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## RESULTS FROM HEAVY ION COLLISIONS

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## OUTLINE

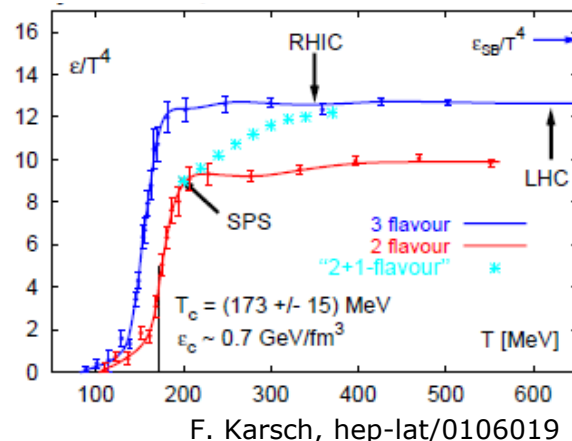
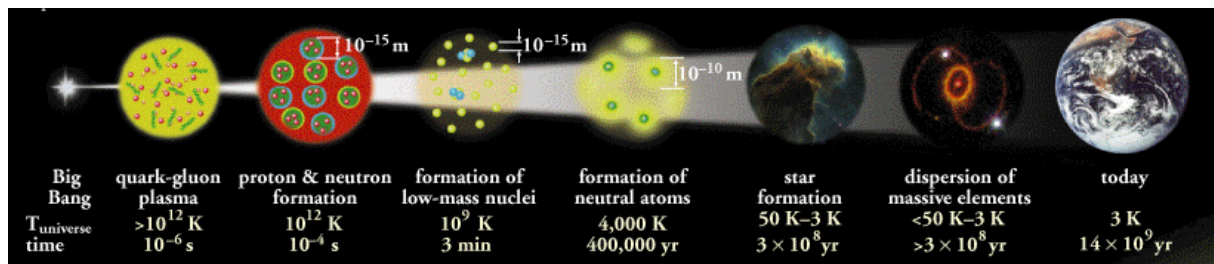
- ➔ A “biased selection” of recent results from the large wealth of heavy-ion p-A (d-A) and A-A data from RHIC and LHC experiments!



# HEAVY-ION PHYSICS

➔ QCD predicts a phase transition from hadronic matter to a deconfined phase (at high temperatures)

QGP at  $\mu \sim 0$  similar to early Universe ( $\sim$  few first  $\mu\text{s}$ )

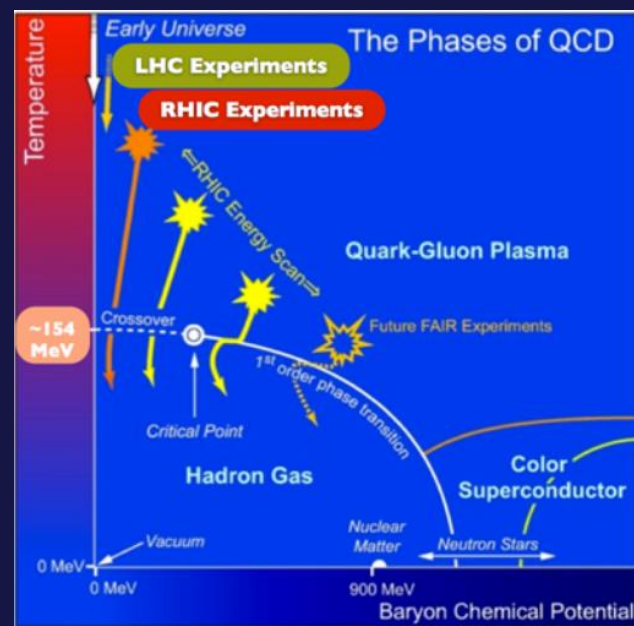


➔ **Heavy-ion collisions provide experimental access to the QCD matter**

➔ **SPS:** first signals of QGP formation

➔ **RHIC:** QGP is a strongly interacting perfect liquid

➔ **LHC:** detailed investigation of QGP properties



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~30 years long story



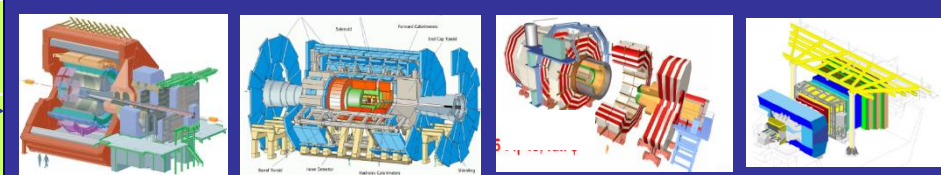
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More than a factor  
~100 increase in  
energy



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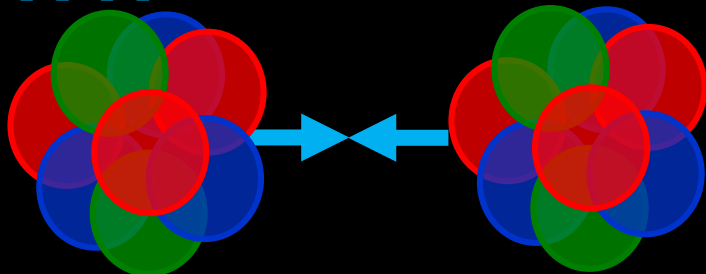


# HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS PROGRAM

Different types of collisions....

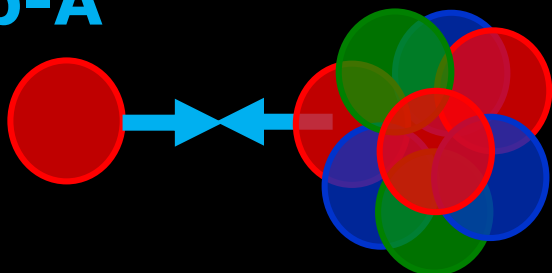
...to investigate....

**A-A**



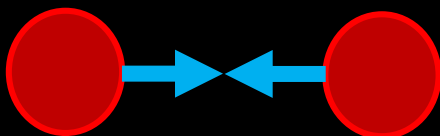
**"Hot and dense" QCD matter**

**p-A**



**"cold nuclear matter",  
but not only...**

**p-p**



**"vacuum" reference**

- reference for Pb-Pb and p-Pb
  - genuine pp physics program
- (not covered in this talk)

# HOW DO WE STUDY HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS?

## → Soft probes

**Observables:** multiplicity, energy density, collective flow

→ Access to the global properties of the system

## → Hard probes

**Observables:** jets, EW bosons, heavy-flavour, quarkonia

→ Sensitive to initial and final state effects

## Nuclear modification factor

Medium effects are quantified comparing yields in AA with the pp ones, scaled by a geometrical factor (from Glauber model)

$$R_{AA} = \frac{Y_{AA}}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \sigma_{pp}}$$

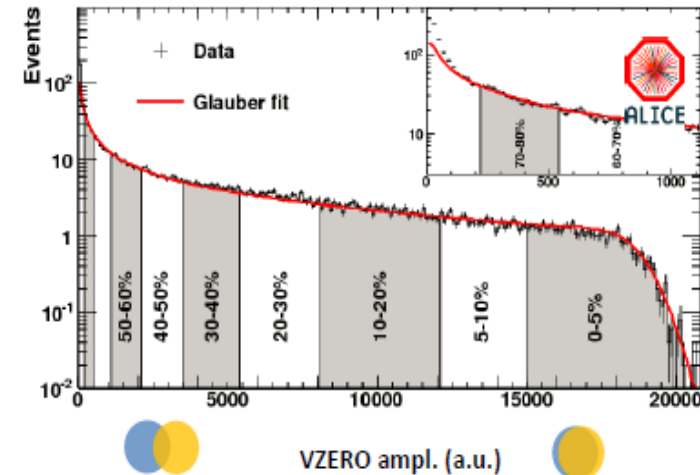
- $R_{AA} = 1 \rightarrow$  no medium effects
- $R_{AA} \neq 1 \rightarrow$  hot/cold matter effects

# CENTRALITY OF THE COLLISIONS

## ➔ Centrality in A-A collisions

Impact parameter cannot be directly measured

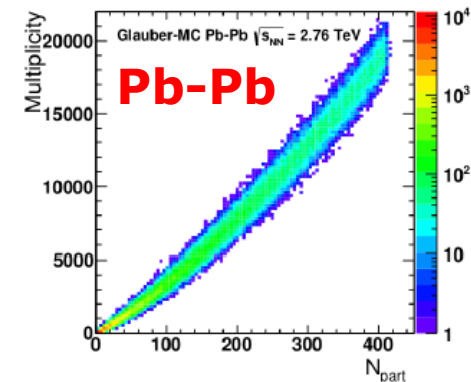
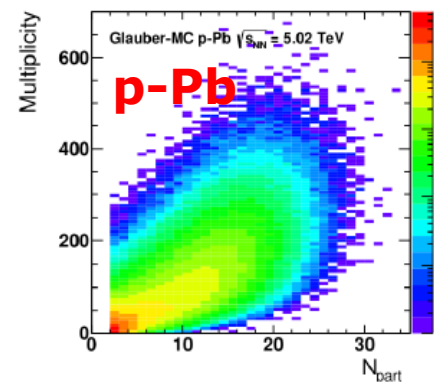
- Evaluated through measured quantities as  $N_{ch}$ ,  $E_{ZDC}$ ...
- Link with number of binary collisions ( $N_{coll}$ ) or participants ( $N_{part}$ ) done with the Glauber model



## ➔ Centrality in p-A collisions

Centrality determination in p-Pb is challenging!

- looser correlation between  $N_{part}$  and multiplicity
- small number of nucleon-nucleon collisions



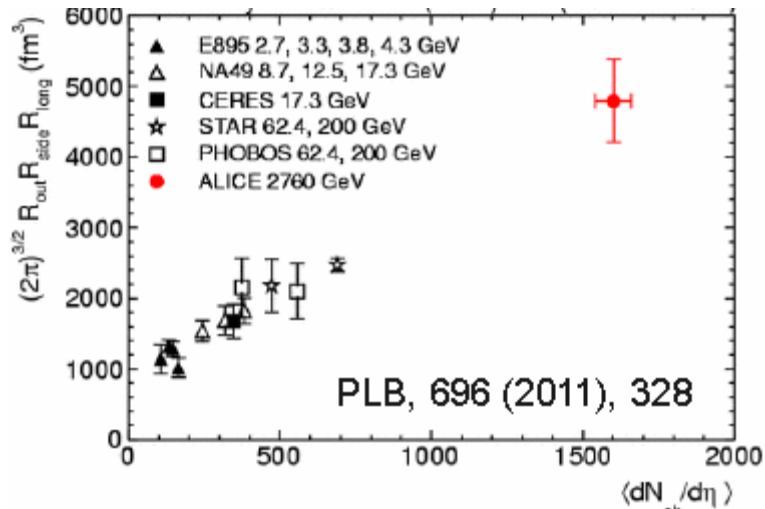
➔ broad correlation between multiplicity and centrality

➔ different strategies developed to extract centrality informations

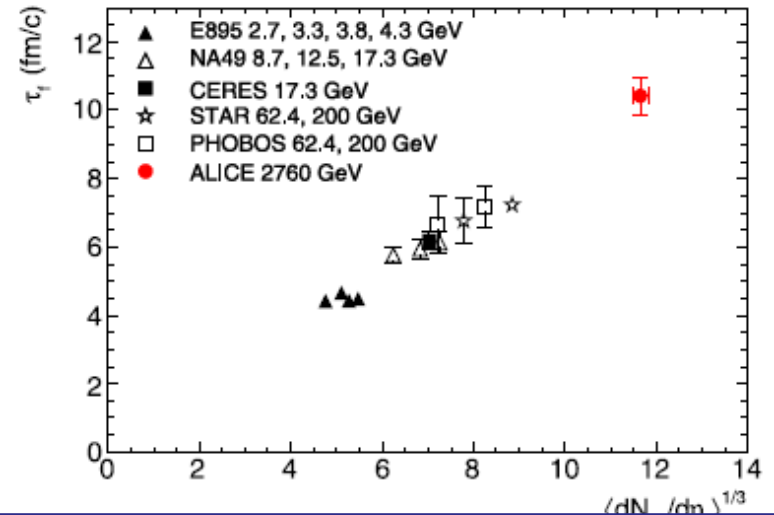
# GLOBAL PROPERTIES

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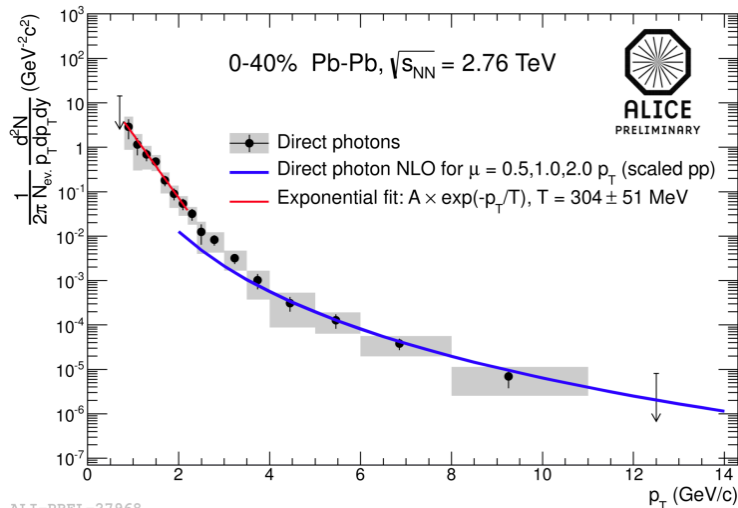
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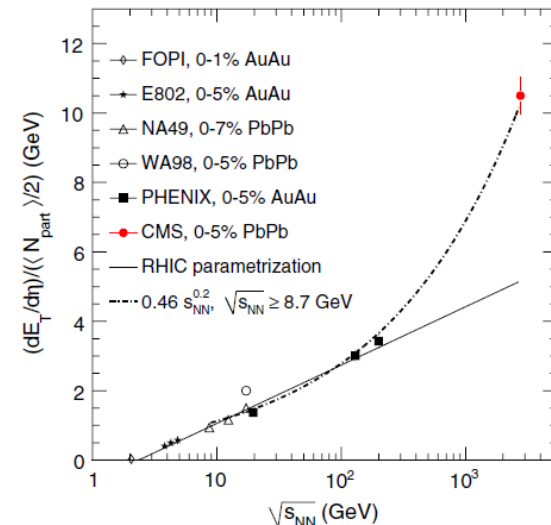
Freeze-out volume LHC  $\sim 2 \times V_{RHIC}$



Lifetime LHC  $\sim 40\%$  larger than RHIC

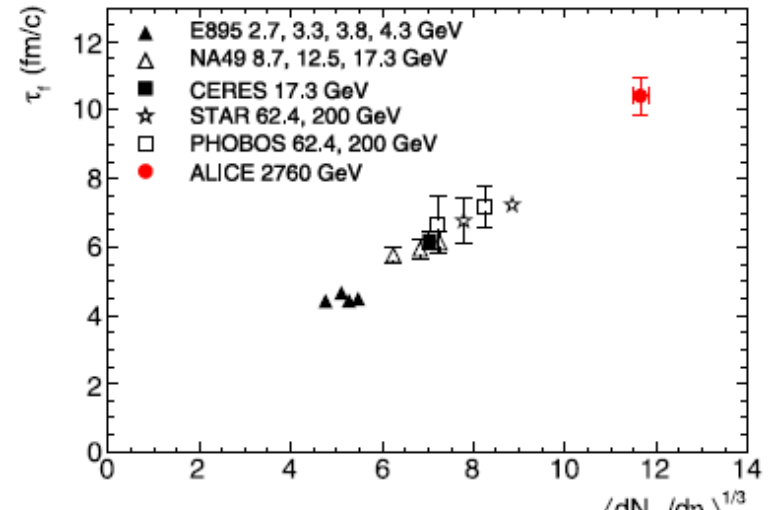
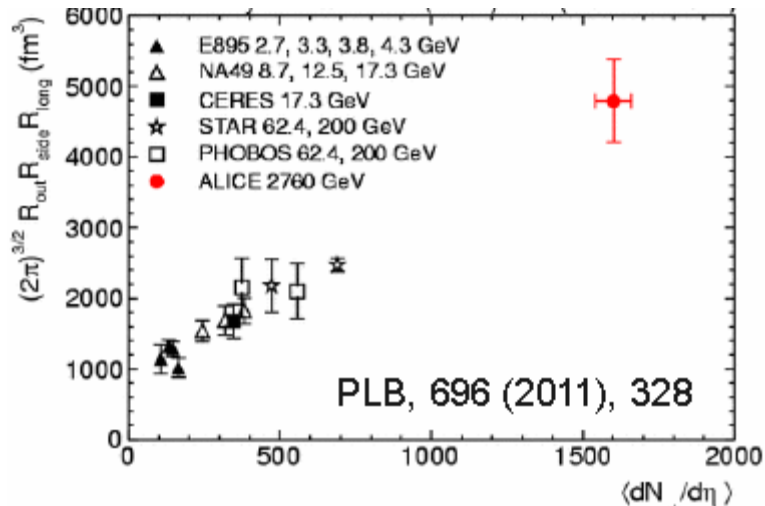


$T = 304 \pm 51 \text{ MeV} \sim 1.4 \times T_{RHIC}$

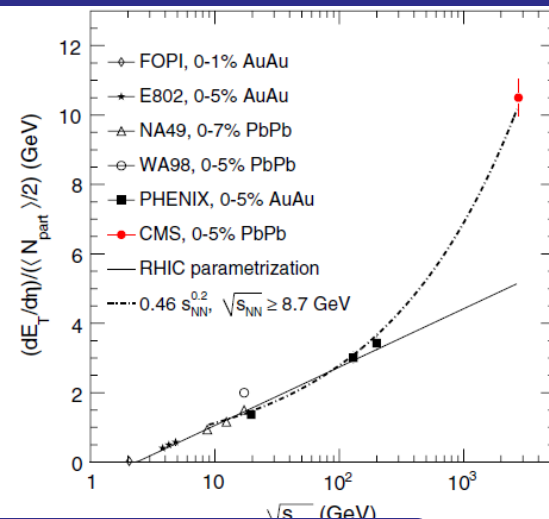
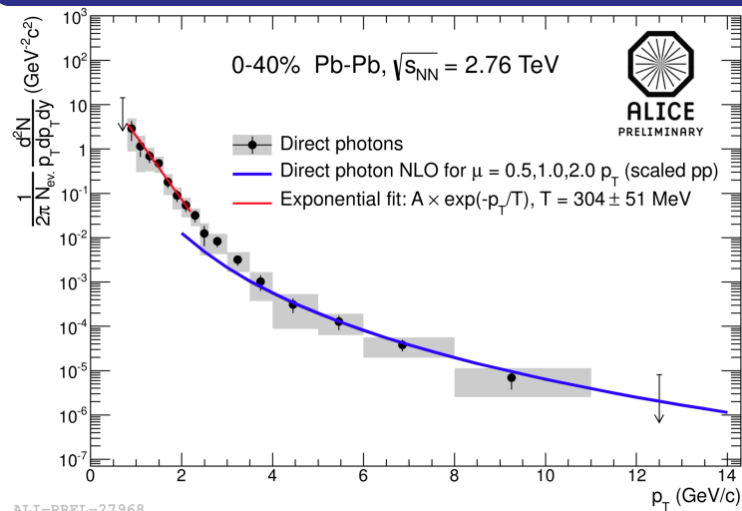


Energy density =  $15 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3 \sim 3 \times \epsilon_{RHIC}$

# GLOBAL PROPERTIES: LHC VS RHIC



@LHC the fireball has larger volume and lives longer



@LHC denser and hotter system!

