

# Recent Results from ALICE(-China)

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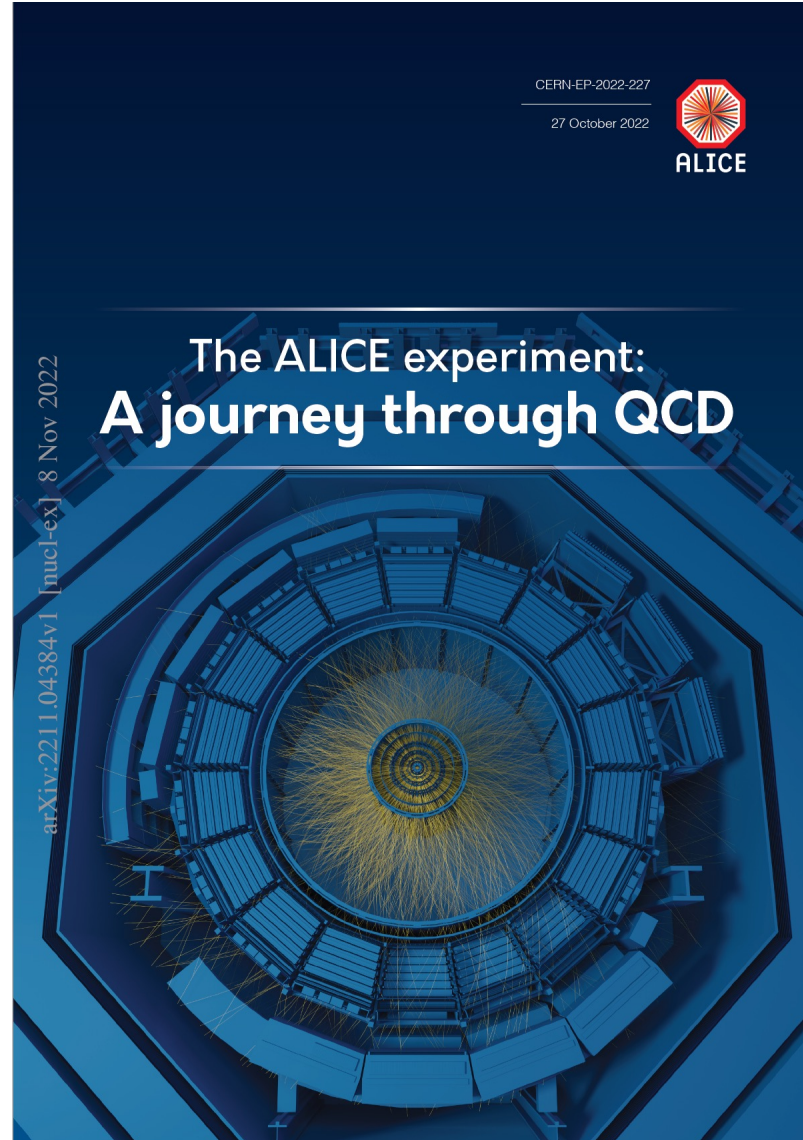
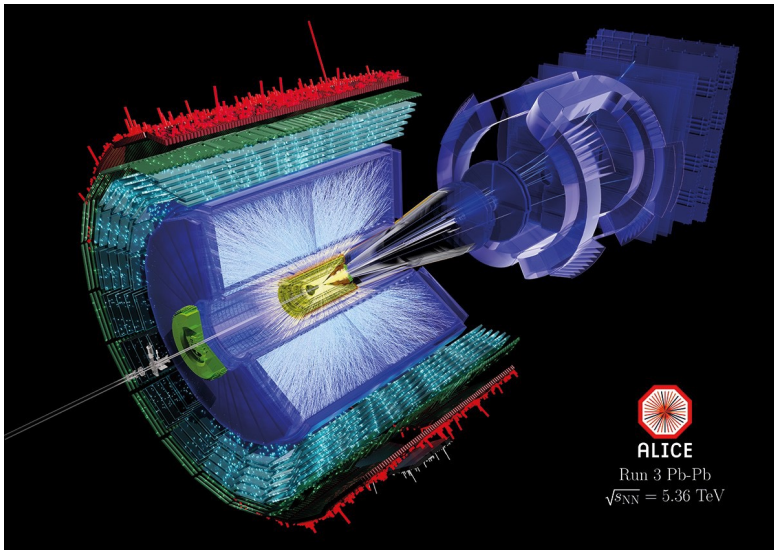
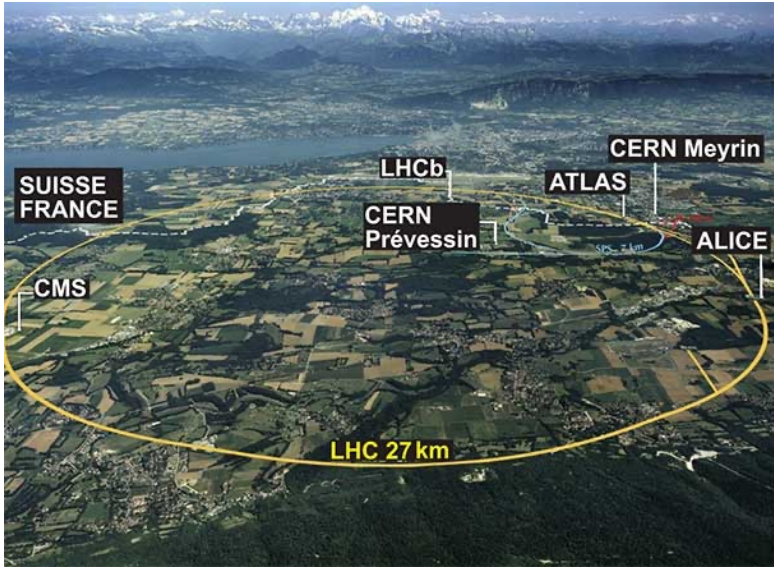
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# LHC and ALICE



