

Production of charmed hadrons in heavy-ion collisions

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heavy ion collisions & charmed hadrons

2. Production of charmed hadrons: D , $X(3872)$, B_c , J/ψ

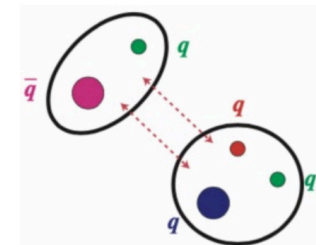
D meson spectrum ($c - \bar{q}$)

J/ψ spectrum ($c - \bar{c}$) **flows** $v_{1,2,3}$

B_c production ($c - \bar{b}$)

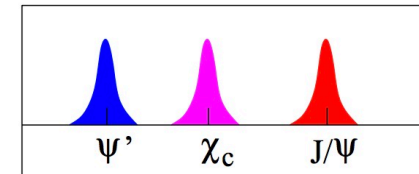
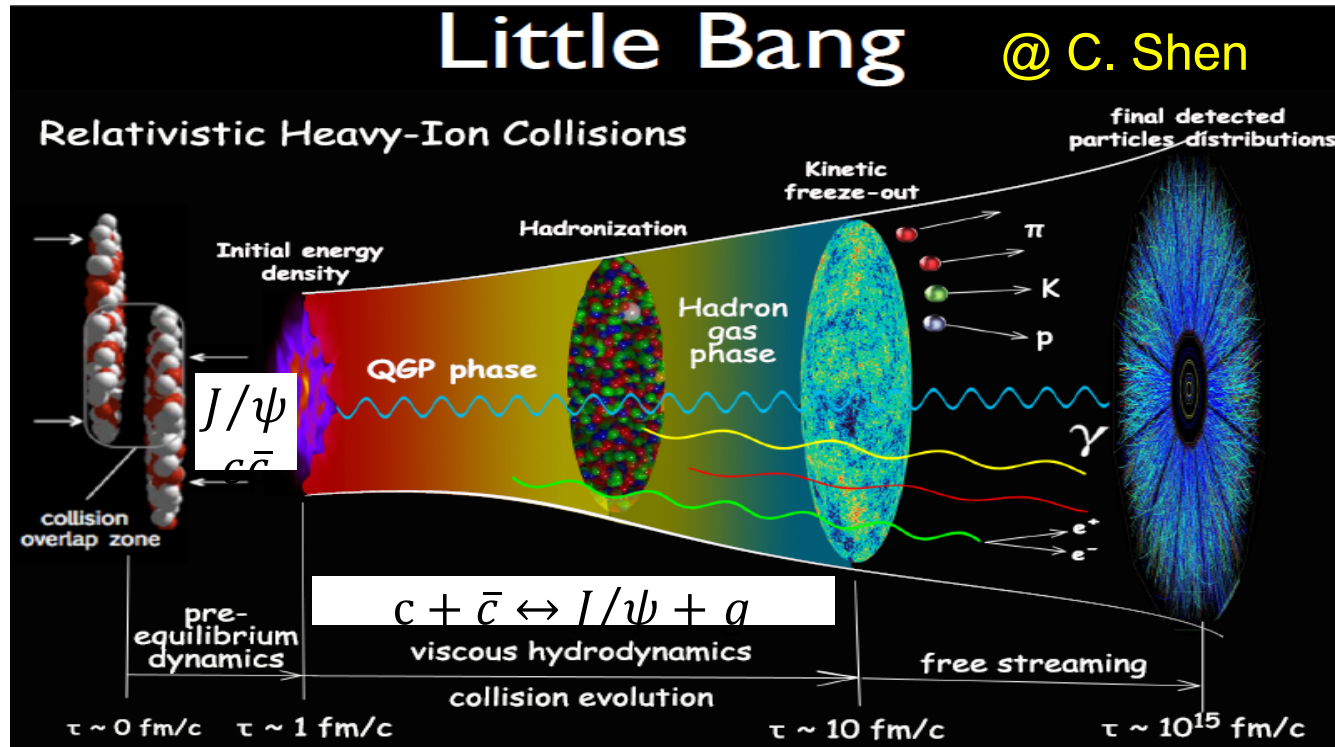
$X(3872)$ as a tetraquark: $c + \bar{c} + q + \bar{q} \rightarrow X(3872)$ **in QGP**

as a meson molecule: $c + \bar{q} \rightarrow D$, $D^0 + \bar{D}^{*0} \rightarrow X(3872)$ **in hadronic gas**

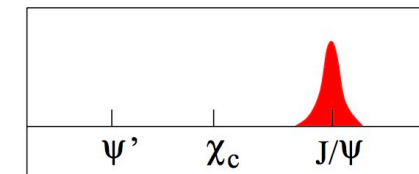


3. Summary

1. introduction



$T < T_c$



$T \sim 1.1 T_c$

Satz. 2005

- Different from pp collisions, AA collisions produce an **extremely hot de-confined medium:**

significant **color screening + parton inelastic scatterings**

- Light hadrons:** produced at the boundaries of QGP phase transition $T=T_c$
 - Charmonium/bottomonium:** primordial production + coalescence inside QGP ($T>T_c$)

1. Properties of charmed mesons

(1) For D mesons, produced at $T = T_c$

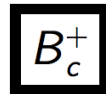
(2) For J/ψ or bottomonium,

they can be produced inside QGP with $T > T_c$ due to larger binding energies

	J/ψ	χ_c	ψ'	D_s	D_s^*	D^0	D^{*0}
$V = F$	1.42	-	-	1.14	1.10	1.10	1.08
$V = U$	3.09	1.30	1.24	2.50	1.98	2.35	1.80

Tsinghua Group, *Chin.Phys.C* 44 (2020) 8, 084101

(3) For B_c

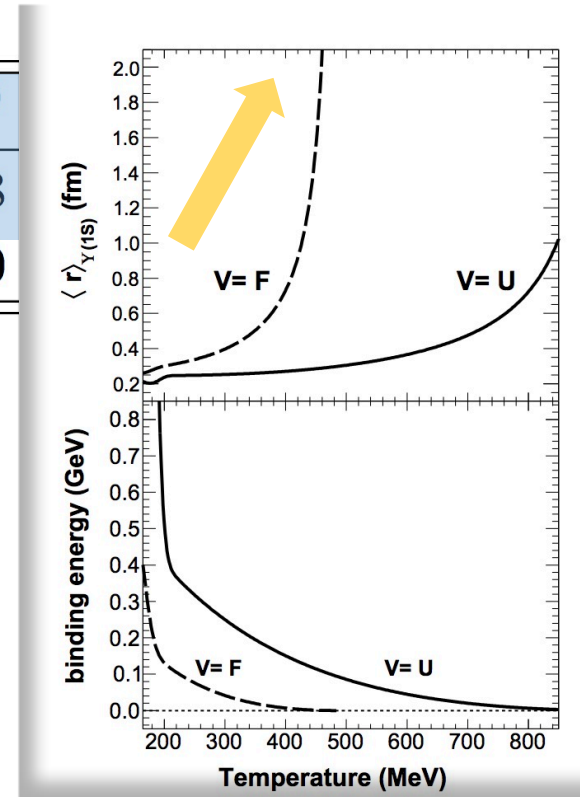


$I(J^P) = 0(0^-)$
 I, J, P need confirmation.

