

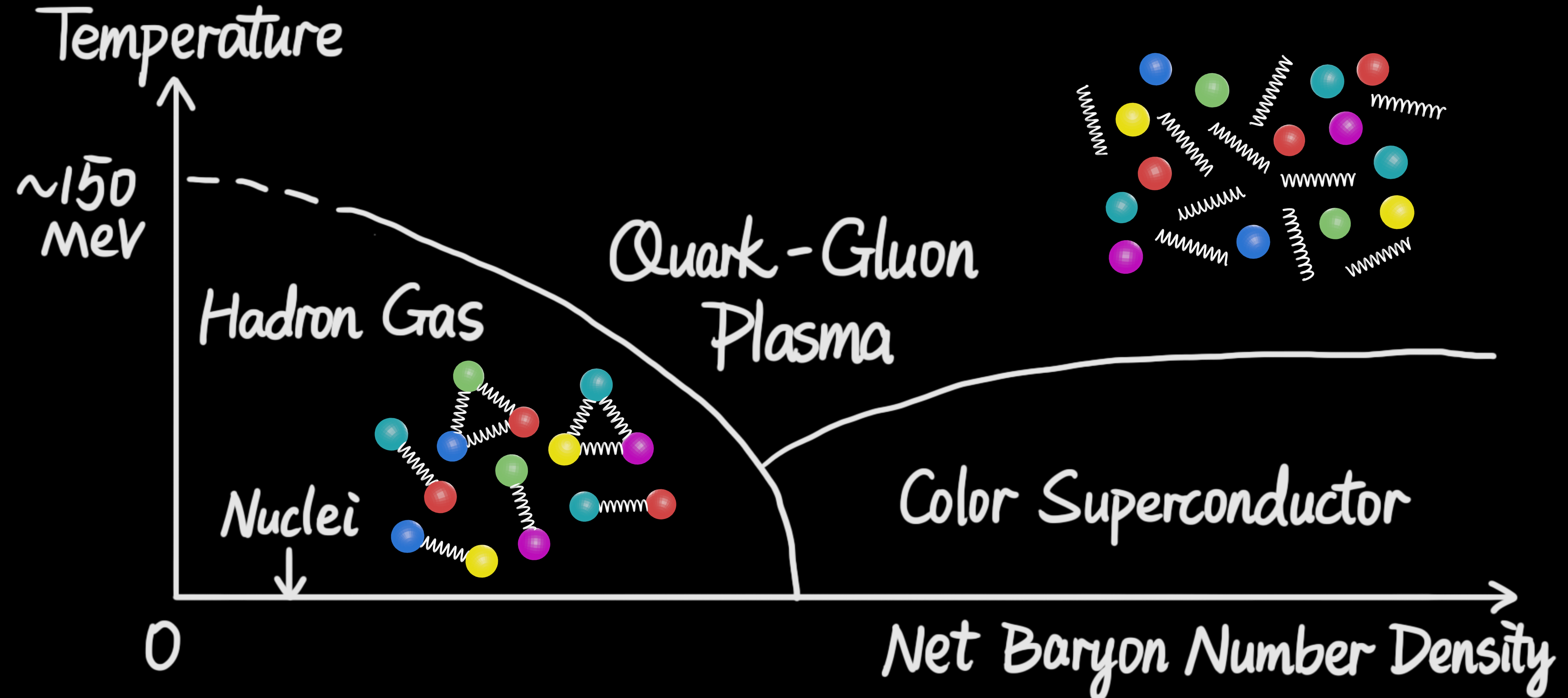
Heavy flavor, Quarkonia and Exotic hadrons in Hot QCD

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Being Hot Matters



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

|| Before collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)



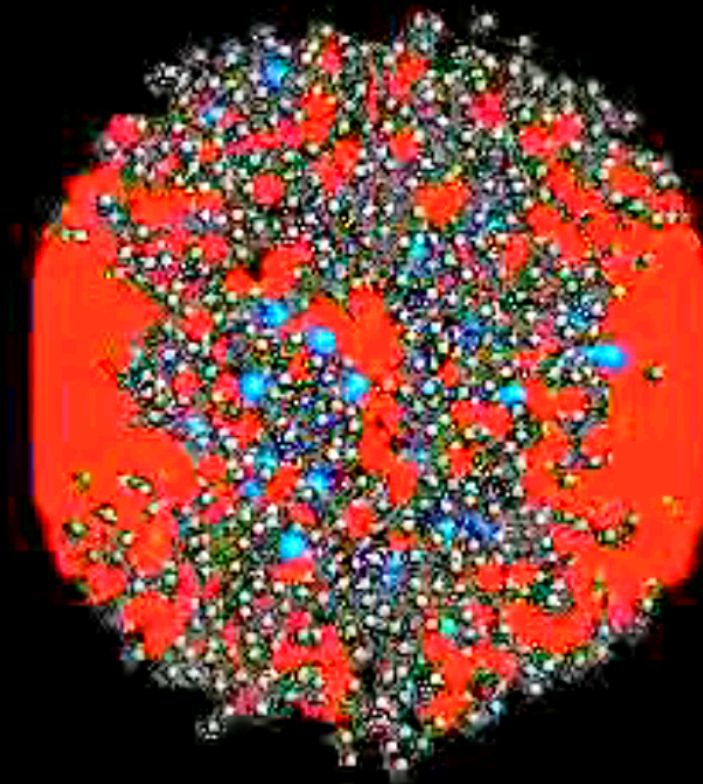
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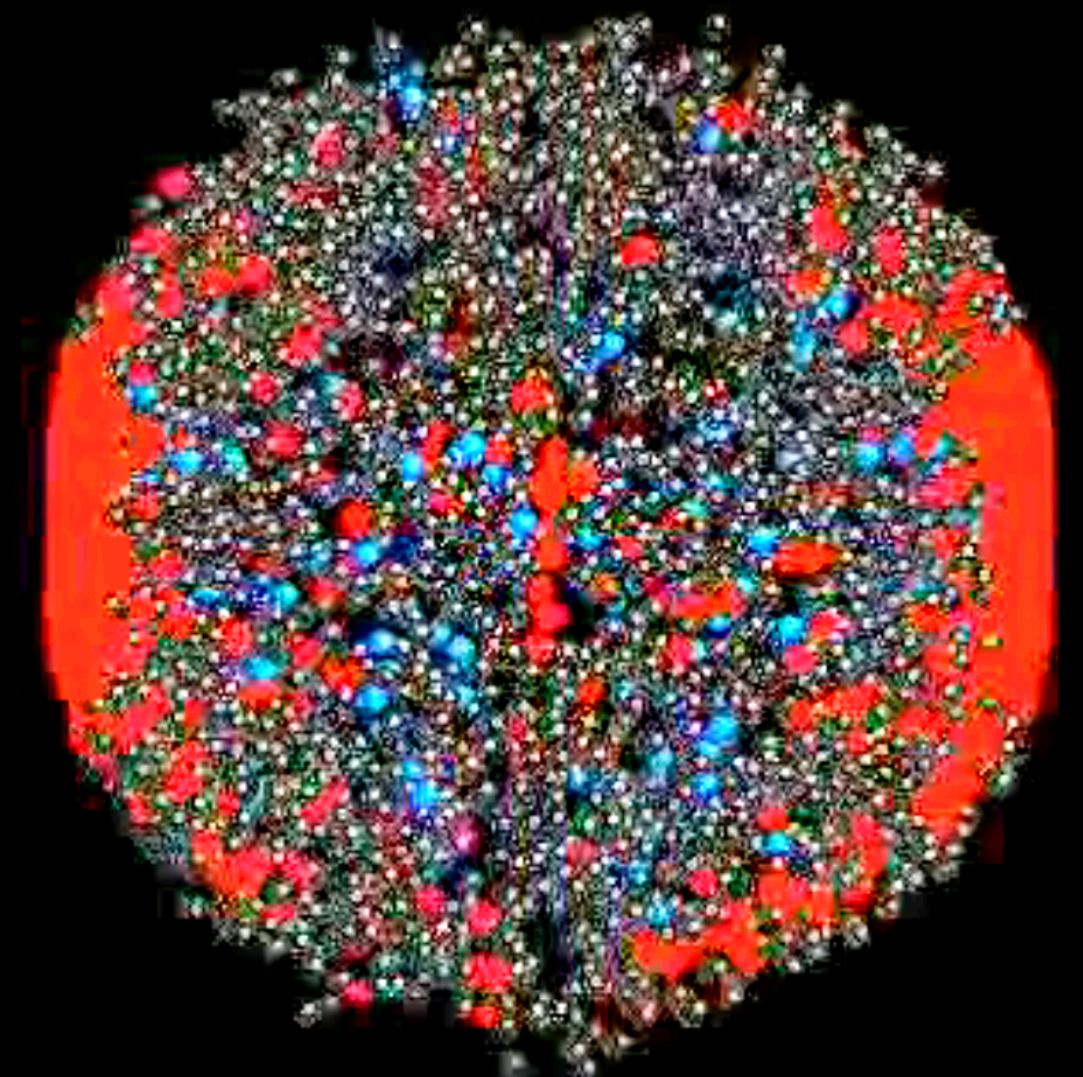
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Cool down while expansion



Hadronization



● Quark Gluon Plasma

● Baryons

● Mesons

Understand Quark Gluon Plasma

Soft collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)

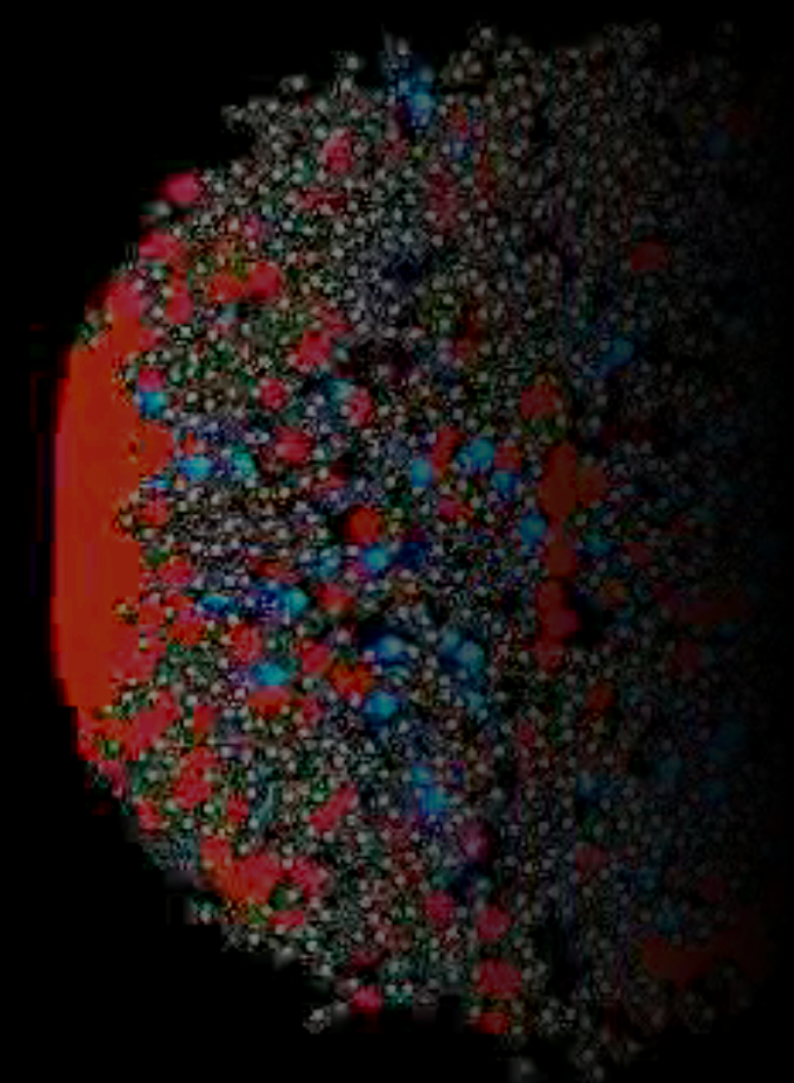
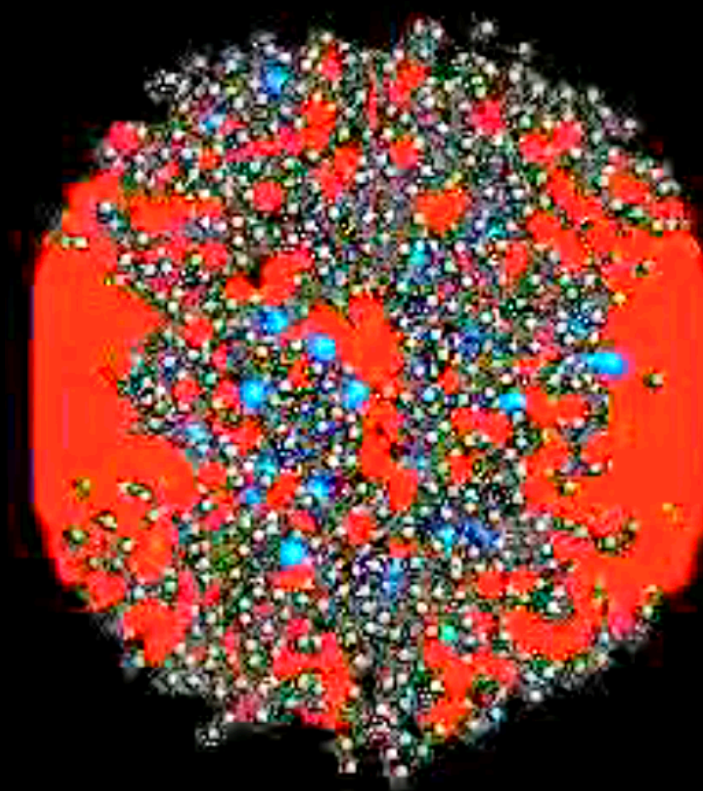
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Behave like a low-viscosity fluid

Hadronization

Quark Gluon Plasma

Next - can we see microscopic structure?

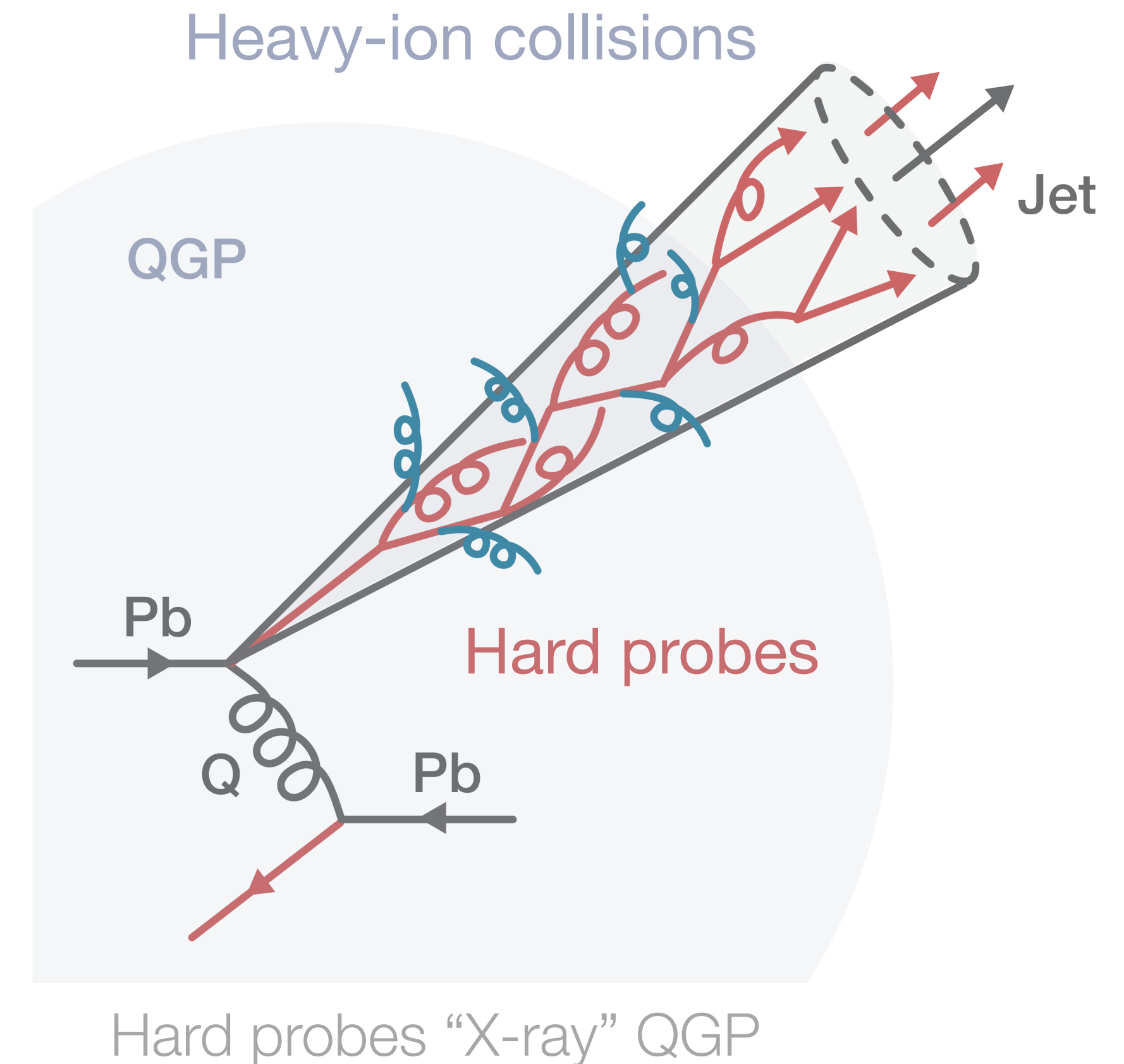
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Hard Probes

Hard (large Q) \rightarrow High p_T energetic particles

- $Q \sim 1/\tau$
 - Produced early \rightarrow Unique process, high T
- $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 - Initial production with pQCD
- $Q \gg T_{\text{QGP}}$
 - Seldom produced in QGP
- With color charge
 - Interact with QGP

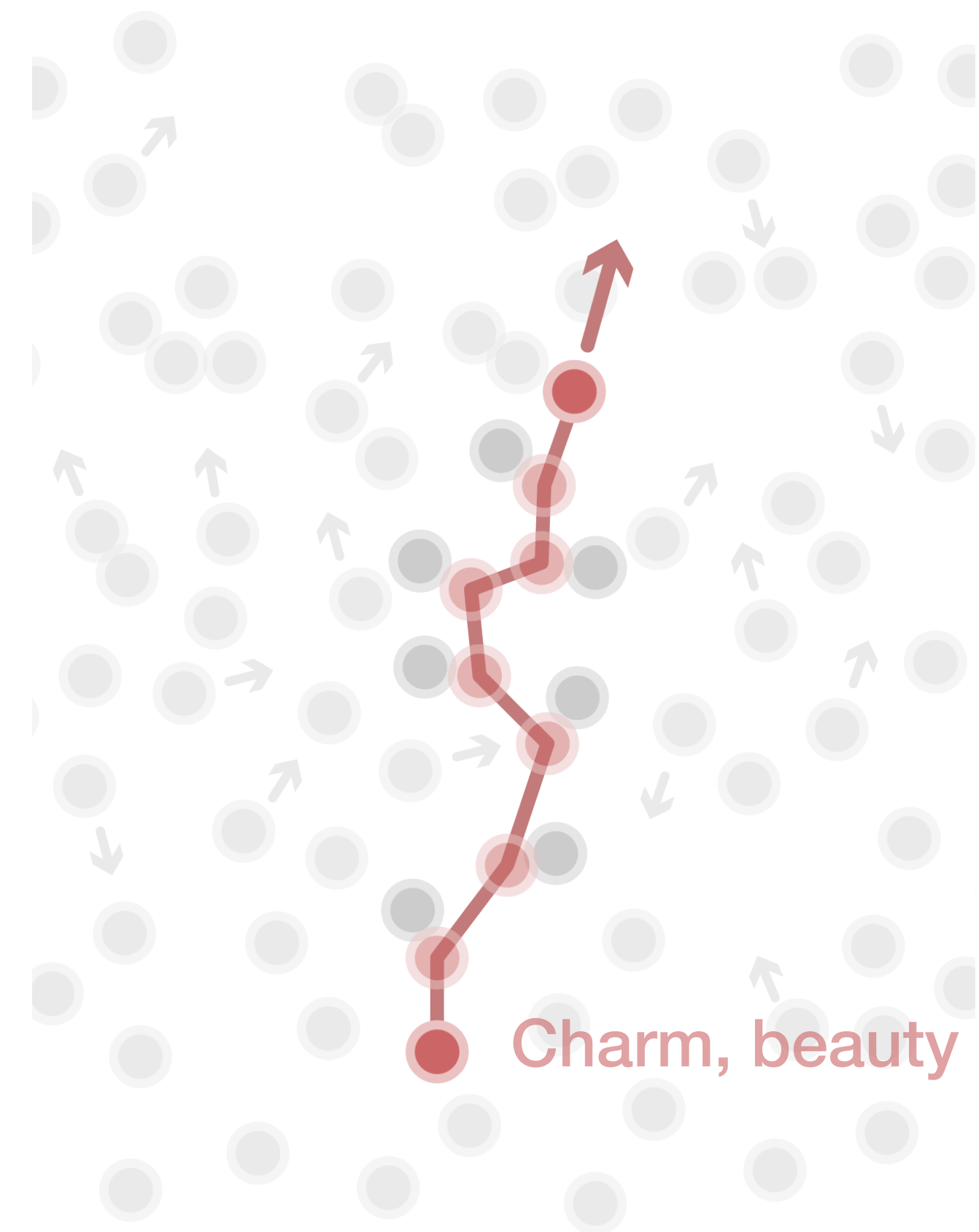


How to probe different length scale structures?

Special Hard Probe: Heavy Flavors

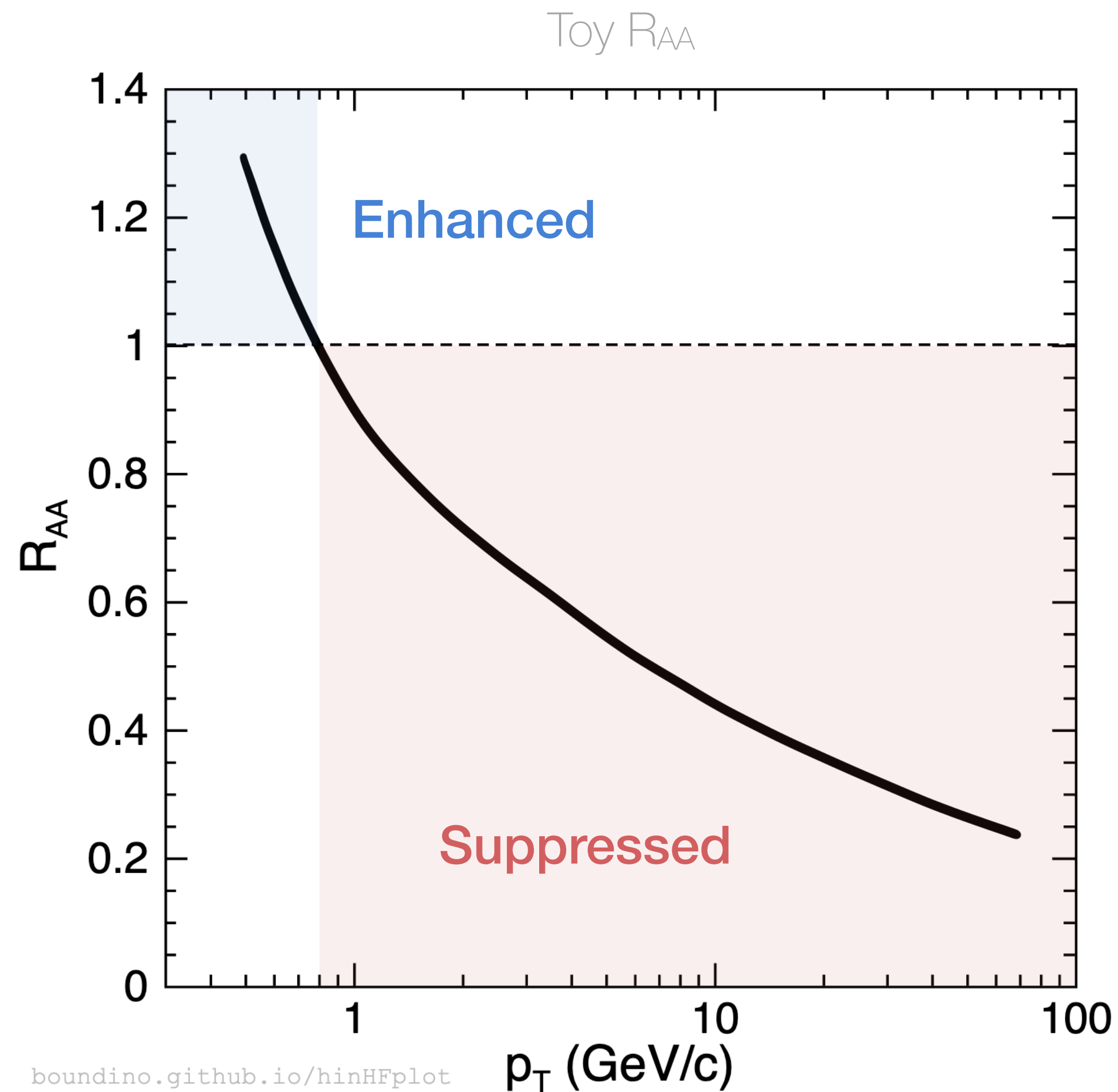
Large mass m_{HQ} \rightarrow Unique slow HP

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



Heavy quark diffusion in QGP

Modification of Particle Spectra



Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

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

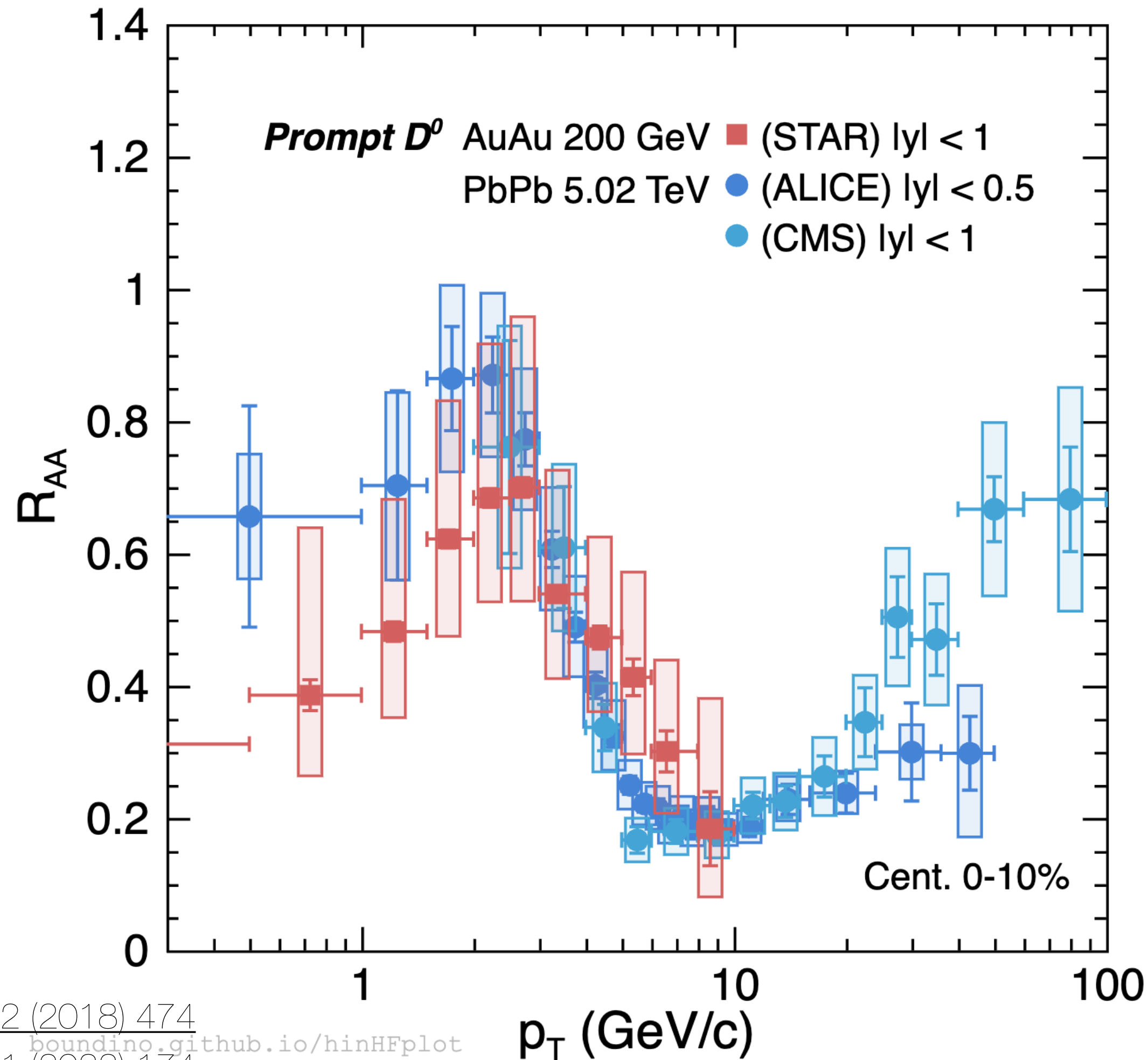
$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{T_{AA} d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

← Heavy-ion

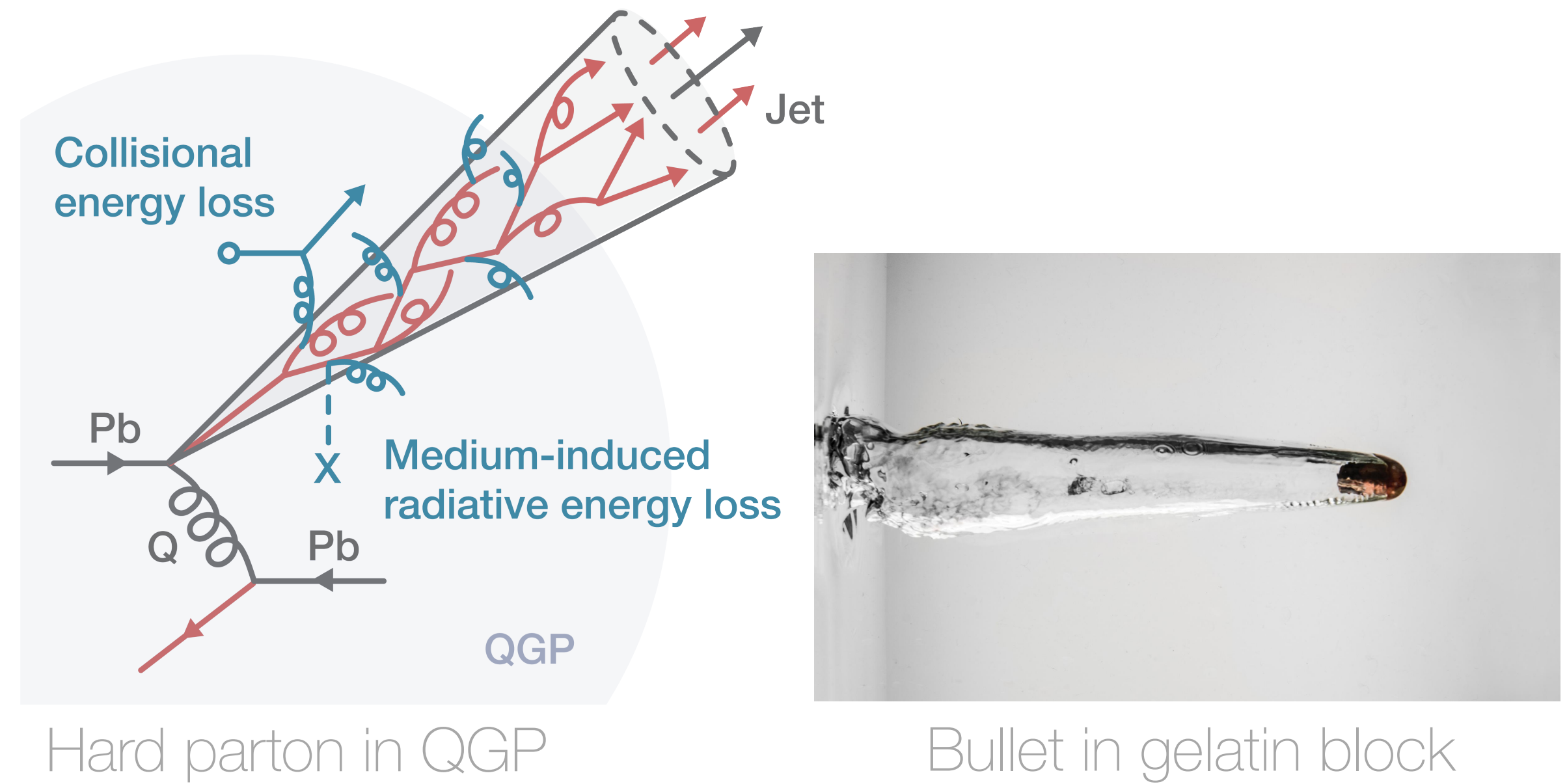
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Suppression of Charm Meson D^0

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



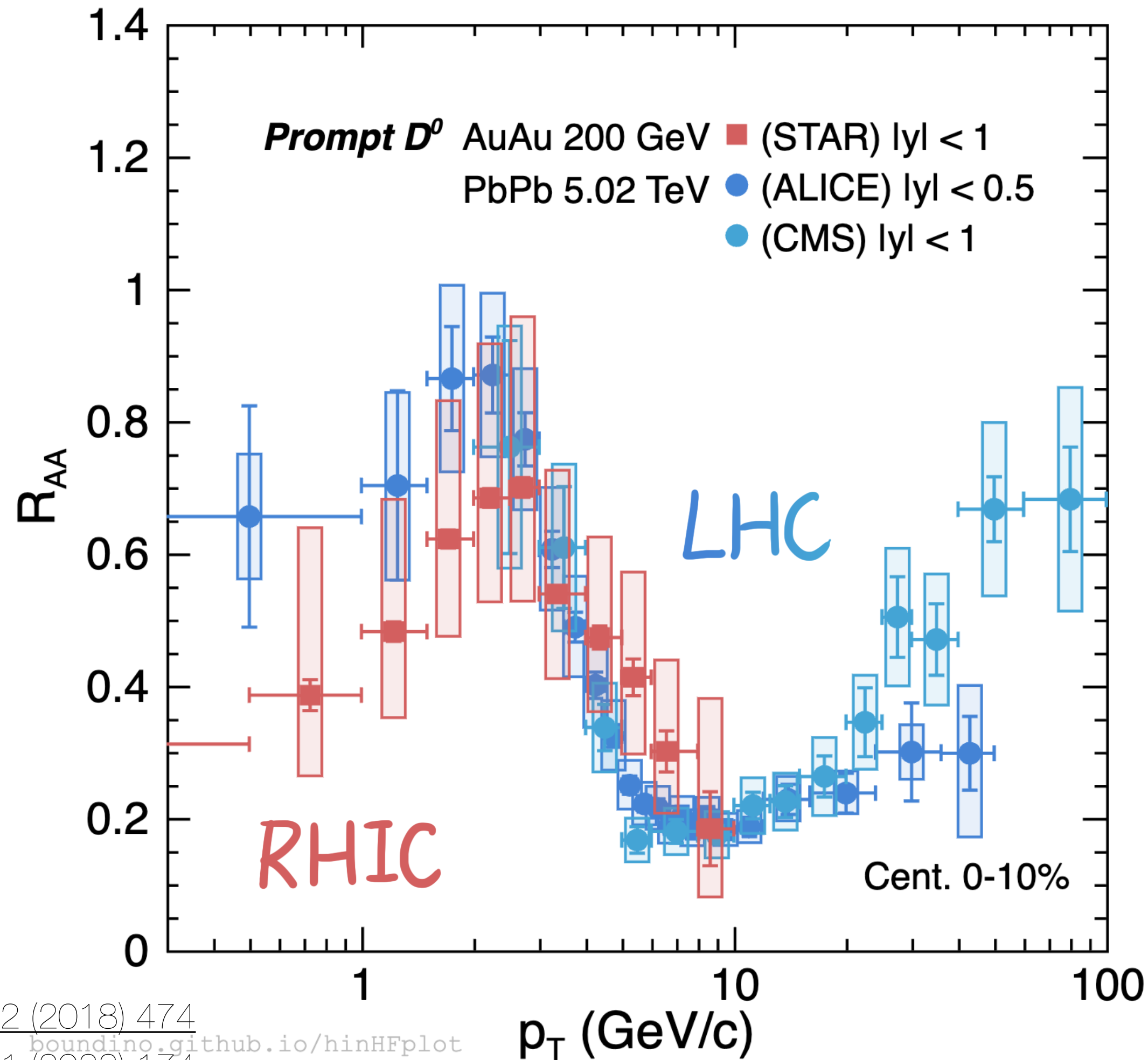
- $D^0 R_{AA} < 1$ in wide kinematics
 - Lose energy in QGP via collisions (low p_T) and radiations (high p_T)
 - Unique info from low p_T



