

# Experimental Study of the QGP with Quarkonia and the Exploration of Small Systems



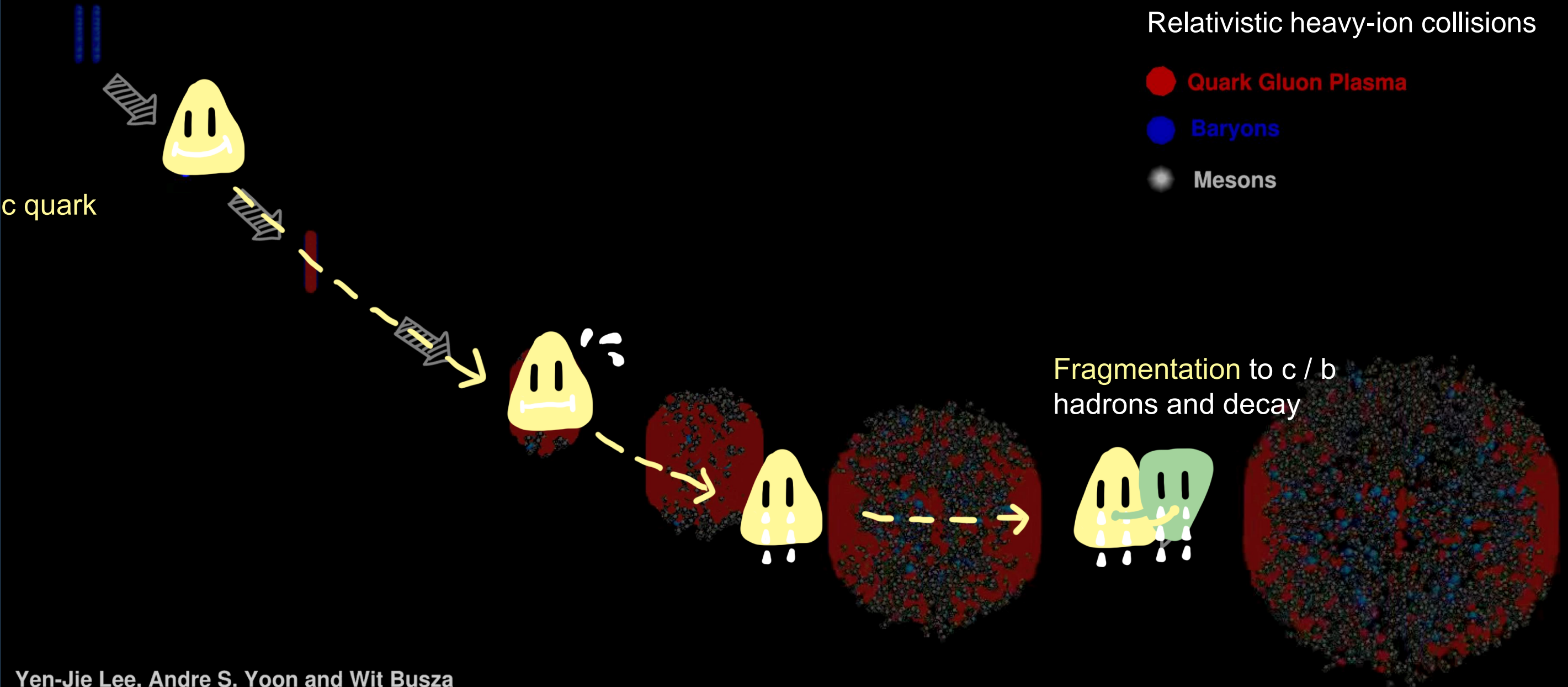
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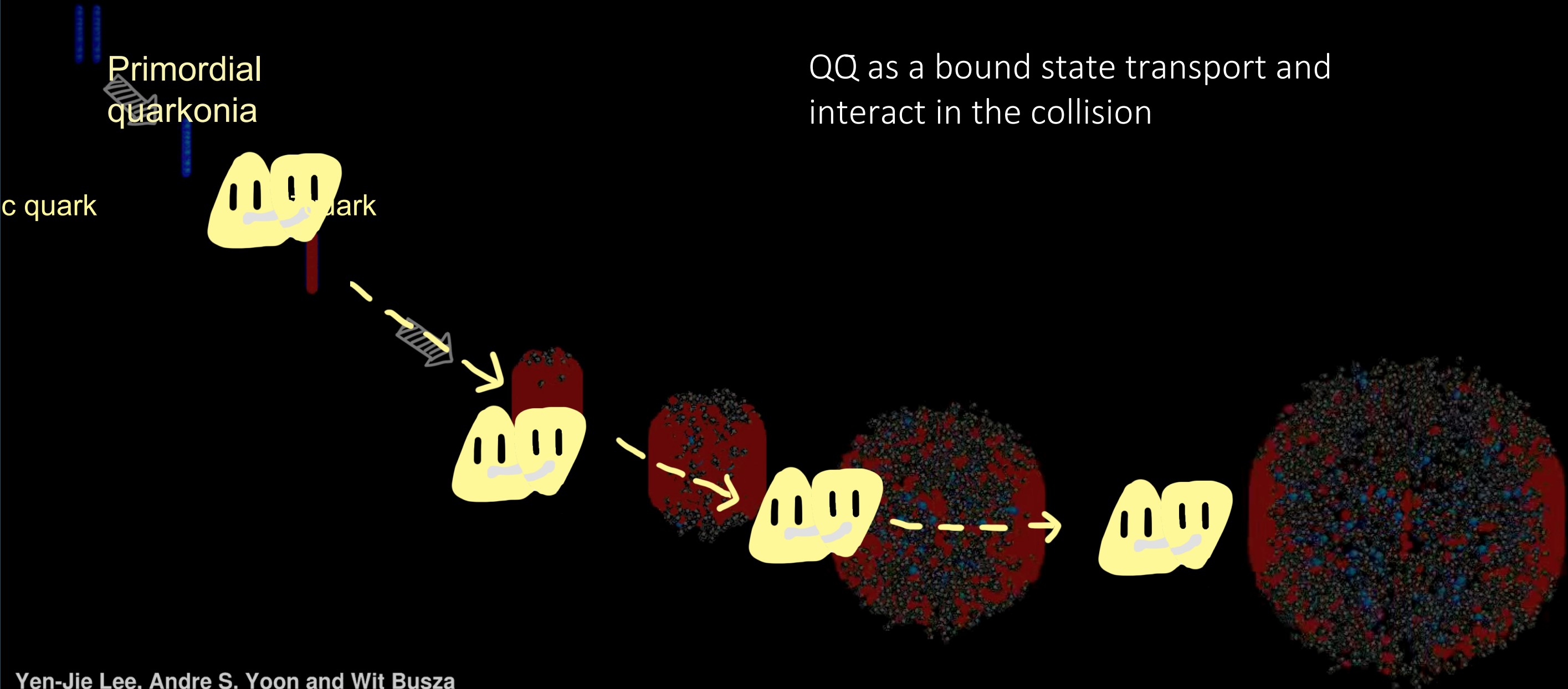
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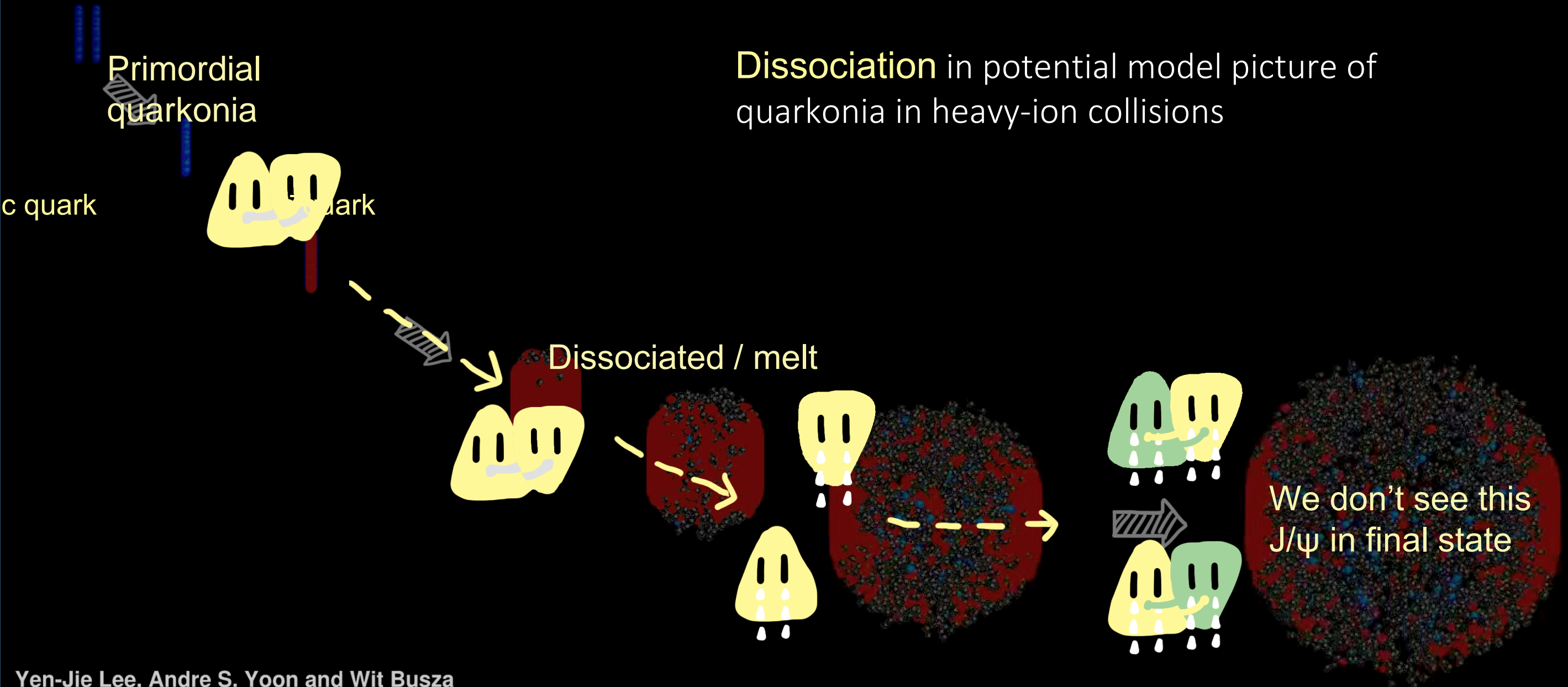
# Recall: Open HF hadron in HIC



# Life of a Lucky Heavy Quarkonium in HIC



# Life of an Unlucky Quarkonium in HIC



**Dissociation** in potential model picture of quarkonia in heavy-ion collisions

Primordial quarkonia

c quark

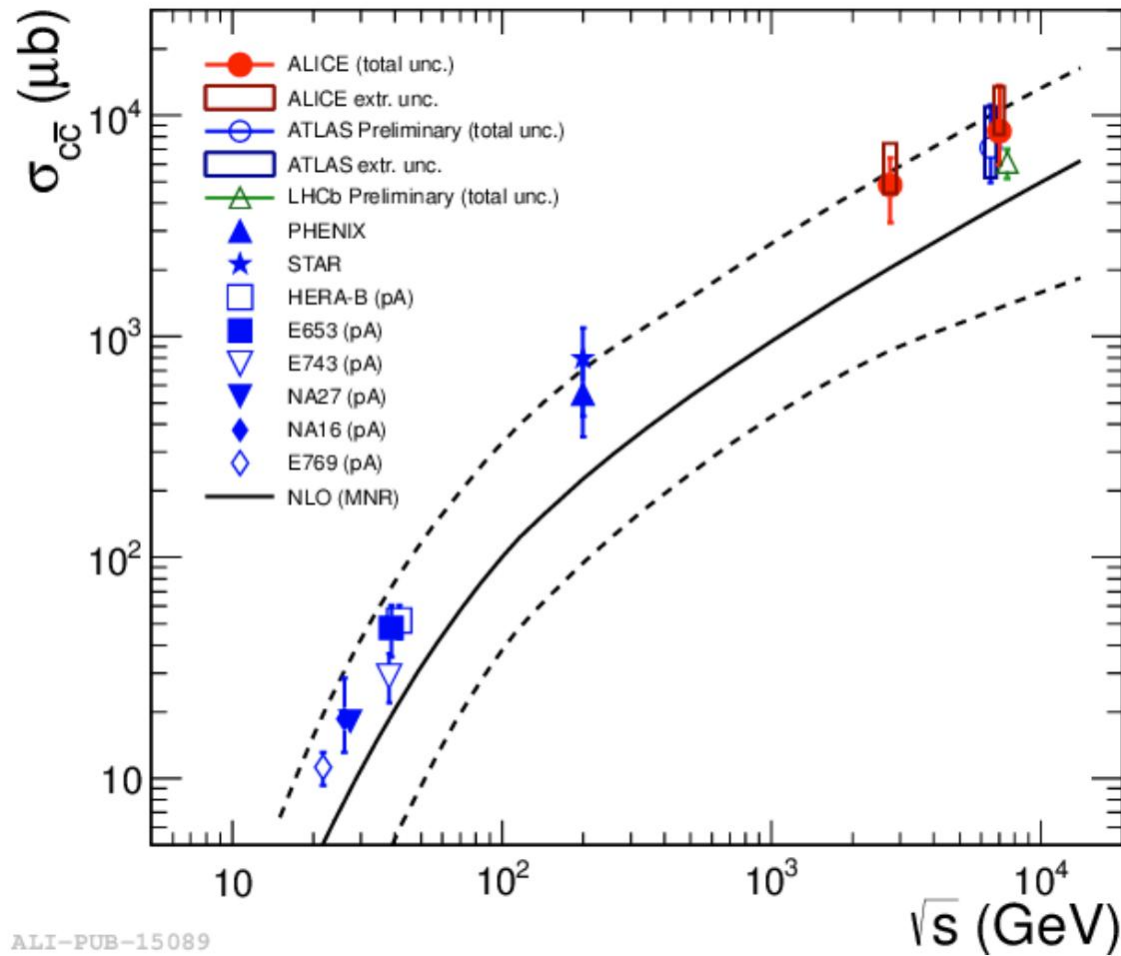
charm quark

Dissociated / melt

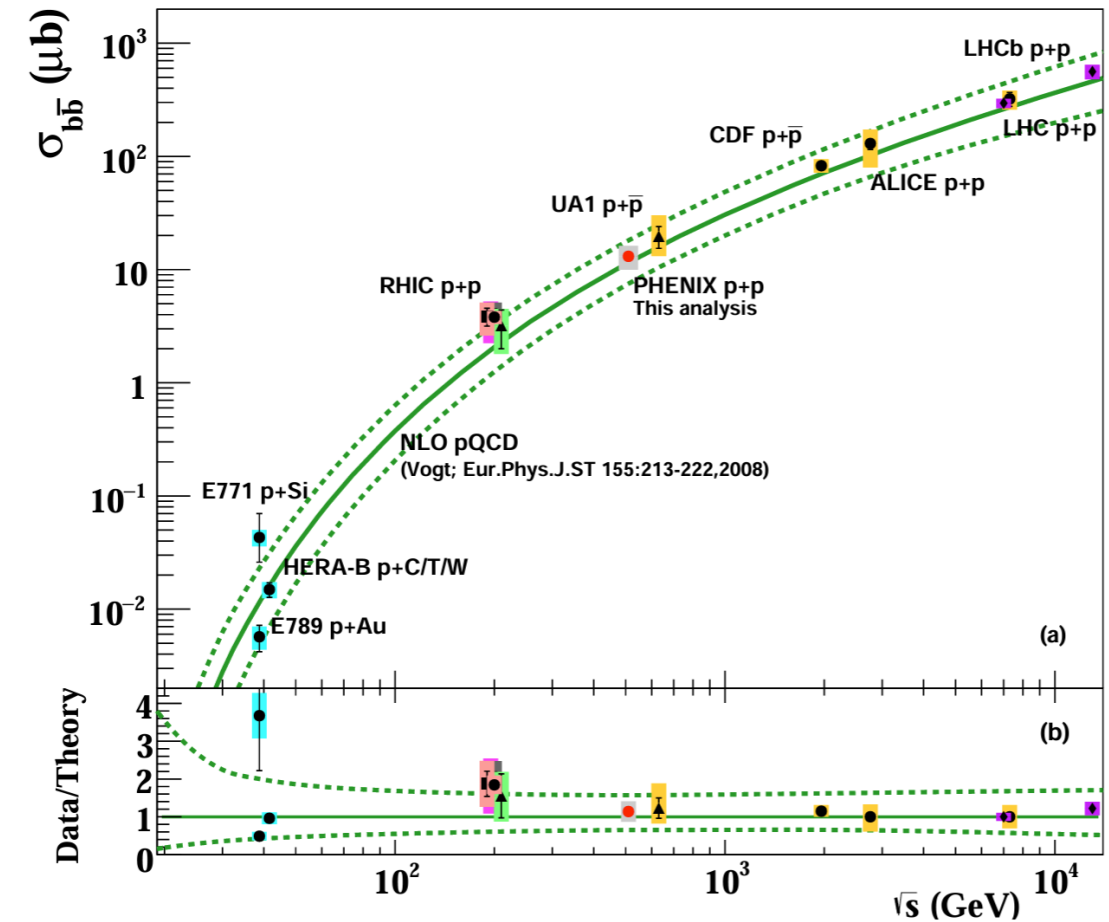
We don't see this J/ψ in final state

# How many $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ are produced OO vs. PbPb?

Estimation with pp and pA total cross-section



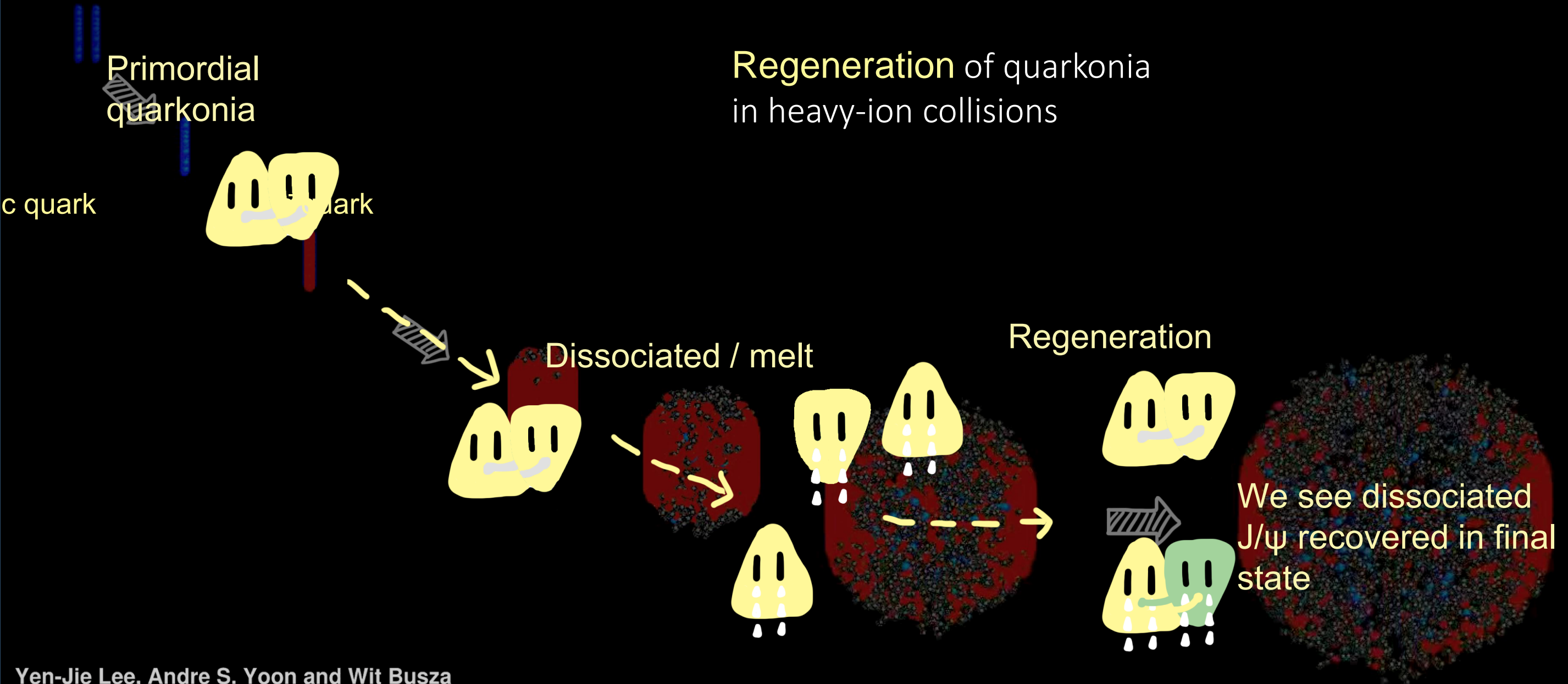
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- ~ 15 pairs of  $c\bar{c}$  in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV
- ~ 200 pairs of  $c\bar{c}$  in 0-5% PbPb at 5 TeV
- ~ 1.7 pair of  $c\bar{c}$  in inclusive OO at 5.36 TeV

- ~ 0.75 pairs of  $b\bar{b}$  in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV
- ~ 7 pairs of  $b\bar{b}$  in central PbPb at 5 TeV
- ~ 0.05 pairs of  $b\bar{b}$  in inclusive OO at 5.36 TeV

# Life of a **Lucky** Quarkonium in HIC



**Regeneration** of quarkonia  
in heavy-ion collisions

Dissociated / melt

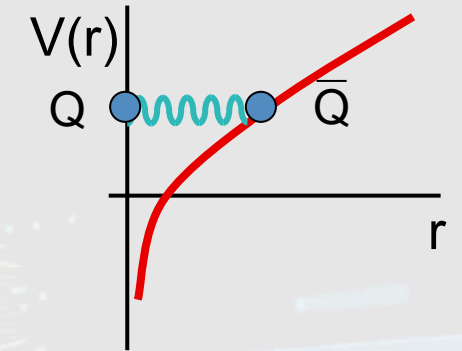
Regeneration

We see dissociated  
J/ψ recovered in final  
state

# QGP Temperature

- One interesting tool: the Bottomonium states!
- Bottomonium are rare probes
- Can be described by non-relativistic Schrödinger Equation

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + kr$$

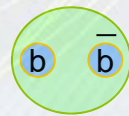


$b\bar{b}$ State	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\chi_{bj}(1P)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\chi_{bj}(2P)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Mass [GeV]	9.46	9.90	10.02	10.26	10.36
$\Delta E$ to $B\bar{B}$ threshold [GeV]	1.10	0.67	0.54	0.31	0.20
$r_0$ [fm]	0.28	0.44	0.56	0.68	0.78

Color Screening from LQCD

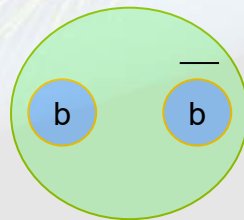
Tightly bound  
Small in radius

$\Upsilon(1S)$

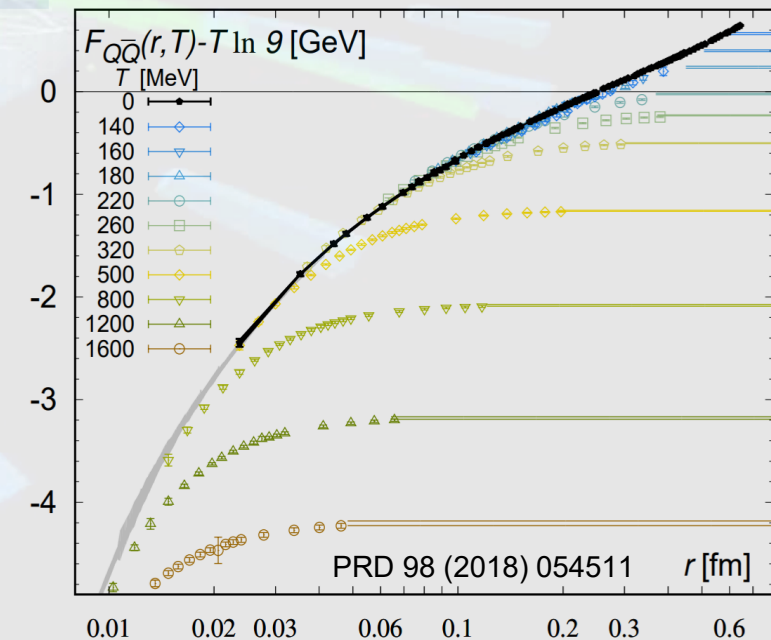
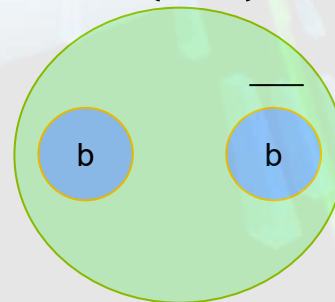


Loosely bound  
Large in radius

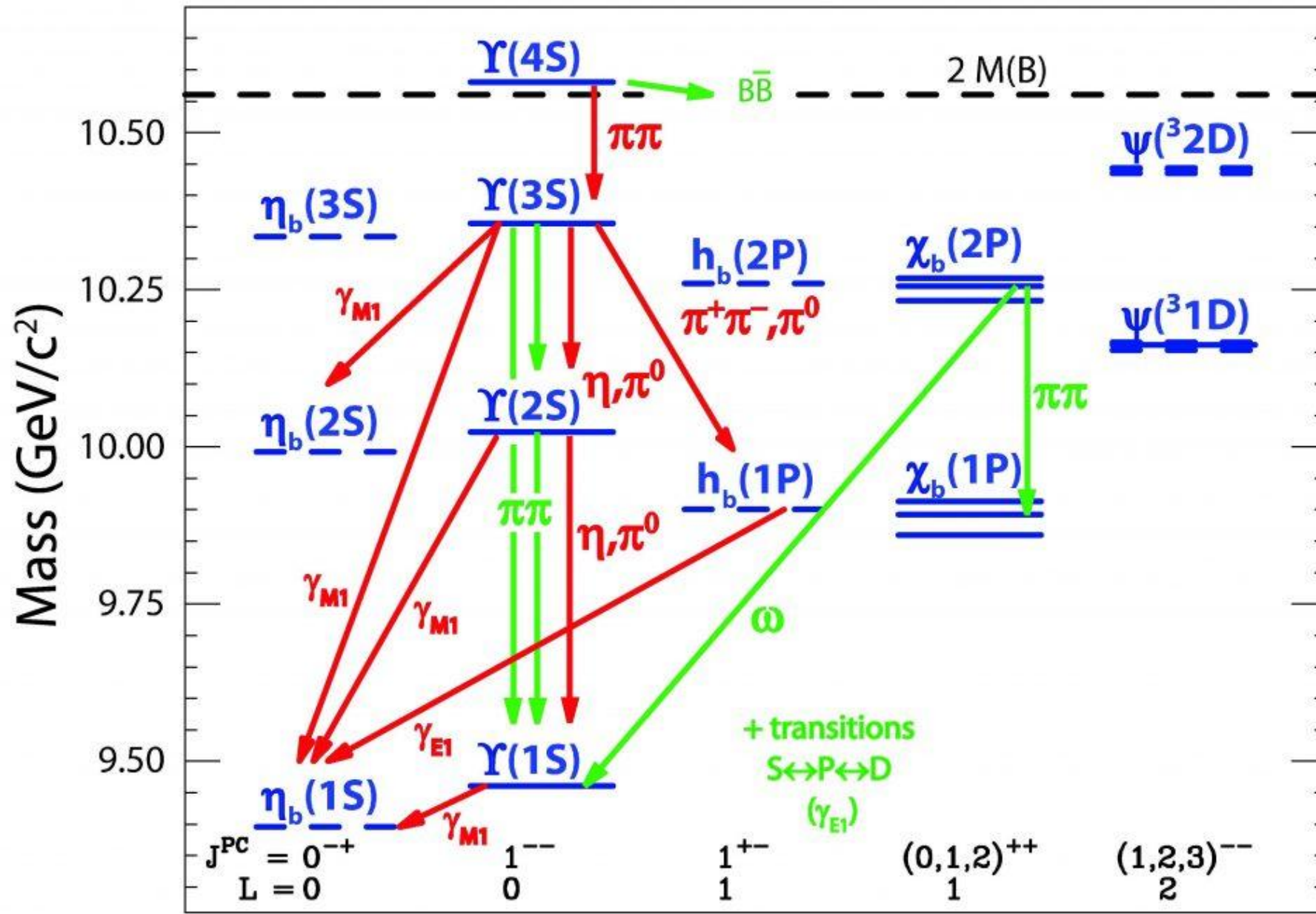
$\Upsilon(2S)$



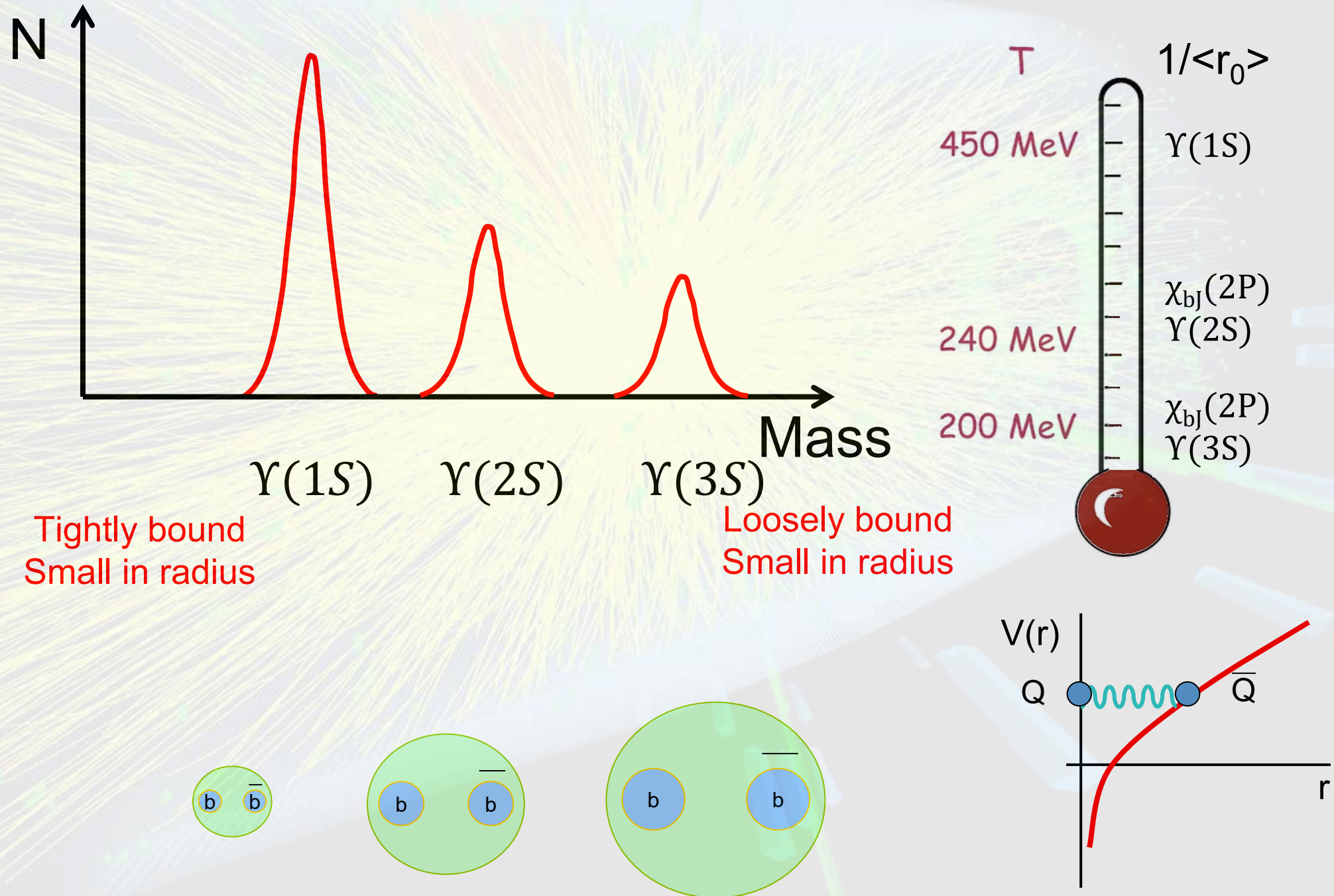
$\Upsilon(3S)$



# Bottomium Family



# In Vacuum (pp)

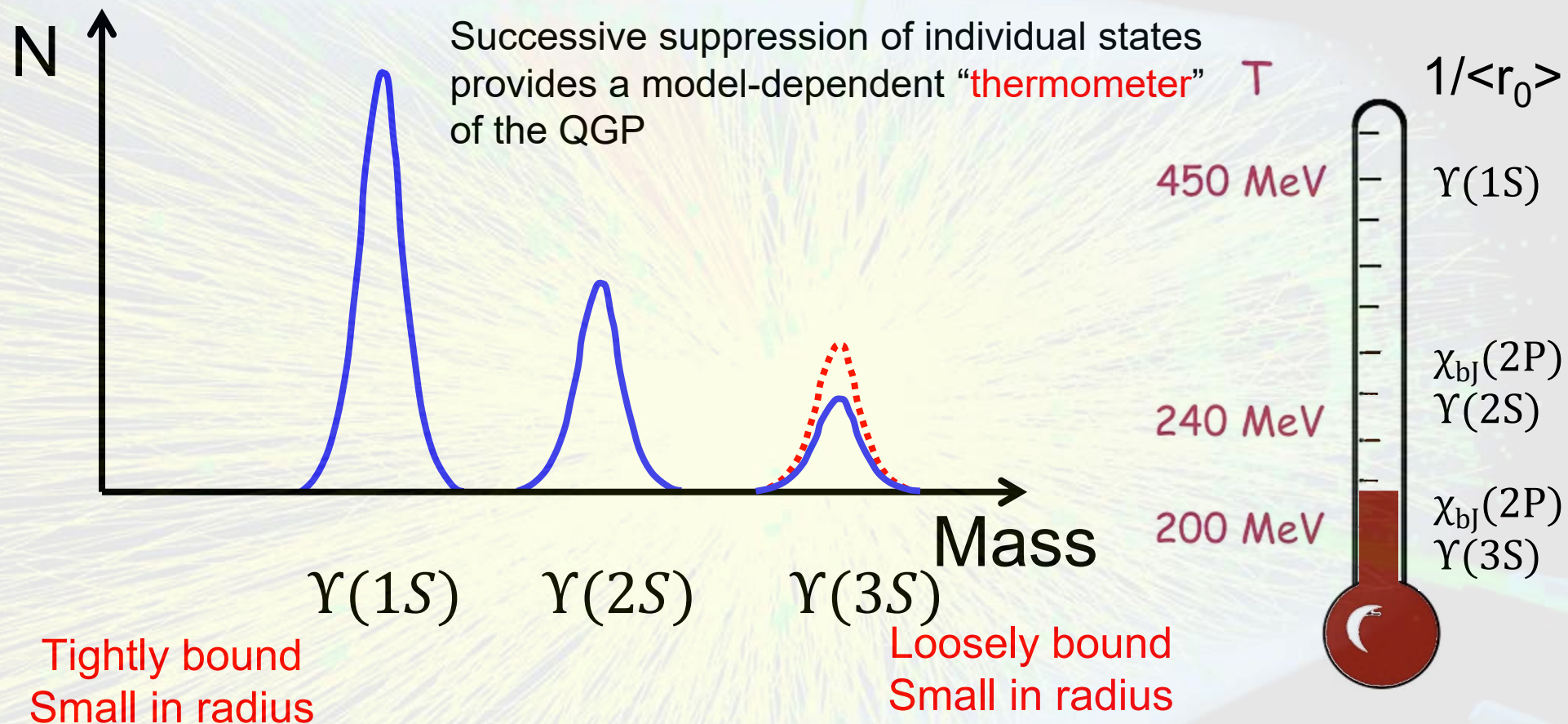


Artist's impression

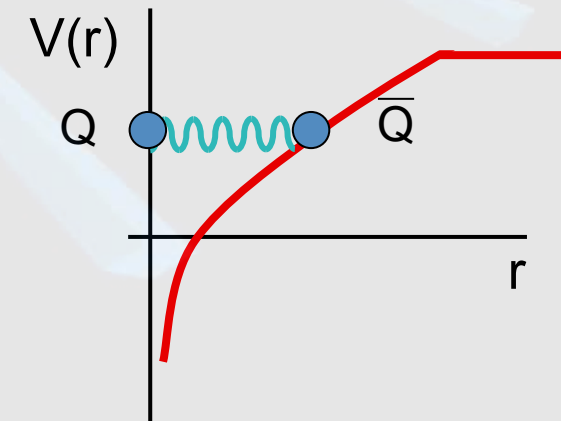
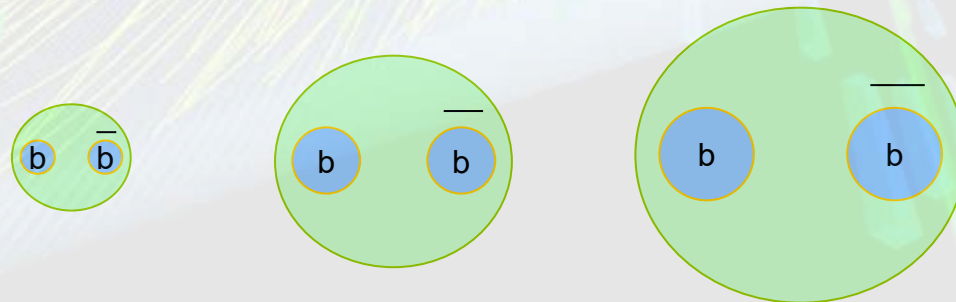
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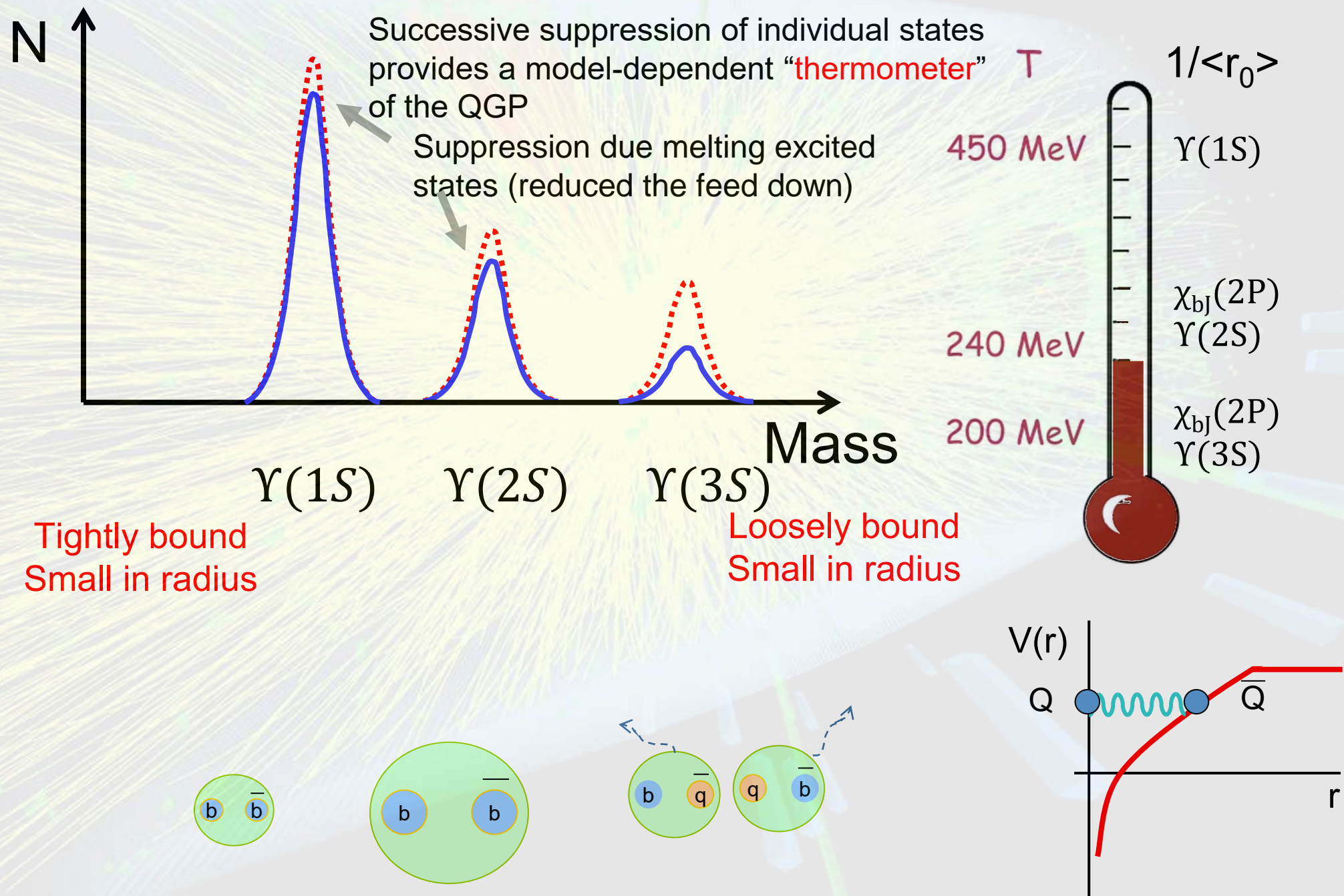
# In QGP (lower Energy AA collisions / Peripheral AA)



