

# **Studies of Y states in PbPb collisions** at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV at LHC



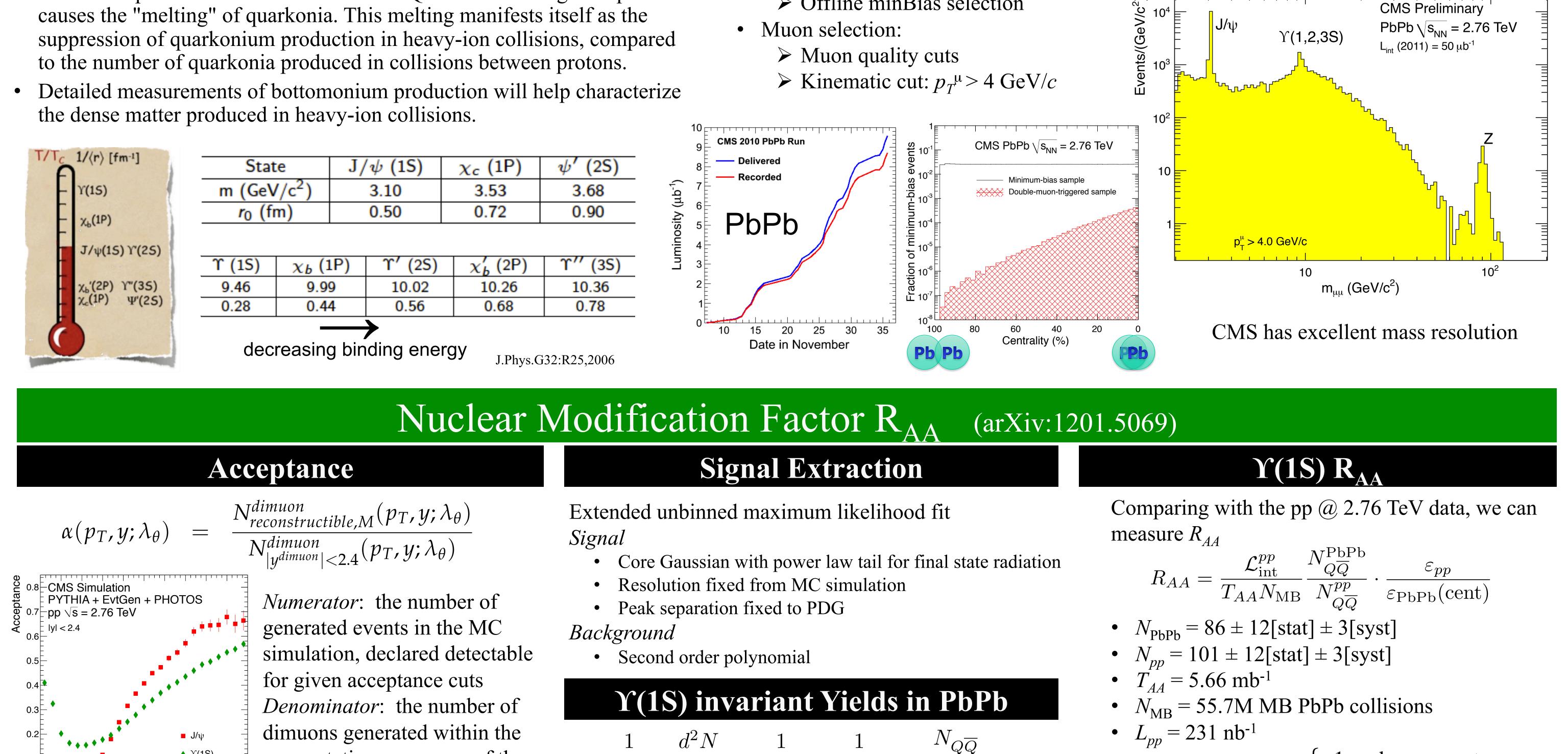
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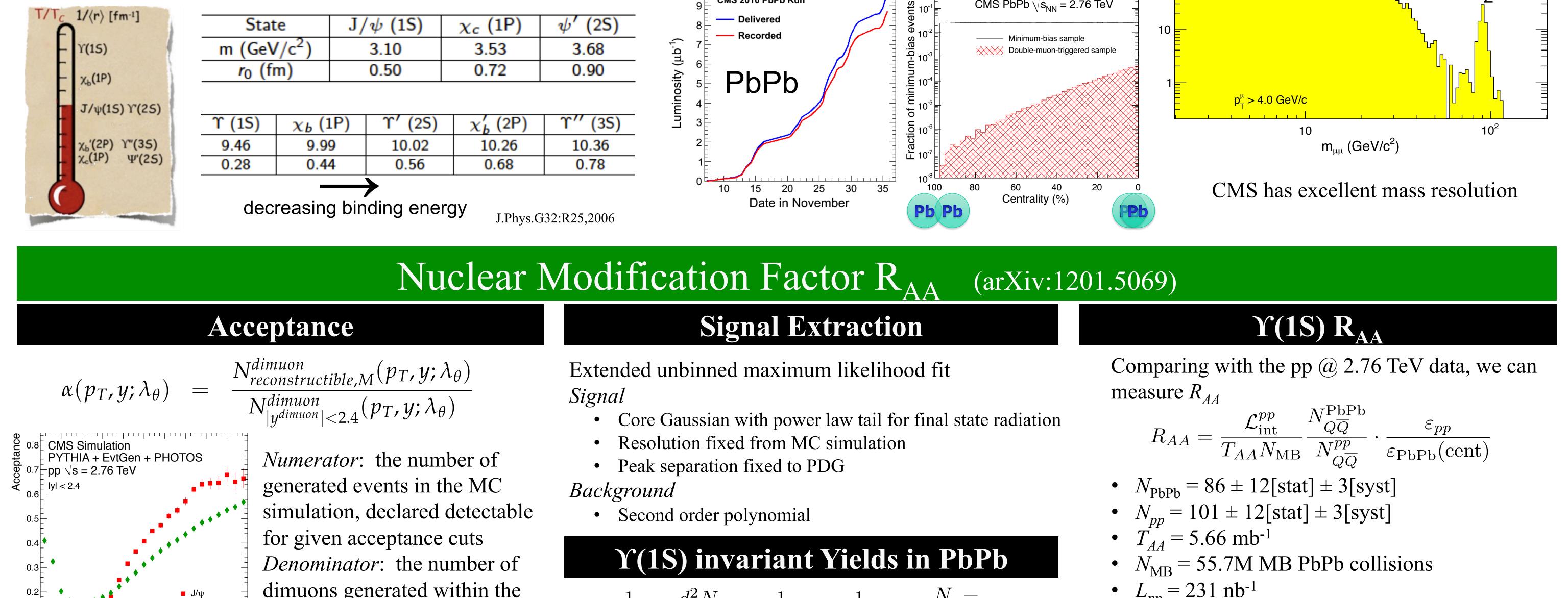
## Introduction

