

# Quarkonia as Probe of Deconfinement in High Energy Nuclear Collisions

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# Charmonia as a Probe of Deconfinement

Charmonia: bound states of charm and anticharm quarks, e.g.  $\longrightarrow$

$J/\psi$  1 s state of  $c\bar{c}$   
mass 3.1 GeV  
radius 0.45 fm

the original idea (Matsui and Satz 1986): implant charmonia into the QGP and observe their modification (Debye screening of QCD), in terms of suppressed production in nucleus-nucleus collisions with plasma formation  
– sequential melting signature as QGP thermometer

"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. ... It is concluded that  $J/\psi$  suppression in nuclear collisions should provide an unambiguous signature of quark-gluon-plasma formation."

# Quarkonia

- Quarkonia are heavy quark antiquark bound states, i.e.  $c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$
- since masses of charm and beauty quarks are high as compared to QCD scale parameter  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$  non-relativistic Schrödinger equation can be used to find bound states

$$\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2(m_Q/2)} + V(r)\right)\Psi(\vec{r}) = E\Psi(\vec{r})$$

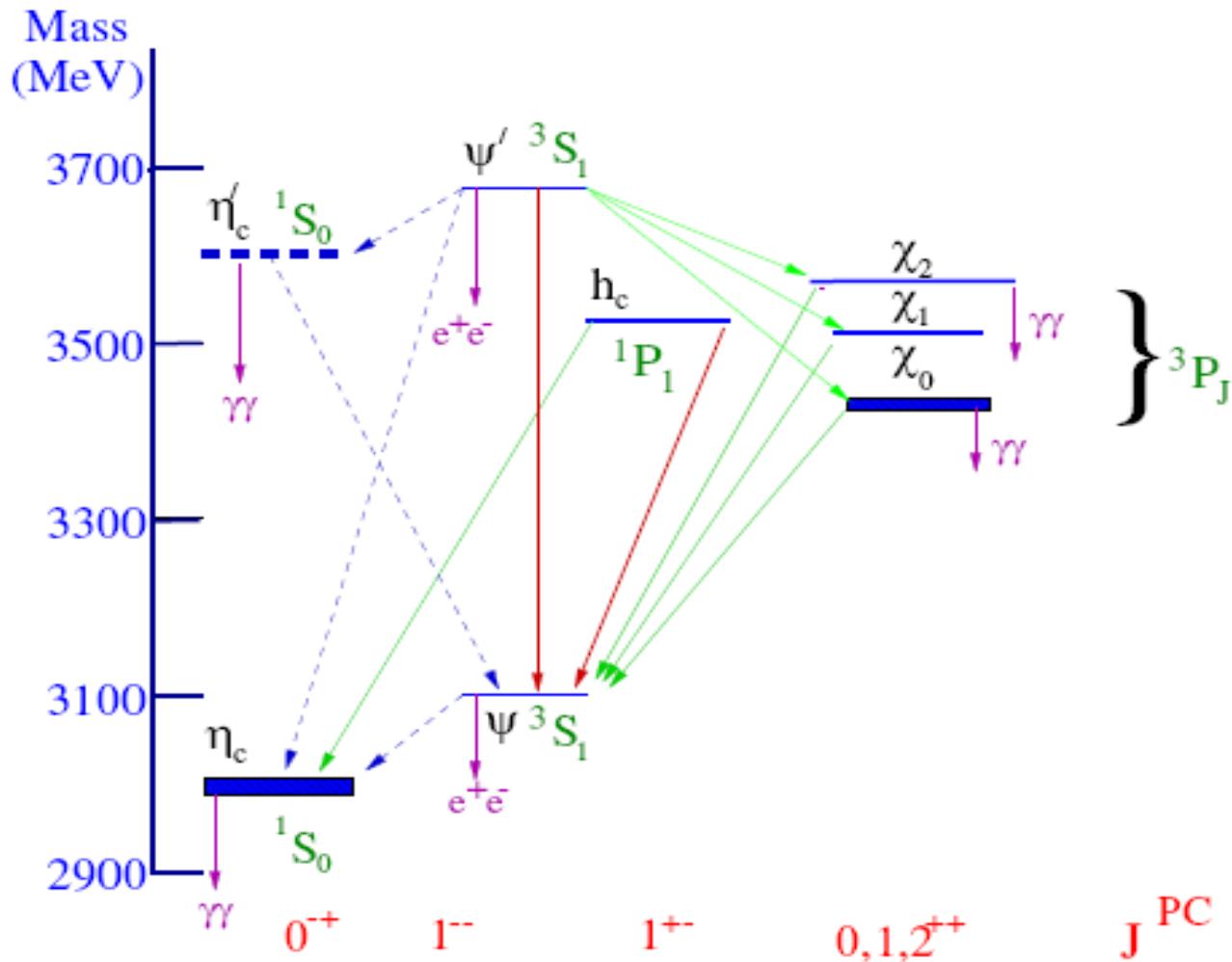
with quark-quark potential of the form

$$V(r) = \underbrace{\sigma r}_{\text{confinement}} - \underbrace{\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r}}_{\text{color Coulomb int.}} + \underbrace{\frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9} \frac{\vec{s}_1 \cdot \vec{s}_2}{m_Q^2}}_{\text{spin-spin int.}} \delta(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

tensor, spin-orbit, higher order rel. corr.

- with  $\sigma \sim 0.9 \text{ GeV/fm}$ ,  $\alpha_s(m_Q) \sim 0.35$  and  $0.20$  for  $m_c = 1.5$  and  $m_b = 4.6 \text{ GeV}$  obtain spectrum of quarkonia

# Charmonium spectrum



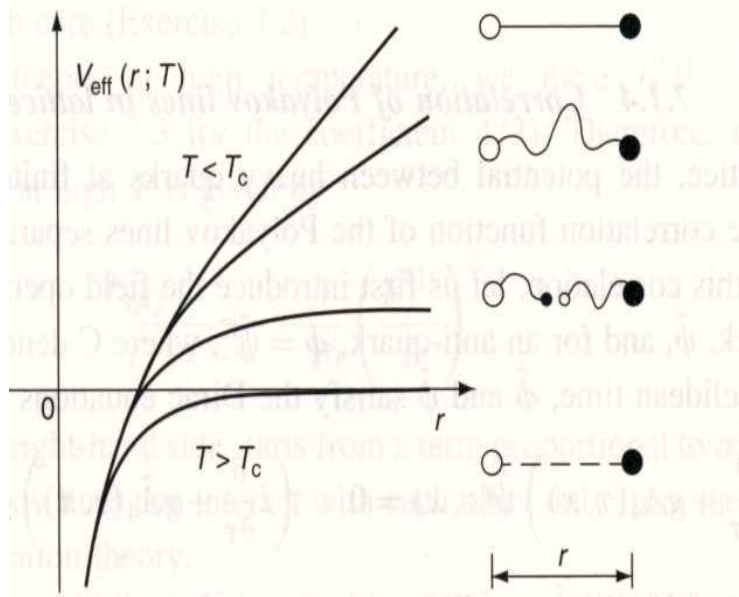
# Charmonia at finite temperature

Consider  $T \ll m_c$  so QGP of gluons, u,d,s quarks and antiquarks, no thermal heavy quarks  
 Consider c cbar in environment of gluons and light quarks

$$V(r) \rightarrow V_{eff}(r, T) \text{ and } m_Q \rightarrow m_Q(T)$$

In QGP color singlet and color octet ccbar states can mix by absorption or emission of a soft gluon

Modification of  $V_{eff}$



- reduced string tension at T approaches  $T_c$
- string breaking due to thermal qqbar and gluons leading to D and Dbar
- for  $T > T_c$  confining part disappears and short range Coulomb part is Debye screened to give Yukawa type potential

$$V_{eff}(r, T) \rightarrow -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} e^{-r/\lambda_D}$$

$$\omega_D = 1/\lambda_D$$

Debye screening mass and length

# Debye screening of quarkonia

unlike Coulomb potential, Yukawa potential does not always have bound states  
→ dissociation of quarkonia if  $\omega_D$  sufficiently large at high T

(idea: T. Matsui, H. Satz, Phys. Lett. B 178 (1986) 416 :

compare Bohr radius of charmonia  $r_B$  and Debye screening length  $\lambda_D$

for  $r_B$  smaller than  $\lambda_D$  bound states exist even for  $\sigma=0$

for  $r_B$  larger than  $\lambda_D$  no bound states

equivalently to QED where  $r_B(\text{hydrogen}) = 1/(m_e\alpha)$  we have:  $r_B = 3/(2m_Q\alpha_s)$   
and the Debye screening mass:  $\omega_D^2 = \frac{4\pi}{3}\alpha_s T^2(N_c + \frac{1}{2}N_f)$

bound states then disappear for

$$T \geq 0.15 \times m_Q \sqrt{\alpha_s} \approx 0.16 \text{ GeV for } J/\psi \text{ and } 0.46 \text{ for } \Upsilon$$

## Different quarkonia melt at different temperatures

using 
$$V(r, T) = \frac{\sigma}{\omega_D(T)}(1 - \exp(-\omega_D(T)r)) - \frac{\alpha}{r}\exp(-\omega_D(T)r)$$

F. Karsch and H. Satz (Z.Physik C51 (1991) 209) obtain:

	$J/\psi$	$\psi'$	$\chi_c$	$\Upsilon$	$\Upsilon'$
state	1s	2s	1p	1s	2s
mass(GeV)	3.1	3.7	3.5	9.4	10.0
r (fm)	0.45	0.88	0.70	0.23	0.51
$T_D/T_c$	1.17	1.0	1.0	2.62	1.12
$\epsilon_D$ (GeV/fm <sup>3</sup> )	1.92	1.12	1.12	43.3	1.65

exact values very model dependent, but basic feature:  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi'$ ,  $\chi_c$ ,  $\Upsilon$  not bound at or little above  $T_c$ ,  $\Upsilon'$  survives much longer

# Results on Debye screening from lattice QCD

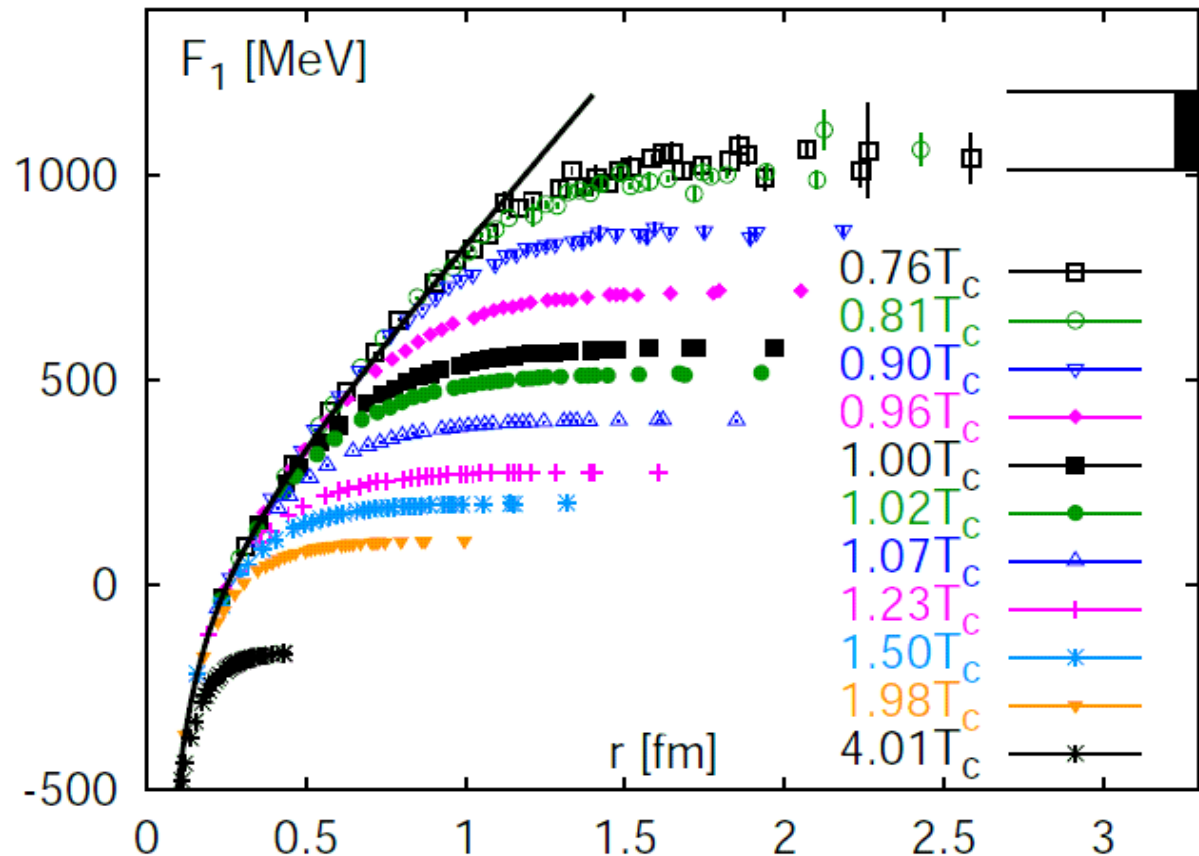
agree qualitatively, quantitatively still a lot of debate, unclear, how to extract effective heavy quark potential (free energy vs internal energy)

One attempt: correlation of Polyakov lines but there are others

color singlet free energy

O. Kaczmarek, F. Zantow, PRD 71(2005)114510

$J/\psi$  disappears for  
 $T > 1.1 T_c$  using  $F$   
 $2 T_c$  using  $U$



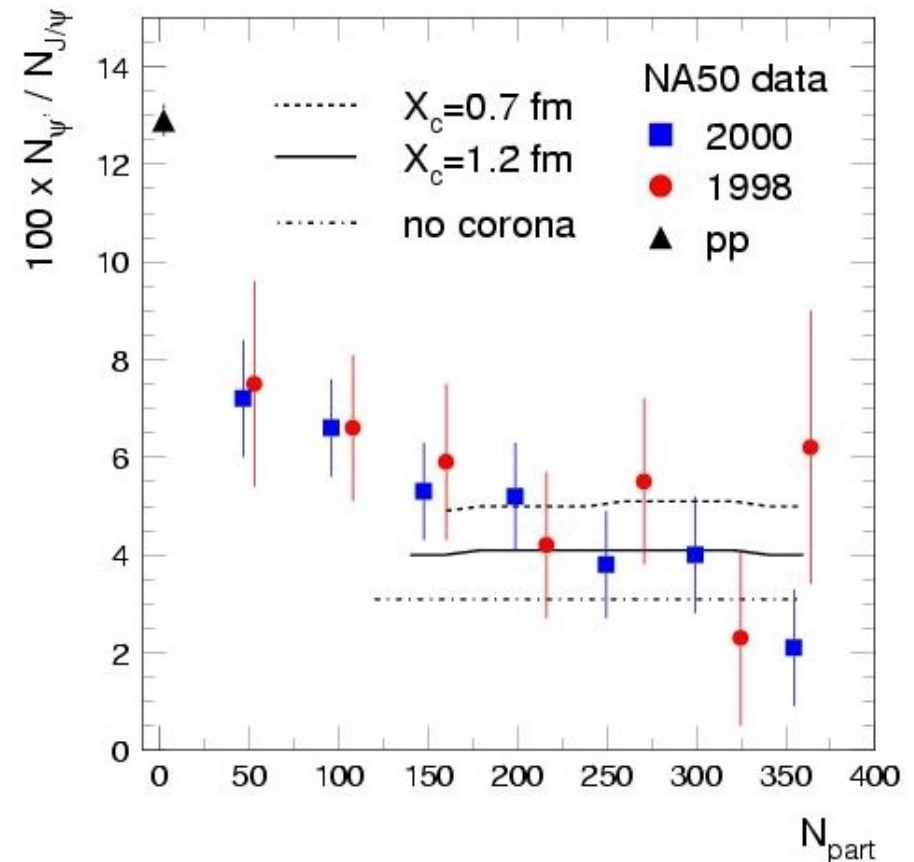


# Charmonia as a Probe of Deconfinement

new insight (Braun-Munzinger, J.S. 2000): QGP screens all charmonia, but charmonium production takes place at the phase boundary, **enhanced production at colliders – signal for deconfinement**

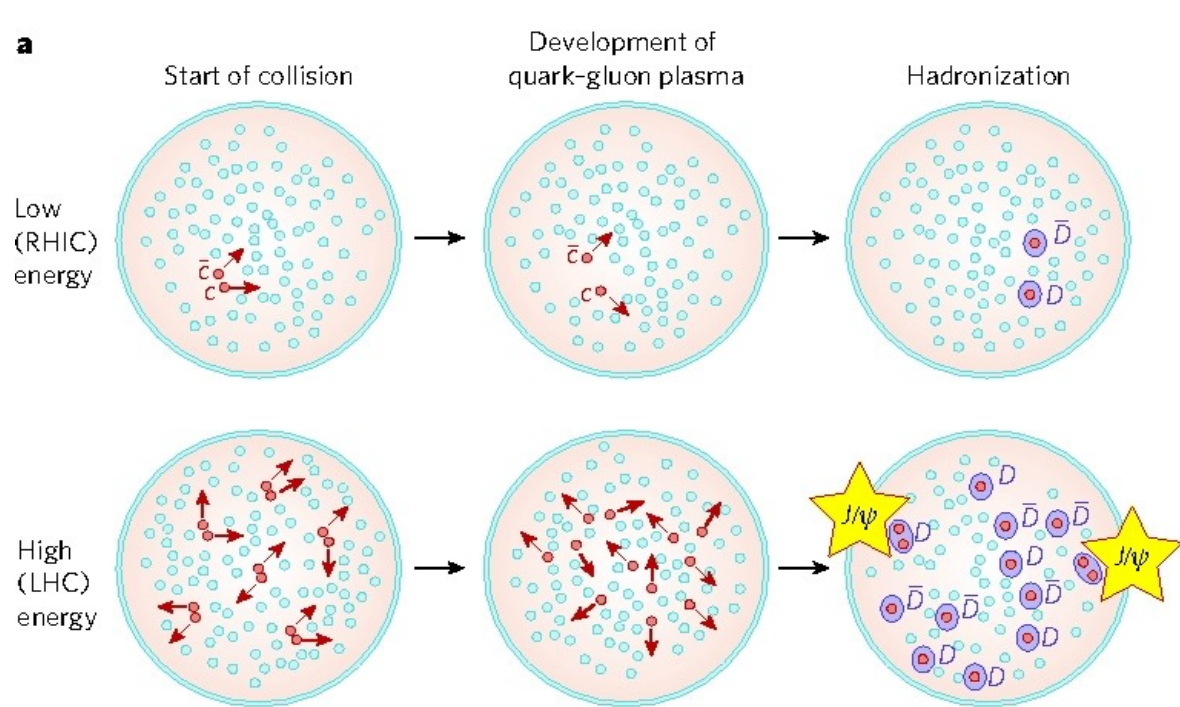
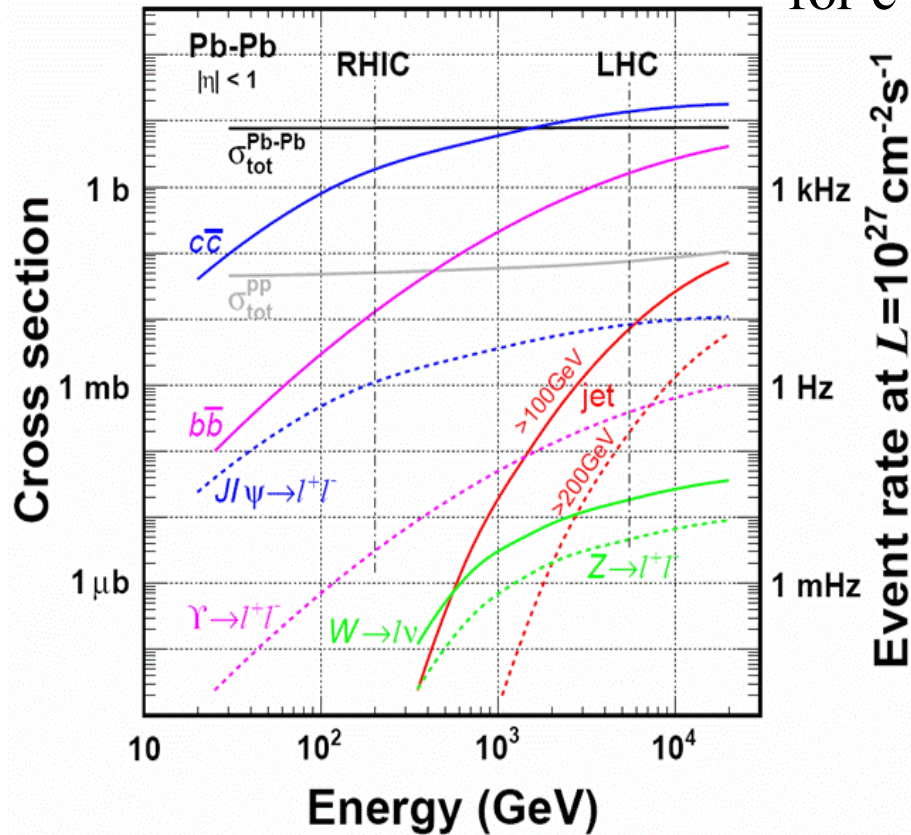
inspiration:  $\psi'$  to  $J/\psi$  for central PbPb collisions at the SPS looks thermal

observation M. Gazdzicki:  $J/\psi$  to  $\pi$  ratio looks thermal  
(note: this is not our conclusion)



