

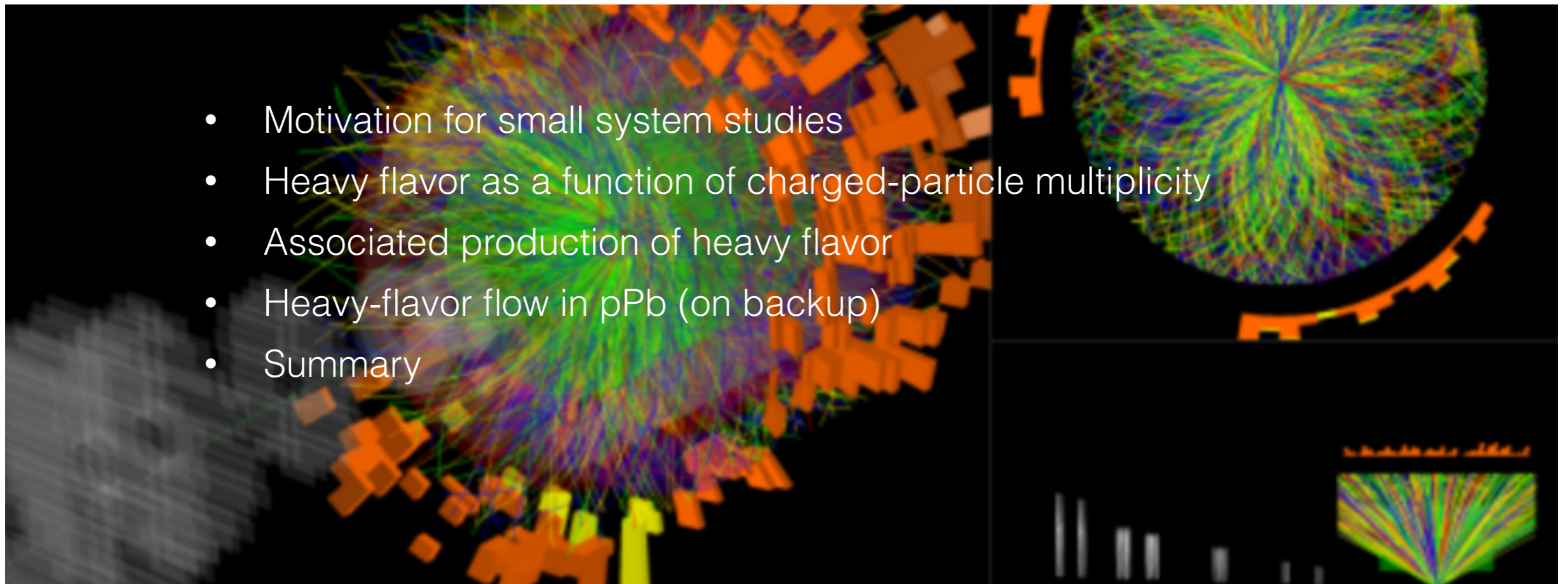
Heavy flavor measurements in small systems

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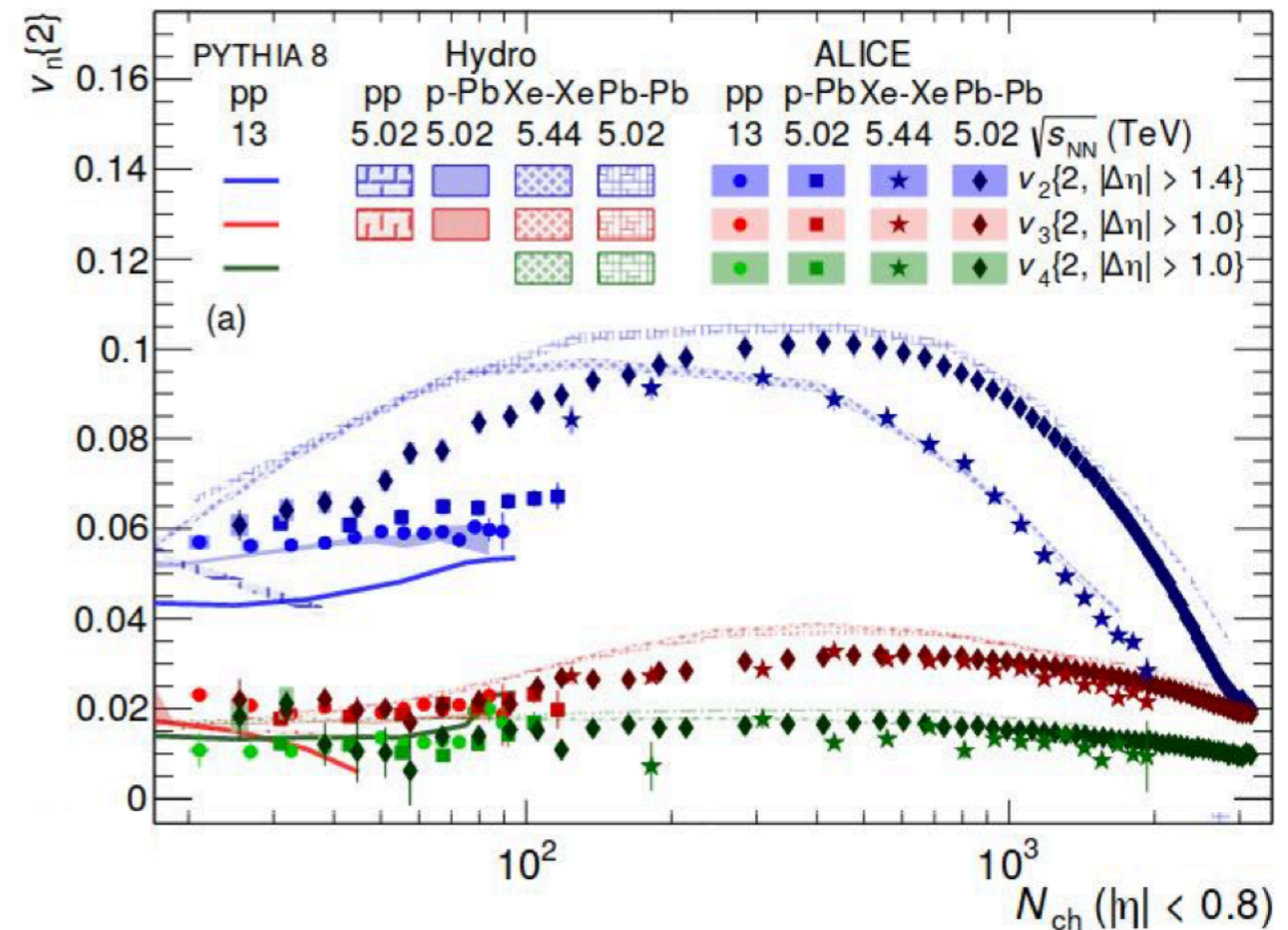
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- Motivation for small system studies
- Heavy flavor as a function of charged-particle multiplicity
- Associated production of heavy flavor
- Heavy-flavor flow in pPb (on backup)
- Summary



Observation of collective behaviour in few-particle systems

- Unexpected similar values of v_n in pp, p-Pb and heavy-ion collisions at low multiplicity.
- **In small (few-particle) systems,**
 - **pp measurements can not be explained by models without collective effects (PYTHIA 8).**
 - **model description in pp and p–Pb not satisfactory** (PYTHIA 8, IP-GLASMA+MUSIC+UrQMD).
- **Observation at the origin of new research directions to address the physics of small systems and the transition from small to large systems** (initial state of the collision, possible sub-nucleon structure, origin of collectivity...)



ALICE, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 142301 (2019)
[arXiv:1903.01790](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.01790)

Small system physics at the LHC

Table prepared by the WG small systems from the HL/E-LHC working group (~140 refs)

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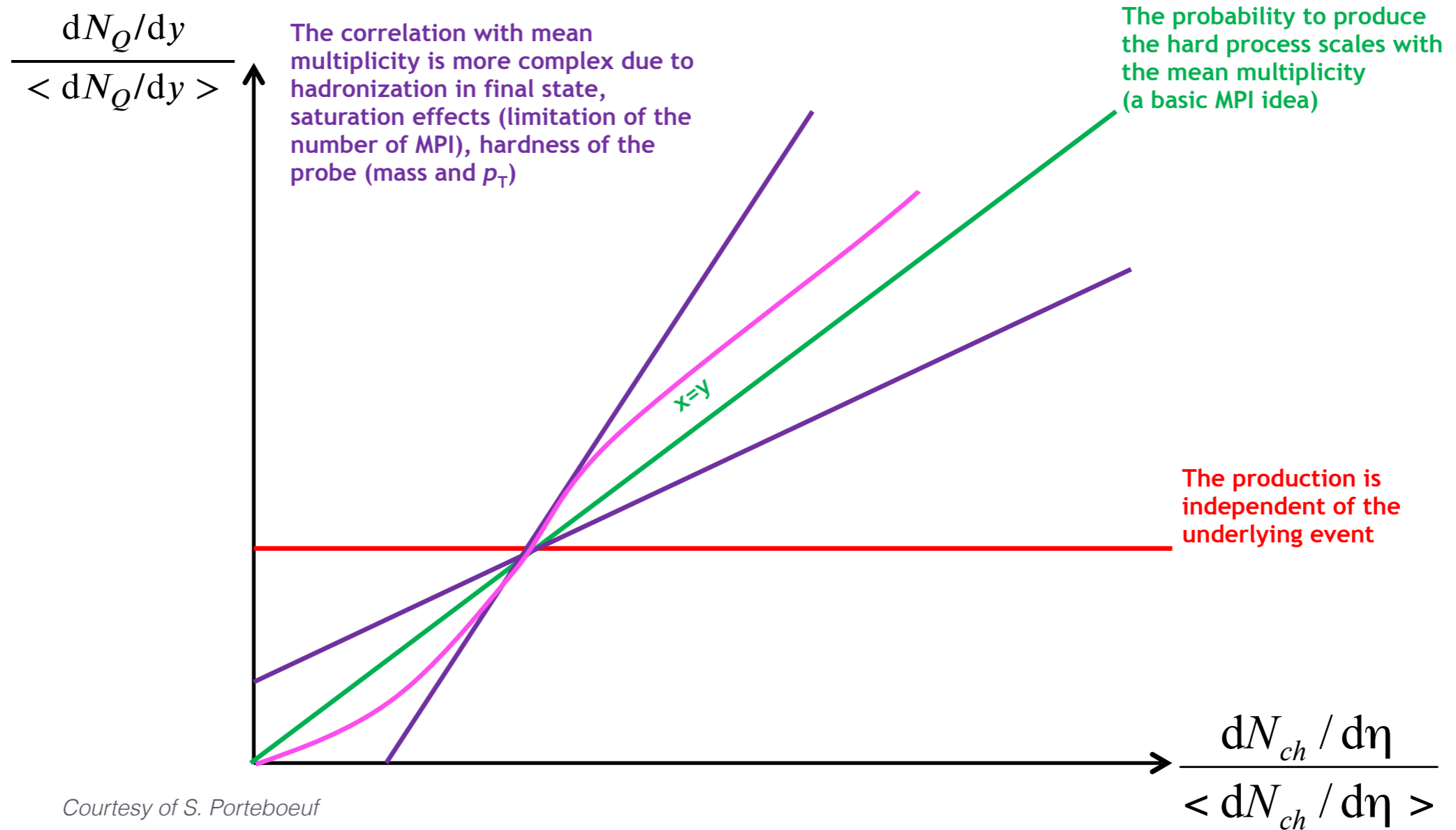
Observable of effect	Pb-Pb	pPb (high mult)	pp (high mult)
SOFT Probes			
low p_T spectra ("radial flow")	yes	yes	yes
Intermediate p_T ("recombination")	yes	yes	yes
HBT radii	$R_{out}/R_{side} \sim 1$	$R_{out}/R_{side} \leq 1$	$R_{out}/R_{side} \leq 1$
Azimuthal anisotropy (v_n) (2 prt. correlations)	v_1-v_7	v_1-v_5	v_2-v_4
Characteristic mass dependence	v_2-v_5	v_2-v_3	v_2
Higher order cumulants	"4~6~8 " + higher harmonics	"4~6~8 " + higher harmonics	"4~6 " + higher harmonics
Event by event v_n distributions	n=2-4	Not measured	Not measured
Event plane and v_n correlations	yes	yes	yes
HARD Probes			
Direct photons at low p_T	yes	Not measured	Not measured
Jet Quenching	yes	Not observed	Not measured
Quarkonia Nuclear Modification Factor	J/ψ regeneration / Y suppression	suppressed	Not measured
Heavy-flavor anisotropy	yes	yes	Not measured

Physics of the transition from small to large systems

- Which is the origin of the collectivity in small systems?
Hydrodynamics requires Reynolds number $R_e \gg 1 \rightarrow$ small η/s
- Do we observe QGP droplets in small systems?
Collectivity \neq QGP
- How do hard probes interact with the QGP droplets?
Energy loss \propto system size \rightarrow small system; small effect
- Which mechanism (in the initial state) could allow to reach the energy density required for a phase transition in small systems?
Initial state, possible sub nucleon structure,... ?
- .. is it the same for all systems ?
- Can all high energy hadronic collisions be described within the same formalism, from small to large systems?
- **(THIS TALK) Focus on signals of multiple parton interaction processes in the heavy flavor sector**

Measurements vs. charged-particle multiplicity

(Too) Simple expectations, discussions



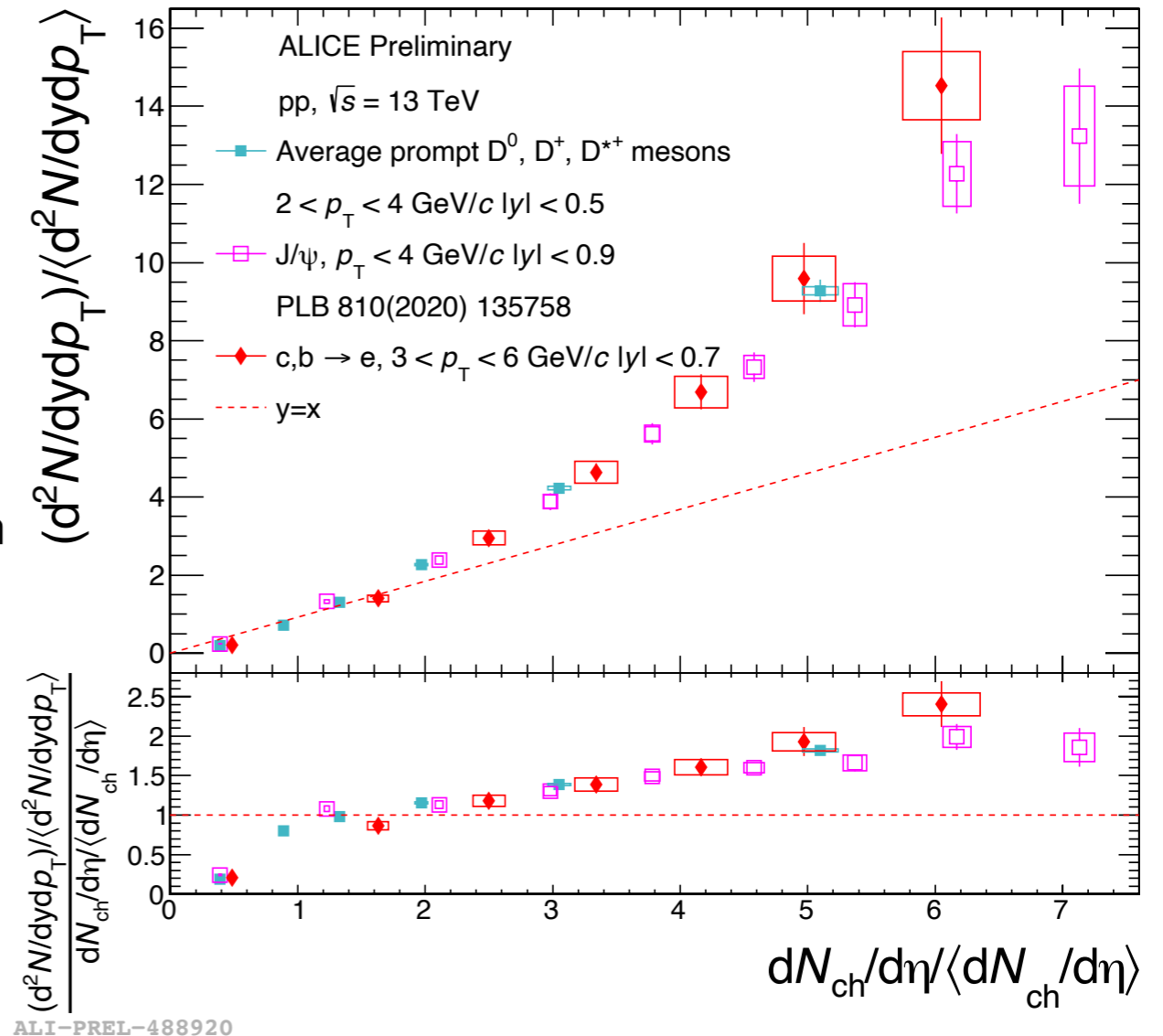
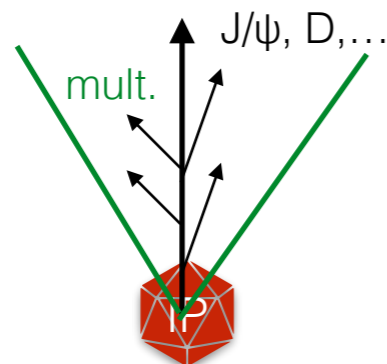
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ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148

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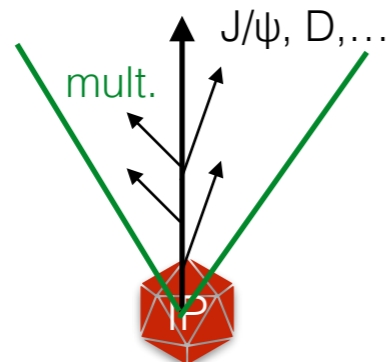


