

# Probing X(3872) structure via final state interactions

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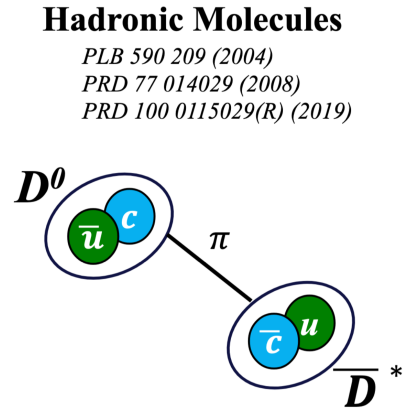
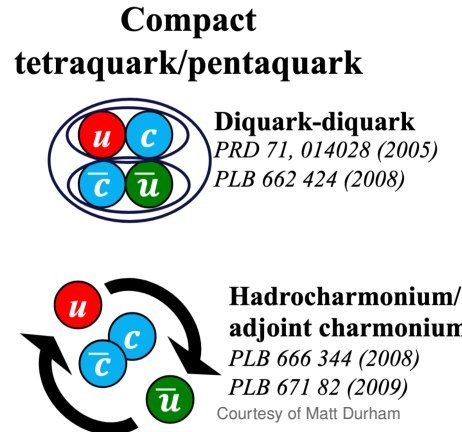
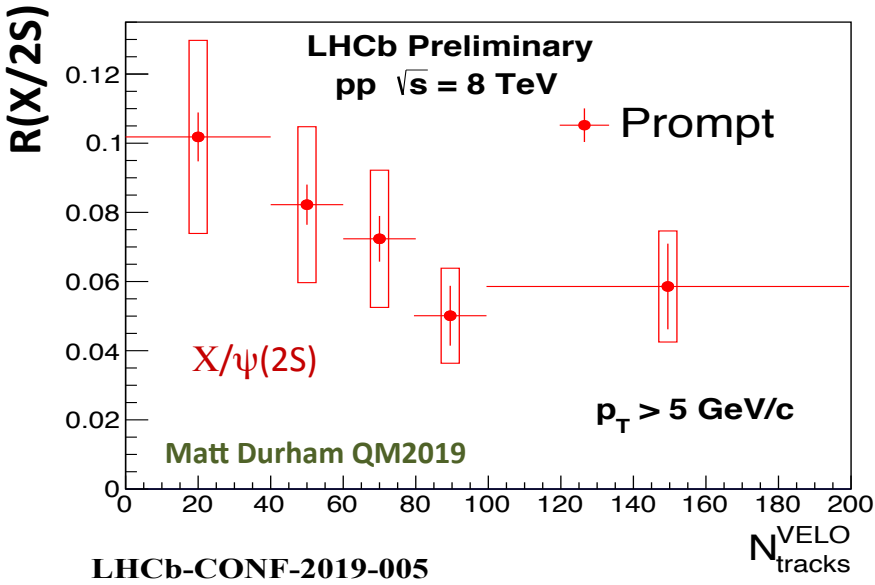
