From Heavy Ions to Quark Matter

Episode 1

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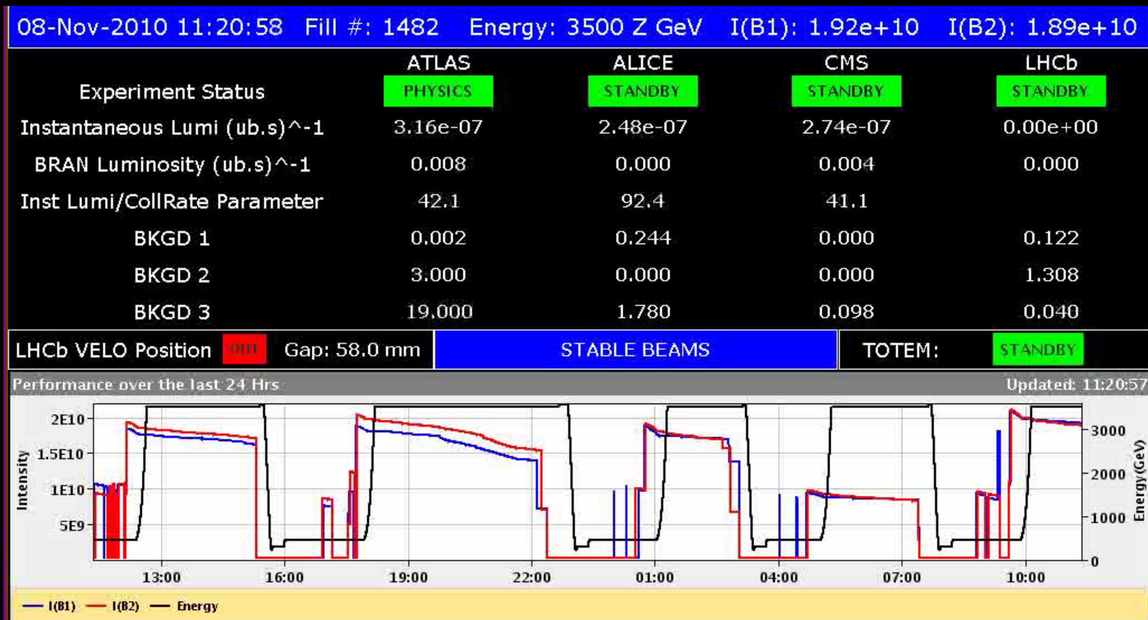
Pb-Pb collisions in the LHC!

- 8 November 2010: the beginning of a new era for Heavy Ion Physics



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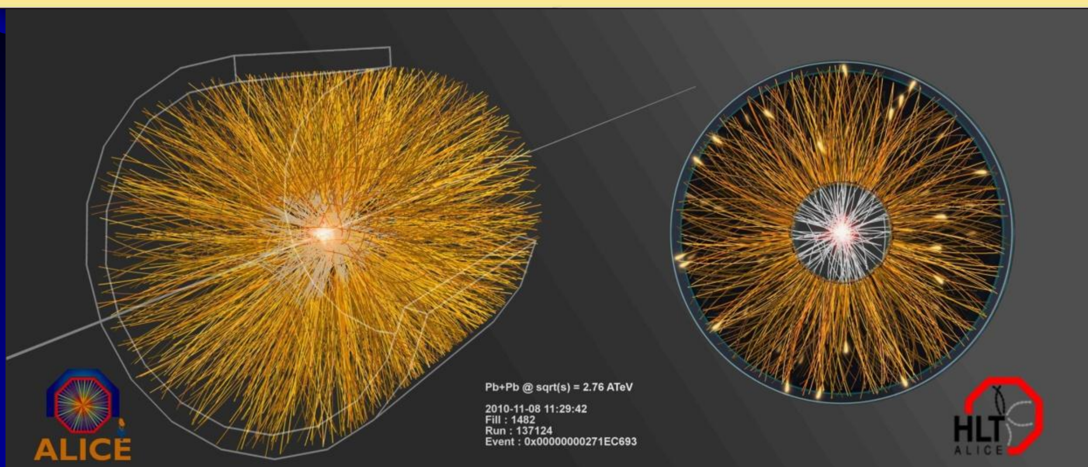
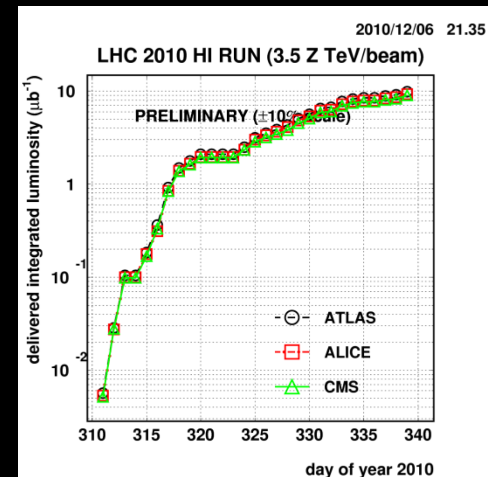
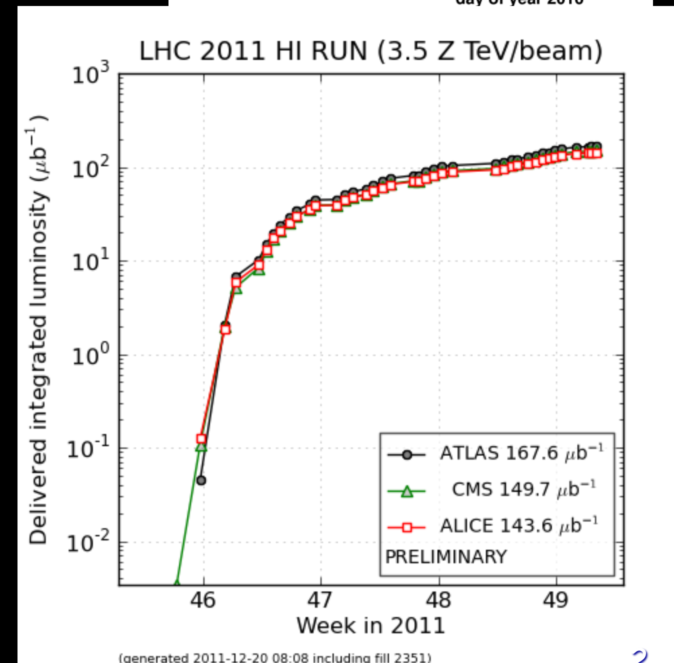
	ATLAS	ALICE	CMS	LHCb
Experiment Status	PHYSICS	STANDBY	STANDBY	STANDBY
Instantaneous Lumi (ub.s)^-1	3.16e-07	2.48e-07	2.74e-07	0.00e+00
BRAN Luminosity (ub.s)^-1	0.008	0.000	0.004	0.000
Inst Lumi/CollRate Parameter	42.1	92.4	41.1	
BKGD 1	0.002	0.244	0.000	0.122
BKGD 2	3.000	0.000	0.000	1.308
BKGD 3	19.000	1.780	0.098	0.040

LHCb VELO Position OUT Gap: 58.0 mm STABLE BEAMS TOTEM: STANDBY







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Two puzzles in QCD

The Standard Model and QCD

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  - binds quarks into hadrons
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- described by QCD:
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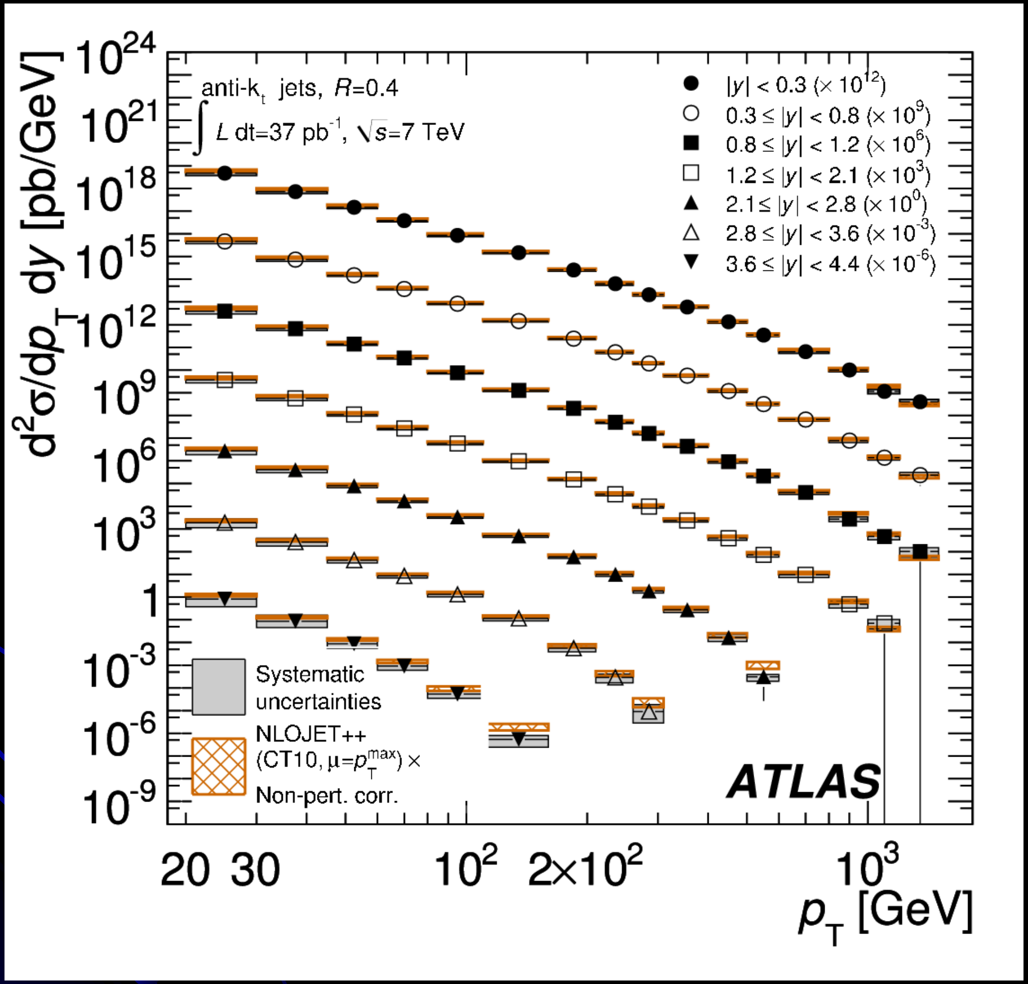
- very successful theory

- e.g.: pQCD vs production of high energy jets



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- A proton is thought to be made of two u and one d quarks
- The sum of their masses is around 12 MeV
- ... but the proton mass is 938 MeV!
- how is the extra mass generated?

Two puzzles in QCD: ii) confinement

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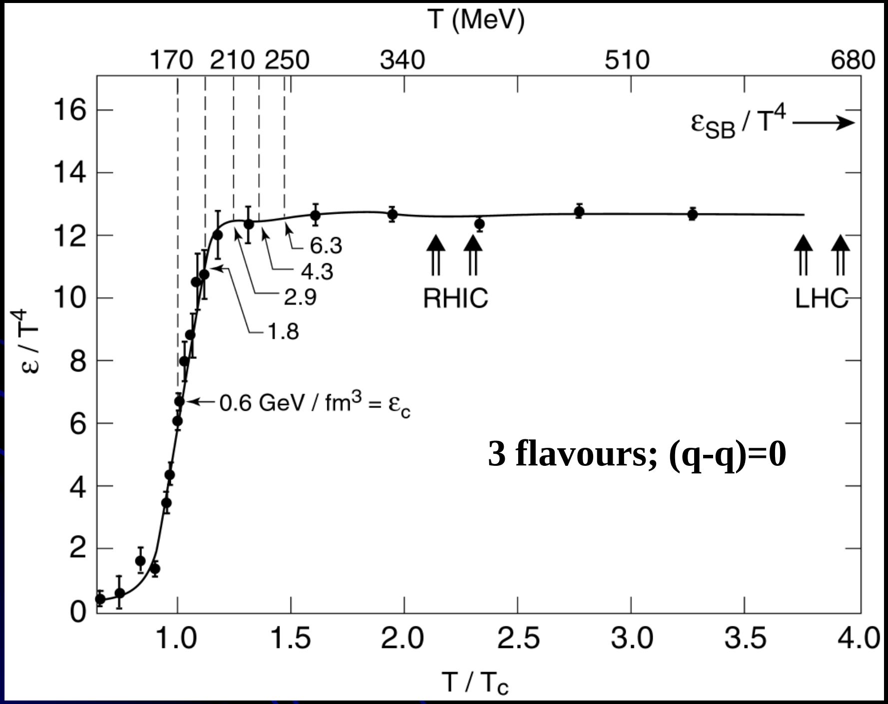
- Nobody ever succeeded in detecting an isolated quark
- Quarks seem to be permanently confined within protons, neutrons, pions and other hadrons.
- It looks like one half of the fundamental fermions are not directly observable…

  why?

Lattice QCD

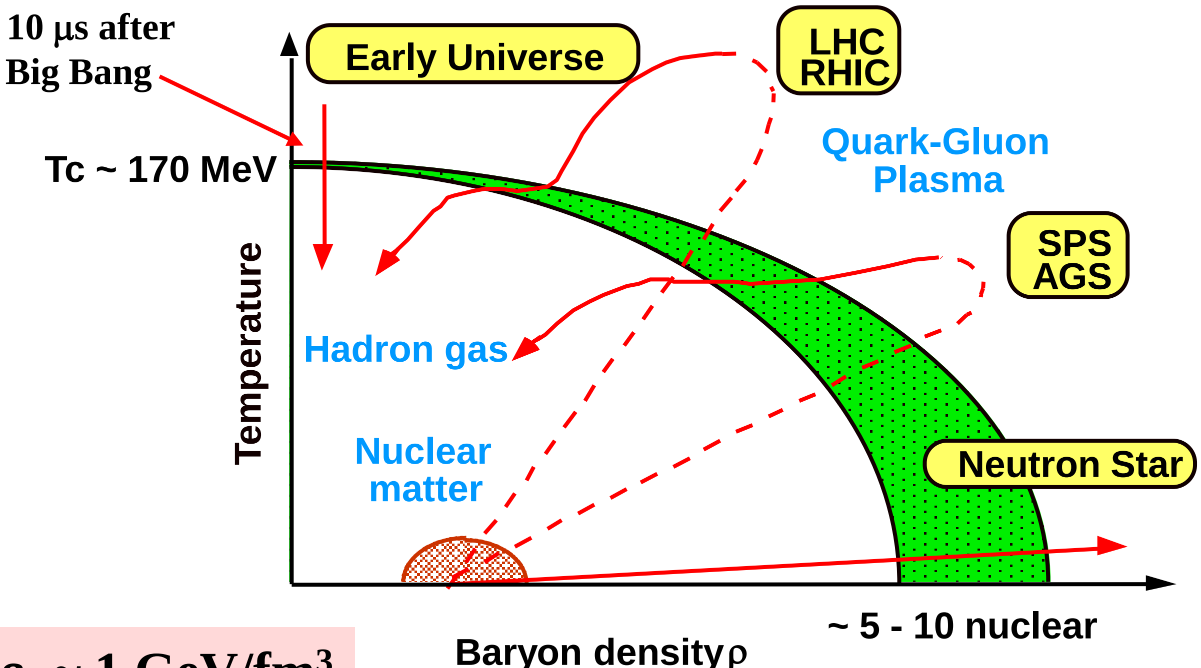
- rigorous way of doing calculations in non-perturbative regime of QCD
- discretization on a space-time lattice
  → ultraviolet (large momentum scale) divergencies can be avoided



- zero baryon density, 3 flavours
- ε changes rapidly around T_c
- T_c = 170 MeV:
  → ε_c = 0.6 GeV/fm^3
- at T~1.2 T_c ε settles at about 80% of the Stefan-Boltzmann value for an ideal gas of q,$\bar{q}$ g (ε_{SB})

QCD phase diagram

- an "artist's view"…



$\varepsilon_c \sim 1\ \mathrm{GeV/fm^3}$

→ experimental access to phase transitions in non-abelian QFT!

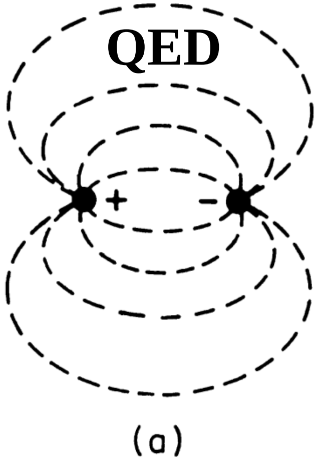
Confinement and deconfinement: an “intuitive” view

Confinement

- At scales of the order of the hadron size (~ 1 fm) perturbative methods lose validity
- Calculations rely on approximate methods (such as lattice theory or effective theories)
- There are compelling arguments (but no rigorous proof) that the non-abelian nature of QCD is responsible for the confinement of colour

[see e.g. Gottfried-Weisskopf, p. 99]

Confining potential in QCD



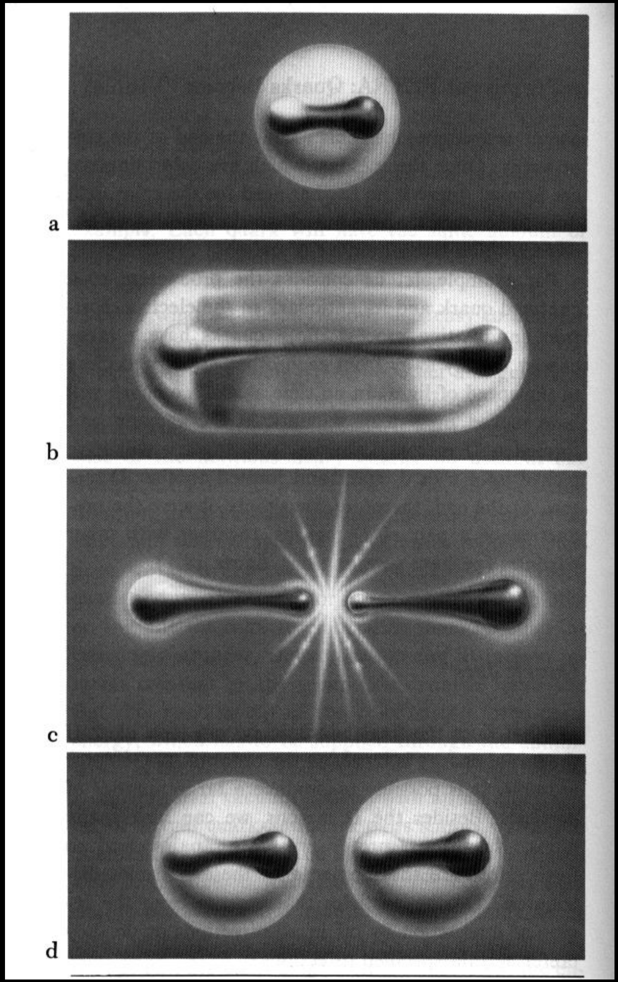
- In QCD, the field lines are compressed into a "flux tube" (or "string") of constant cross-section (~fm^2), leading to a long-distance potential which grows linearly with *r*:

$$V_{long} = kr$$

with k ~ 1 GeV/fm

String breaking

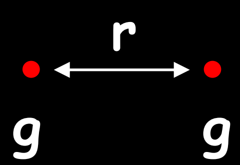
- If one tries to pull the string apart, when the energy stored in the string ($k\,r$) reaches the point where it is energetically favourable to create a $q\bar{q}$ pair, the string breaks…
- …and one ends up with two colour-neutral strings (and eventually hadrons)



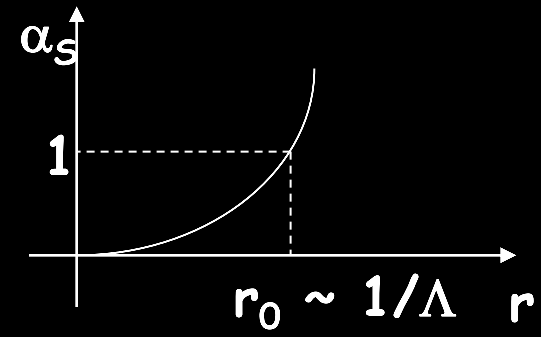
[illustration from Fritzsch]

QCD vacuum

- e.g.: 2 gluons in singlet state at a distance r



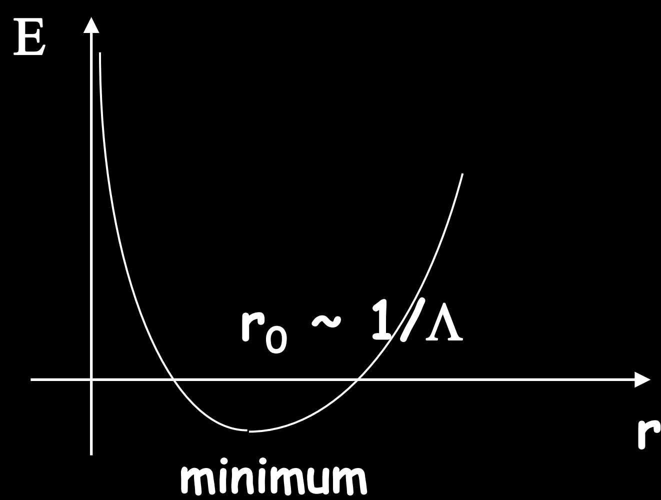
$$\Delta p \Delta r \sim \hbar = 1$$



$$r \sim \frac{1}{p} \sim \frac{1}{E_{KIN}} \quad \rightarrow \quad E_{KIN} \sim \frac{1}{r}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{r} - C\frac{\alpha_S}{r} = \frac{1 - C\alpha_S}{r}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} r \rightarrow 0 & E \sim \frac{1}{r} \\ r \sim r_0 & E <\sim 0 \\ r \rightarrow \infty & E \sim kr \end{array}$$



QCD vacuum

- The "empty" vacuum is unstable. There is a state of lower energy that consists of cells, each containing a gluon pair in colour- and spin- singlet state. The size of these cells is of order r_0. We may speak of a "liquid" vacuum.

Gottfried-Weisskopf, IV C

Bag Model

- Due to the non-abelian nature of QCD and to the large value of the QCD coupling, the QCD vacuum is a rather complex object, behaving practically as a liquid

- The MIT bag model describes the essential phenomenology of confinement by assuming that quarks are confined within bubbles (bags) of perturbative (= empty) vacuum of radius *R* upon which the QCD vacuum exerts a confining pressure *B*

(a) (b)

FIG. 9. The QCD vacuum state is depicted in (a). It is a random distribution of cells that contain a gluon pair in a color and spin singlet state. Quarks (in a color singlet configuration) displace these cells, creating a region (or "bag") of "empty" vacuum, as shown in (b).