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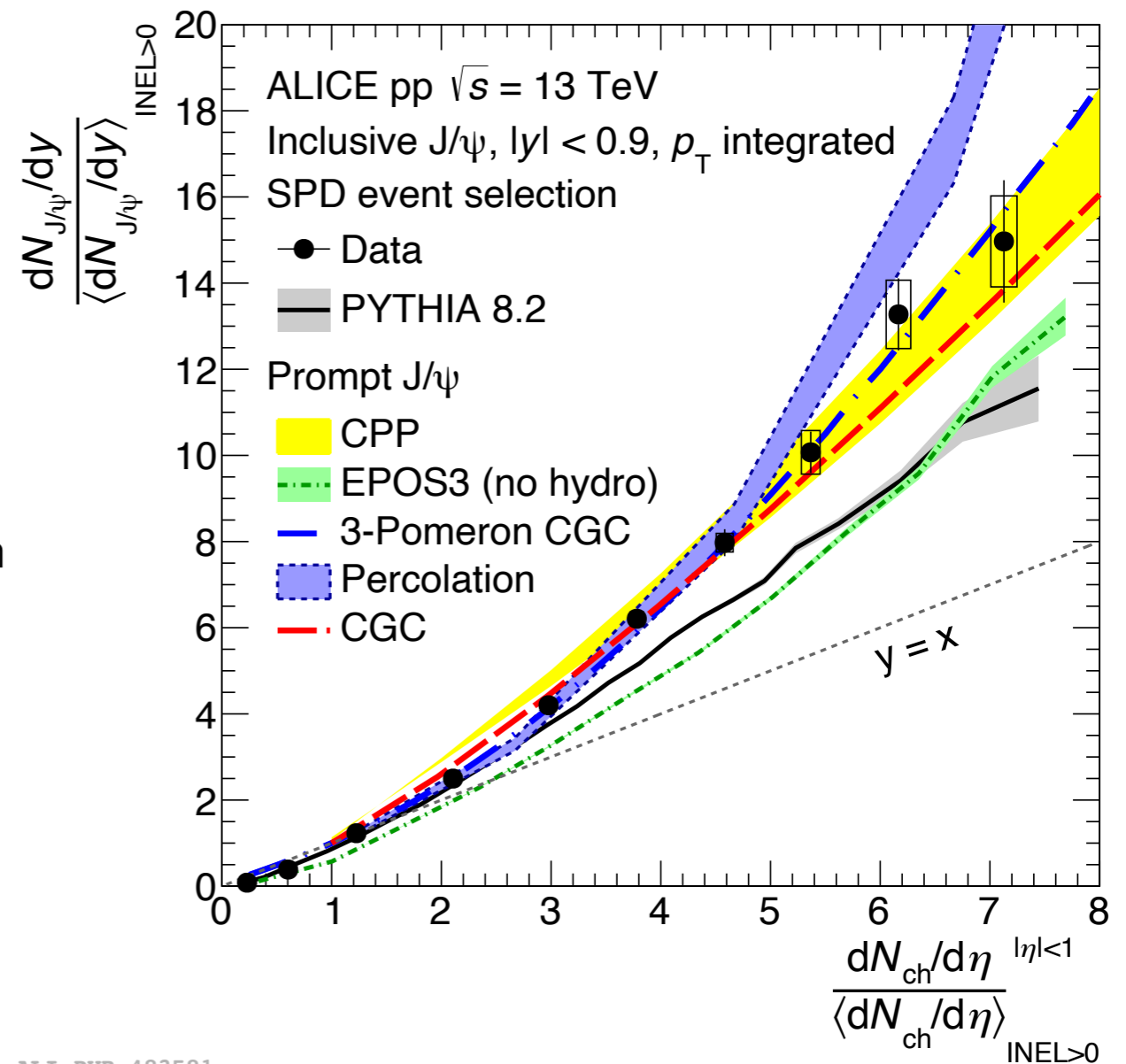
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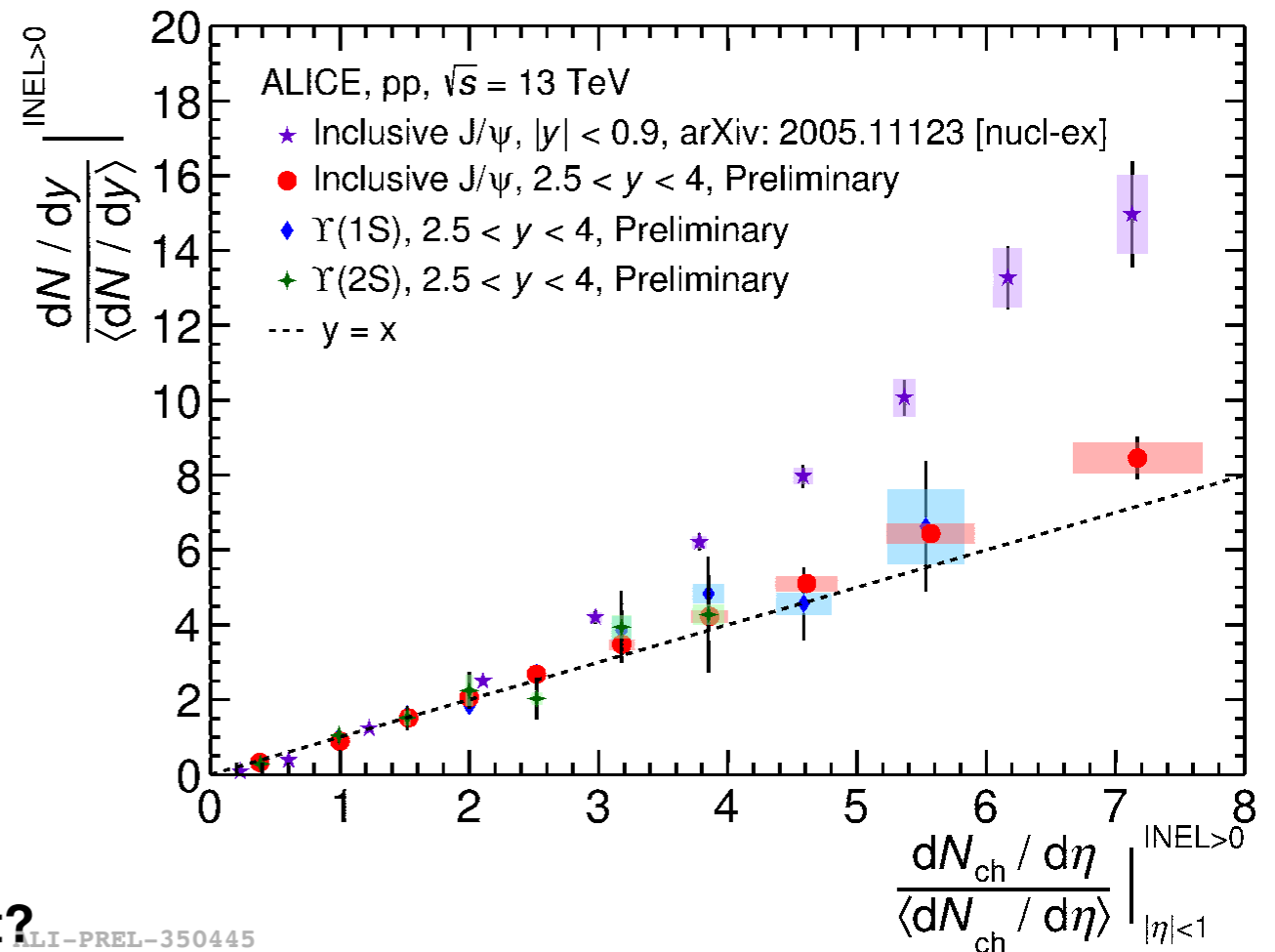
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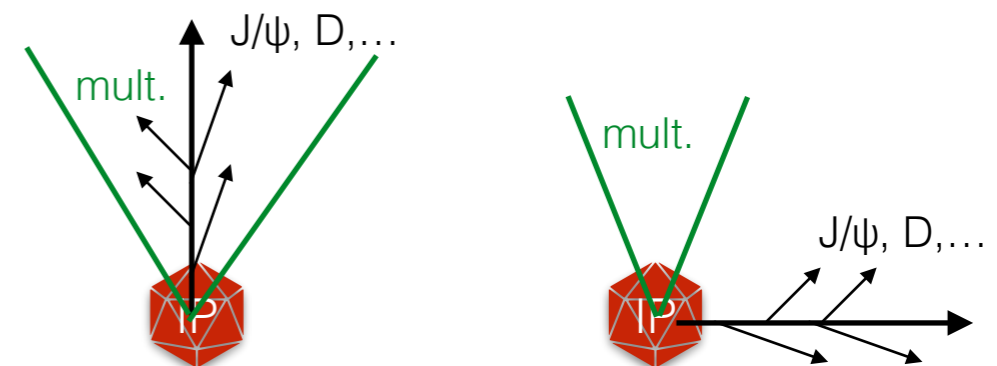
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- **but preliminary J/Ψ and Υ results at forward-y suggest a slower increase** (than mid-y ones)
 - **hadronisation?**
D-meson measurements disfavour this hypothesis
 - **fragmentation?**
Study particle species (kinematic dep.), also particle production in jets / isolated.
 - **associated production? underlying event?**
Multi-differential studies: yields at different y, vs multiplicity at different y, in sphericity intervals or vs angle (event classifier).
 - **final state effects ?**

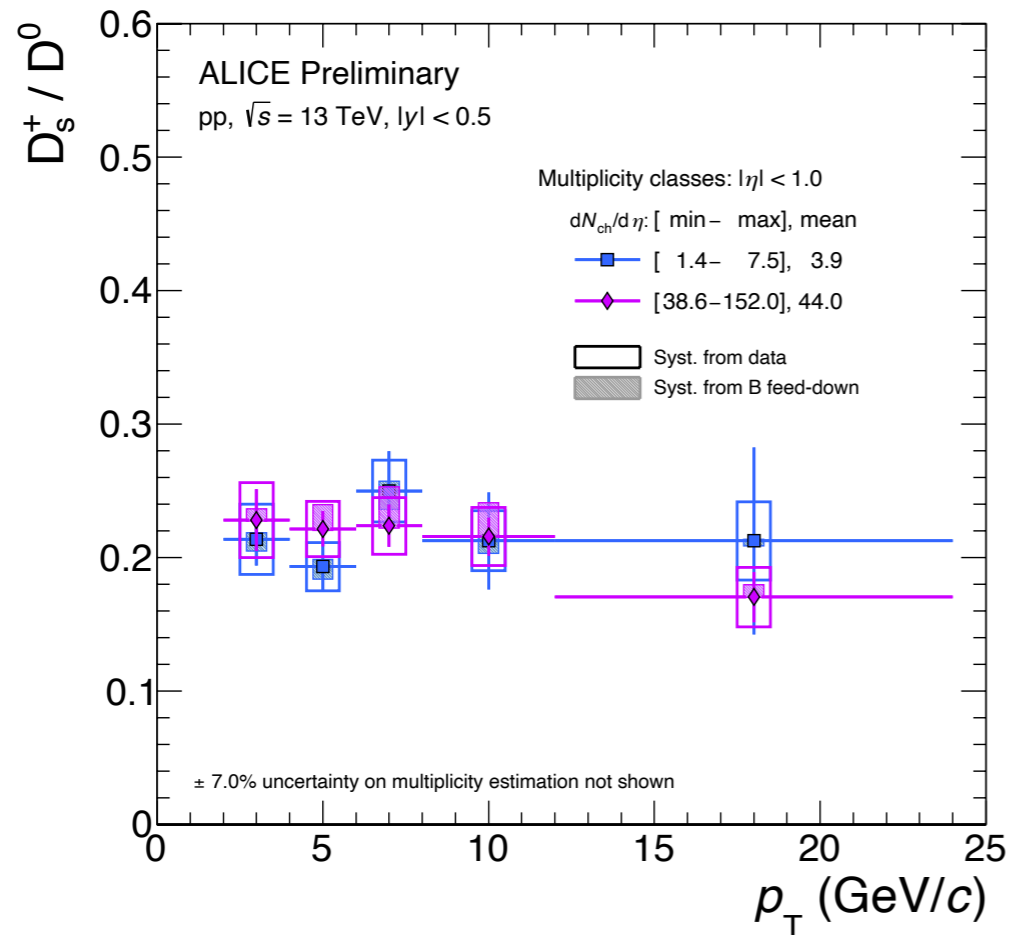
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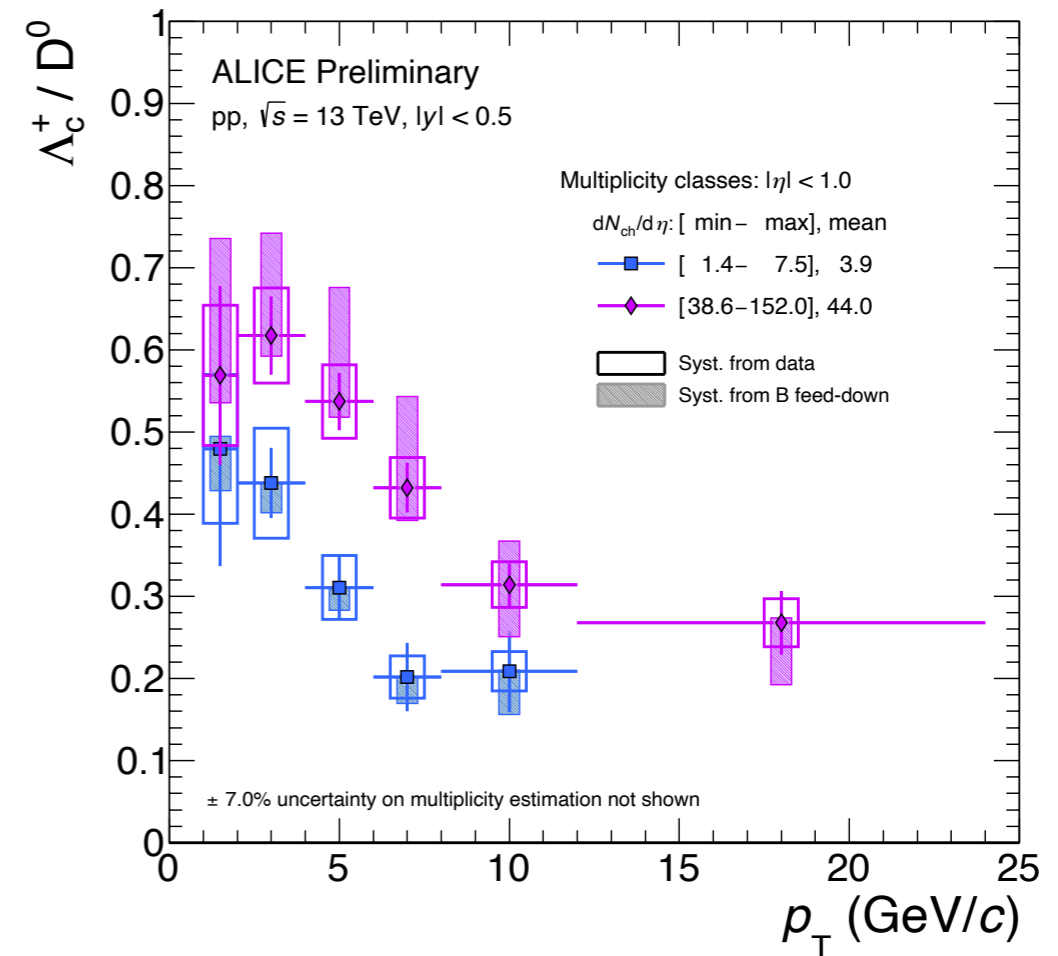
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... hadronization / fragmentation ?



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- **No indication of modification of D_s/D^0 ratio** as a function of multiplicity within uncertainties.
- **Significant dependence of Λ_c/D^0 with charged-particle multiplicity.**
- Charm baryon yields at the LHC have revealed unexpected features that are currently under scrutiny from the experimental and theoretical points of view.

Follow other talks during this workshop!

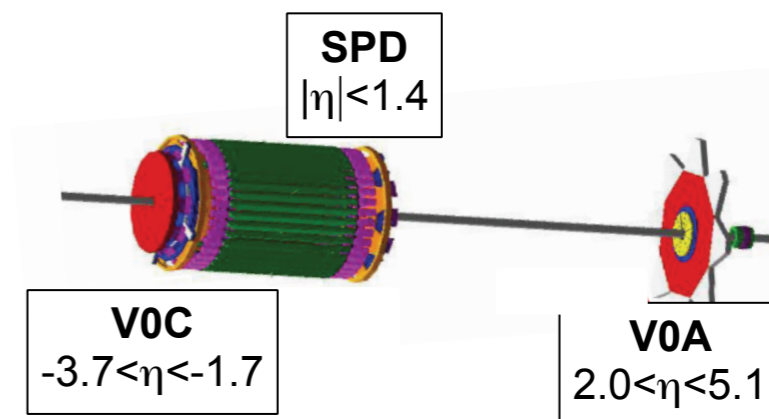
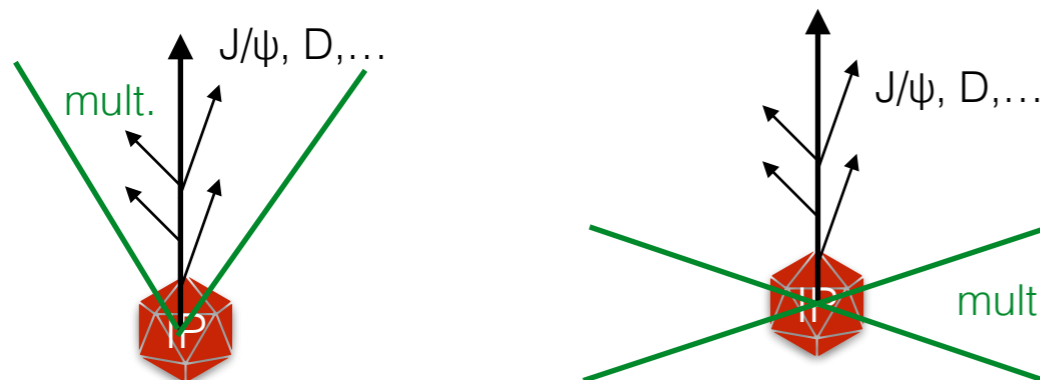
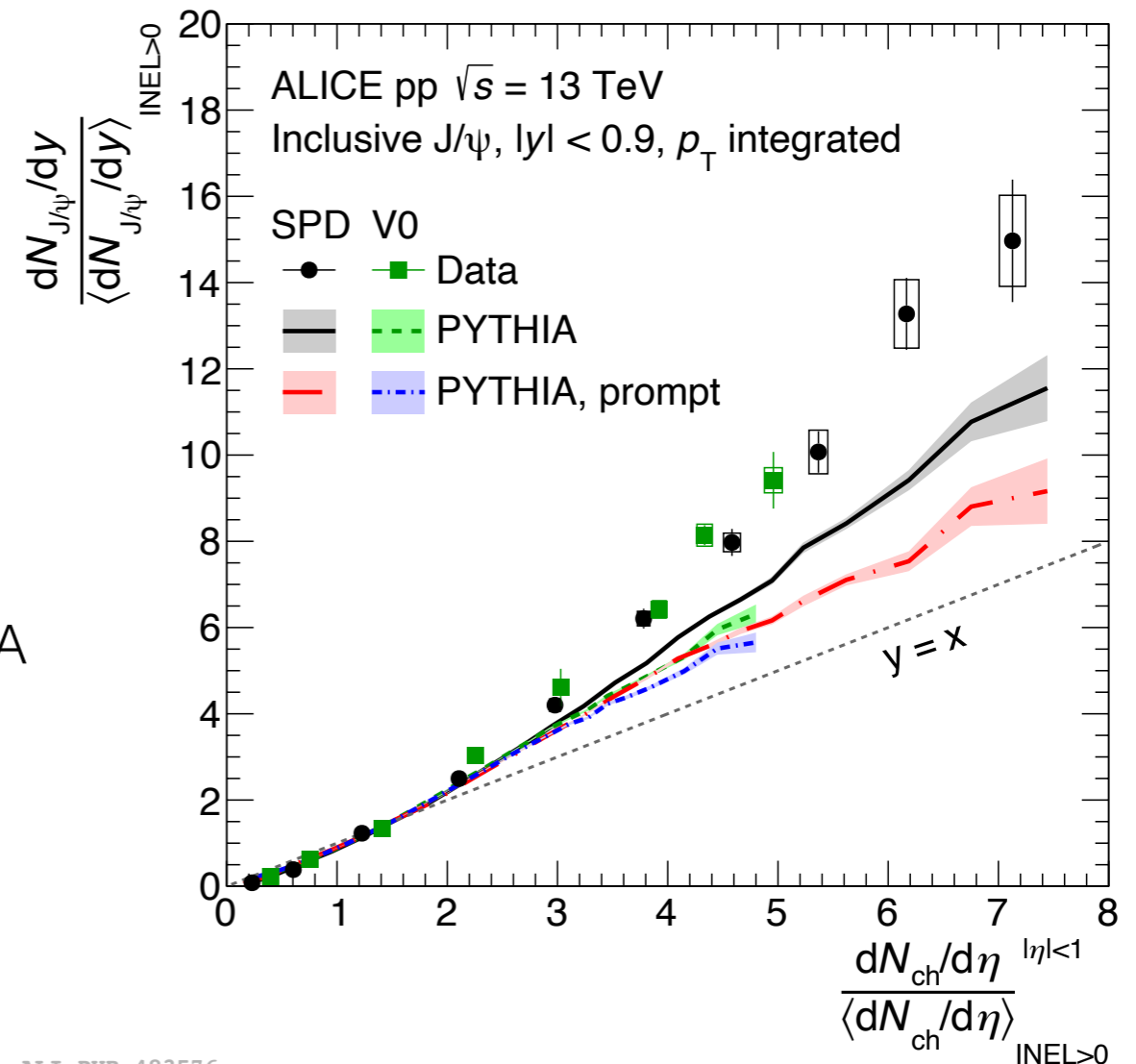
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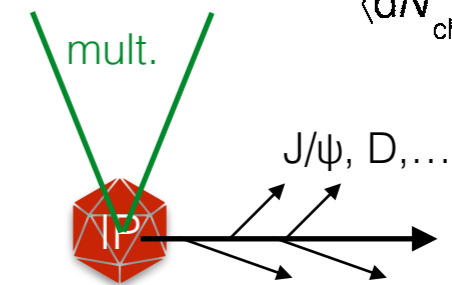
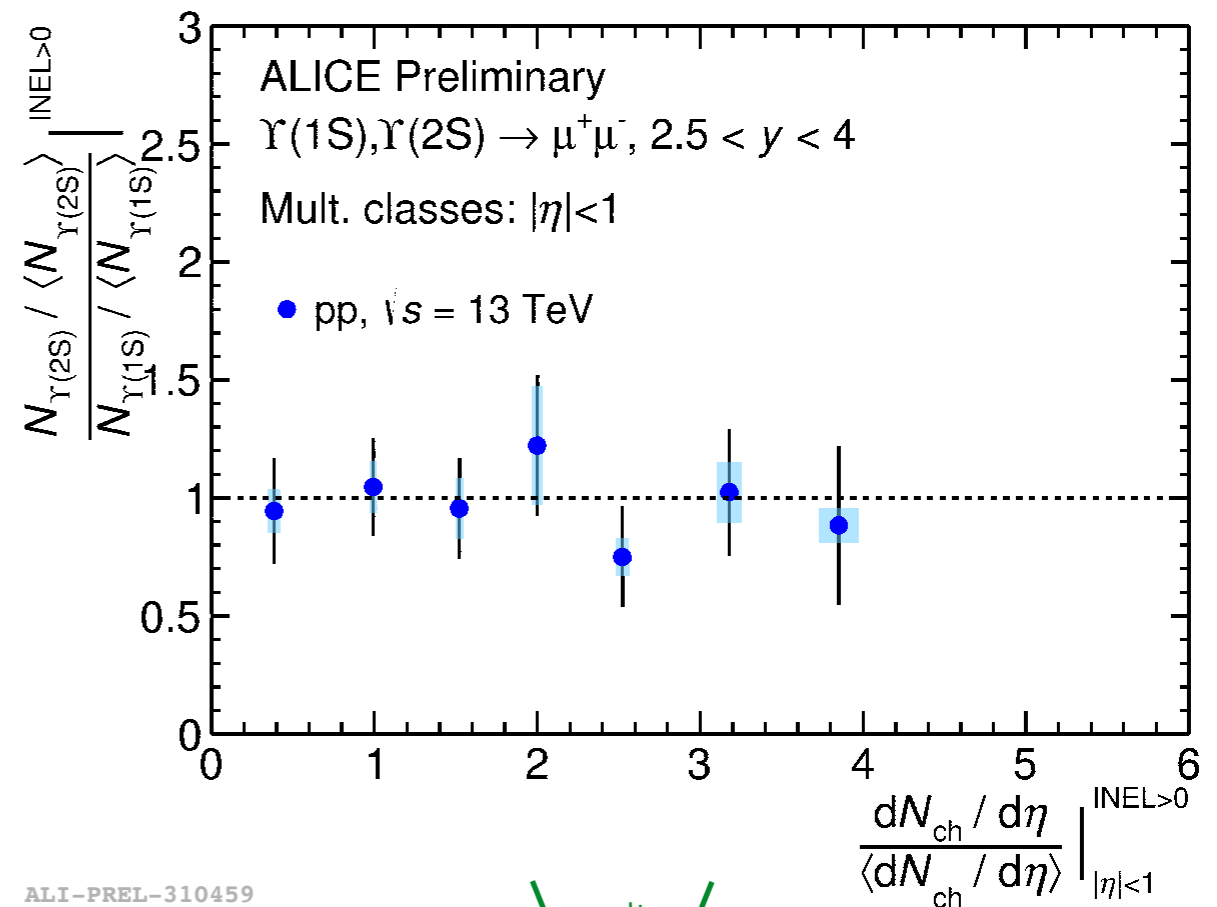
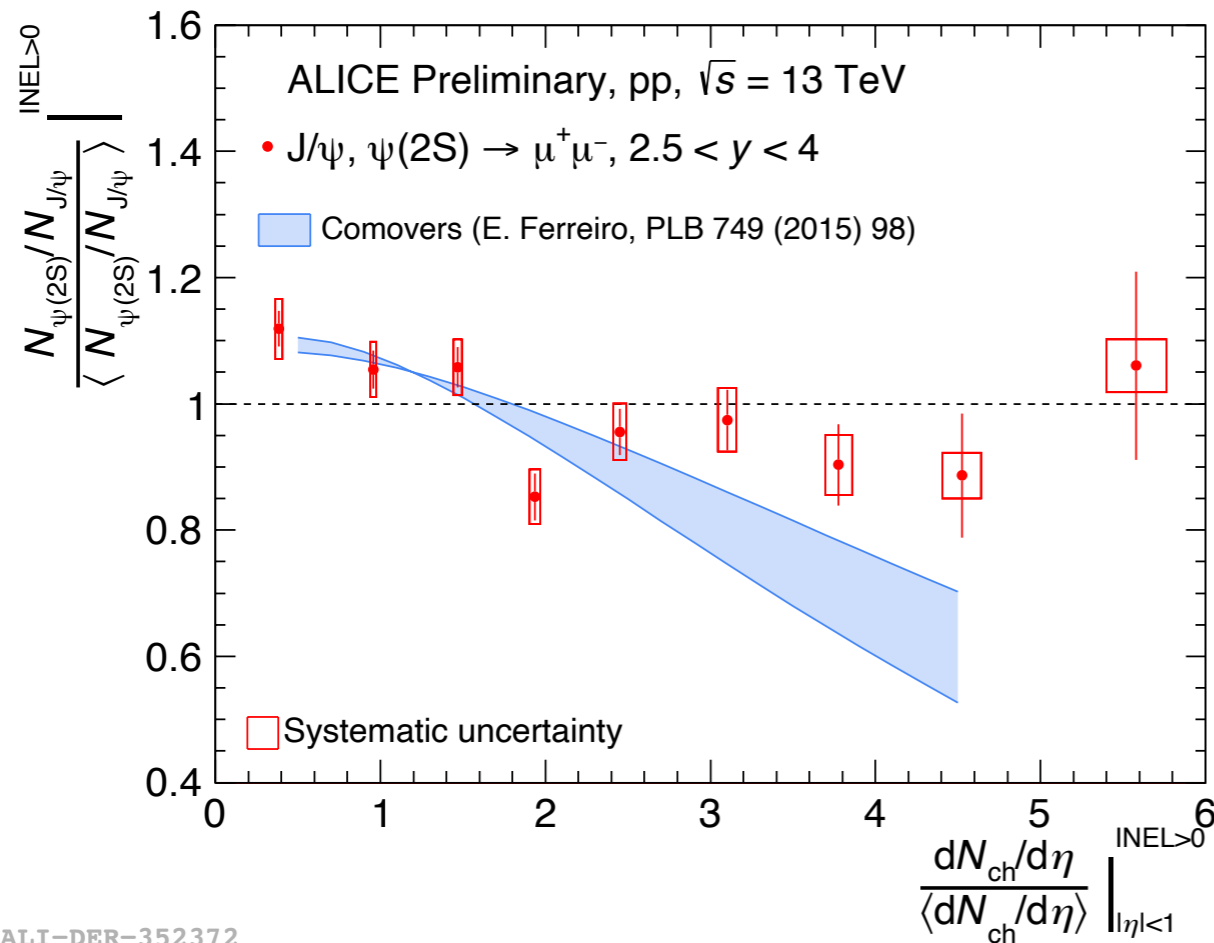
... associated production ?

