Global description of bottomonium suppression in proton-nucleus and nucleus-nucleus collisions at LHC energies

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Obviously relevant if one wishes to use quarkonia as a probe of the QGP => baseline

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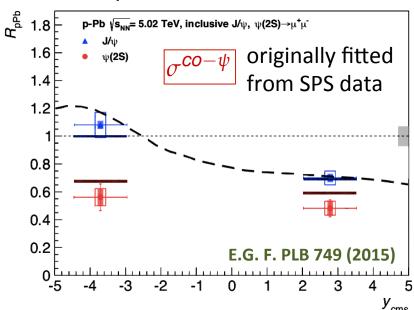
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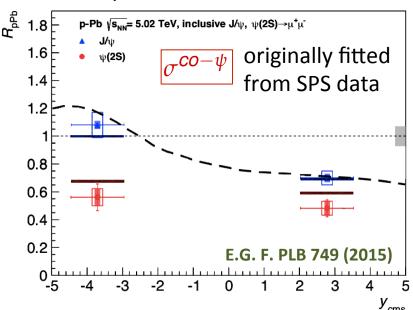
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Our aim:

- to investigate if the relative suppression for Y states can be explained by CIM
- to apply CIM to pPb and PbPb
- to investigate the nature of the comovers

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- CMS assumption contradicted by their pPb data CMS JHEP04(2014)103
- If this relative suppression can be attributed to comover effects, how does that translate to PbPb collisions? [comover suppression is related to the multiplicity]

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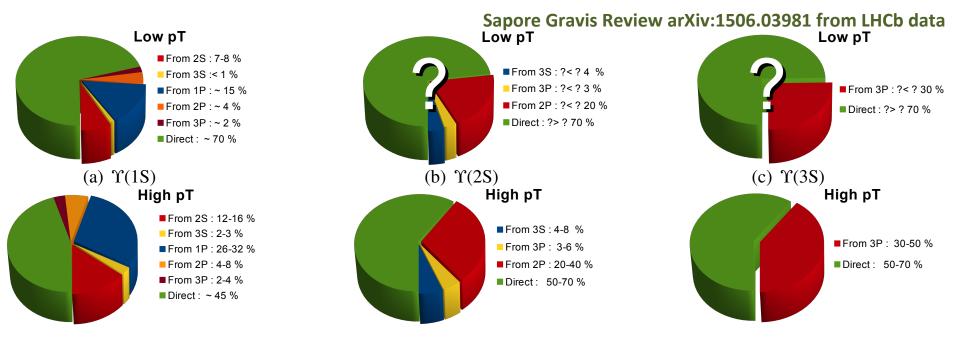
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Feed-down structure at low p_T is quite different than CDF measurement at p_T >8GeV



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- In the region of the Y PbPb and pPb data, the Y(1S) is not 50% direct

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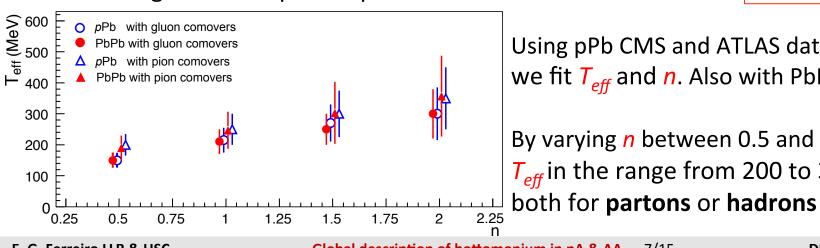
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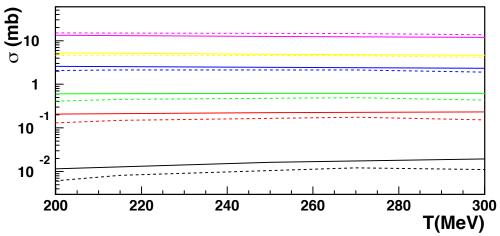


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Using pPb CMS and ATLAS data at 5.02 TeV we fit T_{eff} and n. Also with PbPb CMS data

