

# SHMc - charm statistical hadronization yields and spectra of open and hidden charmed hadrons

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# Formation and Hadronization of heavy quarks

**formation of  $c\bar{c}$ :** in hard initial scattering on time scale  $1/2m_c$   
with  $m_c = 1.3 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow t_{c\bar{c}} = 0.08 \text{ fm}/c$

- comparable or shorter than formation of a thermalized QGP
- significantly shorter than formation time of hadrons (1-several fm/c)

**can consider deconfined quark quarks as impurities inside the QGP**

thermal production at LHC energy still negligible  
annihilation of charm quarks in QGP negligible

there is strong experimental evidence that **charm quarks thermalize inside the QGP**

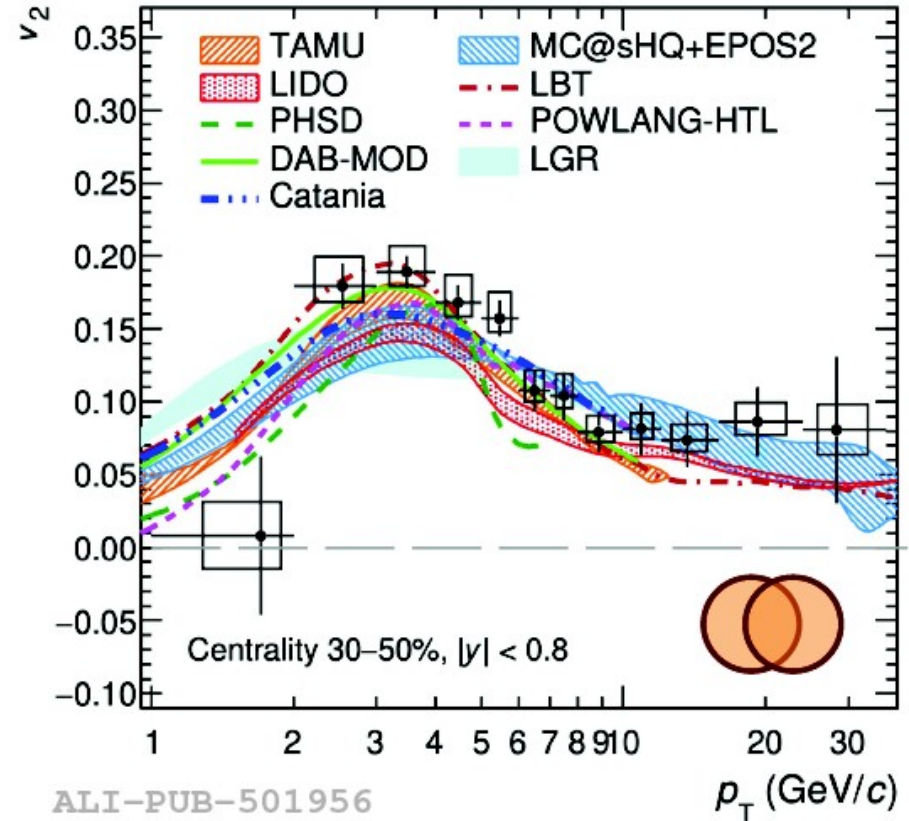
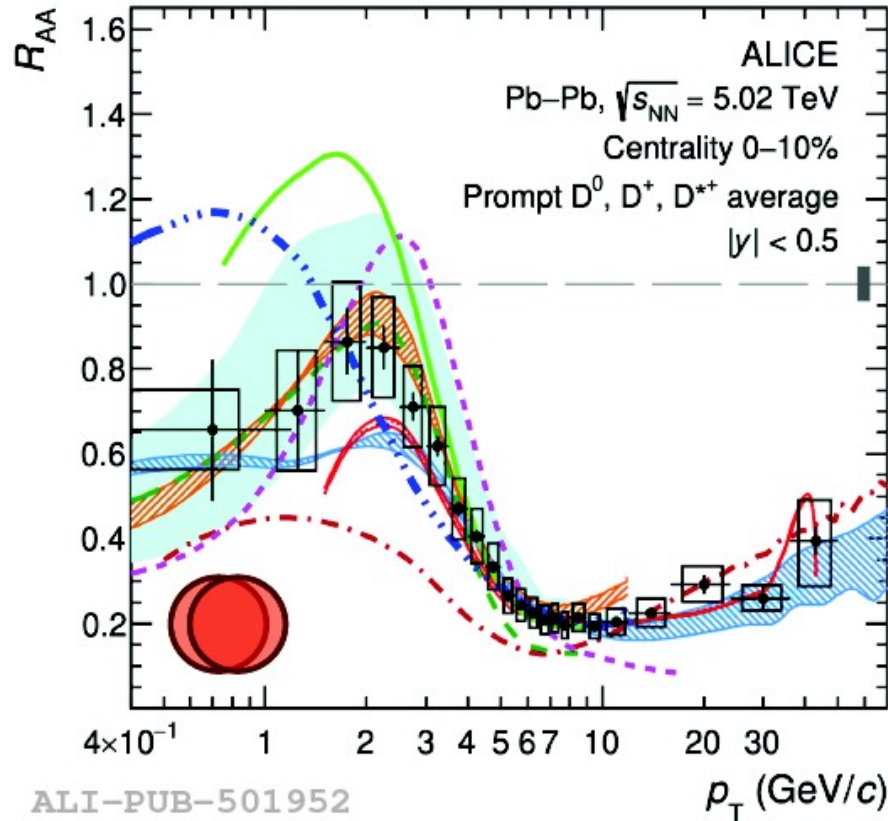
- supported by transport coefficients computed in lattice QCD

**justifies application of statistical concept of hadronization of heavy quarks  
and in particular also to quarkonia**

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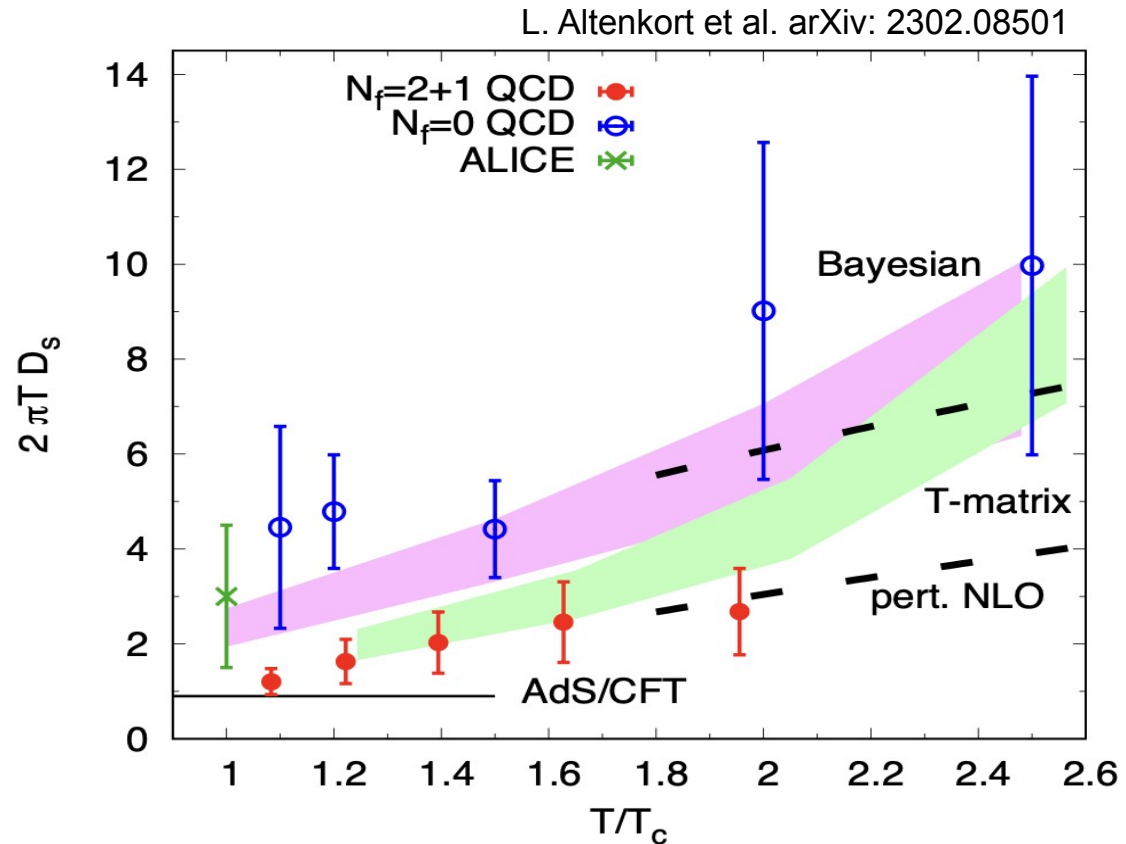
IQCD:

D from gradient flow on color-electric two-point function  
(leading order in  $1/M$  expansion)

$$2\pi TD = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa/T^3} \propto \tau_{\text{kin}} \frac{T^2}{M}$$

first results in full QCD  
for charm  $\tau_{\text{kin}} = 1 - 2 \text{ fm}/c$

consistent picture:  
thermalization in QGP



# Hadronization of charm quarks

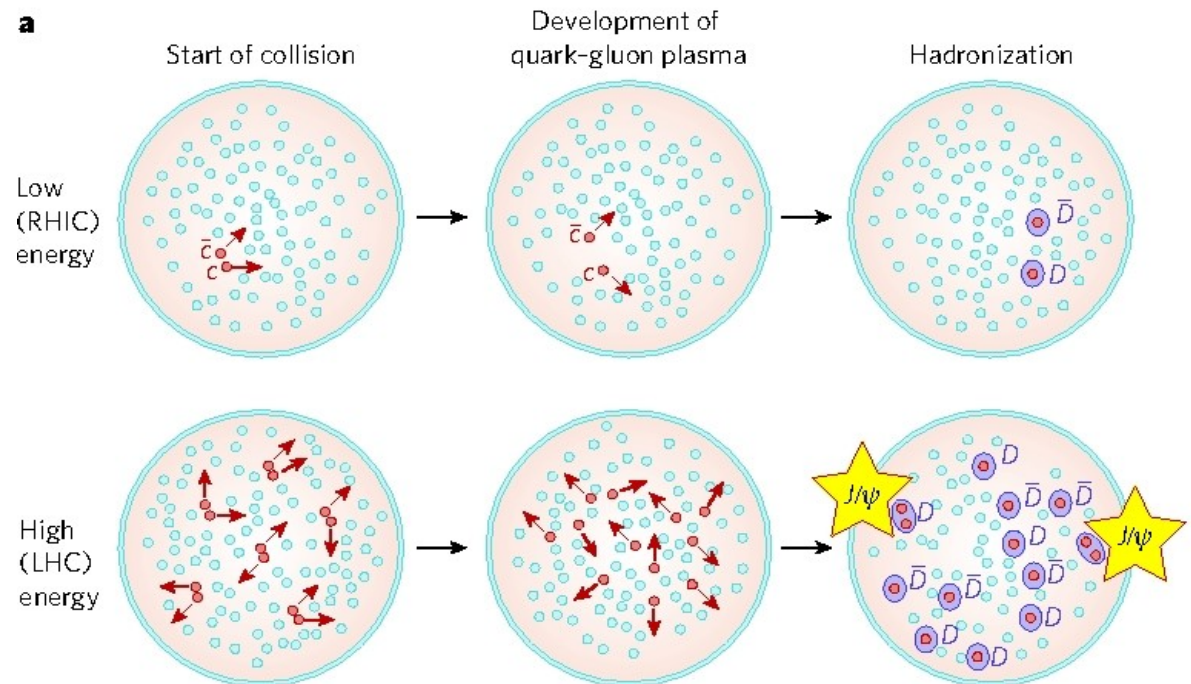
all charm quarks have to appear in charmed hadrons  
at hadronization of QGP also  $J/\psi$  can form from deconfined quarks  
in particular, if number of  $cc$  pairs is large (colliders) -  $N_{J/\psi} \propto N_{cc}^2$

(P. Braun-Munzinger and J. Stachel, Phys. Lett. B490 (2000) 196)

also applies to b-quarks and bottomonia

(A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich, J. Stachel NPA 789 (2007) 334)

expect  $J/\psi$  **suppression** at  
low beam energies  
(SPS, RHIC)  
and  
 $J/\psi$  **enhancement** at high  
energies (LHC)



# Statistical hadronization model for charm (SHMc) including canonical thermodynamics

- the charm balance equation determines the fugacity  $g_c$

$$N_{c\bar{c}} = \frac{1}{2}g_c V \sum_{h_{oc,1}^i} n_i^{\text{th}} + g_c^2 V \sum_{h_{hc}^j} n_j^{\text{th}} + \frac{1}{2}g_c^2 V \sum_{h_{oc,2}^k} n_k^{\text{th}}$$

obtained from measured  
open charm cross section

$n_{i,j,k}^{\text{th}}$ : # of thermal charm hadrons

- balance equation with canonical suppression needs to be solved numerically to obtain  $g_c$

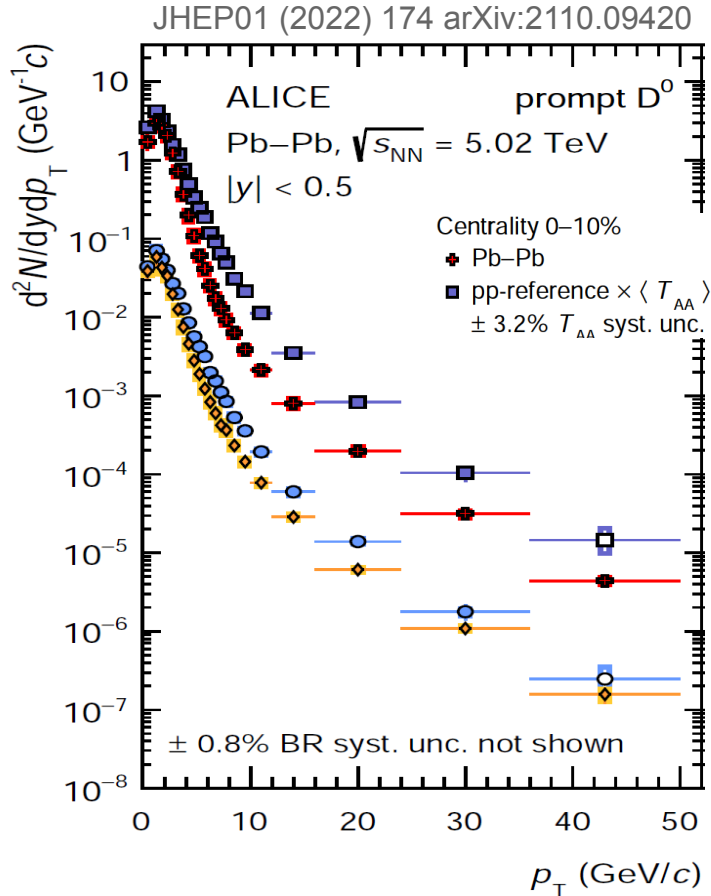
$$N_{c\bar{c}} = \sum_{\alpha=1,2} N_{oc,\alpha} \frac{I_\alpha(N_c^{\text{tot}})}{I_0(N_c^{\text{tot}})} + N_{hc} \quad \text{defining:} \quad N_{oc,1} = \frac{1}{2}g_c V \sum_{h_{oc,1}^i} n_i^{\text{th}}$$

$$N_{oc,2} = \frac{1}{2}g_c^2 V \sum_{h_{oc,2}^k} n_k^{\text{th}}$$

$$N_{hc} = g_c^2 V \sum_{h_{hc}^j} n_j^{\text{th}}$$



# Charm cross section – nuclear effects



first  $D^0$  measurement in central PbPb down to  $p_T=0$

$$dN/dy = 6.819 \pm 0.457 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.912}_{-0.936} \text{ (syst.) } \pm 0.054 \text{ (BR)}$$

assume fragmentation like in SHMc  $\rightarrow$  charm cross section

$$dN_{c\bar{c}}/dy = 13.7 \pm 2.1$$

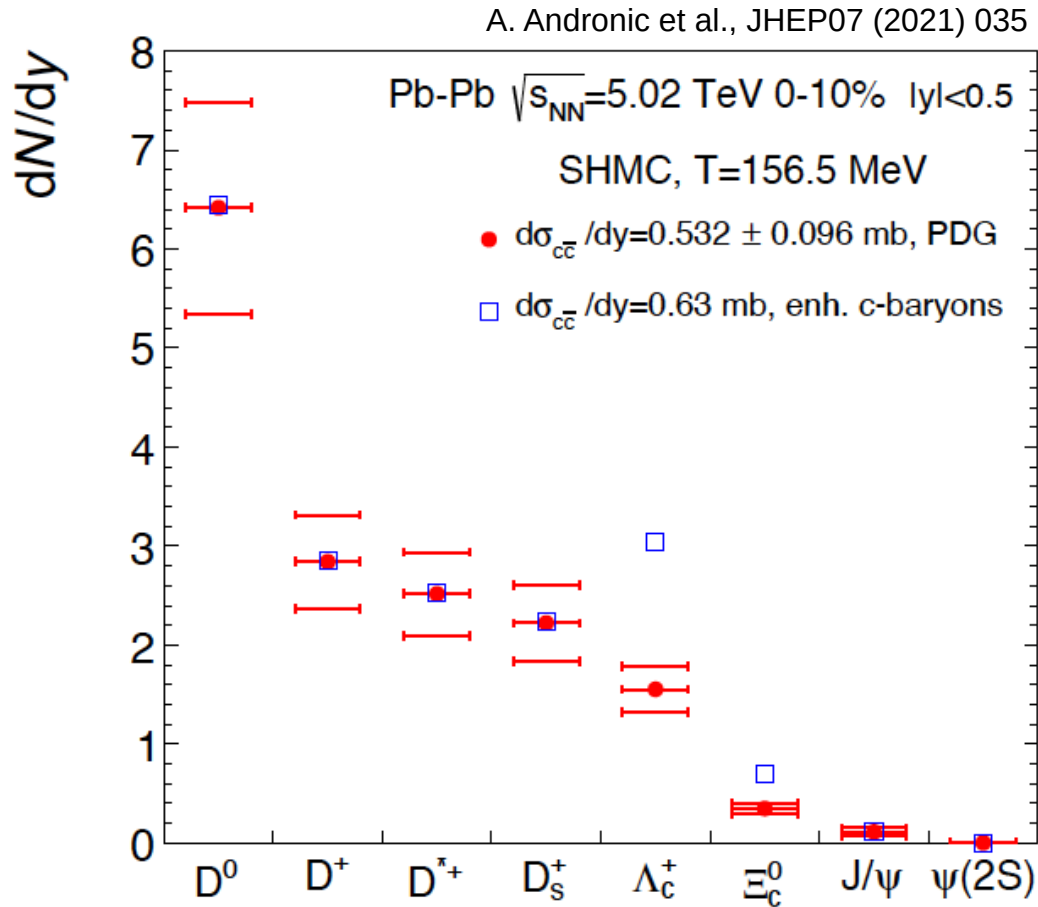
$$\text{corresponding to } g_c = 31.4 \pm 4.8$$

use this as new basis for PbPb predictions from SHMc  
8.8% larger than our estimate from pp and nuclear effects  
uncertainty reduced by 15%

outlook to LHC Run3/4: with upgraded ALICE detector and 50 kHz PbPb collisions  $\rightarrow$  precision measurement of all singly charmed hadrons down to  $p_T=0$

# Charm hadron yields with modified charm resonance spectrum

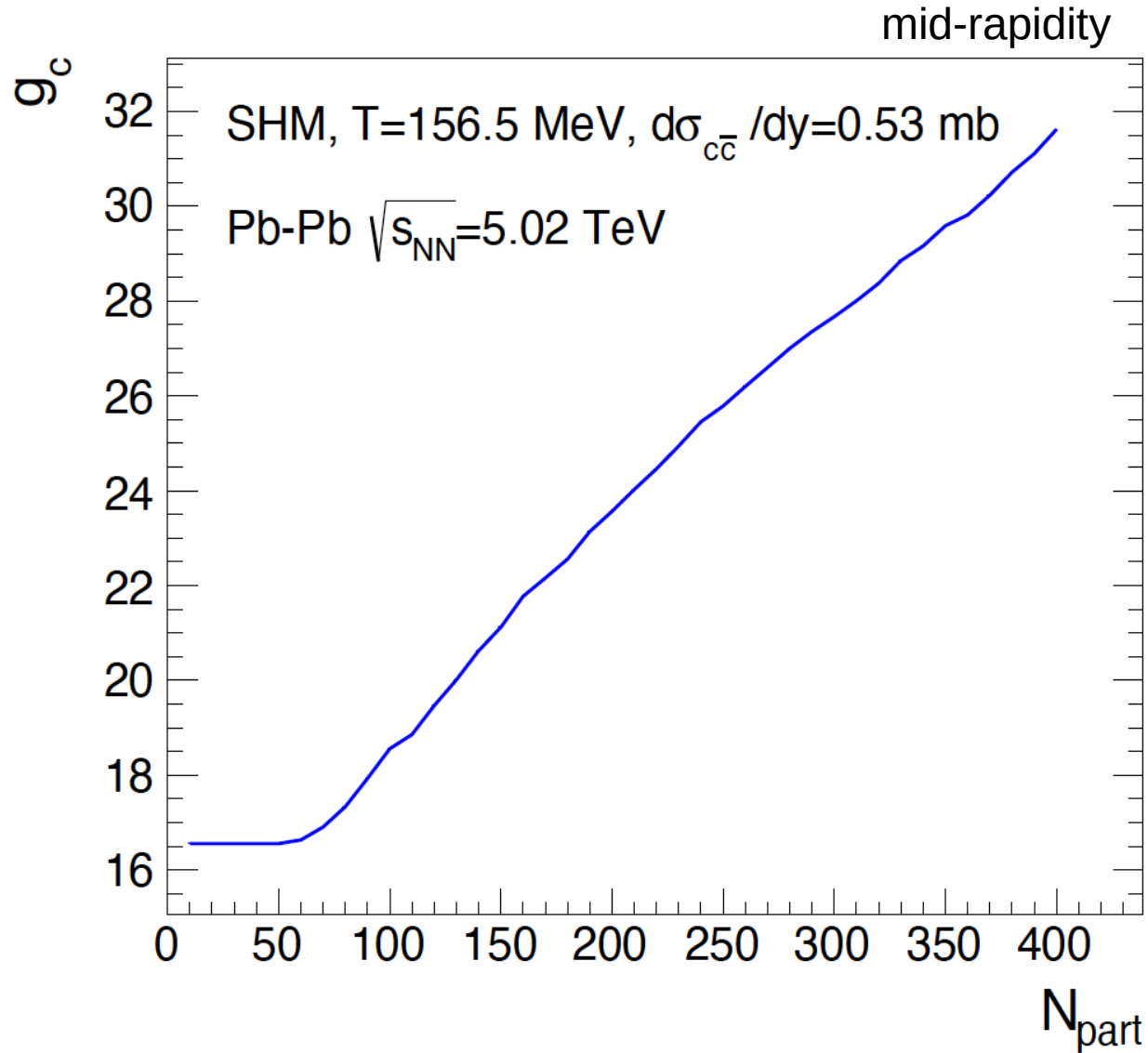
recently a lot of speculation about possibly incomplete charm baryon spectrum to test impact, tripled statistical weights of excited charm baryons



charm cross section increases 20%  
yield of charm baryons nearly doubles  
mesons practically unaffected

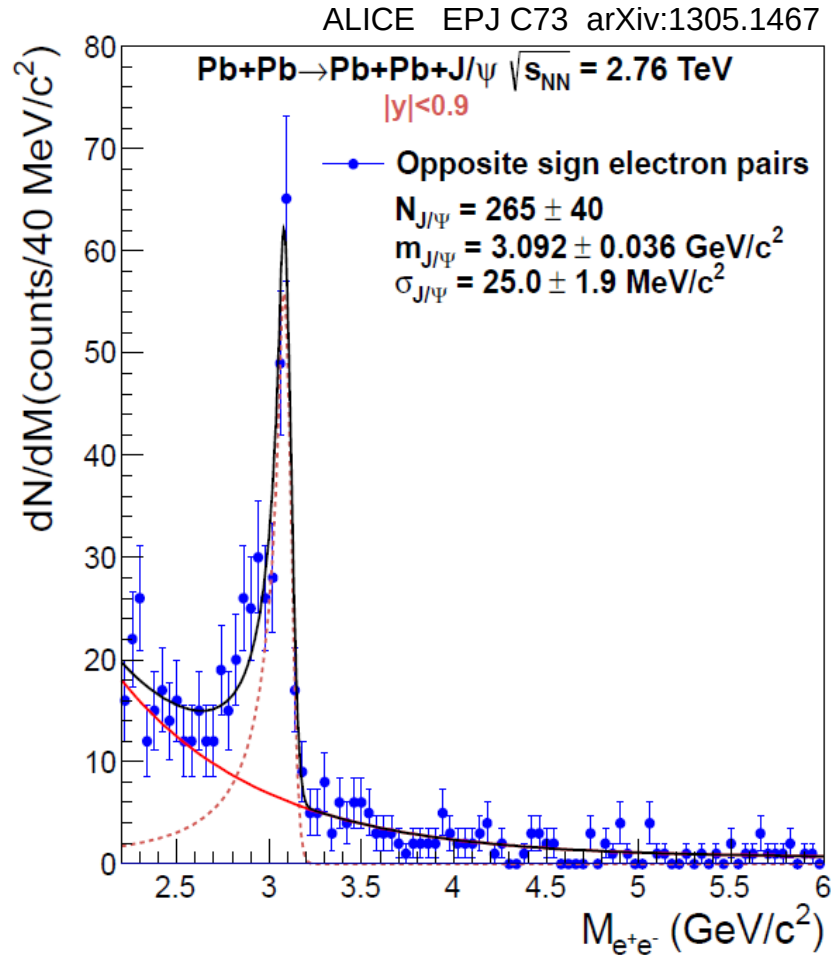


# Centrality dependence of charm fugacity $g_c$ at LHC energy



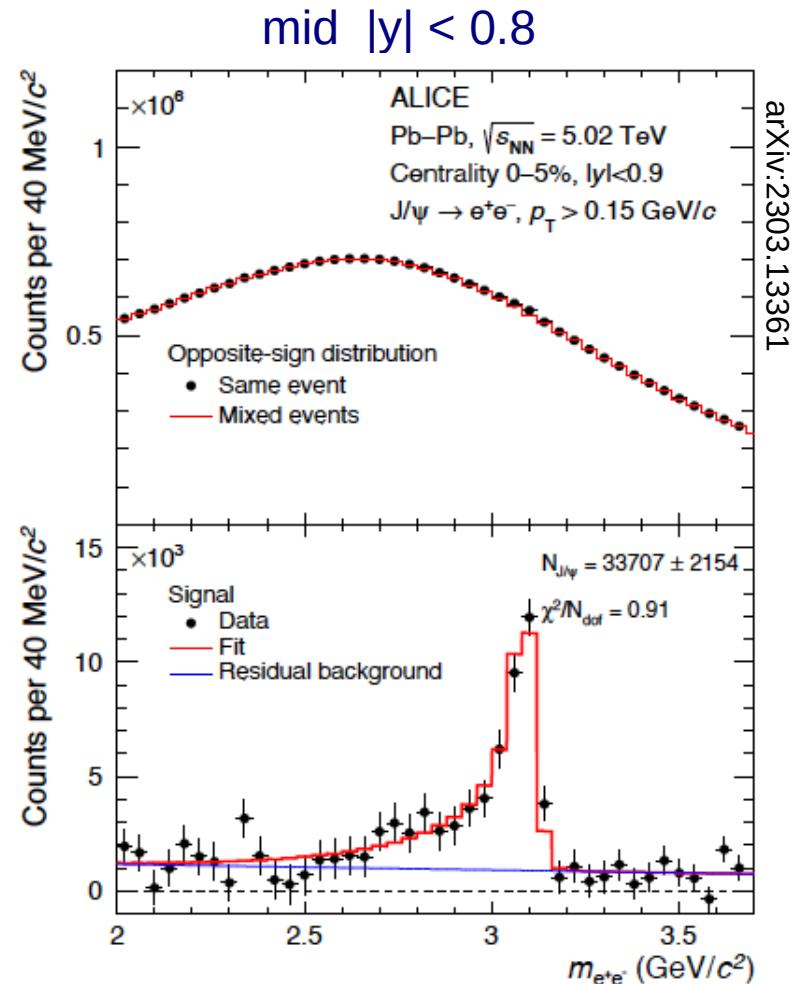
# Reconstruction of $J/\psi$ in PbPb collisions at LHC