- J/Ψ at midrapidity
- Multiplicity estimator either at central or large rapidity.
- Rapid increase of J/Ψ yield (larger than x=y) independent of the multiplicity measurement interval.
- Observed correlation stronger than in PYTHIA

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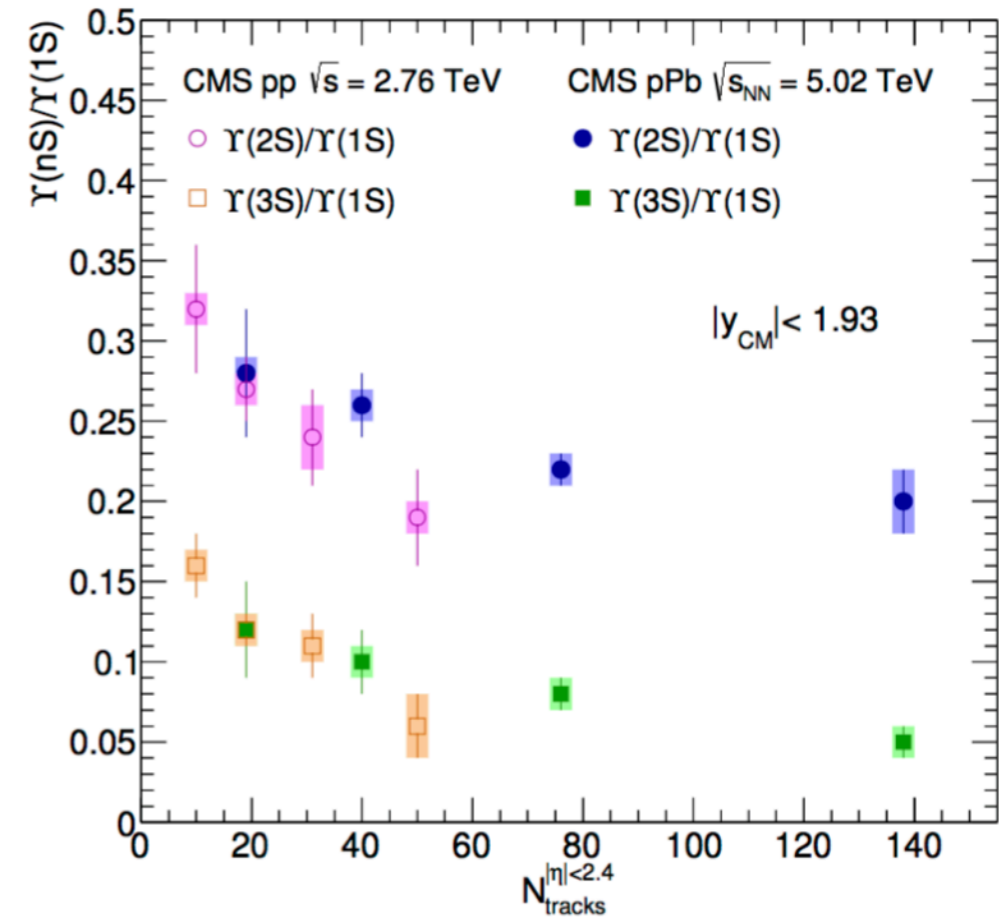
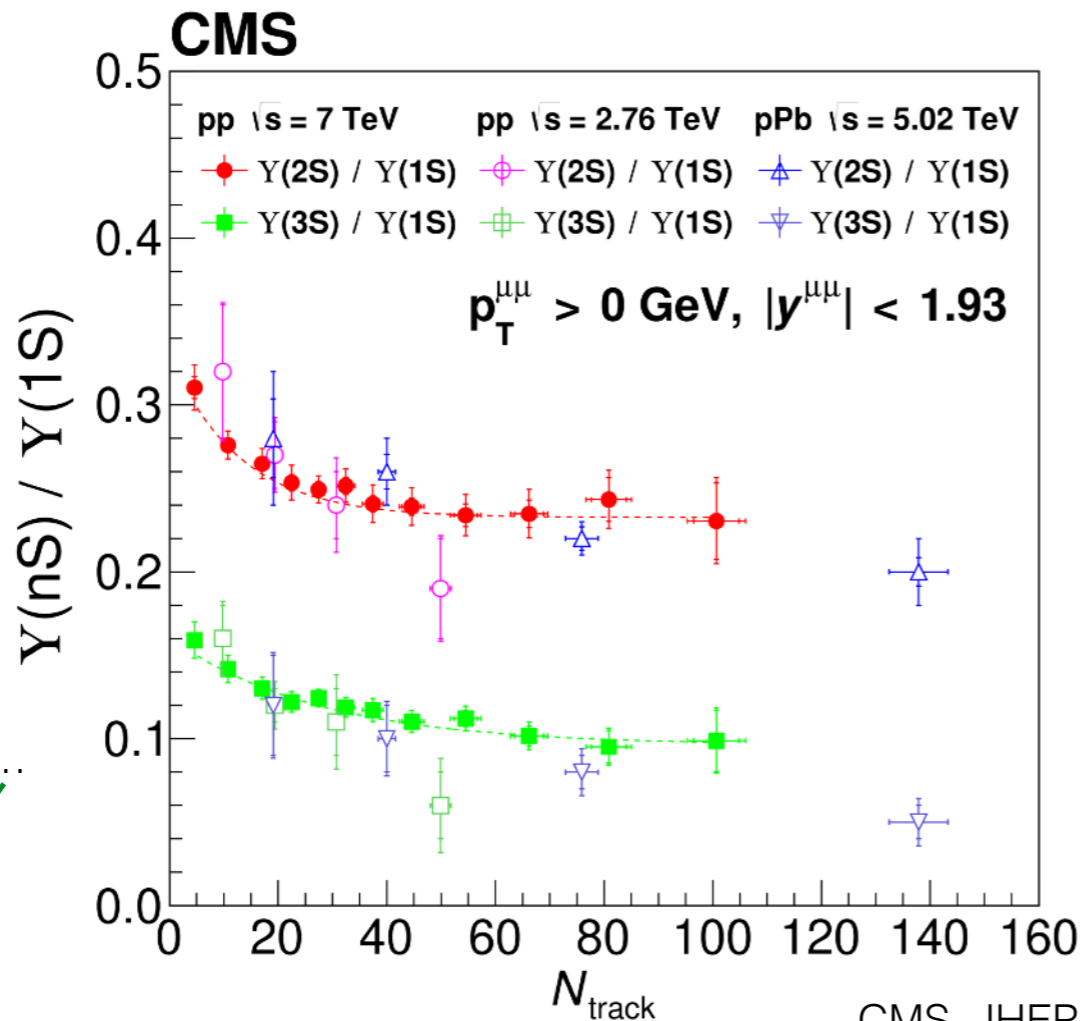


... possible final-state effects ?



- Excited-to-ground state ratios at large rapidity consistent with a flat behavior within uncertainties.
- Comover scenario: expects a decrease of the excited-to-ground state ratios due to the high density final state environment. Bound state dissociation depending on their binding energies.

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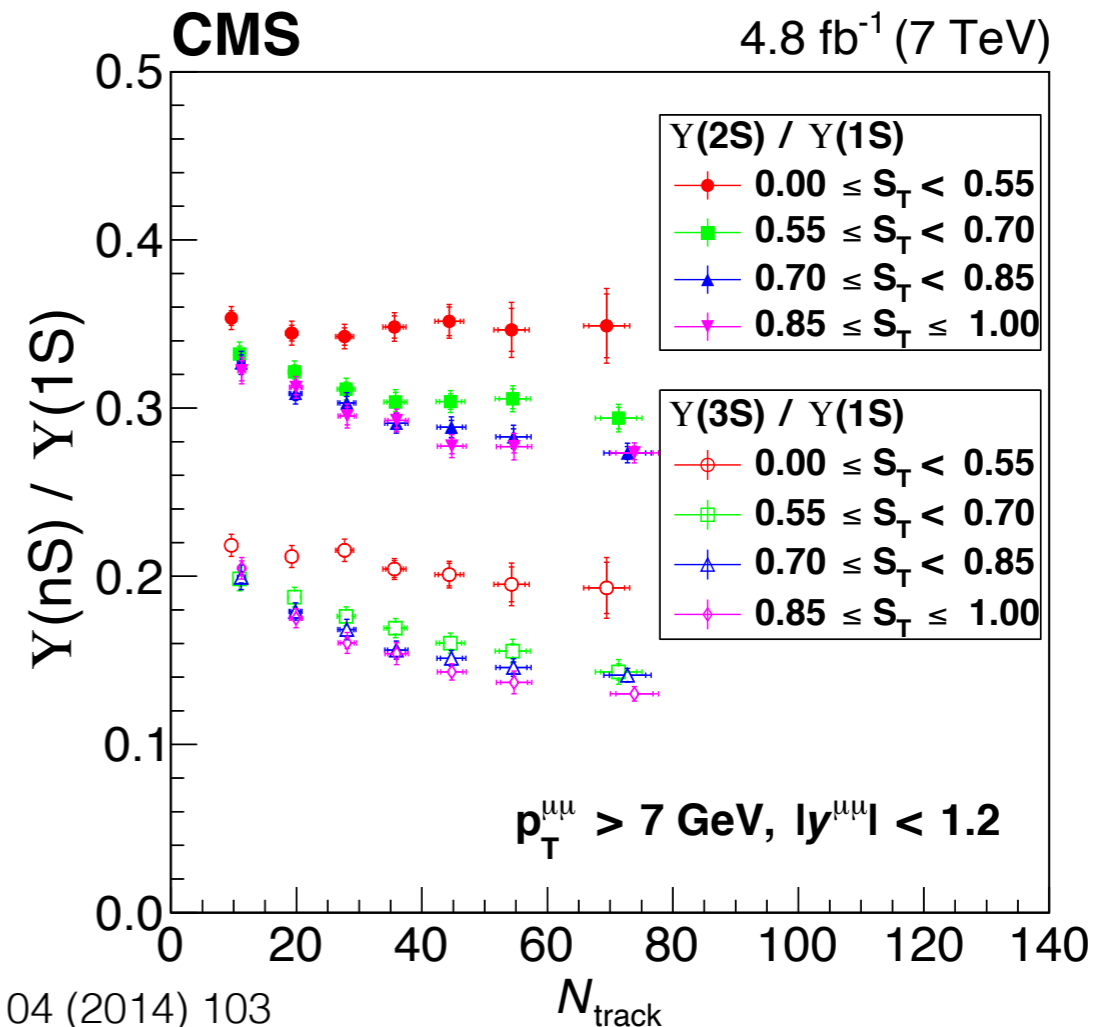
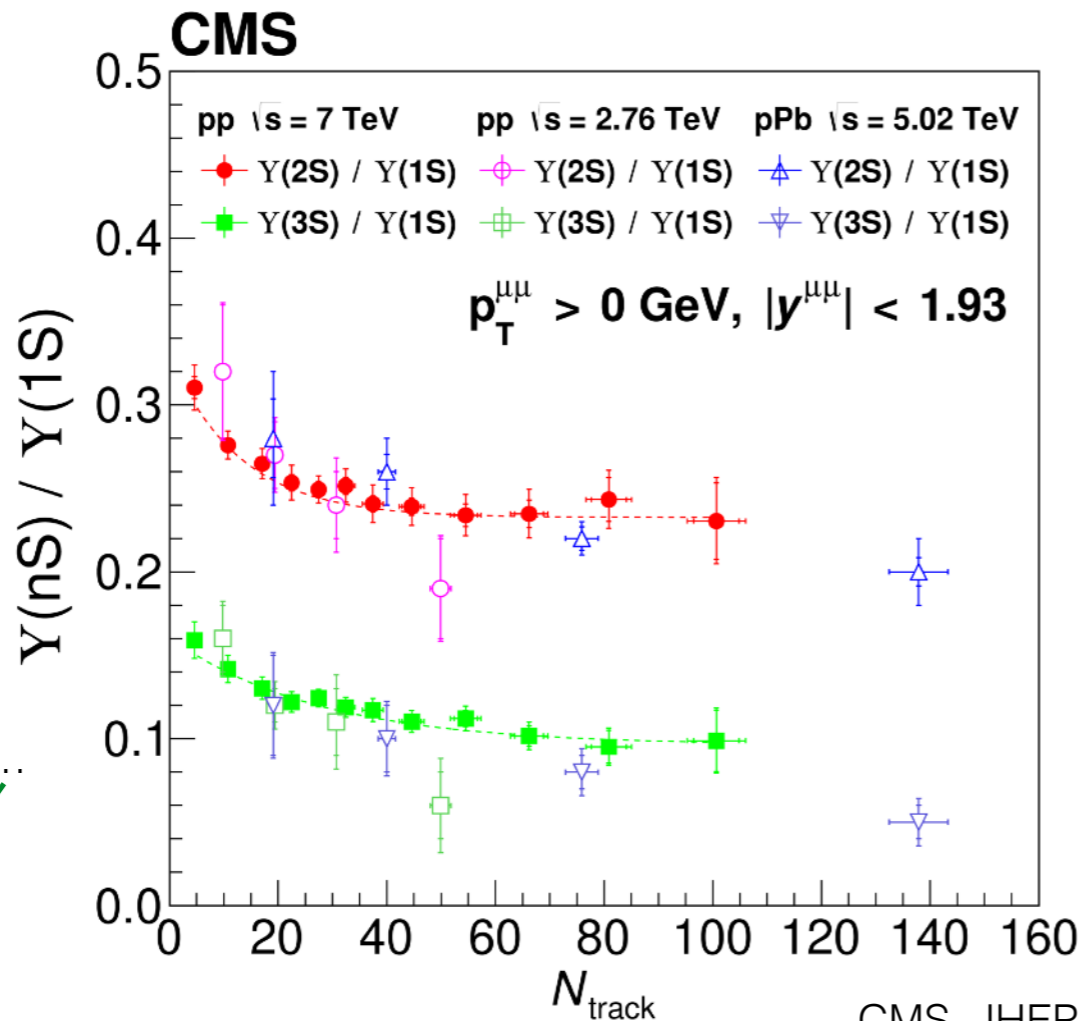


CMS, JHEP 04 (2014) 103

CMS, [arXiv:2007.04277](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.04277), JHEP 11 (2020) 001