By varying *n* between 0.5 and 2, we obtain T_{eff} in the range from 200 to 300 MeV

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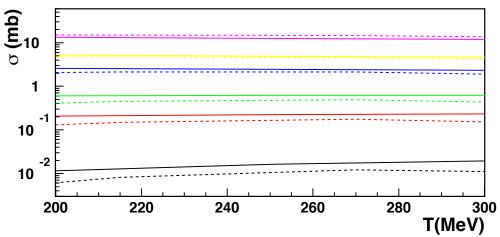


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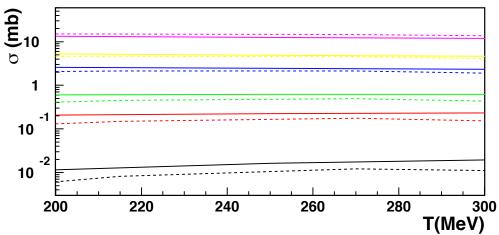
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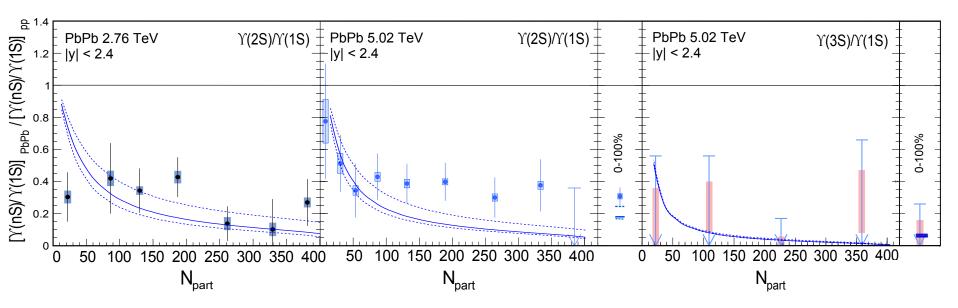
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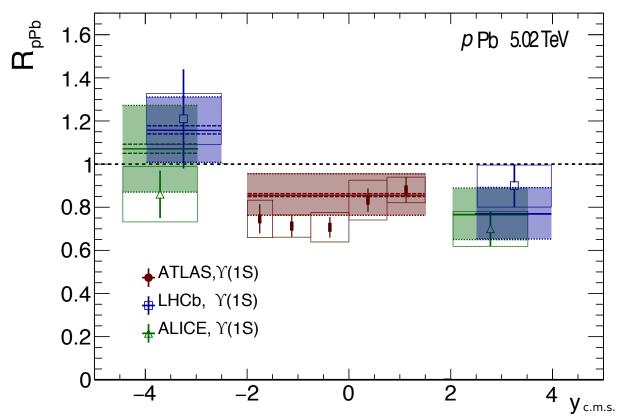


