

Production of *Exotic* Hadrons and Perspectives for Heavy Ion Collisions



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Outline

- Exotic Hadrons
 - What do we mean by exotic?
 - How do we know if something is exotic vs conventional?
- Why study exotics in heavy ion collisions?
- First data on exotics in QCD medium
 - $X(3872)$ in pp , pPb , $PbPb$
 - T_{cc} and $X(6900)$
- Perspectives
- Summary

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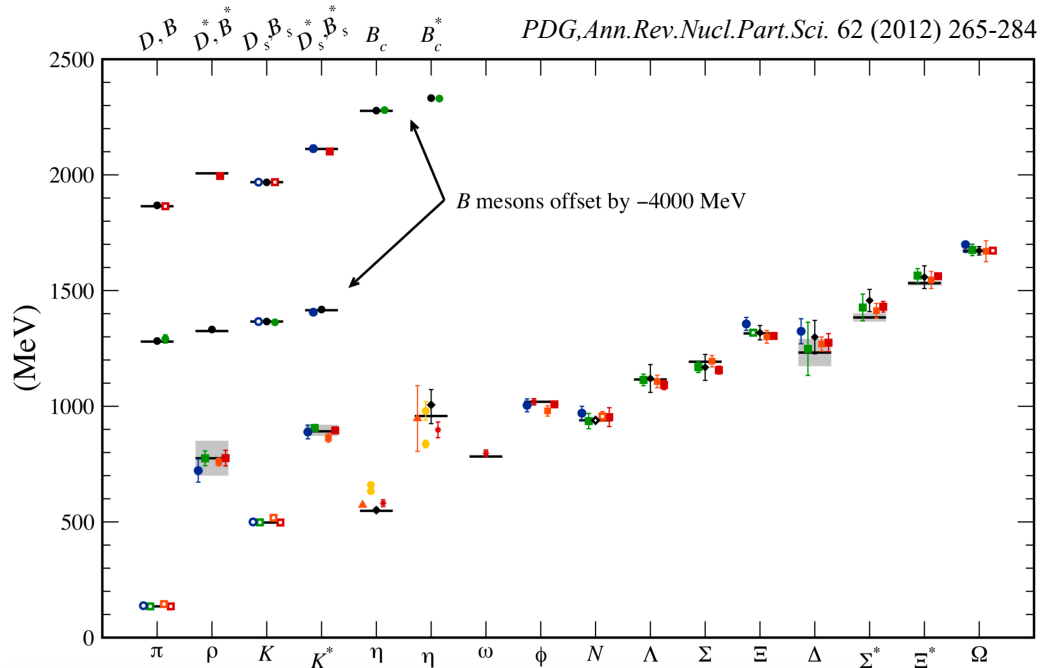
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Exotic = hadrons with >3 valence quarks

Expected since first days of quark model

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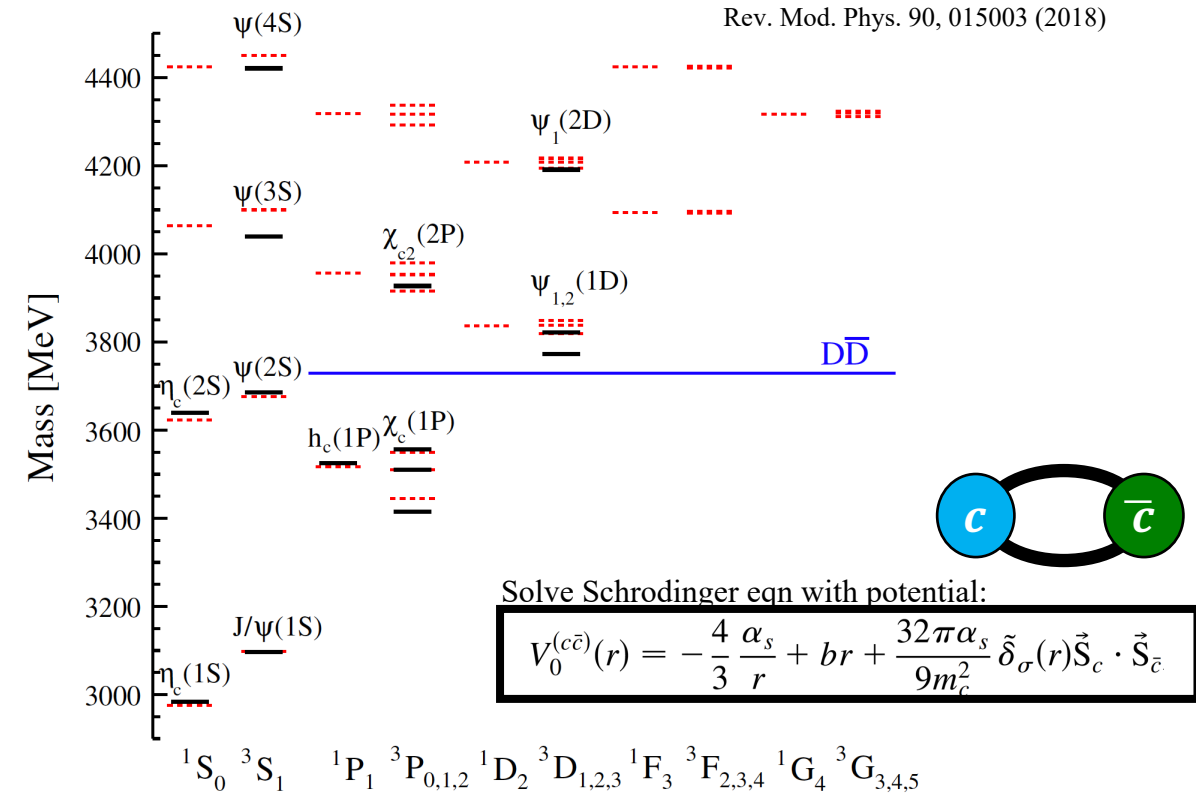
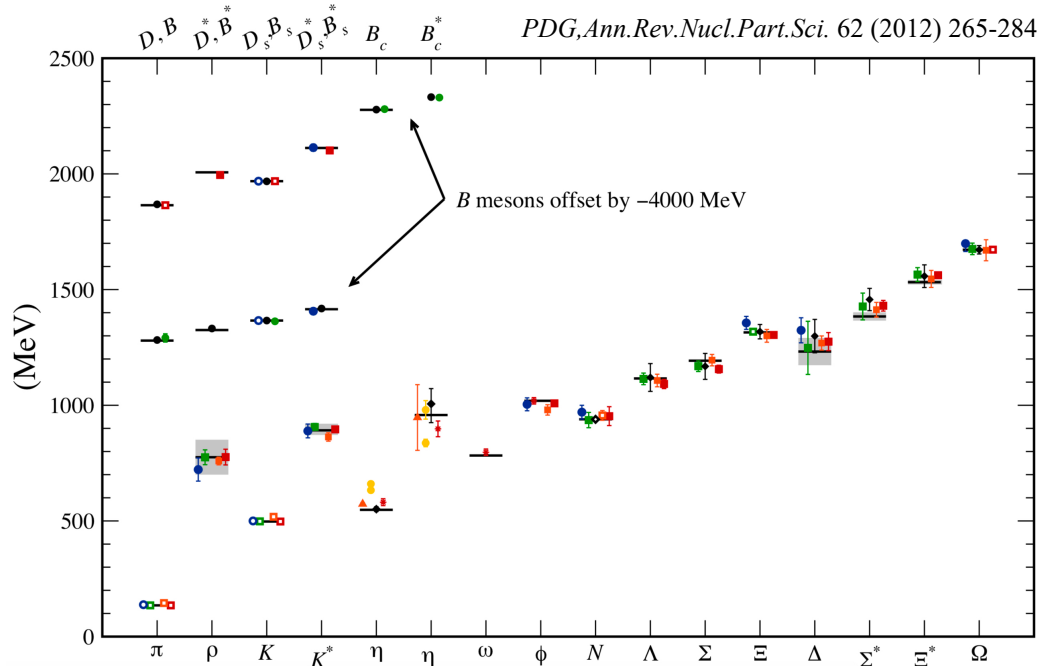


- Lattice QCD is an effective tool for light quark spectroscopy
- Uncertainties on masses typically $\sim 10\%$
- **Decades of controversy on status of potential light quark exotics**

See talk by Neelima Agrawal, Weds

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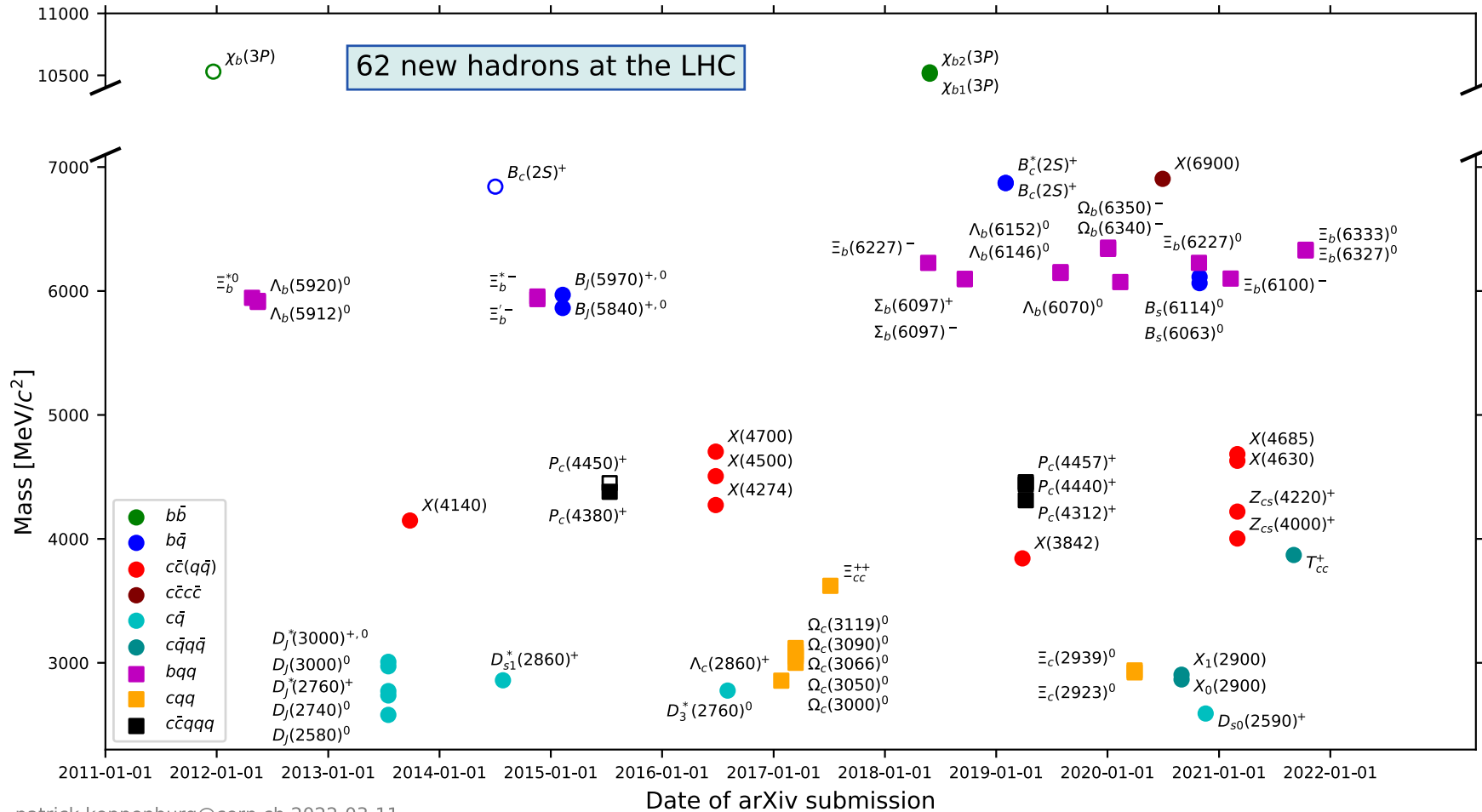
Solve Schrodinger eqn with potential:

$$V_0^{(c\bar{c})}(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + br + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9m_c^2} \delta_\sigma(r) \vec{S}_c \cdot \vec{S}_{\bar{c}}$$

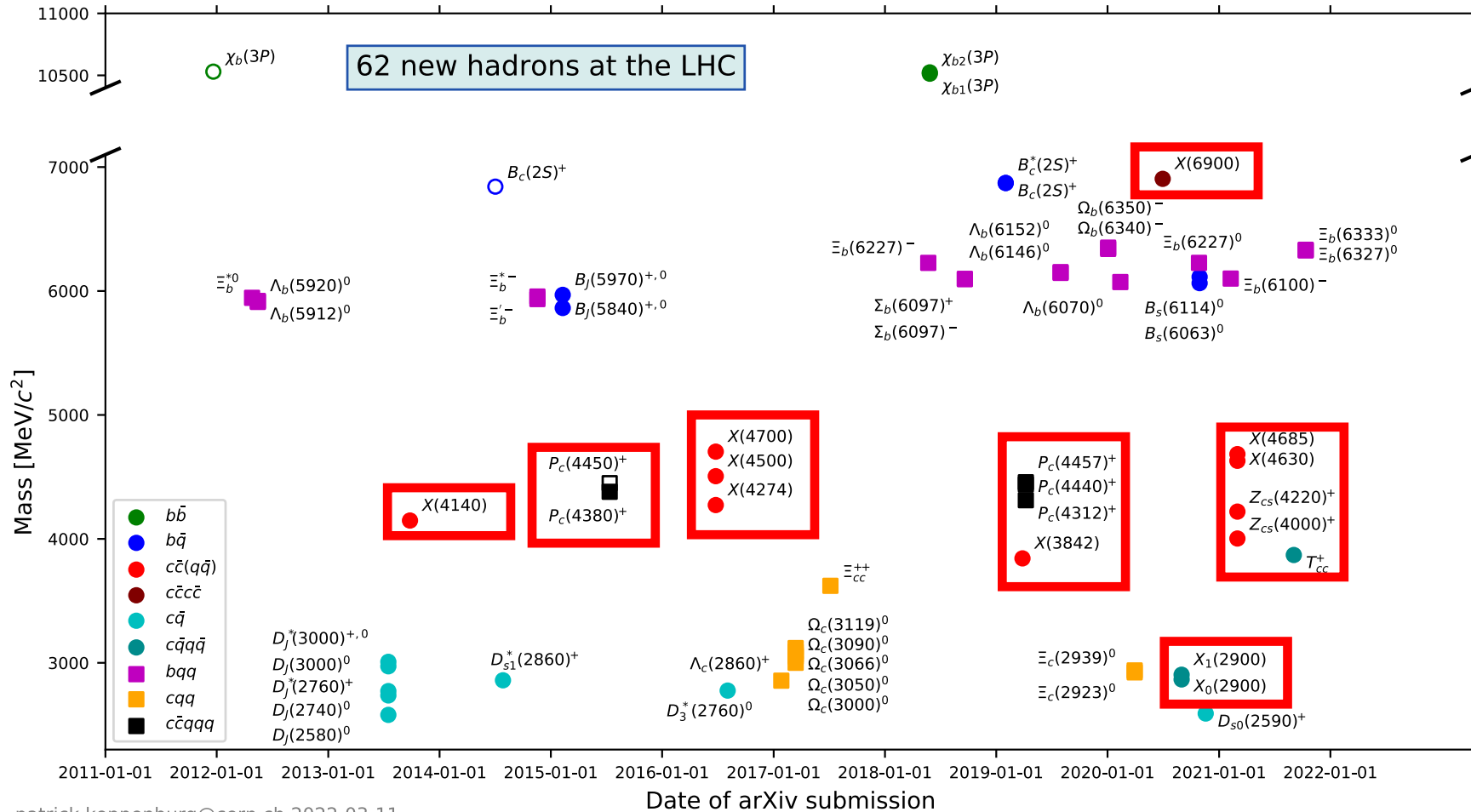
- Charm/bottom produced through perturbative QCD processes
- Potential models produce all known quarkonia states
- Predictive: masses typically within <1% of measurements
- **Conventional heavy quarkonia spectrum well understood**

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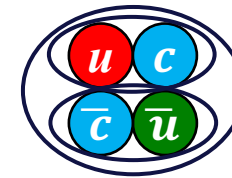
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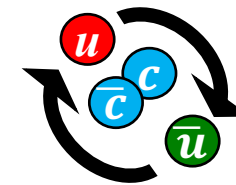
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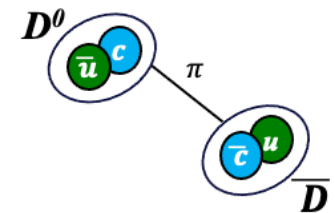


Diquark-diantiquark
 PRD 71, 014028 (2005)
 PLB 662 424 (2008)



Hadrocharmonium/adjoint charmonium
 PLB 666 344 (2008)
 PLB 671 82 (2009)

Hadronic Molecules



PLB 590 209 (2004)
 PRD 77 014029 (2008)
 PRD 100 0115029(R) (2019)

Mixtures

$$X = a |c\bar{c}\rangle + b |c\bar{c}q\bar{q}\rangle$$

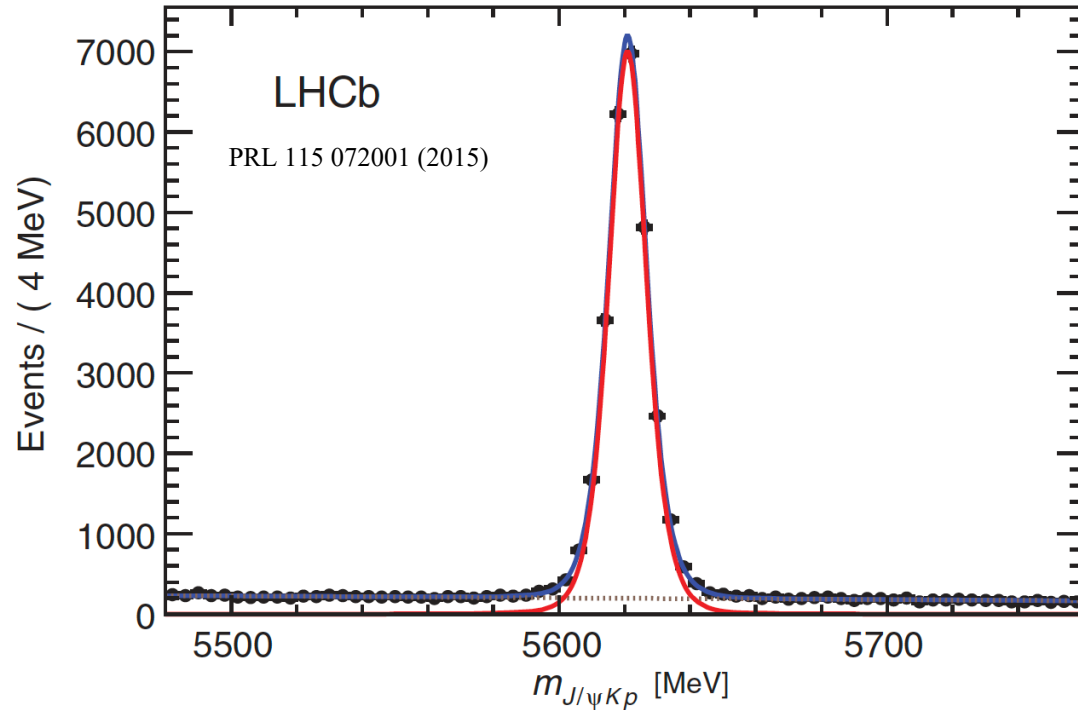
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**The quark model is rapidly expanding:
 study of exotics states largely driven by experiment**

