

Probing the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Heavy Flavor

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Outline

- Introduction
 - The strong interaction and the quark-gluon plasma
 - High-energy heavy-ion collisions
- Open heavy-flavor production
 - pp : pQCD benchmark and reference
 - p-A : Cold nuclear matter effects
 - A-A : Hot nuclear matter effects
- Quarkonia ($Q\bar{Q}$ bound state)
 - The J/Ψ puzzle: dissociation and regeneration
 - Υ states and the “sequential melting”

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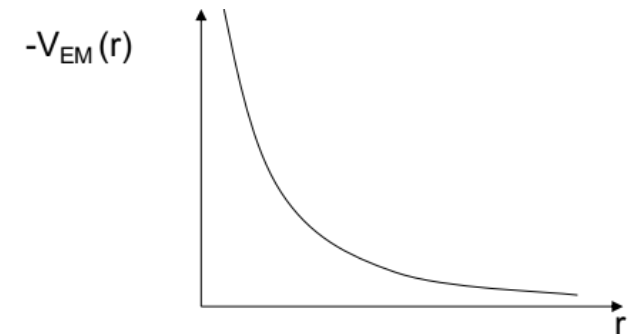
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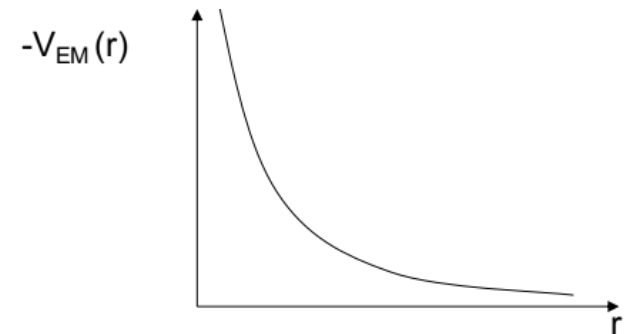
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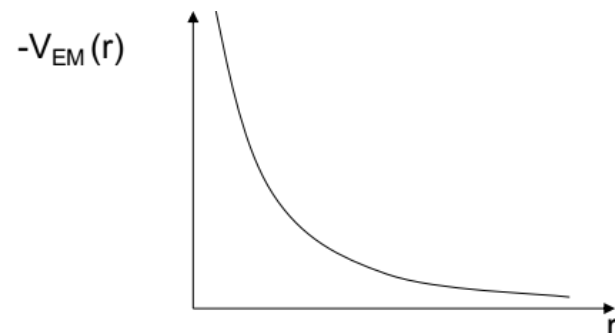
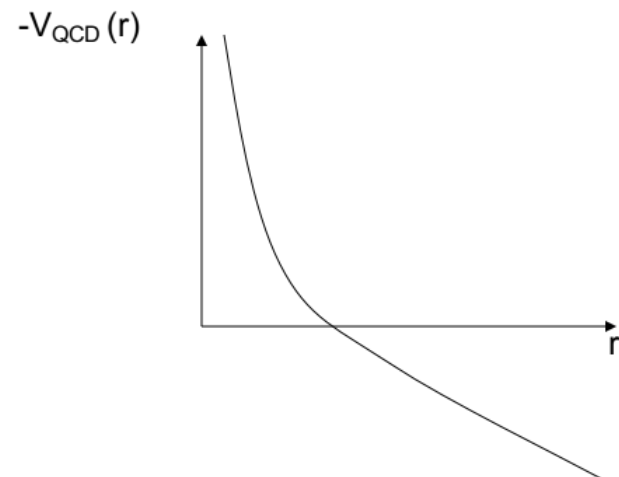
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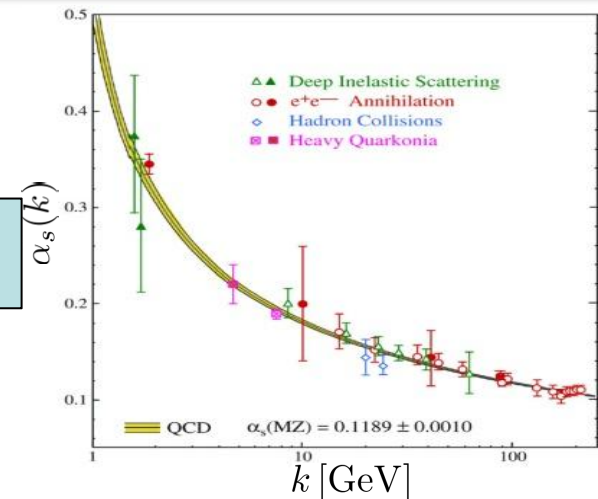
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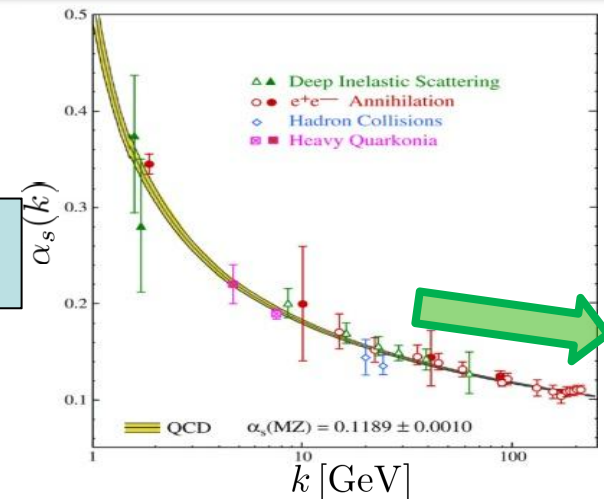


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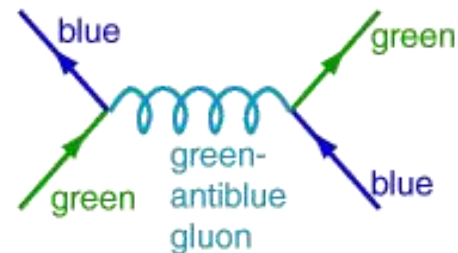
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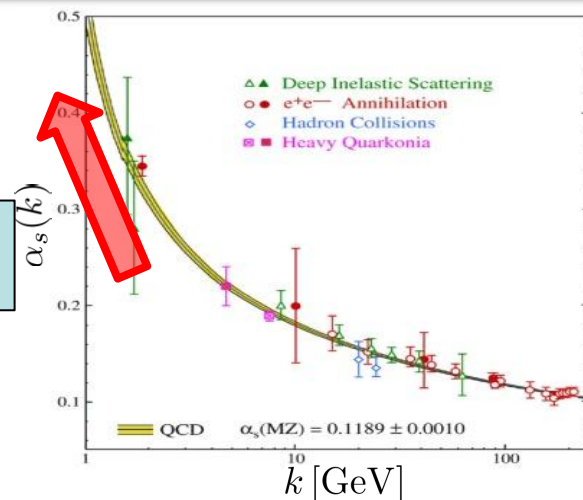
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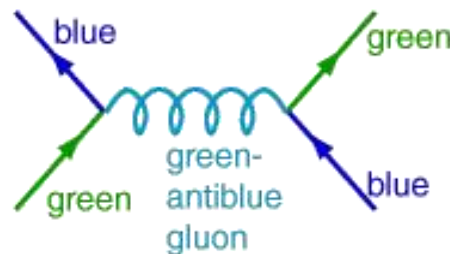
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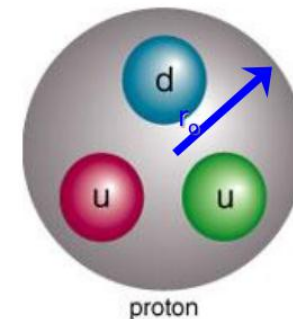
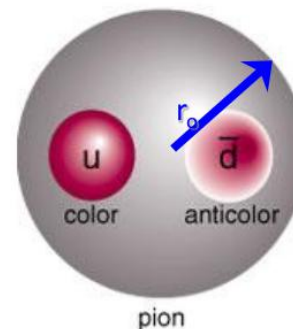


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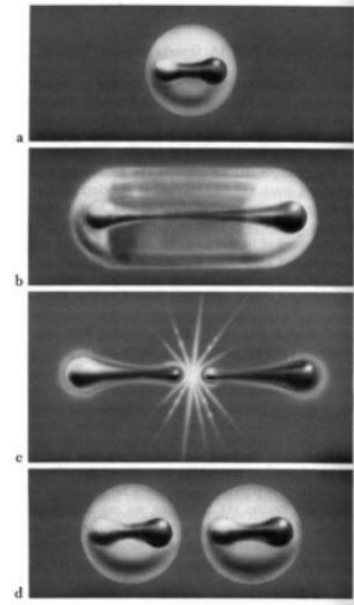
- meson ($q\bar{q}$), baryon (qqq)
- Not accessible analytically**
- Lattice QCD
- Effective models: bag, string, hydro...



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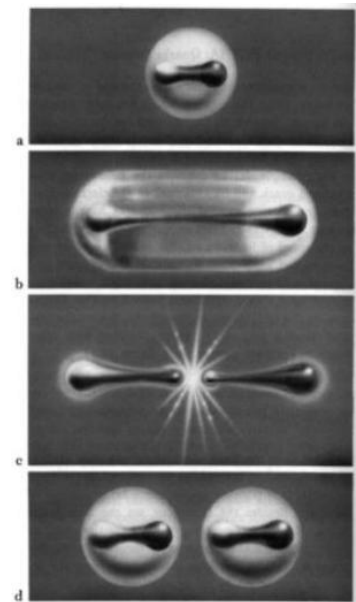
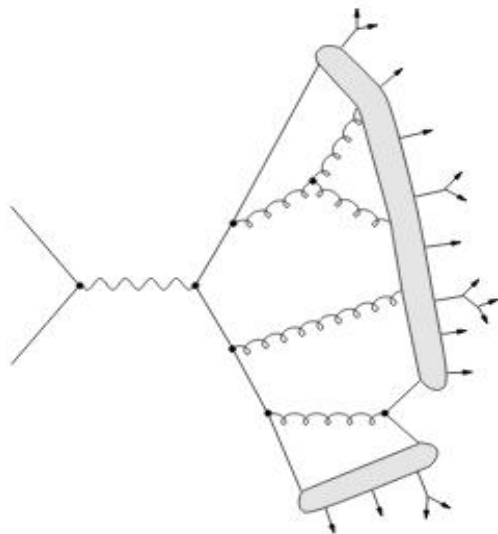
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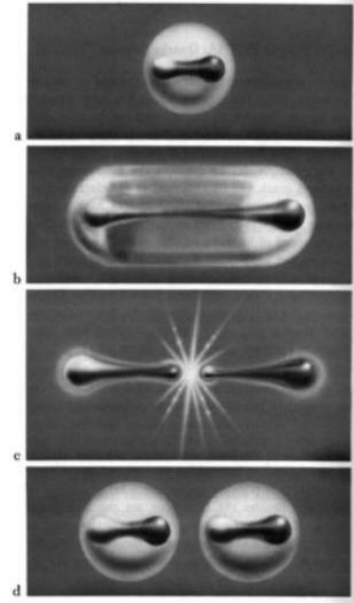
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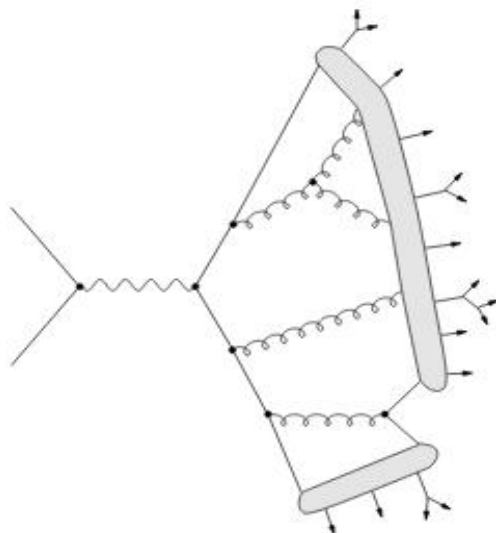
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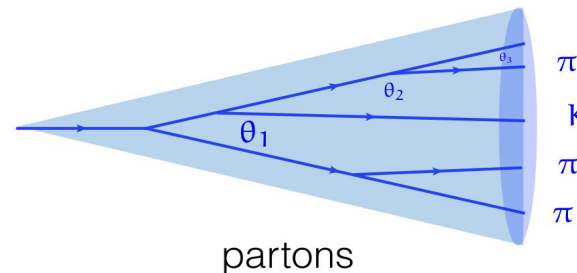


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Jet virtuality

$$Q \equiv E \theta_{\text{jet}}$$



$$Q_0 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

hadrons

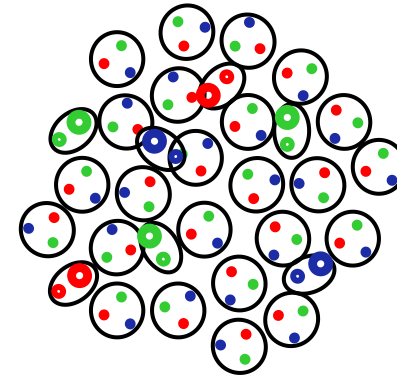
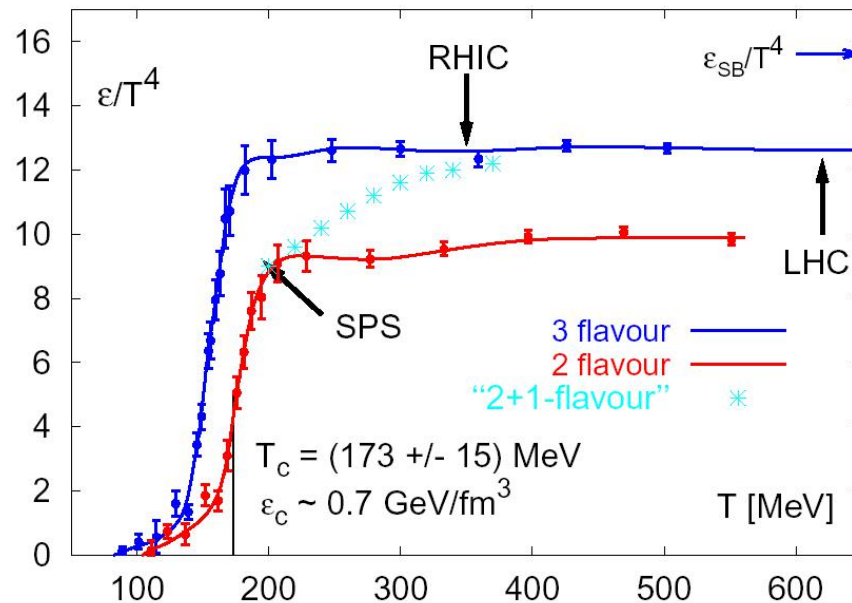
Jet: \sim arbitrary definition,
"experiment-theory interface"

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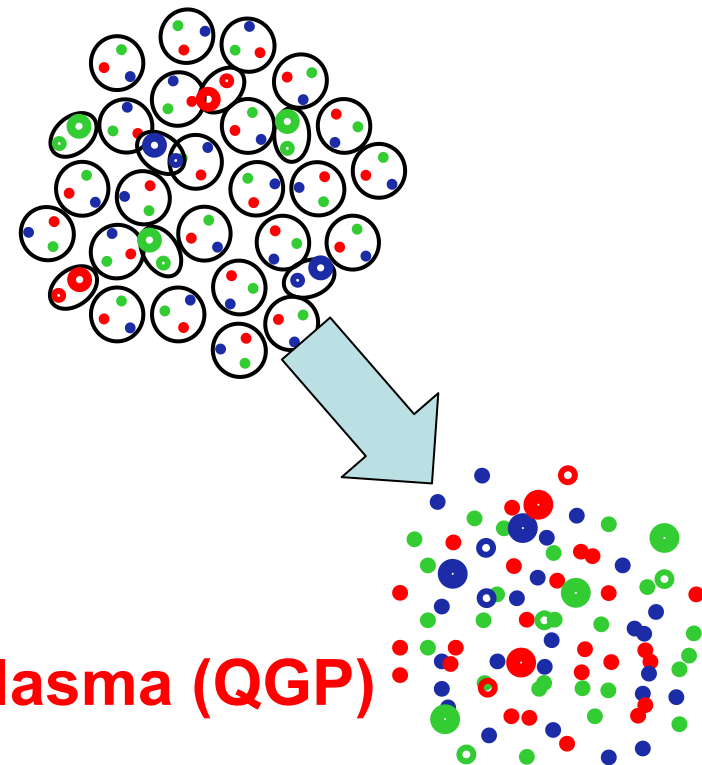
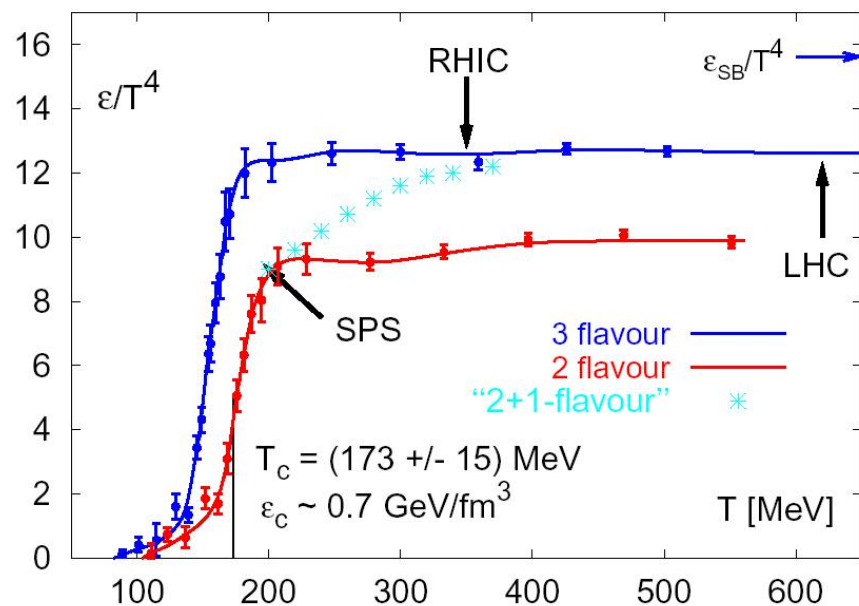
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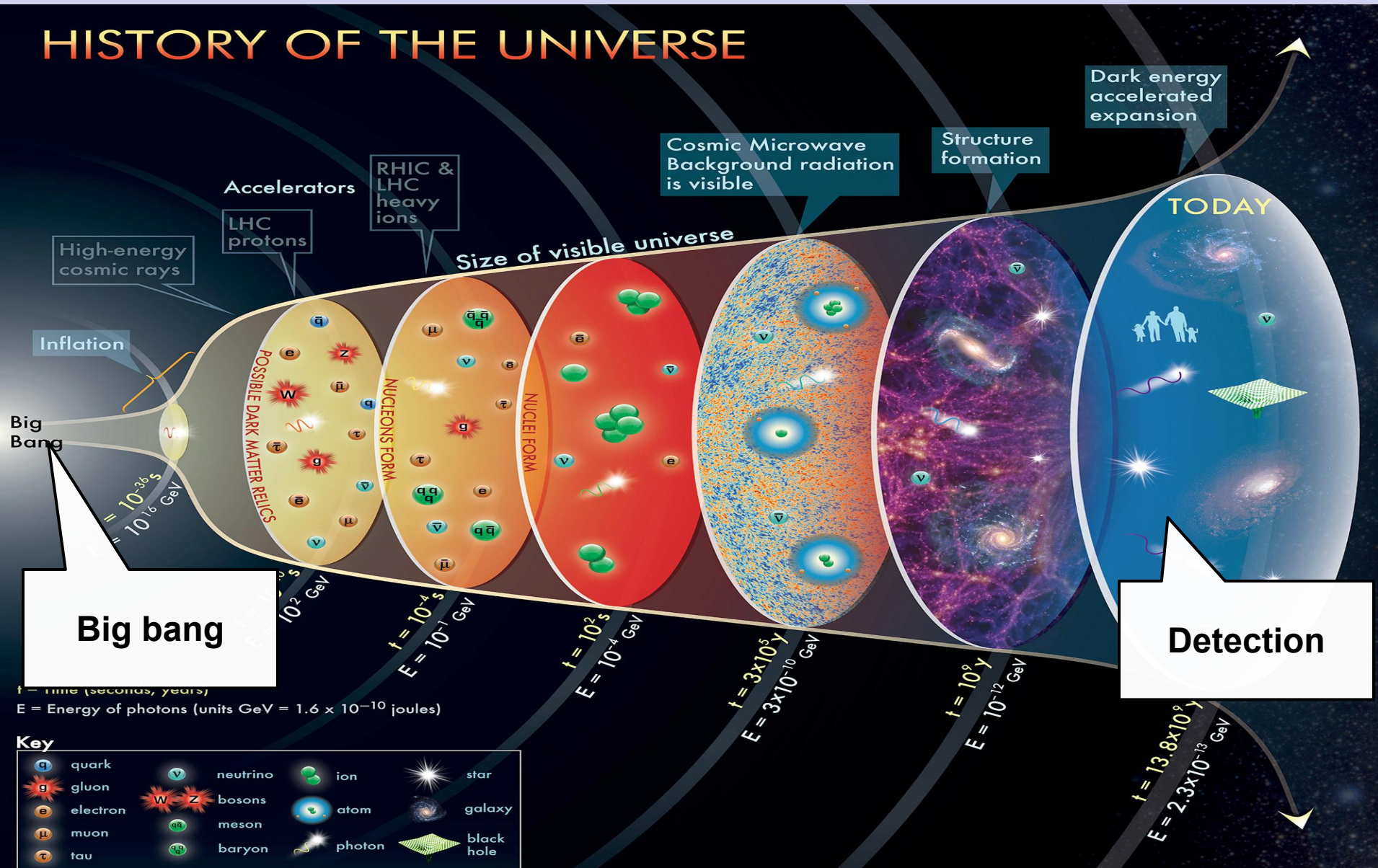


- Phase transition \rightarrow **Quark-gluon plasma (QGP)**

- Does it exist?
- What are its properties?

It all started with a big bang...

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE



t = time (seconds, years)
 E = Energy of photons (units GeV = 1.6×10^{-10} joules)

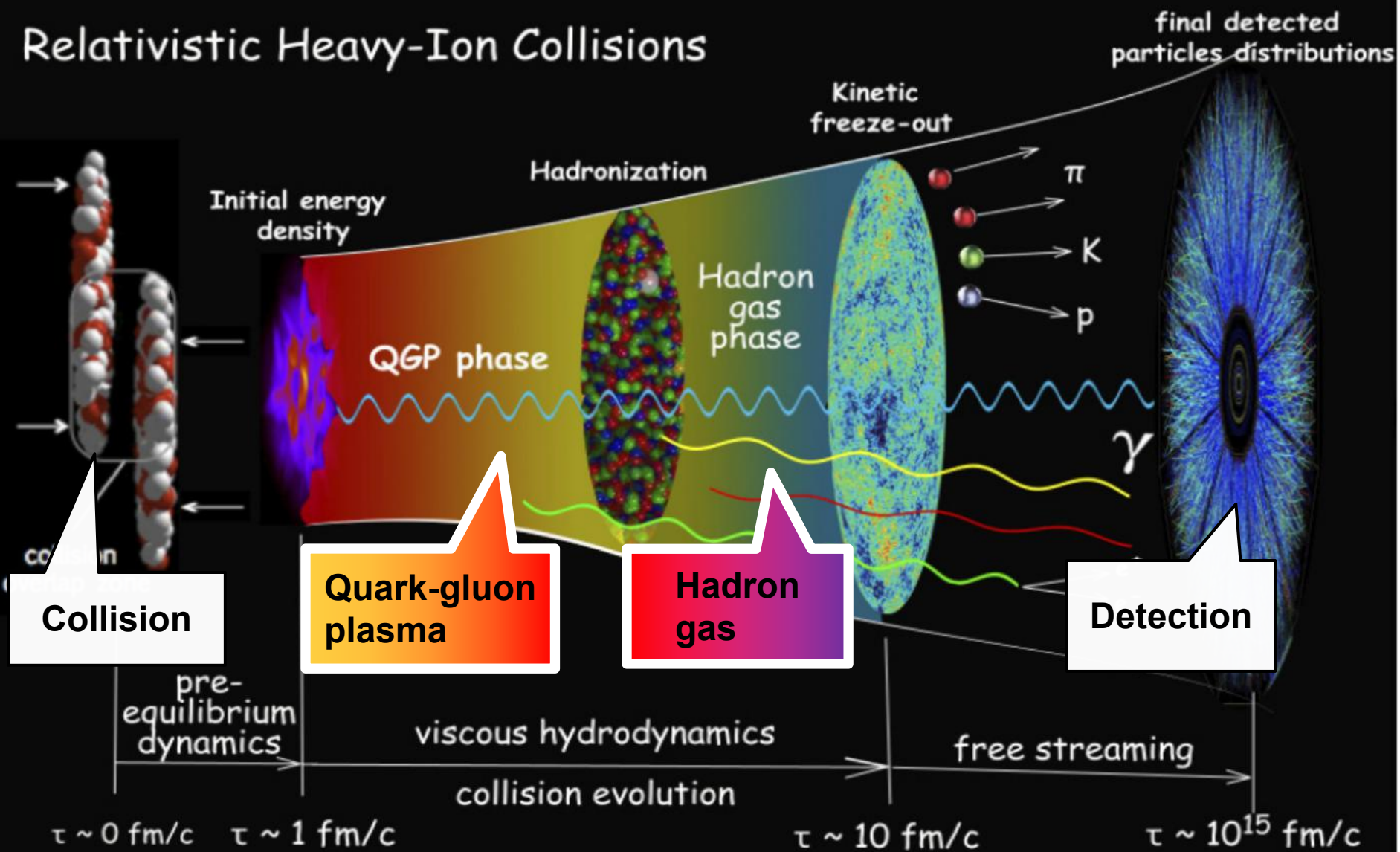
Key

	quark		neutrino		ion		star
	gluon		bosons		atom		galaxy
	electron		meson		photon		black hole
	muon		baryon				
	tau						

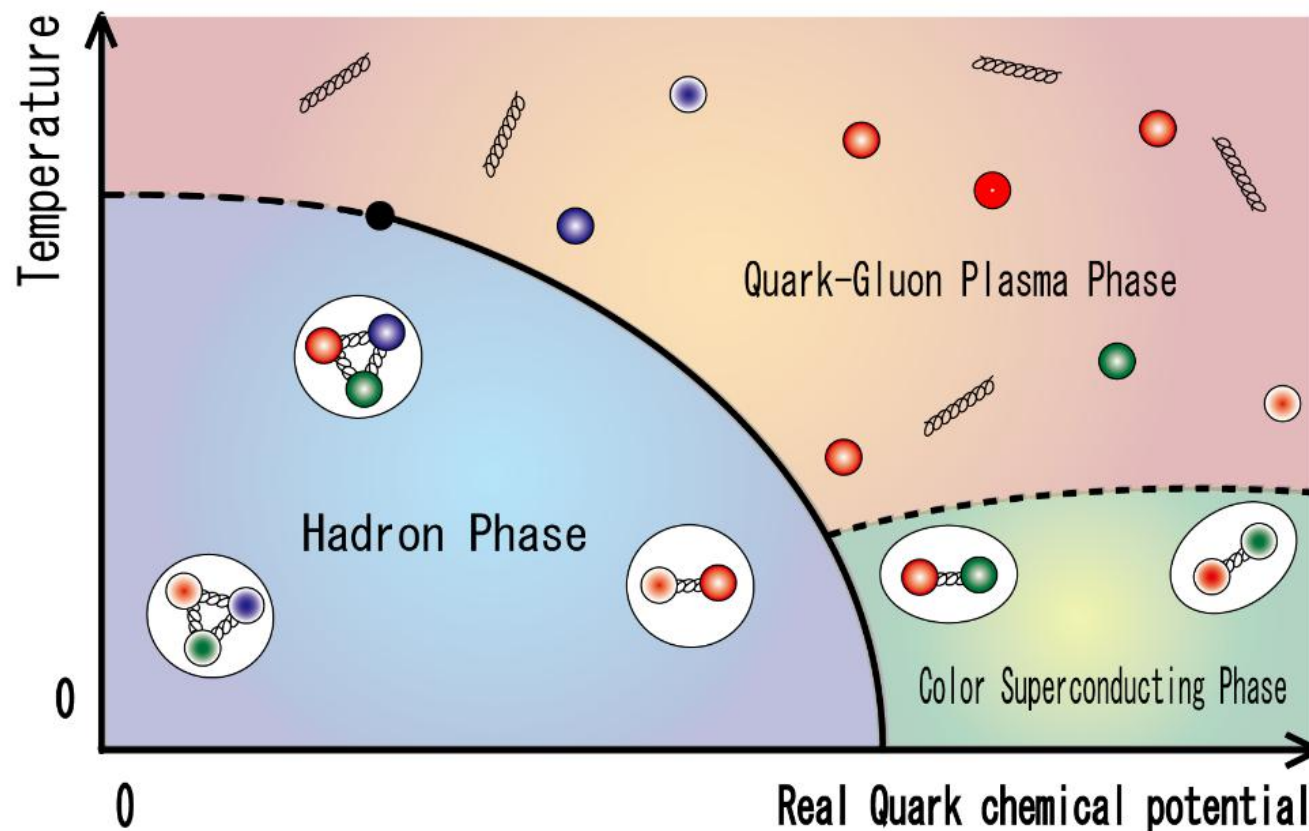
The concept for the above figure originated in a 1986 paper by Michael Turner.

