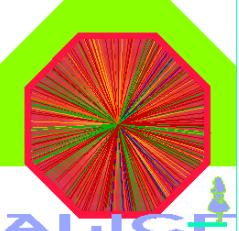


# Exploring the LHC medium with ALICE

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for the ALICE Collaboration



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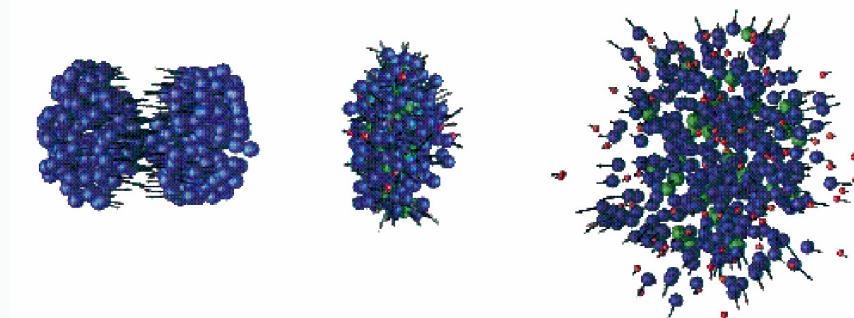
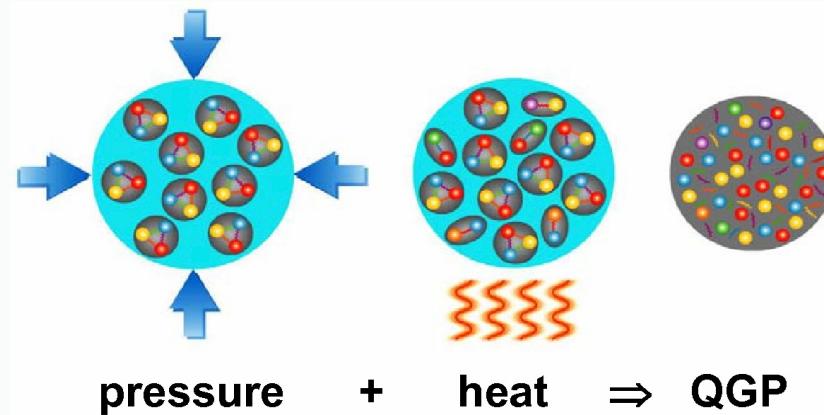


# Goals of High Energy Heavy-Ion Collisions

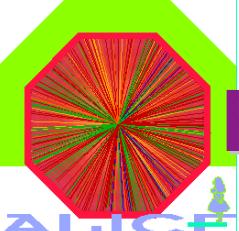


- Understand 2 basic properties of the strong interaction: (de)confinement, chiral symm. breaking/restoration
- Probe conditions quark-hadron phase transition in primordial Universe (few  $\mu$ sec after the Big Bang)
- Study the phase diagram of QCD matter: produce and study the QGP
- Study the regime of non-linear (high density) many-body parton dynamics at small- $x$  (CGC).

# QGP in the laboratory



Key parameters: Bombarding energy and collision centrality



# Probing Hot QCD Matter with hard probes



## Hard Probes:

"highly penetrating observables (particles, radiation)  
used to explore properties of matter that cannot be viewed directly!"

High  $p_T$  particles:  $\pi^0, \eta$ , direct  $\gamma$

Heavy quarks



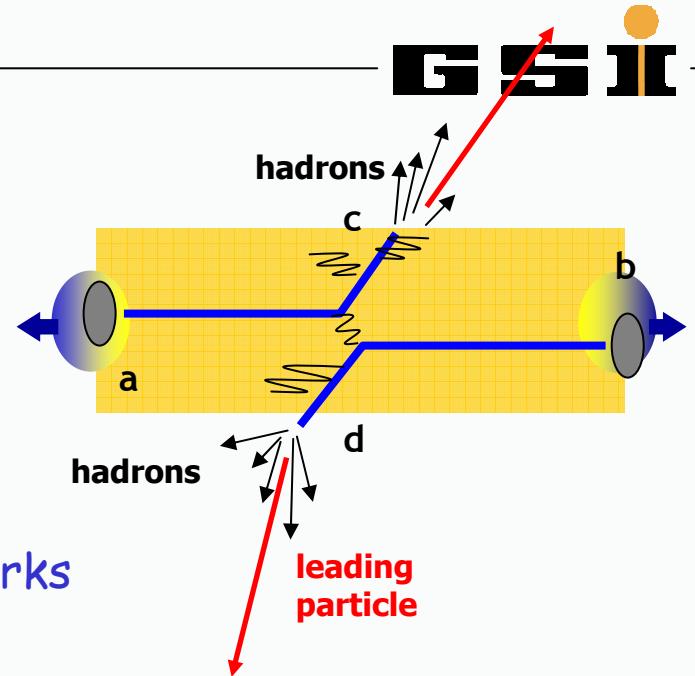
# Hard probes

p+p:

- parton scattering → fragmentation → jet
- can be calculated in perturbative QCD
- collinear factorization

A+A:

- partons traversing medium lose energy  
*gluon radiation, elastic collisions*
- energy loss different for g, light/heavy quarks  
*(color factor, dead cone effect)*



X.-N. Wang, M. Gyulassy, Phys. Rev. Lett. **68** (1992) 1480

**Goal: Use in-medium energy loss to measure medium properties**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^h}{dy d^2 p_T} = K \sum_{abcd} \int dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, Q^2) f_b(x_b, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab \rightarrow cd) \frac{D_{h/c}^0}{\pi z_c}$$

Parton distribution function	Matrix element	Fragmentation function
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measured in DIS  
initial state (saturation?)

pQCD

e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>  
final state (energy loss?)

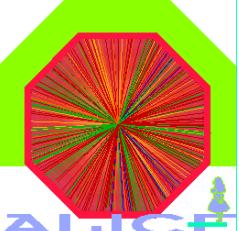
## Two examples of Interesting results from RHIC

Nuclear modification factor for:

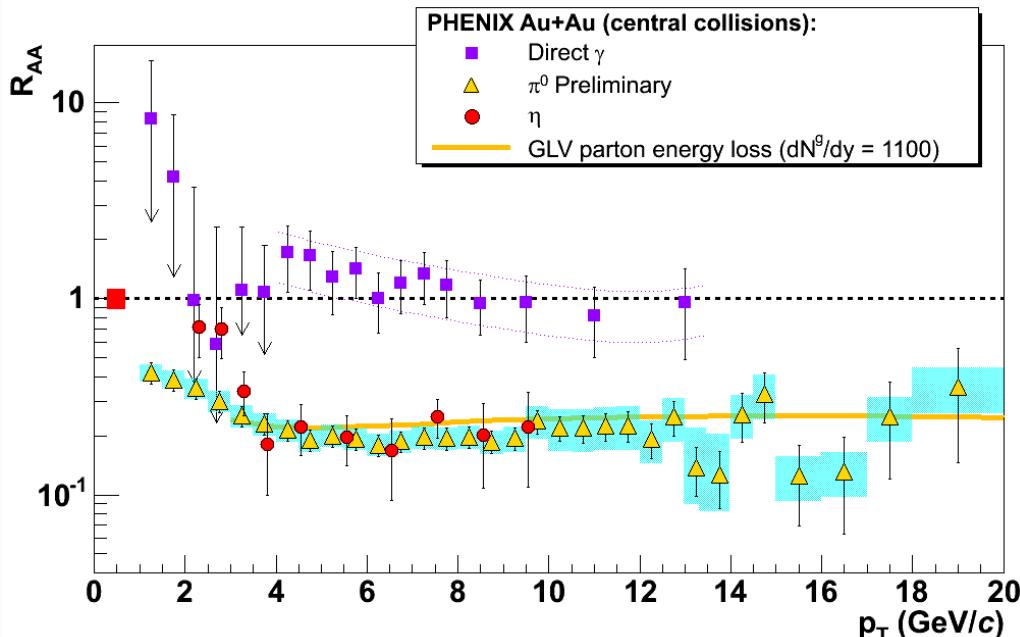
$$R_{AA}(p_t) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_t}{dN_{pp}/dp_t}$$

- $\pi^0, \eta$ , direct  $\gamma$  (not coming from neutral meson decays)
- **Charm. Heavy flavour electrons** (not photonic, or dielectron decays of mesons, or direct  $\gamma$ , or  $J/\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$ )

and status in ALICE...



# $R_{AA}$ for $\pi^0$ , $\eta$ and direct $\gamma$



$$R_{AA} \gamma \sim 1$$

$$R_{AA} \pi^0, \eta \sim 0.2$$

The hadron spectra at RHIC from p+p, Au+Au and d+Au collisions establish existence of *parton energy loss* from strongly interacting, dense QCD matter in central Au-Au collisions

$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle = 4 - 13 \text{ GeV}^2 / \text{fm}$$

$$dN^g/dy \sim 1400 \pm 200$$

S. Bass et al. PRC79 (2009) 024901

[https://wiki.bnl.gov/TECHQM/index.php/Main\\_page](https://wiki.bnl.gov/TECHQM/index.php/Main_page)

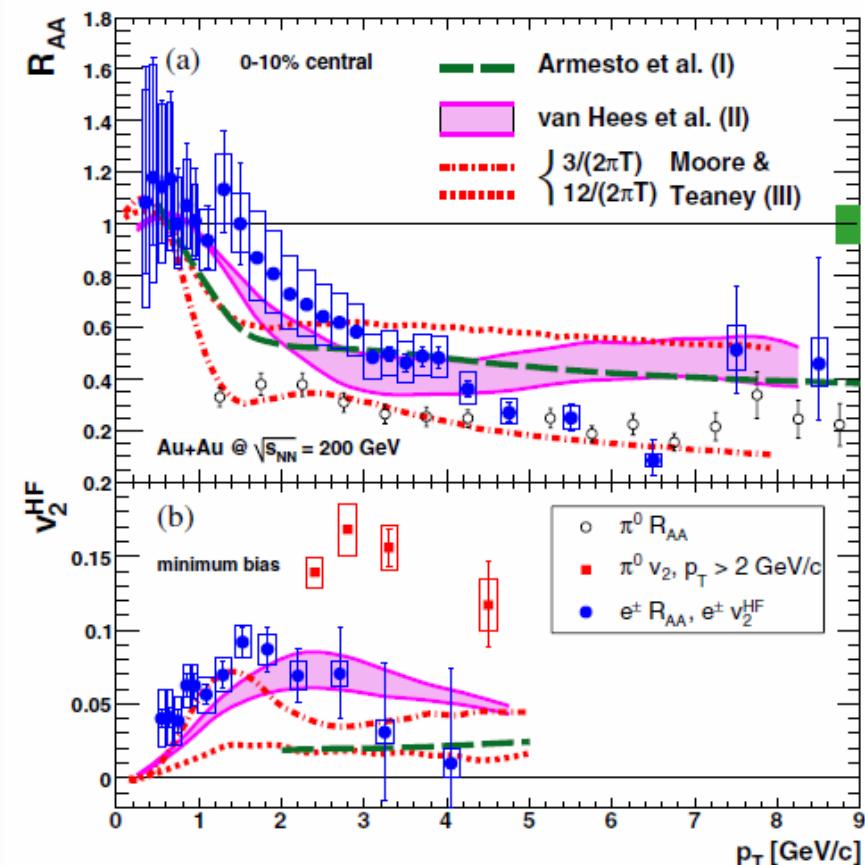
Theory-Experiment Collaboration on Hot Quark Matter



# Heavy flavour electrons



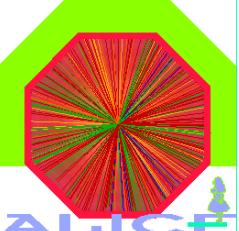
Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 172301 (2007)



But, strong suppression of heavy flavour electrons observed

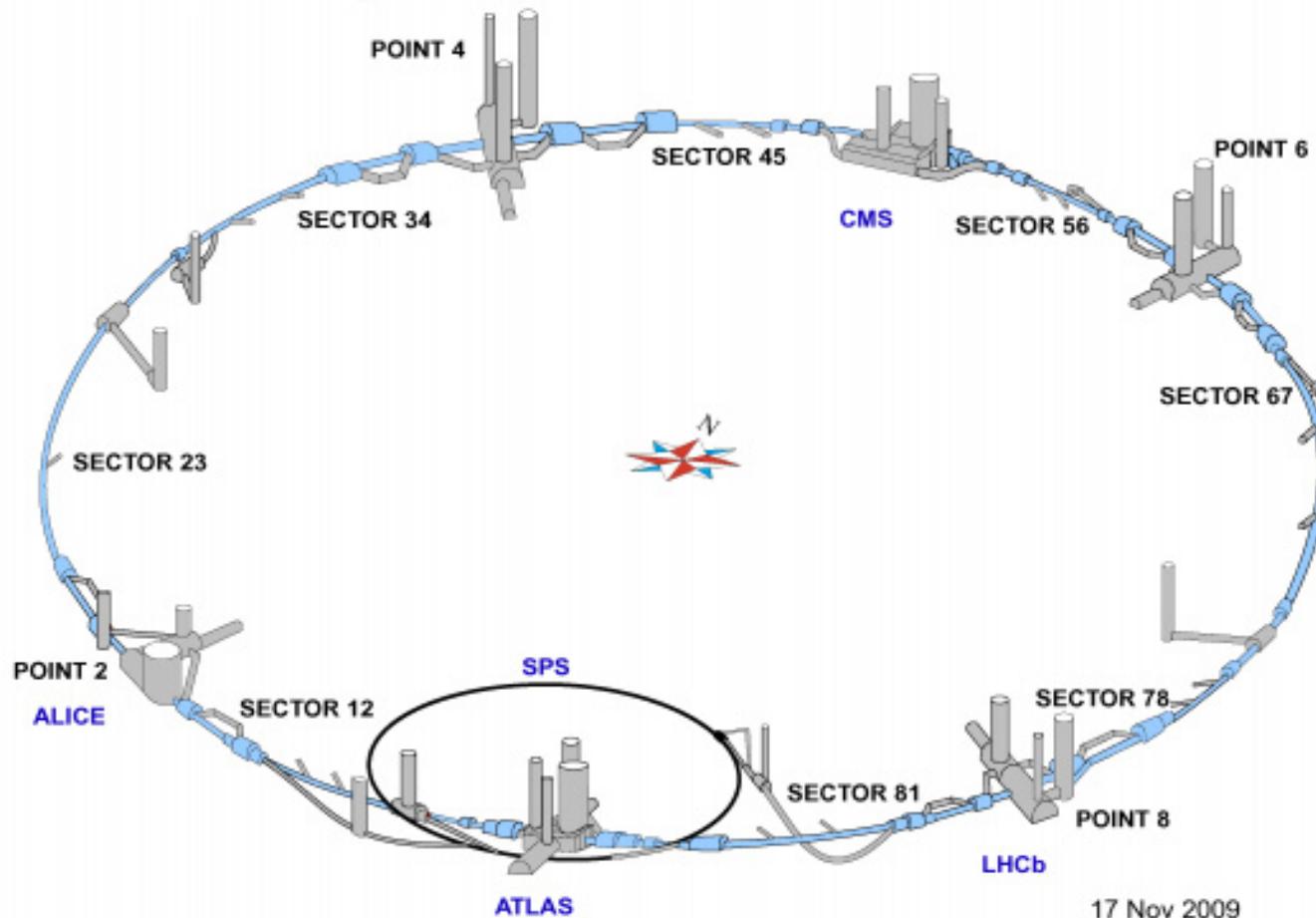
Models have difficulties  
to explain both  
 $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$

van Hees *et al.*: only elastic scattering mediated by resonance excitation of D and B-like states



# The LHC

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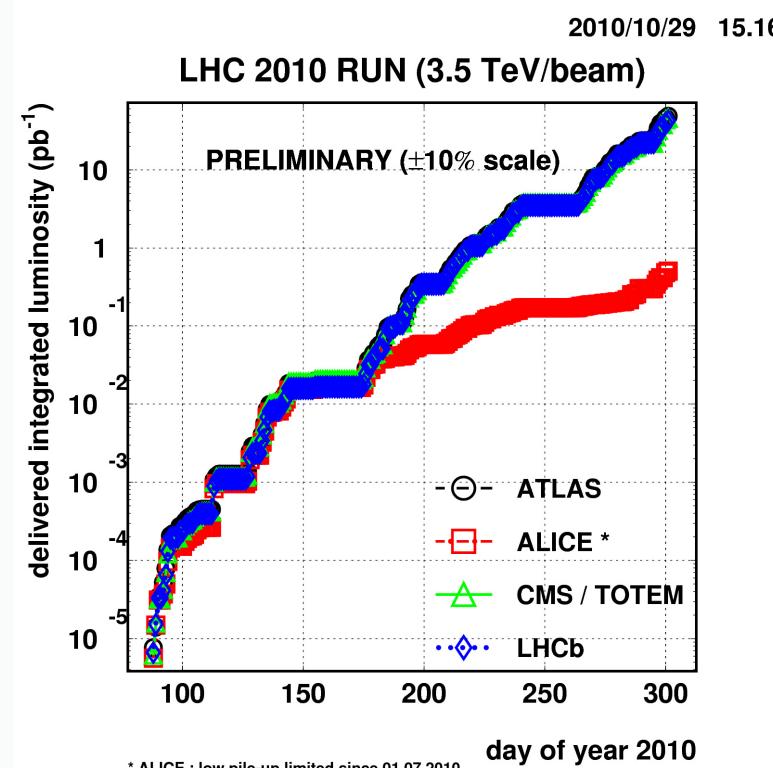
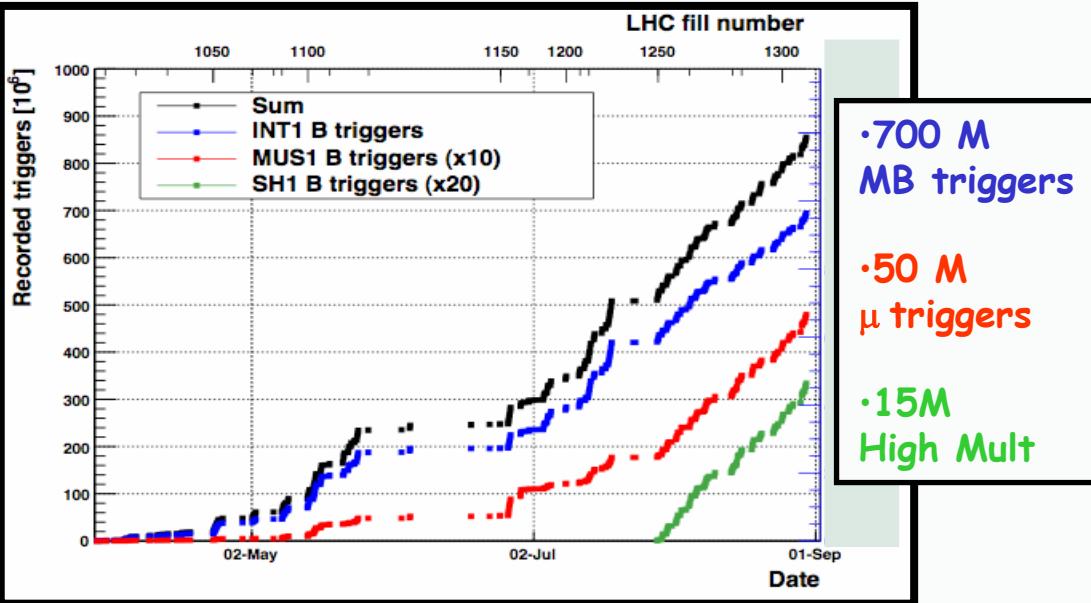
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p+p @ 7 TeV (14 TeV)  
Pb+Pb @ 2.76 ATeV (5.5 ATeV)

# Physics with pp

- collect 'comparison data' for heavy-ion program
  - many signals measured 'relative' to pp
  - requires  $\sim 10^9$  minimum-bias event
- comprehensive study of MB@LHC
  - tuning of Event Generators

Reduced luminosity since 01/07  
displaced beams ( $3.8\sigma$ )  
 $\mu < 0.05$  (low pileup)

