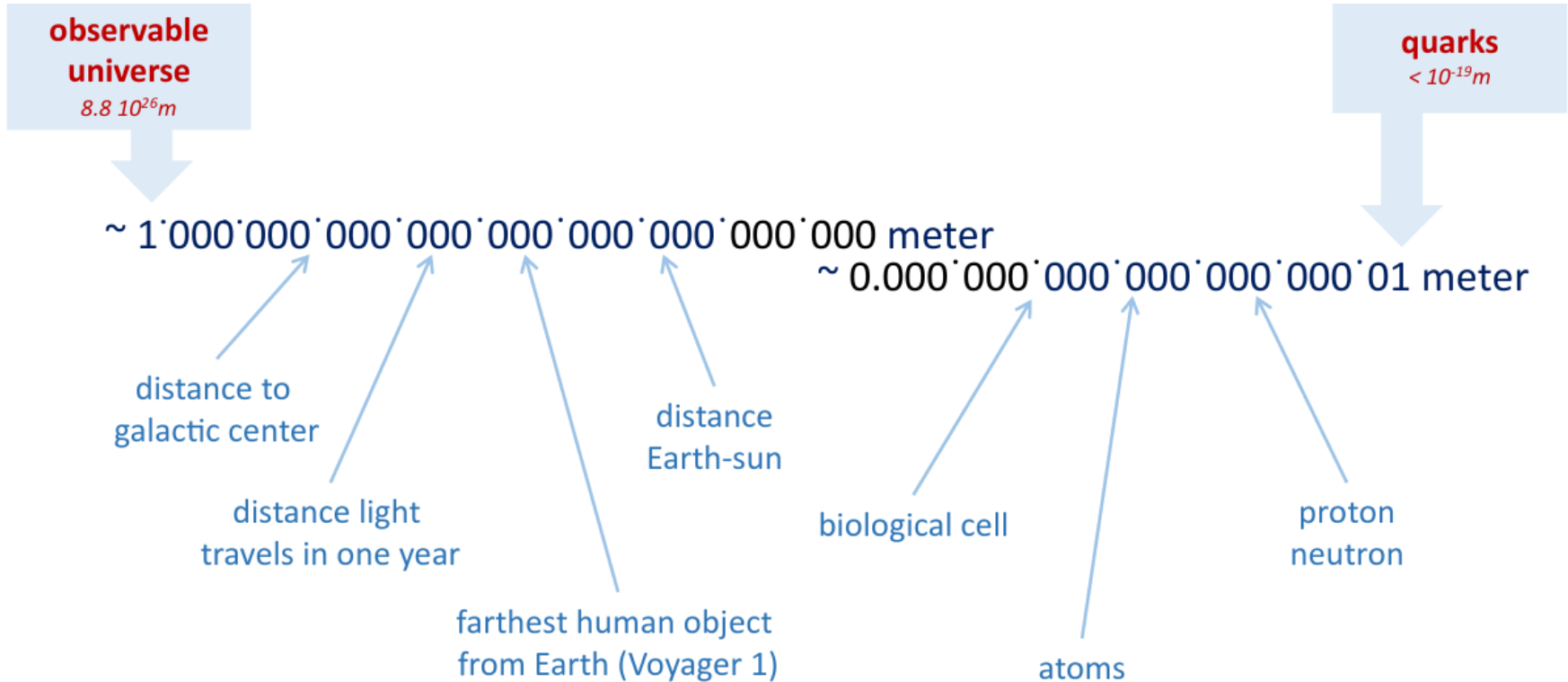
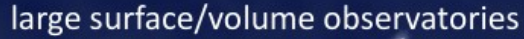
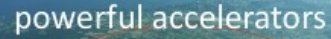


# Charmonium production in p-Pb collisions with ALICE at LHC

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# Our curiosity drives us to the extremes



$8.8 \cdot 10^{26} m$  $\approx 0.0$  $< 10^{-19}m$ 

$\approx 0.000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,01$  meter

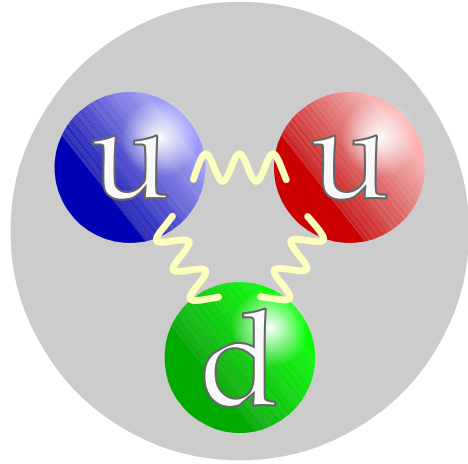
distance light  
travels in one year

farthest human object  
from Earth (Voyager 1)

atoms

proton  
neutron

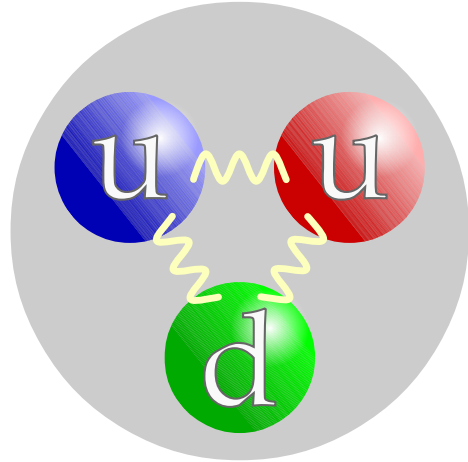
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A hadron made up of three valence quarks **uud**.

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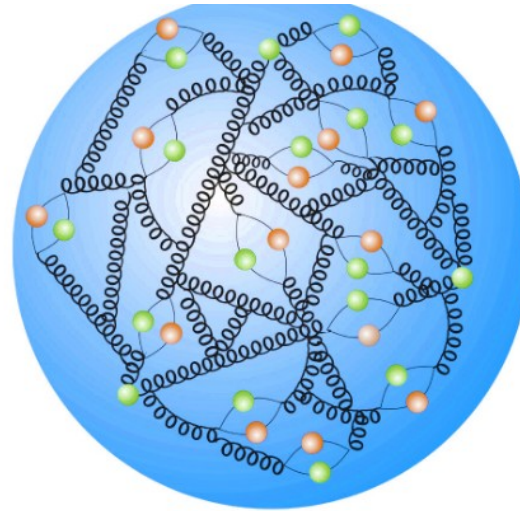
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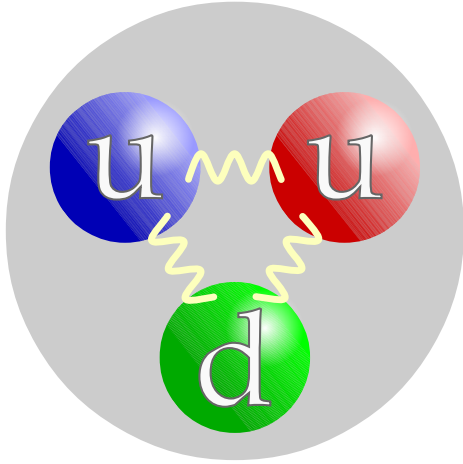
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**but it is not this simple**