# what happens to deconfined charm quarks at higher beam energy?

as more and more charm quarks produced, probability for  $c$  and  $c$ bar to hadronize into  $J/\psi$  grows quadratically



low energy: few  $c$ -quarks per collision → **suppression of  $J/\psi$**

high energy: many “ “ → **enhancement “**

**unambiguous signature for QGP!**

## starting point: the statistical model – grand canonical

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

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

for every conserved quantum number there is a chemical potential:

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

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

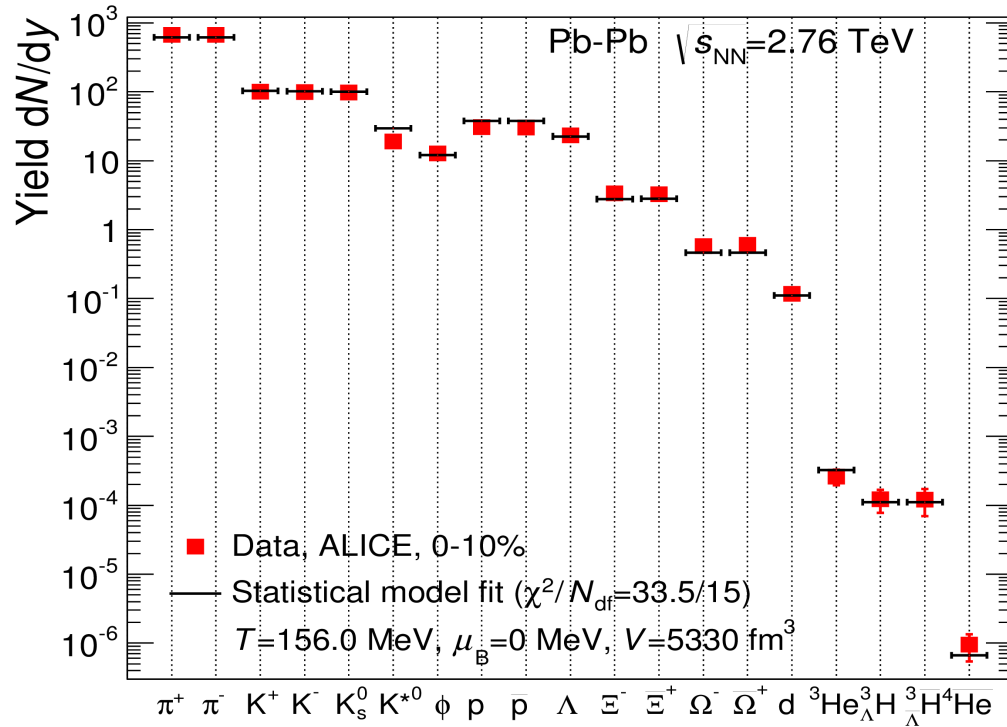
- **fit at each energy provides values for T and  $\mu_b$**   
**- get yields of all hadrons**  
**for  $dN/dy$  need in addition volume per unit y - fix to  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$**

**good fit to data for central collisions of heavy nuclei at AGS, SPS, RHIC**

see e.g.

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J.S. Nucl. Phys. A722(2006)167 nucl/th/0511071

# Production of hadrons and nuclei at LHC

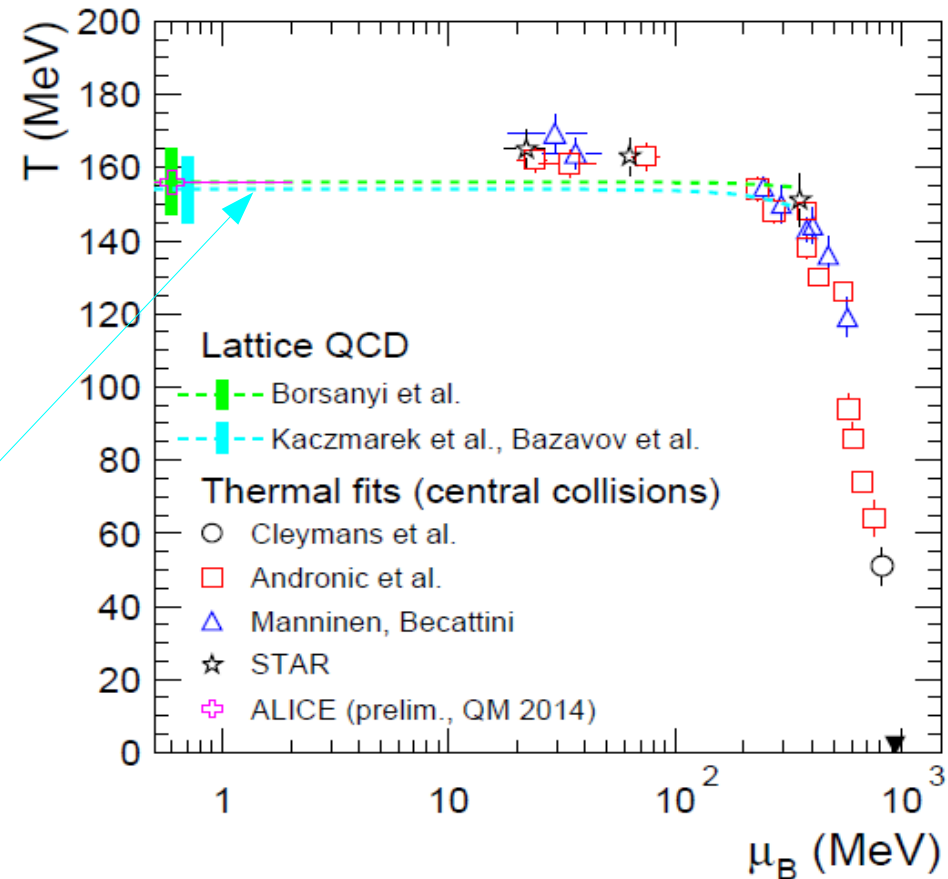


hadron yields for Pb-Pb central collisions from LHC Run1 are well described by assuming equilibrated matter at

$T = 156 \text{ MeV}$  and  $\mu_b < 1 \text{ MeV}$ , very close to predictions from lattice QCD for  $T_c$

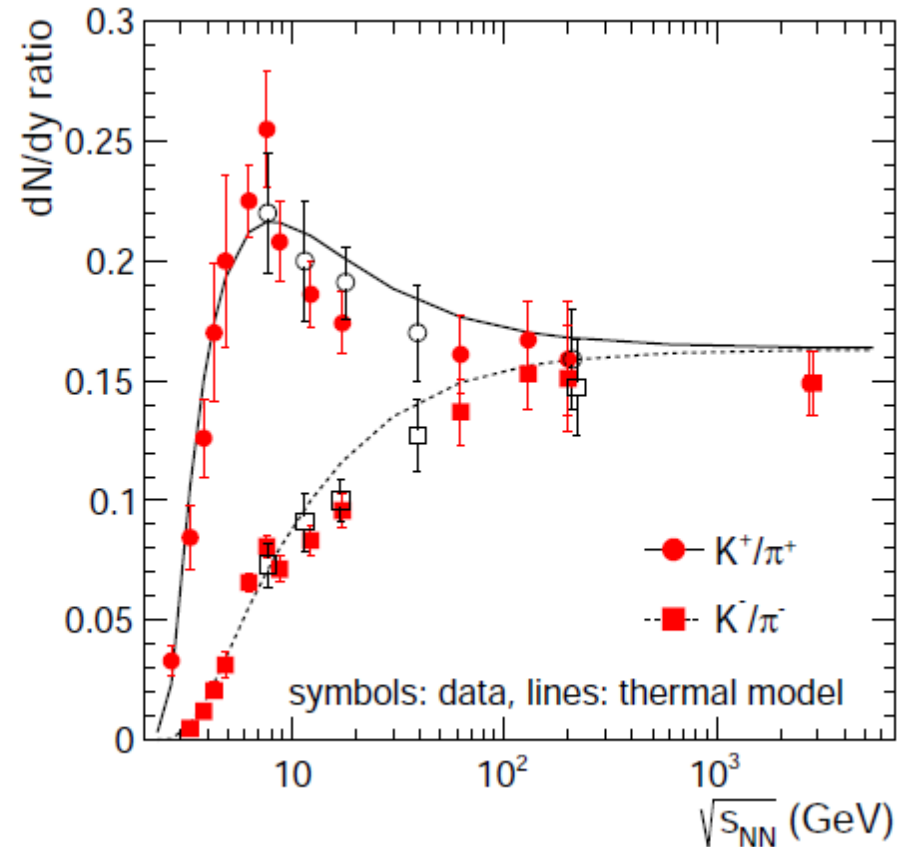
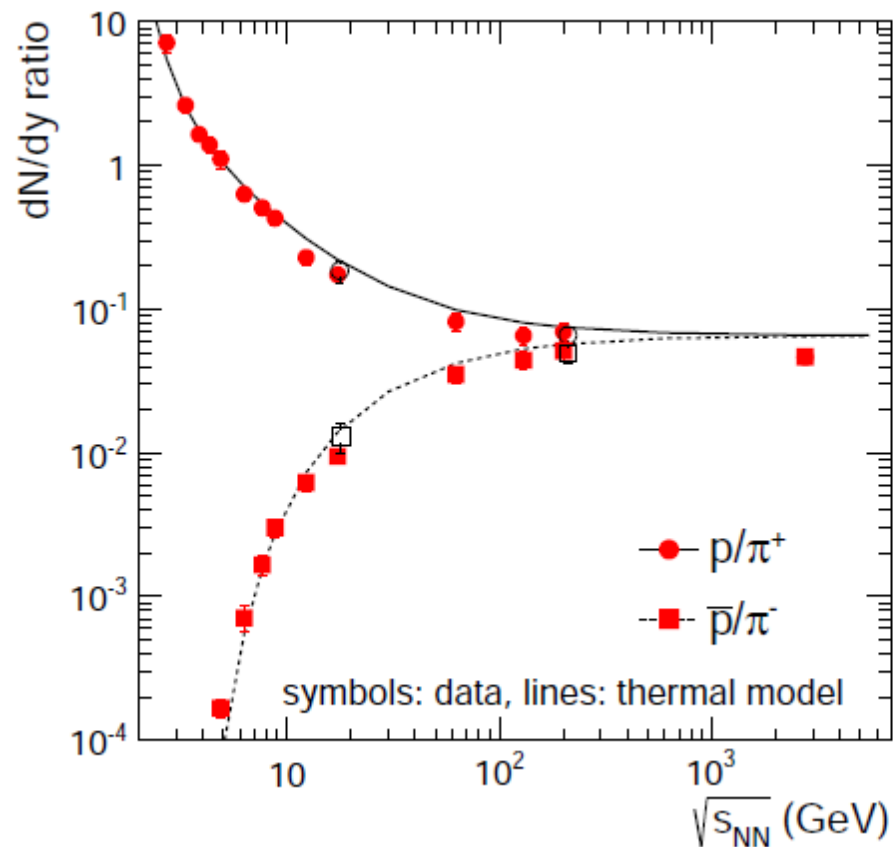
multi-hadron collisions in dense regime near  $T_c$  bring hadrons into equilibrium

(JS, P.Braun-Munzinger, K. Wetterich)



# beam energy dependence of hadron yields from AGS to LHC

following the above  $T$  and  $\mu_b$  evolution, features of proton/pion and kaon/pion ratios reproduced in detail



# extension of statistical model to include charmed hadrons

- assume: all charm quarks are produced in initial hard scattering; number not changed in QGP
- hadronization at  $T_c$  following grand canonical statistical model used for hadrons with light valence quarks

number of charm quarks fixed by a charm-balance equation containing fugacity  $g_c$

$$N_{c\bar{c}}^{direct} = \frac{1}{2} g_c V \left( \sum_i n_{D_i}^{therm} + n_{\Lambda_i}^{therm} \right) + g_c^2 V \left( \sum_i n_{\psi_i}^{therm} \right) + \dots$$

and for  $N_{c,\bar{c}} \ll 1 \rightarrow$  canonical: 
$$N_{c\bar{c}}^{dir} = \frac{1}{2} g_c N_{oc}^{therm} \frac{I_1(g_c N_{oc}^{therm})}{I_0(g_c N_{oc}^{therm})}$$

obtain: 
$$N_D = N_D^{therm} \cdot g_c \cdot \frac{I_1}{I_0} \quad \text{and} \quad N_{J/\psi} = N_{J/\psi}^{therm} \cdot g_c^2 \quad \text{and same for all other charmed hadrons}$$

additional input parameters:  $V, N_{c\bar{c}}^{direct}$

Volume fixed by  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

$N_{c\bar{c}}^{direct}$  from pQCD as long as precision data are lacking

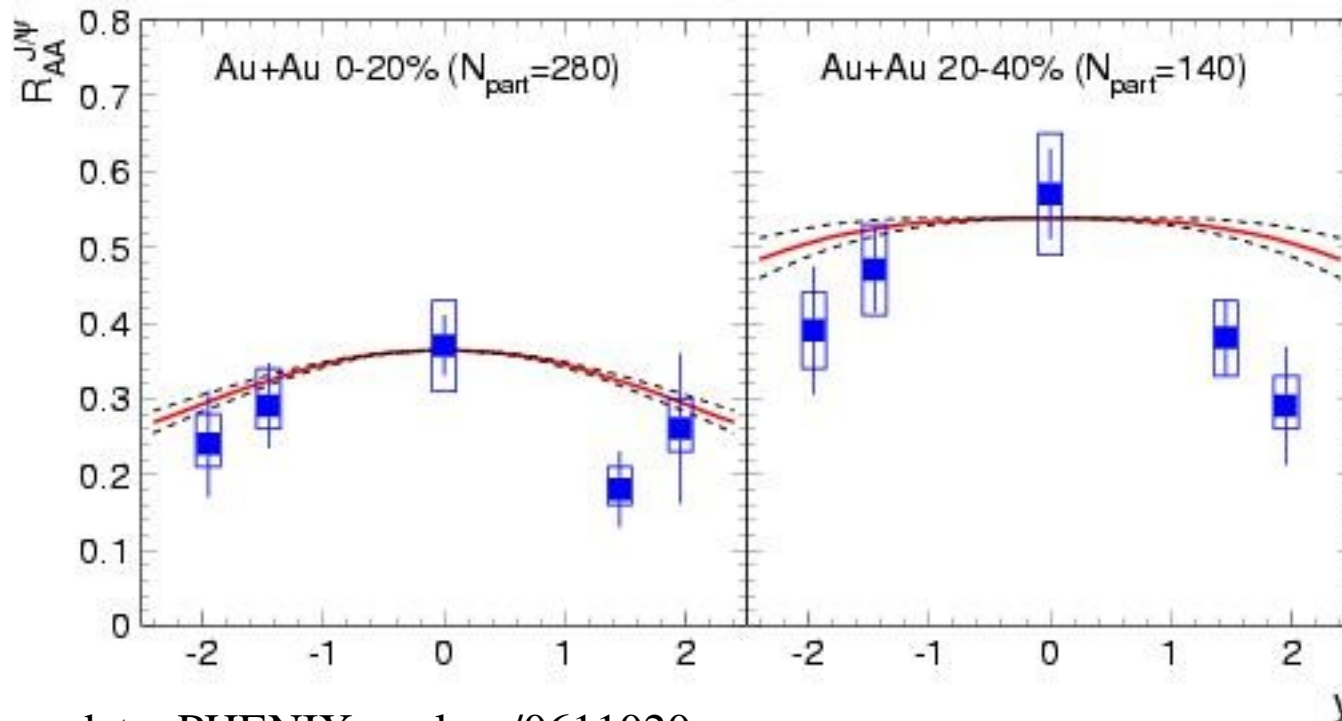
# Destruction and regeneration in transport models

alternative to statistical hadronization: implementation of screening into space-time evolution of the fireball – continuous destruction and (re)generation

Thews et al, 2001, Rapp et al. 2001, Gorenstein et al. 2001, P.F. Zhuang et al. 2005

# comparison of model predictions to RHIC data:

$R_{AA}$ :  $J/\psi$  yield in AuAu /  $J/\psi$  yield in pp times  $N_{coll}$



data: PHENIX nucl-ex/0611020

additional 14% syst error beyond shown

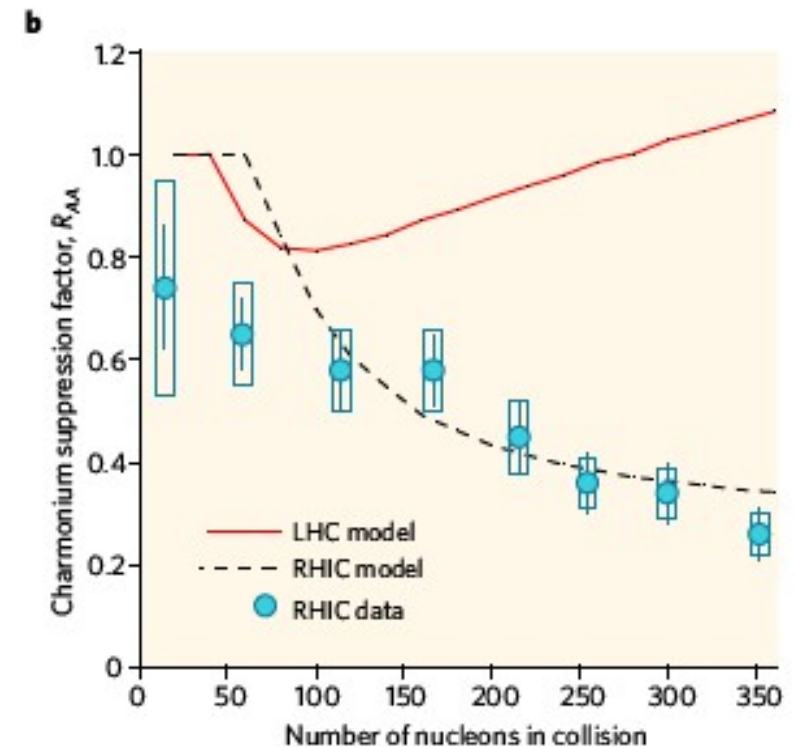
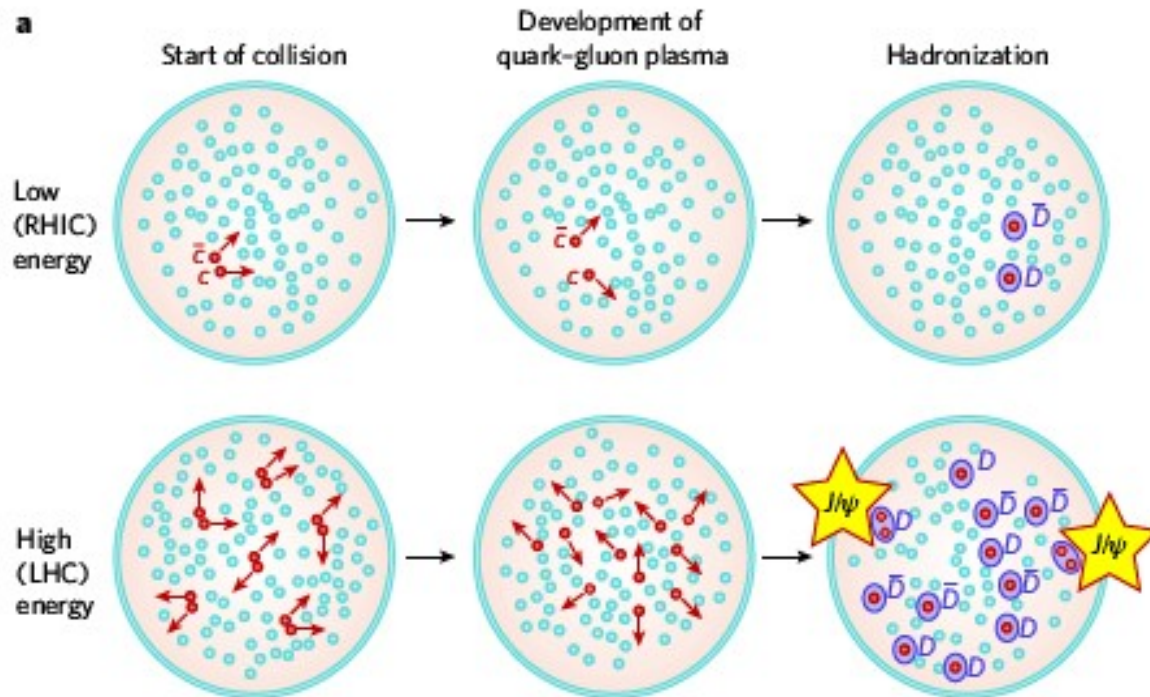
model: A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich,  
J. Stachel Phys. Lett. B652 (2007) 259

good agreement, no free parameters

remark:  $y$ -dep **opposite** in 'normal Debye screening' picture; suppression strongest at midrapidity (largest density of color charges)



