

# Quarkonium production as a function of charged-particle multiplicity in pp and p–Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC

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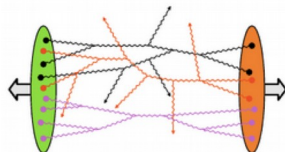
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How to interpret this behavior ? **possible scenarios:**

- **Final state effects:** e.g. interaction with co-moving particles. Comovers effects are expected to be stronger for loosely bound states. [Phys. Lett. B 749 \(2015\) 98–103](#)
- **QGP droplets** in high multiplicity events.
- **Multiparton interactions (MPIs):** several parton-parton interactions in a single hadron-hadron collision.



**Increase number of parton-parton interactions → increase charged-particle multiplicity.**

# Outline

**How does multiparton interactions (MPIs) influence quarkonium production ?**

To answer this question we will go through :



**The reference system, pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV:**

- Double  $J/\psi$  production cross section.
- Multiplicity dependence of :
  - $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  production.
  - bottomonia  $\Upsilon(nS)$  production .



**The p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$  TeV:**

- Cold nuclear matter effects.
- Multiplicity dependence of:
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# Where to look for MPI

It is directly connected with event multiplicity

- Quarkonium pairs production (ideally):
  - Direct probe for MPIs.
  - In addition, provide information on single quarkonium production mechanism.

But it needs large statistics to measure ( $p_T$  and / or  $y$  differential ) cross section.

- (or) Quarkonium production vs multiplicity:
  - Indirect probe for MPI.
  - Gain insight on the correlation between soft and hard process in the interaction.



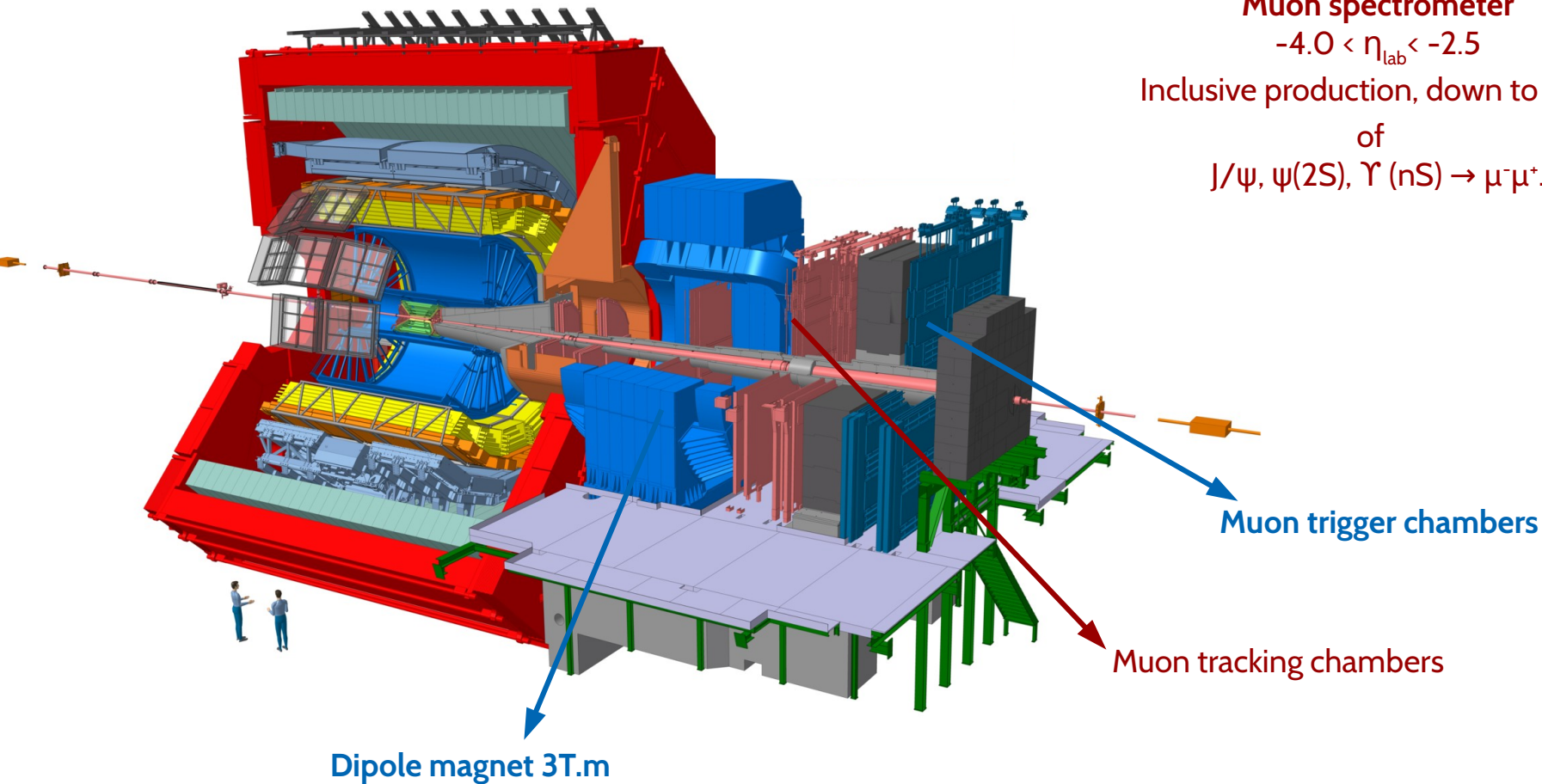
# The ALICE Experiment

## Muon spectrometer

$$-4.0 < \eta_{\text{lab}} < -2.5$$

Inclusive production, down to  $p_T=0$

of

$$J/\psi, \psi(2S), \Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+.$$


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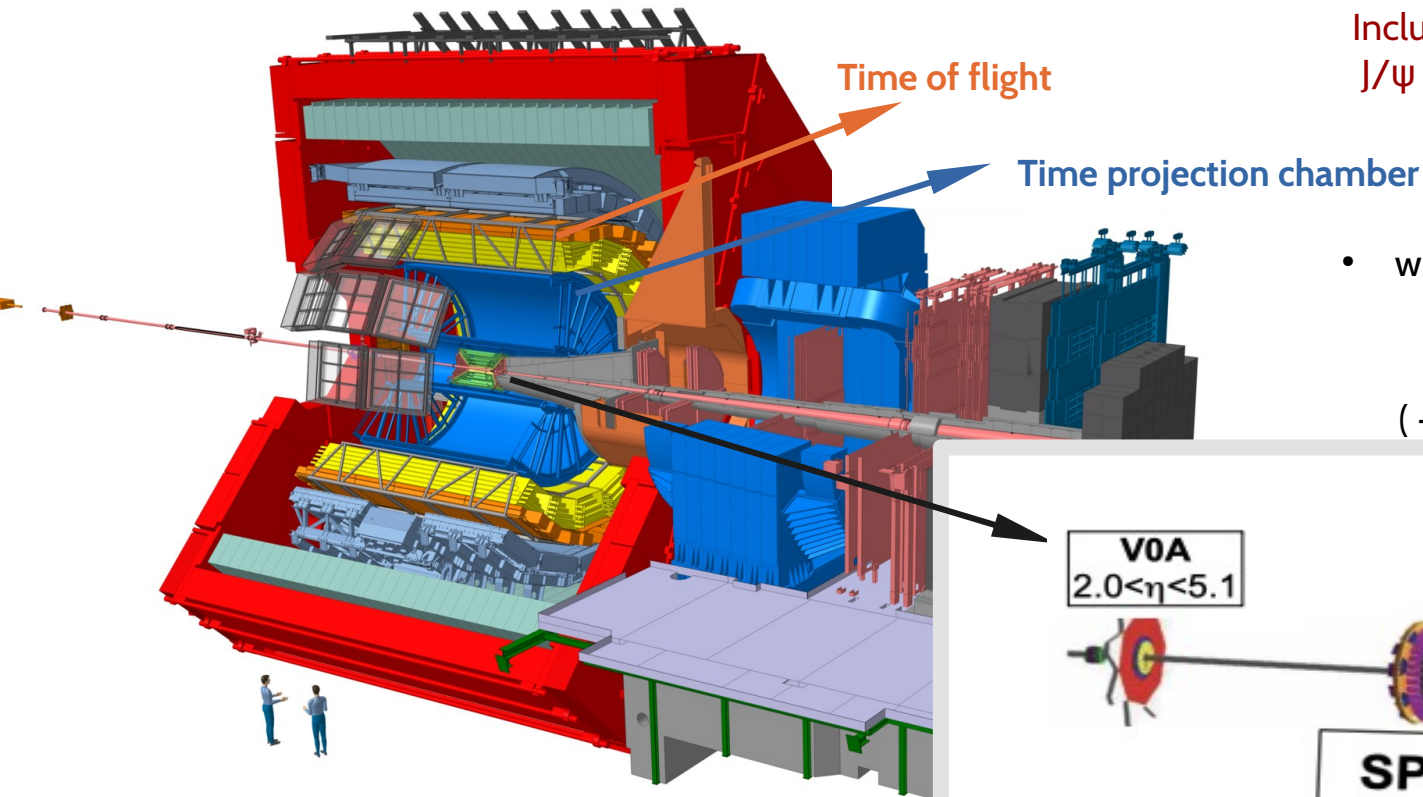
Central barrel

$$|\eta_{\text{lab}}| < 0.9$$

Inclusive, prompt and non prompt  
 $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  analysis at midrapidity  
 down to  $p_T=0$ .