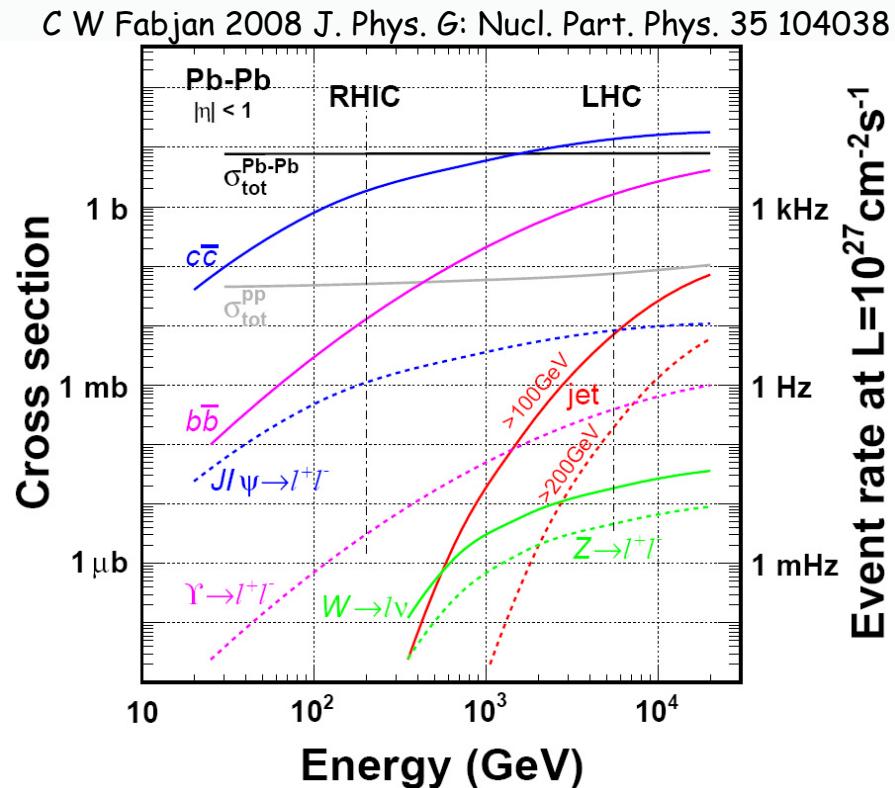




# LHC: Entering a new regime



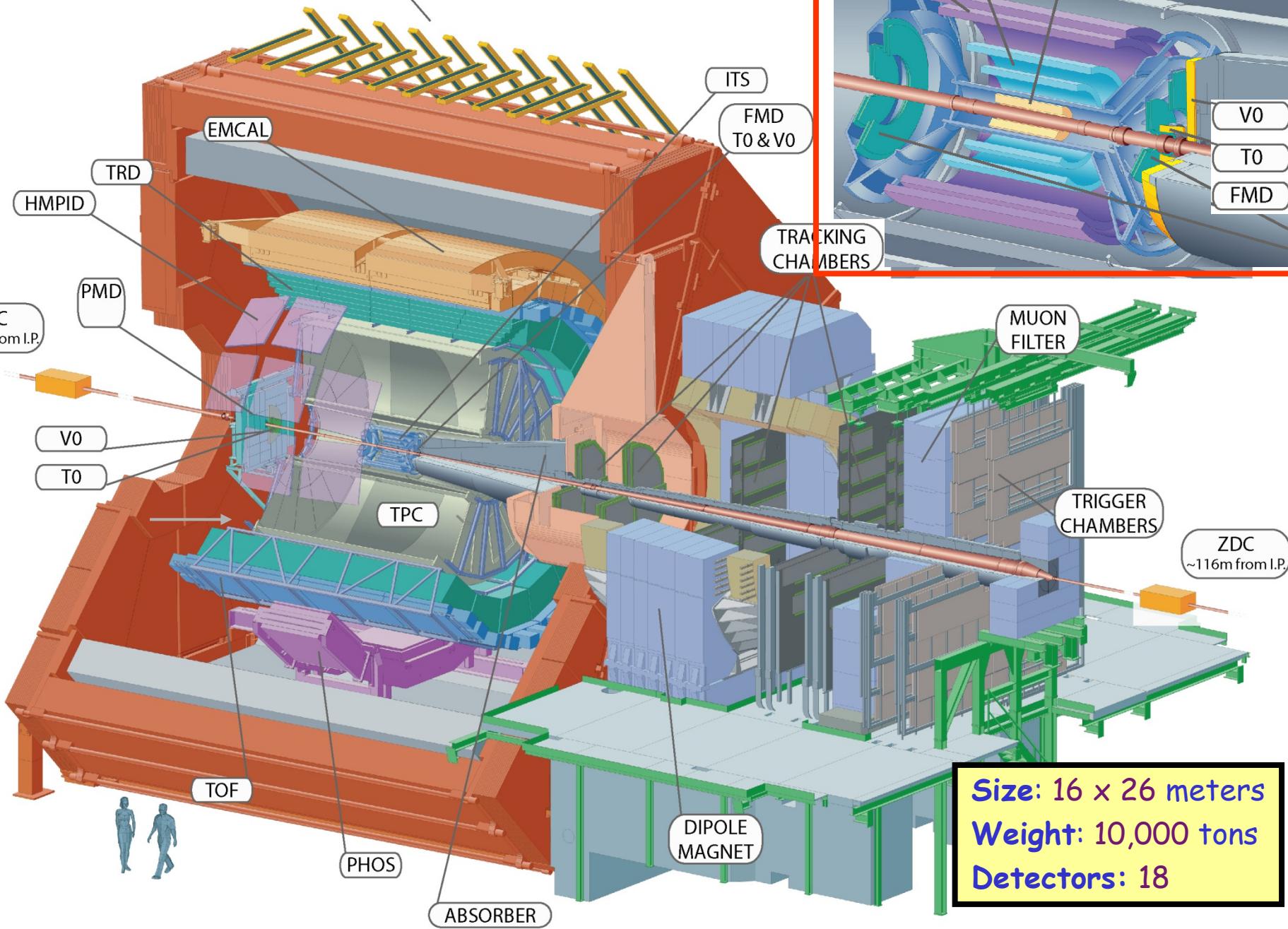
	SPS	RHIC	LHC
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	17	200	5500
$dN_{ch}/dy$	430	730	1000-4000
$\tau_{QGP}^0$ (fm/c)	1	0.2	0.1
$T/T_c$	1.1	1.9	3.0-4.7
$\varepsilon$ (GeV/fm <sup>3</sup> )	3	5	15-60
$\tau_{QGP}$ (fm/c)	$\leq 2$	2-4	$\geq 10$
$\tau_f$ (fm/c)	$\sim 10$	20-30	15-60
$V_f$ (fm <sup>3</sup> )	few 10 <sup>3</sup>	few 10 <sup>4</sup>	few 10 <sup>5</sup>



Cross-sections of interesting probes expected to increase by factors  
 $\sim 10$  ( $c\bar{c}$ ) ;  $\sim 10^2$  ( $b\bar{b}$ )  
 $\sim > 10^5$  (very high  $p_T$  jets) ; Hard probes of the medium accessible at LHC  
 Direct photons are abundantly produced at LHC

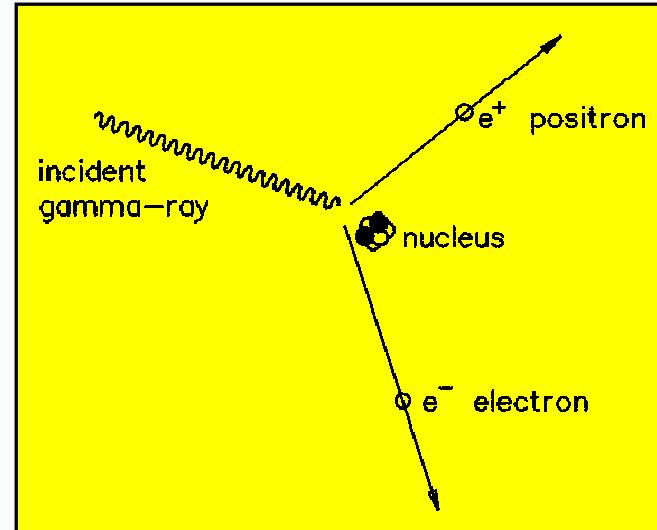
# ALICE: The dedicated HI Experiment

ACORDE



# Interaction of photons with matter

- Photoelectric effect
- Compton scattering
- Pair production:  $E_\gamma > 1.02\text{MeV}$



- Electromagnetic Calorimeters:  
The complete photon energy is deposited in the detector (electromagnetic shower)

- Photon measurement via pair conversions:  
Determine photon momentum and direction by measuring  $e^+/e^-$  from a single  $\gamma$  conversion in tracking detectors

**ALICE ( ITS+TPC+TRD)**

# X-rays



Hand mit Ringen (Hand with Rings): print of Wilhelm Roentgen's first "medical" X-ray, of his wife's hand, taken on 22 December 1895 and presented to Professor Ludwig Zehnder of the Physik Institut, University of Freiburg, on 1 January 1896

Used commonly in medicine for diagnostics of different diseases

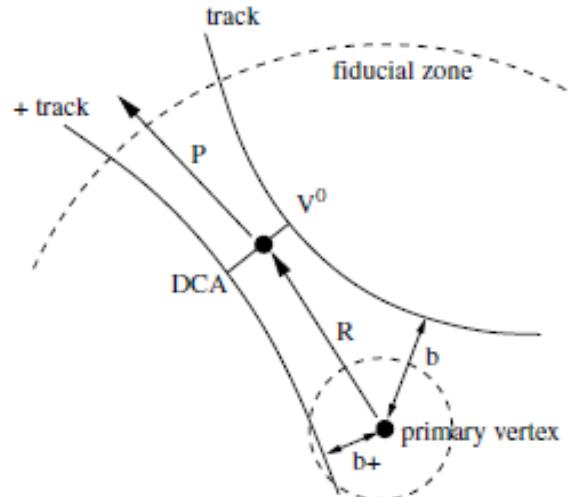
## Equipment:

- X-rays tube
- Photographic plate
- Patient



$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (from pp collisions@LHC  $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$ )  
Tracking Detectors (ITS+TPC)  
ALICE material budget

# V<sup>0</sup>:Secondary vertex reconstruction



## Reconstruction of

- strange hadrons:

$K^0_S$ :  $m=497.614 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $c\tau=2.6842 \text{ cm}$

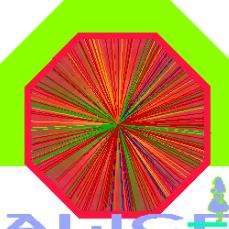
$\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}$ :  $m=1115.683 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $c\tau=7.89 \text{ cm}$

- converted photons in material (Z)



## For analysis:

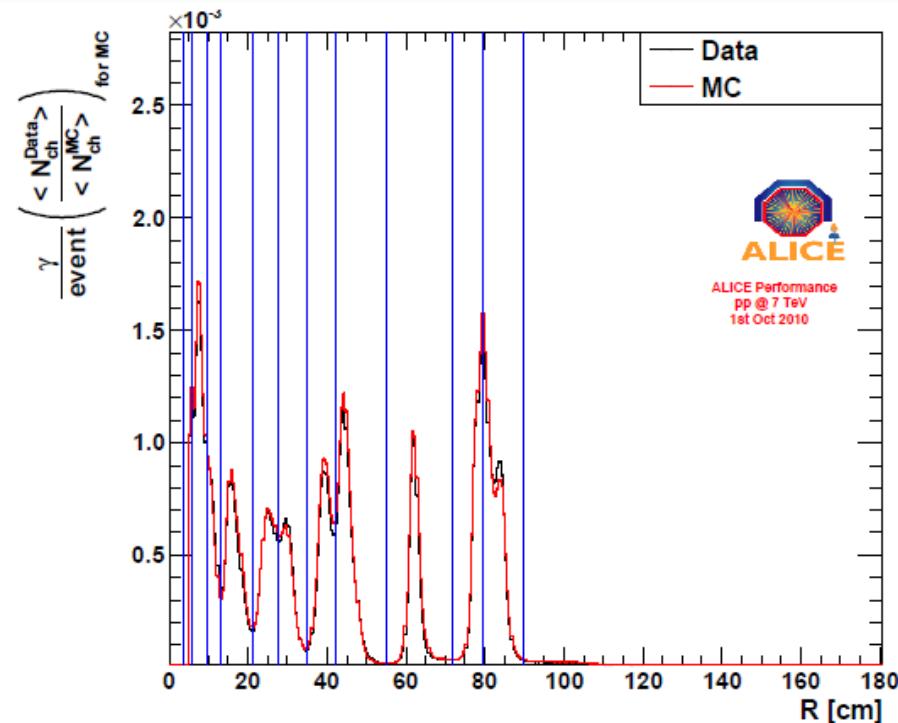
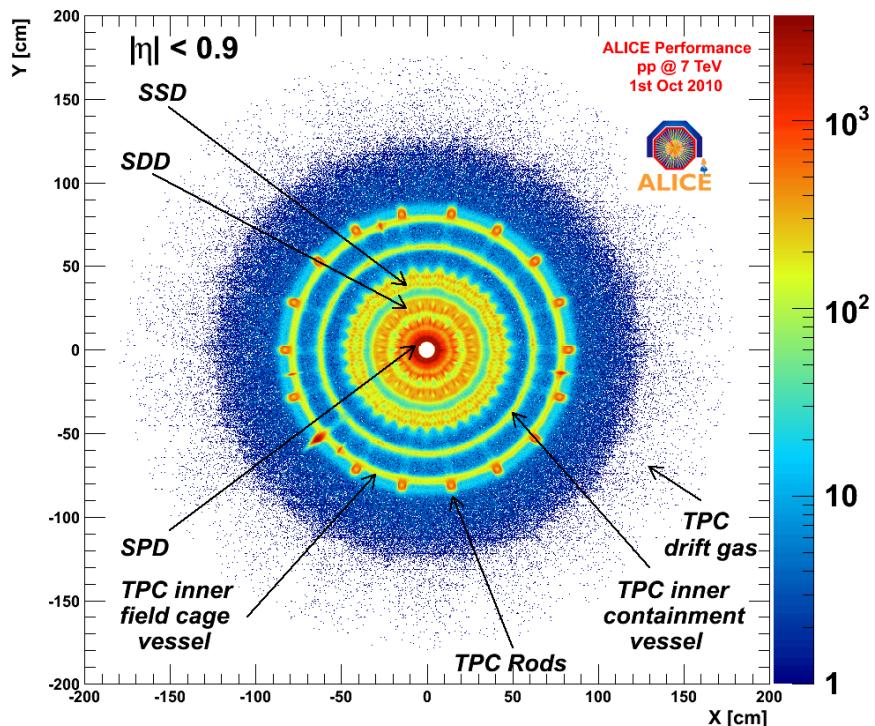
Package for fitting decay particles based on the Kalman Filter



# Photons from pair conversions: $\gamma$ -ray image of ALICE



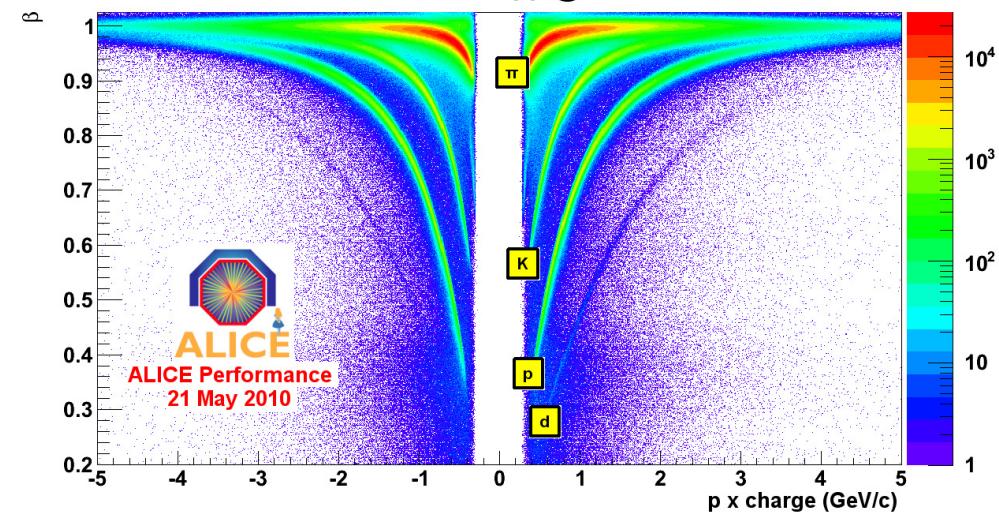
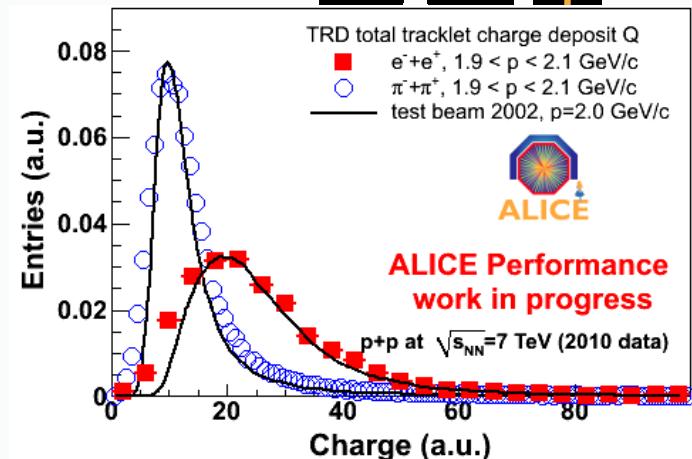
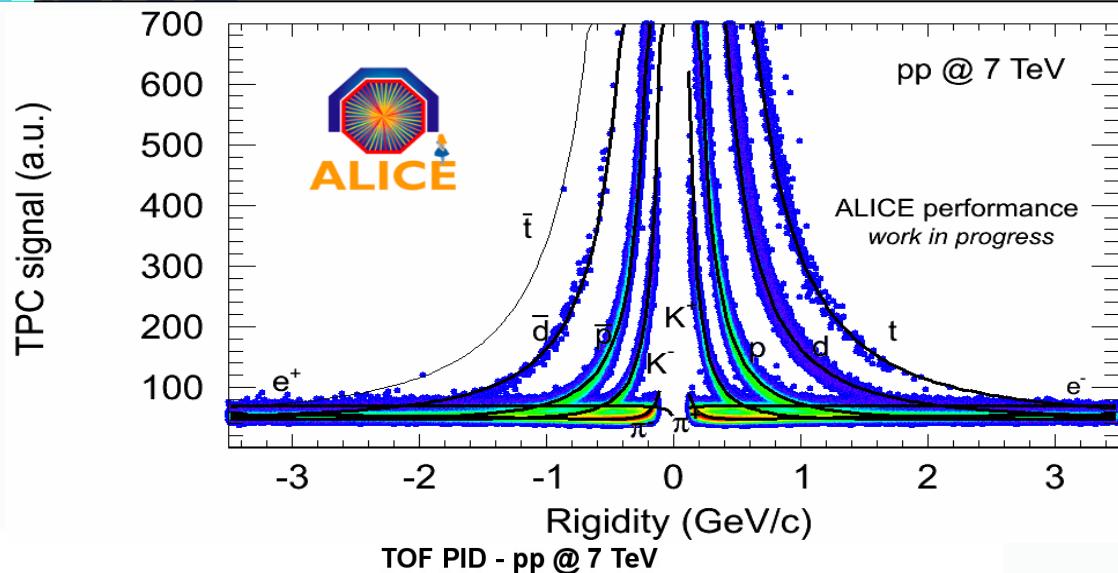
converted photons in material (Z):  $\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+e^-Z$



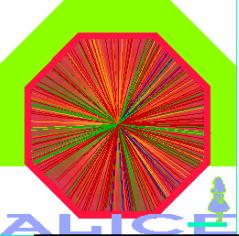
ALICE material budget agrees within  $\pm 6\%$  with its implementation in GEANT simulations



# ALICE PID capabilities



Excellent particle ID  
up to ~ 50 to 60  $\text{GeV}/c$

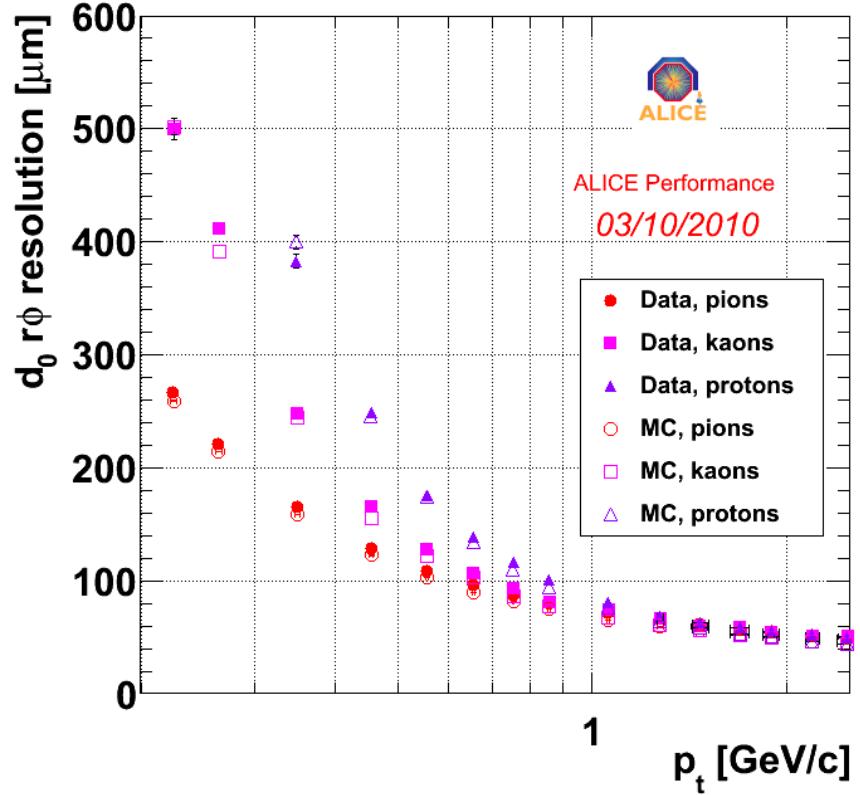
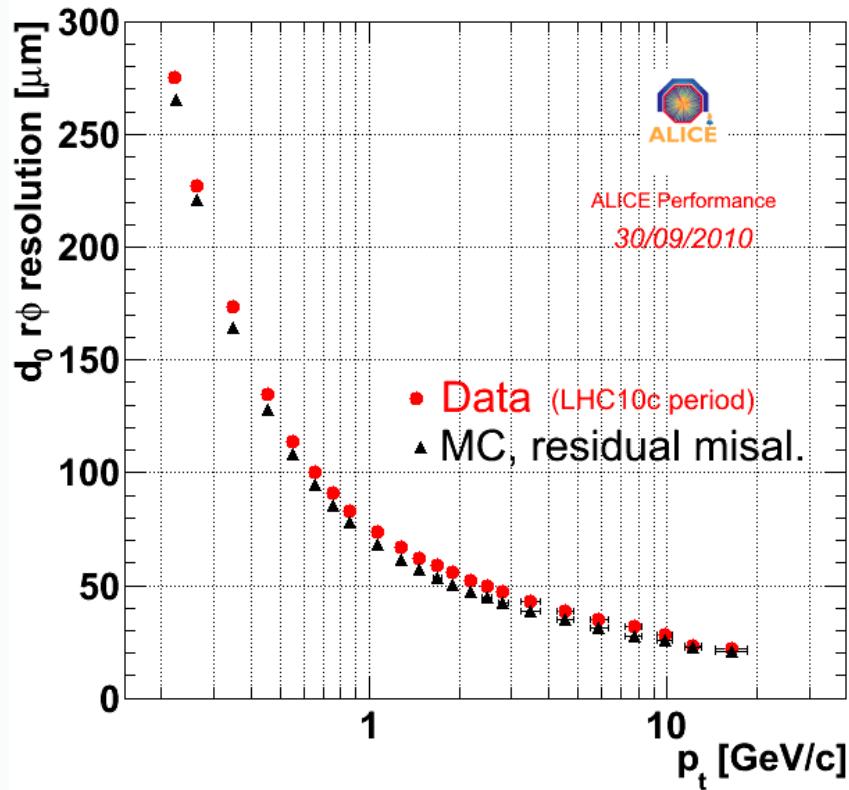