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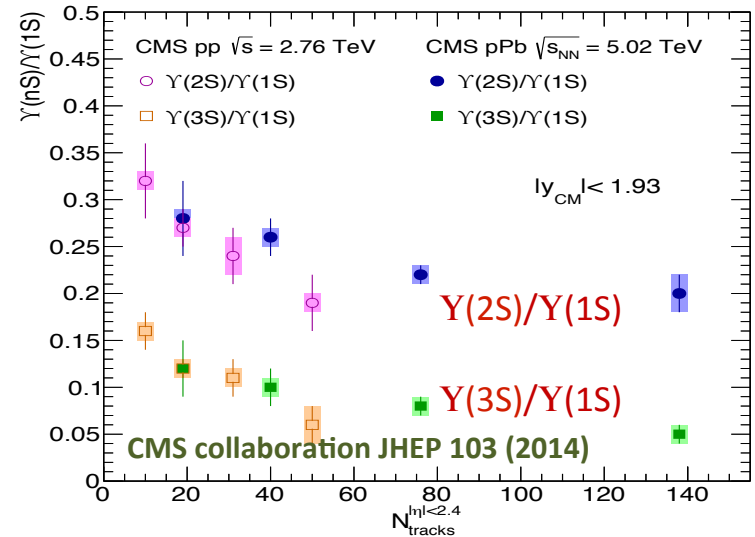
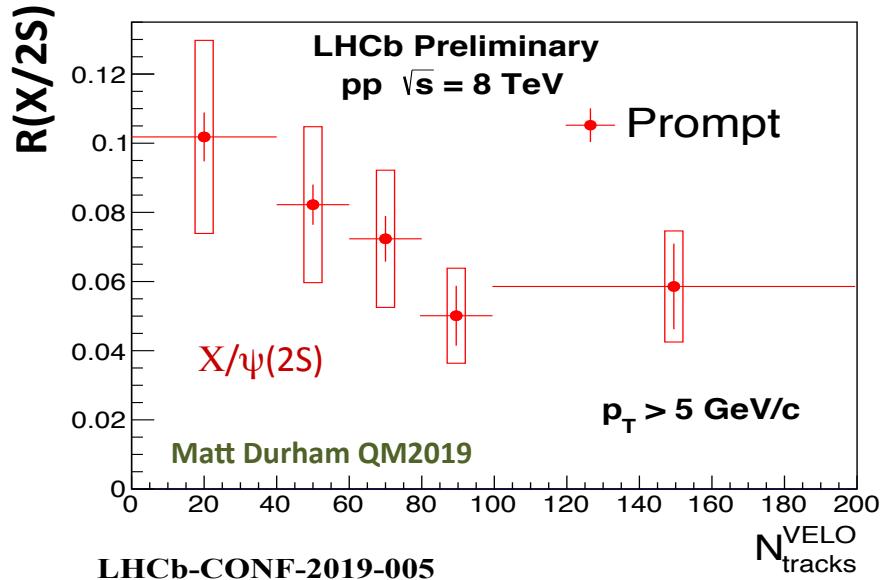
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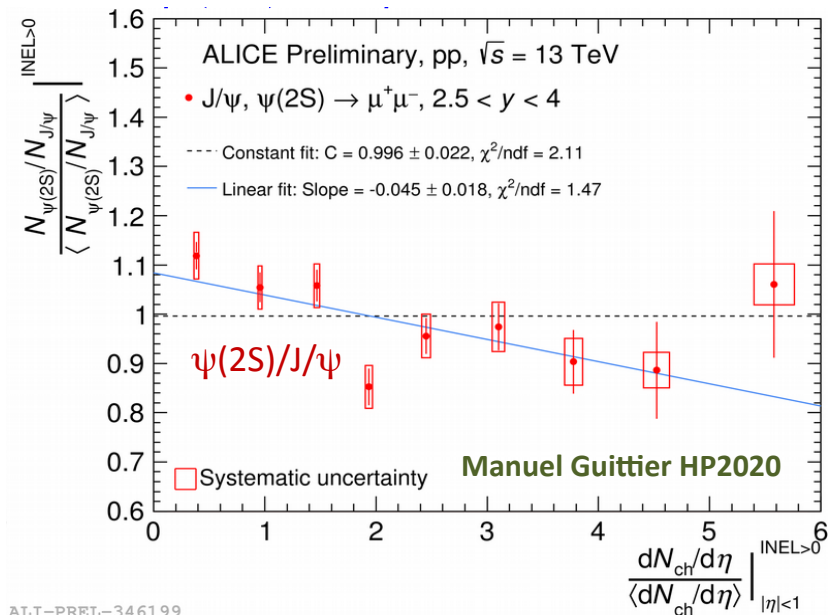
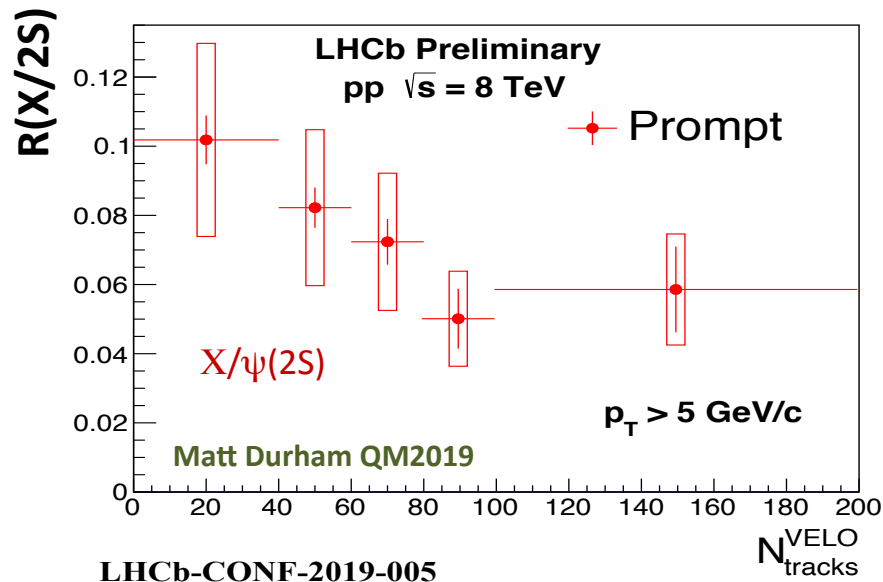
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