



Heavy-flavor Production from pp to Nucleus-nucleus Collisions

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Unique Nuclear Matter: Quark Gluon Plasma

|| Before collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)



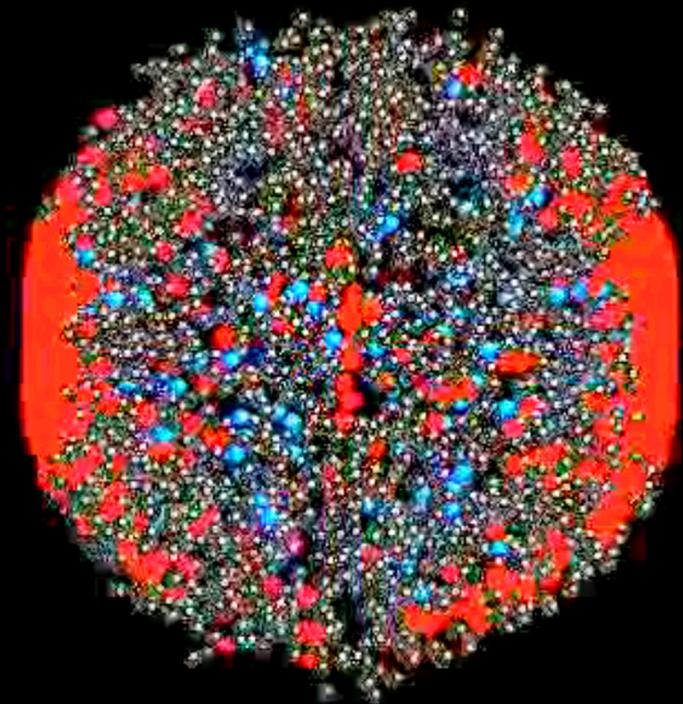
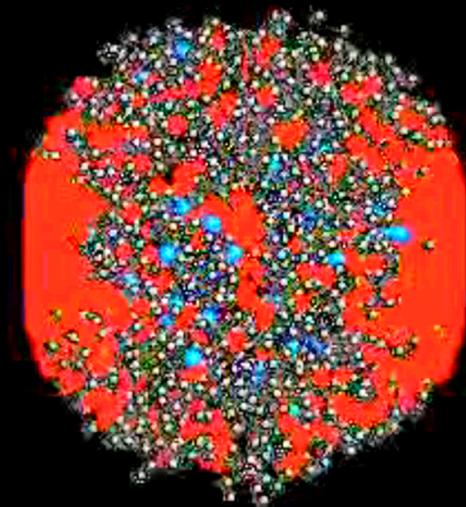
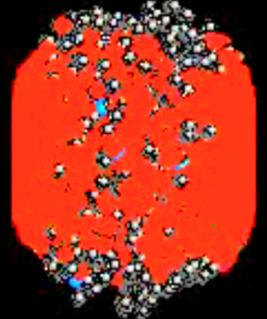
| Collisions (the harder, the earlier)



| QGP emergence (tons of soft scatterings)



Cool down while expansion



Hadronization

Hot, Dense
Deconfined
Perfect fluid-like

Relativistic heavy-ion collisions

- Quark Gluon Plasma
- Baryons
- Mesons

Heavy Flavors in Heavy Ion Collisions

the collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)

Heavy quarks as probes of **Quark Gluon Plasma**

heavy quark

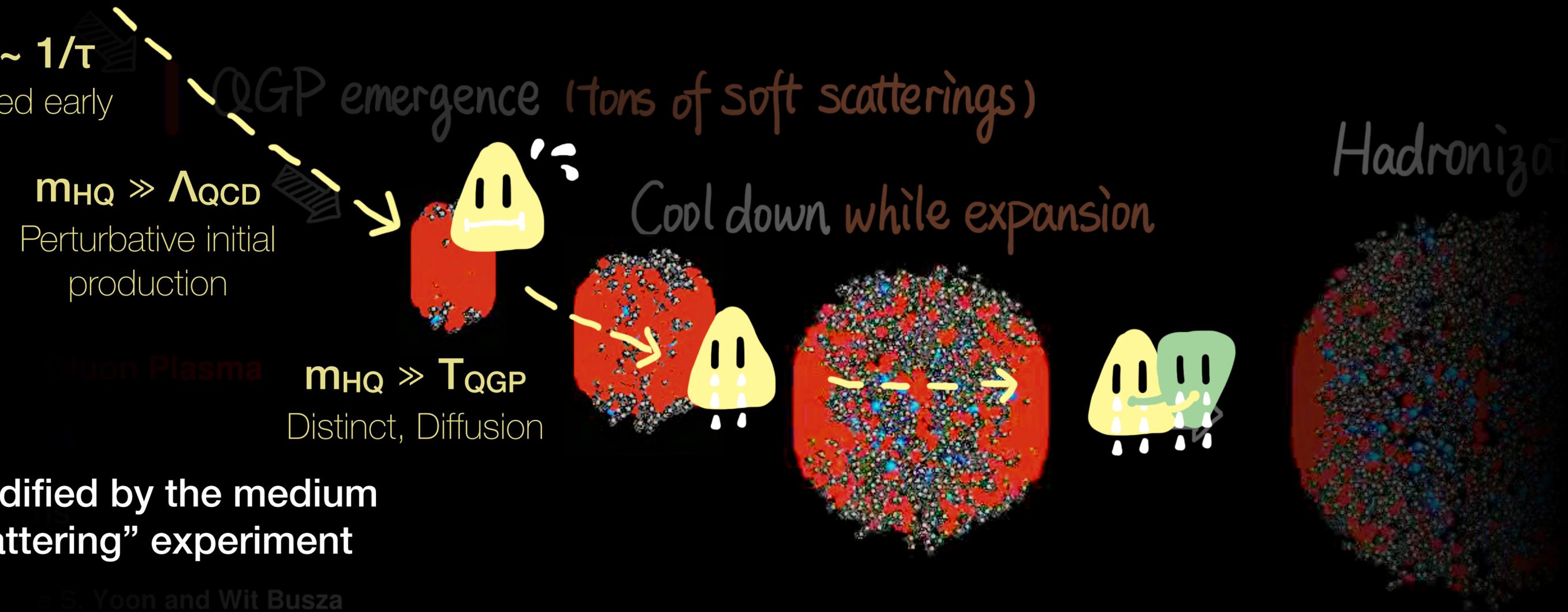
$m_{HQ} \sim 1/\tau$
Produced early

$m_{HQ} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
Perturbative initial production

Quark Plasma $m_{HQ} \gg T_{QGP}$
Distinct, Diffusion

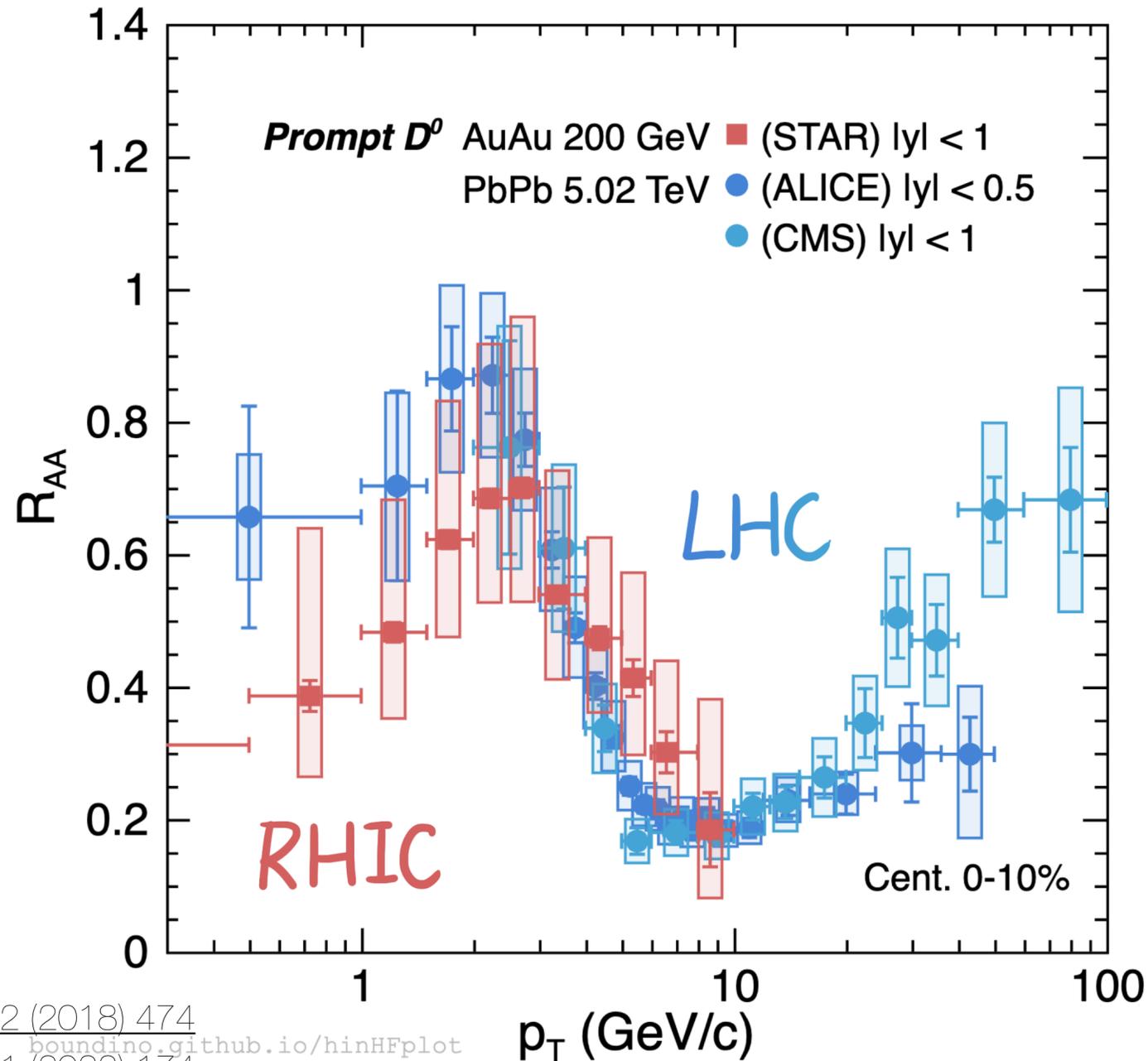
HQ modified by the medium
→ "Scattering" experiment

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Suppression of D Mesons

$D^0 R_{AA}$ in PbPb and AuAu



How are particle spectra changed in AA?

Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

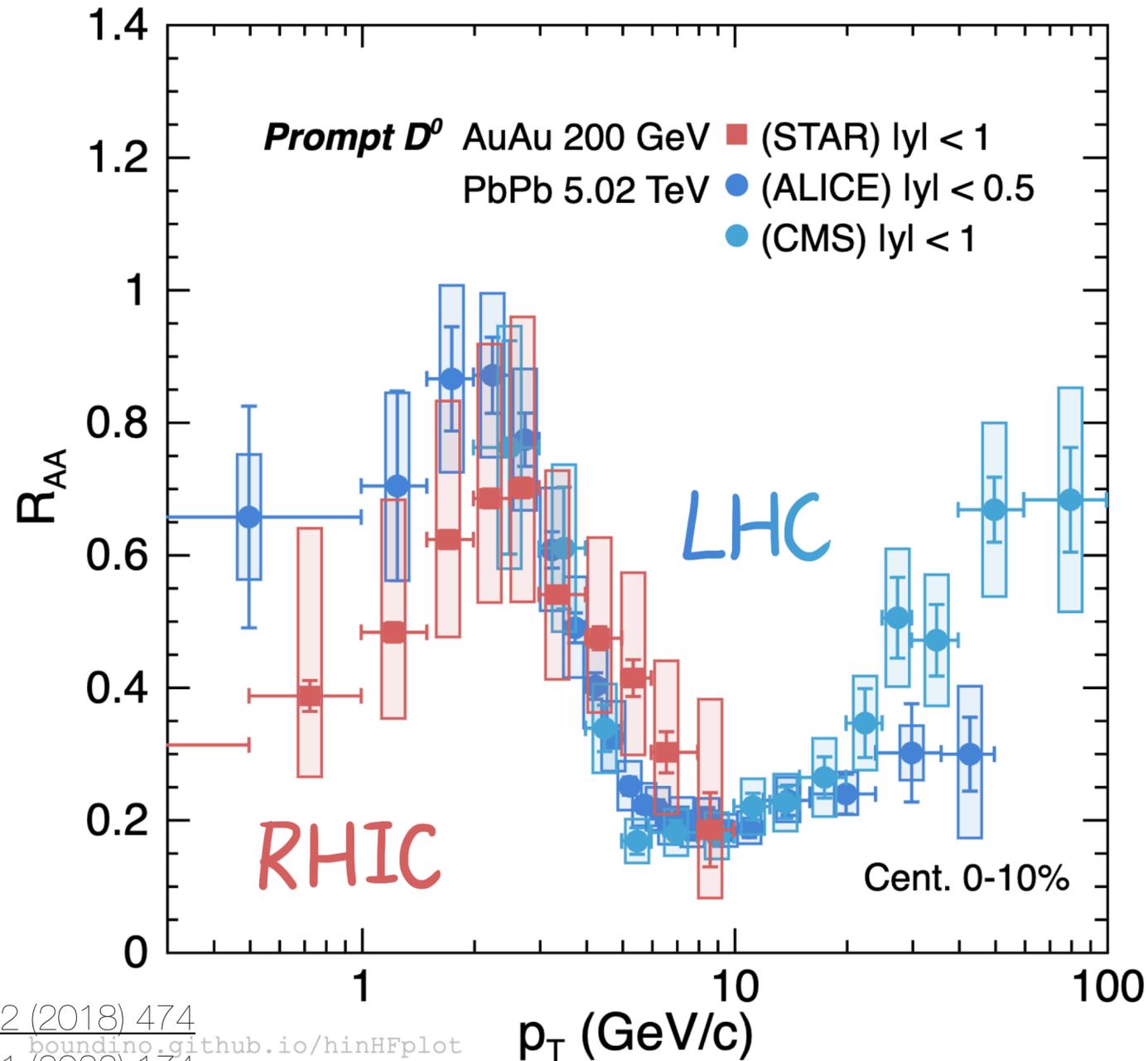
$R_{AA} = 1$: superposition of nucleon-nucleon collisions

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{T_{AA} d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

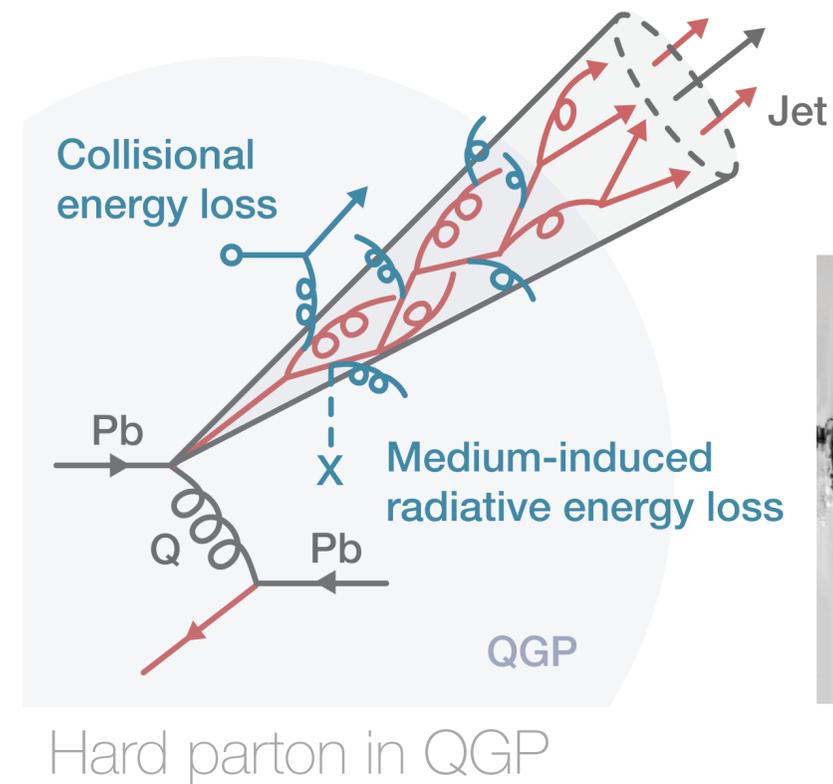
← Heavy-ion
← pp

Charm Quarks Lose Energy in QGP

$D^0 R_{AA}$ in PbPb and AuAu



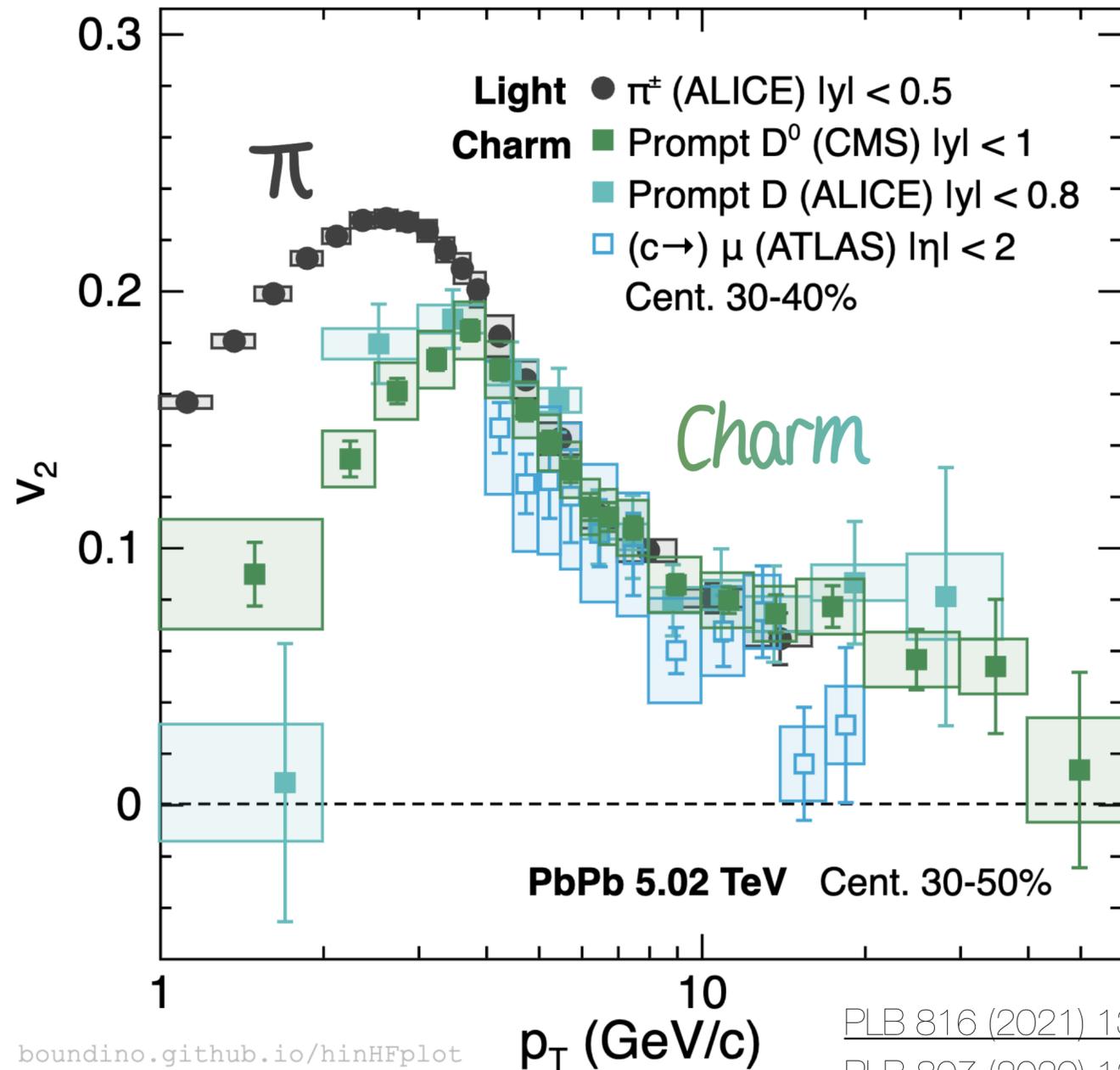
- $D^0 R_{AA} < 1$ in wide kinematics
 - Lose energy in QGP via collisions (low p_T) and radiations (high p_T)