# Quarkonium as a Probe for Deconfinement at the LHC the Statistical Hadronization Picture

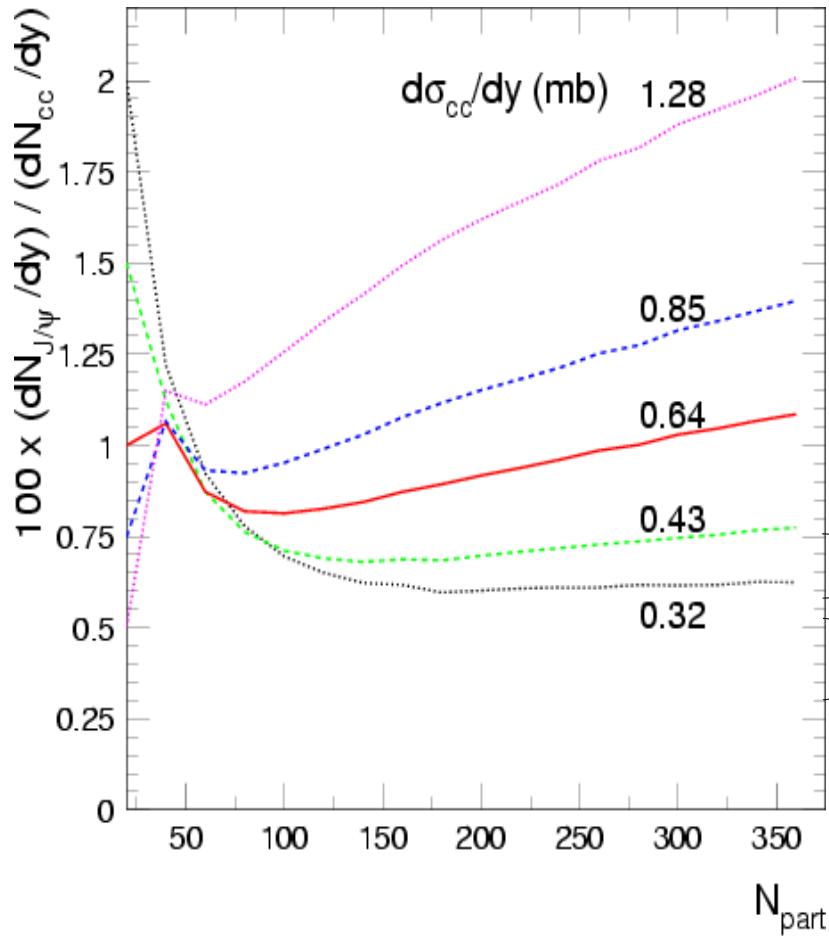


charmonium enhancement as fingerprint of deconfinement at LHC energy  
only free parameter: open charm cross section in nuclear collision

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

Andronic, Braun-Munzinger, Redlich, J.S., Phys. Lett. B652 (2007) 659

# Predictions for LHC energies

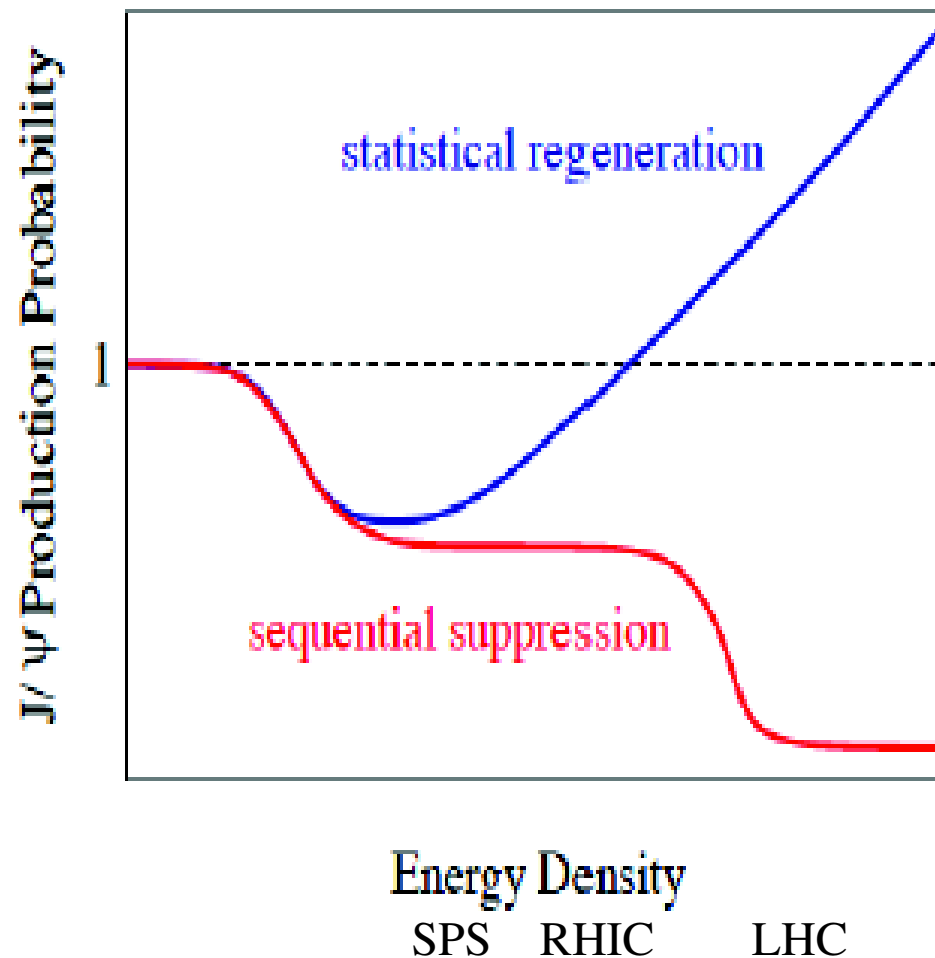


open charm is natural and essential  
normalization  
precision measurement needed

mid-y LHC 2.76 TeV including shadowing  
forward-y LHC 2.76 TeV including shadowing

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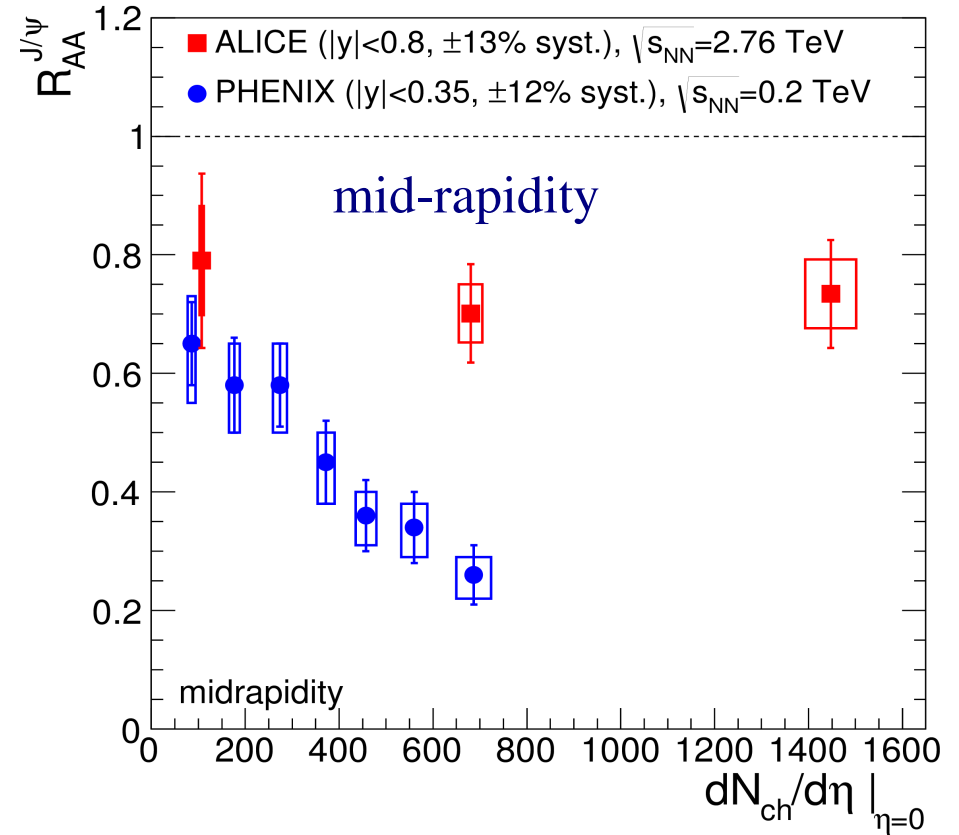
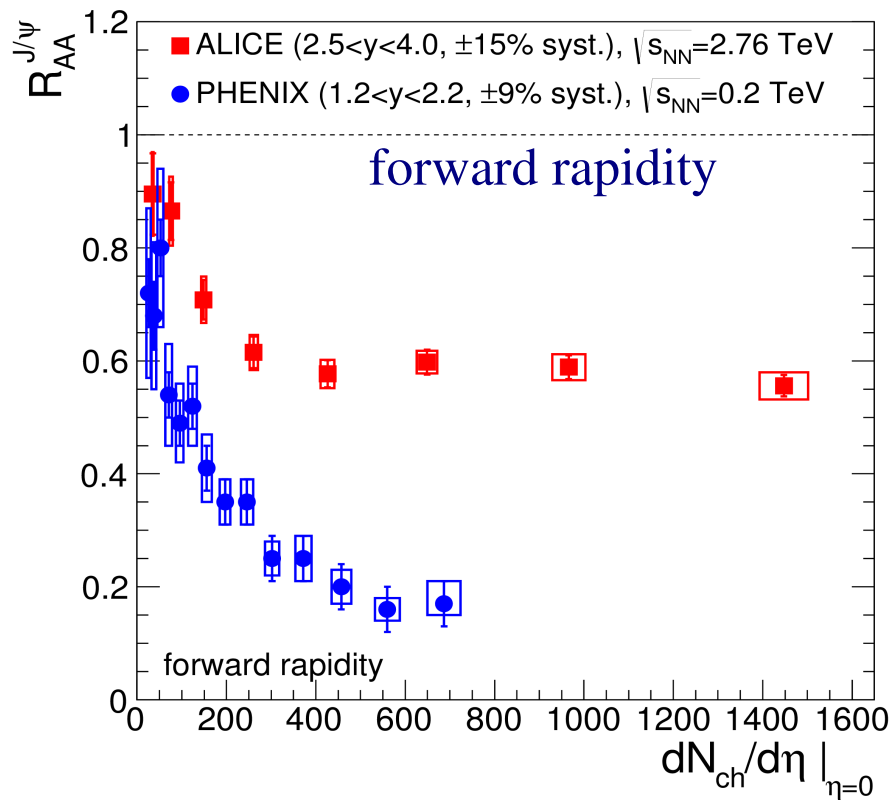
# Decision on Regeneration vs. Sequential Suppression from LHC Data



Picture:  
H. Satz 2009

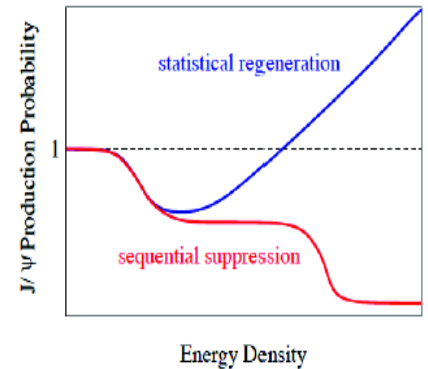
# J/psi production in PbPb collisions: LHC relative to RHIC

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{(1/N_{evt}^{AA}) d^2 N_{ch}^{AA} / d\eta dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle (1/N_{evt}^{PP}) d^2 N_{ch}^{PP} / d\eta dp_T}$$



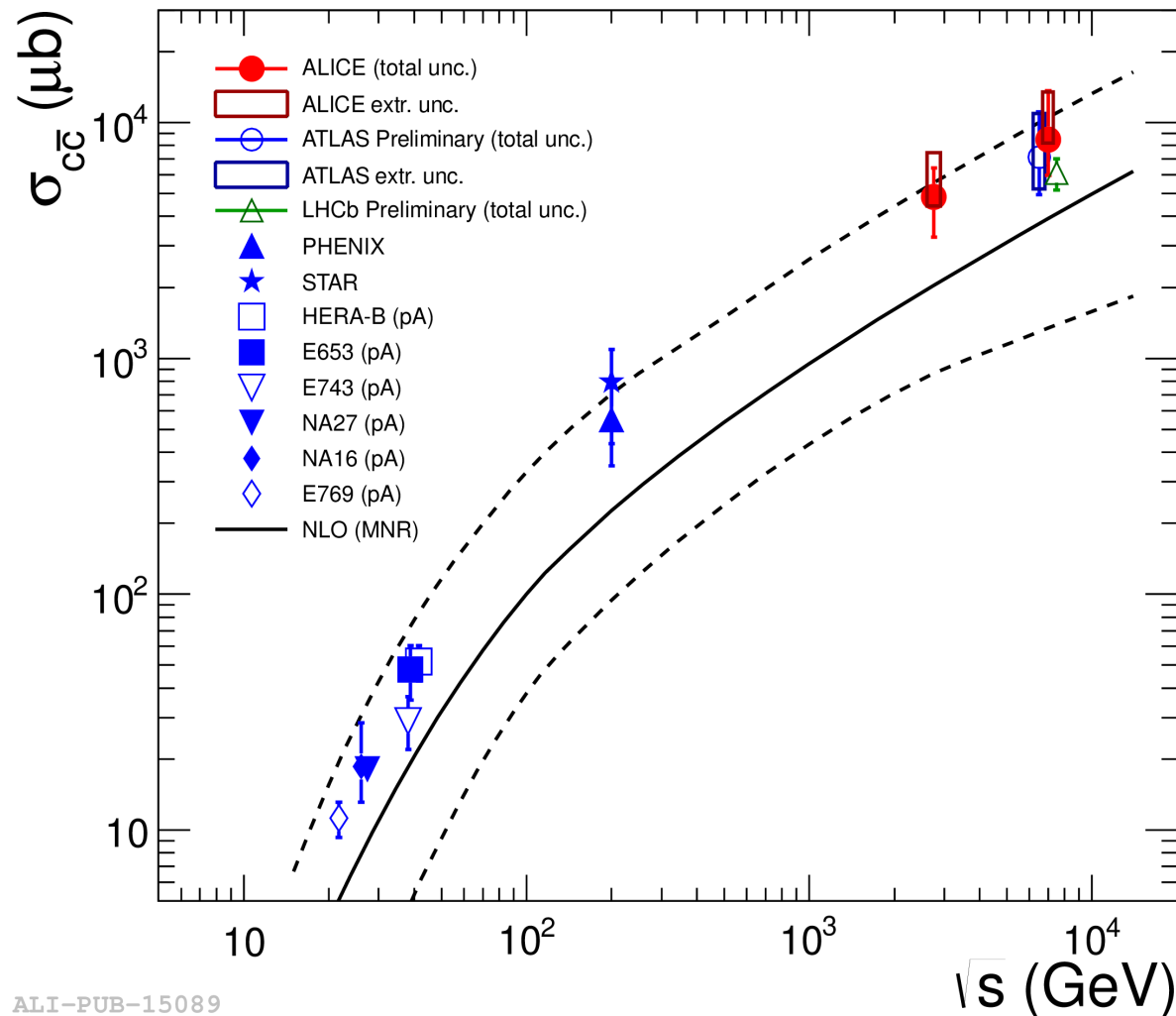
energy density -->

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



# a first try at the total $c\bar{c}$ cross section in pp at LHC

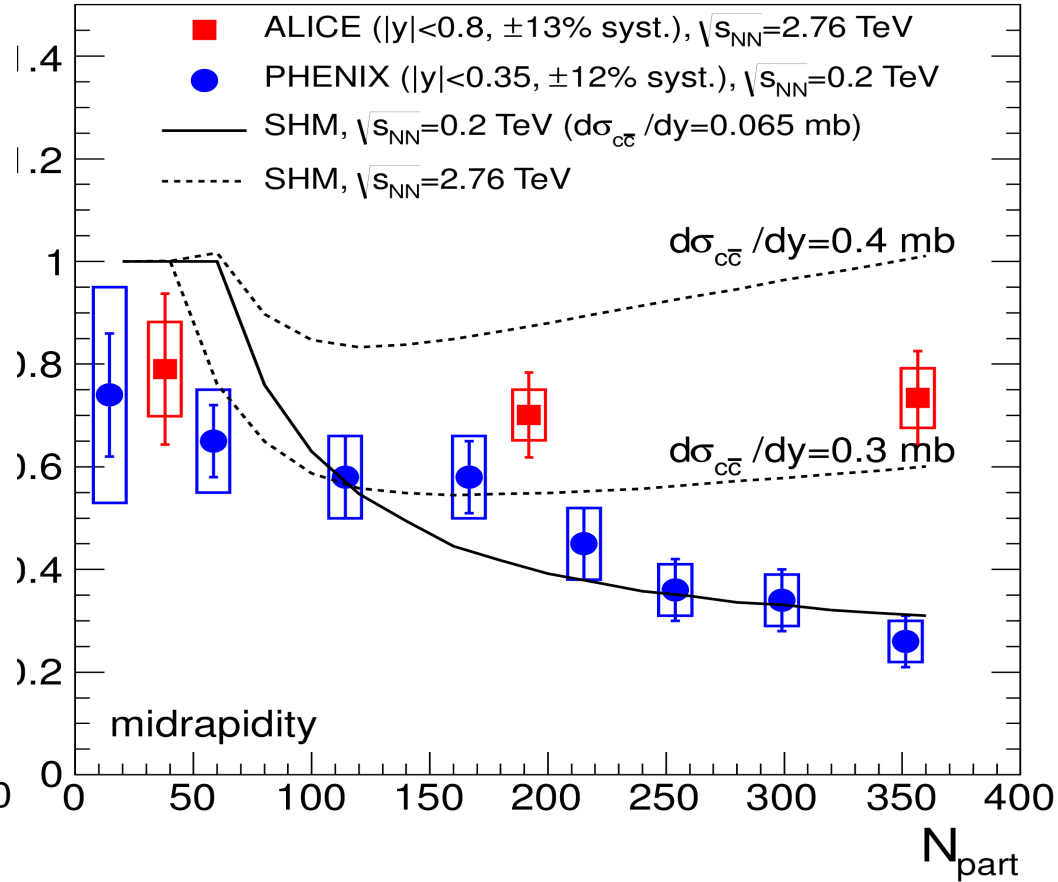
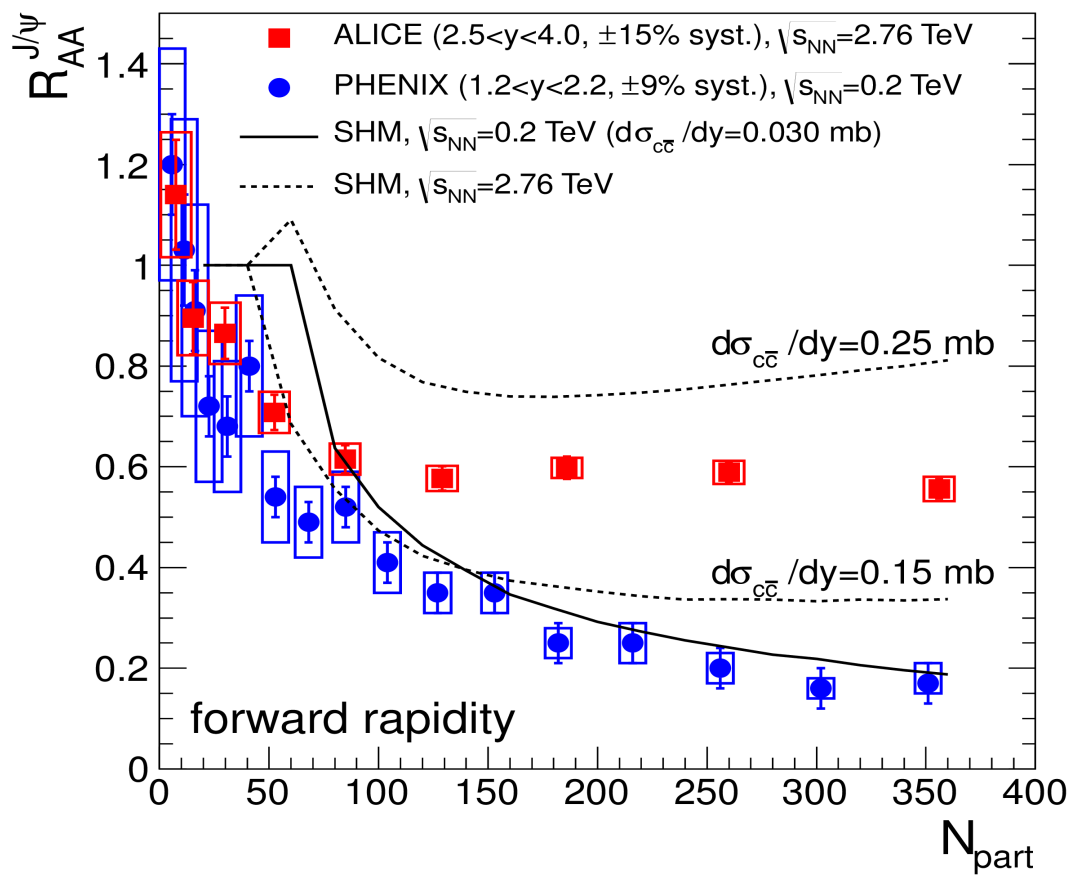
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- good agreement between ALICE, ATLAS and LHCb
- large syst. error due to extrapolation to low pt, need to push measurements in that direction
- data factor  $2 \pm 0.5$  above central value of FONLL but well within uncertainty
- beam energy dependence follows well FONLL
- soon more accurate 4pi extrapolation at 7 TeV