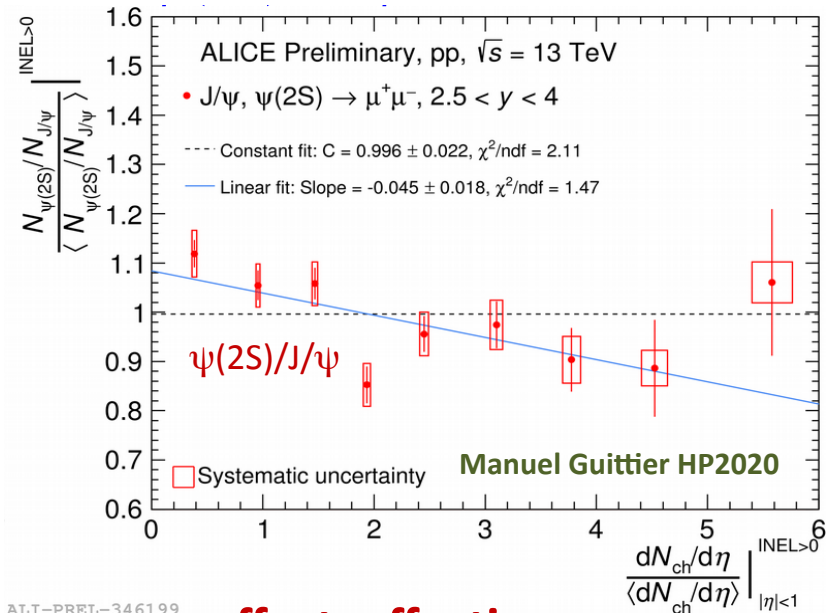
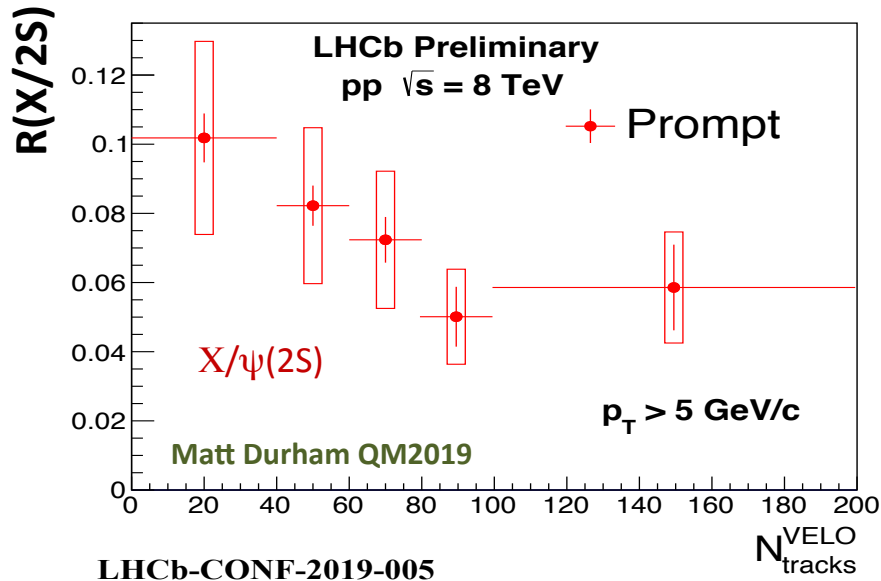
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In other words, it seems to be a **common effect, affecting excited-over-ground quarkonium states vs multiplicity in pp collisions**

