



# LHCb Overview

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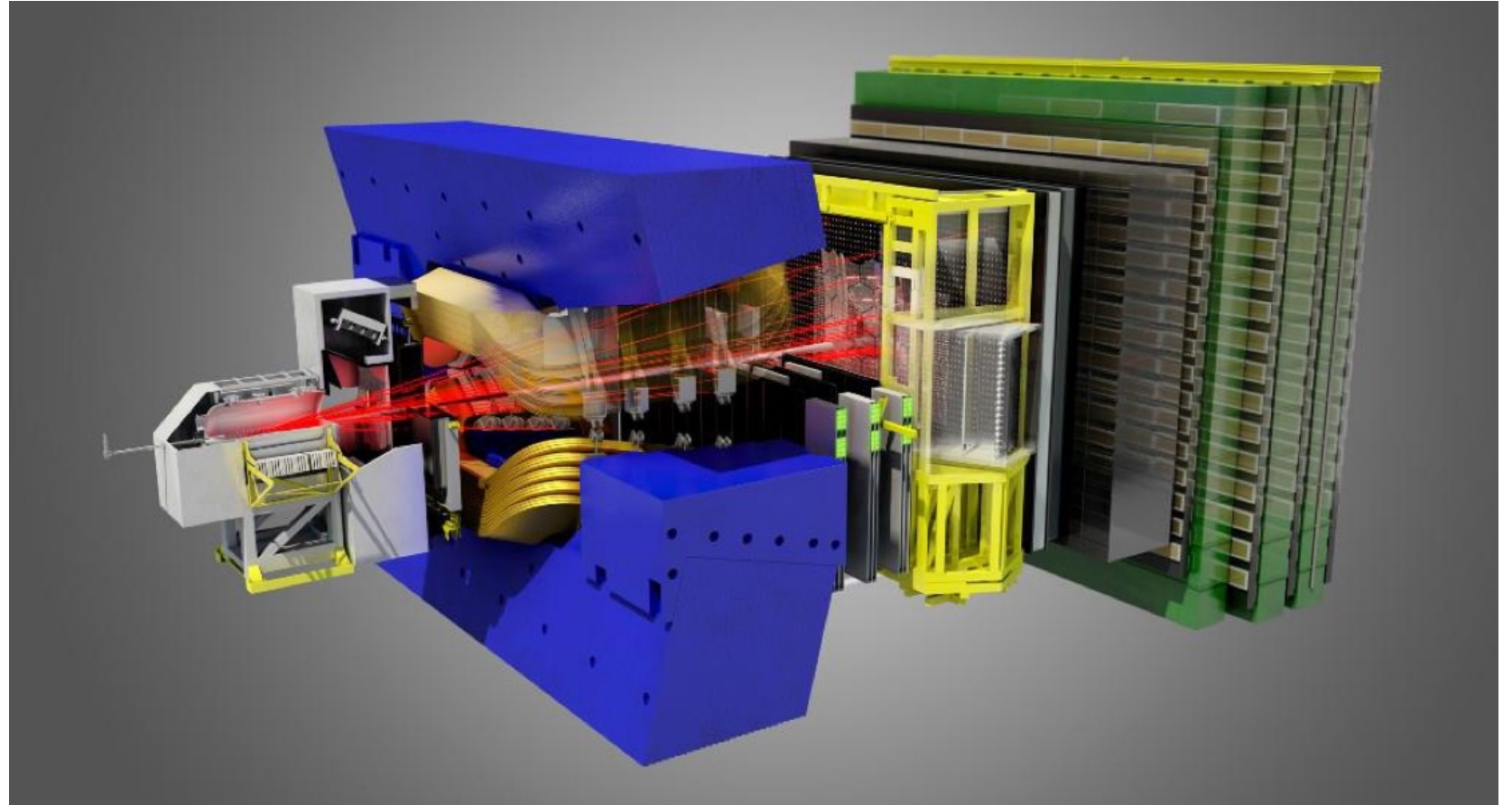
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# The LHCb detector

A single arm **general purpose detector** at **forward** rapidity !

*acceptance*  $2 < \eta < 5$

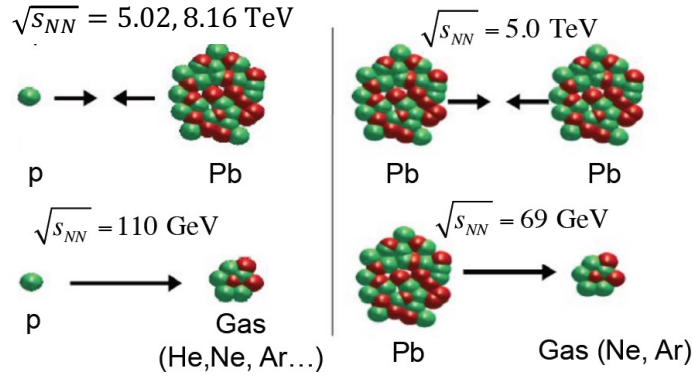
- **Full PID**  
reconstruct resonances to  $p_T = 0$
- **Precise tracking system**  
clear separation between primary and displaced vertices
- **Fast DAQ and detectors**  
precision access to rare probes: charm/bottom, higher quarkonia, exotic states
- **Fixed-target system (SMOG)**  
explore p+gas and Pb+gas collisions (He, Ne, Ar gas)



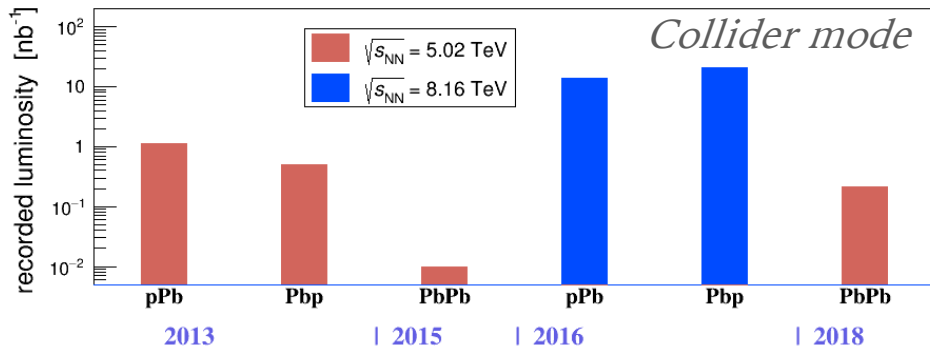
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# LHCb heavy ion datasets from Run1/Run2

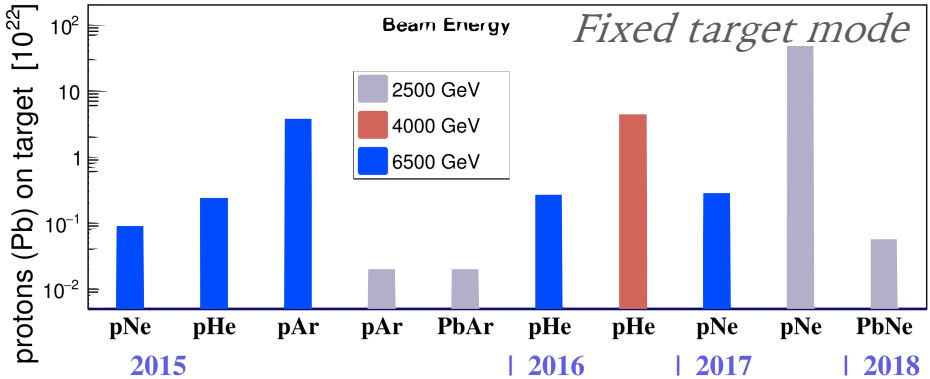
Collider mode



Fixed target mode

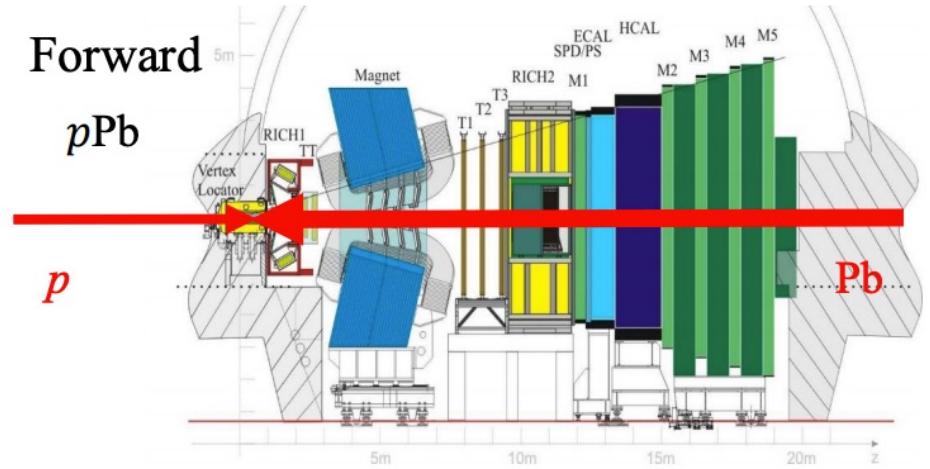


**PbPb:**  
limited to 100-60% centrality

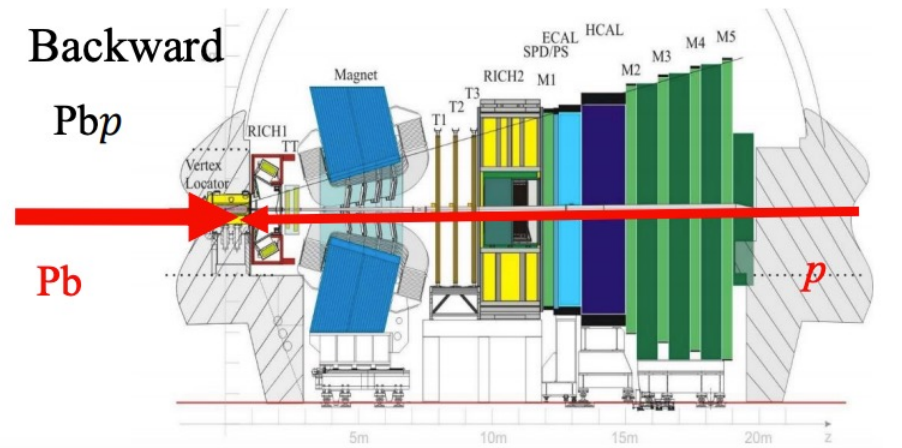


+ huge pp collision datasets at various energies for small-system studies!

pPb data-taking modes:

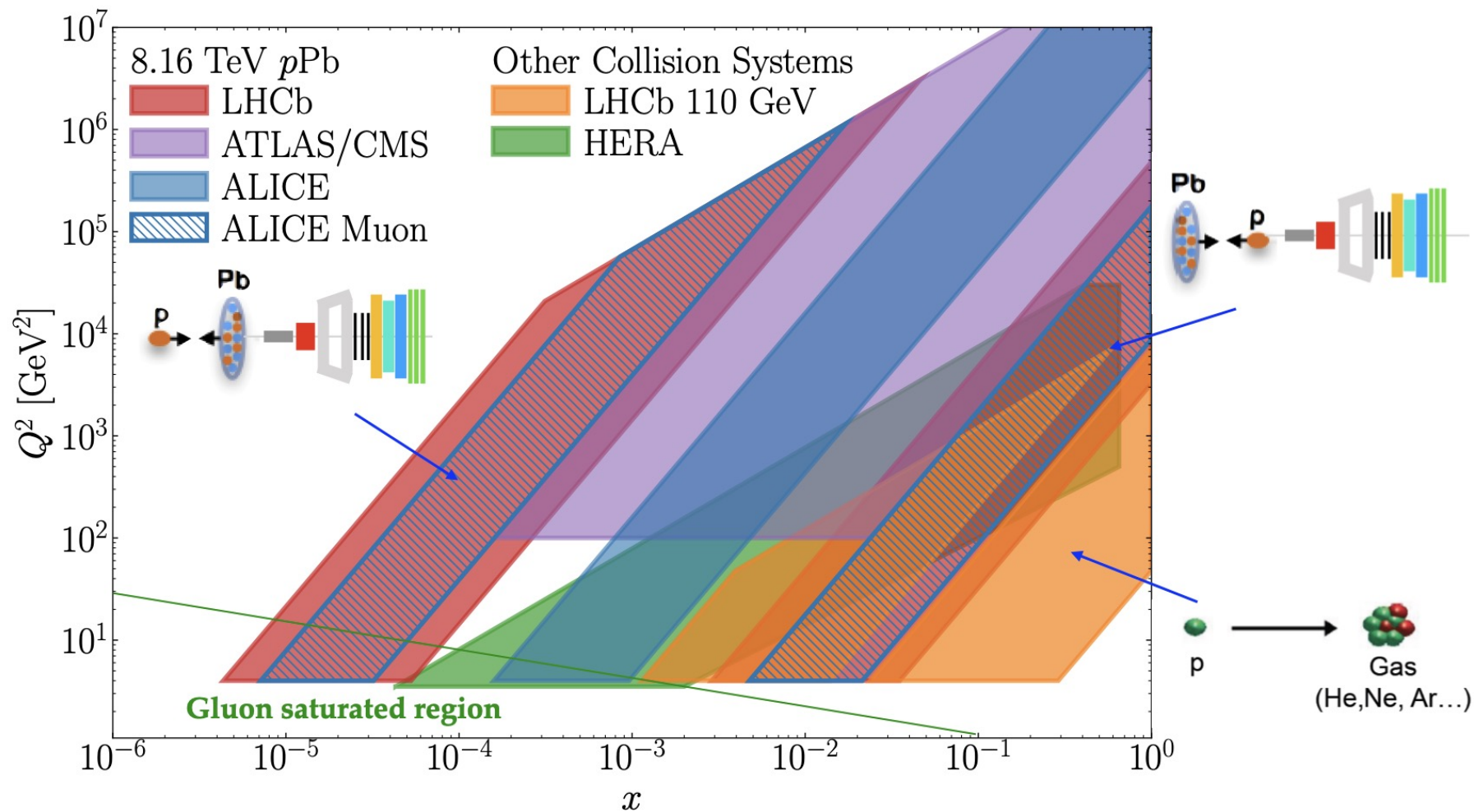


$1.5 < y < 4.0$



$-5.0 < y < -2.5$

# Mapping the initial state with LHCb



Unique coverage of low- $x$  ( $p$ Pb), medium- $x$  (Pbp) and large- $x$  ( $p$ +gas) regions

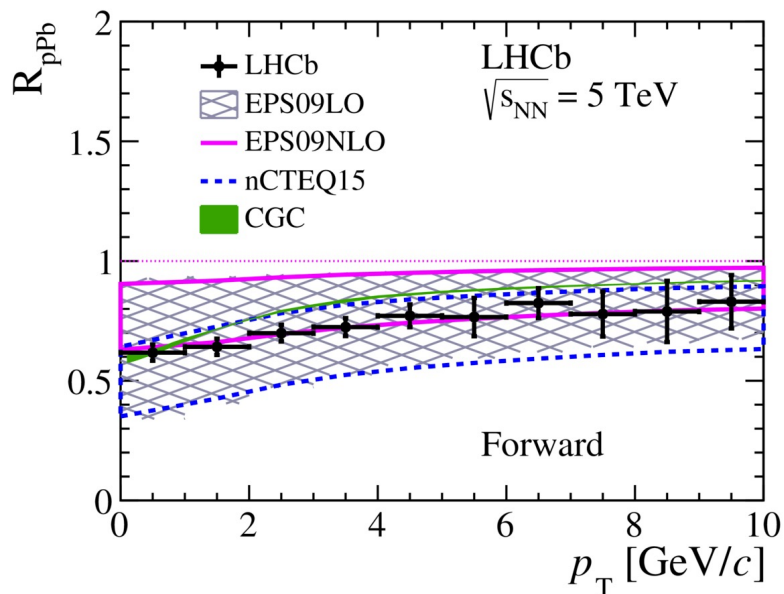


# Constraining nPDFs with $D^0$ meson in pPb

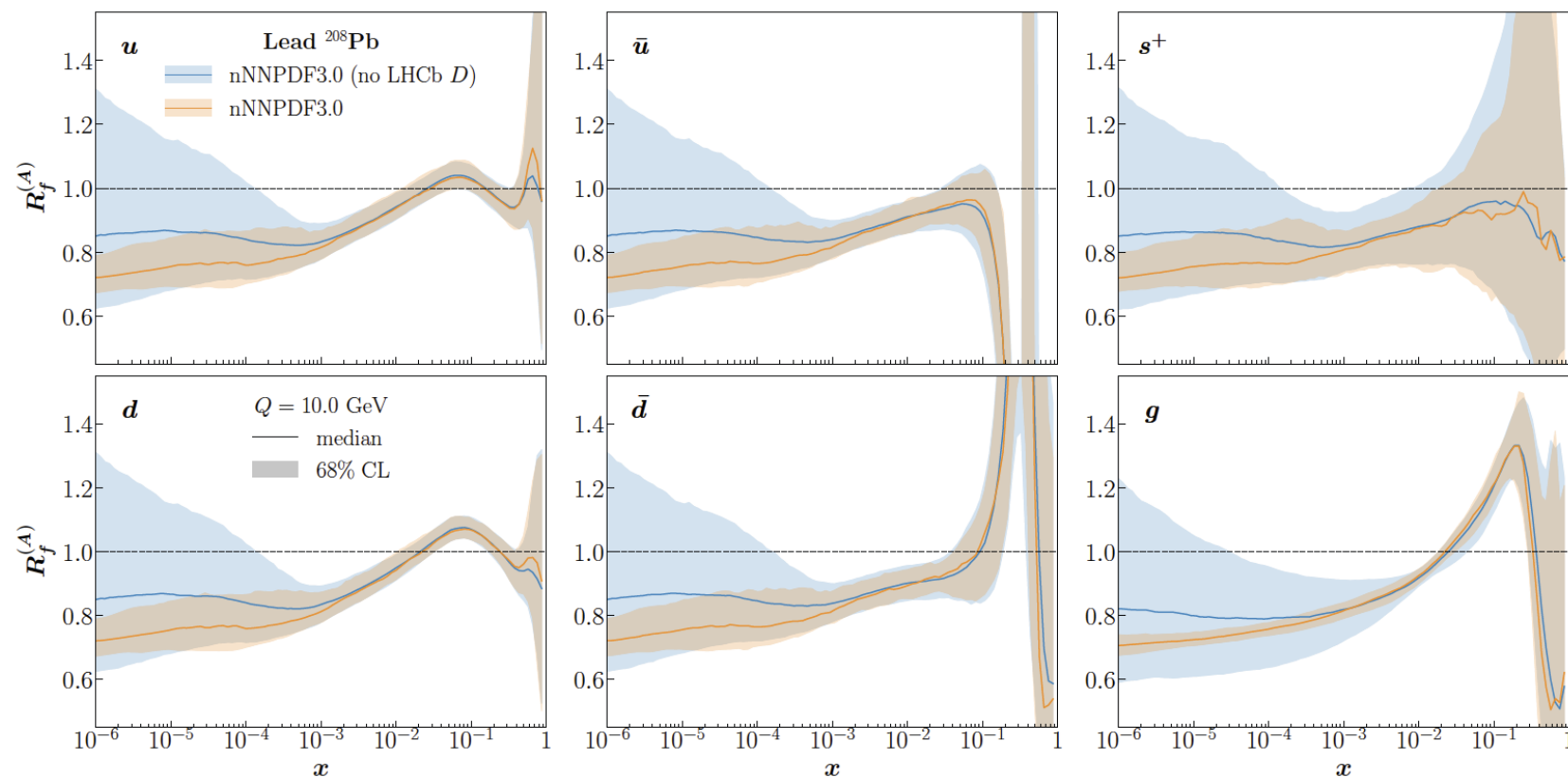
- LHCb measurement of prompt  $D^0$  production in pPb collisions at 5TeV makes a stringent constraint on reducing nPDFs uncertainty down to  $x \sim 10^{-6}$