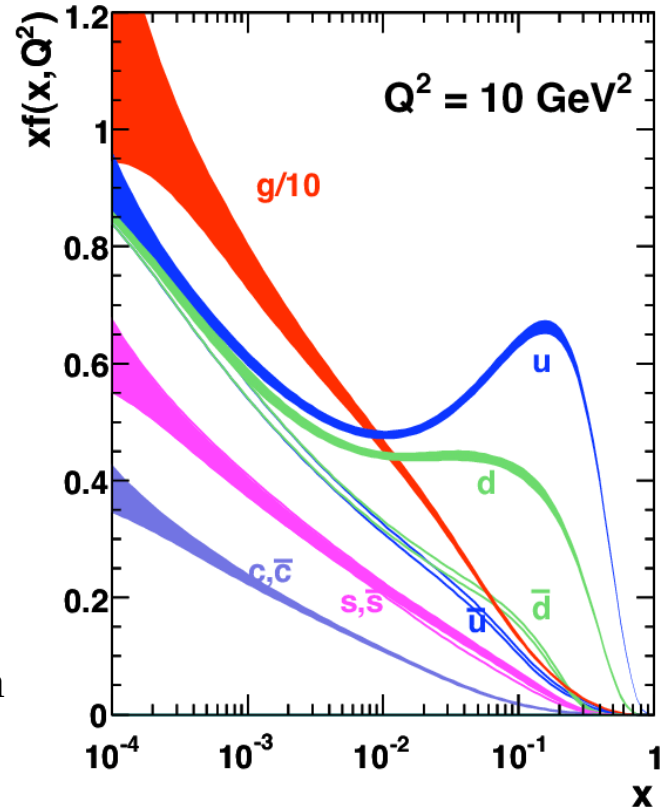


**How to describe this ?**

# Parton distribution functions (PDFs)



PDFs: probability to find a parton with a given momentum  $x$ .



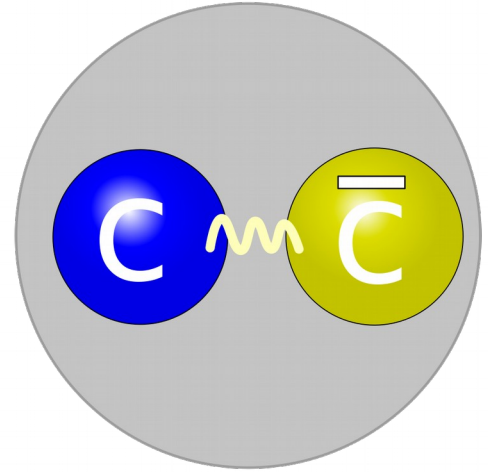
# Charmonia

The charm of linking perturbative and non-perturbative QCD

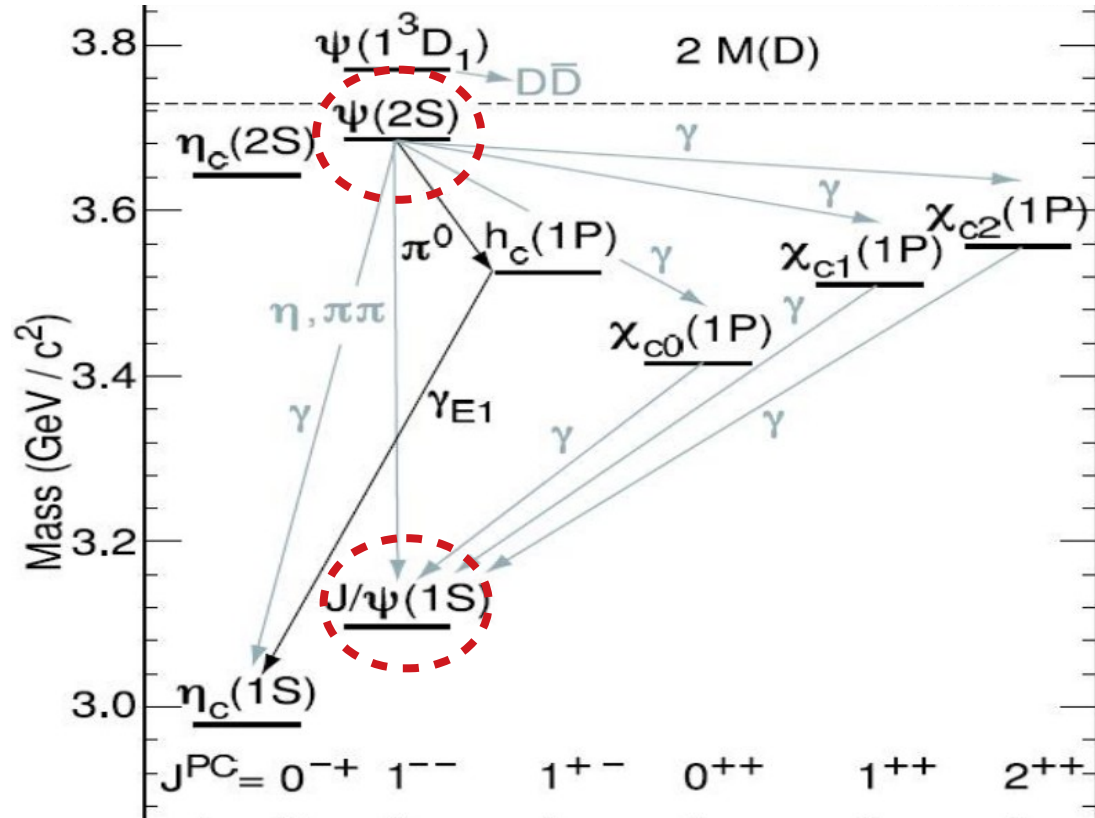
- c-quarks are created during the hard QCD process.  
Due to their heavy mass  $\sim 1.5$  GeV.
- The bound state is formed during soft QCD process.  
Binding energy is few MeV.