Multiplicity is measured

- with SPD in the restricted range  $|\eta| < 1$ .
- Or with V0 detector  
 $(-3.7 < \eta < -1.7 \text{ and } 2.0 < \eta < 5.1)$ .



**V0A**  
 $2.0 < \eta < 5.1$

**V0C**  
 $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$

**SPD**  
 $|\eta| < 1.4$



The reference system: pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

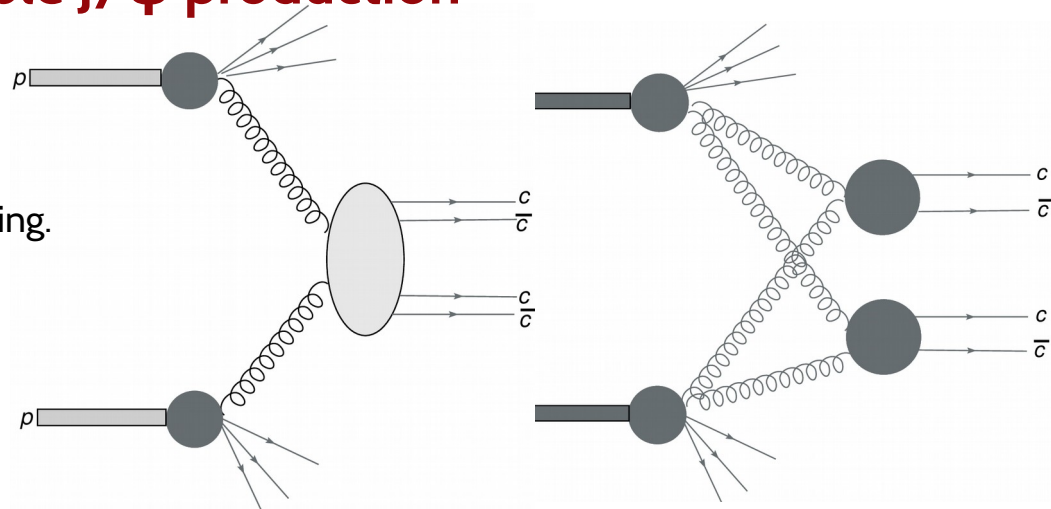




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- MPI: single and double parton scattering.

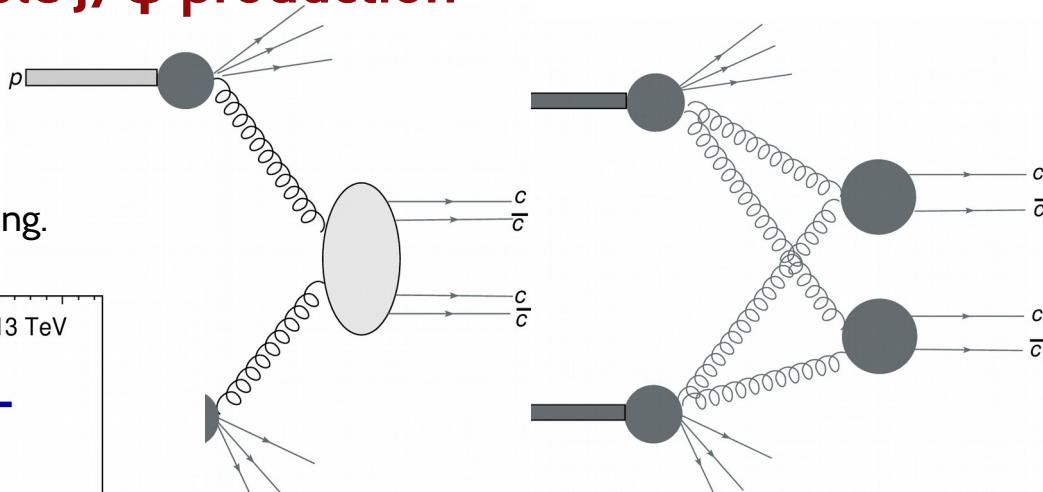
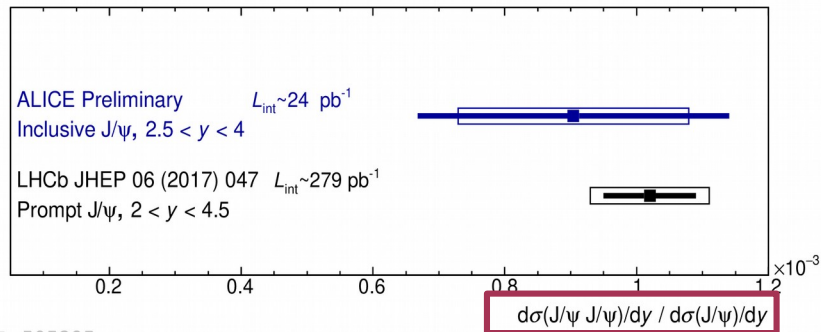
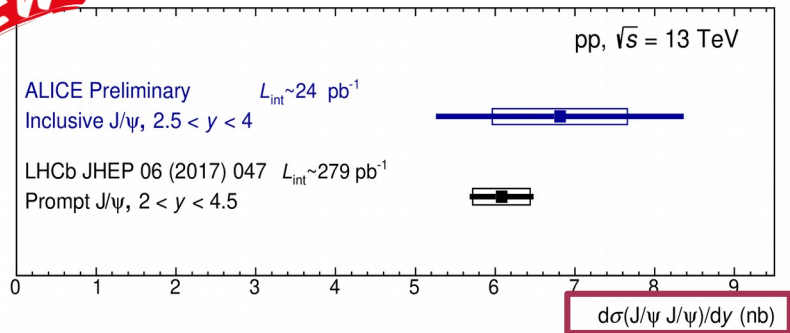


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ALICE is in a good agreement with LHCb results for both:

- Double J/ψ cross section.
- Double-to-single J/ψ cross section ratio.

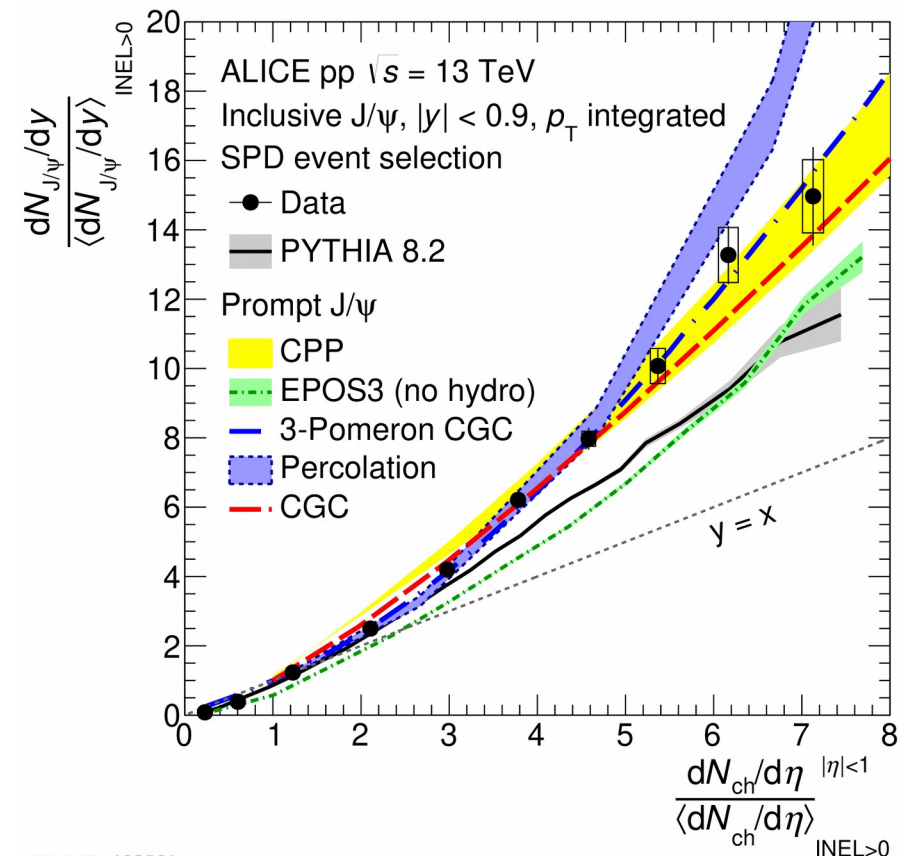
Caveats:

- LHCb measured prompt double J/ψ production.
- Slight difference in the rapidity window between ALICE and LHCb.