## ALICE-China:

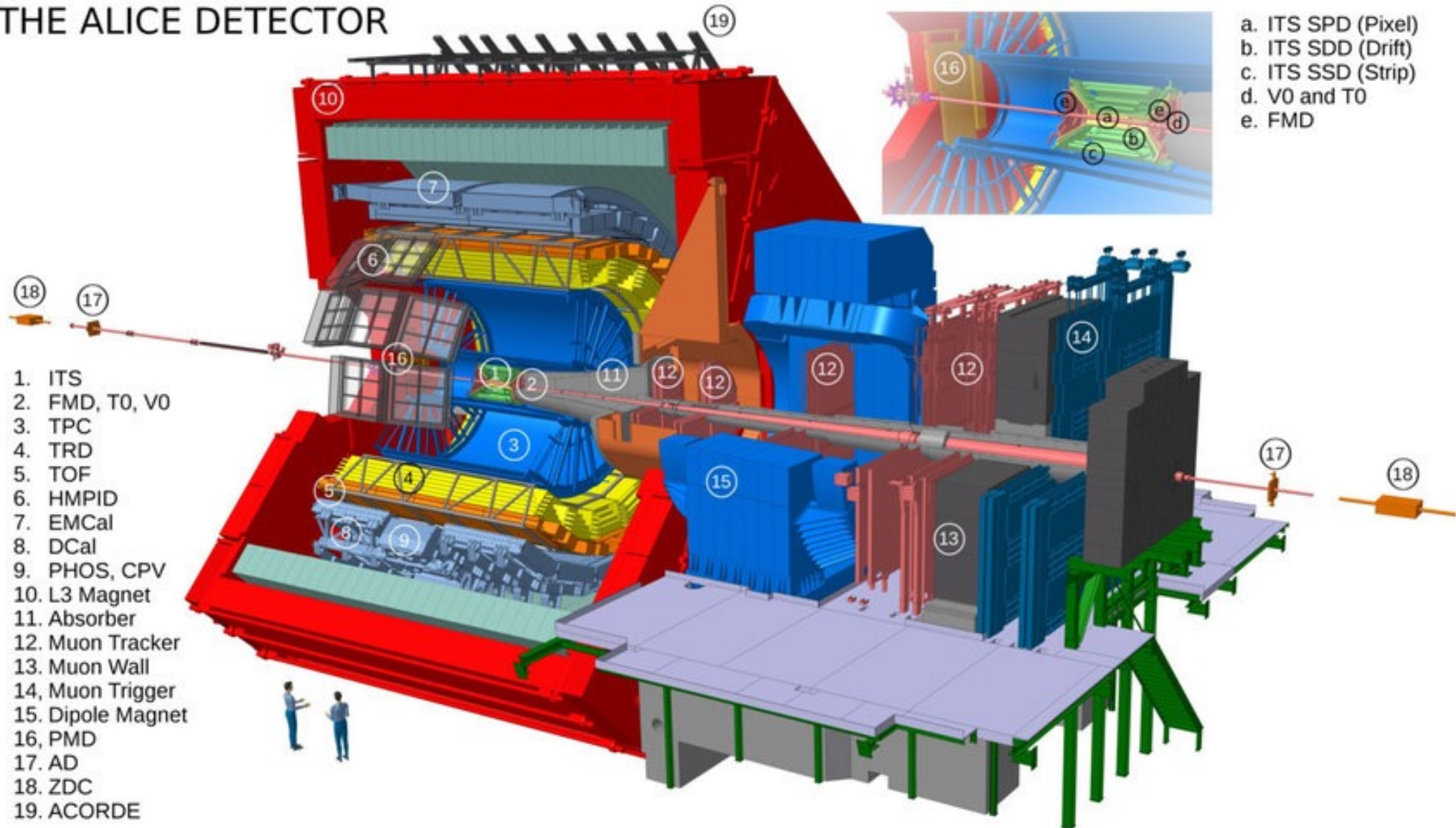
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# The ALICE Detector in Run2

