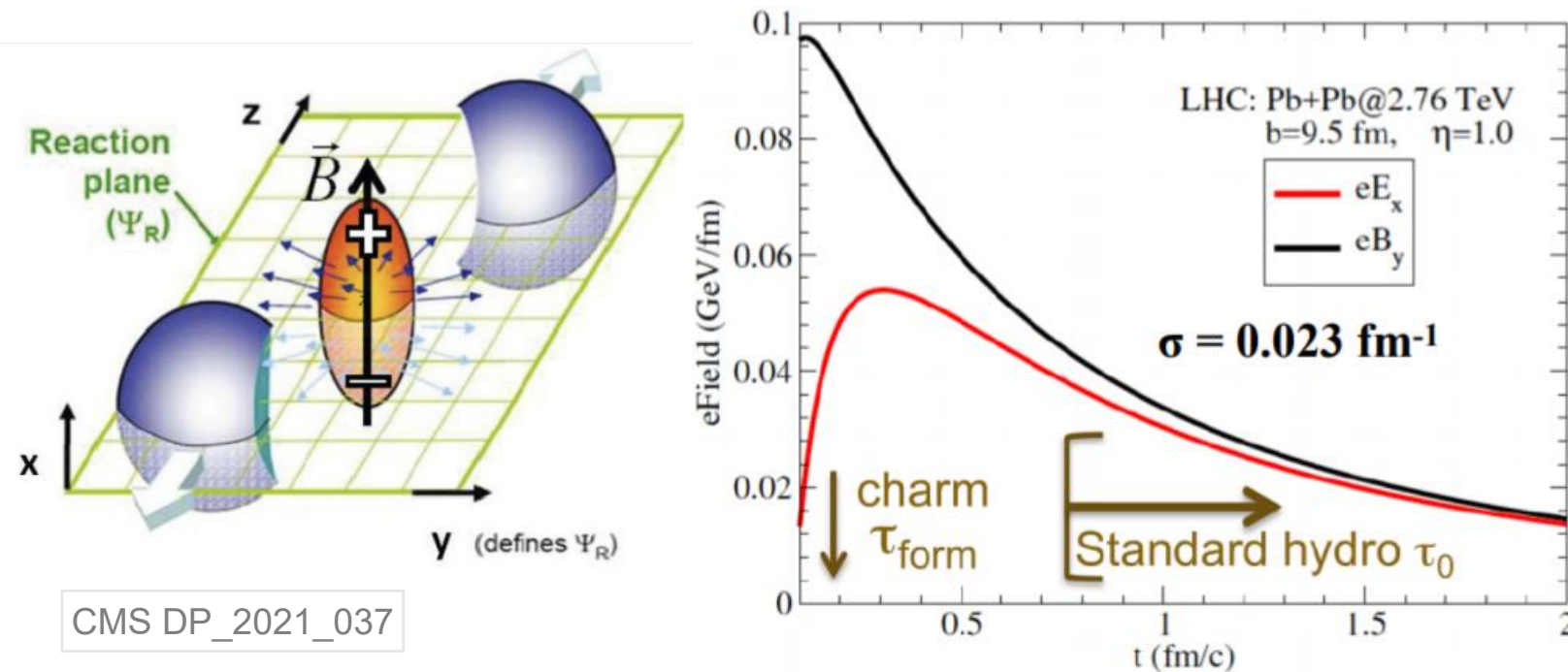


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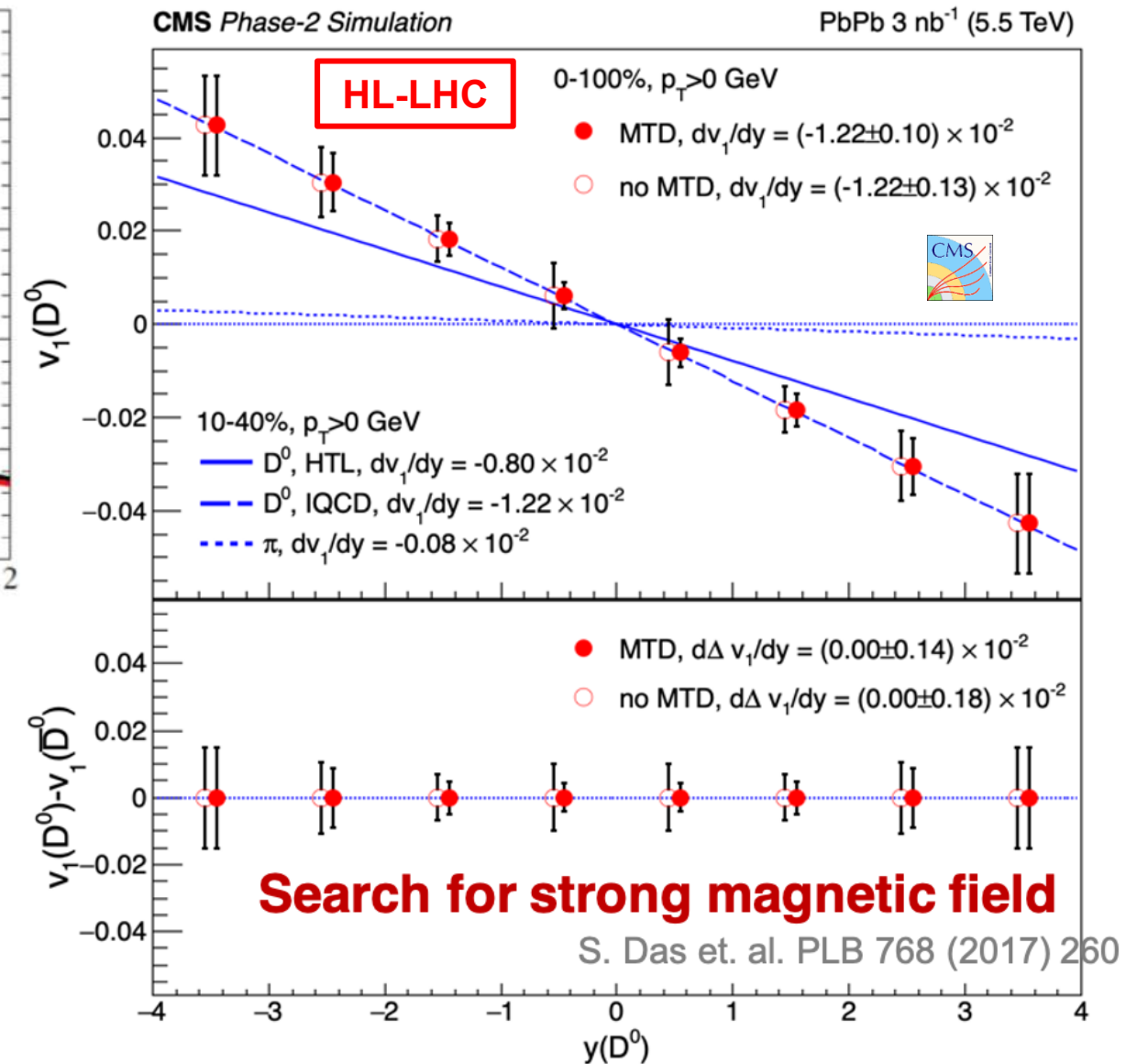
- Unique hermetic particle identification coverage by CMS MTD
- **Crucial Upgrade** for CMS Heavy Flavor Program with heavy ion collision