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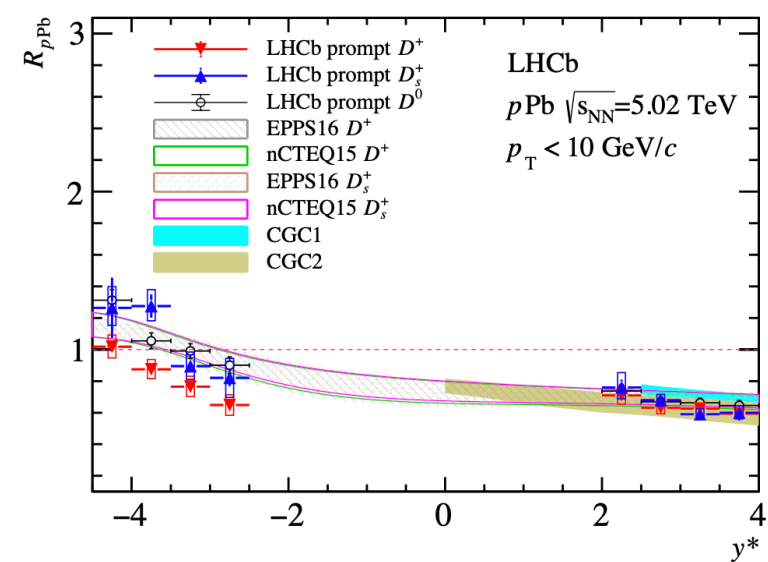
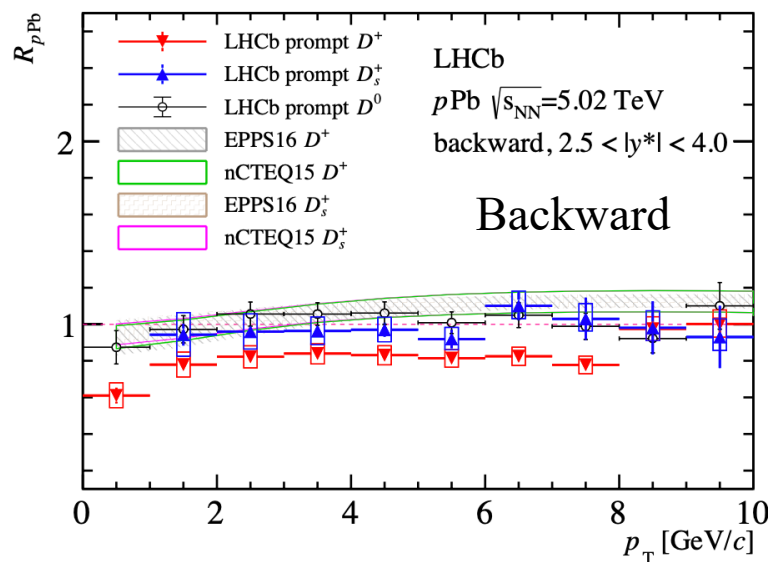
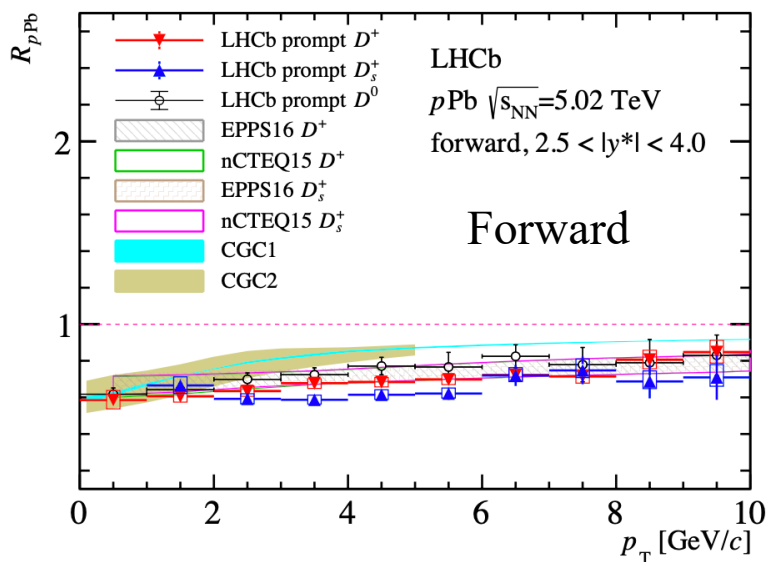


# Prompt $D_s^+$ and $D^+$ in $p\text{Pb}$ at 5.02 TeV

- First measurement of prompt  $D_s^+$  and  $D^+$  mesons in forward rapidity in heavy ion collisions
- Forward:
  - significant suppression consistent with nPDFs/CGC
  - consistent between  $D^0$ ,  $D_s^+$  and  $D^+$
- Backward:
  - consistent with nPDFs
  - $D^+$  slightly lower

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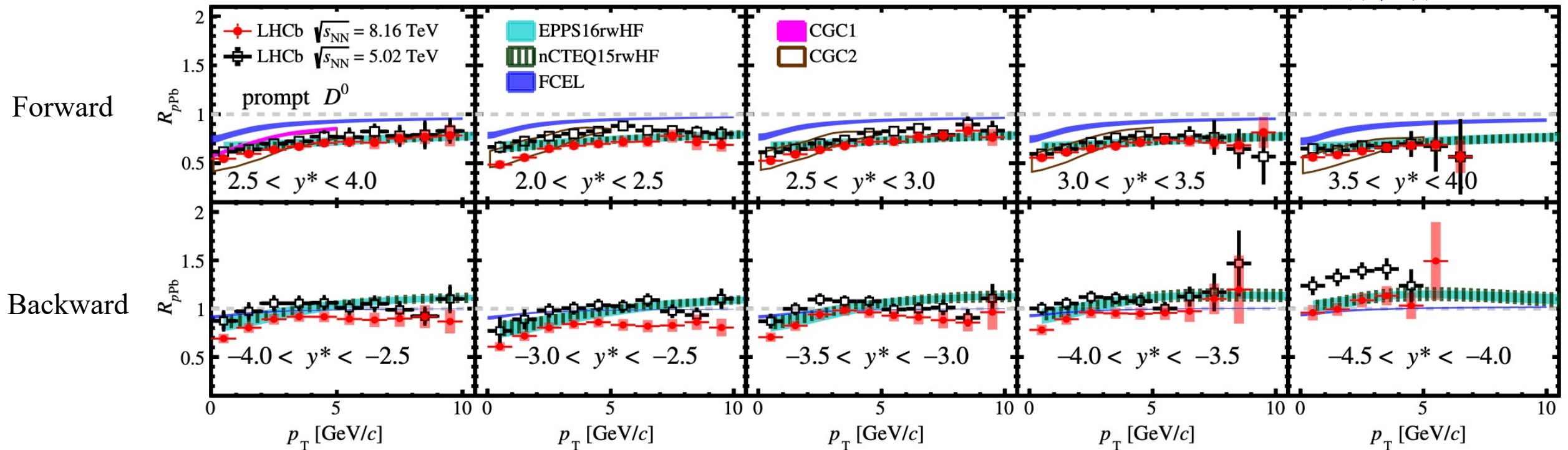


# Prompt $D^0$ in $p\text{Pb}$ at 8.16 TeV

- 20 times statistics of 5.02 TeV, the most precise charm measurement in heavy ion
- Forward:
  - Suppression consistent with 5.02 TeV result
  - Consistent with nPDFs and CGC
- Backward:
  - Data lower than nPDFs at high  $p_T$
  - Room for additional effects in the backward rapidity

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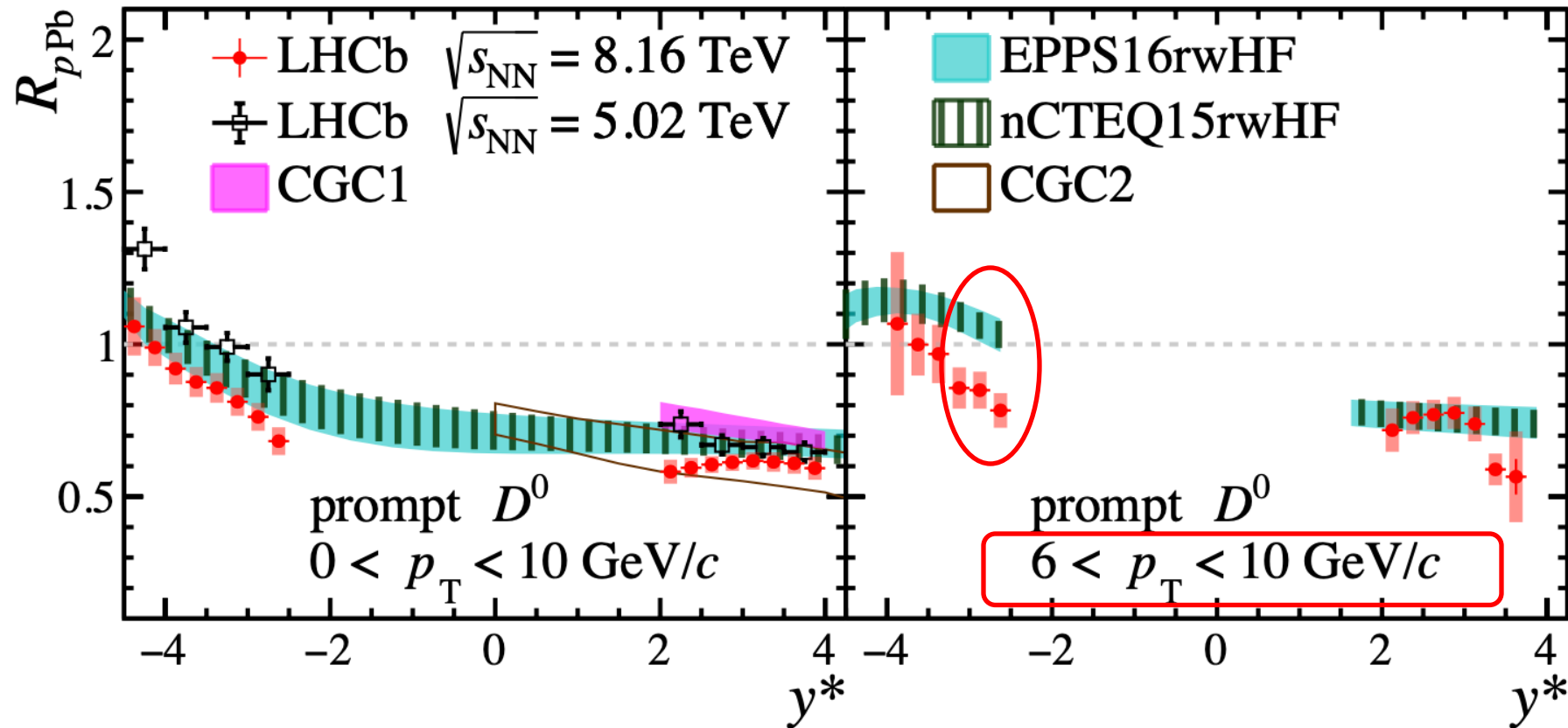
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- Lower than binary scaling at high  $p_T$  for a backward rapidity range where anti-shadowing effect starts to dominate

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➤ Modification of charm hadronization? or other final state effect?

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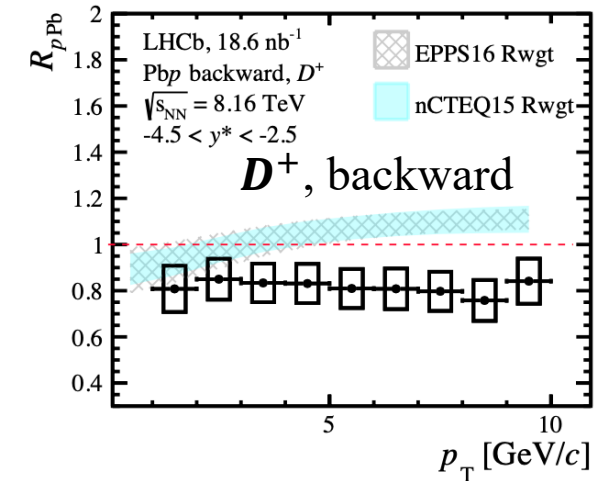
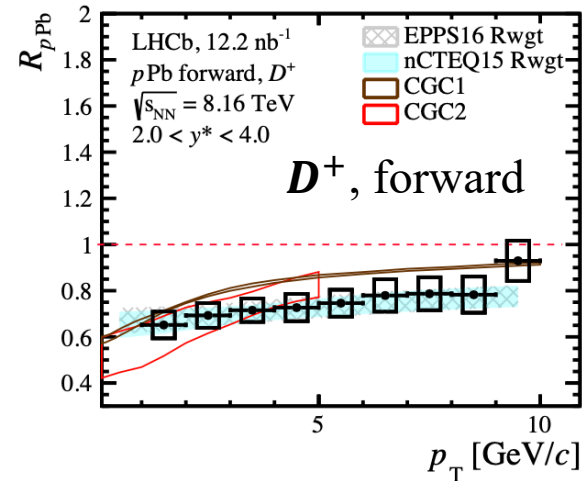
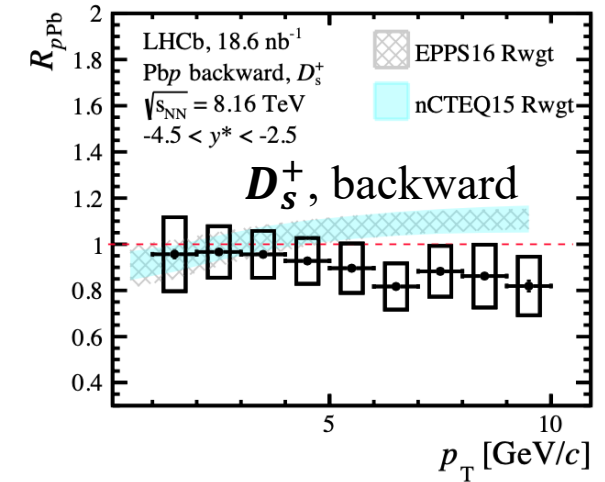
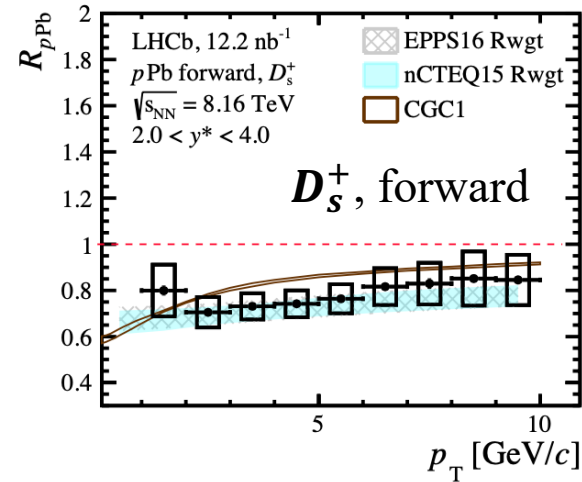


# Prompt $D_s^+$ and $D^+$ in $p\text{Pb}$ at 8.16 TeV

- Measured with the same Run2 dataset
  - Forward: consistent with nPDFs/CGC
  - Backward: both lower than nPDFs at high  $p_T$