$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  or  $\mu^+\mu^-$  with 6%



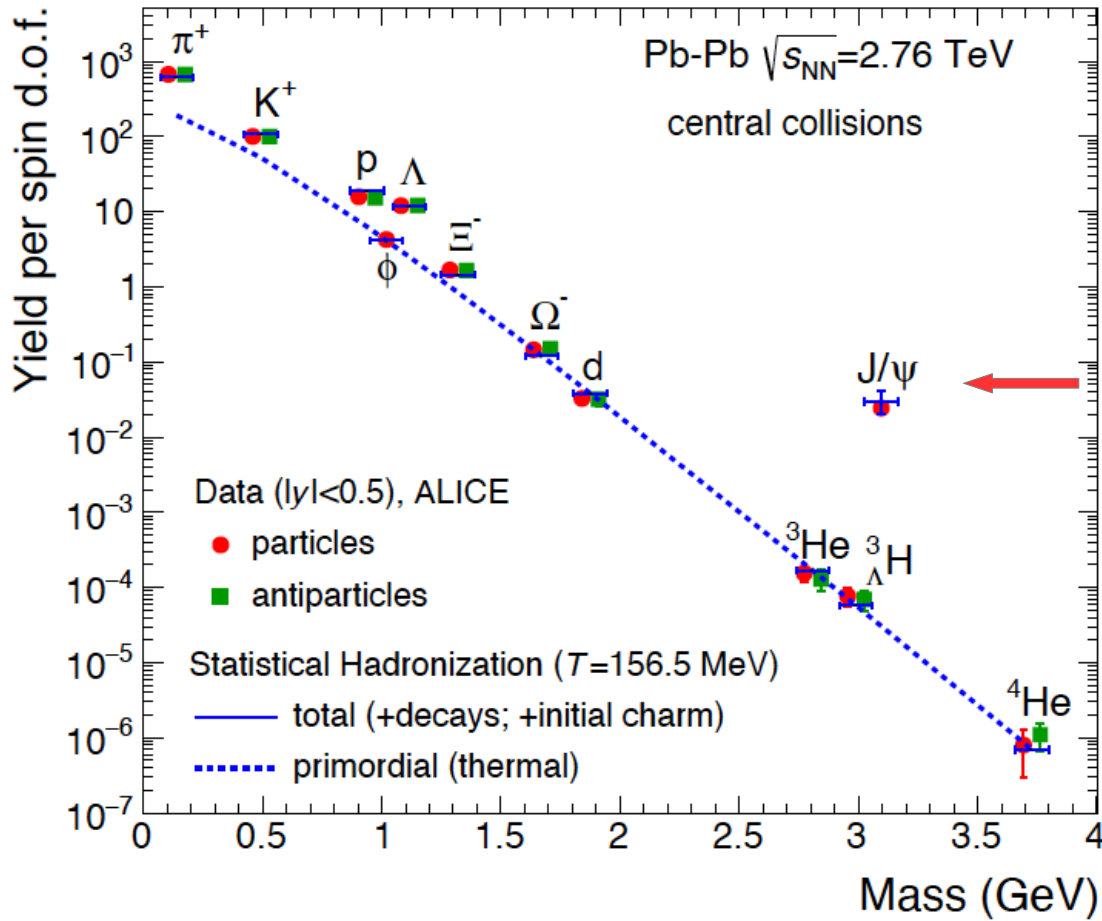
photoproduction in ultra-peripheral PbPb collisions – excellent signal to background  
 very good understanding of line shape

most challenging: central PbPb collisions  
 in spite of formidable combinatorial background (true electrons, not from  $J/\psi$  decay but e.g. D- or B-mesons) resonance well visible



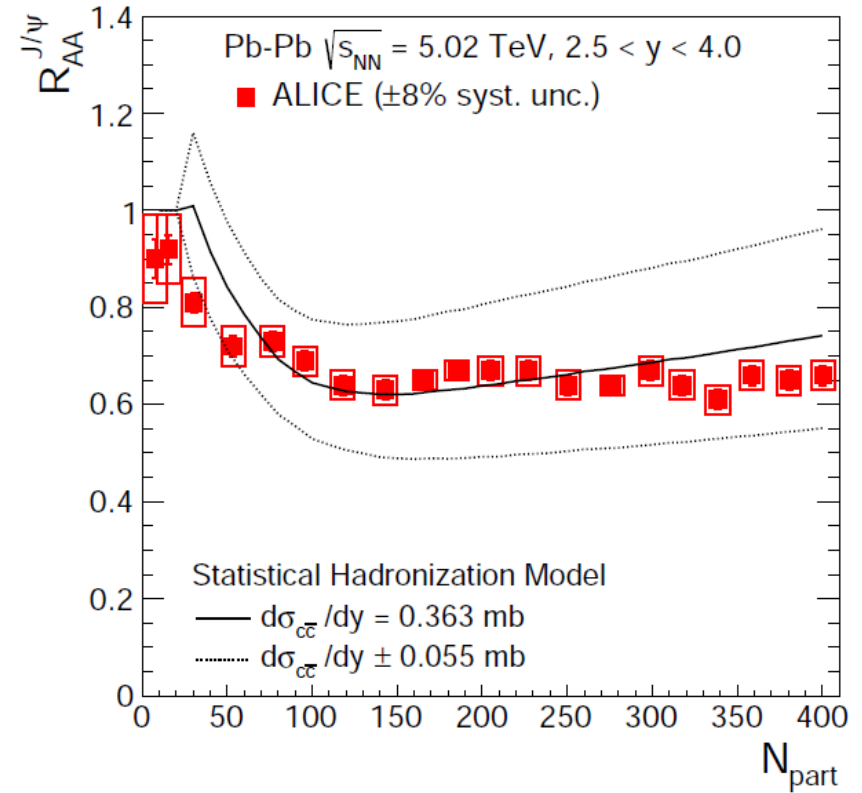
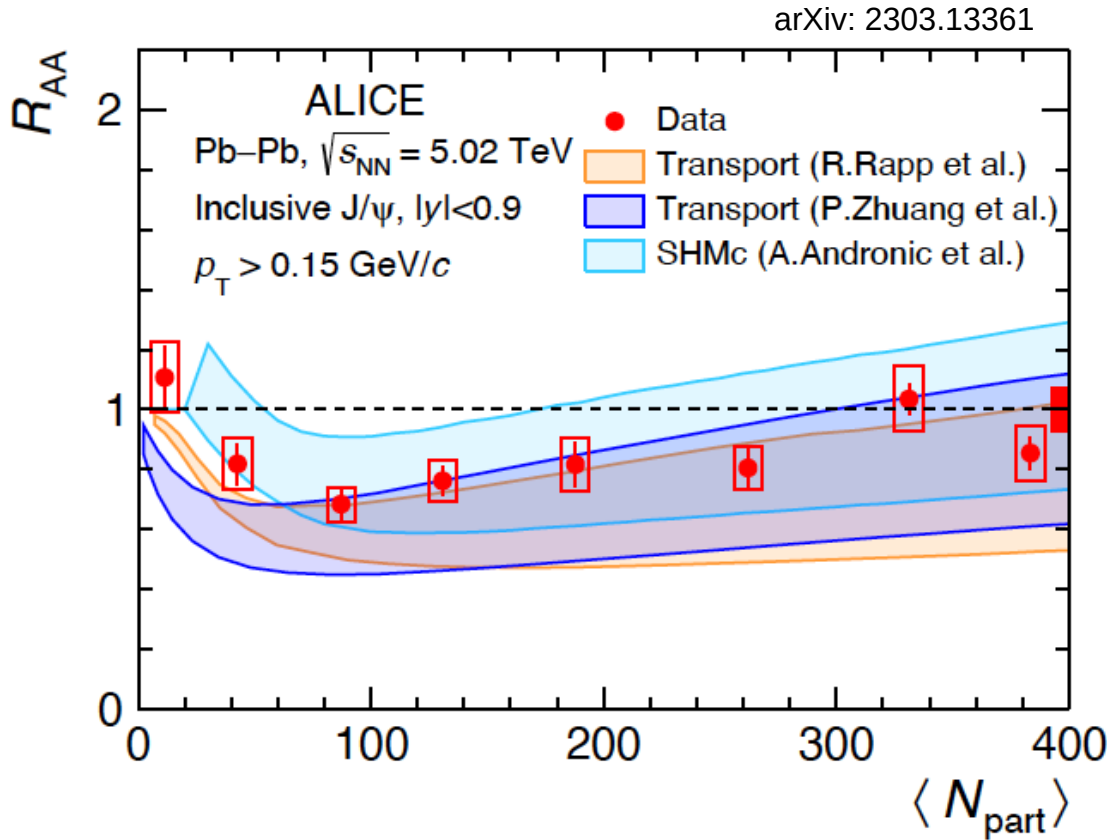
# Systematics of hadron production in SHMc

A.Andronic et al., PLB 797 (2019) 134836



enhancement factor is 900 for J/ $\psi$

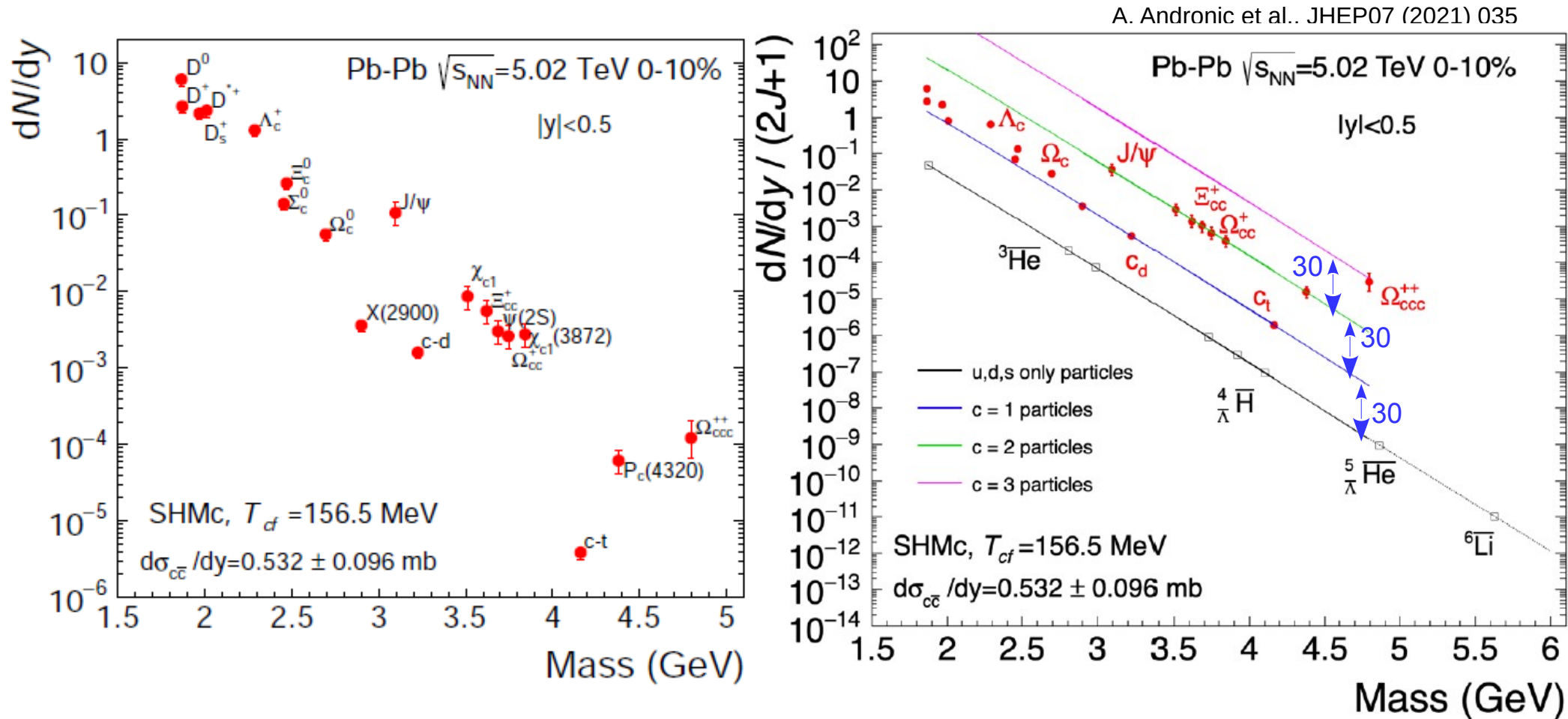
# J/ψ and statistical hadronization



production in PbPb collisions at LHC consistent with **deconfinement and subsequent statistical hadronization** within present uncertainties  
 main uncertainty: open charm cross section

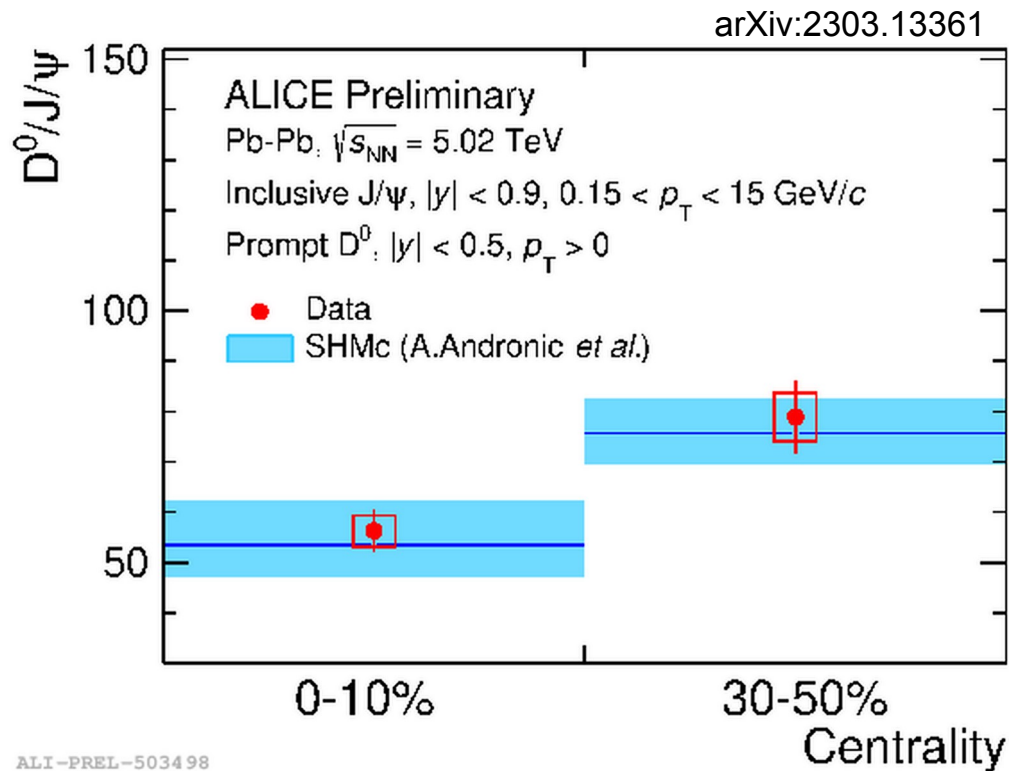
# the multi-charm hierarchy

open and hidden charm hadrons, including exotic objects, such as X-states, c-deuteron, c-triton, pentaquark,  $\Omega_{ccc}$



emergence of a unique pattern, due to  $g_c^n$  and mass hierarchy  
perfect testing ground for deconfinement for LHC Runs3 and beyond

# Unique prediction of SHMc – open charm/charmonium



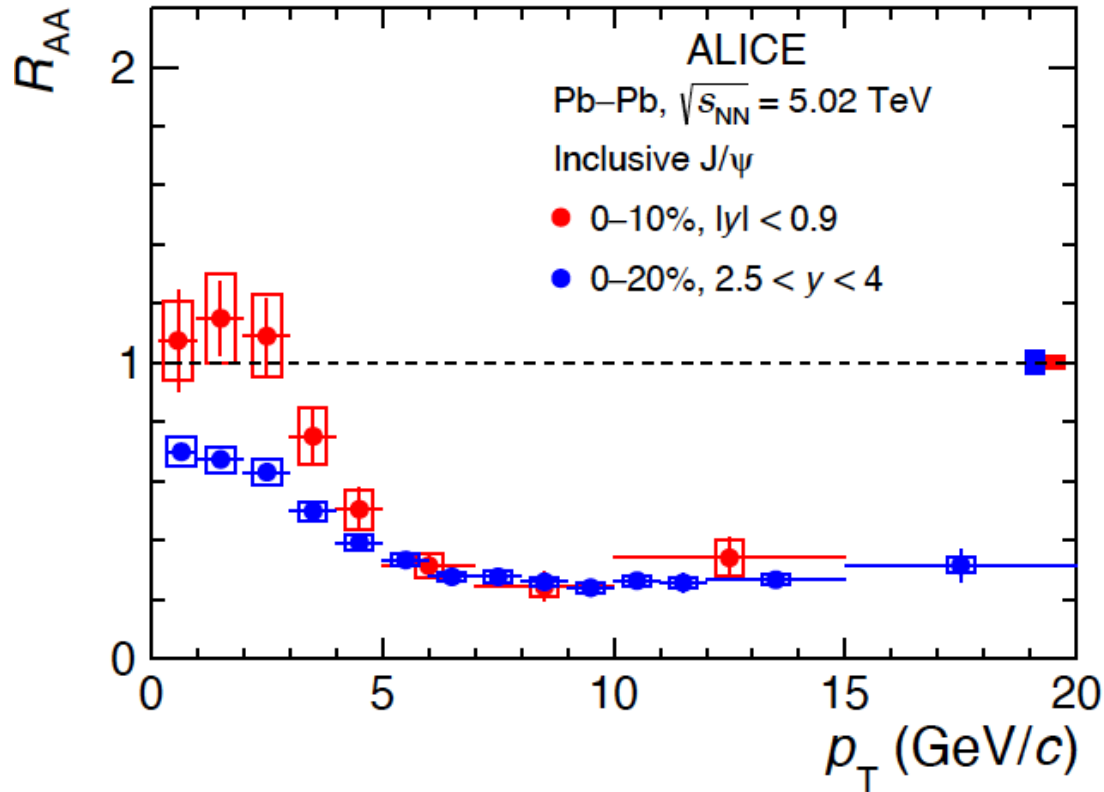
for the first time ratio of fully  $p_t$  integrated  $D^0$  to  $J/\psi$  available from ALICE

$D^0$ :  $c\bar{u}$ ,  $m = 1.9$  GeV,  $J=0$   
 $J/\psi$ :  $c\bar{c}$ ,  $m = 3.1$  GeV,  $J = 1$   
in SHMc yield ratio governed by masses, degeneracy, strong feeding, and  $g_c$

→  $J/\psi$  relative to  $D^0$  falls into place naturally

# Beyond yields: transverse momentum distributions

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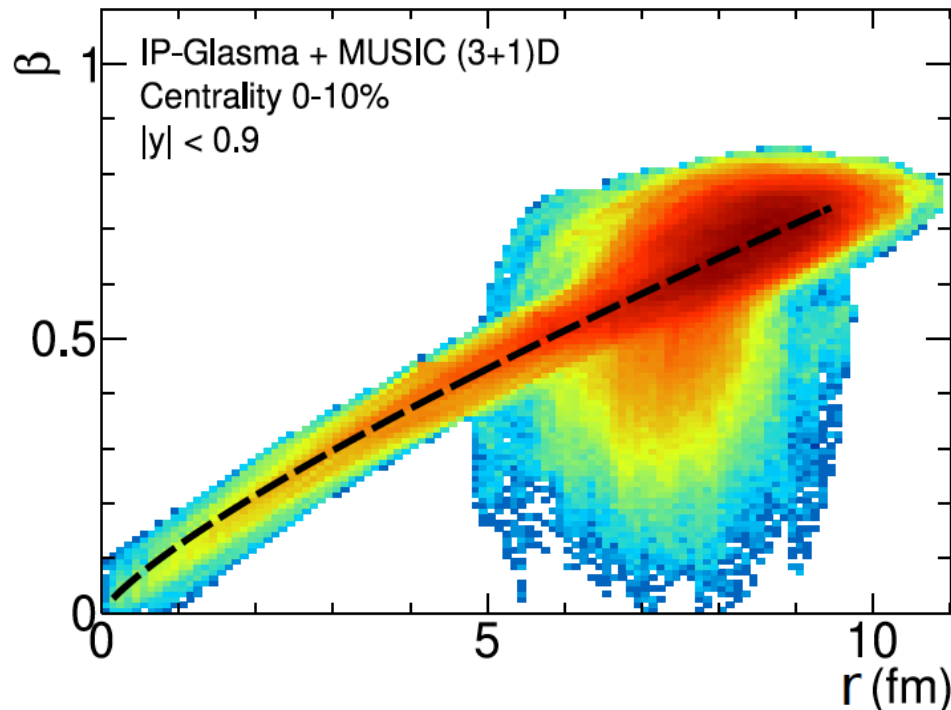
enhancement strongly rising towards lower  $p_t$   
for mid-rapidity even beyond pp  
(not even considering shadowing)



# Beyond yields: transverse momentum distributions

assume thermalization of charm quarks in QGP, charm quarks follow collective flow  
use hydro velocity profile at pseudo-critical temperature from MUSIC (3+1) D  
tuned to light flavor observables

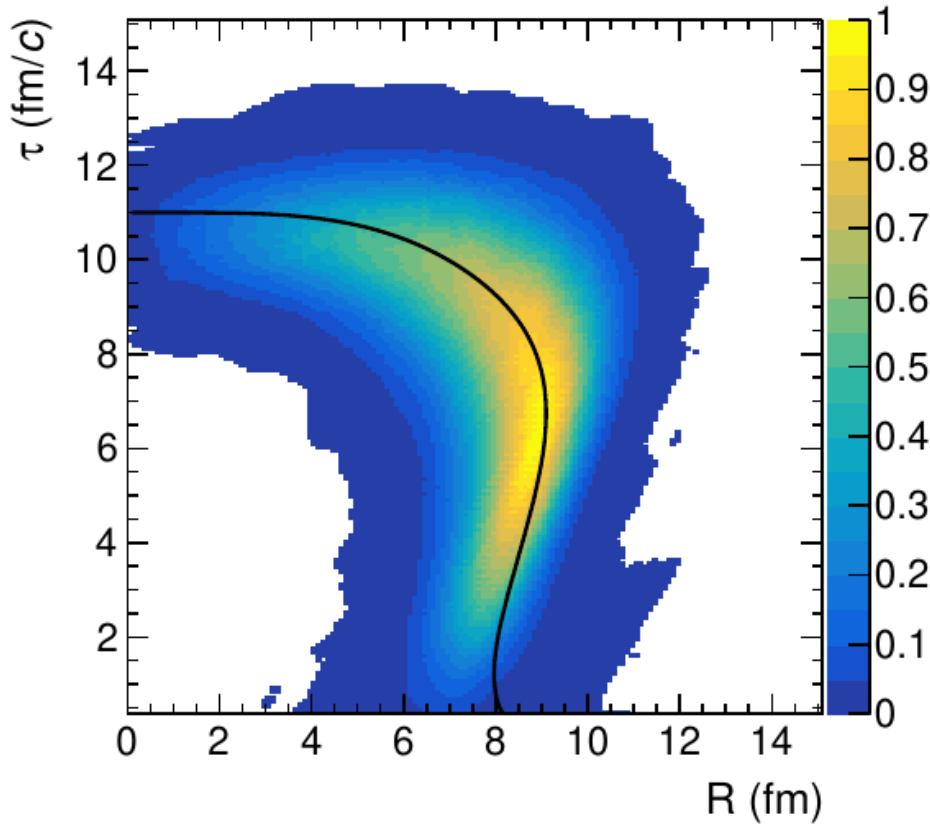
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could do simple blast wave fit to profile,  
but  
- at what  $\beta(r)$  to stop?  
- and distribution much richer than a line

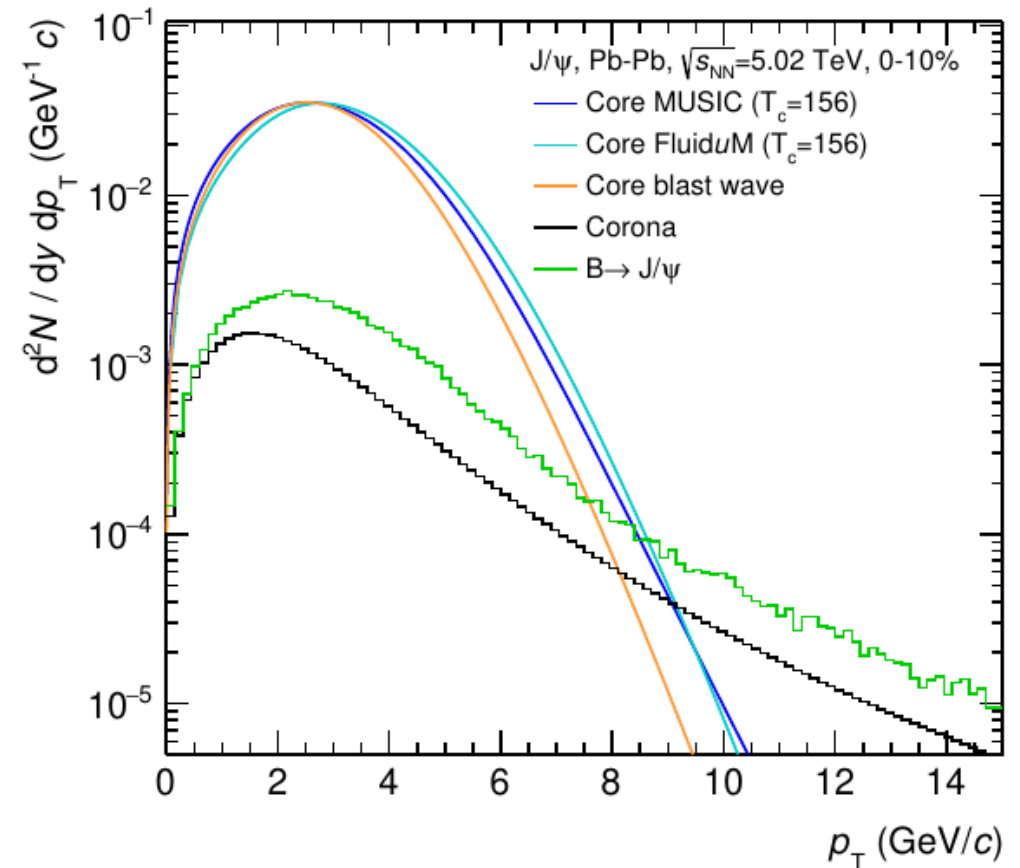
# new approach to spectra and $v_2$ : use Cooper-Frye freeze-out of hydrodynamics codes directly