# Tracking and vertexing precision



Inner Tracking System (ITS) with 6 Si layers

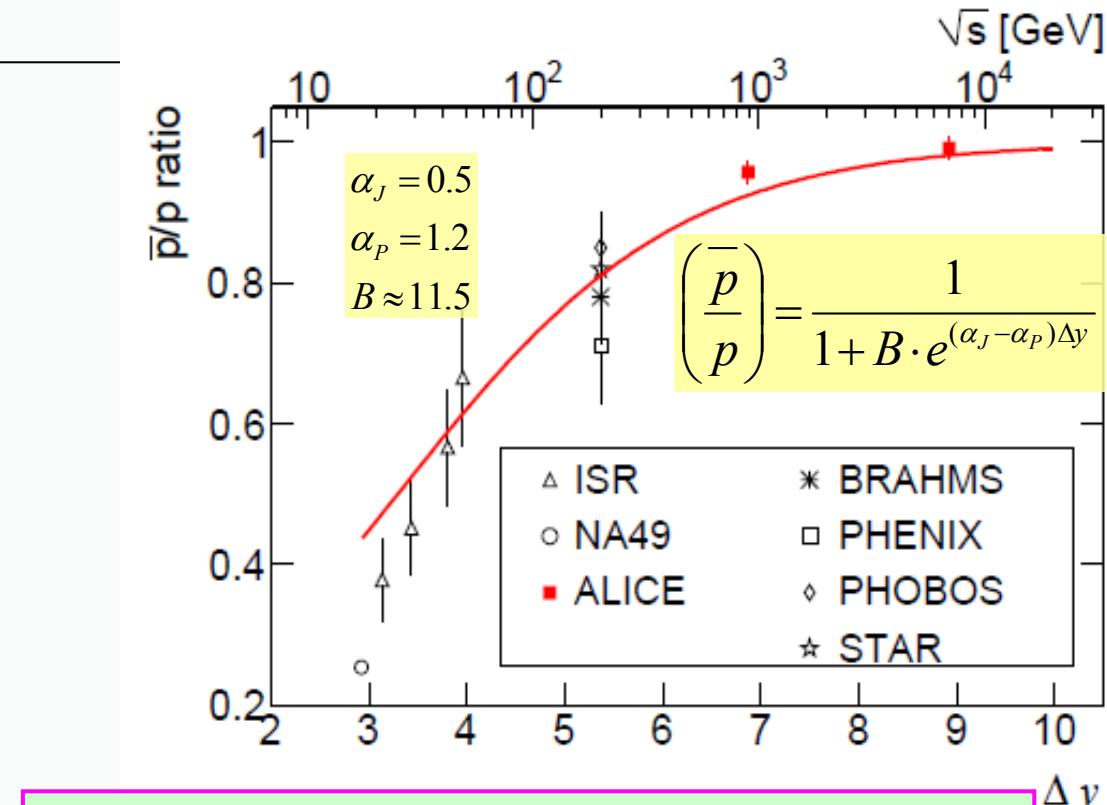
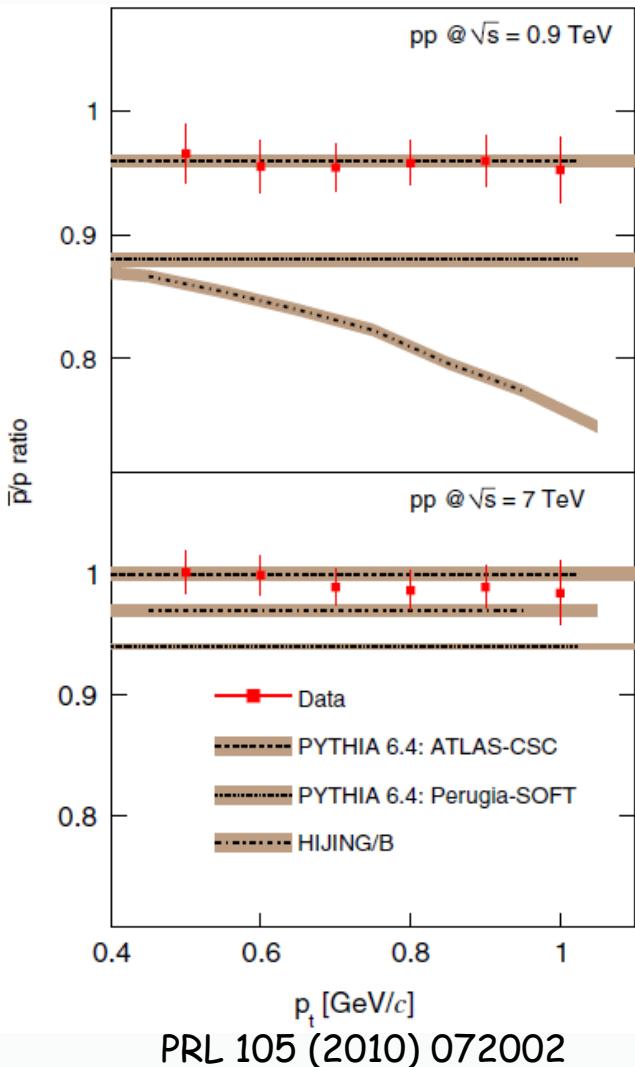
Two pixel layers at 3.8 cm (closest barrel layer at LHC!) and 7 cm



Key (together with PID) for charm and beauty measurements



# $\bar{p}/p$ ratio @ LHC



0.9 TeV:  $\bar{p}/p = 0.957 \pm 0.006(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst})$

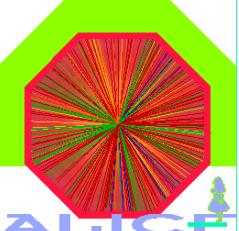
7 TeV:  $\bar{p}/p = 0.990 \pm 0.006(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst})$

$\bar{p}/p$  ratio  $\sim 1$  at LHC

Little room for any additional diagrams  
which transport baryon number over large rapidity gaps

## Neutral meson ( $\pi^0, \eta$ ) measurement:

- Test of NLO pQCD, sensitive to fragmentation function at low z
- Needed to extract direct photons
- Reference data for PbPb



# $\pi^0$ and $\eta$ reconstruction



$pp \rightarrow \pi^0 + X_n$

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$

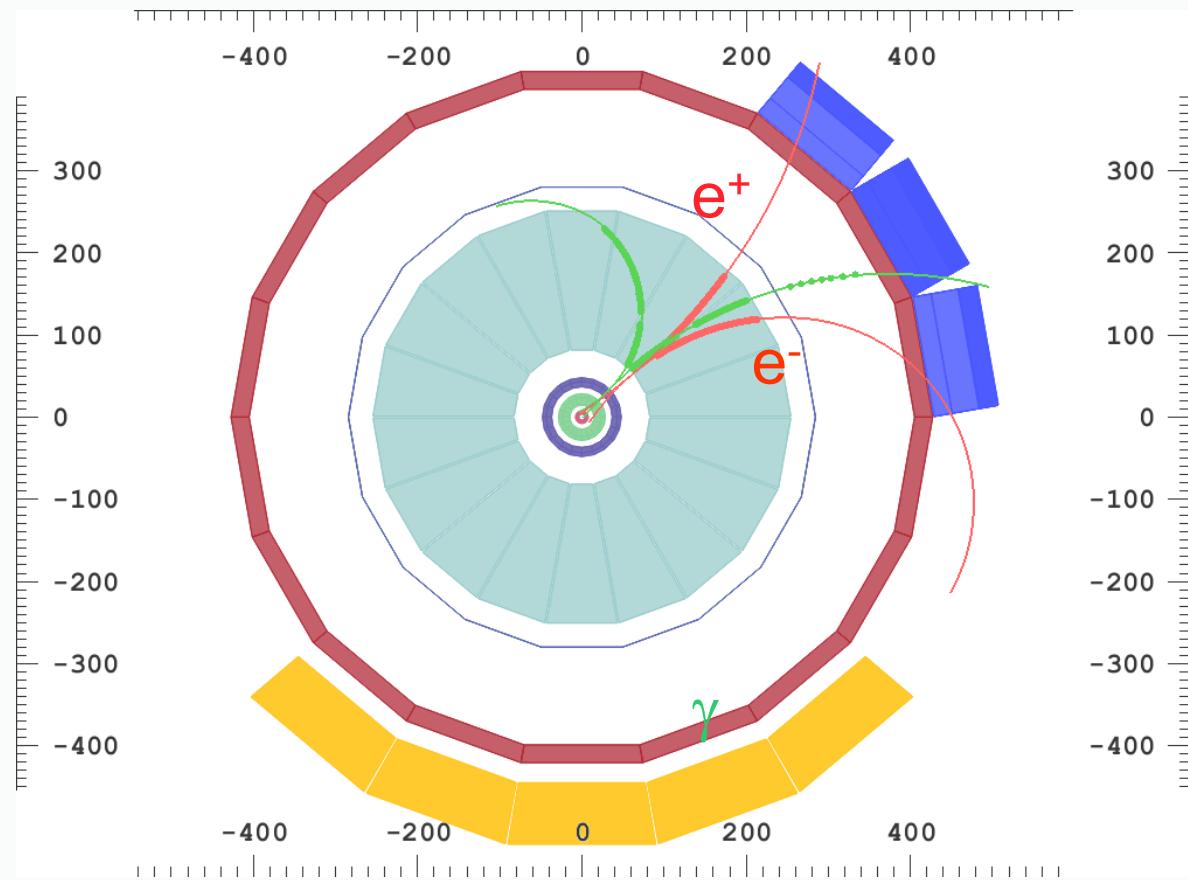
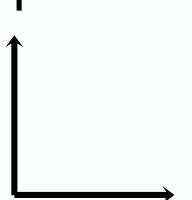
$(m_{\pi^0} = 0.135 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \text{ BR} = 0.988)$

$pp \rightarrow \eta + X_n$

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$

$(m_\eta = 0.548 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \text{ BR} = 0.393)$

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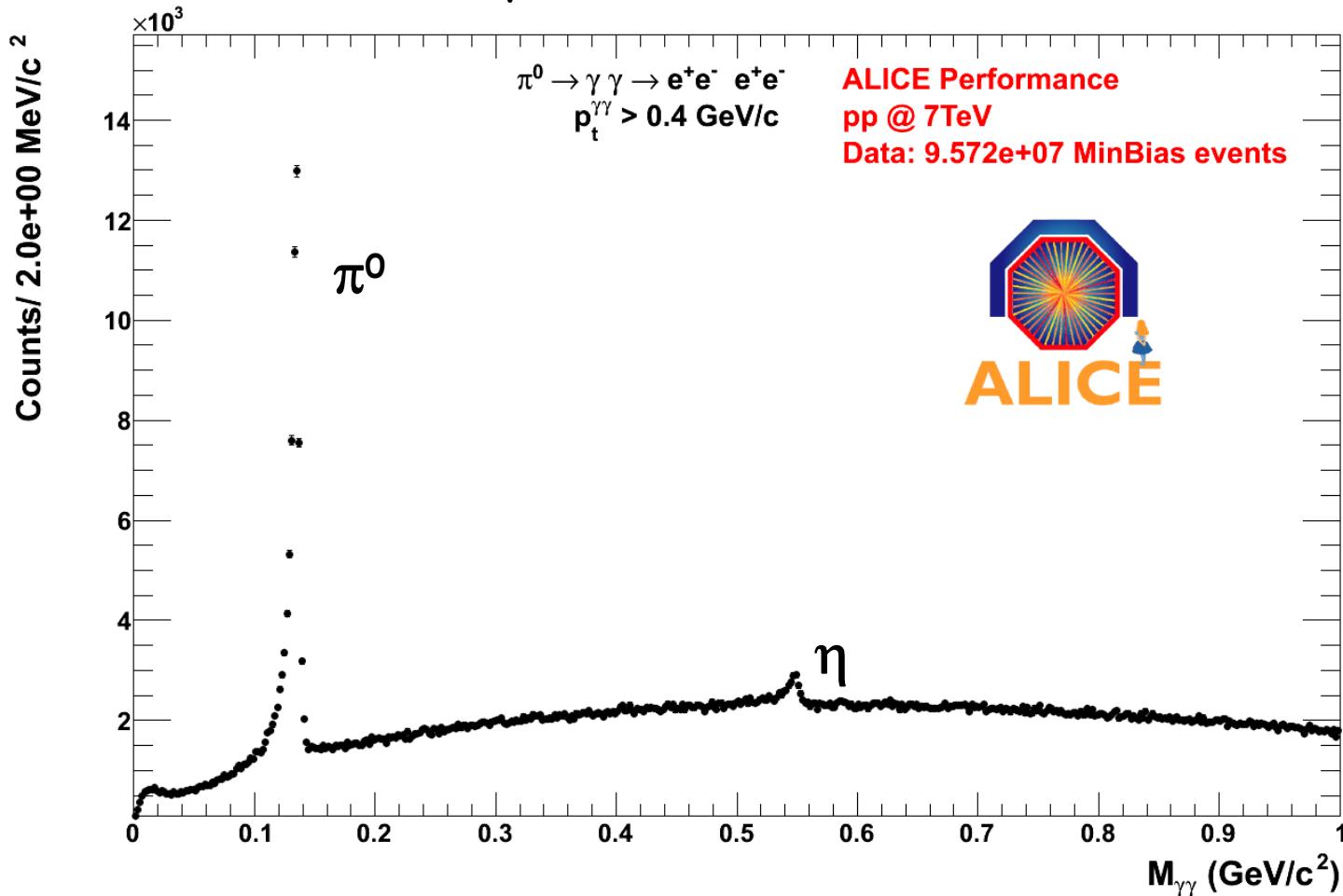


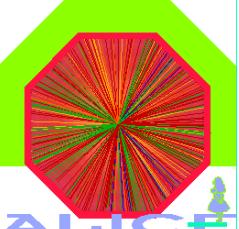


# $\pi^0$ and $\eta$ mesons @ 7TeV



$$M_{\gamma_1\gamma_2} = \sqrt{2E_{\gamma_1}E_{\gamma_2}(1-\cos\theta_{\gamma_1\gamma_2})}$$



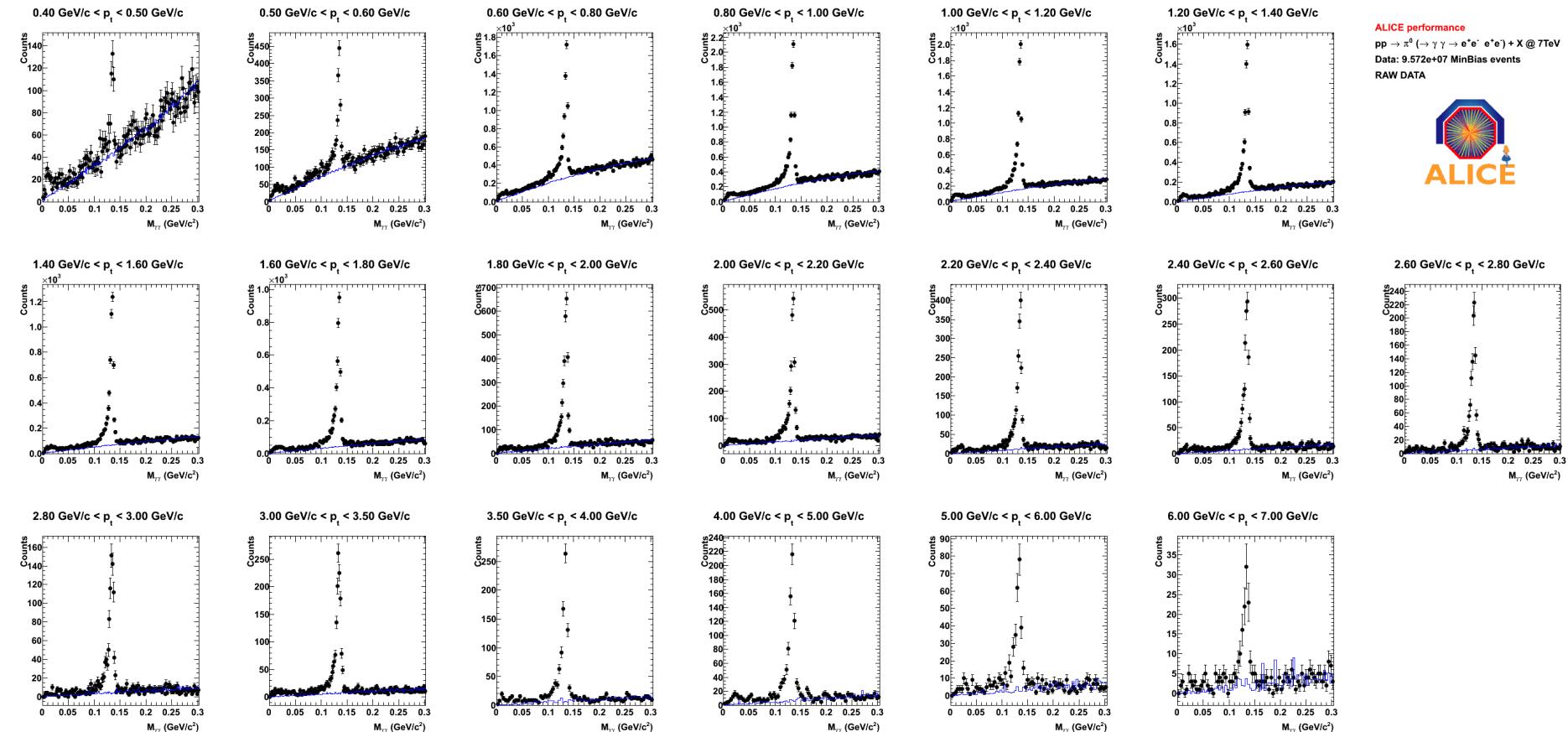


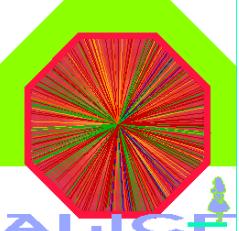
# Data 7 TeV: $\pi^0$ invariant mass in $p_t$ bins



$M_{\gamma\gamma} \text{ 0.17-0.3 GeV/c}^2$  for normalization

Very low  $p_t$  reached with the conversion method

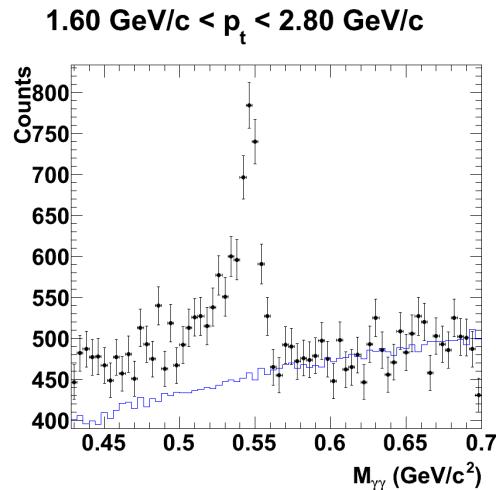
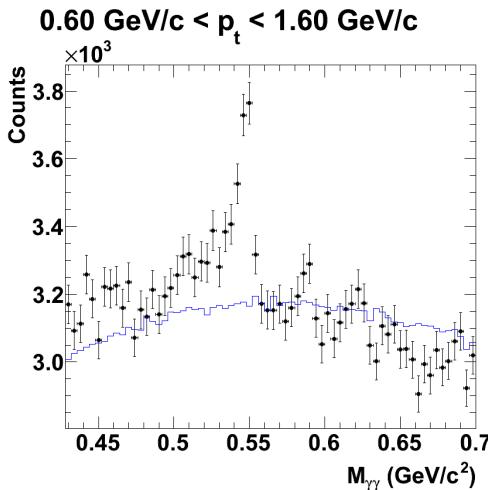




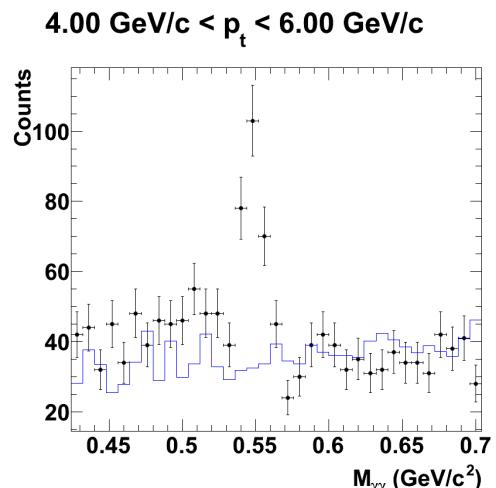
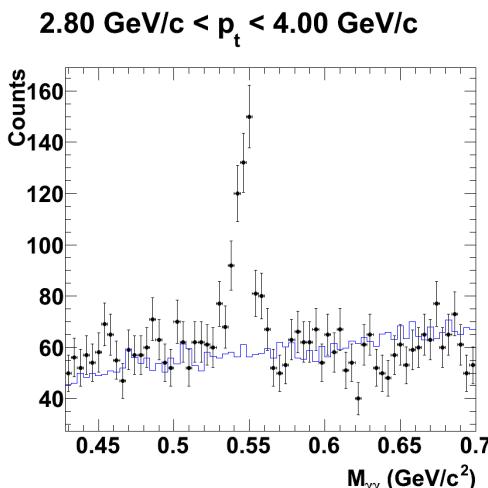
# Data 7TeV: $\eta$ invariant mass in $p_t$ bins