Initial Magnetic Field with D^0 Directed Flow v_1



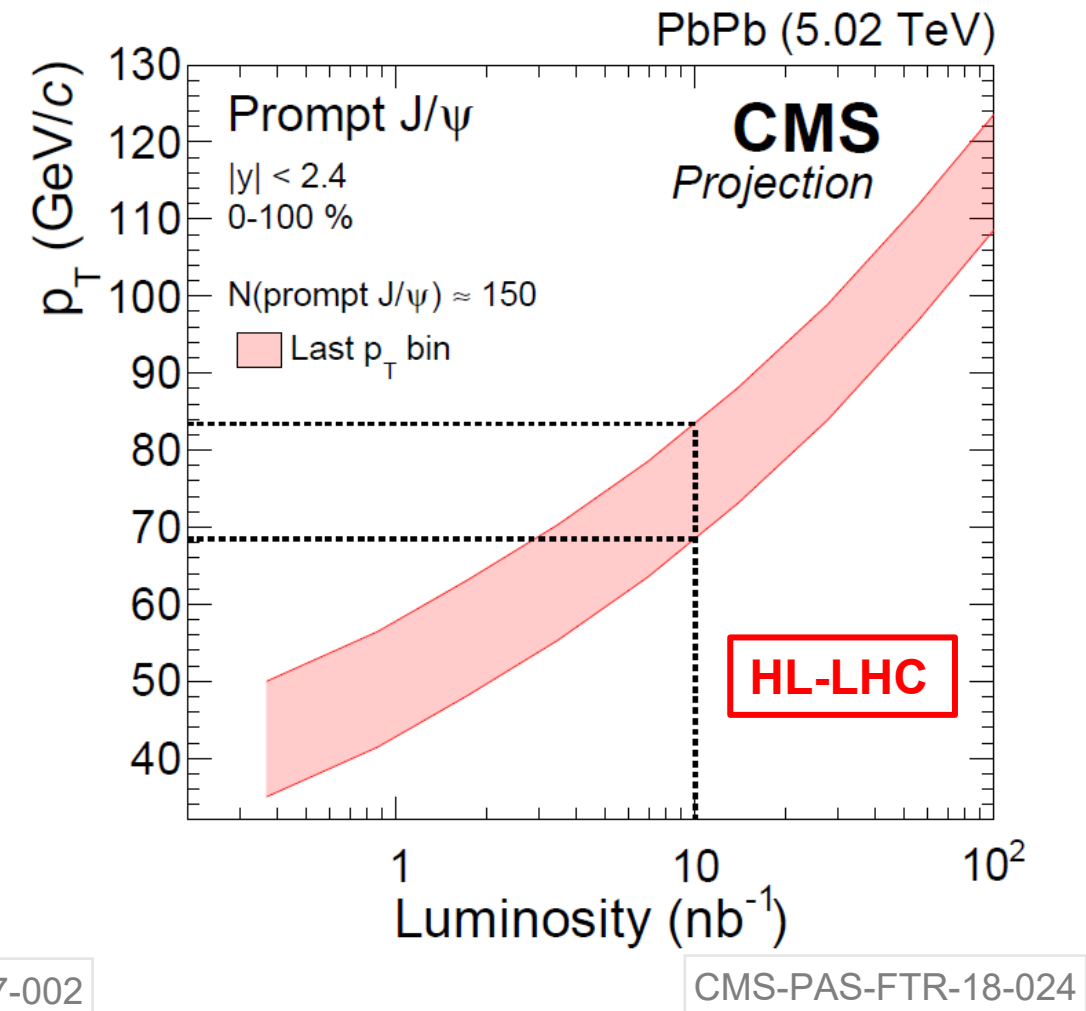
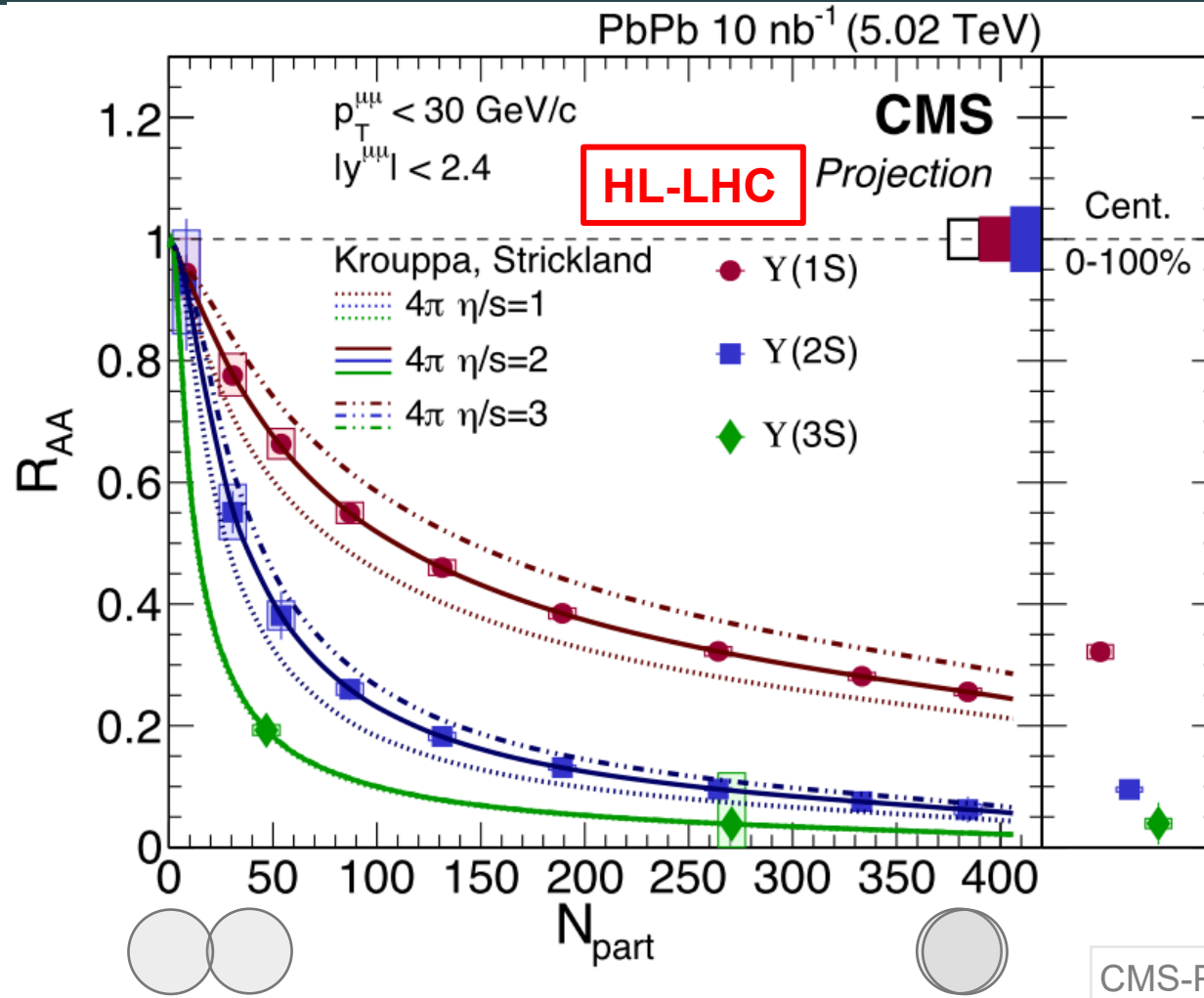
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- Strong initial electromagnetic field in heavy ion collisions inducing a vorticity in the reaction plane.
- The resultant effects entails a significant directed flow (v_1) and the effects increase vs. D^0 rapidity
- MTD and the large acceptance CMS tracker could provide high precision measurement of $D^0 v_1$ over 8 units of D^0 rapidity.



$$\frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{dN}{d\phi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$