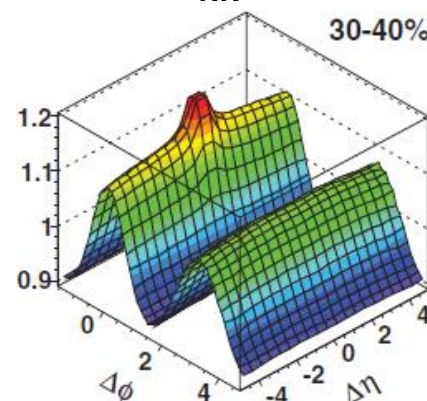
# THE RIDGE

two particles ( $\Delta\eta$ ,  $\Delta\phi$ ) correlations  $\rightarrow$  tool to investigate particle production mechanisms

hints of collective effects also in p-Pb and in high multiplicity pp collisions @LHC and d-Au@RHIC  $\rightarrow$  the ridges

pp and p-Pb are not only a "baseline" for PbPb!

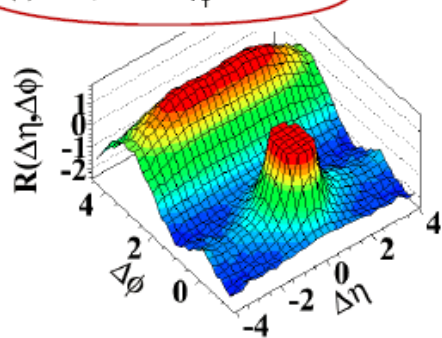
PbPb @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV



ATLAS, Phys.Rev.C86,014907

high-mult  
pp @  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV

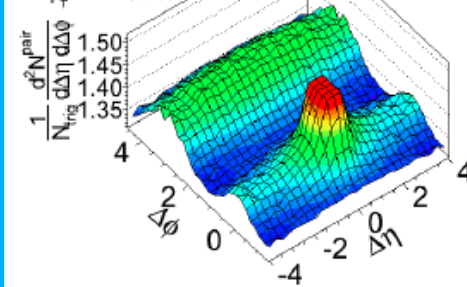
(d)  $N > 110$ ,  $1.0 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$



CMS, JHEP09(2010)091

CMS pPb  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV,  $N \geq 110$

$1 < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$   
 $1 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

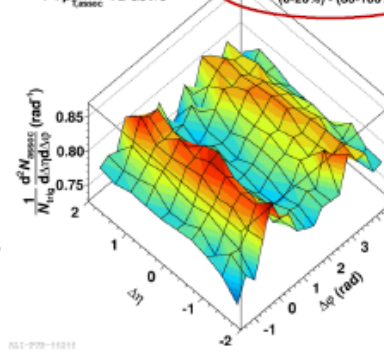


CMS, PLB718(2012)795

pPb @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV

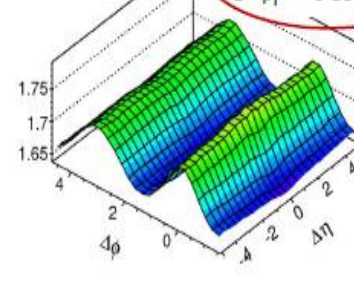
$2 < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$   
 $1 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

p-Pb ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV)  
(0-20%) - (60-100%)



ALICE, PLB719(2013)29

ATLAS p+Pb,  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV,  $L_{int} \approx 28 \text{ nb}^{-1}$   
 $1 < p_T^{a,b} < 3 \text{ GeV}$



ATLAS, PRC90(2014)044906

Structures reminiscent of those observed in Pb-Pb, attributed to collective behaviour

Double ridge described by color glass condensate (initial state effect), final state parton-parton interactions or hydrodynamics models



# COLLECTIVE FLOW

→  $\Delta\phi$  correlations can be studied via a Fourier decomposition

$$\frac{dN}{Nd\phi} \sim 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_{RP})) + \text{higher harmonics } (v_3, v_4, \dots)$$

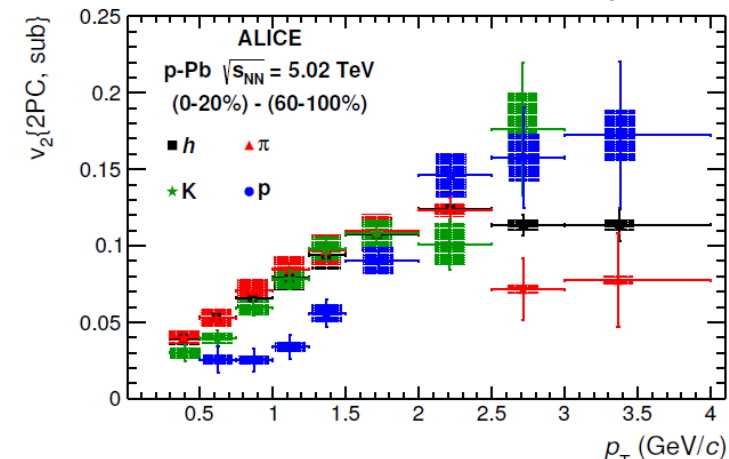
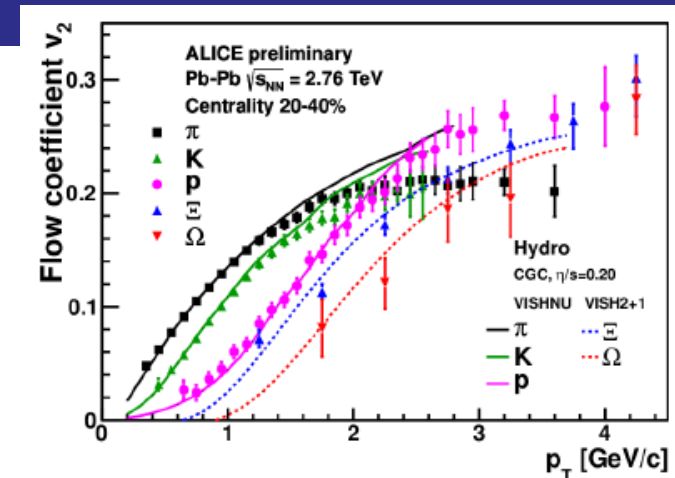
$v_2$  elliptic flow parameter

→  $v_n$  coefficients provides infos on

- Equation of state, shear viscosity...  
→ comparing data with hydrodynamic models
- Initial conditions  
→ geometrical distribution of energy density within nuclear overlap zone

→  $v_2$  mass ordering at low  $p_T$

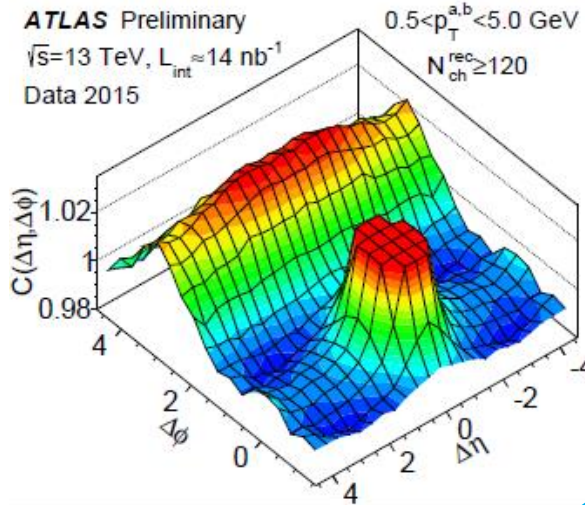
→ Similar features in p-Pb and Pb-Pb  
Same physics on-going?



# NEWS ON RIDGES

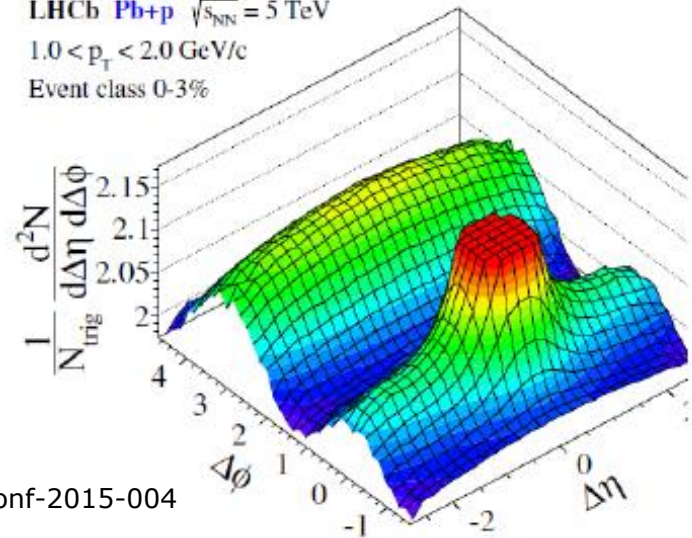
➔ Ridge observed also in pp@ $\sqrt{s}=13\text{TeV}$

High multiplicity



➔ Ridge extended at forward-y

LHCb Pb+p  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5\text{ TeV}$   
 $1.0 < p_T < 2.0\text{ GeV}/c$   
 Event class 0-3%

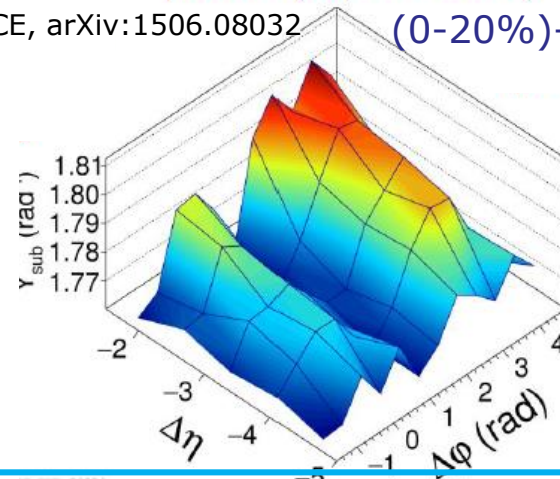


LHCb-conf-2015-004

➔ Ridge extended to large rapidities in p-Pb (via muon-tracklet correlations)

ALICE, arXiv:1506.08032

(0-20%)-(60-100%)



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# HARD PROBES

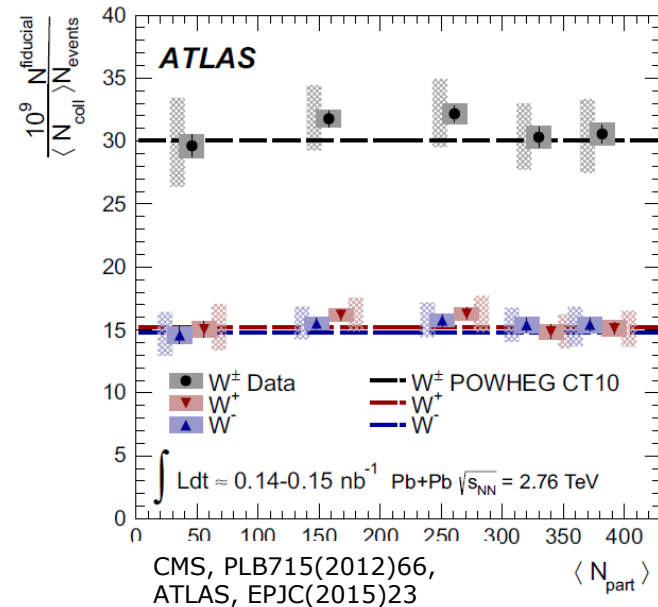
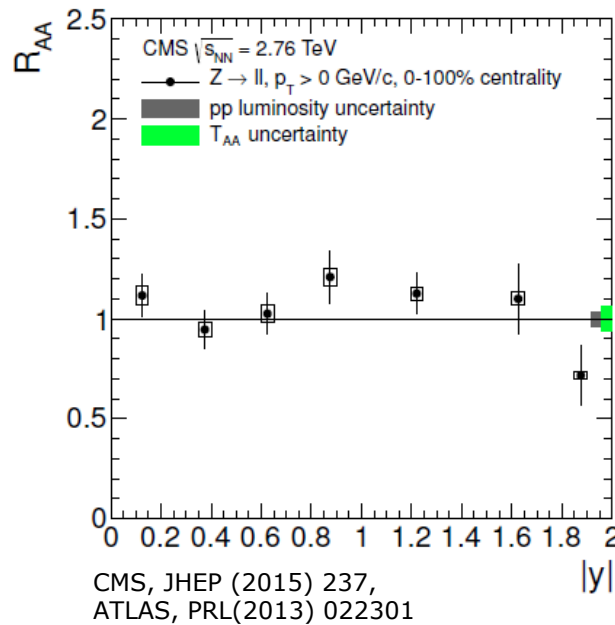
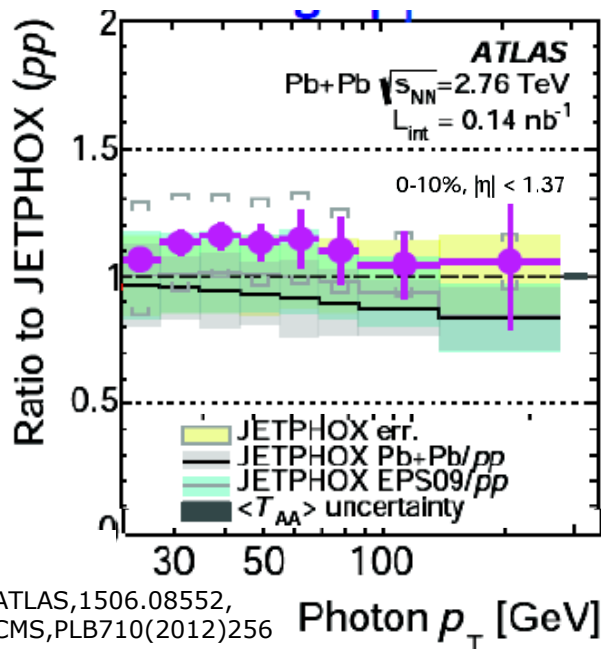
# PHOTONS, W, Z IN PB-PB

➔ EW bosons not affected by the strongly interacting medium  
 ➔ clean probes of initial state effects

prompt photons

Z

W



➔ EW bosons  $R_{AA} \sim 1 \rightarrow N_{coll}$  scaling works!

➔ Z, W,  $\gamma$  start to constrain nPDF (...but more precision needed!)