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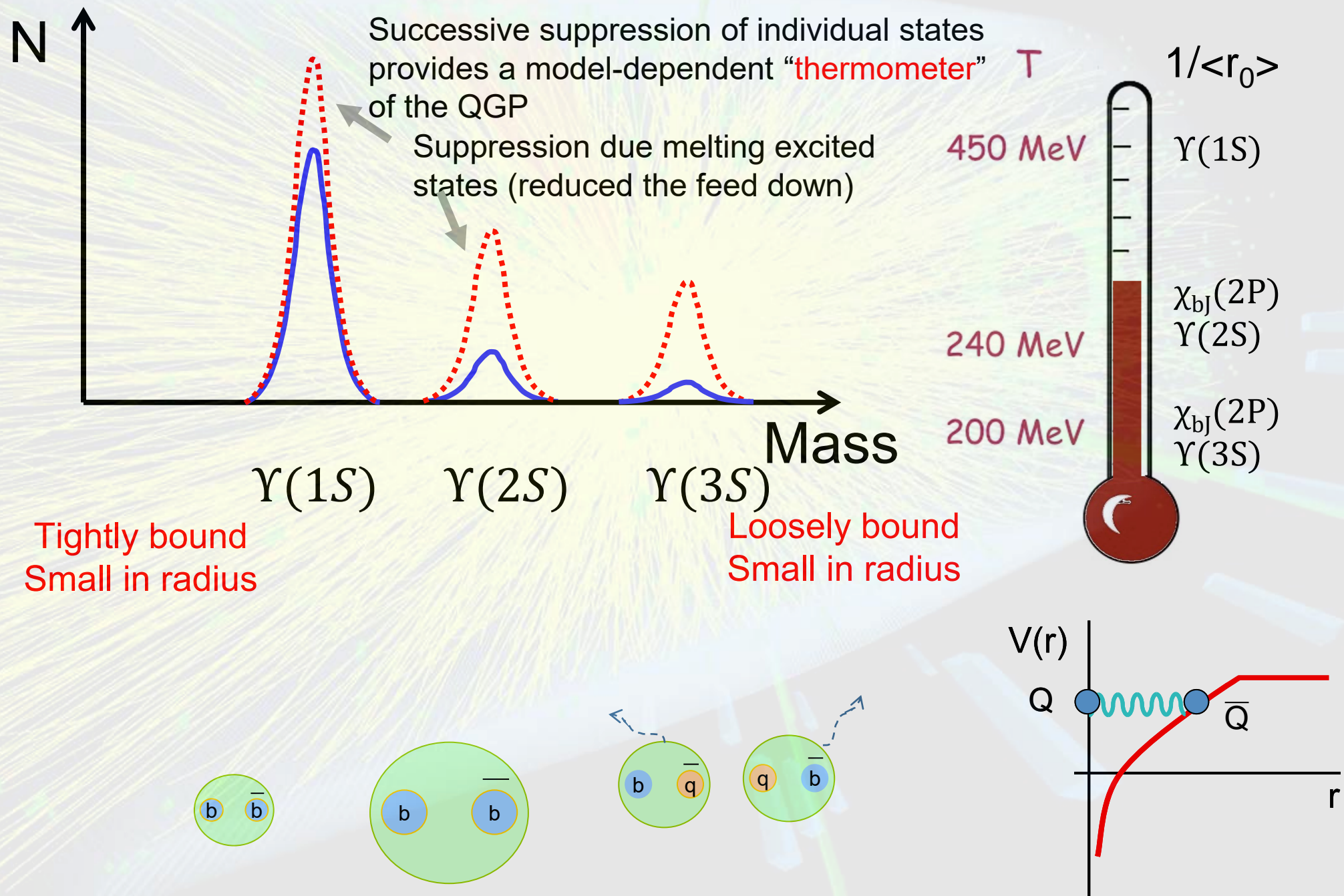


# In QGP (AA collisions)



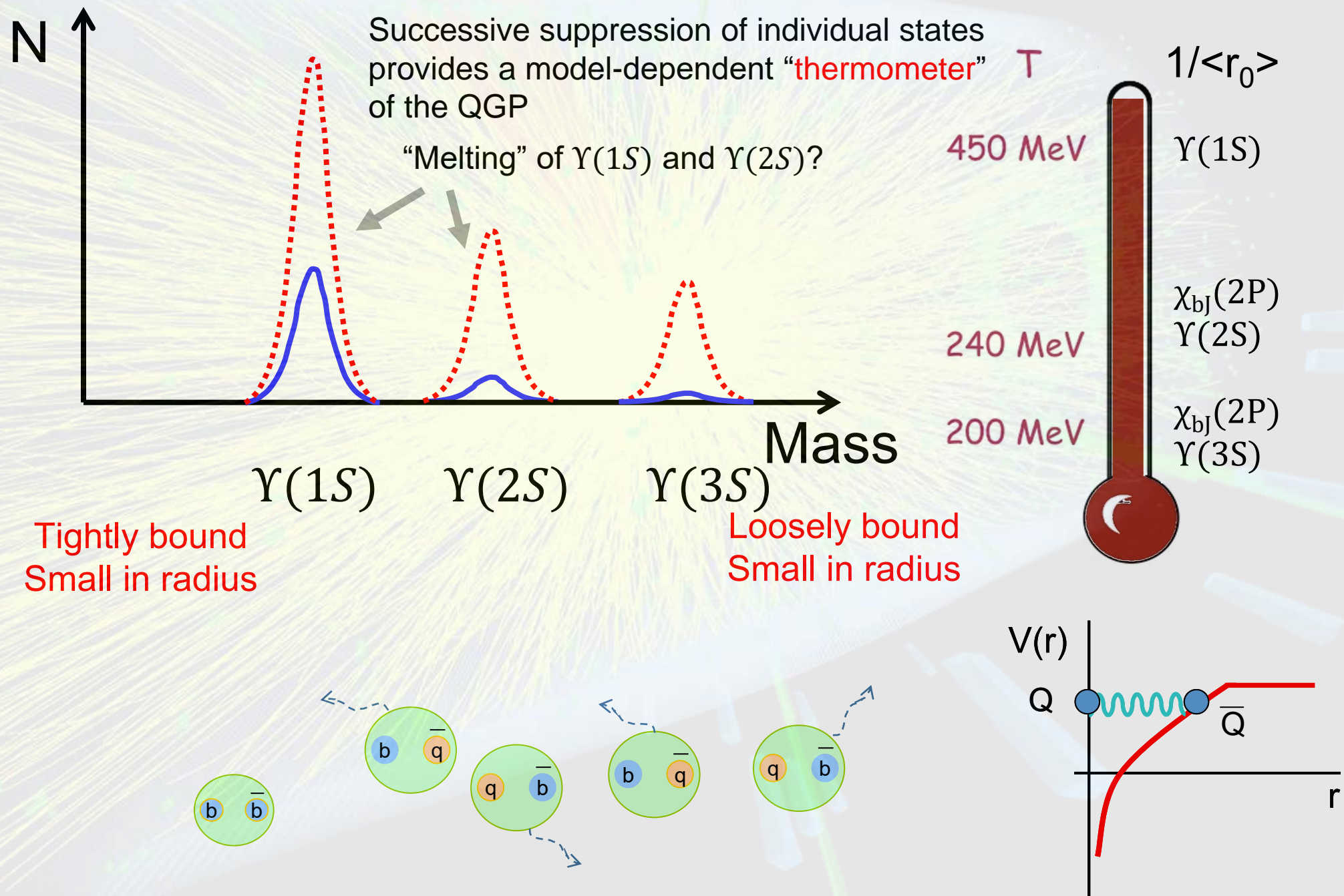
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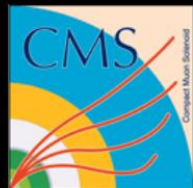


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# In QGP (AA collisions at LHC)



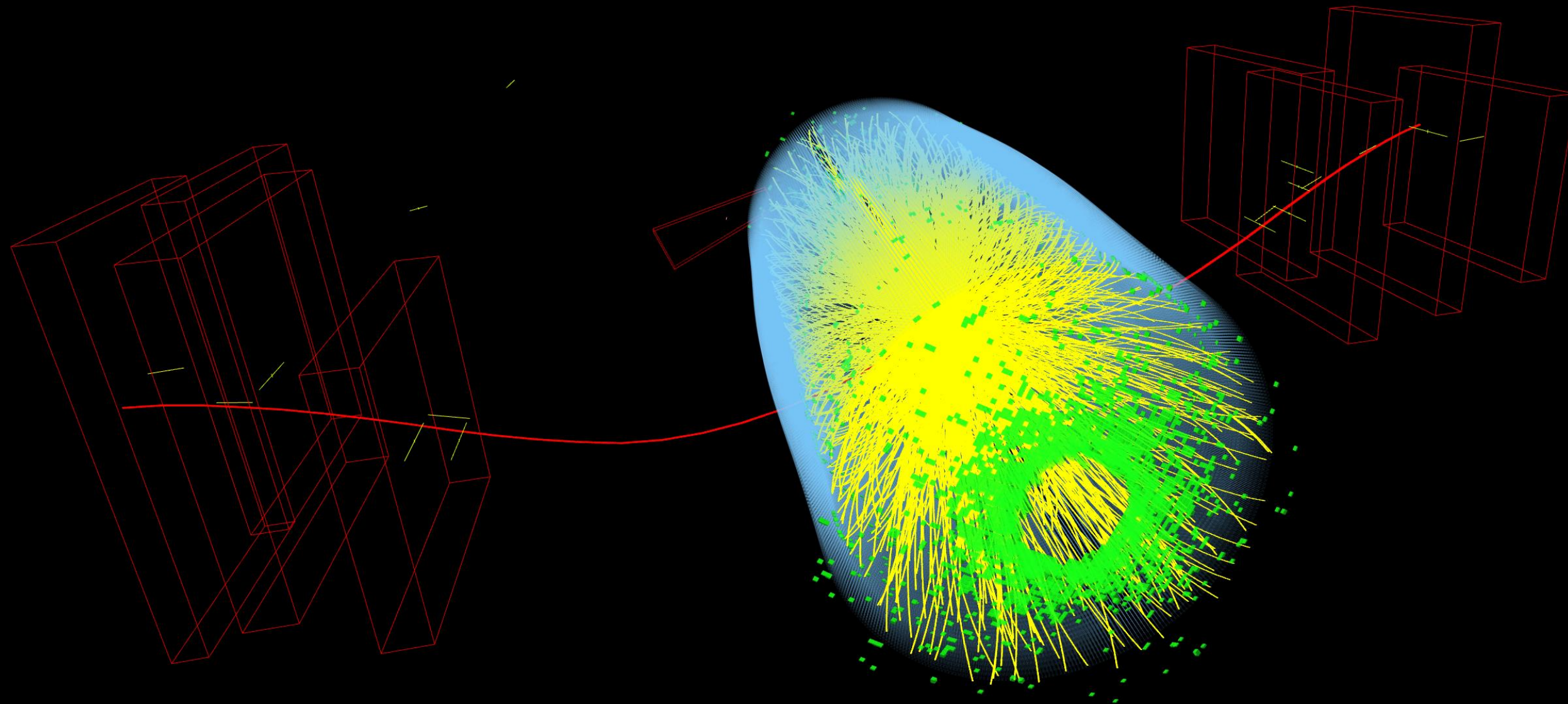
# Upsilon to Di-muon in 5.02 TeV PbPb Collision



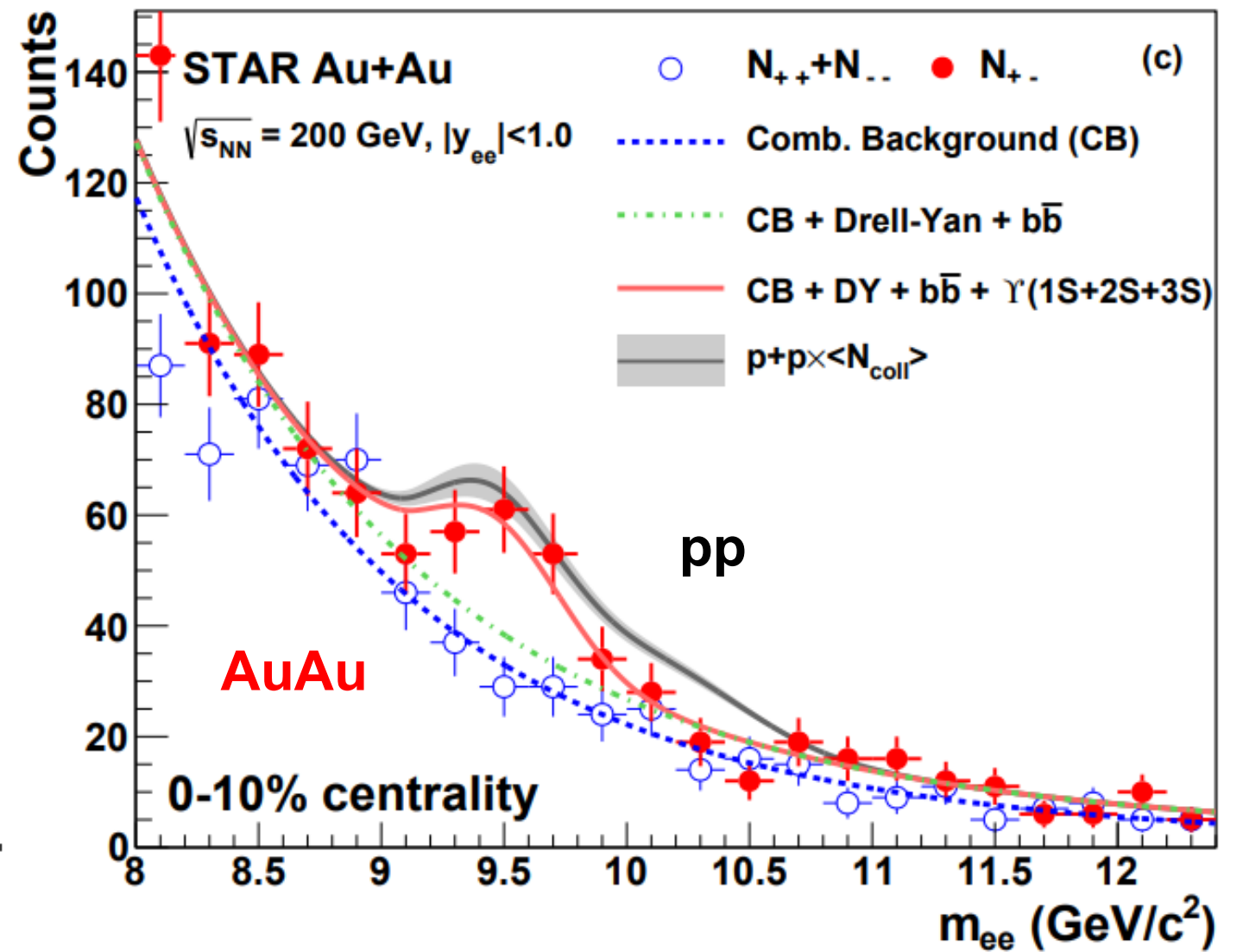
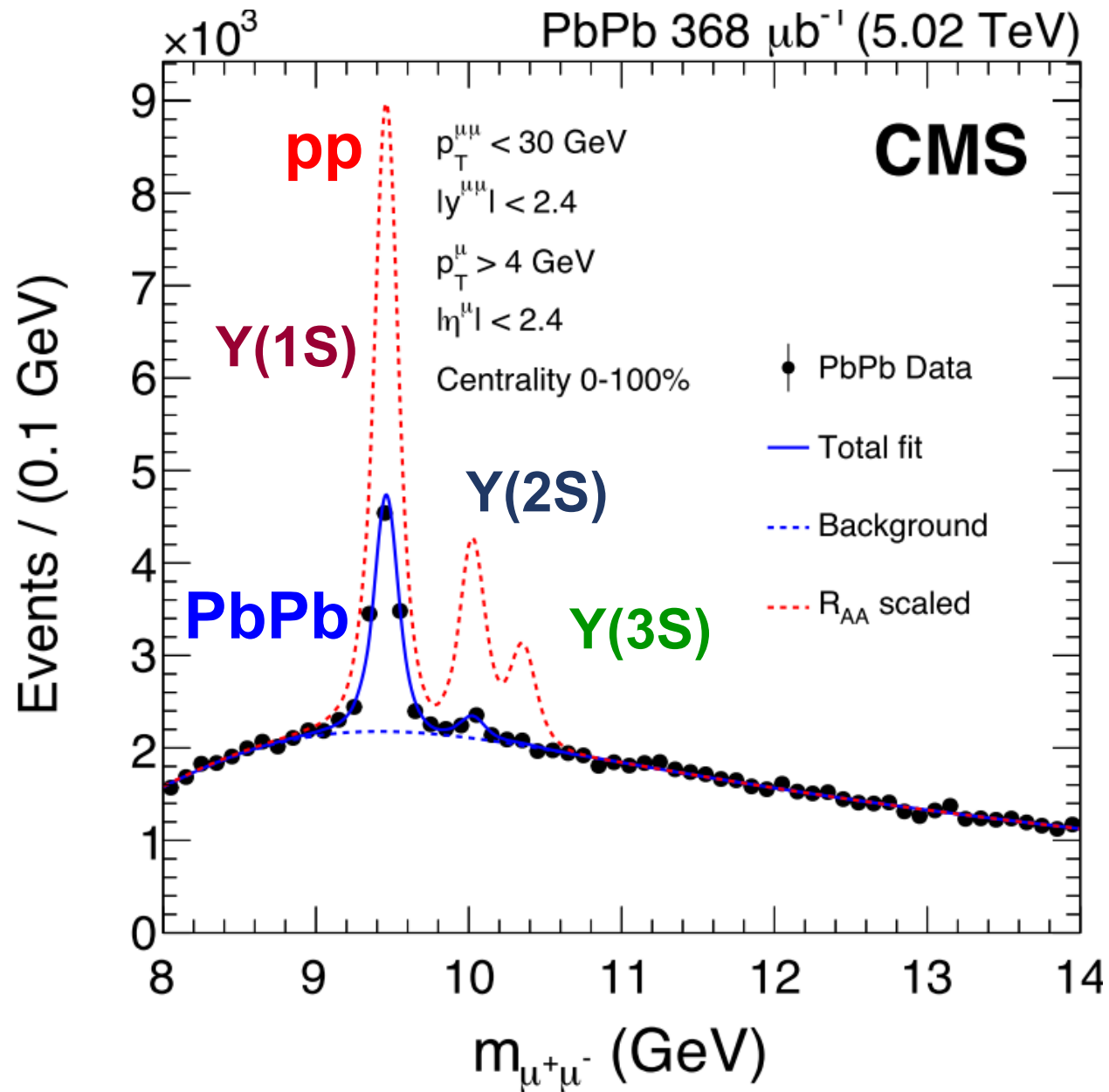
CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2018-Nov-10 02:06:52.131328 GMT

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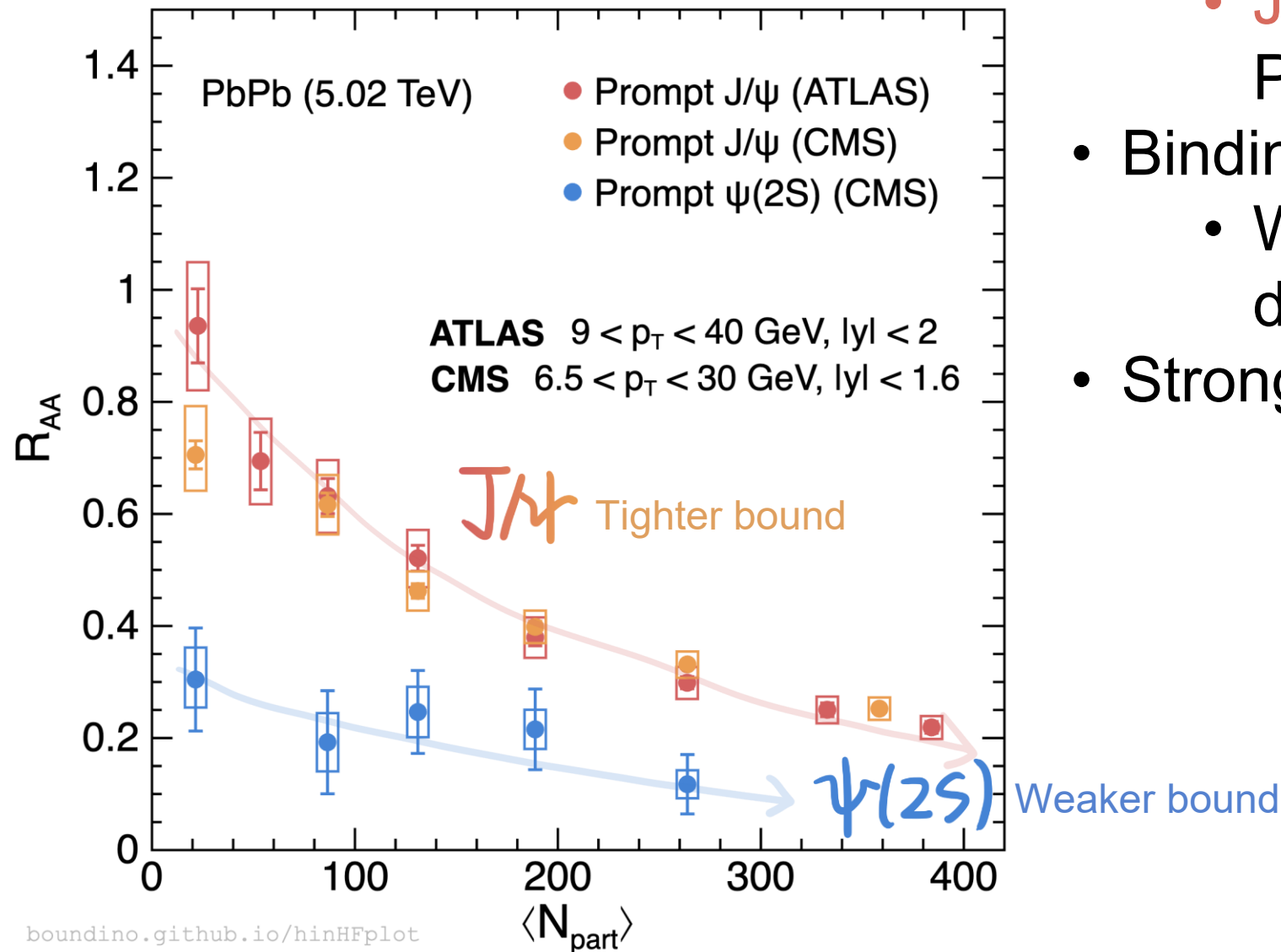


# $Y(nS) \rightarrow$ Dilepton Yield Extraction



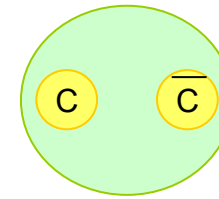
Mass resolution very important for separating the Y states

# Charmonia in QGP Sequential Melting

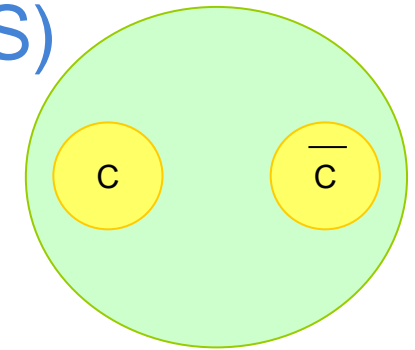


- Sequential melting of charmonium states
  - $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  strongly suppressed in PbPb collisions
- Binding energy hierarchy:
  - Weaker bound state easier to be dissociated
- Stronger suppression in central events

$J/\psi$



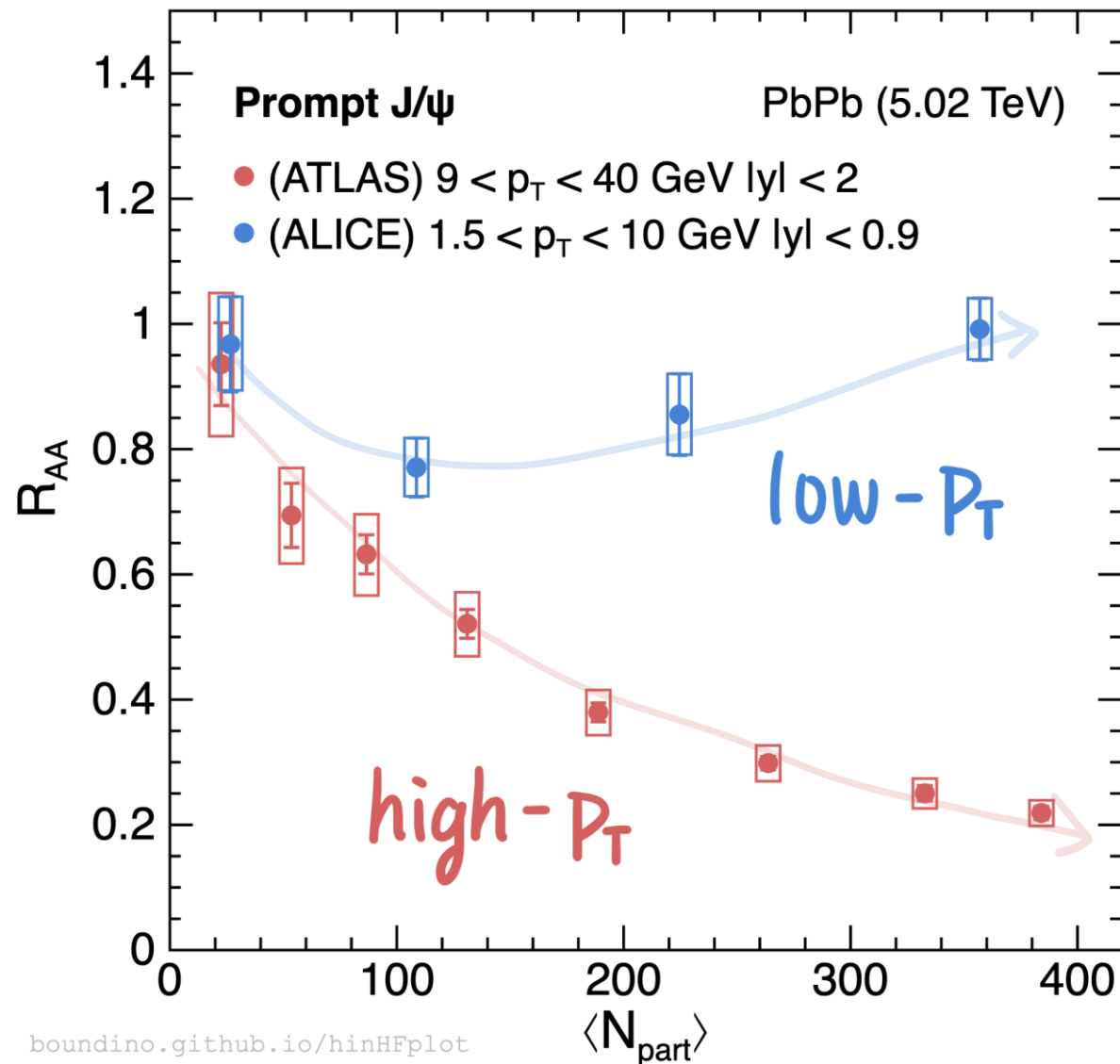
$\psi(2S)$



Loosely bound  
Large in radius

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# Charmonia in QGP Regeneration

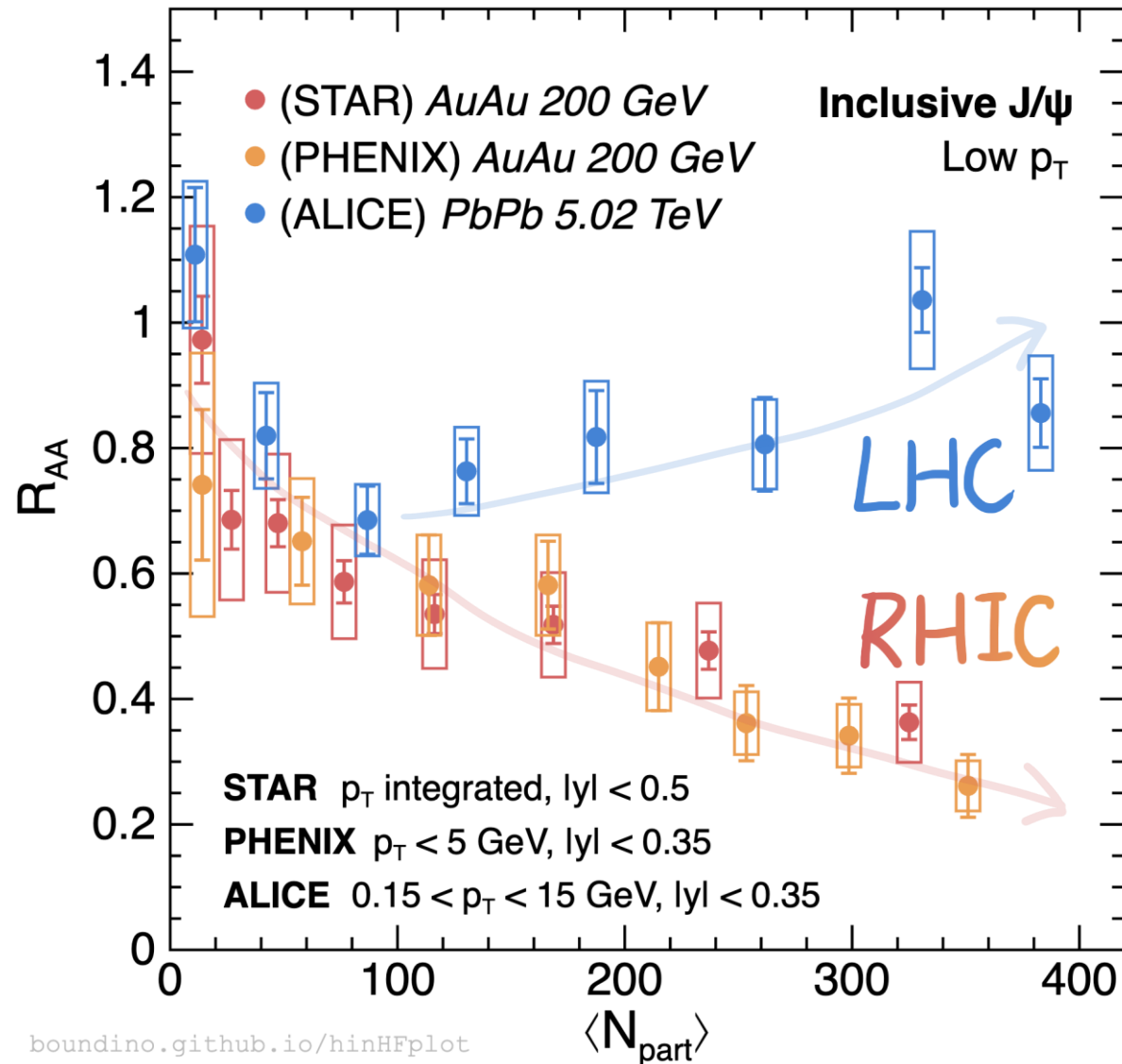


## Regeneration

- Uncorrelated  $Q\bar{Q}$  in QGP regenerate quarkonia
- At the LHC: Increasing  $R_{AA}$  at low  $p_T$  towards central events
  - Central events have larger  $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$

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# Regeneration of Charmonium in QGP



[boundino.github.io/hinHFplot](https://boundino.github.io/hinHFplot)