Quantum numbers shown are quark-model predictions.

States of B_c	1S	1P	2S
$T_d/T_c (V = U)$	3.27	1.59	1.41
$T_d/T_c (V = F)$	1.51	-	-

Liu, Carsten, et al, *Phys.Rev.C* 87 (2013) 1, 014910



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(4) For X(3872)

tightly bound tetraquark/charmonium-like(2P) states? Molecular states?

2. Heavy quark dynamical evolution

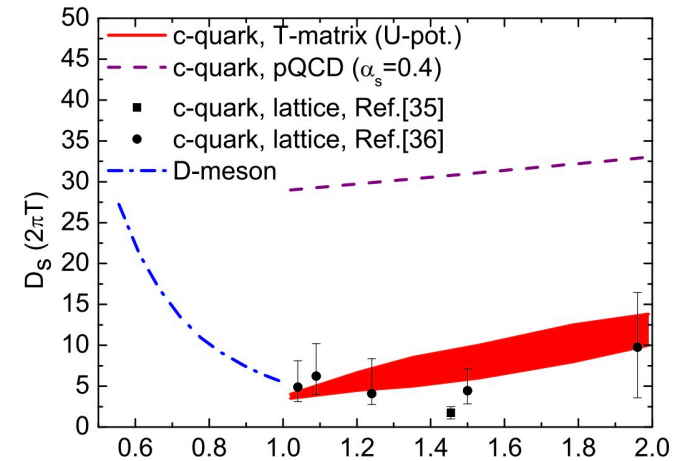
$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = -\eta\vec{p} + \vec{\xi}$$

$$D_s(2\pi T) = 5$$

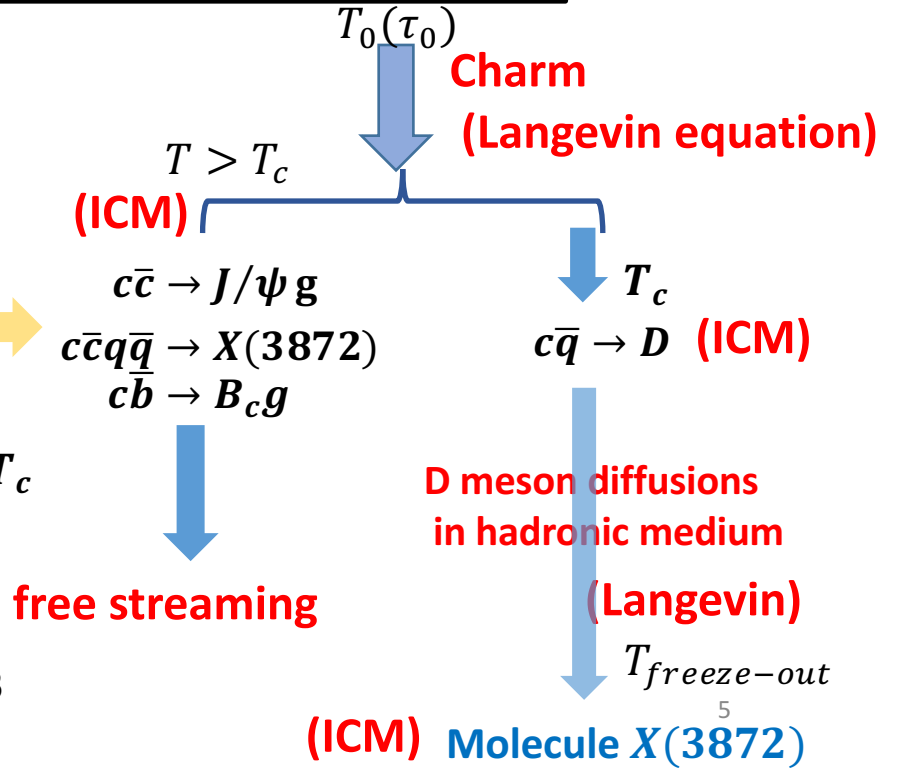
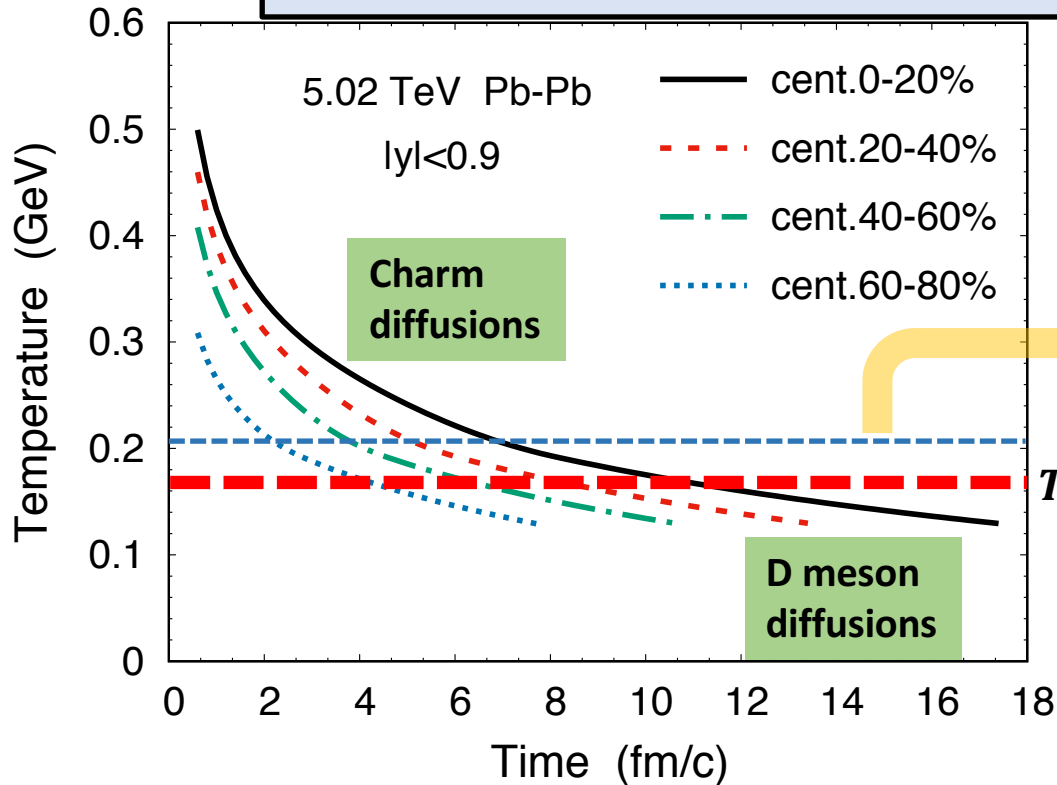
$$\eta = \kappa/(2TE) \quad \kappa D_s = 2T^2$$

