

# Heavy-ion physics in the HL-LHC era

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# Physics goals identified for the HL-LHC era

[see Z. Citron et al., « Future physics opportunities for high-density QCD at the LHC with heavy-ion and proton beams», arXiv:1902.10229](#)

**1**

**Characterize the macroscopic long-wavelength QGP properties (fluid dynamics) with unprecedented precision**

→ temperature, QCD phase transition at  $\mu_B \sim 0$ , viscosity, heavy quark transport coefficients ...

**2**

**Access the microscopic parton dynamics underlying QGP properties**

→ color field strength of the medium, colour screening/regeneration, evolution of collective partonic system to hadronic phase

**3**

**Developing a unified picture of particle production from small (pp) to larger (pA and AA) systems**

→ flow of heavy flavour and quarkonia, energy-loss, thermal radiation in small systems, strangeness production versus system size

**4**

**Probing parton density in nuclei in a broad ( $x, Q^2$ ) kinematic range and search for parton saturation**

→ constraining nuclear PDFs at high and low  $Q^2$ , test saturation effects at small  $x$

# With which observables ?

**At HL-LHC (already starts at Run3 for ions) : focus on rare probes, their coupling with the medium and their (medium-modified) hadronization process in AA collisions.**

→ Requires very large statistics, diverse trigger approaches, upgraded detectors

## Jets

**Characterization of energy loss mechanism both as testing ground for multi-particle aspects of QCD and as a probe of medium density**

## Heavy Flavour

**Characterization of mass dependence of energy loss, HQ in medium thermalization and hadronization as a probe of medium properties**

- Low- $p_T$  production and elliptic flow of several HF hadron species (mainly ALICE, LHCb up to semi-central AA)
- b-jets (mainly ATLAS, CMS)

## Quarkonia

**Precision study of quarkonium dissociation pattern and regeneration as probes of deconfinement**

- Low- $p_T$  charmonia and elliptic flow (mainly ALICE, LHCb up to semi-central AA)
- Multi-differential studies of  $\Upsilon$  states (mainly ATLAS and CMS)

## Low-mass dileptons

**Thermal radiation to map the temperature during system evolution,  $\rho$  spectral function modification to probe chiral symmetry restoration**

- Low- $p_T$  low mass dilepton production (mainly ALICE, LHCb up to semi-central AA)

## Besides Pb-Pb : pp reference, pA, lighter nuclei

### □ **Need for pp reference at $\sqrt{s} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$ :**

→ ALICE (for HF and quarkonia needs) :  $\sim 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (see CERN-LHCC-2012-012)

→ ATLAS/CMS (for high- $p_T$  processes) :  $\sim 300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

### □ **pPb collisions for three main goals:**

→ Explore the partonic structure of nuclei

→ Also a reference for Pb-Pb studies (Cold Nuclear Matter effects)

→ Study the development of collective effects in high-particle density collisions

### □ **Lighter nuclei to study system size dependence and onset of QGP effects**

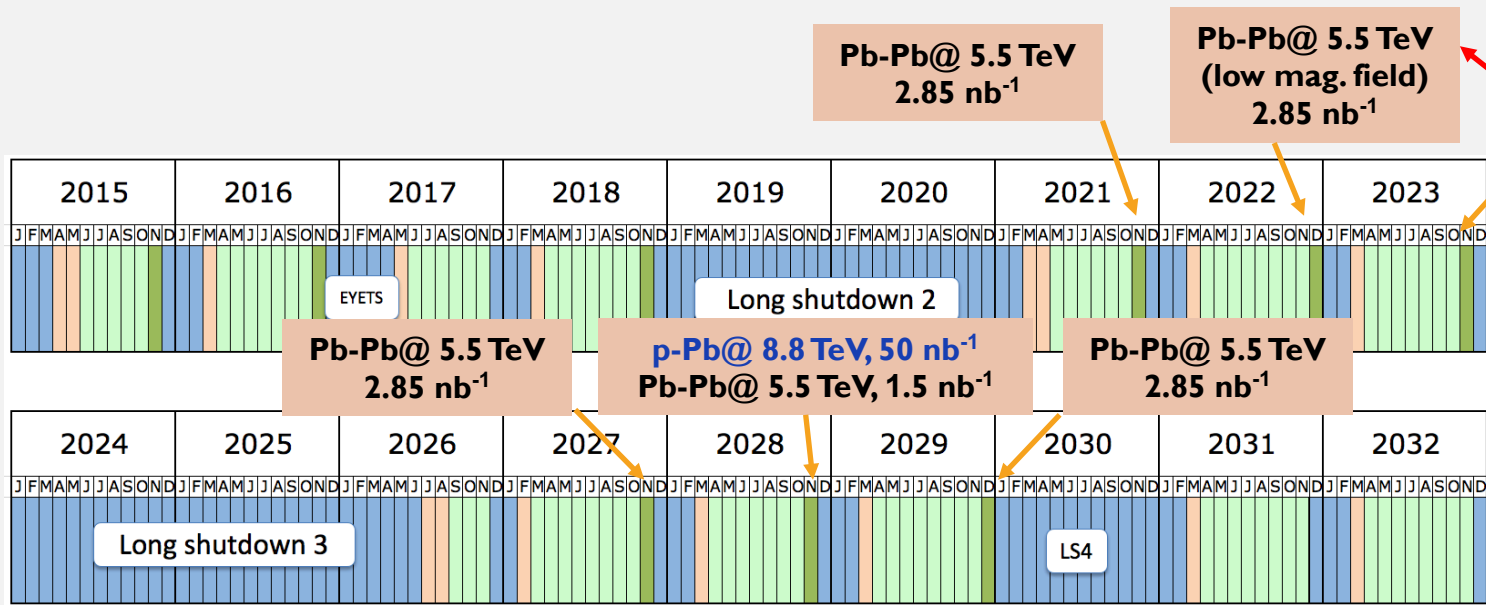
→ Larger instantaneous luminosity compensates the reduces yield for hard processes (which scales with  $A^2$ )

# Plans for heavy-ion data taking at the LHC in the next decade

❑ Running scenario and approved species choices according to ALICE LOI (2012)

[ALICE Collaboration, J. Phys. G 41 \(2014\) 087001](#)

❑ Maximum int. rate : 50 kHz in Pb-Pb; peak luminosity :  $6 \times 10^{27} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ; integrated lumi :  $10 \text{nb}^{-1}$



Some variations possible:

- Easy modification: replace Pb-Pb by p-Pb or pp ref
- Requiring more preparation: replace Pb-Pb by other specie (eg. Ar-Ar)

[J. Jowett, Workshop on the physics of HL-LHC, oct. 2017](#)

Shutdown/Technical stop  
 Protons physics  
 Commissioning  
 Ions

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- ❑ New proposal from WG5 on the Physics of HL-LHC:

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- ❑ High lumi Pb-Pb and p-Pb programmes remains a priority for Run3&4
- ❑ Request to increase heavy ion running time from 12 to 14 weeks per run

Larger  $L_{\text{int}}$  in p-Pb for high precision studies of initial and final state effects, in high multiplicity events

O-O/p-O to study onset of hot-medium effects and to tune cosmic-ray particle production models

Intermediate AA at high lumi to access probes still rare in PbPb

Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$	Time	$L_{\text{int}}$
2021	Pb-Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	2.3 nb <sup>-1</sup>
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb <sup>-1</sup> (ALICE), 300 pb <sup>-1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb <sup>-1</sup> (LHCb)
2022	Pb-Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.9 nb <sup>-1</sup>
	O-O, p-O	1 week	500 μb <sup>-1</sup> and 200 μb <sup>-1</sup>
2023	p-Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb <sup>-1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb <sup>-1</sup> (ALICE, LHCb)
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2029	Pb-Pb 5.5 TeV	4 weeks	3 nb <sup>-1</sup>
Run-5	Intermediate AA	11 weeks	e.g. Ar-Ar 3-9 pb <sup>-1</sup> (optimal species to be defined)
	pp reference	1 week	

+ a large sample (~ 200 pb<sup>-1</sup>) of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV to rich highest possible multiplicities in small system

# LHC experiment upgrades relevant for heavy-ion physics

## CMS (LS2/LS3)

- Lighter silicon tracker with extended coverage up to  $\eta = 4$  (LS3)
- GEM muon stations matching the eta coverage of the tracker (LS2)
- High granularity calorimeter endcaps  $\rightarrow$  particle flow reconstruction at large rapidity (LS3)

## ATLAS (LS2/LS3)

- New tracking detector : tracking and b-tag up to  $\eta = 4$  (LS3)
- Level-1 track trigger : high multiplicity tracking (LS2)
- Calorimeter electronics upgrade and muon trigger system (LS2)

ATLAS/CMS  $\rightarrow$  focus on « triggerable » signal : muon, jets, displaced tracks  
Strong data reduction (50kHz  $\rightarrow$  100 Hz), HL-LHC : increase of sample x 10 wrt Run2

## ALICE (LS2)

- New ITS : improved resolution, reduced material budget
- Muon Forward Tracker : heavy flavour vertexes and prompt/displaced muon at forward y
- TPC upgrade + readout upgrade + online data reduction  $\rightarrow$  continuous readout at 50 kHz in Pb-Pb

## LHCb (LS2)

- New trackers (pixels, strips, scintillating fibers)  $\rightarrow$  impact on centrality reach in Pb-Pb
- Readout upgrade : up to 40 MHz in pp  $\rightarrow$  exploit also full delivered pPb luminosity
- SMOG2

ALICE/LHCb  $\rightarrow$  focus on « untriggerable » signal  
ALICE : continuous readout at 50 kHz; HL-LHC: minimum bias sample x 100 wrt Run2



# LHCb strenght w.r.t ALICE in the forward region after the upgrades

Physics reach of ALICE for several observables after the LS2 upgrade (MUON + new MFT tracker)

**Table 1:** Comparison of physics reach for the two scenarios without and with the MFT (MUON only / MUON + MFT) assuming an integrated luminosity of  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in central Pb–Pb collisions.  $p_T^{\text{min}}$  gives the minimum accessible  $p_T$  for the different observables. The quoted uncertainties include both statistical and systematic uncertainties.