## THE ALICE DETECTOR

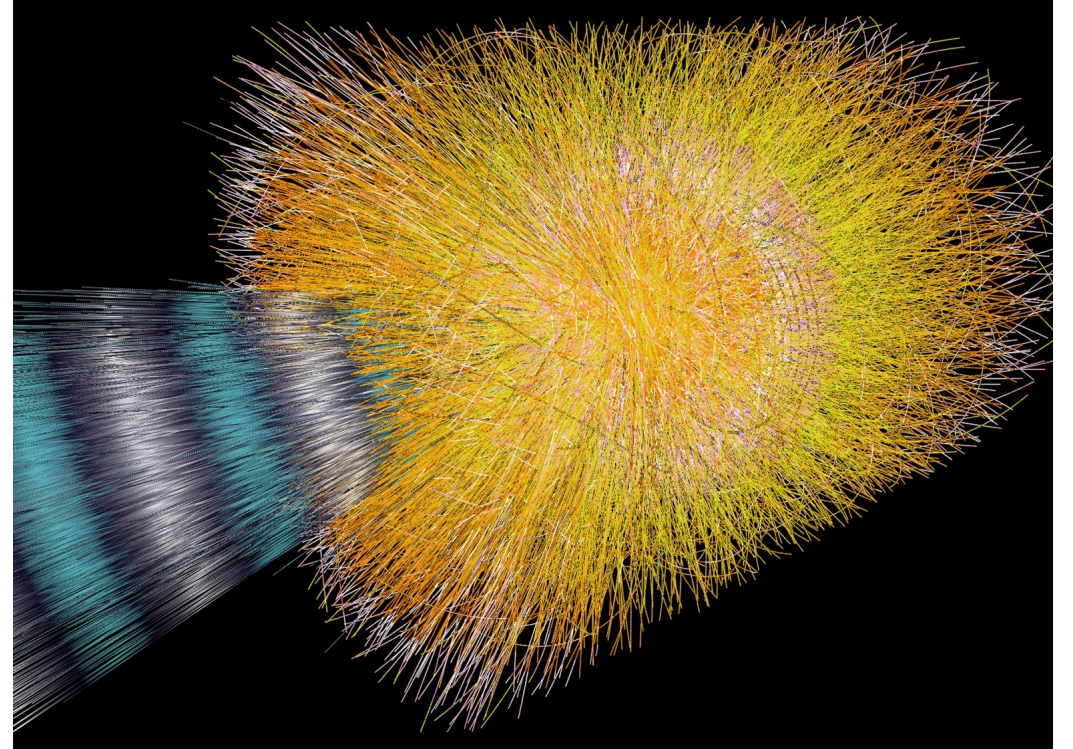




# Heavy Ion Collisions at TeV

- High initial temperature
- Large entropy
- Long lifetime

Complementary between RHIC and LHC

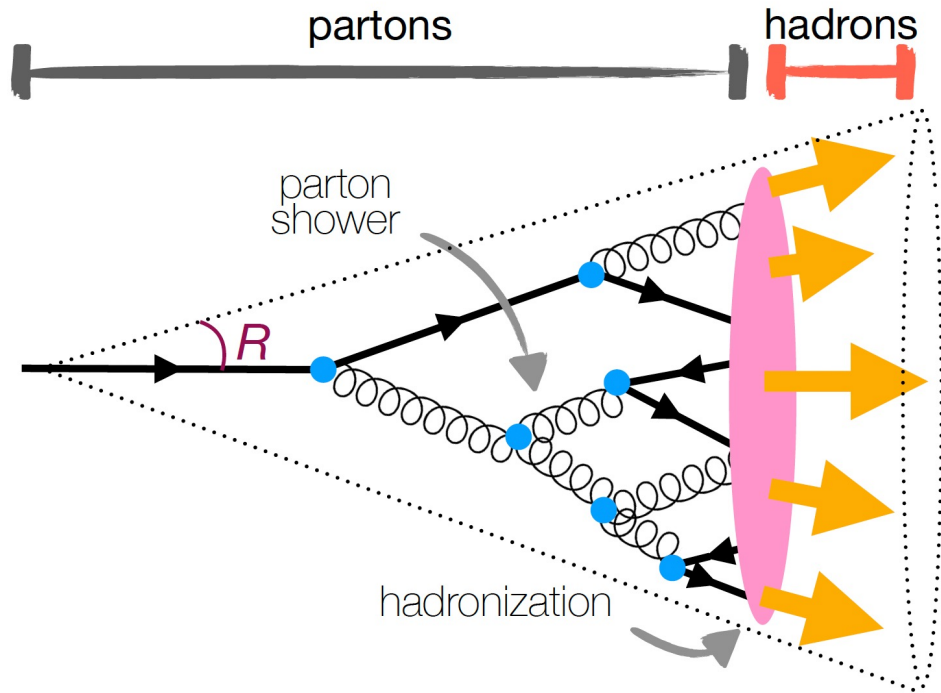


- Large cross-section for hard probes (jets, heavy flavor, quarkonium etc)

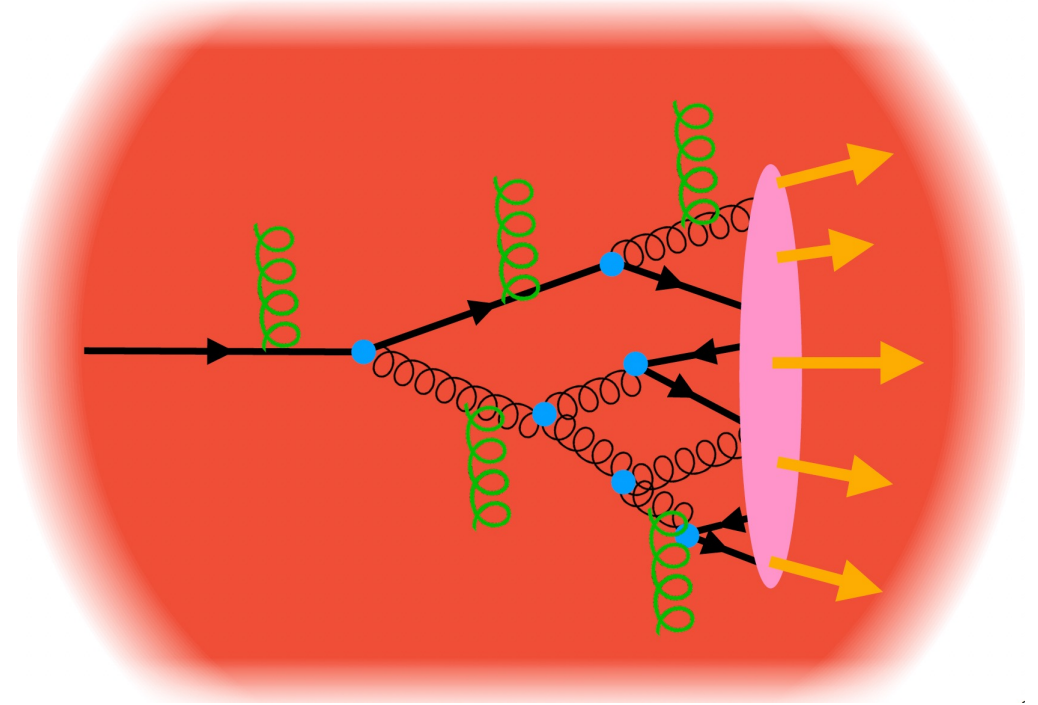
Unique opportunity for hard probes measurements