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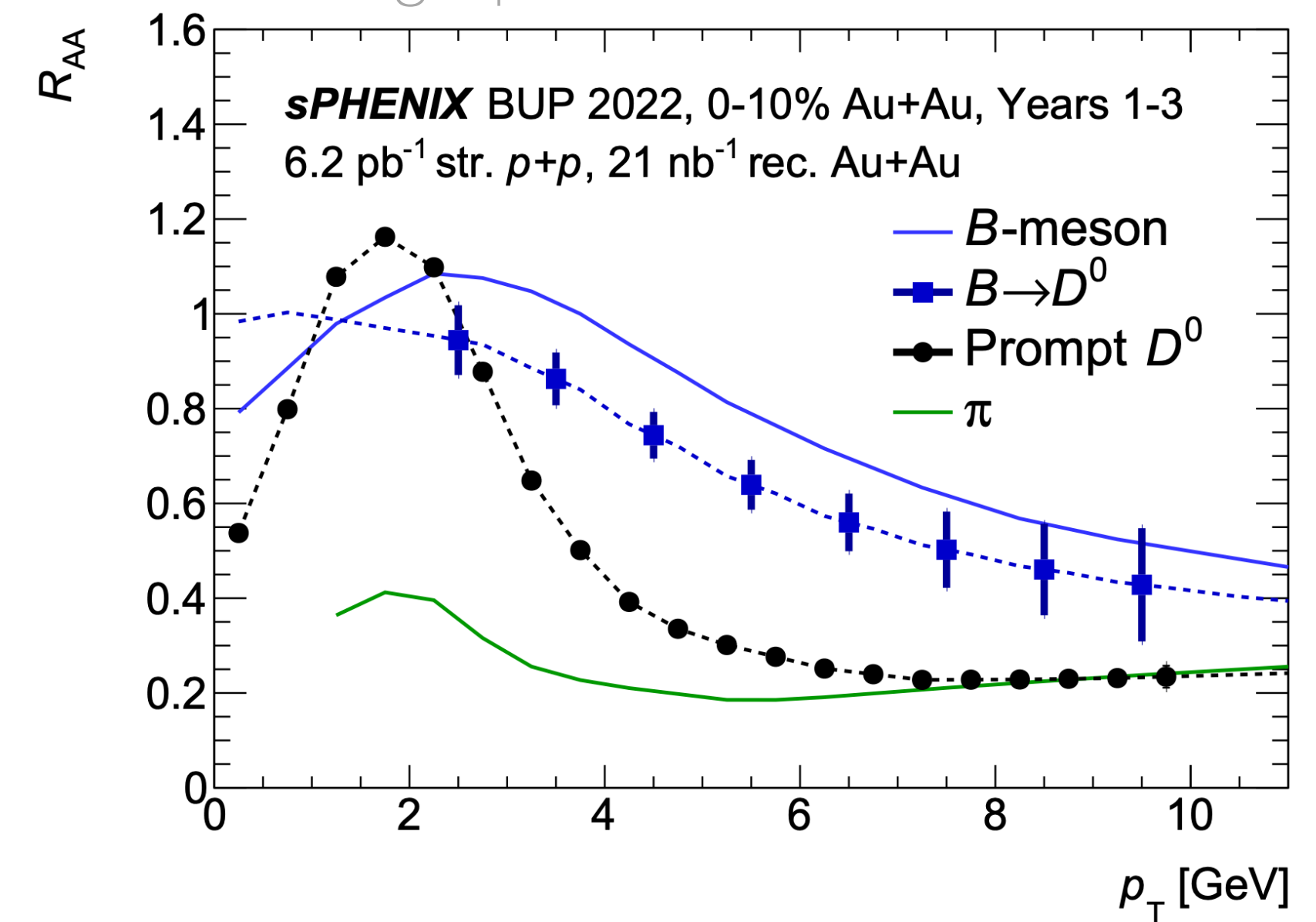
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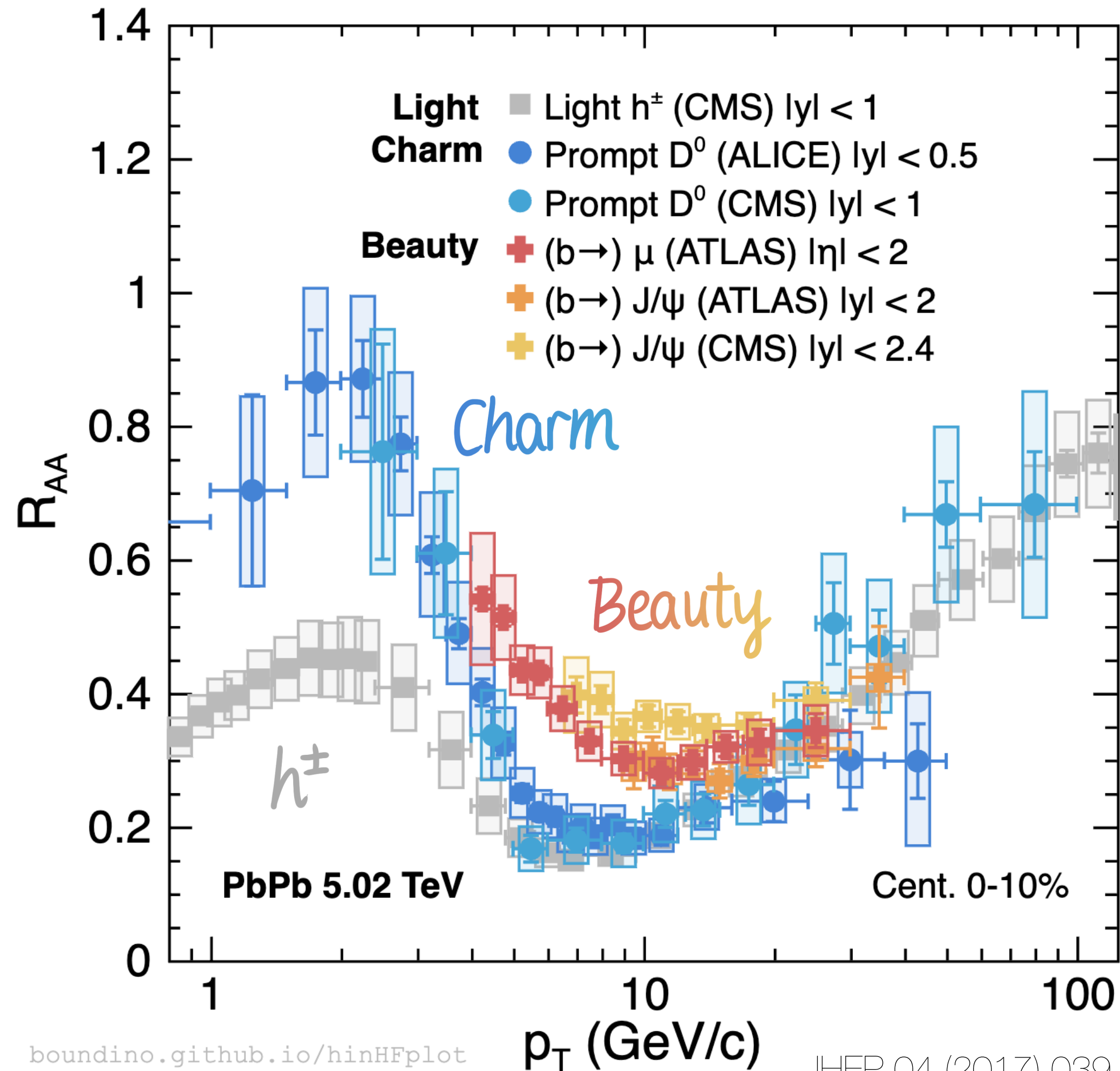
- Similar $D^0 R_{AA}$ in **LHC & RHIC** in overlap region?
 - Despite different temperature & size

High-precision at sPHENIX

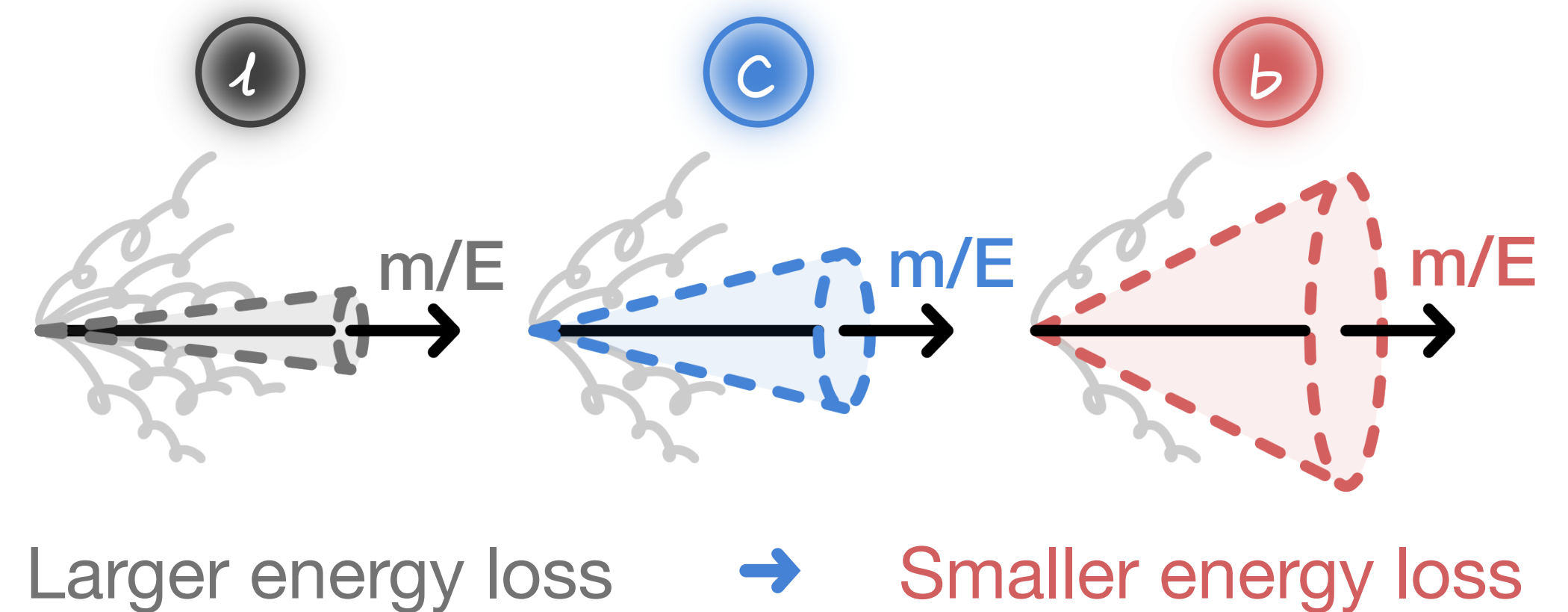


Flavor Dependence of Energy Loss

R_{AA} vs. Flavors



- Dead cone effect
 - Radiation is suppressed inside $\theta < m/E$
 - Energy loss $\Delta E_l > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$



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p_T (GeV/c)

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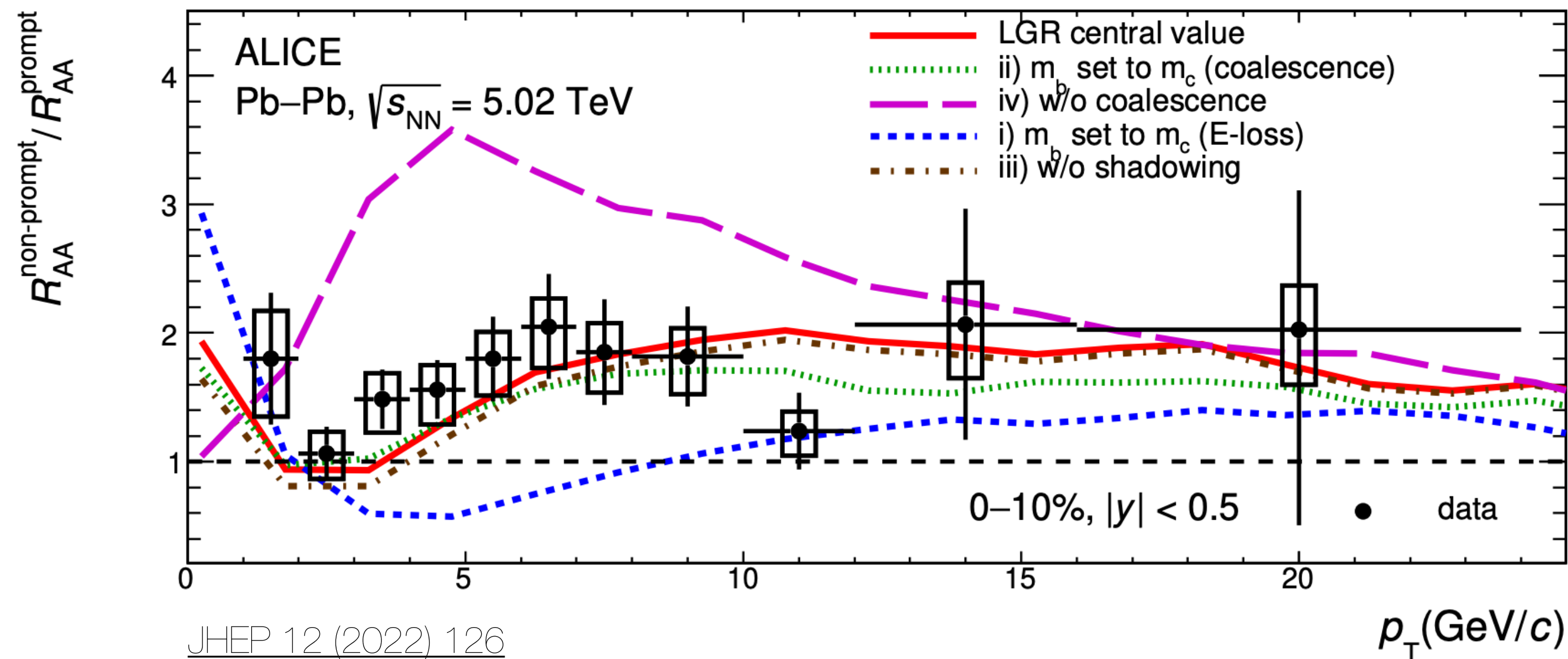
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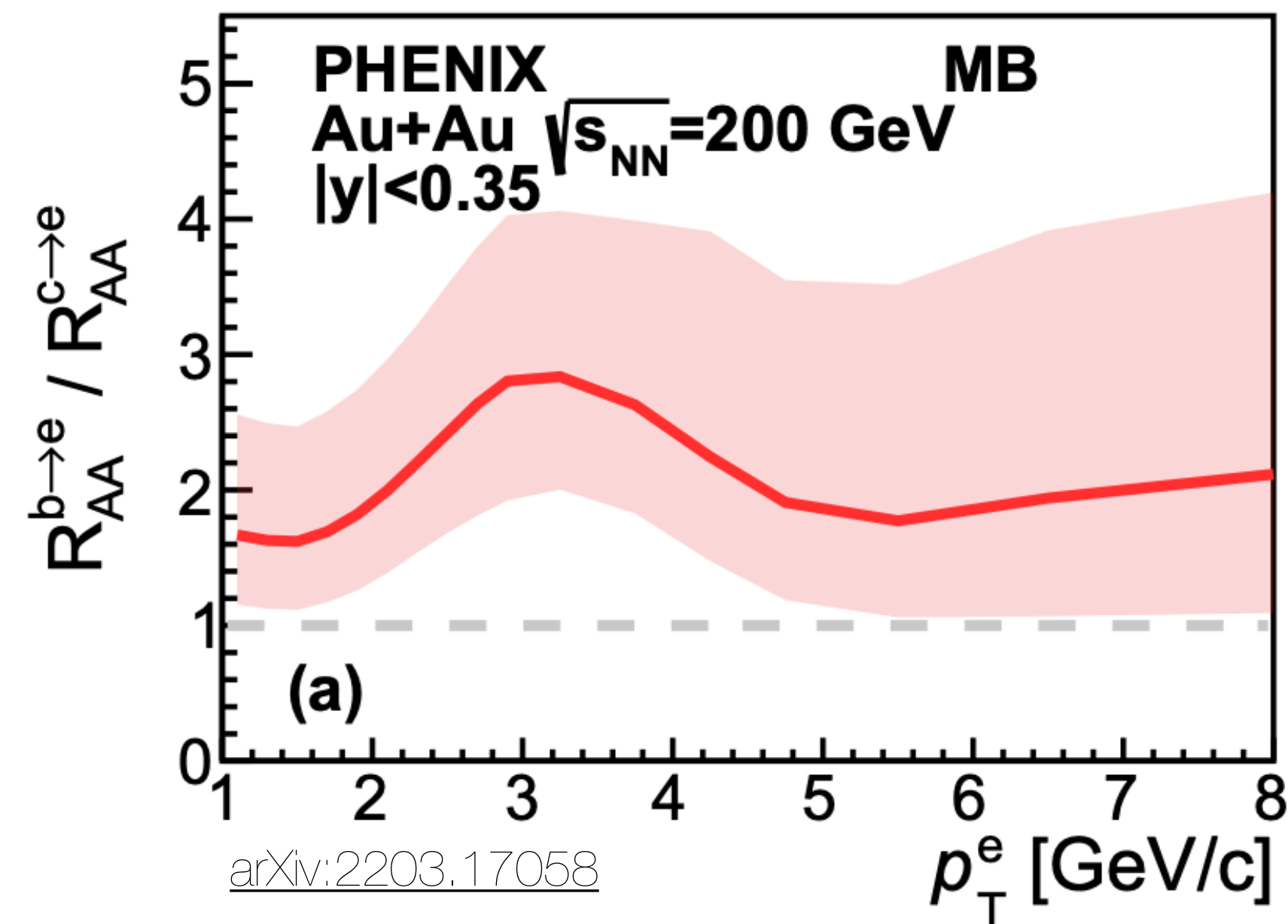
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Flavor Dependence of R_{AA}

$b \rightarrow D^0 / c \rightarrow D^0 R_{AA}$ in PbPb

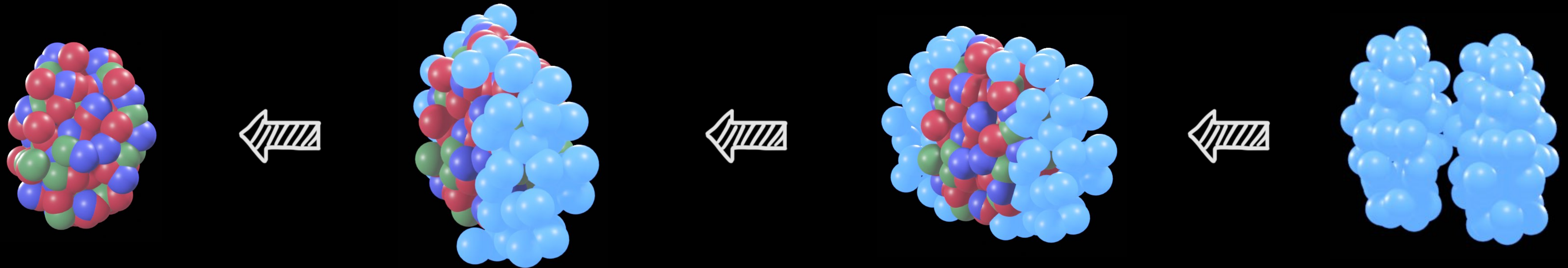


$b \rightarrow e / c \rightarrow e R_{AA}$ in AuAu



- **Interplay** of energy loss, shadowing, flow, coalescence, spectrum shape, nPDF
 - Model suggests difference at **intermediate** p_T results from energy loss
- Test transport models over all flavors and collision systems simultaneously

Initial Spatial Anisotropy of Medium



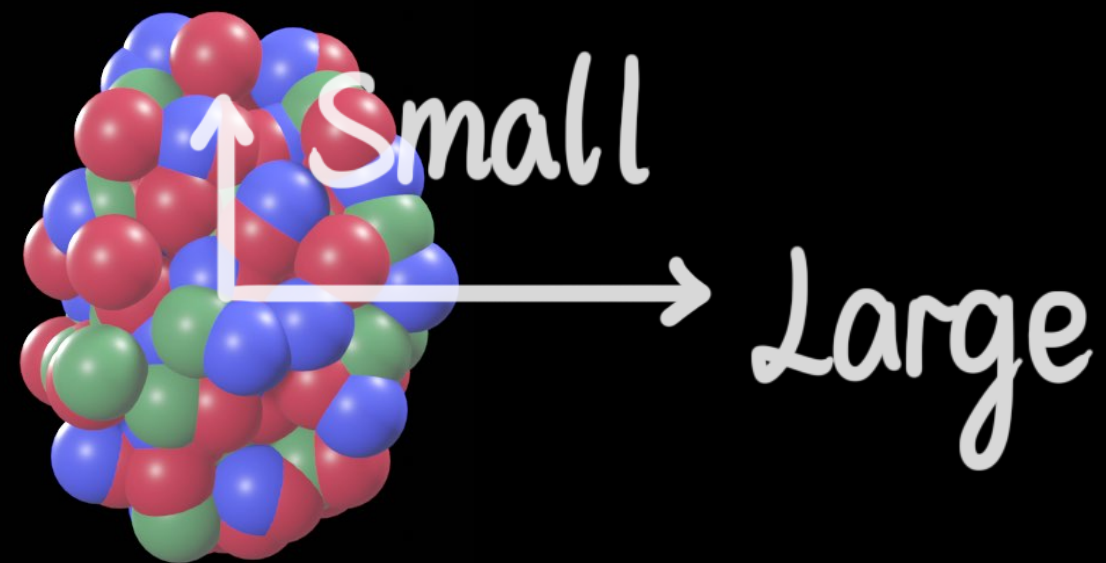
Azimuthal anisotropic Initial shape in peripheral* events

*Peripheral: relatively large impact parameter

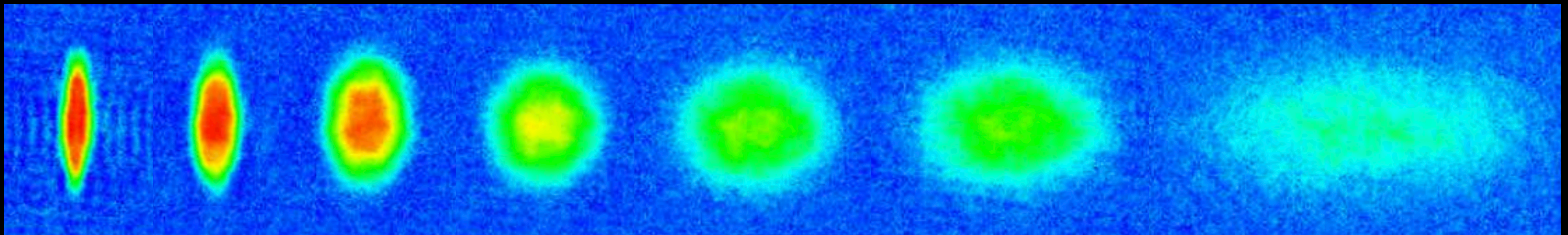
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Collective Flow

Pressure gradient



Time

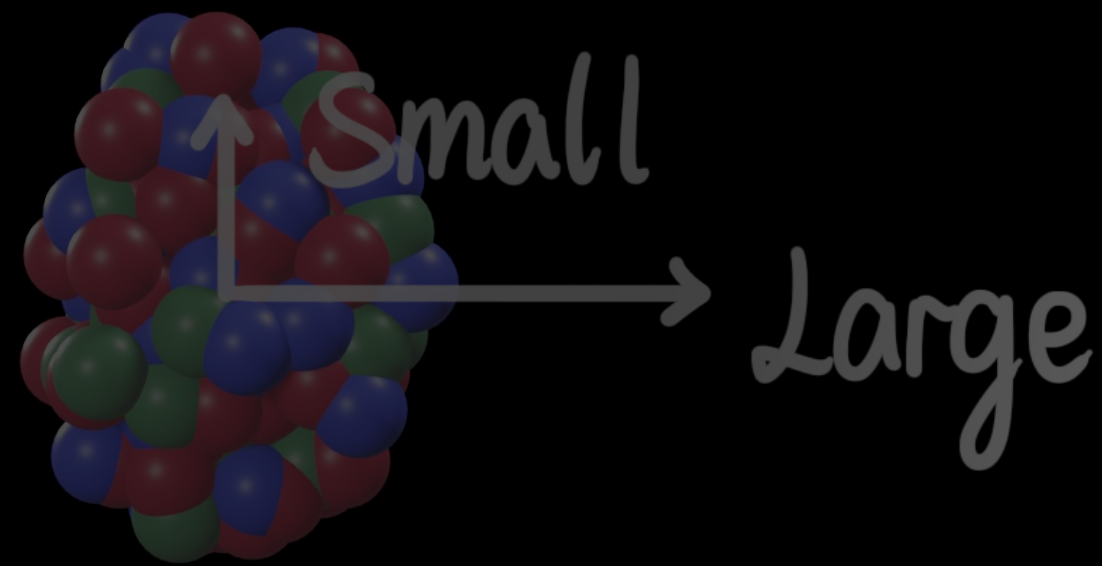


Pressure driven expansion

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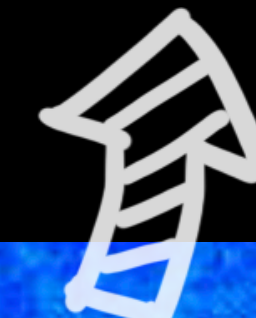
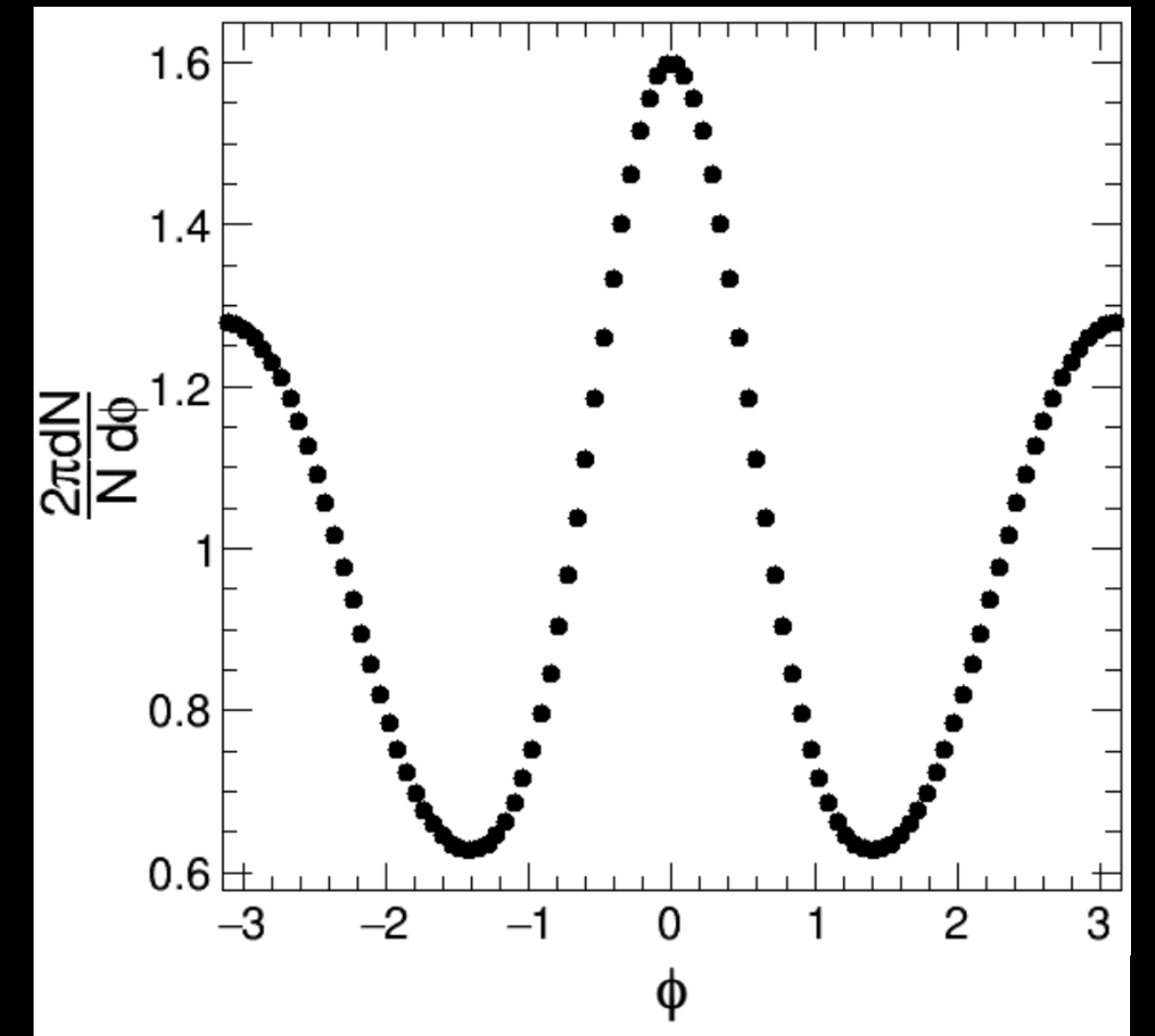
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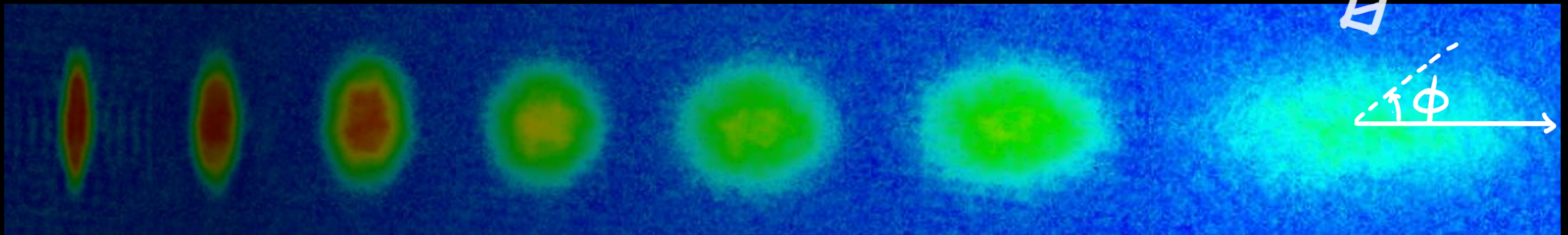
Existence of QGP → Final-state particle azimuthal anisotropy

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

→ Elliptic $v_2 \neq 0$



→ Time

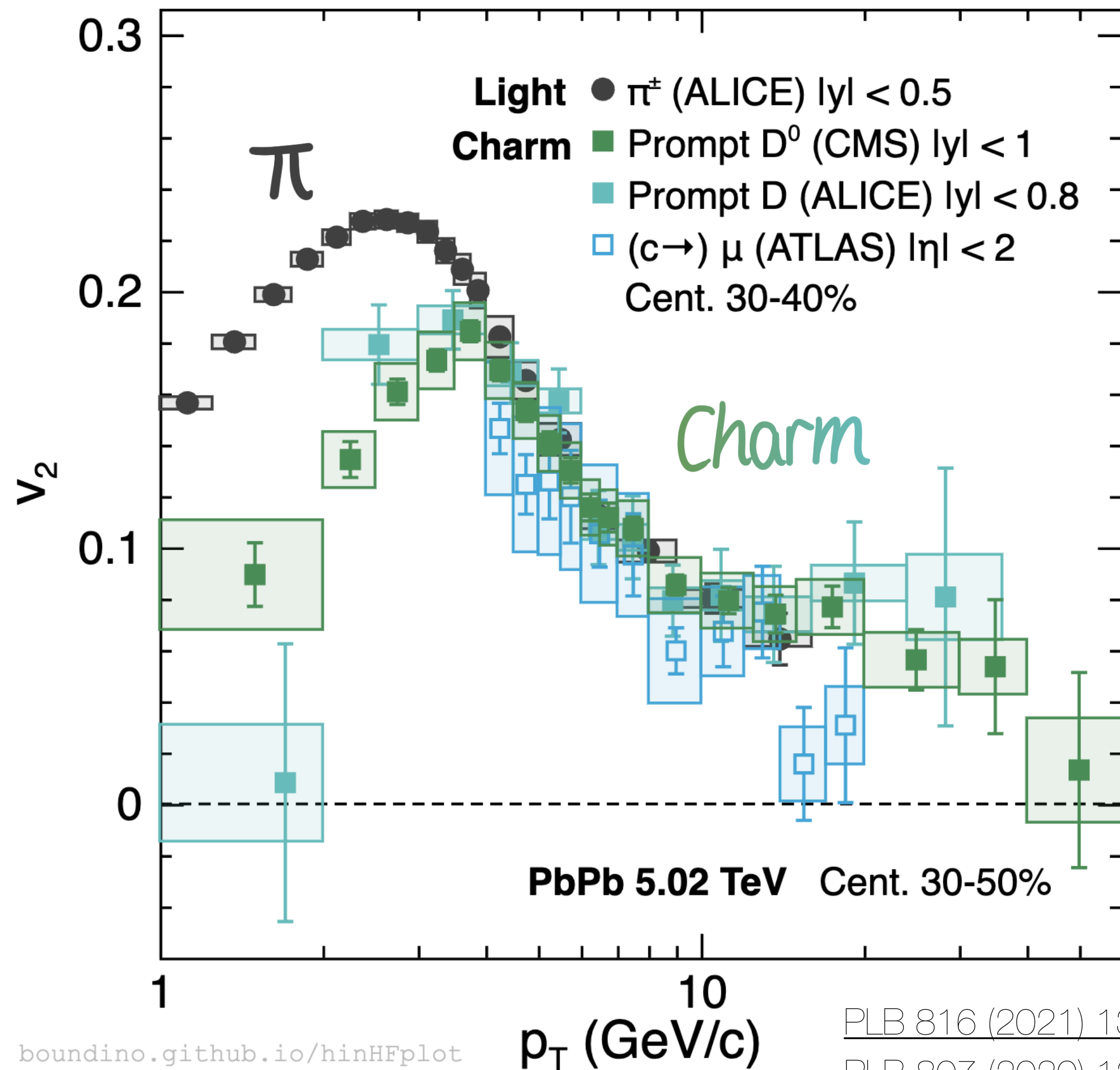


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Charm Flow Signal in PbPb

Open charm v_2 in PbPb



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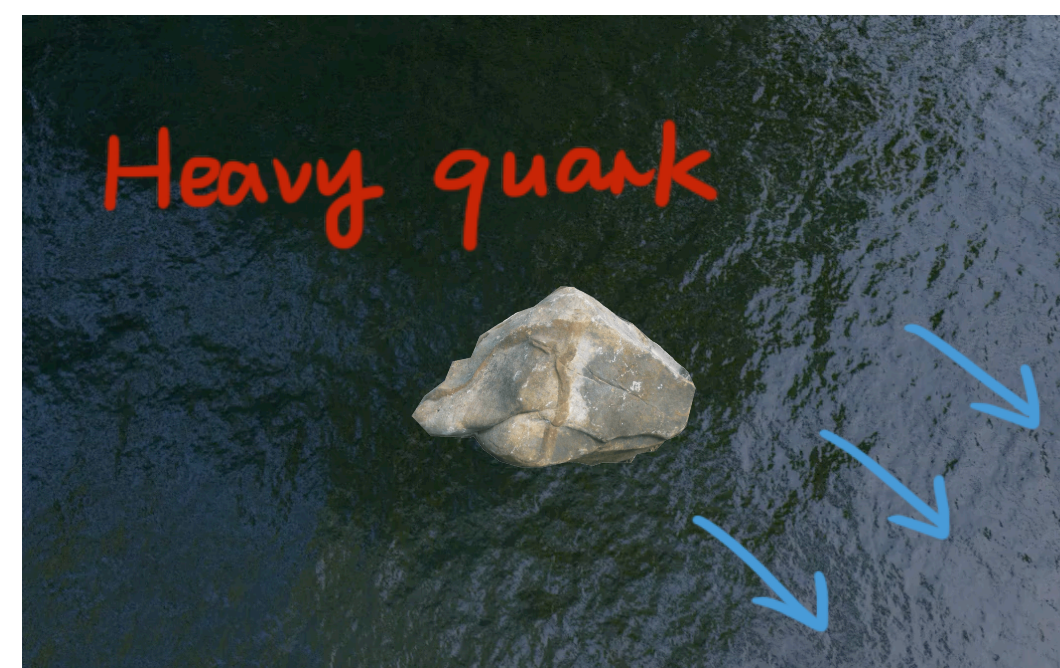
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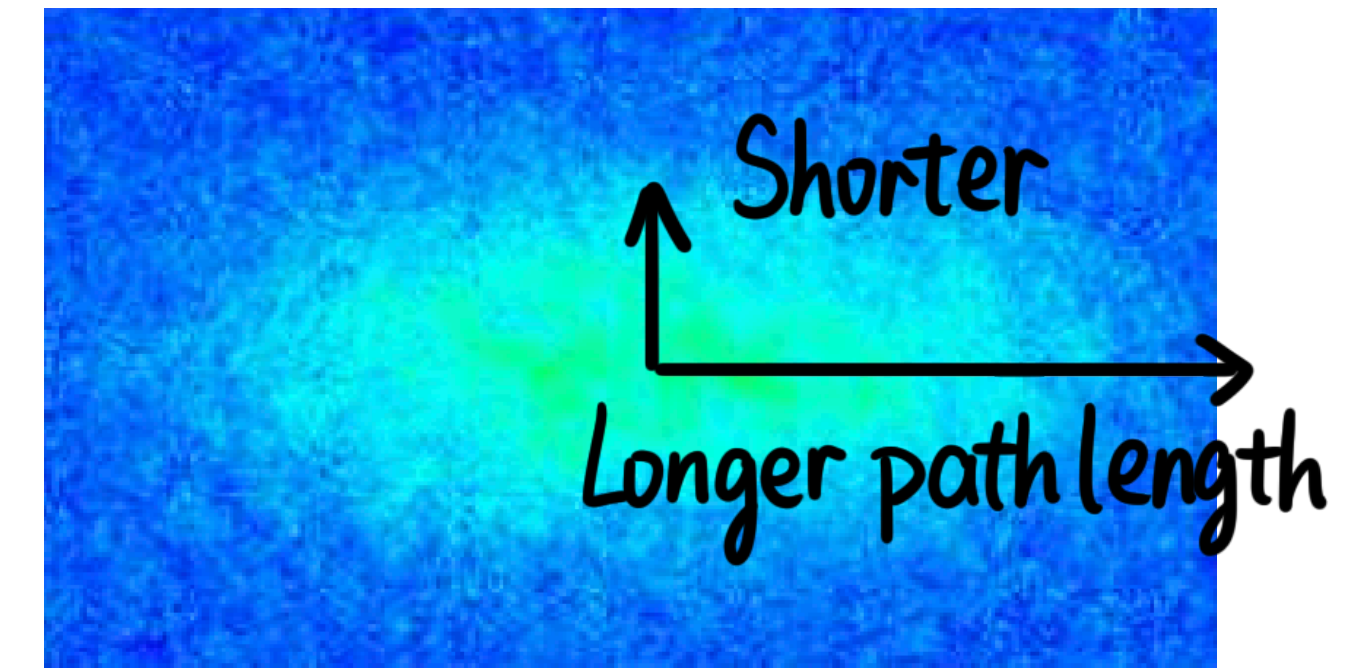
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- Heavy flavor **flow signal** well-established
 - **Flavor hierarchy** at low p_T
 - Magnitude reflects thermalization degree
- Non-zero v_2 up to high $p_T \sim 40$ GeV
 - **Path-length dependence of energy loss**