D_s, κ :

Spatial and Momentum Diffusion coefficients

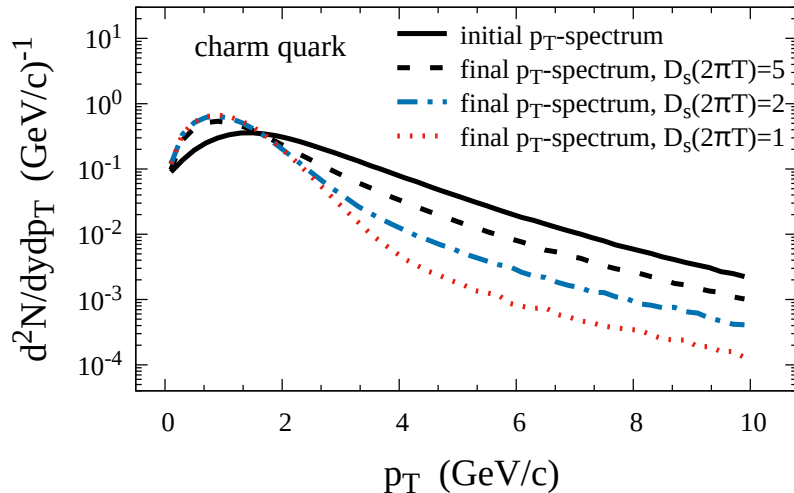


Langevin + Instantaneous coalescence model (LICM) *et al PRL 2012*

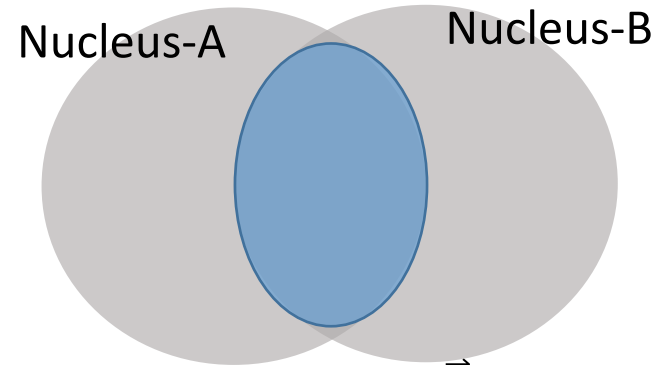


2. Heavy quark dynamical evolution

(1) initial distribution



charm initial spectrum: FONLL model



$$\frac{dN^{test}}{d\vec{x}_T} \propto T_A(\vec{x}_T - \frac{\vec{b}}{2}) T_B(\vec{x}_T + \frac{\vec{b}}{2})$$

Charm initial positions:

Proportional to the $N_{coll}(\vec{x}_T)$,

Corrected by shadowing effect (EPS09)

(2) Charmonium coalescence at the hadronization temperature

$$P_{c+\bar{c} \rightarrow \psi}(\vec{x}_M, \vec{p}_M) = g_M \int d\vec{x}_1 d\vec{x}_2 \frac{d\vec{p}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\vec{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^2 N_1}{d\vec{x}_1 d\vec{p}_1} \frac{d^2 N_2}{d\vec{x}_2 d\vec{p}_2} f_M^W(\vec{x}_r, \vec{q}_r) \\ \times \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}_M - \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2) \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x}_M - \frac{\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2}{2})$$

➤ $g_M = 1/12$ Vector meson degeneracy factor from color and spin

➤ $f_M^W(\vec{x}_r, \vec{q}_r)$: Wigner function. (\vec{x}_r, \vec{q}_r) in the center of mass frame of $c - \bar{c}$

3. charmed hadron production

Wigner function: encodes the information of formed states

$$f_{J/\psi}^W(\vec{x}_r, \vec{q}_r) = 8 \exp\left[-\frac{x_r^2}{\sigma^2} - \sigma^2 q_r^2\right]$$

$$\vec{x}_r = \vec{x}_1^{cm} - \vec{x}_2^{cm}$$

$$\vec{q}_r = \frac{E_1^{cm} \vec{p}_1^{cm} - E_2^{cm} \vec{p}_2^{cm}}{E_1^{cm} + E_2^{cm}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{4(m_1 + m_2)^2}{3(m_1^2 + m_2^2)} \langle r^2 \rangle_M$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{J/\psi} = 0.54 \text{ fm}^2$$

Give **consistent formation conditions** on the relative distance and relative momentum of two particles.

The width σ in the Wigner function

is connected with the internal structure of the formed state

Hadron Spectrum in heavy-ion collisions

$$\frac{d^2 N_\psi}{dy_M d\vec{p}_T} = \int d\vec{x}_M \frac{dp_z}{2\pi} \langle P_{c+\bar{c} \rightarrow \psi}(\vec{x}_M, \vec{p}_M) \rangle_{events} \times \frac{(\Delta N_{c\bar{c}}^{AA})^2}{\Delta y_M}$$

$$\Delta N_{c\bar{c}}^{AA} = \int d\vec{x}_T T_A(\vec{x}_T - \frac{\vec{b}}{2}) T_B(\vec{x}_T + \frac{\vec{b}}{2}) \frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{c\bar{c}}}{dy} R_S(\vec{b}, \vec{x}_T) \Delta y_{c\bar{c}}$$

Shadowing factor

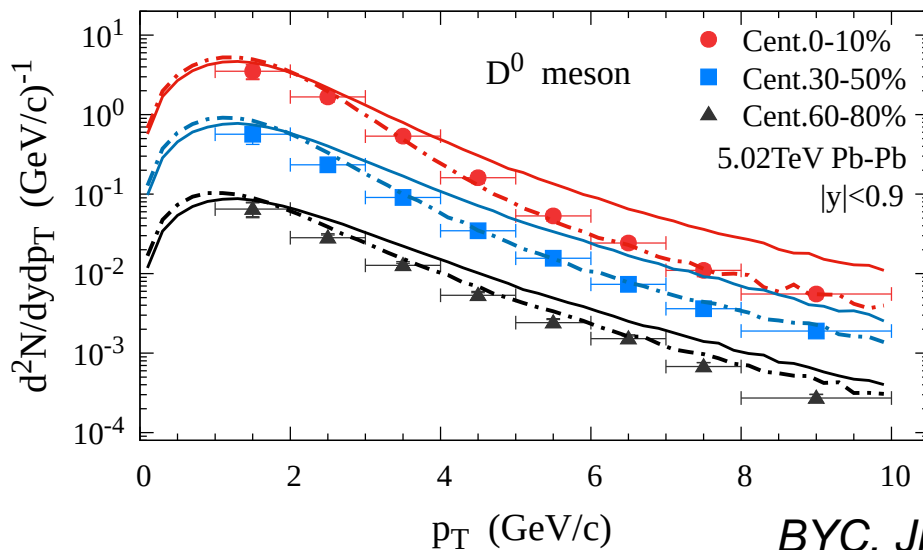
3. charmed hadron production: D meson

● D meson coalescence

$$P_{c\bar{q}\rightarrow D^0}(\vec{p}_M) = H_{c\rightarrow D^0} \int \frac{d\vec{p}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\vec{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{dN_1}{d\vec{p}_1} \frac{dN_2}{d\vec{p}_2} f_D^W(\vec{q}_r) \times \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p}_M - \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2)$$