## Jet vacuum fragmentation



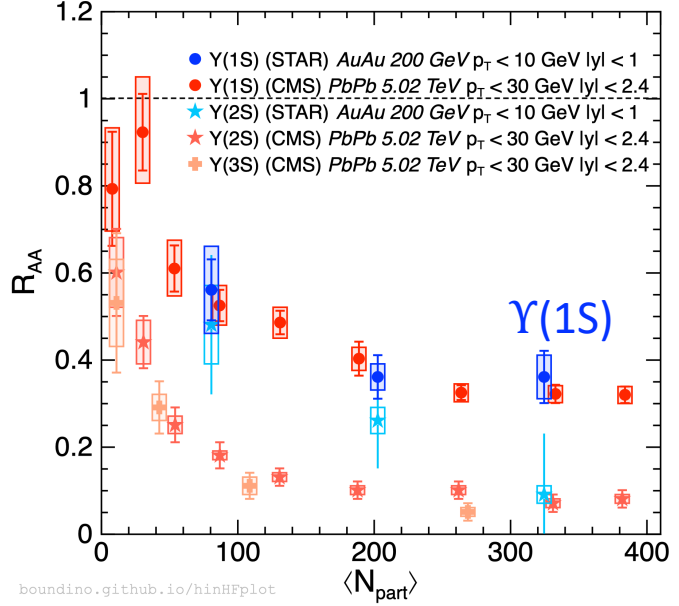
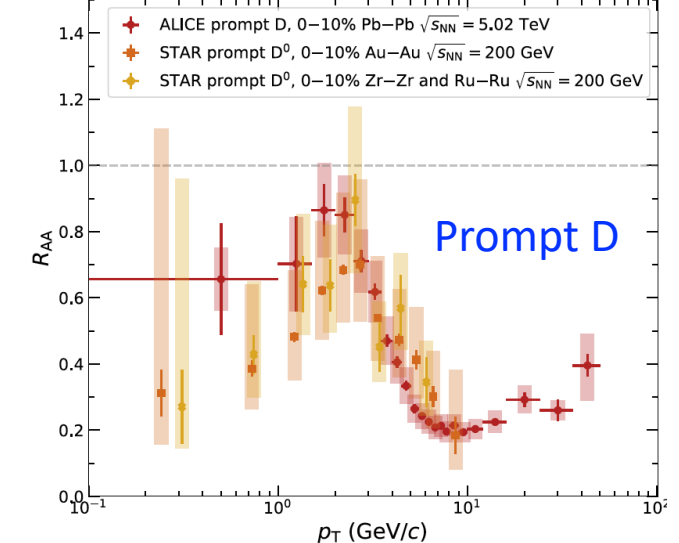
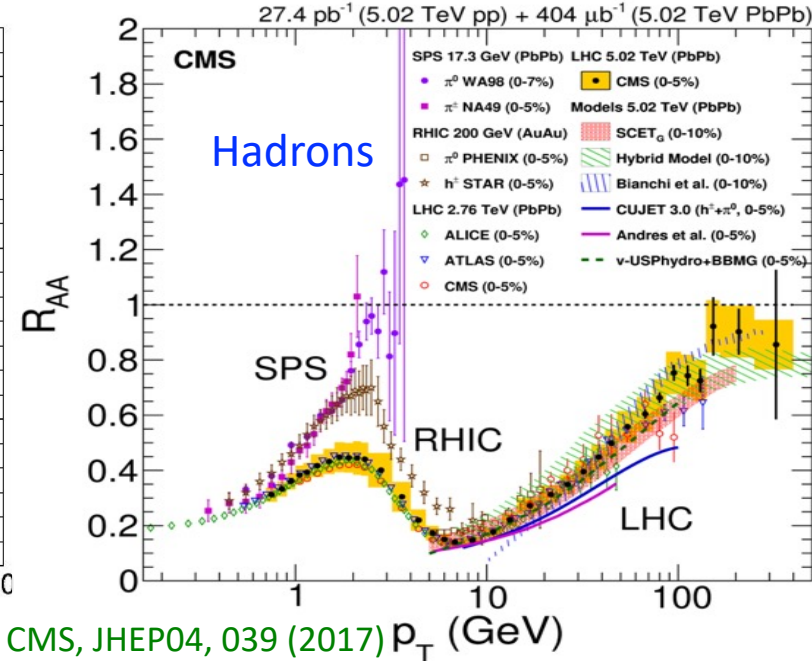
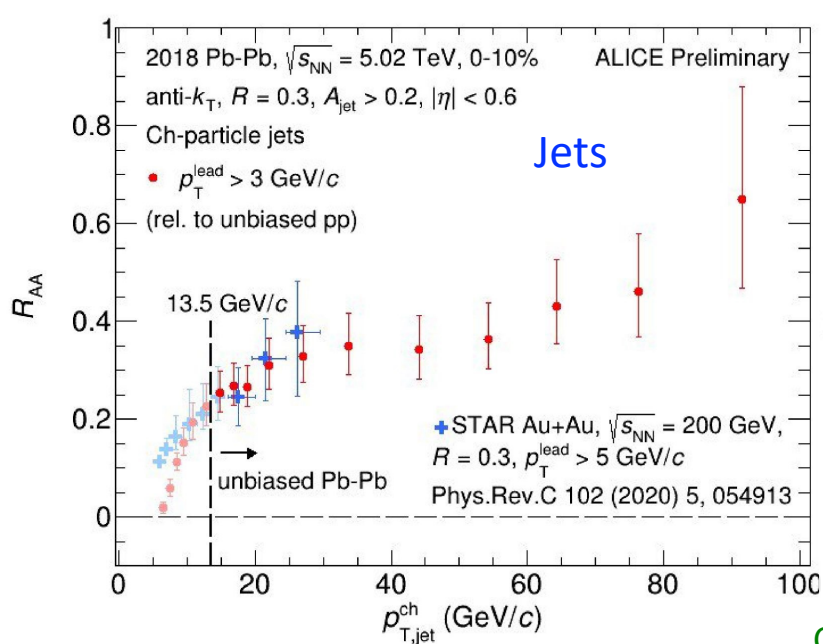
## Jet in-medium fragmentation



Transport properties of the hot, dense medium



# Similarity between LHC and RHIC

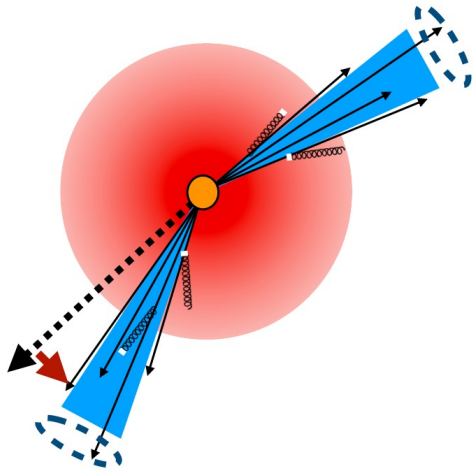
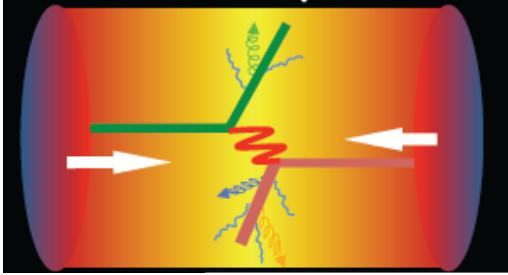


Surprisingly similar suppression at RHIC and LHC for

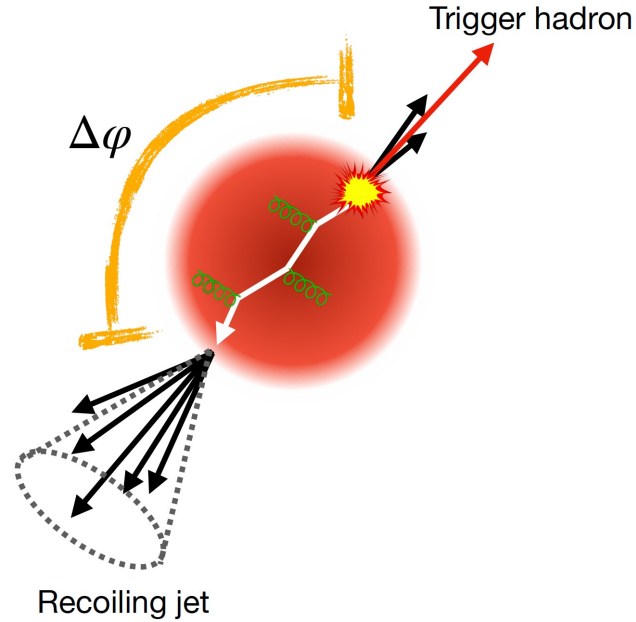
- Jets
- High- $p_T$  light flavor hadrons
- Intermediated  $p_T$  charmed mesons
- Ground bottomonium state