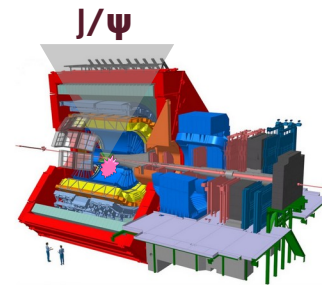
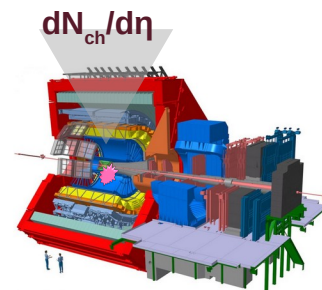
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measured at midrapidity

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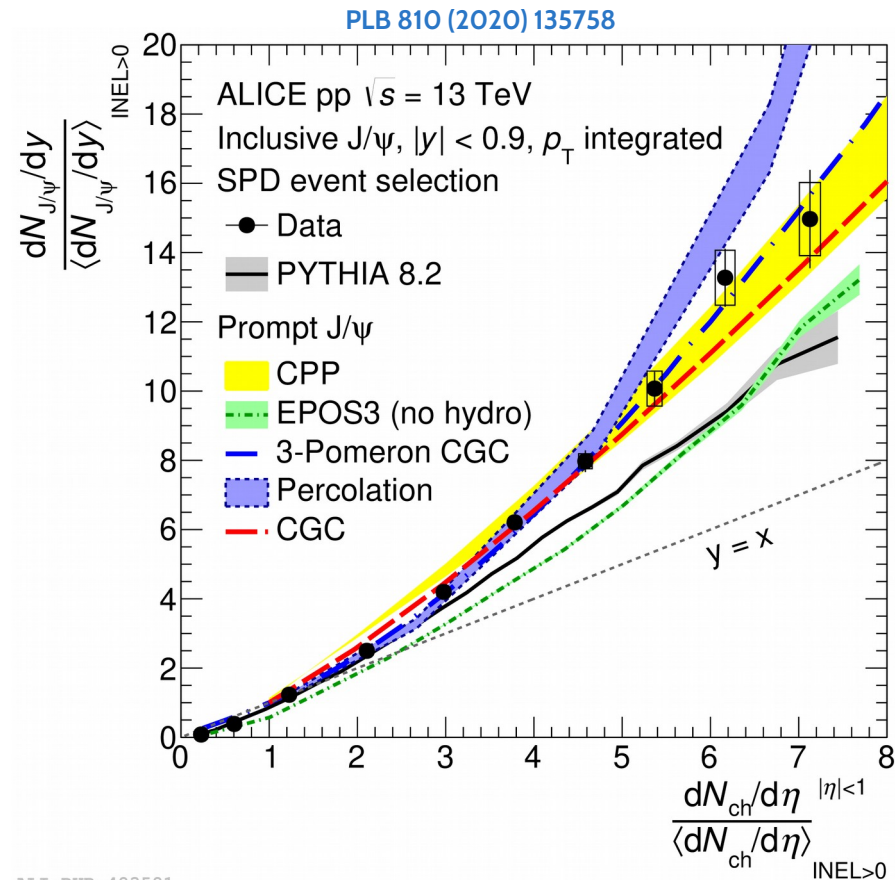


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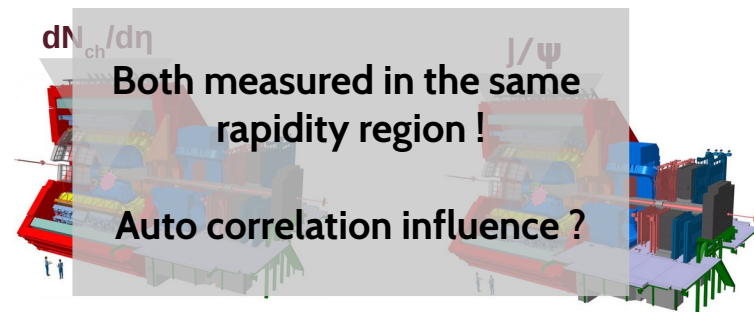


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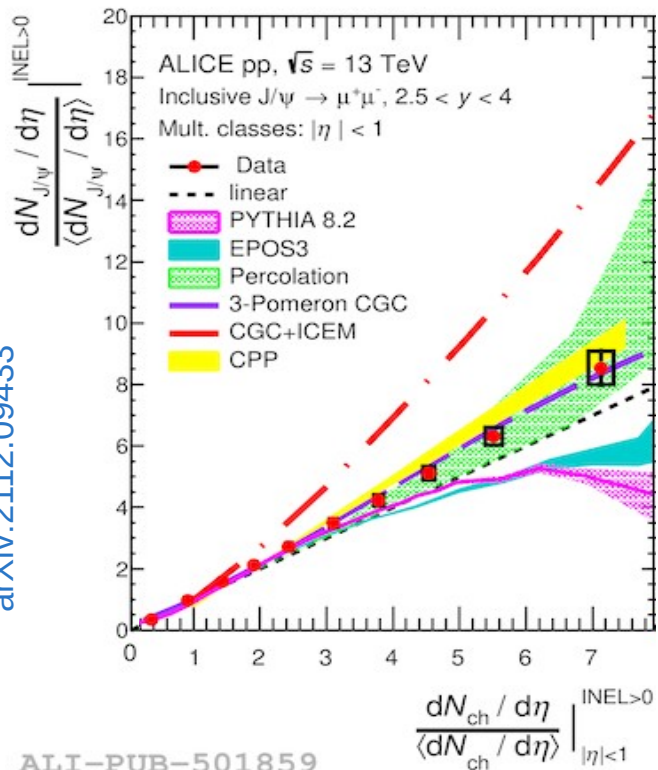


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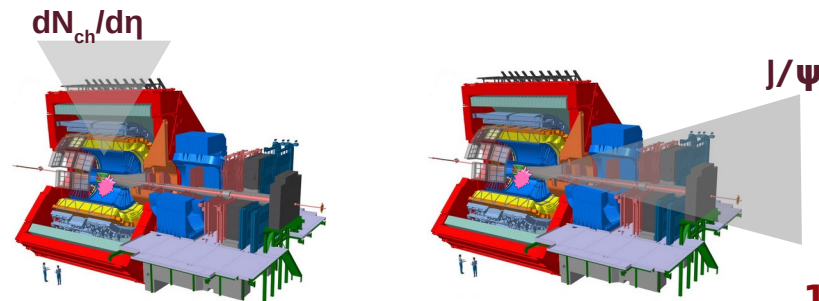