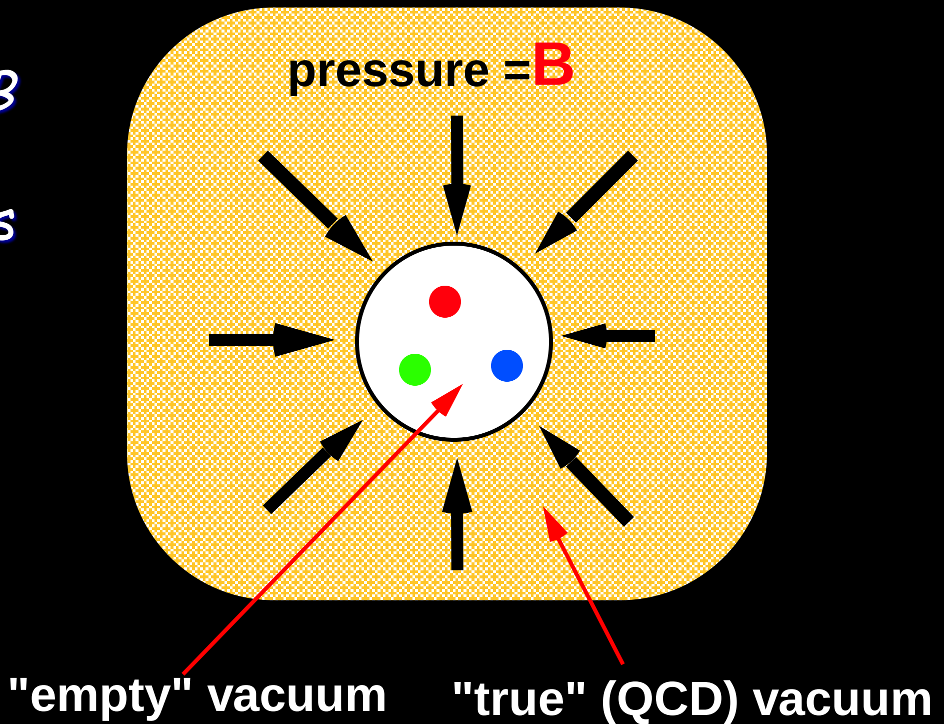
[see e.g. Gottfried-Weisskopf, p. 399]

- The bubble radius *R* is determined by the balance between the vacuum pressure *B* and the outward kinetic pressure exerted by the quarks

- From hadron spectra:

  $B \sim (200\ \text{MeV})^4$

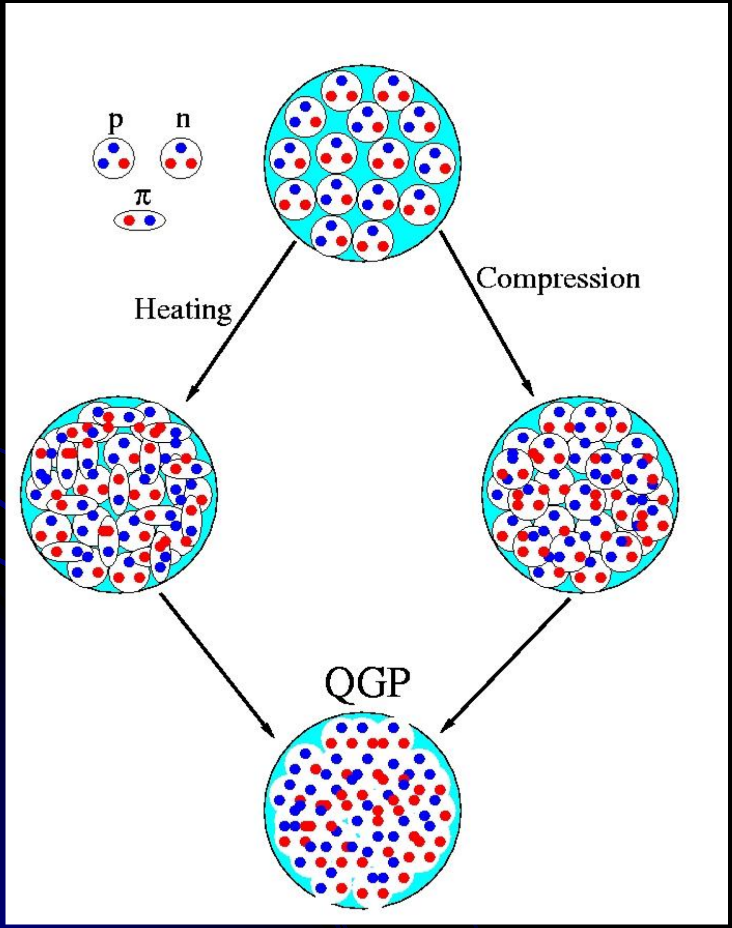
Bag model of a hadron



B = "bag constant" $B^{1/4} \sim$ **200 MeV**

Deconfinement

- What if we compress/heat matter so much that the individual hadrons start to interpenetrate?

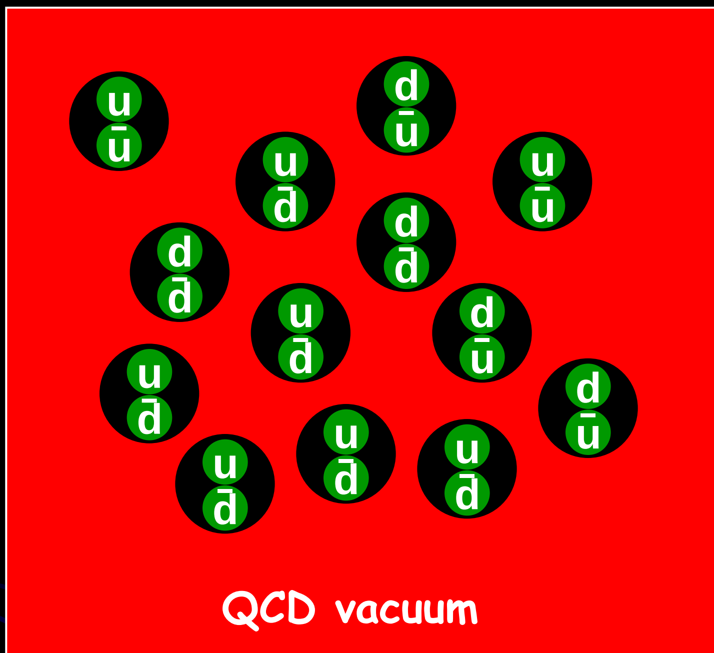


Lattice QCD predicts that if a system of hadrons is brought to sufficiently large density and/or temperature a deconfinement phase transition should occur

In the new phase, called Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP), quarks and gluons are no longer confined within individual hadrons, but are free to move around over a larger volume

Deconfinement: a toy model

Hadron (pion) Gas



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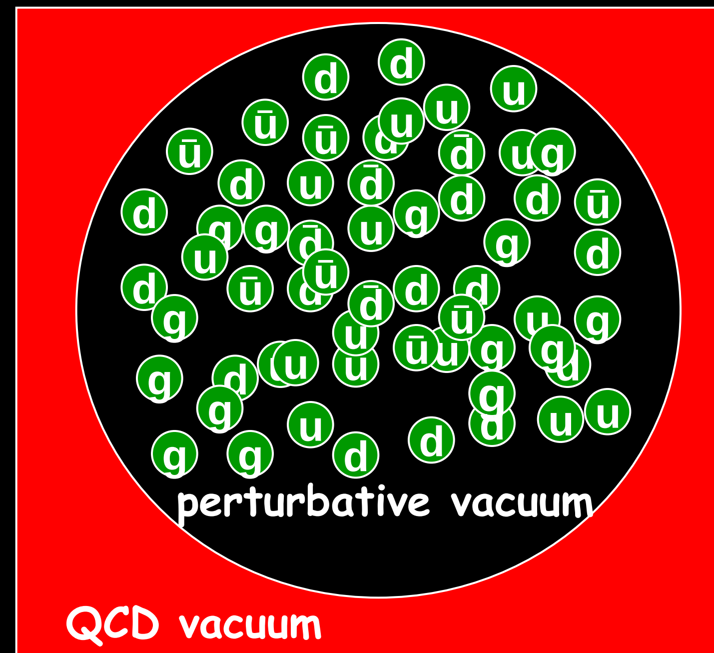

- Gibbs' criterion: the stable phase is the one with the largest pressure
- From statistical mechanics: (for an ideal gas)

$$p = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \left(g_B + \frac{7}{8} g_F \right) \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90}$$

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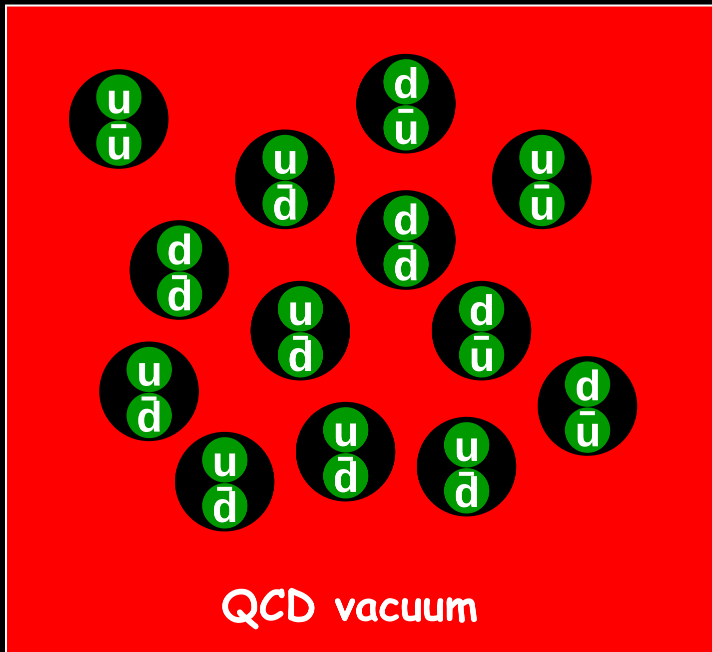

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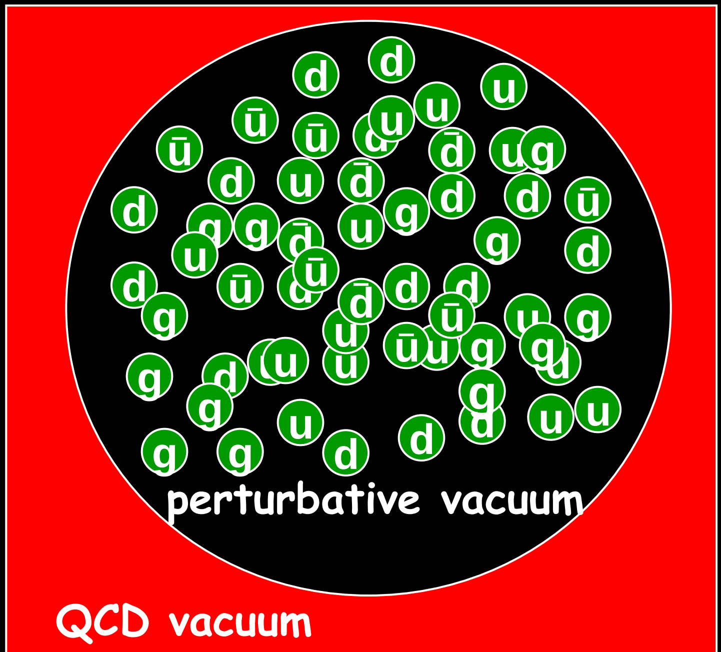

$g_B = 3 \quad g_F = 0$

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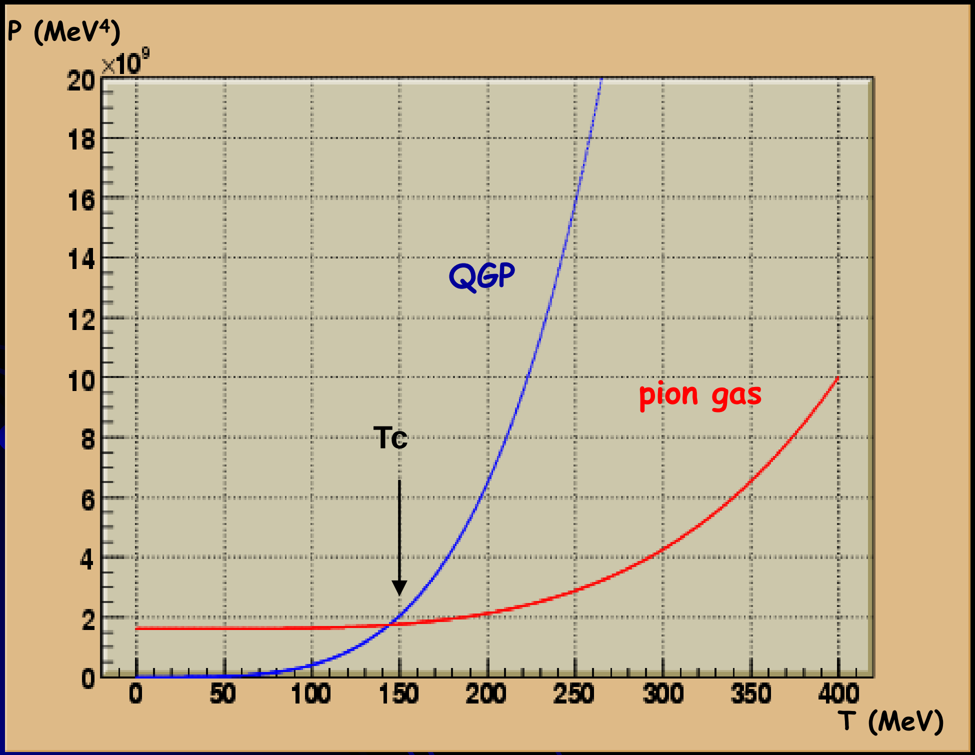
$g_B = 16 \quad g_F = 24$

$$p = \frac{3}{90} \pi^2 T^4 + B$$

$$p = \frac{37}{90} \pi^2 T^4$$

- At low temperature the hadron gas is the stable phase
- There is a temperature T_C above which the QGP "wins", thanks to the larger number of degrees of freedom



$$T_C = \left(\frac{90}{34\,\pi^2}\right)^{1/4} B^{1/4} \approx 150\,\text{MeV}$$

- very simplified calculation…
  - more refined estimates:

    → <u>Tc ≈ 170 MeV</u>

- 170 MeV?

  recall: T_{room} (300 K) ~ 25 meV

  (of course, lowercase m)

→ Tc ≈ 170 MeV ≈ 2000 billion K

(compare Sun core: 15 million K)

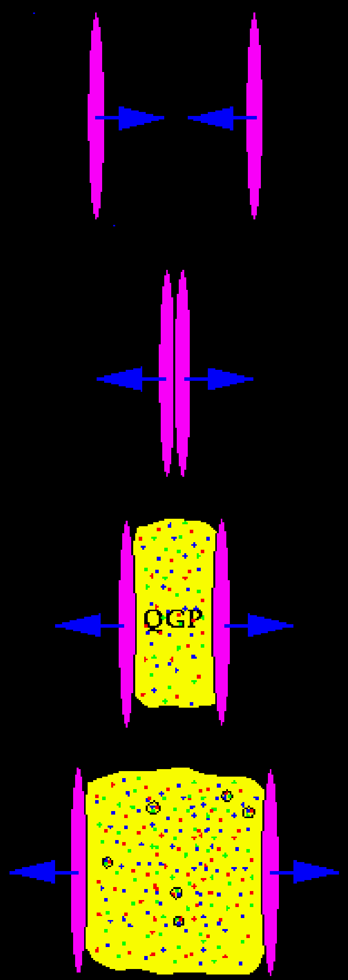
Restoration of bare masses

- Confined quarks acquire an additional mass (~ 350 MeV) dynamically, through the confining effect of strong interactions
  - M(proton) ≈ 938 MeV; m(u)+m(u)+m(d) = 10÷15 MeV
- Deconfinement is expected to be accompanied by a restoration of the masses to the "bare" values they have in the Lagrangian
- As quarks become deconfined, the masses go back to the bare values; e.g.:
  - m(u,d): ~ 350 MeV → a few MeV
  - m(s): ~ 500 MeV → ~ 150 MeV
- (This effect is usually referred to as "Partial Restoration of Chiral Symmetry". Chiral Symmetry: fermions and antifermions have opposite helicity. The symmetry is exact only for massless particles, therefore its restoration here is only partial)

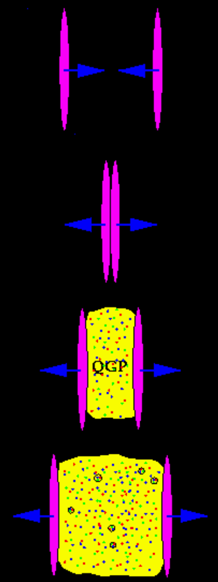
Nucleus – Nucleus collisions

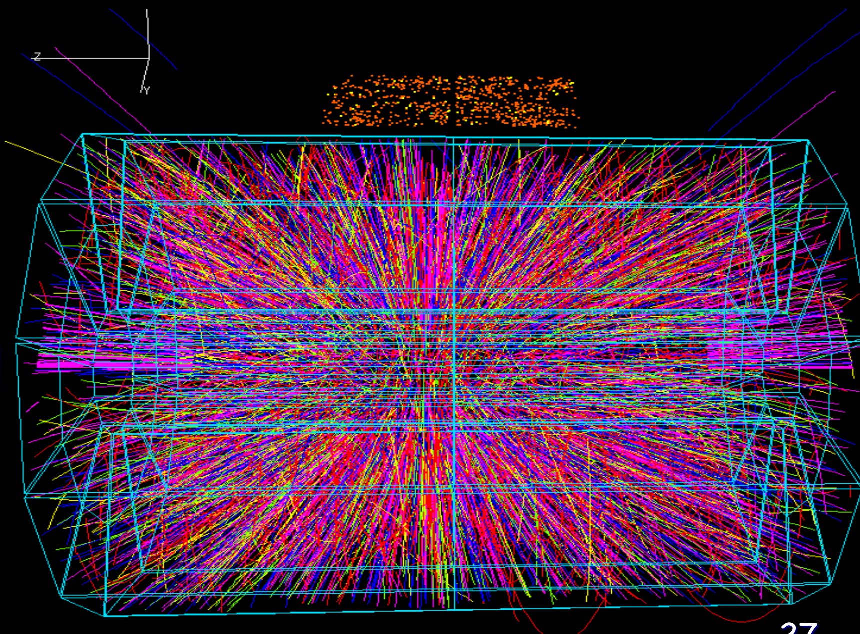
Nucleus-nucleus collisions

- How do we test this theory in the lab?
- How can we compress/heat matter to such cosmic energy densities?
- By colliding two heavy nuclei at ultrarelativistic energies we recreate, for a short time span (about 10^{-23}s, or a few fm/c) the conditions for deconfinement



- as the system expands and cools down it will undergo a phase transition from QGP to hadrons again, like at the beginning of the life of the Universe: we end up with confined matter again
  - QGP lifetime ~ a few fm/c





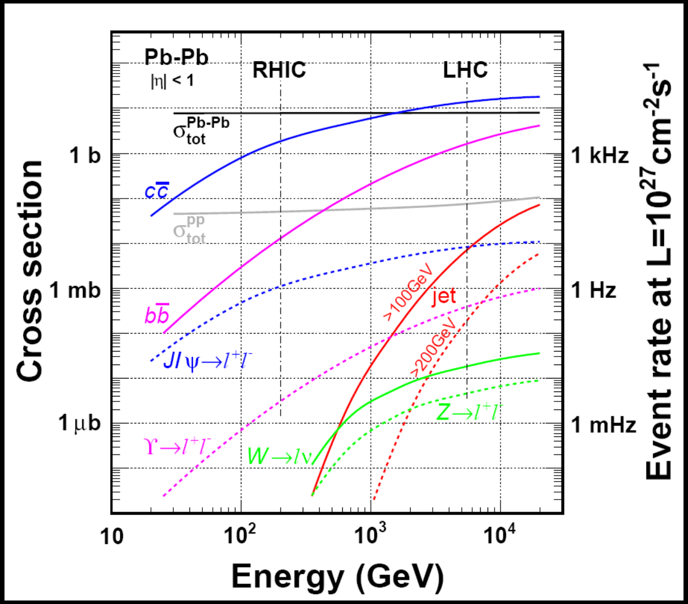
- The properties of the medium must be inferred from the properties of the hadronic final state

Collisions of Heavy Nuclei at SPS and RHIC

- Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) at CERN (Geneva):
  - Pb-Pb fixed target, p = 158 A GeV → $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 17.3 GeV
  - 1994 - 2003
  - 9 experiments:
    - WA97 (silicon pixel telescope spectrometer: production of strange and multiply strange particles)
    - WA98 (photon and hadron spectrometer: photon and hadronn production)
    - NA44 (single arm spectrometer: particle spectra, interferometry, particle correlations)
    - NA45 (e^+e^- spectrometer: low mass lepton pairs)
    - NA49 (large acceptance TPC: particle spectra, strangeness production, interferometry, event-by-event , …)
    - NA50 (dimuon spectrometer: high mass lepton pairs, J/ψ production)
    - NA52 (focussing spectrometer: strangelet search, particle production)
    - NA57 (silicon pixel telescope spectrometer: production of strange and multiply strange particles)
    - NA60 (dimuon spectrometer + pixels: dileptons and charm)
- Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at BNL (Long Island)
  - Au-Au collider, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV
  - 2000 - …
  - 4 experiments:
    - STAR (multi-purpose experiment: focus on hadrons)
    - PHENIX (multi-purpose experiment: focus on leptons, photons)
    - BRAHMS (two-arm spectrometer: particle spectra, forward rapidity)
    - PHOBOS (silicon array: particle spectra)

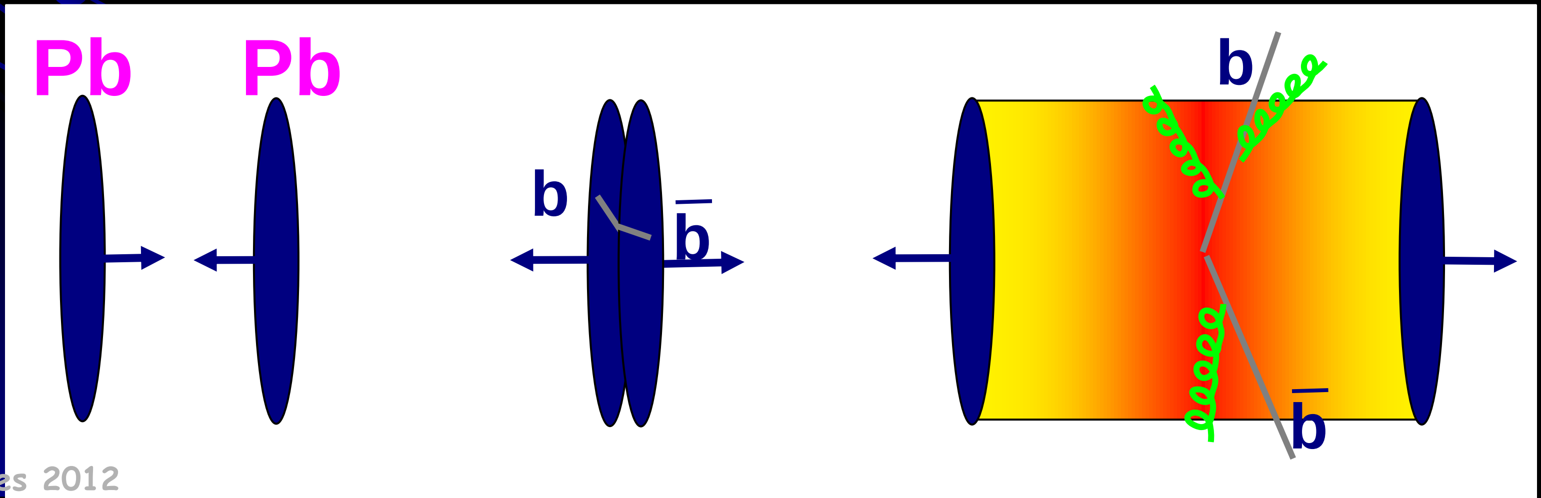
Nucleus-Nucleus collisions at the LHC!

		SPS	RHIC	LHC
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	[GeV]	17.3	200	5500
dN_{ch}/dy		450	800	1600
ε	[GeV/fm³]	3	5.5	~ 10



- large ε → deeper in deconfinement region
  → closer to "ideal" behaviour?