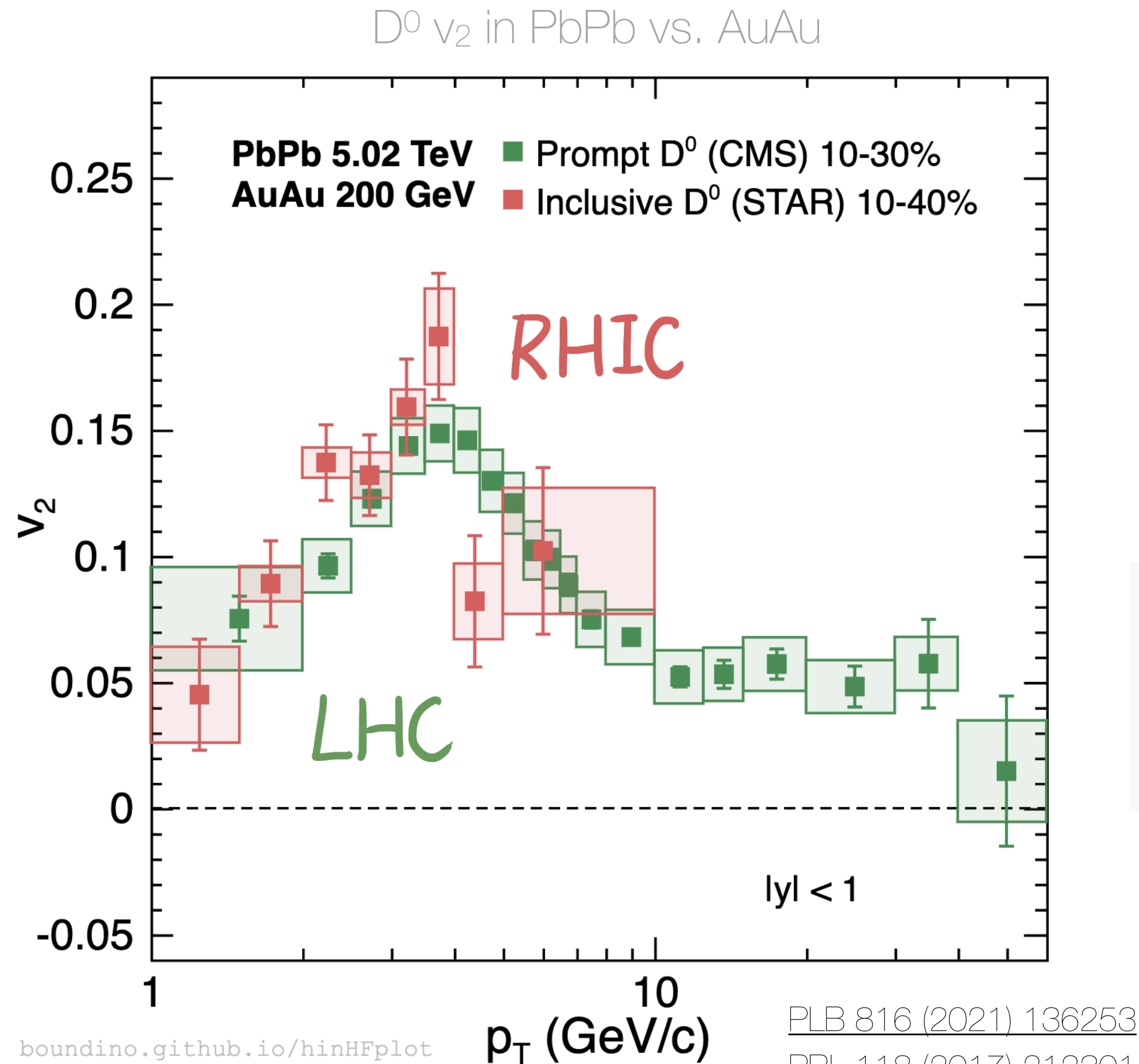
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Path-length anisotropy

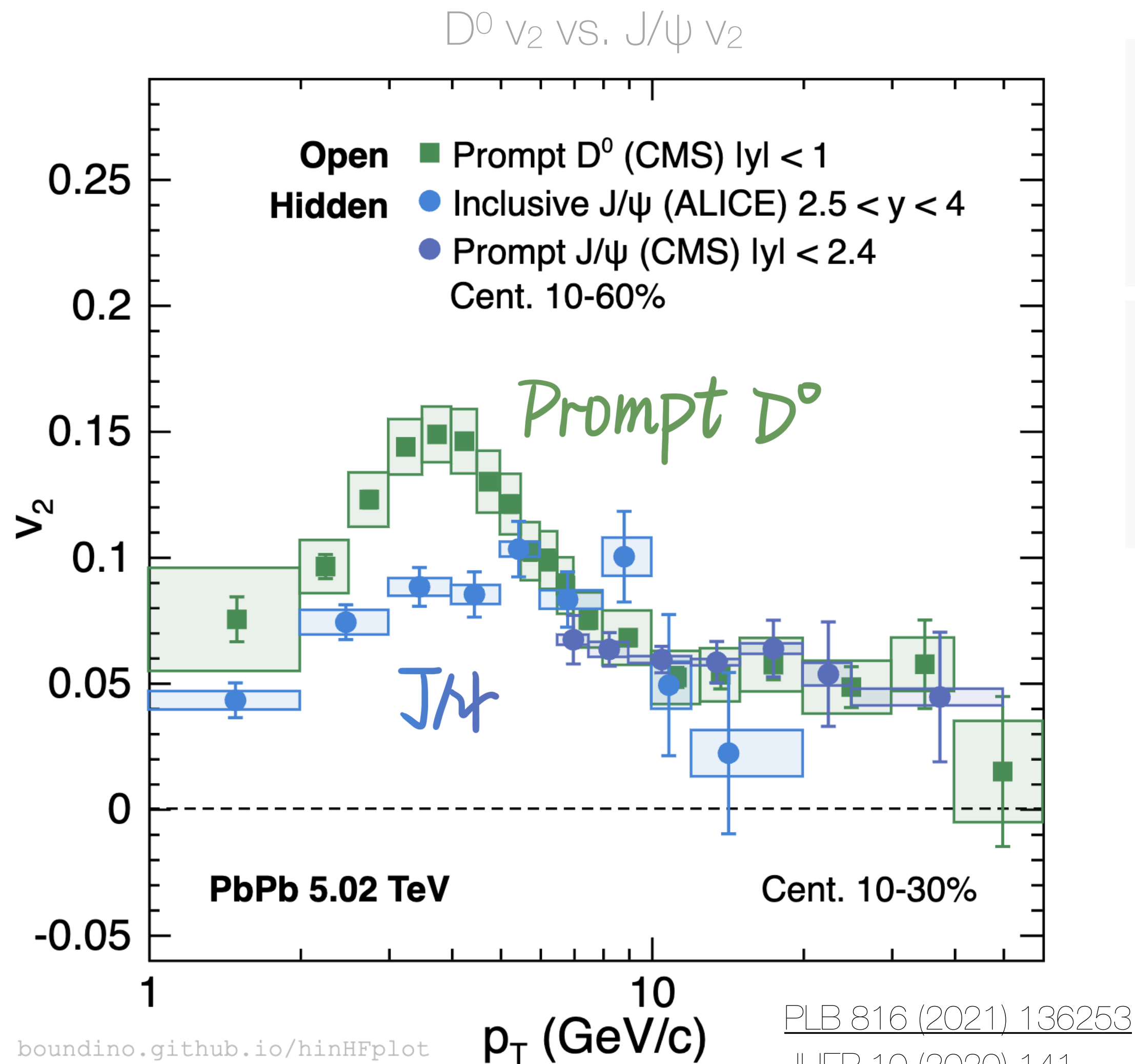


Charm Flow Signal: LHC vs. RHIC



- Heavy flavor flow signal well-established
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- Non-zero v_2 up to high p_T ~ 40 GeV
 - Path-length dependence of energy loss
- LHC vs. RHIC
 - **Similar $D v_2$ \rightarrow despite different T & size?**
 - Decisive precision at sPHENIX

J/ψ Flow Signal at LHC



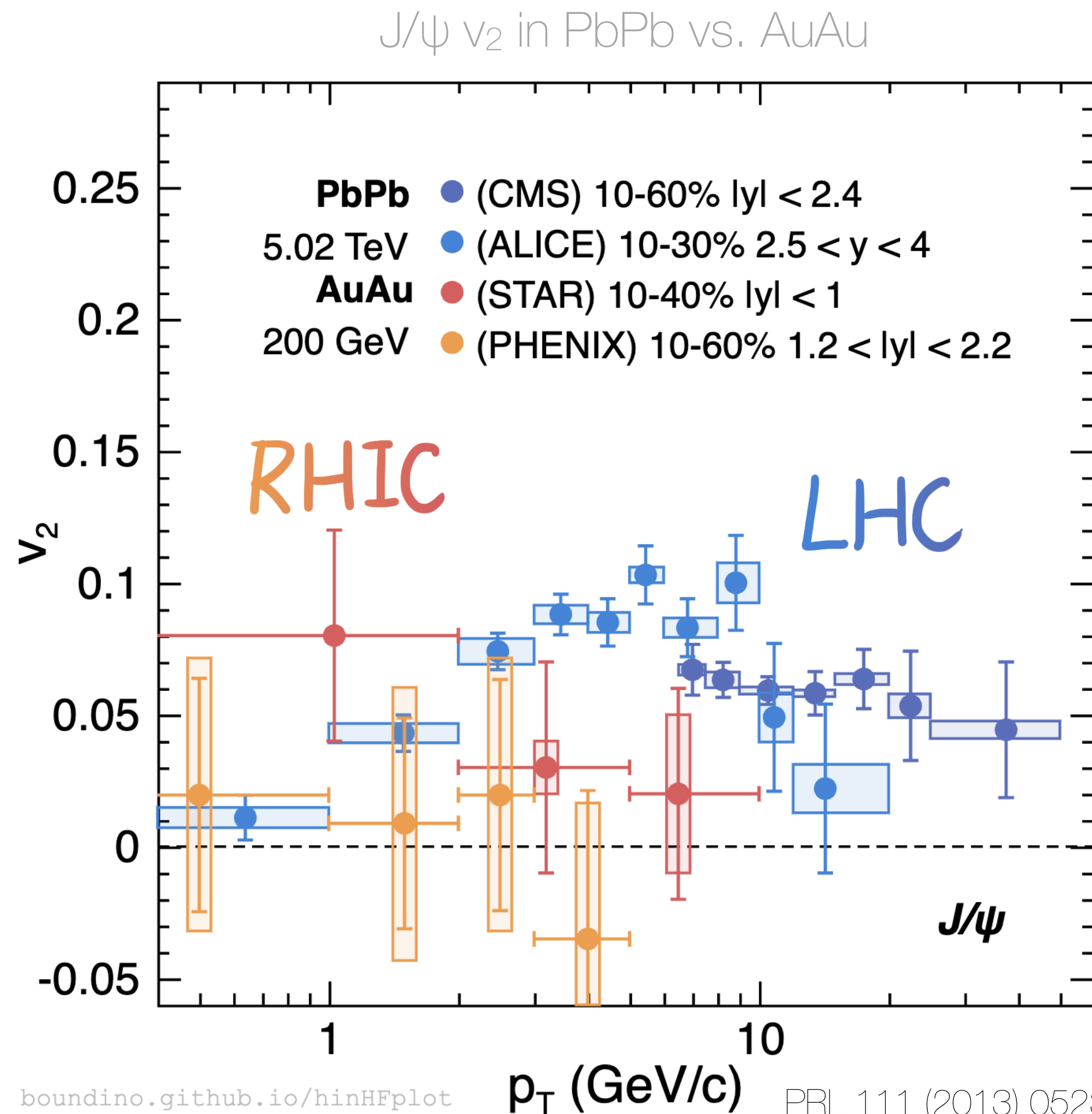
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p_T (GeV/c)

[PRL 111 \(2013\) 052301](#)

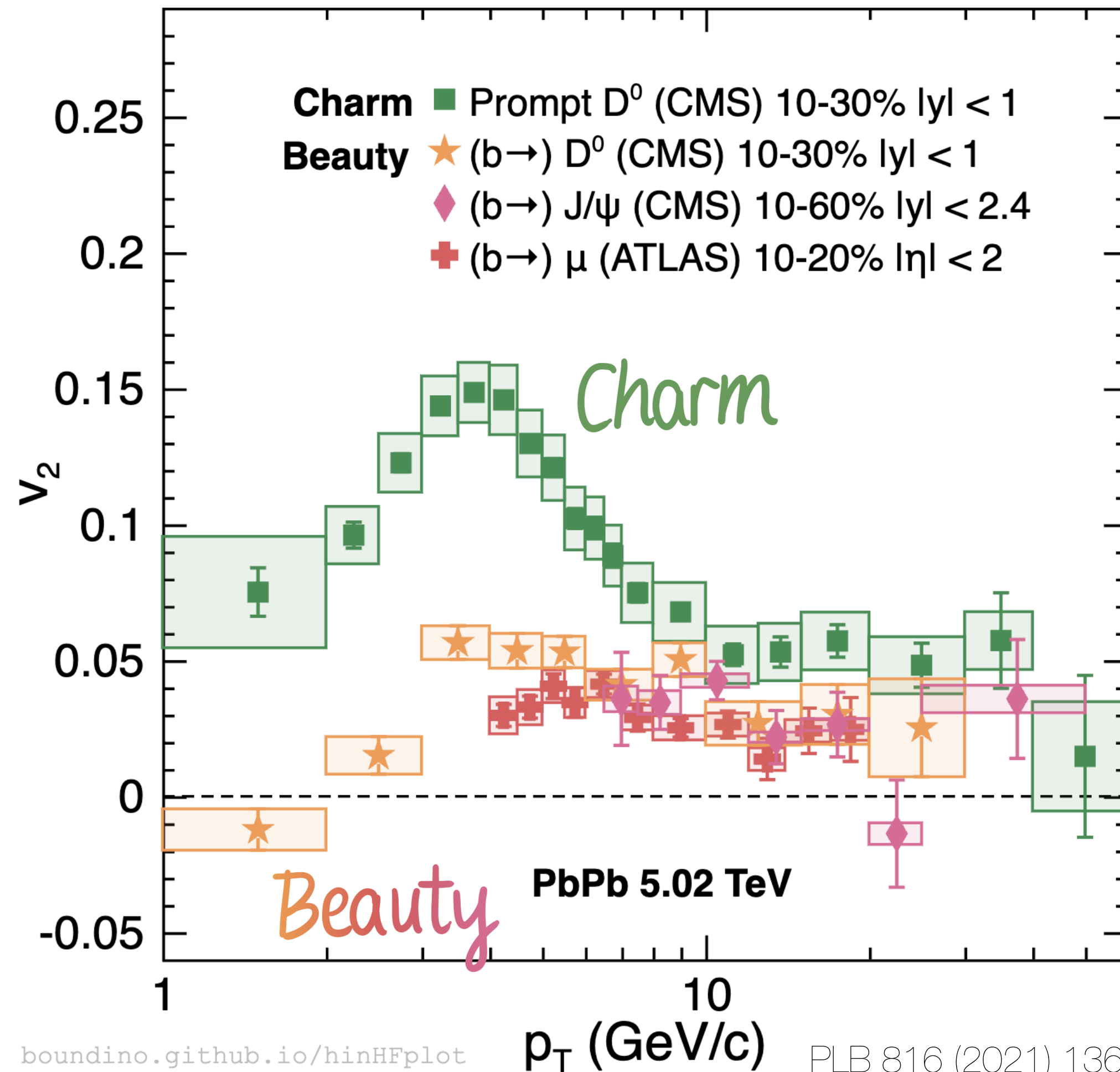
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Beauty Flow Signal

Charm v_2 vs. Beauty v_2



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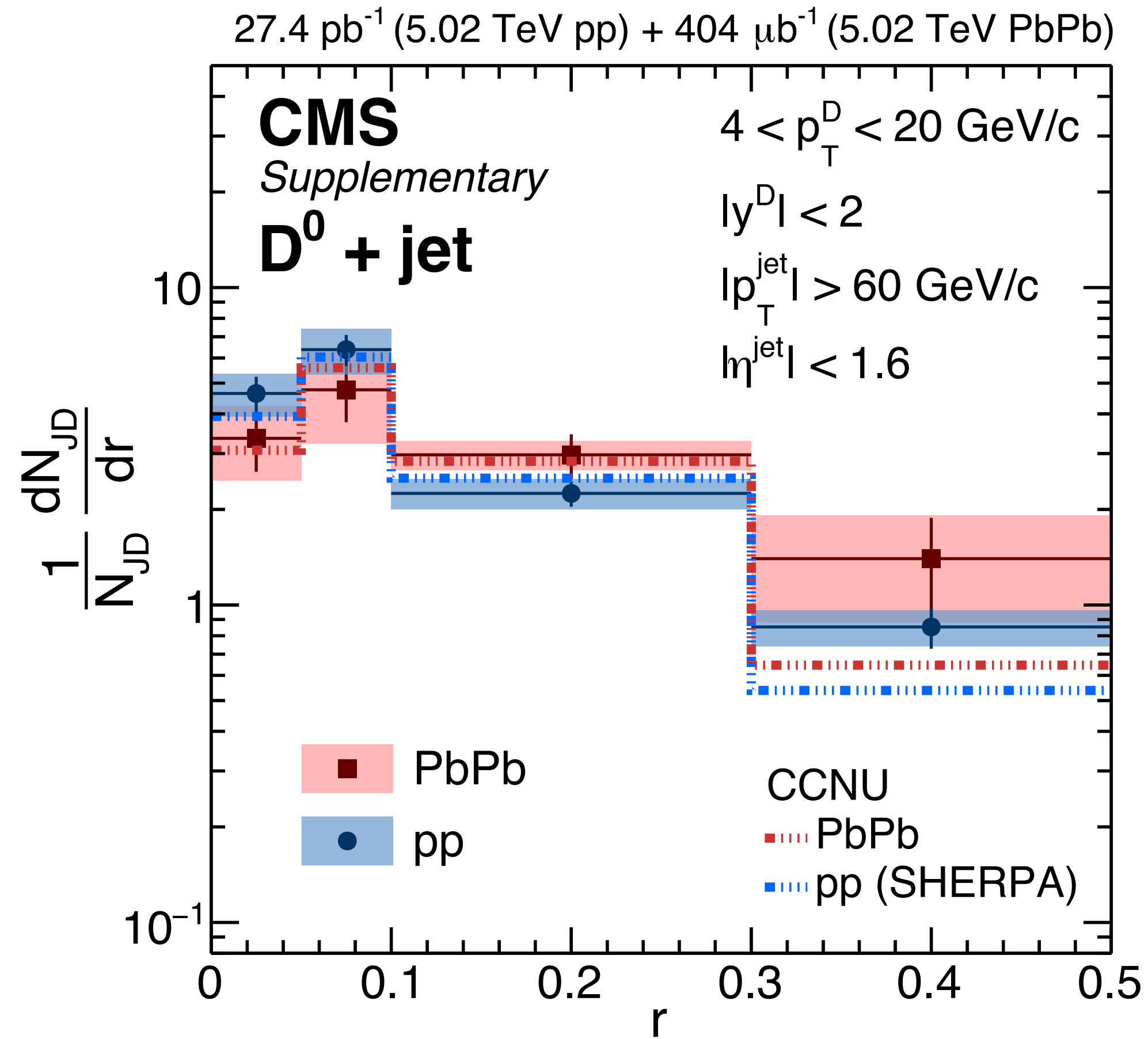
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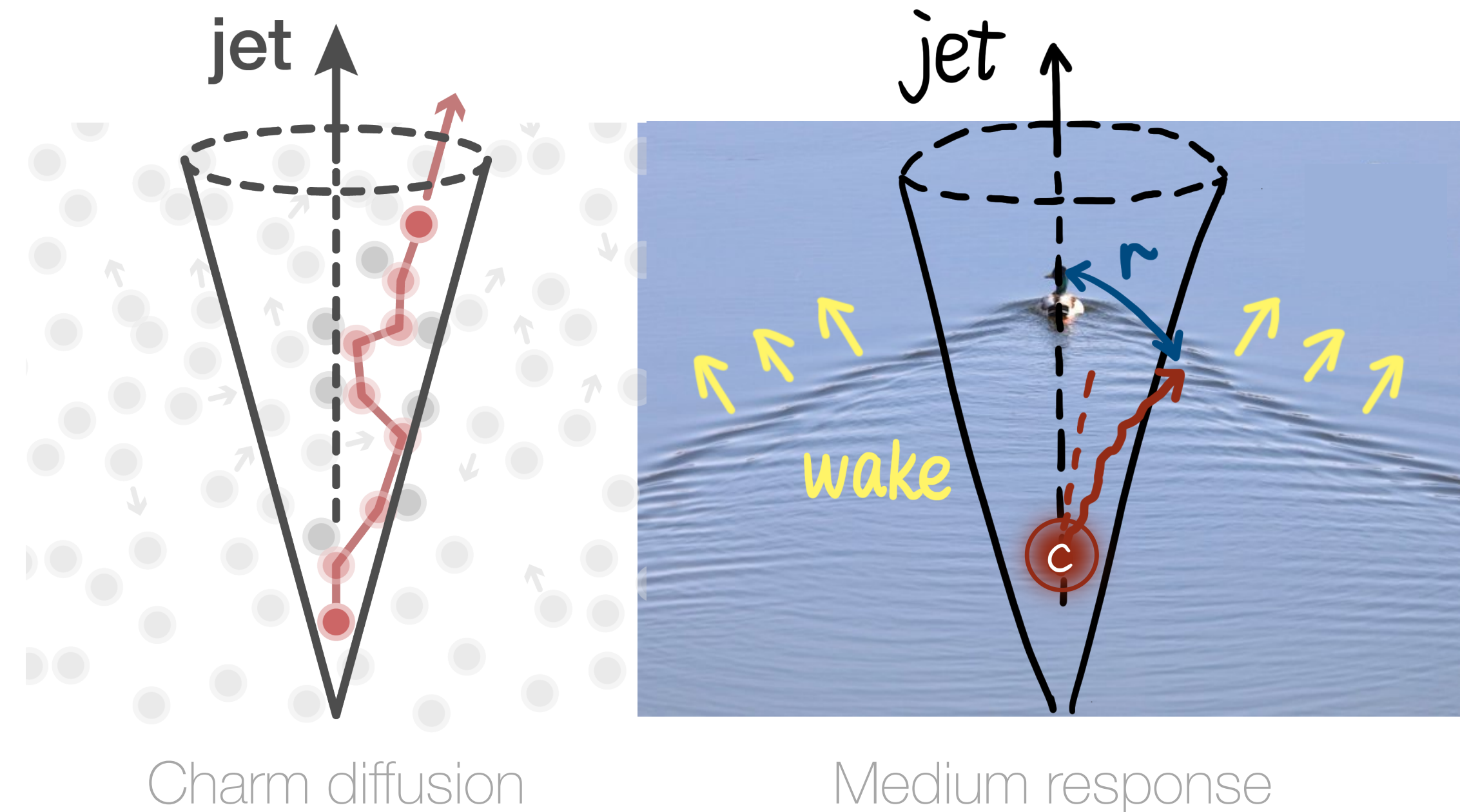
- LHC vs. RHIC
 - Similar $D v_2 \rightarrow$ despite different T & size?
 - Hint of zero v_2 of J/ψ at RHIC \rightarrow recombination mainly contributes to v_2 ?
 - Eager for high precision beauty v_2 at RHIC

Diffusion & Medium Response

Angular profile of D wrt jet axis

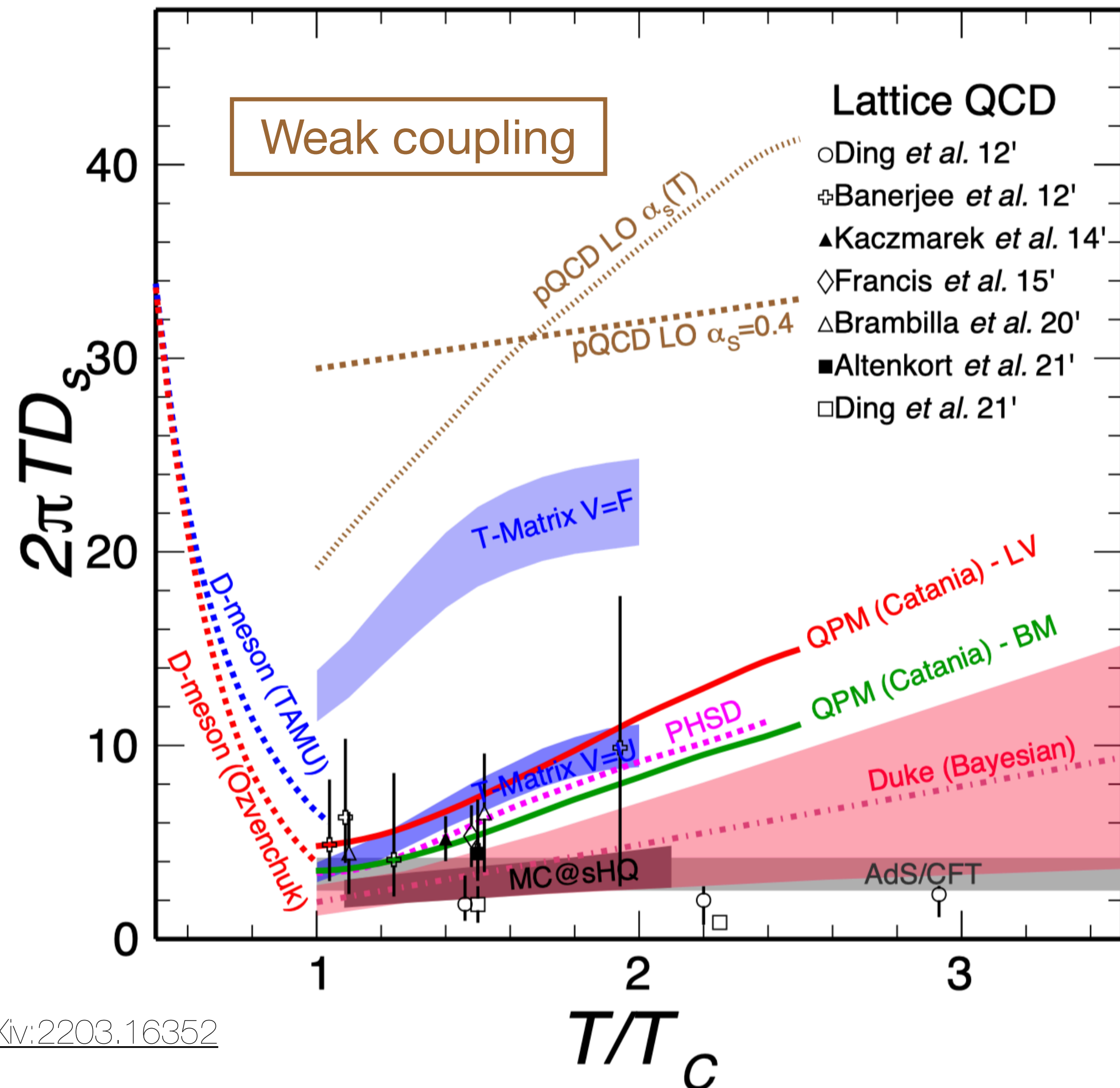


- Directly see diffusion via the angle between D mesons and **jet axis**
- Hint of D⁰ farther from jet axis in PbPb than pp



Heavy Quark Probe QGP Transport Property

Diffusion coefficient D_s



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

Extracted from data

Strong coupling

In-Medium Hadronization

(two pancakes of nucleons)

(the harder, the earlier)

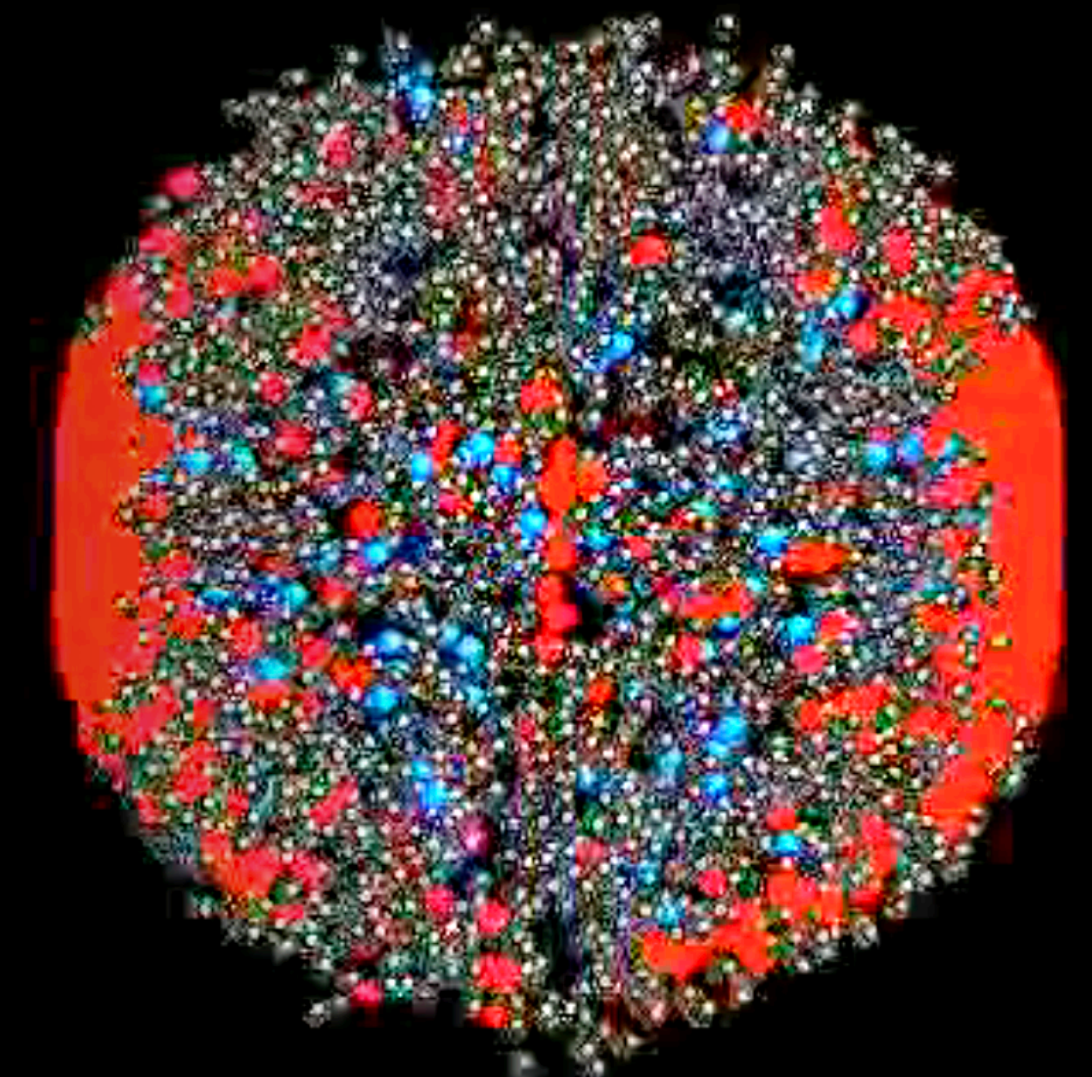
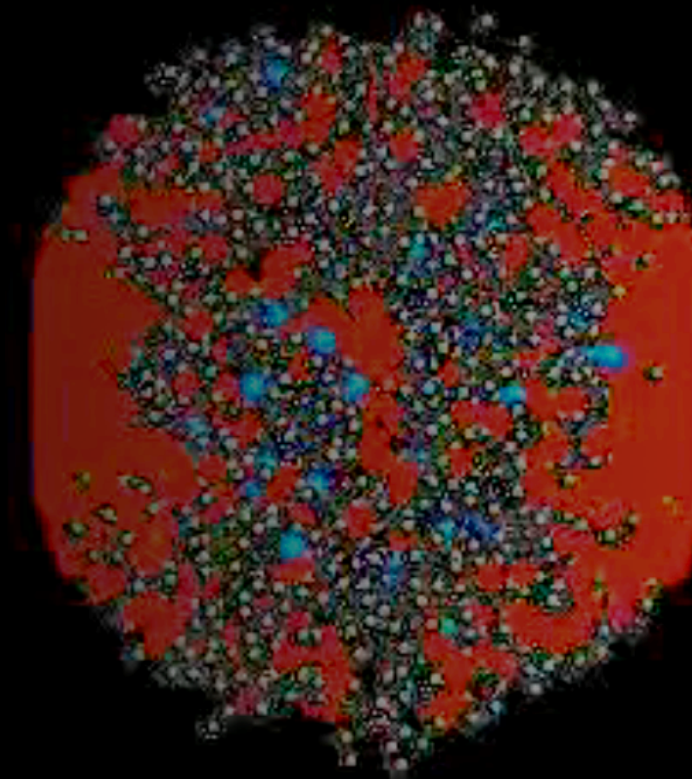
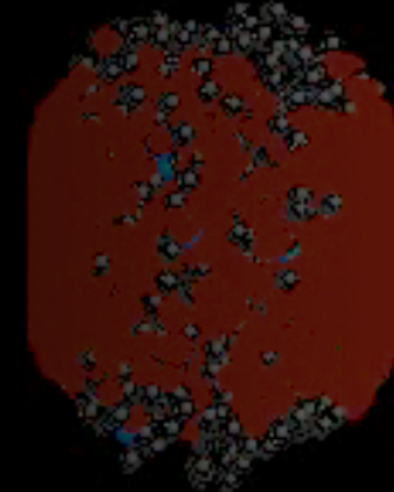
How are hadrons produced from heavy quarks with medium existence?