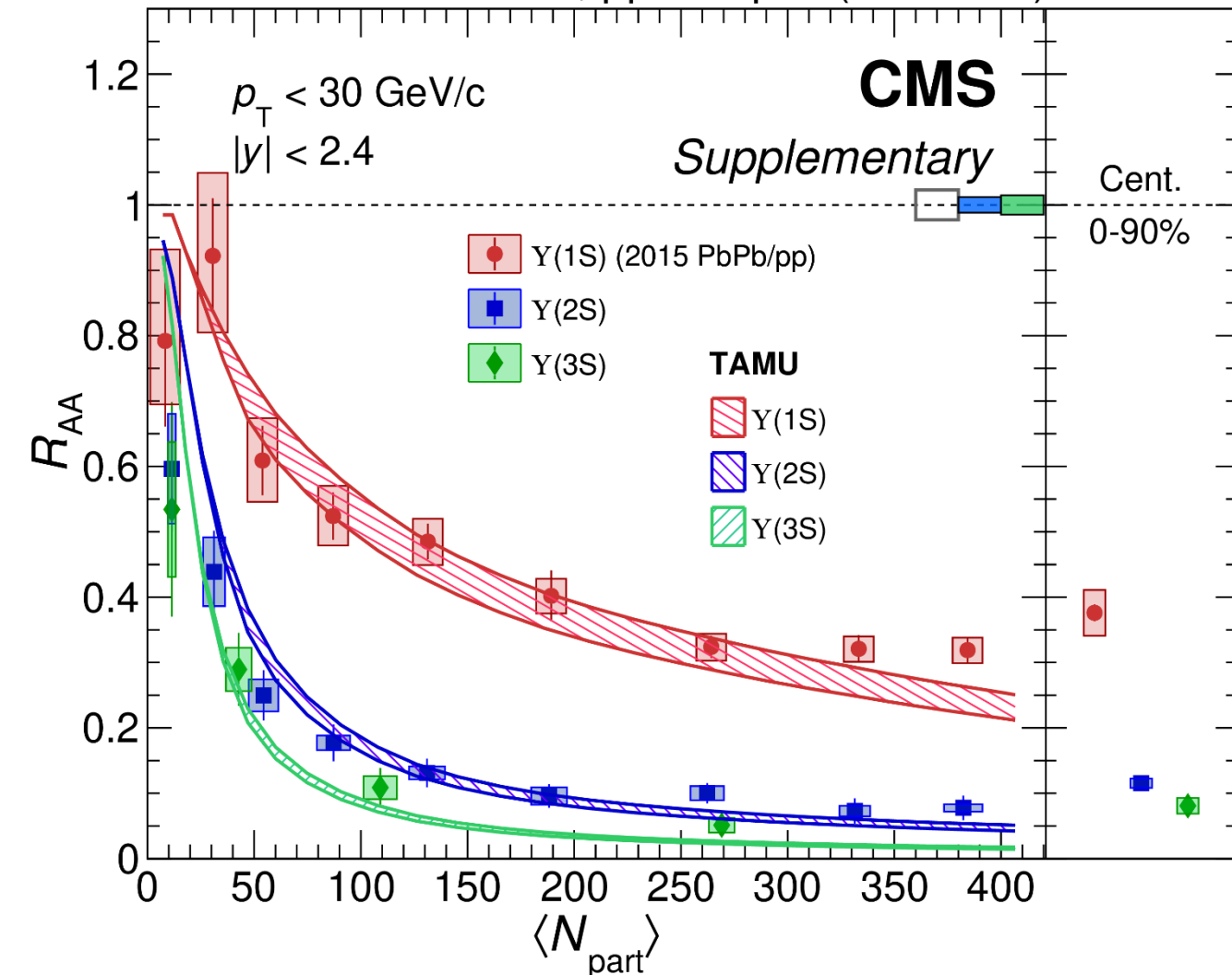
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Regeneration picture:

- Uncorrelated  $Q\bar{Q}$  in QGP regenerate Quarkonia
- At the LHC: Increasing  $R_{AA}$  at low  $p_T$  towards central events
  - Central events have larger  $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$
- Significant enhancement at the **LHC** but not at the **RHIC**
  - Higher collision energy has larger  $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$ , enhances the probability of uncorrelated regeneration

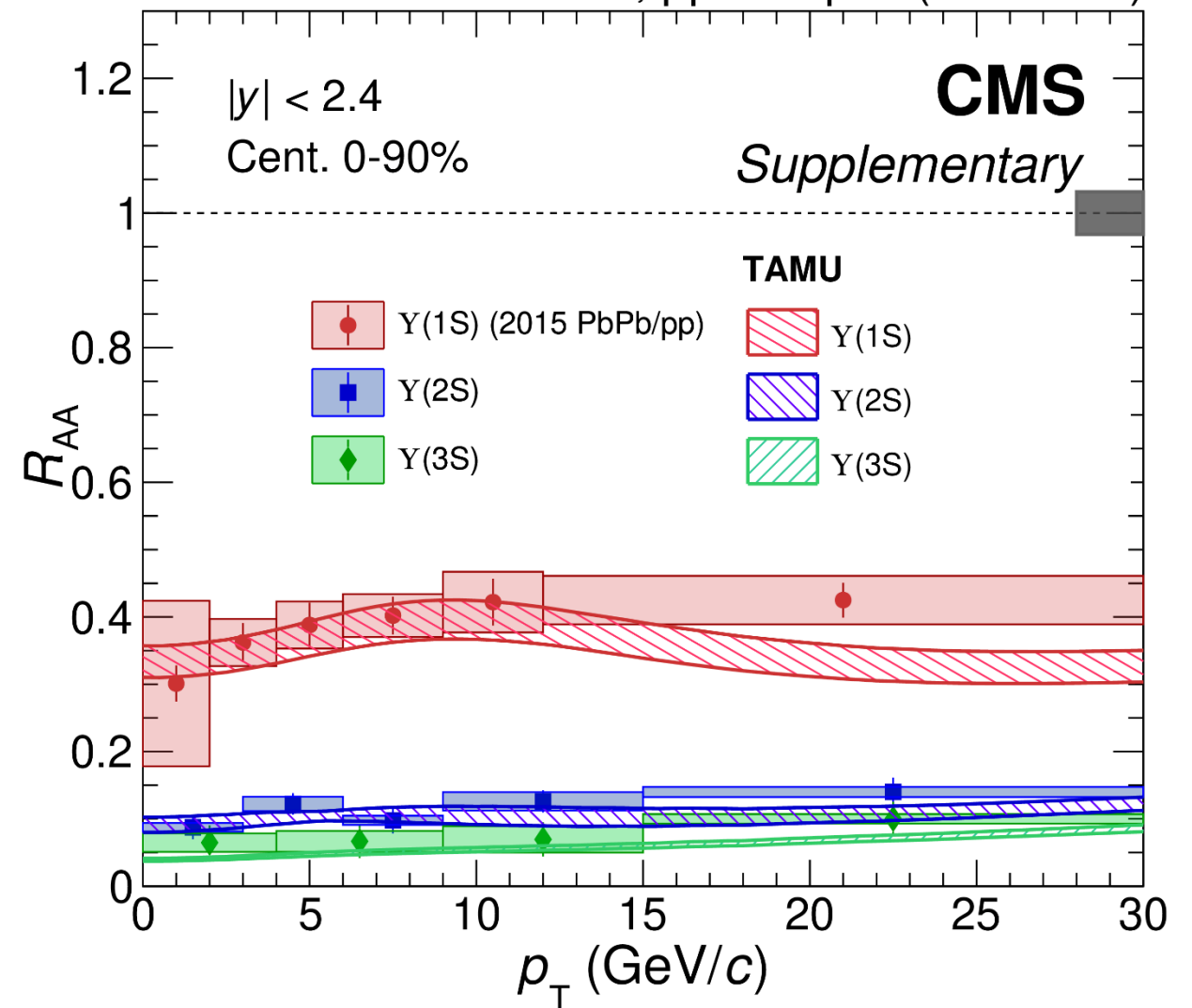
# Y(nS) Suppression

PbPb 1.61 nb<sup>-1</sup>, pp 300 pb<sup>-1</sup> (5.02 TeV)



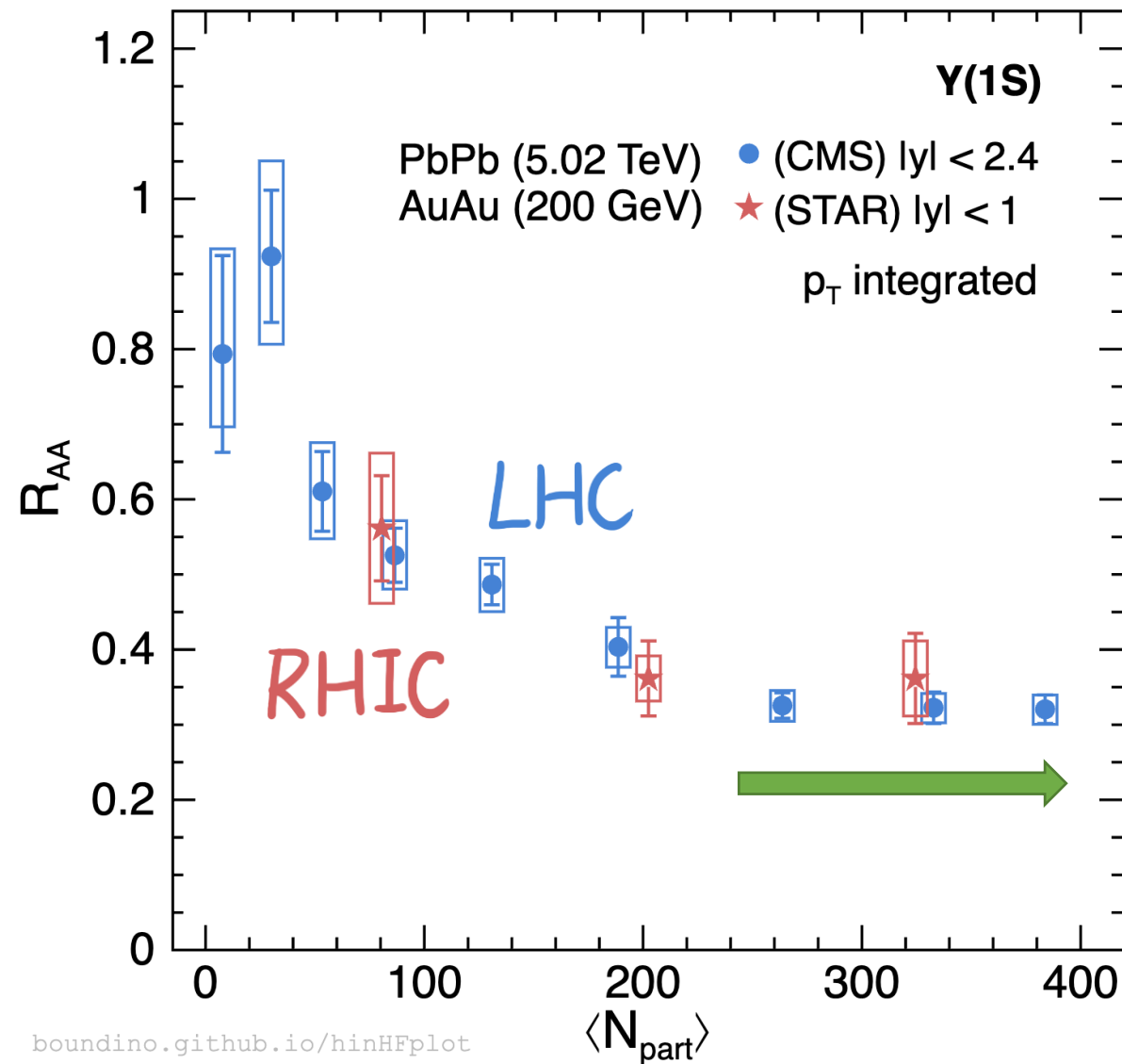
- Y(3S) is observed for the first time in PbPb collisions
- Reasonable but not perfect description from TAMU, tends to overpredict the suppression in central PbPb

PbPb 1.61 nb<sup>-1</sup>, pp 300 pb<sup>-1</sup> (5.02 TeV)



- Is there a “flow bump”?
- Do we have room for uncorrelated regeneration?

# Dissociation + Regeneration Picture: Challenge

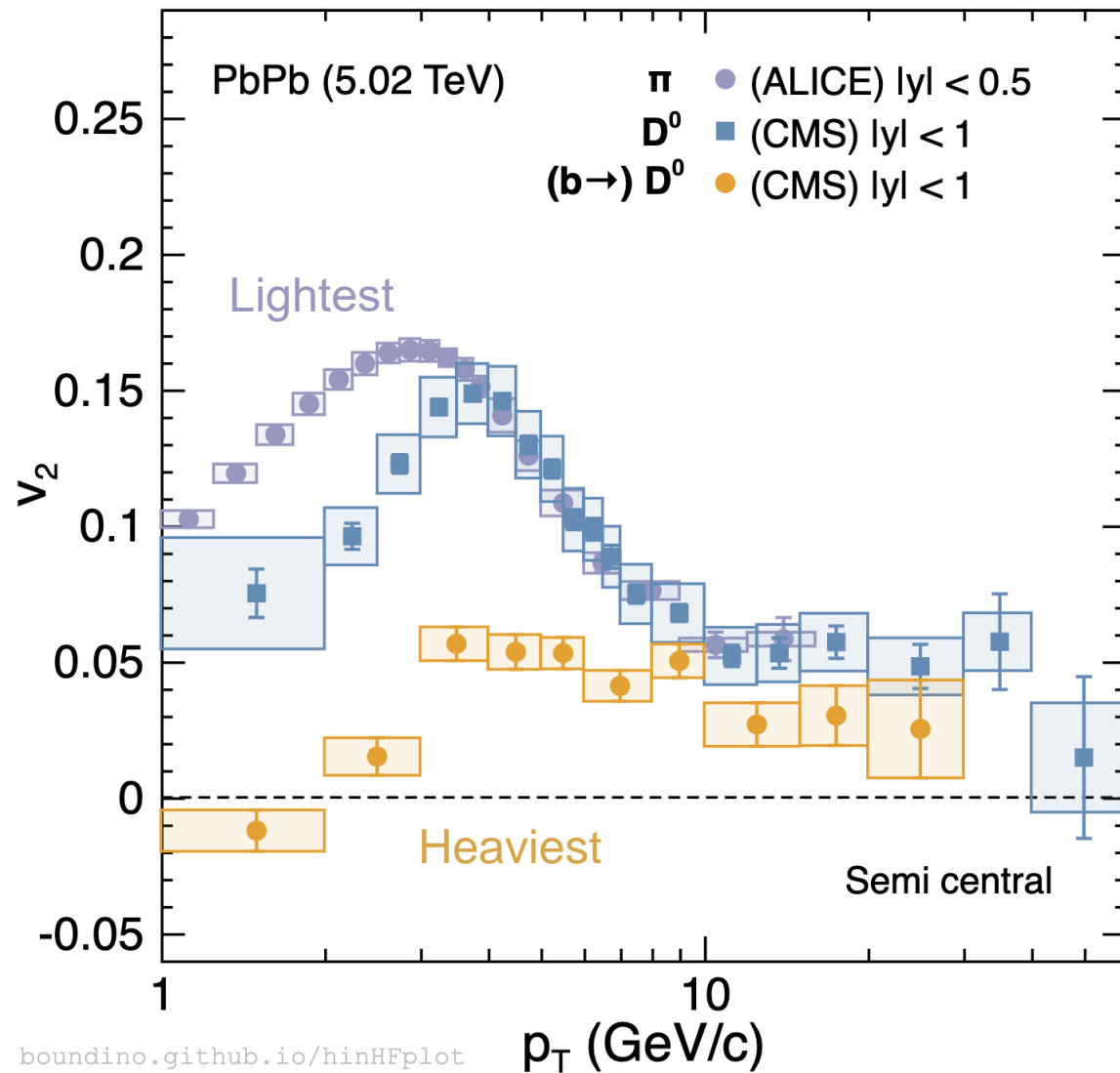


Dissociation + regeneration picture has worked reasonably well, however...

- Why is  $Y(1S)$  suppression so similar between **LHC** and **RHIC**?
  - Regeneration at the LHC compensated the effect from higher initial temperature?
- Why does  $Y(1S) R_{AA}$  not continue decreasing in most central events?
  - Most models with regeneration still don't describe it well

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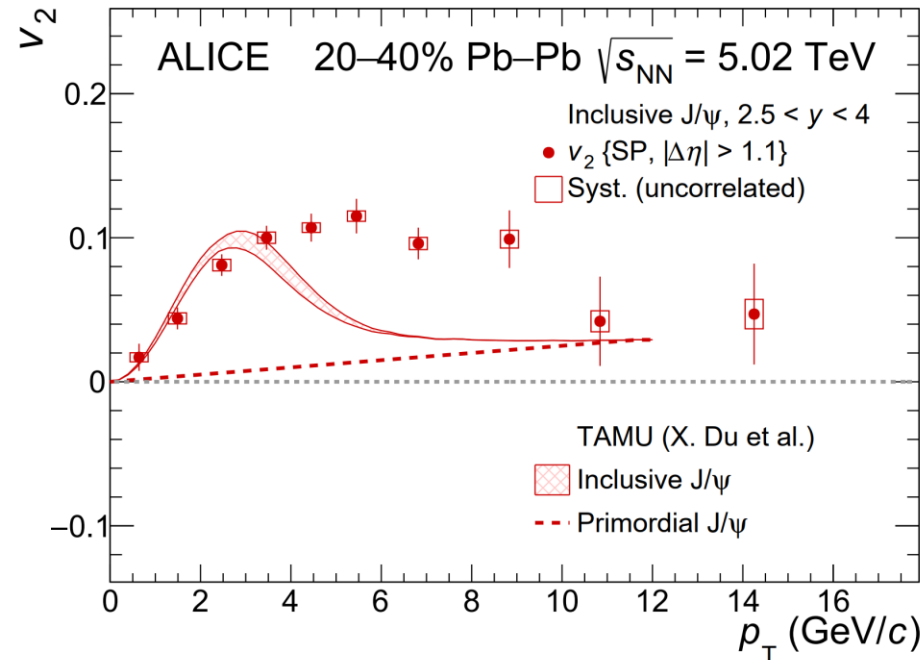
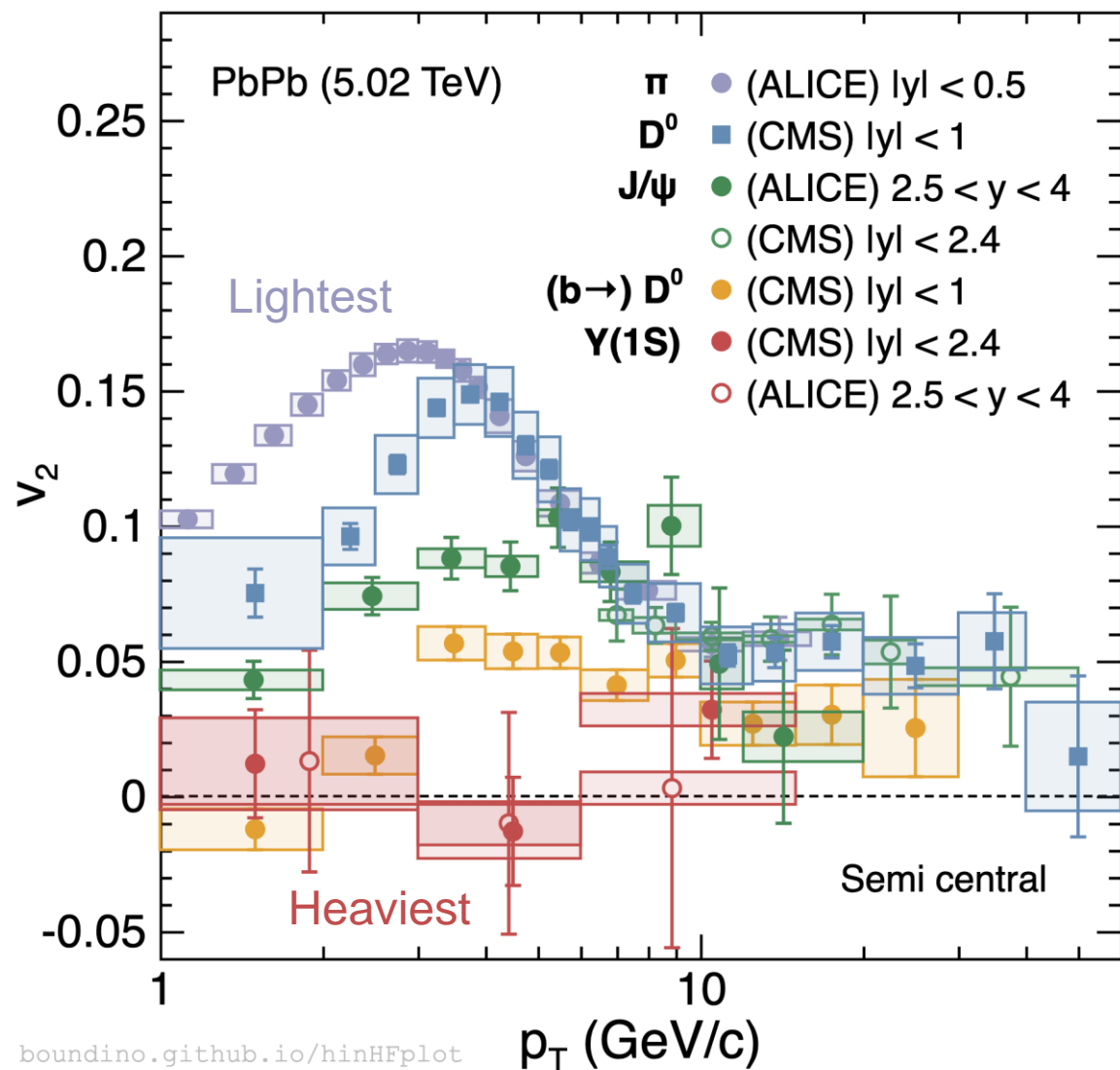
# Collective Flow: Mass Hierarchy



- Recall:  $v_2$  hierarchy from lightest to heaviest hadrons

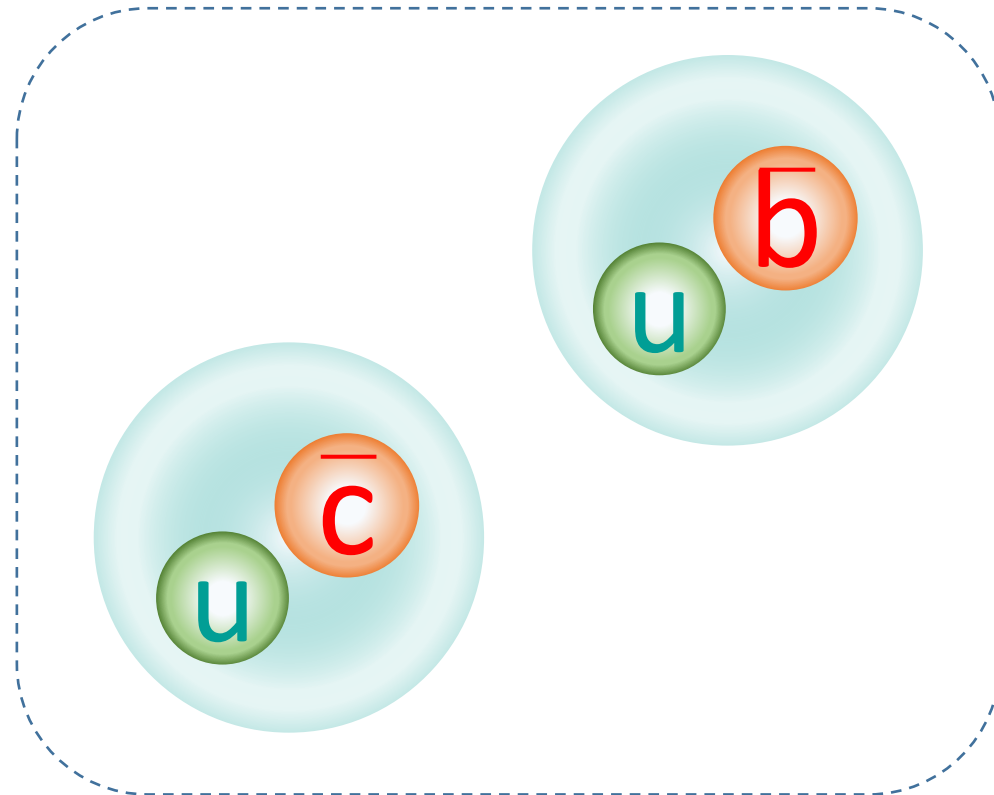
# Collective Flow Mass Hierarchy Including Quarkonia

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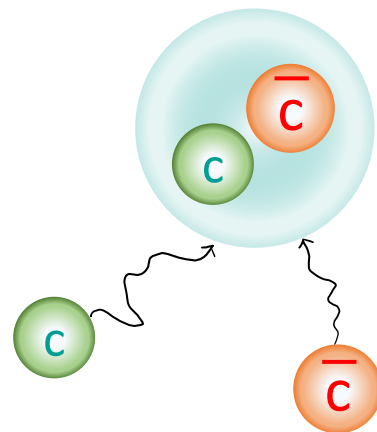
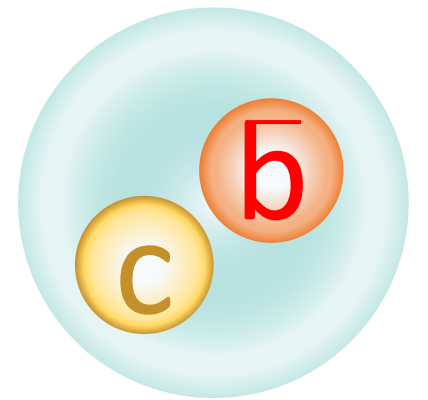


- Recall:  $v_2$  hierarchy from lightest to heaviest hadrons
- Significant  $J/\psi$   $v_2$ : contribution from regeneration effect
- $Y(1S)$   $v_2$  consistent with 0
- Limited contribution from uncorrelated

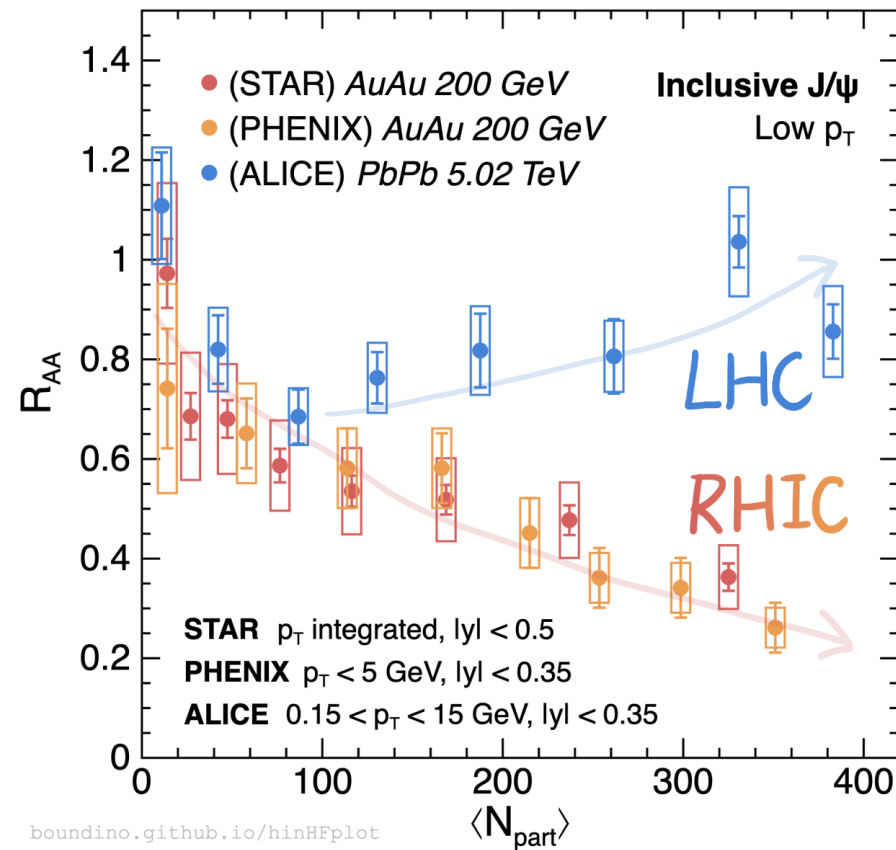
# Beyond the Studies of Quarkonia, B and D: $B_c$



Charmed beauty hadron

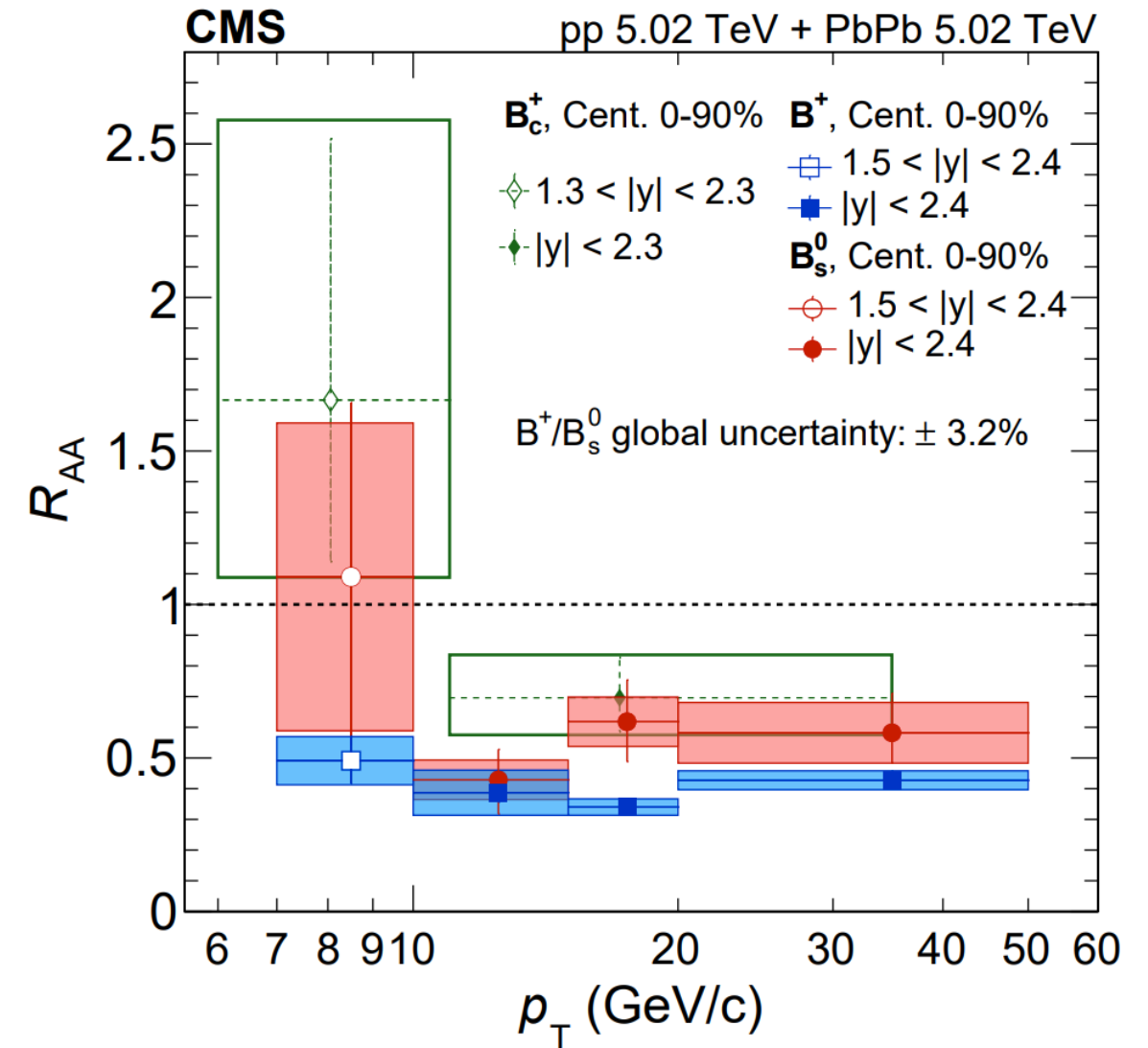
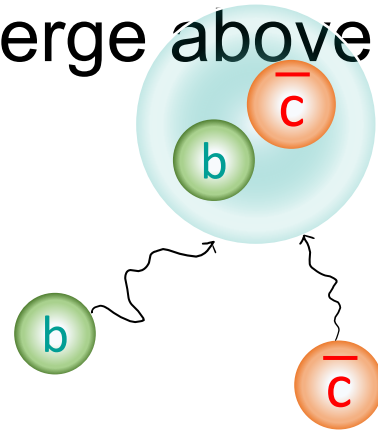


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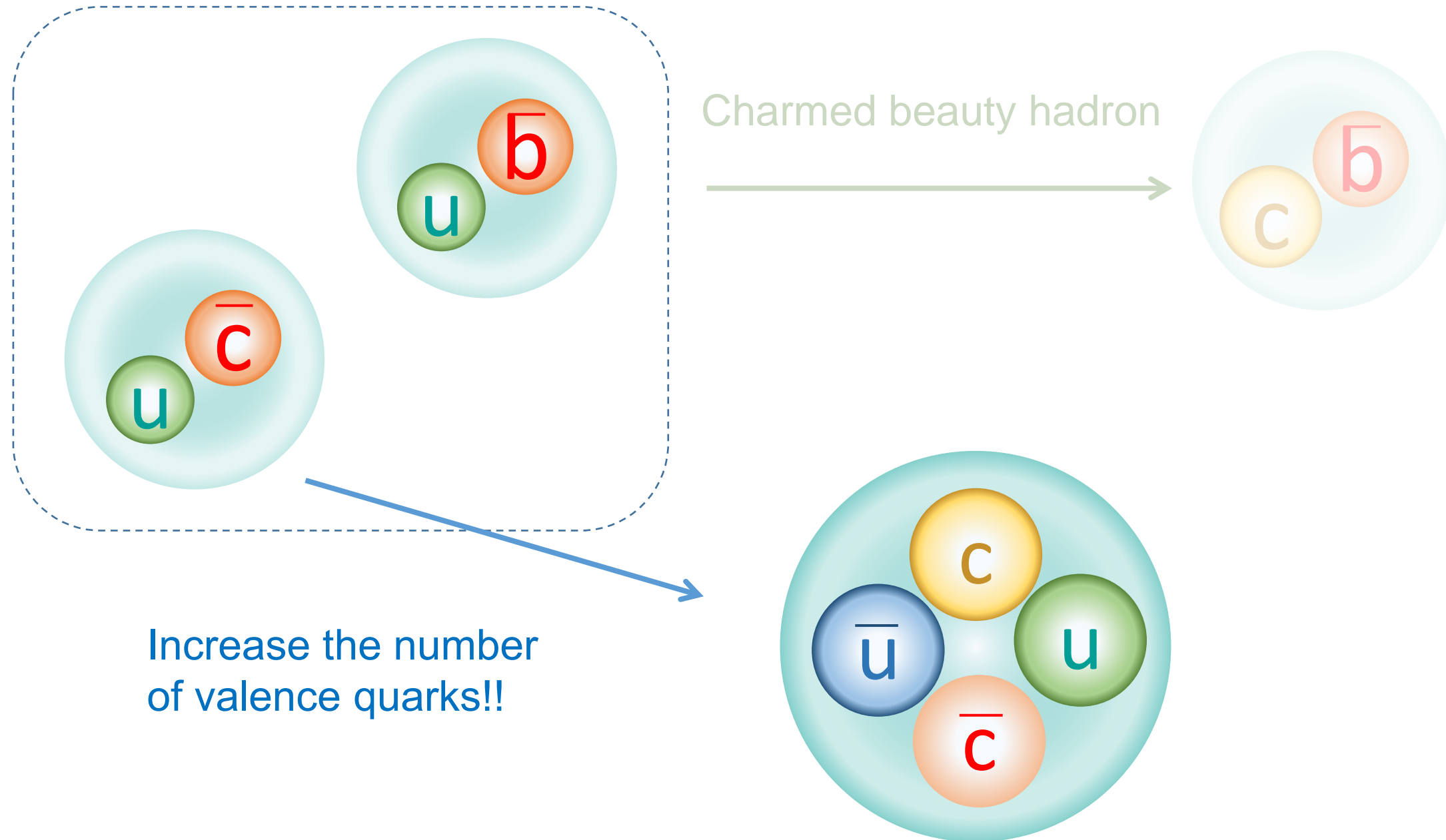
# $B_c^+$ $R_{AA}$ Compared to $B_s$ and $B^+$

- At low  $p_T$ : the  $B_c^+$   $R_{AA}$  central value is higher than  $B_s$  and  $B^+$
- At high  $p_T$ : similar suppression
  - Mass dependent medium modifications such as dead-cone and hadronization effects reduce at high  $p_T$
  - $R_{AA}$  of all flavor identified hadrons seem to converge above  $\sim 20$ -30 GeV



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# Beyond the Studies of Quarkonia, B and D: X(3872)



Increase the number  
of valence quarks!!