# The intriguing suppression of excited states in pA

Suppression of weakly-bound quarkonia states has been studied for decades in pA:

Relative suppression  $\psi(2S)/J/\psi$ ,  $Y(nS)/Y(1S)$  in pA @ SPS, dAu @ RHIC, pPb @ LHC

- **Initial-state effects** identical for the family
- Any difference among the states should be due to **final-state effects**
- At low E: relative suppression explained by nuclear absorption  $\sigma_{\text{breakup}} \propto r_{\text{meson}}^2$
- At high E: too long formation times  $t_f = \gamma \tau_f \gg R$

Consensus: nuclear  $\sigma_{\text{breakup}}$  is getting **small** at high energies and is the same for ground and excited states

A natural explanation would be a **final-state effect** acting over sufficiently long time  
 $\Rightarrow$  **interaction with a comoving medium**

# Comover-interaction model CIM

- In a comover model: suppression from scatterings of the nascent  $Q$  with comoving medium constituted by particles with similar rapidities Gavin, Vogt, Capella, Armesto, Ferreiro ... (1997)
- Stronger suppression where the comover densities (multiplicities) are large  
For asymmetric collisions as p-nucleus, stronger in the nucleus-going direction

- Boltzman equation governing the quarkonium density:

$$\tau \frac{d\rho^Q}{d\tau}(b, s, y) = -\sigma^{co-Q} \rho^{co}(b, s, y) \rho^Q(b, s, y)$$

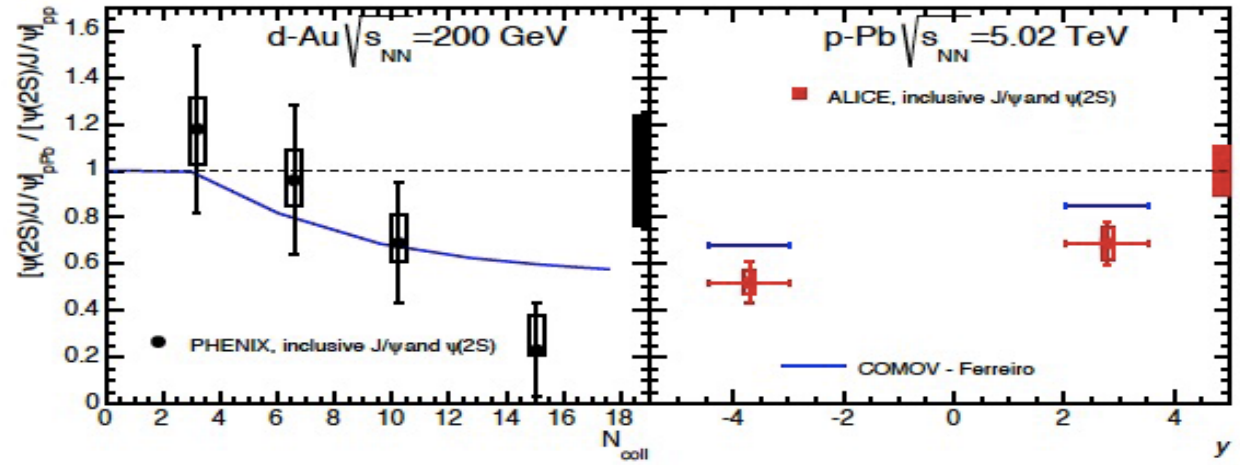
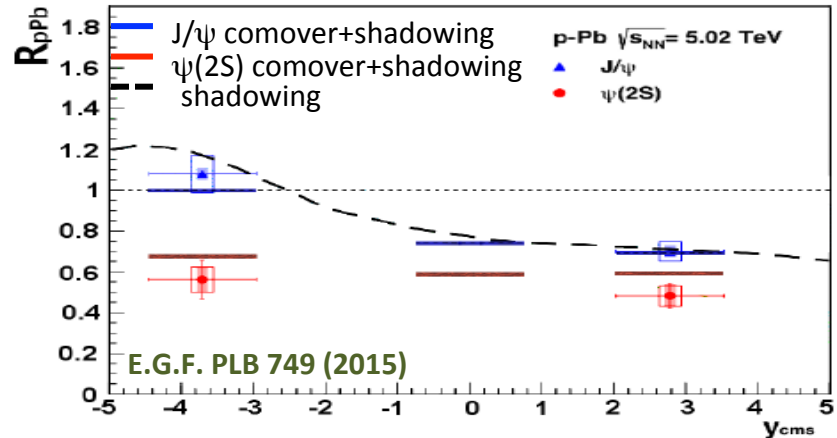
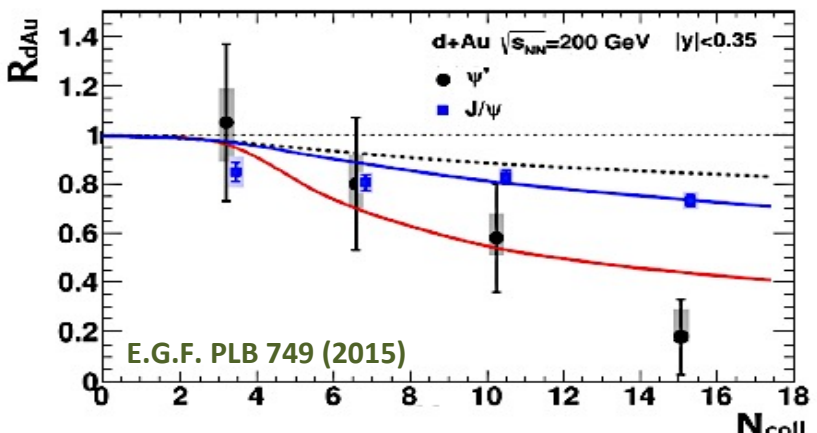
$\sigma^{co-Q}$ : cross section of quarkonium dissociation due to interactions with comoving medium