Observable	MUON only		MUON + MFT	
	$p_T^{\text{min}}$ (GeV/c)	uncertainty	$p_T^{\text{min}}$ (GeV/c)	uncertainty
Inclusive $J/\psi$ $R_{AA}$	0	5 % at 1 GeV/c	0	5 % at 1 GeV/c
$\psi'$ $R_{AA}$	0	30 % at 1 GeV/c	0	10 % at 1 GeV/c
Prompt $J/\psi$ $R_{AA}$		not accessible	0	10 % at 1 GeV/c
$J/\psi$ from $b$ -hadrons		not accessible	0	10 % at 1 GeV/c
Open charm in single $\mu$			1	7 % at 1 GeV/c
Open beauty in single $\mu$			2	10 % at 2 GeV/c
Open HF in single $\mu$ no $c/b$ separation	4	30 % at 4 GeV/c		
Low mass spectral func. and QGP radiation		not accessible	1–2	20 % at 1 GeV/c

- ❑ Study of open charm and open beauty still limited
  - Measurement through single muon decay (no PID)
  - Still  $\sim 20\%$  uncertainty on open charm at  $p_T = 0$
  - Open beauty extraction limited to  $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV/c}$
- ❑ No calorimeter at forward  $y$  (no  $X_c \rightarrow \gamma + J/\psi$ )
- ❑ LHCb will remain the only experiment fully equipped in the forward region (with already excellent  $M, p_T$  resolution in  $pA$ , and accessing most central AA collisions after the Upgrade Phase II)

# LHCb Upgrade PHASE II to access the most central AA collisions

- ❑ Unique opportunity for a general purpose heavy-ion detector suited for pA up to most central AA collisions at forward y
- ❑ Number of tracks in pp collisions at Upgrade Phase II luminosity  $\sim$  number of tracks in central Pb-Pb collisions  
→ sufficient tracking and calorimeter performances for HI studies
- ❑ Lower pile-up in pPb/Pbp with respect to pp running → lower occupancies in pPb/Pbp  
→ Precise measurement of low-x regime of QCD

[LHCb Collaboration, CERN/LHCC 2018-027, PUB-2018-019](#)

Table A.1: Estimated occupancies in different tracking detectors after Upgrade I and Upgrade II.

Detector	Maximum occupancy in most central PbPb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$ TeV
VELO (Upgrade I)	4 %
VELO upgrade (Upgrade II)	1 %
SciFi (Upgrade II)	25%

# Prospects for pA and AA collisions in collider mode for HL-LHC and beyond (with main focus on forward region)

# Quarkonium and Open HF production in AA collisions

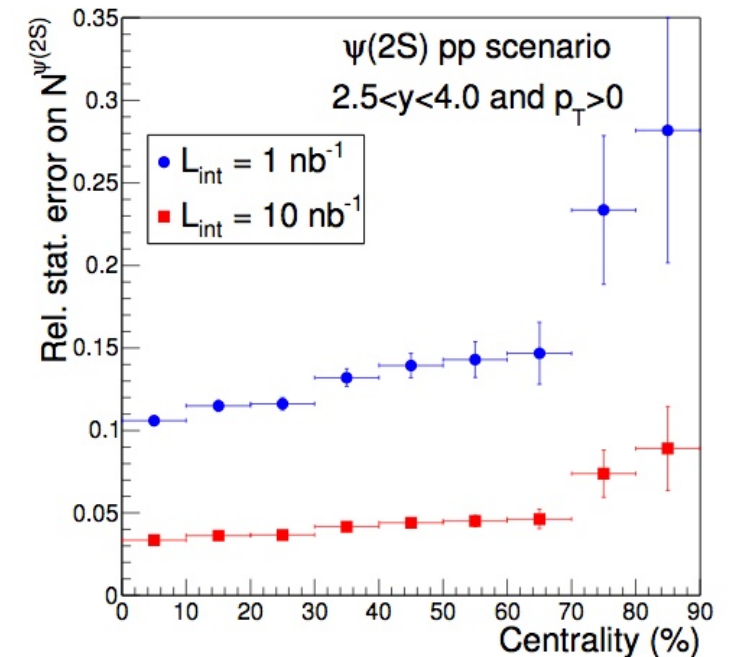
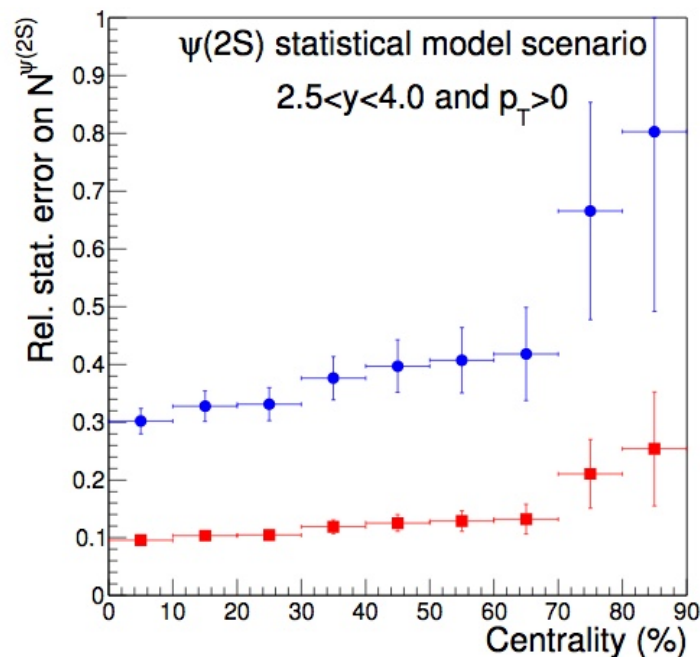
- ❑ Heavy quarks produced at early stages of AA collision → experience full evolution of system
- ❑ Sequential suppression of quarkonia by color screening in the deconfined medium
- ❑ Regeneration of charmonia at low  $p_T$  and LHC energy
- ❑ Run 3&4 : precise determination of prompt  $J/\psi$   $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  at low- $p_T$  (ALICE) and high- $p_T$  (CMS, ATLAS)

- ❑  $\Psi(2S)$  yield will remain statistically limited (3-10% in most central forward events depending on assumptions)

- ❑ Differential measurements interesting to study the interplay between suppression/regeneration

- ❑ Fully reconstructed open HF hadrons only possible in LHCb in the forward region → interesting in themselves (loss studies), also normalisation channel for charmonia (total  $c\bar{c}$  cross section)

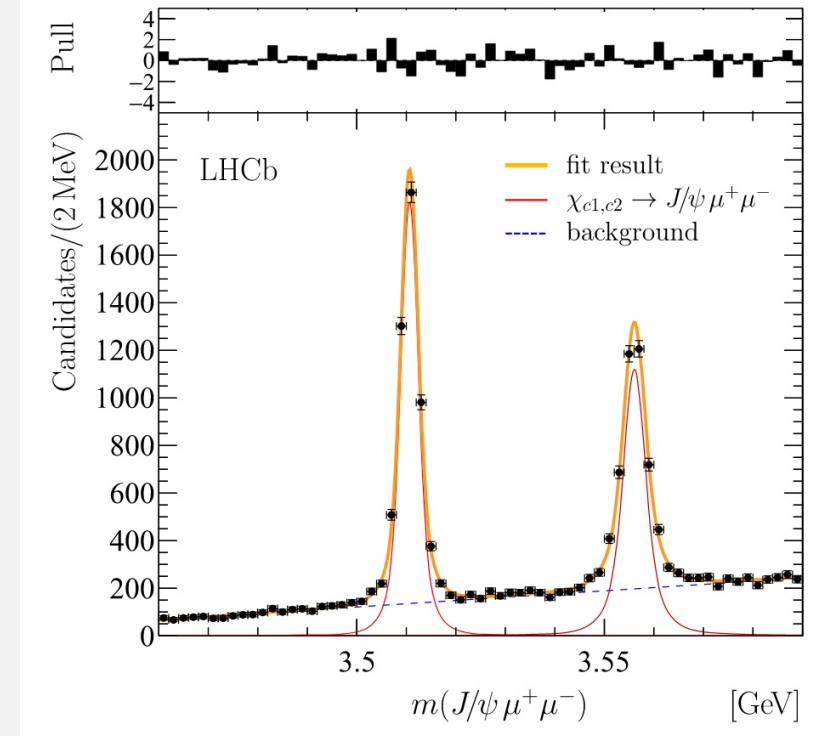
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# Quarkonium and Open HF production in AA collisions

- ❑  $X_c$  measurement challenging in AA
- ❑ Complementary to  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$  to understand the charmonia suppression/regeneration pattern
- ❑ Only LHCb can measure  $X_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$  at forward  $y$  (down to low  $p_T$ )
- ❑ Interesting new channel  $X_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \mu^+ \mu^-$  requires large stat (LHCb, ALICE)  
→  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in  $pp \sim 100 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  Pb-Pb
  
- ❑ Measurement of  $Y$ -states with good resolution at forward  $y$
- ❑ Together with open beauty hadrons down to low  $p_T$  (total  $b\bar{b}$  cross section)
- ❑ Measurement of baryonic heavy-quark states benefit from the improved vertex reco performances and boost at forward  $y$