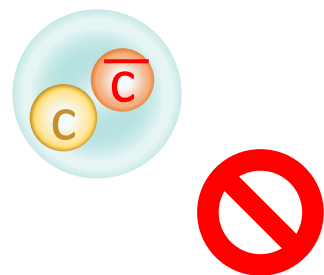
# X(3872)

## X(3872): Observed by Belle (2003), its internal structure is still under debate

- Quantum number determined by CDF and LHCb data:  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$
- **Charmonium** interpretation: **abandoned**, predict wrong mass with  $J^{PC}=1^{++}$
- Remaining possibilities:
  - **D-D\* hadron molecule**: mass  $X(3872) \approx D(1875)D^*(2007)$ , large & extended state
  - **Tetraquark**: a compact four quark state
  - **Hybrid**: mixed molecule-charmonium state

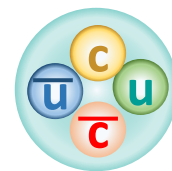
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 CDF PRL 98, 132002 (2007)  
 LHCb PRL 110, 222001 (2013)

### Charmonium



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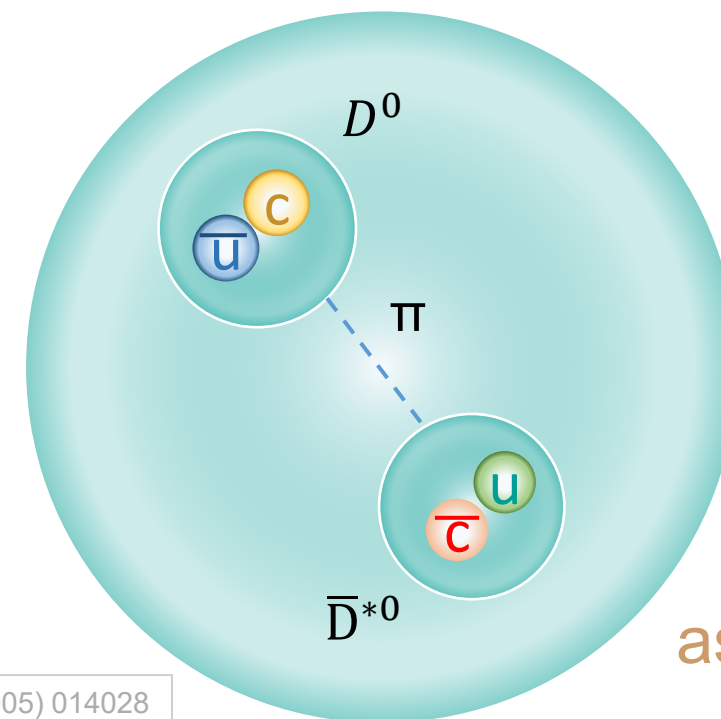
### Tetraquark (4q)



$$r_{4q} \approx r_{cc\bar{c}} \approx 0.3 \text{ fm}$$

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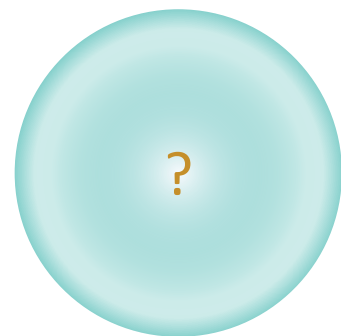
### $D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$ molecule



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$r_{\text{molecule}}$   
 as large as 5 fm

### Hybrid

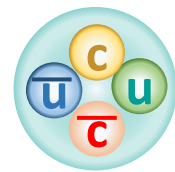


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# Probe the Nature of X(3872)

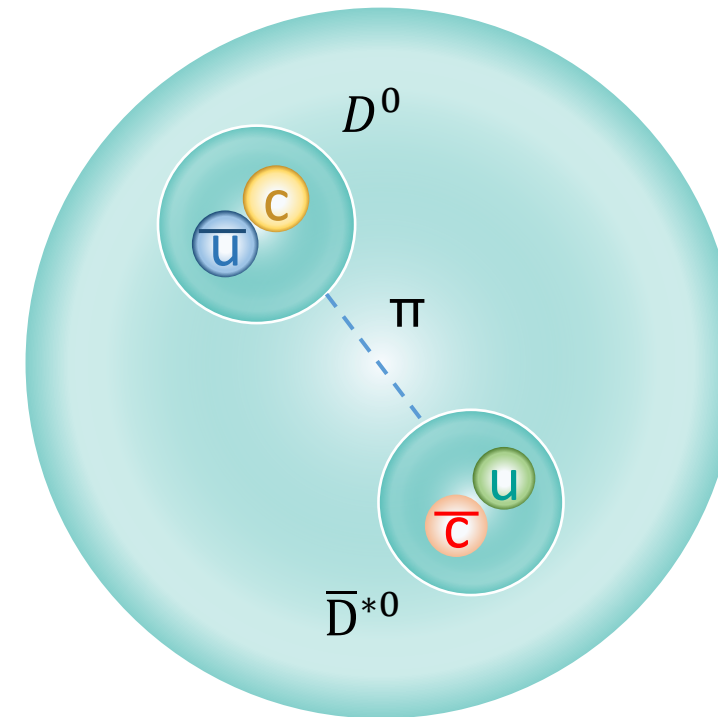
Tightly bound

Tetraquark (4q)



Loosely bound

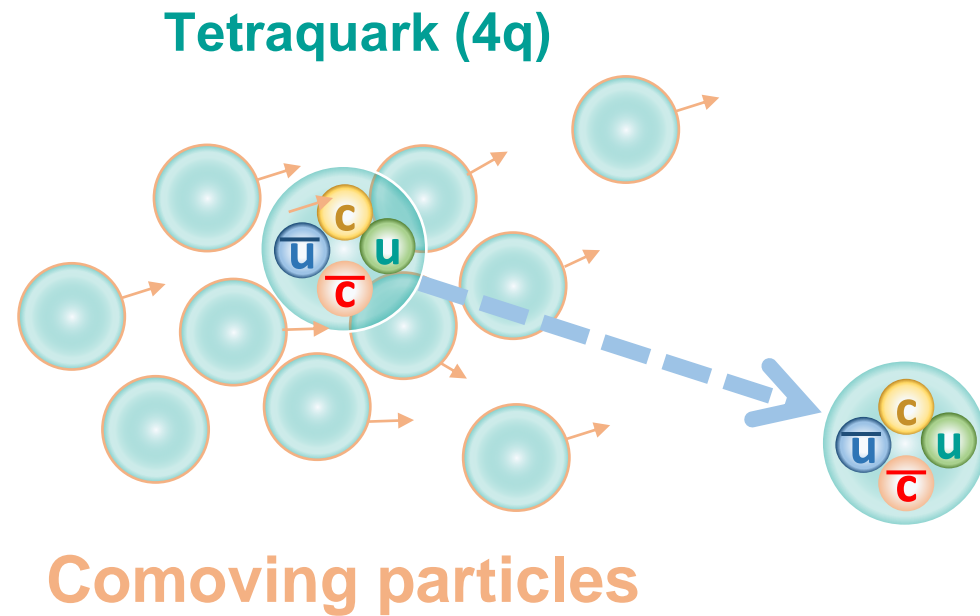
$D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$  molecule



- However, the lifetime of X(3872) is extremely short!

# Probe the Nature of X(3872) with Comoving Particles

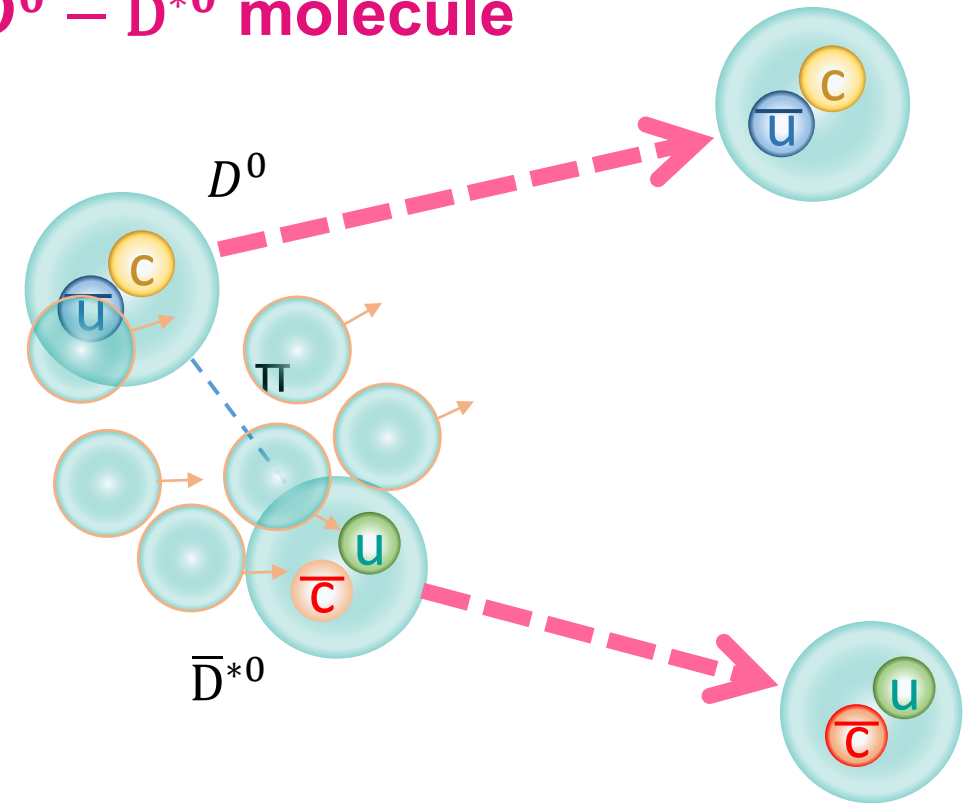
Tightly bound



Smaller dissociation probability

Loosely bound

$D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$  molecule



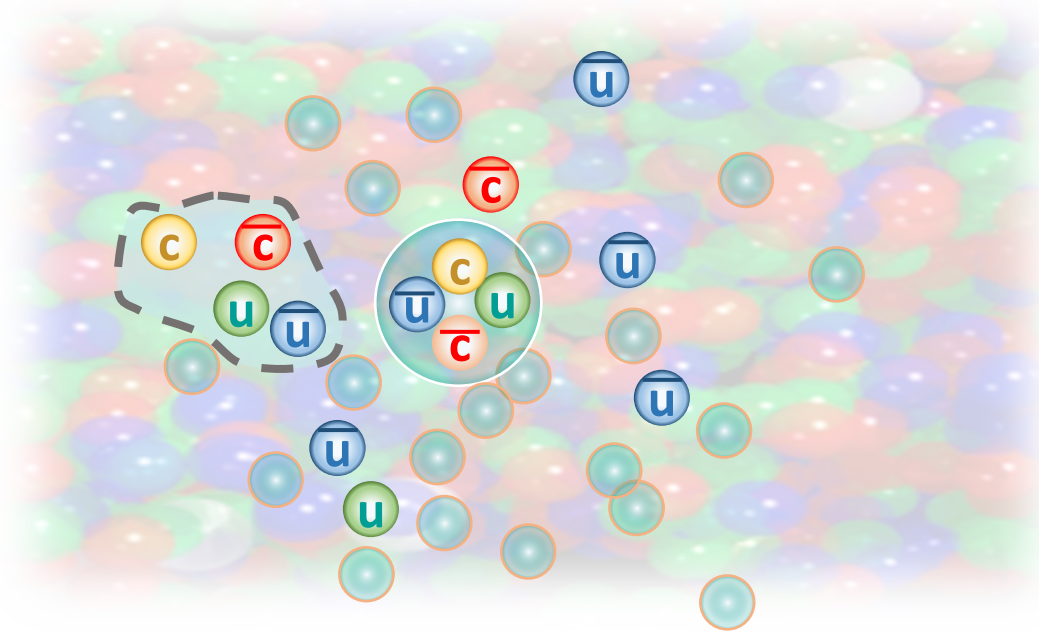
Larger dissociation probability

Esposito et al, arXiv: 2006.15044

# Production of X(3872) in Heavy Ion Collisions

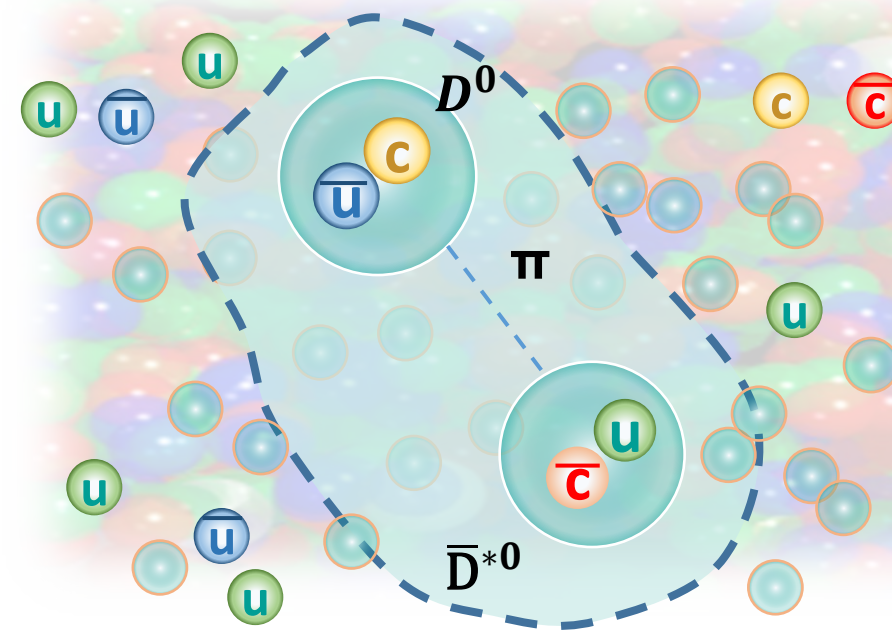
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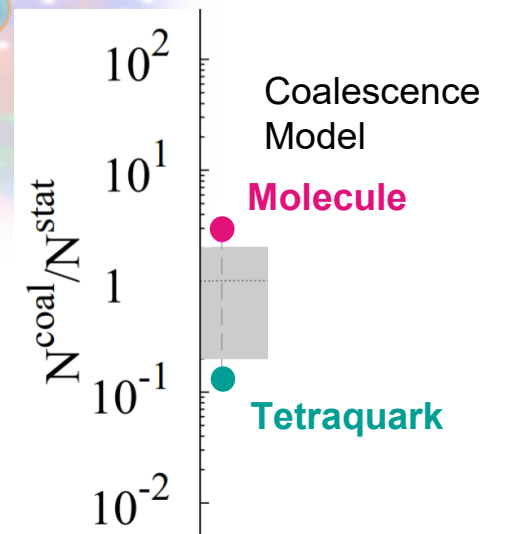
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$D^0 - \bar{D}^{*0}$  molecule



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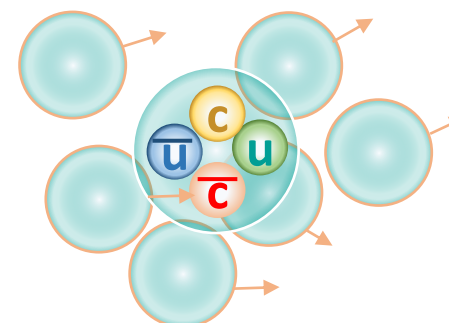
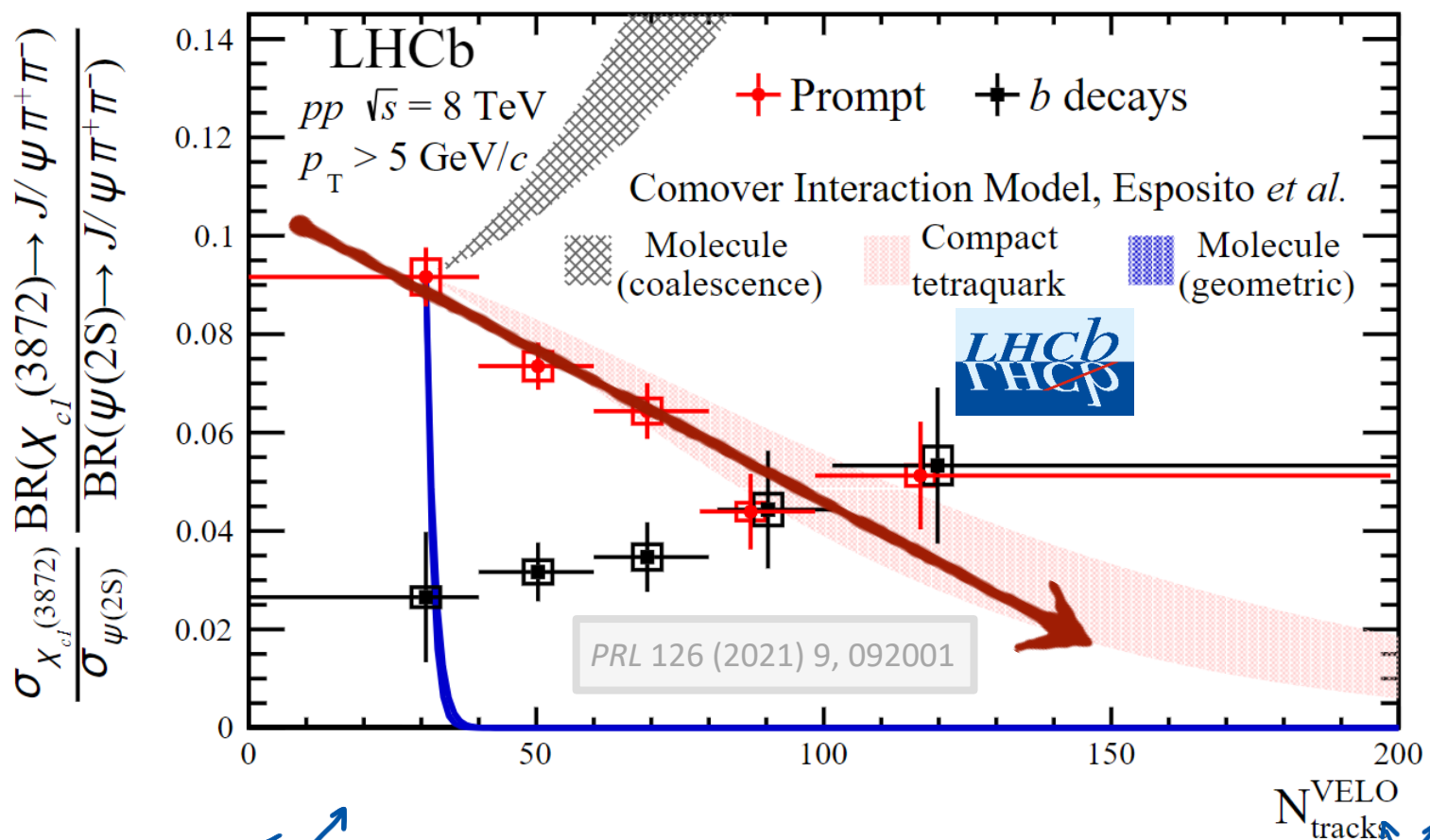
Production of X(3872) in QGP may depend on its inner structure



ExHIC Collaboration  
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# X(3872) in High Multiplicity pp from LHCb

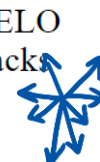
## Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs. multiplicity in pp



Prompt X

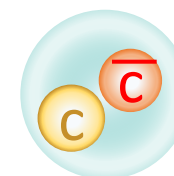


\* Slope significance:  $5 \sigma$

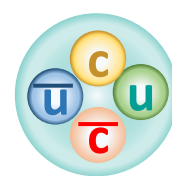


- Destroyed by interactions with other hadrons due to smaller binding energy?

$\psi(2S)$

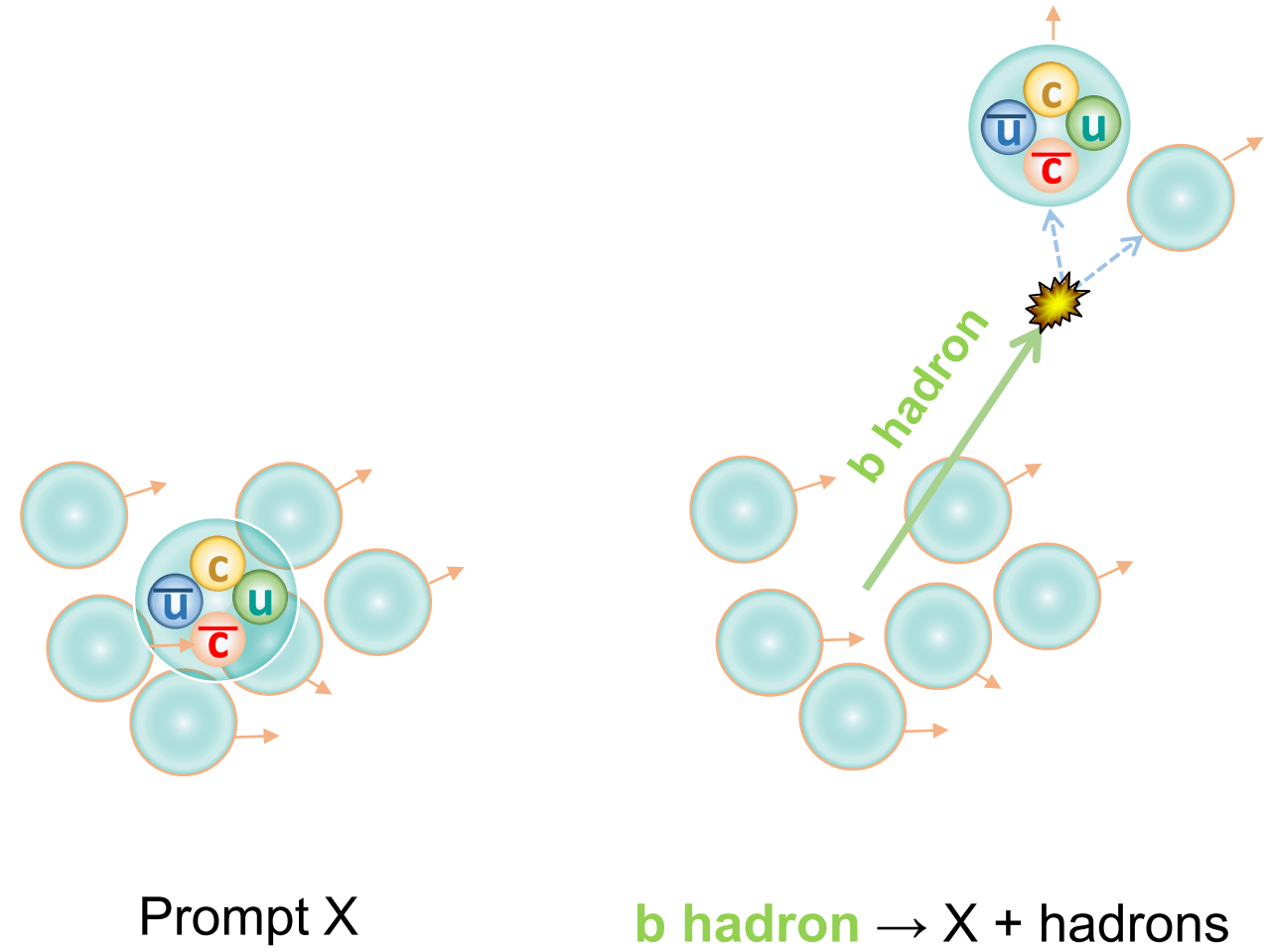
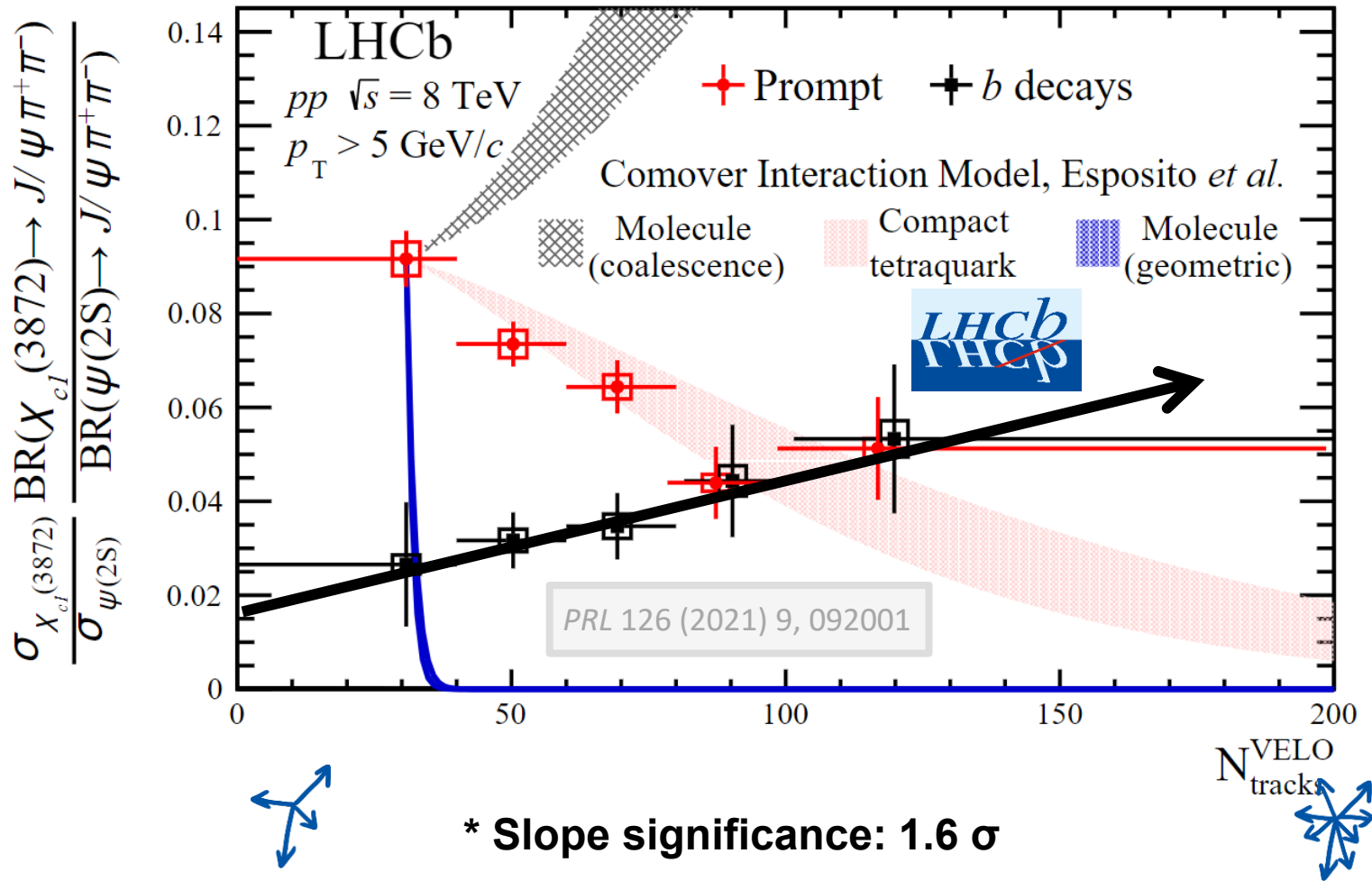


X(3872)

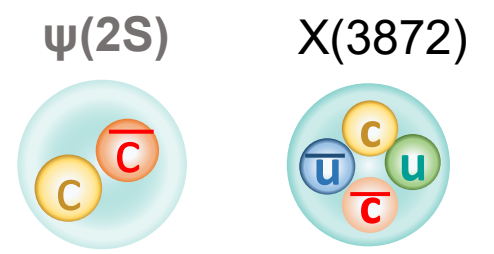


# Non-prompt X(3872) in pp from LHCb

## Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs. multiplicity in pp

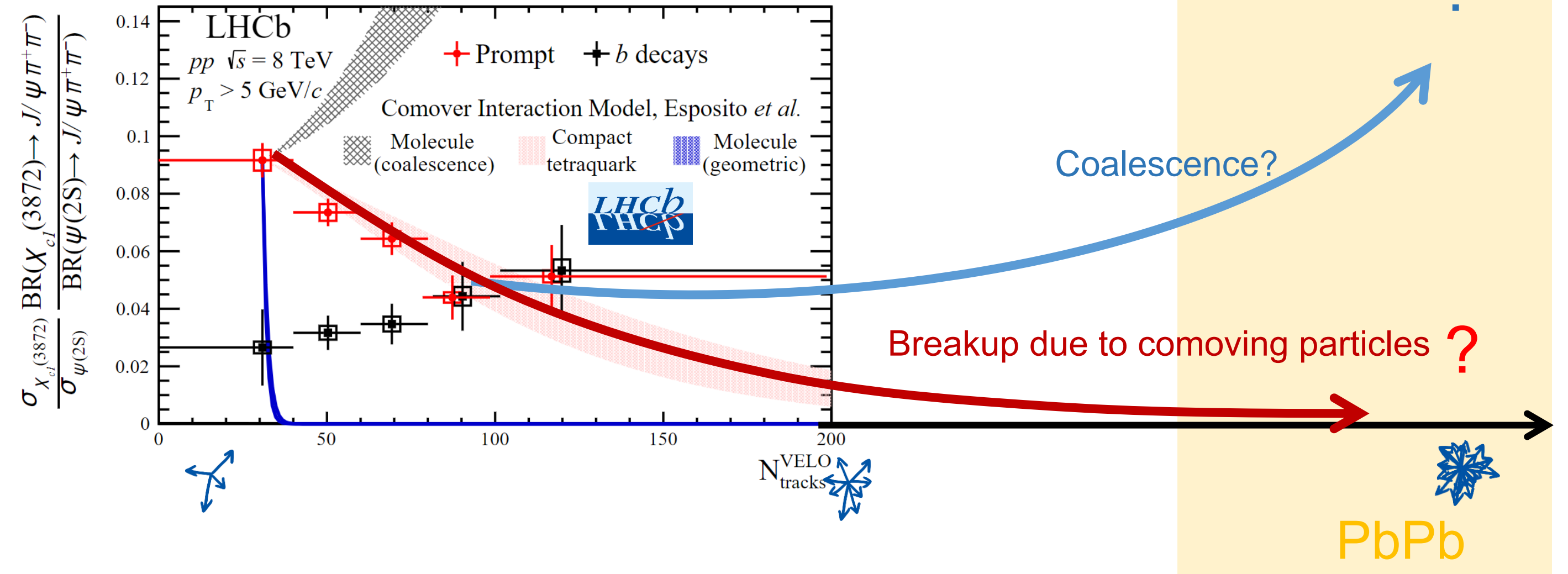


- X(3872) from b decays seems to follow a different trend



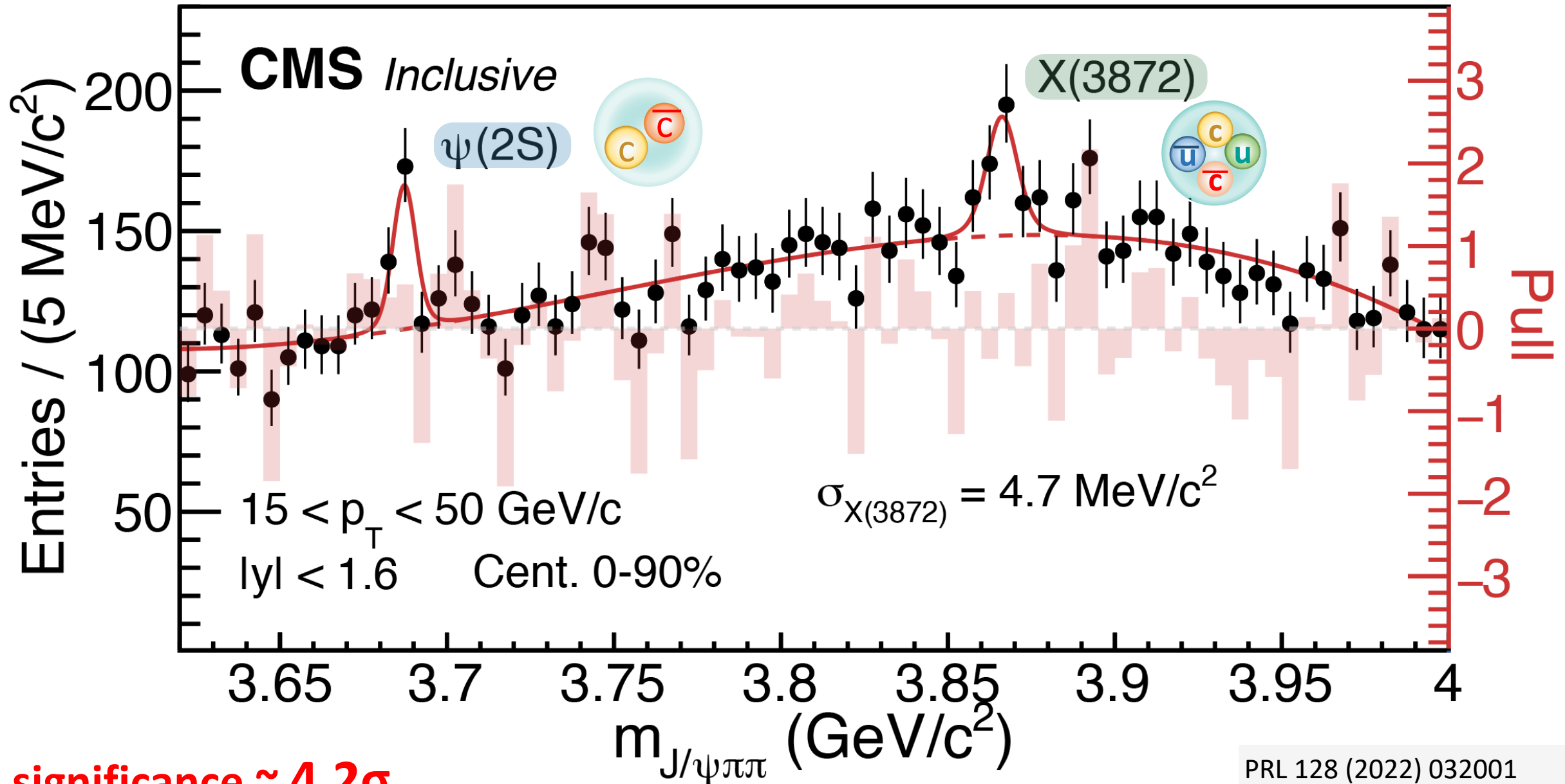
# X(3872) in Lead-Lead collision?

## Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs. multiplicity in pp



# The First Evidence of X(3872) in PbPb Collision

1.7 nb<sup>-1</sup> (PbPb 5.02 TeV)



Statistical significance  $\sim 4.2\sigma$

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# Ratio of X(3872) to $\psi(2S)$ Yields in pp and PbPb

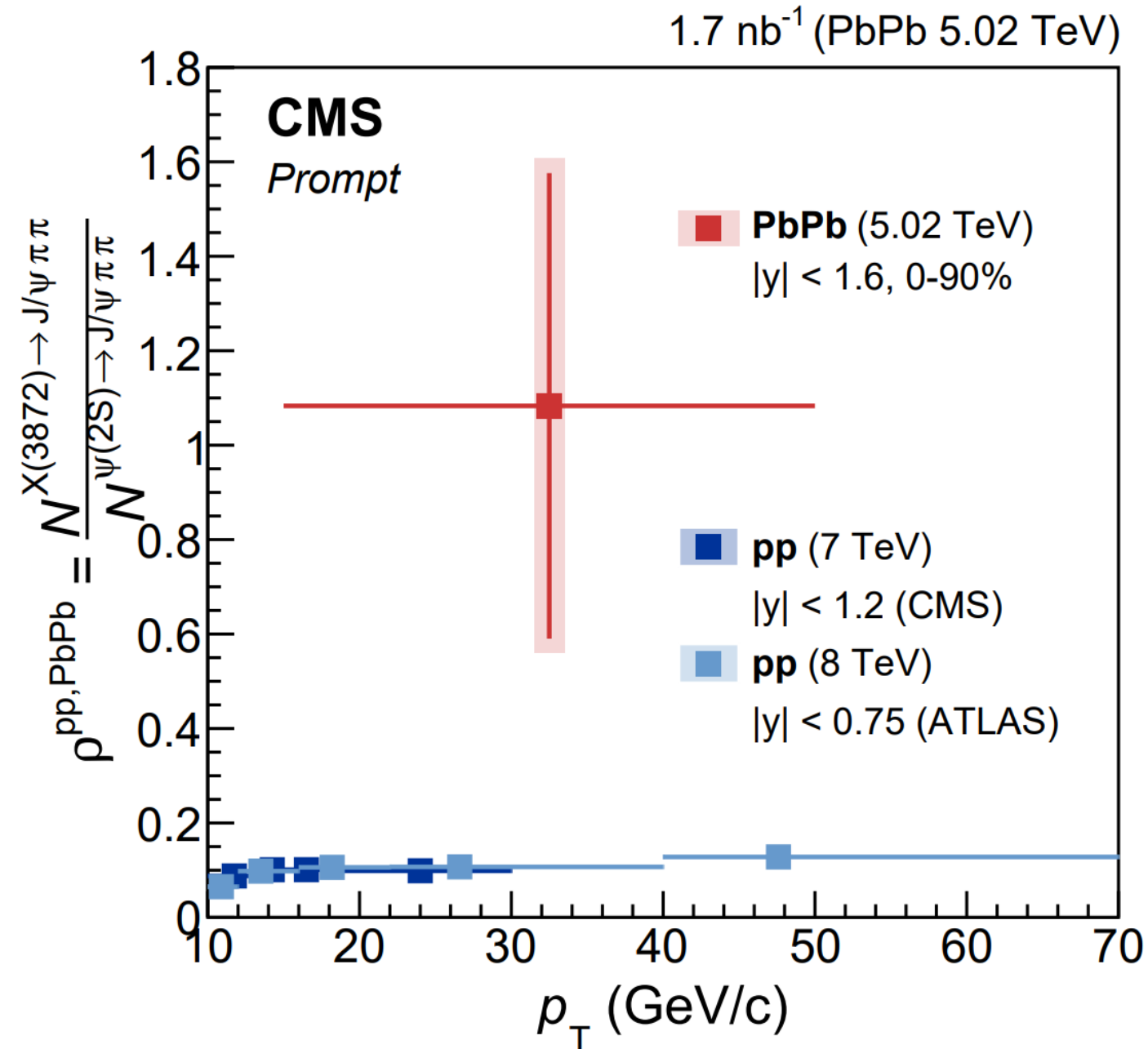
$$\rho = N_{X(3872)}^{(\text{Corr})} / N_{\psi(2S)}^{(\text{Corr})}$$

In **Lead-Lead** collisions:

$$\rho^{\text{PbPb}} = 1.08 \pm 0.49 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.52 (\text{syst})$$

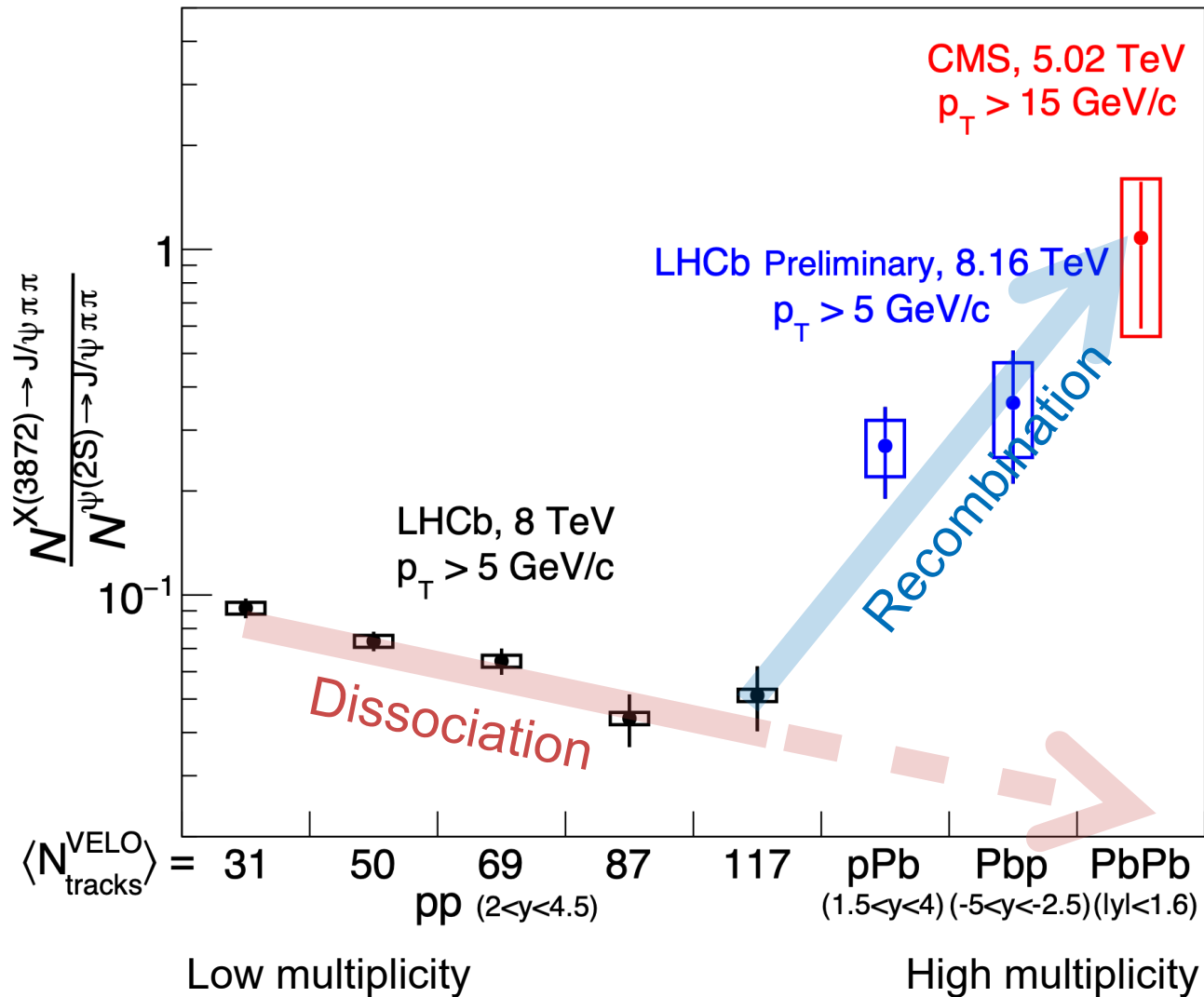
Indication of  $\rho$  enhancement in **Lead-Lead** collisions with respect to **proton-proton collisions** (large uncertainty)

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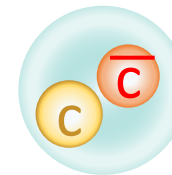
# Emerging Picture from X(3872) to $\psi(2S)$ Yield Ratio

X(3872) /  $\psi(2S)$  across collision systems

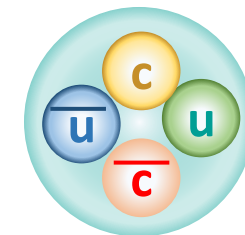


X(3872) to  $\psi(2S)$  yield ratio across collision systems

- Dissociated by interactions with comovers (pp, pPb) or medium (PbPb)
- Different binding energy
- Enhanced via recombination



$\psi(2S)$

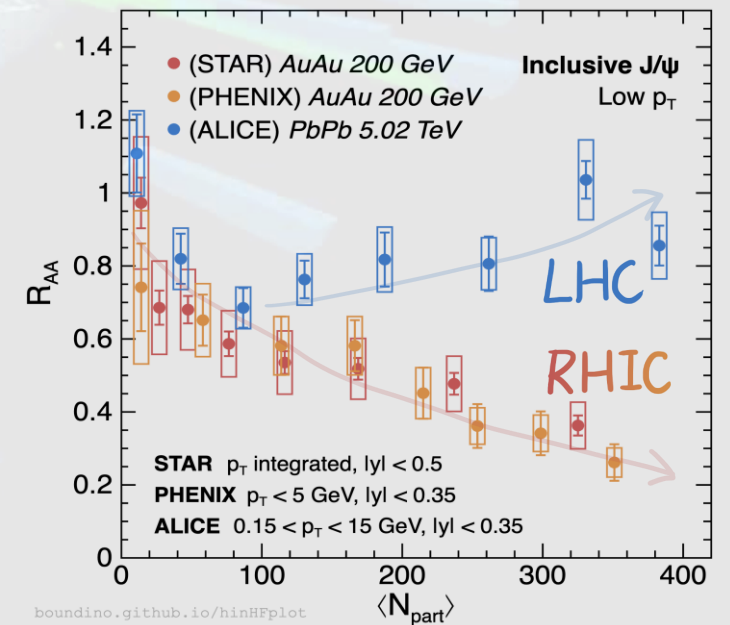
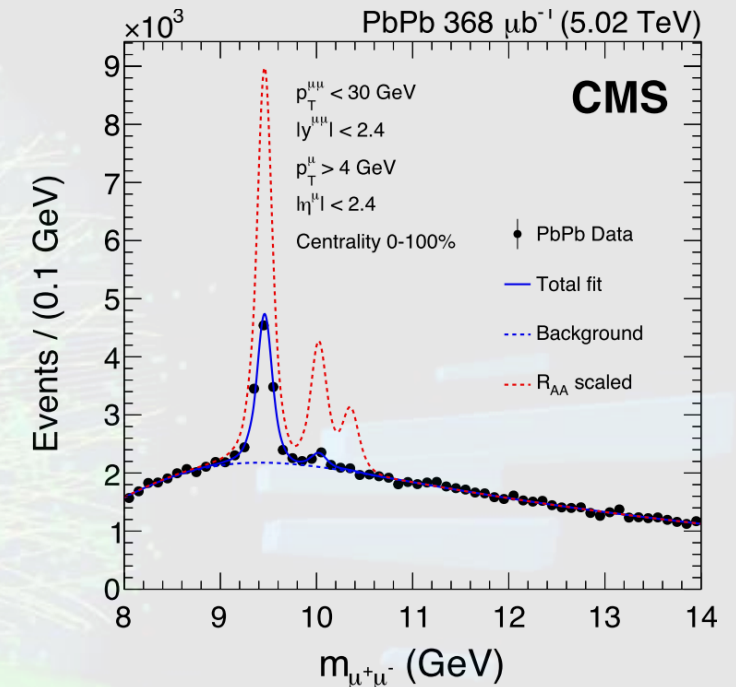


X(3872)

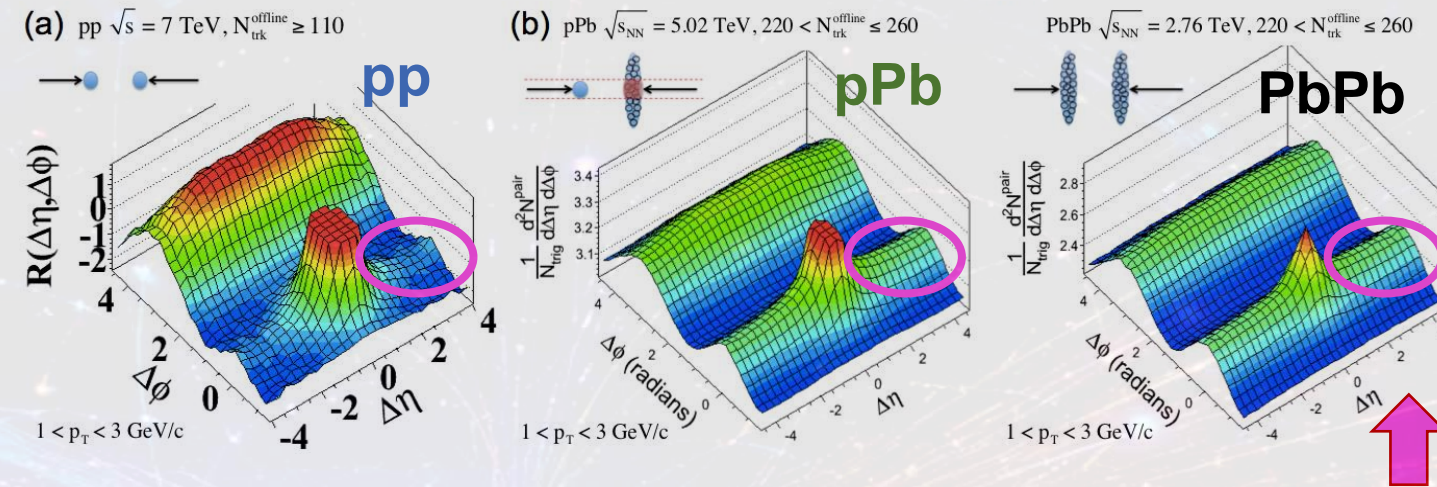
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# Summary: Quarkonia, $B_c$ and $X(3872)$

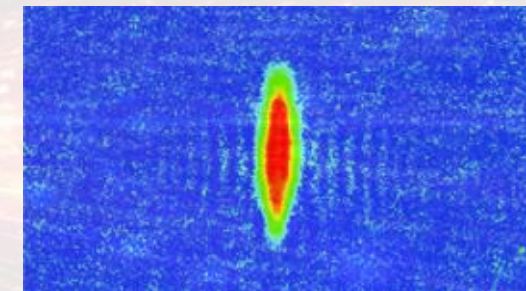
- Study the in-medium dissociation and regeneration, model dependent extraction of QGP temperature
- Sequential Suppression pattern established from  $R_{AA}$  of charmonium and bottomonium states
- Significant enhancement of low  $p_T$   $J/\psi$  at the LHC, indication of enhanced production of  $B_c$  and  $X(3872)$ 
  - Significant modification of heavy quark hadronization with QGP



# Two-Particle Correlation Function in PbPb Collisions

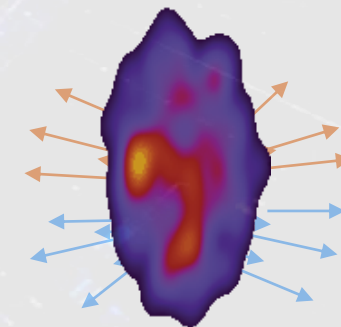


- “Ridge” in **Lead-Lead** collisions: Hydrodynamics Flow



100  $\mu\text{s}$

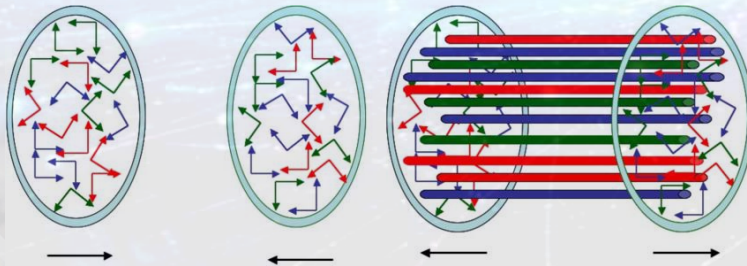
Quark Gluon Plasma



# Interpretation of the Ridge Signal

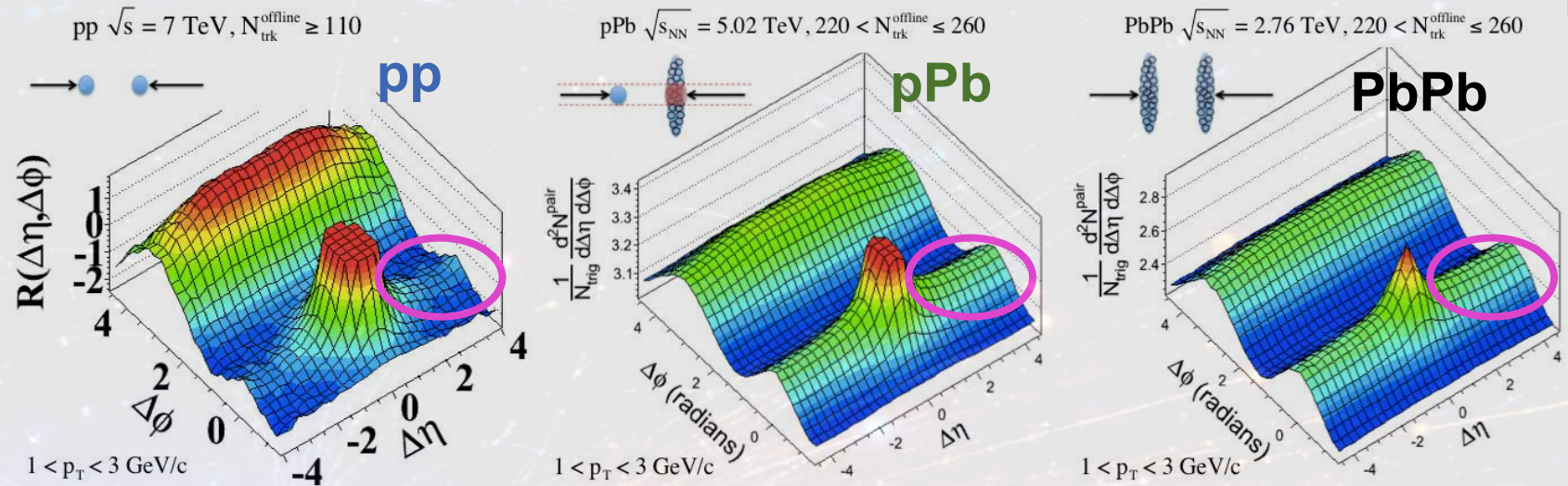
The origin may not be hydrodynamics, possible explanations include:

- Initial state effect (e.g. CGC)



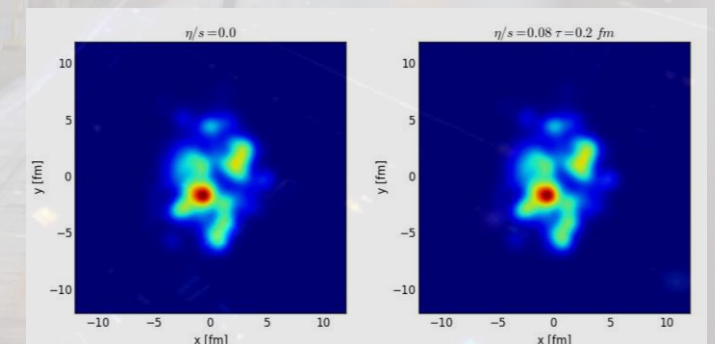
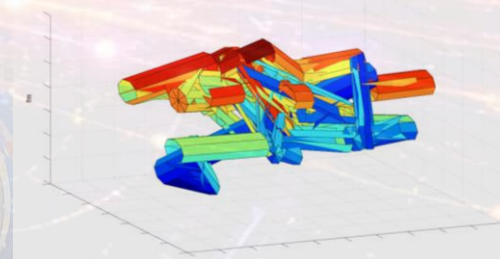
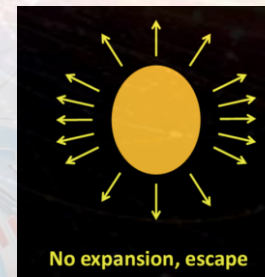
- Escape mechanism / Single or few scatterings (AMPT, PYTHIA with Rope Mechanism, Multi-parton rescattering...)
- Final state effect due to mini-QGP production
- ...

Zi-Wei Lin's talk



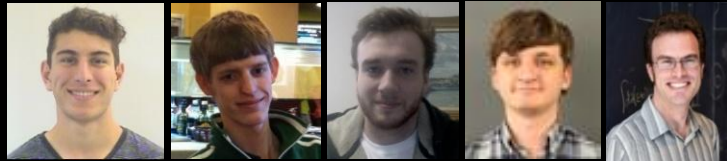
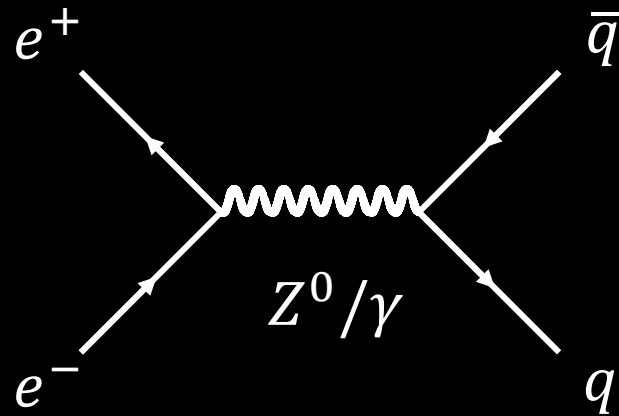
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Overlapping strings in PYTHIA



# High Multiplicity Event in $e^+e^-$ Collisions

Large Electron Positron Collider 1  
(LEP)  
1992-1995

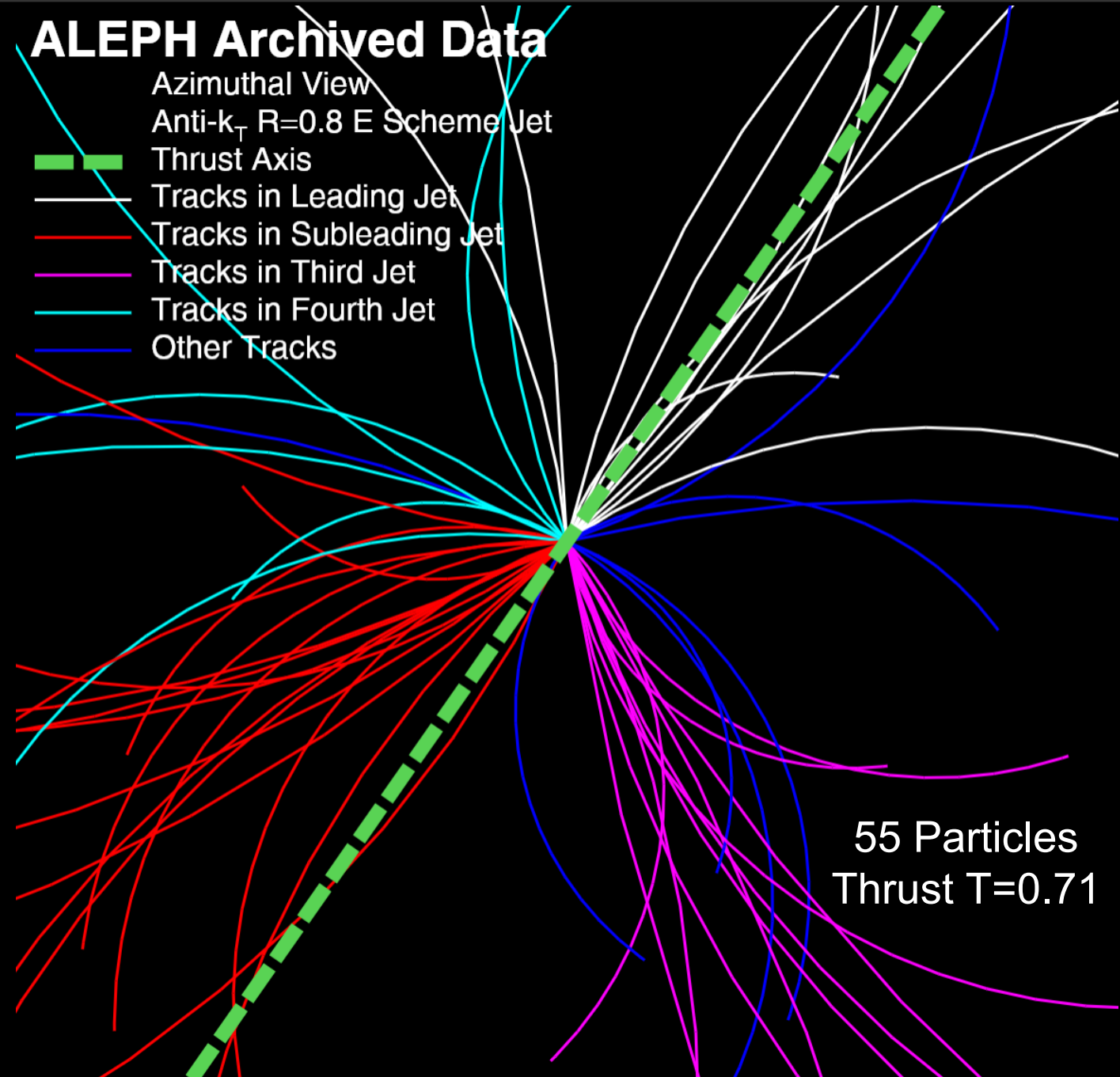


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Highest multiplicity event  
in ALEPH data at Z pole  
Collision Energy = 91 GeV

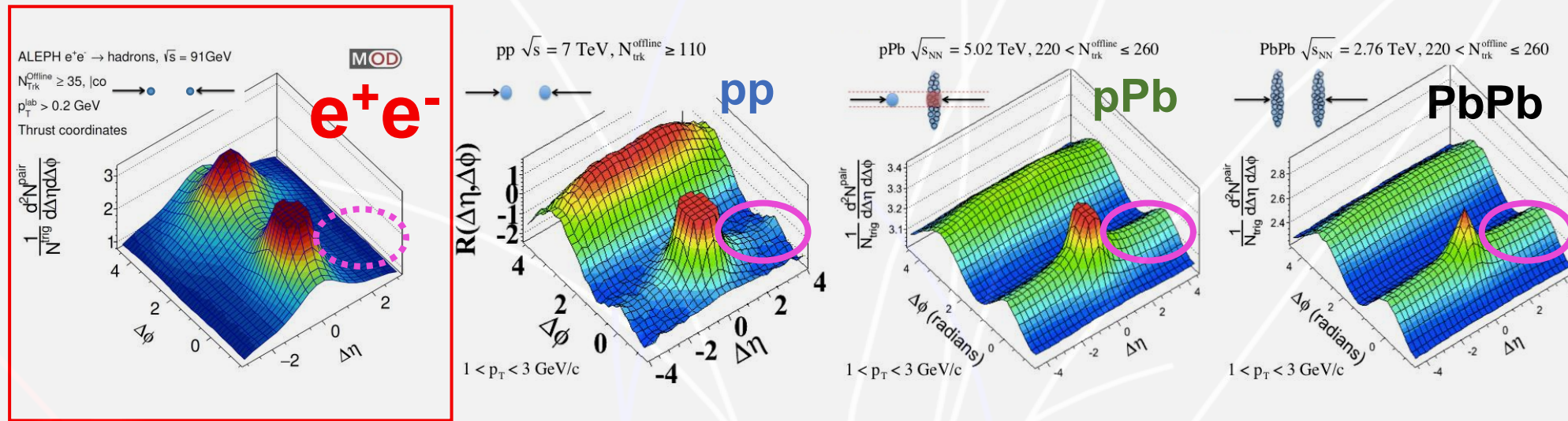
## ALEPH Archived Data

- Azimuthal View
- Anti- $k_T$   $R=0.8$  E Scheme Jet
- Thrust Axis
- Tracks in Leading Jet
- Tracks in Subleading Jet
- Tracks in Third Jet
- Tracks in Fourth Jet
- Other Tracks

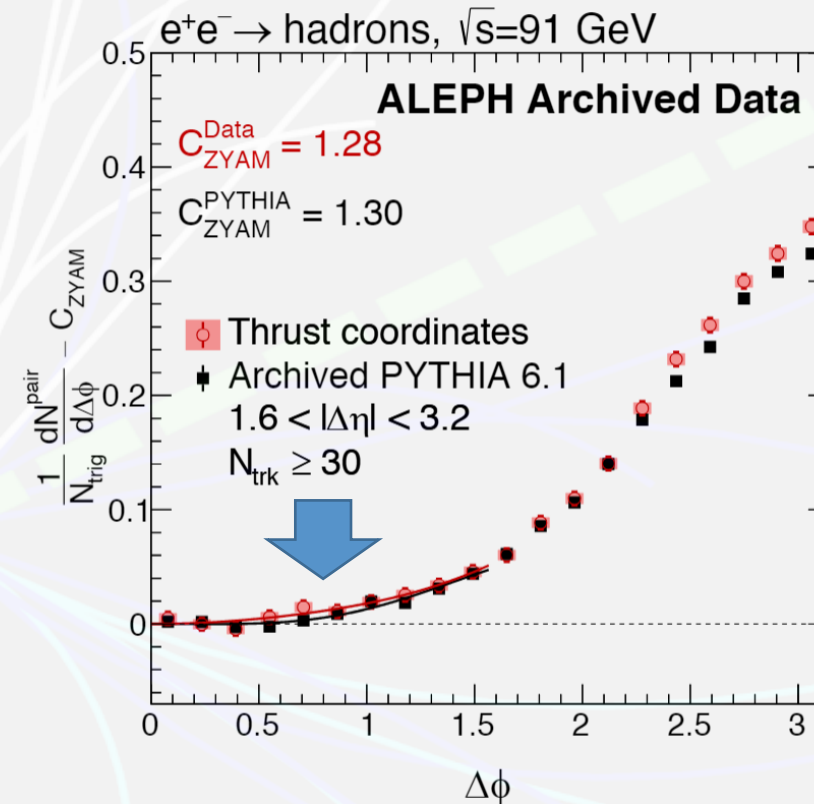


55 Particles  
Thrust  $T=0.71$

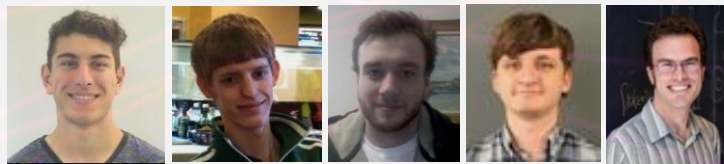
# Results from ALEPH $e^+e^-$ at 91 GeV



- **No sign of ridge-like signal** in single-string electron-positron collisions up to  $\sim 55$  particles per event
- New reference to the collective behavior in small collision systems!



**e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Alliance**  
<http://ee-alliance.org/>

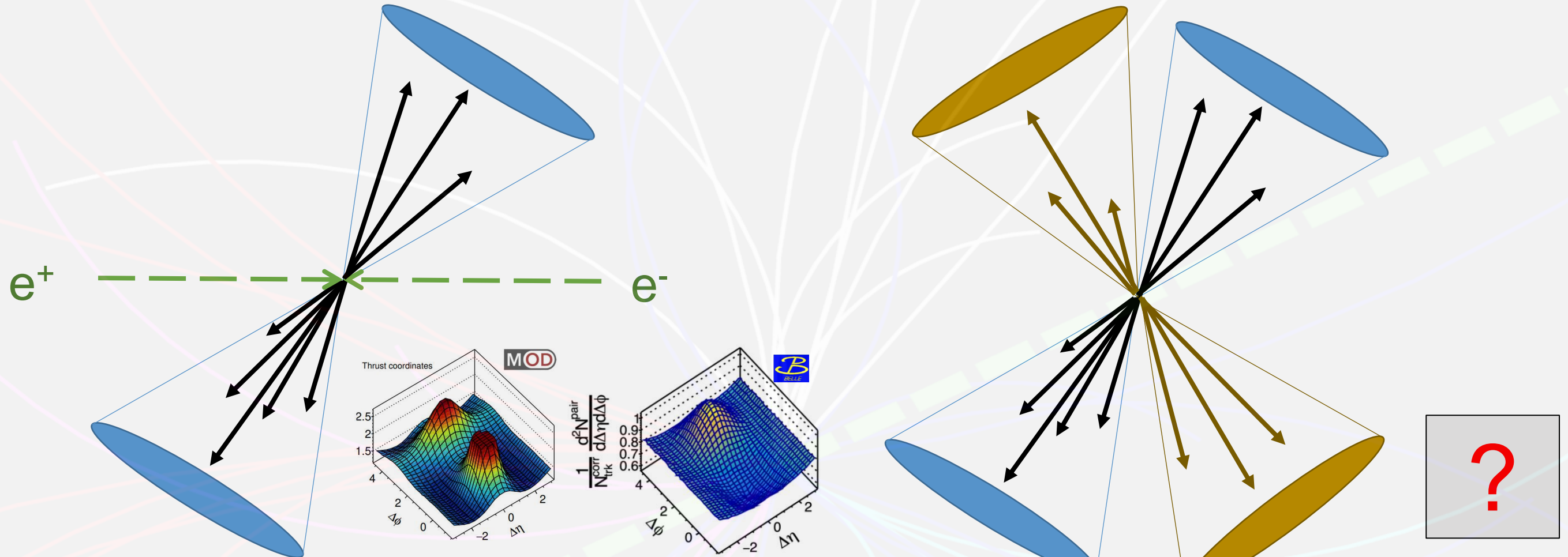


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# Can We Overlap Two Color Strings?

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q}$$



No ridge-like structure

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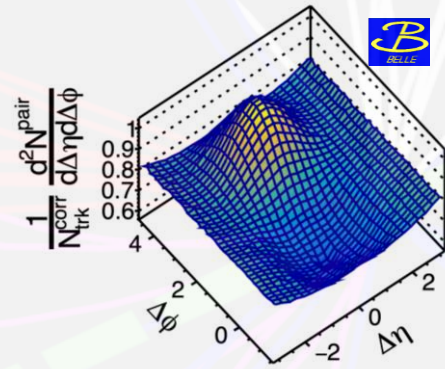
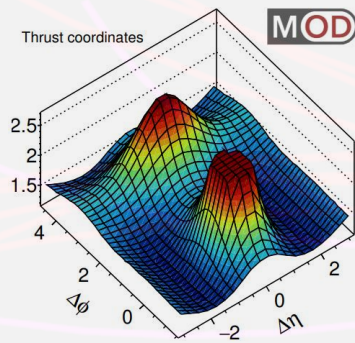
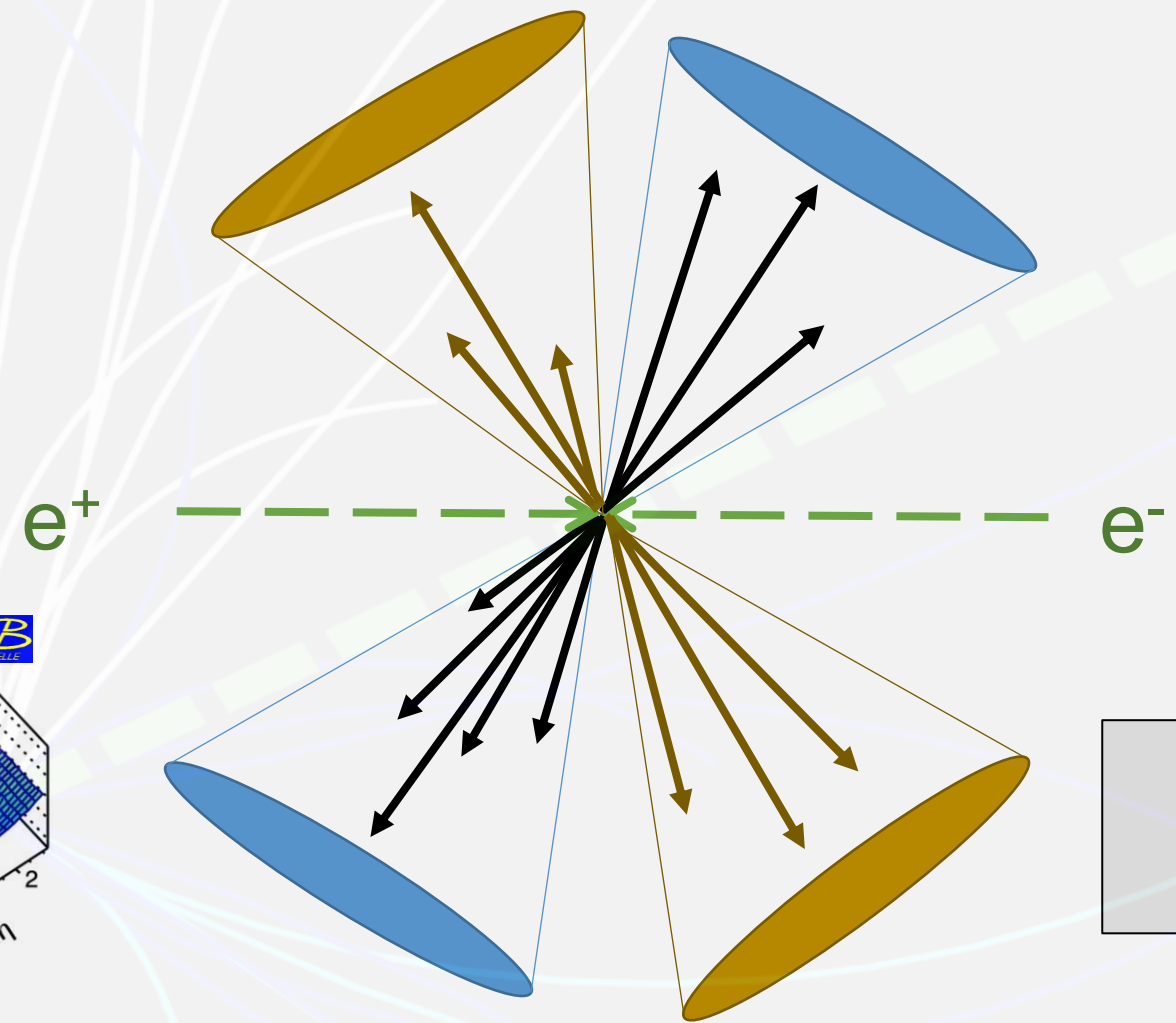
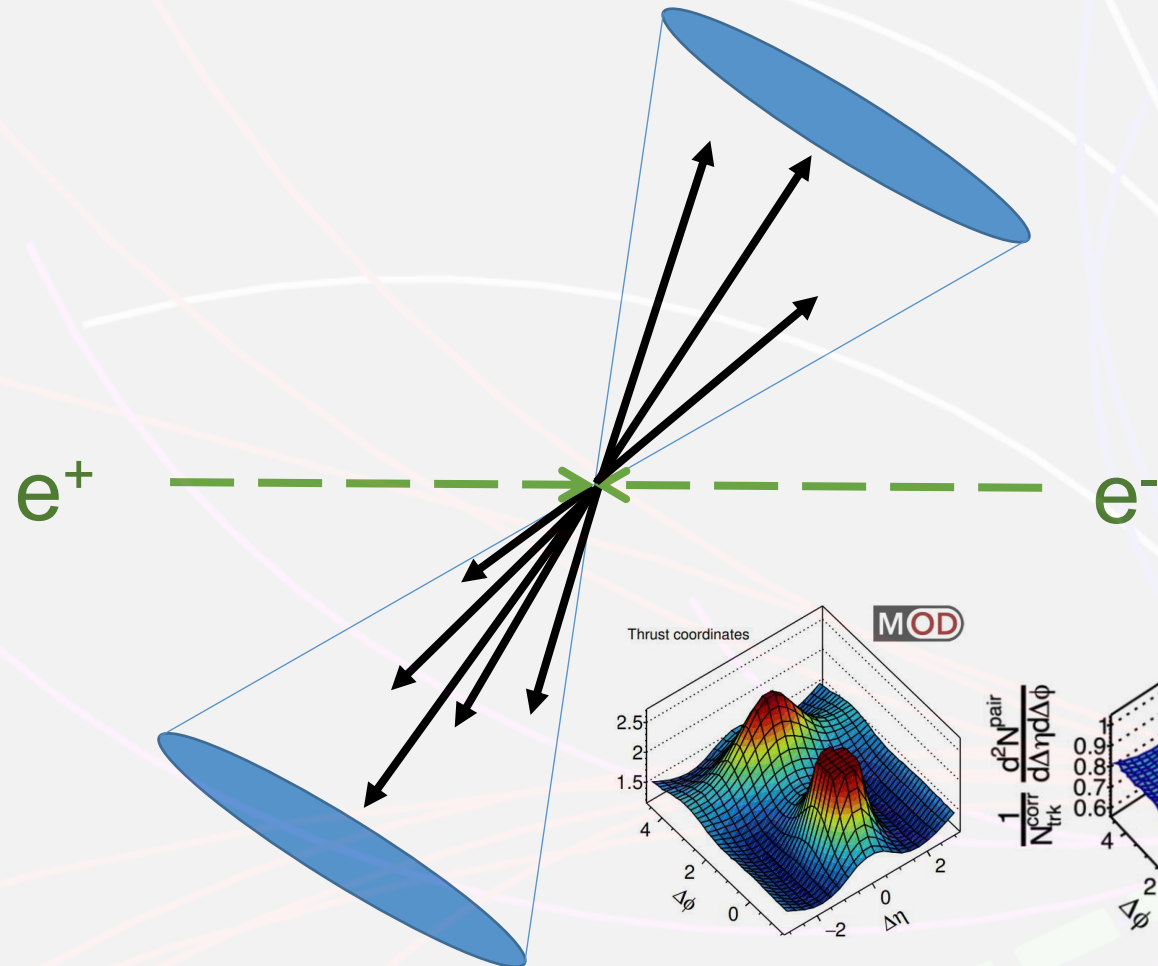
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# High Multiplicity $e^+e^-$ Event at High Collision Energy !!

