

Quarkonium as a probe of deconfinement

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- A brief overview of data
- Models in brief
- Quarkonium (and open HQ) in the statistical hadronization model

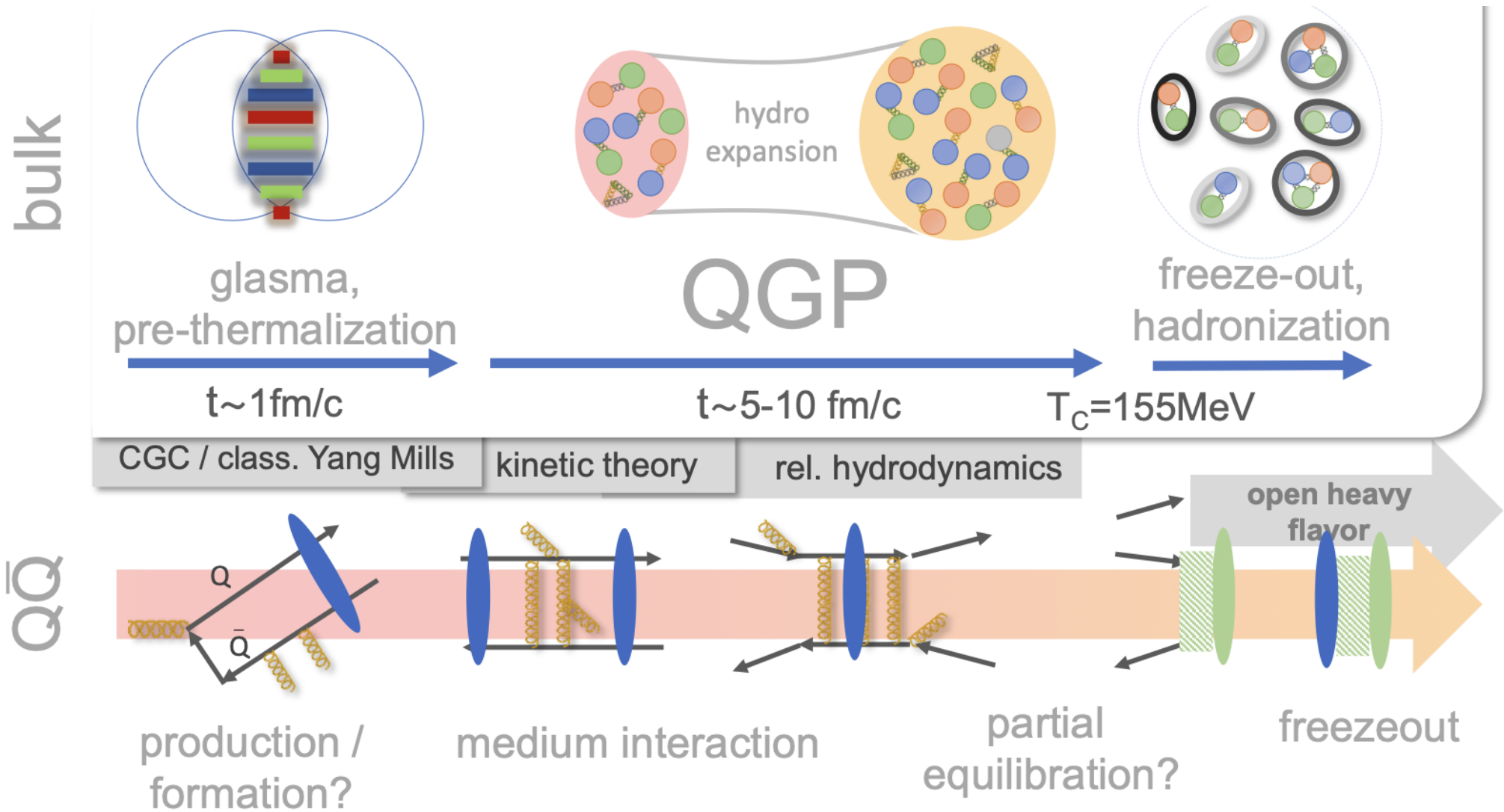
Andronic, Braun-Munzinger, Redlich, Stachel, [Nature 561 \(2018\) 321](#)

...+ Brunßen, Crkovská, Mazeliauskas, Vislavicius, Vökl, [2308.14821](#)

The Quark-Gluon Plasma

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A. Rothkopf, [Phys. Rep. 858 \(2020\) 1](#)

Charmonium and deconfined matter

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the original idea: Matsui & Satz, [Phys.Lett. B 178 \(1986\) 178](#)

"If high energy heavy-ion collisions lead to the formation of a hot quark-gluon-plasma, then color screening prevents $c\bar{c}$ binding in the deconfined interior of the interaction region."

Refinements: "sequential suppression":

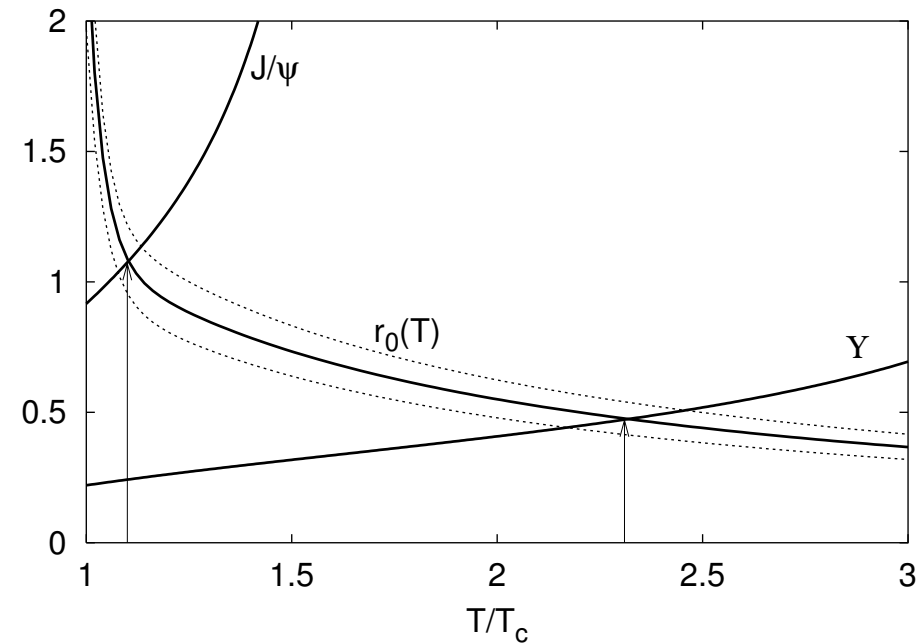
Digal et al., [PRD 64 \(2001\) 75](#)

no $q\bar{q}$ bound state if

$$r_{q\bar{q}}(T) > r_0(T) \simeq \frac{1}{g(T)T}$$

r_0 Debye length in QGP

$\Rightarrow q\bar{q}$ "thermometer" of QGP



Thermal picture ($n_{partons} = 5.2T^3$ for 3 flavors)

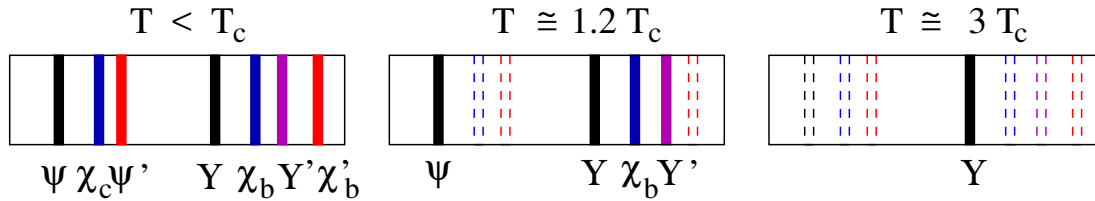
for $T=500$ MeV: $n_p \simeq 84/\text{fm}^3$, mean separation $\bar{r}=0.2$ fm $< r_{J/\psi}$

Quarkonium and the QGP - “sequential suppression”

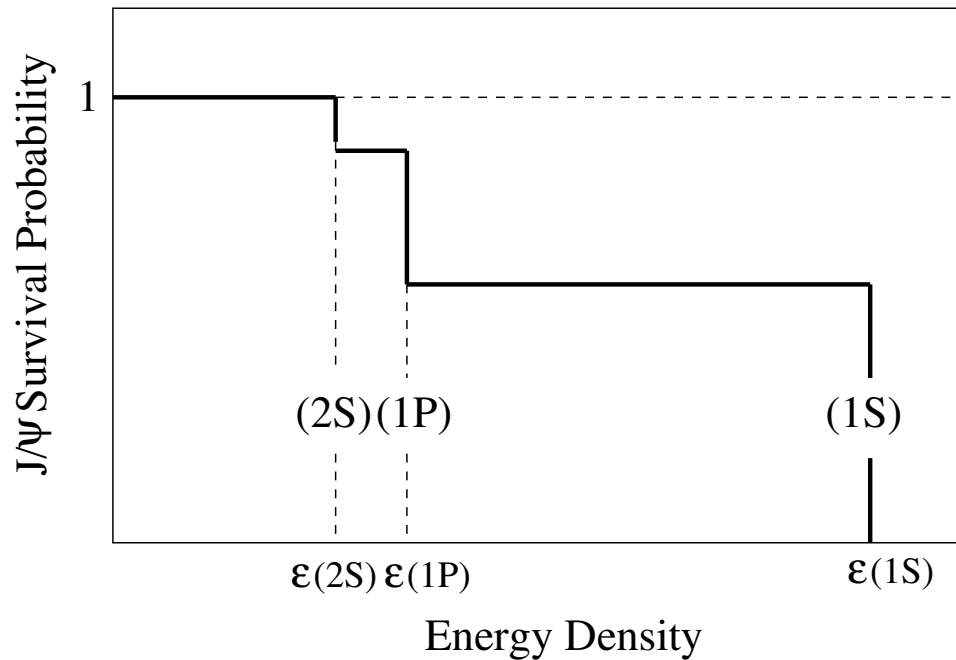
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Digal et al., PRD 64 (2001) 75; H.Satz, arXiv:1310.1209



quantitative: lattice QCD



← assumed feed-down to J/ψ :
10% from $\psi(2S)$ and 30% from χ_c

Experimentally:

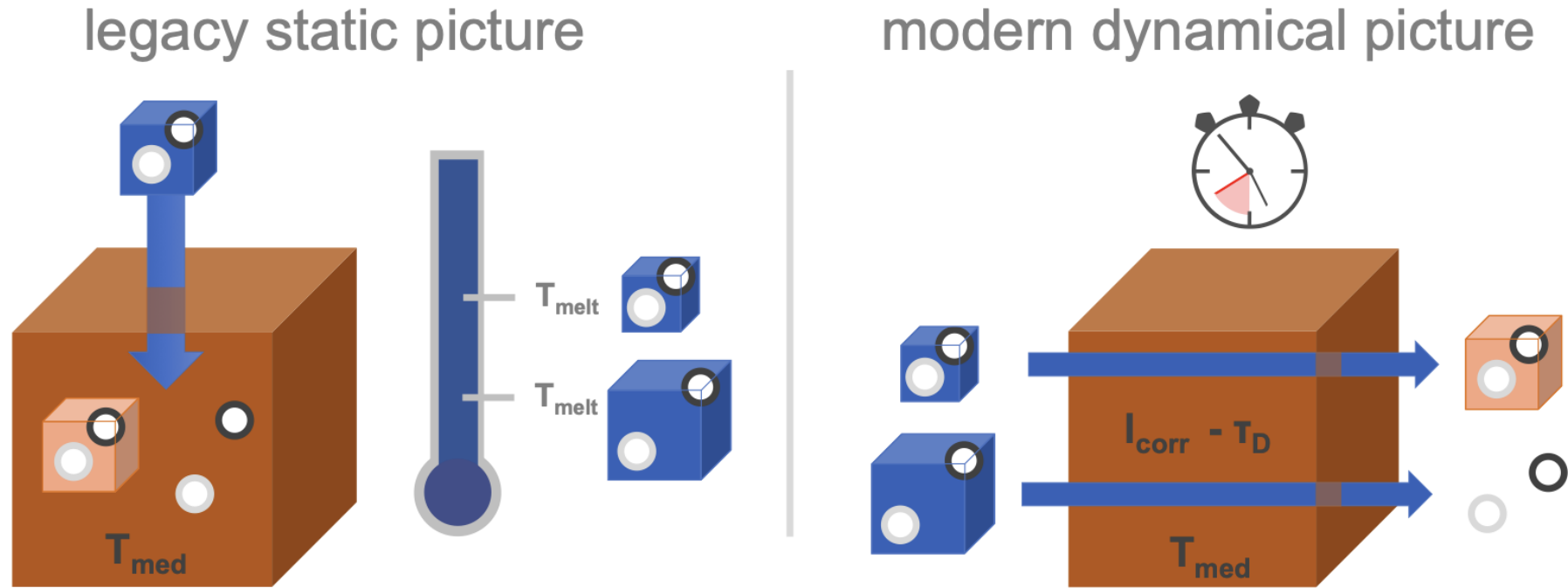
$$R_{AA}^{J/\psi} = \frac{dN_{J/\psi}^{AA}/dy}{N_{coll} \cdot dN_{J/\psi}^{pp}/dy} \quad \text{vs. } N_{part} \quad \text{or } N_{ch}$$

quarkonium as thermometer

Quarkonium pictures

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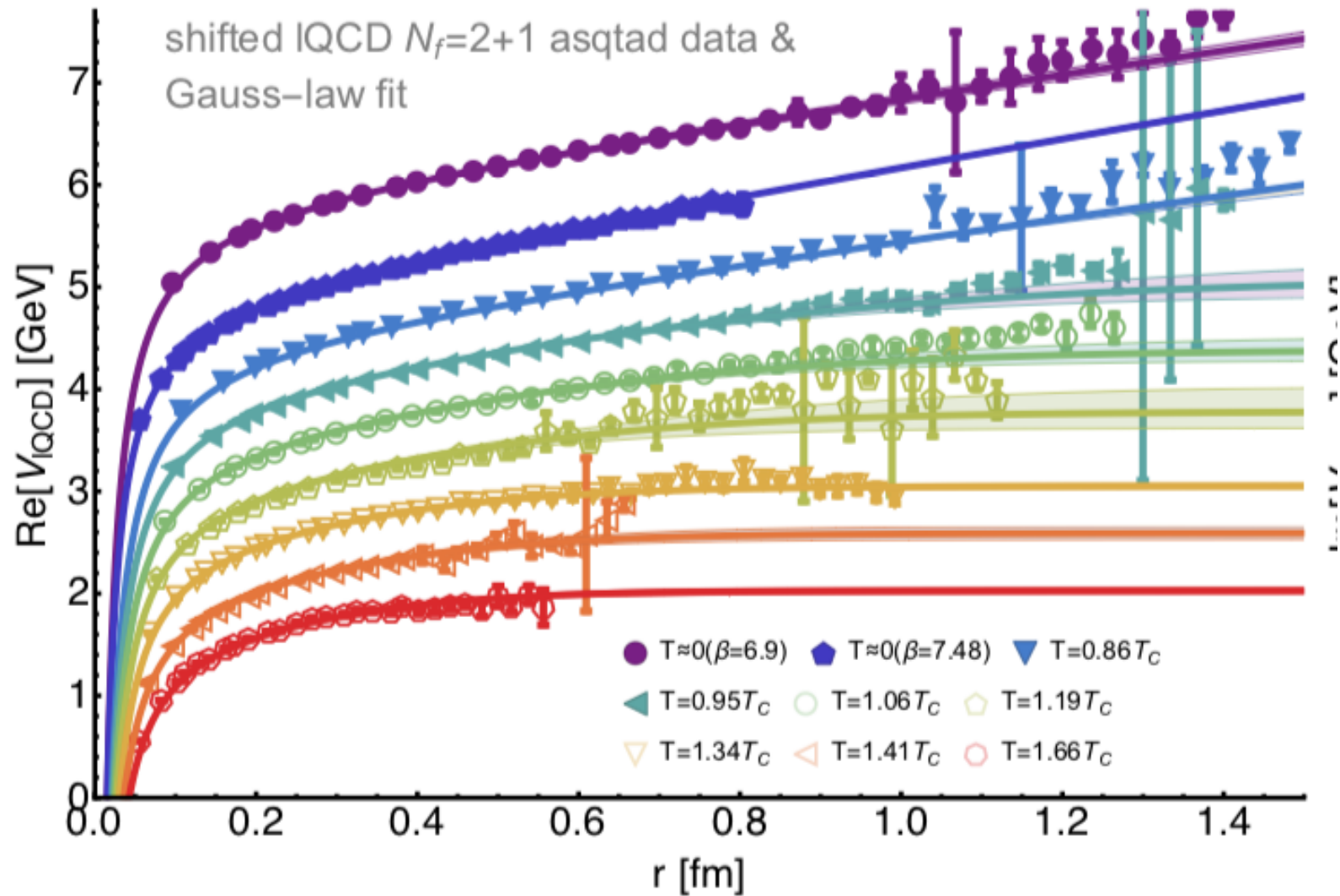


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for $T(\tau)$ we anyway have more basic (bulk) observables (collective flow)

$$T \sim \Lambda_{QCD} \sim E_{b,QQ}^{vac} \quad (m_Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD})$$

Heavy-quark potential - Lattice QCD



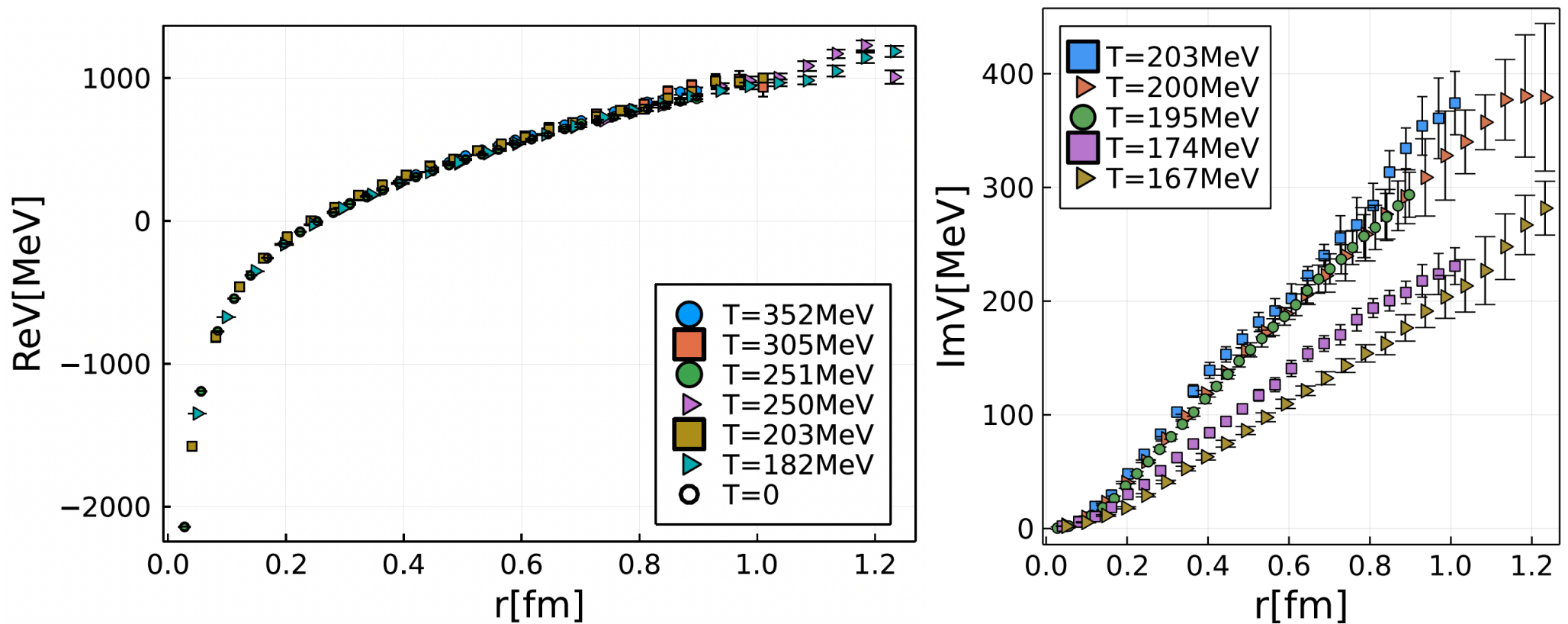
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$$(T_C \simeq 174 \text{ MeV})$$

Heavy-quark potential - Lattice QCD

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HotQCD coll., [arXiv:2308.1658](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.1658)

$\text{Re}V$: not screened!