Bullet in gelatin block

Charm Flow Signal in PbPb

Open charm v_2 in PbPb



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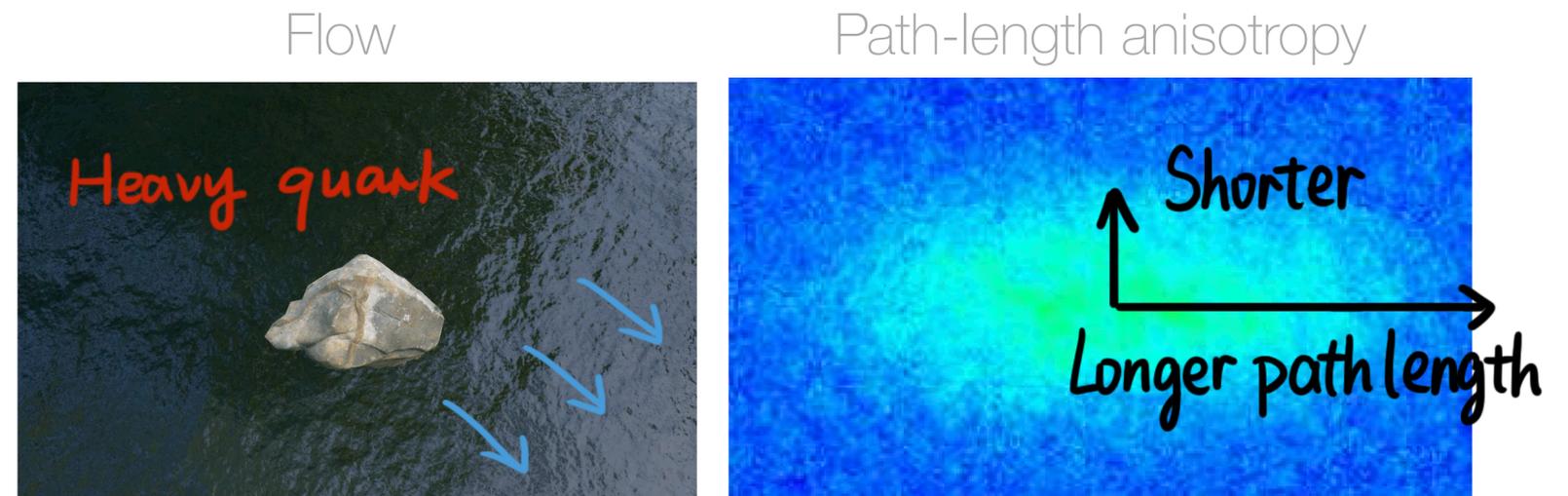
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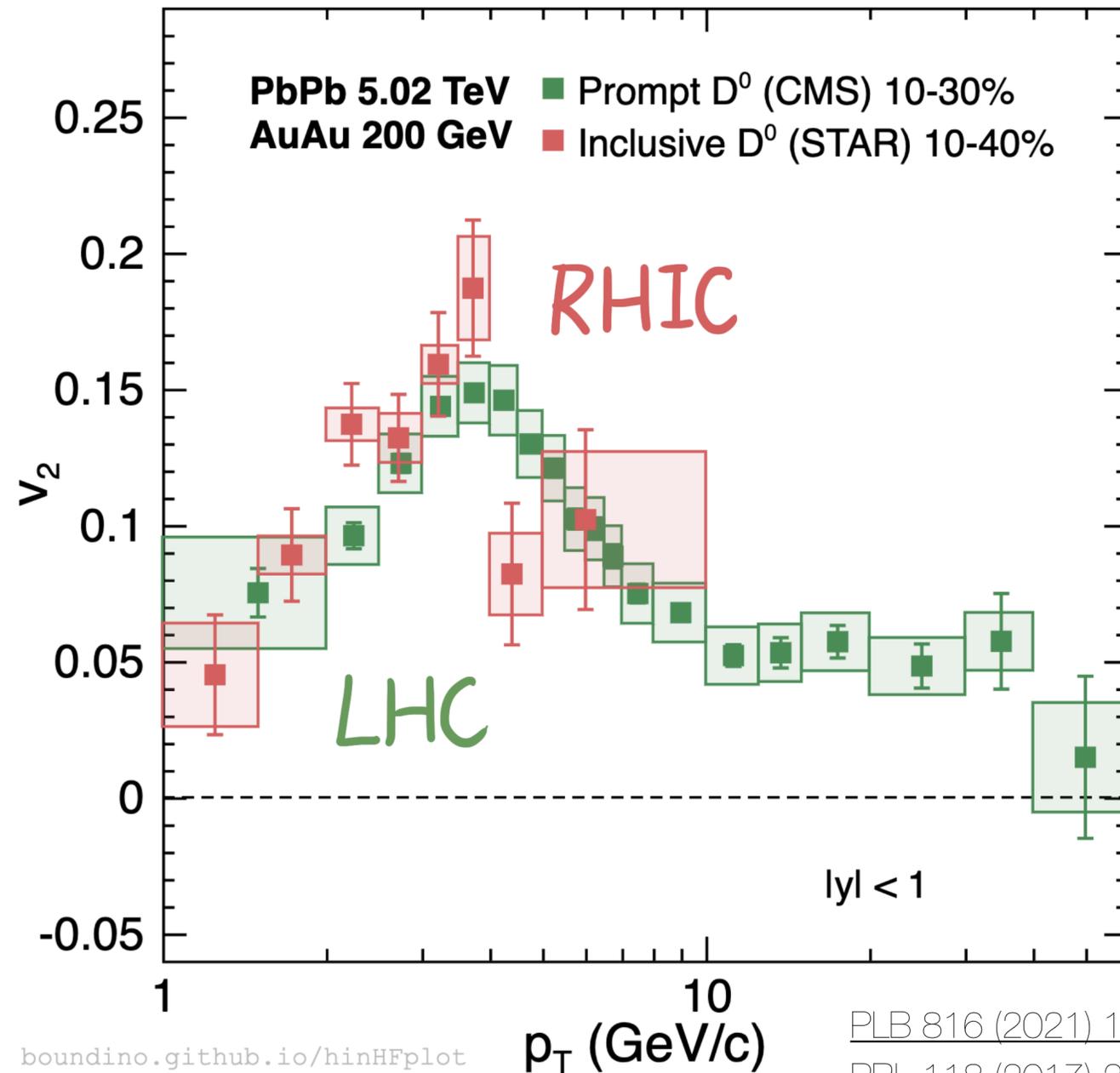
- Heavy flavor **flow signal** well-established
 - **Flavor hierarchy** at low p_T
 - Magnitude reflects thermalization degree

- Non-zero v_2 up to high p_T ~ 40 GeV
 - **Path-length dependence of energy loss**



Vary Medium: LHC vs. RHIC

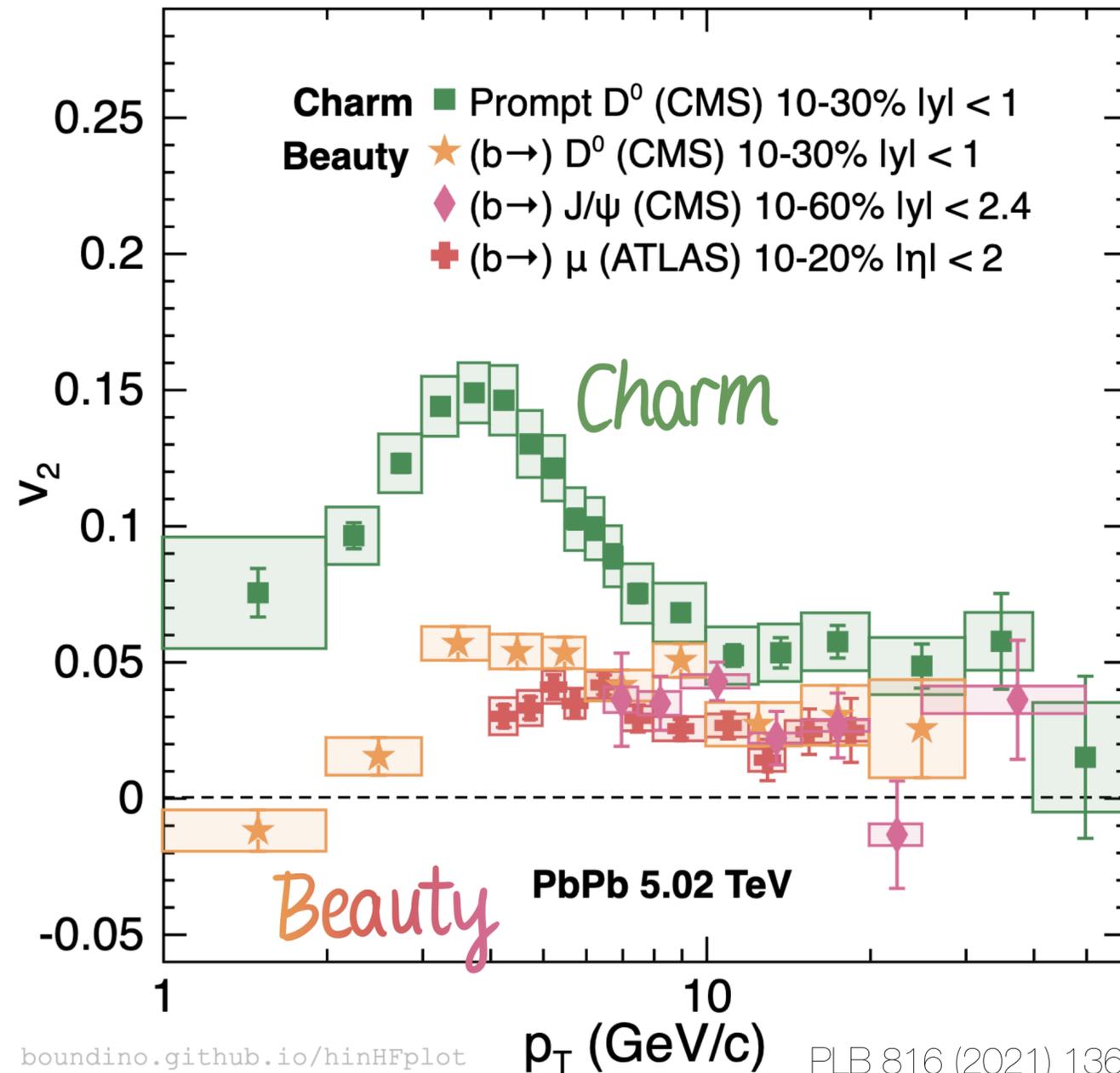
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 - Similar $D v_2 \rightarrow$ despite different T & size?
 - Decisive precision at sPHENIX

Beauty Flow Signal

Charm v_2 vs. Beauty v_2



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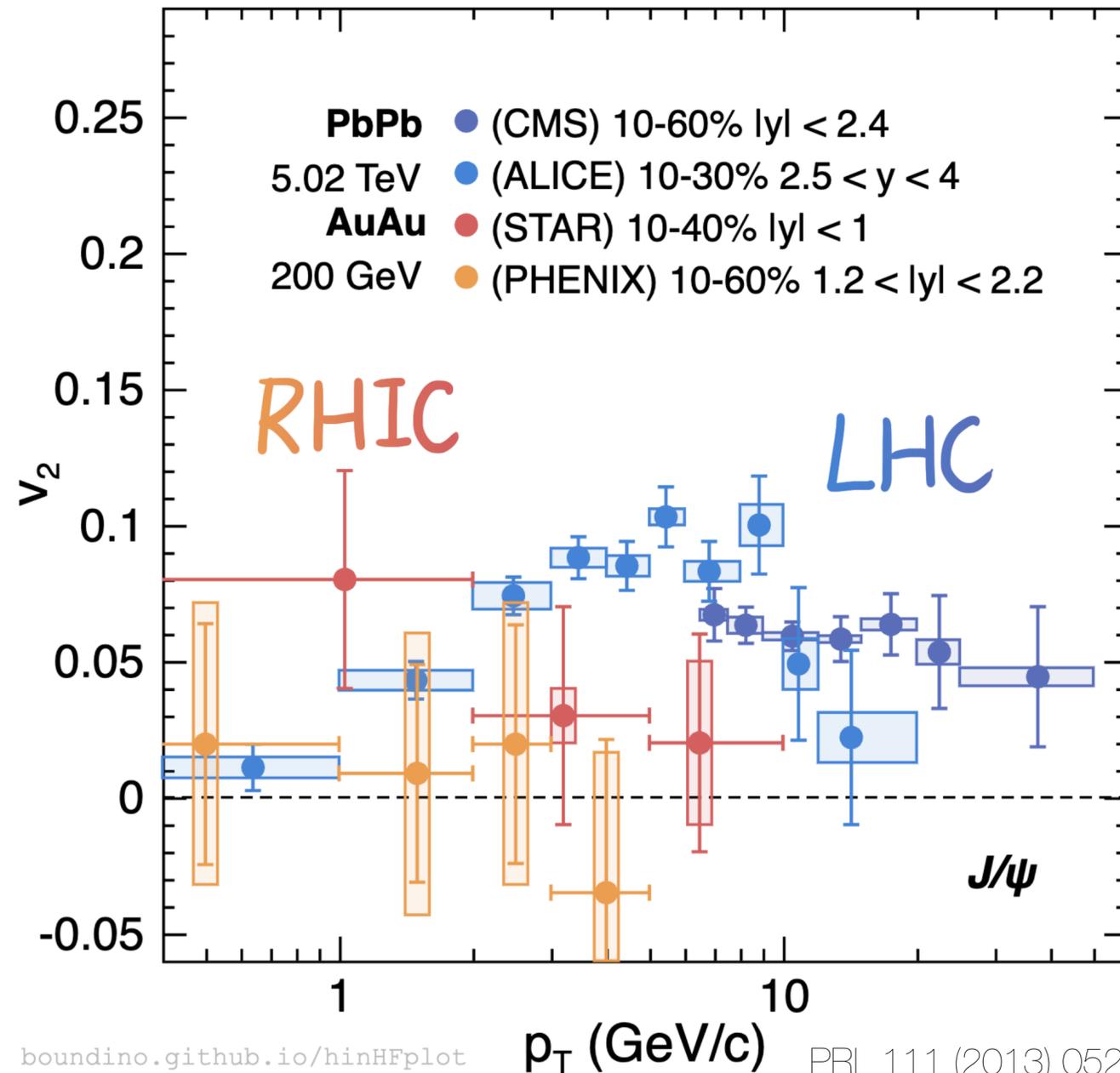
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J/ψ Flow Signal

J/ψ v_2 in PbPb vs. AuAu



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 - Path-length dependence of energy loss

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 - Eager for high precision beauty v_2 at RHIC
 - Hint of **zero v_2 of J/ψ at RHIC**

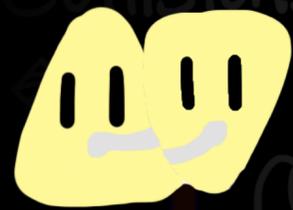
Quarkonia is a slightly different story...

Quarkonia: Bound States in Hot Medium

Heavy ion collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)

Primordial quarkonia

Collisions (the harder, the earlier)

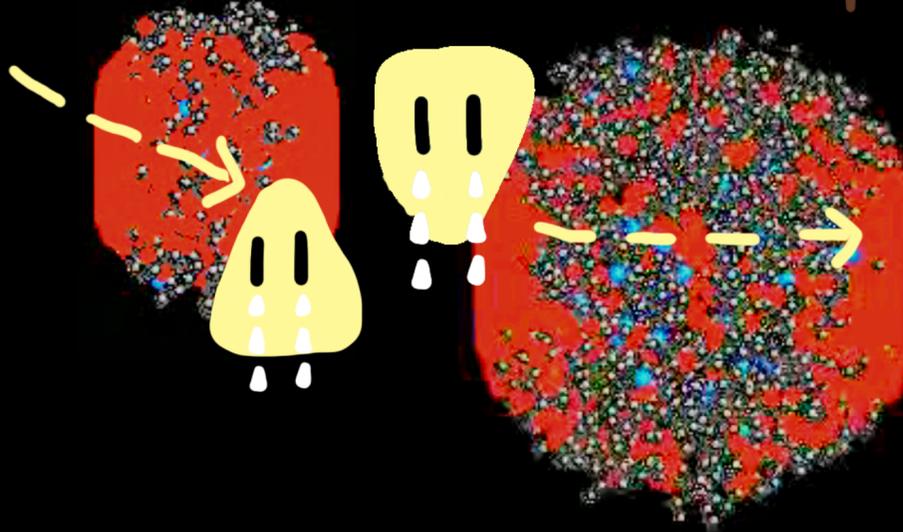


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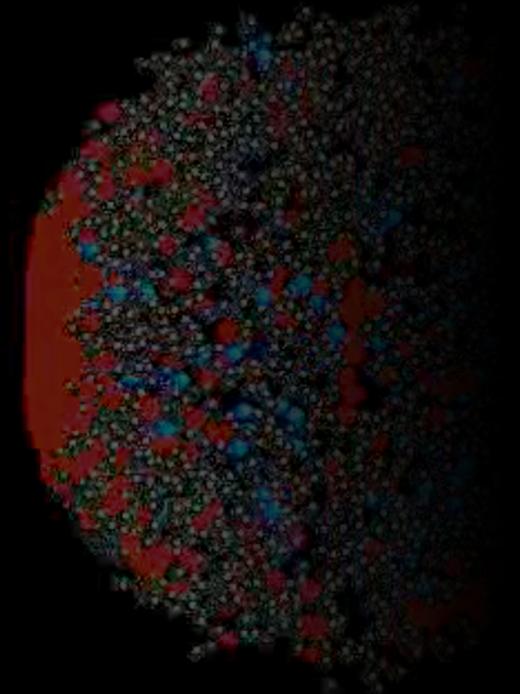


Quarkonium Plasma

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Hadronization

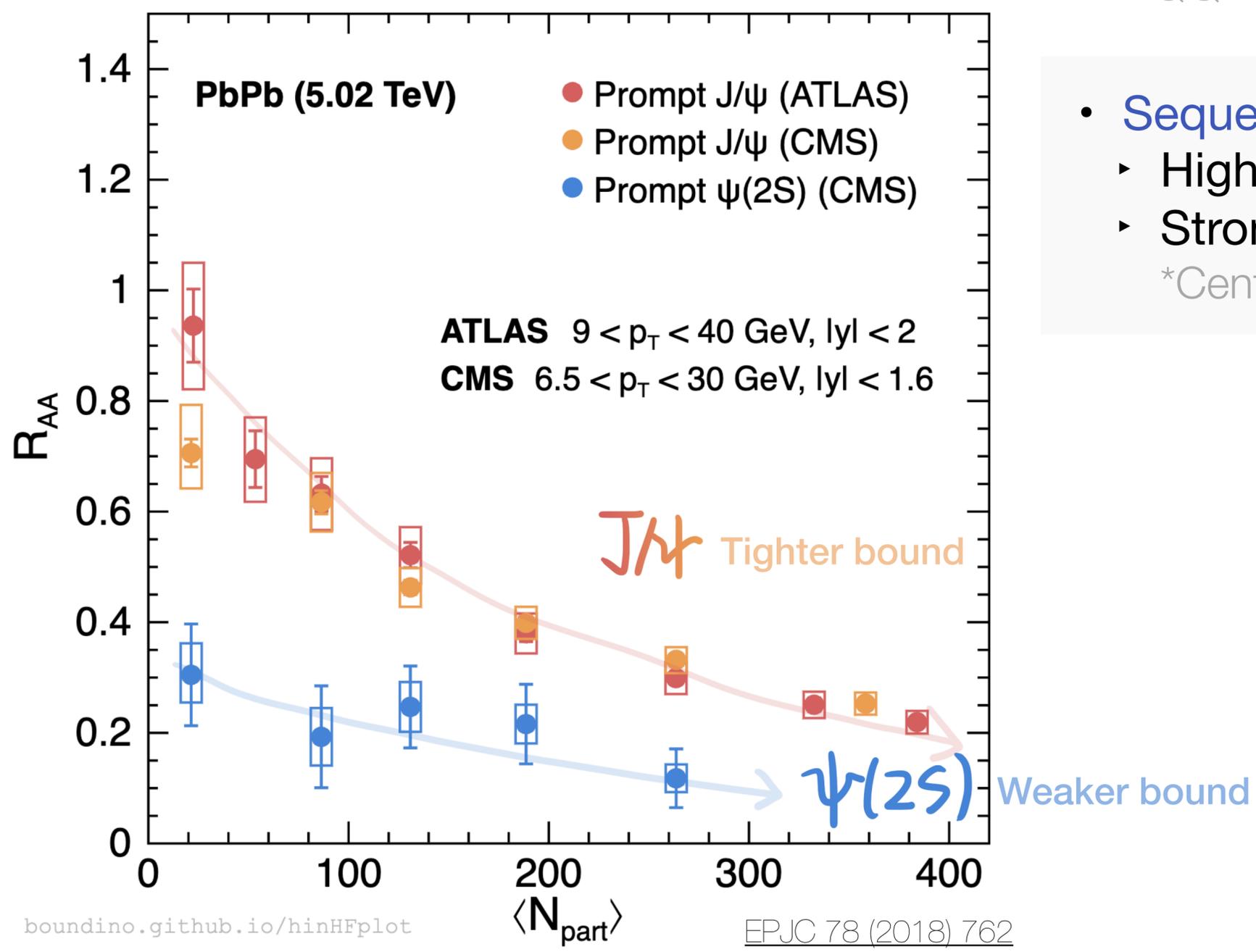


Naive dissociation picture of quarkonia in heavy-ion collisions

Should be sensitive to thermal property of the medium

Charmonia in QGP: Sequential Melting

J/ψ, ψ(2S) vs. centrality



Q \bar{Q} → Bound states of quark and its anti-quark

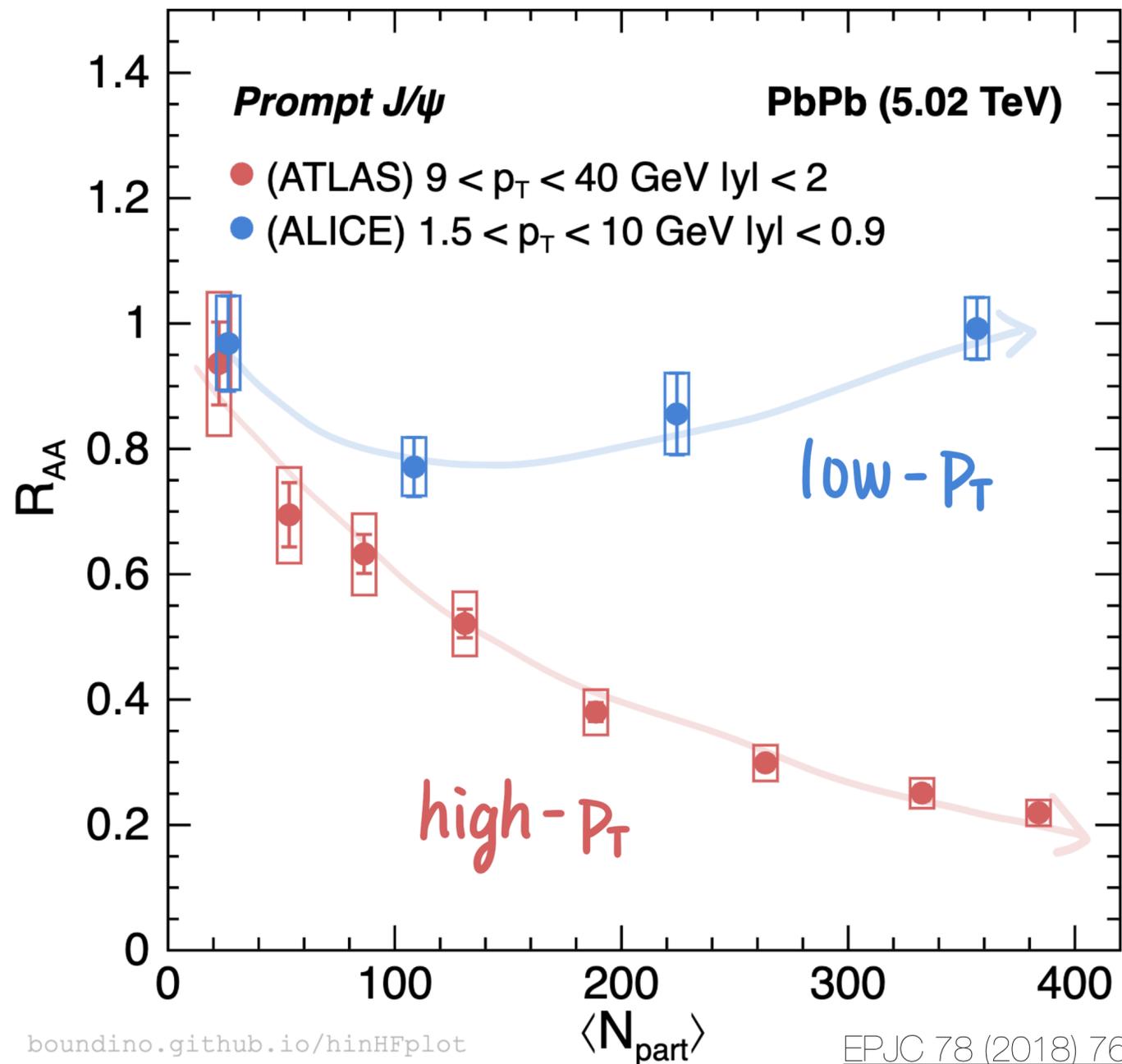
- **Sequential melting** → binding energy hierarchy
 - Higher temperature leads to smaller R_{AA}
 - Stronger suppression in **central** events → higher T
- *Central: large N_{part}

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Charmonia in QGP: Recombination