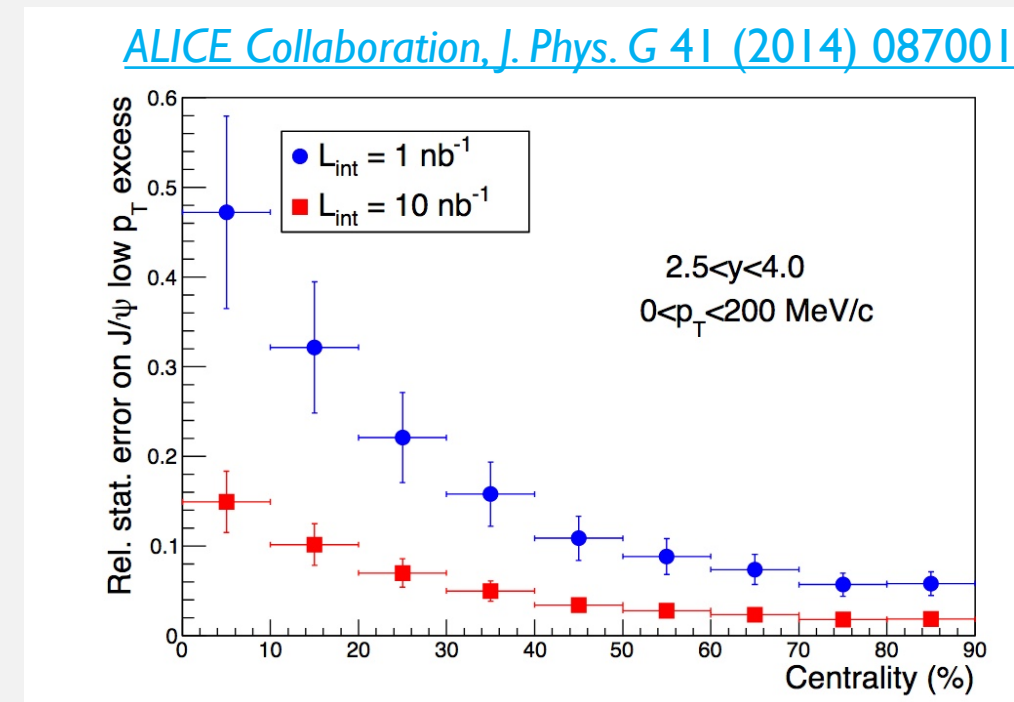
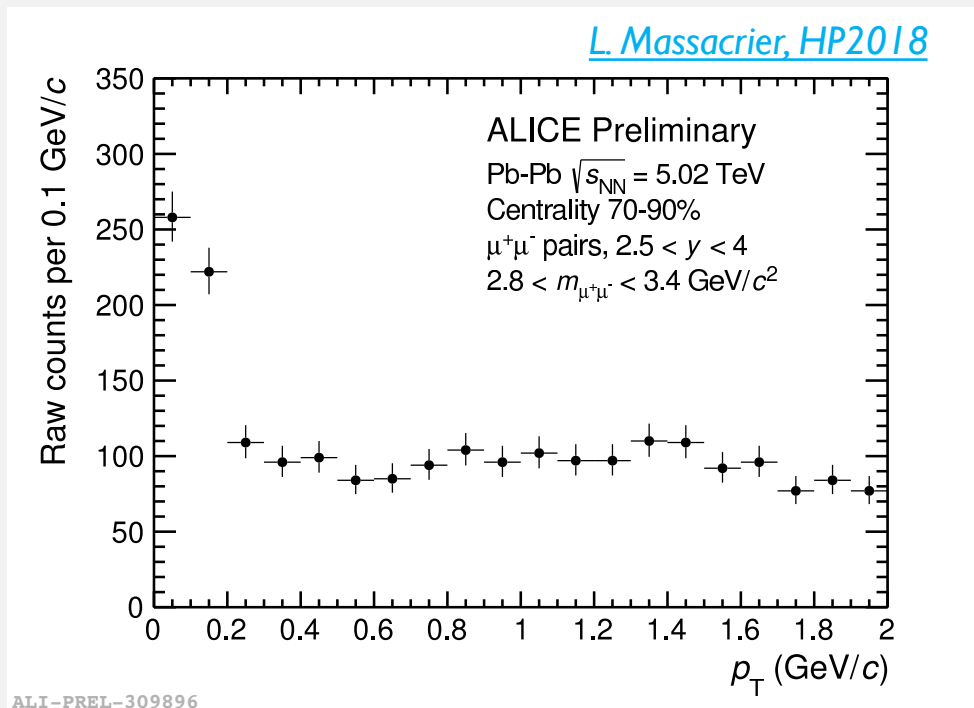
LHCb Collaboration, PRL 119, 221801



Precise differential  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $X_c$ ,  $Y$  production measurements could be studied at forward rapidity down to  $p_T = 0$  with suitable open-charm and beauty normalization channels

# Quarkonium photoproduction in AA collisions with nuclear overlap

- ❑ First observation by ALICE of an excess in the yield of  $J/\psi$  at very low- $p_T$  in peripheral AA collisions
  - attributed to coherent photoproduction of  $J/\psi$  in collisions with nuclear overlap
  - could potentially become a new golden probe of the QGP
- ❑ Run 3&4, measurement in most central AA collisions still challenging ( $\sim 15\%$  uncertainty on the yield)
- ❑ Excellent  $p_T$  resolution (LHCb) to study the  $p_T$  shape (and confirm the mechanism)
- ❑ Also needs large statistics : polarization measurement,  $\Psi(2S)$  and  $Y$  vector mesons to study medium interactions



# Low mass dileptons and thermal radiation in AA collisions

- ❑ Low mass dileptons sensitive to chiral symmetry restoration in the QGP and thermal radiation of the QGP
- ❑ Need excellent mass resolution to study the resonance line-shape (down to low  $p_T$ )
- ❑ Thermal radiation measurement limited by the background subtraction of leptons from HF decays

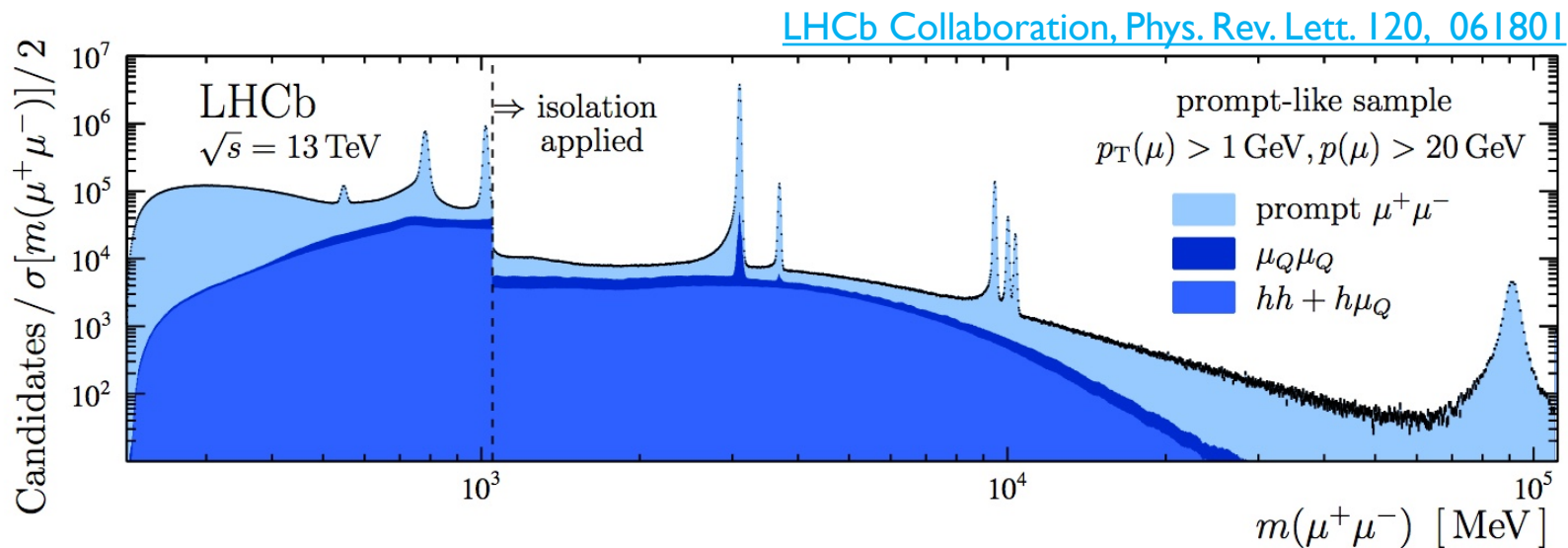


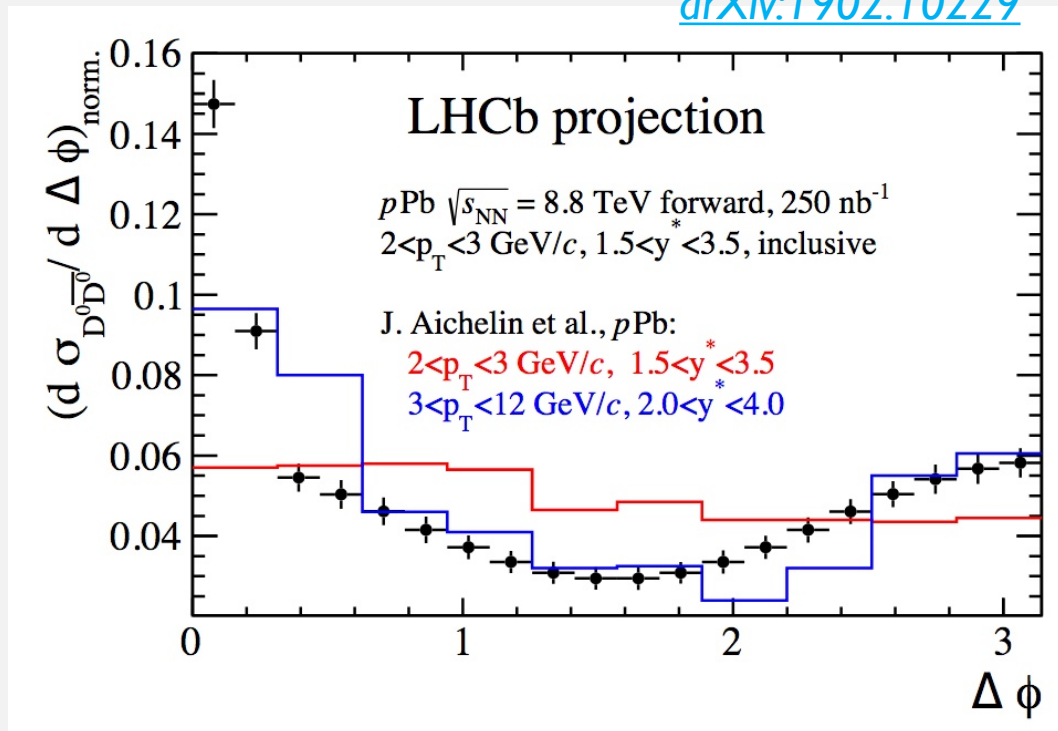
Figure 1: Prompt-like mass spectrum, where the categorization of the data as prompt  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\mu_Q\mu_Q$ , and  $hh + h\mu_Q$  is determined using the fits described in the text.