- Survival probability from integration over time:

$$\tau_f/\tau_0 = \rho^{co}(b, s, y)/\rho_{pp}(y)$$

$$S_Q^{co}(b, s, y) = \exp \left\{ -\sigma^{co-Q} \rho^{co}(b, s, y) \ln \left[ \frac{\rho^{co}(b, s, y)}{\rho_{pp}(y)} \right] \right\}$$

# Past CIM results for charmonia at RHIC and LHC



$\sigma_{CO-\psi}$  originally fitted from SPS data: 0.65 mb for  $J/\psi$  and 6 mb for  $\psi(2S)$

Pretty encouraging since the data were not refitted



# CIM for bottomonium: the interaction cross sections

- Relative suppression of excited Y: cleanest observable to fix the comover suppression
- Caveat: not enough data to fit all the 6  $\sigma^{co-Q_{b\bar{b}}}$  [the feed-downs are taken into account]
- New strategy: going to a microscopic level

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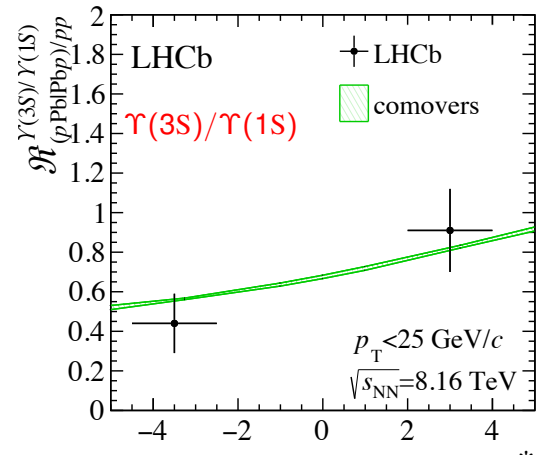
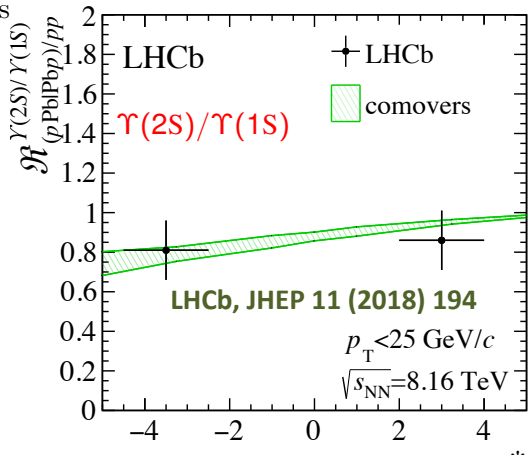
$$\sigma^{co-Q}(E^{co}) = \sigma_{geo}^Q \times \left(1 - \frac{E_{thr}^Q}{E^{co}}\right)^n$$

$$\langle \sigma^{co-Q} \rangle(T_{eff}, n) = \frac{\int_0^\infty dE^{co} \mathcal{P}(E^{co}; T_{eff}) \sigma^{co-Q}(E^{co})}{\int_0^\infty dE^{co} \mathcal{P}(E^{co}; T_{eff})}$$

$\sigma_{geo}^Q \simeq \pi r_Q^2$ , where  $r_Q$  is the quarkonium Bohr radius  
 $E_{thr}^Q = 2M_B - M_{Q_{b\bar{b}}}$ , i.e. the threshold energy  
 $E^{co} = \sqrt{p^2 + m_{co}^2}$  energy of the comovers

Bose-Einstein distribution  
 $\mathcal{P}(E^{co}; T_{eff}) \propto \frac{1}{e^{E^{co}/T_{eff}} - 1}$