Low p_T vs. High p_T



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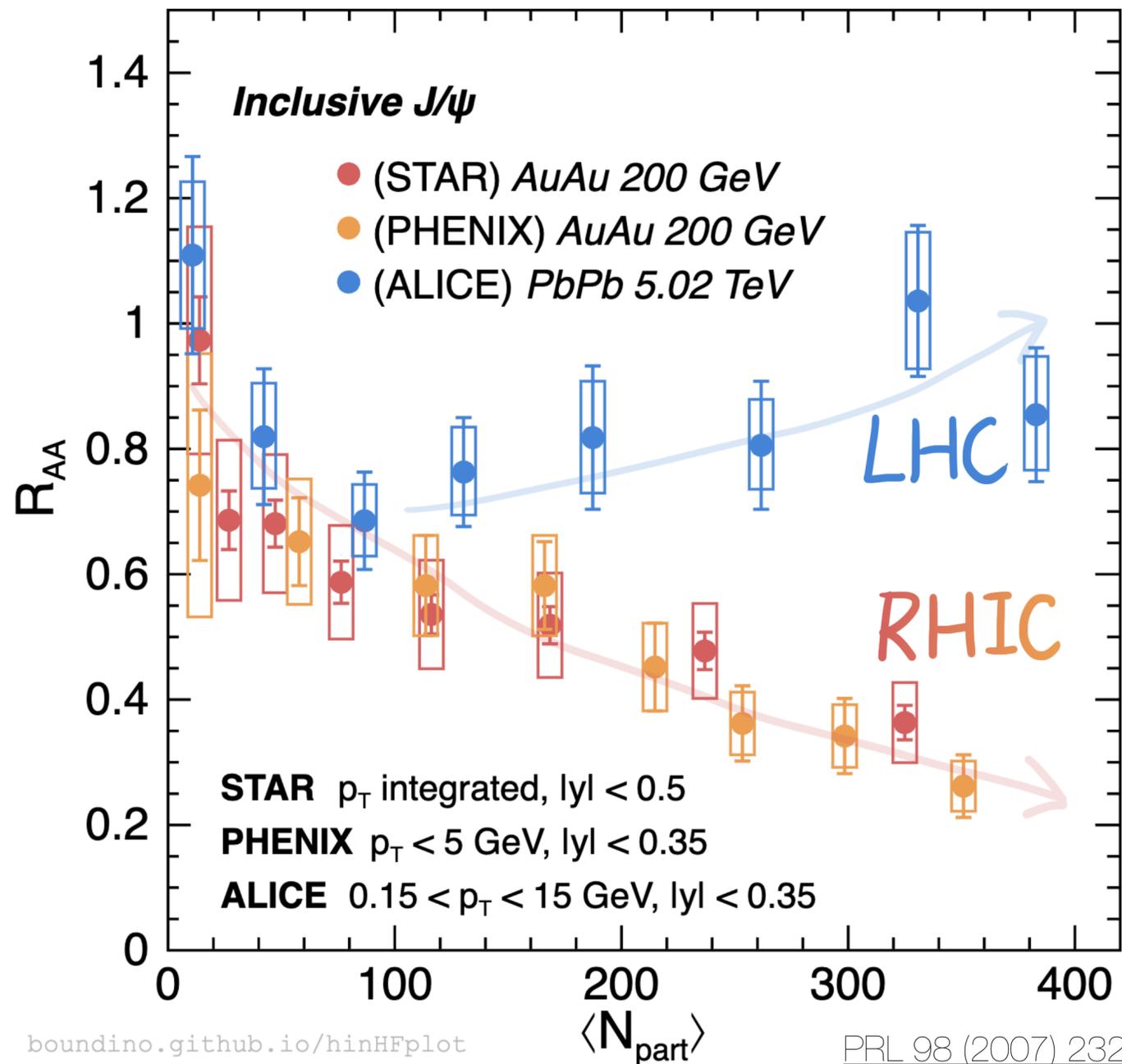
ALICE Preliminary

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- Recombination
 - Enhancement at low p_T in central events \rightarrow larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$
 - Uncorrelated $Q\bar{Q}$ in QGP regenerate quarkonia

Charmonia in QGP: Recombination

LHC vs. RHIC

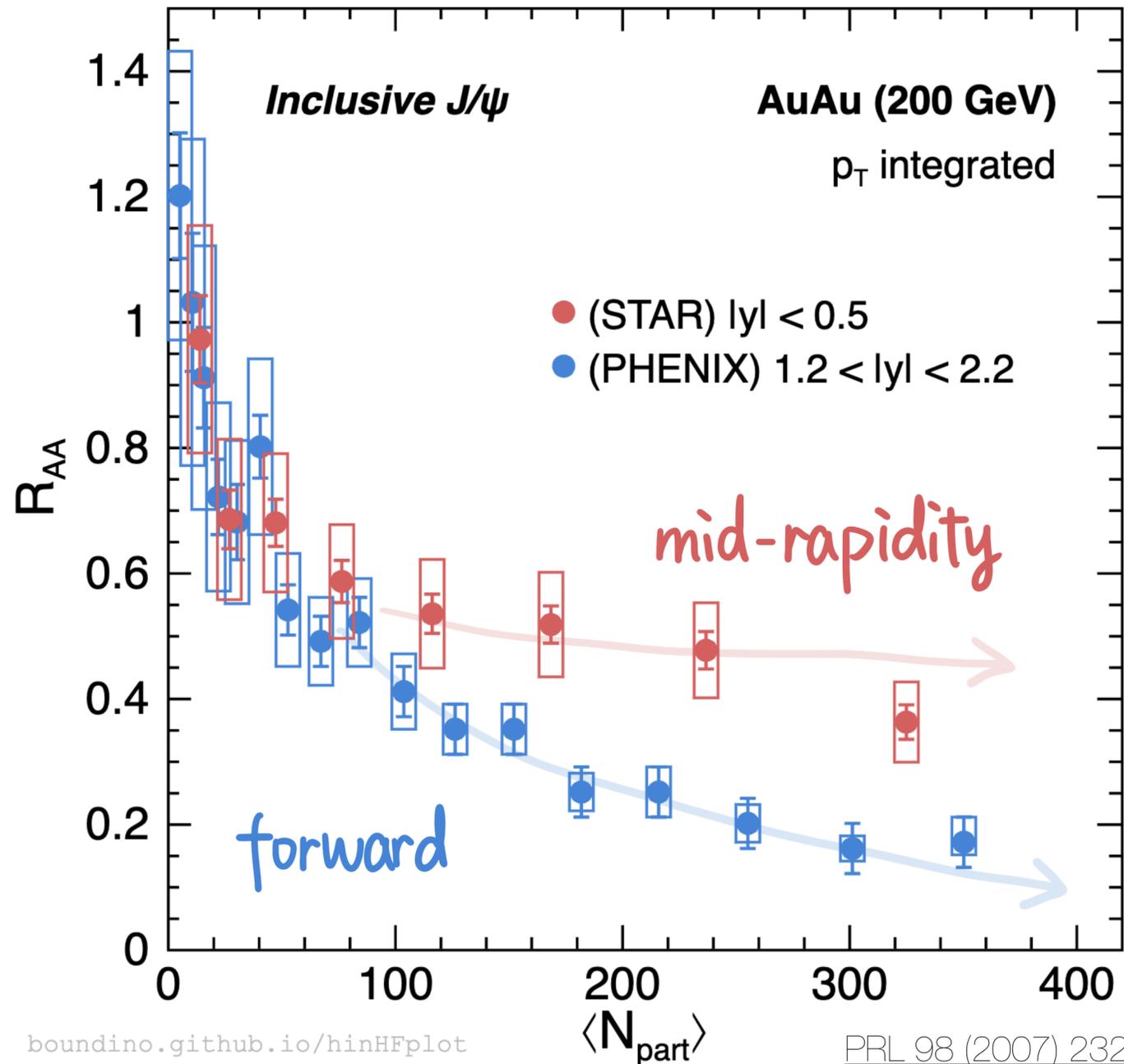


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Cold Nuclear Matter Effects

Mid-rapidity vs. Forward



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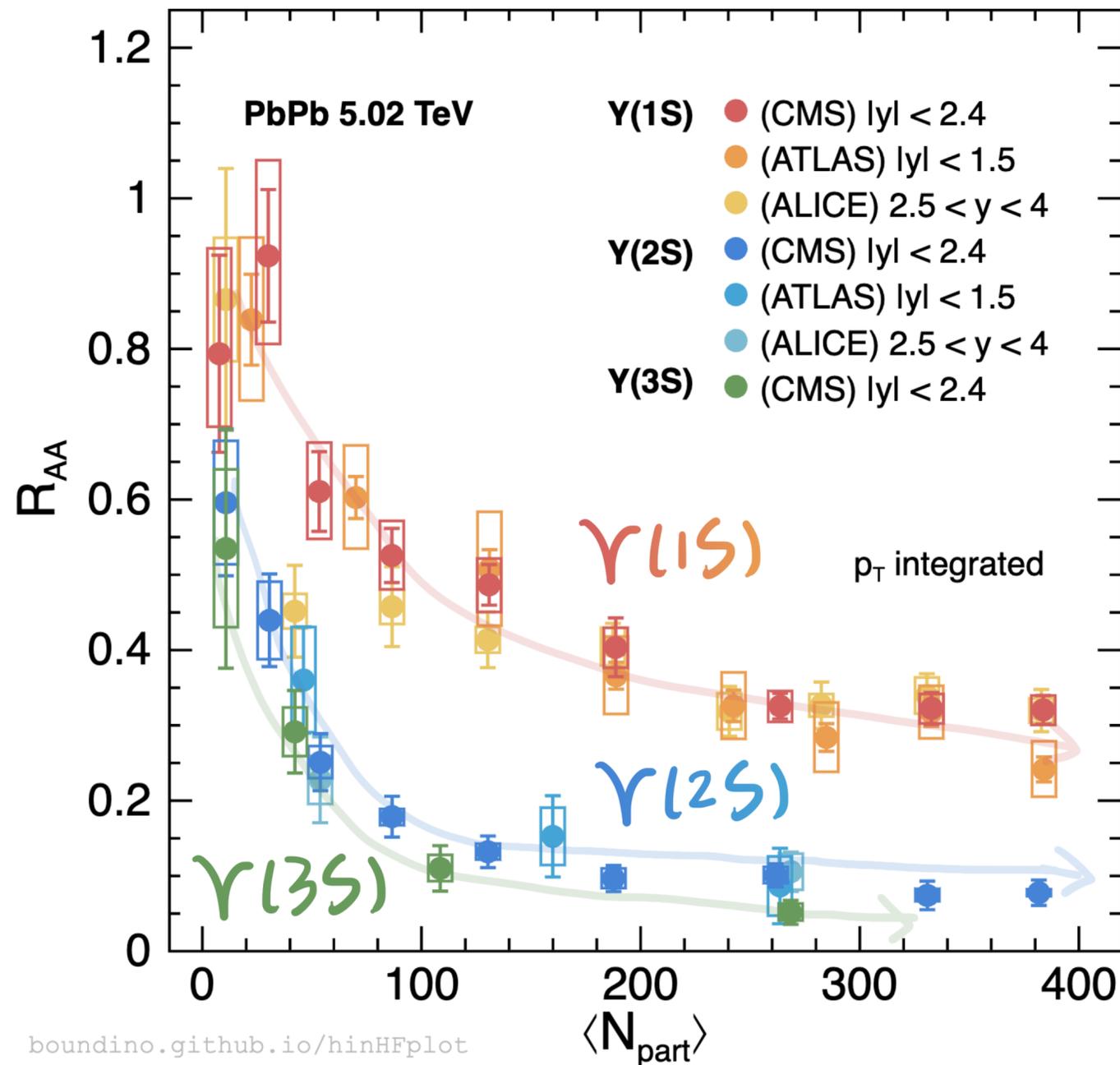
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- Cold nuclear matter effects
 - Comover breakup, nuclear absorption
 - Nuclear PDF
 - Initial coherent energy loss

*Not saying rapidity dependence is due to CNM

Bottomonia in QGP

Y(nS) vs. centrality



- First Y(3S) observation in heavy-ion collisions!
- Sequential suppression for Y(nS)
 - $Y(1S) > Y(2S) > Y(3S)$
 - Much weaker recombination for beauty

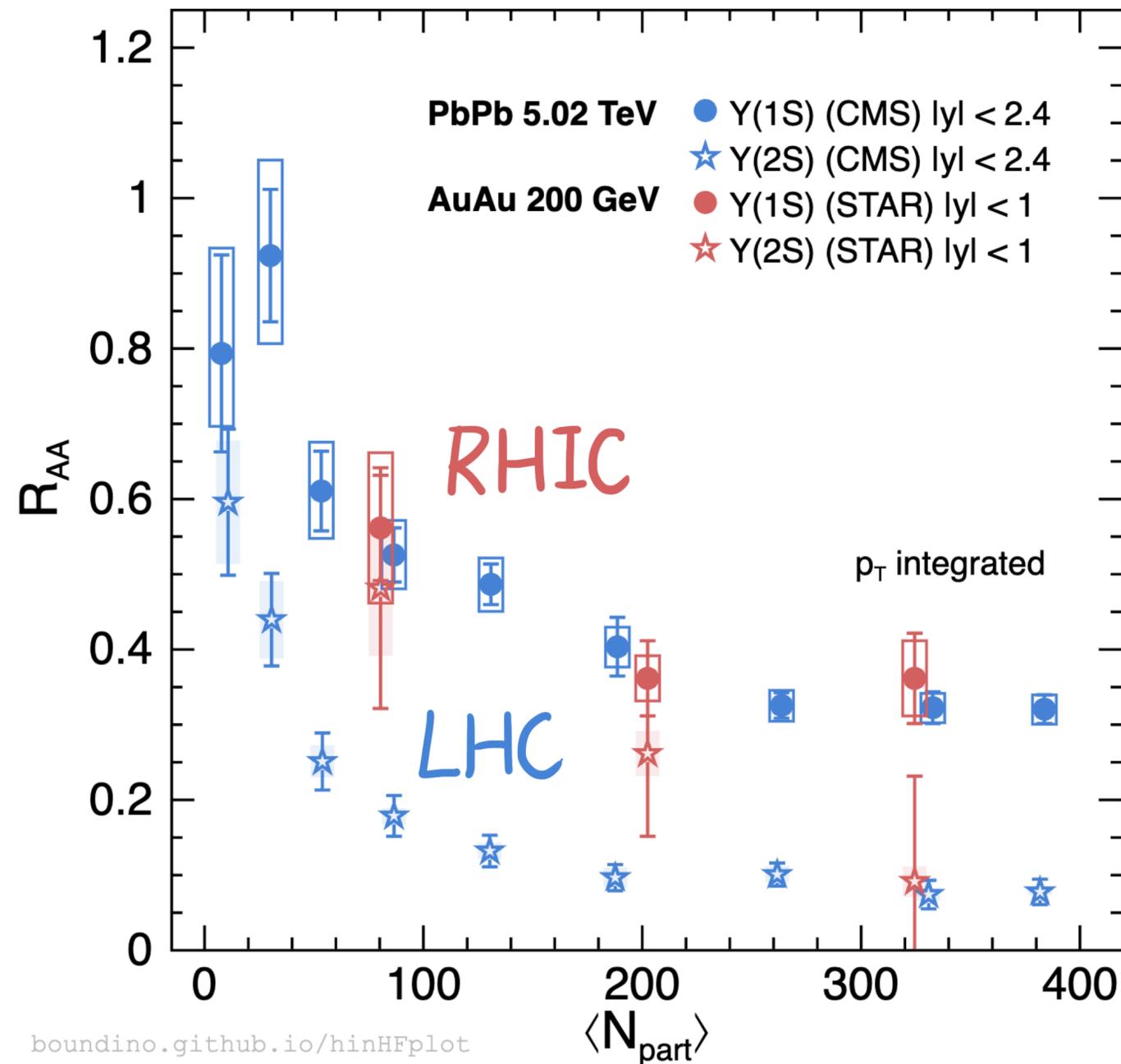
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Are We Happy With The Picture?

Y(nS) R_{AA} in PbPb vs. AuAu



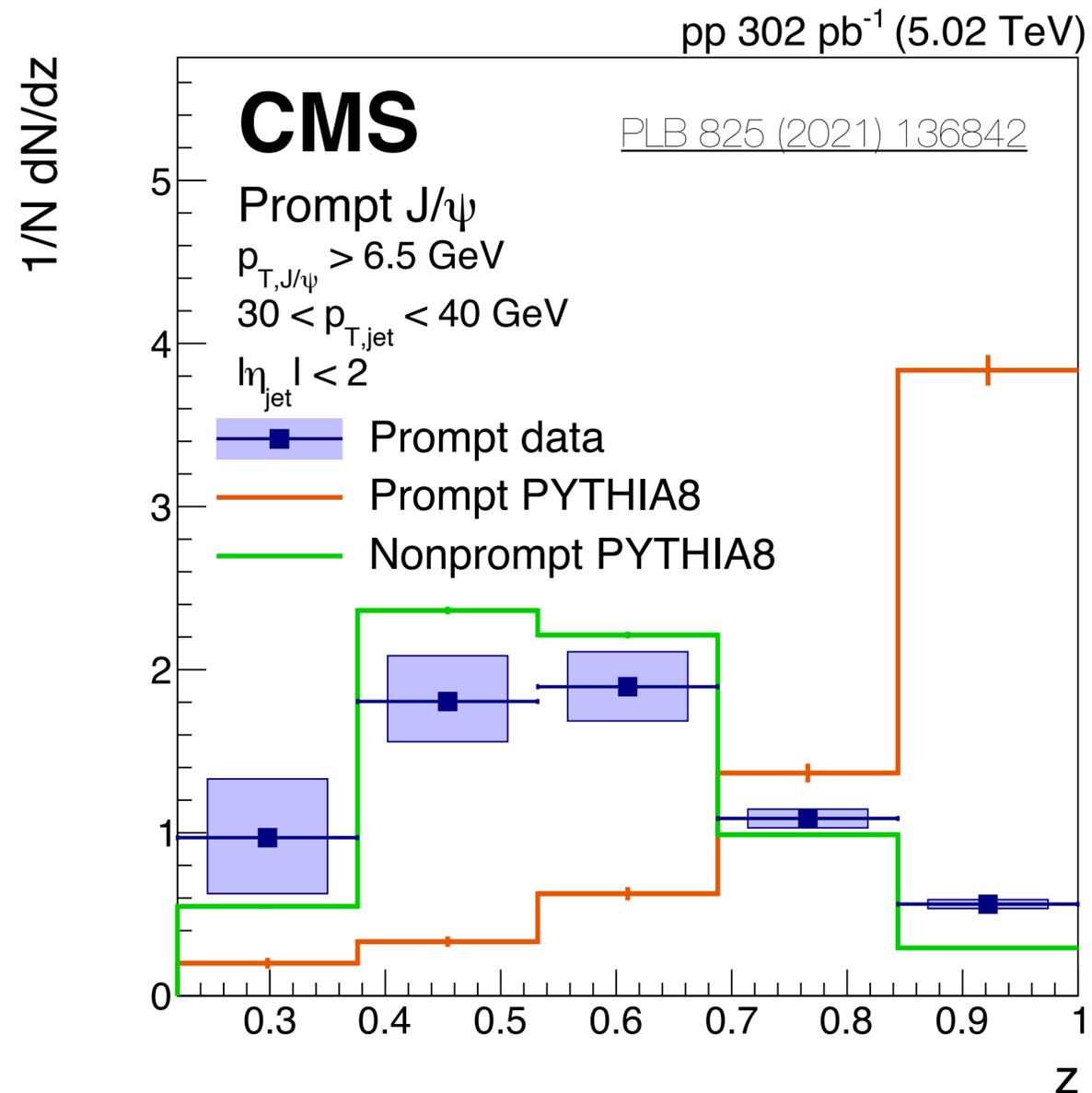
- Why are so similar Y(1S) R_{AA} at **RHIC and LHC**
 - Broken thermometer?
- Why R_{AA} doesn't decrease at **most central events**
 - Models with regeneration still don't describe that
- **Feed-down** contribution not well constrained

[PRL 130 \(2023\) 112301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.17026)

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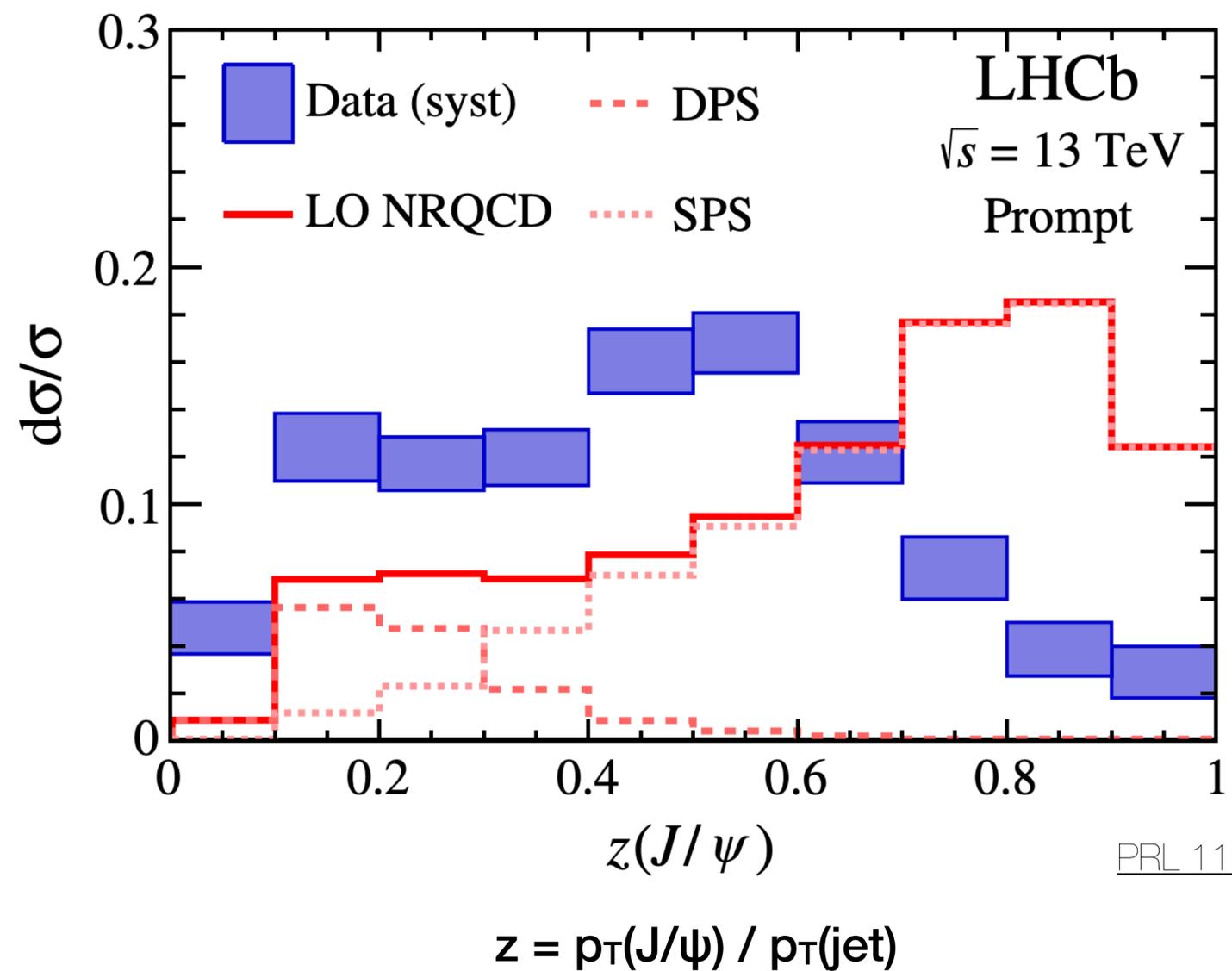
Revisit J/ψ Believed to be Primordial