Major uncertainty in phenomenological models

emergence (tons of soft scatterings)

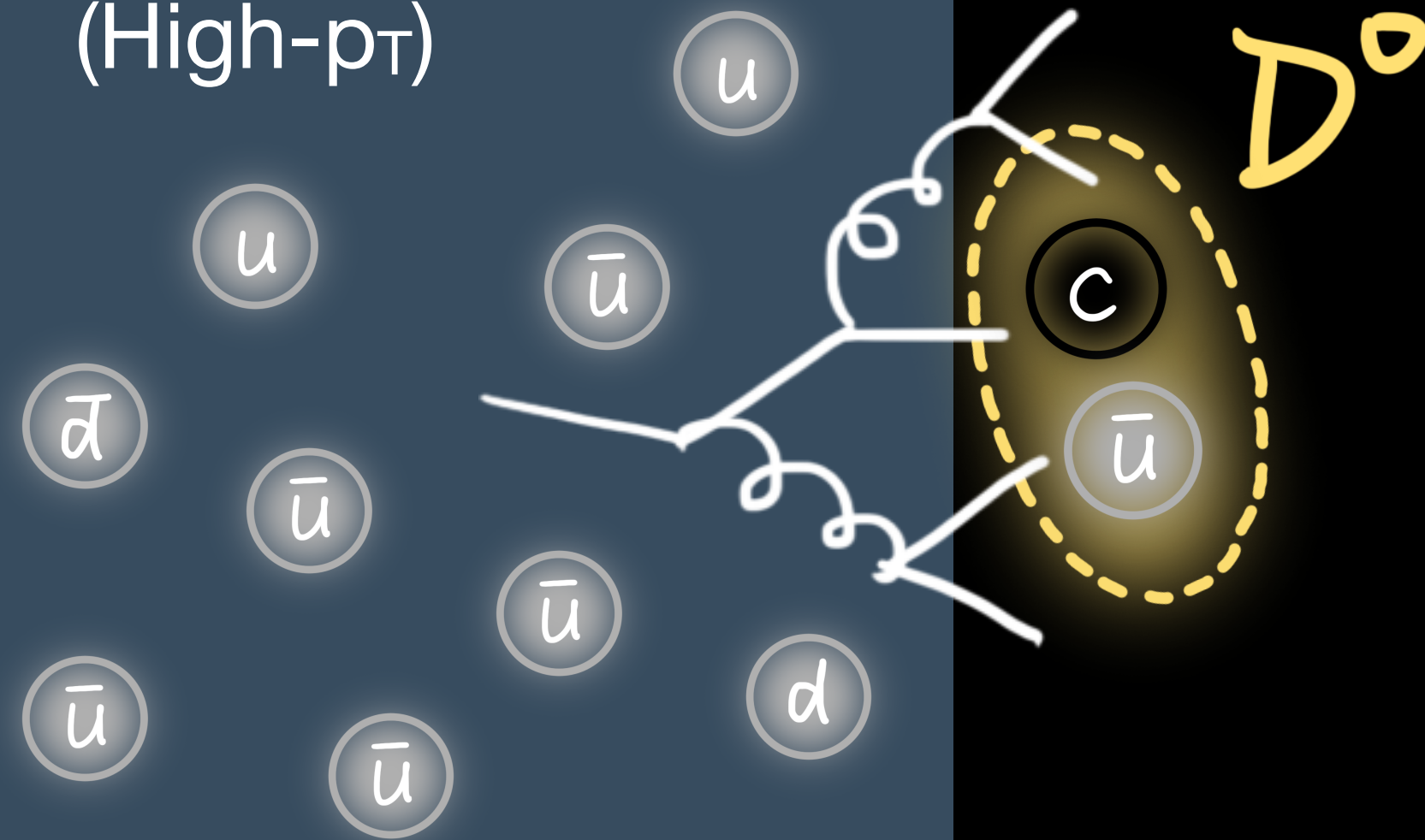
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Hadronization

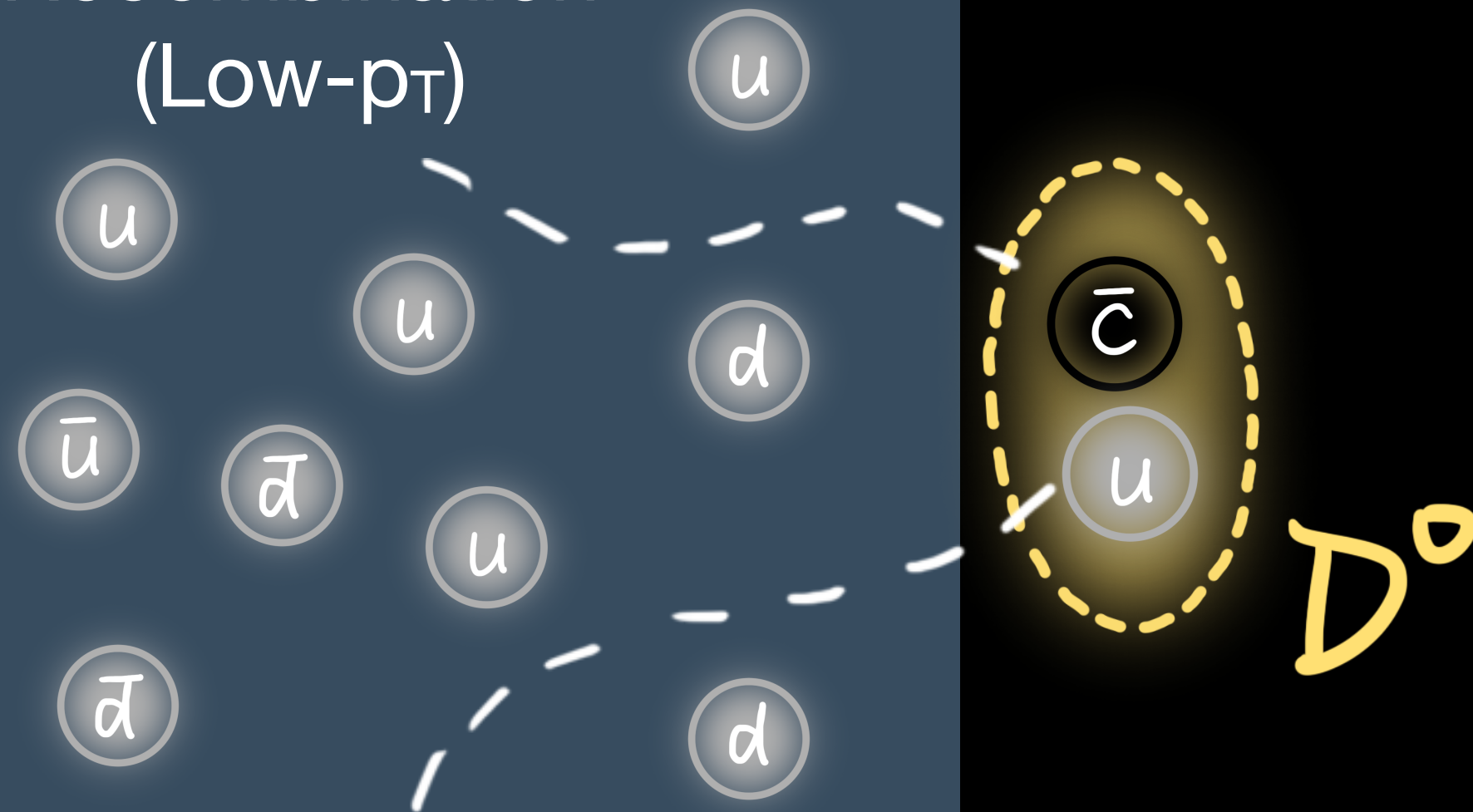


In-Medium Hadronization

Fragmentation
(High- p_T)



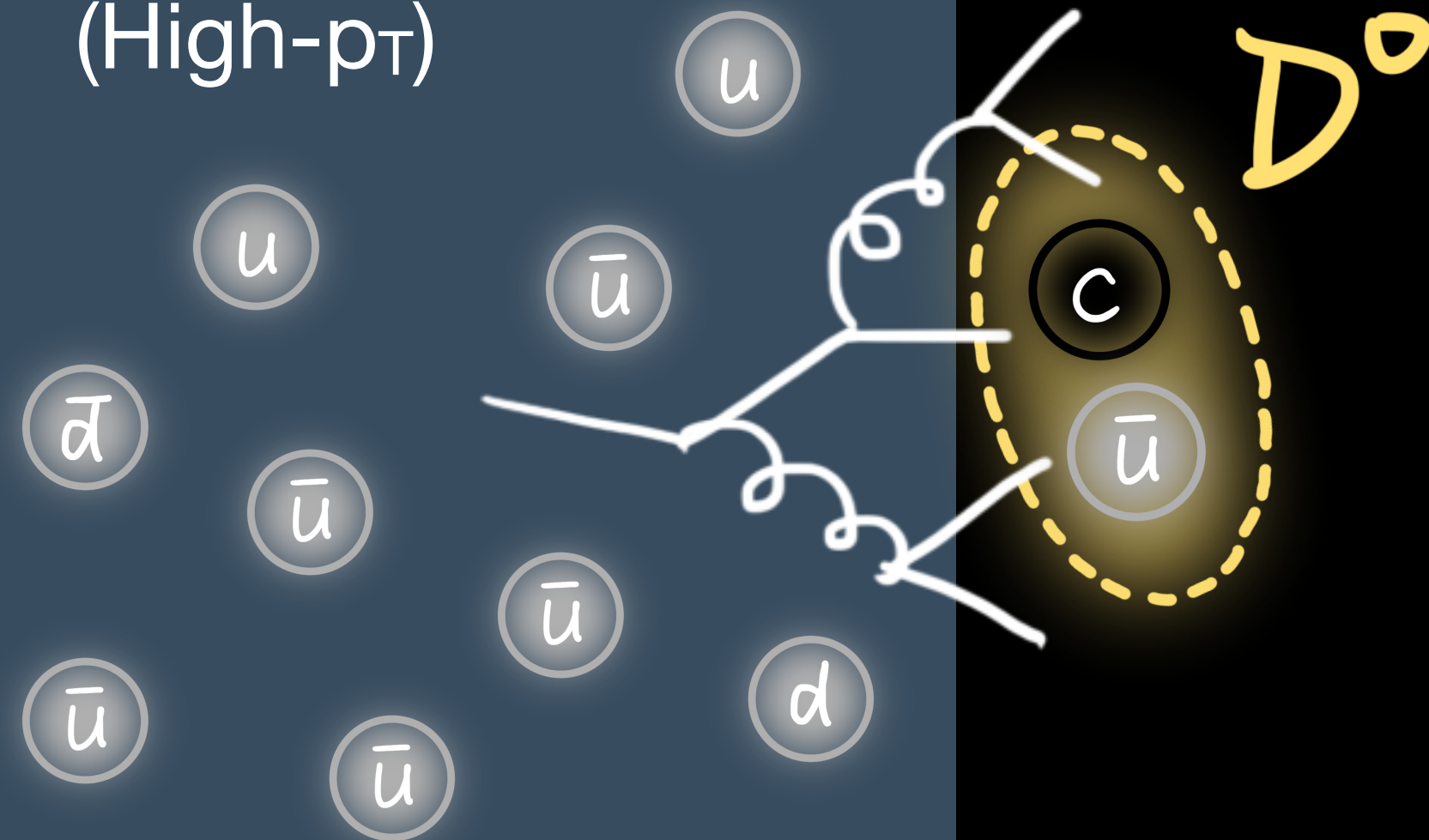
Recombination
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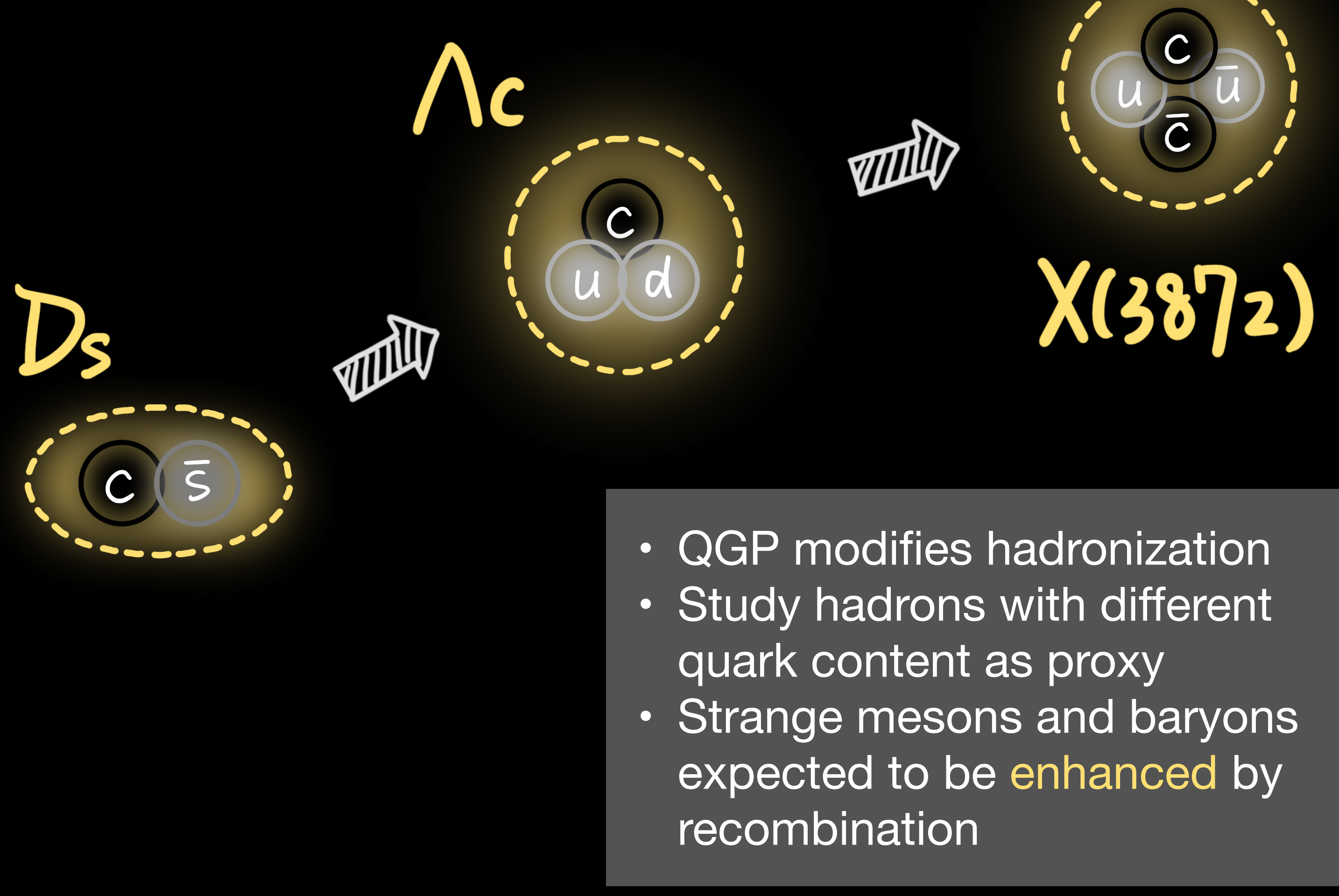
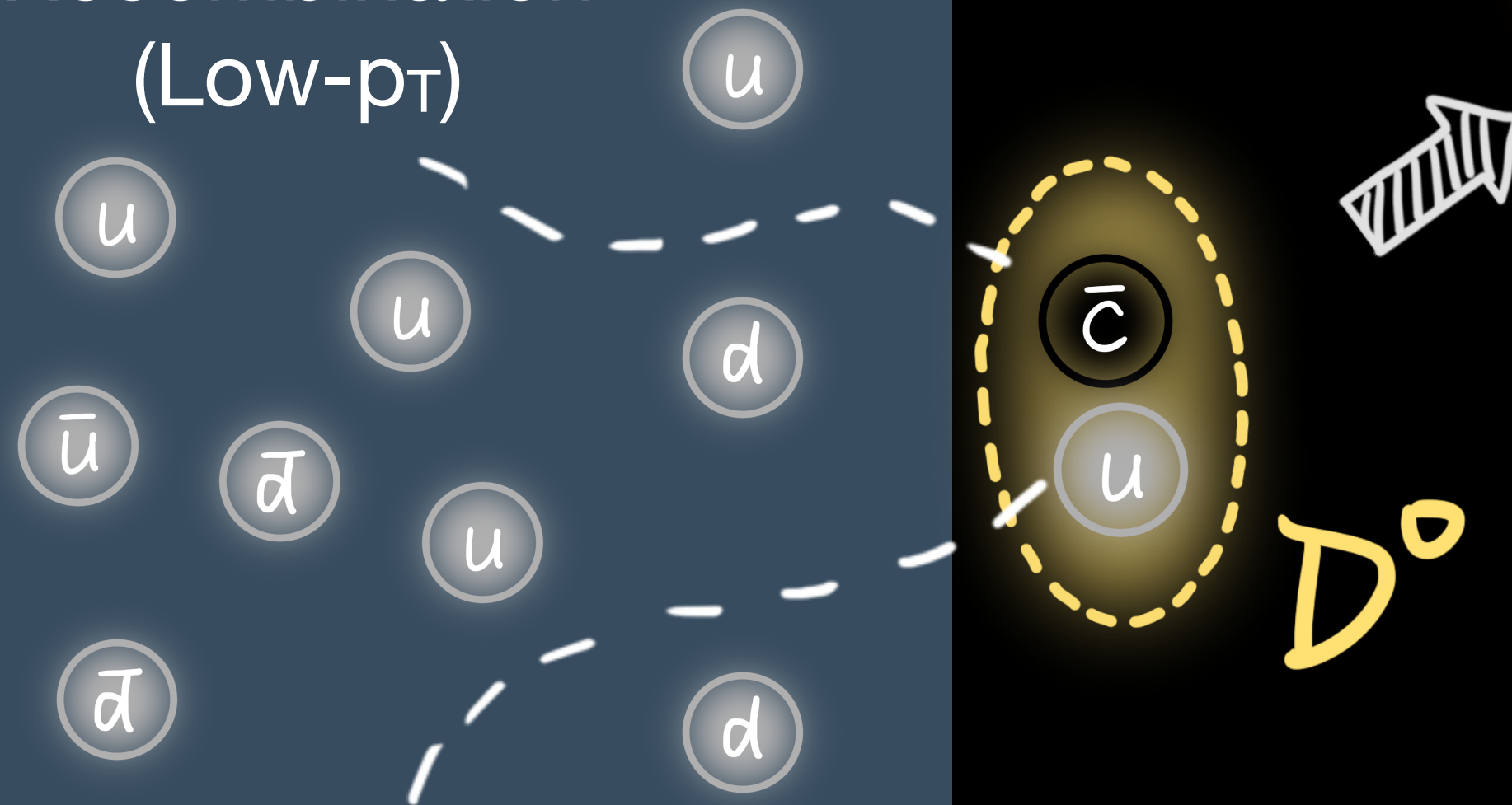
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 - Recombination in addition to fragmentation

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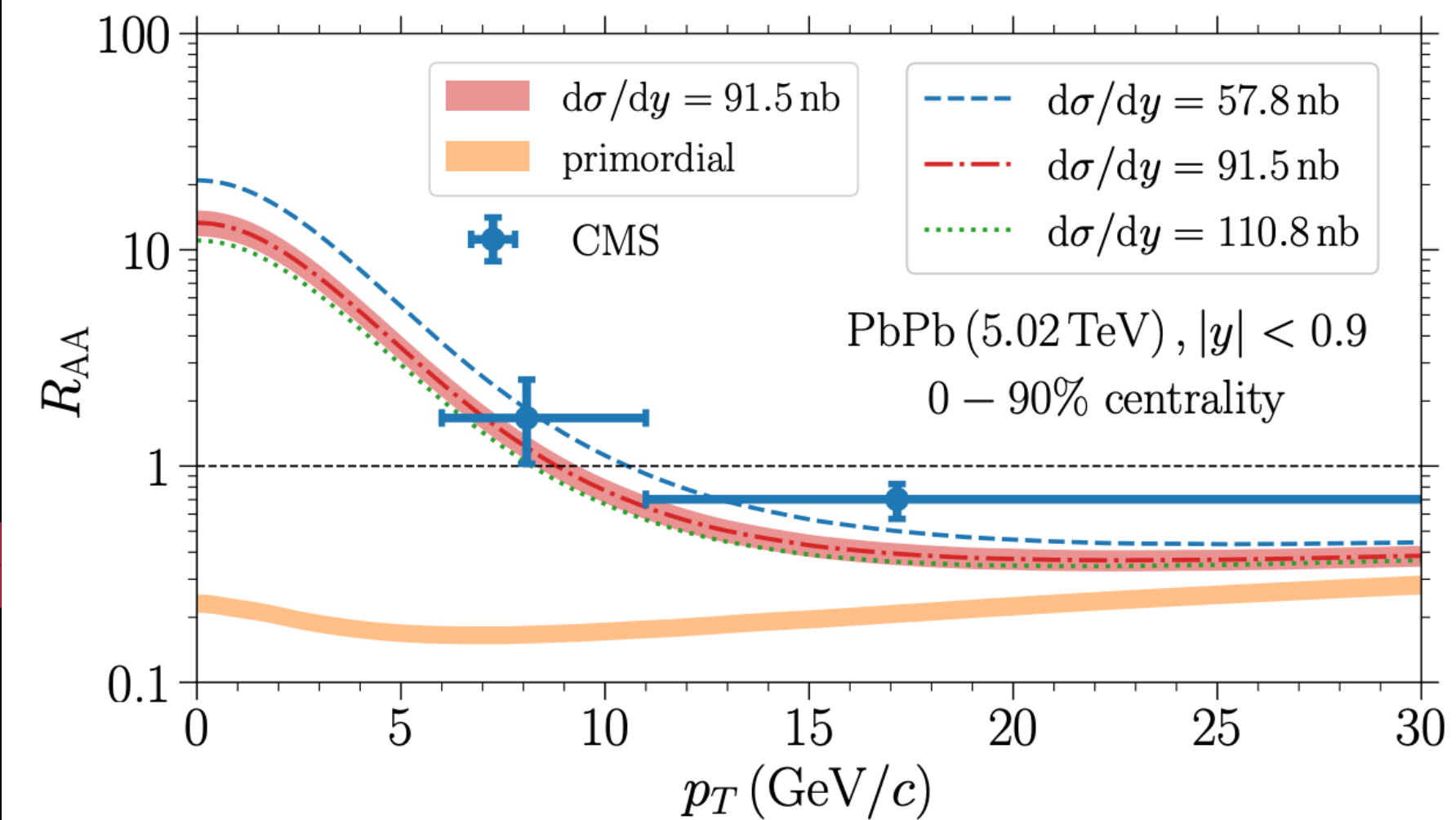
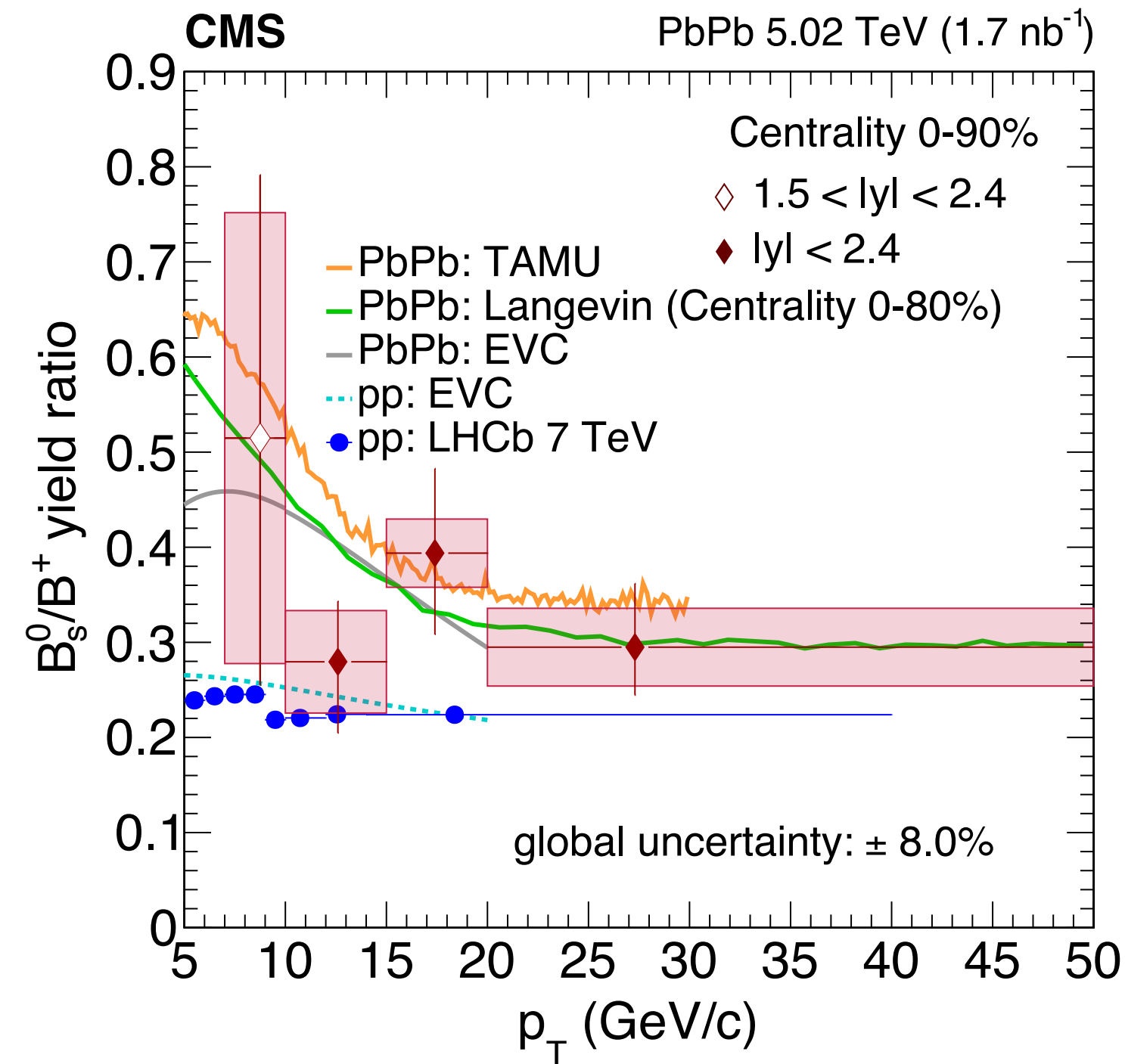
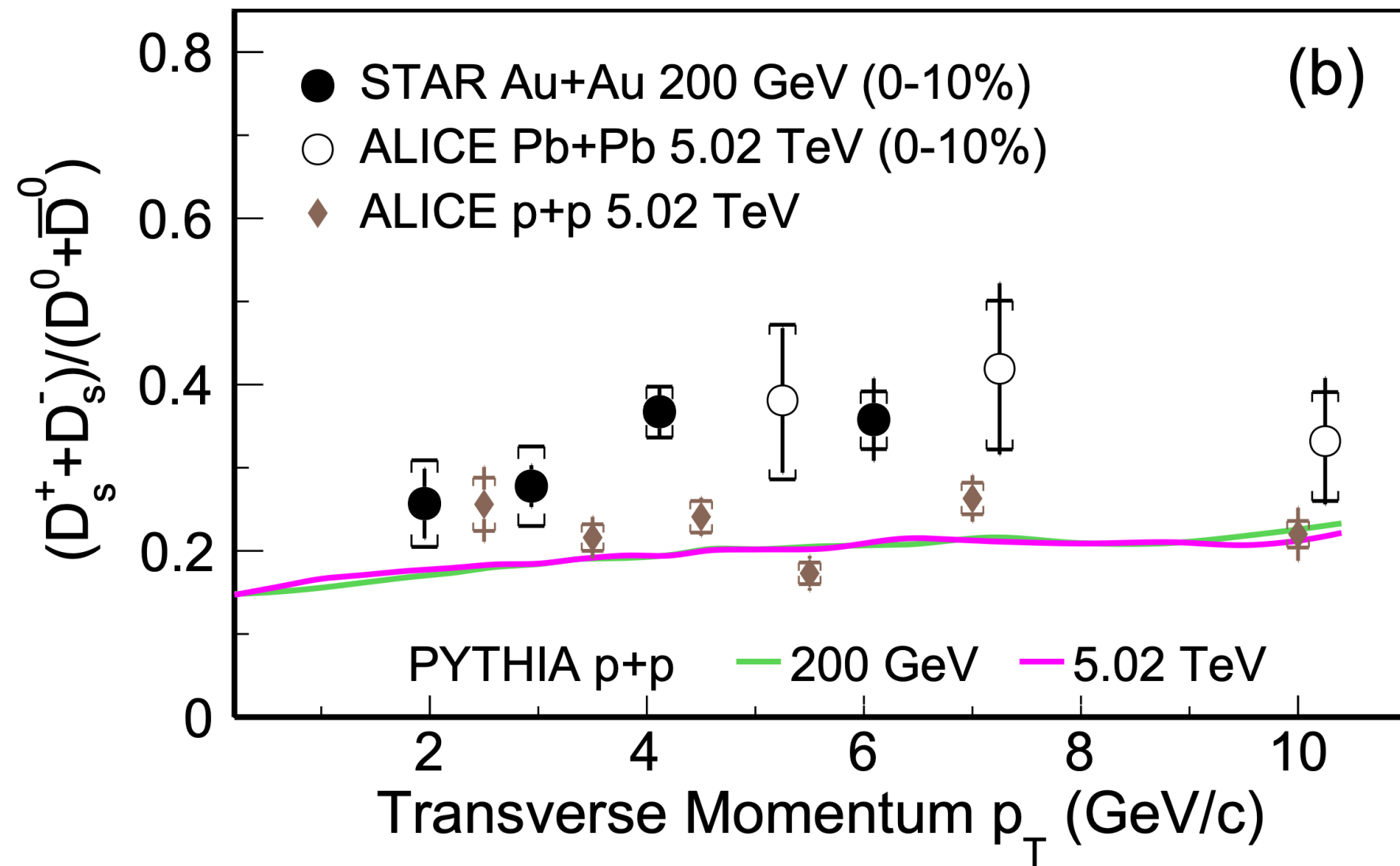
- QGP modifies hadronization
- Study hadrons with different quark content as proxy
- Strange mesons and baryons expected to be **enhanced** by recombination

Hadronization: Strange- & Charm-Meson

D_s/D^0 ratio 

B_s/B^+ ratio 

$B_c R_{AA}$ 



- Indication of larger D_s/D^0 in PbPb and AuAu than pp

- Statistically compatible b/w PbPb and pp

- B_c enhancement expected due to recombination

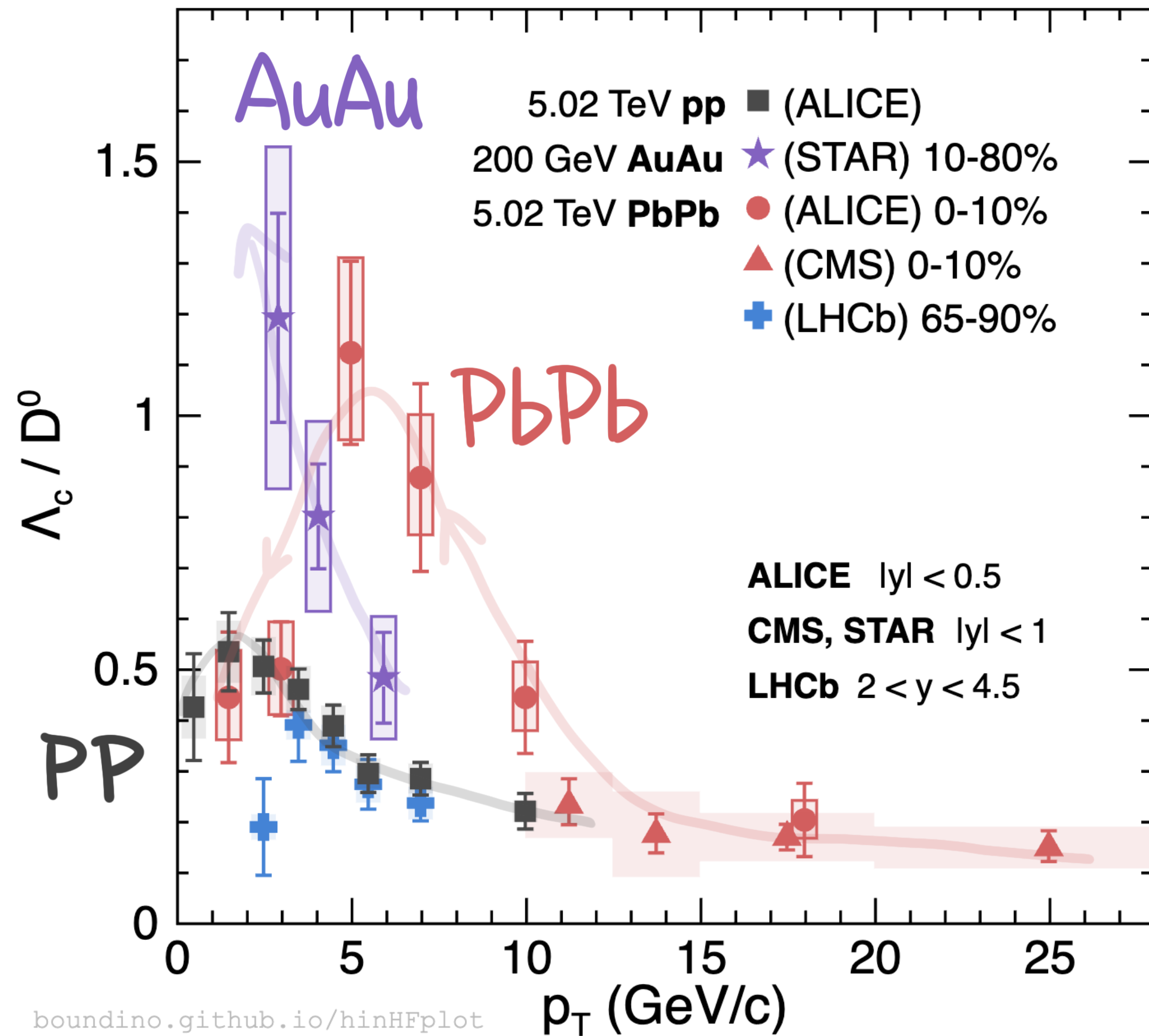
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Hadronization: Λ_c Production

Λ_c/D^0 in pp vs. AA



- **Enhanced** Λ_c/D^0 ratio in AA collisions
 - Hint of **recombination**
 - Only at **intermediate** p_T
 - Stronger in **central events**
 - Effect of rapidity under study

[arXiv:2112.08156](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.08156)

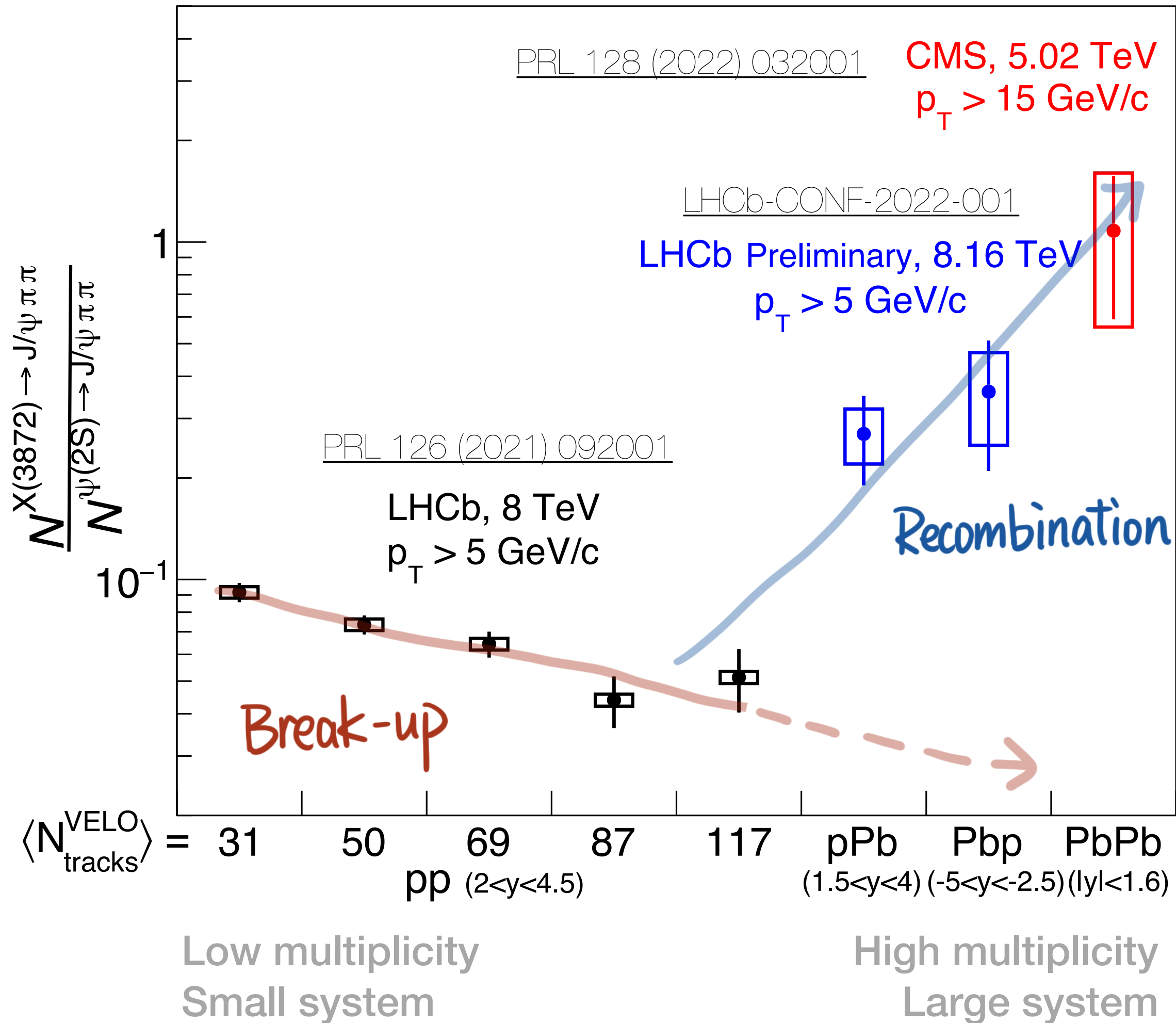
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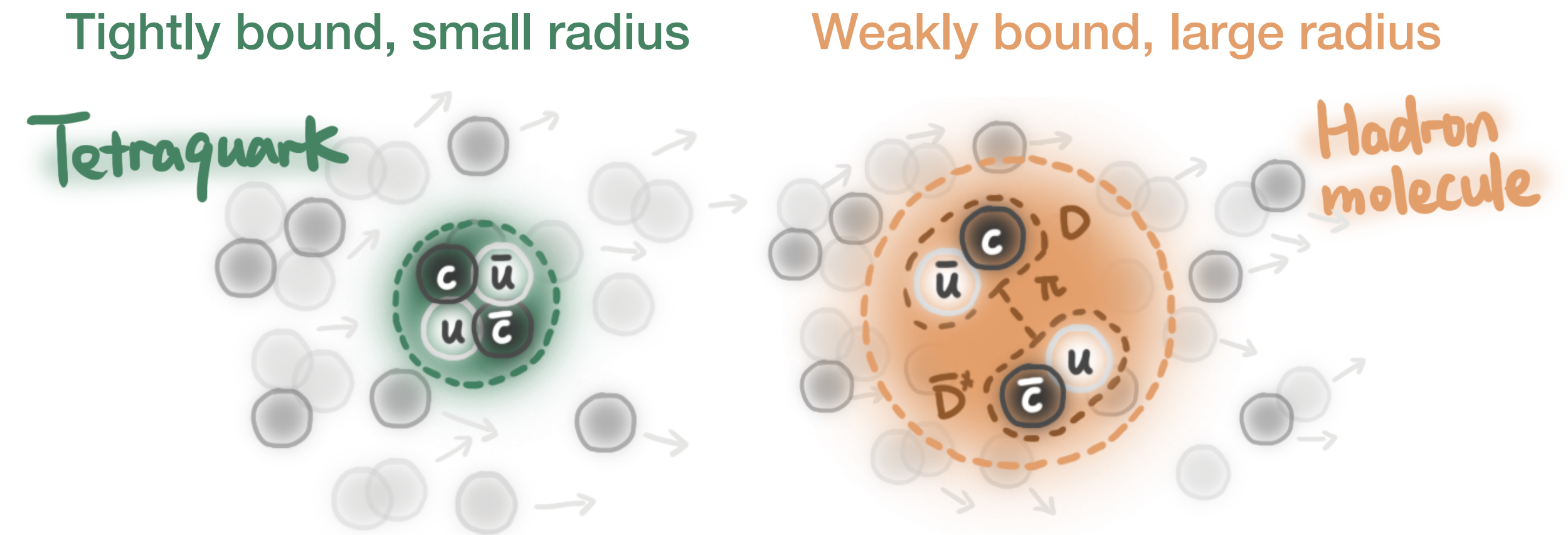
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Hadronization New Frontier: X(3872)

