

# What heavy-flavor has taught <sup>me</sup>~~us~~ about the QGP - What's in store for the future

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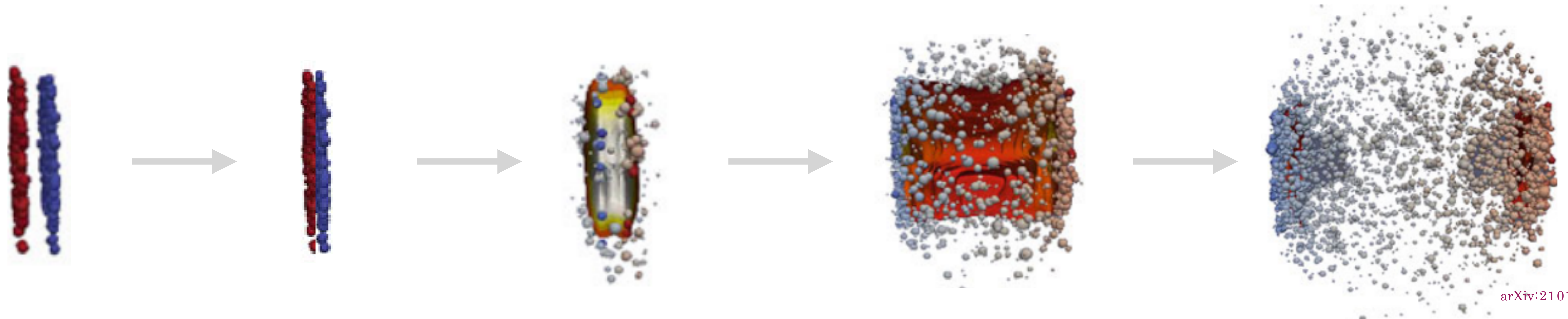
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# Introduction

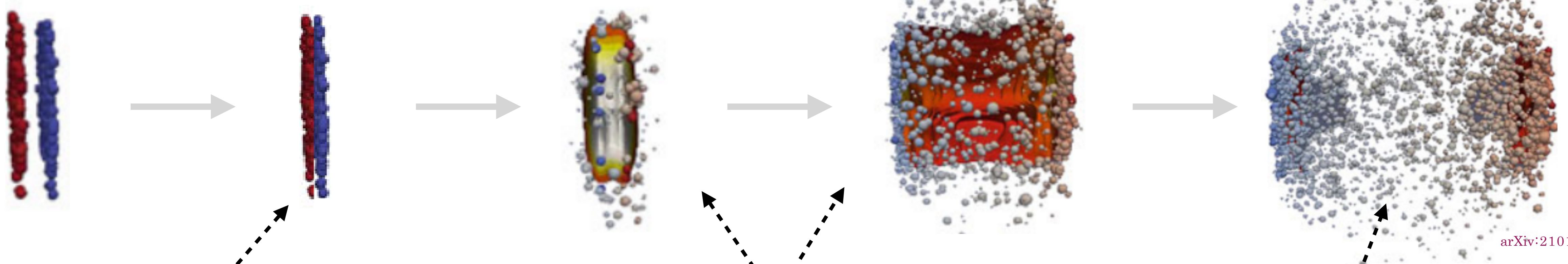


- **Quark Gluon Plasma** produced in high energy heavy-ion collisions.
- Experimentally exploring QGP since 1990s at SPS, RHIC and at the LHC.
- Experimental evidence of QGP formation from light hadrons
  - Initial medium temperature above the critical Temperature  $T_c$
  - Collective flow: system is strongly interacting and the medium evolution can be described by hydrodynamics  $\rightarrow$  ideal fluid
  - Jet quenching: High energy particles interact with QGP and undergoes energy loss
  - High energy density of QGP allows higher mass particles (strange quarks) to be thermally produced.

# Why heavy-quarks?

- Our understanding comes from a macroscopic perspective.
- How does QCD interactions at the microscopic level lead to these emergent phenomena?
  - > probe inner workings of QGP by resolving properties at shorter length scales.

## Heavy quarks (charm and beauty)



- Production:
  - In hard scattering ( $< 0.1$  fm/c)
  - Calculable with pQCD
    - > calibrated probe

- Energy loss (pQCD):
  - collisional and radiative
  - Low  $p_T$ : Brownian motion
    - > spacial diffusion coefficients
- Mass hierarchy
  - Dead cone effect
    - > Less energy loss compared to light quarks

- $m_Q \gg T_{QGP}$
- Hadronization:
  - Identify preserved

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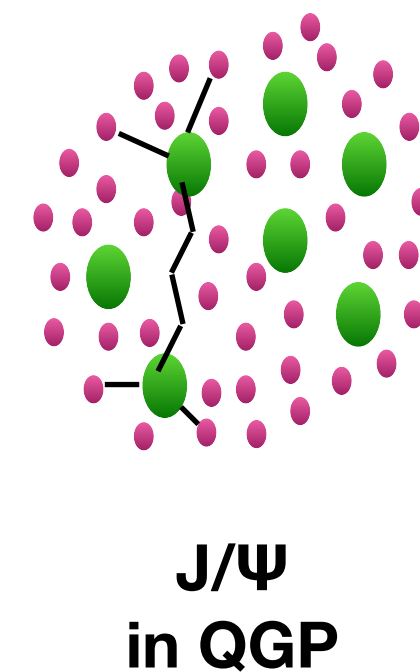
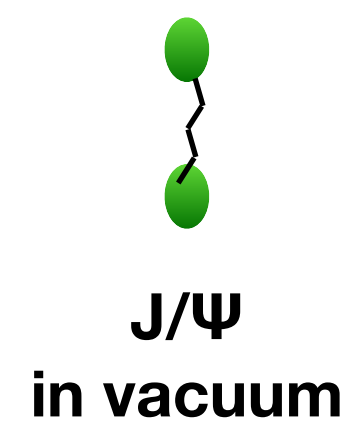
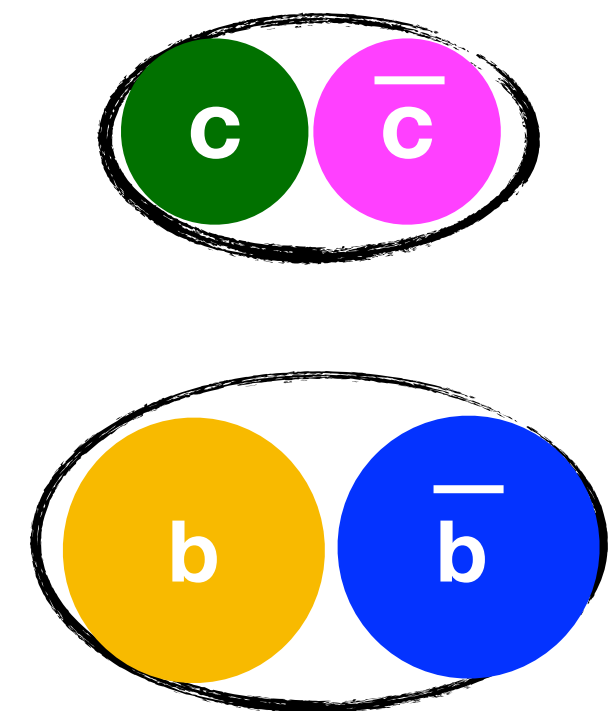
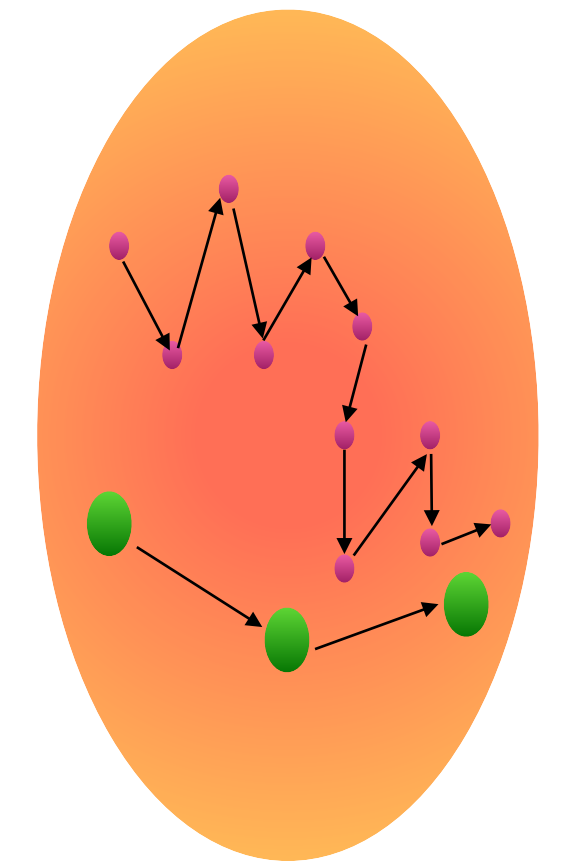
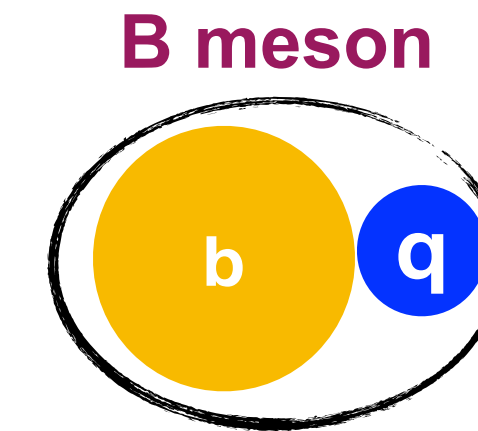
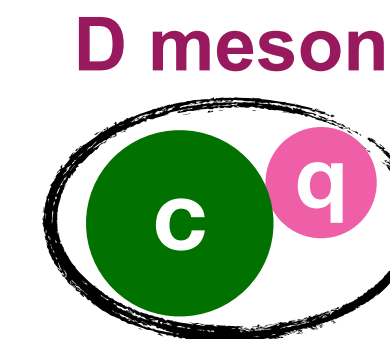
# Open HF and Quarkonia

**Open heavy-flavour** : heavy quark (c/b) hadronise with light quarks (q)

- D mesons ( $D^0, D^+, D_s, D^{*+}$ ), B meson ( $B^0, B^+, \dots$ )
- In-medium energy loss via collisional and radiative processes  
—> depends on quark mass and color charge

$$\Delta E(g) > \Delta E(u, d, s) > \Delta E(c) > \Delta E(b)$$

- Study fragmentation and hadronisation mechanisms in the presence of the medium

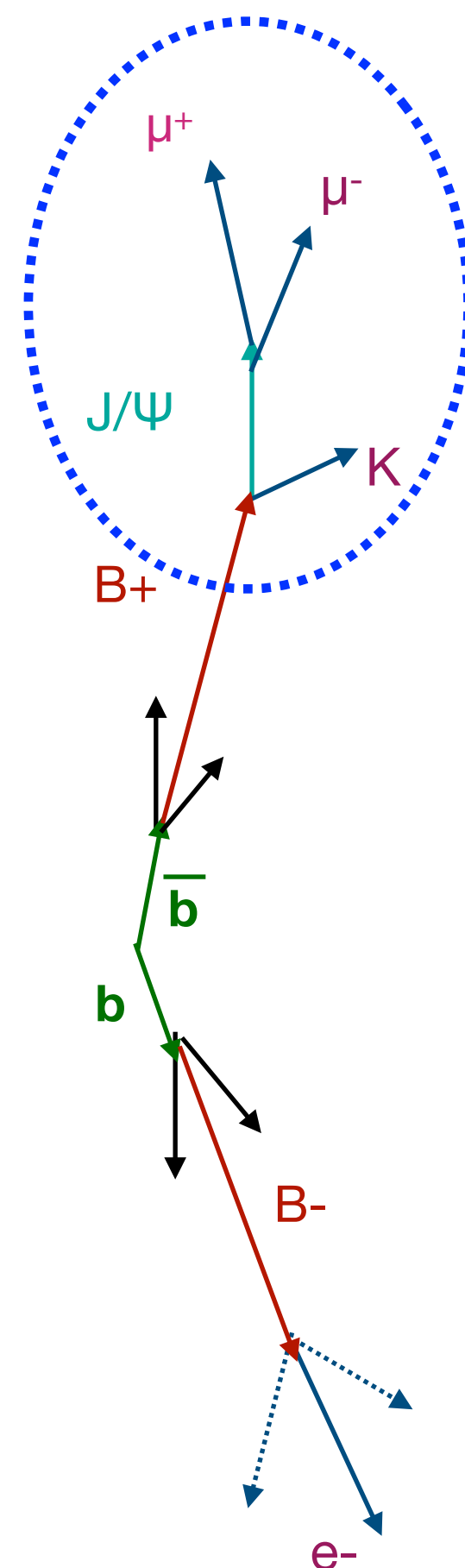
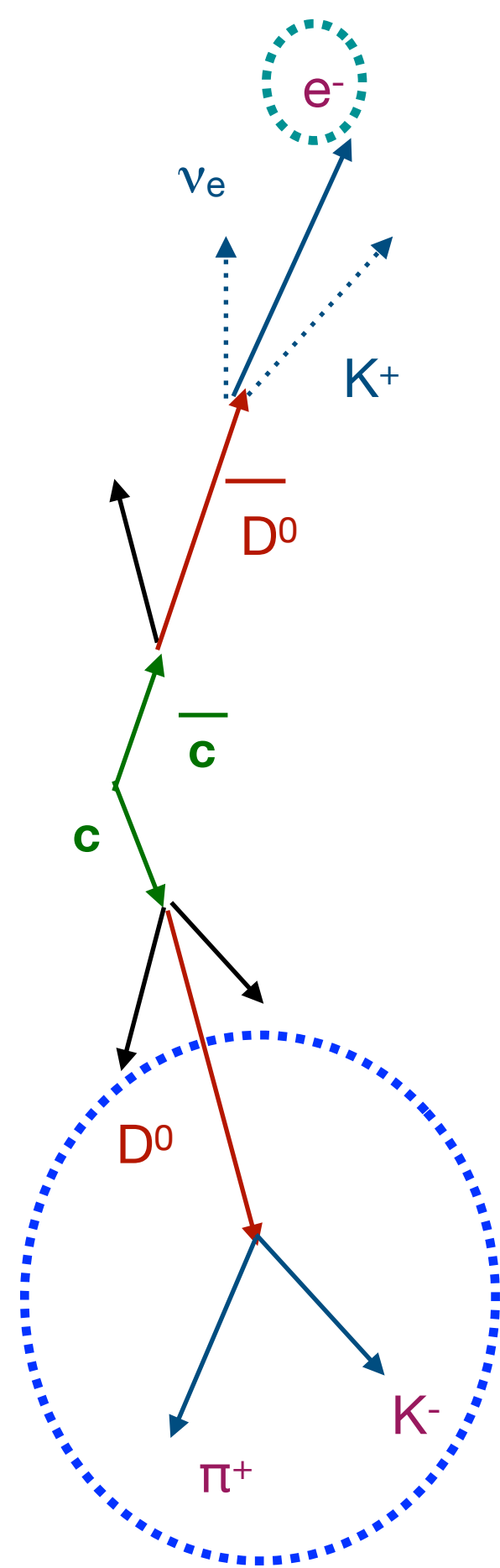


Debye screening of color charge

**Quarkonia** (bound states of  $c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$ )

- J/ $\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(1S)$ , ...
- Screening of color force in the deconfined medium  
—> suppression.
- Depends on the binding energy of Quarkonia and the temperature of the medium.
- Recombination of thermalized heavy quarks in the medium during or at the phase boundary of the deconfined phase —> regeneration

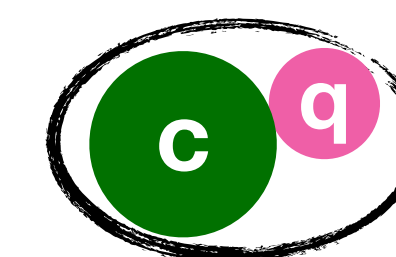
# How we measure HF particles



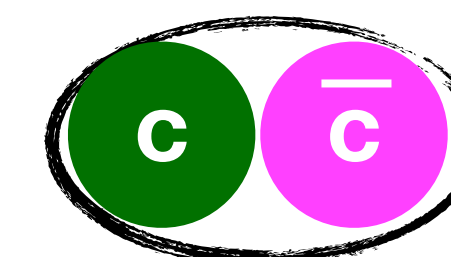
Experimentally heavy-flavour hadrons studied through their decay products:

- $c, b \rightarrow l(e, \mu) + X$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 + \pi^+$
- $\Lambda_c \rightarrow K + \pi + p$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ l^-$
- $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow l^+ l^-$
- $B \rightarrow D + X$
- $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi + K$

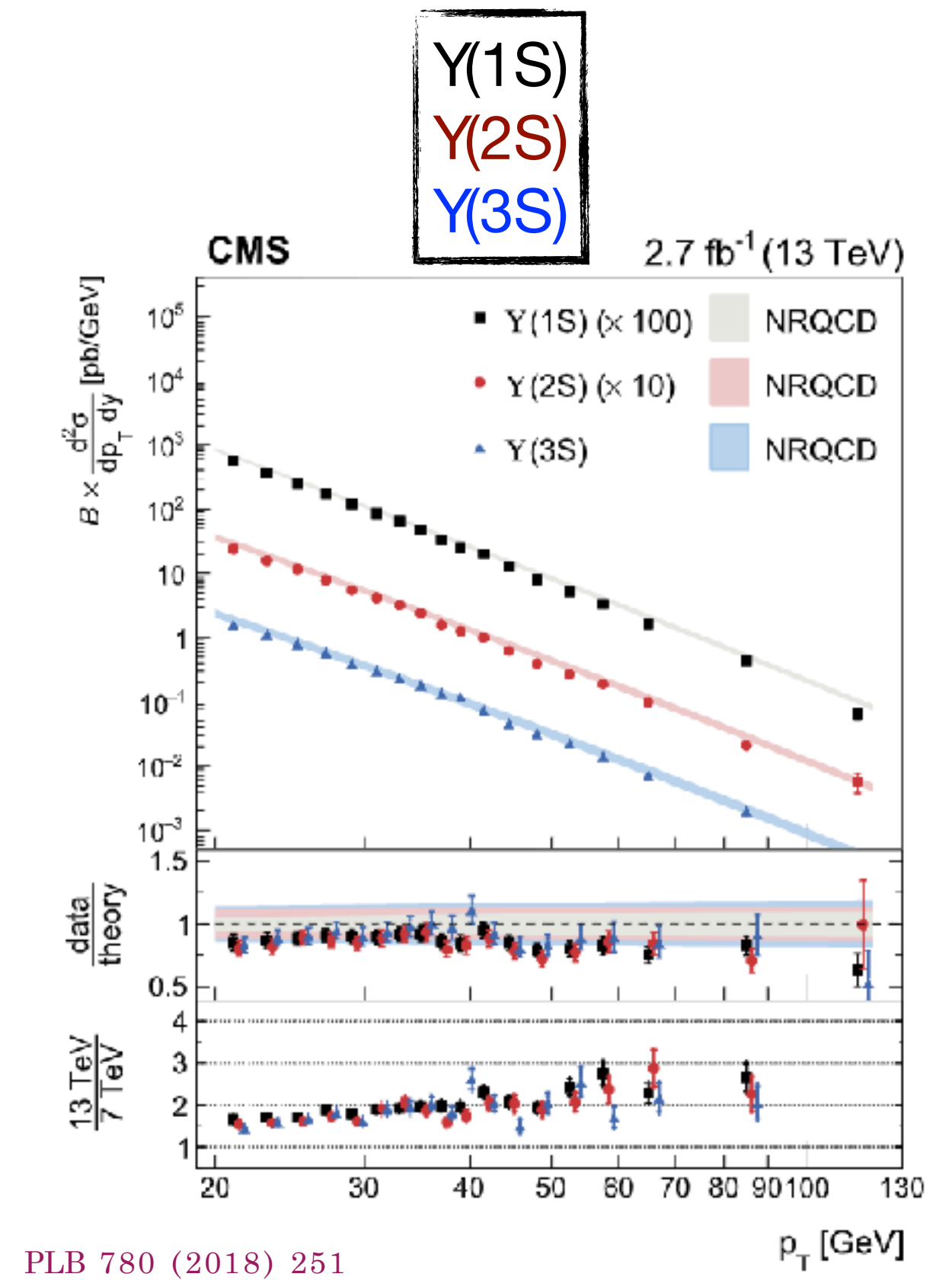
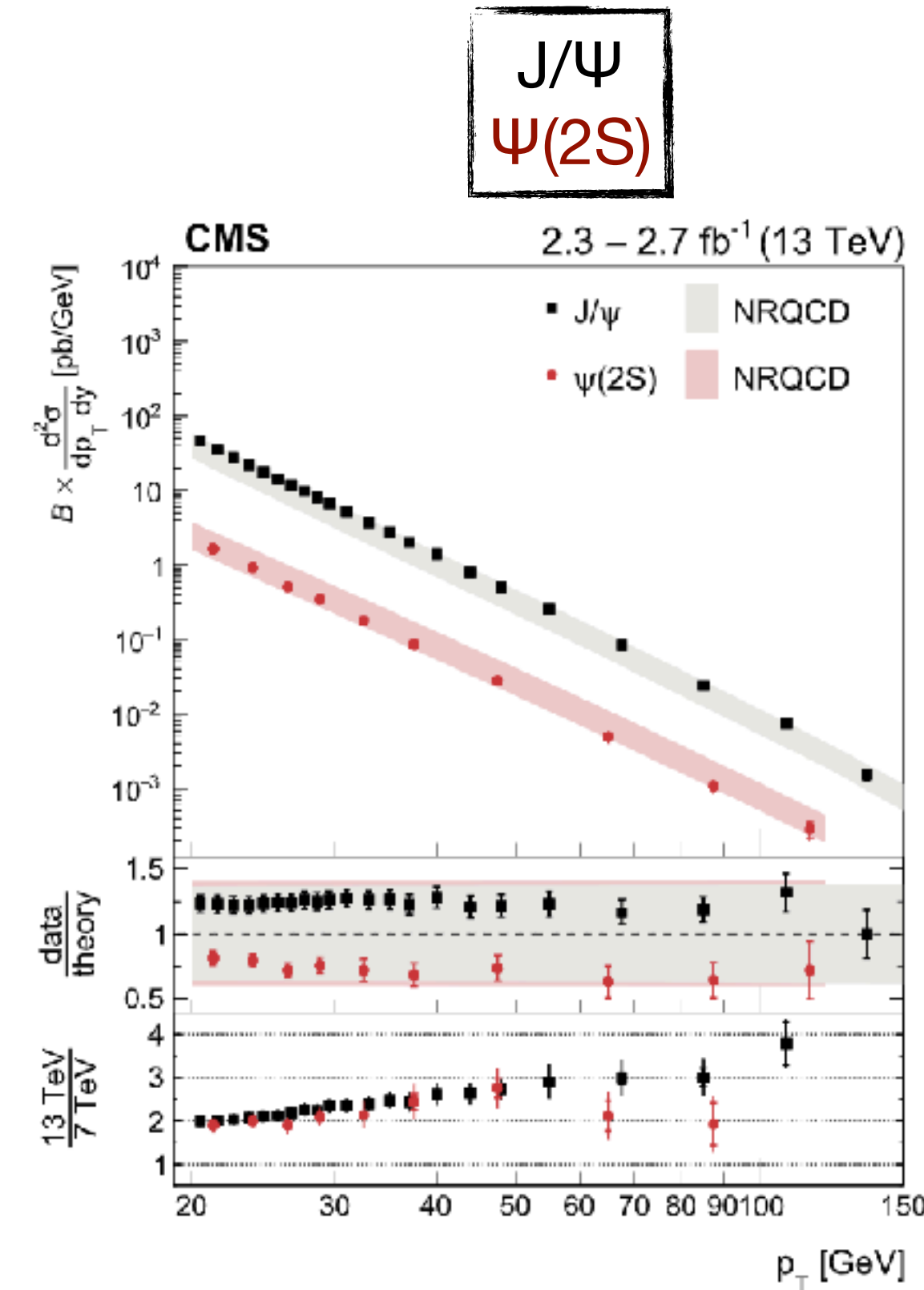
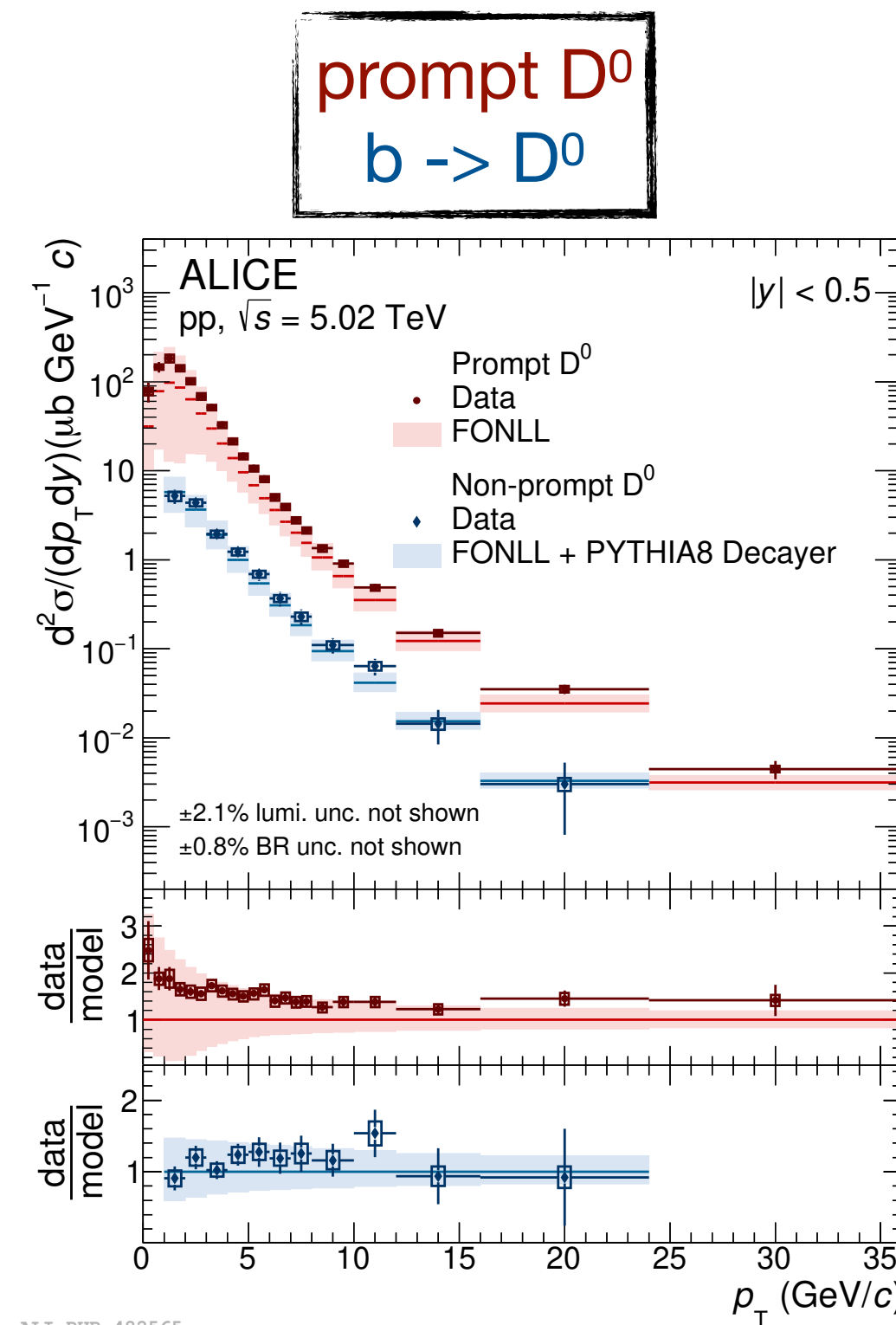
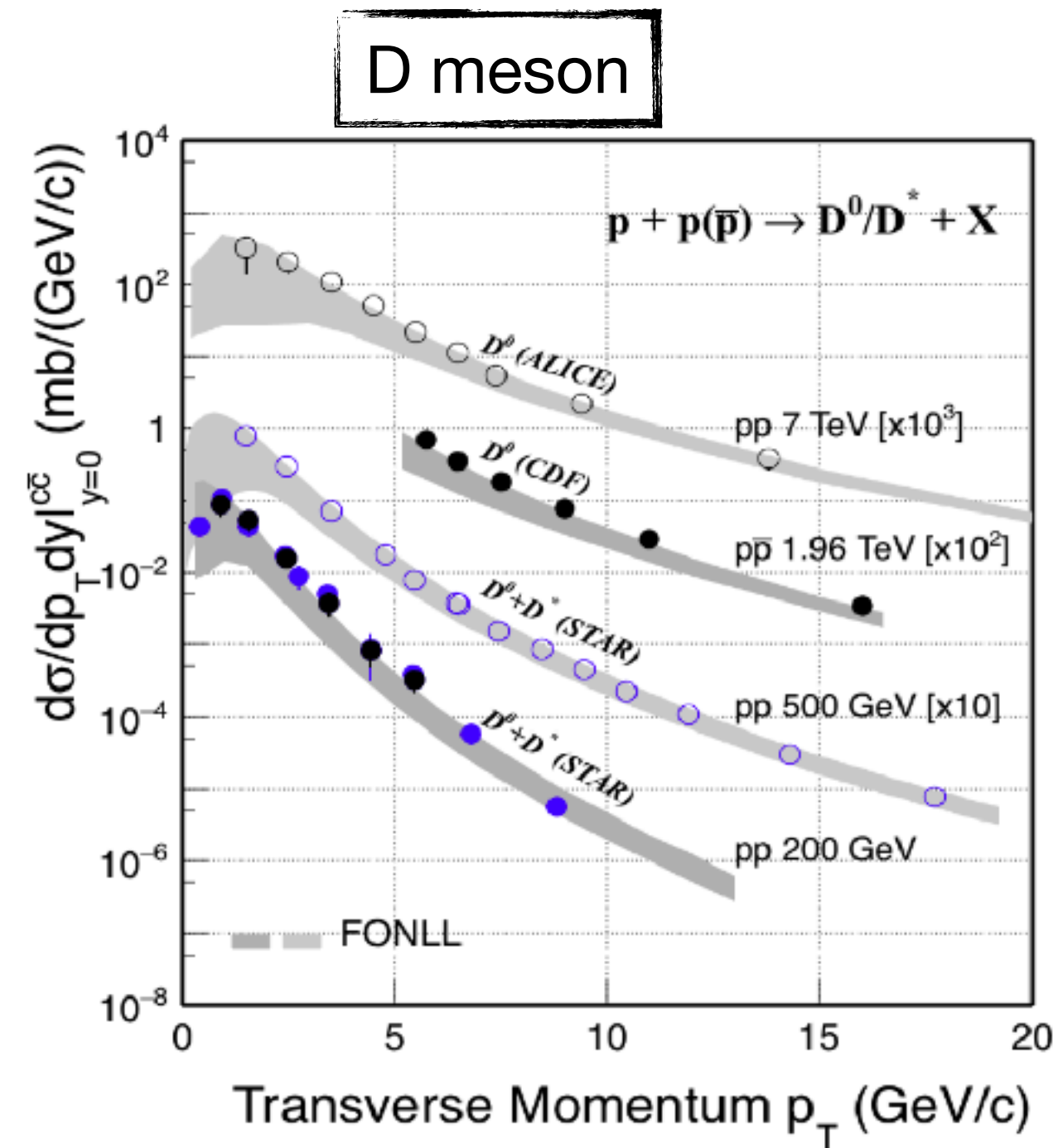
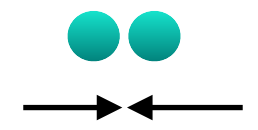
D meson



J/ψ

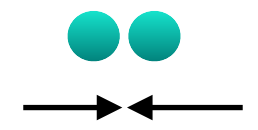


# HF production in pp

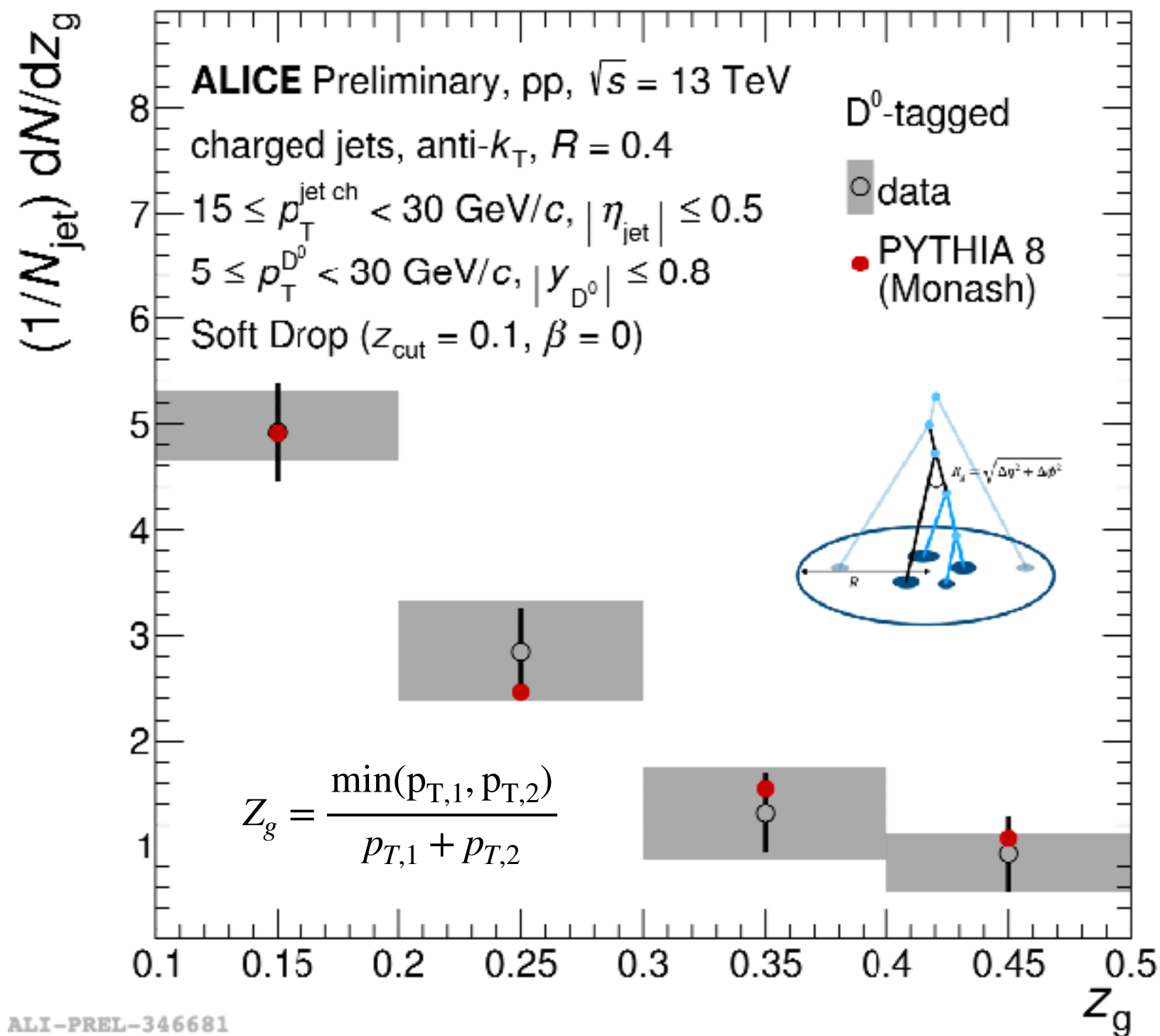


- $p_T$  and  $y$  differential measurements of open heavy-flavour hadrons and quarkonia.
  - ❖ Consistent with pQCD calculations within uncertainties at RHIC and LHC.