# Multiplicity dependence of $J/\psi$ production

measured at forward rapidity

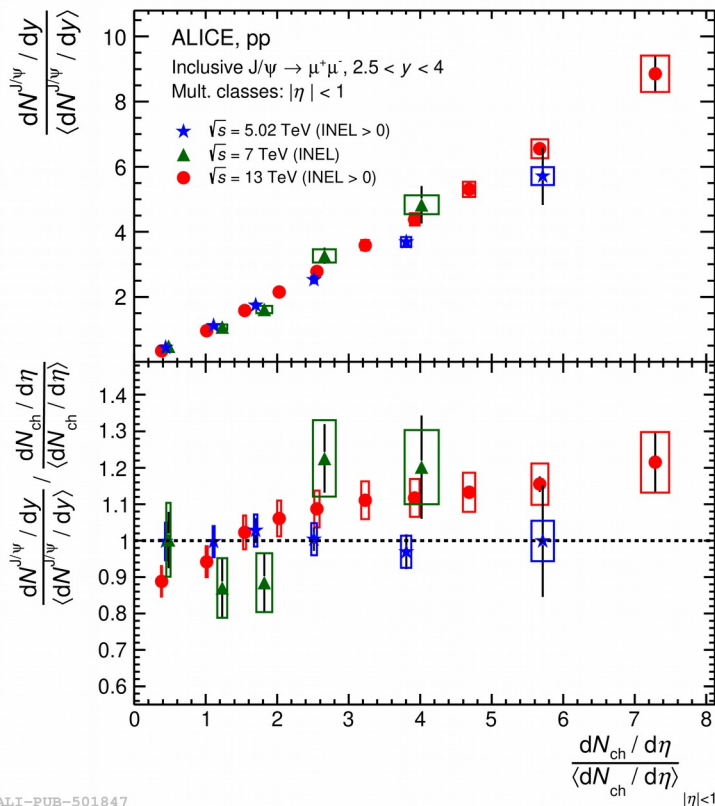


- $J/\psi$  yields at forward rapidity vs multiplicity measured at midrapidity:
  - Compatible with a linear increase within uncertainty.
  - Models includes initial and/or final state effects reproduce the measurements
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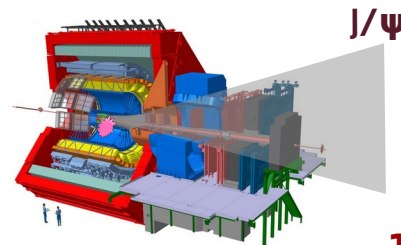
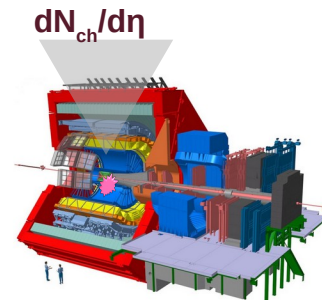


# Multiplicity dependence of $J/\psi$ production at different c.m.s energies

Higher energies, more MPIs ?



- $J/\psi$  yields at forward rapidity vs multiplicity measured at midrapidity at  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV, 7 TeV, and 13 TeV:
  - Compatible with a linear increase within uncertainty.
  - The data points at the three collision energies are compatible with each other.



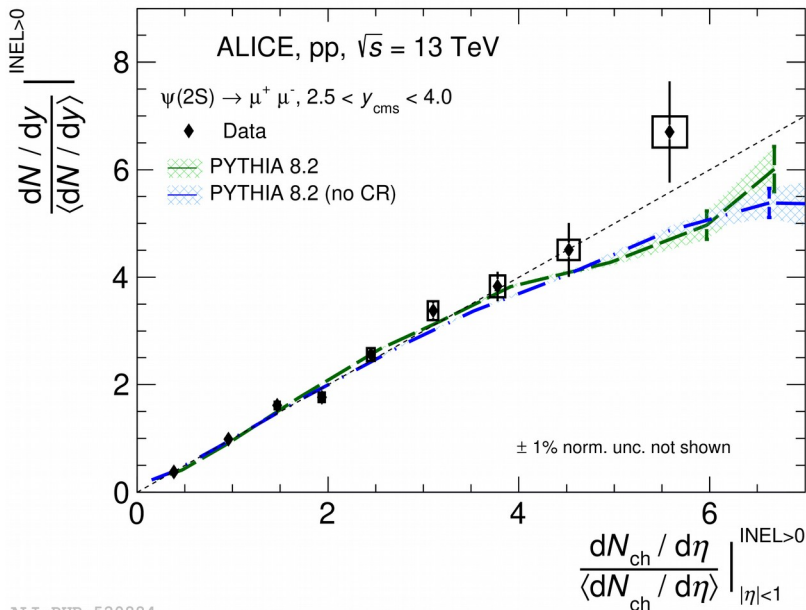




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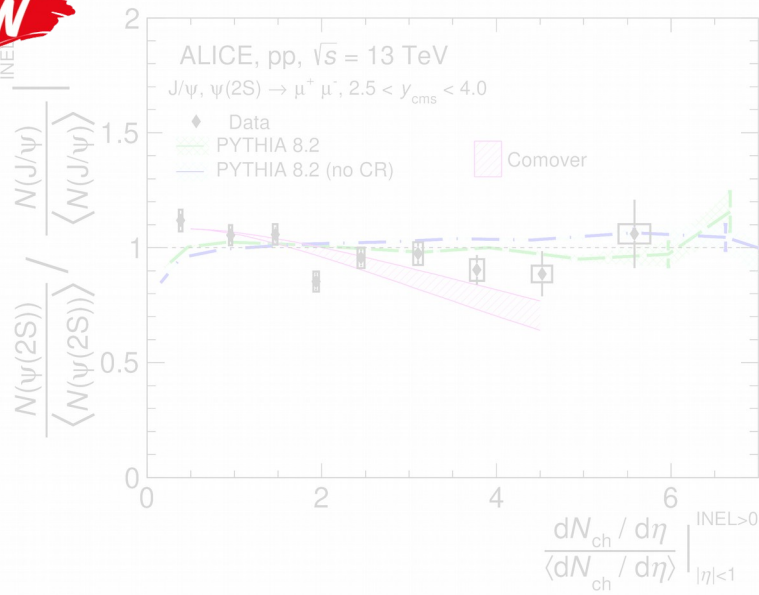
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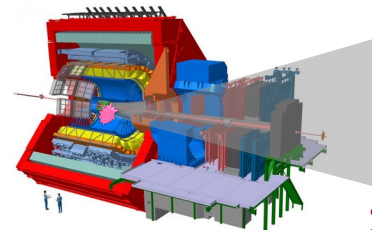
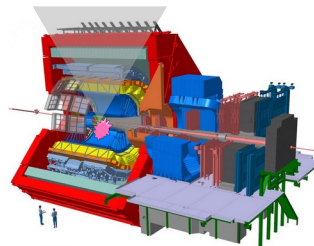
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- $\psi(2S)$  yields increase linearly with  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ .
- PYTHIA 8.2 predicts the trend of the measurements at the probed multiplicities.

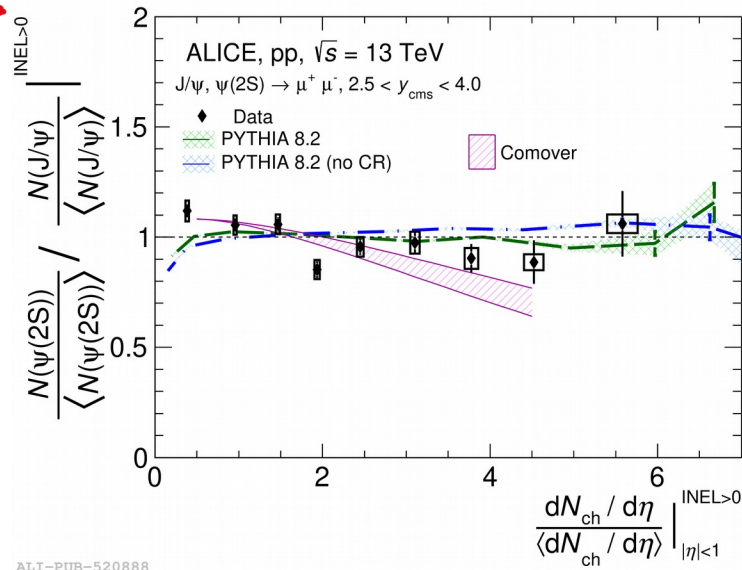
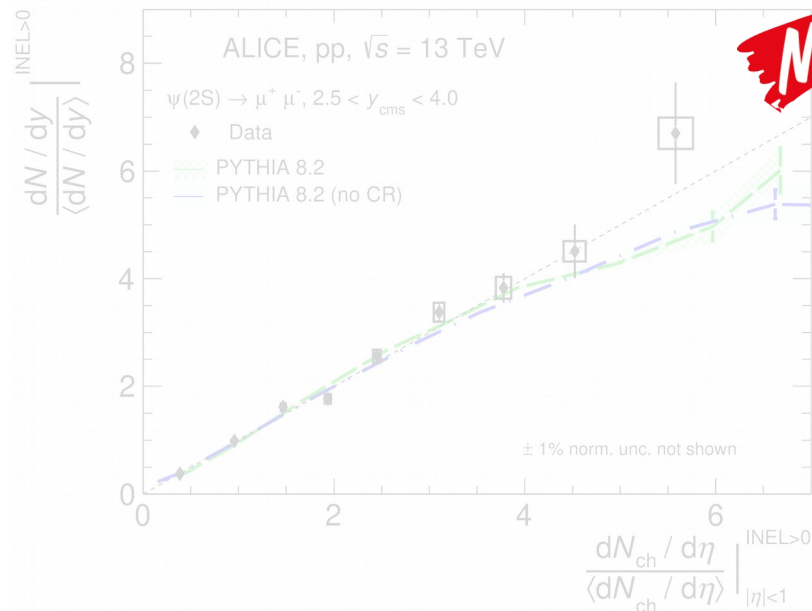
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$\psi(2S)$