- **Reduction of excited-to-ground state Y ratios with increasing charged-particle multiplicity** (the effect decreases with increasing momentum).
- No influence of the azimuthal angle separation between charged particles and Y momentum direction, nor of the variation of number of tracks in a restricted cone around Y.
- **The ratios are multiplicity independent for jet-like events.**
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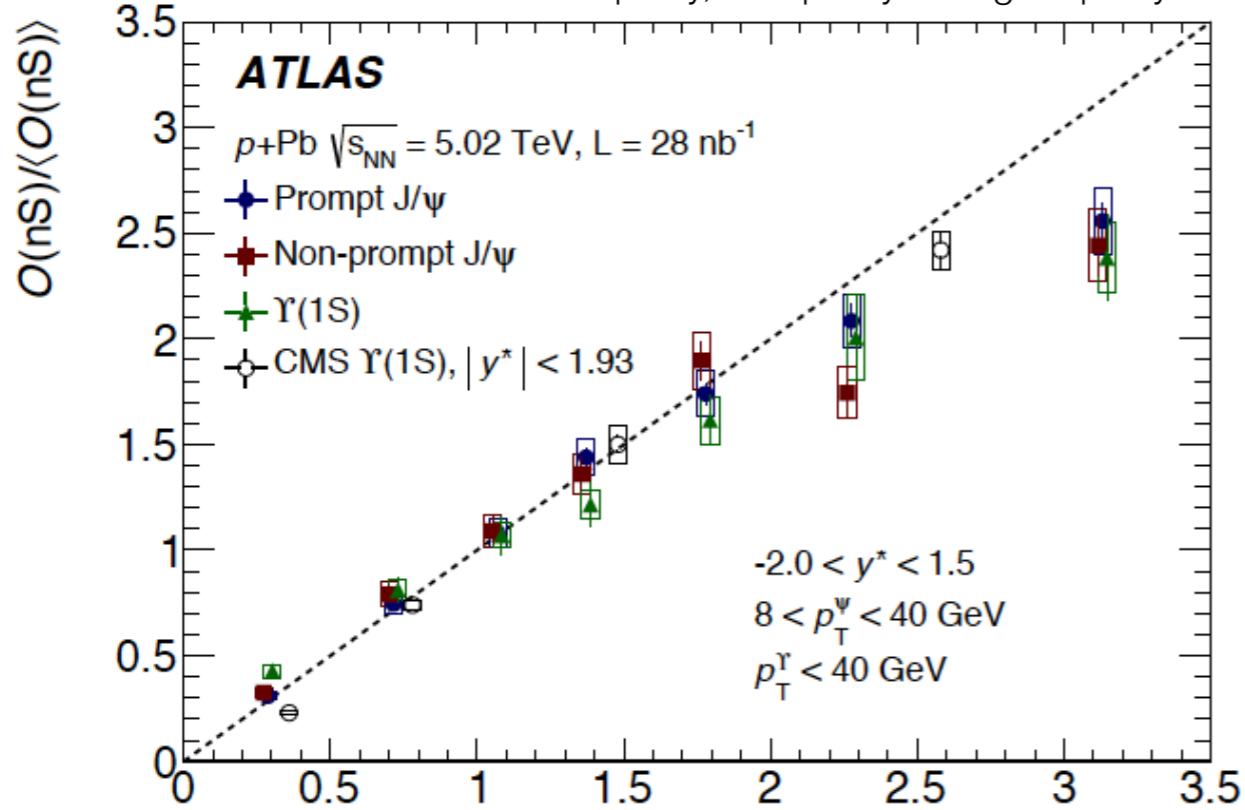


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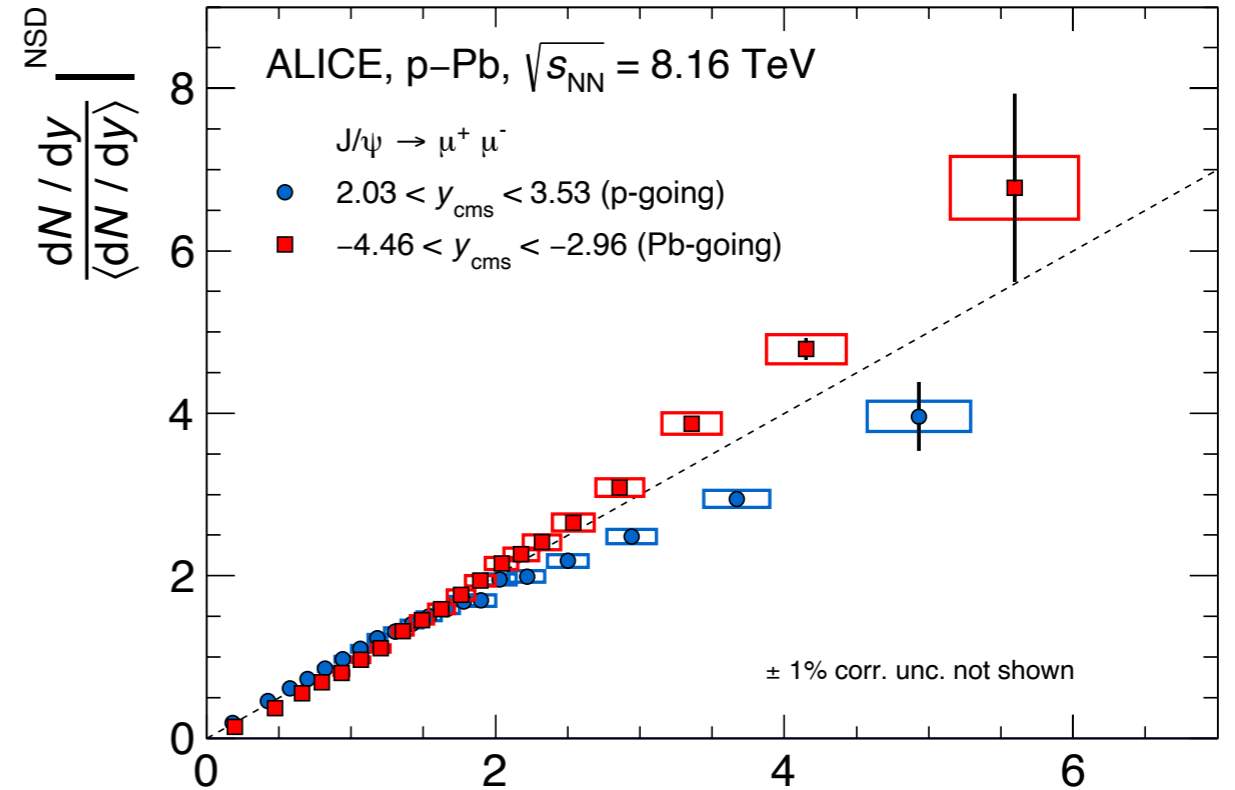
Quarkonia yield vs. multiplicity in p-Pb

Quarkonia at central rapidity, multiplicity at large rapidity



ATLAS, Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 171
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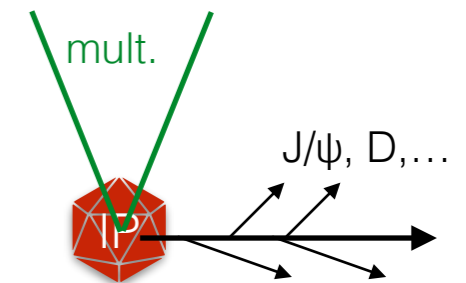
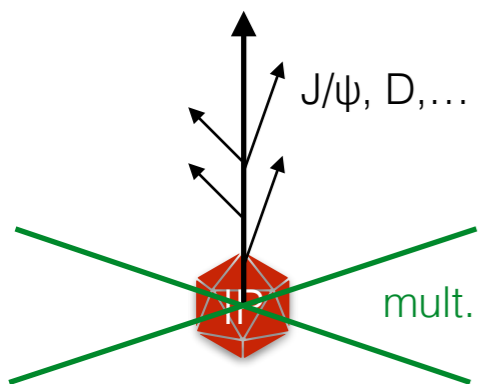


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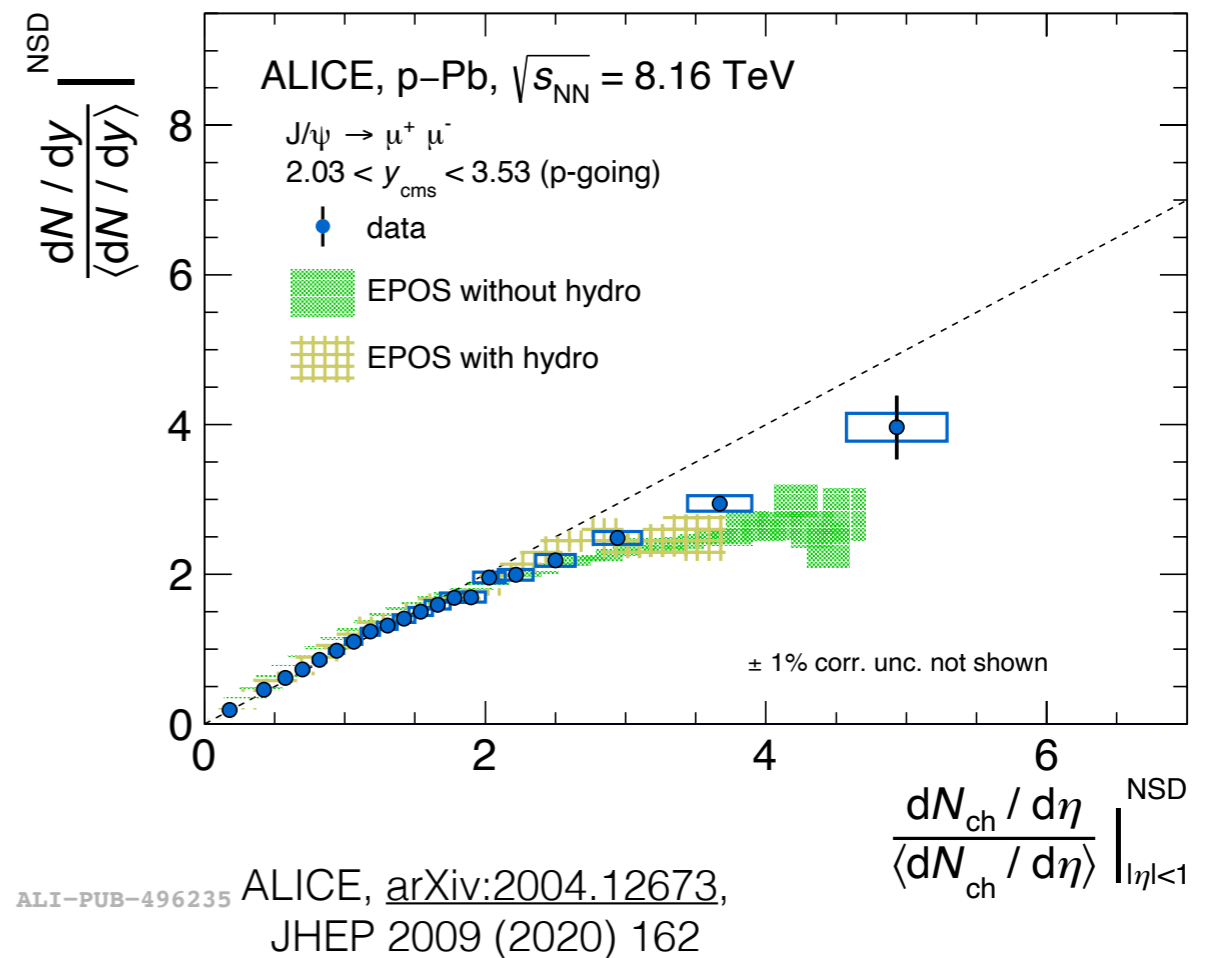
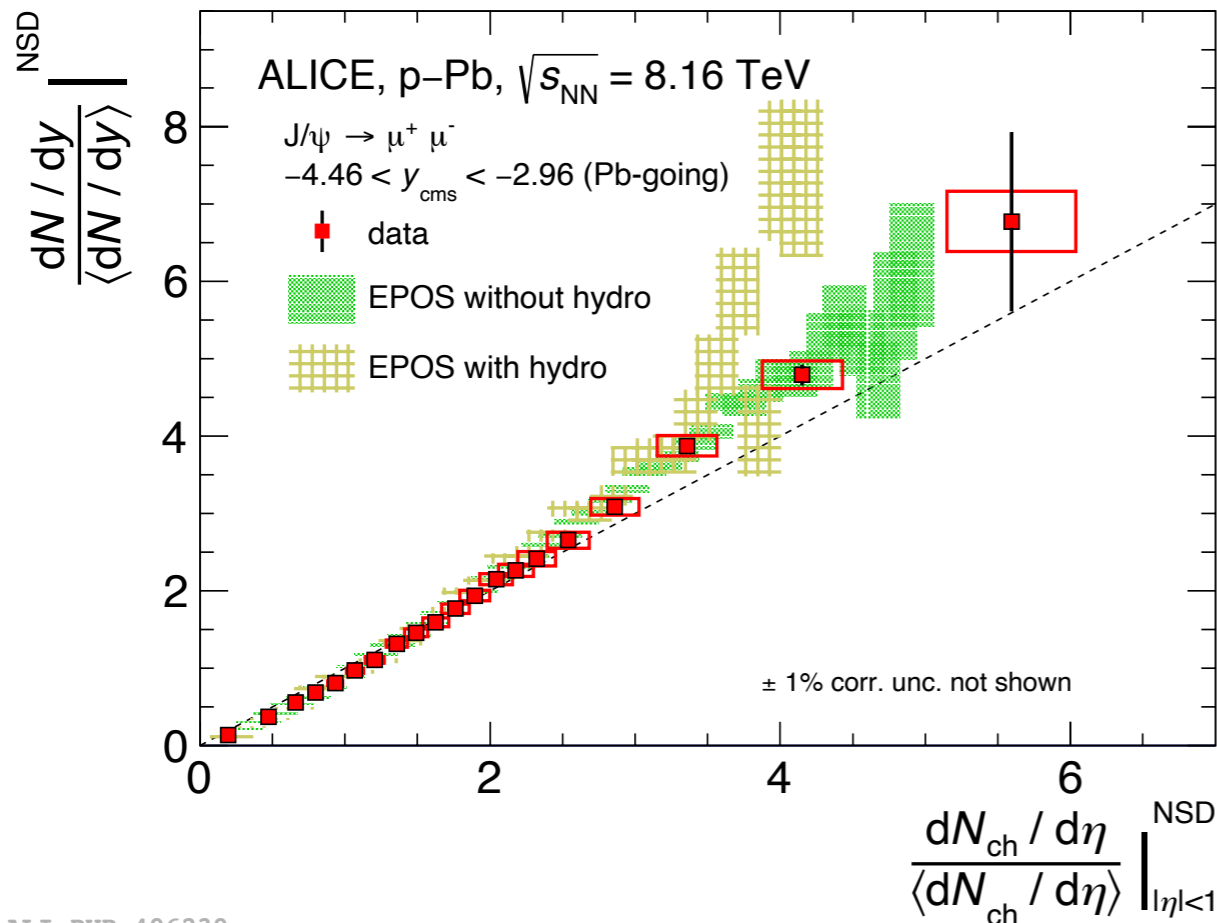
$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}} / d\eta}{\langle dN_{\text{ch}} / d\eta \rangle} \Big|_{|\eta| < 1}^{\text{NSD}}$

- At mid-rapidity and the p-going direction ($x_{\text{Pb}} \sim 10^{-5}$), slower-than-linear increase of quarkonia yields; whereas in the Pb-going direction ($x_{\text{Pb}} \sim 10^{-2}$), stronger-than-linear increase.

- independent of collision energy (at the LHC),
- no or small dependence on particle species,
- **mechanism whose effect evolves quickly with y but slowly with energy**
 multiple binary collisions? shadowing / saturation?



J/ψ yield vs. multiplicity in p-Pb



- Good description of data by EPOS 3
- Origin of the different trend vs. rapidity:
 - influence of the bulk of particles larger in the Pb-going direction? study azimuthal anisotropy?
 - asymmetric collision geometry playing a role? different core-corona effect?
 - saturation?

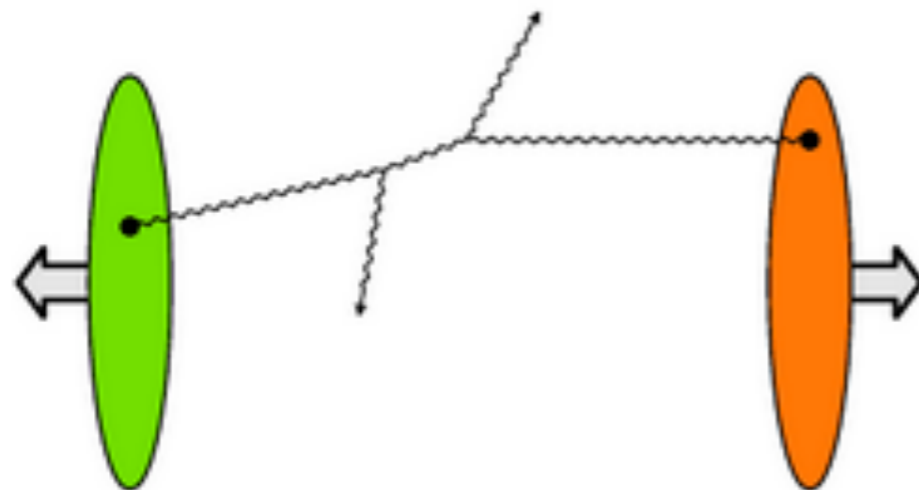
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Associated particle production measurements

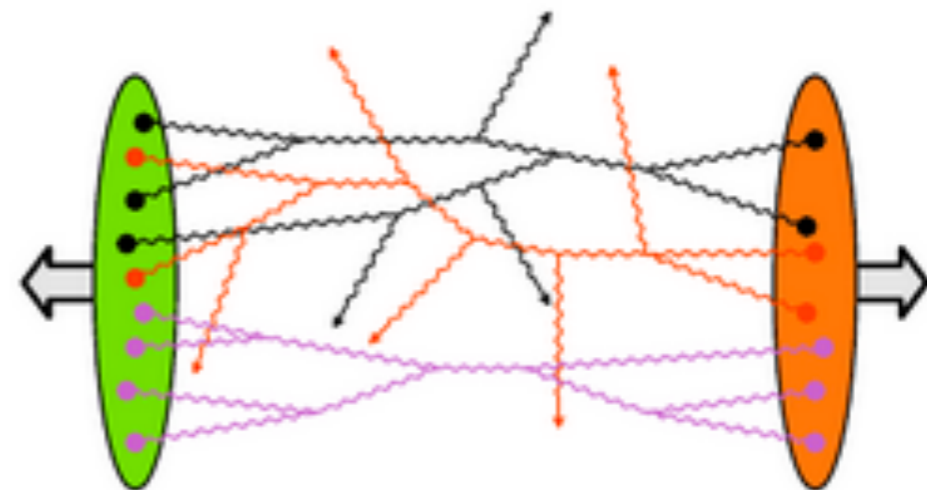
- **Double and triple parton scatterings**

→ production of two or three charm/beauty particles, be it D^0 , J/ψ , Υ ,...

- Generalized PDFs (x, Q^2, b) of the proton, including the unknown energy evolution of the proton transverse profile. And by extent the nPDFs in nuclei.
- Role of partonic correlations in the wave functions $(x, p, \text{flavor, spin, color, } \dots)$.
- Constrain heavy-flavor production modelling.
- Background for other studies (e.g. BSM resonance decays of multiple heavy particles).