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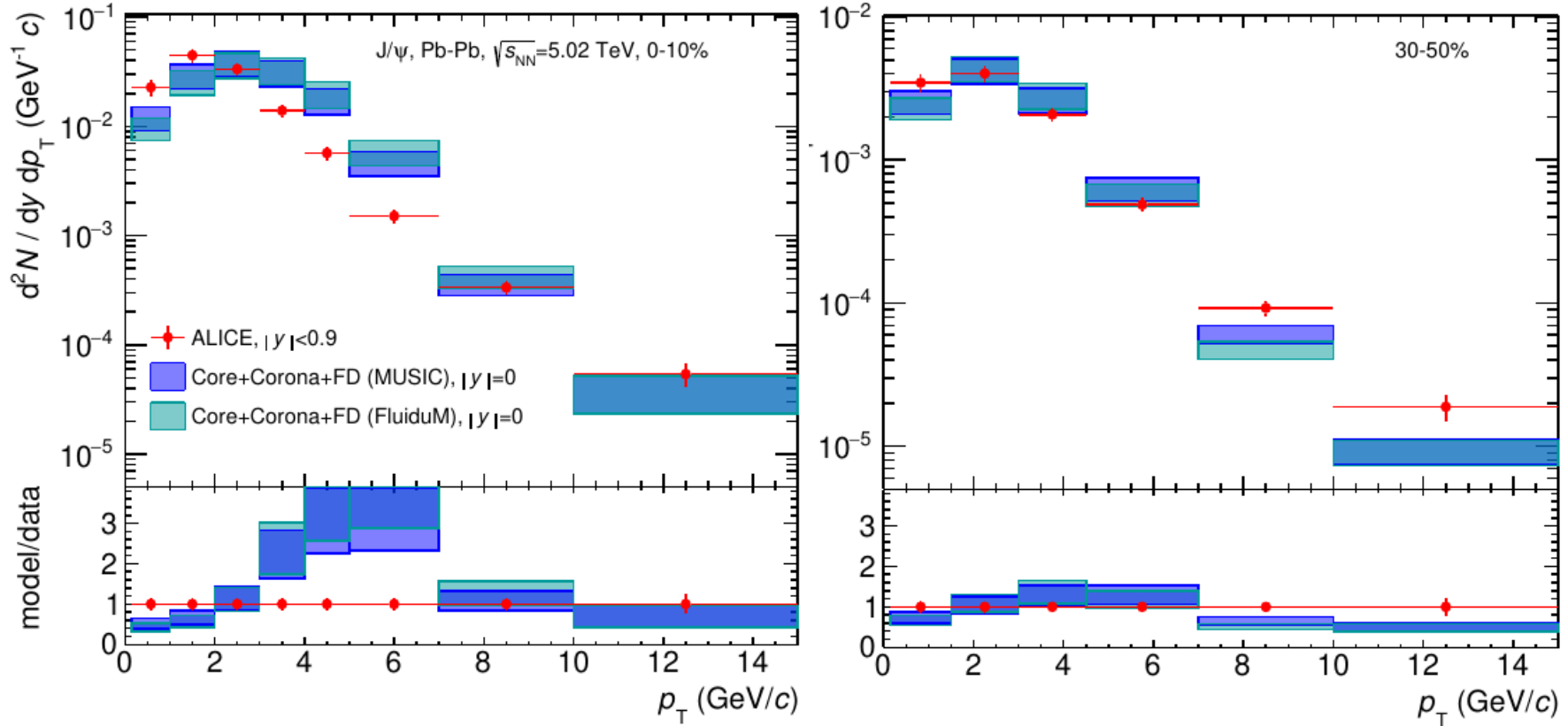
freeze-out hyper surface elements  
at  $T=156.5$  MeV from MUSIC  
solid line: FluiduM

resulting  $J/\psi$  spectra including corona  
contribution and feed-down from B



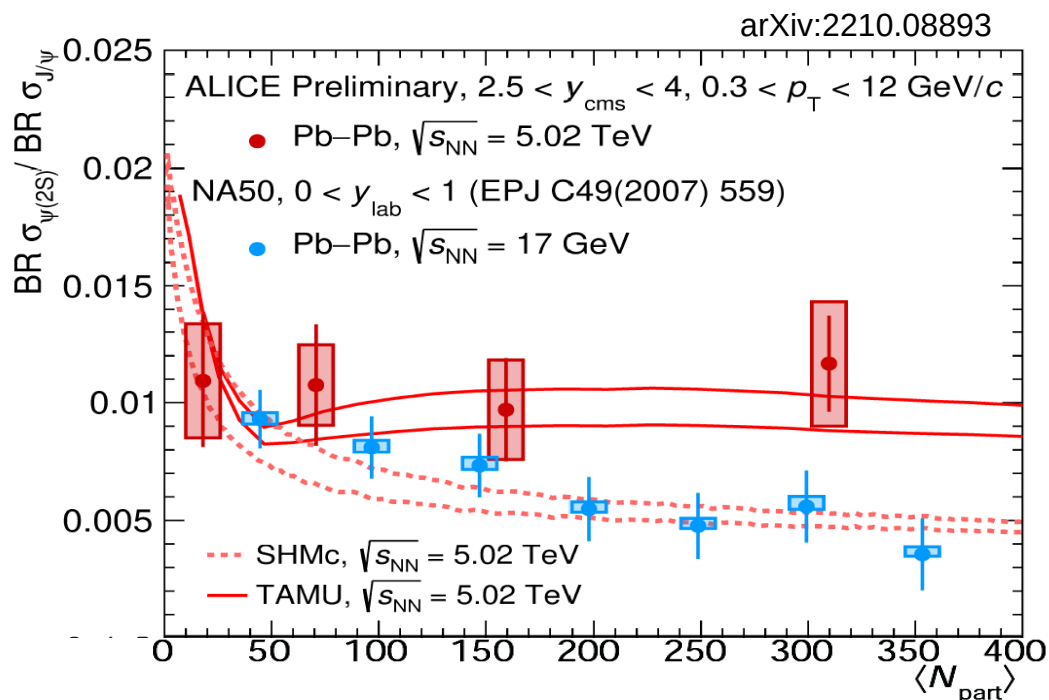
# J/ψ spectra

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- spectra harder by about 1 GeV, in hydro many fluid cells at large velocities not accounted for by simple blast wave parametrization
- for central collisions somewhat too much flow – are charm quarks reaching the very outer front of the expanding fireball?

# What about $\psi(2S)$ ?



inclusive  $\psi(2S)$

- first measurement in PbPb
- down to  $p_t=0$
- factor 2 suppressed relative to  $J/\psi$

in SHMc excited state population suppressed by Boltzmann factor

- data  $1.8 \sigma$  above SHMc for most central bin

within stat. hadronization approach, an unexpected result  
 → little room to accommodate in a likely physical scenario  
 but: feeding from  $b$  is not subtracted in data, expected to be substantial!

future opportunities:

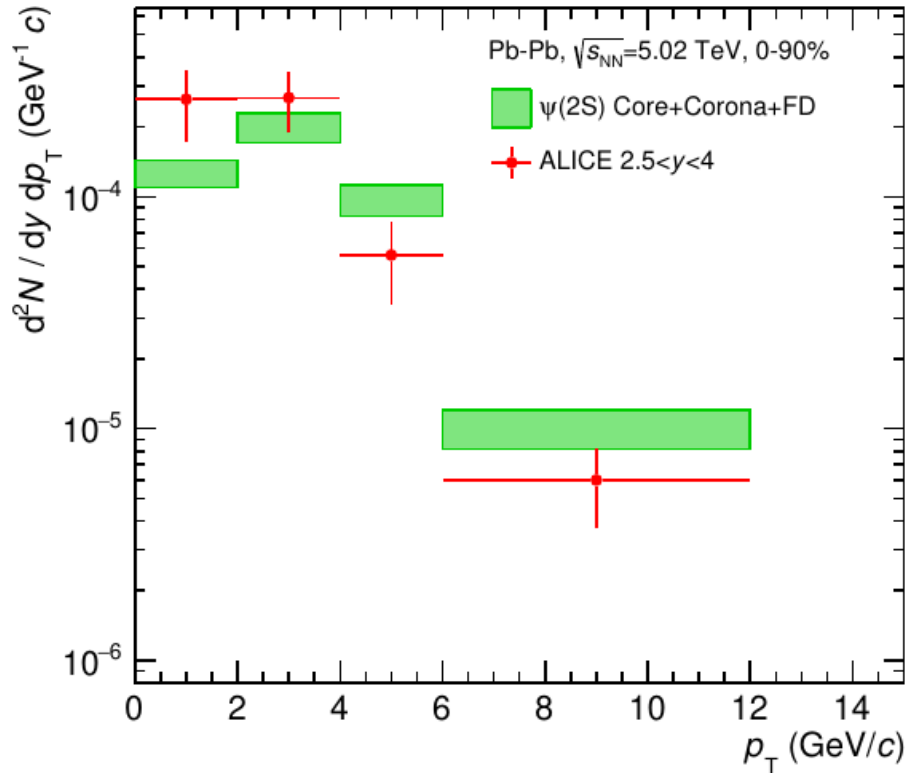
- higher precision  $\psi(2S)$ , also mid- $y$
- $\chi_c$  maybe only in ALICE3?



deconfinement temperature  
 from charmonium spectrum

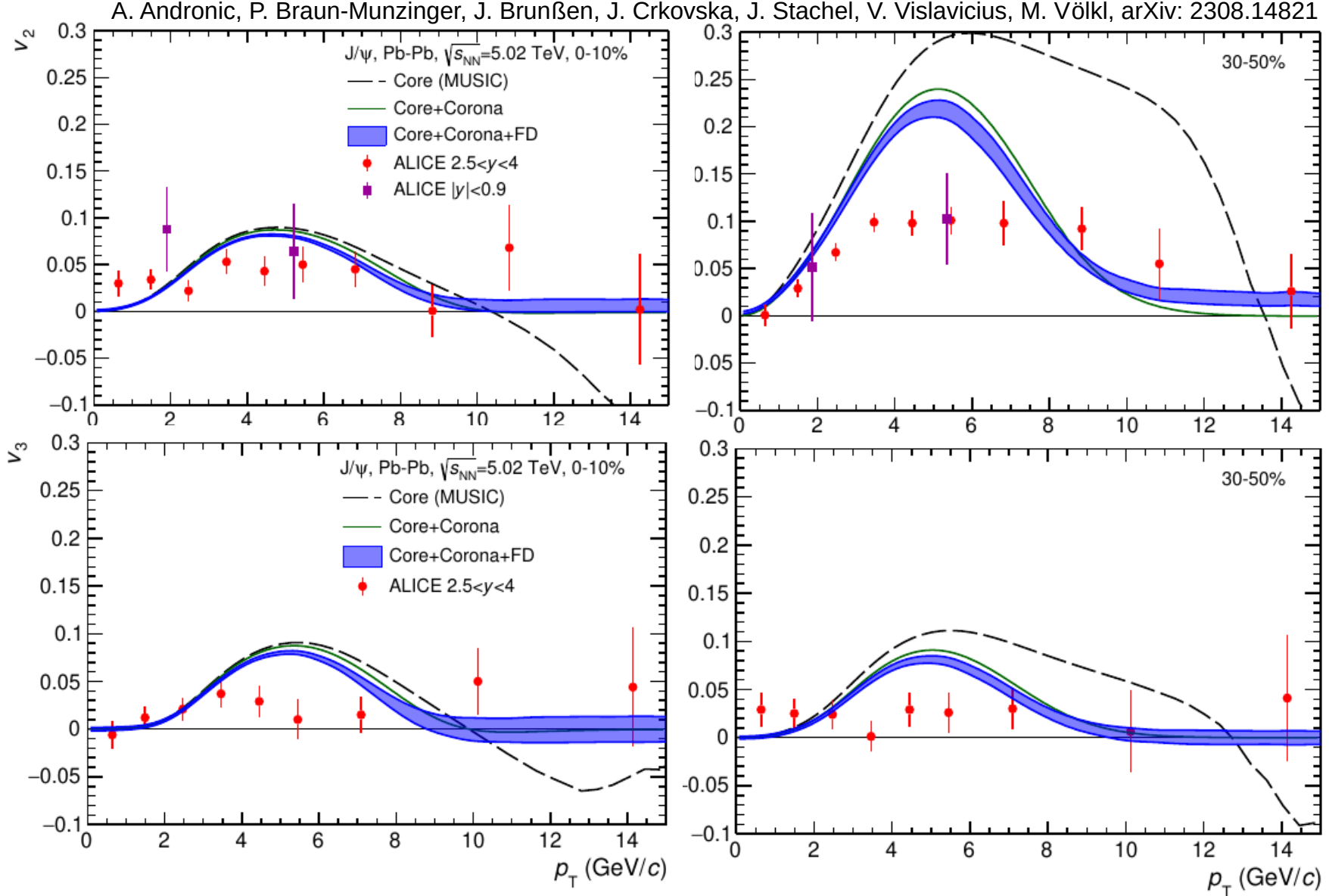
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- for parameter free calculation pretty good agreement
- tendency towards somewhat too hard spectrum from model
- > needs more data

# first calculation of $J/\psi$ flow in SHMc plus hydro approach



- significant flow arises over large  $p_T$  range, difficult for other models
- for semi central collisions magnitude of flow over predicted

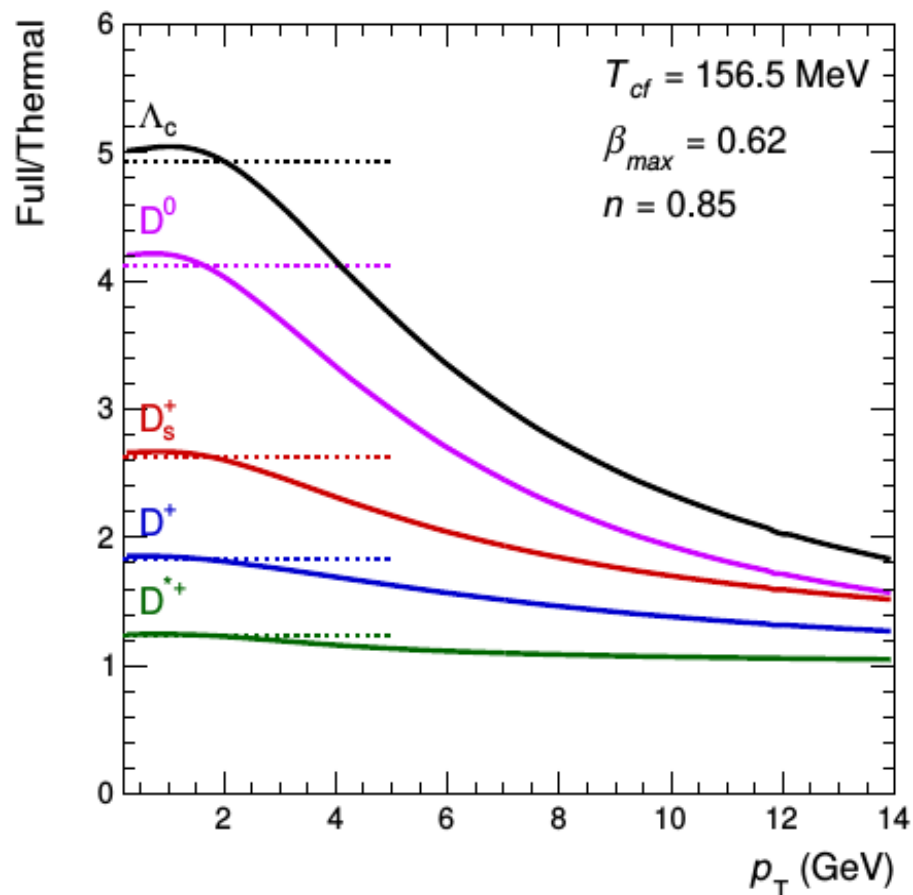
# Spectra of D mesons and $\Lambda_c$ baryons

for open heavy flavor hadrons strong contribution from resonance decays

- include all known charm hadron states as of PDG2020 in SHMc
- compute decay spectra with FastReso: 76 2-body and 10 3-body decays

(A. Mazeliauskas, S. Floerchinger, E. Grossi, D. Teaney, EPJ C79 (2019) 284)

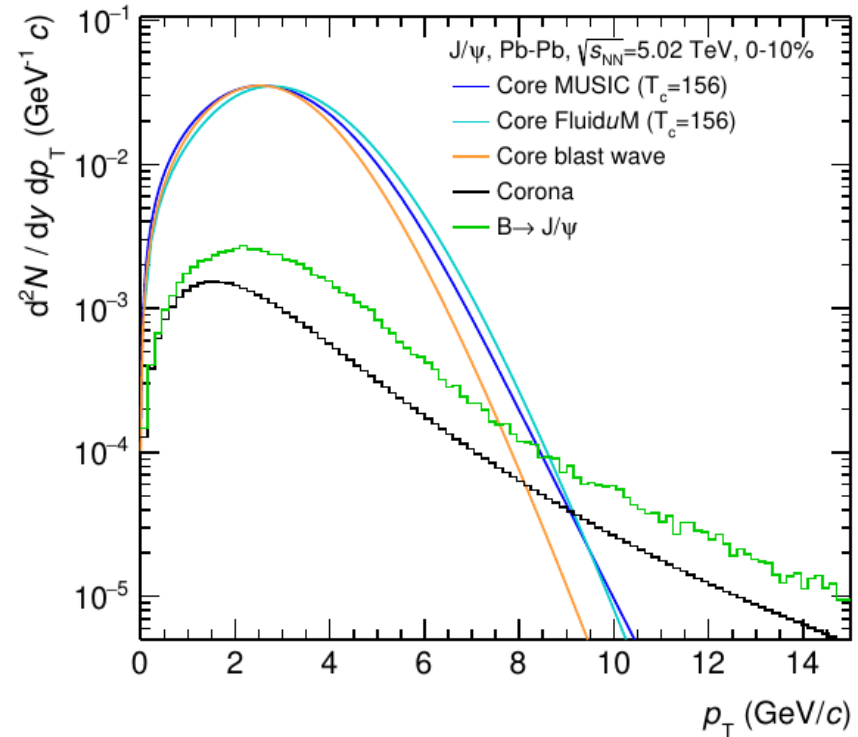
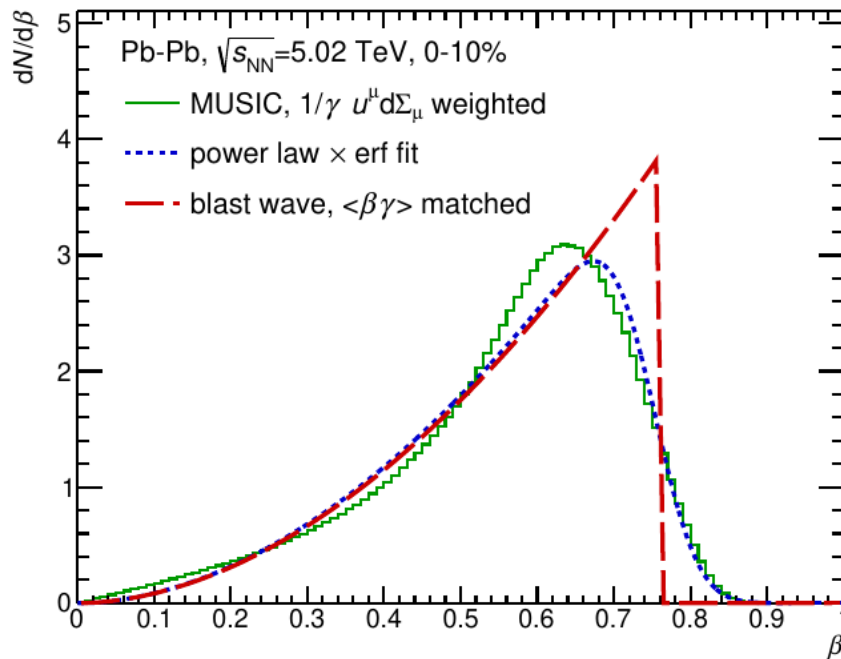
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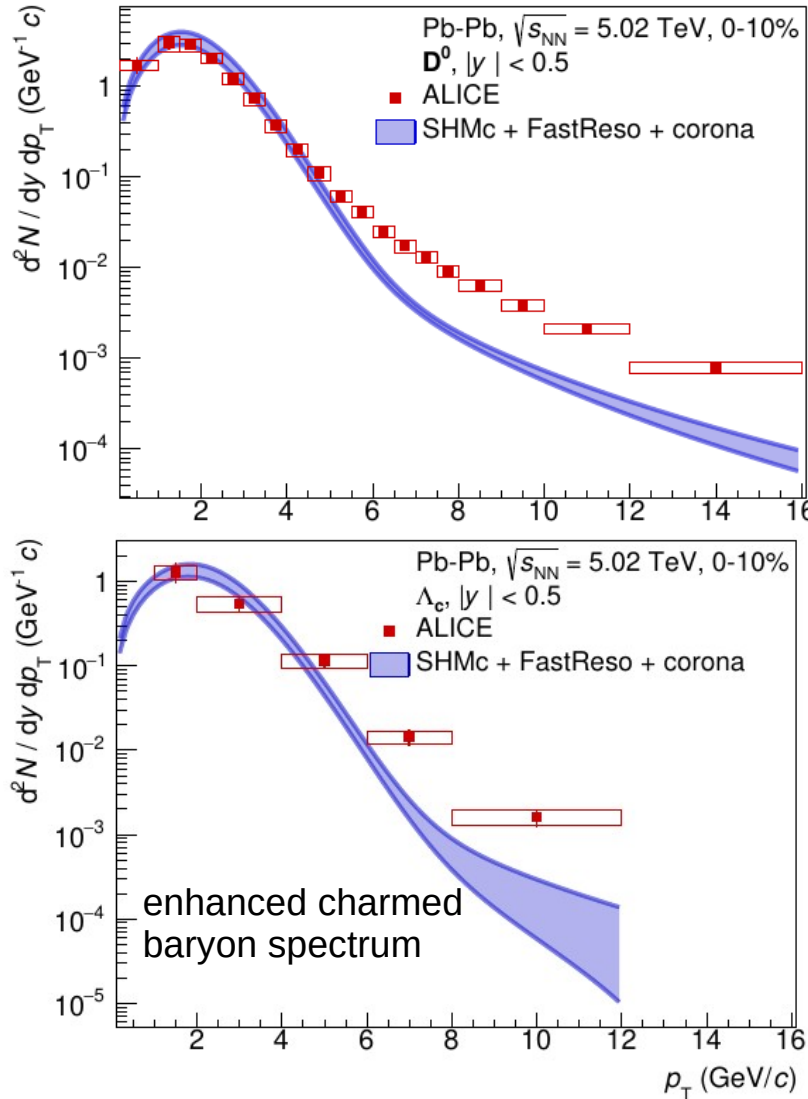
# Optimally matched blast wave parameters

instead of inserting dozens of charmed hadrons into MUSIC, resort to blast wave parametrization again  
 but now we have advantage to be able to compare to 'true' hydro  $J/\psi$  spectrum  
 → blastwave parameters modeled such that mean  $\beta\gamma$  of hydrodynamics is matched

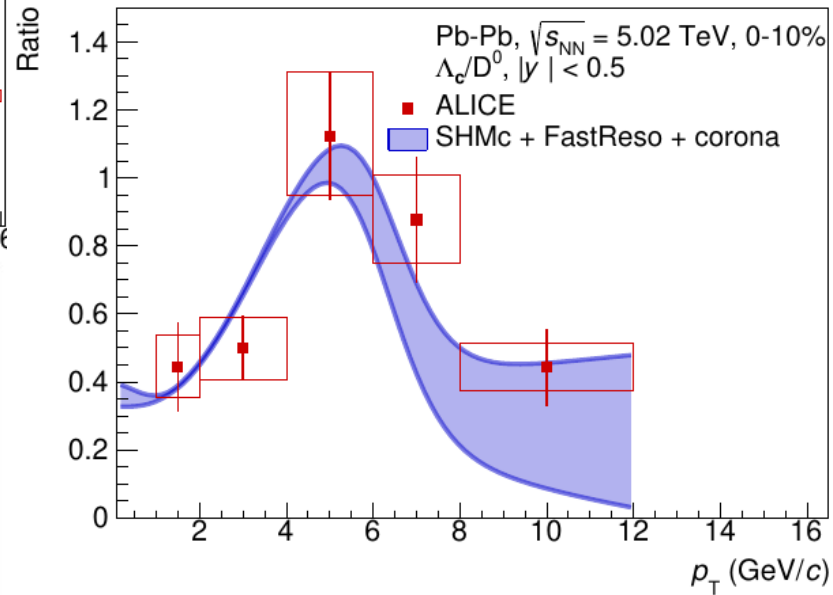


with  $\beta_{\max} = 0.76$  good matching can be achieved  
 (red vs blue curves for core)

# Open charm spectra – examples $D^0$ and $\Lambda_c$



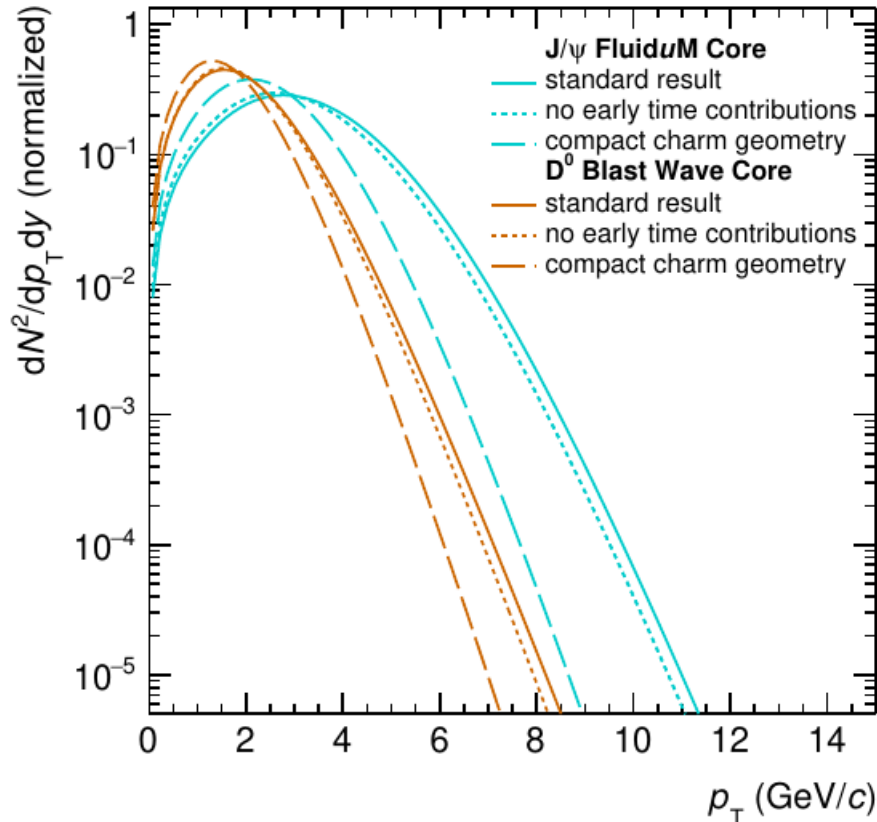
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very good description of low and intermediate  $p_T$   
 data  
 maximum in ratio arises naturally from expansion

# Charm quark spatial distribution at hadronization

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strong indication that charm quarks are largely thermalized in terms of momenta

but since thermalization takes time, spatial distribution could lag behind front of expanding fireball

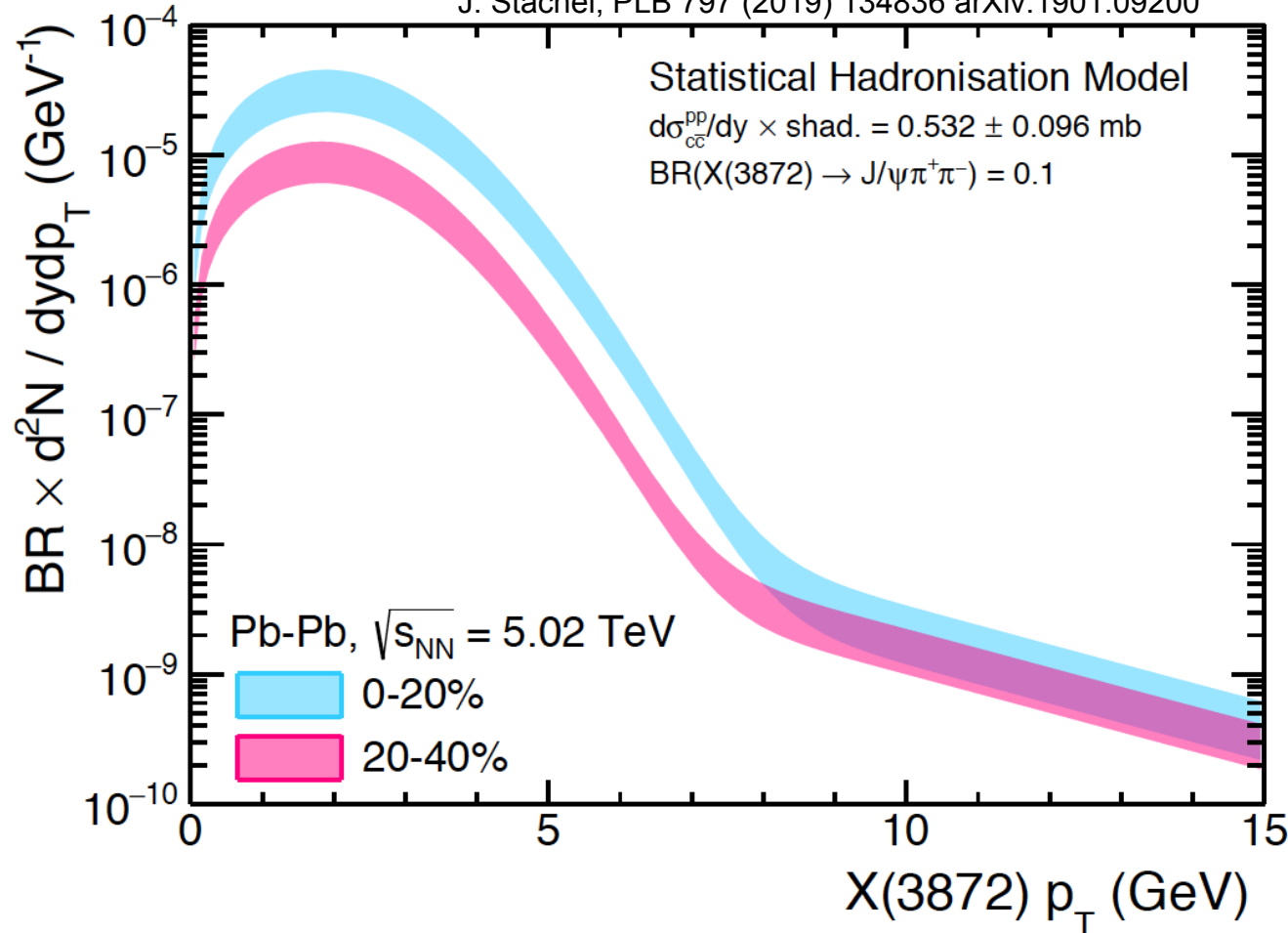
no experimental input  
production of charm quarks very compact ( $N_{\text{coll}}$ )

test: cut off outermost 1 fm in spatial distribution (dashed line)