- large cross section for "hard probes" !
  → a new set of tools to probe the medium properties
  e.g.:



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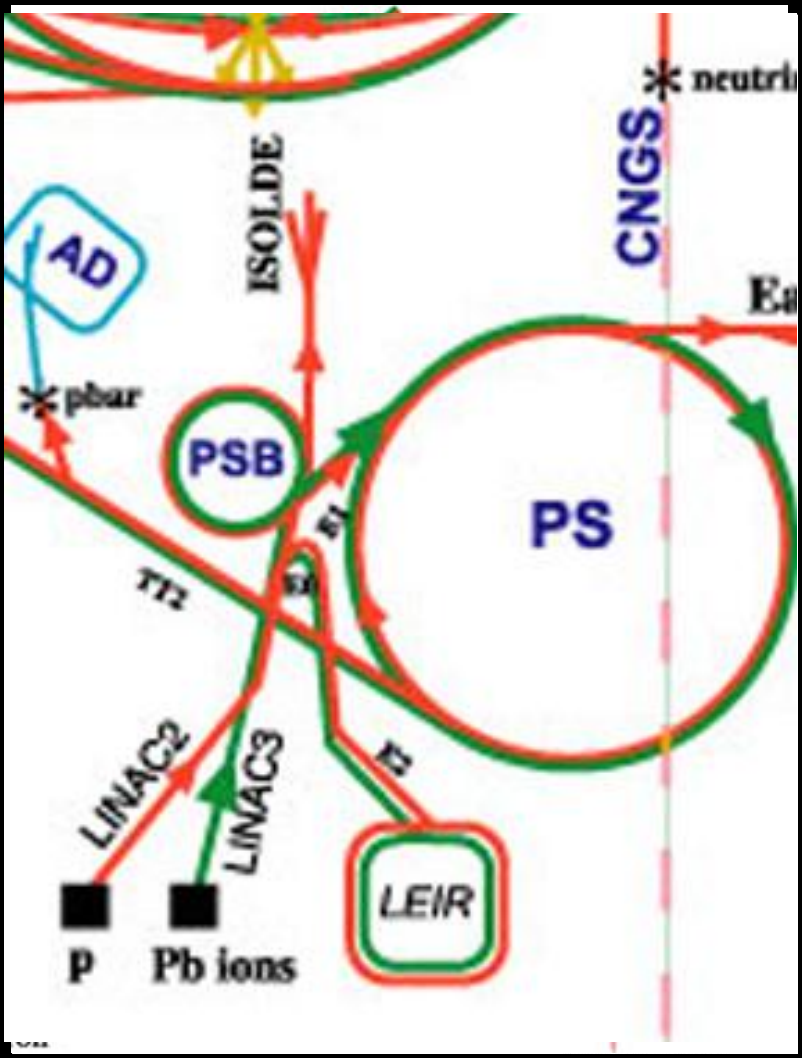
Heavy Ions at CERN

- Acceleration of Pb ions:
  - ECR source: Pb^{27+} (80 μA)
  - RFQ: Pb^{27+} to 250 A keV
  - Linac3: Pb^{27+} to 4.2 A MeV
  - Stripper: Pb^{53+}
  - PS Booster: Pb^{53+} to 95 A MeV
  - PS: Pb^{53+} to 4.25 A GeV
  - Stripper: Pb^{82+} (full ionisation)
  - SPS: Pb^{82+} to 158 A GeV
  - LHC: Pb^{82+} to 2.76 A TeV)



LHC as a HI accelerator

- Fully ionised ^{208}Pb nucleus accelerated in LHC (configuration magnetically identical to that for pp), e.g. (2011 numbers):

$$p_{\mathrm{Pb}} = Z\ p_{\mathrm{p}} = 82 \cdot 3.5\,\mathrm{TeV} = 287\ \mathrm{TeV} \longrightarrow \sqrt{s_{\mathrm{PbPb}}} = 574\,\mathrm{TeV}\,(!)$$

- the relevant figure is √s per nucleon-nucleon collision: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

$$\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = \frac{2E_{\mathrm{Pb}}}{A} = \frac{Z}{A}\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{pp}}} = \frac{82}{208}\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{pp}}} = 2.76\,\mathrm{TeV}$$

- … of course, real life is more complicated…
  - ion collimation
  - sensitivity of LHC instrumentation
  - injection chain
  - …

Luminosity limitations

- Bound-Free Pair Production (BFPP):

$$^{208}\mathrm{Pb}^{82+} + {}^{208}\mathrm{Pb}^{82+} \rightarrow {}^{208}\mathrm{Pb}^{82+} + {}^{208}\mathrm{Pb}^{81+} + e^{+}$$

with subsequent loss of the $^{208}Pb^{81+}$
  - creates a small beam of $^{208}Pb^{81+}$, with an intensity $\propto$ Luminosity
  - impinging on a superconducting dipole (that you don't want to quench…)
  - cross section $\propto Z^7$ (!) ~ 280 b for PbPb at LHC (hadronic cross section ~ 8 b…)

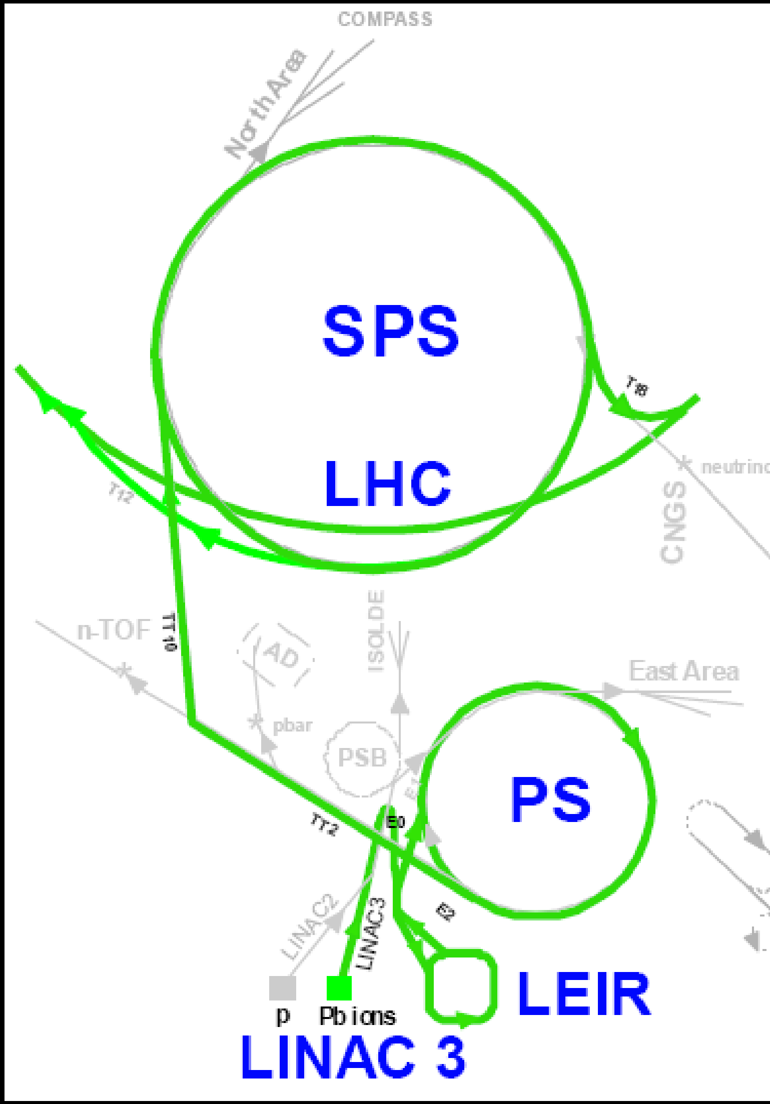
- Collimation losses
  - collimation for ions (which can break up into fragments) is harder than for protons
  - limitation on the total intensity

→ luminosity limited to ~ 10^{27} $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$

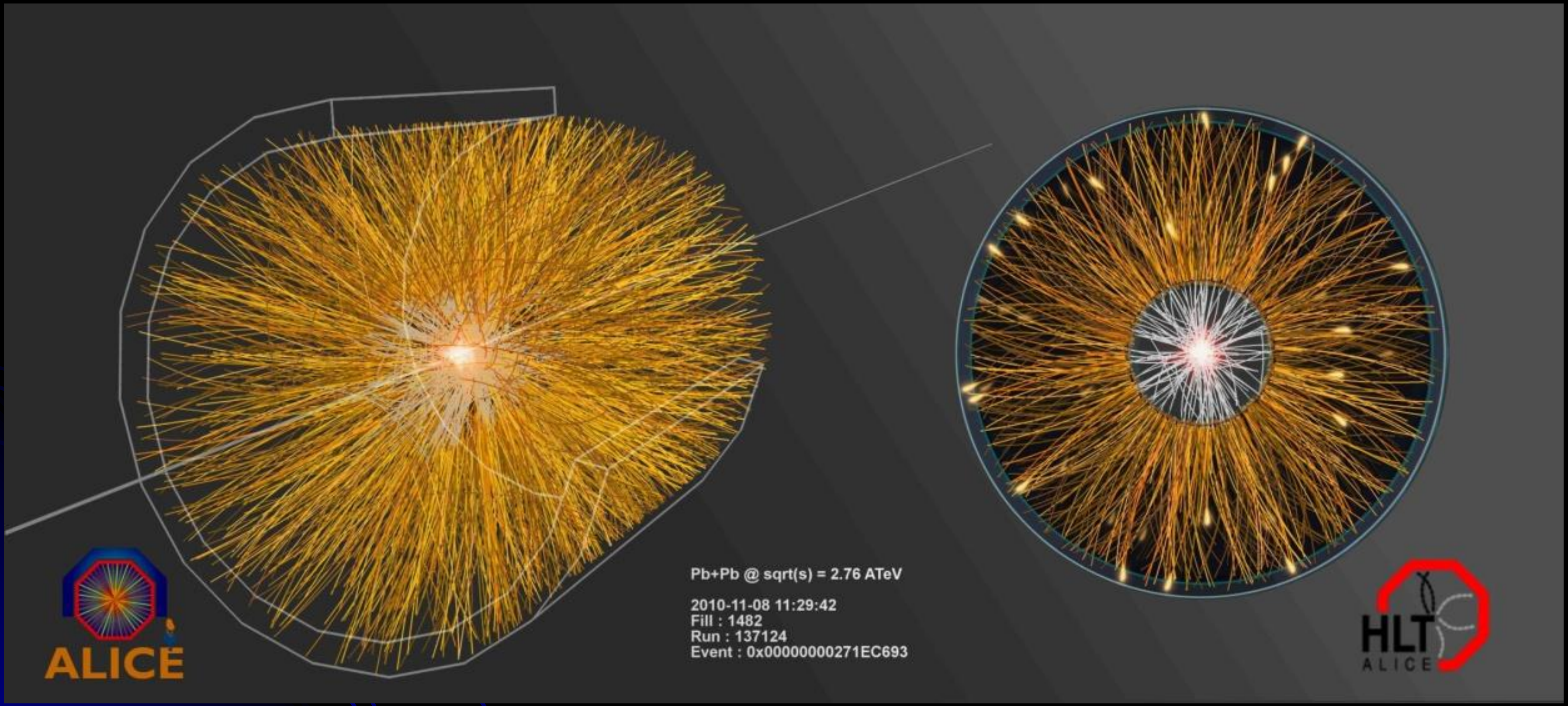
Pb nuclei in the LHC

- For 2011 Pb-Pb run:
  - ~ 1.1 10^8 ions/bunch
  - 358 bunches (200 ns basic spacing)
  - $\beta^* = 1$ m
  - L ~ 5 10^{26} $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$
  - → ~ 4000 Hz interaction rate

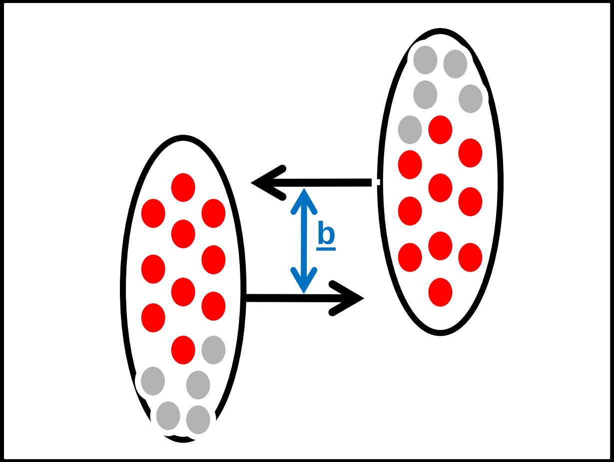
→ one dedicated AA experiment: ALICE and AA capability in ATLAS and CMS



A Pb-Pb collision at the LHC



Geometry of a Pb-Pb collision

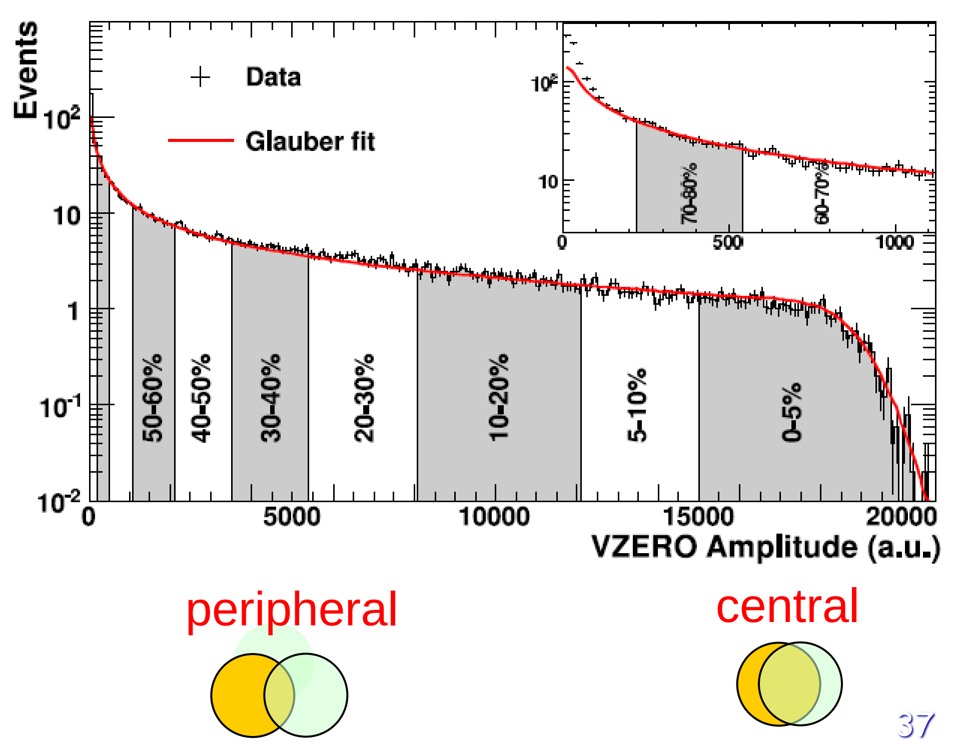


- central collisions
  - small impact parameter b
  - high number of participants → high multiplicity
- peripheral collisions
  - large impact parameter b
  - low number of participants → low multiplicity

for example: sum of the amplitudes in the ALICE V0 scintillators ⟶

reproduced by simple model (red):

- random relative position of nuclei in transverse plane
- Woods-Saxon distribution inside nucleus
- deviation at very low amplitude expected due to non-nuclear (electromagnetic) processes



Bulk observables: multiplicity and volume

Particle multiplicity

most central collisions at LHC: ~ 1600 charged particles per unit of η

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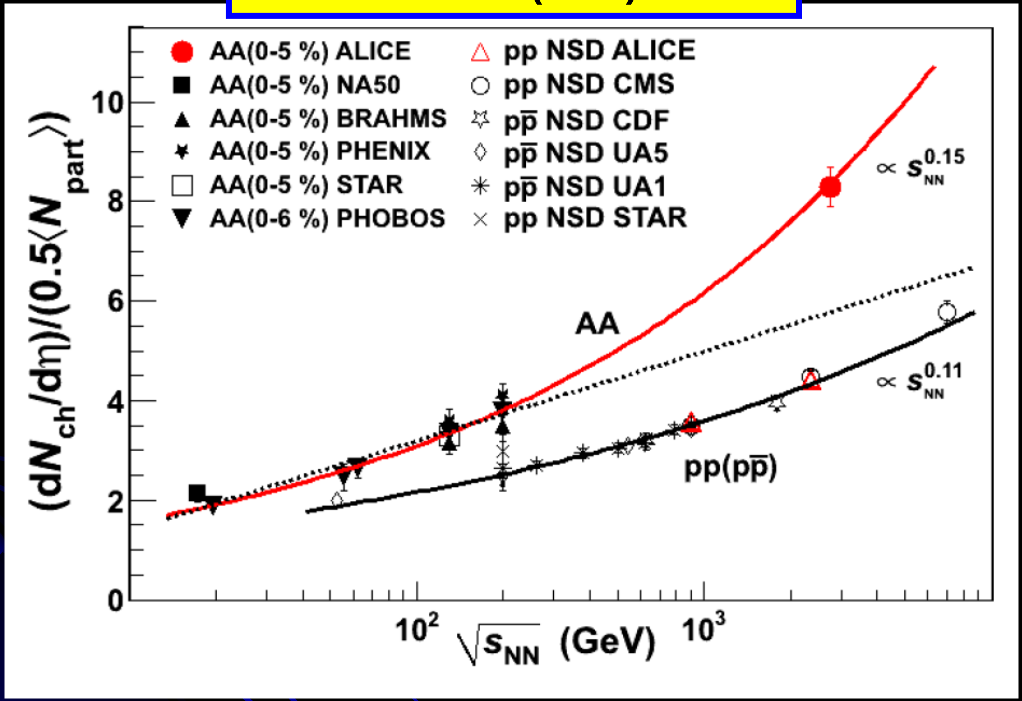


- log extrapolation:
  - OK at lower energies
  - finally fails at the LHC

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=2.76 TeV Pb+Pb, 0-5% central, |η|<0.5

dNch/dη / (<Npart>/2) = 8.3 ± 0.4 (sys.)

Bjorken's formula

- To evaluate the energy density reached in the collision:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{Sc\tau_0} \left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=0}$$

S = transverse dimension of nucleus

τ_0 = "formation time" ~ 1 fm/c

- **for central collisions at LHC:** $\left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=o} \approx 1800\,\text{GeV}$

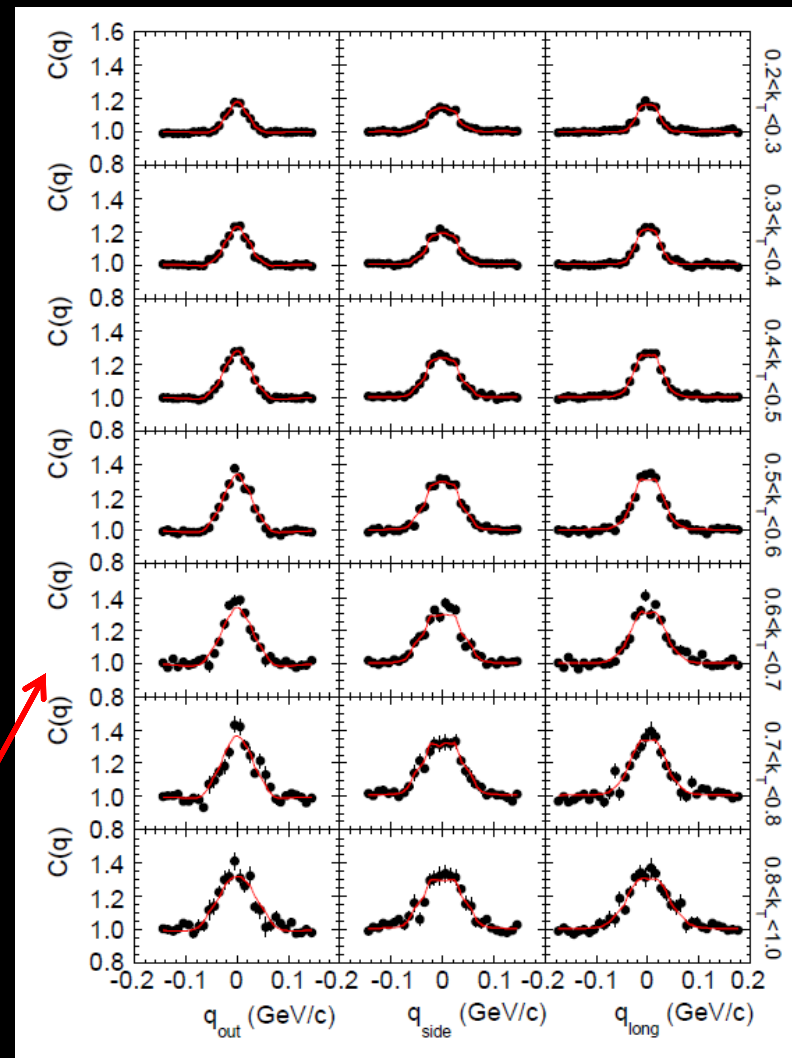
- **Initial time τ_0 normally taken to be ~ 1 fm/c**
  - **i.e. equal to the "formation time": the time it takes for the energy initially stored in the field to materialize into particles**

- **Transverse dimension:** $S \approx 160\ \text{fm}^2 \qquad (R_A \approx 1.2 A^{1/3}\,\text{fm})$

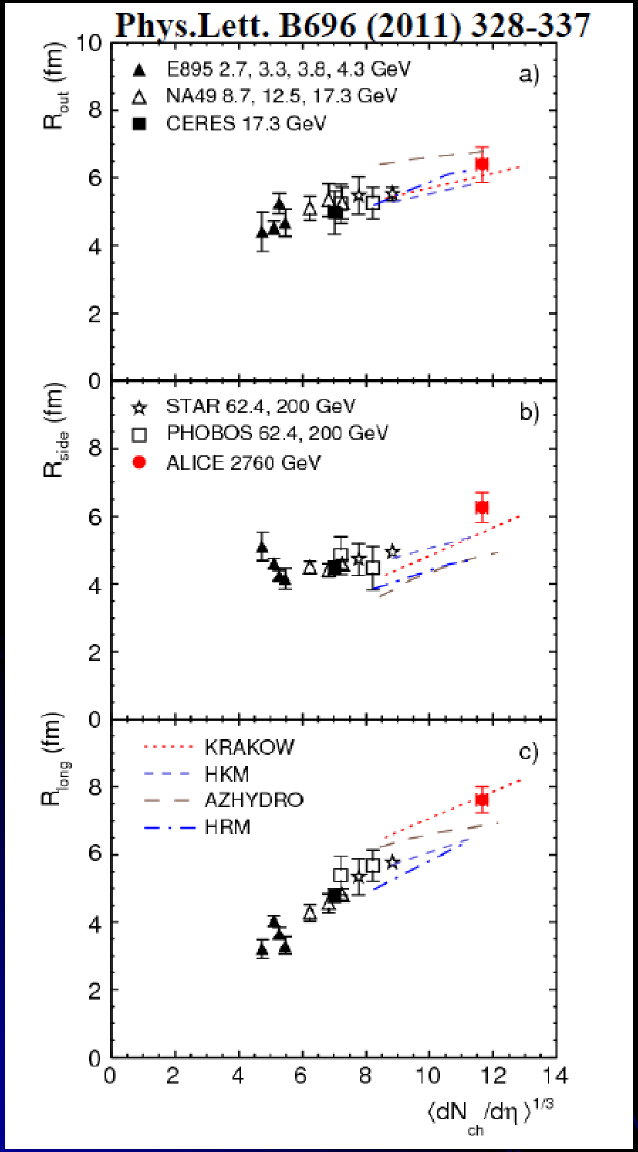
→ $\varepsilon \sim (1800\ /160)\ \text{GeV/fm}^3 \sim 10\ \text{GeV/fm}^3$ → **More than enough for deconfinement!**

Hanbury Brown - Twiss interferometry

- quantum phenomenon: enhancement of correlation function for identical bosons
- from Heisenberg's uncertainty principle:
  - $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \sim \hbar$ (Planck's constant)
  - → (width of enhancement) · (source size) ~ $\hbar$
  - → extract source size from correlation function
- first used with photons in the 1950s by astronomers Hanbury Brown and Twiss
  - measured size of star Sirius by aiming at it two photomultipliers separated by a few metres
- e.g.: three components of correlation function C(q = momentum difference) for pairs of pions for eight intervals of pair transverse momentum (k_T)

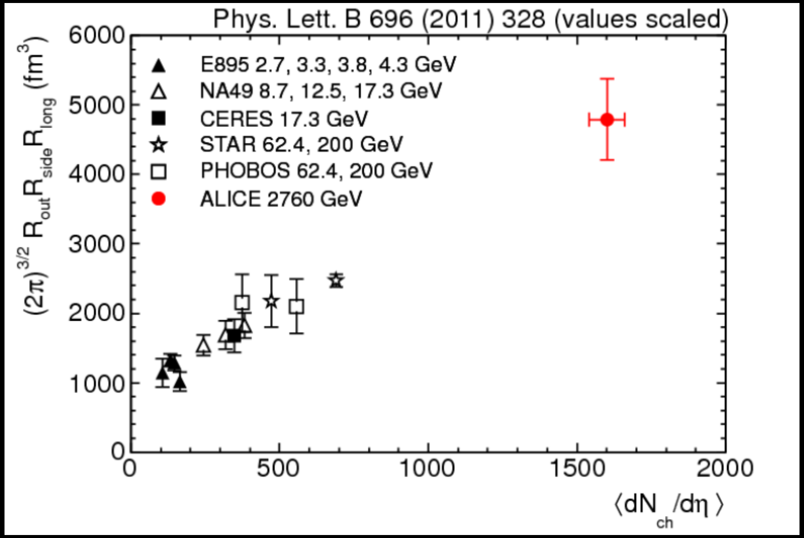


HBT interferometry



from RHIC to LHC:

- increase of size in the 3 dimensions
  - out, long, and (finally!) side
- "homogeneity" volume ~ x 2



- for comparison: R(Pb) ~ 7 fm → V ~ 1500 fm^3

→ substantial expansion!