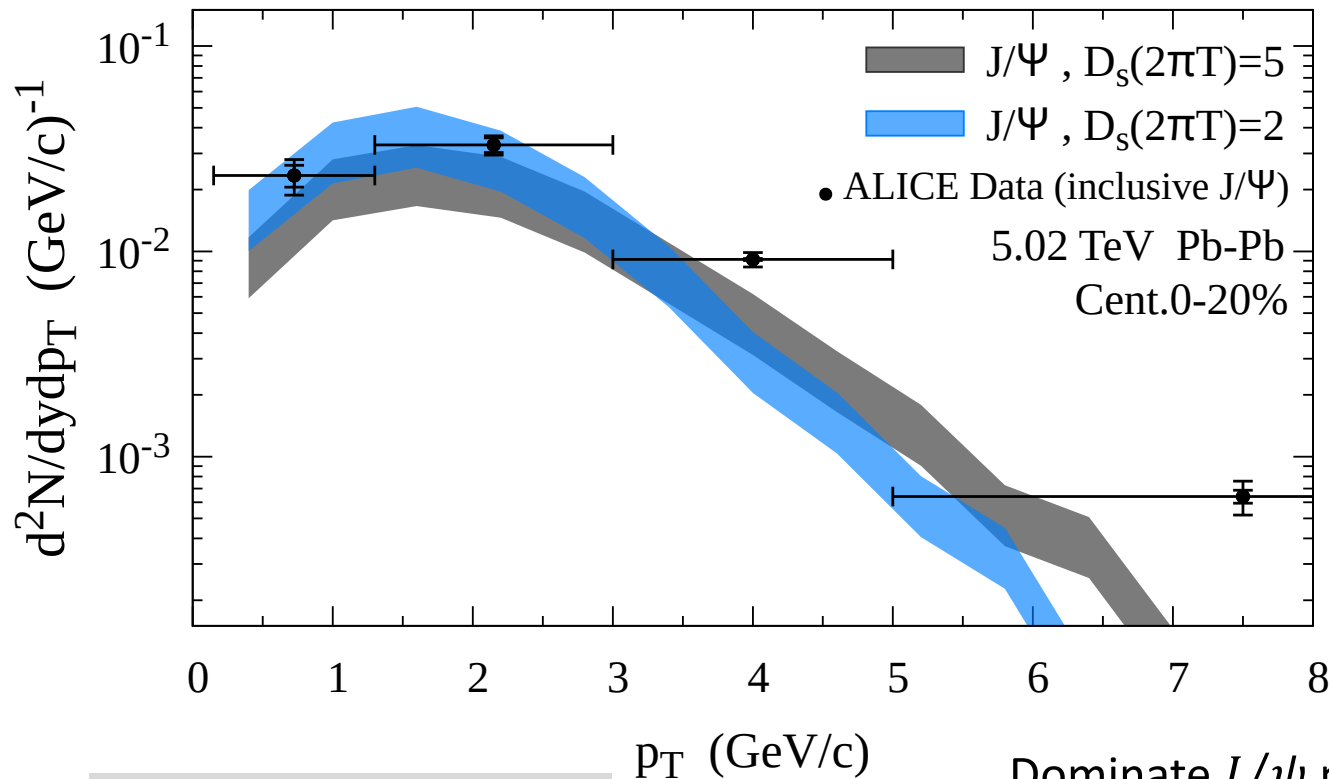
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- $H_{c\rightarrow D^0} = 9.5\%$ (20%): Charm turning into **direct** D^0 (D^{*0}) at Tc
- $\frac{dN_1}{d\vec{p}_1}$: **charm** momentum distribution
- $\frac{dN_2}{d\vec{p}_2}$: **light quark** momentum distribution: Fermi.



- We take the ratio of prompt D^0 over charm:
 $N(D^0)/N_{c\bar{c}} = 39\%$
ALICE pp, arXiv:2105.06335
- Different thermalization: $D_s(2\pi T) = 5$ (solid line) and $D_s(2\pi T) = 2$ (dotted-dashed line)

3. charmed hadron production: J/ψ



Theoretical bands:
With/without
the shadowing effect.

Experimental data:

inclusive production = primordial + B-decay + $c - \bar{c}$ coalescence

Dominate J/ψ production at high p_T

Dominate at low p_T and **total yield**

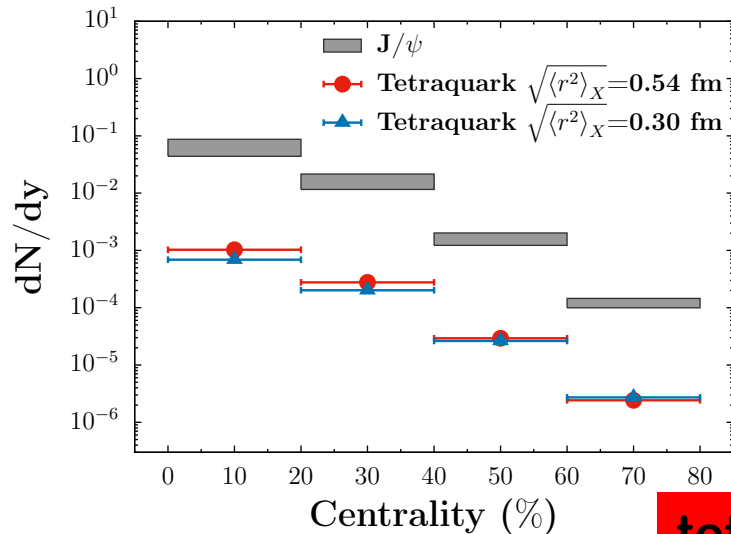
Theoretical calculation:

$c - \bar{c}$ coalescence

3. charmed hadron production: X(3872)

- $g_{X(3872)} = 1/432$ with X(3872) spin $J=1$
- Root-mean-square radius of tetraquark: $\langle r^2 \rangle_X = 0.30 - 0.54 \text{ fm}^2$