- J/ψ have **more surrounding jet activities** than (model) **expected** in pp



Production from
jet shower

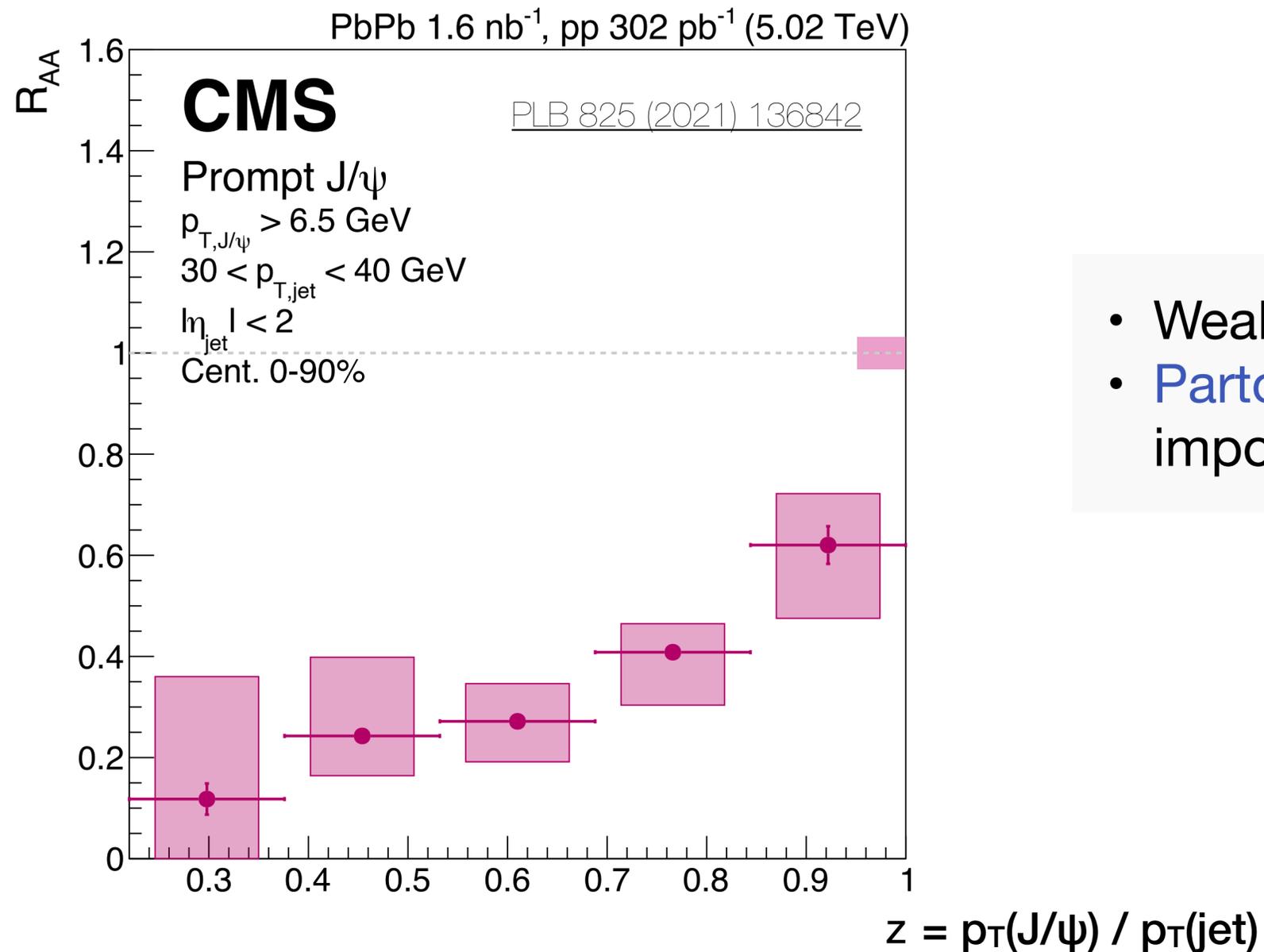
Early production in
dissociation picture





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J/ψ suppression in PbPb vs. z



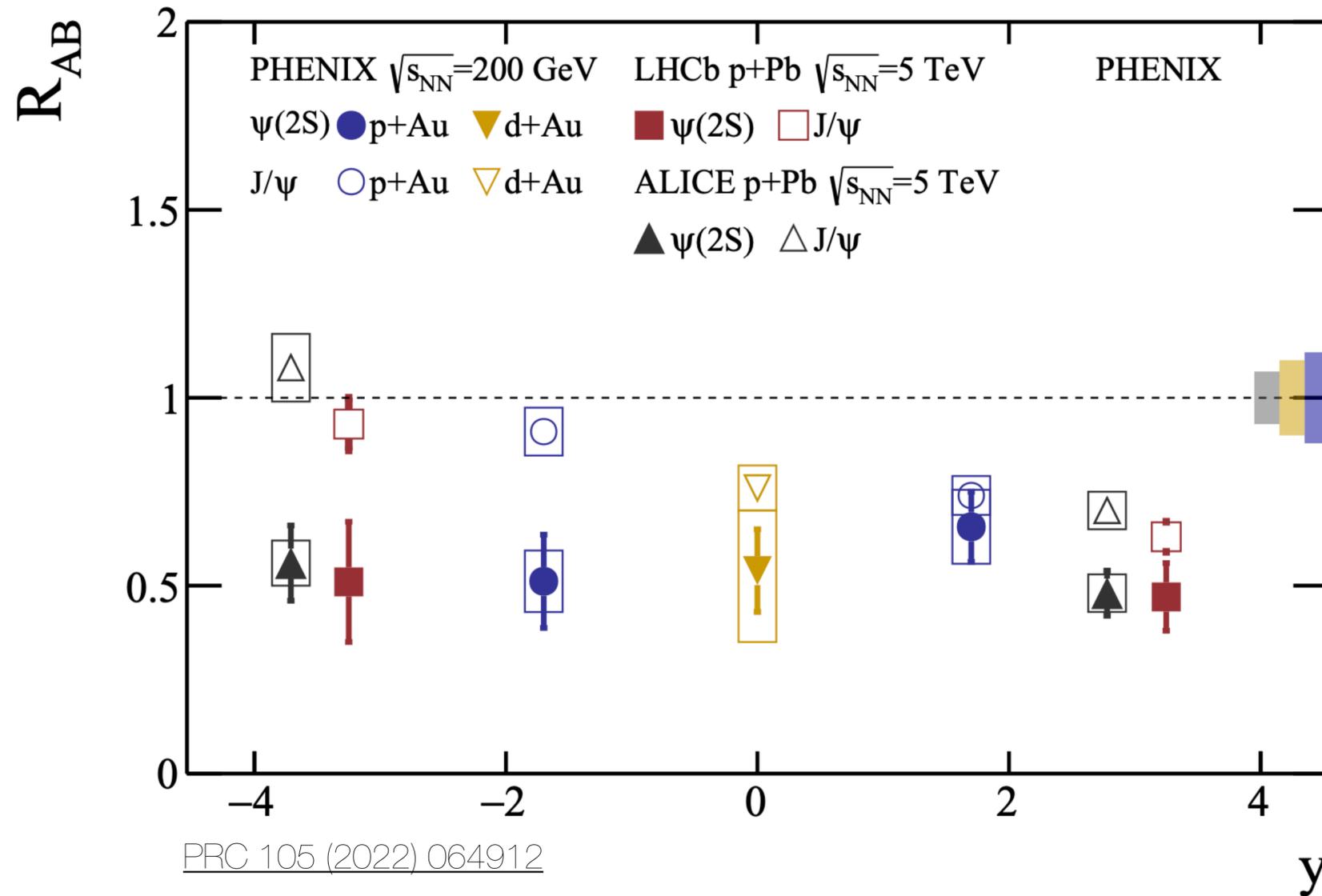
Dissociation +
parton energy loss

Dissociation

- Weaker suppression for isolated J/ψ
- **Parton energy loss** may play a more important role than expected

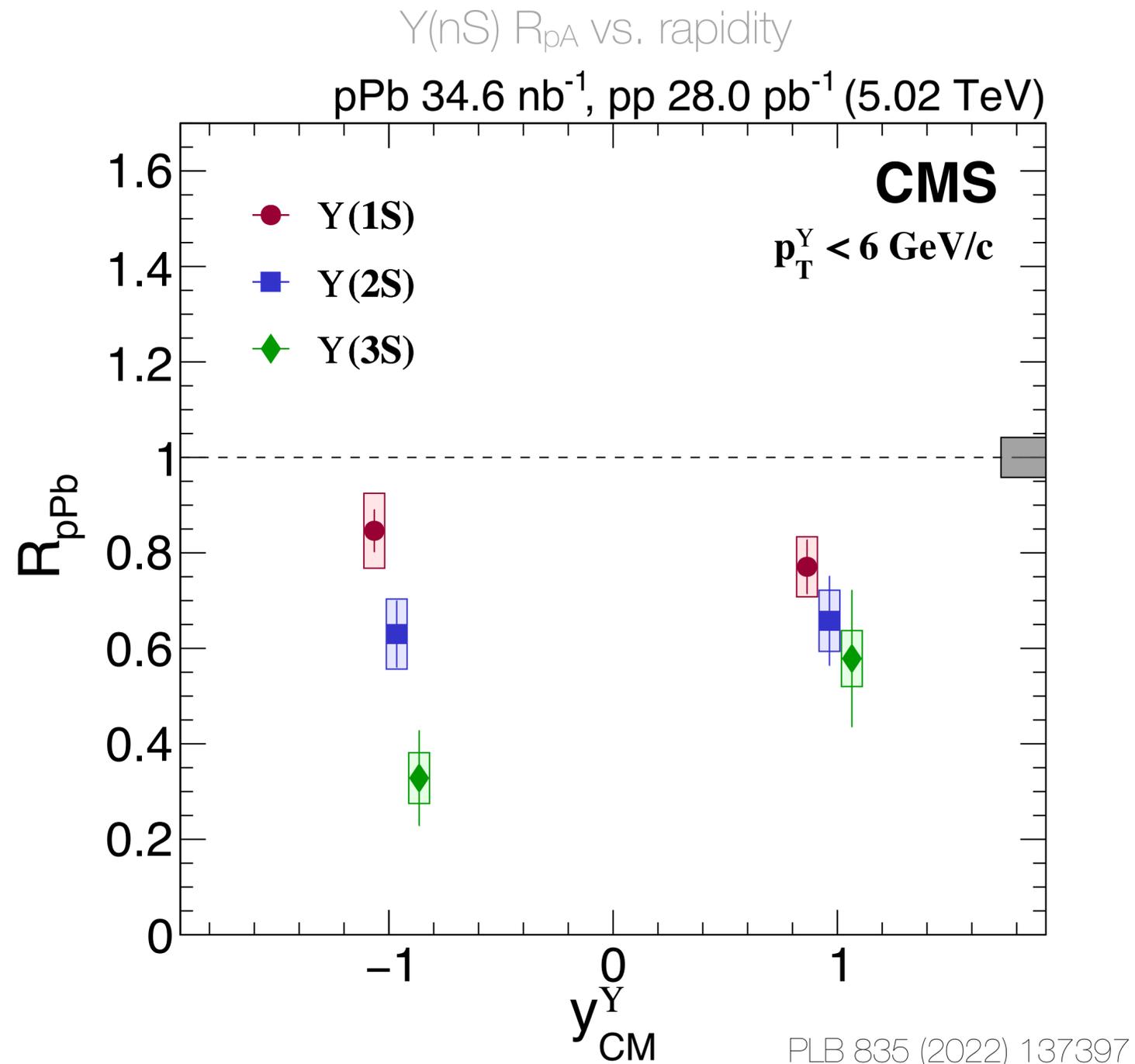
Charmonium Sequential Suppression in pA

R_{pA} vs. rapidity: J/ψ vs. $\psi(2S)$



- Initial state effects
 - Suppression of J/ψ
 - Nuclear PDF
 - Initial coherent energy loss
- Final state effects
 - Stronger suppression of $\psi(2S)$
 - Comover breakup
 - Nuclear absorption
 - Medium?

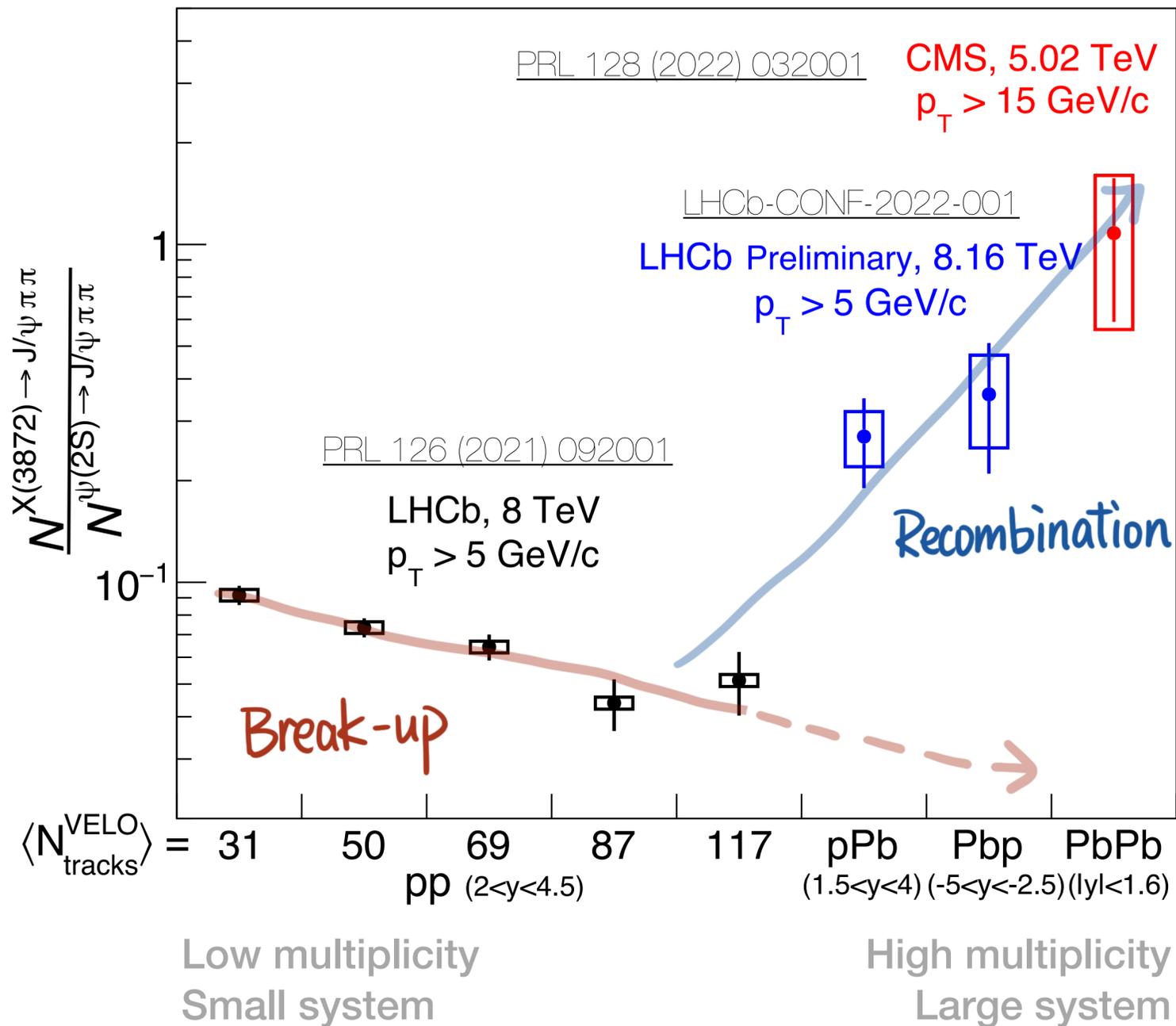
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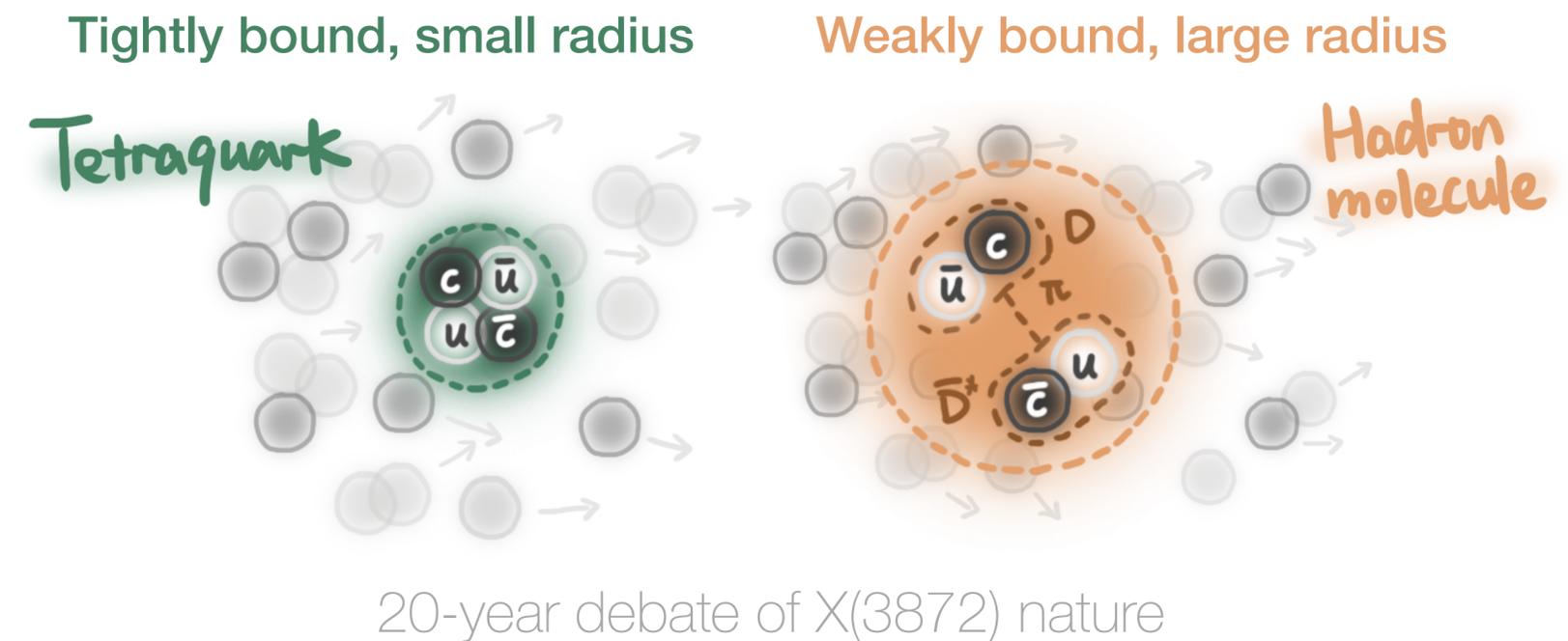
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An Application: Probe Structure of X(3872)

X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ in Different color density environment

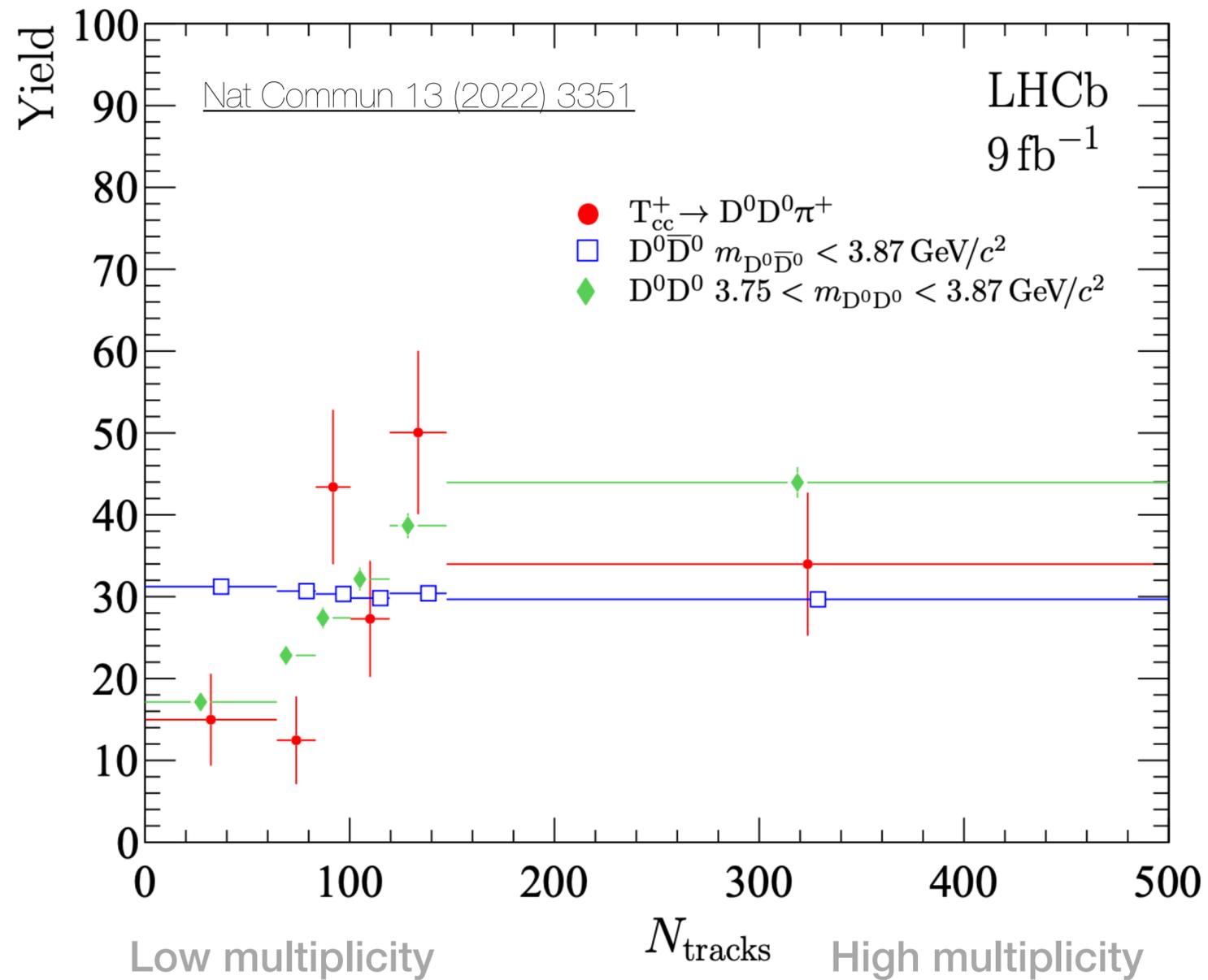


- **Destroyed** by interactions with comovers
- Production via **recombination**
- Its response in color dense environment tells the inner structures



T_{cc} in High Color Density Environment

T_{cc} yield vs. multiplicity in pp



- Similar idea applied on another exotic T_{cc}
- No suppression in high multiplicity
 - Different response as X(3872) to the color dense environment