# HIGH-PT CHARGED PARTICLES

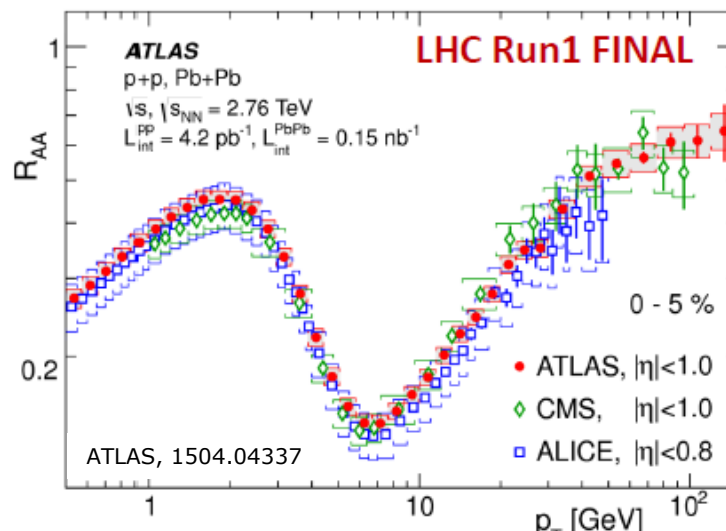
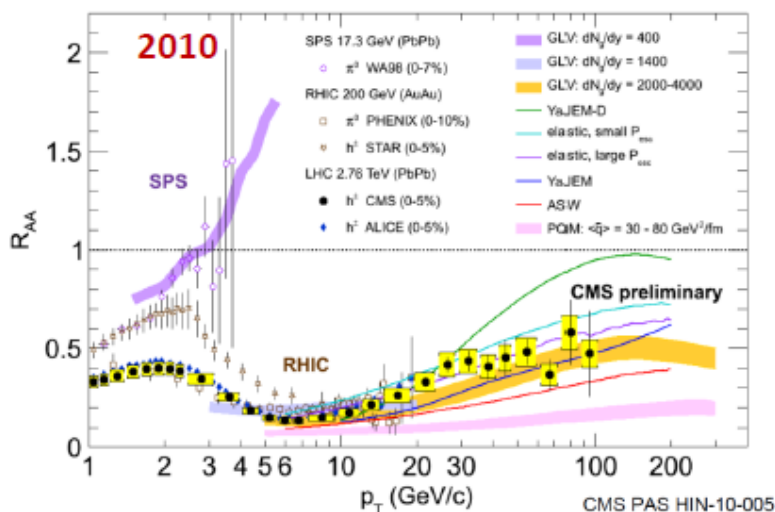
→ Hard scattering produce high  $p_T$  partons that propagate through the medium, losing energy, and eventually fragment into jets of hadrons

Jet quenching

- high- $p_T$  hadron yields suppression
- jets suppression
- di-jet energy imbalance



tool to probe the dense medium in A-A collisions



→  $R_{AA}(LHC) < R_{AA}(RHIC)$

→ LHC

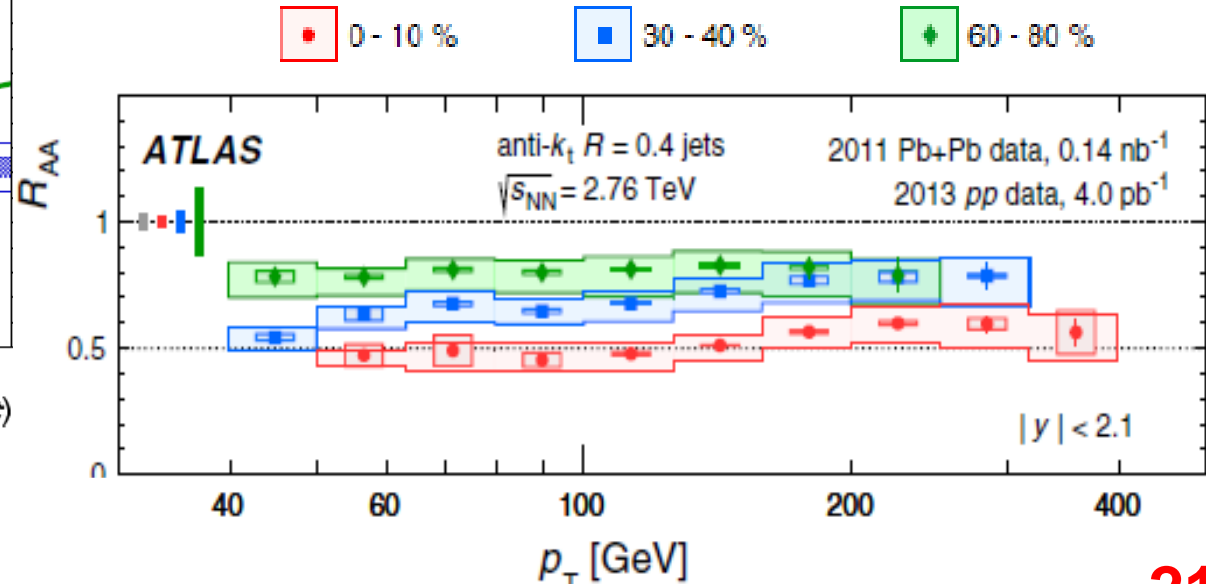
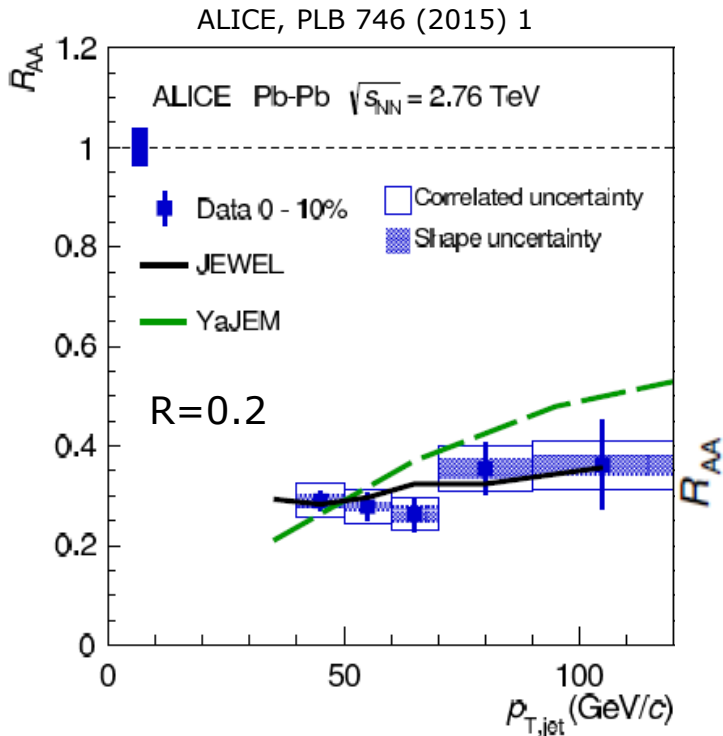
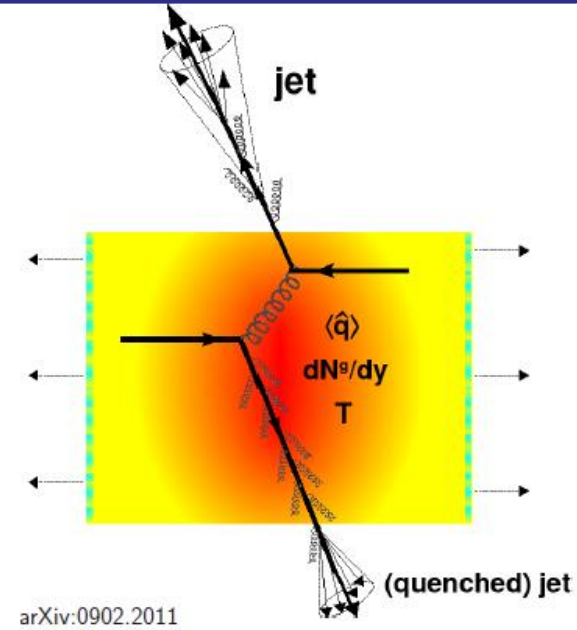
- $R_{AA}$  up to  $p_T = 150 \text{ GeV}/c$
- clear  $p_T$  dependence: minimum at  $7 \text{ GeV}/c$ , increase up to  $60 \text{ GeV}/c$ , then hint for a plateau



Constraints to energy loss models?

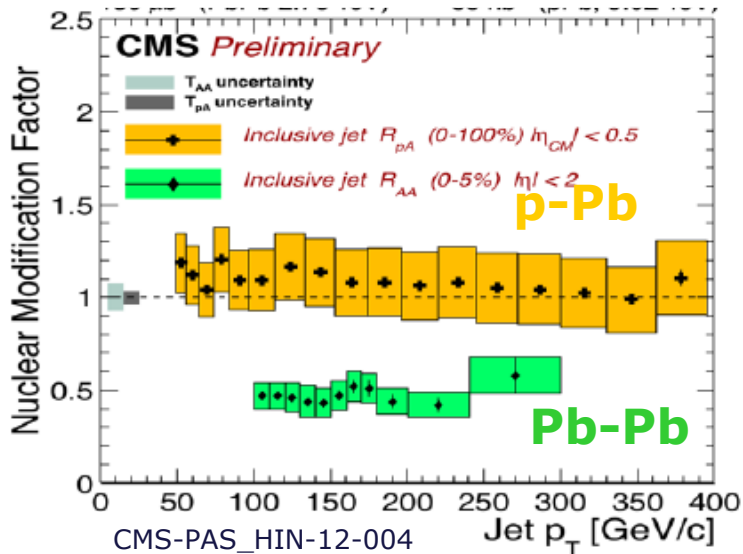
# JET SUPPRESSION

- ➔ Significant suppression of inclusive jets, for  $40 < p_T < 400$  GeV/c
- ➔ In central Pb-Pb collisions@LHC, up to a factor 2 compared to pp



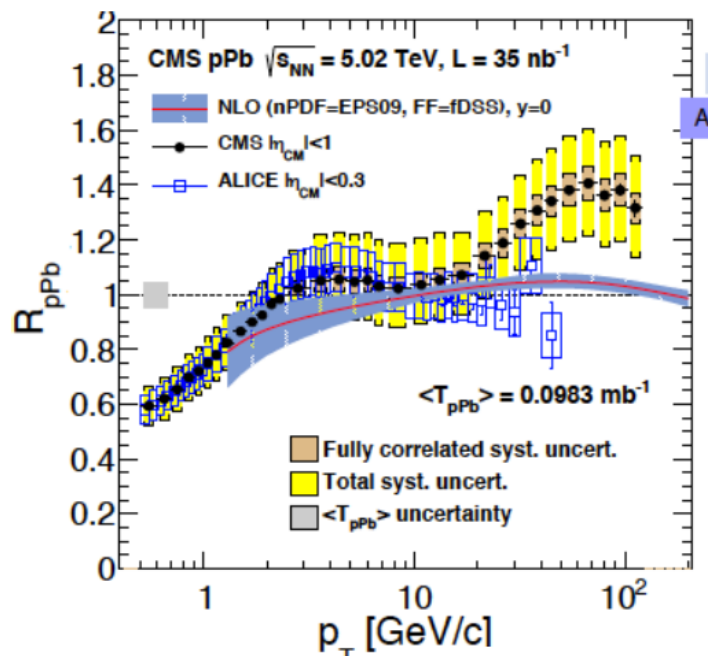


# JETS AND HIGH $p_T$ HADRONS IN P-A



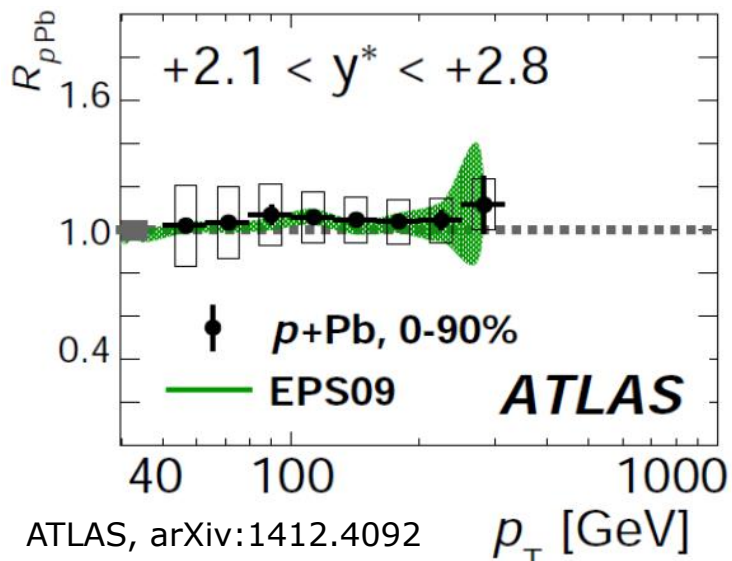
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➔ Jets suppression is a final state effect



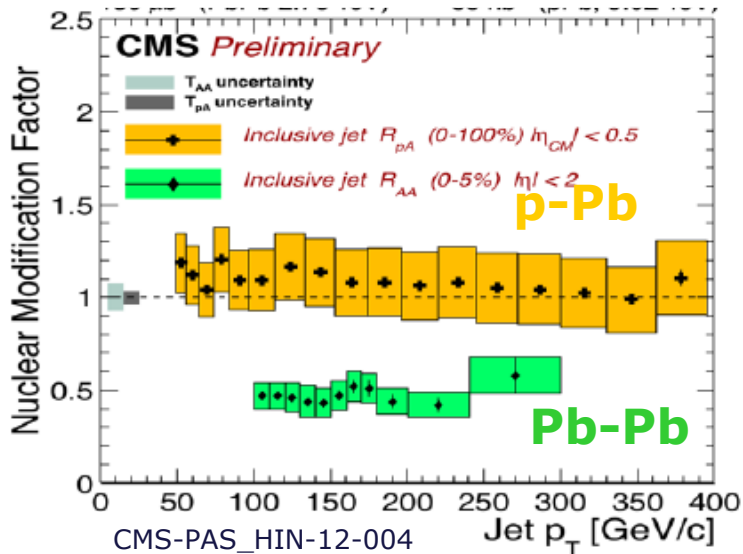
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➔ Difficult to reconcile with jet  $R_{pA} \sim 1$



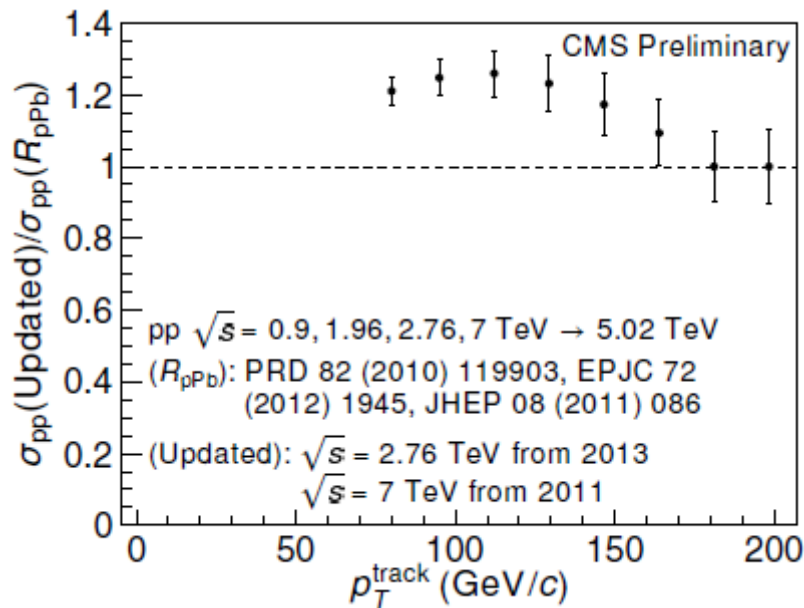


# JETS AND HIGH $p_T$ HADRONS IN PA



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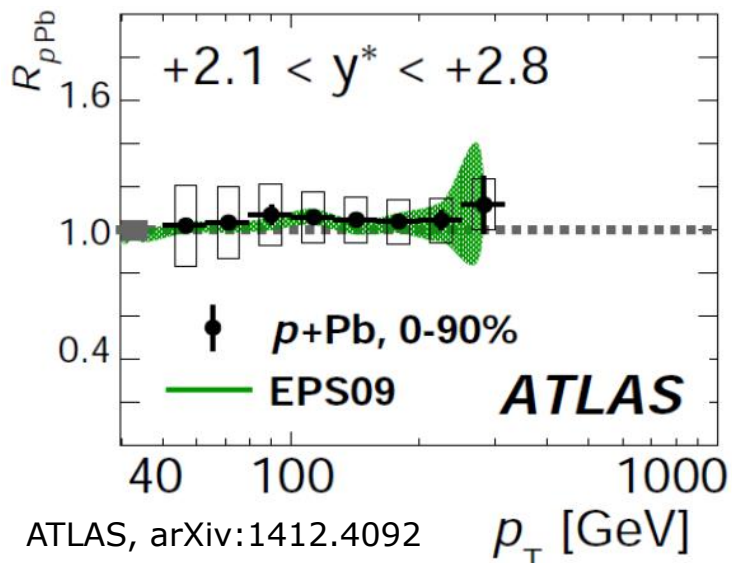


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➔ Issue related to pp reference?

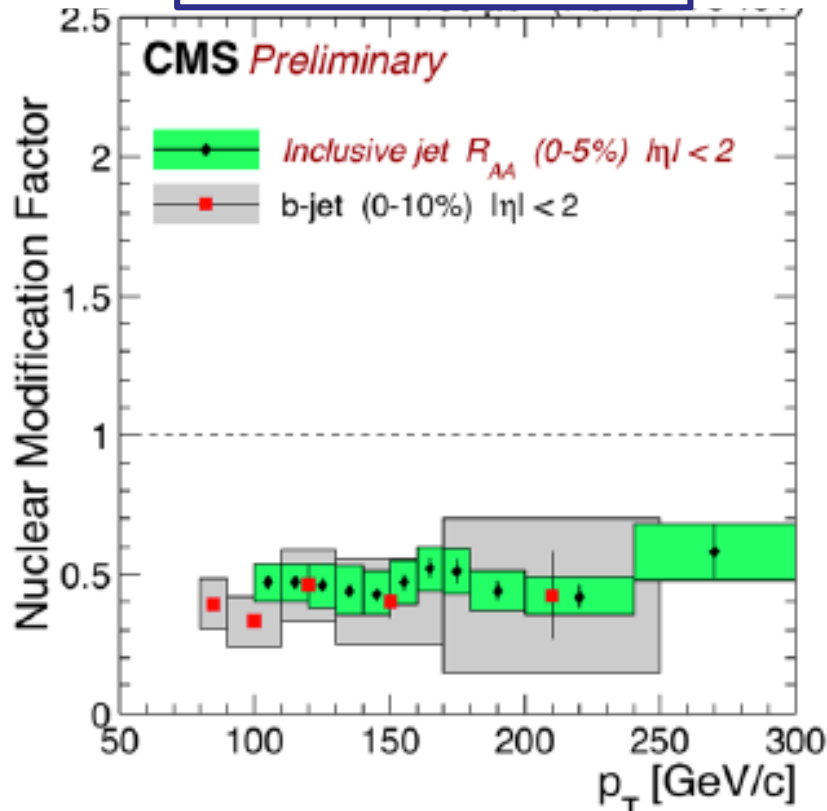
Need pp run@ $\sqrt{s} = 5$ TeV!