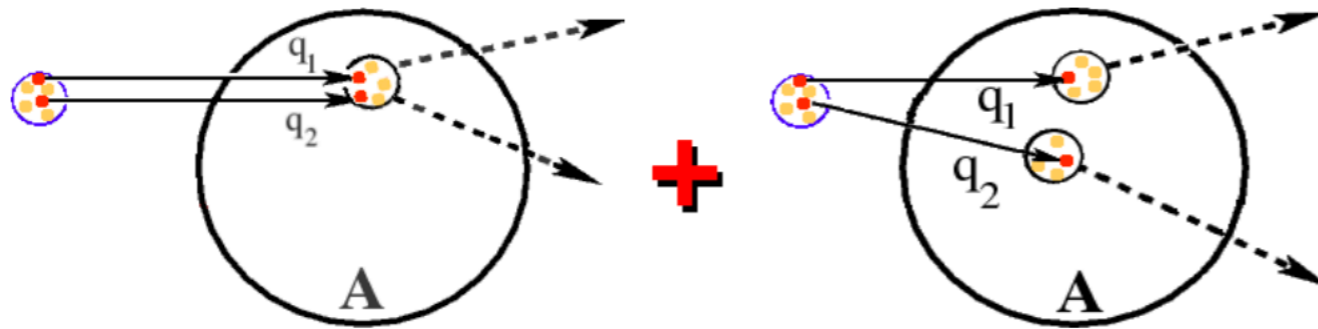
Single parton scattering



Multiple parton scattering

Double parton scattering (DPS) in pA

d'Enterria, Snigirev, *PLB* 727 (2013) 157



$$\sigma_{(pA)}^{\text{DPS}} = \sigma_{(pA)}^{\text{DPS},1} + \sigma_{(pA)}^{\text{DPS},2}$$

$$\sigma_{(pA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS},1} = A \cdot \sigma_{(pN \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} \quad + \quad \sigma_{(pA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS},2} = \sigma_{(pN \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} \cdot F_{pA}$$

$$F_{pA} = \int d^2r T_{pA}^2(\mathbf{r}) = 30.4 \text{ mb}^{-1}$$

p-A overlap function:

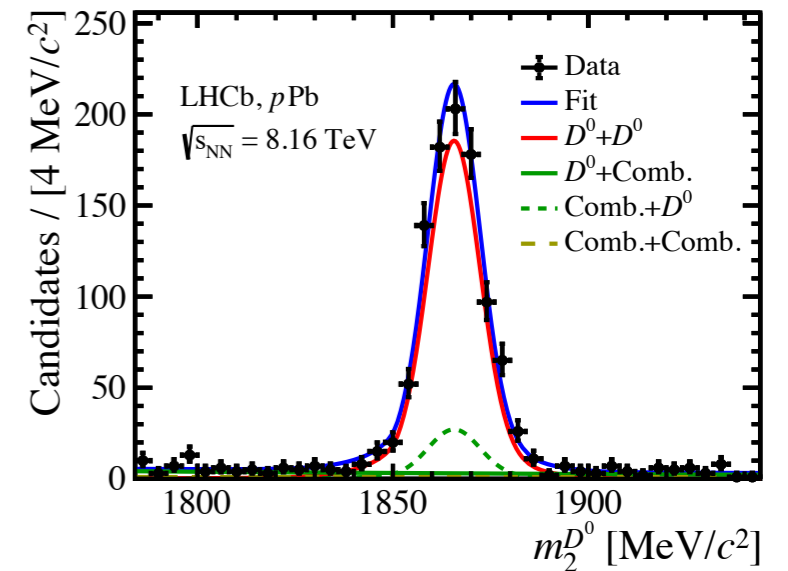
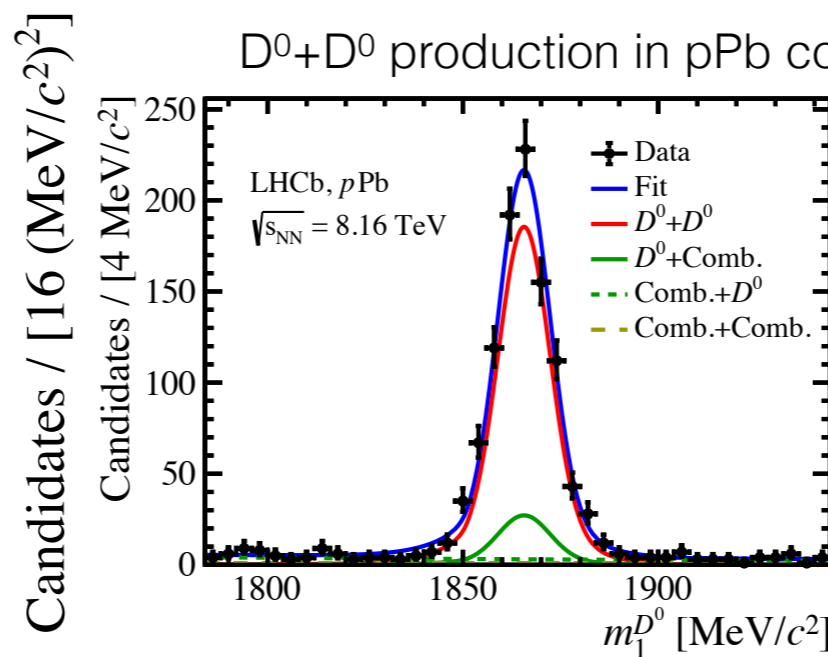
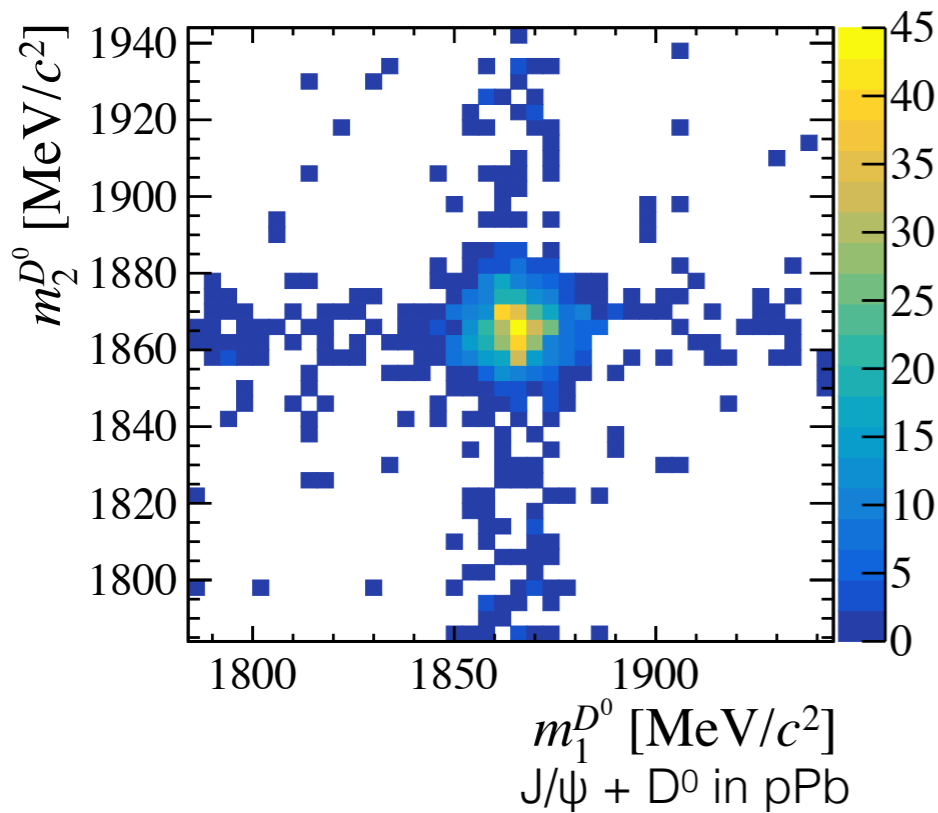
Pb Woods-Saxon density
($r=6.62$ fm, $a=0.546$ fm)

- Two contributions to DPS cross section in pA
 - relative weight $\sigma^{\text{DPS},1} : \sigma^{\text{DPS},2} = 0.7 : 0.3$ (small A), $0.33 : 0.66$ (large A)
- “pocket formula”

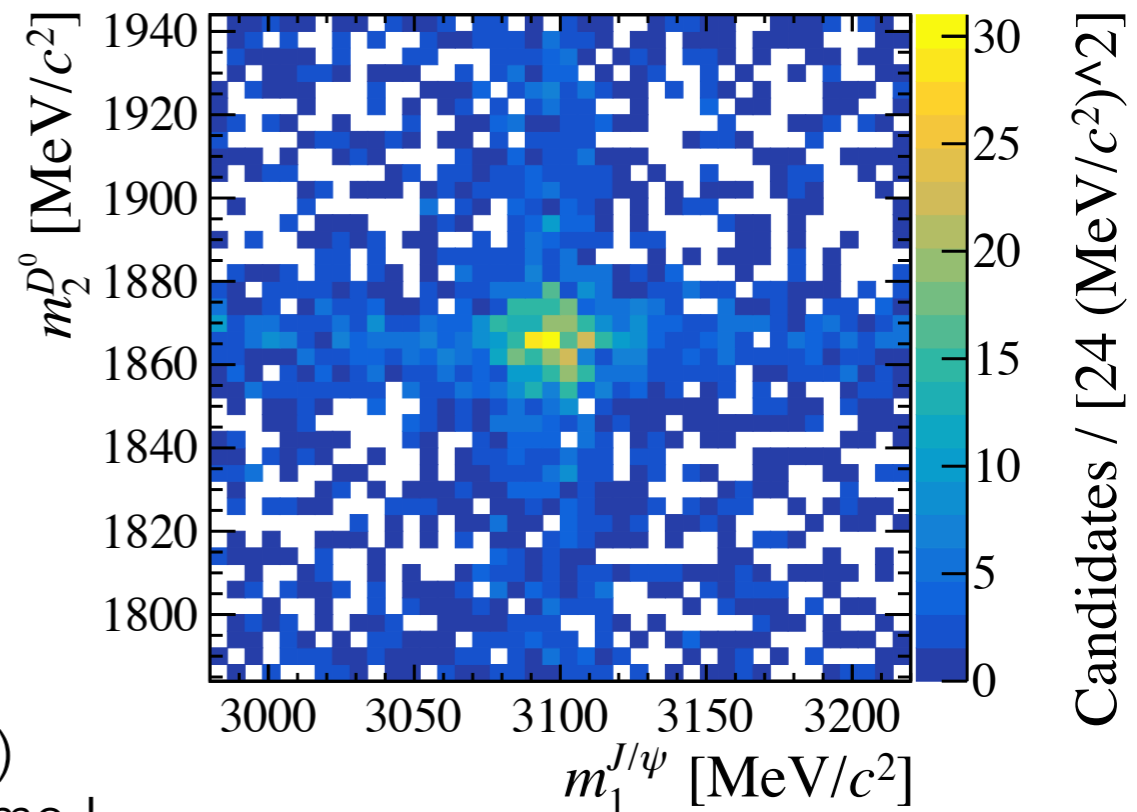
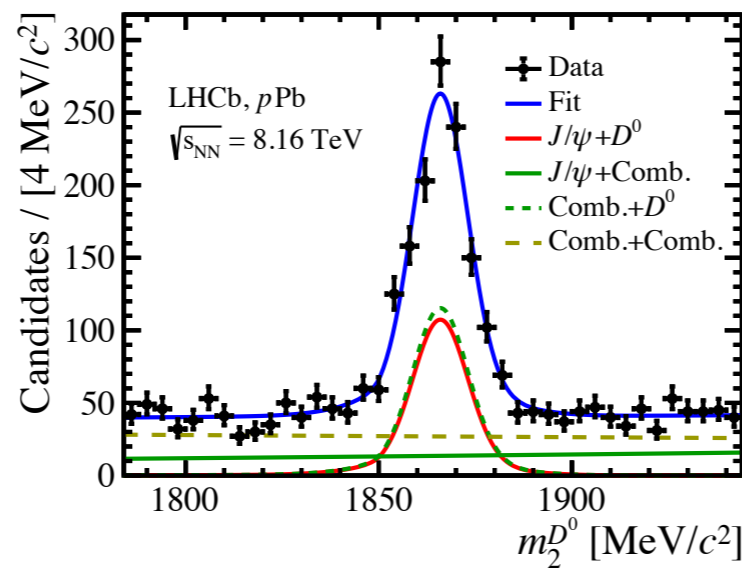
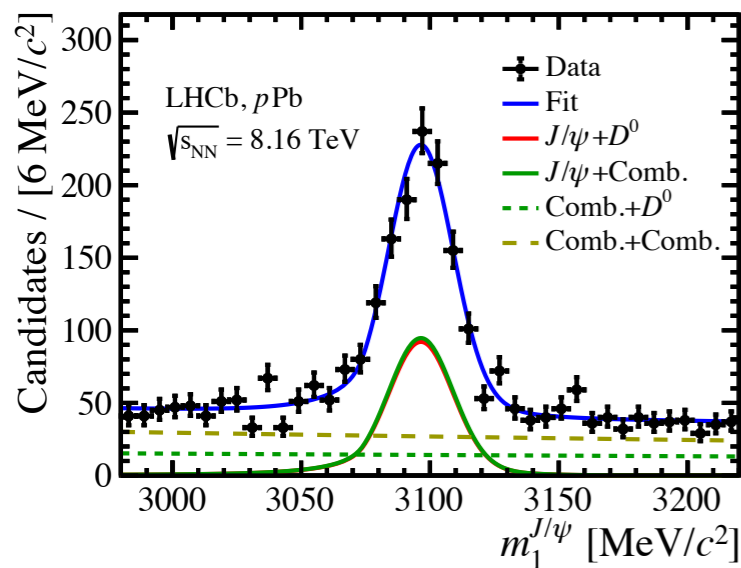
$$\sigma_{pA \rightarrow ab}^{\text{DPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{2} \right) \frac{\sigma_{pN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}}}; \quad \sigma_{\text{eff,pA}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}}{A + \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} F_{pA}}$$

- **Ratio of DPS / SPS large in pA/pp:** $\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}} / \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} \propto (A + A^{4/3} / \pi) \sim 600$ (not 208!)
- Transverse density (F_{pA}) well known \rightarrow **alternative to extract $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$**

Double charm production in pPb



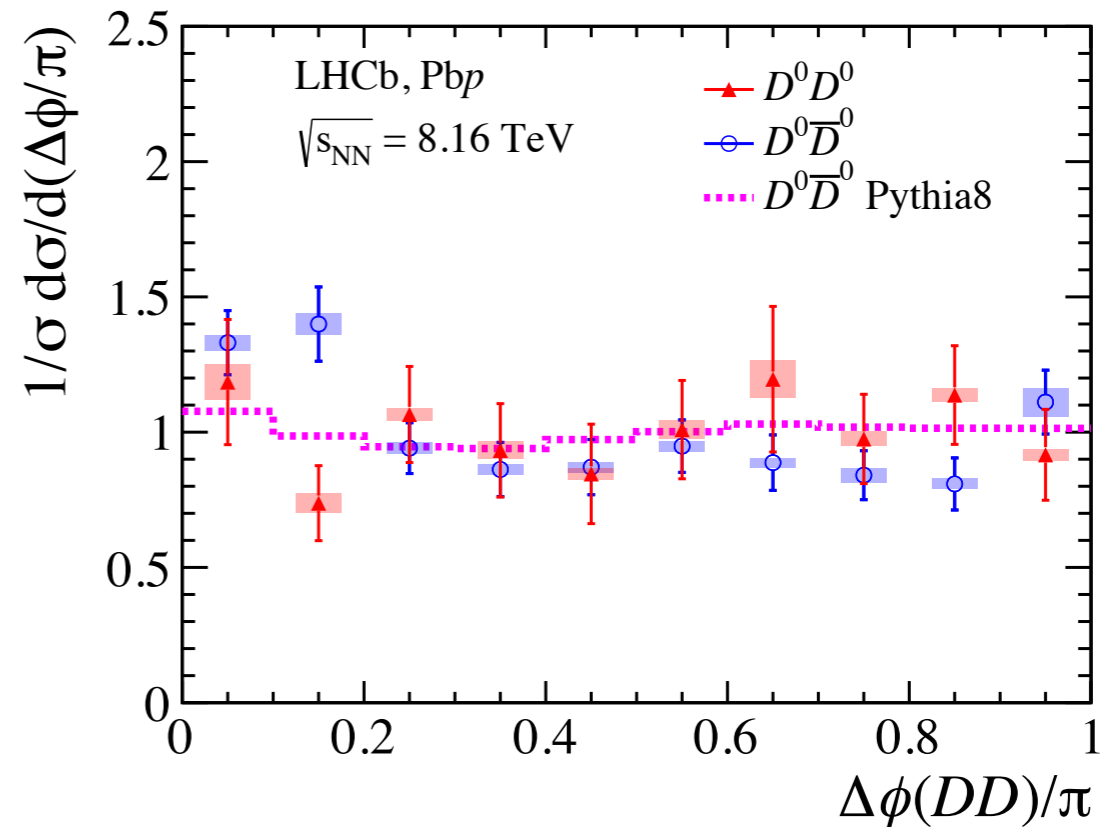
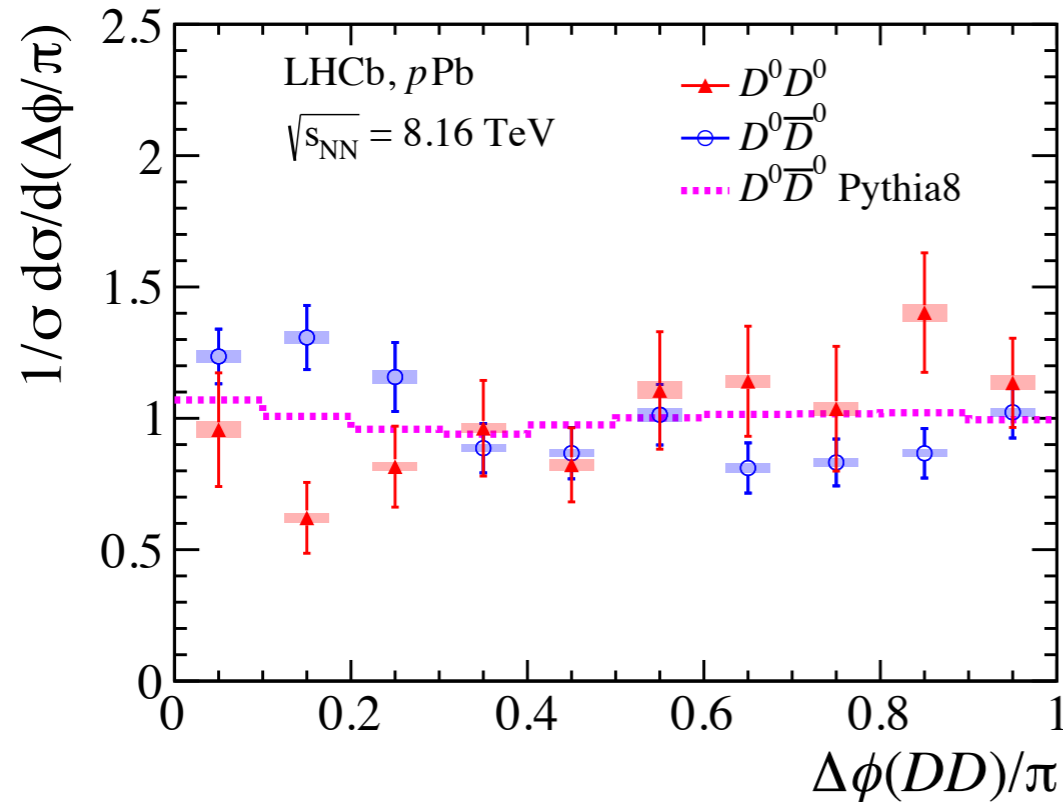
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- Prompt D^0+D^0 (and c.c.) as well as $J/\psi+D^0$ (and cc.) production measured in pPb collisions for the first time !