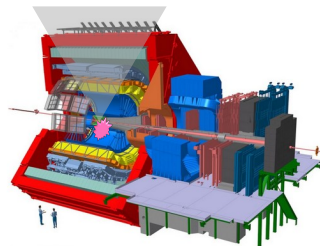
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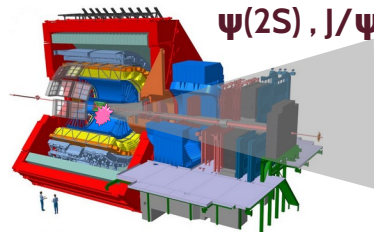


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$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$



$\psi(2S), J/\psi$

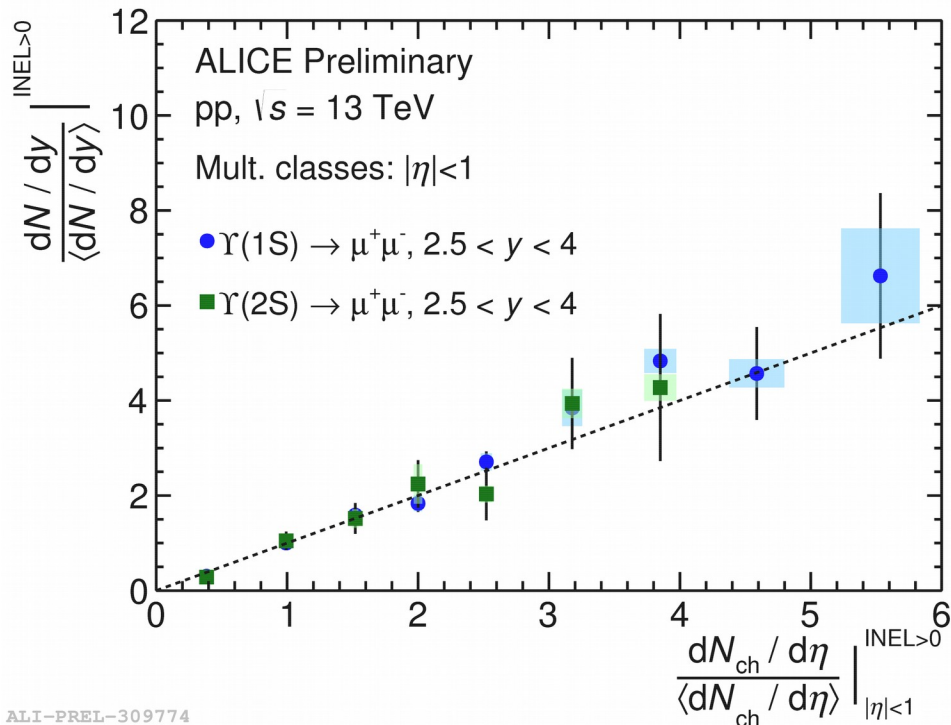


- Similar behavior for  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  vs multiplicity.
- Measurements are compatible with available models within uncertainties:
  - Comovers: predicts a stronger suppression of  $\psi(2S)$  at high multiplicity.
  - PYTHIA 8.2 : suggests a flat  $\psi(2S)$ -to-  $J/\psi$  ratio.

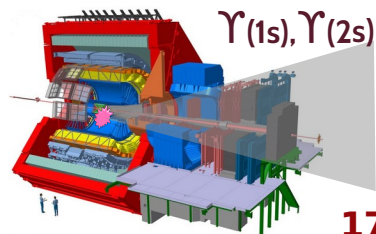
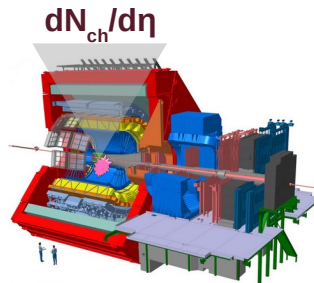


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Made of bottom and anti-bottom quarks

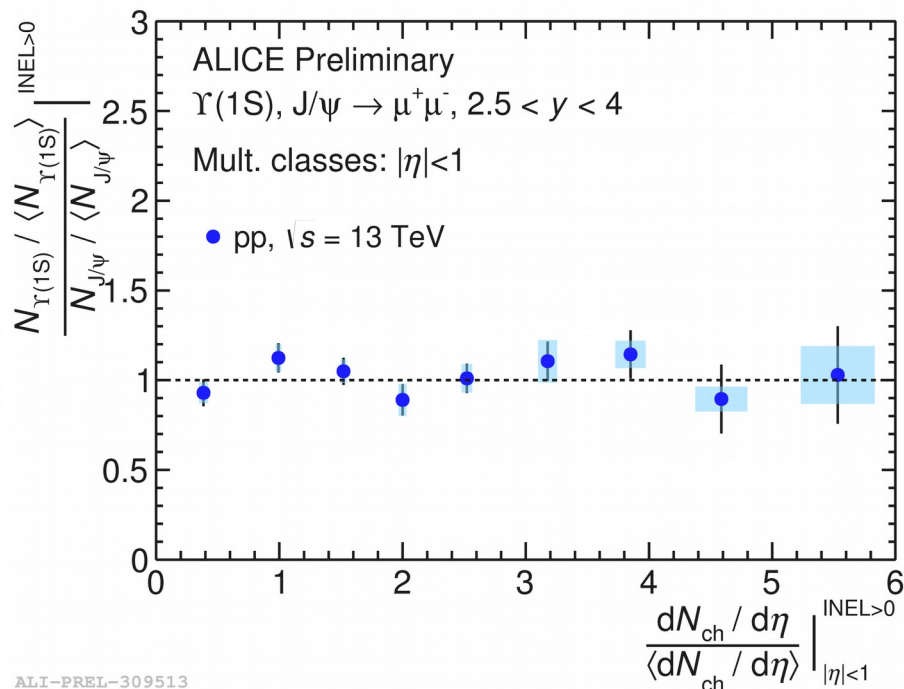
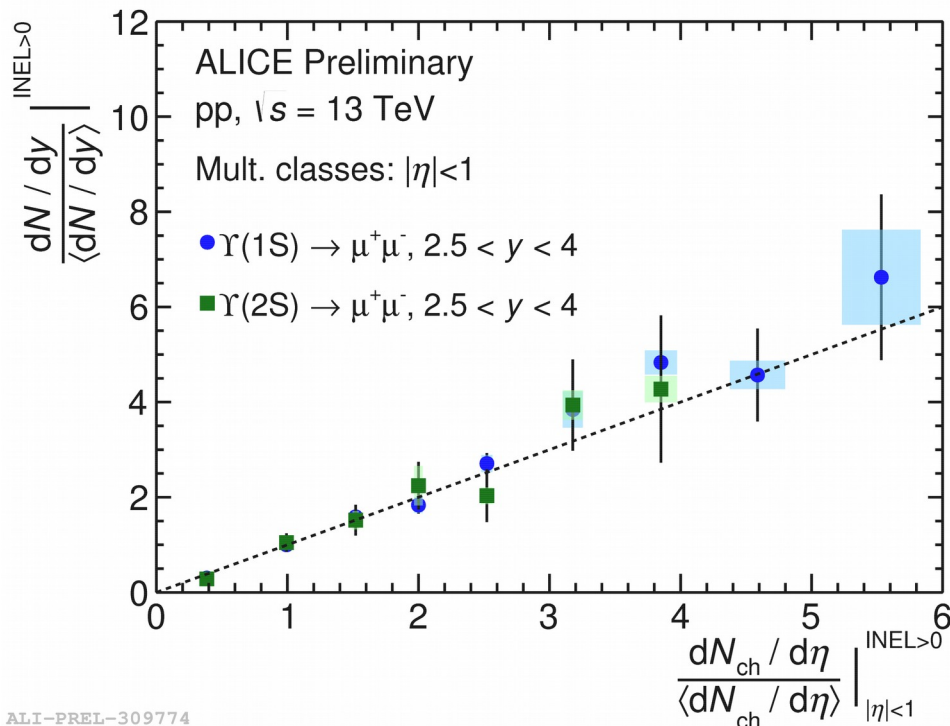


- $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon(2S)$  yields increase with  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ .
- The trend is compatible with a linear increase ( $y = x$ ).