- In our universe today, quarks are always bound together by gluons to form "composite" particles. The Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) is a hot, dense state in which these quarks and gluons exist freely, unbound. This is thought to be the situation a few millionths of a second after the Big Bang.
- One of the predicted characteristics of the QGP is that its high temperature causes the "melting" of quarkonia. This melting manifests itself as the suppression of quarkonium production in heavy-ion collisions, compared to the number of quarkonia produced in collisions between protons.
- the dense matter produced in heavy-ion collisions.

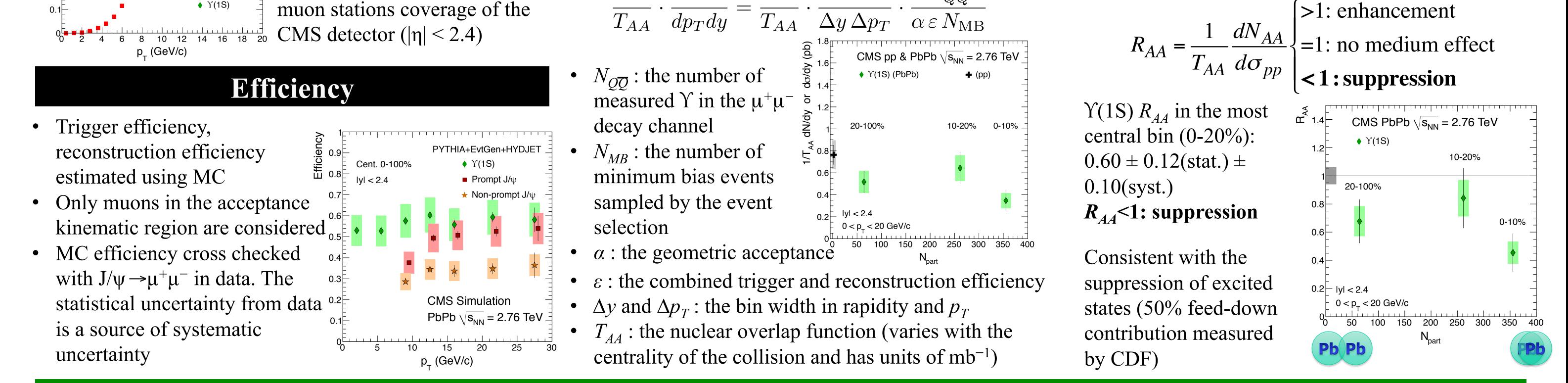
## Quarkonia in PbPb Collisions in CMS

- PbPb data sample: PbPb run 2010 ( $a \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$  ( $L_{int} = 7.28 \mu b^{-1}$ )
- pp reference sample: pp run 2011 @  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV} (L_{int} = 231 \text{ nb}^{-1})$
- Event selection:
  - Online dimuon trigger
  - Offline minBias selection
- - Muon quality cuts





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#### Suppression of Excited Y States in PbPb Collisions (Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 052302 (2011))

#### $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$ vs $\Upsilon(1S)$

• Measure the fraction of excited states  $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$ relative to  $\Upsilon(1S)$ 