Example: P_c^\pm pentaquarks

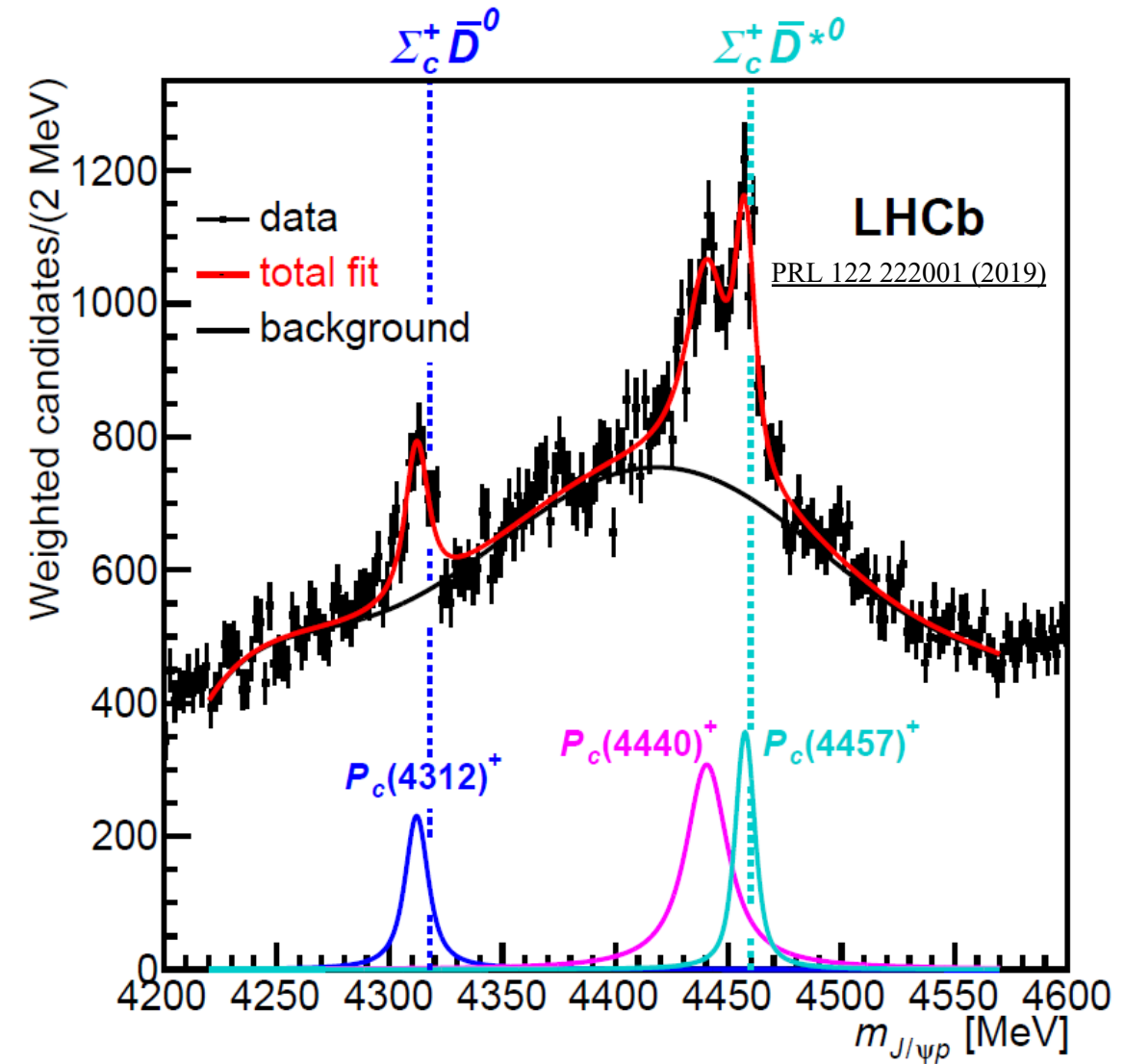
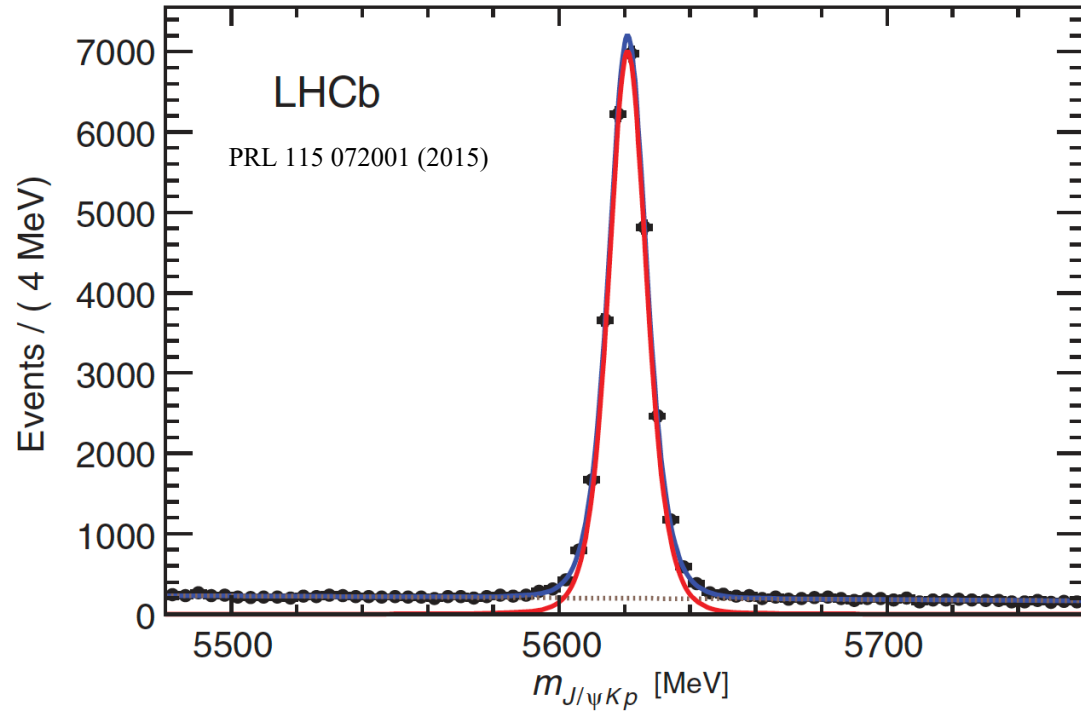
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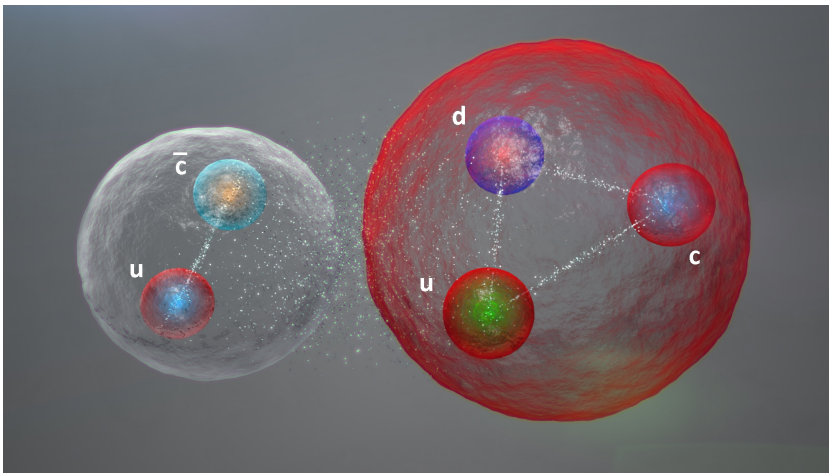
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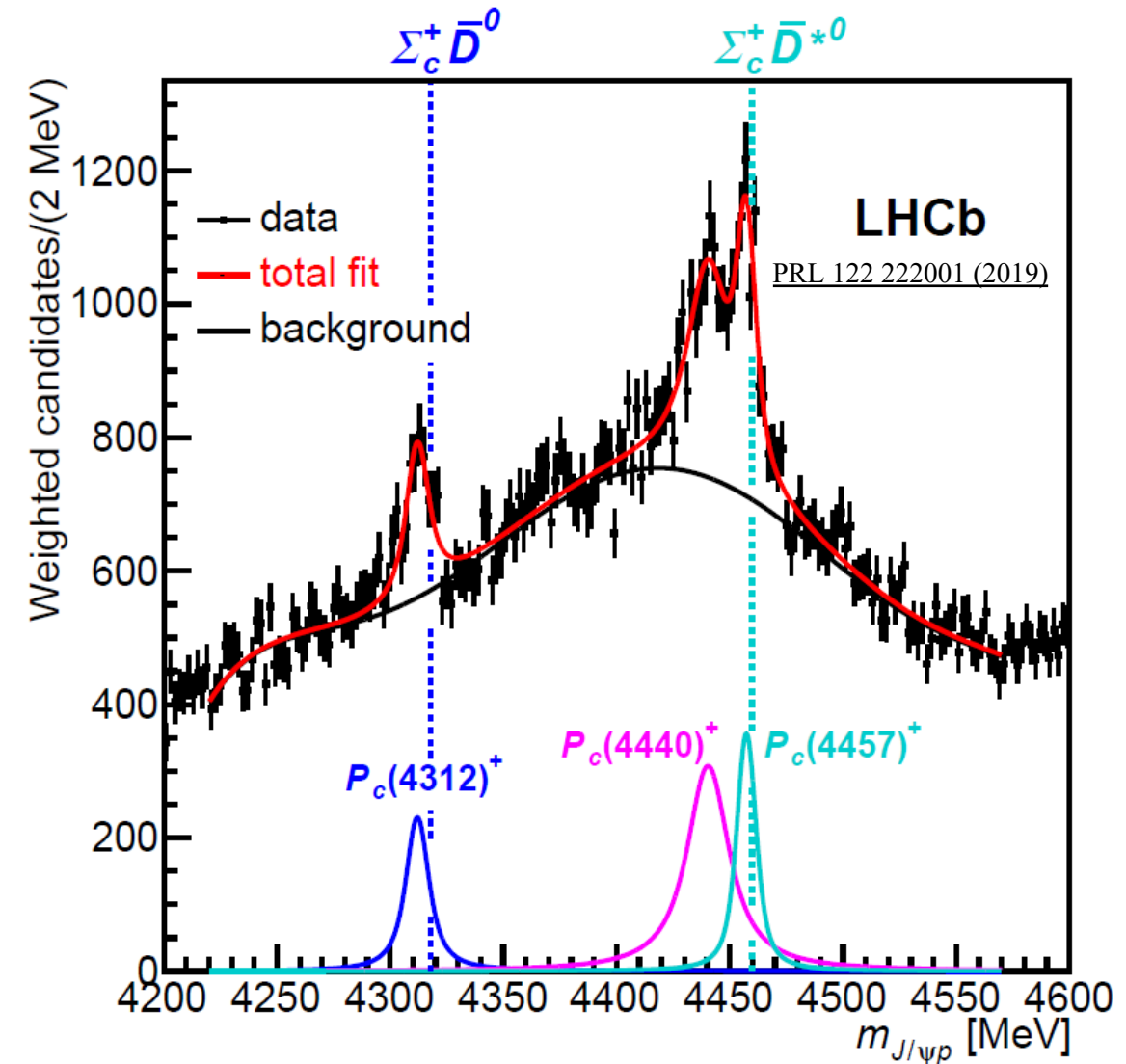
Masses are close to meson+baryon thresholds:
candidate hadronic molecule

[PRL 22 242001 \(2019\)](#)



Also interpreted as hadrocharmonium: [MPL A 35 250151 \(2020\)](#)

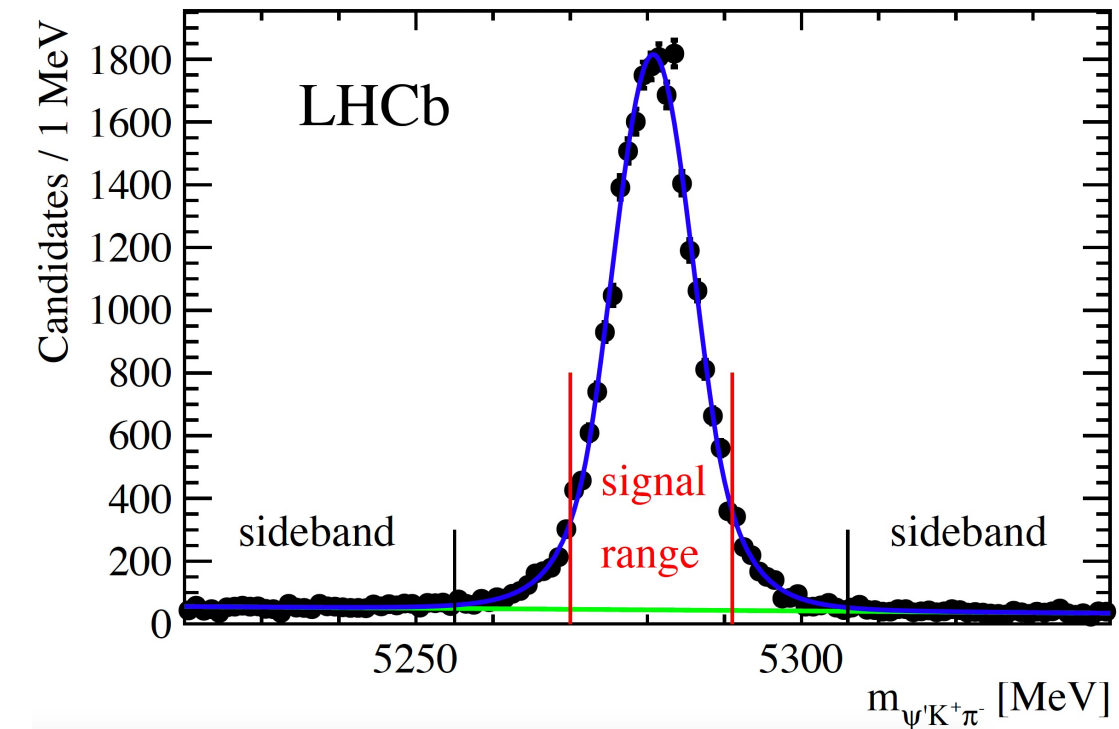
or compact states: [PLB 793 \(2019\) 365-371](#)



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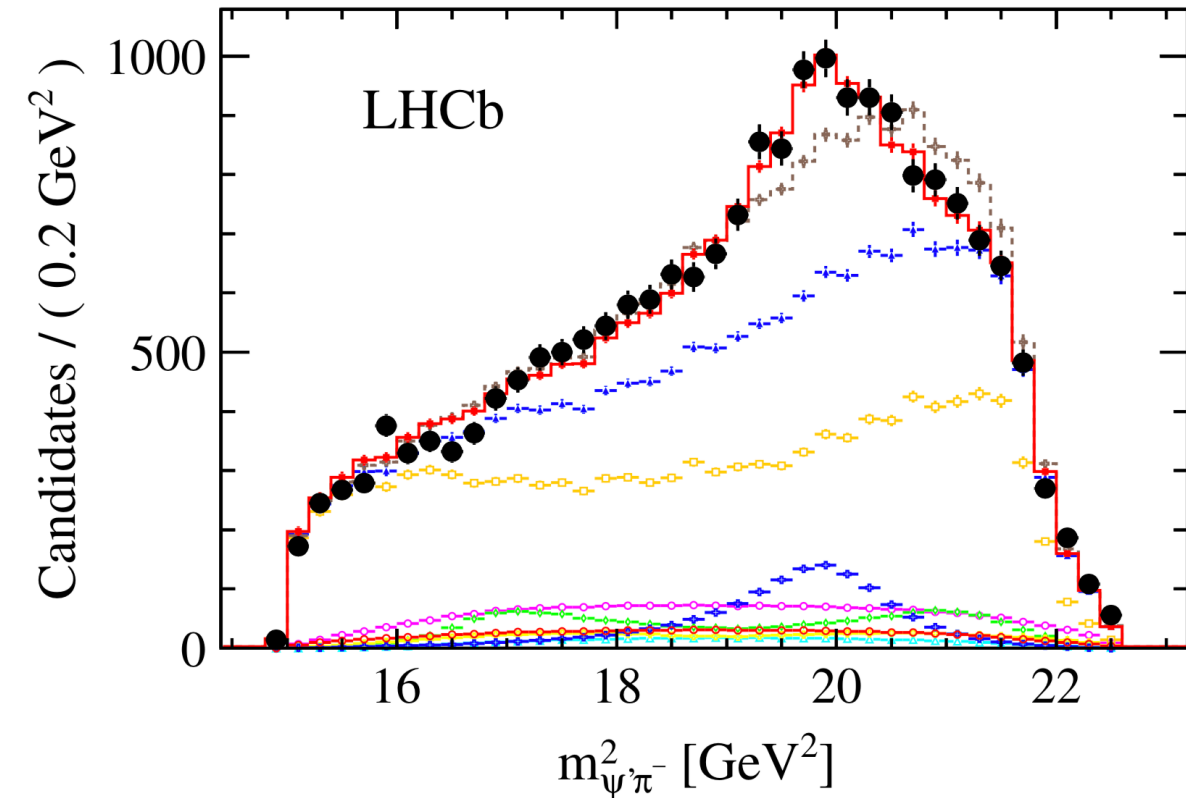
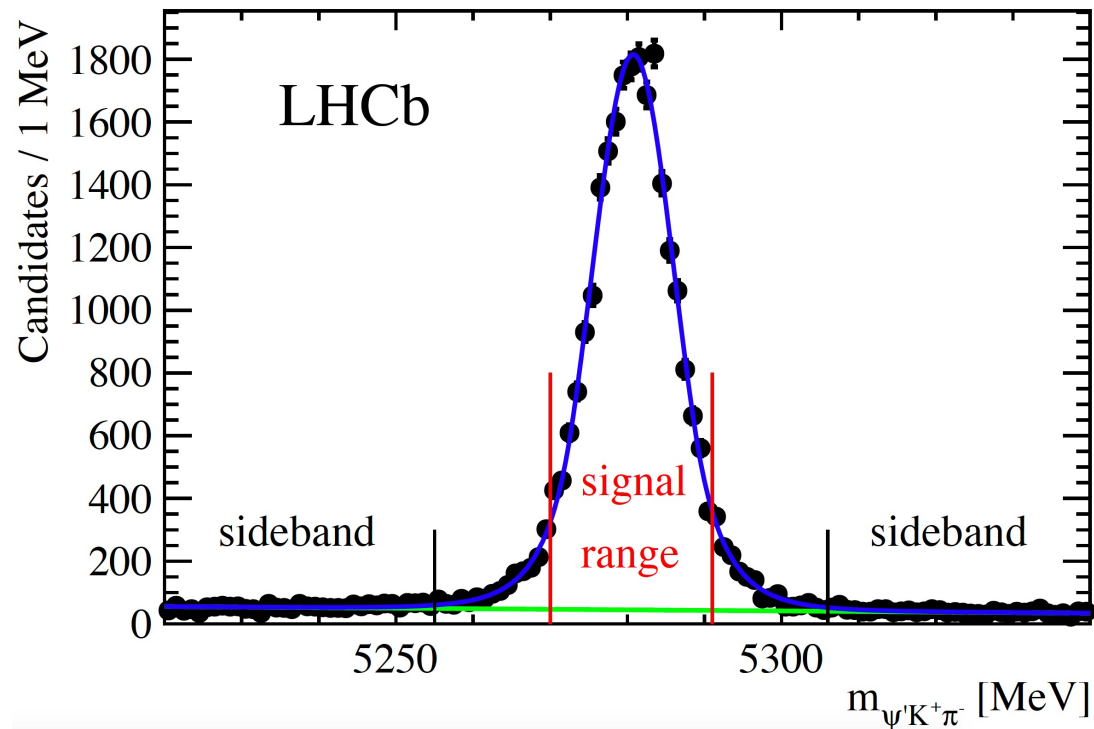


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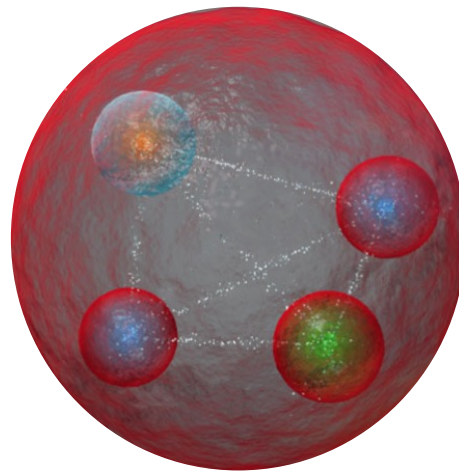
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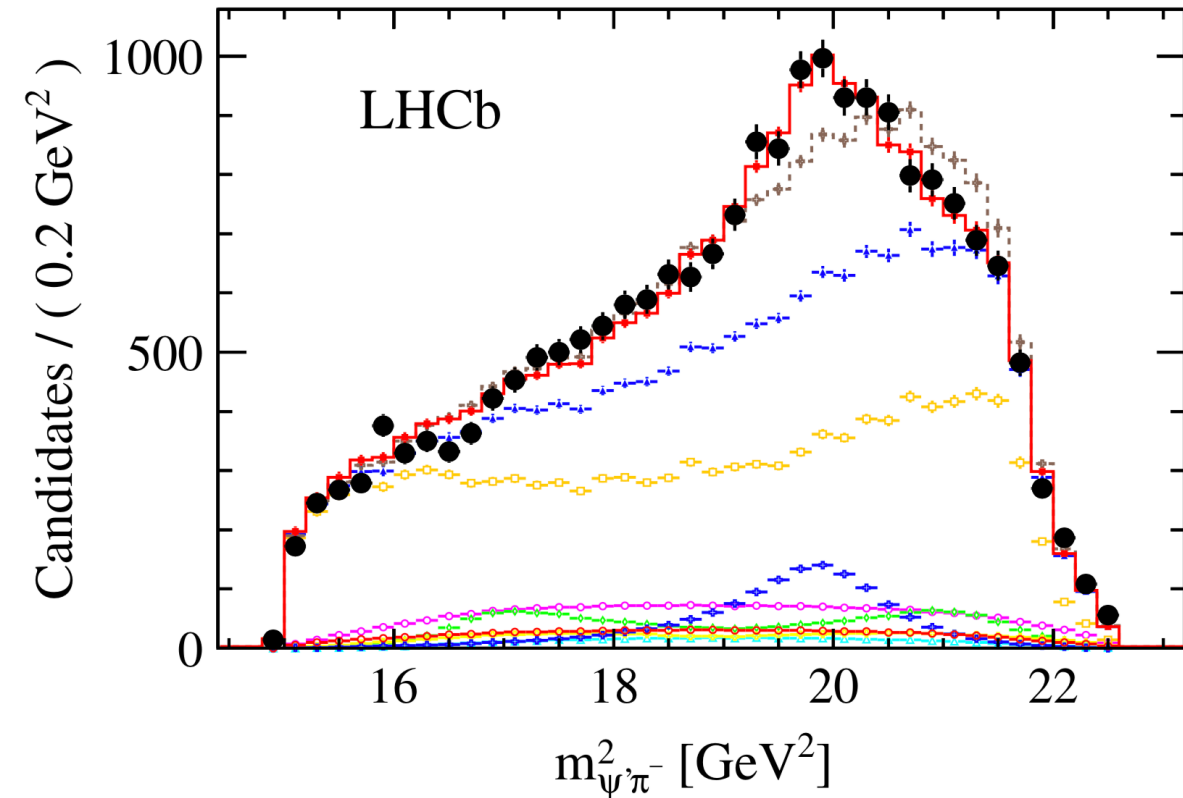
Charged and contains $c\bar{c}$ pair: “manifestly exotic”
minimal quark content $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}$

**Mass not close to any known
hadron+hadron threshold:
candidate compact tetraquark**

Diquark model: [PRD 89 114010 \(2014\)](#)

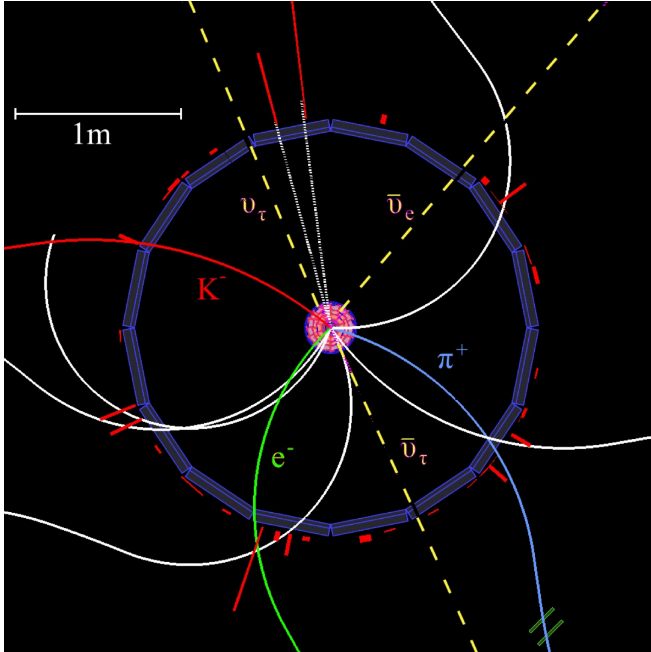


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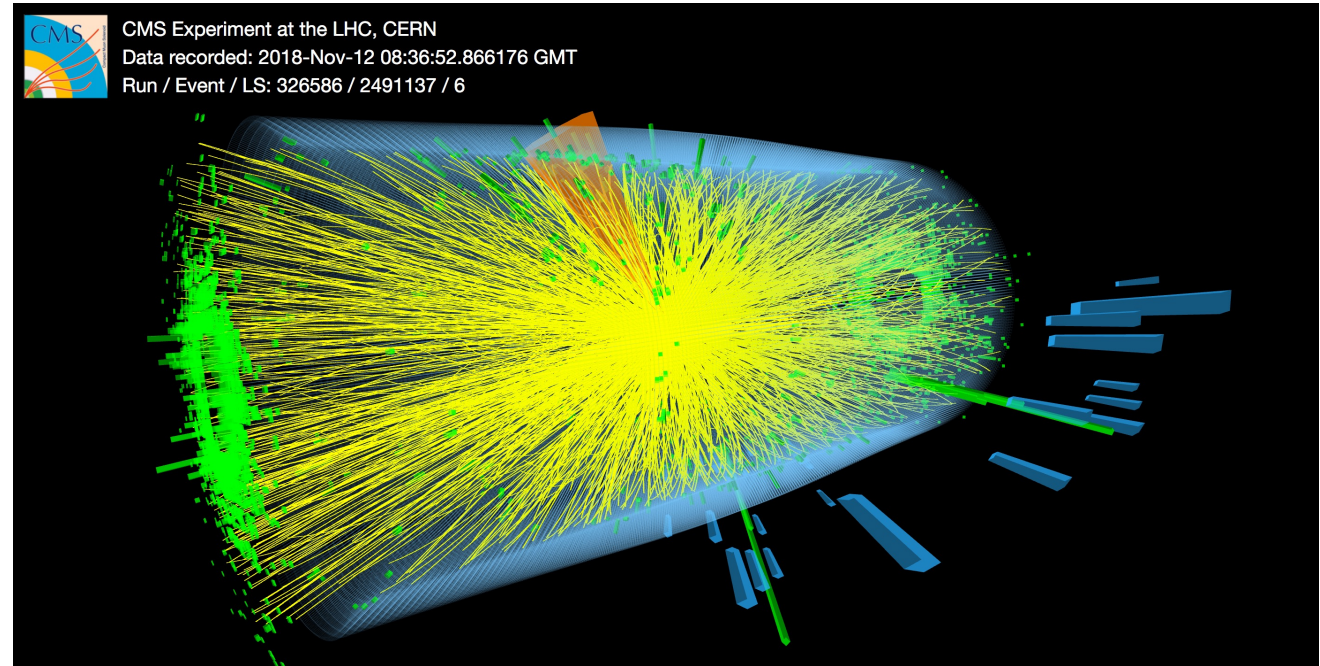
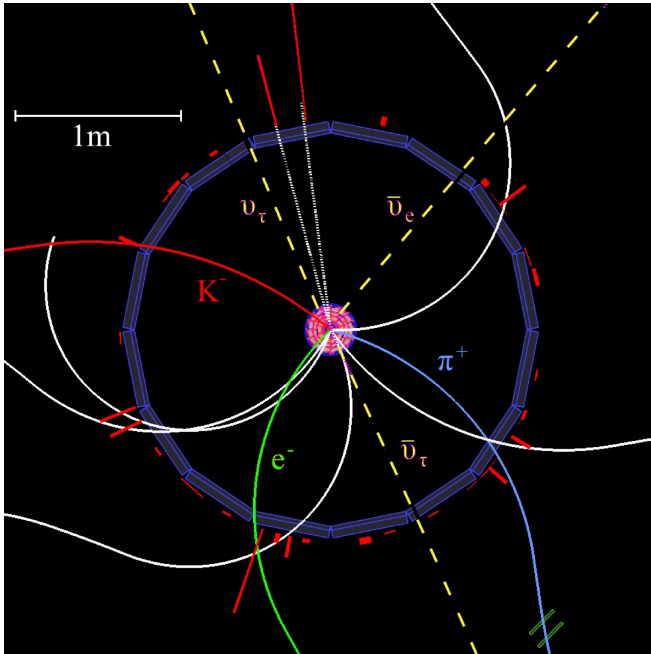