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$$



No ridge-like structure

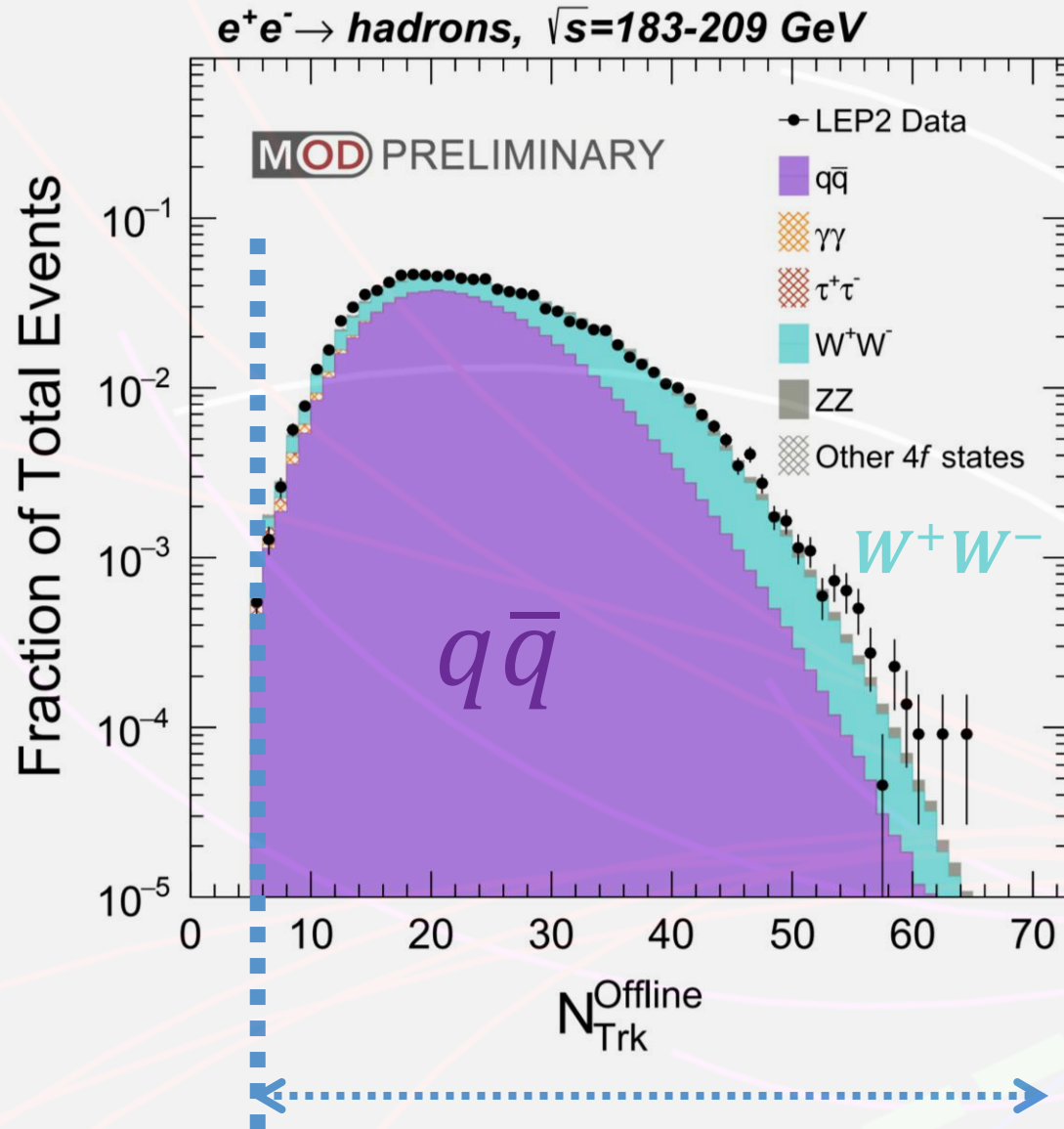
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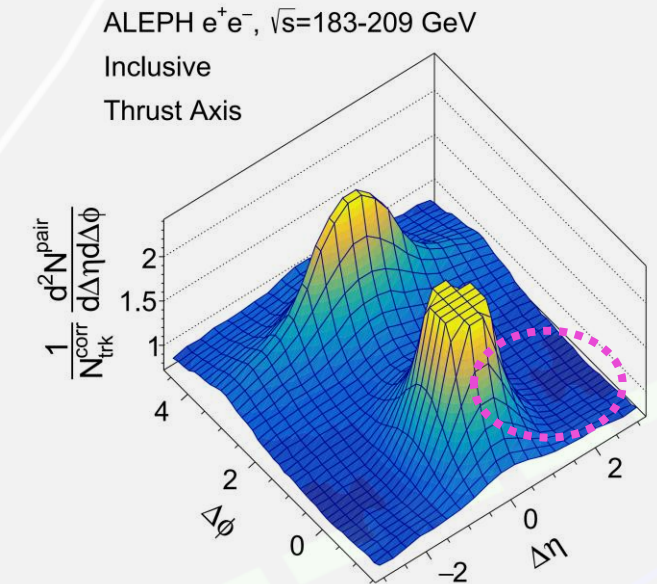
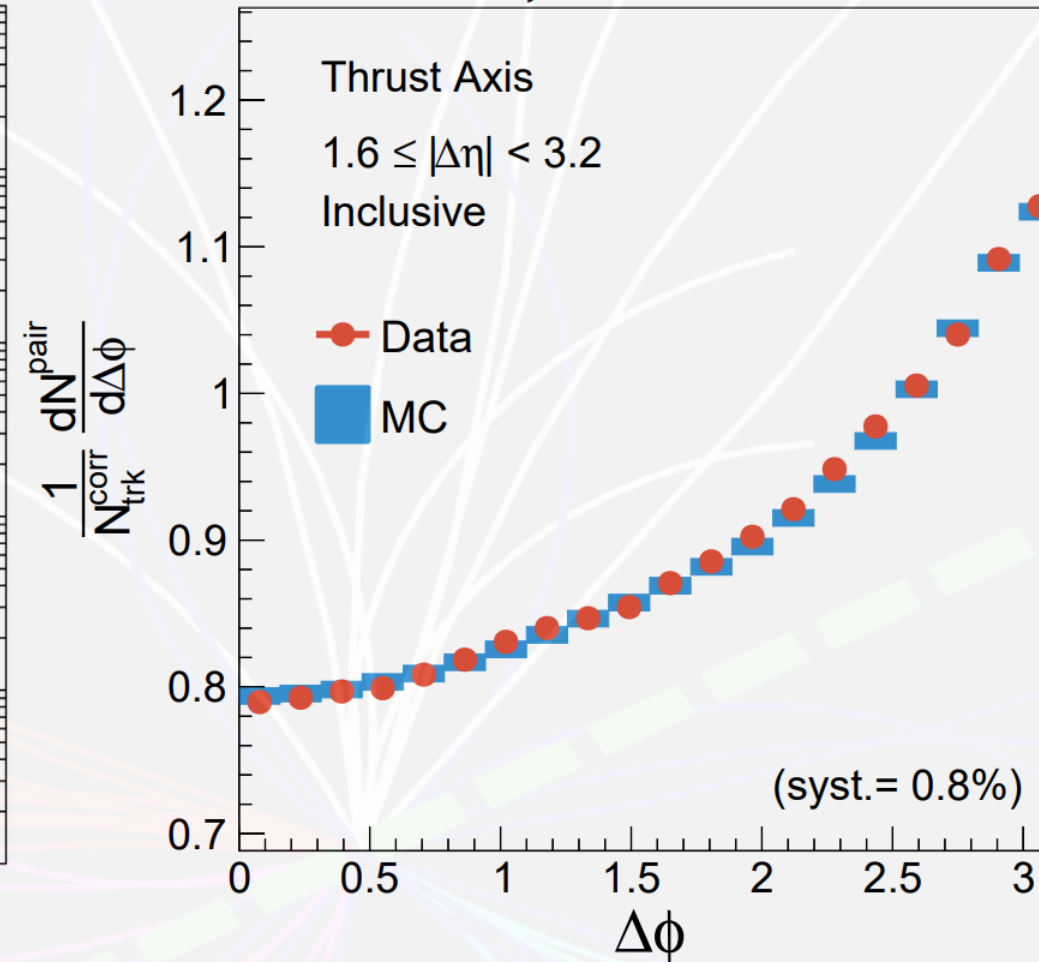
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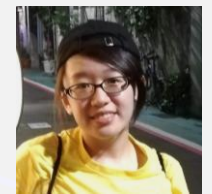
# Inclusive Hadronic $e^+e^-$ Events at LEP 2 ( $N_{ch} \geq 5$ )



ALEPH  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=183\text{-}209 \text{ GeV}$



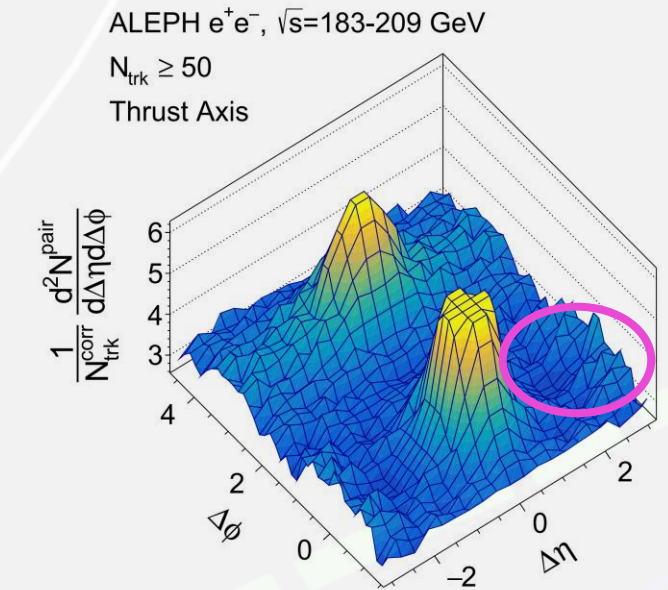
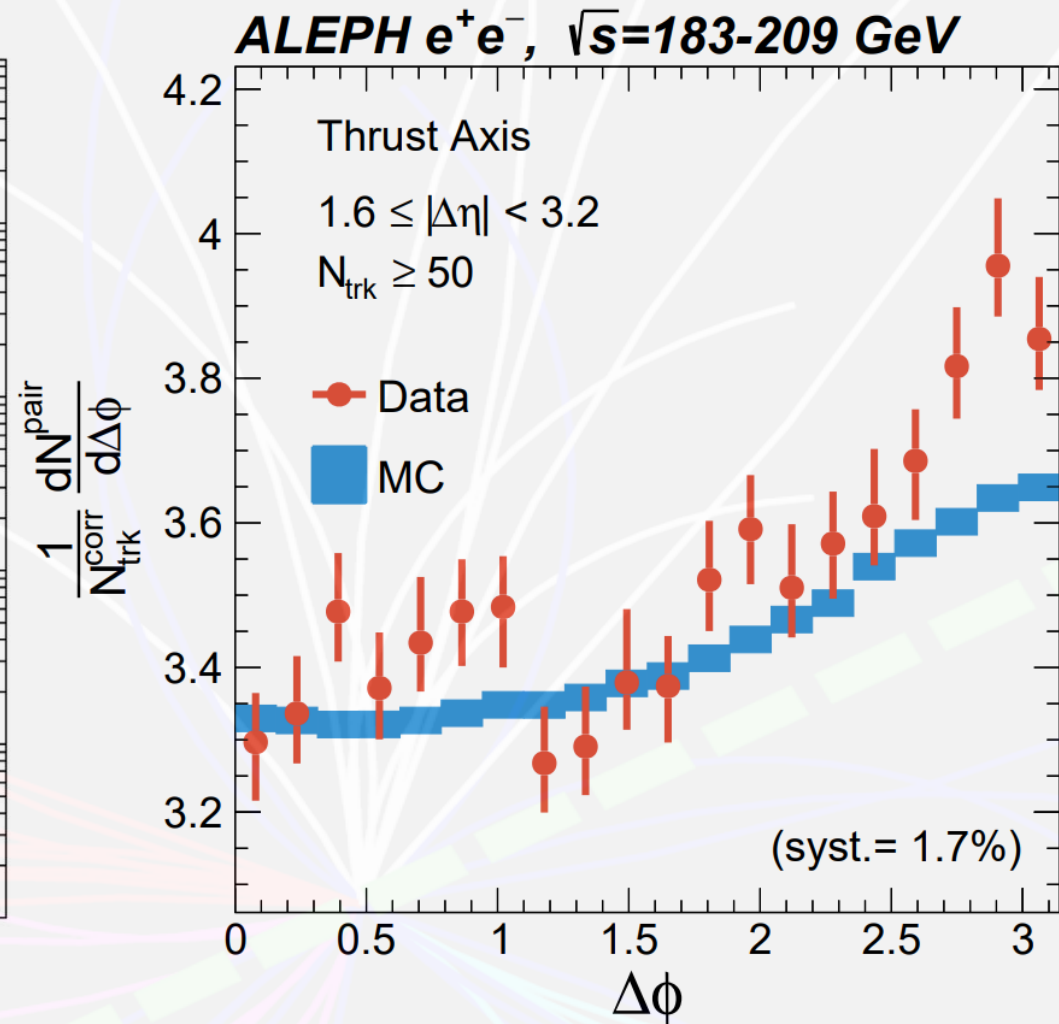
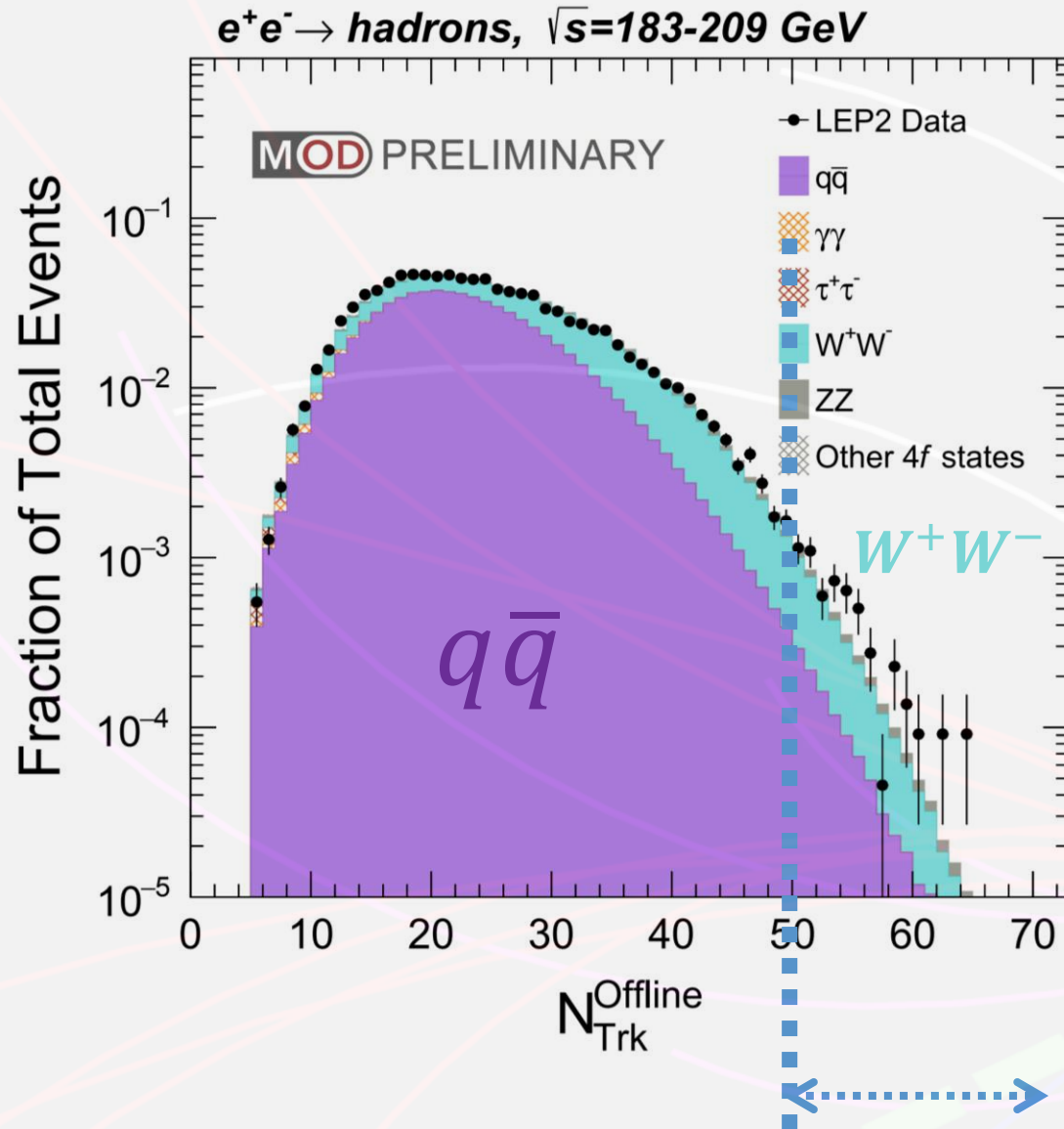
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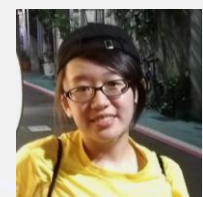
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- Excellent agreement between **data** and **simulation (Archived MC)**

# High Multiplicity $e^+e^-$ Events at LEP 2 ( $N_{\text{trk}} \geq 50$ )



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- A long-range near-side correlation signal shows up at high multiplicity!
- Data also feature a narrower away-side spectrum at  $\Delta\phi \sim \pi$

# High Multiplicity $e^+e^-$ Events at LEP1 vs LEP 2

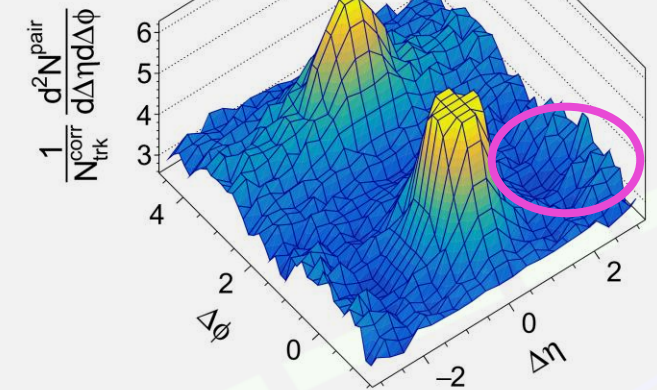
LEP1  $N_{\text{trk}} > 35$

LEP2  $N_{\text{trk}} > 50$

ALEPH  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=183-209$  GeV

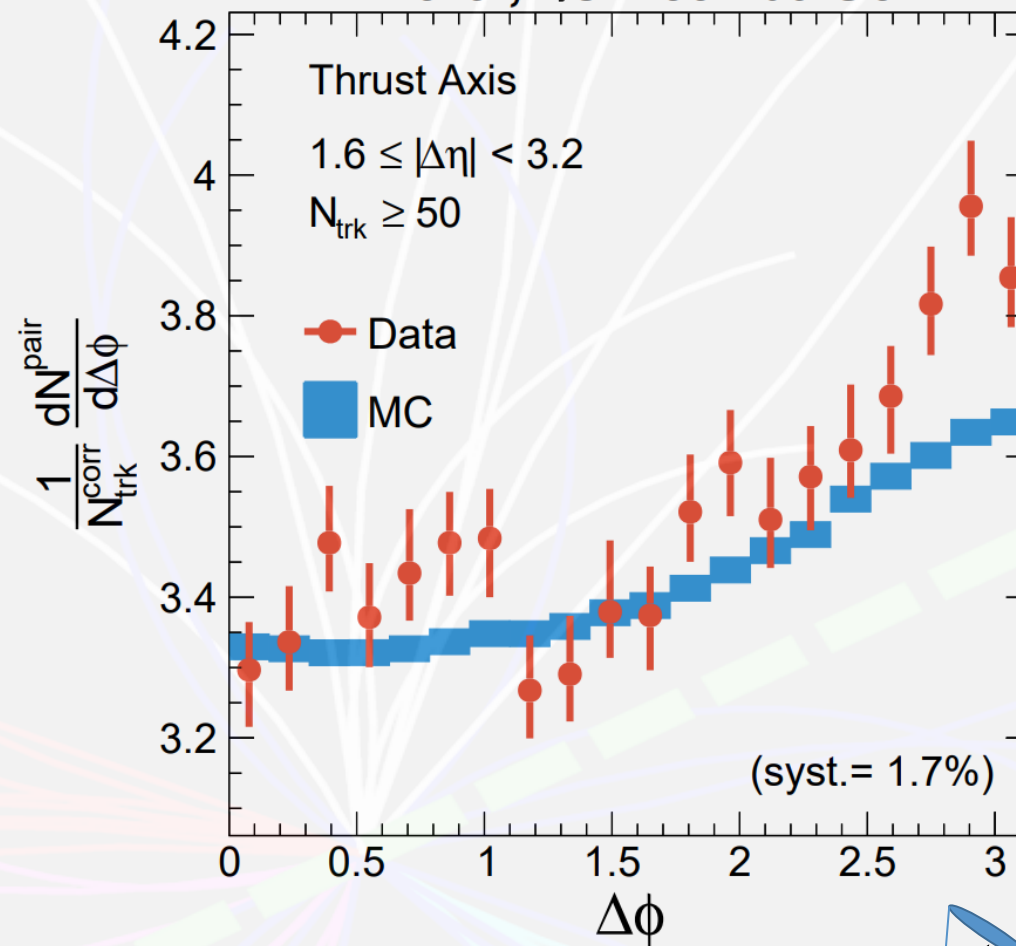
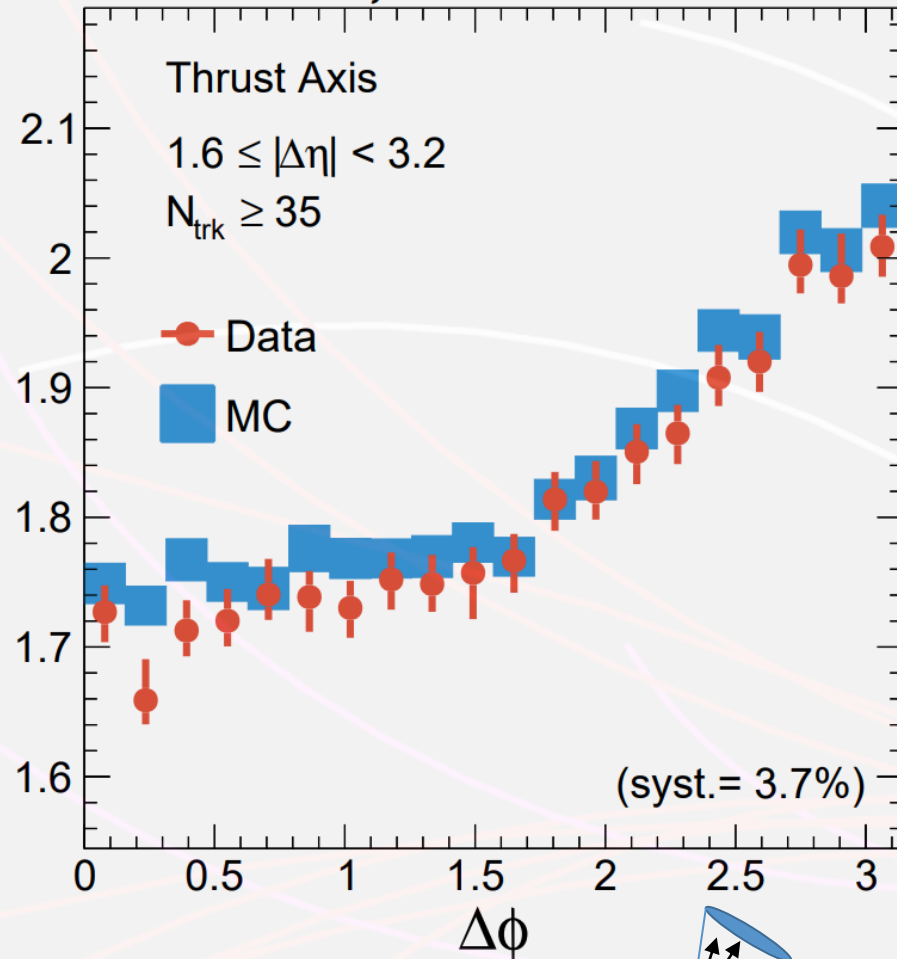
$N_{\text{trk}} \geq 50$

Thrust Axis

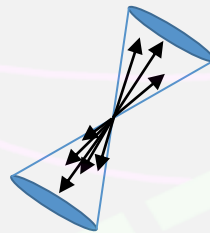


ALEPH  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=91.2$  GeV

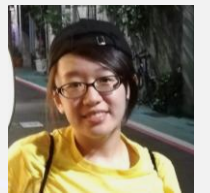
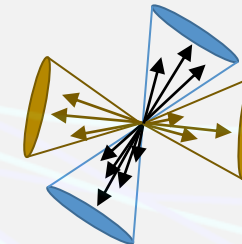
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$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}(\gamma)$



$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$  enriched

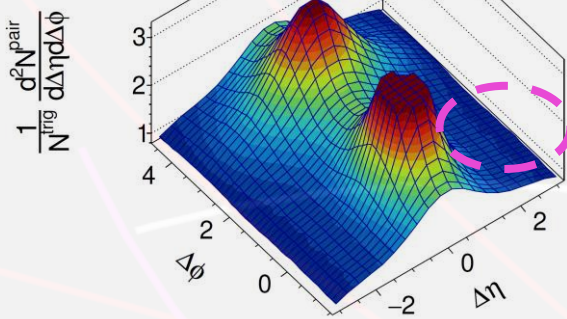


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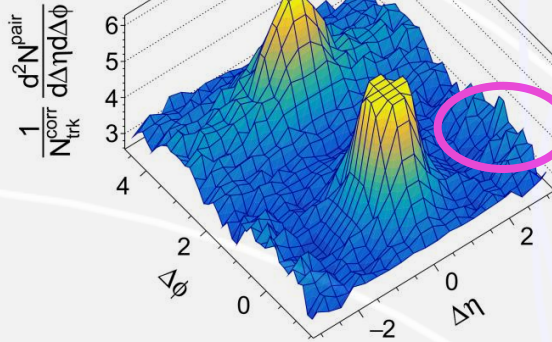
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# Emerging Picture

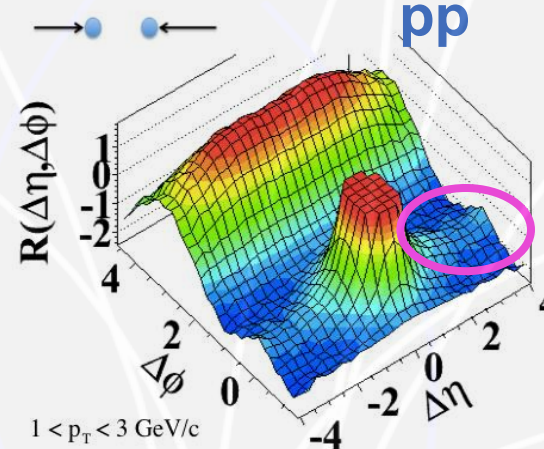
ALEPH  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons,  $\sqrt{s} = 91\text{ GeV}$   
 $N_{\text{Trk}}^{\text{Offline}} \geq 35$ ,  $|\cos\theta| > 0.2$   
 Thrust coordinates



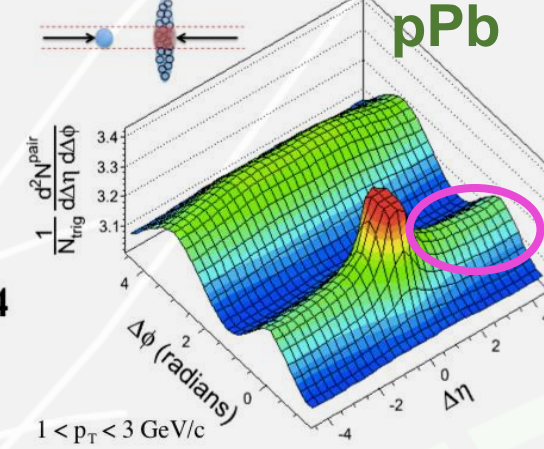
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 Thrust Axis



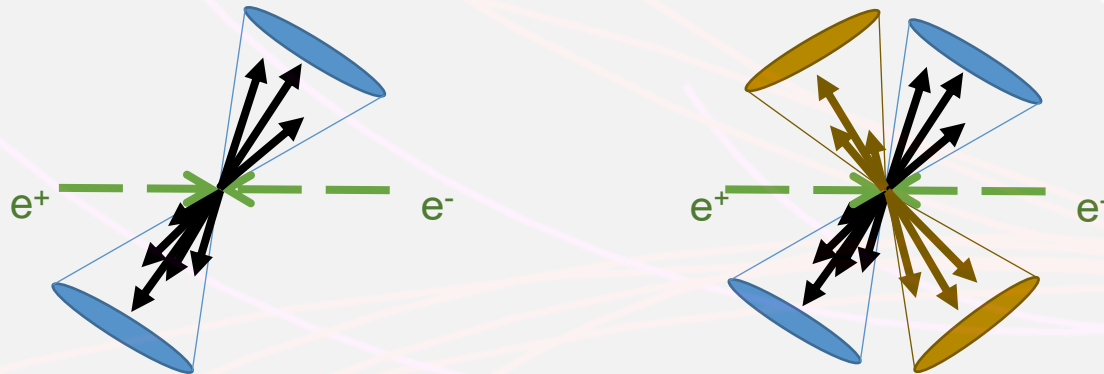
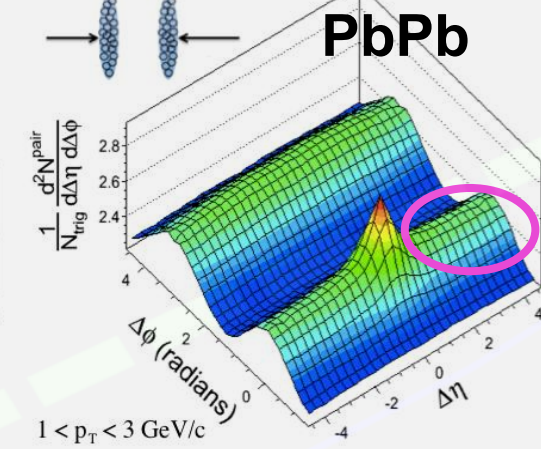
pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7\text{ TeV}$ ,  $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{Offline}} \geq 110$



pPb  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02\text{ TeV}$ ,  $220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{Offline}} \leq 260$

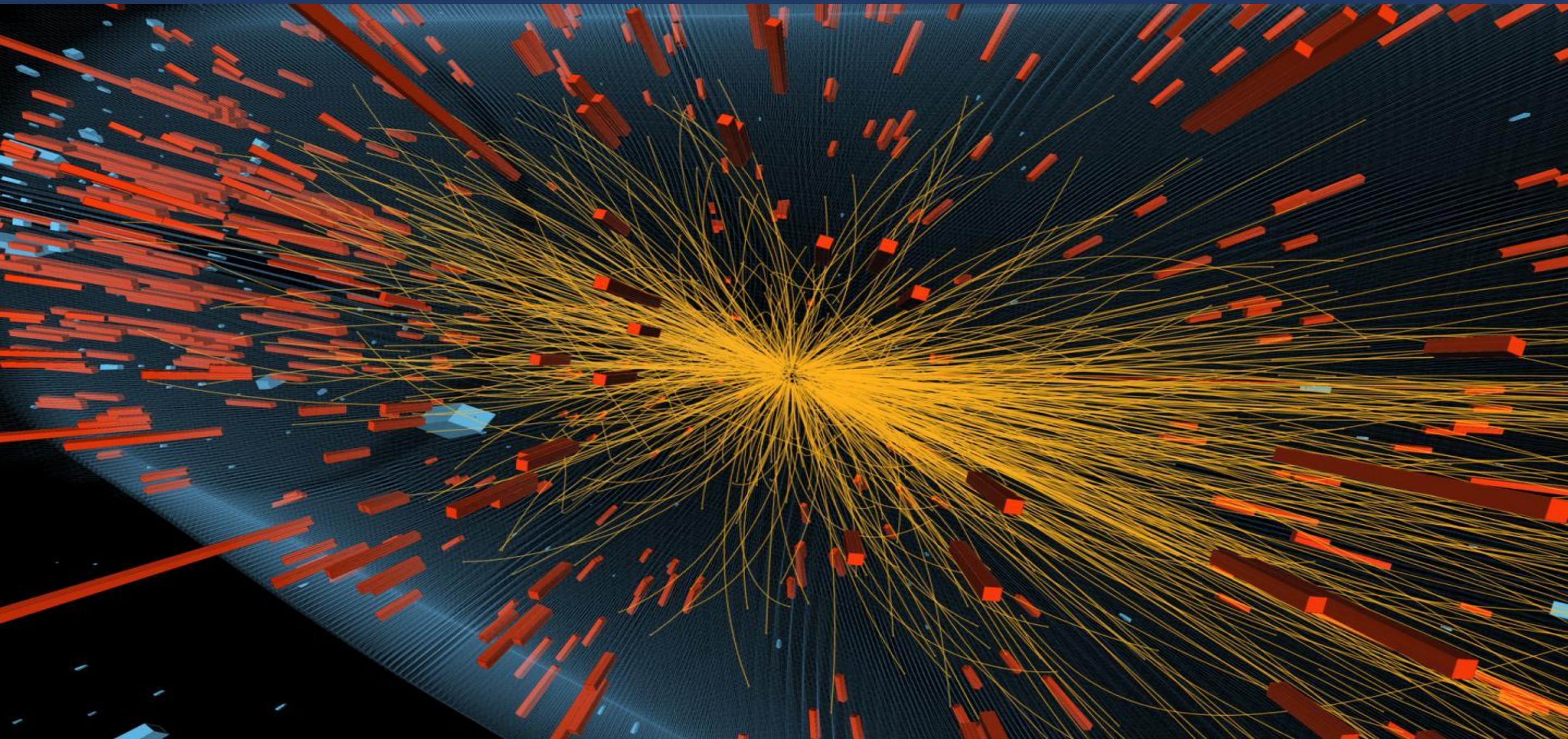


PbPb  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76\text{ TeV}$ ,  $220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{Offline}} \leq 260$

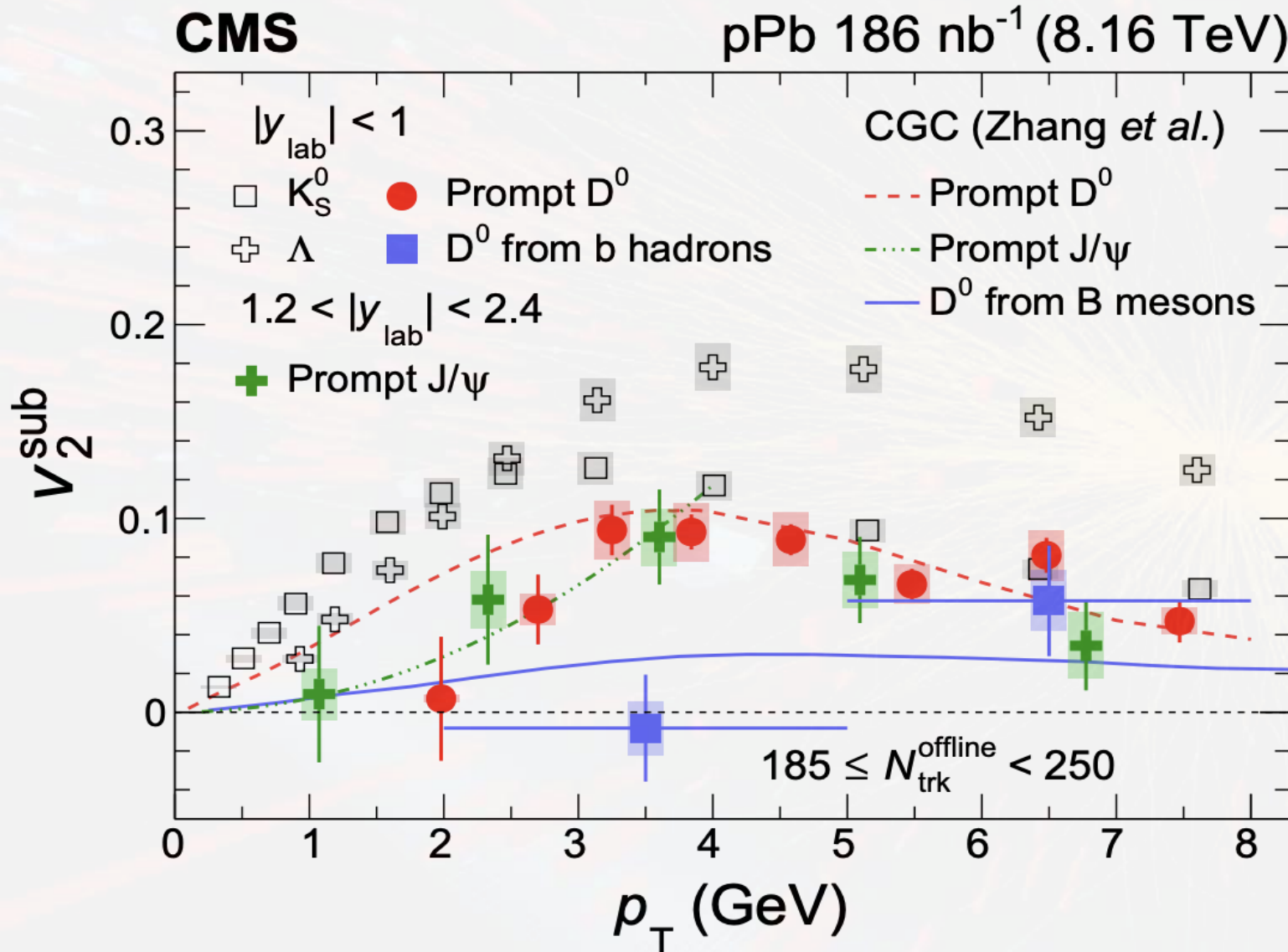


- LEP2 high-multiplicity  $W^+W^-$  correlations appear, but **likely not hydrodynamic**.
- Multiplicity is not enough, geometry / color sources matter.