$\text{Im}V$: large, increases with distance

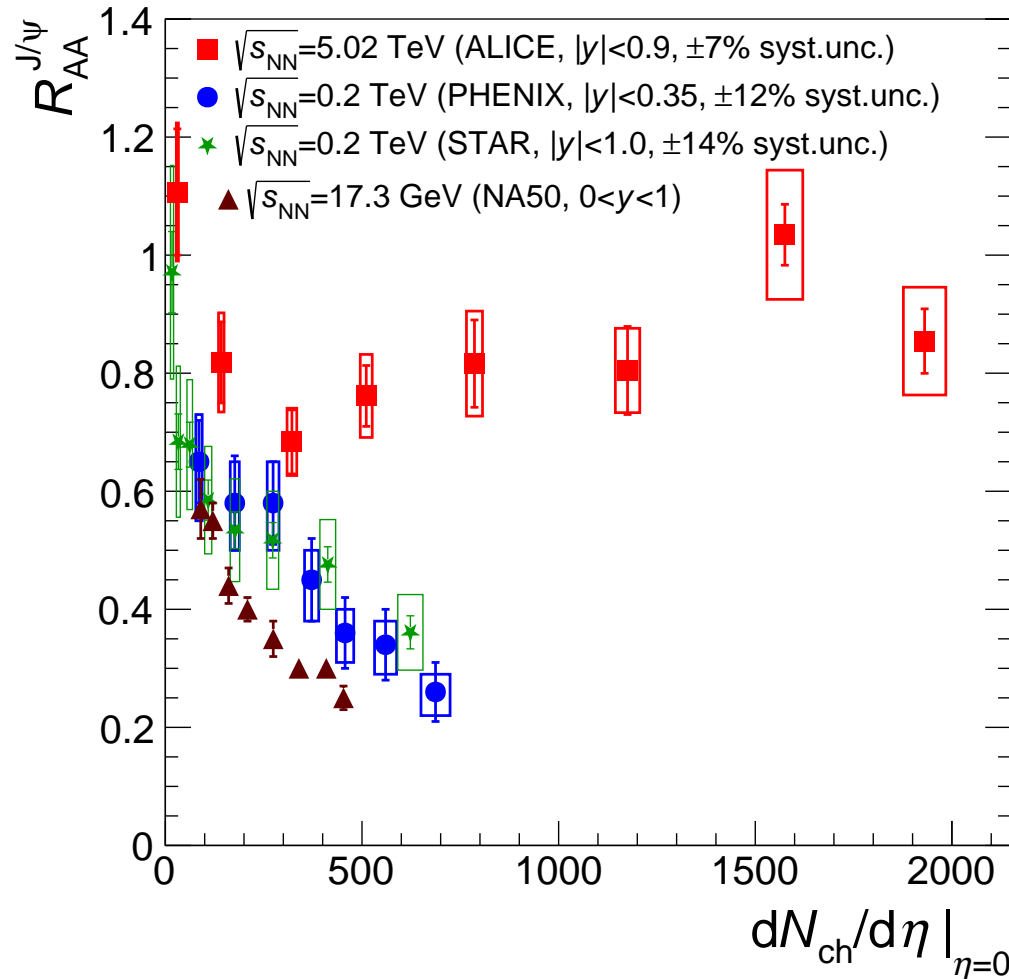
→ “melting of quarkonium is not related to color screening” (P.Petreczky)

Charmonium data: SPS, RHIC, LHC

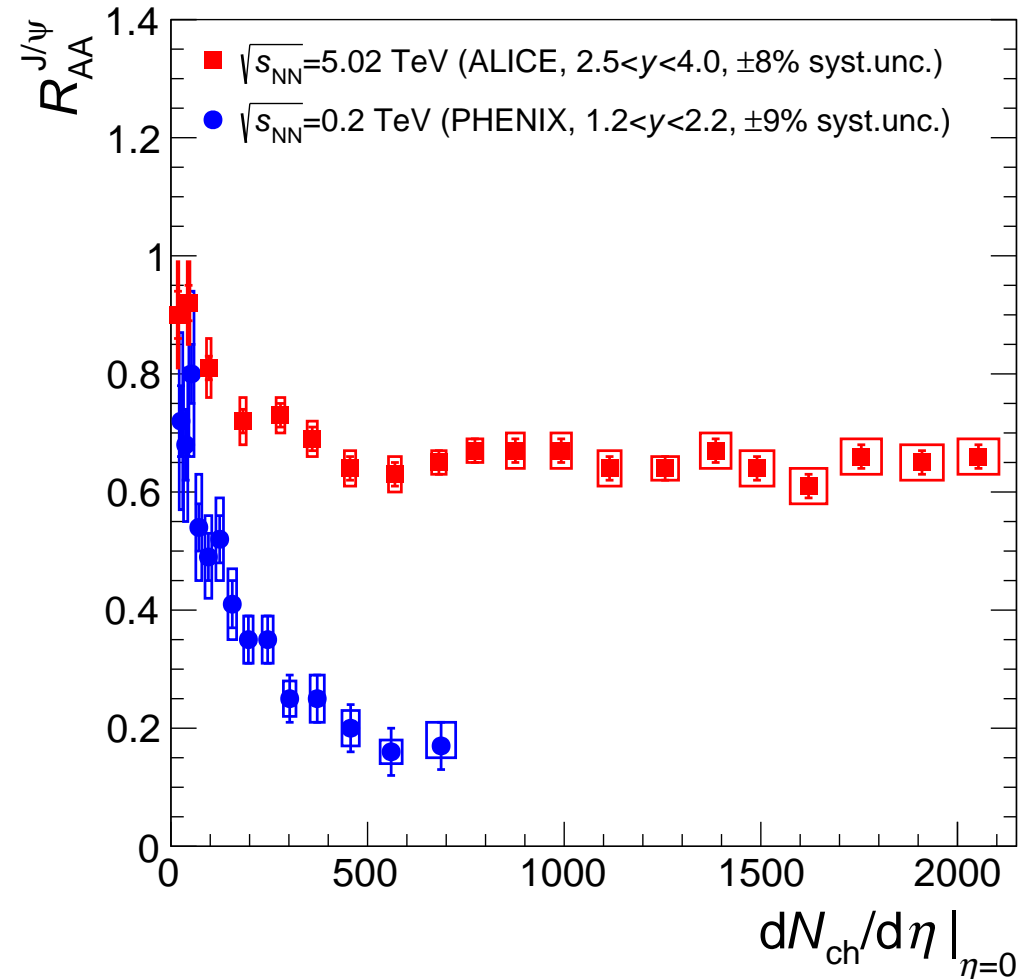
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midrapidity



forward rapidity

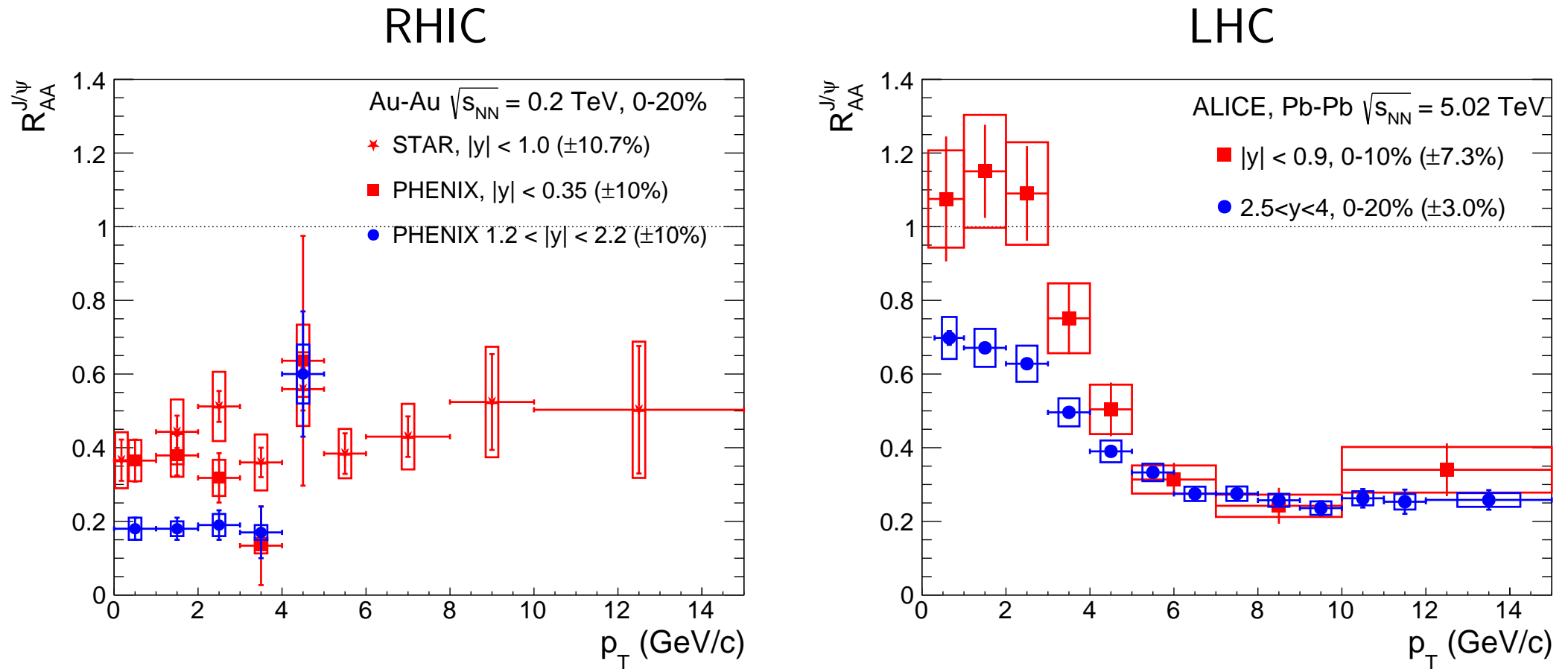


suppression at lower energies, but not obviously a sequential one
at the LHC another effect offsets the dissociation

Charmonium data: RHIC and LHC

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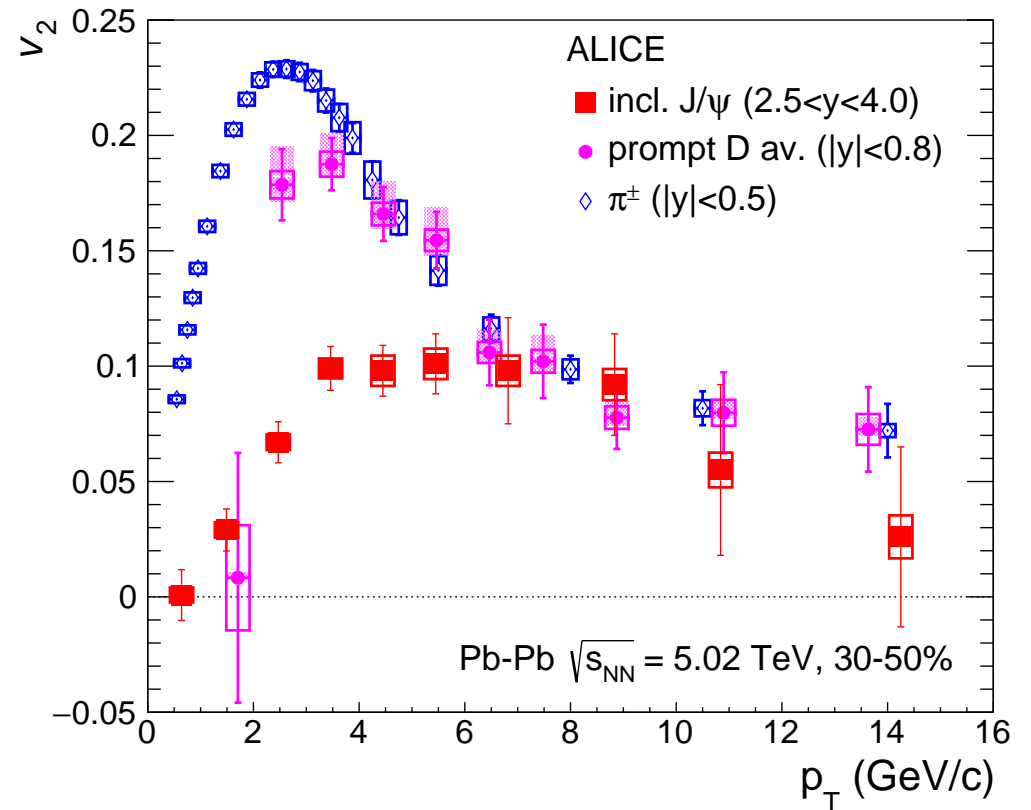
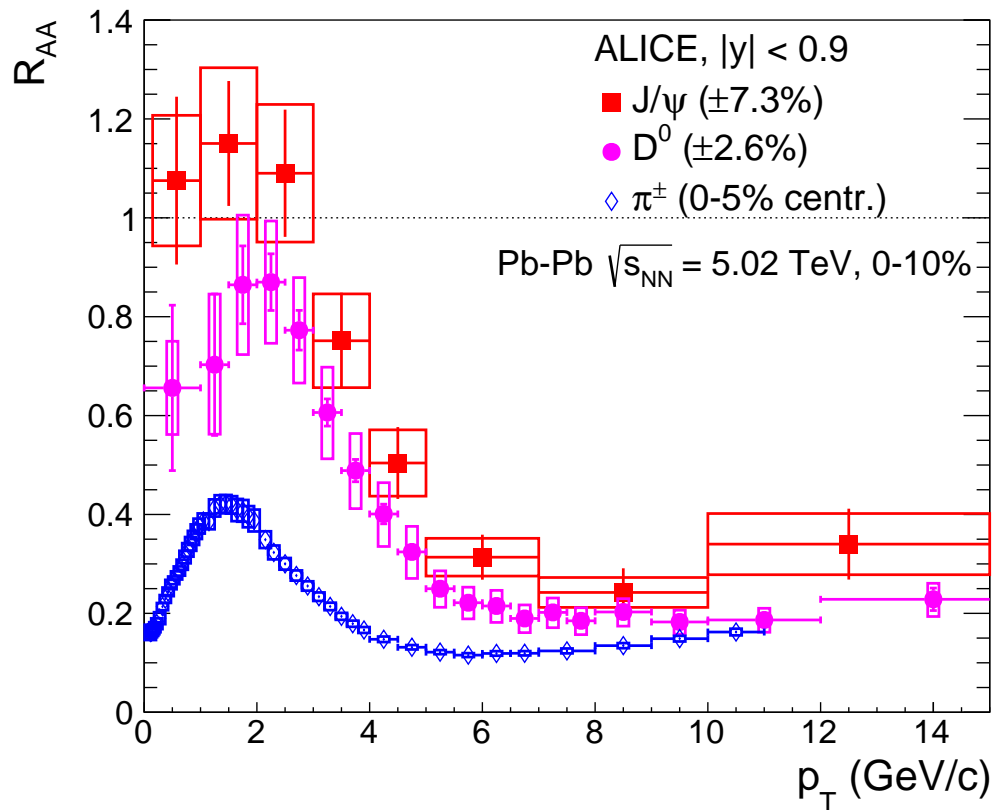


production at low p_T is enhanced at the LHC compared to RHIC
...stronger at midrapidity

Charmonium data at the LHC: in perspective

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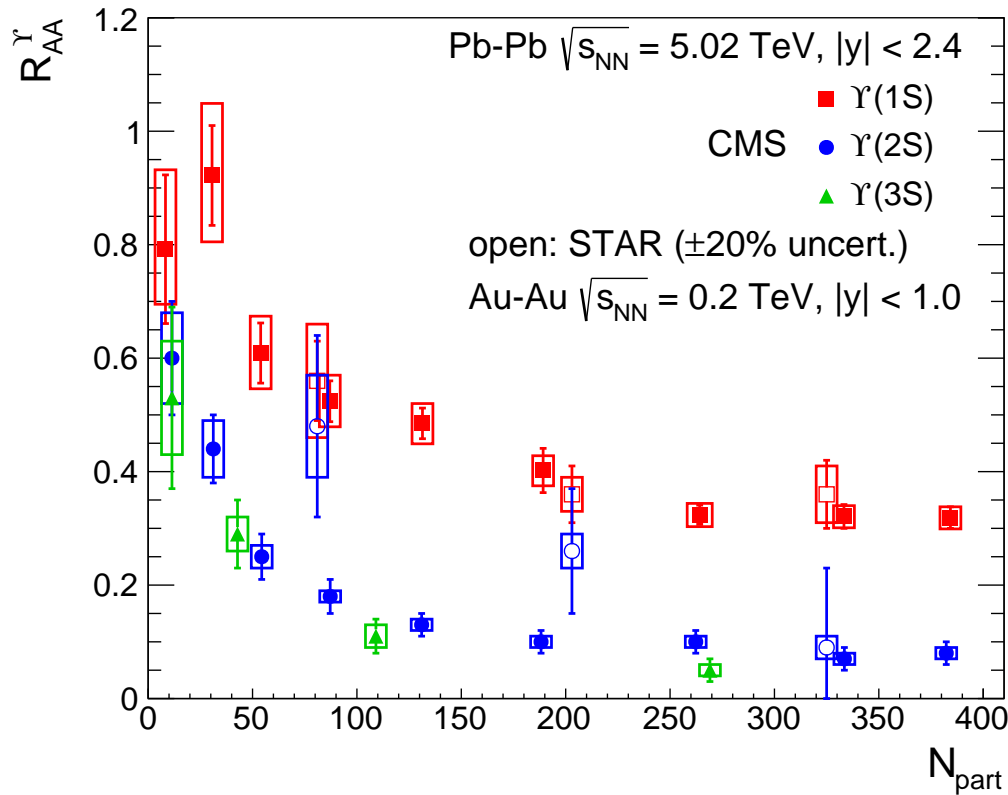
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a very clear hierarchy at low/intermediate p_T

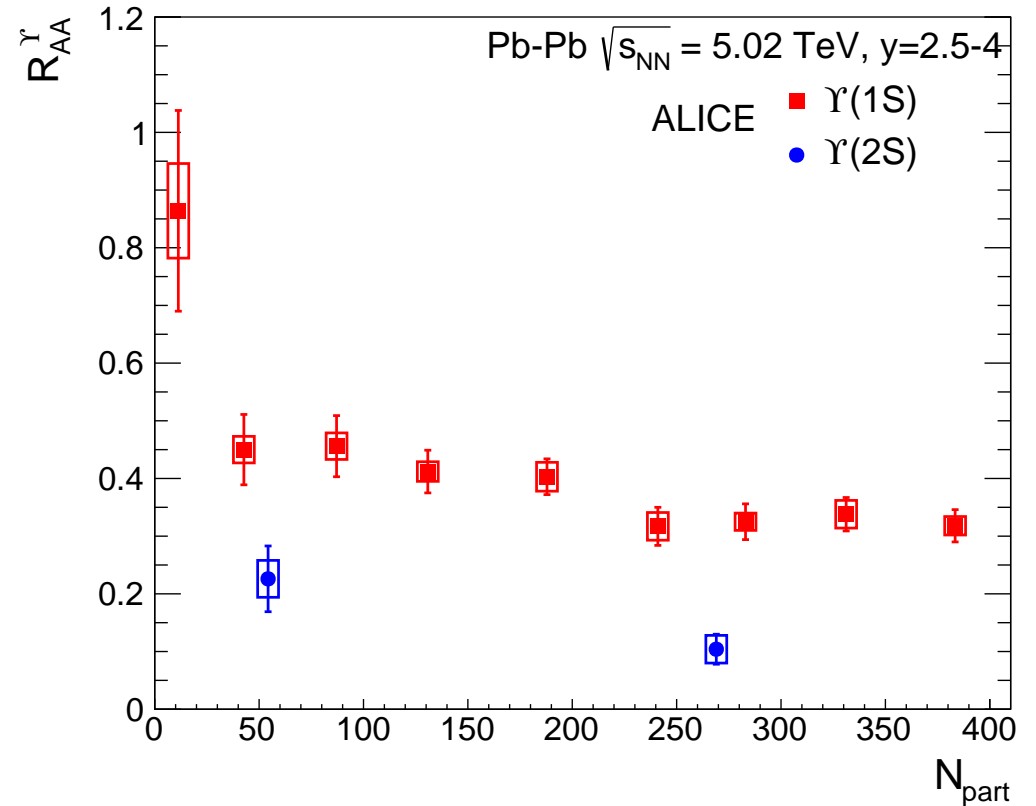
charm production is a pQCD process, pion production largely a thermal process

Bottomonium data: RHIC and LHC

midrapidity



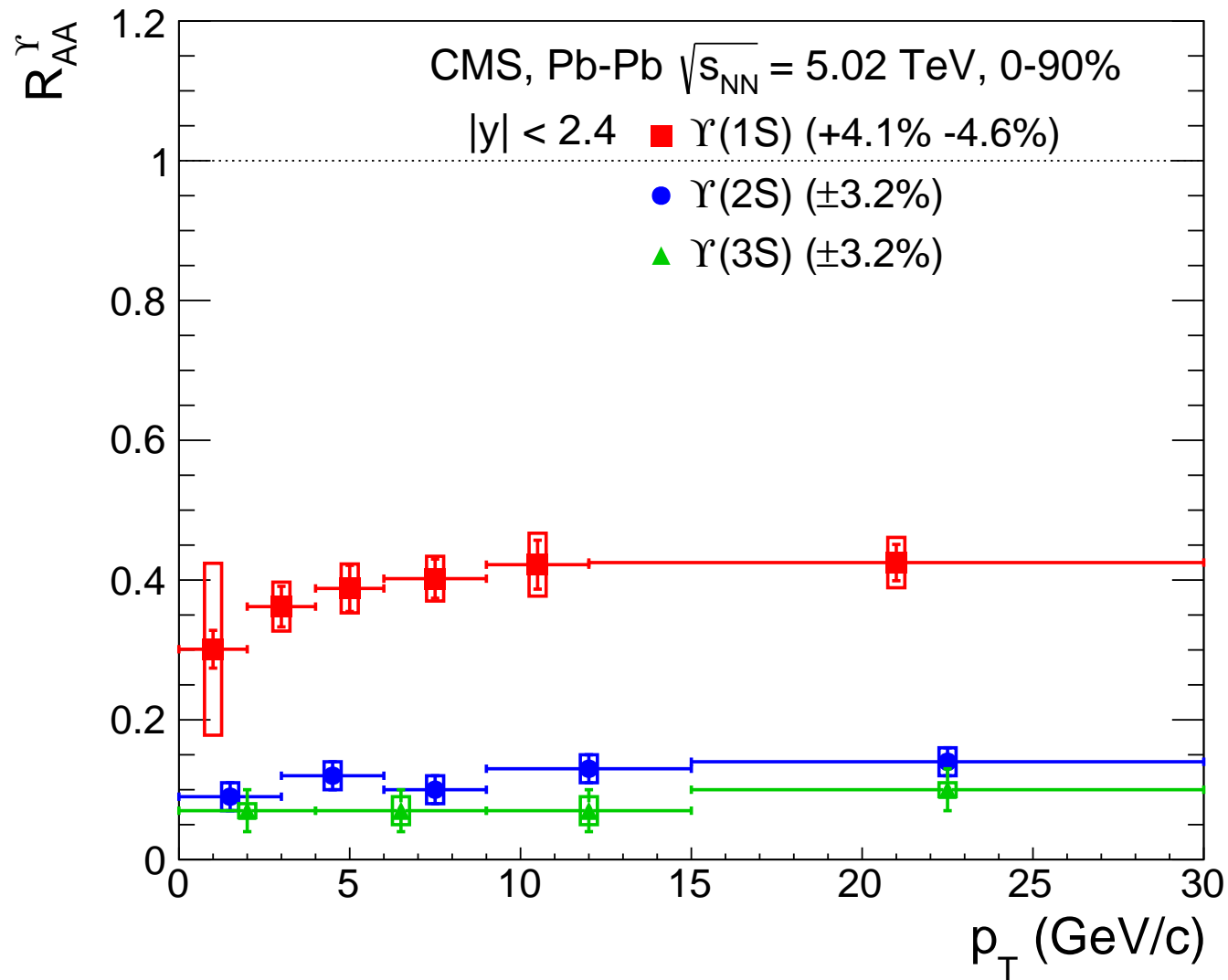
forward rapidity



significant suppression, hierarchy between states (sequential?)

