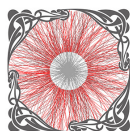


# Event activity dependence of the $J/\psi$ production in p-Pb collisions

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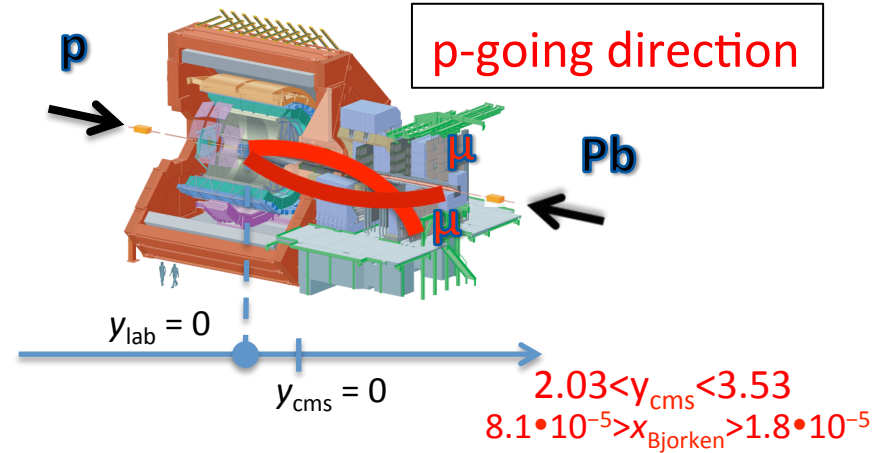
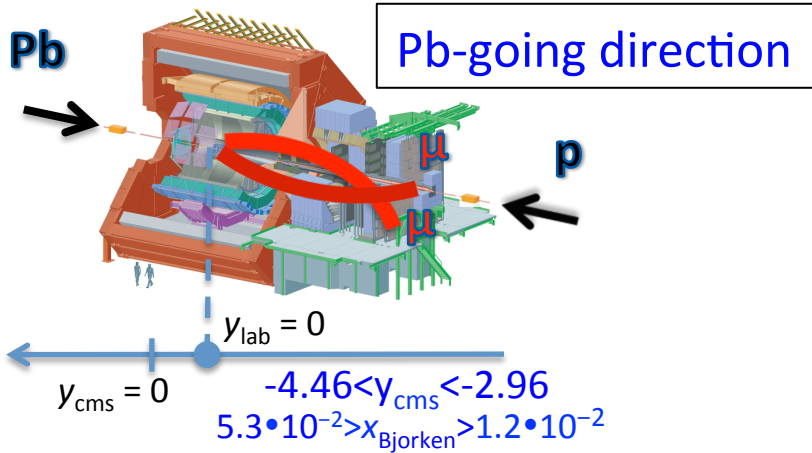
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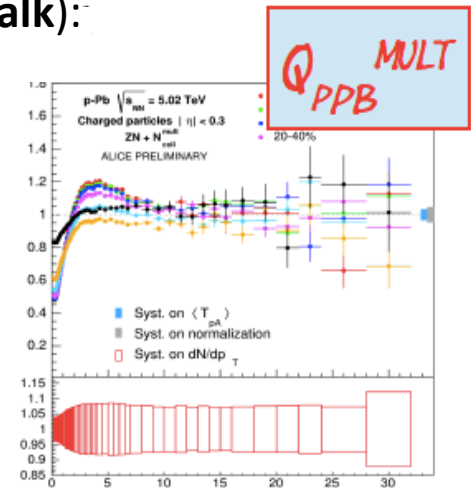
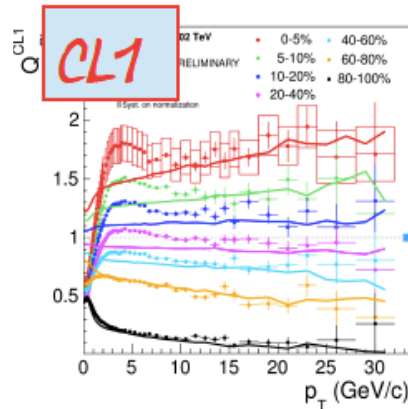
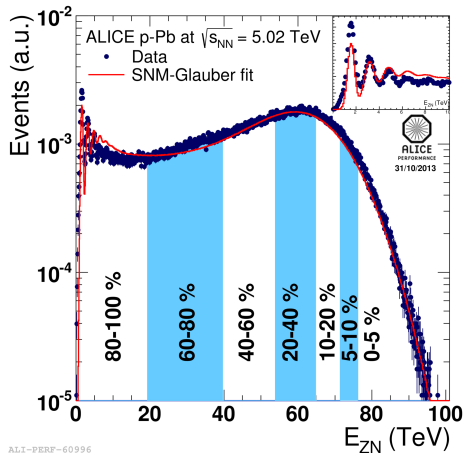


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# p-Pb run in ALICE



- ❖ J/ψ production was already studied differentially vs  $y$  and  $p_T$ . Next step – event activity.
- ❖ ZDC-based event activity estimator is used (see **Alberica Toia's talk**):