→ this goes in direction of matching exp. data

# Future opportunities: $\chi_{c1}(3872)$

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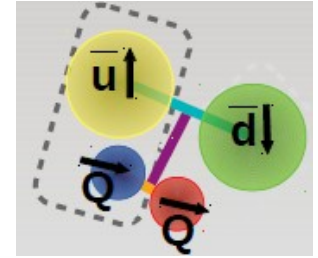
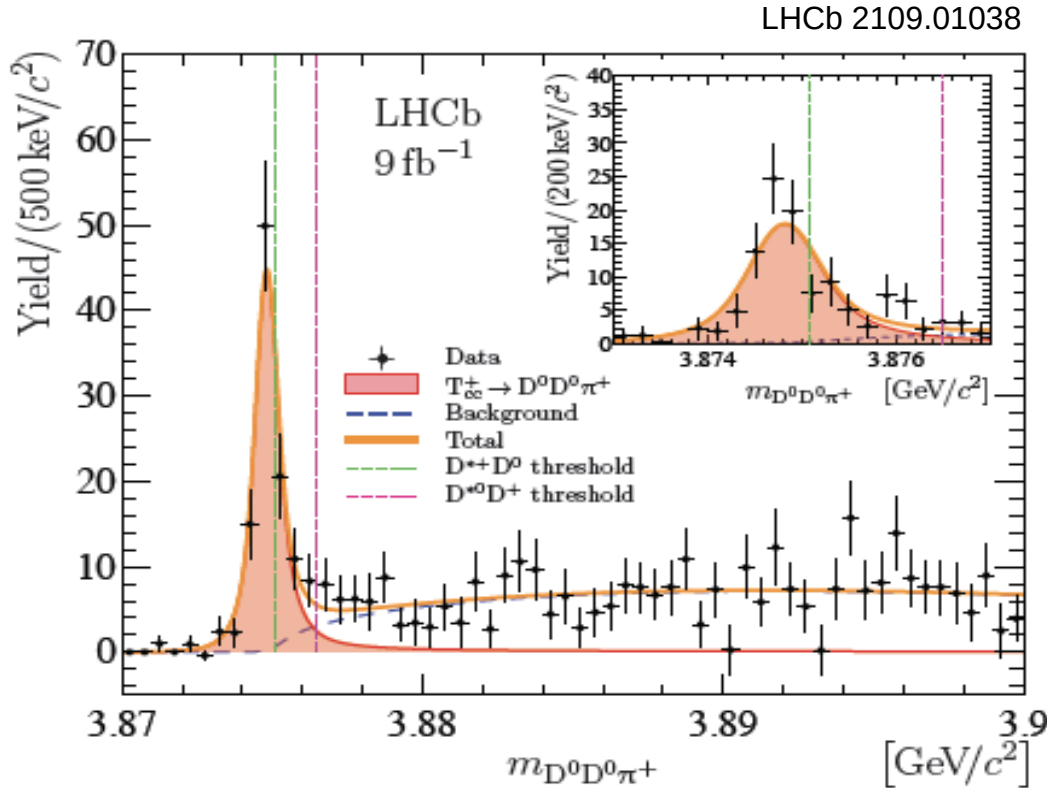


close to  $D^0 D^{0*}$  threshold  
- tetraquark or molecule?  
- is it formed like  
(hyper)nuclei?

- decay into  $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$
- doable in Run3/4?
- otherwise ALICE3

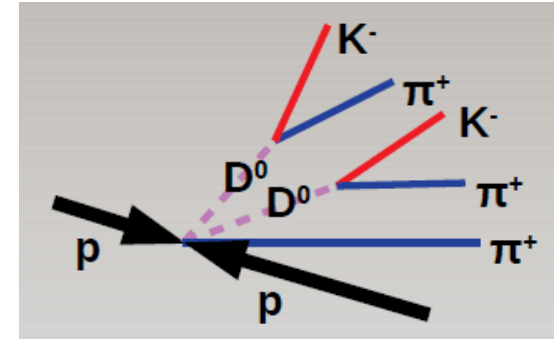
note: dramatic enhancement at low  $p_t$  predicted  
CMS addresses only very high  $p_t$  part

# What about $T_{cc}^+$ recently discovered by LHCb



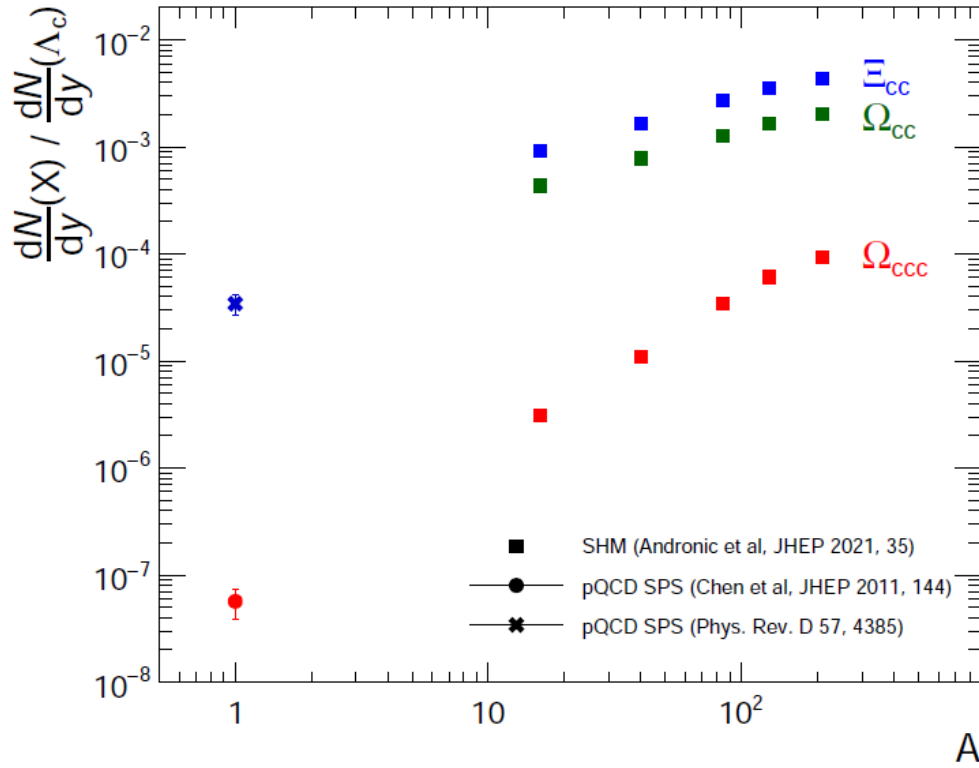
mass =  $3874.75 \pm 0.11$  MeV  
width =  $48 \pm 2 + 0 - 14$  keV  
 $d(m) = -360 \pm 40$  keV

$T_{cc}^+ \rightarrow D^0 D^0 \pi^+$



- if statistical hadronization is universal, it's production cross section will fall on the 2 charm quark line at the measured mass, practically identical to  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  about 1% of  $J/\psi$
- definitely no preformed state at charm production, two c quarks

# Multi-charmed baryons



Letter of intent ALICE3 arXiv: 2211.02491

because of powers of  $g_c \rightarrow$  strongly favored in collisions of heavy nuclei

can be addressed by ALICE3  
 e.g.  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  recently discovered by LHCb  
 in pp collisions arXiv:1910.11316

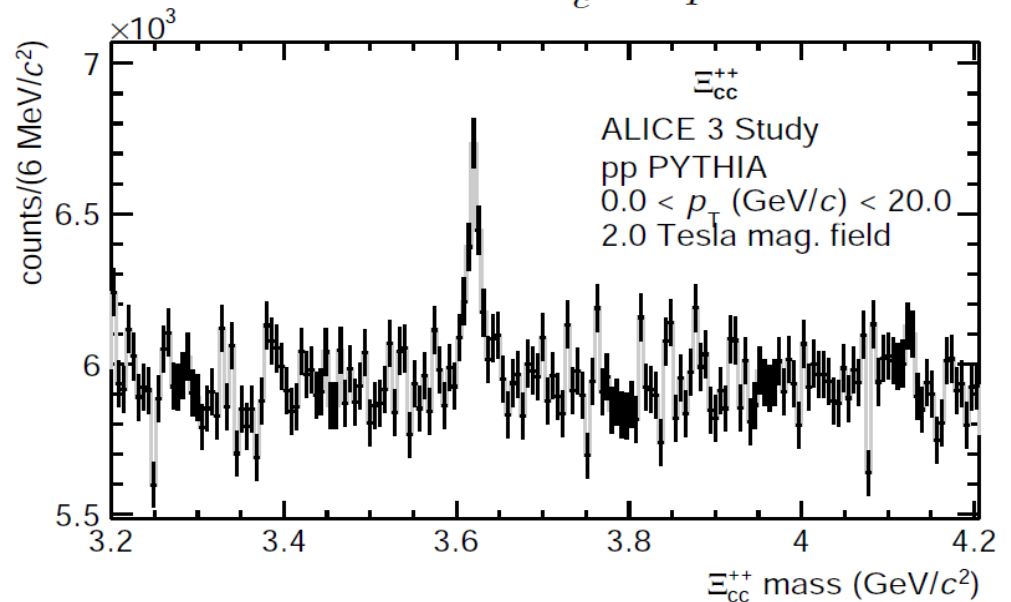
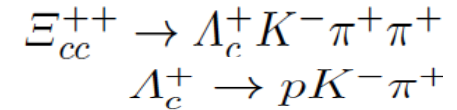


Figure 35: Expected  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  mass peak and background in pp collisions with  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 18 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# Dependence of $\Omega_{ccc}$ production yields on system size for a run time of $10^6$ s

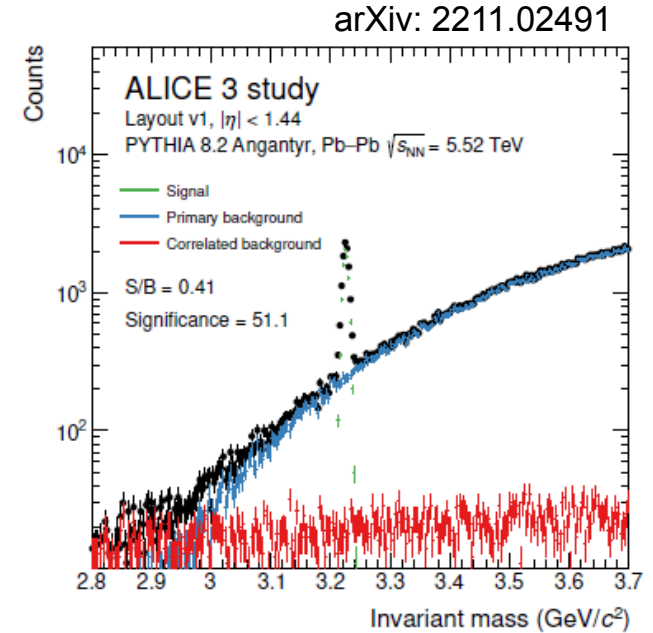
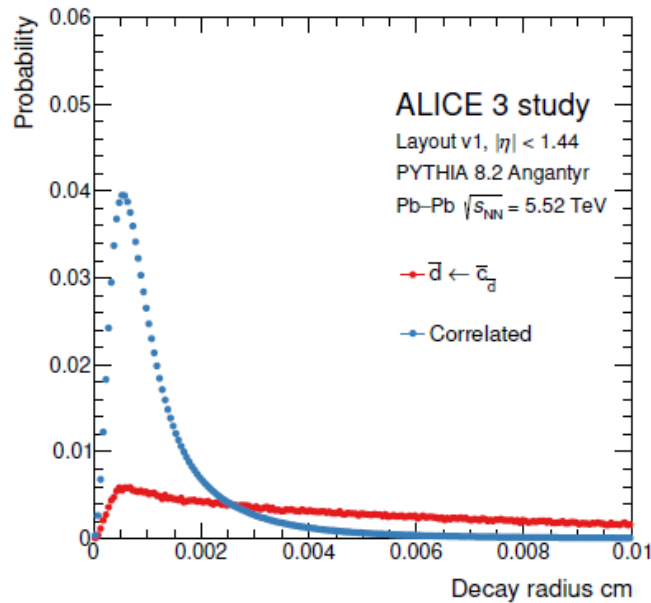
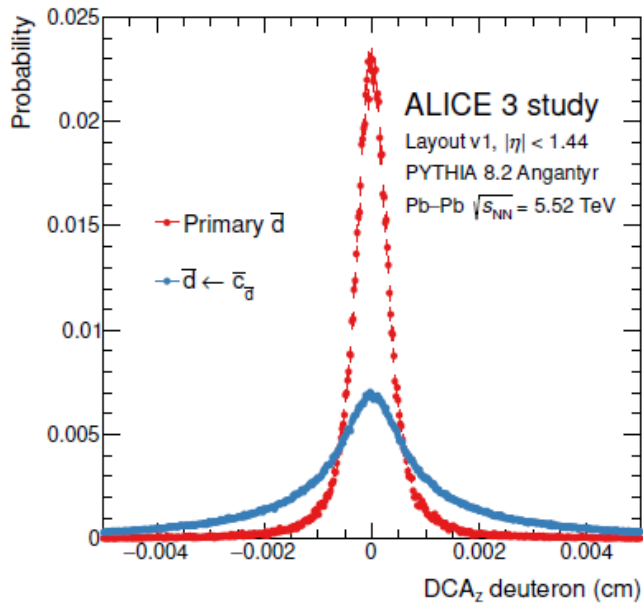
arXiv: 2211.02491	O-O	Ar-Ar	Kr-Kr	Xe-Xe	Pb-Pb
$\sigma_{\text{inel}}(10\%)$ mb	140	260	420	580	800
$T_{AA}(0 - 10\%)$ mb <sup>-1</sup>	0.63	2.36	6.80	13.0	24.3
$\mathcal{L}(\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1})$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{31}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{30}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{29}$	$3.0 \cdot 10^{28}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{27}$
	$d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/dy = 0.53$ mb				
$dN_{\Omega_{ccc}}/dy$	$8.38 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.29 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.23 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.17 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.25 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Omega_{ccc}$ Yield	$5.3 \cdot 10^5$	$8.05 \cdot 10^5$	$8.78 \cdot 10^5$	$7.26 \cdot 10^5$	$3.80 \cdot 10^5$
	$d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/dy = 0.63$ mb				
$dN_{\Omega_{ccc}}/dy$	$1.44 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.33 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.14 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.03 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.07 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Omega_{ccc}$ Yield	$9.2 \cdot 10^5$	$1.45 \cdot 10^6$	$1.53 \cdot 10^6$	$1.22 \cdot 10^6$	$6.29 \cdot 10^5$

current estimates for luminosities for LHC for lighter nuclei somewhat less optimistic  
 → optimum for Xe-Xe with  $3.9\text{-}6.5 \cdot 10^5 \Omega_{ccc}$  per year



# Feasibility for c deuteron in ALICE3

is c-deuteron bound and weakly decaying? discover or put limit  
 $c_d \rightarrow d + K^- + \pi^+$  using  $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p + K^- + \pi^+$  with 6.3 % and  
 binding into d with coalescence model



main combinatorial background from primary deuterons can be effectively suppressed  
 due to superb vertex resolution → significance 51  
 1 month PbPb collisions = 5.6 nb<sup>-1</sup>  
 abundance  $c_t$  factor 350 less, significance factor 18 less, needs all of Run5+6 (factor 6)

# Conclusions

strong experimental evidence for charm quark thermalization in PbPb collisions at LHC suggests statistical treatment of hadronization

extension of SHM to open and hidden charm sector possible, based on presence of deconfined, thermalized charm quarks

- only experimental input needed: total charm production cross section

obtain parameterfree description of charmonium and open charm yields and spectra as well as flow coefficients

caveats:

- still no measured total charm cross section in PbPb collisions

- puzzle of large enhancement of charmed baryons in pp compared to ee or ep  
how about PbPb?

→ answers will come with much increased luminosity sampled in LHC Run3/4

predictions for complete spectrum of multicharm and exotic charmed hadrons

- some answers in Run3/4, full exploitation with ALICE3

backup

# Analysis of yields of produced hadronic species in statistical model – grand canonical

partition function  $Z(T,V)$  contains sum over the full hadronic mass spectrum and is fully calculable in QCD

for each hadron species  $I$  the grand canonical statistical operator is:

$$\ln Z_i = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \pm p^2 dp \ln(1 \pm \exp(-(E_i - \mu_i)/T))$$

leading to particle densities:

$$n_i = N/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp((E_i - \mu_i)/T) \pm 1}$$

for every conserved quantum number there is a chemical potential:

$$\mu_i = \mu_B B_i + \mu_S S_i + \mu_{I_3} I_i^3$$

but can use conservation laws to constrain  $V, \mu_S, \mu_{I_3}$



**fit at each energy  
provides values  
for  $T$  and  $b$**

use full hadronic mass spectrum from the PDG to compute 'primordial yields' and feeding from strong decays

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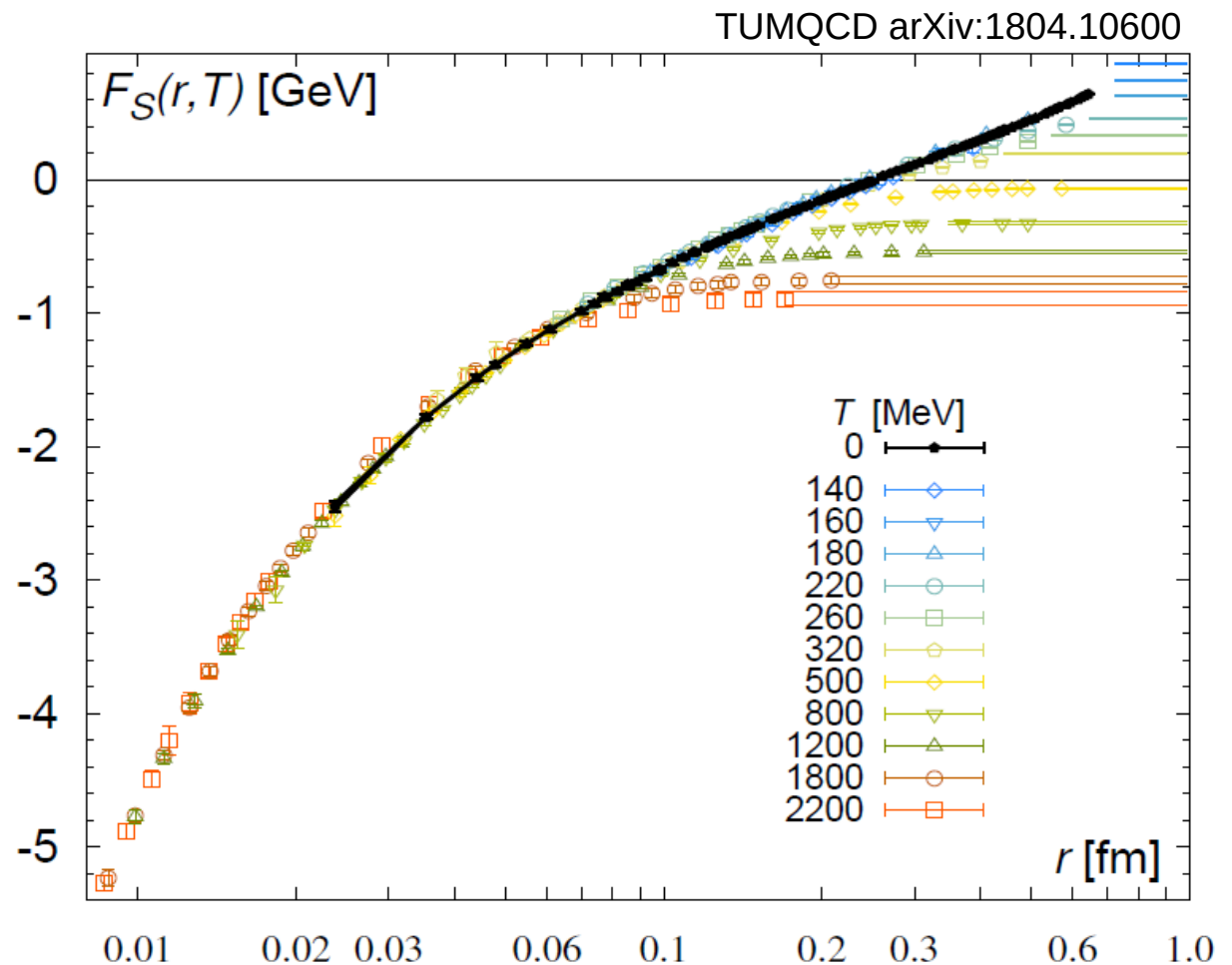
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# Results on Debye screening from lattice QCD

- after a decade of debate, now some agreement how to extract effective heavy quark potential
- starting from: color singlet free energy  $\rightarrow$  general consensus: potential has real and imaginary part

- at LHC all quarkonia should be Debye screened
- considering formation time of hadrons, they should not form at high  $T$  at all



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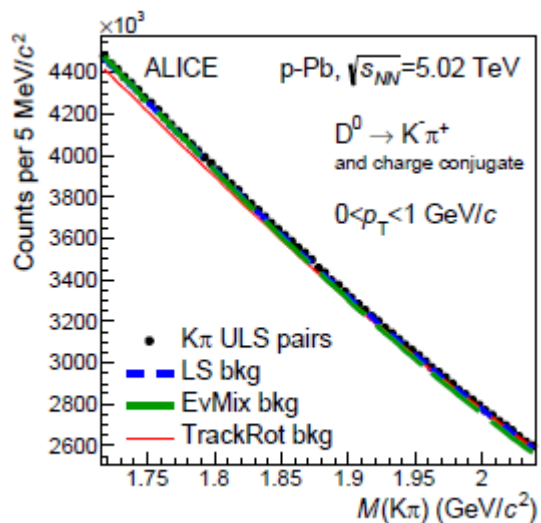
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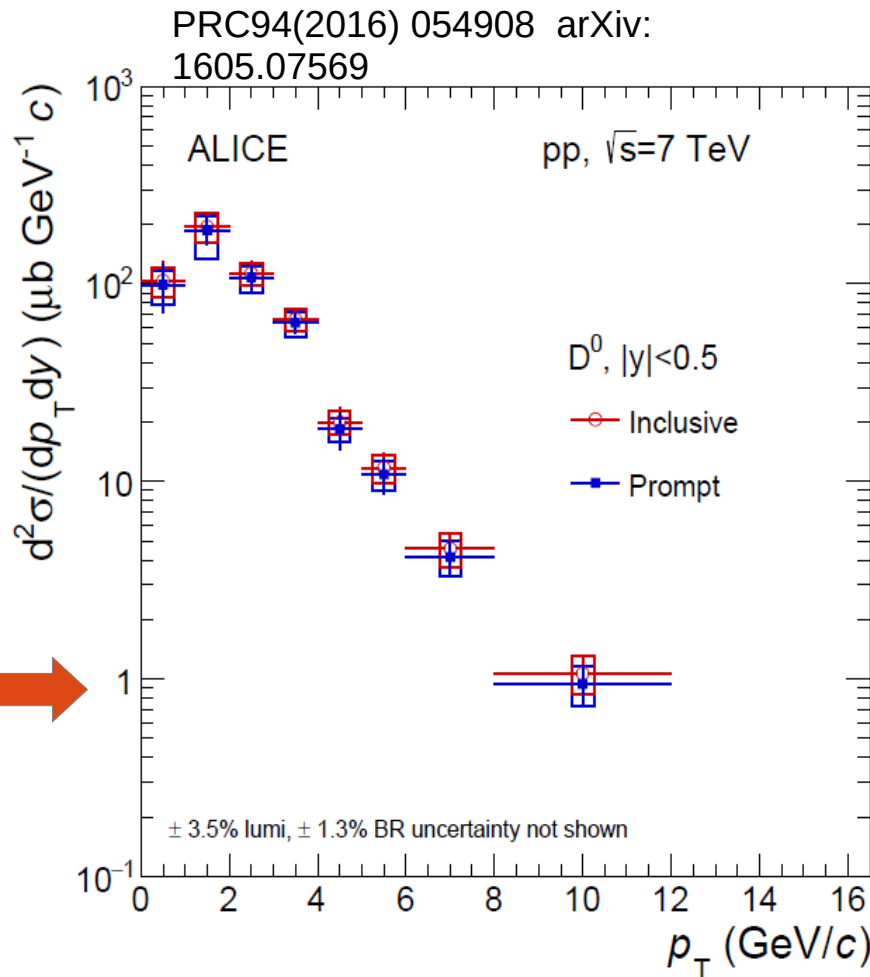
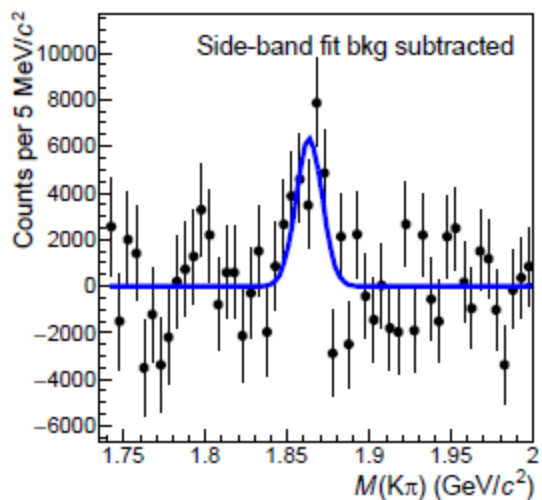
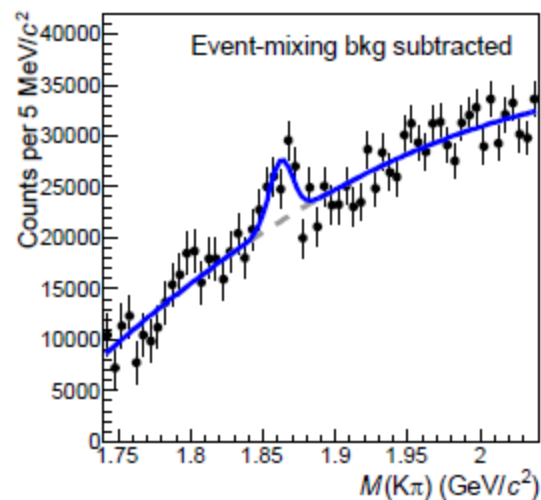
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# Measurement of charm production cross section