Provide an excellent tool to test perturbative and non perturbative QCD processes.

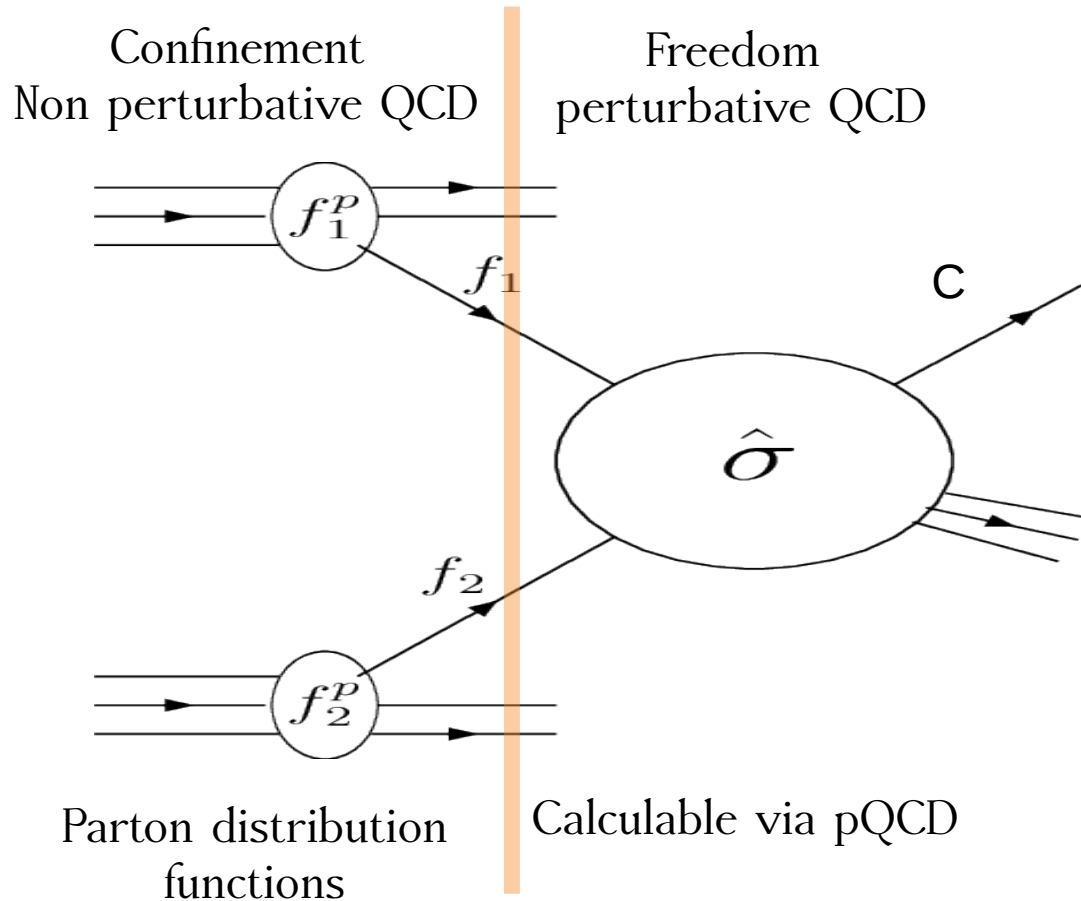


# Charmonia



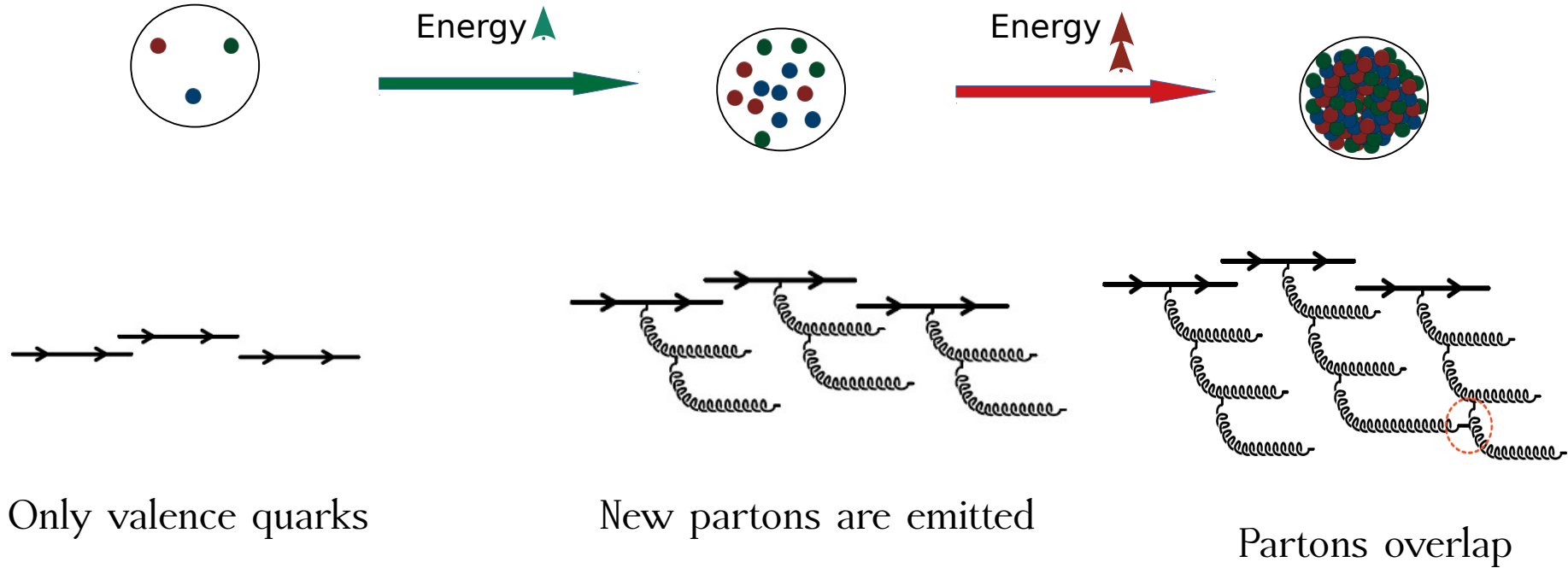


# Factorization theorem



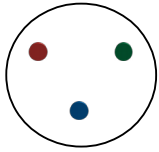
# Hadrons at high energy

PDFs and saturation concept



# What will happen when collide them?

Single parton interactions

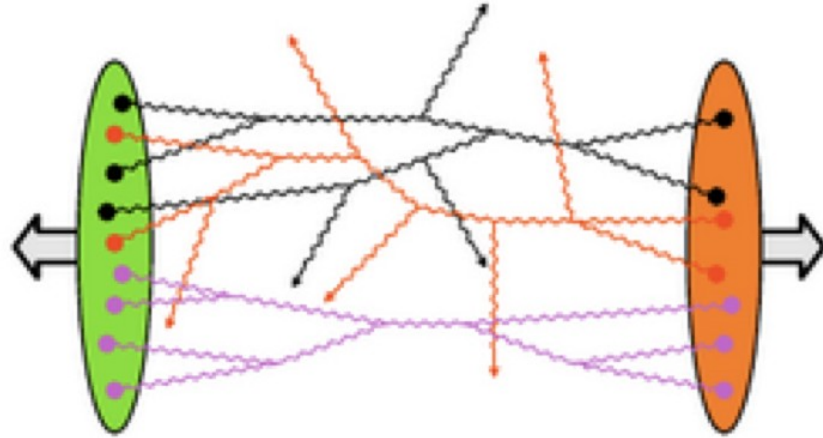
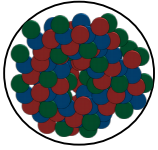


Single parton-parton interaction.

A naive picture of hadron-hadron collision.

# What will happen when collide them?

## Multiparton interactions



When there is a large density of partons.