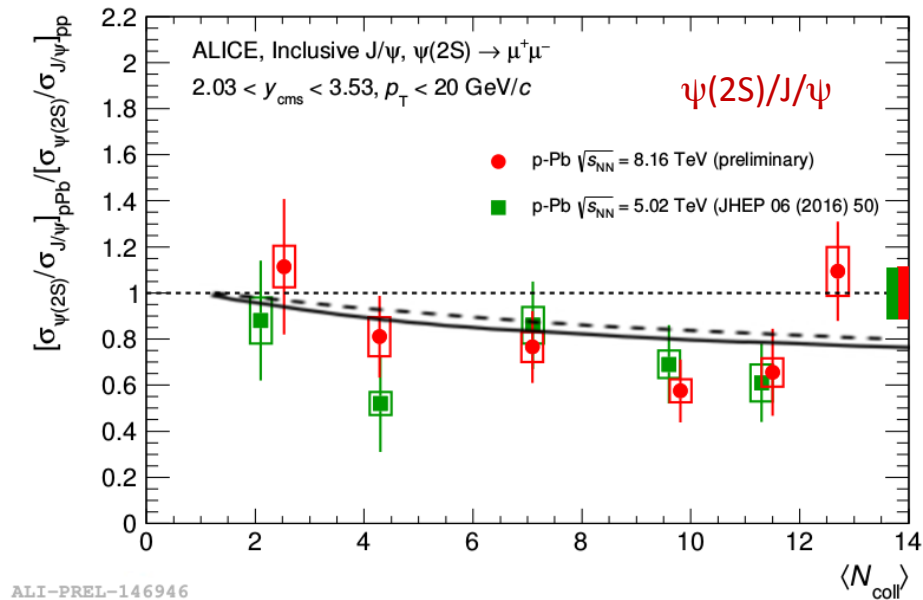
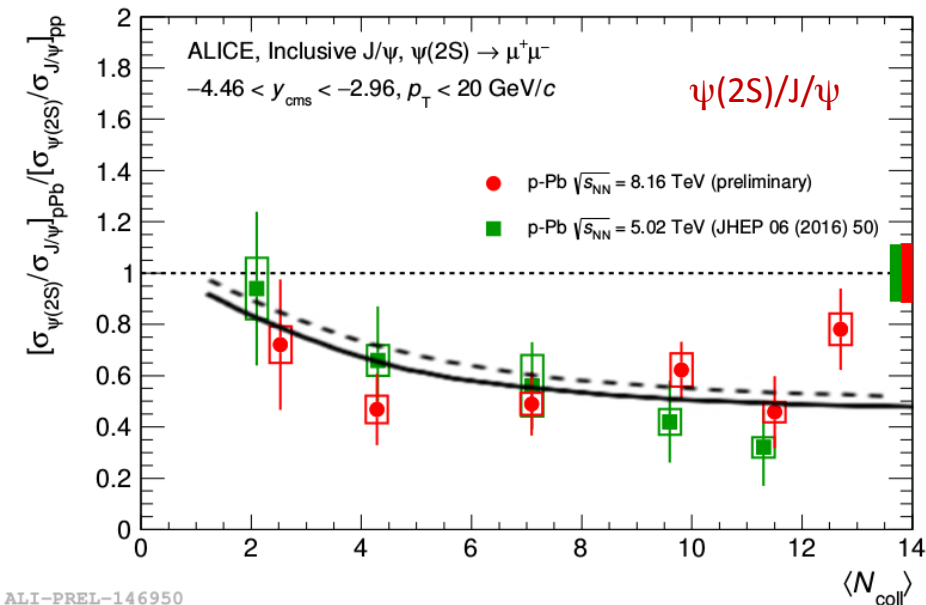
- Successfully reproduces the excited-over-ground suppression versus rapidity



Stronger suppression in the nucleus-going direction

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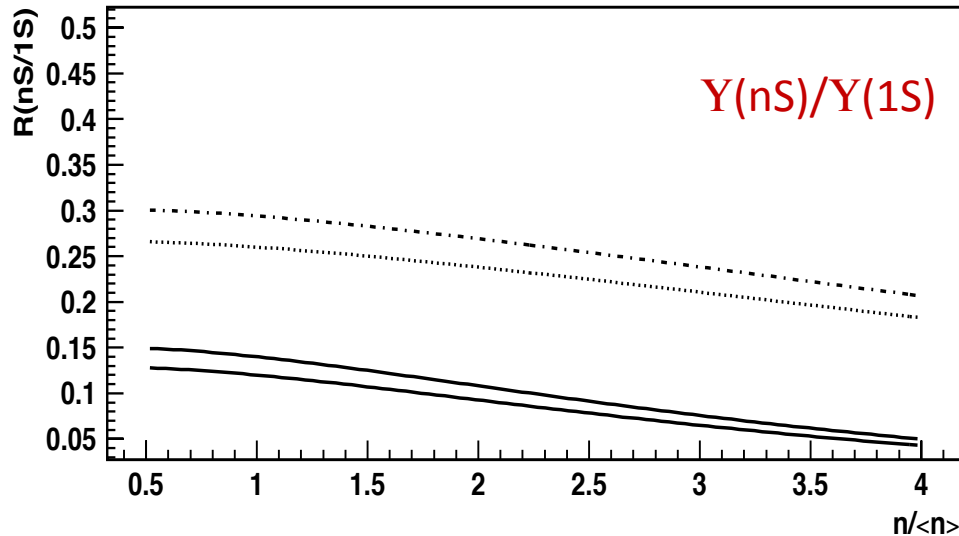
- Double ratios enables us to study the effect of final states alone
- The comover effect should increase with multiplicity:  
stronger in central collisions & in backward y region