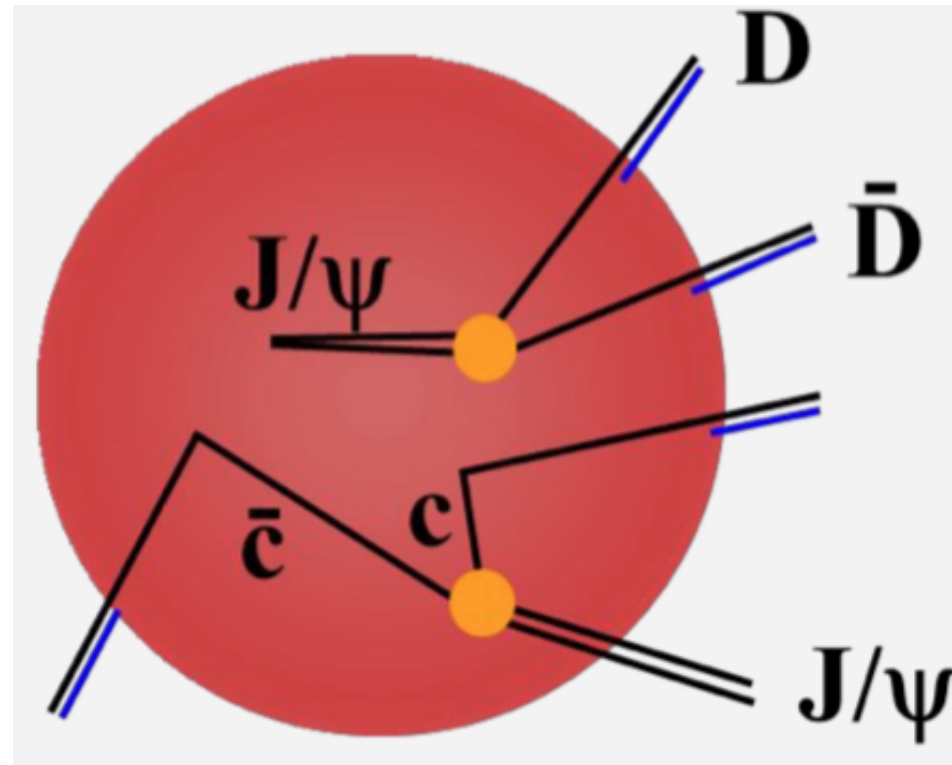
not significantly different at LHC and RHIC (except perhaps $\Upsilon(2S)$)

Bottomonium data at the LHC



weak p_T dependence (dissociation expected to be stronger at low p_T)

There is dissociation and there is (re)generation



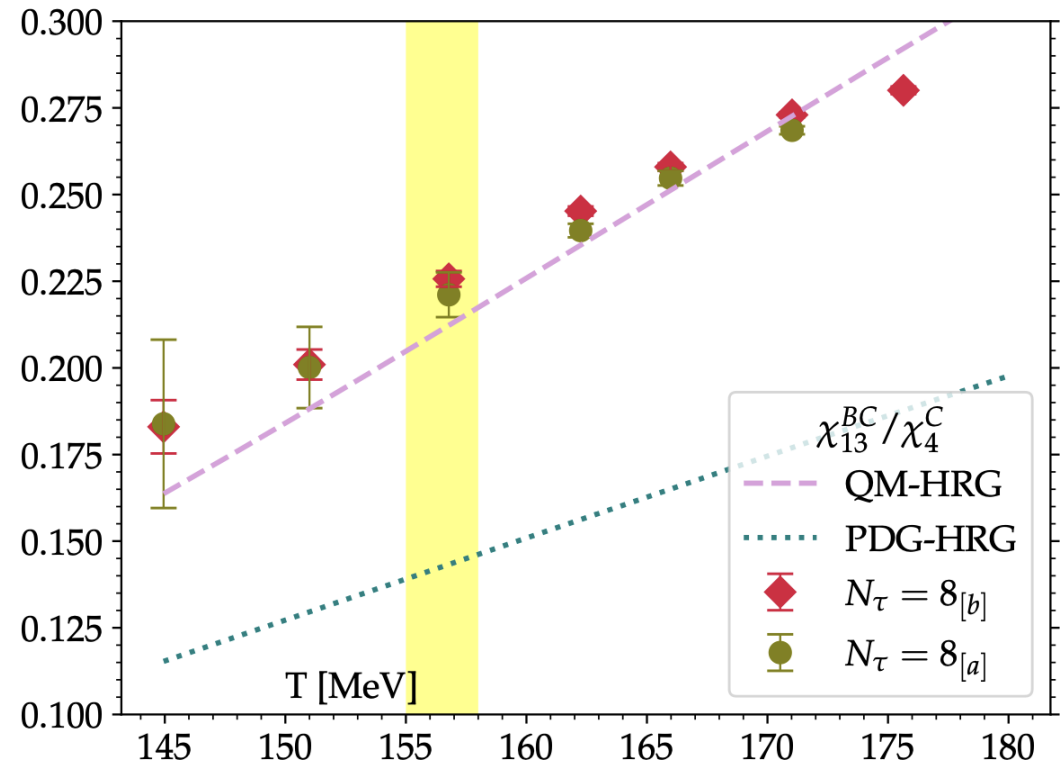
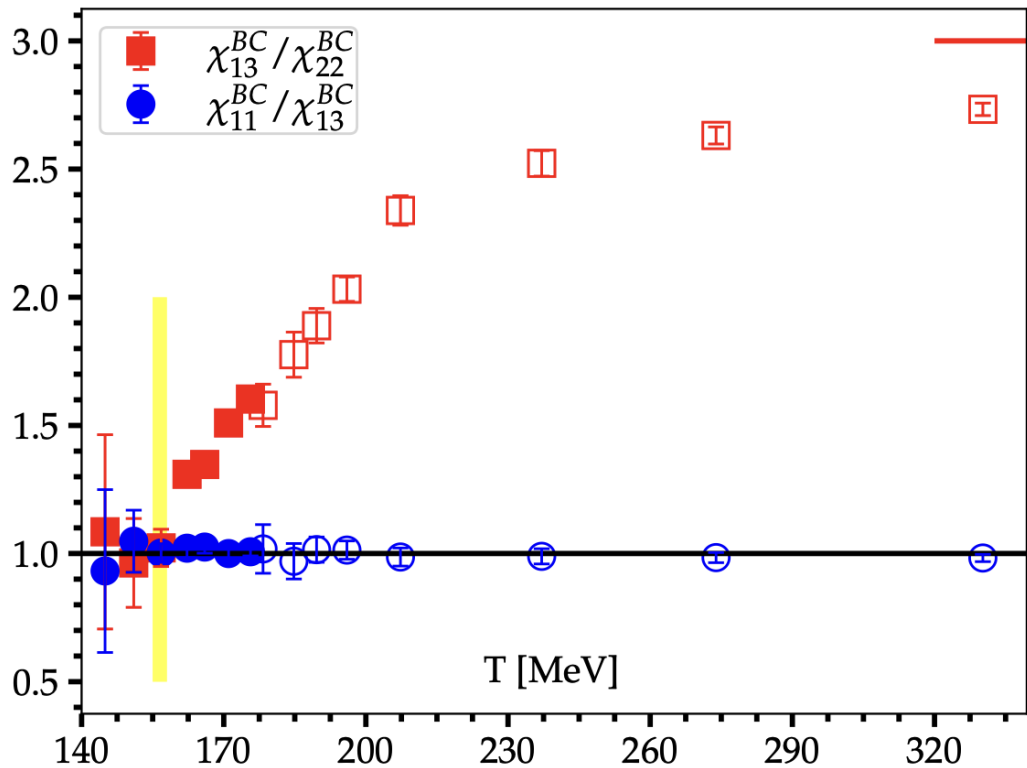
This picture is implemented in models in 2 basic ways:

- 1) statistical hadronization: full screening, generation at hadronization (c, \bar{c} produced in initial scattering and fully thermalized in QGP)
- 2) transport: continuous destruction and (re)generation, also from different c, \bar{c} (time evolution of T constrained by other measurements)

Charm in QGP - the lattice view

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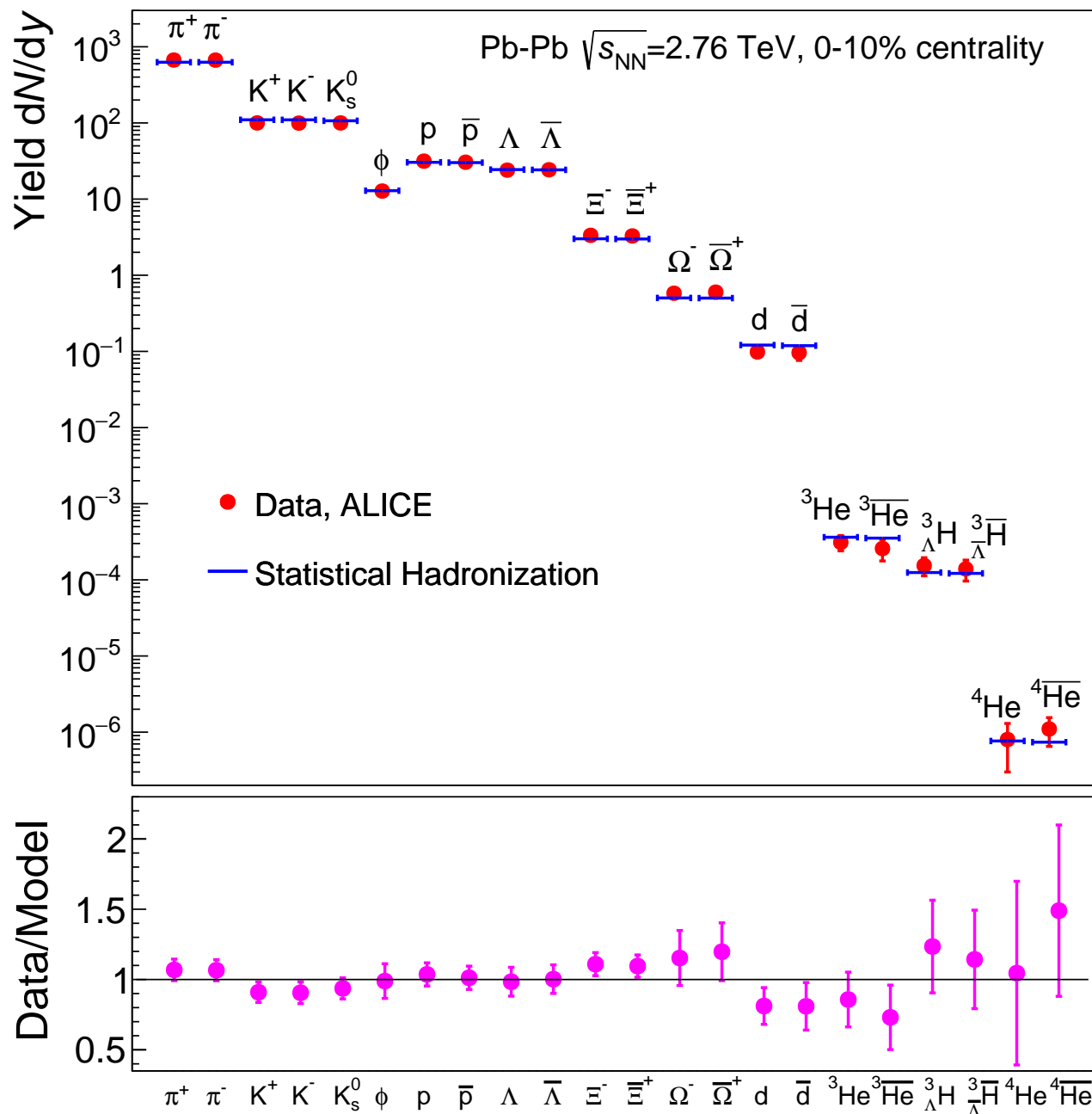


Bazavov et al., [arXiv:2312.12857](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.12857)

Indication of charm-quark dofs at T_c , but “pure-quark” state at $\simeq 200$ MeV

Clear need of an enhanced charm-baryon spectrum wrt PDG

Thermal fit – LHC, Pb–Pb, 0-10%



matter and antimatter produced in equal amounts

$$T_{CF} = 156.6 \pm 1.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mu_B = 0.7 \pm 3.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$V_{\Delta y=1} = 4175 \pm 380 \text{ fm}^3$$

$$\chi^2/N_{df} = 16.7/19$$

S-matrix treatment

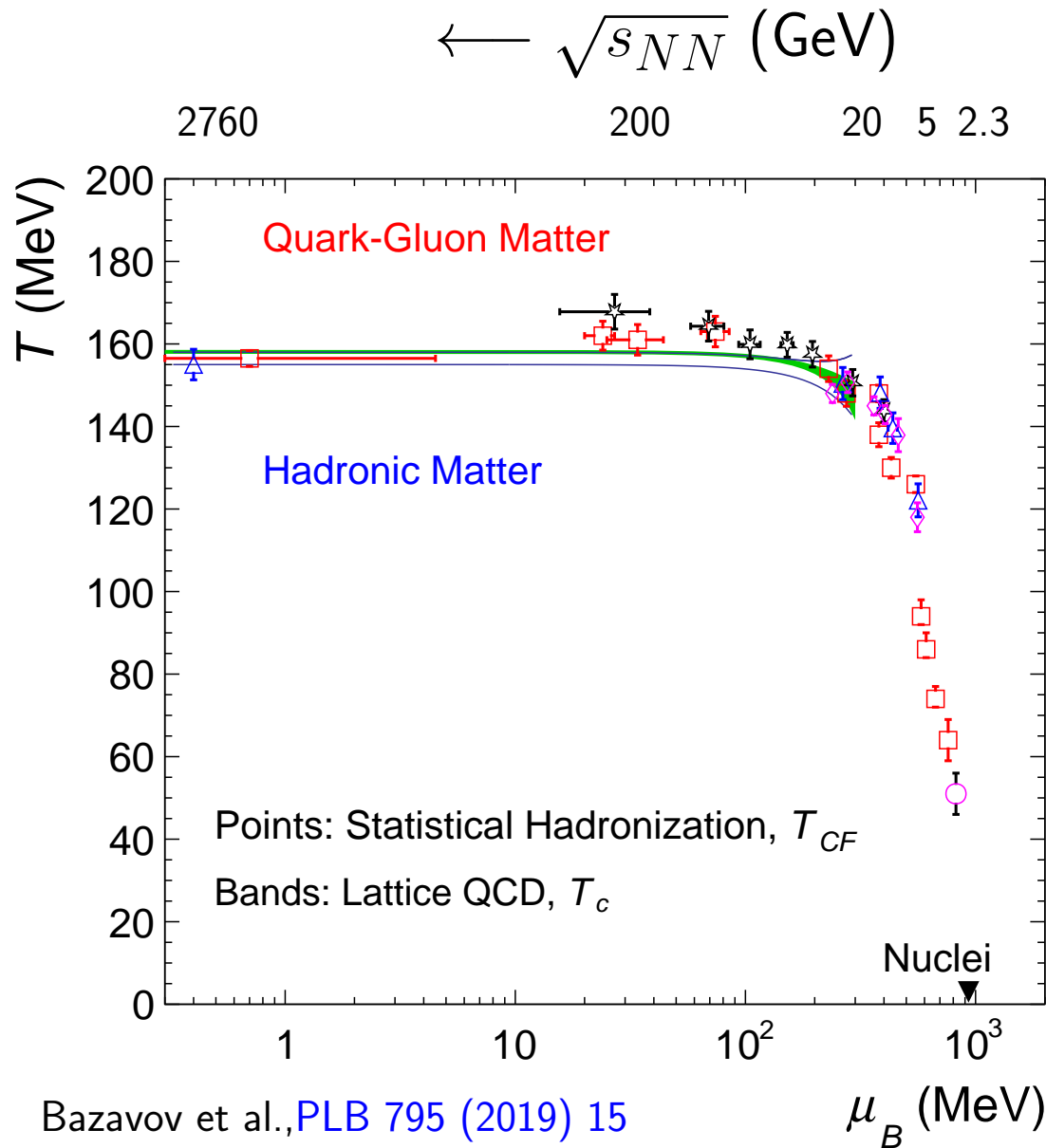
remarkably, loosely-bound objects are also well described (${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ with 25% B.R.)

hadronization as bags of quarks and gluons?

The phase diagram of QCD

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at LHC, remarkable “coincidence” with Lattice QCD results

at LHC ($\mu_B \simeq 0$): purely-produced (anti)matter ($m = E/c^2$), as in the Early Universe

$\mu_B > 0$: more matter, from “remnants” of the colliding nuclei

$\mu_B \gtrsim 400$ MeV: *the critical point awaiting discovery*
(RHIC BES / FAIR)

Bazavov et al., [PLB 795 \(2019\) 15](#)

Borsanyi et al., [PRL 125 \(2020\) 052001](#)

see refs. in [Nature 561 \(2018\) 321](#)

points: independent analyses of same data → “model/code uncert.” are small

The statistical hadronization model

Braun-Munzinger, Stachel, PLB 490 (2000) 196; NPA 789 (2006) 334, PLB 652 (2007) 259

All charm quarks are produced in primary hard collisions ($t_{c\bar{c}} \sim 1/2m_c \simeq 0.1 \text{ fm}/c$)

...survive and thermalize in QGP (thermal, but not chemical equilibrium)

charmed hadrons are formed at chemical freeze-out together with all hadrons
“generation” ...no J/ψ survival in QGP (full screening)

(if supported by data) J/ψ loses status as “thermometer” of QGP

...and gains status as a powerful observable for the QCD phase boundary

Predicts p_T spectra too: hydrodynamics (MUSIC) (input for β_T in blast-wave formula)

[JHEP 07 \(2021\) 035](#), [arXiv:2308.14821](#)

SHM for charm (SHMc)

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pQCD production, "throw in": $N_{c\bar{c}} = 9.6 \rightarrow g_c = 30.1$ ($I_1/I_0 = 0.974$)

LHC, central collisions

assume:

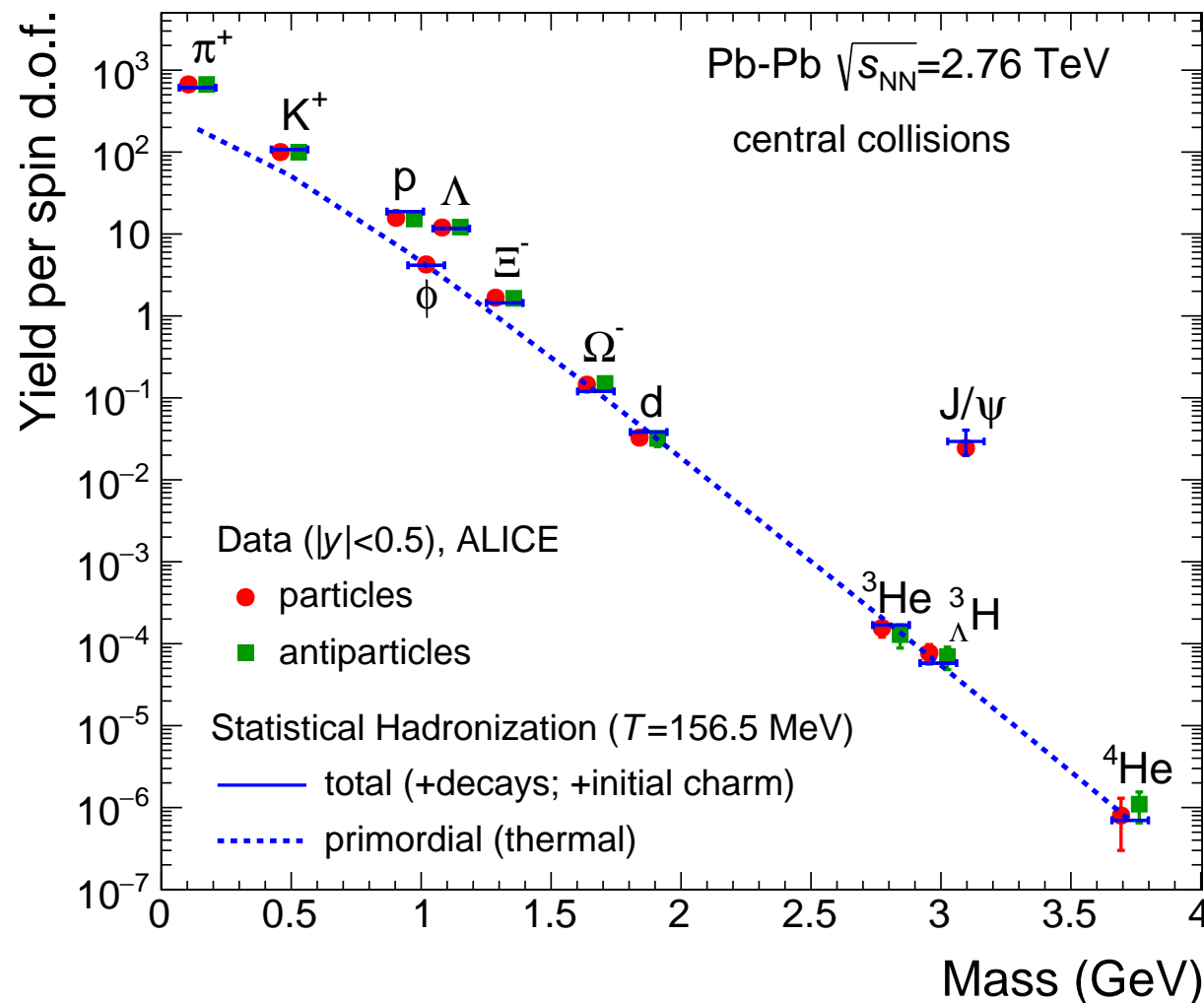
- full thermalization of c, \bar{c}
("mobility" in $V \simeq 4000 \text{ fm}^3$)

- full color screening
(Matsui-Satz)

Braun-Munzinger, Stachel, [PLB 490 \(2000\) 196](#)

Model predicts all charm
chemistry ($\psi(2S), X(3872)$)

π, K^\pm, K^0 from charm included in the thermal fit
(0.7%, 2.9%, 3.1% for $T=156.5 \text{ MeV}$)



[PLB 797 \(2019\) 134836](#)

SHMc: method and inputs

Braun-Munzinger, Stachel, [PLB 490 \(2000\) 196](#), [NPA 690 \(2001\) 119](#)

- Thermal model calculation (grand canonical) T, μ_B : $\rightarrow n_X^{th}$
- $N_{c\bar{c}}^{dir} = \frac{1}{2}g_c V (\sum_i n_{D_i}^{th} + n_{\Lambda_i}^{th}) + g_c^2 V (\sum_i n_{\psi_i}^{th} + n_{\chi_i}^{th})$
- $N_{c\bar{c}} \ll 1 \rightarrow$ Canonical (Cleymans, Redlich, Suhonen, Z. Phys. C51 (1991) 137):

Gorenstein, Kostyuk, Stöcker, Greiner, [PLB 509 \(2001\) 277](#)

$$N_{c\bar{c}}^{dir} = \frac{1}{2}g_c N_{oc}^{th} \frac{I_1(g_c N_{oc}^{th})}{I_0(g_c N_{oc}^{th})} + g_c^2 N_{c\bar{c}}^{th} \rightarrow g_c(N_{part}) \text{ (charm fugacity)}$$

Outcome: $N_D = g_c V n_D^{th} I_1/I_0 + N_D^{corona}$, $N_{J/\psi} = g_c^2 V n_{J/\psi}^{th} + N_{J/\psi}^{corona}$

Inputs: T, μ_B , $V_{\Delta y=1} (= (dN_{ch}^{exp}/dy)/n_{ch}^{th})$, $N_{c\bar{c}}^{dir}$ (exp. or pQCD)