Strangeness enhancement

Historic QGP predictions

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Strangeness Production in the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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(Received 11 January 1982)

Rates are calculated for the processes $gg \to s\bar{s}$ and $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d} \to s\bar{s}$ in highly excited quark-gluon plasma. For temperature $T \geq 160$ MeV the strangeness abundance saturates during the lifetime ($\sim 10^{-23}$ sec) of the plasma created in high-energy nuclear collisions. The chemical equilibration time for gluons and light quarks is found to be less than 10^{-24} sec.

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Given the present knowledge about the interactions between constituents (quarks and gluons), it appears almost unavoidable that, at sufficiently high energy density caused by compression and/or excitation, the individual hadrons dissolve in a new phase consisting of almost-free quarks and gluons.[1] This quark-gluon plasma is a highly excited state of hadronic matter that occupies a volume large as compared with all characteristic length scales. Within this volume individual color charges exist and propagate in the same manner as they do inside elementary particles as described, e.g., within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) bag model.[2]

It is generally agreed that the best way to create a quark-gluon plasma in the laboratory is with collisions of heavy nuclei at sufficiently high energy. We investigate the abundance of strangeness as function of the lifetime and excitation of the plasma state. This investigation was motivated by the observation that significant changes in relative and absolute abundance of strange particles, such as $\bar{\Lambda}$,[3] could serve as a probe for quark-gluon plasma formation. Another interesting signature may be the possible creation of exotic multistrange hadrons.[4] After identifying the strangeness-producing mechanisms we compute the relevant rates as functions of the energy density ("temperature") of the plasma state and compare them with those for light u and d quarks.

In lowest order in perturbative QCD $s\bar{s}$-quark pairs can be created by annihilation of light quark-antiquark pairs [Fig. 1(a)] and in collisions of two gluons [Fig. 1(b)]. The averaged total cross sections for these processes were calculated by

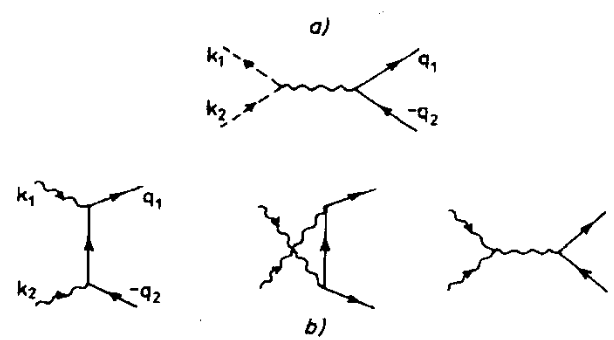
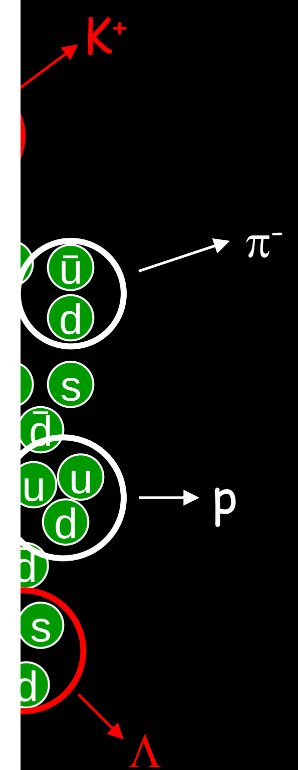
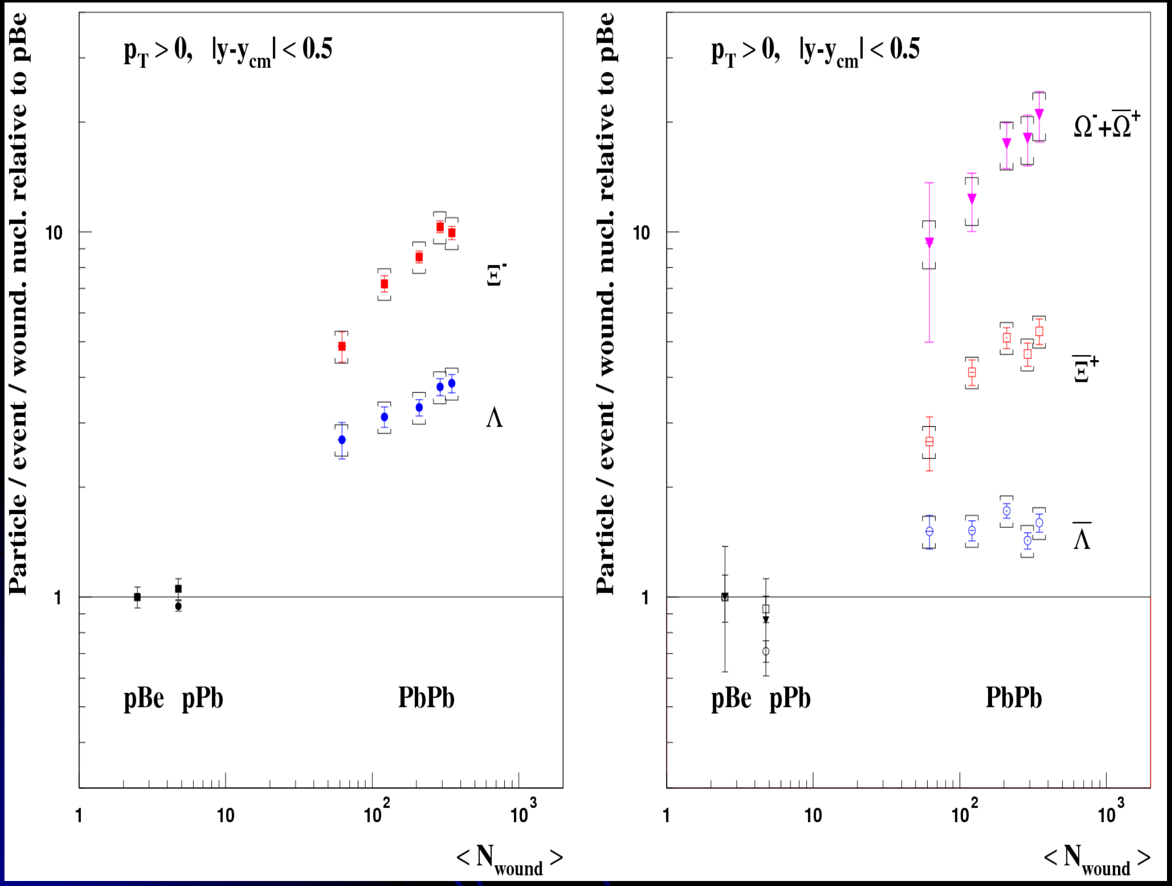


FIG. 1. Lowest-order QCD diagrams for $s\bar{s}$ production: (a) $q\bar{q} \to s\bar{s}$, (b) $gg \to s\bar{s}$.



Strangeness enhancement at the SPS

- Enhancement in Pb-Pb relative to p-Be (WA97/NA57)

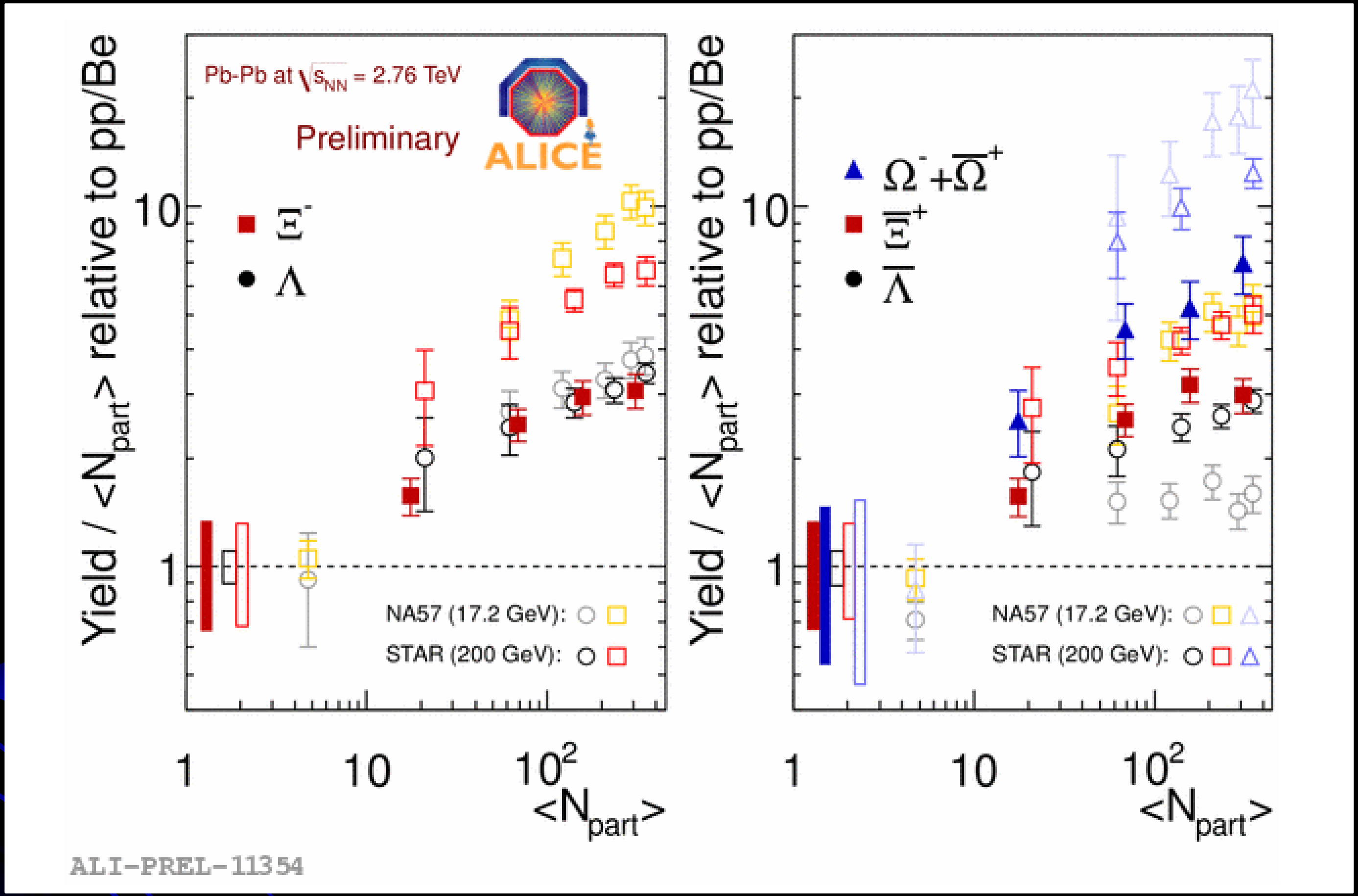


Enhancement is larger for particles of higher strangeness content (QGP prediction!)
up to a factor ~ 20 for Ω

So far, no hadronic model has reproduced these observations (try harder!)

Actually, the most reliable hadronic models predicted an opposite behaviour of enhancement vs strangeness

Strangeness enhancement: SPS. RHIC. LHC

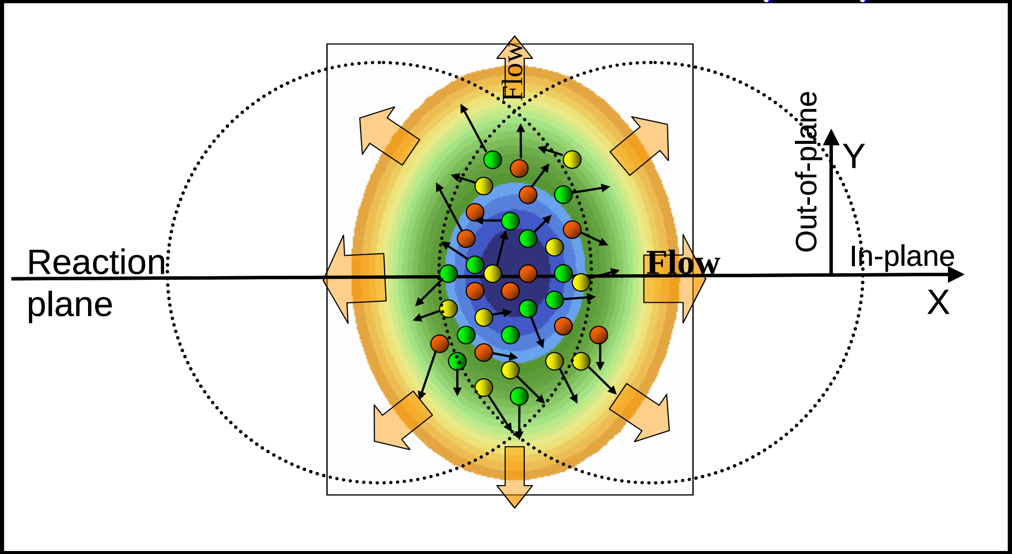


- enhancement still there at RHIC and LHC
  - effect decreases with increasing √s
  - → strange/non-strange increases with √s in pp

Particle correlations

Elliptic Flow

- Non-central collisions are azimuthally asymmetric



→ The transfer of this asymmetry to momentum space provides a measure of the strength of collective phenomena

- Large mean free path
  - particles stream out isotropically, no memory of the asymmetry
  - extreme: ideal gas (infinite mean free path)
- Small mean free path
  - larger density gradient -> larger pressure gradient -> larger momentum
  - extreme: ideal liquid (zero mean free path, hydrodynamic limit)

Azimuthal Asymmetry

- Fourier expansion of azimuthal distribution:

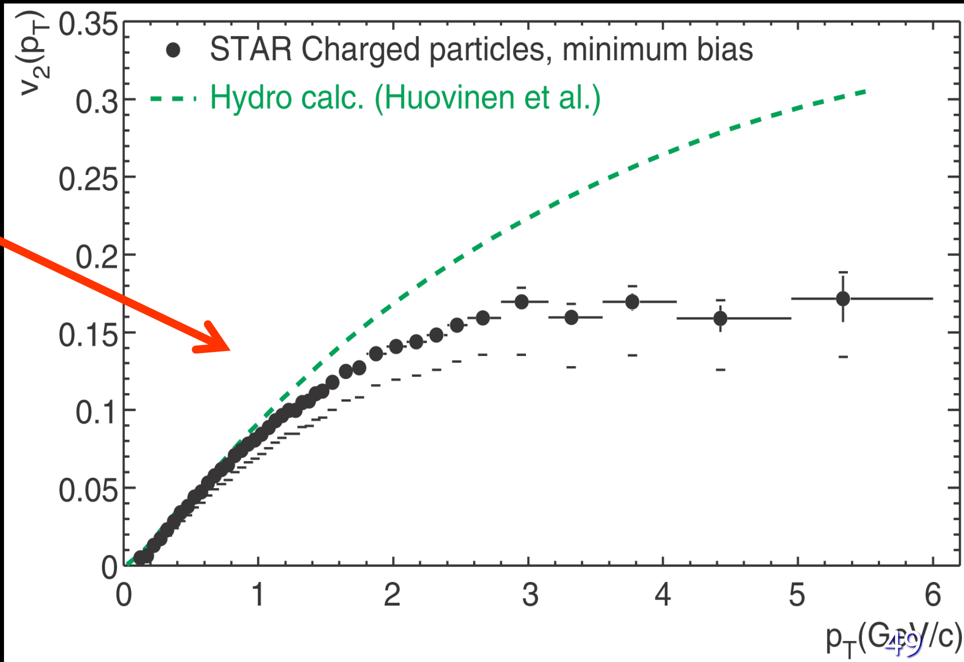
$$\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy d\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy}\left(1 + 2v_1\cos(\varphi) + 2v_2\cos(2\varphi) + \ldots\right)$$

$v_1 = \langle\cos\varphi\rangle$ "directed flow"

$v_2 = \langle\cos 2\varphi\rangle$ "elliptic flow"

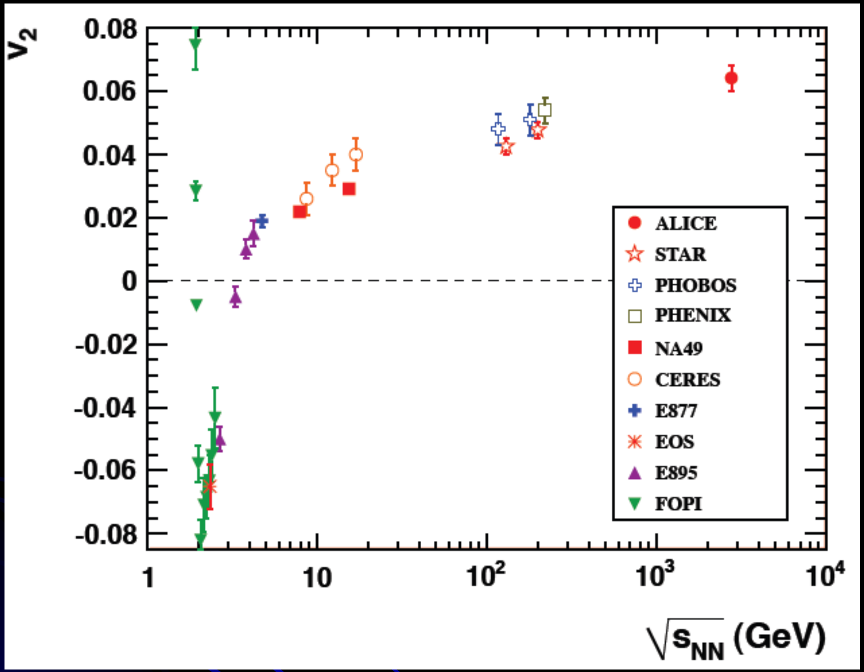
@RHIC:

- at low p_T: azimuthal asymmetry almost as large as expected at hydro limit!
  - "perfect liquid"?
- very far from "ideal gas" picture of plasma



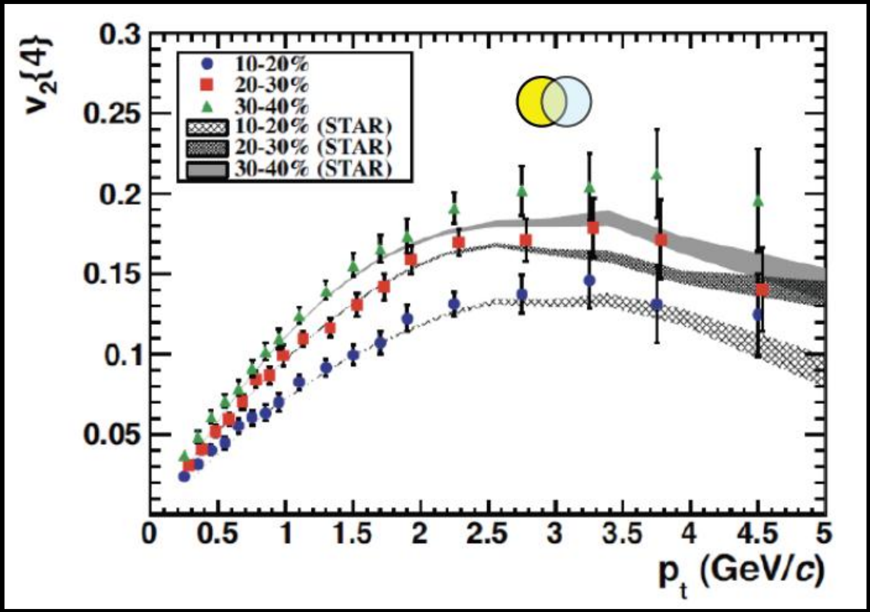
v_2 at the LHC

- v_2 still large at the LHC



→ system still behaves very close to ideal liquid (low viscosity)

- $v_2(p_T)$ very similar at LHC and RHIC



→ similar hydrodynamical behaviour?