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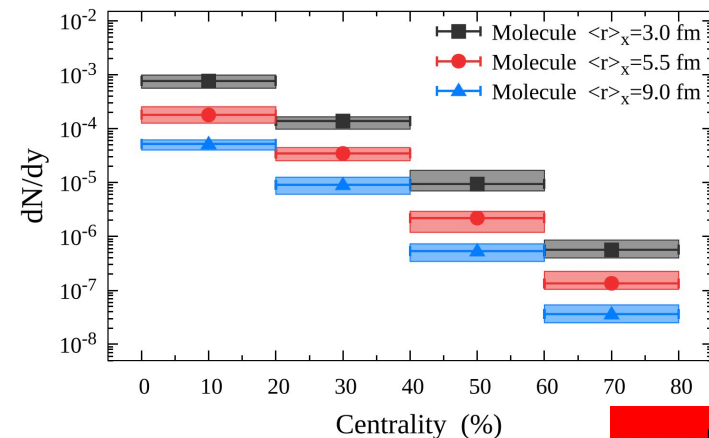


tetraquark

- Tetraquark yield is around **40 times** smaller than J/ψ
- Tetraquark yield is controlled by both **spatial** and **momentum** part of the Wigner function

Molecule state with potential model

Λ	0.55	0.555	0.56	0.565	0.57	0.575	0.579
BE. (keV)	1600.3	1098.5	698.4	394.4	180.6	51.2	3.3
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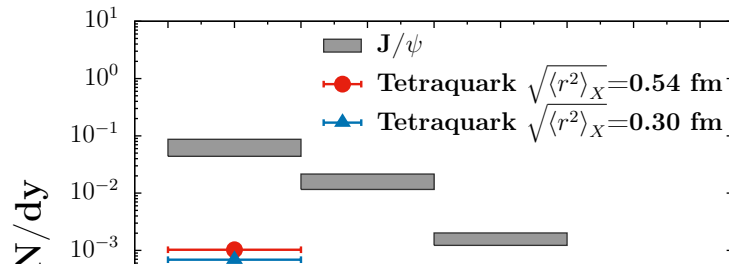
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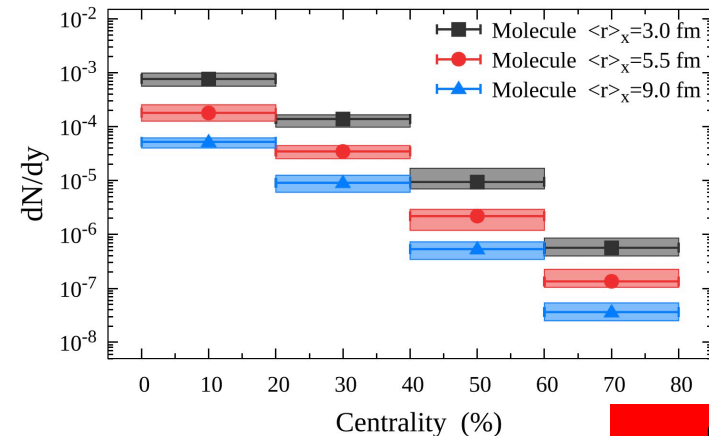
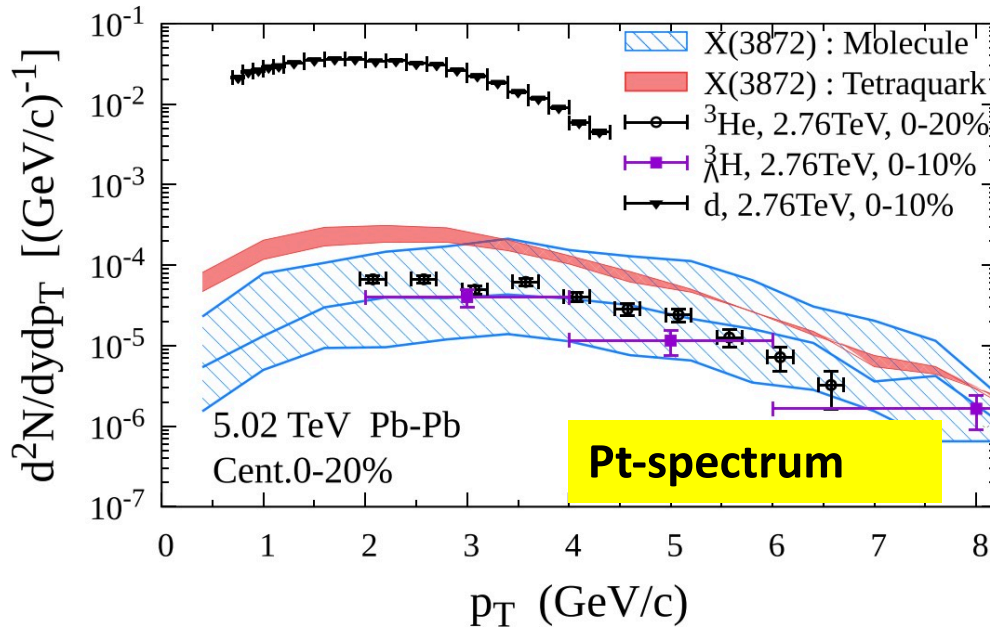
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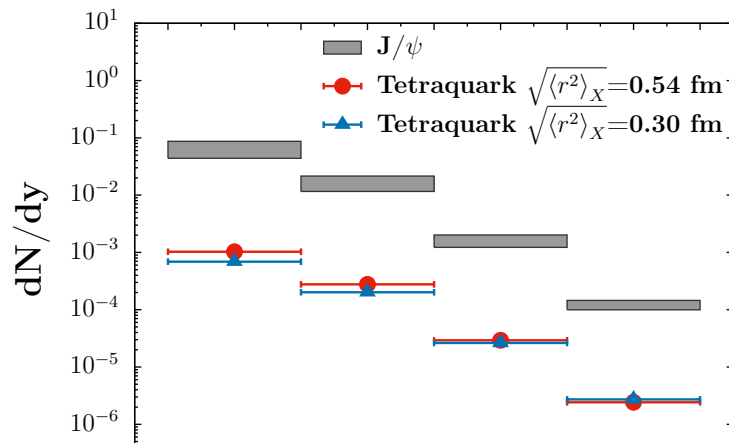
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- Our tetraquark yield $\sim 10^{-3}$ is consistent with Cho. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 95,279-322 (2017); our molecule production is **a few times smaller** than this.

