

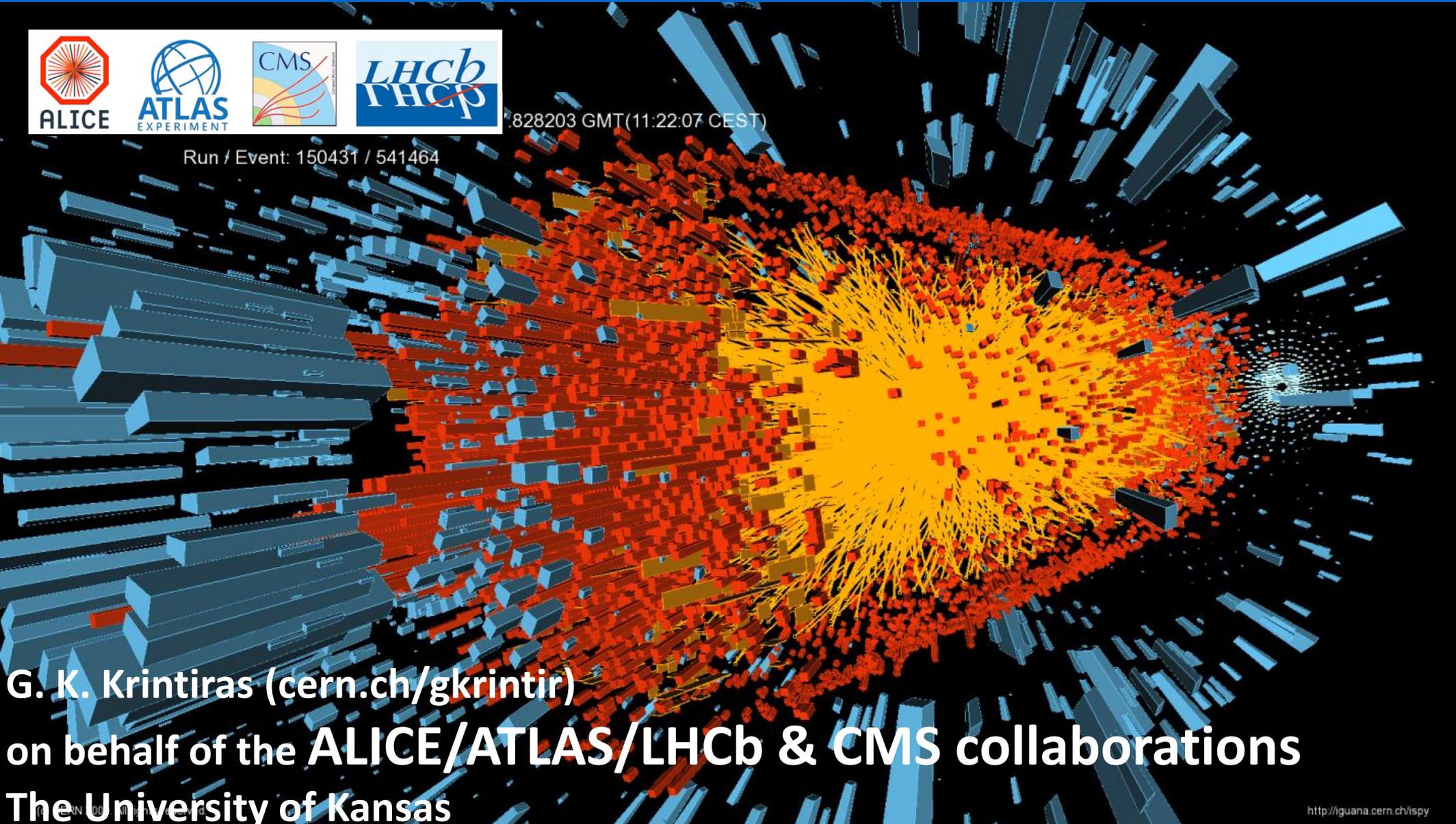
# Pinning down the **QGP** properties

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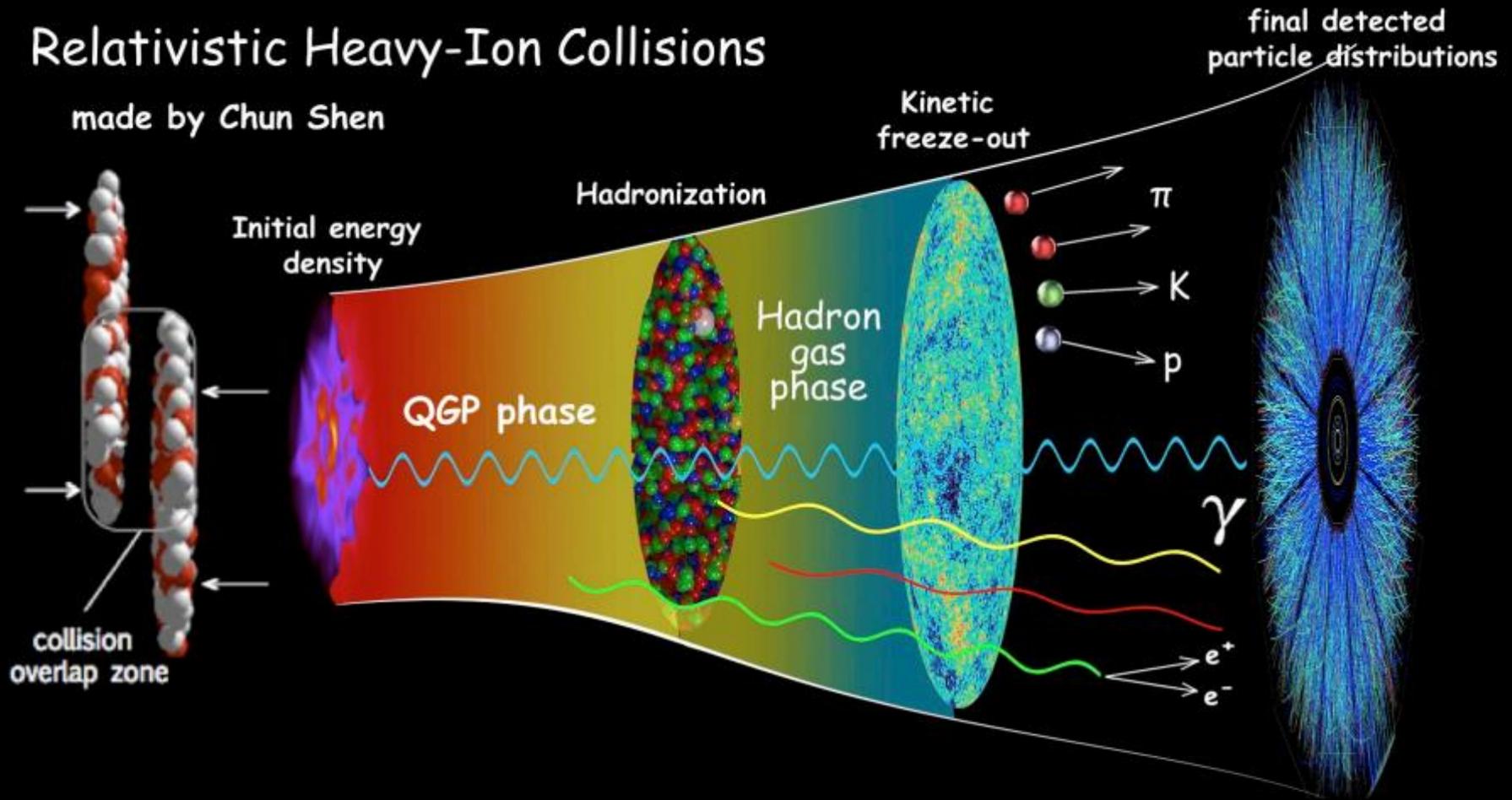
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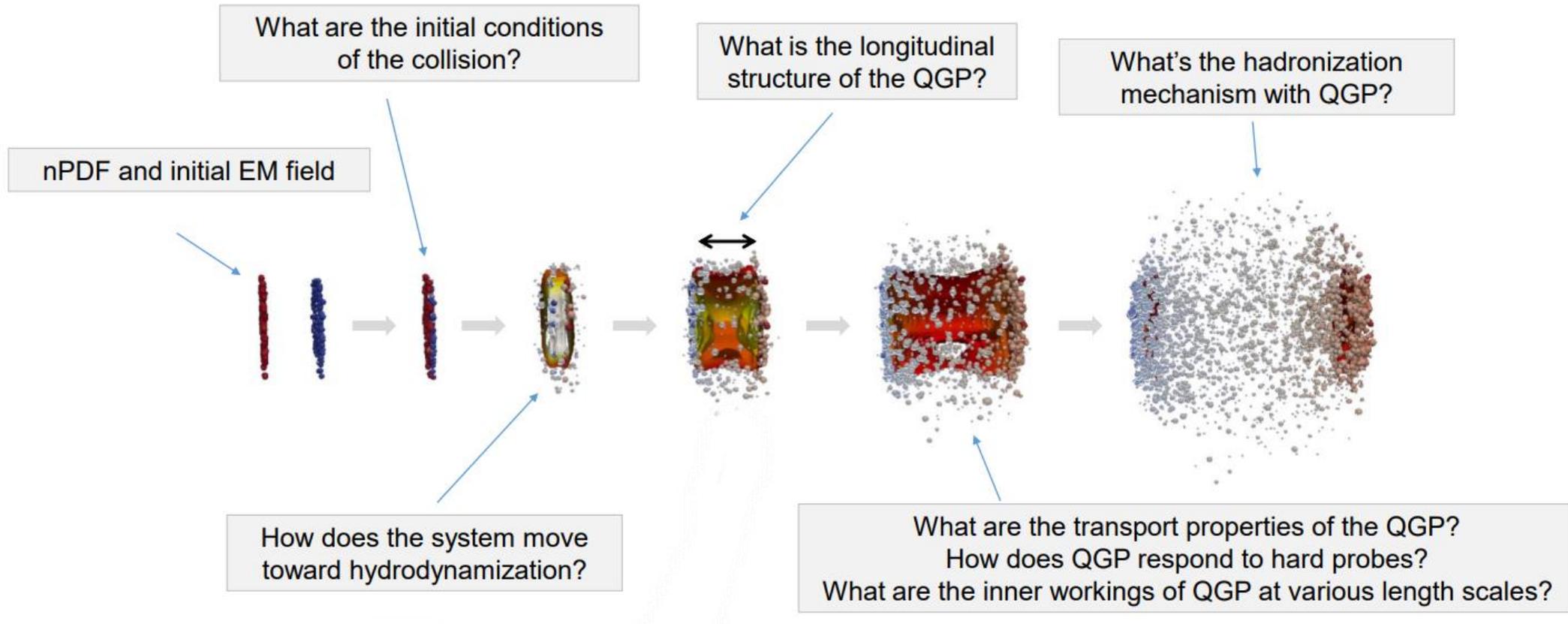
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# Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

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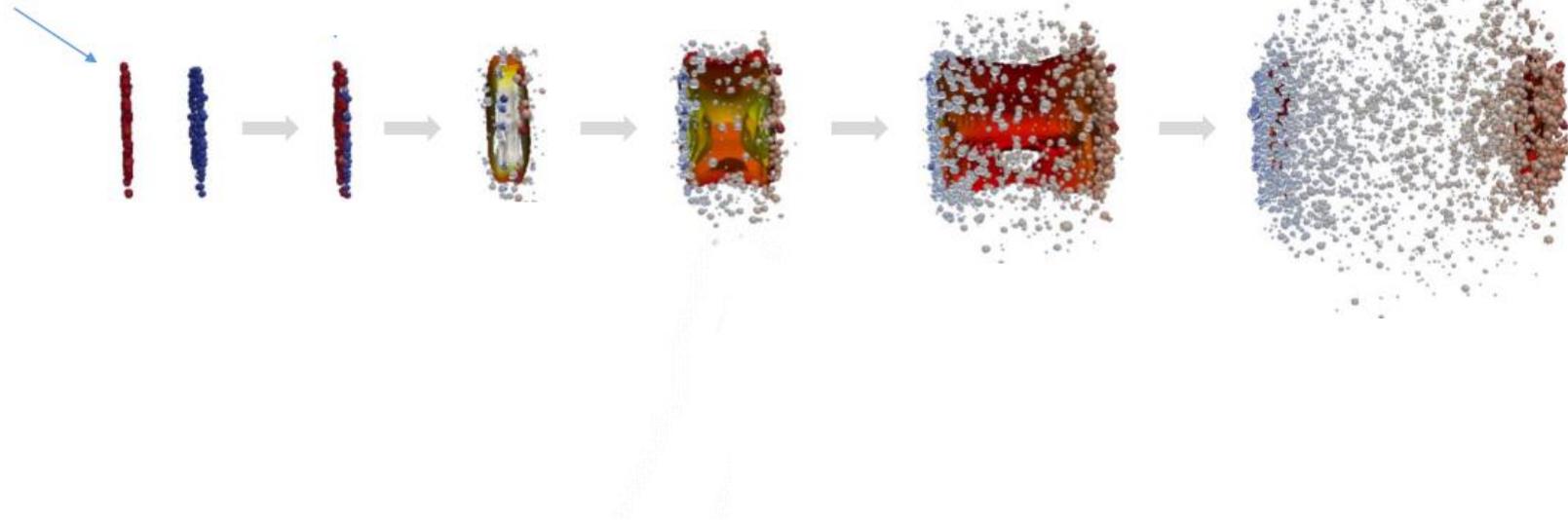


## HIC "Standard Model"



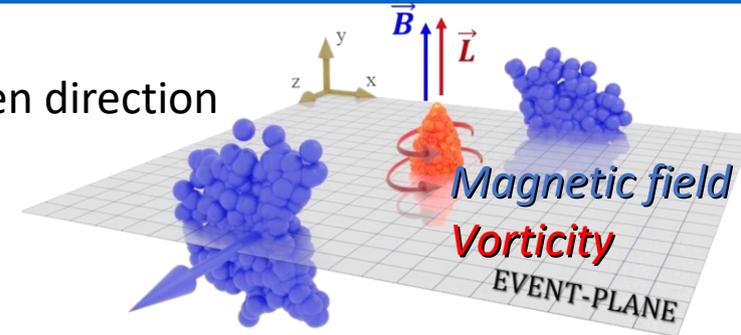
cf. Petja's talk

nPDF and initial EM field

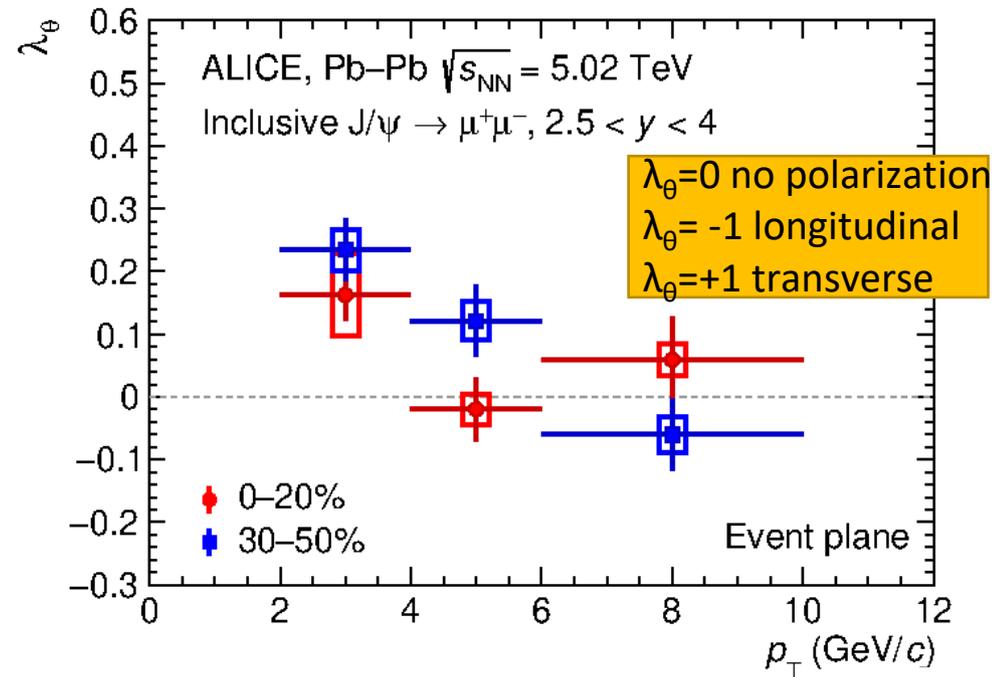
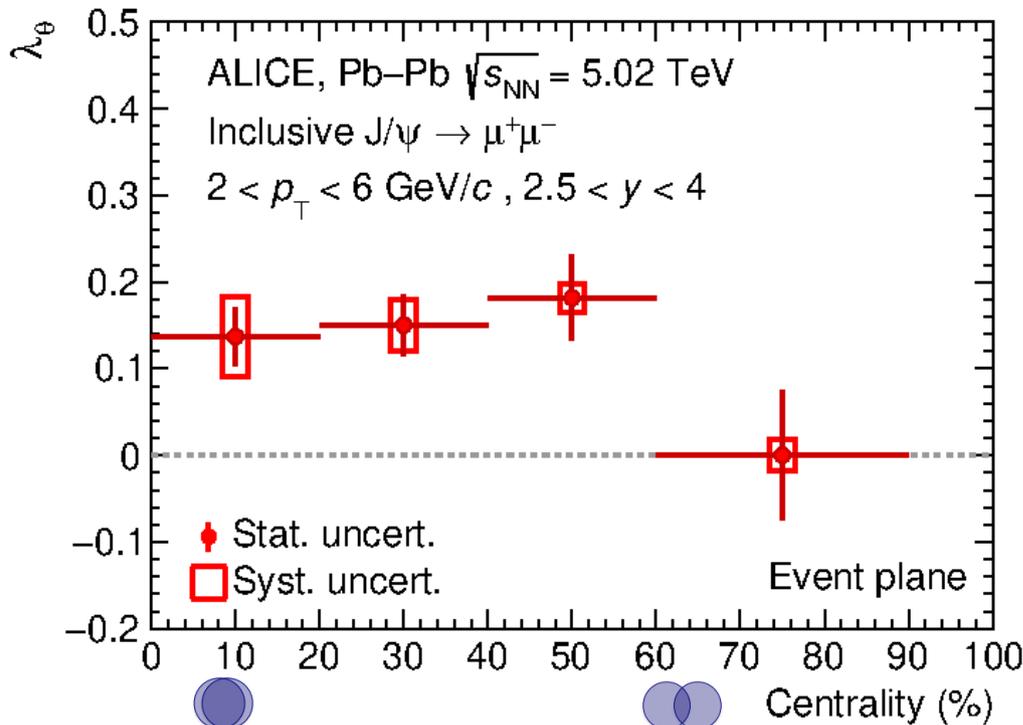


# Polarization of quarkonia in PbPb

- ▣ Polarization ( $\lambda_\theta$ ): degree to which **the spin is aligned** w.r.t. a chosen direction
- ▣ Evidence of  $\lambda_\theta > 0$  (w.r.t the event plane) for **inclusive J/ $\psi$**
- **vanishing**  $\lambda_\theta$  at larger  $p_T$
- **significant effect** up to semicentral events



arXiv: 2204.10171

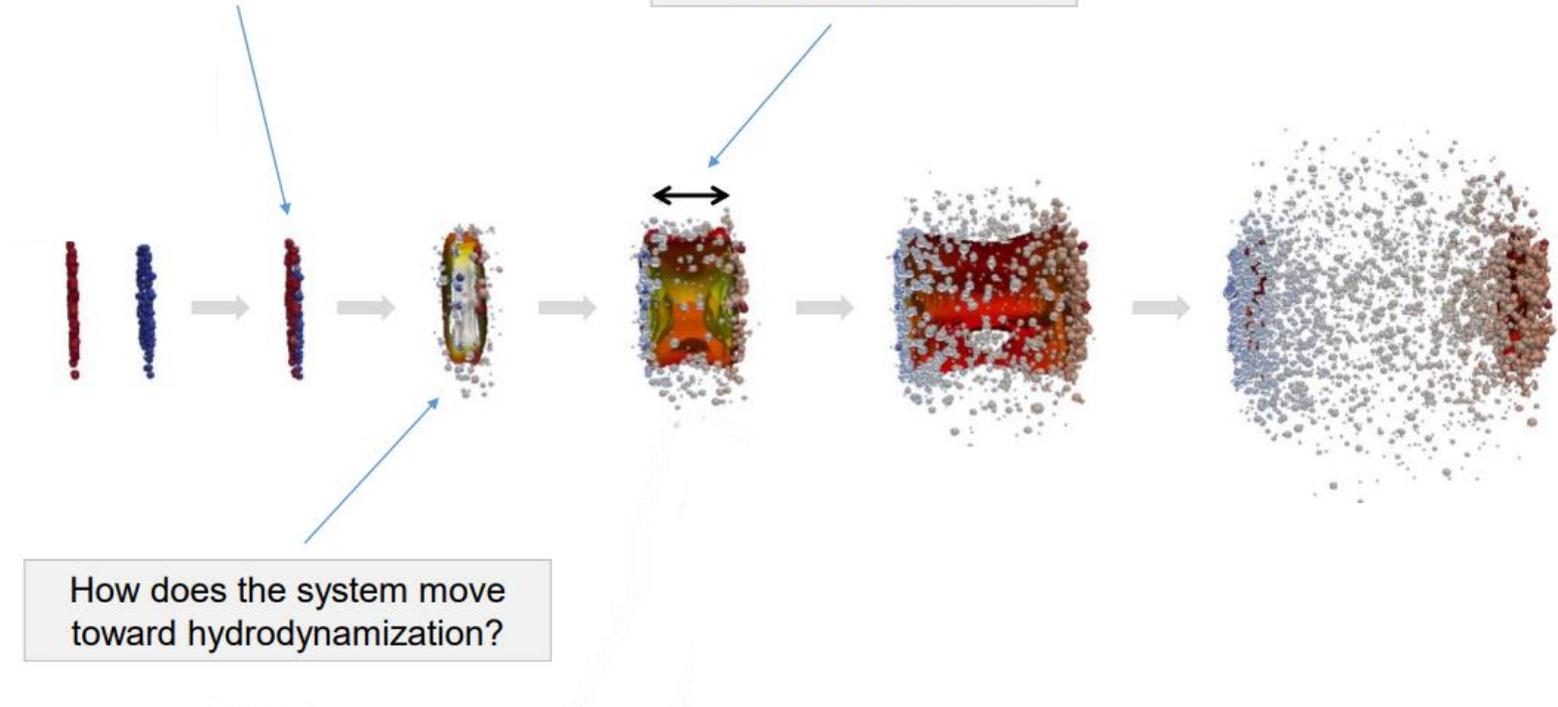


Sensitive to huge magnetic field and properties of a rotating fluid

What are the initial conditions of the collision?

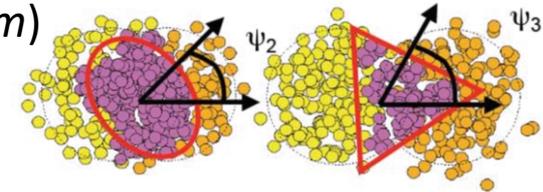
What is the longitudinal structure of the QGP?

How does the system move toward hydrodynamization?