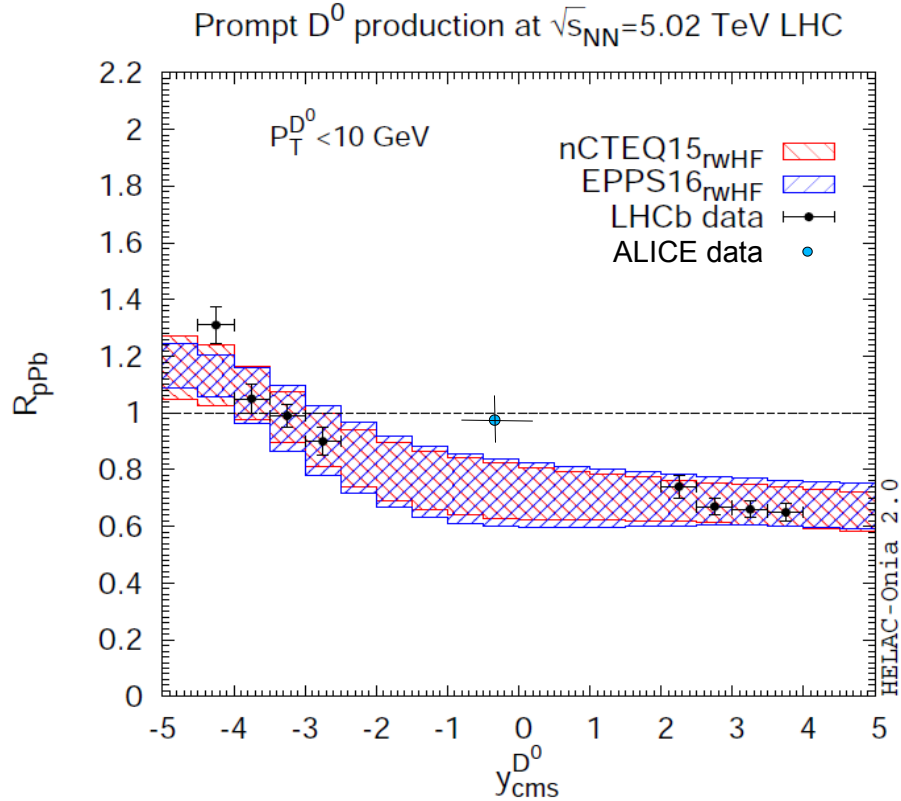
first measurement of cross section down to  $p_T = 0$



very hard struggle to deal with (irreducible) combinatorial background, successful

# Charm cross section – nuclear effects

RHIC and LHC data strongly constrain nuclear gluon pdf for  $10^{-5} < x < 10^{-1}$



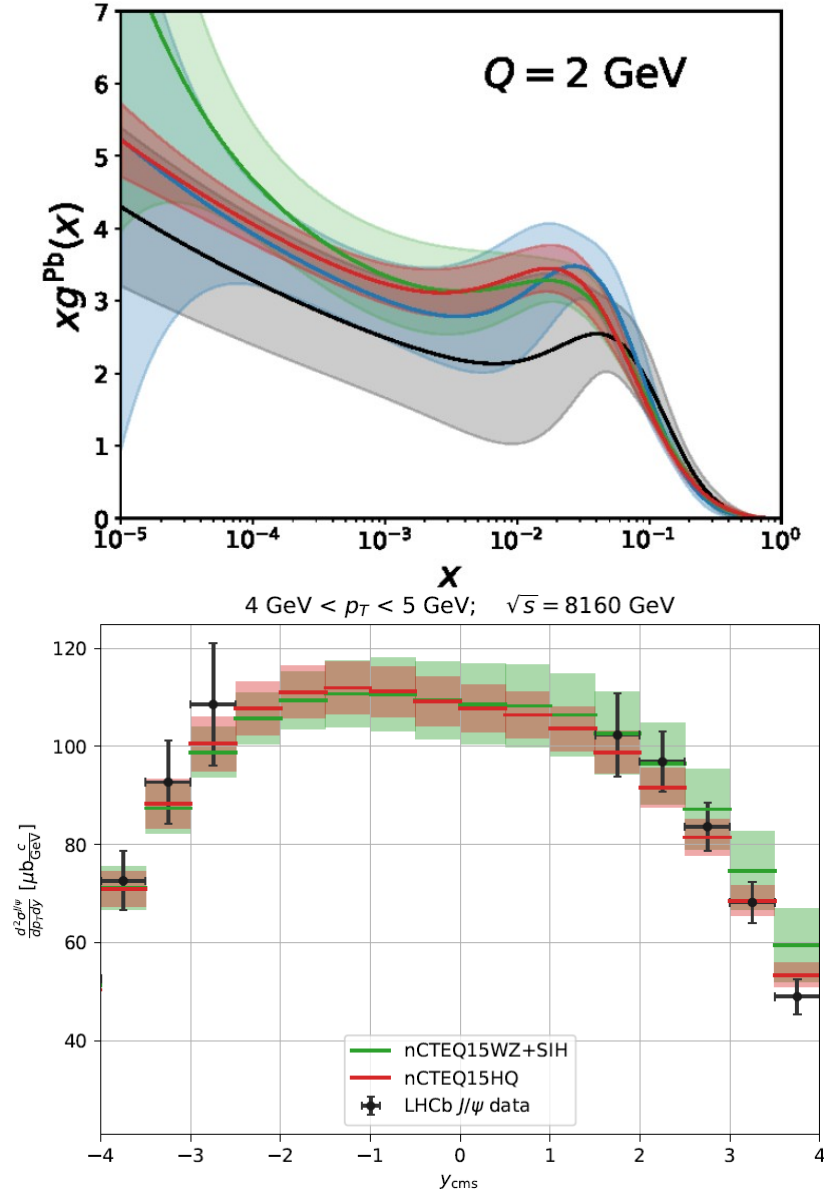
at  $y=0$   $R_{pPb} = 0.73 \pm 0.067$

$\rightarrow$   $S_{PbPb} = 0.53 \pm 0.097$

supported by J/ $\psi$  yield in photoproduction

in SHMc in the past we used  $0.65 \pm 0.12$

Duwentäster et al. new nCTEQ15HQ fit  
2204.09982



# Charm quark thermalization

LHC data: strong charmed hadron elliptic flow and energy loss (RAA) point to **large degree of charm quark thermalization in QGP**

modelling in terms of heavy quark diffusion in hot and dense medium leads to spatial diffusion coefficients  $1.5 < 2pTD < 4.5$  at  $T_c \rightarrow t_{\text{kin}} = 2.5 - 7.6 \text{ fm}/c$

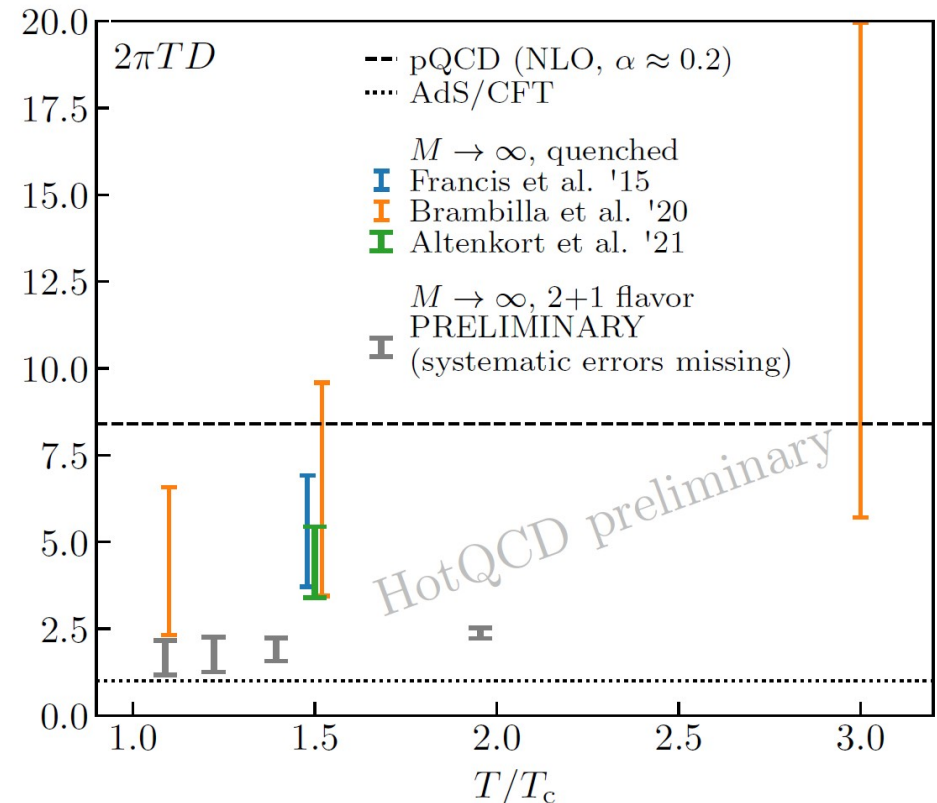
IQCD:

D from gradient flow on color-electric two-point function (leading order in  $1/M$  expansion)

$$2\pi TD = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa/T^3} \propto \tau_{\text{kin}} \frac{T^2}{M}$$

quenched QCD, but tendency to go down in full QCD (preliminary, Altenkort QM2022)

consistent picture:  
thermalization in QGP

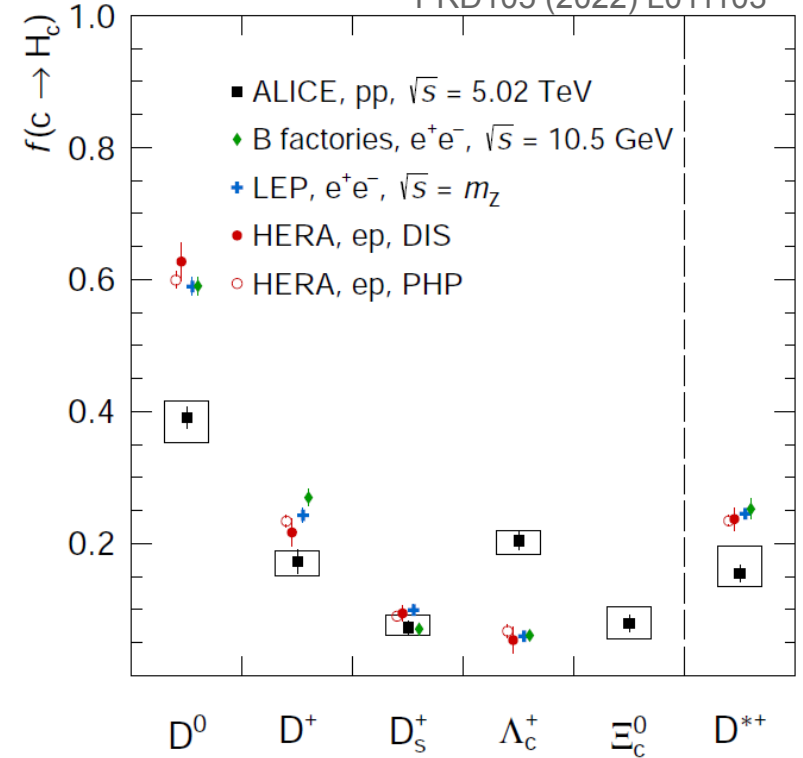


# Charm cross section pp collisions

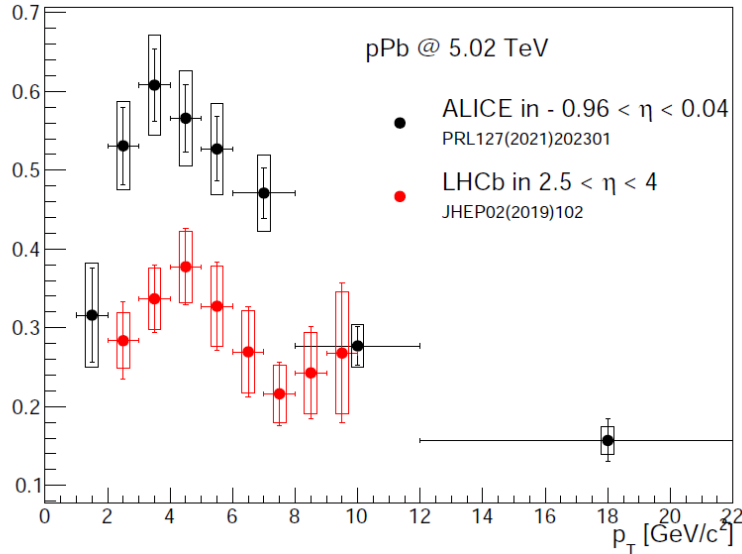
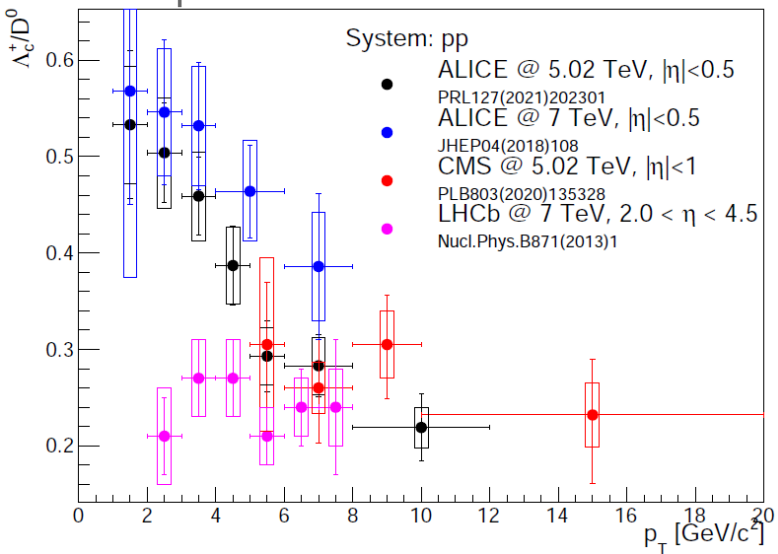
fragmentation into  $L_c$  factor 4 increased vs  $e^+e^-$   
 can be reproduced by

- some PYTHIA tunes with CR or
- statistical model by about doubling the charmed baryon states as predicted by RQM or IQCD and using  $T = 170$  MeV  
 but at LHC among many newly discovered states only 7 charmed baryons

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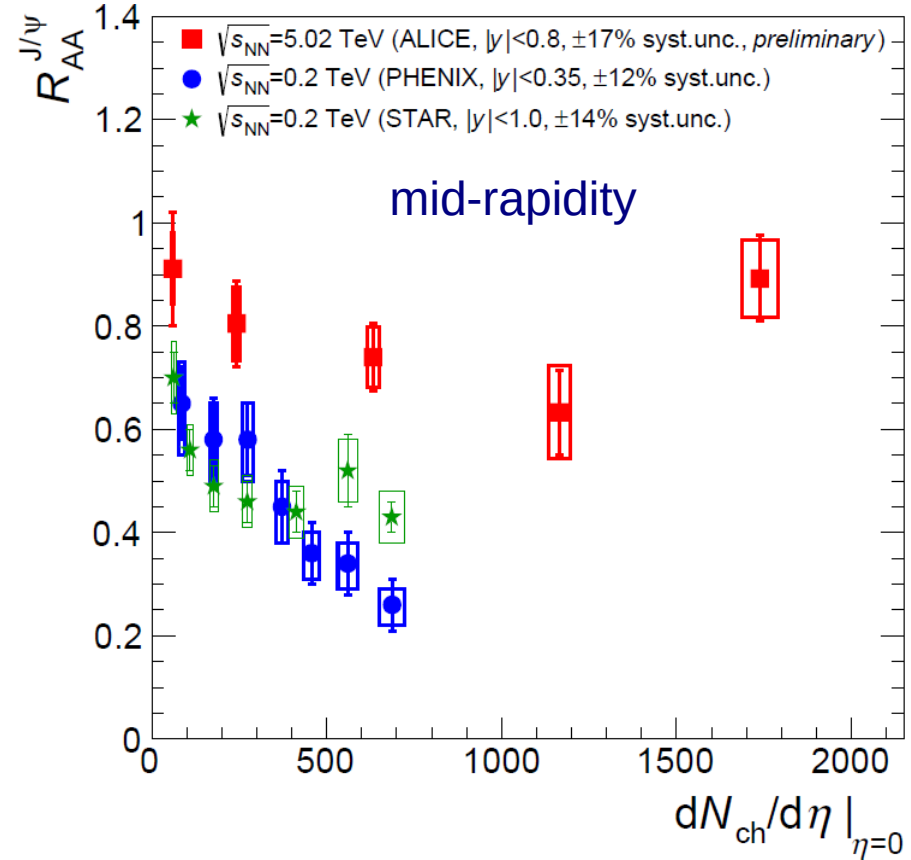
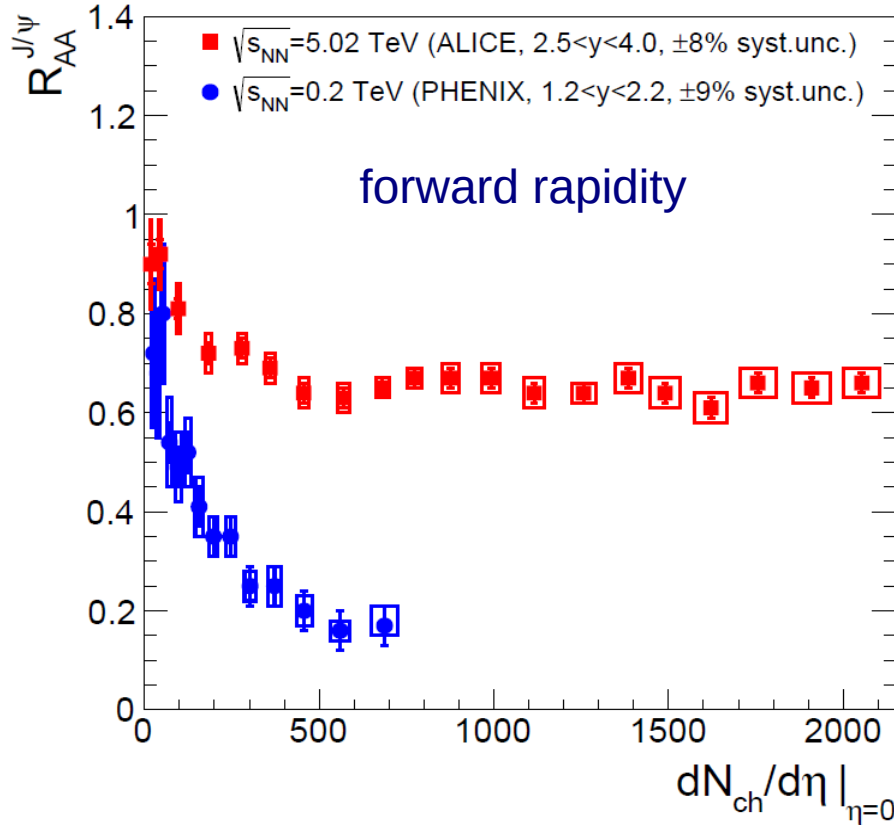
compilations: Sandor Lökös for HonexComb



experimental situation needs to be clarified

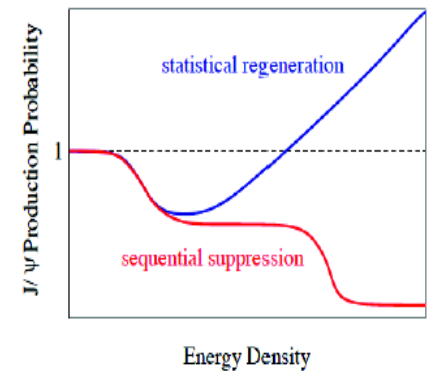
# J/ψ production in PbPb collisions: LHC relative to RHIC

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN^{AA}/dy}{N_{coll} dN^{pp}/dy}$$

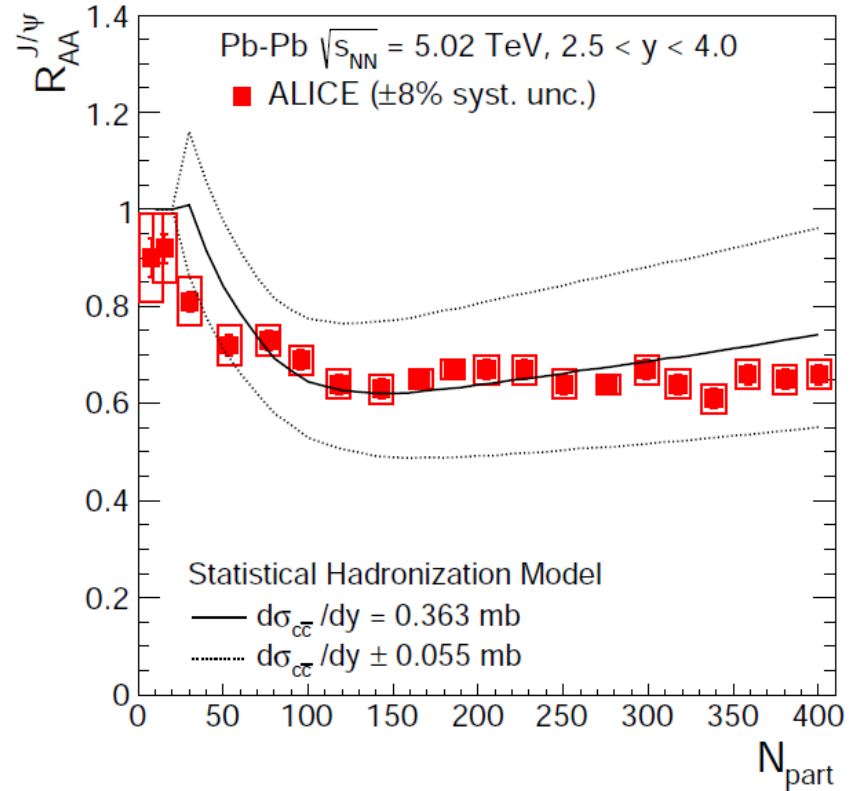
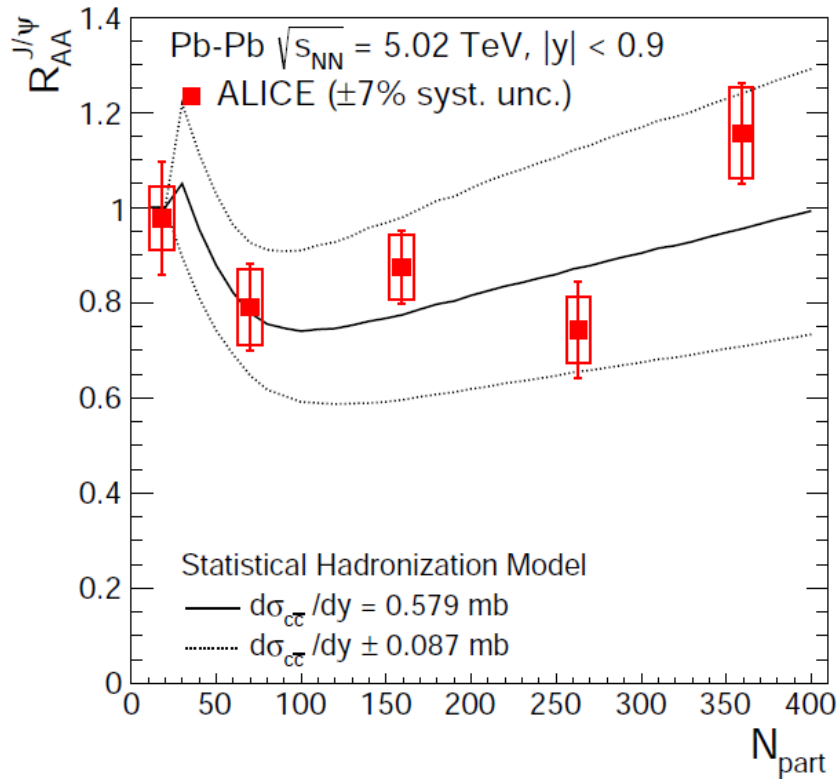


energy density -->

melting scenario not observed  
rather: **enhancement with increasing energy density!**  
(from RHIC to LHC and from forward to mid-rapidity)



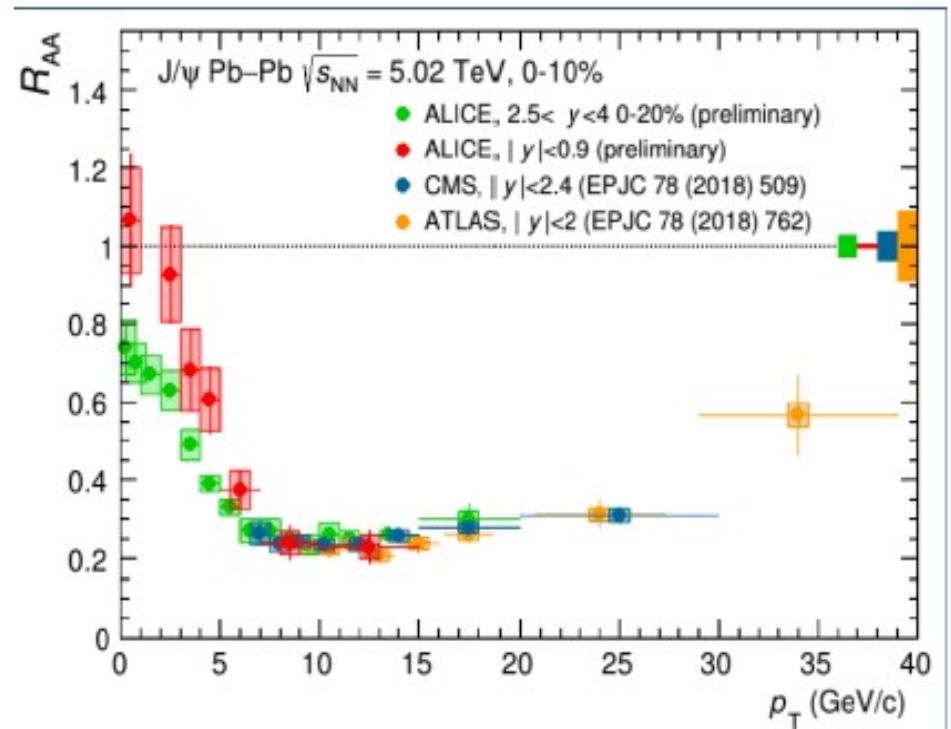
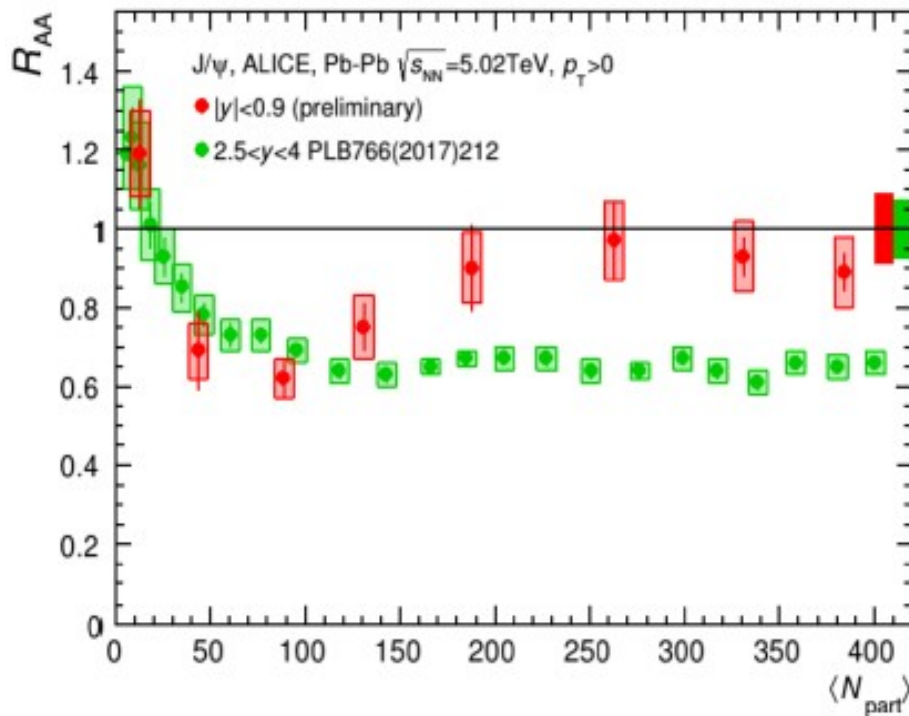
# J/ψ and statistical hadronization



production in PbPb collisions at LHC consistent with **deconfinement and subsequent statistical hadronization** within present uncertainties  
main uncertainty: open charm cross section