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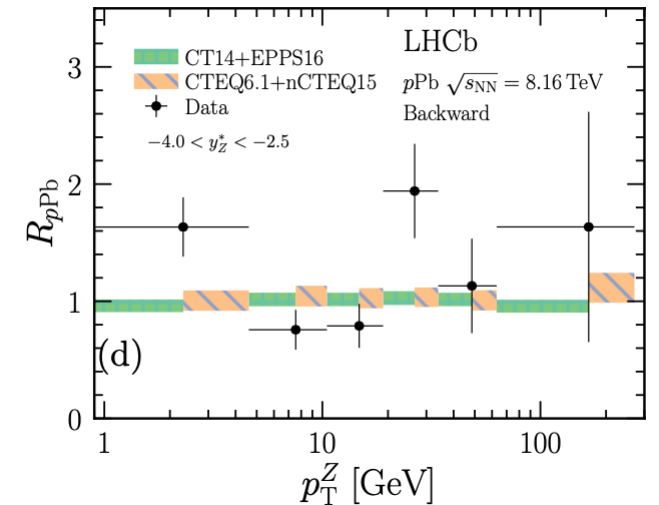
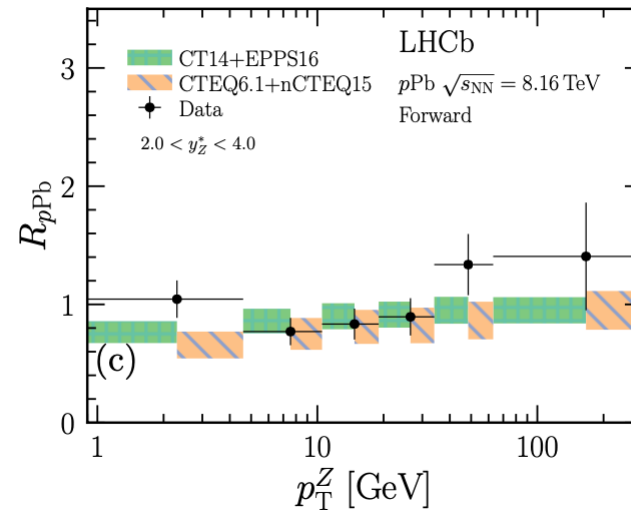
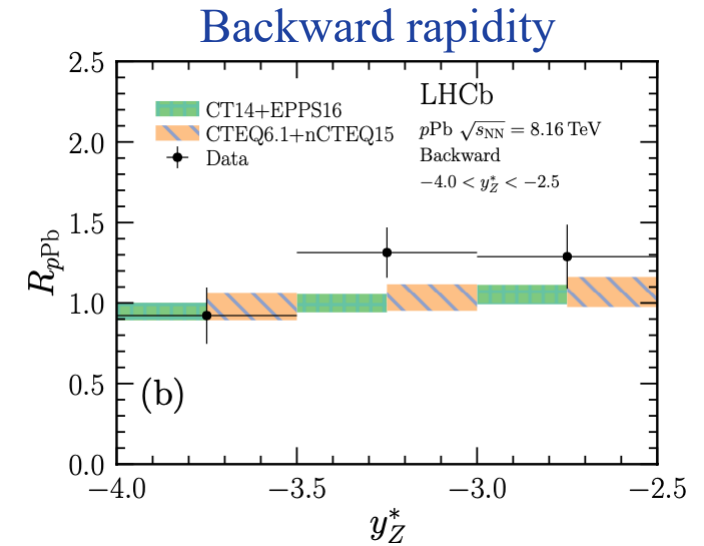
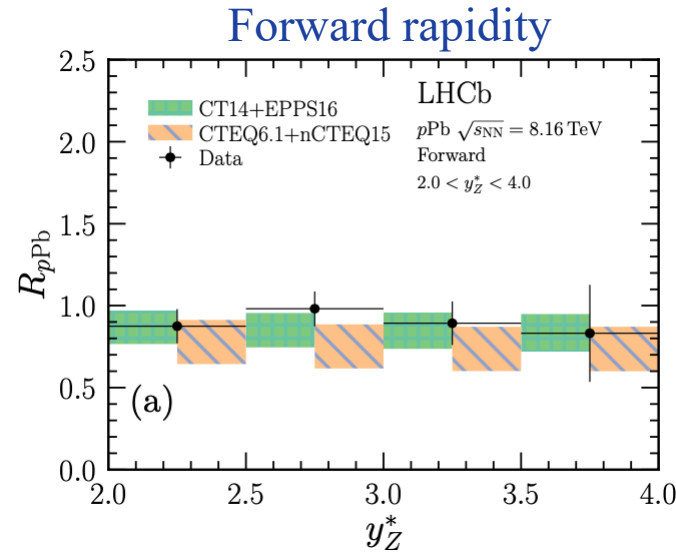
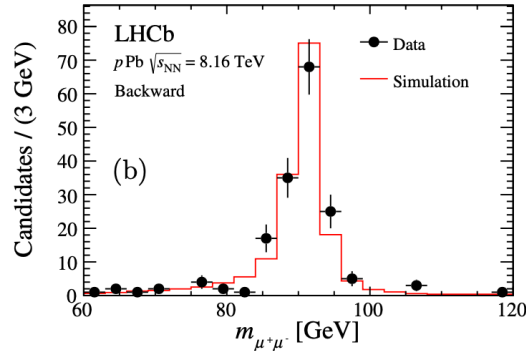
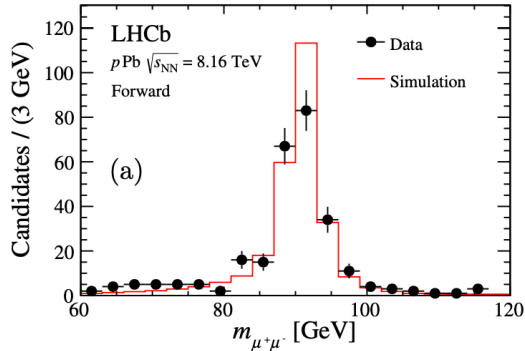


Charm energy loss in (nuclear/parton-) medium before hadronization ?

Need to measure charmed hadrons flow versus rapidity !

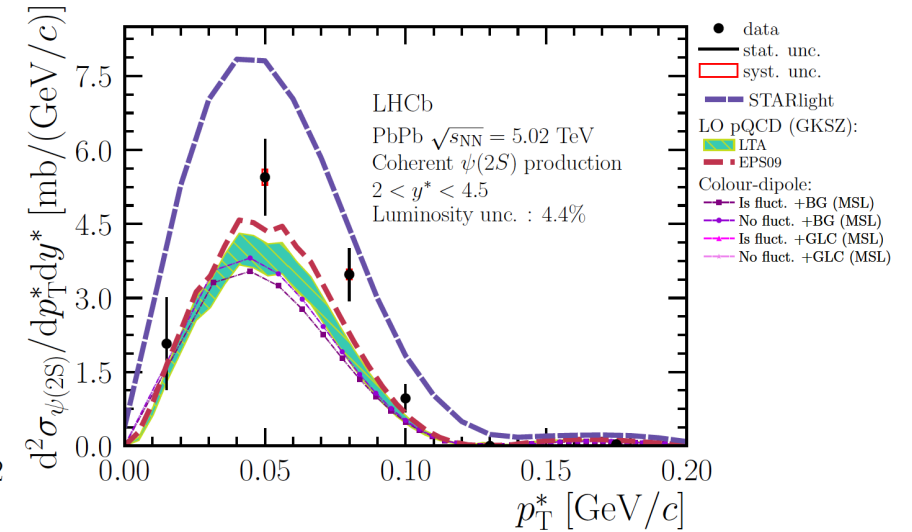
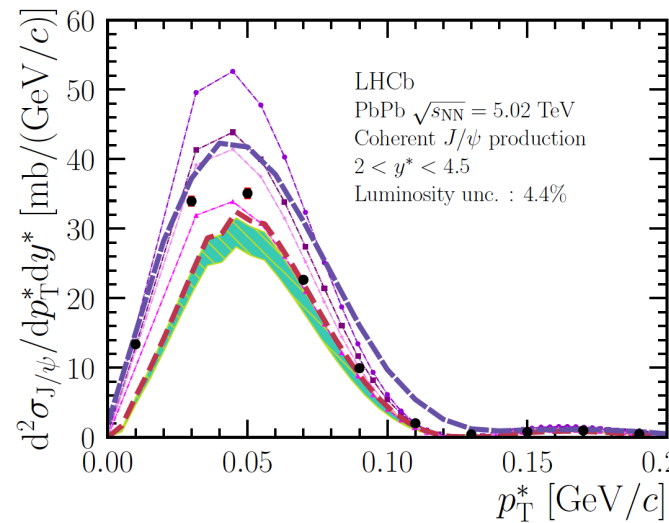
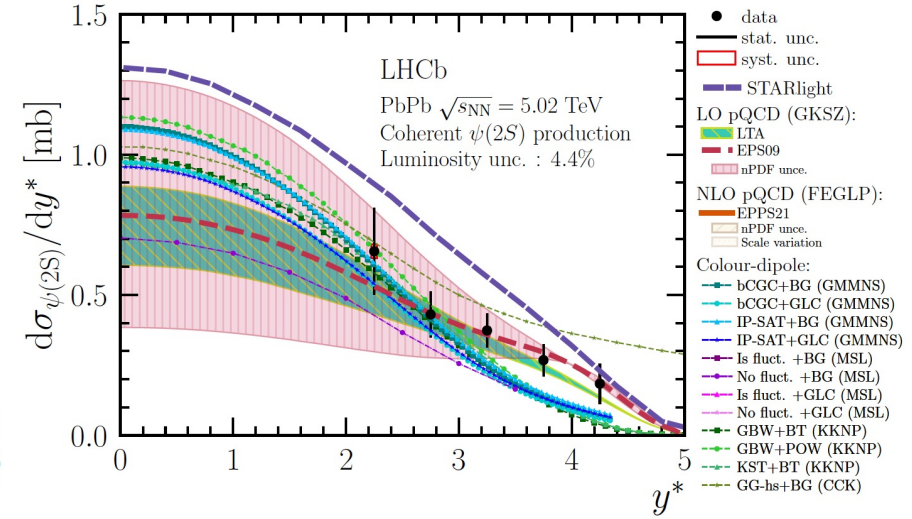
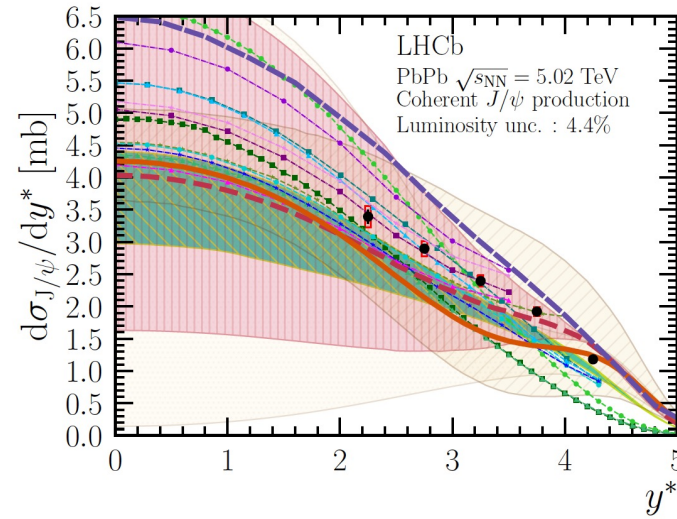
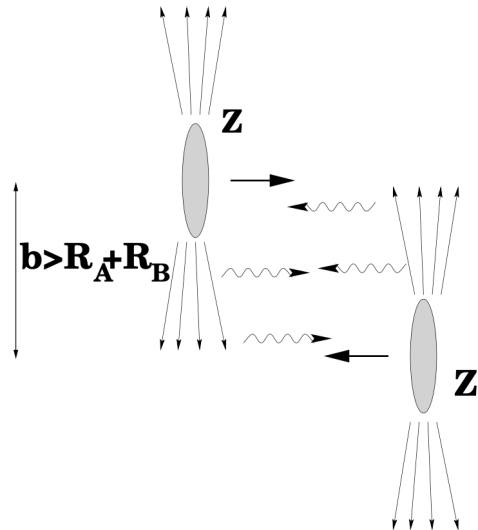
# Z production in pPb at 8.16 TeV

- Z boson negligible interaction with the nuclear medium
  - Sensitive only to initial-state with a well constrained final-state
- Clean probes of nuclear matter effects on the initial state
- Compatible with nPDFs EPPS16 and nCTEQ15



# Charmonium in UPC PbPb collisions

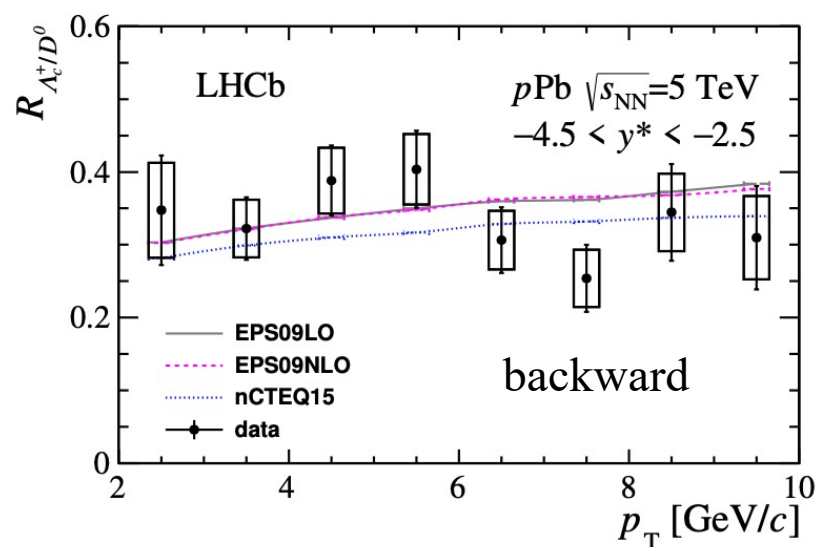
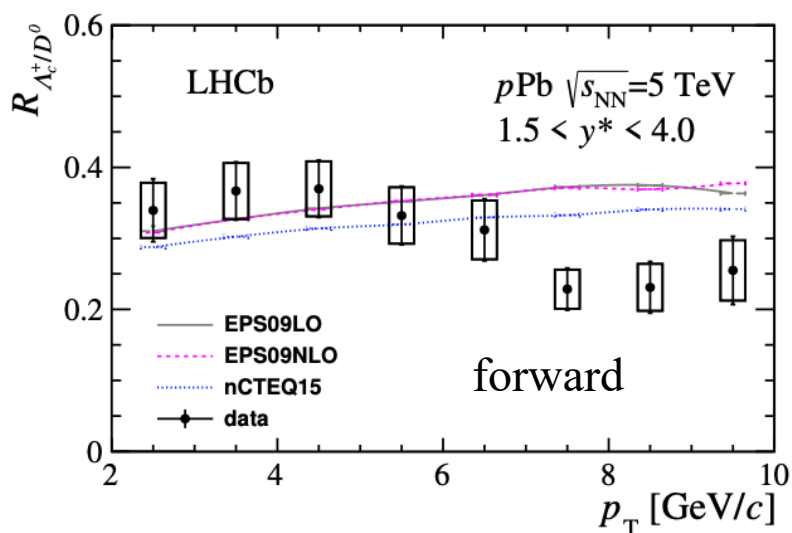
- Most precise coherent  $J/\psi$  measurement in forward rapidity at LHC
- First  $\psi(2S)$  production measurement in forward rapidity at LHC
- $p_T$  spectra determined for the first time in UPC PbPb
- Set unprecedented constraints to saturation models



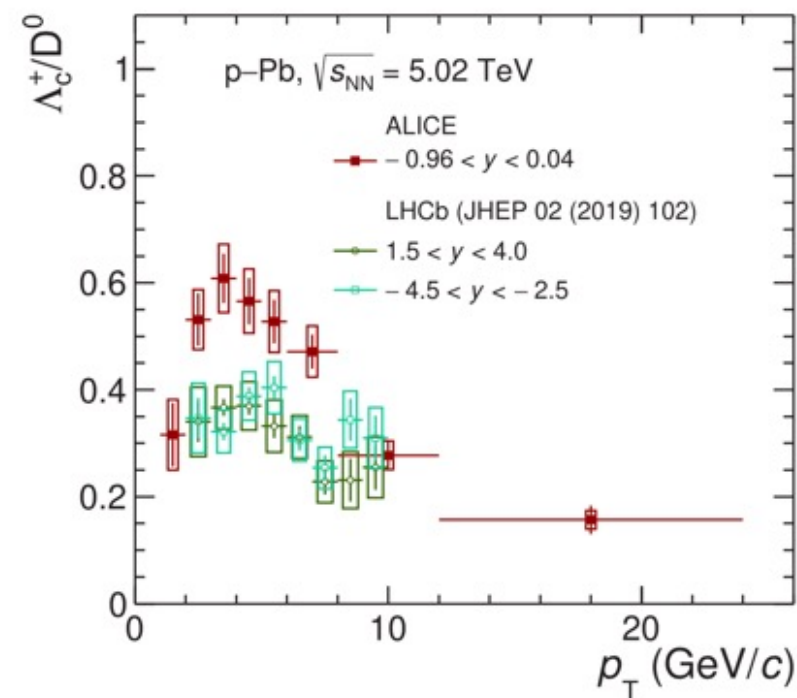
# Prompt $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ ratio in pPb at 5.02 TeV

- Charm hadronization mechanism (coalescence versus fragmentation) probed with charm hadron ratios
- LHCb measured  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in pPb at forward/backward rapidities
- Forward/backward data consistent, but lower than mid-y ALICE data

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ALICE, Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 054905