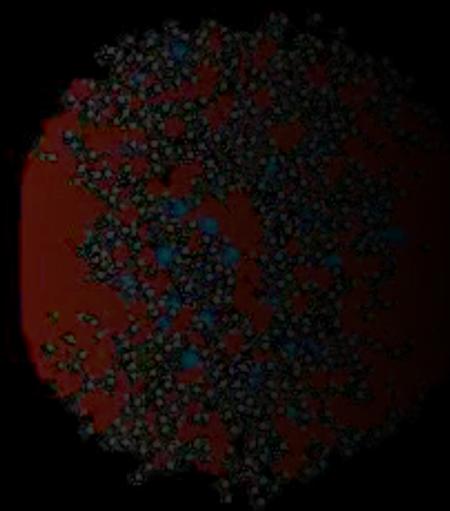
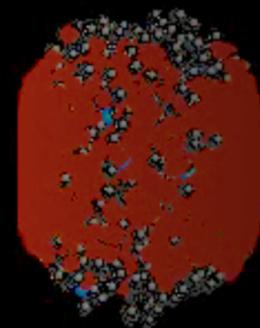
Medium is Dynamic: Initial State

|| Before collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)

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↘ Cool down while expanding



● Quark Gluon Plasma

● Baryons

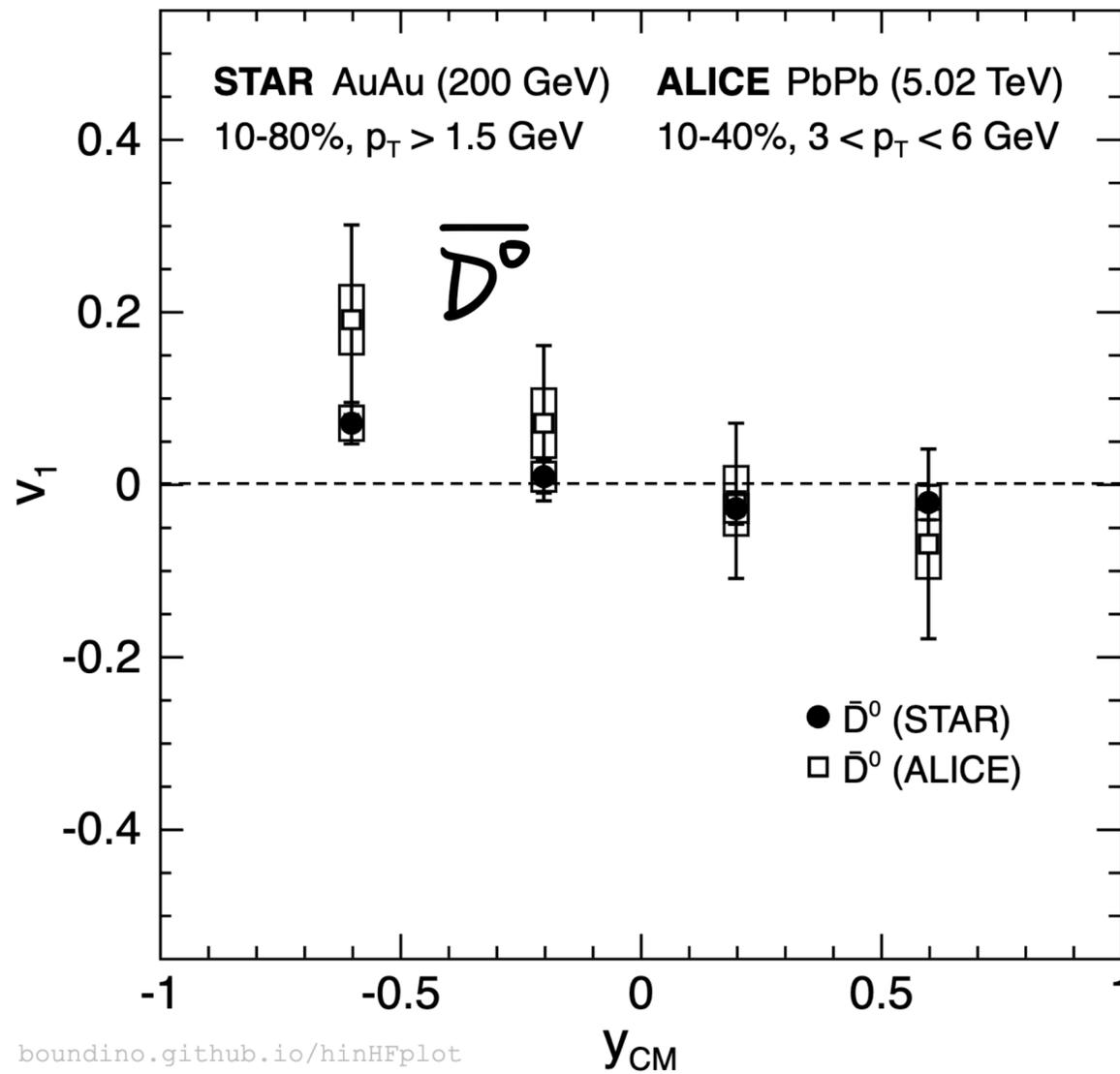
● Mesons

What is the nuclear matter like before expansion?

Important input to models

Directed Flow v_1 : Tilt of Medium

v_1 vs. y in PbPb, AuAu

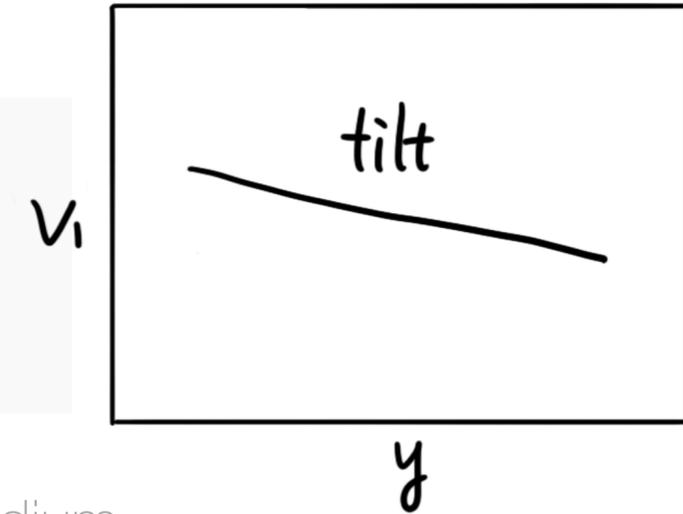


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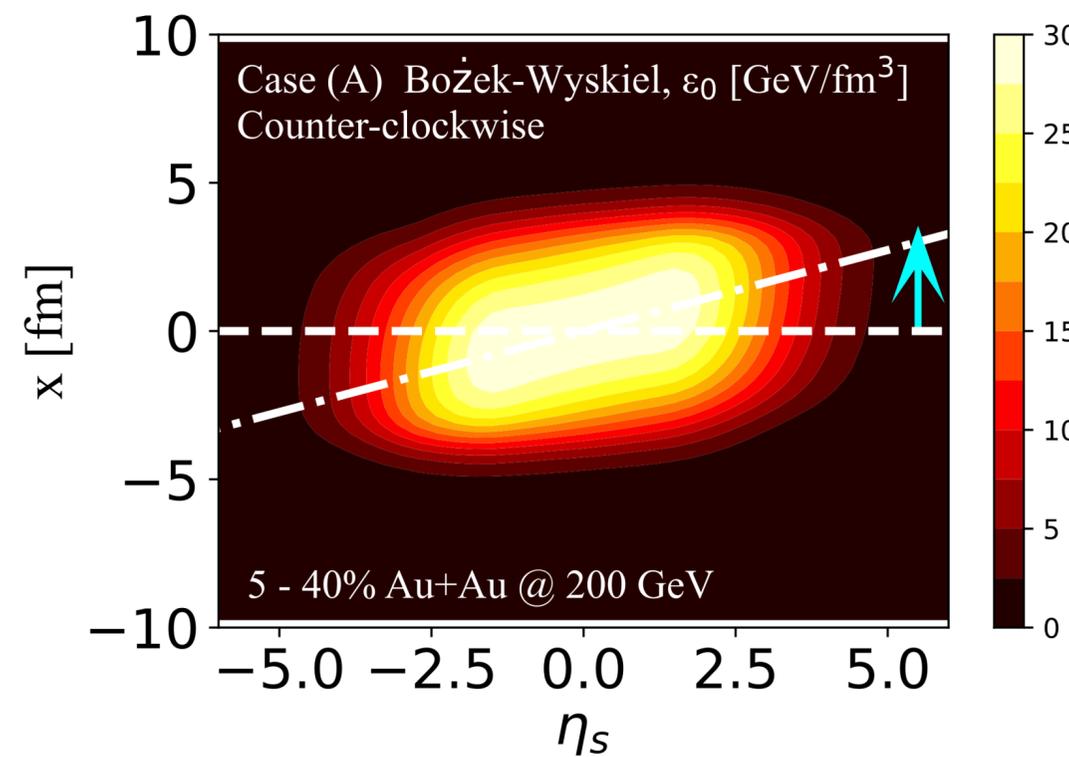
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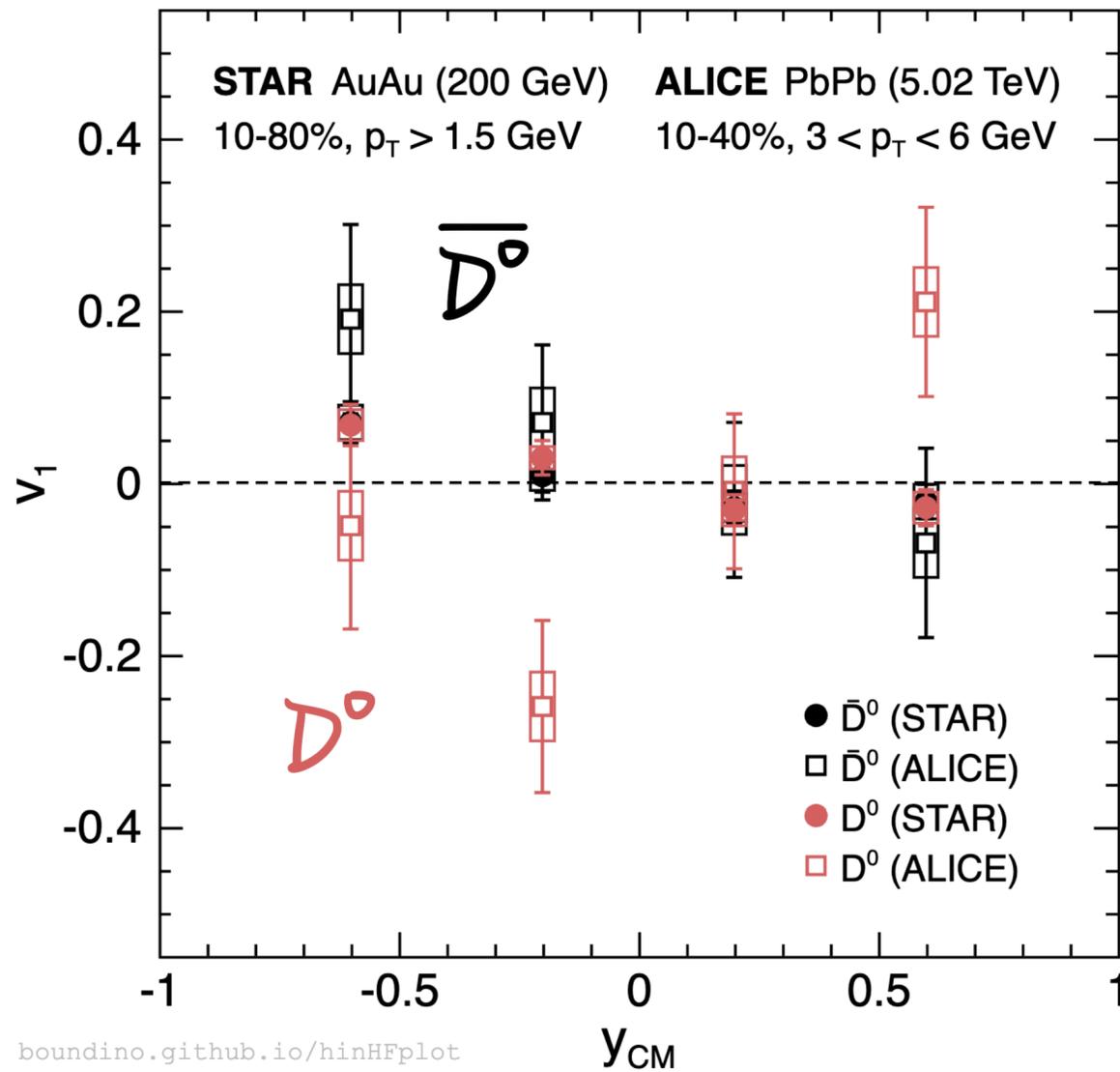
Counter clockwise tilt of the medium



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Directed Flow v_1 : Strong EM Field

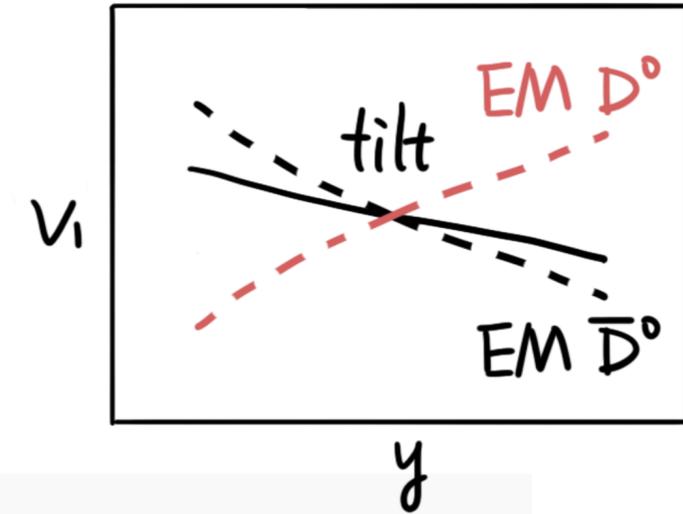
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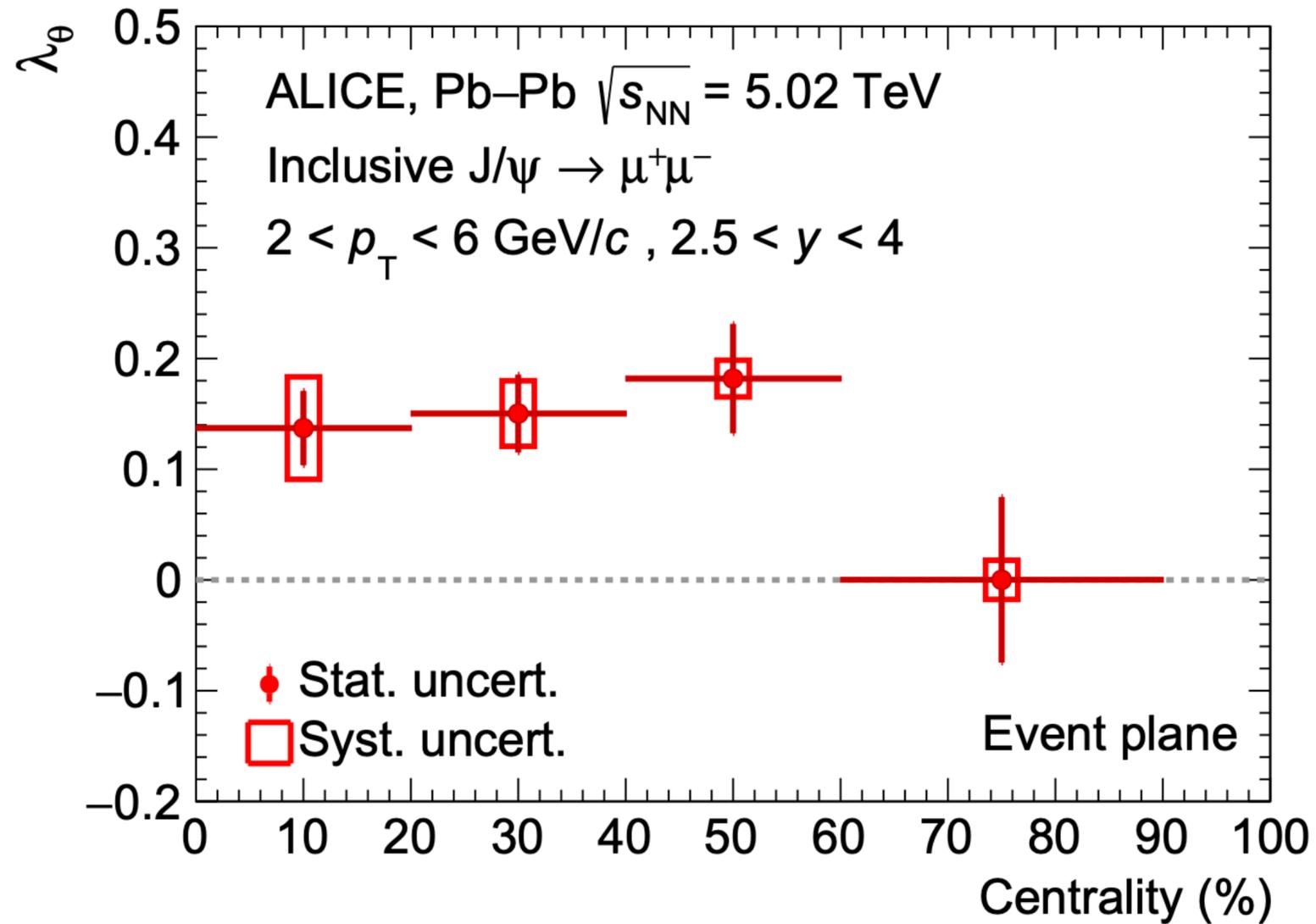


- Strong **EM field** emerges at early stage
 - Decays quickly \rightarrow unique chance for heavy flavors
 - \rightarrow Split v_1 of c and \bar{c} \rightarrow non-zero (rapidity-dep) Δv_1

- Difference b/w **LHC and RHIC** for Δv_1
 - Possibly different effect dominates

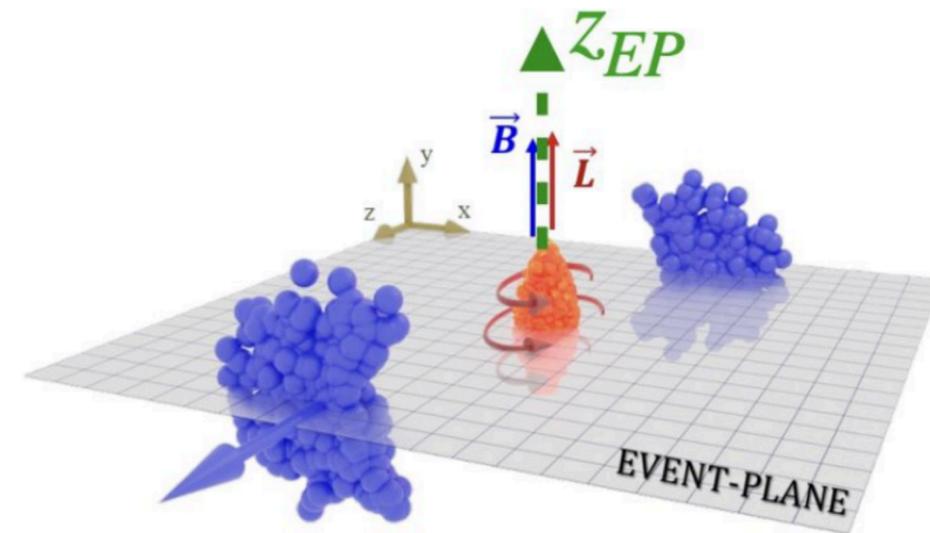
J/ψ Polarization: Initial B Field & Rotation

J/ψ Polarization



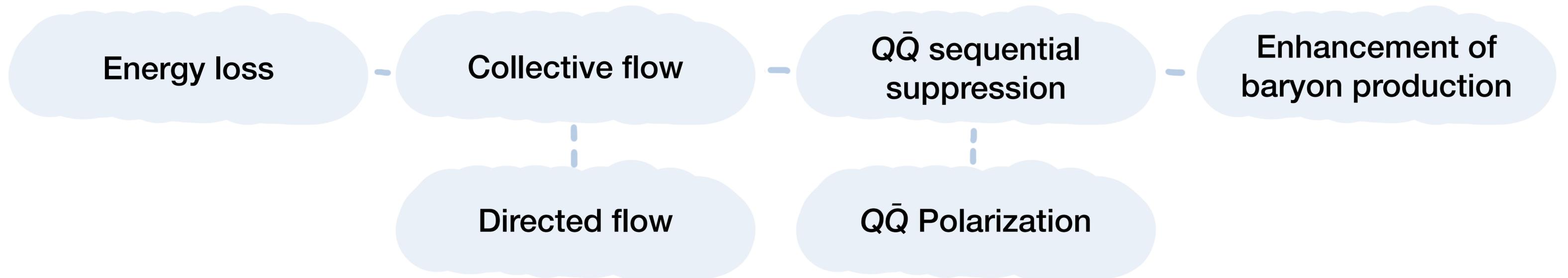
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- $\lambda_\theta > 0 \rightarrow$ **Transverse polarization** in the direction perpendicular to the **reaction plane**
 - \rightarrow connected with
 - Strong **magnetic field**
 - **Rotation** at early stage via spin-orbit coupling



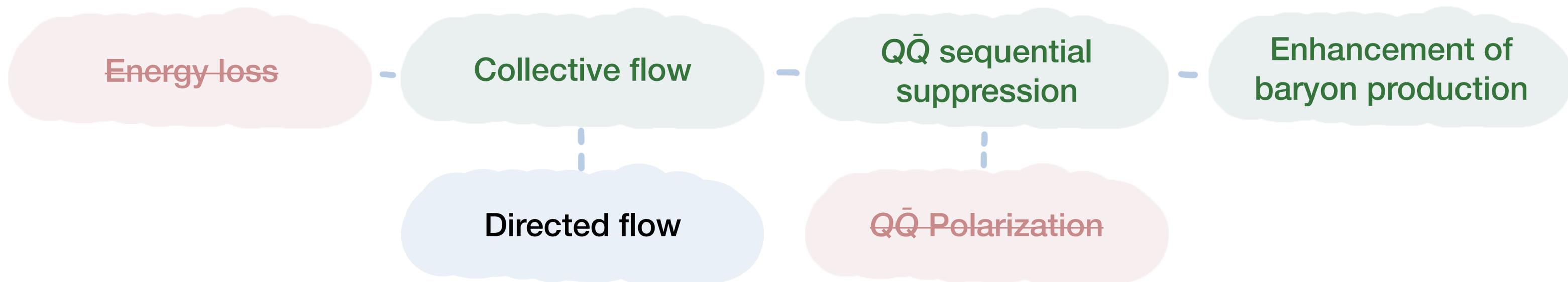
Being Hot Matters

Many interesting heavy flavor behaviors driven by existence of QGP!