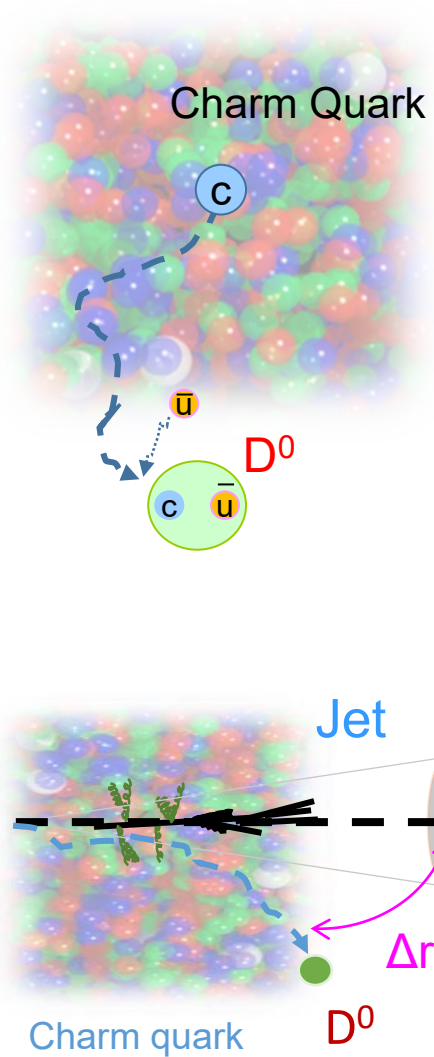
Quarkonia Production in PbPb Collisions



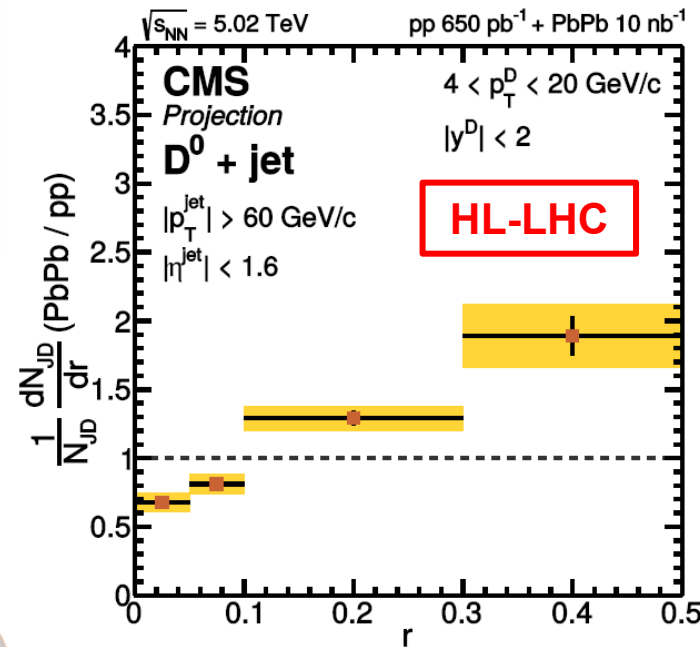
- Significant improvement on the Y(nS) R_{AA}
- Sensitive to the medium properties such as η/s and temperature; provide strong constraints in the future Bayesian analyses.

- High p_T reach of prompt J/ψ up to ~ 80 GeV
- Hadronic decays of Quarkonia enabled by CMS MTD such as J/ψ, $\psi(2S)$ and $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

High Precision Measurement of HQ Diffusion

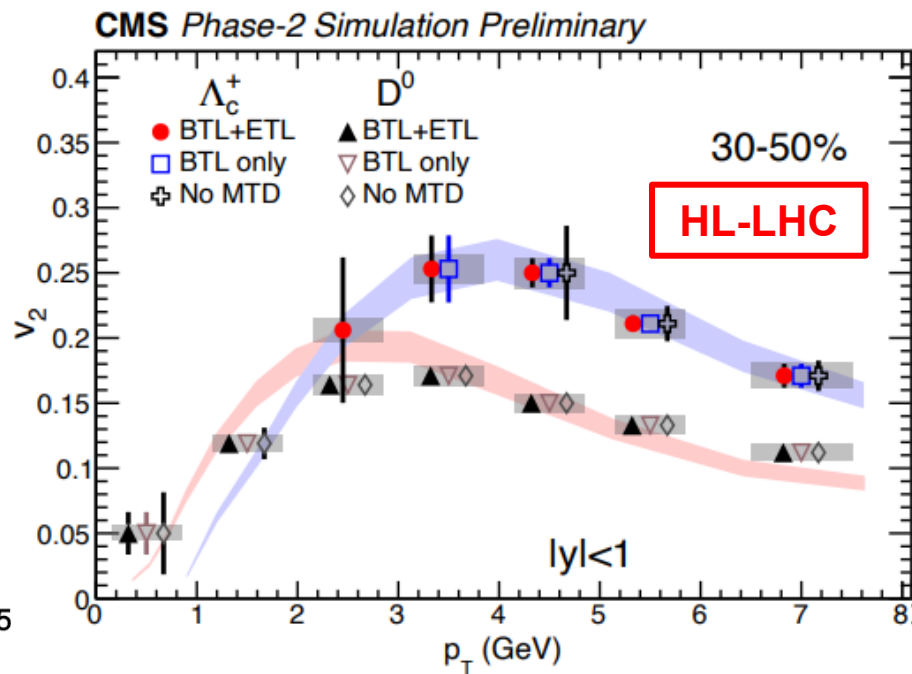


Jet- D^0 Correlation



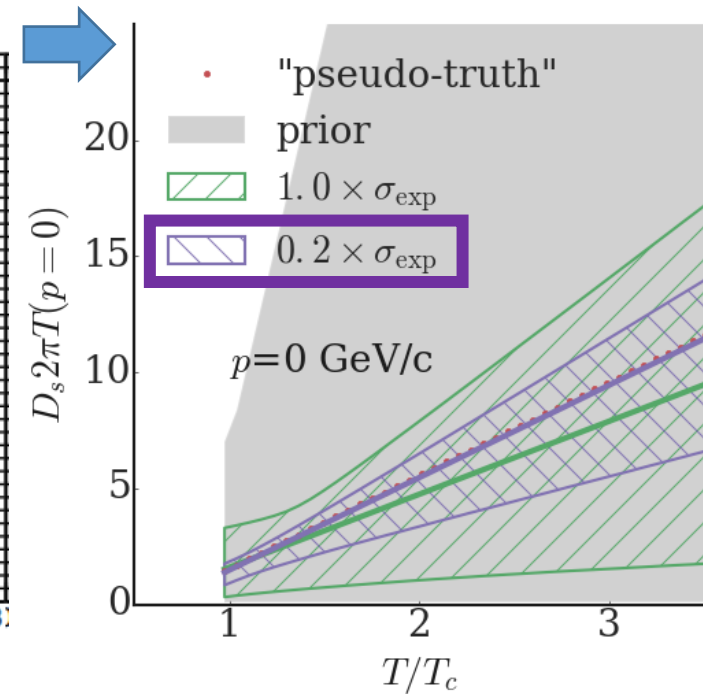
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D^0 and Λ_c v_2