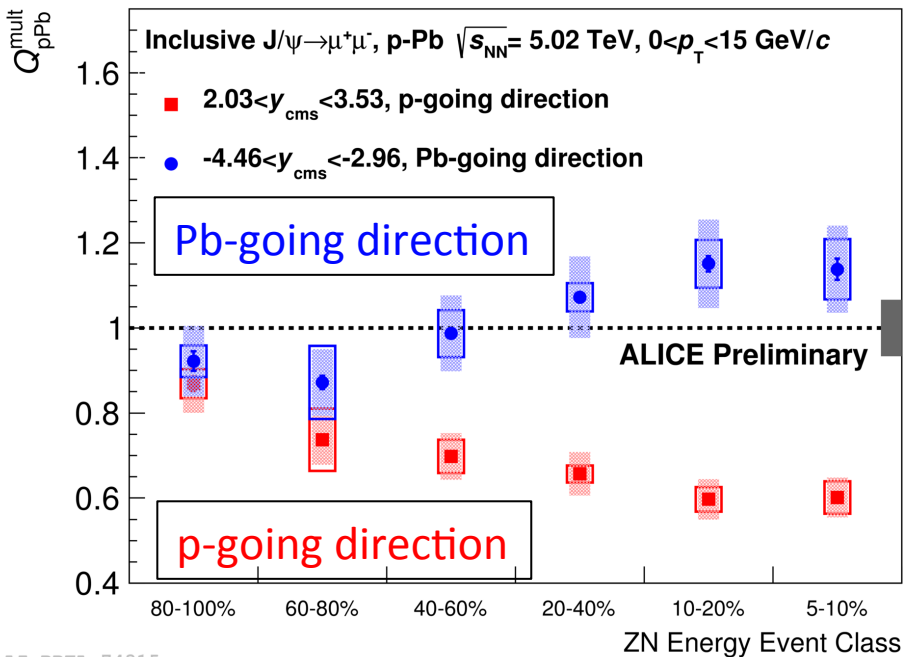


- Large rapidity gap between the muon spectrometer and the ZDCs
- Small bias: slow nucleon production  $\sim$  independent of hard processes.

# $Q_{pA}$ vs event activity...

$$Q_{pPb}^{J/\psi, i} = \frac{Y_{pPb}^i}{\langle T_{pPb}^i \rangle \sigma_{pp}^{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}}$$

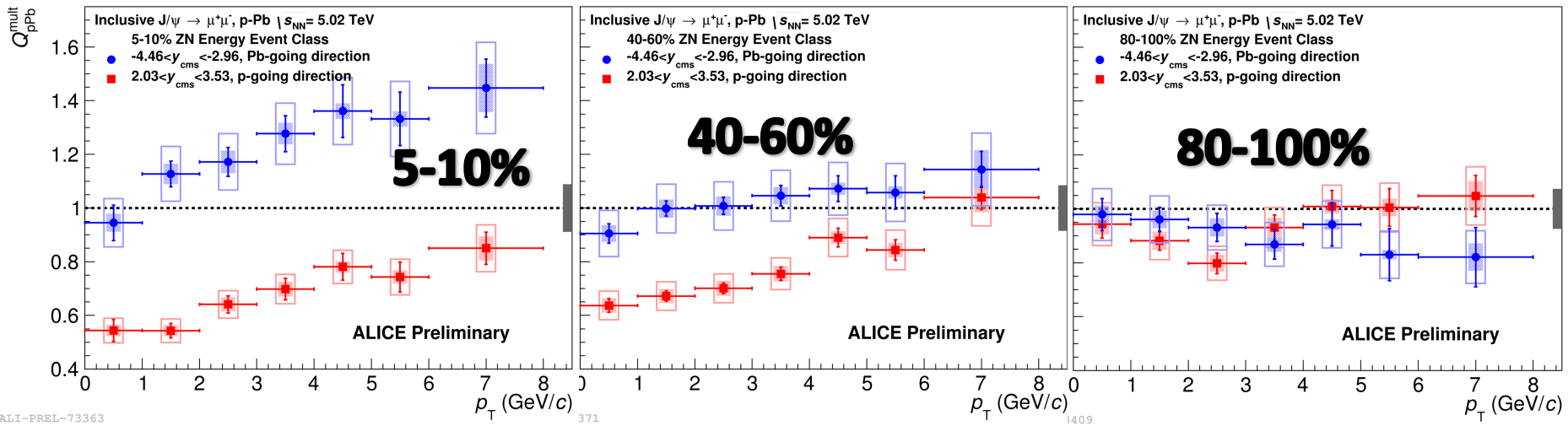
- Due to a potential residual bias in the centrality estimation ( $T_{pPb}^i$ ), the ratio is not necessarily equal to 1 in the absence of nuclear effects, therefore, we refrain from employing the notation  $R_{pPb}$ , but use  $Q_{pPb}$  instead.
- $T_{pPb}^i$  is the nuclear thickness function in a given ZN energy event class  $i$ .
- $\sigma_{pp}^{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu}$  – interpolated pp cross-section at  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV.