# Investigating the initial stages with flow (de)correlations

Multi-harmonic “cross talk”, e.g., higher order symmetric cumulants  $SC(k, l, m)$



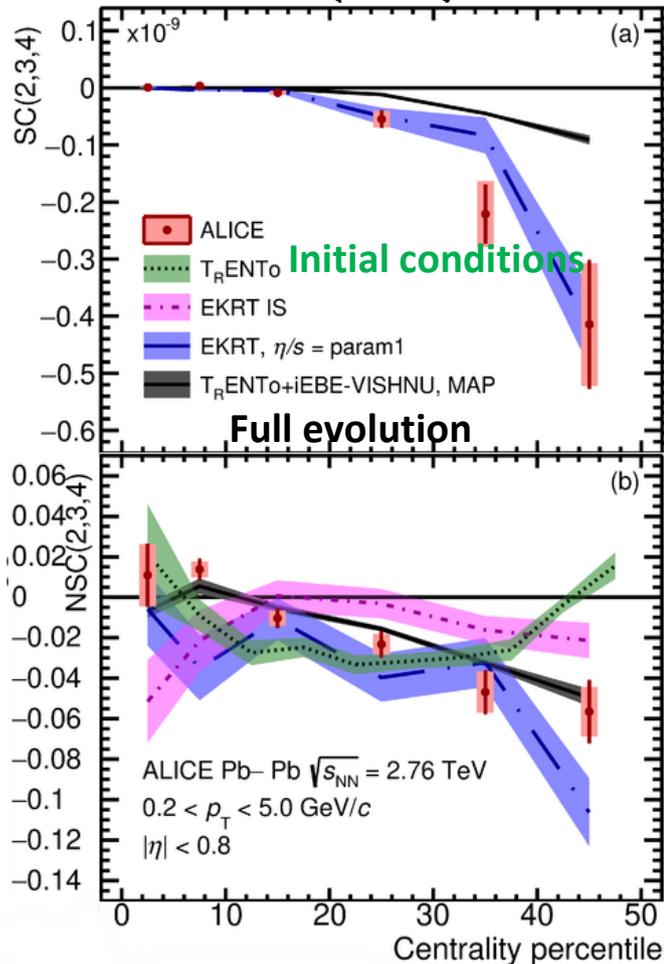
sensitive to disentangling effects from the initial state vs QGP evolution

Flow decorrelation: rapidity dependence of the factorization breaking

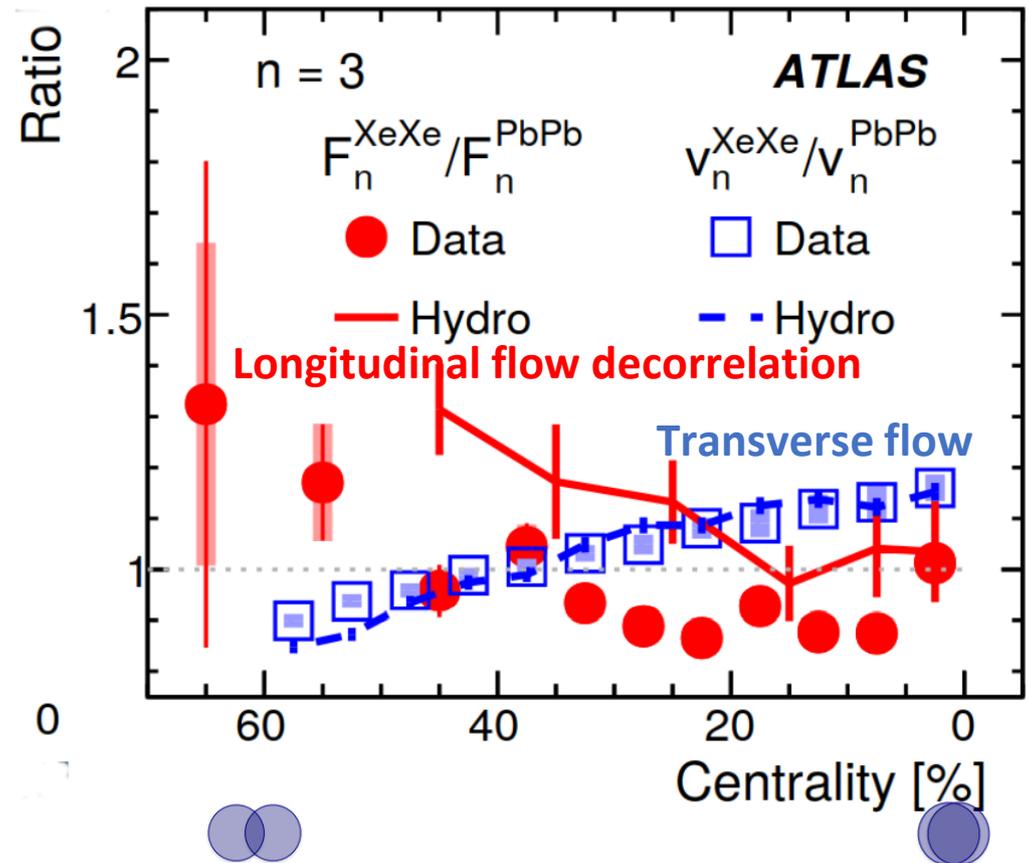
input to 3D modeling of initial conditions and QGP

cf. Fabio's talk

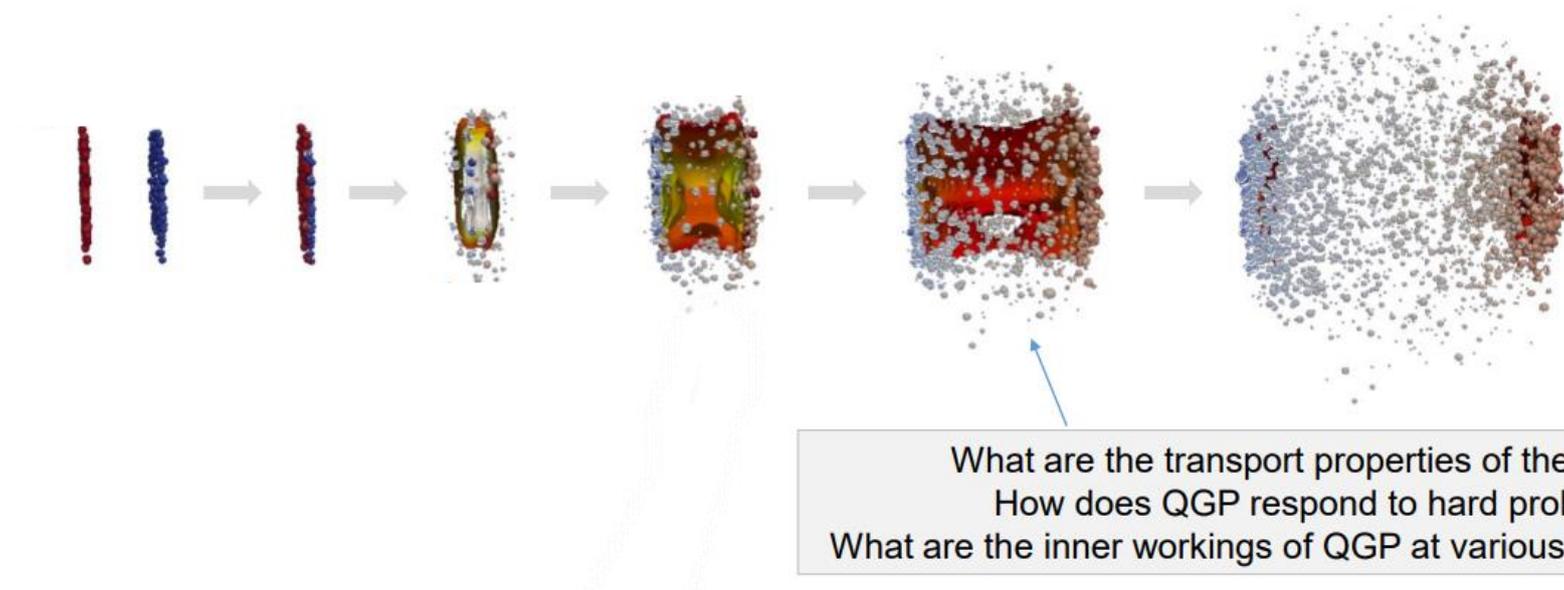
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Understanding initial conditions and early-time effects vital for modeling



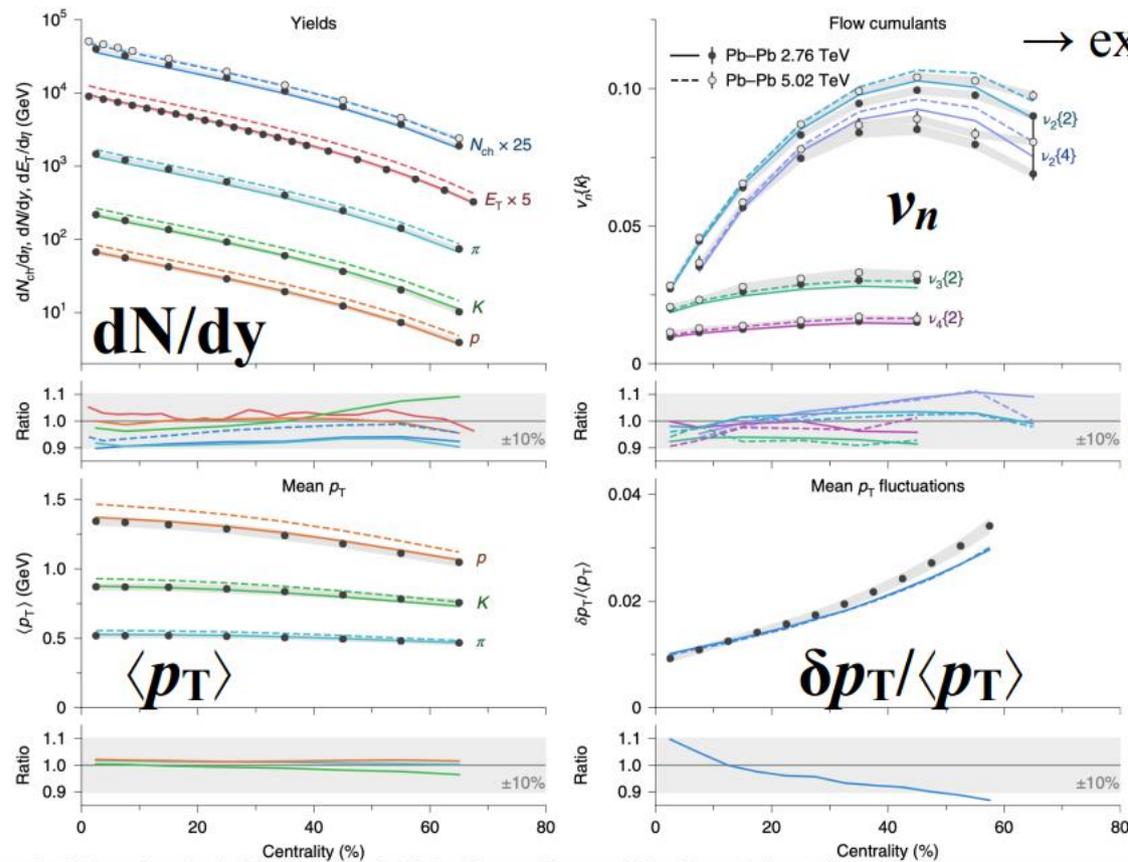
What are the transport properties of the QGP?  
How does QGP respond to hard probes?  
What are the inner workings of QGP at various length scales?

# Extracting QGP thermodynamic properties

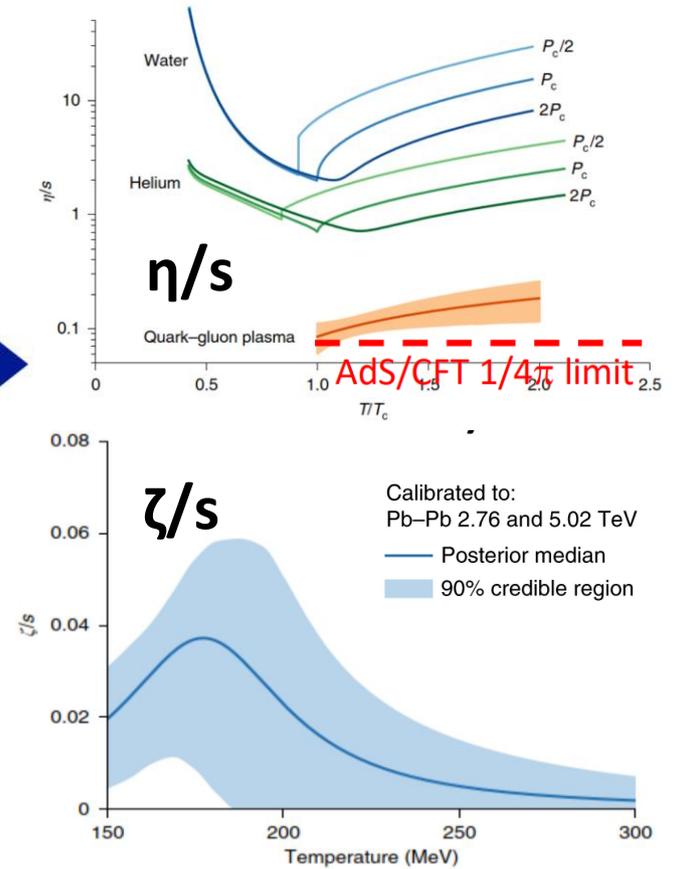
Soft particle production and kinematics give us information about QGP and its evolution

viscosities  $\eta/s$  and  $\zeta/s$  control dissipation of energy-momentum perturbations

cf. Siyu's talk



→ extract shear and bulk viscosity  $\eta/s(T), \zeta/s(T)$

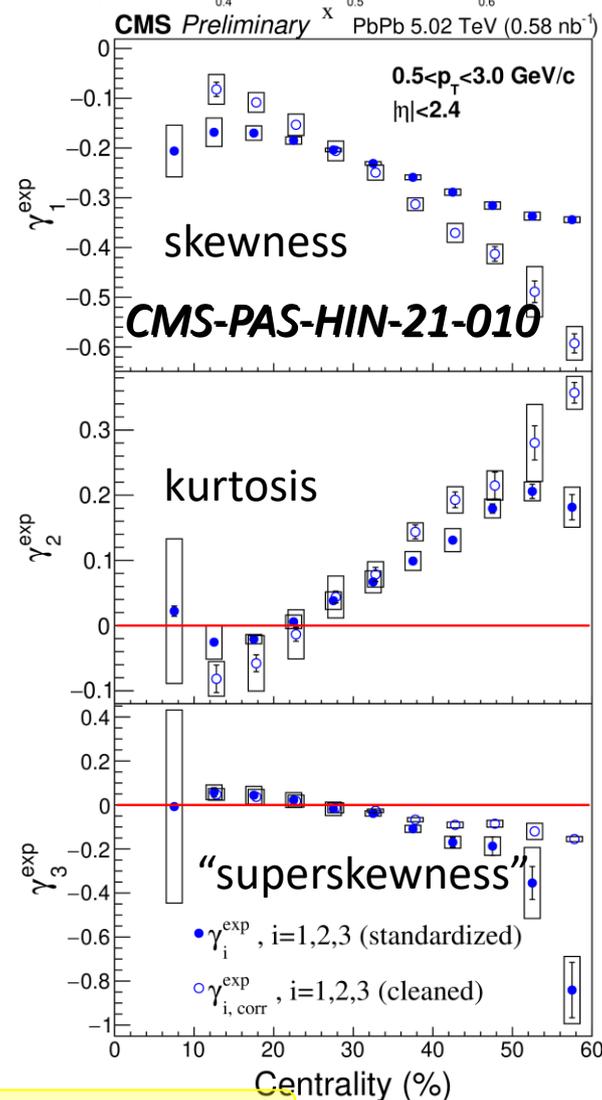
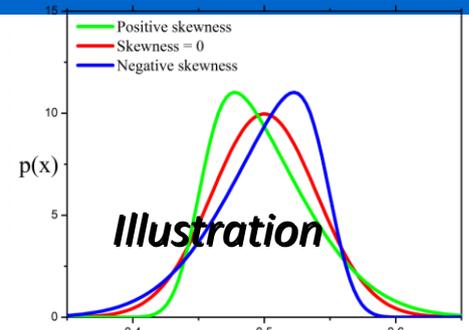


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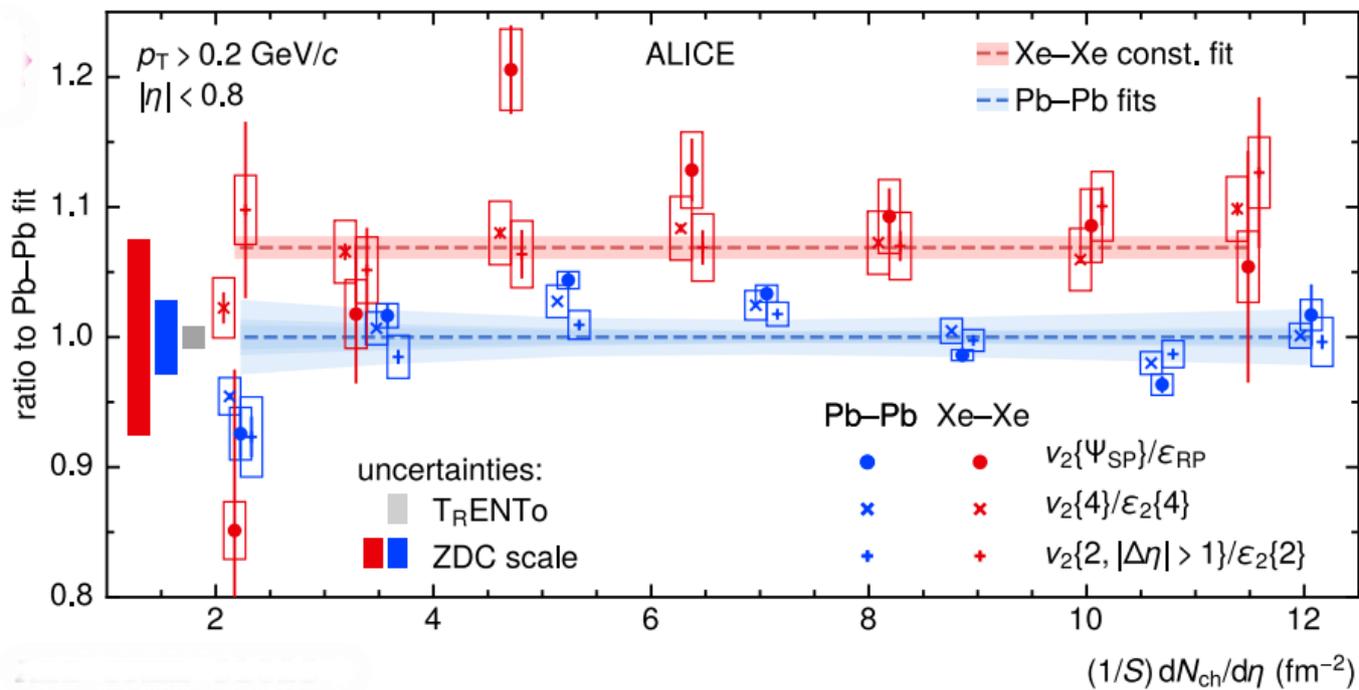
Data from LHC (ALICE and CMS)

$\eta/s$  near to AdS/CFT threshold: almost perfect fluid!

- ▣ Ideal fluid evolution  $v_2 \propto k \epsilon_2$  ( $k \equiv$  hydrodynamic response of QGP)
- system size dependence of  $v_2/\epsilon_2$  sensitive to  $\eta/s$
- ▣ subtle differences in  $v_2\{2k\}(k \leq 5) \rightarrow$  fluctuation-driven moments of  $v_2$
- constraints on hydro predictions of the QGP evolution



arXiv:2204.10240

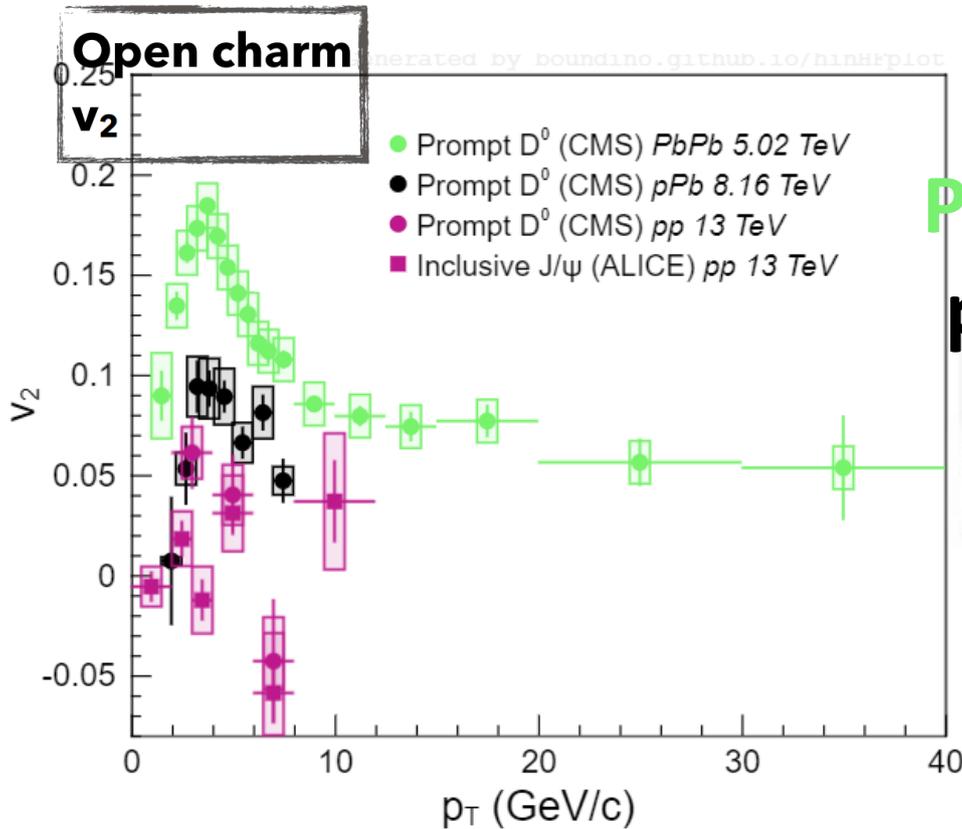
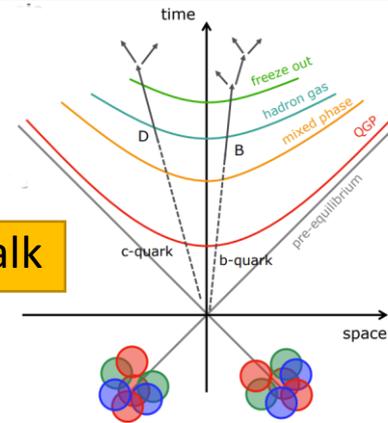


Resolving  $v_2$  event-by-event fluctuations with unprecedented precision

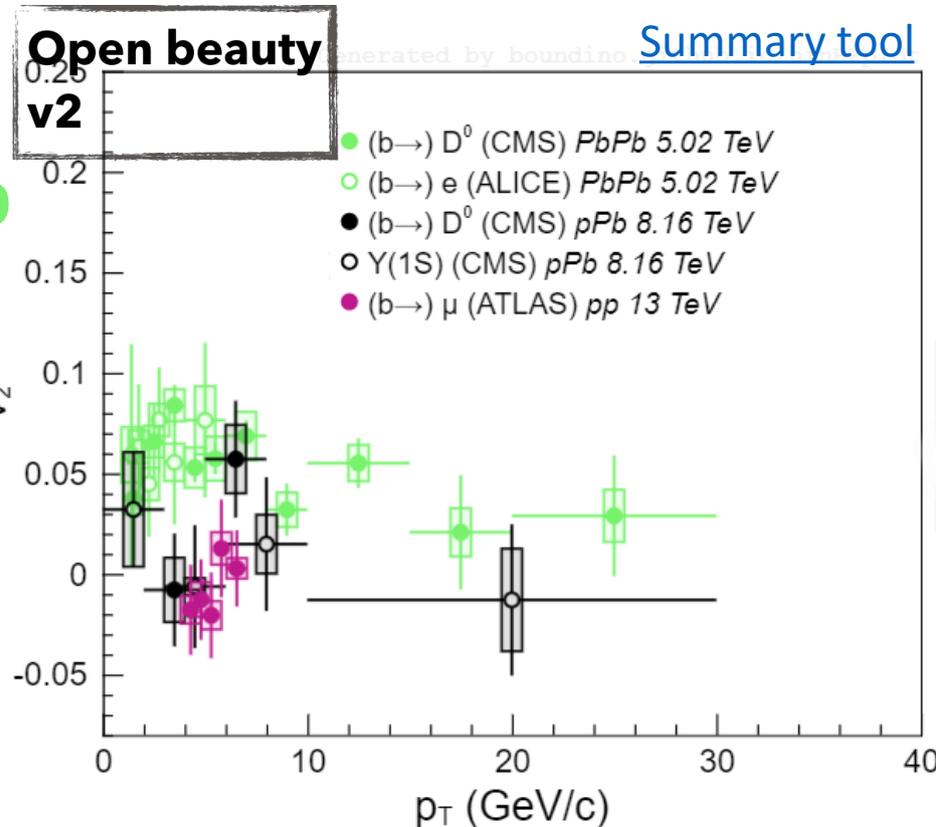
# Comparing heavy flavor particle flow in all systems

- There is charm anisotropy... everywhere
- apparent ordering:  $v_2(\text{PbPb}) > v_2(\text{pPb}) > v_2(\text{pp})$
- so **system size** should play a role?
- For open bottom hadrons:  $v_2(\text{PbPb}) > 0$  but  $v_2(\text{pPb}) \sim v_2(\text{pp}) \sim 0$
- do we hit some **threshold** between charm and beauty processes?

cf. Milan's talk



PbPb  
pPb  
pp



Summary tool

▶ PLB 816 (2021) 136253 ▶ PRL 121 (2018) 082301   
▶ PLB 813 (2021) 136036 ▶ ALICE Preliminary