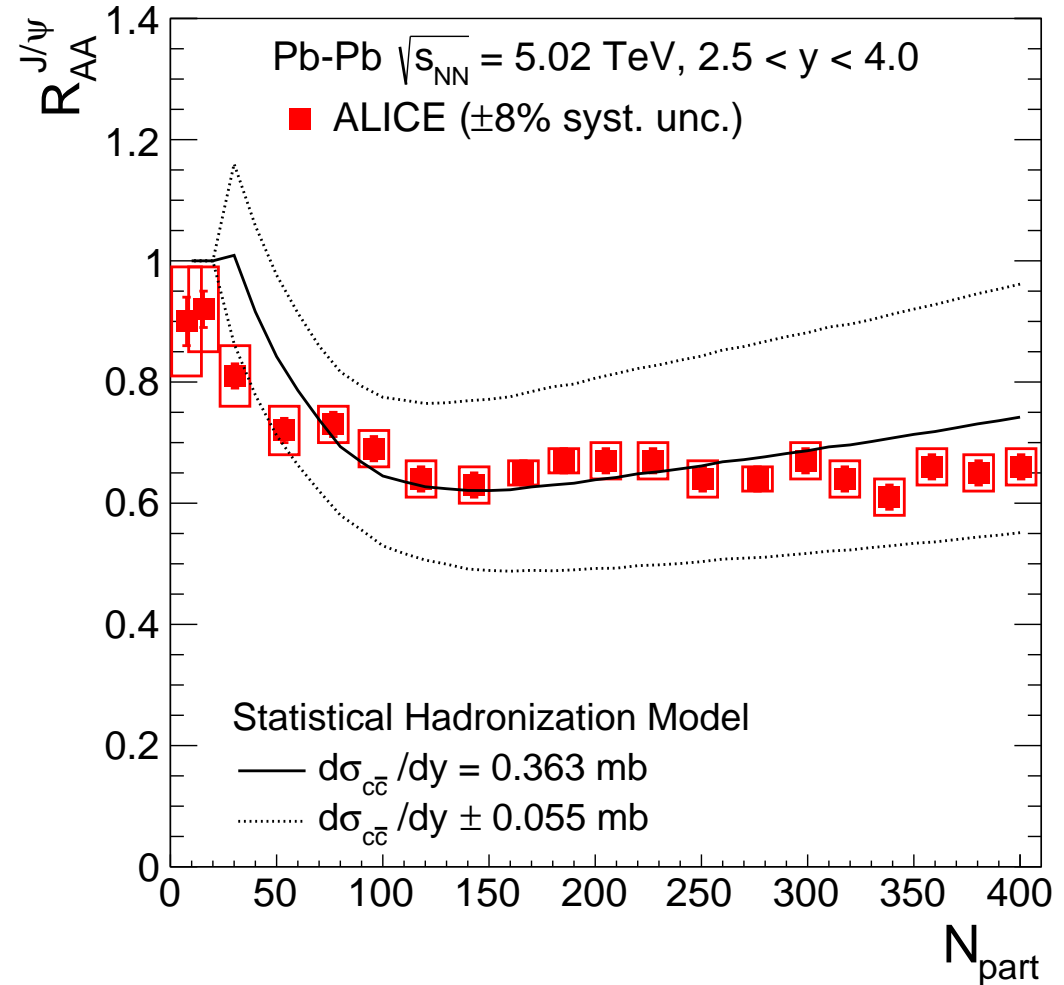
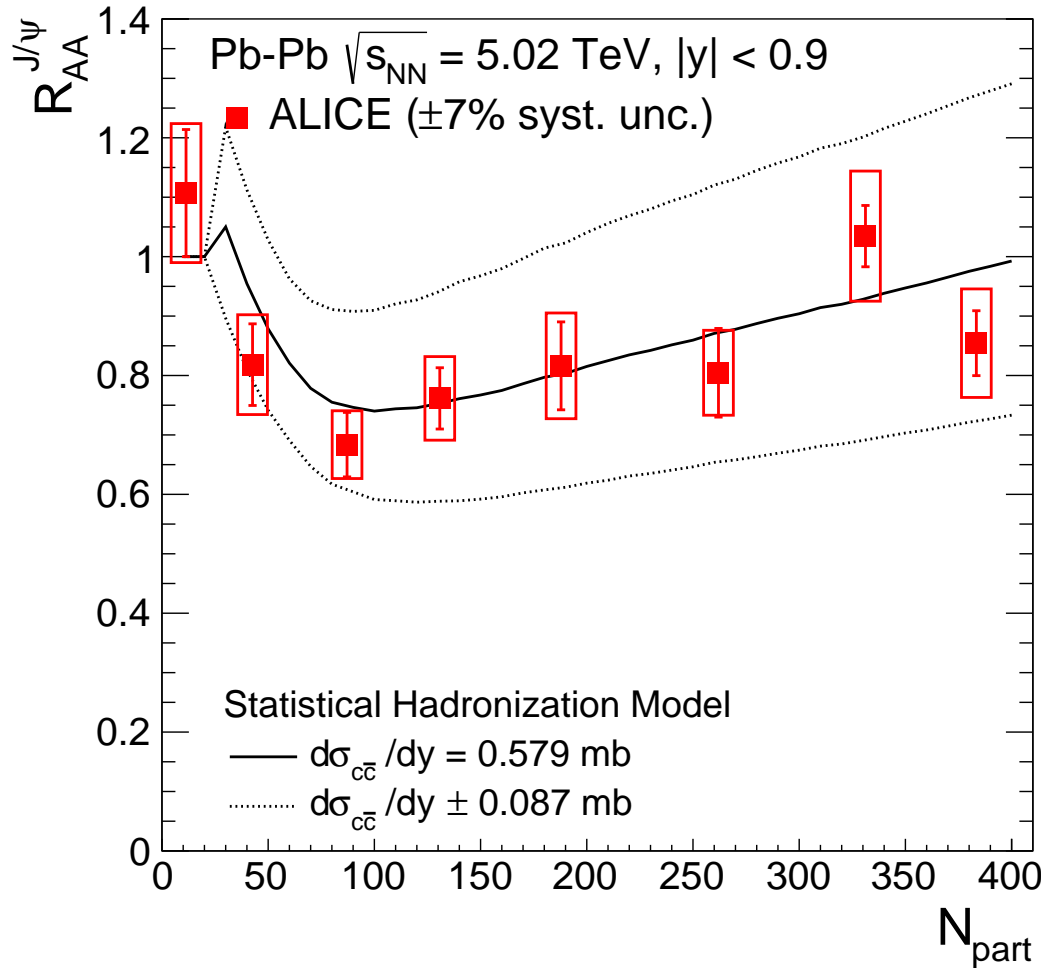
Assumed minimal volume for QGP: $V_{QGP}^{min} = 200 \text{ fm}^3$

SHMc and charmonium data at the LHC

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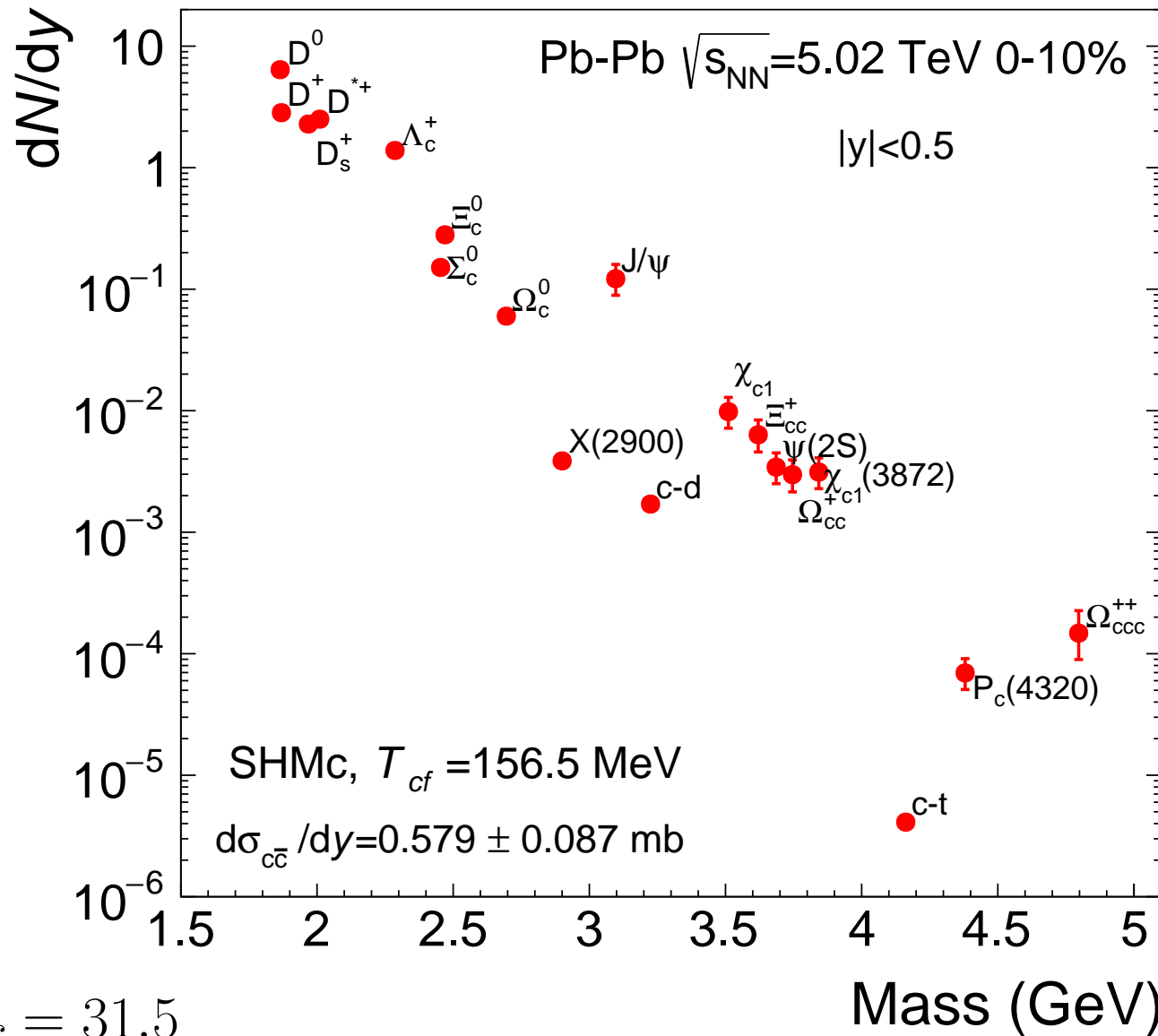
full thermalization of c quarks in QGP, hadronization at chemical freeze-out



$d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/dy$ via normalization to D^0 in Pb-Pb 0-10%, ALICE, [arXiv:2110.09420](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.09420)

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SHMc: the full charm zoo



$$\frac{dN_{c\bar{c}}}{dy} = 13.8$$

$$\rightarrow g_c = 31.5$$

$$T_{cc}^+ \simeq 0.9 \cdot \chi_{c1}(3872)$$

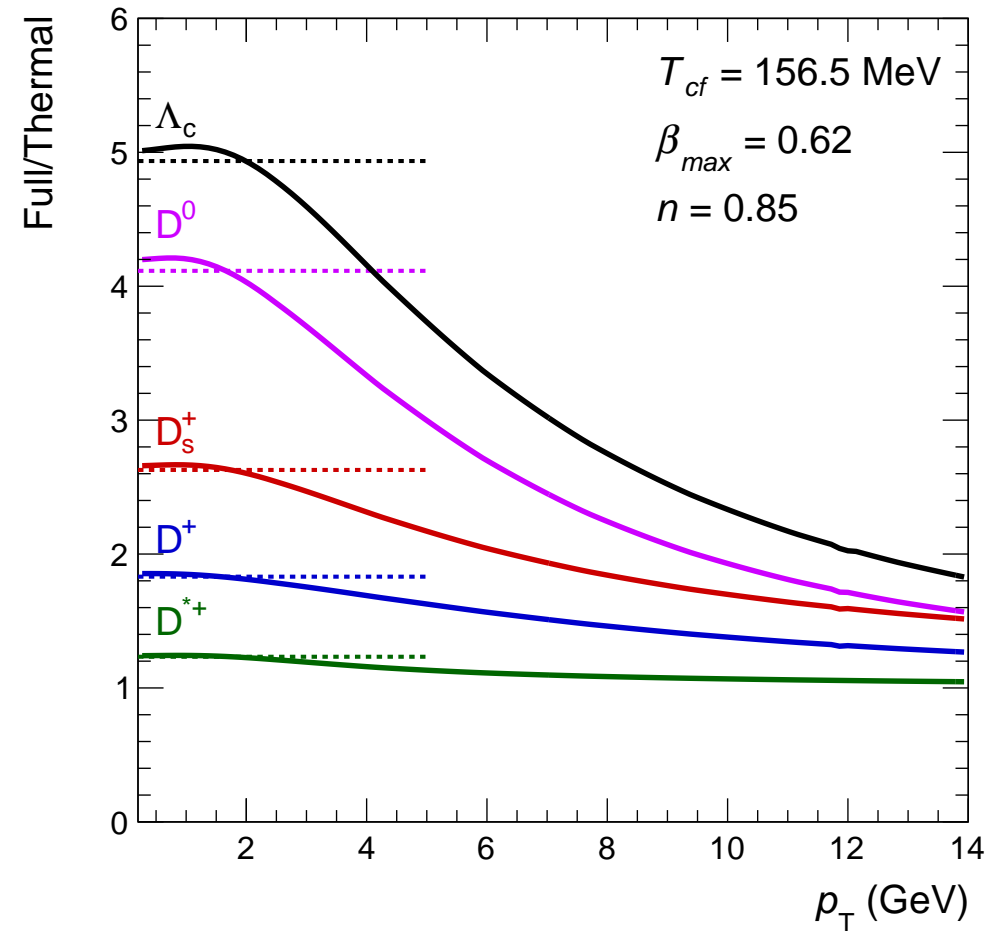
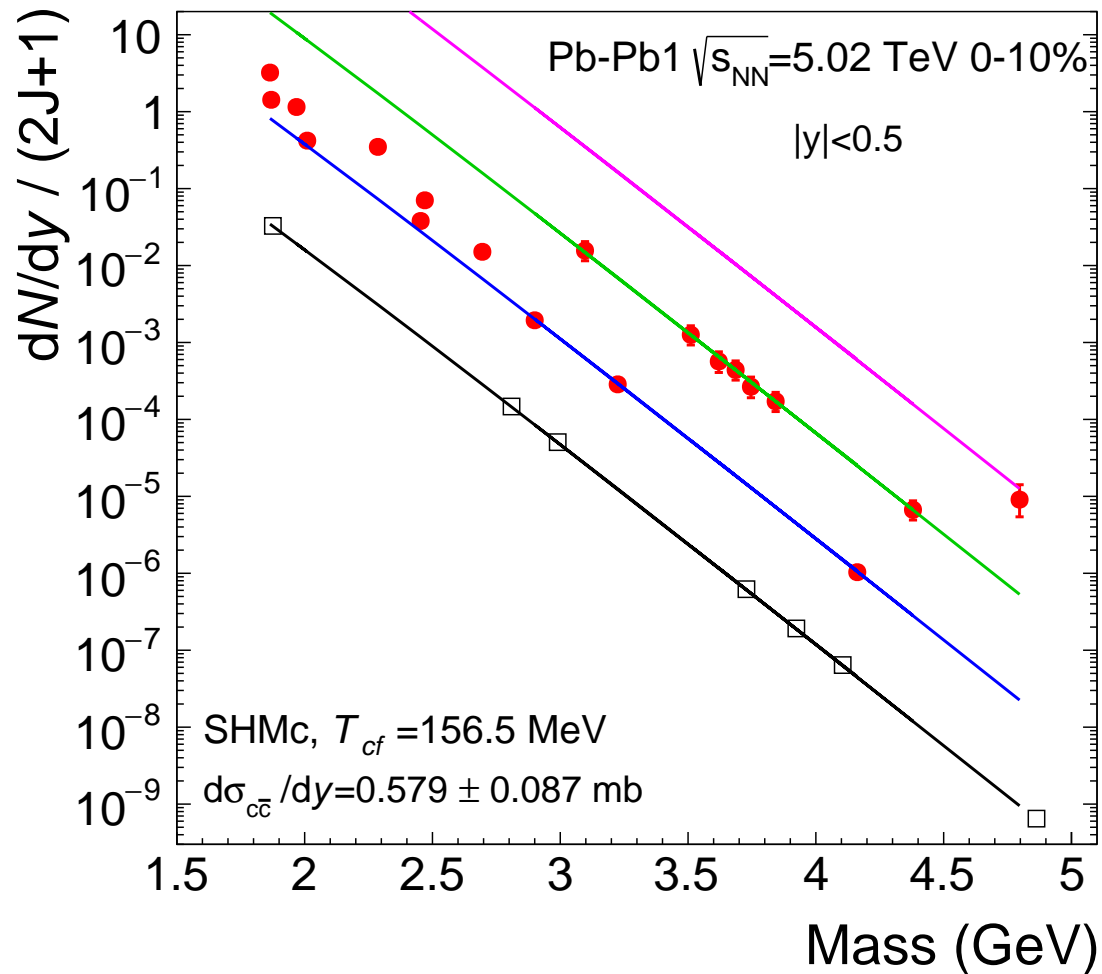
$$X(6900) \sim 10^{-8}$$

The power of the model: predicting the full suite of charmed hadrons

Full charm predictions for the LHC

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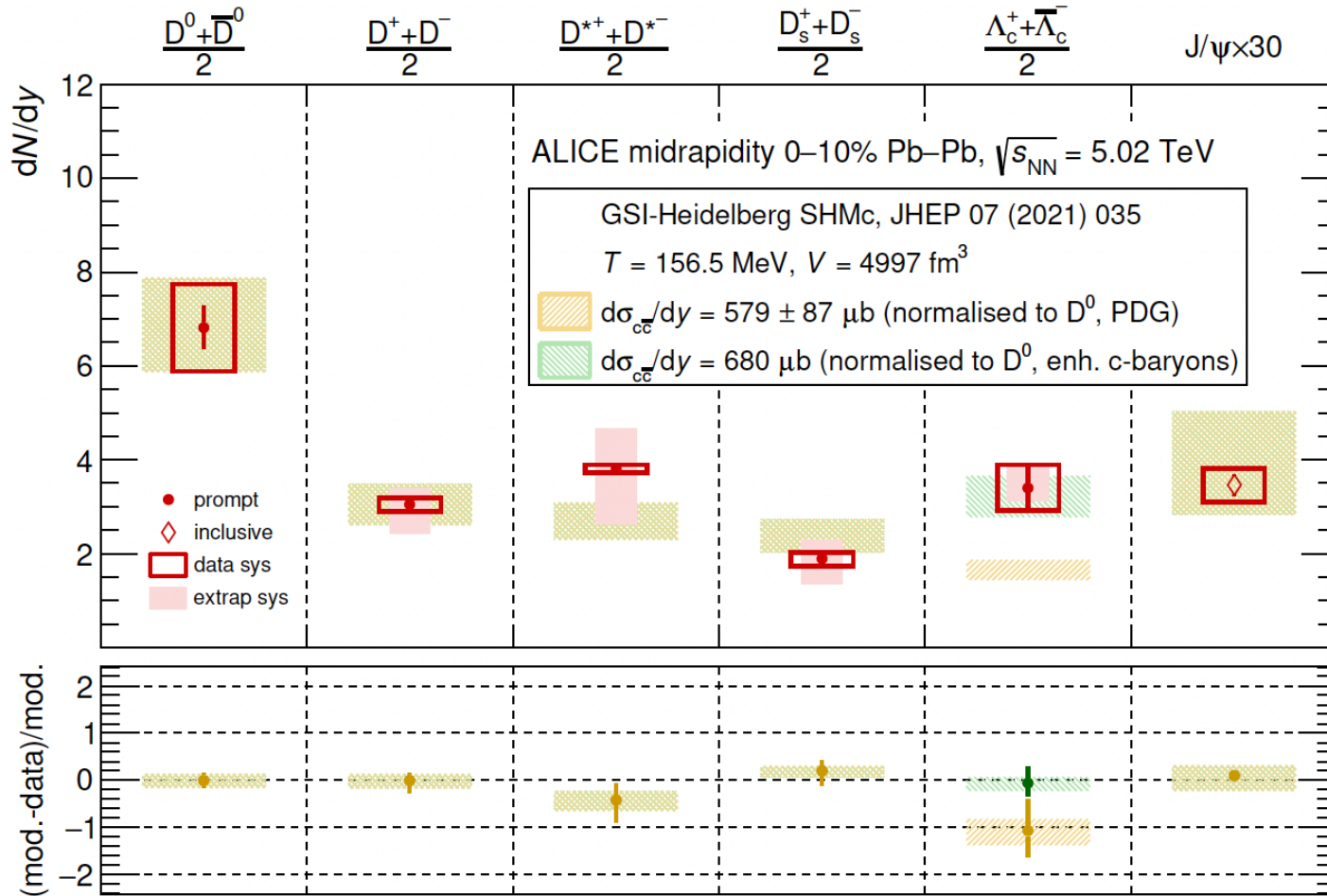
Charm-hadron spectrum as in PDG: 55 c-mesons, 74 c-baryons (part.+antipart.)