♦ Ƴ(**1S**)

• Fraction extracted directly from the fit to the PbPb and pp data sample (both at 2.76 TeV)

#### **Double Ratio**

- Compare ratios of  $\Upsilon(2S+3S)$  relative to  $\Upsilon(1S)$ (ground state) in PbPb & pp:
- Extract double ratio directly from simultaneous fit to both samples

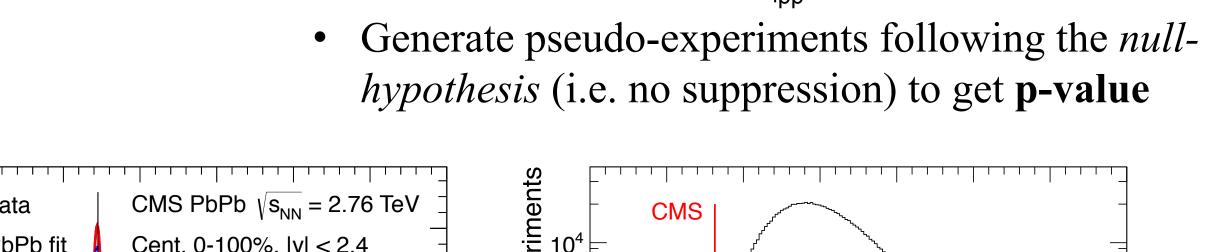
#### $\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)|_{PbPb} = 0.31^{+0.19}_{-0.15} \pm 0.03$ $\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)|_{pr}$

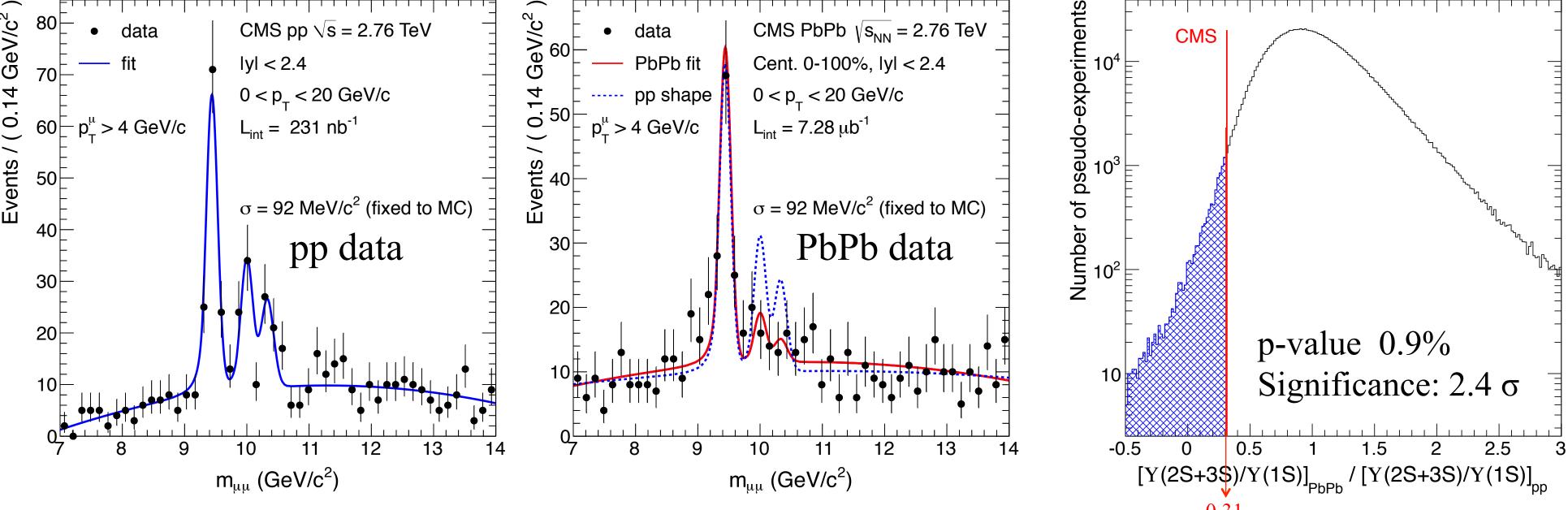
#### **Systematic for Double Ratio**

Pros of a double ratio:

- Acceptance cancels
- Efficiency cancels
- Possible differences dominated by systematic uncertainty from the fit model:

$$\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)\Big|_{PbPb} = 0.78^{+0.16}_{-0.14} \pm 0.02$$
  
 $\Upsilon(2S+3S)/\Upsilon(1S)\Big|_{PbPb} = 0.24^{+0.13}_{-0.12} \pm 0.02$ 





- Signal shape
- Mass resolution
- Background PDF and fit range

Total systematic uncertainty: 9.1%

### **Cold Nuclear Effect**

Cold nuclear matter may affect  $\Upsilon$  suppression:

- Smaller nuclear absorption cross section than at lower energy and for  $J/\psi$  (smaller size)
- Shadowing cancels in the Y(2S+3S)/Y(1S) ratio at least to the first order

References

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