▶ CMS-PAS-HIN-21-003 ▶ PRL 126 (2021) 162001   
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▶ PRL 124 (2020) 082301

Novel input to the description of heavy-quark transport and energy loss

# Measuring jet quenching (I)

Energy of partons is redistributed ('quenched') inside QGP

Experimentally seen as  $R_{AA}$  modifications of jets (or hadrons)

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{Pb-Pb}}{\text{scaled } \otimes \text{pp}}$$

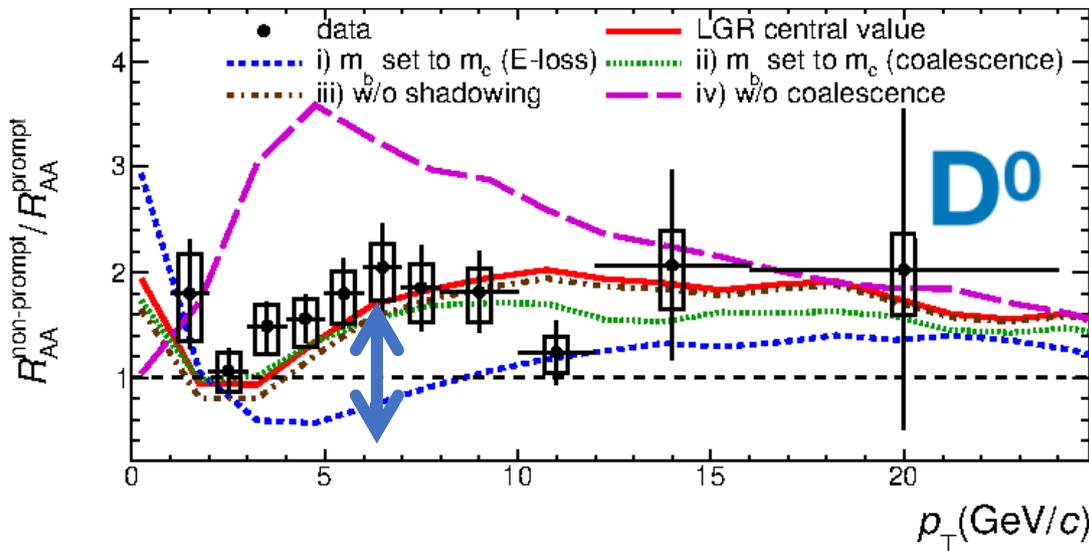
Evidence of mass dependence

nonprompt  $D^0 >$  prompt  $D^0$   $R_{AA}$

b jets less suppressed than inclusive jets

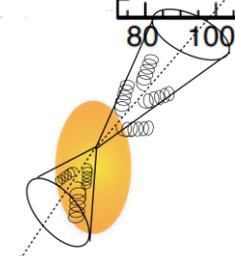
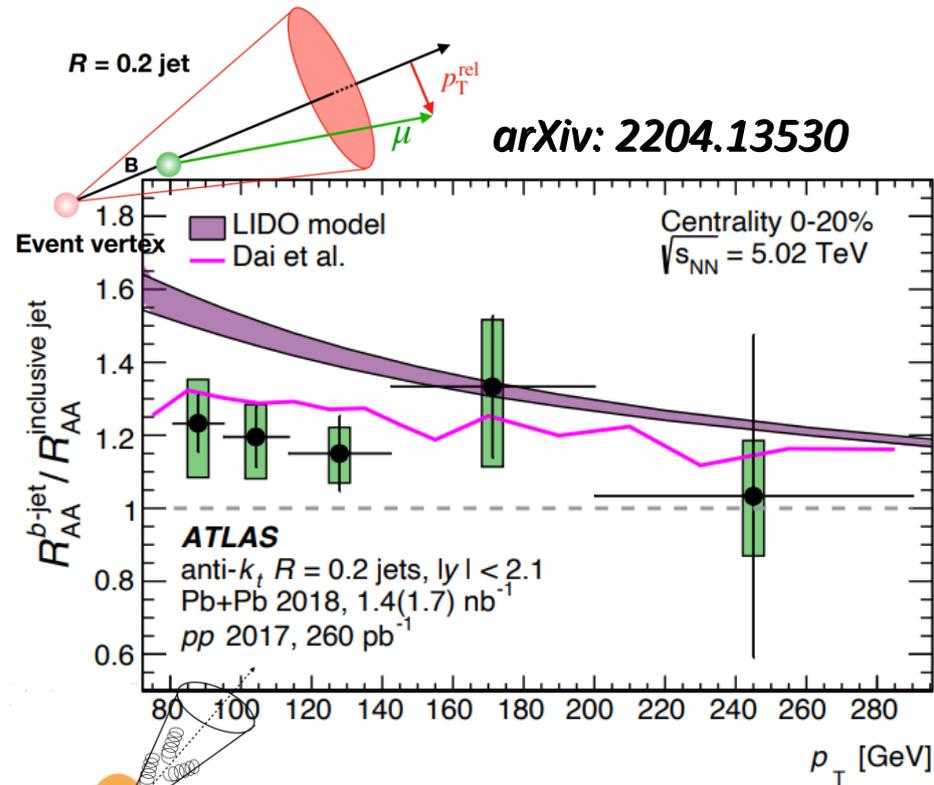
cf. Andre's & Yaxian's talks

arXiv: 2202.00815



$m_b \rightarrow m_c$ : ratio of  $R_{AA}^{\text{pred}} < R_{AA}^{\text{meas}}$

arXiv: 2204.13530



$$R_{AA}^{b\text{-jet}} > R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}}$$

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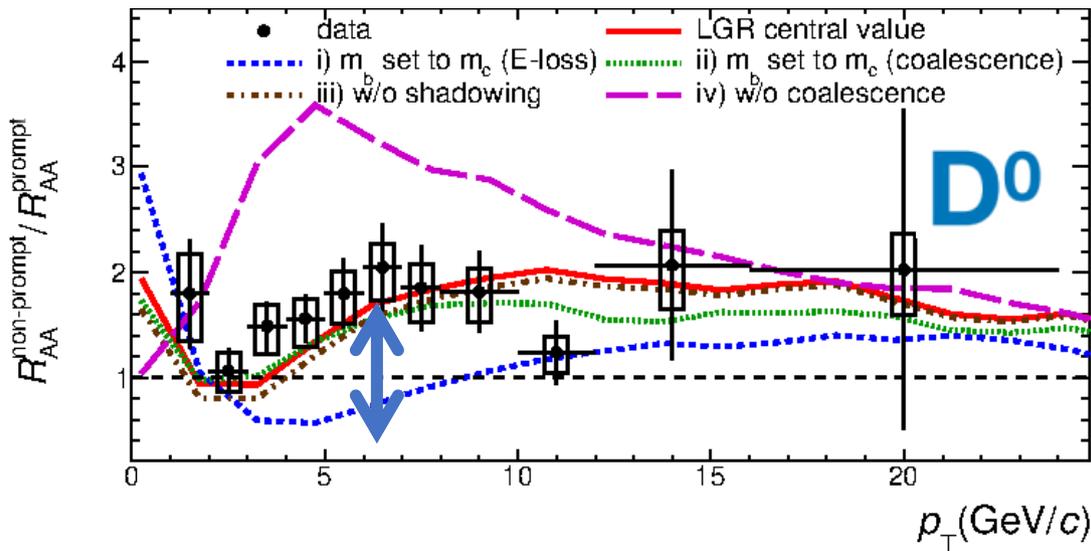
☑ Evidence of mass and color-charge dependence

●  $\gamma$ -tagged (i.e., quark-initiated) jets **less suppressed** than inclusive jets

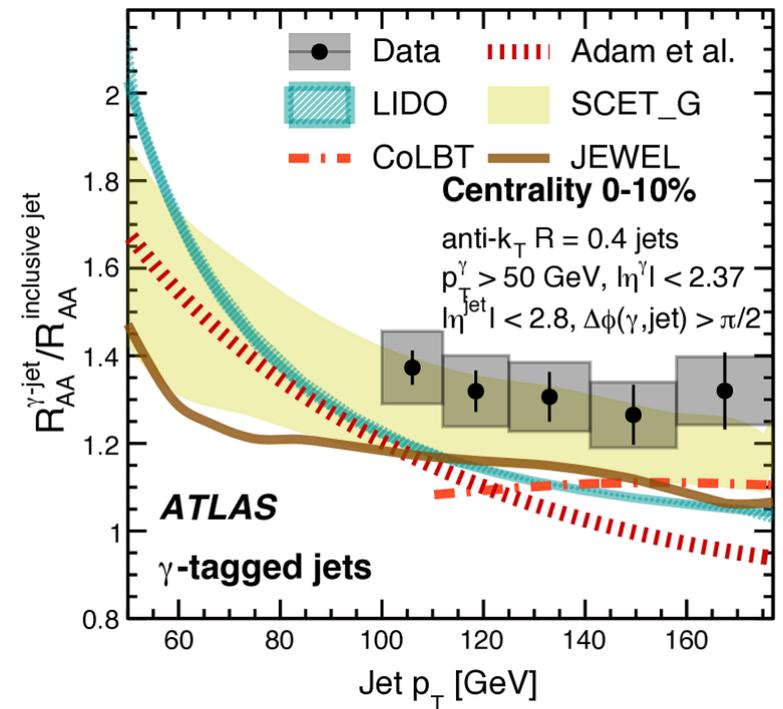
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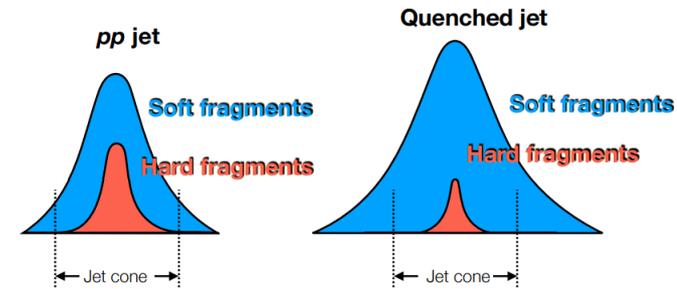
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Parton mass and color-charge dependence play a major role in energy loss

# How energy loss is distributed?

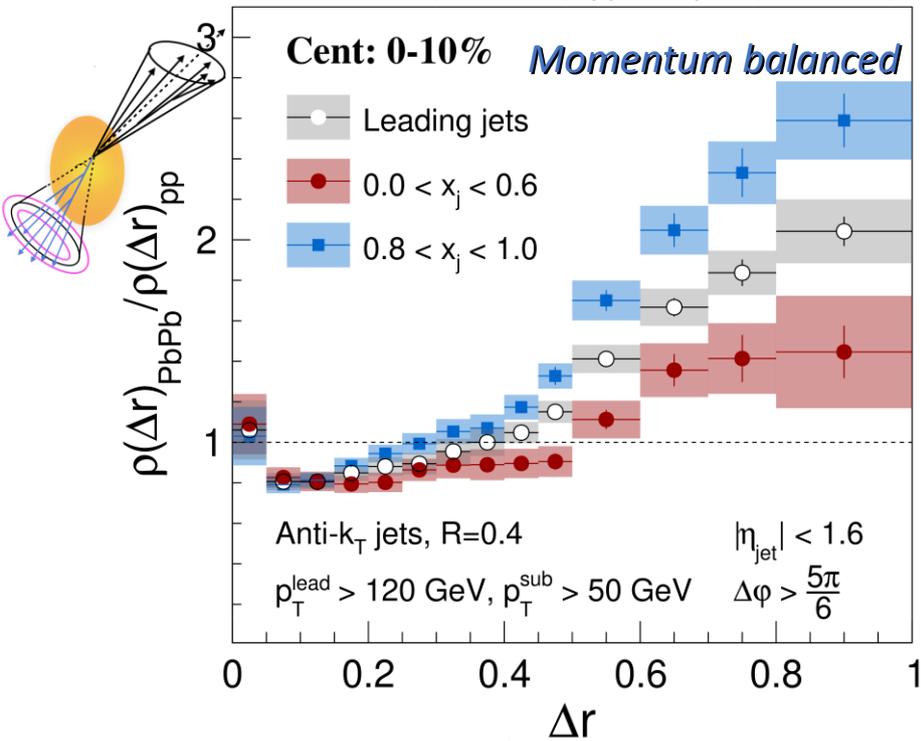
- Jet shape: radial profile of particles in jets
- energy outside jet cone is mostly **low energy** particles
- energy is transferred by soft particles **at large angles**



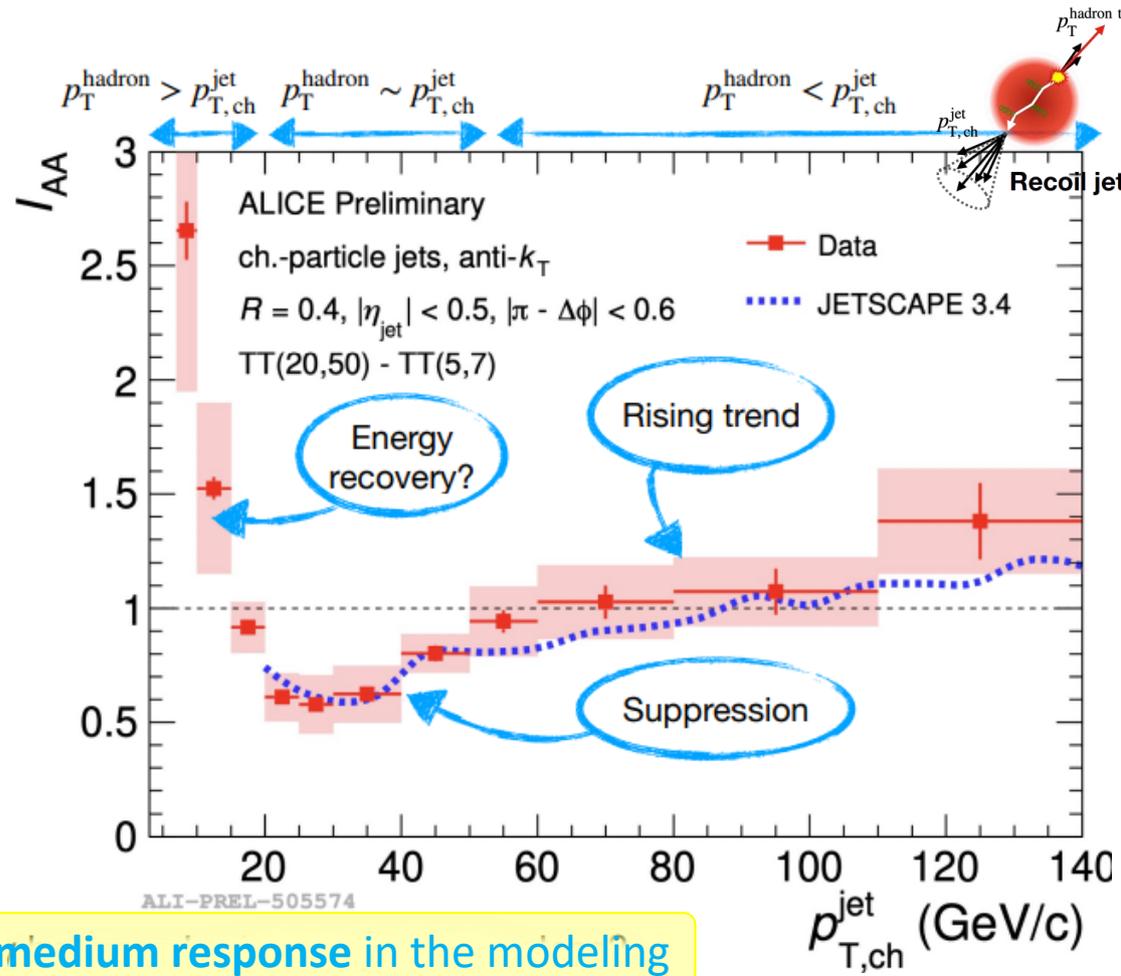
- $I_{AA}$ : check the behavior of associated particles (jets, Z bosons, ..)
- suppression (recovery)** of high (low) momentum associated yield

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PbPb 1.7 nb<sup>-1</sup> (5.02 TeV) pp 320 pb<sup>-1</sup> (5.02 TeV)



$$\rho(\Delta r) = \frac{1}{\delta r} \frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{\sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{\text{tracks} \in (\Delta r_a, \Delta r_b)} p_T^{\text{ch}}}{\sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{\text{tracks} \in \Delta r \leq 1} p_T^{\text{ch}}}$$



Important to include medium response in the modeling

# Explore energy loss and QGP expansion at the same time (I) 15

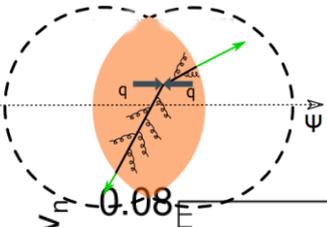
➤ Measure the rate of jets wrt. collision geometry: varies the amount of QGP that the jet sees

● jet  $v_n$  show the **path length dependence** of jet quenching

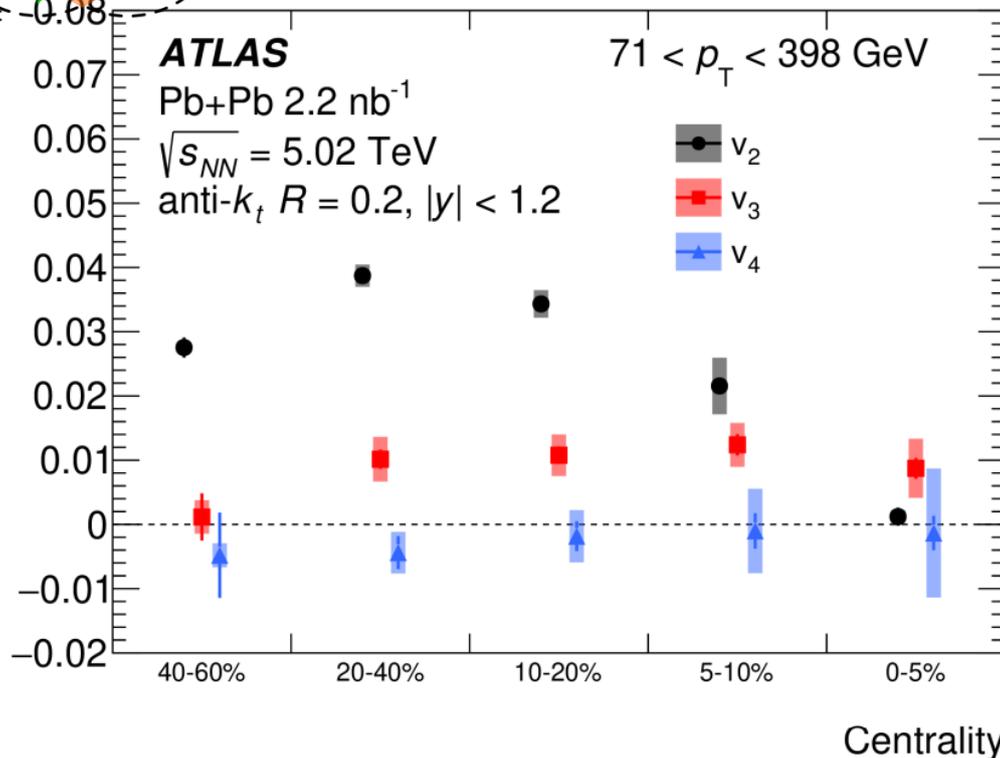
● jet  $v_3 > 0$  sensitive to the fluctuations in the initial state

➤ **Simultaneous measurement** of  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  for charm and bottom

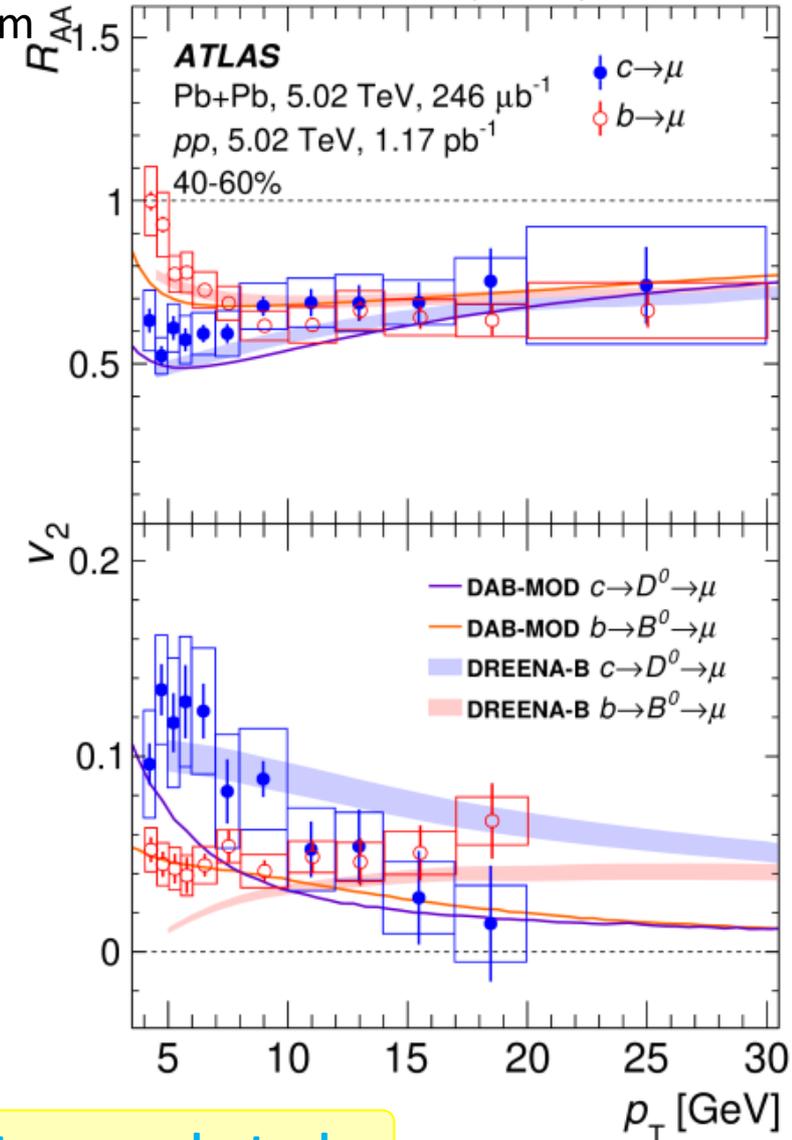
● **mass splitting** at low  $p_T$  but converge at high  $p_T$  ( $\gg m_b$ )



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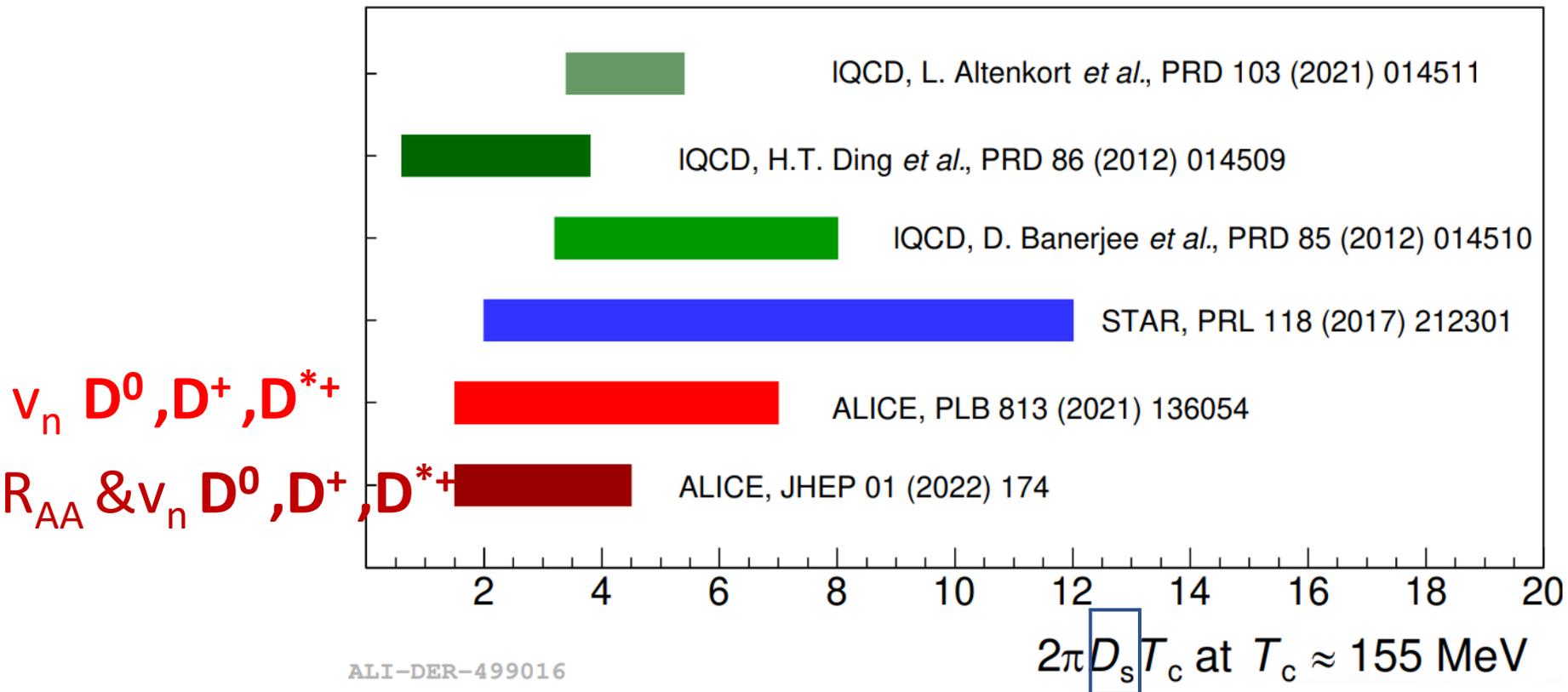