X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs. collision system size



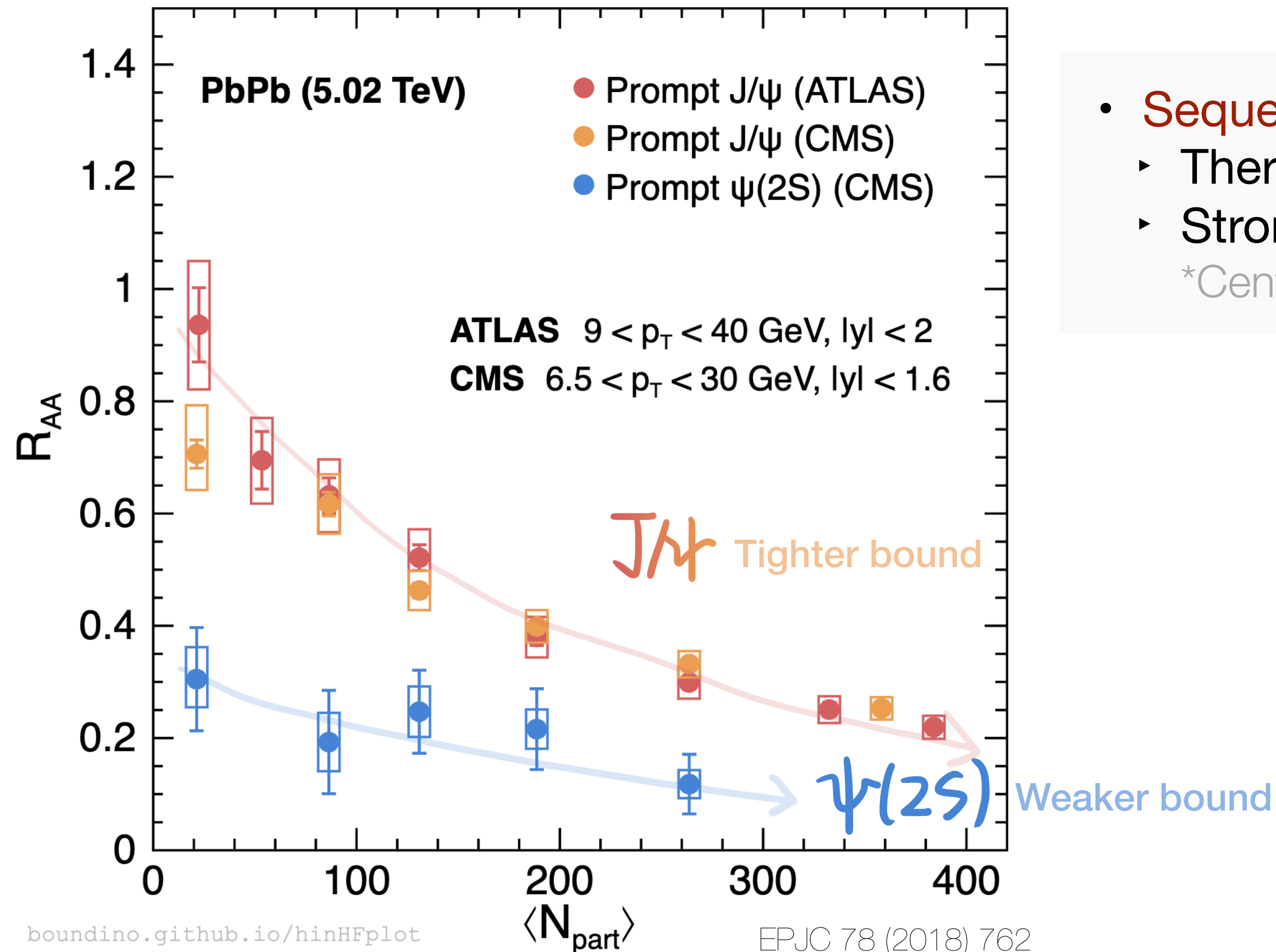
- **Broken up** by interactions with comovers
 - Stronger in high-multiplicity environment
- Production via **recombination**
 - Stronger than baryons ← more quark content
- Both effects depend on inner structure
 - Potential **discrimination** in heavy-ion collisions



20-year debate of X(3872) nature

Charmonium Production: Sequential Melting

J/ψ, ψ(2S) vs. centrality



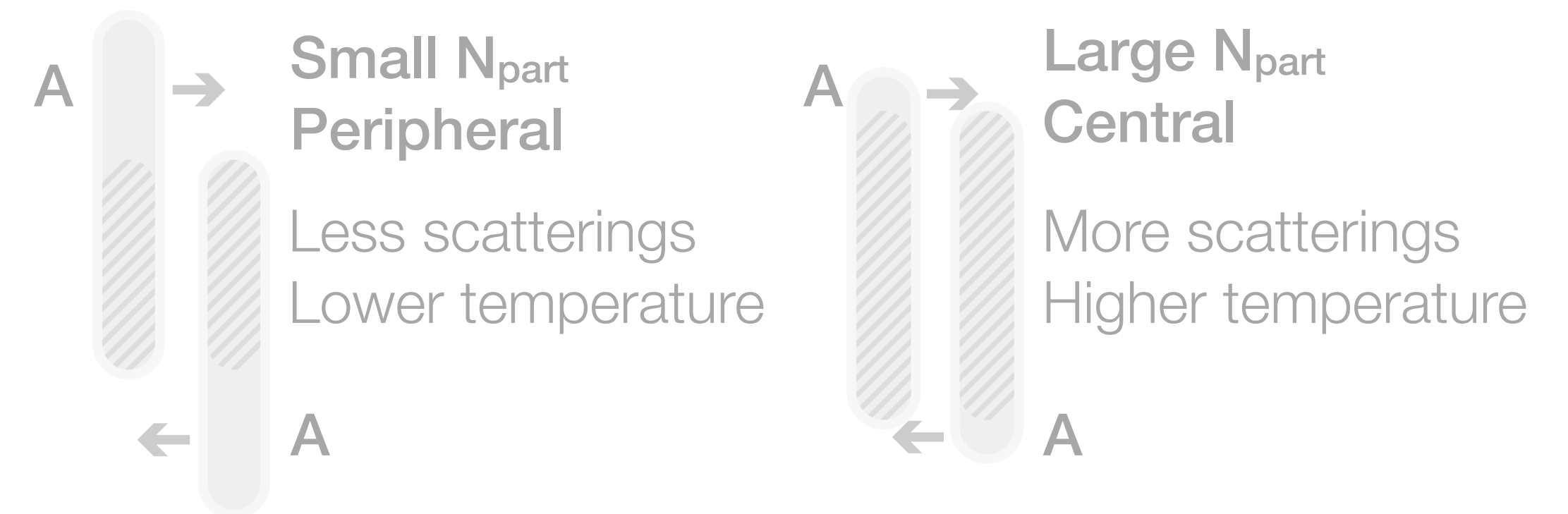
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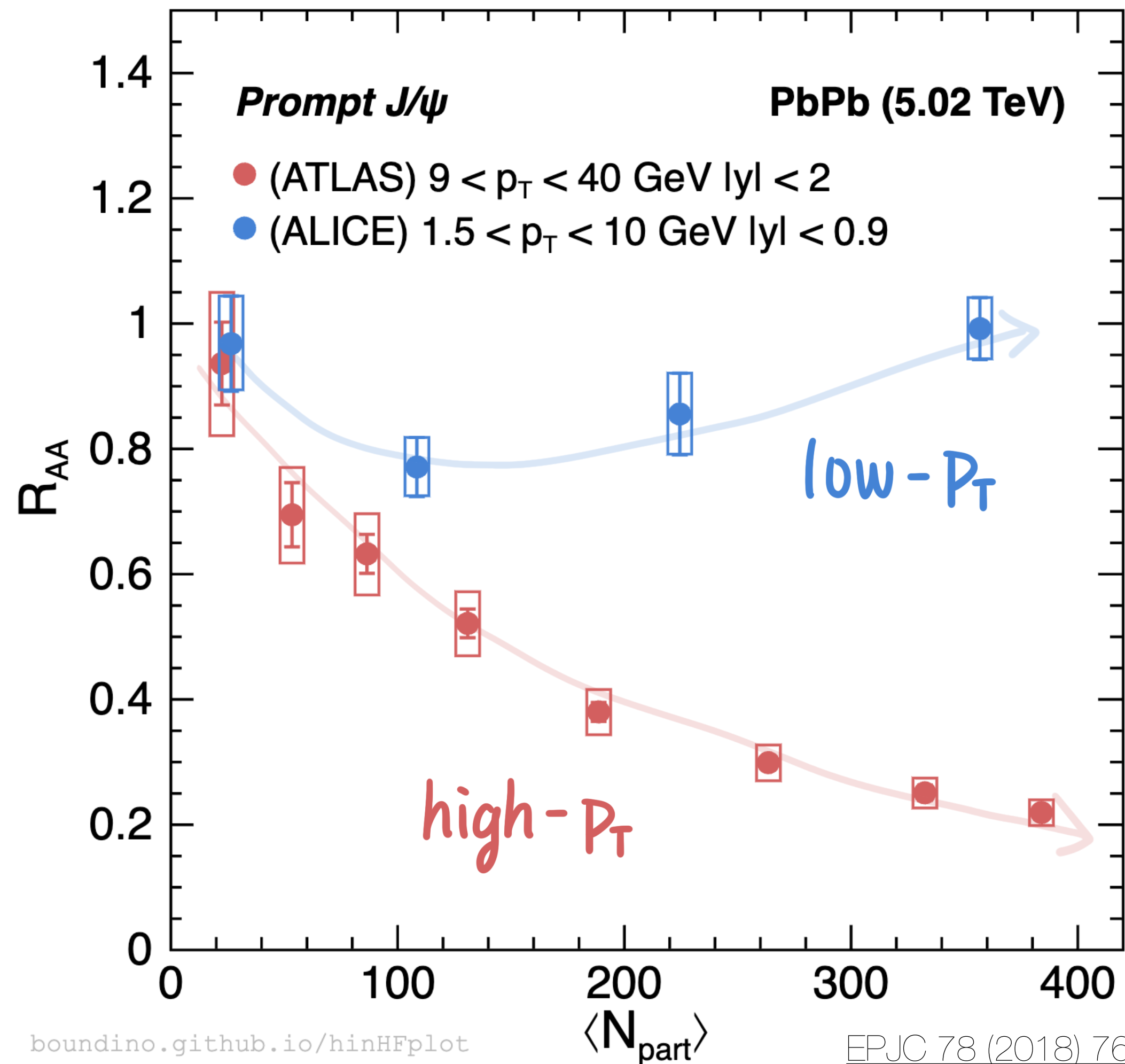
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- **Sequential melting** \rightarrow binding energy hierarchy
 - Thermometer of QGP
 - Stronger suppression in **central** events \rightarrow higher T
- *Central: large N_{part}



Charmonium Production: Recombination

Low p_T vs. High p_T



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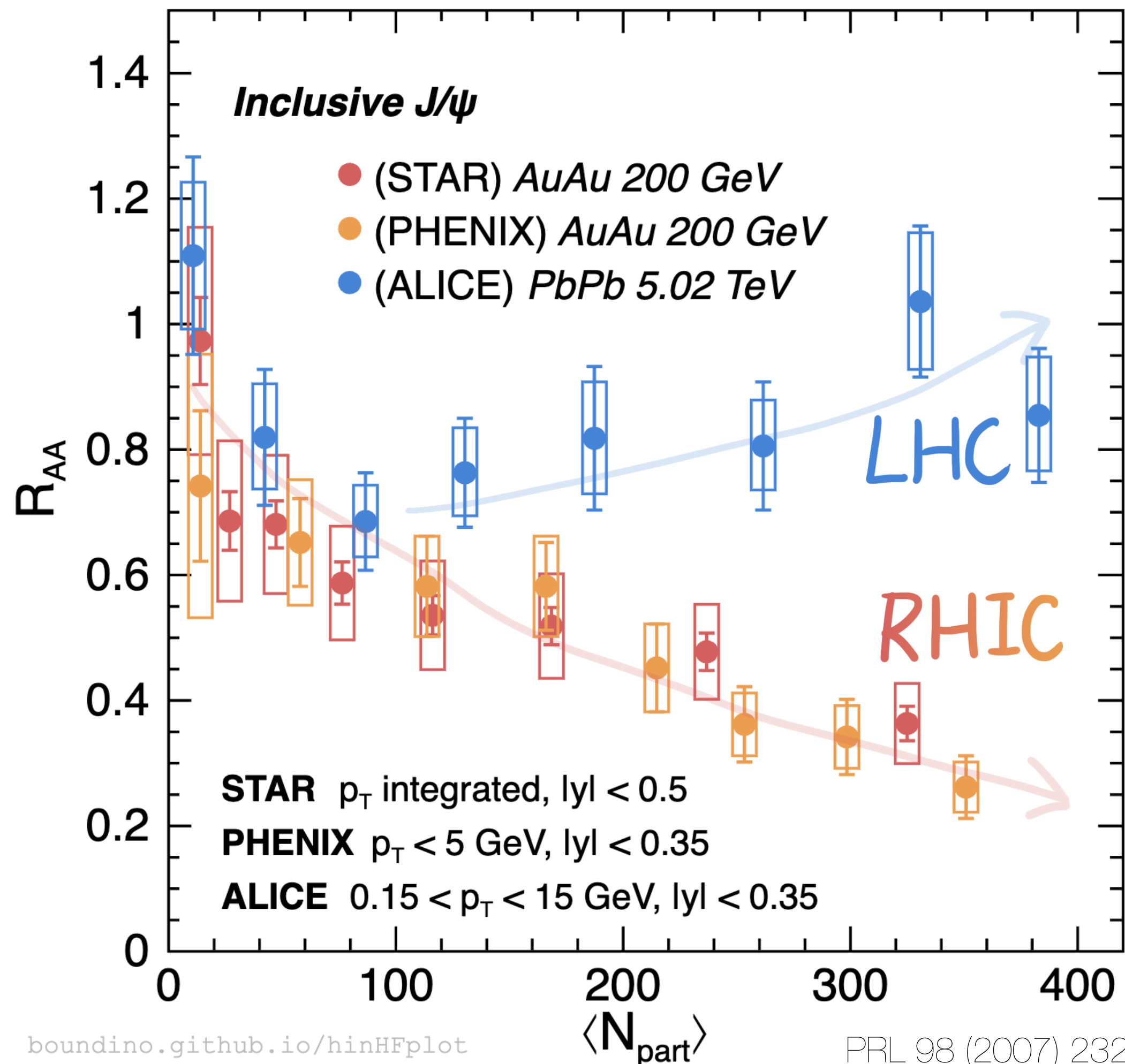
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Charmonium Production: Recombination

LHC vs. RHIC



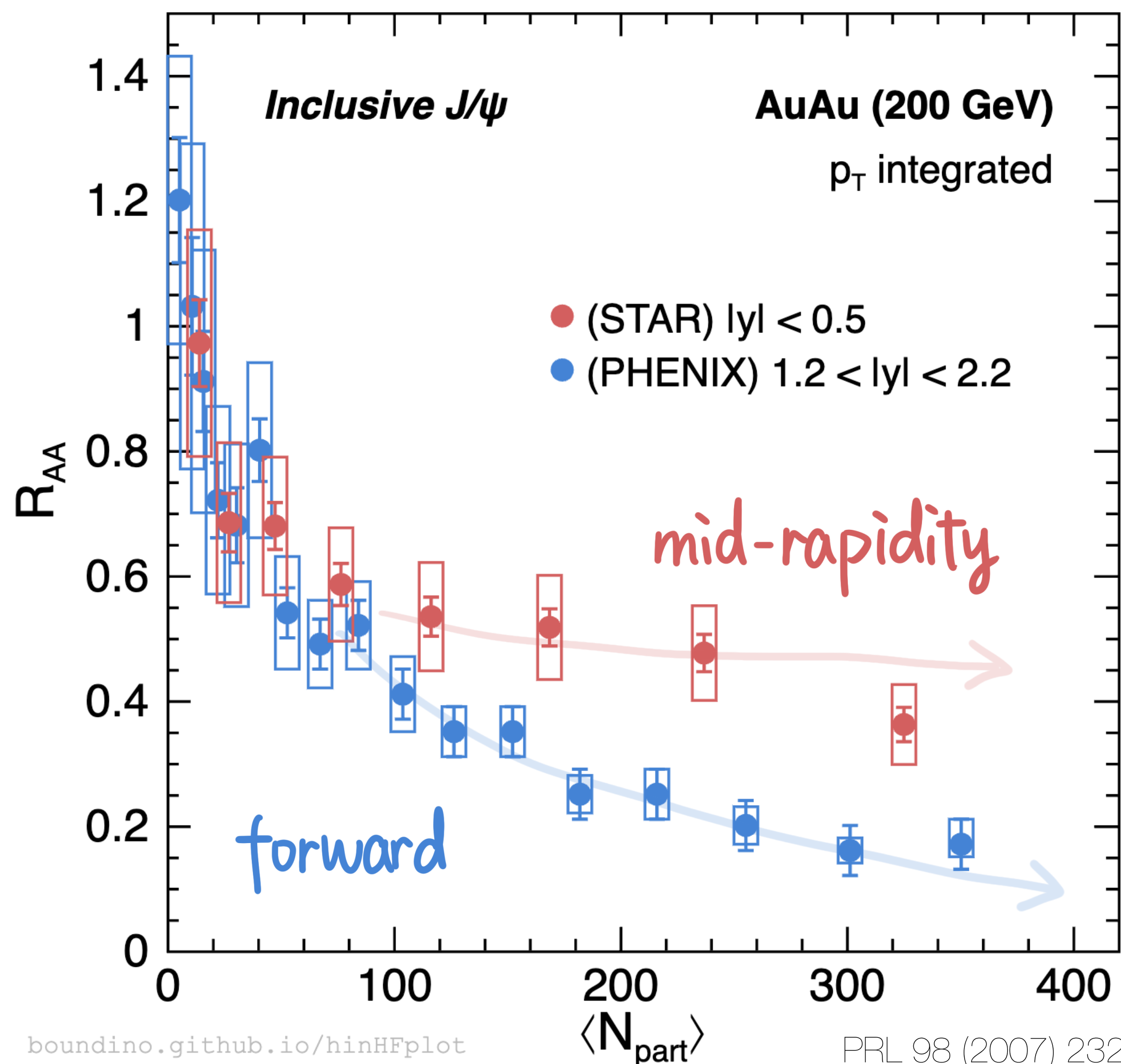
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Charmonium Production: Cold Nuclear Matter Effects

Mid-rapidity vs. Forward



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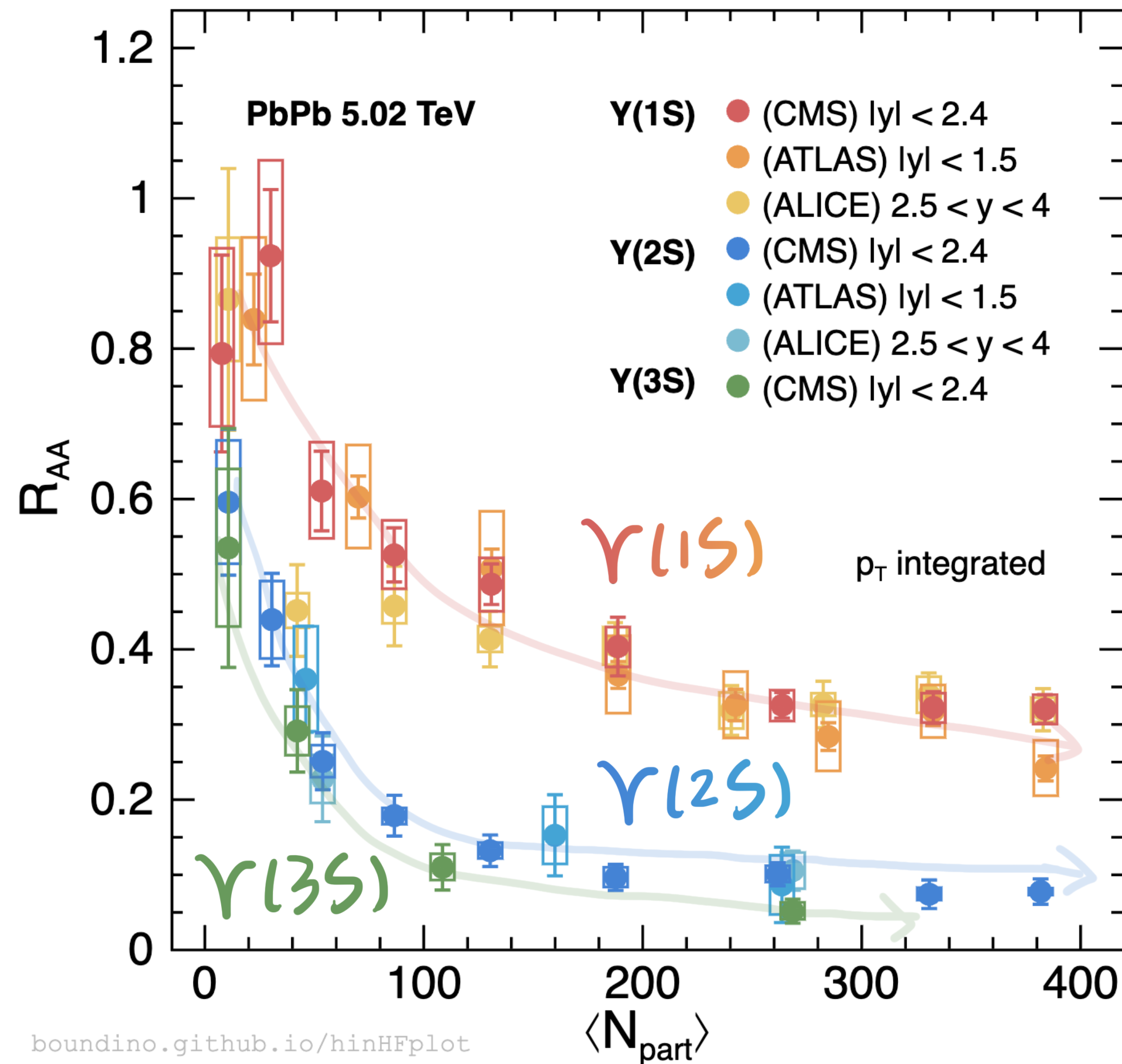
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- Cold nuclear matter effects
 - Nuclear/comover absorption
 - Destroyed by interactions with nucleus remnants
 - Nuclear PDF

Bottomium Production: Sequential Melting

$Y(nS)$ vs. centrality



- **Sequential suppression** for $Y(nS)$
 - $Y(1S) > Y(2S) > Y(3S)$
 - Much weaker recombination for beauty

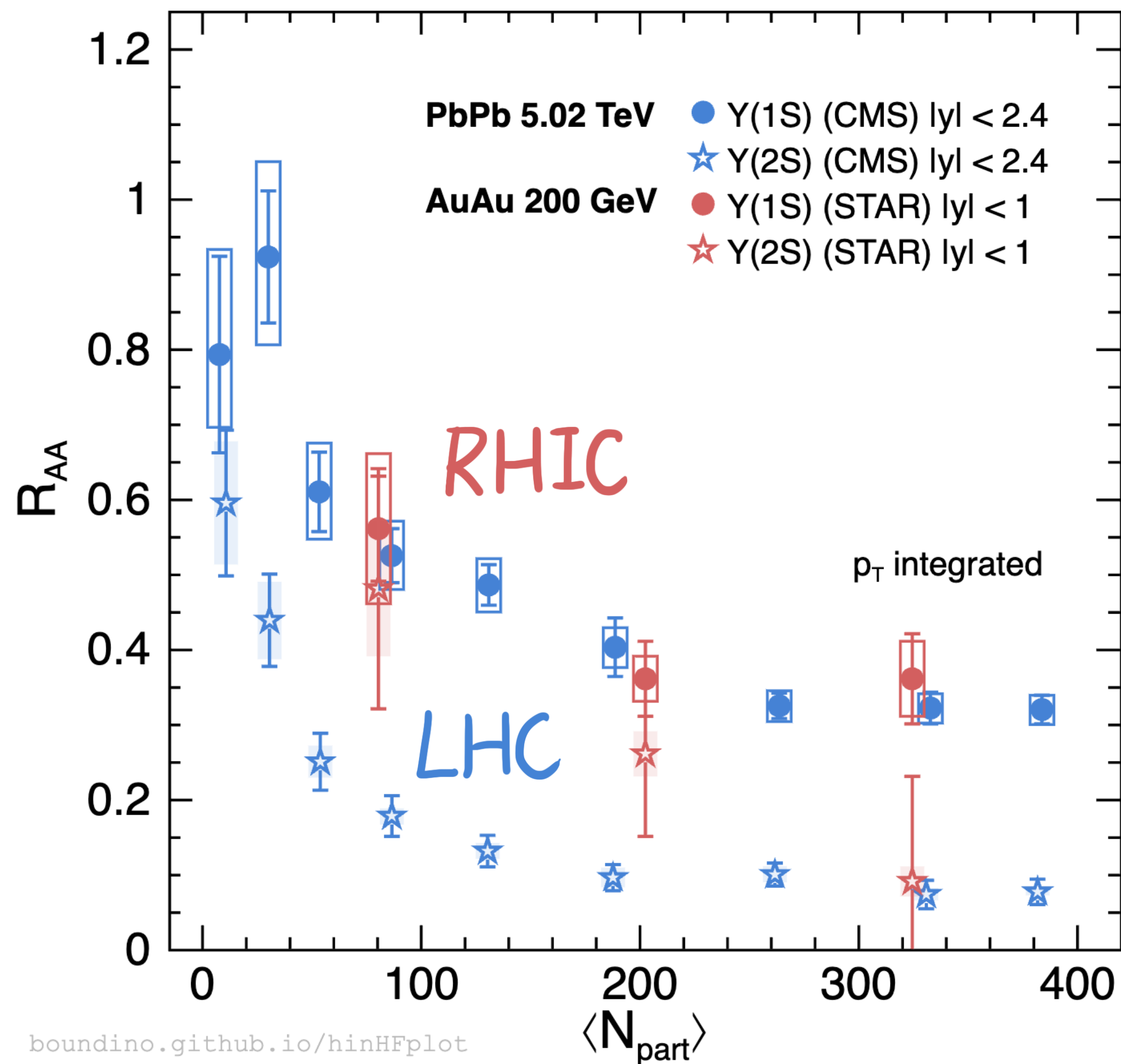
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Bottomium Production: LHC vs. RHIC

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

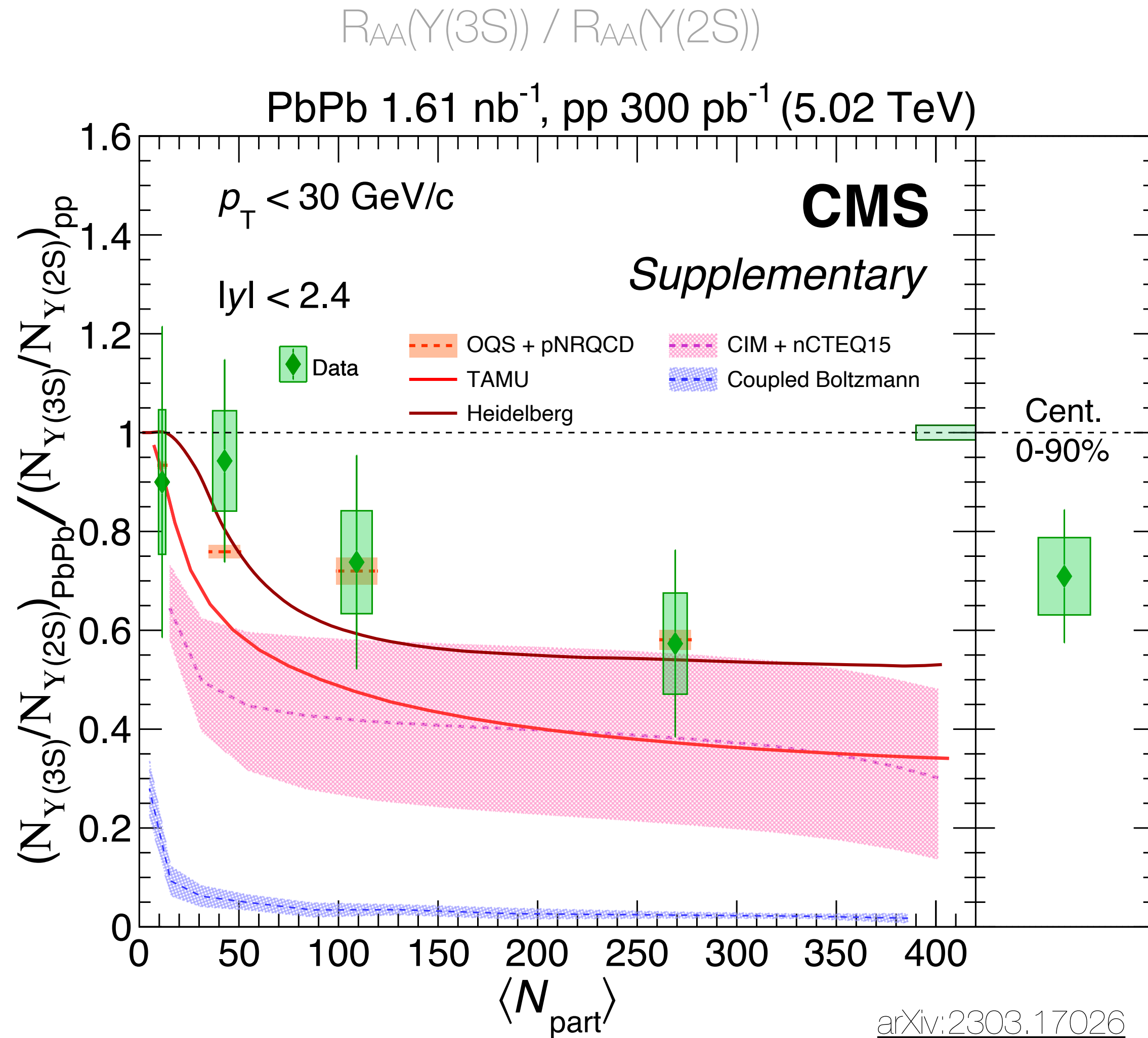


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First observation of $Y(3S)$ in AA



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- $Y(3S)$ first observed in AA collisions
 - Crucial to constrain **feed-down** contribution
 - Particle ratio cancels nPDF effect
 - **Challenging for theoretical models**

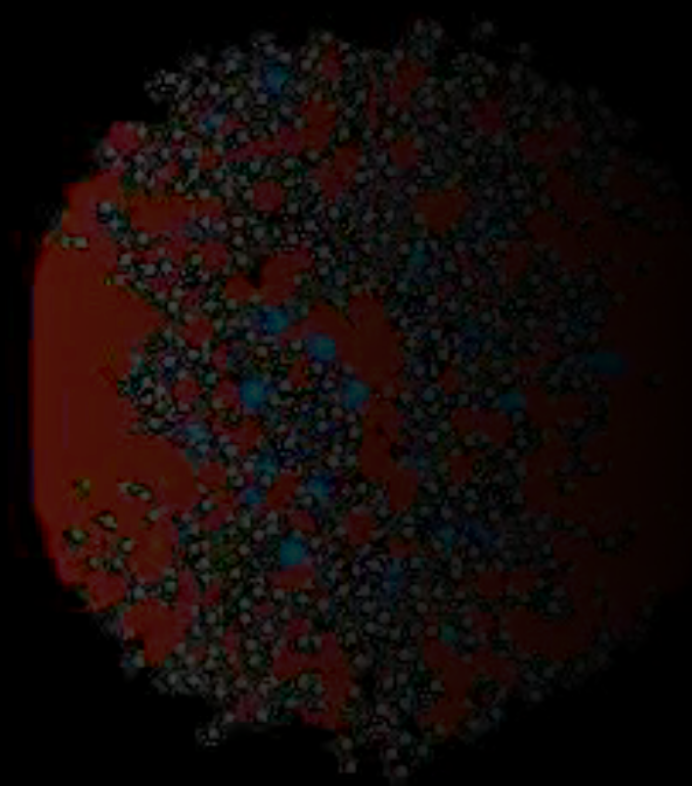
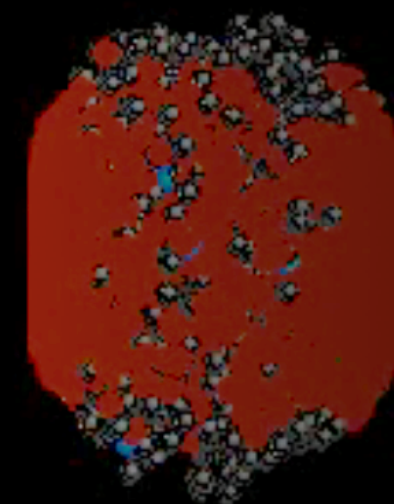
Initial State

|| Before collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)

↘ | Collisions (the harder, the earlier)

↘ | QGP emergence (tons of soft scatterings)

↘ Cool down while expanding



● Quark Gluon Plasma

● Baryons

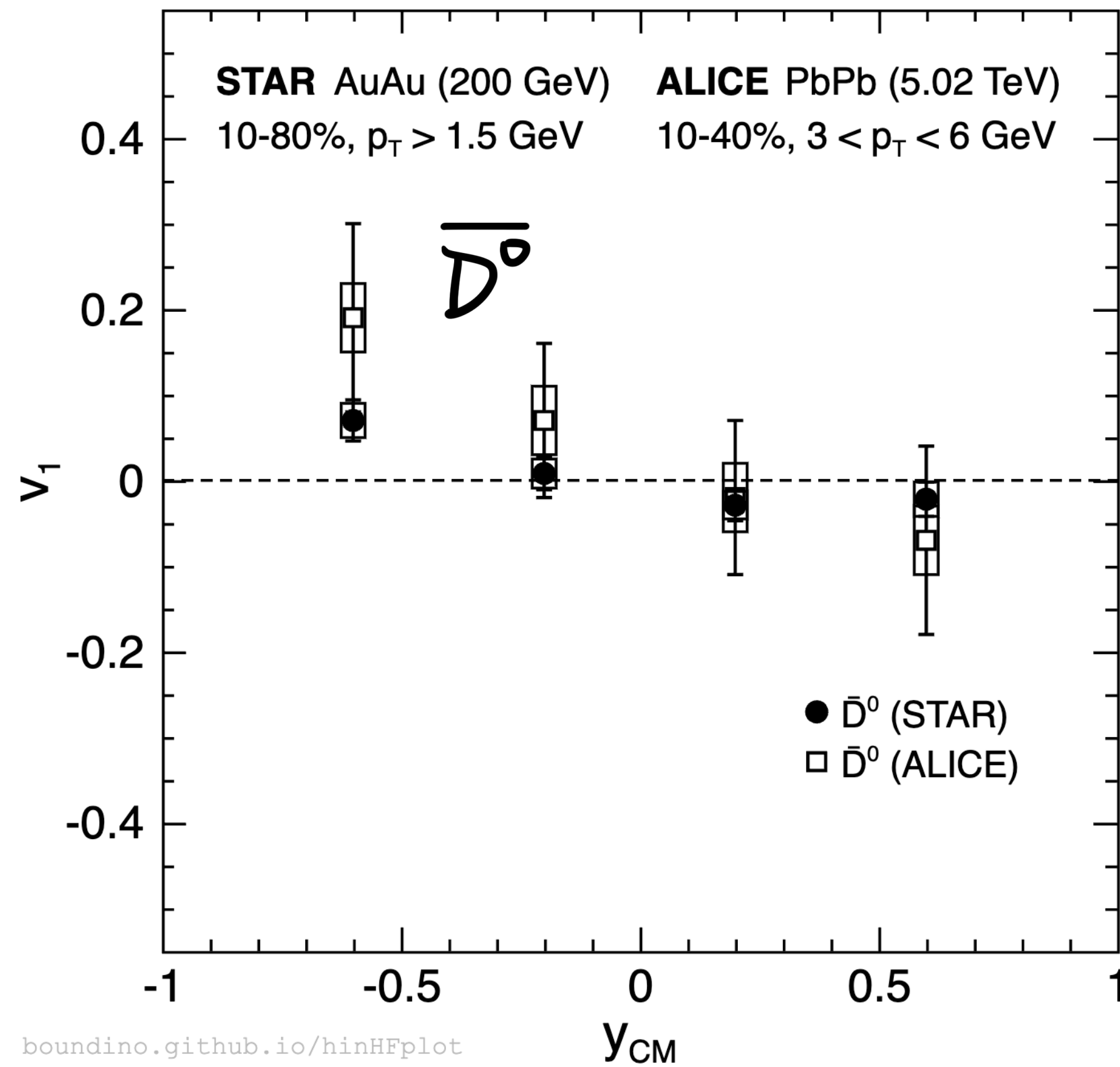
● Mesons

How is energy distributed before expansion?