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D_s vs. T



- Large improvement on the Λ_c and D^0 v_2 measurements with CMS MTD
- Direct observation of charm diffusion with D^0 -Jet and D^0 -Photon correlation
- Strong constraint on the HQ diffusion coefficient D_s

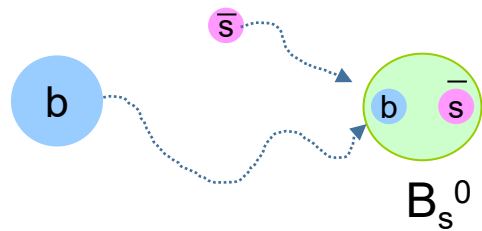
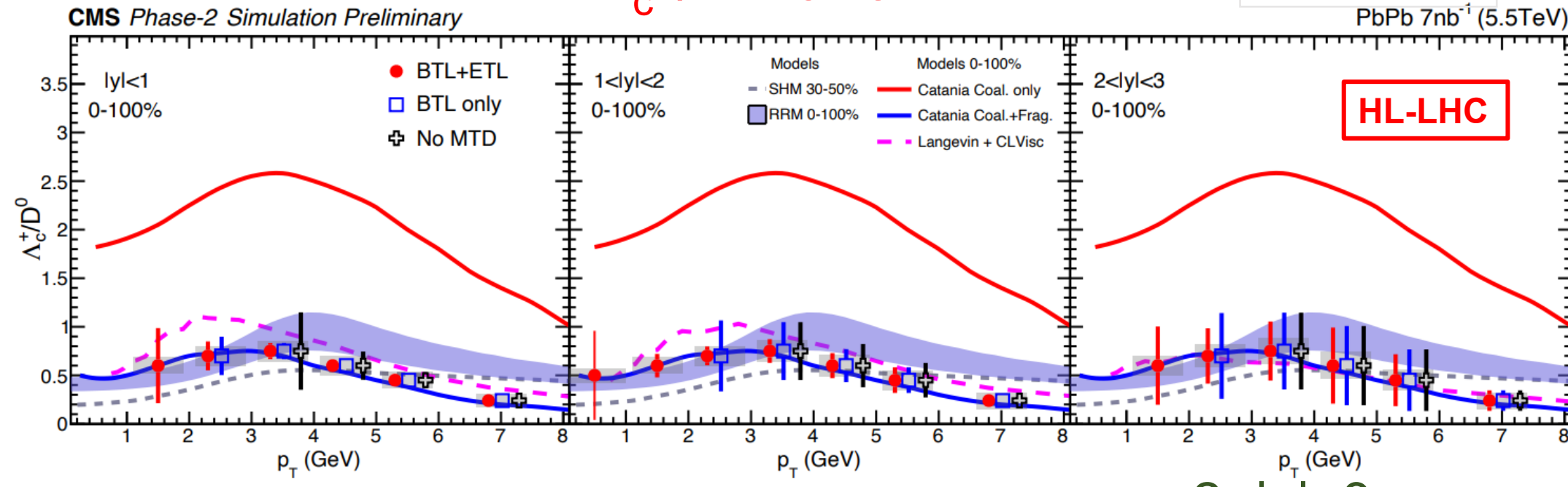
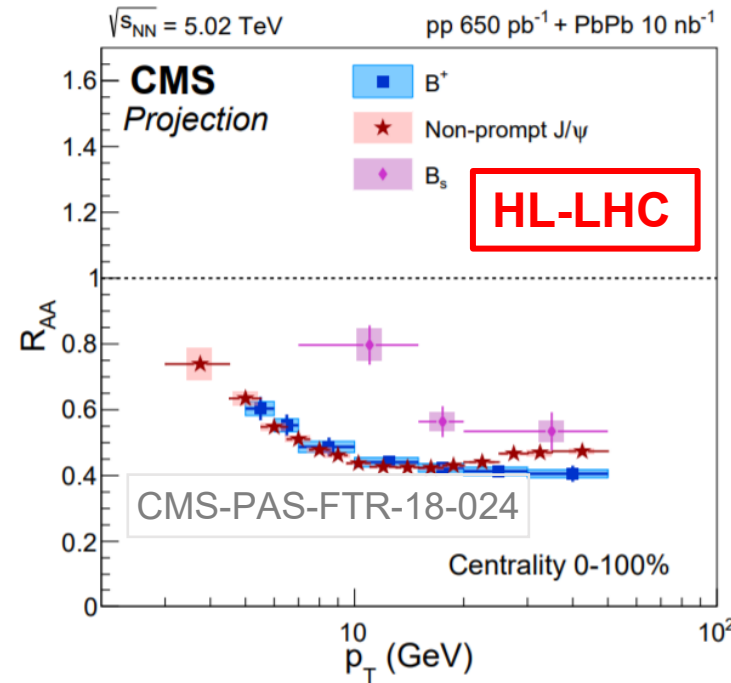
Heavy Quark Hadronization

Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio

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PbPb 7nb⁻¹ (5.5TeV)

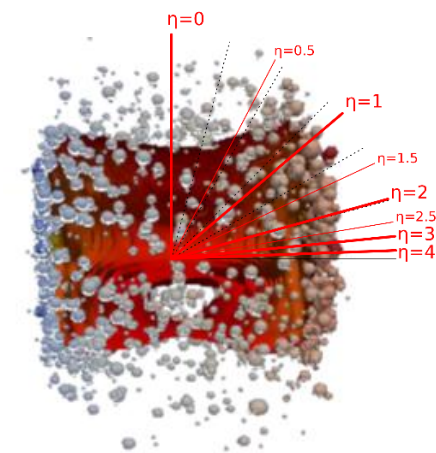
HL-LHC



$|y| < 1$

$1 < |y| < 2$

$2 < |y| < 3$



- High precision Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio over a wide rapidity range down to $p_T \sim 0$: toward **total charm cross-section**
- Unique capability of CMS thanks to the large tracker and MTD acceptance

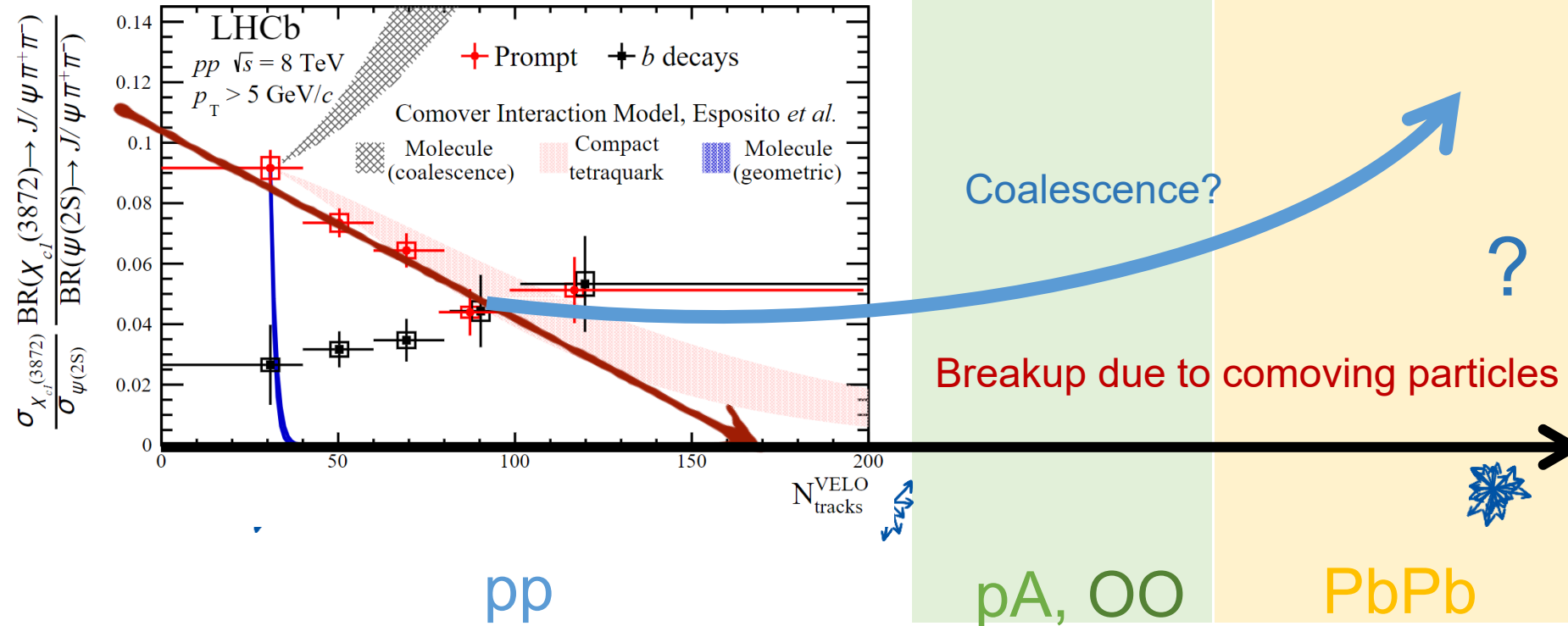
*Except for the **Langevin+CLVisc** model, all other models shown assume boost invariant in the longitudinal direction, and thus have no rapidity dependence.