High- $p_T$  probes to become powerful tomography tools

# Explore energy loss and QGP expansion at the same time (II) 16

▣ **Constraining** the spatial diffusion coefficient via data-to-model comparisons

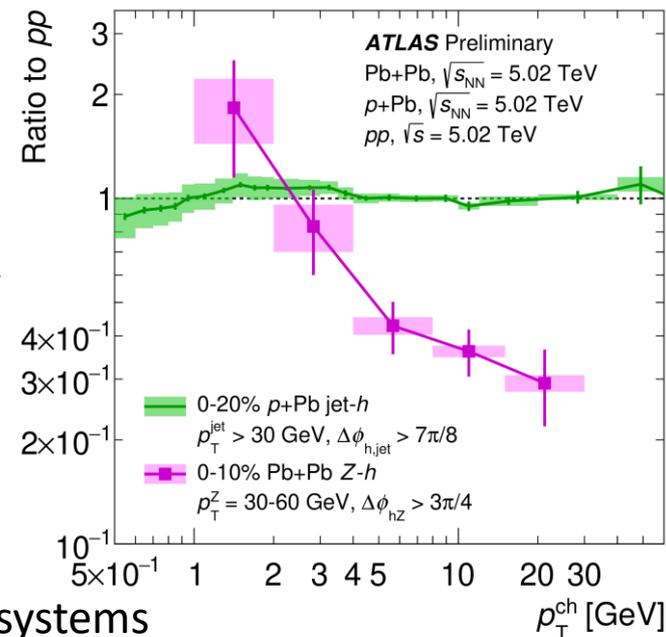
- different transport models for energy loss and hadronization ( $T > T_c$ ) mechanisms
- simultaneous description of  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2 \rightarrow 1.5 < 2\pi D_s T_c < 4.5$  (current best limit at LHC)
- **in agreement** with  $D_s$  from other  $v_2$  measurements and the ones used to describe  $c, b \rightarrow \mu$



First constraints on the spatial diffusion coefficient at LHC

# Repeating the same procedure in pPb **fails?**

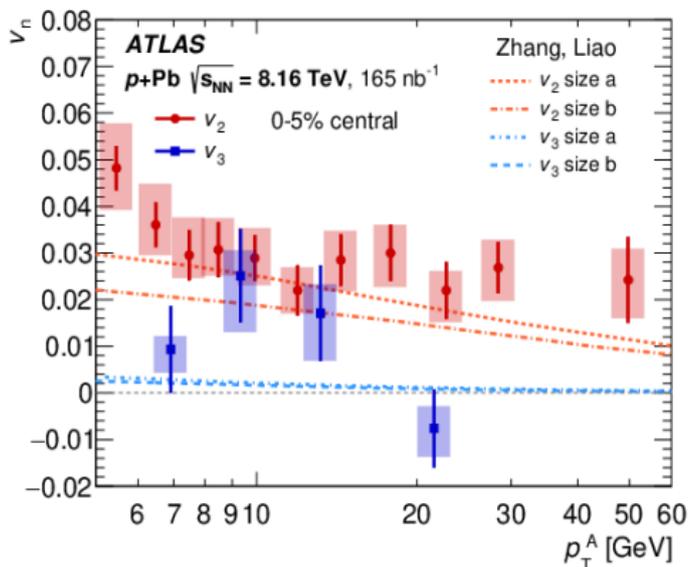
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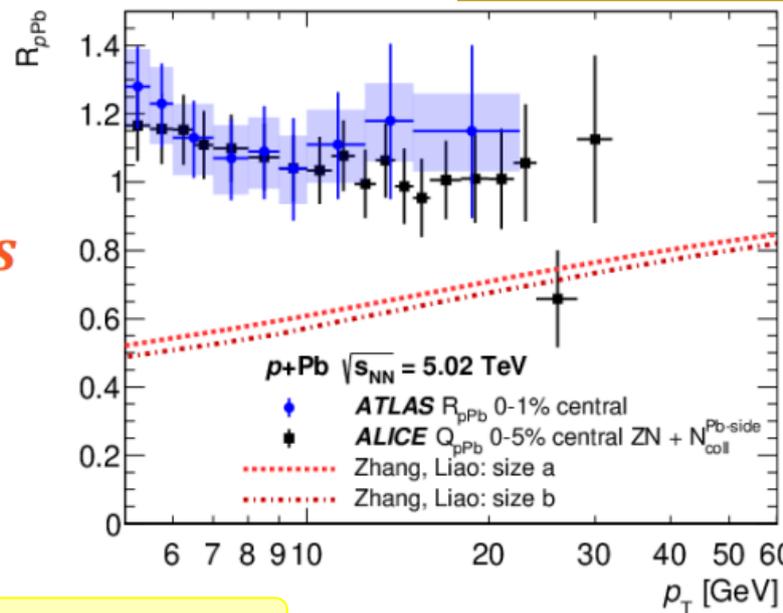
- Positive  $v_n$  seen in pPb up to high  $p_T$
- reproduced by jet quenching model
- No suppression observed in pPb
- contrary to the prediction from the very same model
- supported by **no modifications** of hadron yields in central pPb
- Use smaller systems (e.g.,  $\gamma A$ ) or lighter ions
- Does RAA simply scale with initial ‘geometry’?
- OO collisions could provide **key guidance** for jet quenching in lighter systems

cf. Katerina's & Aleksas's talks

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Negligible Energy Loss



Significant Elliptic Flow

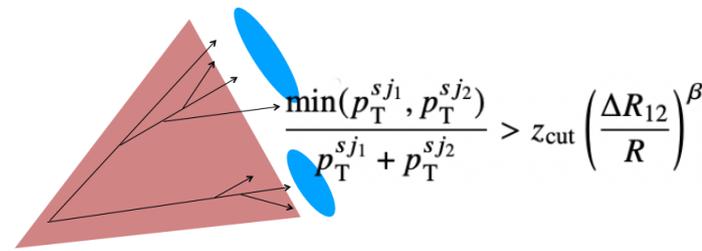
Pinning down the energy loss limit in pPb collisions

# Can the QCD medium resolve the jet **internal structure**?

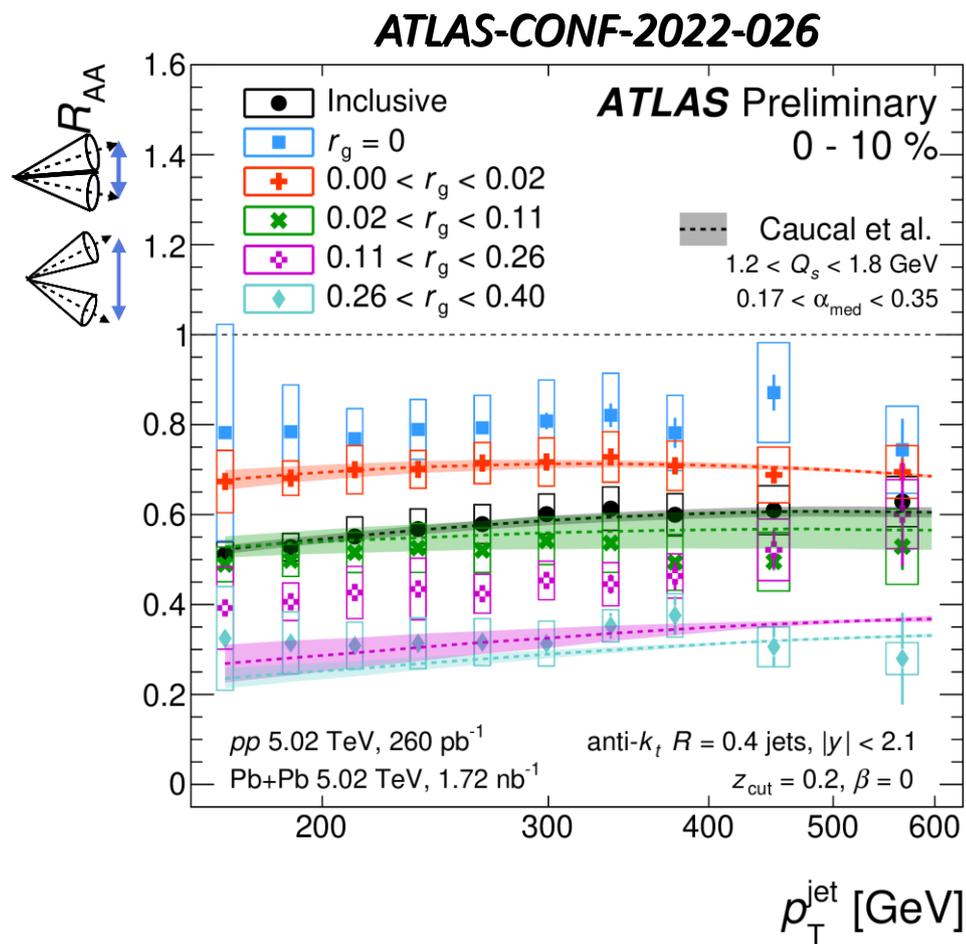
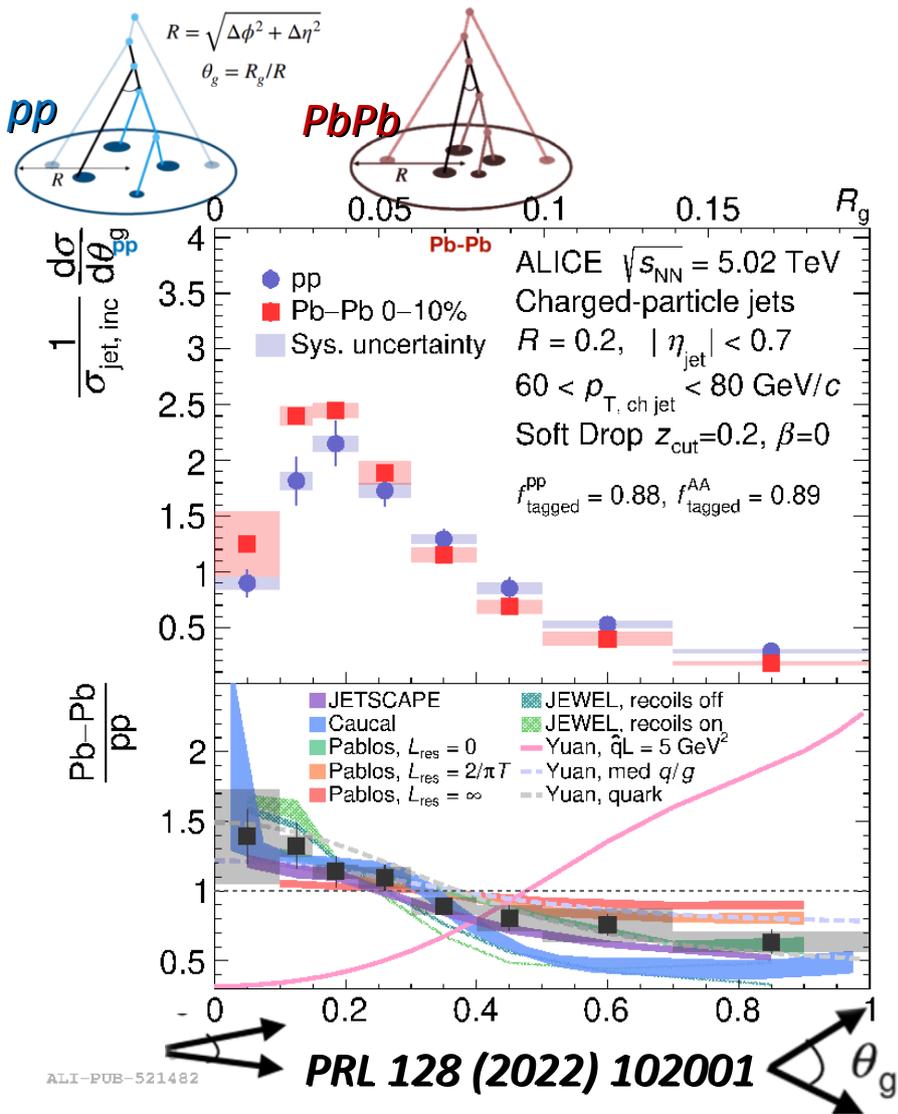
➤ A series of variables probe different aspects of jet substructure

●  $\theta_g$ : jet core **more collimated** in PbPb than pp

➤ A critical angle ( $r_g$ ) above which jets lose energy incoherently?



cf. Martin's talk

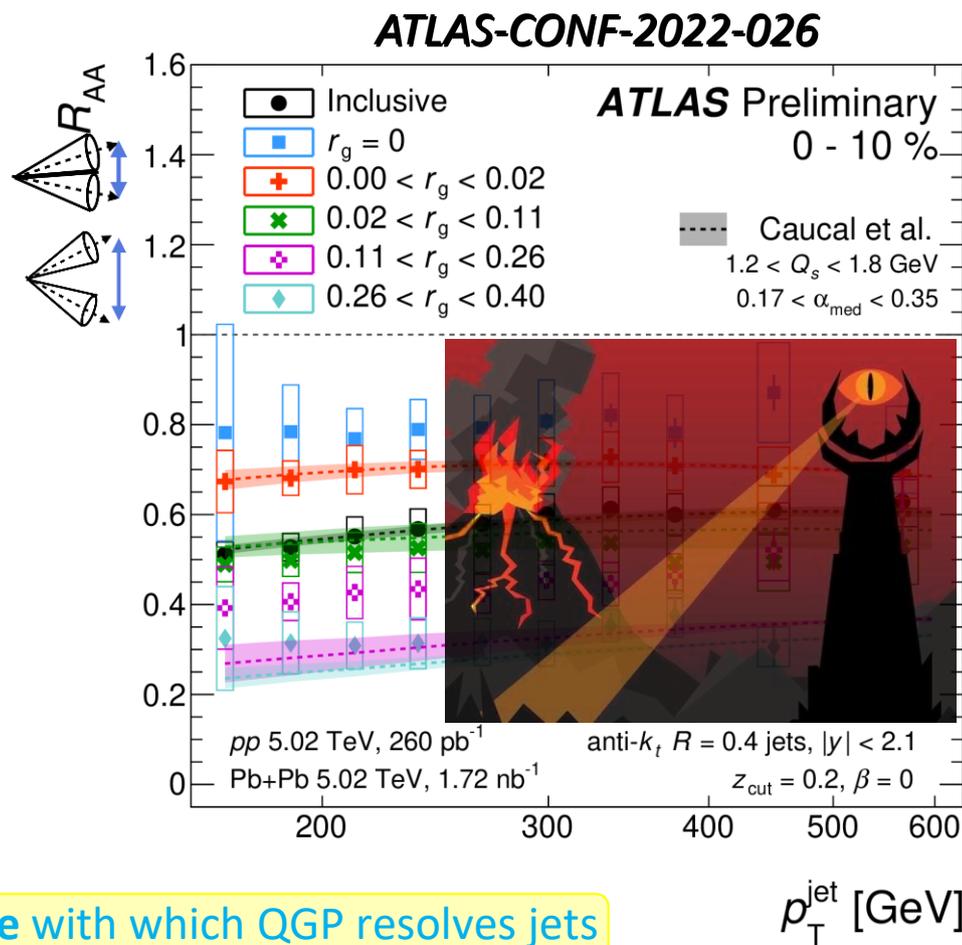
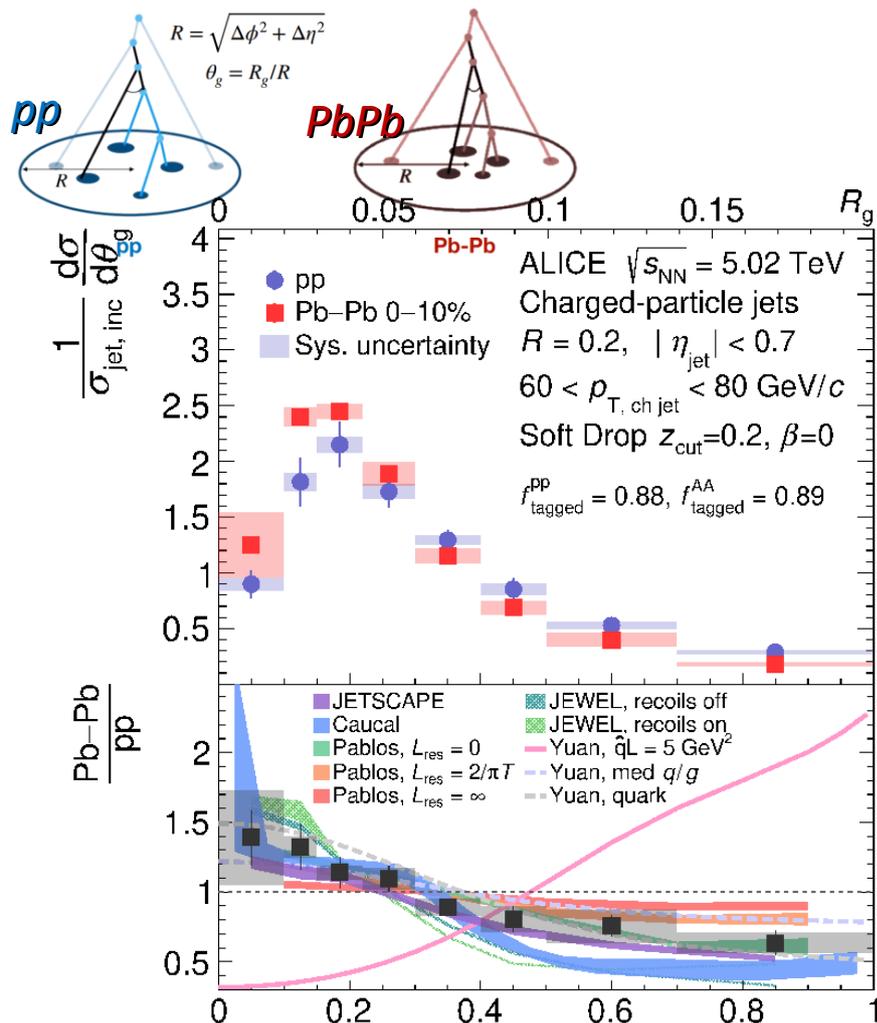
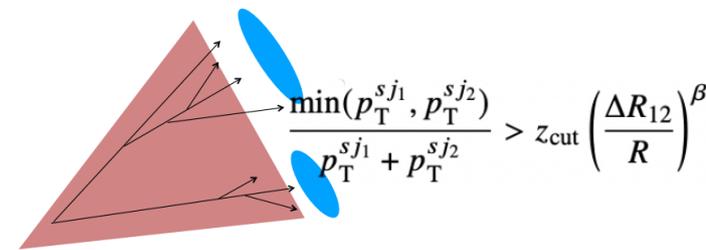


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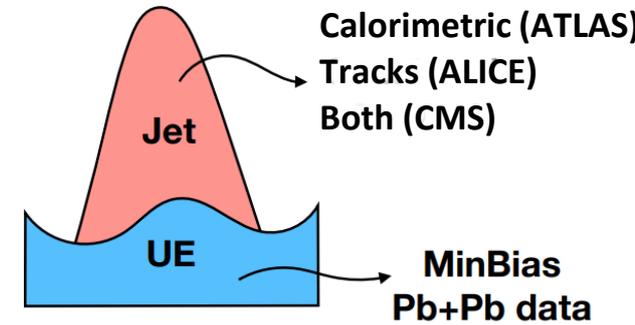
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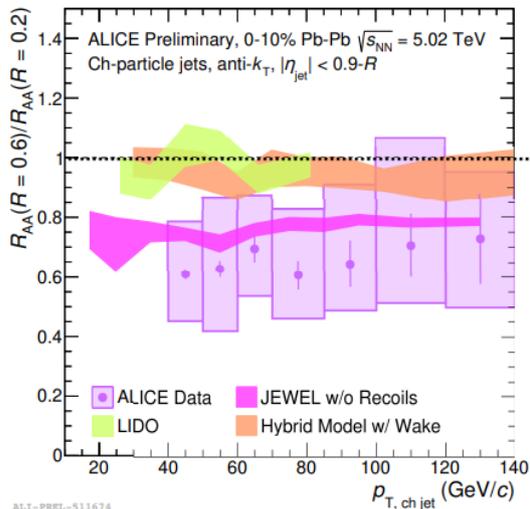
# Wait, all these previous conclusions depend on **R**?