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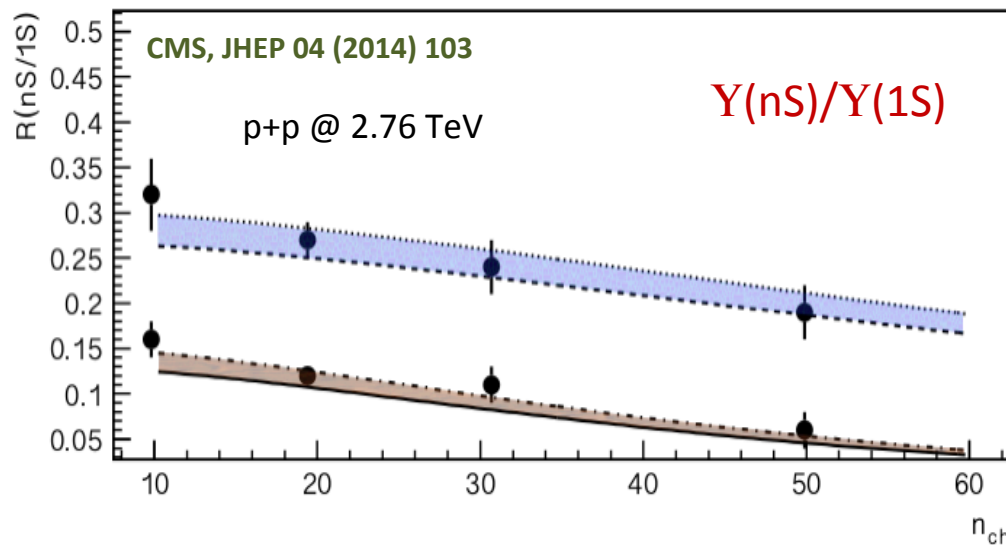


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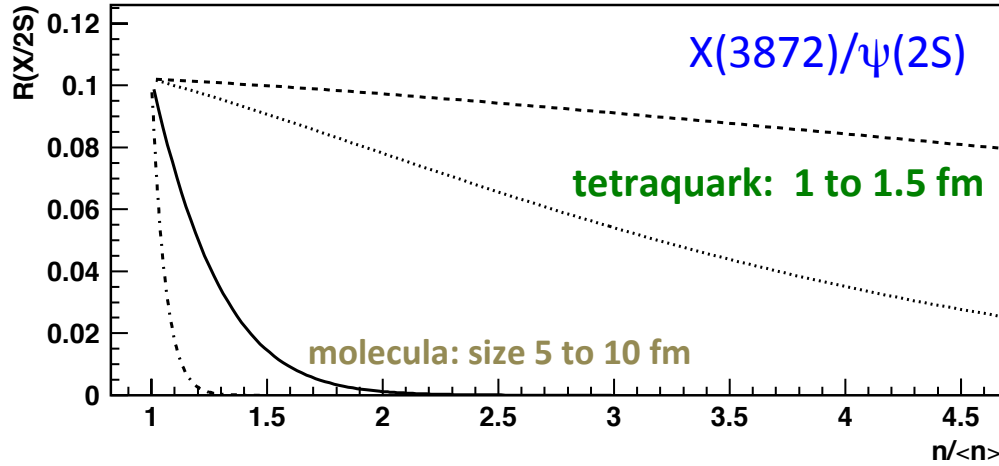
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- Cross sections calculated as for  $Y$
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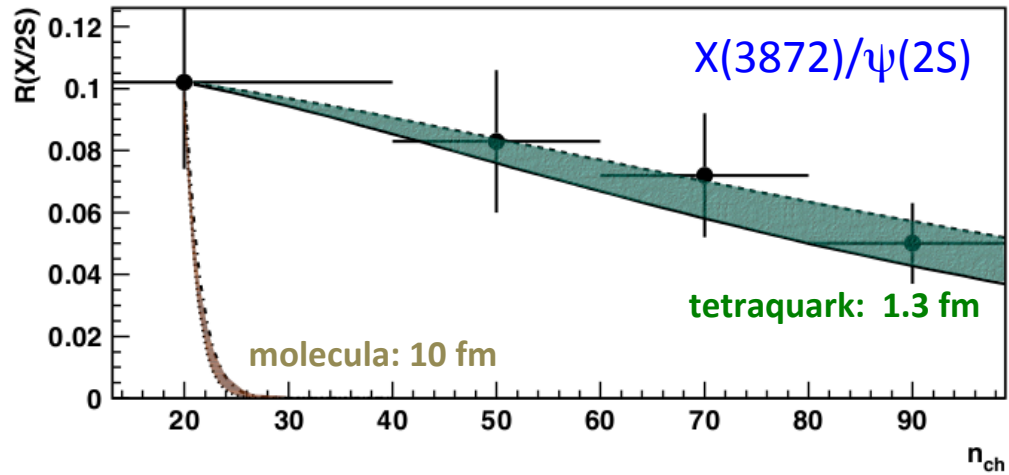
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- LHCb results strongly supports the idea of  $X(3872)$  of typical hadronic size
- A molecular state disappears very quickly by interaction with comovers
- Our conclusion: tetraquark of 1.3 fm