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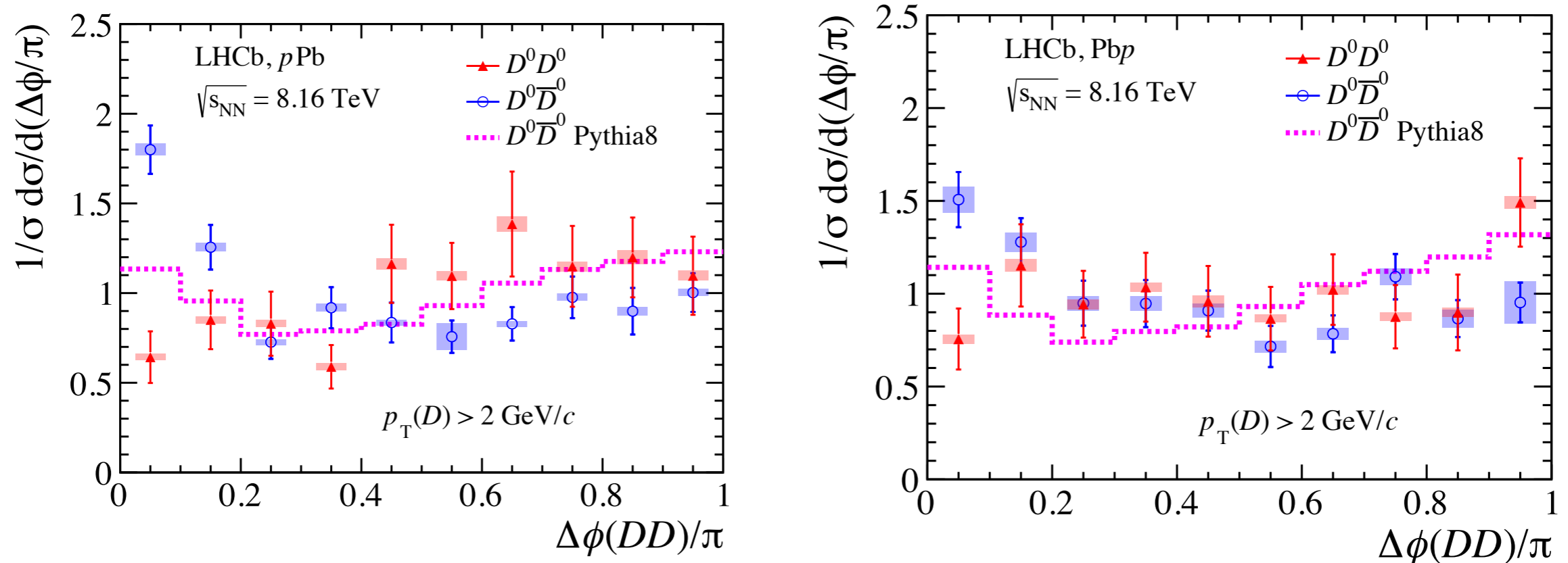
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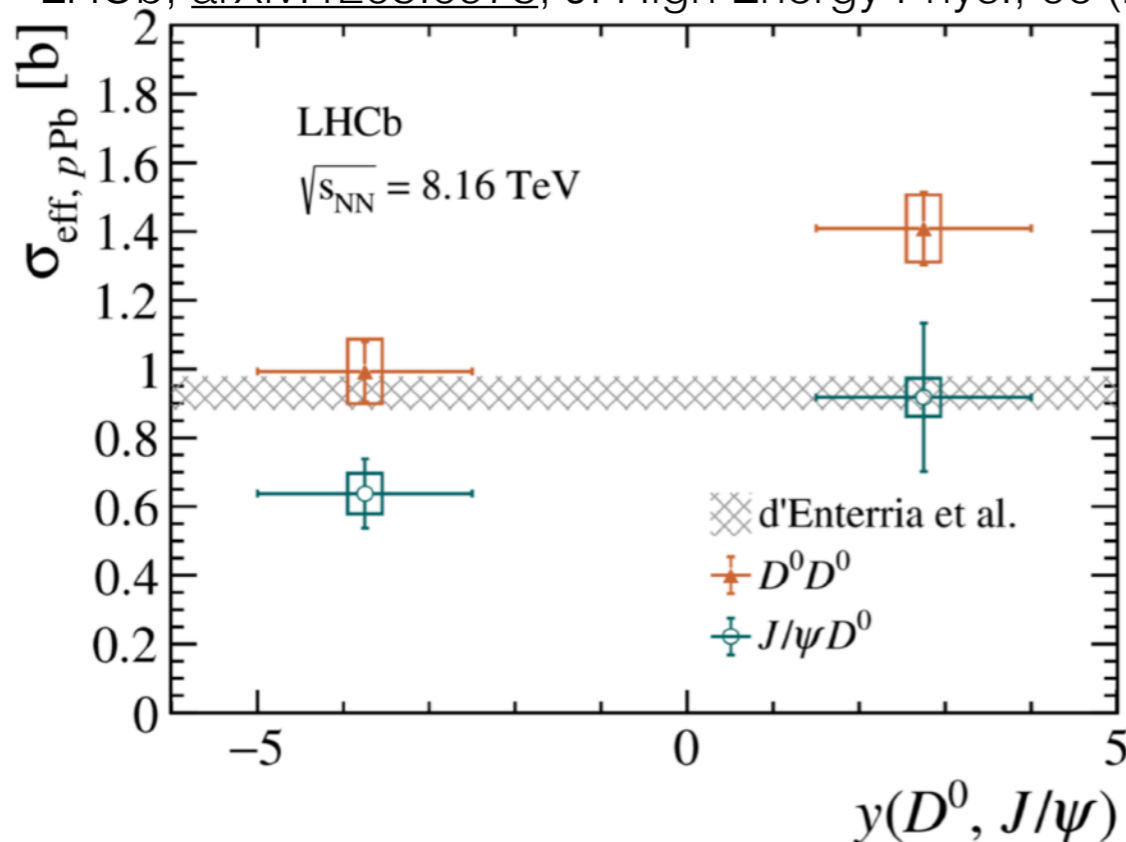
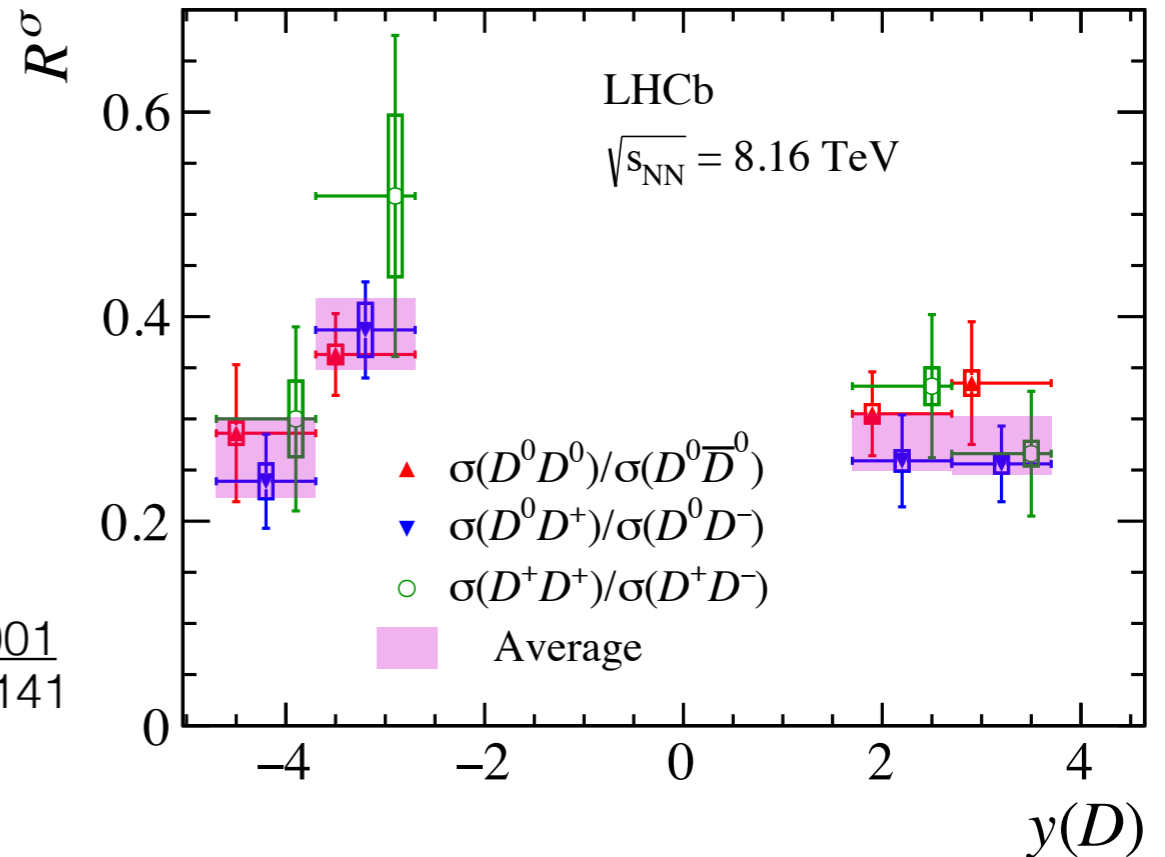


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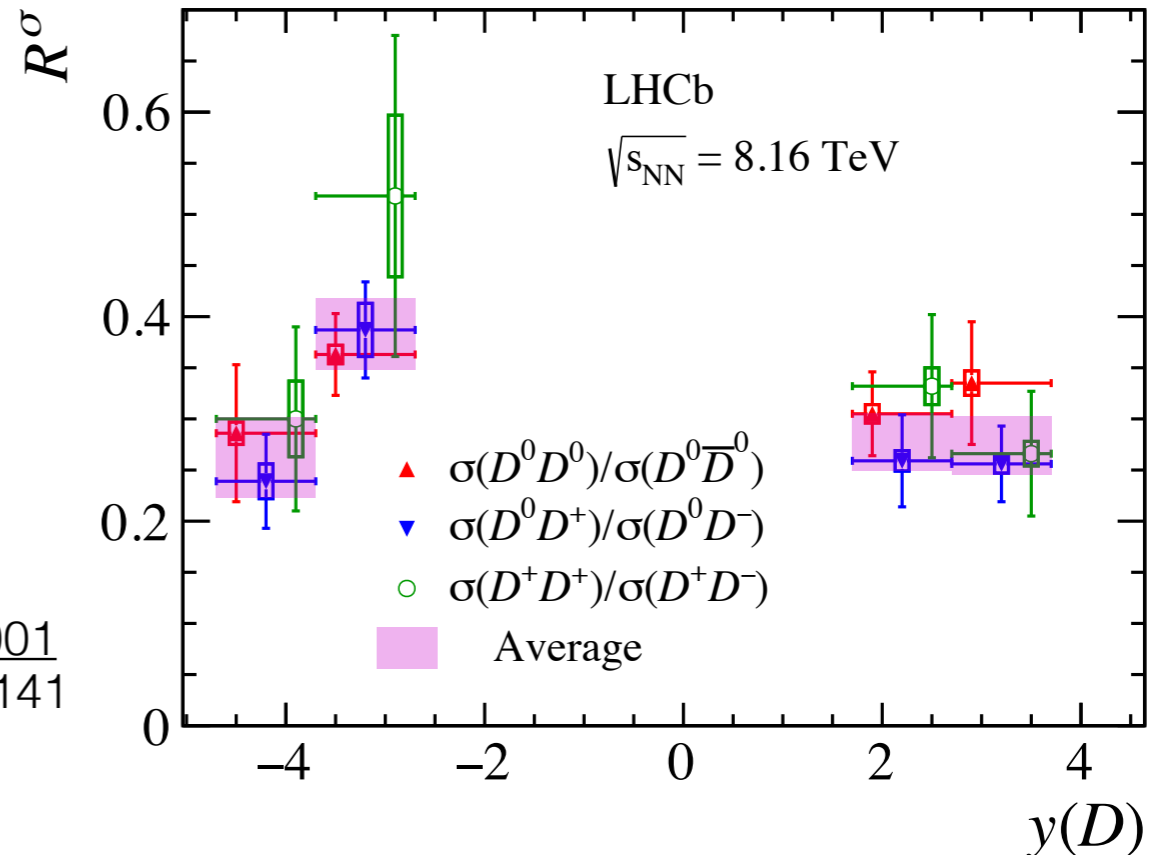
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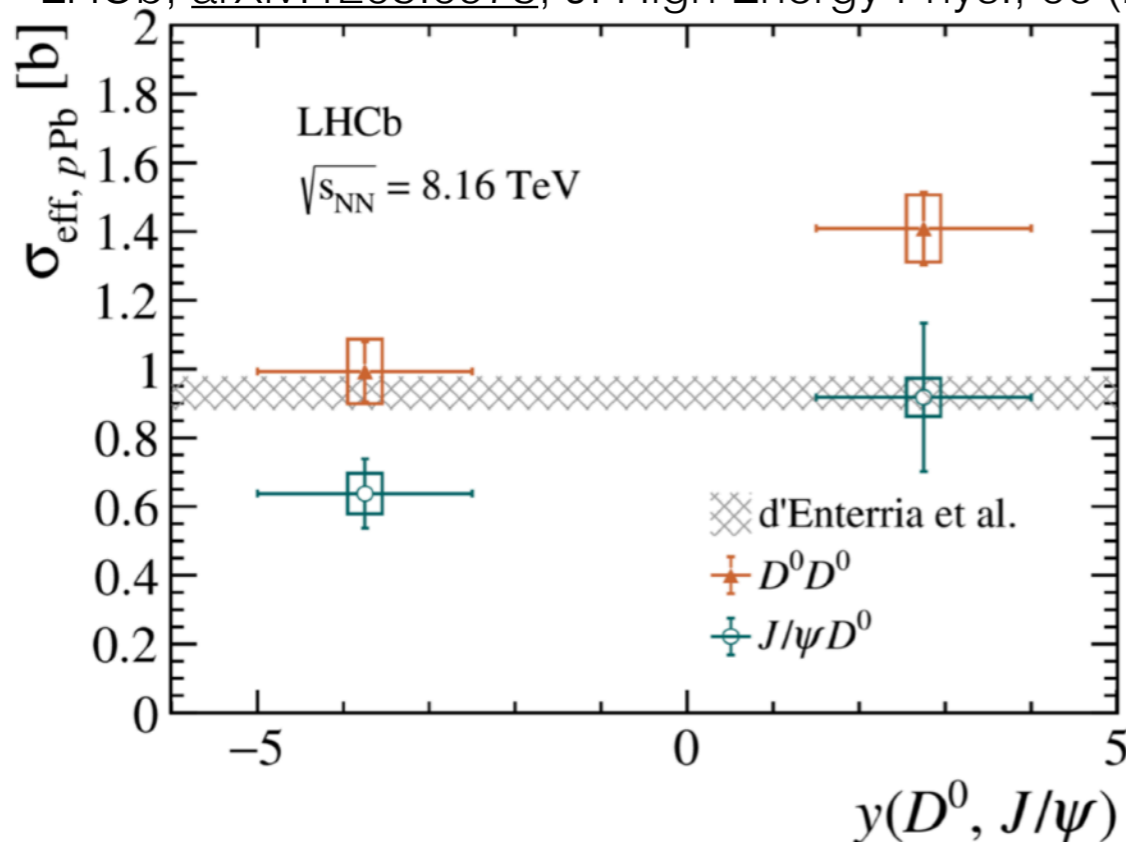
$$\sigma_{\text{DPS}}^{\text{AB}} = \frac{1}{1 + \delta^{\text{AB}}} \frac{\sigma^{\text{A}} \sigma^{\text{B}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}; \quad \delta^{\text{AB}} = 1(0) \text{ if } A = (\neq) B$$

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- Larger values for $J/\psi+D$ than $D+D$ as observed in pp possibly due to SPS contamination or DPS enhancement.

- **Effective cross section values in pPb (positive y) results higher than Pbp ones, may suggest a complicated structure of nPDF (impact parameter dependence)**

\rightarrow DPS nuclear modification factor to pin down the spatial distribution of nPDFs

H.-S. Shao, arXiv:2001.04256; Phys. Rev. D 101, 054036 (2020)

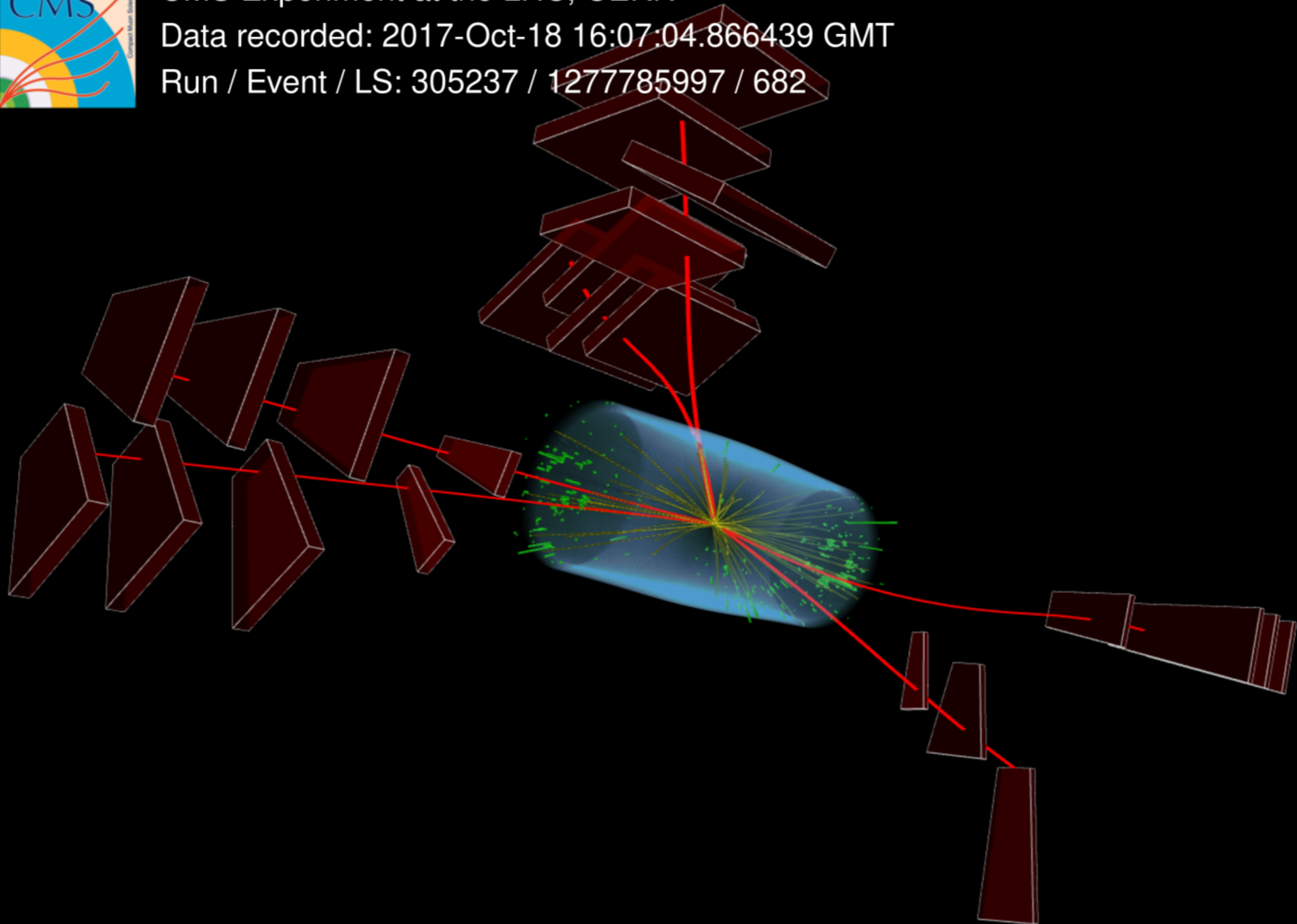
Triple J/ψ production in pp at 13 TeV



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

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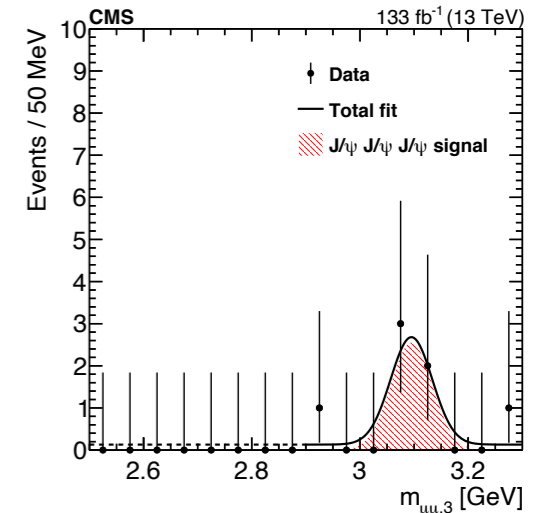
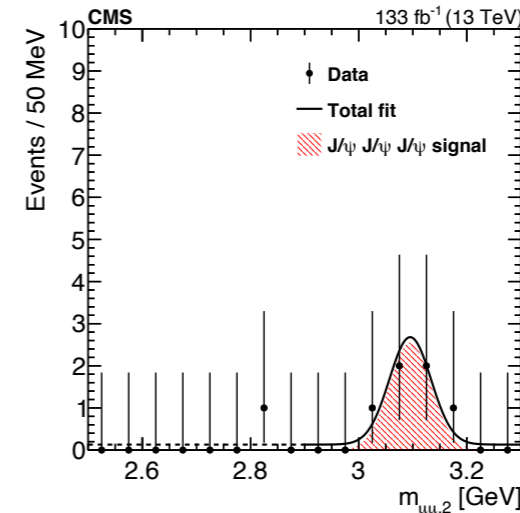
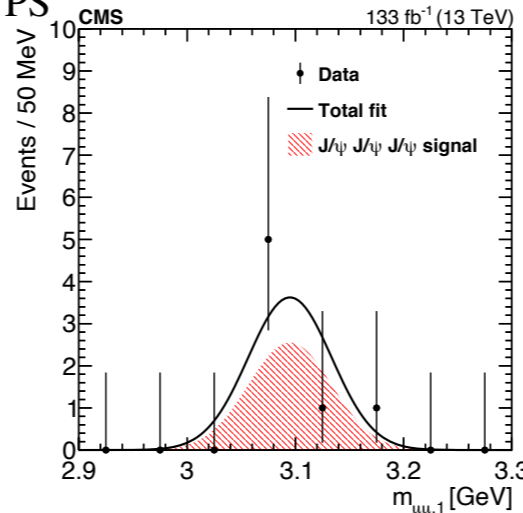
Triple J/ψ production in pp at 13 TeV