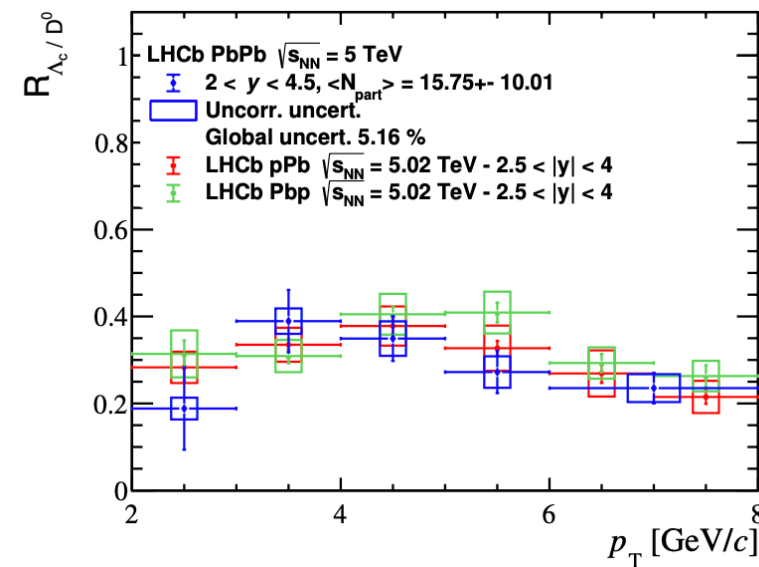
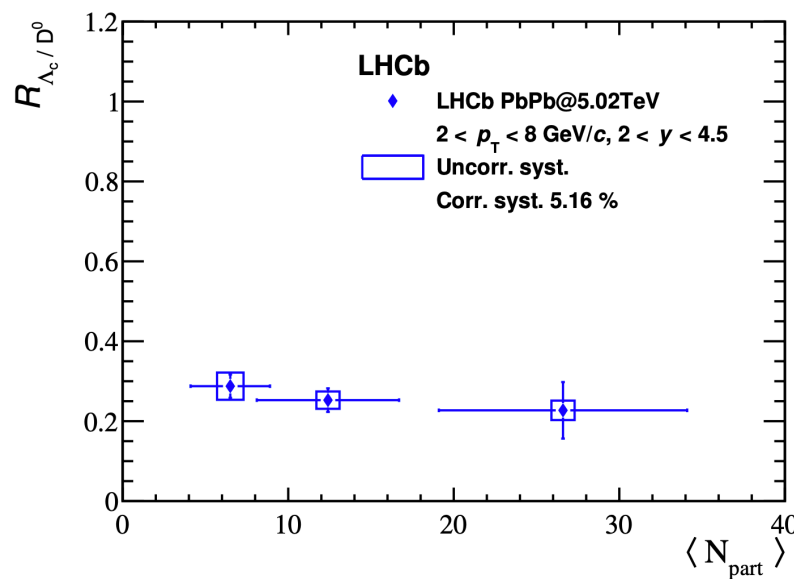
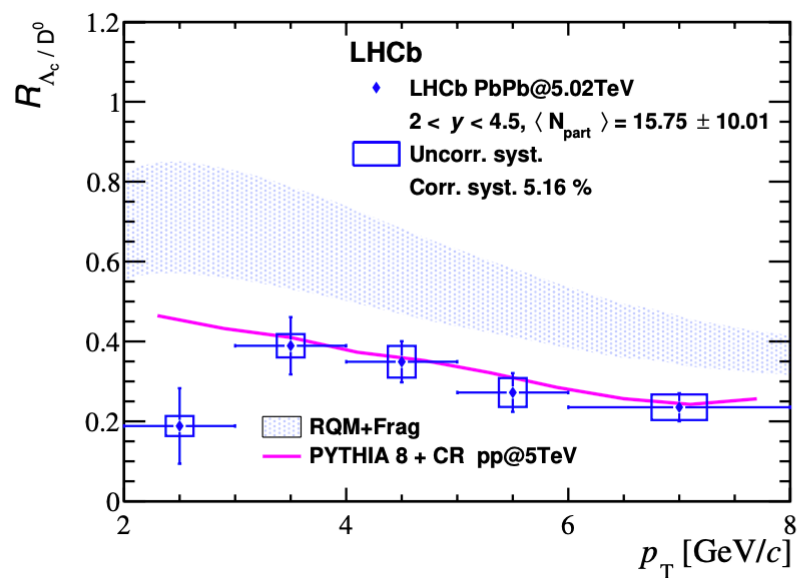




# Prompt $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ ratio in PbPb at 5.02 TeV

- First measurement of prompt  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in forward rapidity in PbPb collisions (up to 60% centrality)
- PYTHIA8 + Color Reconnection: compatible with data within  $3\sigma$
- Statistical Hadronization Model is above the data
- No centrality dependence and consistent with LHCb pPb data

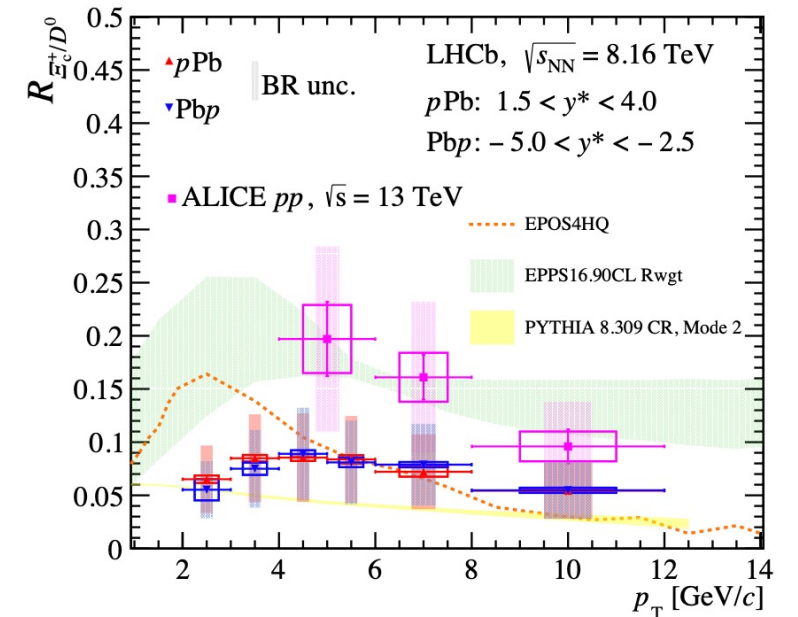
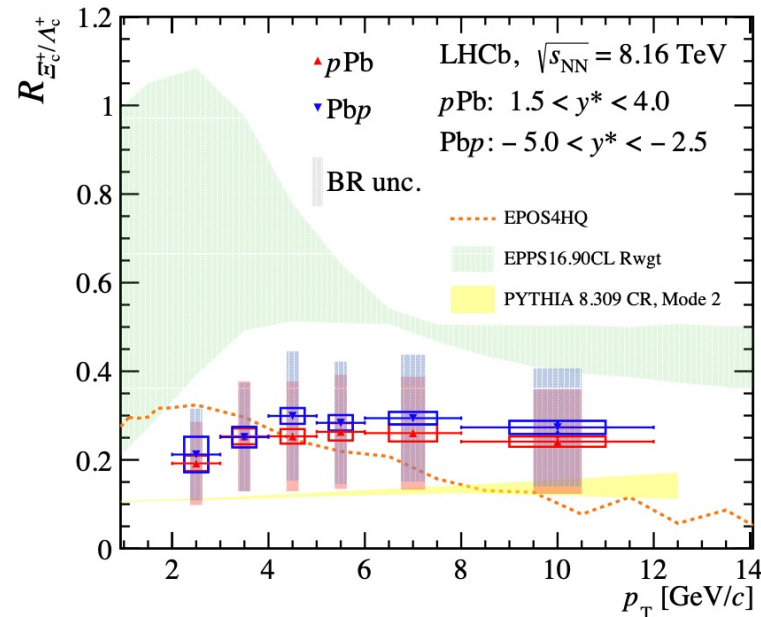
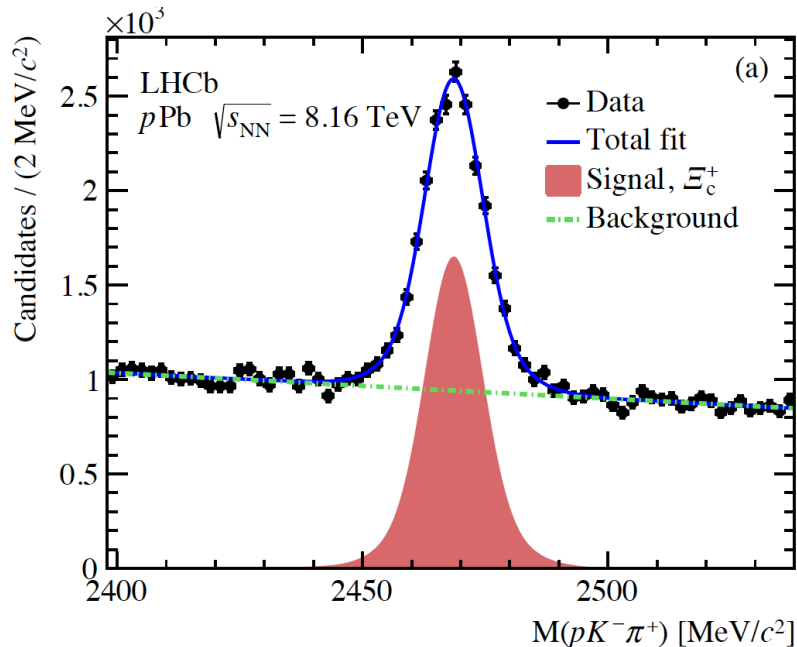
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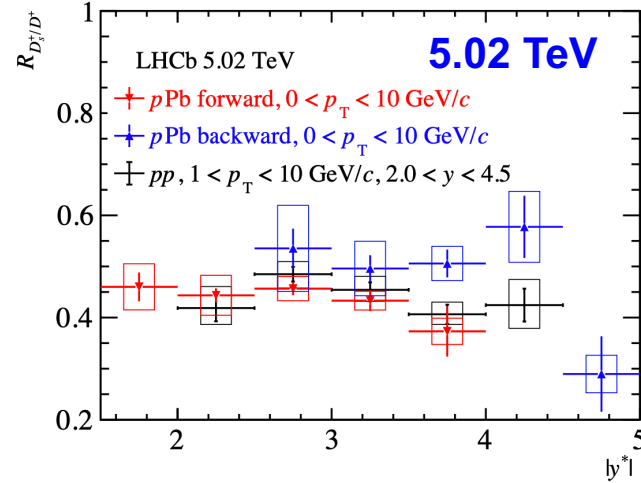
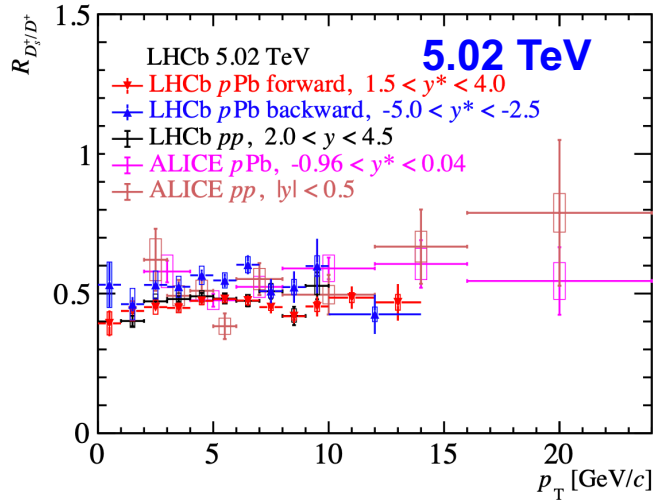
# Prompt $\Xi_c^+$ production in $p\text{Pb}$ at 8.16 TeV

- First measurement of prompt  $\Xi_c^+$  in heavy ion collisions
- $\Xi_c^+/\Lambda_c^+$  ratio constant over  $p_T$ , consistent between forward and backward
- $\Xi_c^+/D^0$  ratio generally lower than ALICE  $pp$  data at mid- $y$ , but uncertainty is large

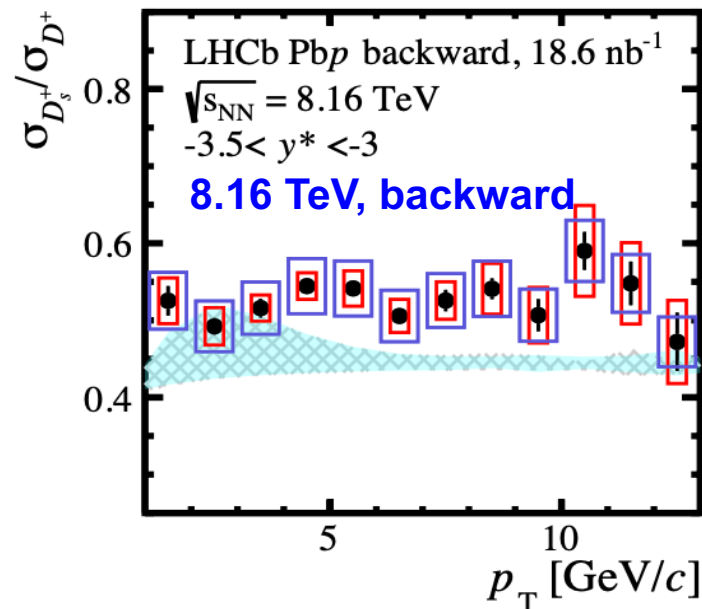
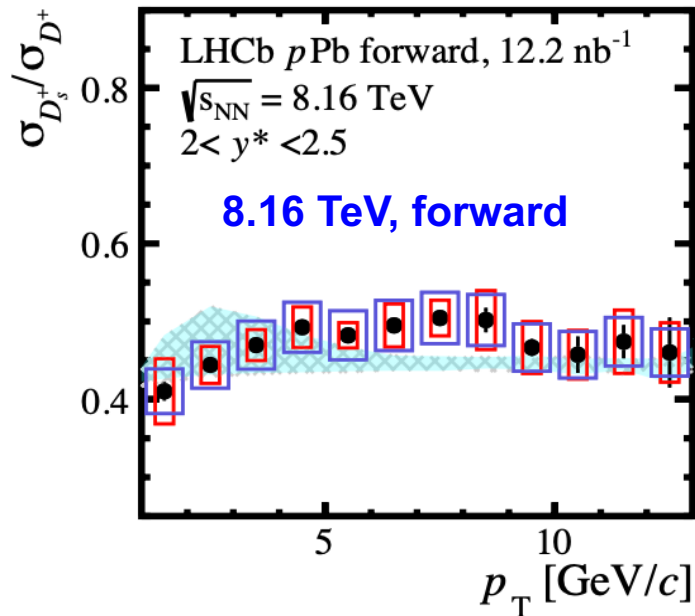
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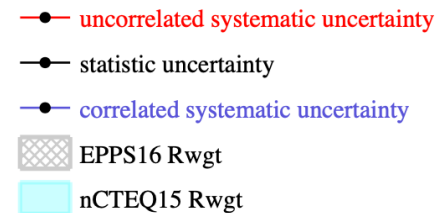
# $D_s^+ / D^+$ ratio in $p$ Pb at 5.02 and 8.16 TeV



- No or minor  $p_T$  dependence
- Consistent with LHCb  $pp$  measurements within uncertainties
- Consistent with ALICE measurements (at mid-rapidity) with higher precision
- Consistent with theoretical calculations in forward rapidity at 8.16 TeV.