- With **larger jet R** one expects
  - wider area to recover lost energy
  - phase space to open for jets with wider splittings
- Closer look to the R (in)dependent suppression
- Different **jet collections** and **UE estimations**



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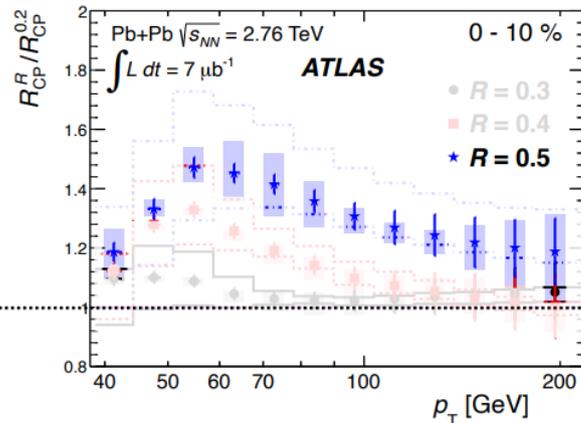
**R = 0.6 / R = 0.2**



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**R = 0.5 / R = 0.2**

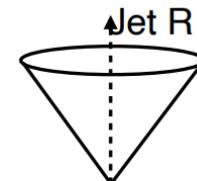
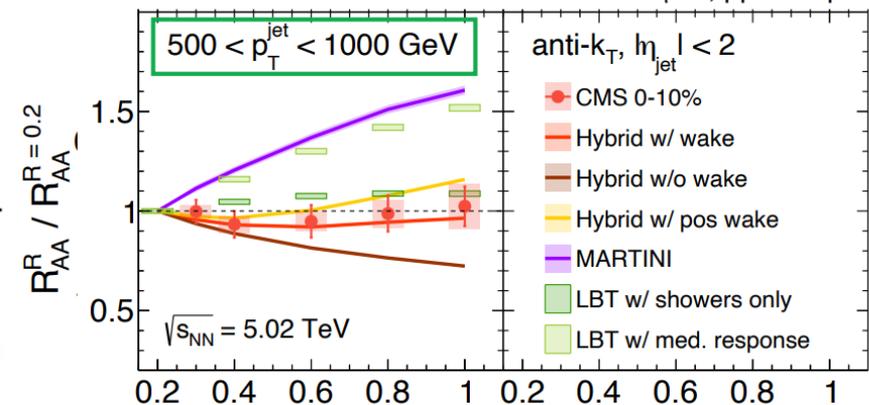


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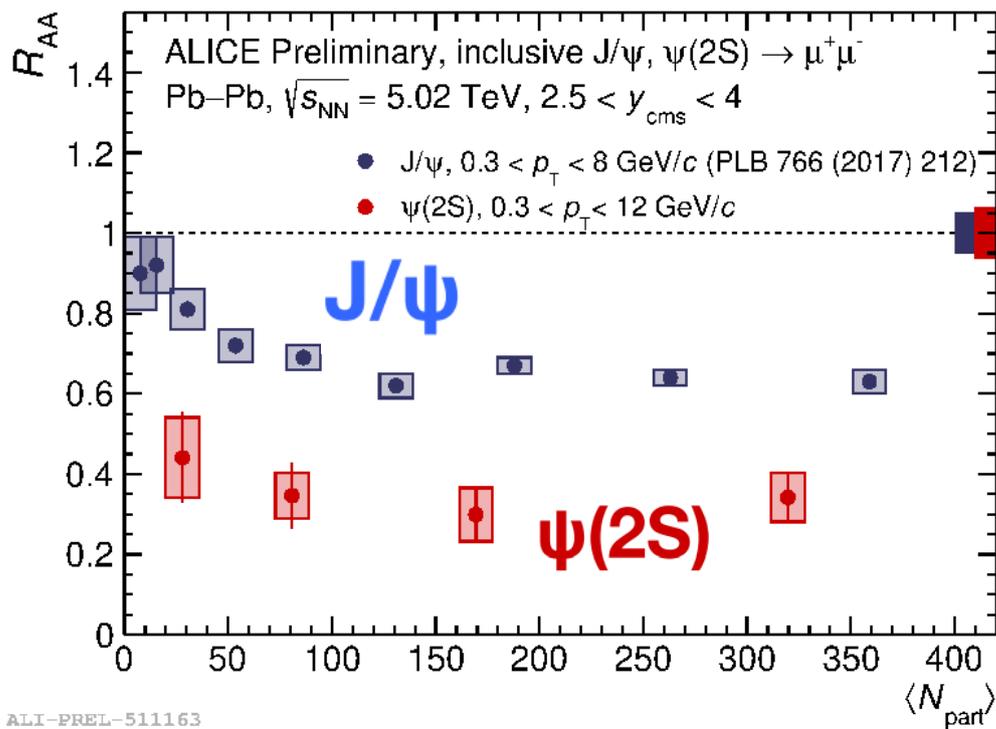
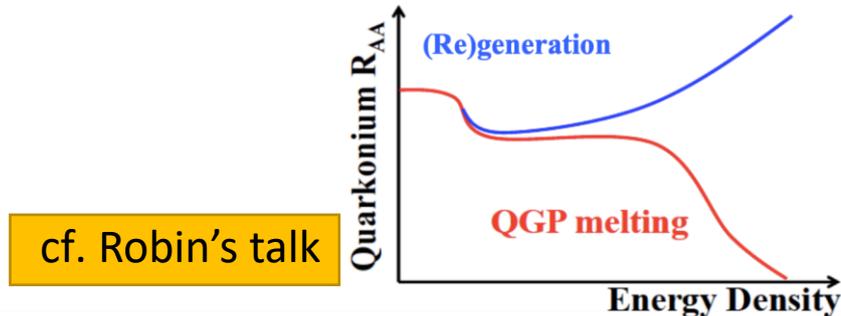
**0-10%**

**PbPb 404 mu\_b^-1, pp 27.4 pb^-1**

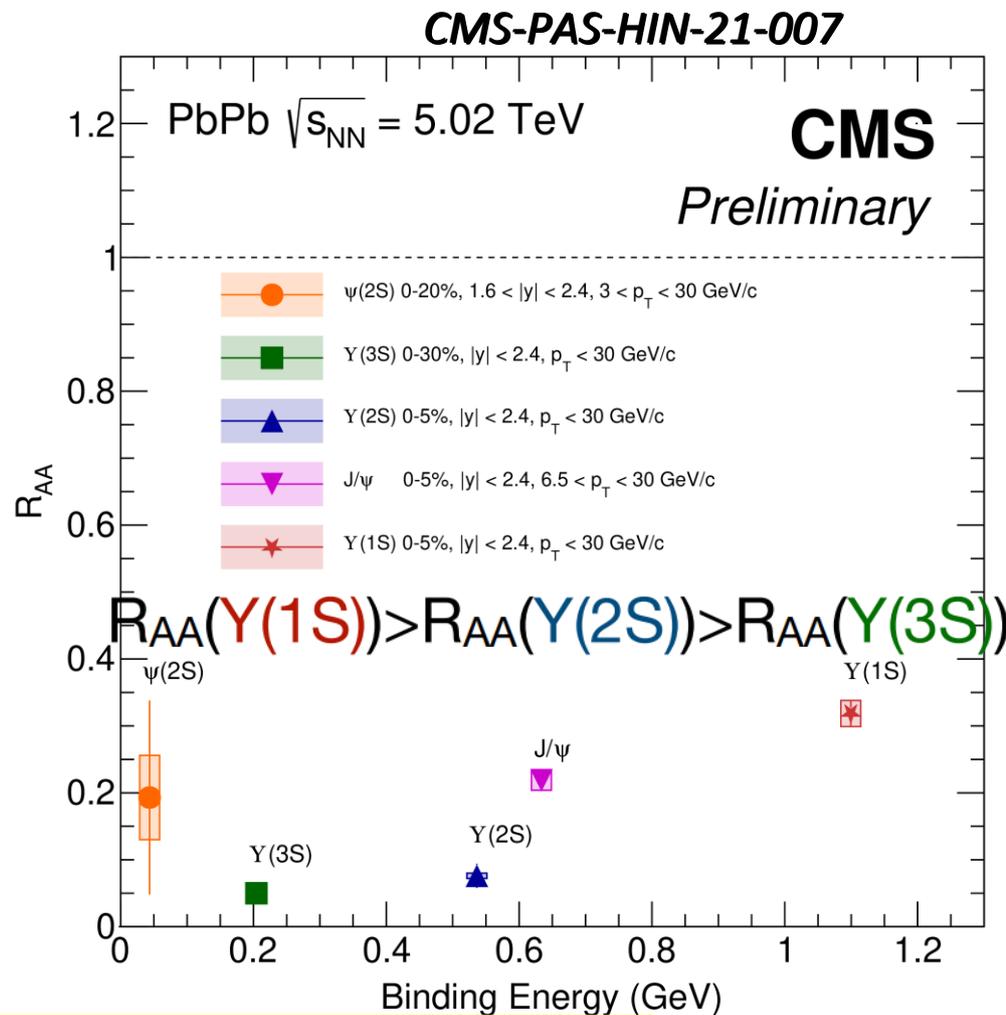


**Discriminating power for models and the physics mechanisms at play**

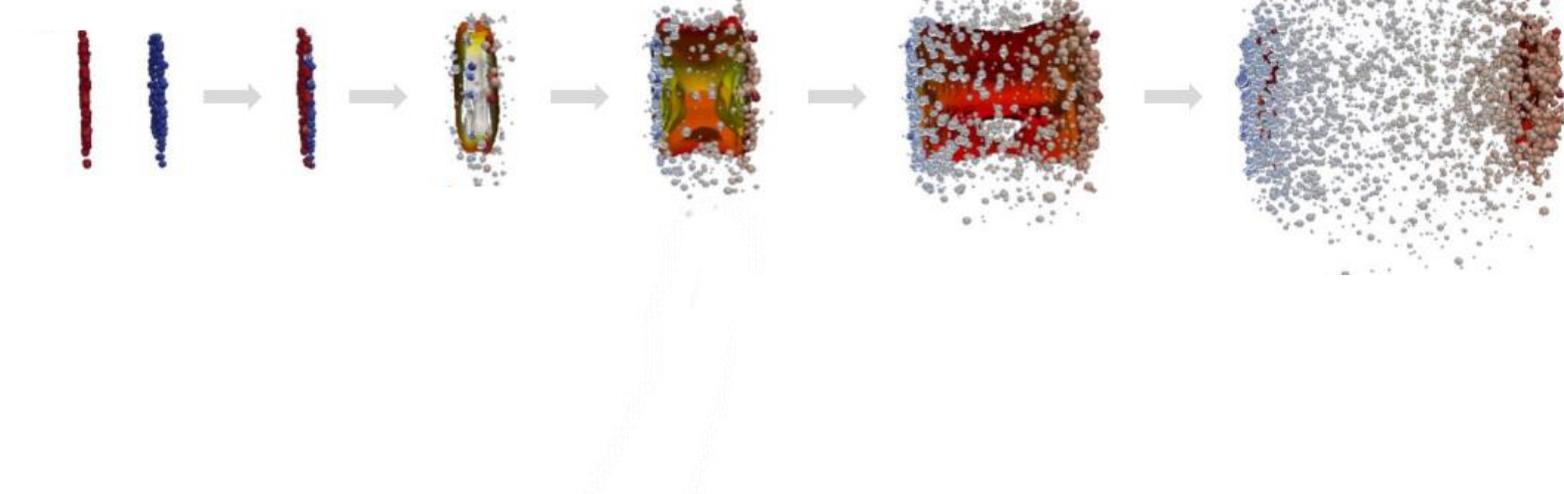
- Clear **hierarchy of suppression** between  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$
- consistently for all studied  $p_T$  and centrality
- Observation of the **sequential melting** of  $\Upsilon(ns)$  states
- first time including  $\Upsilon(3S)$  in the picture



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Interplay of suppression-regeneration crucial to grasp data



What's the hadronization mechanism with QGP?



Exotic states test models in an expanded range of  $n_{cq}$

effects are sensitive to size/binding energy of bound state and QGP density

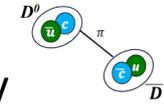
$\chi_{c1}(3872)/\psi(2S) \rightarrow$  something different for exotic vs conventional hadrons?

initial-state effects cancel in the ratio

cf. Fabio's talk

enhancing effects start to **outcompete** breakup

$D^0 \bar{D}^*$  Molecule

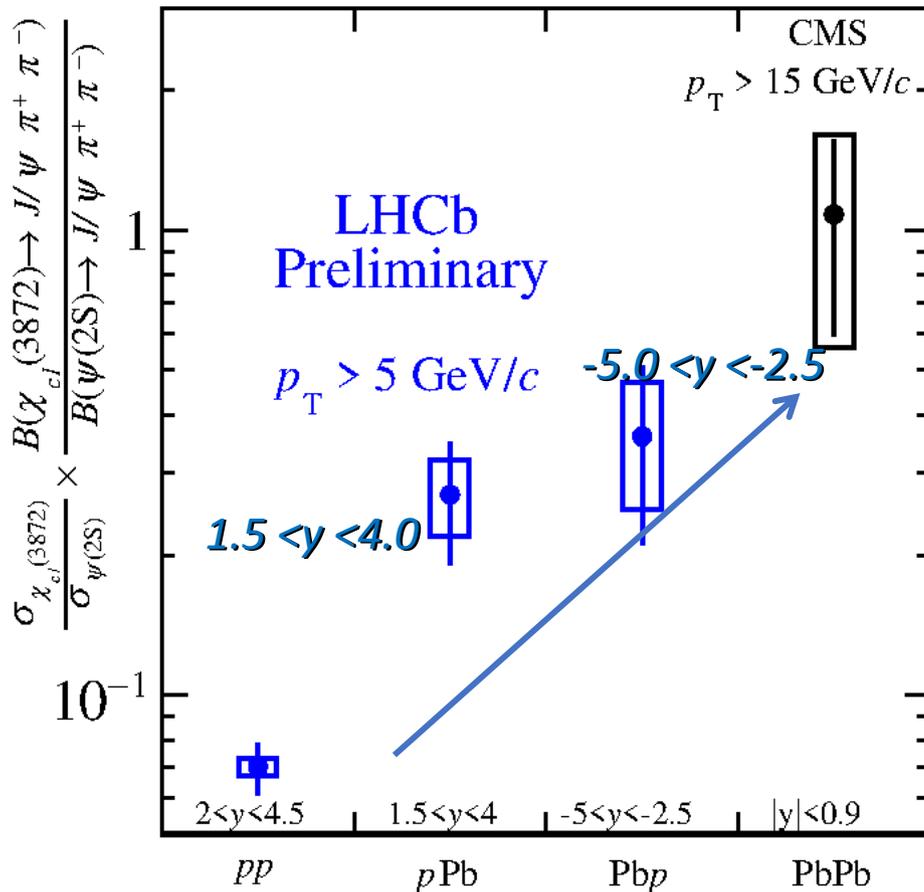


VERY small binding energy  
VERY large radius, ~5-10 fm

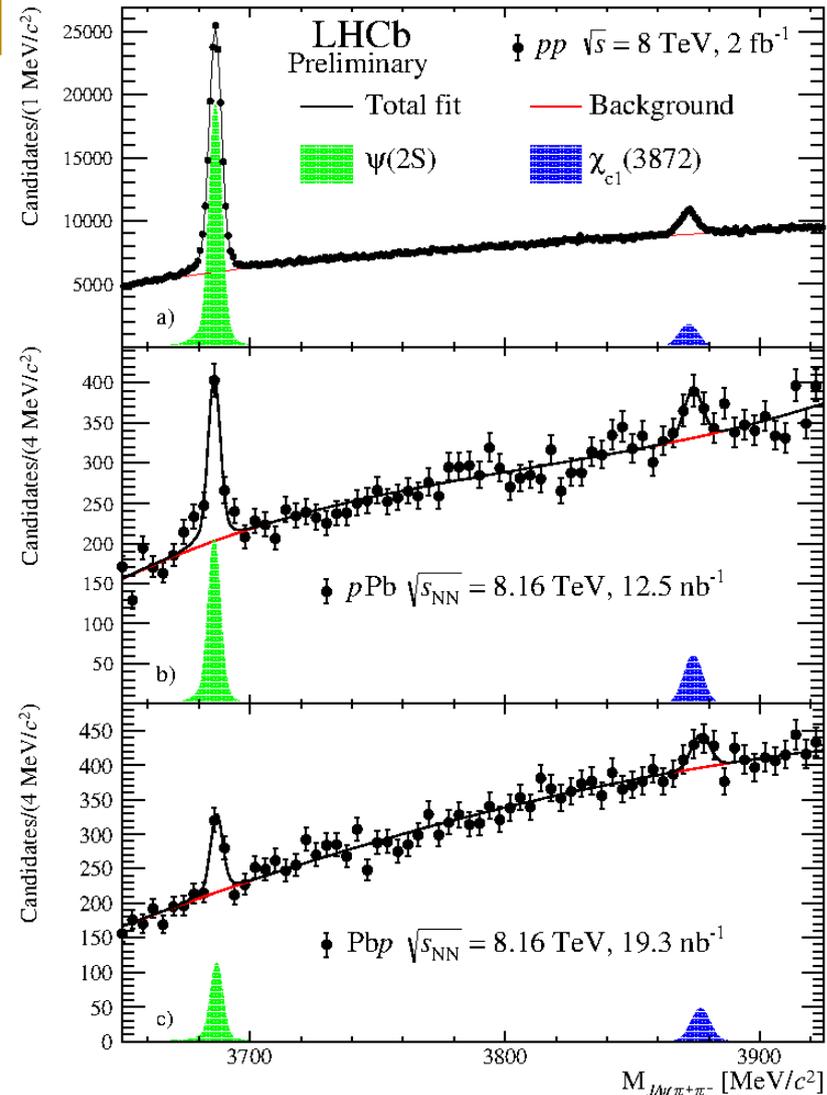
Compact tetraquark



Tightly bound via color exchange between diquarks  
Small radius, ~1 fm



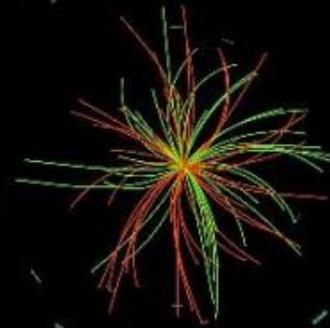
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Crossover between suppressing (comover breakup) and enhancing effects (coalescence)



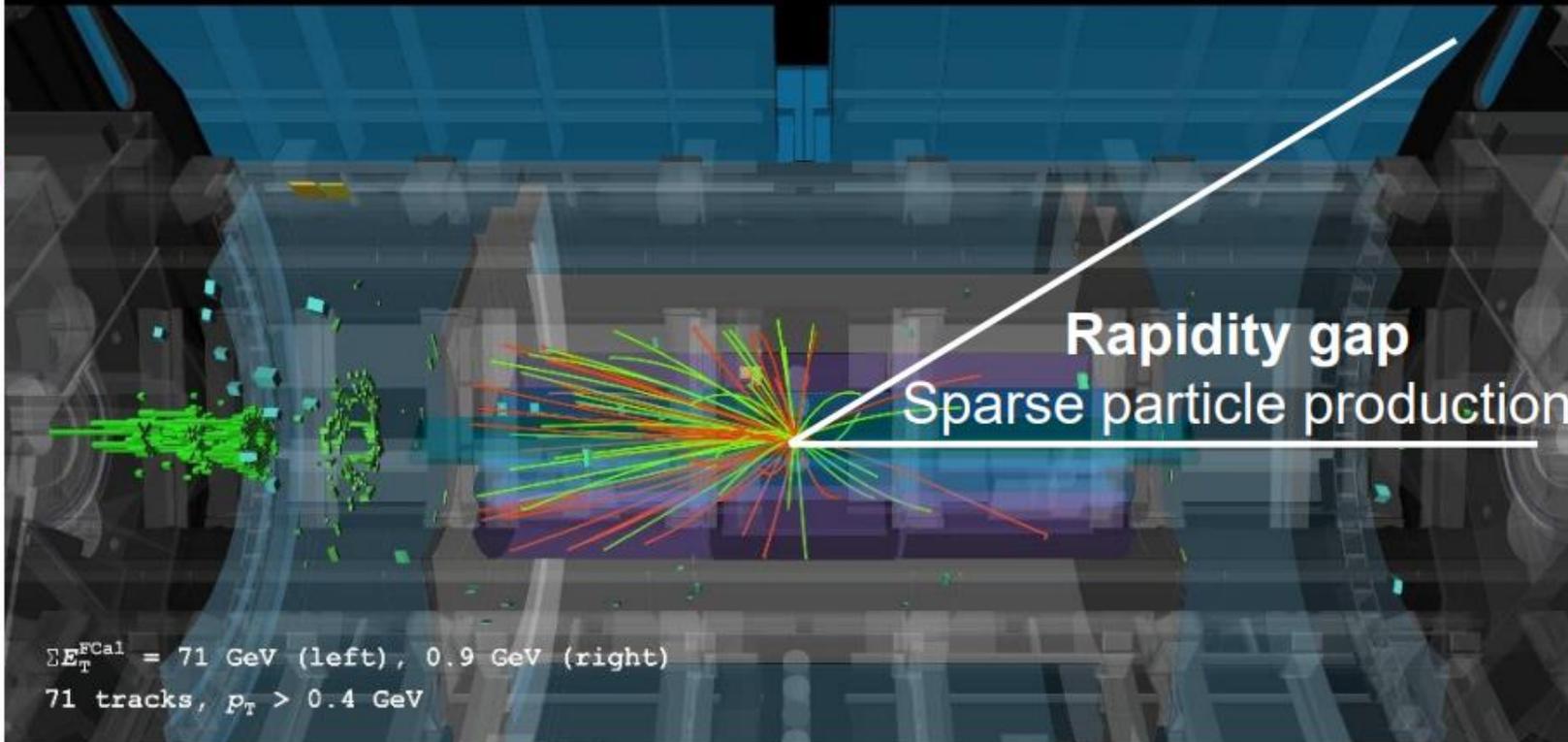
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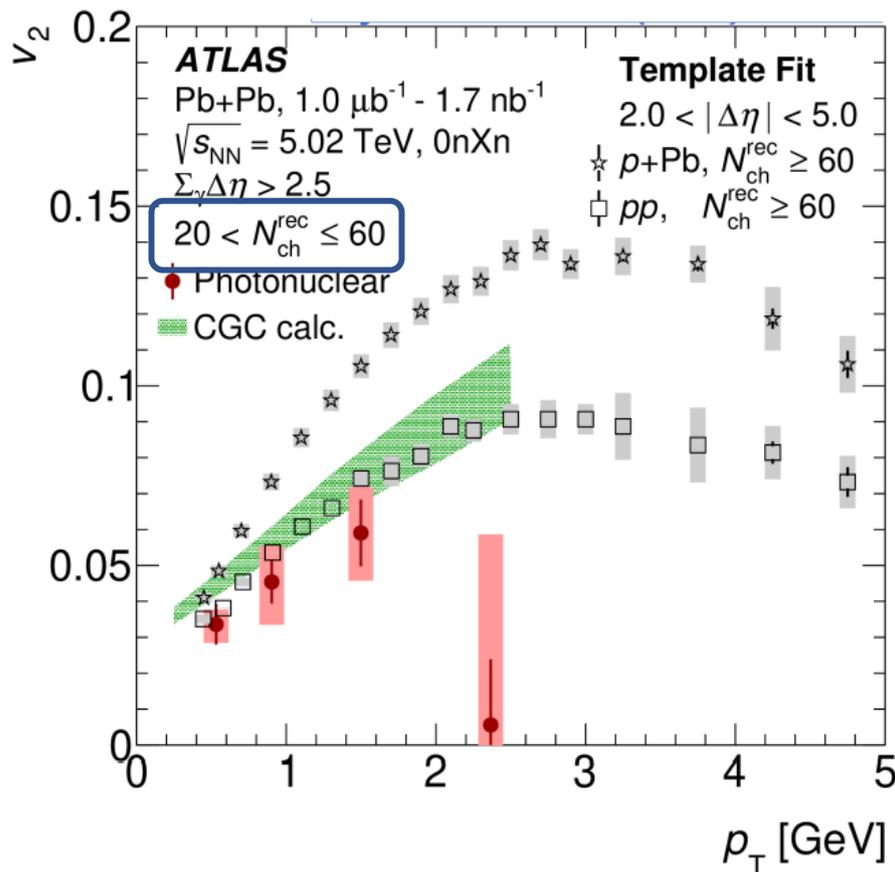
$\Sigma E_T^{\text{FCal}} = 71 \text{ GeV (left), } 0.9 \text{ GeV (right)}$   
71 tracks,  $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$

Empty events full of physics

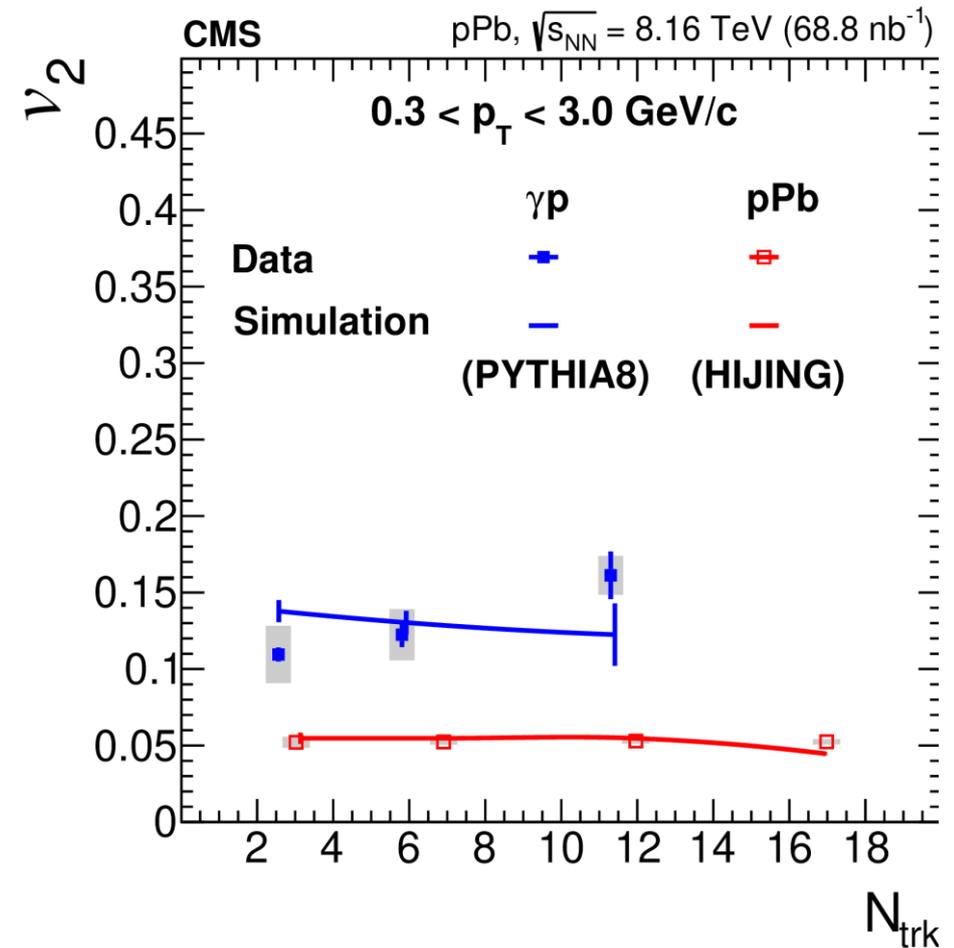
- 🔍 Do we have systems **smaller than in pp** at LHC?
- $\gamma A$ ,  $\gamma p$  events good candidates to “bridge the gap” with e+e-
- 🔍 **Not yet conclusive**: signs of QGP or CGC?