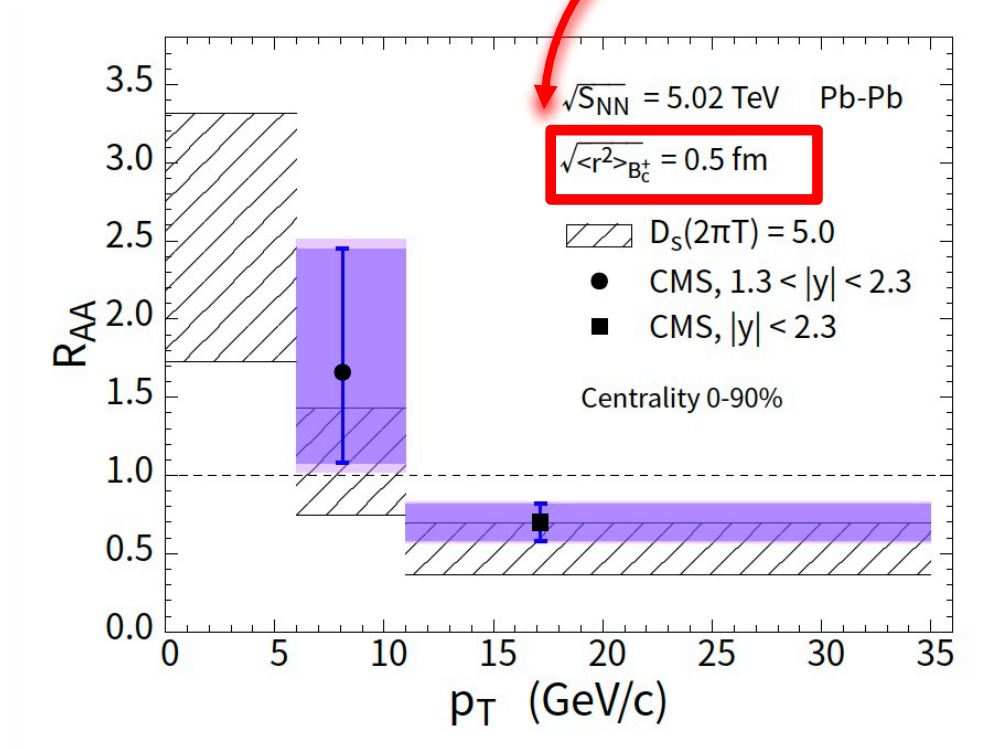
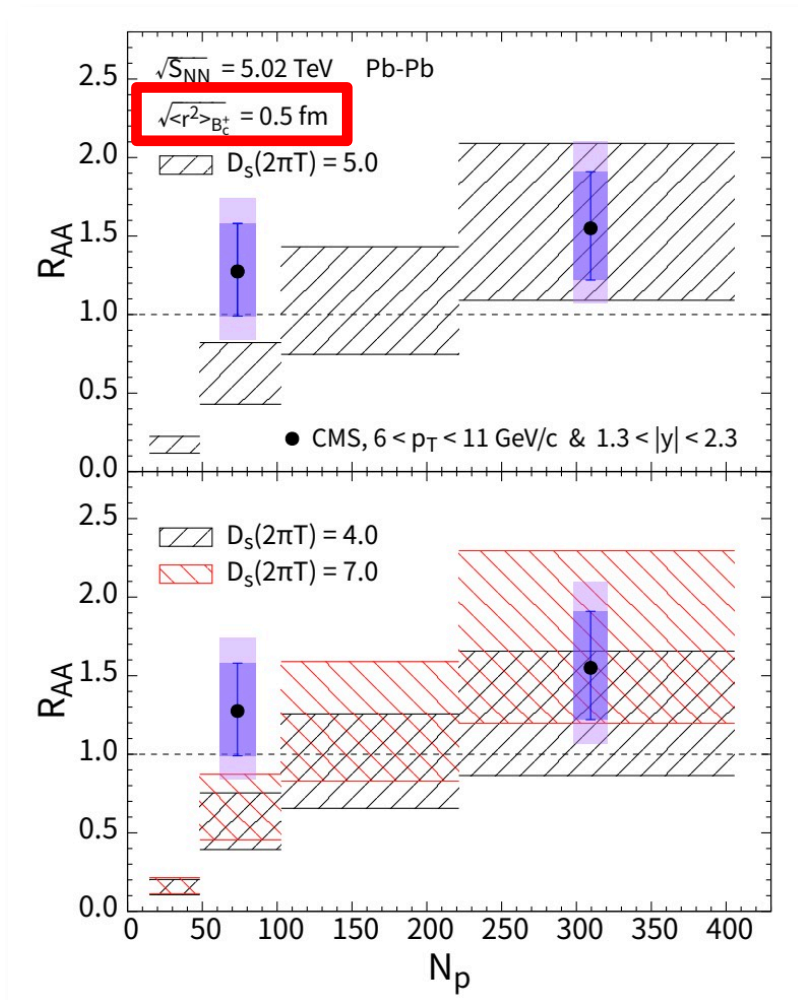
- **Relations** between **tetraquark** and **molecule** production: ours is **consistent with rate equation model** Rapp EPJA 57, 122 (2021);

different from AMPT model: Zhang PRL 126, 012301 (2021);

→ maybe due to its different formation conditions. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5\text{fm} < \text{relative distance} < 7\text{fm} \\ 2M_D < \text{pair mass} < 2M_{D^*} \end{array} \right.$

3. charmed hadron production: B_c

Geometry size



BYC, Wen, Liu, [arXiv: 2111.08490](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.08490)

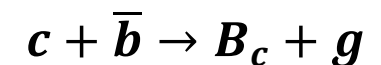
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{cc}}{dy} = 1.165 \text{ mb}$$

B_c : spin 0
fig: $B_c(1s) + B_c(2s \rightarrow 1s)$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{bb}}{dy} = 47.5 \text{ } \mu\text{b}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{Bc}}{dy} = (151.9 - 79.3) \text{ nb}$$

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2) $R_{AA} > 1$ at central collisions:

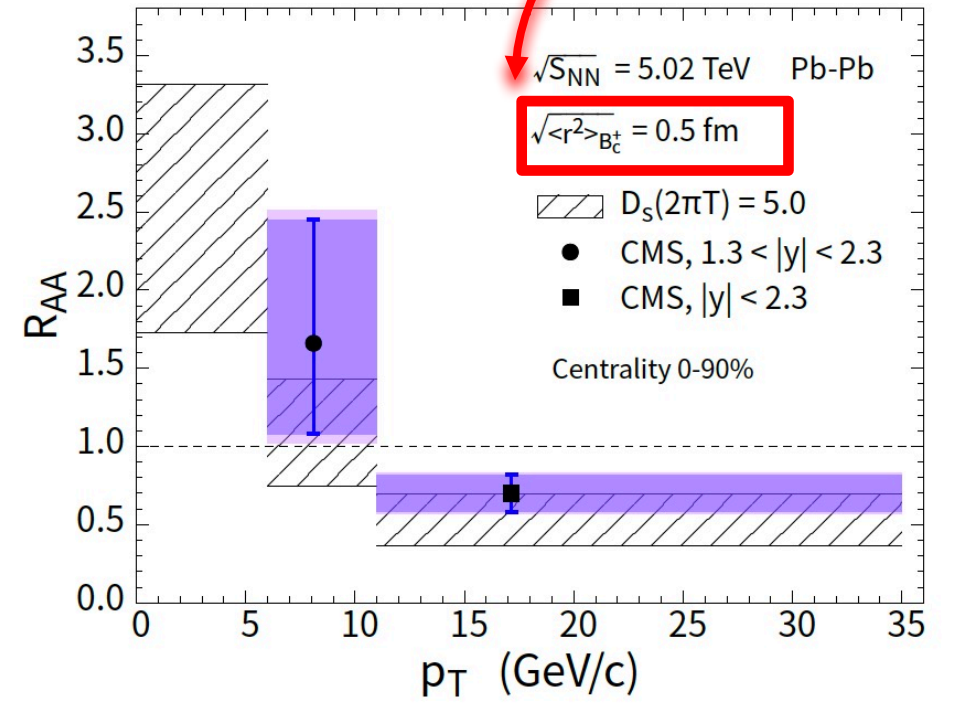
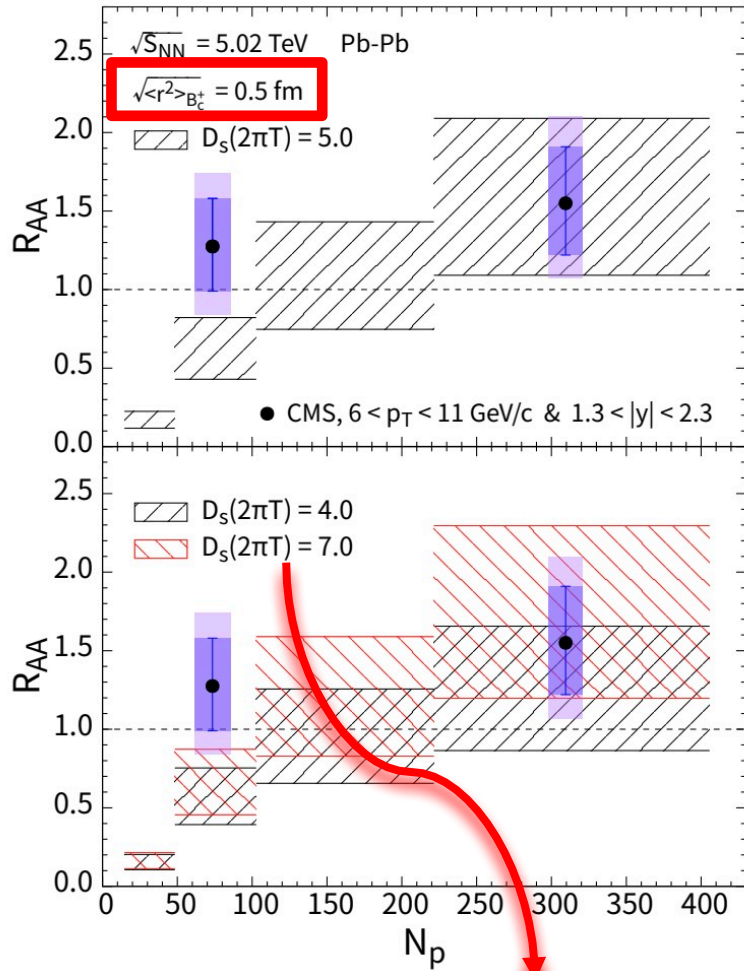
QGP signal

$R_{AA} < 1$ at peripheral collisions:

absence of initial production

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$$\frac{d\sigma_{p1}^c}{dy} + \frac{d\sigma_{p1}^b}{dy}$$

Different thermalization

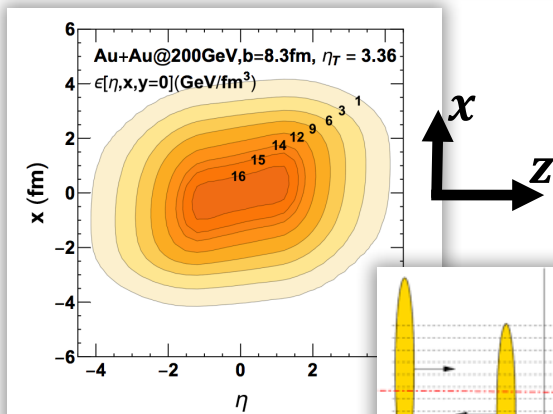
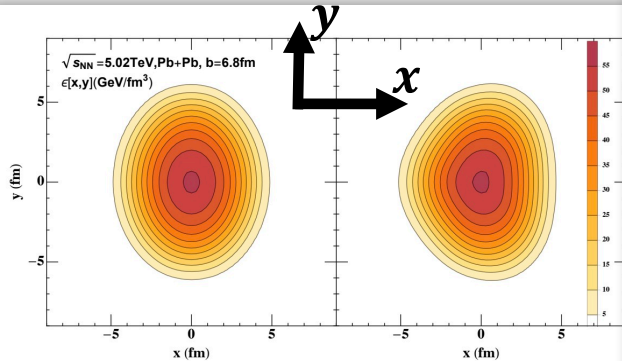
of charm and bottom quarks on B_c production,