...large, but may not be complete

Charm data and SHMc model

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ALICE, [arXiv:2212.04348](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.04348)

Enh. c-baryons: *tripled* the excited charm-baryon states, *and* $d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/dy$: +19%

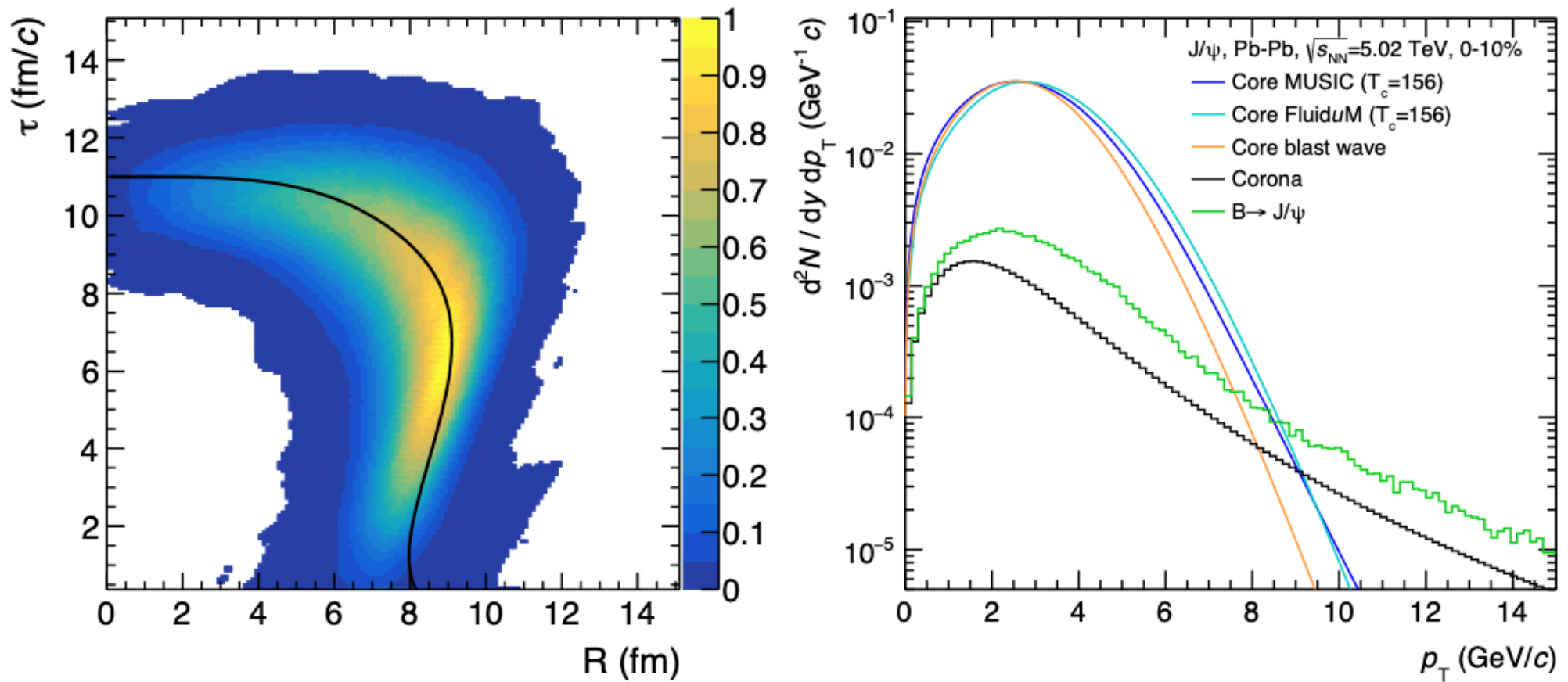
RQM: He,Rapp, [PLB 795 \(2019\) 117](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.07574); LQCD, Bazavov et al., [PLB 737 \(2014\) 210](https://arxiv.org/abs/1403.7093)

leaves the mesonic sector unaffected, for the commensurately larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$

SHMc - coupling to hydrodynamics

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AA, ..., M. Vökl, [arXiv:2308.14821](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.14821)

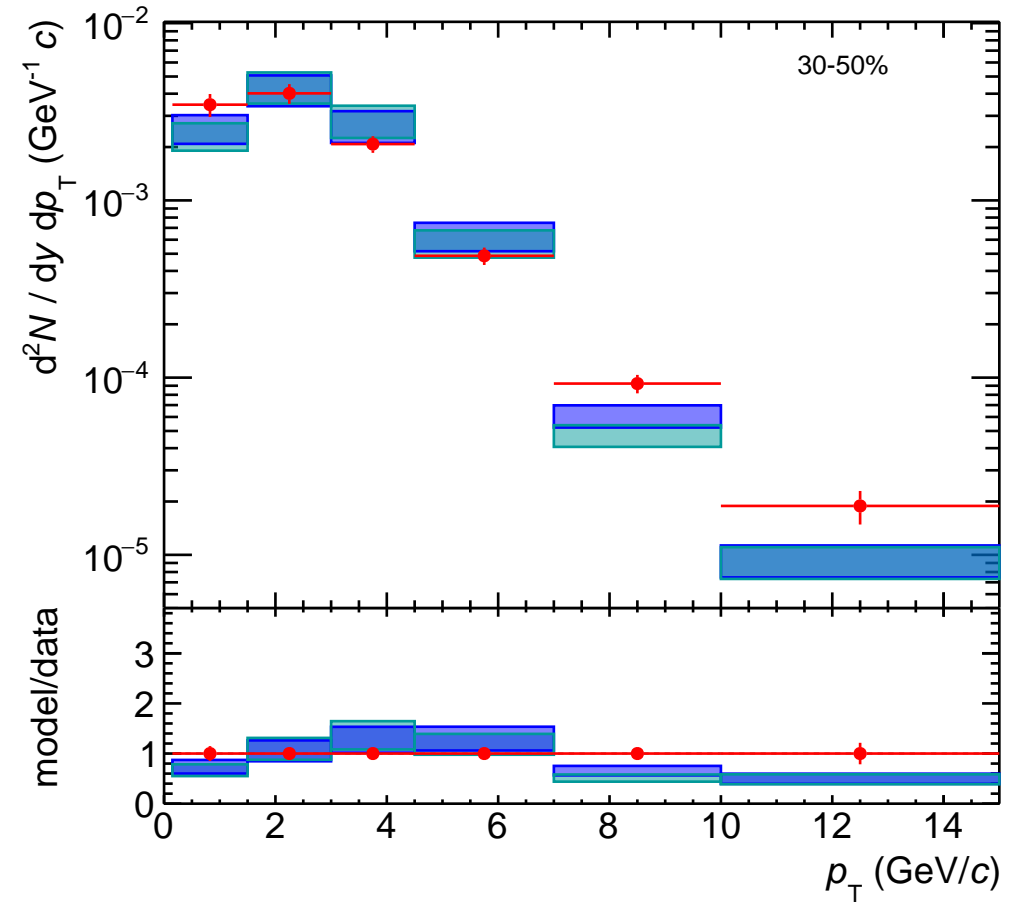
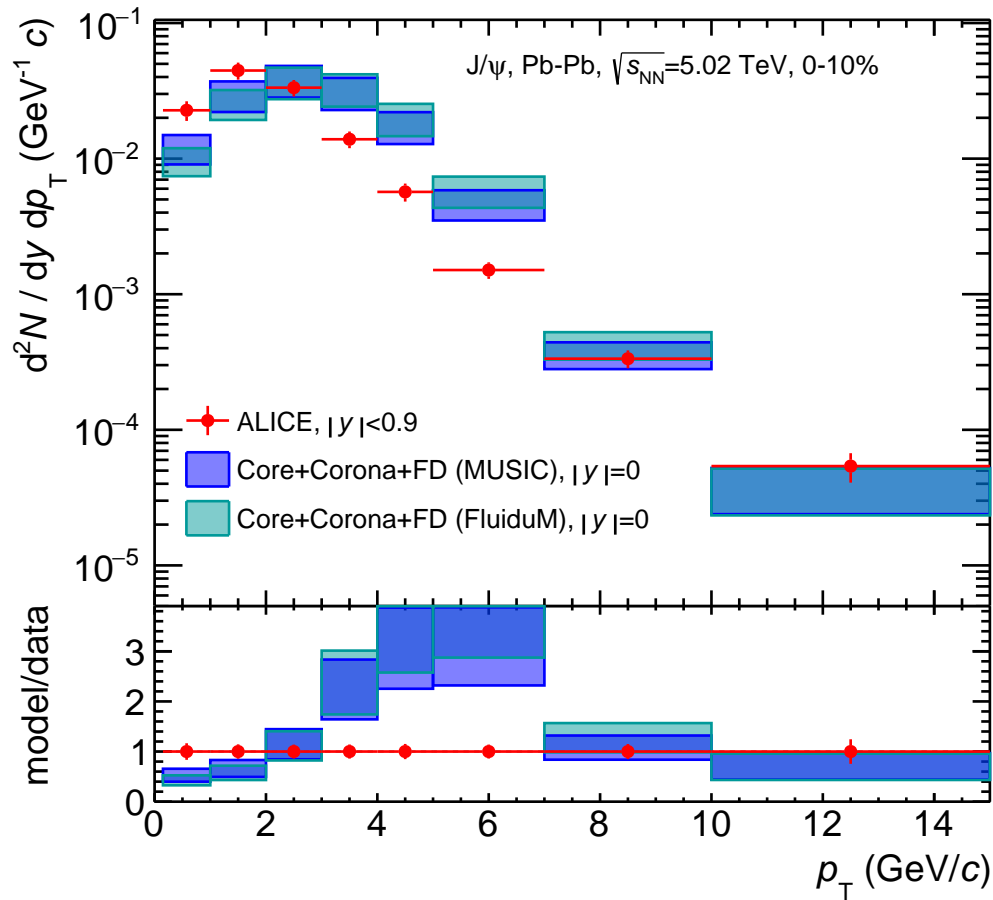
Distribution: MUSIC (IP-Glasma; $\tau_0=0.4$ fm/c)

Line: FluidM (T_{R} ENTO; $\tau_0=0.18$ fm/c)

SHMc: p_T spectra

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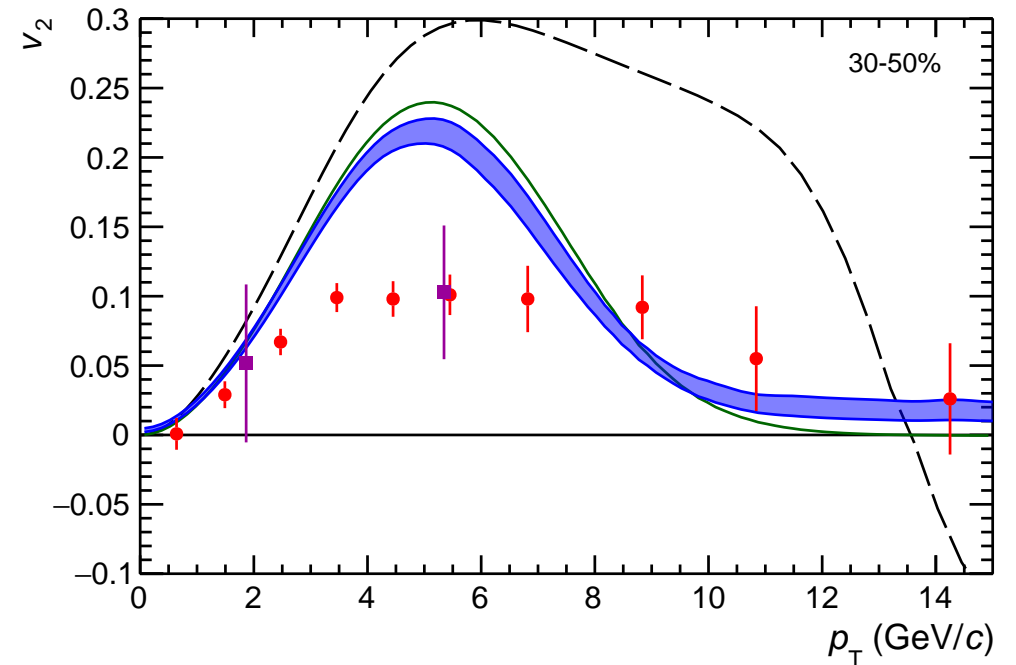
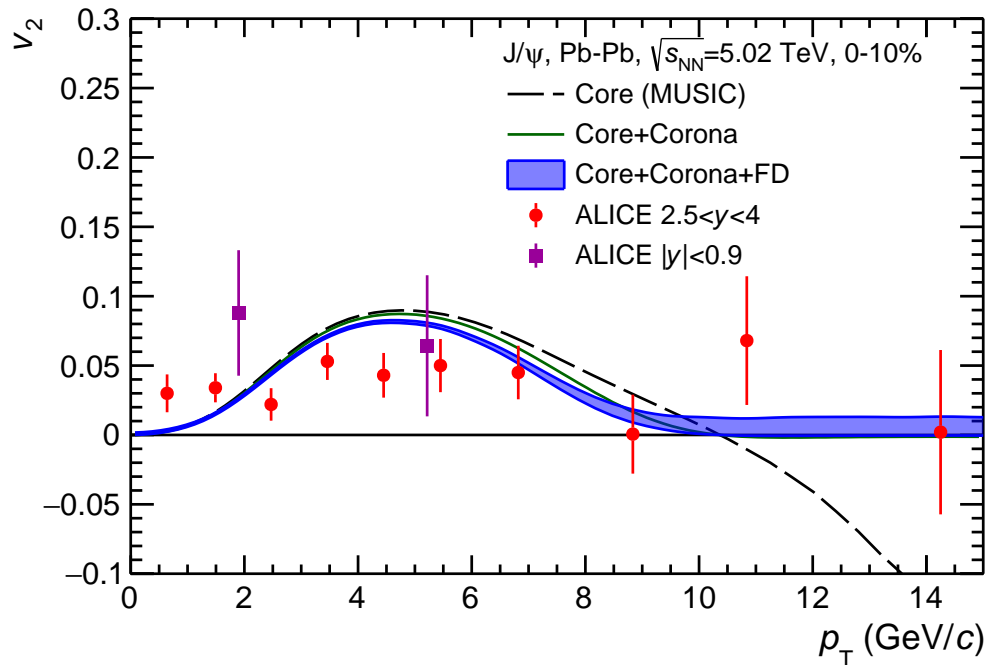
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Too strong flow in 0-10% centrality

SHMc: v_2 distributions

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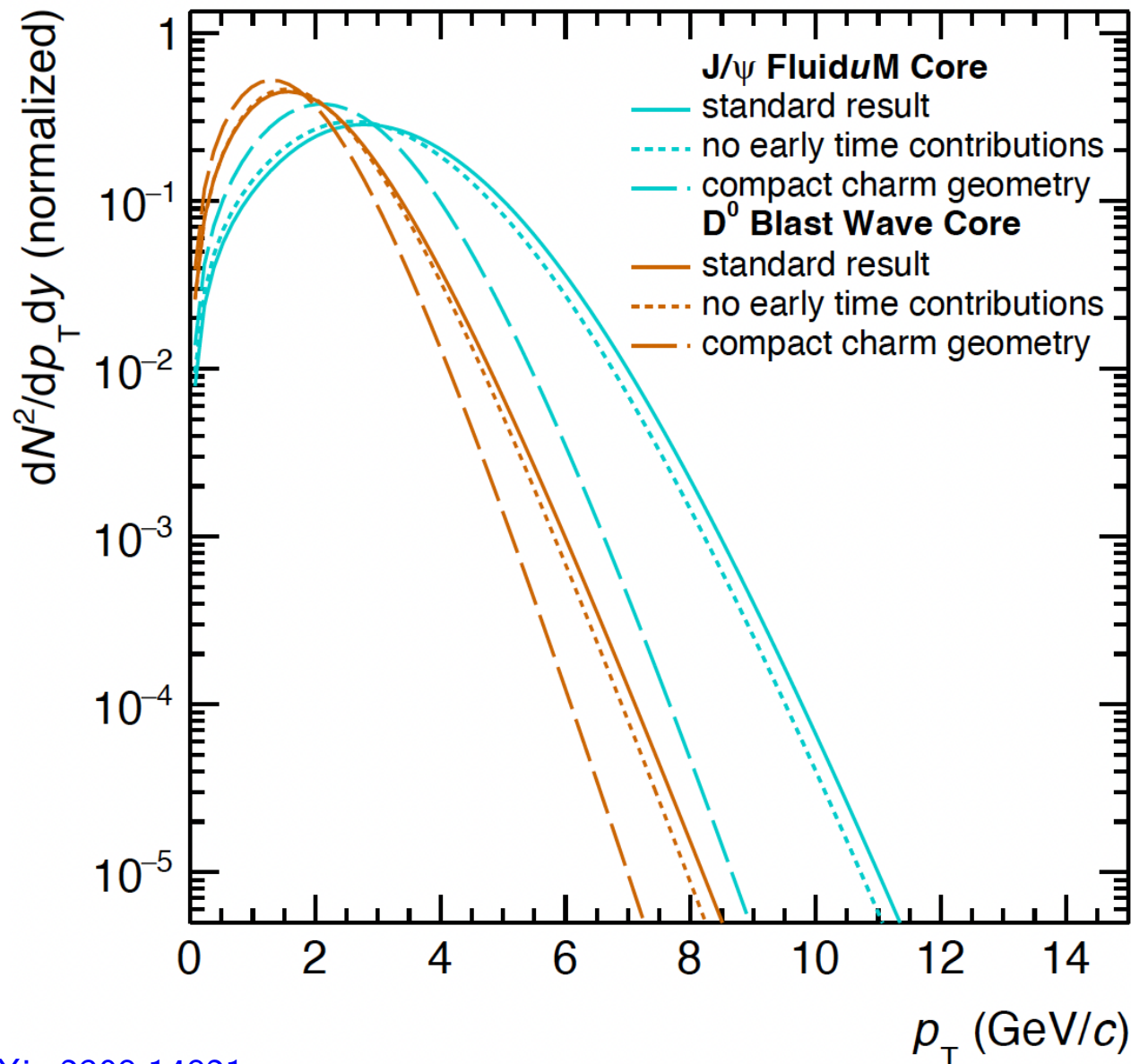
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again, we predict too much flow (v_3 is also overpredicted)

SHMc - coupling to hydrodynamics, refinements

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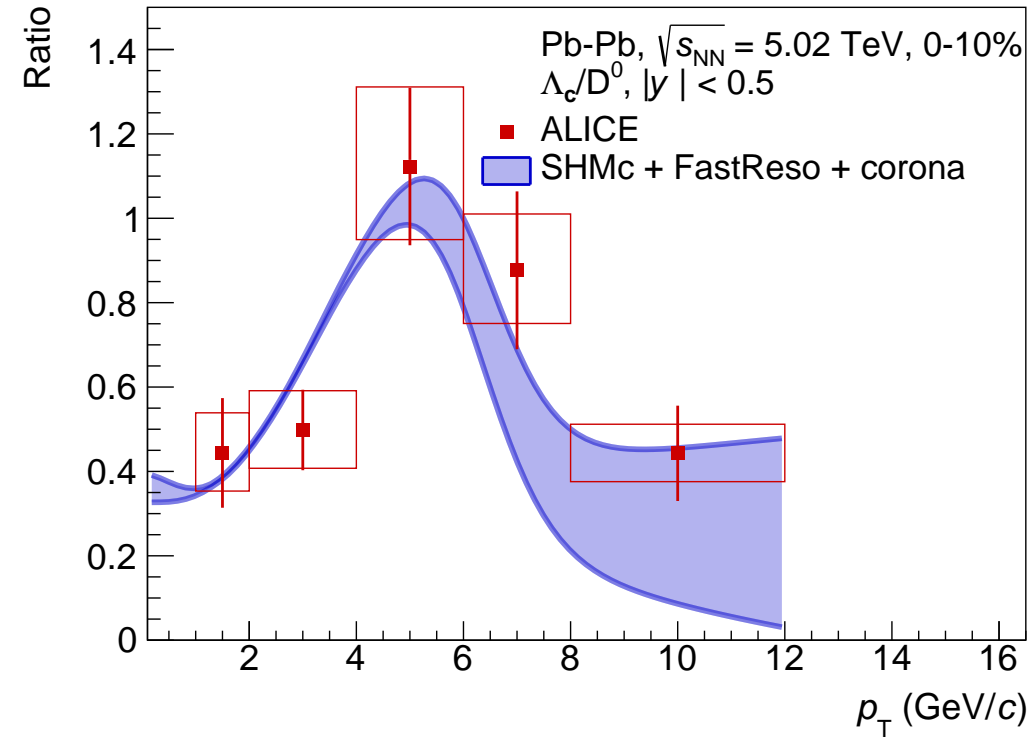
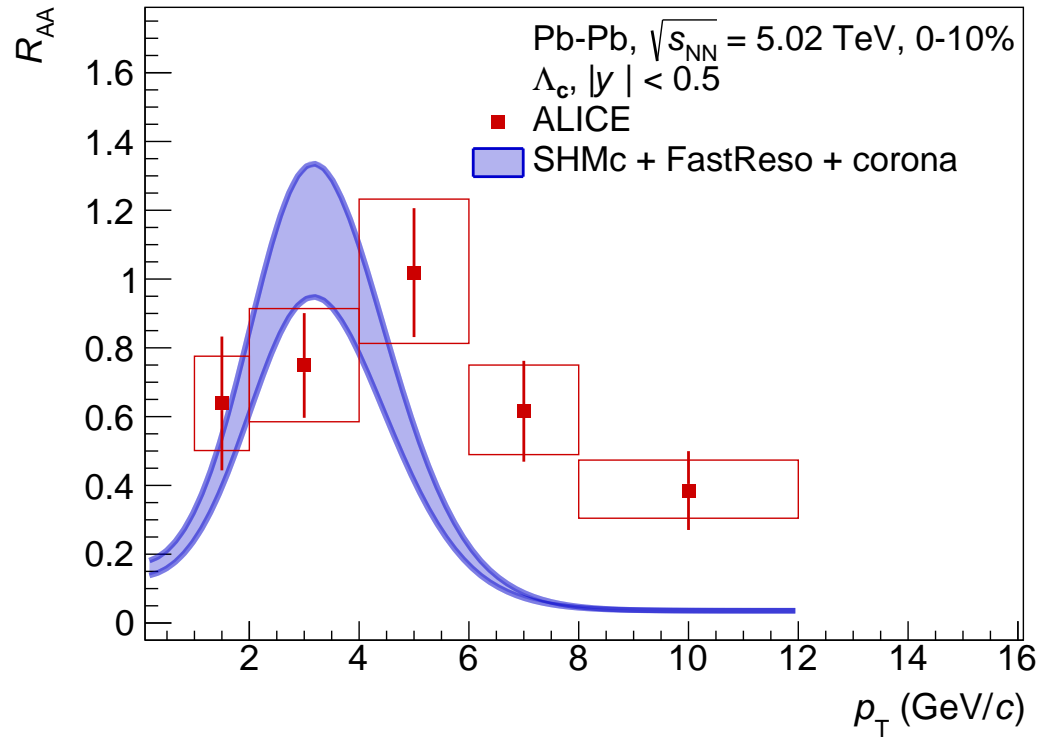
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AA, ..., M. Völkl, [arXiv:2308.14821](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.14821)

A spatially-mapped N_{coll} distribution needs to be implemented in addition.

SHMc: p_T , open charm



AA, ..., M. Vökl, [arXiv:2308.14821](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.14821)

implement screening picture with space-time evolution of the fireball (hydro-like)
continuous destruction and “(re)generation” (“recombination”)
Boltzmann equation (loss and gain terms)

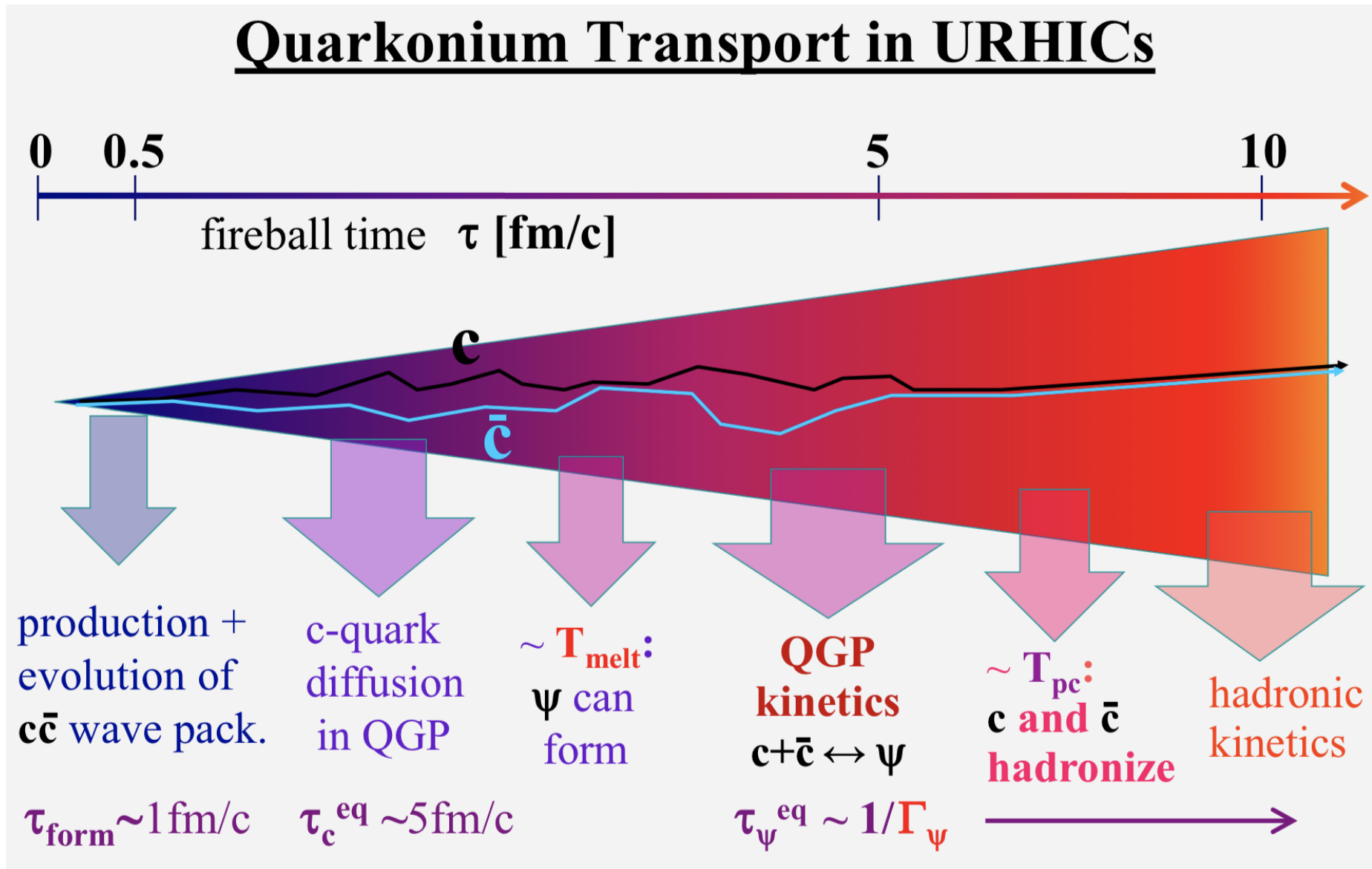
Thews et al., PRC 63 (2001) 054905 ...