“Little bangs” in high-energy collisions

Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

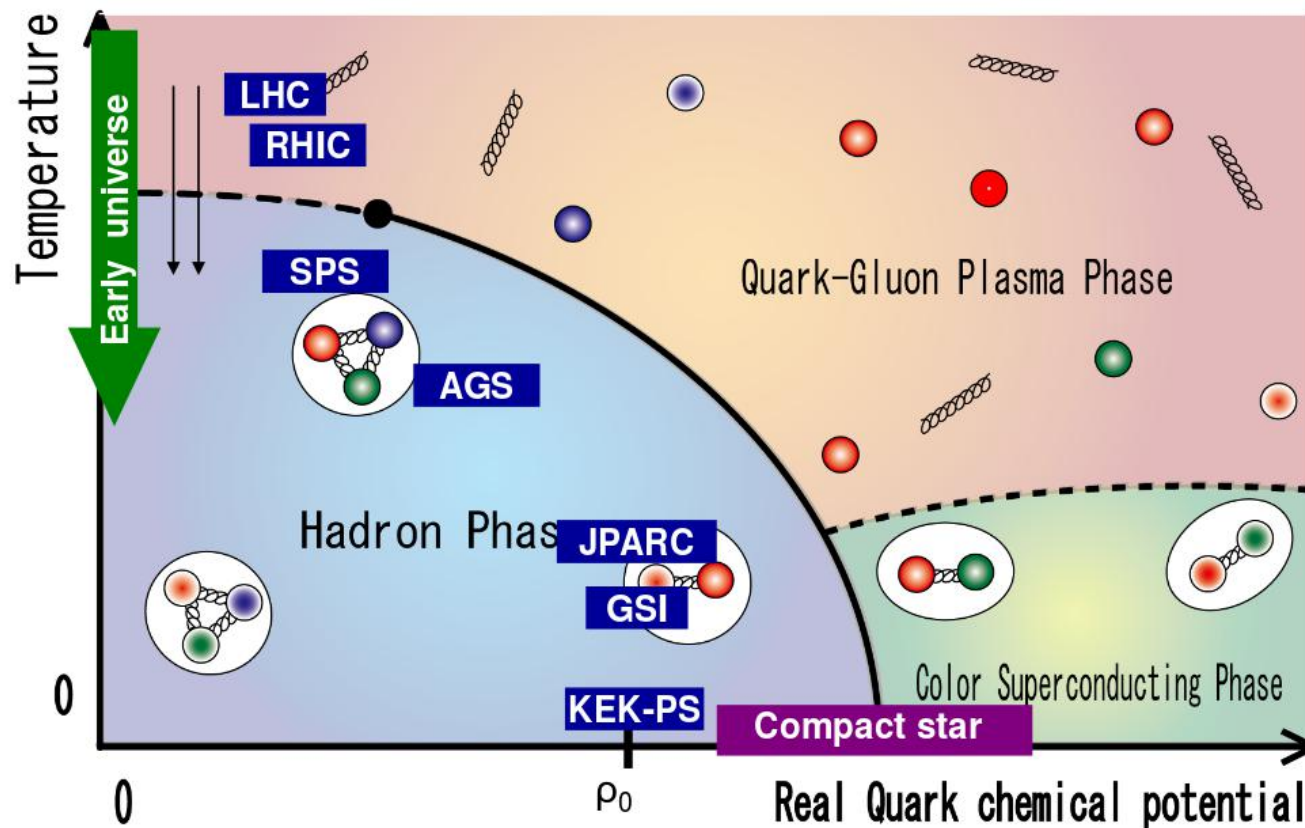


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 - Understand the quark-gluon plasma
 - Do we see the phase transition? Which order is it?
 - Is there a critical point?

Experimental tools and basic concepts

- Accelerators and experiments:
RHIC, LHC
- The hard and the soft regimes

RHIC relativistic heavy-ion collider

- Two synchrotron rings
3,6 km long
- Extremely versatile
 - Au, Cu, U, d, ^3He , p
 - polarized protons
(\rightarrow spin physics)
 - Asymmetric setups
- Broad energy range
 - **p+p:**
 $\sqrt{s} = 62 - 500 \text{ GeV}$
 - **Au+Au:**
 $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 - 200 \text{ GeV}$
(fix target: 2.7 GeV)
- Experiments: STAR, sPHENIX,
(PHOBOS, BRAHMS)

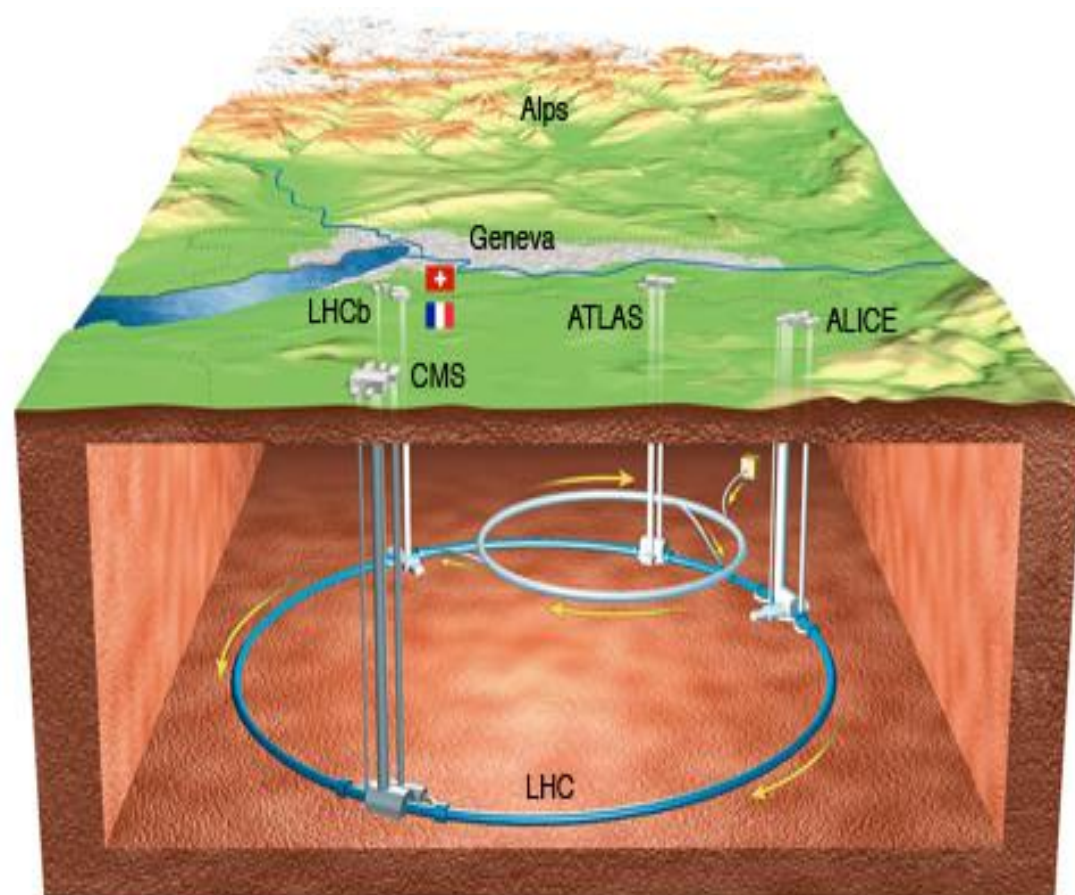
BNL (NY, USA)



LHC: The Large Hadron Collider

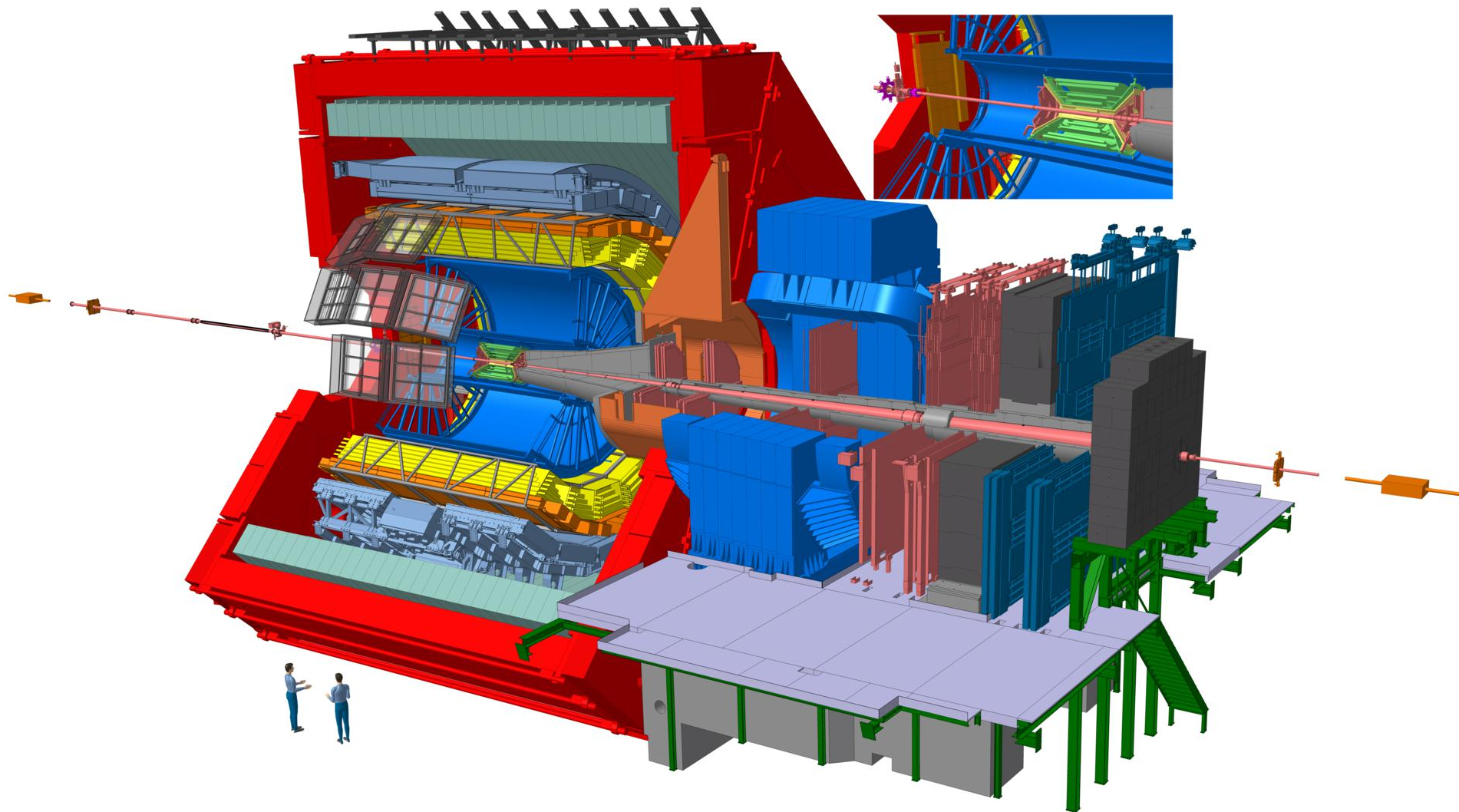


- CERN: European Nuclear Research Centre
- 22 member countries collaborate



- LHC: 27 km long ring
 - Acceleration with electromagnetic field (close to the speed of light)
 - Magnetic field keeps particle on curved track
- Highest energies
 - pp: $\sqrt{s}=13.6$ TeV
 - Pb-Pb: $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV
 - p-Pb, Xe-Xe

ALICE (example detector system)



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EMCal: energy, electron ID

TRD: hadron rejection by transition radiation

TOF: identification by precise time of flight

central barrel: $|\eta| < 0.9$

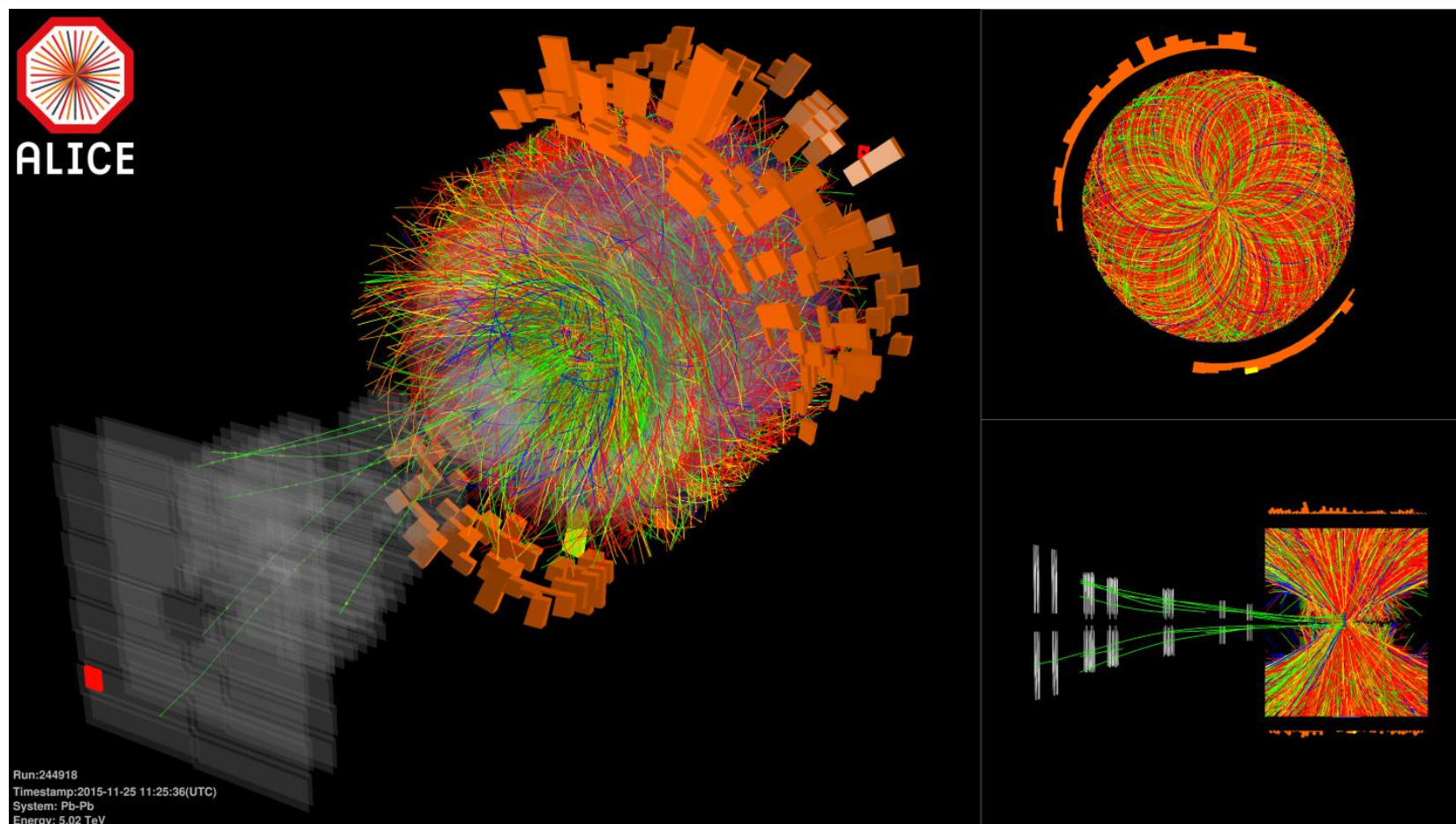
ITS: charged-particle tracking, secondary vertex

TPC: charged-particle tracking, identification

Muon spectrometer:
forward: $-4 < \eta < -2.5$
muon trigger and tracking

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Reconstructed heavy-ion collision



- Up to 600 million events per second
- Signals of up to thousands of particles to be identified, processed
- 2-4 GB data every second

Basic concepts

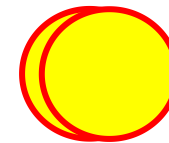
- Collision energy per nucleon (c.m.s.): $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

- Centrality

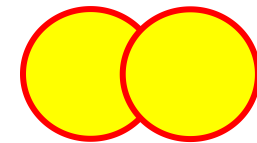
$$c(b) \cong \frac{\pi b^2}{\sigma_{inel}}$$

σ_{inel} : total inelastic cross section
 $b < b_{max}$: impact paraméter

central



peripheral



- Kinematic variables

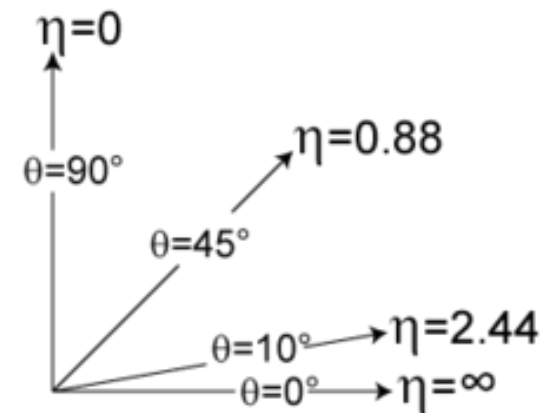
perpendicular to the (x,y) plane - "physics":

- Transverse momentum:** $p_T = \sqrt{(p_x^2 + p_y^2)}$
- Azimuthal angle:** φ

Boosted in beam direction (z):

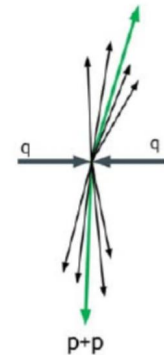
- Rapidity:** $y = 0.5 \log \frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}$
- Pseudo-rapidity ($\eta=y$ if $m=0$):**

$$\eta = 0.5 \log \frac{p+p_z}{p-p_z} = -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$



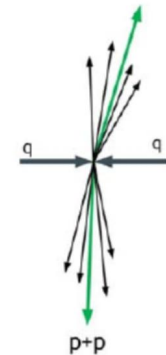
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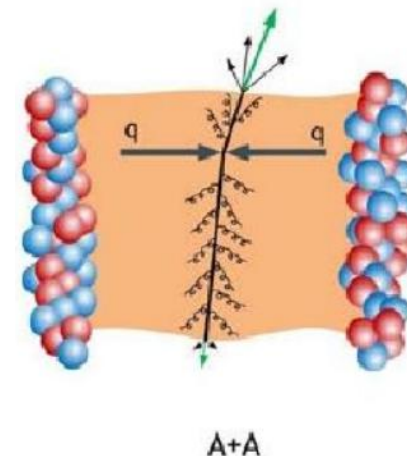


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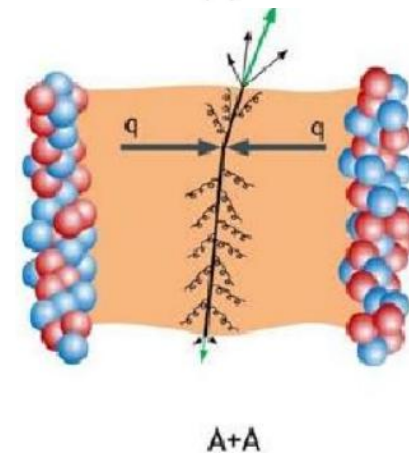
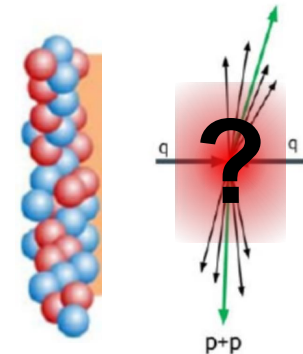
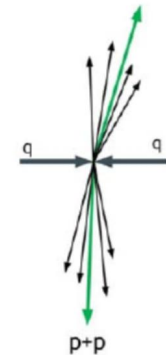


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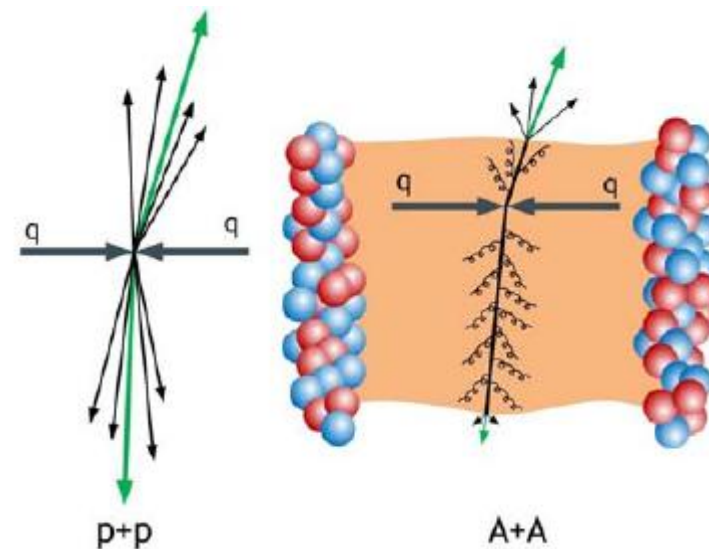
- **p(d)-A**: "cold" nuclear matter effects
 ("cold": mostly or exclusively hadronic)
 - Modification of nPDF, eg. shadowing
 - Effect of the initial state
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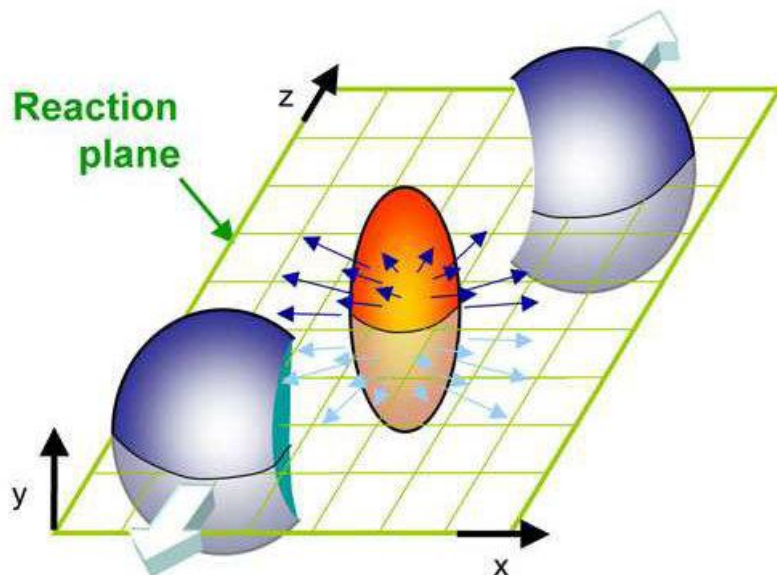
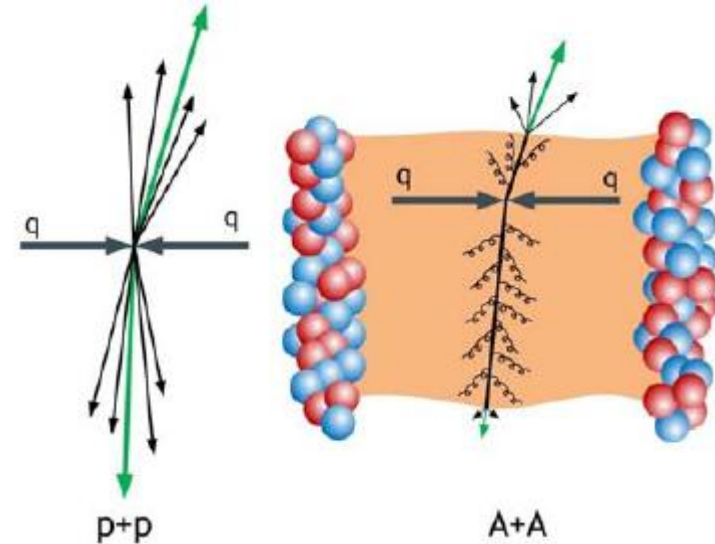
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▪ "Soft" processes

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- From the later stages
- **Thermal behavior**
- **Collective dynamics ("flow")**