**Several parton-parton interactions in a single hadron-hadron collision.**

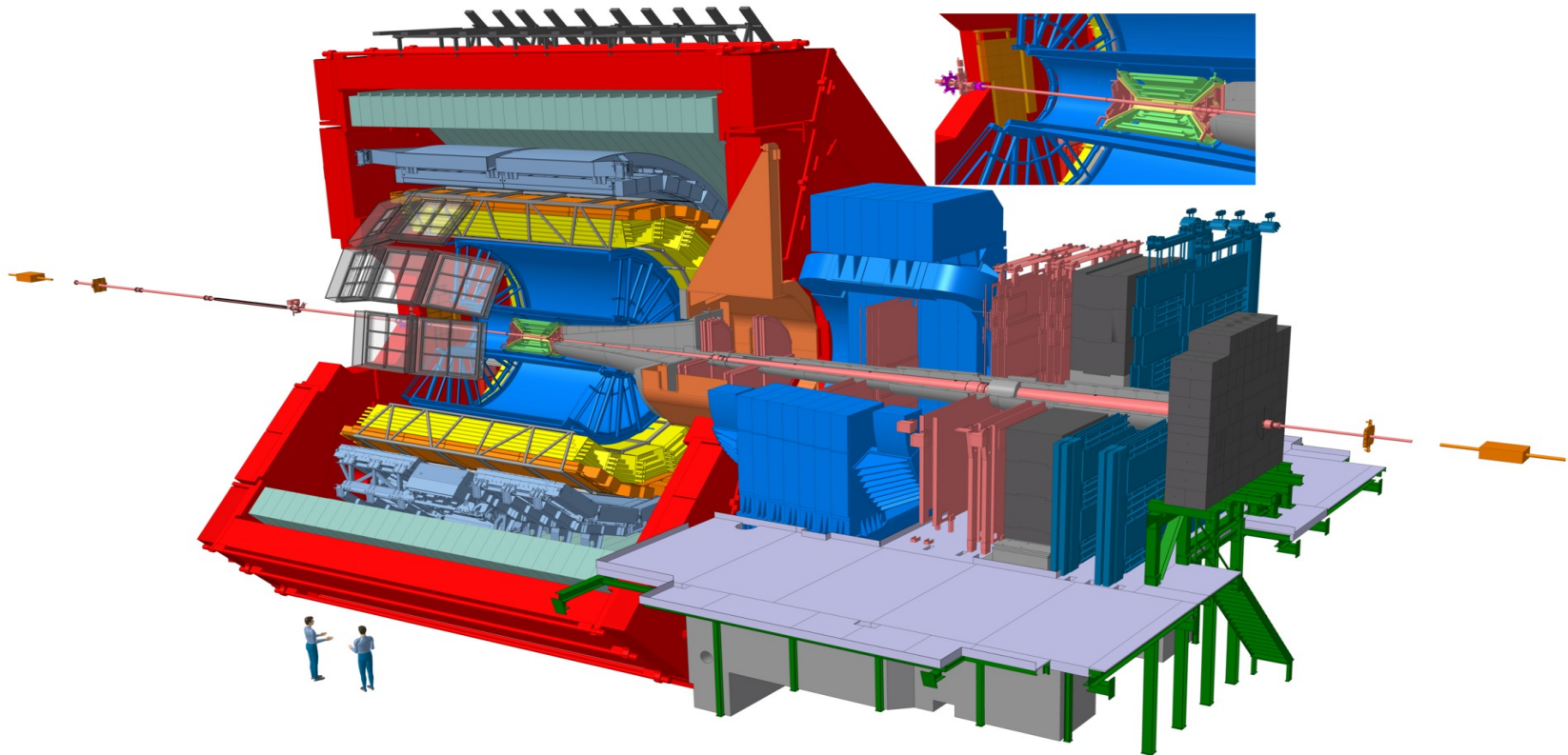
# Where to look for MPIs ?

- Double Charmonia production:
  - Direct probe to MPIs.
  - Provide information about the single Charmonia production.  
Needs large statistics to measure differential cross sections.
- Charmonia production vs charged-particle multiplicity:
  - Indirect probe to MPIs.
  - Information about the correlation between soft and hard QCD process.

In this presentation we are going to discuss the charmonium production as a function of multiplicity exploiting ALICE run 2 data for p-Pb collisions.