“TAMU”, PLB 664 (2008) 253, NPA 859 (2011) 114, EPJA 48 (2012) 72

“Tsinghua”, PLB 607 (2005) 107, PLB 678 (2009) 72, arXiv:1401.5845

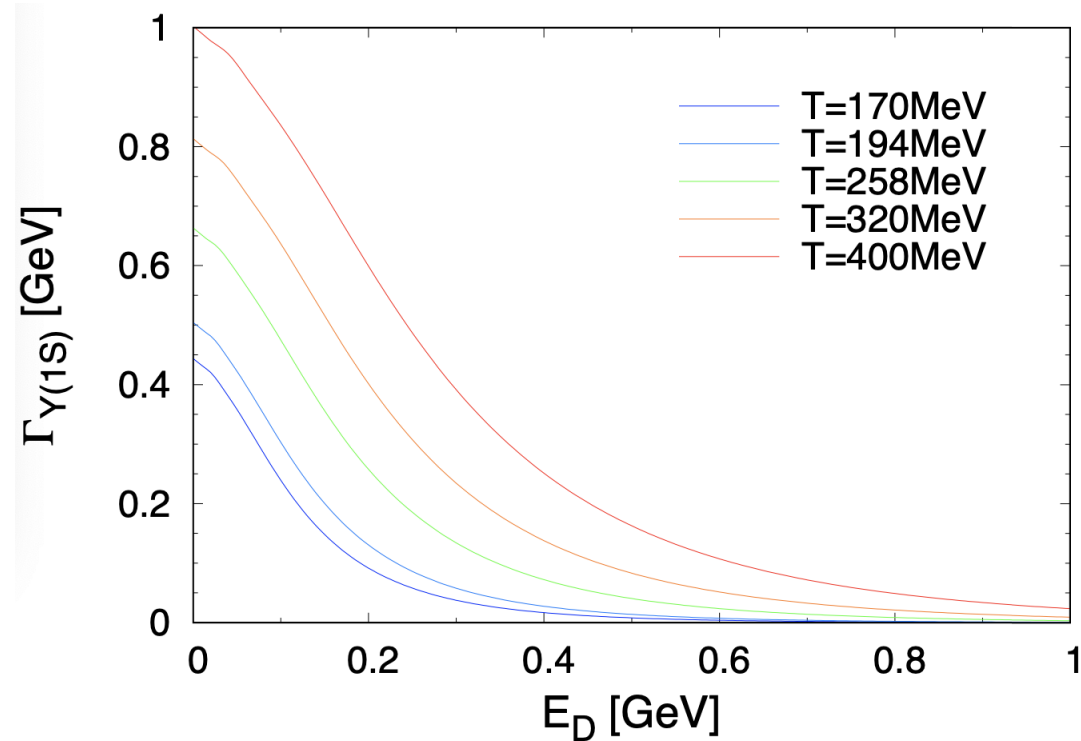
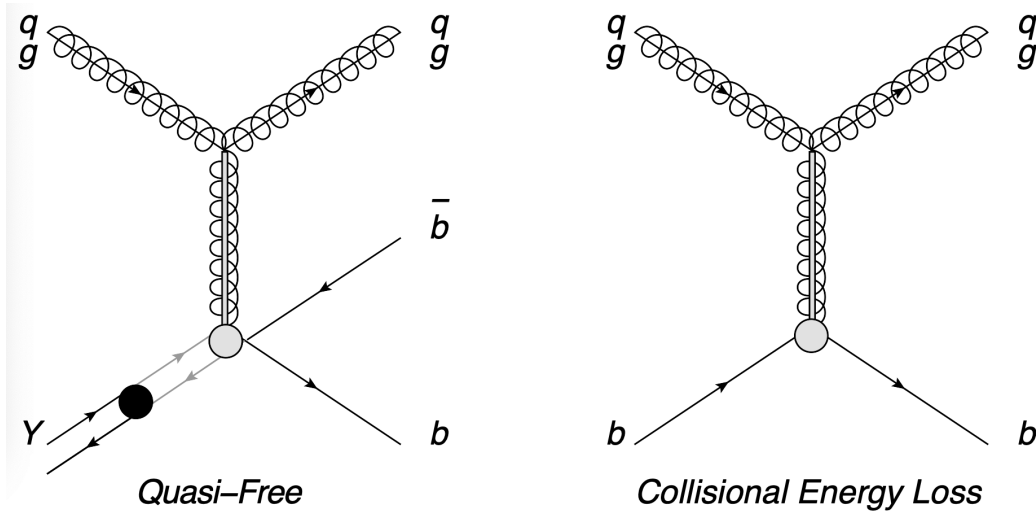
Predicts $R_{AA}, v_2(p_T)$ (TAMU describes D mesons too)

Transport models - schematics



Transport models - the essentials

$$\frac{dN_\Upsilon}{d\tau} = -\Gamma(T(\tau)) [N_\Upsilon(\tau) - N_\Upsilon^{eq}(T(\tau))]$$



Du, Liu, Rapp, *Phys. Lett. B* 796 (2019) 20

Quasi-free = inelastic (dissociation) [imaginary part of HQ potential?]

K factor: enhancement over perturbative results ($K = 5$ in $\Gamma_{\Upsilon(1S)}$ above)

N^{eq} : SHM generation

2 other models

- “Comovers” model (Santiago):
(invented to describe suppression in the (final-state) hadronic medium at SPS
 $J/\psi + \pi \rightarrow D + \bar{D}$)

at LHC: gluo-dissociation and a (re)generation component (dominant for J/ψ)
(the Boltzmann equation of the transport model is also in the comoving system)

E. Ferreiro et al., PLB 731 (2014) 57

- Hydrodynamic model (Kent State Univ.)
hydro gives energy density vs. space-time
suppression probability vs. ε gives R_{AA} (of Y)

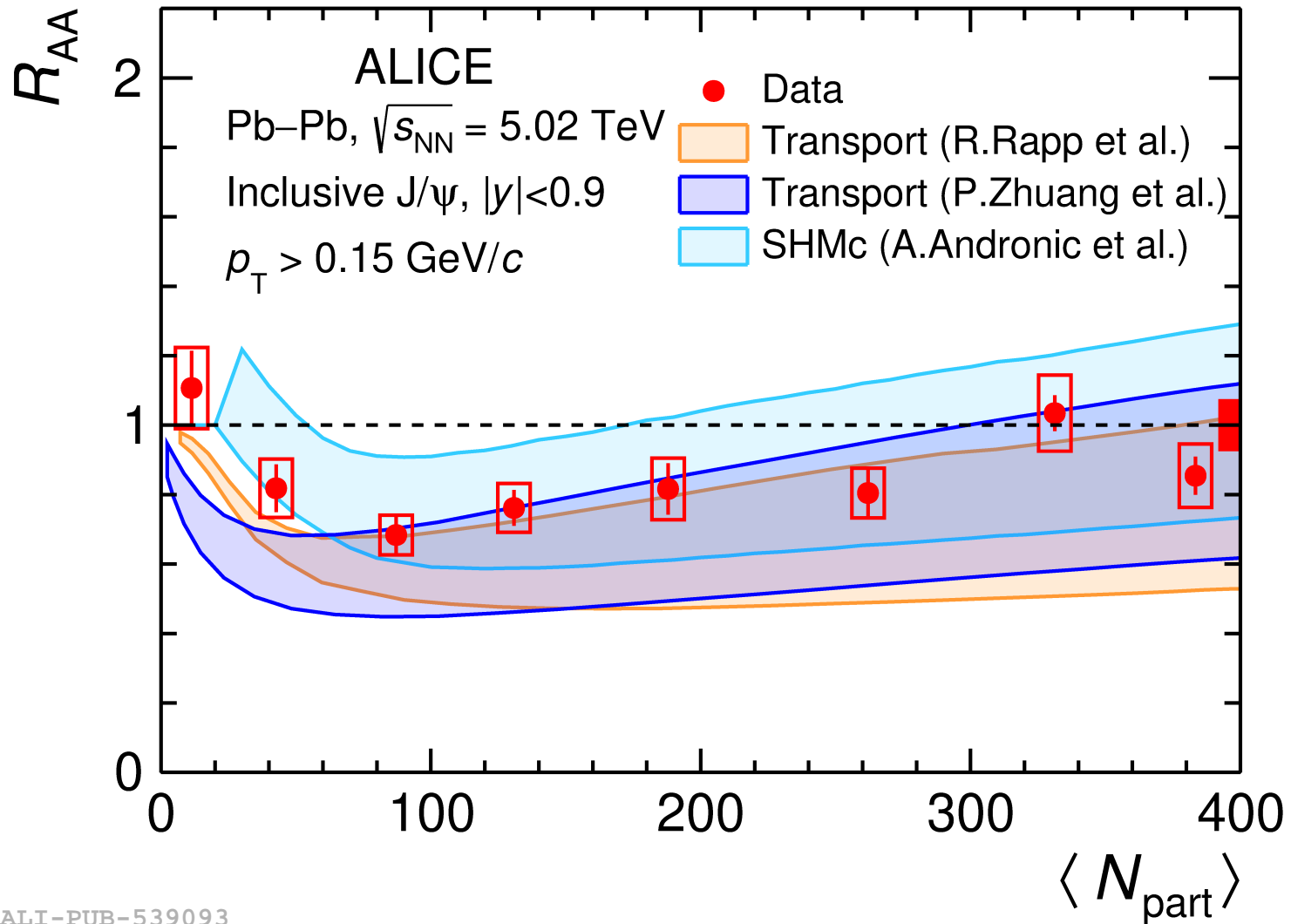
Strickland, Bazow, NPA 879 (2012) 25

...and one more: the quantum approach

Open quantum systems description + Effective NRQCD theory
quantum evolution of the $b\bar{b}$ pair in QGP (heat bath; hydrodynamics)
Lindblad equation (accuracy: at NLO in the binding energy over temperature)

Strickland, Thapa, [PRD 108 \(2023\) 014031](#) and refs therein

SHMc vs. transport models



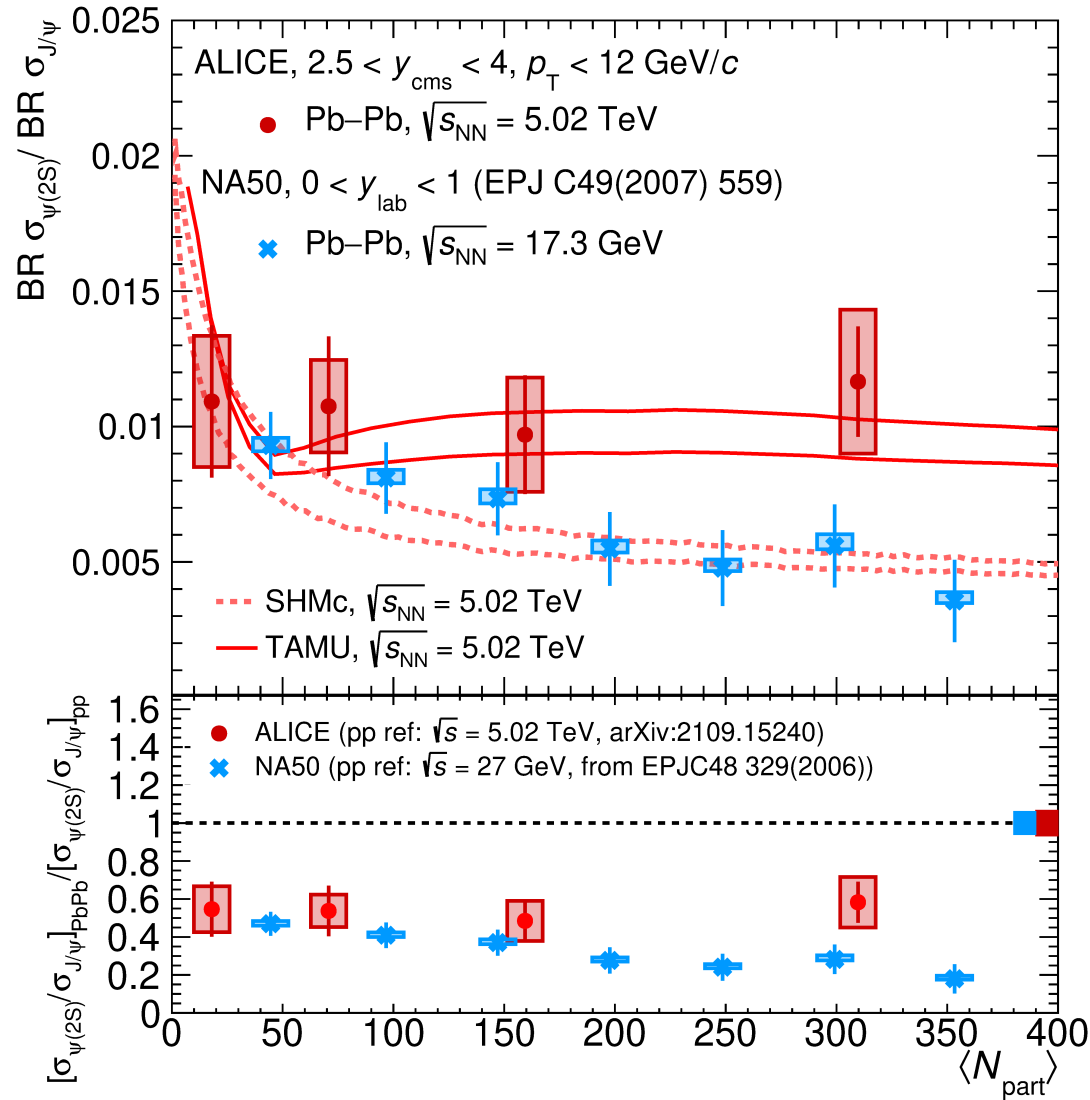
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$\psi(2S)/J/\psi$ at the LHC (and SPS)



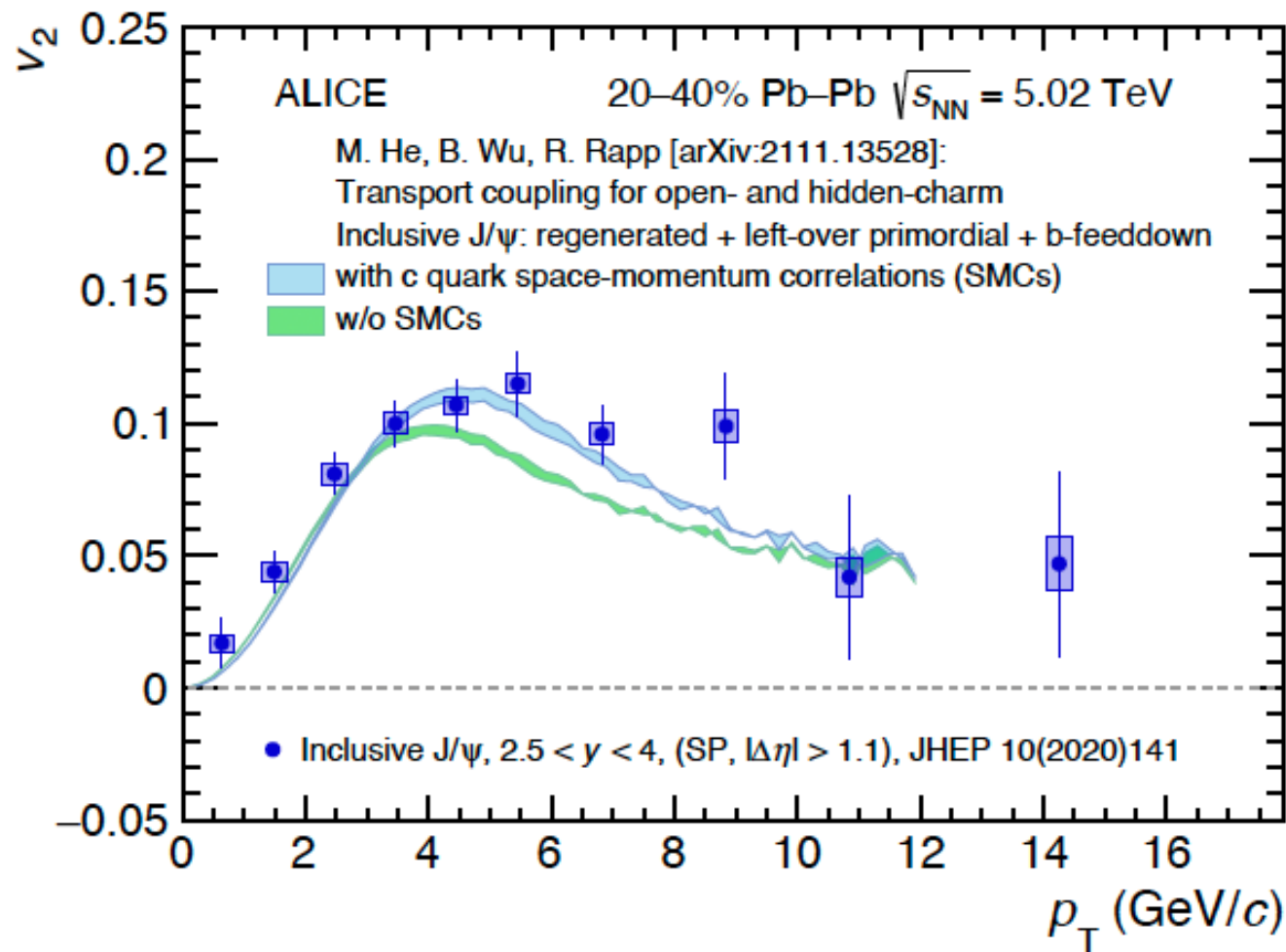
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In SHMc uncertainty only due to nuclear-corona
 ($\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$ cancels out completely)

J/ ψ elliptic flow: data and transport model

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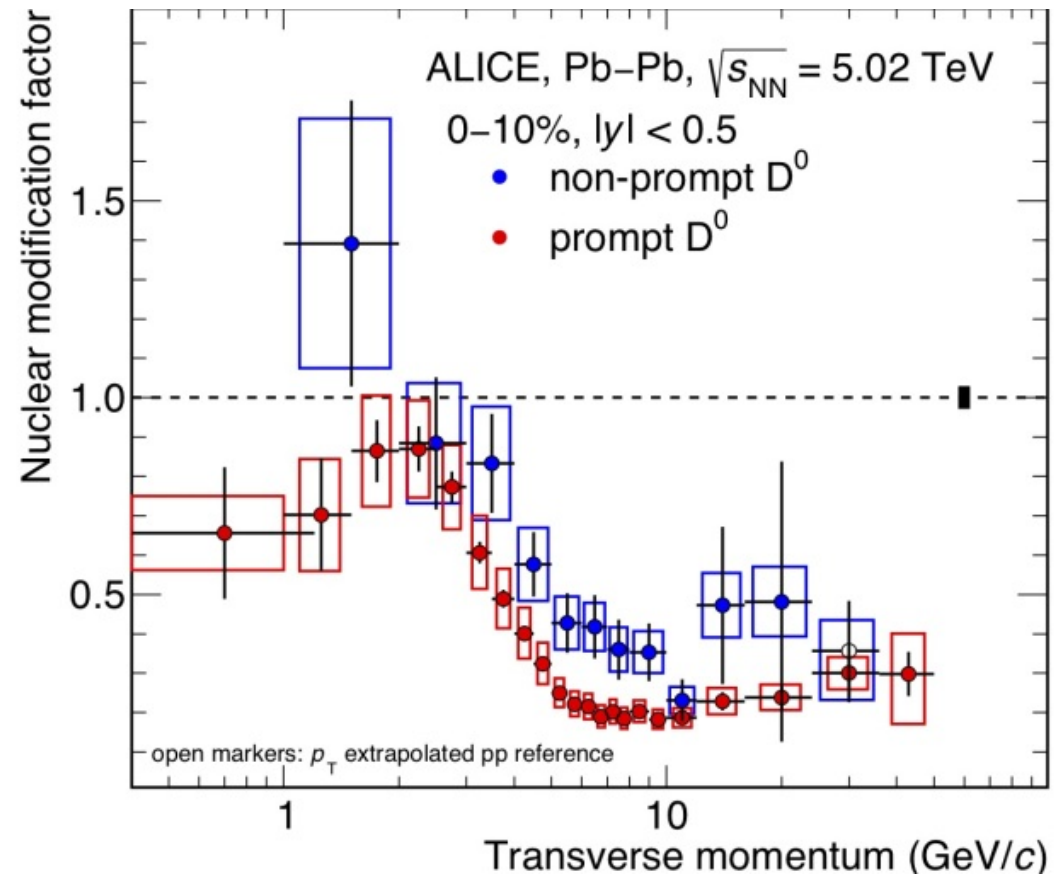
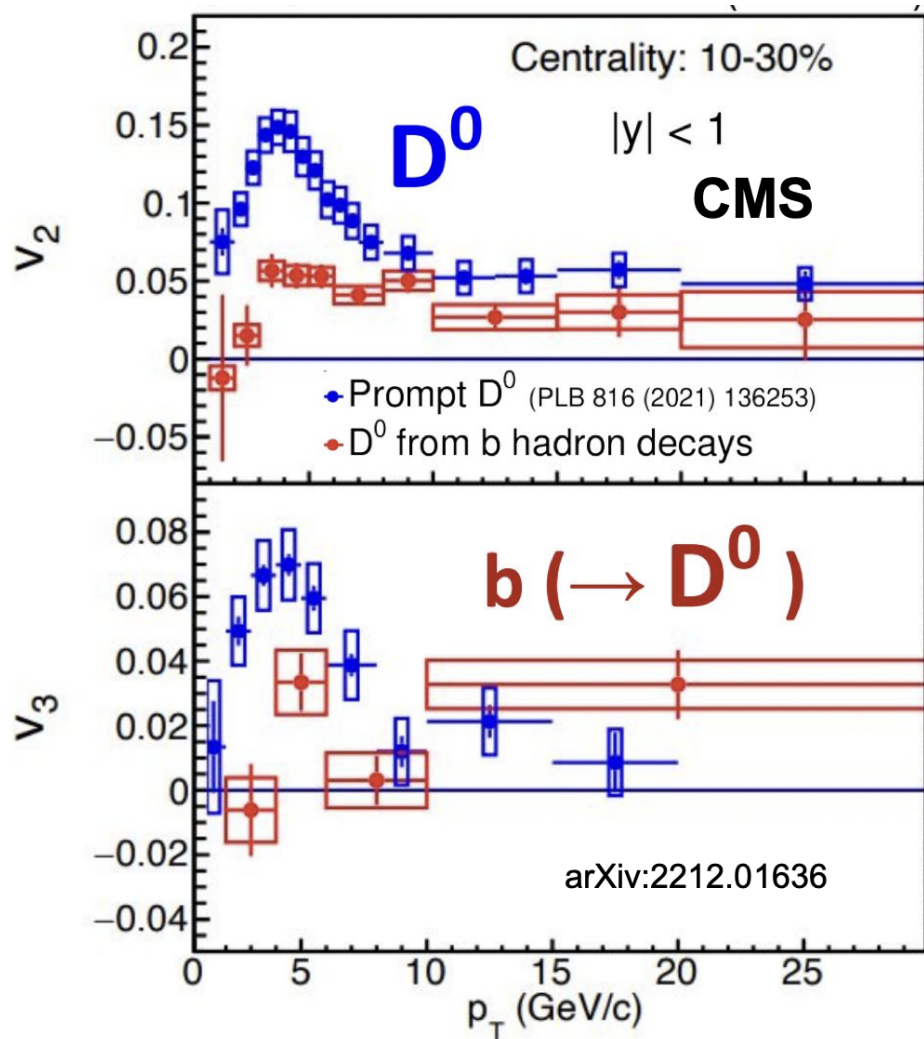
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a very good description of data by the TAMU model [PRL 128 \(2022\) 162301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.13528)

Beauty quark thermalization?