# charmonium at LHC: peaks at mid-y and strong enhancement at low transverse momentum

nuclear modification factor: 
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{dN^{AA}/dp_T}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle dN^{\text{PP}}/dp_T}$$

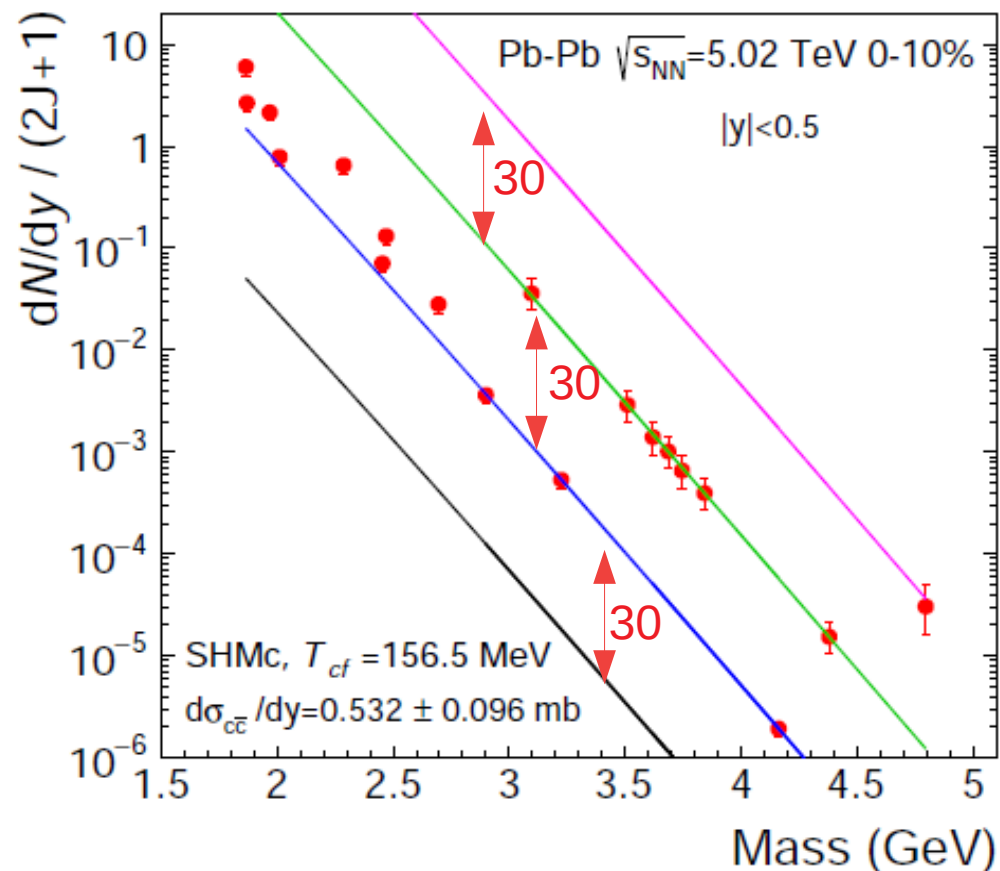
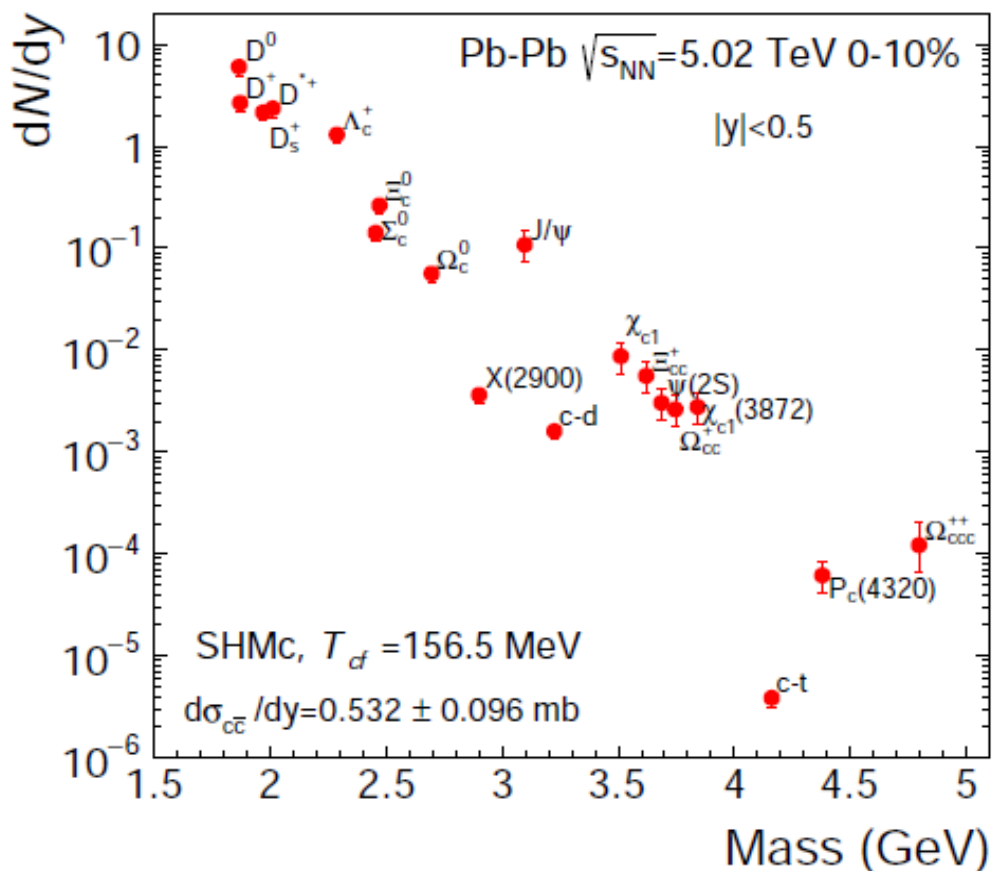




# the multi-charm hierarchy

open and hidden charm hadrons, including exotic objects, such as X-states, c-deuteron, c-triton, pentaquark,  $\Omega_{ccc}$

A. Andronic et al.. JHEP07 (2021) 035

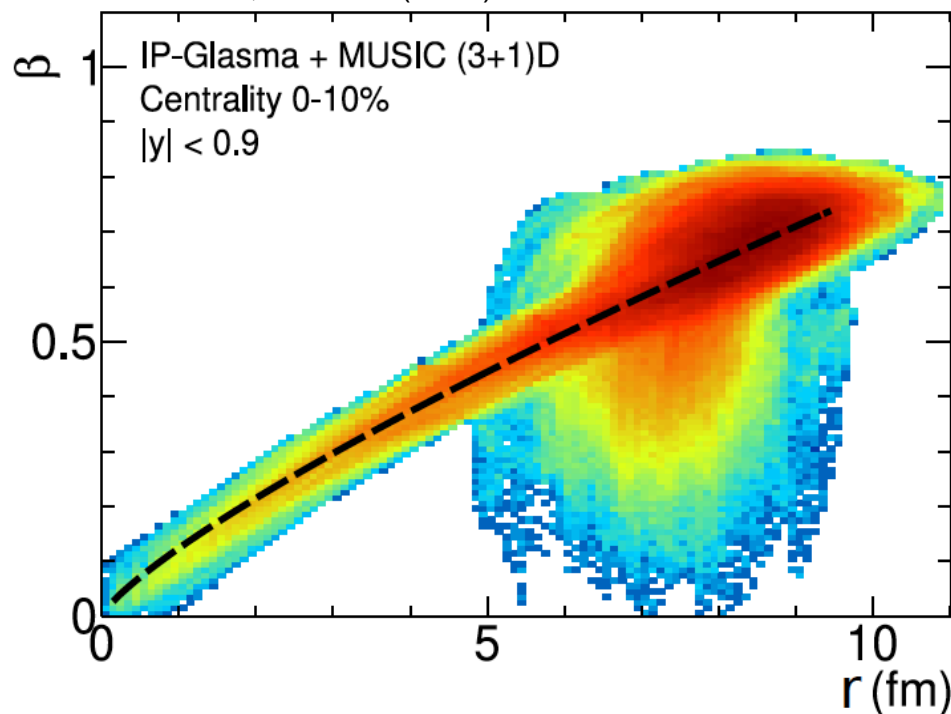


emergence of a unique pattern, due to  $g_c^n$  and mass hierarchy  
 perfect testing ground for deconfinement for LHC Runs3 and beyond

# Beyond yields: transverse momentum distributions

assume thermalization of charm quarks in QGP, charm quarks follow collective flow  
 use hydro velocity profile at pseudocritical temperature from MUSIC (3+1) D  
 tuned to light flavor observables

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, M. Koehler, K. Redlich,  
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$$\frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy} \propto \int_0^R r dr \left\{ \begin{aligned} & m_T \cosh \rho K_1 \left( \frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T} \right) I_0 \left( \frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T} \right) \\ & - p_T \sinh \rho K_0 \left( \frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T} \right) I_1 \left( \frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T} \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

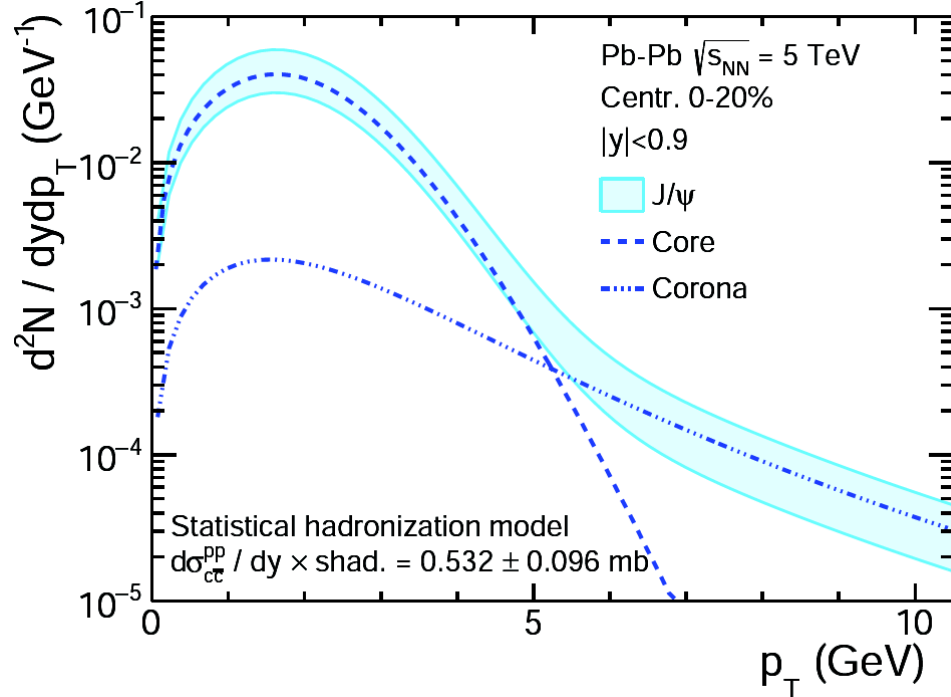
$$\rho = \operatorname{atanh}(\beta_T^s (r/R)^n)$$

‘blast wave parametrization’ of spectral shape with  $T = 156.5$  MeV and  
 parameters from MUSIC:  $n = 0.85$  and  $\beta_{\max} = \beta_T^s = 0.62$

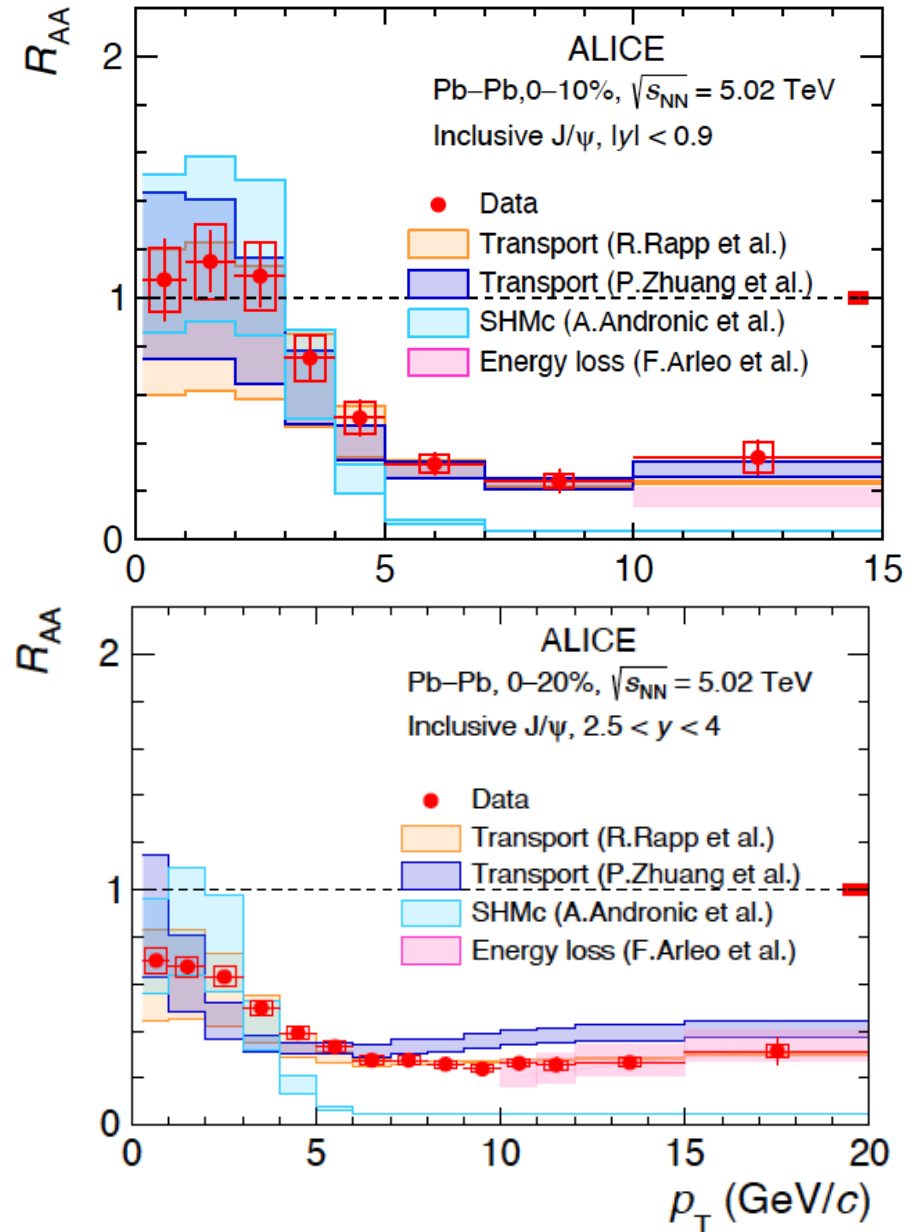
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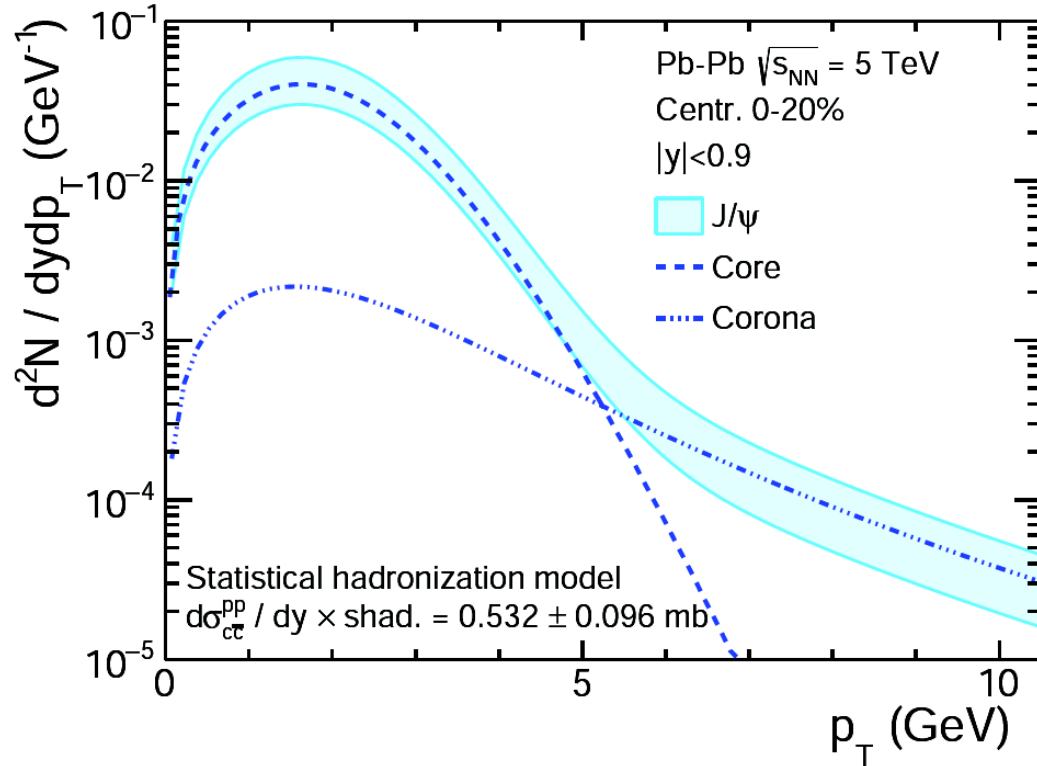


- at low and intermediate  $p_t$  very good description of data
- beyond 5 GeV there is additional source beyond statistical hadronization e.g. nonthermalized component

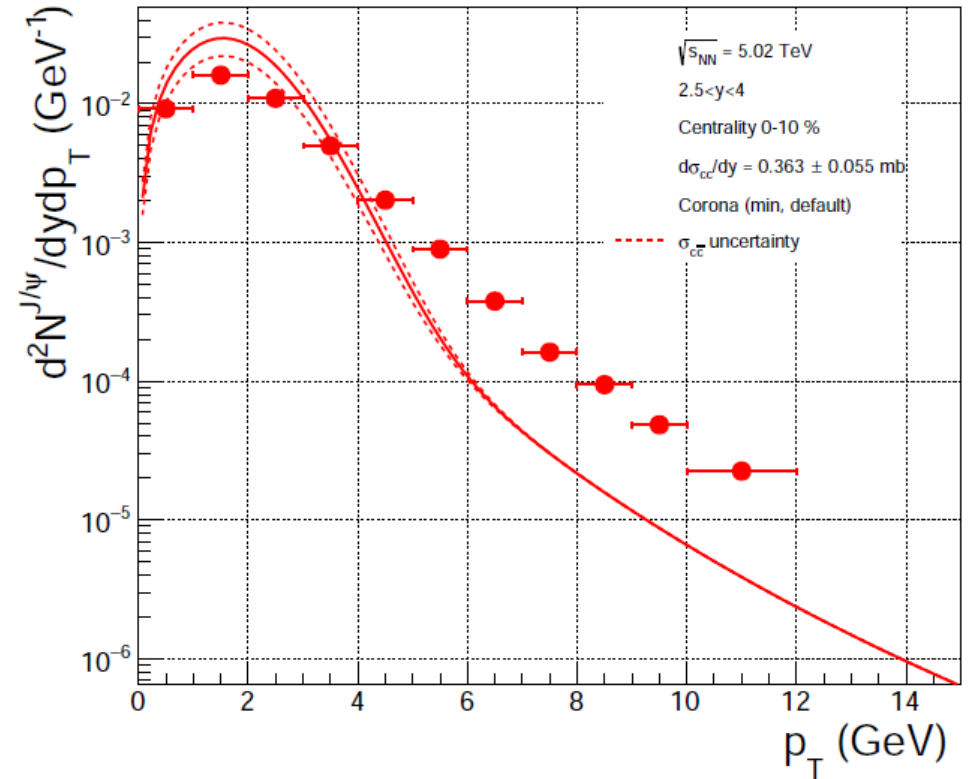


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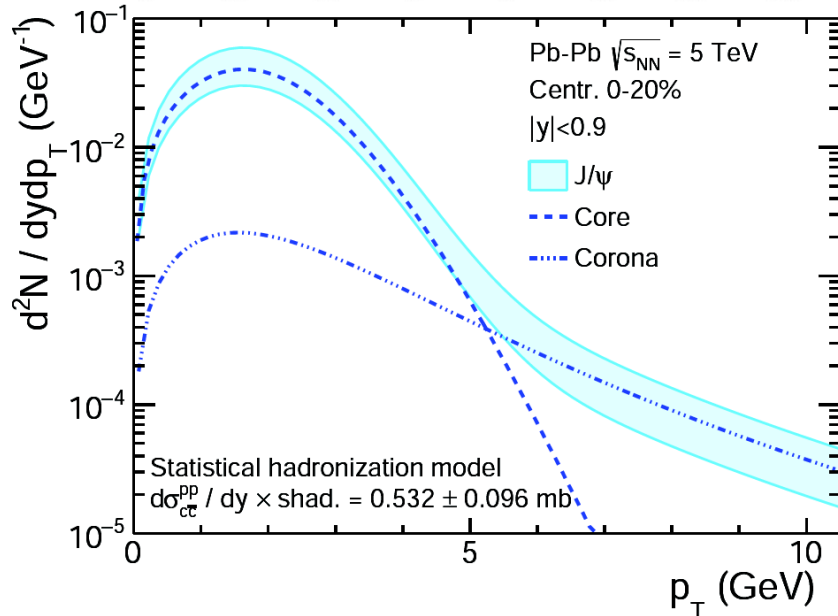
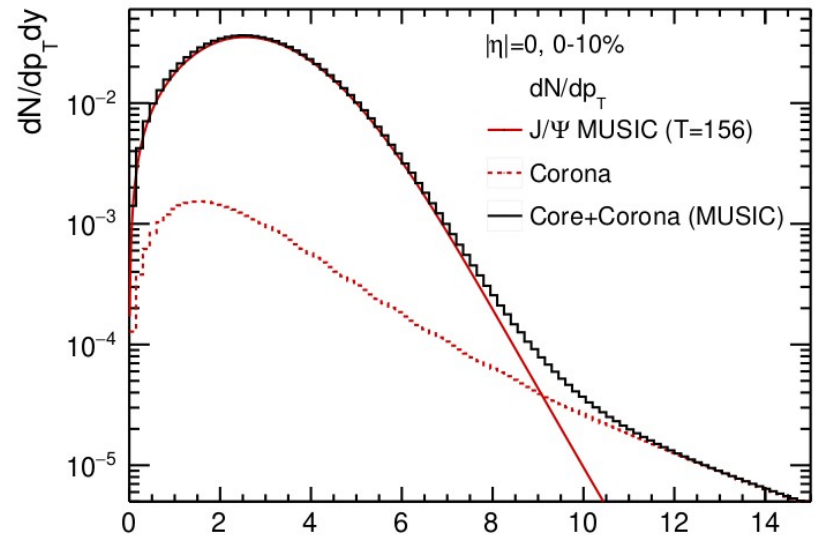


update to A. Andronic et al. 1902.09200



# new approach to spectra: use Cooper-Frye freeze-out of MUSIC at 156.5 MeV directly instead of blast wave parameterization

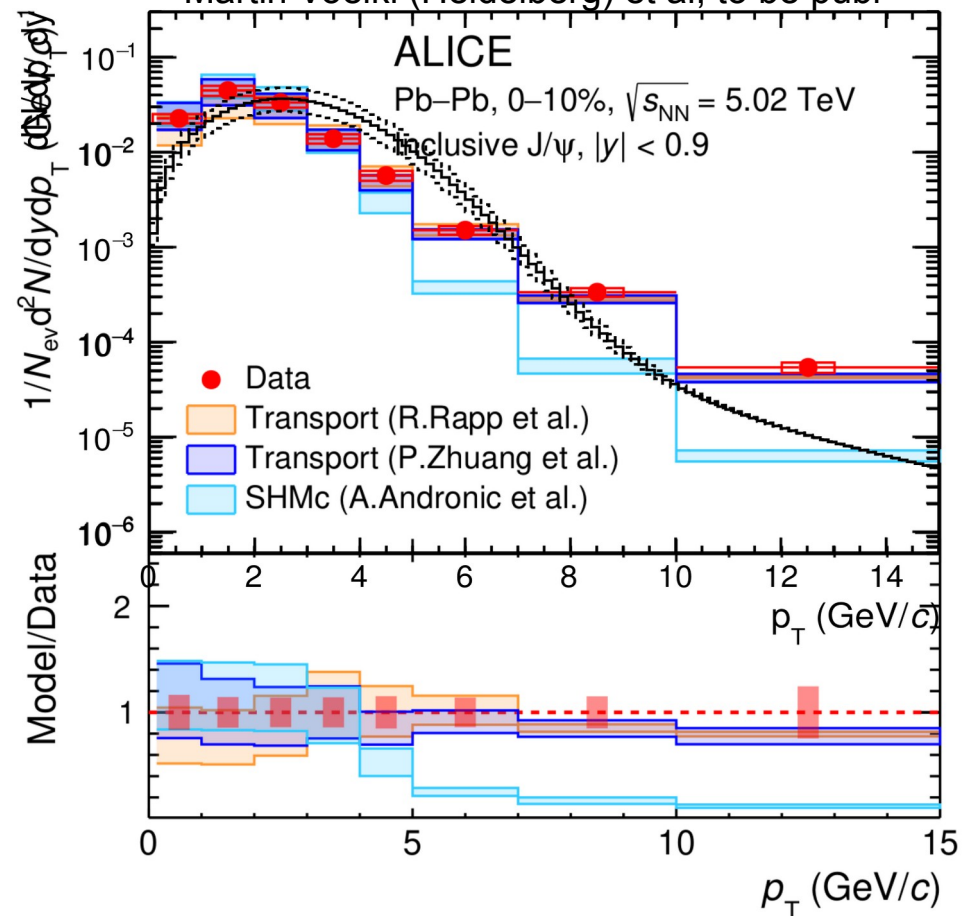
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J/y yield MUSIC normalized to SHMc yield  
corona unchanged

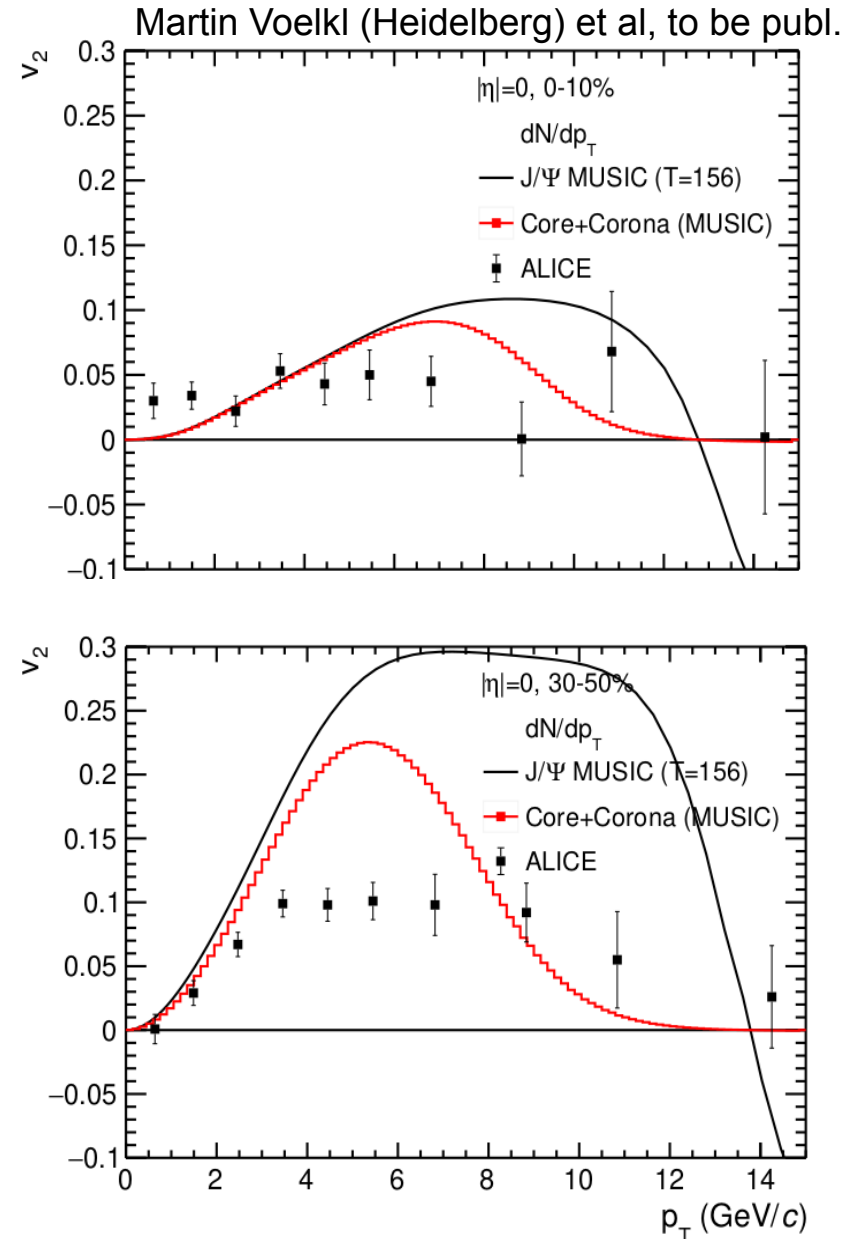
significantly harder spectrum to earlier approach  
major influence of thermal contribution out to 9 GeV/c