- Slightly higher at backward rapidity than at forward, **multiplicity dependence?**

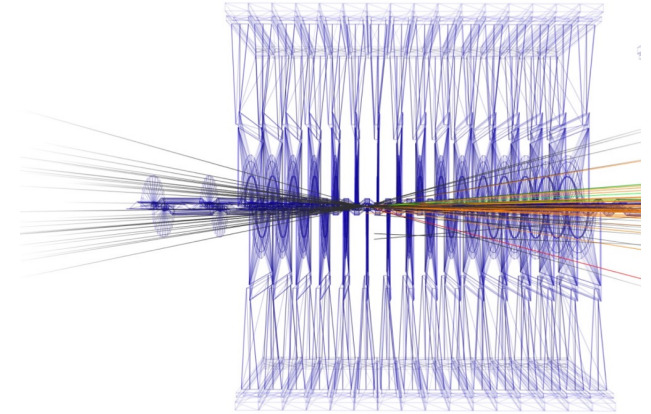
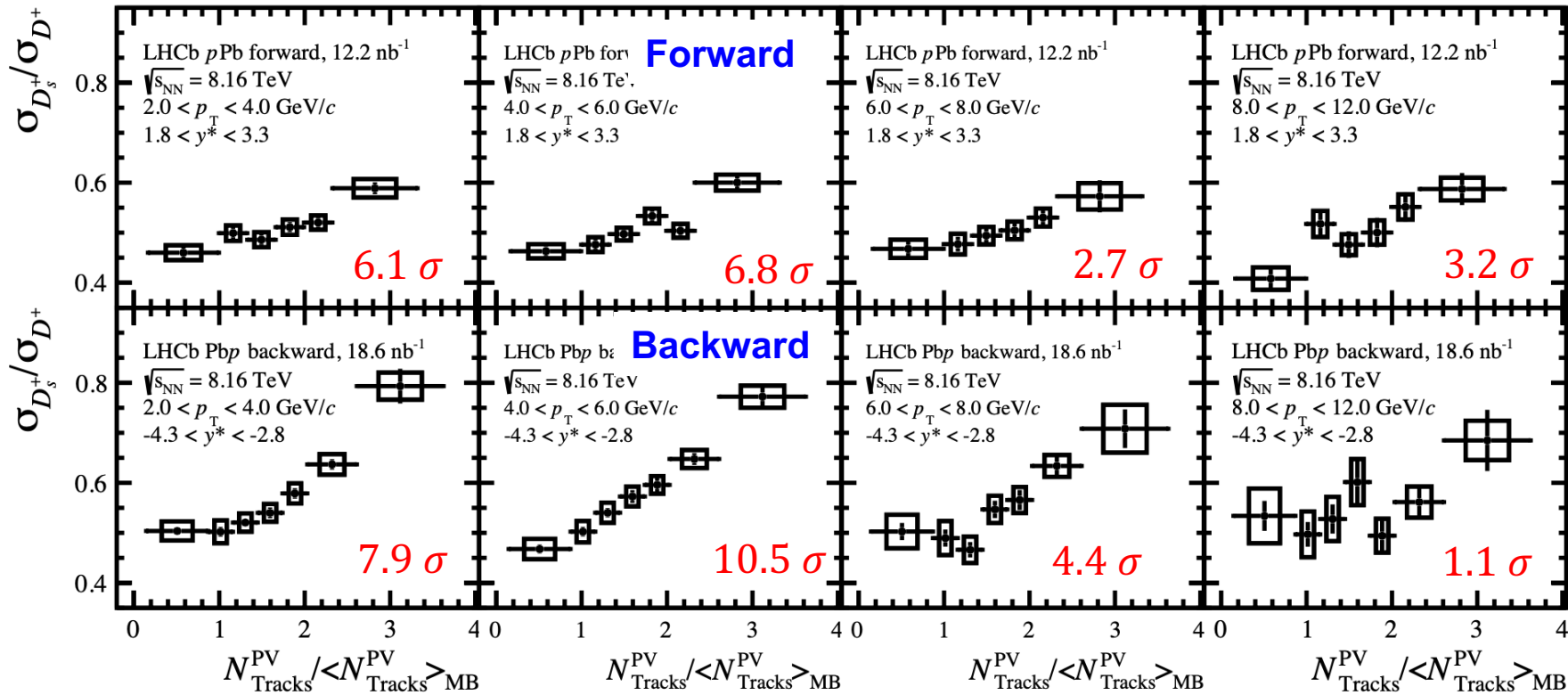


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# $D_s^+ / D^+$ ratio vs multiplicity in $p\text{Pb}$ at 8.16 TeV



$N_{\text{Tracks}}^{\text{PV}}$  :  
Number of tracks  
used in primary vertex  
reconstruction

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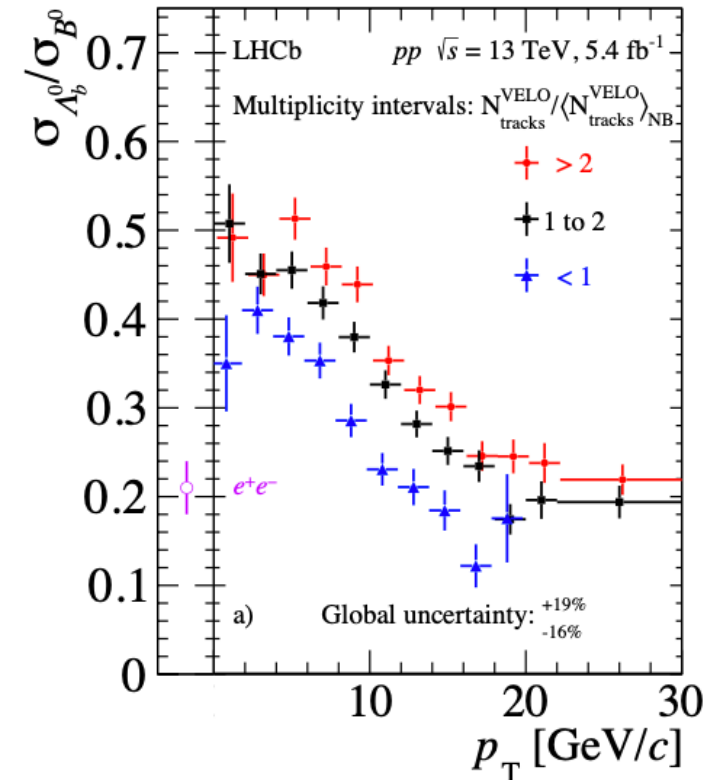
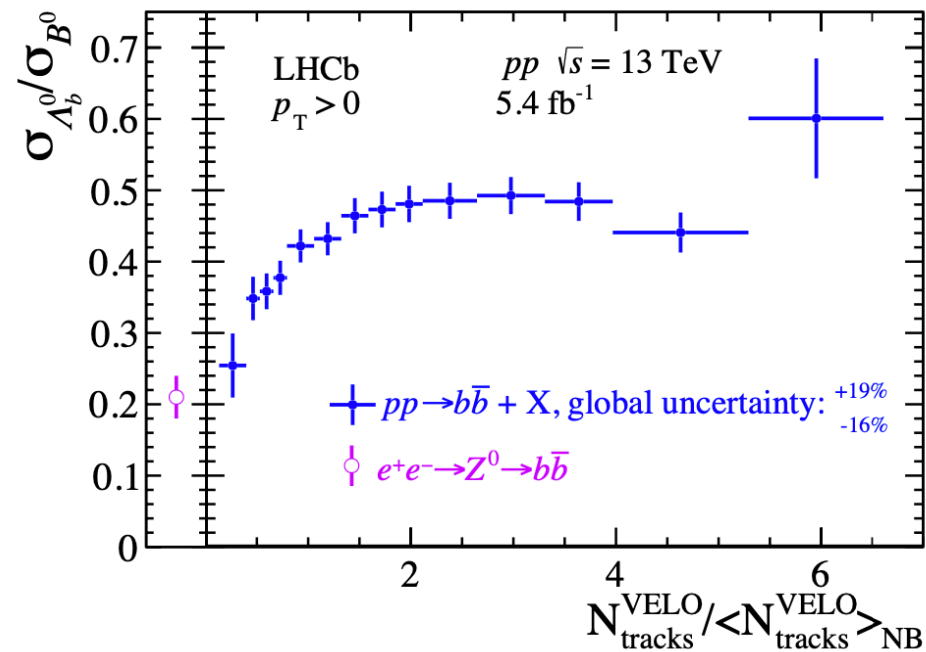
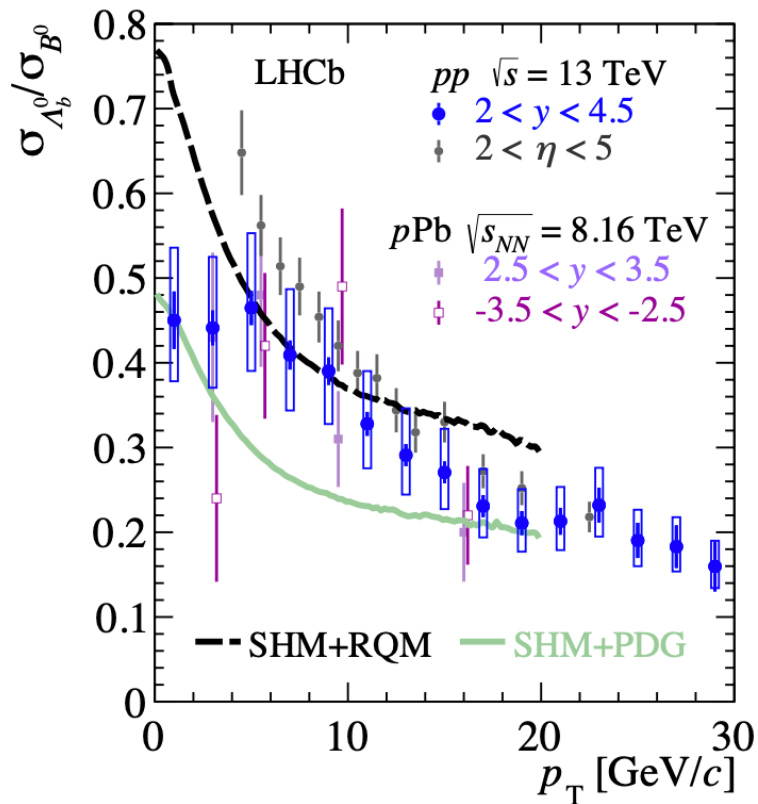
- The ratio increases with multiplicity significantly!
- The enhancement is more pronounced at backward rapidity and lower  $p_T$ .
- Modification of charm hadronization/production in high-multiplicity  $p\text{Pb}$  collisions.



# $b$ hadronization in $pp$ at 13 TeV

- Baryon-to-meson ratio measured down to zero  $p_T$  with  $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi p K$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \pi K$
- $p_T$  trend compatible with measurement with semileptonic channel and  $pPb$
- A strong baryon enhancement with multiplicity is observed
- Ratio recovers  $e^+e^-$  value (QCD-vacuum) at low multiplicity
- Ratio consistent with  $e^+e^-$  at high  $p_T$

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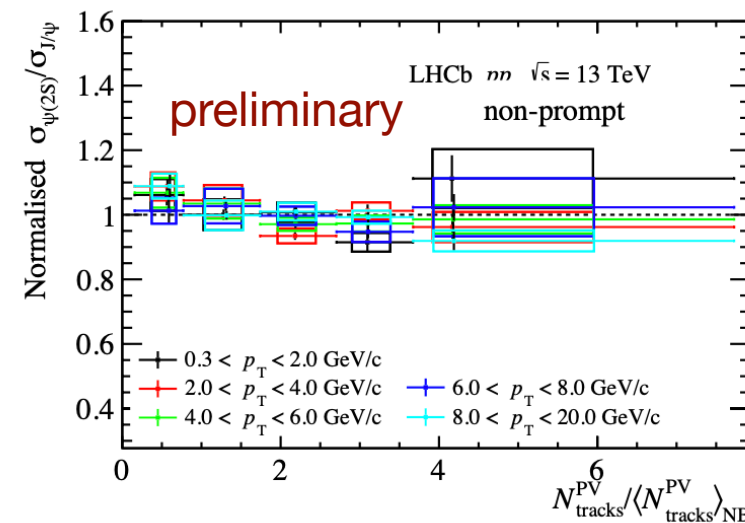
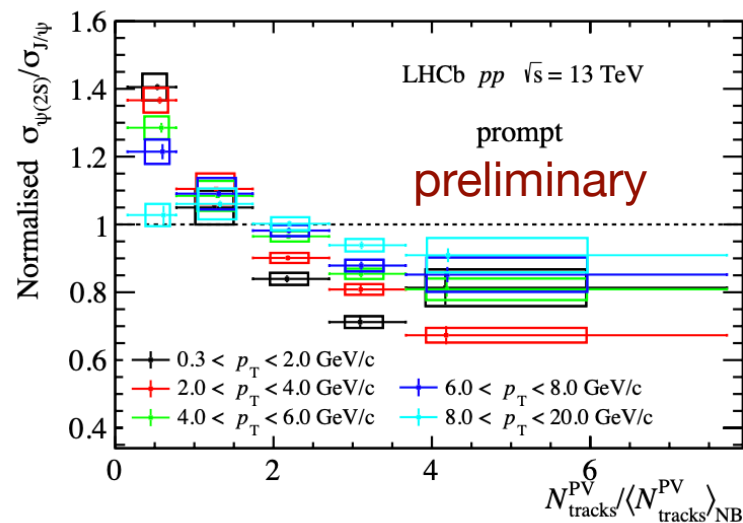
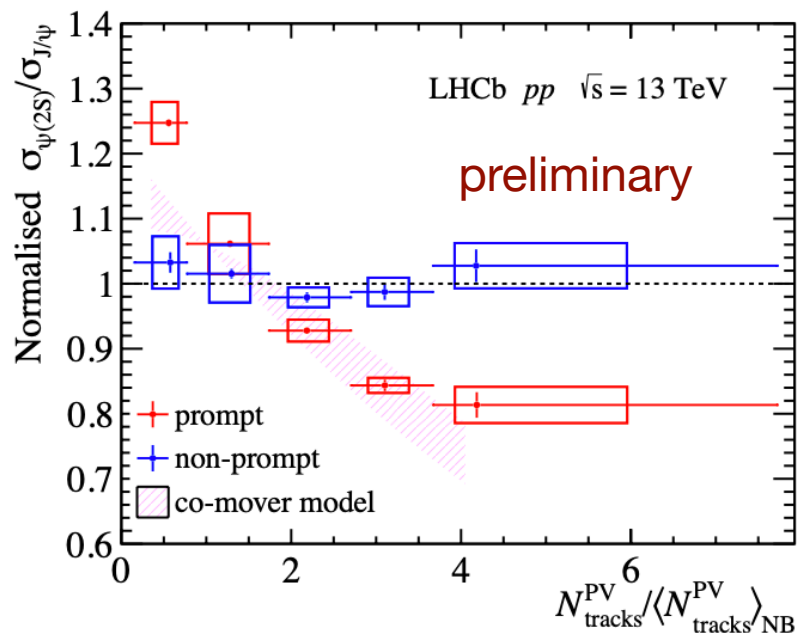


# $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$ ratio vs multiplicity in $pp$ at 13 TeV

- QGP droplet produced in high multiplicity  $pp$  collisions (small system) ?
- Search for sequential charmonia suppression in small system !
- Decreasing trend vs multiplicity observed for prompt contributions (in particular for low  $p_T$ ), consistent with comover interactions
- Independent on multiplicity and  $p_T$  for non-prompt contributions

**New!**

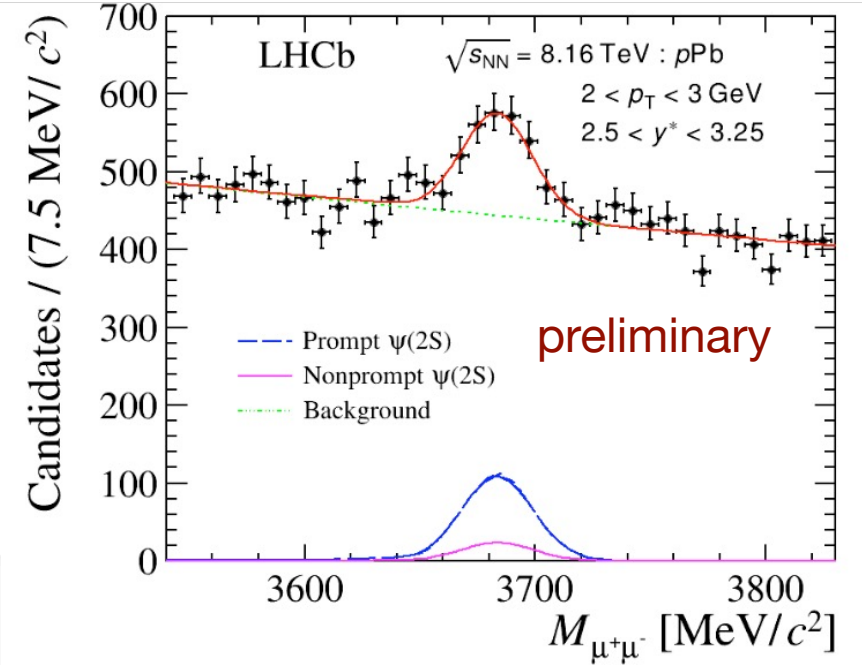
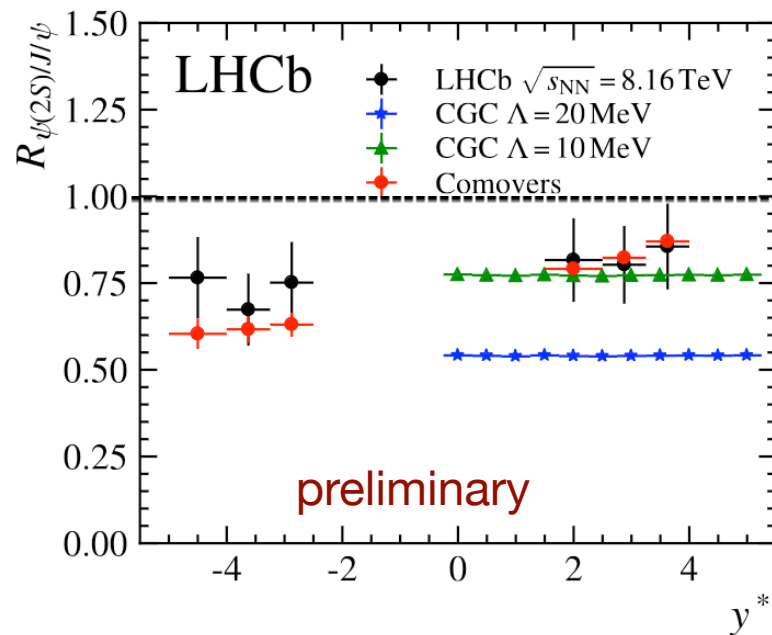
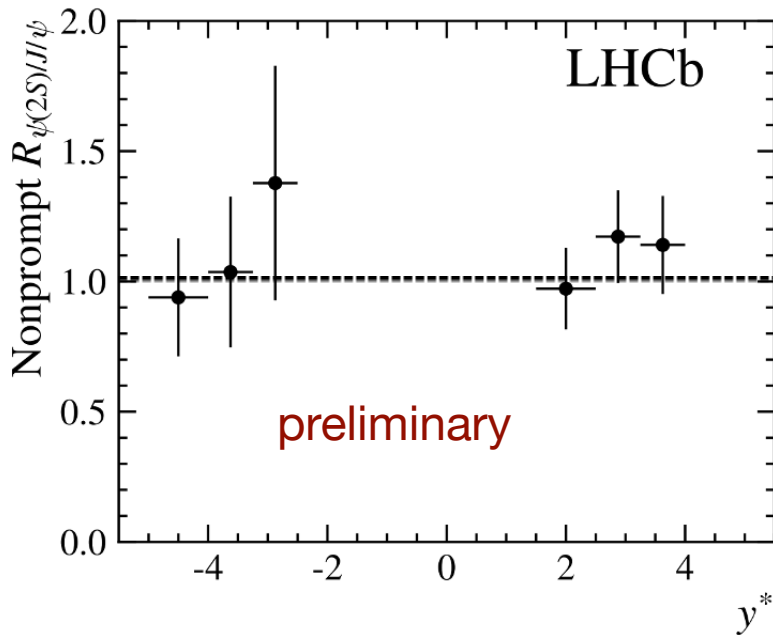
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# $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$ ratio in $pPb$ at 8.16 TeV