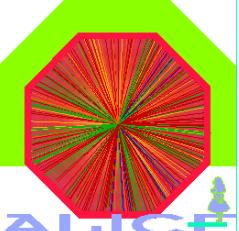


$M_{\gamma\gamma}$  0.6-0.7 GeV/c $^2$  for normalization

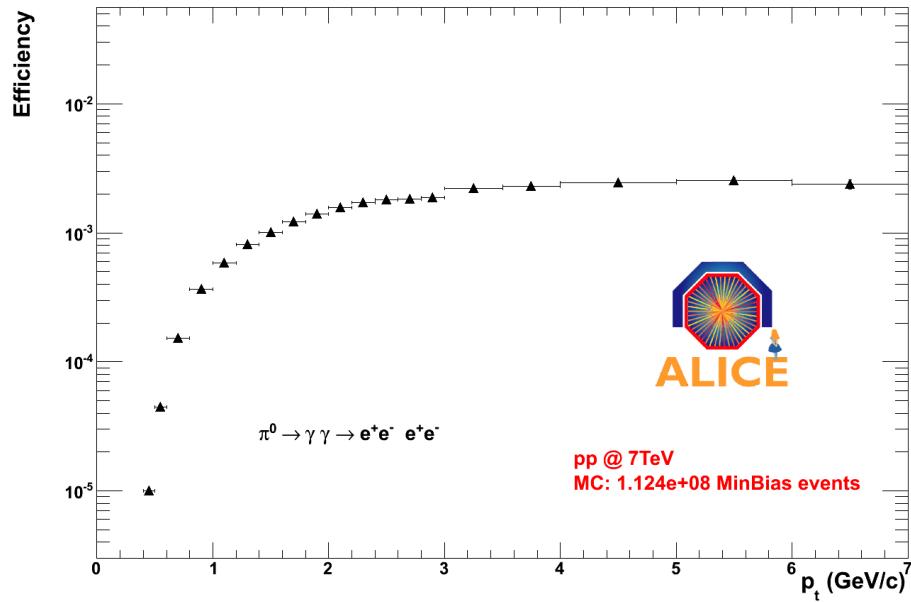
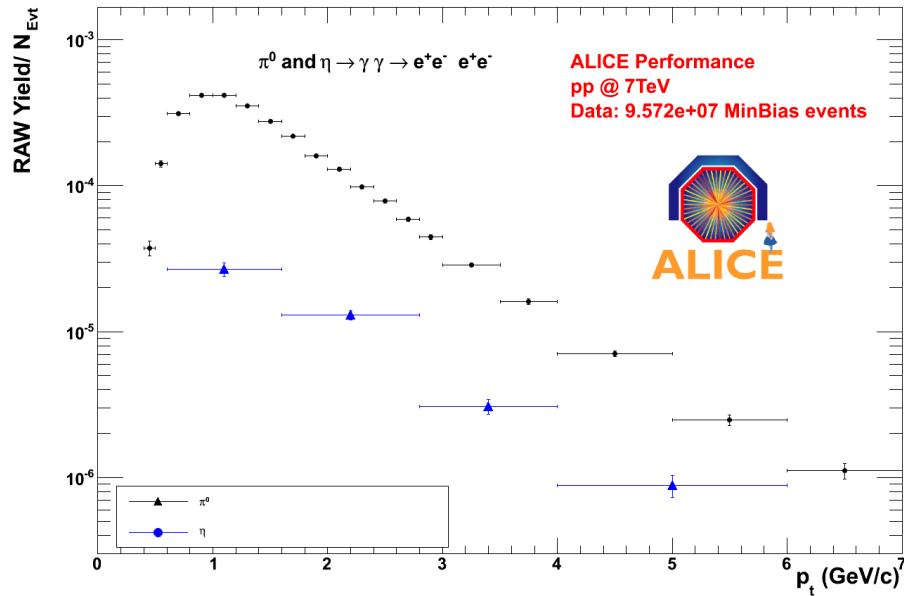


**ALICE performance**  
 $\text{pp} \rightarrow \eta (\rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^- e^+e^-) + X @ 7\text{TeV}$   
Data:  $9.572\text{e}+07$  MinBias events  
RAW DATA

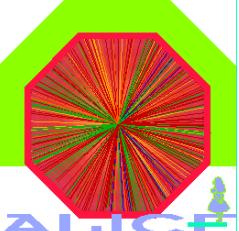




# Raw yields. Reconstruction efficiency

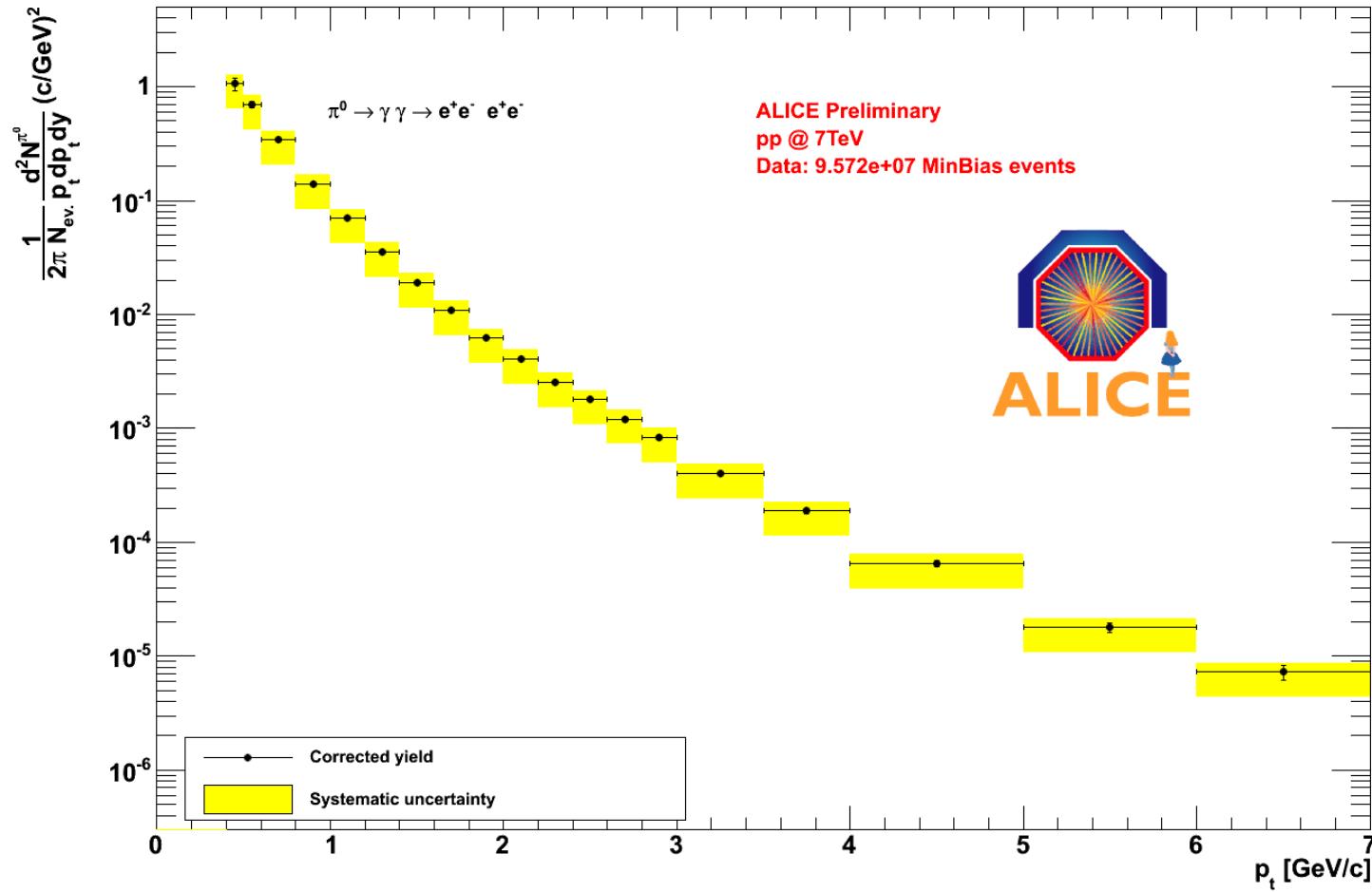


With  $9.5 \times 10^7$  Minimum Bias collisions:  
 $\pi^0$  measured in  $0.4 \text{ GeV}/c < p_t < 7 \text{ GeV}/c$   
 $\eta$  measured in  $0.6 \text{ GeV}/c < p_t < 6 \text{ GeV}/c$

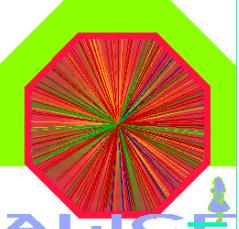


# Fully corrected $\pi^0$ pt spectrum

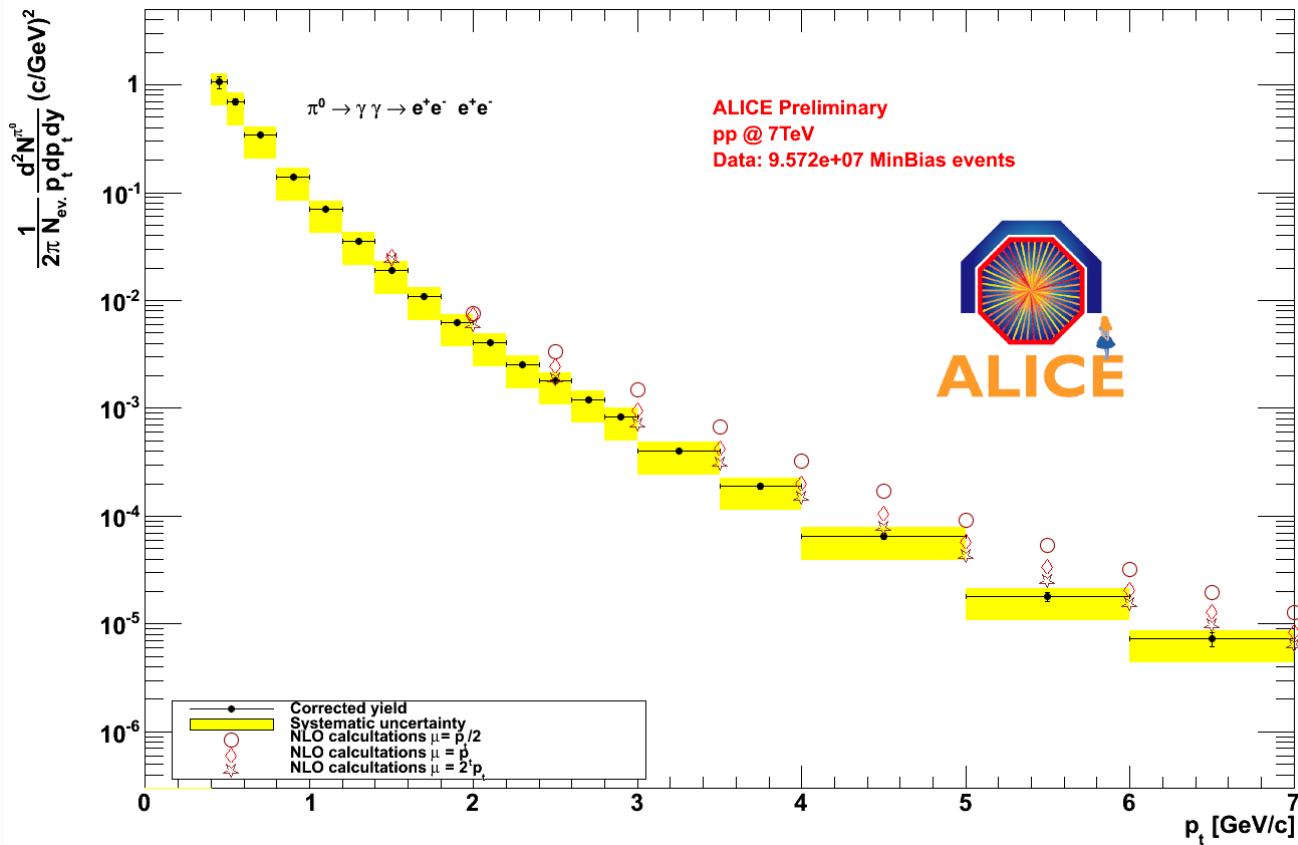
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$\pi^0$  spectrum measured in pp collisions@7 TeV

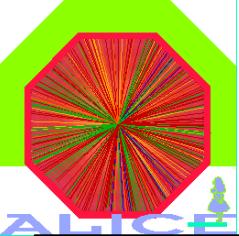


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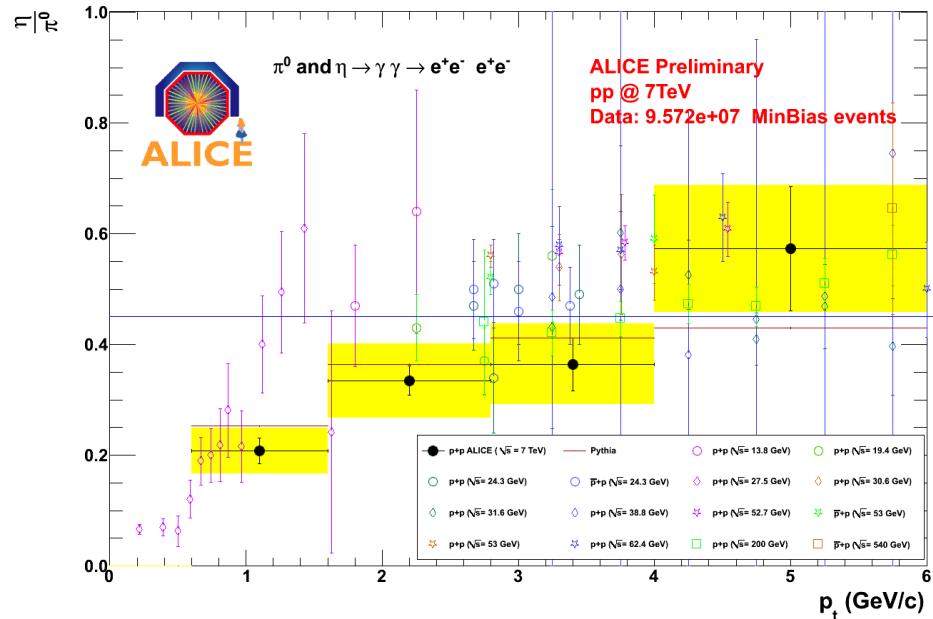
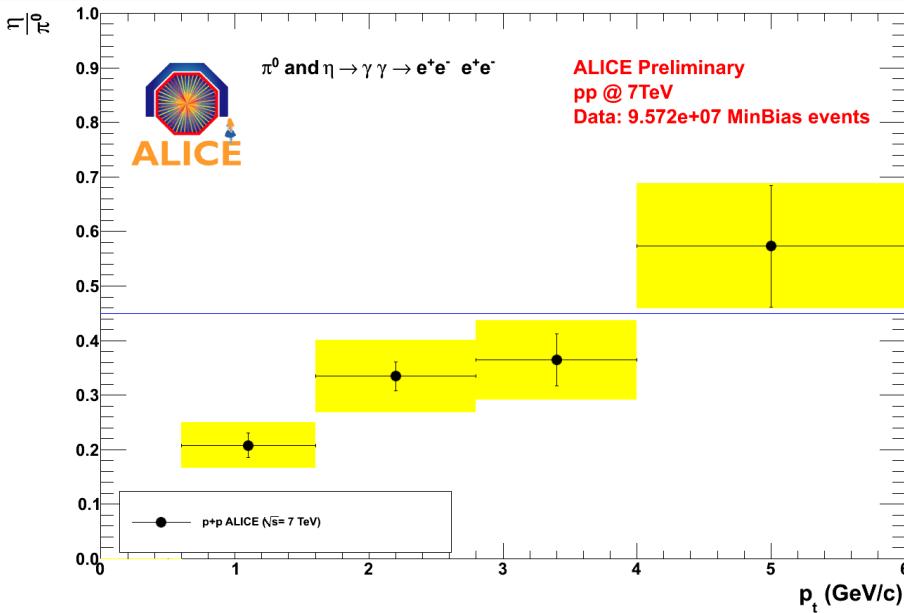
NLO predictions  
from W. Vogelsang

- Method and calculations described in:
- [1] F. Aversa et al., Nucl. Phys. B327, 105 (1989).
  - [2] B. Jäger et al., Phys. Rev. D67, 054005 (2003).
  - [3] D. de Florian, Phys. Rev. D67, 054004 (2003).



# $\eta/\pi^0$ ratio

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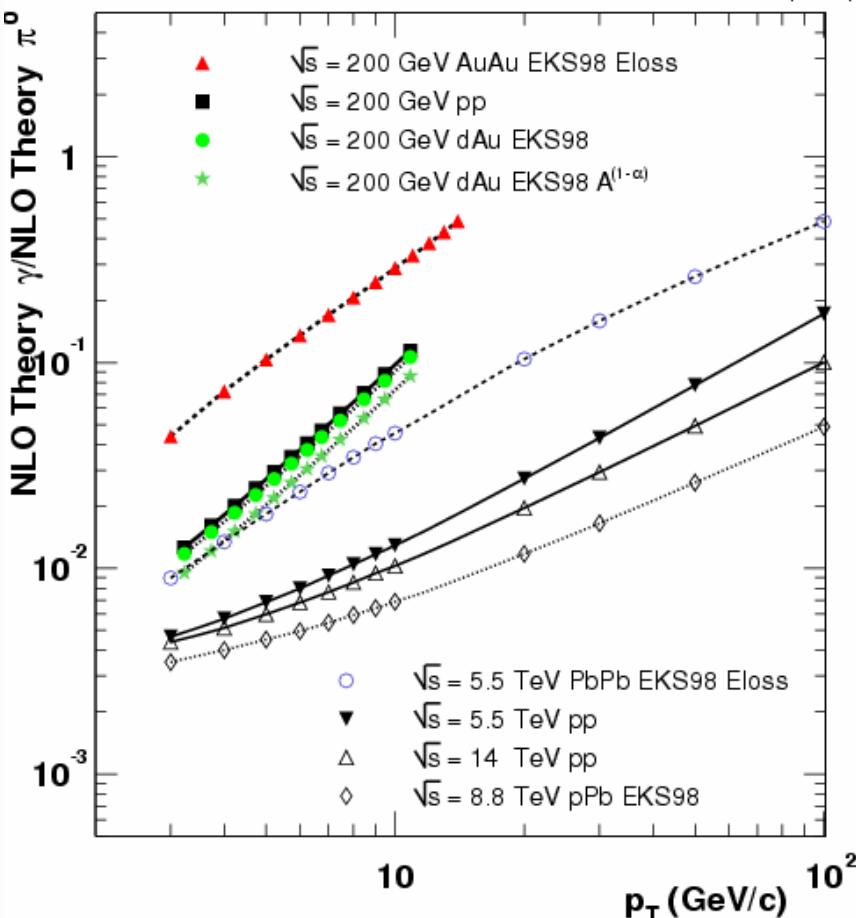


The  $\eta/\pi^0$  ratio is measured in pp collisions @7TeV  
for  $0.6 \text{ GeV}/c < p_t < 6 \text{ GeV}/c$ .

In agreement with Pythia expectations and with  
the world data measured in hadron-hadron collisions,  
taken from Phys. Rev.C 75 0224909 (2007).

# How many direct photons?

$pp, dAu, pPb, AuAu, PbPb \rightarrow \gamma X$  CTEQ5M BFG set II  $M = \mu = M_F = p_T$   
 $pp, dAu, pPb, AuAu, PbPb \rightarrow \pi^0 X$  CTEQ5M KKP  $M = \mu = M_F = p_T$



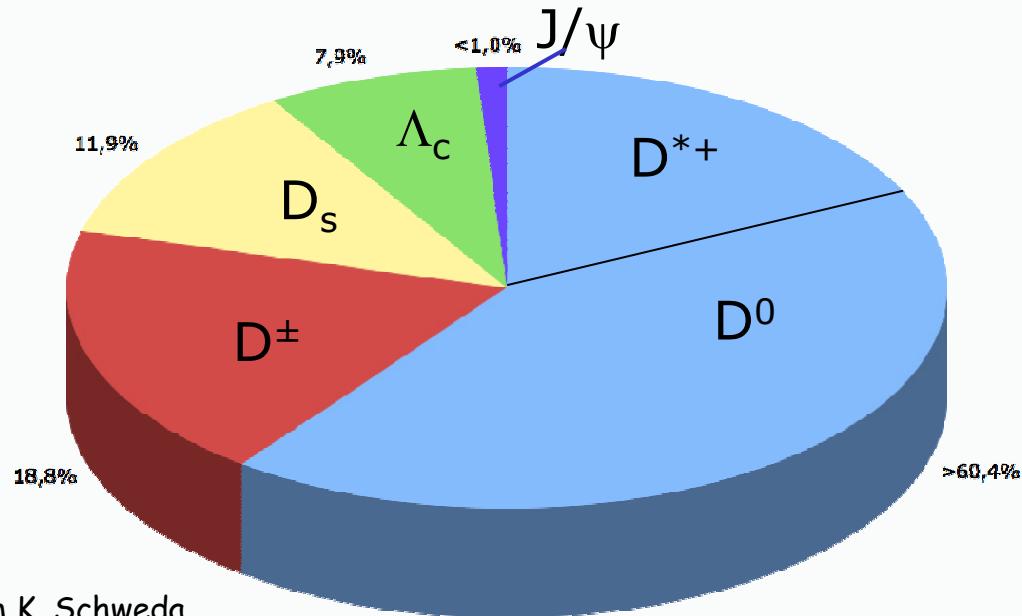
Measurement was done at RHIC  
... but more difficult at LHC  
 $\gamma/\pi^0 = 0,01-0,1$  for  $p_T > 20$  GeV/c  
We need a good distinction  
direct/decay  $\gamma$

Cern Yellow Report 2004-009, hep-ph/0311131

## Charm measurement:

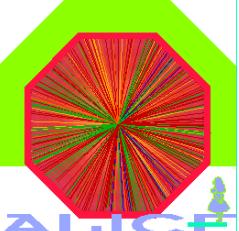
- Test of NLO pQCD
- Needed for quarkonia studies
- Reference data for PbPb