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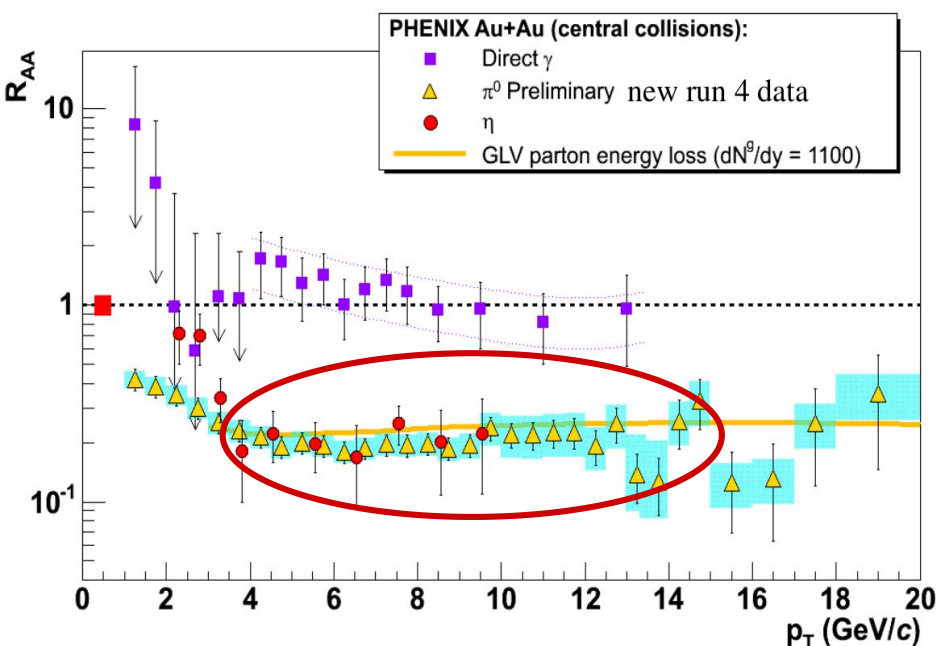
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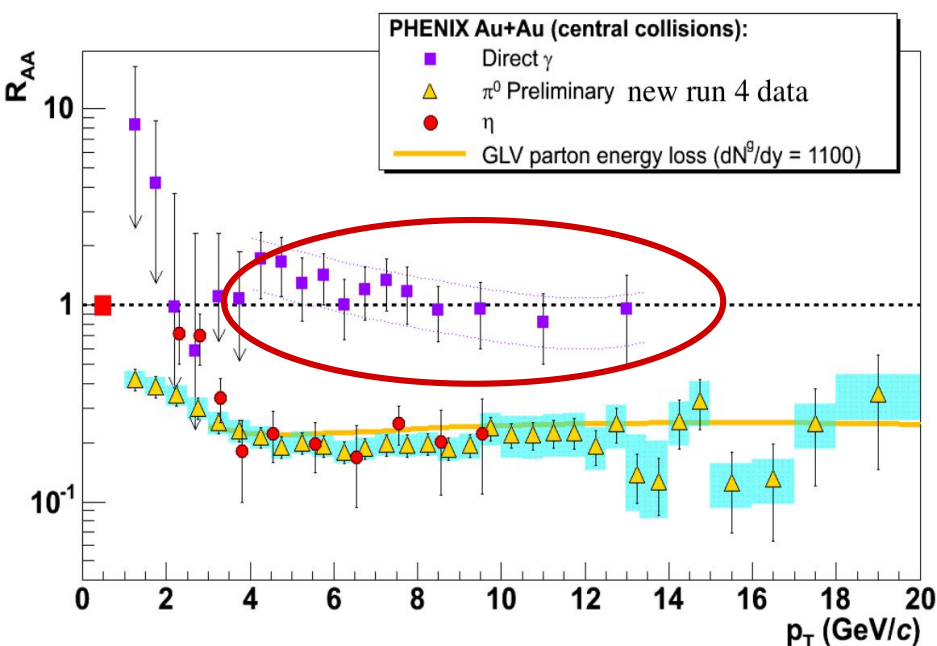
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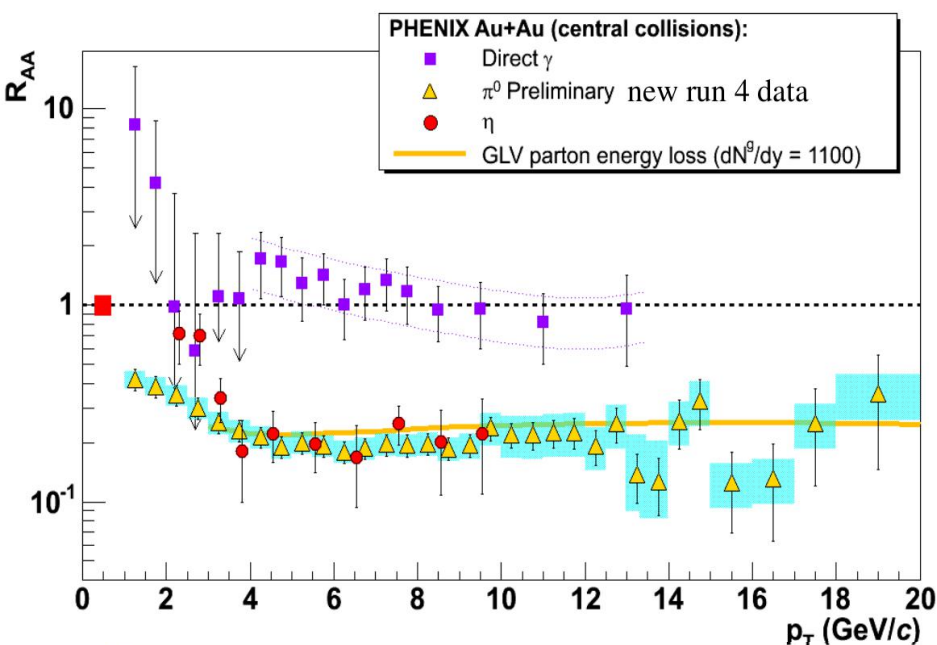
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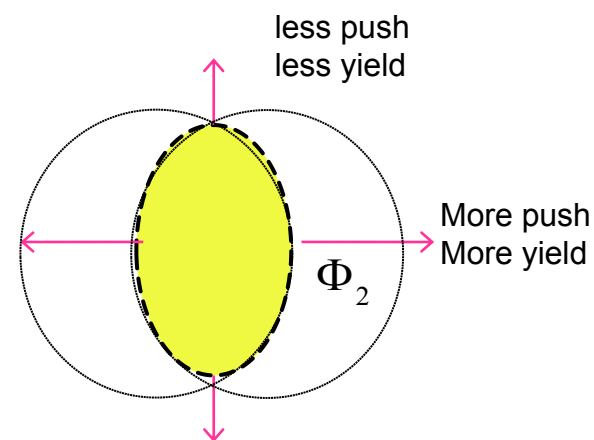
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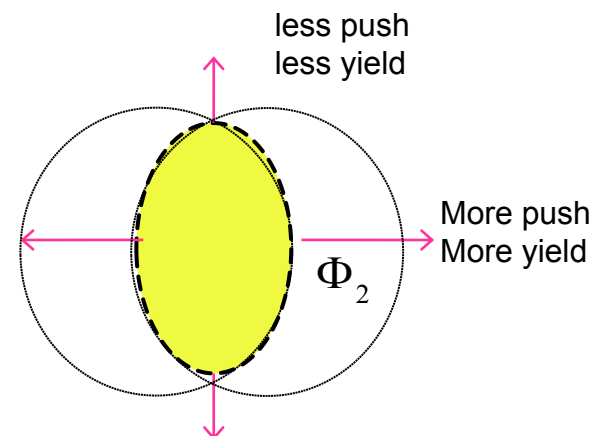
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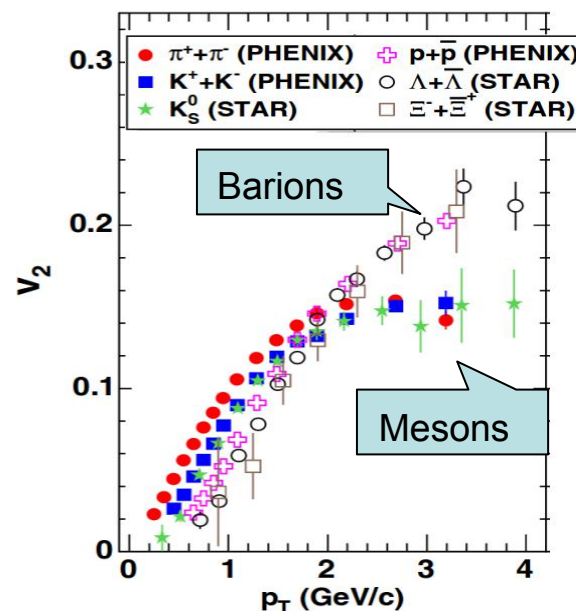
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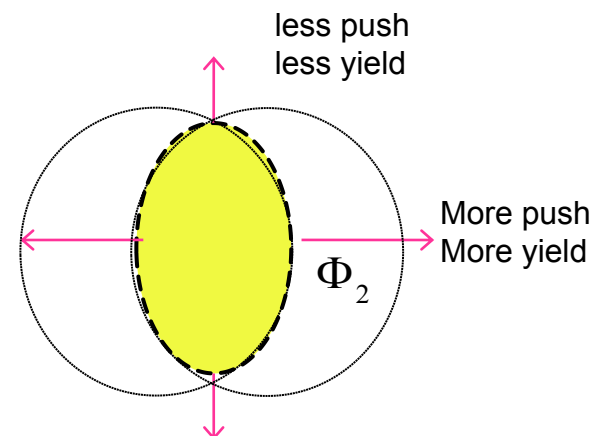
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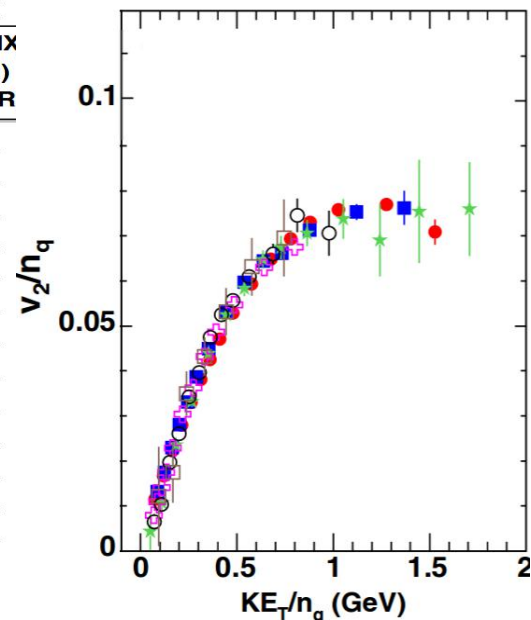
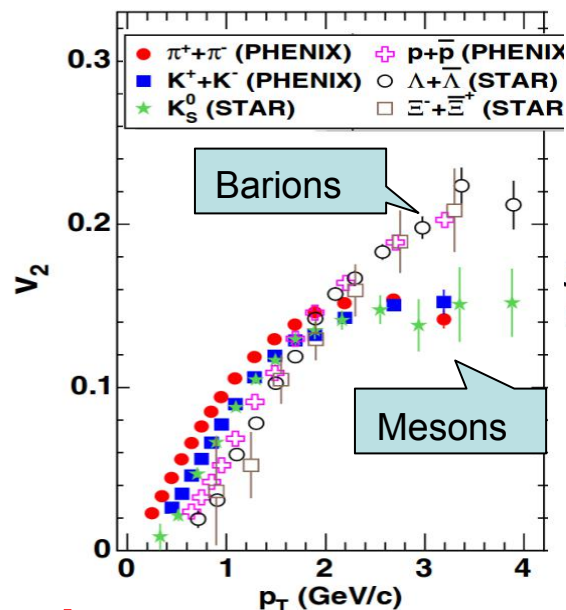
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=> Degrees of freedom: quarks

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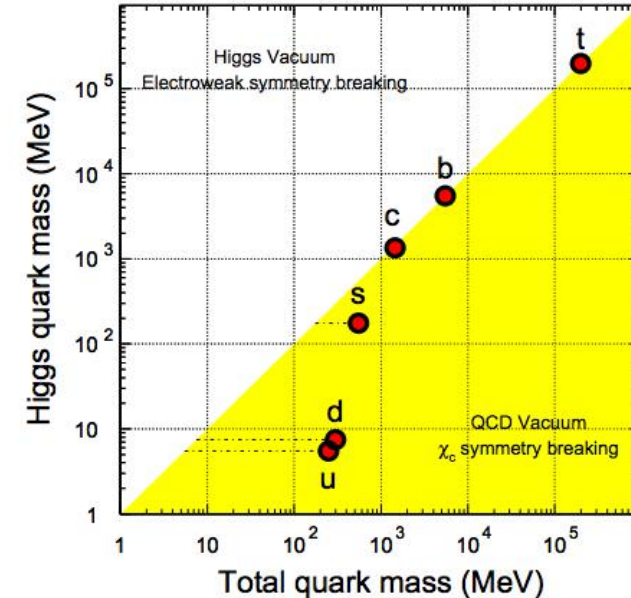
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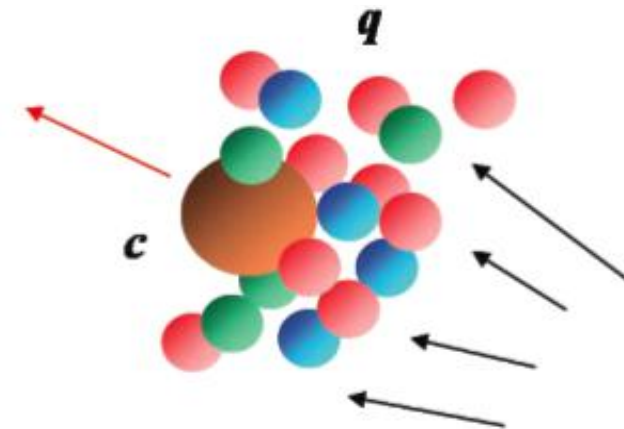
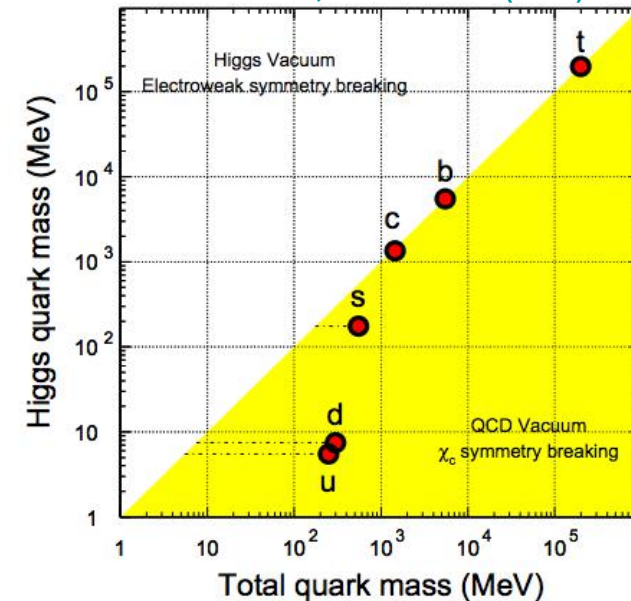
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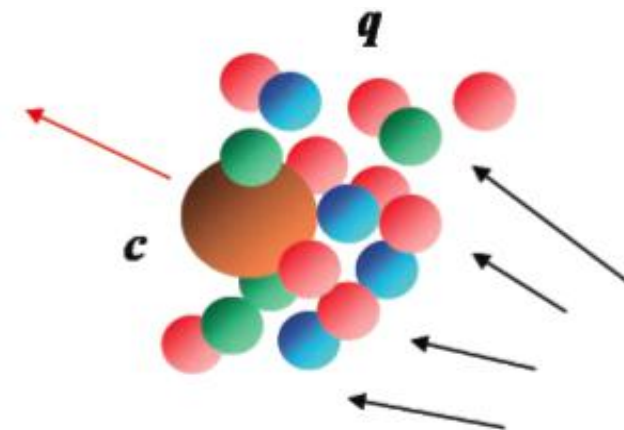
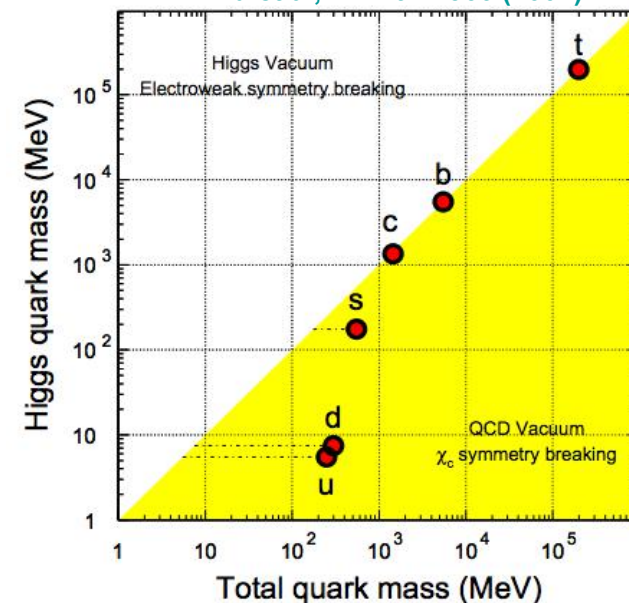
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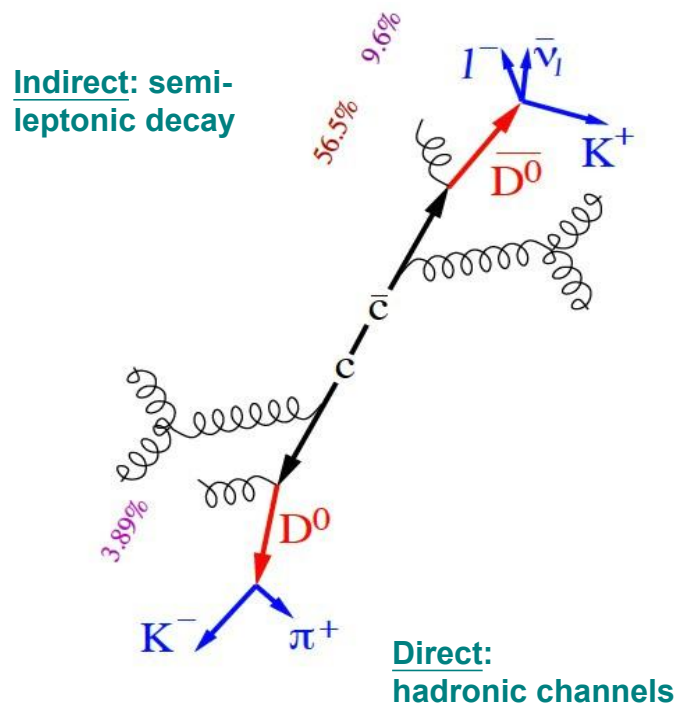
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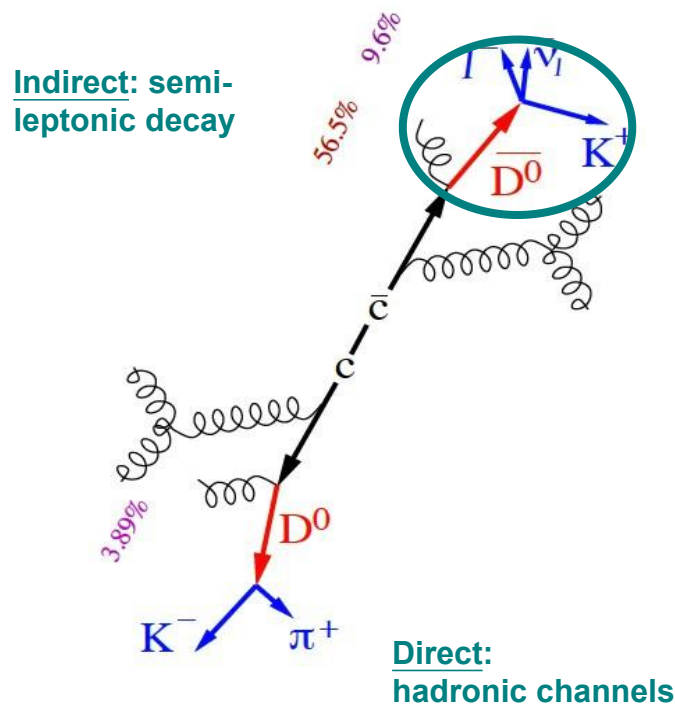
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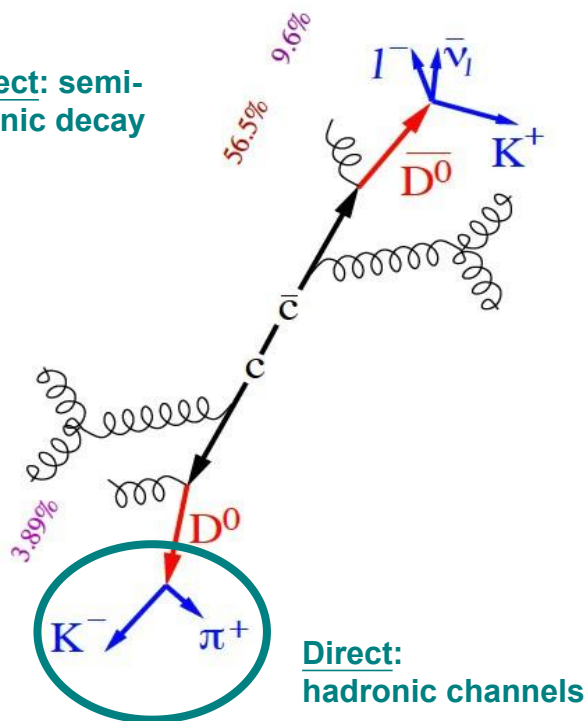
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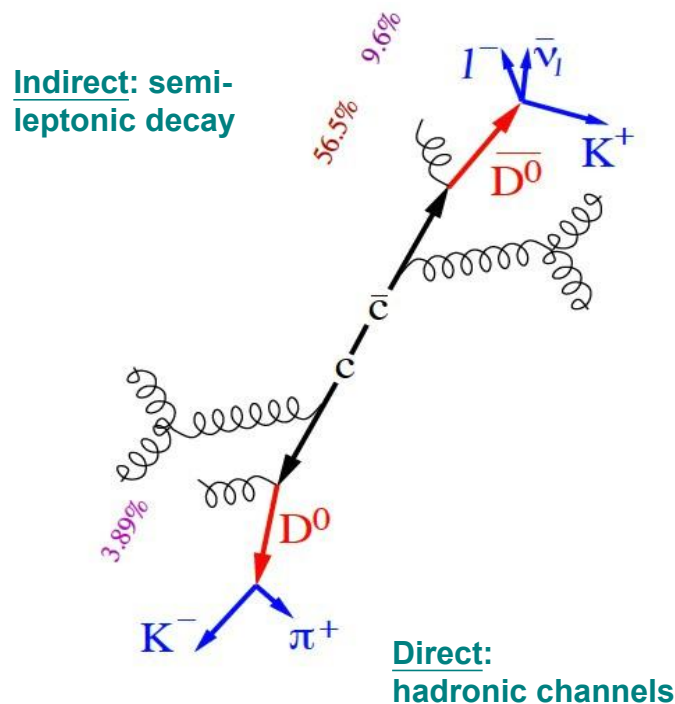
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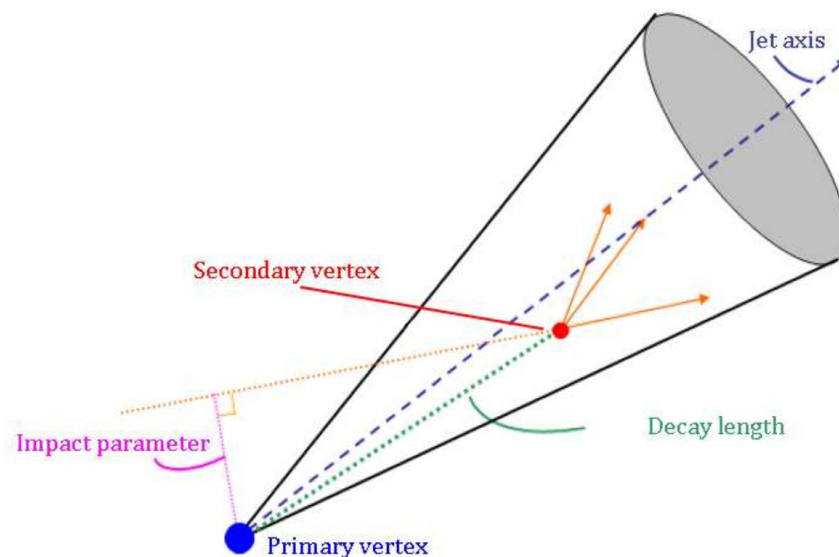
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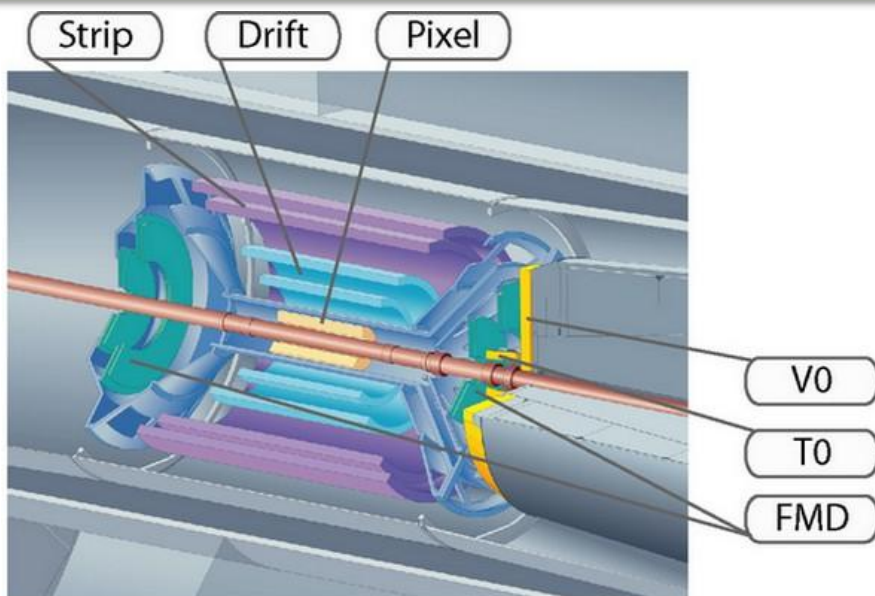
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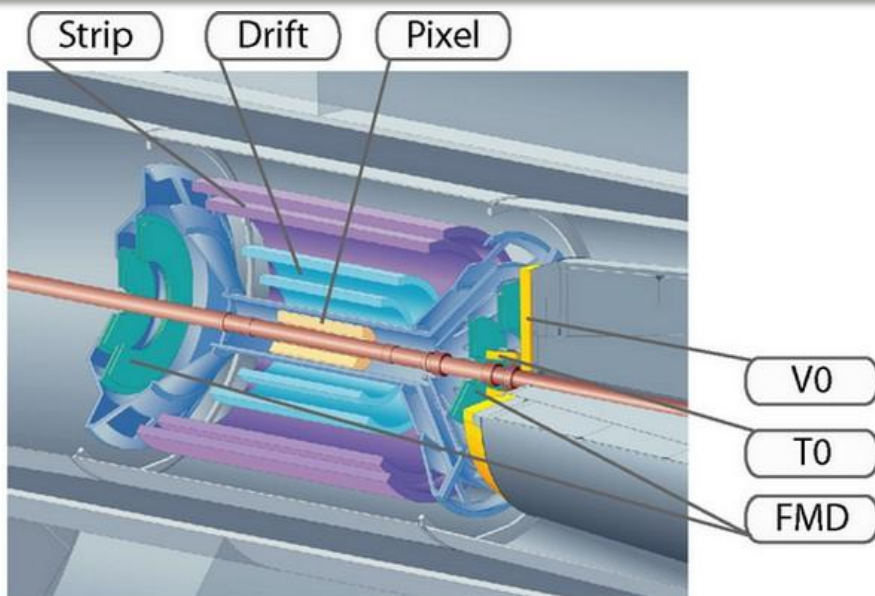


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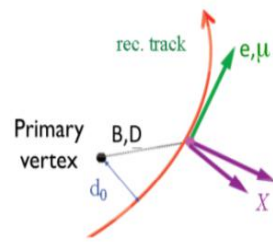
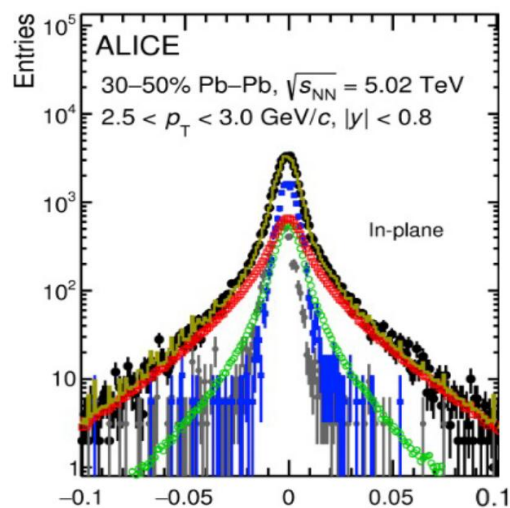


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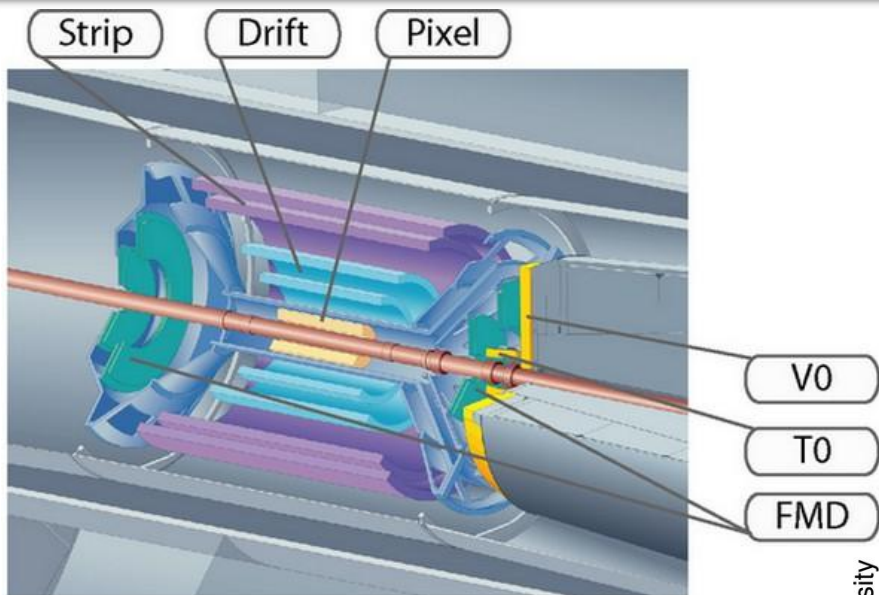
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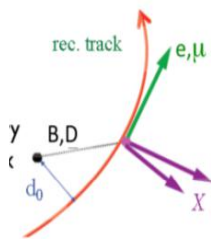
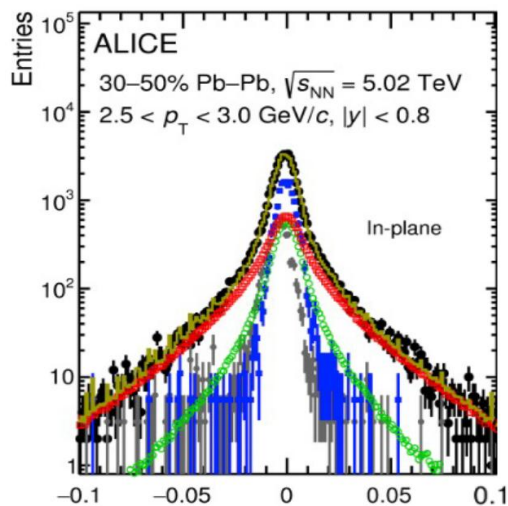
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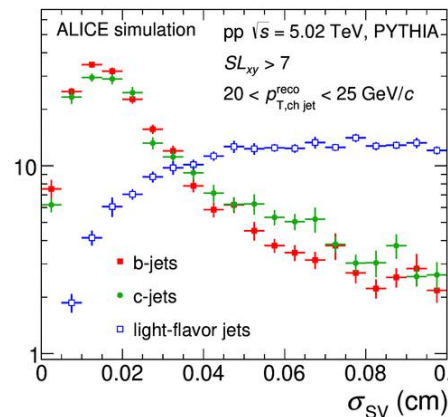
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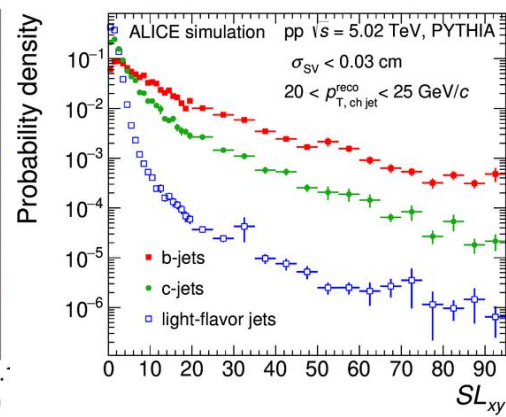
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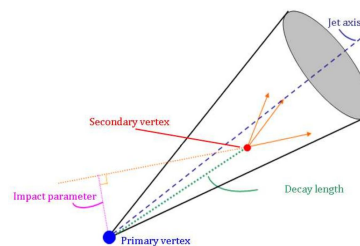