# Proton Lead Collision



# Heavy Flavor Hadron $v_2$ in High Multiplicity pPb



At high multiplicity, significant prompt  $D^0$  and  $J/\psi$   $v_2$  were observed (with nonflow subtraction)

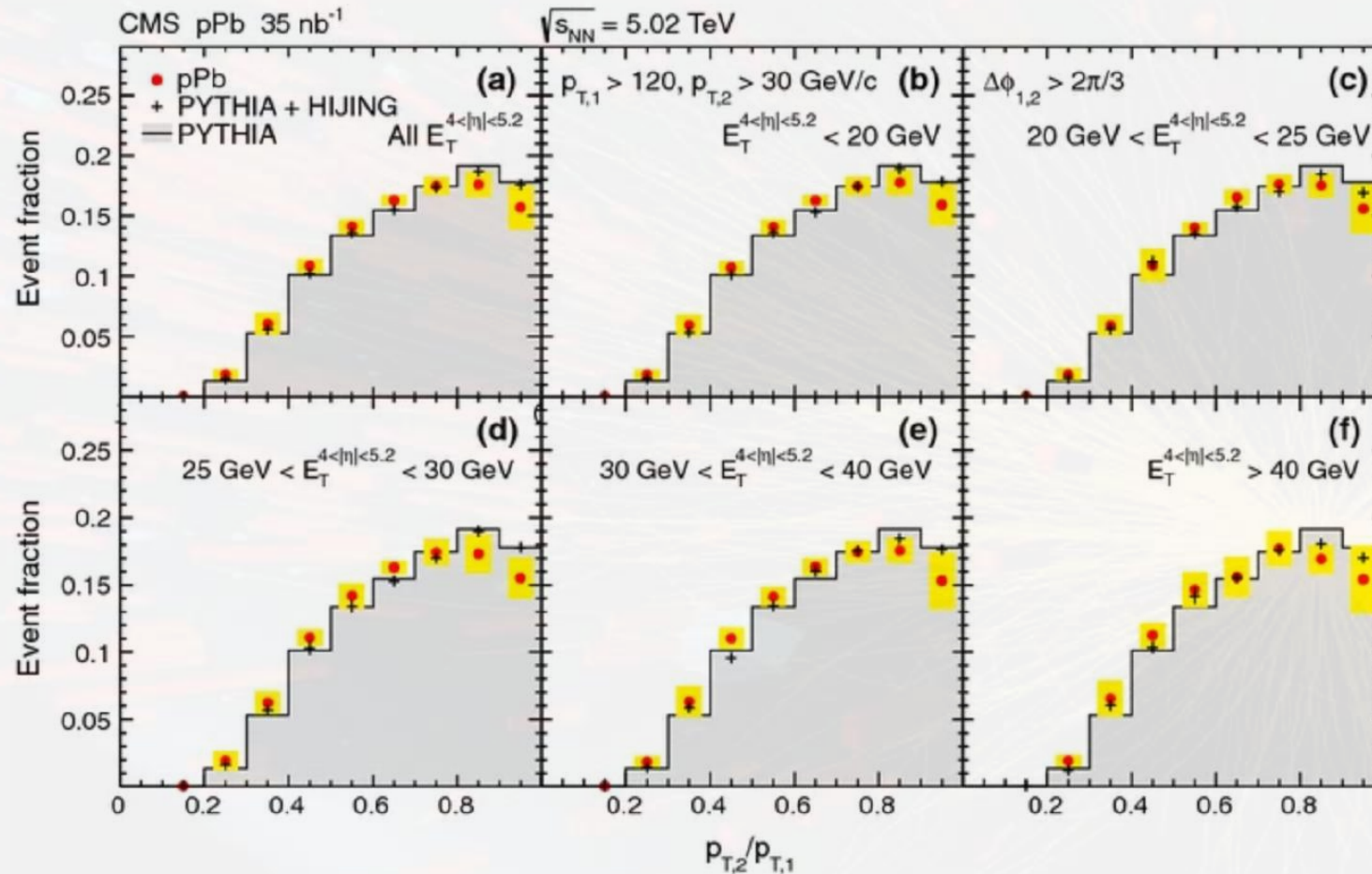
→ Charm diffusion in pPb?

The  $v_2$  values are sizable (as large as 0.09) and remain non-zero up to high  $p_T$  ( $p_T \sim 8$  GeV)!

→ Is this pathlength dependent parton energy loss?

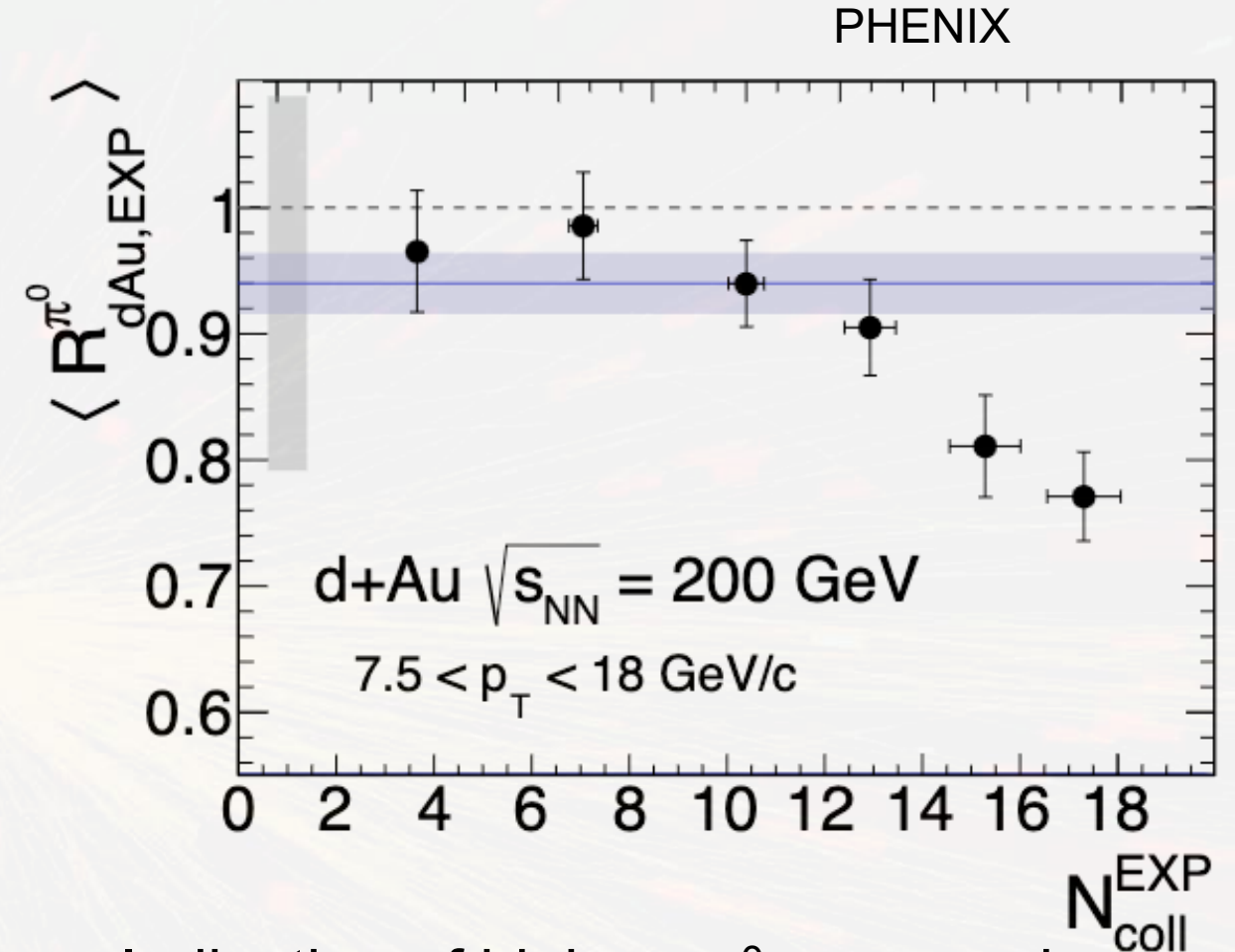
High-multiplicity selection:  
What kind of events are we studying?

# How about Jet Quenching?



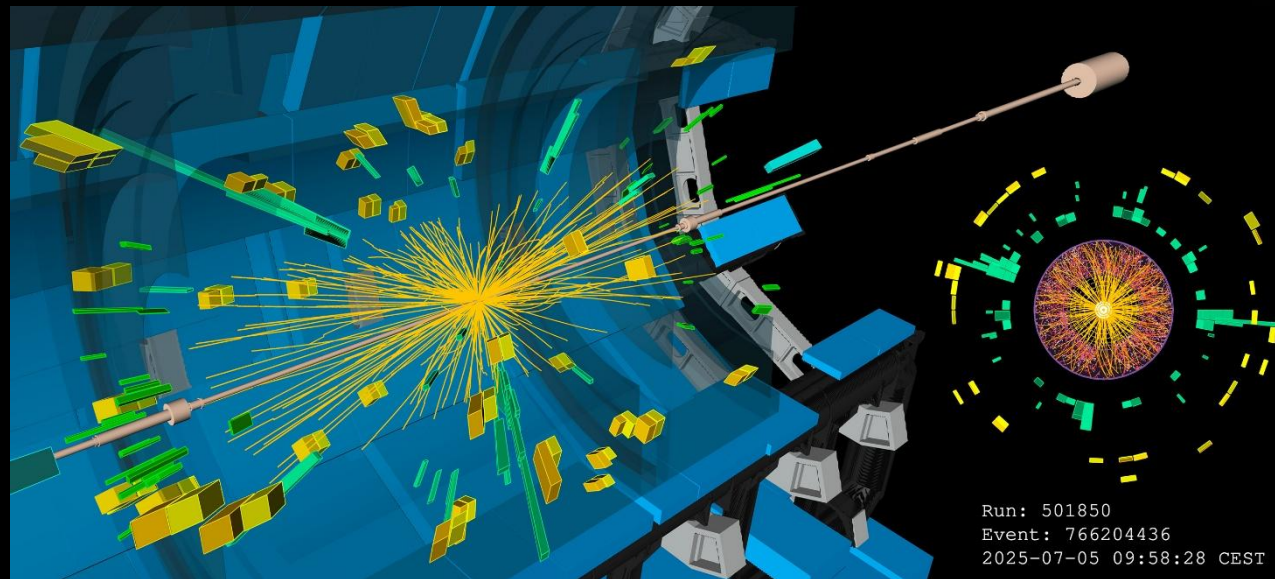
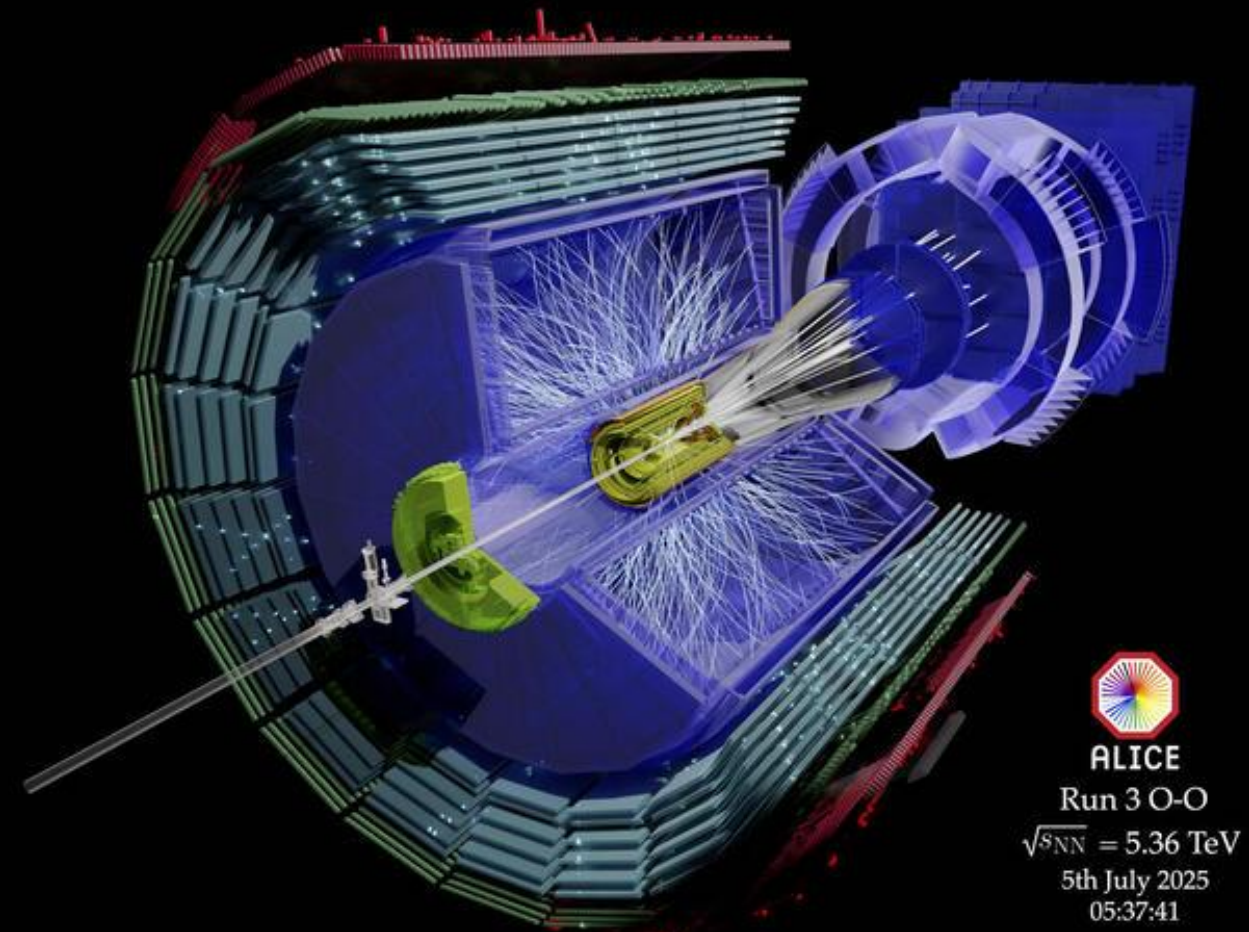
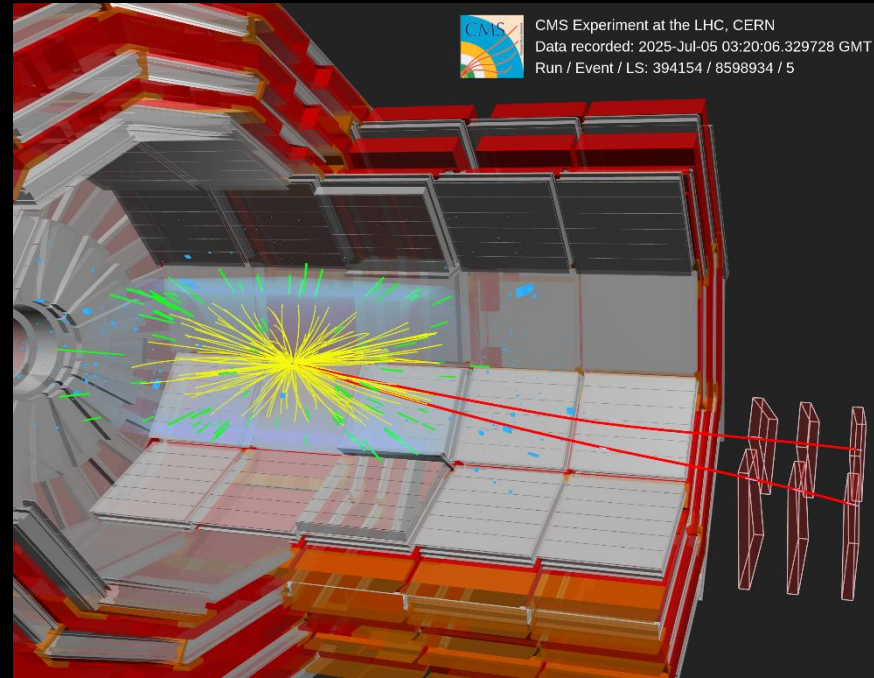
No significant dijet asymmetry signal in pPb collisions at the LHC

No clear conclusions from various measurements

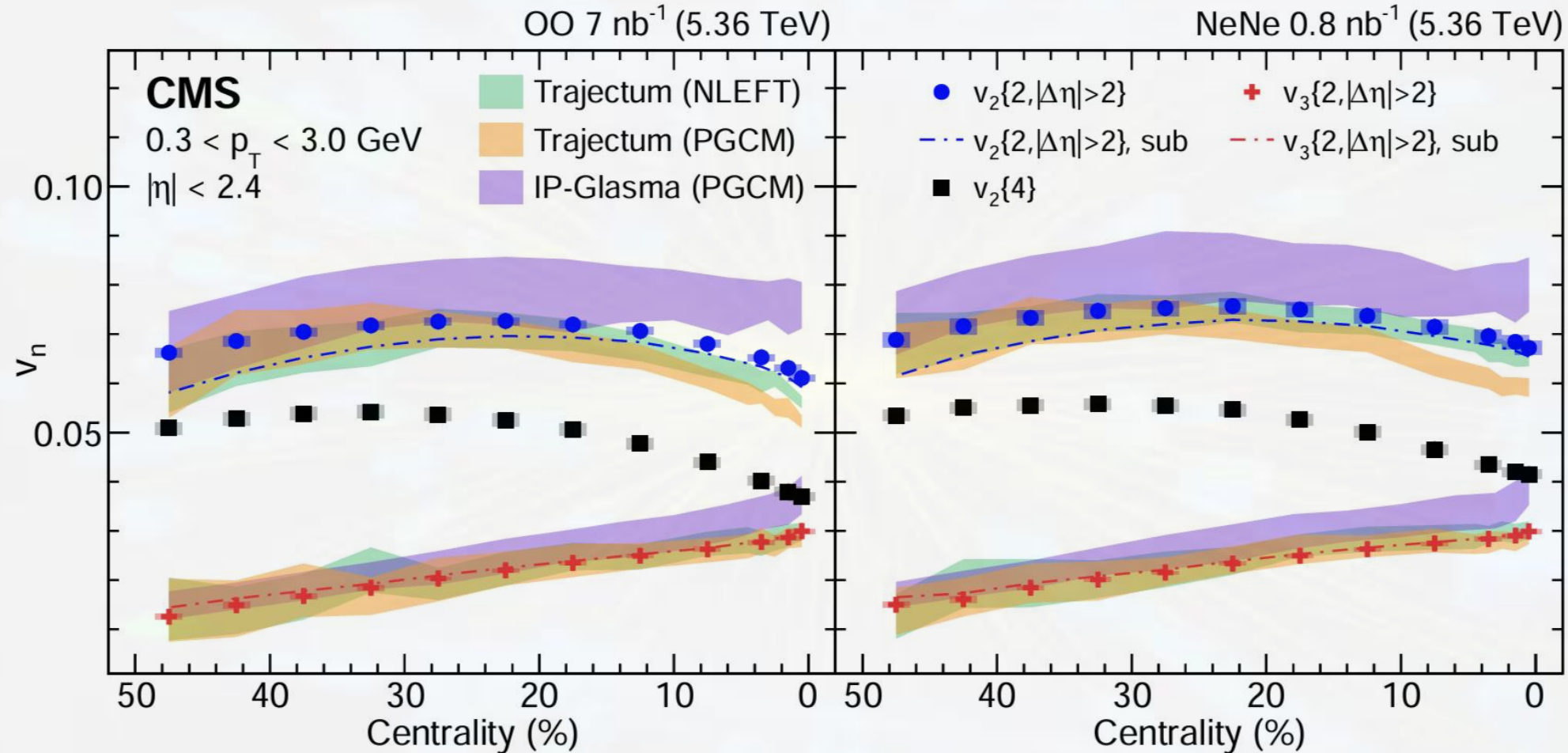


Indication of high  $p_T$   $\pi^0$  suppression in central dAu collisions (high  $N_{coll}$ ) at the RHIC

# Recent Excitement: Oxygen-Oxygen Collisions

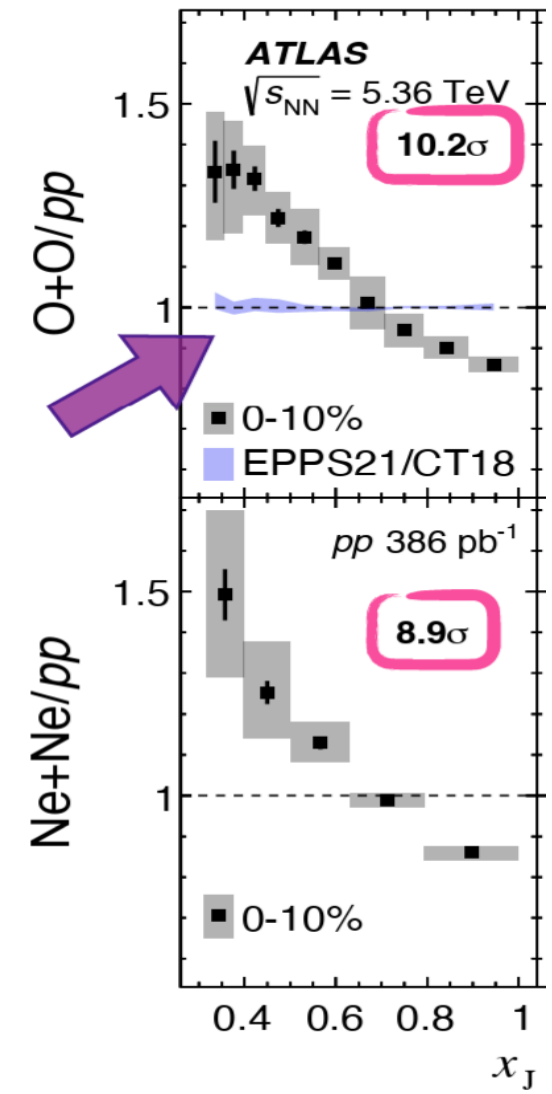
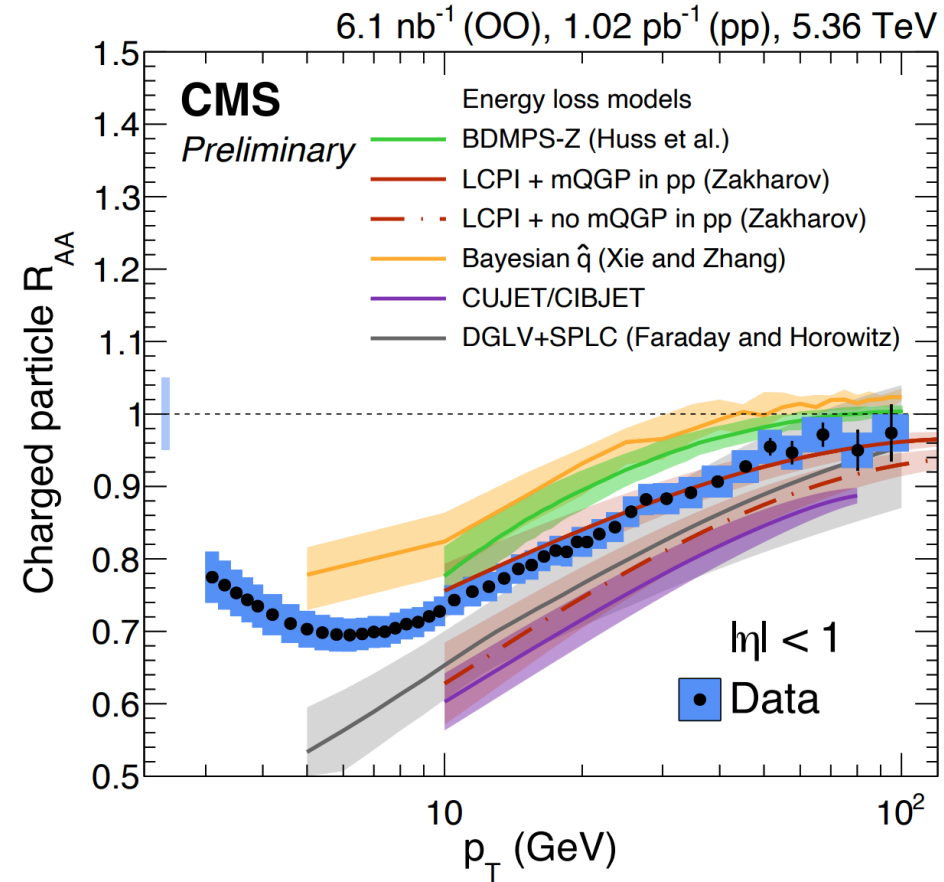
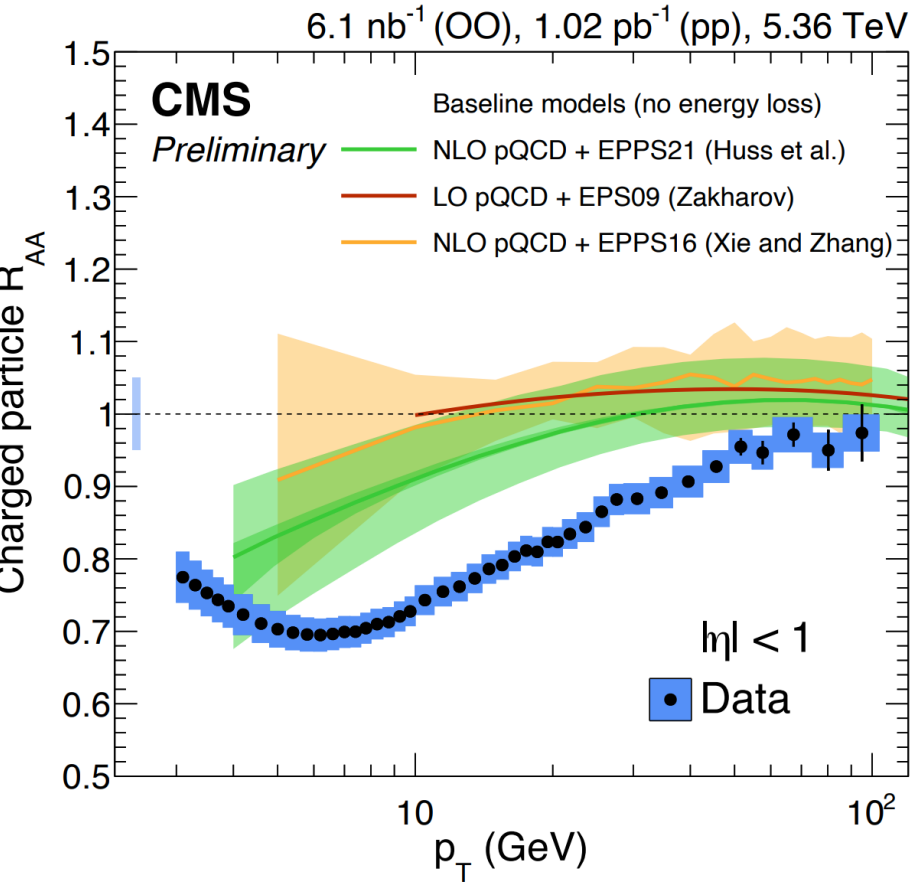


# Flow in OO and NeNe Collisions at the LHC



- Significant flow signal in OO and NeNe collisions!
- Elliptic and triangle flow coefficients are described well by the hydrodynamics models

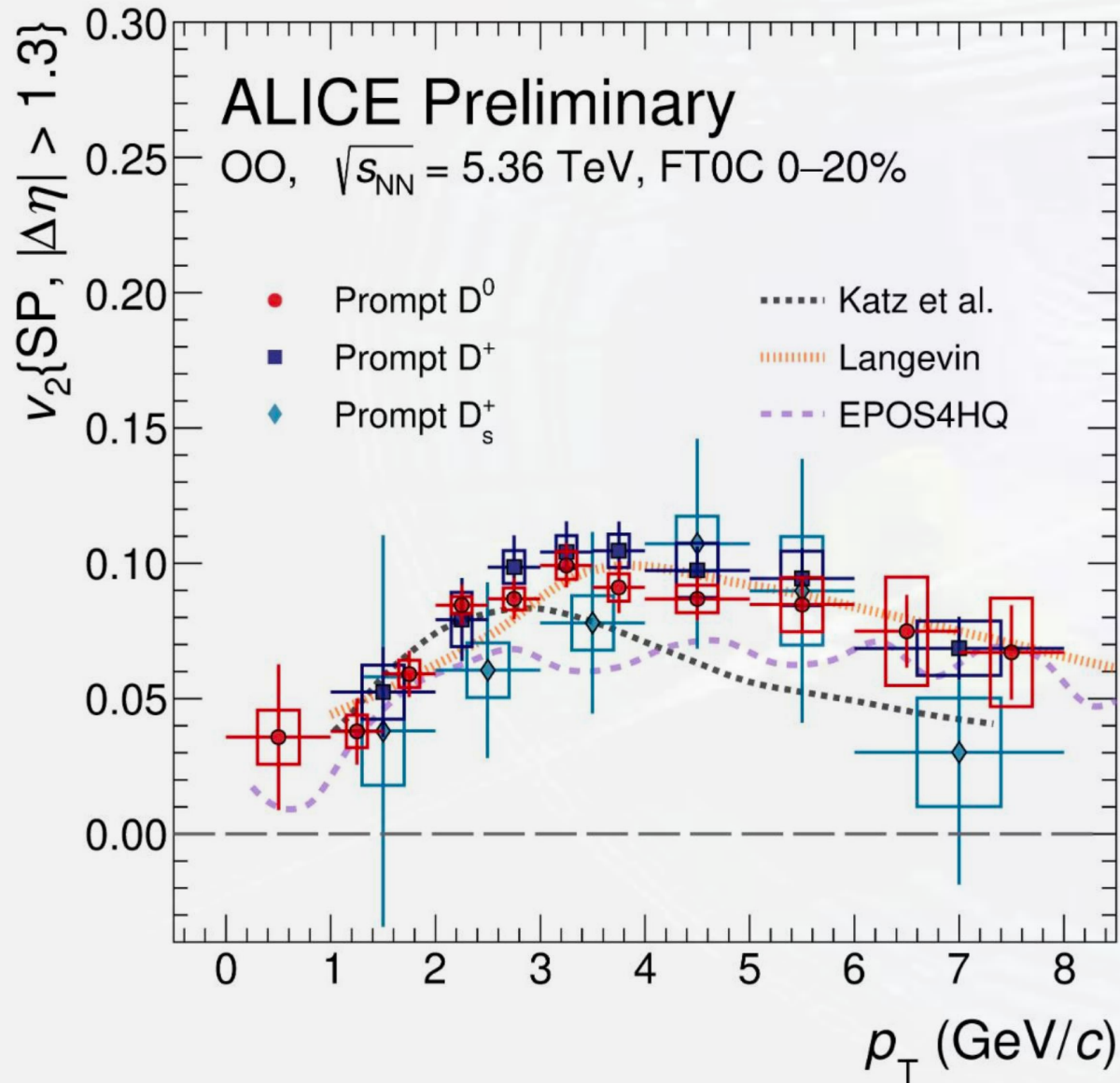
# New OO and NeNe Data on Jet Quenching in Small System



- Significant suppression of charged particles observed in **NeNe** and **OO** collisions and dijet asymmetry:
  - The first systems where small-system jet-quenching evidence becomes much more plausible
- In better agreement with models that include jet quenching effect