Important input to models

Directed Flow v_1 : Tilt of Medium

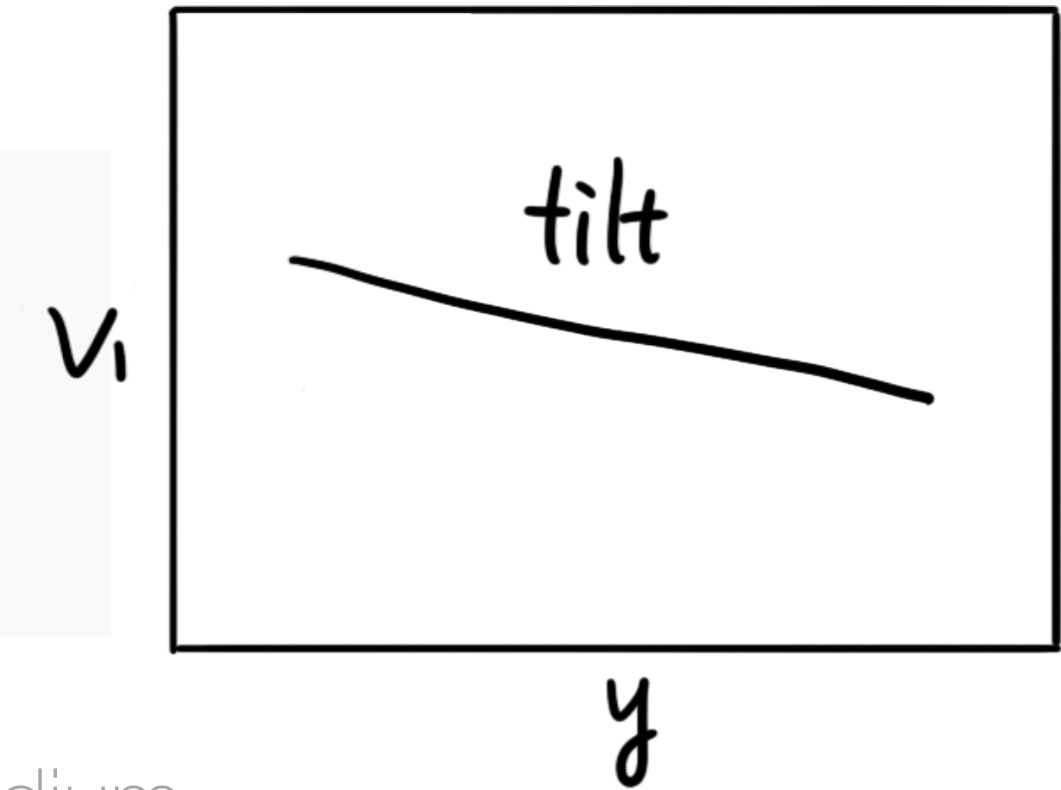
v_1 vs. y in PbPb, AuAu



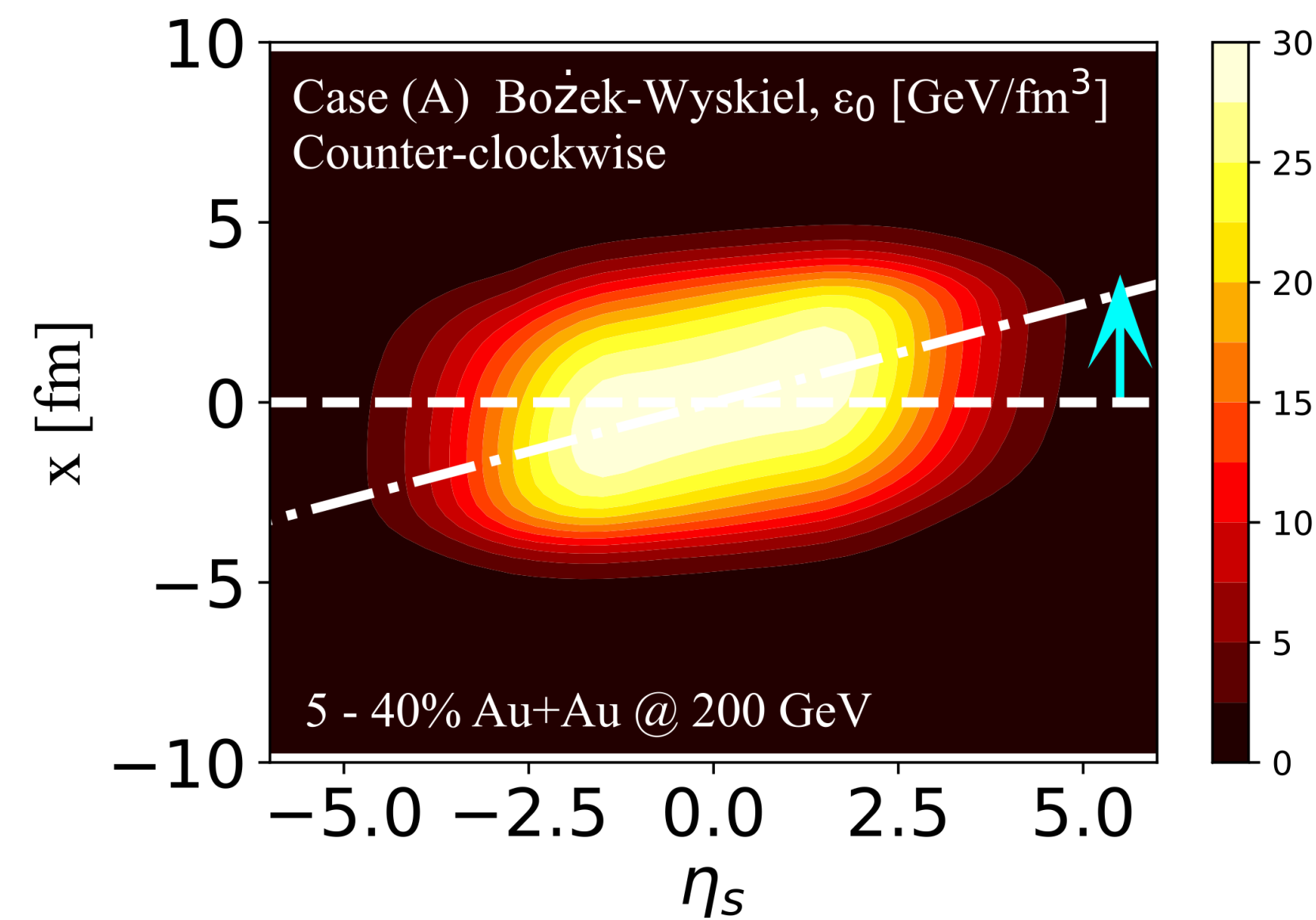
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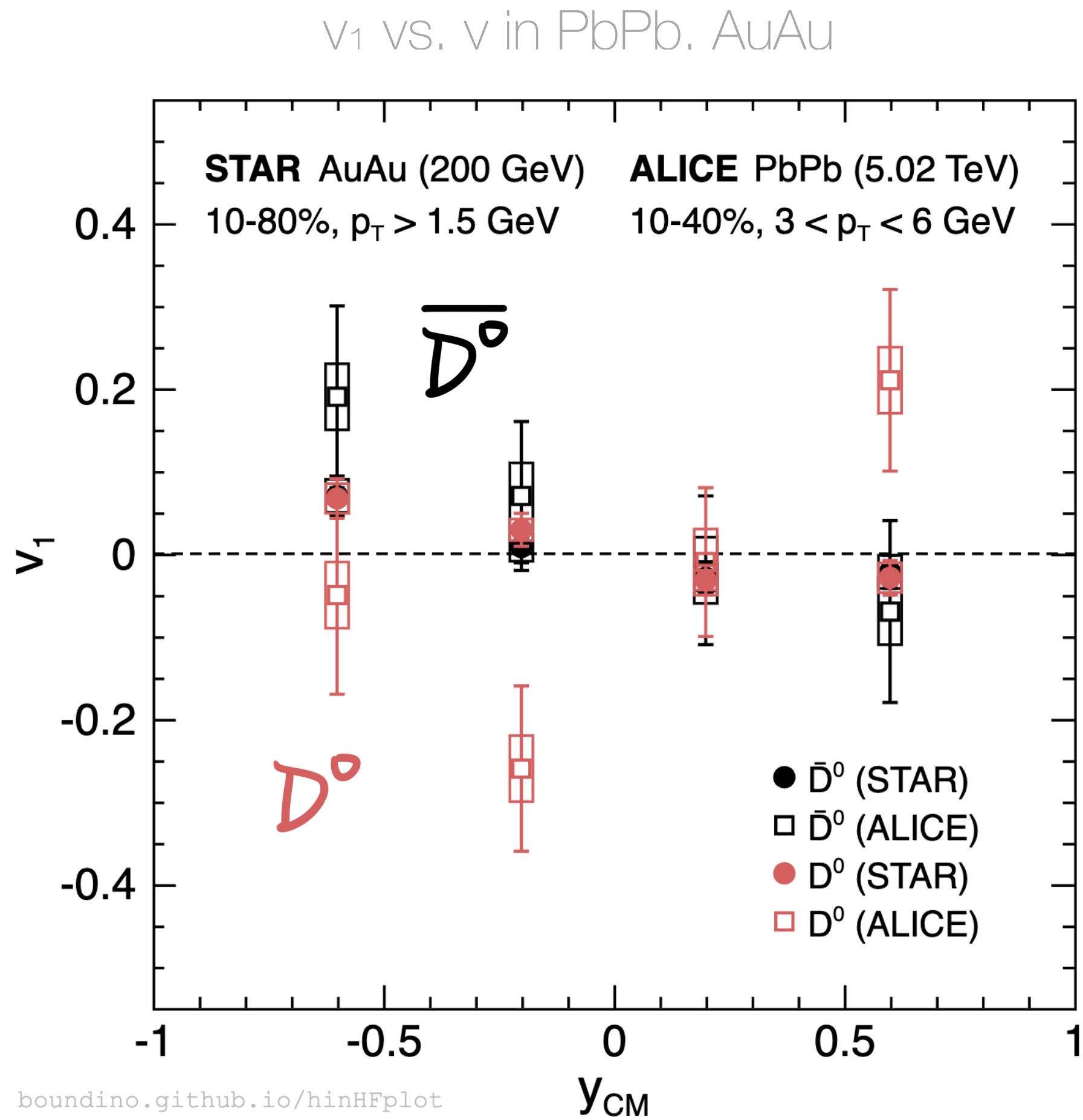
- **Tilt** → Longitudinal structure of initial energy density distribution
 → Non-zero (rapidity-dependent) v_1



Counter clockwise tilt of the medium



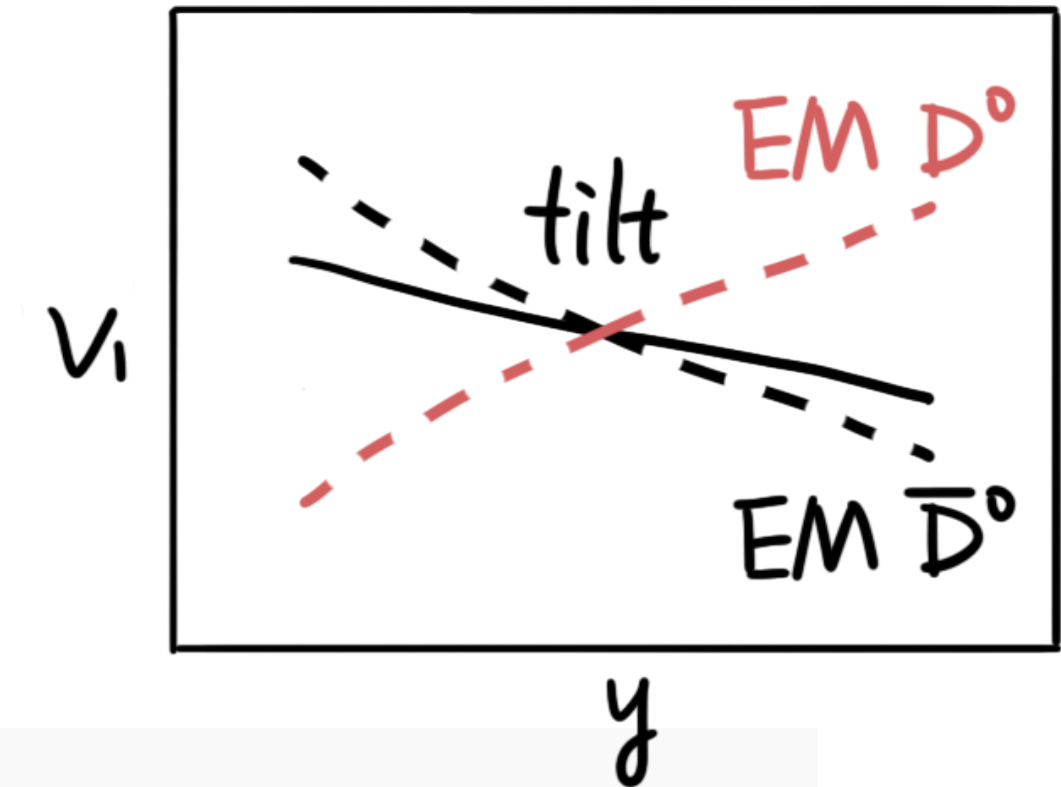
Directed Flow v_1 : Strong EM Field



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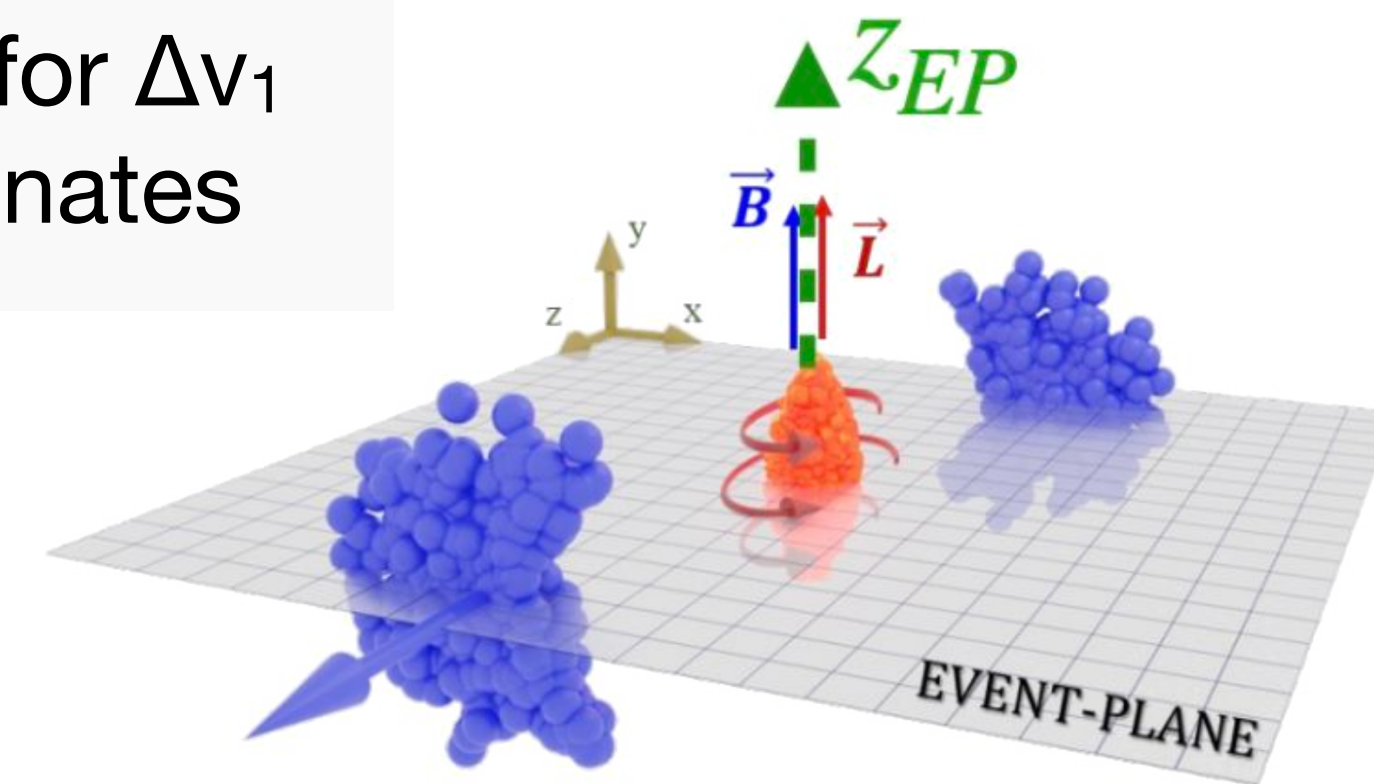
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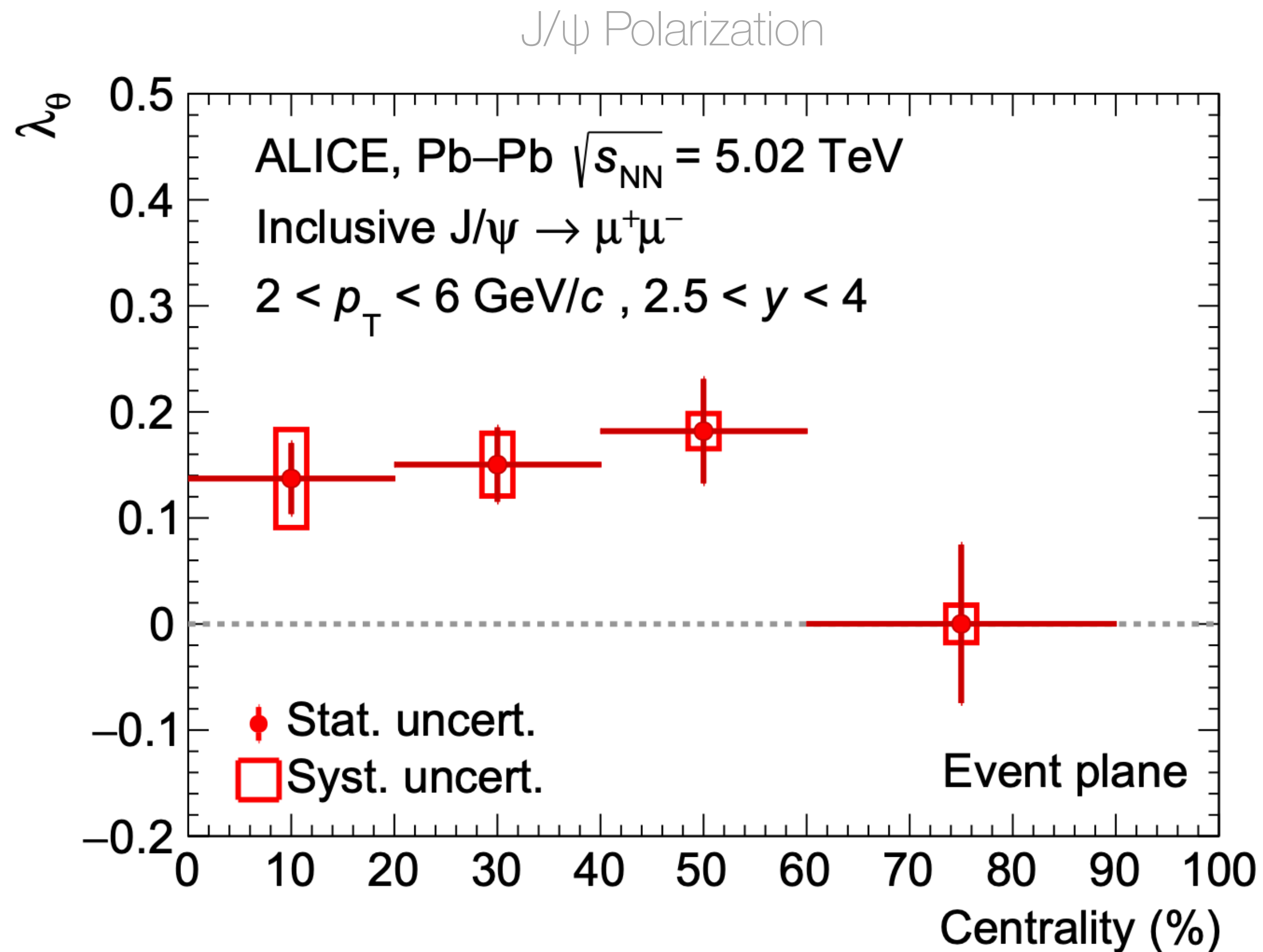


- **Strong EM field emerges at early stage**
 - Decays quickly \rightarrow unique chance for heavy flavors
 - \rightarrow Split v_1 of c and \bar{c} \rightarrow non-zero (rapidity-dep) Δv_1

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

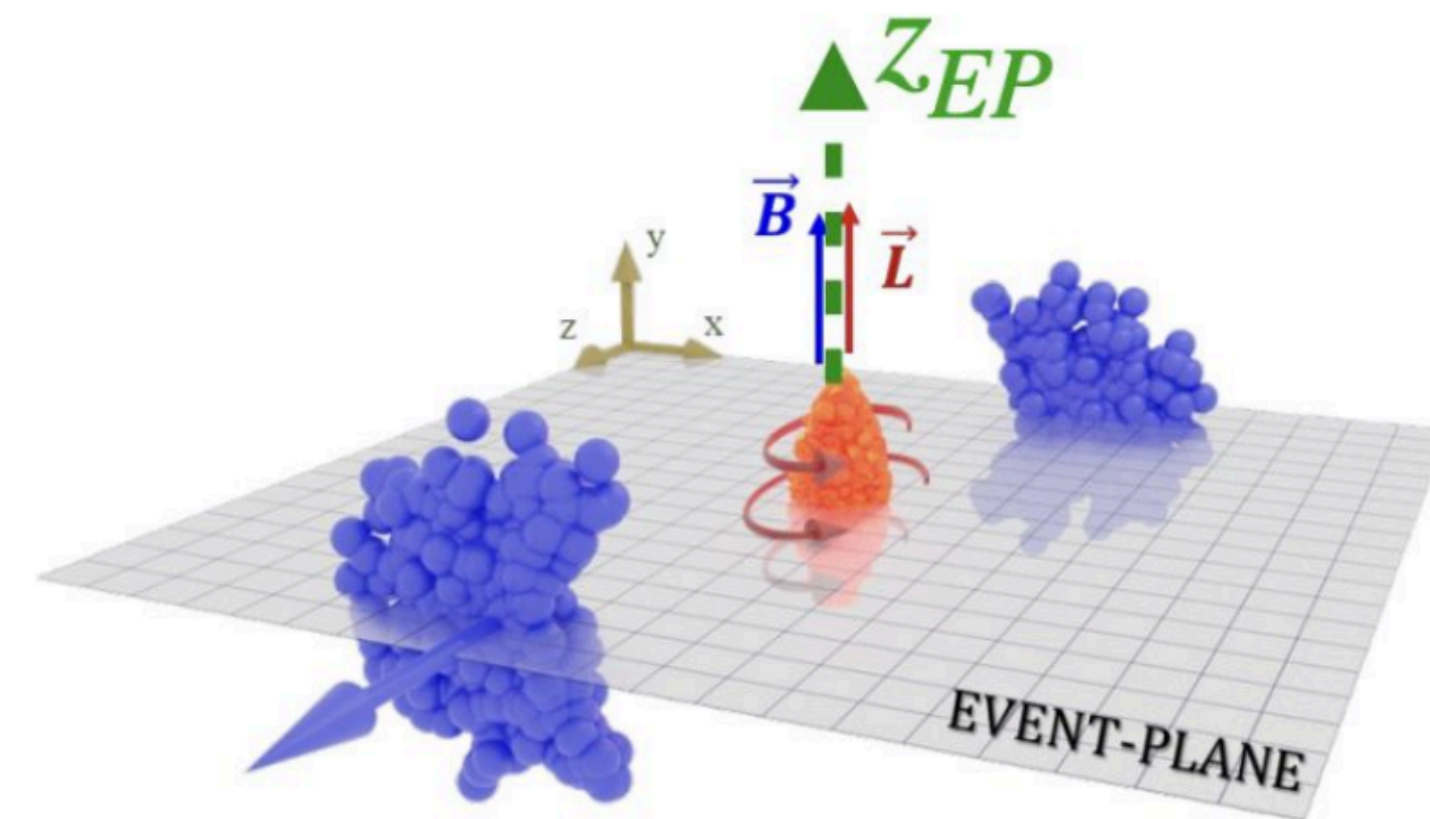


J/ψ Polarization: Initial B Field & Rotation

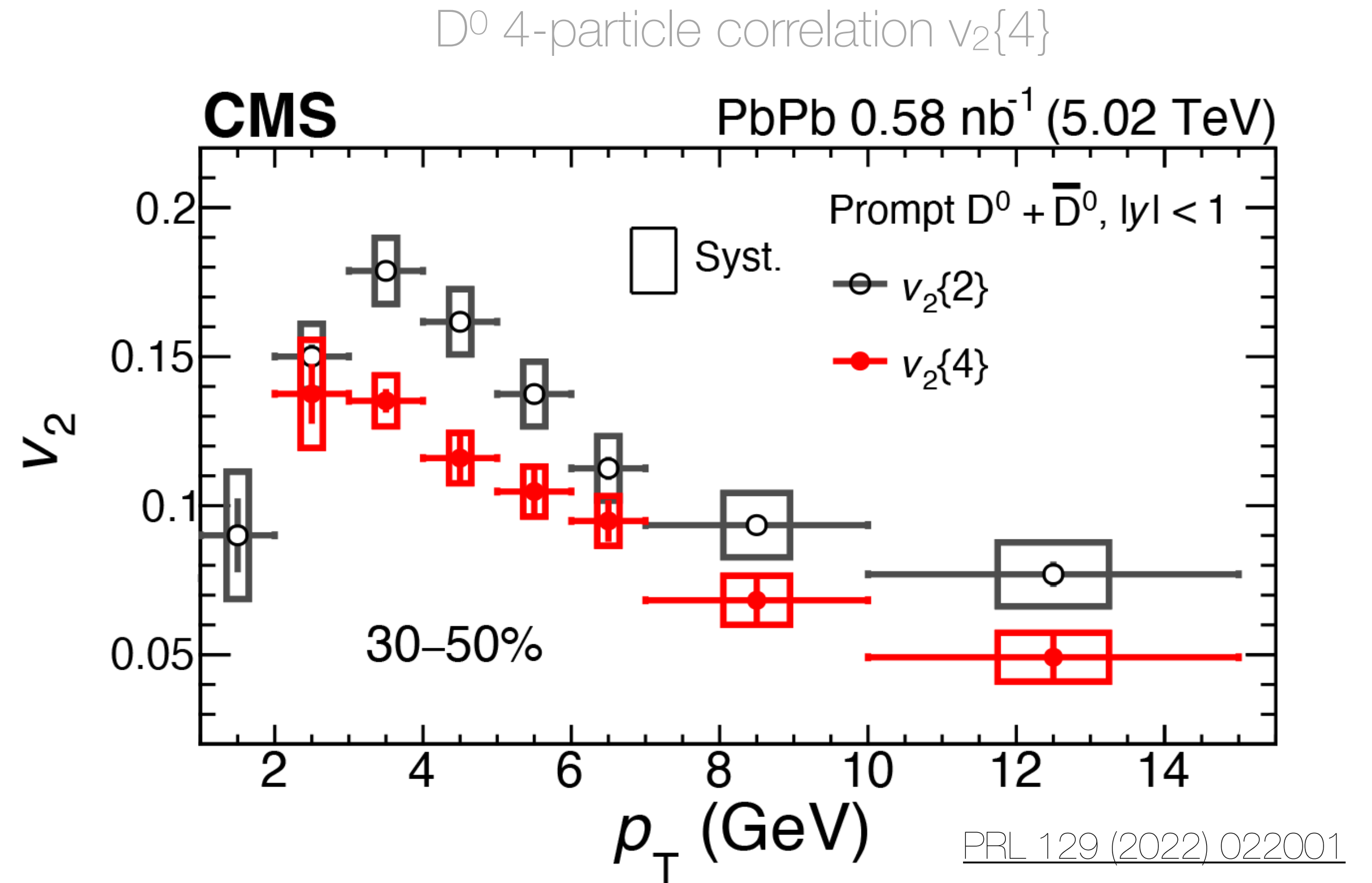
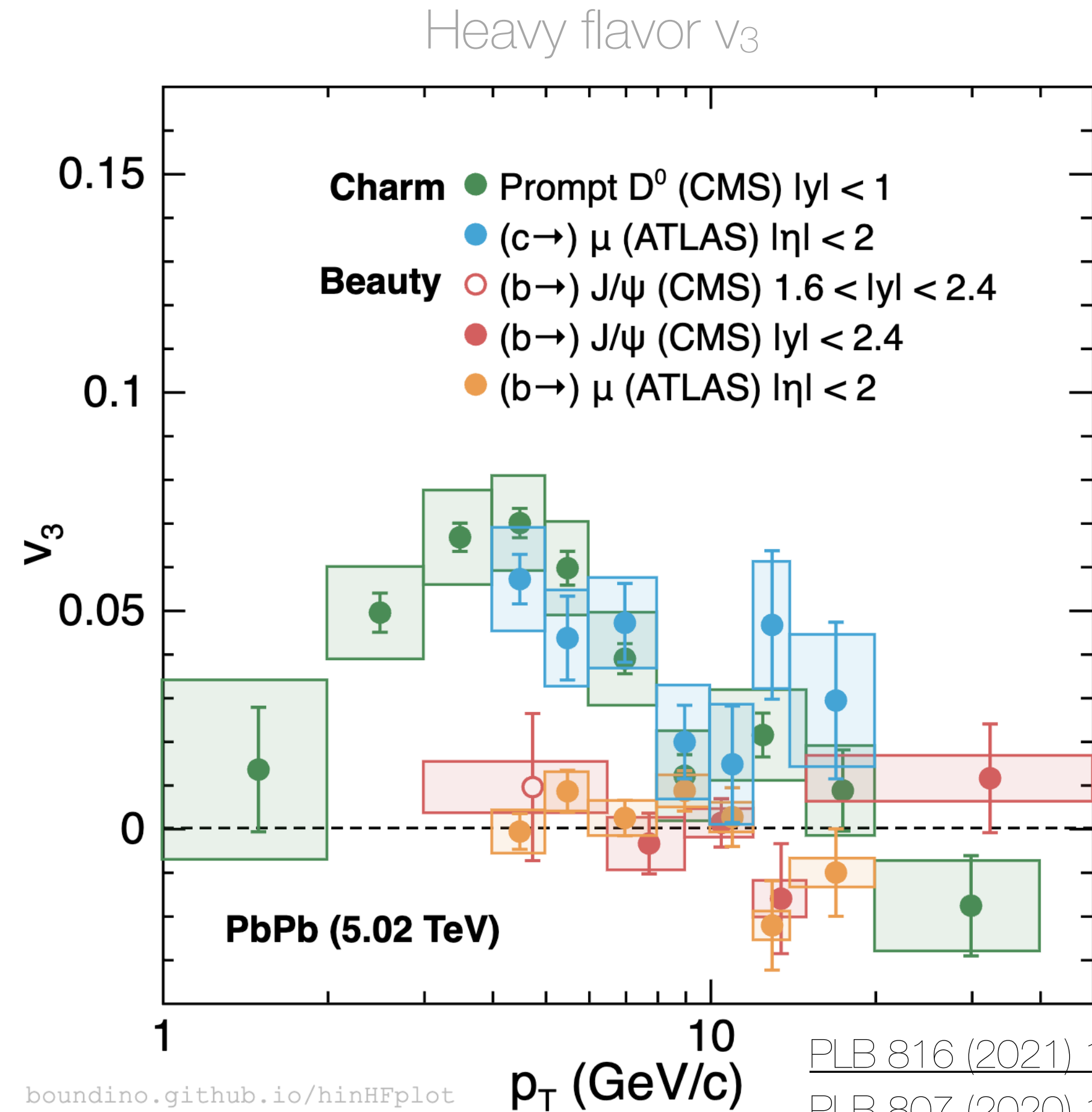


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- $\lambda_\theta > 0 \rightarrow$ **Transverse polarization** in the direction perpendicular to the **reaction plane**
 - \rightarrow connected with
 - Strong **magnetic field**
 - **Rotation** at early stage via spin-orbit coupling



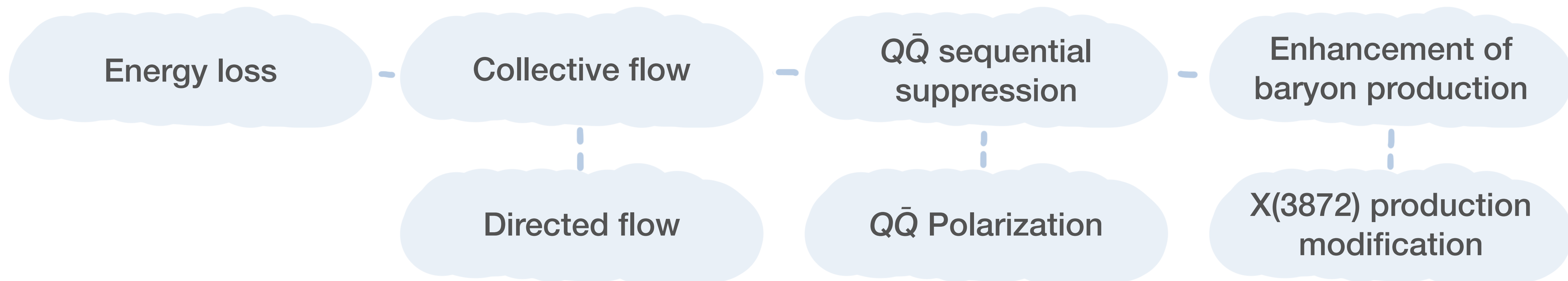
Initial Geometry Fluctuations



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

Summary: Being Hot Matters

Many interesting heavy flavor behaviors driven by existence of QGP



Summary: Being Hot Really Matters?