# ALICE detector

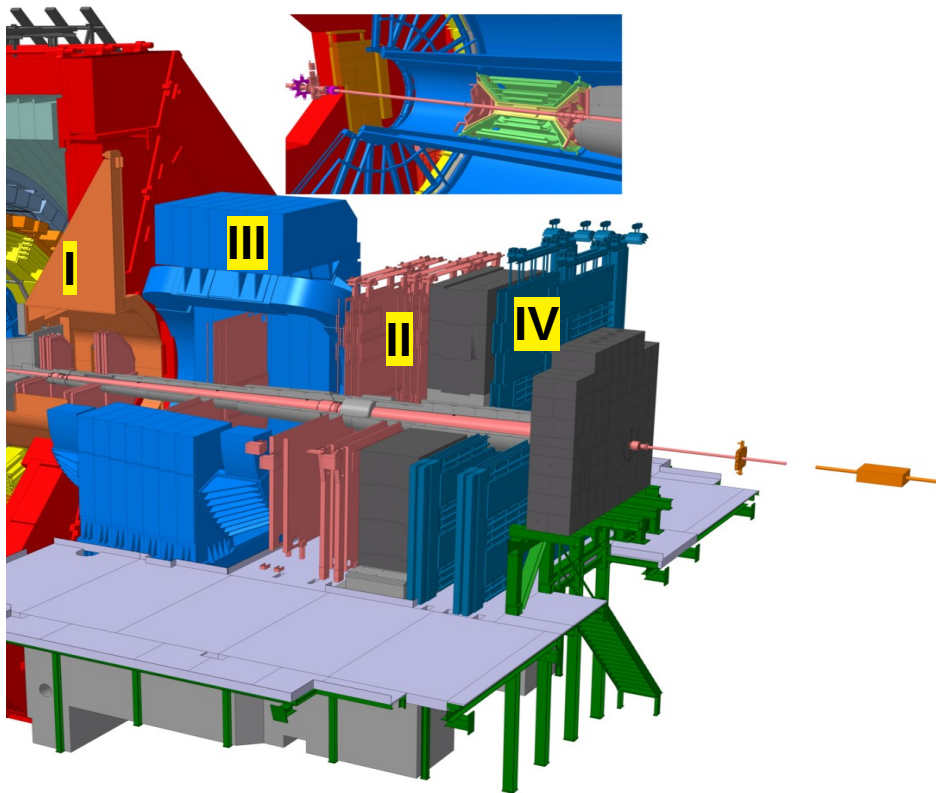
LHC heavy-ion dedicated experiment



# ALICE detector

$$J/\psi, \psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^-\mu^+ \\ 2.5 < y_{\text{lab}} < 4.0$$

- I. Front absorber.
- II. Muon tracking chambers.
- III. Dipole magnet 3T.m.
- IV. Muon trigger chambers.



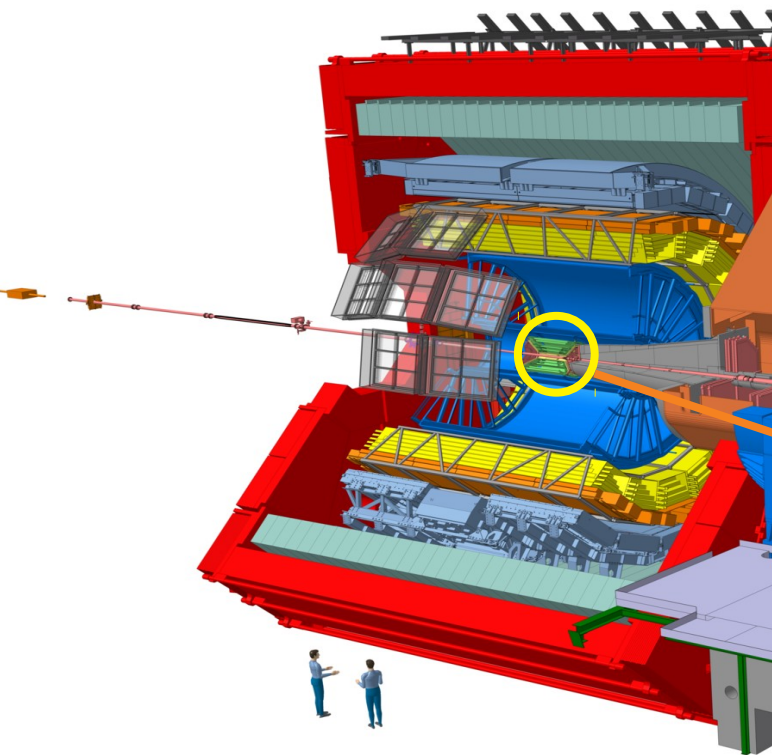
# ALICE detector

## Central barrel

Measure the charged-particle multiplicity

V0 detectors

Silicon pixel detector (SPD)



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

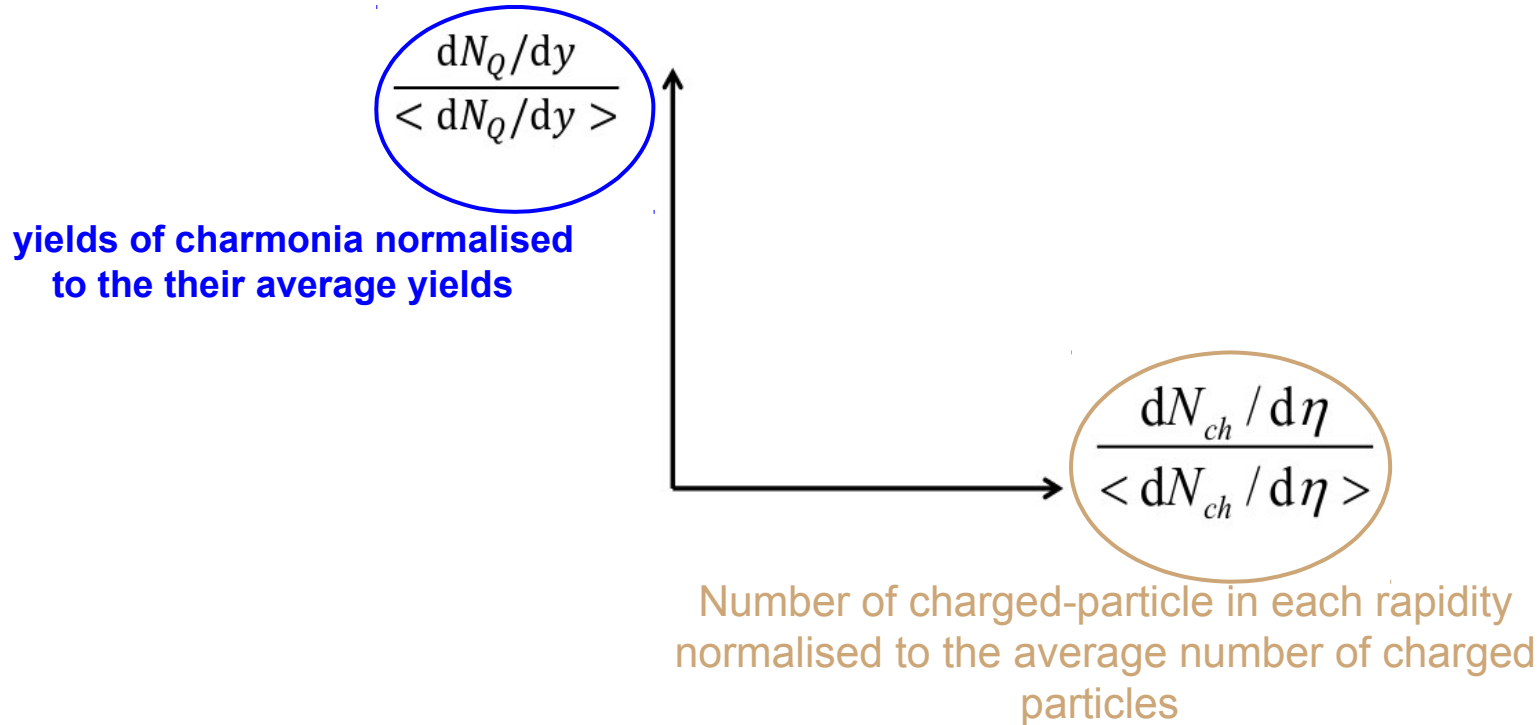
**V0C**  
 $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$