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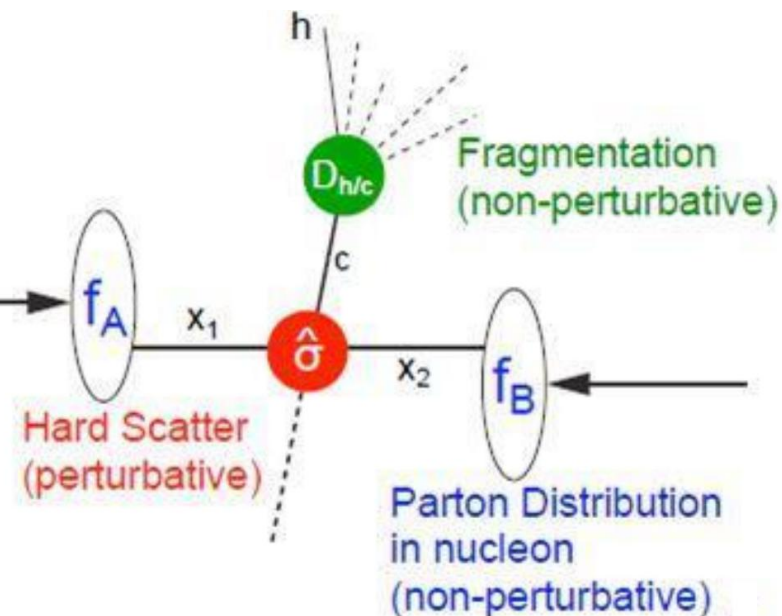
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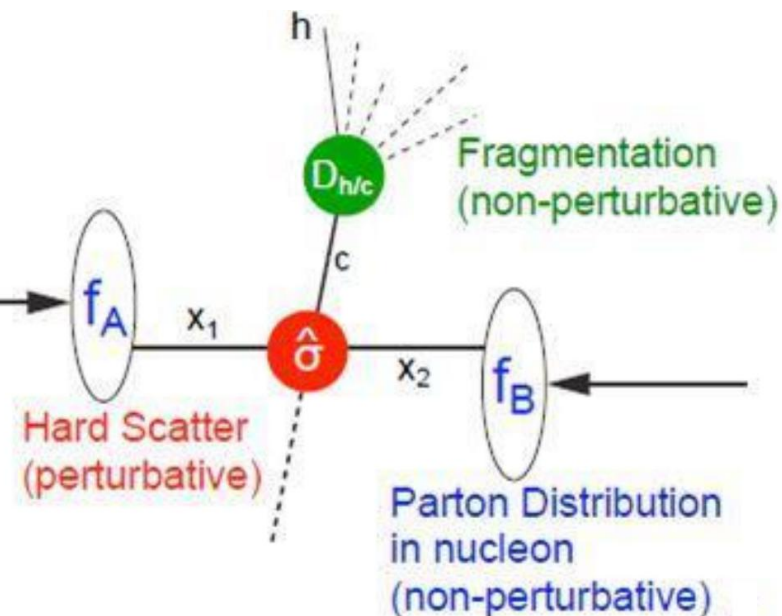
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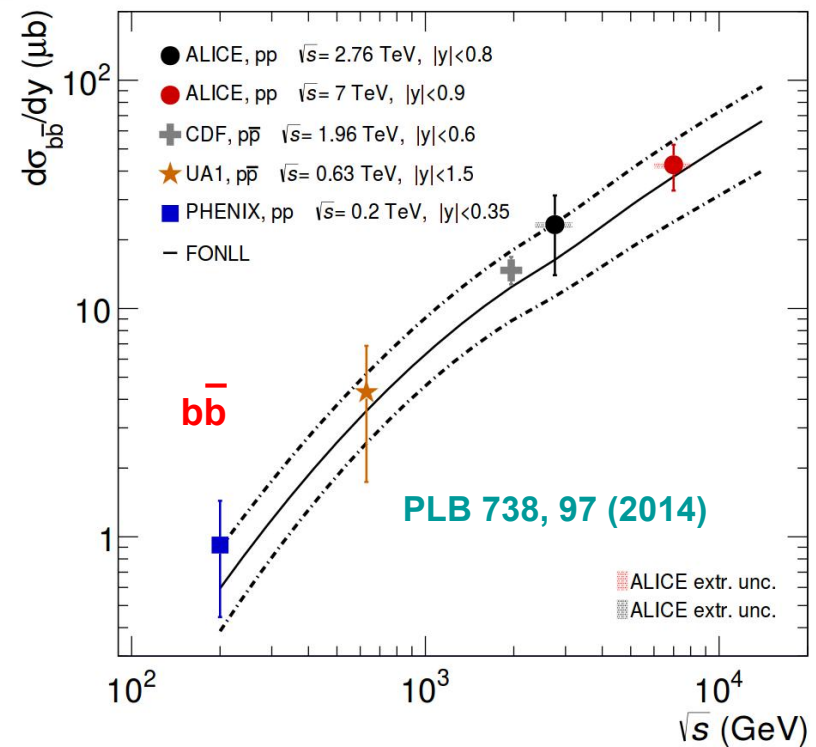
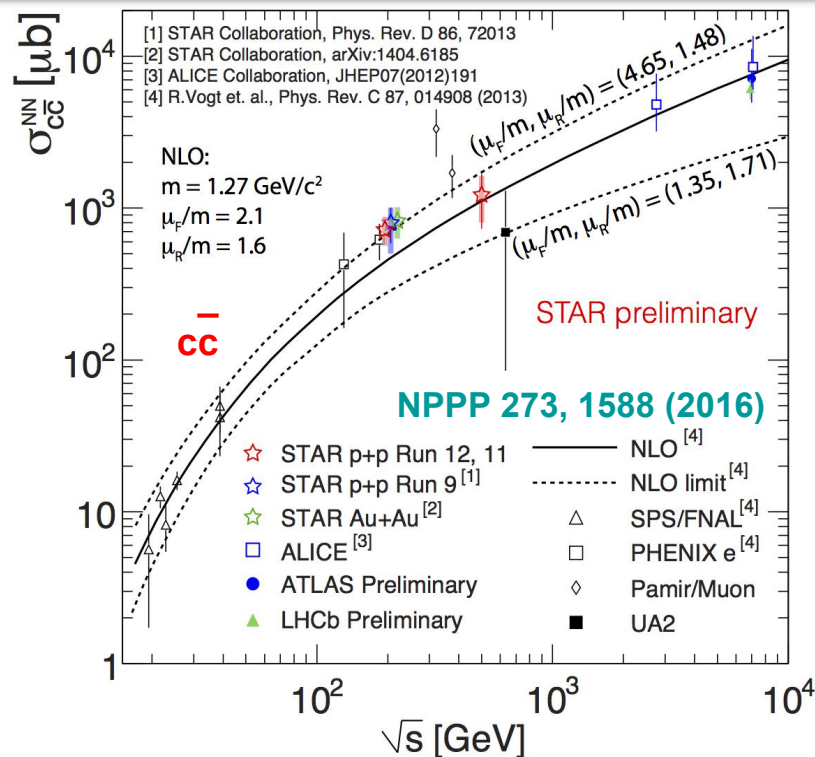
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Total $pp \rightarrow q\bar{q}X$ cross-section



Cross-sections at different beam energies:

Primary test of models describing heavy-quark production

- pQCD description of data works, but uncertainties are large

**LHC 7 TeV charm pair production
cross section from D^0 measurements**

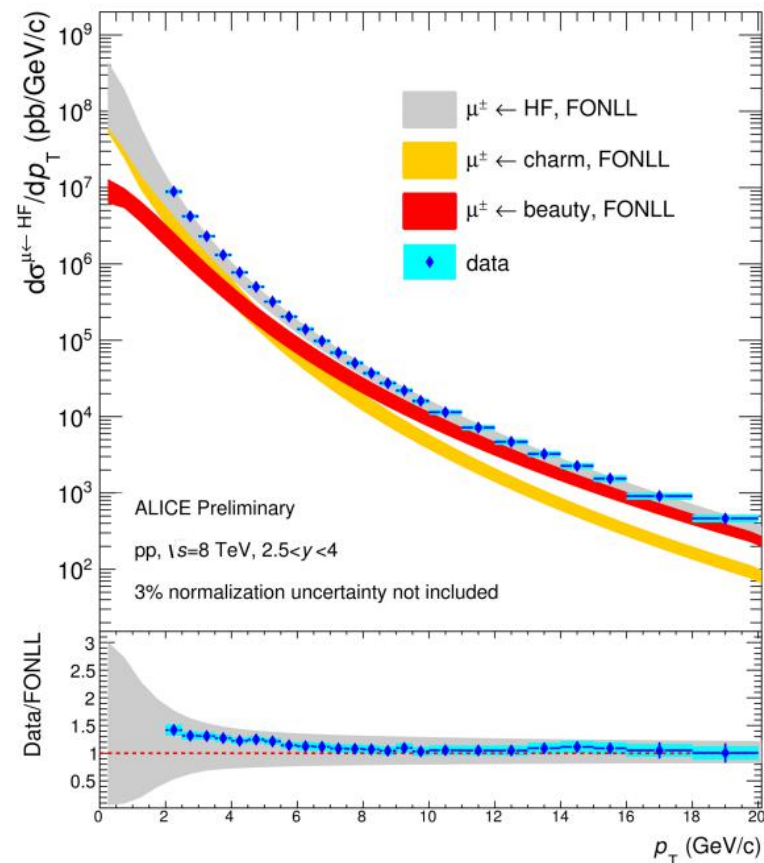
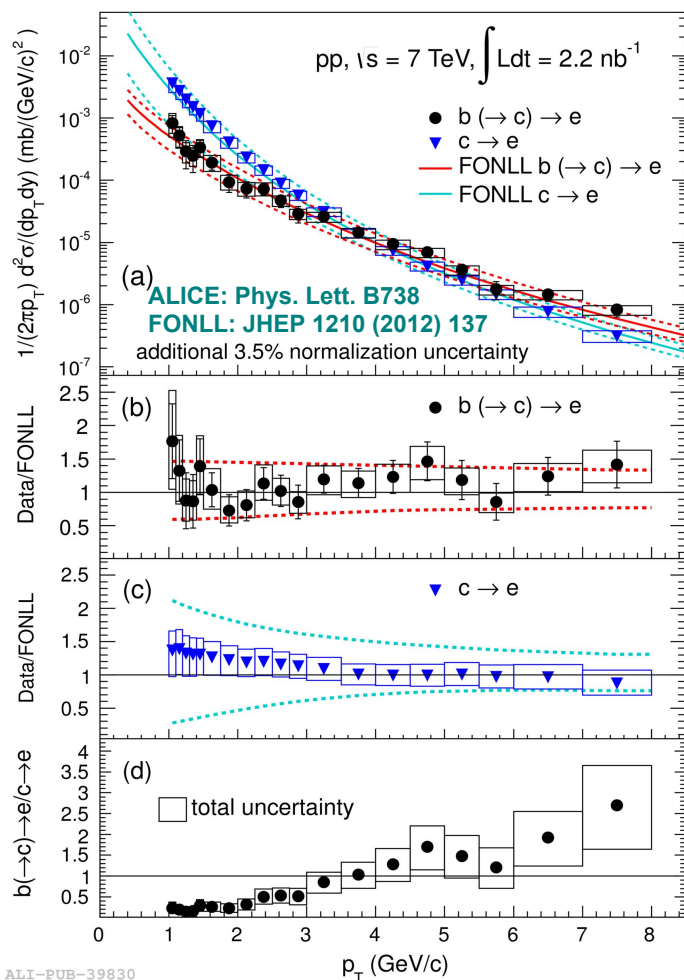
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$$\sigma_{c\bar{c}}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 8.08_{-1.04}^{+2.55} \text{ mb}$$

**LHC 7 TeV beauty pair production
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Leptons from heavy quarks

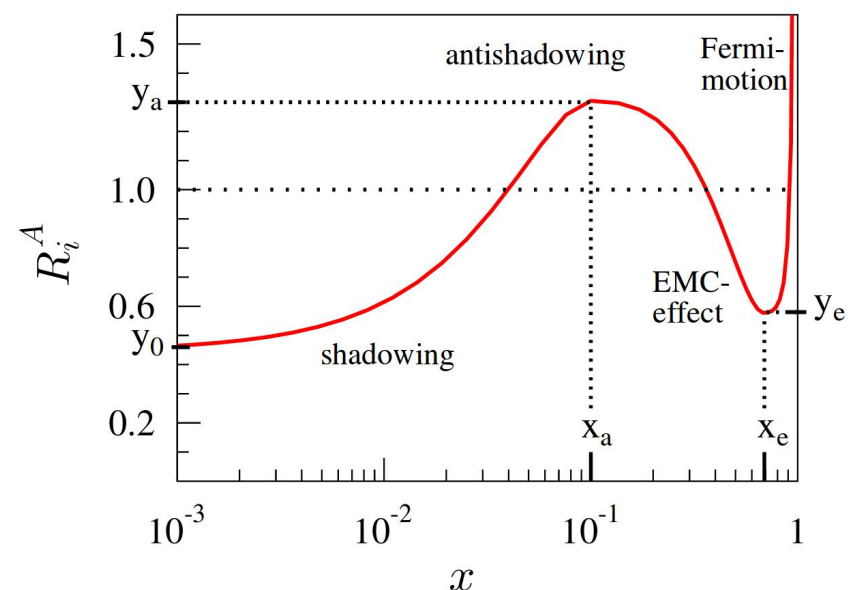


- Contributions of **beauty** and **charm** can be statistically separated
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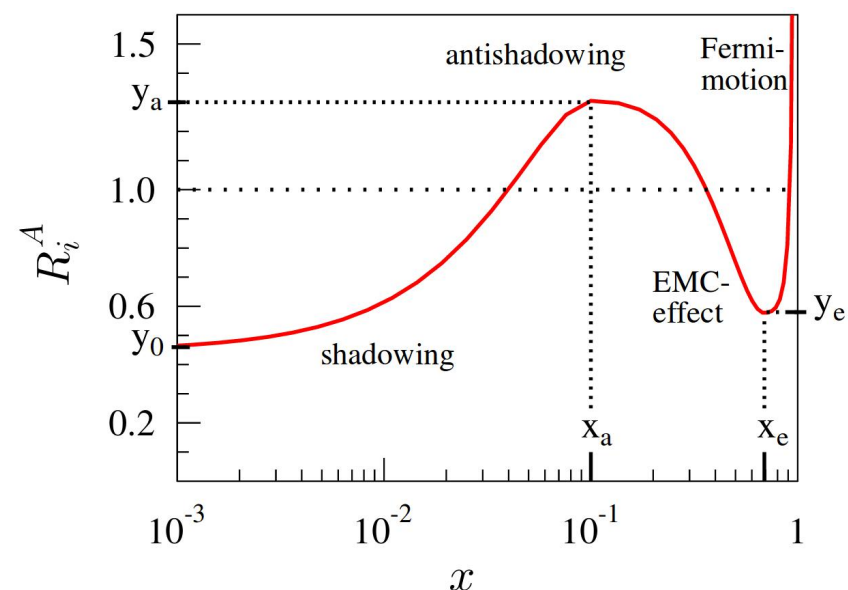


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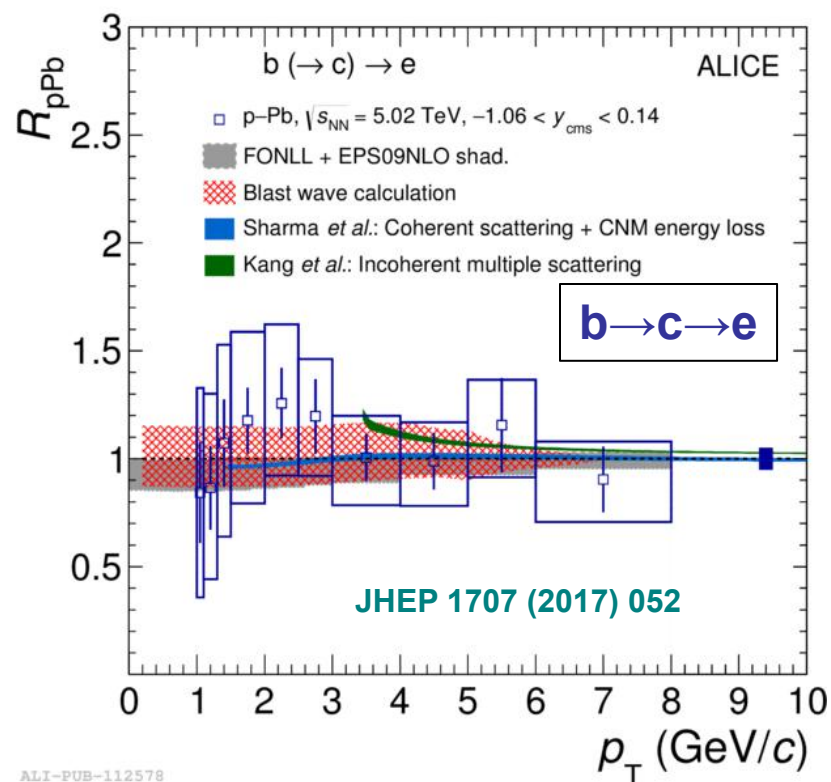
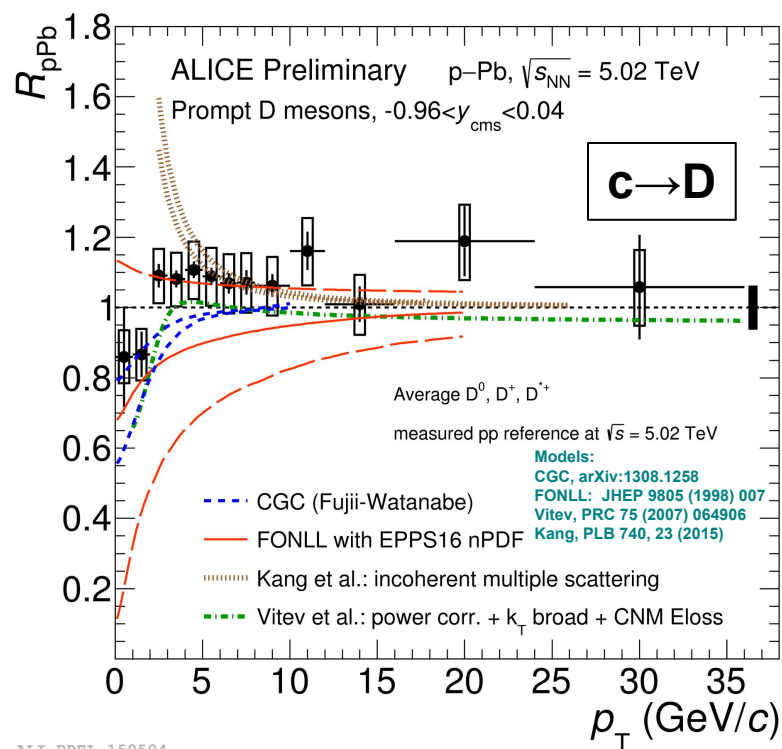


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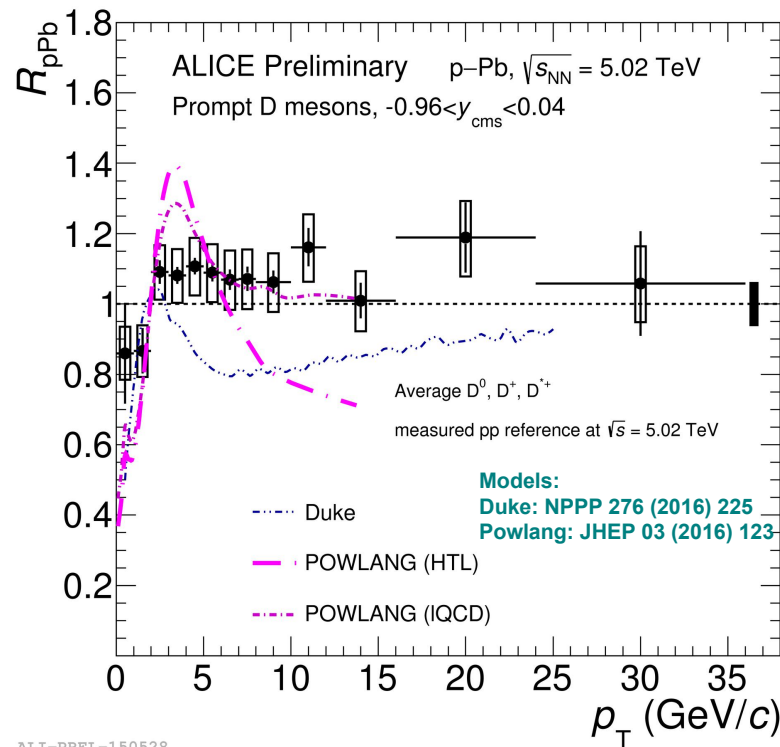
Note: Hot nuclear matter may also be created in high-energy p+A collisions

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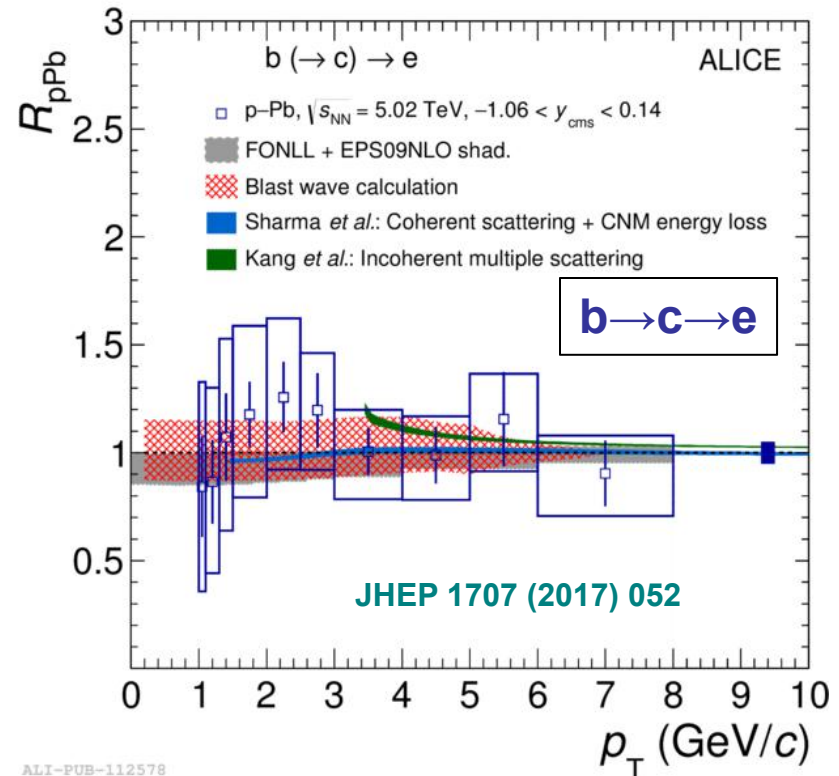


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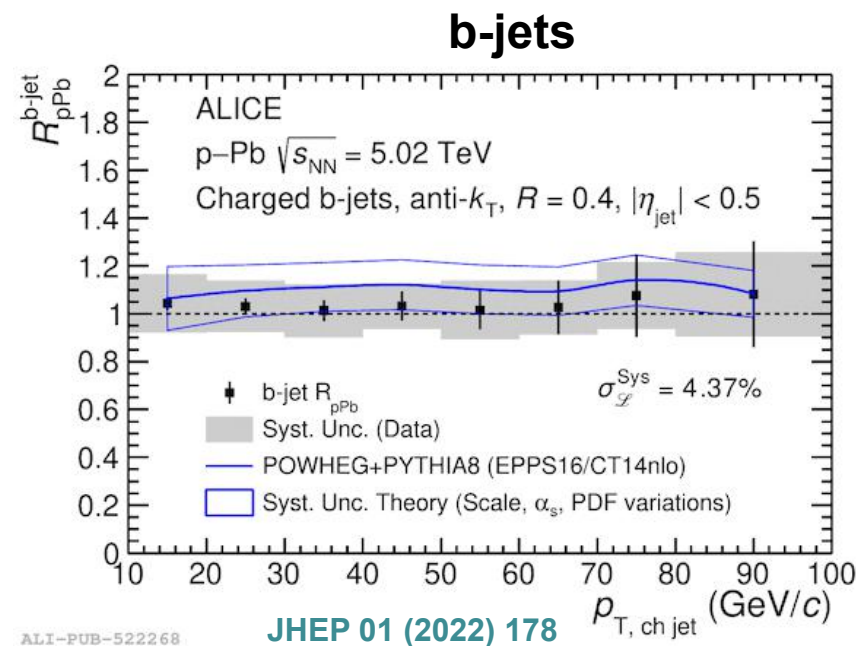
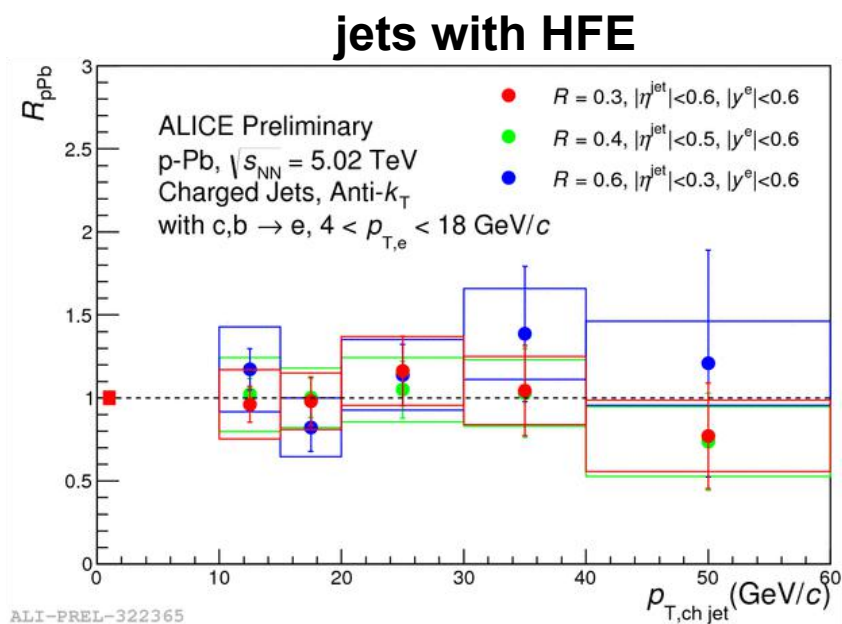
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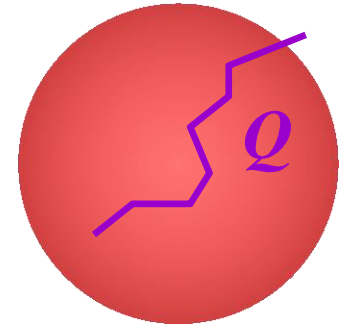
Heavy flavor jets in p-Pb