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# J/psi and Statistical Hadronization



- production in PbPb collisions at LHC consistent with deconfinement and subsequent statistical hadronization within present uncertainties
- main uncertainties for models: open charm cross section, shadowing in Pb
- shadowing from pPb collisions: forward y:  $R_{AA} = 0.76(12)$  mid-y  $R_{AA}$  (estim)  $= 0.72(15)$

# First determination of Debye mass from data

J/psi formation via statistical hadronization at  $T_c$  implies experimental determination of Debye length (mass) and temperature

$\lambda_D < 0.4$  fm at  $T = 156$  MeV

$\omega_D/T > 3.3$

can compare to theory:

quite ok

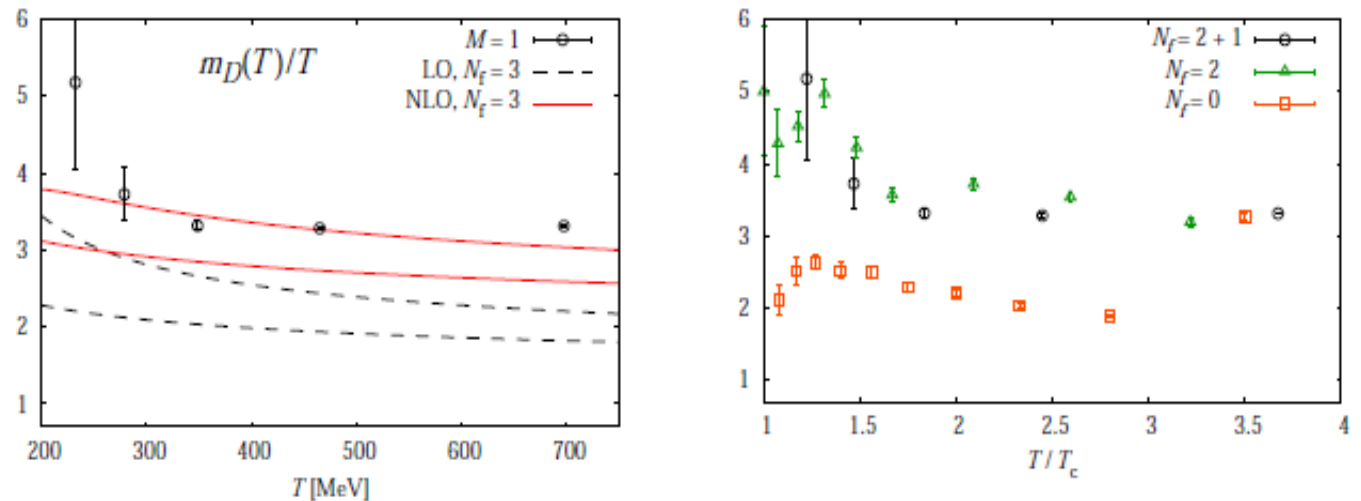
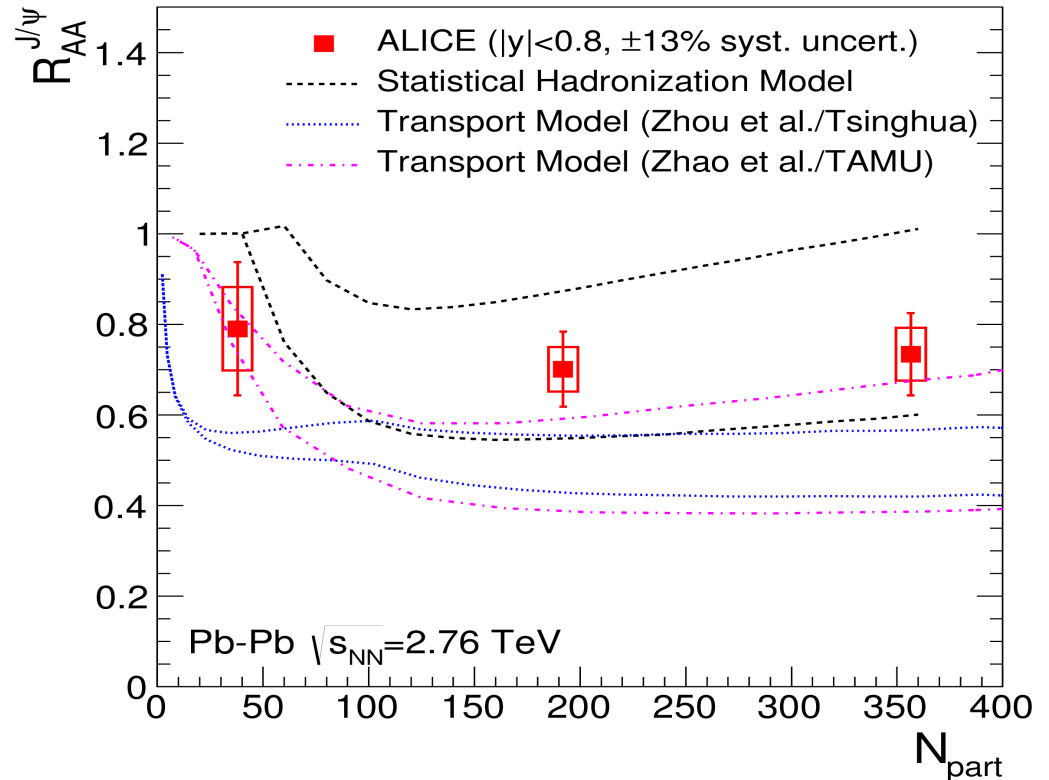
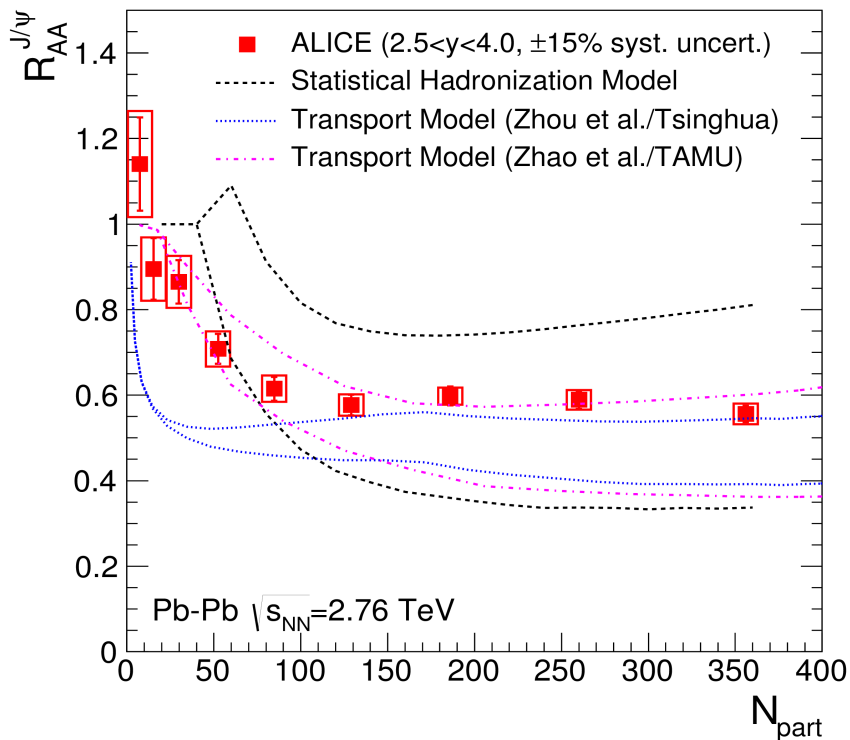


Fig. 6. (Left) The Debye screening mass on the lattice in the color-singlet channel together with that calculated in the leading-order (LO) and next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbation theory shown by dashed-black and solid-red lines, respectively. The bottom (top) line expresses a result at  $\mu = \pi T$  ( $3\pi T$ ), where  $\mu$  is the renormalization point. (Right) Flavor dependence of the Debye screening masses. We assume the pseudo-critical temperature for 2 + 1-flavor QCD as  $T_c \sim 190$  MeV.

# J/psi and transport models (and stat hadronization)



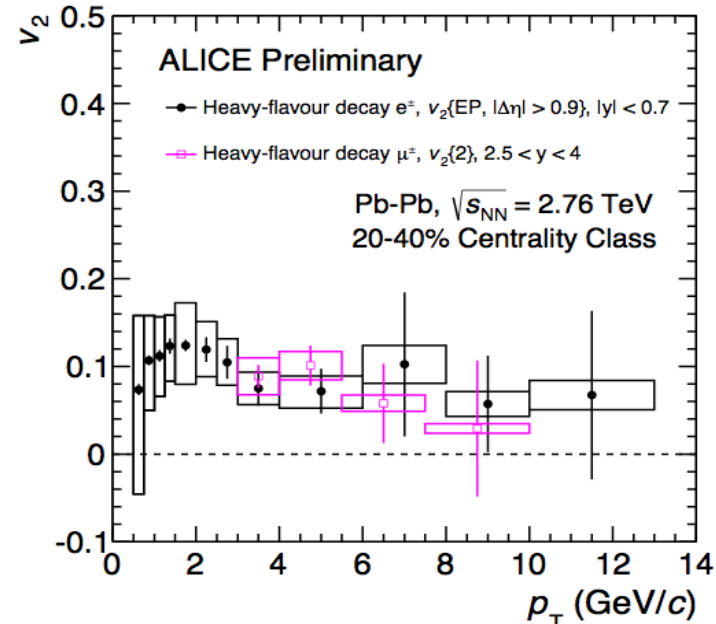
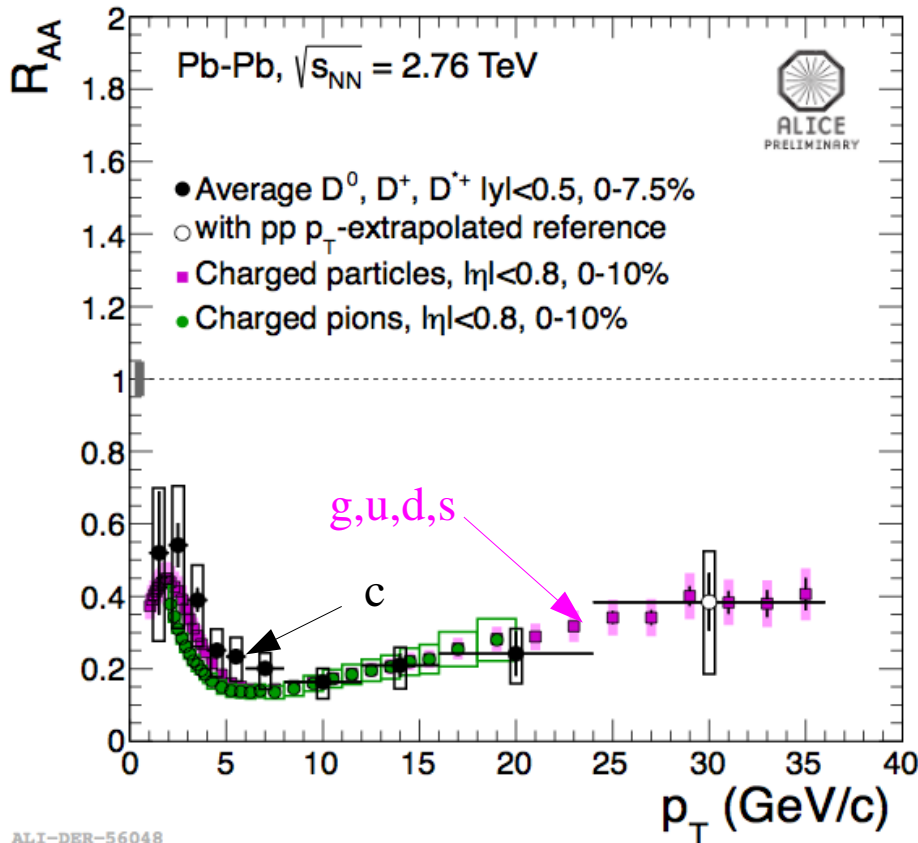
in transport models (Rapp et al. & P.Zhuang, N.Xu et al.) J/psi generated both in QGP and at hadronization

- transport models also in line with  $R_{AA}$   
 part of J/psi from direct hard production, part dynamically generated in QG  
 but different open charm cross section used  
 (0.5-0.75mb TAMU and 0.65-0.8 mb Tsinghua vs. 0.3-0.4 mb SHM)

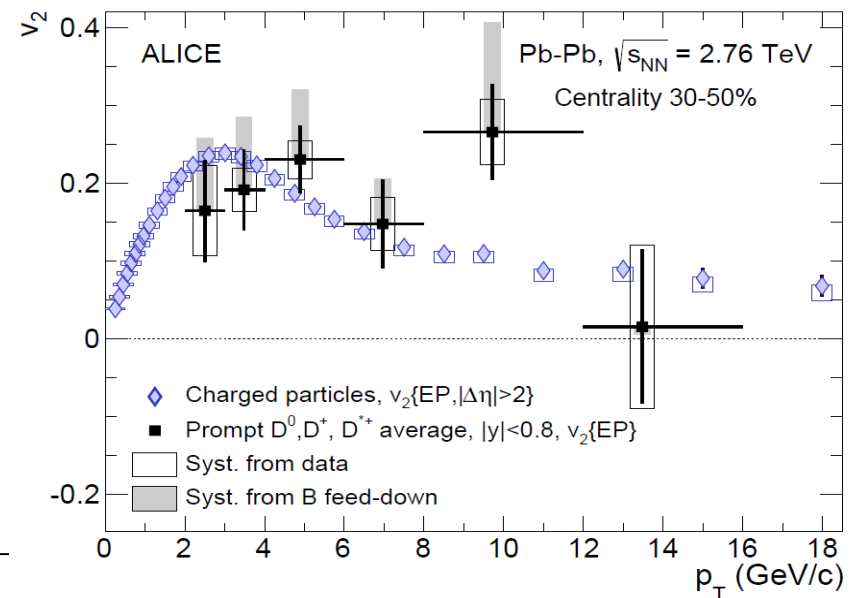


# Charm quarks thermalize to large degree in QGP

strong energy loss of charm quarks



elliptic flow for charm – participation in coll. flow

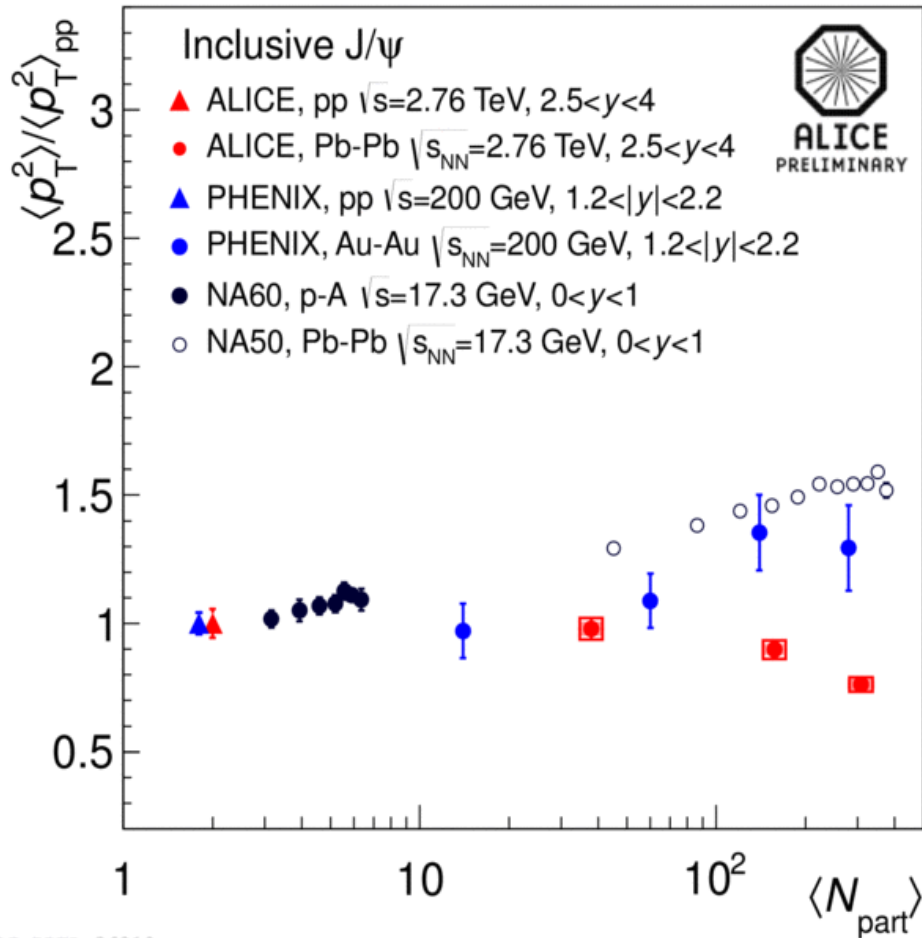


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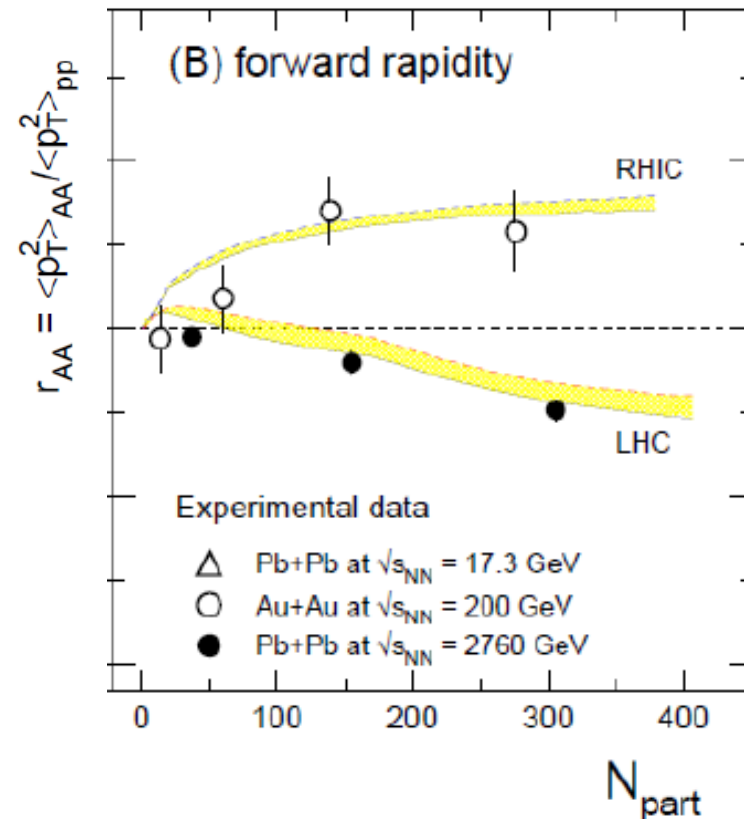
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M.Djordjevic, arXiv:1307.4098:  
equal  $R_{AA}$  is a conspiracy of different  
fragmentation functions of light quarks,  
gluons, charm and different color factors in  
energy loss

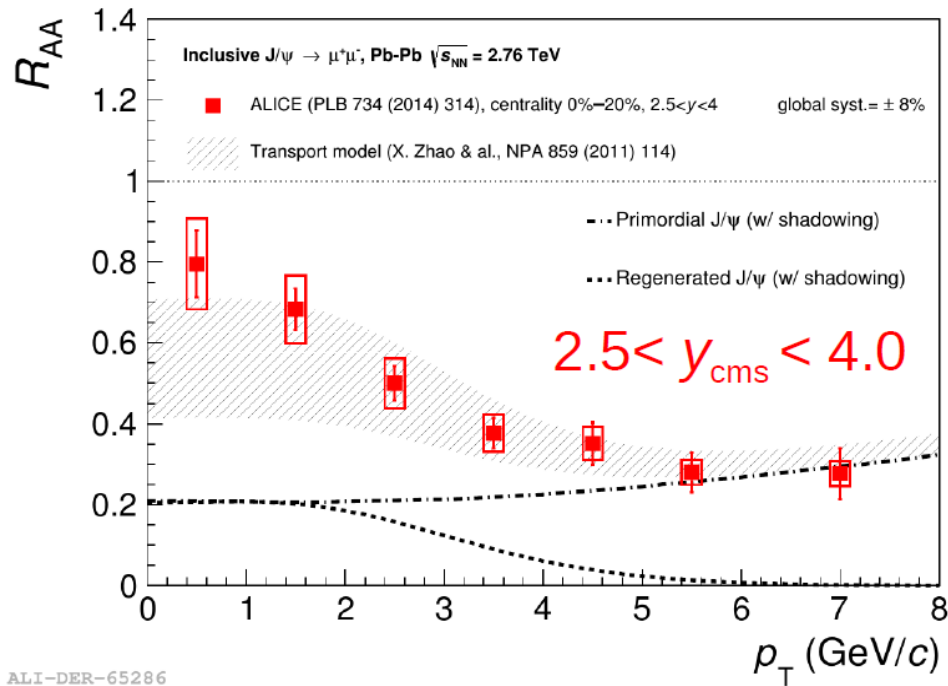
# Softening of J/psi $p_t$ distributions for central PbPb coll.