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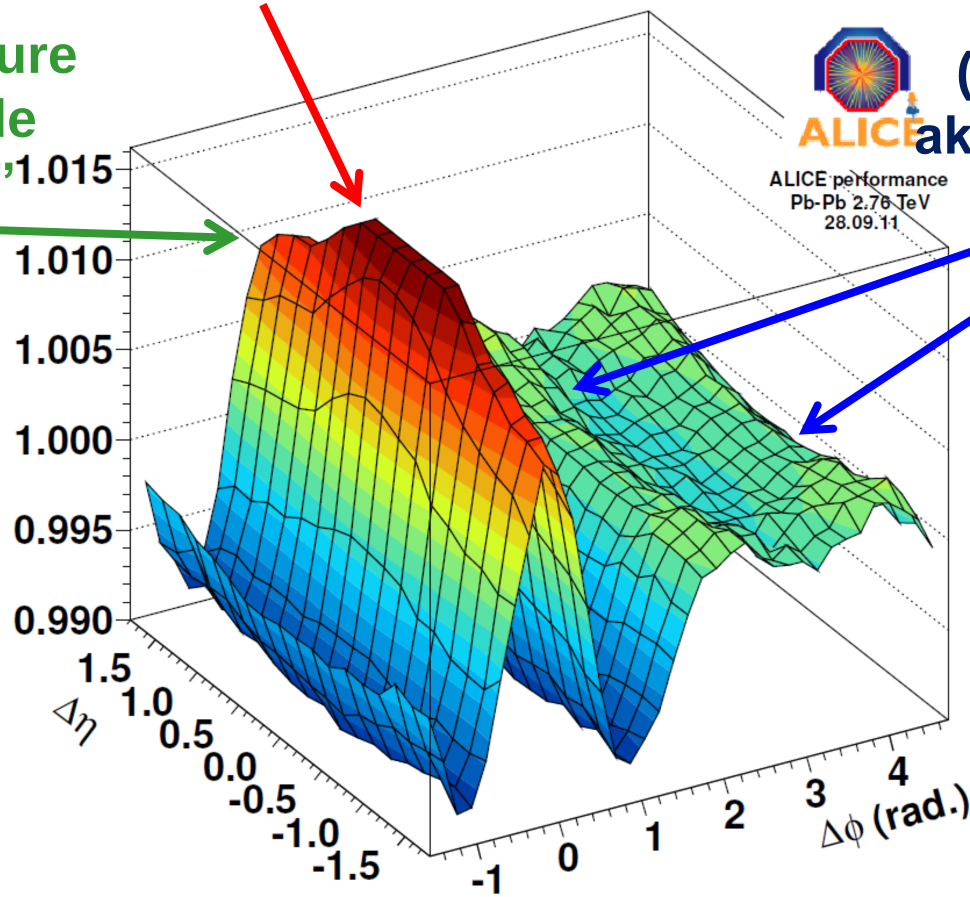
Structures in (Δη,Δφ)

near side jet peak

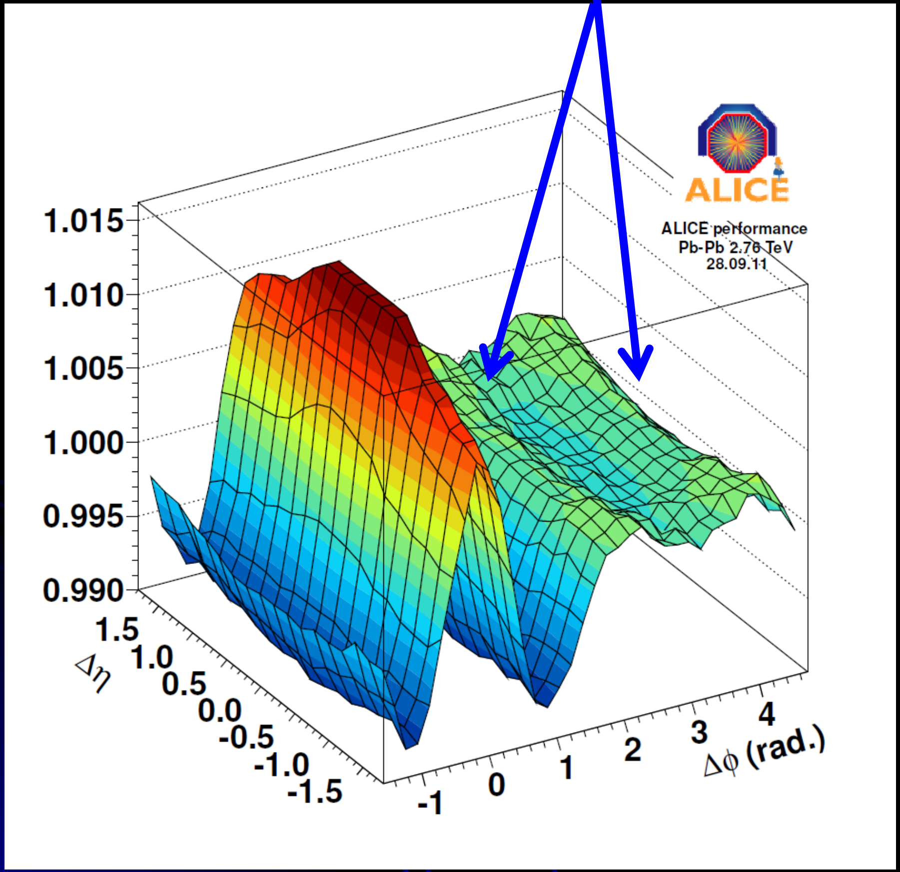
long range structure
in η on near side
aka "the ridge"

two shoulders
on away side
(at 120° and 240 °)
aka "the Mach cone"



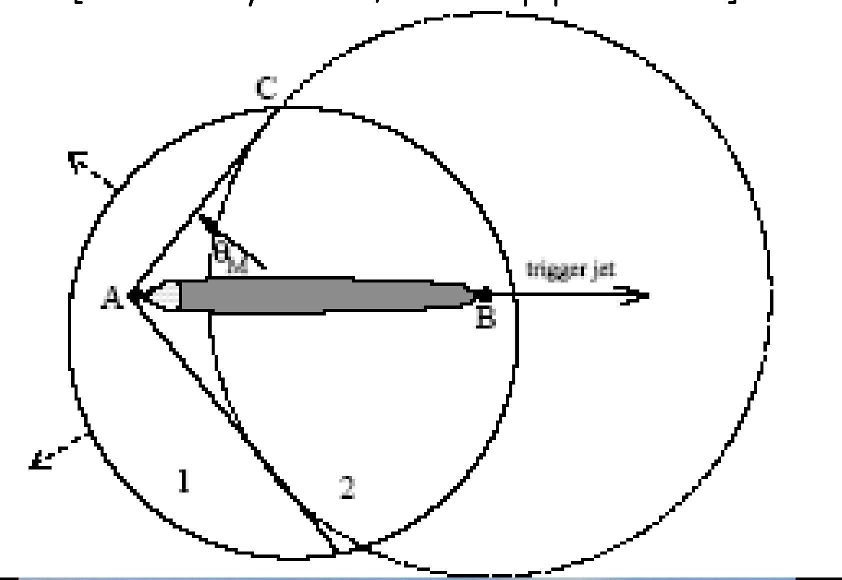
Mach cone?

- double-hump structure on away-side, at 120° and 240°



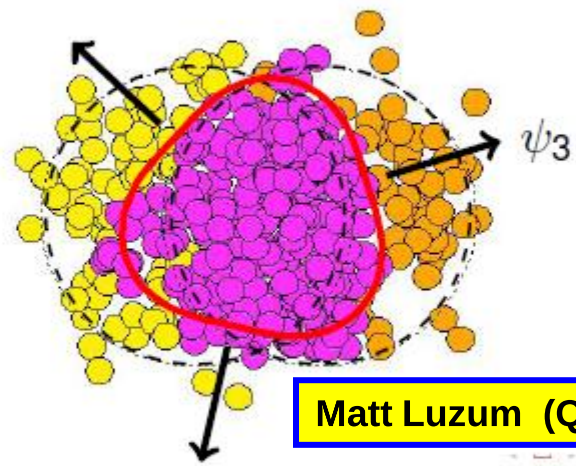
- a proposed explanation:
  - shock wave (sonic boom) : propagation through medium of recoiling parton

[Casalderrey-Solana, et al.: hep-ph/0411315]



Fluctuations → v_3

- "ideal" shape of participants' overlap is ~ elliptic
  - in particular: no odd harmonics expected
  - participants' plane coincides with event plane
- but fluctuations in initial conditions:
  - participants plane ≠ event plane
  - → v_3 ("triangular") harmonic appears [B Alver & G Roland, PRC81 (2010) 054905]
- and indeed, $v3 \neq 0$!
- v_3 has weaker centrality dependence than v_2
- when calculated wrt participants plane, v_3 vanishes
  - as expected, if due to fluctuations…



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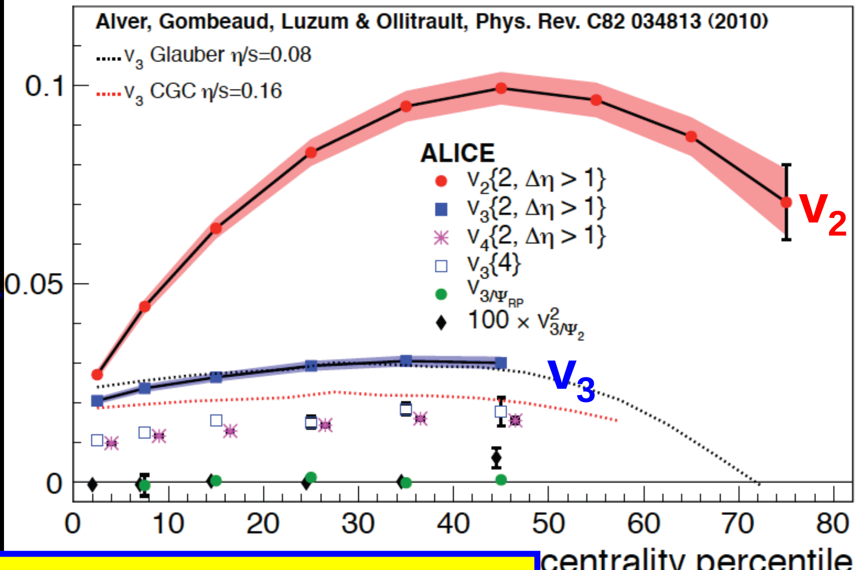

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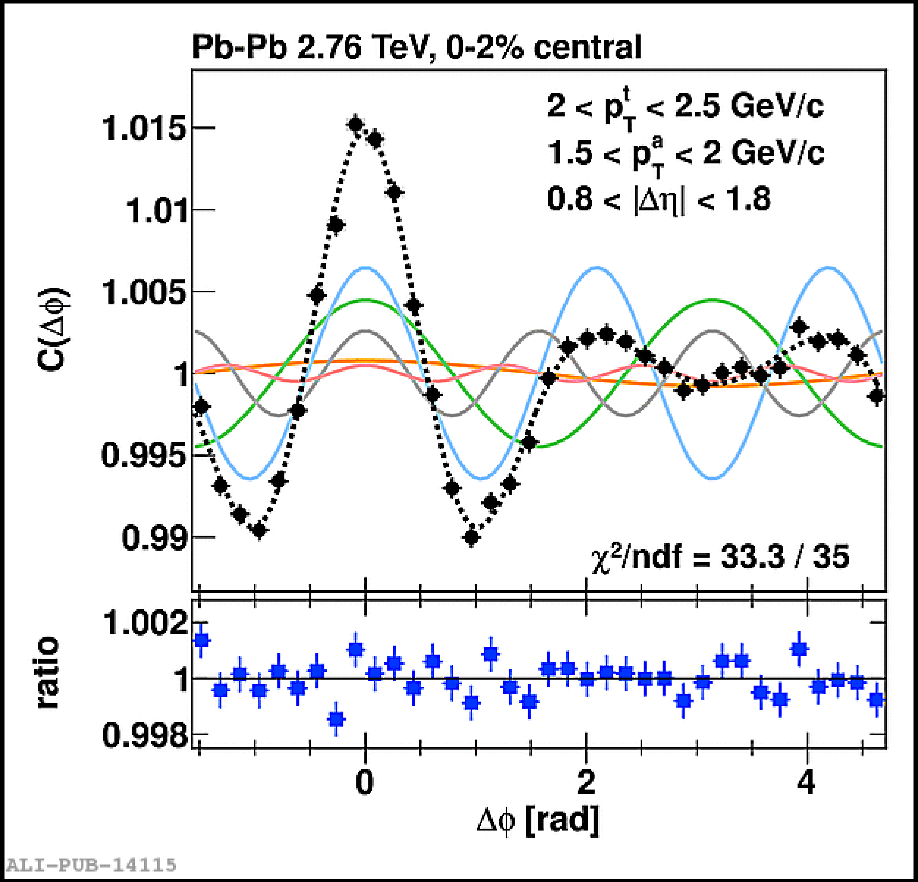
Long-η-range correlations

- "ultra-central" events: dramatic shape evolution in a very narrow centrality range
- double hump structure on away-side appears on 1% most central
  - visible without any need for v_2 subtraction!
- first five harmonics describe shape at 10^{-3} level
  - → "ridge" and "Mach cone"
  - explanations based on medium response to propagating partons were proposed at RHIC
  - Fourier analysis of new data suggests very natural alternative explanation in terms of hydrodynamic response to initial state fluctuations



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Correlations: outlook

- is there any residual room for medium response effects?

→ look at the "small print" on the away side

- quantitative comparisons with full hydrodynamic calculations

From Heavy Ions to Quark Matter

Episode 3

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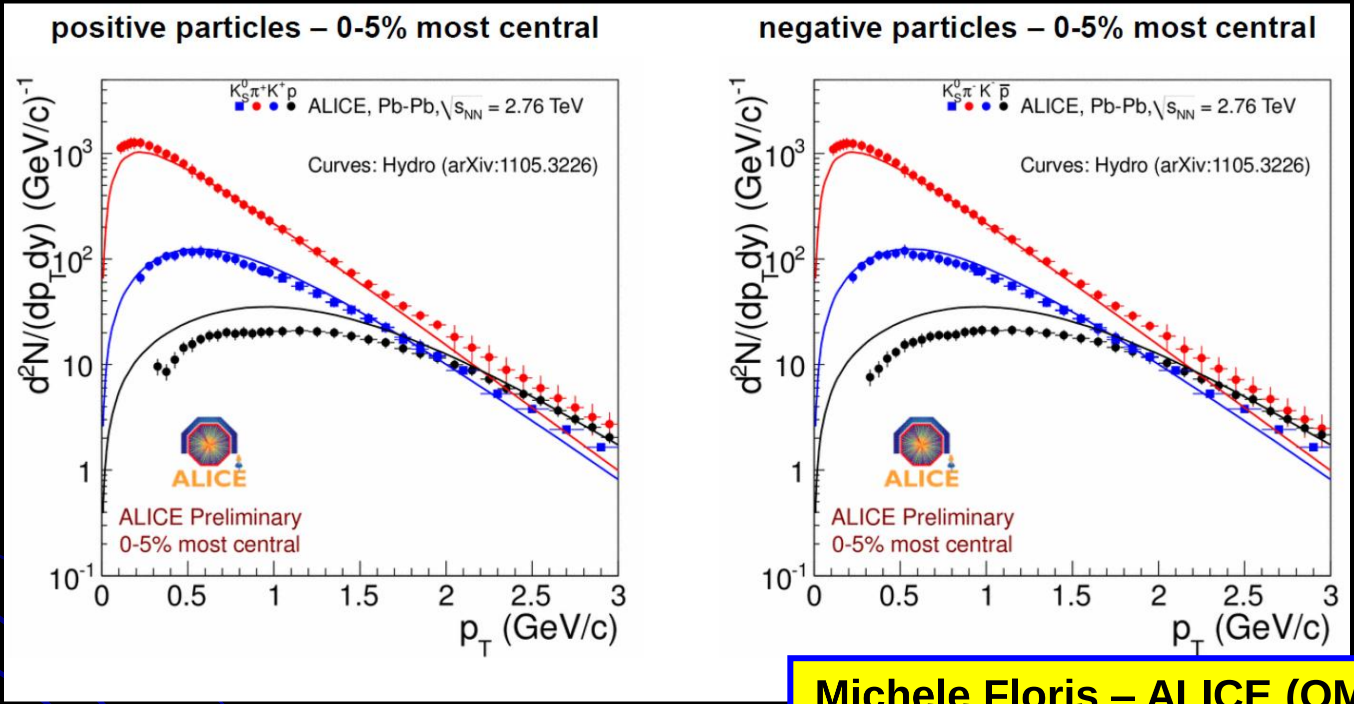
Identified particles and hydrodynamics

p_T spectra vs hydrodynamics

- identified particle spectra and hydrodynamics predictions



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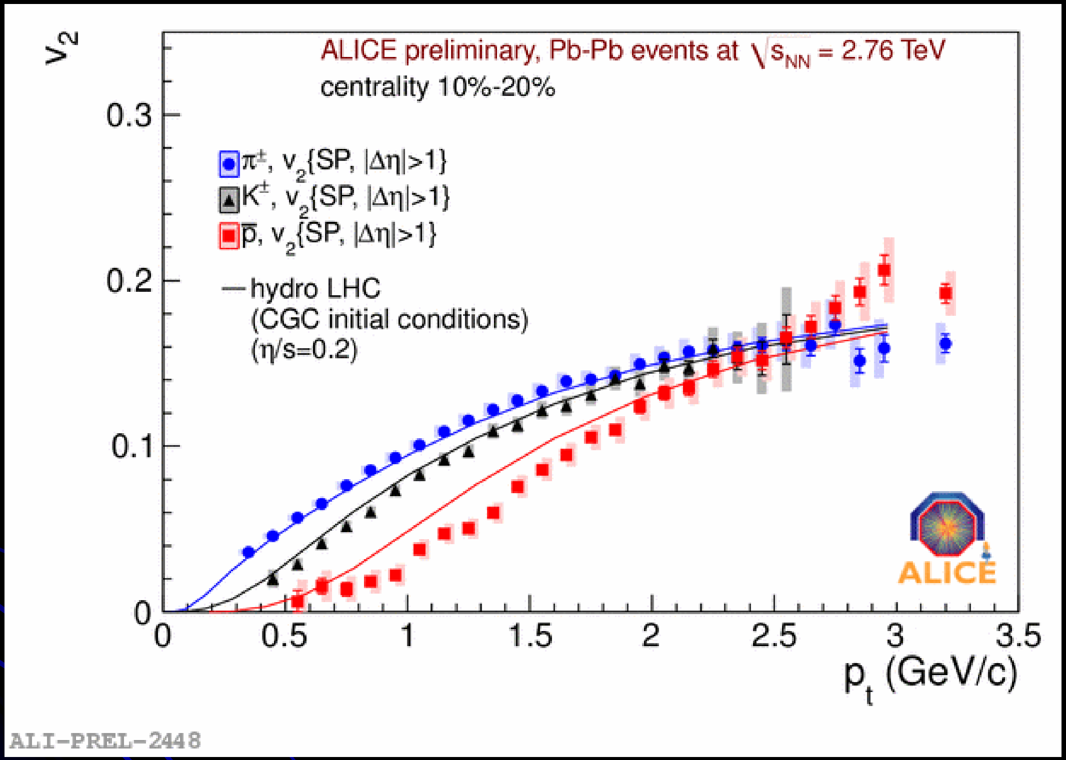
  - (calculations by C Shen et al.: arXiv:1105.3226 [nucl-th])

→ OK for π and K, but p seem to "misbehave" (less yield, flatter spectrum)

v_2 vs hydrodynamics

- comparison of identified particles $v_2(p_T)$ with hydro prediction



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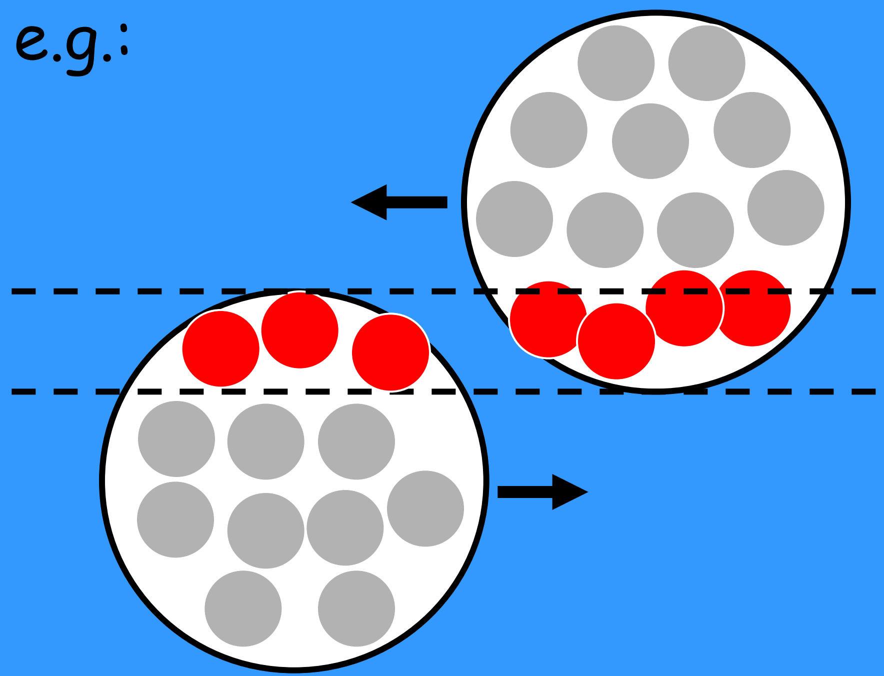
  - (calculation by C Shen et al.: arXiv:1105.3226 [nucl-th])

→ again, protons are off… → what's going on with protons? rescattering/annihilation in the hadronic phase?

High-p_T suppression

Participants Scaling vs Binary Scaling

e.g.:



N_{part} (or N_{wound}) = 7 “participants”

N_{bin} (or N_{coll}) = 12 “binary collisions”

- “Soft”, large cross-section processes expected to scale like N_{part}
- “Hard”, low cross-section processes expected to scale like N_{bin}

The nuclear modification factor

- quantify departure from binary scaling in AA

→ ratio of yield in AA versus reference collisions

- e.g.: reference is pp → R_{AA}

$$R_{\mathrm{AA}} = \frac{\mathrm{Yield}_{\mathrm{AA}}}{\mathrm{Yield}_{\mathrm{pp}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{\mathrm{AA}}}$$

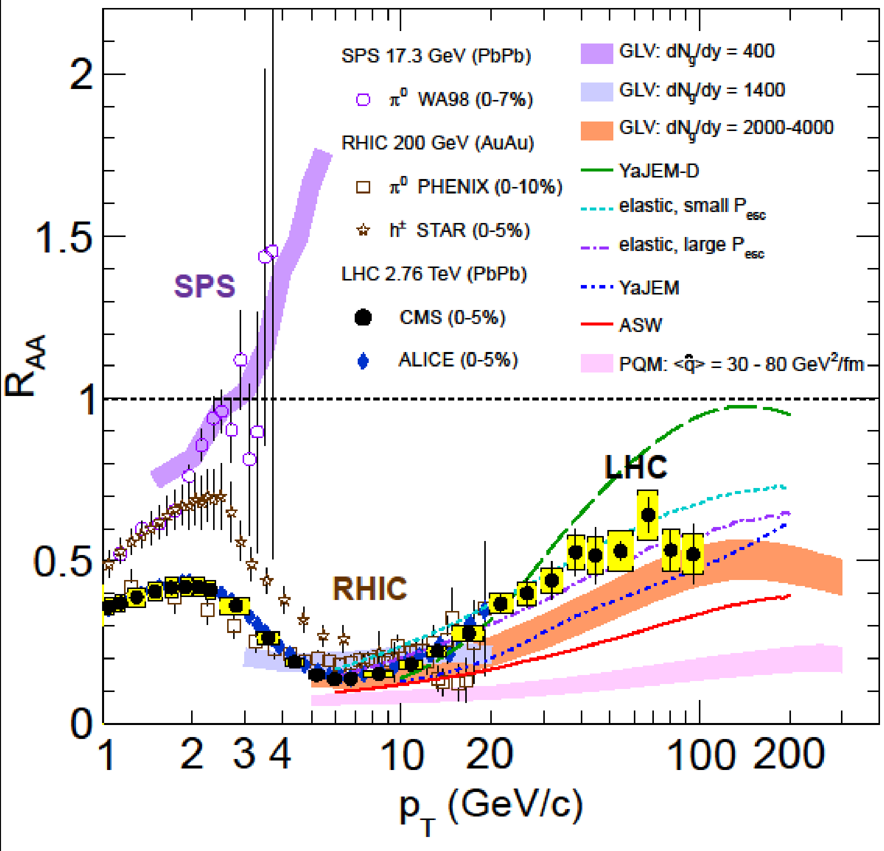
- …or peripheral AA → Rcp ("central to peripheral")

$$R_{\mathrm{cp}} = \frac{\mathrm{Yield}_{\mathrm{AA,central}}}{\mathrm{Yield}_{\mathrm{AA,periph}}} \cdot \frac{\langle Nbin \rangle_{\mathrm{AA,periph}}}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{\mathrm{AA,central}}}$$

R_{AA}

- $R_{AA}(p_T)$ for charged particles produced in 0-5% centrality range @ LHC:
  - minimum (~ 0.14) for p_T ~ 6-7 GeV/c
  - then slow increase at high p_T
  - still significant suppression at p_T ~ 100 GeV/c !
- interpreted as due to loss of energy of partons propagating through medium
- essential quantitative constraint for parton energy loss models!