- Heavy-flavor jets measured down to $p_T = 10$ GeV/c
- No visible mid-rapidity modification of HFE-jets or b-jets
 - In accordance with model expectations
- **Currently no proof for heavy-flavor jet modification in p-A**
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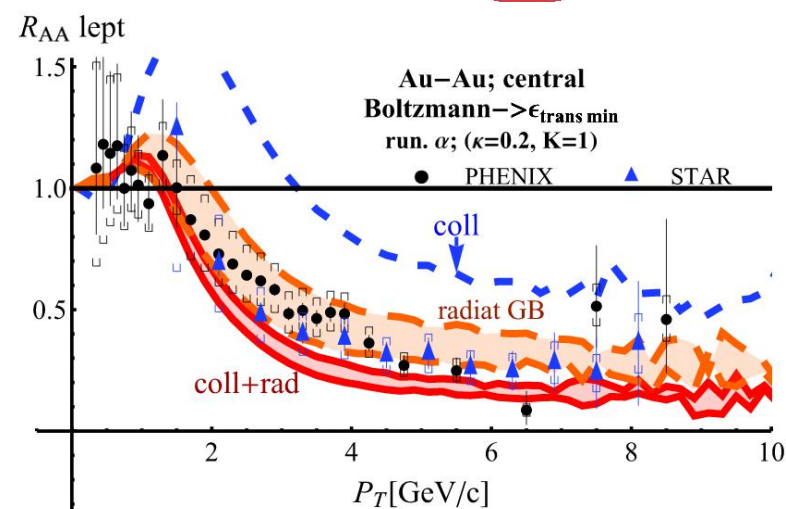
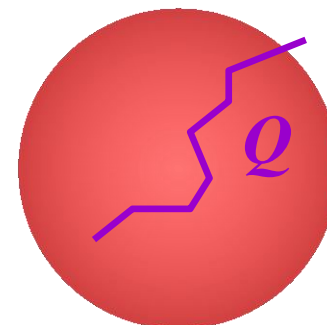
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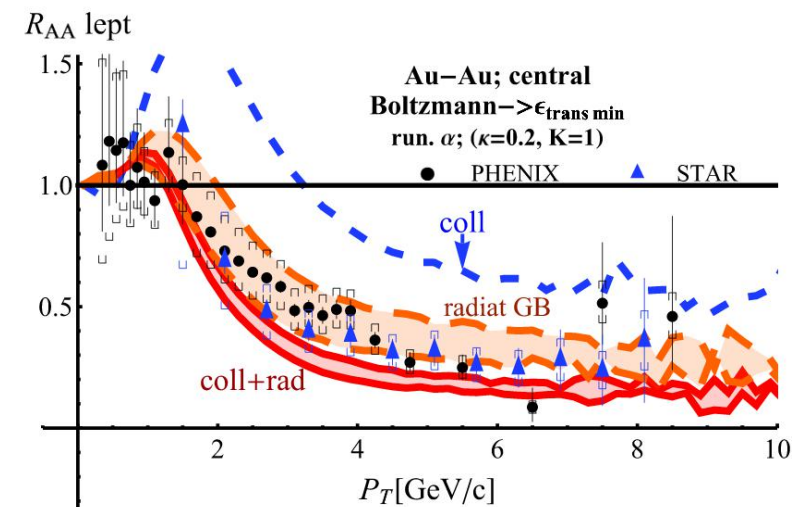
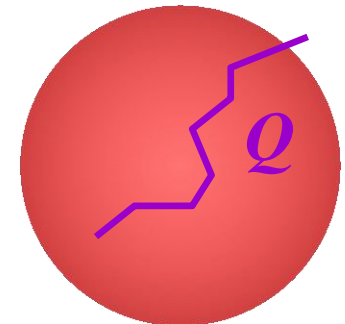
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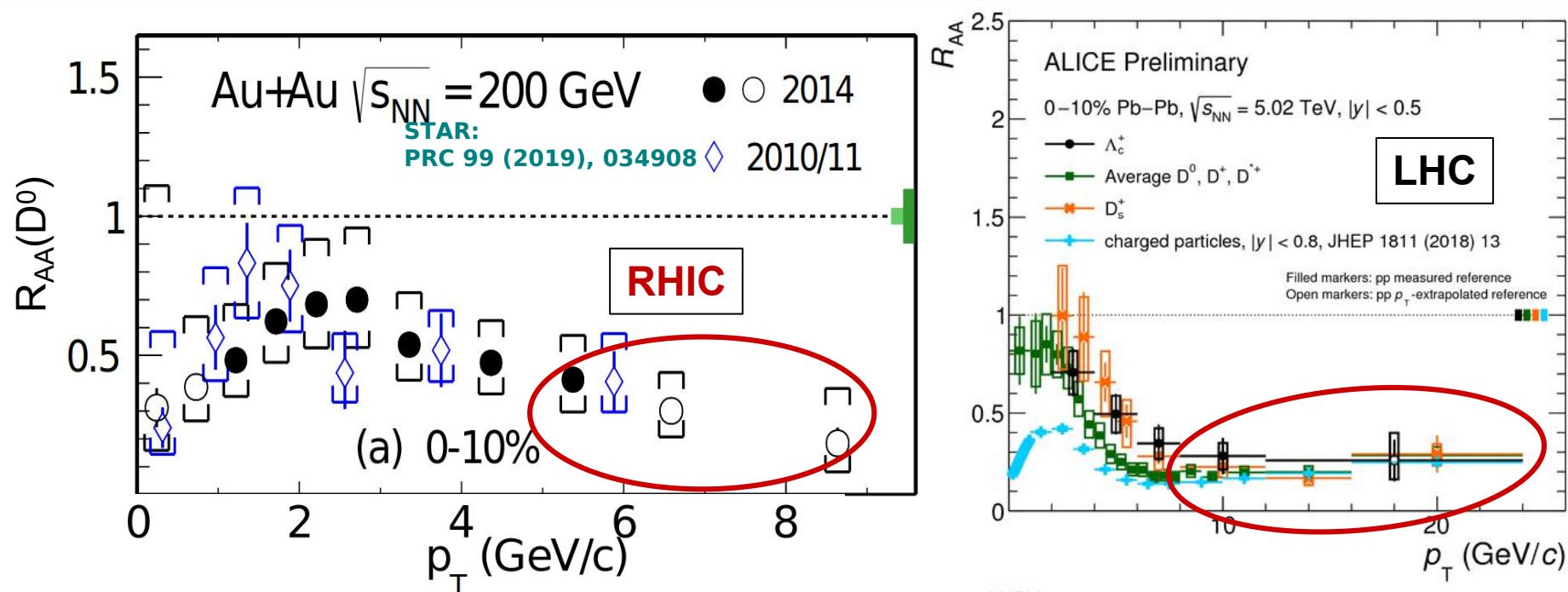
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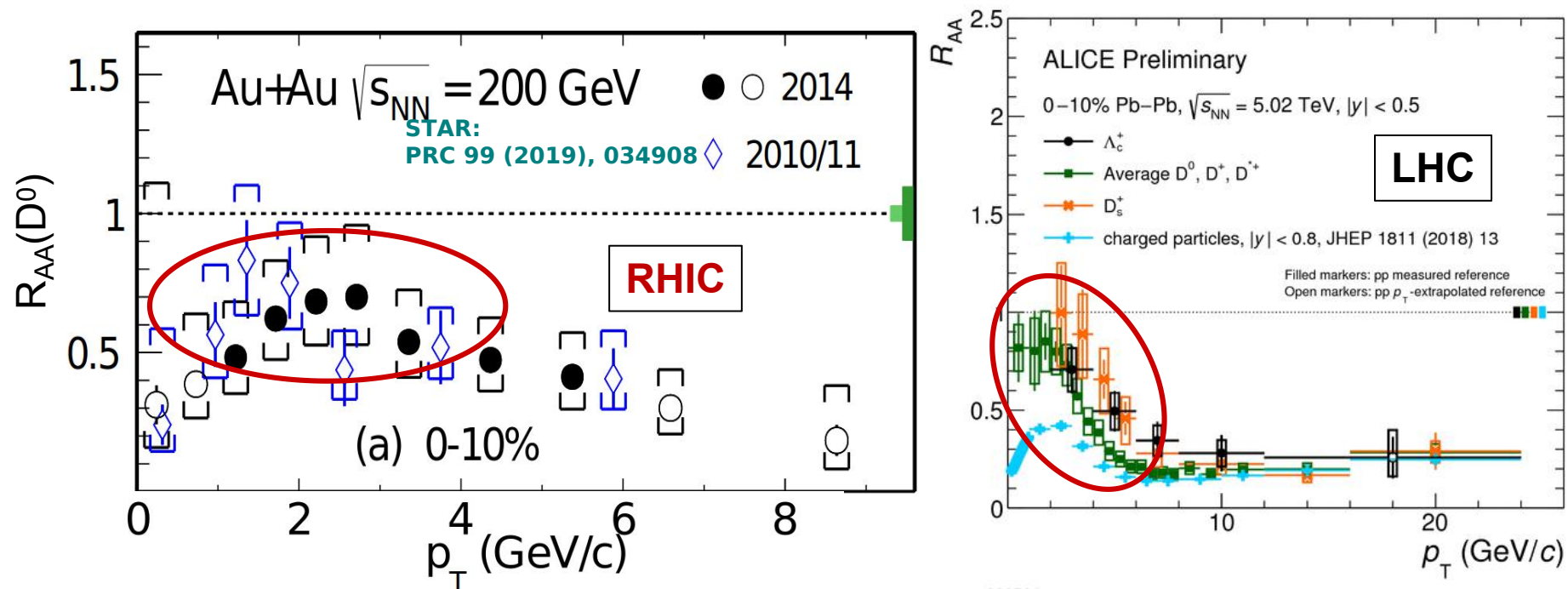
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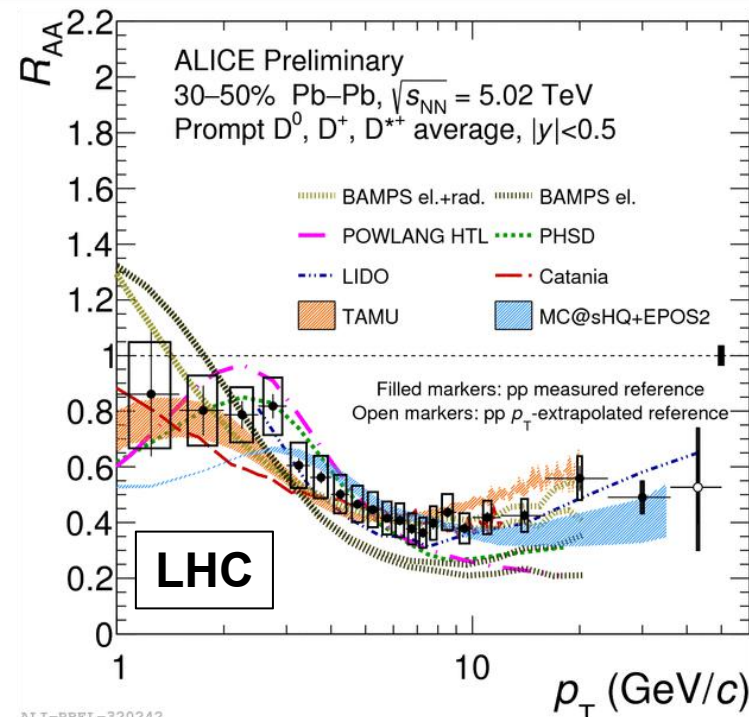
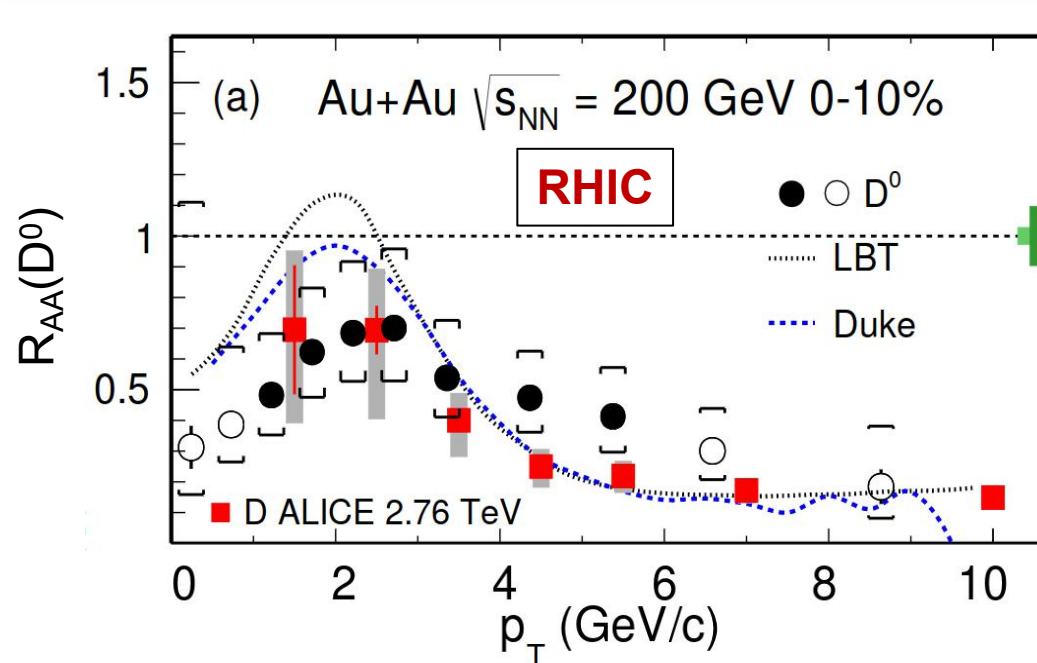
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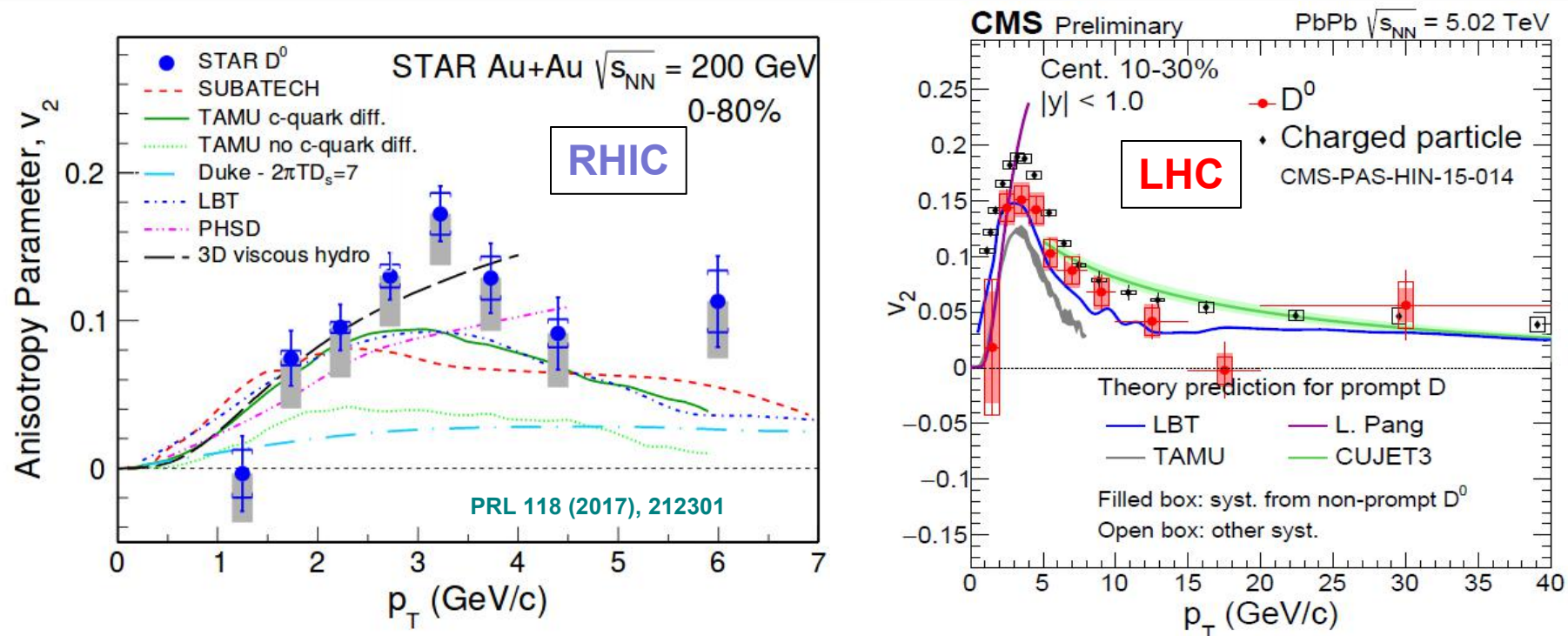
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- Several models with different components describe results well
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 - Energy loss via radiation or collisions
 - Evolution of nuclear matter: hydrodynamical? Glauber?
 - Model of fragmentation

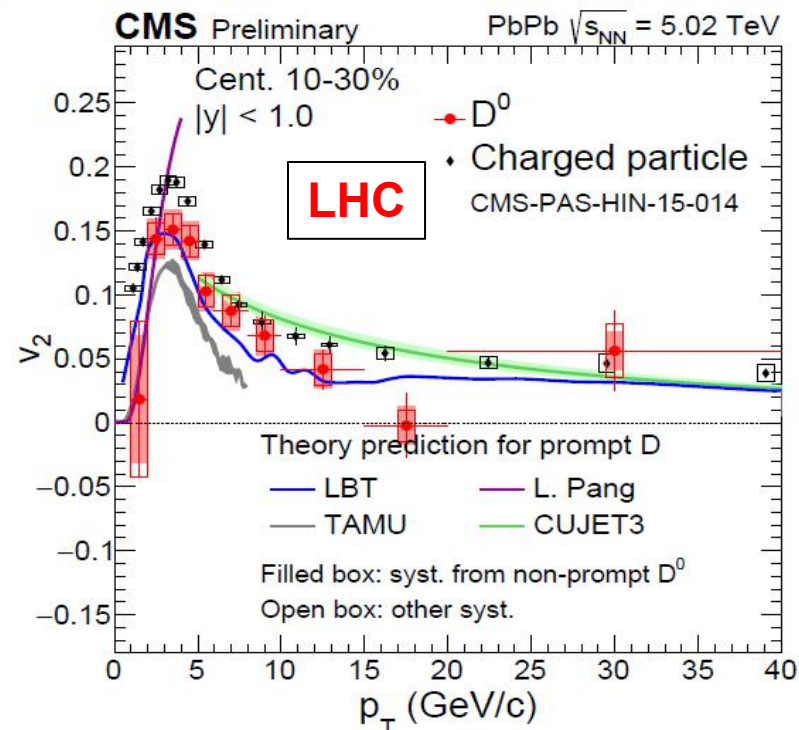
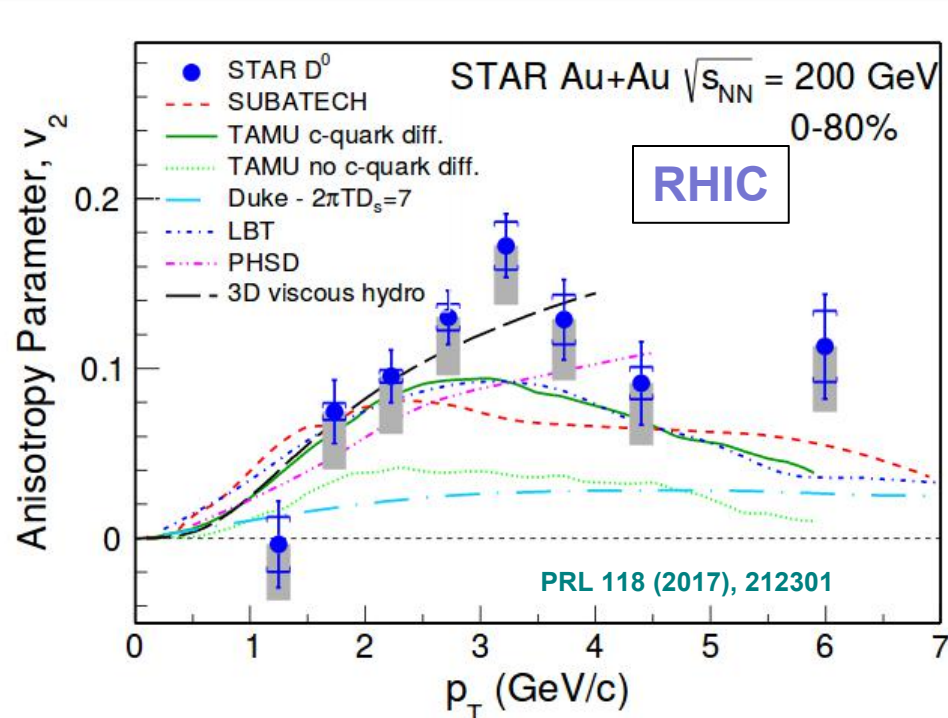
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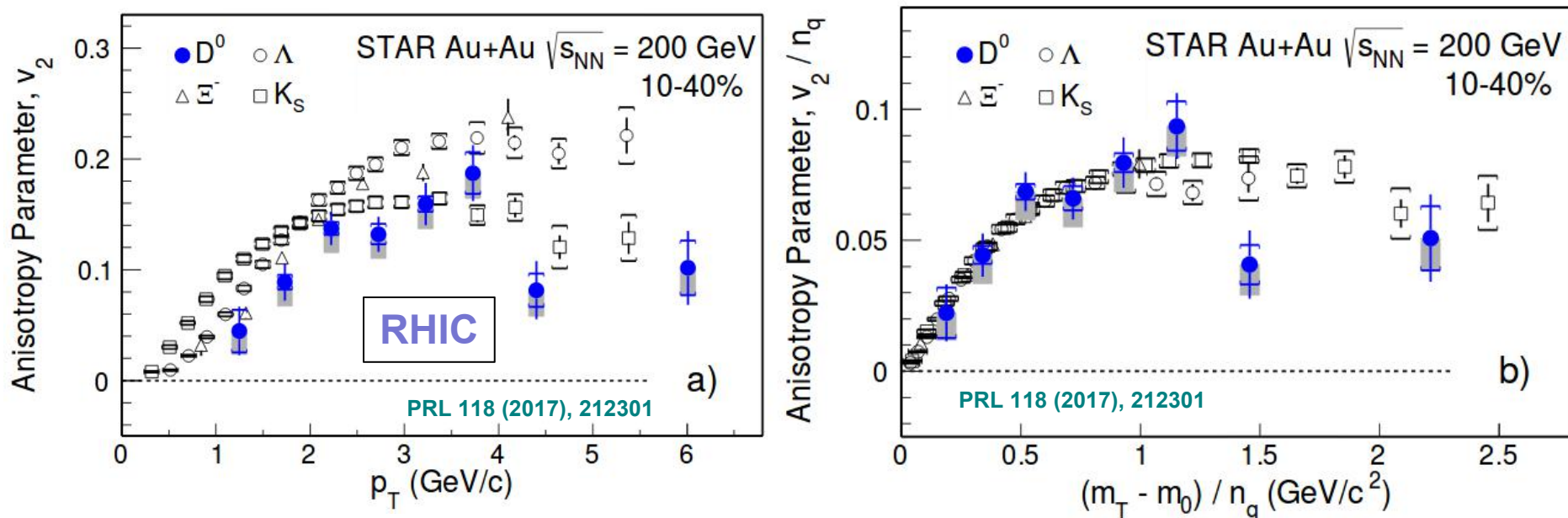
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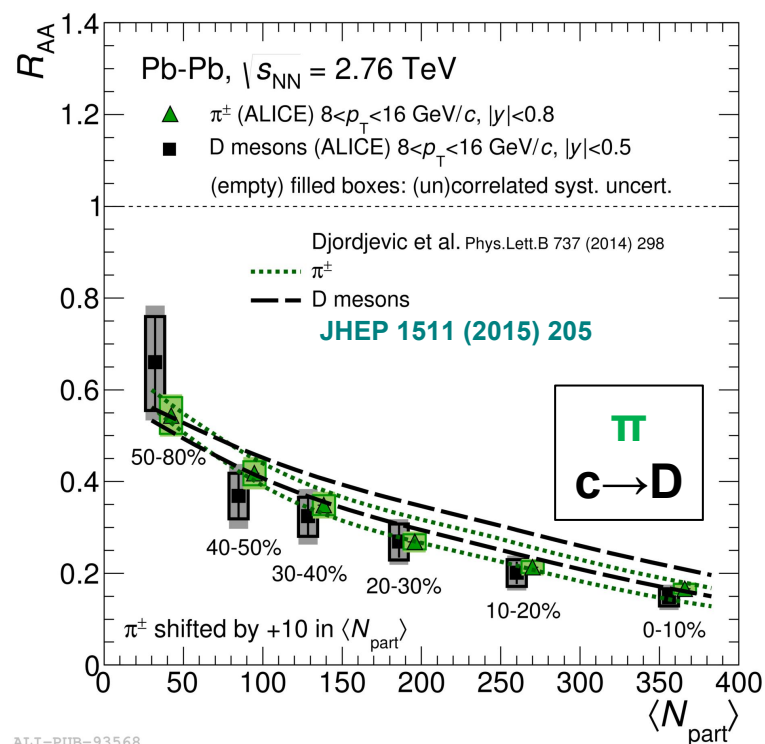


RHIC 200 GeV Au+Au

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→ **local thermal equilibrium of heavy quarks!**

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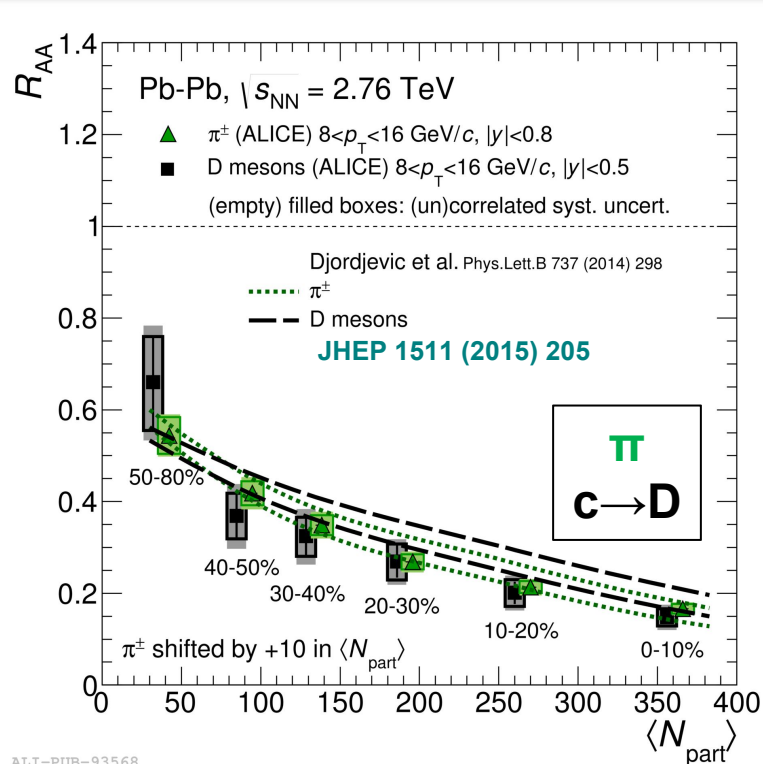