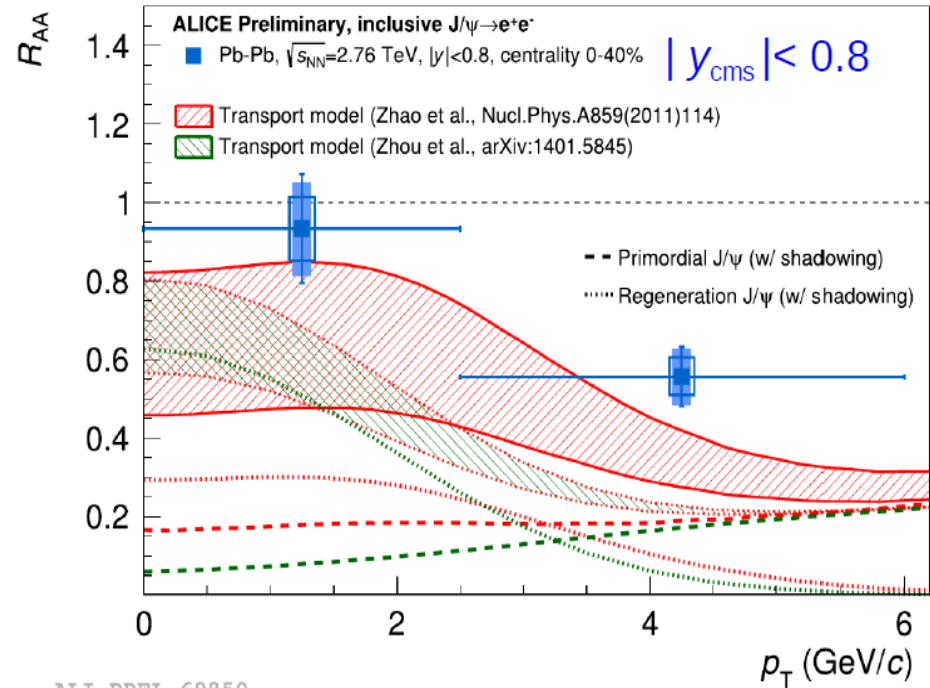
P.Zhuang et al. regeneration of J/psi  
90% at mid-y, > 60% at forward y



# $p_t$ dependence of $R_{AA}$ supports dominance of new production mechanism at LHC at small $p_t$



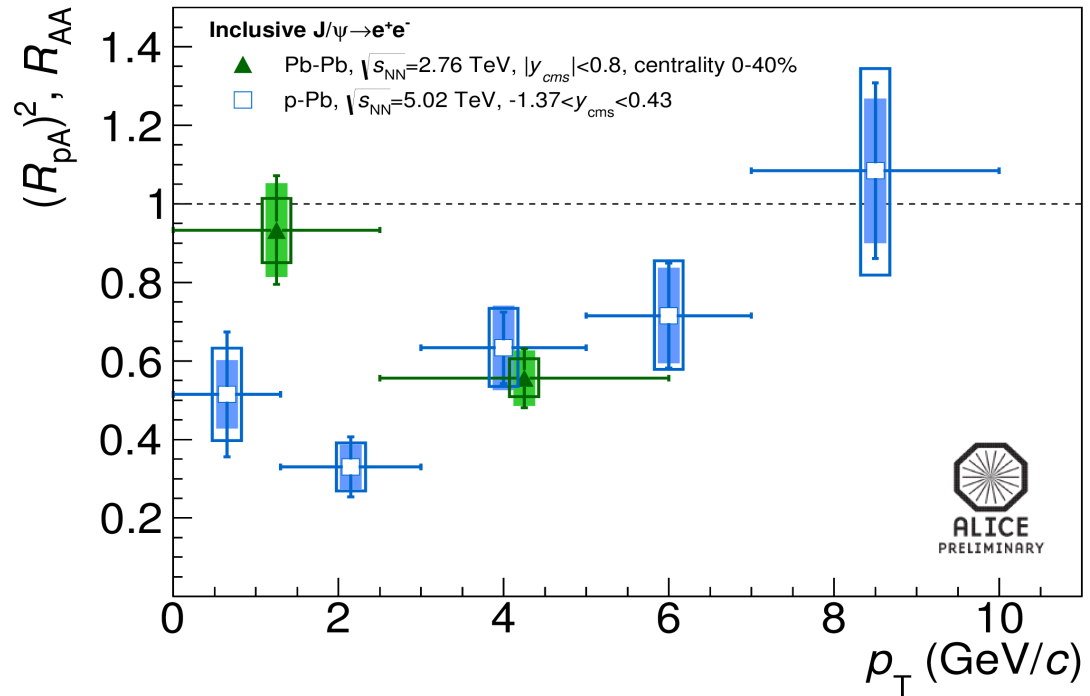
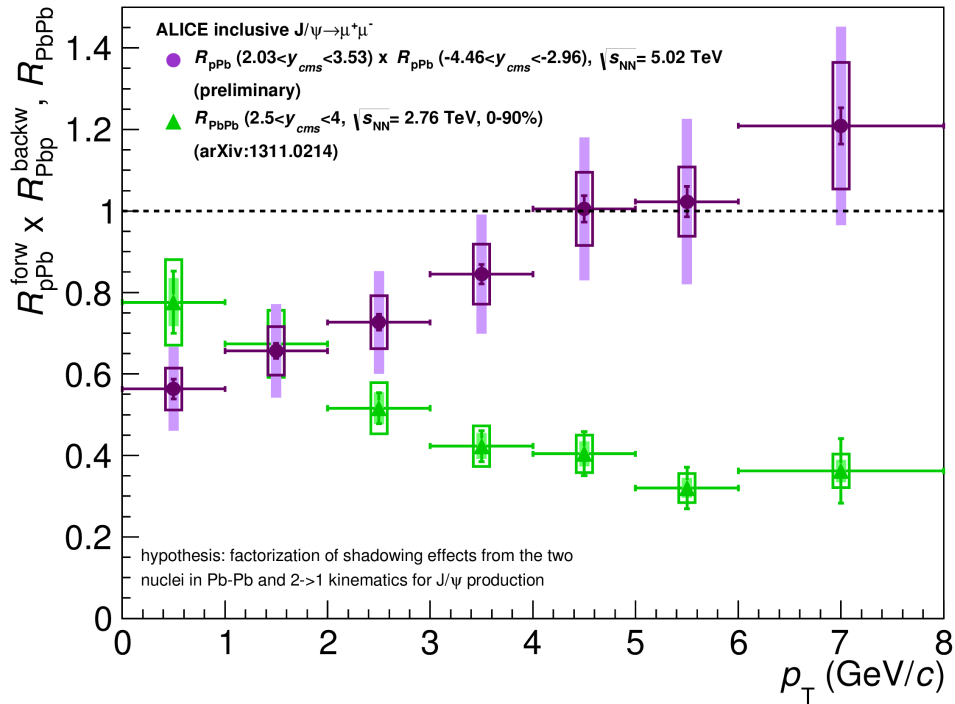
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# J/psi vs $p_T$ in PbPb collisions relative to pPb collisions

arXiv:1405.1177

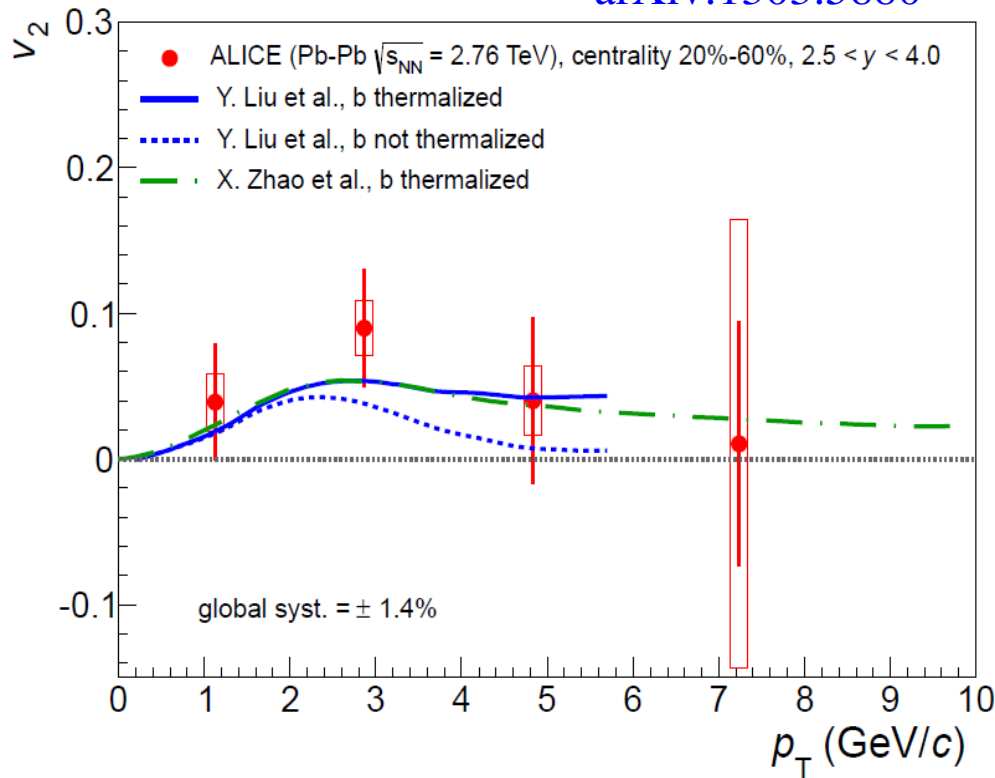


at low  $p_T$  yield in nuclear collisions above pPb collisions

$J/\psi$  production **enhanced** in nuclear collisions **over mere shadowing effect**

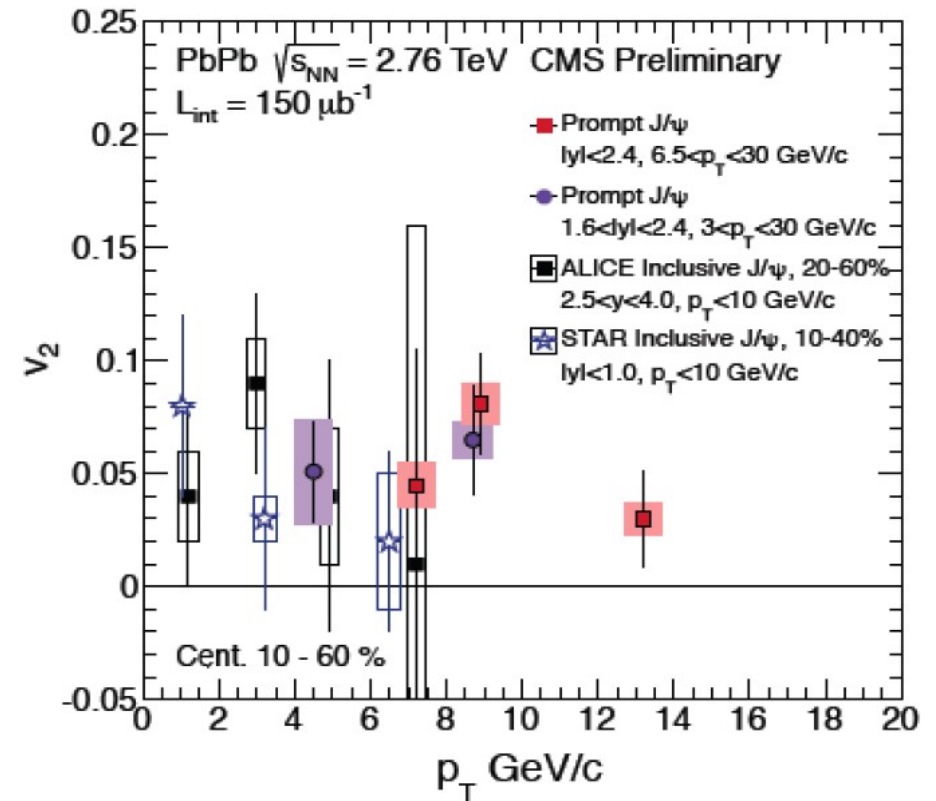
# J/psi flow compared to models including (re-) generation

arXiv:1303.5880



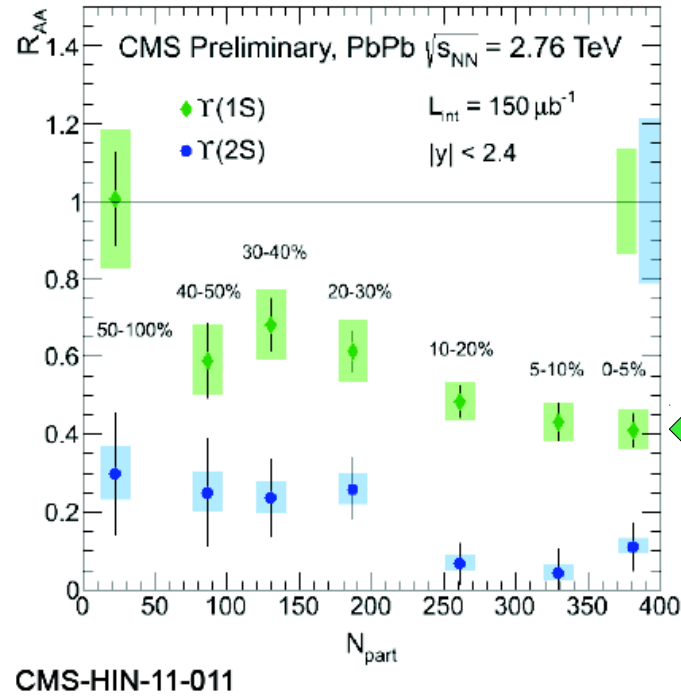
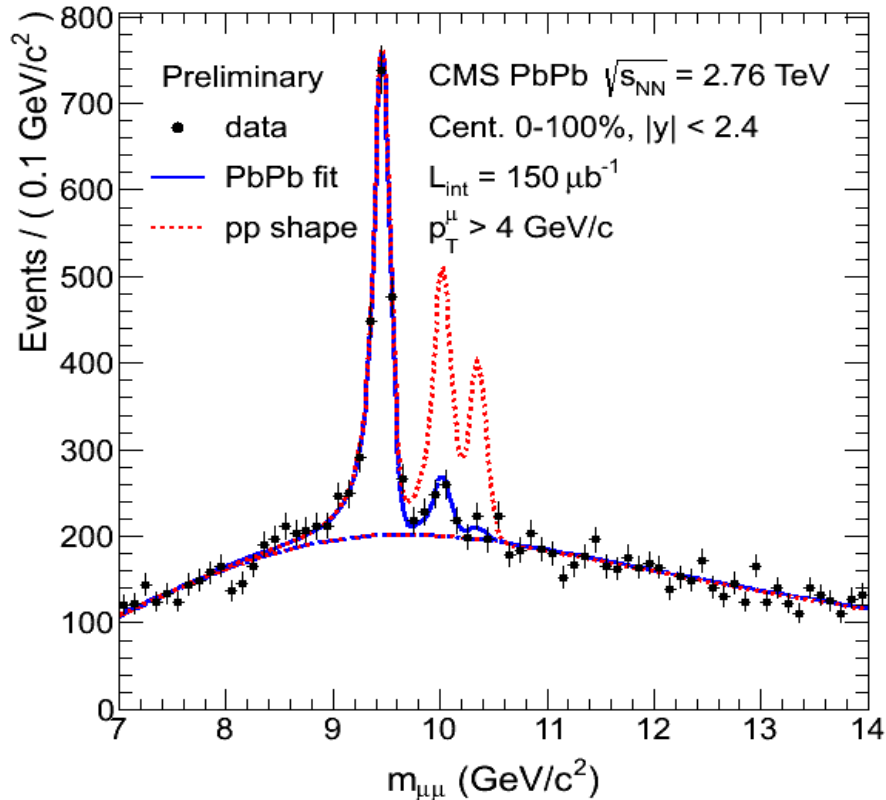
$v_2$  of J/psi consistent with hydrodynamic flow of charm quarks in QGP and statistical (re-)generation

but:  
CMS observes similar  $v_2$  at higher  $p_T$



this calls for  
more and better data

# Suppression of Upsilon States

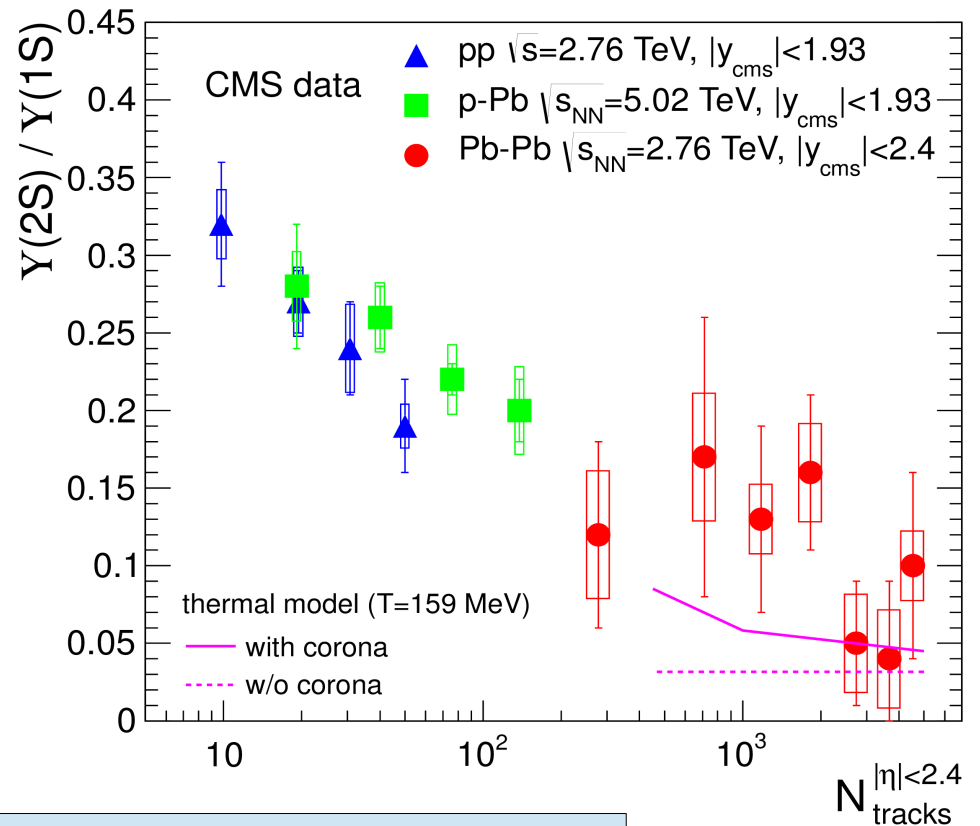
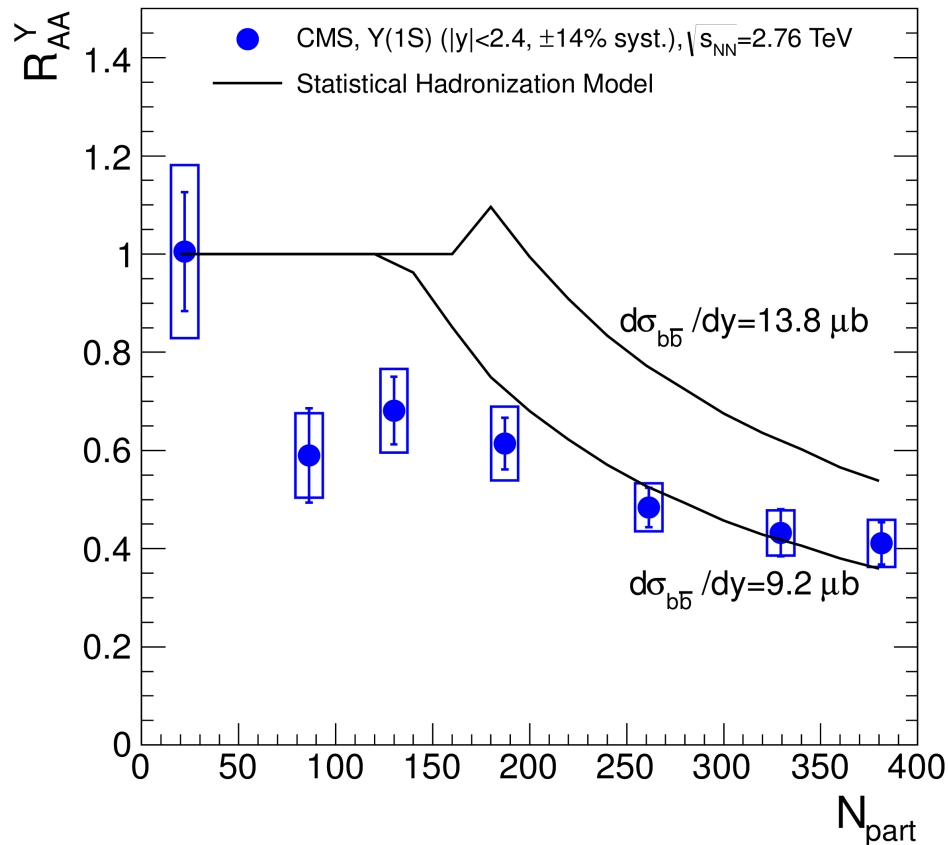


centrality integrated:  
 2S/1S PbPb relative to pp  $0.21 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.02$   
 3S/1S “ “  $< 0.1$  95% C.L.