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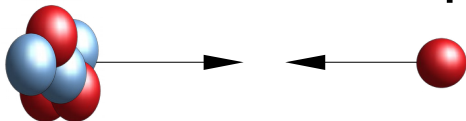
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- Compared to  $J/\psi$ , similar behavior of  $\Upsilon(1S)$  vs multiplicity.
- Current precision on the measurements can not confirm nor rule out final-state effects

p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.16$  TeV

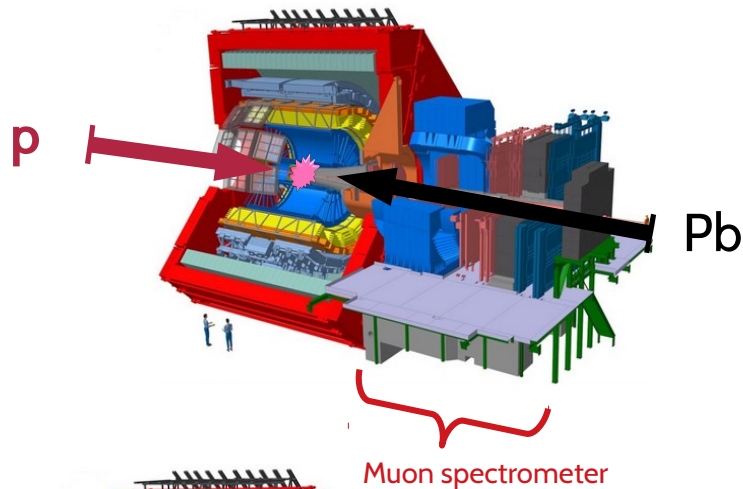
How does the nuclear environment affect quarkonium production vs multiplicity ?



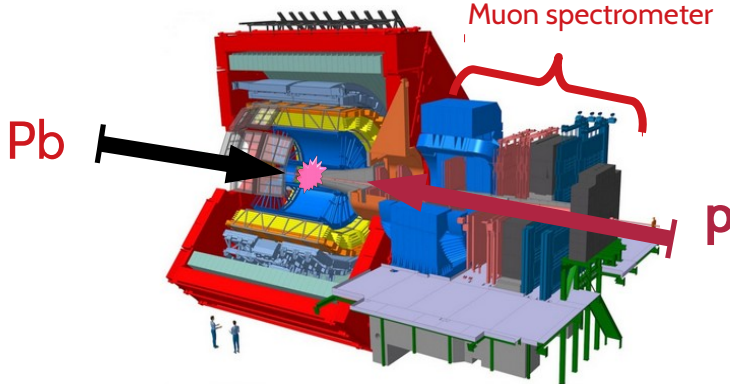
# p-Pb configurations

Definition of forward and backward rapidity regions in p-Pb collisions

Muon reconstructed at forward rapidity.  
p-going direction.  
 $2.03 < y_{\text{cms}} < 3.53$



Muon reconstructed at backward rapidity.  
Pb-going direction.  
 $-4.46 < y_{\text{cms}} < -2.96$



# Cold nuclear matter effects

## → Initial state effects :

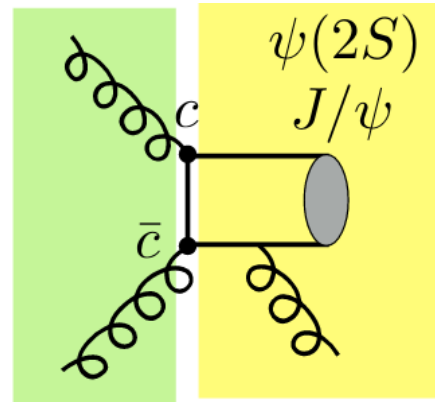
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[F. Gelis, arXiv:1002.0333](#)

## → Initial-Final state effects :

- **Fully coherent energy loss**: by partons via gluon emission.

[F.Arleo et.al,JHEP 01 \(2022\) 164](#)



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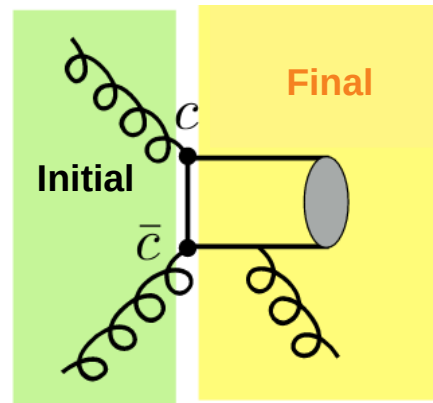
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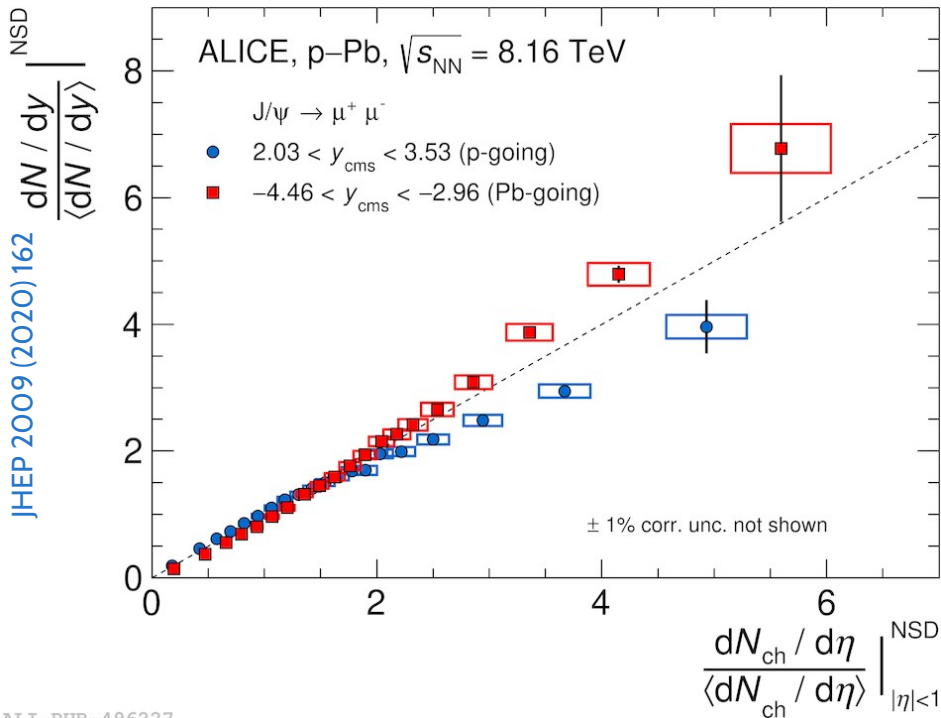
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(negligible at LHC energies).

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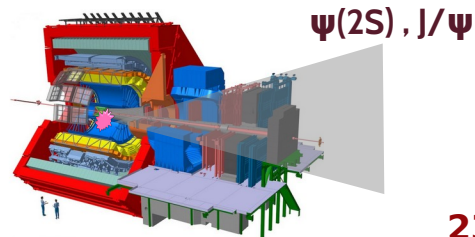
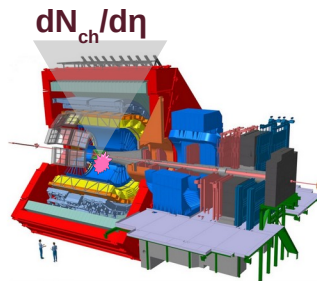
measured at forward-backward rapidity



p-Pb (p-going direction)

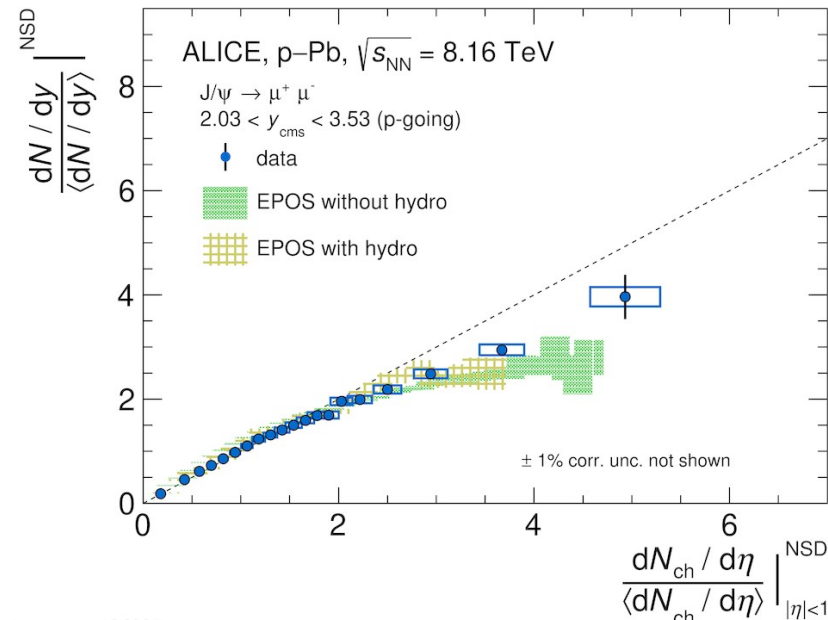
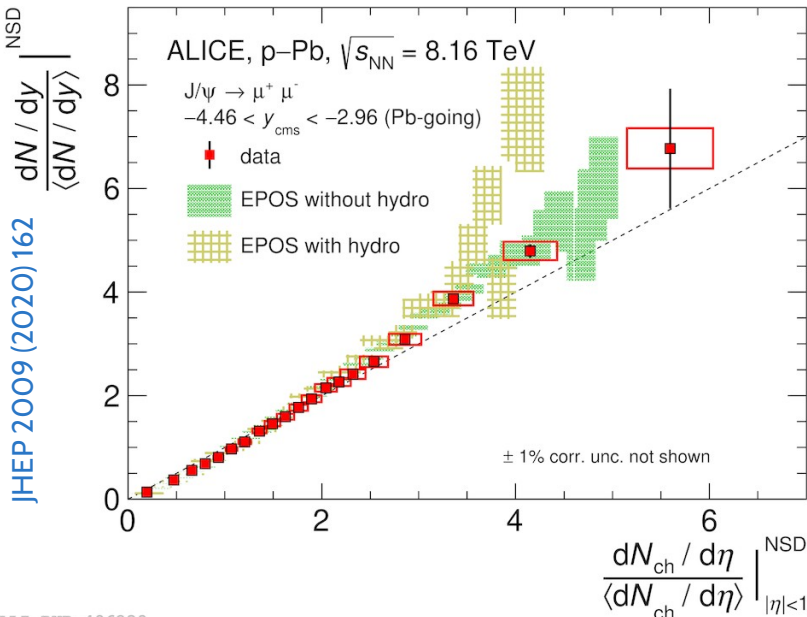
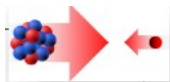
Pb-p (Pb-going direction)