- New  $\psi(2S)$  precise result with 20 times larger dataset than Run1 (5.02 TeV)
- Nonprompt: compatible with unity
- Prompt: additional suppression of  $\psi(2S)$ , compatible with comover break-up model



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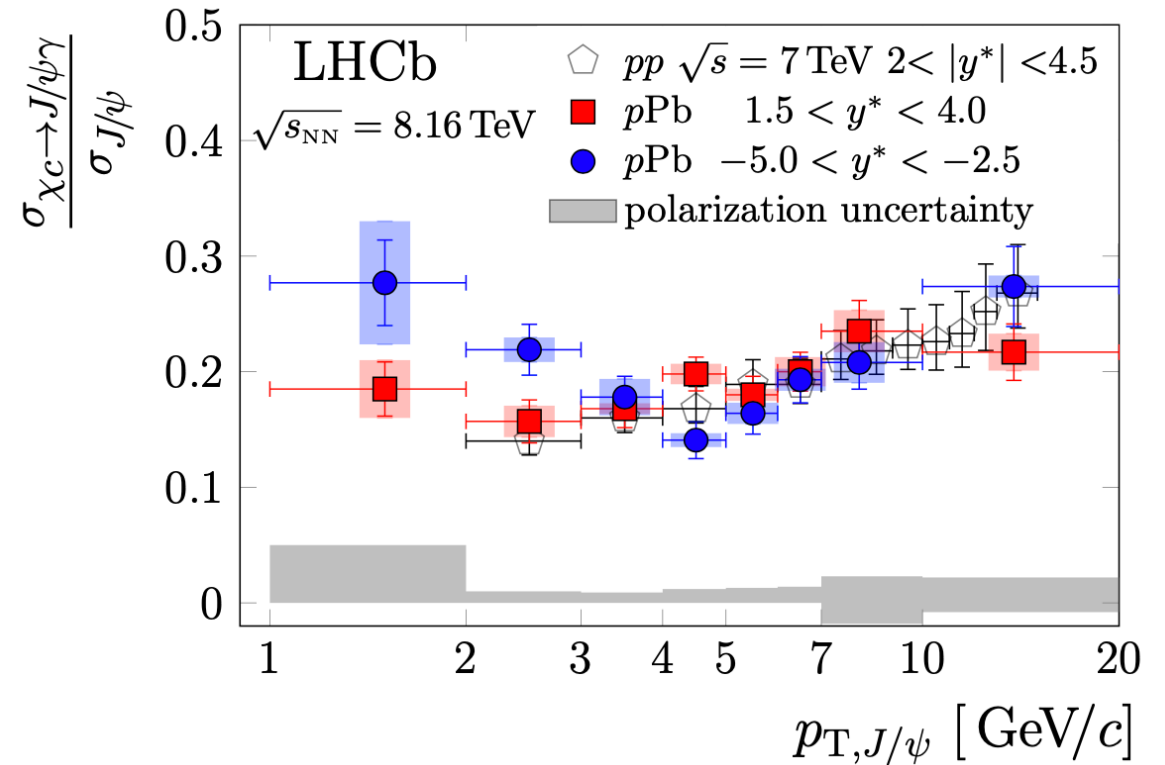
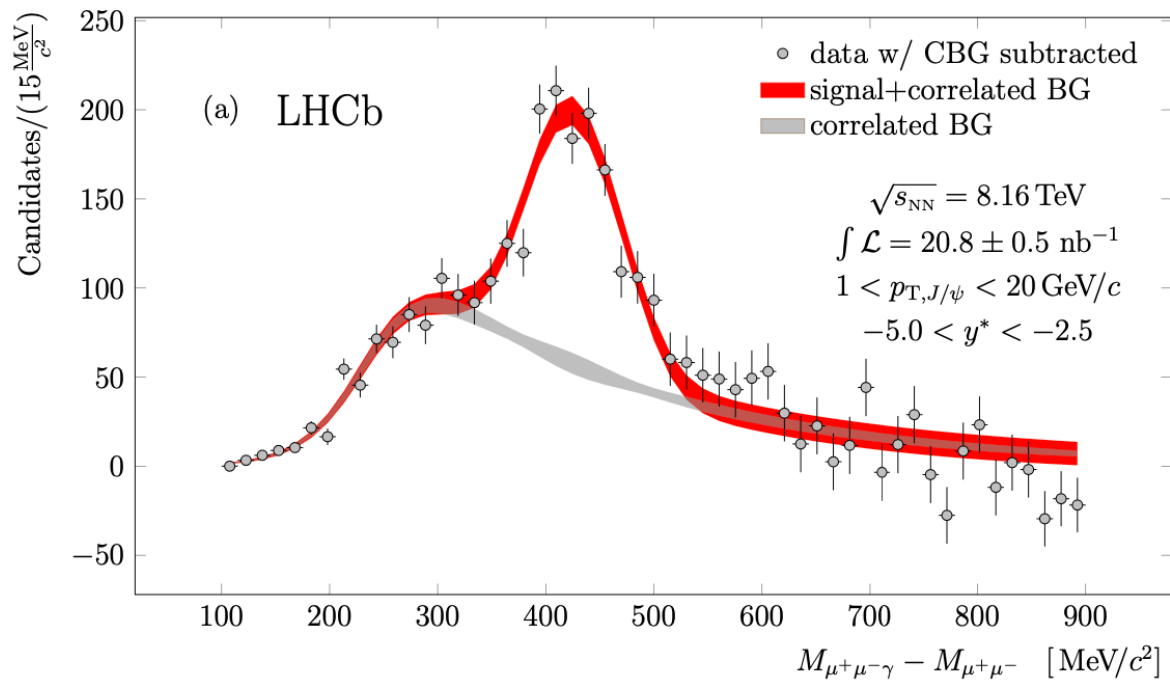
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$$R_{\psi(2S)/J\psi} = \frac{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi}|_{pPb}}{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi}|_{pp}}$$

# $\chi_c$ production in $p\text{Pb}$ at 8.16 TeV

- First measurement at LHC of  $\chi_{c1} + \chi_{c2} \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$  feeddown to  $J/\psi$  in  $p\text{Pb}$
- Data compatible with feeddown from  $pp$  at 7 TeV
- No indication of comover break-up for  $\chi_c$

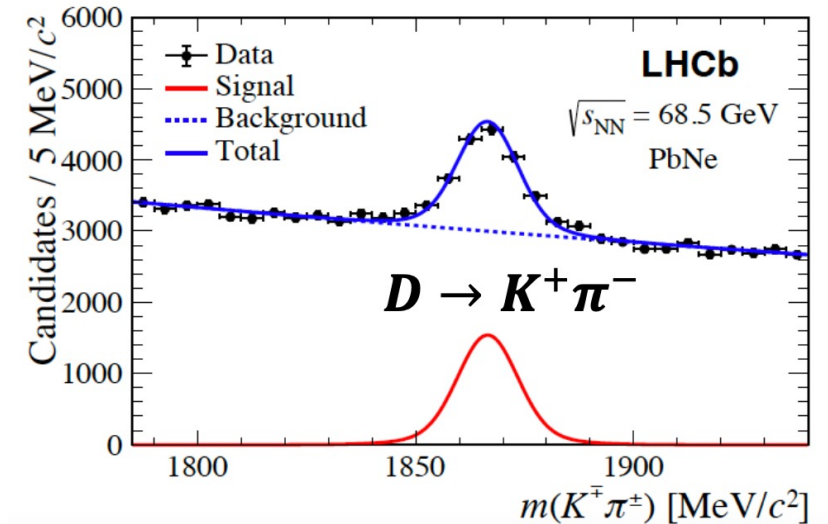
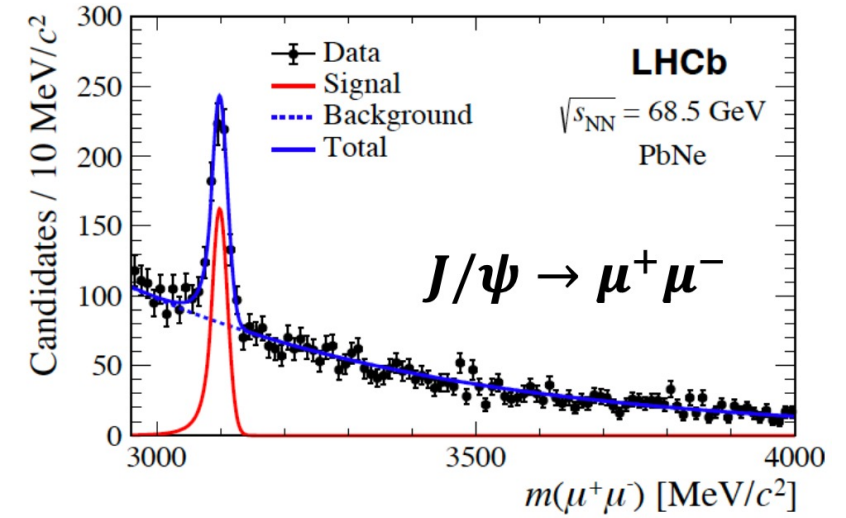
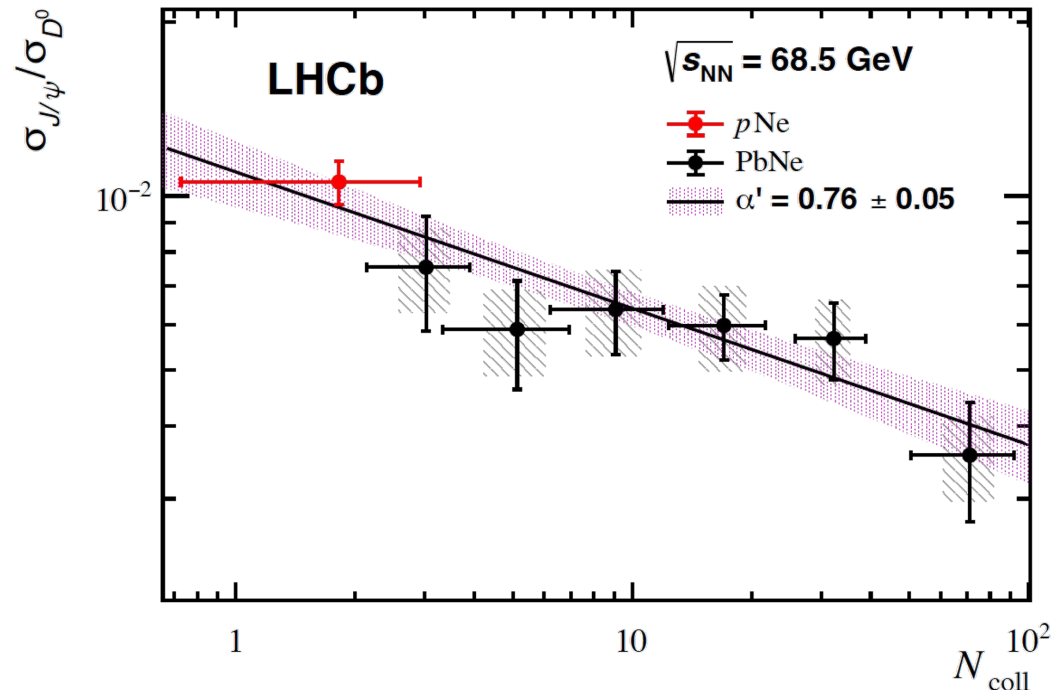
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# $J/\psi$ to $D^0$ ratio in fixed-target collisions

- Study PbNe sample at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 68.5$  GeV, negligible charm recombination, cleaner to search for “anomalous” suppression
- Use open charm as baseline
- Continuous suppression observed, compatible with no QGP scenario
- Larger system size (PbAr) and precision reachable in Run 3

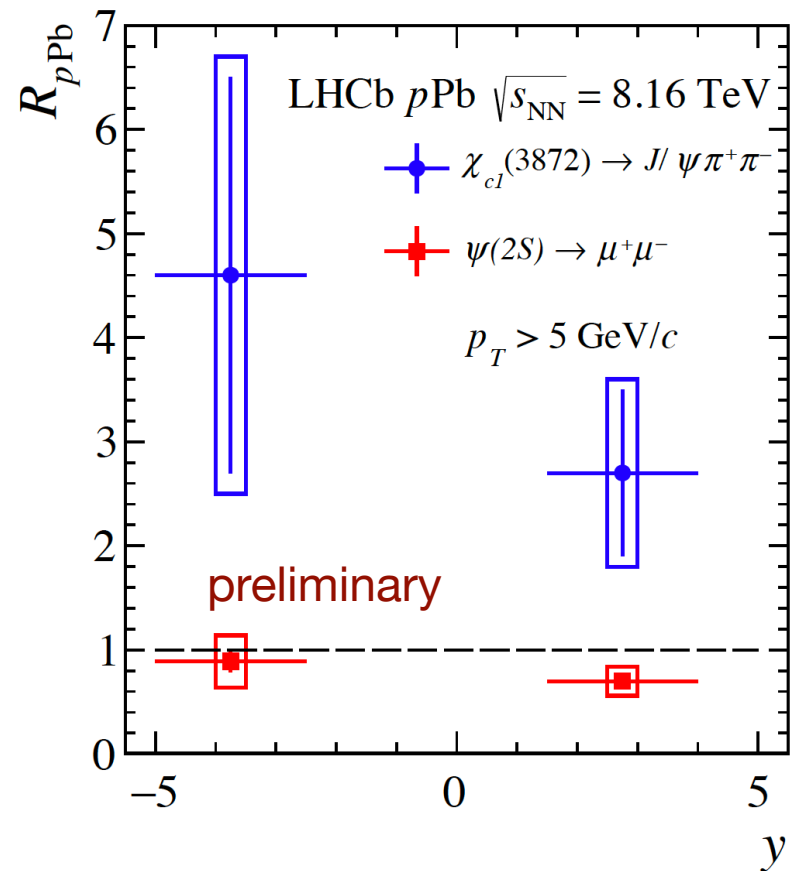
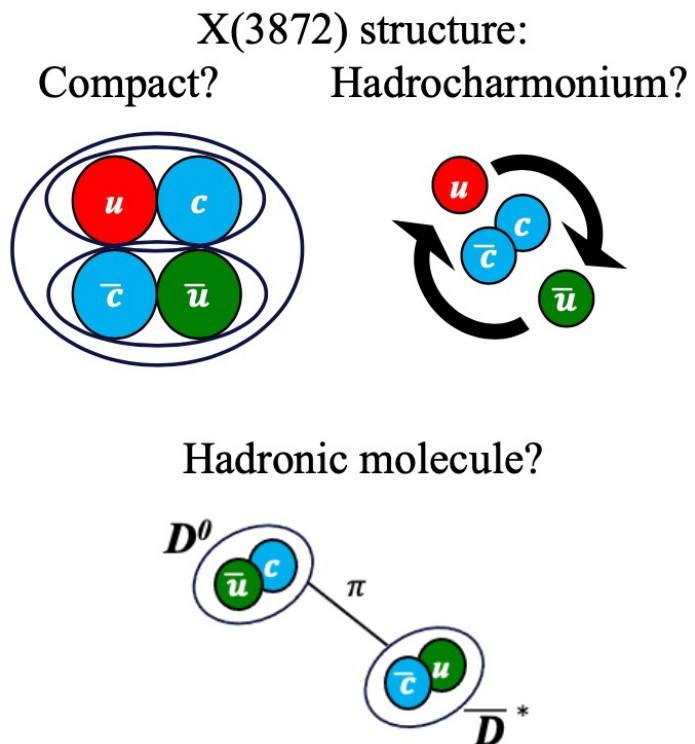
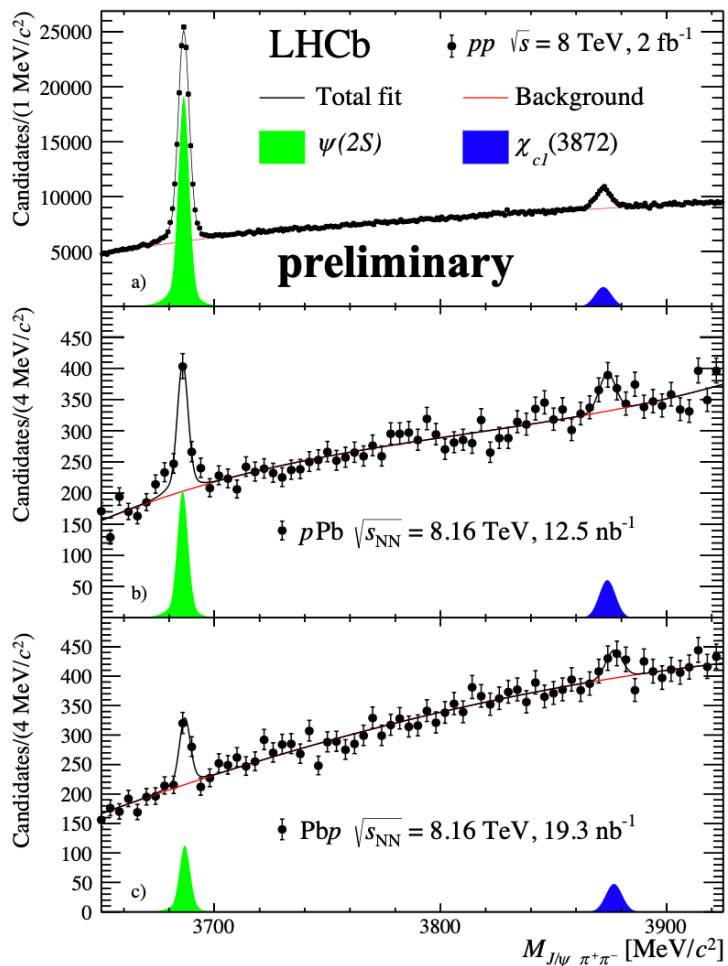