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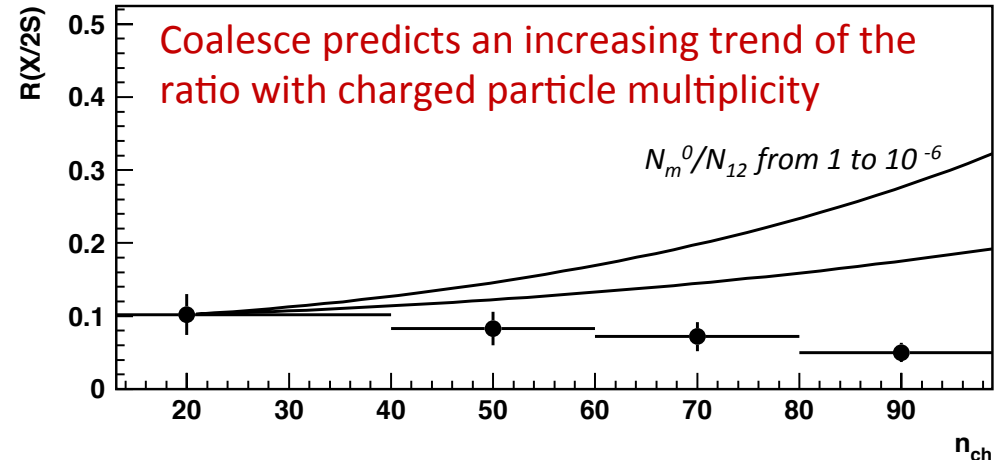
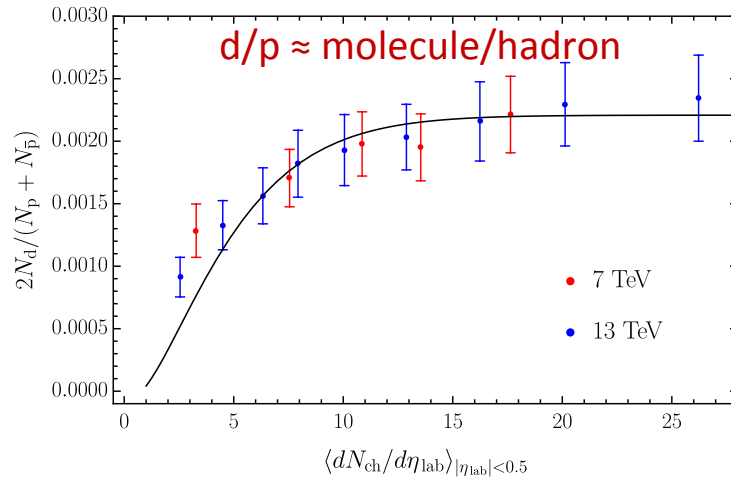
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The new data from the LHCb collaboration on the relative  $X(3872)$  to  $\psi(2S)$  abundance can only be understood if both systems have only slightly different sizes, *i.e.* if the  $X(3872)$  has a typical hadronic size, strongly disfavoured the molecular interpretation