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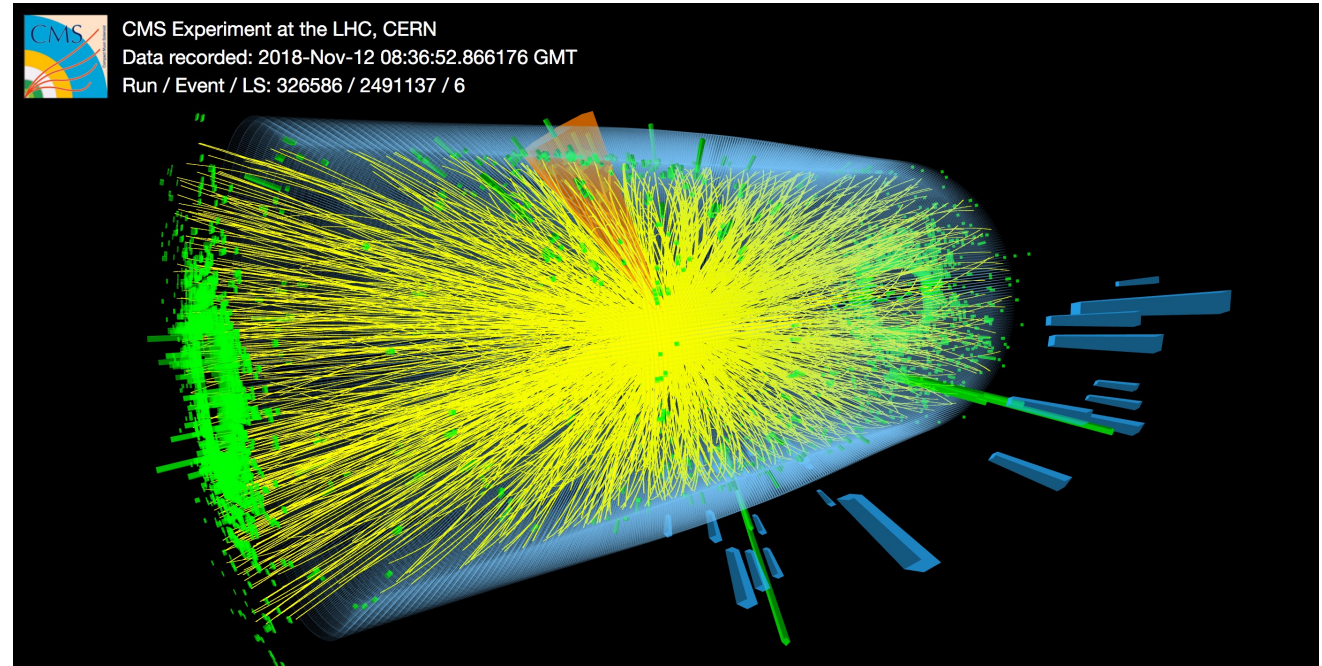
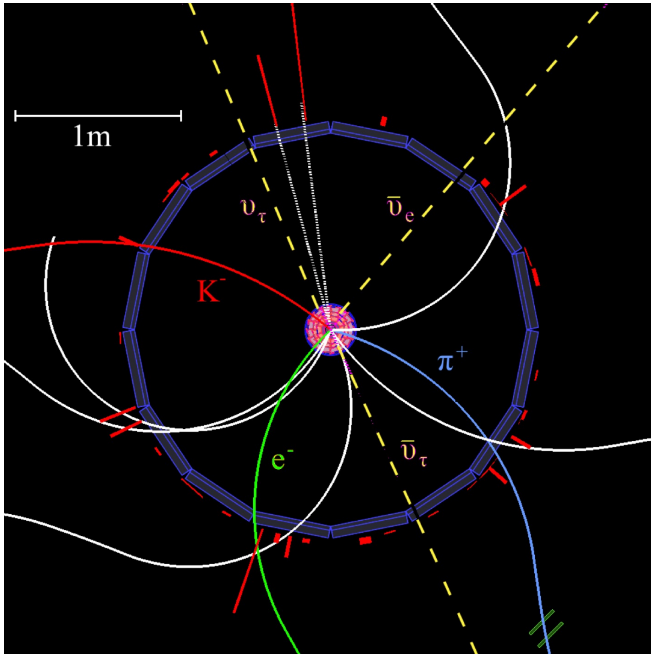
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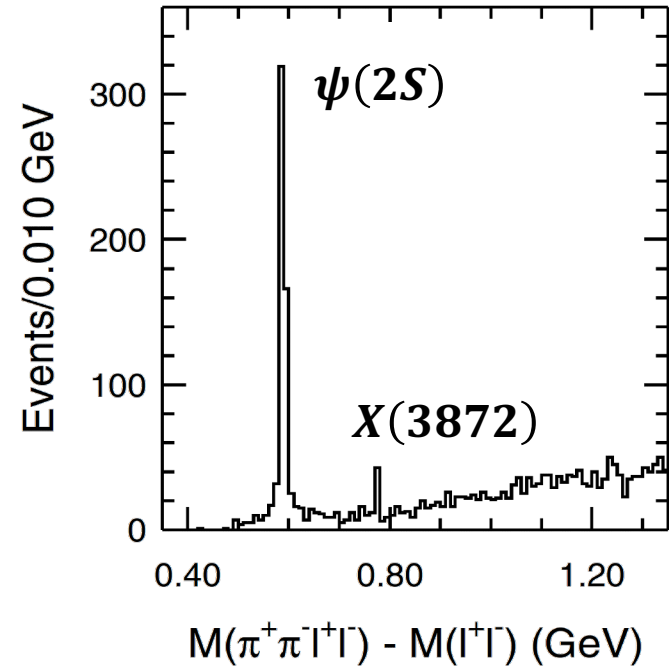
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Effects are sensitive to *size/binding energy of bound state* and *density of medium*

Exotic states provide *new tests of models* in an *expanded range of n_{cq}*

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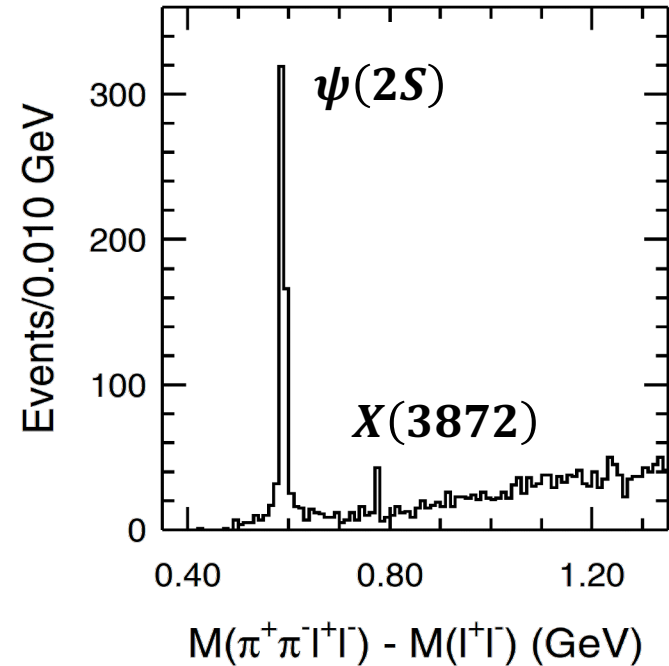
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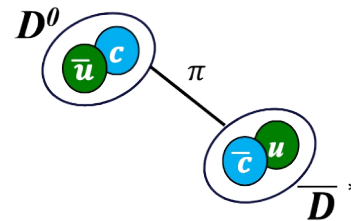
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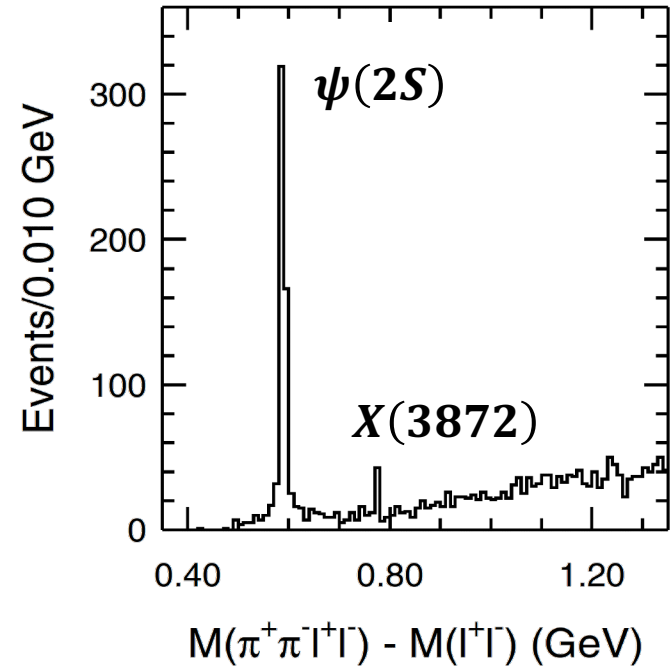
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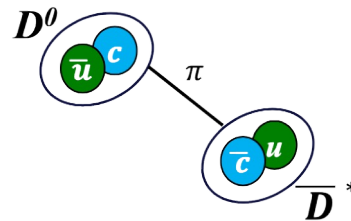


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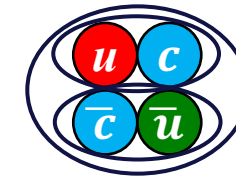
- Large prompt production fraction ($\sim 80\%$) – inconsistent with D meson coalescence in pp^*

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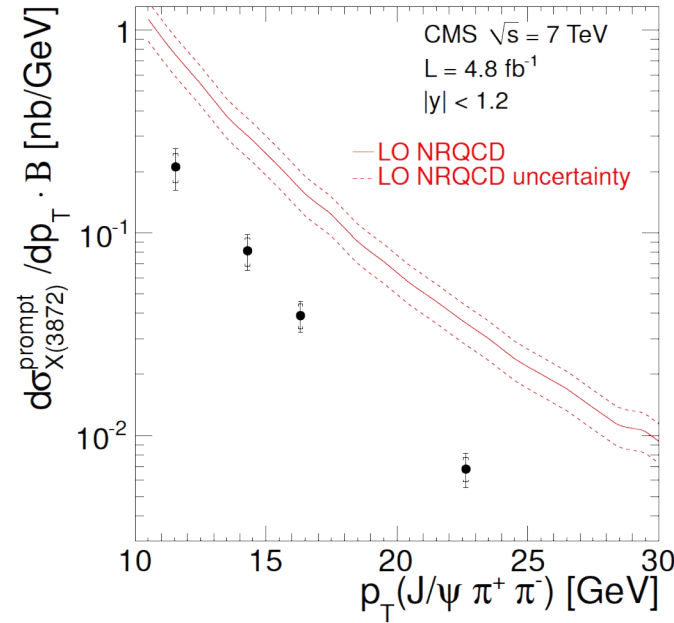
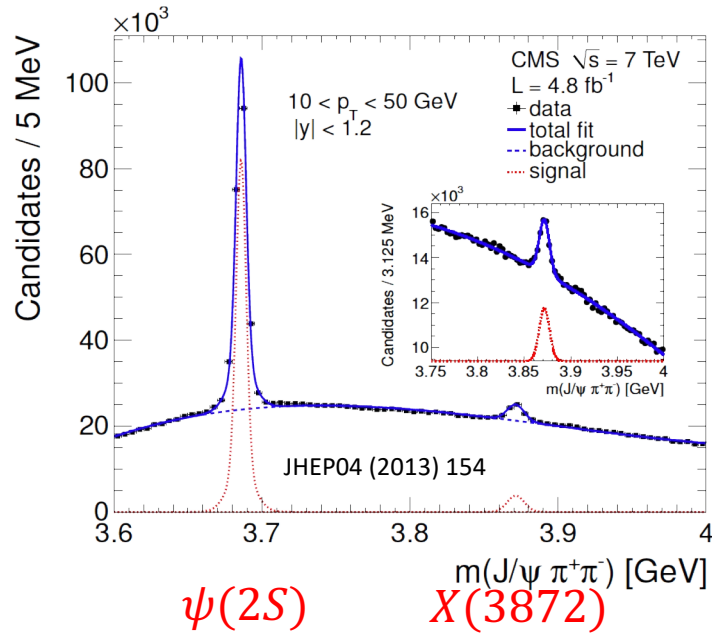


Tightly bound via color exchange between diquarks
Small radius, $\sim 1 \text{ fm}$

***Tension in theoretical literature:**

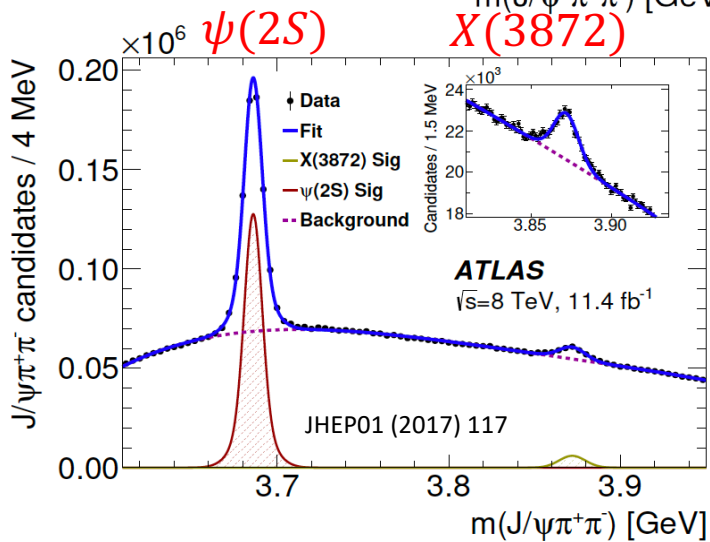
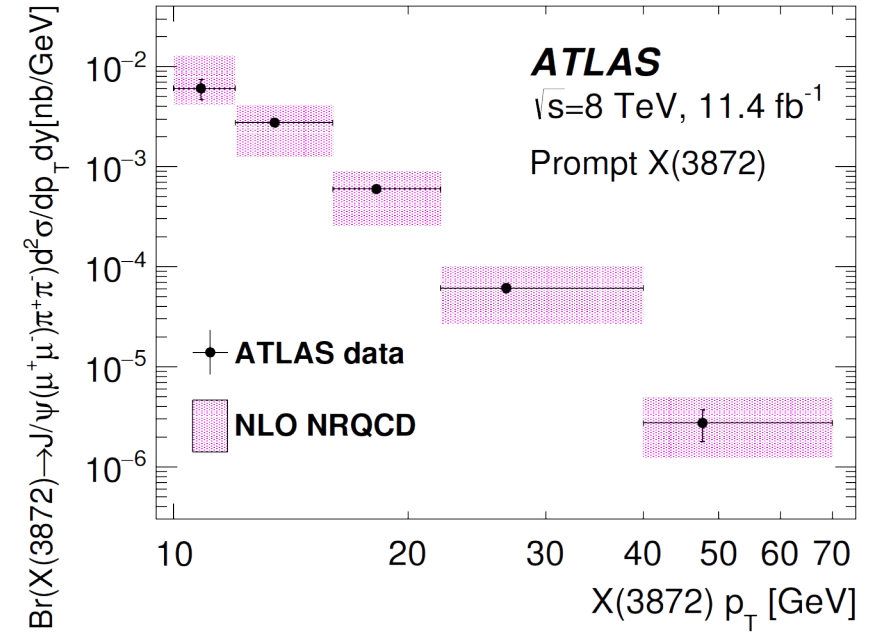
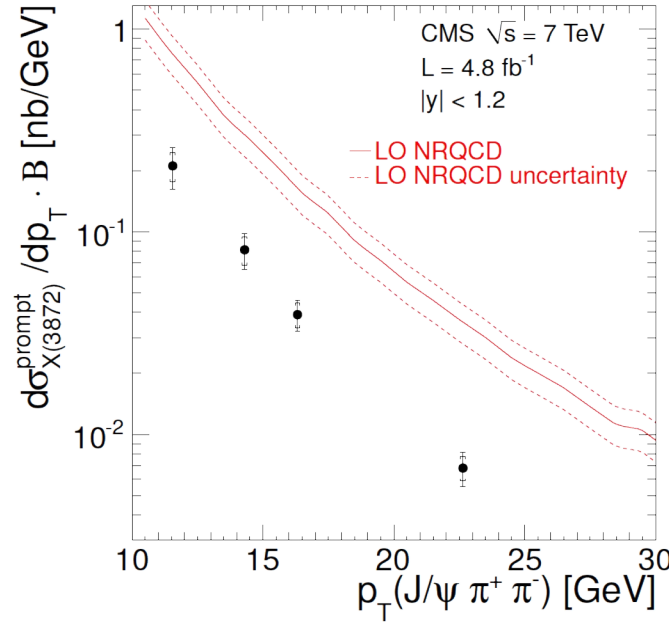
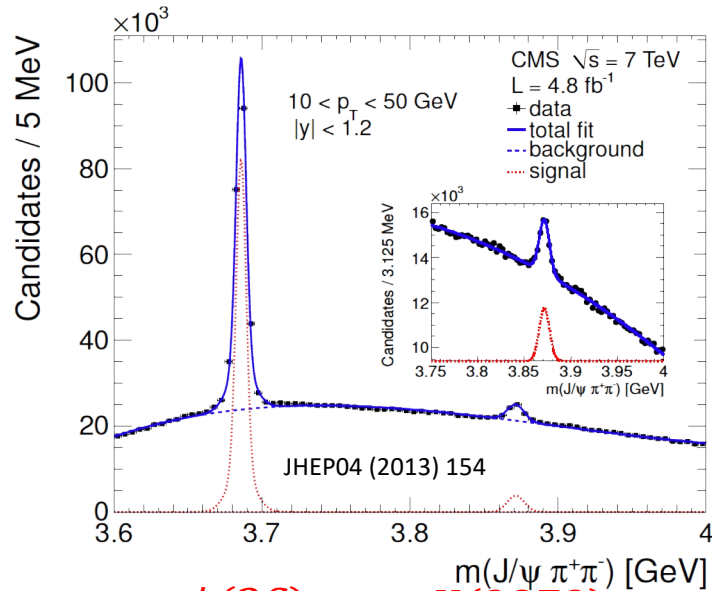
c.f. Bignamini, Grinstein et al
PRL 103 162001 (2009)
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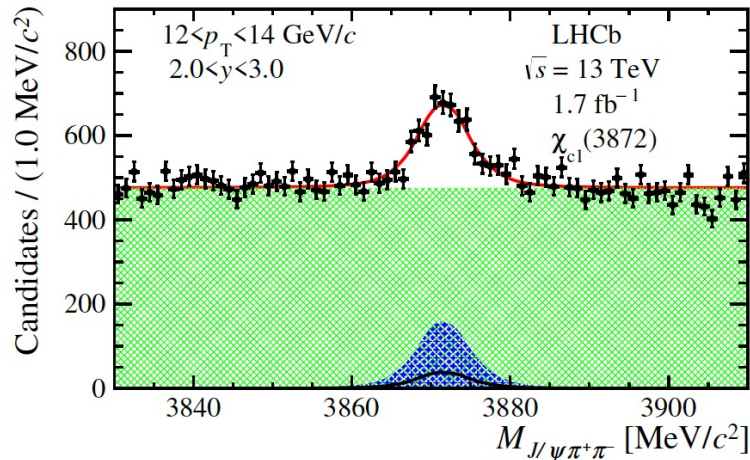
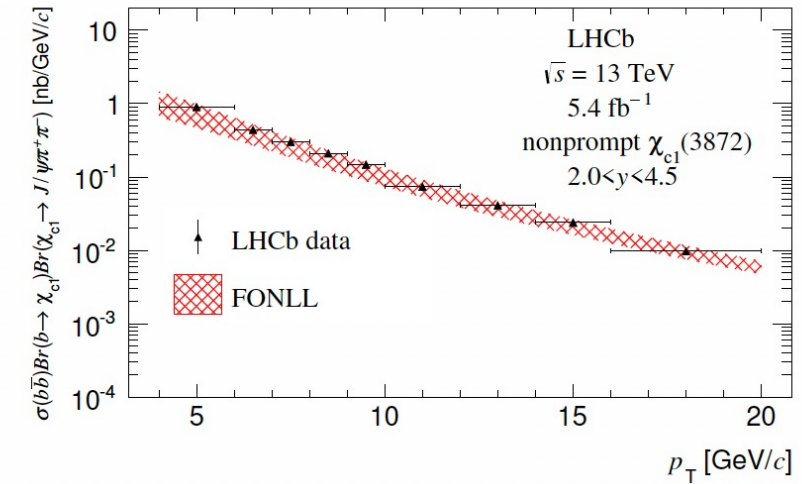
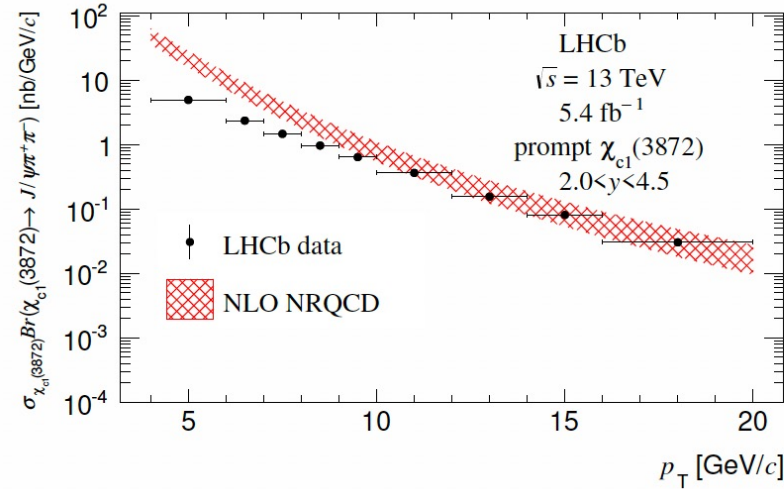
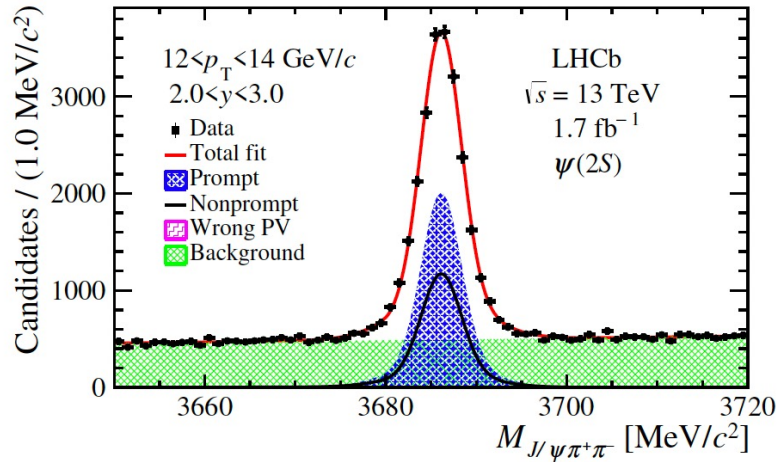


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- Updated NRQCD calculation models X(3872) as mixture of DD molecule and conventional quarkonia state
- Calculation normalized to CMS data...

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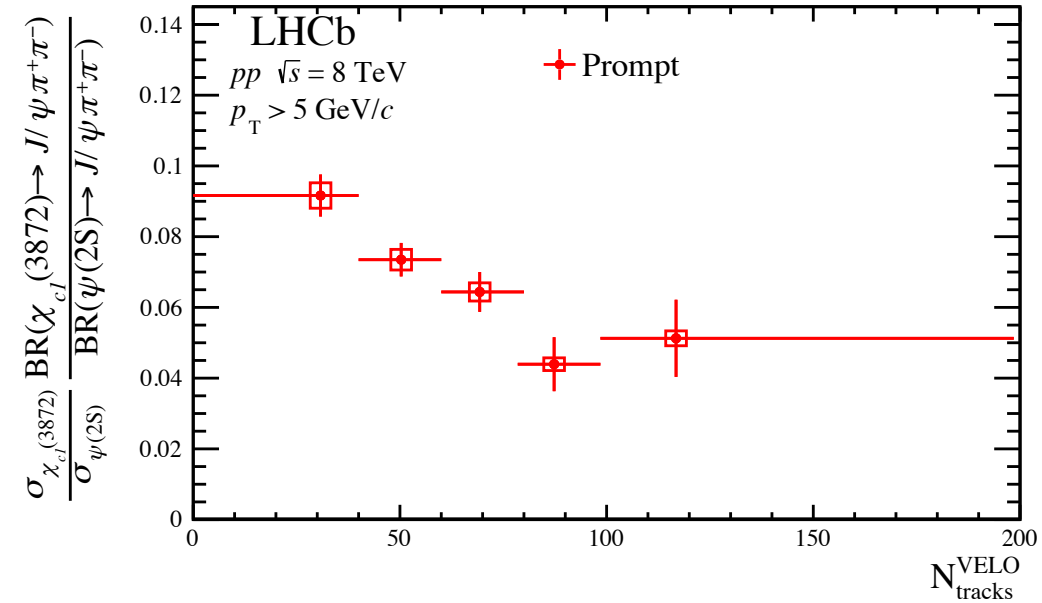
- Similar NRQCD calculation matches high- p_T data well
- Overpredicts yield at lower p_T
- Room for additional effects?