- Significant difference between event activity dependence at **backward** and **forward**  $y$ .
- At **backward**  $y$ ,  $Q_{pPb}$  is consistent with unity with a hint of increase at large event activity.
- At **forward**  $y$ , the suppression of the  $J/\psi$  production increases with the event activity and reaches up to 45%.

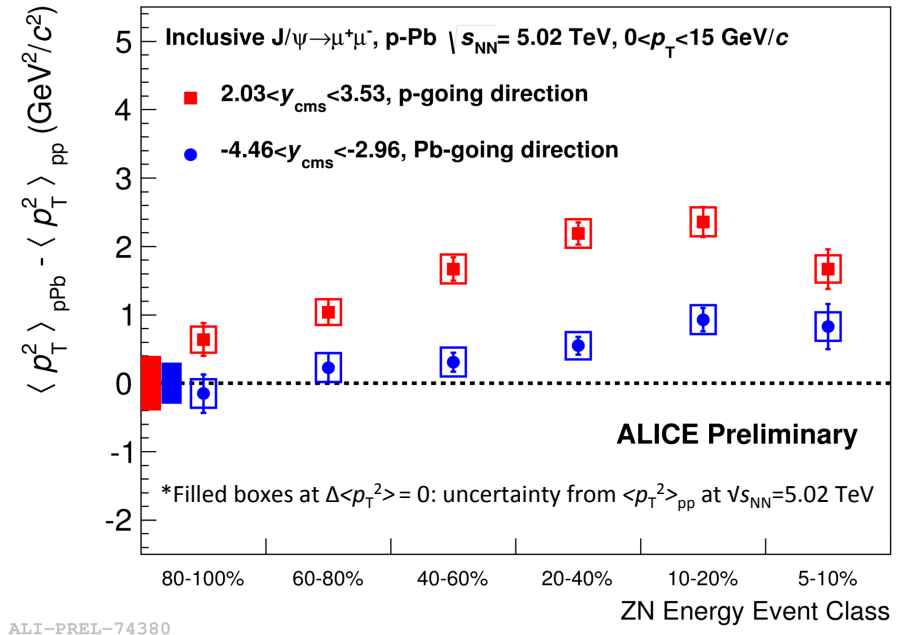
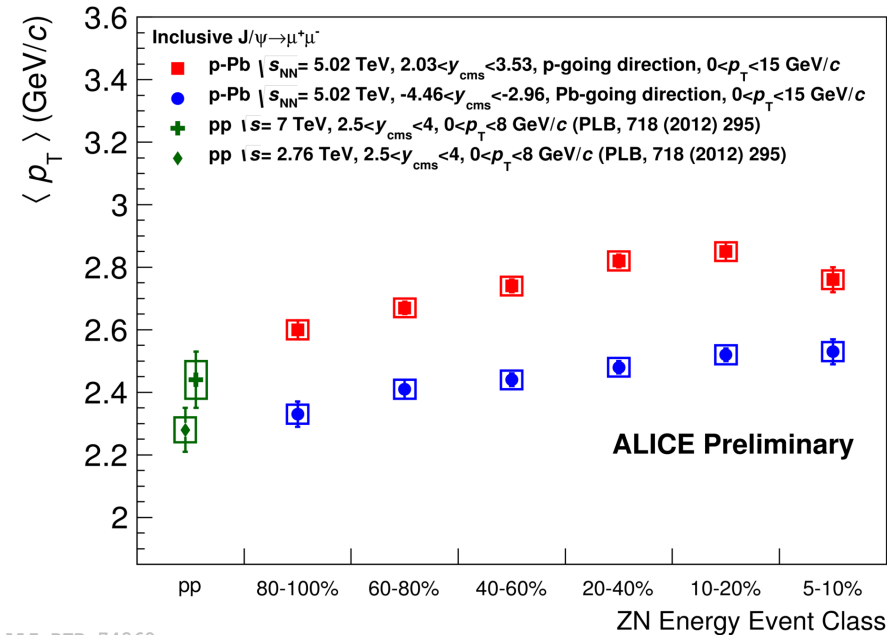
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# $Q_{pA}$ vs event activity and vs $p_T$



- Significant difference of the  $p_T$  dependence of  $Q_{pPb}$  between different event activity classes.
- At large event activity  $Q_{pPb}$  at **backward**  $y$  is much higher than unity (up to 1.45) at high  $p_T$ .
  - ✧ Can it be described by antishadowing?

# $\langle p_T \rangle$ and $\Delta\langle p_T^2 \rangle_{\text{pPb}}$ vs event activity



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- $J/\psi$  production in p-Pb has a harder  $p_T$  distribution at **forward**  $y$  than at **backward**  $y$  for the full event activity range.
- $\Delta\langle p_T^2 \rangle_{J/\psi}$  at **forward**  $y$  is consistent with a strong effect from MPI while at **backward**  $y$  it is consistent with 0.

Thank you for your attention!  
Danke schön!