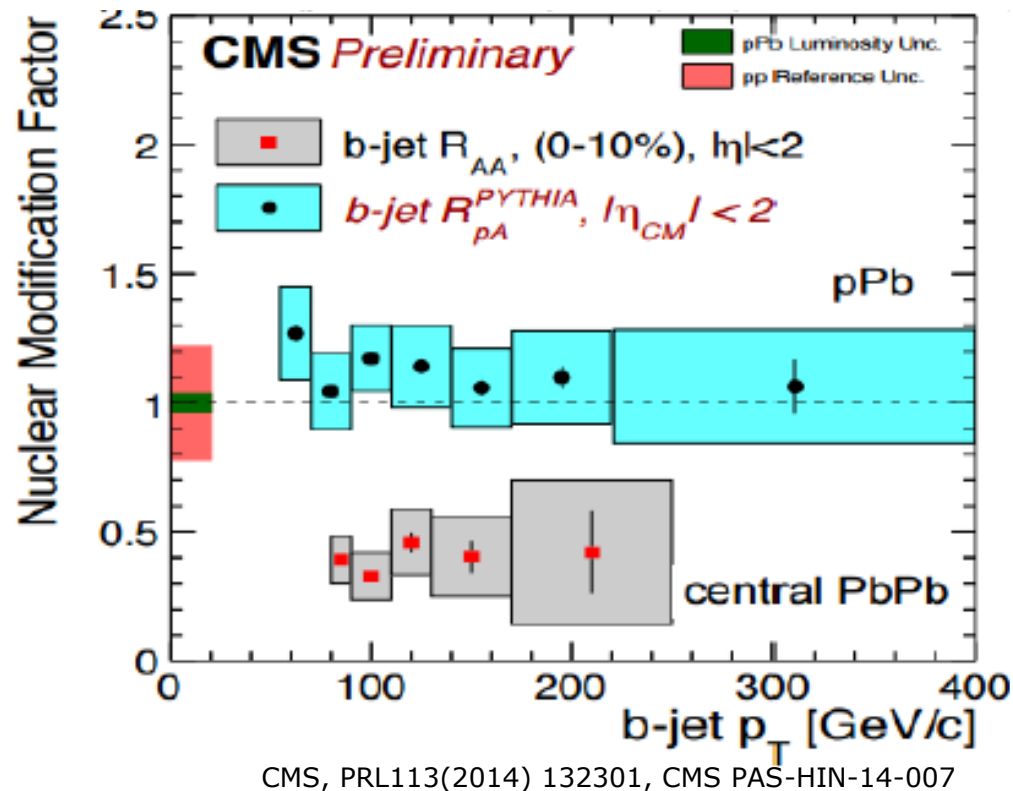
# b-JETS

➔ Jet quenching is expected to depend on the fragmenting parton flavor

## Inclusive vs b-jet



## p-Pb vs Pb-Pb



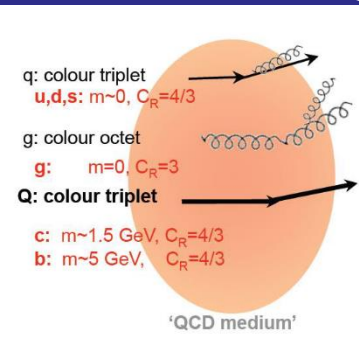
➔ b-jets (identified through secondary vertex tagging) look like inclusive jets

- not suppressed in p-Pb
- similarly suppressed in Pb-Pb ( $R_{AA} \sim 0.5$ ) for  $p_T > 80$  GeV/c

# HEAVY-FLAVOR ENERGY LOSS

→ Heavy quarks are produced in initial hard scattering and experience the full system evolution

Uniqueness of heavy quarks: cannot be destroyed/created in the medium



→ Energy loss in the medium depends on:

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

- Properties of the medium
- Path length
- Parton properties

$$\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{\text{charm}} > \Delta E_{\text{beauty}}$$



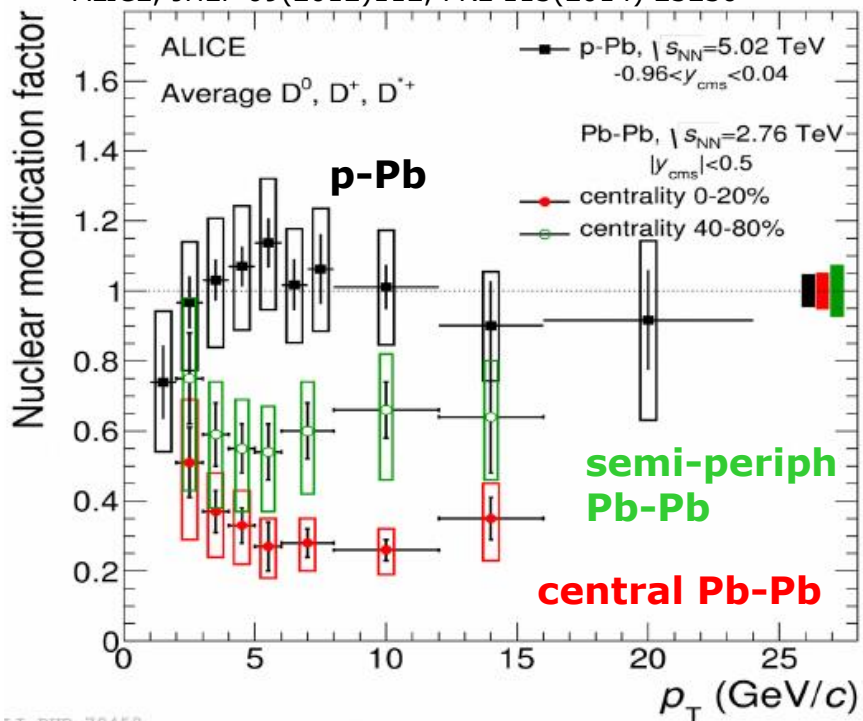
$$R_{AA}(\text{light hadrons}) < R_{AA}(\text{D}) < R_{AA}(\text{B})$$

Casimir factor (color-charge dependence)  
 → 3 for g, 4/3 for q interactions  
 Dead cone effect (mass dependence)  
 → Gluon radiation is suppressed for angles  $\vartheta < M_Q/E_Q$

→ Heavy flavor abundantly produced at LHC → allow precision measurements

# CHARM SUPPRESSION

ALICE, JHEP 09(2012)112, PRL 113(2014) 23230



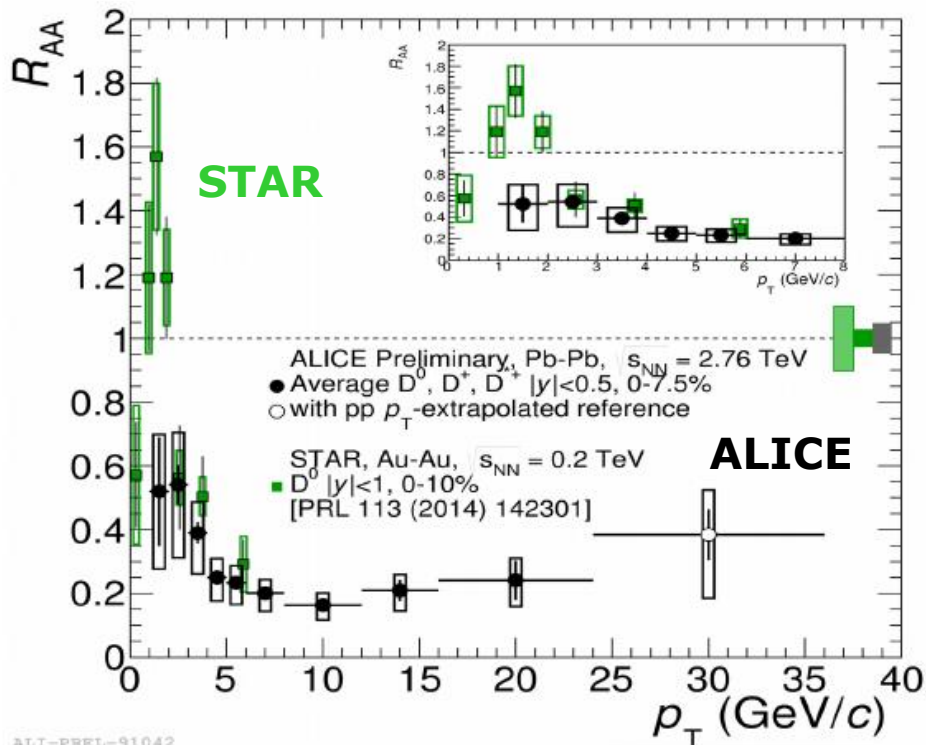
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## Pb-Pb @ LHC

Strong suppression of D mesons in central collisions

## p-Pb vs Pb-Pb @ LHC

Suppression in Pb-Pb due to strong final state effects induced by hot partonic matter



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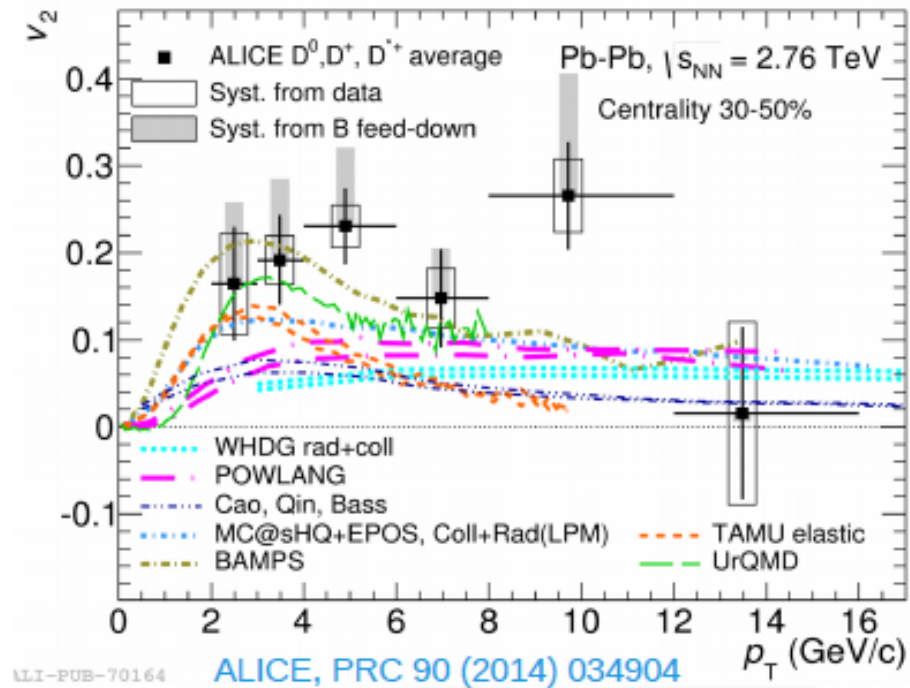
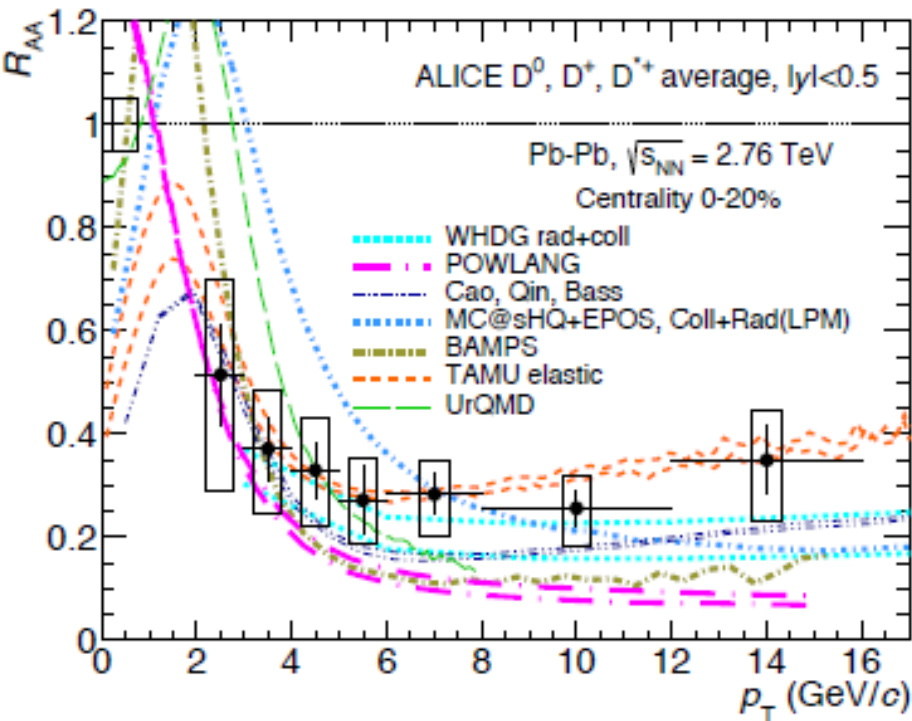
## RHIC vs LHC

$R_{AA}^{RHIC}$  compatible with  $R_{AA}^{LHC}$  ( $p_T > 2$  GeV/c)

Differences for  $p_T < 2$  GeV/c but:

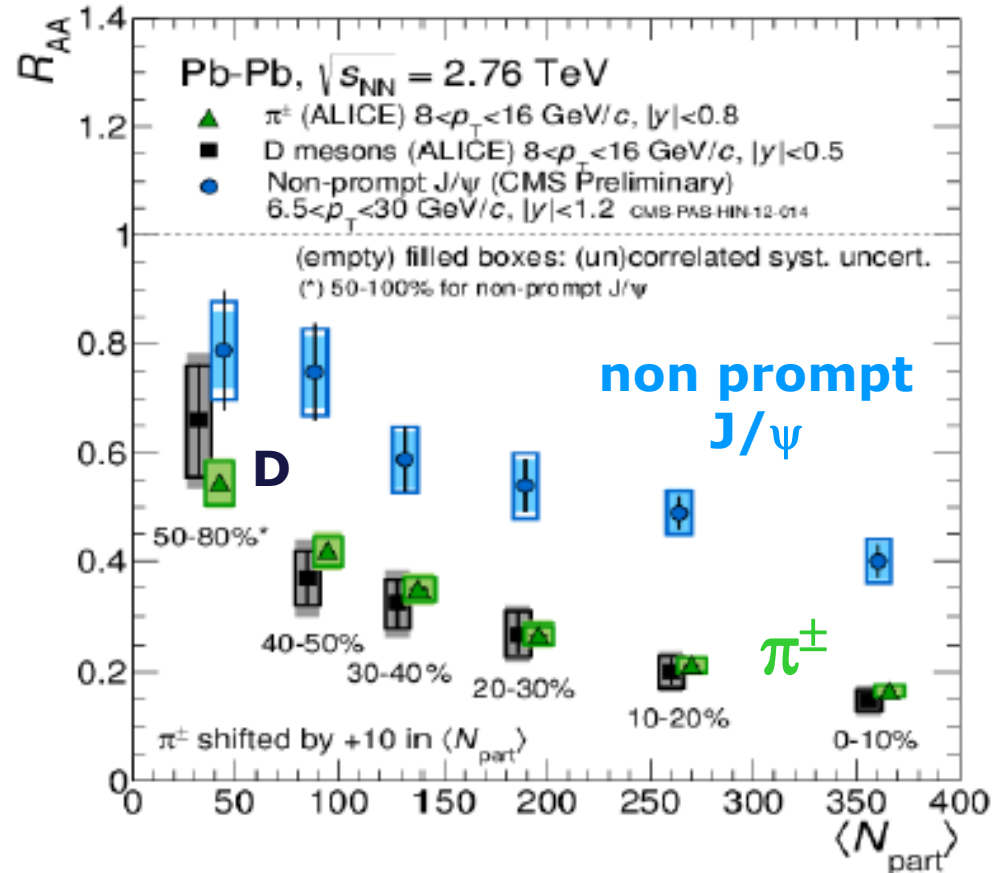
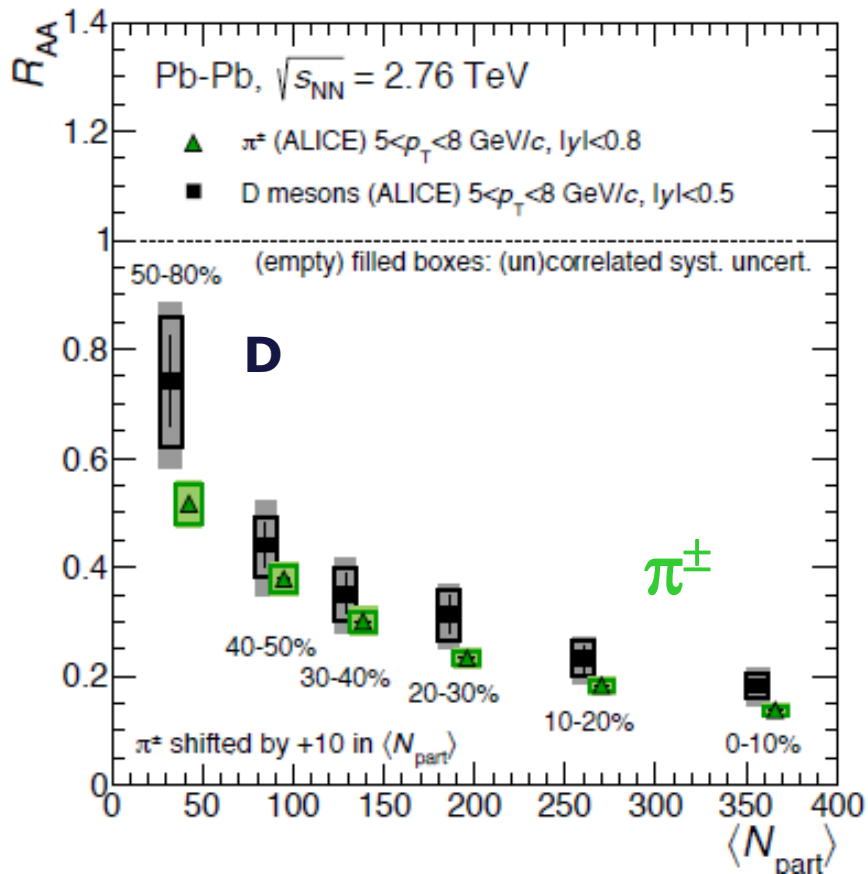
- Stronger shadowing at RHIC
- Less steep  $p_T$  spectrum in pp@LHC