- FONLL describes non-prompt X(3872) production well (also at ATLAS and CMS)

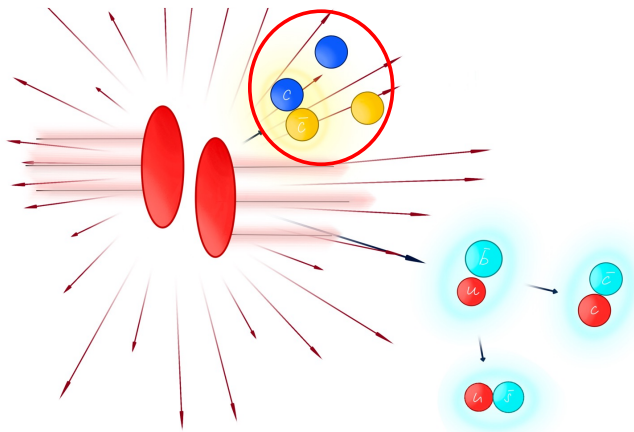
Examine X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ ratio for direct comparison between exotic hadron and well-known conventional charmonium

X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs multiplicity

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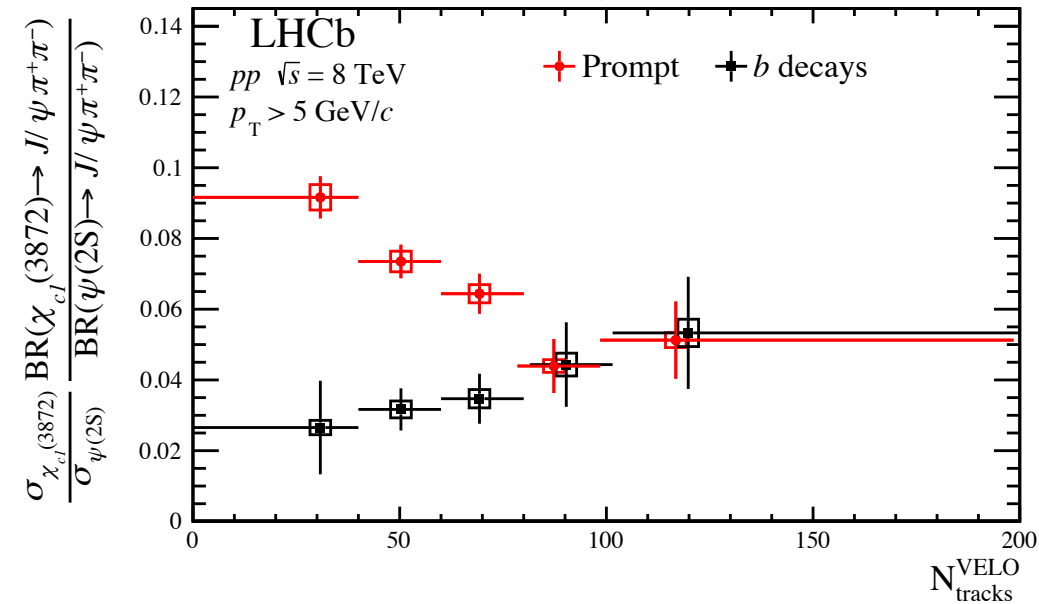


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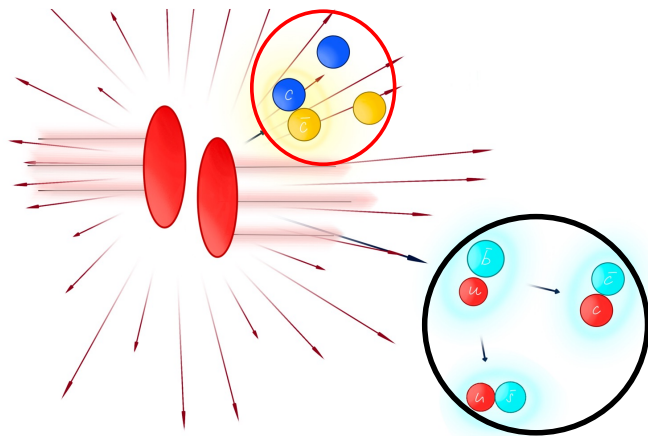


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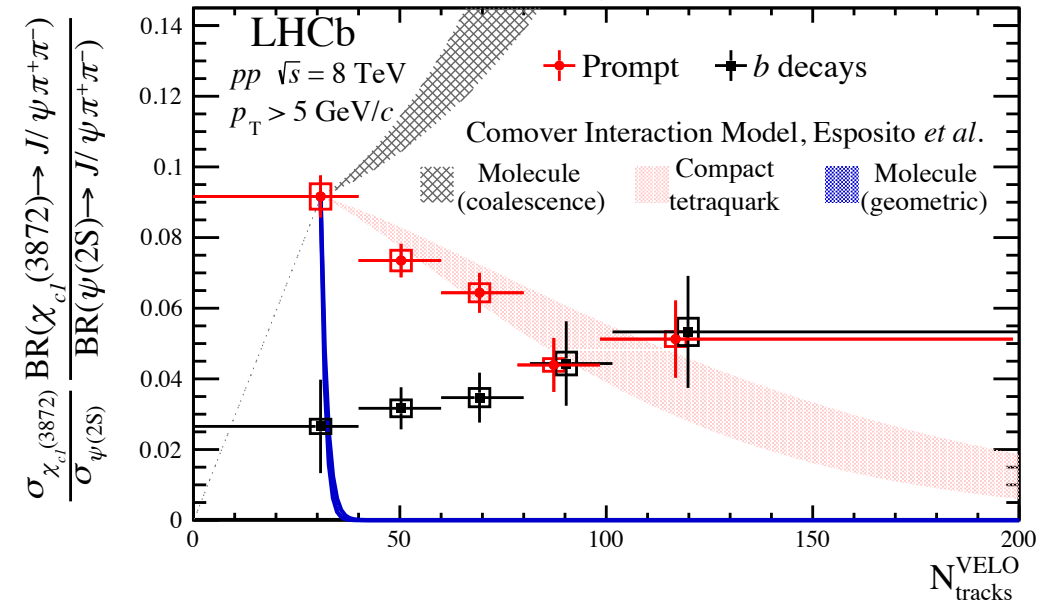
b -decay component:

Totally different behavior: no significant change in relative production, as expected for decays in vacuum. Ratio is set by b decay branching ratios.



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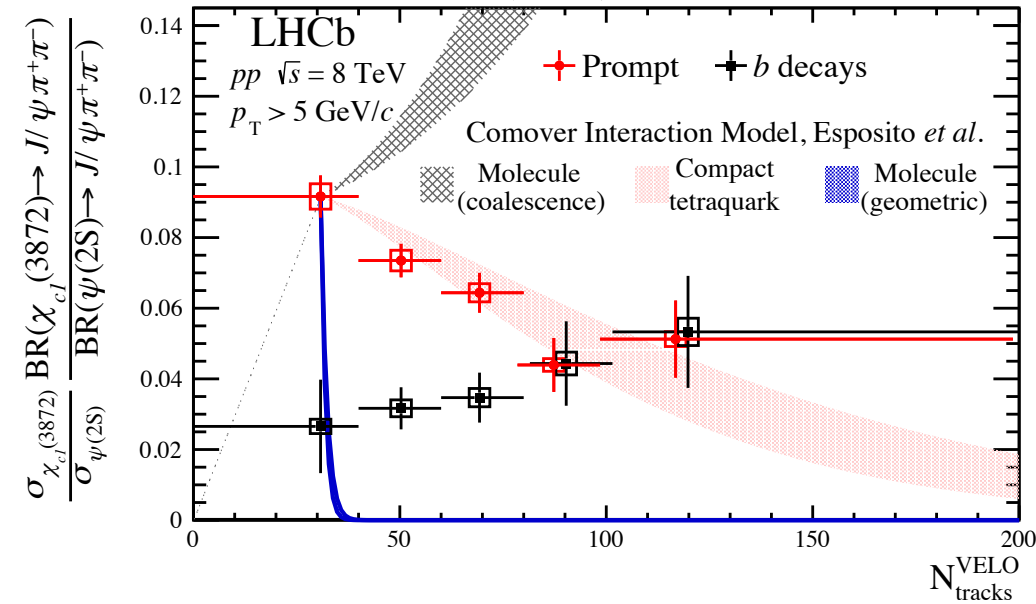


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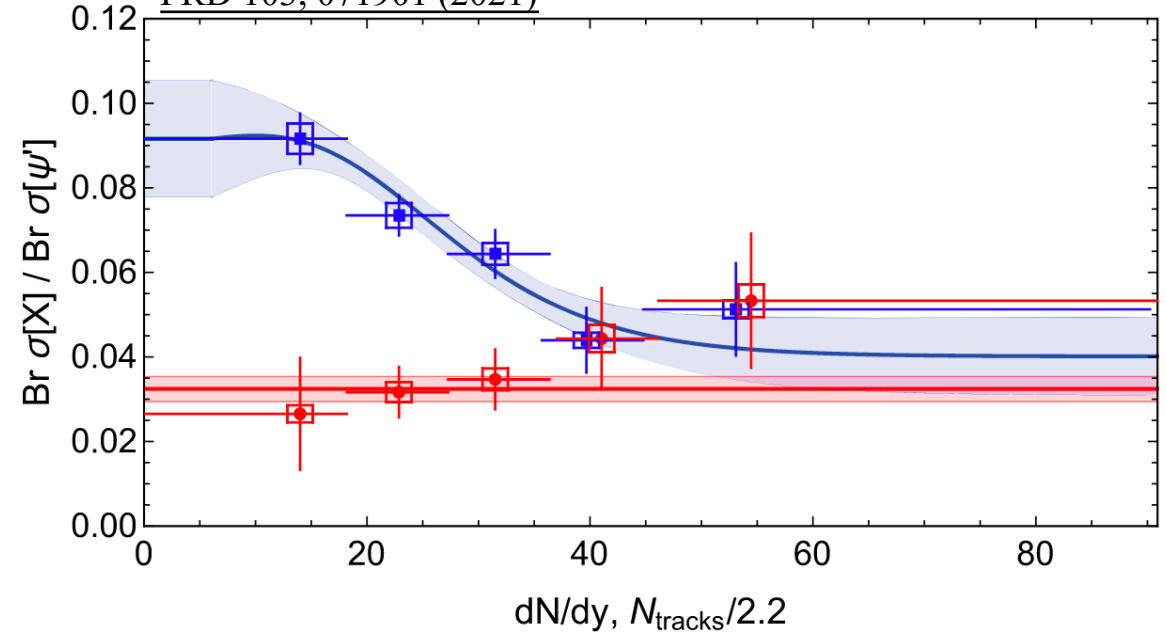
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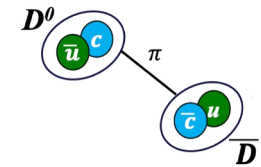
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Constituent comover model:

$$\sigma^{\text{incl}}[\pi X] \approx \frac{1}{2} (\sigma[\pi D^0] + \sigma[\pi \bar{D}^0] + \sigma[\pi D^{*0}] + \sigma[\pi \bar{D}^{*0}])$$

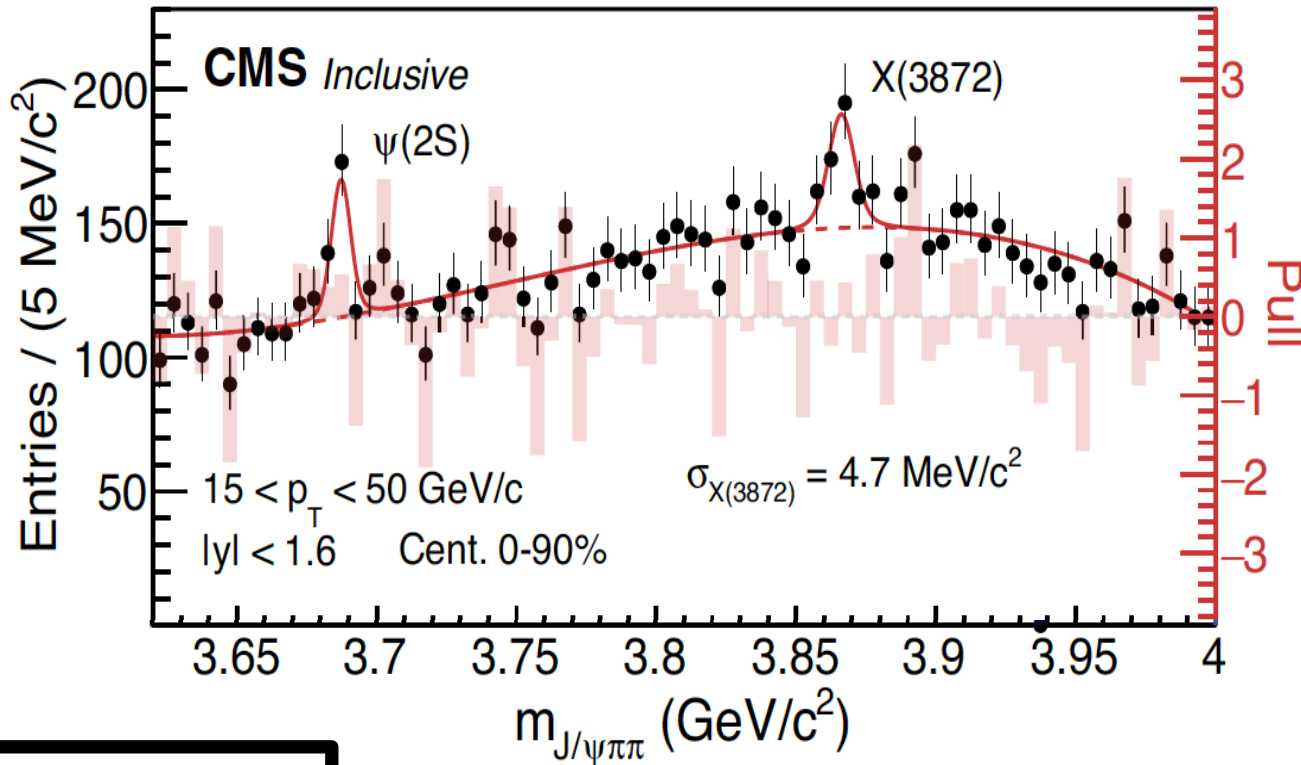


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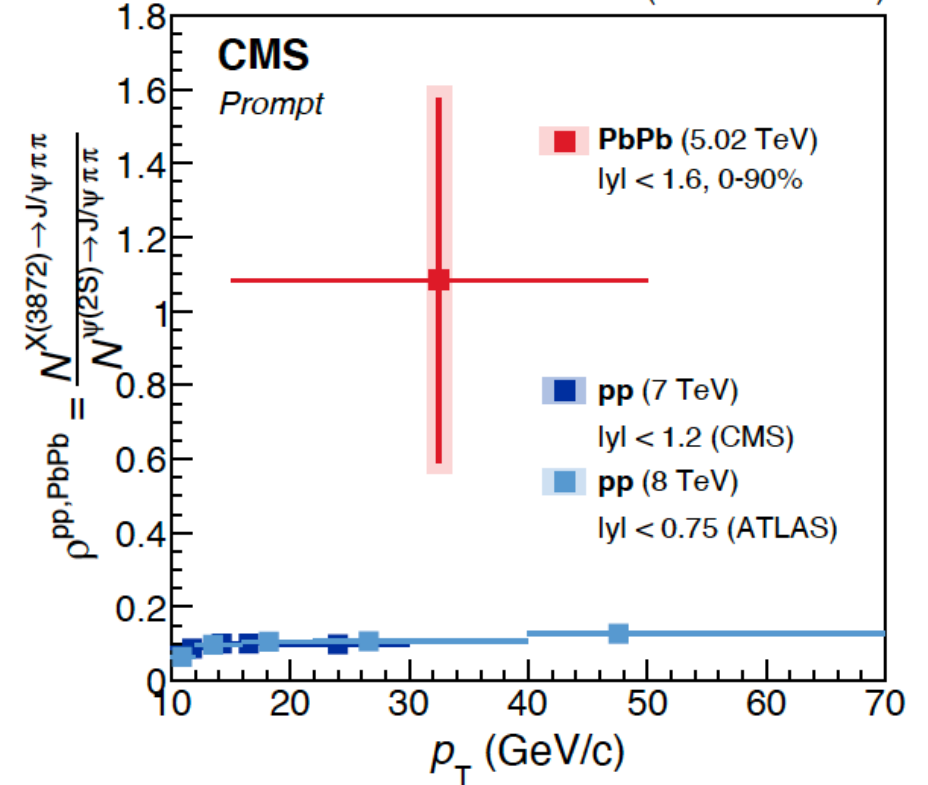
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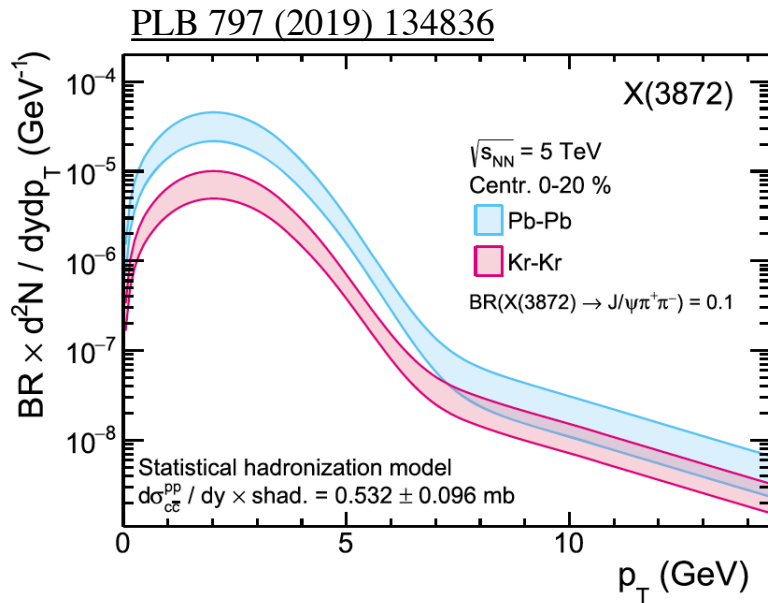


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Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ = $1.10 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.53$ in PbPb at 5 TeV

Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ ≈ 0.1 in pp at 8 TeV

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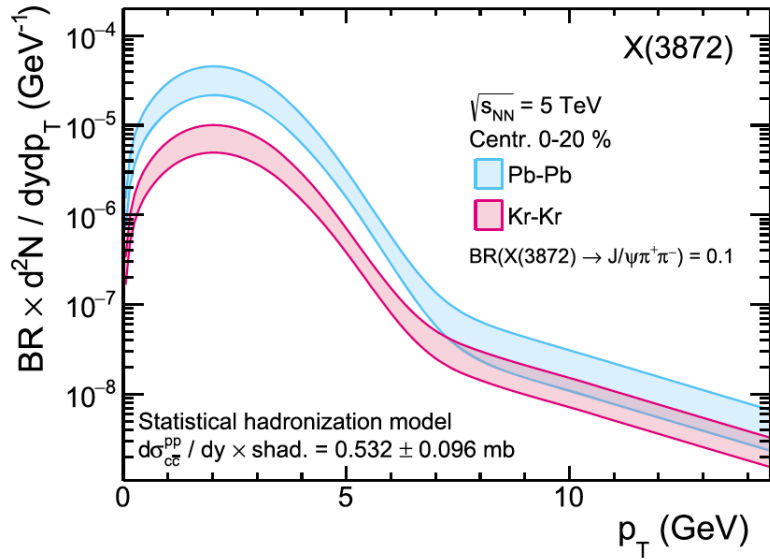
SHMC model:

Significant increase in X(3872) predicted
for central AA collisions

Yield reaches up to $\sim 1\%$ of J/ψ yield

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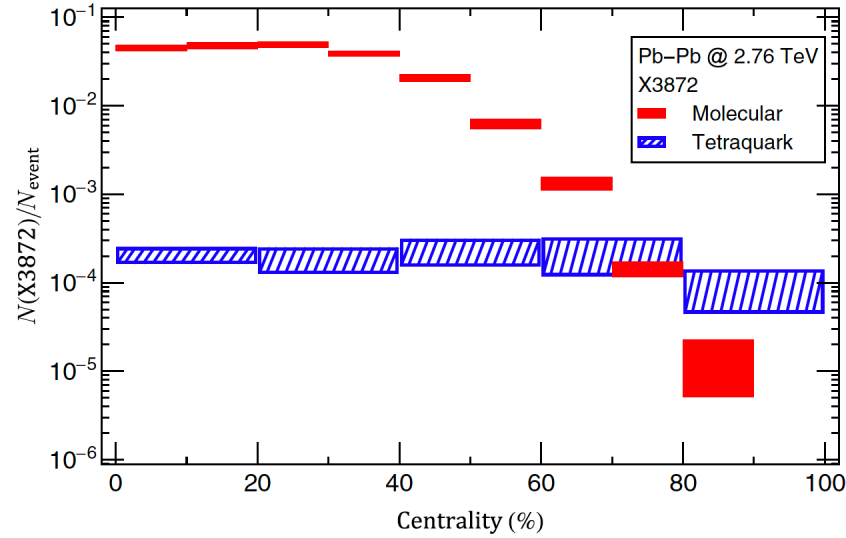


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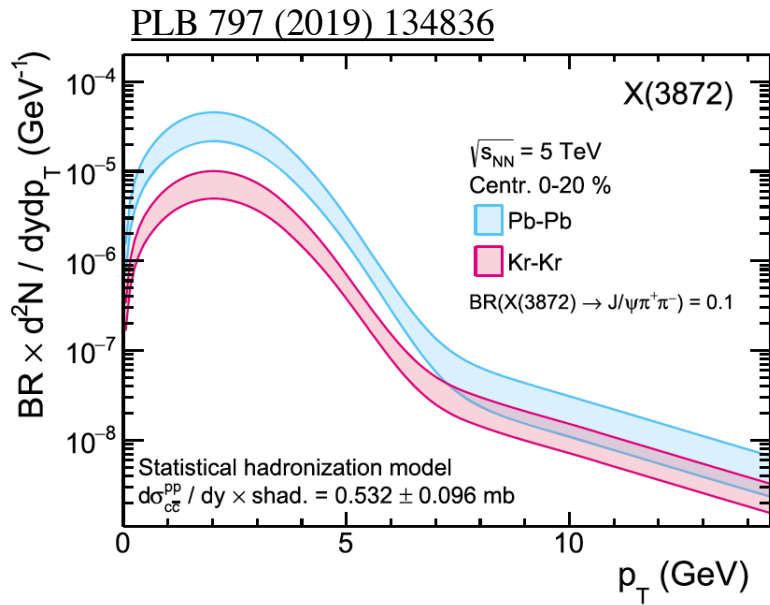