New Frontier of Hadronization Study: Exotic Hadron

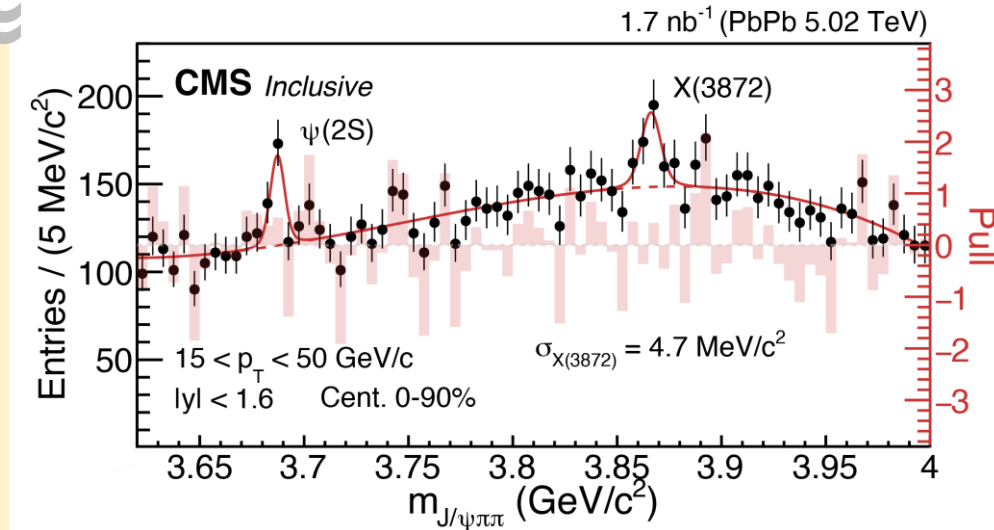
LHCb
PRL 126 (2021) 9, 092001

$$\rho^{\text{PbPb}} = 1.08 \pm 0.49 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.52 (\text{syst})$$

CMS PbPb



CMS
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The first evidence of X(3872) in HI

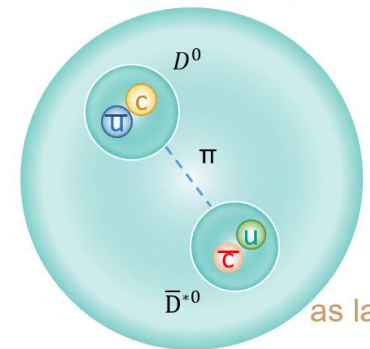
- Observation of X(3872) in PbPb is expected ($>5 \sigma$) in Run3
- Run3+4: Differential studies
 - Centrality dependence: Probe the structure of X(3872) with QGP
- Search for other exotic hadrons such as T_{cc}
- Exotic hadron production in UPC events

Charmonium Tetraquark (4q)