LHCb Upgrade II : unique potential to measure precisely dileptons in the dimuon channel and  $\rho$  line-shape to probe chiral symmetry restoration

# Open Heavy Flavour correlations in pA collisions

- ❑  $D\bar{D}$  correlations in pA collisions provides information to test modification of nPDF
- ❑ Measurements in  $p_T$  intervals provide differential information to test theoretical models with precision
- ❑  $D\bar{D}$  correlations in AA sensitive to in-medium eloss of heavy quarks (radiative versus collisional)

[arXiv:1902.10229](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.10229)



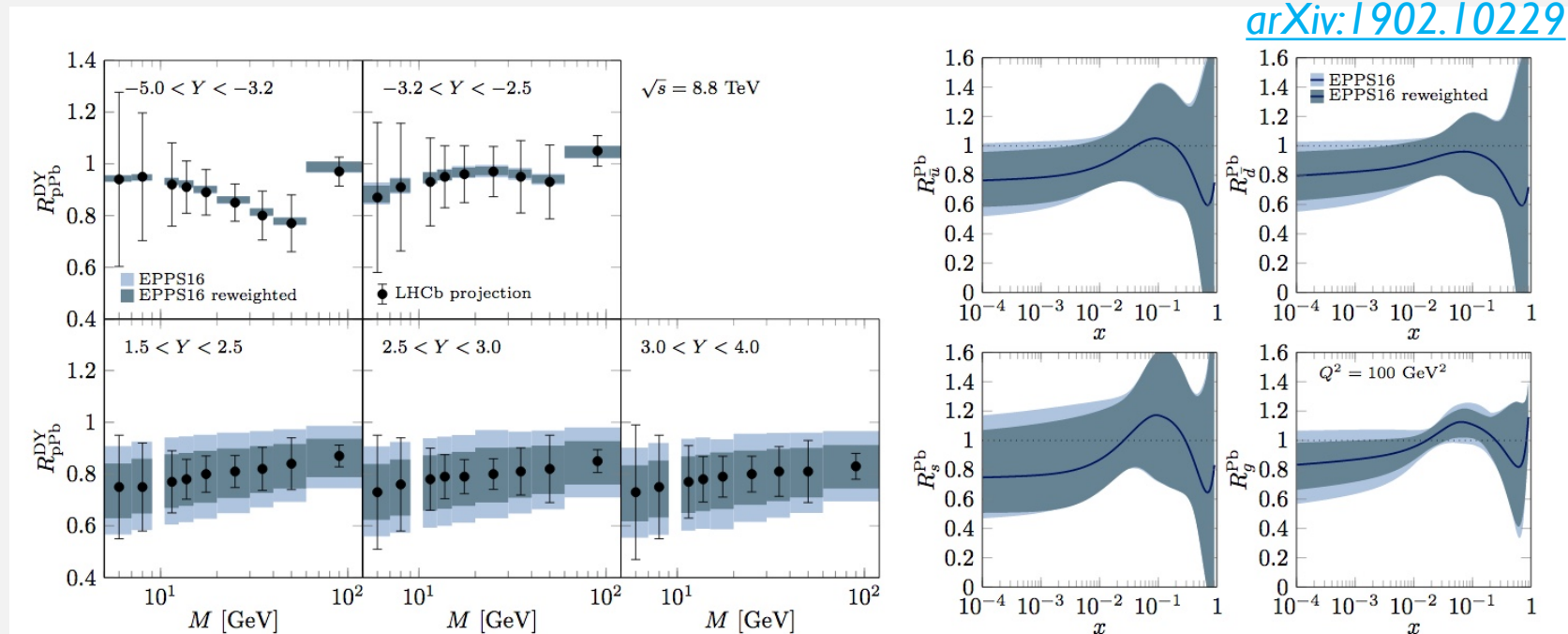
Correlation of fully reconstructed HF hadrons only possible in LHCb in the forward region

- ❑ Run5: Correlation in the  $b\bar{b}$  sector needs luminosity  $\sim 10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  in pPb



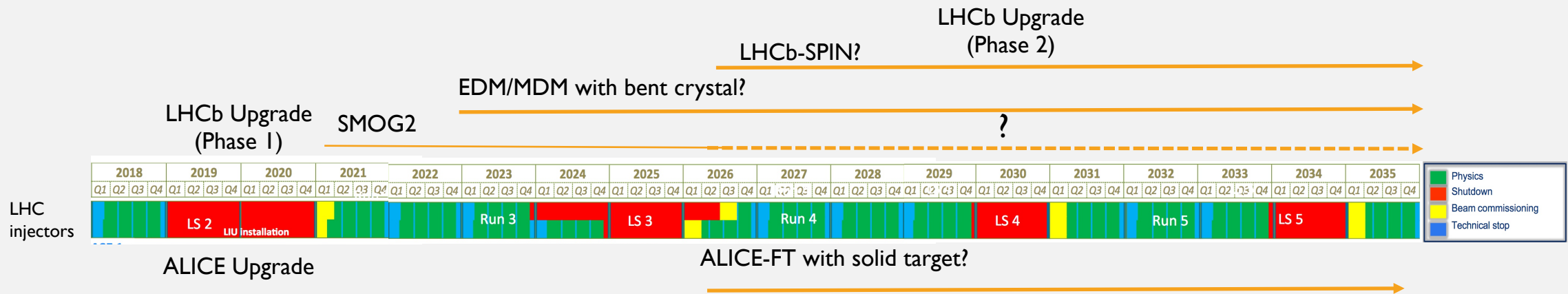
# Drell-Yan and photon production in pA collisions

- ❑ LHCb can access in pA collisions the low- $x$  regime ( $10^{-3} - 10^{-6}$ ) of the nucleus to look for parton saturation
- ❑ Unique low mass Drell-Yan measurement down to charmonium mass range demonstrated by LHCb in pp
  - similar performances can be expected in pPb with LHCb upgrade II
- ❑ Need large luminosities and background rejection of HF decays from VELO
- ❑ Also low- $p_T$  photon measurements unique opportunities thanks to improved calorimeter performances at high mult.



# Prospects for physics opportunities in fixed target mode for HL-LHC and beyond

- ❑ Several proposals in LHCb in the coming years for different physics motivations in the fixed target mode
- ❑ Proposal in ALICE to install a fixed-target setup (solid target or gas-jet) during LS3



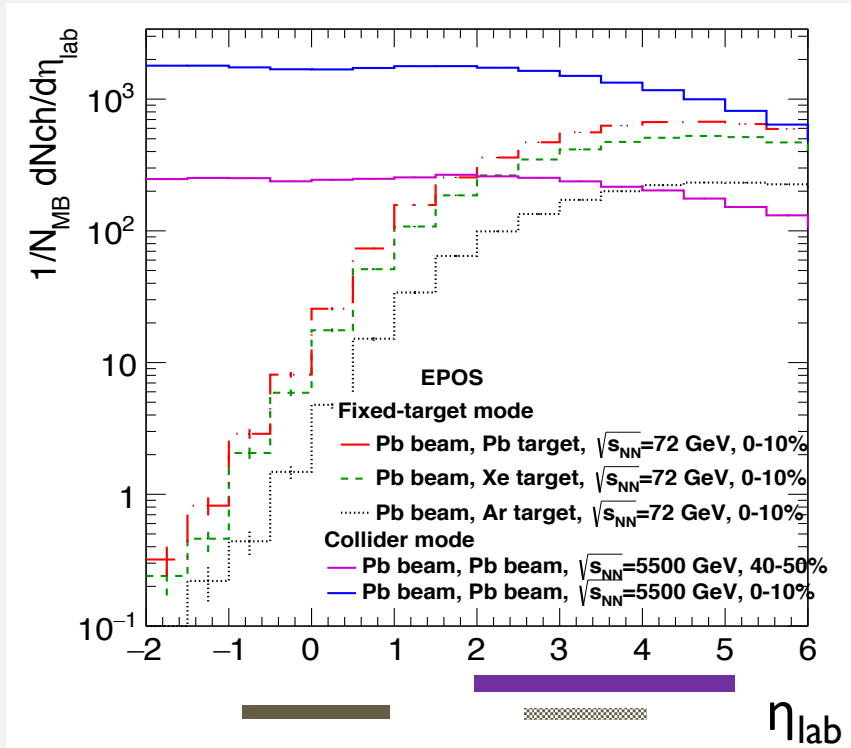
- ❑ Physics opportunities and projections by the AFTER@LHC study group for a LHCb-like detector assuming:

- $L_{int} \sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for pH collisions
- $L_{int} \sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  for pXe collisions
- $L_{int} \sim 30 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  for PbXe collisions

[arXiv: 807.00603](https://arxiv.org/abs/807.00603)