# Differential HF measurements in pp

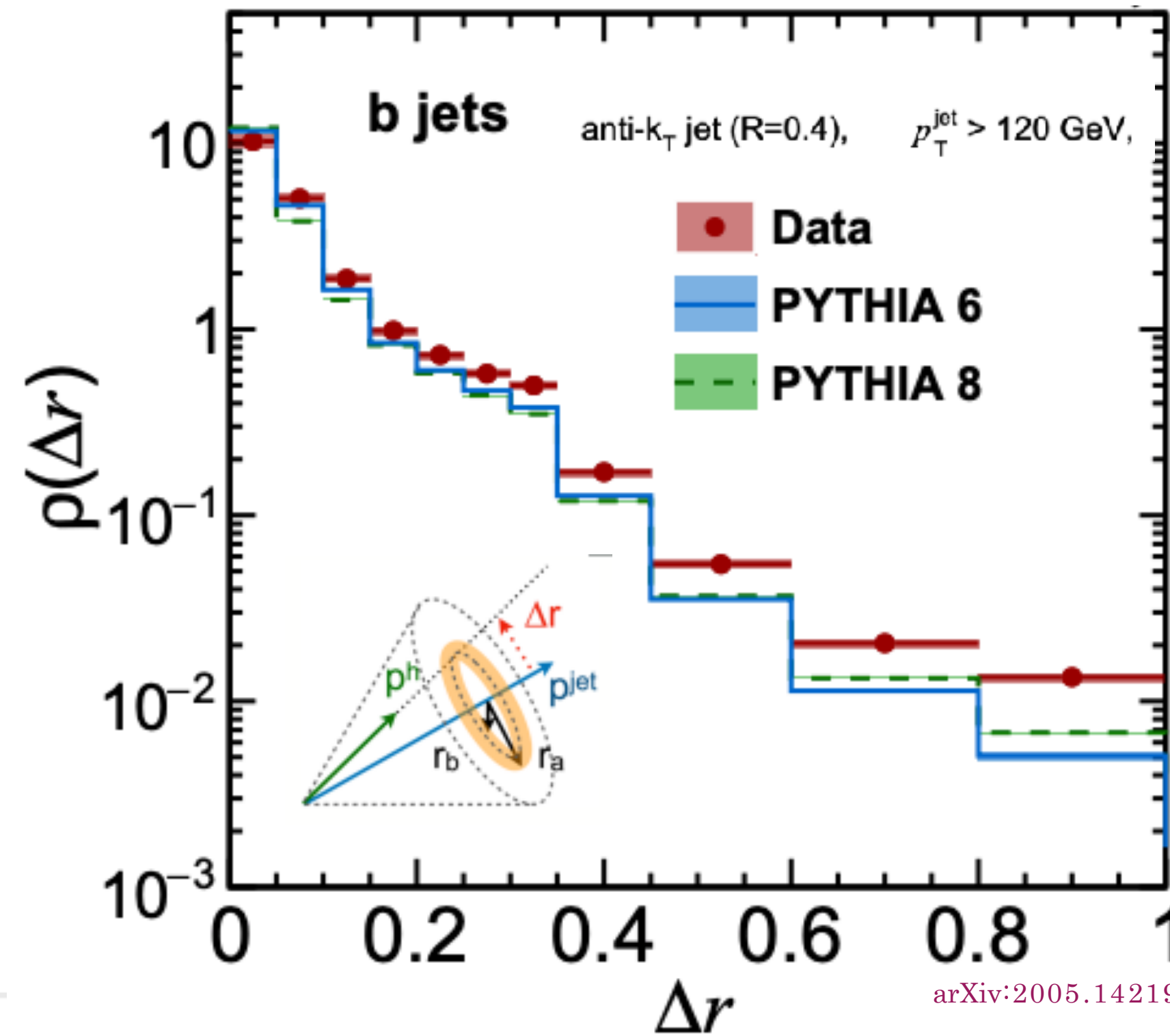


Jets with D<sup>0</sup>

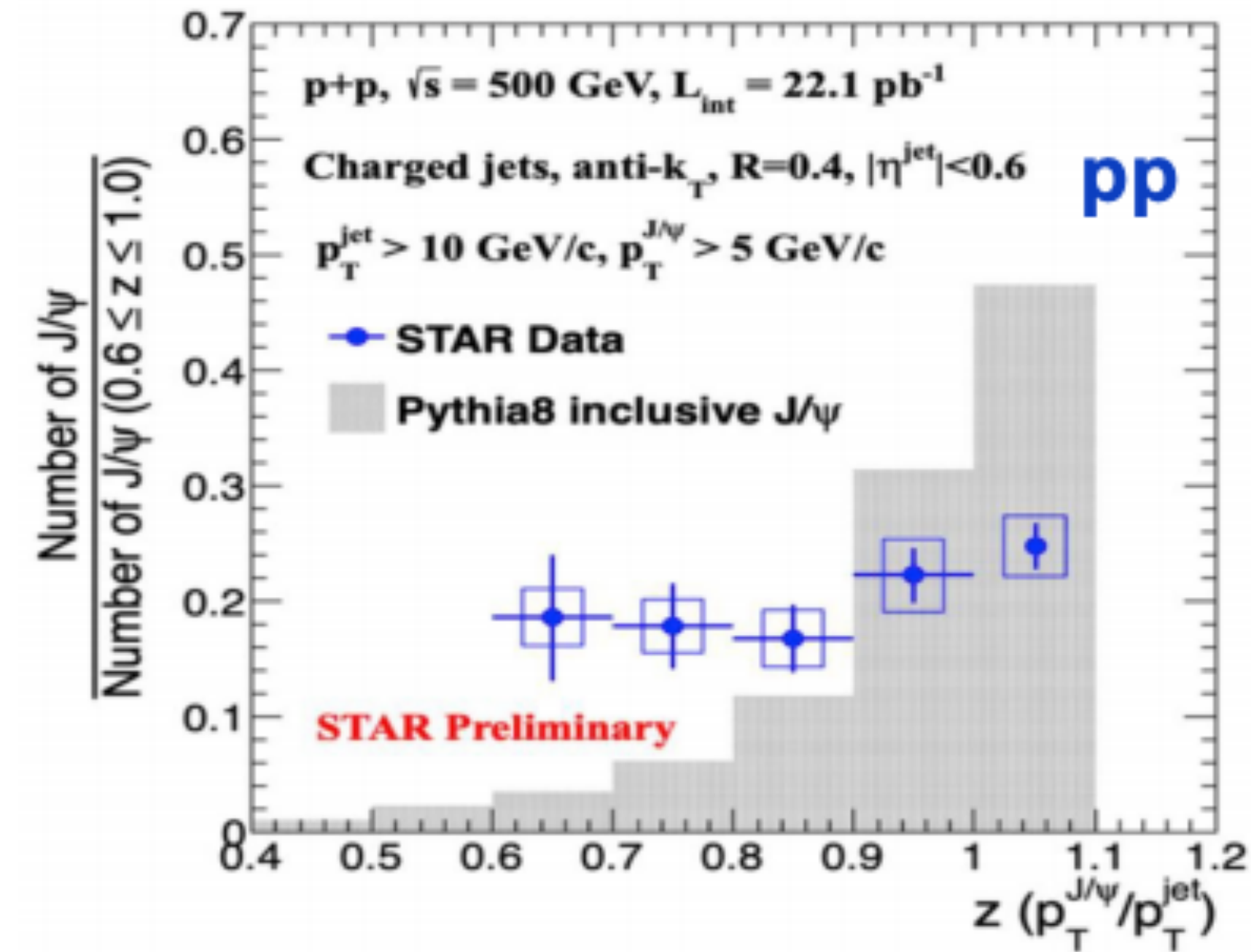


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Jets with beauty



Jets with J/ψ

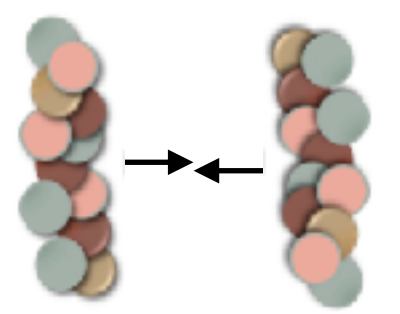


- HF jet measurements:

- D0-jet substructure: groomed momentum fraction - described by PYTHIA.
- Ch. particle distribution in b-jets: PYTHIA underestimates large  $\Delta r$  contribution.
- J/ψ fragmentation function - J/ψ produced less isolated than predicted by PYTHIA.

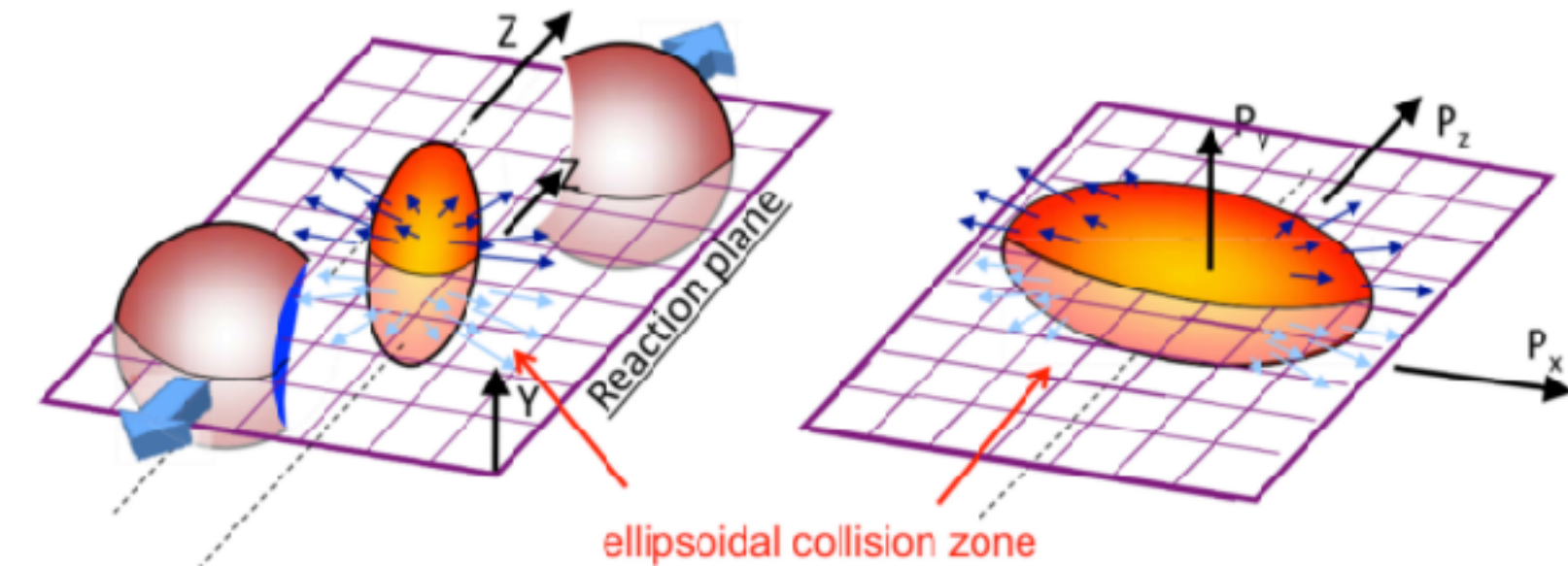
- Differential measurements need better understanding

# Heavy-flavor measurements in A-A



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- ❖ Mass dependent  $v_2$  comparing LF, charm and beauty quarks
- ❖ Open HF and quarkonia
- ❖ Mass dependent  $v_3$  comparing LF, charm and beauty quarks
- ❖  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  vs centrality
- ❖ LHC vs RHIC



- ❖ **Nuclear Modification Factor ( $R_{AA}$ )** - energy loss in the QGP

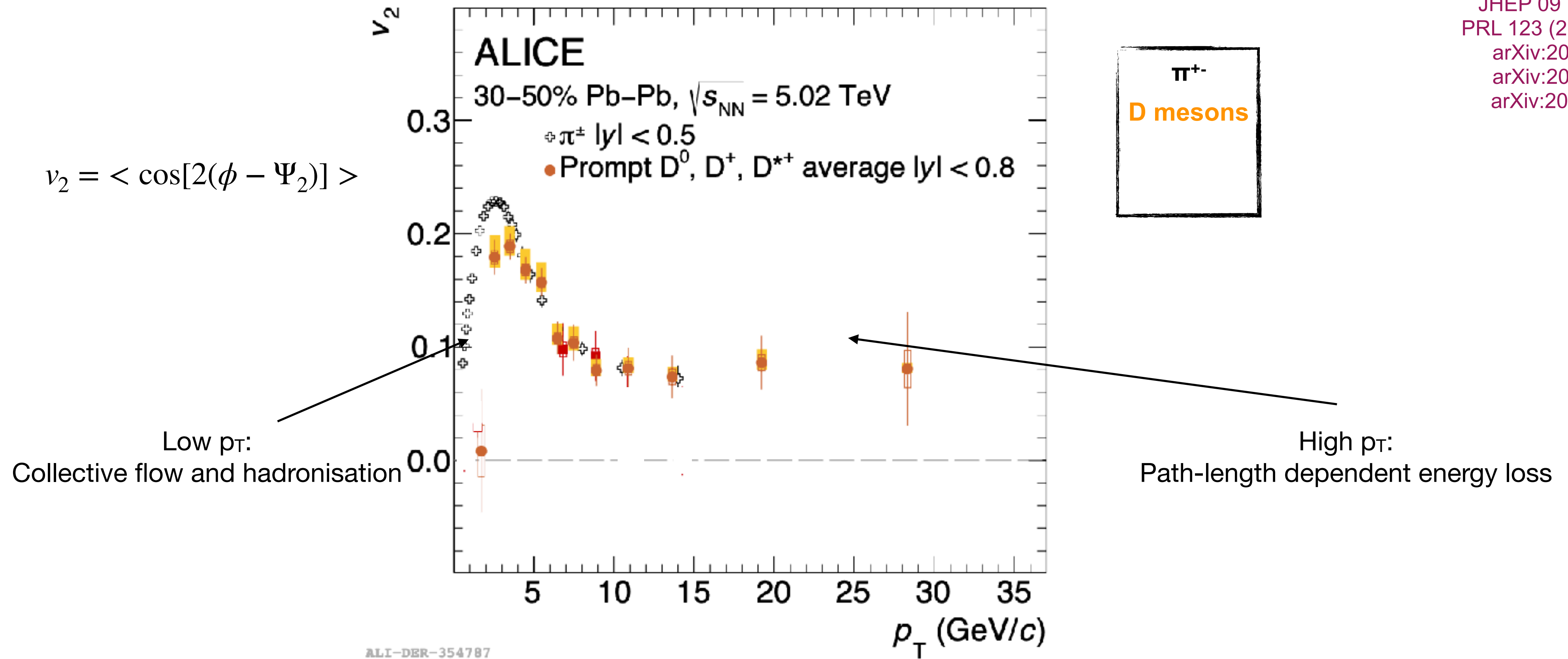
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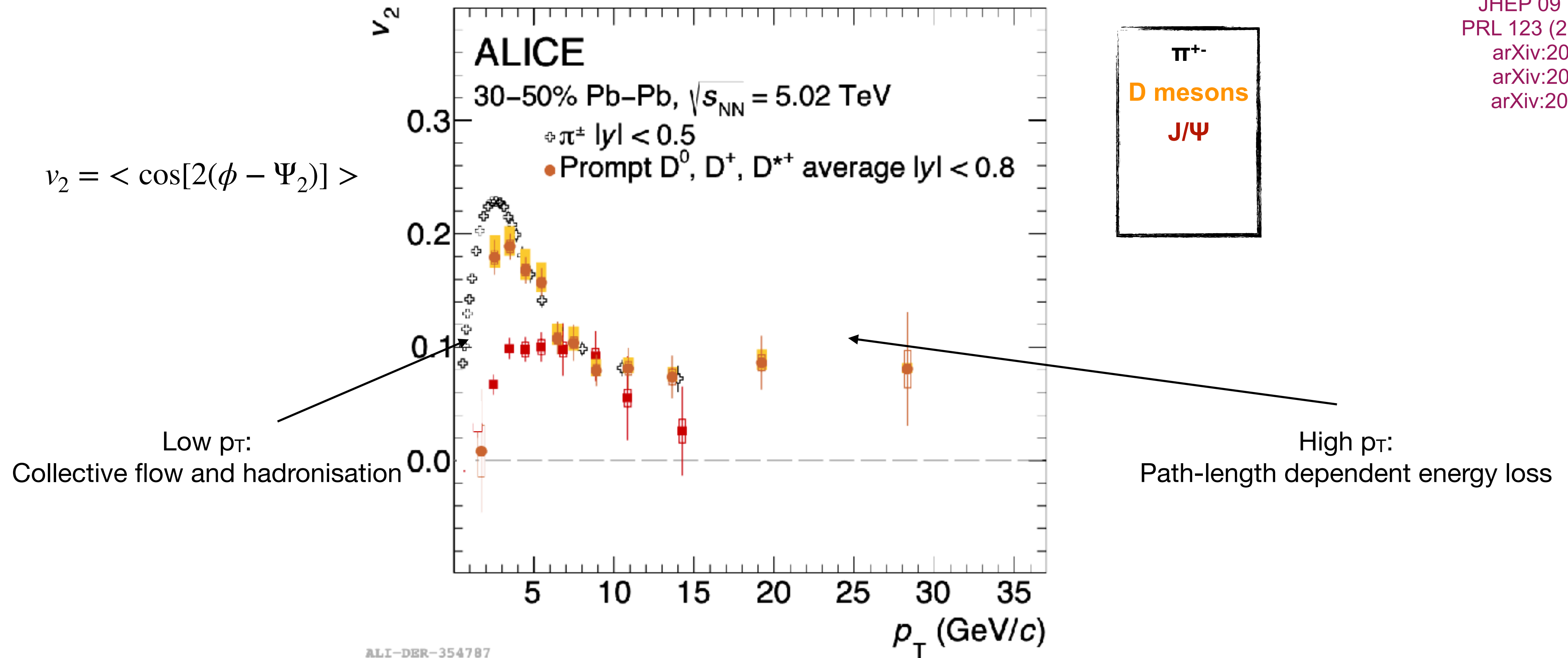


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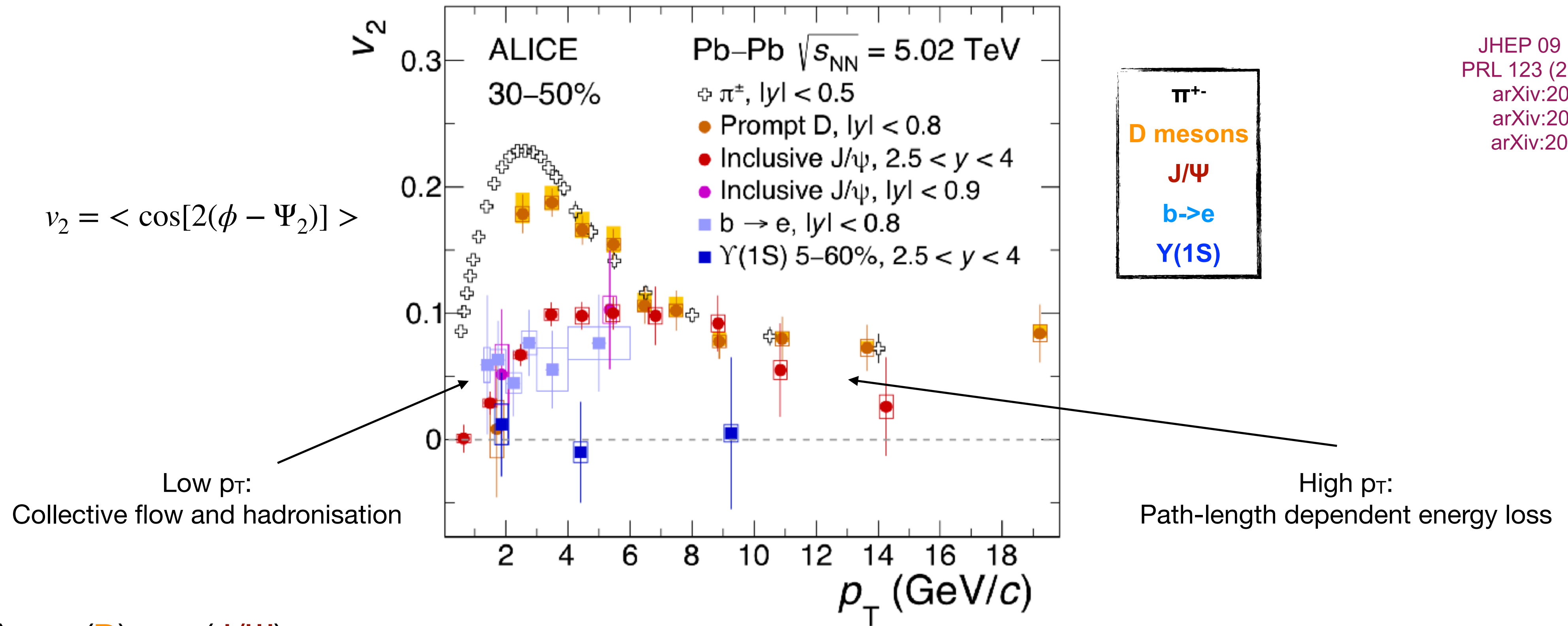
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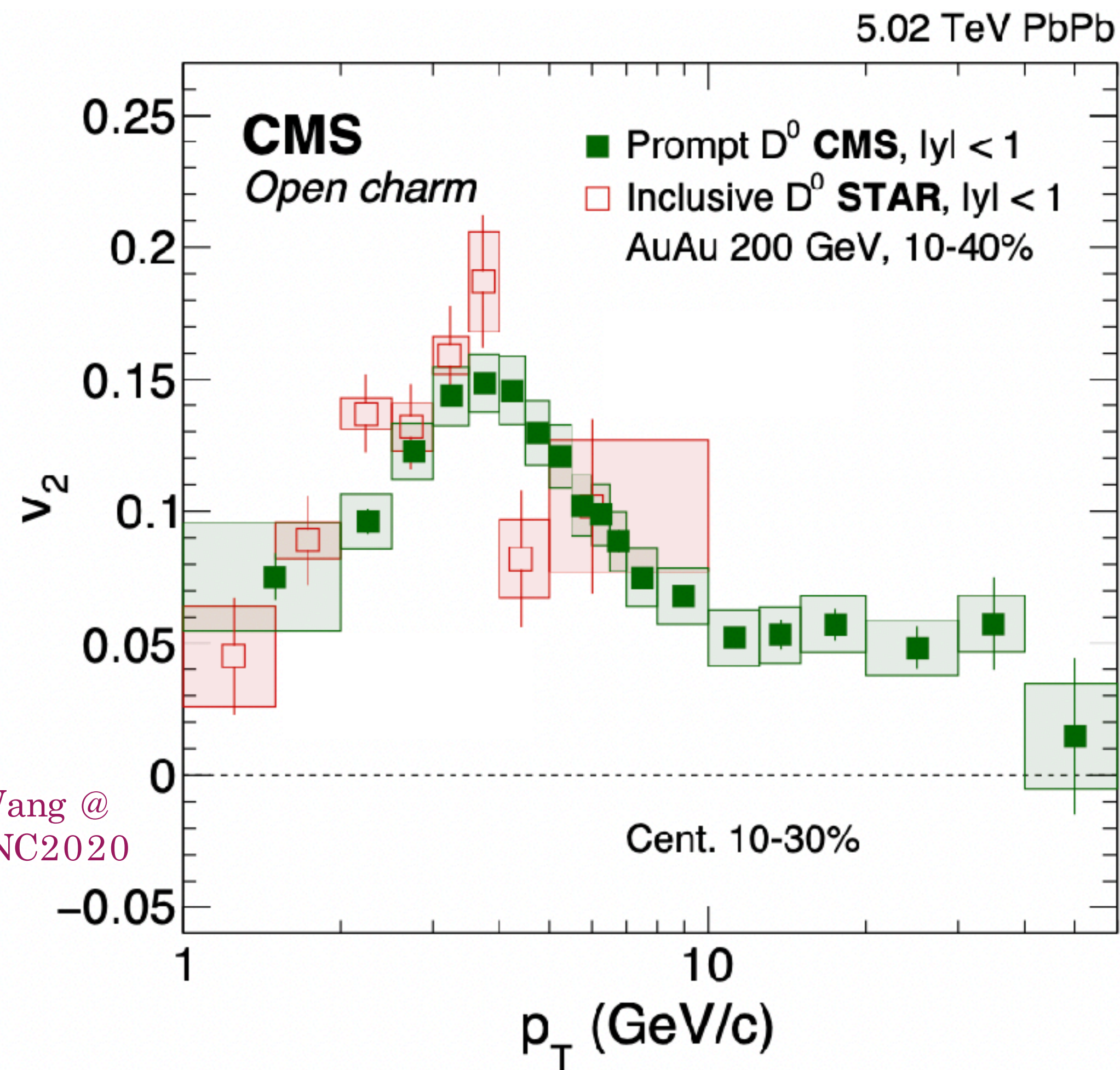
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- Open-beauty  $v_2 > 0$ , while bottomonia  $v_2 \sim 0$ 
  - Impact of path-length dependent energy loss and recombination of open beauty?
  - Negligible recombination expected for Y(1S)

# $v_2$ at LHC and RHIC

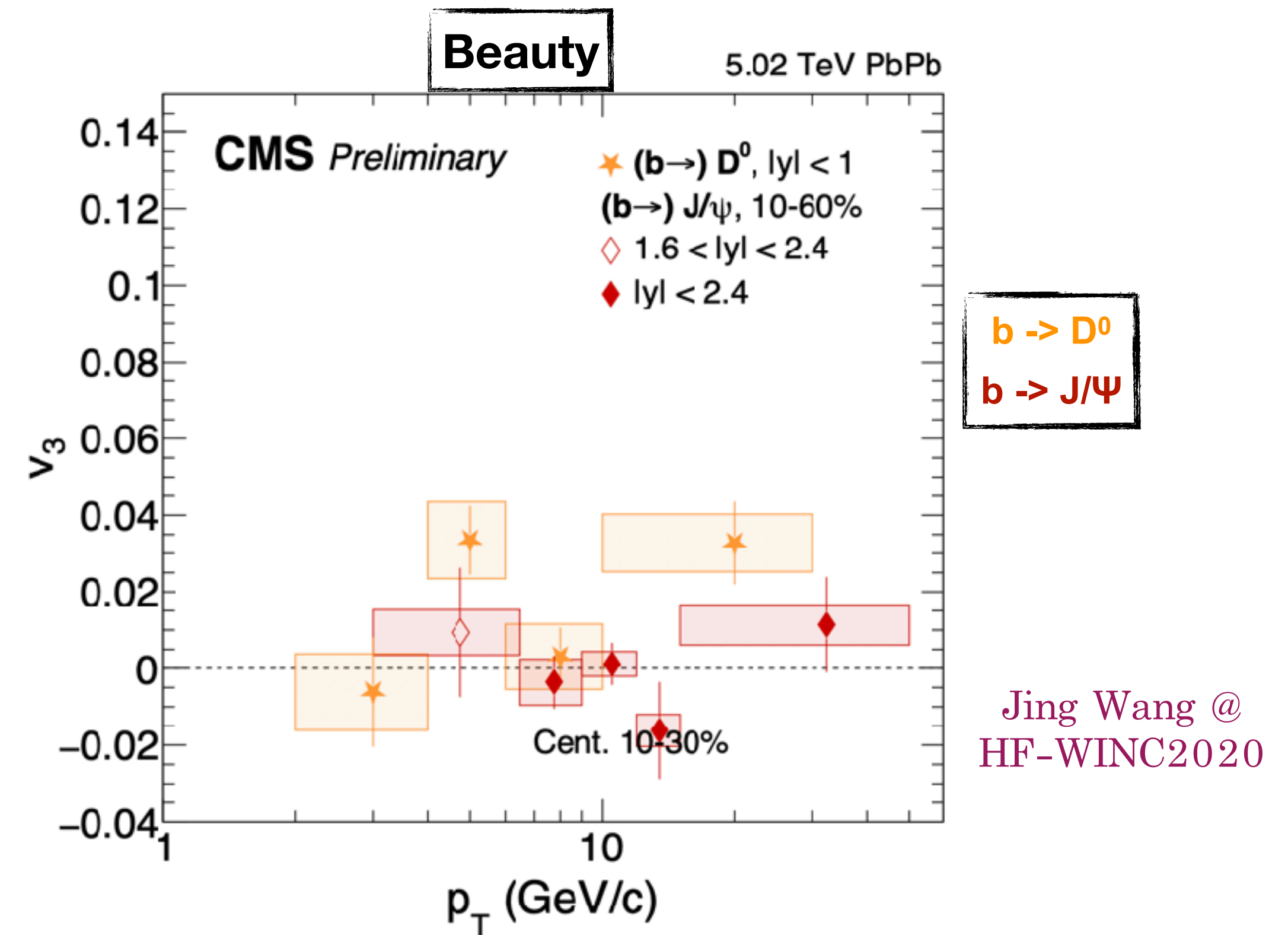
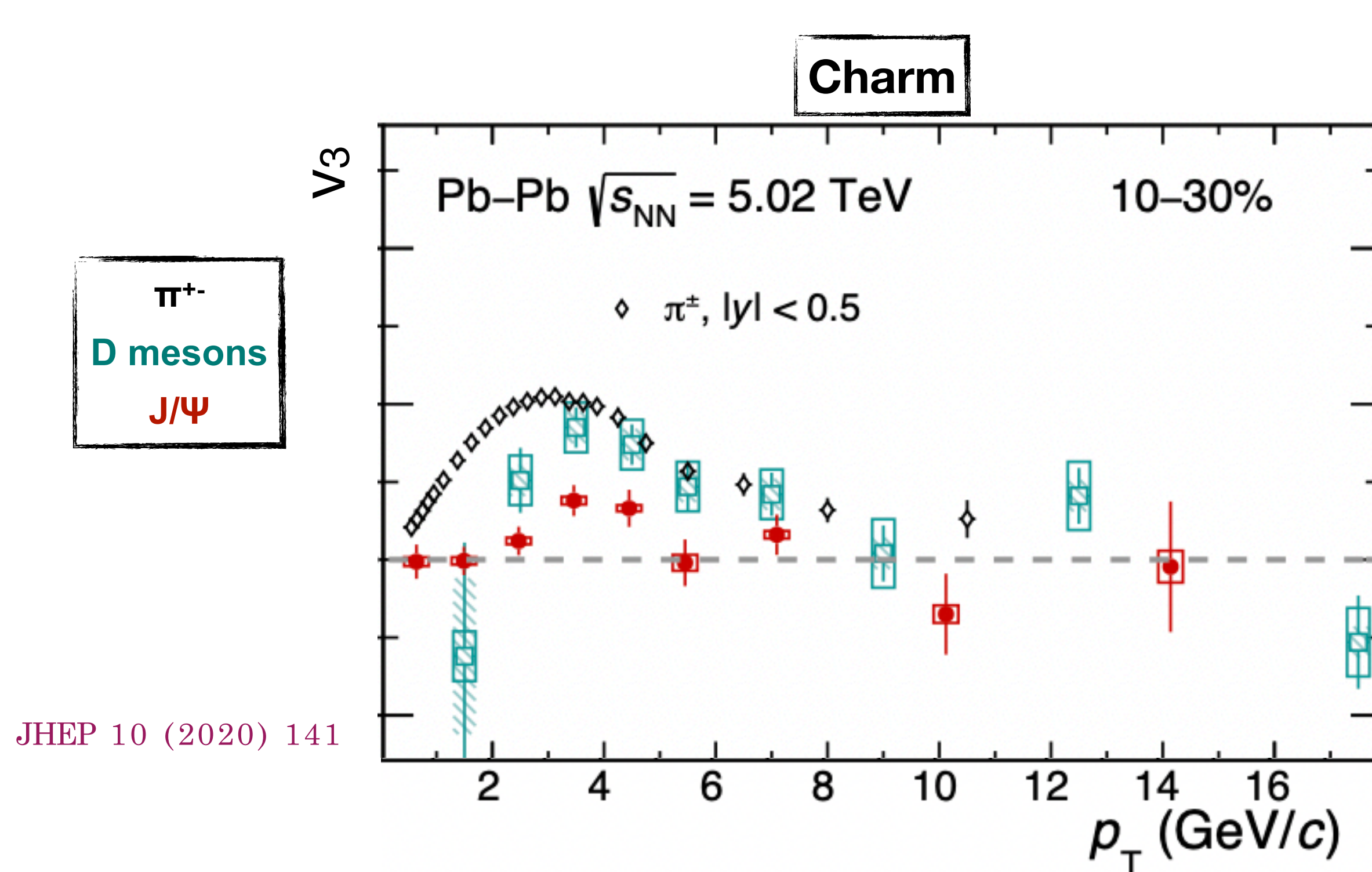


$v_2$  of D mesons at different collision energies at LHC and RHIC show similar  $p_T$  dependence.