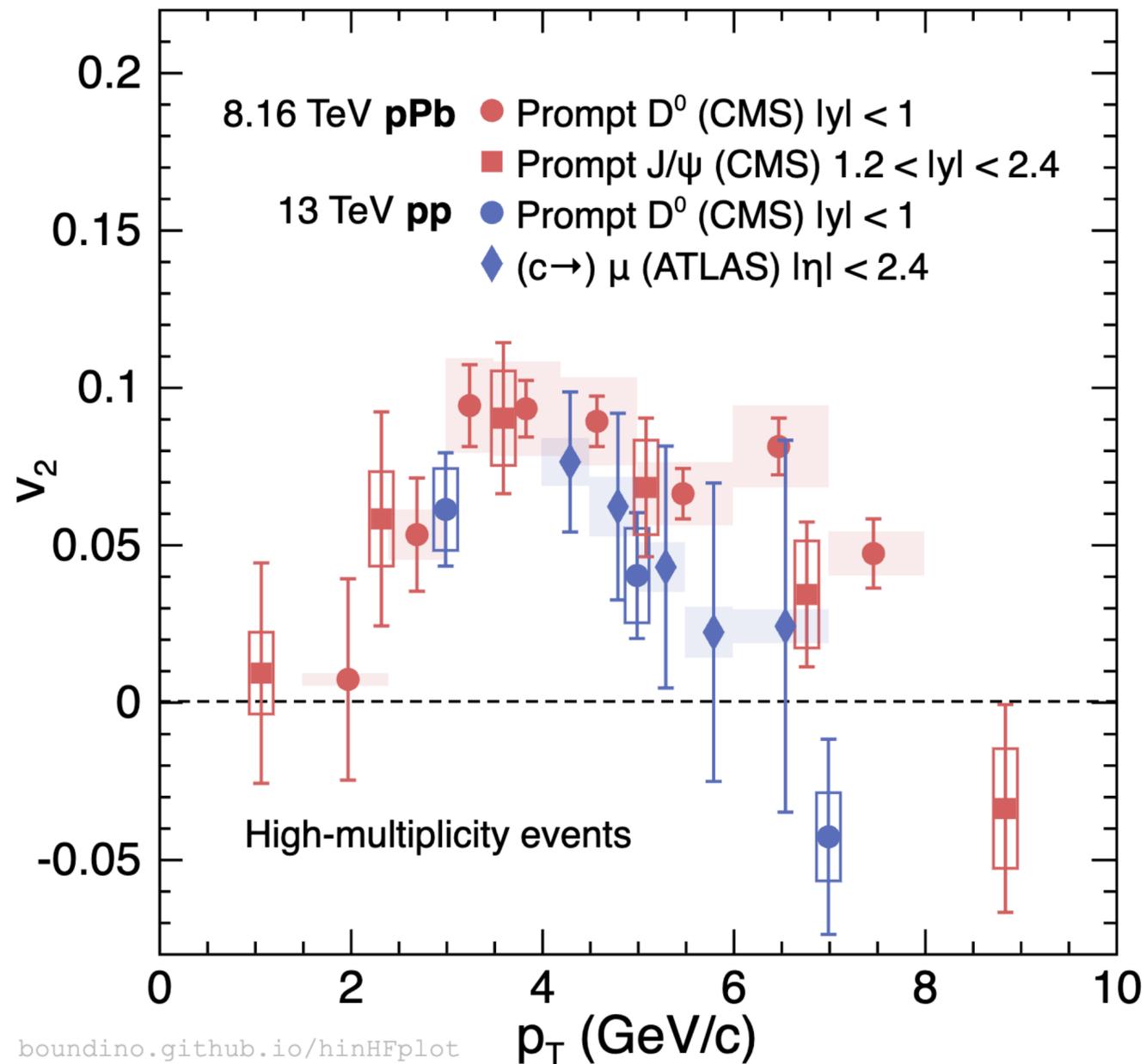


Being Hot Really Matters?

However, many of them also observed in *small* systems
where no medium existence expected



Azimuthal Anisotropy in Small Systems



- Do we fully understand what nuclear matter environment we are looking at?
- Non-zero v_2 of charm hadrons in high-multiplicity pp and pPb collisions
 - (Maybe) Initial transverse momentum correlation in CGC framework
 - (Maybe) Small QGP medium in small systems

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Story Continues in the Next Talk

(two pancakes of nucleons)

(the harder, the earlier)

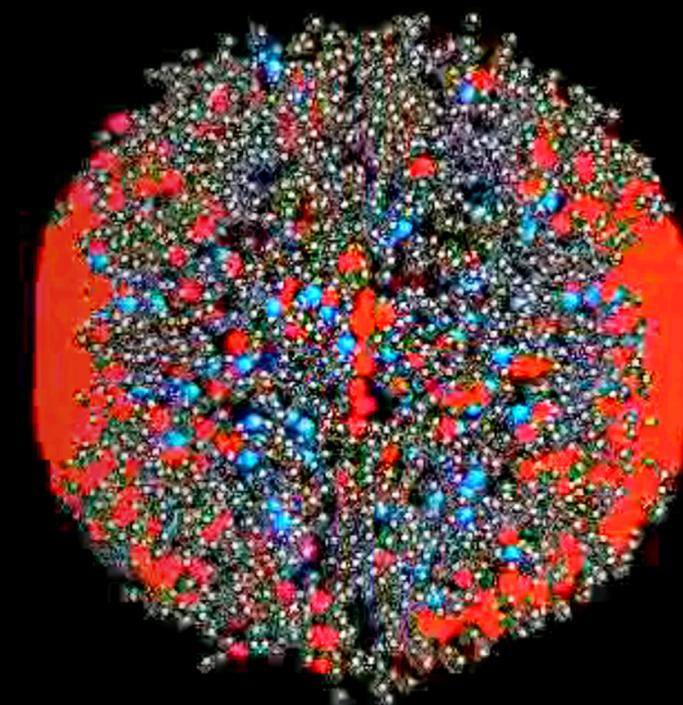
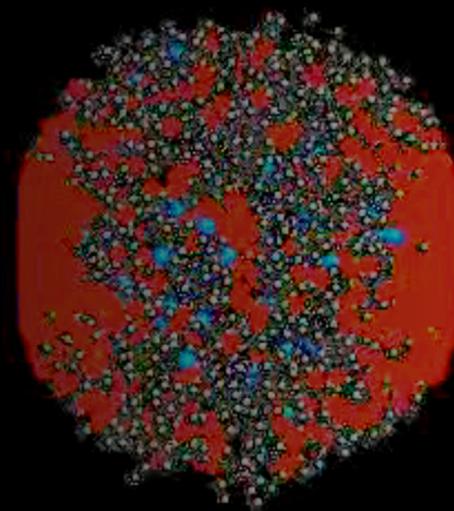
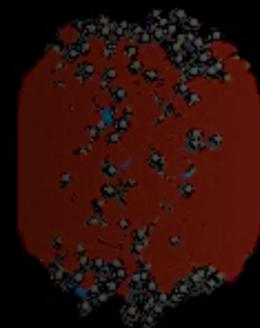
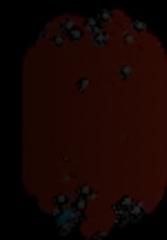
How are hadrons produced from heavy quarks with medium existence?

Major uncertainty in phenomenological models

emergence (tons of soft scatterings)

Cool down while expansion

Hadronization





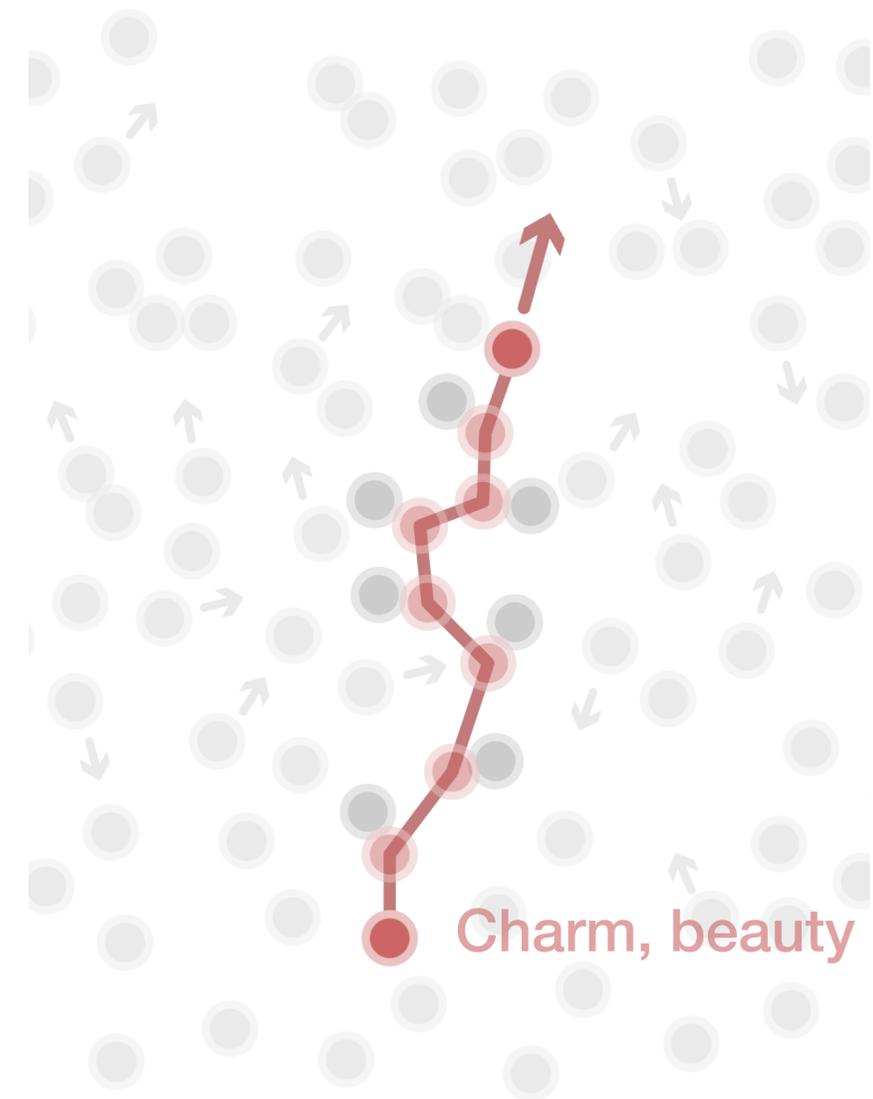
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Heavy Flavors in Heavy Ion Collisions

Large mass $m_{HQ} \rightarrow$ Unique slow HP

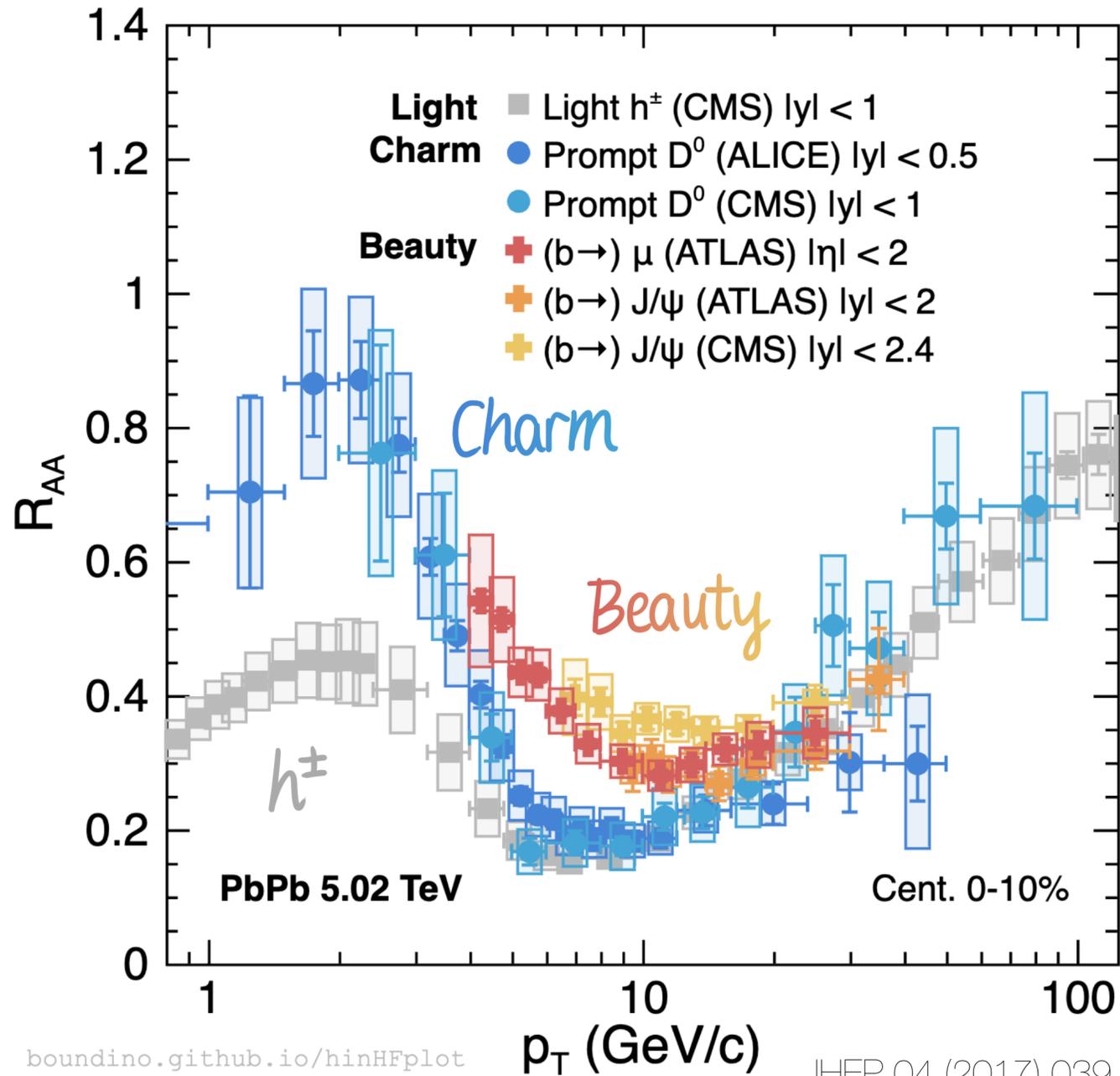
- $m_{HQ} \sim 1/\tau$
 - Produced **early**
- $m_{HQ} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
 - Initial production with **pQCD** even at low p_T
 - Different **length scale** structure by varying p_T
- $m_{HQ} \gg T_{QGP}$
 - Seldom produced in QGP
 - **Brownian motion** at low p_T
- $m_{HQ} \gg m_q$
 - Interact with QGP **differently from light quark**



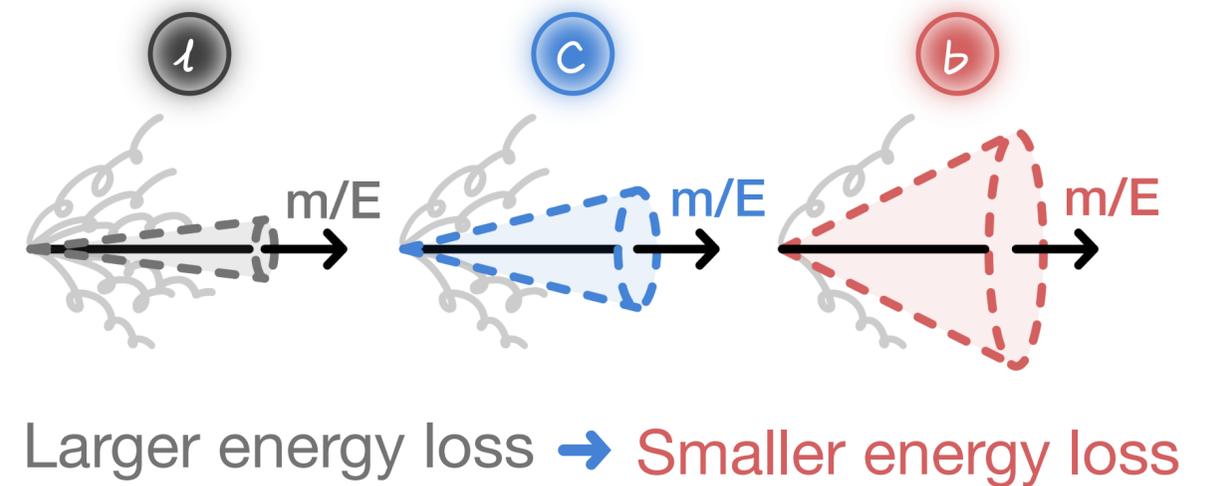
Heavy quark diffusion in QGP

Flavor Dependence of Energy Loss

R_{AA} vs. Flavors



- **Interplay** of multiple effects
- (One is) Dead cone effect
 - Radiation is suppressed inside $\theta < m/E$
 - Energy loss $\Delta E_l > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$



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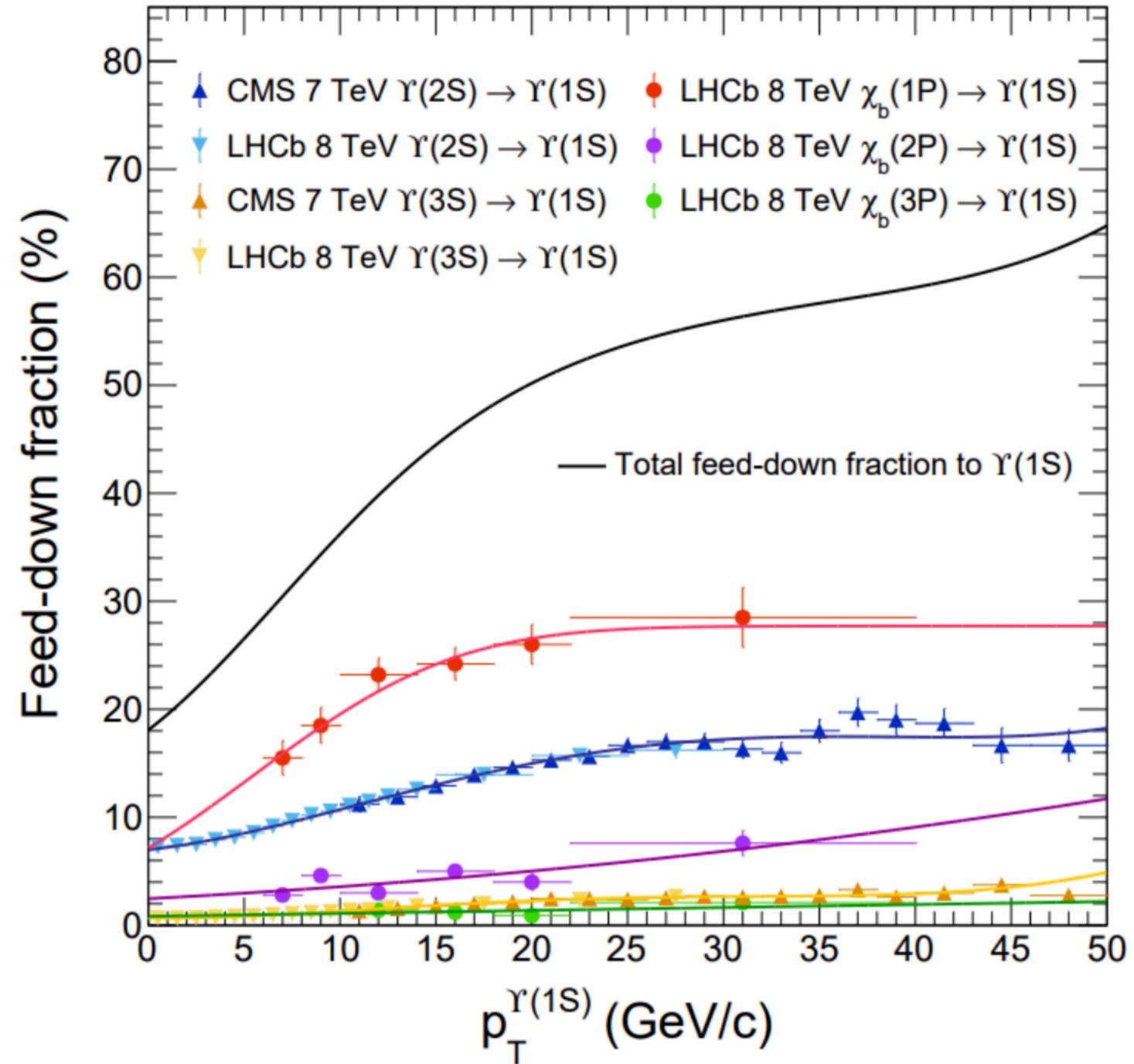
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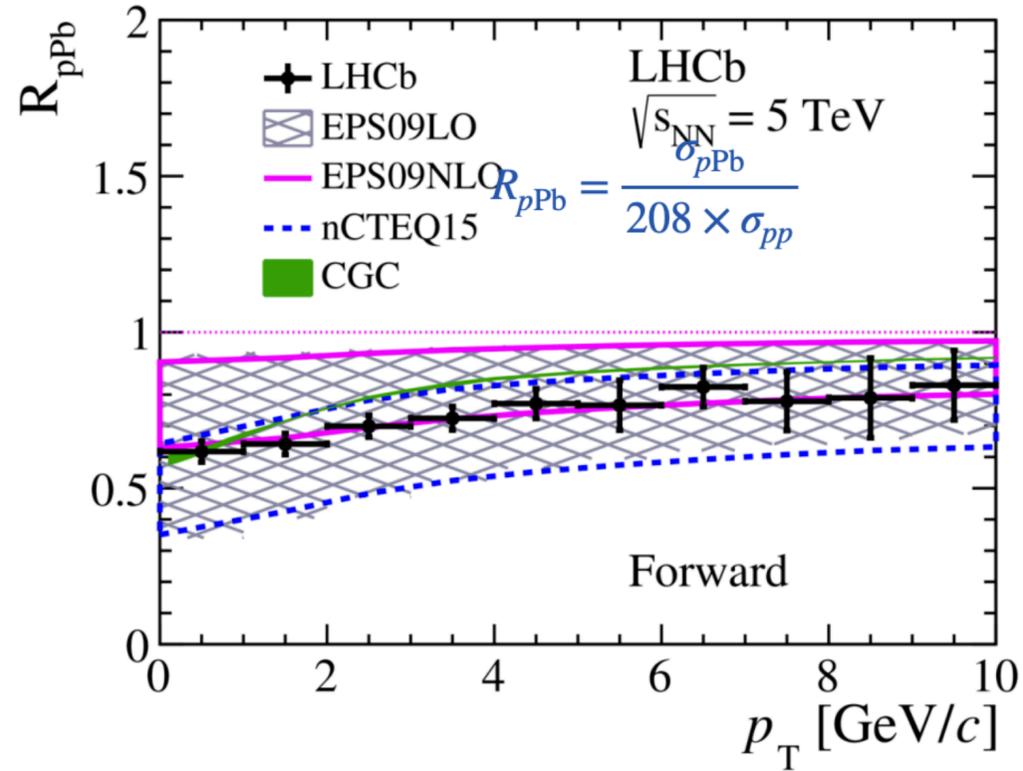
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Feed-Down Effect on $\Upsilon(1S)$