- $J/\psi$  yields increase with  $dN_{ch} / d\eta$  in both rapidity regions.
- Faster (Slower) than linear increase observed at backward (forward) rapidity.
- The different behavior likely due to different Bjorken-x regions probed.



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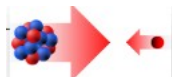
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EPOS describes the behavior of  $J/\psi$  vs multiplicity in both rapidity regions.

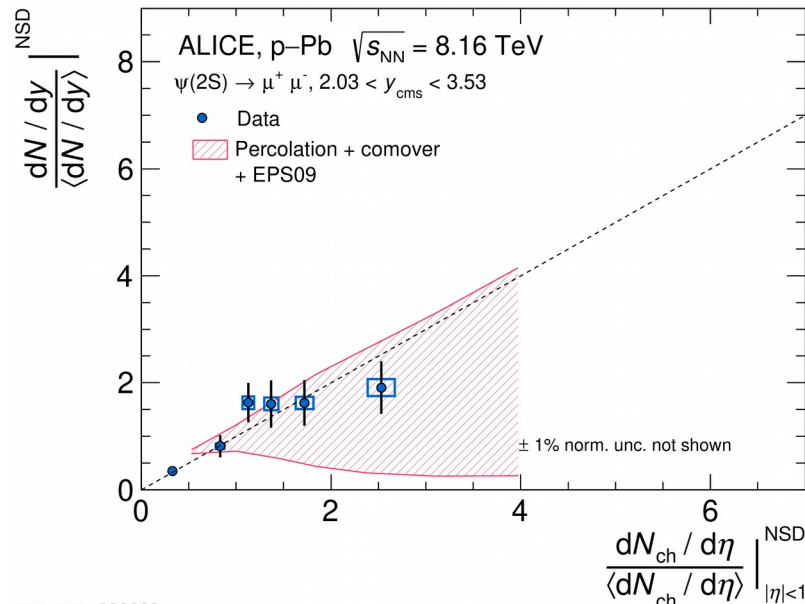
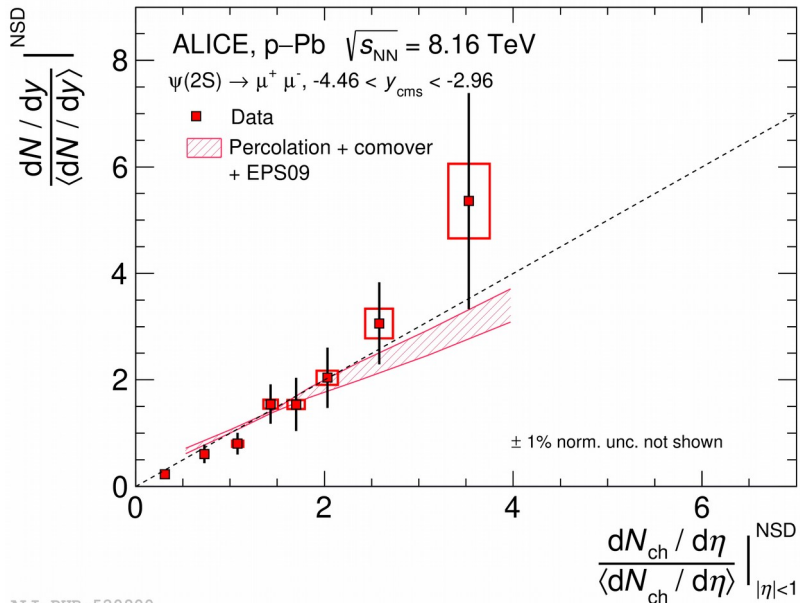


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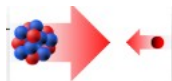
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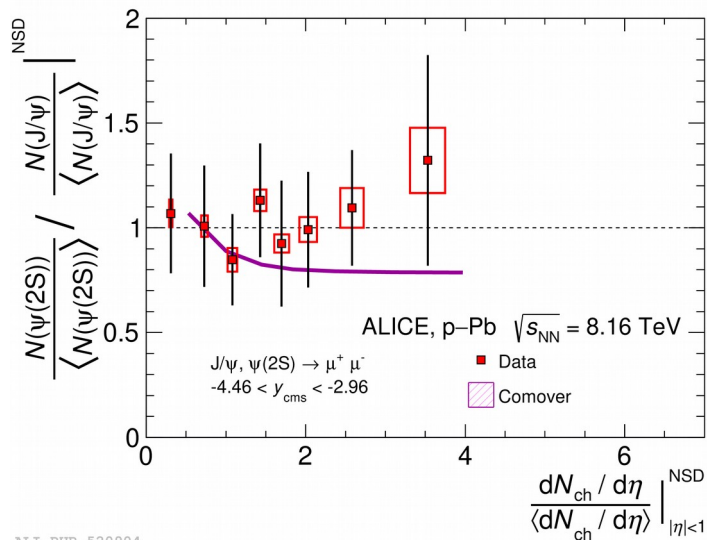
- The  $\psi(2S)$  yield increases with increasing  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  in p-Pb collisions.
- Percolation+ comovers+EPS09 calculation predicts the trend of the measurements
- Large uncertainty at forward rapidity due to EPS09 nPDF uncertainty.

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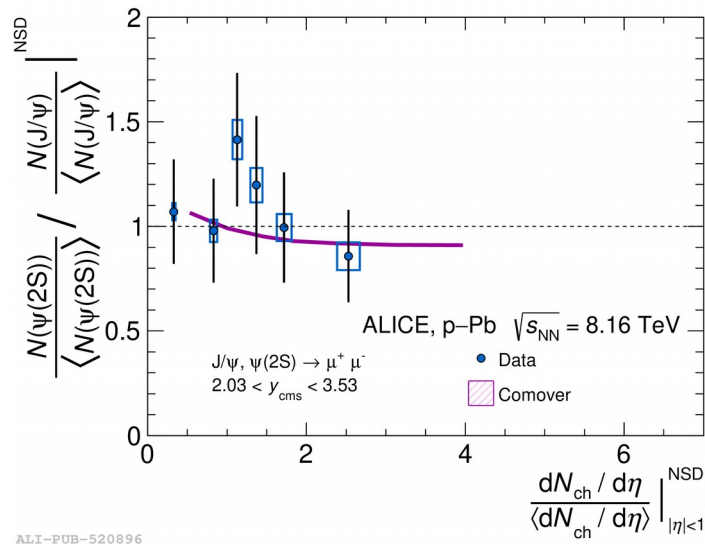


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- Similar behavior of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  vs  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  in p-Pb.
- Similar trend of the  $\psi(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi$  ratio vs multiplicity in both rapidity regions.
- The comovers calculation describes the data within statistical and systematic uncertainties.