- **Triple parton scattering cross section as alternative to extract $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}$**

$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{3!} \right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_2}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_3}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2}; \quad \sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}} = (0.82 \pm 0.11) \sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}$$

d'Enterria, Snigirev, [arxiv:1612.05582](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.05582);
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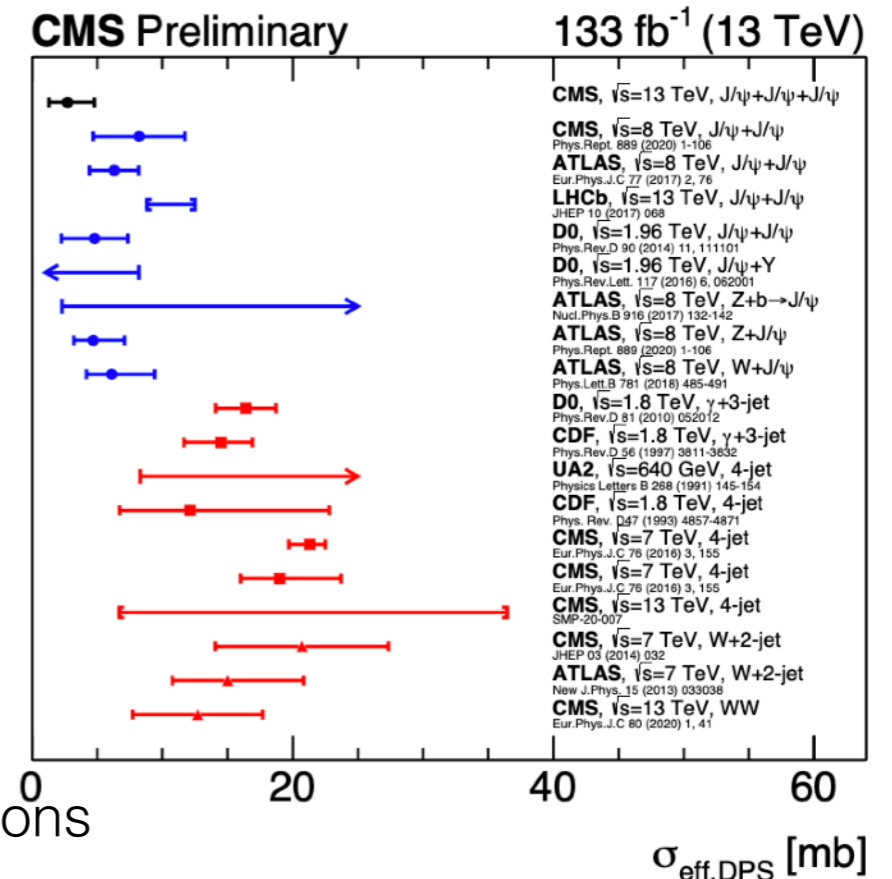
CMS, [CMS-BPH-21-004](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.00044); [CERN-EP-2021-215](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.00044)



- **First observation of triple J/ψ production** by CMS exploiting 133 fb⁻¹ in pp at 13 TeV:
 $\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow 3\text{J}/\psi) = 272^{+141}_{-104} \text{ (stat)} \pm 17 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$
- With the pocket formula with (N)NLO single-, double-, triple-J/ψ SPS:

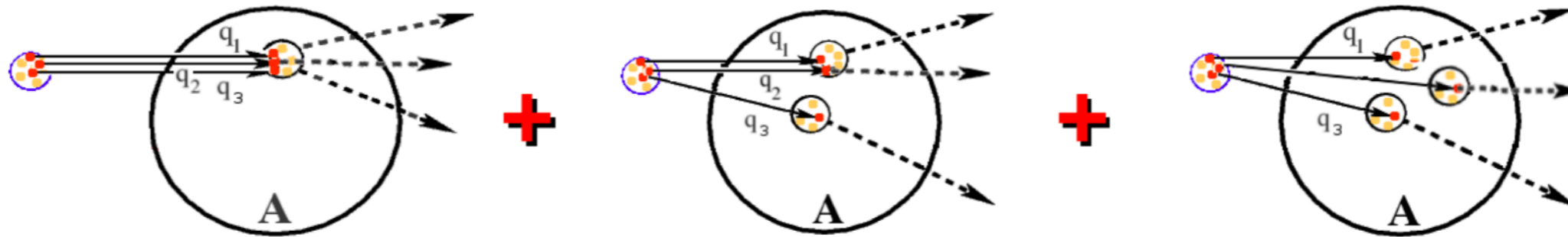
- **Triple-J/ψ fractions:**
~6% SPS, ~74% DPS, ~20% TPS
- $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}} = 2.7^{+1.4}_{-1.0} \text{ (exp)} + 1.5_{-1.0} \text{ (theo)} \text{ mb}$
consistent with di-quarkonia
(lower than jet/γ/W/Z DPS results)

- q/g x-dependence transverse profile & correlations



Triple parton scattering in pPb

d'Enterria, Snigirev, [arXiv:1612.08112](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.08112); EPJC 78 (2018)359



$$\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},1} = A \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} \quad \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},2} = \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} \cdot 3 \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}} F_{pA}, \quad \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},3} = \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2 \cdot C_{pA}, \text{ with}$$

$$C_{pA} = \frac{(A-1)(A-2)}{A^2} \int d^2b T_{pA}^3(\mathbf{b}),$$

Relative weight of TPS terms: $\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},1} : \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},2} : \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},3} = 1 : 4.54 : 3.56$.

(TPS yields in pPb: 10% "genuine", 50% involve 2 nucleons, 40% involve 3 different Pb nucleons)

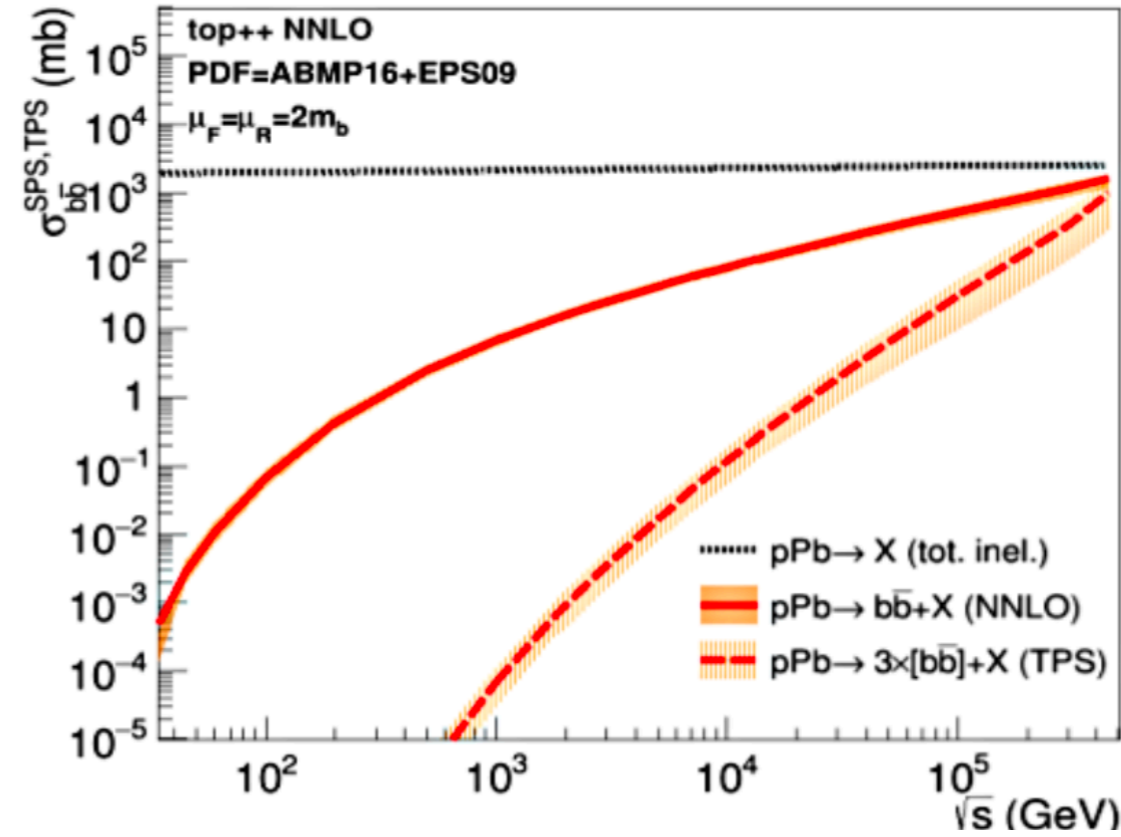
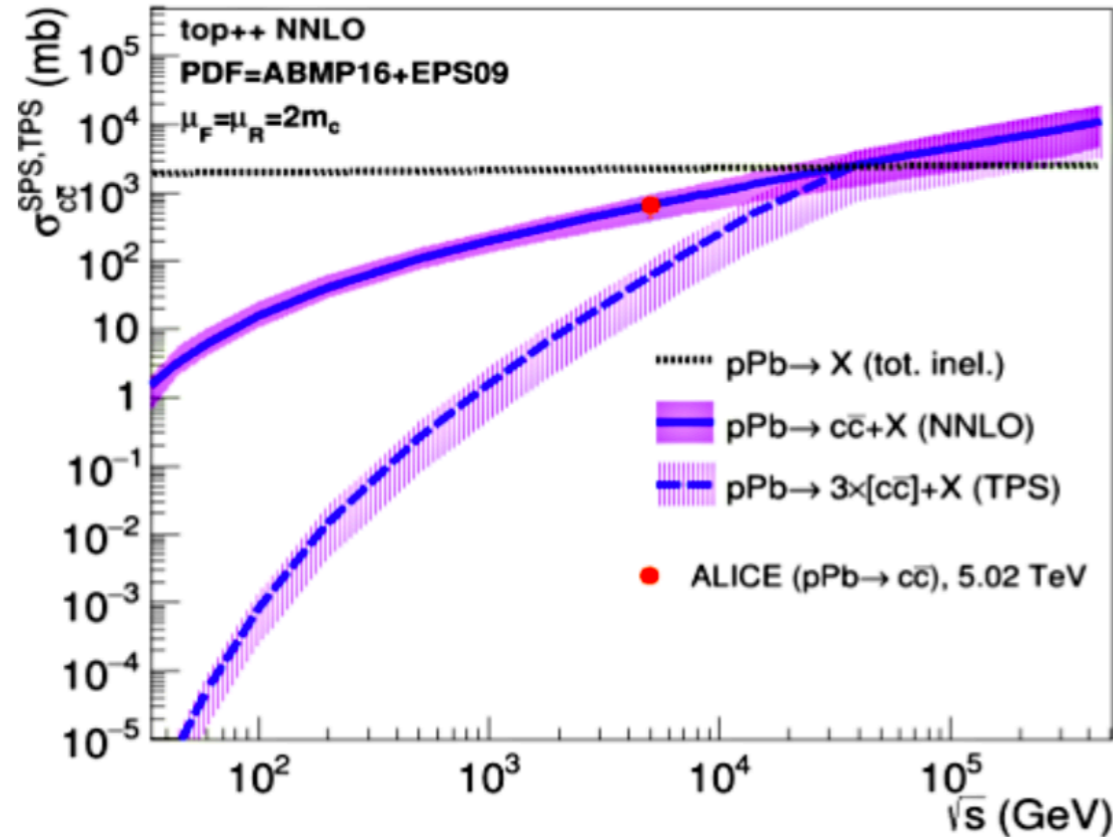
- Three contributions to TPS cross section in pA
- "pocket formula"

$$\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{3!} \right) \frac{\sigma_{pN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow c}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS,pA}}^2}; \quad \sigma_{\text{eff,TPS,pA}} = \left(\frac{A}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2} + \frac{3F_{pA}[mb^{-1}]}{\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}} + C_{pA}[mb^{-2}] \right)^{-1/2}$$

- **Triple cross sections are large in pA:** a factor x45 for pPb compared to pp.
- Pb transverse density well known (F_{pA} , C_{pA}) **→ alternative to extract $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$**

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- **Charm and beauty have very large contribution from TPS at the LHC and above**

- triple charm amounts to $\sim 20\%$ ($\sim 100\%$) of inclusive charm at the LHC (FCC)
- triple beauty amounts to $\sim 3\%$ of inclusive beauty cross sections at FCC.
- Opportunities with Run 3 & 4 and FCC.

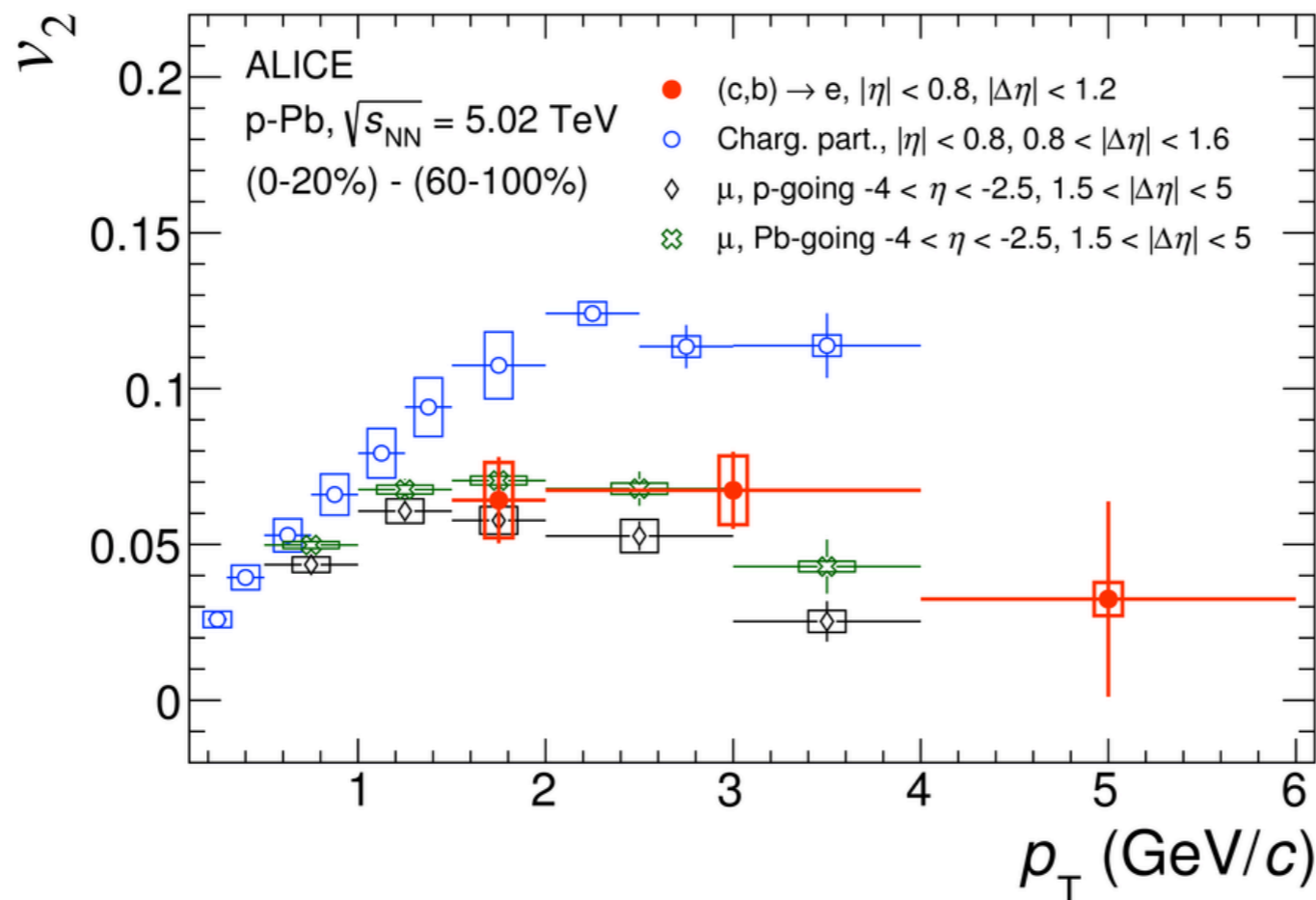
TABLE I: Total charm and bottom SPS (NNLO) and TPS cross sections (in mb) in pPb at LHC and FCC with scales, PDF, and total (quadratically added, including $\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}$) uncertainties. The asterisk indicates that the theoretical prediction of the TPS charm cross section is “unphysical” (see text).

Final state	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.8 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 63 \text{ TeV}$
$\sigma(c\bar{c} + X)$	$960 \pm 450_{\text{sc}} \pm 100_{\text{pdf}}$	$3400 \pm 1900_{\text{sc}} \pm 380_{\text{pdf}}$
$\sigma(c\bar{c} c\bar{c} c\bar{c} + X)$	$200 \pm 140_{\text{tot}}$	$8700^* \pm 6200_{\text{tot}}$
$\sigma(b\bar{b} + X)$	$72 \pm 12_{\text{sc}} \pm 5_{\text{pdf}}$	$370 \pm 75_{\text{sc}} \pm 30_{\text{pdf}}$
$\sigma(b\bar{b} b\bar{b} b\bar{b} + X)$	$0.084 \pm 0.045_{\text{tot}}$	$11 \pm 7_{\text{tot}}$

Summary

- Rich ongoing studies in small systems (not a comprehensive talk!).
- Multiplicity dependence of heavy flavors:
 - Increase of the yields with charged-particle multiplicity (with a more or less steep trend depending on the y and the collision system).
Models including some 'multiple parton interactions' describe data within uncertainties.
 - Bottomonia excited-to-ground state ratios decrease with multiplicity (but for jet-like events!).
Improved description of quarkonium production, hadronization and fragmentation is crucial.
- Associated particle production measurements emerging:
 - Triple J/ψ production in pp observed for the first time.
 - Double charm production observed for the first time in pPb data.
 - Non-negligible DPS/TPS cross sections in pA and AA; opportunities in Run 3, 4 & FCC.
- **Multiple parton interaction studies important to constrain particle production models, test possible modifications of hadronization/fragmentation and understand measurements in small systems.**
- Further theoretical developments also required.