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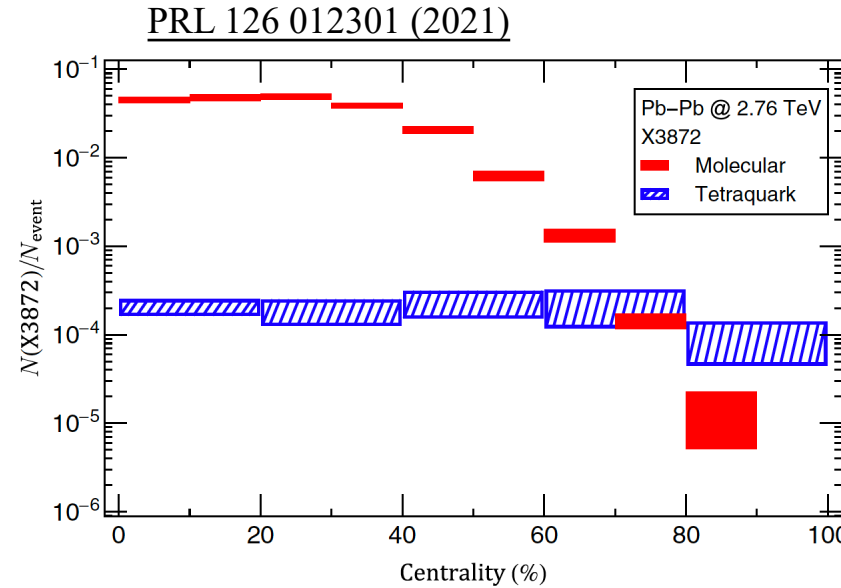
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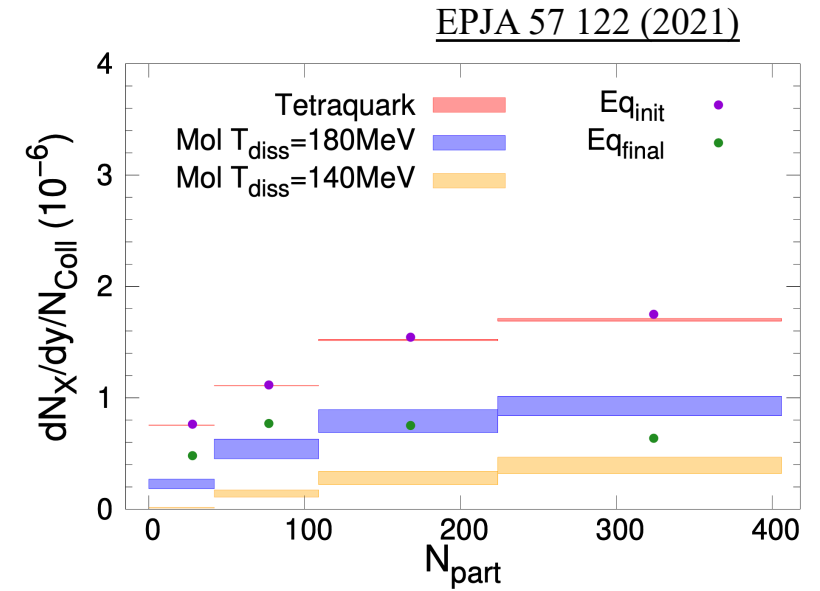
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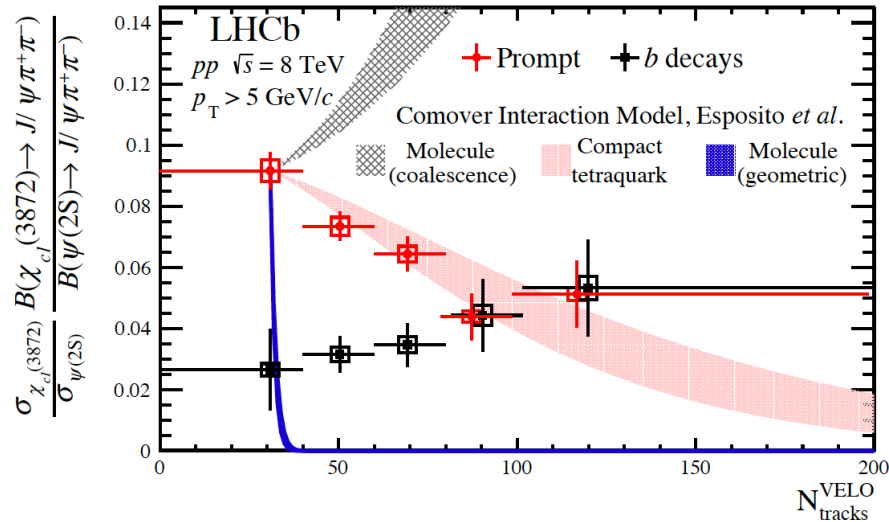
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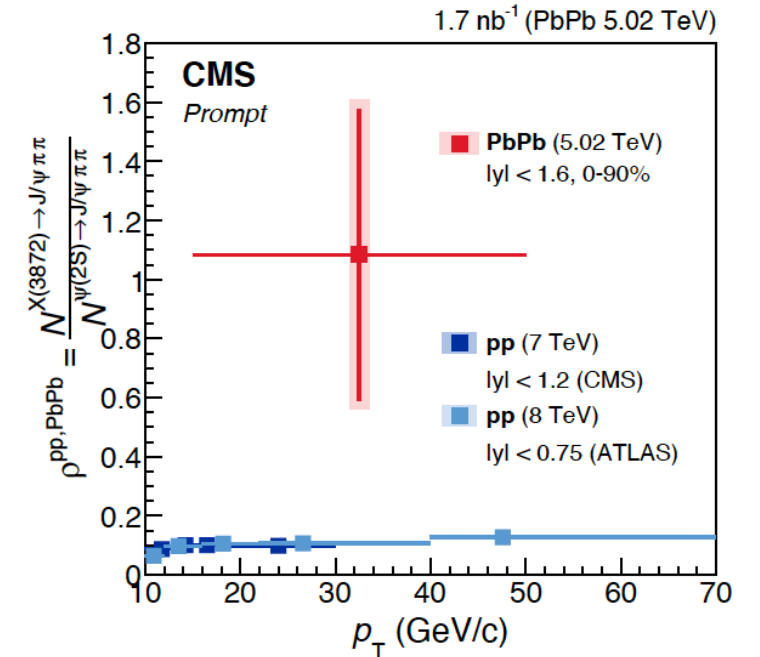


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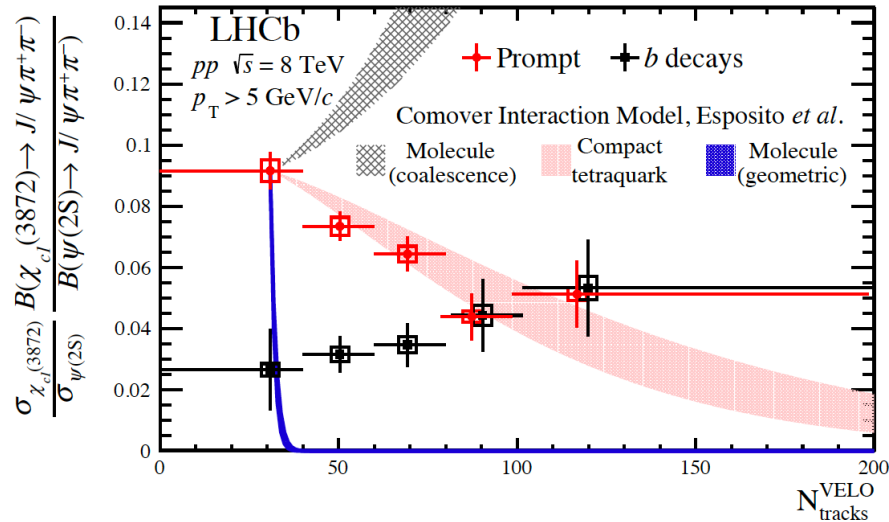
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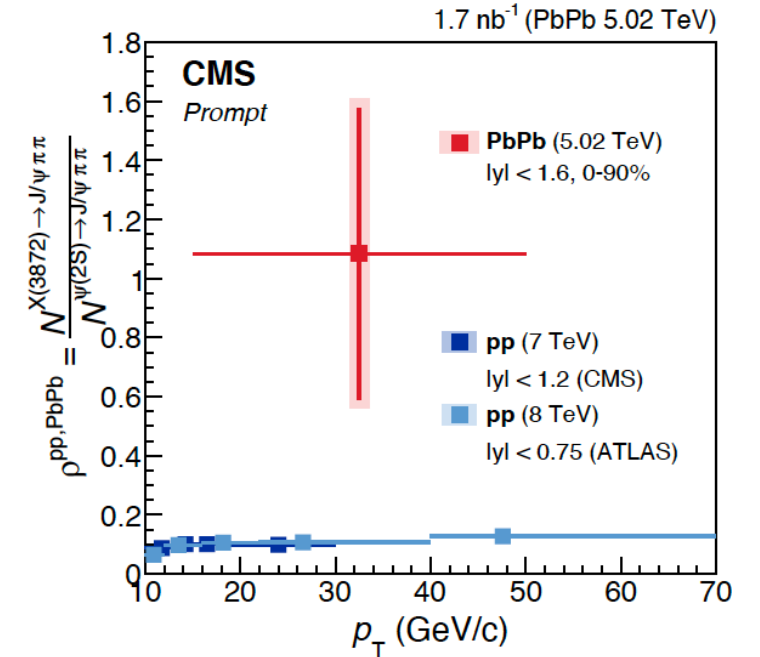


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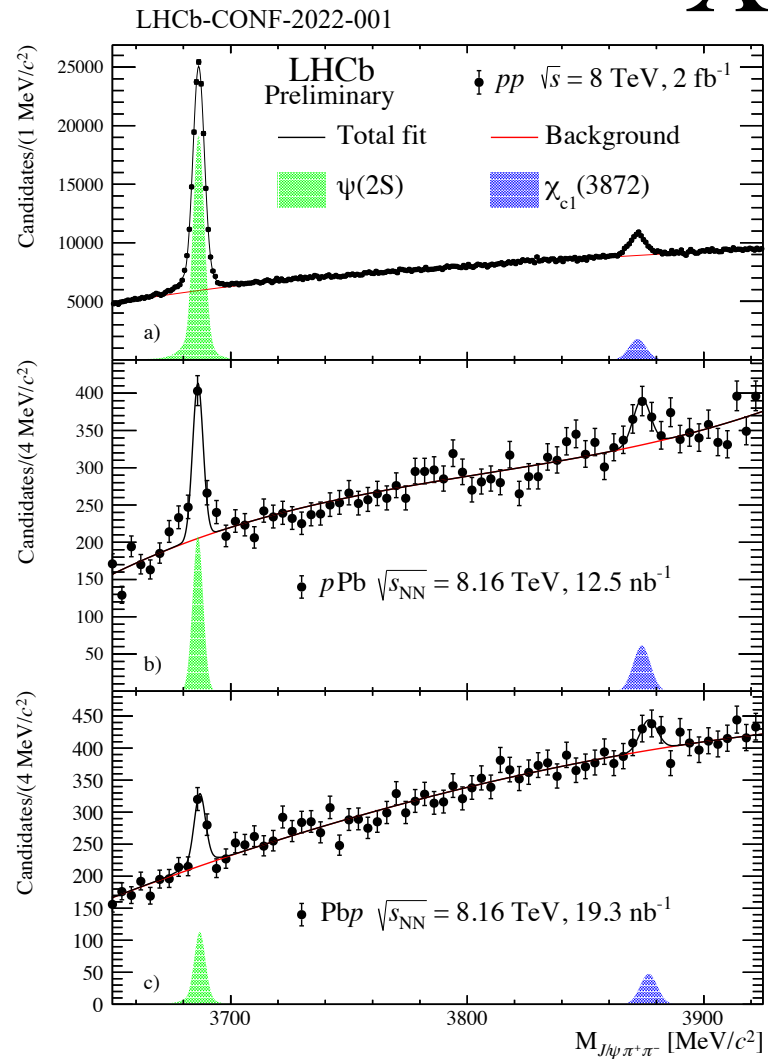
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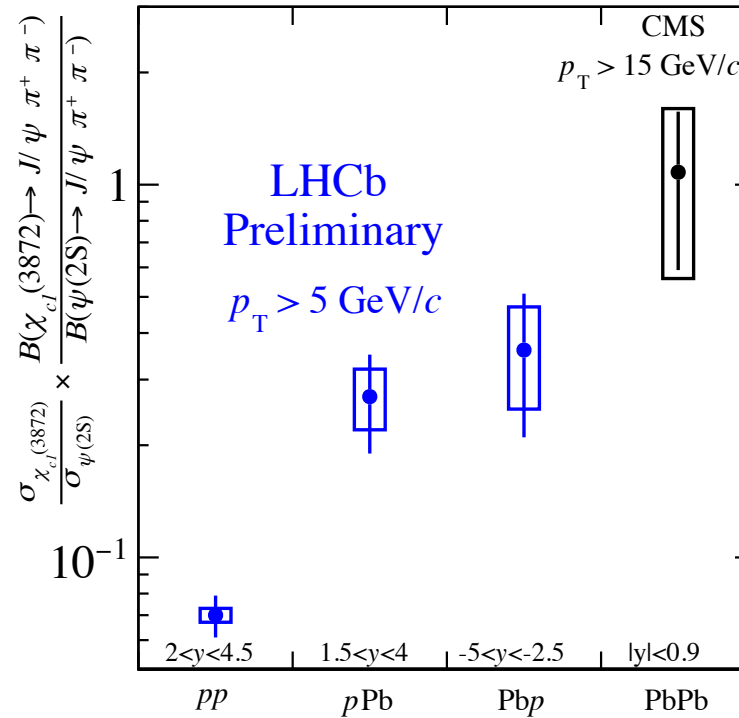
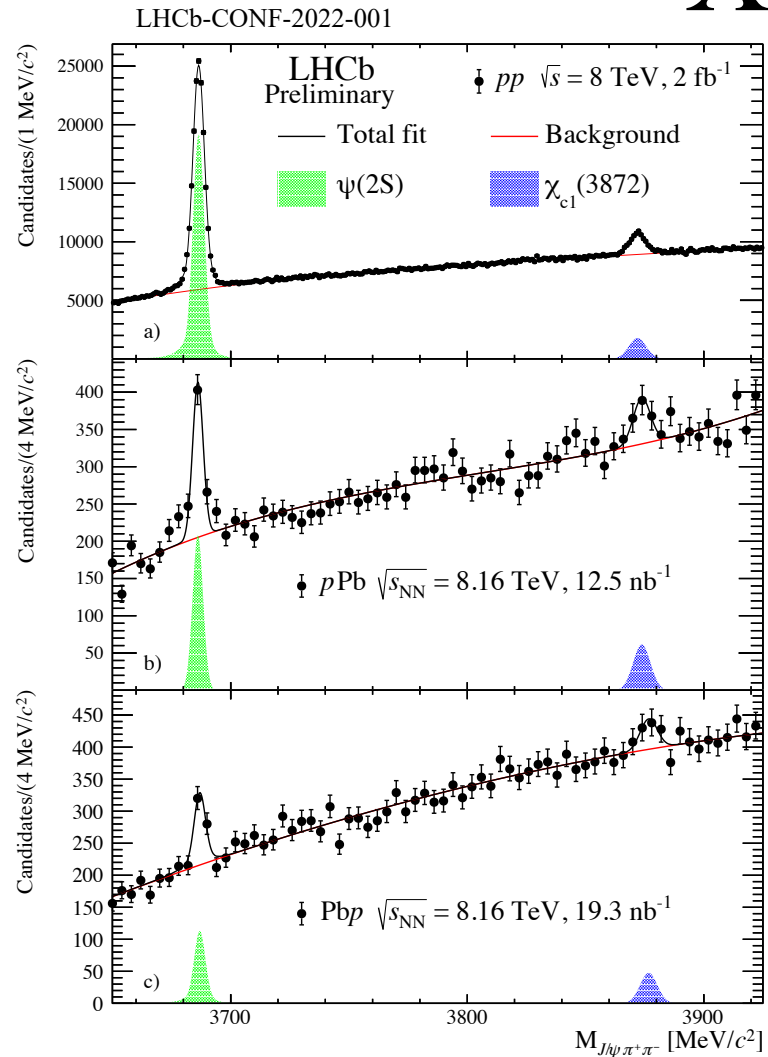


$X(3872) / \psi(2S)$ in pPb



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X(3872) / $\psi(2S)$ in pPb



- Comparison between X(3872) and $\psi(2S)$ suggests *something different* may be happening to exotic vs conventional hadrons in medium
- Initial state effects (eg shadowing) should largely cancel in ratio
- Enhancing effects start to out compete breakup?

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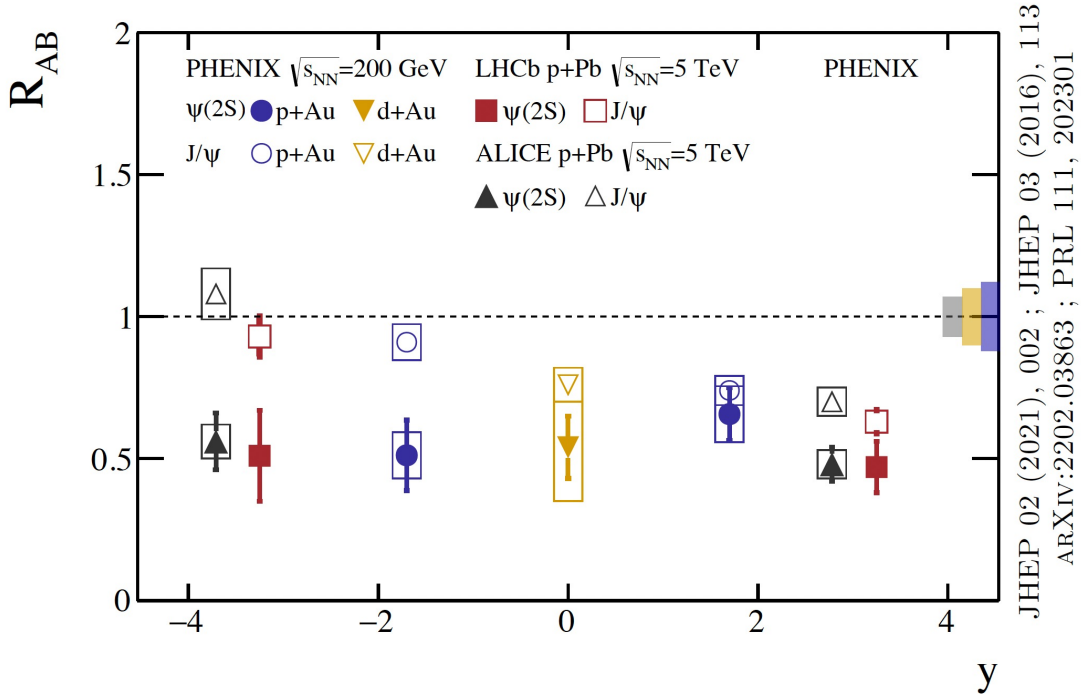
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Falls between pp (~ 0.1) and PbPb (~ 1.0)

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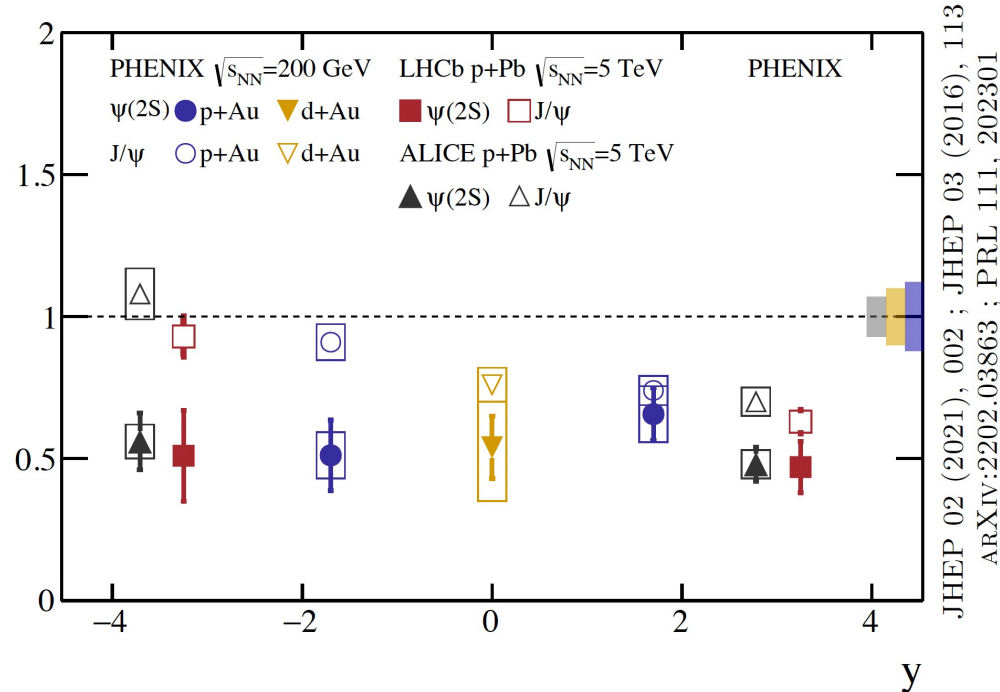
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2017 PREDICTION: X(3872) enhanced in pA

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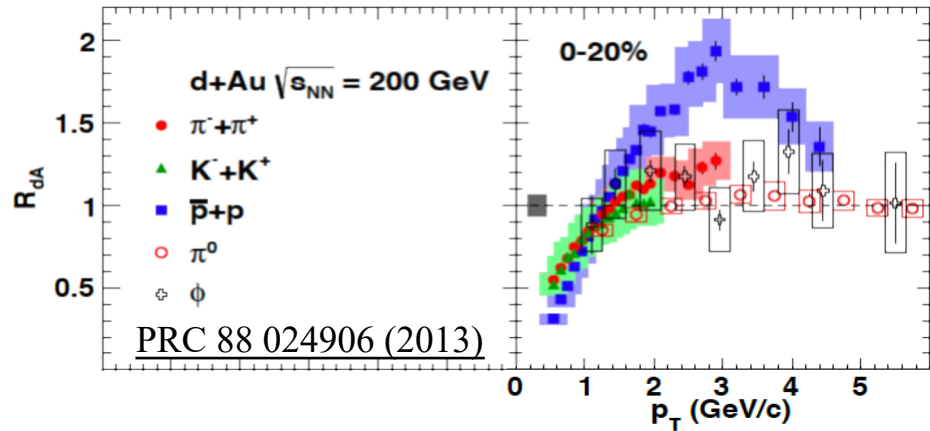
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Enhanced DPS has since been observed in pPb :

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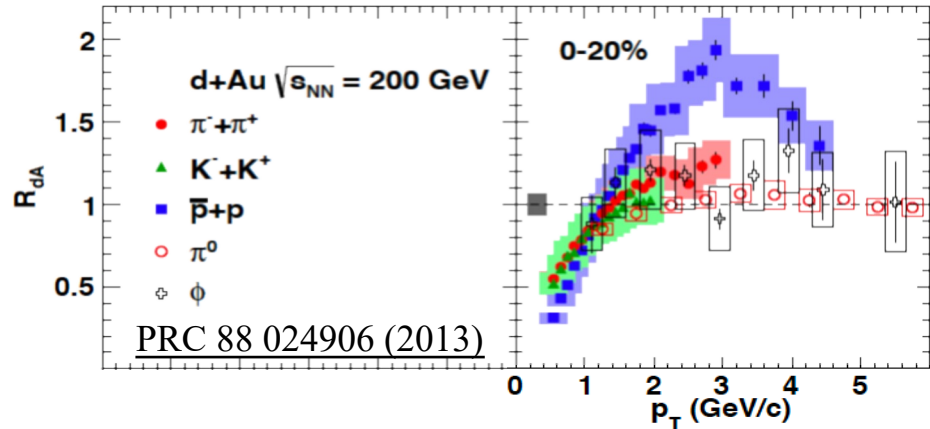
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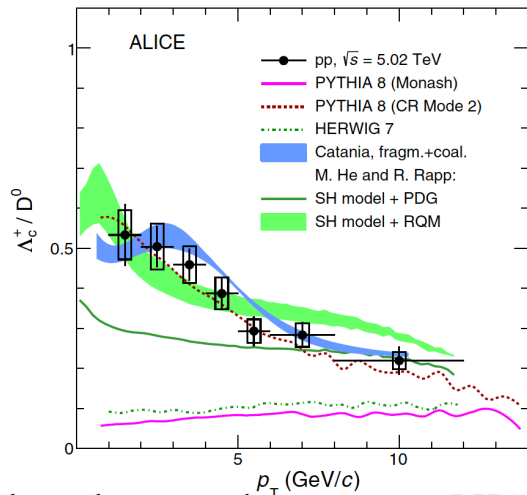


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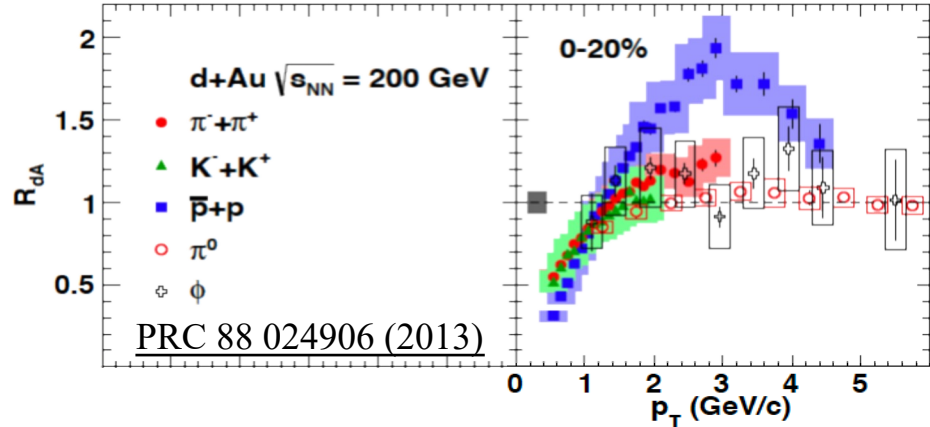
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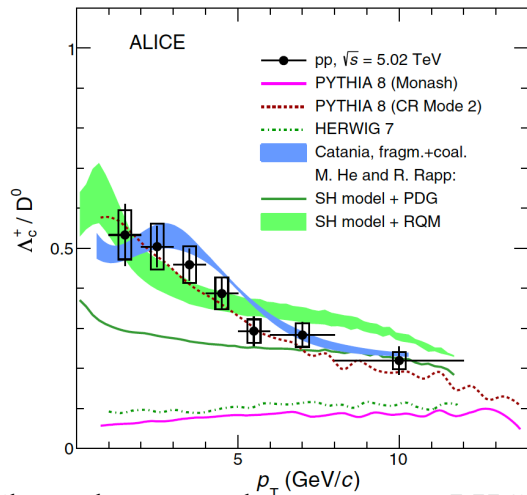
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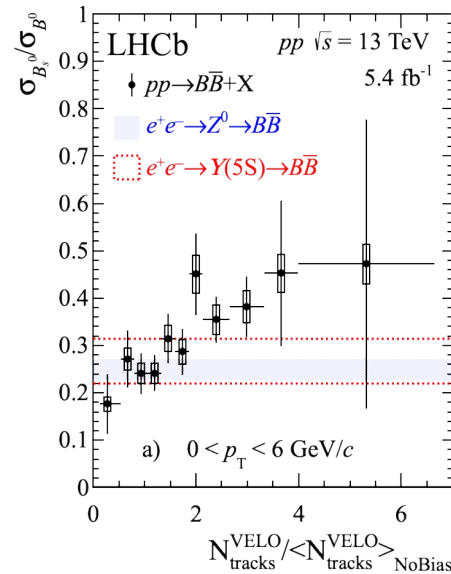