# CHARM SUPPRESSION



- ➡ Challenging simultaneous theoretical description of  $D R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$
- ➡ With current precision, measurements can now start to constrain models
- ➡ Precise measurement of  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  down to  $p_T=0$  at RHIC and LHC  
 → goal of detector upgrades

# $R_{AA}$ OF D, B AND $\pi$



**D vs light hadrons**

$R_{AA}(D) \approx R_{AA}(\pi)$   
(within uncertainties)

ALICE, arXiv:1506.06604

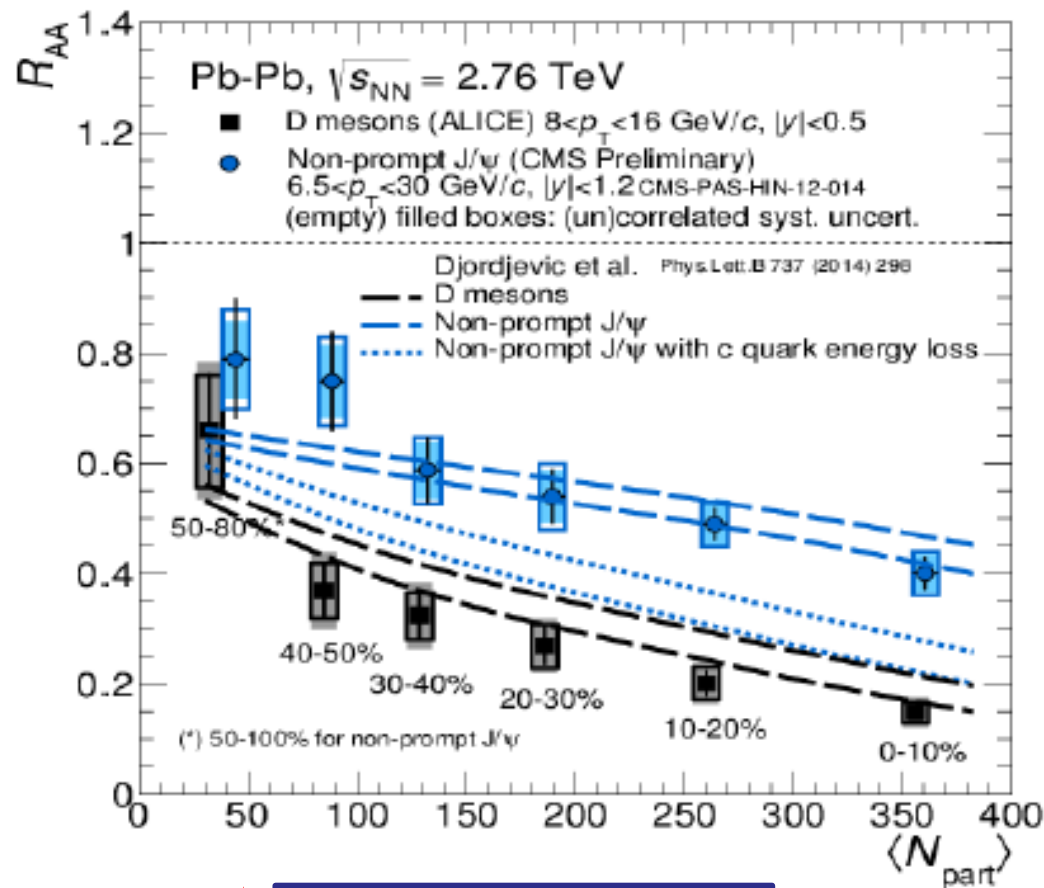
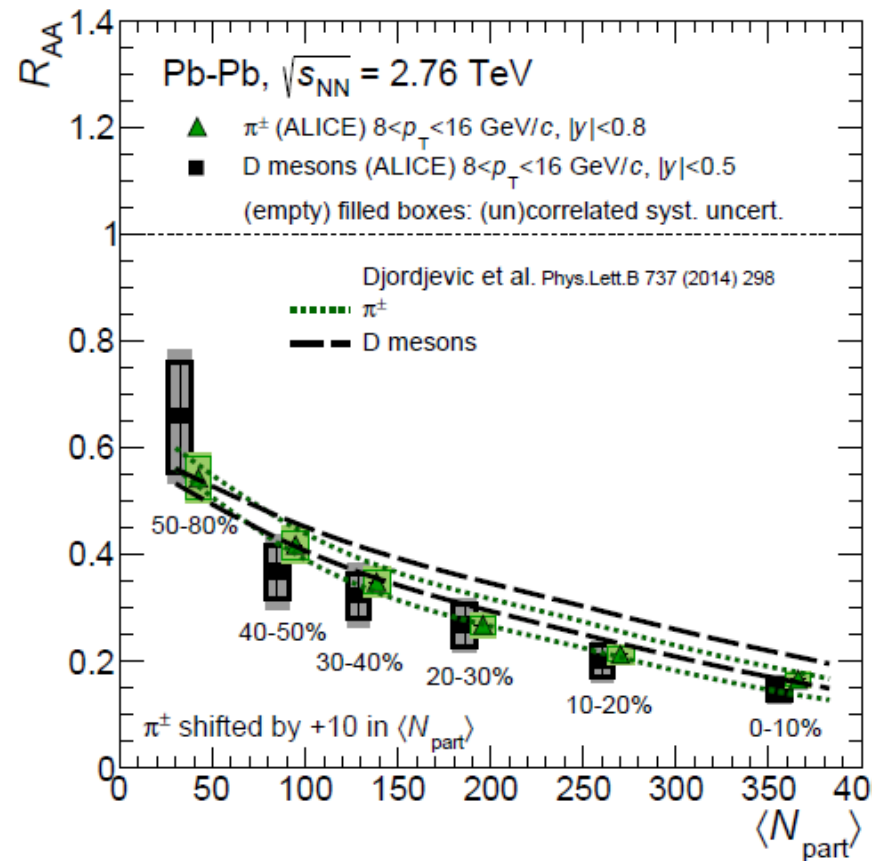
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CMS HIN-12-014, JHEP 05(2012) 063



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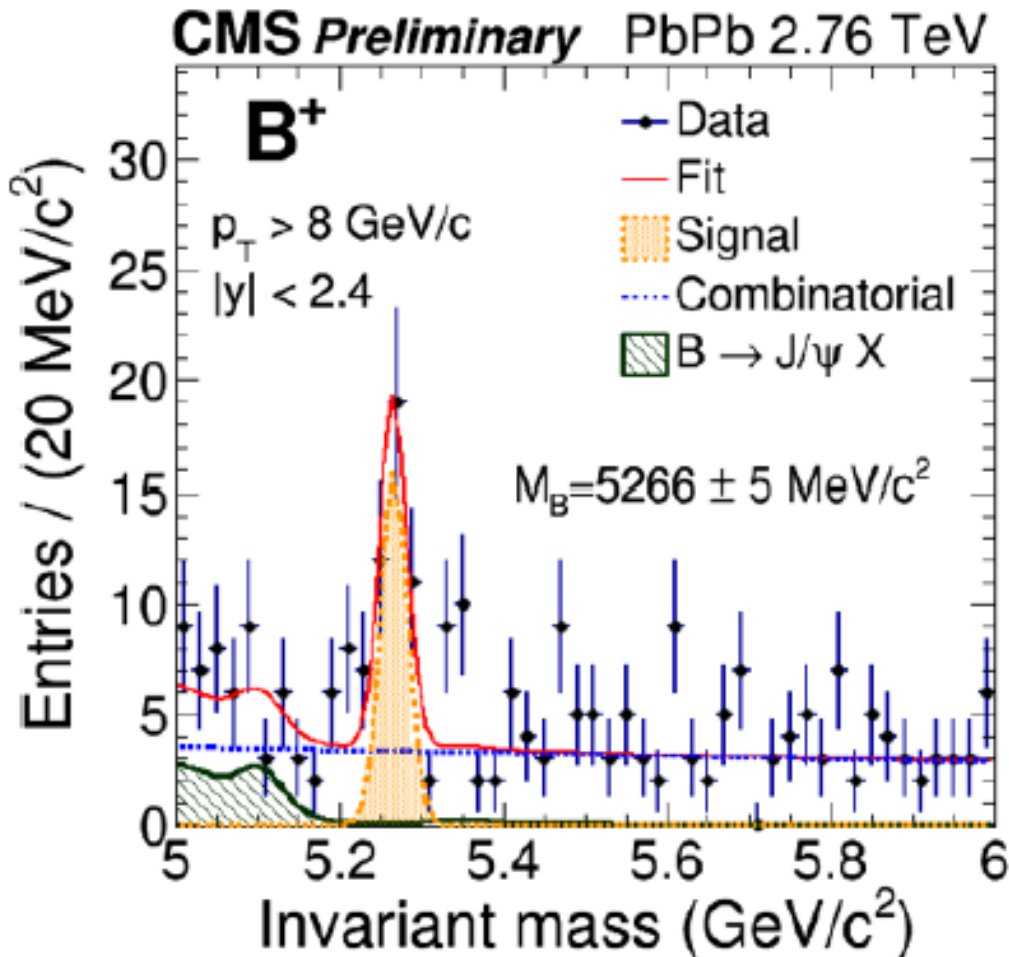
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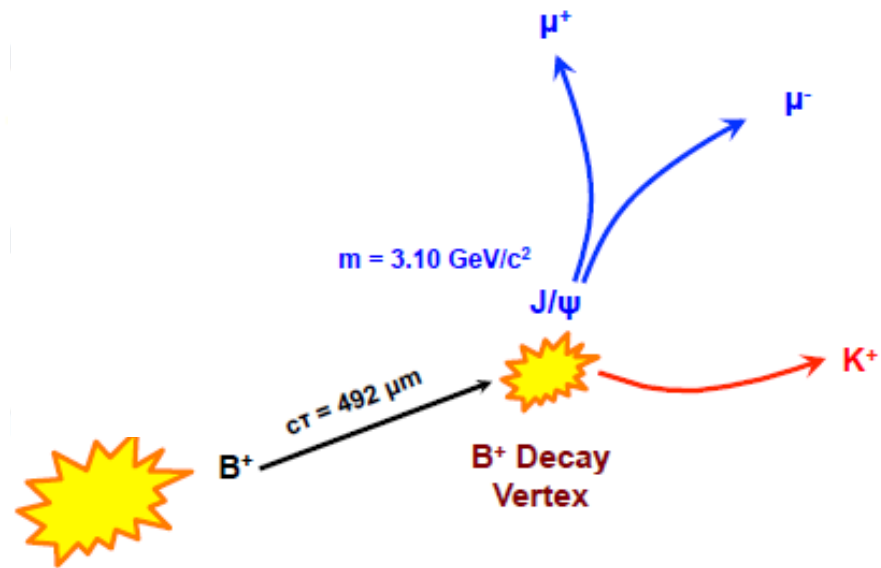


# B MESON IN Pb-Pb @ LHC



➔ First B meson reconstruction in PbPb collisions!

➔ Looking forward to Run-2 (x20 stat)

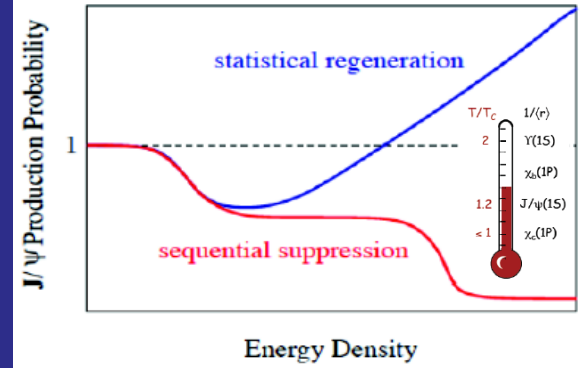


(Ta-Wei Wang, HP2015)

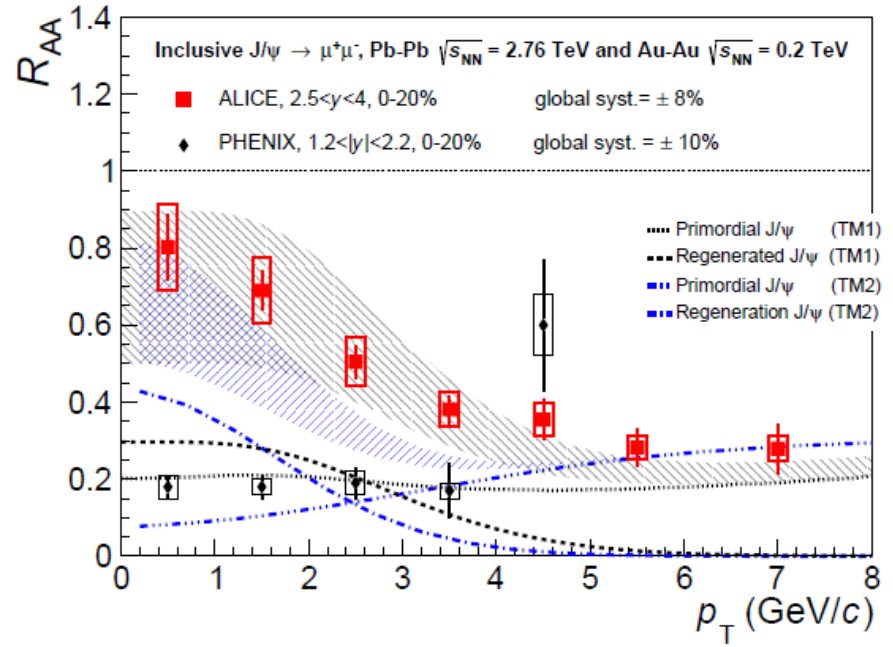
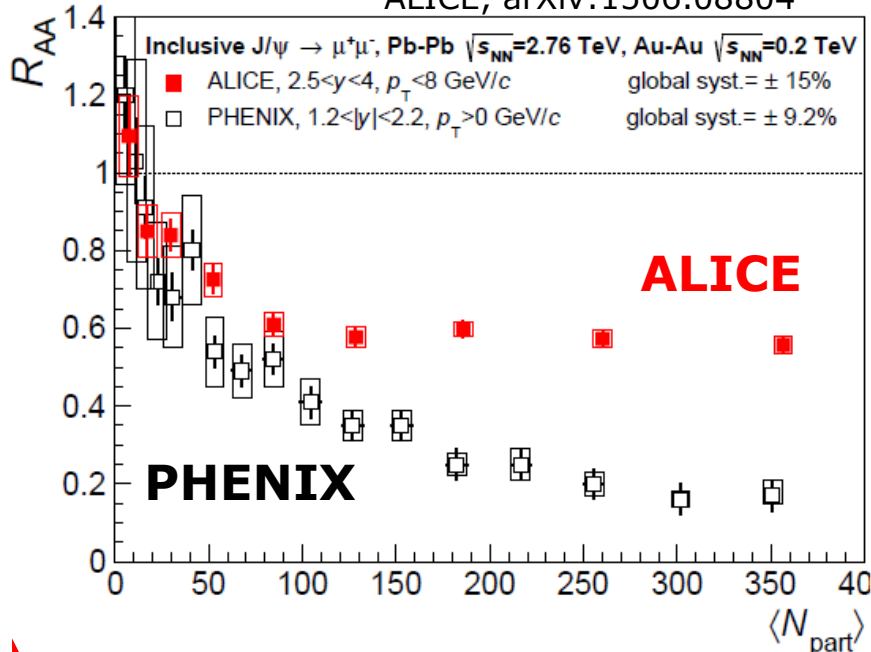
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➔ Differences in the quarkonium states binding energies → sequential melting with increasing temperature



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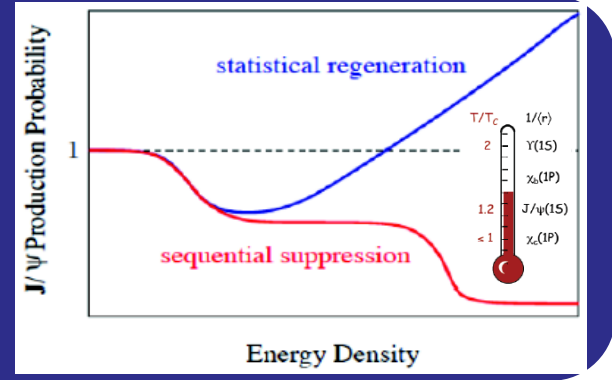
➔ stronger  $J/\psi$  suppression at RHIC than at LHC, in spite of larger energy densities at LHC