# Heavy Quark Diffusion: D Meson $v_2$ in OO

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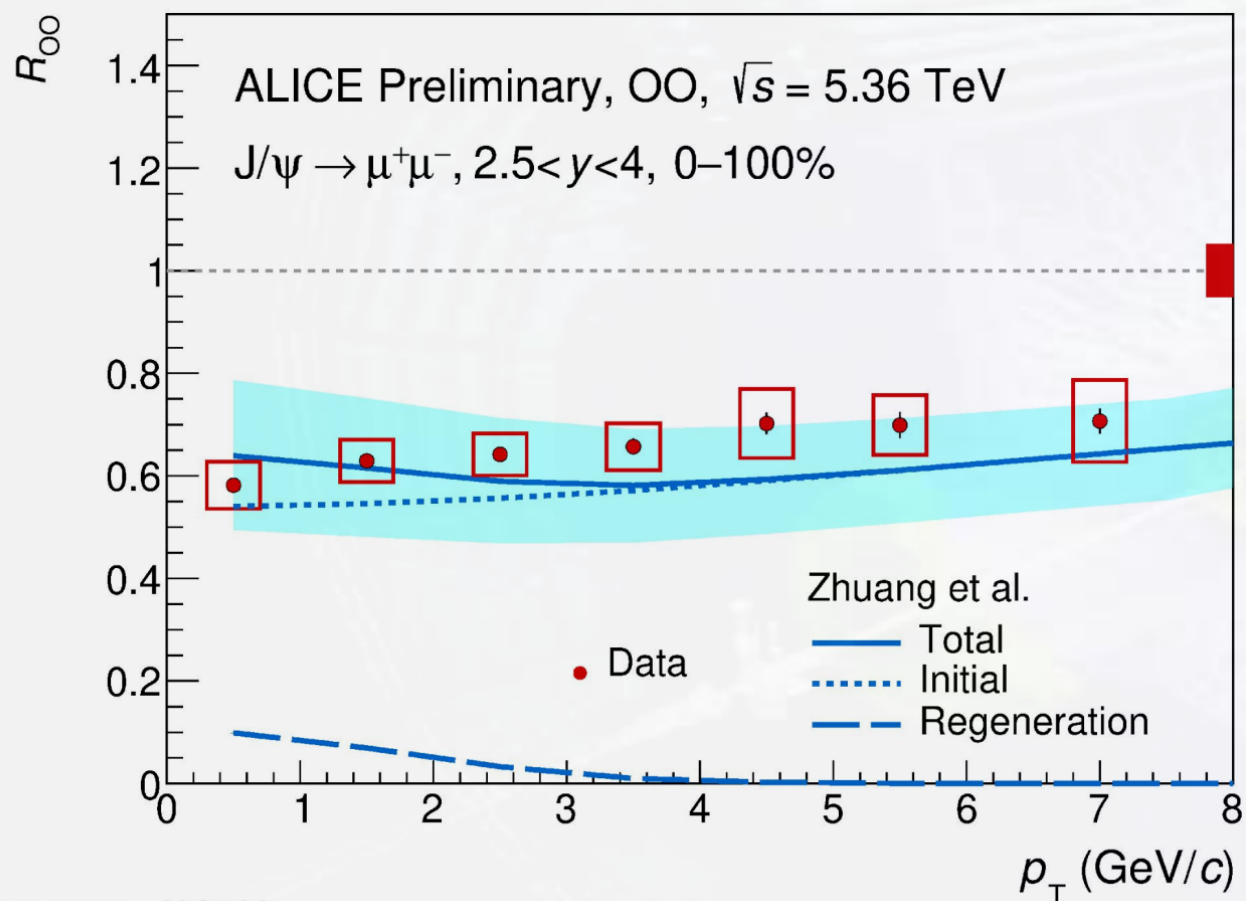
Significant positive  $v_2$  of D mesons in OO

- Charm diffusion and transport picture remains in a small, short-lived QGP droplet
- **Hadron gas rescatterings** may be relatively more important in OO because the QGP lifetime is shorter
- Data could be reasonably described by transport models

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Run 3 O-O  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.36$  TeV  
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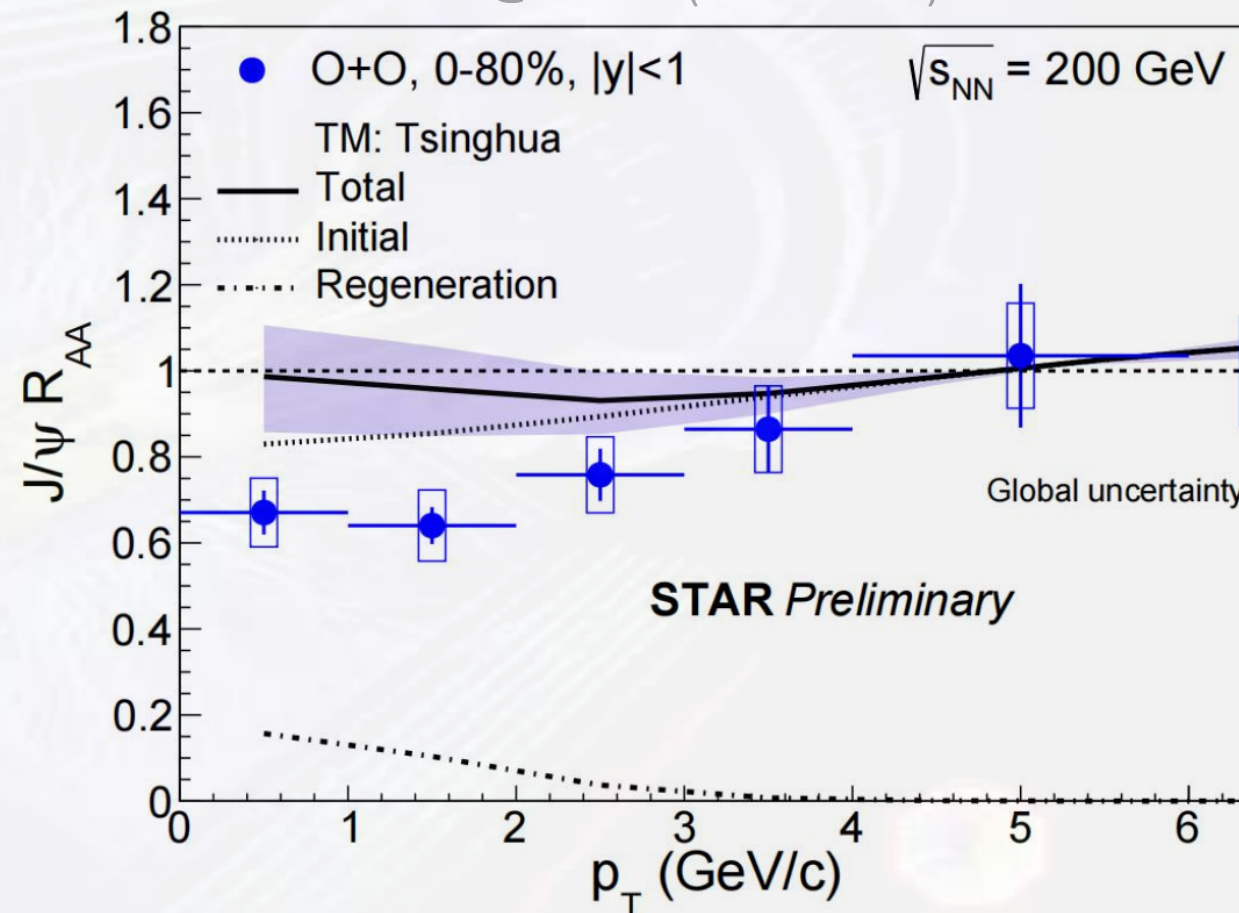
# Charmonium Suppression: $J/\psi$ $R_{00}$ vs Model

@LHC (5.36 TeV)



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@RHIC (200 GeV)

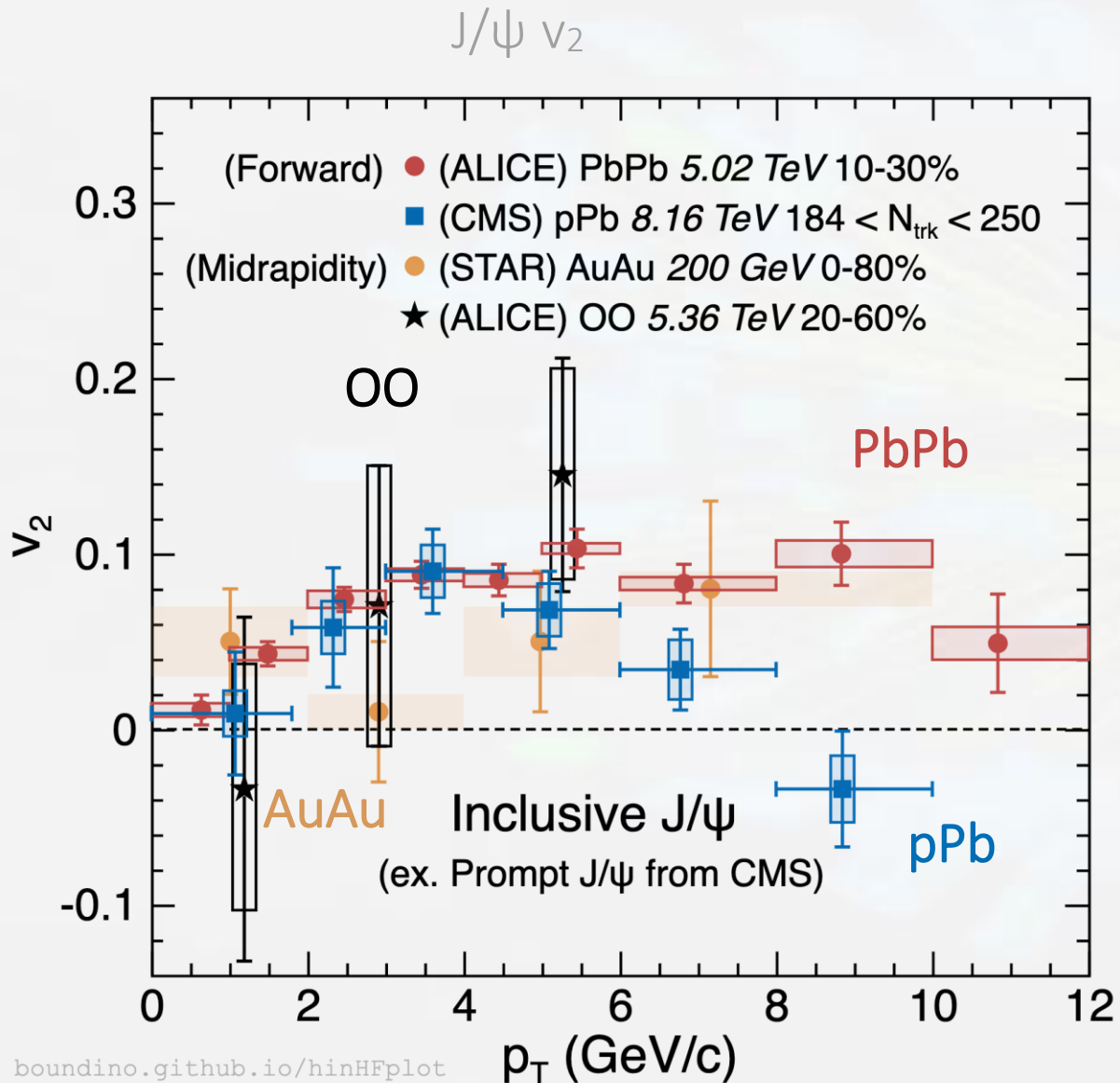


- Regeneration in OO seems to be even weaker than model expectation
- Test models without significant impact from regeneration
- Similar suppression between LHC and RHIC

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# Charmonium Production Mechanism $J/\psi$ $v_2$ in OO

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If  $J/\psi$   $v_2$  comes from partonic flow:

- Charm quarks must acquire sizable collective flow
- $J/\psi$  must form after charm interacts with the medium via regeneration, fragmentation, or late-stage formation

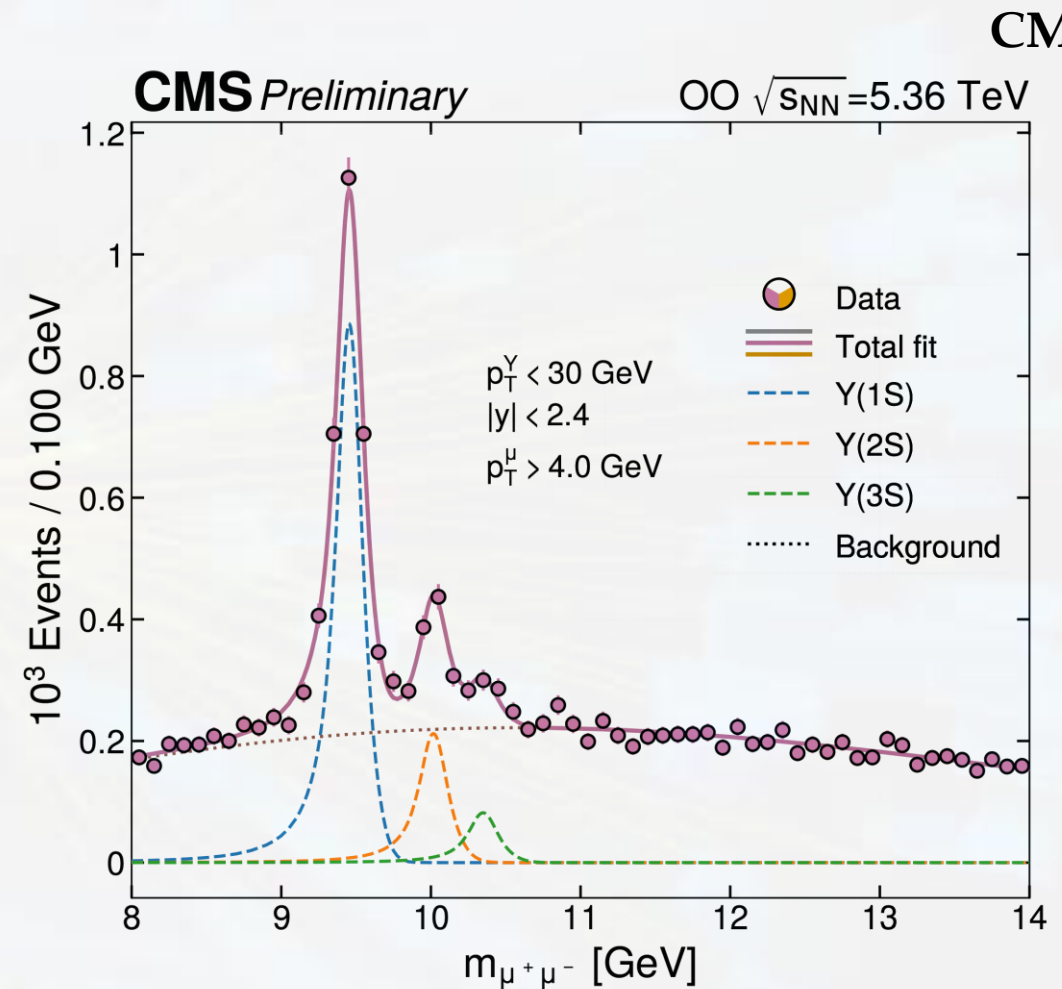
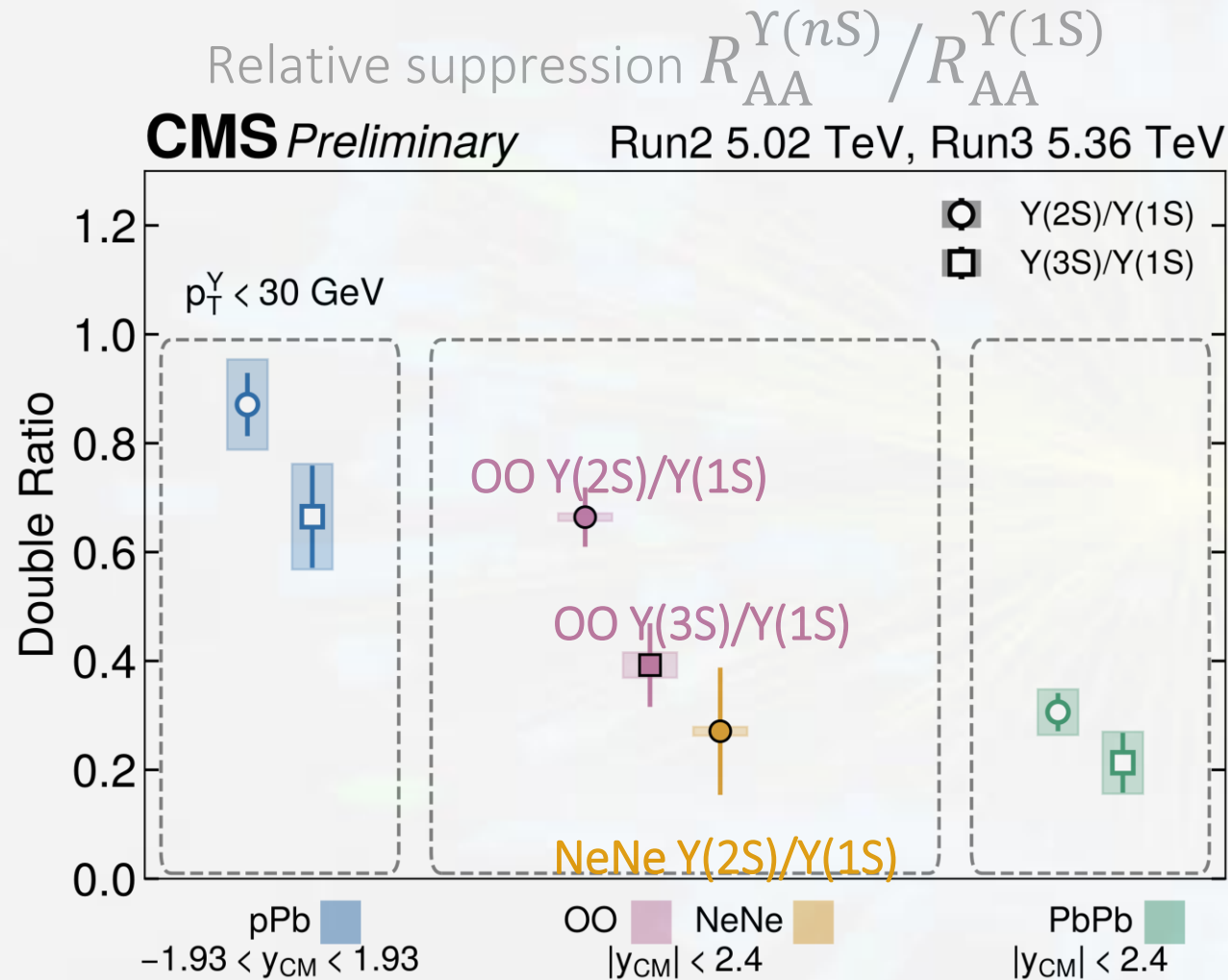
In OO,  $J/\psi$   $v_2$  is not necessarily a charm-flow observable:

- Small regeneration and short-lived medium

Other mechanism can also generate  $J/\psi$   $v_2$ :

- Initial gluon momentum correlation
- Path length dependence of dissociation
- Hadron gas rescattering
- Other nonflow contributions and fluctuations

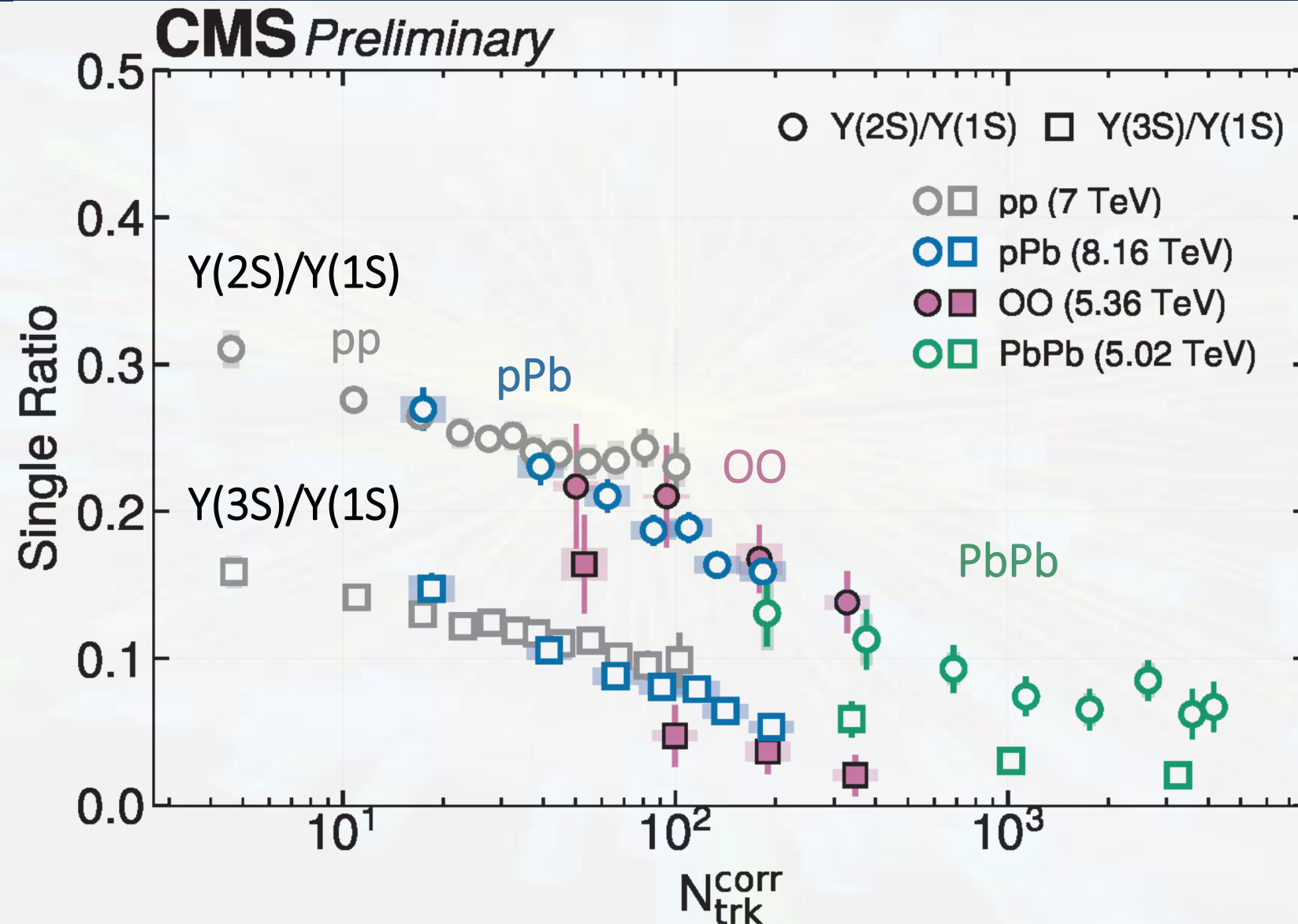
# Sequential Suppression $Y(nS)/Y(1S)$ in OO and NeNe



Sequential suppression is observed in OO and NeNe  $\rightarrow$  Excited state  $Y(nS)$  is more suppressed than  $Y(1S)$  due to lower binding energy (negligible regeneration for  $Y$ )

- Double ratios cancel initial state effects (e.g.  $nPDF$ ) and global uncertainty (e.g. luminosity)

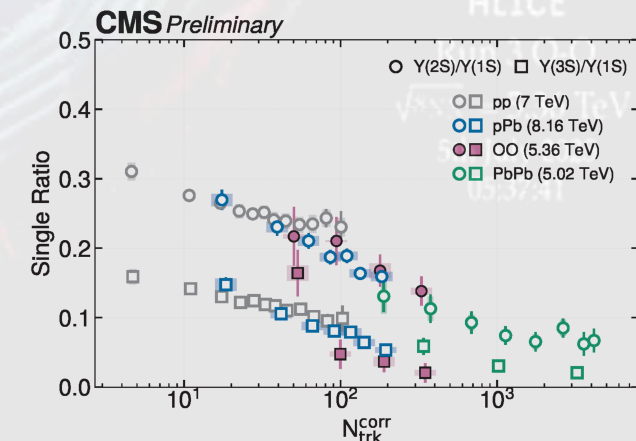
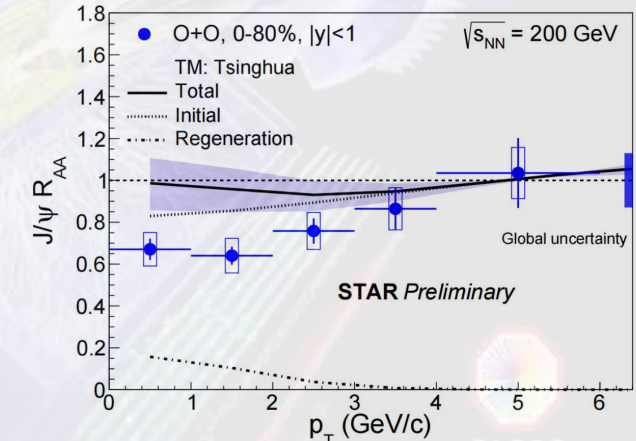
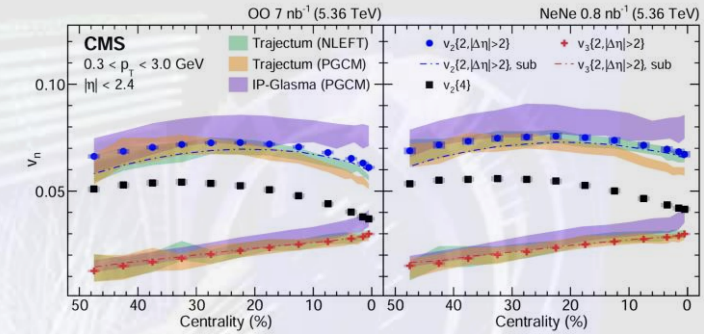
# Sequential Suppression $Y(nS)/Y(1S)$ vs Systems



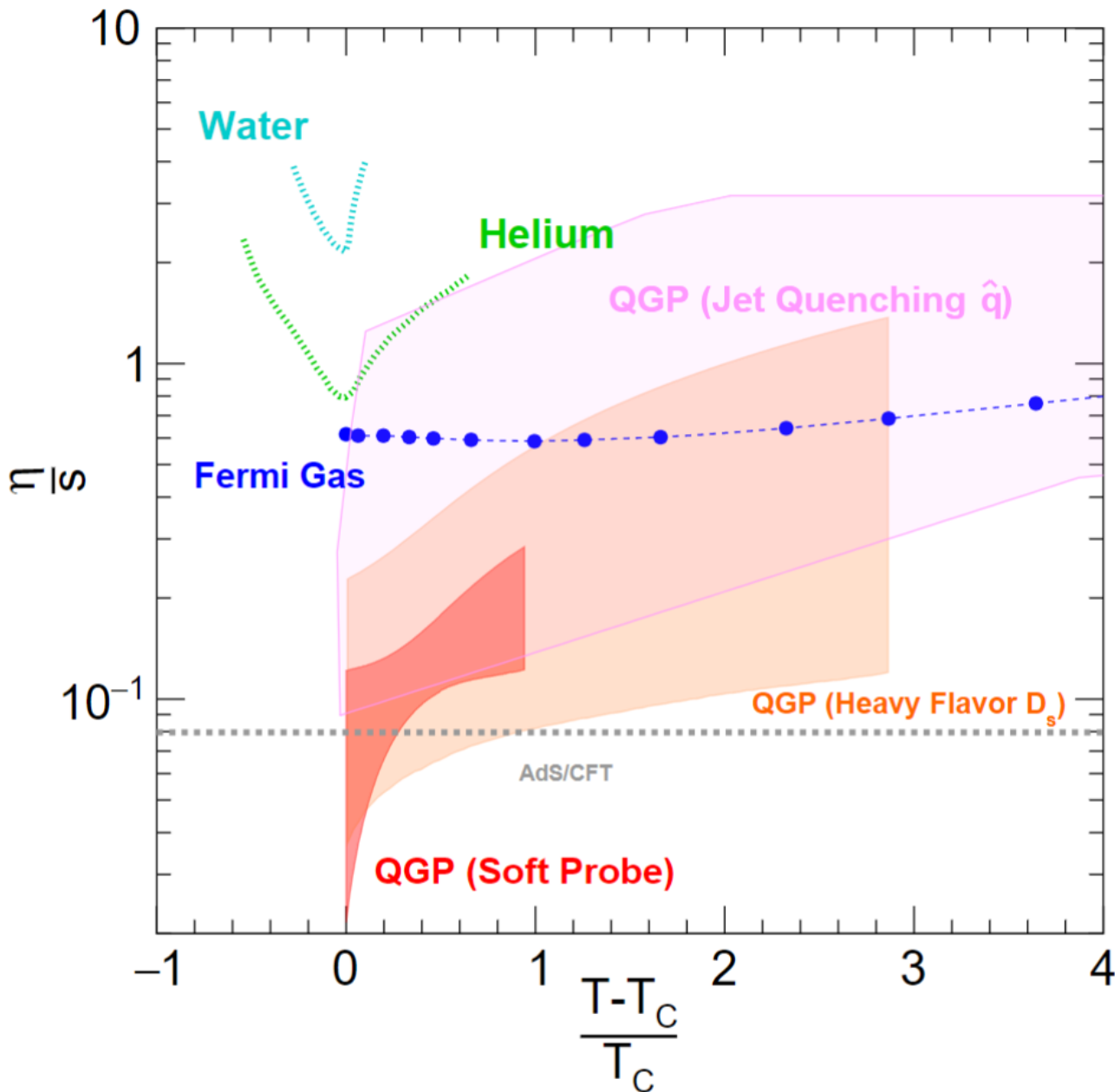
- Sequential suppression is smooth and monotonic vs multiplicity across collision systems
- Challenges to models to describe all systems simultaneously

# Summary: Small System

- Significant flow-like signals are observed in high-multiplicity pp and pPb, but their origin is still not settled. Z pole e+e- collision becomes the new baseline.
- Jet-quenching signals in pp/pPb remain inconclusive.
- OO and NeNe provide a new bridge between small and large systems: charged-particle suppression, D-meson  $v_2$ , and quarkonium suppression all appear in a smaller, shorter-lived system.
- A smooth evolution from pp/pPb  $\rightarrow$  OO/NeNe  $\rightarrow$  PbPb is emerging for quarkonium modification; the challenge is to describe soft flow, hard energy loss, and quarkonium suppression in **one consistent picture**



# Medium Properties from Soft and Hard Probes



Compilation by YJL, Michael Winn, Liliana Apolinario arXiv:2203.16352  
Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, 103990 (2022)

Specific viscosity has been extracted from **soft probes**

- Via identified hadron  $dN/d\eta$ ,  $\langle p_T \rangle$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  and  $v_4$
- Main uncertainties from initial state and early time dynamics

To get the big picture of the QGP properties with LHC + RHIC data, one could compare the inputs from soft and hard probes:

- **HQ  $D_s$**  could be related to specific viscosity by

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{D_s(2\pi T)}{4\pi k}$$

R. Rapp, H. van Hees, 0903.1096  
X. Dong, YJL, R. Rapp, 1903.07709

Where the scale factor  $k$  ranges between 1 (strong-coupling limit) and 2.5 (weak coupled)

- **Jet quenching parameter  $\hat{q}$**  could be related to specific viscosity in the limit of multiple soft scattering by

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = C \frac{T^3}{\hat{q}}$$

Where the scale factor  $C$  is varied between 1.25 and 2.5

A. Majumder, B. Muller, Xin-Nian Wang PRL 99 (207) 192301  
B. Muller PRD 104 (2021) 7, L071501

Medium properties extracted from **Jet Quenching** and **Open Heavy Flavor** are consistent with the results from **Soft Probes**, but within rather large uncertainties

# Probe the Quark Soup!

- How does the strongly interacting medium emerge from an asymptotic free theory?

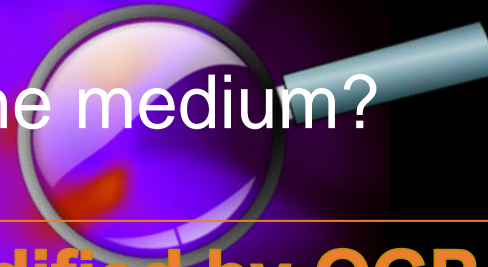
**Start from “un-thermalized” objects and see how they are “thermalized” in the Quark Soup**

- Can we see quasi-particles (at some point, quarks and gluons) in the Quark-Gluon Plasma? What is the structure of QGP probed at different length scales?

**“QGP Rutherford Experiment” and HQ Diffusion**

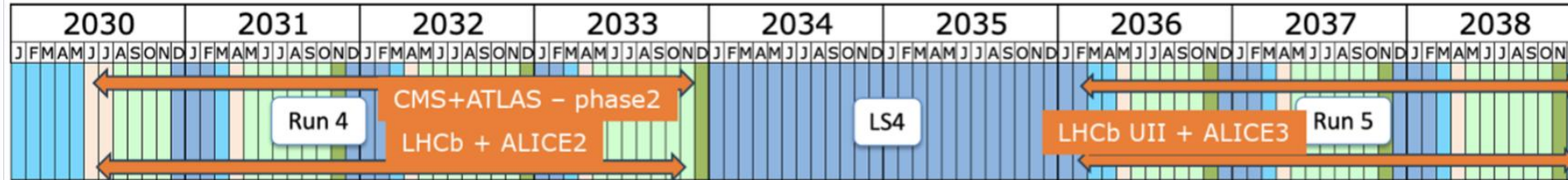
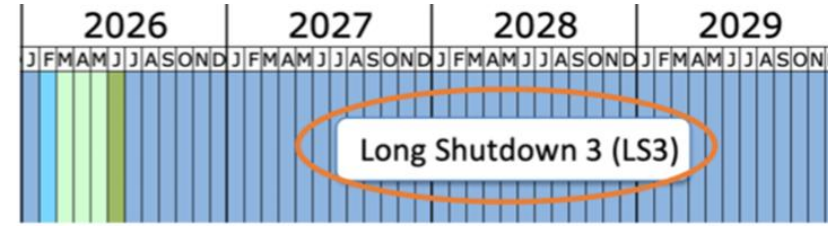
- What are the transport properties of the medium?

**Study how Colored Probes are modified by QGP**  
**Study how QGP respond to Colored Probes**

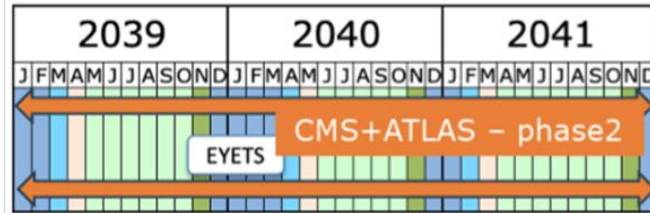


# Future Heavy Ion Programs

## The timeline

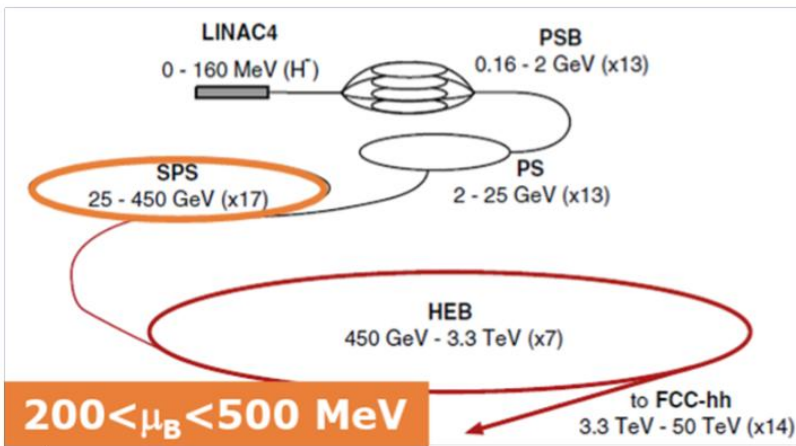


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- Shutdown/Technical stop
- Protons physics
- Ions
- Commissioning with beam
- Hardware commissioning

LHC up to 2041



SPS survives beyond LHC age

FAIR to start operation in 2028



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Future opportunities with heavy ions  
HP 2026

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# Summary

- **Quark Gluon Plasma** is created in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collision
- What are the properties of QGP?
  - The QGP properties extracted from soft and hard probes (in the multiple soft scattering domain) are consistent, but with large room for improvement.
  - Exciting future investigation to be sensitive to QGP substructure
- How does the hydrodynamization happen and how QGP is created?
  - Slow moving probes moving toward hydrodynamization and fast moving probes quench
  - Direct evidence of QGP **medium response**
- How does hadronization happen in low and high parton density environment?
  - Significant modification of heavy quark hadronization
  - Strong indication of recombination effect (consistent with a deconfined medium)

Exciting future programs trying to answer many of the questions posted in the three lectures!

# Thank You!