# Where does all the charm go ?

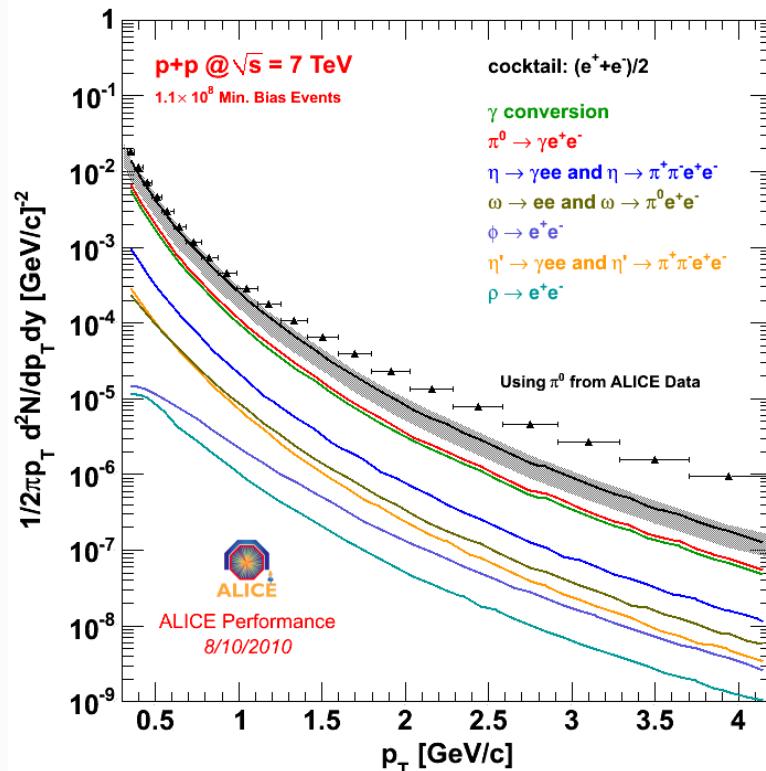
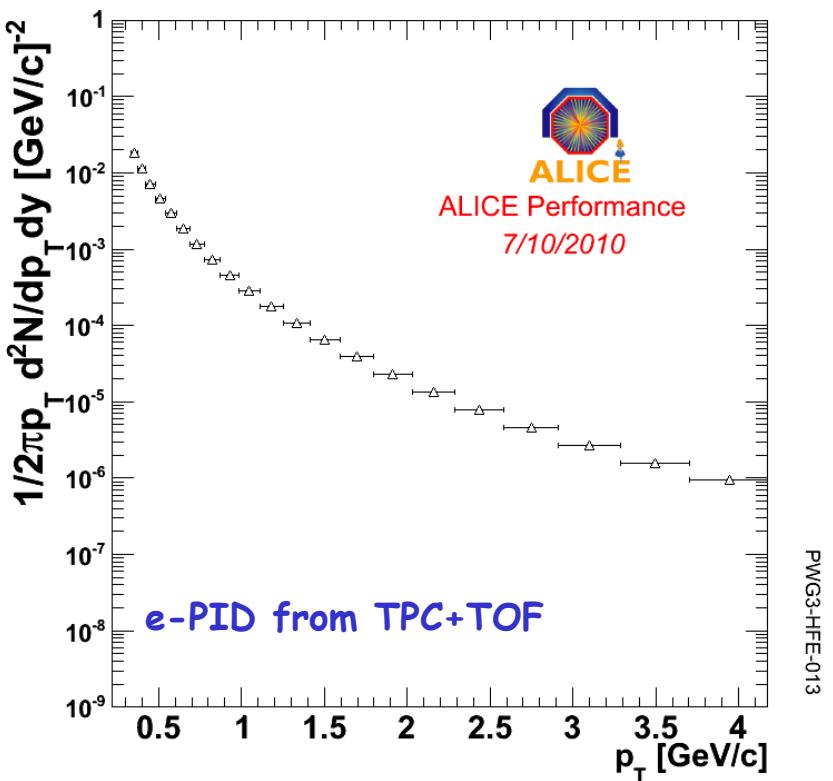


Plot from K. Schweda

Total charm cross section: open-charmed hadrons,  
e.g.  $D^0$ ,  $D^*$ ,  $\Lambda_c$ , ... or  $c, b \rightarrow e(\mu) + X$   
Quarkonia, e.g.  $J/\psi$  carries  $\approx 1\%$  of total charm

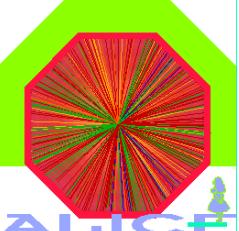


# Single electron spectrum and cocktail

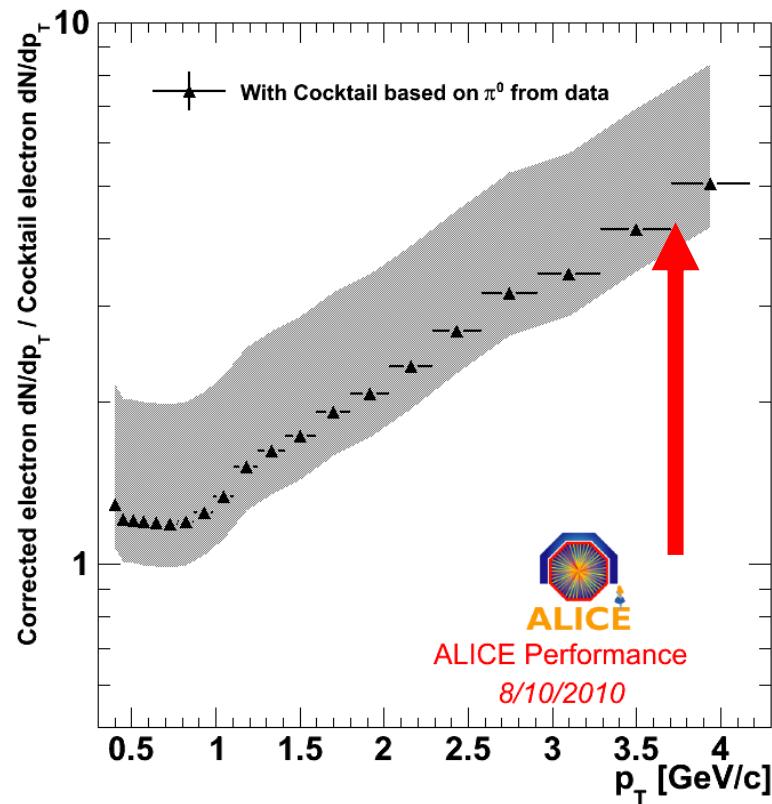
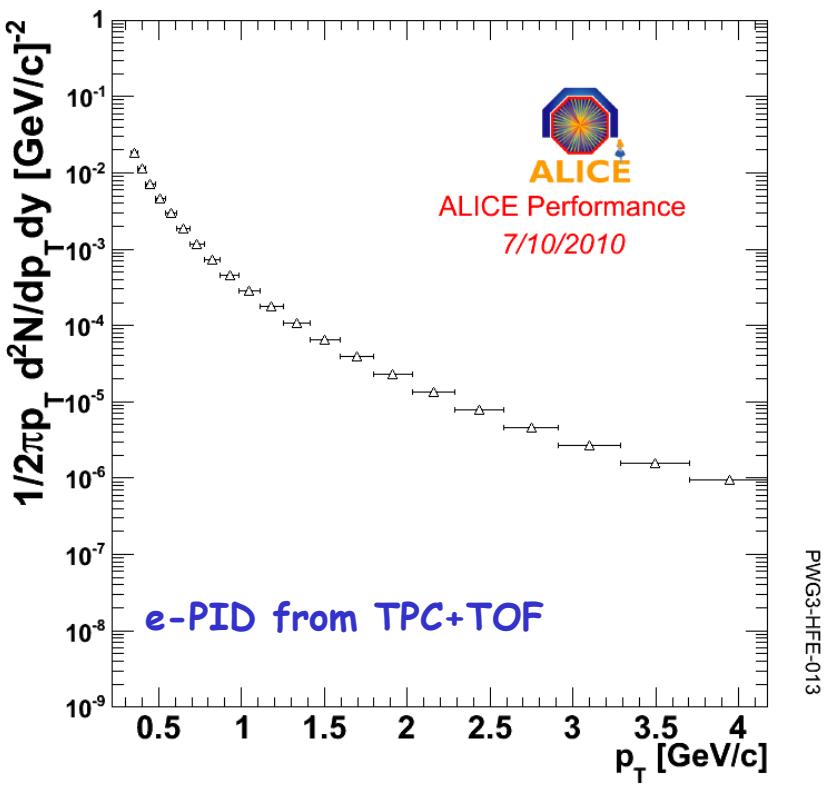


- Subtraction of residual hadronic contamination
- Corrections for acceptance and efficiency
- Correction for pT detector resolution (electron bremsstrahlung)

Excess from charm and beauty semileptonic decays,  
+(small contribution from J/ψ and direct γ)

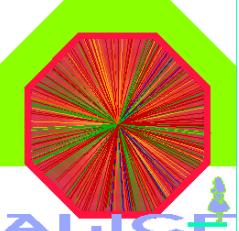


# Single electron spectrum and cocktail

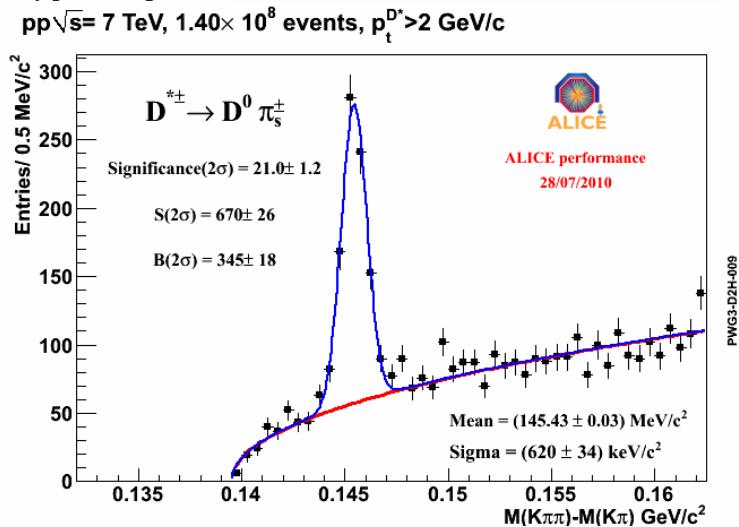
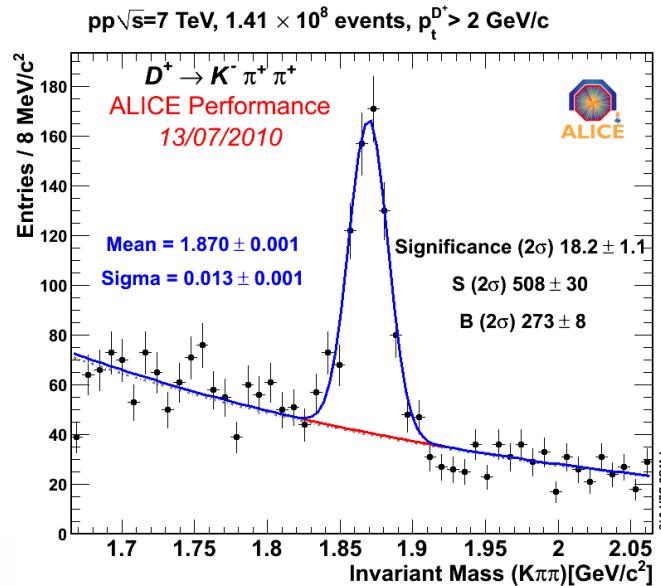
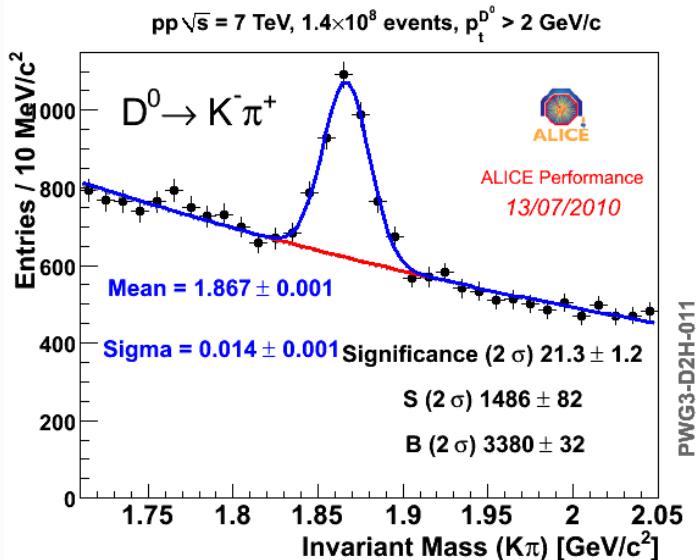


- Subtraction of residual hadronic contamination
- Corrections for acceptance and efficiency
- Correction for pT detector resolution (electron bremsstrahlung)

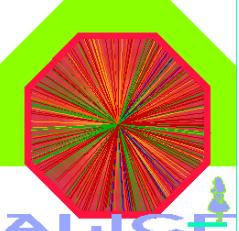
Excess from charm and beauty semileptonic decays,  
+(small contribution from J/ψ and direct γ)



# Open – charm from ALICE

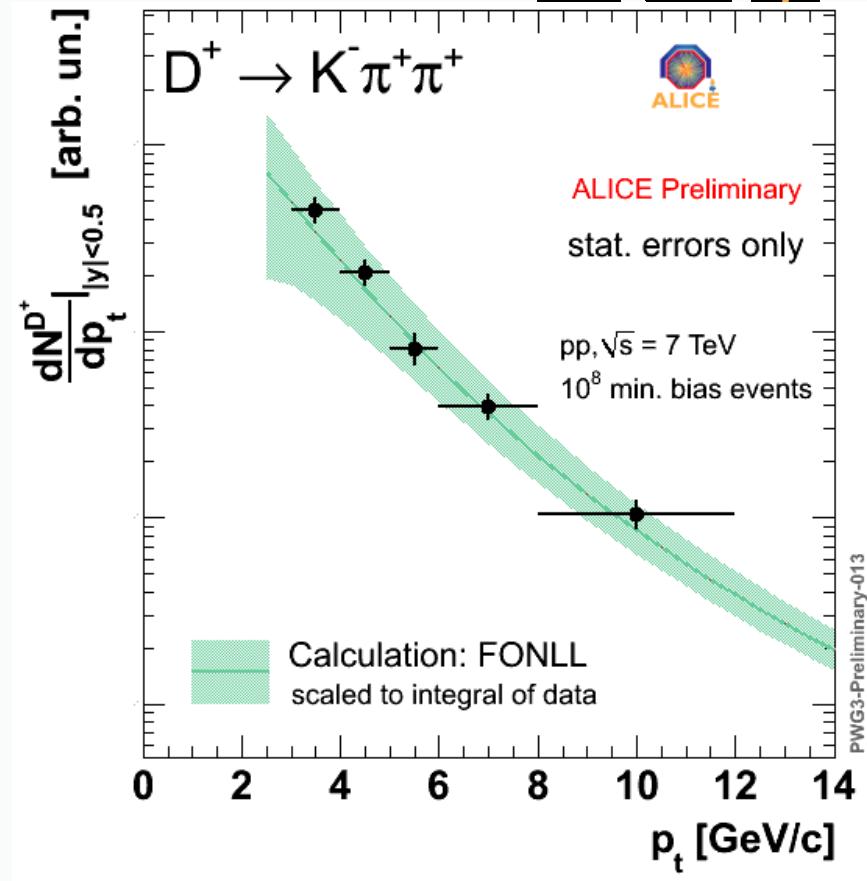
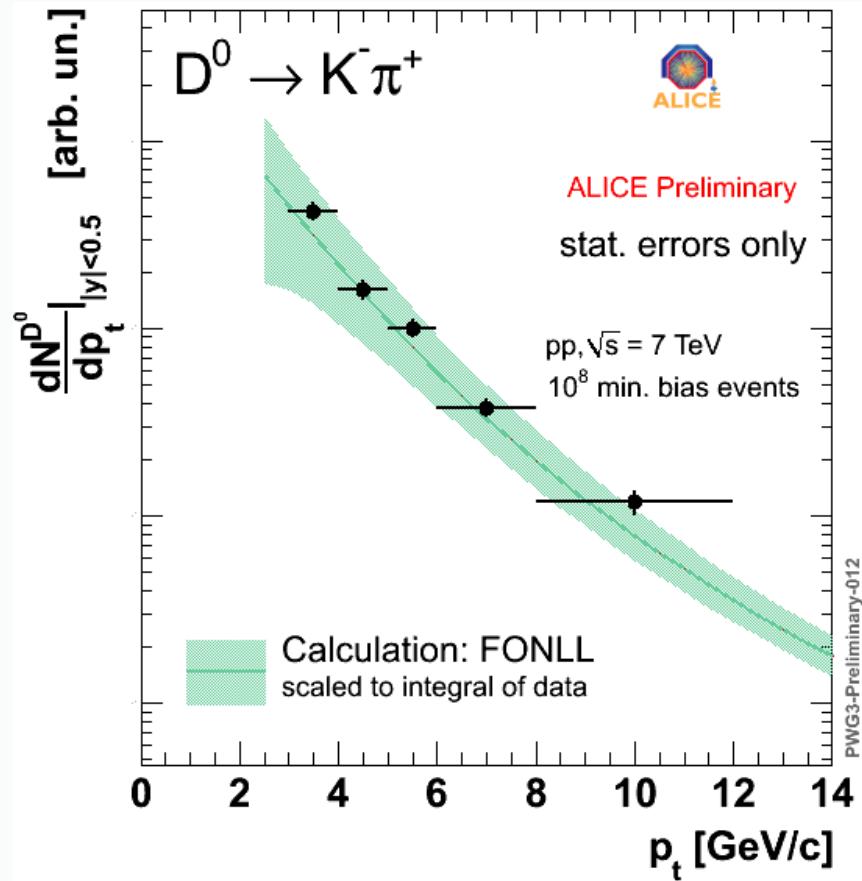


Study open charm production in as many channels as possible



# $D^0$ and $D^+$ transverse momentum

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Shape compares well with pQCD (FONLL)  
Ongoing: extension at low  $p_t$  and absolute normalization

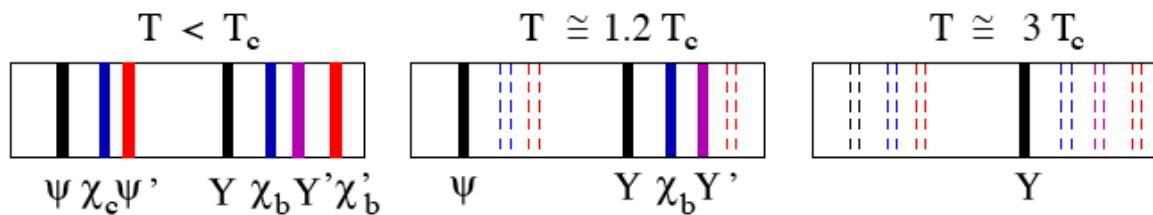
# Quarkonia:

# Quarkonia in Heavy-Ion Collisions

## Quarkonia ( $J/\Psi$ , $\Upsilon$ ):

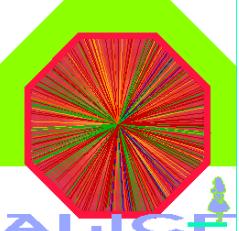
20 years ago: Matsui & Satz (Phys. Lett. B178(1986) 416)  
 color screening in deconfined matter →  $J/\psi$  suppression = "smoking gun"

- Sequential dissociation versus T in QGP (Matsui/Satz)



Can be used as thermometer of the medium

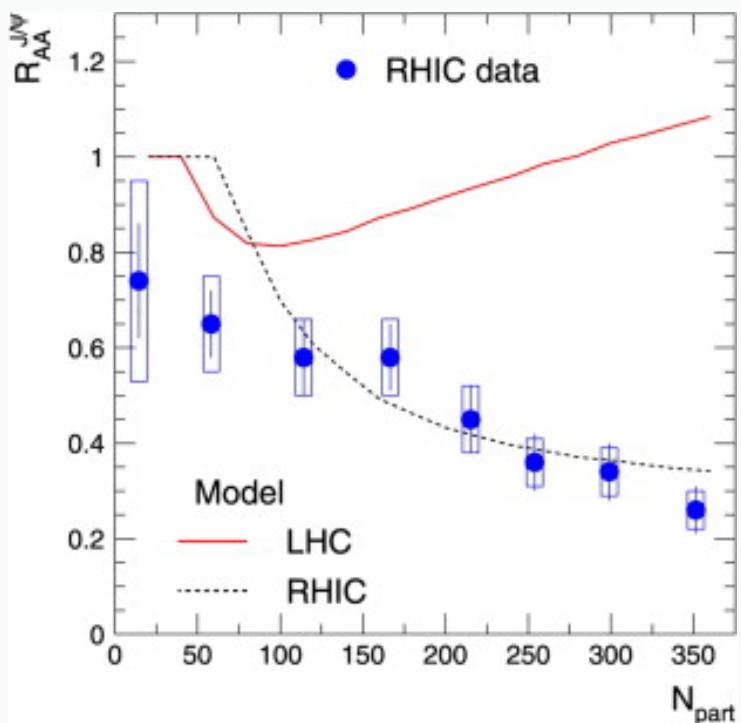
- Regeneration models give  $J/\psi$  enhancement that compensates for screening
- Feed down contribution to  $J/\psi$  from  $\chi_c$  &  $\psi'$  and  $B$  needs to be known.
- Measurements in pp provide the baseline
- Upsilon physics becomes available at LHC: Identification of different  $\Upsilon$  resonances is crucial