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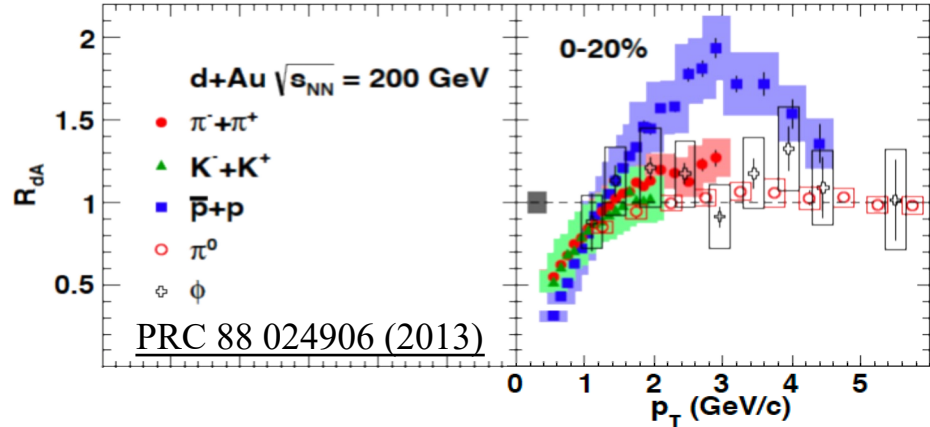
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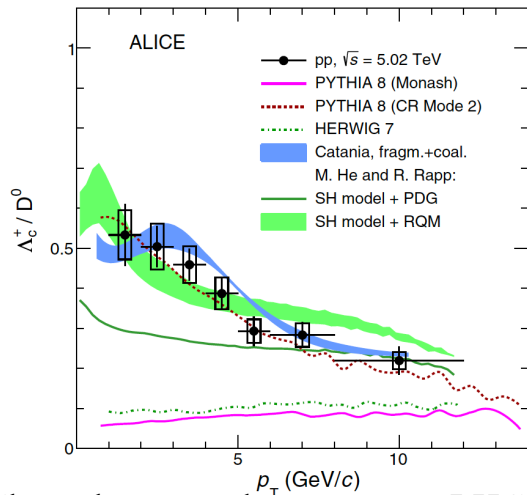
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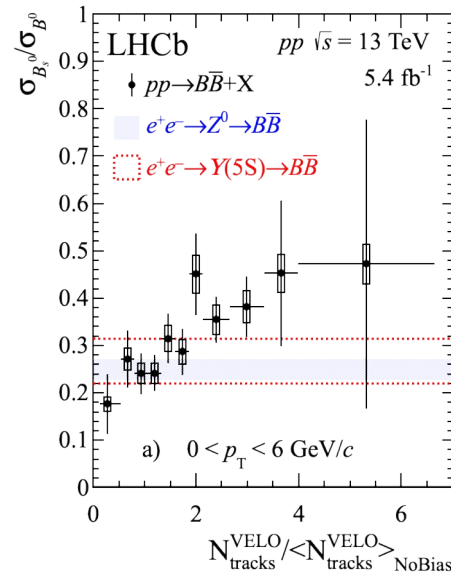


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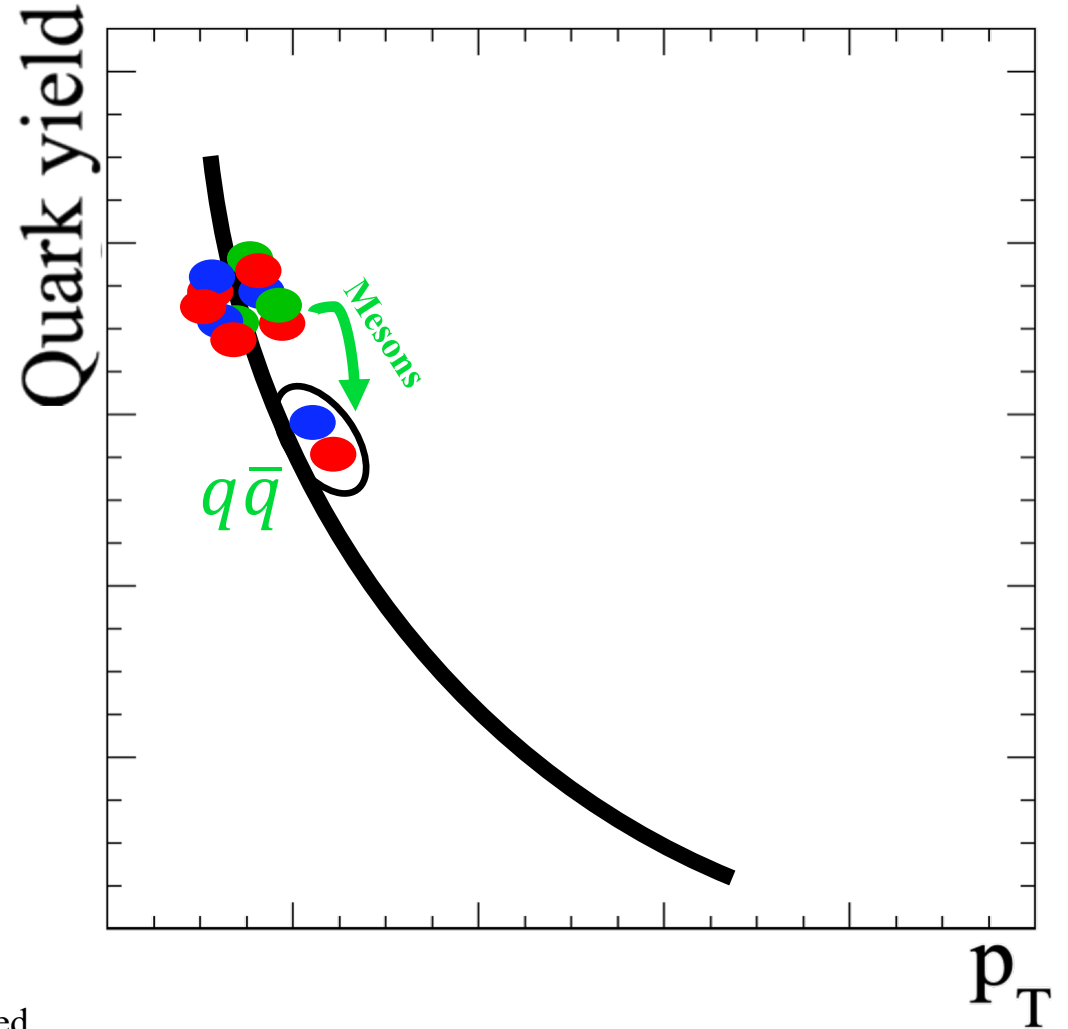
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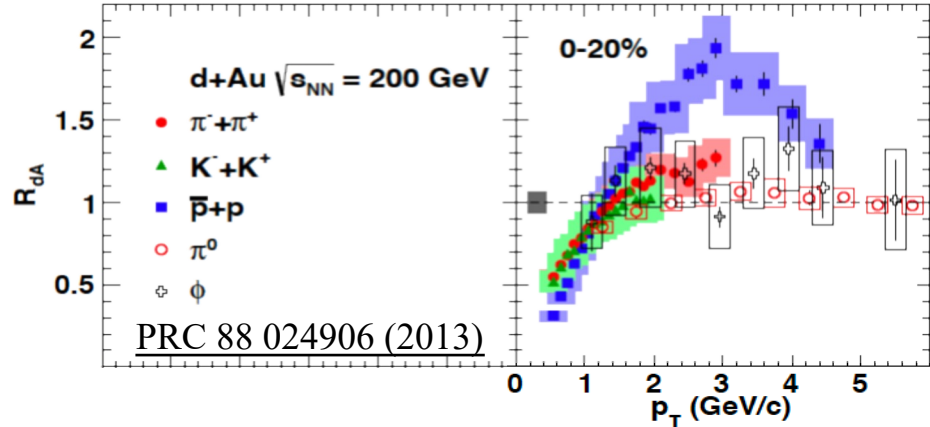


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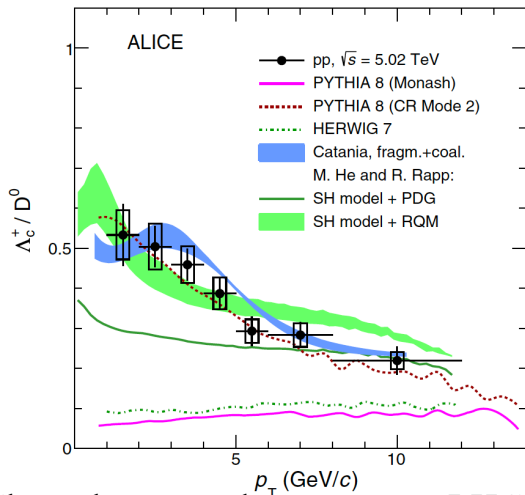
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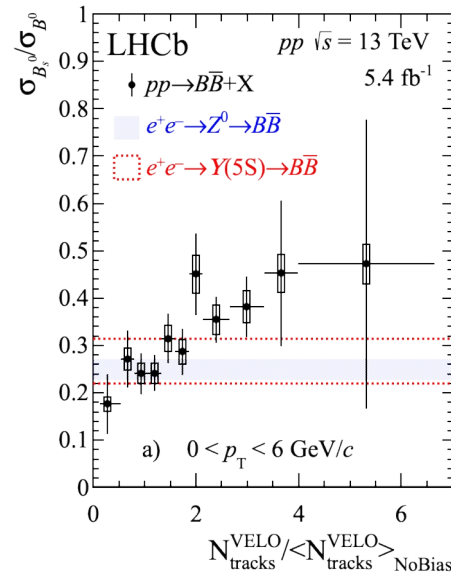


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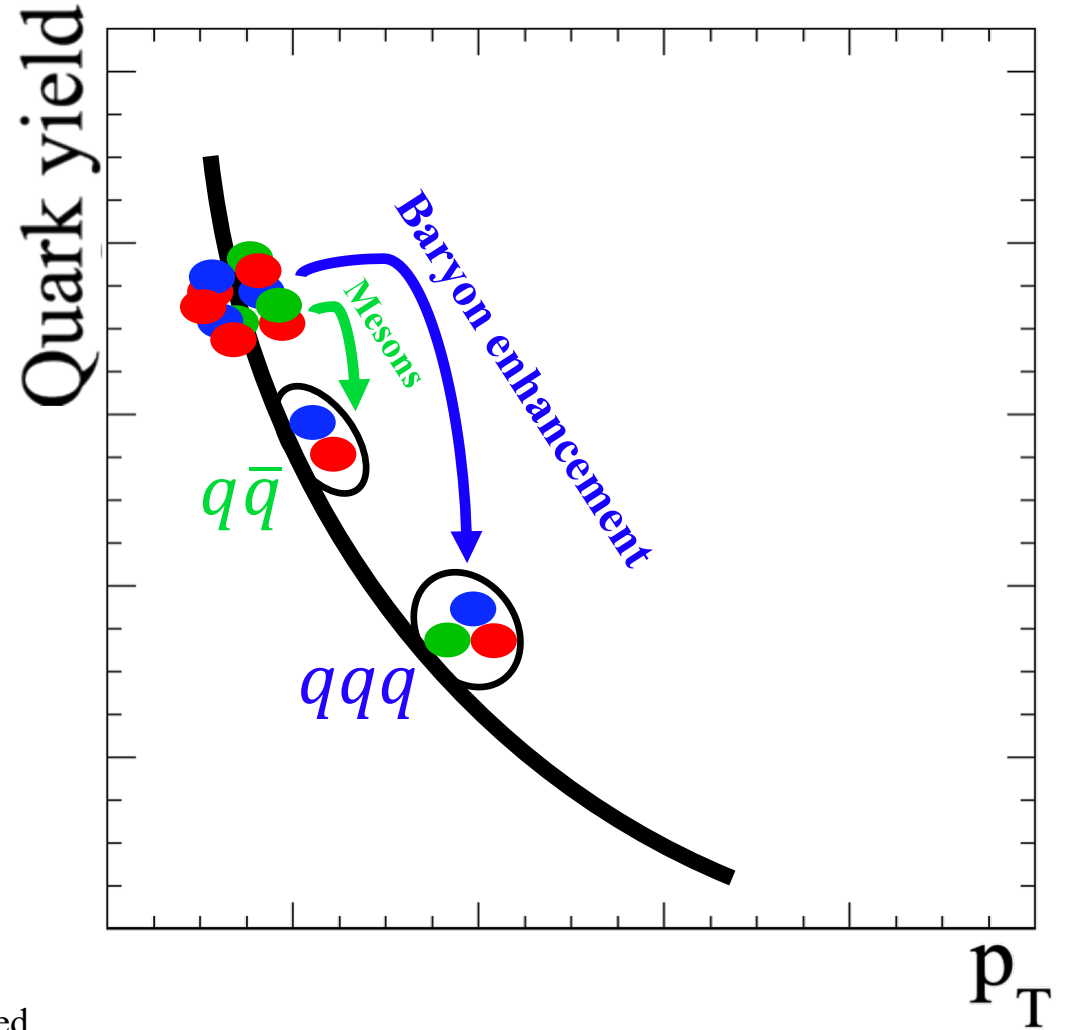
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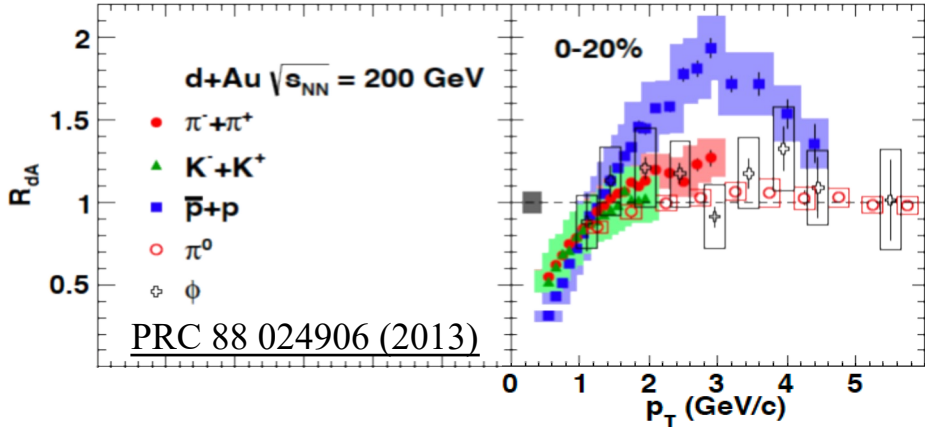


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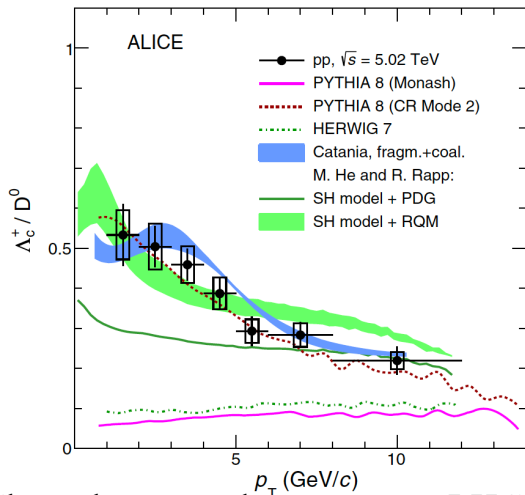
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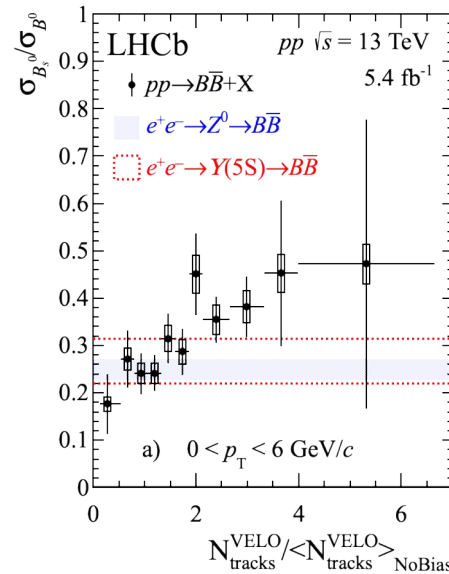


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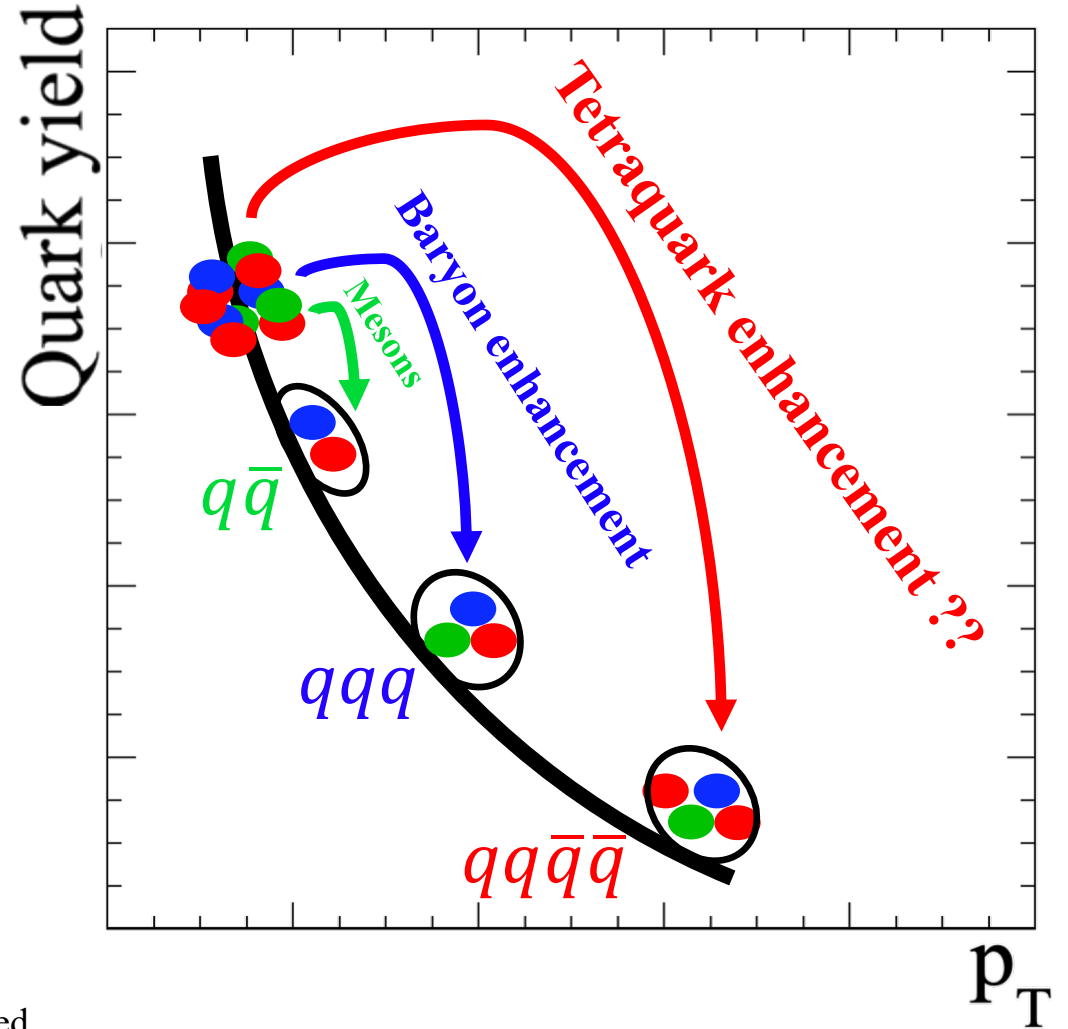


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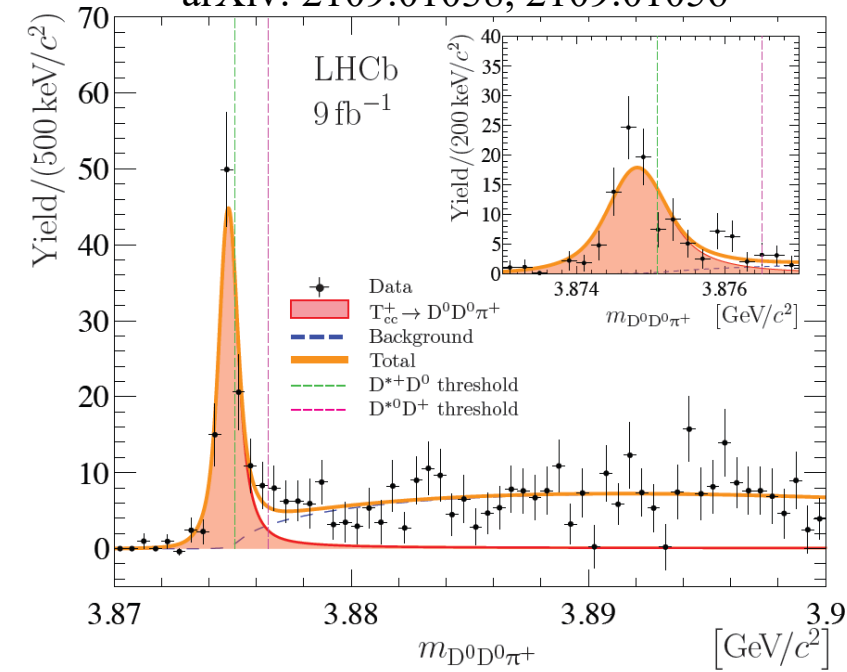