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA}(p_T)}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{AA} \text{Yield}_{pp}(p_T)}$$



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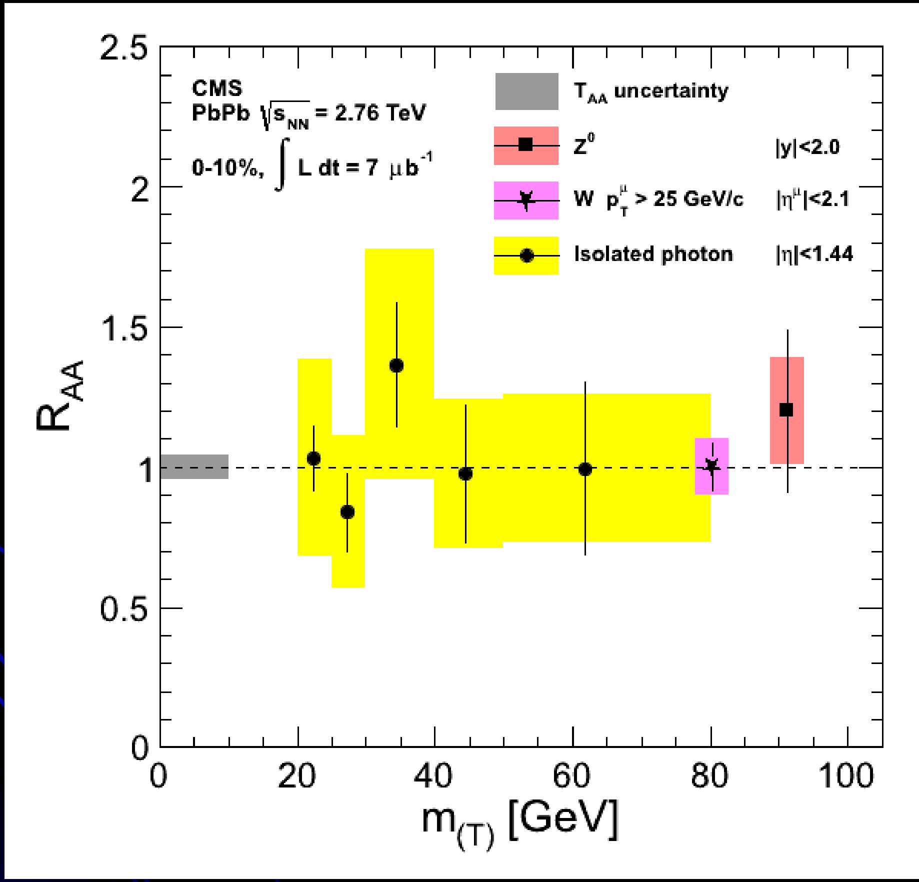
R_{AA} for vector bosons

- electroweak probes, on the other hand, are unmodified
→ (essential cross check!)



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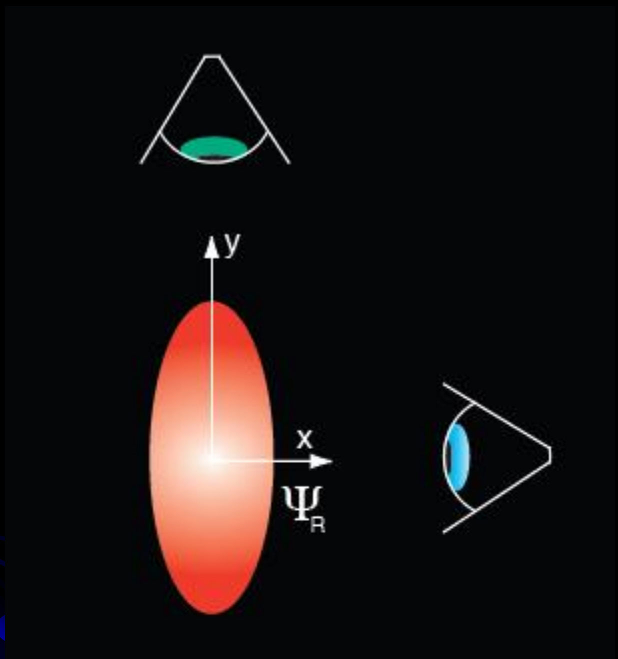
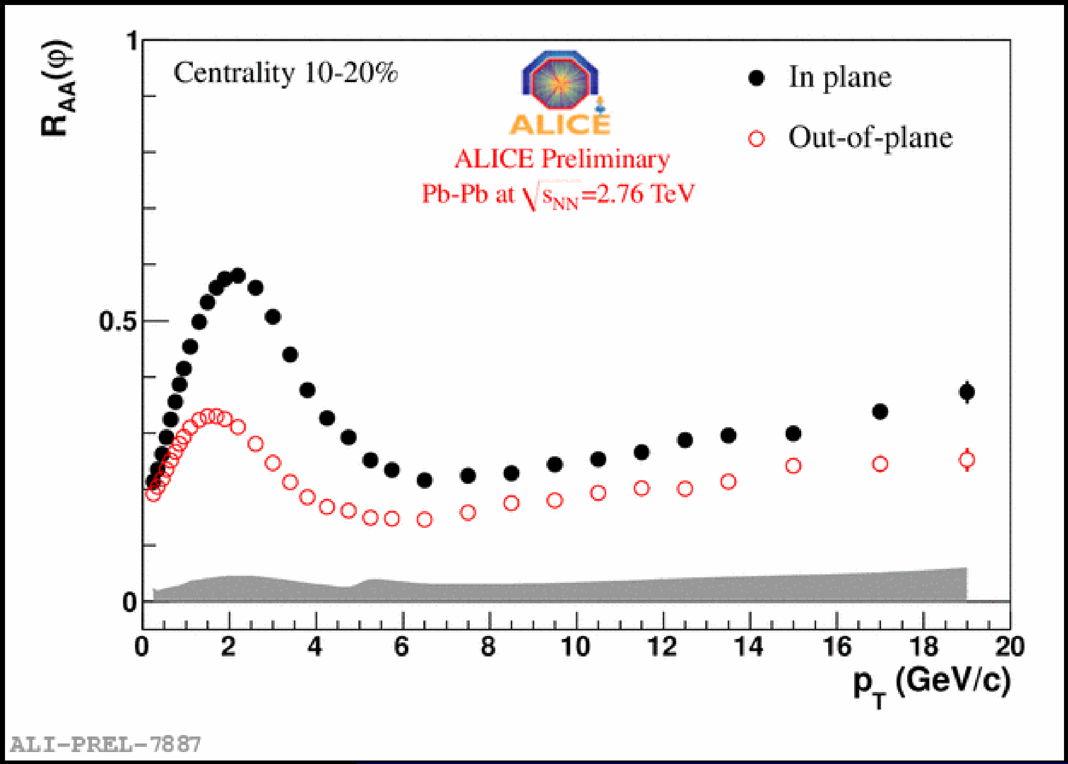
Suppression vs event plane



$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_2) \rangle$$



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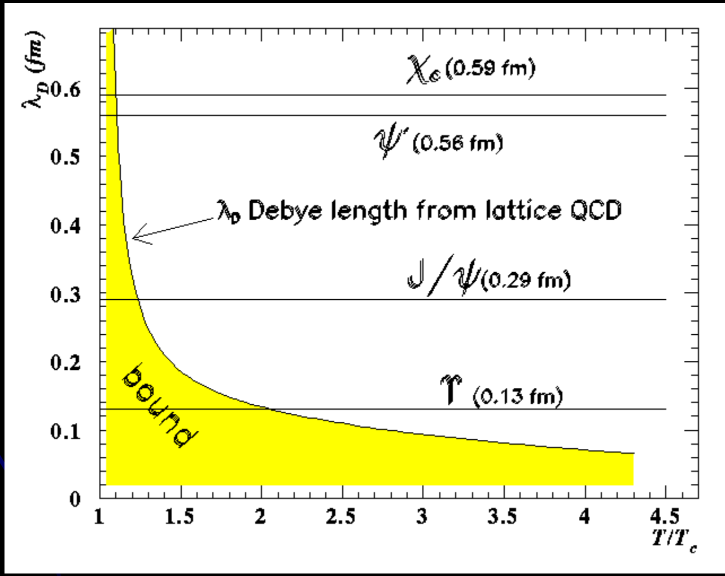
- significant effect!
- further constraints to energy loss models
  → path-length dependence of energy loss

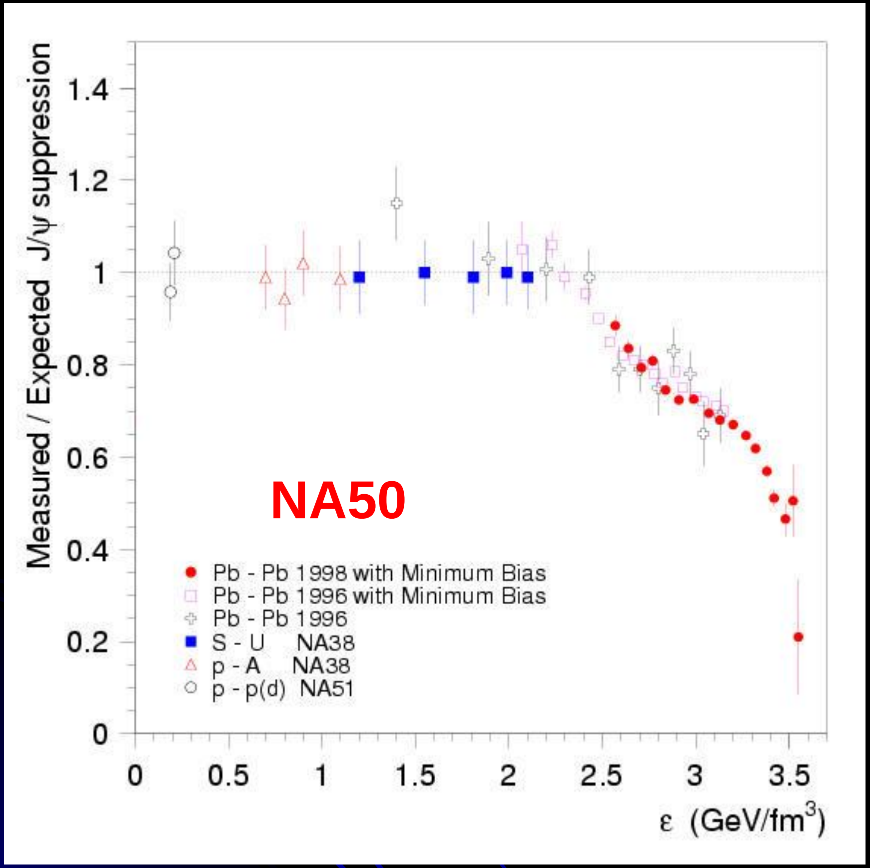
Quarkonia

Charmonium suppression

- QGP signature proposed by Matsui and Satz, 1986
- In the plasma phase the interaction potential is expected to be screened beyond the Debye length λ_D (analogous to e.m. Debye screening):
- Charmonium ($c\bar{c}$) and bottonium ($b\bar{b}$) states with r > λ_D will not bind; their production will be suppressed

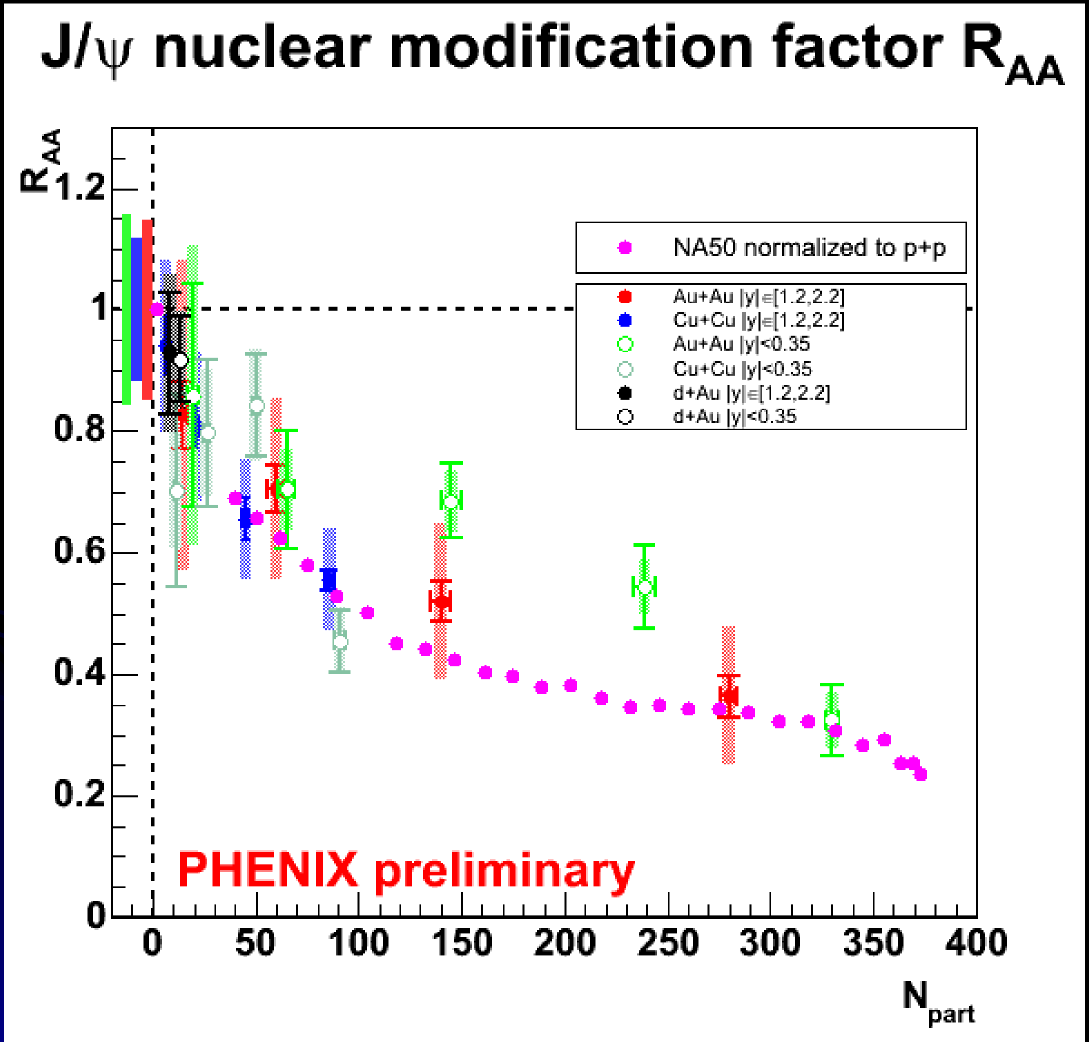


J/ψ suppression pattern at the SPS



- measured/expected J/ψ suppression vs estimated energy density
  - anomalous suppression sets in at $\varepsilon \sim 2.3$ GeV/fm^3 ($b \sim 8$ fm)
  - effect accelerates around $\varepsilon \sim 3$ GeV/fm^3 ($b \sim 3.6$ fm)?

J/ψ suppression at SPS and RHIC

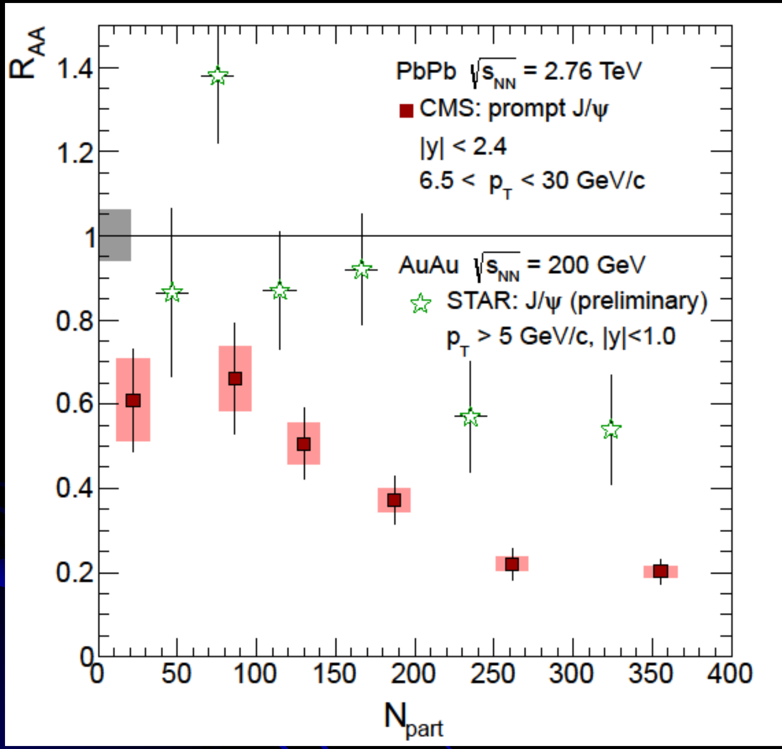


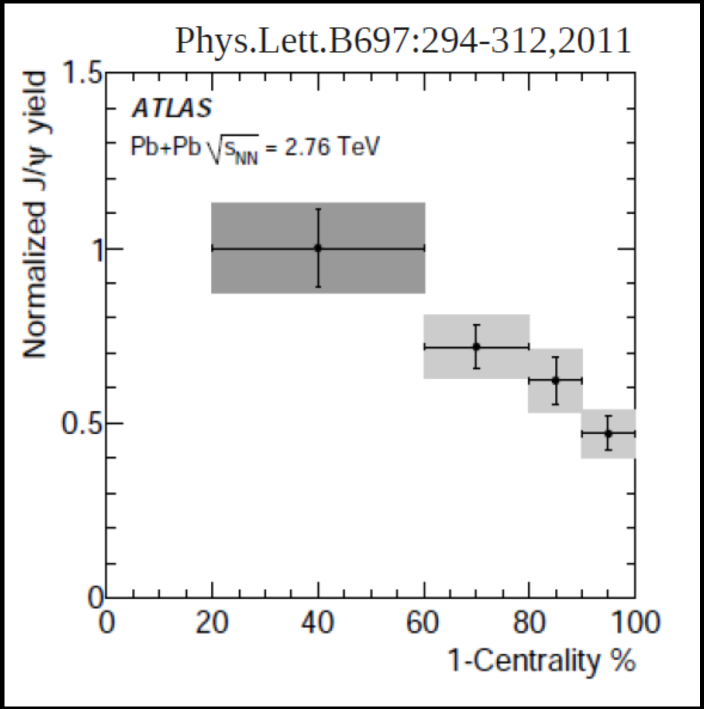
[Hugo Pereira (PHENIX), QM05]

- substantial suppression of J/ψ production observed at SPS & RHIC
- ~ similar levels of suppression

J/ψ @ LHC: high p_T

- LHC: $|y| < 2.4$, $p_T > 6.5$ GeV/c (CMS)
  prompt J/ψ
- LHC $|y| < 2.5$, pT > 3 GeV/c (ATLAS)





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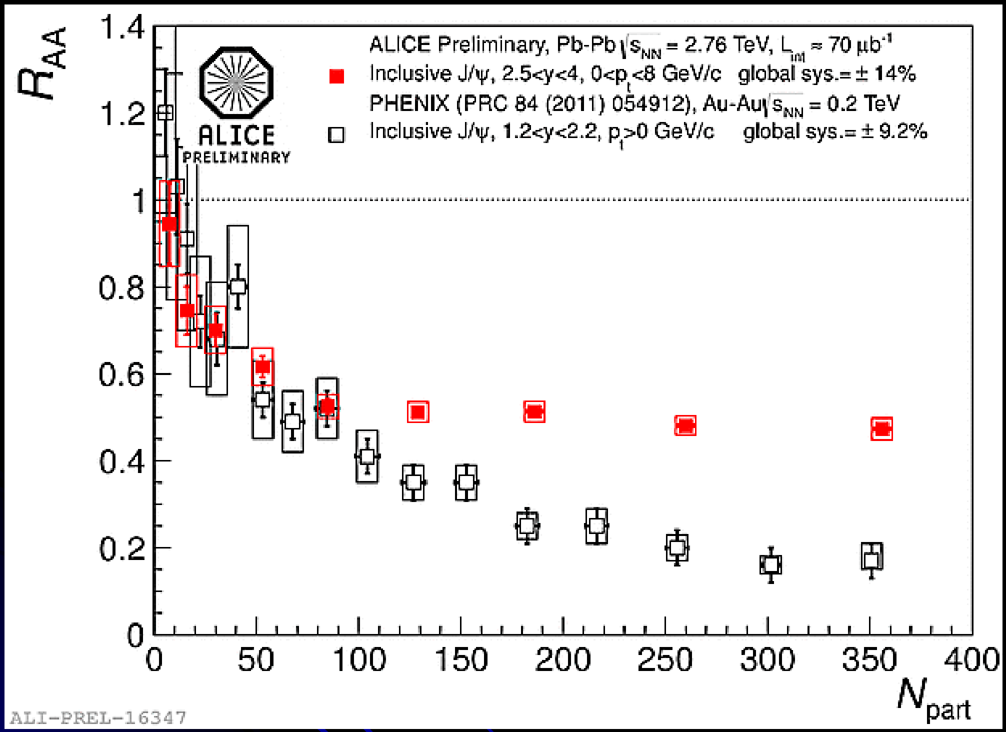
ATLAS: PLB 697 (2011) 294

→ more suppressed than
RHIC: $|y| < 1.$ pT > 5 GeV/c (STAR)
inclusive J/ ψ

J/ψ @ LHC: low p_T

- LHC: 2.5 < y < 4, p_T > 0 (ALICE)



→ less suppression than

RHIC: 1.2 < y < 2.2, p_T > 0 (PHENIX)

→ centrality dependence is much weaker!

→ c-cbar coalescence?