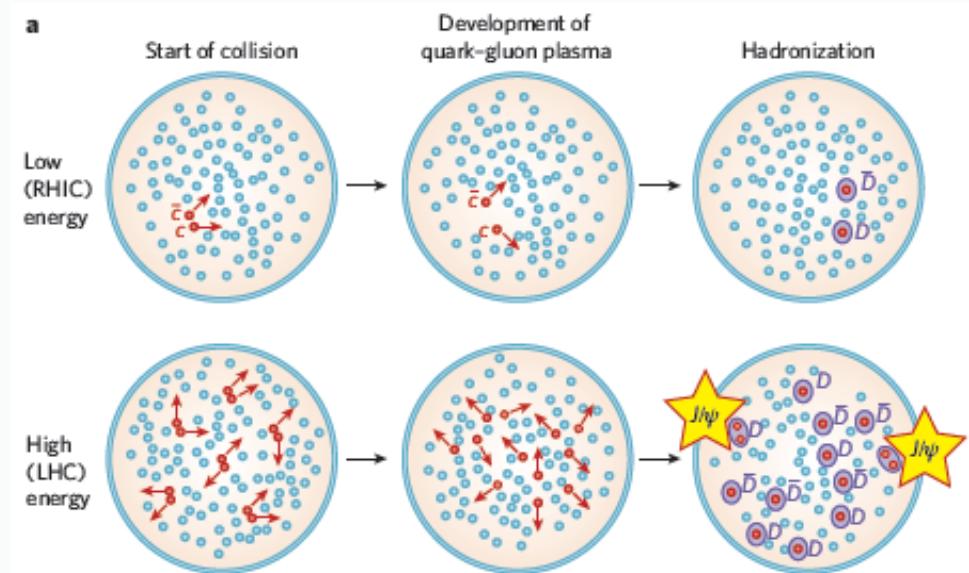
# Statistical Hadronization Model



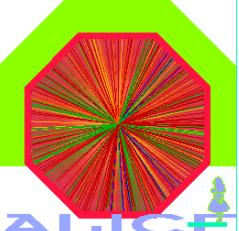
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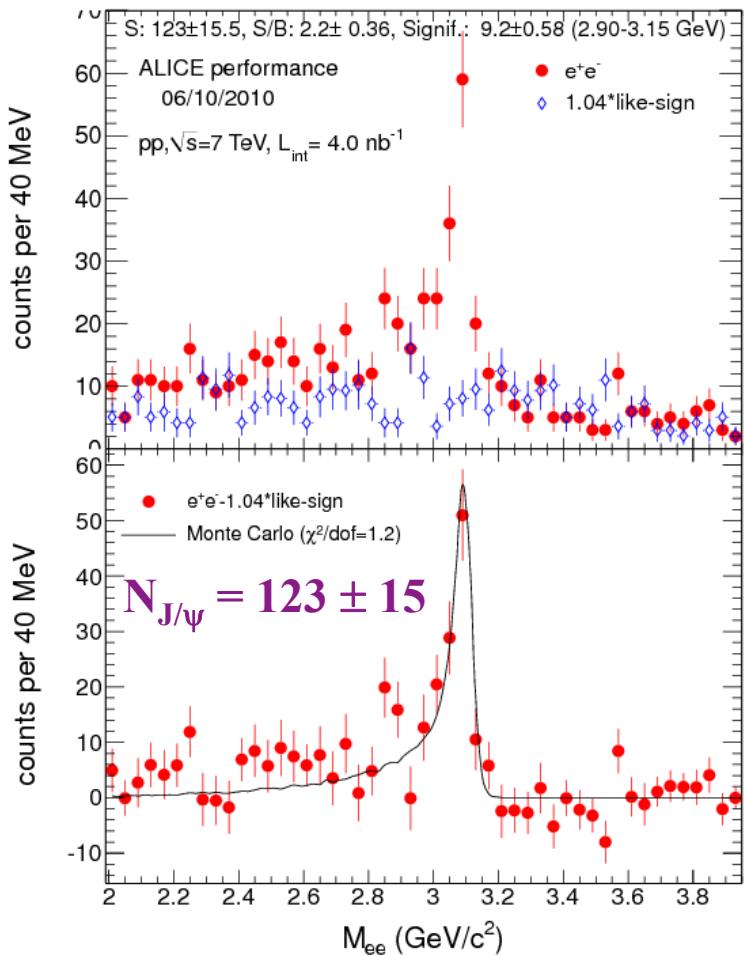
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Nature 448 (2007) 302



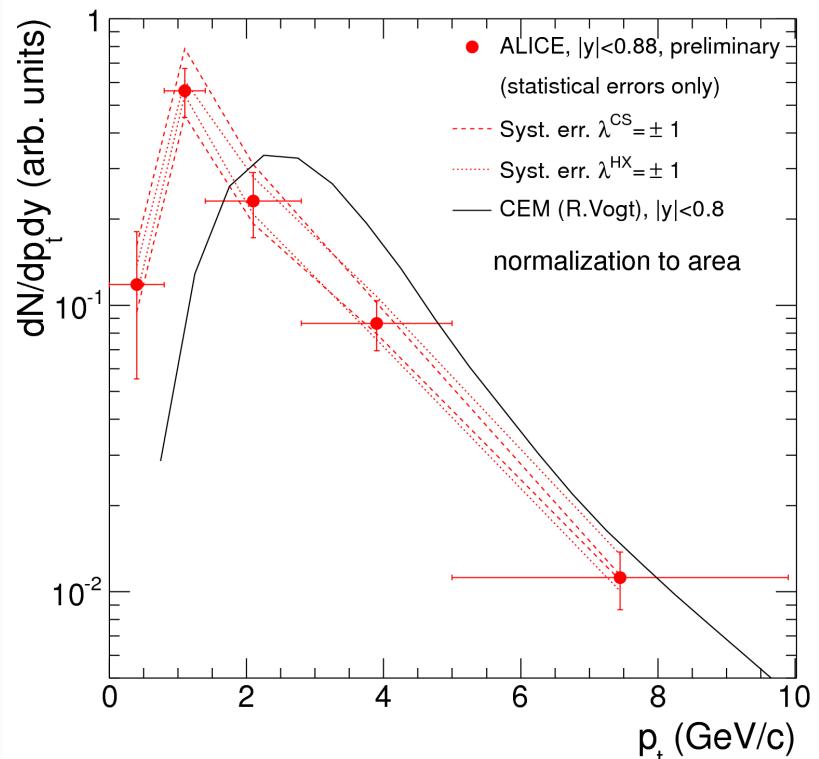
Clear signal for generation of charmonia due to statistical hadronization at the phase boundary



# $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

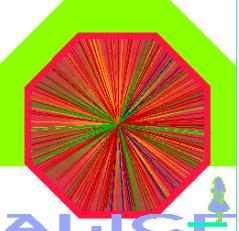


Yield extracted from bin counting  
(above like-sign background) in  
 $M_{e^+e^-}=2.9-3.15 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

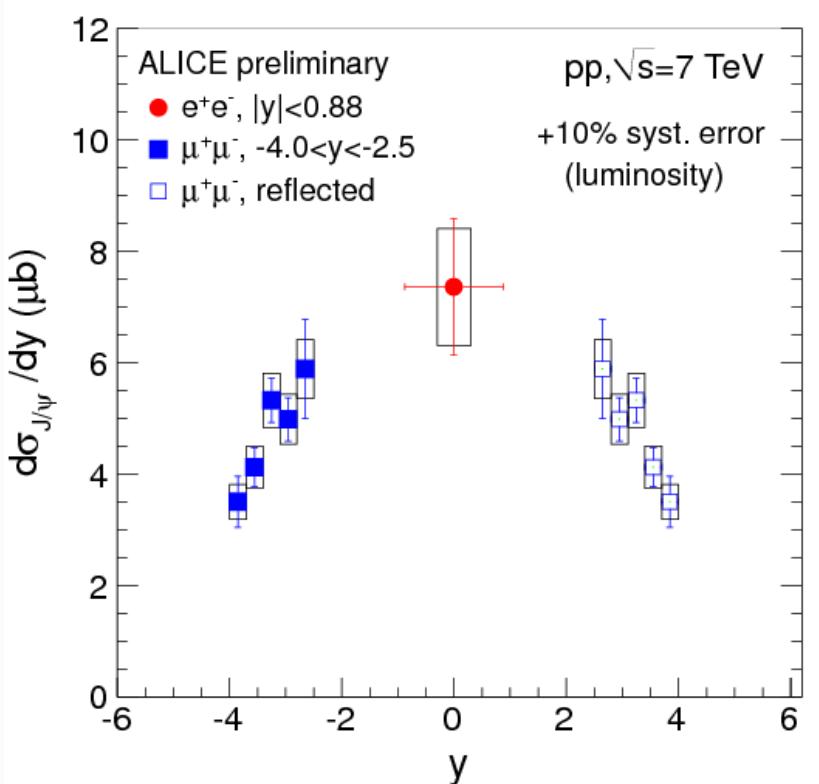


Preliminary  $p_t$  differential distribution (from a larger data sample), compared to CEM calculation

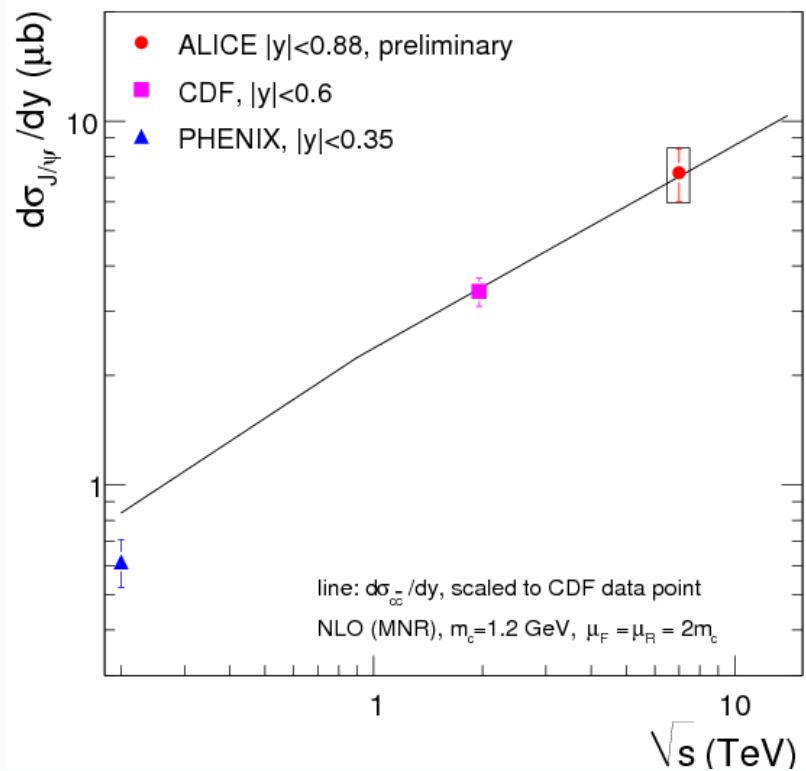
Measured spectrum is softer than the calculated one



# J/ $\psi$ production cross section



J/ $\psi$  production cross section measured in the two rapidity ranges covered by the ALICE experiment



The cross section obtained at mid-rapidity is compared to PHENIX and CDF results  
The curve is the MNR NLO calculation for the  $c\bar{c}$  production cross section, scaled to match the CDF point



# Conclusions and outlook



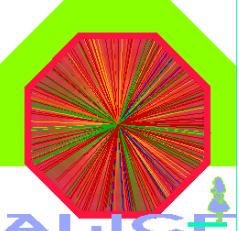
- With LHC we enter in a new era:
  - The energies reached at LHC will be ~30 times larger than RHIC
  - The Quark Gluon plasma formed will be hotter, larger and live longer
- ALICE is taking data since November 2009
- Several papers have been published
- A lot of analyses in pp are ongoing. These results in pp will be our reference data to study medium effects in PbPb collisions
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pb+Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV expected in few days



# ALICE published results



- $N_{ch}$  multiplicity & distributions
    - 900 GeV:
    - 900 GeV, 2.36 TeV:
    - 7 TeV:
  - pbar/p ratio (900 GeV & 7 TeV)
  - momentum distributions (900 GeV)
  - Bose-Einstein correlations (900 GeV)
- EPJC: Vol. 65 (2010) 111  
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# ALICE posters

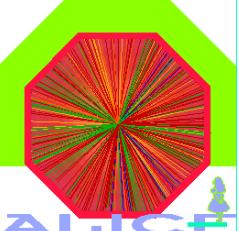


- "Measurement of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons with photon conversions in ALICE in proton proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$ "
- "J/ $\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  measurement in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$  with the ALICE detector"
- "D<sup>+</sup> and D<sup>0</sup> reconstruction in ALICE"
- "Charged particle momentum distribution in Jets in ALICE"
- "Electron identification in the ALICE experiment in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$  at the LHC"
- "Electrons from heavy flavour decays with ALICE at the LHC"
- "Beauty and Beauty jet measurement with ALICE at the LHC"
- "Method to extract direct photons via conversions in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7\text{TeV}$  with ALICE"

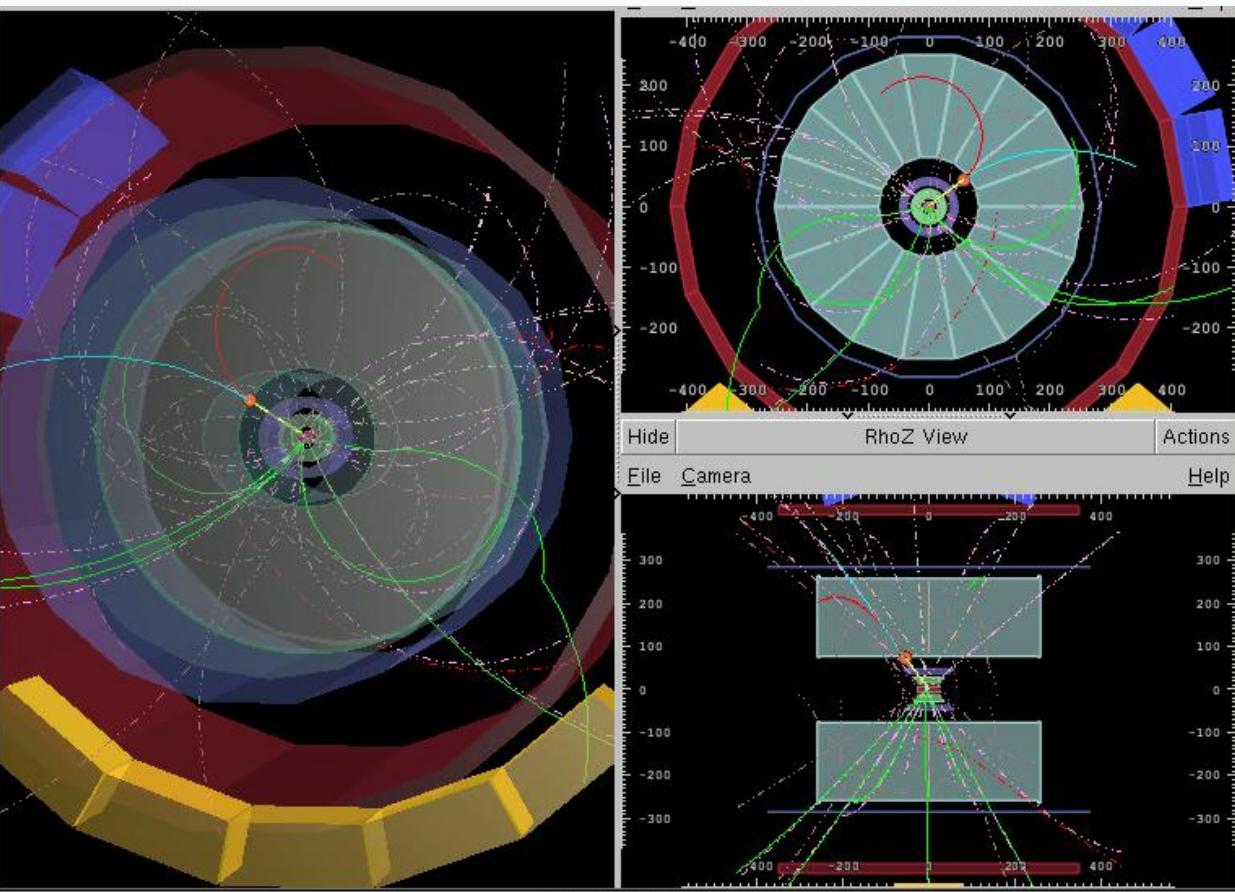
# ALICE COLLABORATION



# Backup slides



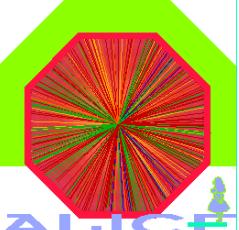
# First event with a $V^0$



Sun 12/6/2009  
10:39 AM,  
R. Romita

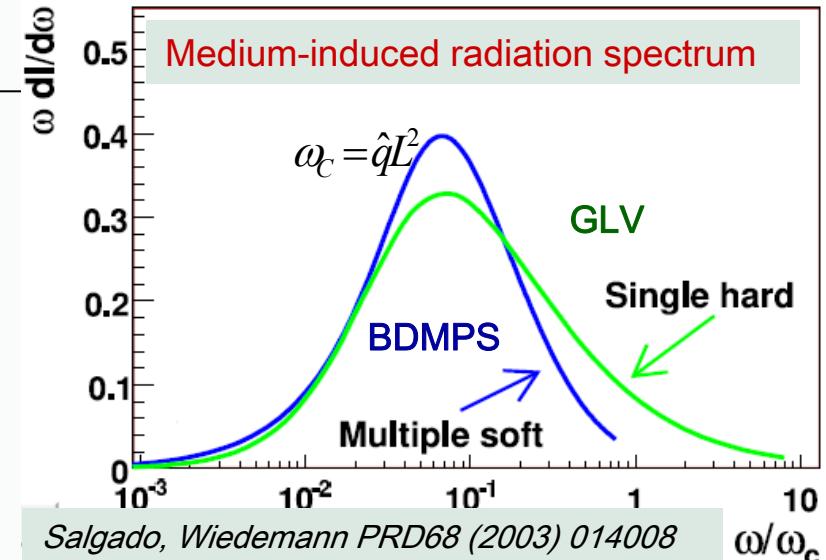
run #104068,  
18.10 evt 154

Total events collected: >1M  
'Good pp interactions': 500k  
- 100 k :  $B = 0$  (alignment)  
- 10 k :  $B$  reversed (syst.)  
- 30 k :  $\sqrt{s} = 2.36$  TeV



# Radiative energy loss in QCD

- found to be dominant for light quarks
- independent of parton energy but depends on the path length L in the medium
- two example approaches:



Thin medium: few hard interactions

GLV formalism

Gyulassy, Levai, Vitev,  
Wang, Wang, ...

Thick medium: multiple soft interactions

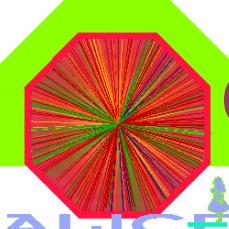
BDMPS formalism

Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Schiff,  
Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann, ...

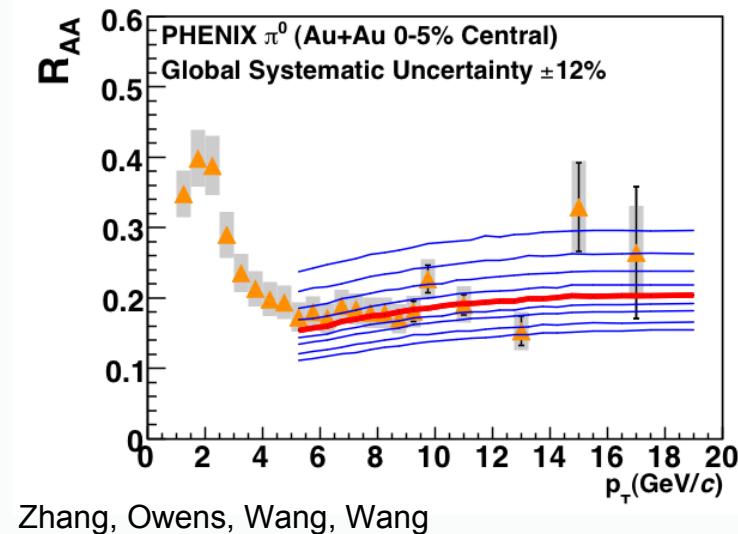
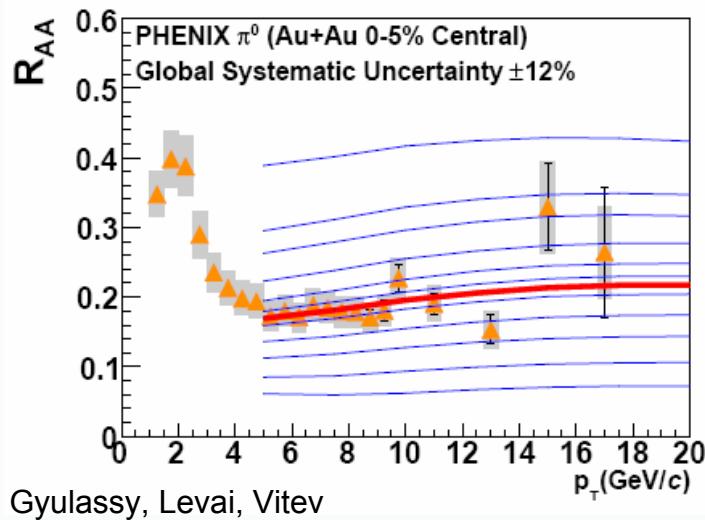
- medium properties can be characterized by a single constant:

$$\text{transport coefficient} \quad \hat{q} \equiv \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \quad \text{'average } k_T\text{-kick per mean-free-path'}$$

- static medium:  $\Delta E \propto L^2$  due to interference effects, expanding medium:  $\Delta E \propto L$



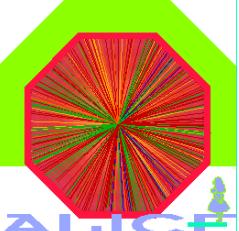
# Quantitative constraints on medium parameters



- Least square fit of model parameters to data including proper treatment of exp. uncertainties  
(point-by-point uncorrelated and correlated in  $p_T$ , normalization)
- caveat: theoretical uncertainties not included

PHENIX, arXiv:0801.1655 [nucl-ex]

Medium properties constrained within  $\pm 20\text{-}25\%$  at  $1\sigma$  level



# # of photons



$$N_{\gamma}^{\text{observed}} = N_{\gamma}^{\text{produced}} \cdot \text{ConvProb} \cdot \varepsilon_{\gamma}^{\text{reconstruction}}$$

where

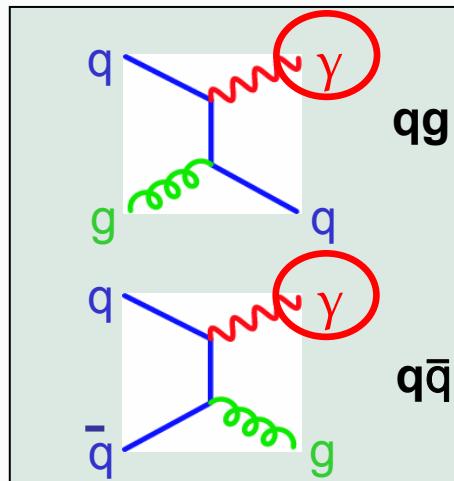
$$N_{\gamma}^{\text{produced}} = N_{\gamma}^{\pi^0} + N_{\gamma}^{\eta} + N_{\gamma}^{\omega} + N_{\gamma}^{\eta'} + N_{\gamma}^{\phi}$$

Material budget and reconstruction efficiency need to be known.  
Maps of conversion points. Also in limited  $\text{pt}$  range ( $1 < \text{pt} < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$ ).