➔ recombination needed, at low  $p_T$ , to explain  $J/\psi$   $R_{AA}$  @ LHC

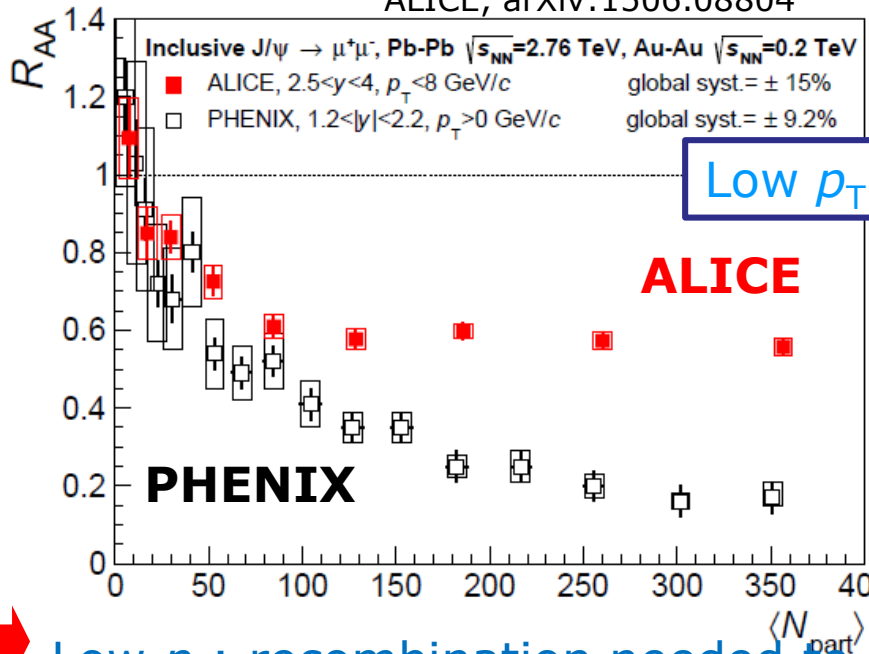
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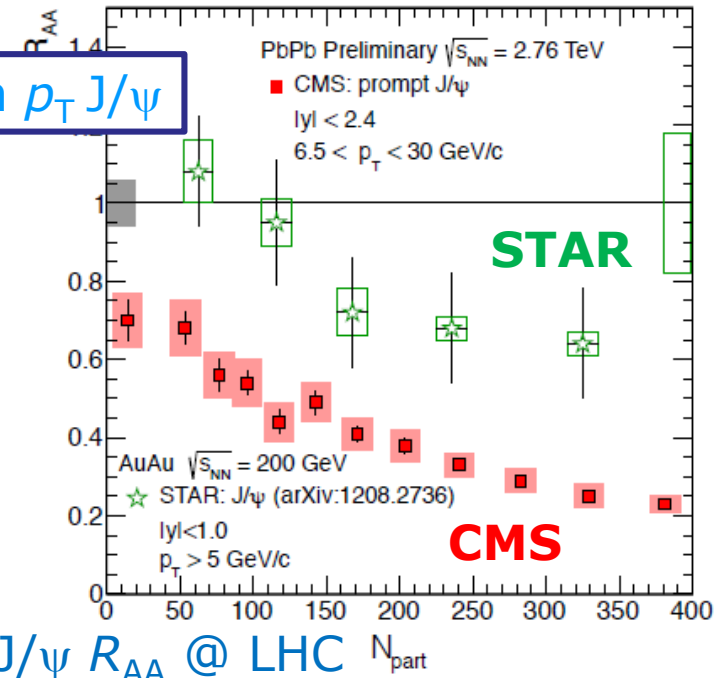
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High  $p_T$  J/psi

Low  $p_T$  J/psi

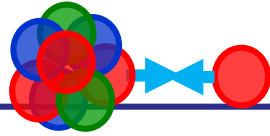


Low  $p_T$ : recombination needed to explain J/psi  $R_{AA}$  @ LHC  $N_{part}$

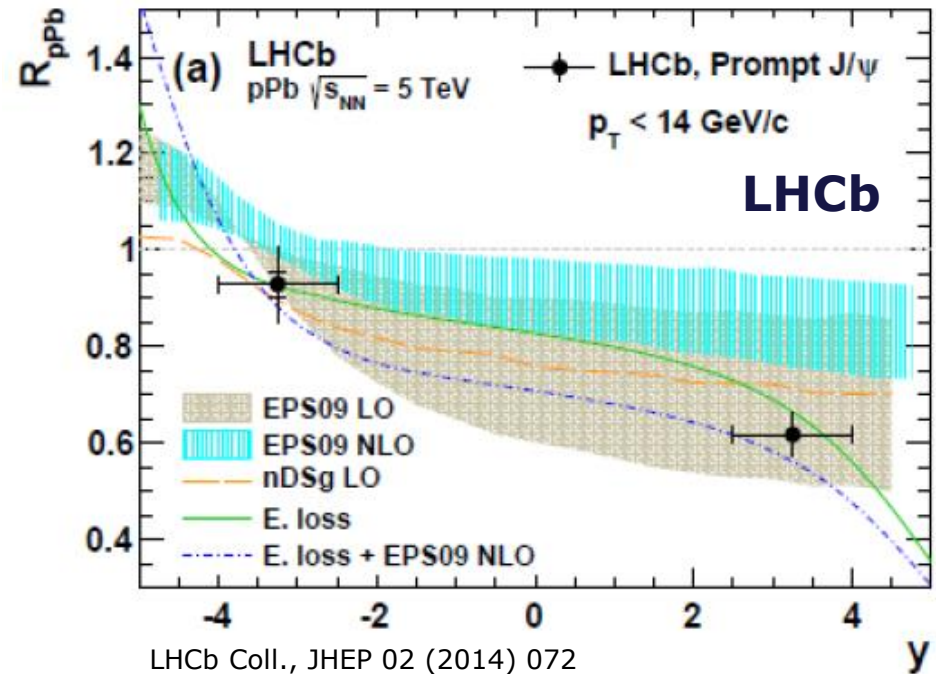
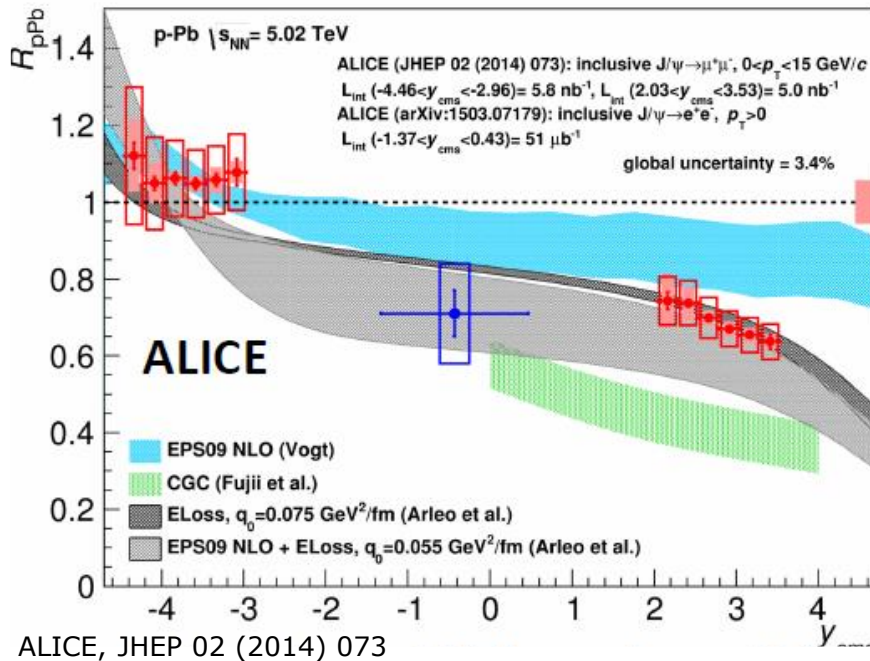
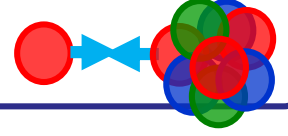
High- $p_T$ : no recombination, suppression increases with  $\sqrt{s}$ , as expected from Debye screening

# CHARMONIUM IN P-PB

Backward-y:  
pP going direction



Forward-y:  
p going direction



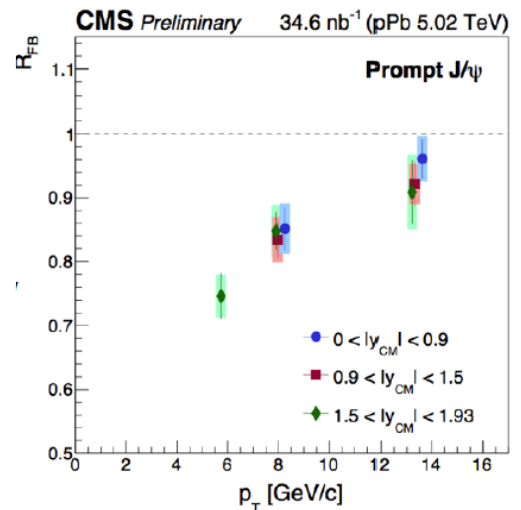
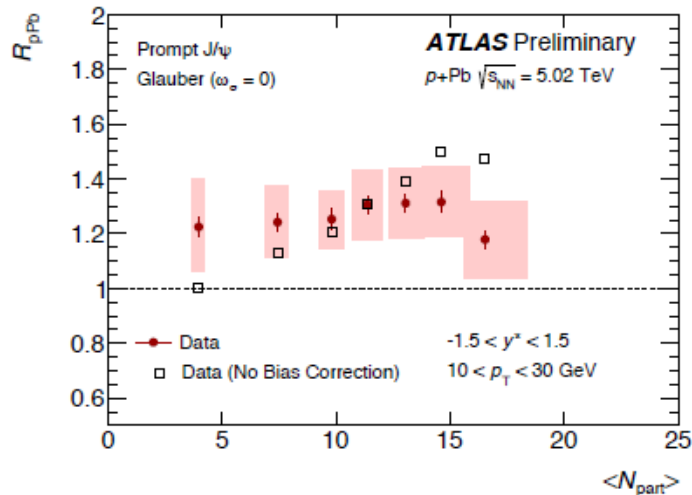
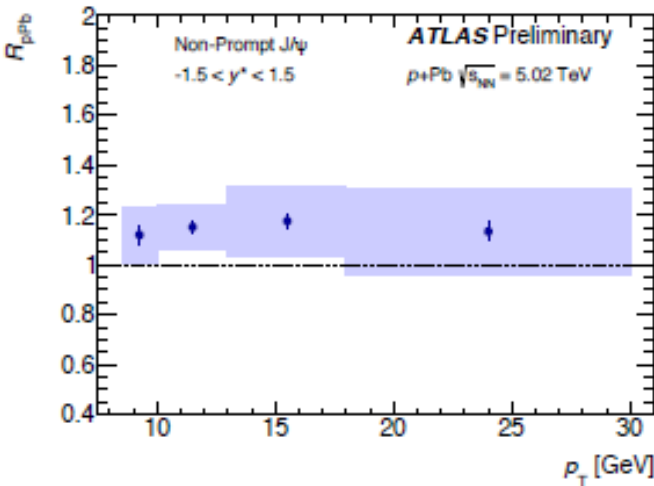
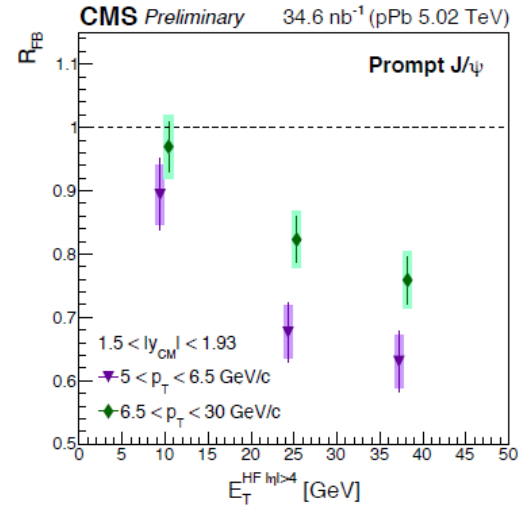
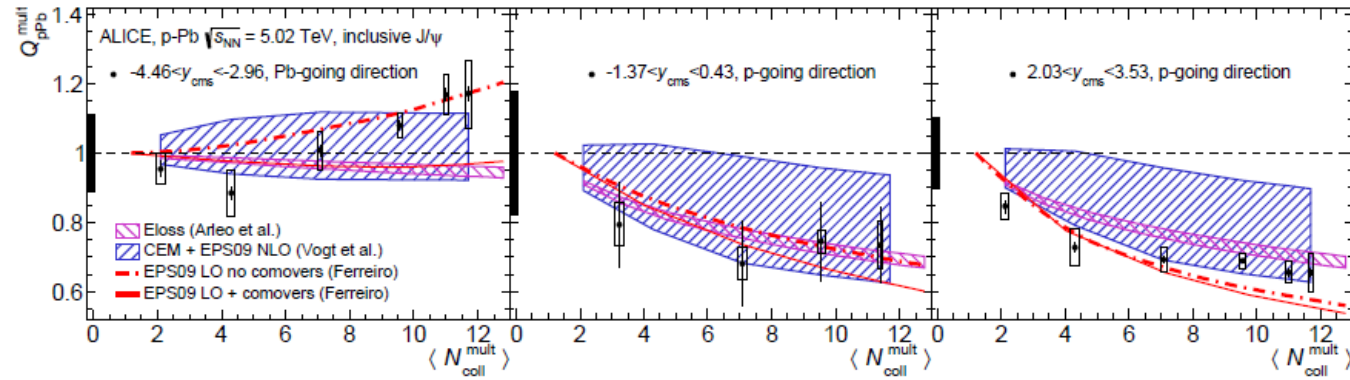
→  $J/\psi$  production modified in p-Pb because of cold nuclear matter effects:  
 →  $R_{pA}$  decreases towards forward  $y$

→ Theoretical predictions: reasonable agreement with

- shadowing calculations and models including coherent parton energy loss
- CGC description seems not to be favoured

# NEWS ON CHARMONIUM IN P-PB

➔ Lots of new results now available on  $J/\psi$  production in p-Pb (...versus centrality and in many different kinematic ranges...)

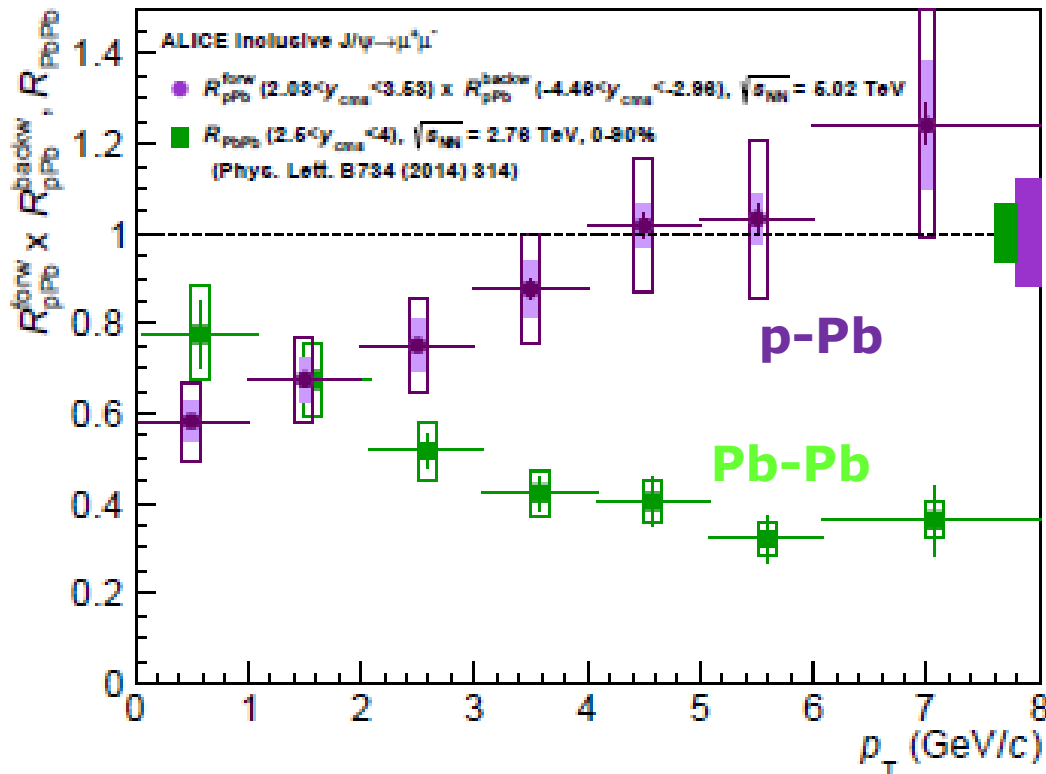


ATLAS-CONF-2015-023, CMS-PAS-HIN-14-009, ALICE arXiv:1506.08808

# CHARMONIUM: FROM P-PB TO PB-PB

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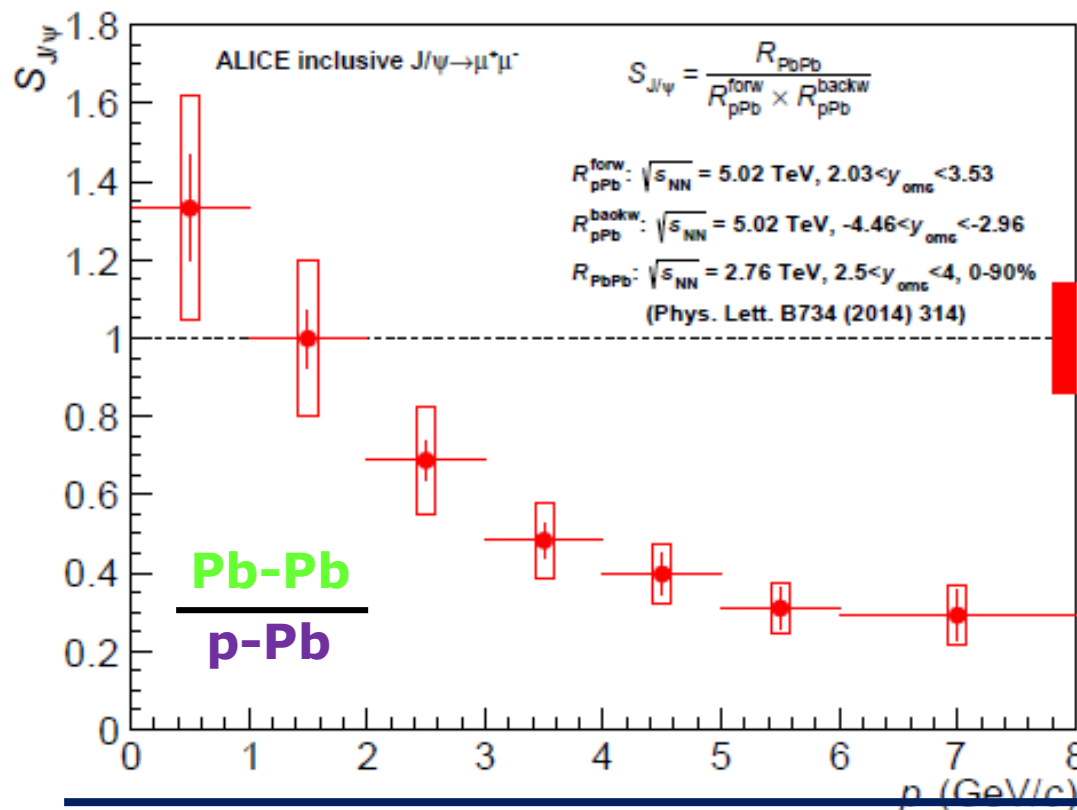
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➔ Evidence for hot matter effects in Pb-Pb!