→ Well beyond current expectations for Run3

# Multiplicities in fixed target mode



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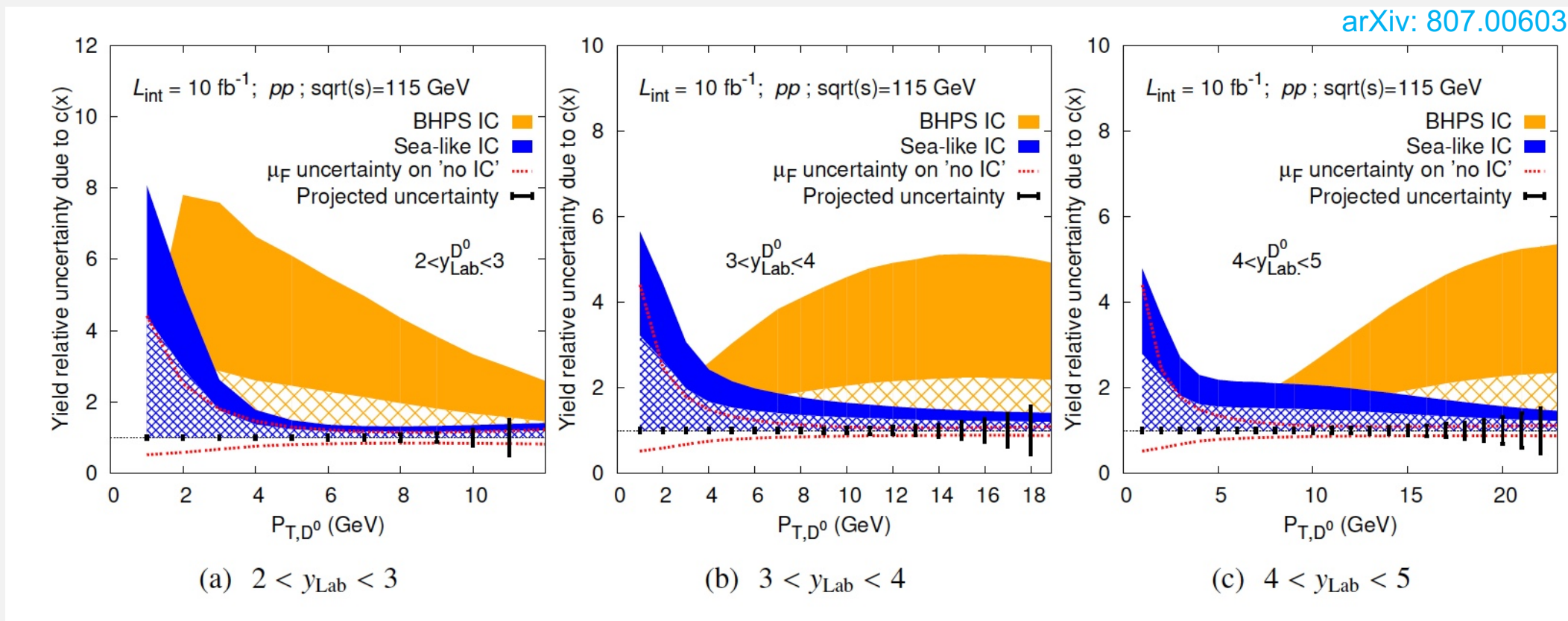
- ❑ Multiplicities in most central fixed target Pb-Xe / Pb-Pb collisions above multiplicity in semi-central Pb-Pb collider events (40-50%) at forward rapidity in the lab  
 → need higher granularity from Upgrade Phase II

# Explore the high-momentum fraction $x$ frontier in nucleons and nuclei

□ With an emphasis on the high- $x$  gluon and heavy-quark content of the nucleon and nuclei

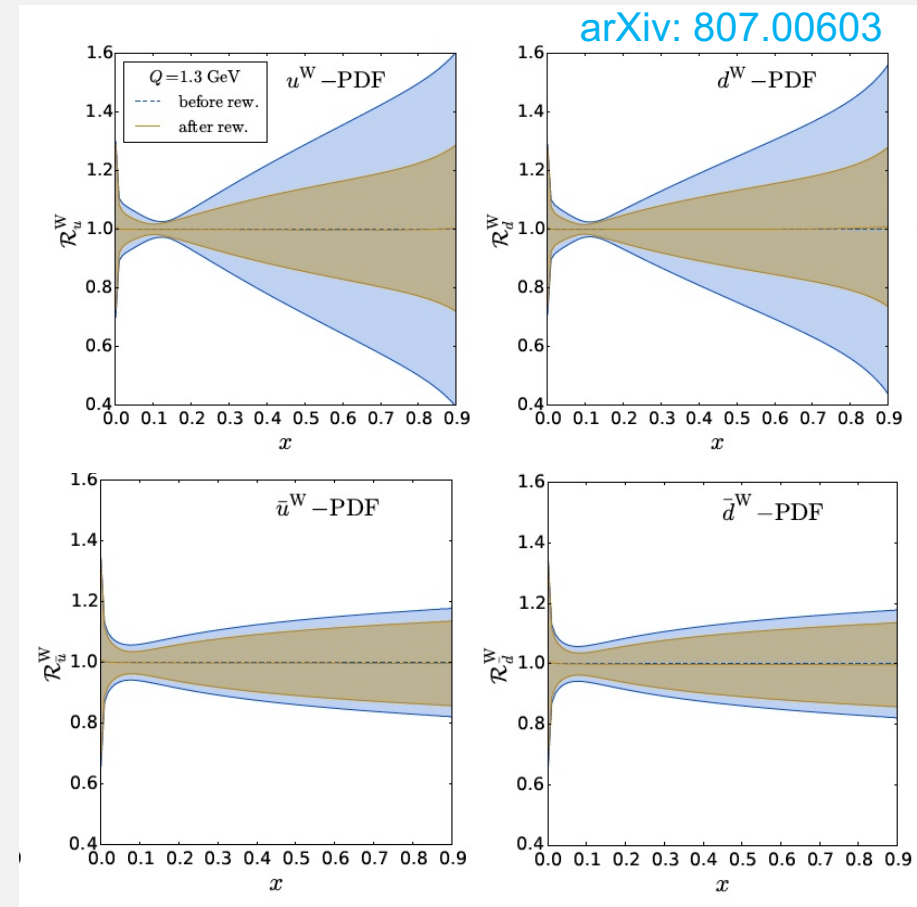
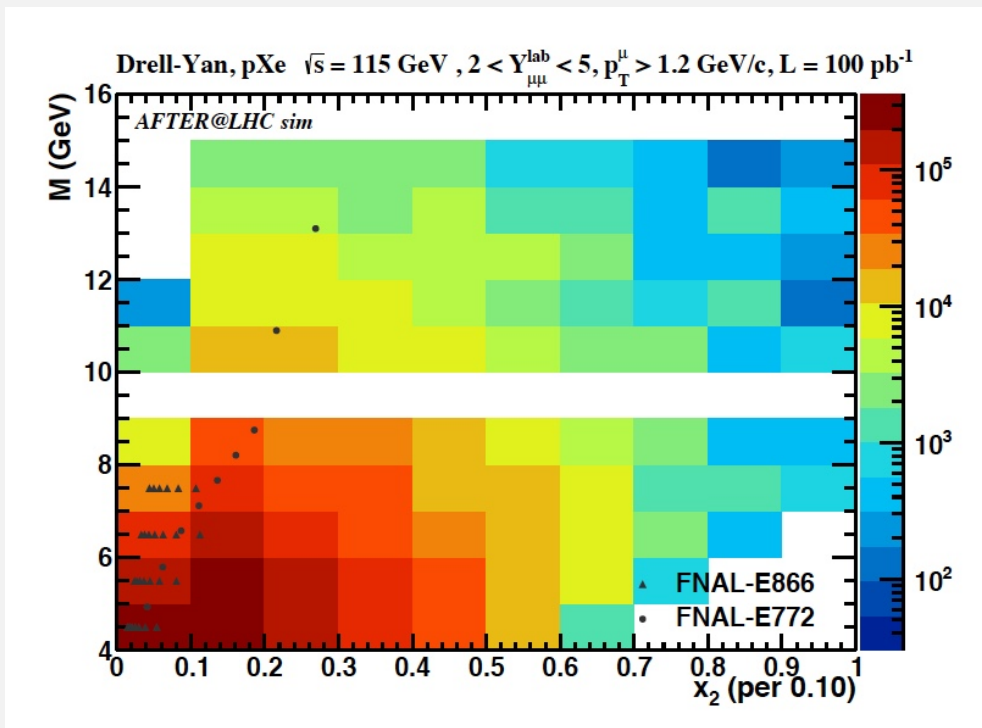
➤ Study a possible non-perturbative source of  $c/b$  quarks in the proton which would carry a relevant fraction of its momentum

→ Connexion with CR physics : important input to reduce the uncertainties on the prompt atmospheric neutrino flux



# Explore the high-momentum fraction $x$ frontier in nucleons and nuclei

- Improve the knowledge of PDF for the gluon at large- $x$  [also for strange, charm and bottom quark PDFs]
  - Precise high- $x$  PDFs crucial theoretical inputs for predictions of processes involving heavy new states in BSM theories
- Study the origin of the nuclear EMC effect in nuclei (with gluon and sea quarks)



# Spin and 3D nucleon structure

□ Advance our understanding of the dynamics and spin of quarks and gluons inside (un)polarised nucleons

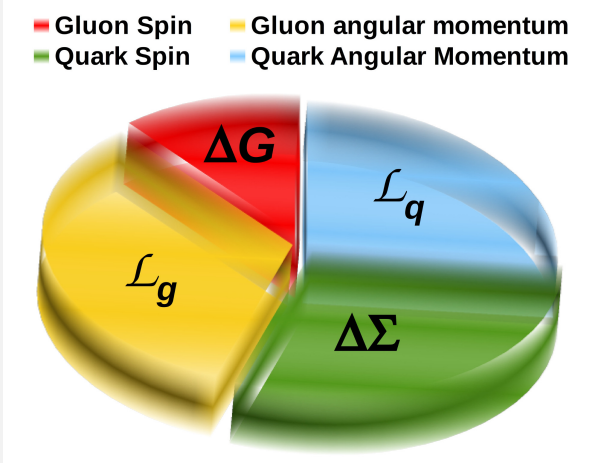
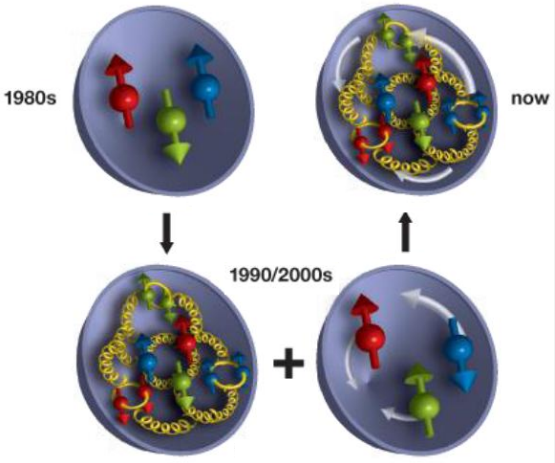
- From the spin crisis to the spin puzzle
- For longitudinally polarised nucleon, with helicity +1/2:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + \underbrace{l_g + l_q}_{\text{Orbital angular momentum of quarks and gluons}}$$