Nuclear PDF: D & B Mesons in pPb

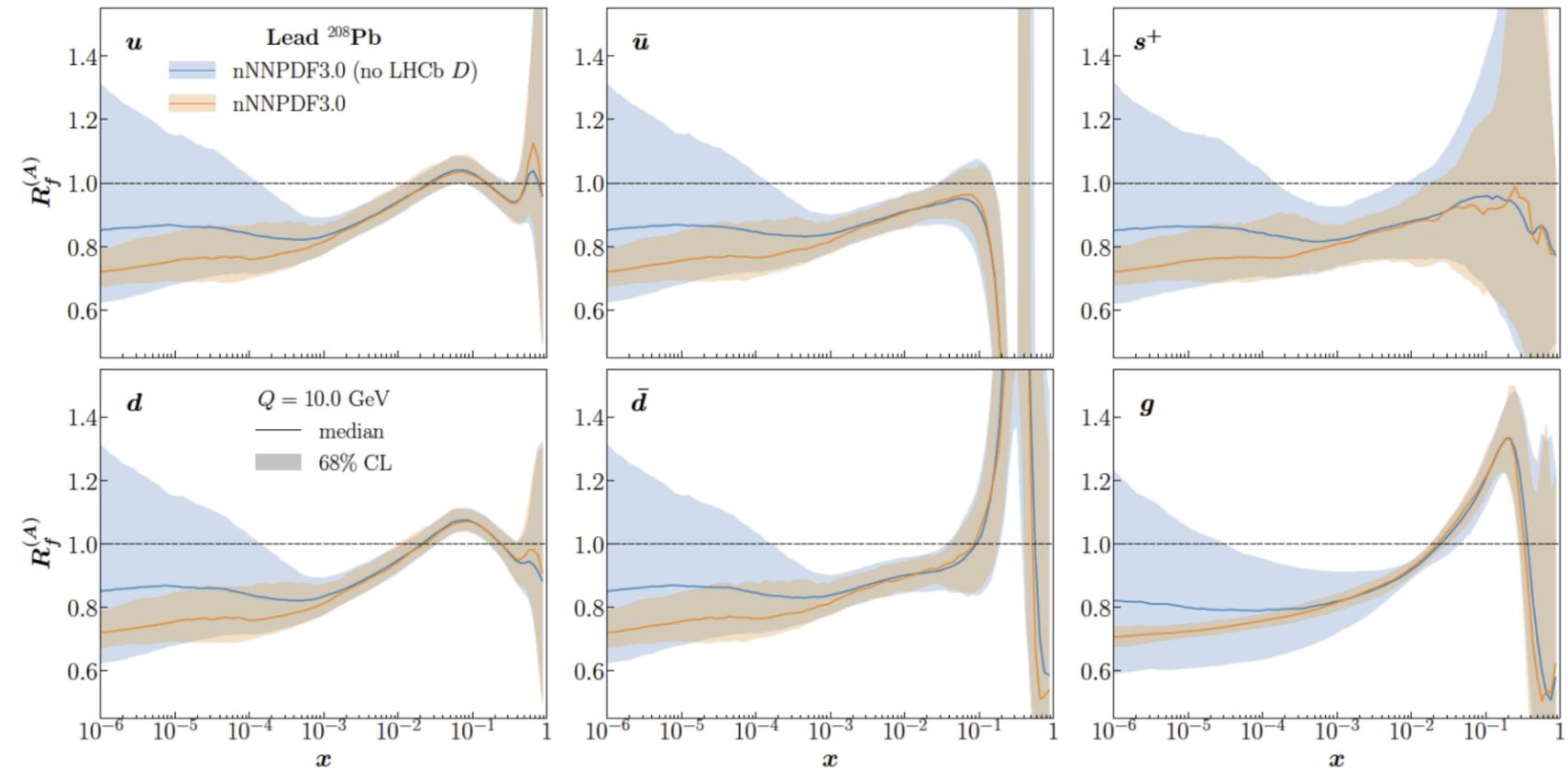
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- Data included in EPPS21 and nNNPDF3.0

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- LHCb measurement of prompt D^0 production in pPb collisions at 5TeV makes an impressive impact on reducing nPDF uncertainty down to $x \sim 10^{-6}$

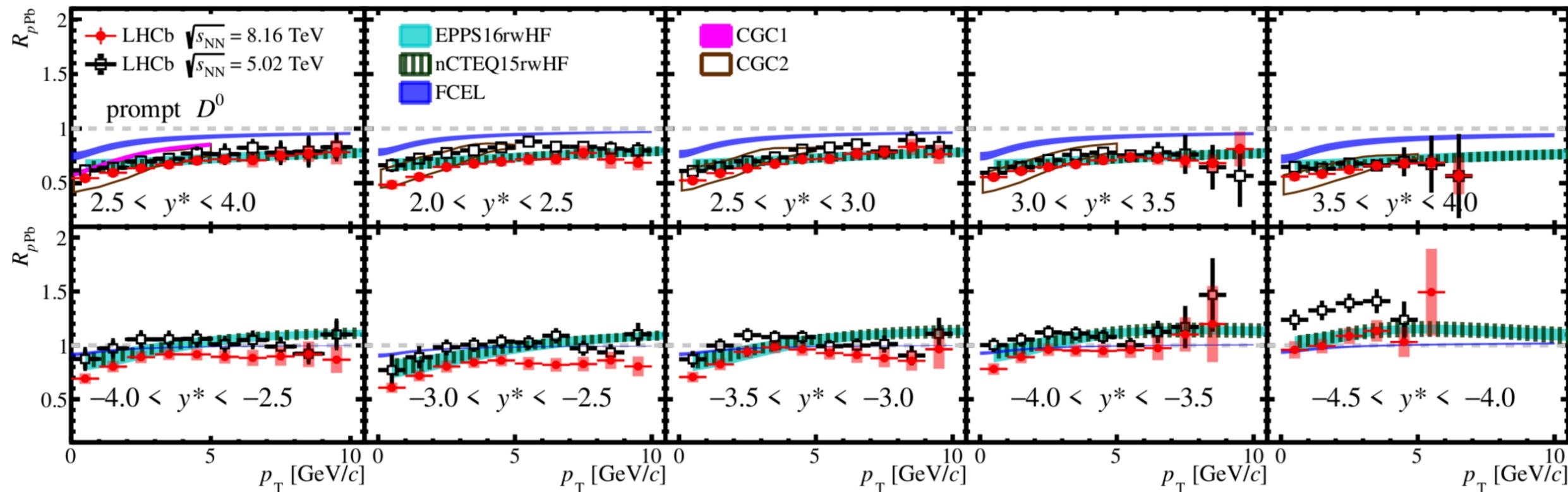
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Nuclear PDF: D & B Mesons in pPb

- Forward:
 - Suppression consistent with 5TeV D^0 result
 - Consistent with nPDF and CGC
- Backward:
 - Data lower than nPDF at high p_T
 - Room for additional effects in the backward rapidity

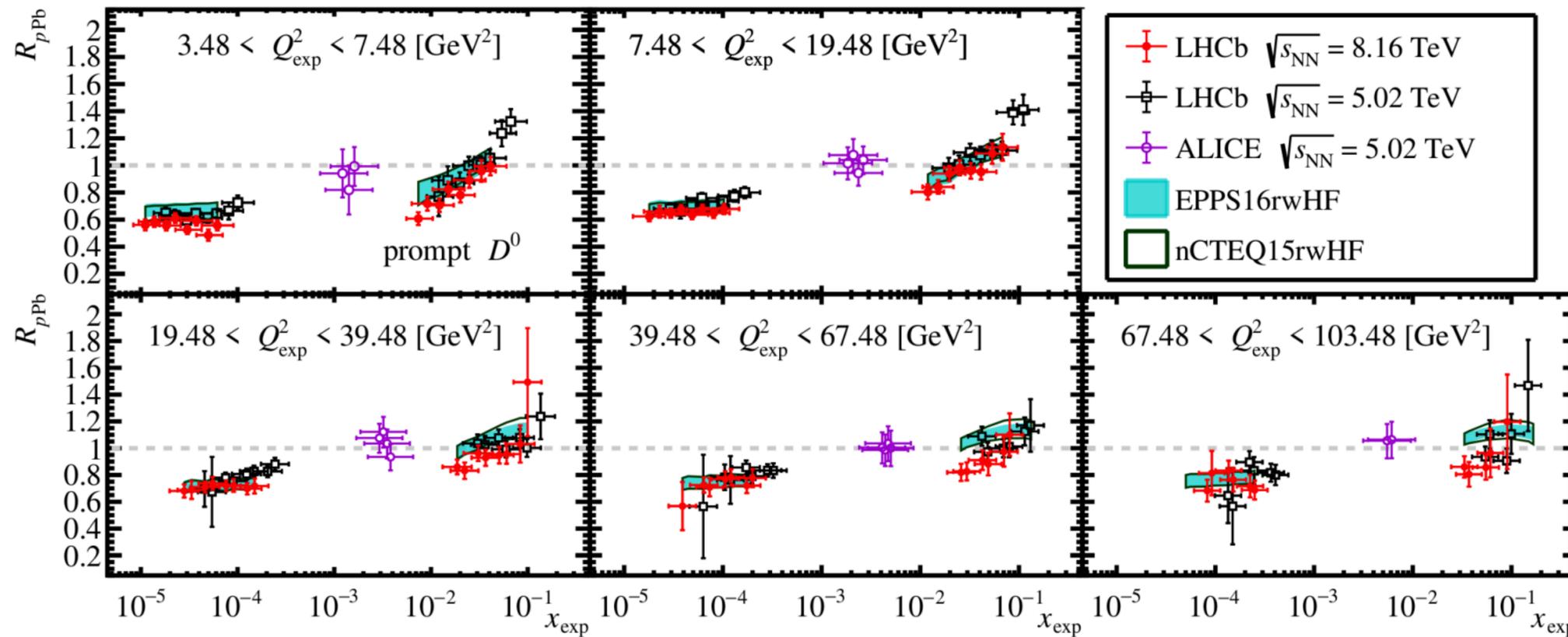
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Nuclear PDF: D & B Mesons in pPb

- Experimental proxies for x and Q^2
- Forms a continuous trend over wide x coverage
- Lower than nPDF at large x_{exp} and large Q_{exp}^2

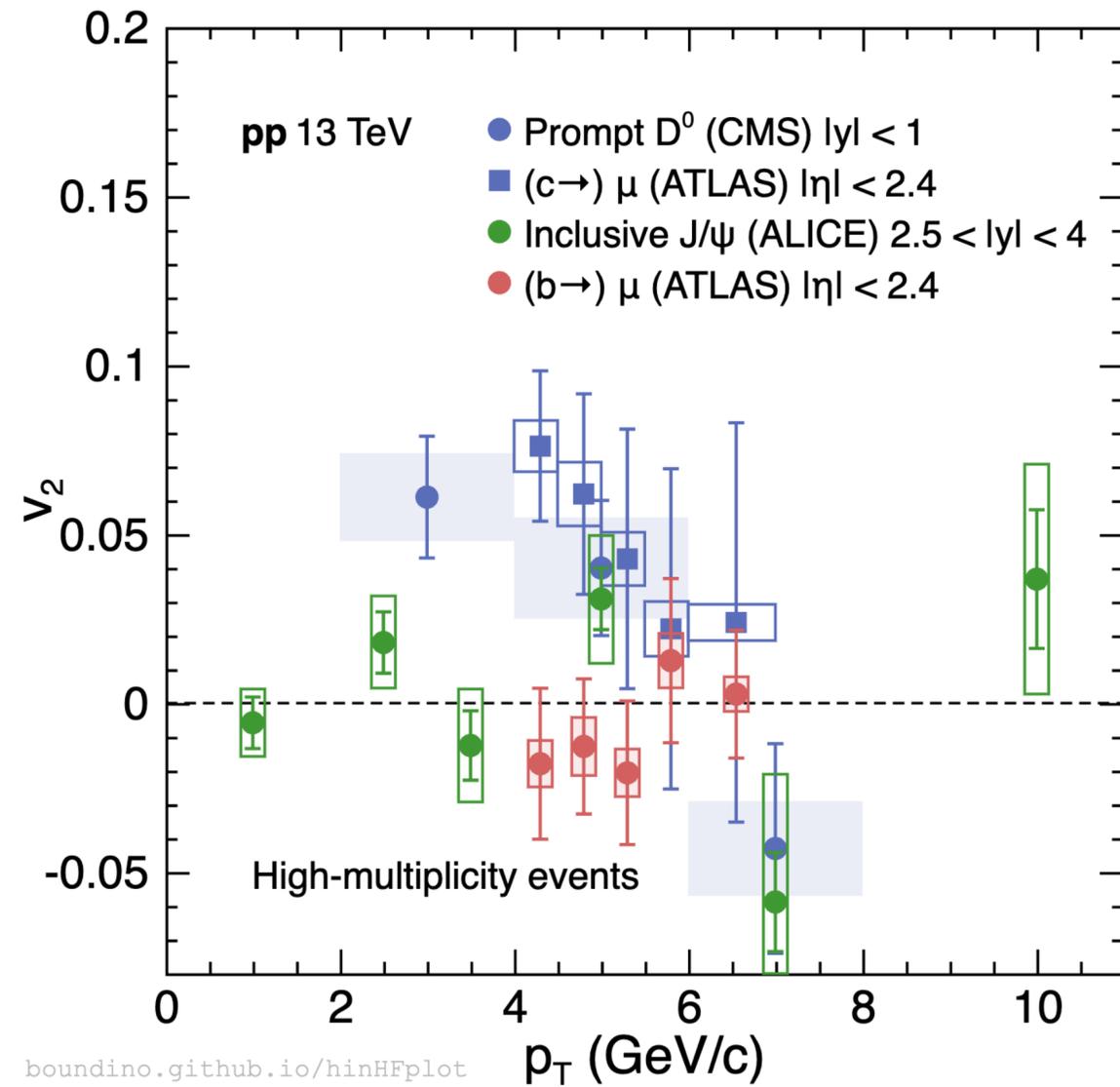
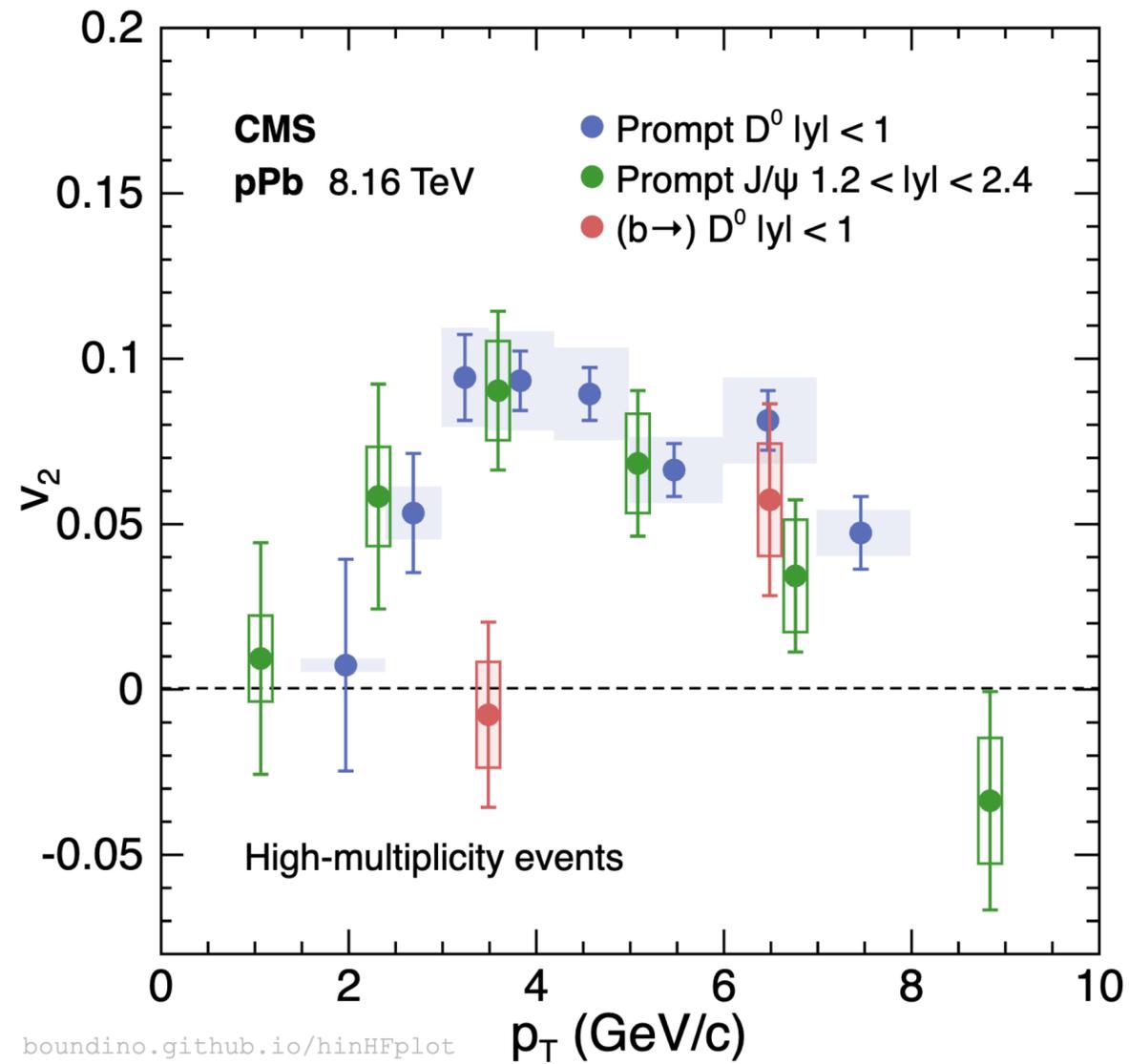
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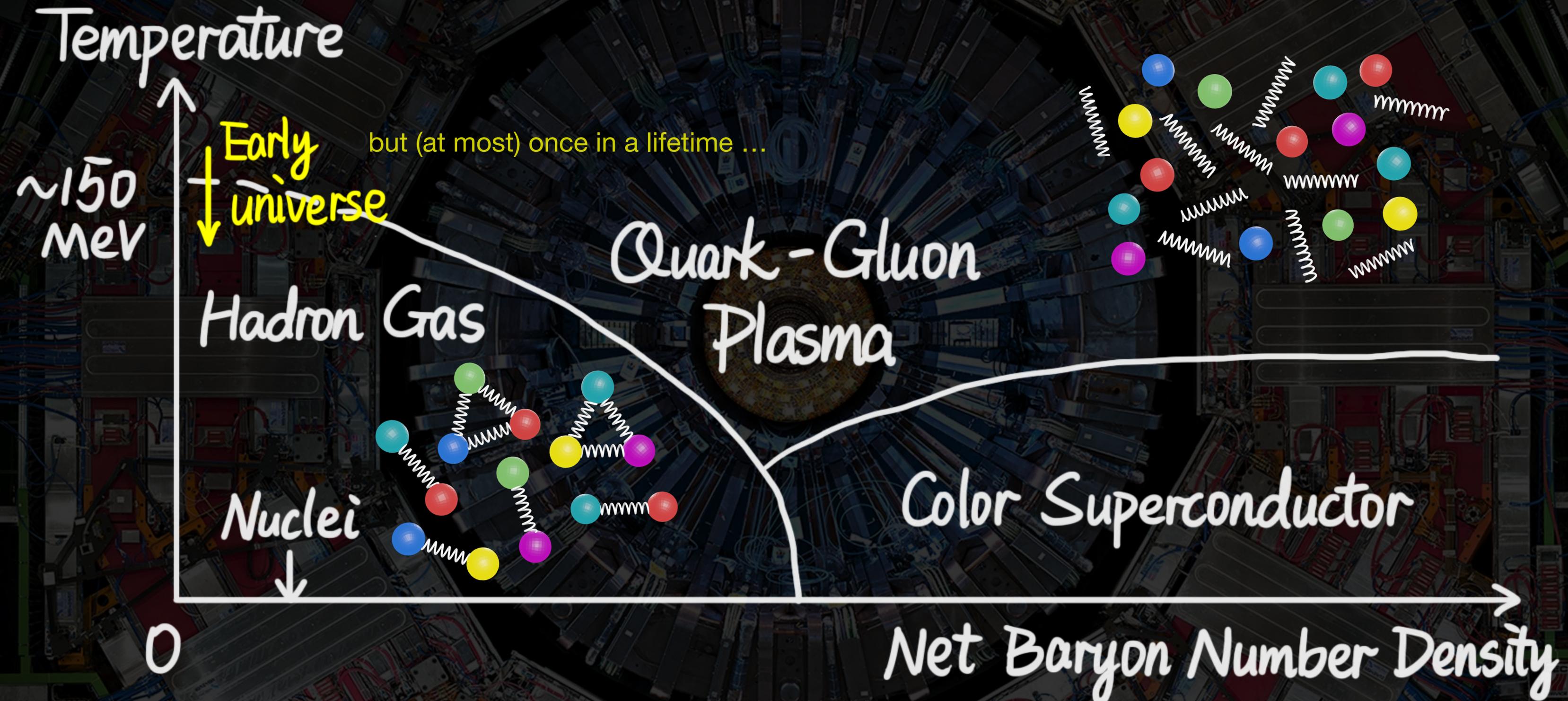
$$Q_{exp}^2 \equiv m_{D^0}^2 + p_T^2$$

$$x_{exp} \equiv 2 \frac{Q_{exp}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^*}$$