- (suppression vs regeneration)

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Bottomonia @ LHC

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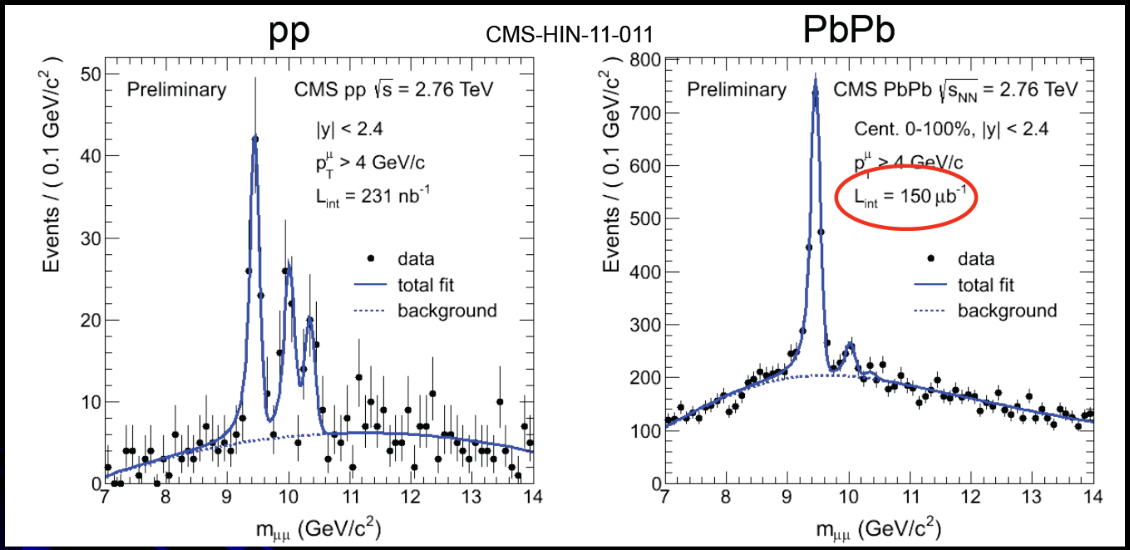
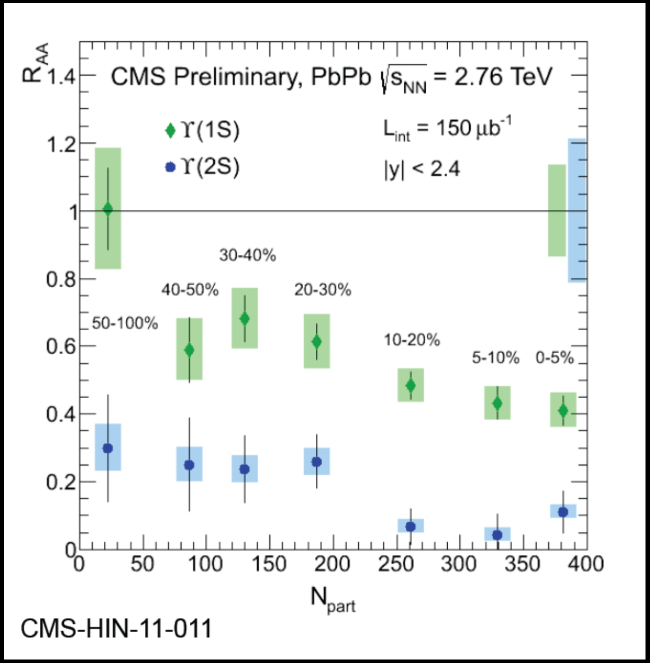




- ϒ(1S) significantly suppressed
- ϒ(2S) strongly suppressed
- ϒ(3S) not visible…

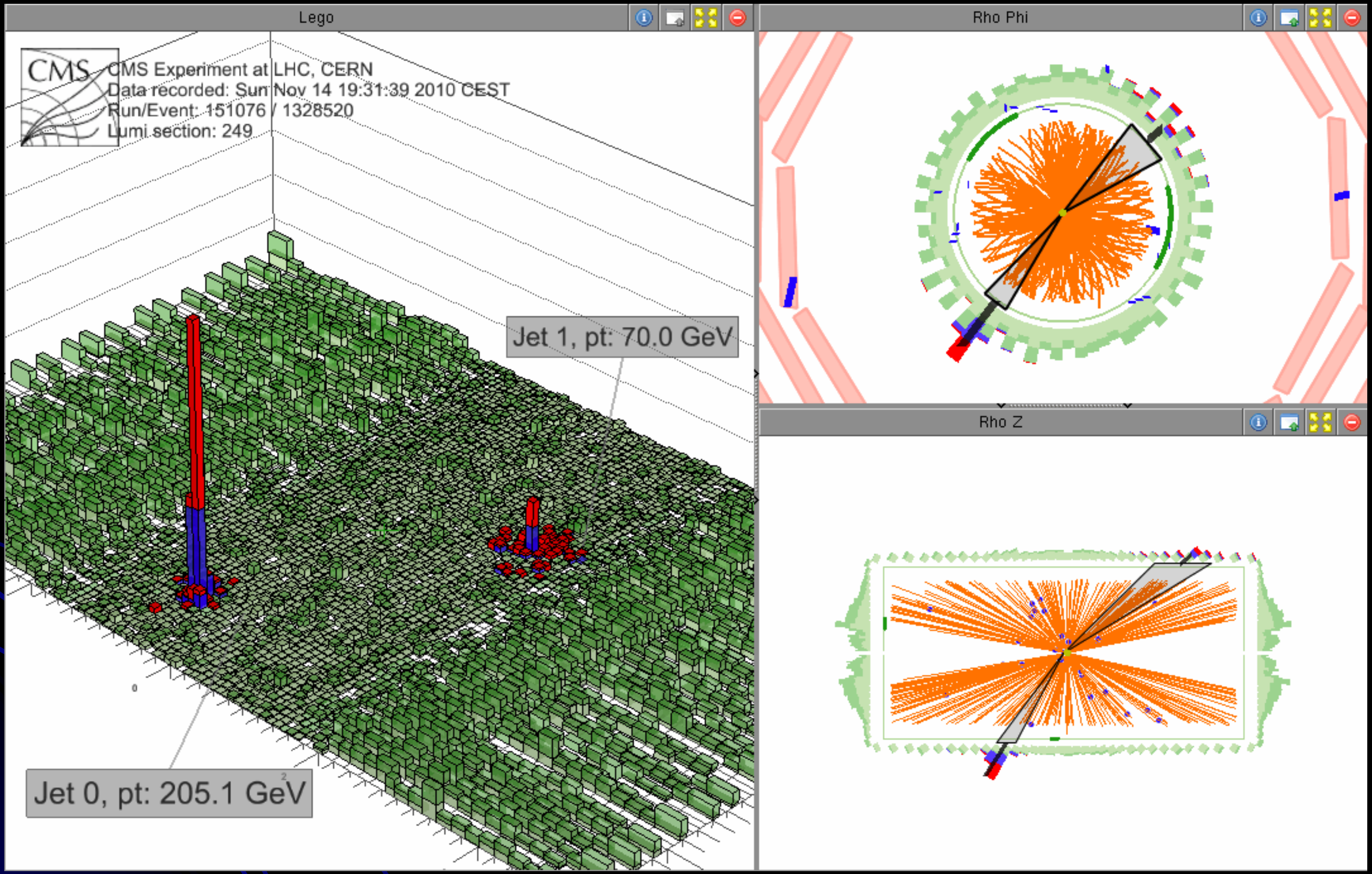
Quarkonia: outlook

- the future runs should allow us to establish quantitatively the complete quarkonium suppression(/recombination?) pattern
  - high statistic measurements
  - open flavour baseline / contamination
  - pA baseline

Jets

Di-jet imbalance

- Pb-Pb events with large di-jet imbalance observed at the LHC



→ recoiling jet strongly quenched!

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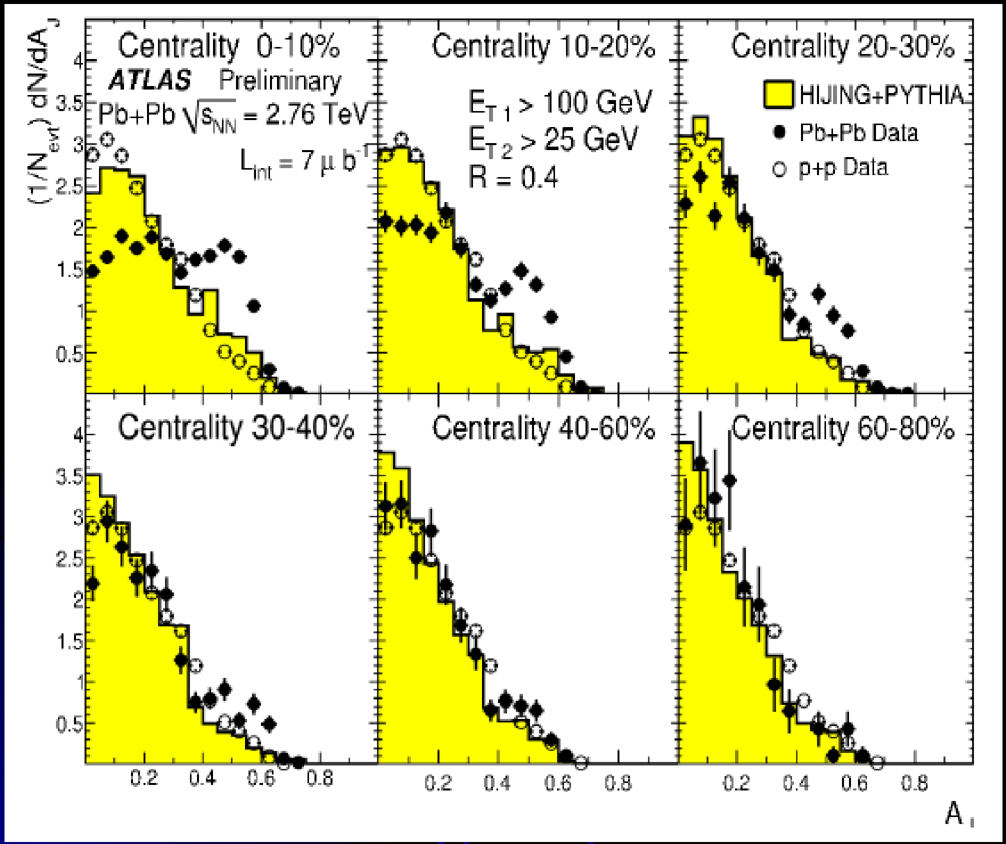
A_J

- imbalance quantified by the di-jet asymmetry variable A_J:



$$A_J = \frac{E_{T1} - E_{T2}}{E_{T1} + E_{T2}} \qquad E_{T1} > 100\,GeV \quad E_{T2} > 25\,GeV$$

- with increasing centrality:

→ enhancement of asymmetric di-jets with respect to pp
  - & HIJING + PYTHIA simulation

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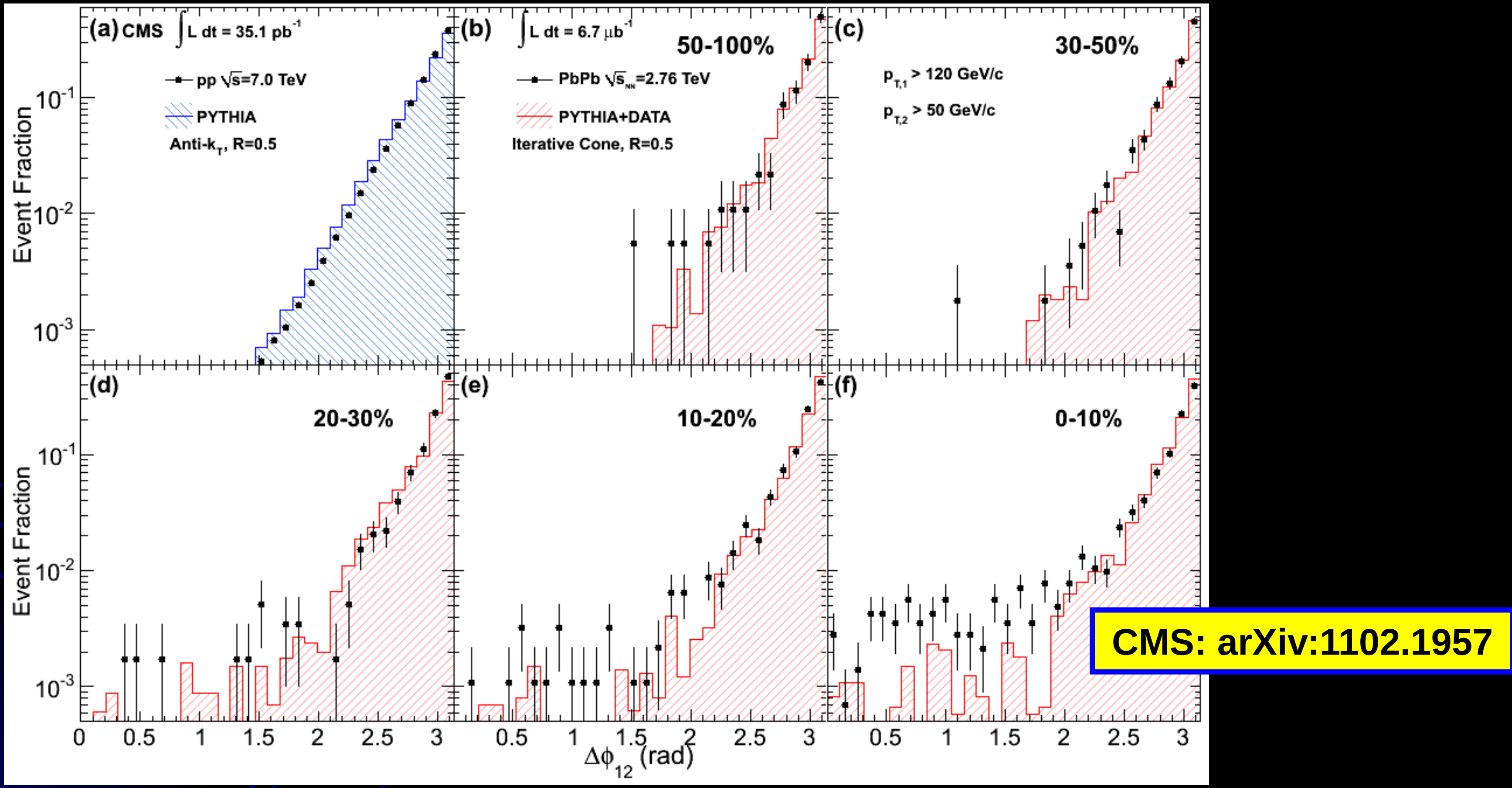
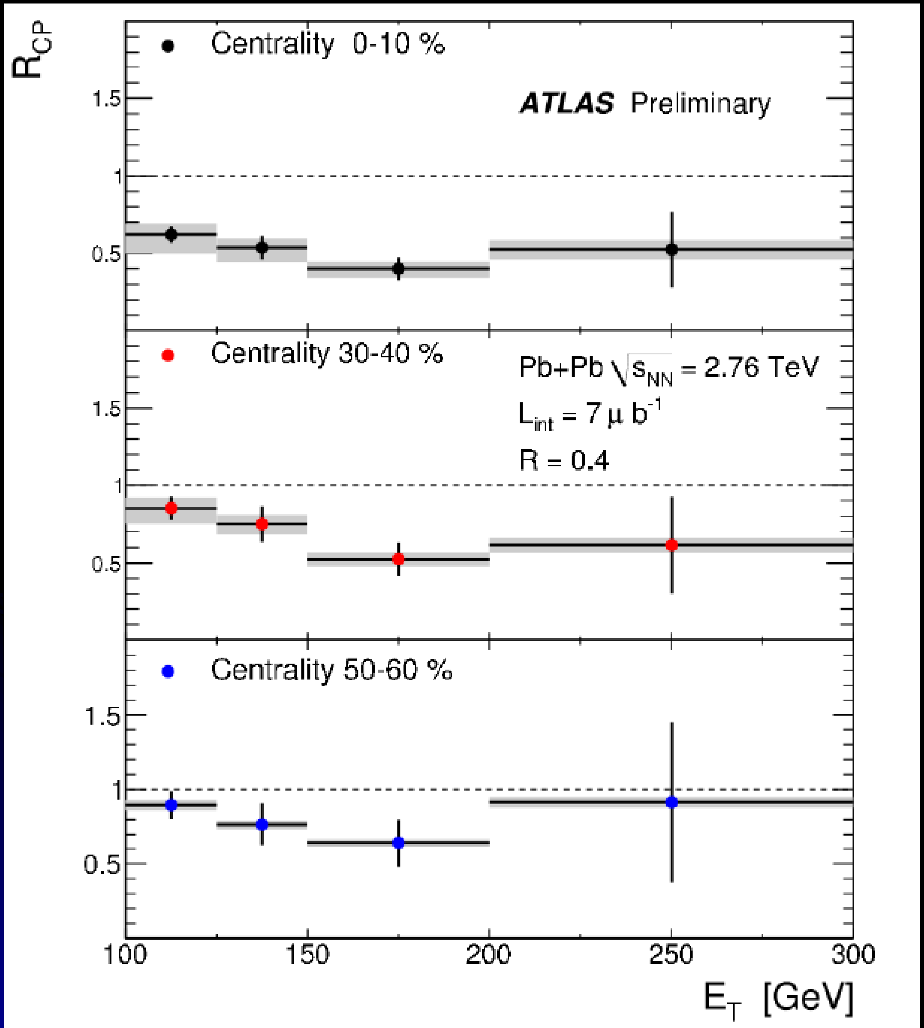
Di-jet Δφ

- no visible angular decorrelation in Δφ wrt pp collisions!



→ large imbalance effect on jet energy, but very little effect on jet direction!

Jet nuclear modification factor



$$R_{CP} = \frac{\langle Nbin \rangle_{Central} \ \text{Yield}_{Central}}{\langle Nbin \rangle_{Peripheral} \ \text{Yield}_{Peripheral}}$$

→ substantial suppression of jet production
  - in central Pb-Pb wrt binary-scaled peripheral

→ out to very large jet energies!

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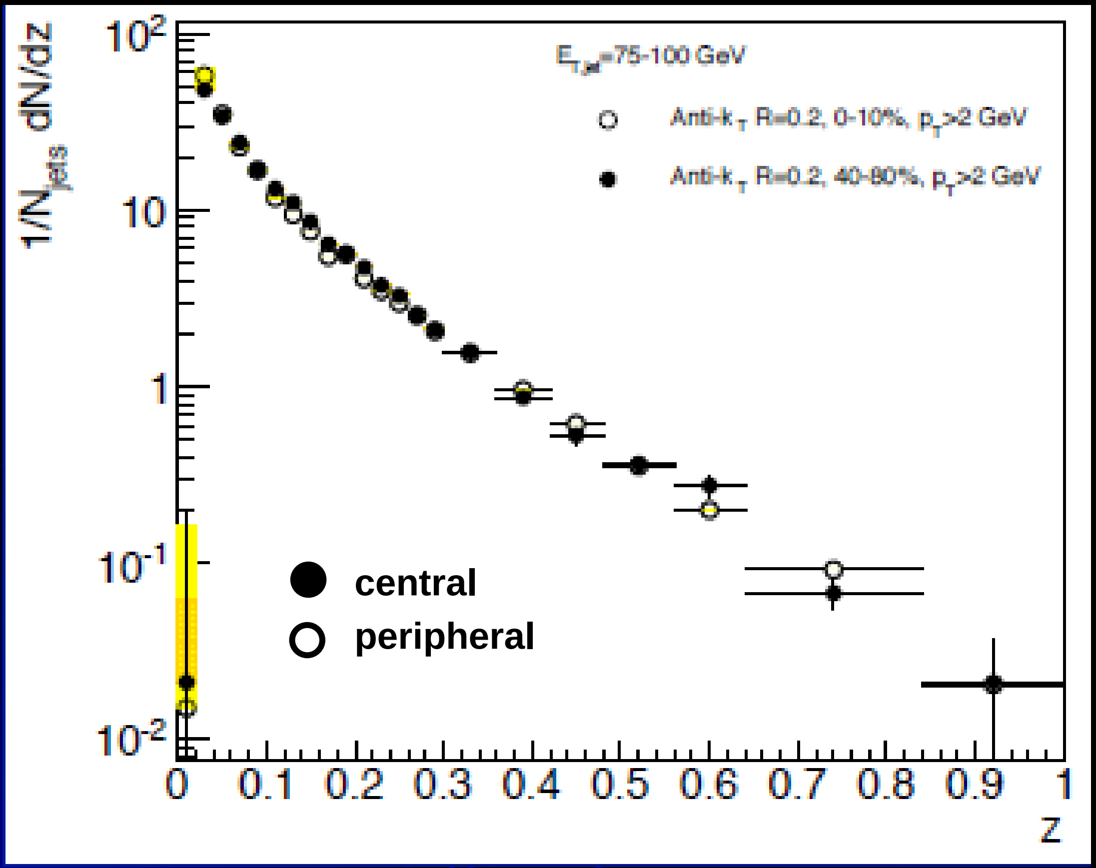
Jet fragmentation function

- distribution of the momenta of the fragments along the jet axis



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$$z = \frac{p_T^{hadron} \cdot \cos(\Delta R)}{E_T^{jet}}$$

- distribution is very similar in central and peripheral events
  - although quenching is very different…

→ apparently no effect from quenching inside the jet cone…

→ another puzzle ?

What next?

- understand theoretically what is going on
  - strong di-jet asymmetry
  - no visible effects in fragmentation function, dijet angular correlations…
- γ/Z-jet fragmentation functions
  - measure fragmentation function of jets recoiling against vector bosons → low-bias estimate of jet energy before quenching
- explore the surroundings of away-side jets
  - broadening? softening? re-heating?
- in-medium fragmentation vs reaction plane
  - path length dependence!
- b-tagged jets (quark vs gluon jets)
- extreme suppression?
  - "mono-jet" events? what do they look like?

Heavy flavours

Charm and beauty: ideal probes

- study medium with probes of known colour charge and mass
  - → e.g.: energy loss by gluon radiation expected to be:
  - parton-specific: stronger for gluons than quarks (colour charge)
  - flavour-specific: stronger for lighter than for heavier quarks (dead-cone effect)
- study effect of medium on fragmentation (no extra production of c, b at hadronization)
  - → independent string fragmentation vs recombination
  - e.g.: D^{+}_{s}/D^{+}
- \+ measurement important for quarkonium physics
  - open $Q\bar{Q}$ production natural normalization for quarkonium studies
  - B meson decays non negligible source of non-prompt J/ψ

Theoretically...

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_s \, C_R \, \hat{q} \, L^2$$

- $\langle \Delta E \rangle$: average energy loss
- C_R: Casimir coupling factor
- $\hat{q}$: transport coefficient of the medium
- L: distance travelled in the medium

→ R.Baier et al., Nucl. Phys. **B483** (1997) 291 ("BDMPS")

Energy loss for heavy flavours is expected to be reduced:

i) Casimir factor

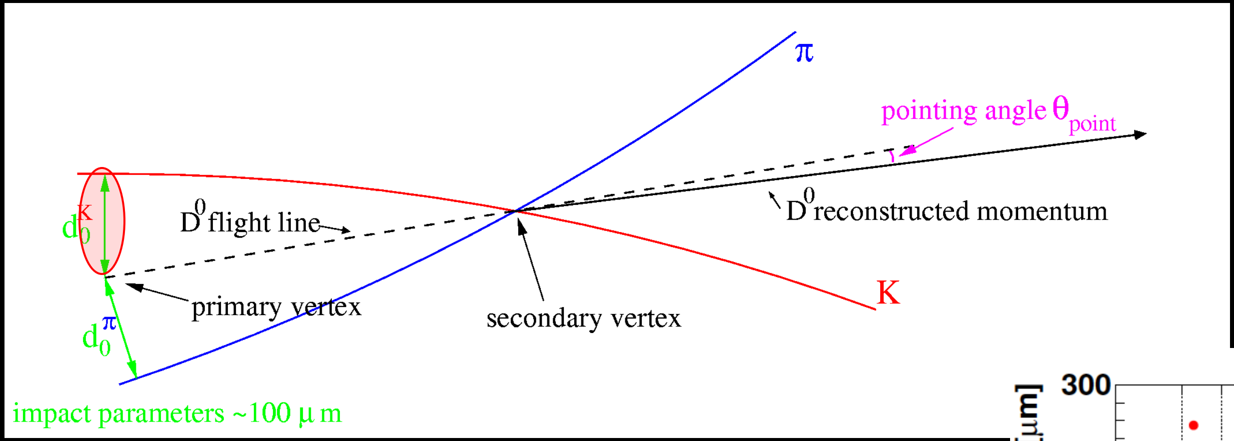
- light hadrons originate from a mixture of gluon and quark jets, heavy flavoured hadrons originate from quark jets
- C_R is 4/3 for quarks, 3 for gluons

ii) dead-cone effect

- gluon radiation expected to be suppressed for $\theta < M_Q/E_Q$
  [Dokshitzer & Karzeev, Phys. Lett. **B519** (2001) 199]
  [Armesto et al., Phys. Rev. D69 (2004) 114003]

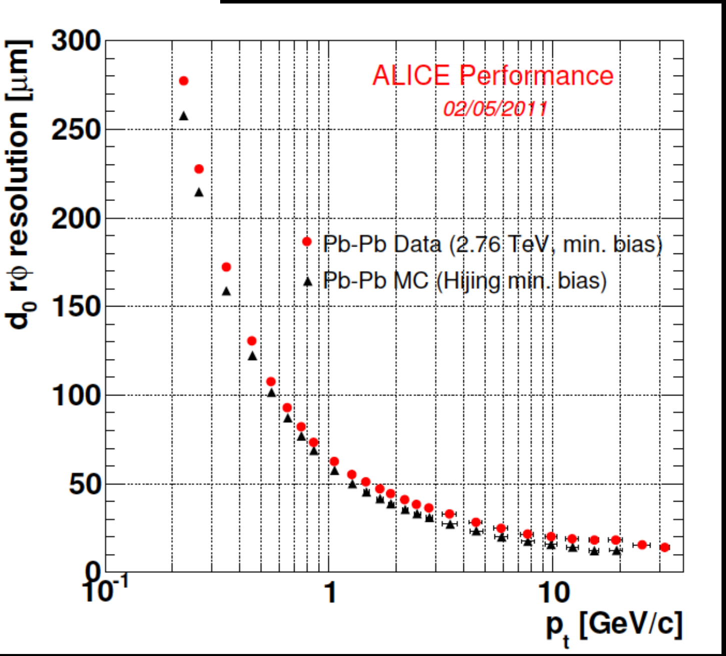
Vertex Detectors

- track impact parameter (d_0): separation of secondary tracks from HF decays from primary vertex, e.g.:

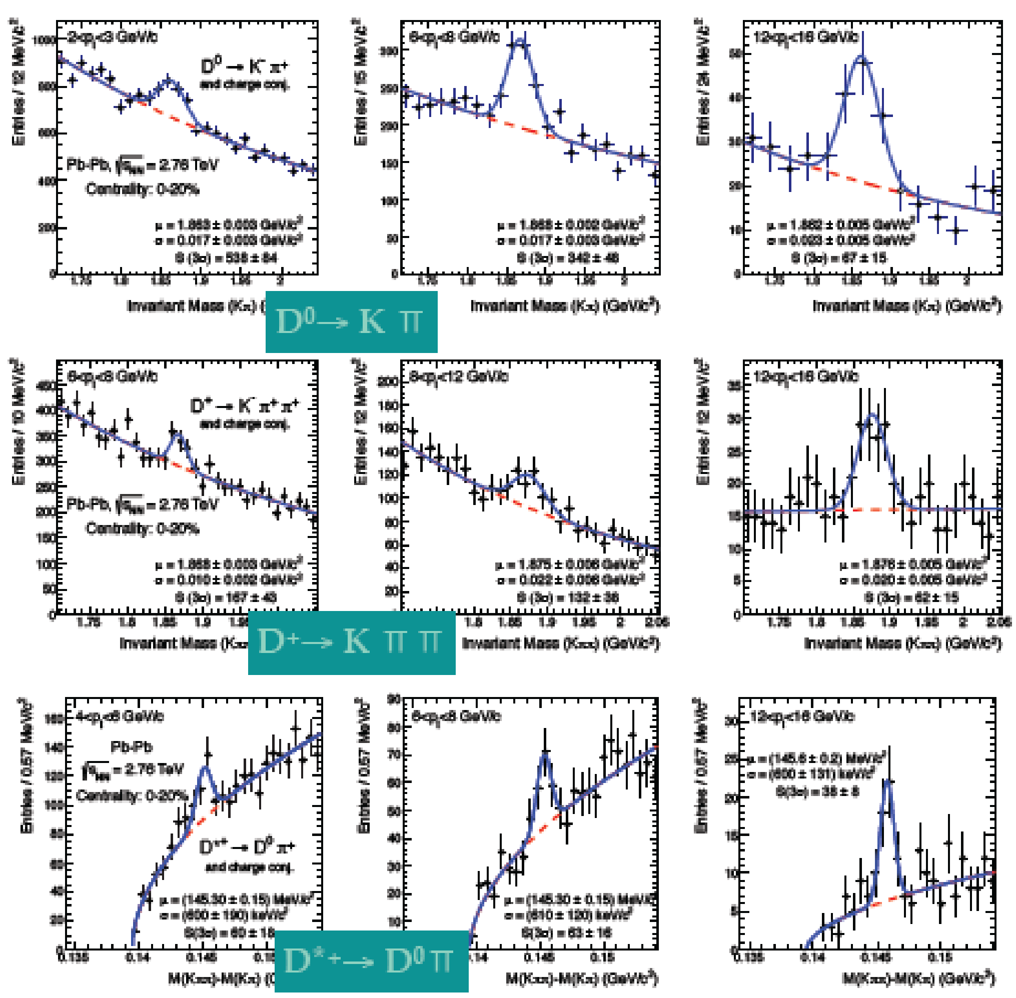


→ silicon pixels in ALICE, ATLAS, CMS

- e.g.: d_0 resolution in ALICE →

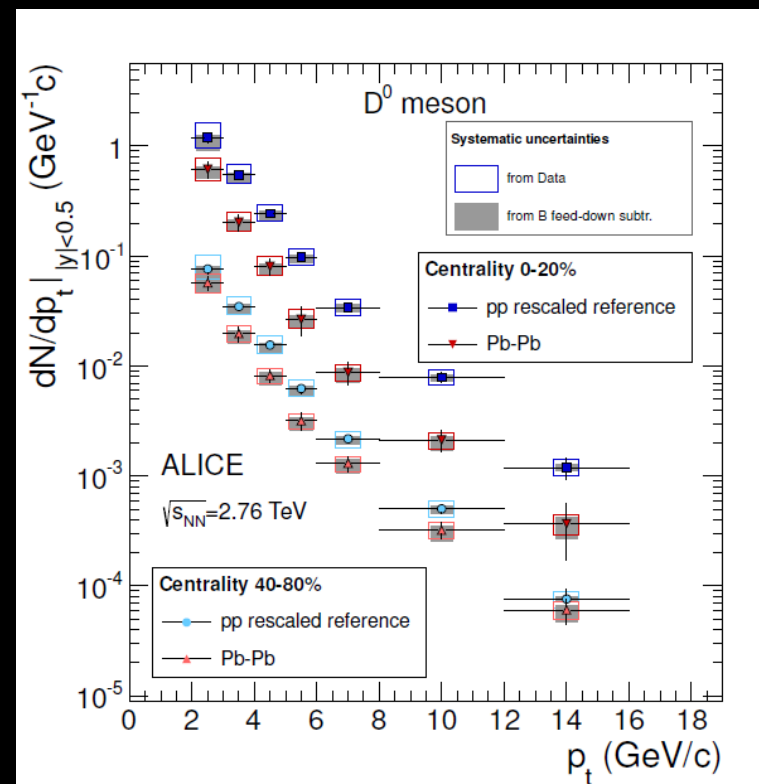


Reconstructed D decays

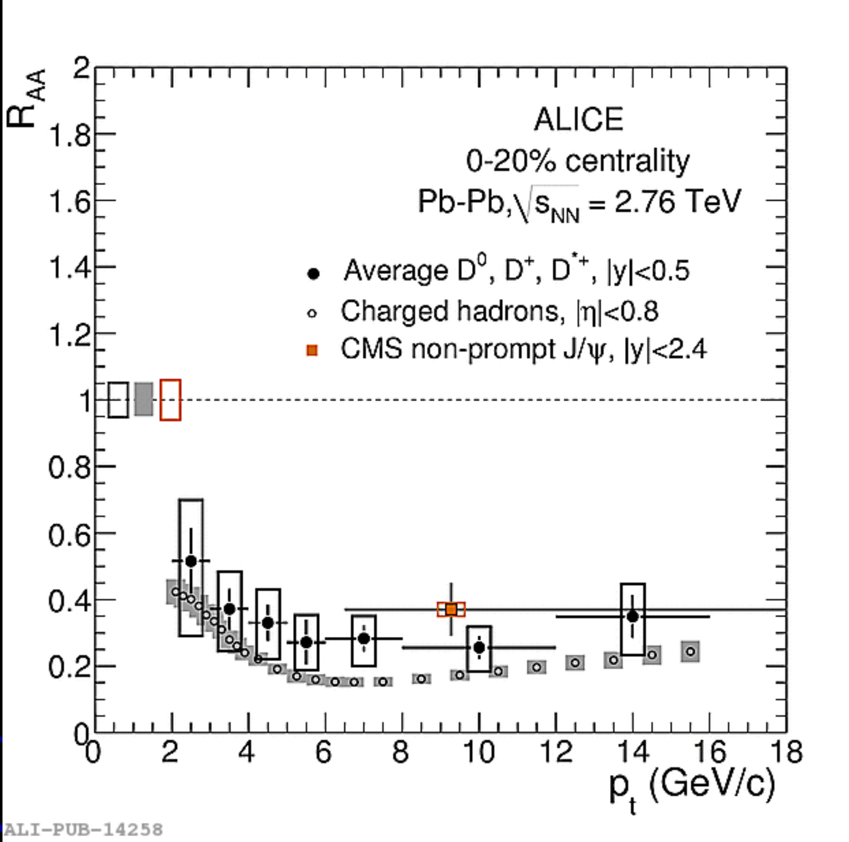


D^0, D^+ and D^{*+} signals in p_t bins for 0-20%CC

→ strong suppression observed in central Pb-Pb (0-20%) with respect to scaled pp reference



Comparison: D and $\pi^{\pm}$ suppression

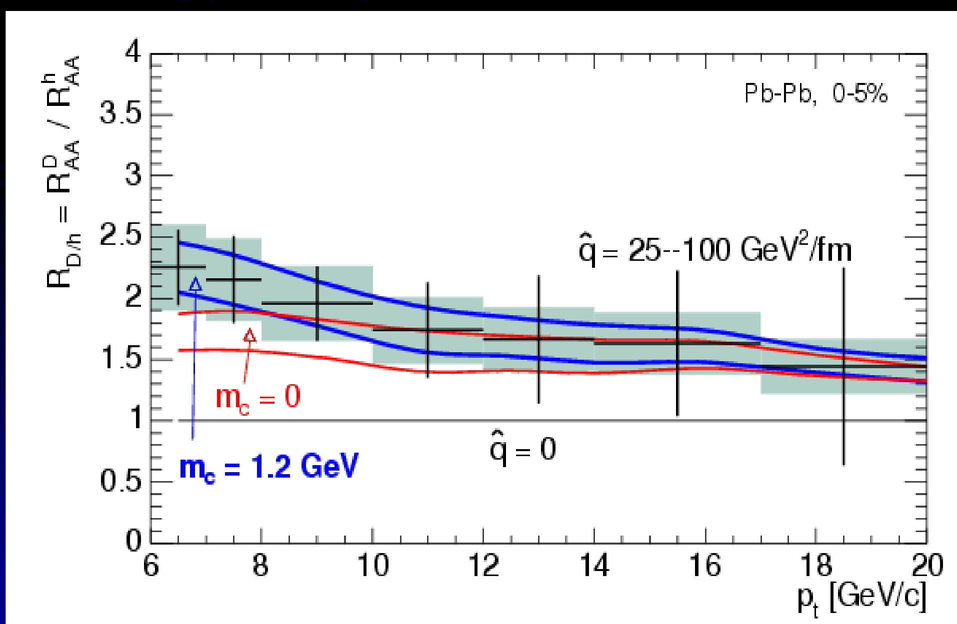


- charm is substantially suppressed:
  - in central collisions: ~ a factor 4-5 for p_T > 5 GeV/c
- similar suppression for D mesons and $\pi^{\pm}$

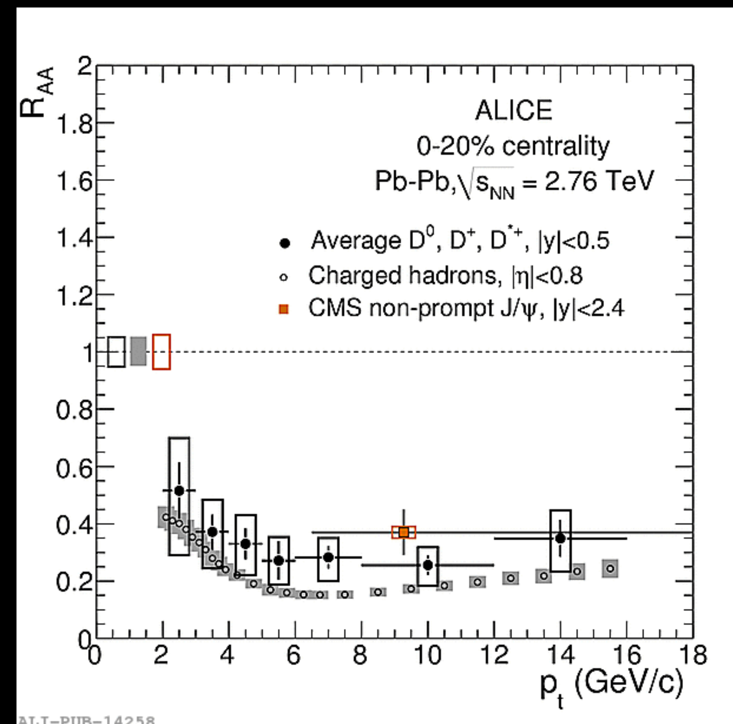
How about the colour factor?

- quarks (C_R = 4/3) expected to couple weaker than gluons (C_R = 3)

→ at p_T ~ 8 GeV, factor ~ 2 less suppression expected for D than for light hadrons in gluon radiation energy loss prediction



N Armesto et al., Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 054027

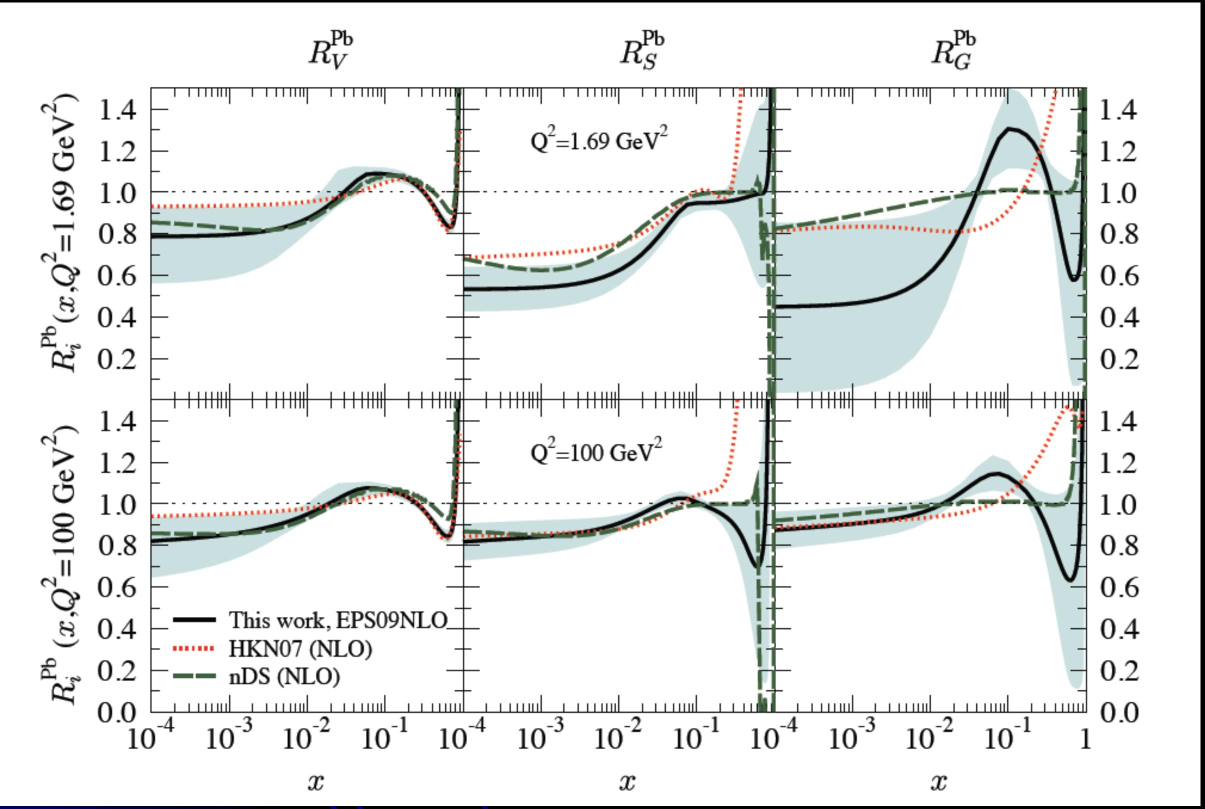


- a hint of $R_{AA}^D > R_{AA}^\pi$?

… to be continued with higher statistics…

Gluon shadowing…

- different parton distribution functions in protons and nuclei

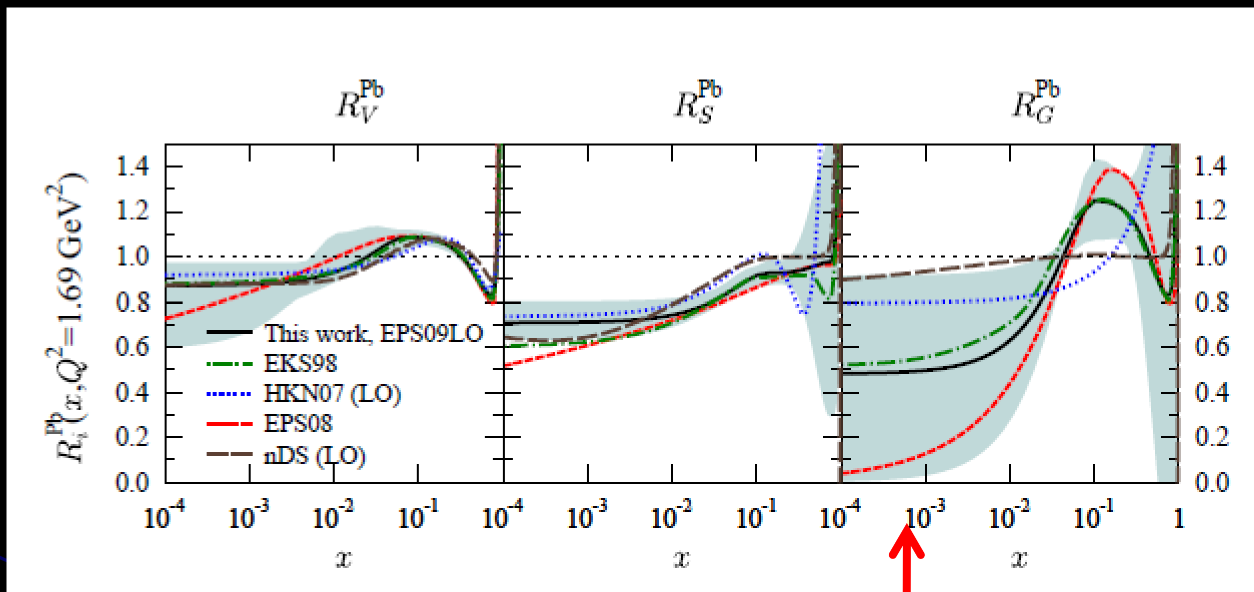


x = fraction of nucleon momentum carried by gluon

[K J Eskola et al: JHEP04(2009)065]

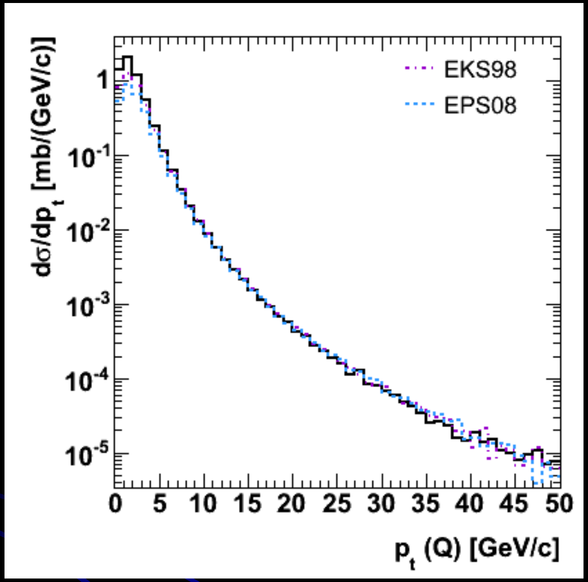
- a priori, large uncertainty
  → measure p-Pb collisions!!!

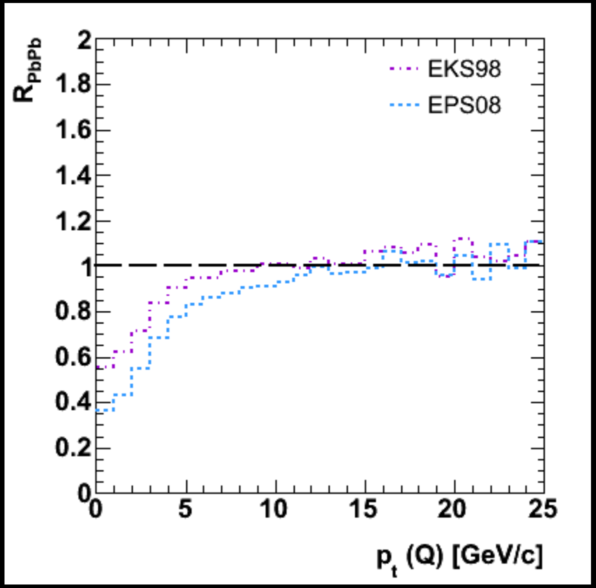
EPS08 has largest shadowing



- EPS08 (red) lies at low end of EPS09 gluon PDF uncertainty band
  - → inclusion of BRAHMS high rapidity data

Expected effects for charm



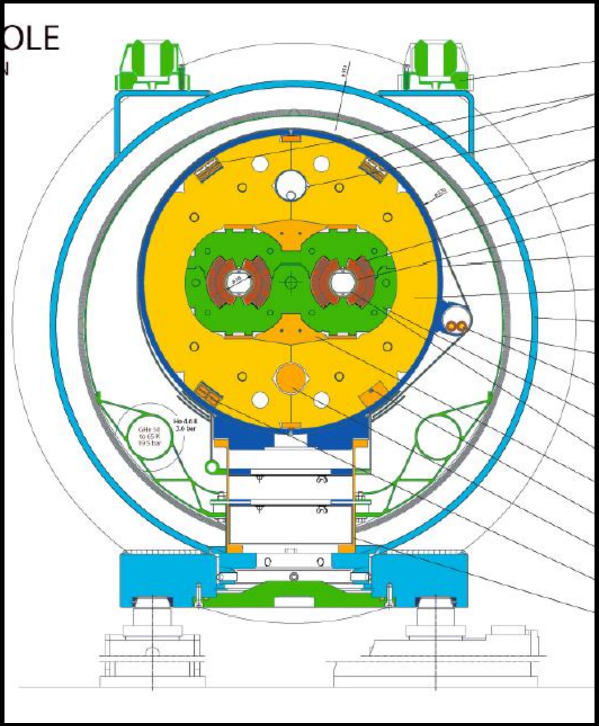


Calculation by Andrea Dainese (ALICE)

→ e.g.: for charm non-negligible effect expected for $p_T < 10$ GeV or so

p-Pb collisions in the LHC!

- tricky, but can be done…
- 2-in-1 design…
  - → identical bending field in two beams
  - → locks the relation between the two beam momenta: p (Pb) = Z p(proton)
  - → different speeds for the two beams!



- adjust length of closed orbits!
  - to compensate different speeds
- different RF freq for two beams at injection and ramps

→ first p-Pb run scheduled for beginning of 2013

- estimated luminosity: 10^{28} – 10^{29} cm^{-2} s^{-1}

Heavy Flavour: outlook

- high statistics D measurements
  → are D really as suppressed as light hadrons?
- charm thermalisation?
  → measure D mesons v2
- subtract D background → pure B electron spectrum
  - beauty energy loss in wide p_T range
- in-medium fragmentation of b-tagged jets !

Conclusions

- in November 2010, the field of ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions has entered a new era with the start of heavy ion collisions at the LHC
  - abundance of hard probes
  - state-of-the art collider detectors
- exciting results already from first analyses
  - death of ridge and Mach cone?
  - anomalies in proton yields & momentum distributions
  - pattern of jet and heavy flavour suppression → challenge to Eloss models
  - intriguing behaviour of J/ψ R_{AA} at low p_T
- and the future looks bright!
  - ~ 150/μb delivered by LHC in 2011 → "Quark Matter 2012" conference in 2 weeks!
  - p-Pb run scheduled for 2013
  - → precision measurements + handle on cold nuclear matter effects
  - → close in on dynamic and coupling properties of medium
  - → and … <u>look out for surprises</u>… stay tuned!

Thank you!