# Direct photon sources

Why? Do not interact strongly.

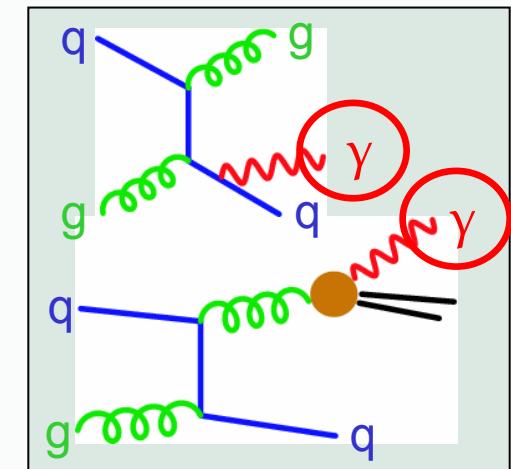
Carry information about the early state.



qg Compton Scattering

q $\bar{q}$  Annihilation

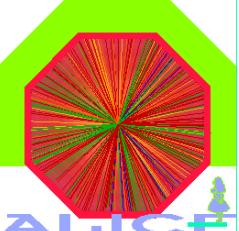
Bremsstrahlung,  
fragmentation



Thermal photons from QGP and hadron gas

Photons from Jet re-interaction in the medium

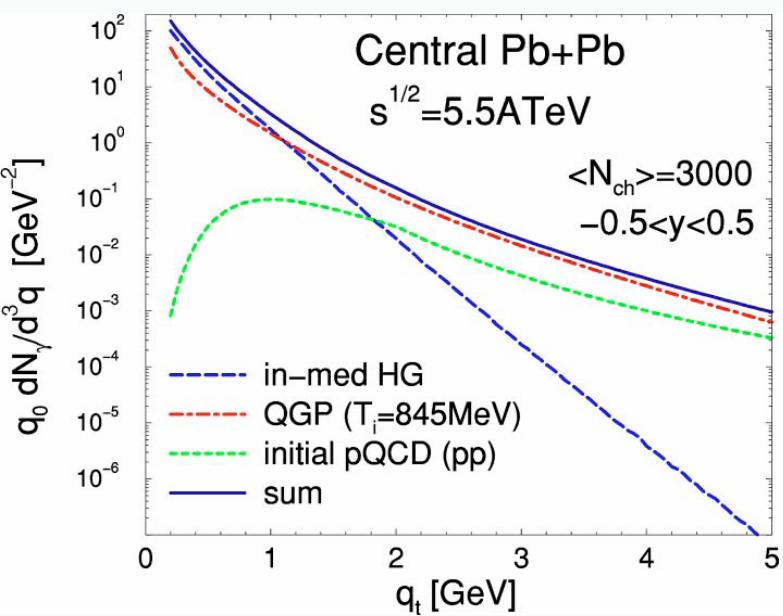
...in a large background from  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  decays



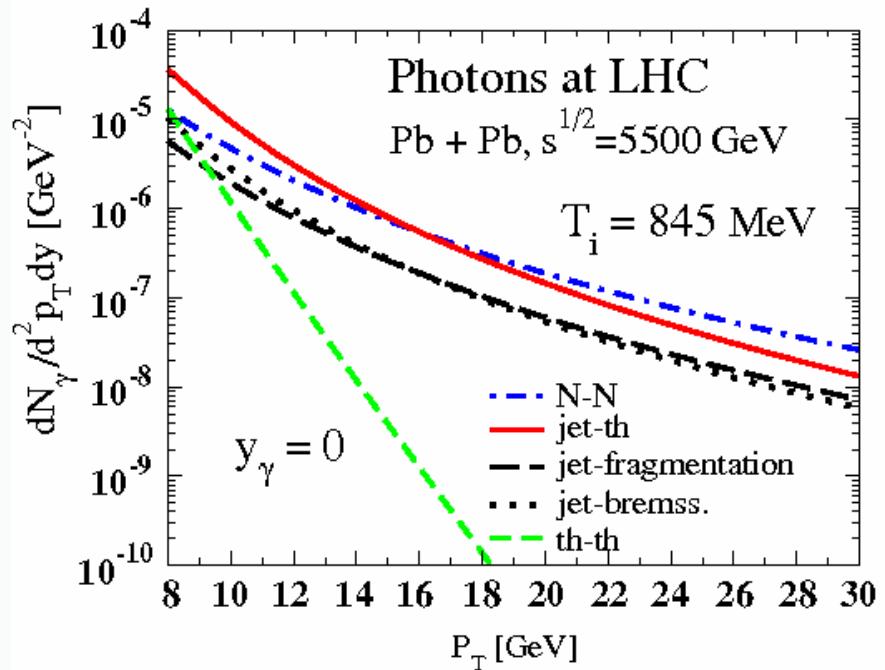
# Photons at LHC



S. Turbide, R. Rapp, C. Gale  
PRC69(2004)014903



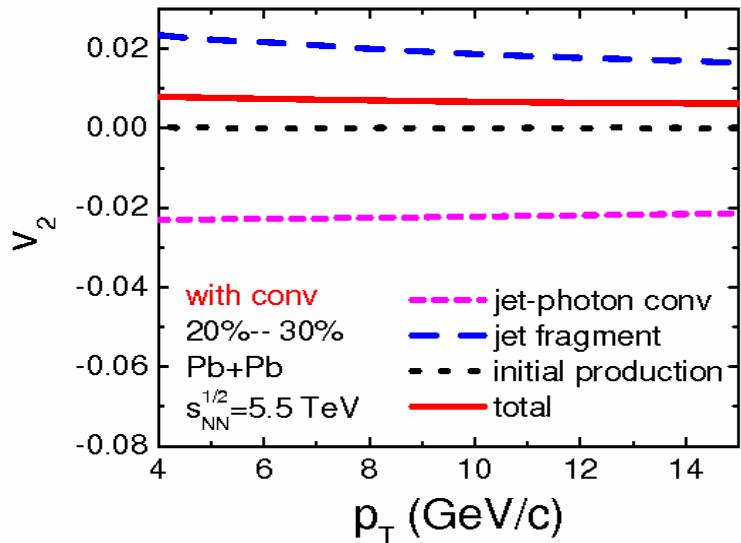
S.Turbide, C. Gale, S. Jeon, and G.D.Moore  
PRC (2005) 014906



$p_T \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$ : best range to look for QGP radiation  
Jet-photon conversion in the plasma dominates  $8 < p_T < 14 \text{ GeV}$   
Prompt hard NN scattering dominant for  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  at LHC

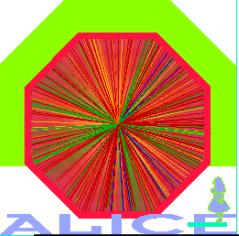
# How can we distinguish different photon sources?

- Prompt :  $R_{AA} = 1$ ,  $v_2=0$  ( azimuthal anisotropy)
- Fragmentation:  $R_{AA}<1$ ,  $v_2>0$
- Thermal, Bremsstrahlung, Jet Conversion:  $R_{AA}>1$ ,  $v_2<0$



$R_{AA}>1$  and  $v_2<0$   
unambiguous signature of  
medium produced photons

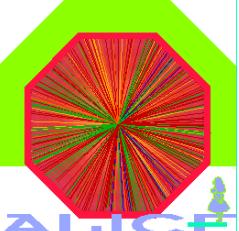
W.Liu, R.J.Fries nu-th/0801.0453  
Phys. Rev. C 77 (2008) 054902



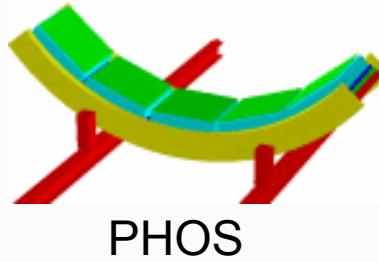
# Photon Detection in ALICE



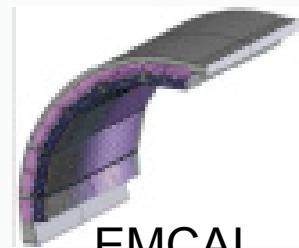
- **PHOS ( $100^\circ \times 0.24$  in  $\eta$ ) (PHOS/CentralBarrel=0.037)**
  - **high resolution (energy and spatial)**
  - **small coverage**
- **EMCAL**
  - **larger coverage:  $120^\circ \times 1.4$  in  $\eta$  (EMCAL/CentralBarrel=0.26)**
  - **coarser spatial resolution than PHOS**
  - **available in 2010**
- **$\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+e^- Z$  Conversions (Central Barrel)**
  - **large coverage:  $360^\circ \times 1.8$  (2.4) in  $\eta$  (Conversion/CentralBarrel=0.08)**
  - **low conversion probability : 8% (16%)**



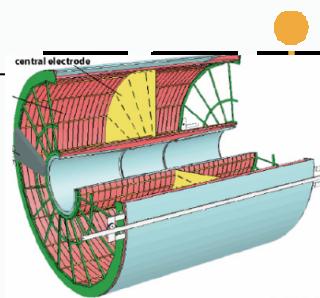
# ALICE Photon detectors



PHOS



EMCAL



ITS+TPC+TRD

$$\sigma_E/E (\%)$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1.3}{E}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3^2}{E} + 1.12^2}$$

$$\sigma_x (\text{mm})$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3.26^2}{E} + 0.44^2}$$

$$R_{ip} (\text{cm})$$

$$460$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{11.3}{E}\right)^2 + \frac{1.7^2}{E} + 4.8^2}$$

$$1.5 + \frac{5.3}{\sqrt{E}}$$

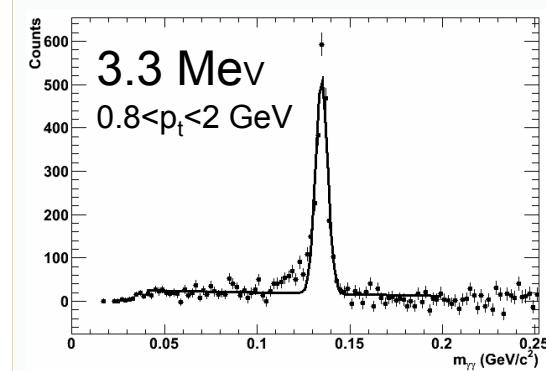
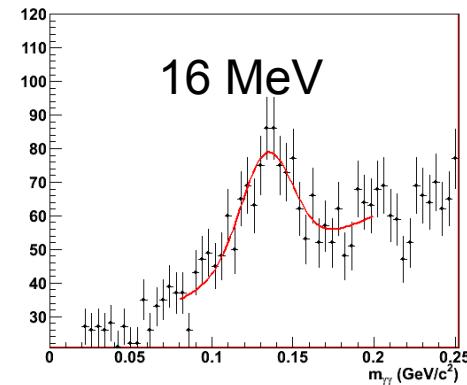
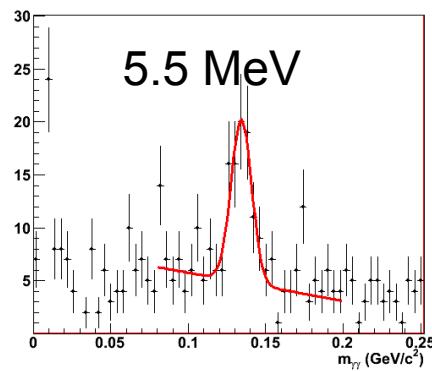
$$428$$

$$2$$

$$\sim 1$$

$$< 160$$

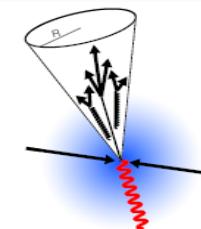
$$\sigma_\pi (\text{MeV})$$
  
 $p_t = 1-2 \text{ GeV}$



Taken from D.Peressounko, QM09

# Photon physics in ALICE

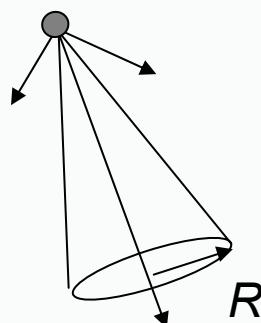
- Measurement of  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons in pp@7(10)TeV
  - Highest energy available in lab
  - Test of pQCD cross section predictions
  - Reference data for PbPb
  - Main source of background in direct photon measurement
- Measurement of Direct photons (not from decays) in pp@7(10)TeV
  - Highest energy available in lab
  - Test of pQCD cross section predictions
  - Reference data for PbPb
  - PbPb: hard processes in QGP medium, thermal properties of early phase
- $\gamma$ -Jet ( $\gamma$ -hadron)
  - Study quark energy loss in the medium
  - Fragmentation function:  $E_{jet} \sim E_\gamma$
- $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma$



# Direct photon measurement techniques

- Subtraction (PHOS, EMCAL, conversions)
  - Measure total photon yield
  - Measure yield of  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\omega$ , ...
  - Subtract photons from  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\omega$ , ... decays
- Internal conversion
  - Reduce the contribution from  $\pi^0$  decays  
(Kroll-Wada formula) R. H. Dalitz 1951 ;*Proc. Phys. Soc. A* 64, 667-669
- Isolation

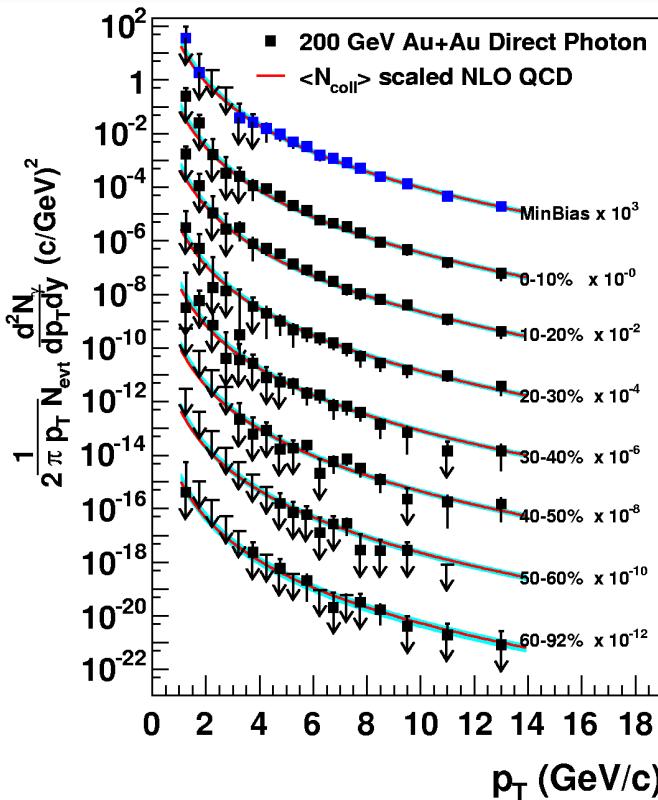
$$R = \frac{N_\gamma / N_{\pi^0}}{\left( N_{\gamma, \text{decay}} / N_{\pi^0} \right)_{\text{calculated}}}$$



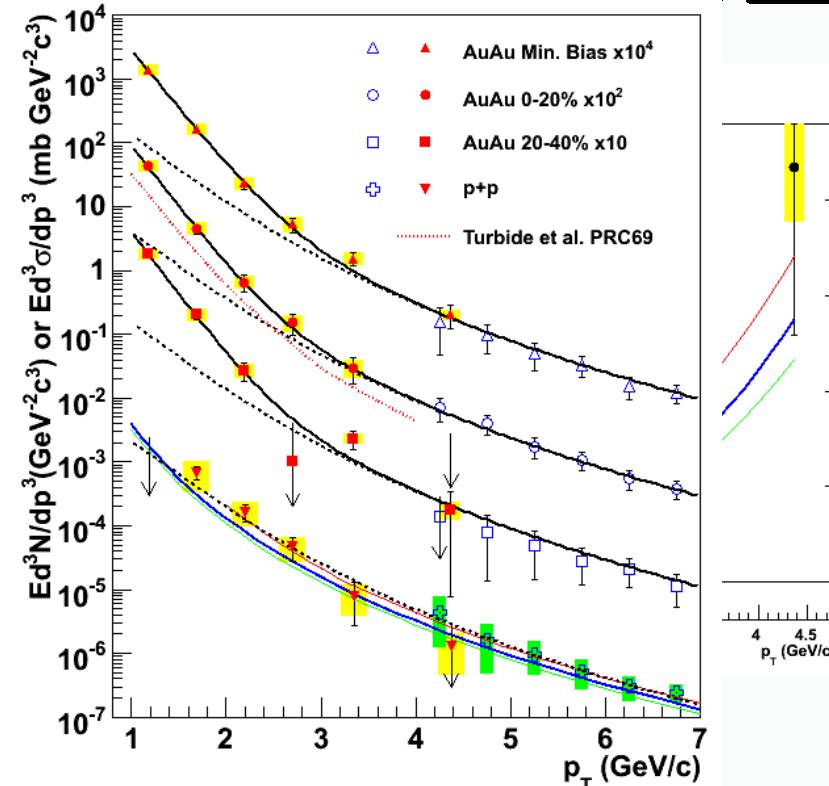
$$R = \sqrt{(\phi - \phi_0)^2 + (\eta - \eta_0)^2}$$



# Direct photons at RHIC

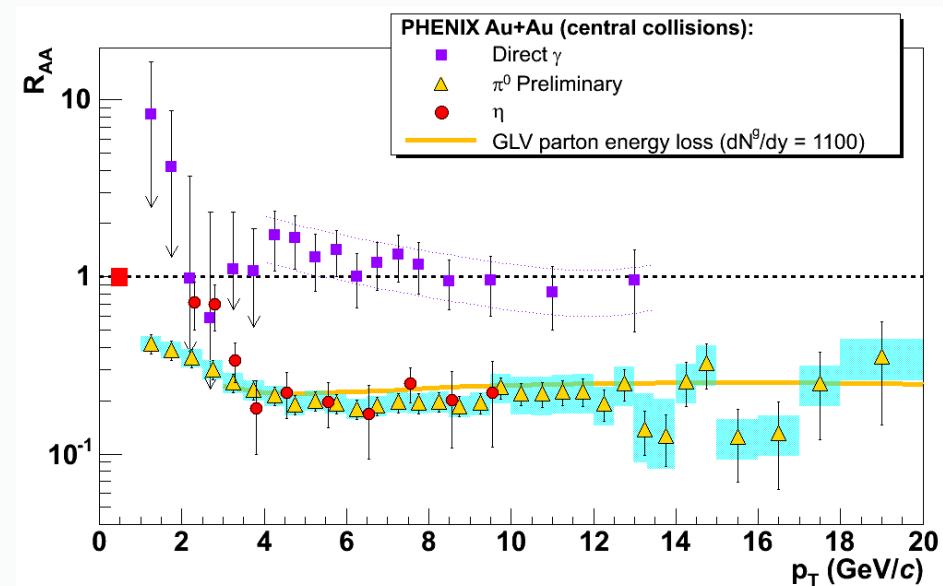
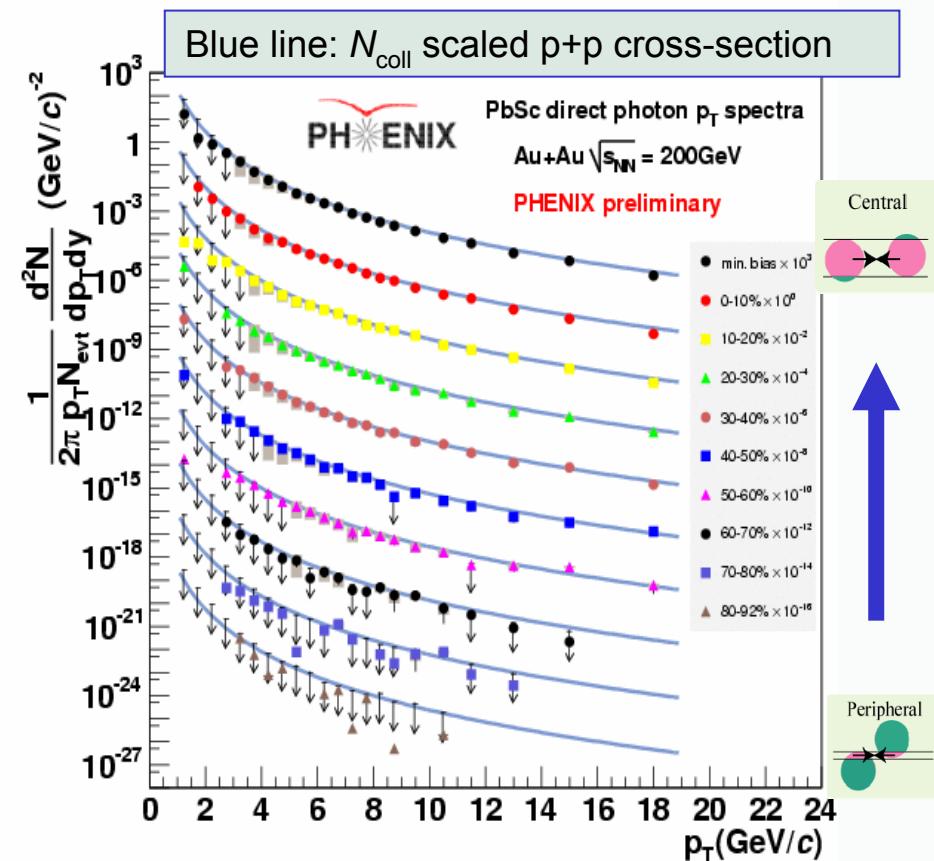


PHENIX Coll.:  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 232301 (2005)