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# Modification of X(3872) in pPb

- LHCb can uniquely reconstruct exotic hadrons at low  $p_T$
- Exotic multiquark states can give new constraints on hadronization models

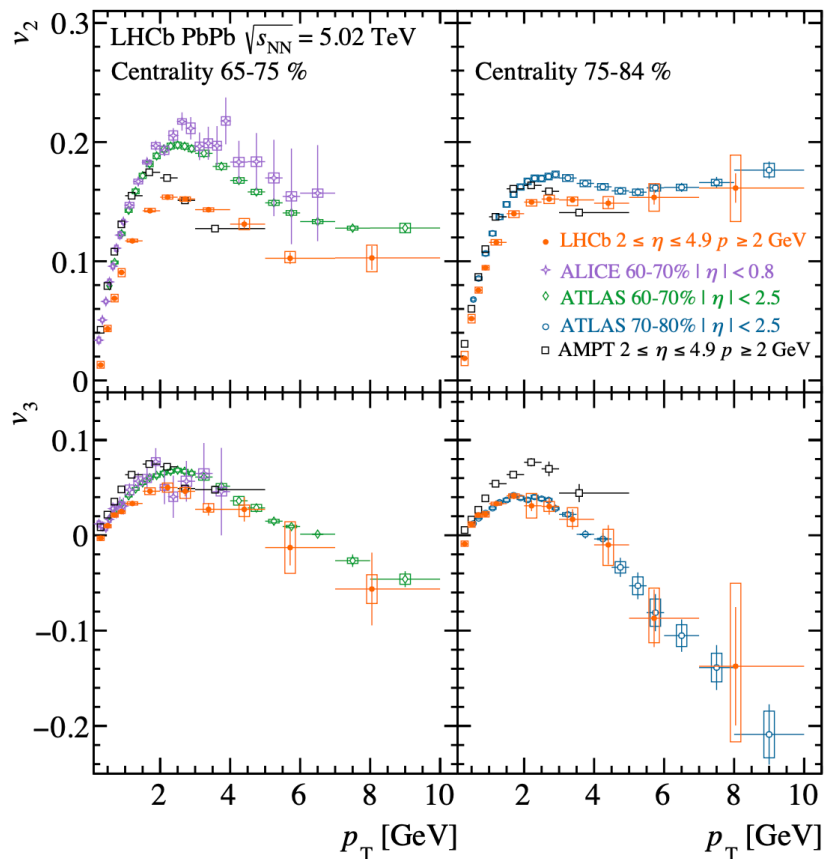
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**First measurement of nuclear modification factor of an exotic hadron**  
**Different from expectations based on conventional charmonia**

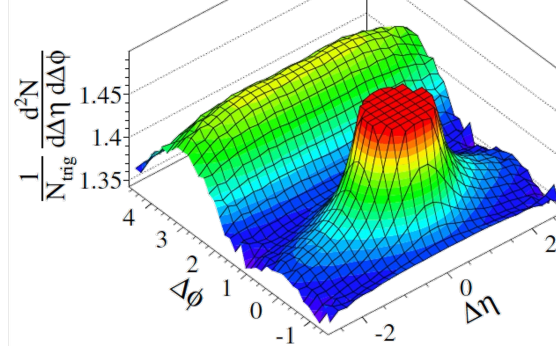
# Collectivity in PbPb

- Previous LHCb measurements confirmed presence of the ridge at forward rapidity in  $p$ Pb collisions
- New results show stronger ridge in PbPb
- First LHCb measurements of  $v_{2,3}$  flow coefficient measurements

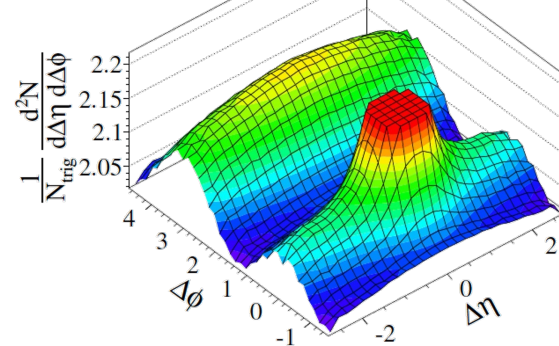


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LHCb  $p$ +Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV  
 $1.0 < p_T < 2.0$  GeV/c  
 Event class 0-3%

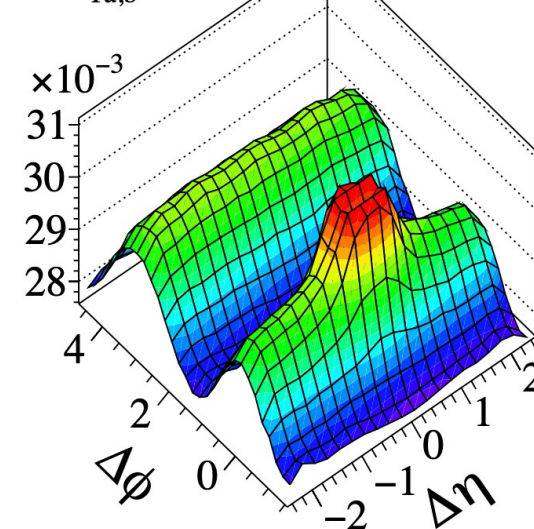


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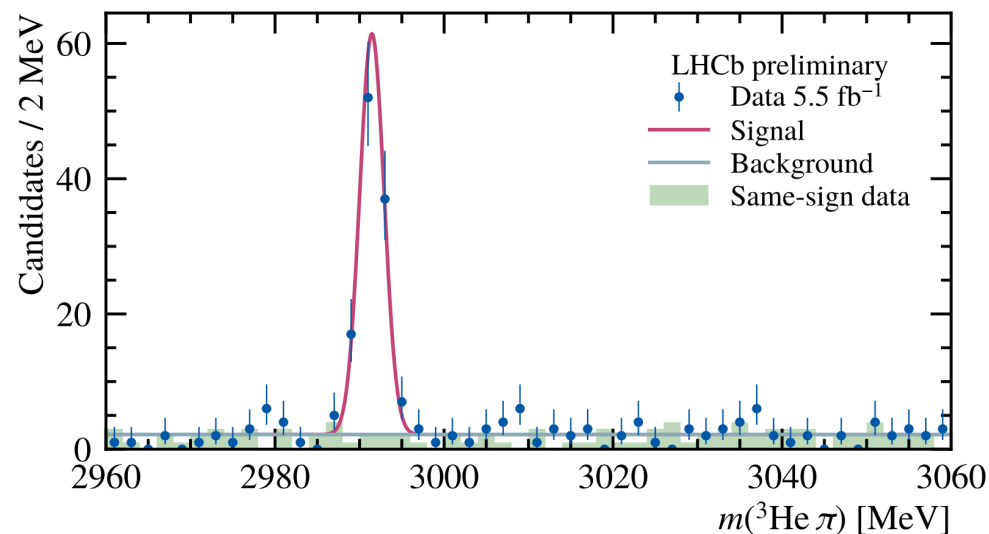
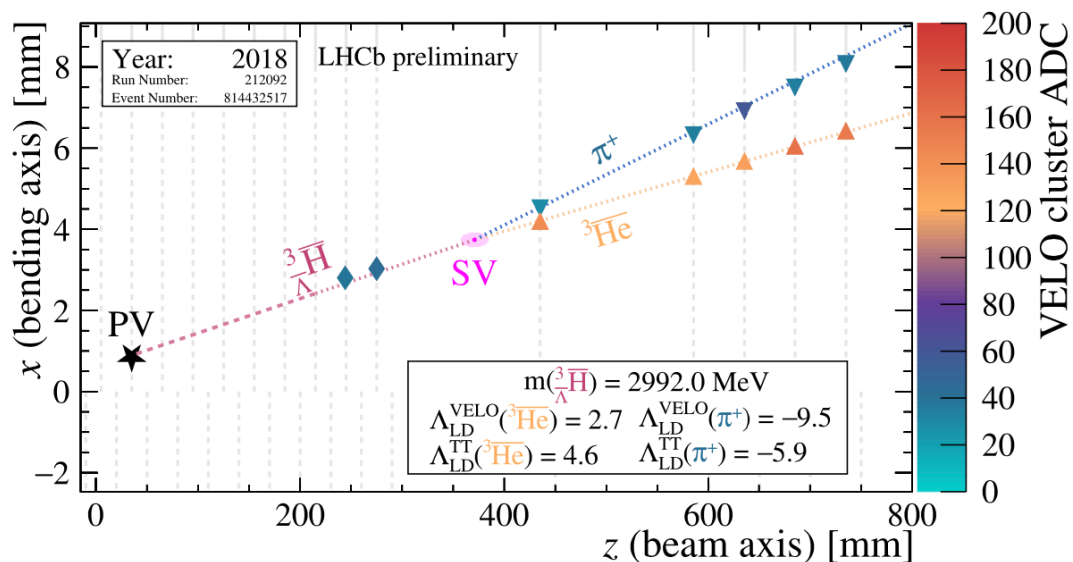
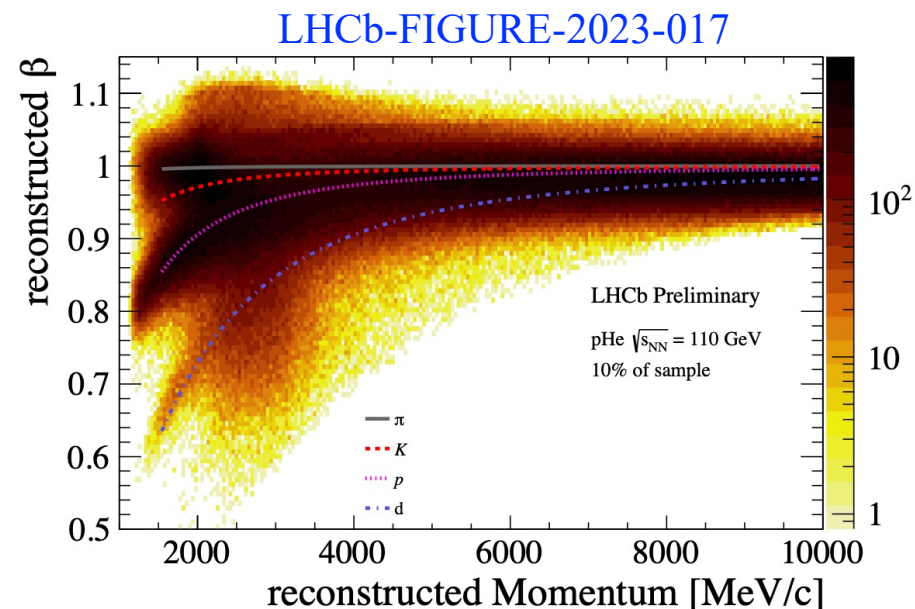
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PbPb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV LHCb  
 $1 < p_{Ta,b} < 2$  GeV 65-75% :



# Nuclei production

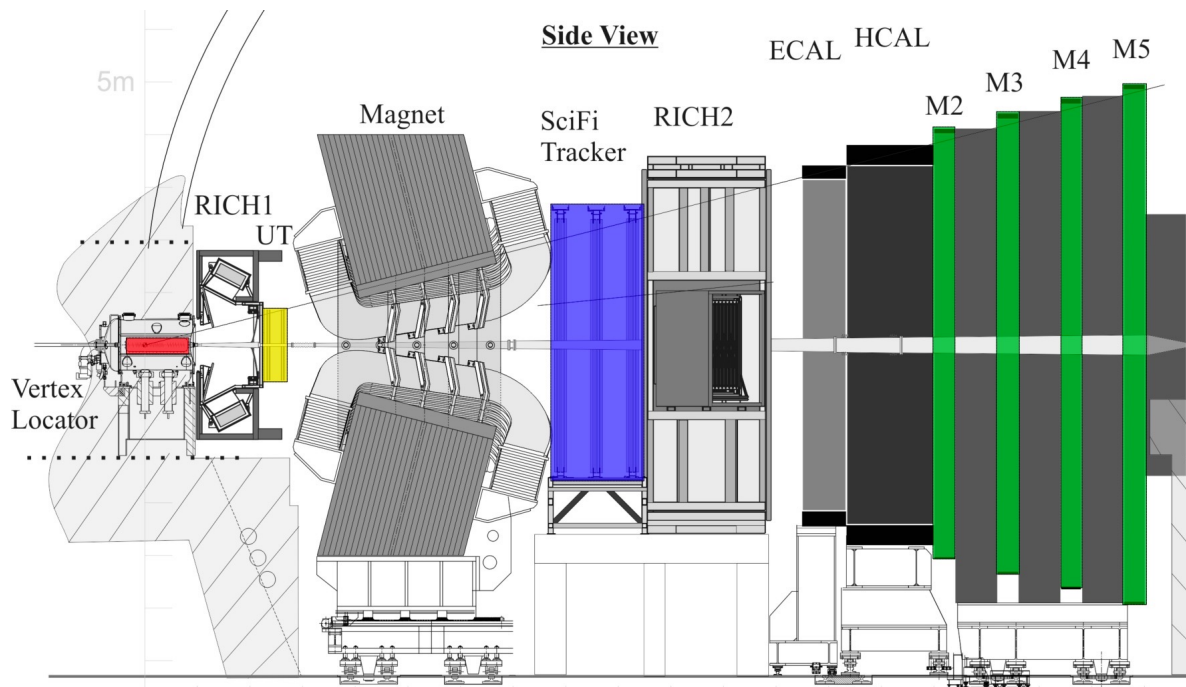
- New methods are being developed to positively identify deuteron and  $^3\text{He}$  produced at LHCb
  - Deuteron ID accomplished by TOF with Outer Tracker
  - $^3\text{He}$  identified by  $dE/dx$  in silicon layers
- Method gives access to exotic nuclei in pp, pA, AA collider data and will also be applied to fixed-target collisions





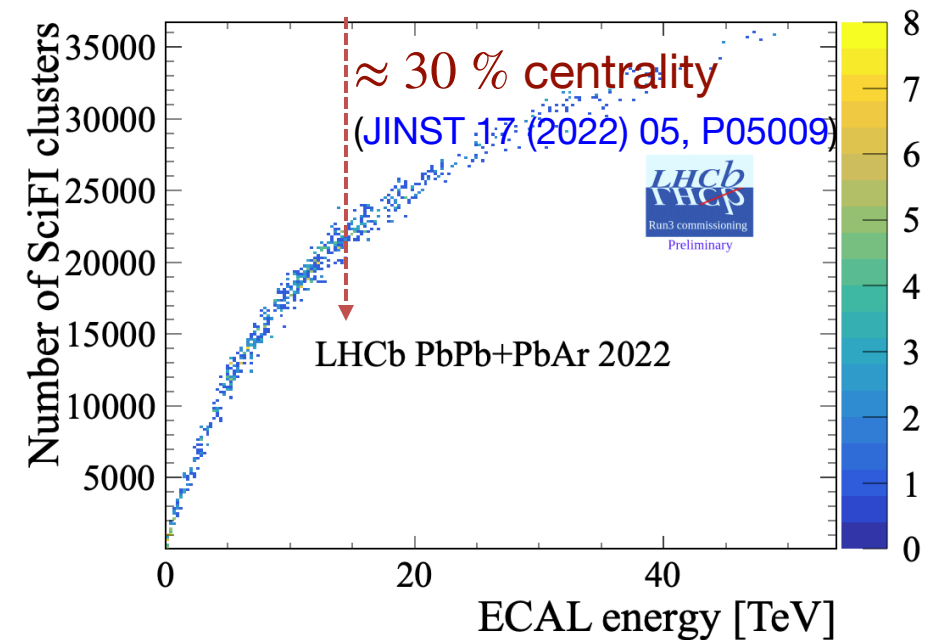
# LHCb Upgrade-I installed

- Major upgrade:
  - Replacement of full **tracking** and **RICH1/2 detectors**
  - Completely **new readout electronics**
  - New **DAQ & online system** at 40 MHz
- New tracking system allows reconstruction up to  $\sim 30\%$  most central PbPb collisions



arXiv:2305.10515

First data from PbPb + PbAr collisions in 2022!