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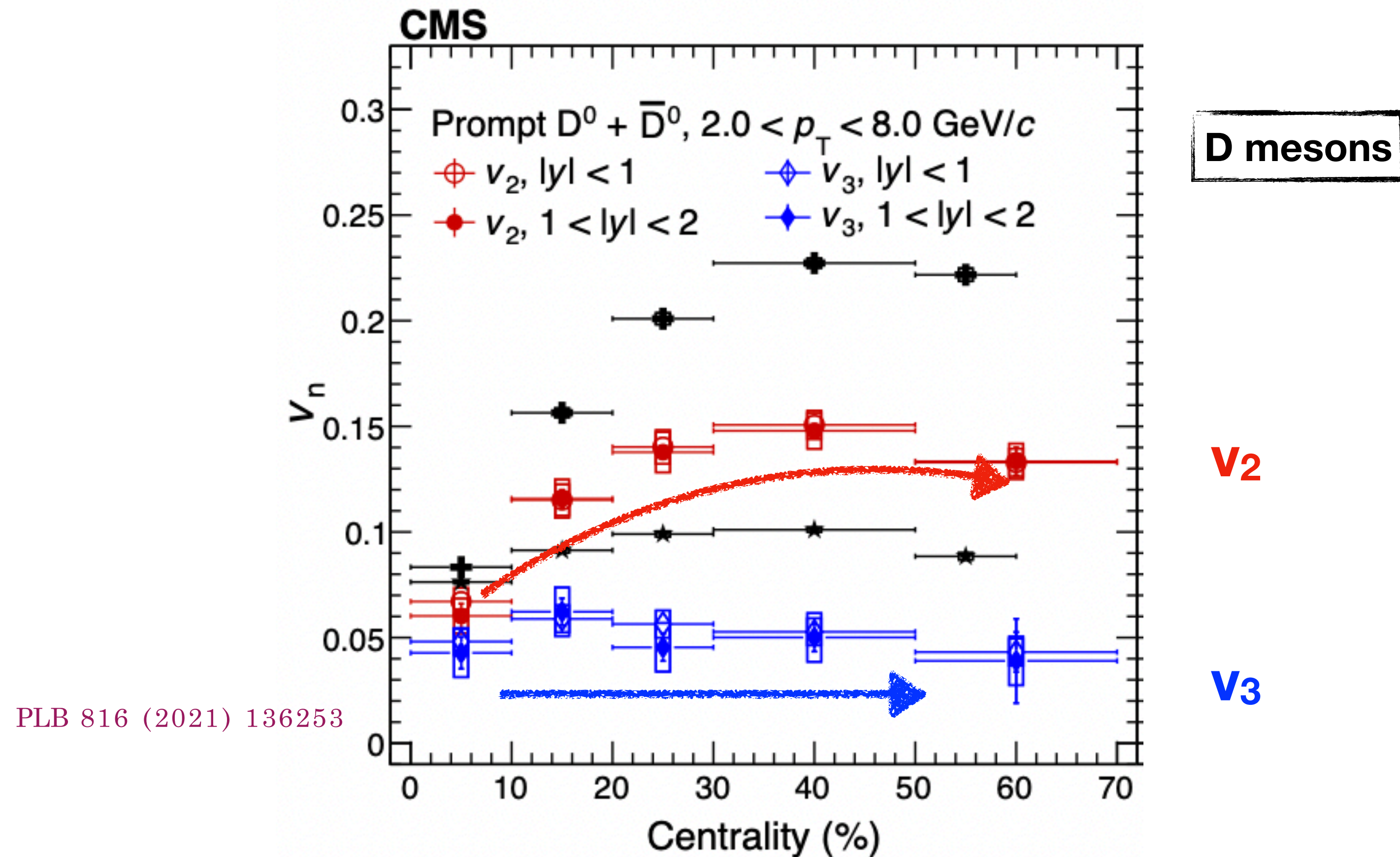
# $v_3$ of heavy quarks at LHC

Sensitive to the fluctuations in the initial energy-density within the overlap region



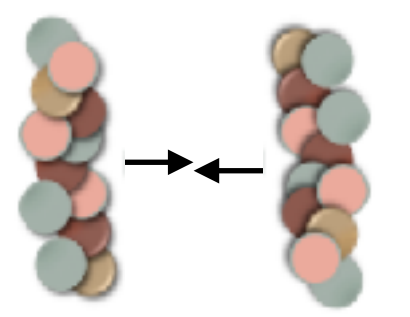
- $v_3(\pi^\pm) > v_3(D) > v_3(J/\psi) \rightarrow$  mass hierarchy observed in  $v_3$  as well.
- Confirms charm quark being kinetically equilibrated in the QGP medium.
- Beauty quark  $v_3 \sim 0$

# Centrality dependence of $v_2$ and $v_3$

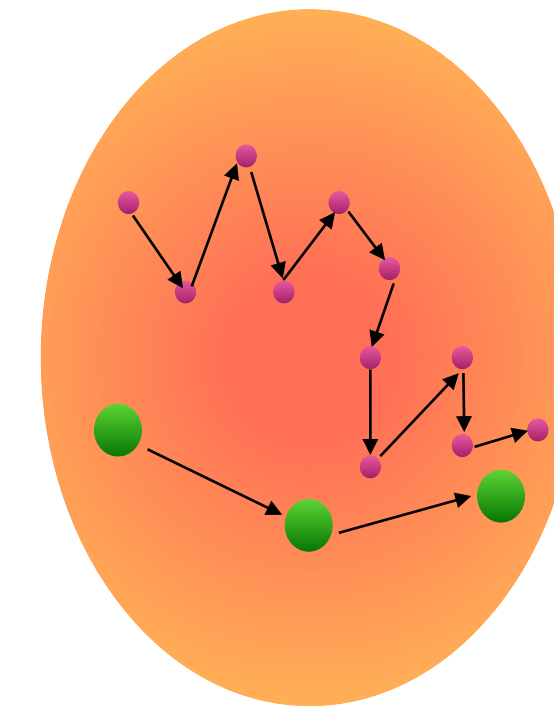


- $v_n(h) > v_n(D)$ ; centrality trend similar for D mesons and charged particles
- $v_2$ : strong centrality dependence  $\rightarrow$  due to collision geometry and viscosity effects.
- $v_3$ : weak centrality dependence  $\rightarrow$  expected from fluctuations in collision geometry.

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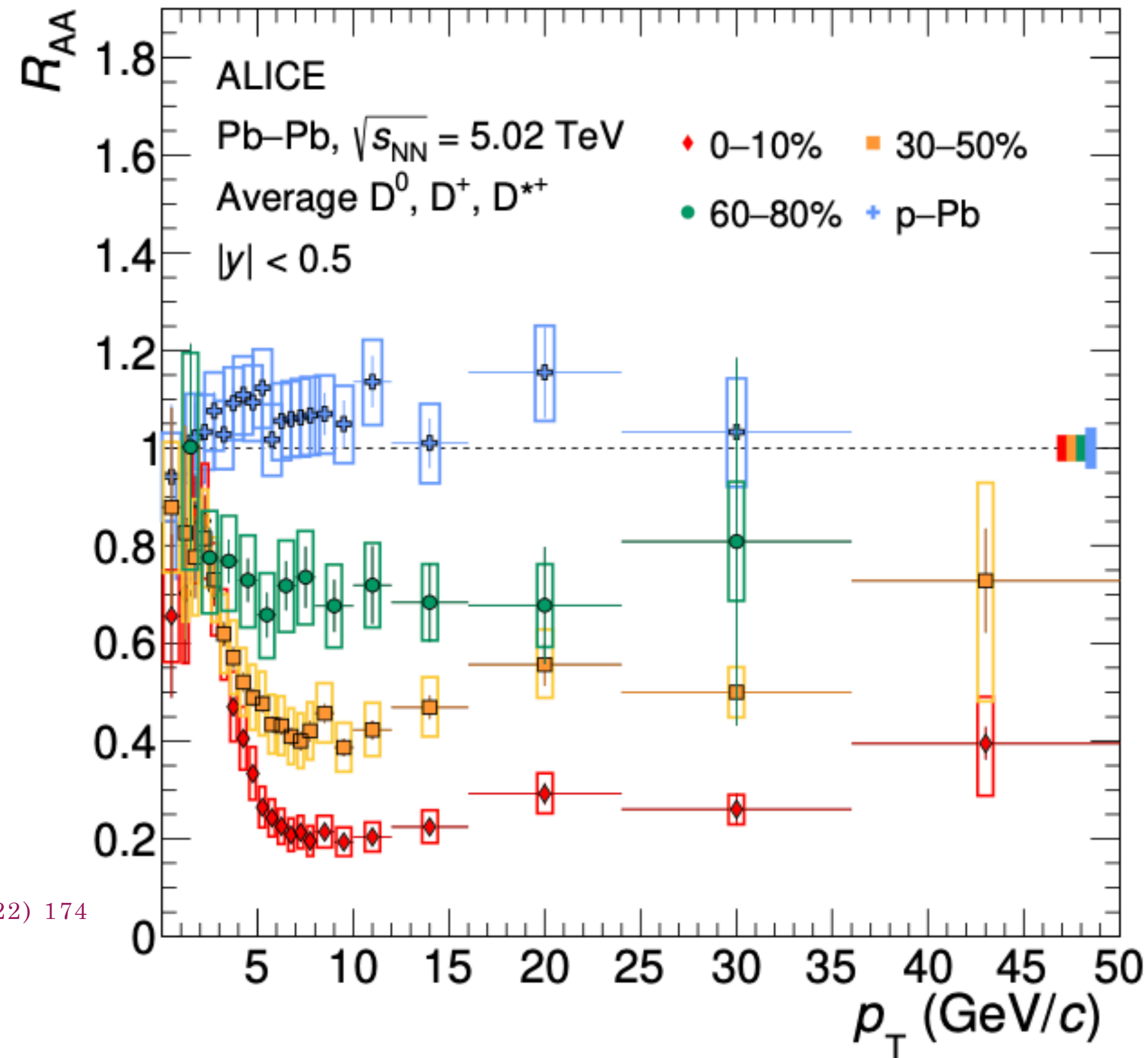


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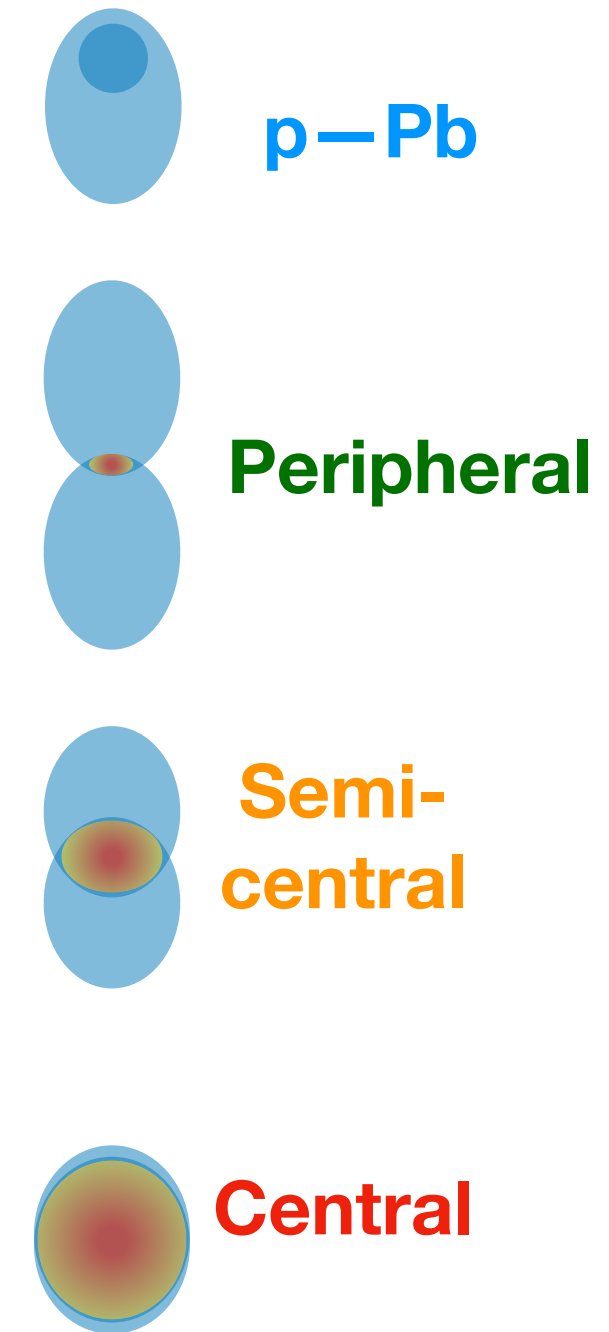


# $R_{AA}$ of D mesons

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{Y_{AA}}{Y_{pp}}$$



LHC



$R_{AA} < 1$   $\rightarrow$  charm undergoes energy loss in GQP

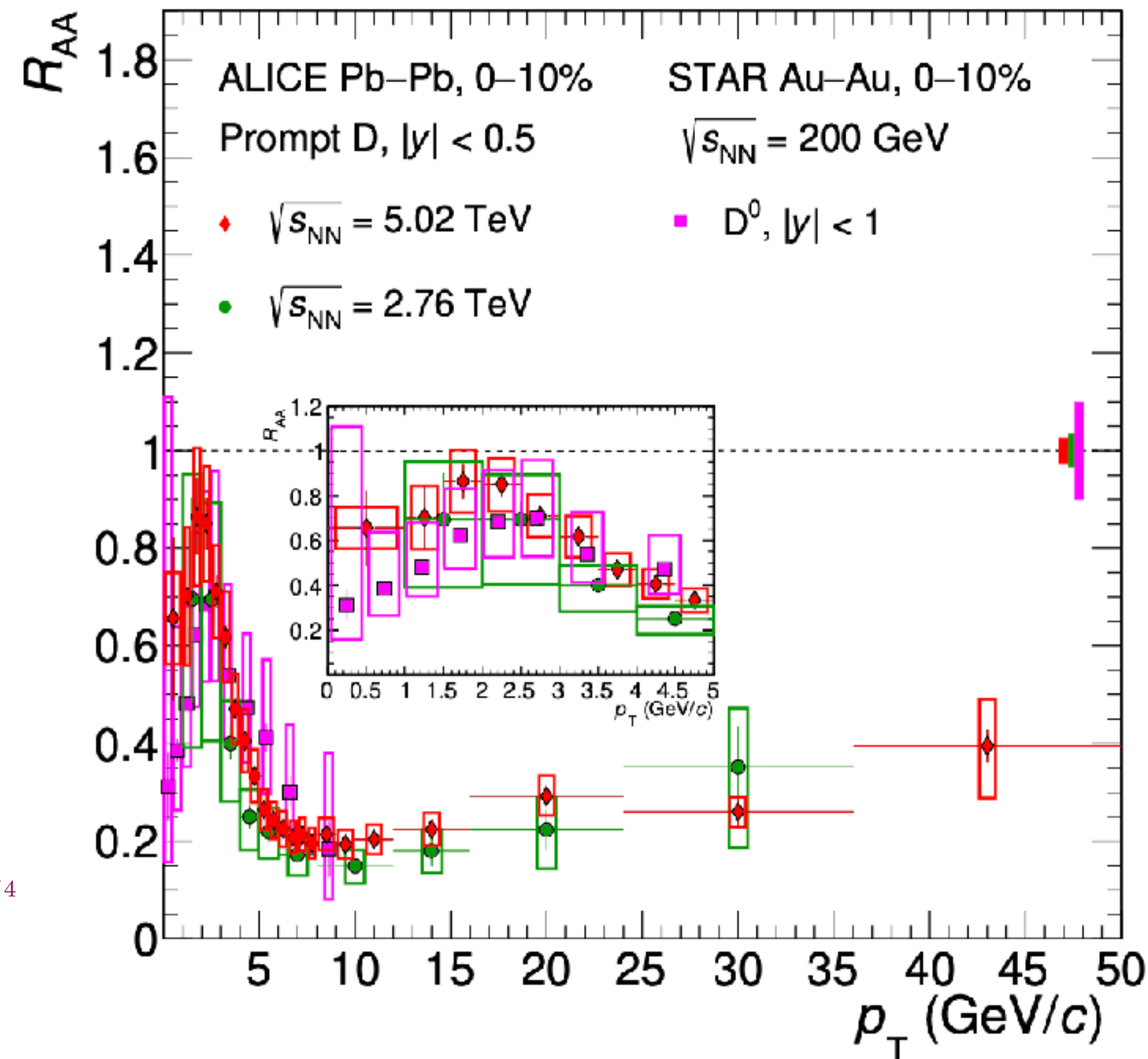
$R_{AA} (0-10\%) < R_{AA} (30-50\%) < R_{AA} (60-80\%)$  at intermediate and high  $p_T$

Hotter and denser medium in central Pb-Pb collisions compared to peripheral collisions.



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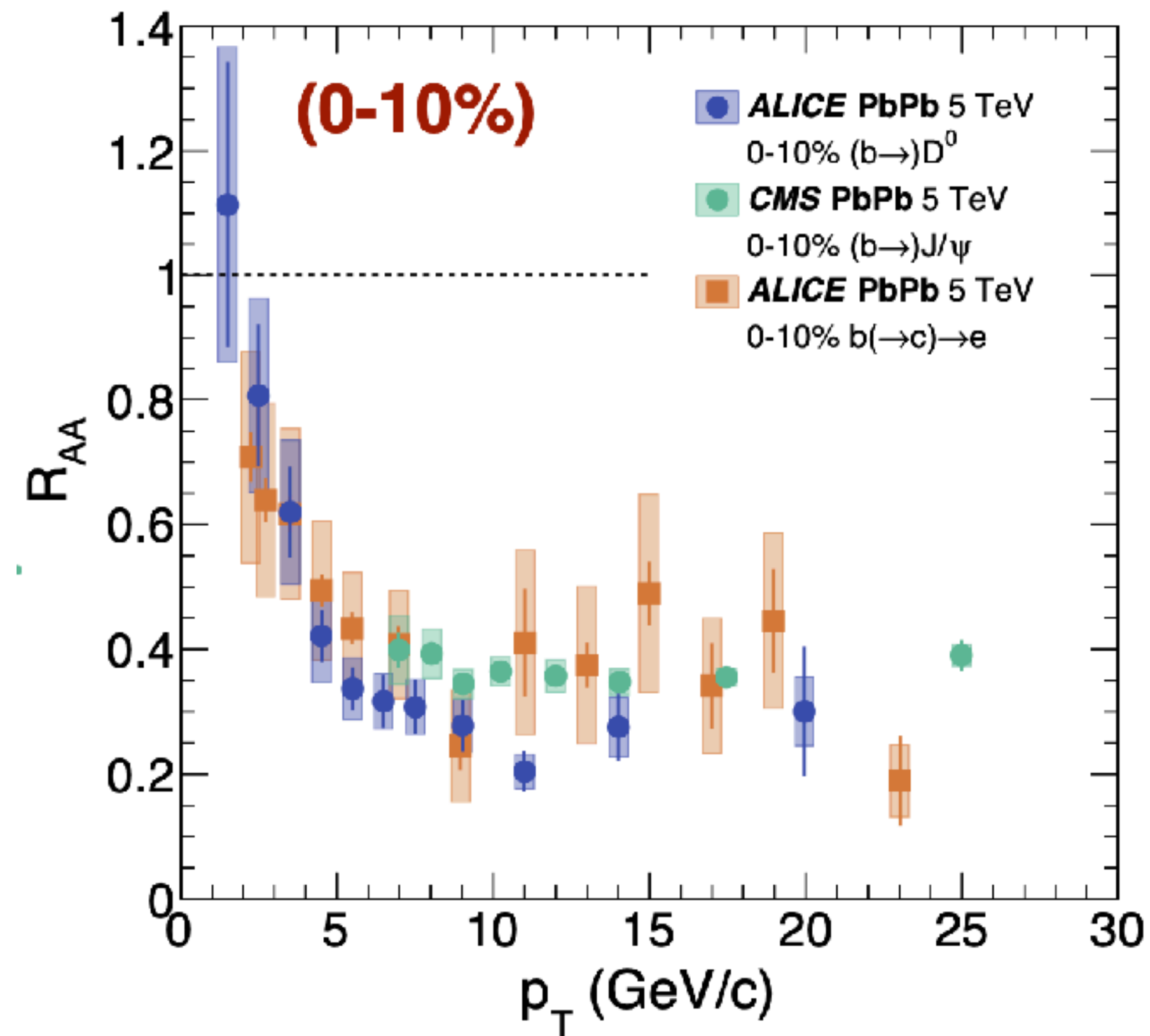
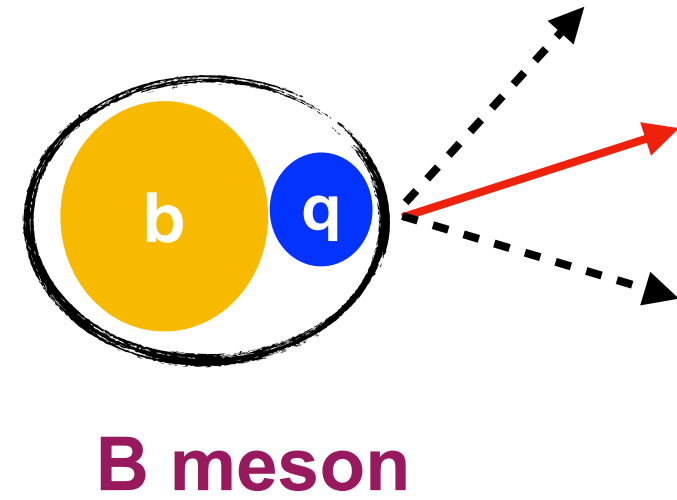
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—> interplay of  $p_T$  spectra shape and collision energy/initial temperature.

# R<sub>AA</sub> of beauty

Studying mass dependent energy loss

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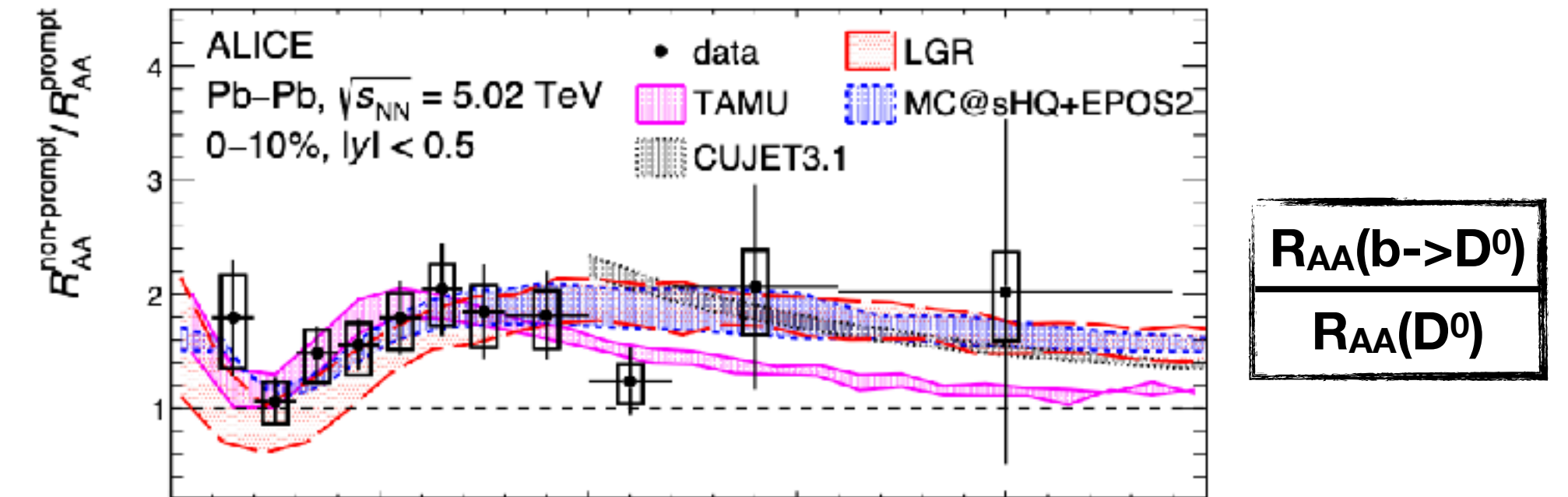
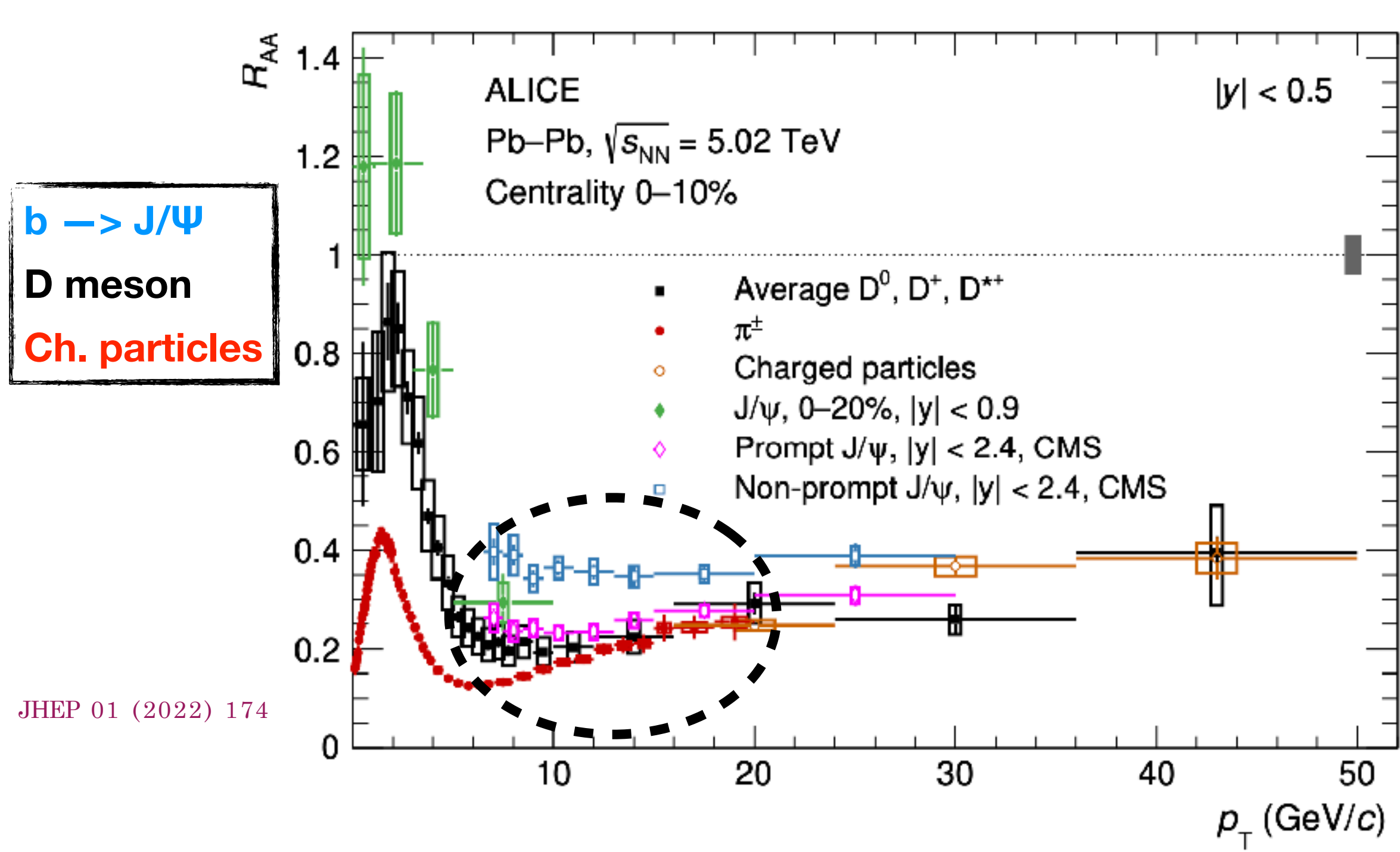
b → D<sup>0</sup> (ALICE)  
 b → J/ψ (CMS)  
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Beauty quark measurements using different decay channels → consistent with each other.

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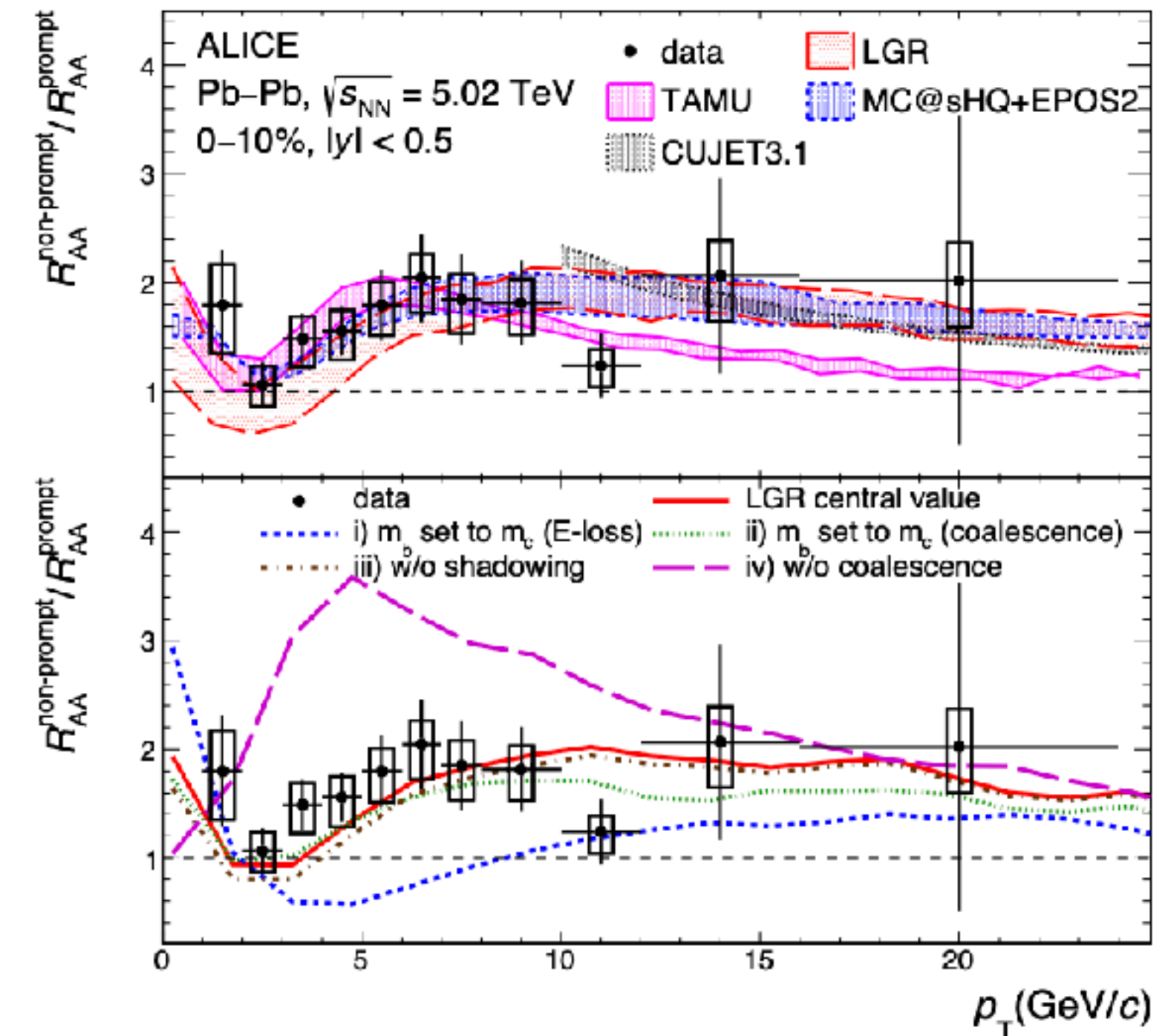
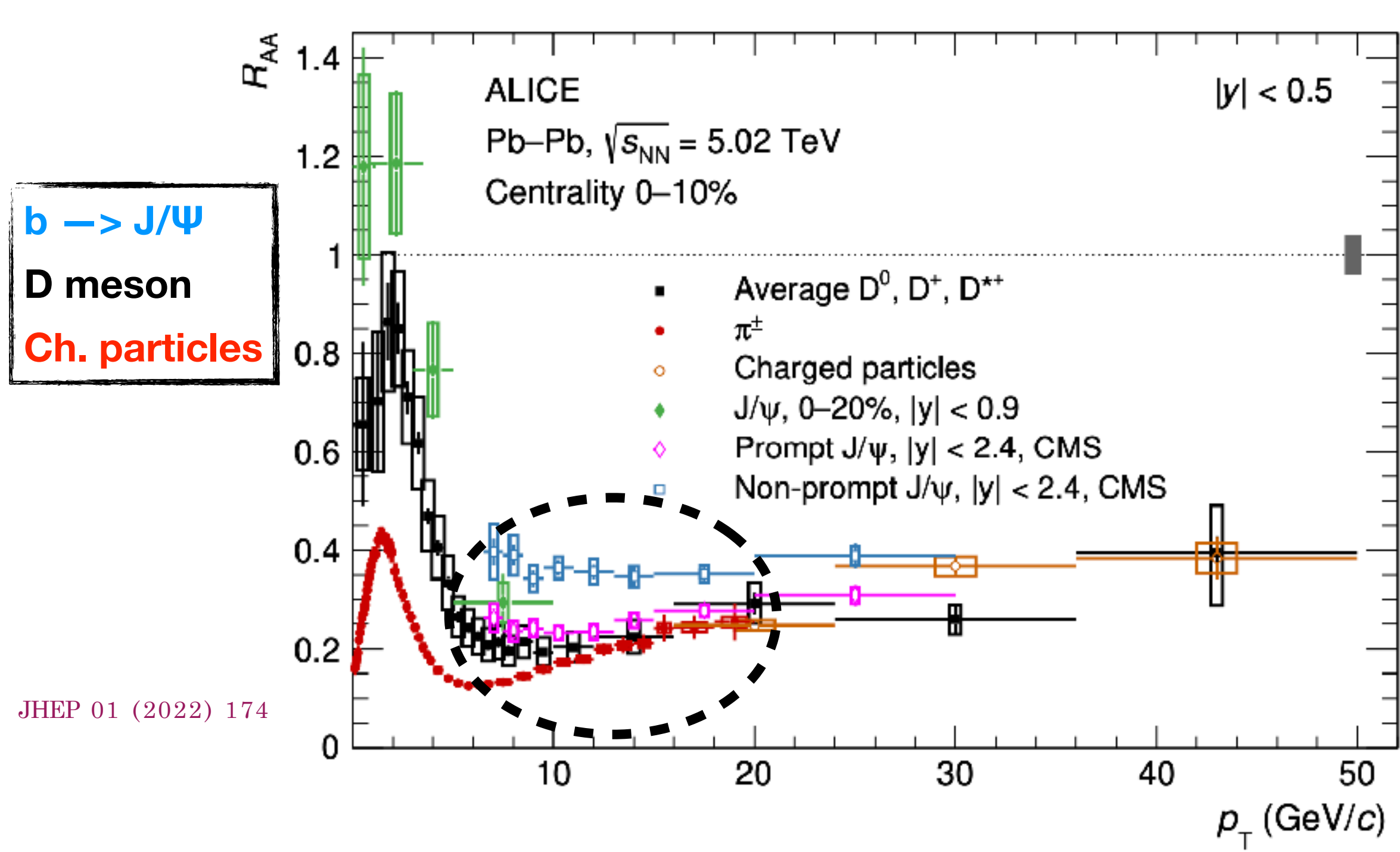
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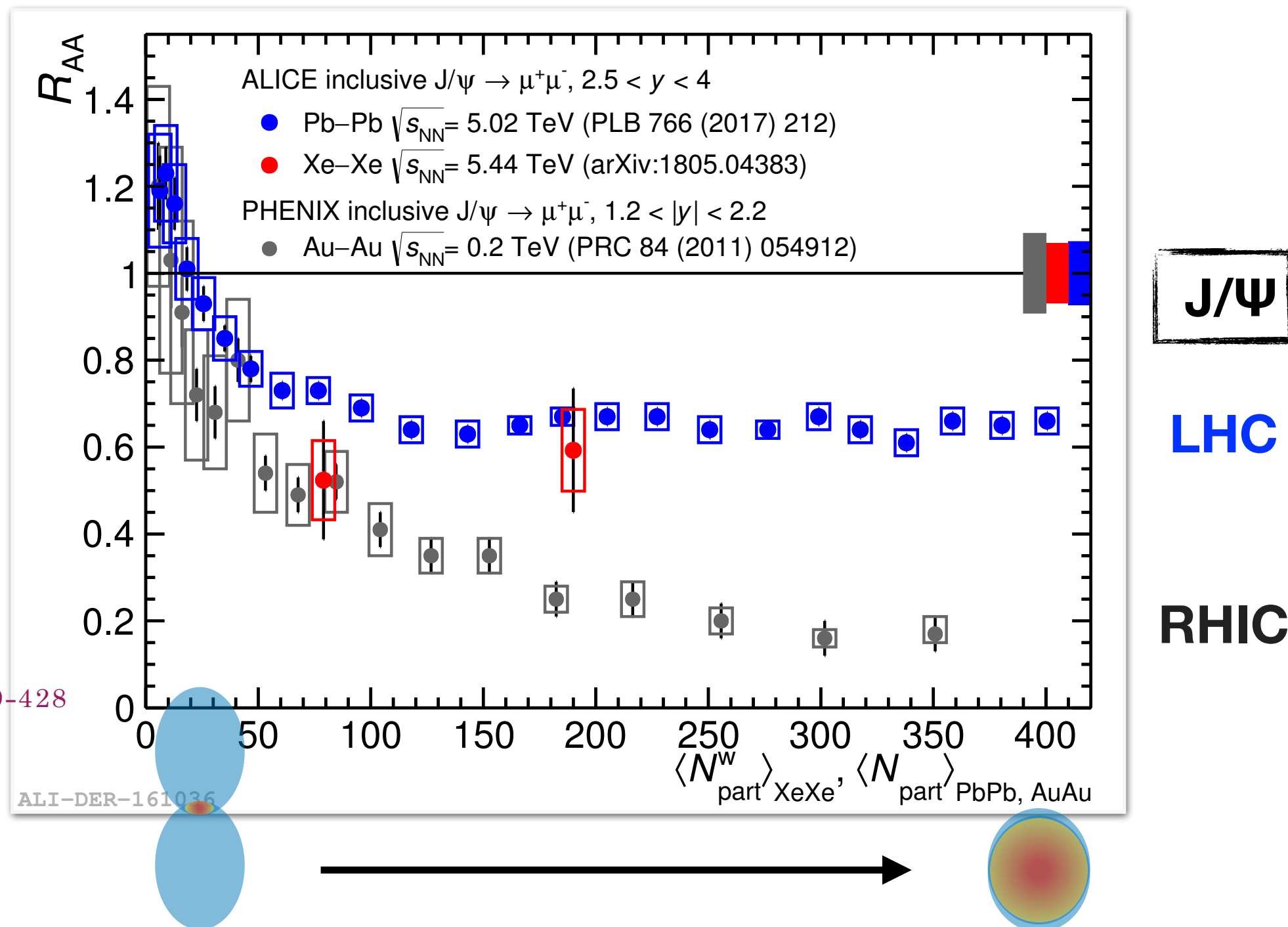
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- Dip due to formation of D mesons via coalescence hardening the D  $p_T$  spectra