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



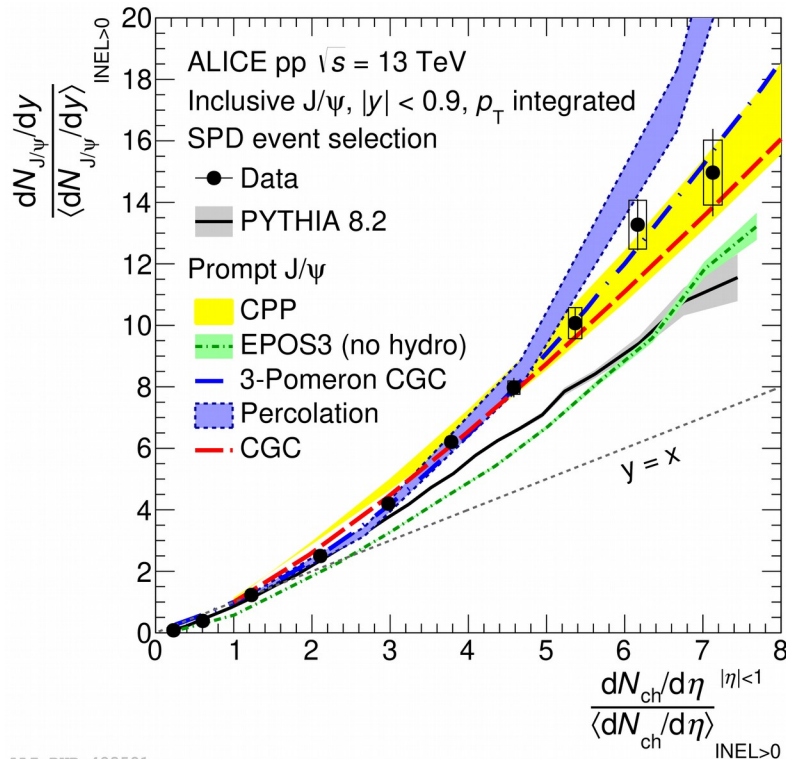


# Particle production vs multiplicity



# Multiplicity dependence of $J/\psi$

pp collisions



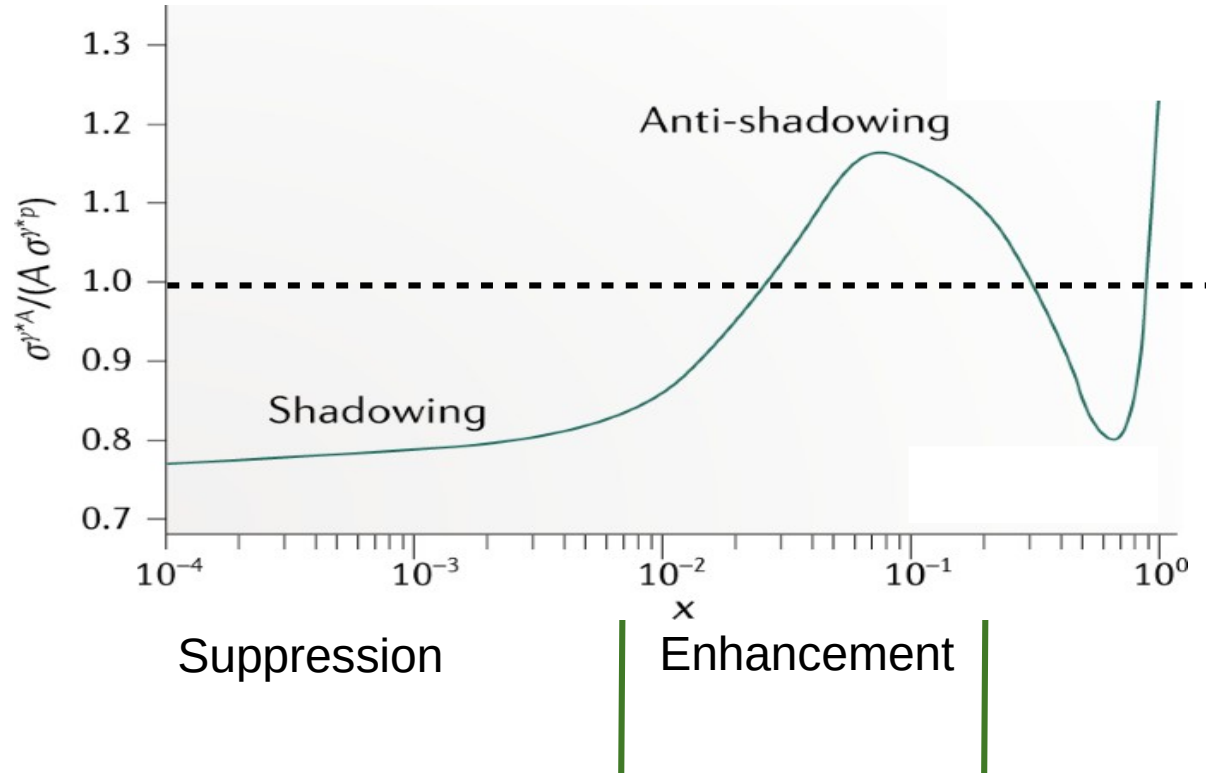
- Self normalized  $J/\psi$  yields vs multiplicity at midrapidity.
- Faster than linear increase of  $J/\psi$  yields vs multiplicity .
- The trend is described by several theoretical models which include the initial state effects and MPI in their calculations.