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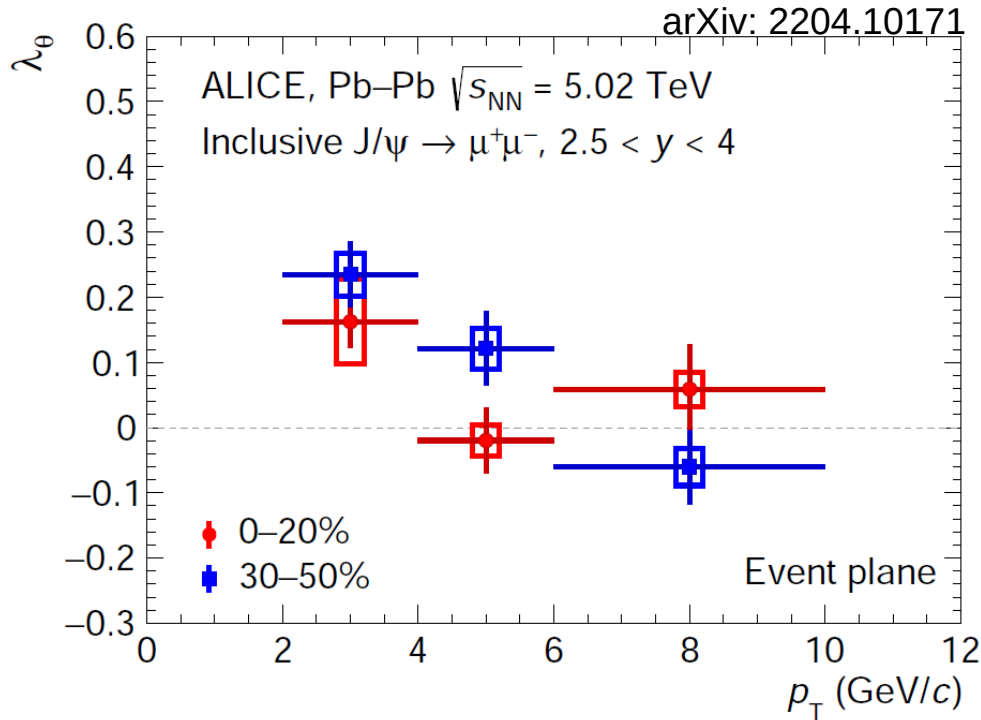


# a first look at $J/\psi$ $v_2$ in this approach

- Weight  $v_2$  of thermalized  $J/\psi$  with core fraction for full  $v_2$  estimate
- No intuitive explanation why thermalized  $v_2$  changes sign at high  $p_T$ , but core fraction is almost 0 there
- $v_2$  based on reaction plane of event
- For semiperipheral events, smooth peak, while data shows flat plateau
- Rise and  $p_T$ -extent of  $v_2$  reproduced, suggesting that  $v_2$  out to 9 GeV/c could be due to thermalized contribution
- Same approach can also be used for  $v_3$ , but relevant plane needs to be extracted from initial spatial anisotropy instead



# Polarization of $J/\psi$ relative to event plane

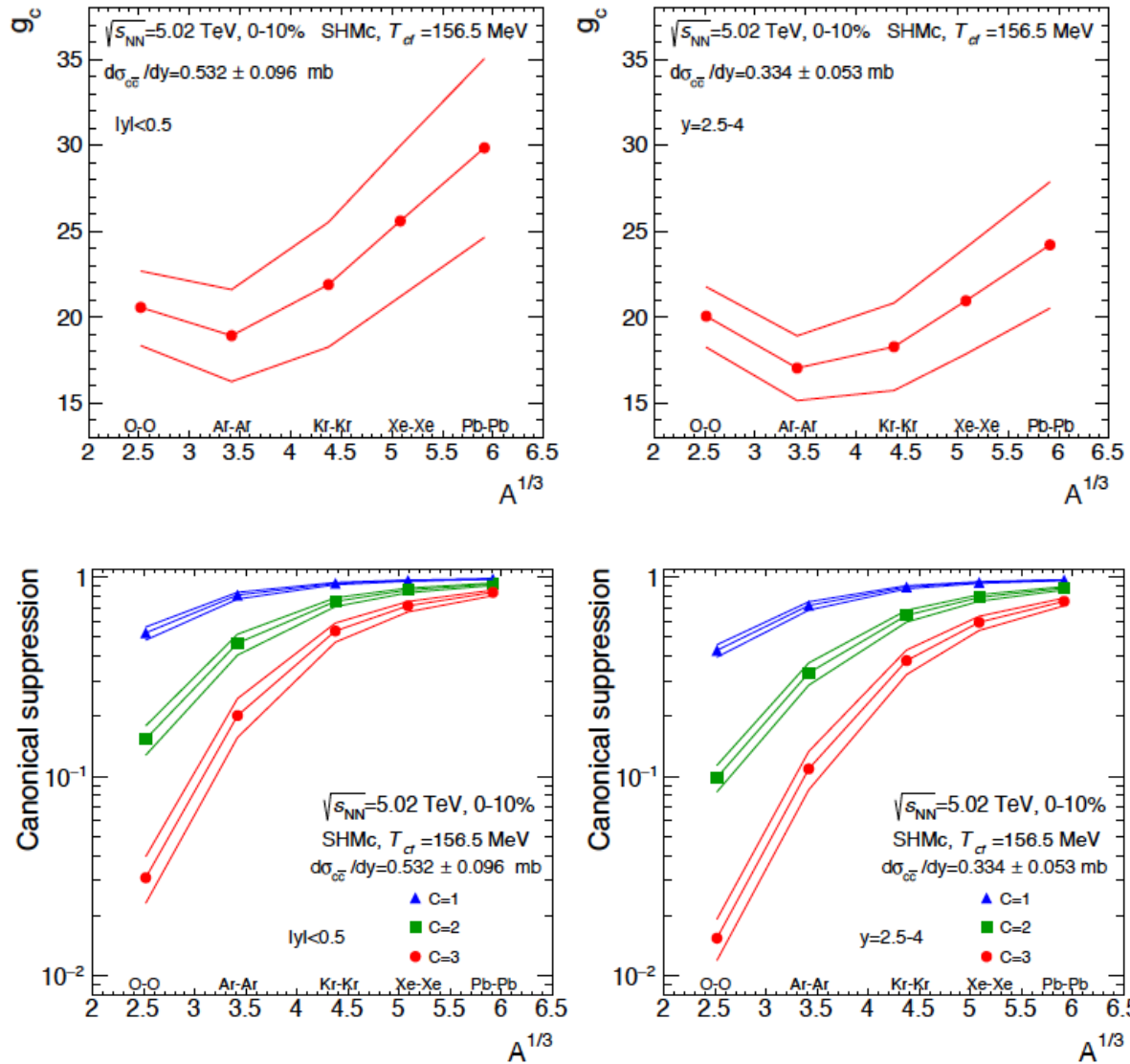


clear signal observed by ALICE,  
increase towards lower  $p_T$   
reaching 3.9 s  
makes early effect due to magnetic  
field unlikely  
link to vorticity and spin-orbit coupl.?



# charm fugacities and canonical suppression factors

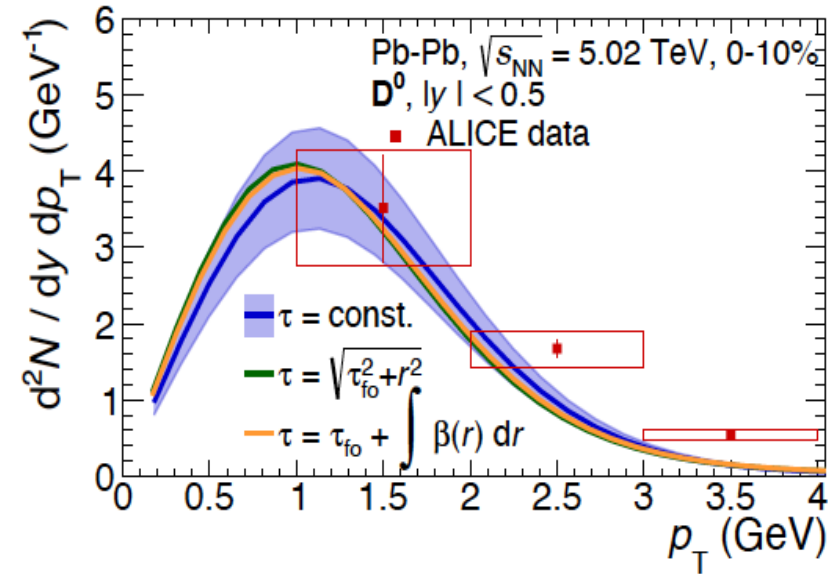
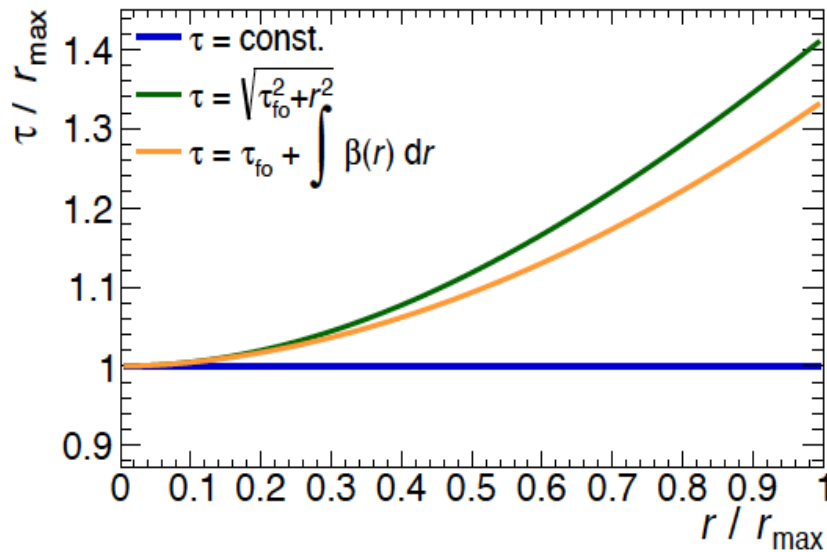
different collision systems:





# blast wave parametrization of transverse momentum spectrum

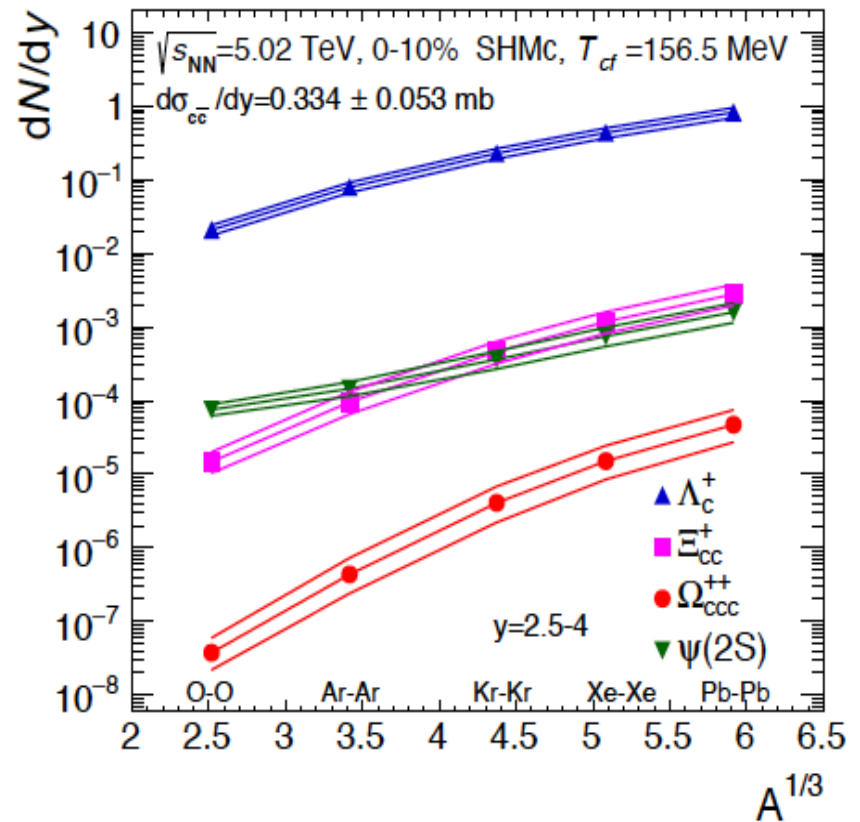
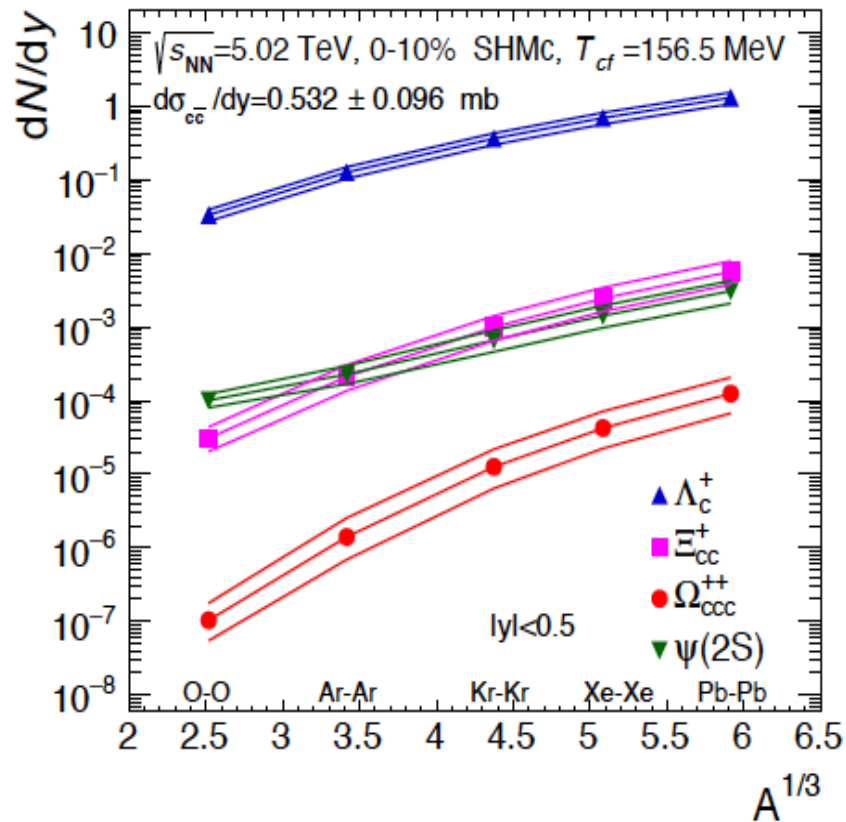
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2N}{2\pi p_T dp_T dy} &= \frac{2J+1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\sigma_\mu p^\mu f(p) \\ &= \frac{2J+1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{r_{\max}} dr \tau(r) r \left[ K_1^{\text{eq}}(p_T, u^r) - \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial r} K_2^{\text{eq}}(p_T, u^r) \right] \\ K_1^{\text{eq}}(p_T, u^r) &= 4\pi m_T I_0 \left( \frac{p_T u^r}{T} \right) K_1 \left( \frac{m_T u^\tau}{T} \right) \\ K_2^{\text{eq}}(p_T, u^r) &= 4\pi p_T I_1 \left( \frac{p_T u^r}{T} \right) K_0 \left( \frac{m_T u^\tau}{T} \right) \end{aligned}$$



## mid-rapidity yields for Pb-Pb collisions

Particle	dN/dy core (SHMc)	dN/dy corona	dN/dy total
		0-10%	
$D^0$	$6.40 \pm 0.95$	$0.409 \pm 0.034$	$6.81 \pm 0.95$
$D^+$	$2.84 \pm 0.42$	$0.181 \pm 0.026$	$3.02 \pm 0.42$
$D^{*+}$	$2.51 \pm 0.37$	$0.166 +0.049-0.022$	$2.67 \pm 0.37$
$D_s^+$	$2.29 \pm 0.34$	$0.076 +0.025-0.016$	$2.36 \pm 0.34$
$\Lambda_c^+$	$1.39 \pm 0.21$	$0.260 \pm 0.029$	$1.64 \pm 0.21$
$\Xi_c^0$	$0.280 \pm 0.041$	$0.093 \pm 0.036$	$0.373 \pm 0.055$
$J/\psi$	$0.122 +0.038-0.033$	$(5.25 \pm 0.38) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.127 +0.038-0.033$
$\psi(2S)$	$(3.43 +1.1-0.9) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(7.87 \pm 0.57) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$(4.22 +1.1-0.9) \cdot 10^{-3}$
		30-50%	
$D^0$	$0.876 \pm 0.131$	$0.202 \pm 0.017$	$1.08 \pm 0.132$
$D^+$	$0.388 \pm 0.058$	$0.090 \pm 0.013$	$0.477 \pm 0.059$
$D^{*+}$	$0.343 \pm 0.051$	$0.082 +0.024-0.011$	$0.425 +0.057-0.052$
$D_s^+$	$0.313 \pm 0.047$	$0.038 +0.012-0.008$	$0.350 \pm 0.048$
$\Lambda_c^+$	$0.190 \pm 0.028$	$0.128 \pm 0.014$	$0.317 \pm 0.032$
$\Xi_c^0$	$0.038 \pm 0.006$	$0.046 \pm 0.018$	$0.084 \pm 0.019$
$J/\psi$	$(1.17 +0.32-0.28) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$(2.59 \pm 0.19) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(1.43 +0.32-0.28) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\psi(2S)$	$(3.28 +0.90-0.79) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$(3.90 \pm 0.28) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$(7.17 +0.94-0.84) \cdot 10^{-4}$

# system size dependence of yields



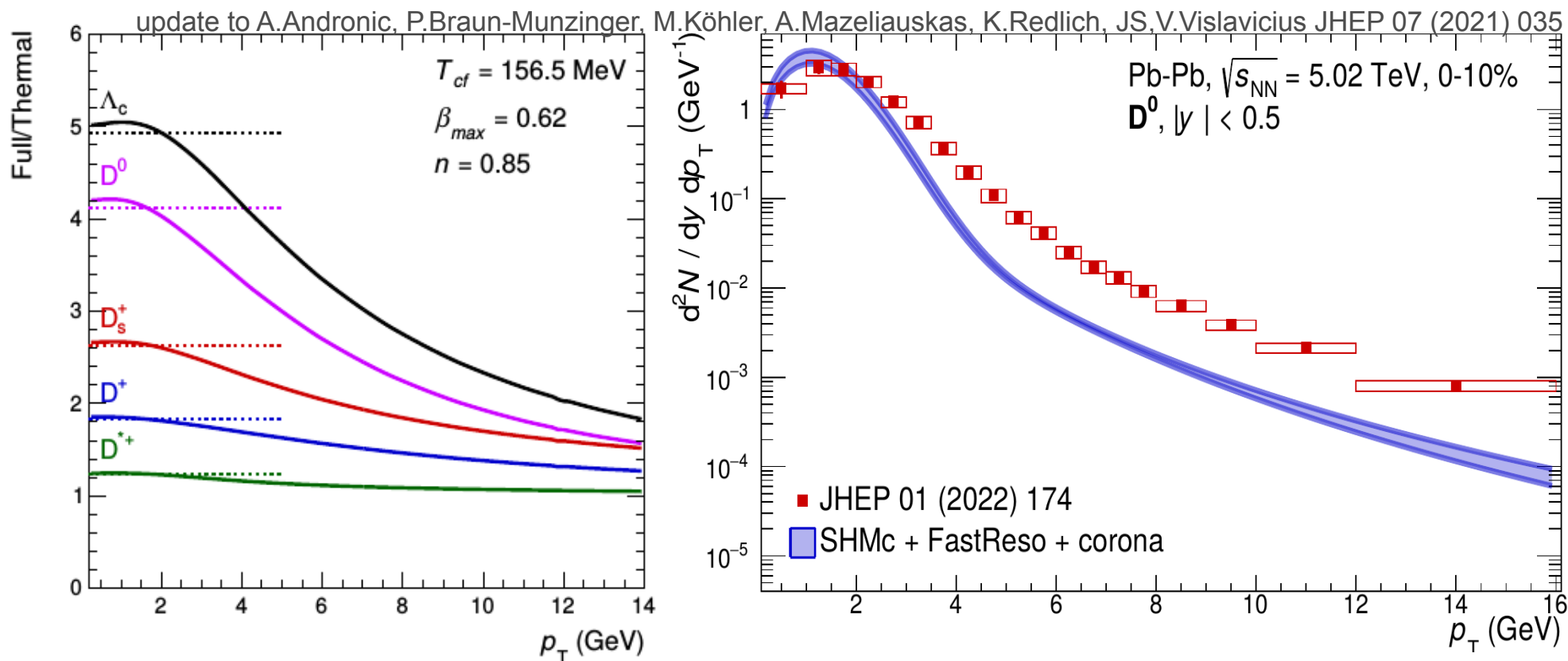
due to different charm quark content different canonical suppression for multicharm very light collision systems not favored

# Spectra of D mesons and $\Lambda_c$ baryons

for open heavy flavor hadrons strong contribution from resonance decays

- include all known charm hadron states as of PDG2020 in SHMc
- compute decay spectra with FastReso: 76 2-body and 10 3-body decays

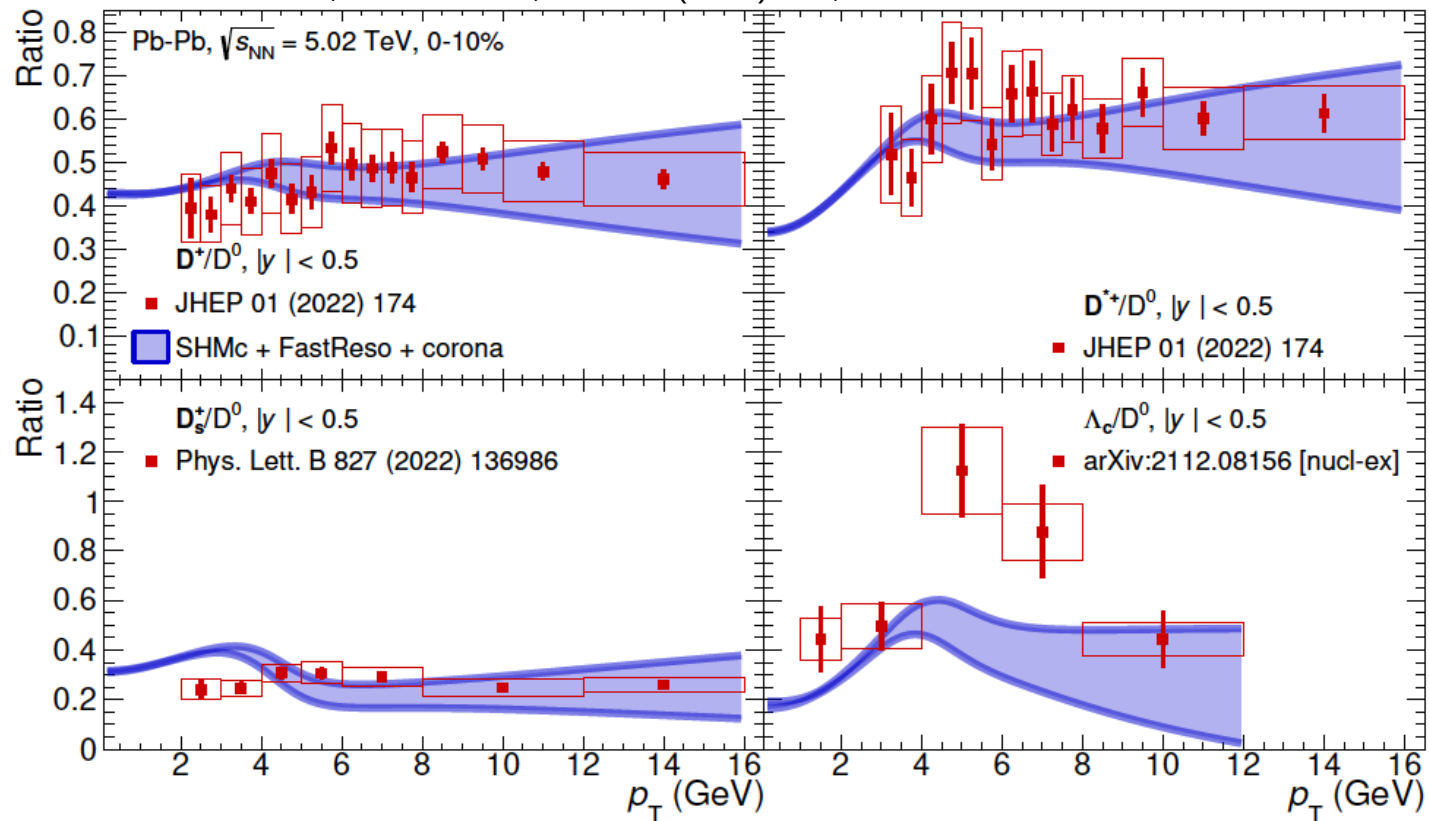
(A. Mazeliauskas, S. Floerchinger, E. Grossi, D. Teaney, EPJ C79 (2019) 284)



thermal part of  $D^0$  spectrum well reproduced by SHMc + hydro flow + decays  
as for charmonia, there is need for another source at higher  $p_t$