higher upsilon states expected to melt earlier  
 because of larger radius

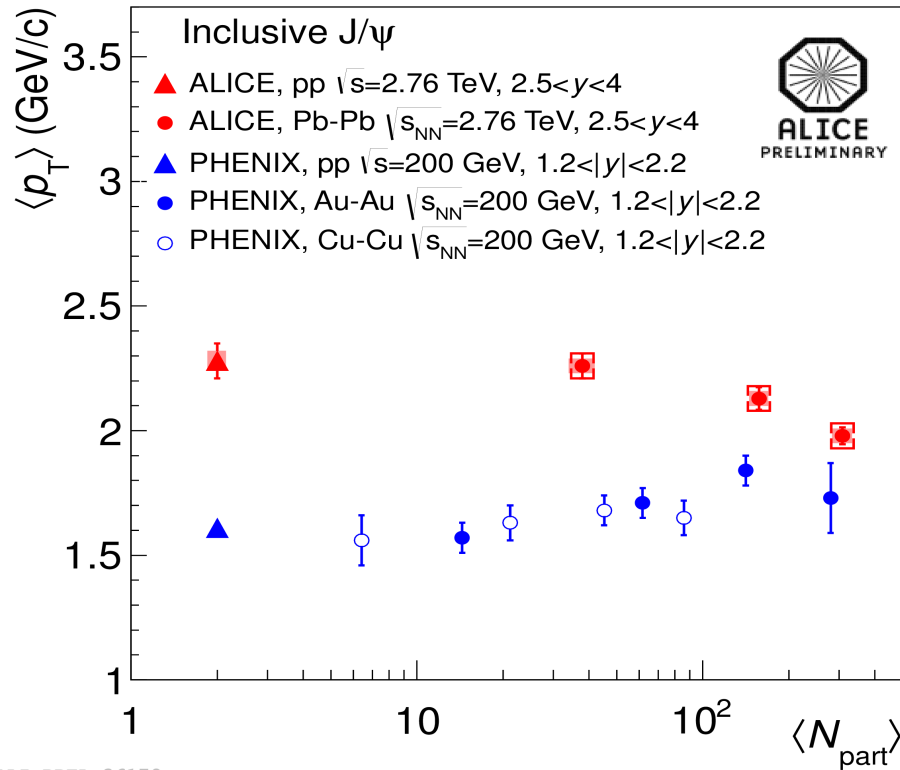
# the Upsilon could also come from statistical hadronization

SHM/thermal model: Andronic et al.

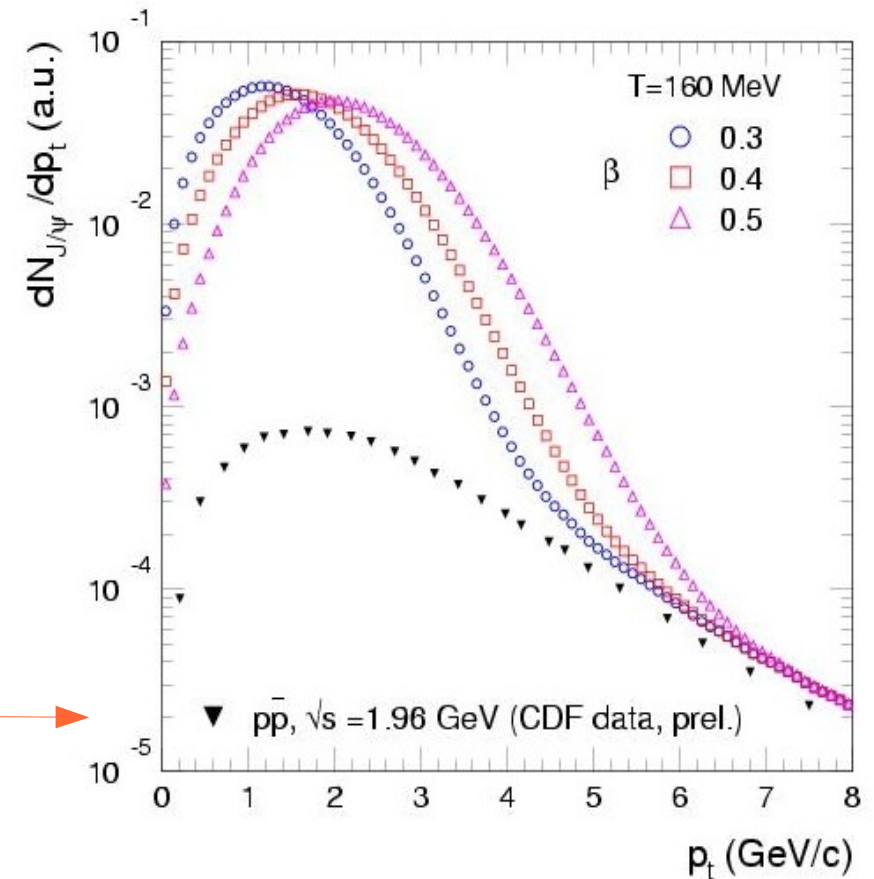


in this picture the entire Upsilon family is formed at hadronization  
 but: need to know first – do b-quark thermalize at all  
 - total b-cross section in PbPb

# Outlook: spectral distribution is key to thermalization



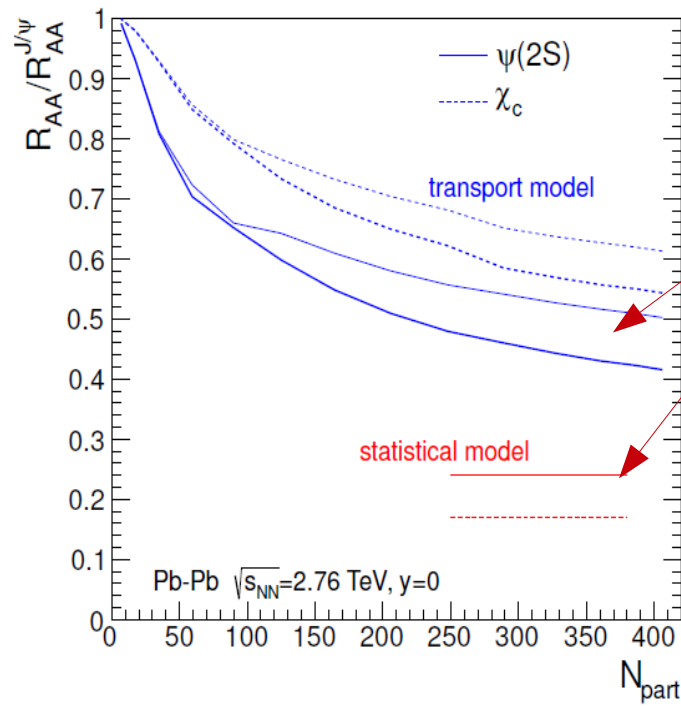
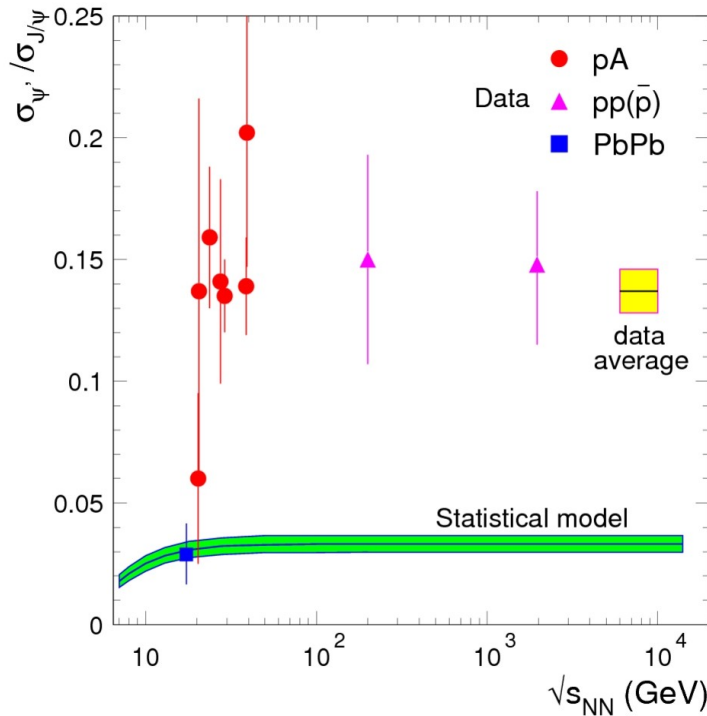
at LHC shift of paradigm: more central collision  $\rightarrow$  narrower momentum distribution  
 my interpretation: thermalization



but if charm quark thermalize, their spectral distributions should also reflect collective flow of liquid



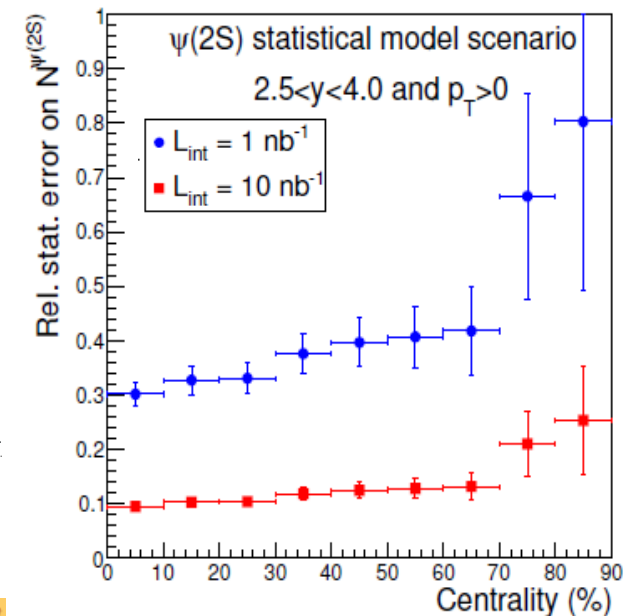
# Outlook: excited charmonia



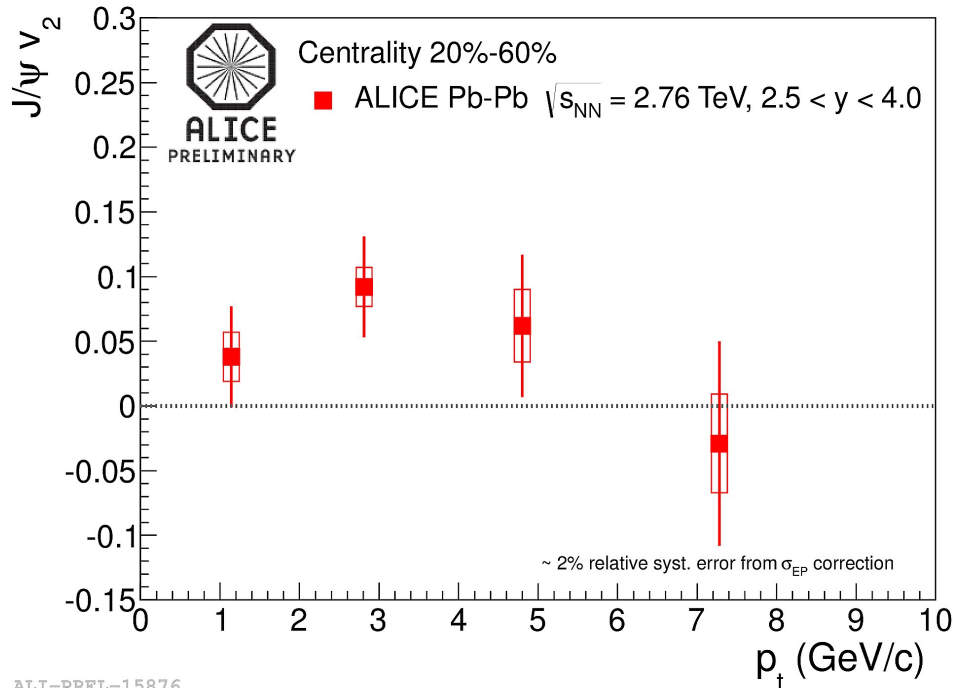
in fact here one can distinguish between the transport models that form charmonia already in QGP and statistical hadronization at phase boundary!

for statistical hadronization need to see suppression by Boltzmann factor  $\chi_c$  even bigger difference

expected ALICE performance  $\longrightarrow$   
muon arm run2 and run3



# J/psi elliptic flow

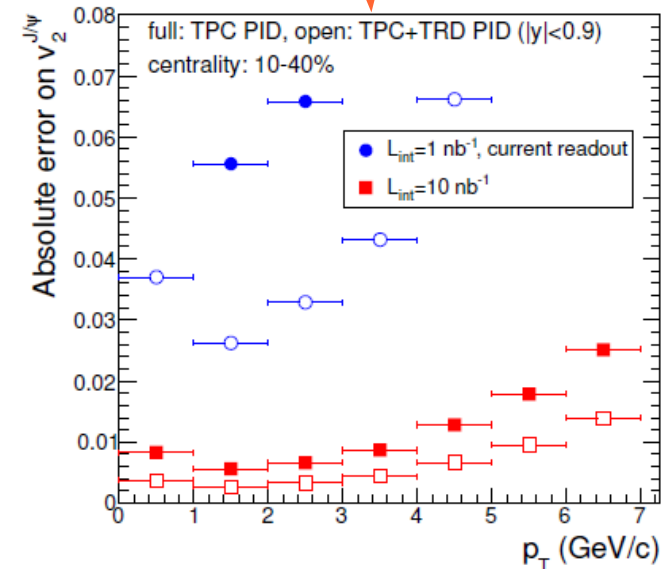
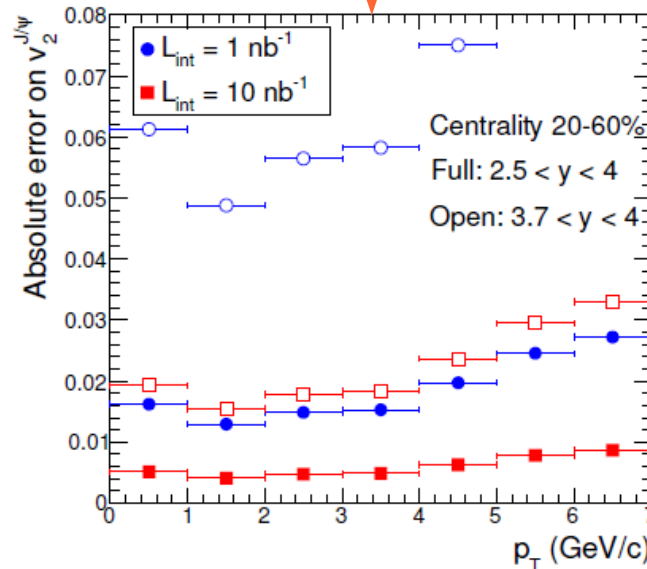


observation of flow with muon arm  
 presently 3 sigma  
 needs statistics to make model comparison  
 meaningful

future statistical errors

muon arm

central barrel



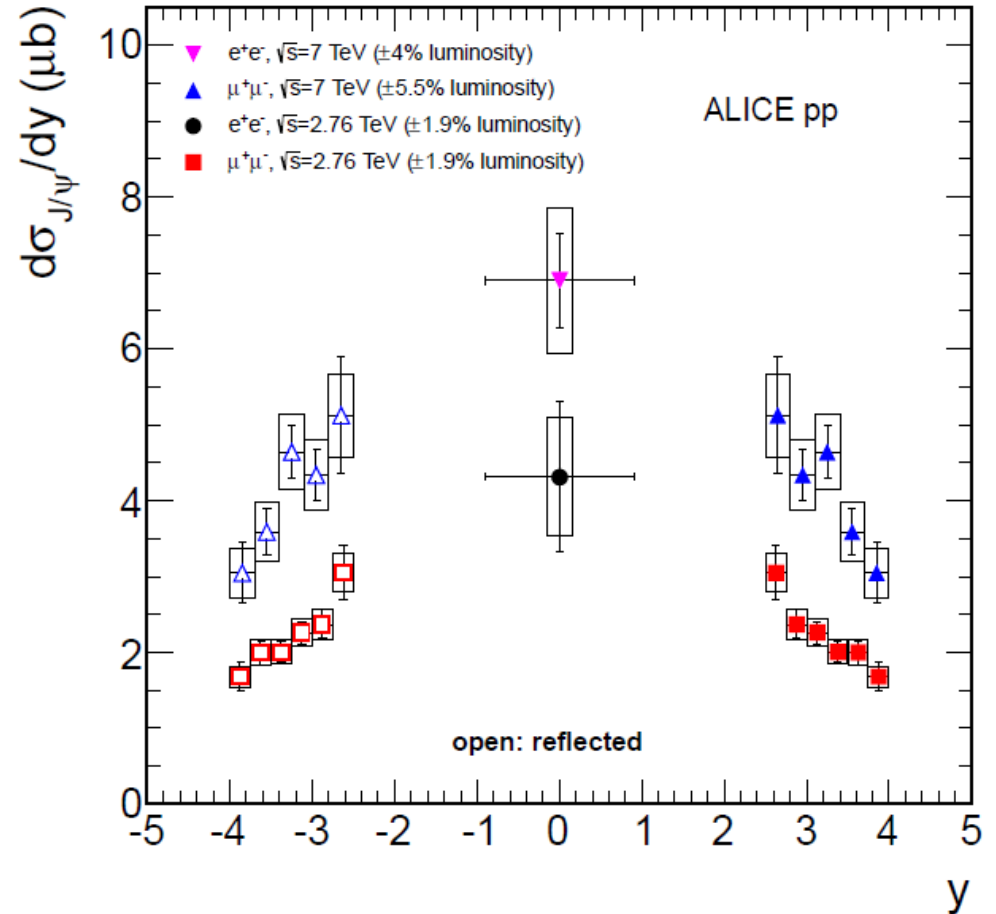
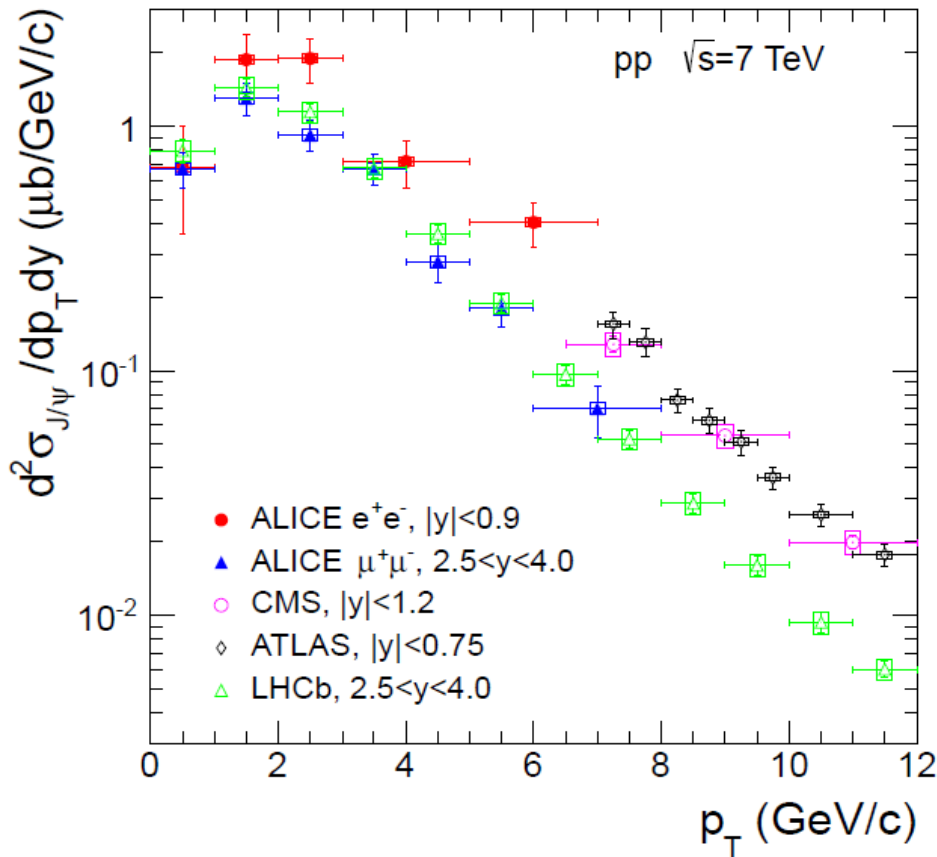
## summary