Most of them also observed in small systems

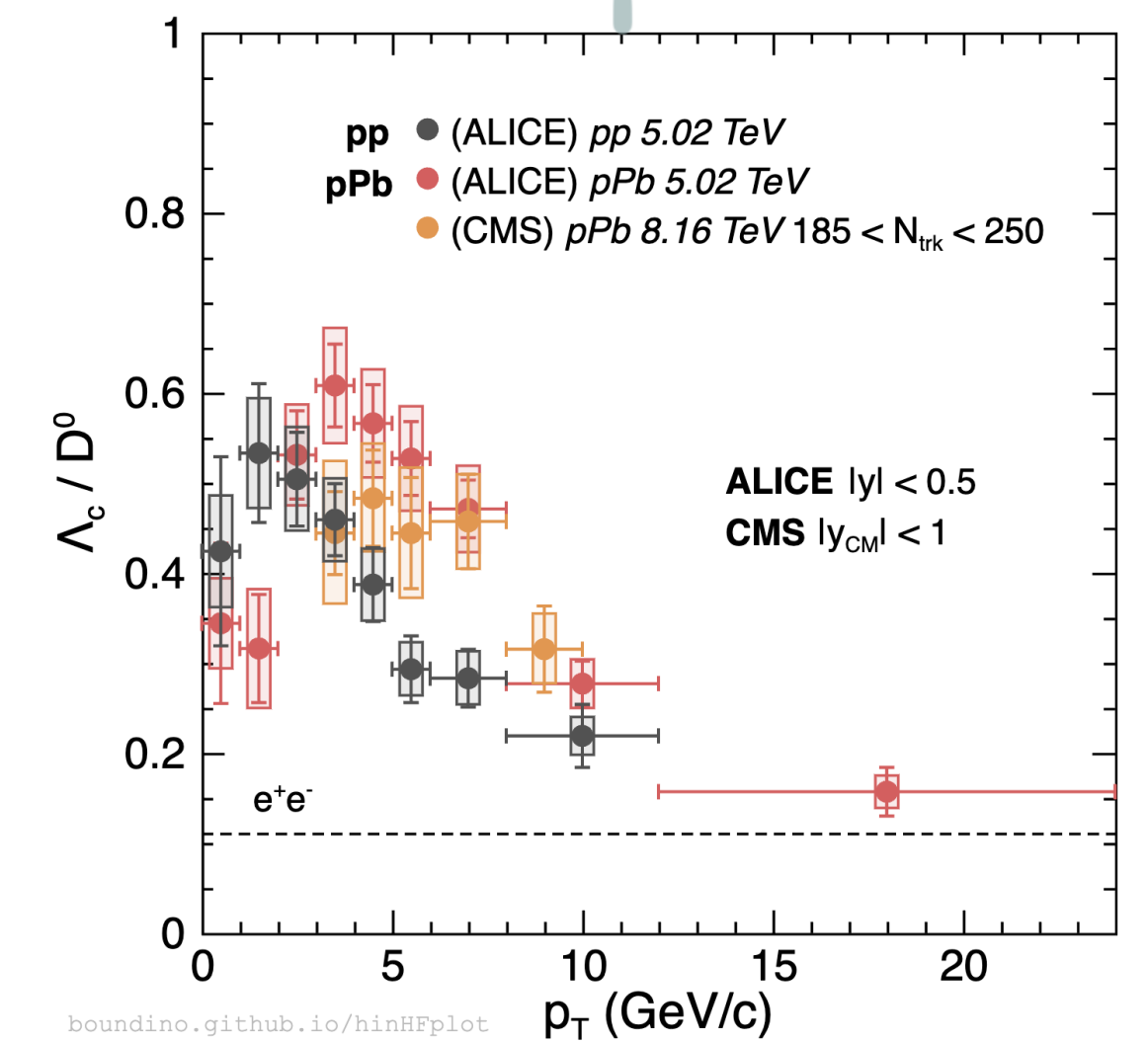
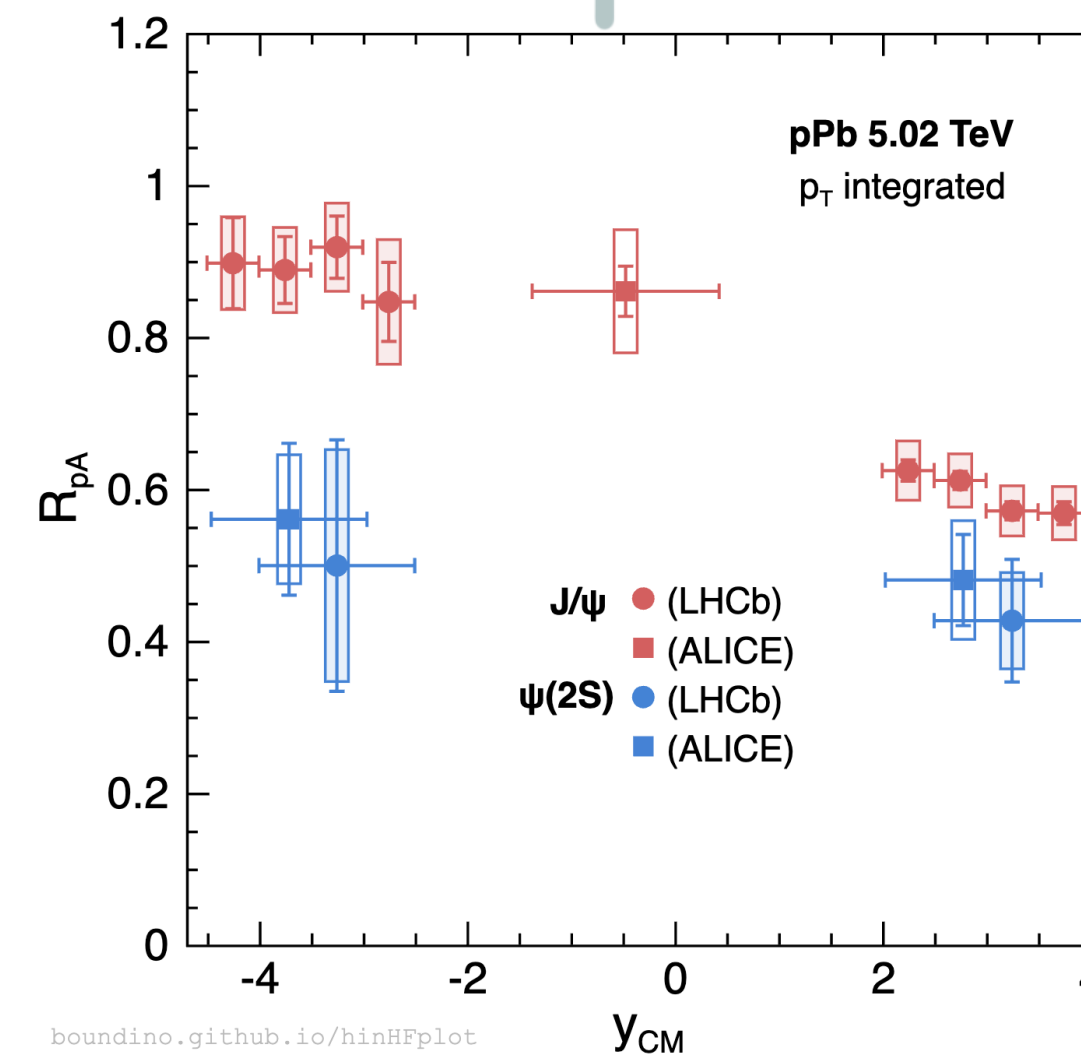
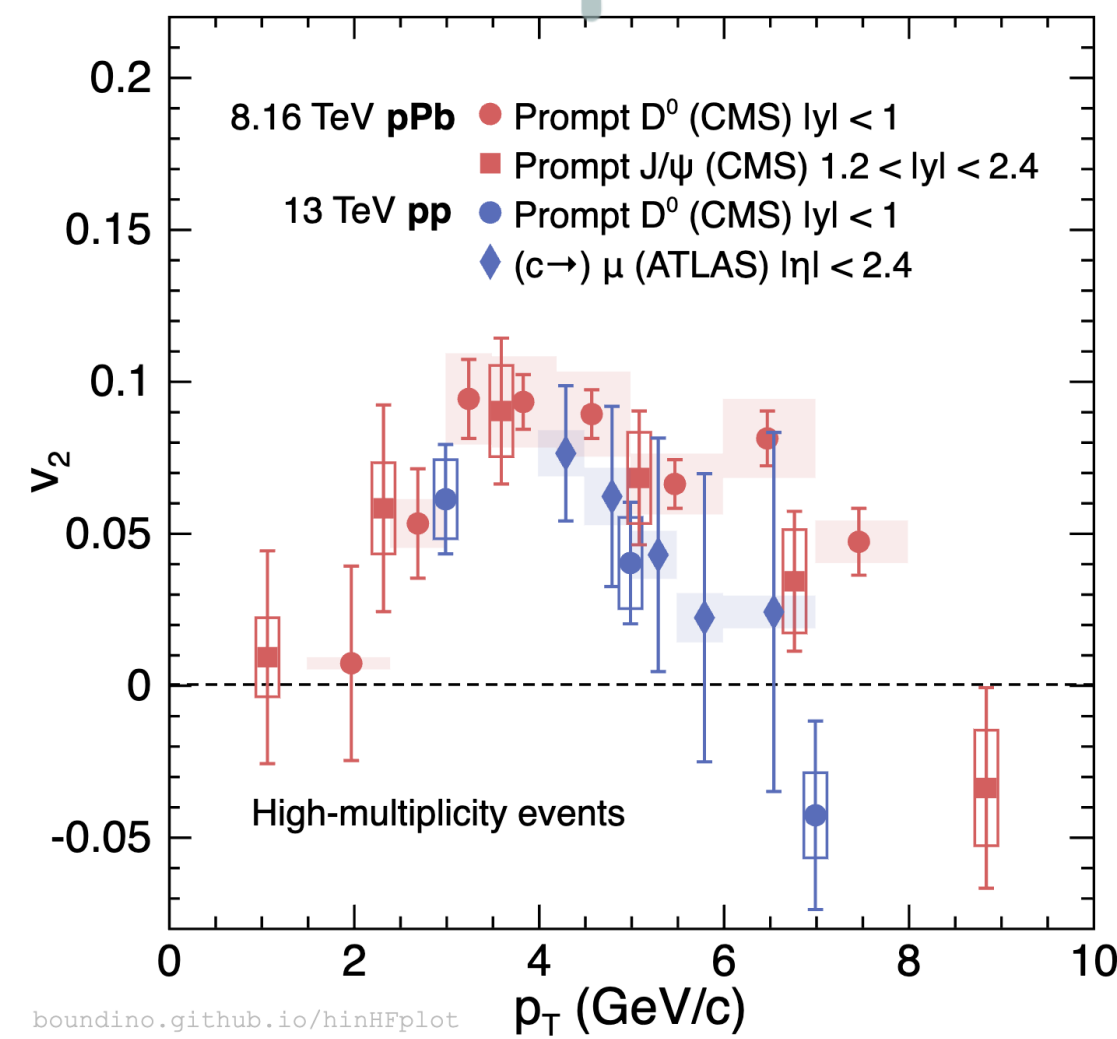
Energy loss

Collective flow

Q \bar{Q} sequential suppression

Enhancement of baryon production

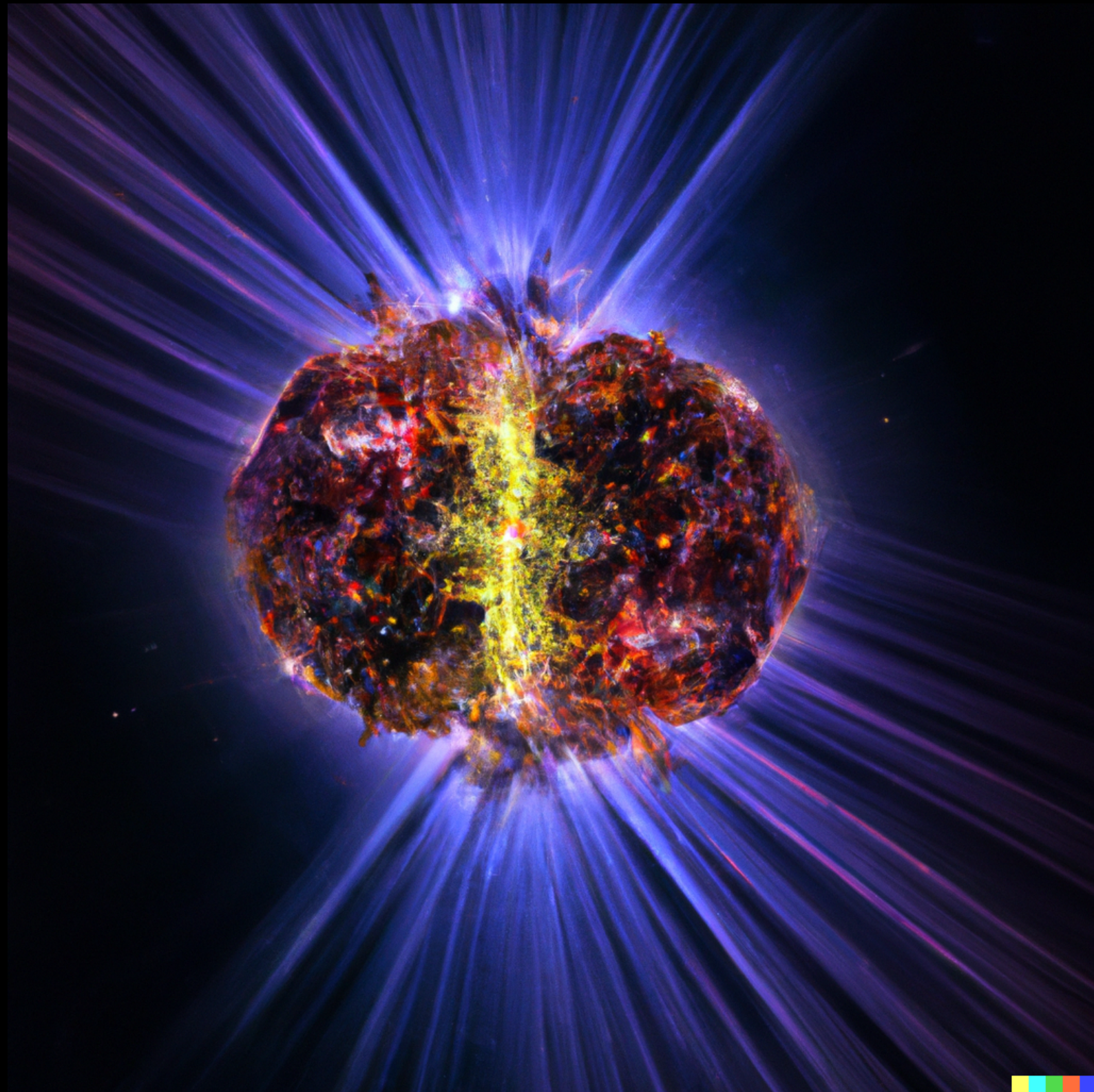
Q \bar{Q} Polarization



Challenge & opportunity → Stress collision system scan of EIC → RHIC → LHC to understand the onset of QGP

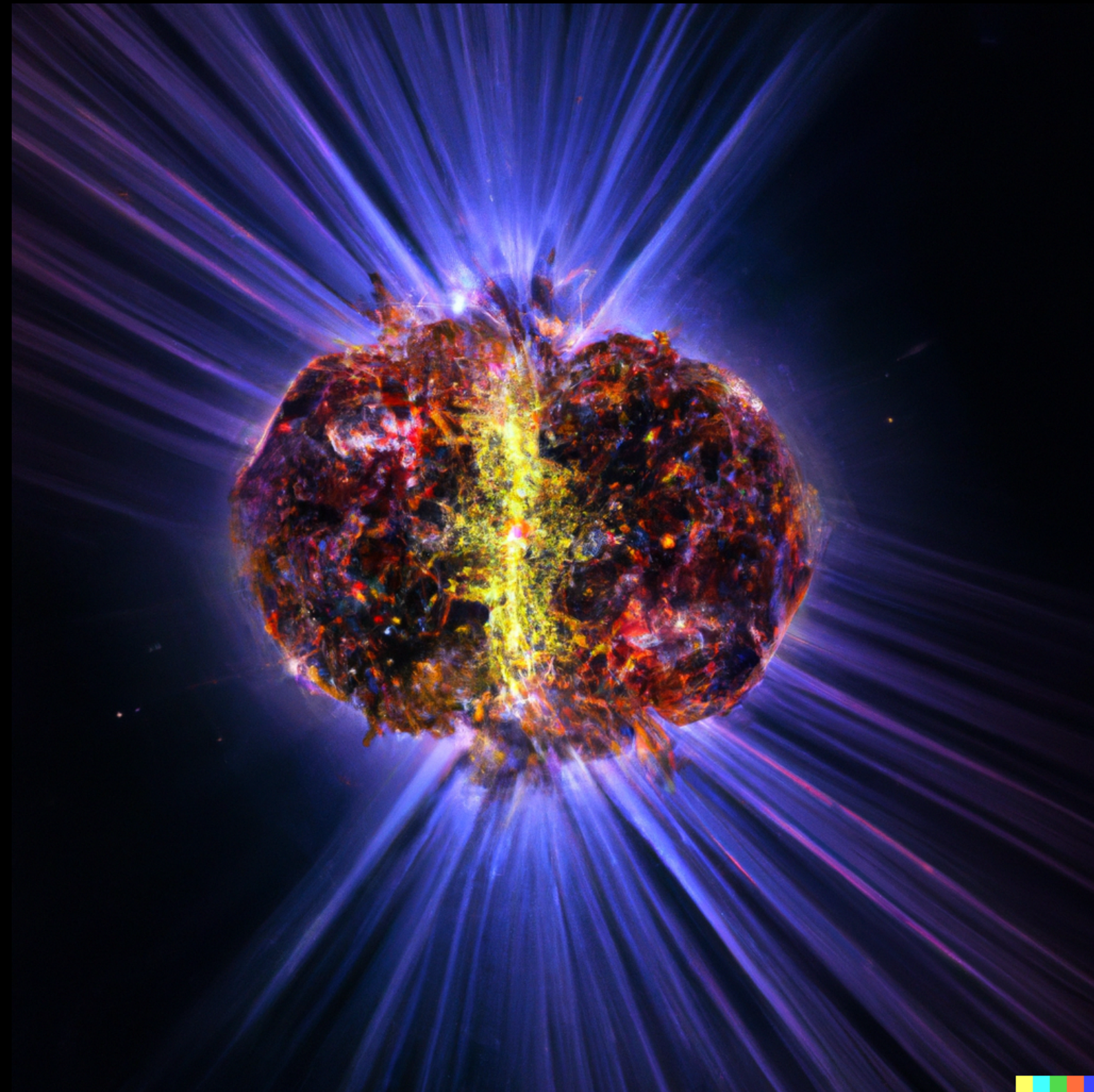
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Heavy-ion collisions



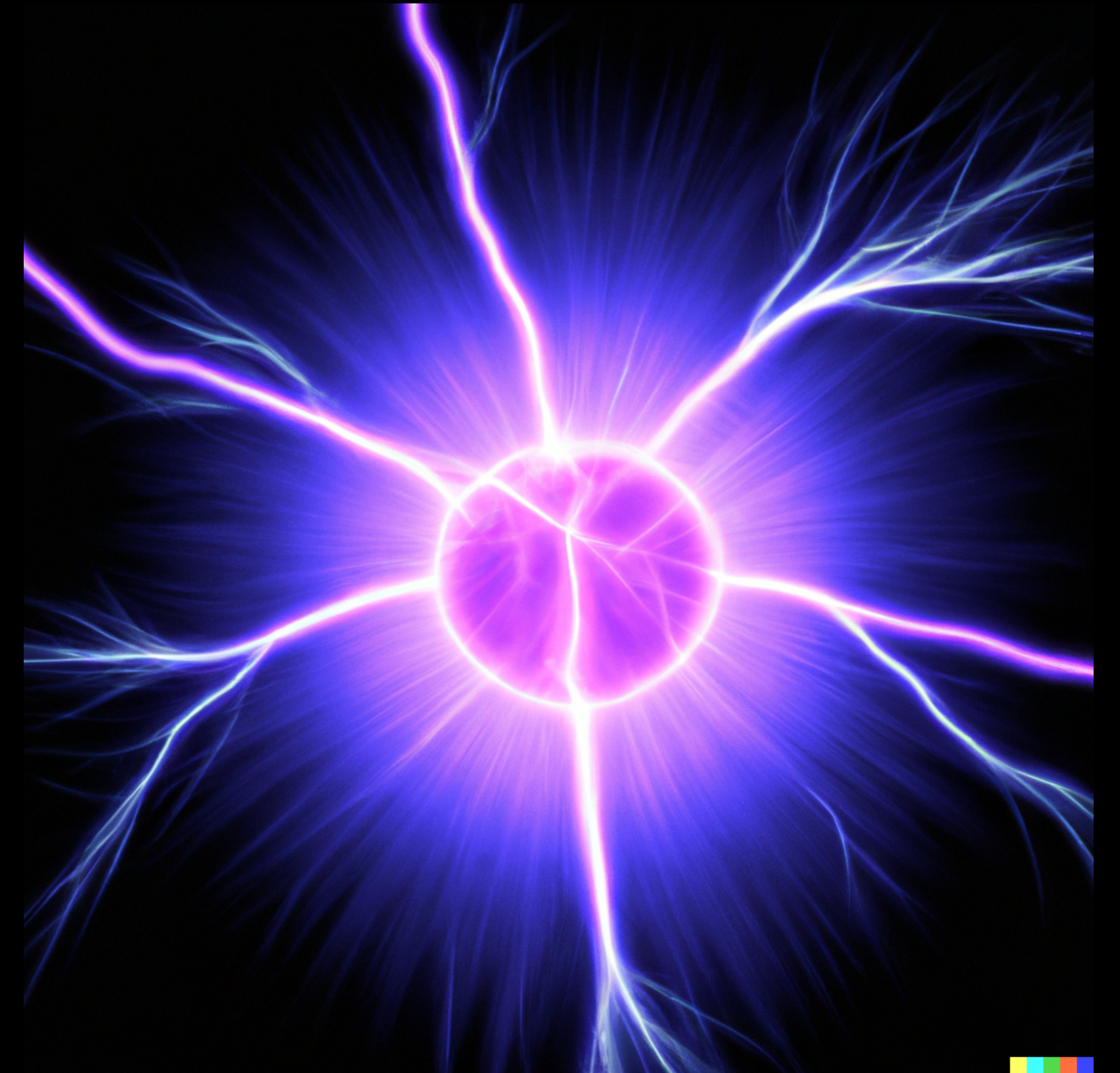
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A long way to go to
understand quarks
and gluons

Quark-gluon plasma





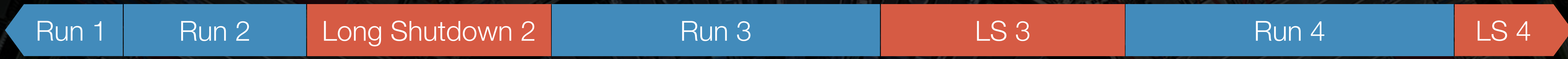
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Thanks for your attention!

Back up

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Future Data and Experiments



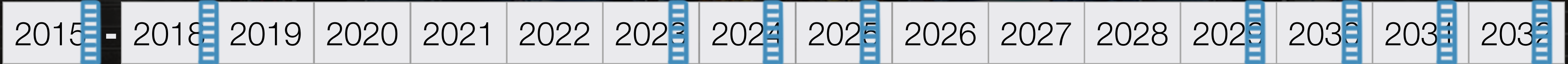
PbPb
(2.2 nb⁻¹)
pPb
(0.18 pb⁻¹)

5 TeV

PbPb
(6 nb⁻¹)
pPb
(0.5 pb⁻¹)
p0/00

CMS/ATLAS
Phase-2
upgrades

PbPb
(7 nb⁻¹)
pPb
(0.5 pb⁻¹)



We are here!

sPHENIX 23-35

200 GeV

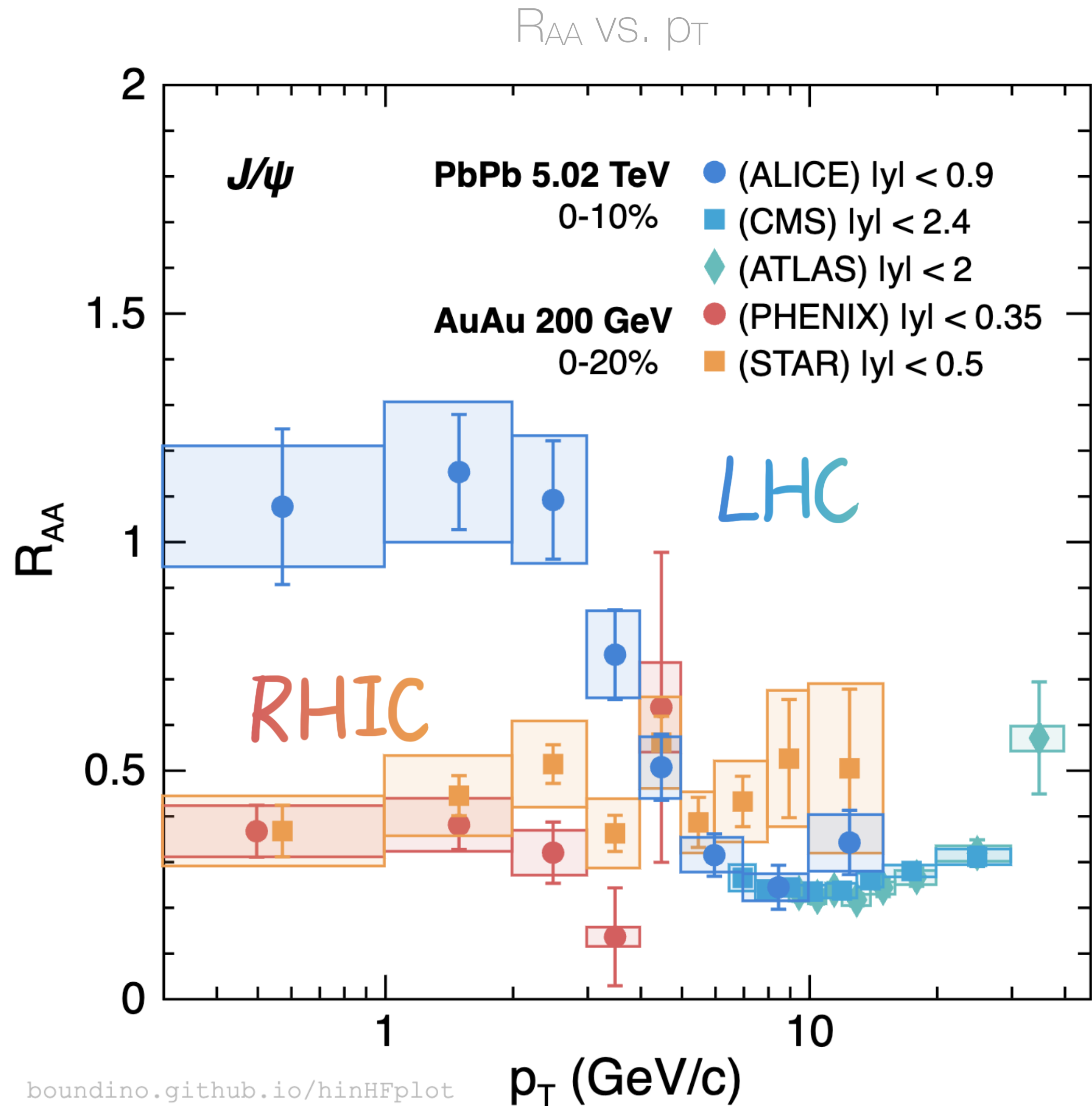
AuAu
(32 nb⁻¹)
pAu
(0.11 pb⁻¹)

EIC

28-140 GeV

ep
(100-1000x
HERA)
eA (d→Pb)

Charmonium Production: Summary

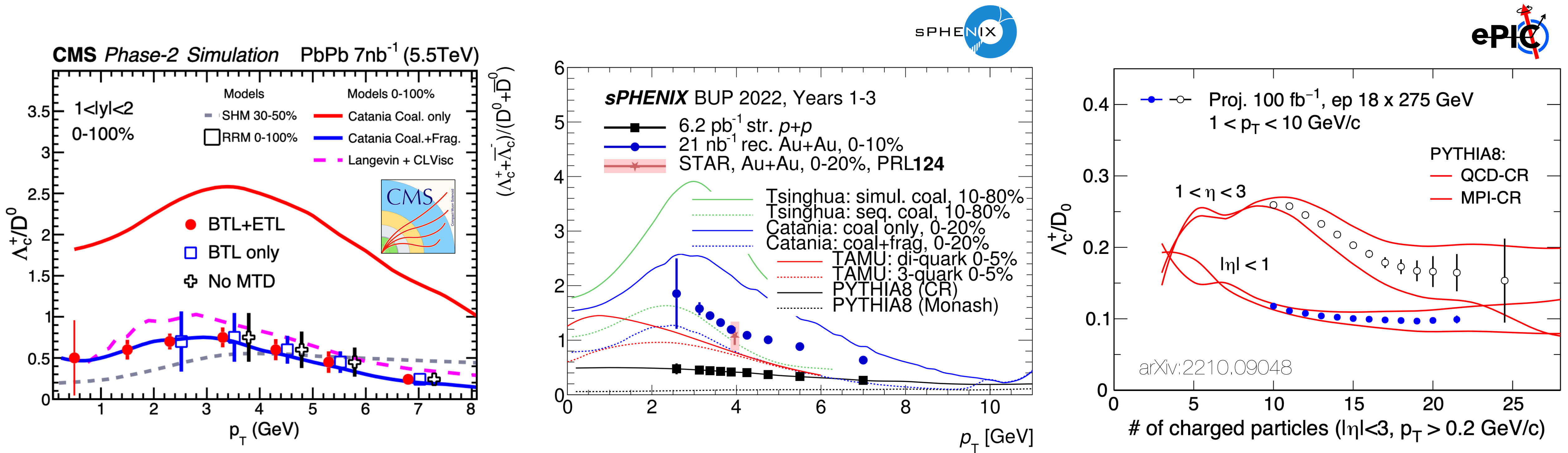


$Q\bar{Q} \rightarrow$ Bound states of quark and its anti-quark

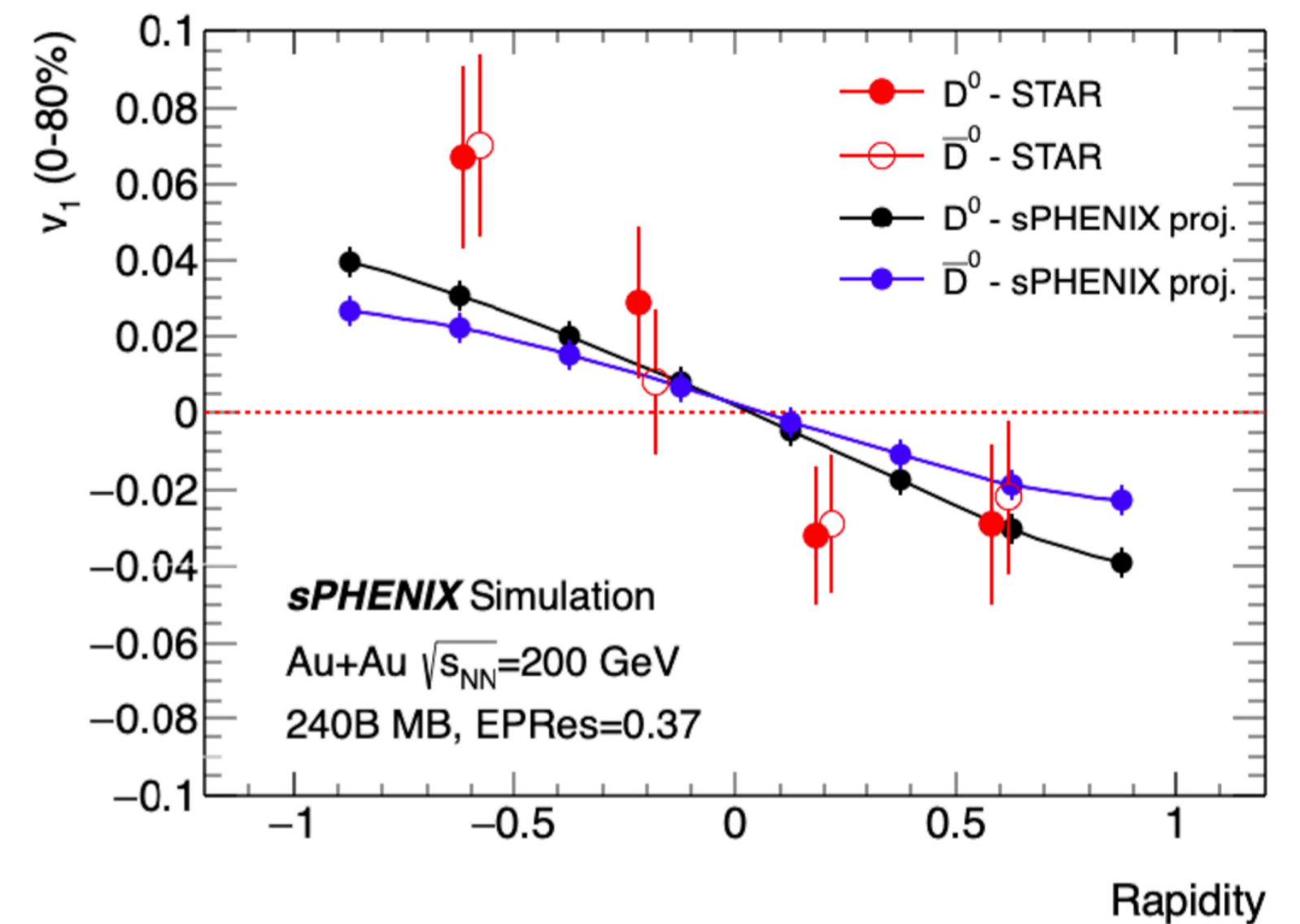
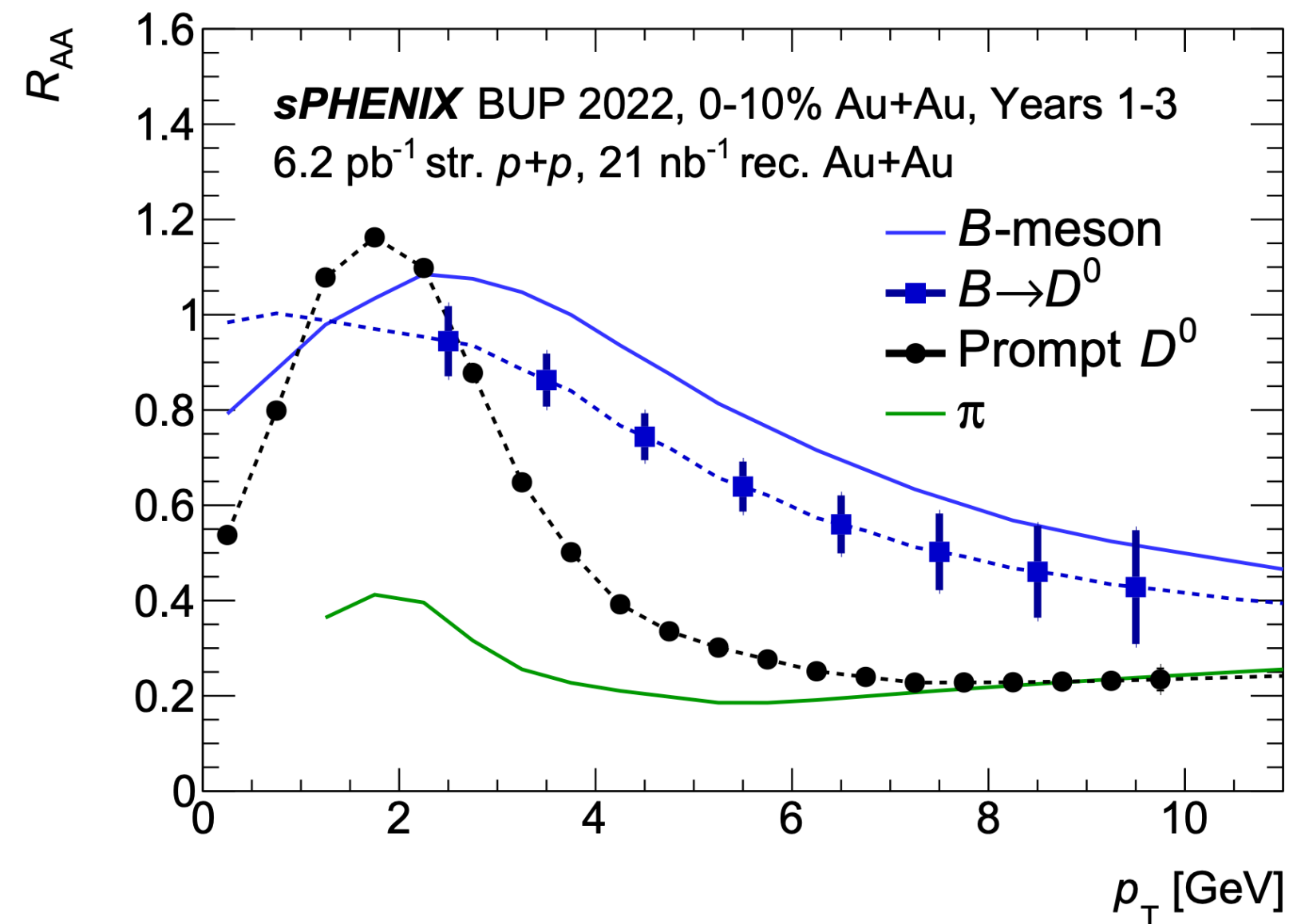
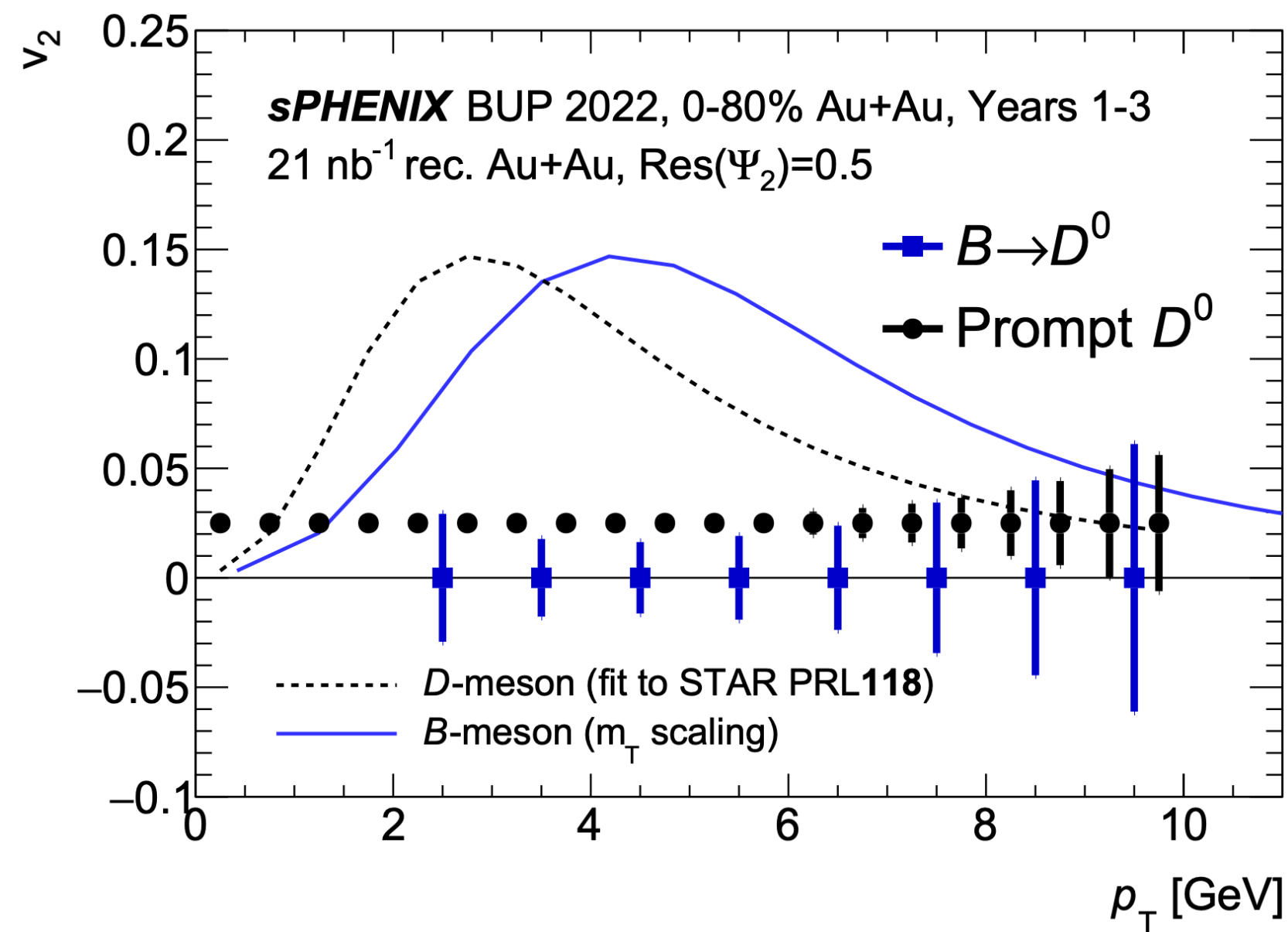
- Sequential melting (binding energy hierarchy)
 - Thermometer of QGP
 - Stronger suppression in central events \rightarrow higher T
 - **Smaller R_{AA} in LHC than RHIC at high p_T** \rightarrow higher T
- Recombination
 - Enhancement **at low p_T** in central events \rightarrow larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$
 - **Significant in LHC not RHIC** \rightarrow larger $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$
- Cold nuclear matter effects
 - Nuclear/comover absorption
 - Destroyed by interactions with nucleus remnants
 - Nuclear PDF