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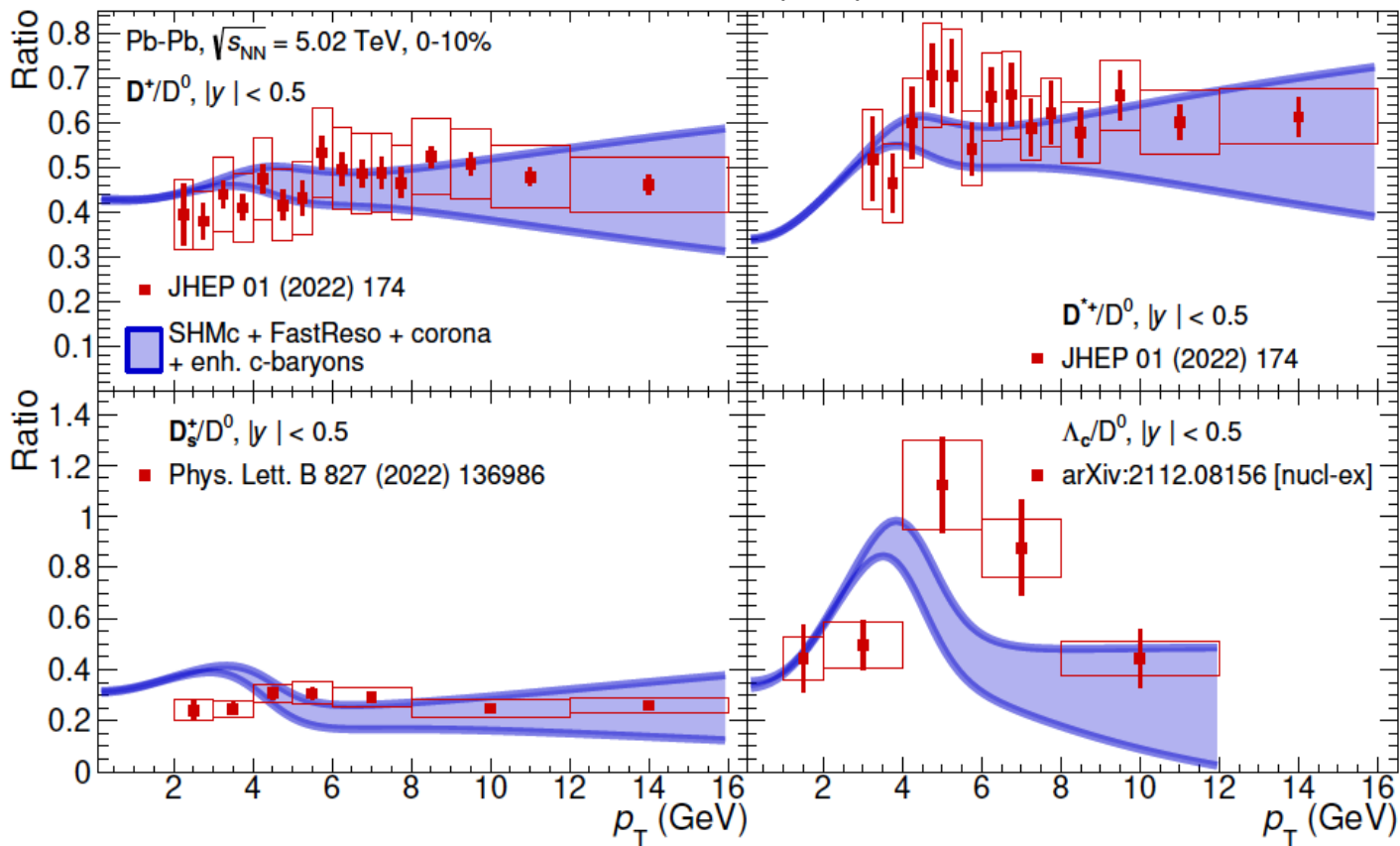


Charm-hadron spectrum: PDG

excellent agreement for D mesons considering there are no free parameters,  
but too low for  $\Lambda_c$

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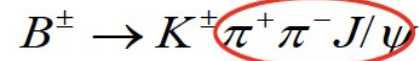


Charm-hadron spectrum: enhanced c-baryons (tripled excited states)

# example: X(3872)

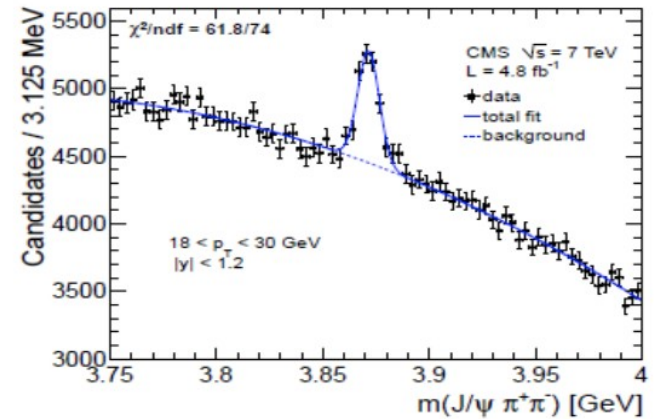
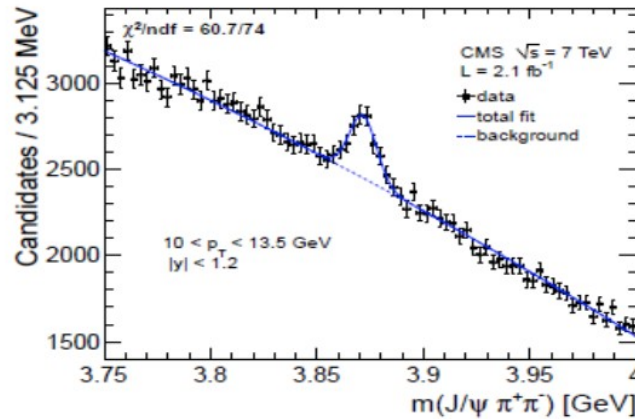
X(3872)

- 2003 -



$$M = 3872.0 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

- 2013 -



**X(3872)**

$$J^{PC} = 0^+(1^{++})$$

$$\text{Mass } m = 3871.69 \pm 0.17 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{X(3872)} - m_{J/\psi} = 775 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{X(3872)} - m_{\psi(2S)}$$

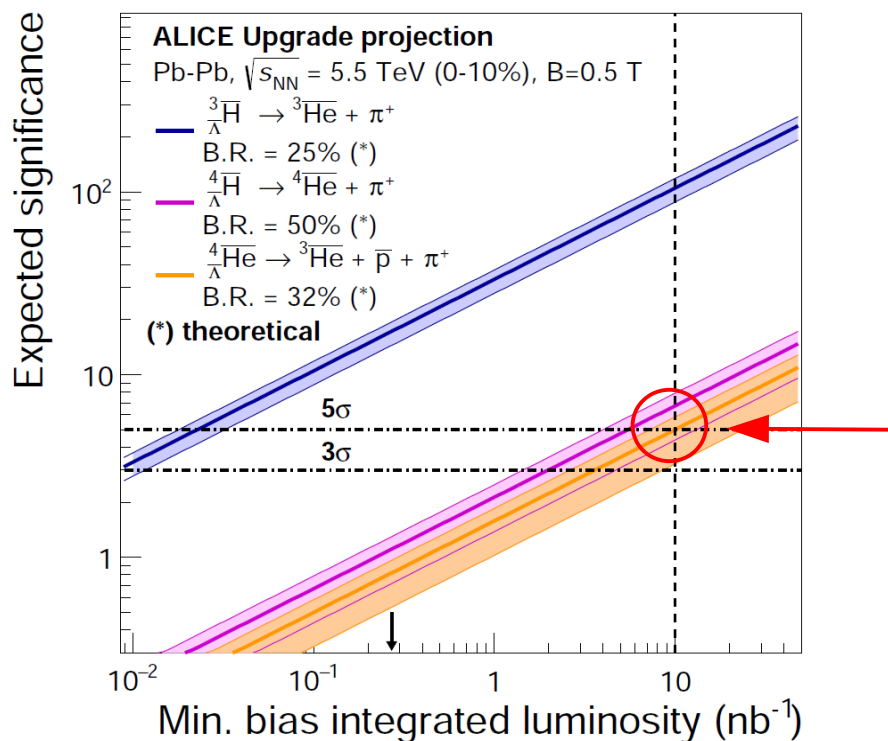
$$\text{Full width } \Gamma < 1.2 \text{ MeV, CL} = 90\%$$

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# Opportunities hadronization into nuclei

elucidate mechanism of formation of nuclei:

SHM for QGP hadronizing into compact multi-quark states  $\leftrightarrow$  coalescence



(anti-)(hyper-)nuclei ALICE Run3/4 - 10nb<sup>-1</sup>  
 ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{LHe}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$  as function of centrality

(source size)

spectrum  ${}^4\text{He}$

${}^4\text{LH}$  and  ${}^4\text{LHe}$  5s level in reach

S-hyper-nuclei: search for  ${}^3\text{sH}$

exotic QCD bound states: hexaquark

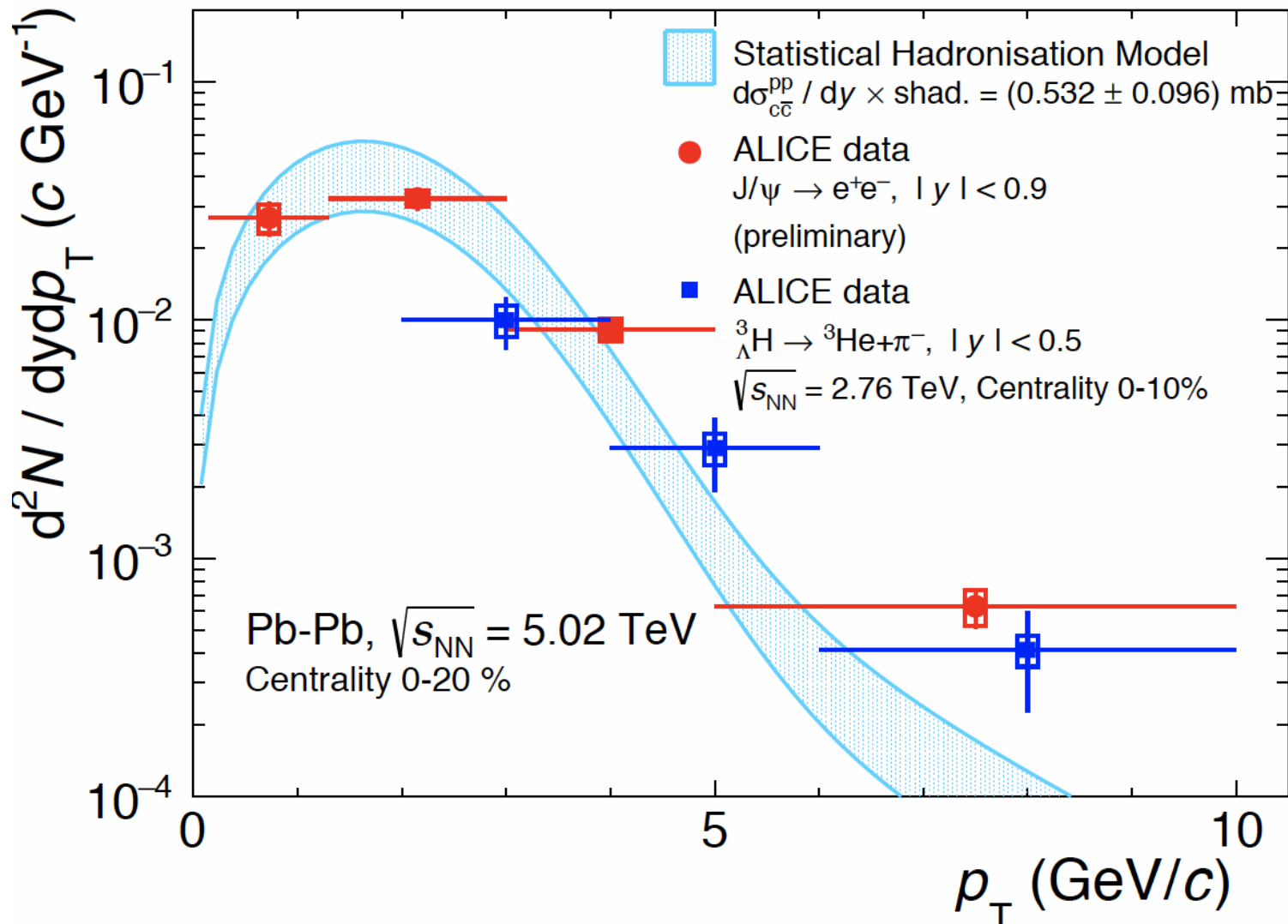
**ALICE3:**  ${}^4\text{LHe}$  and  ${}^5\text{LHe}$   ${}^5\text{LHe}$  not yet discovered (m about as expected  $W_{ccc}$ )

$A = 6$  should become accessible  ${}^6\text{Li}$  and  ${}^6\text{He}$  (lightest halo nucleus)

is hadronization governed by mass and quantum numbers only?



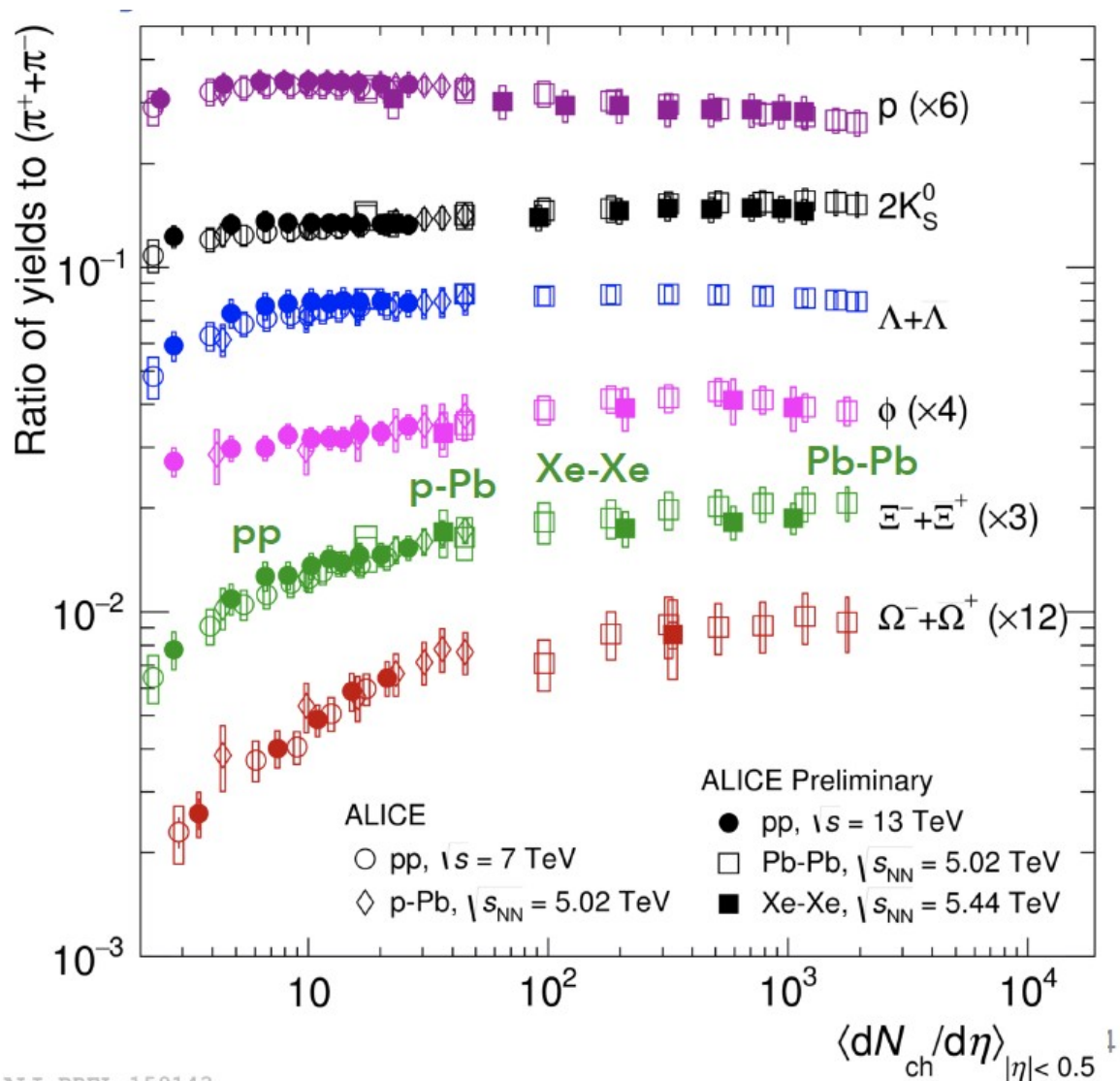
# J/psi and hyper-triton described with the same flow parameters in the statistical hadronization model



binding energies:  
 J/psi 600 MeV  
 hypertriton 2.2 MeV  
 Lambda S.E. 0.2 MeV

from review: hypernuclei and other loosely bound objects produced in nuclear collisions at the LHC,  
 pbm and Benjamin Doenigus,  
 Nucl. Phys. A987 (2019) 144, arXiv:1809.04681

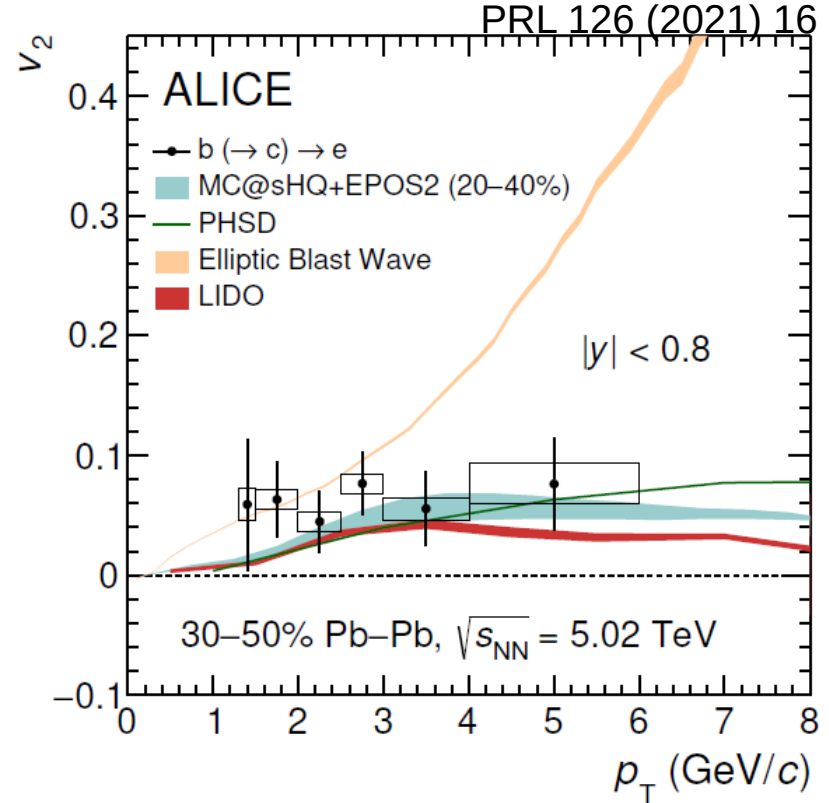
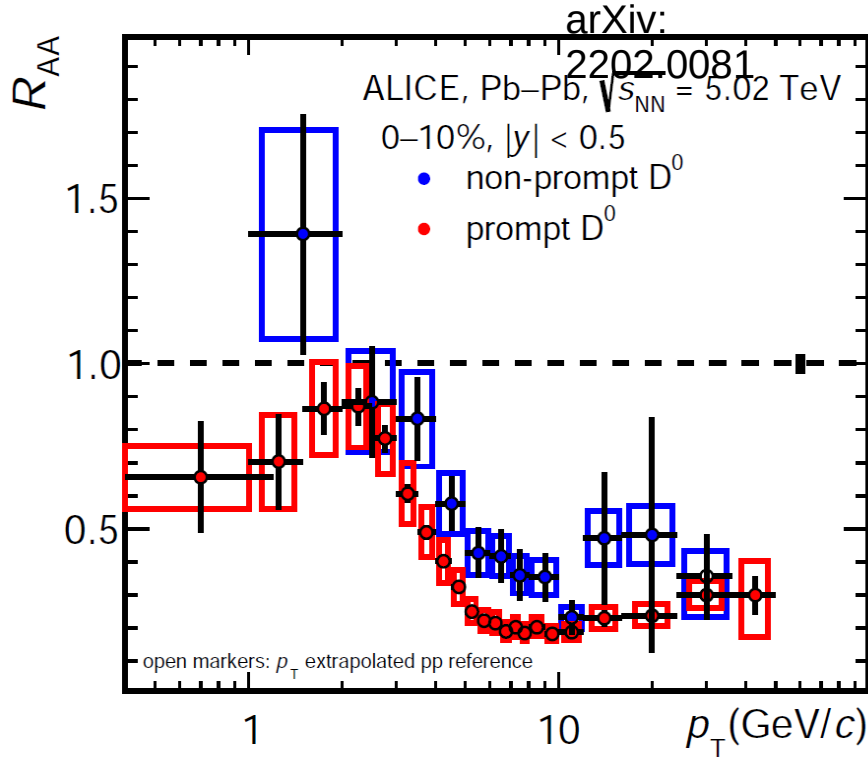
# from pp to Pb-Pb collisions: smooth evolution with system size



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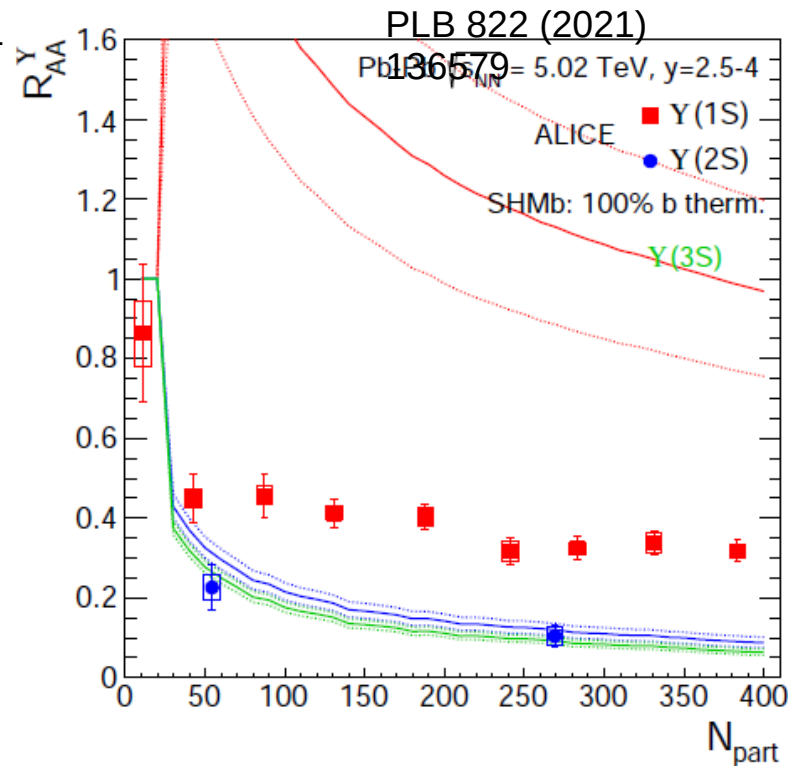
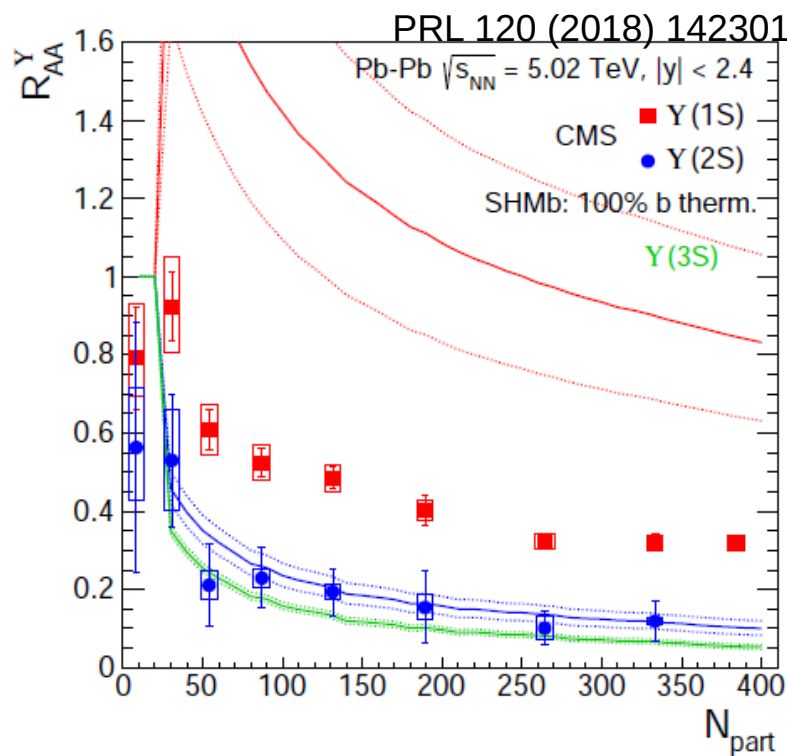
universal hadronization can be described with few parameters in addition to  $T$  and  $\mu_B$   
 transition from canonical to grand-canonical thermodynamics

# Thermalization of beauty?



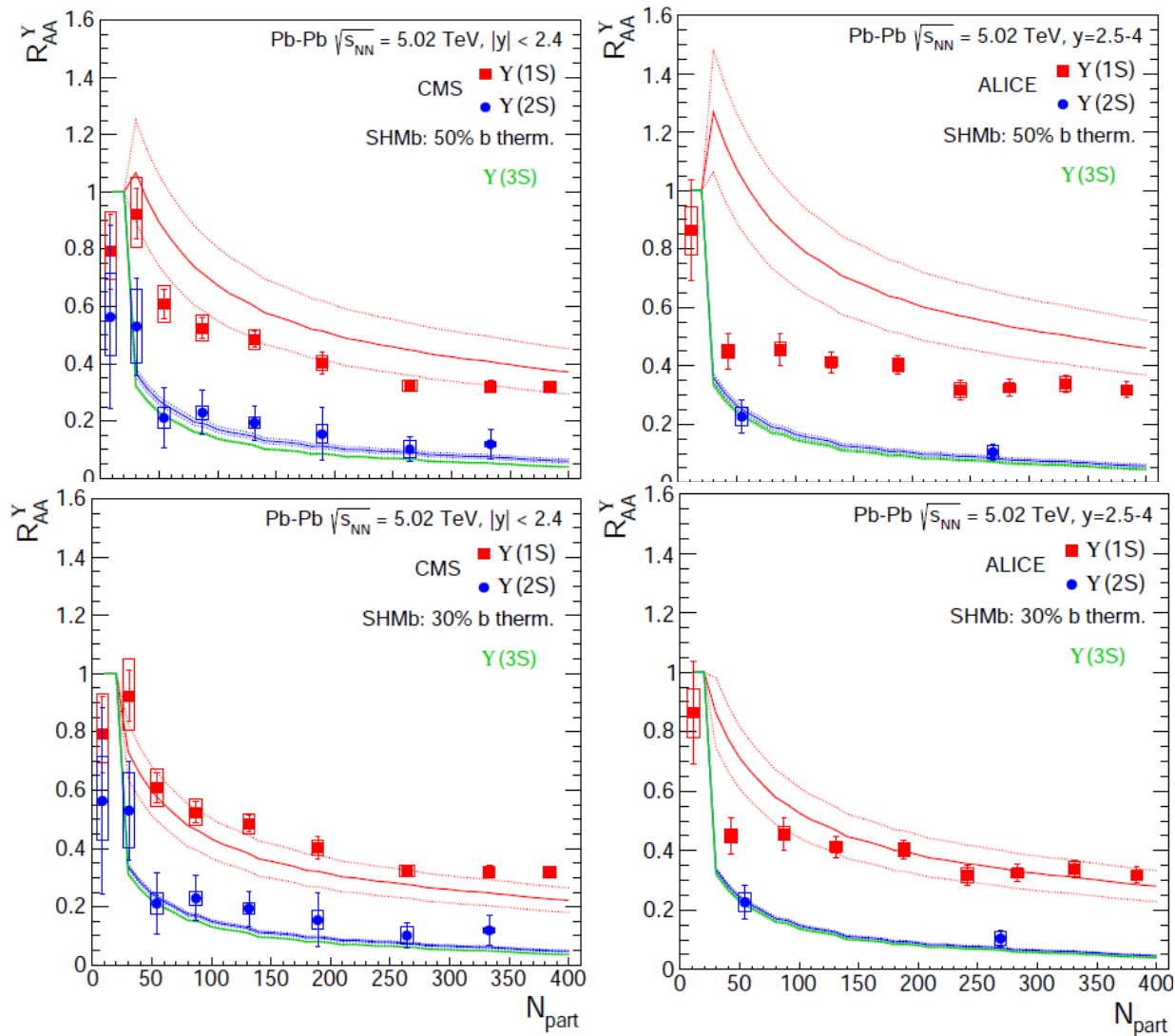
strong reduction of  $R_{AA}$  and significant  $v_2$ , but both a factor 2 less pronounced than for prompt  $D^0$  → indication that beauty quarks thermalize only partly only the thermalized fraction should hadronize statistically

# Bottomonia in SHMb assuming full thermalization



- indeed, assumption of fully thermalized b-quarks fails to reproduce Y(1S) by factor 2-3 for central collisions  
 but:  $g_b = 10^9$  so Y is scaled up from thermal yield by  $10^{18}$
- so, to come without any free parameter within a factor 2-3 is not a minor feat

# Bottomonia assuming partial thermalization



factor 2-3 reproduces  
Y yields  
could be in line with open  
beauty energy loss and  
flow