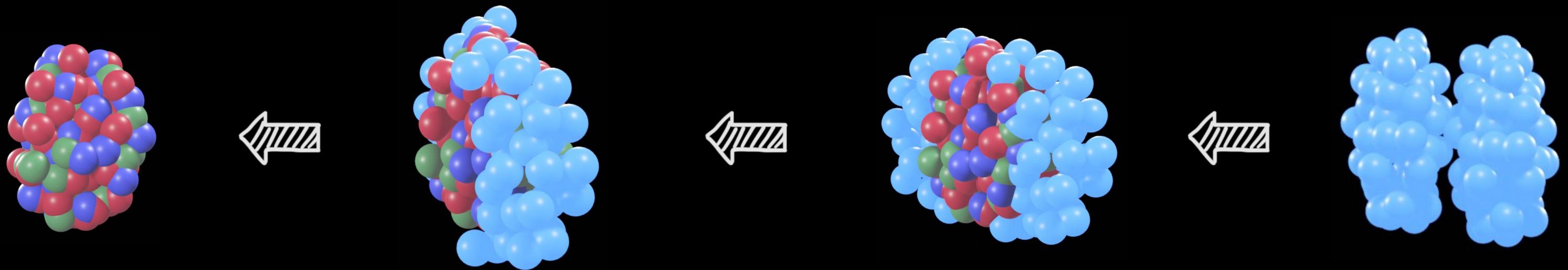
Azimuthal Anisotropy in pp and pA



Quark Gluon Plasma: Being Hot Matters



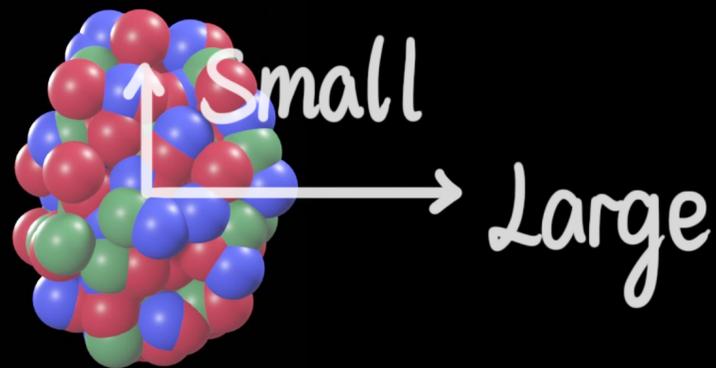
Collective Flow in QGP



Almond shape before expansion

Collective Flow in QGP

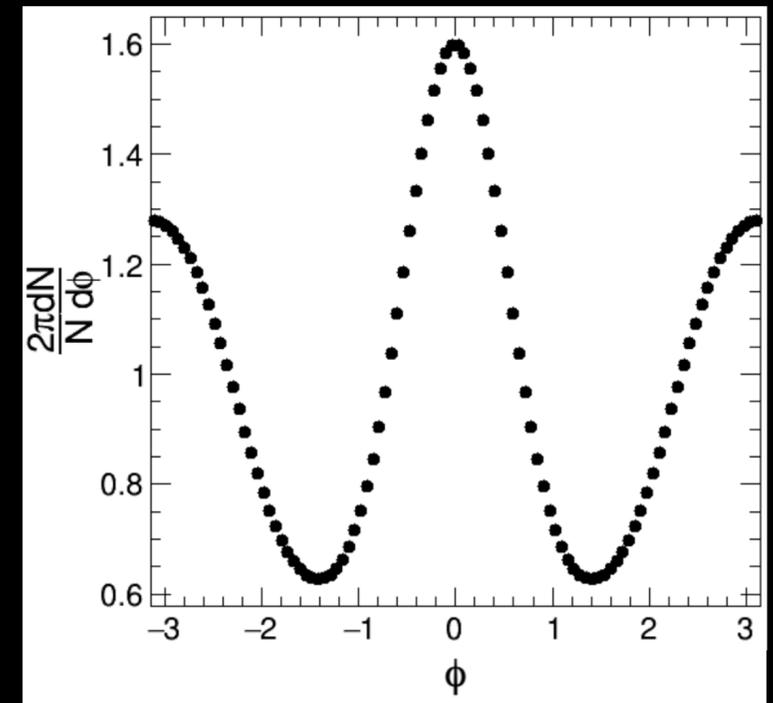
Pressure gradient



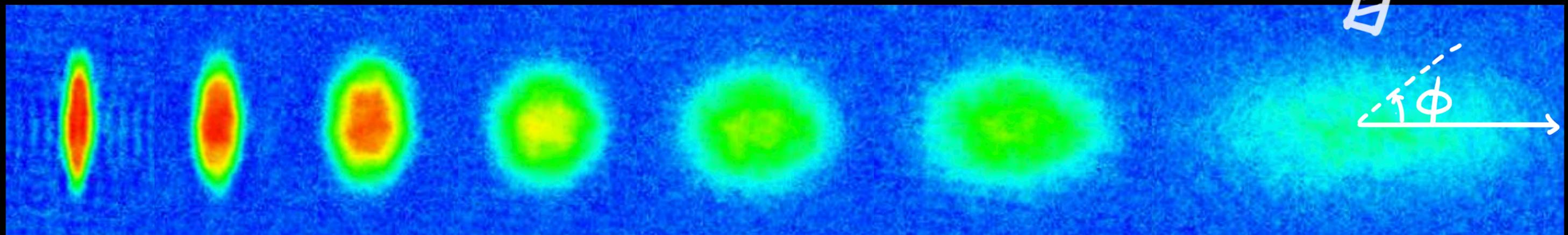
Existence of QGP → Final-state particle azimuthal anisotropy

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos [n (\phi - \Psi_n)]$$

→ Elliptic $v_2 \neq 0$



→ Time

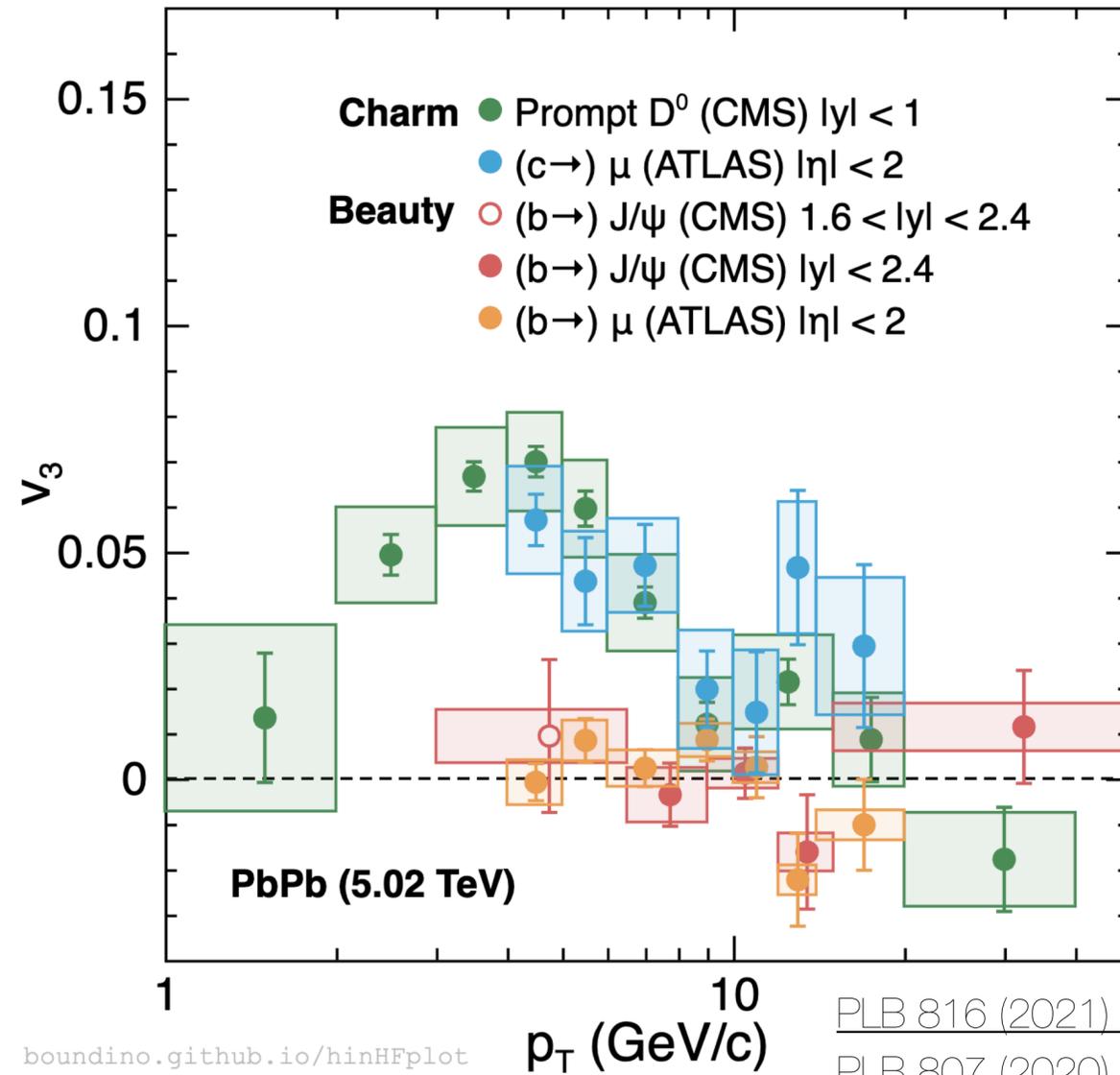


Pressure driven expansion

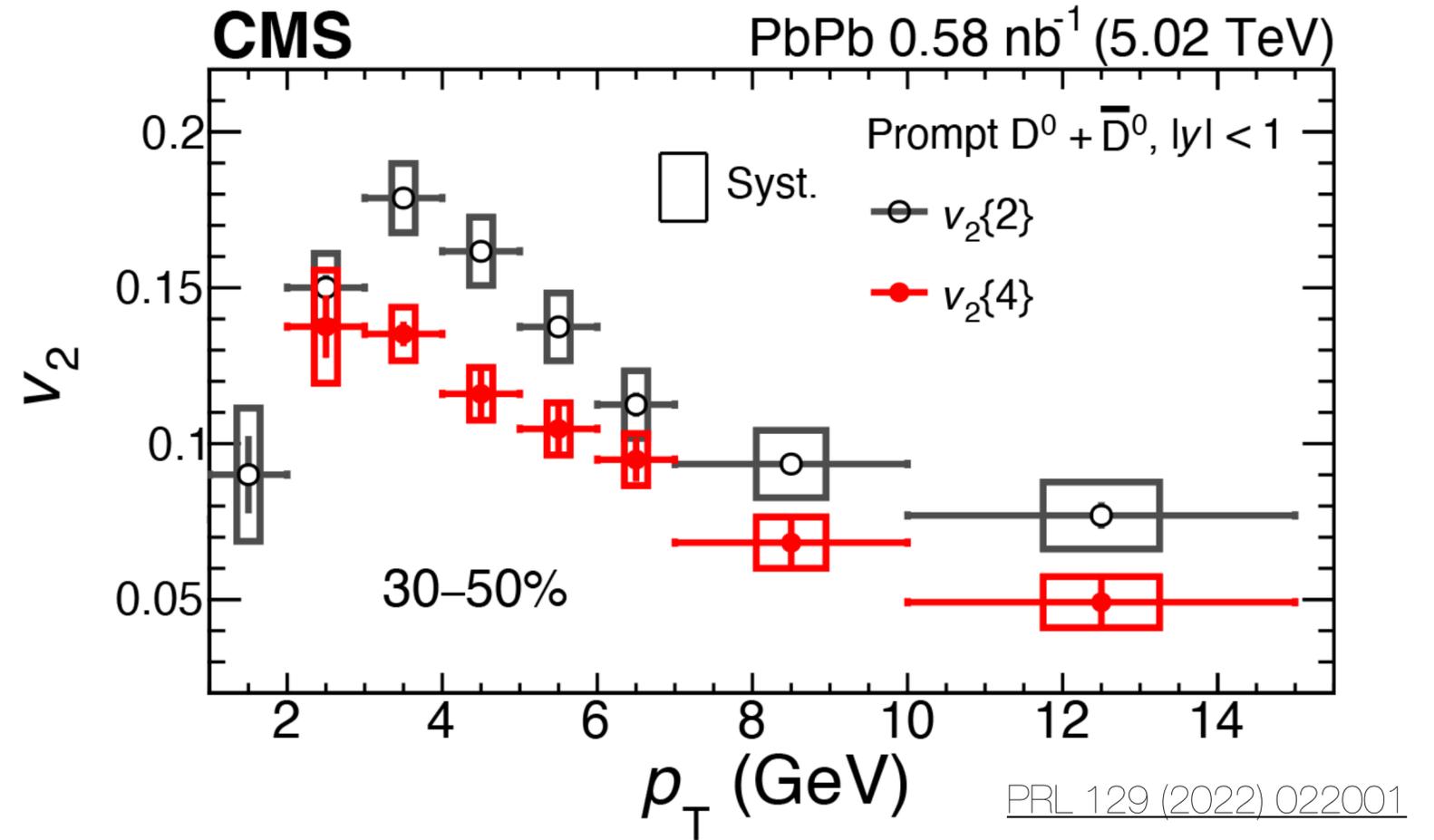
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Animation

Heavy flavor v_3

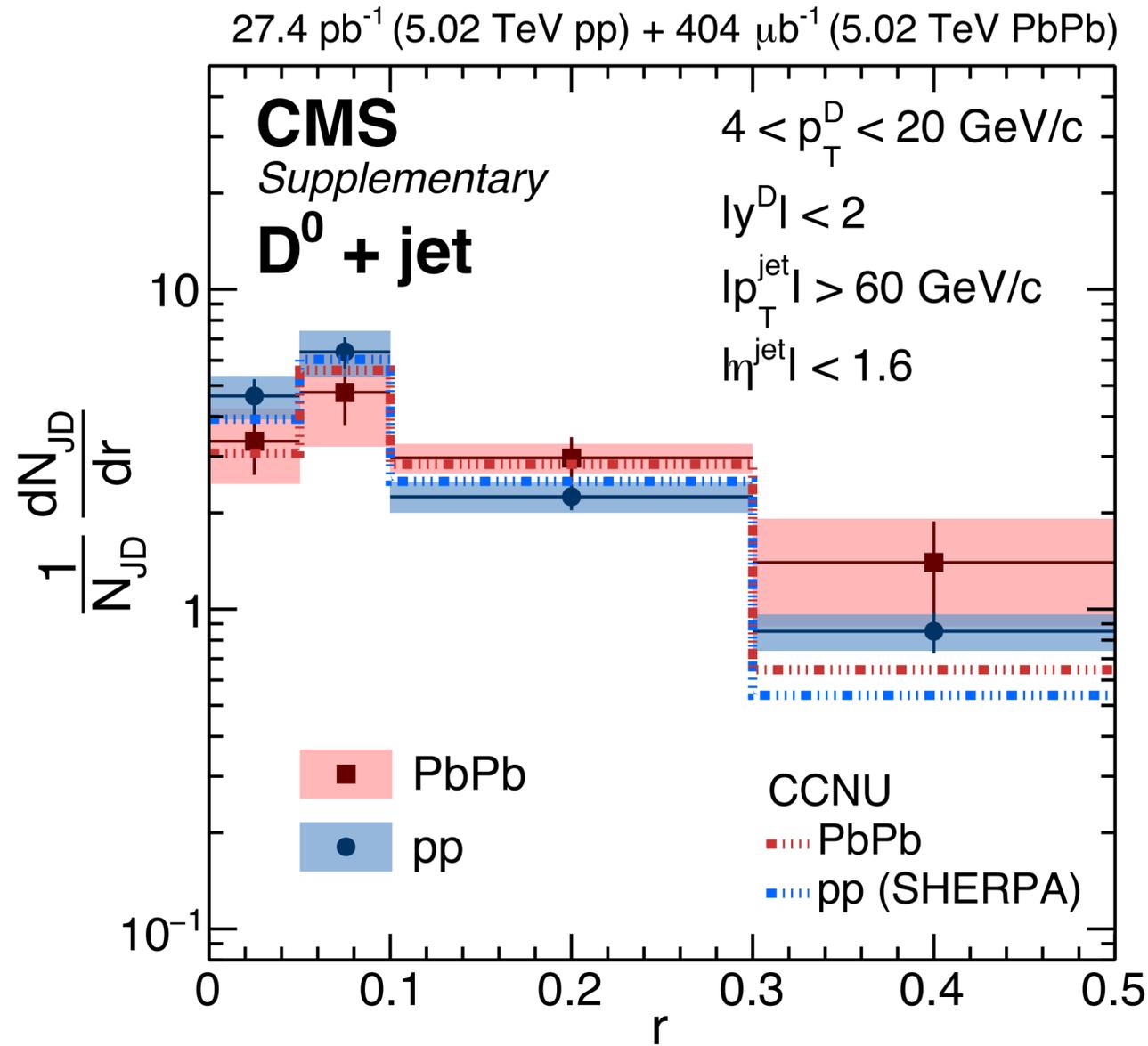


D^0 4-particle correlation $v_2\{4\}$

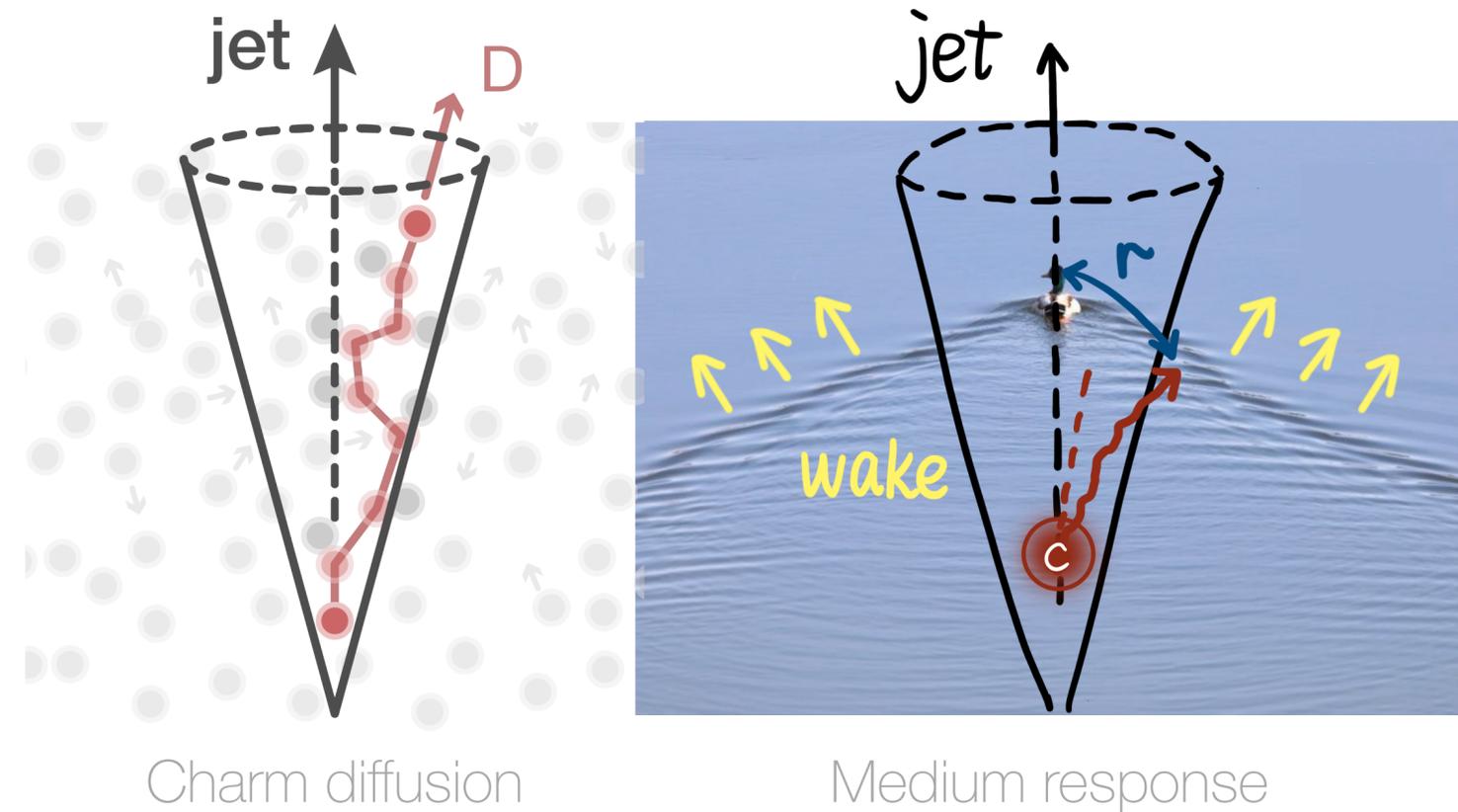


- Study event-by-event initial shape fluctuation via higher-order v_n and multi-particle correlation

Angular profile of D wrt jet axis

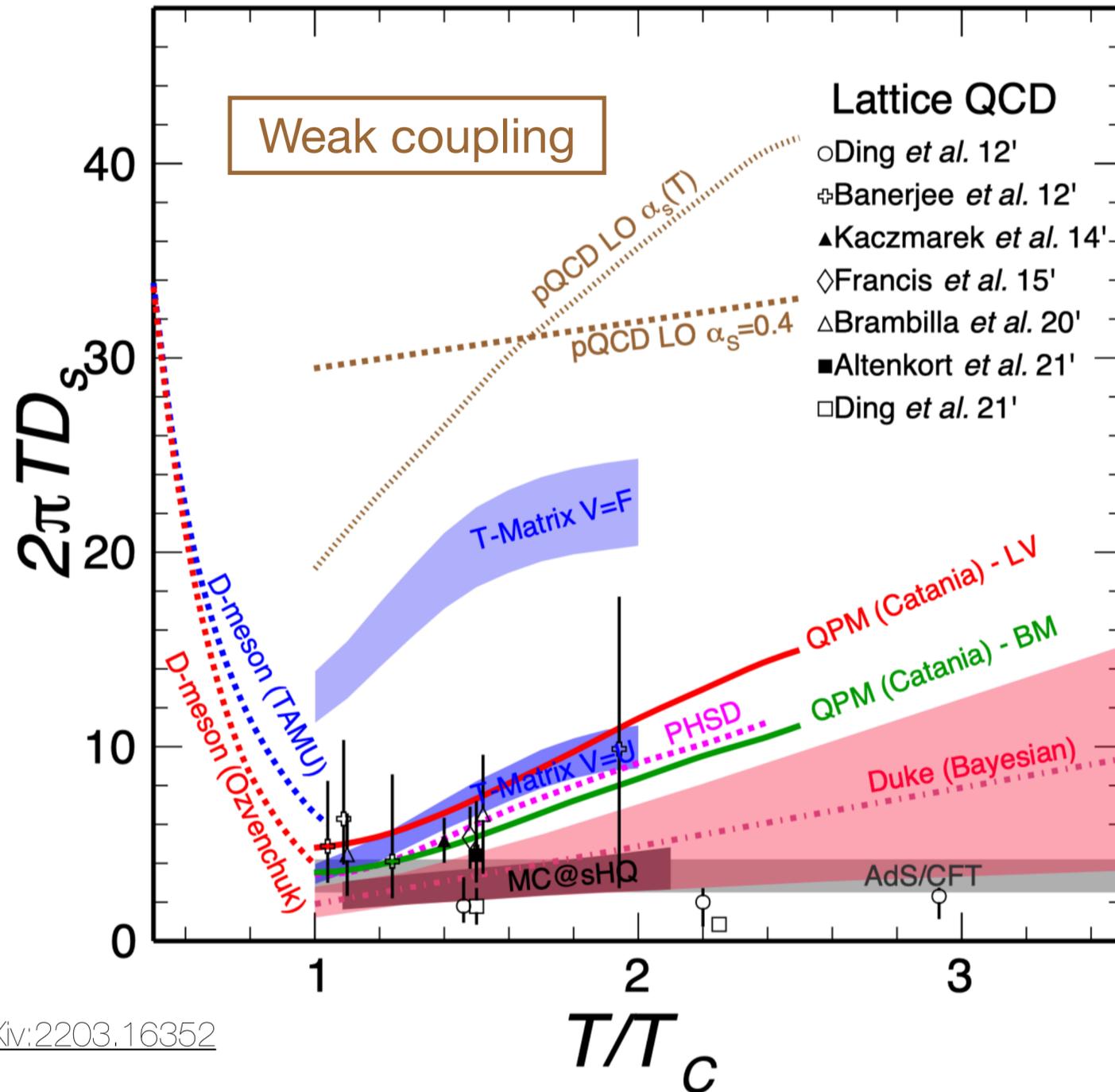


- Directly see diffusion via the angle between D mesons and **jet axis**
- Hint of D⁰ farther from jet axis in PbPb than pp



Heavy Quark Probe QGP Transport Property

Diffusion coefficient D_s



- Diffusion coefficient D_s directly related with QGP properties, e.g. viscosity
- D_s extracted from data with phenomenological model
 - Compare to first principle calculation
- Data agrees with strong coupling
 - Sensitive to long-range force and non-perturbative structure of QGP

Extracted from data

Strong coupling