Heavy Quark Hadronization: Baryons

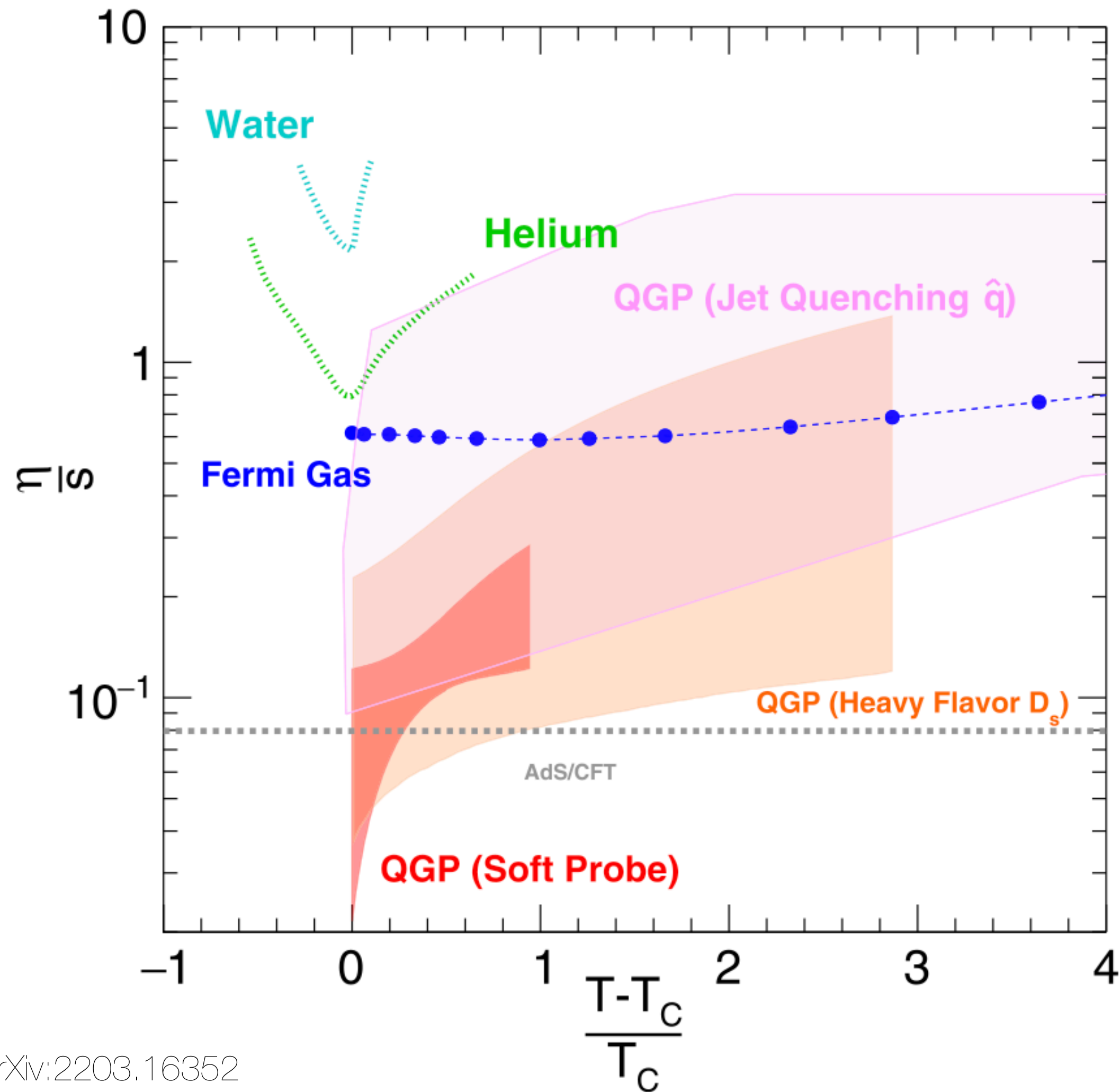
- High precision Λ_c/D^0 expected from CMS, sPHENIX and EIC with different environments



sPHENIX Projection



HF Probe QGP Transport Property



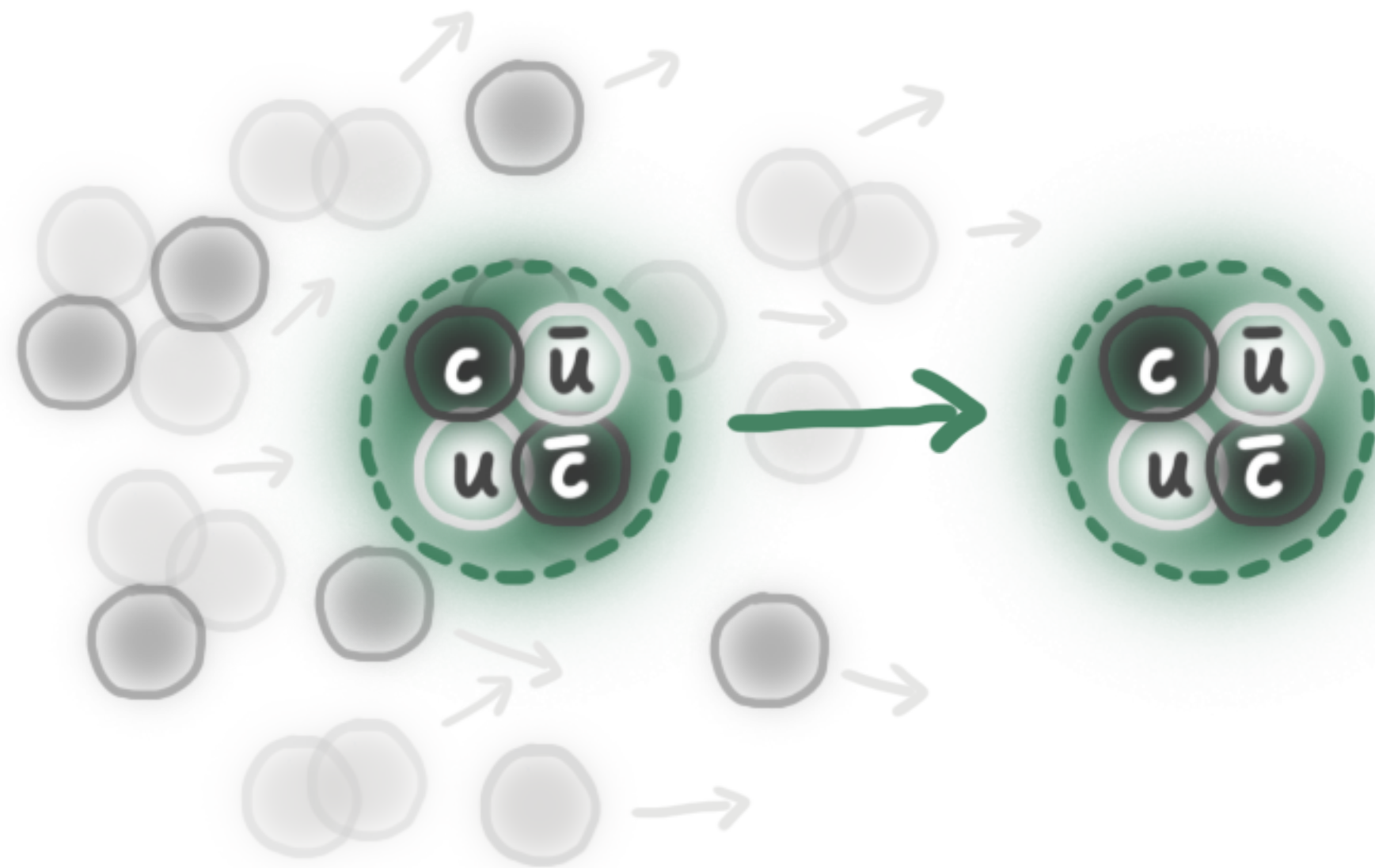
- Small specific shear viscosity η/s
 - Consistent from **soft probe** and **heavy flavors**
 - Heavy quarks produced earlier than soft probes \rightarrow unique at higher temperature
- Hadronization is critical to suppress uncertainty

New Window to X(3872) Structure

- Breakup by comoving particles \rightarrow Suppress X(3872)
- \rightarrow Reflect the nature of X(3872)

Tetraquark

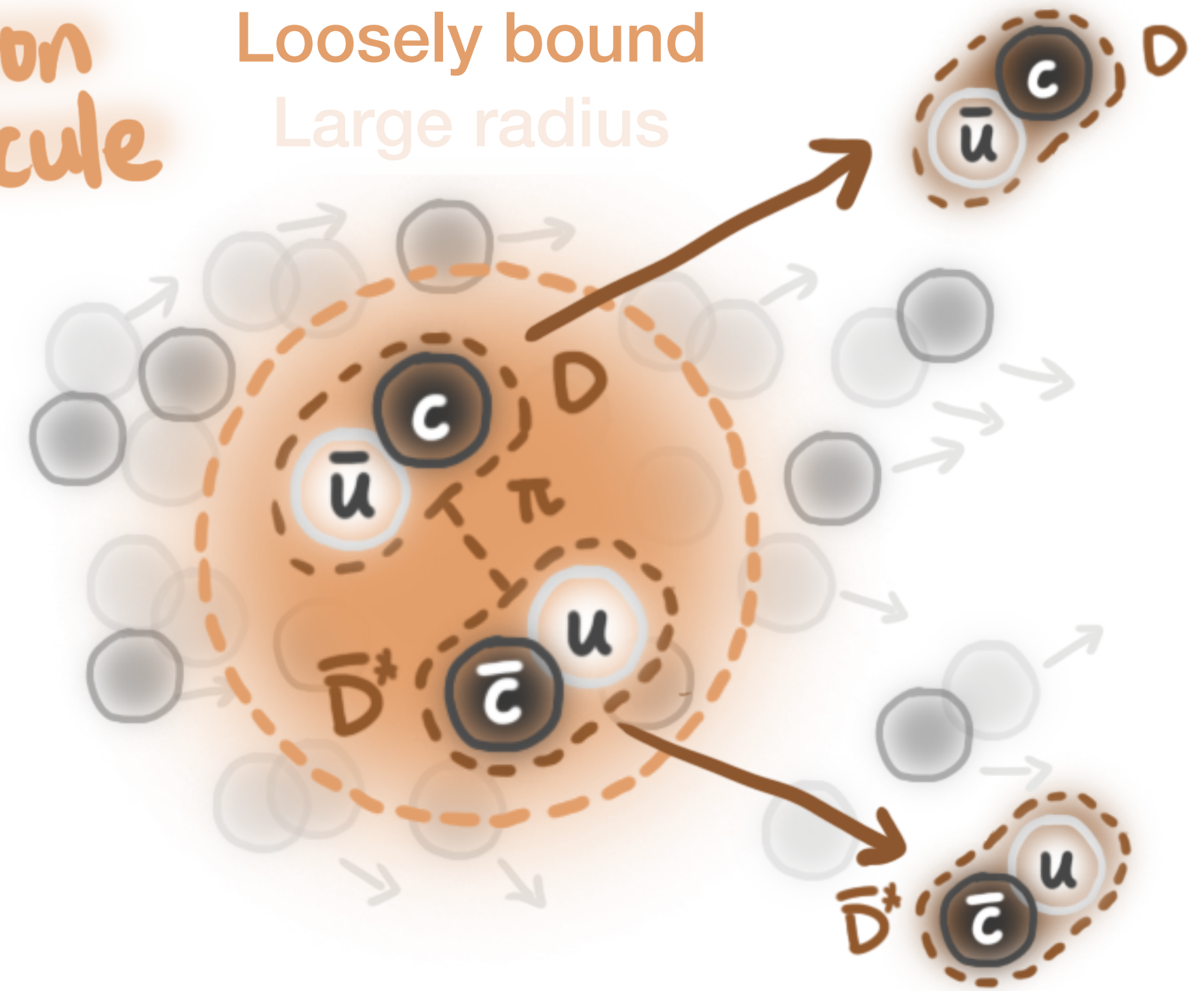
Tightly bound
Small radius



Lower dissociation probability

Hadron molecule

Loosely bound
Large radius



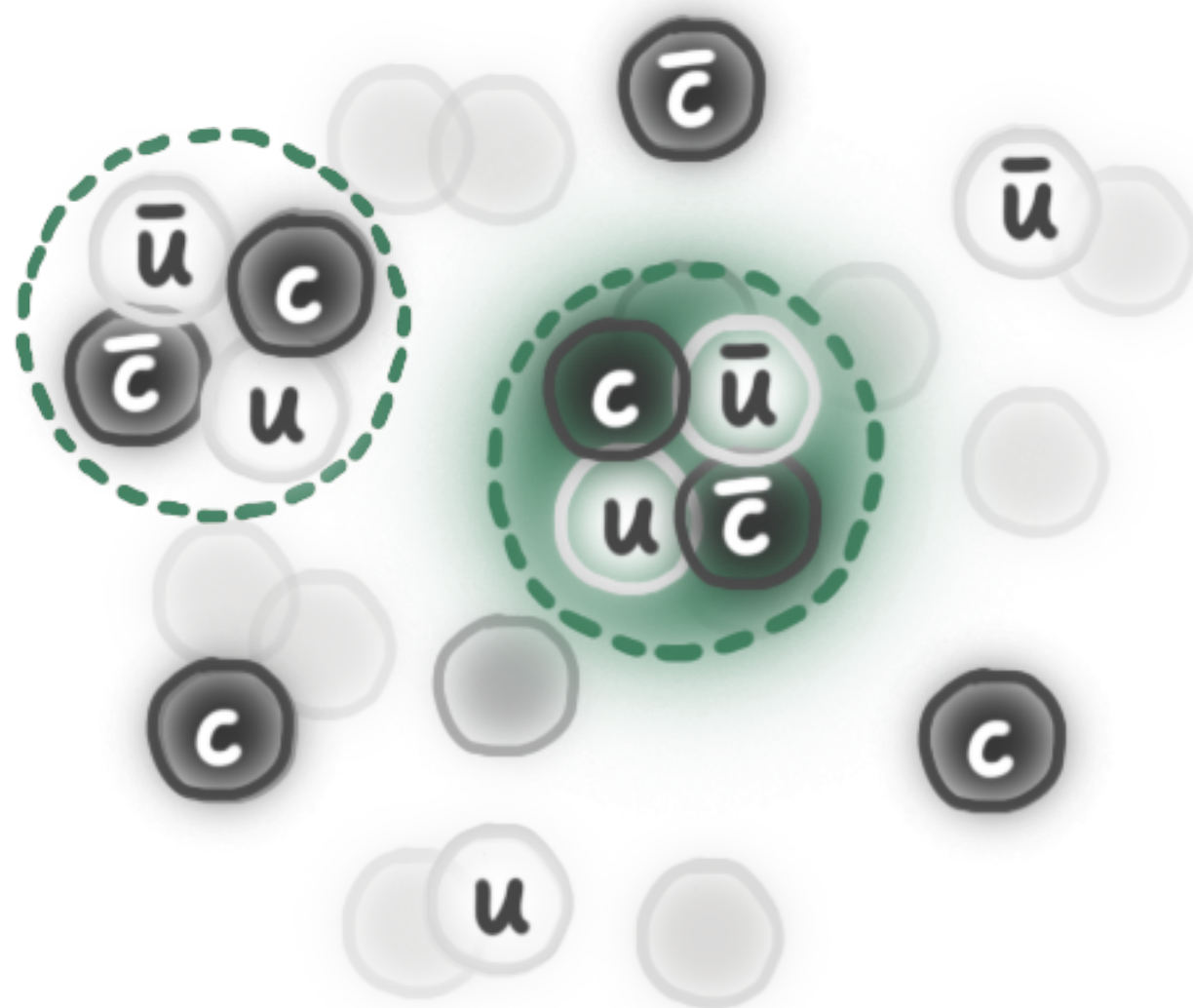
Higher dissociation probability

New Window to X(3872) Structure

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- **Coalescence** with diffusing particles \rightarrow Enhance X(3872)

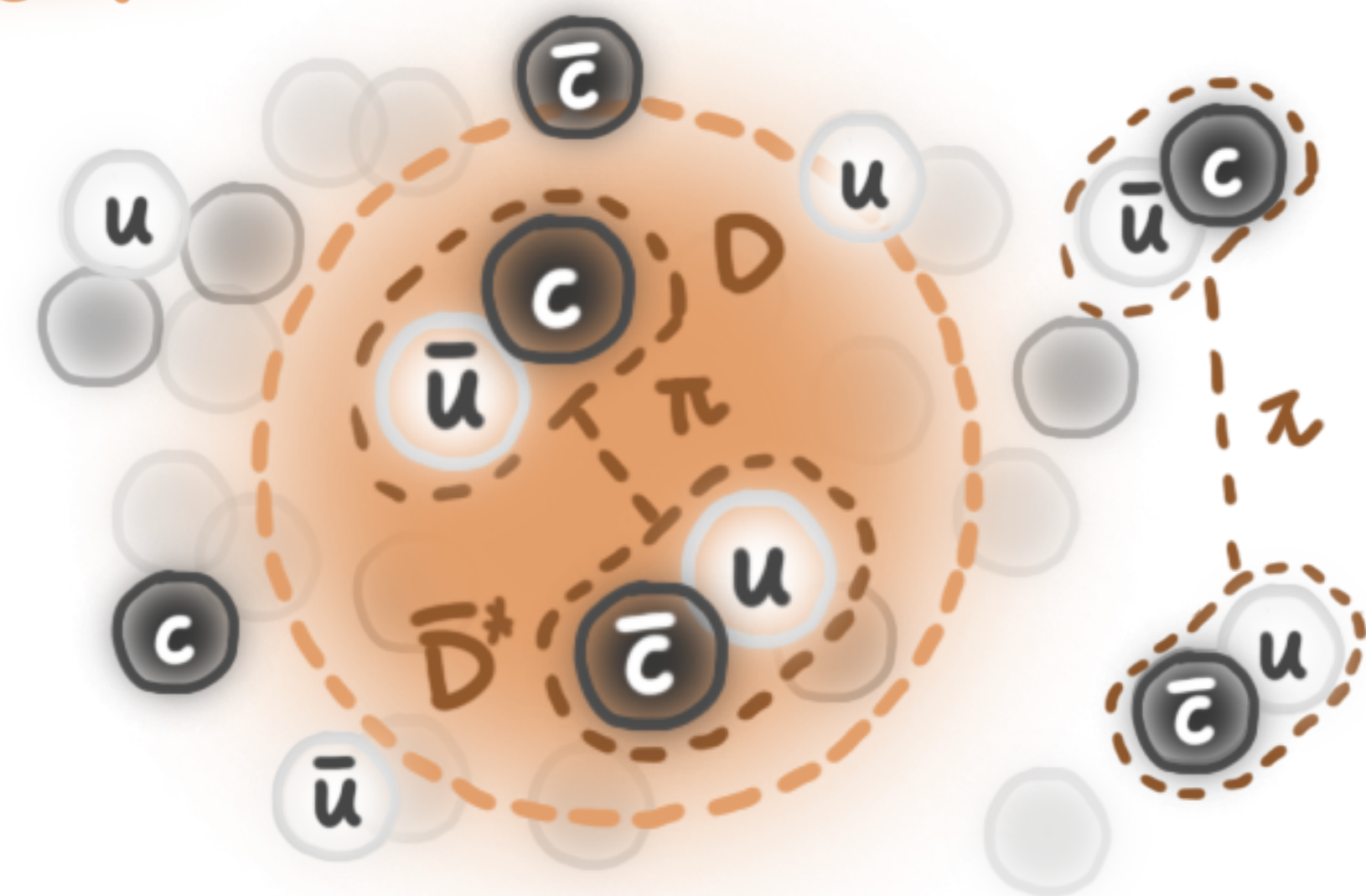
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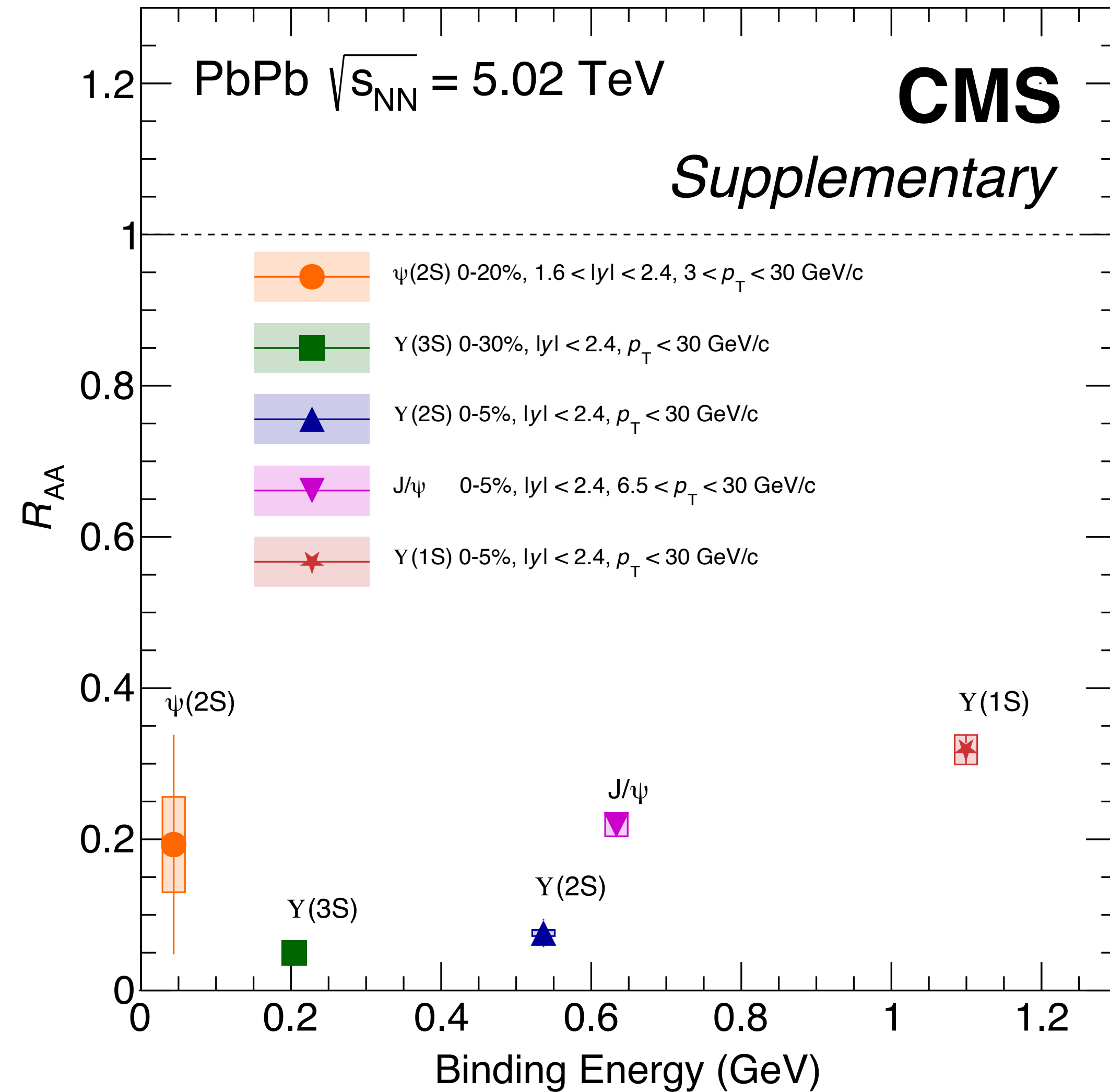
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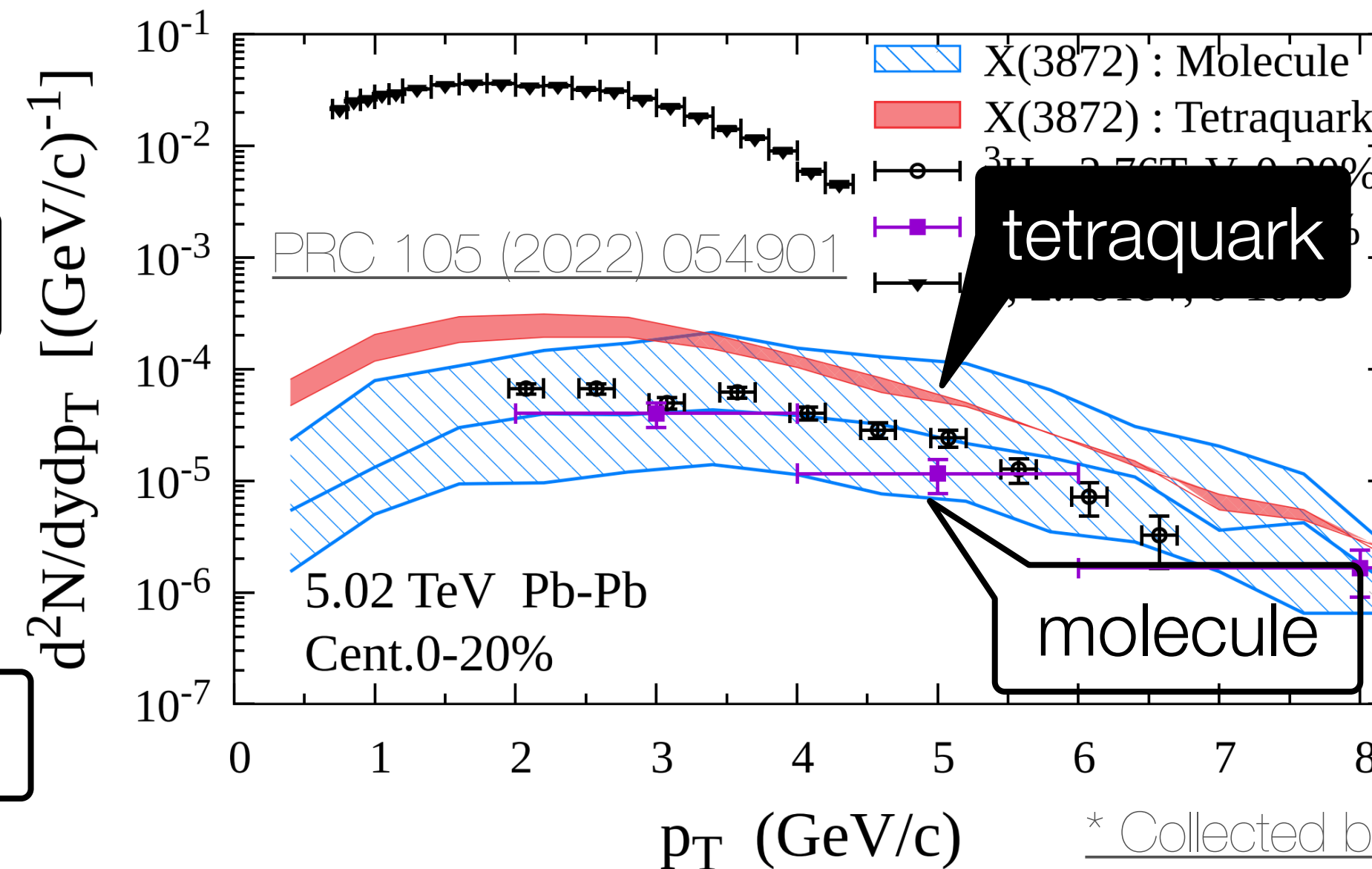
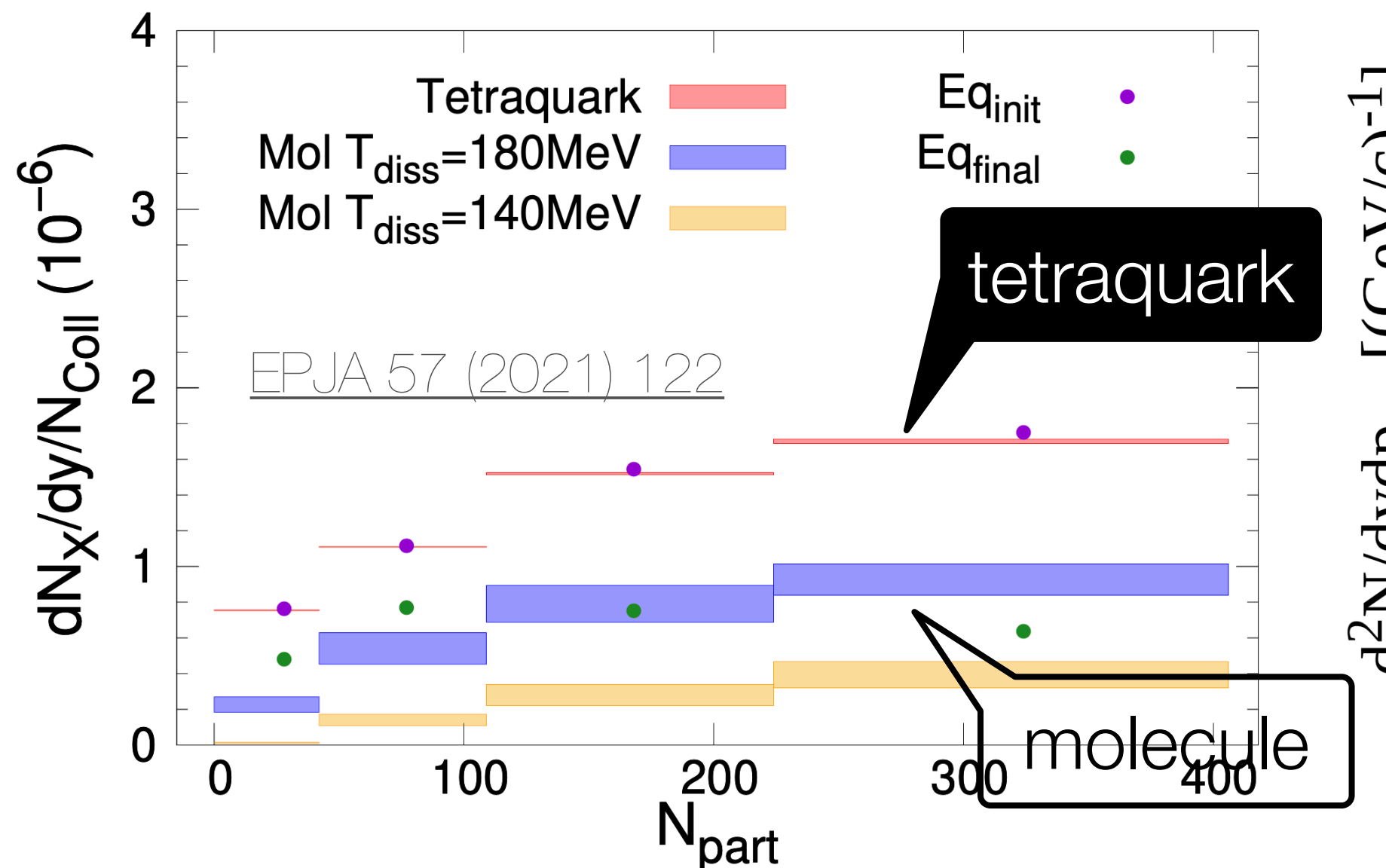
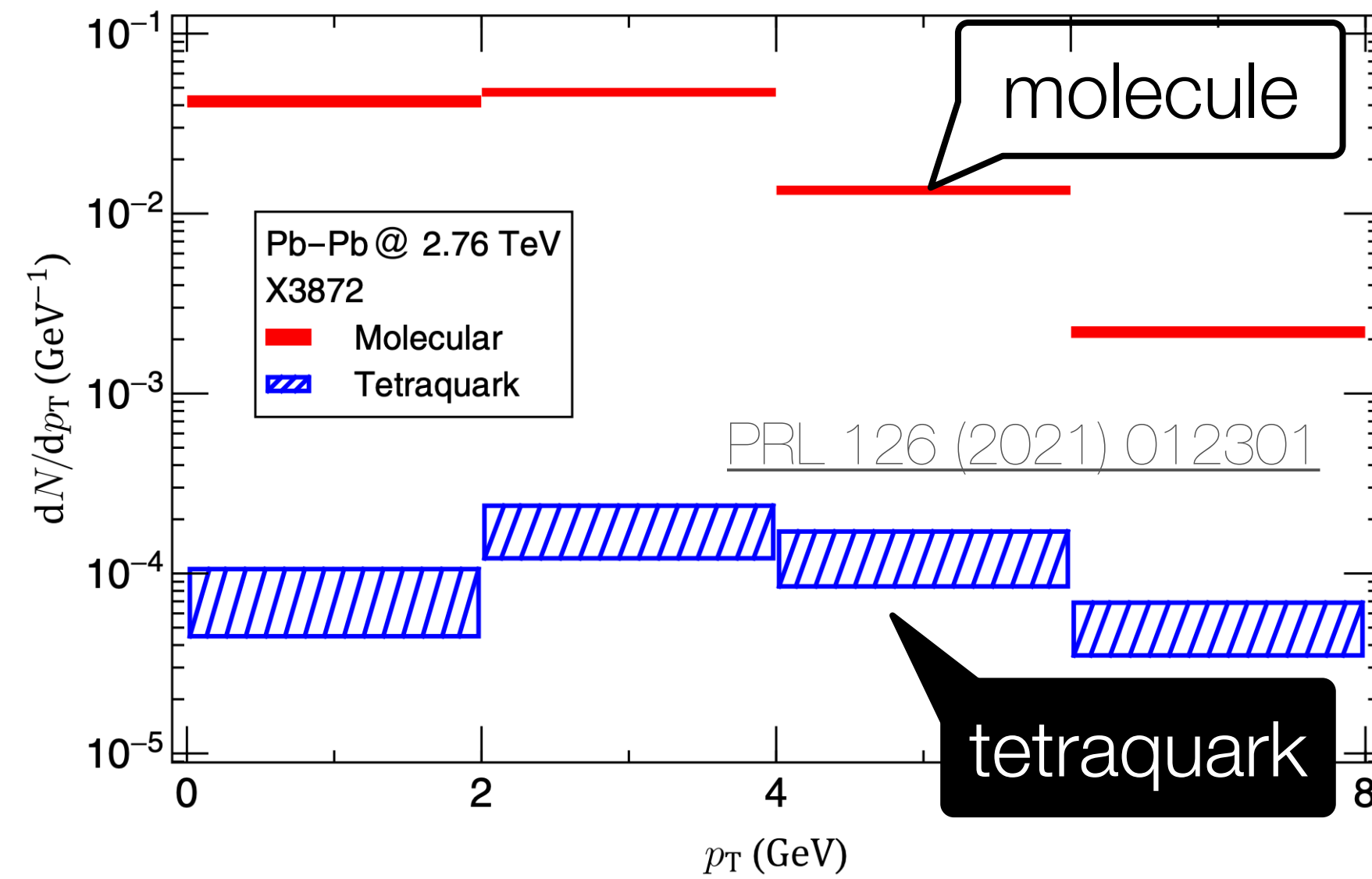
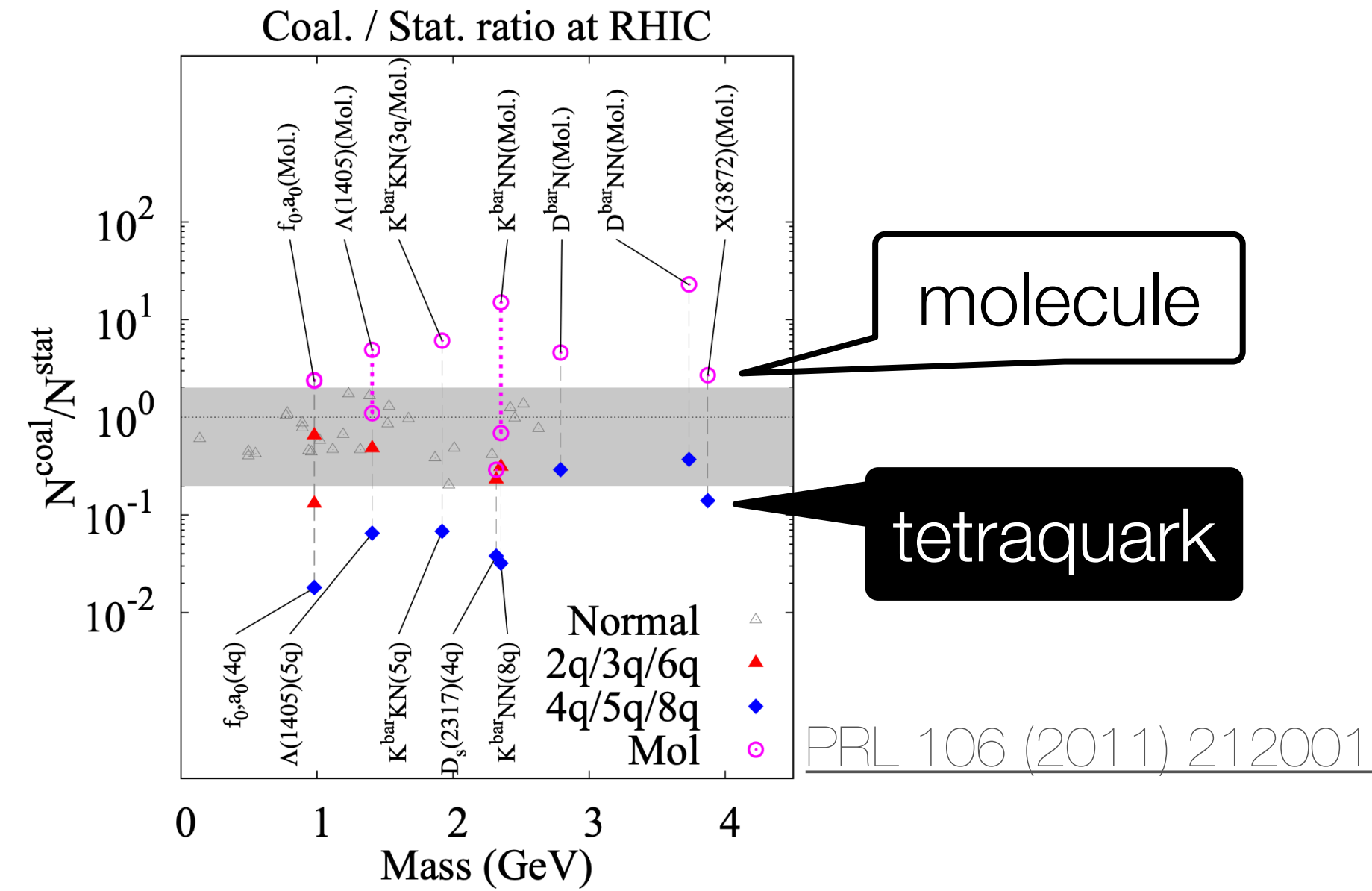


Coalescence probability depends on X(3872) inner structure and particle distribution

Quarkonium Binding Energy



Tetra-quark or Molecule: Theory



- Many theoretical efforts!
- Divergence in theoretical calculations
- Different recombination and dissociation implementation

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