Likely due to interplay of different effects

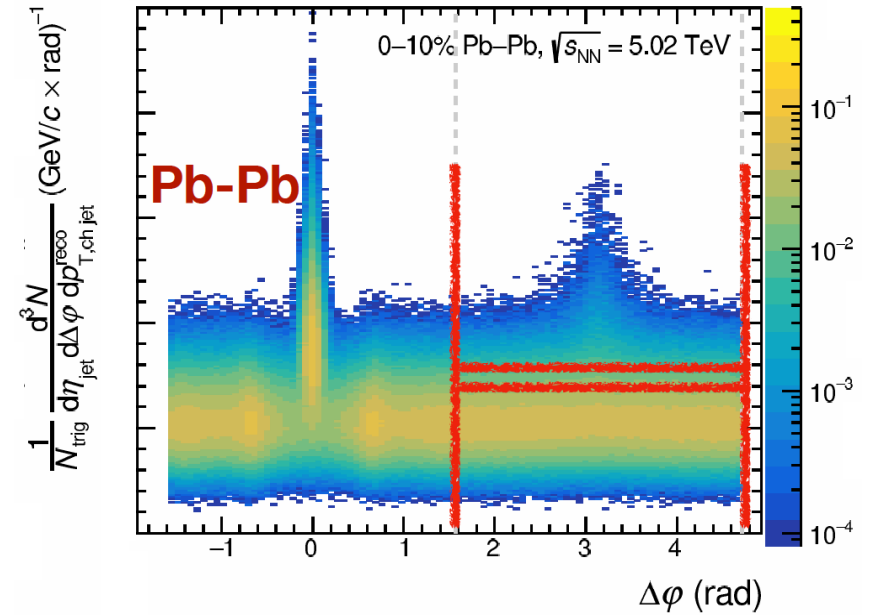




Jet energy loss and deflection in QGP



Simultaneously accessed via hadron-jet correlations



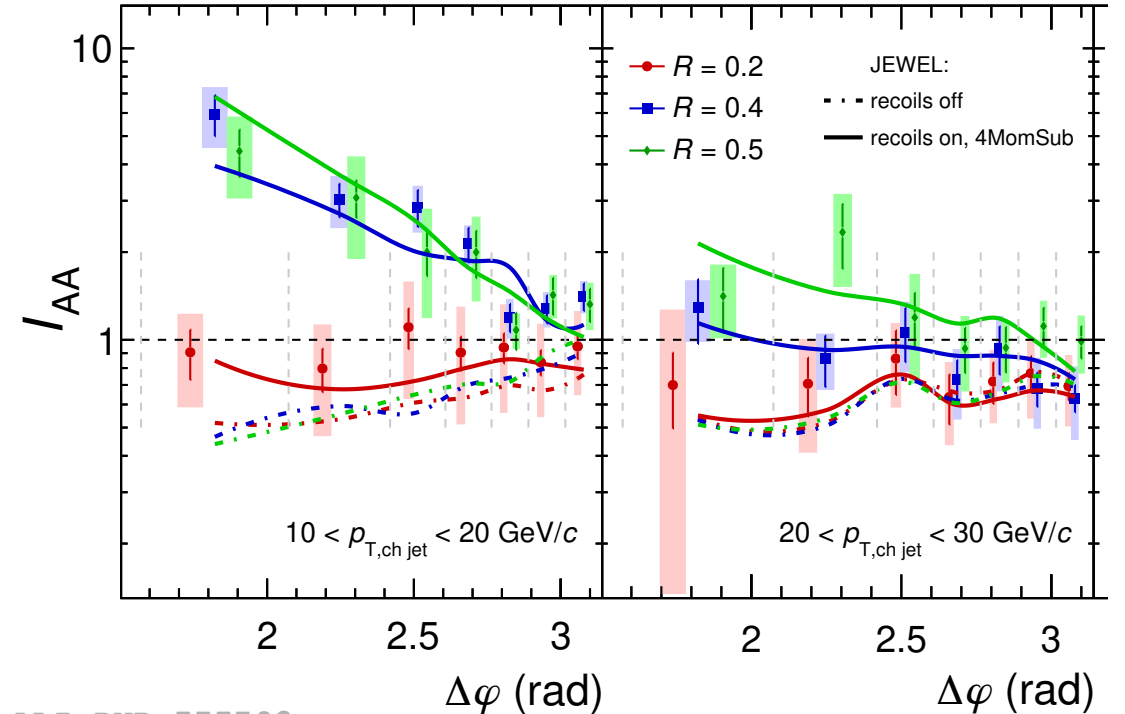
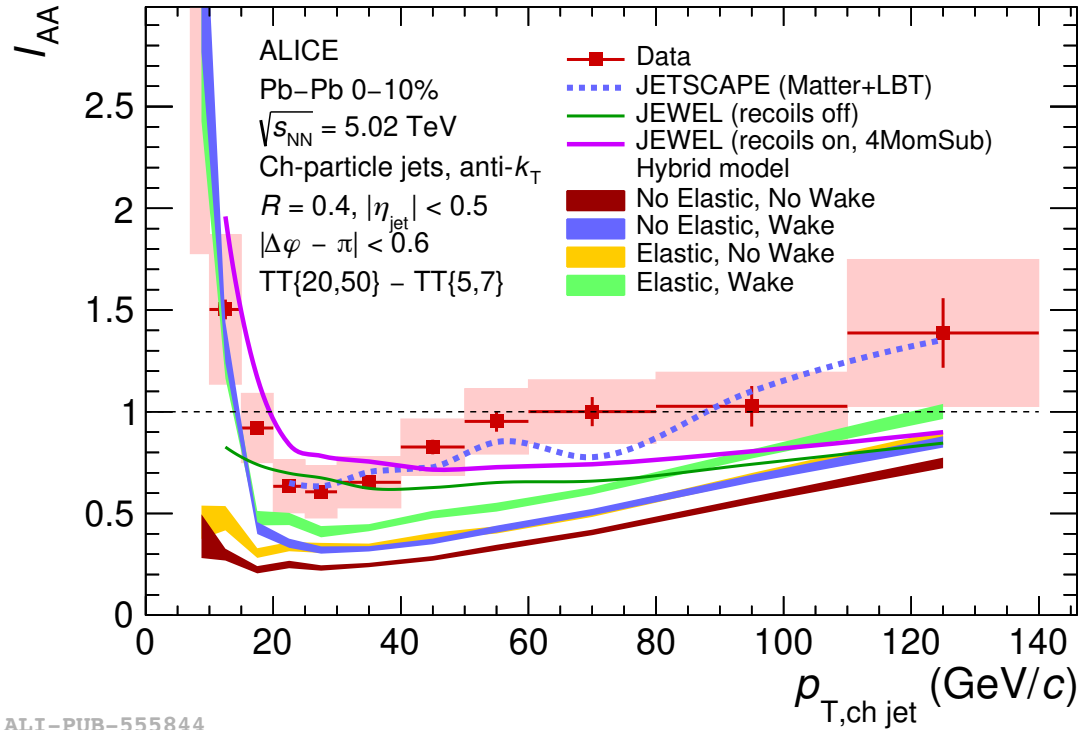
State-of-the-art technology to push down to low  $p_T$