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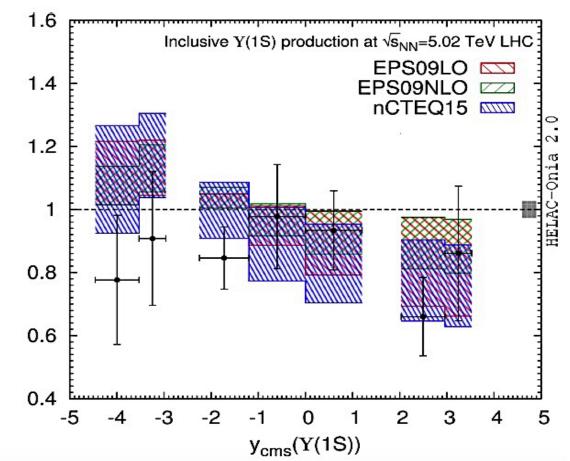
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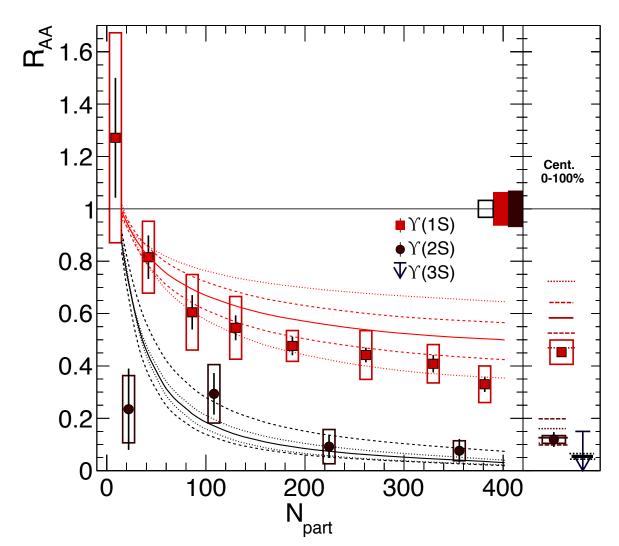
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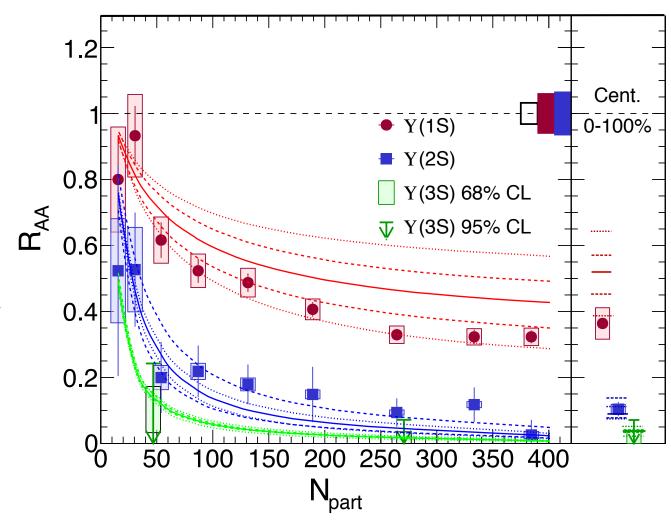


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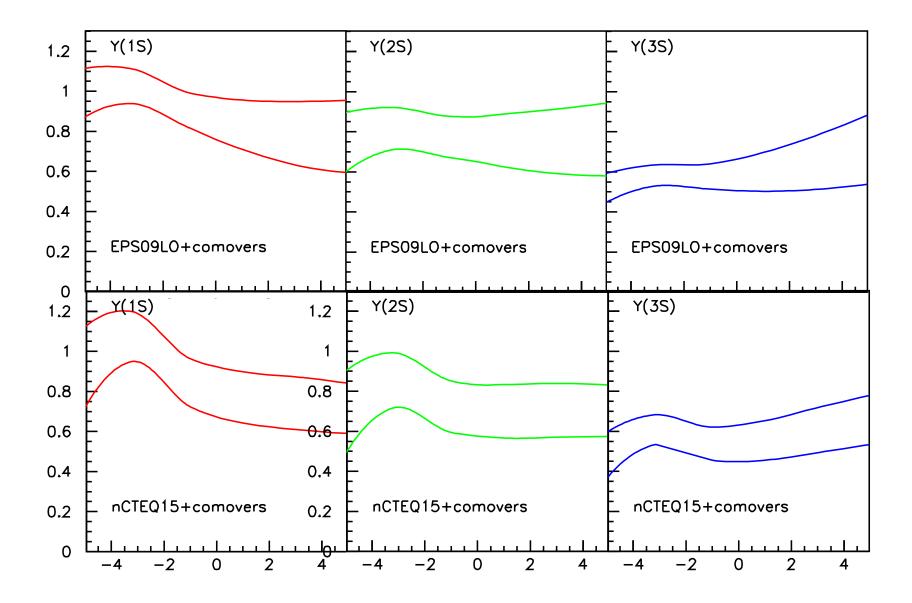
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Conclusions