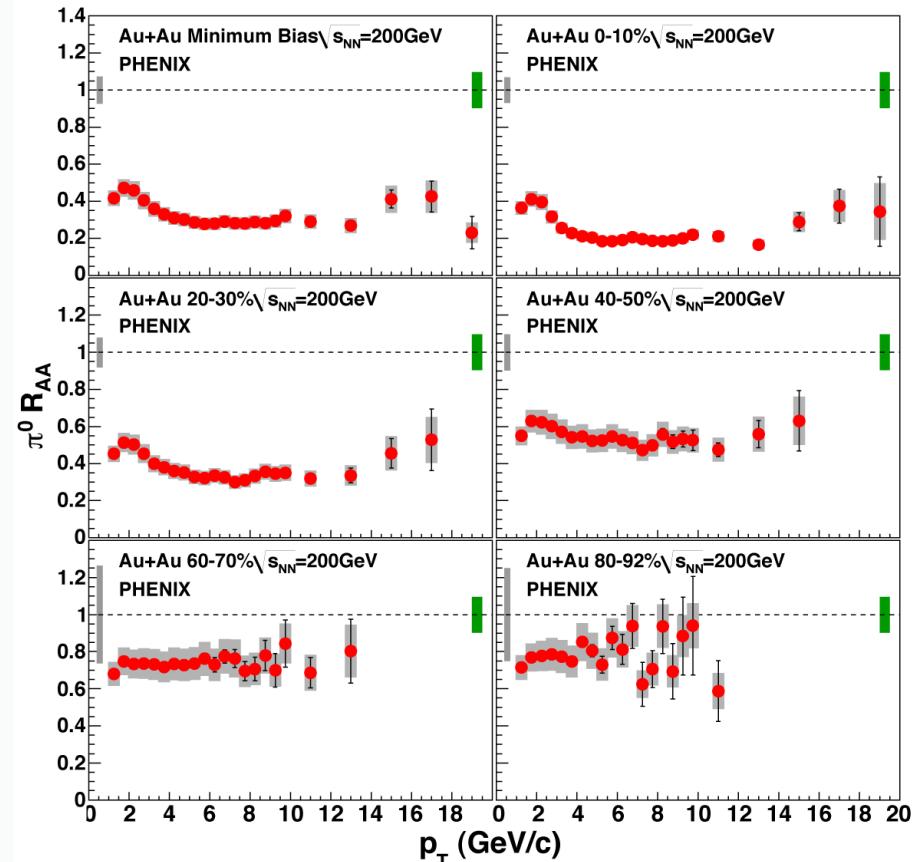
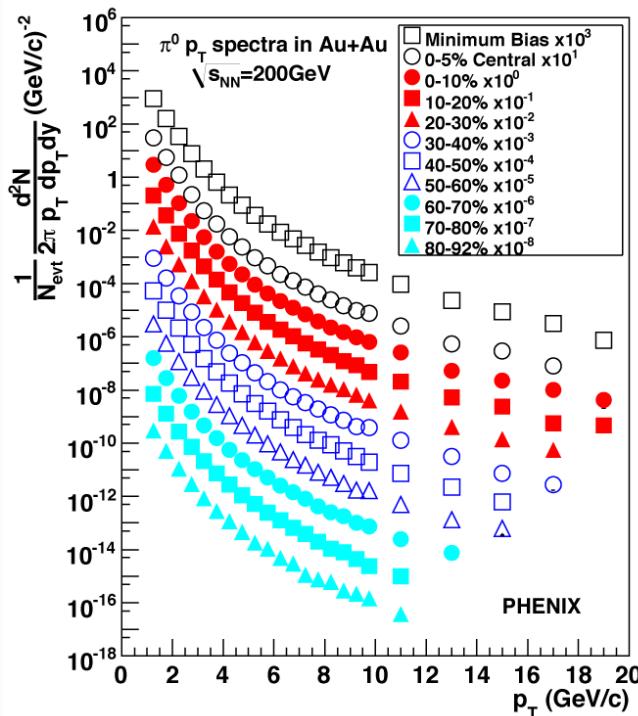
- pp consistent with NLO pQCD calculations
- AuAu larger than calculation for  $p_T < 3.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

Excess exponential in  $p_T$   
 $T = 221 \pm 23(\text{stat}) \pm 18(\text{sys}) \text{ MeV}$





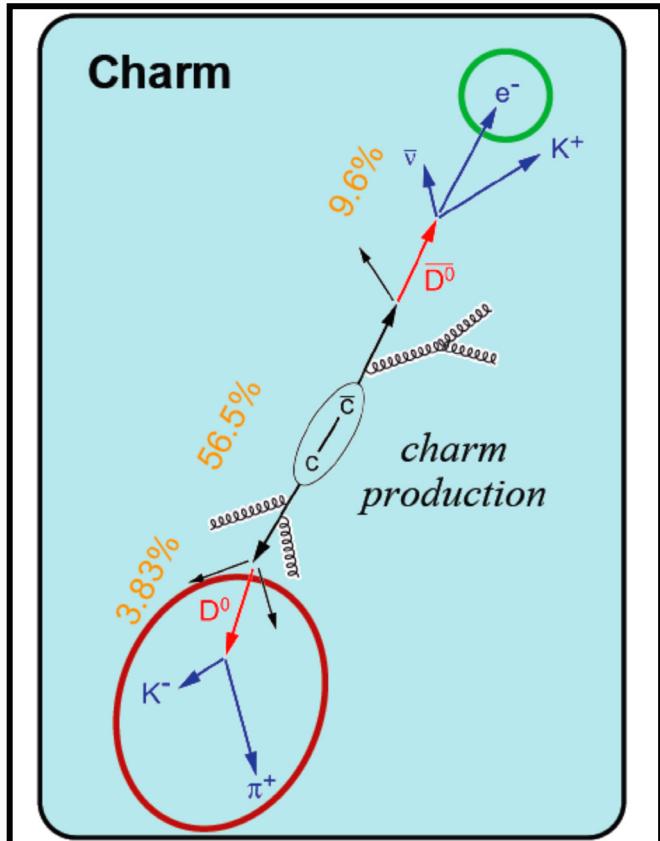
$$R_{AA}(p_t) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_t}{dN_{pp}/dp_t}$$



PHENIX Col. ,PRL 101,232301(2008)

**RAA constrains medium properties (  $\hat{q}, dN_g/dy$  )**

# Heavy-quark detection



## Open-charm reco. in ALICE

$$D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$$

$$D^+ \rightarrow K\pi\pi$$

$$D^* \rightarrow D^0\pi$$

Under study:

$$D_s \rightarrow KK\pi$$

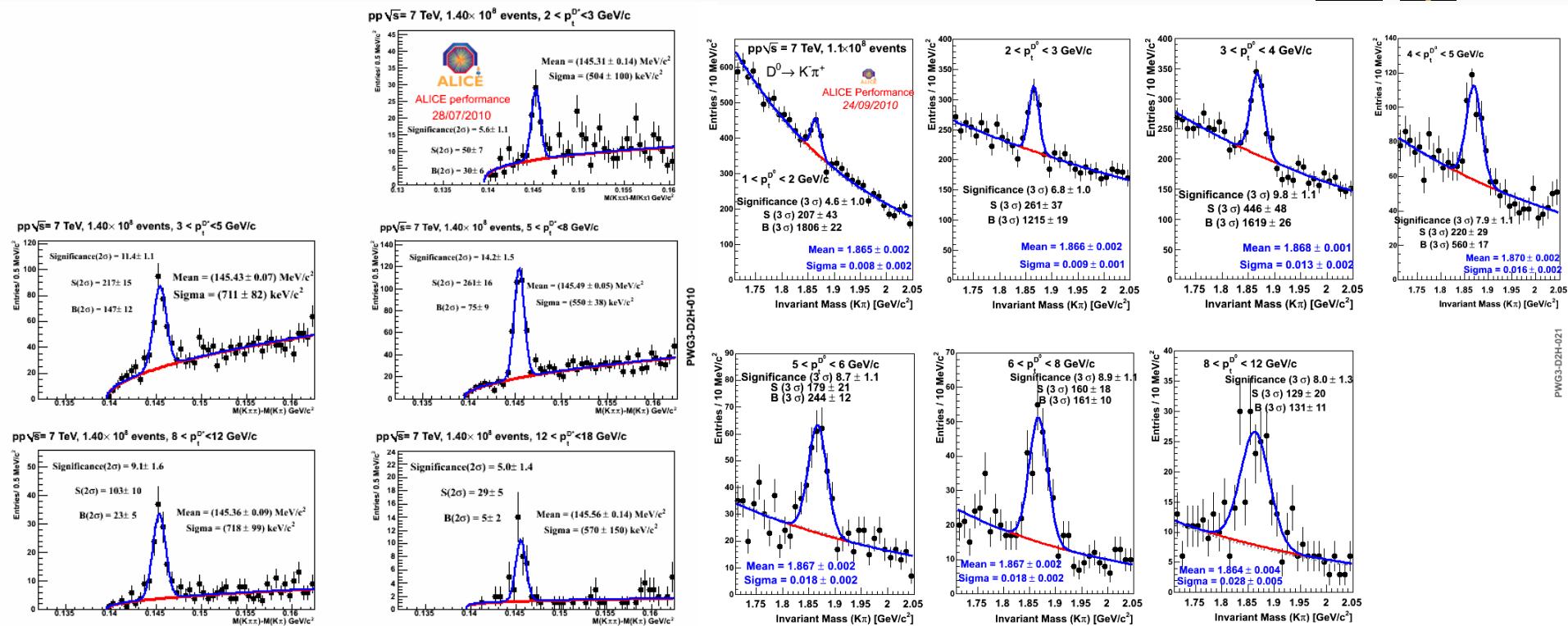
$$D^0 \rightarrow K\pi\rho$$

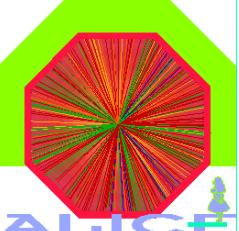
$$\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi$$

$$\Lambda_c \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$$

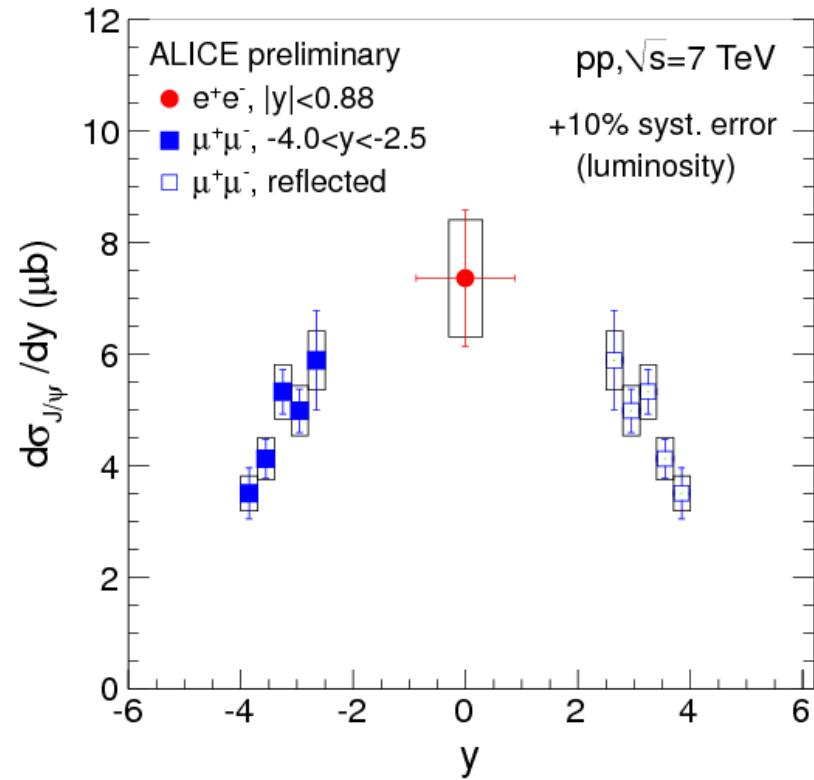
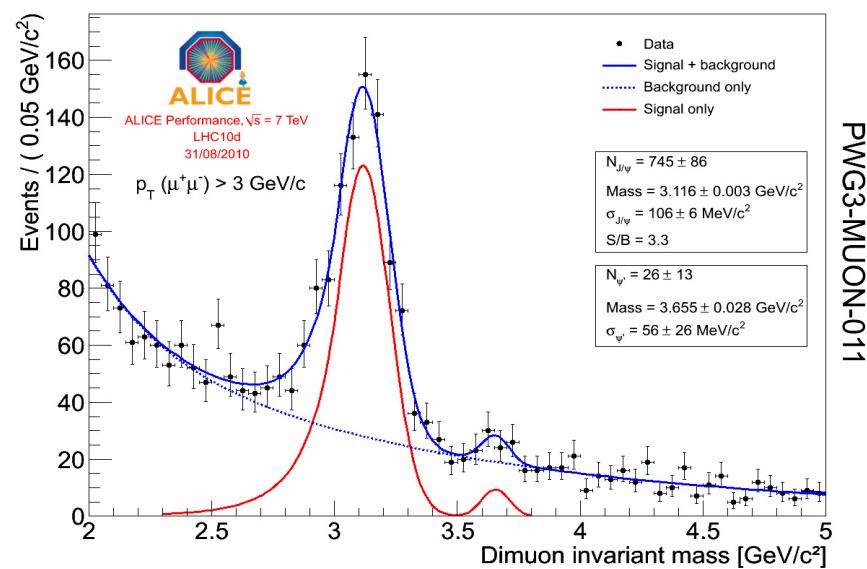
$$\Lambda_c \rightarrow K^0_S\pi$$

- e.g.,  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$ ,  $c\tau = 123 \mu m$
- displaced **decay** vertex is signature of heavy-quark decay





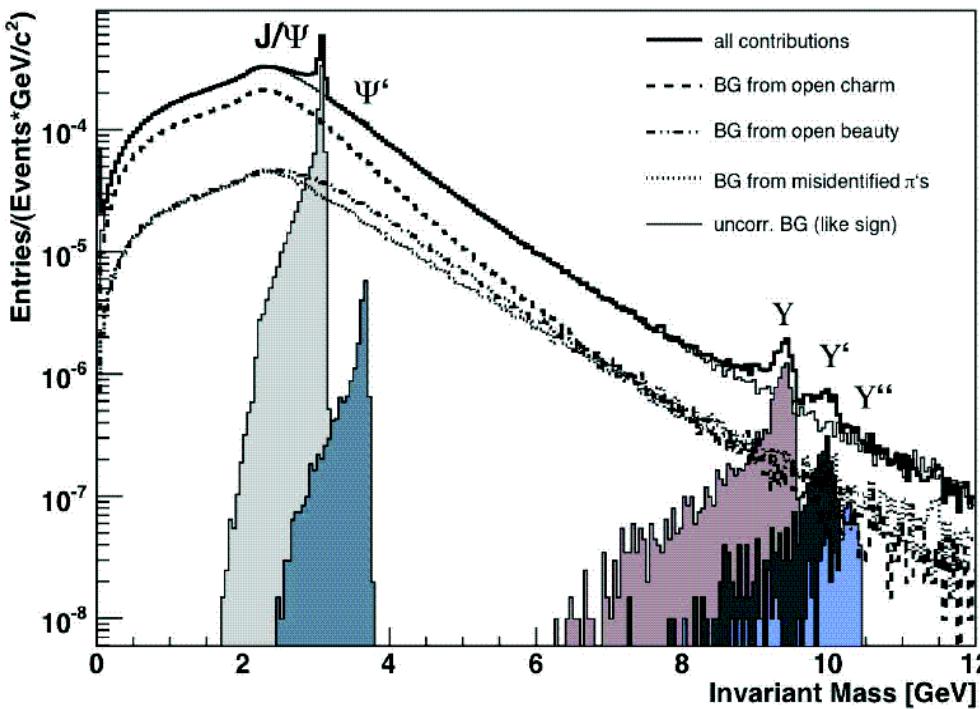
# $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



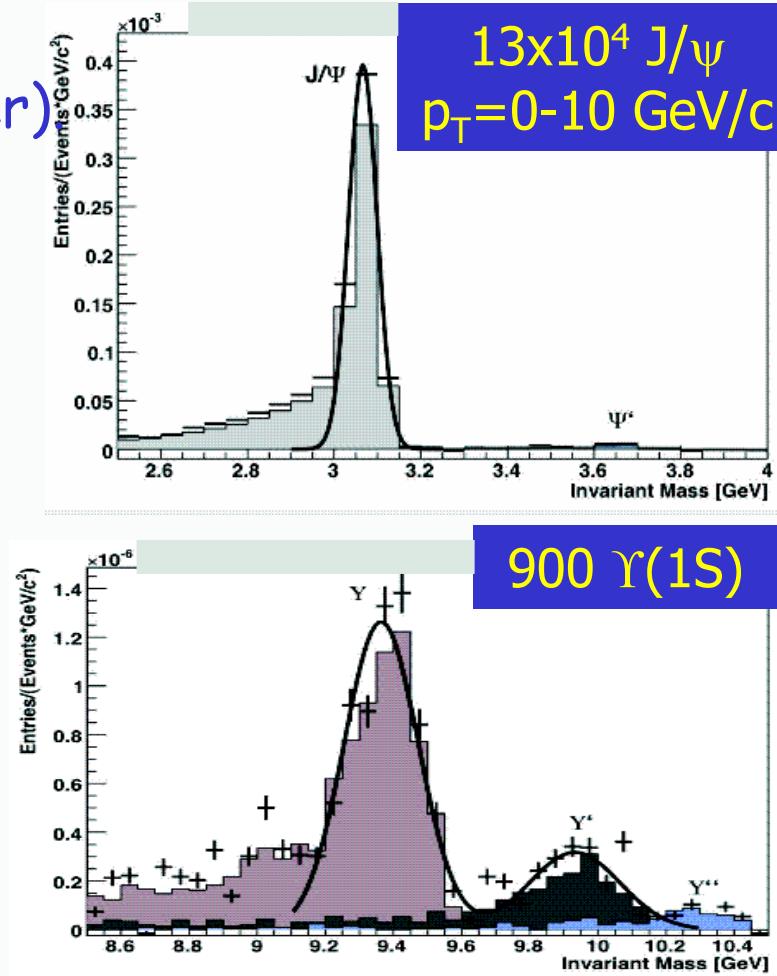
$J/\psi$  production cross section measured  
in the two rapidity ranges covered by the ALICE experiment

# Quarkonia in the electron channel

- Electron Identification (TRD+TPC);
- Tracking : ITS+TPC+TRD;
- $2 \times 10^8$  central PbPb events (no e-trigger)

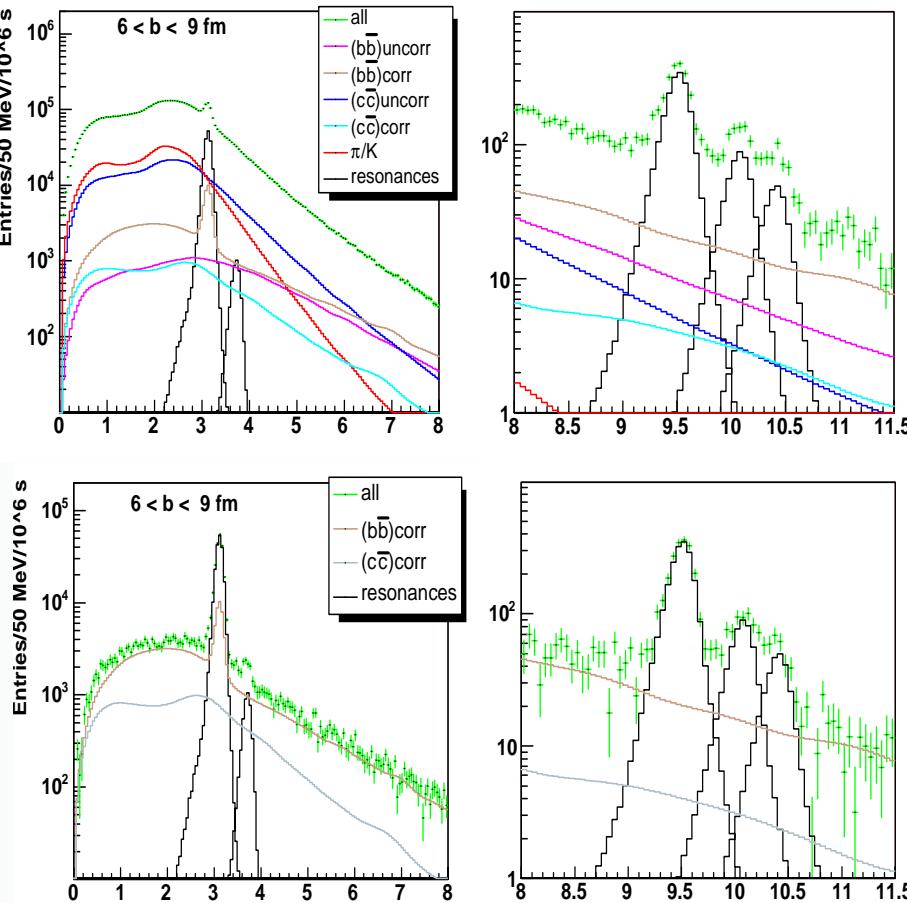


10% central PbPb  $dNch/dy = 3000$



# Quarkonia in the muon channel

PbPb cent,  $0 \text{ fm} < b < 3 \text{ fm}$



State	S[ $10^3$ ]	B[ $10^3$ ]	S/B	$S/(S+B)^{1/2}$
$J/\Psi$	130	680	0.20	150
$\Psi'$	3.7	300	0.01	6.7
$\Upsilon(1S)$	1.3	0.8	1.7	29
$\Upsilon(2S)$	0.35	0.54	0.65	12
$\Upsilon(3S)$	0.20	0.42	0.48	8.1

Yields for baseline

- $\Upsilon(1S)$  &  $\Upsilon(2S)$  : 0-8 GeV/c
- $J/\Psi$  high statistics: 0-20 GeV/c
- $\Psi'$  poor significance
- $\Upsilon(3S)$  ok, but 2-3 run needed.

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{d^2N^{AA} / dp_T d\eta}{T_{AA} d^2\sigma^{NN} / dp_T d\eta}$$

# ALICE Detector Installation 2009-2010



Complete:

ITS, TPC, TOF, HMPID,

FMD, T0, V0, ZDC,

Muon arm, Acorde

PMD, DAQ

Partial installation:

PHOS(3/5)

7/18 TRD

2-4/6 EMCAL

~ 50% HLT

## ALICE Status