# Recoil Jets Results

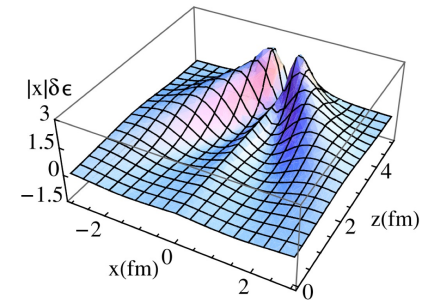
ALICE, PRL133, 022301 (2024) & PRC110, 014906 (2024)

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- **First observation** of recoil jet yield enhancement and medium-induced acoplanarity broadening at low- $p_T$  with ALICE

➔ Medium response is favored

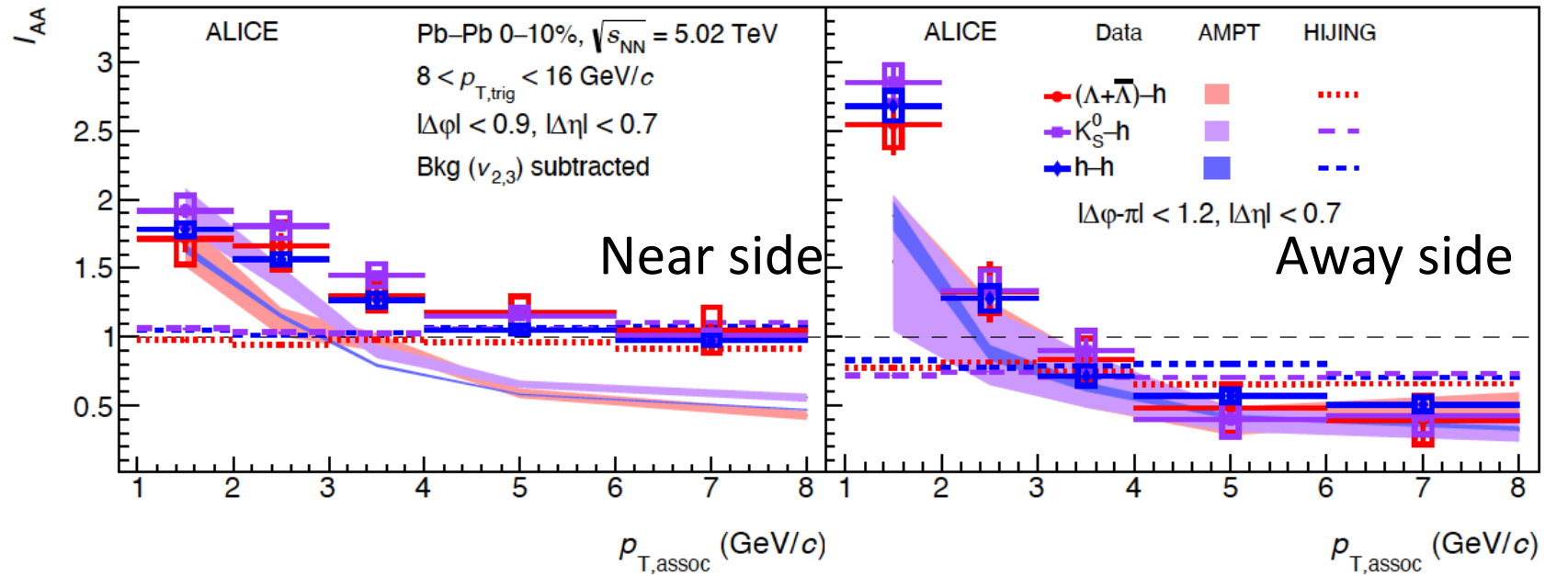
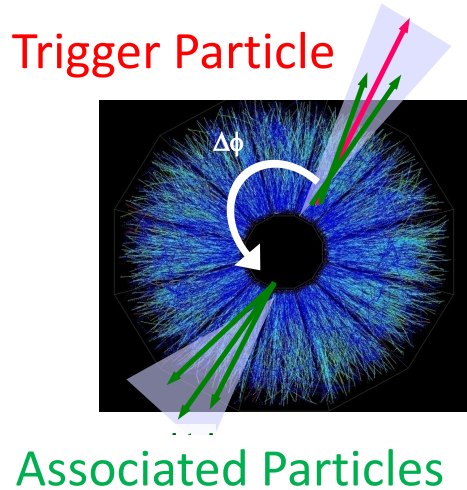
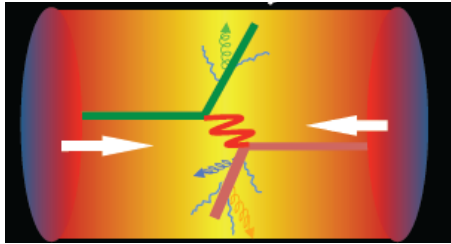


G-Y. Qin et. al, PRL103, 152303 (2009)