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ALICE, [arXiv:2202.00815](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.00815), ATLAS

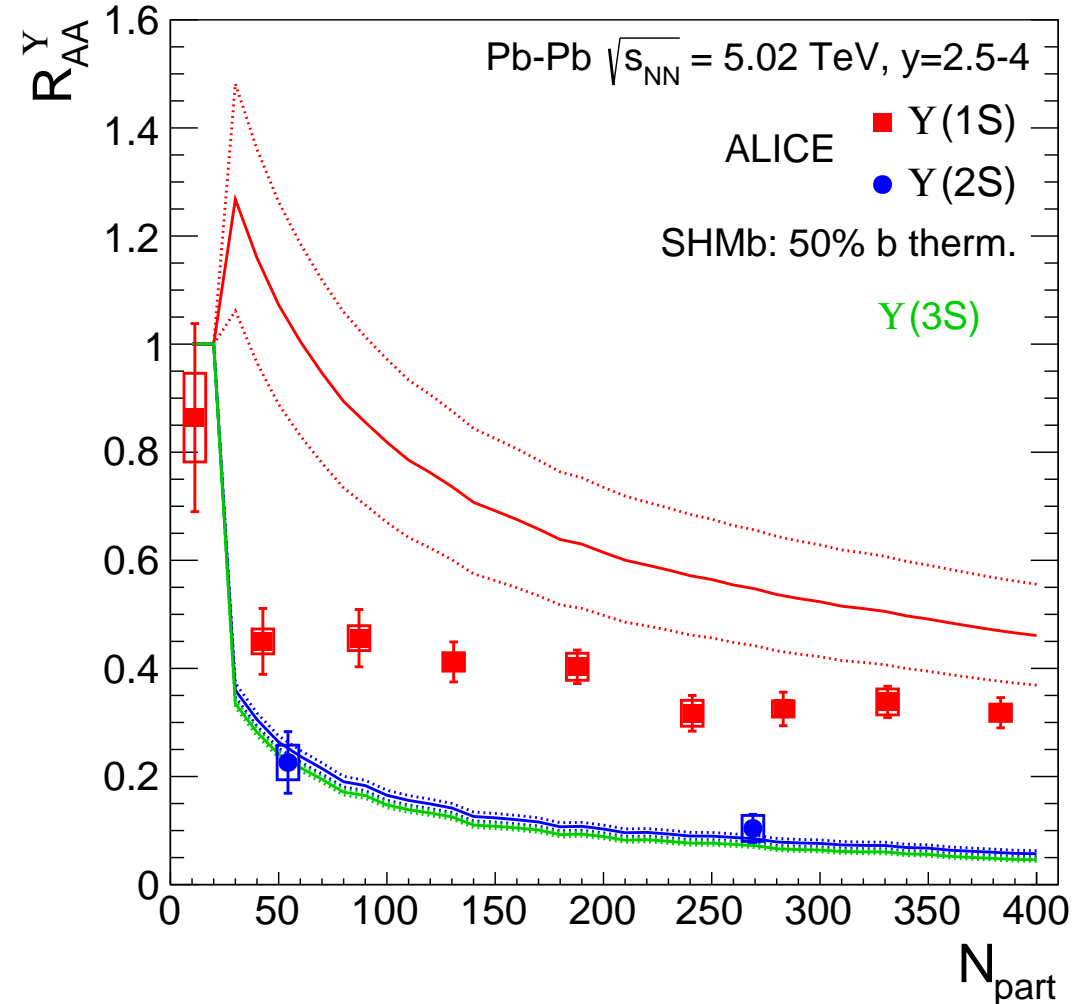
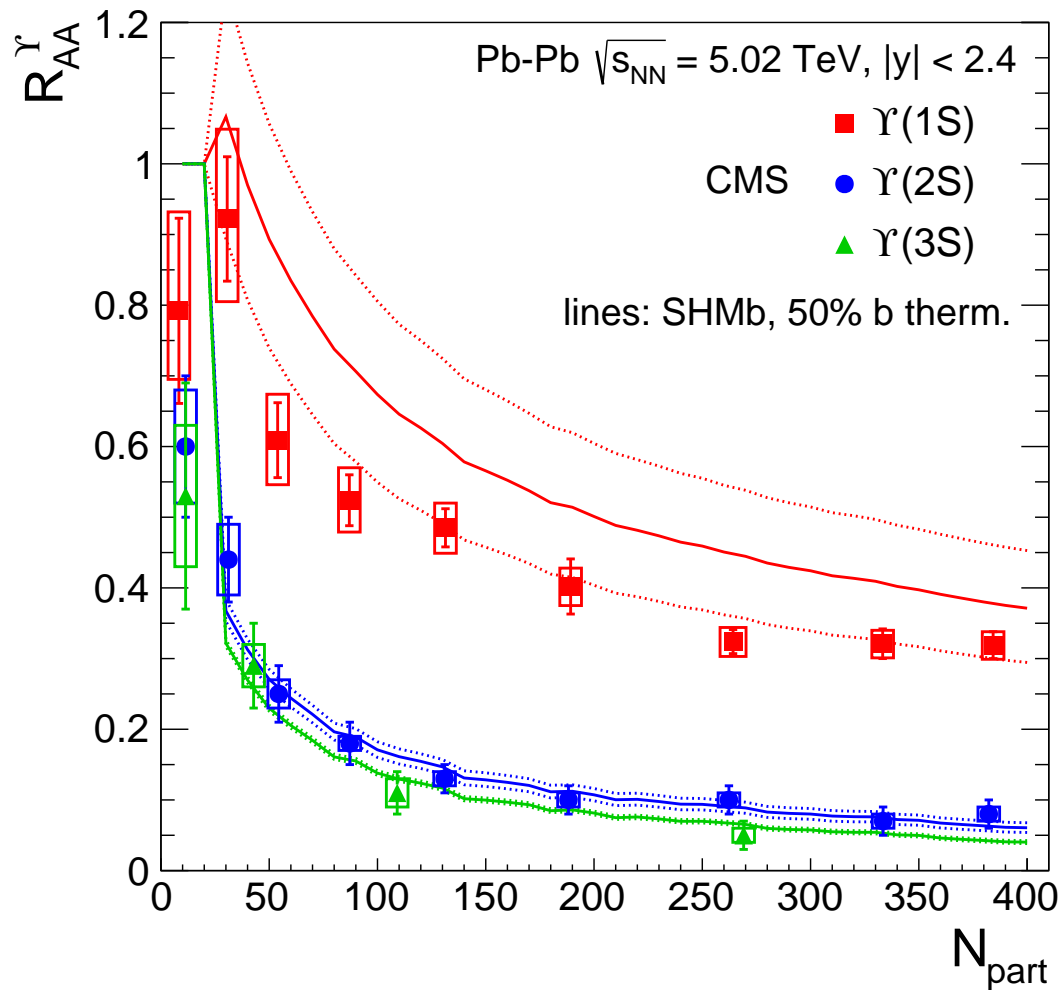
definitely strong flow but clearly less strong than for charm (CMS, QM'22, HIN-21-003)

...and a strong coupling with the medium (less energy loss than charm, $p_T \simeq 10$ GeV/c)

R_{AA} , 50% $b\bar{b}$ thermalized

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CMS, PRL 120 (2018) 142301

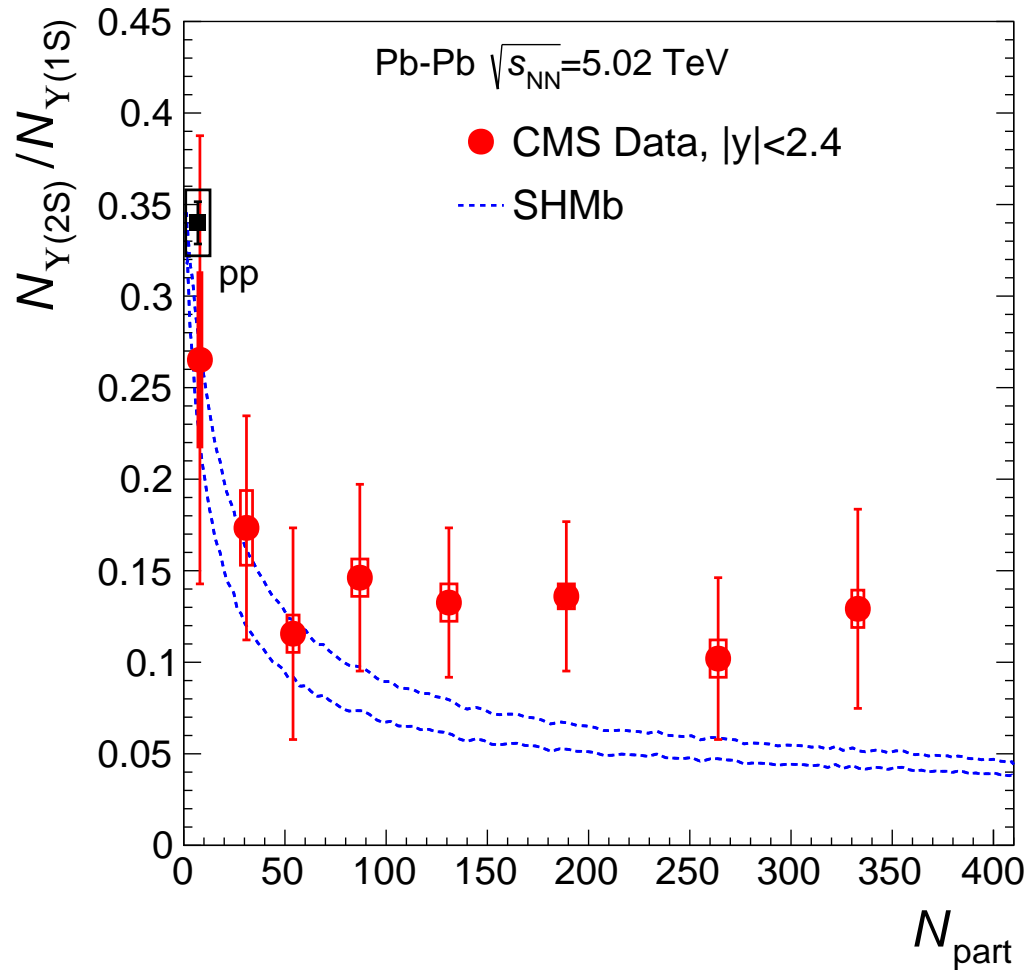
ALICE, PLB 822 (2021) 136579

What does non-thermalized beauty produce? (no room for it in SHMb)

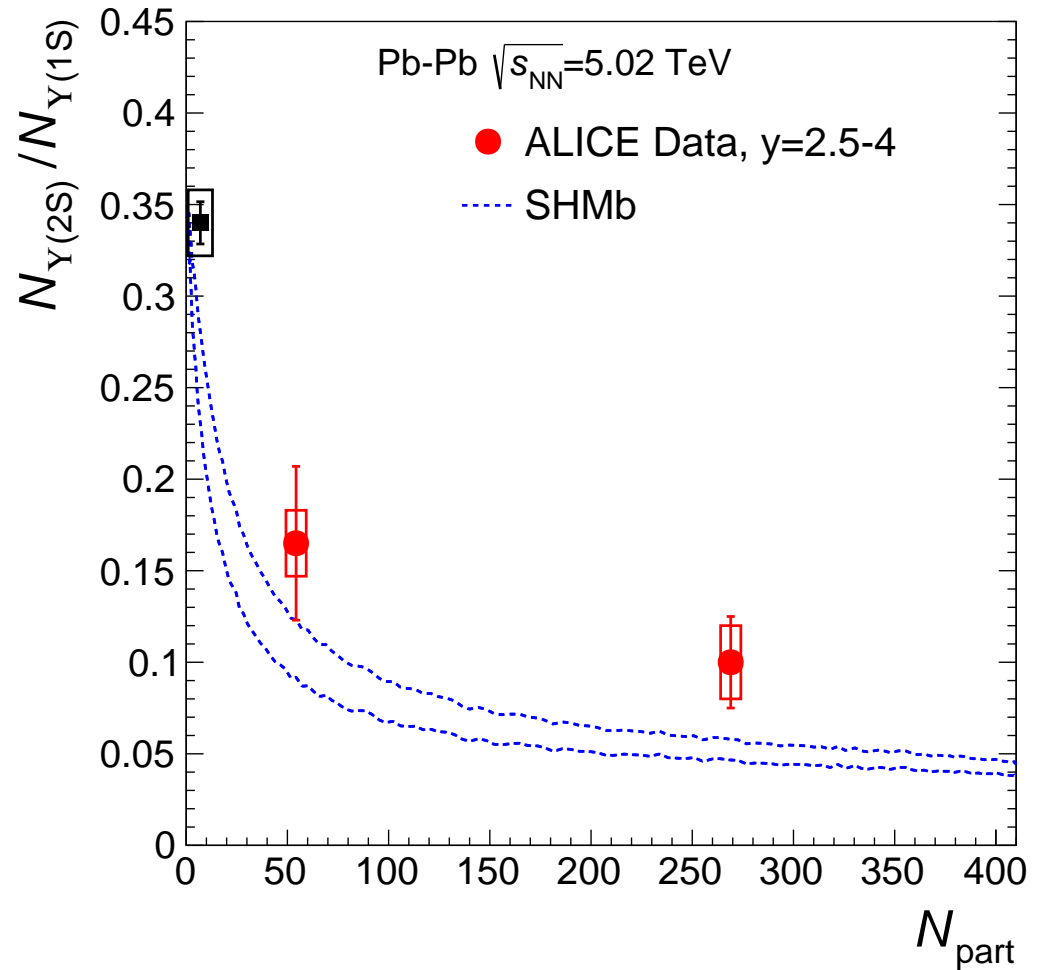
$\Upsilon(2S)/\Upsilon(1S)$ ratio (100% b thermalization)

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CMS, [PRL 120 \(2018\) 142301](#)



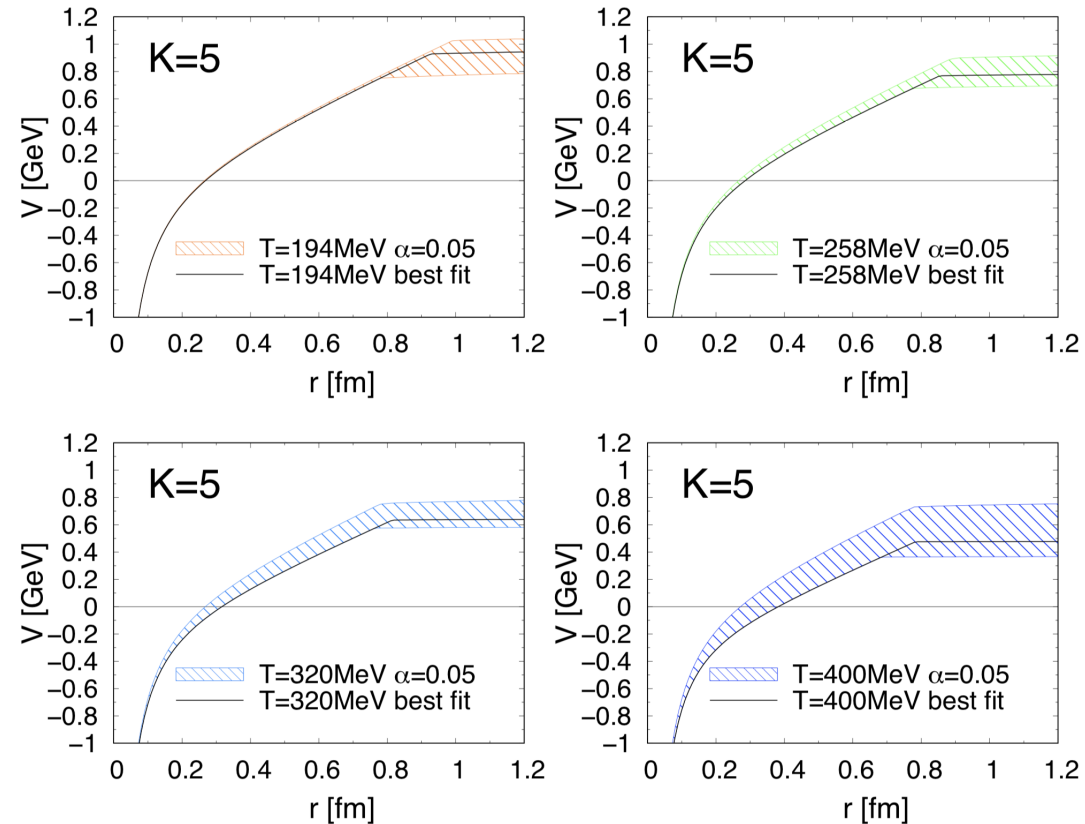
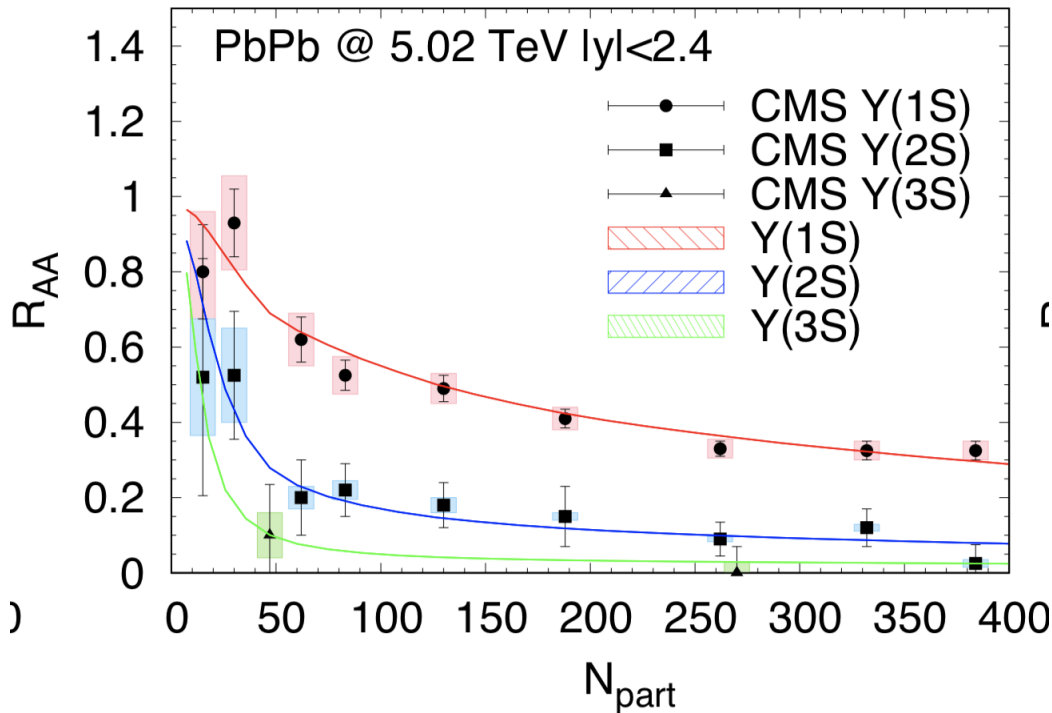
ALICE, [PLB 822 \(2021\) 136579](#)

ALICE pp: $\Upsilon(2S)/\Upsilon(1S) = 0.5 \pm 0.1$, [arXiv:2109.15240](#)

SHMb uncert.: nuclear-corona (fraction)

Υ description in the transport model

...is very good; allows extraction of in-medium (Cornell) potential



(re)generation important for $\Upsilon(2S)$

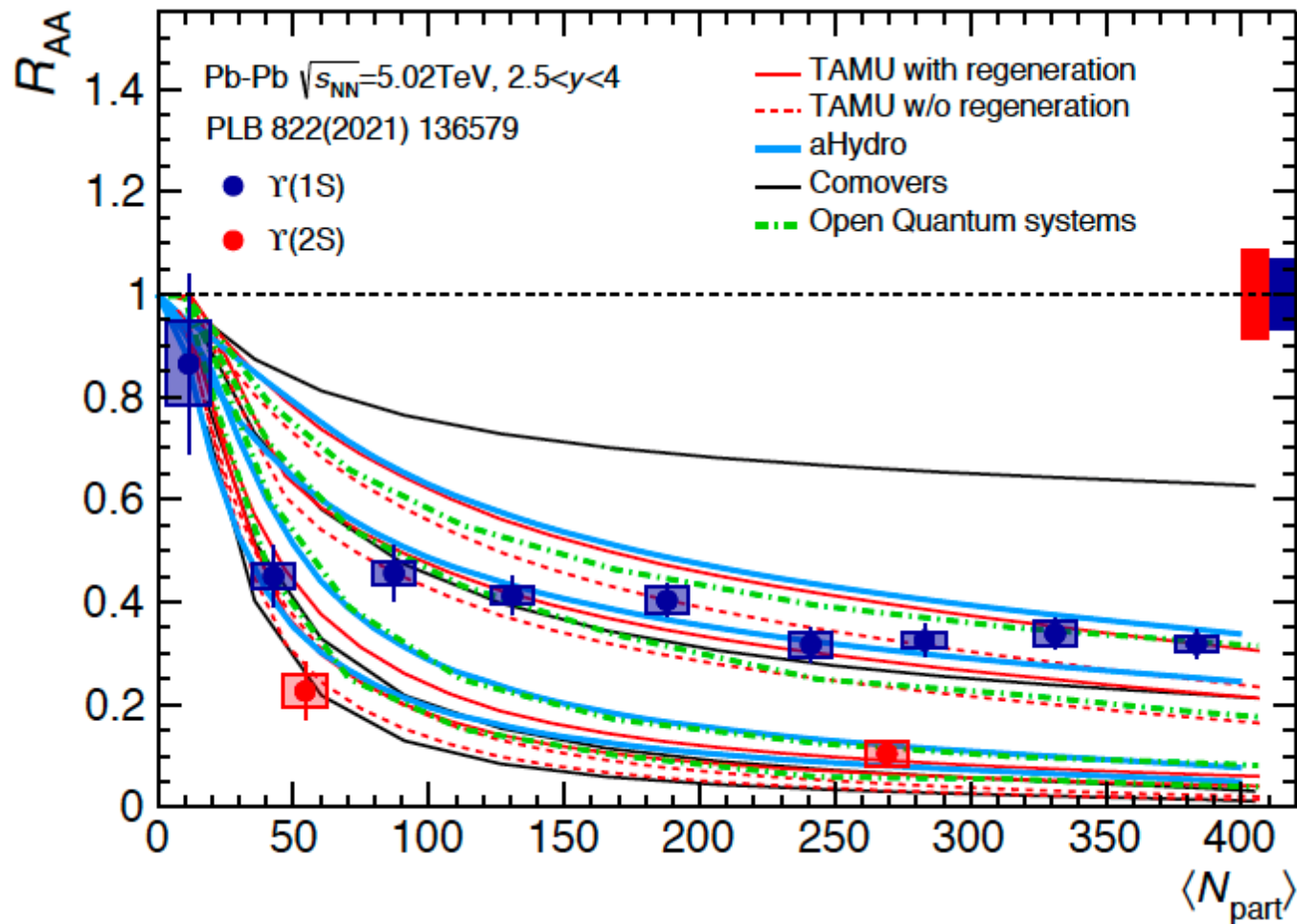
Transport Model (TAMU), Du, Liu, Rapp, [PLB 796 \(2019\) 20](#)

Substantial remnants of the long-range color confining force in QGP

Υ suppression data and models

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ALICE, [arXiv:2212.04348](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.04348)

All models (except perhaps Comovers ...large uncert.) reproduce the data well
TAMU: Regeneration important for $\Upsilon(2S)$

Summary / Conclusions: charm

- Charm quarks seem to thermalize very effectively (close to 100%) in QGP
- SHM: all charmonium *and open charm states* are generated exclusively at hadronization (chemical freeze-out) ...full color screening

The model is very successful in reproducing the J/ψ and open charm data
A handle for hadronization T with a mass scale well above T

- Transport models: continuous J/ψ destruction and (re)generation in QGP
(only up to 2/3 of the J/ψ yield (LHC, central collisions) originates from deconfined c and \bar{c} quarks)

Discriminating the two pictures implies providing an answer to fundamental questions related to the fate of hadrons in a hot deconfined medium.