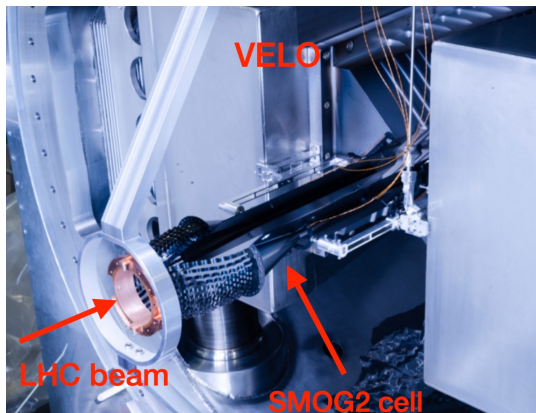


LHCb-FIGURE-2023-022

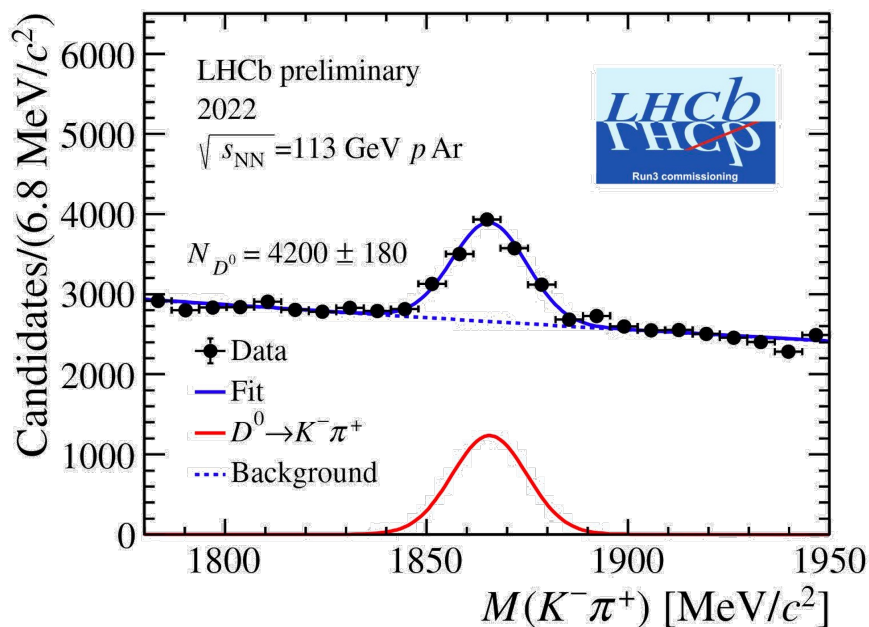
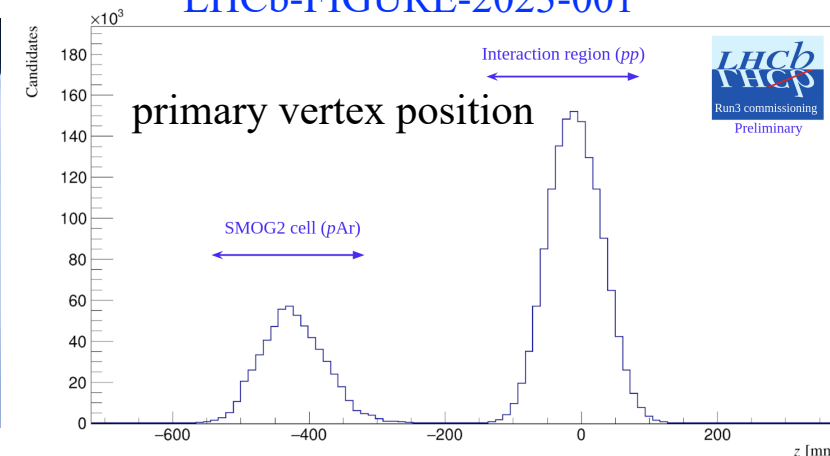


# Fixed target upgrade – SMOG2

- Dedicated gas storage cell installed
- Greatly increased rates of beam+gas collisions
- Concurrent running with pp collisions
- New gases: H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and large nuclei (Kr, Xe)
- Energies:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \in [68.5, 110]$  GeV

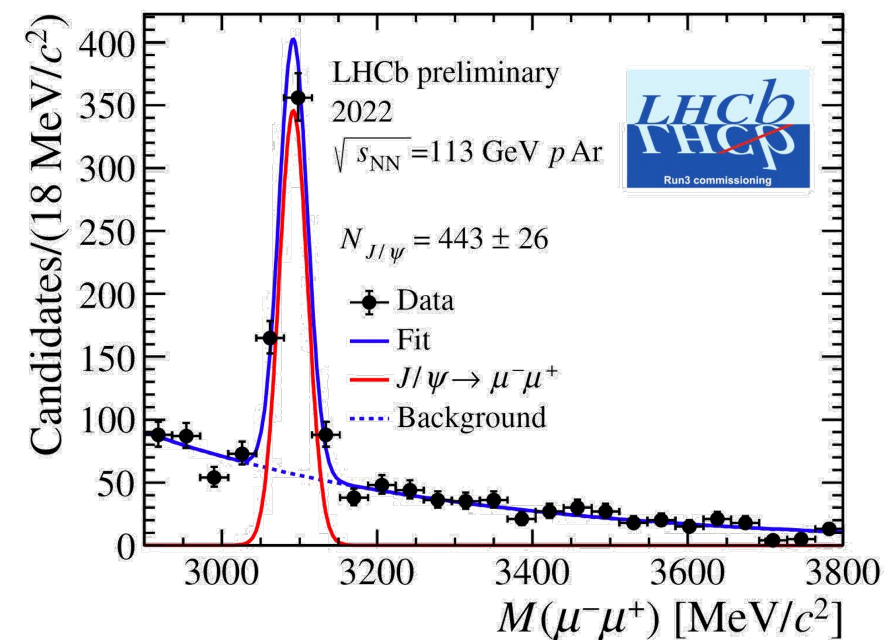


LHCb-FIGURE-2023-001



Reconstructed from **18 minutes** of early 2022 data!

LHCb-FIGURE-2023-008

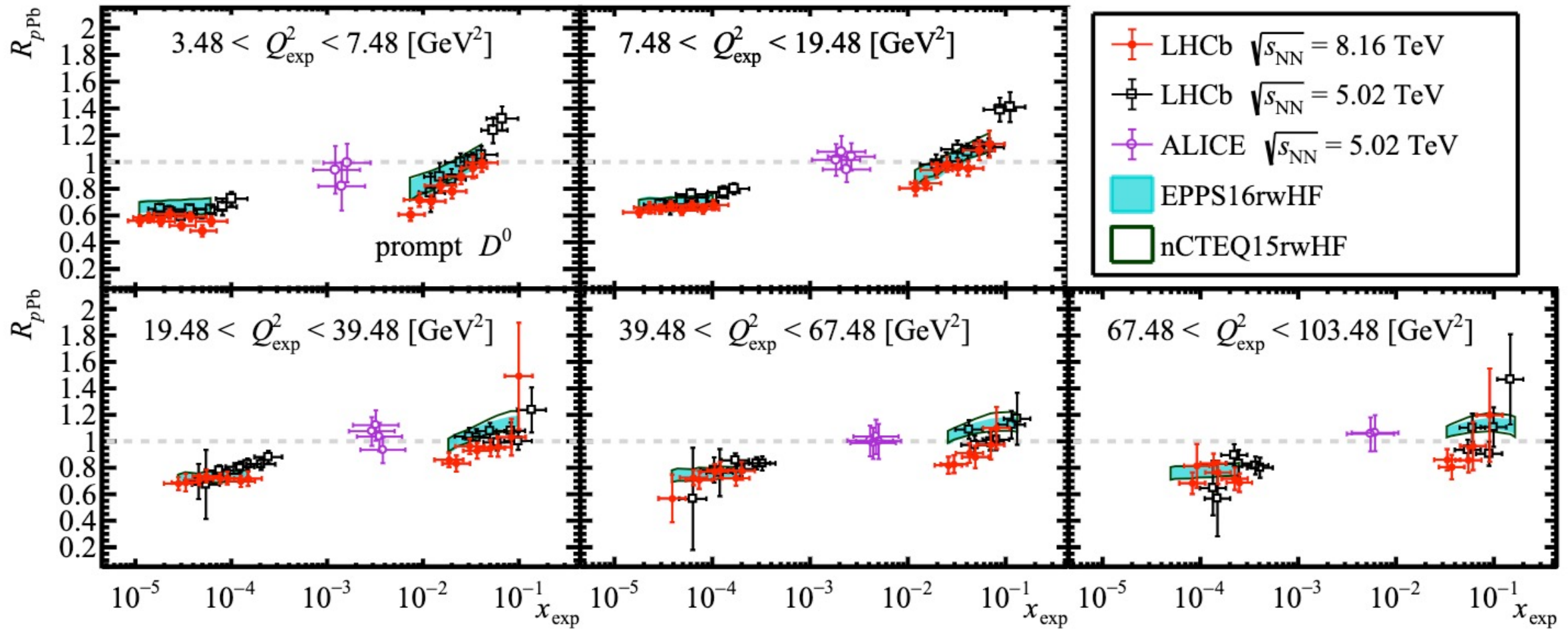


# Summary

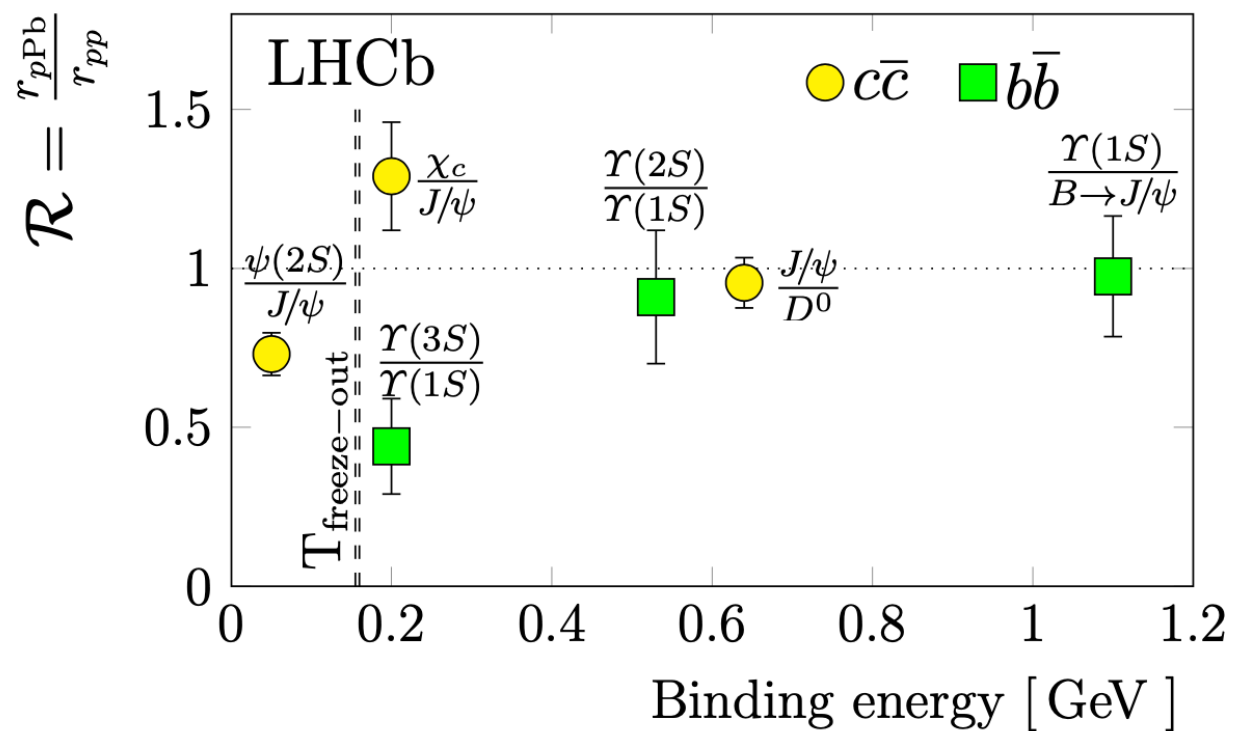
- LHCb has a very diverse heavy-ion and fixed target program, which profits of the variety of datasets
- LHCb detector capabilities provide unique access to rare probes of nuclear matter
  - Unprecedented access to low-x region of nuclei with various probes
  - Precise open/hidden charm and bottom measurements in small systems
  - Unique access to higher charmonia and exotics at low  $p_T$
- LHCb heavy-ion program is rapidly expanding with new capabilities
  - Vigorous upgrades that directly impact LHCb heavy ion physics is underway

**backup**





$$x_{exp} \equiv 2 \frac{\sqrt{p_T^2(D^0) + M^2(D^0)}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y^*} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{exp}^2 \equiv p_T^2(D^0) + M^2(D^0),$$

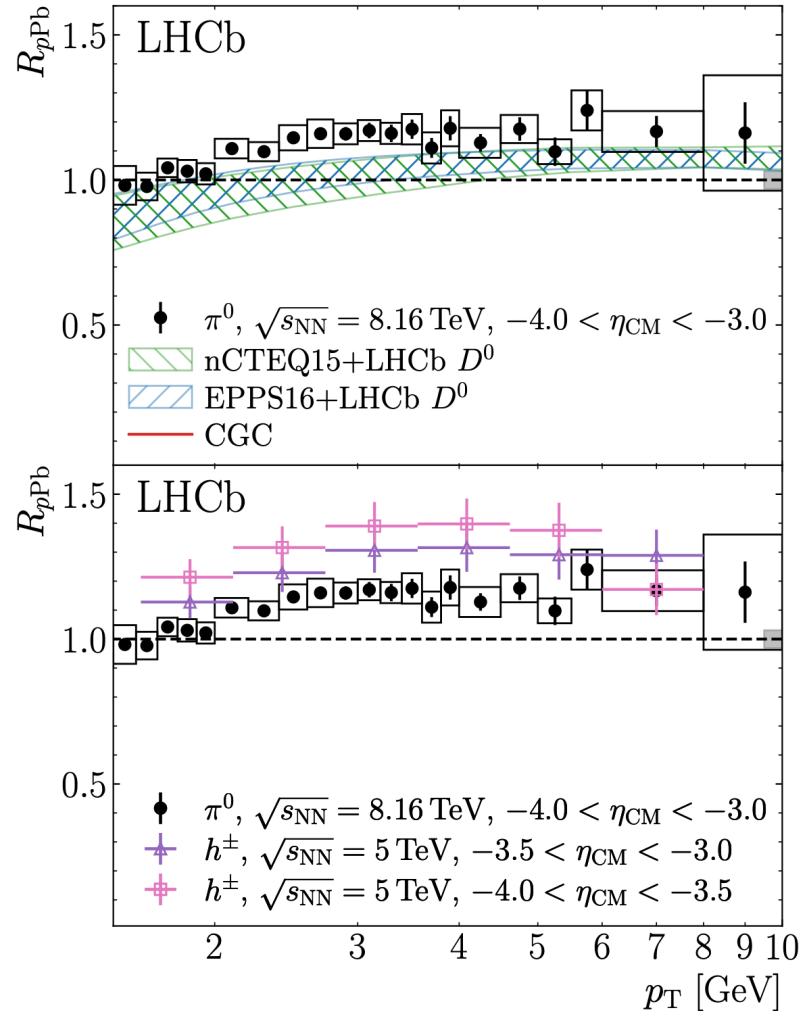




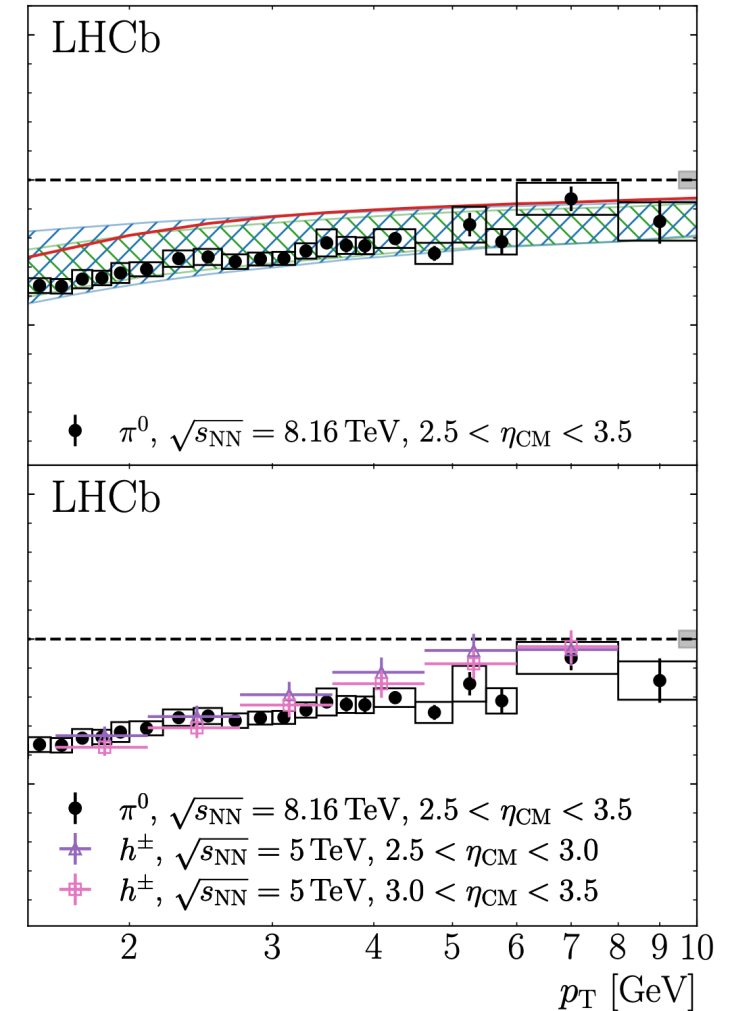
# $\pi^0$ production in pPb at 8.16 TeV

- First  $\pi^0$  measurement in forward rapidity at LHC.
- Forward:
  - More precise than nPDF calculations
  - Consistent with charged hadrons
- Backward:
  - Enhancement above nPDF
  - Lower than charged hadrons (mass ordering effect?)

Backward rapidity



Forward rapidity



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 042302](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.04230)

# $\eta$ and $\eta'$ production in pPb at 8.16 TeV

- $\eta(548)$  and  $\eta'(958)$ : almost identical properties, but different mass
  - study mass-dependent effects in pPb
- New measurement of  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\pi^+\pi^-$  in pPb and pp collisions
  - **First  $\eta'$  production measurement at LHC**
- Agreement of  $R_{pPb}$  of  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$ :
  - **No indication of mass-dependent effects**