# Flavor Dependence

ALICE, EPJC83, 497 (2023)

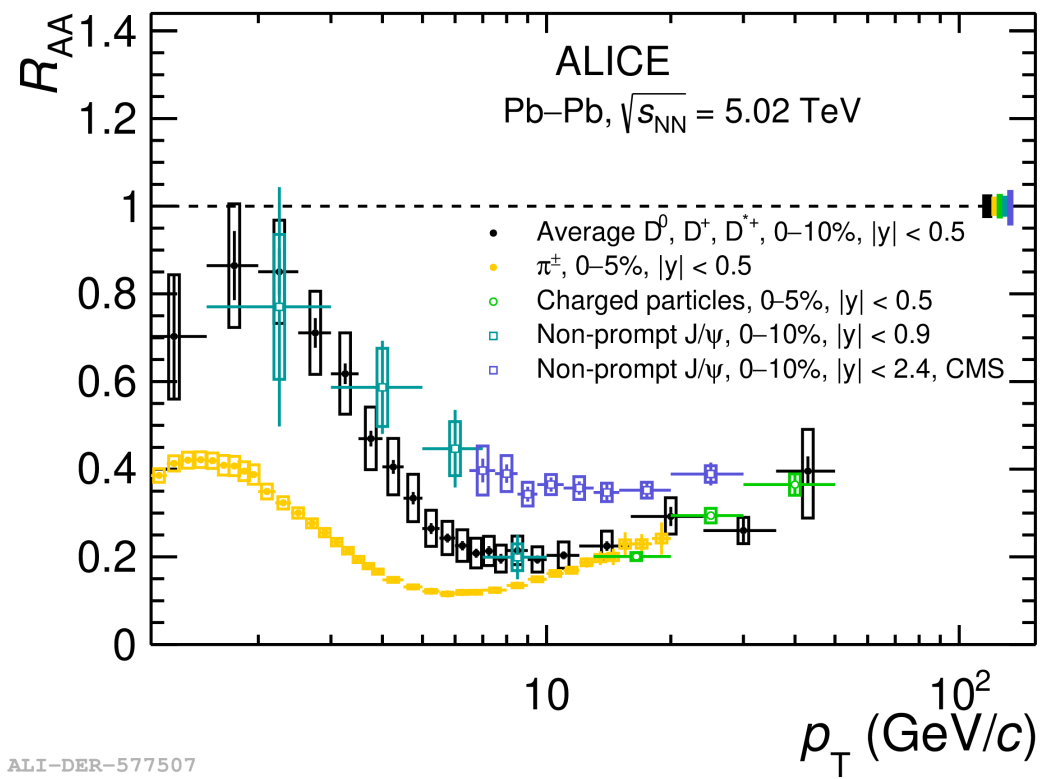
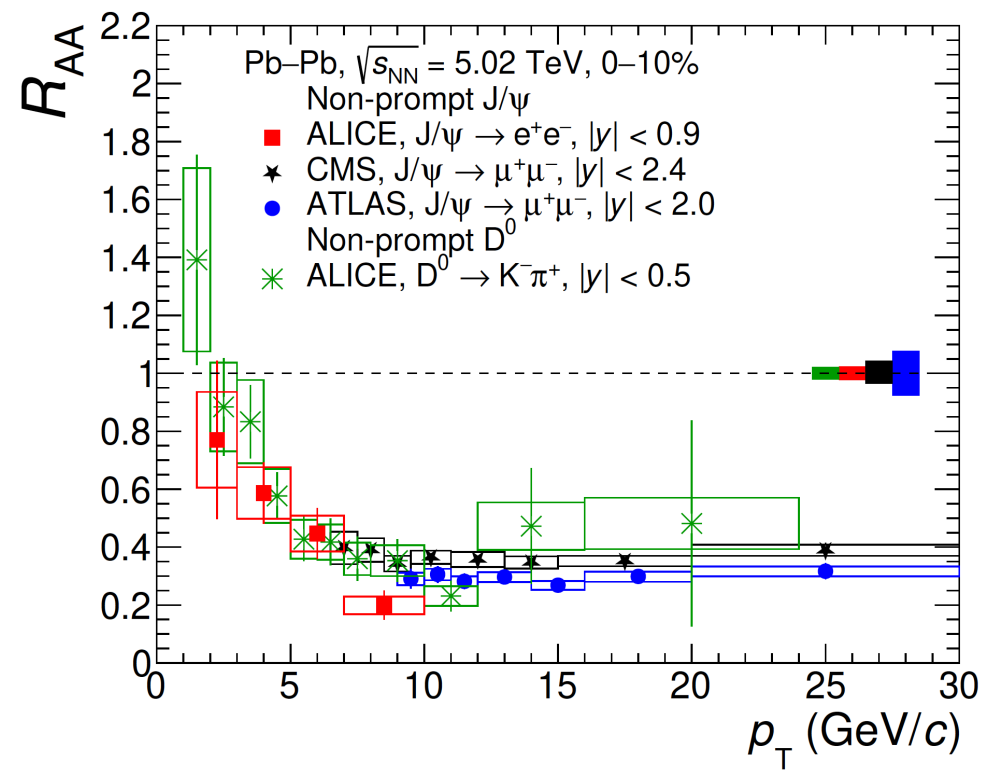


- Jet quenching effects seen in the di-hadron correlations  
 ➔ Energy loss by high-energy parton recovered in surrounding
- Independent on trigger particle species
- Provide new constraints on jet quenching and medium response



# Energy Loss of Bottom

ALICE, JHEP02, 066 (2024)