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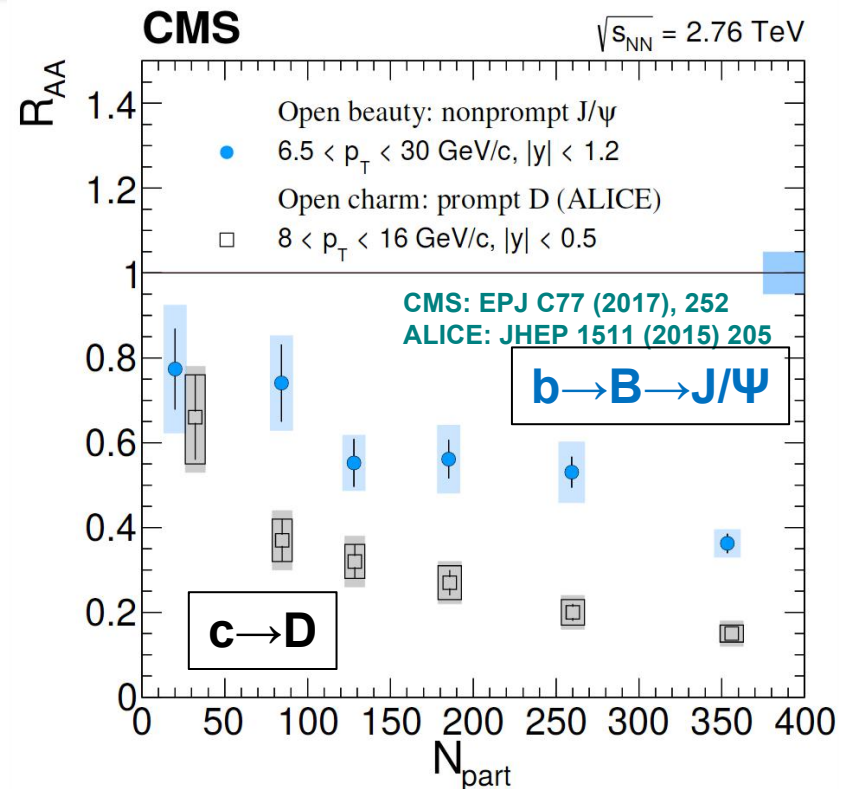
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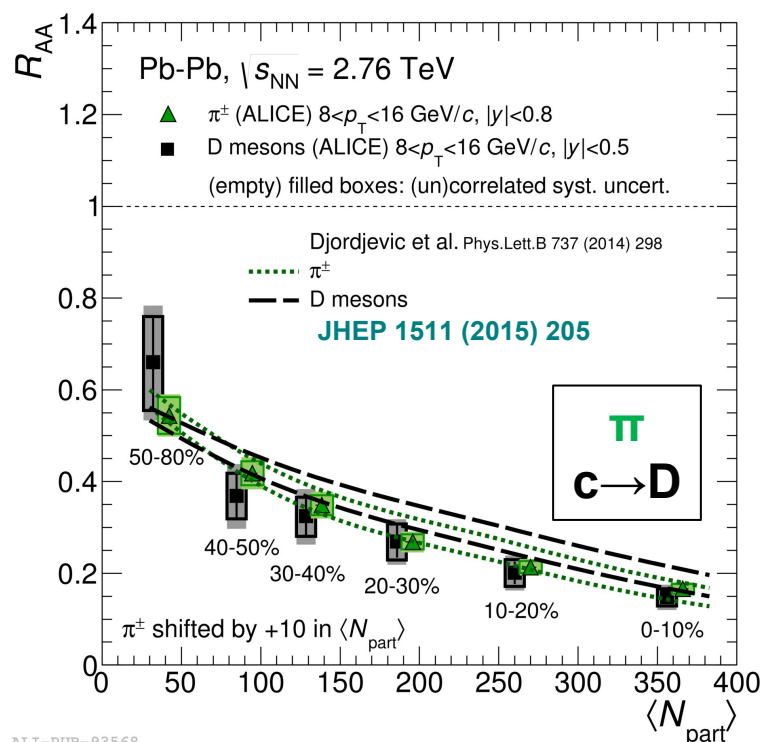
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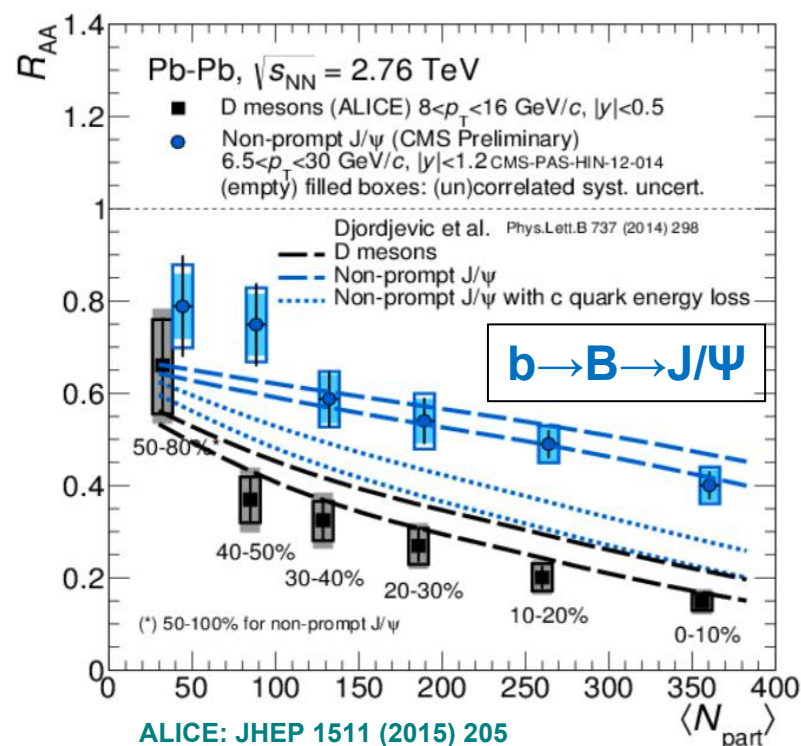
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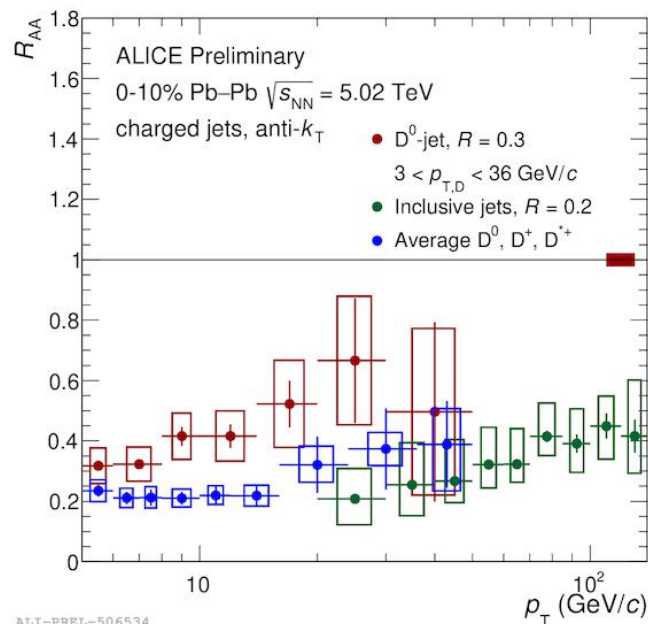
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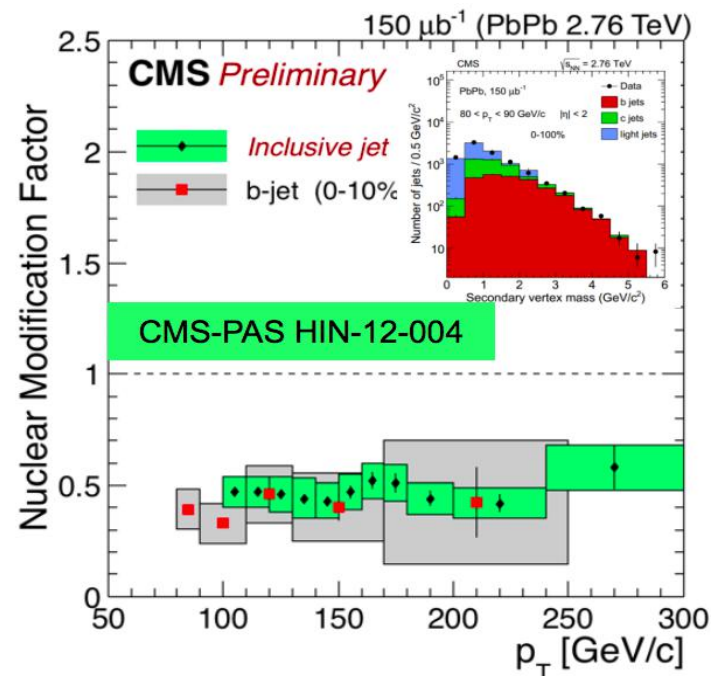
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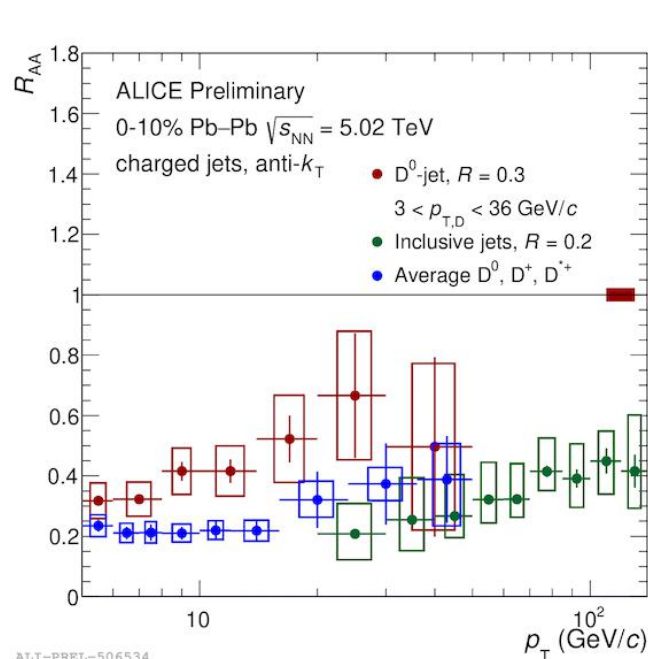


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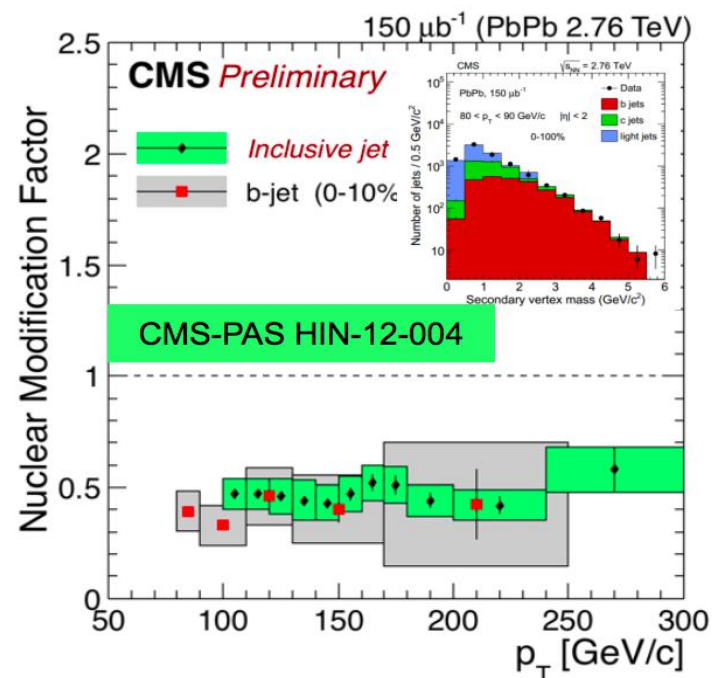
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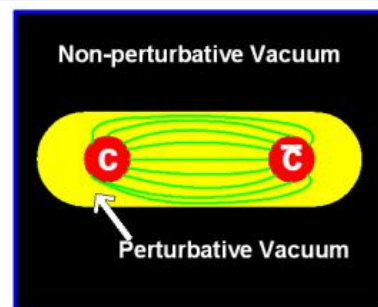
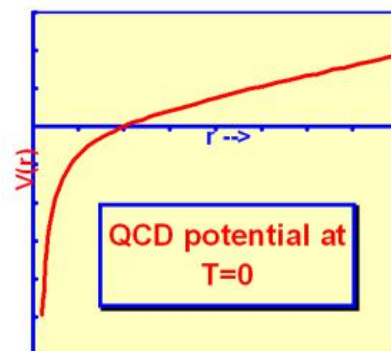
Quarkonia in the QGP

- Dissociation of quarkonia and the "J/ Ψ puzzle"
- Temperature of the QGP

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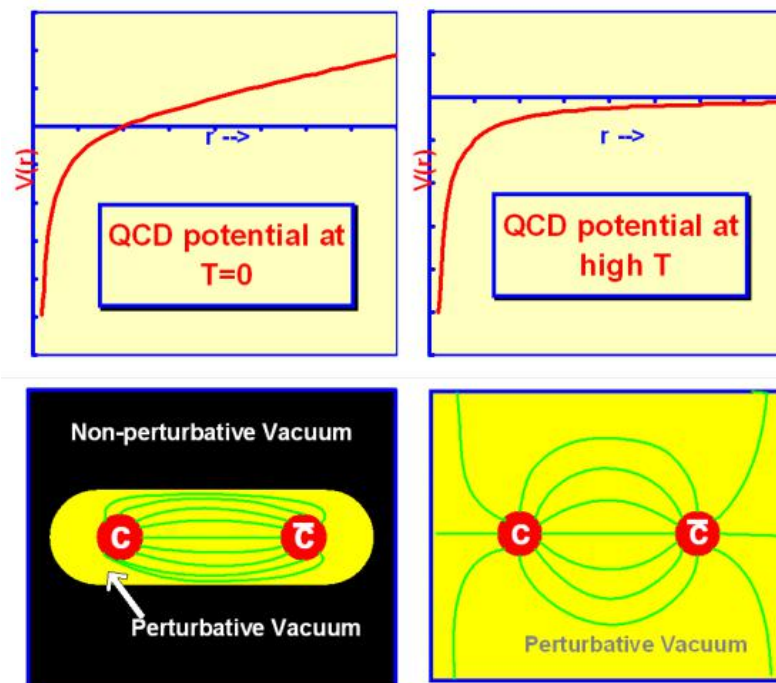


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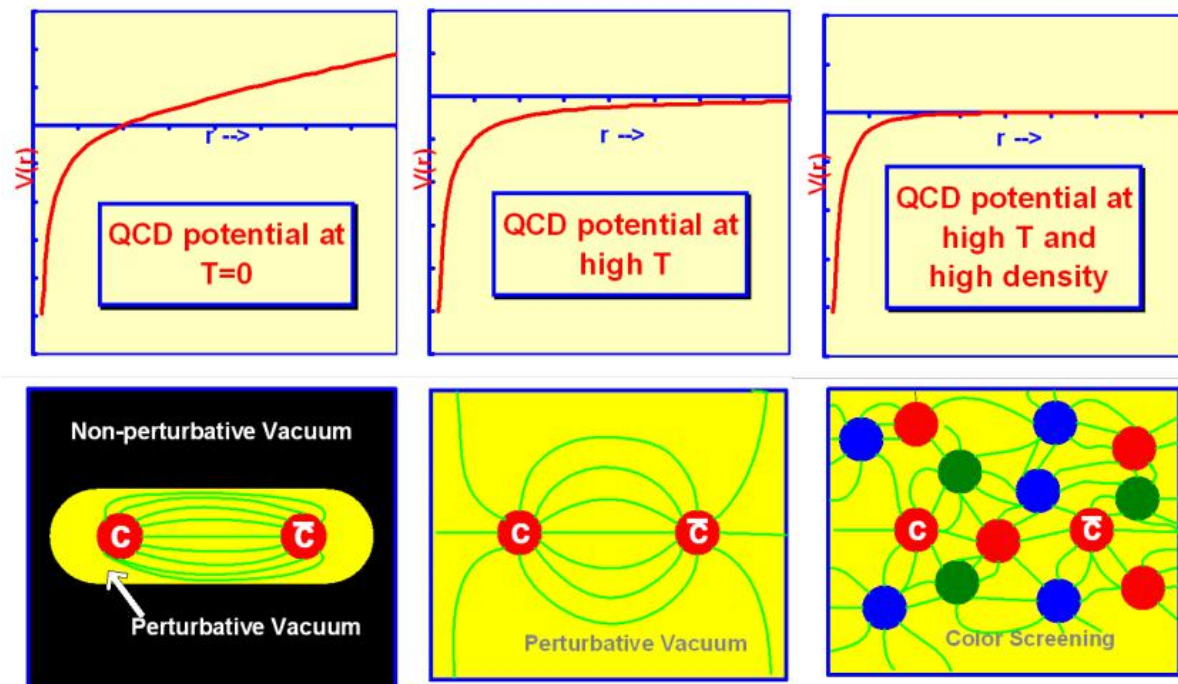
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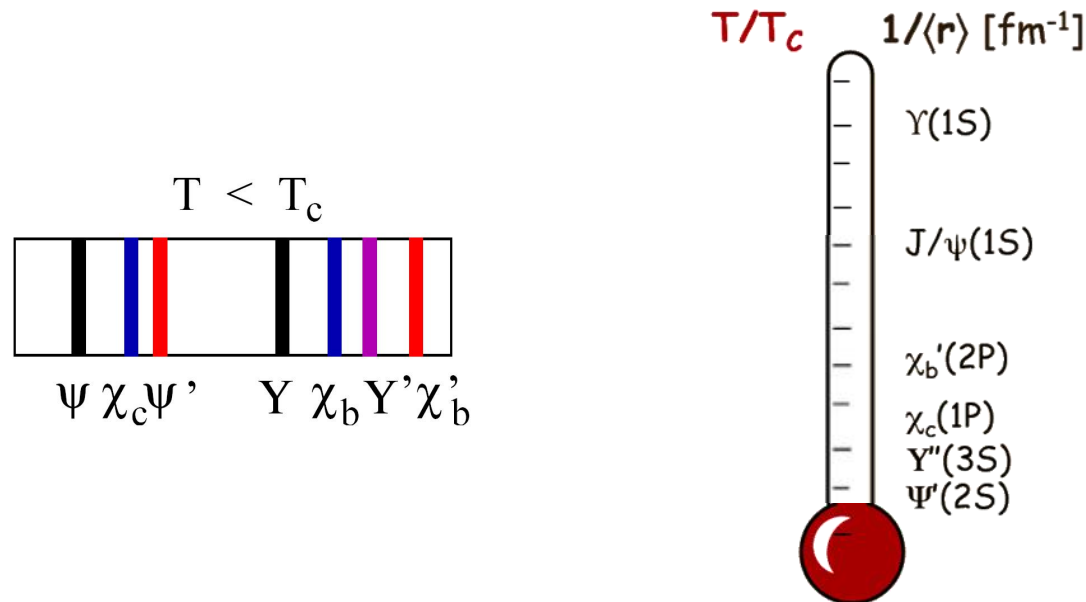
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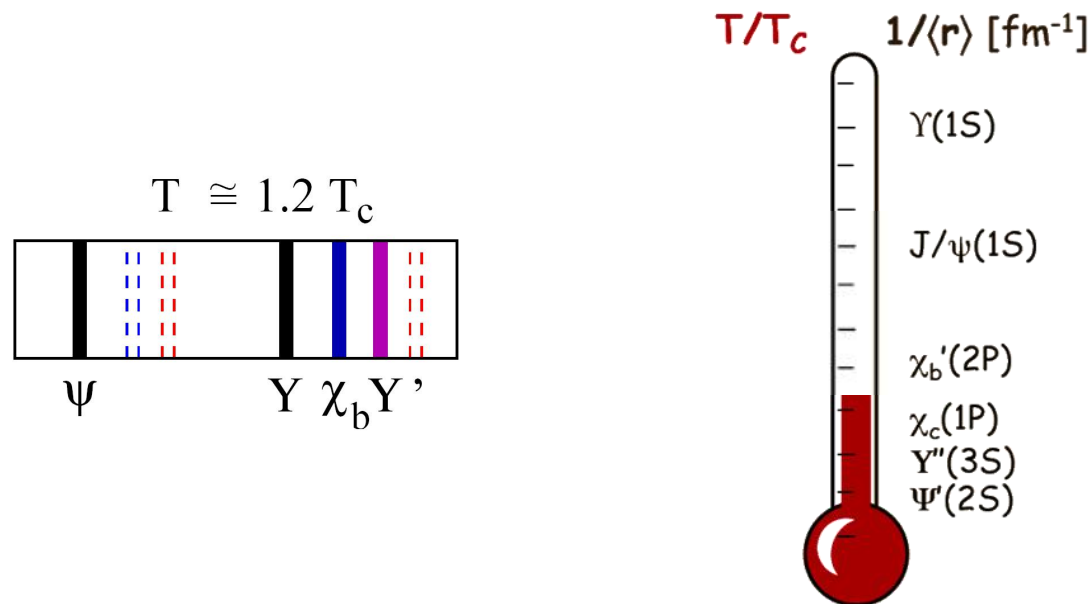


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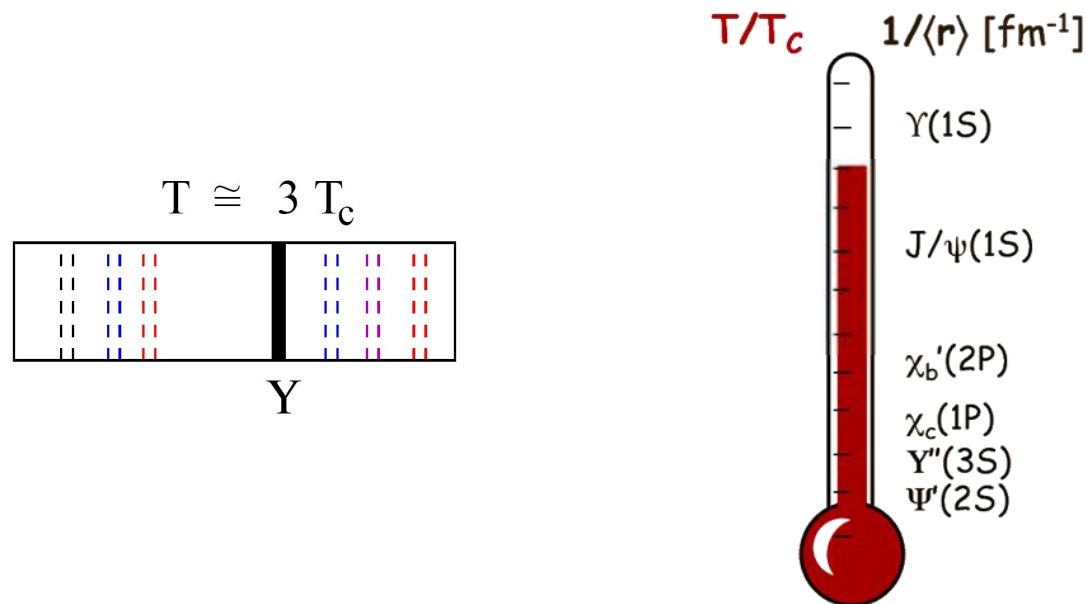


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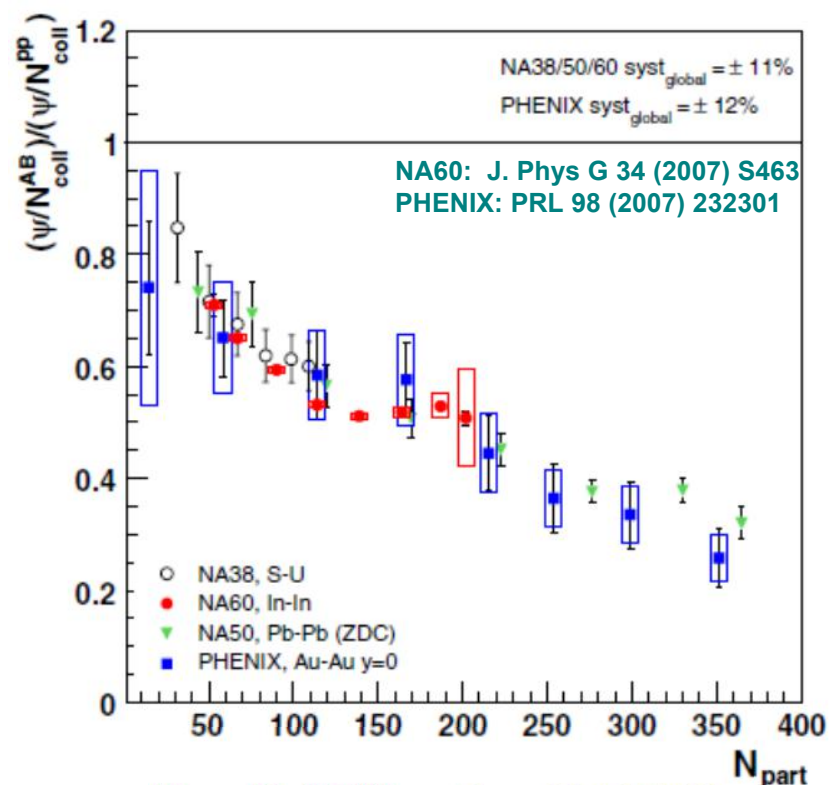
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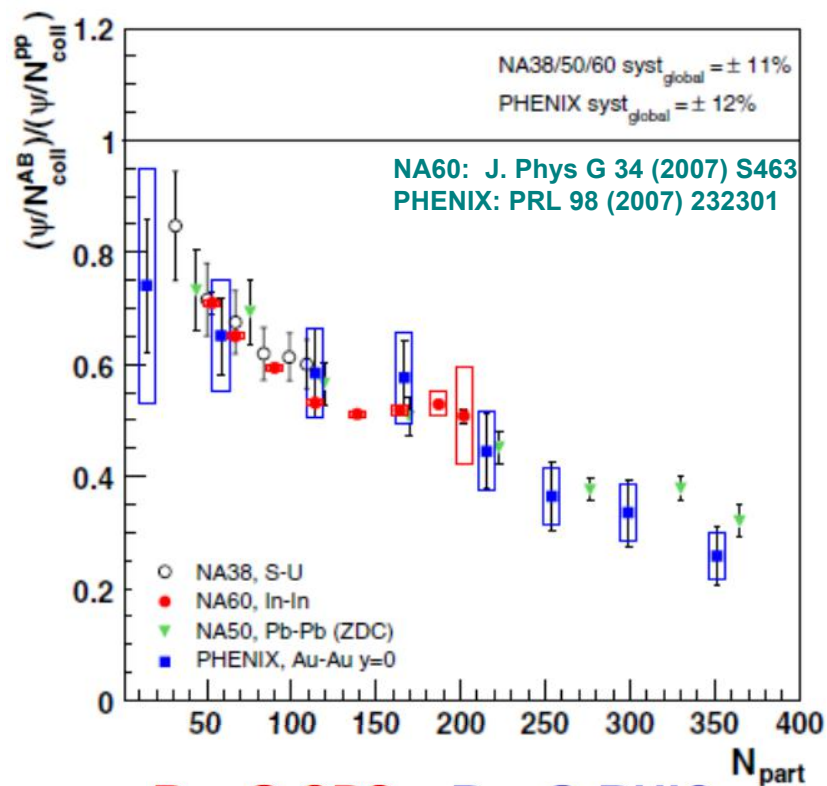
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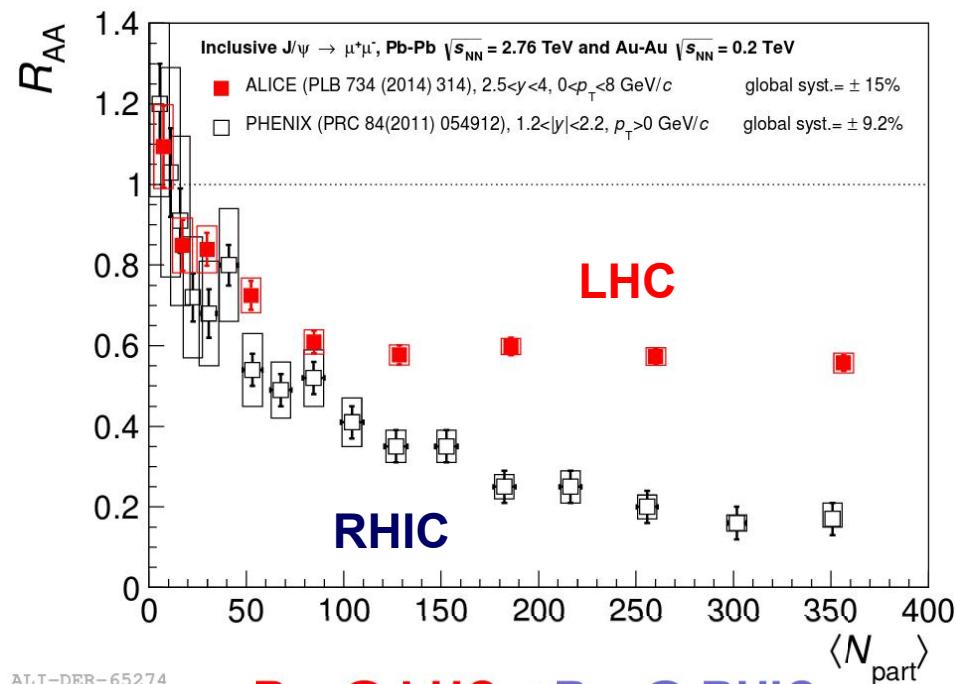
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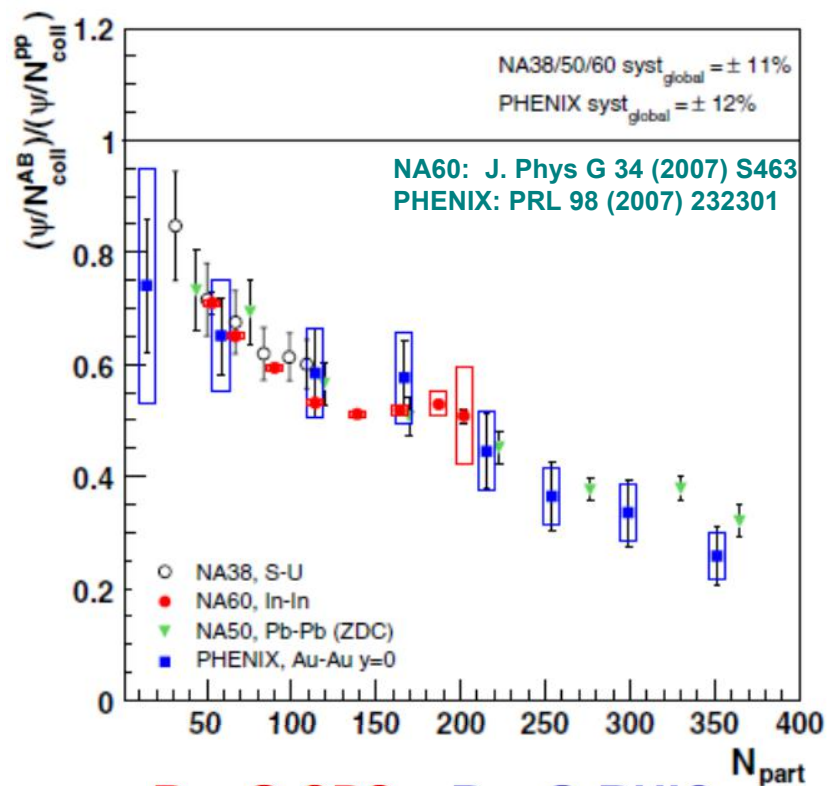
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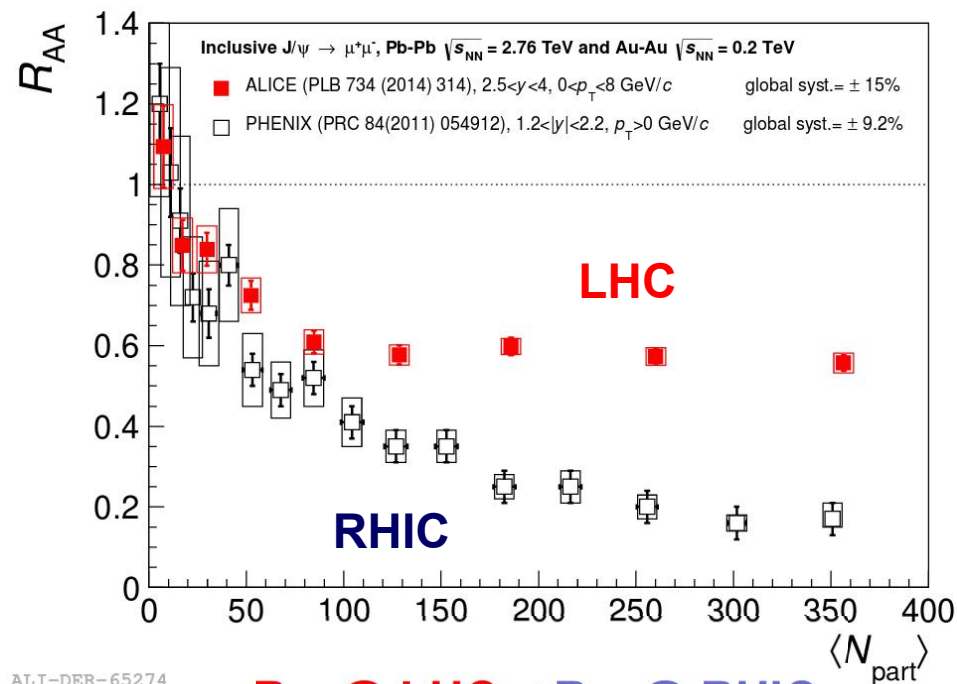
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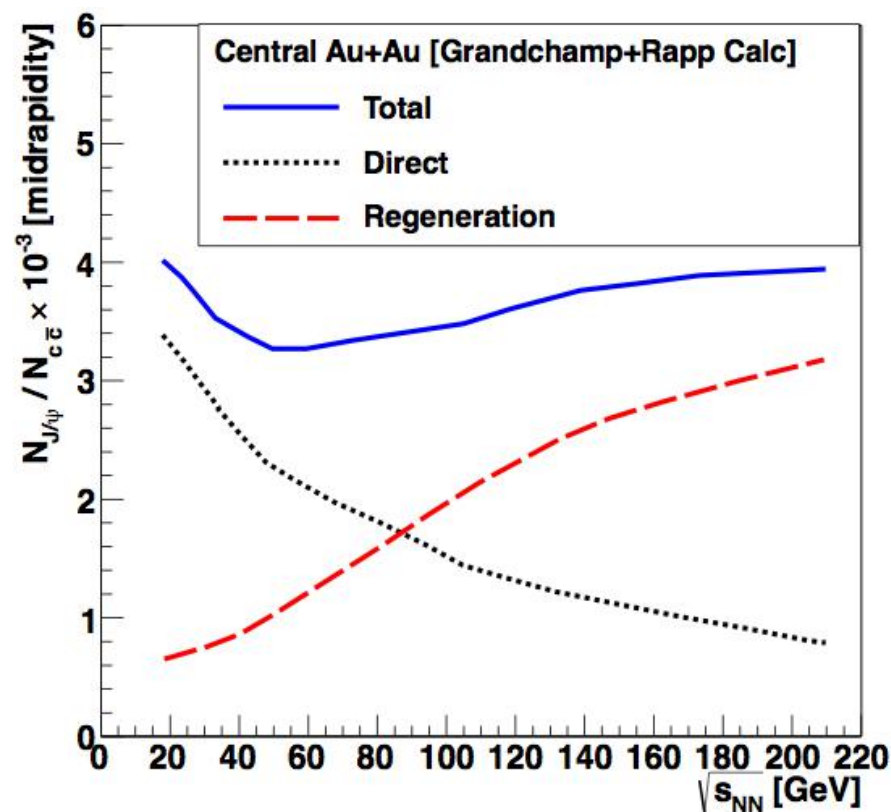
How is it possible ???