cf. Katarina's & Blair's talks

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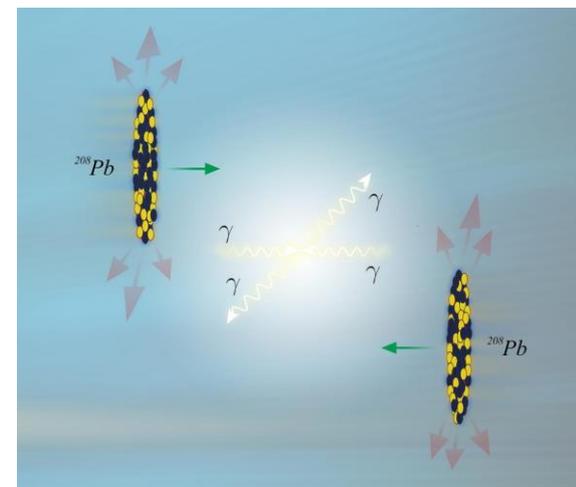


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In preparation of EIC, alternative use of pPb/PbPb is **promising**

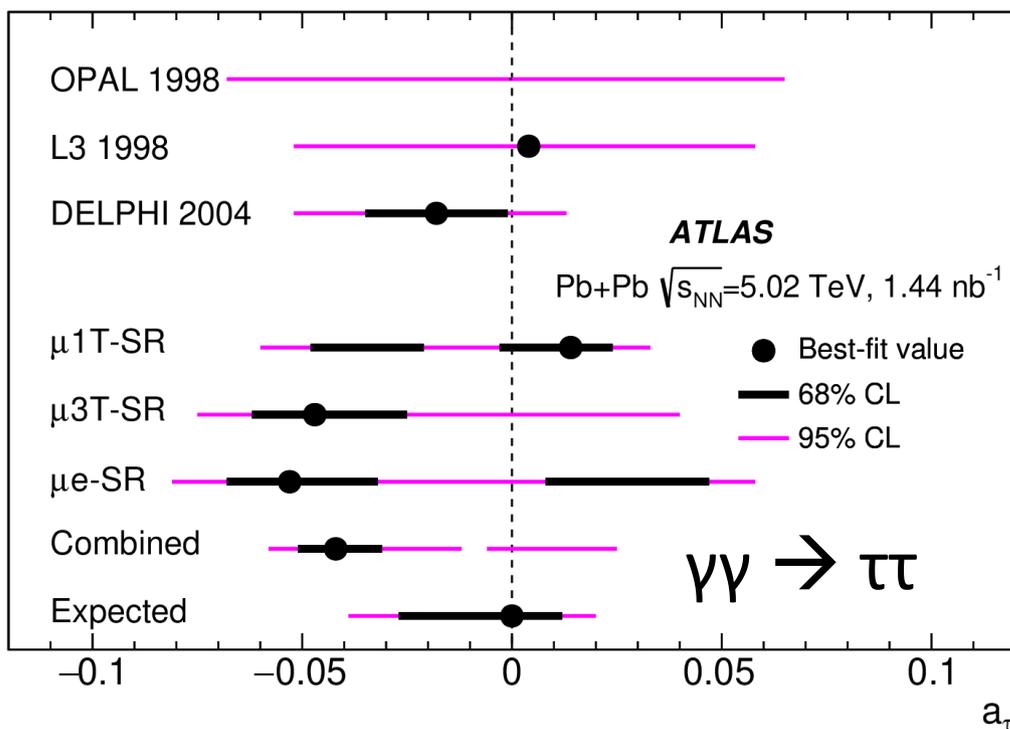
- ▣ Processes like  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  will be high **precision-like** at HL-LHC
- calibration of photon flux, constrain predictions for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee, \tau\tau$
- ▣ Small cross sections, e.g.,  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$  for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , but  $Z^4$  **enhancement**
- **best** limits on couplings of axion-like particles over  $m_a = 0.1-100$  GeV



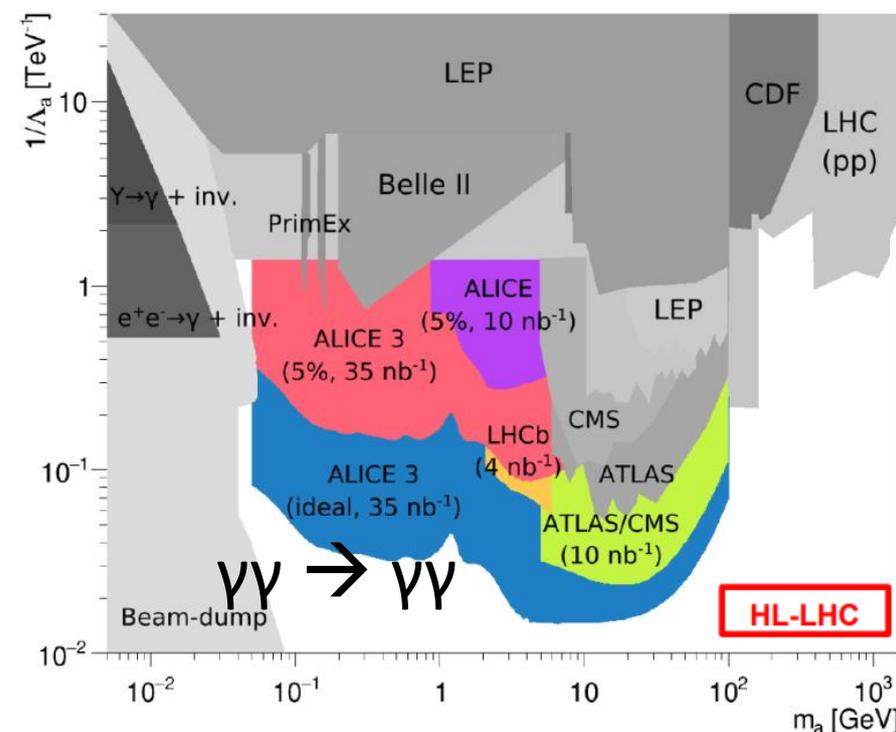
Source: IFJ PAN

cf. Mateusz's talk

arXiv: 2204.13478



arXiv: 2203.05939



Taking advantage of huge photon fluxes from large-A UPC

# From “smoking guns” to high precision, exotic and new signals

## Goals for high-T/low- $\mu_B$ QCD matter

Controlling initial conditions

From early phase to hydrodynamization

Quenching and connection to smaller systems

Transport properties and thermalization

Pinning down hydro-like behavior

Precision QED and BSM searches

## Experimental tools

$pA$ , nPDF fits, flow (de)correlations

Flow and fluctuations

$R_{AA}$ , jet (sub)structure, high- $p_T$  probes

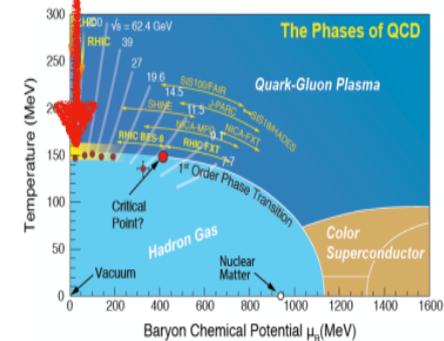
Heavy flavor transport, quarkonia, exotics

$v_n$  in  $\gamma A$ ,  $\gamma p$

Photon-induced processes

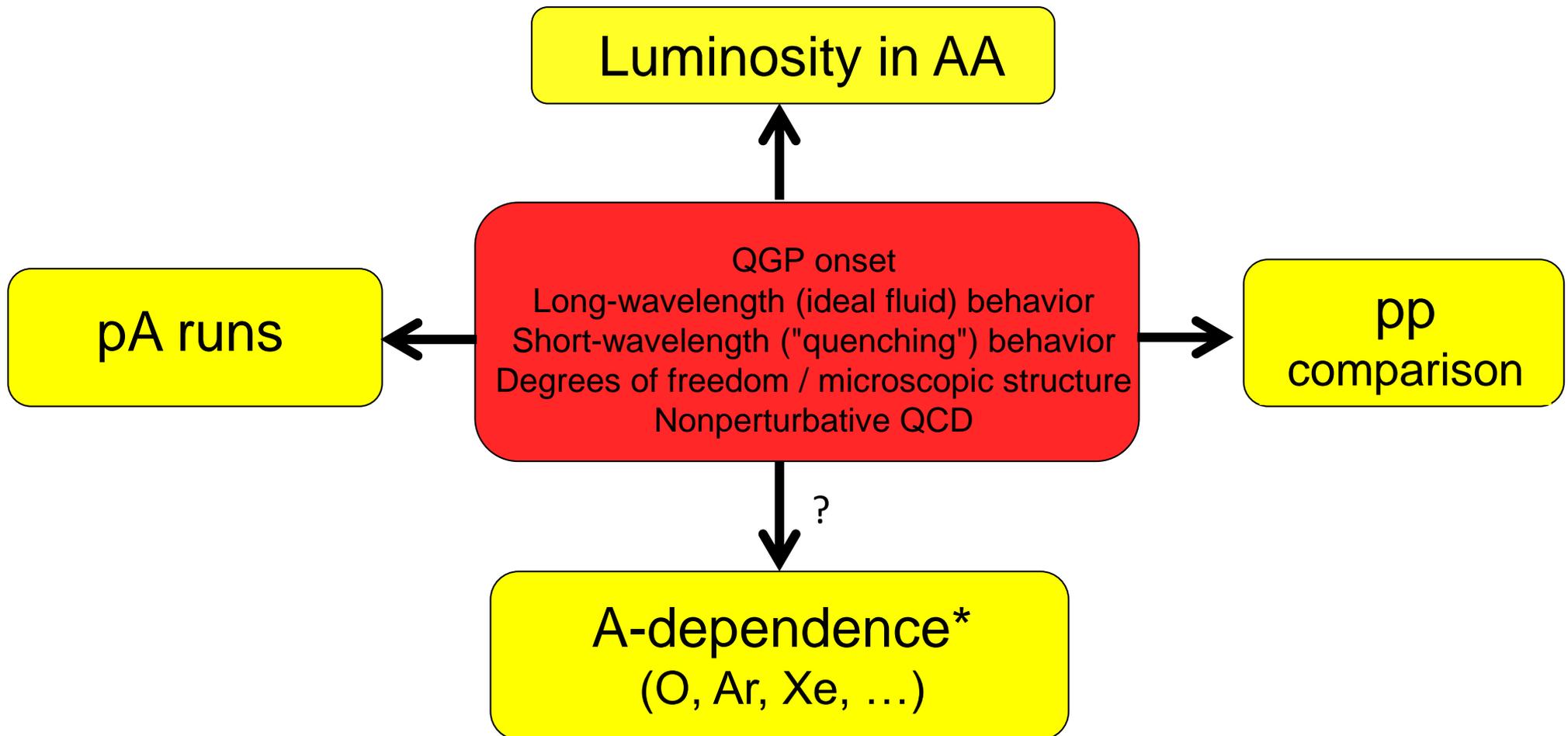
### LHC for heavy-ion physics

- **Unique potential**  
→ high T, low  $\mu_B$ , large HF yields
- **Progress enabled by**
  - increased **luminosity**
  - improved **detector performance**, e.g. vertexing, acceptance





# Throwing a bullet through an apple... **Why?**



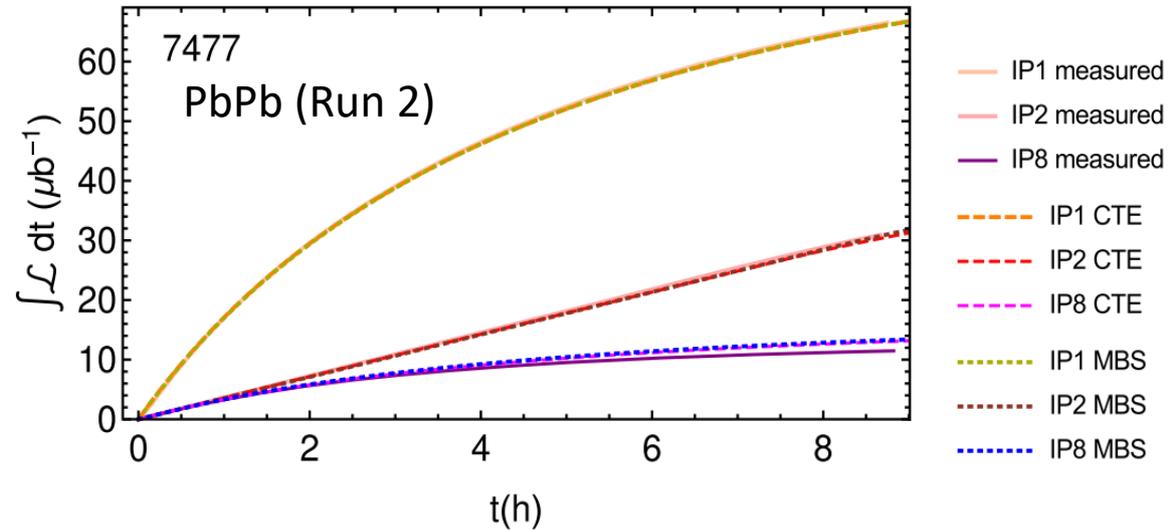
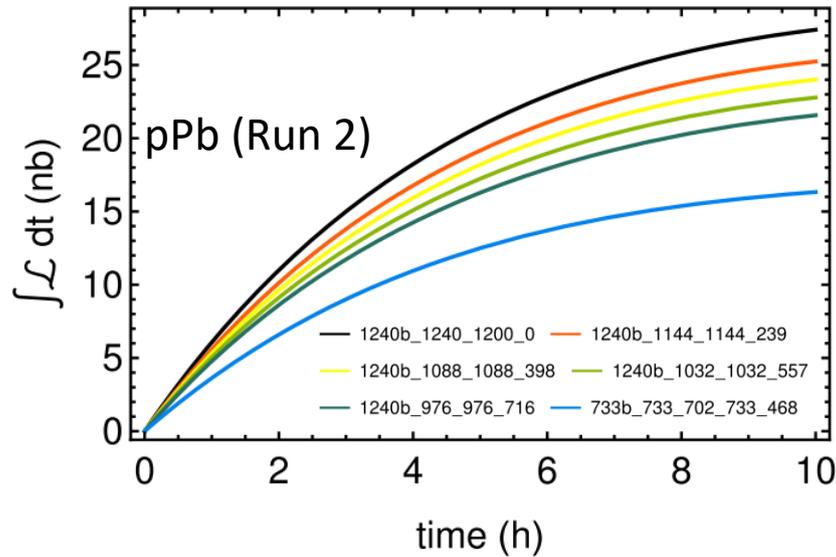
Beyond improvements from detector upgrades and increased luminosity, the YR and Snowmass efforts document the HL-LHC (&beyond) scientific program for understanding **high-density QCD**

With input from

[Workshop on the physics of HL-LHC \(2017\)](#)

# HL-LHC operational scenarios for pPb and PbPb

IP1/5



- Included in the YR and more recently refined (CERN-ACC-2020-0011, EPJ.Plus 136 (2021) 7)
- scenarios are based on **benchmarked** models (agree remarkably well with Run 2 LHC data)
- **≈five** one-month runs would be needed to reach **13 /nb** of PbPb
- **≈two** one-month runs would be needed to reach **1.2 /pb** of pPb
- projections could be improved, e.g., due to operational efficiency (>50%), etc

HL-LHC starts at Run 3 for heavy ions

# Nuclear PDFs: constraints **scarce** so far

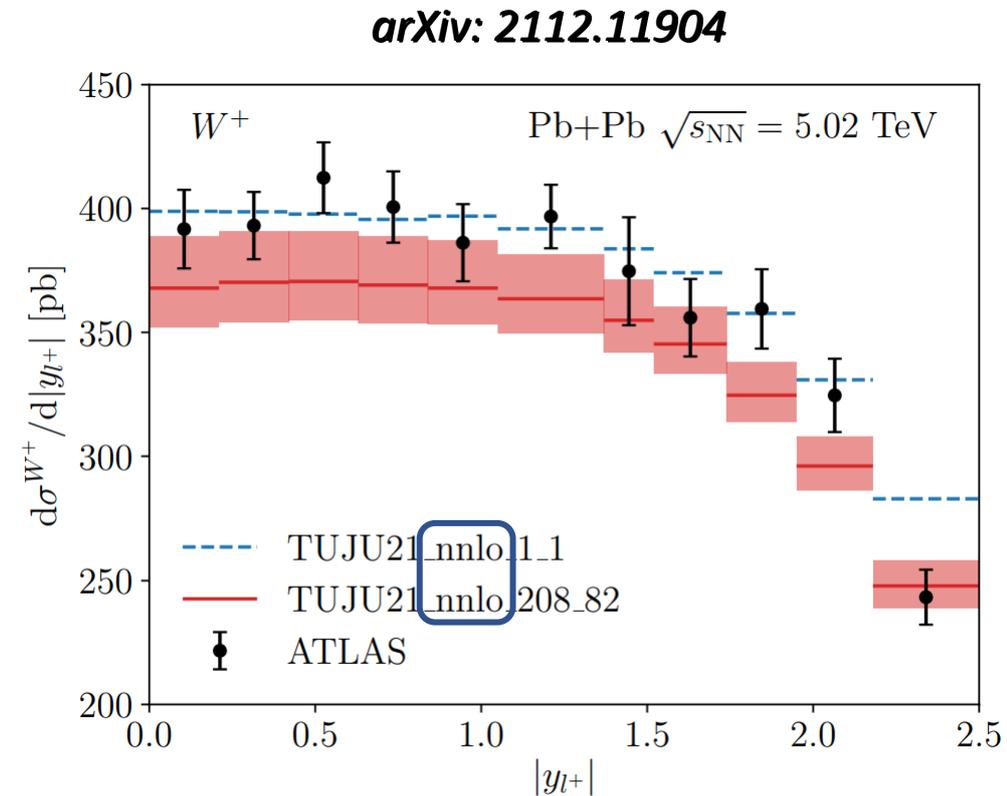
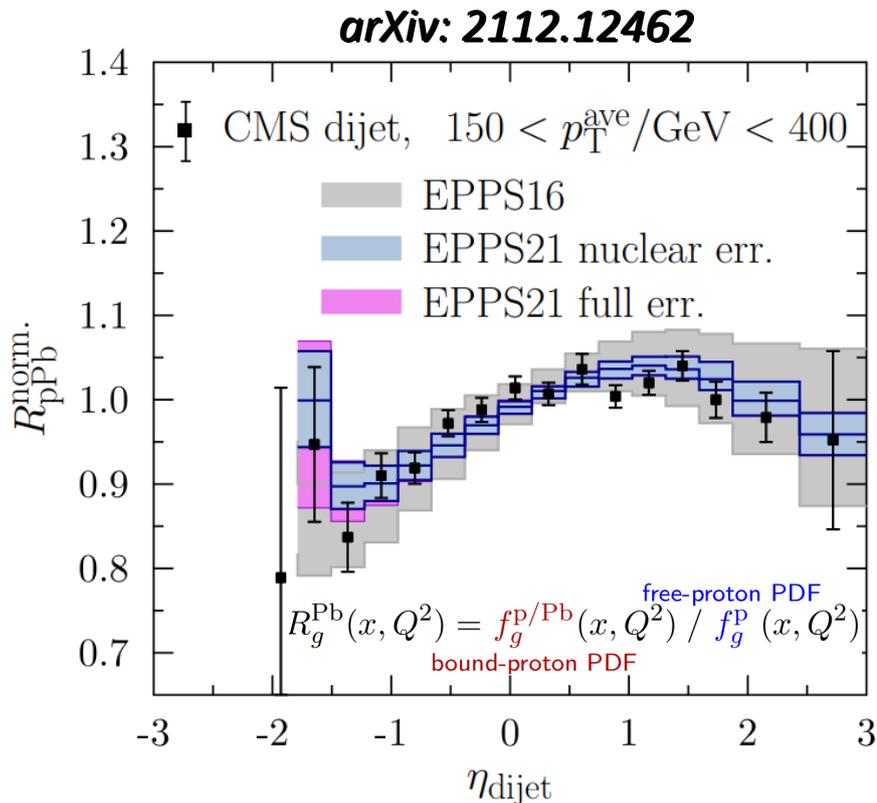
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● **Strong constraints** on gluon modifications from dijets and W bosons

● **NNLO** nPDF analysis to include LHC data

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cf. Petja's talk



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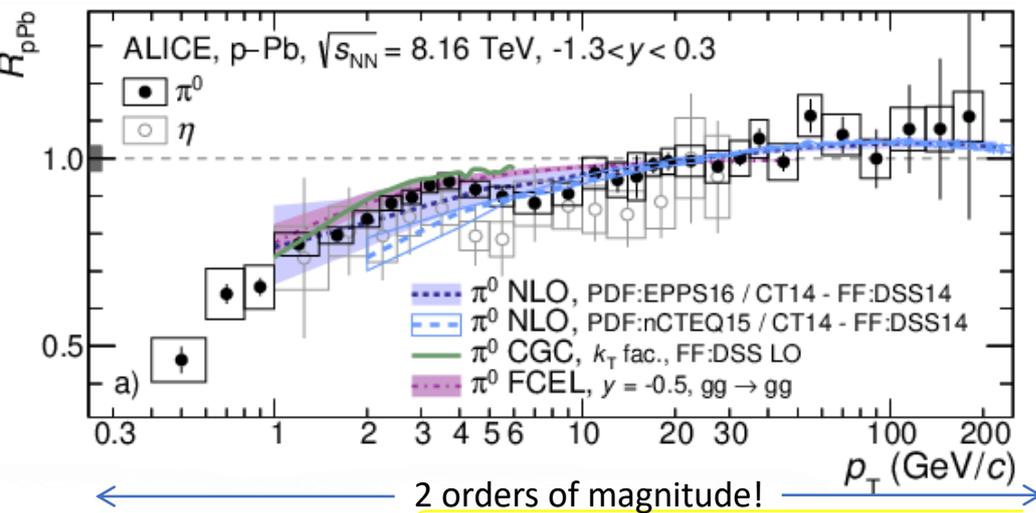
Complementarity at very **low-x** with  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $D^0$  mesons

**Bonus:** saturation models and energy loss constraints

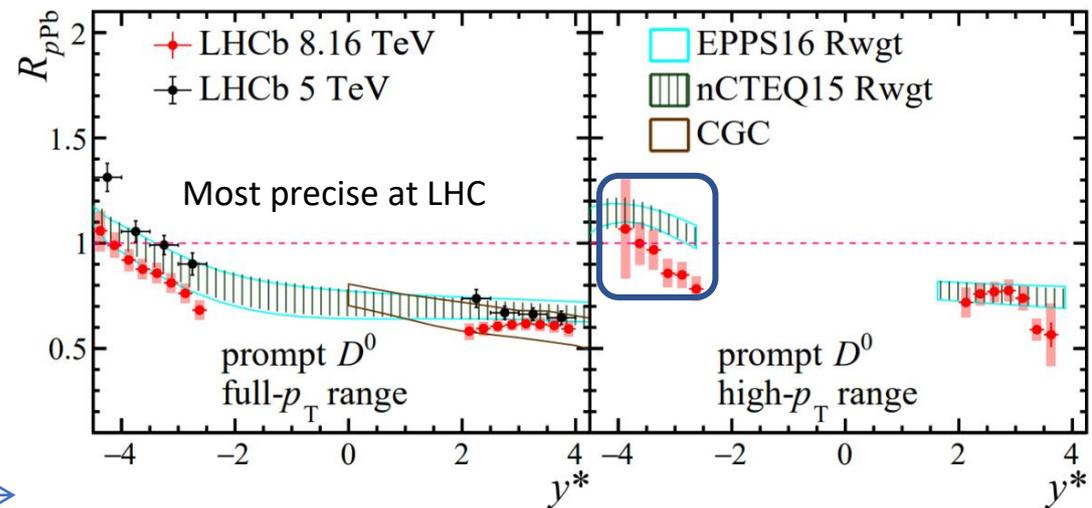
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$R_{pPb}$  stringent test of nPDFs and saturation models in small-x region

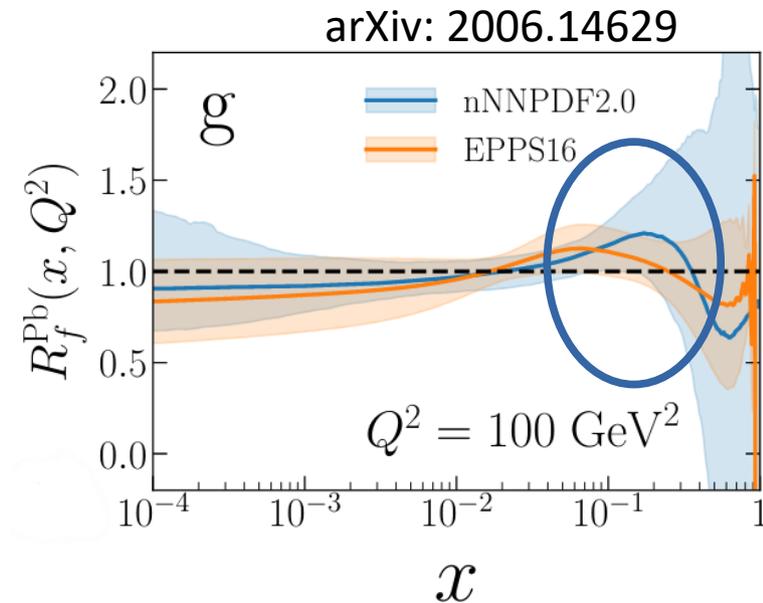
# Key characteristics of the nPDF global fits