- We have updated our understanding of the feed-down pattern within the bottomium family close to $< p_{\tau} >$ where it matters for heavy-ion studies
- In the absence of any other explanation for the relative suppression of excited quarkonia in pA collisions (and its rapidity dependence), we have assumed that the reinteraction with comovers explains it all
- This allowed us to fit all the comover-bottomonium-interaction cross sections from the CMS and ATLAS pPb double ratios in a coherent way
- A fit to the CMS PbPb double ratios at 2.76 and 5.02 TeV gives similar results
- We have checked that it yields a consistent magnitude for the Y suppression as mesured by ATLAS, ALICE and LHCb in pPb collisions when combined with nCTEQ15 shadowing (which does not affect the double ratio)
- Both the double ratios of Y(2S)/Y(1S) & Y(3S)/Y(1S) (insensitive to shadowing) and the magnitude of the suppression (with nCTEQ15) of Y(1S) & Y(2S) are well reproduced in PbPb collisions without the need to invoke any other phenomena

Physical interpretation: what the nature of the comovers is

- Case I: The medium is hadronic in pPb collisions, while it is gluonic in PbPb
 - The most common expectation: The relevant d.o.f. are hadrons in pPb collisions where the QGP is not produced whereas the gluons become relevant in the hotter PbPb environment with the presence of QGP
- Case II: Both in pPb and PbPb collisions, the medium is made of hadrons, i.e. the comovers can be identified with pions
 - ullet Both in pA and AA collisions, Y not affected by the hot (deconfined) medium
 - Possible interpretation: melting temperature of the Y(1S) and Y(2S) is too high to be observed and the Y(3S) is fragile enough to be entirely broken by hadrons. Bottomonia unaffected by the presence of a possible QGP
- Case III: Both in pPb and PbPb collisions, the medium is made of partons, i.e. the comovers can be identified with gluons
 - Comovers are to be considered as partons in a (deconfined) medium
 - A QGP-like medium is formed following pPb collisions at LHC energies
 - CIM: effective modelling of bottomonium dissociation in the QGP

Summarizing on proton-nucleus collisions:

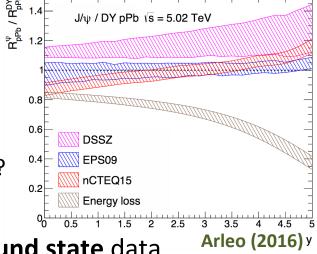
Initial-state effects are required to explain pA data from RHIC and LHC =>
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 taken into account

Issues:

Huge incertainty of nPDFS

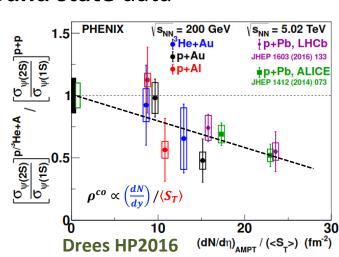
Widespread CGC results

Possibility to distinguish bewteen them? 0.8



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- Final-state effects as comover interaction, are good candidates to reproduce excited to ground state data.

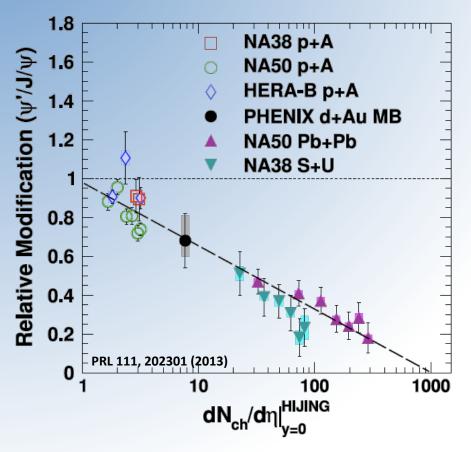
Comover interaction similar to transport model



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Relative Modification of $\psi(2s)/\psi(1s)$ – particle density



Relative modification in *all* systems follows common trend with increasing produced particle density.

Co-mover (or medium?) density seems to be the relevant quantity.

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