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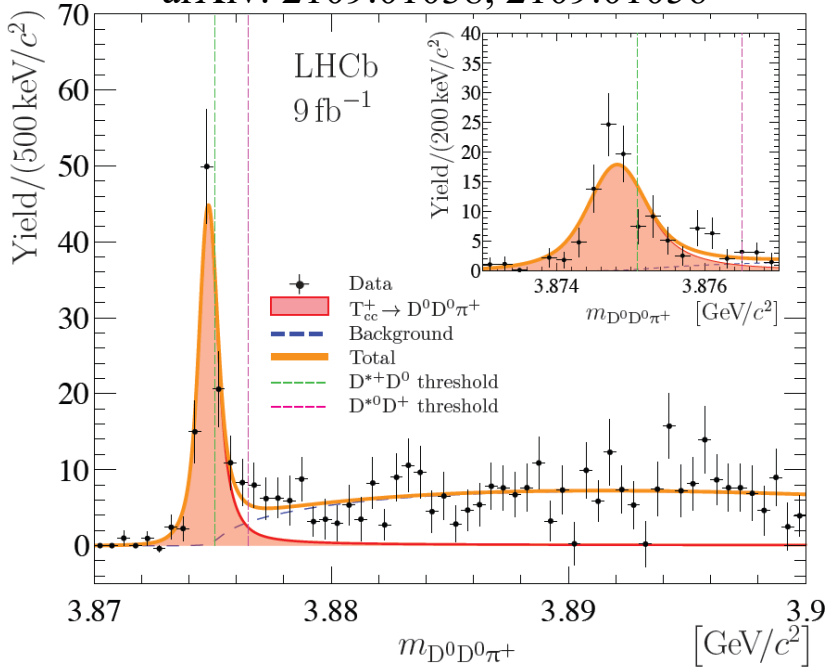
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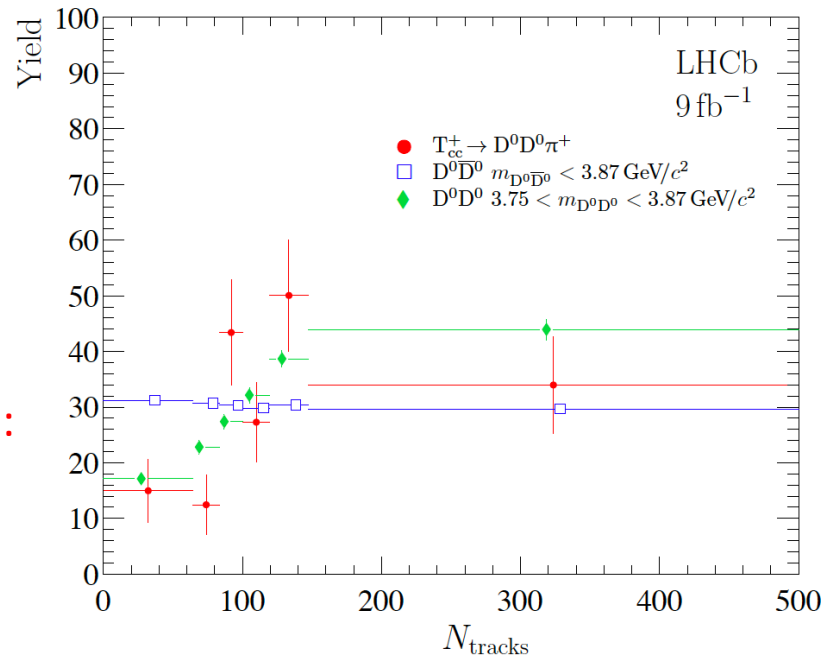
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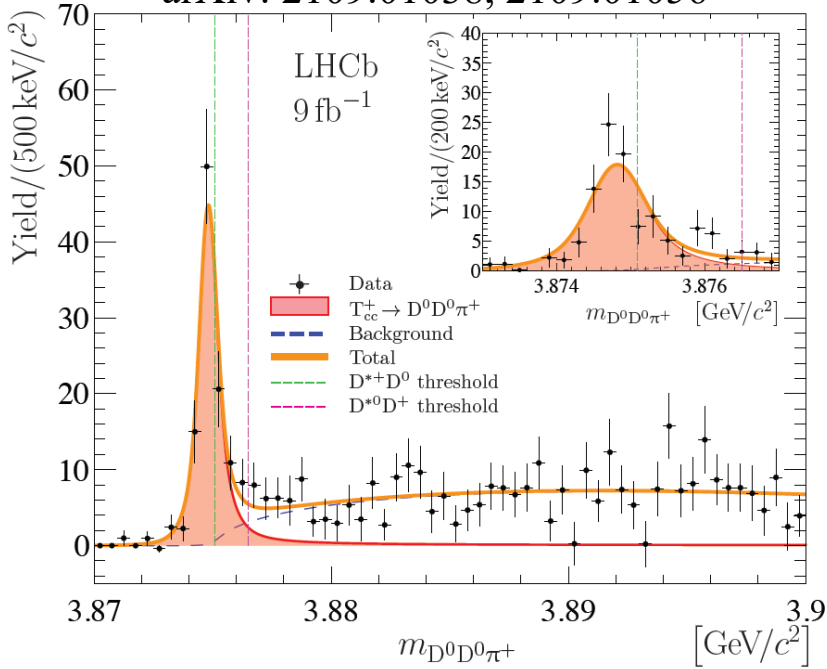
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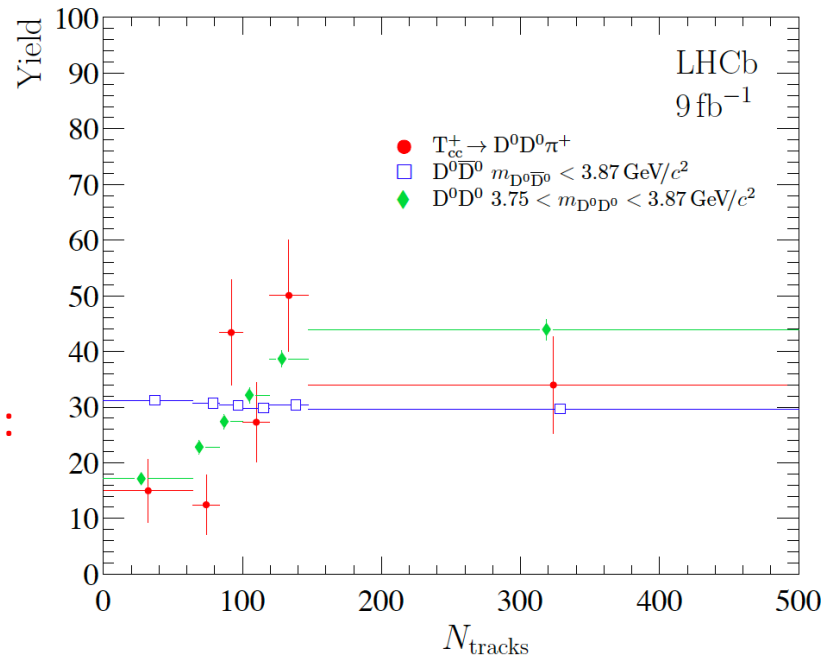


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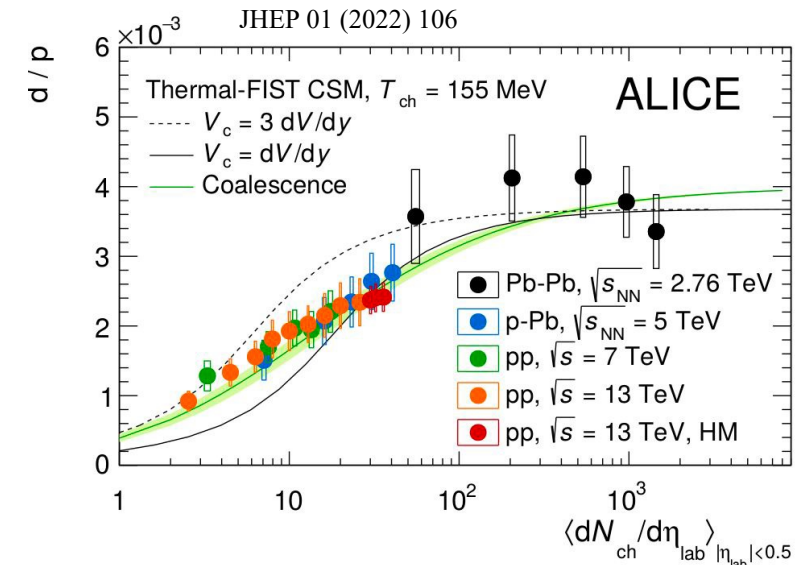
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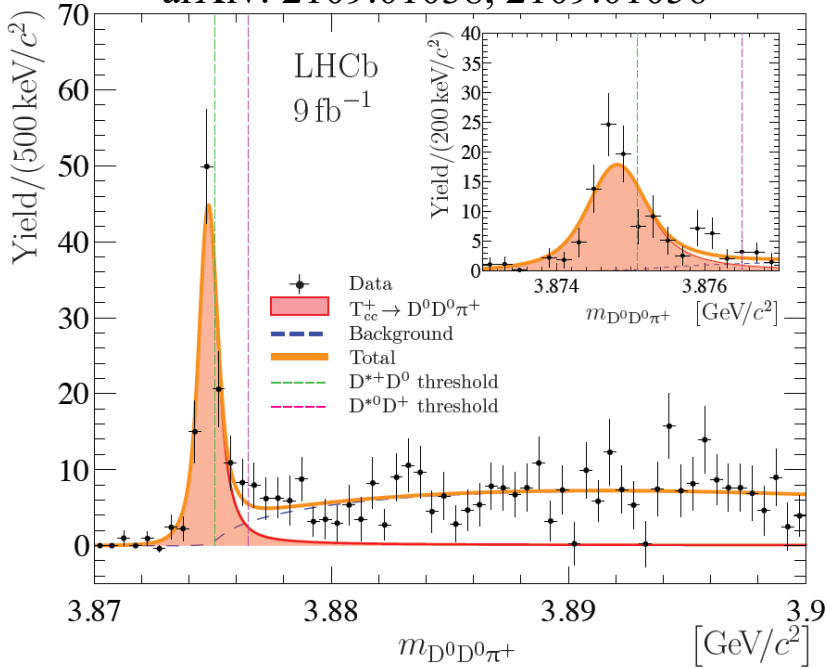


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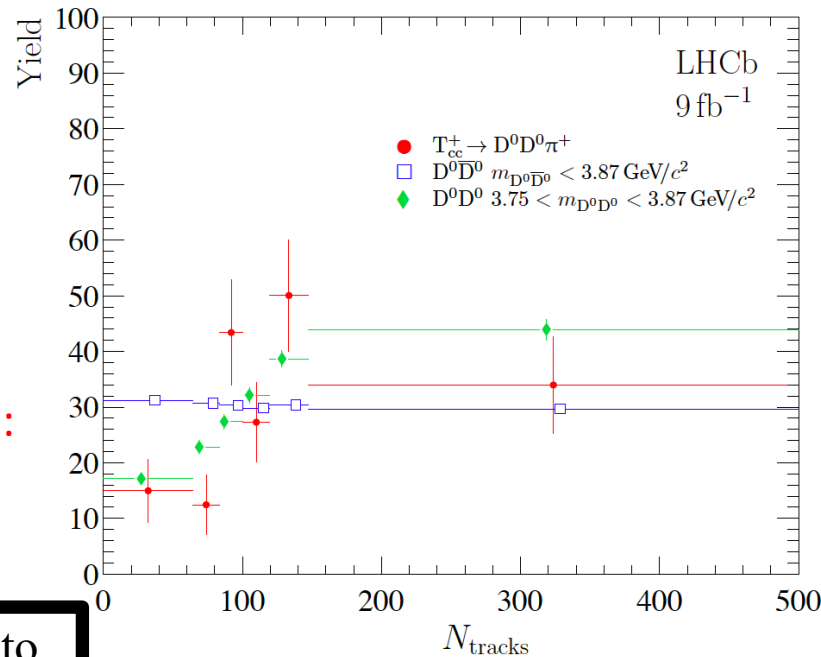


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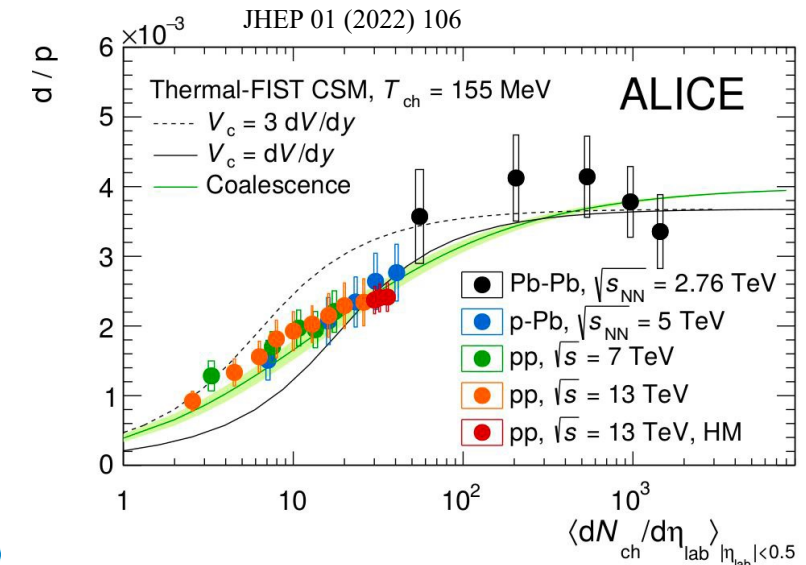
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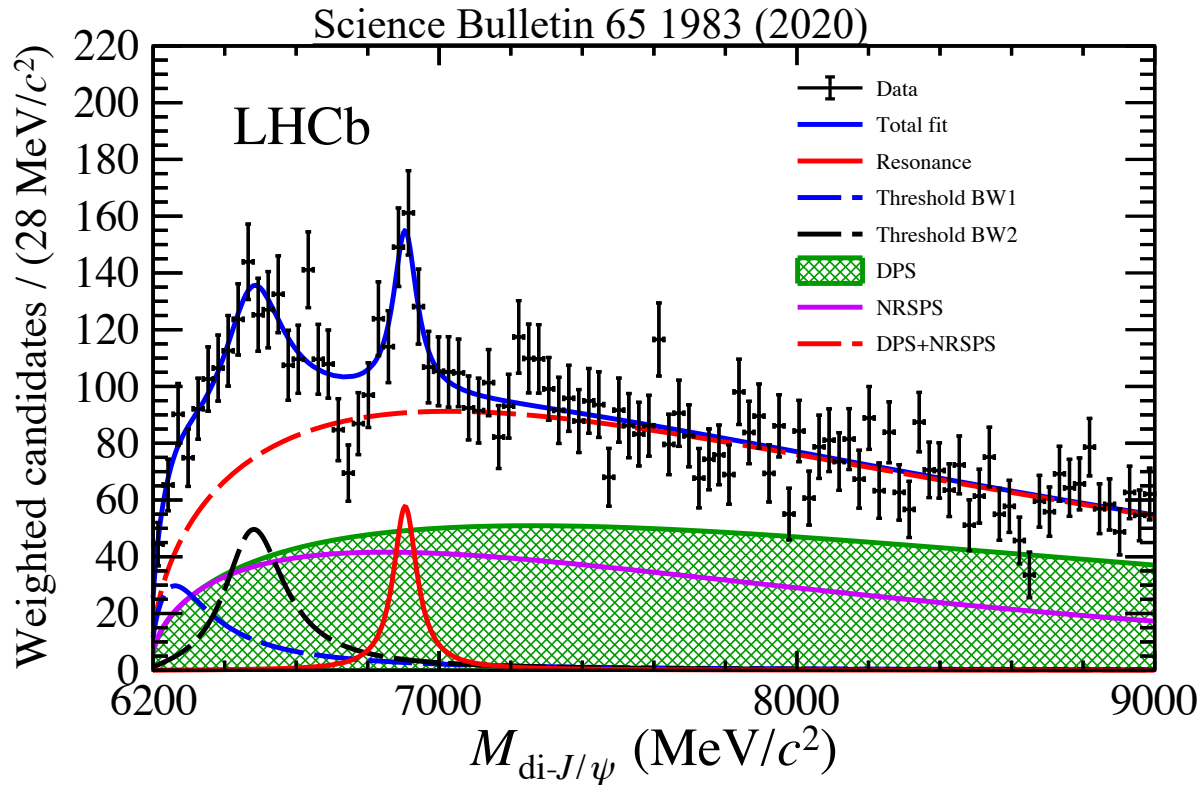
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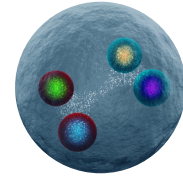
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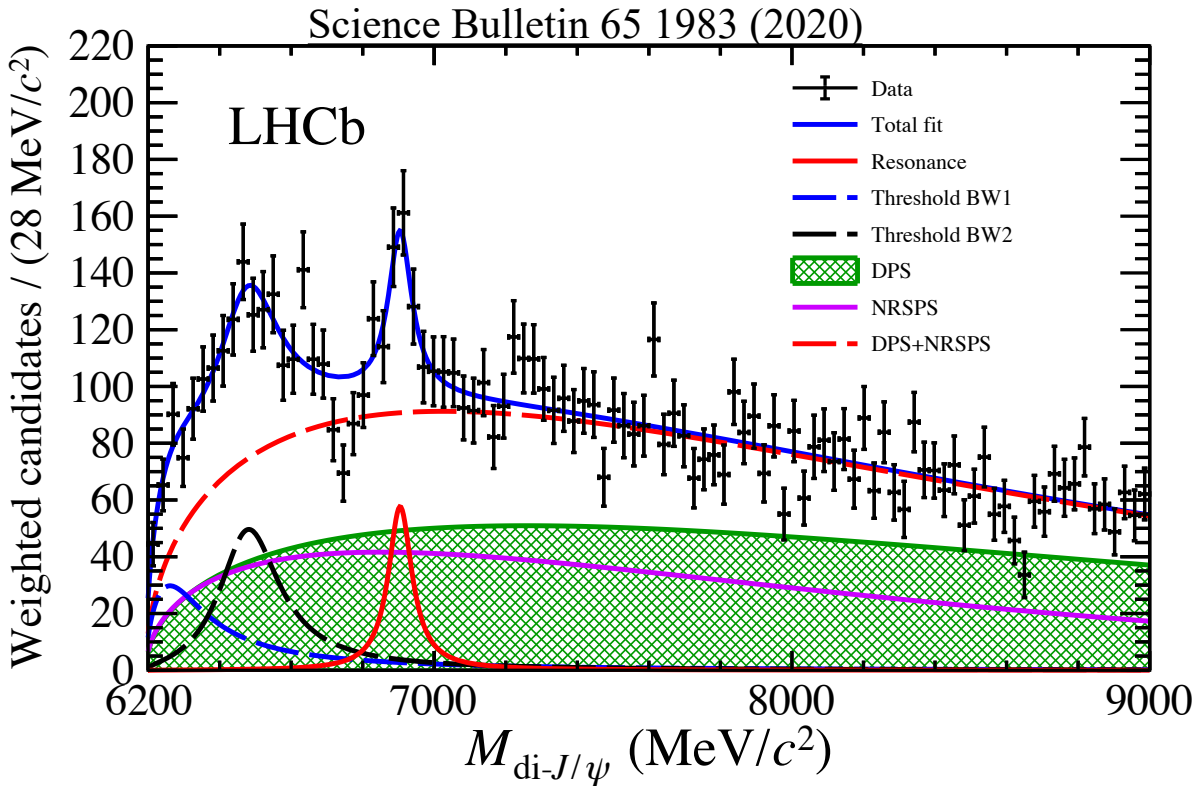
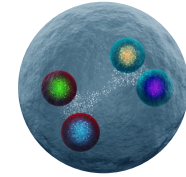
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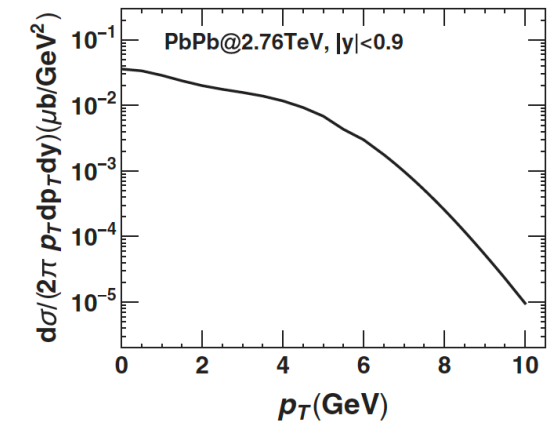
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Ultimate test for charm coalescence/recombination models in AA