Spin of quarks and antiquarks

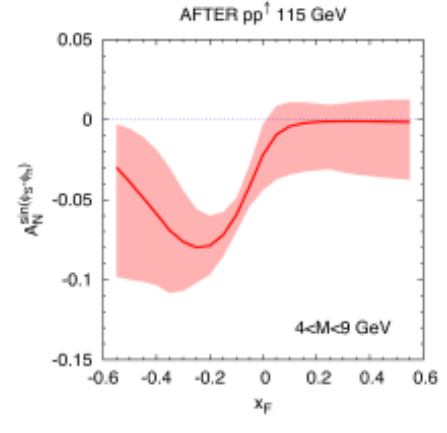
Spin of gluons

Orbital angular momentum of quarks and gluons



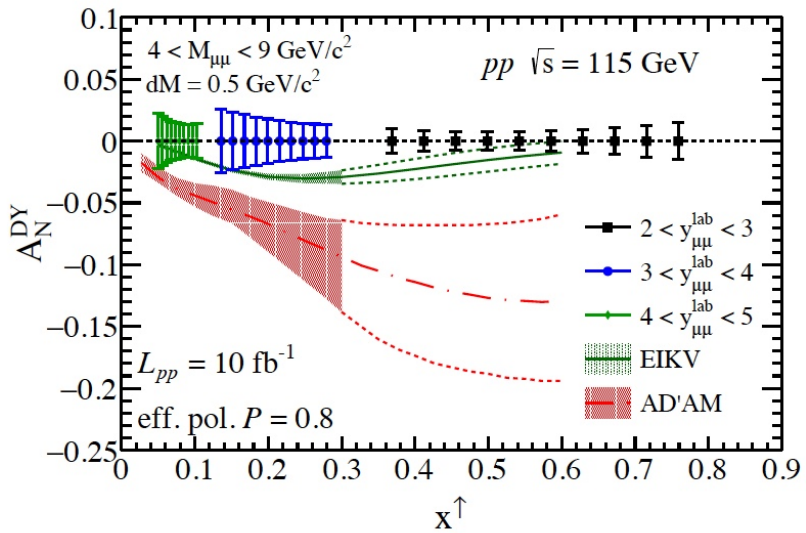
- First hint by COMPASS that  $l_g \neq 0$
- Access information on the orbital motion of the partons inside bound hadrons via Single Spin Asymmetries (Sivers effect)
  - Sivers effects : correlation between the parton transverse momentum  $k_T$  and the proton spin
    - Gluon Sivers effect at large  $x_F$  with gluon sensitive probes
    - Quark Sivers effect at large  $x_F$  with Drell-Yan
- Test TMD factorization formalism → sign change of  $A_N$  between SIDIS and DY

M. Anselmo, Feb. 2013 (Courtesy U. d'Alessio)

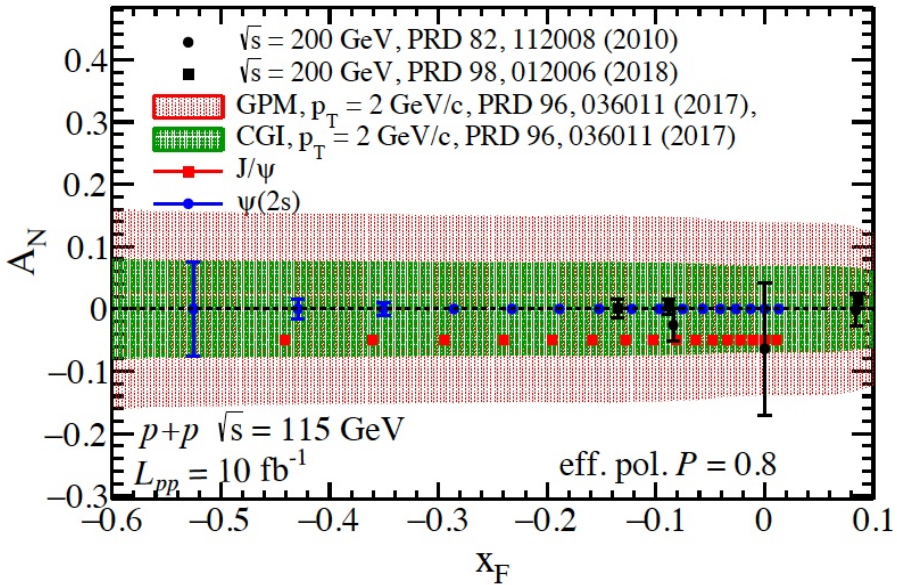


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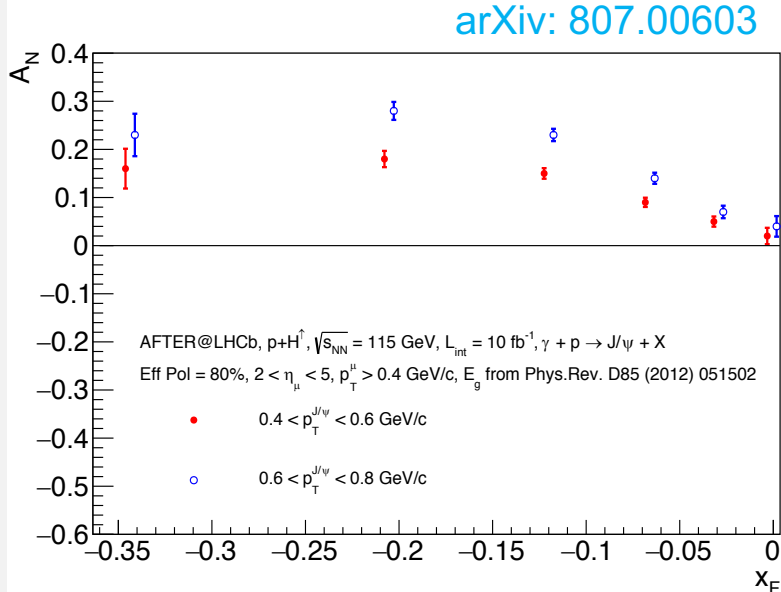
Drell-Yan STSA to probe the quark Sievers effect



J/ψ STSA to probe the gluon Sievers effect



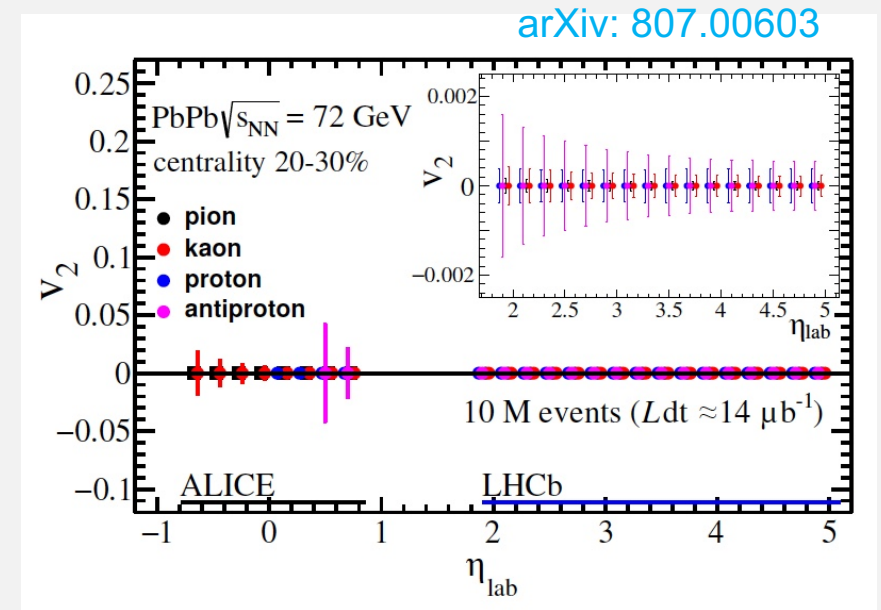
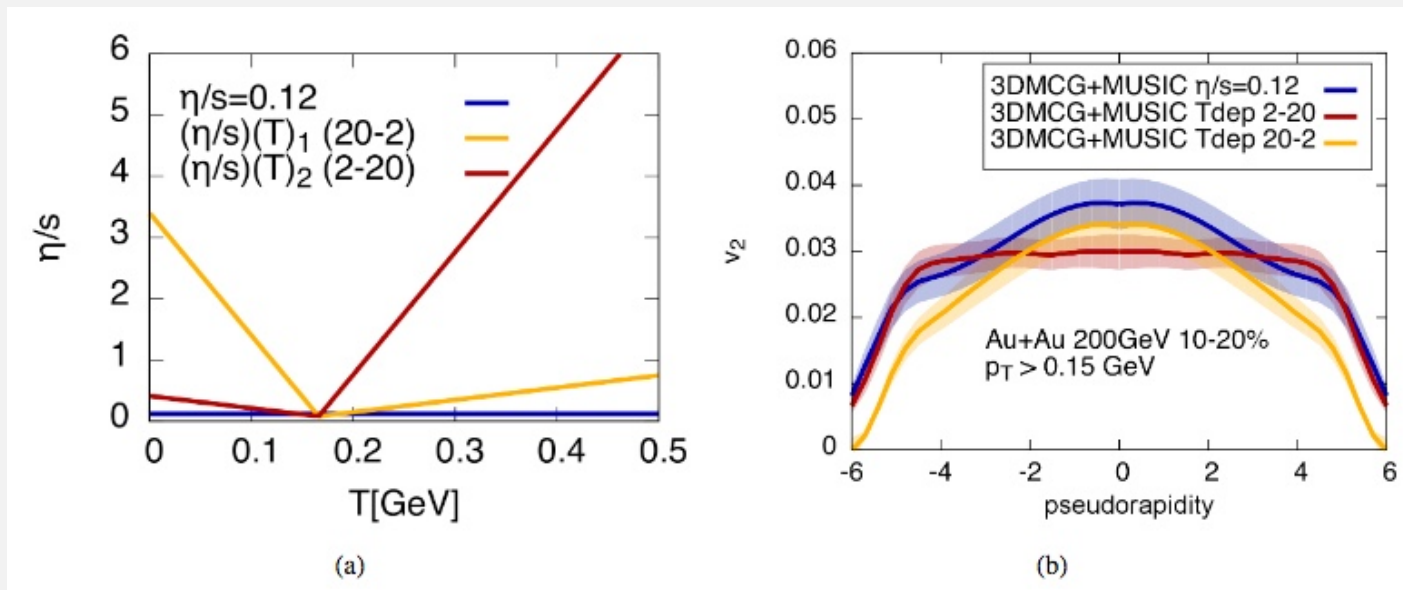
Photoproduced J/ψ to probe the gluon GPD E<sub>g</sub>



$$A_N = \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{eff}}} \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow} - \sigma^{\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow} + \sigma^{\downarrow}}$$