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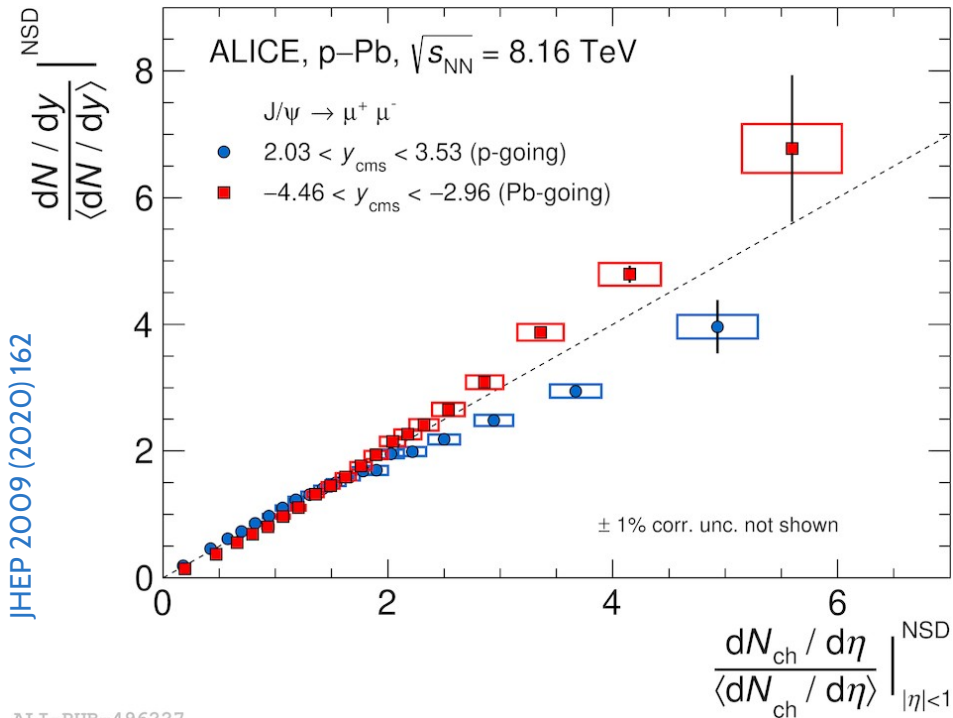
How does the nuclear environment affect charmonium production ?

# Nuclear parton distribution functions

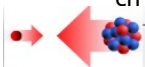
What is the effect of nuclear environment on the particle production

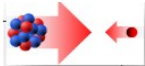


# Multiplicity dependence of $J/\psi$ in p-Pb

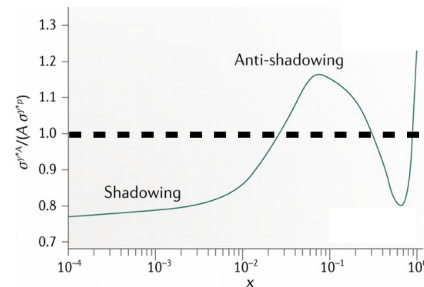


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- $J/\psi$  yields increase with  $dN_{ch} / d\eta$  in
  - **Forward rapidity:** 

p-going
  - **Backward rapidity:** 

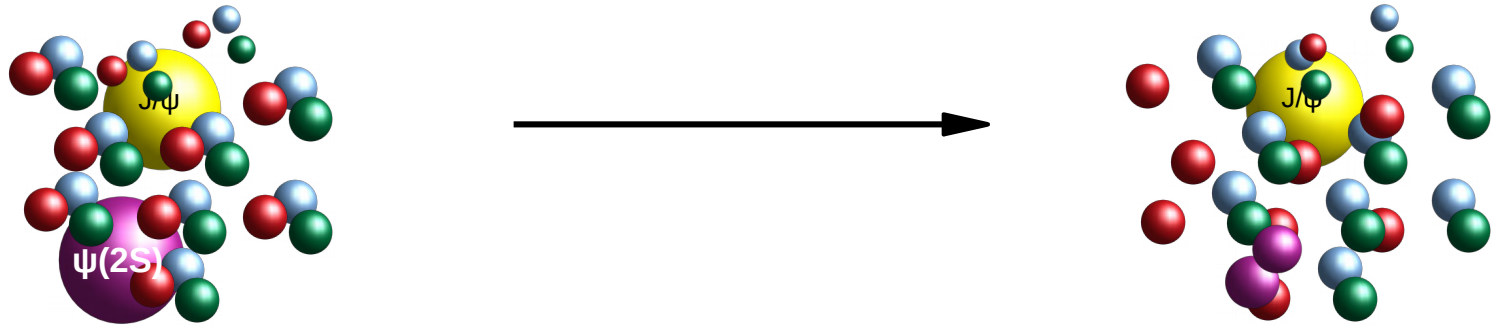
Pb-going
- Faster (slower) than linear increase observed at backward (forward) rapidity.
- The different behavior likely due to different Bjorken- $x$  regions probed.