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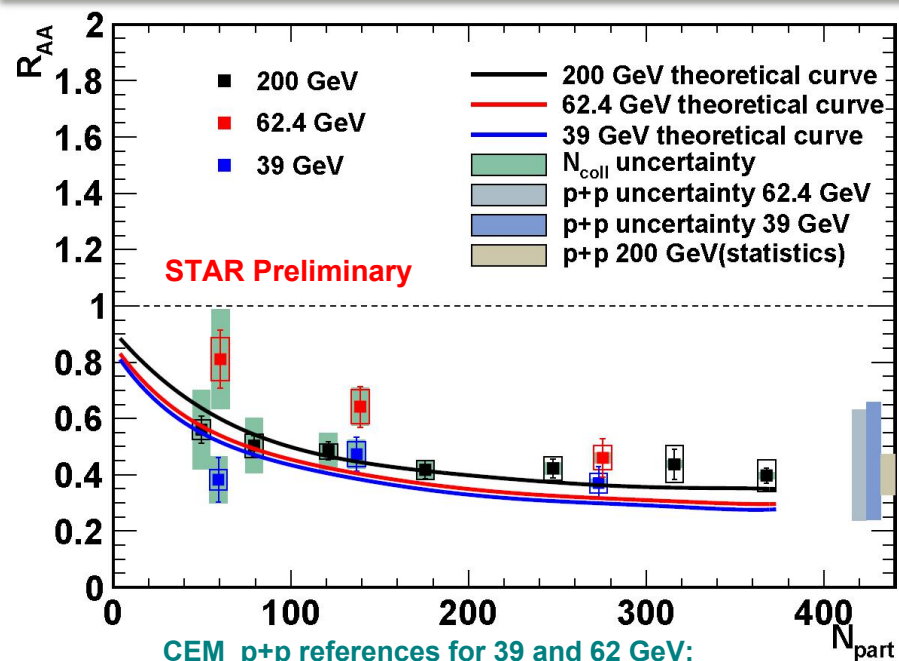
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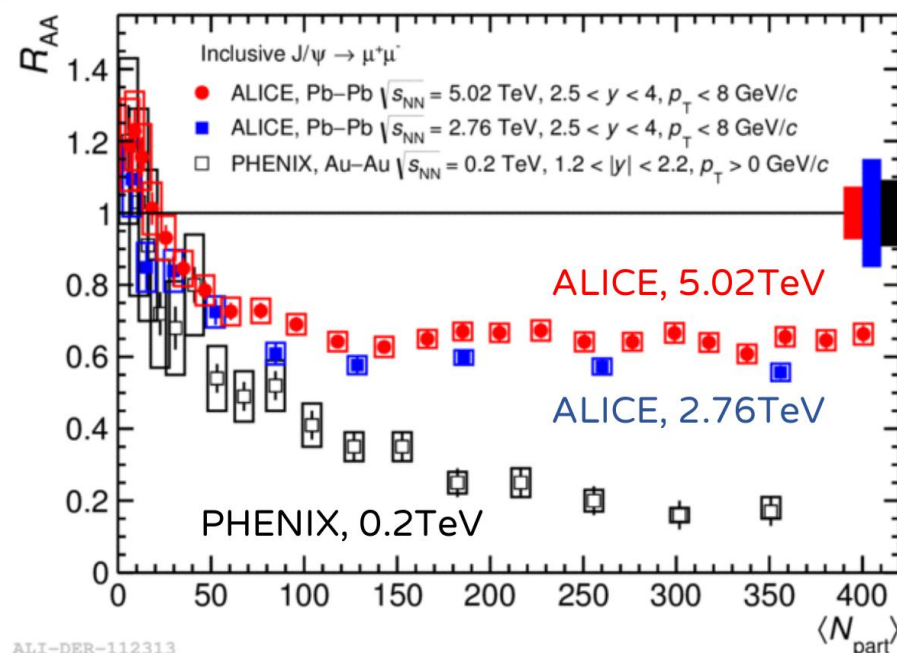


Dissociation and regeneration compete

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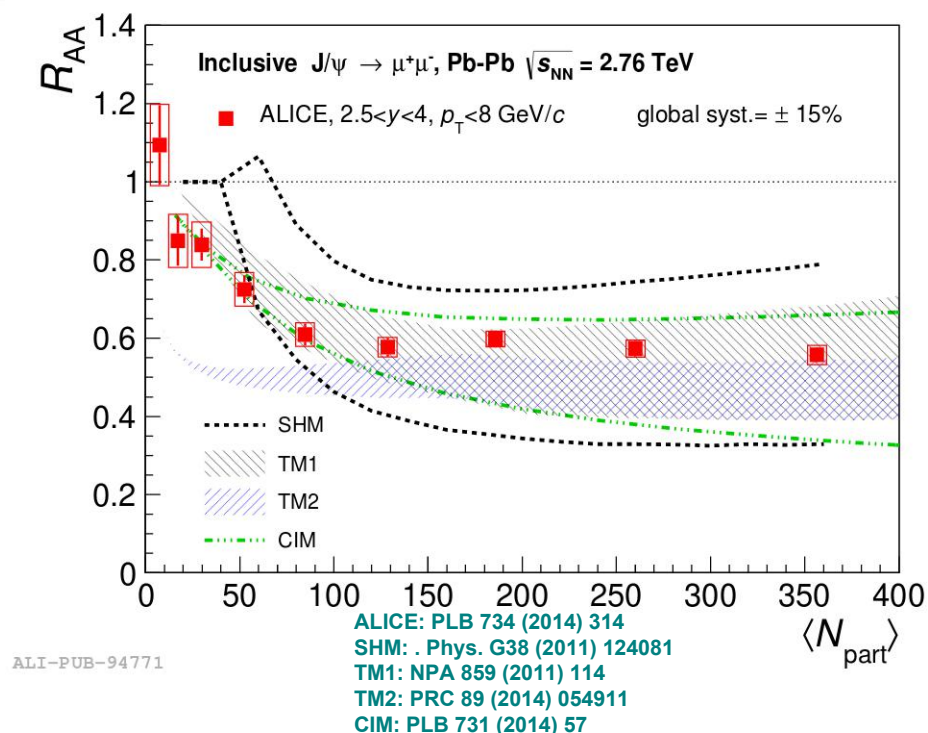
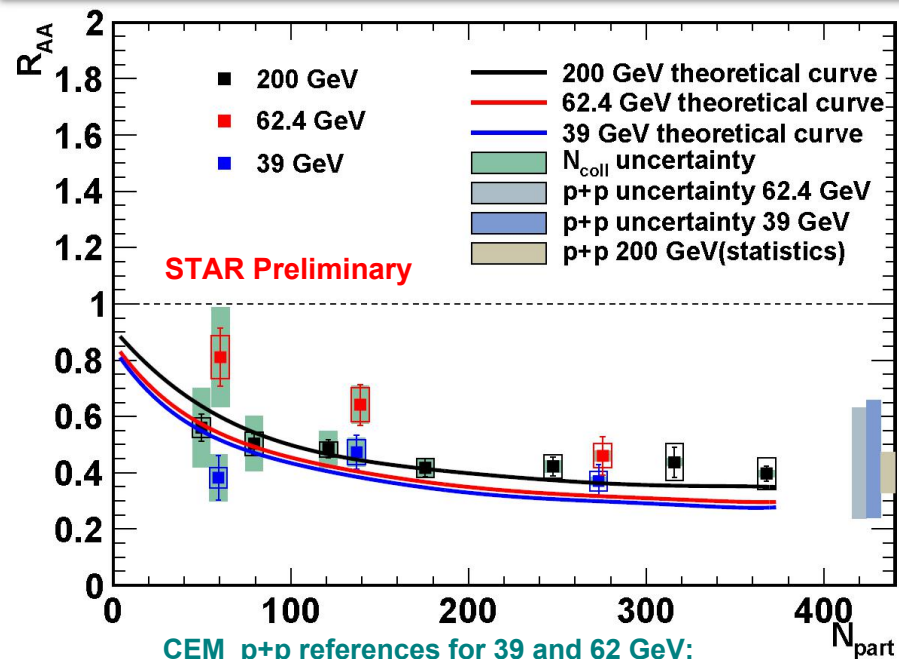
CEM p+p references for 39 and 62 GeV:
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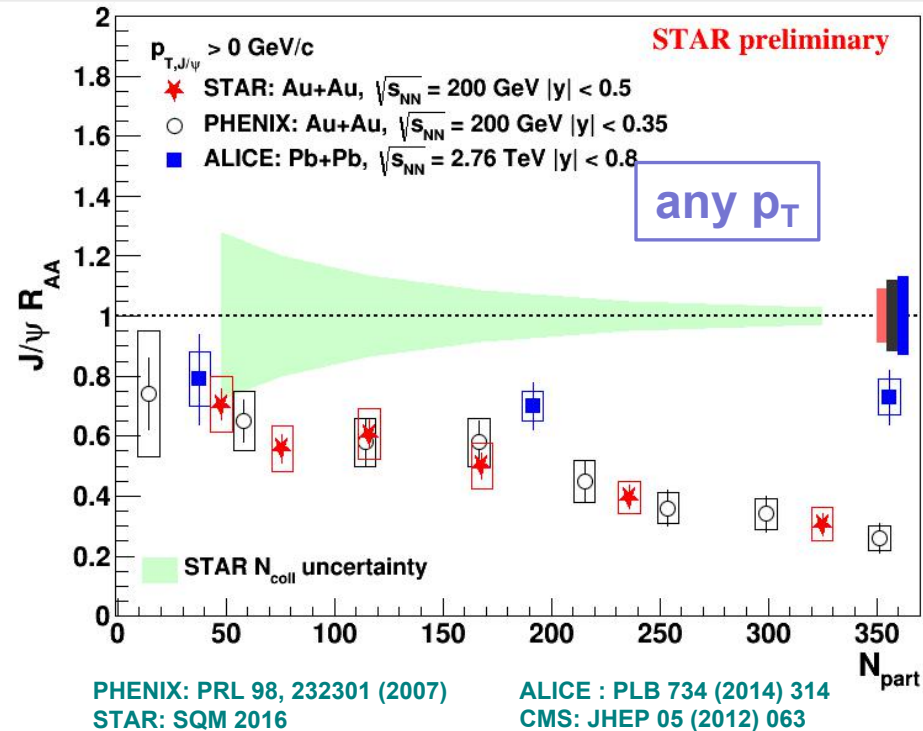
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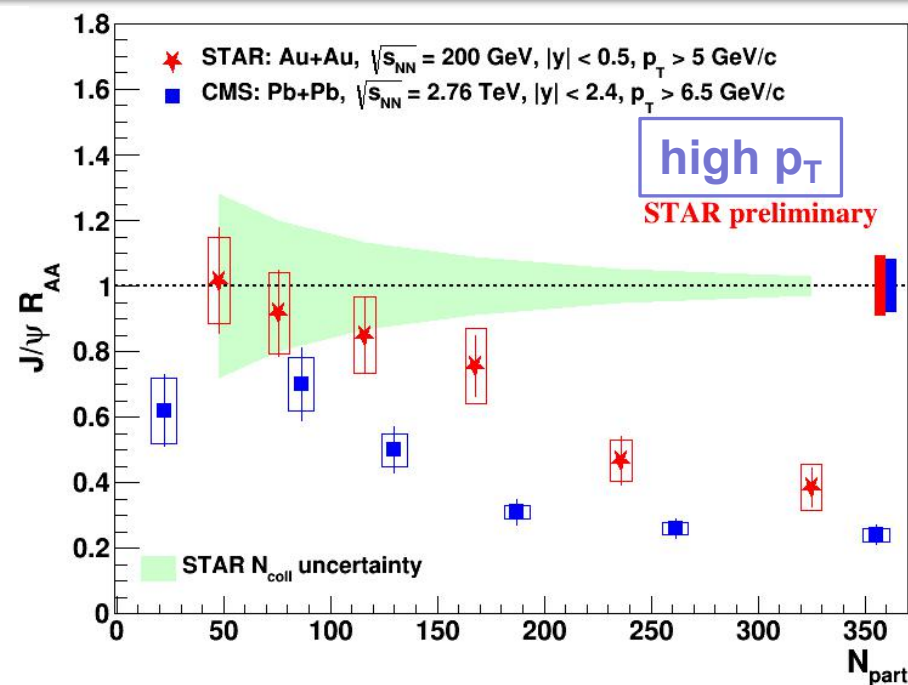
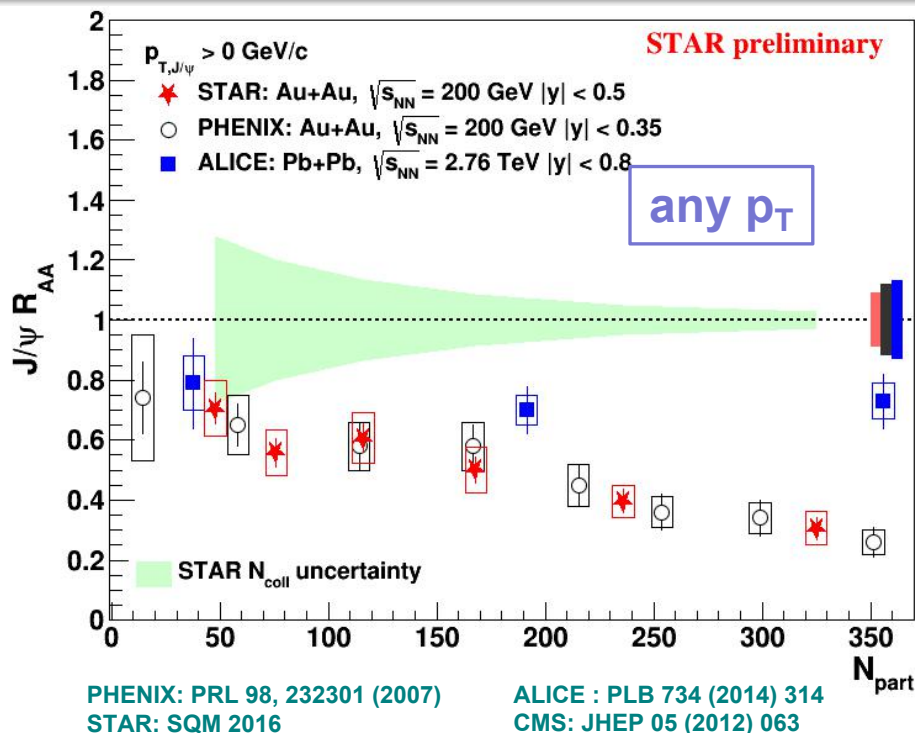
Regeneration compensates, then overcomes dissociation

$R_{AA}^{J/\psi}$: low and high momenta



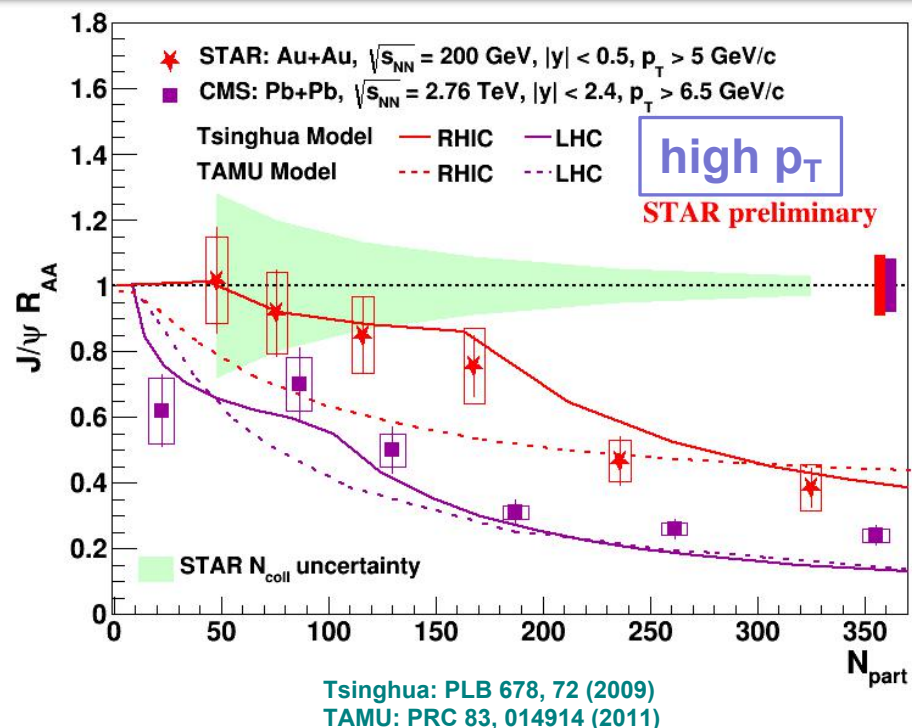
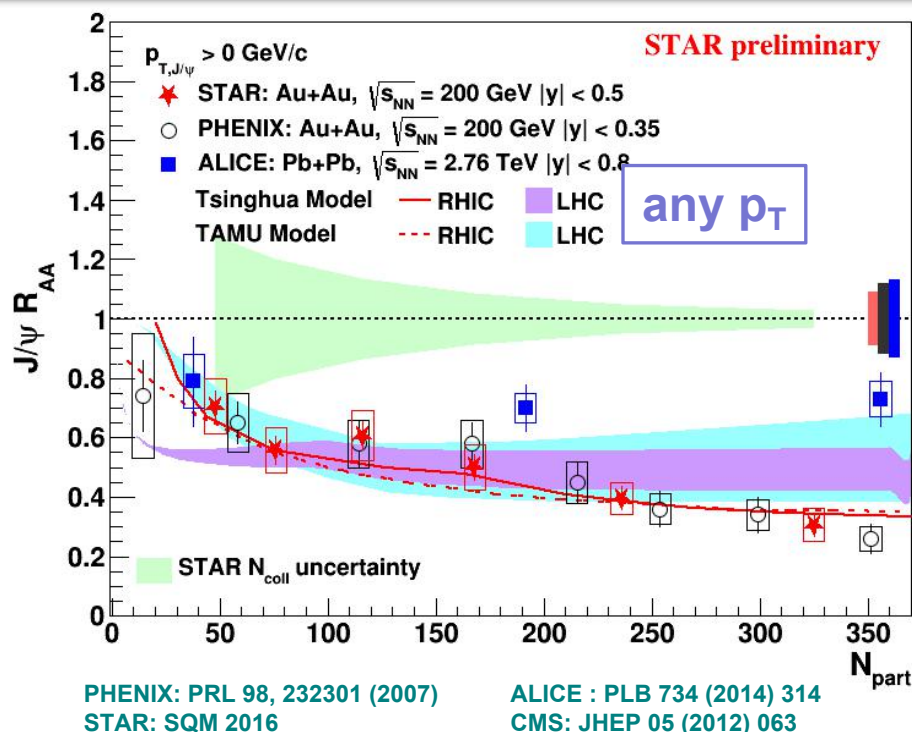
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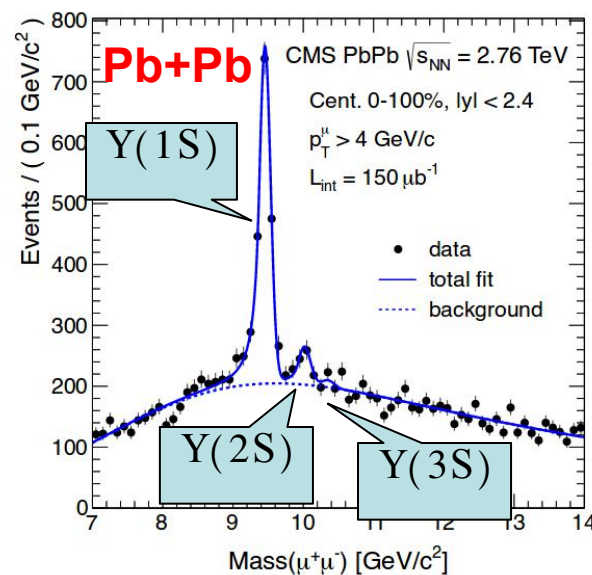
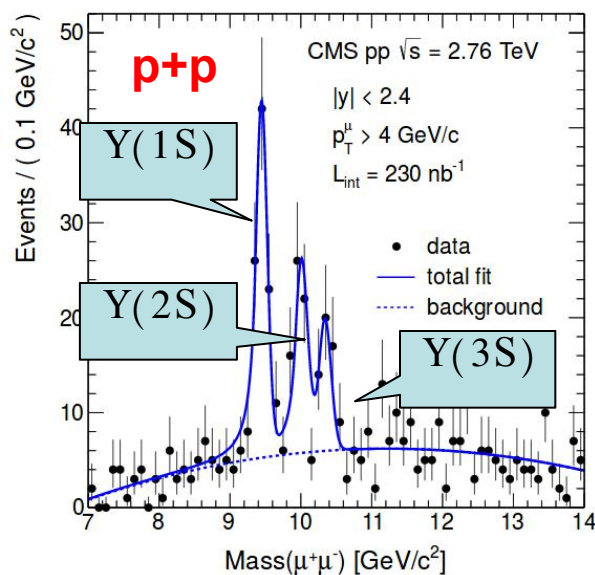
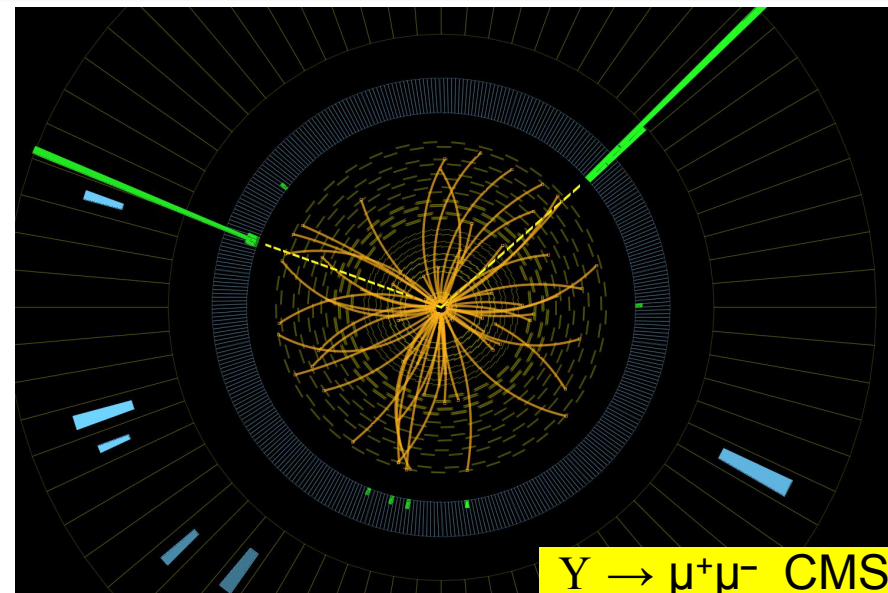
High- p_T J/Ψ suppression is the effect of the sQGP

Upsilon mesons

- Bottomonium:
 - Way less production than charm
 - Negligible regeneration
 - Weaker CNM effects