- $J/\psi$  good probe of deconfinement  
though contrary to initial expectation not via sequential suppression, but reversal of suppression to enhancement at high beam energy
- within current uncertainties all  $J/\psi$  observables at LHC consistent with formation from deconfined charm quarks
- significant progress expected within next decade, will allow models tests with a precision to constitute a proof of deconfinement  
expect experimental determination of Debye screening mass

backup

# J/psi spectrum and cross section in pp collisions

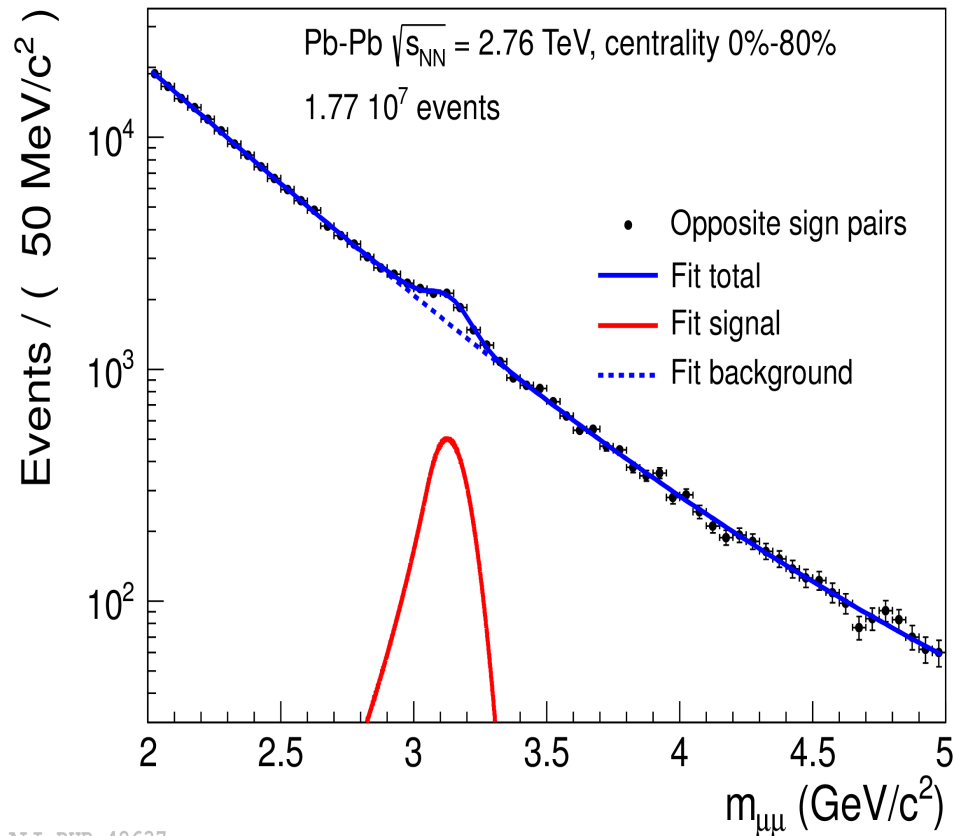
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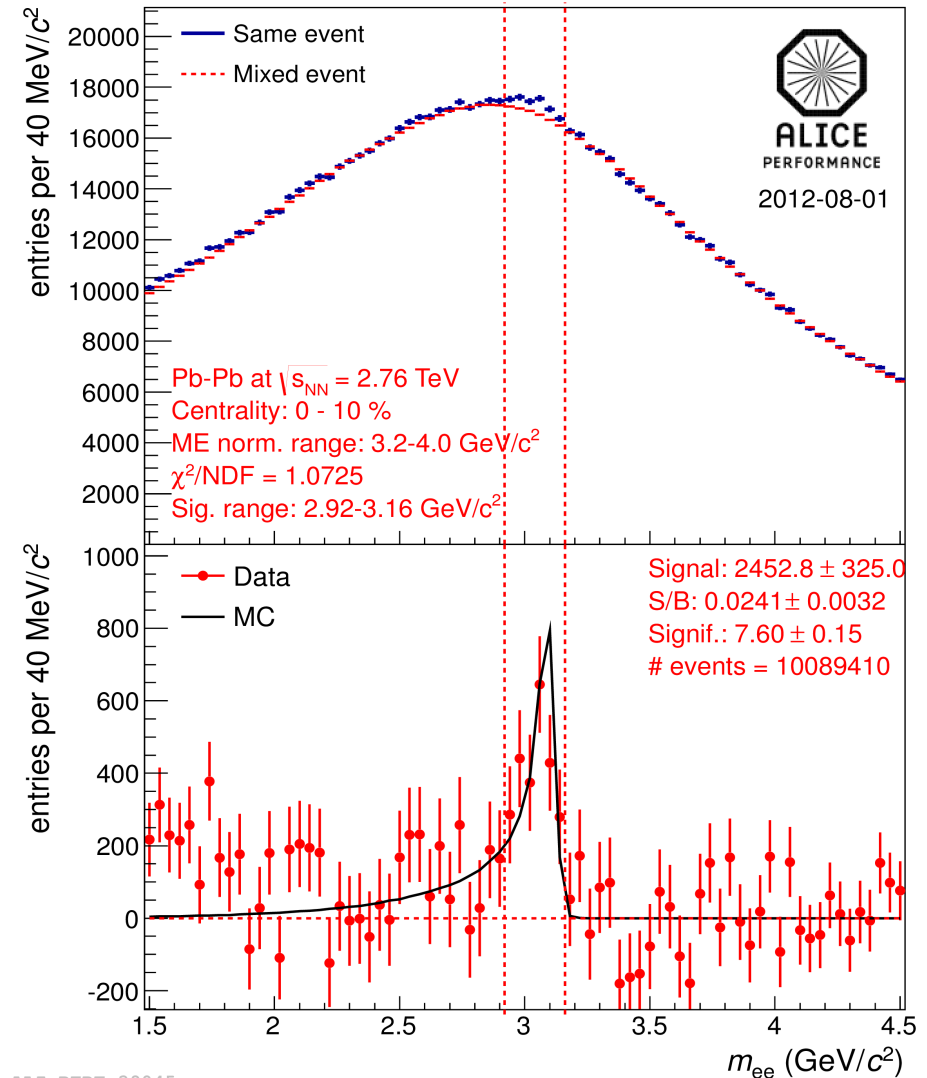
- good agreement between experiments
- complementary in acceptance:  
only ALICE has acceptance below  
6 GeV at mid-rapidity

measured both at 7 and 2.76 TeV  
open issues: statistics at mid-rapidity  
 polarization (biggest source of syst error)

# Reconstruction of J/psi via mu+mu- and e+e- decay



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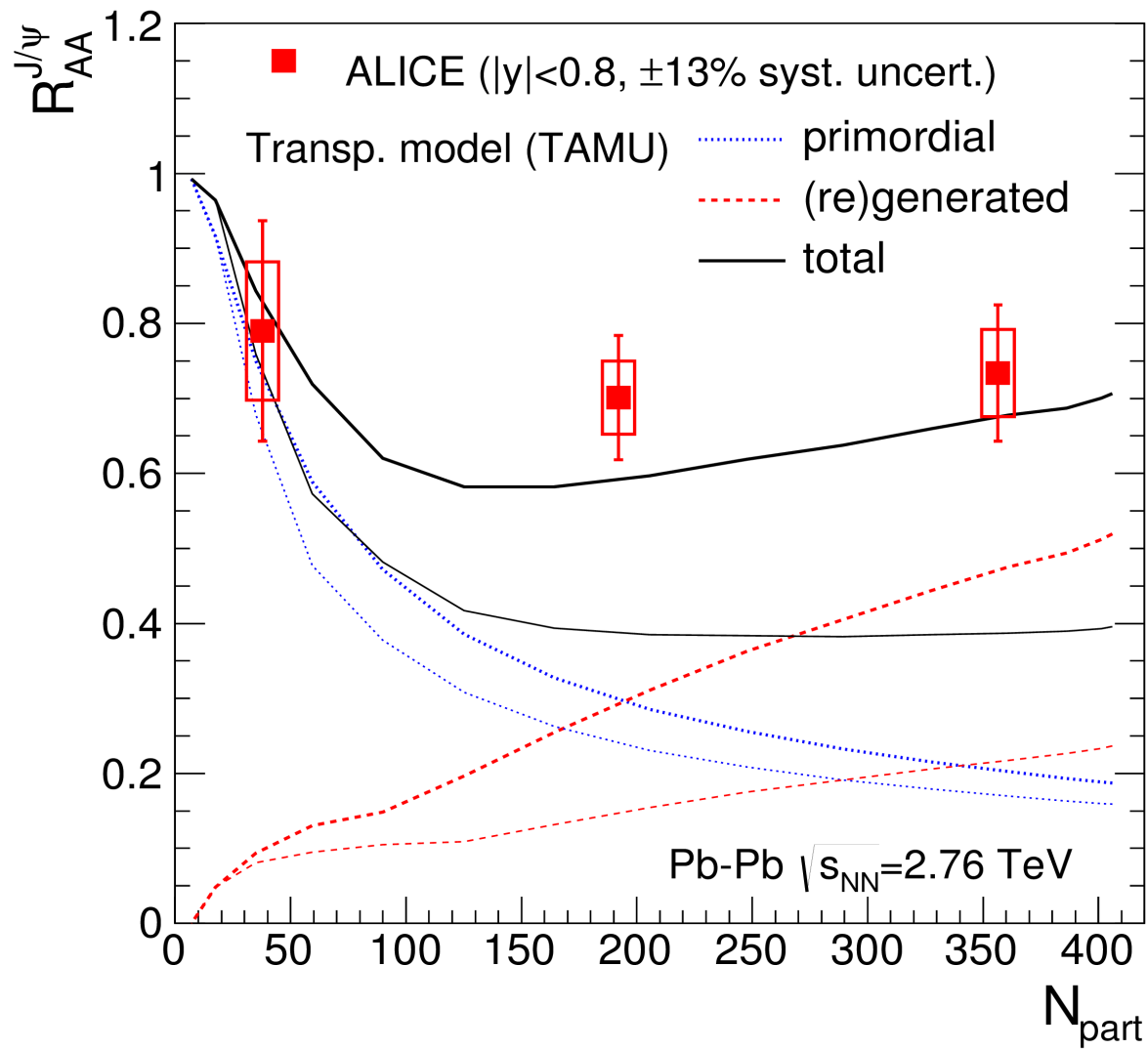


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most challenging: PbPb collisions

in spite of significant combinatorial background

(true electrons, not from J/psi decay but e.g. D- or B-mesons) resonance well visible

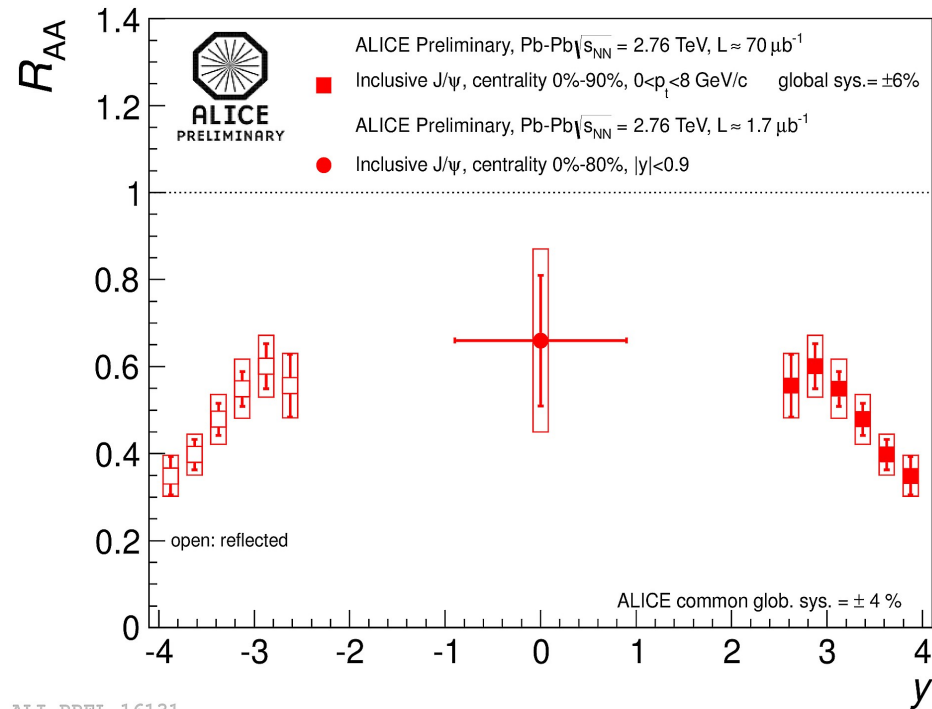


TAMU transport model:

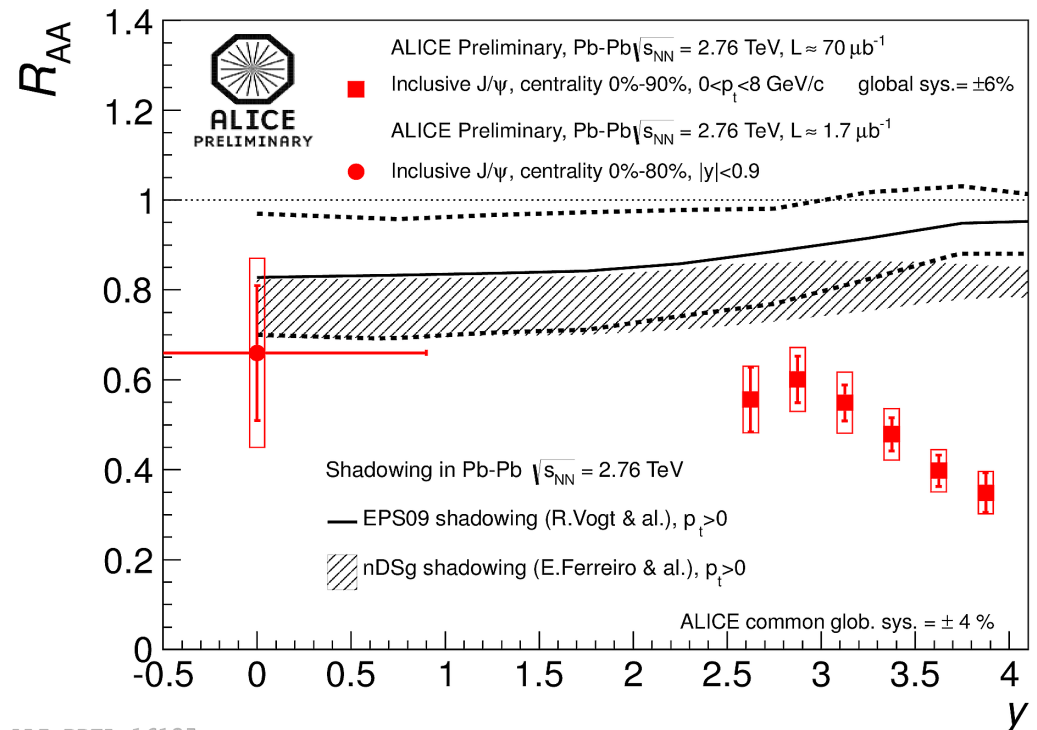
Zhao et al., NPA 859 (2011) 114 and priv. comm.

similar fractions in the Tsinghua model

# Rapidity Dependence of $J/\psi$ $R_{AA}$



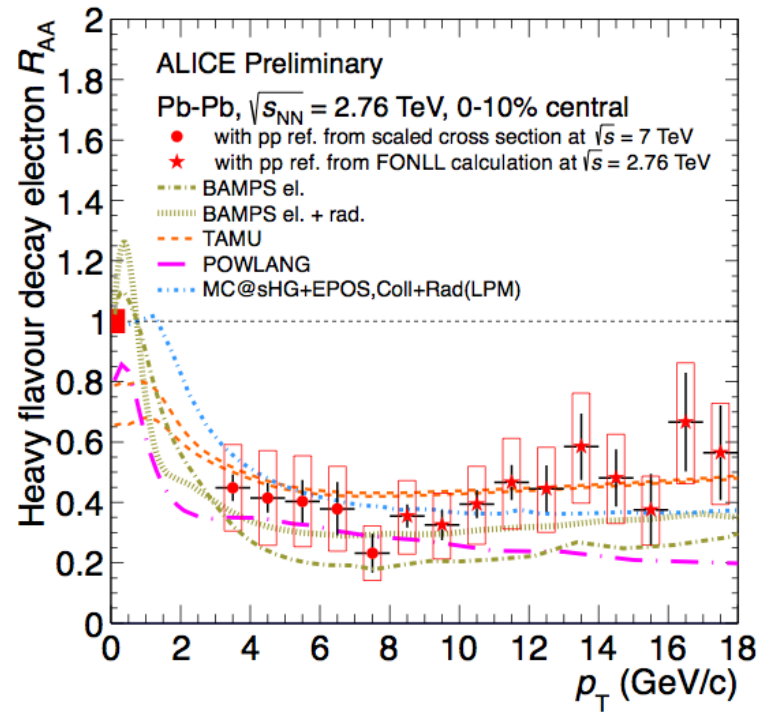
for statistical hadronization  $J/\psi$  yield  
 proportional to  $N_c^2$   
 higher yield at mid-rapidity predicted  
 in line with observation



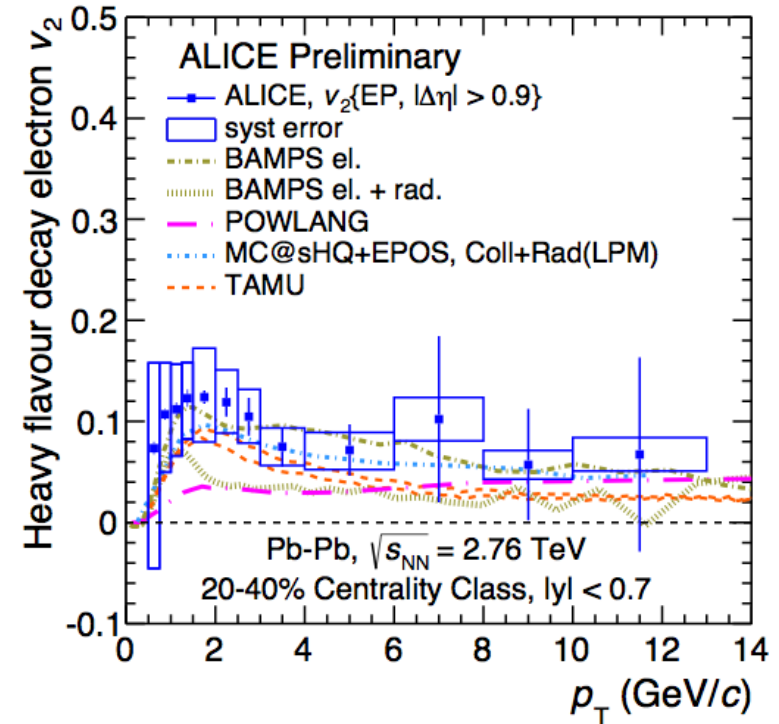
comparison to shadowing calculations:  
 - at mid-rapidity suppression could be explained by shadowing only  
 - at forward rapidity there seems to be additional suppression  
 - need to measure shadowing