# Final state effects

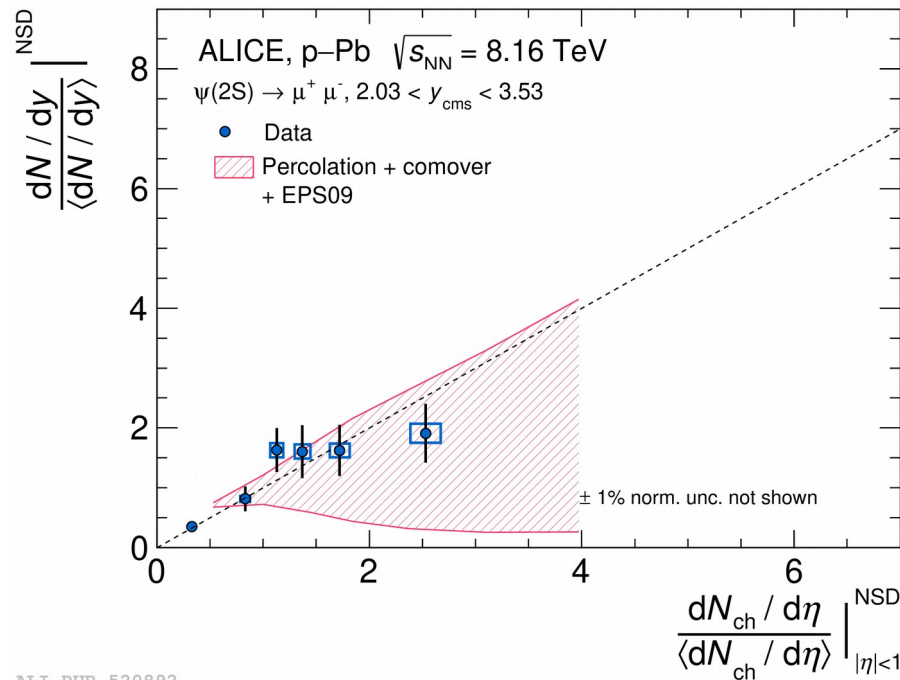
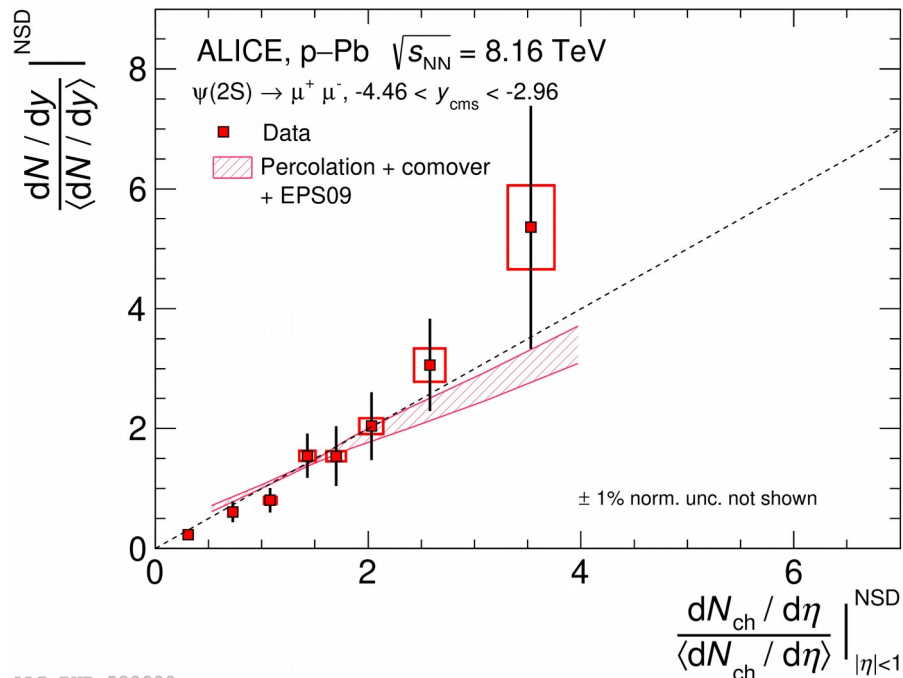
Comovers model

Do we expect different effects for different particles?



The effect of the interaction of the final state particles with the comoving-particles

# $\psi(2S)$ production vs multiplicity

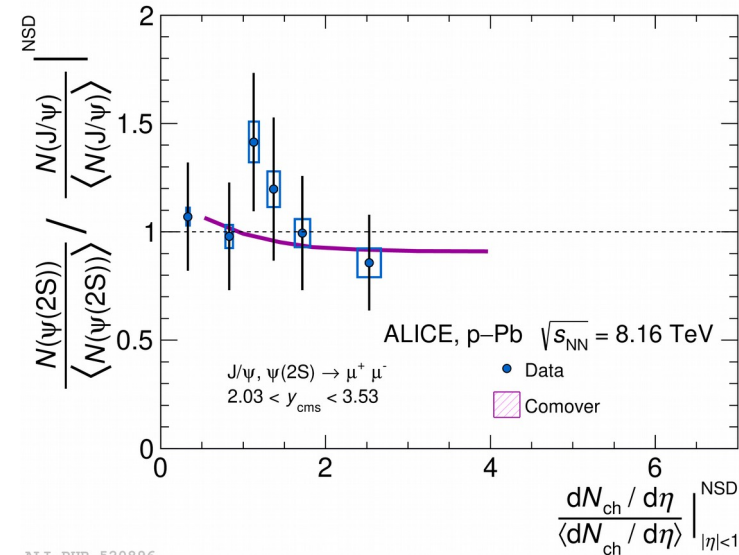
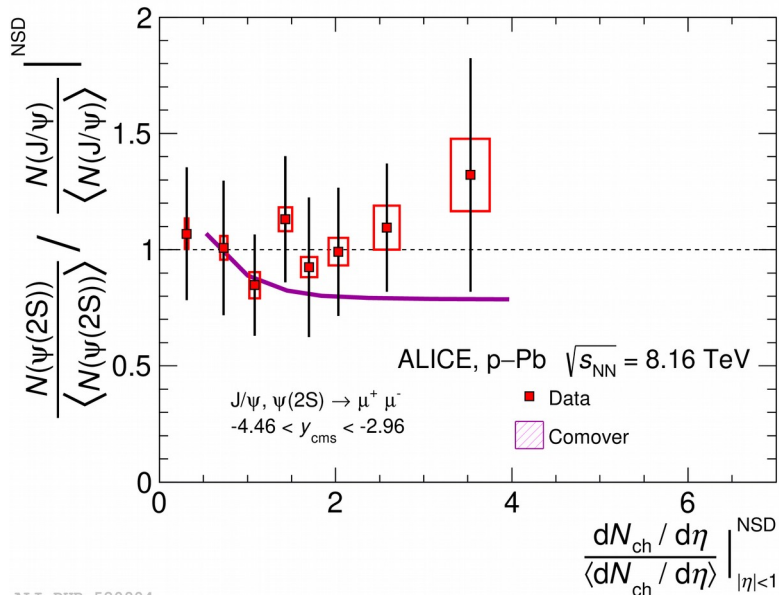


- The  $\psi(2S)$  yield increases with increasing  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  in p-Pb collisions.
- The model includes nPDFs and the final state effect in its calculation.



# Multiplicity dependence of $\psi(2S)$ -over- $J/\psi$

arXiv:2204.10253



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- Similar behavior of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  vs multiplicity 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.



# Conclusion

- **ALICE measured the  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  production vs multiplicity**
  - On arXiv: [arXiv:2204.10253](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.10253)
- **$\psi(2S)$  vs charged-particle multiplicity:**
  - Models with initial state effects and MPIs reproduce the trend of the data.
  - Similar behavior of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  as a function of multiplicity.
- Outlook
  - **LHC run 3 with high statistics will allow to**
    - Much more precise measurements.

Thank you