By taking spatial diffusion coefficient $D_s(2\pi T) = 4$ and 7

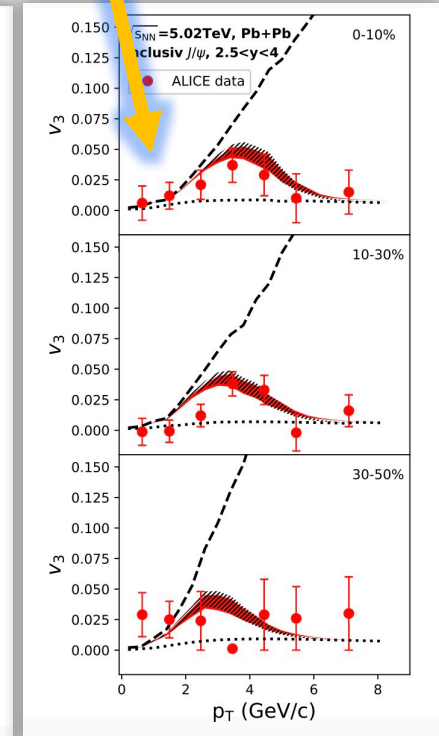
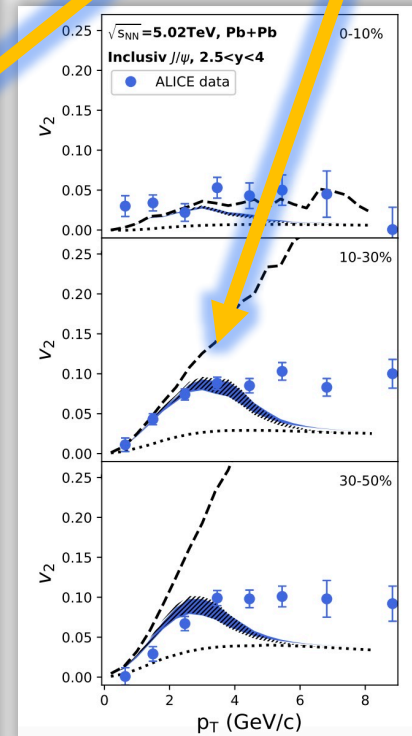
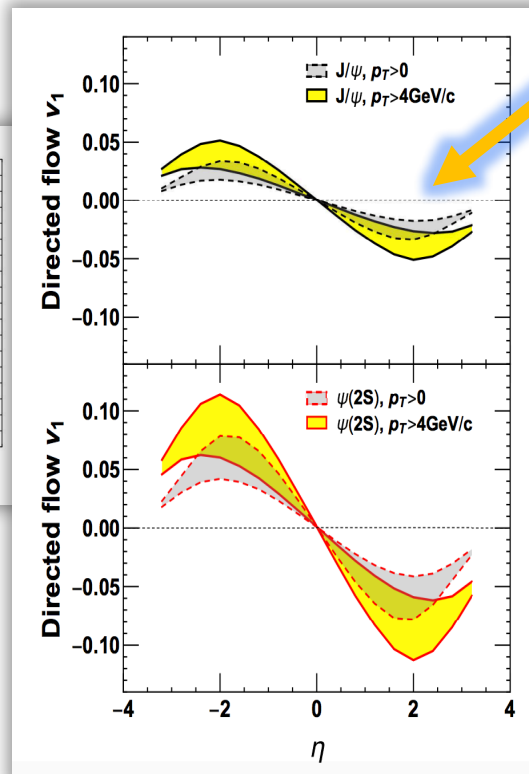
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3. charmed hadron flows: J/ψ v_1 v_2 v_3

Input:
Different initial energy density



Longitudinal rotated medium



Weak cent.-dependence

Directed flow:

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Elliptic flow and triangular flow:

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- Longitudinal tilted distribution: *medium rotation*
- Elliptic shape of initial energy density: *geometry overlap*
- Triangular shape of initial energy density: *event-by-event fluctuations.*

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Their production depends on the wave function of X(3872).
Therefore, heavy-ion collisions provide a new opportunity to study the nature of X(3872).
- **B_c meson is firstly observed in AA collisions,**
evident enhancement of R_{AA} : a very clear signal of QGP
- **Charm quarks carry collective flows from QGP, inherited by the charmed hadrons.**

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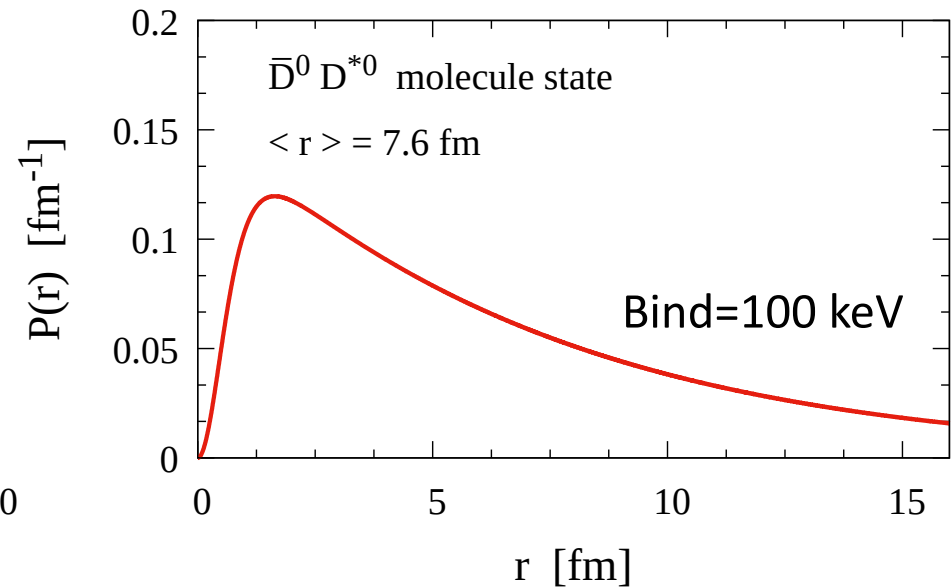
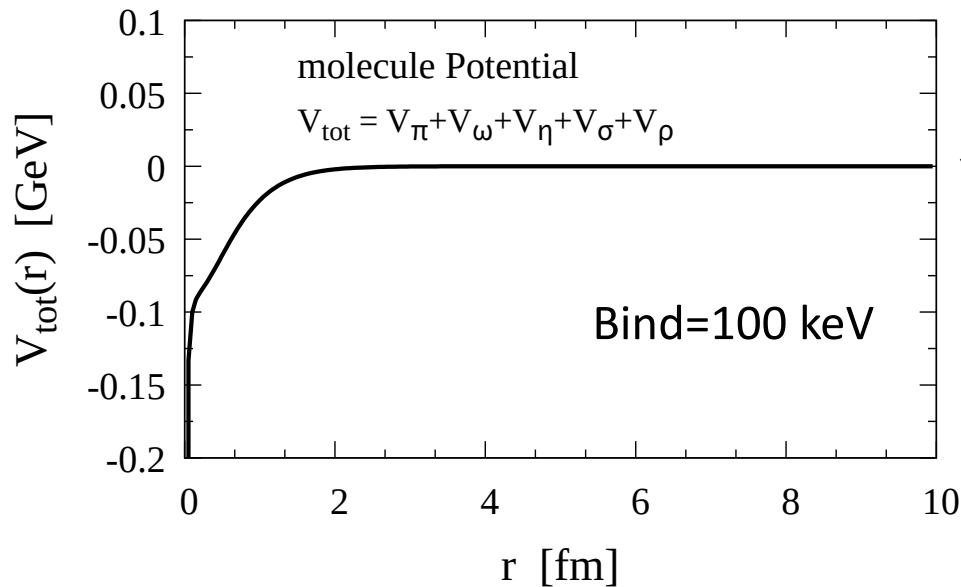
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➤ Molecule state based on potential model

$$V_{mole} = V_{\pi} + V_{\omega} + V_{\eta} + V_{\rho}$$

arXiv: 2107.00969

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- $\frac{dN_2}{d\vec{p}_2}$: **light quark** momentum distribution. See below.
- Assume all $c \rightarrow D^0$ via the **coalescence process**, neglect the fragmentation. This simplification works well in low or moderate p_T region.

Light quark momentum

(local

$m_l =$

After coalescence at T_c ,
D meson continues diffusion in hadronic medium via Langevin,
(with $D_s(2\pi T) = 8$)

Until kinetic freeze-out $T=0.14$ GeV