# $R_{AA}$ of Quarkonia

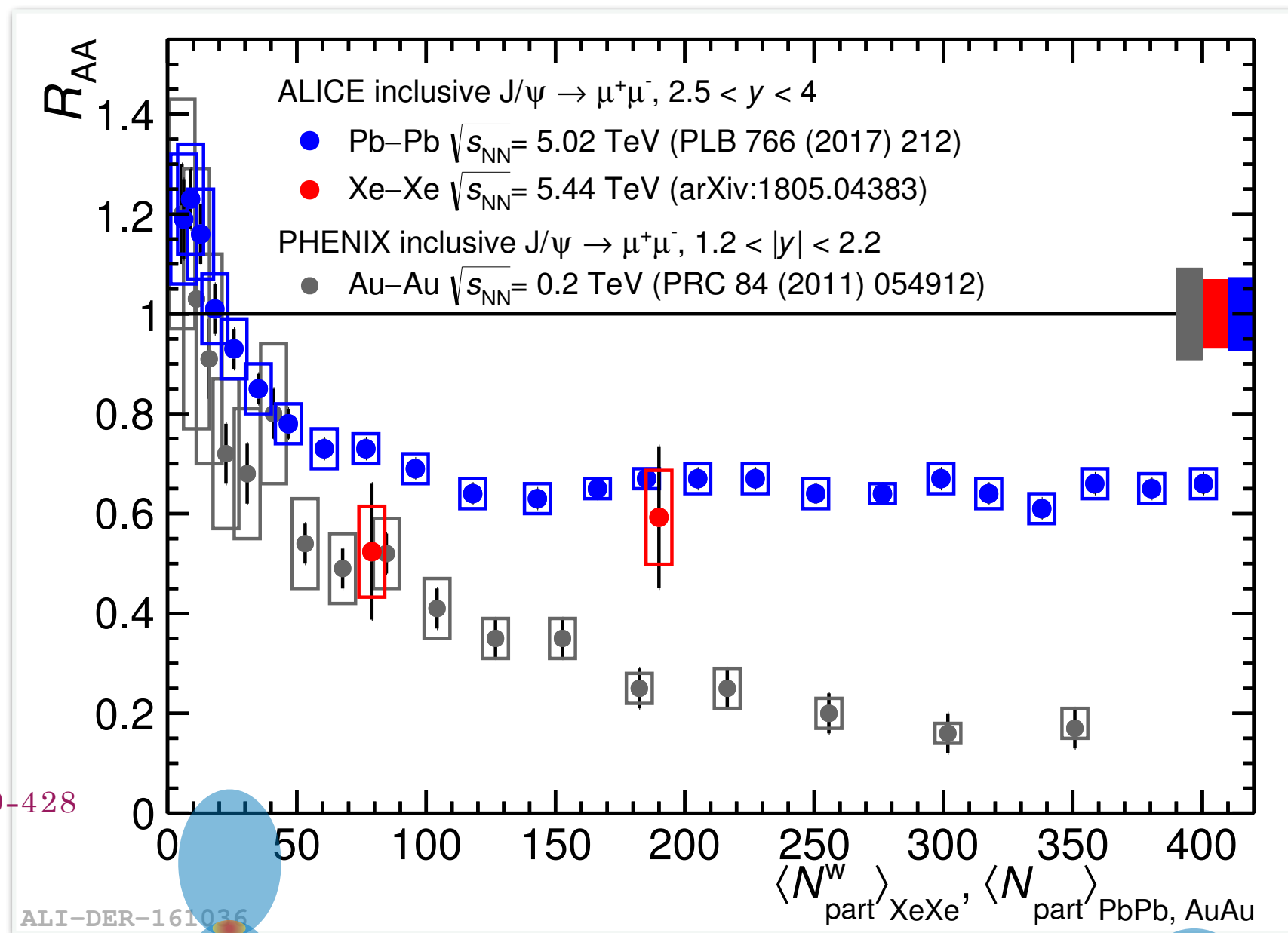
## Charmonium



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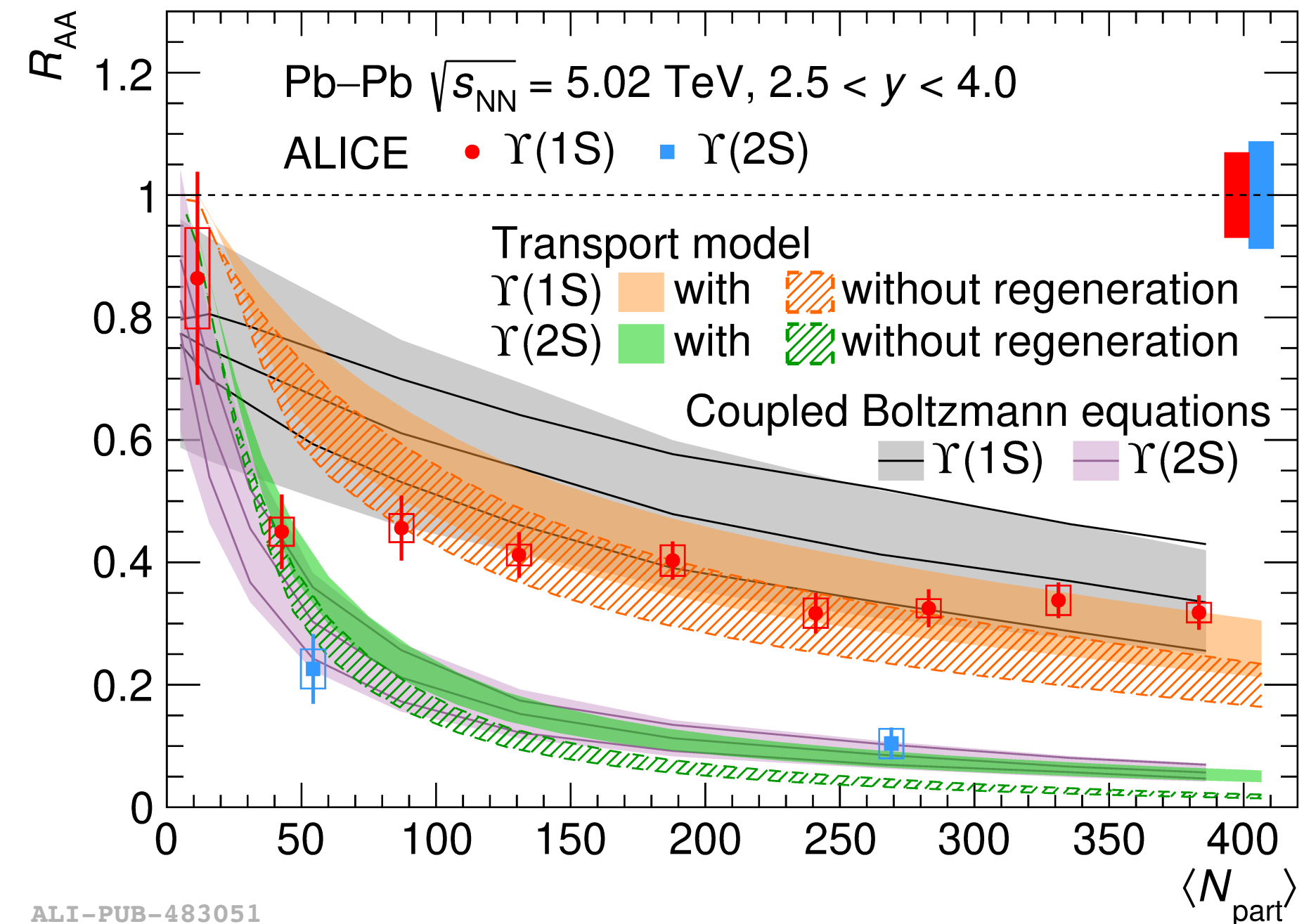
LHC

RHIC

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## Bottomonium



Y(1S)  
Y(2S)

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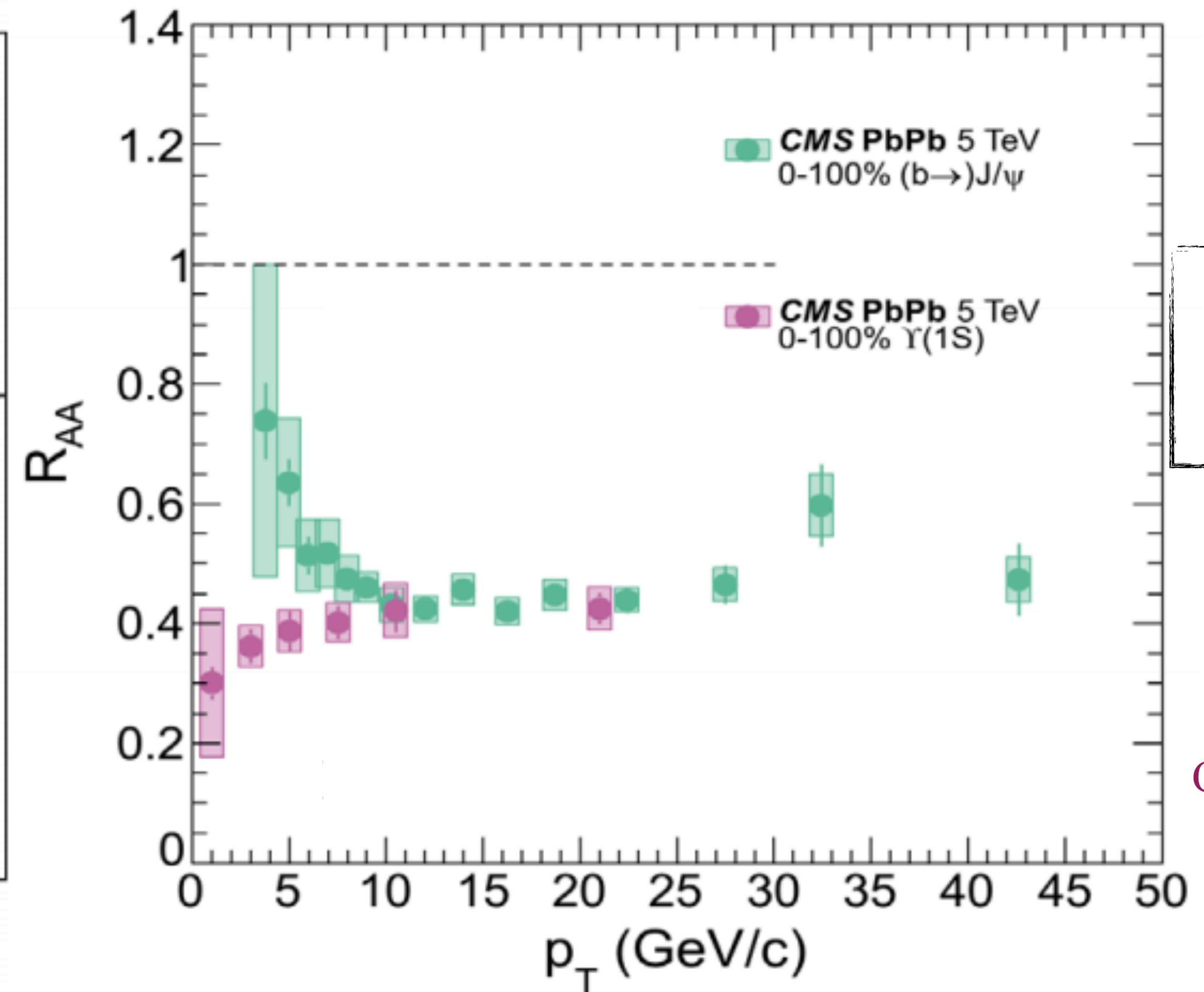
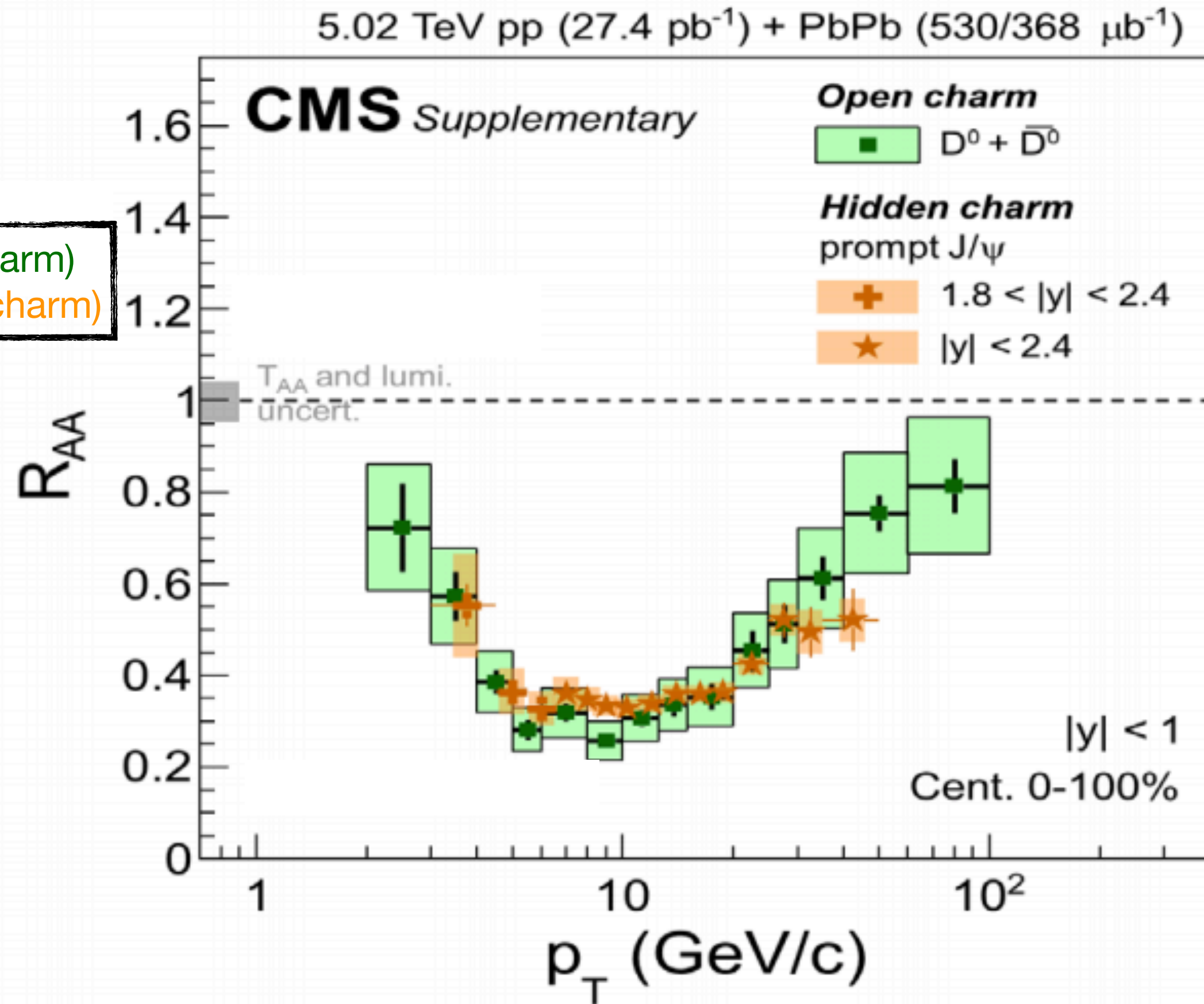
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- Strong suppression of Y(1S) and Y(2S) observed in central Pb-Pb collisions.
- Transport models without regeneration compatible with data.

# $R_{AA}$ of open and hidden HF

Charm

Beauty



■  $D^0$  (open charm)  
+  $J/\Psi$  (hidden charm)

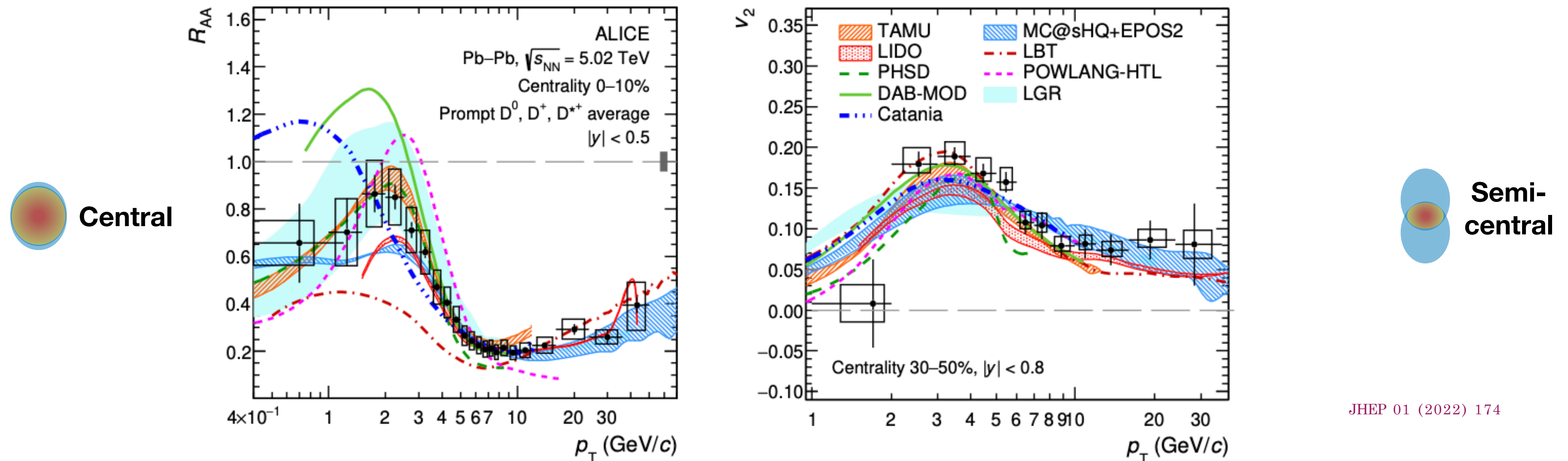
■  $b \rightarrow J/\Psi$  (open beauty)  
■  $\Upsilon(1S)$  (hidden beauty)

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- **Charm:** same trend in the full  $p_T$  range.
  - Low  $p_T$ : dominated by hadronisation via recombination after interactions of charm quarks with QGP.
  - High  $p_T$ :  $J/\Psi$  has significant contribution from gluon splitting after in-medium energy loss.
- **Beauty:** difference at low  $p_T$ ; same trend at high  $p_T$ .

# Understanding HQ interaction with QGP

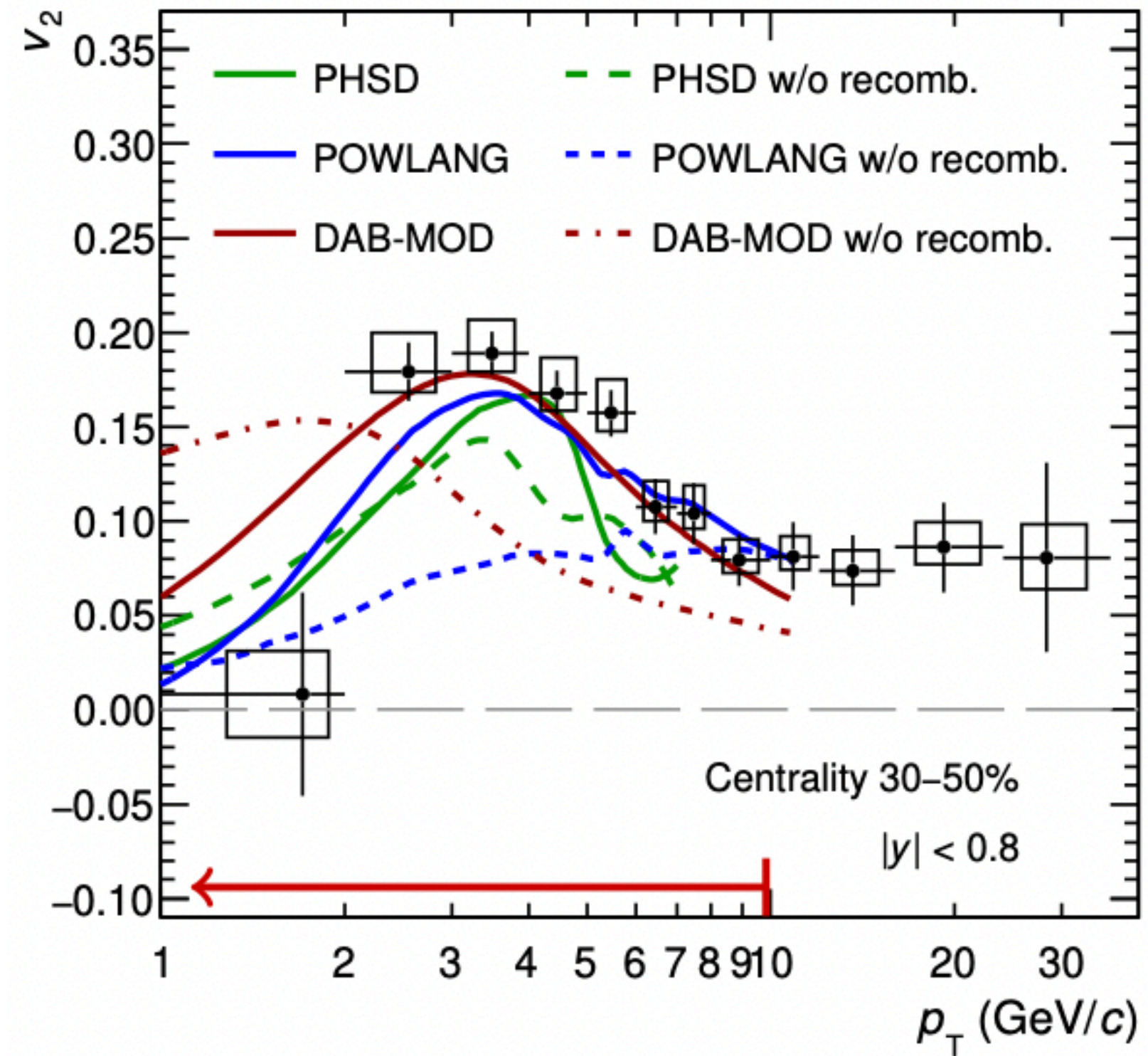
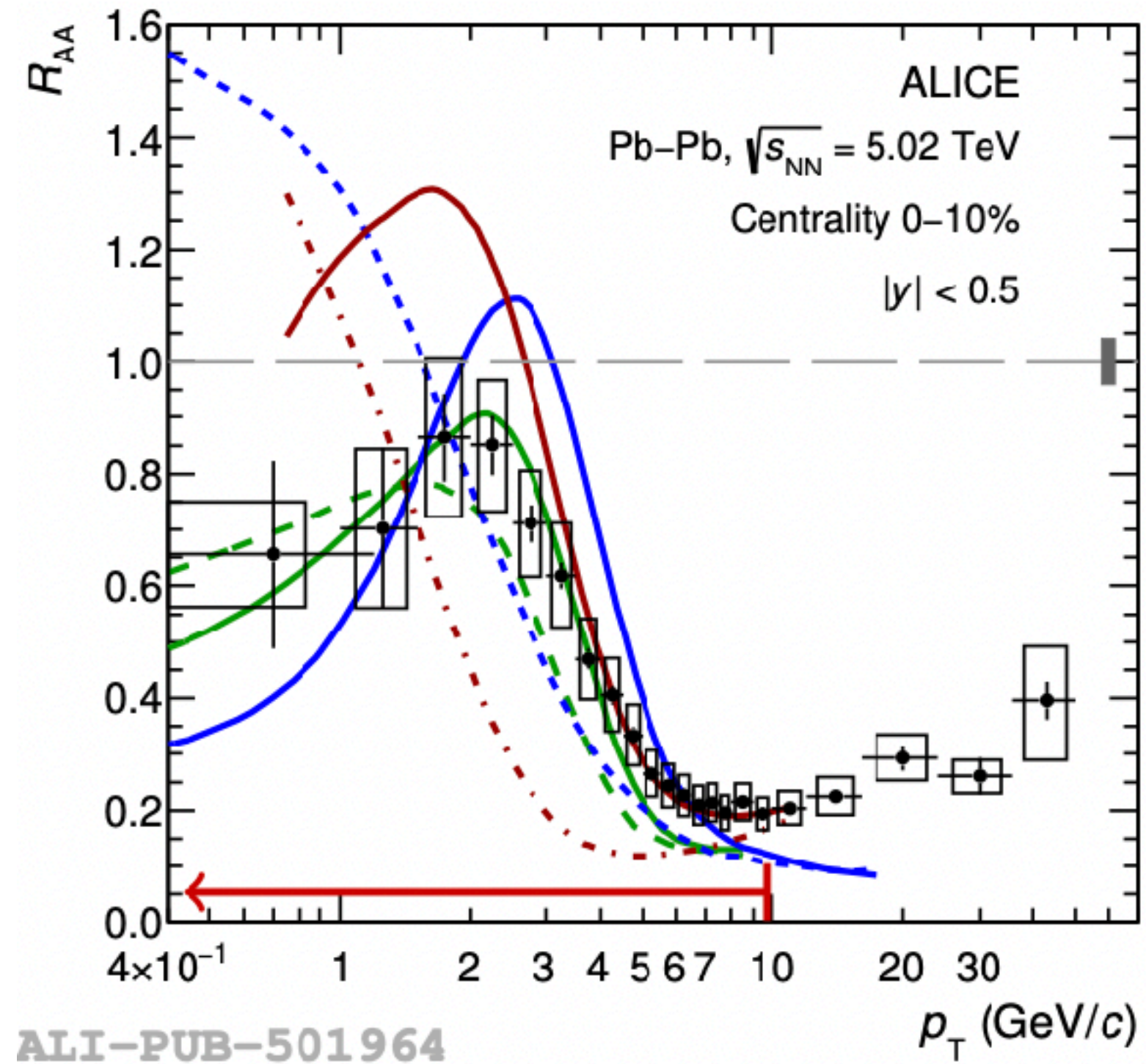
Understanding interaction and energy loss of heavy quarks in the QGP over time → Simultaneous comparison of D-meson  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$



- Interplay of CNM effects, realistic evolution of the QGP, heavy-quark interaction (collisional and radiative) and hadronization via coalescence and/or fragmentation required to describe data.
- Models provide fair description of data → still challenging for models to describe  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  simultaneously in the full  $p_T$  range.



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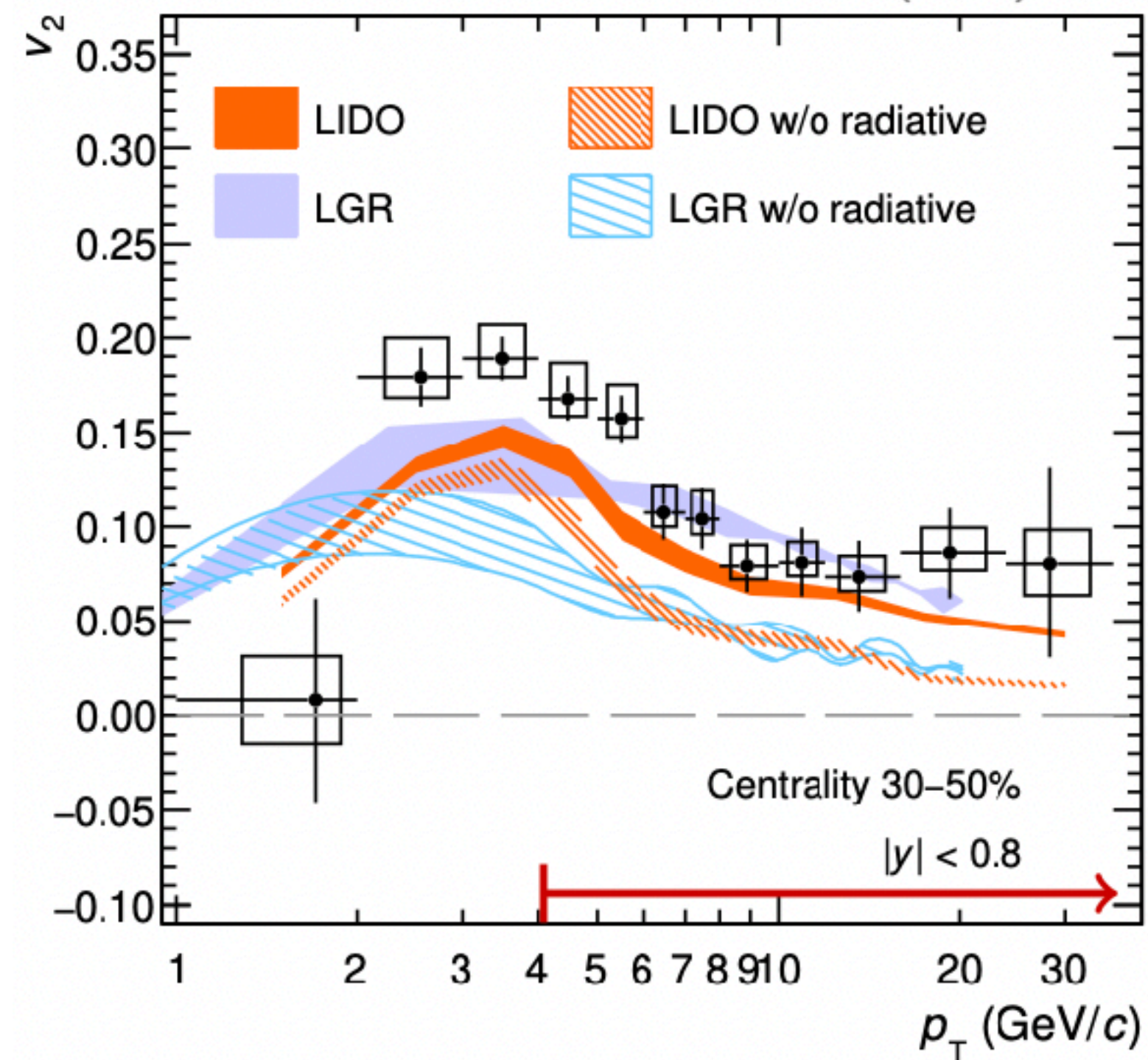
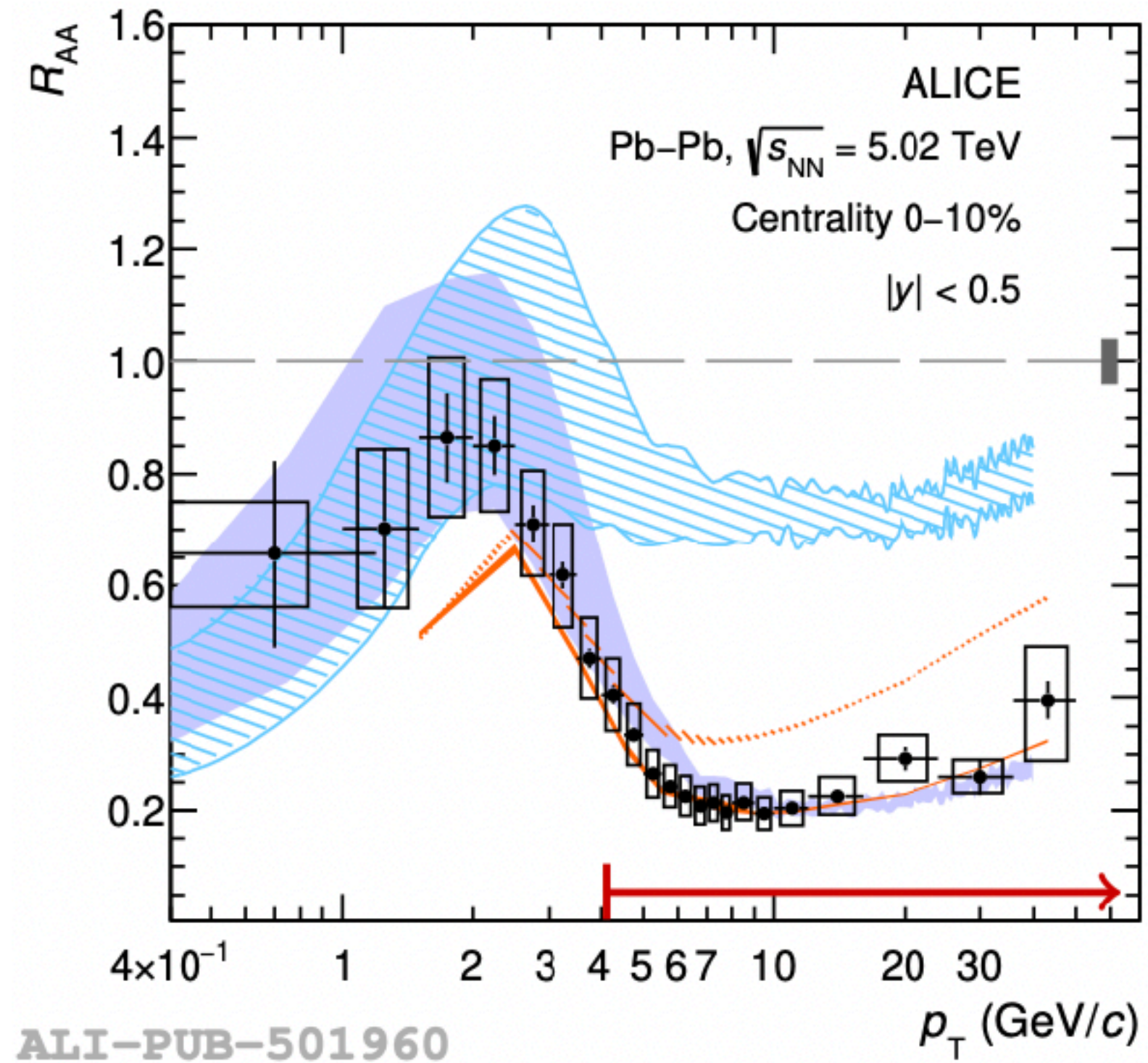


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- Hadronization via recombination important to describe low and intermediate  $p_T$ .