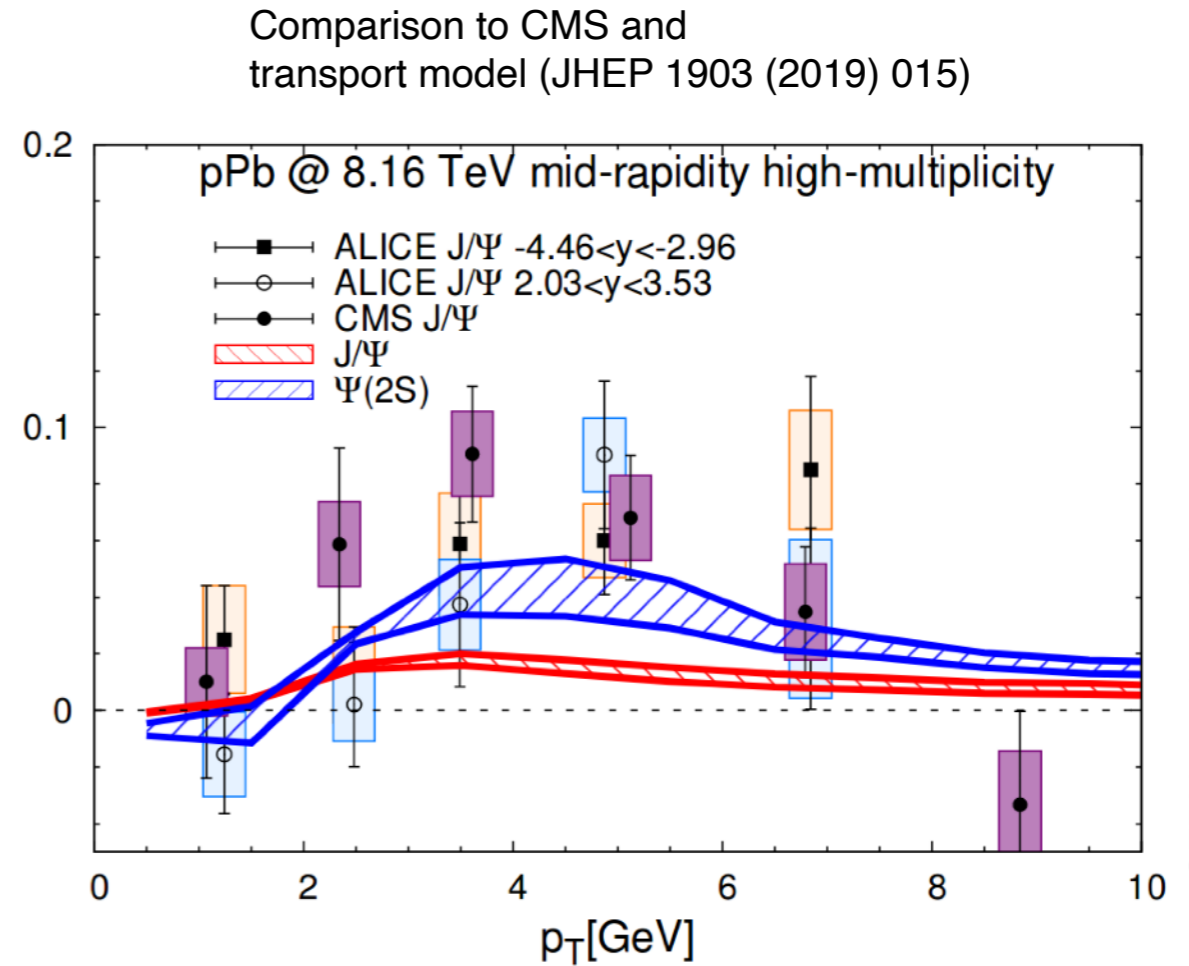
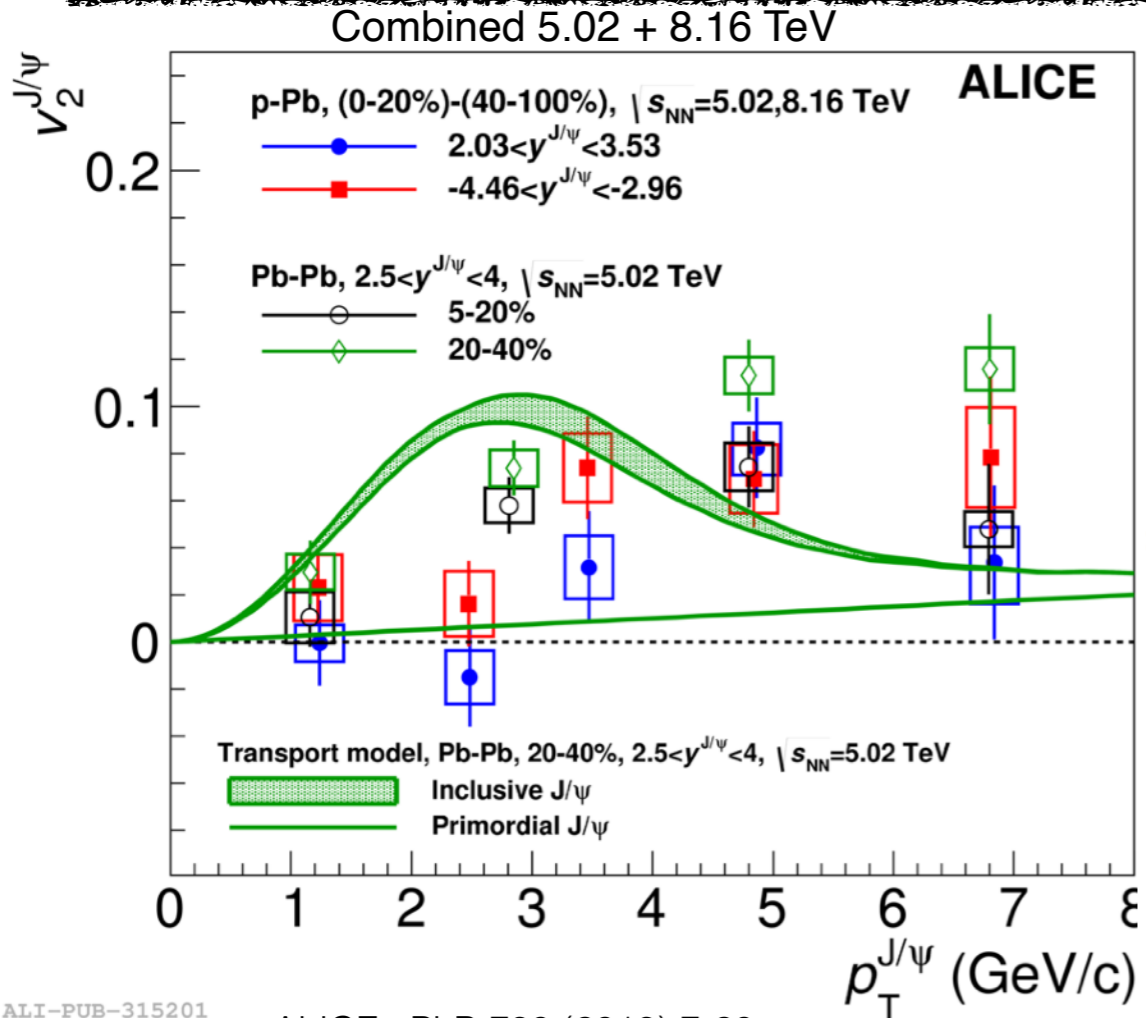
Open heavy-flavor flow in p-Pb



ALICE, PRL122, 072301 (2019)
ALICE, PLB 726, 164 (2013)
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- **Positive v_2 of heavy-flavor decay electrons (HFE) in high multiplicity events.**
 - 4.6σ (6σ) in $2 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c ($1.5 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c)
- For $2 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c $v_2(\text{HFE}) \sim v_2(\text{inclusive muons}) < v_2(\text{ch. particles})$
- **Collective effects reminiscent to those in A-A, where they are interpreted as a sign of QGP fluid dynamics**
 - is sort of mini-QGP created in small collision systems?
- Need models

J/ψ flow in p-Pb



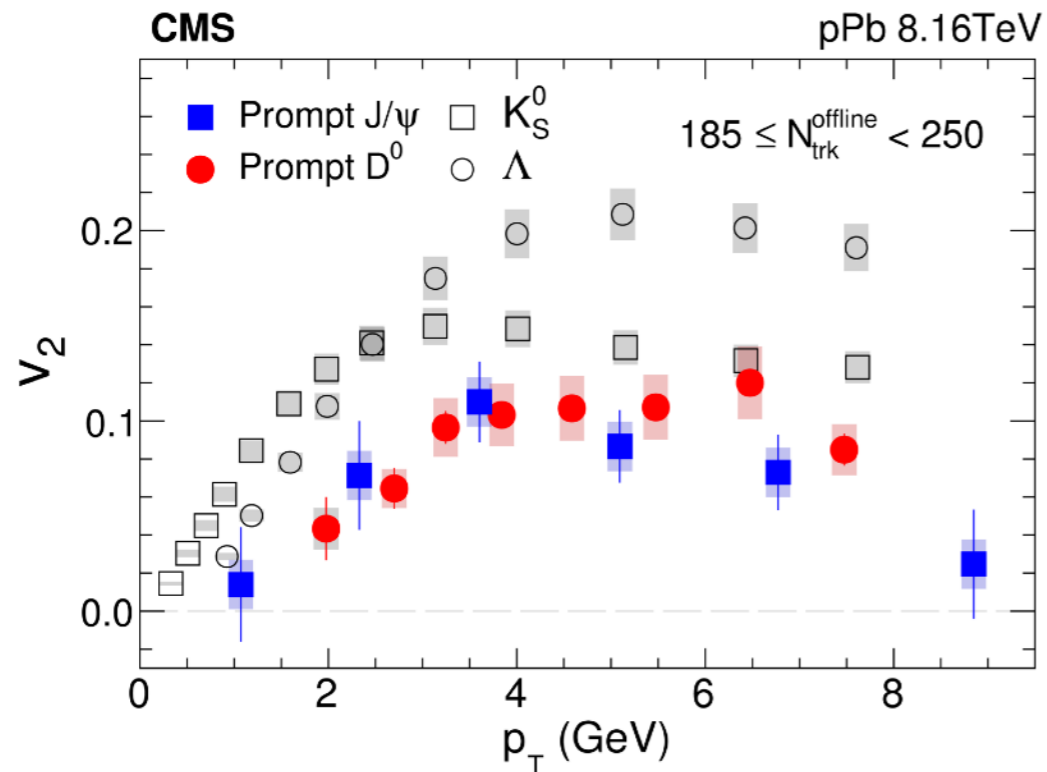
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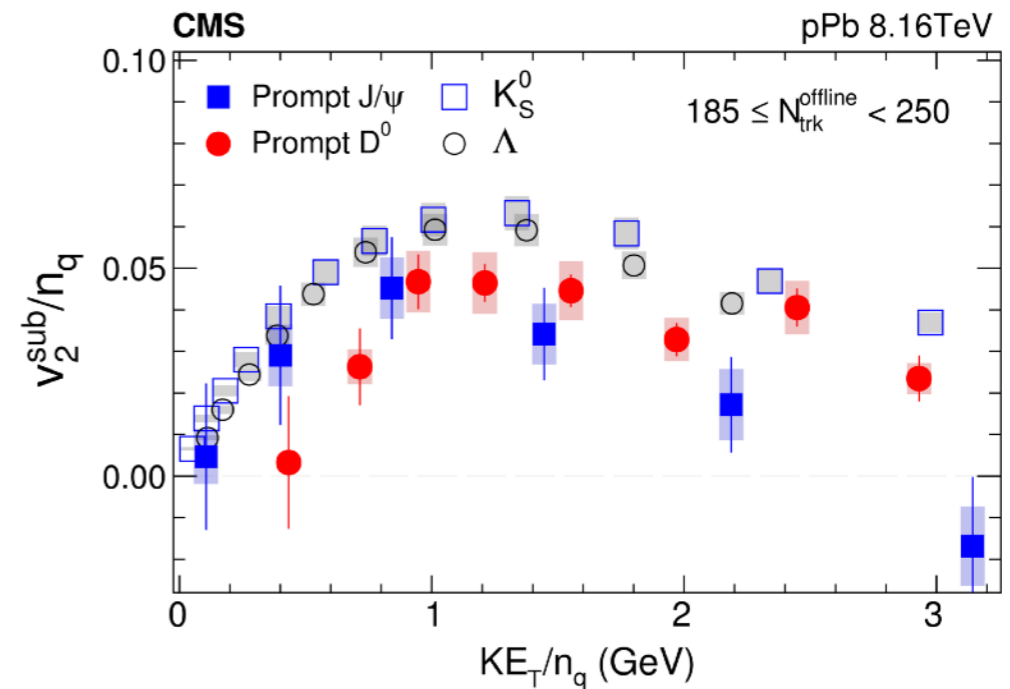
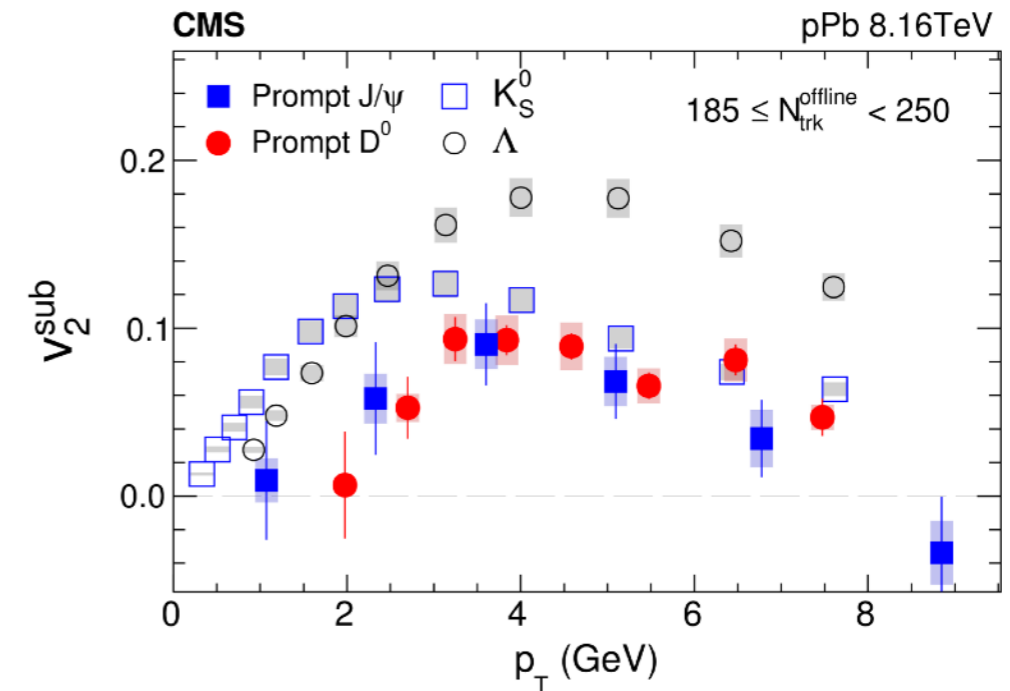
- **Observation of positive J/ψ v_2 (5σ), confirmed by CMS for prompt J/ψ at mid-rapidity**
- Values similar to semi-central (5-20%) Pb-Pb
- Do not really fit into the picture of transport models
 - Small system size \rightarrow negligible path-length dependent effects
 - Small amount of available charm quarks \rightarrow negligible regeneration
- Similar v_2 independently of the J/ψ measurement rapidity interval (within unc.).
- Missing mechanism in models? Initial-state effects in CGC proposed in PRL 122 (2019) 172302.

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Particle flow in pPb

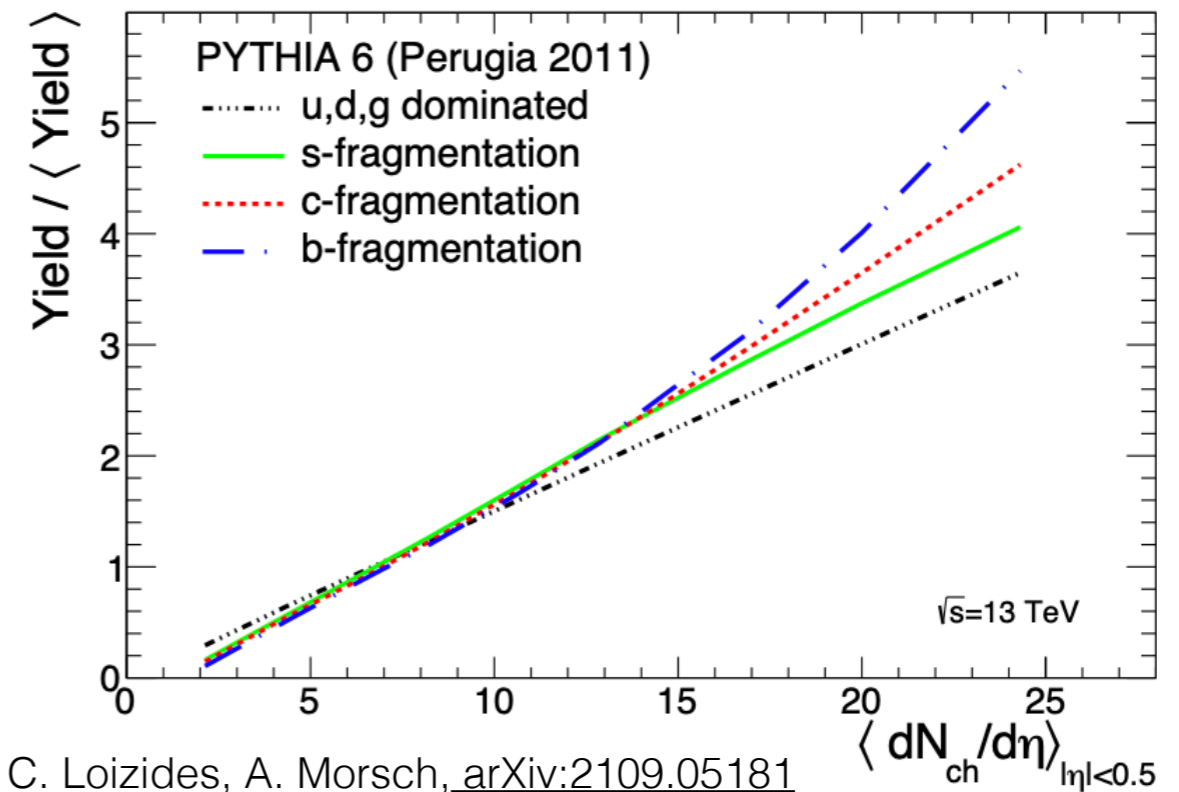
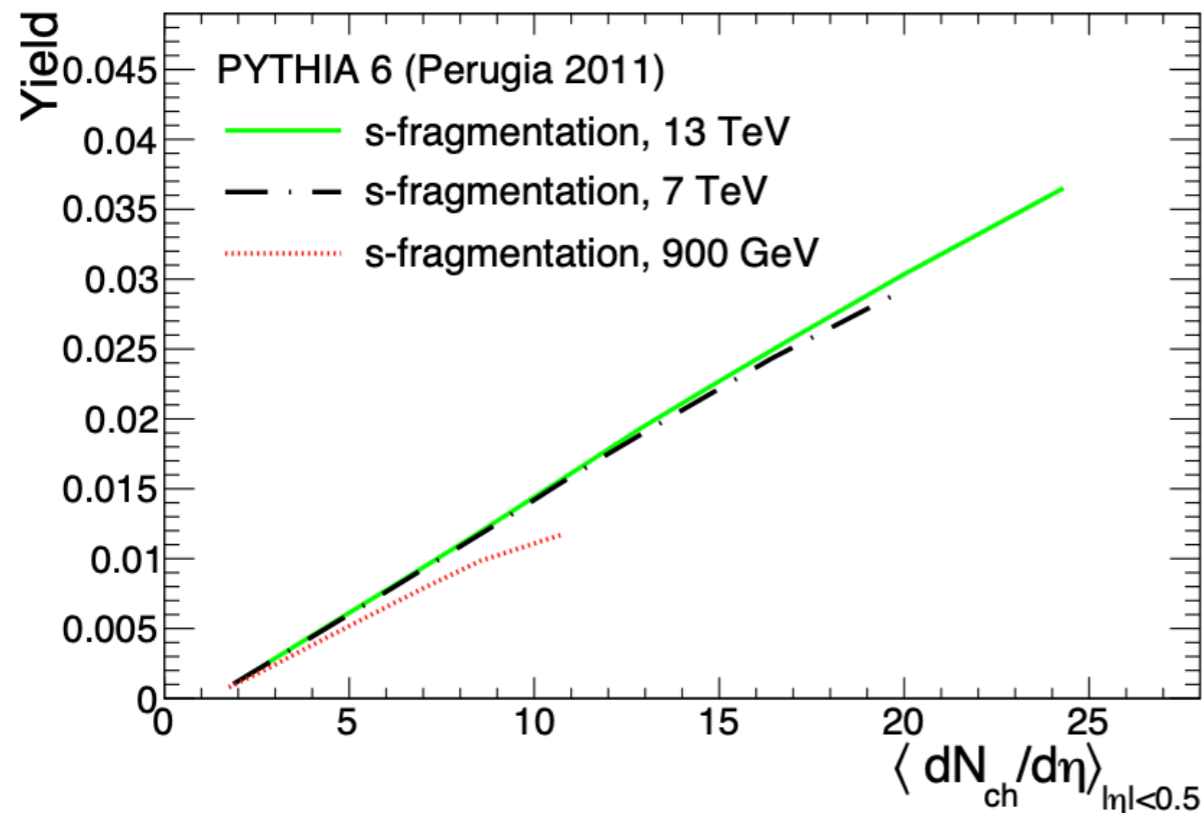


CMS, PAS HIN-18-010
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- **Charm flows ($v_2 > 0$) in p-Pb collisions**
- At low $p_T < \sim 4-5$ GeV/c \rightarrow
 $v_2(\text{ch. particles}) > v_2(D) \approx v_2(J/\psi)$
- At high $p_T > \sim 6$ GeV/c
need more stats to conclude

Understanding strange yields: pp, PYTHIA & MPI



C. Loizides, A. Morsch, [arXiv:2109.05181](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.05181)

- Relevance of modelling the pp impact parameter dependence of MPIs!
- The **energy independence of strange-particle yields** at 7 TeV and above is reproduced in PYTHIA simulations of the s-fragmentation contribution
→ can not be interpreted as a consequence of final-state effects
- Quark-flavor evolution:
 - **Smooth evolution from linear to quadratic from the udg-hadronization and s-fragmentation components to the c- and b-fragmentation contributions. → unified approach for all species**
 - As a result of the significant contribution of associated particle production to the measured charged-particle multiplicity (auto-correlation bias).