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# Conclusions

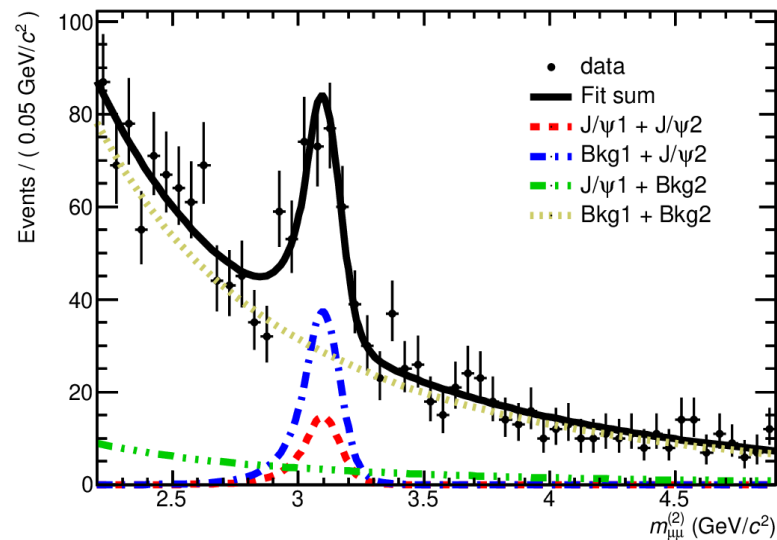
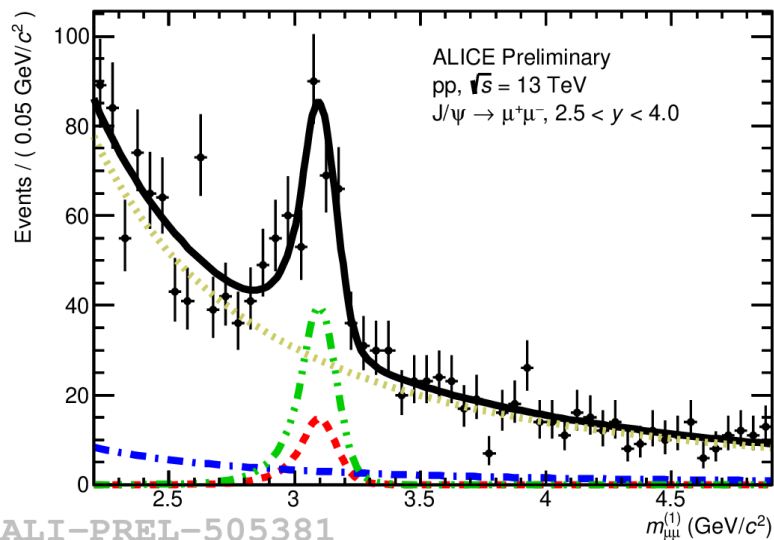
- In pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV:
  - First measurement of double- $J/\psi$  production in ALICE.
  - The behaviour of  $J/\psi$  yield at midrapidity and forward rapidity with respect to charged-particle multiplicity at midrapidity is described by models that include either initial and/or final state effects. All these models include the influences of MPI on particle production.
  - $\psi(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(1S)$  results as a function of charged-particle multiplicity can not confirm nor rule out a possible influence of final-state effects.
- In p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 8.16$  TeV:
  - $J/\psi$  yield at forward and backward rapidity as a function of charged-particle multiplicity is described by EPOS calculation, that includes both initial and final state effects.
  - $\psi(2S)$  measurements at large rapidities are not conclusive due to limited statistics.
  - More stringent tests of the models are needed to disentangle initial and final-state effects.

**LHC RUN 3 will bring constraints to MPI modeling thanks to higher statistics expected for data.**

***Thank you***

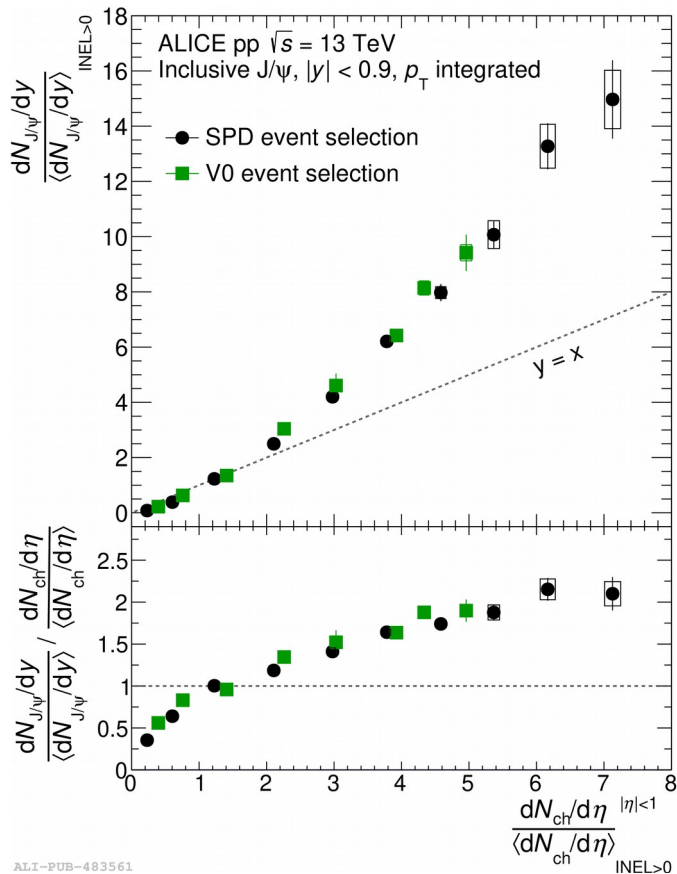
# Double $J/\psi$ production

One-dimensional projections of the two-dimensional fit of reconstructed di- $J/\psi$ .



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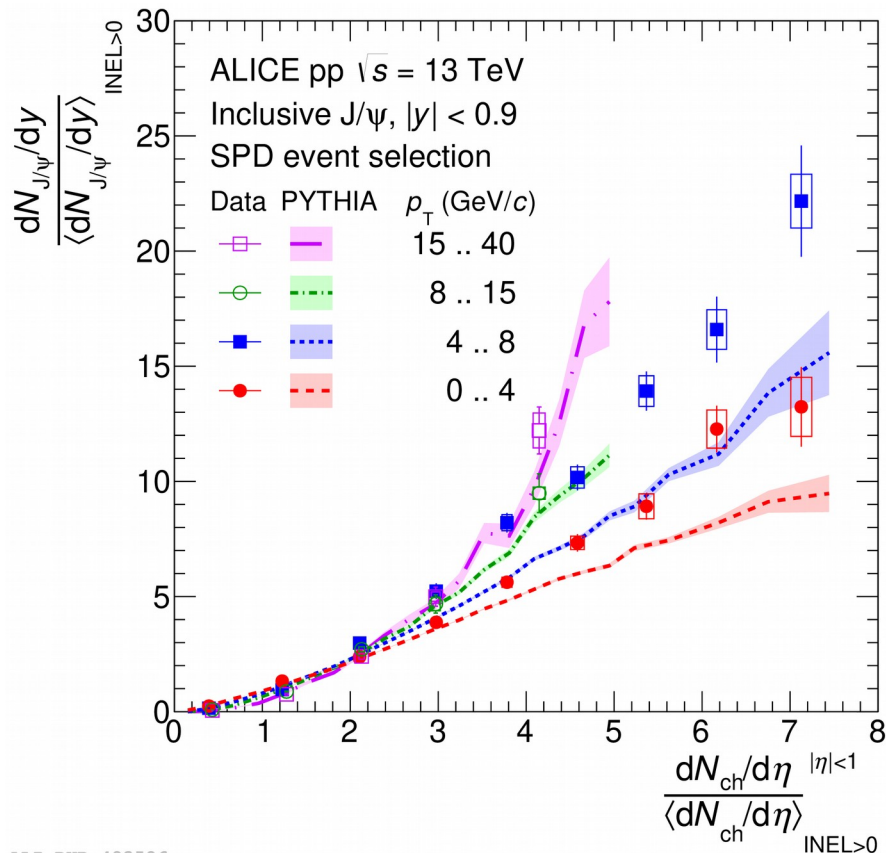
measured at midrapidity



Normalized inclusive  $J/\psi$  yield at midrapidity as a function of normalized charged-particle pseudorapidity density at midrapidity ( $|\eta| < 1$ ) with the event selection based on SPD tracklets at midrapidity and on V0 amplitude at forward rapidity in pp collisions at TeV.

# Multiplicity dependence of $J/\psi$ production

measured at midrapidity  
 $p_T$  dependence ?



Normalized inclusive  $J/\psi$  yield at midrapidity as a function of normalized charged-particle pseudorapidity density at midrapidity ( $|\eta| < 1$ ), for different  $p_T$  ranges.

PYTHIA 8.2 reproduce the data in the  $p_T > 8$  GeV/c.