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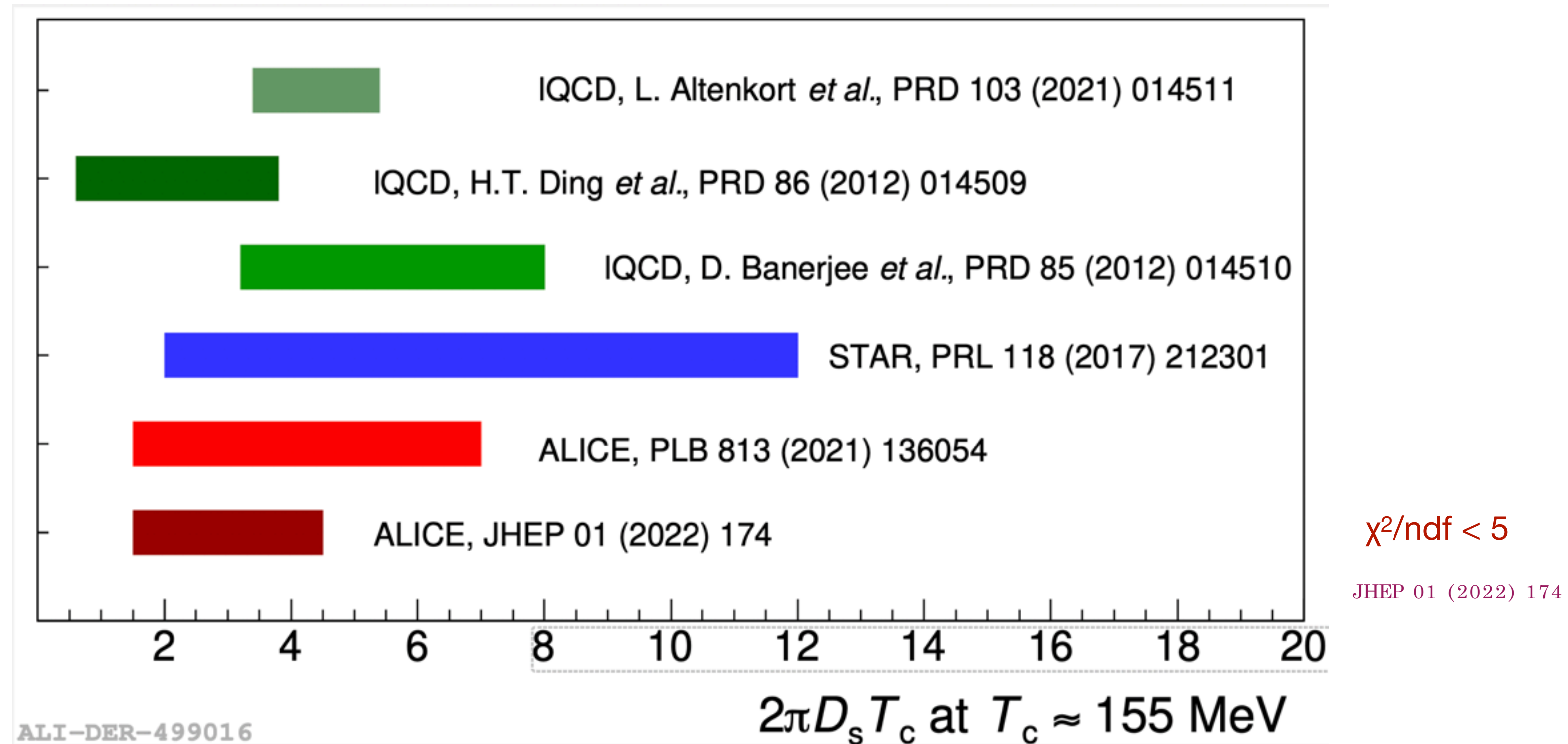
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- Radiative energy loss important to describe intermediate and high  $p_T$ 
  - small impact at low  $p_T$

# Heavy-flavor transport coefficients

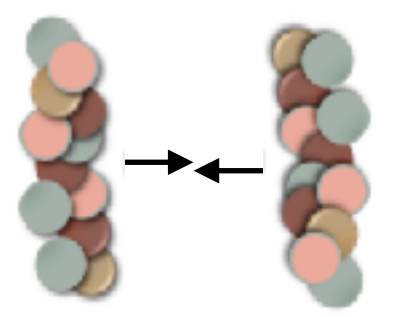
Using data to constraint model parameters : compute  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$  between measurements and model predictions



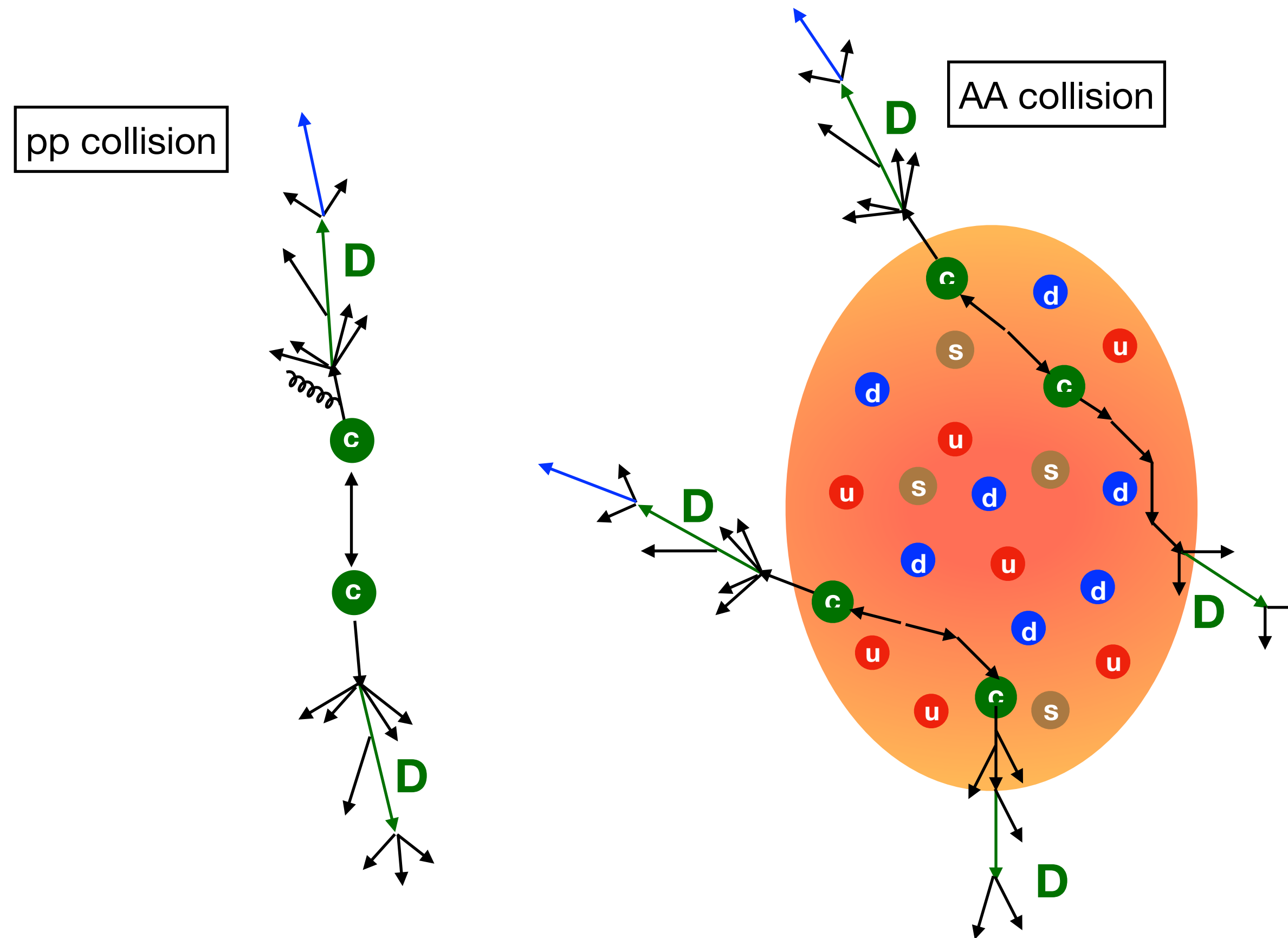
Models use spacial diffusion coefficient at  $T_c$ : 1.5-4.5

- More differential measurements could provide more constraints.

# Heavy-flavor measurements in A-A



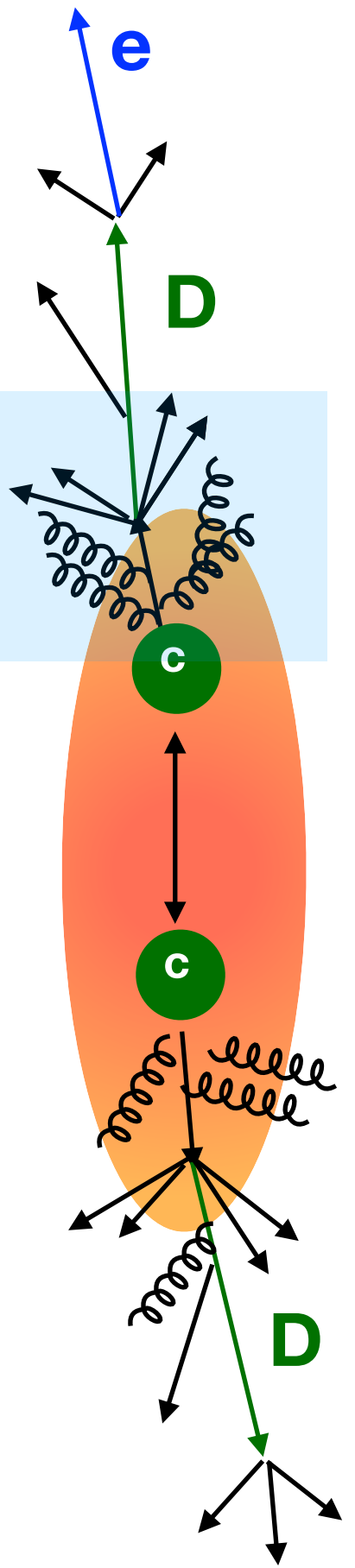
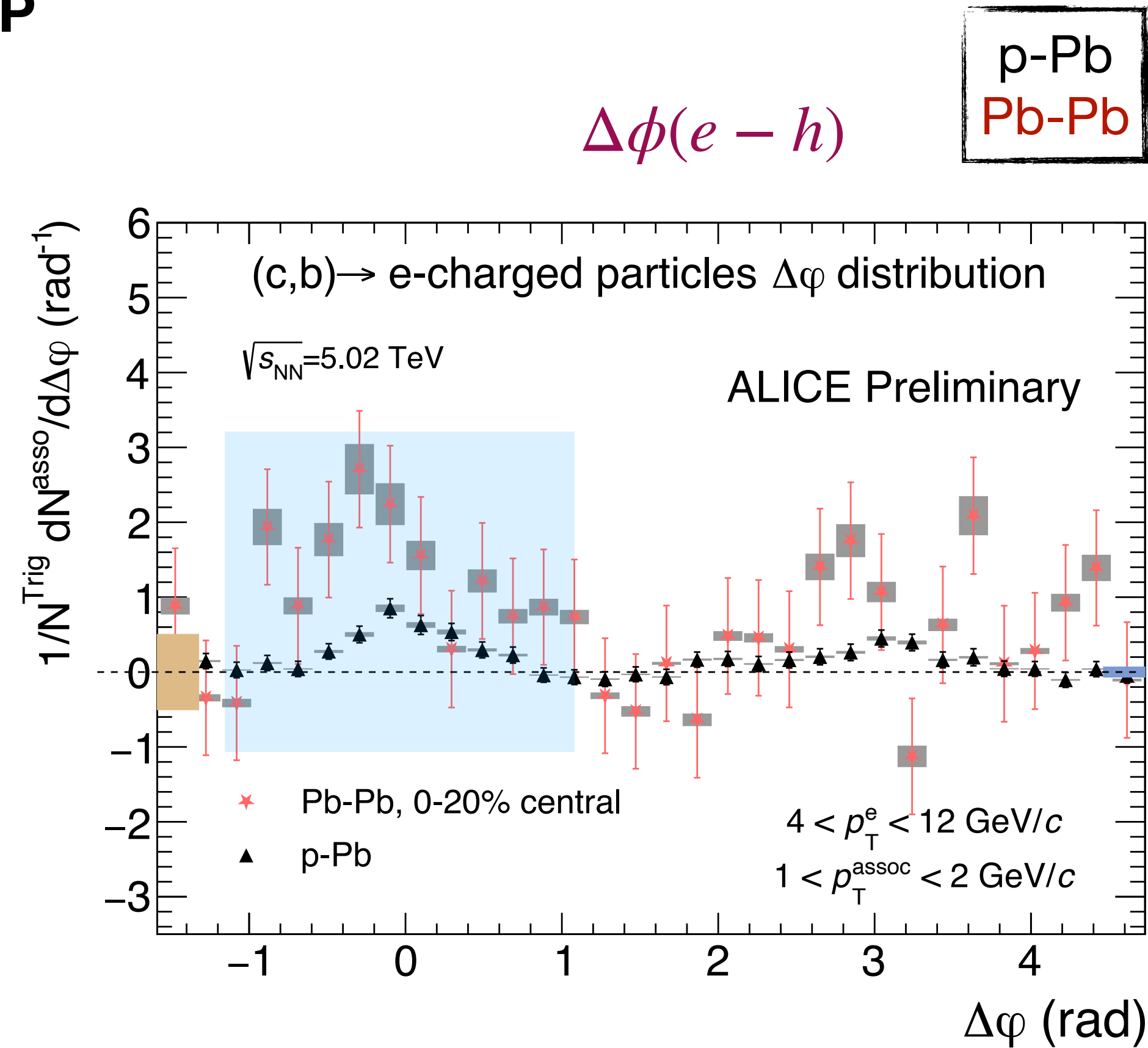
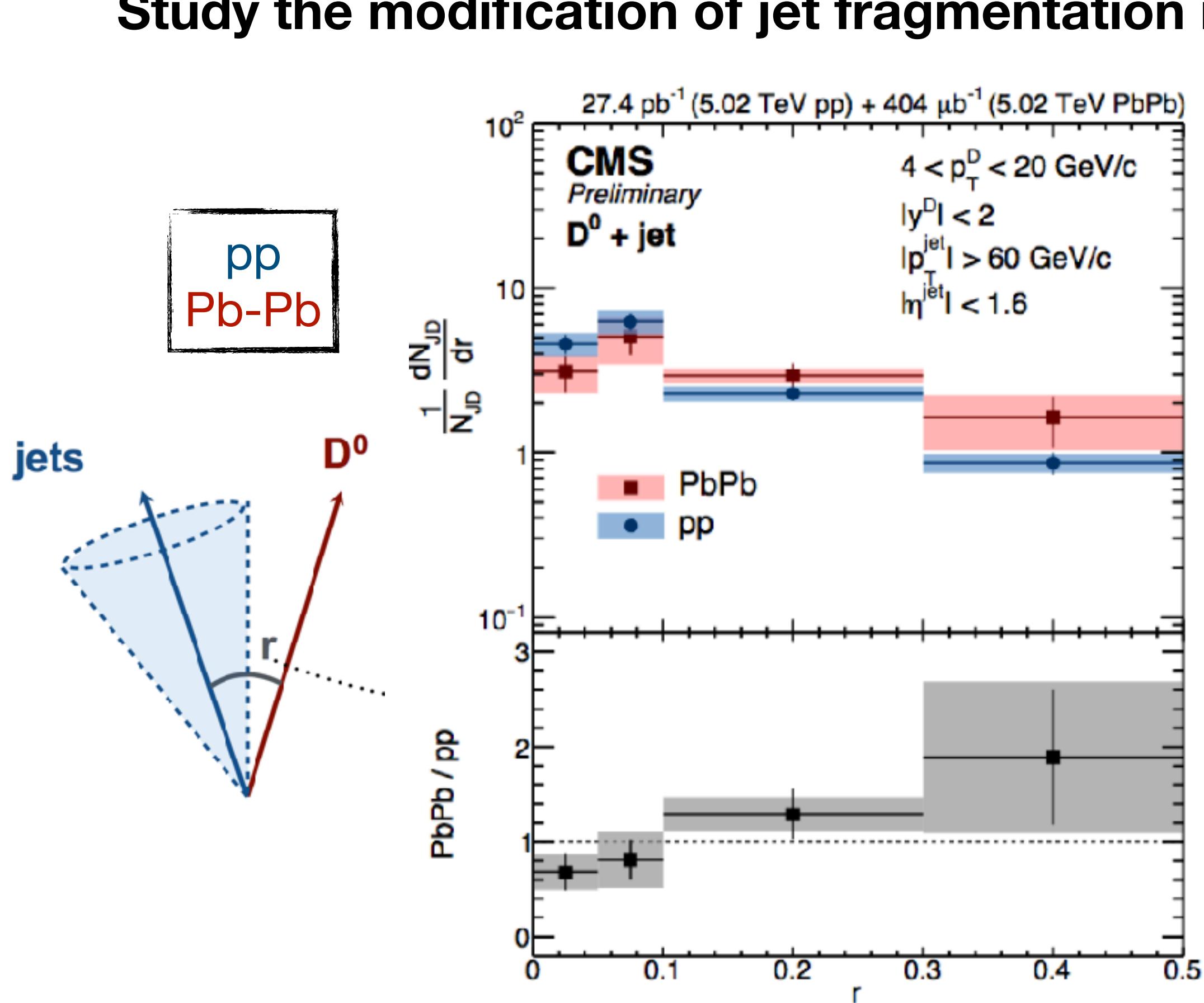
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- ❖ **Hadronisation processes**

# Jet fragmentation in AA

Study the modification of jet fragmentation in QGP

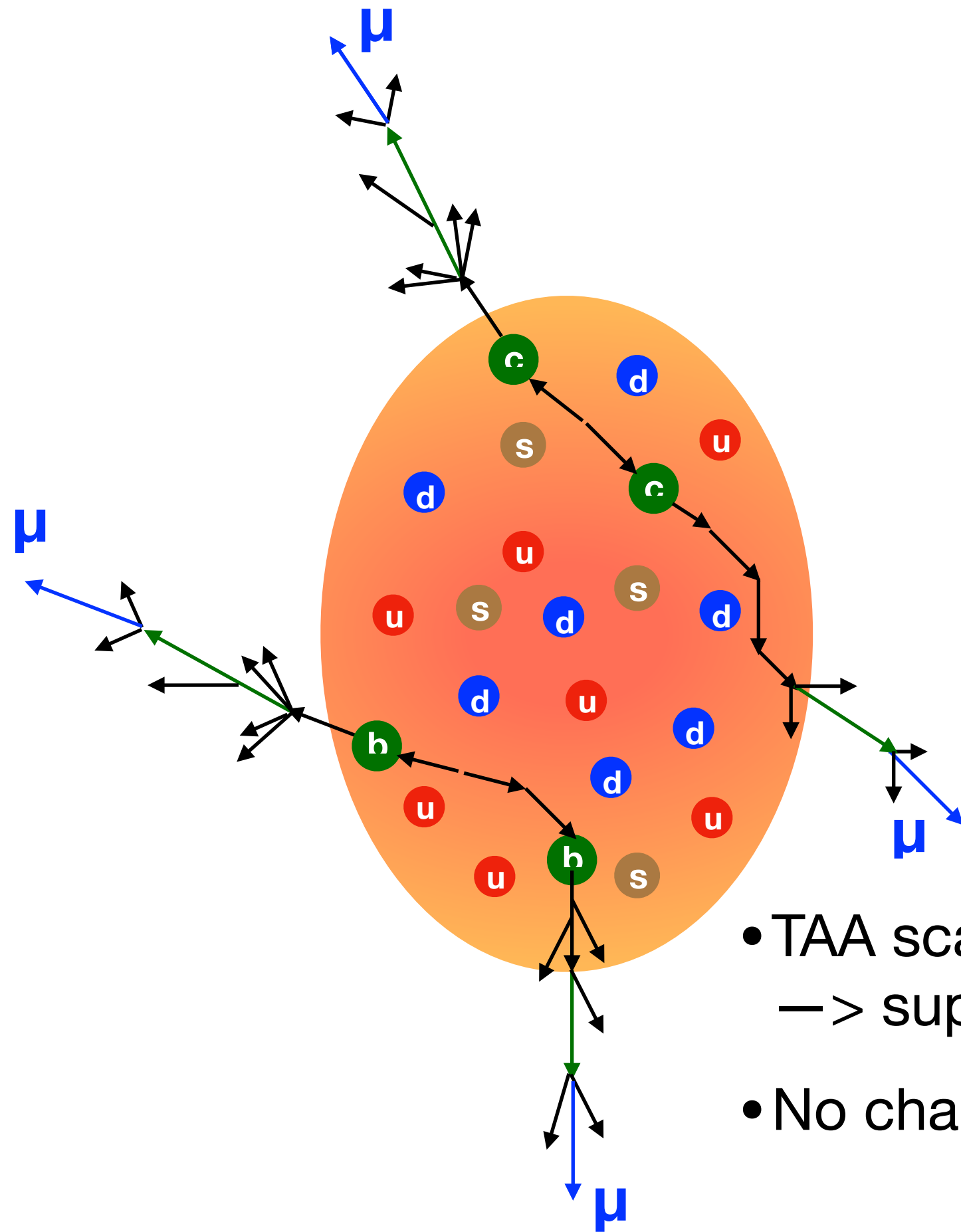


- Radial distribution of D<sup>0</sup> in jets - D<sup>0</sup> further away from jet-axis in Pb-Pb compared to pp.
- HF electron - hadron correlations - Enhancement of yield on near-side in Pb-Pb compared to p-Pb  
→ Energy loss goes into low p<sub>T</sub> particles

# HF-HF angular correlations

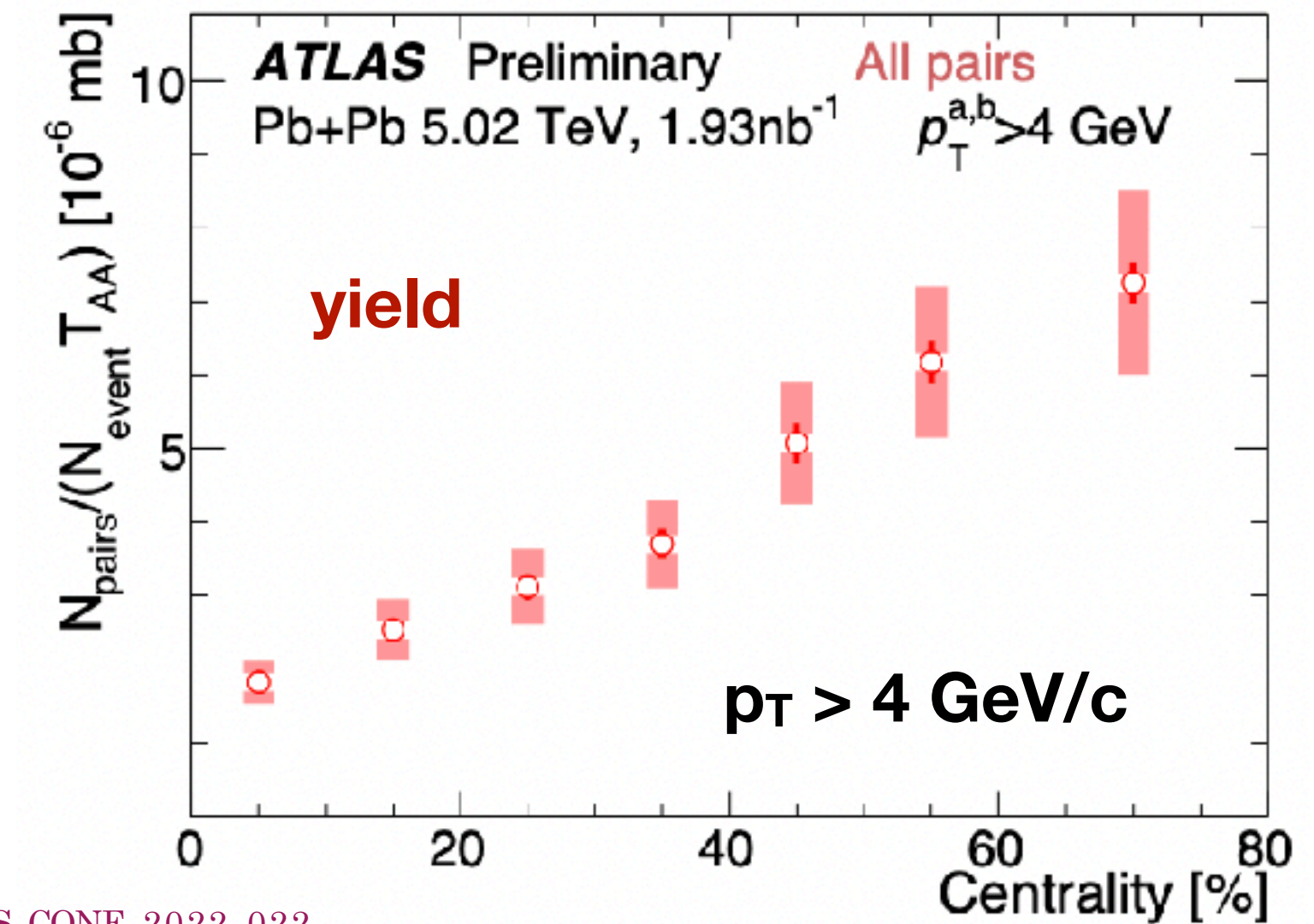
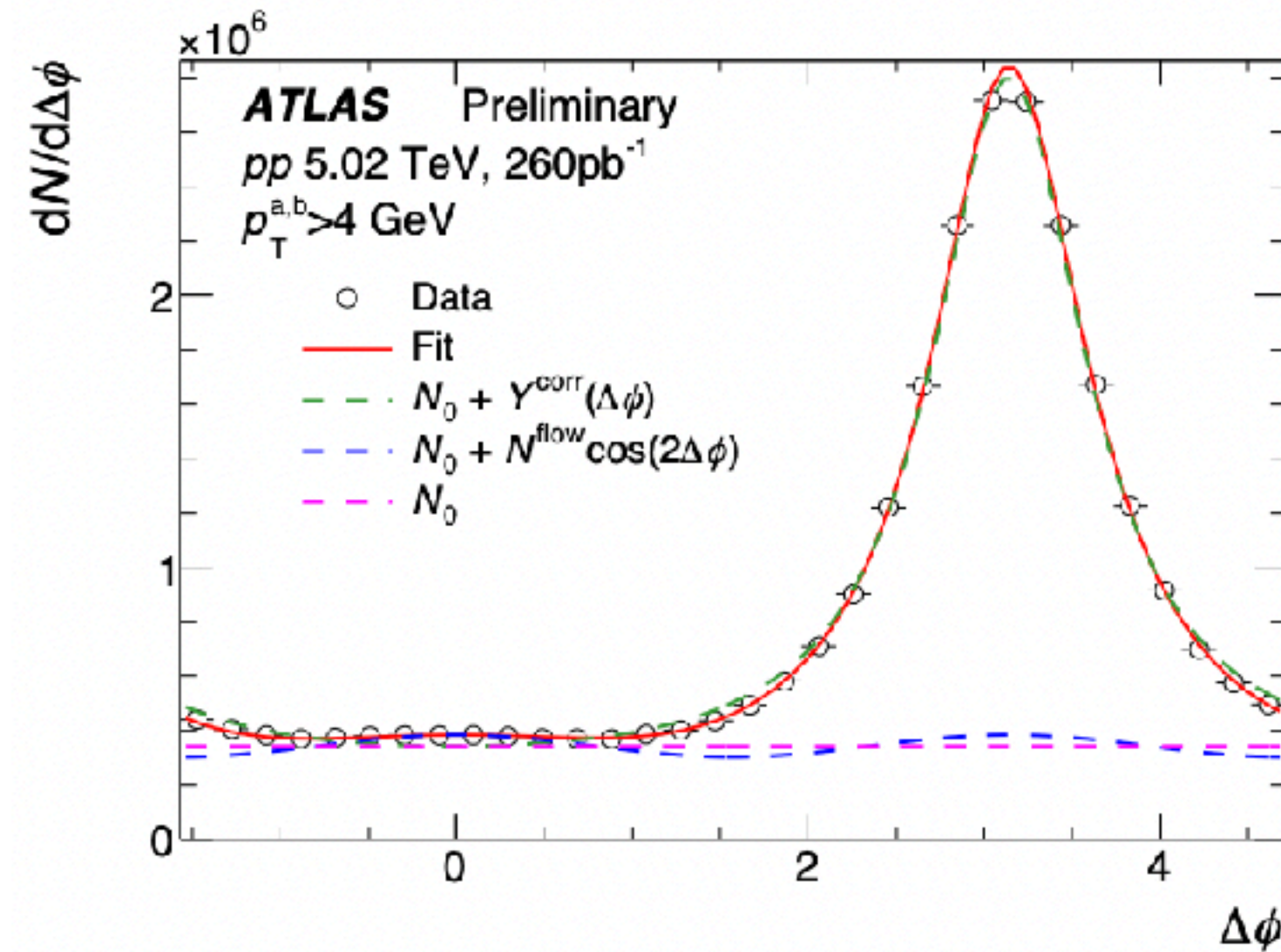
## Angular correlations of back to back HF pairs using $\mu$ - $\mu$ :

- sensitive to relative importance of collisional and radiative scattering

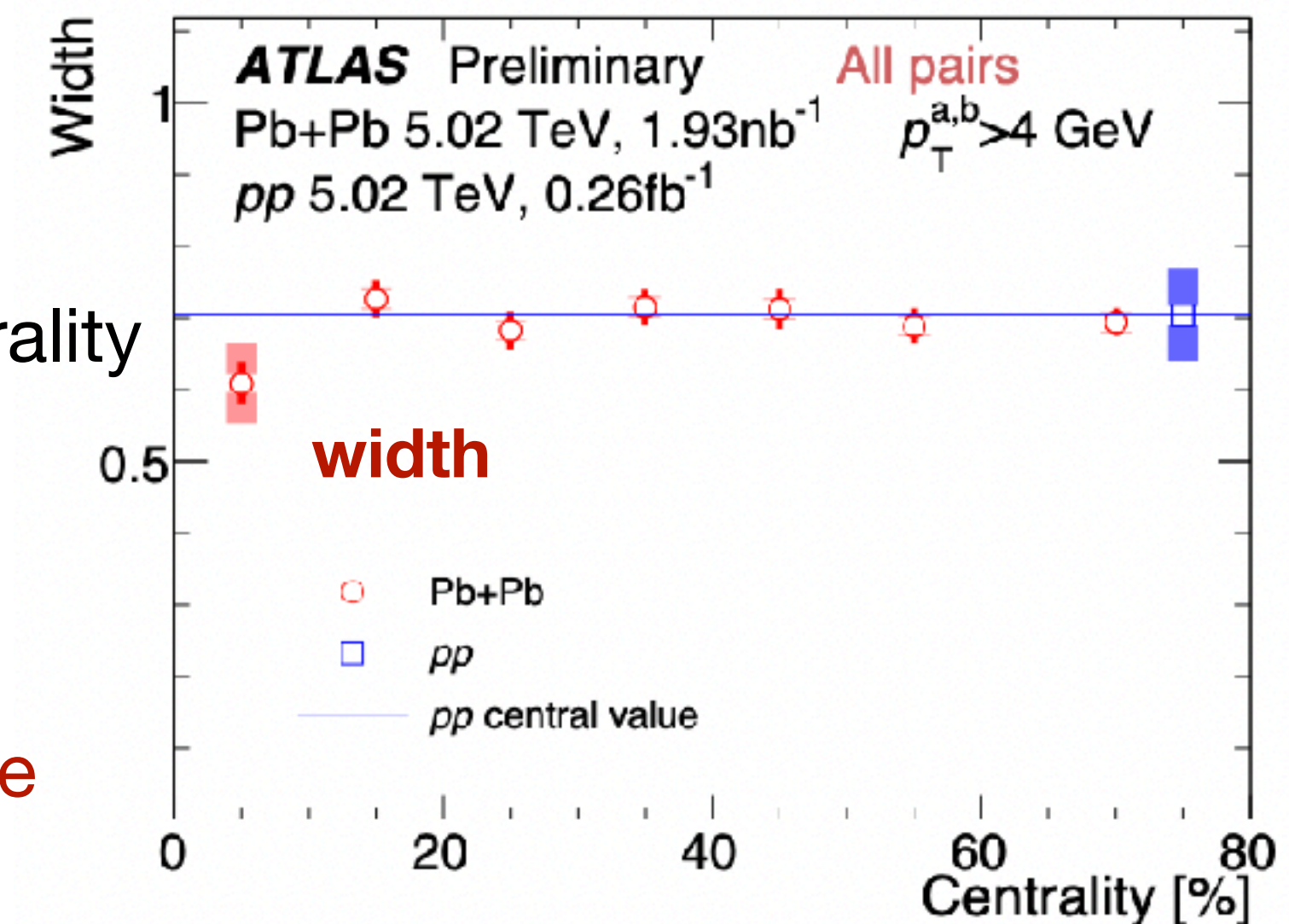


- TAA scaled  $\mu$ - $\mu$  pair yield monotonically decrease with centrality  $\rightarrow$  suppression of HF pairs.
- No change in the width observed w.r.t. pp

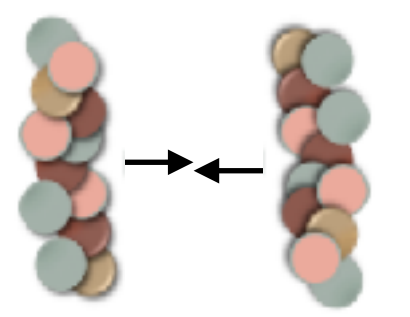
More jet and correlation measurements needed for comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms of HF interaction with the QGP medium.