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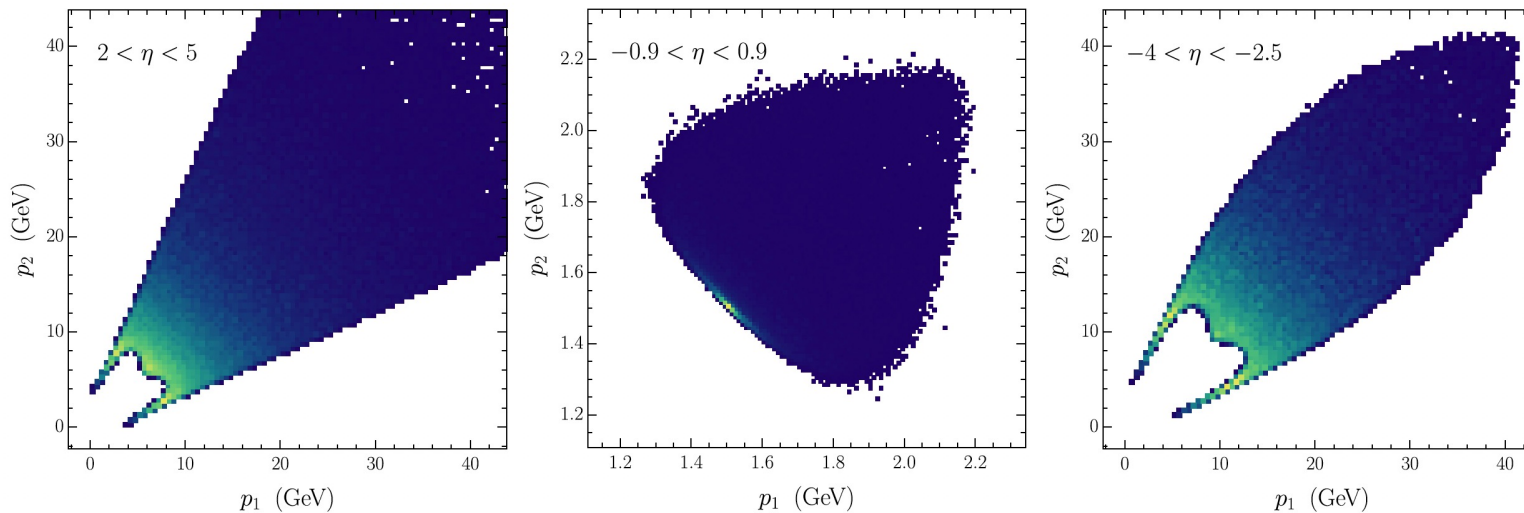
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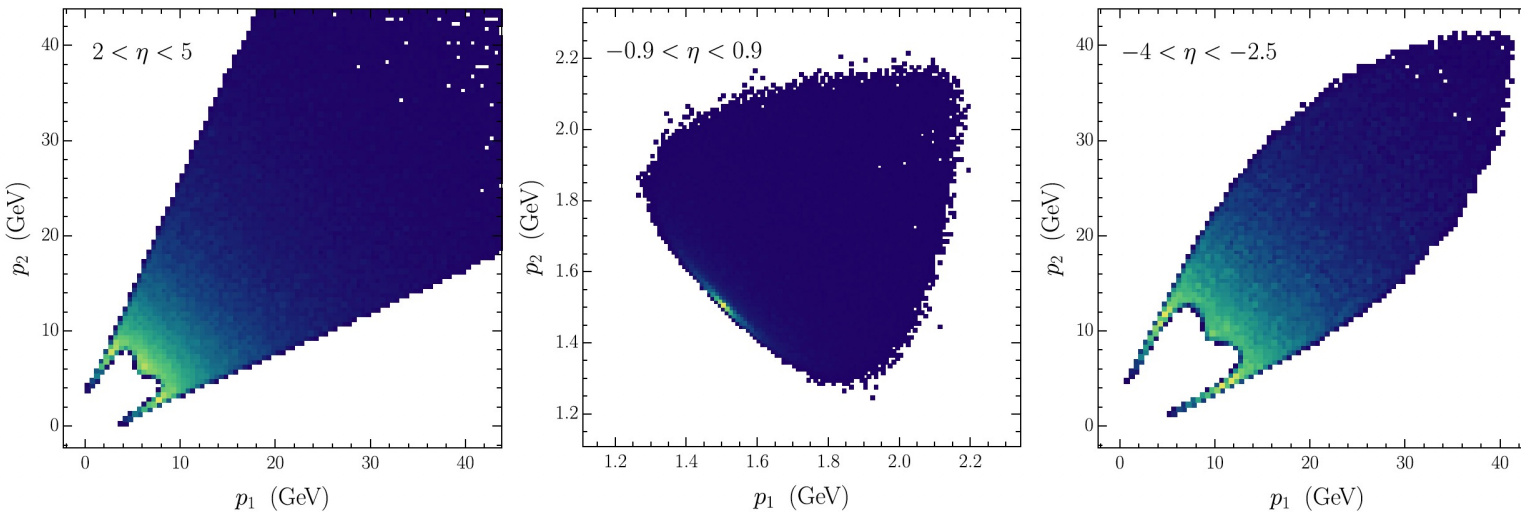
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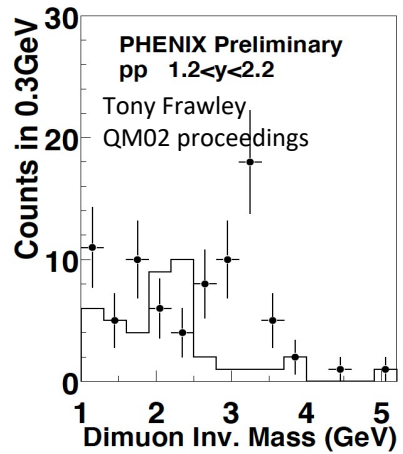
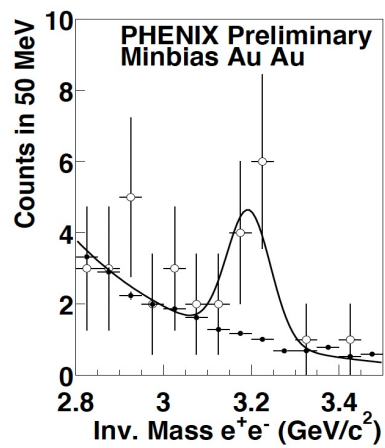
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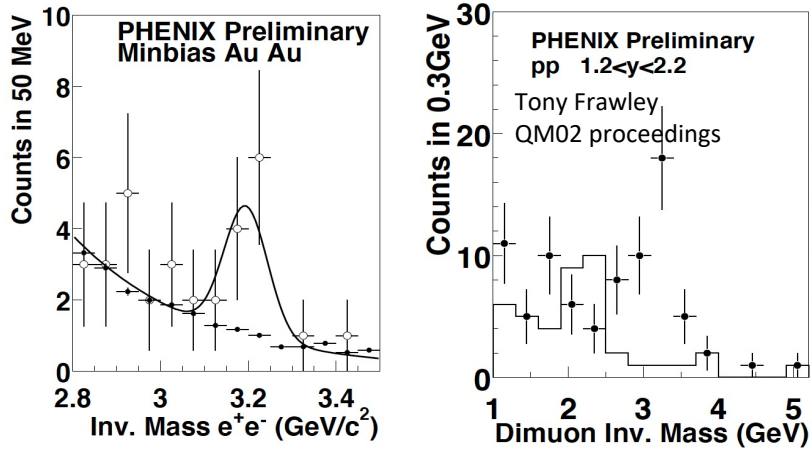
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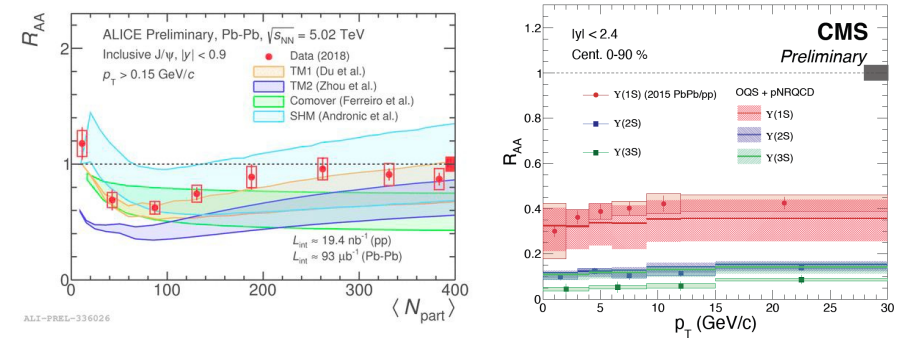
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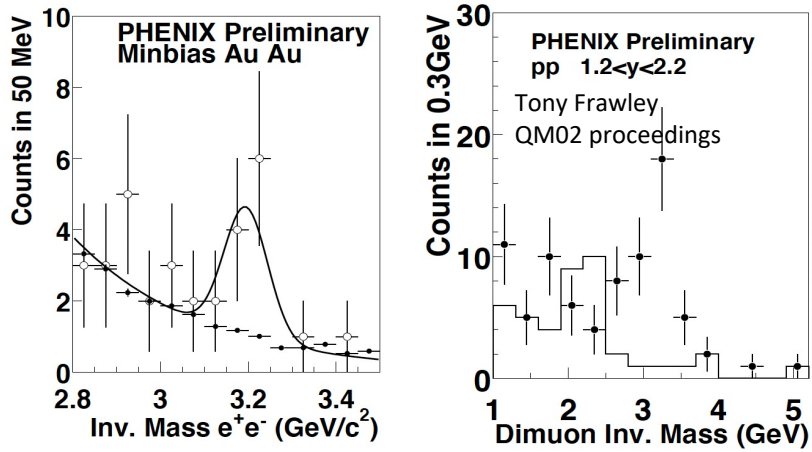
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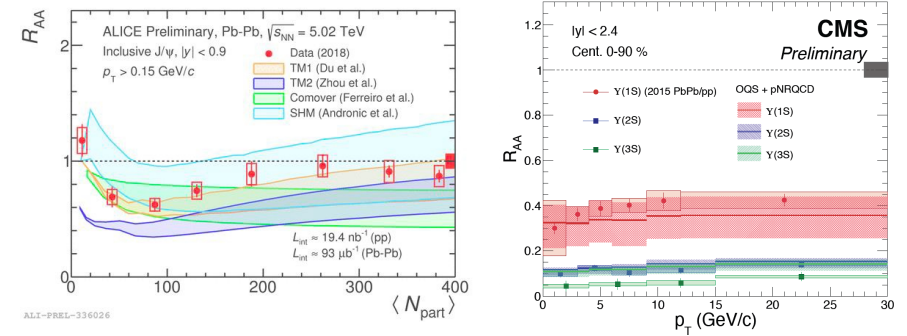
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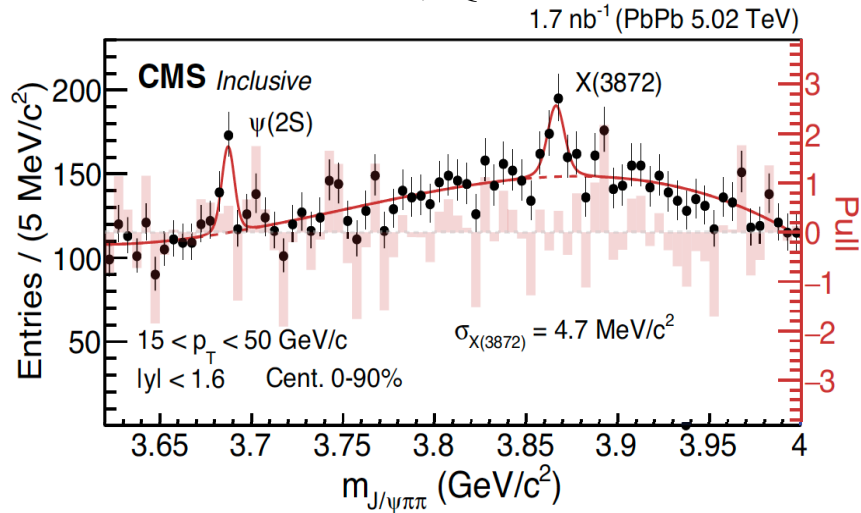
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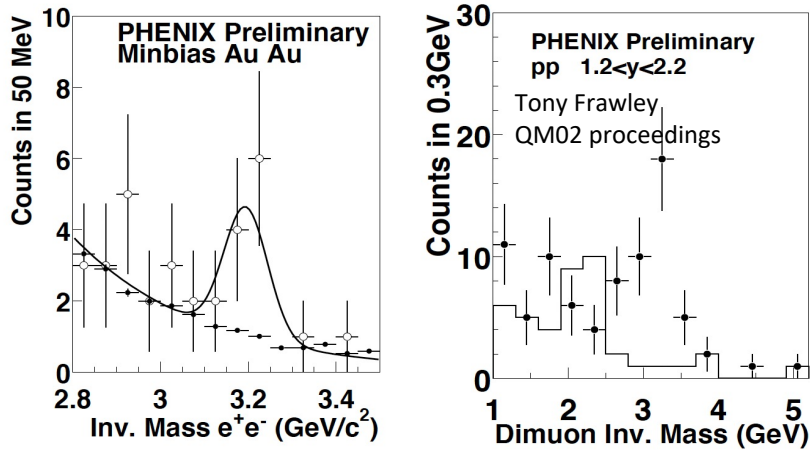
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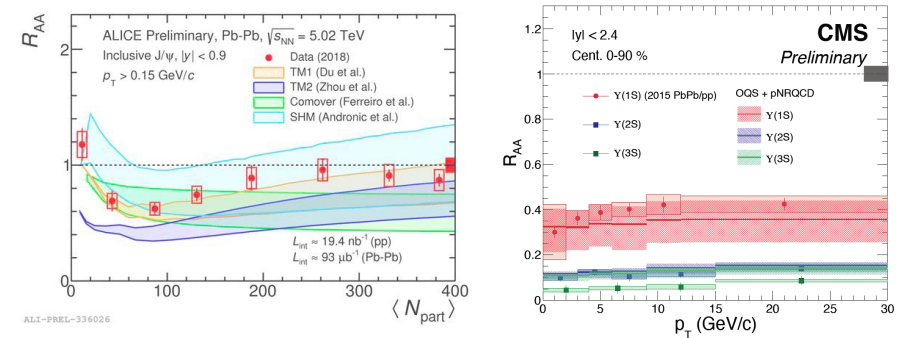


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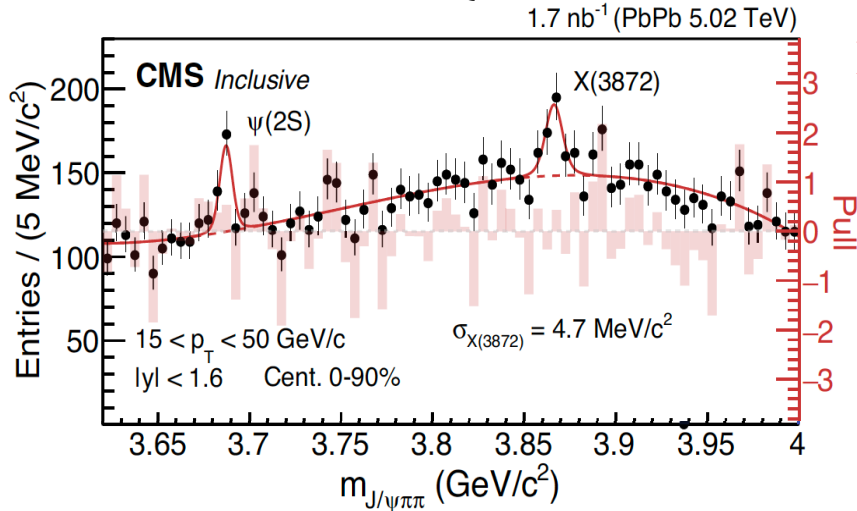
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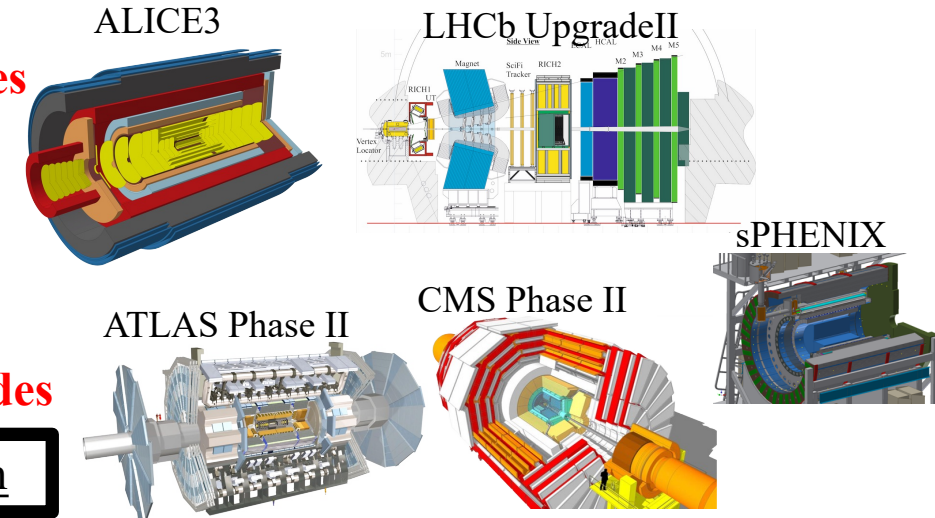
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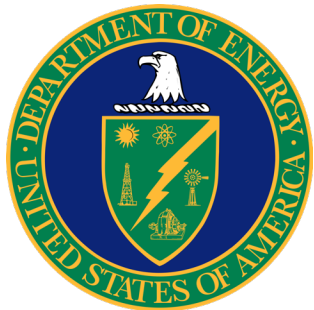
ALL LHC experiments are implementing relevant upgrades

See talk by Jochen Klein, Sun



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 - No theoretical consensus on production, breakup, or coalescence of X(3872)
- Measurements give new constraints on quark transport and hadronization, as well as providing new insight into fundamentally allowed bound states of quarks
- New discovery channels are being explored, with multiple relevant experimental upgrades underway

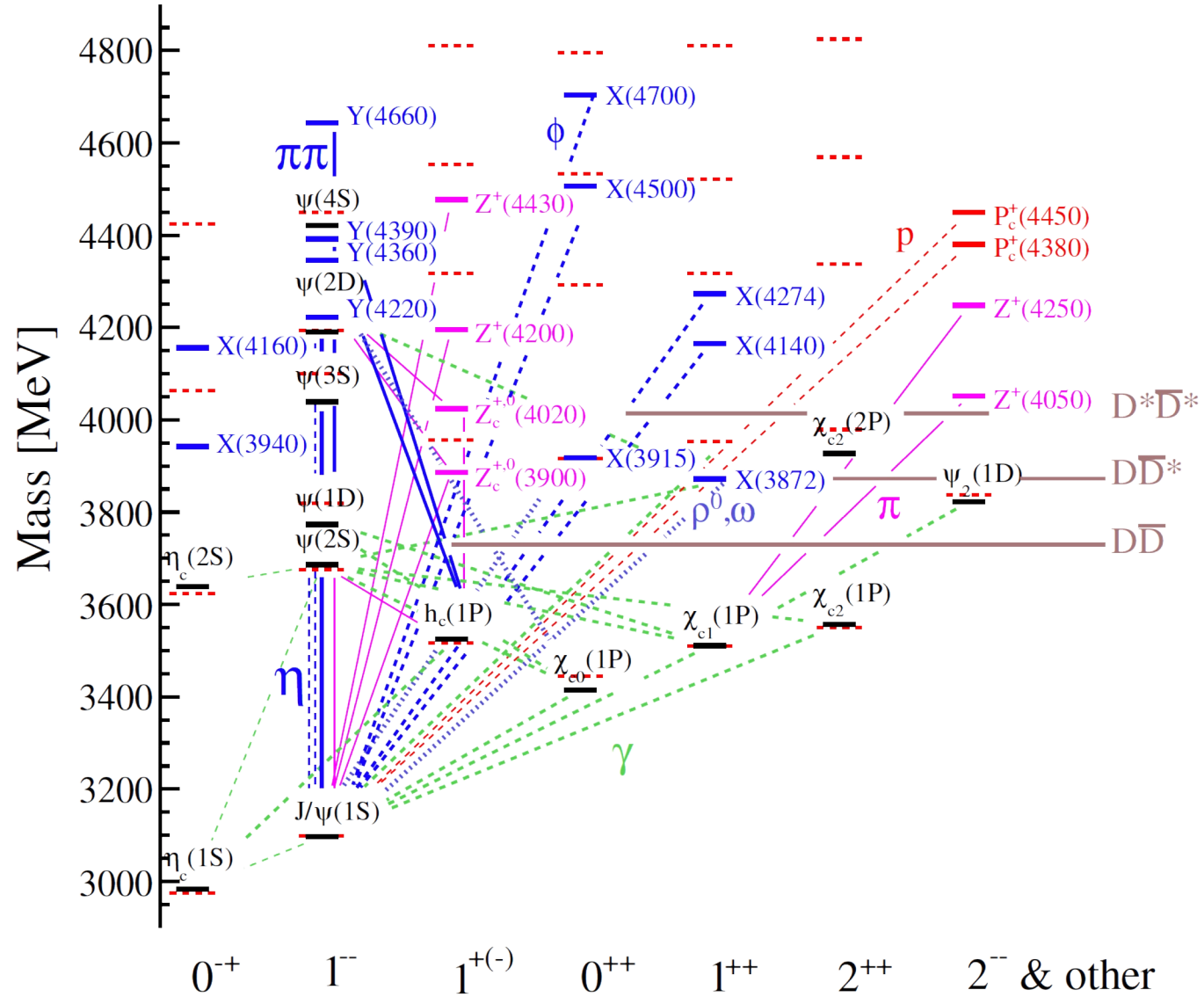


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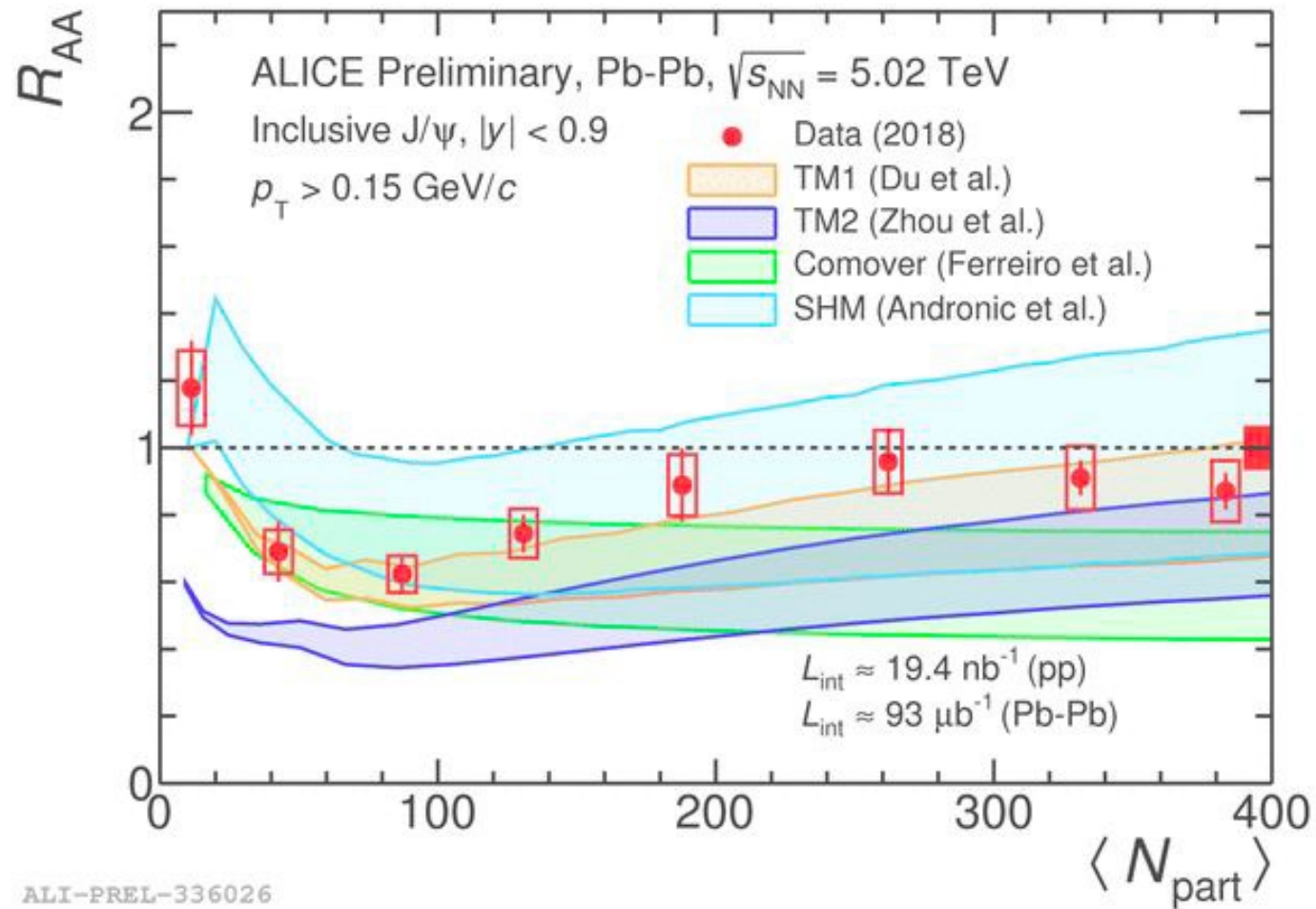


(Ideal) detector requirements for exotics program in heavy ions

- Hadron ID
 - Hadronic decays of exotic states can have complicated topology
 - Reduces combinatorial backgrounds
- Precision Vertexing
 - Removes component produced away from vertex in b -decays
- Low p_t coverage
 - Sensitive to largest breakup/recombination effects
- High sampling rate across full centrality
 - Access to multiquark states with relatively low cross sections in central collisions

**Currently, no experiment
has all these capabilities**

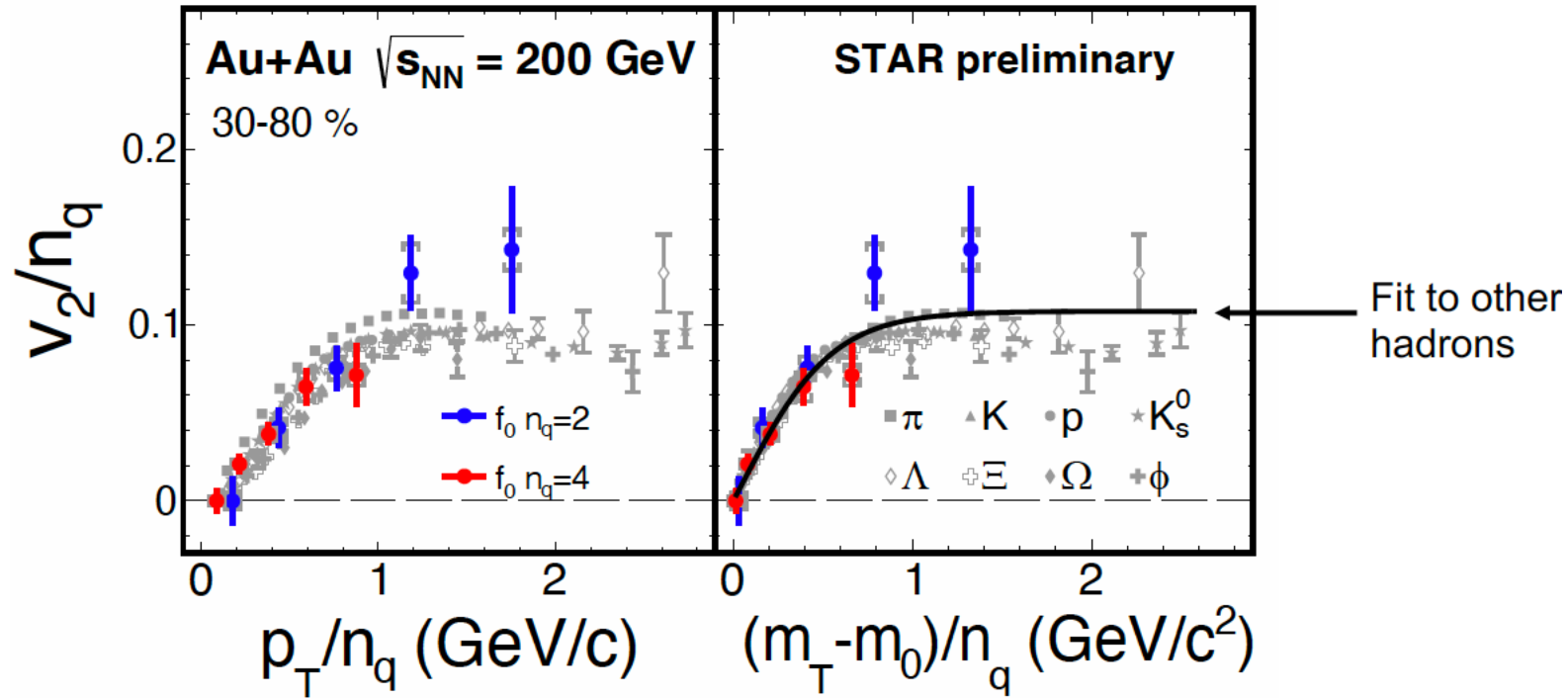
**ALL LHC experiments have
relevant upgrades ongoing**



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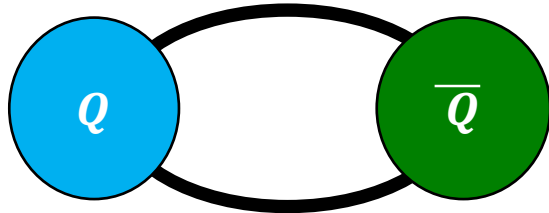
A light quark exotic candidate: f(980)

[Jie Zhao for STAR, SQM 2021](#)



$$n_q(f_0(980)) = 3.0 \pm 0.7 \pm 0.5$$

Hadron spectroscopy



$$V_0^{(c\bar{c})}(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + br + \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9m_c^2} \tilde{\delta}_\sigma(r) \vec{S}_c \cdot \vec{S}_{\bar{c}}$$

Phys. Rev. D 72, 054026 (2005)

- Fantastically successful for heavy quarkonia states
 - Reproduces all known quarkonia states
 - Predictive: mass of newly discovered $\psi_3(1^3D_3)$ within <1% of model LHCb JHEP (2019) 35
- Works well for heavy open charm and bottom mesons
- Works ~okay for light quark states