# Heavy-ion physics at large rapidity

- ❑ Advance the understanding of hadronic matter properties under extreme conditions (QGP) and explore the phase diagram of nuclear matter thanks to a rapidity scan down to the target rapidity
  - Rapidity scan at 72 GeV with FT@LHC can complement the RHIC beam energy scan from 62.4 GeV down to 7.7 GeV (at  $y_{\text{cms}} \sim 0$ )
- ❑ Advance our understanding of QGP macroscopic properties by probing the temperature dependence of the shear viscosity to entropy density ratio ( $\eta/s$ ) of the created matter



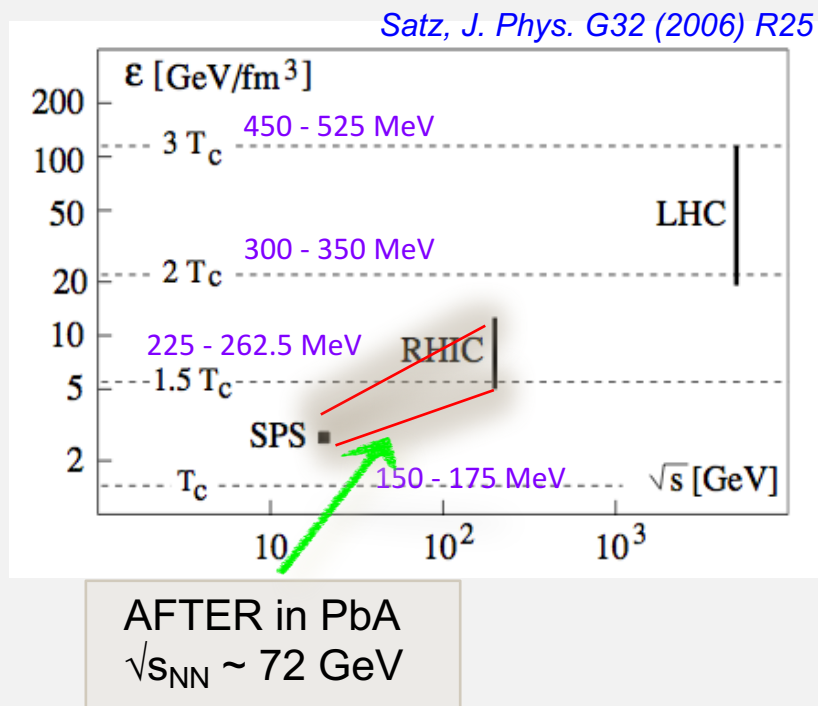
- ❑ Test the factorization of Cold Nuclear Matter effects with the Drell-Yan process



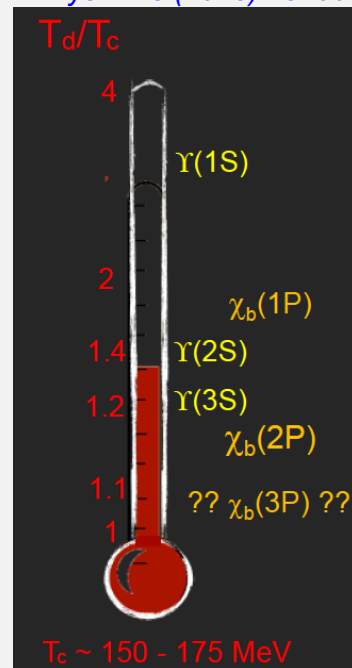
# Heavy-ion physics at large rapidity

## Search for the phase transition by looking at $\Upsilon(nS)$ suppression as a function of rapidity and system size (centrality and several targets)

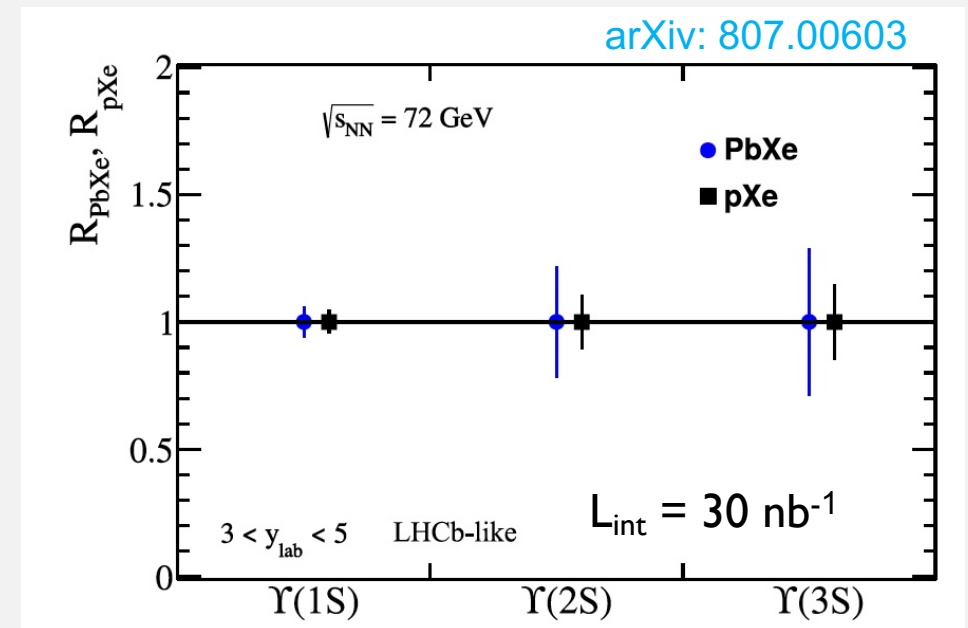
- In PbA collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 72$  GeV,  $\Upsilon(3S)$  and  $\Upsilon(2S)$  are expected to be suppressed : calibration of the QGP thermometer in AA
- Clarify the charmonium suppression pattern between top SPS and RHIC energies (no recombination, high statistics for hard probes)
- Probe large gluon  $x_2$  in the target, in particular with  $\Upsilon(1S)$  → constrain gluon anti-shadowing and EMC effects in pA



Mocsy et al, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A28 (2013) 1340012

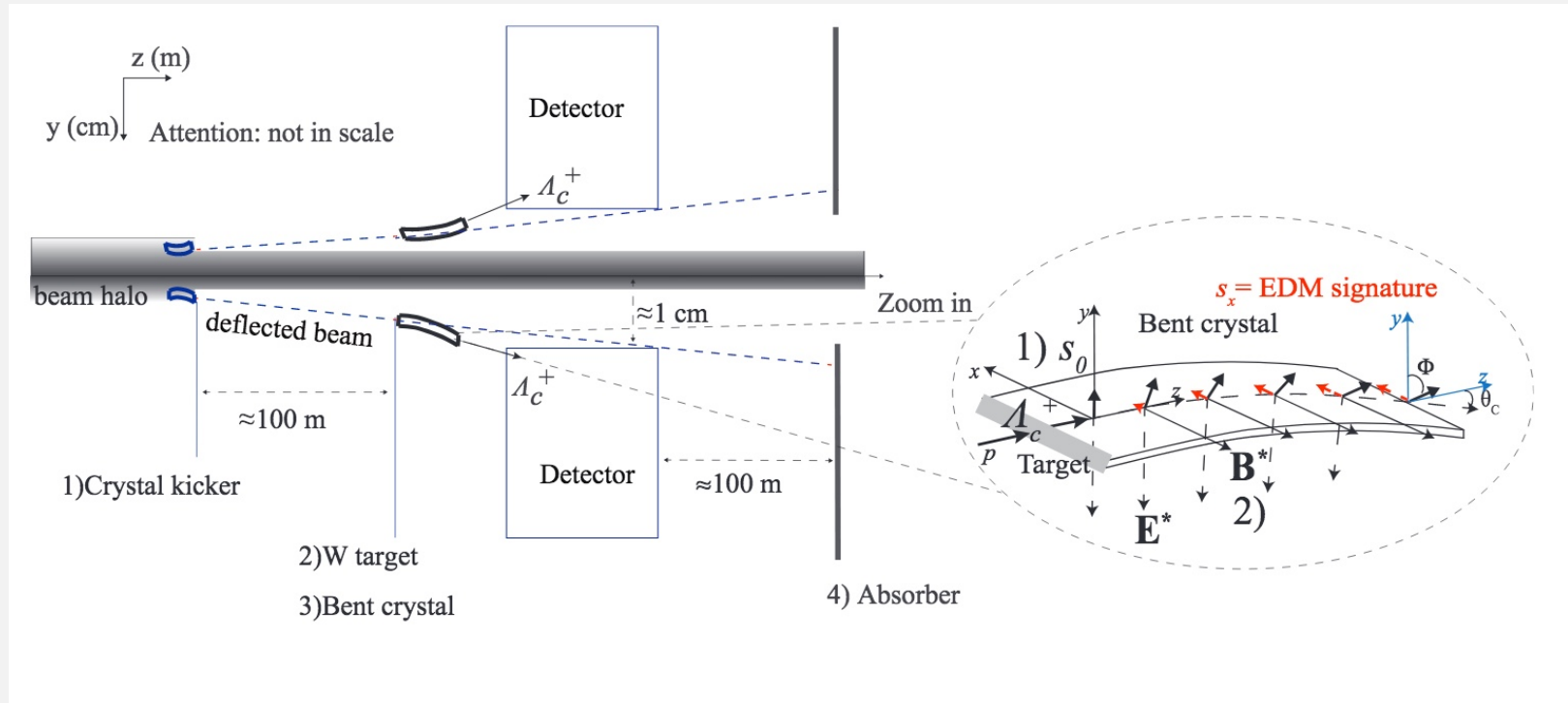


Dissociation temperature from lattice QCD (+hydro)