Reconstructed invariant mass

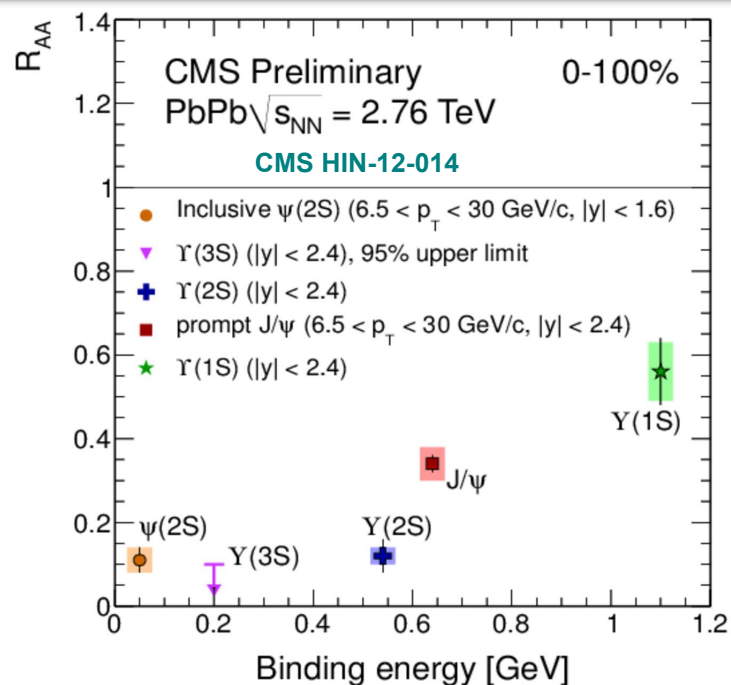
$$m^2 = E^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2$$



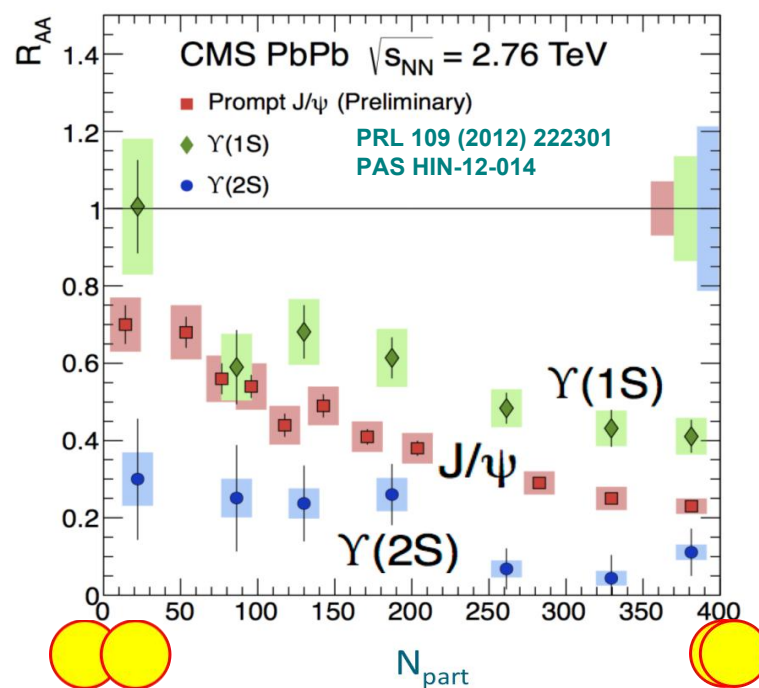
Computing the yield (p+p and Pb+Pb)

- Determine background
- Calculate peak area
- Normalize with the number of collisions

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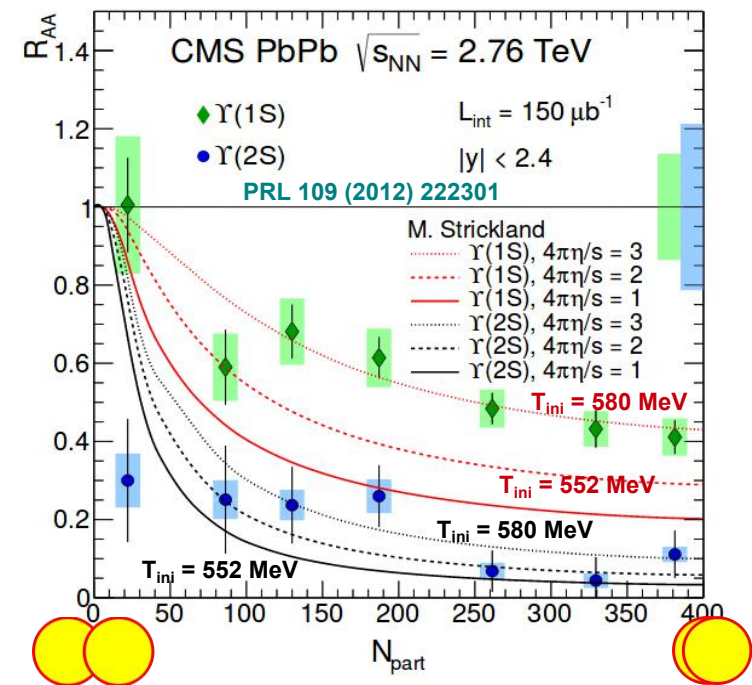
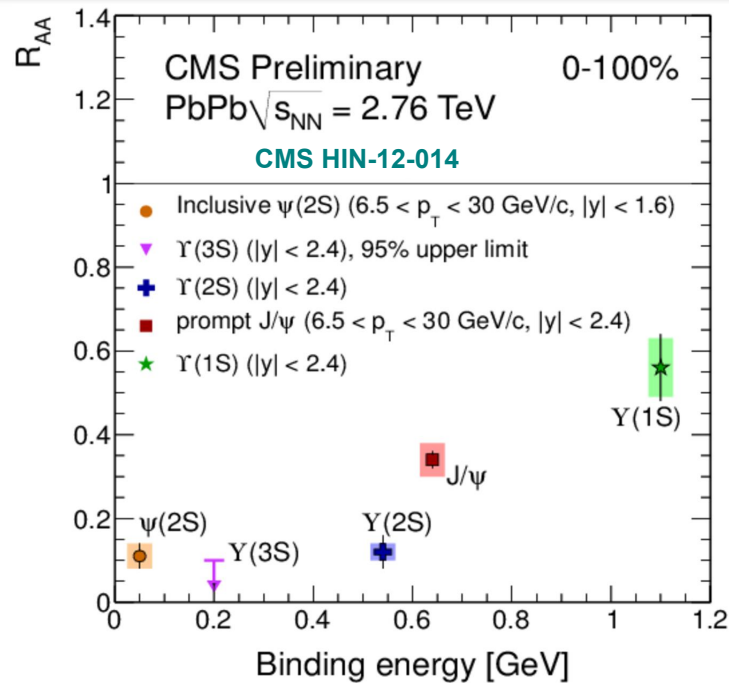


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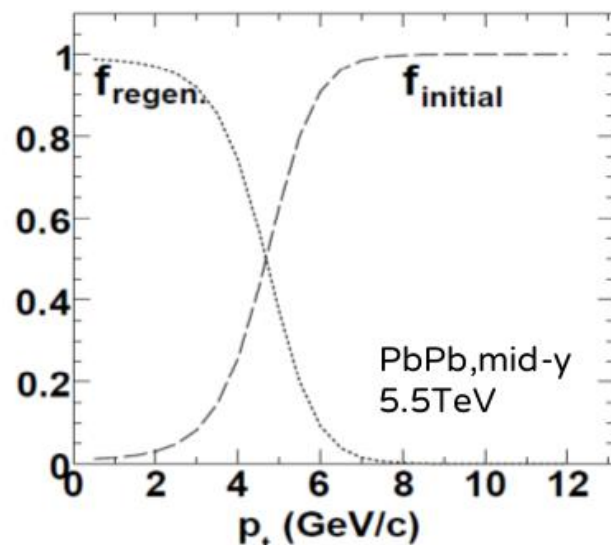
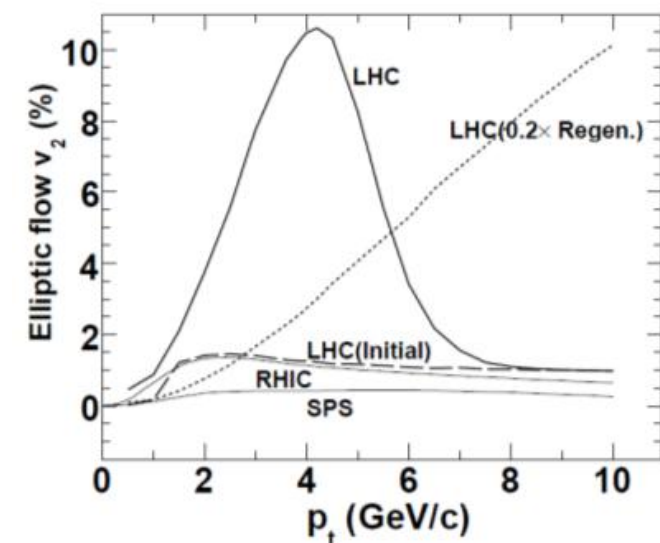
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- Initial temperature of the QGP from model calculations:

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- LHC $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV Pb+Pb: $T_{ini} \sim 600 - 700$ MeV

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Collective dynamics and J/ψ

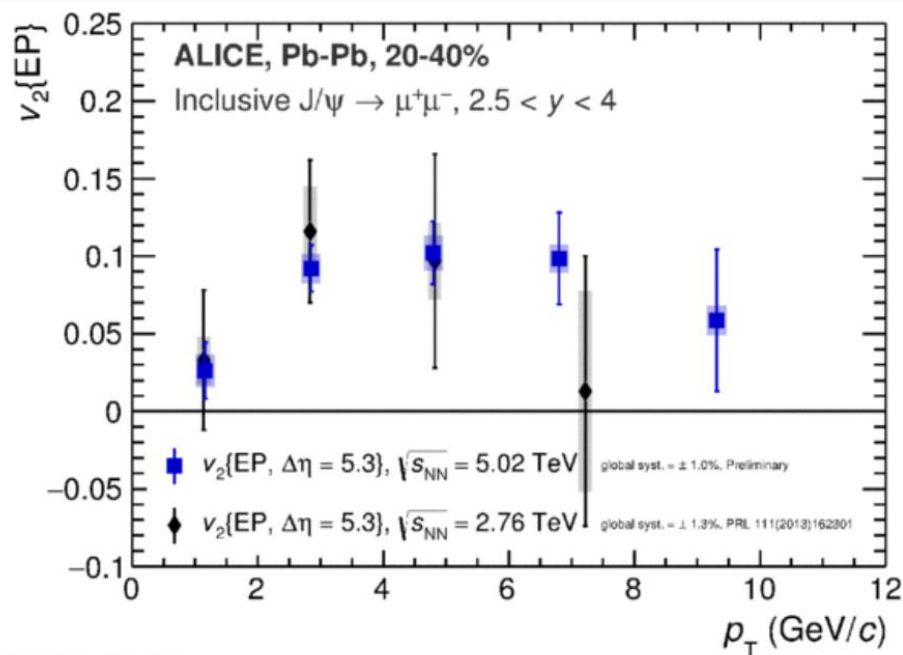
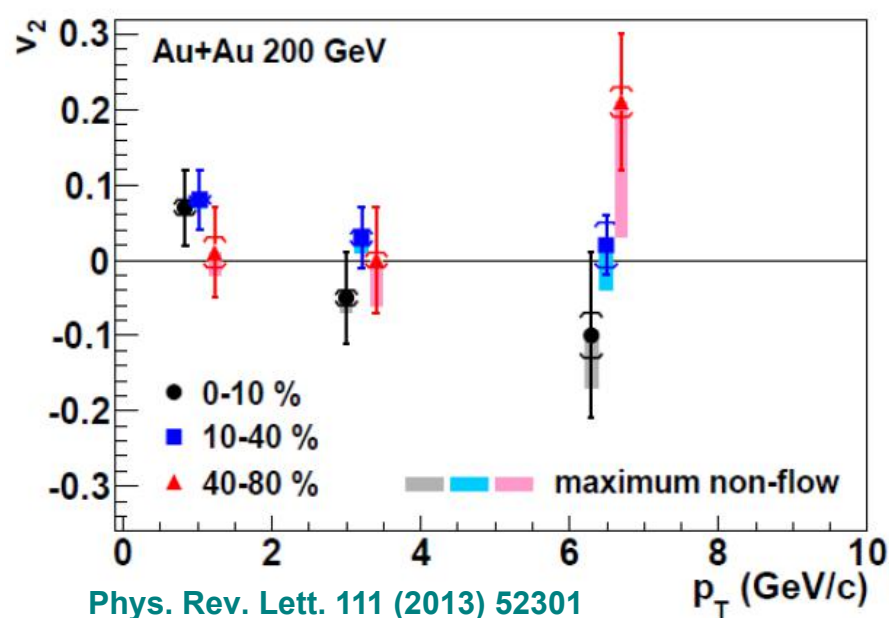


Expectation based on model calculations:

- J/ψ produced in pQCD processes does not take part in collectivity
- J/ψ produced via thermalized regeneration will flow together with other hadrons

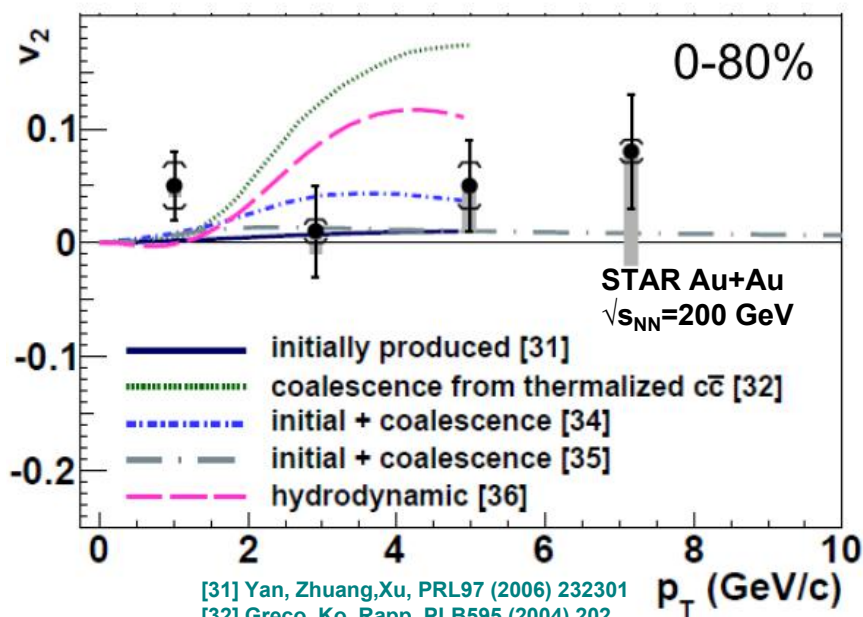
→ J/ψ v_2 is expected to be much smaller at RHIC than at LHC energies

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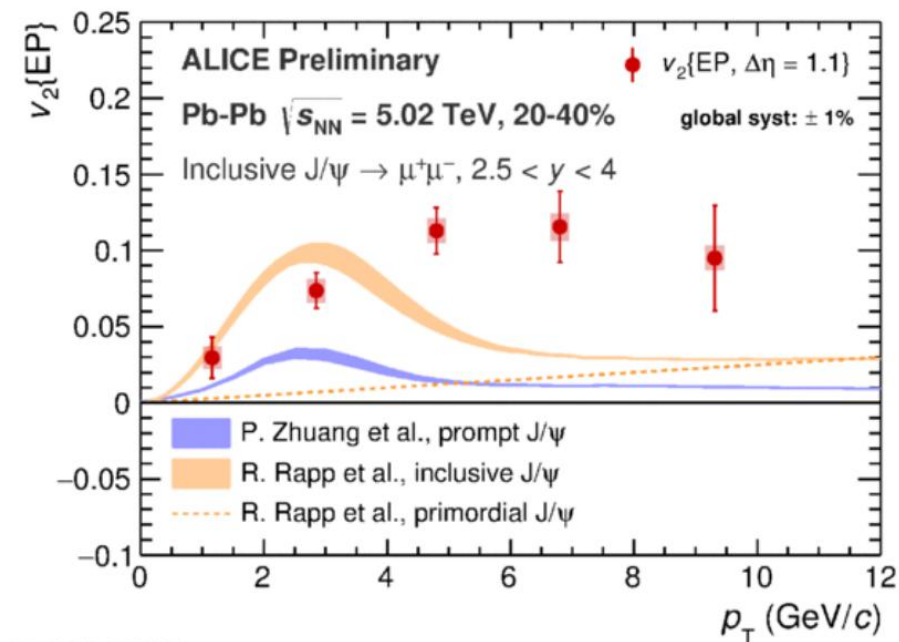


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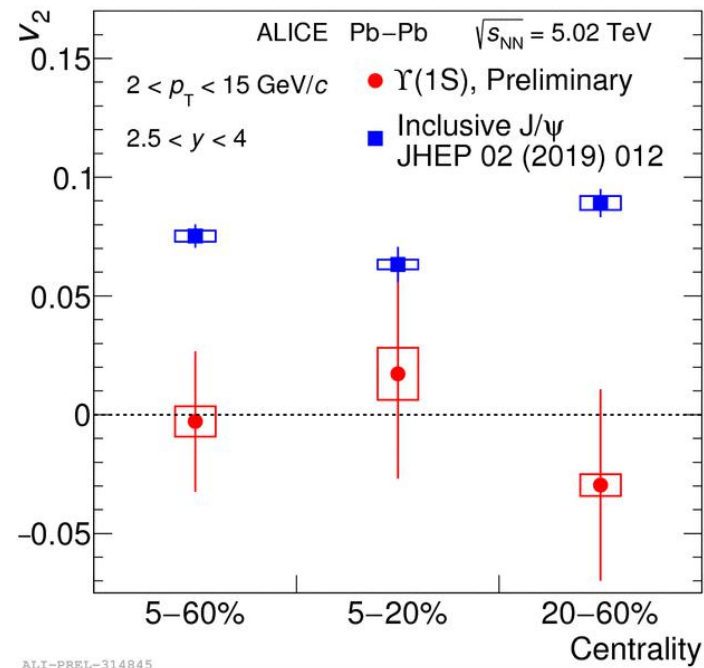
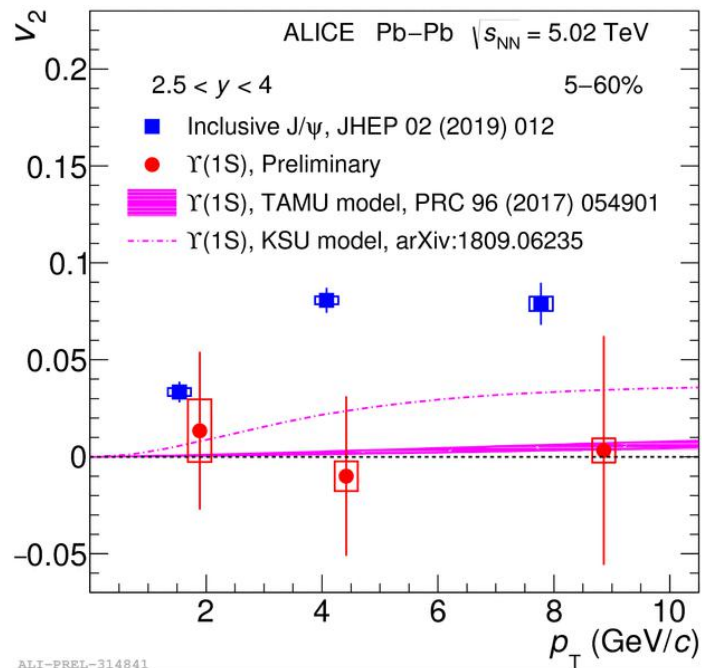


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Thermalized $c\bar{c}$ coalescence becomes dominant at LHC

Anisotropy of bottomonium: $\Upsilon(1S)$



- v_2 consistent with 0 : **Only hadron at the LHC**
 - Early production, decouples from medium
 - Later recombination is not strong ($\#b \ll \#c$)

Summary and Outlook

- Open heavy flavor production
- Quarkonia in the QGP
- The future of heavy-flavor physics

Summary - open heavy flavor

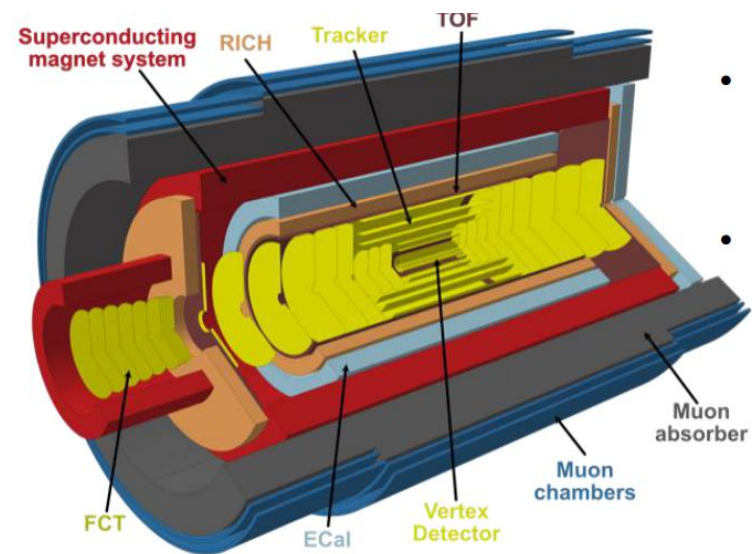
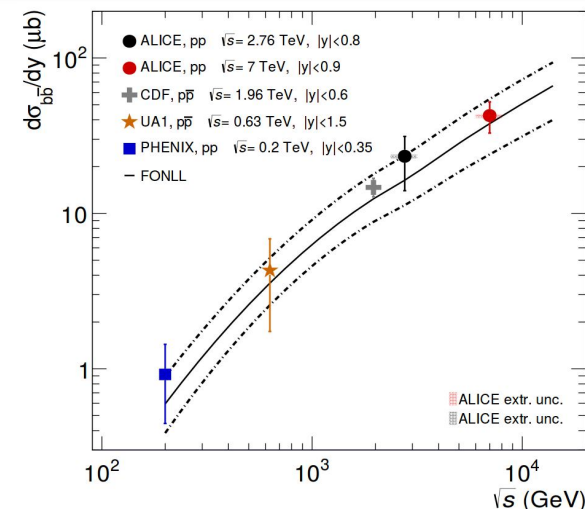
- **pp collisions:** serve as pQCD model tests. Production cross-sections vs. p_T of c and b quarks are well described by models
- **p(d)-A collisions:** CNM effects are weak at mid-rapidity at LHC energies. No proof for modification of particle yields or jets.
- **A-A collisions: Tomography of the QGP.** Penetrating probe down to low p_T . Understanding energy loss and collective behavior.
 - **Low p_T :** relative enhancement in nuclear modification (R_{AA}) compared to light flavor, and a strong collectivity (v_2).
 - Coalescence of charm and the flowing medium
 - Local thermal equilibrium of D-mesons with the medium?
 - **Mid- p_T :** charm: D meson R_{AA}
beauty: non-prompt J/ Ψ
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 - $R_{AA}^D < R_{AA}^B$ (agrees the $\Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$ expectations)
 - **Very high p_T - jets containing b-quarks**
 - $R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}} \sim R_{AA}^{\text{b-jet}}$ (needs explanation!)

Summary - quarkonia

- **The J/Ψ puzzle - Dissociation and regeneration**
 - $R_{AA}(39 \text{ GeV}) \sim R_{AA}(200 \text{ GeV}) < R_{AA}(2.75 \text{ TeV})$
 - At RHIC energies, regeneration compensates for dissociation
 - At LHC energies, regeneration overcomes dissociation
 - $v_2(200 \text{ GeV})$ is very low
 $v_2(2.75 \text{ TeV})$ is similar to that of D mesons
 - Early, direct pQCD J/Ψ production dominates at RHIC energies
 - Regeneration in the flowing medium dominates at LHC energies
- **"Clean probes" - Bottomonium and high-momentum J/Ψ**
 - $R_{AA}(200 \text{ GeV}) > R_{AA}(2.75 \text{ TeV})$ - according to original expectations
 - No significant v_2 of $Y(1S)$
 - Less regeneration, CNM effect than in the low-momentum J/Ψ case
- **Sequential dissociation, sQGP-thermometer**
 - Weakly bound quarkonium states experience stronger suppression:
 $R_{AA}^{Y(3S)} < R_{AA}^{Y(2S)} < R_{AA}^{J/\Psi} < R_{AA}^{Y(1S)}$
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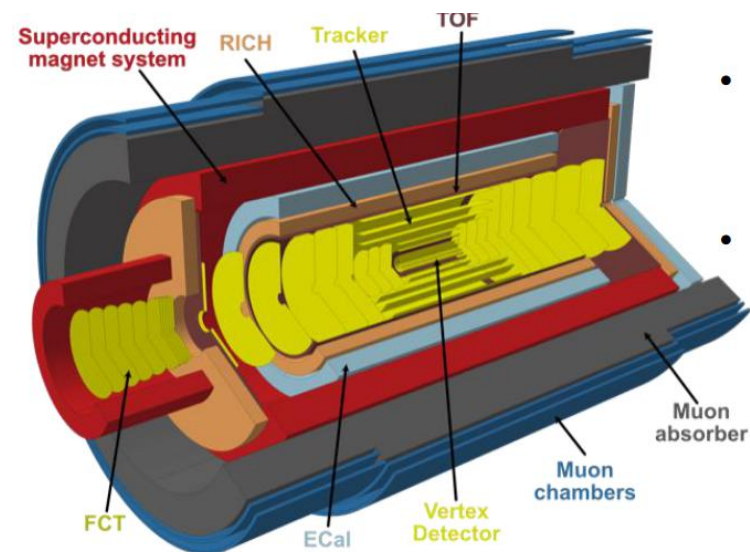
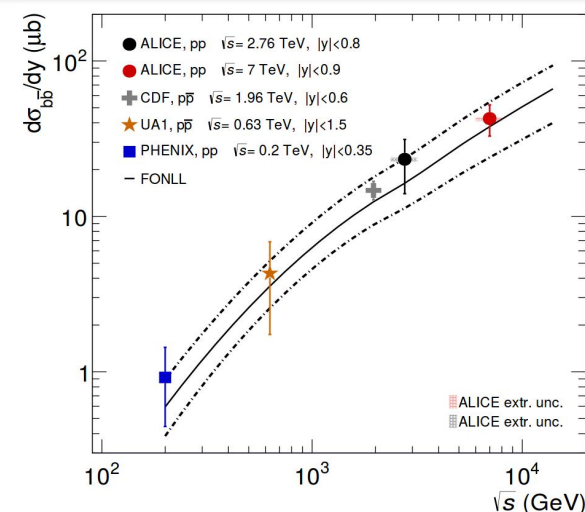
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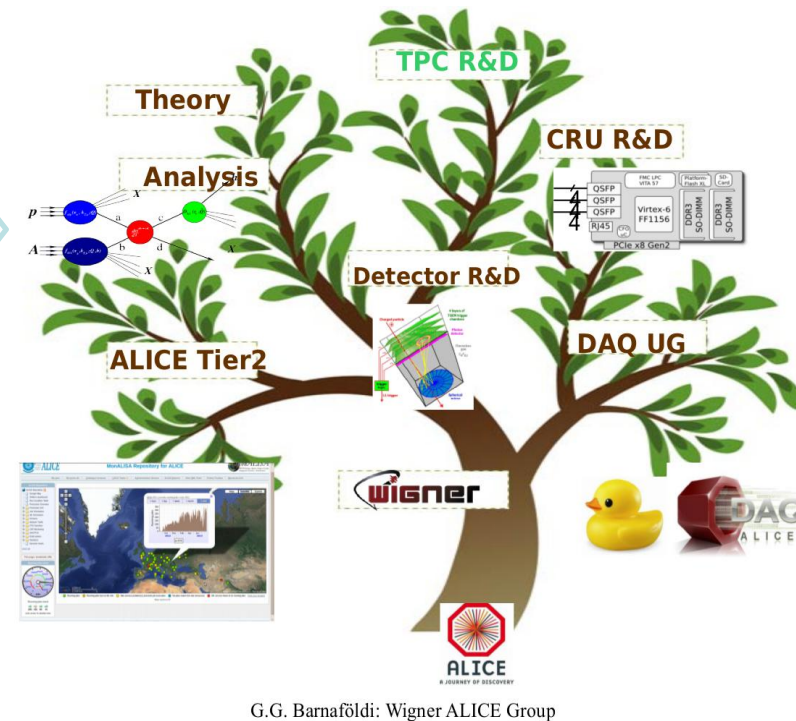
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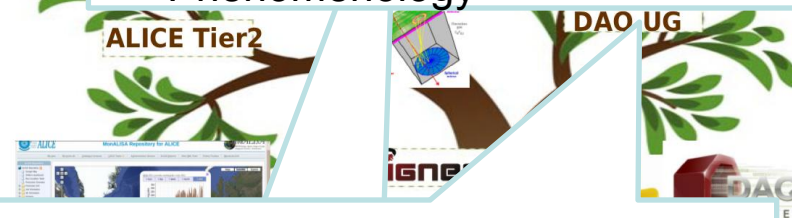
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