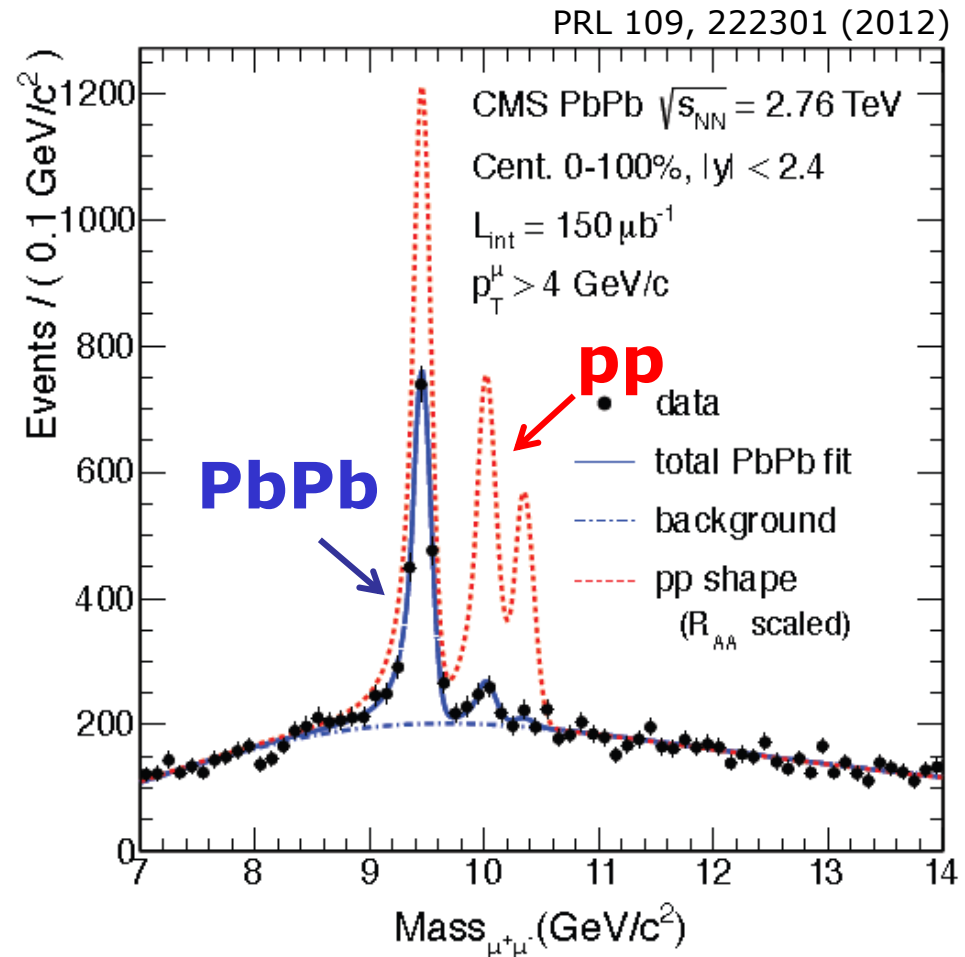


# BOTTOMONIUM IN Pb-Pb

Main features of bottomonium production wrt charmonia:

- no B hadron feed-down
- gluon shadowing effect are smaller
- (re)combination expected to be smaller
- theoretical predictions more robust due to the higher mass of b quark

with a drawback...smaller production cross-section



➔ Clear suppression of  $\Upsilon$  states in PbPb with respect to pp collisions

# BOTTOMONIUM IN A-A

→ Centrality dependent suppression for  $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon(2S)$

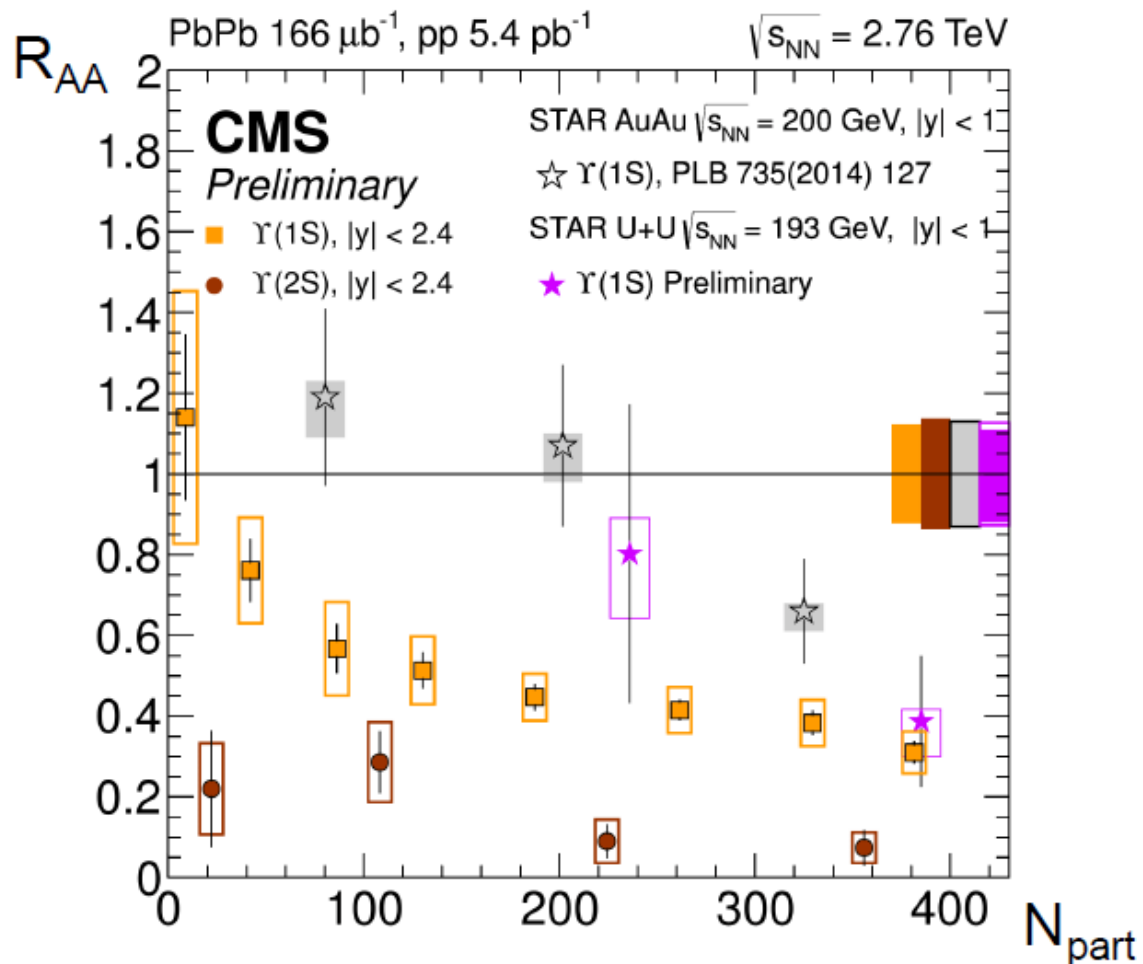
→ Sequential suppression observed at LHC:

$$R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(3S)} < R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(2S)} < R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(1S)}$$

$$R_{AA}(\Upsilon(1S)) = 0.425 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.070,$$

$$R_{AA}(\Upsilon(2S)) = 0.116 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.022,$$

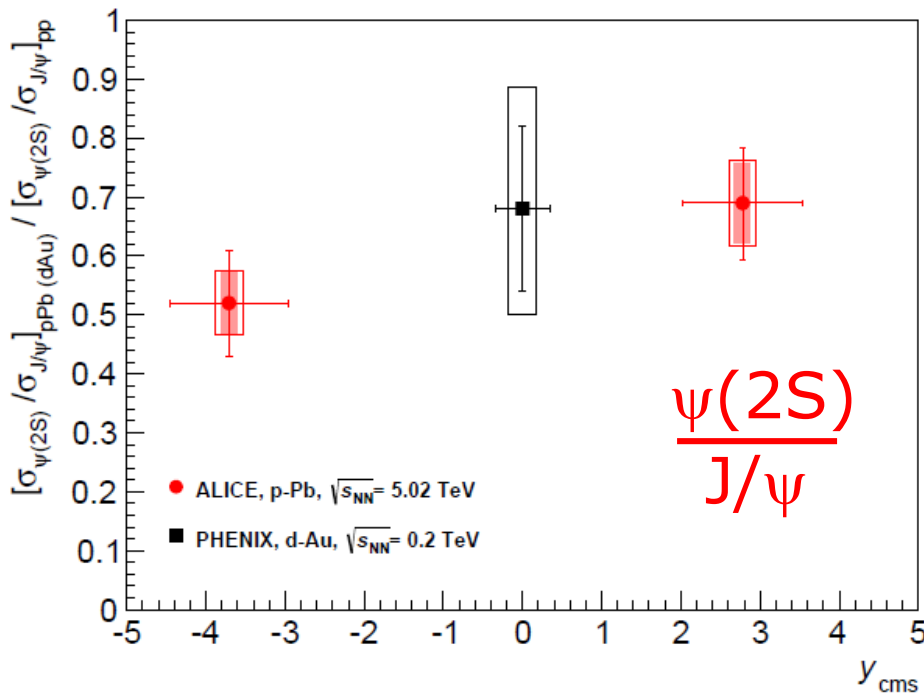
$$R_{AA}(\Upsilon(3S)) < 0.14 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL},$$



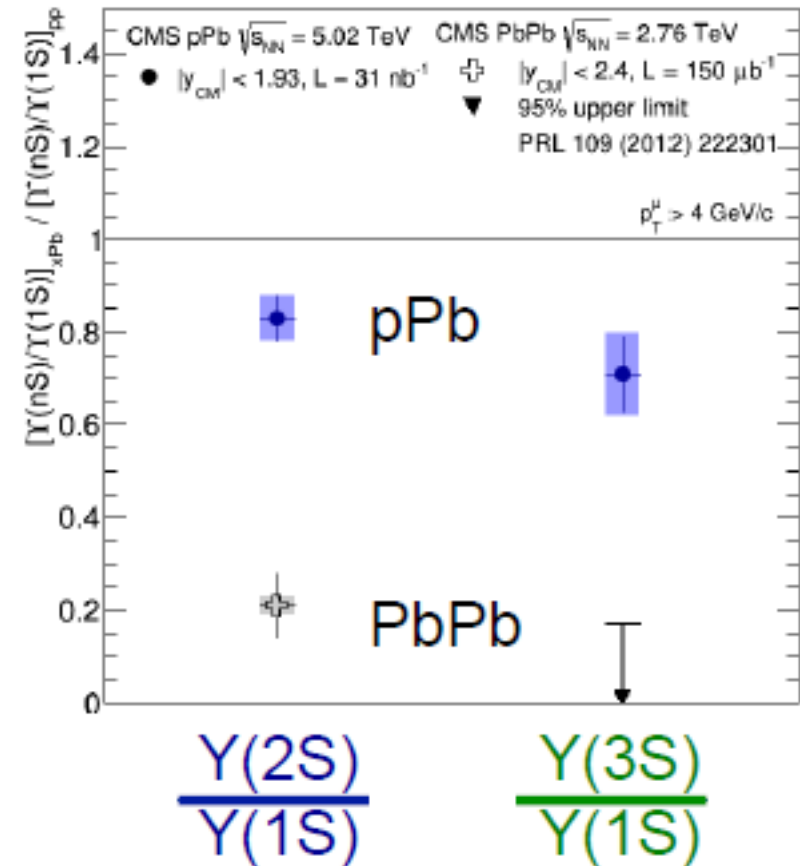
→  $\Upsilon(1S)$  suppressed also in central Au-Au and U-U collisions at RHIC

# EXCITED STATES IN P-PB

- ➔ In p-Pb (d-Au) collisions the excited states suffer more suppression. Unexpected if only initial state effects are at play!



ALICE, 1405.3795  
PHENIX, PRL111(2013) 202301



CMS, JHEP04(2014)103

- ➔ Final state effects related to the (hadronic) medium created in the p-Pb collisions?

# WHAT'S NEXT?

➔ In spite of the large wealth of results...lots more will come!

## RHIC

- ➔ **STAR**: upgraded with Muon Telescope Detector and Heavy Flavour Tracker
- ➔ Proposal for **sPHENIX**
- ➔ **BES-II** in 2019-2020 → to explore the phase diagram, focus on QCD critical point

## Lower energies:

**FAIR** (Darmstadt), **NICA** (Dubna)  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10\text{GeV}$

## LHC

- ➔ **On-going Run2:**
  - Higher energies (PbPb@ $\sqrt{s}=5\text{TeV}$ )
  - Higher luminosity
- ➔ **Upgrade in view of Run3** for all experiments
- ➔ A new player: **LHCb!**
  - Pb-Pb@5TeV ( $50\text{-}80\mu\text{b}^{-1}$  this year)
  - Fixed target mode (SMOG): p/Pb on gas like He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe exploring energy densities between those probed at SPS and RHIC

# CONCLUSIONS

## A-A:

- ➔ Significant progress in precision:
  - Jets quenched up to 400 GeV
  - Heavy-quarks: hints for energy loss mass dependence
  - Charmonia suppression is a final state effect. Recombination needed to explain low  $p_T$  production in PbPb@LHC
  - Bottomonia: indication of sequential suppression

## p-A (d-A):

- ➔ Not only a “control” experiment to compare to A-A!
- ➔ Tool to investigate cold nuclear matter effects
- ➔ Existence of collective effects also in small systems?

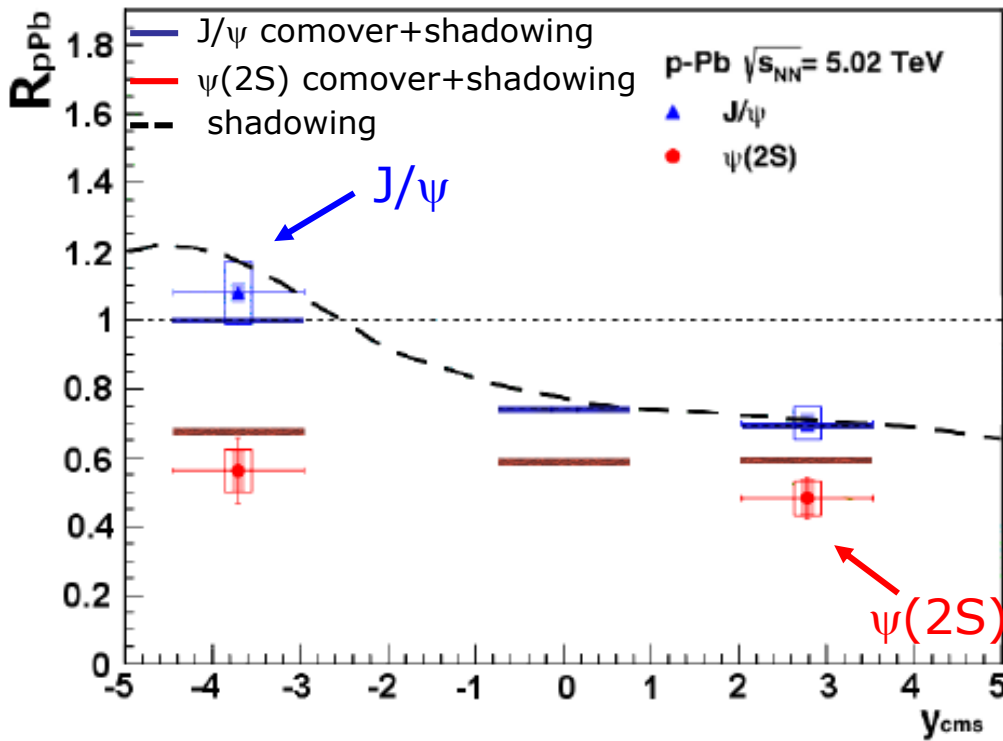
- ➔ Large wealth of data from RHIC and LHC, heading forward a quantitative characterization of deconfined matter

...and lots more to come!

# BACKUP SLIDES

# $\psi(2S)$ vs $J/\psi$ in p-A collisions

➔ Final state effects related to the (hadronic) medium created in the p-Pb collisions?