# EDM/MDM of heavy and strange baryons

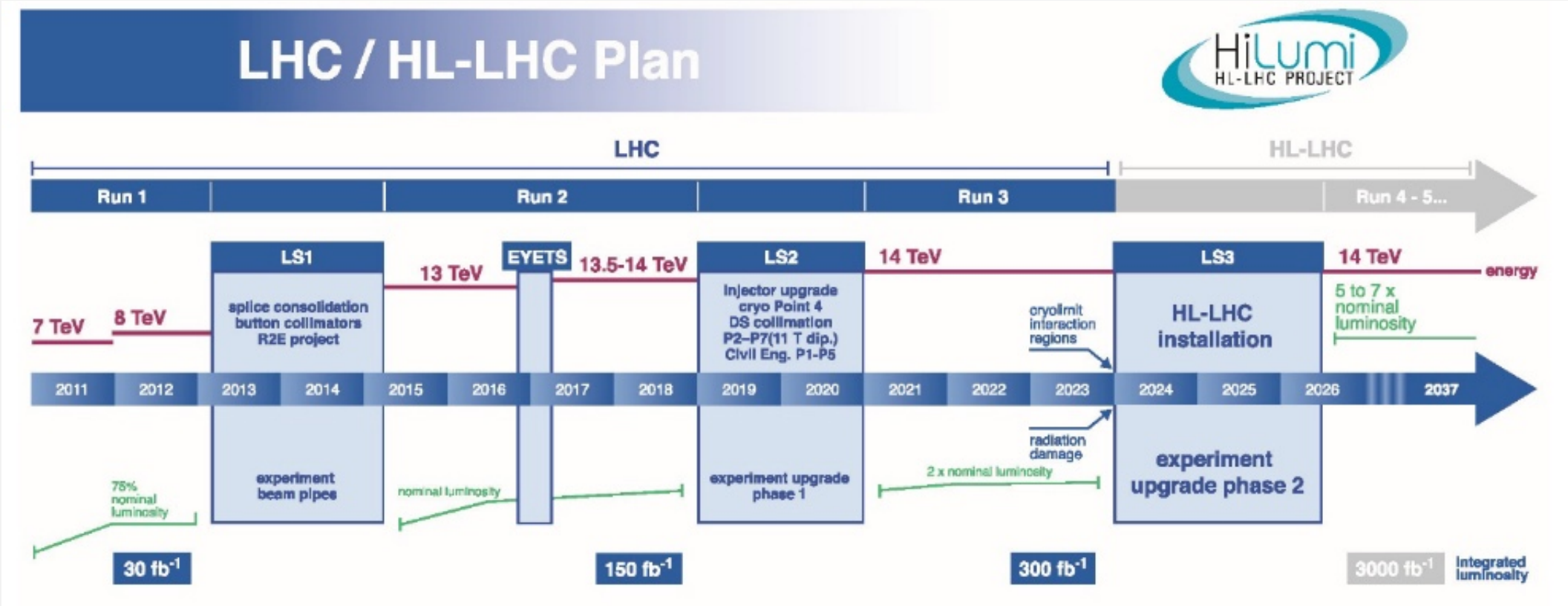
- ❑ Measurement of MDM of heavy baryons never performed due to their short lifetime
  - test of QCD calculations, improve current understanding of internal structure of hadrons
- ❑ Measurement of EDM of heavy and strange baryons powerful to probe physics beyond the standard model
- ❑ Setup unique to LHCb



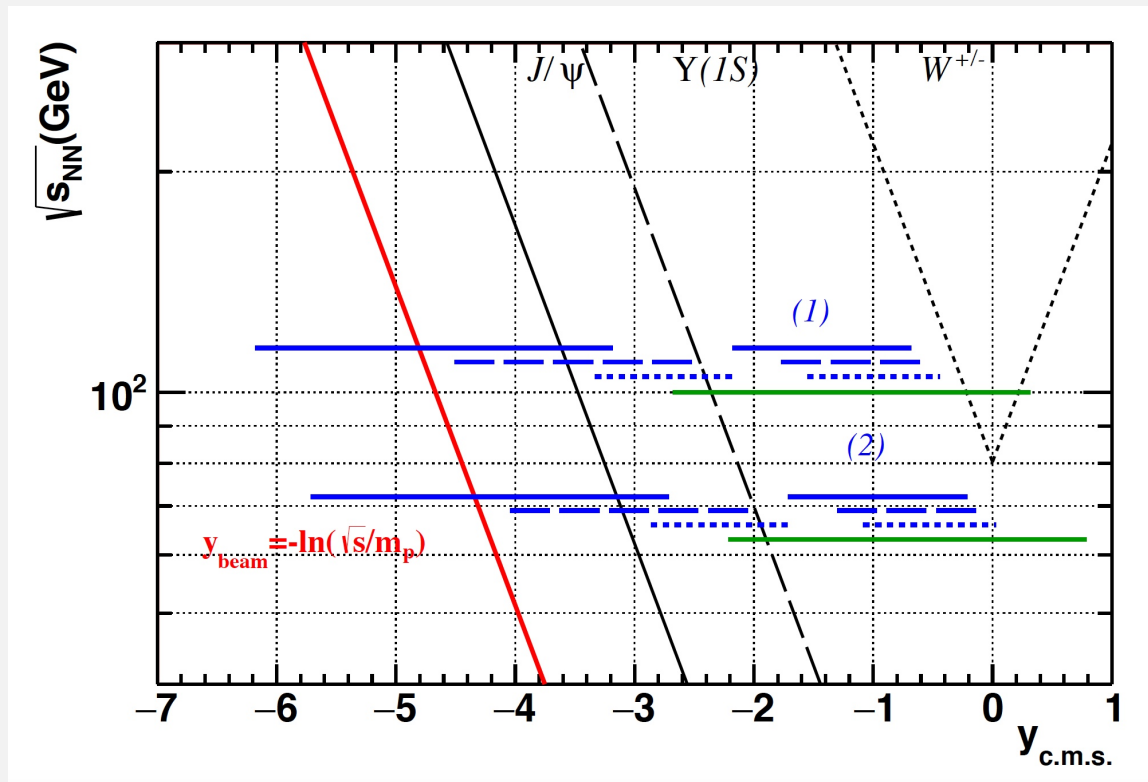
# Conclusions

- ❑ HL-LHC already starts with Run3 for Heavy-ions
- ❑ Four main physics goals identified with heavy-ions for Run3&4:
  - Characterize the macroscopic long-wavelength QGP properties (fluid dynamics) with unprecedented precision
  - Access the microscopic parton dynamics underlying QGP properties
  - Developing a unified picture of particle production from small (pp) to larger (pA and AA) systems
  - Probing parton density in nuclei in a broad ( $x, Q^2$ ) kinematic range and search for parton saturation
- ❑ Although no current approved plans for ion running beyond LS4, proposal exists (WG5 HL-LHC study group) to extend the heavy ion physics programme
- ❑ **LHCb upgrade phase II represents a great opportunity for LHCb to perform unique measurements in the forward region up to most central AA collisions and down to low  $p_T$  (quarkonia, Open HF, low mass dileptons, Drell-Yan...)**
- ❑ **LHCb is currently the only detector working with a fixed target mode and is well placed to conduct a full high-luminosity fixed target programme during HL-LHC and beyond**

# BACKUP

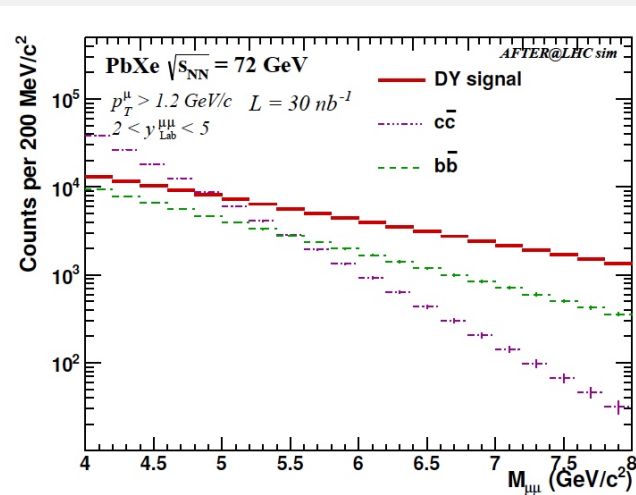


# ALICE versus LHCb rapidity coverage in fixed-target mode

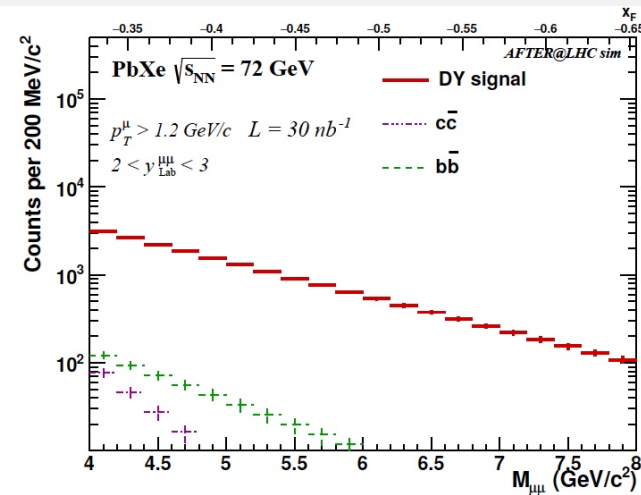


- LHCb coverage ( $Z_{\text{target}} = 0$ )
  - ALICE coverage ( $Z_{\text{target}} = 0$ )
  - - - ALICE coverage ( $Z_{\text{target}} = -2.75\text{m}$ )
  - . . . ALICE coverage ( $Z_{\text{target}} = -4.7\text{m}$ )
- (1) pp/pA fixed target collisions  
 (2) PbA fixed target collisions

# Drell-Yan in fixed target AA collisions



(a)



(b)