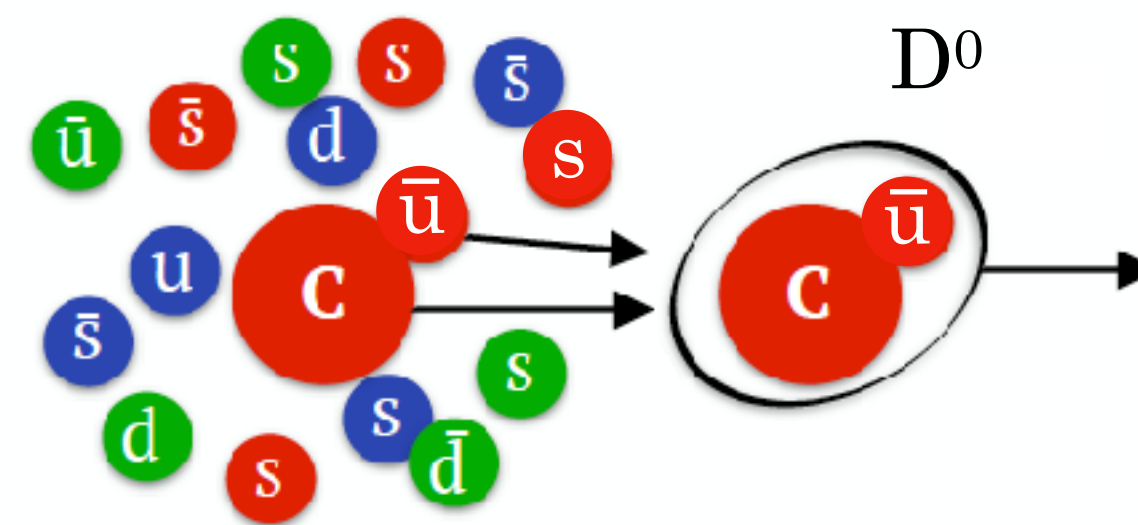
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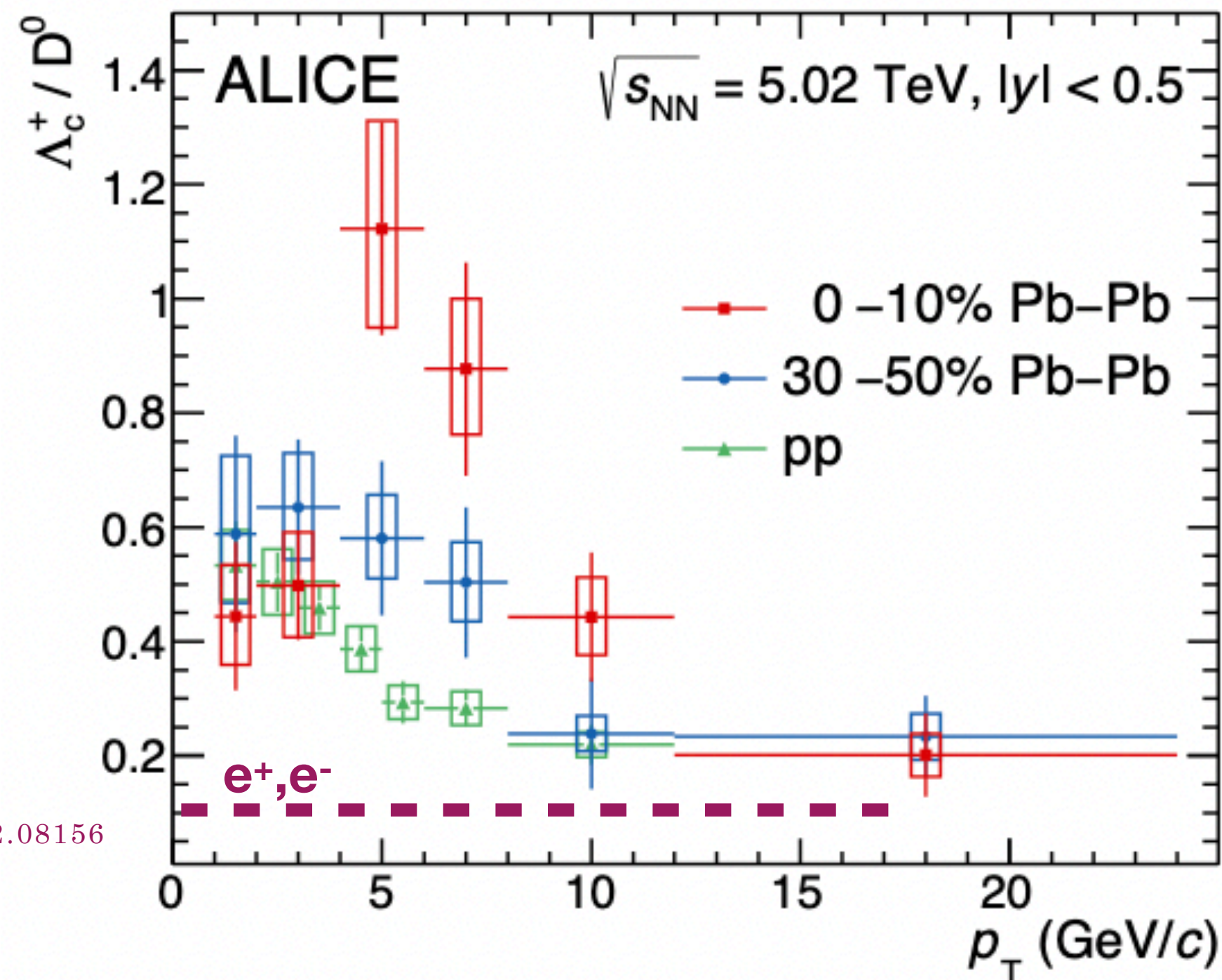


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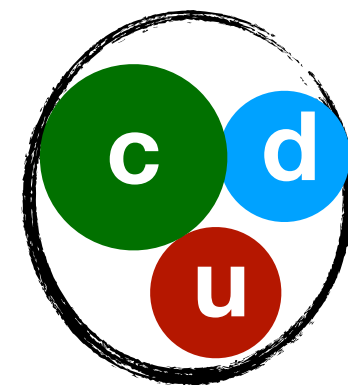
# Hadronisation using baryons

## Studying heavy-flavour hadronization mechanism using $\Lambda_c$

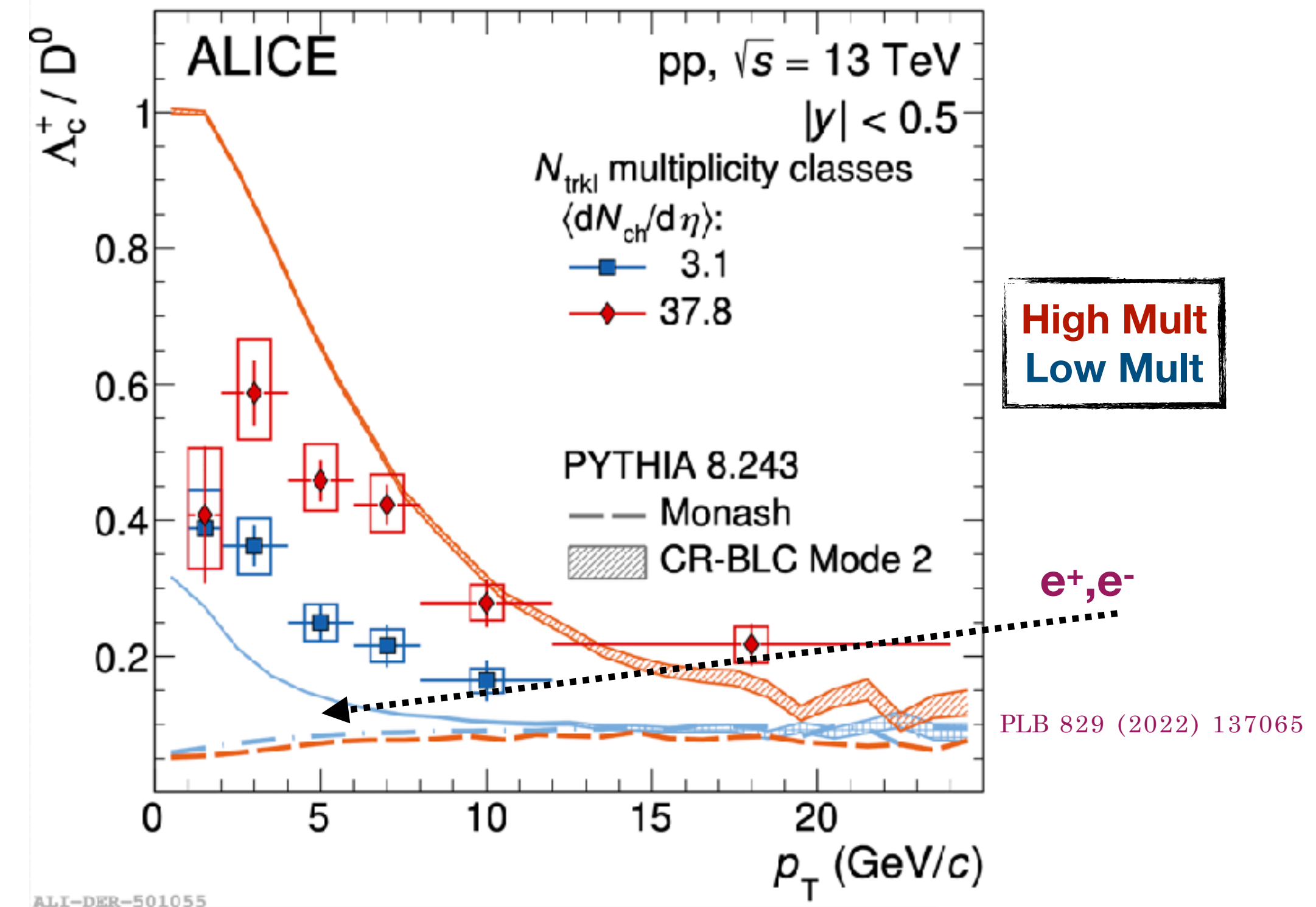
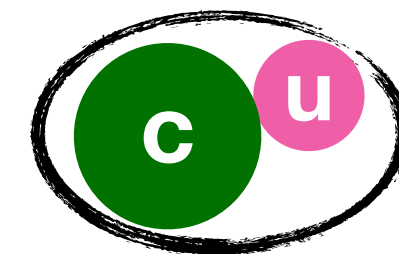


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$\Lambda_c$  baryon



$D^0$  meson



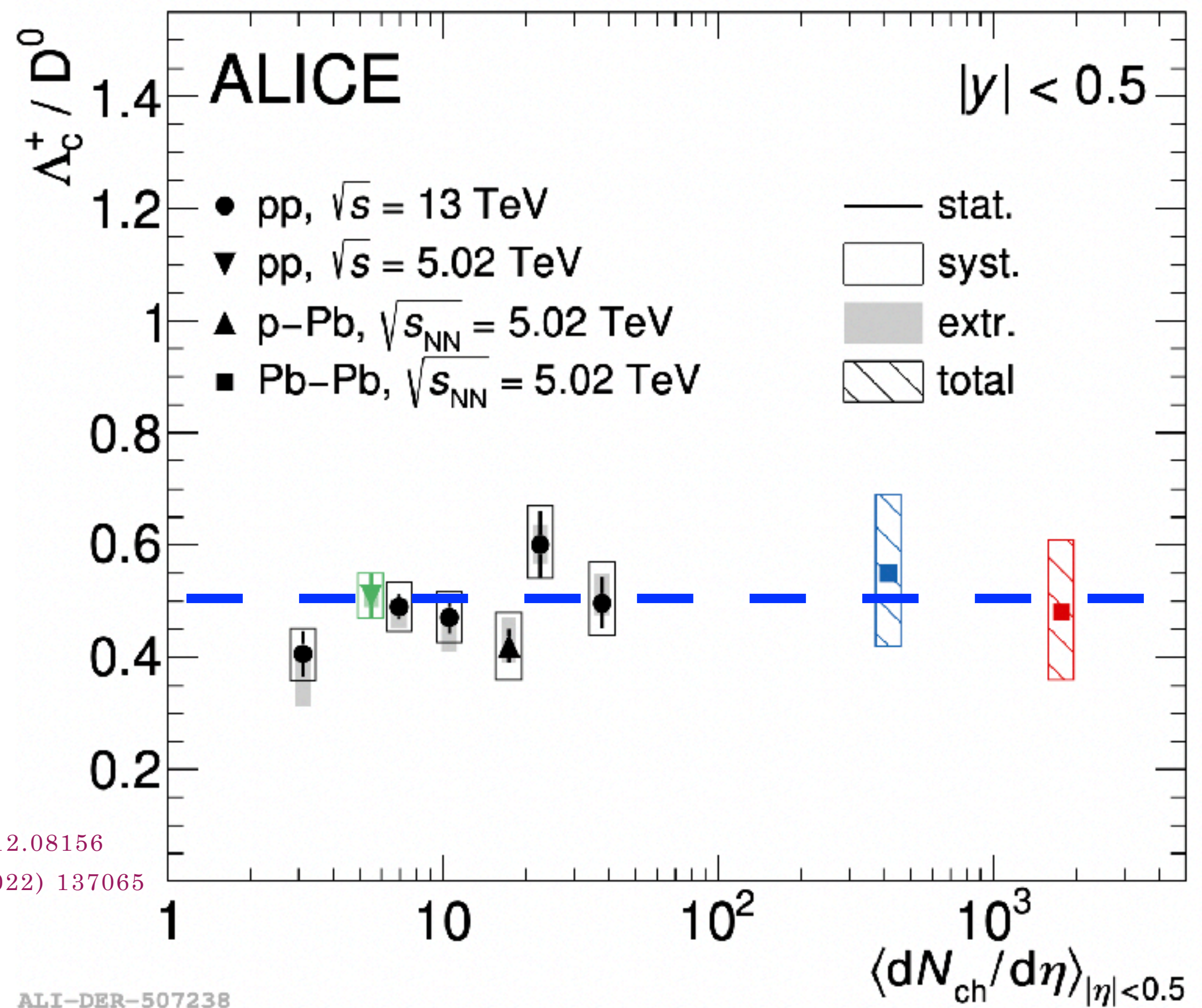
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- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in Pb-Pb collisions higher than in pp
- > model calculations with fragmentation and coalescence favors data.

- $\Lambda_c / D^0$  in pp vs multiplicity:
  - Default PYTHIA tuned on  $e^+e^-$  data (Monash), underestimates the measurement
  - PYTHIA with color reconnections describes multiplicity dependent data in pp



# Baryon production with $\Lambda_c^+$



- $p_T$  integrated  $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $D^0$  values obtained by extrapolating to  $p_T = 0$  GeV/c.
  - Similar values of  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio for pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb
- Charm hadronization and  $\Lambda_c^+$  production do not differ significantly from pp to Pb-Pb collisions.
  - Redistribution of  $p_T$  due to interactions in the hadronic phase rather than an enhancement in the overall baryon yield??

Need precise measurement down to  $p_T \sim 0$  GeV/c extending to lower multiplicities.

—> More measurements studying hadronization mechanisms needed.

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# Future prospects

## LHC:

### Run3

**ALICE:** New ITS, MFT, TPC readout chambers and fast interaction trigger  
—> high precision measurements including beauty hadrons possible.

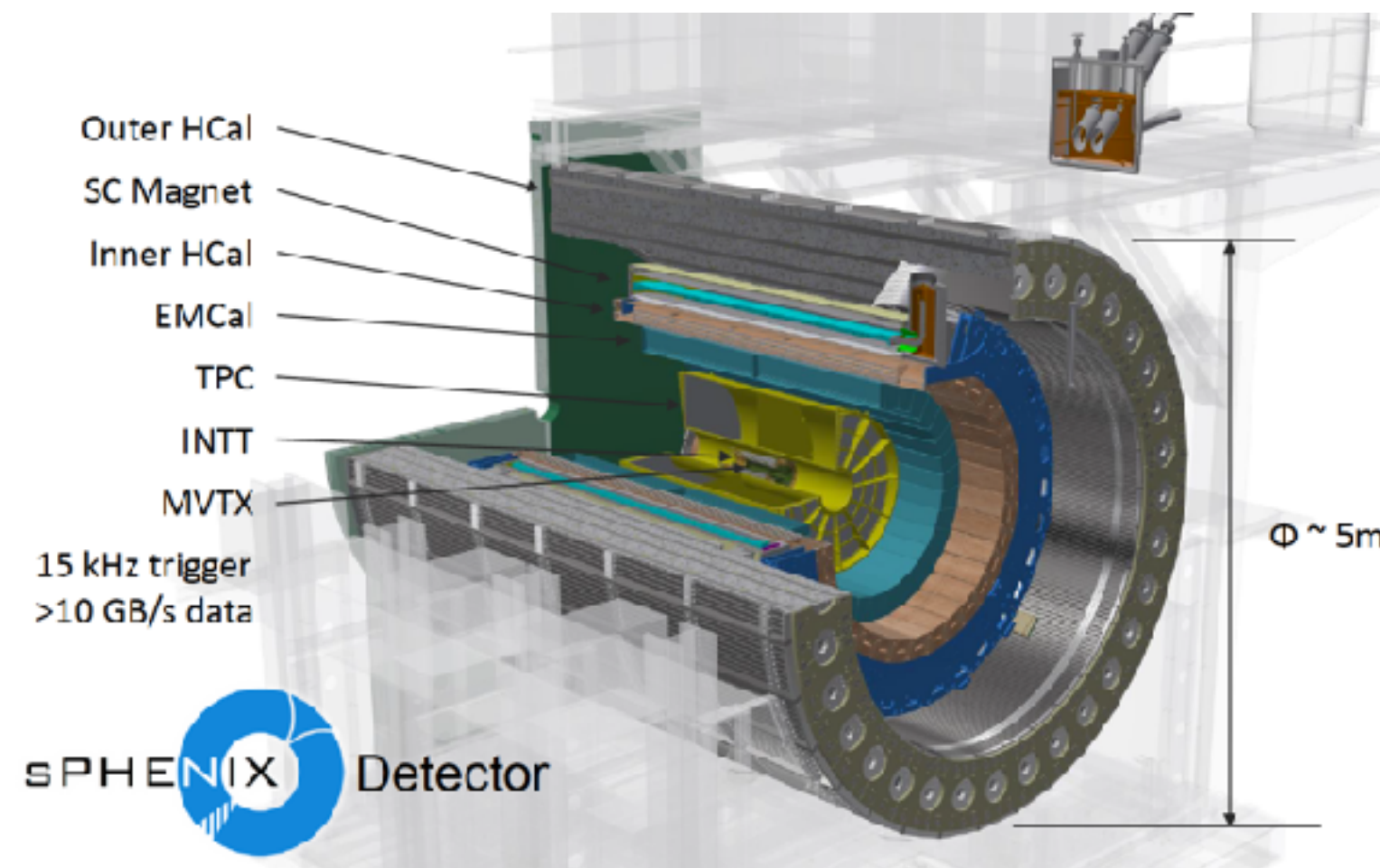
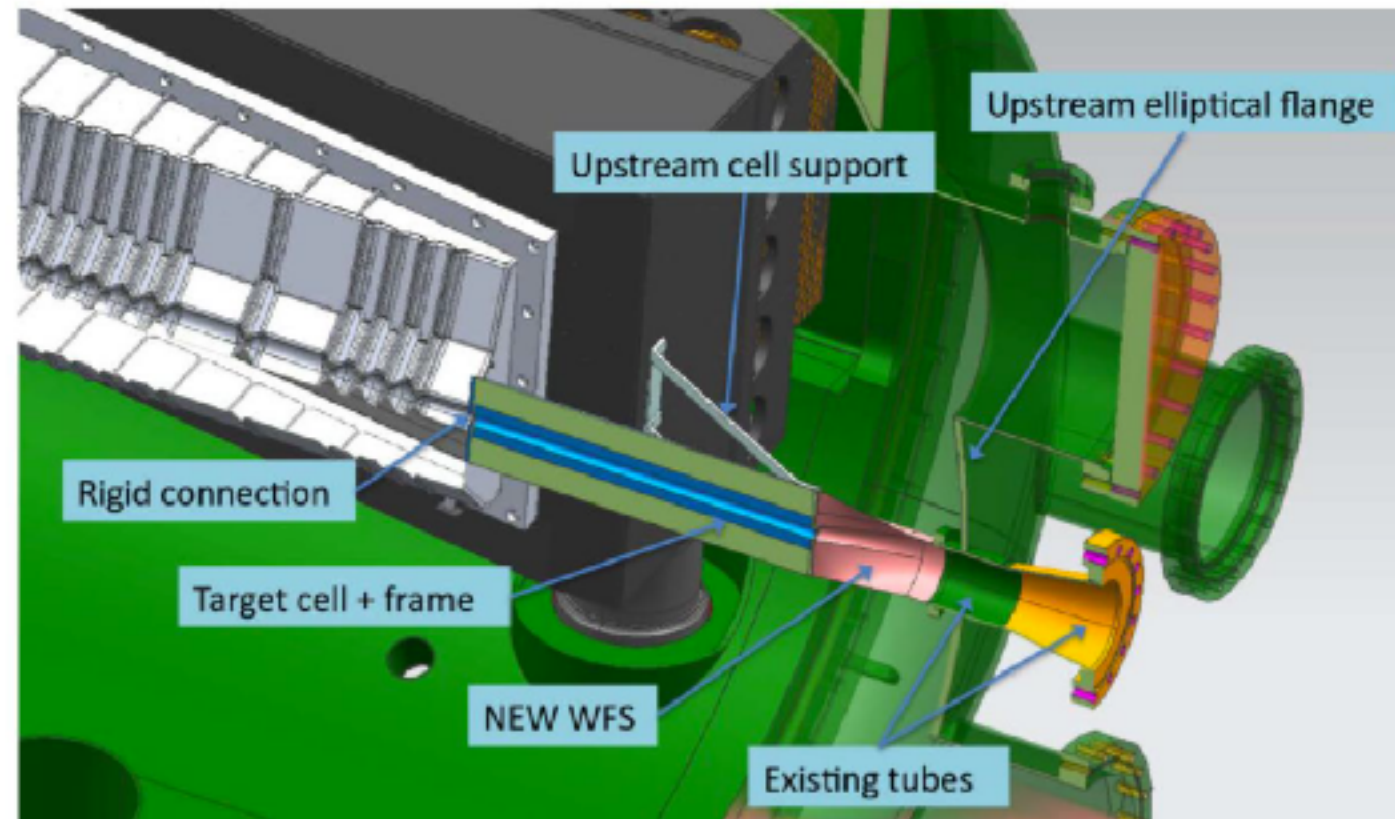
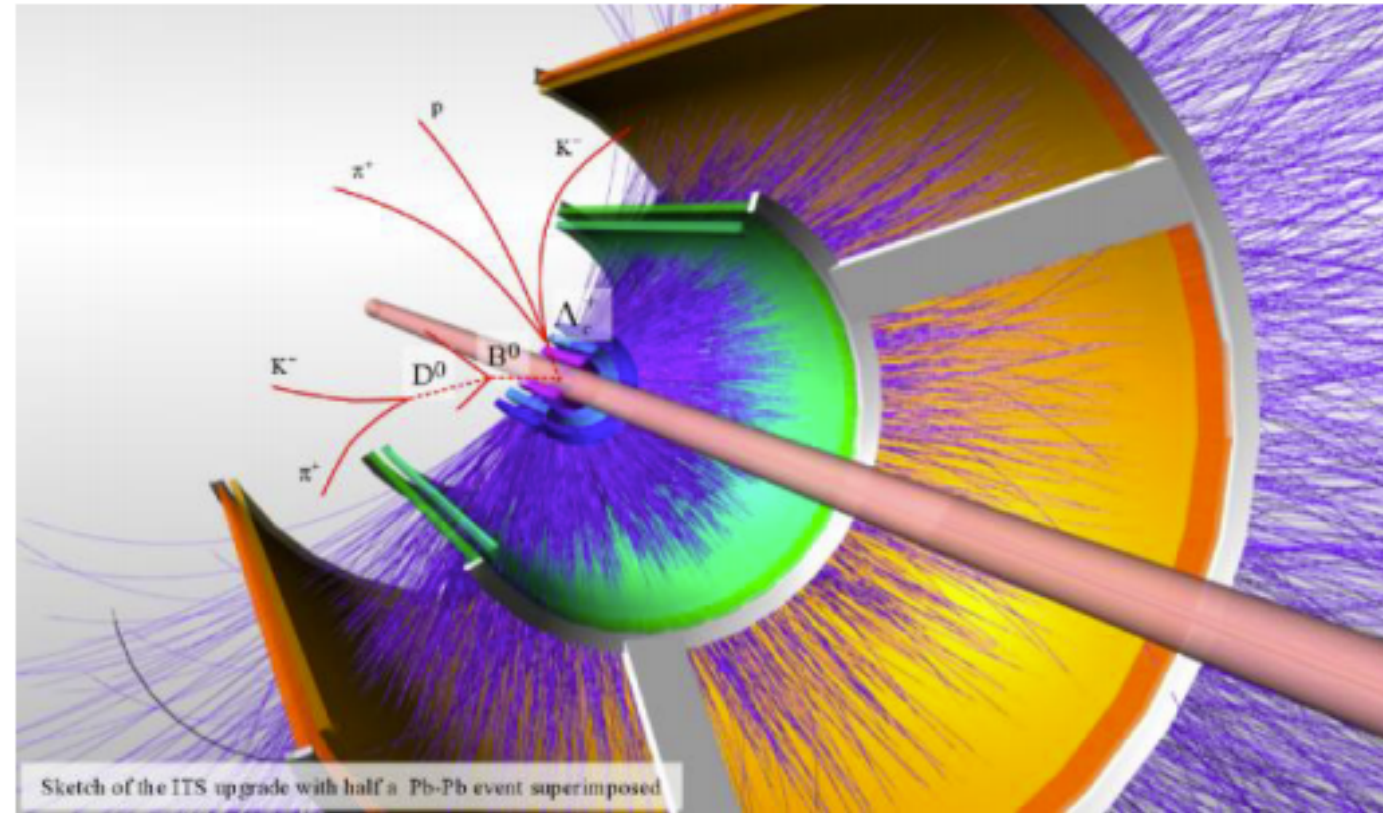
**LHCb:** SMOG upgrade

—> high precision charm measurements at different  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ .

### LS3

**ATLAS:** New ITK —> Heavy-flavor jet measurements

**CMS:** Upgrade Inner tracker —> Heavy-flavor measurements at low  $p_T$

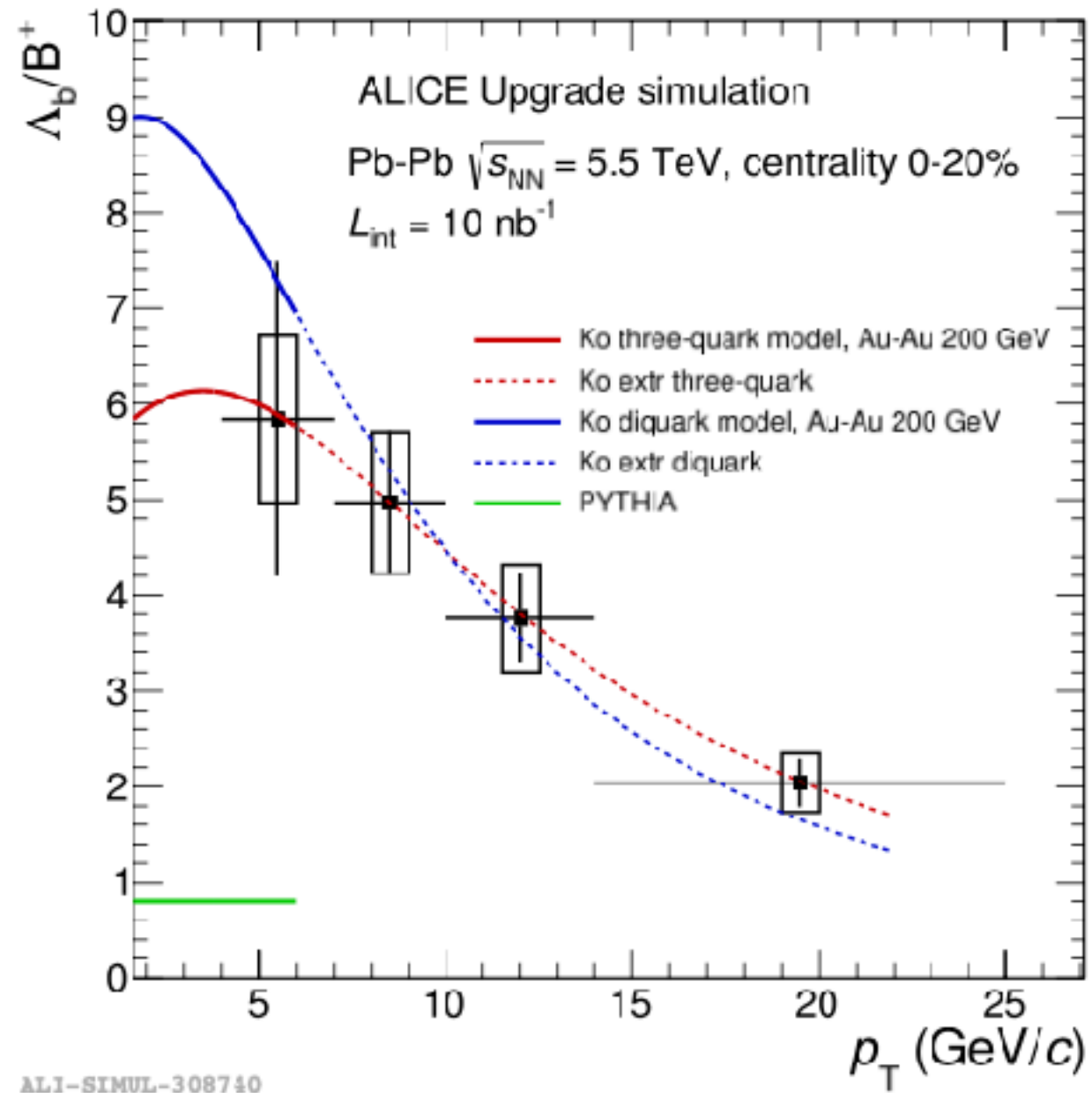


## RHIC:

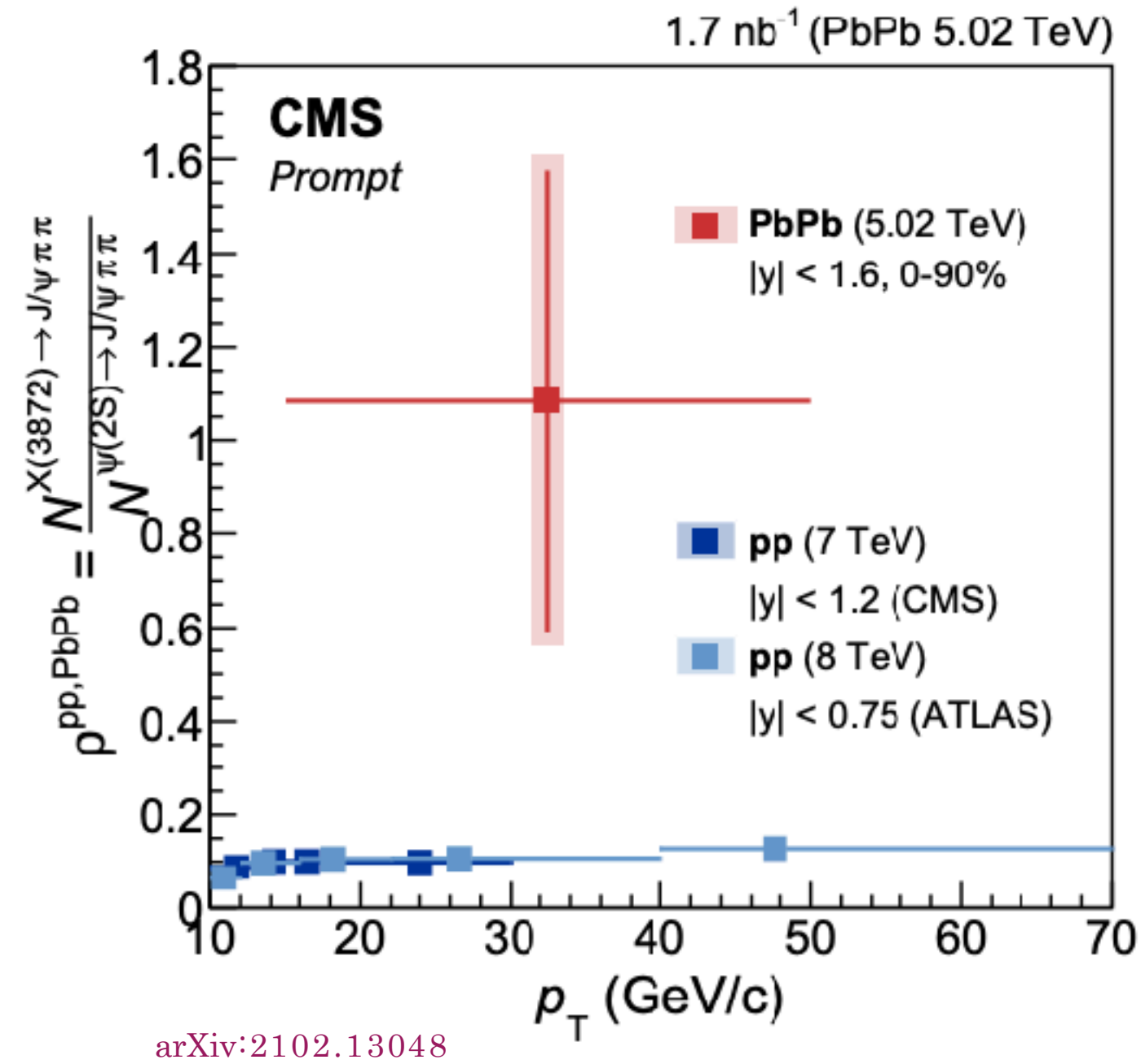
**sPHENIX:** extensive heavy-flavor physics including measurements of b-jets and full B meson reconstruction