# On the way towards transport coefficients for c-quarks



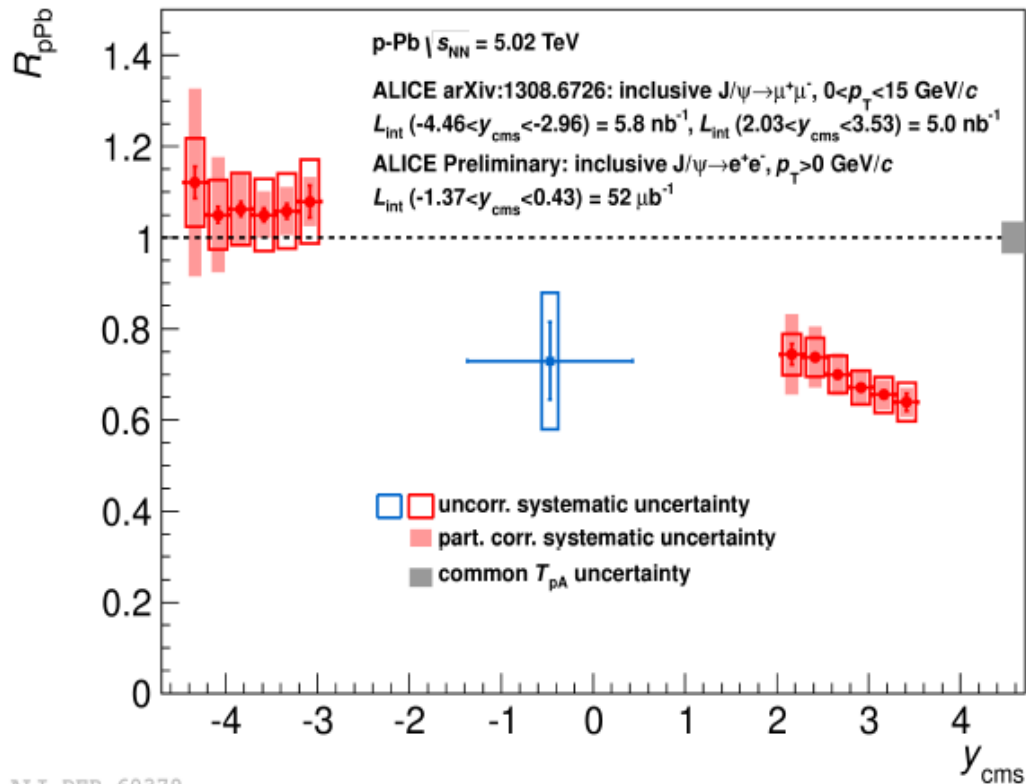
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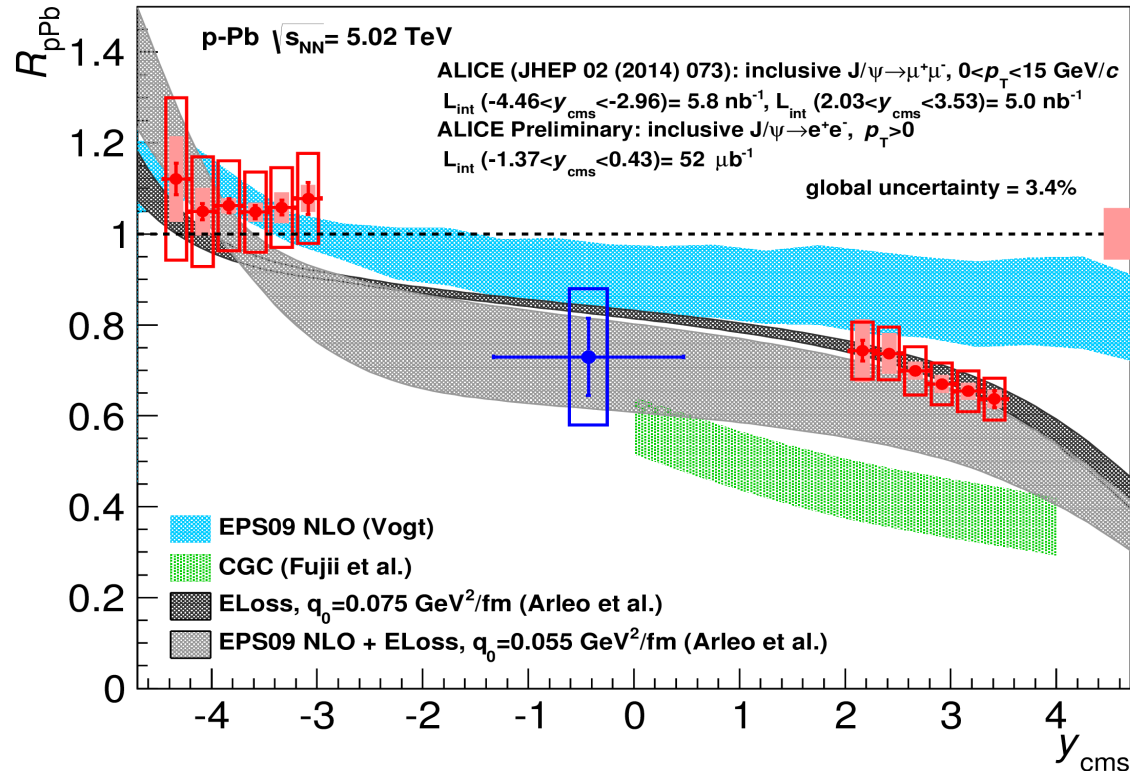
models constrained by simultaneous fit of  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$

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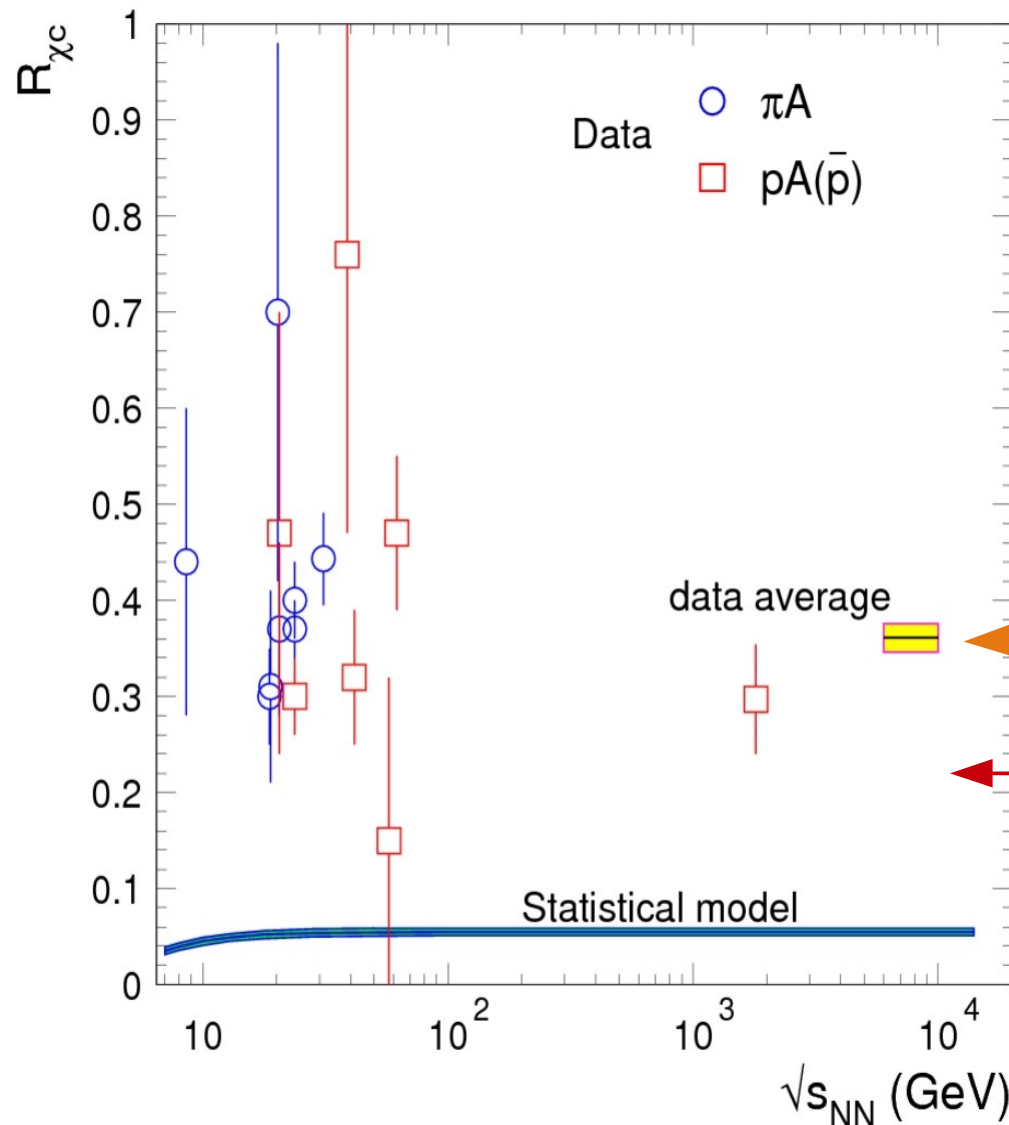
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good agreement with EPS09 shadowing wo absorption (Ferreiro)  
 also consistent w energy loss models wo shadowing (Arleo)  
 CGC calculation disfavored (Fuji)

# situation even more dramatic for P-states



$pA$  and  $\pi A$  data on average factor 7 above statistical model prediction

Transport model (Rapp)

A. Andronic, F. Beutler, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich,  
J. Stachel Phys. Lett. B678 (2009) 350

# outlook – what ALICE can do in the future

## LHC run1:

2 PbPb runs

- 2010  $O(10 \mu\text{b}^{-1})$

- 2011  $O(150 \mu\text{b}^{-1})$

luminosity reached  $\mathcal{L}=2 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  twice design lumi at this energy

1 pPb run

- 2012/2013  $O(30 \text{ nb}^{-1})$

from 2/2013 until end of 2014 **LS1**: consolidation of LHC to allow full energy ← we are here

**LHC run2**: 2015-2018 PbPb running at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$

to achieve approved initial goal of  $1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

late 2018 start **LS2** – increase of LHC luminosity und experiment upgrade

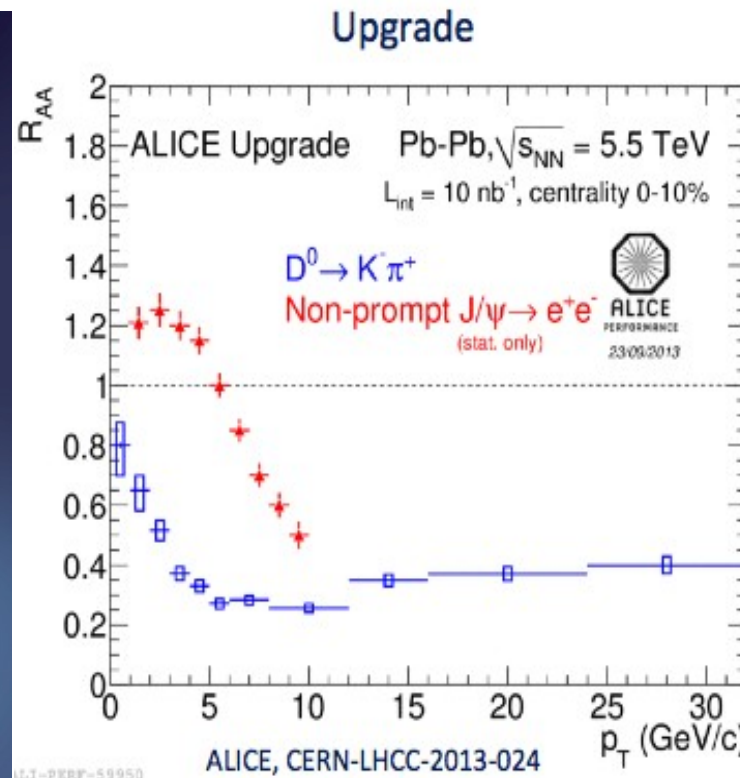
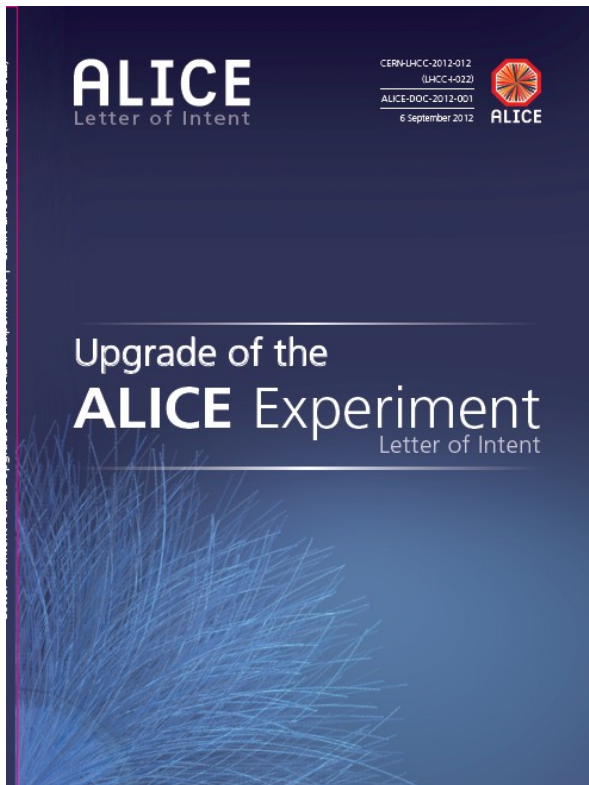
**LHC run3**: 2020 onwards - expect  $\mathcal{L}=6 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  or PbPb interactions at 50 kHz

achieve for PbPb  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  corresponding to  $8 \cdot 10^{10}$  collisions sampled

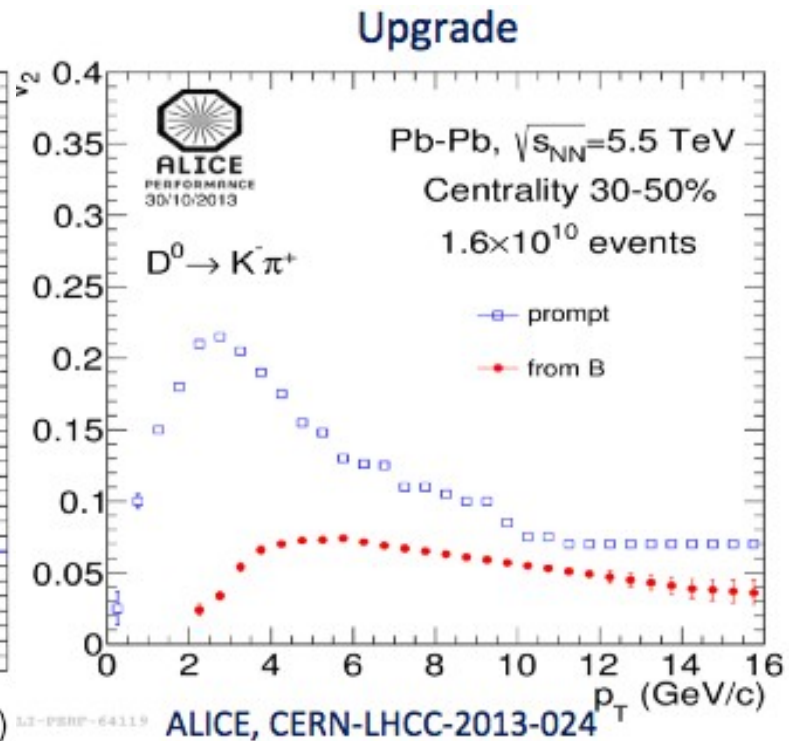
plus a low field run of  $3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  + pp reference running + pPb - a program for about 6 years

# outlook open heavy flavor – LHC run3

new high performance ITS plus rate increase by 2 oom (TPC with GEMs)



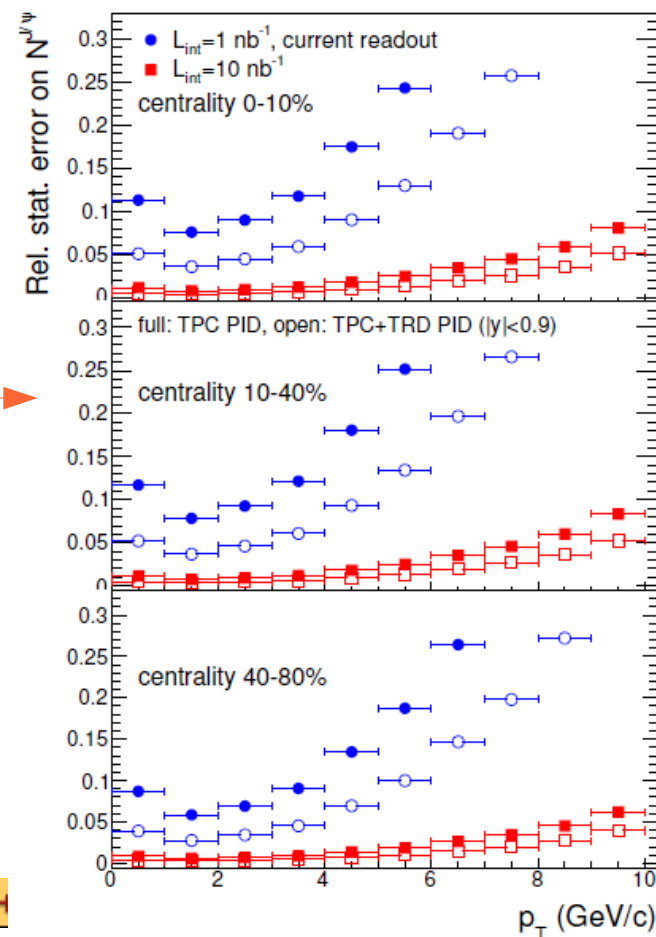
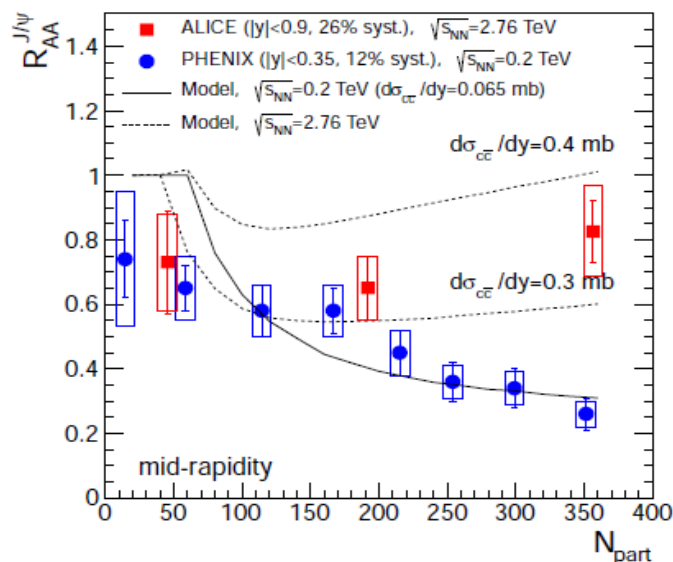
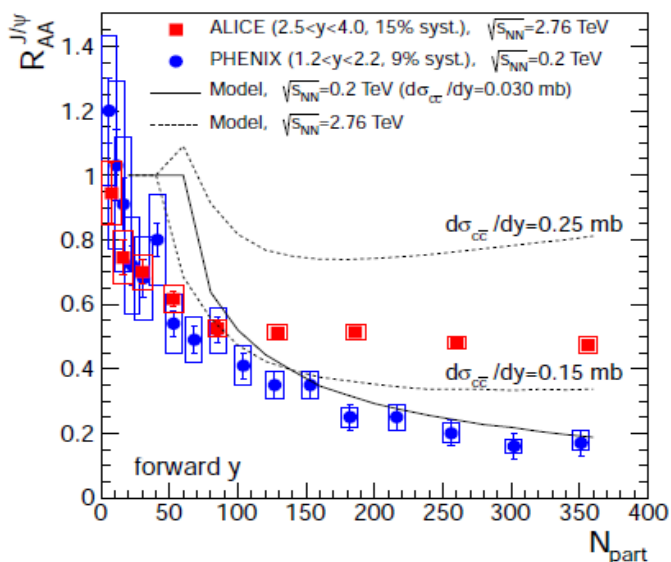
Charm and beauty  $R_{AA}$  down to  $p_T \sim 0$  using  $D^0$  and B-decay  $J/\psi$



Input values from BAMPS model: C. Greiner et al. arXiv:1205.4945

Charm  $v_2$  down to  $p_T \sim 0$  using prompt and beauty  $v_2$  down to B  $p_T \sim 0$  using B-decay  $D^0$

# J/psi as probe of deconfinement



di-electrons statistics limited,  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  will have huge effect

but also syst uncertainties will decrease with upgrade:

will also add TRD for electron id - reduced comb background

thinner ITS reduced radiation tail

both affect signal extraction