➔ Charmonium interaction with comoving particles:

- Comovers dissociation affects more strongly the loosely bound  $\psi(2S)$  than the  $J/\psi$
- Comovers density larger at backward rapidity

E. Ferreiro arXiv:1411.0549

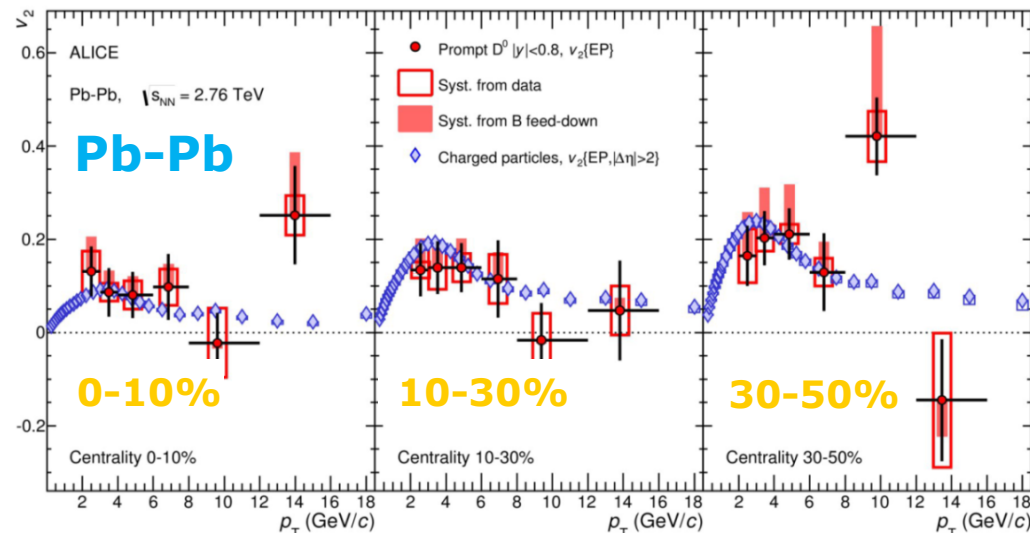


# HEAVY FLAVOR: ELLIPTIC FLOW

➔ Due to the large mass, b and c quarks should take longer time to be influenced by the collective expansion of the medium ( $\rightarrow v_2^b < v_2^c$ )

Heavy-flavor  $v_2$  measurements probe:

- Low  $p_T$ : collective motion, thermalization of heavy-quarks
- High  $p_T$ : path-length dependence of heavy-quark energy loss



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➔ Non-zero  $v_2$  observed in semi-central Pb-Pb collisions (hint of increase from central to semi-central collisions)

➔  $v_2(D) \sim$  charged particle  $v_2$

➔ Confirm significant interaction of charm quarks with the medium  $\rightarrow$  suggest collective motion of low  $p_T$  charm quarks in the expanding fireball

# ALICE PAST & FUTURE

## Heavy-ion data from RUN1:

System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	Year	Integrated luminosity
Pb-Pb	2.76	2010	$\sim 10 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
		2011	$\sim 100 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
p-Pb	5.02	2013	$\sim 30\text{nb}^{-1}$

## Future:



## ➔ RUN2 (2015-2017): complete the heavy-ion program:

- improved detectors, readout and trigger
- higher LHC energy ( $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$  for pp,  $5.1\text{TeV}$  for PbPb)
- pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb runs with much larger statistics!

## ➔ RUN3+4 (~2020): major detectors upgrade

- operate ALICE at high rate (increased by a factor 100!), preserving unique tracking and PID
- improvements in vertexing capability and low  $p_T$  tracking (new ITS and TPC readout)
- focus on rare probes (heavy flavor, quarkonia, low-mass dileptons, jets...)

# LHCB IN HI COLLISIONS

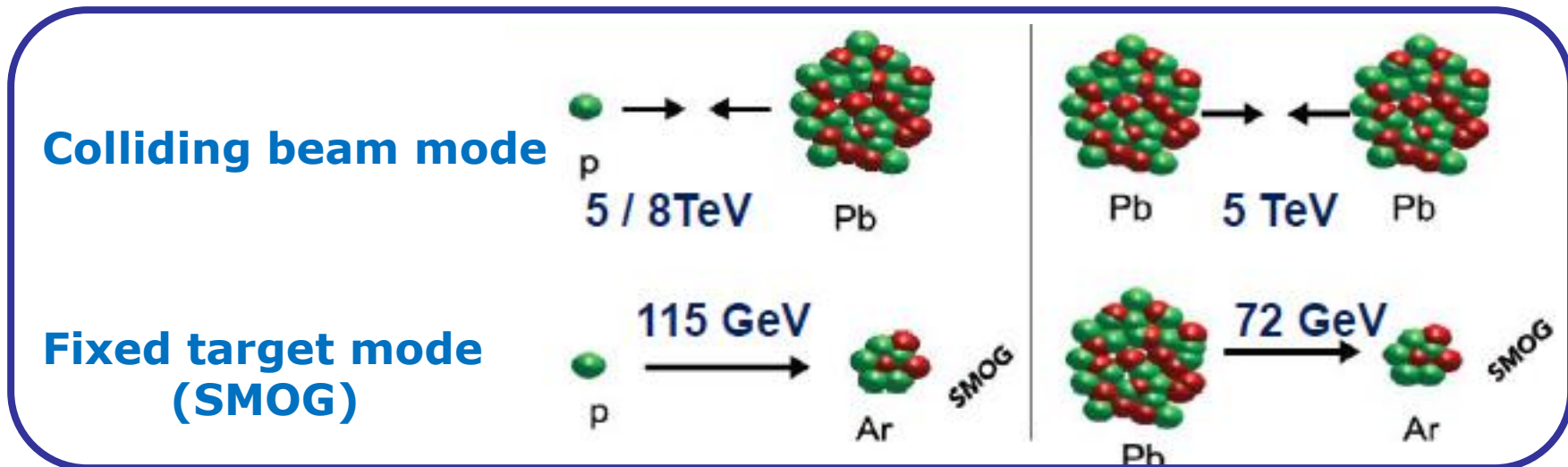
$E_{\text{beam}}(p)$	pp	p-SMOG	p-Pb/Pb-p	Pb-SMOG	Pb-Pb
450 GeV	0.90 TeV				
1.38 TeV	2.76 TeV				
2.5 TeV	5 TeV	69 GeV			
3.5 TeV	7 TeV				
4.0 TeV	8 TeV	87 GeV	5. TeV	54 GeV	
6.5 TeV	13 TeV	110 GeV	8.2 TeV	69 GeV	5.1 TeV
7.0 TeV	14 TeV	115 GeV	8.8 TeV	72 GeV	5.5 TeV

Preferred targets for SMOG operation:

element	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe
A	2	20	40	84	131

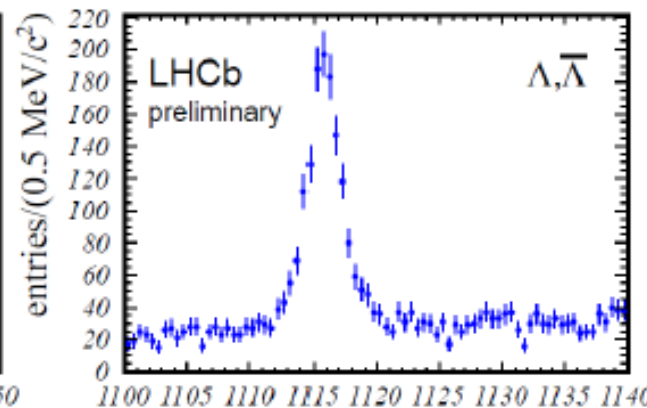
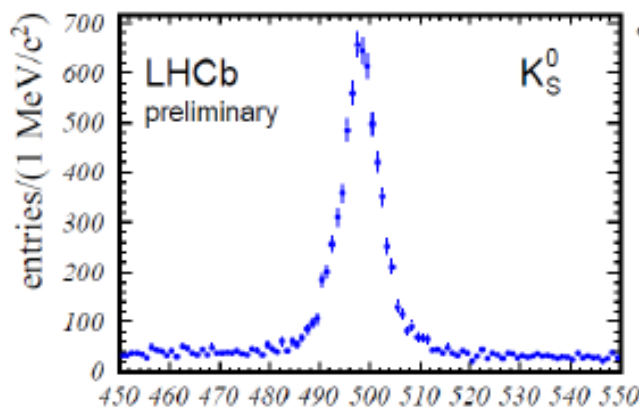
# HI PHYSICS WITH LHCb

→ LHCb participated to the pPb run and now it will join also the Run2 AA run!



→ Fixed target mode (proton on gas like He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe): explored energy densities between those probed at SPS and RHIC

→ First look to Pb-Ne@ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=54.4\text{GeV}$



# CENTRALITY IN P-PB

➔ Event selection based on Pb-going neutron energy released in ZDC  
 ➔ minimizes the bias

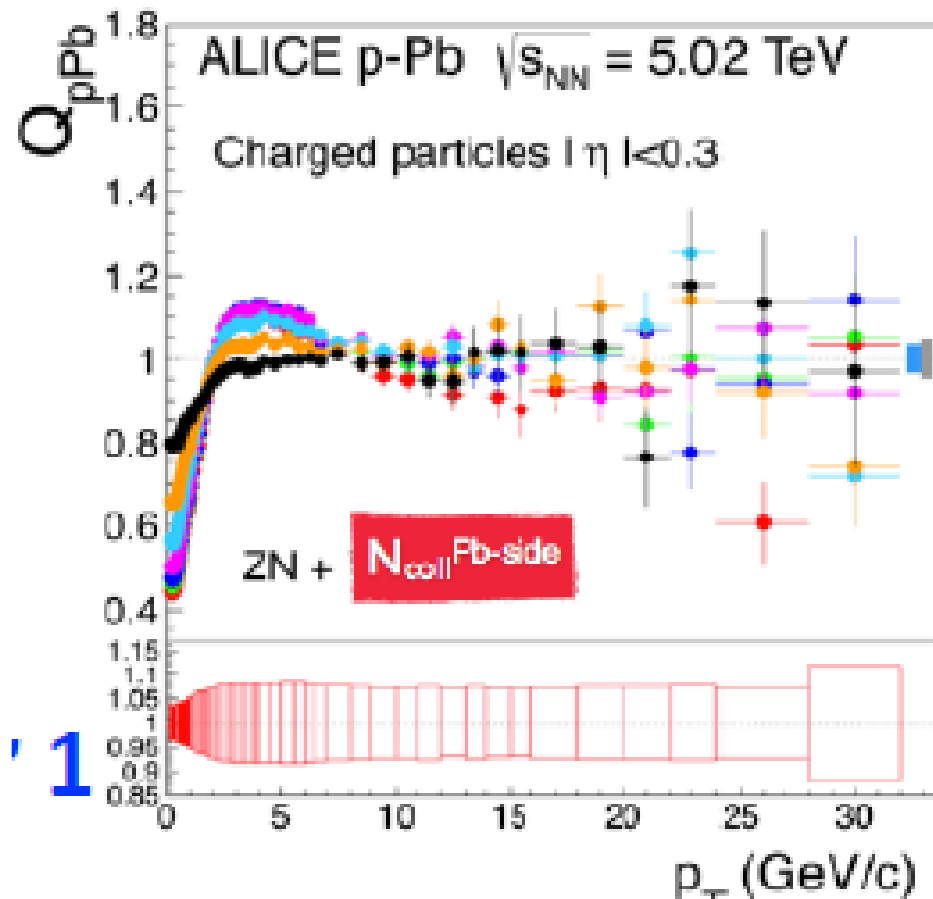
➔  $N_{\text{part}}$  and  $N_{\text{coll}}$  obtained assuming one out of:

- forward  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \sim N_{\text{part}}^{\text{Pb}} = N_{\text{part}} - 1$
- mid-rapidity  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \sim N_{\text{part}}$
- high- $p_T$  yields  $\sim N_{\text{coll}}$

➔  $Q_{\text{pA}}$  instead of  $R_{\text{pA}}$  due to potential bias from the centrality estimator, not related to nuclear effects

$$Q_{\text{pA}}^i = \frac{dN_{\text{pA}}/dp_T}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_i dN_{\text{pp}}/dp_T}$$

➔ Flat  $Q_{\text{pPb}}$  at high  $p_T$  for all event activity classes



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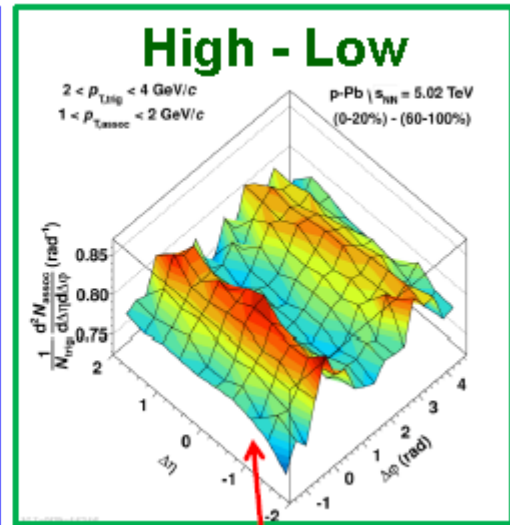
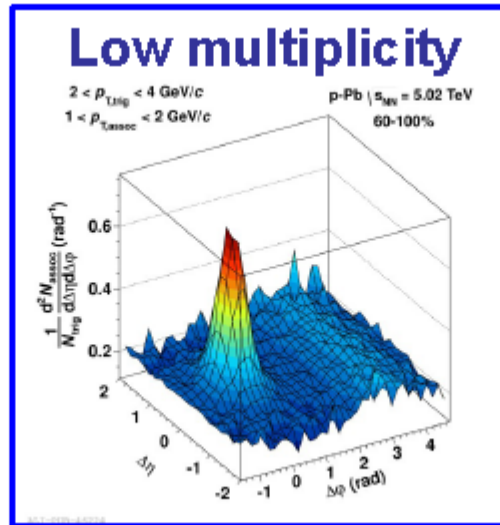
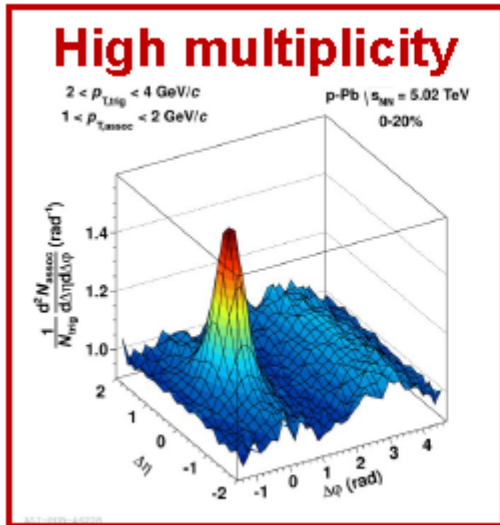
$$R_{pPb} \propto \frac{\text{Yield}}{N_{\text{coll}}} \text{Bias}$$

**ATLAS Strategy**

**ALICE Strategy**

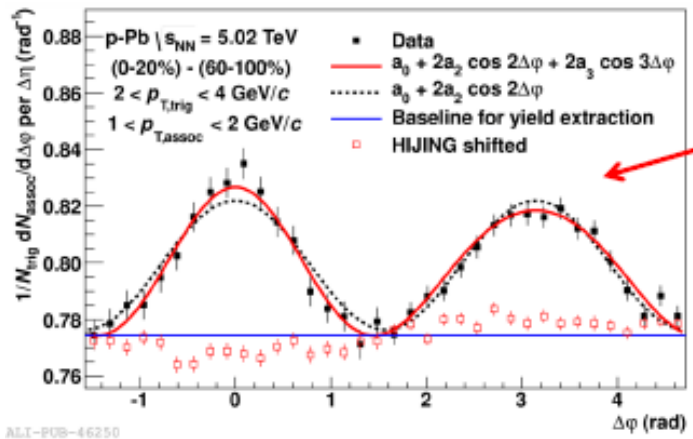
Two ostensibly different approaches...

Two particles ( $\Delta\eta$ ,  $\Delta\phi$ ) correlations are a tool to explore particle production mechanisms: unexpected observation of an underlying azimuthal anisotropy in high-multiplicity p-Pb collisions



Double ridge structure

Double ridge described by both color glass condensate (initial state effect) or hydro (final state effect) (PLB719 (2013) 29)



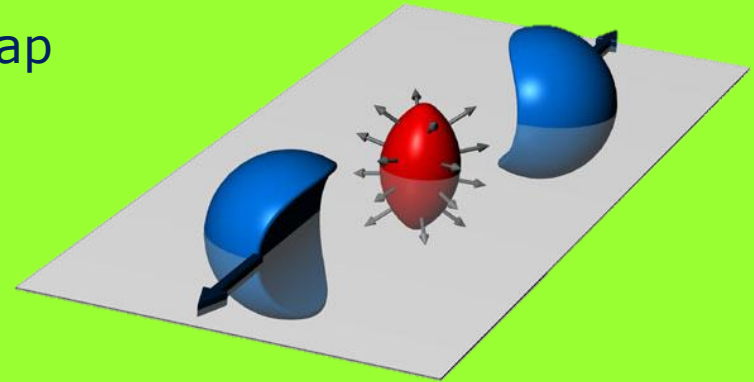
Remaining correlation: two twin long-range structures (double ridge)



# COLLECTIVE FLOW

➔ Initial spatial anisotropy of the overlap region of colliding nuclei

→ anisotropy in momentum space through interactions of produced particles



➔ Measured by the **elliptic flow parameter ( $v_2$ )** extracted from the Fourier decomposition of particle azimuthal distributions relative to the reaction plane

$$\frac{dN}{Nd\phi} \sim 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_{RP})) + \text{higher harmonics } (v_3, v_4, \dots)$$

➔  $v_2$  provides a measurement of collectivity  
→ **constraints the properties of deconfined medium**

- **Large mean free path** → particles stream out isotropically, no memory of initial asymmetry (ideal gas)
- **Small mean free path** → large density and pressure gradients, larger momentum anisotropy (ideal liquid) **51**

# $V_2$ OF IDENTIFIED PARTICLES

➔ Identified particle  $v_2\{SP\}$  ( $\pi^{+-}$ ,  $K^{+-}$ ,  $K^0$ ,  $p$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\Omega$ )

➔ allows for precision measurements

- add constraints to initial conditions, particle production mechanisms
- probes the freeze-out conditions of the system
- checks the number of constituents quarks scaling

Low  $p_T$ :

mass ordering

➔ attributed to interplay between radial and elliptic flow

Qualitative description with hydrodynamical calculations + hadronic cascade model

➔ small  $\eta/s$  favoured

High  $p_T$ :

particles tend to group into mesons and baryons