# Future prospects

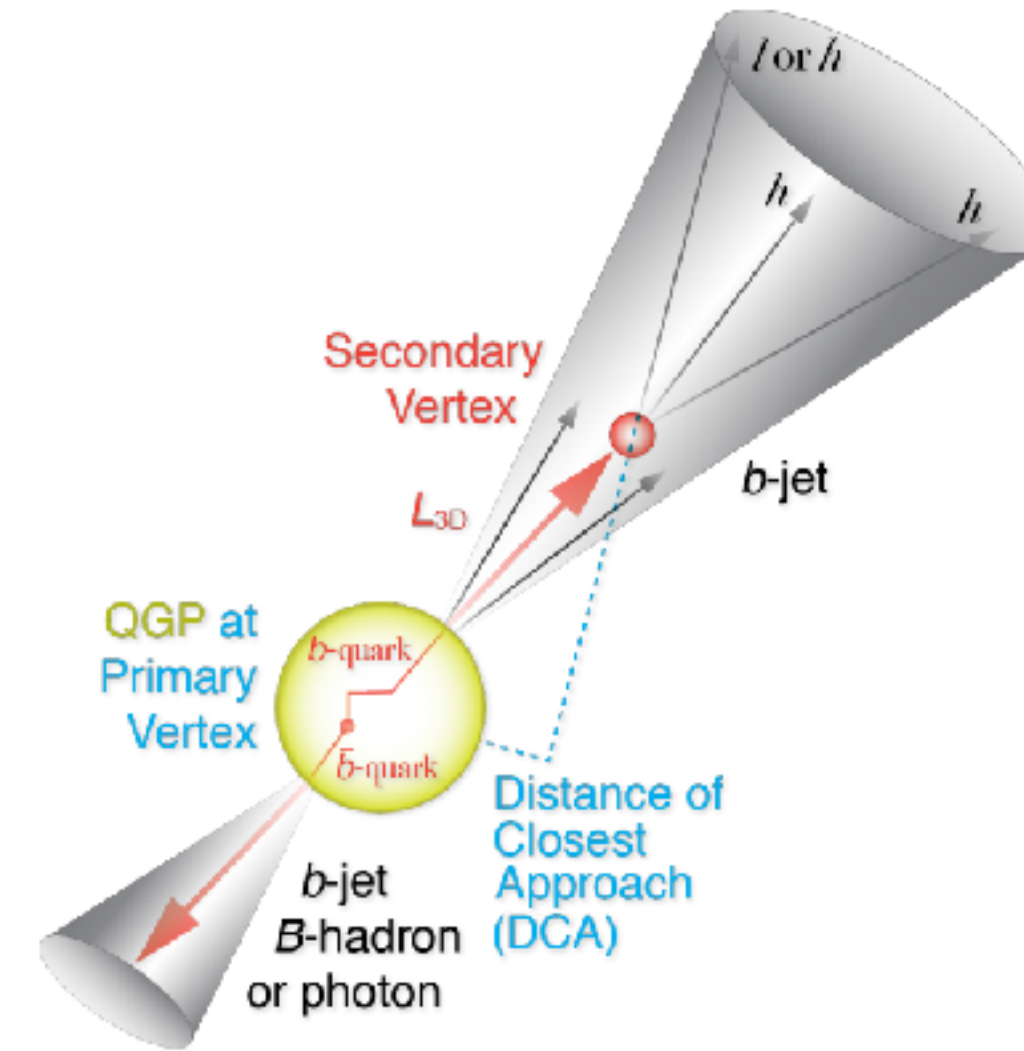
## B hadrons



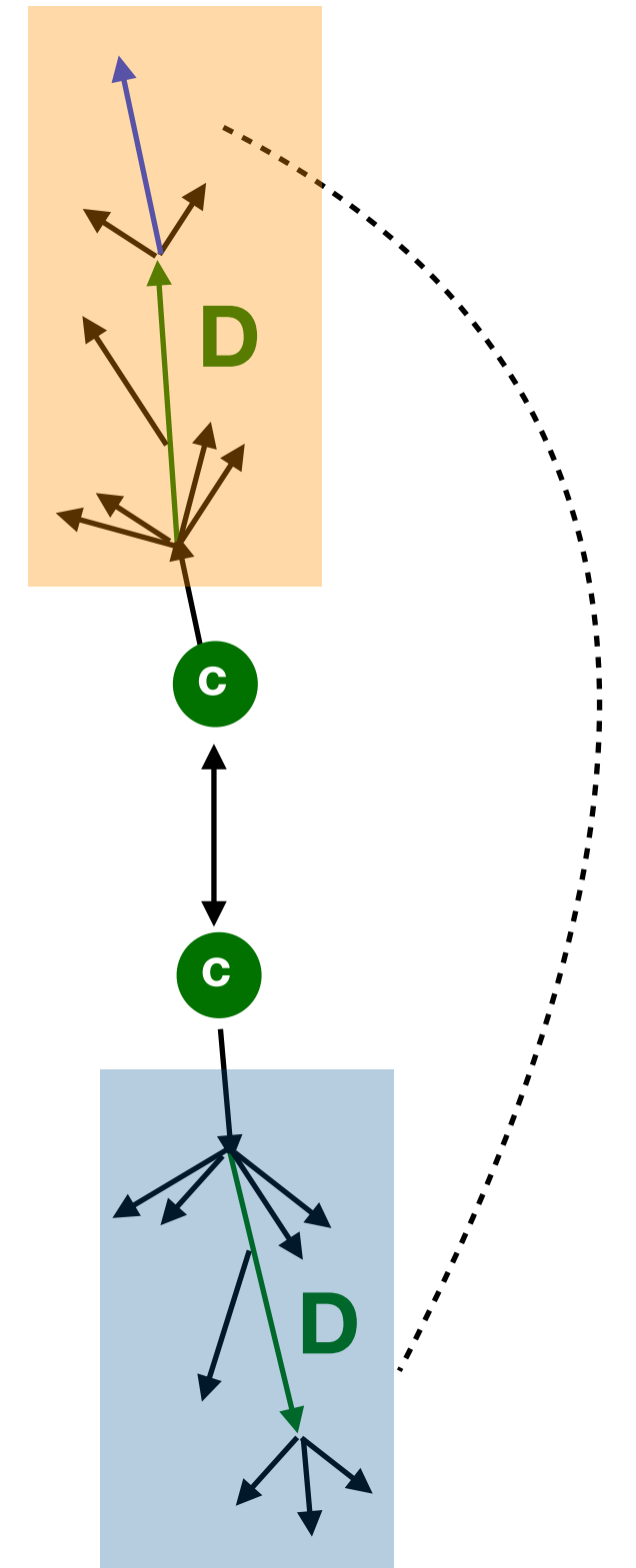
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## HF-jets and substructure



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# Summary of what we know

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## ❖ pp and p-A collisions

- ❖ Heavy-flavor production measurements in **minimum bias collisions** → described by **pQCD calculations**.
- ❖ In p-A collisions, measurements in **minimum bias collisions** → described by **pQCD calculations with cold nuclear matter effects**.
- ❖ Differential and multiplicity dependent measurements → indicate **need for better understanding** of initial and final state effects.

## ❖ AA collisions

- ❖ Charm and beauty quarks **undergoes energy loss** → **mass hierarchy seen for  $p_T \sim 5-10$  GeV/c**
- ❖ Charm quarks interact strongly and **participate in the collective expansion** of the medium at RHIC and LHC.
- ❖ Open beauty  $v_2 > 0$ , hidden beauty  $v_2 \sim 0$ .
- ❖ Several **theoretical models describe the measurements** well.
- ❖ **Coalescence effects** important at **low  $p_T$** . Fragmentation process takes over at high  $p_T$ .

# What do we want to learn more?

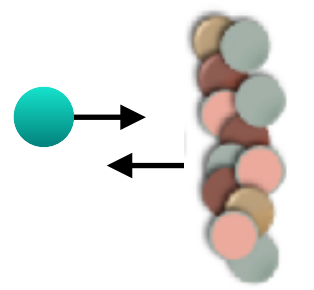
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- ❖ Does beauty quark interact strong enough to particle in the collective expansion of QGP?
- ❖ Better constraint diffusion coefficients using beauty quarks and differential measurements.
- ❖ Modification of jet structure and fragmentation inside the QGP.
- ❖ More comprehensive understanding of baryon production and hadronisation processes.
- ❖ **Small systems**
  - ❖ Origin of the azimuthal anisotropy.
  - ❖ Is there a small QGP produced? If so why dont we see energy loss?
- ❖ **Future is bright for Heavy-flavour studies both at the LHC and at RHIC.**

# Backup

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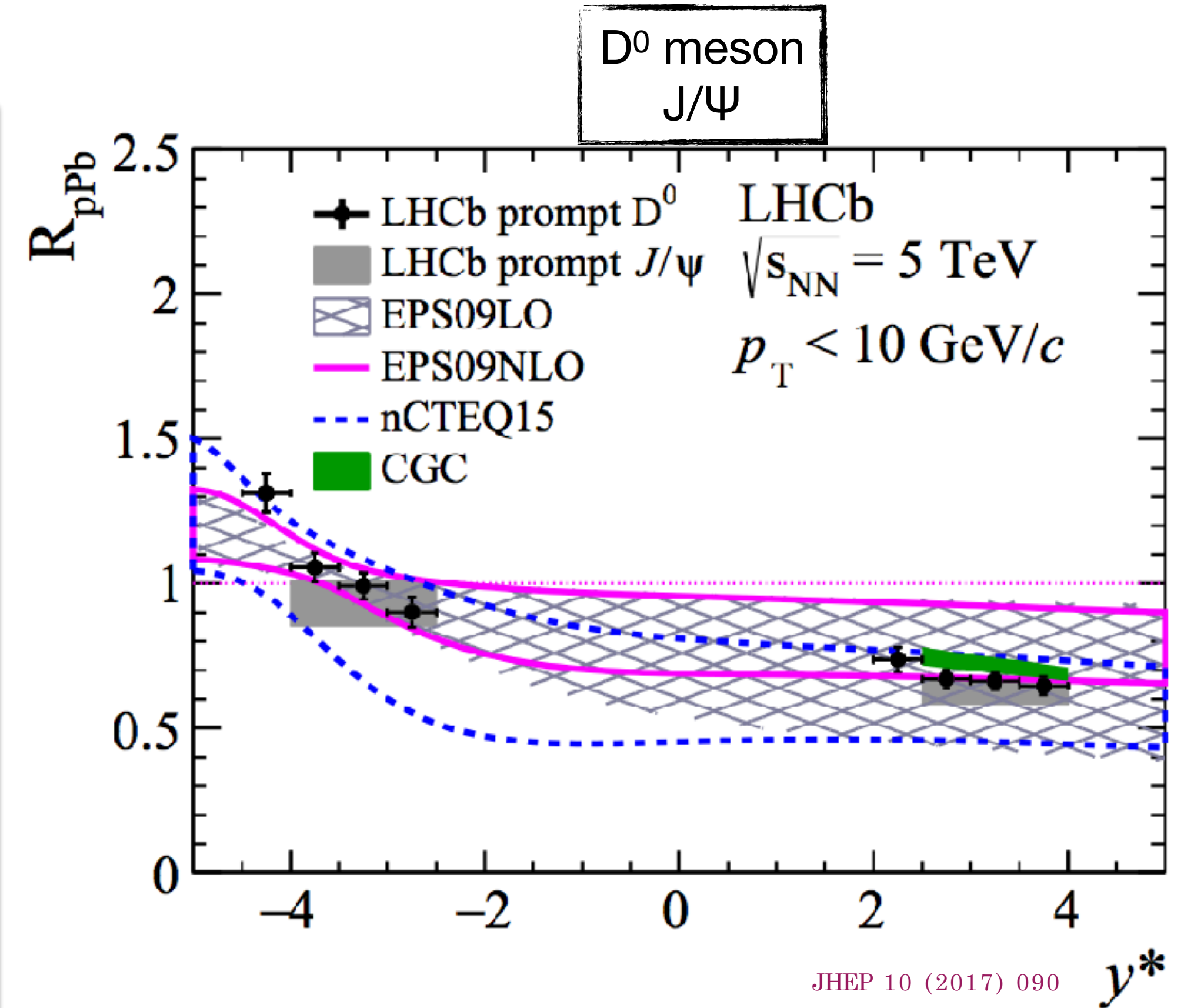
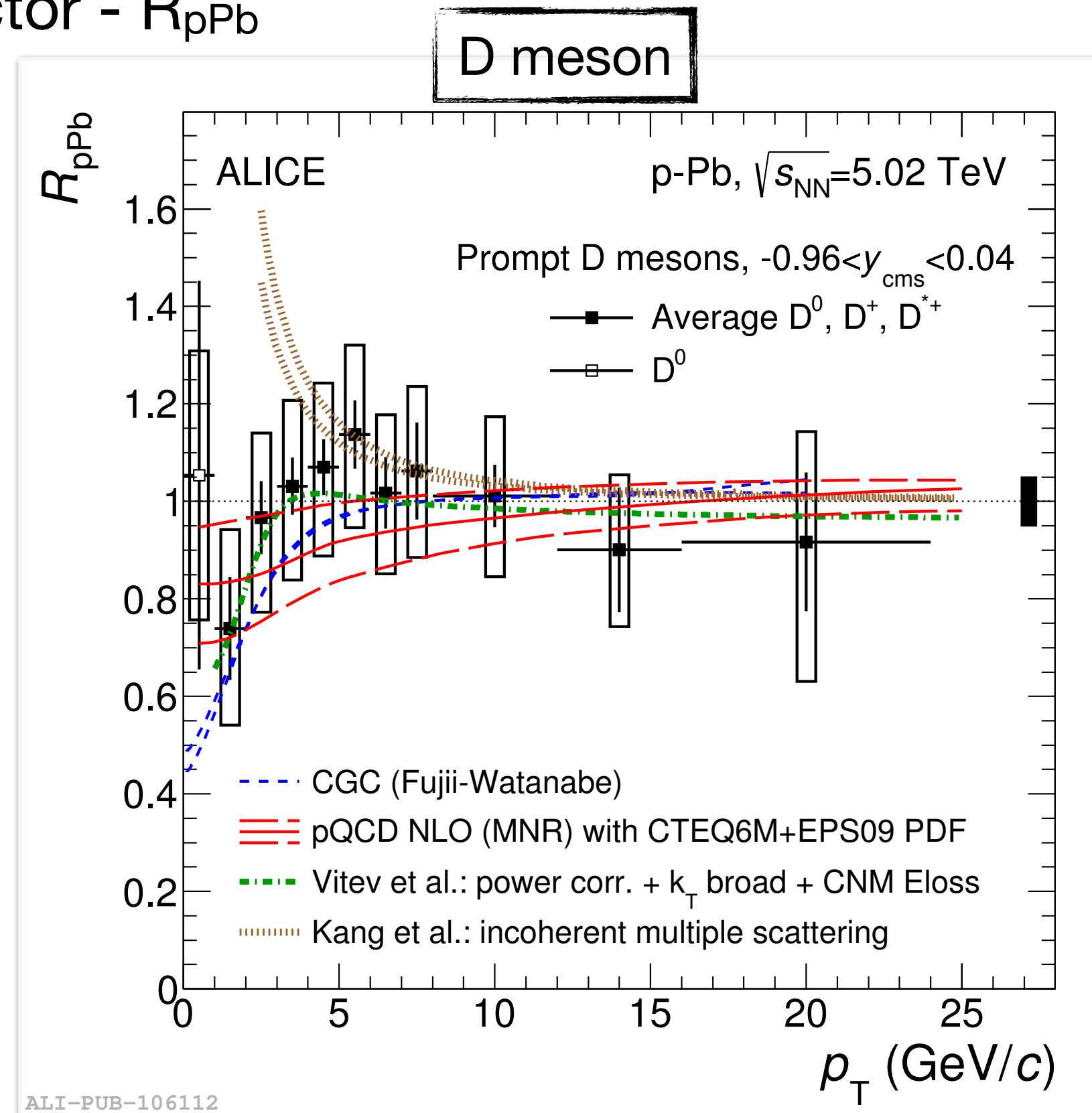
# HF production in p-A



Study cold nuclear matter effects:

Nuclear modification factor -  $R_{pPb}$

$$R_{pA} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{Y_{pA}}{Y_{pp}}$$



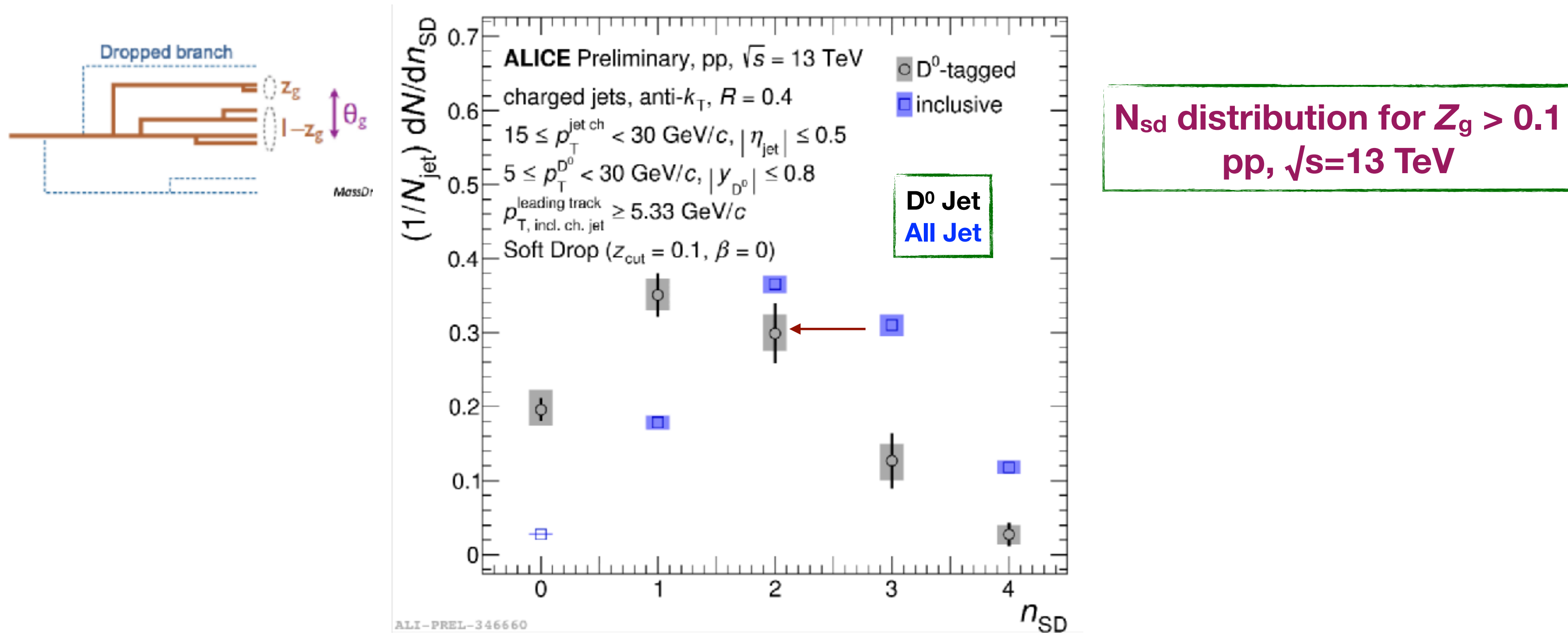
- $R_{pA}$  of open HF hadrons and quarkonia measured in mid- and large- rapidities at RHIC and LHC  $\rightarrow$  no large suppression of yield observed at high  $p_T$ .
- Models including Cold Nuclear Matter effects describe data within uncertainty for Minimum-Bias collisions.

# Jet substructure of $D^0$ -tagged jets

## Measuring substructure of jets containing $D^0$ mesons in pp collision

Grooming jets with SoftDrop algorithm:

- Groomed splitting characterized by **N-splitting passing grooming condition ( $N_{SD}$ )** and **groomed momentum fraction ( $z_g$ )**

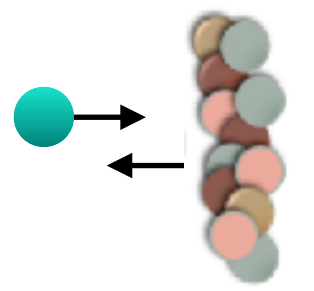


## Comparison of inclusive and charm jet using different grooming observables:

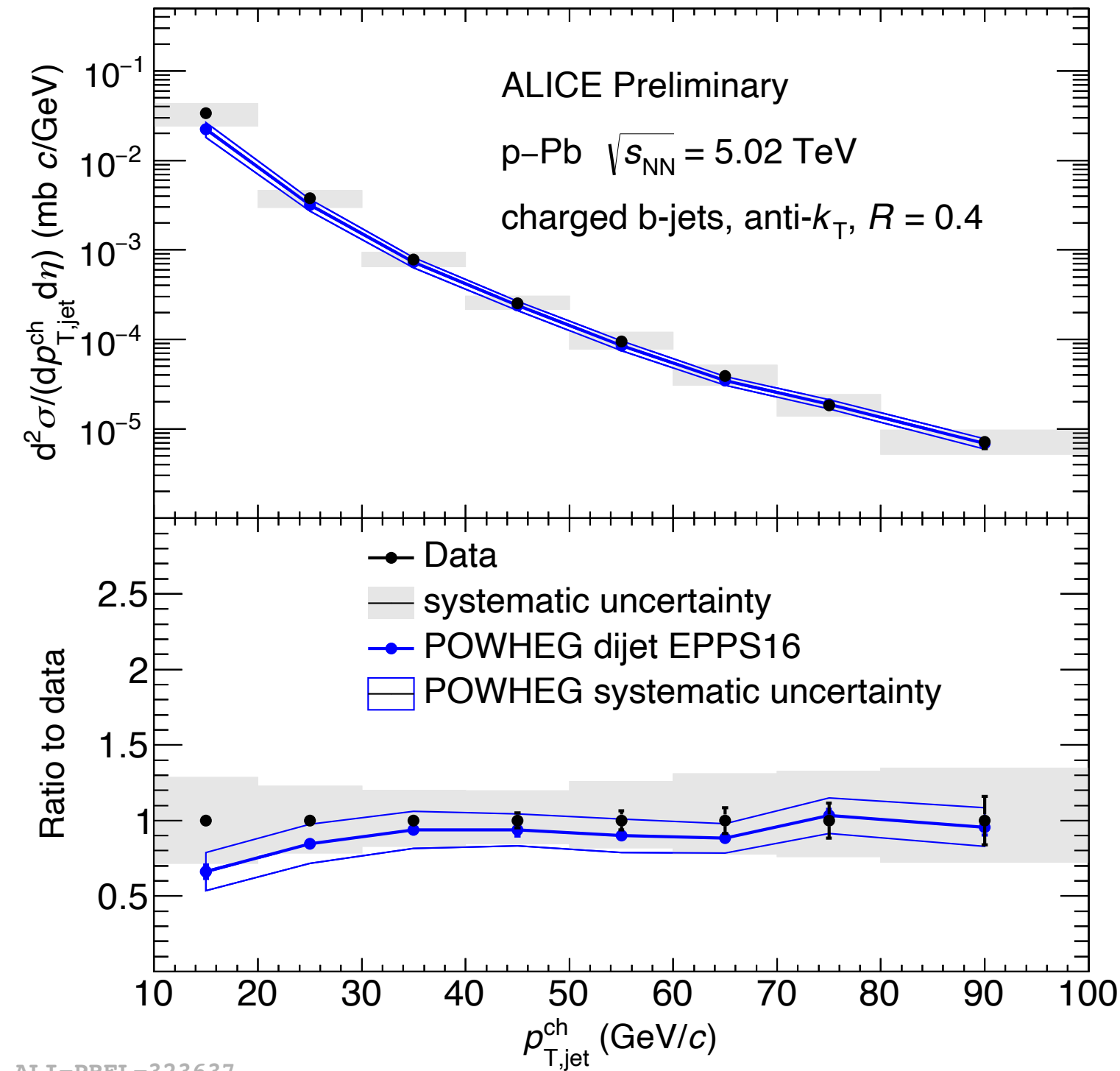
- Groomed momentum fraction similar and well described by Pythia
- $N_{SD}$  shows significant difference in the behavior**
  - Distribution shifted to smaller values for D-jet  $\rightarrow$  **fragmentation of HF has less prongs**



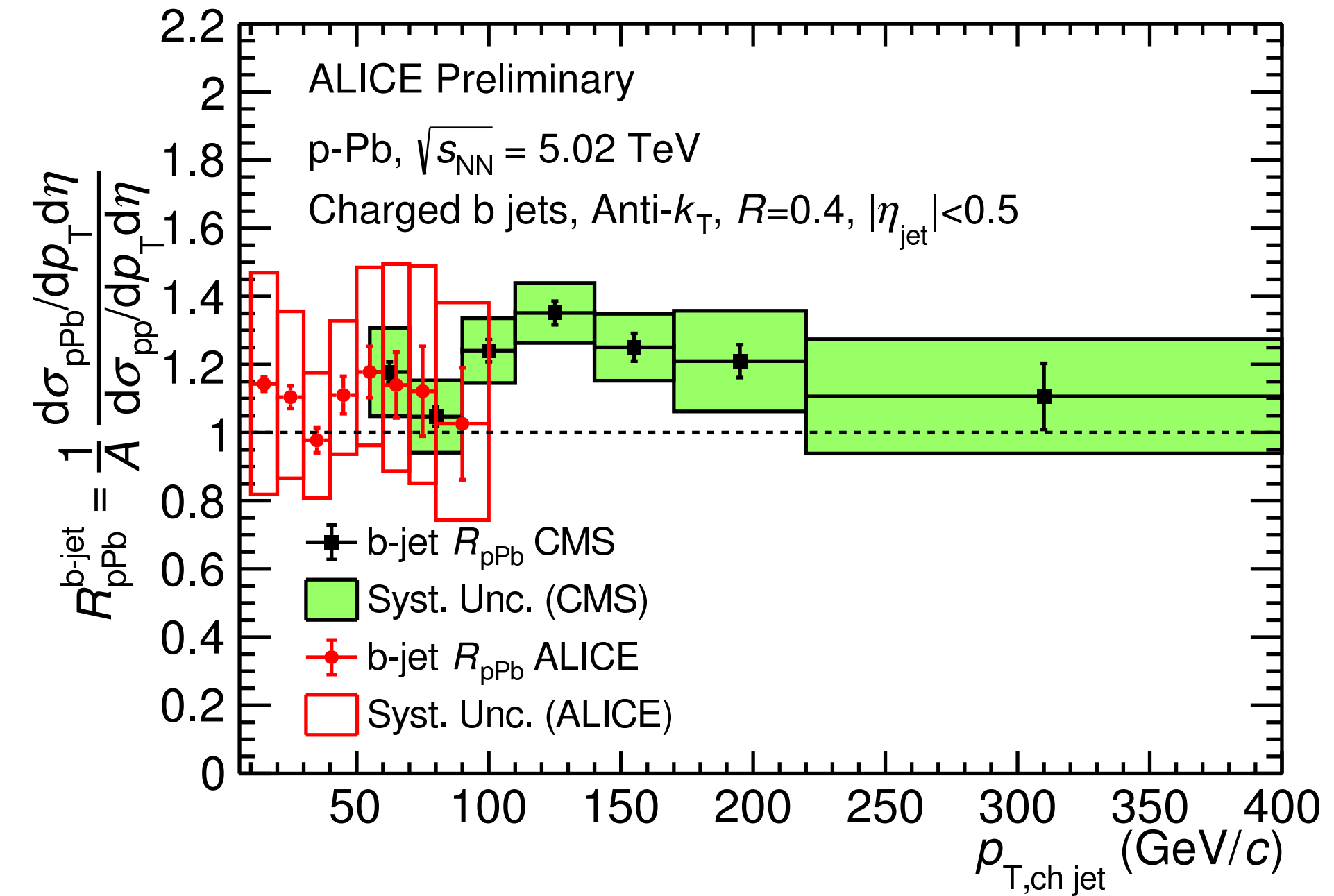
# Beauty-tagged jet cross-section



## b-jet cross-section

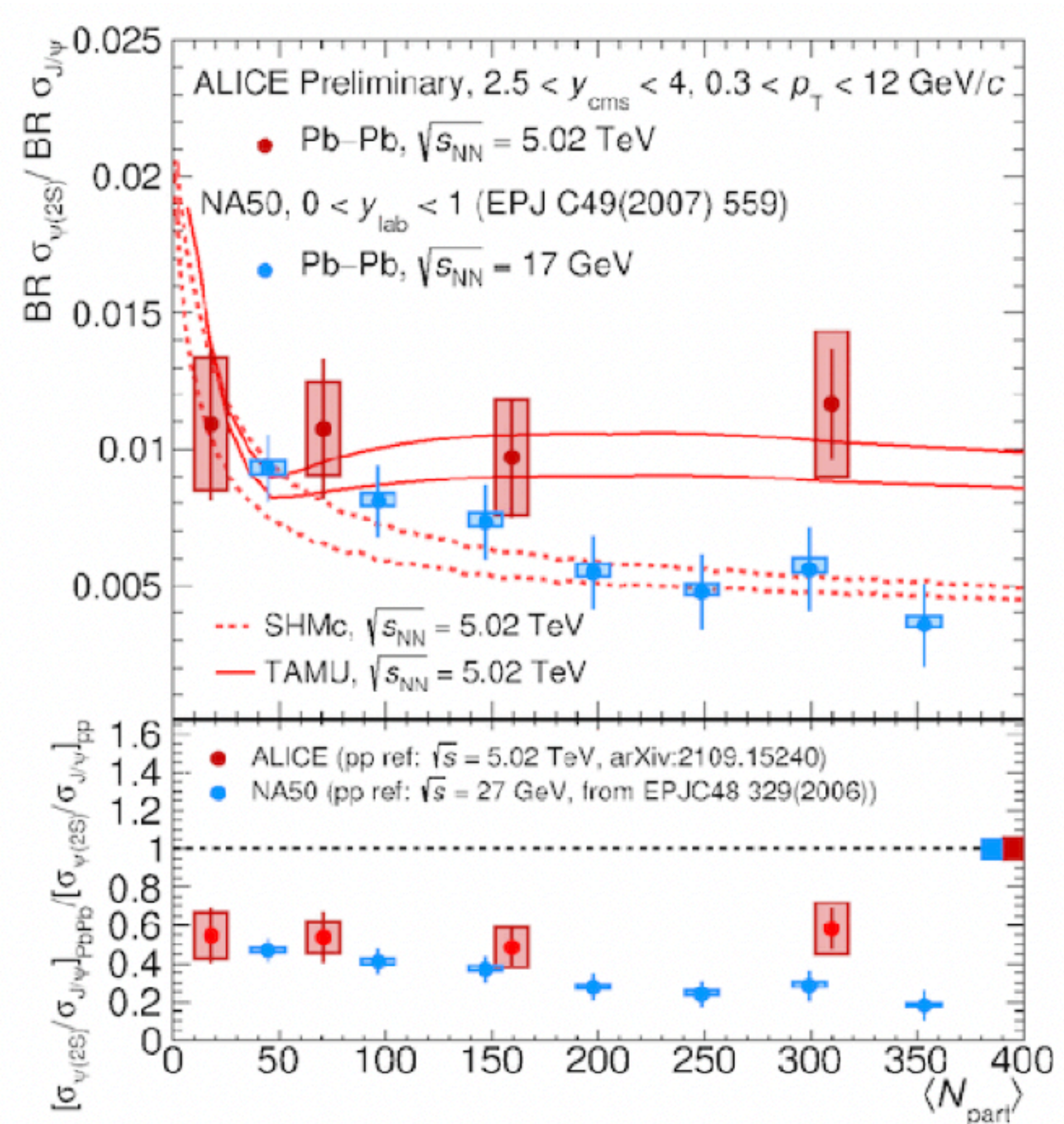
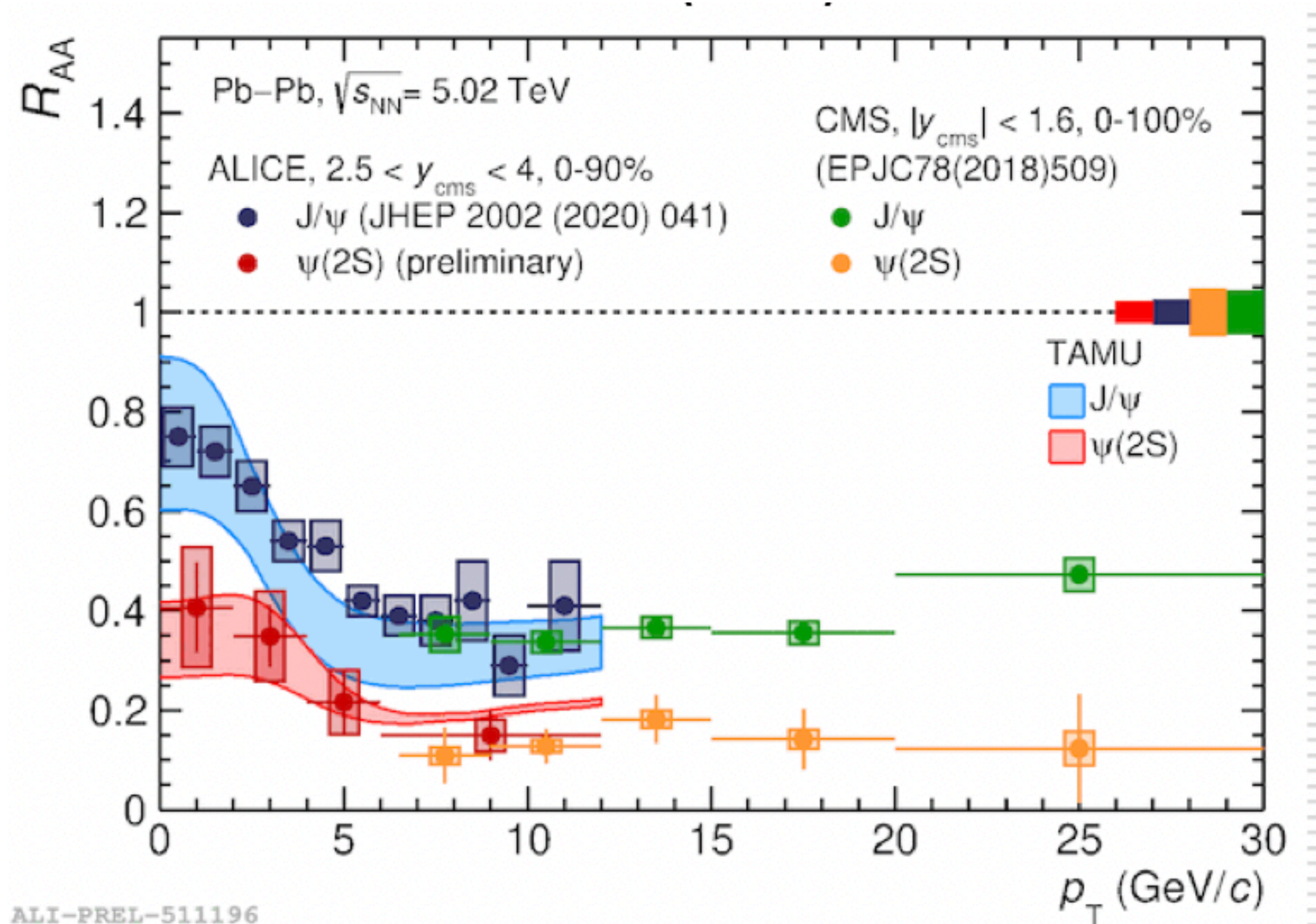


## b-jet $R_{pPb}$

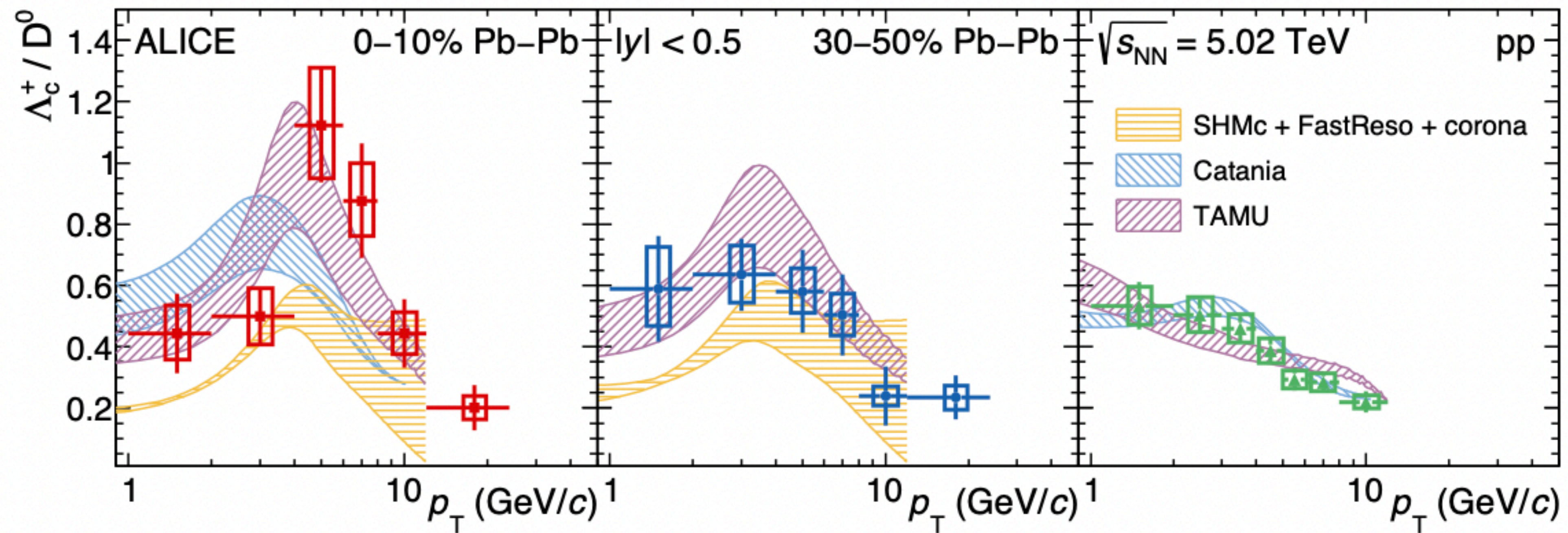


- **b-tagged jet cross-section and  $R_{pPb}$  measured in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV for  $15 < p_T < 90$  GeV/c.**
- **Data well described by different POWHEG simulations within uncertainties** (HVQ and Dijet)
- **$R_{pPb}$  consistent with unity within uncertainties in the measured  $p_T$  range.**
  - **ALICE** measurement consistent with **CMS** in the overlapping  $p_T$  range of  $50 < p_T < 100$  GeV/c.