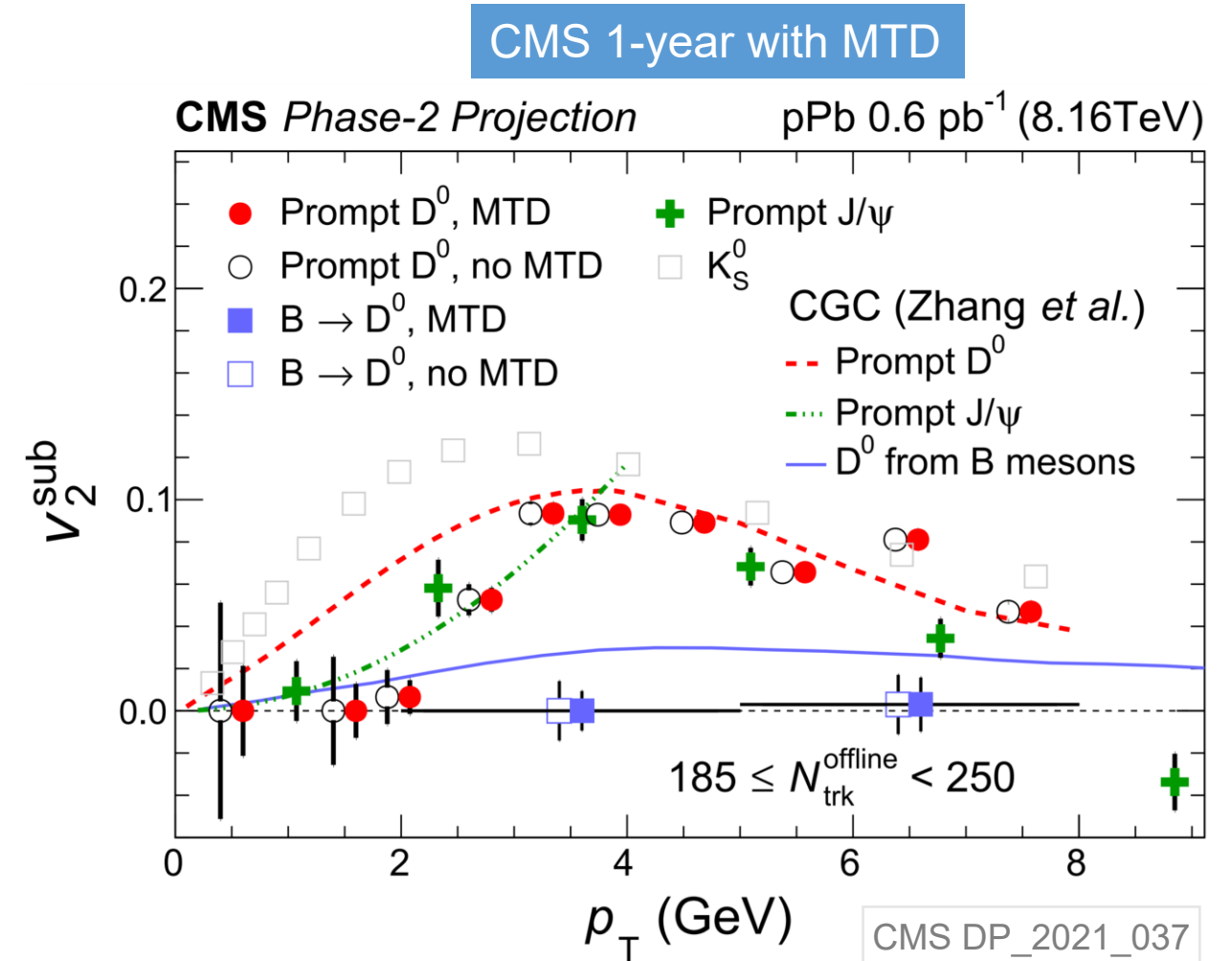
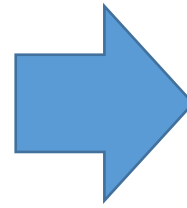
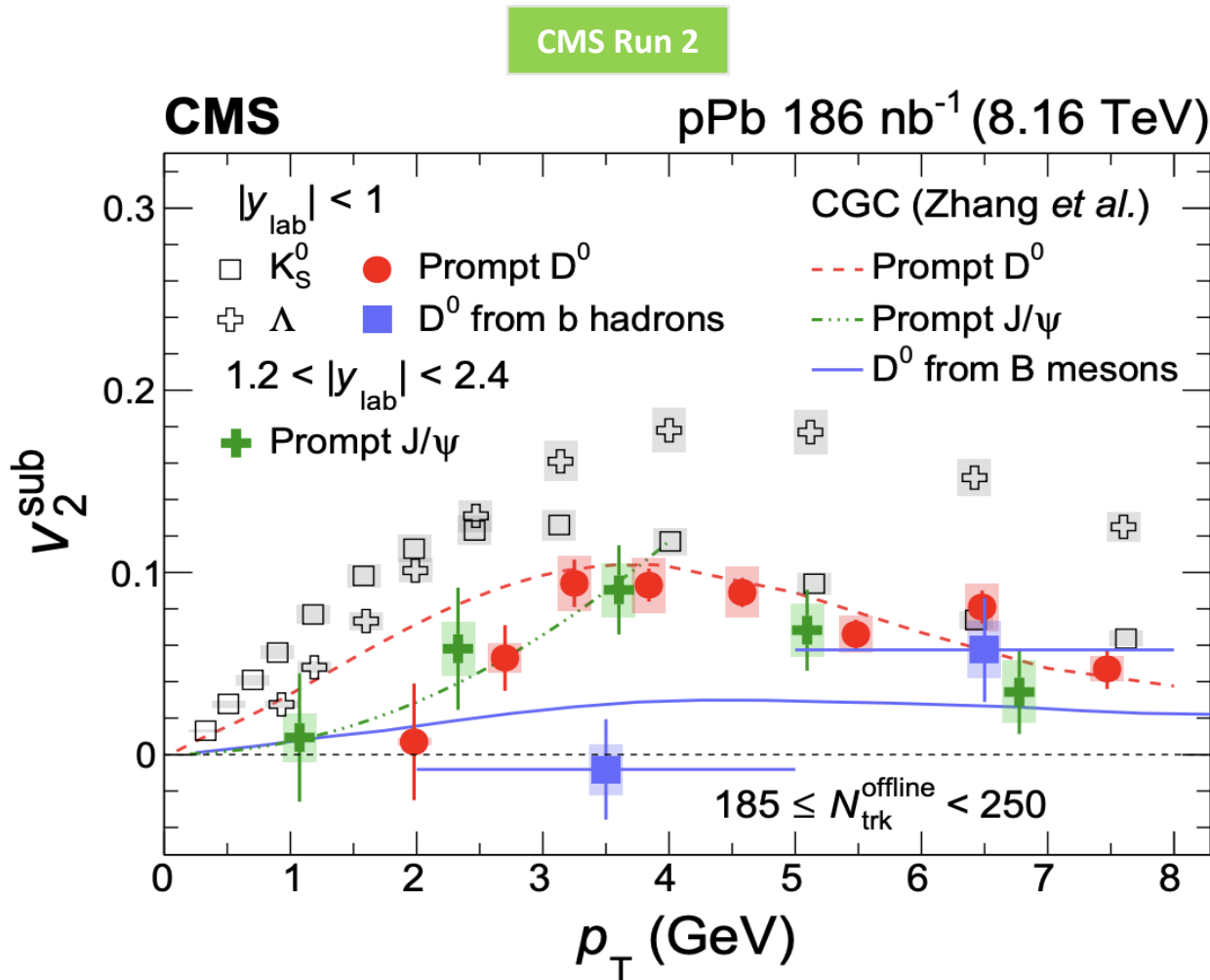
$$\Gamma_{4q} \approx \Gamma_{c\bar{c}} \approx 0.3 \text{ fm}$$

$D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$ molecule



Γ_{molecule}
as large as 5 fm

Collectivity in Small System



- With MTD: Unprecedented precision could be achieved with fast CMS tracking and DAQ system
- Detailed characterization of the heavy flavor hadron collective behavior in high multiplicity proton-proton and proton-lead collisions and access to **multiparticle correlation**

Summary: Answers with Hard Probes

- What are the properties of QGP?
 - **QGP** properties in the long wavelength limit from **slow** (diffusion) and **fast** moving hard probes are consistent with soft probes.
 - Significant room for improvement from both theory and experimental side
 - Novel HF observables needed to be sensitive to **QGP** properties at short distance scale
- How does the hydrodynamization happen and how QGP is created?
 - Evidence that charm and beauty are moving toward hydrodynamization
 - Beauty is less hydrodynamized than charm
 - Parton energy loss is mass and color charge dependent
- How does hadronization happen in low and high parton density environment?
 - Modification of hadronization already in pp (or even in ee and ep!)
 - Strong modification of heavy quark hadronization beyond parton shower
 - Deconfinement: Recombination signal from J/ψ and B_c

Thank you!



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