A precision ($\pm 10\%$) measurement of $d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}/dy$ in Pb-Pb (Au-Au) collisions needed for a stringent test
(within reach with the upgraded detectors at the LHC and RHIC)

Summary / Conclusions: beauty

- Full beauty thermalization seems not realized in nature
...with 30-50% of beauty quarks fully thermalized SHM can explain the Υ data
...but this fraction is (significantly) dependent on the b-hadron spectrum

What does non/partially-thermalized beauty produce?

no Υ because strong coupling with the medium destroys the $b\bar{b}$ correlation?

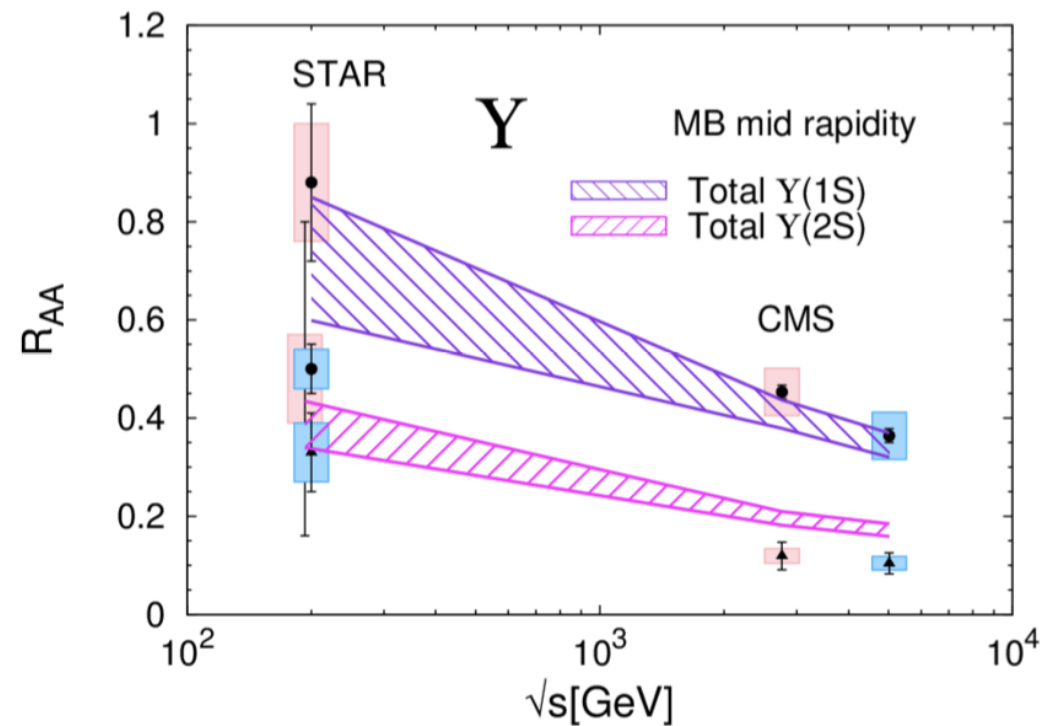
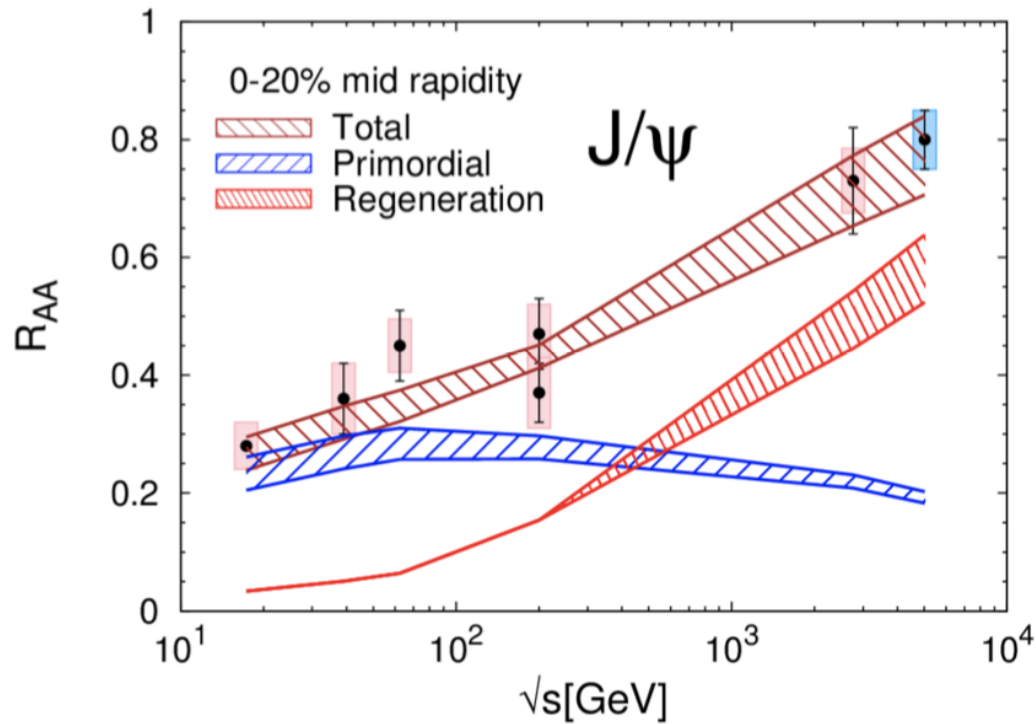
- Transport and Hydro models are successfully reproducing Υ suppression
Transport: regeneration important for $\Upsilon(2S)$ (at the LHC)
- Quantum approaches on strong rise

Additional material

Fractions primordial, (re)generated - energy dependence

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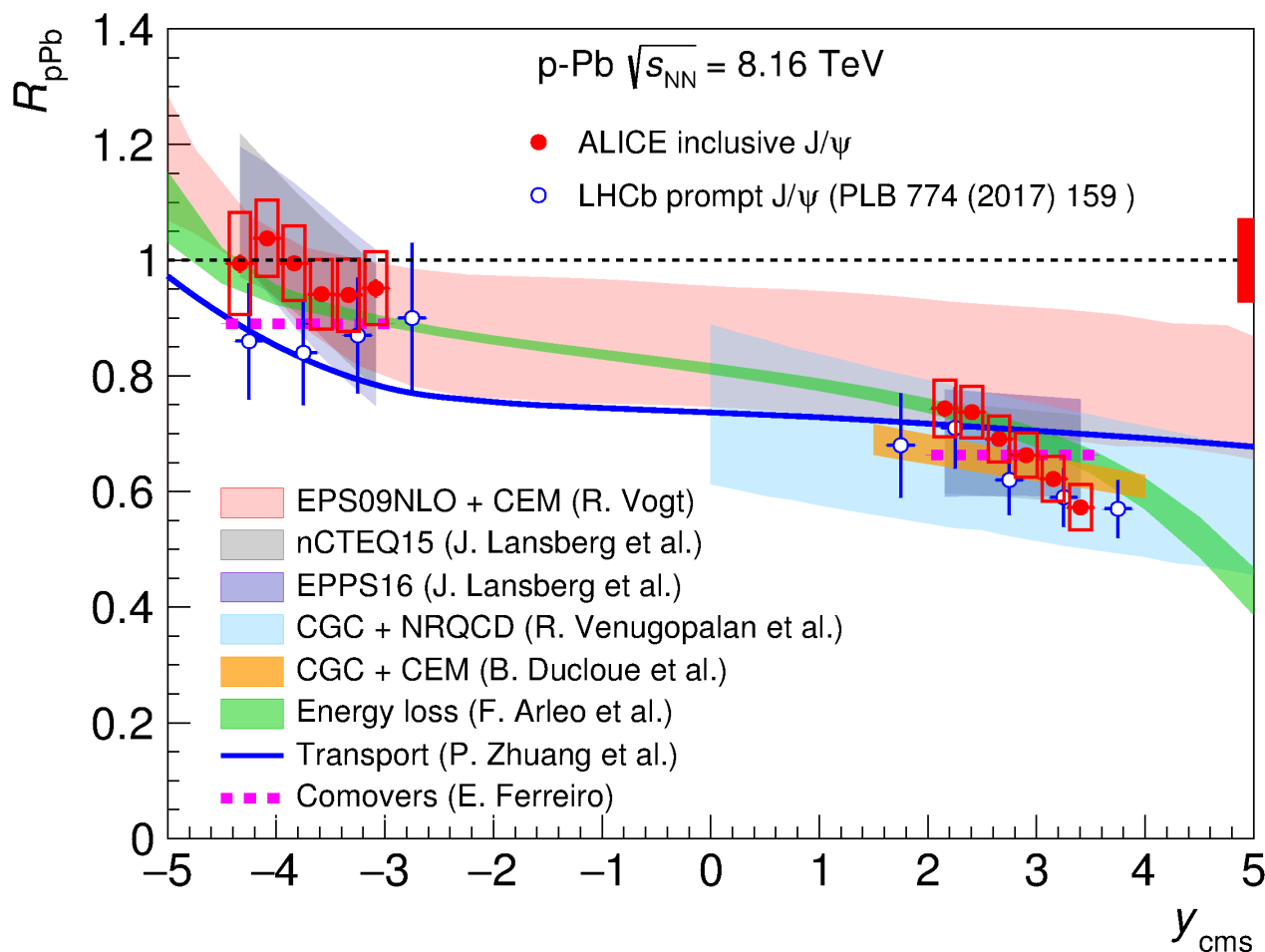


Rapp, Du, [arXiv:1704.07923](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07923)

J/ψ production in p–Pb collisions

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$$7 \cdot 10^{-3} \lesssim x \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$10^{-5} \lesssim x \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$R_{pPb} = \frac{dN_{pPb}/dp_T dy}{\langle N_{coll}^{pPb} \rangle \cdot dN_{pp}/dp_T dy}$$

$$\langle N_{coll}^{pPb} \rangle \simeq 7$$

Shadowing describes data
(shadowing uncert. are large)

Color Glass Condensate also
successful

ALICE, [JHEP 07 \(2018\) 160](#)

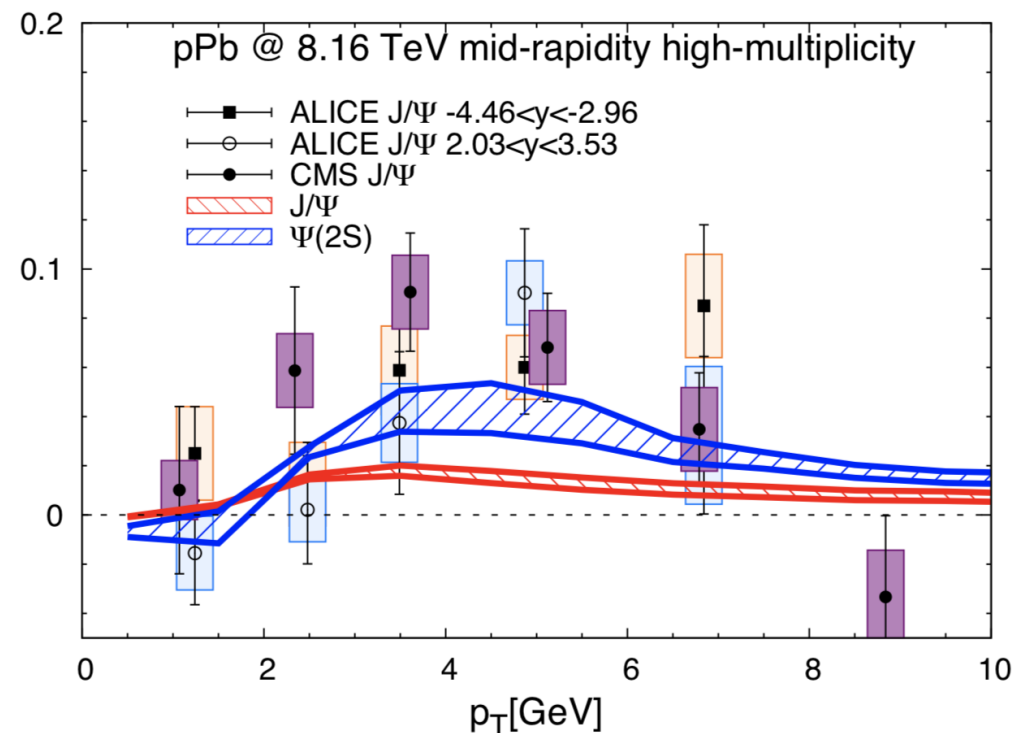
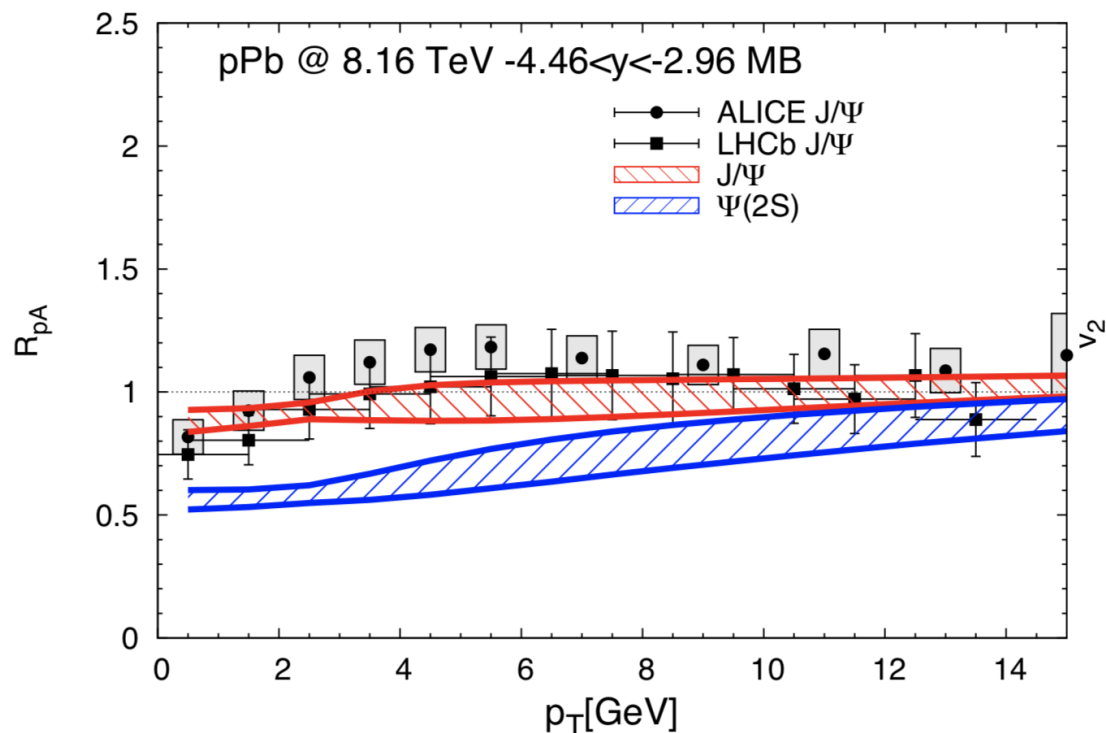
LHCb, [PLB 774 \(2017\) 159](#)

Seen also with Run 1 data (5.02 TeV): ALICE, [JHEP 02 \(2014\) 073](#), [06 \(2015\) 55](#)

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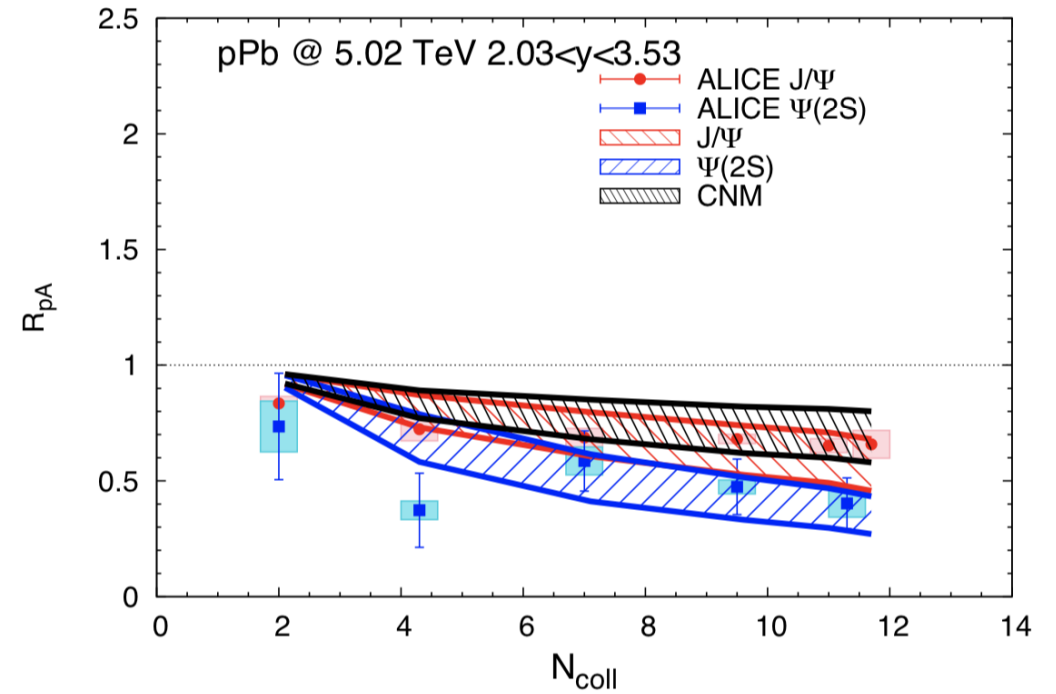
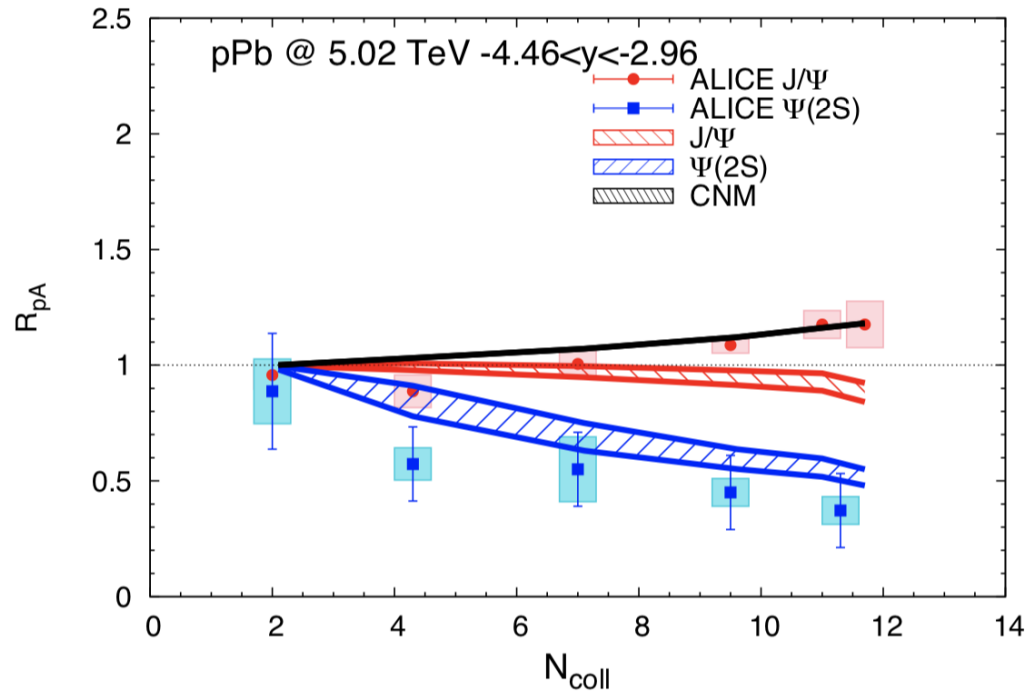
Bands: Transport Model, TAMU D_u , Rapp, [JHEP 1903 \(2019\) 015](#)

Need experimentally (in reach for Run 3,4): better precision; also v_3 ;
separate B component; v_2 of $\psi(2S)$?

J/ ψ and $\psi(2S)$ production in p-Pb collisions

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Du, Rapp, [JHEP 1903 \(2019\) 015](#)