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0
Order in $\alpha_s$	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO
$lA$ NC DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\nu A$ CC DIS	✓		✓	✓	✓
pA DY	✓	✓		✓	✓
$\pi A$ DY				✓	
RHIC dAu $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$		✓		✓	
LHC pPb $\pi^0, \pi^\pm, K^\pm$		✓			
LHC pPb dijets				✓	✓
LHC pPb $D^0$				✓	✓ reweight
LHC pPb W,Z		✓	✓	✓	✓
LHC pPb $\gamma$					✓
$Q, W$ cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV
$p_T$ cut in $D^0, h$ -prod.	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	~CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	~NNPDF4.0
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	arXiv:2112.12462	arXiv:2201.12363

# Key characteristics of the nPDF global fits

With input from Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **70** (2020)

Nuclear (most recent) PDFs	nCTEQ15	EPPS16	nNNPDF2.0 (1.0)	TUJU19
Perturbative order	NLO	NLO	NLO, NNLO	NLO, NNLO
Heavy quark scheme	ACOT	S-ACOT	FONLL	ZM-VFN
Value of $\alpha_s(m_Z)$	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118
Input scale $Q_0$	1.30 GeV	1.30 GeV	1.00 GeV	1.69 GeV
Data points	708	1811	1467 (451)	2336
Fixed Target DIS	✓	✓	✓ (w/o $\nu$ -DIS)	✓
Fixed Target DY	✓	✓		
LHC DY and W		✓	✓ (✗)	
Jet and had. prod.	( $\pi^0$ only)	( $\pi^0$ , LHC dijet)		
Independent PDFs	6	6	3	6
Parametrisation	simple pol.	simple pol.	neural network	simple pol.
Free parameters	16	20	256 (178)	16
Statistical treatment	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo	Hessian
Tolerance	$\Delta\chi^2 = 35$	$\Delta\chi^2 = 52$	—	$\Delta\chi^2 = 50$



## ➤ nPDFs from **several** groups **but**

- less available data sets compared to the free-nucleon cases
- different data sets (e.g., pPb LHC data), theoretical assumptions, and methodological settings
- **not well** understood aspects for bound nucleons, e.g.,
  - the nuclear modifications of the gluon distribution
  - Measurements at small- $x$  test non-linear QCD evolution at small- $x$  (“parton saturation”)

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# Nuclear gluon PDFs: constraints scarce so far

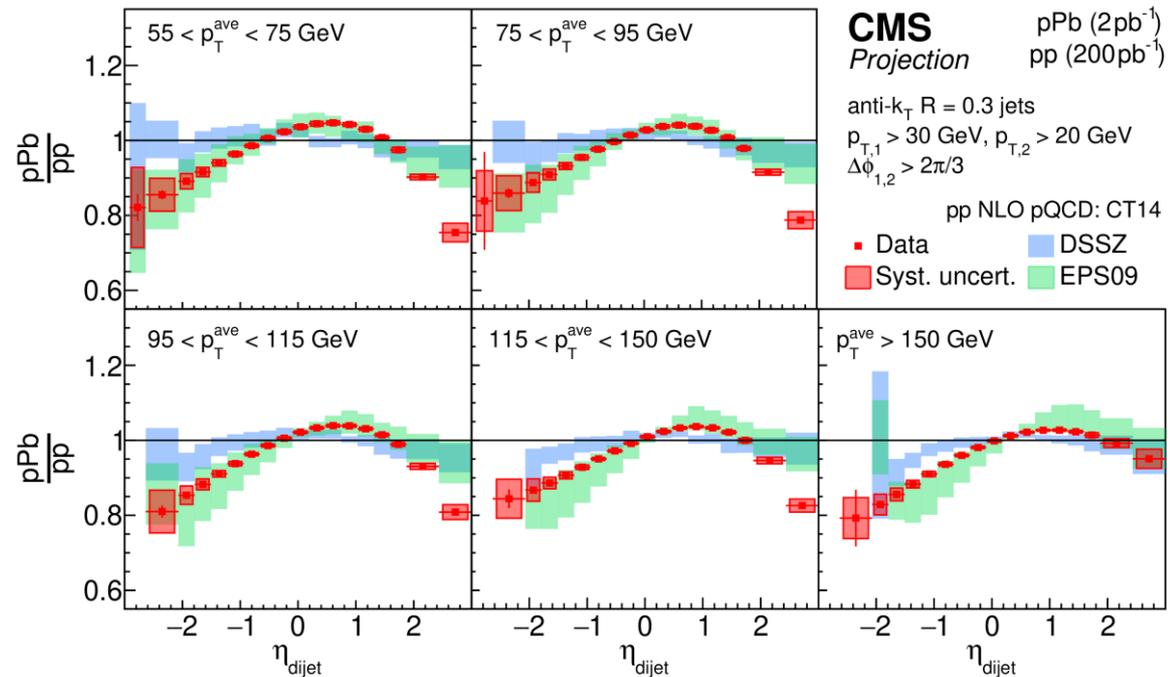
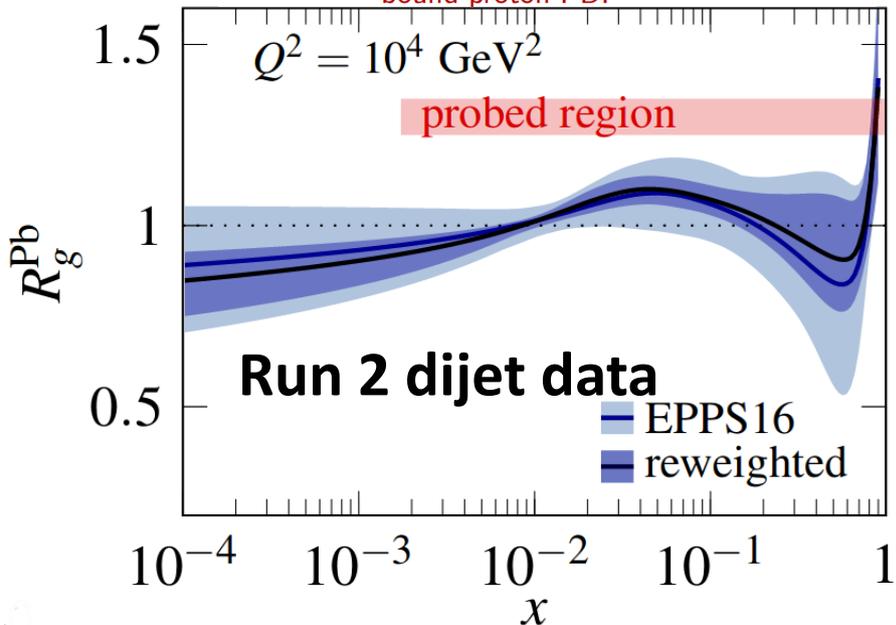
- ✔ Stringent constraints with **dijet** production
- Enhanced **suppression** at forward  $y$
- ✔ Significant reduction in EPPS16 uncertainties after reweighting already with Run 2 data (left plot)
- ✔ **Improved constraints** with HL-LHC data (right plot)
- ✔ Complementarity with W bosons and top quarks, and exclusive vector meson photoproduction

Phys. Rev. Lett. **121** (2018) 062002

EPJC **79** (2019) 511

$$R_g^{\text{Pb}}(x, Q^2) = \frac{f_g^{\text{p/Pb}}(x, Q^2)}{f_g^{\text{p}}(x, Q^2)}$$

free-proton PDF  
bound-proton PDF



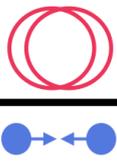
# HF transport models: ingredients

	Collisional en. loss	Radiative en. loss	Coalescence	Hydro	nPDF
TAMU	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
LIDO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PHSD	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
DAB-MOD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Catania	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
MC@shq+EPOS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LBT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
POWLANG+HTL	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
LGR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

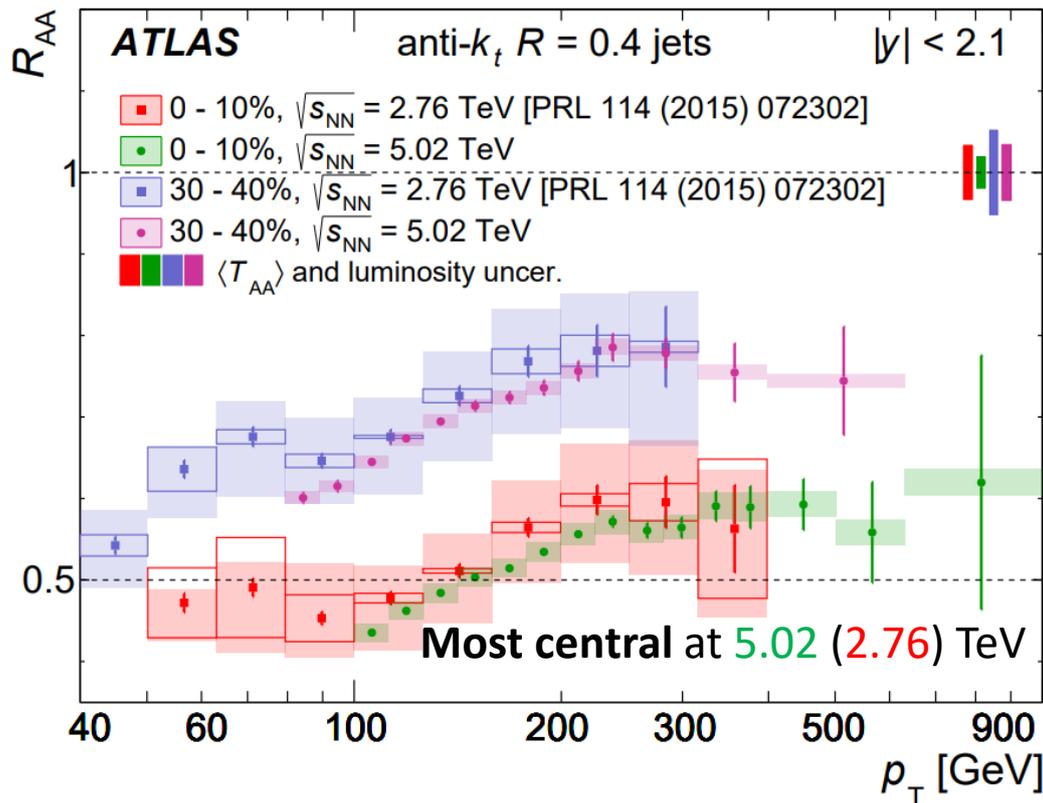
But more importantly: different **implementations** and **input parameters**.

# Measuring jet quenching

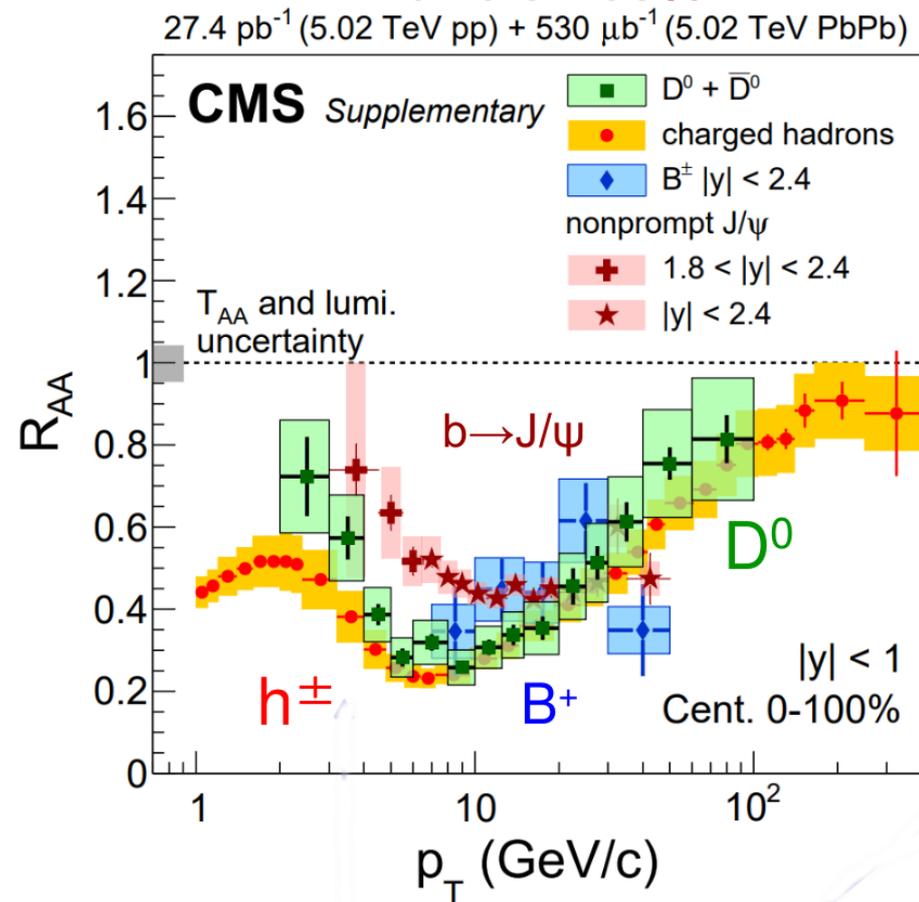
- Energy of partons is redistributed ('quenched') inside QGP
- Experimentally seen as  $R_{AA}$  modifications of **hadrons or jets**
- dependent on centrality,  $p_T$ , parton mass**
- Unprecedented access from **low- to high- $p_T$**

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{Pb-Pb}}{\text{scaled } \otimes \text{pp}}$$


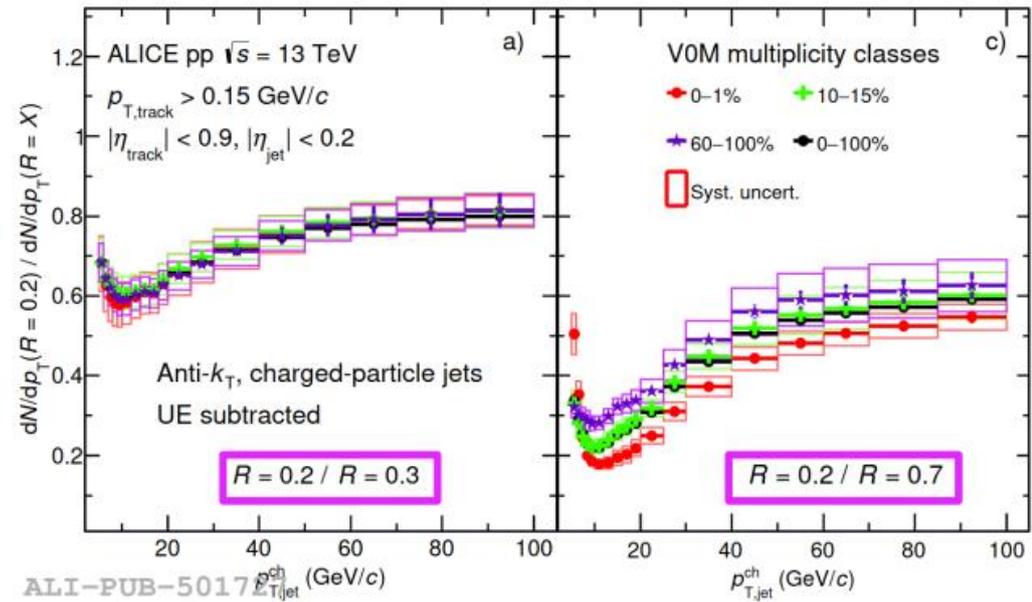
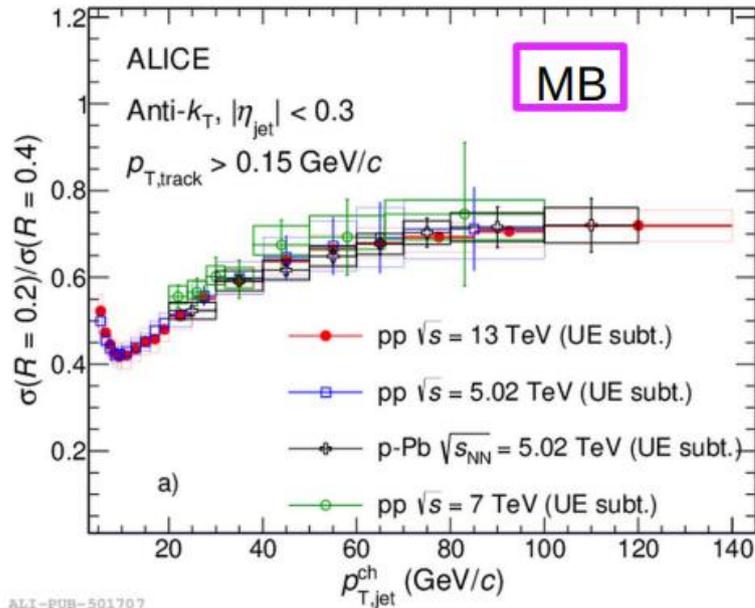
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# Ratios of jet $p_T$ spectra with different $R$



New

arXiv:2202.01548

MB ratio of  $p_T$ -differential cross section spectra:  
independent of  $\sqrt{s}$

EA-selected ratio of spectra:  
- small  $R$  : independent of EA  
- large  $R$  : hint of EA dependence

# Jet shapes and fragmentation with $\gamma$ +jet events

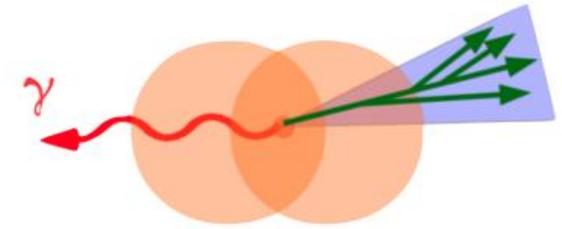
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Jet shape

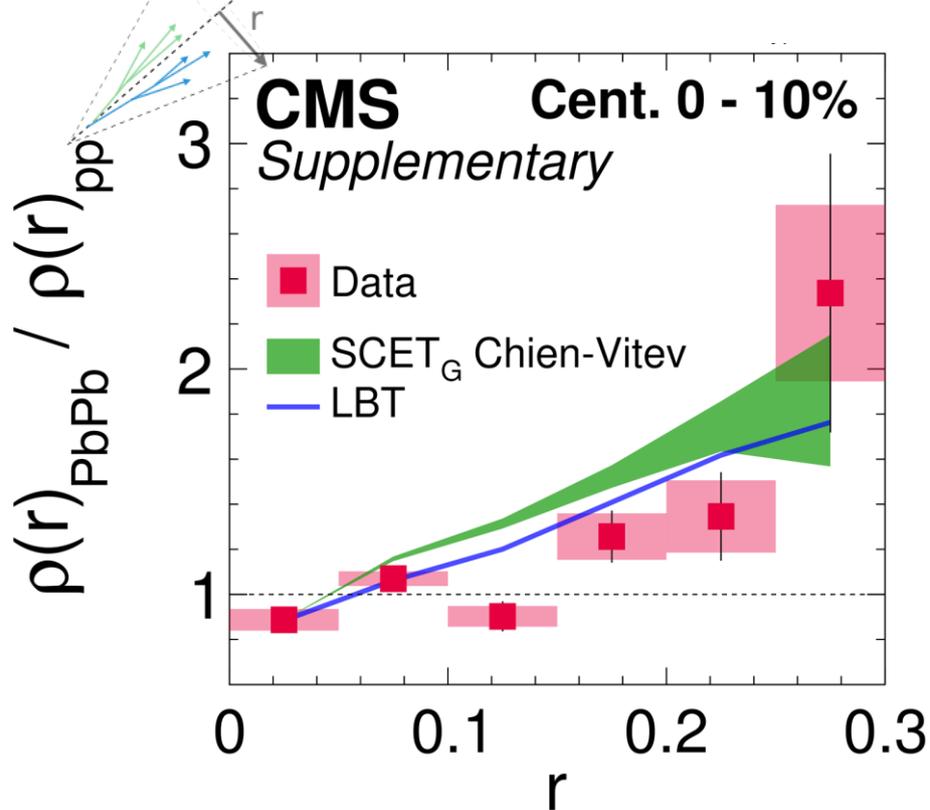
Jets are wider in PbPb than pp

Jet fragmentation function

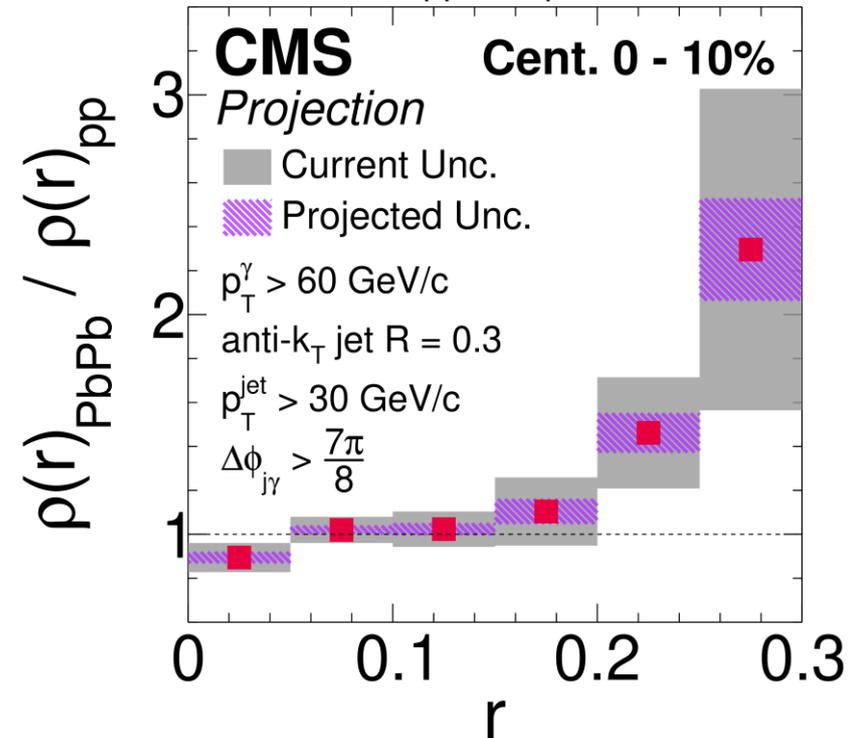
Measuring with precision medium-induced modifications



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$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$  TeV  
 PbPb  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ , pp  $650 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