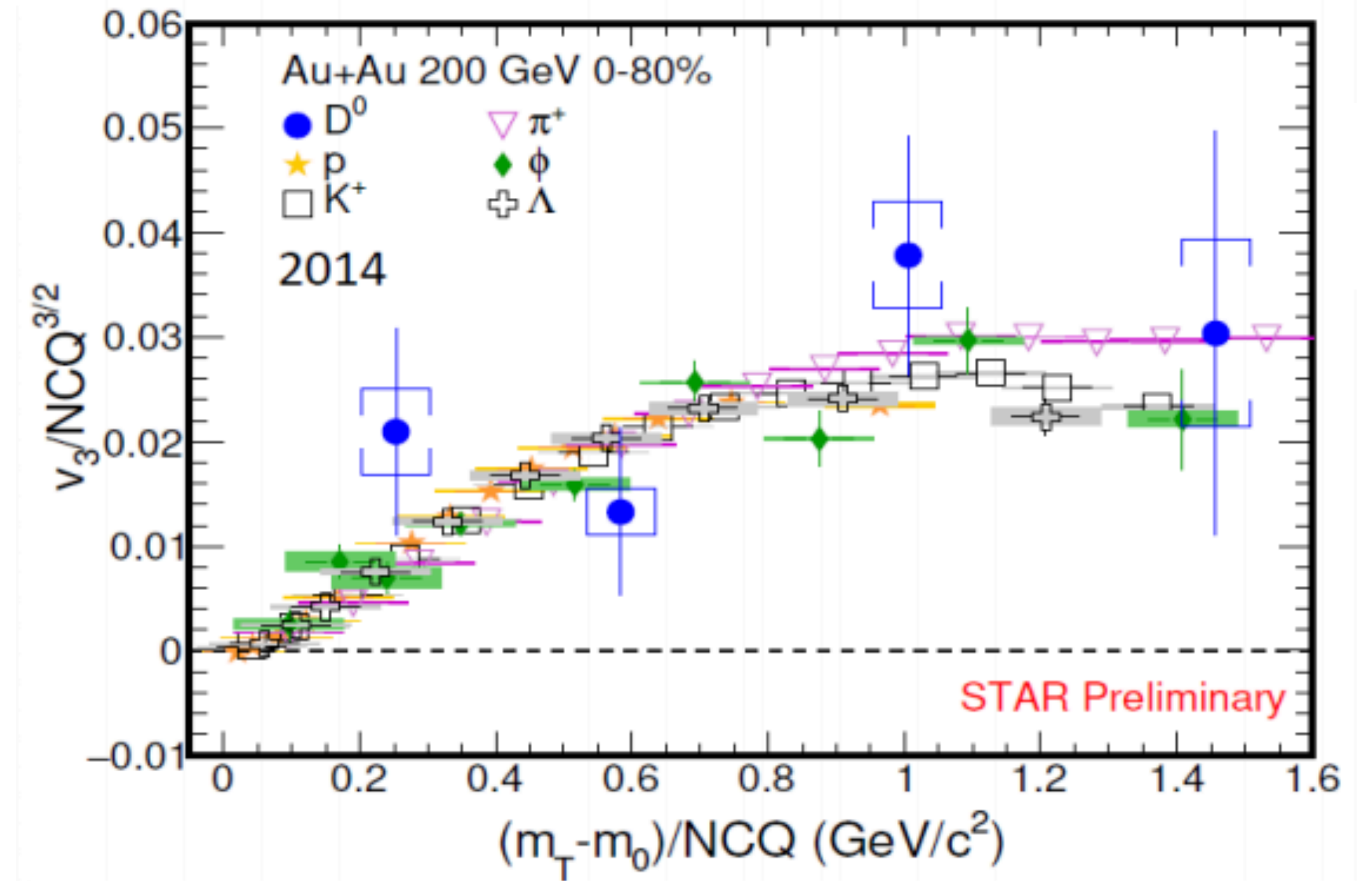
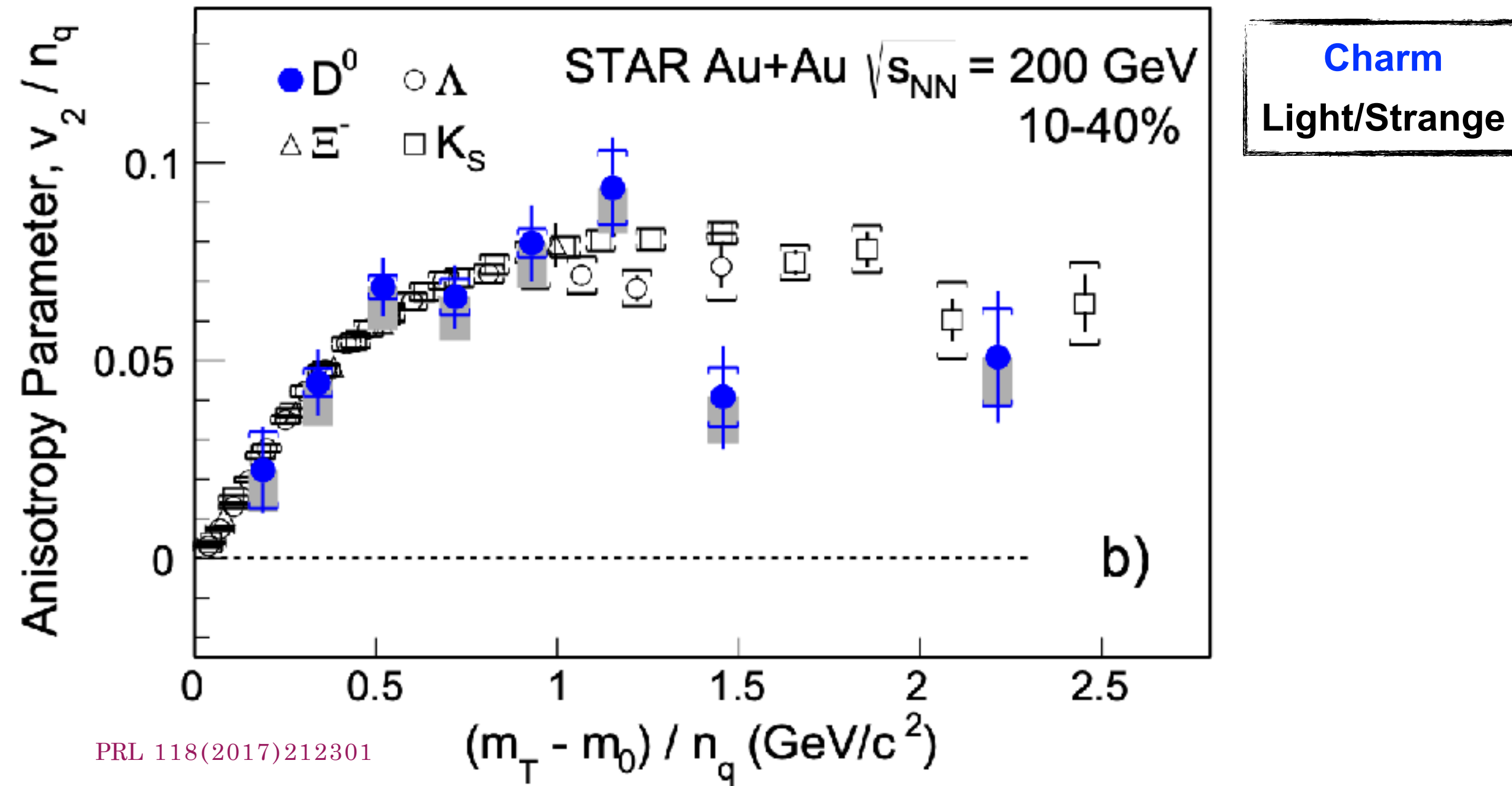
# Quarkonia $R_{AA}$



# Baryon production with $\Lambda_c^+$

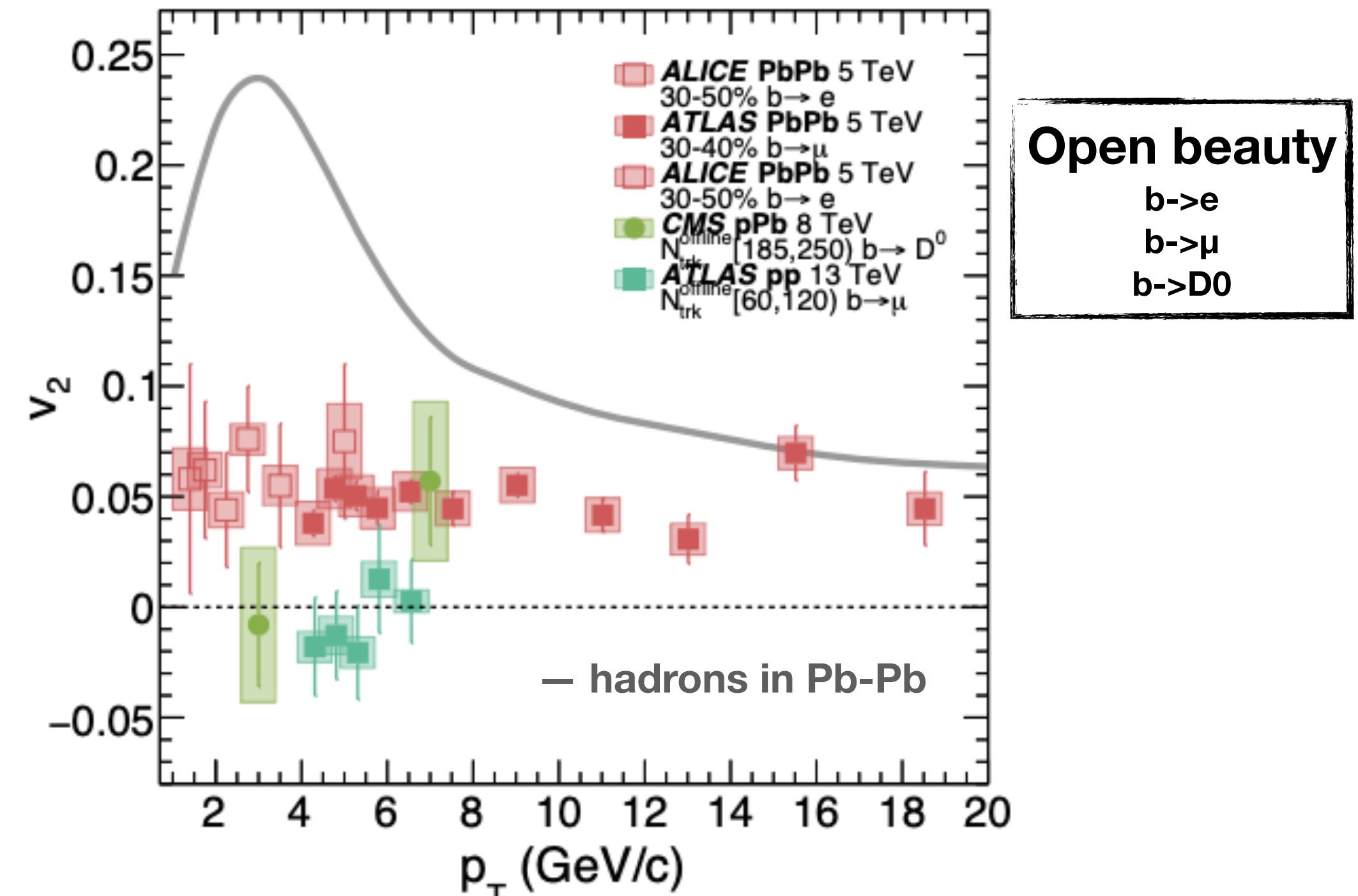
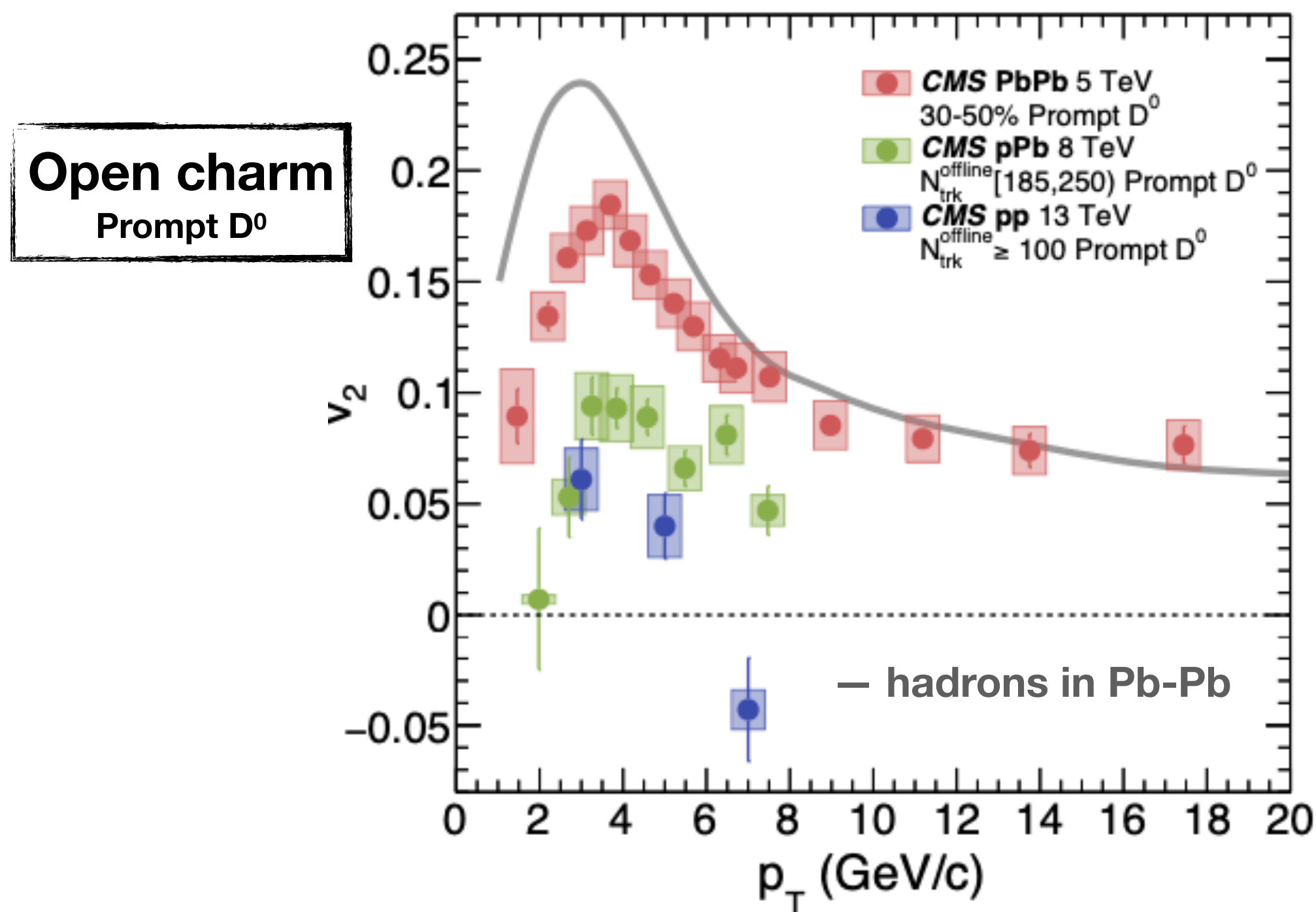


# $v_2$ and $v_3$ of charm quarks at RHIC



- Significant  $v_n$  for charm quarks at low  $p_T$ .
- Charm  $v_2$  follows  $N_{CQ}$  scaling at low  $p_T$  at RHIC.
- Charm quarks interact strongly with the medium and possible thermalization.

# $v_2$ of heavy-flavor in different systems



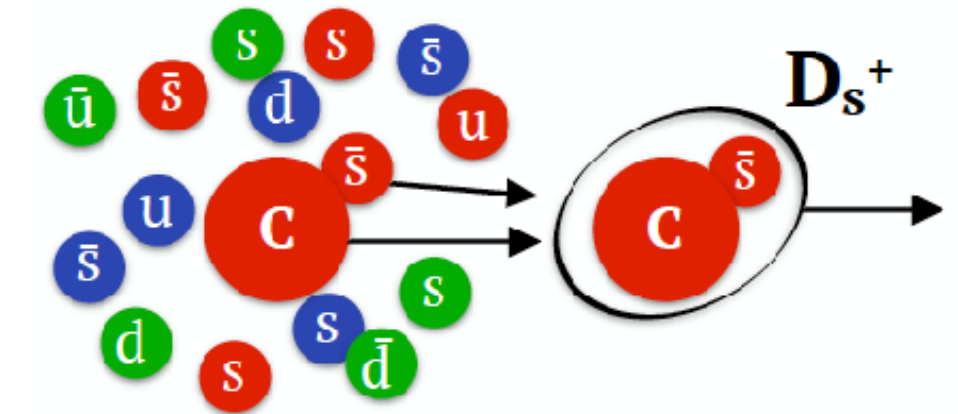
- Charm:  $v_2(\text{Pb-Pb}) > v_2(\text{p-Pb}) > v_2(\text{pp})$
- Beauty:  $v_2(\text{Pb-Pb}) > 0$ ,  $v_2(\text{p-Pb}) \sim v_2(\text{pp}) \sim 0$

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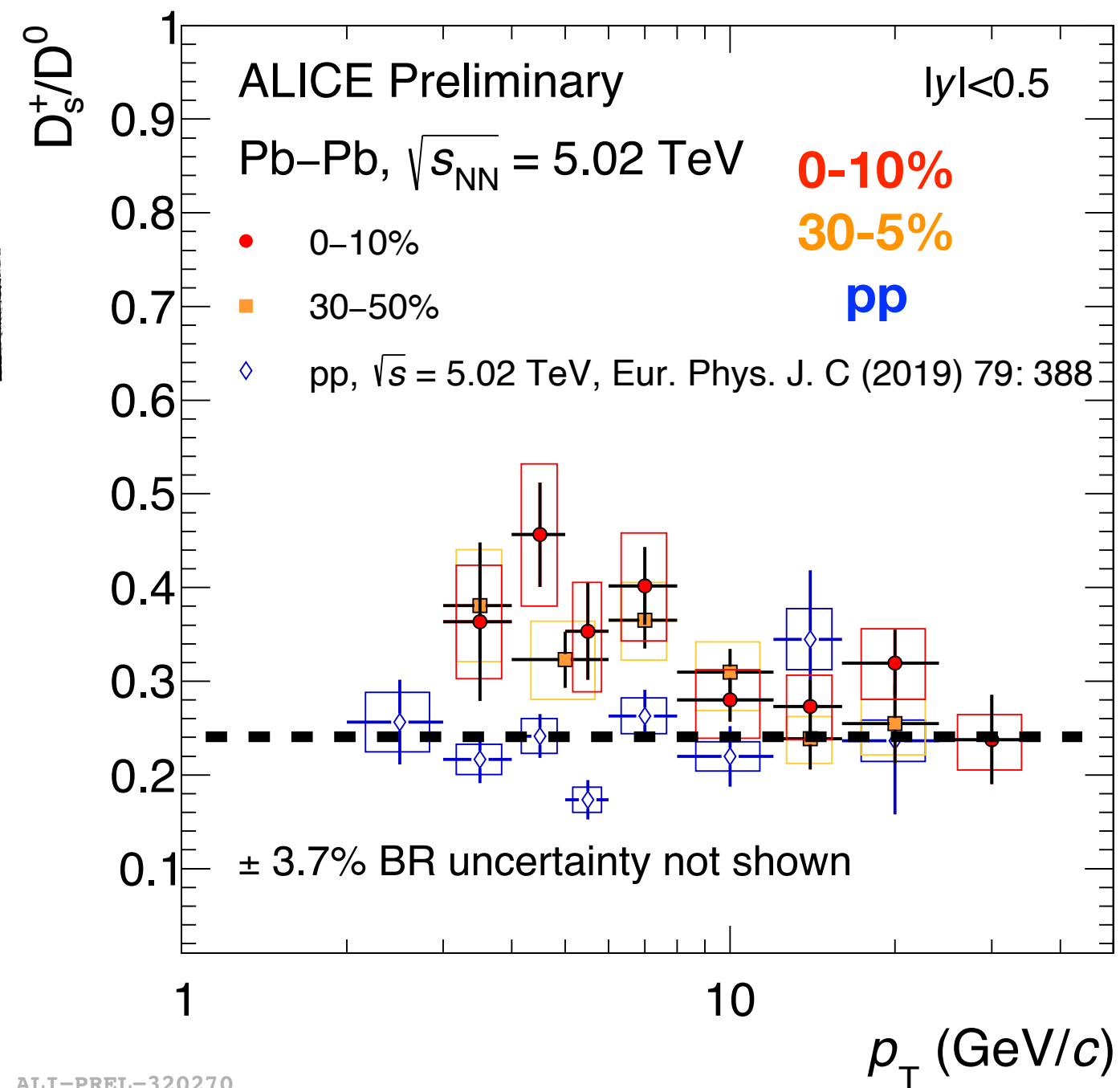
# Hadronisation - $D_s$

## Studying heavy-flavour hadronization mechanism

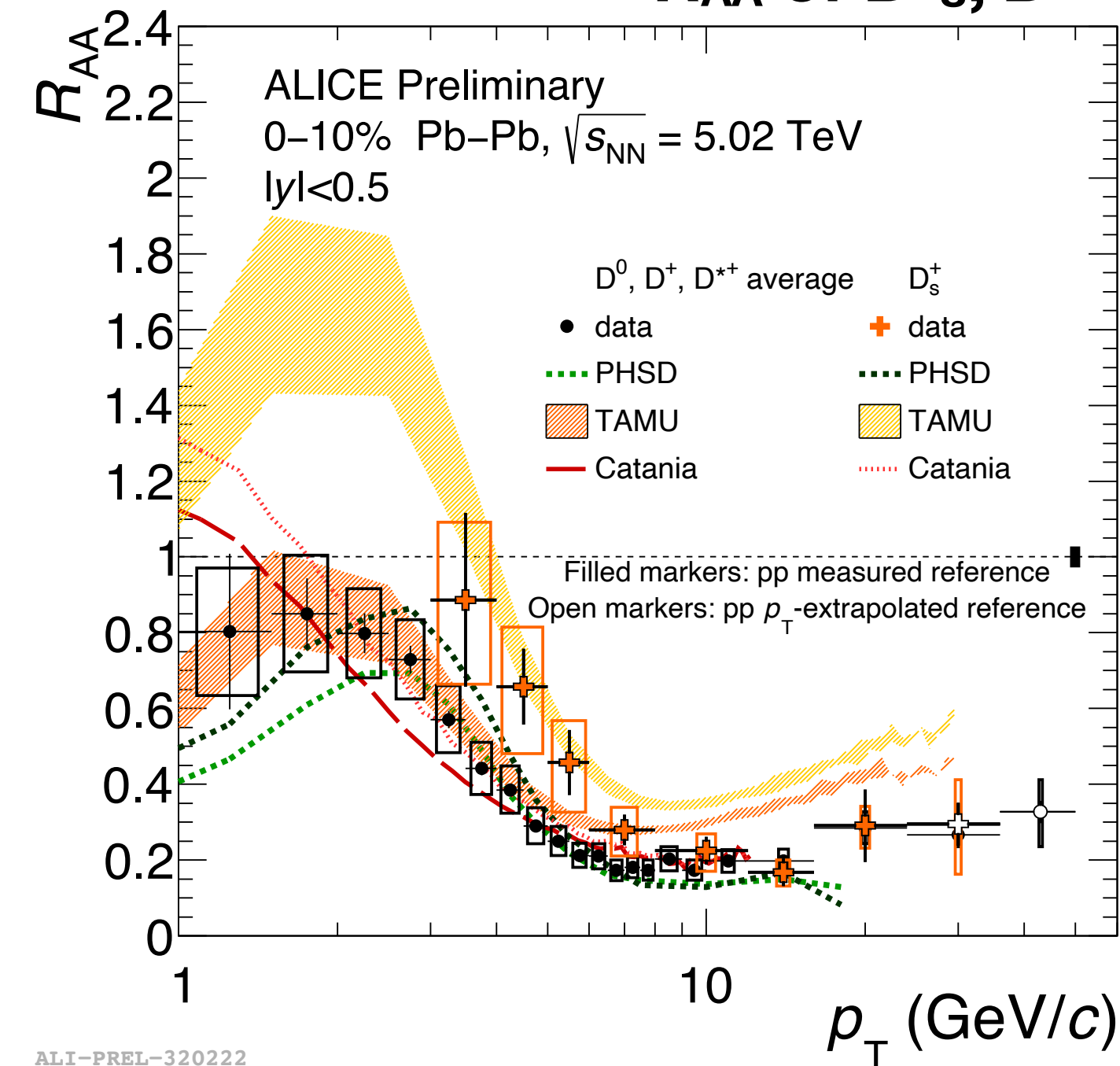
- QGP rich in strange quarks -> expected enhancement of  $D_s^+$  over  $D^0$  yield if hadronization via coalescence.
- $D_s/D^0 \sim 0.4$  in Pb-Pb while  $\sim 0.25$  in pp  $\rightarrow$  **hint of enhancement**



$D_s^+/D^0$

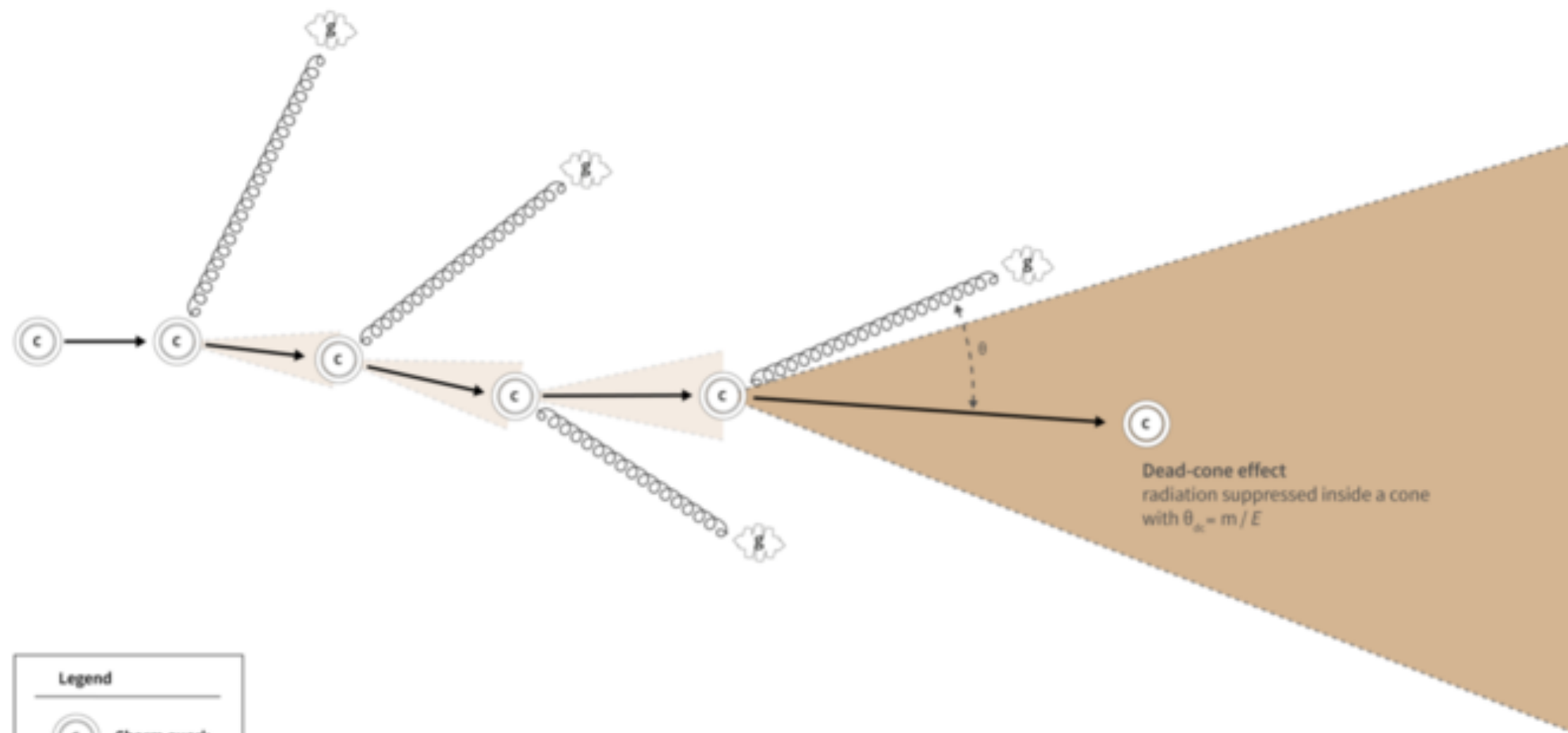


$R_{AA}$  of  $D_s^+, D^0$



D meson  
 $D_s^+$

# Dead cone effect

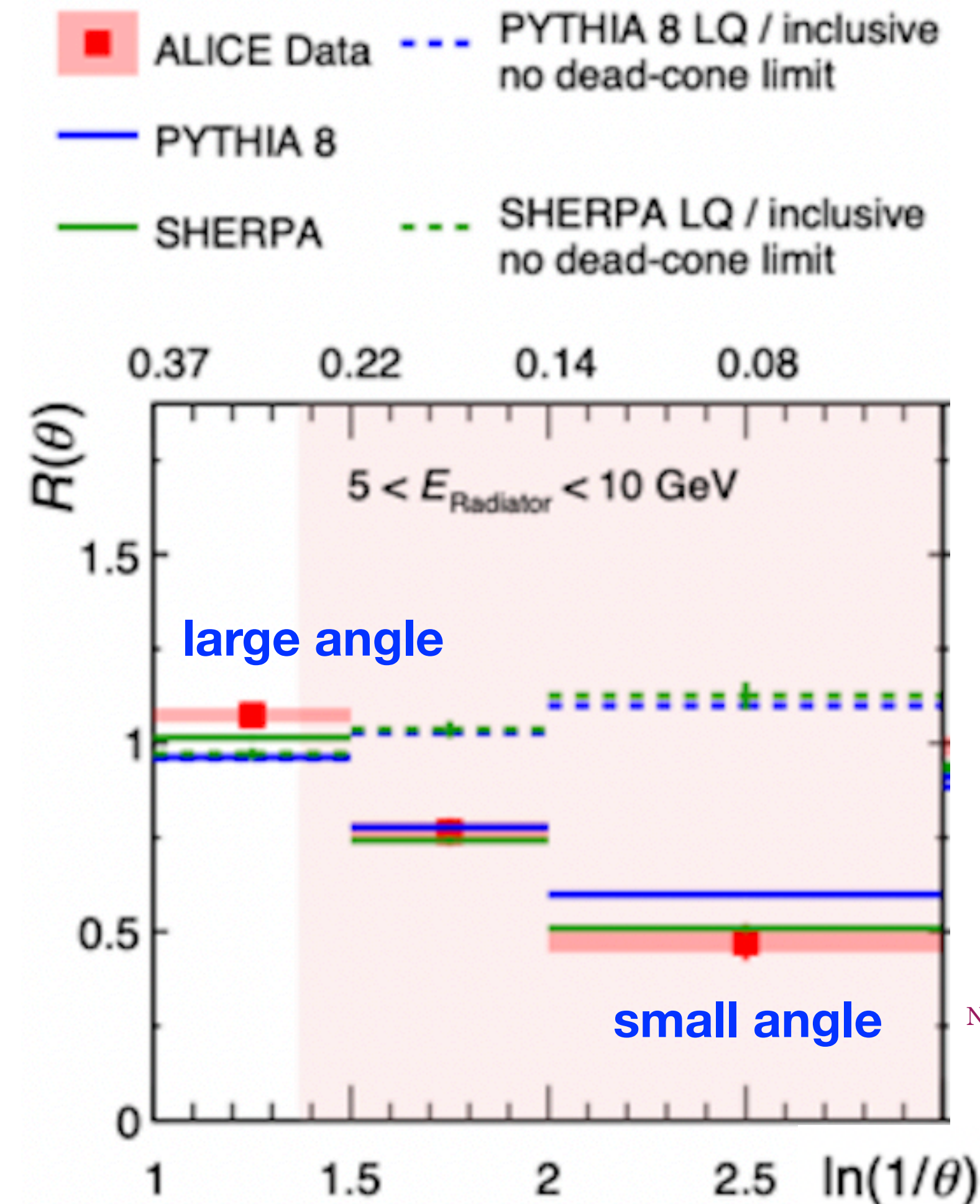


Reduction of gluon radiation from heavy quarks at small angles due to conservation of angular momentum:  $\theta \sim m_q/E$

**First direct observation using recursive jet-clustering techniques to reconstruct gluon emissions from radiating charm quark**

- follows the branch containing the  $D^0$  meson at each de-clustering step
- >equivalent to following the emitting charm quark through the shower.

Ratio of splitting angle probability distribution -  $D^0$ -jet  
 Inclusive jets



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