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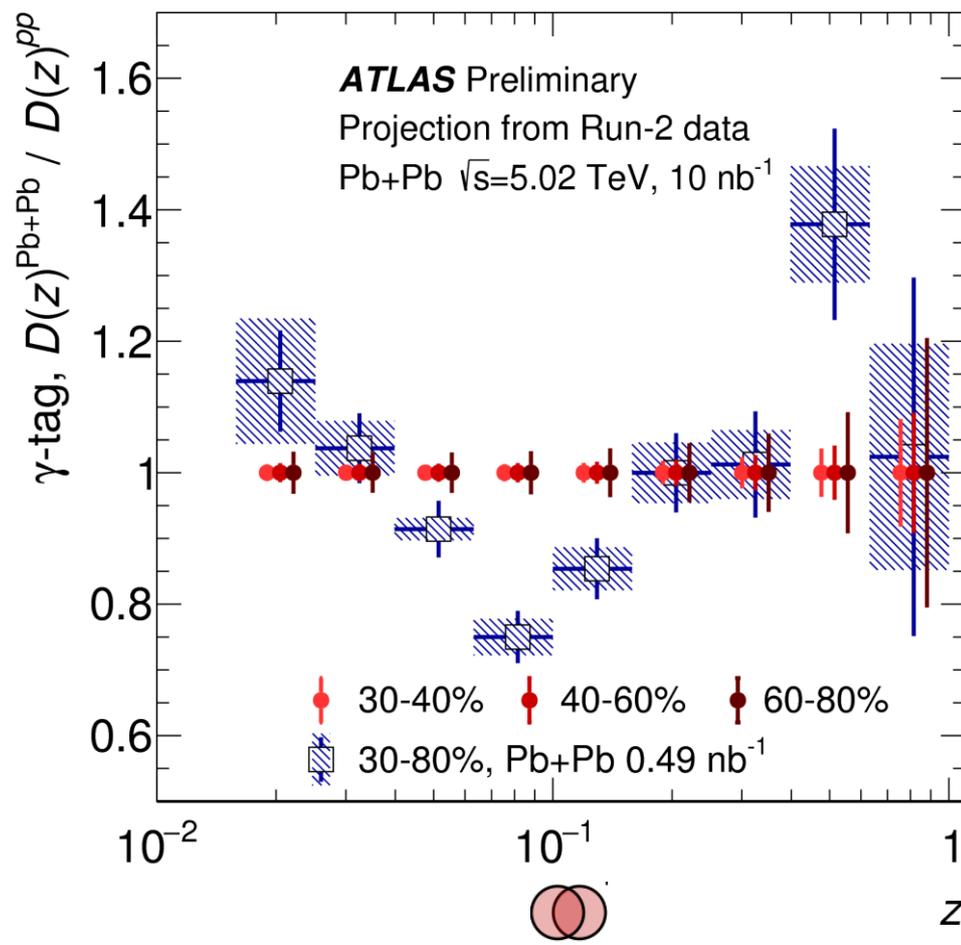
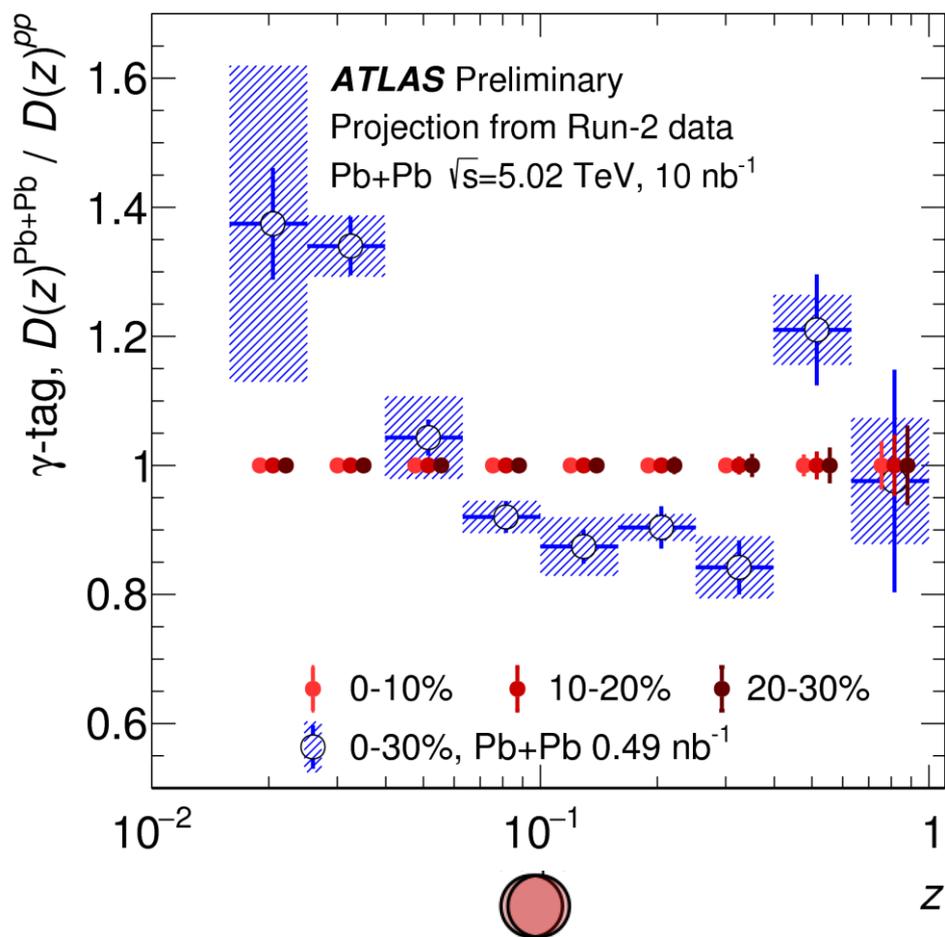
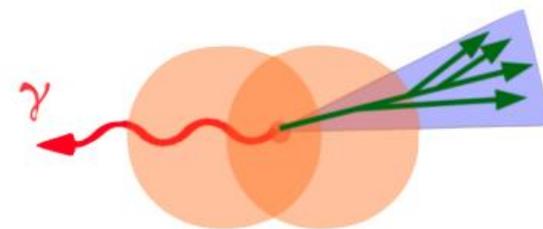
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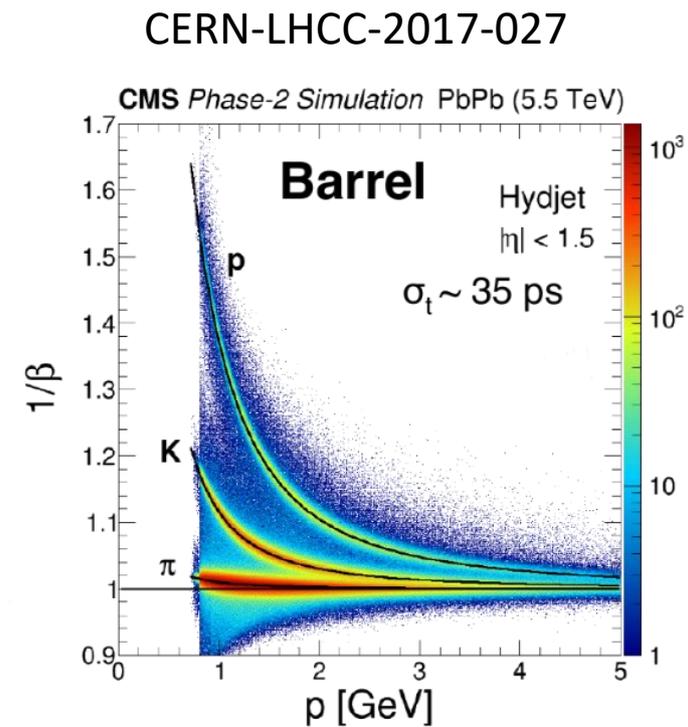
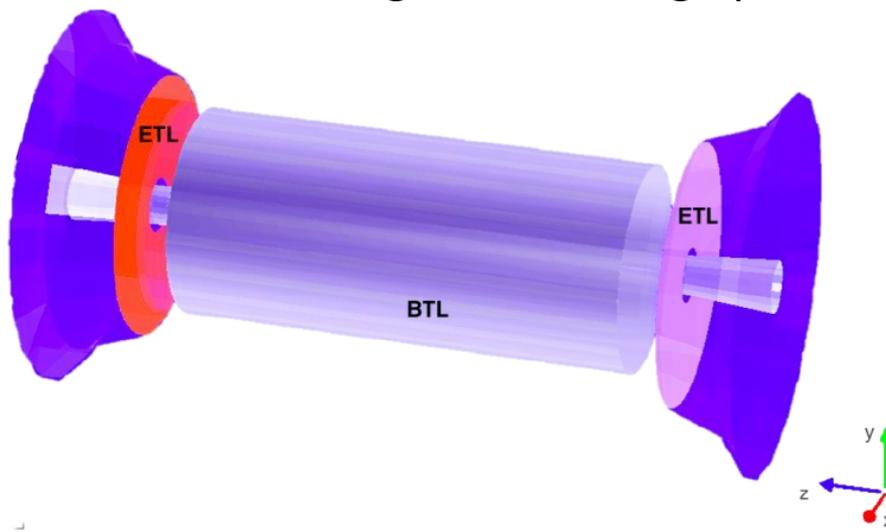
● Jet fragmentation function

▣ Measuring with precision medium-induced modifications



# Extending the LHC HI program & Phase 2 upgrades

- ▣ Runs 3+4: main **goal** of  $>10/\text{nb}$  PbPb
  - focus on rare triggers
  - even larger minimum-bias event sample
    - $> 6$  kHz at HLT in Run 3, goal to increase for Run 4
- ▣ Major Phase-2 upgrades for HL-LHC (2026+)
  - Extension of tracker (muon systems) acceptance from  $|\eta| < 2.5$  to  $< 4.0$  (3.0), etc.
  - ATLAS  $2.5 < |\eta| < 5$
  - Precise timing detectors for pileup rejection
    - byproduct TOF PID
- ▣ Radiation-hard zero degree calorimeter (2021+)
  - Can also be used in collisions with lighter ions, e.g., pO/OO



# Fourier decomposition of the projected $\Delta\phi$

Azimuthal correlations of particle pairs are decomposed via Fourier expansion:

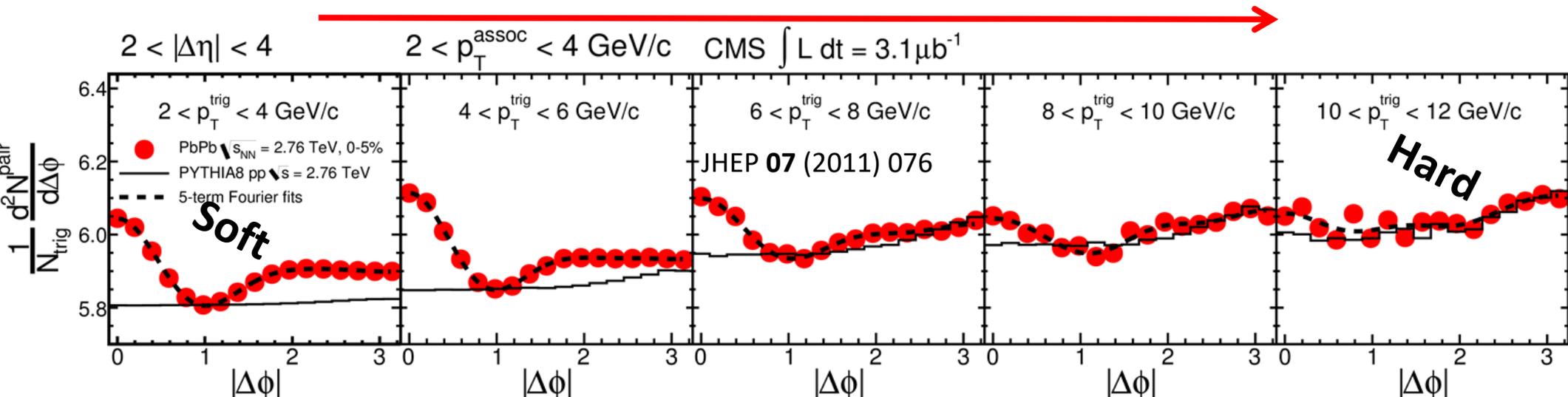
$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{dN^{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\phi} = \frac{N_{\text{assoc}}}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \sum_n 2V_{n\Delta} \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right]$$

single-particle azimuthal anisotropy Fourier coefficients measured as  $v_n = v_{n\Delta}$  ( $n \geq 1$ )

In hydrodynamic models  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  referred to as “elliptic” and “triangular” flow and related to the

Initial collision geometry and its fluctuations

A fluid that retains its QCD **asymptotic freedom** character!

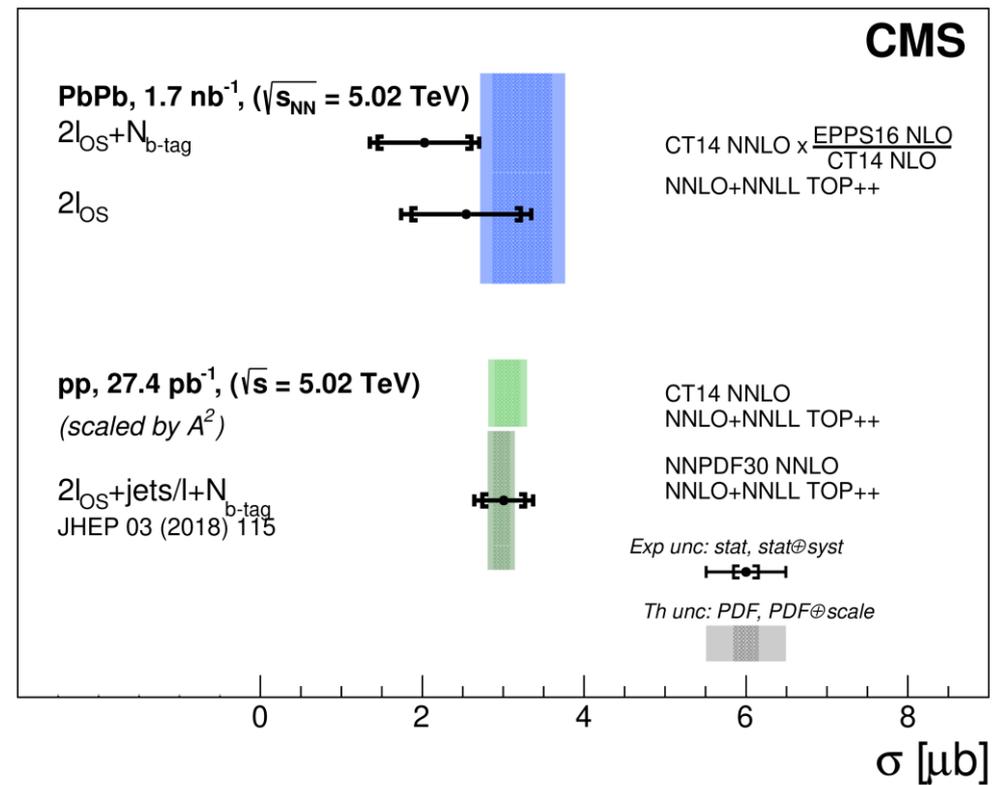
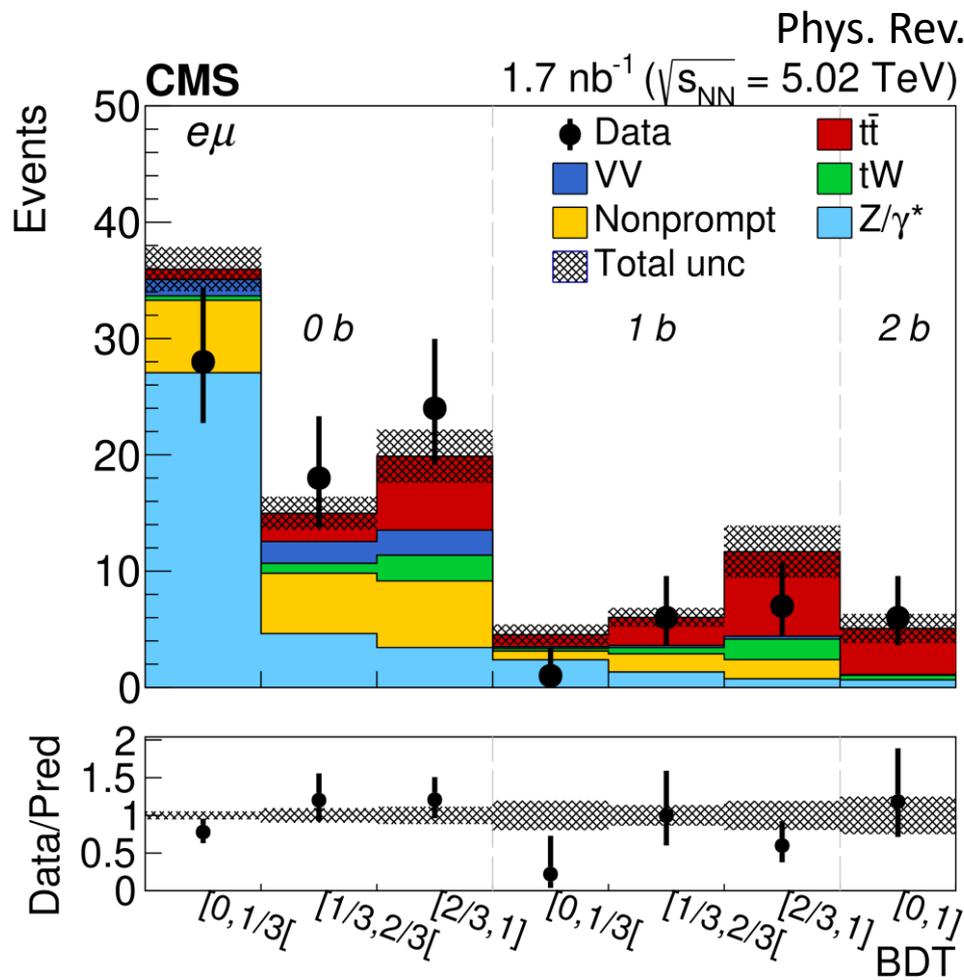
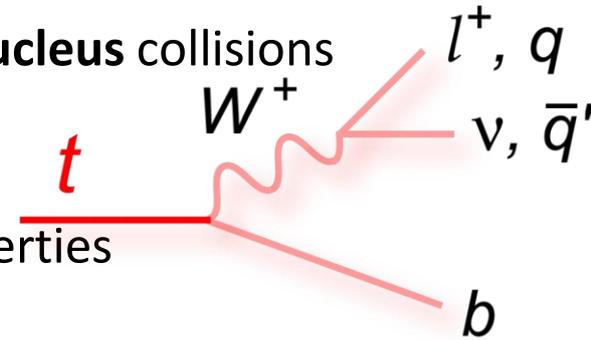


# Evidence of $t\bar{t}$ cross section in PbPb

First experimental evidence ( $4\sigma$  level) of the top quark in nucleus-nucleus collisions

using leptons only and leptons+b jets

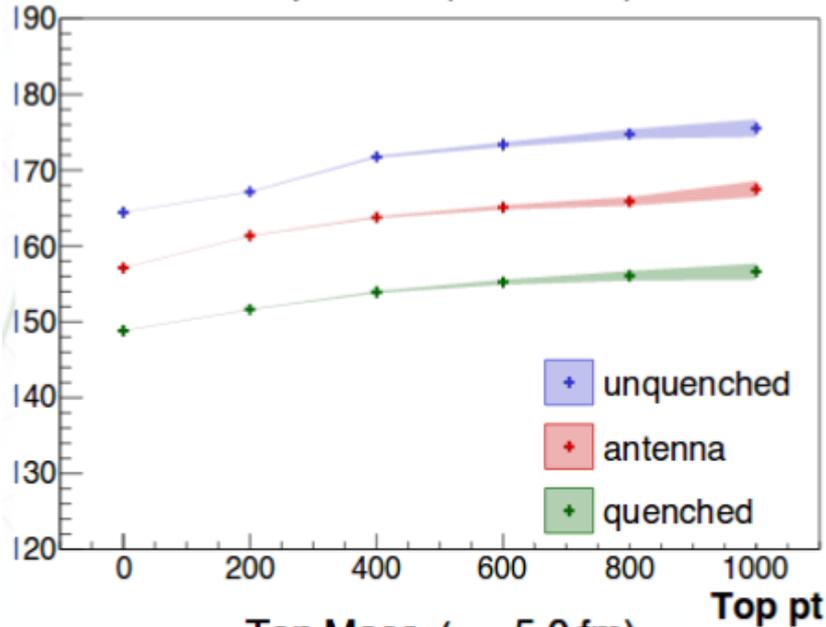
It establishes a new tool for probing nPDFs as well as the QGP properties



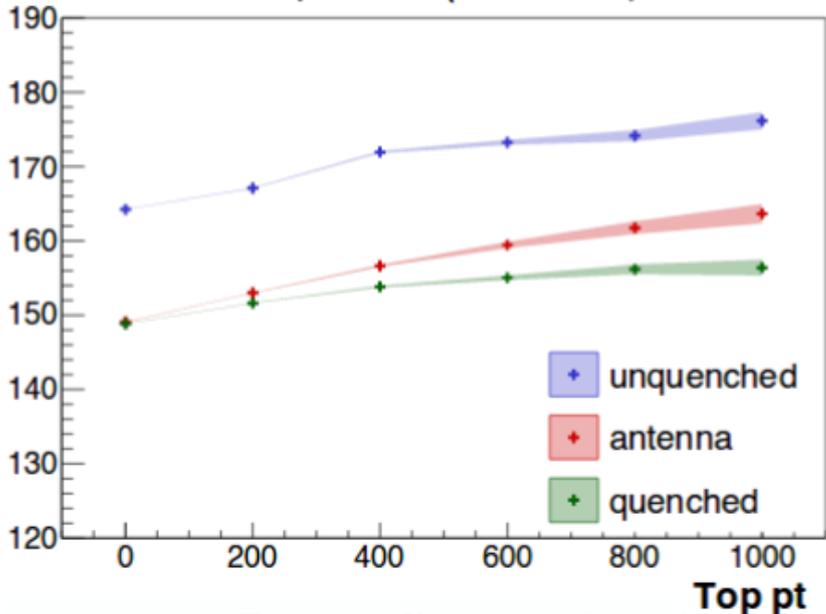
# A nice heuristic idea for a yocto-chronometer !

L. Apolinário et al. 4<sup>th</sup> HIN Jet WKSJ (2016)

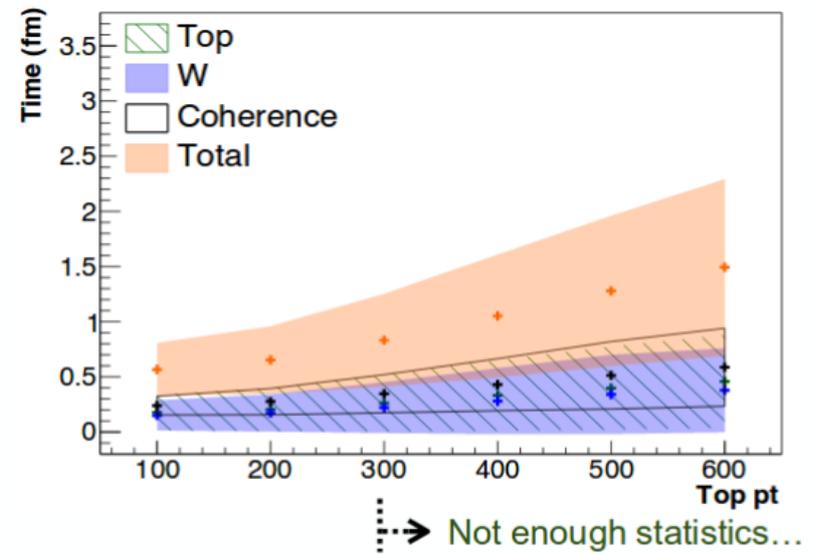
Top Mass ( $\tau = 0.5$  fm)



Top Mass ( $\tau = 5.0$  fm)

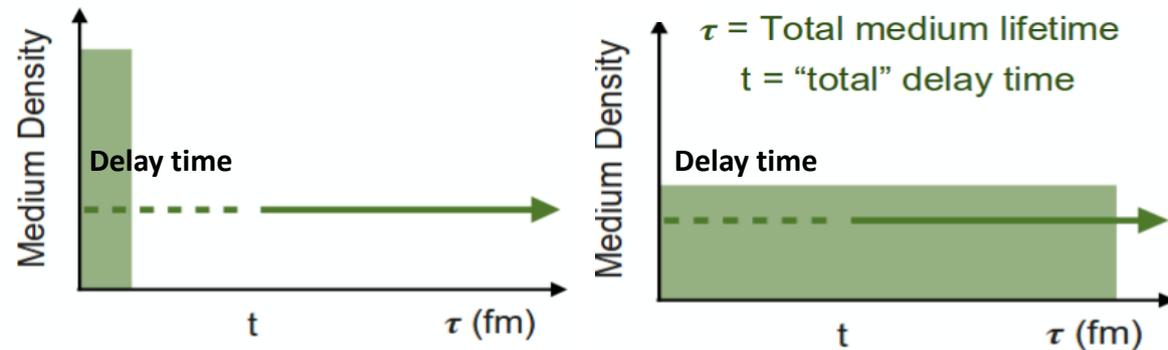


Decay Times



Probe  $\sim [0.4; 1.2]$  fm

$$\Delta E/E = [(\tau-t)/\tau] * 0.1$$



Depending on the chosen  $p_T$ , the antenna may still lose some energy.

Knowing the energy loss, it is possible to build the density evolution profile of the medium!

# BSM searches with heavy ion collisions at the LHC

Submitted as input to the update of the European Particle Physics Strategy (EPPS)

arXiv: 1812.07688

Production mode	BSM particle/interaction	Remarks
Ultraperipheral	Axion-like particles	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a$ , $m_a \approx 0.5\text{--}100$ GeV
	Radion	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \phi$ , $m_\phi \approx 0.5\text{--}100$ GeV
	Born-Infeld QED	via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalies
	Non-commutative interactions	via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalies
Schwinger process	Magnetic monopole	Only viable in HI collisions
Hard scattering	Dark photon	$m_{A'} \lesssim 1$ GeV, advanced particle ID
	Long-lived particles (heavy $\nu$ )	$m_{\text{LLP}} \lesssim 10$ GeV, improved vertexing
Thermal QCD	Sexaquarks	DM candidate

Table 1: Examples of new-physics particles and interactions accessible in searches with HI collisions at the LHC, listed by production mechanism. Indicative competitive mass ranges and/or the associated measurement advantages compared to the  $pp$  running mode are given.