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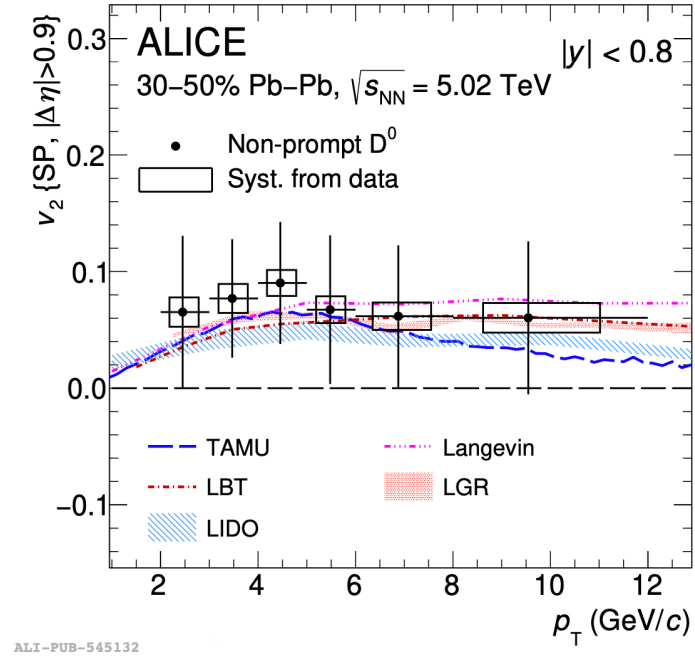
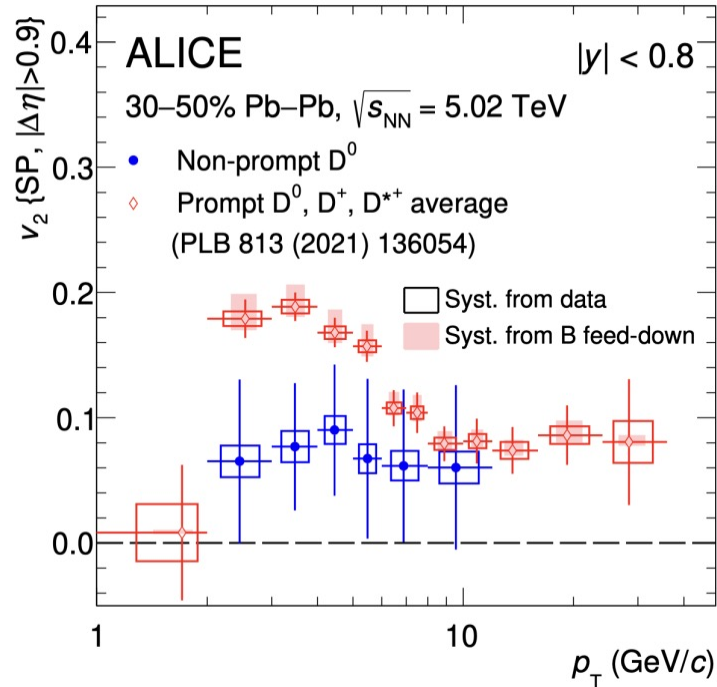
- Pushed to low- $p_T$  via  $D^0$  and J/ $\psi$ 
  - $D^0$  has better statistics
  - J/ $\psi$  has better kinematics
- Strong suppression of bottom

- Clear mass hierarchy at intermediate  $p_T$

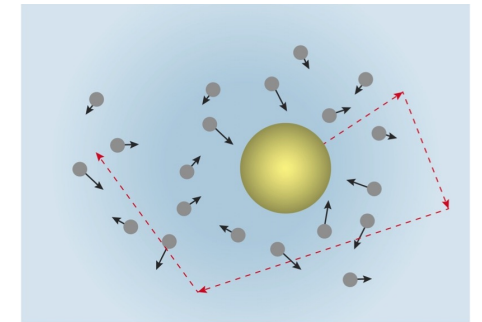
$$R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\text{light hadrons})$$



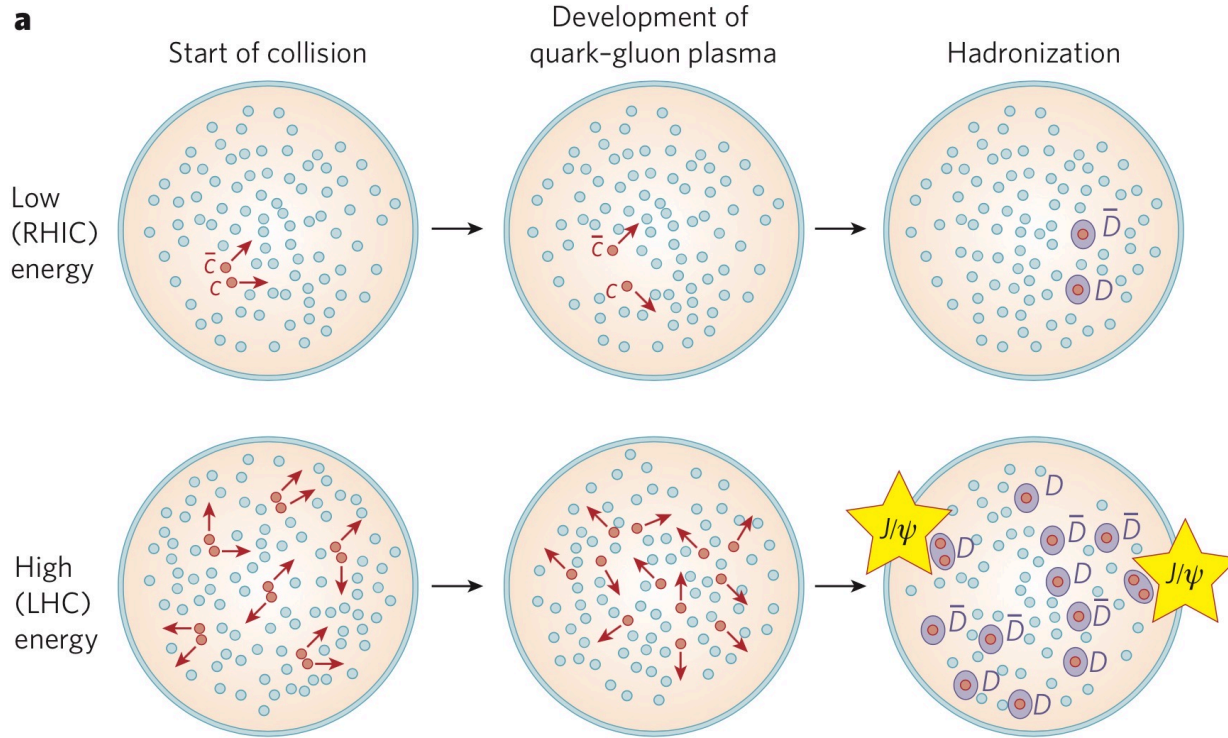
ALICE, EPJC83, 1123 (2023)



- **Positive elliptic flow** of  $D^0$  from B-hadrons decay
- Lower than that of prompt  $D^0$  for  $p_T < \sim 6$  GeV/c
- Described by various models based on bottom quark transport in QGP
- Better precision needed to constrain heavy quark spatial diffusion coefficient



# Charmonium in QGP

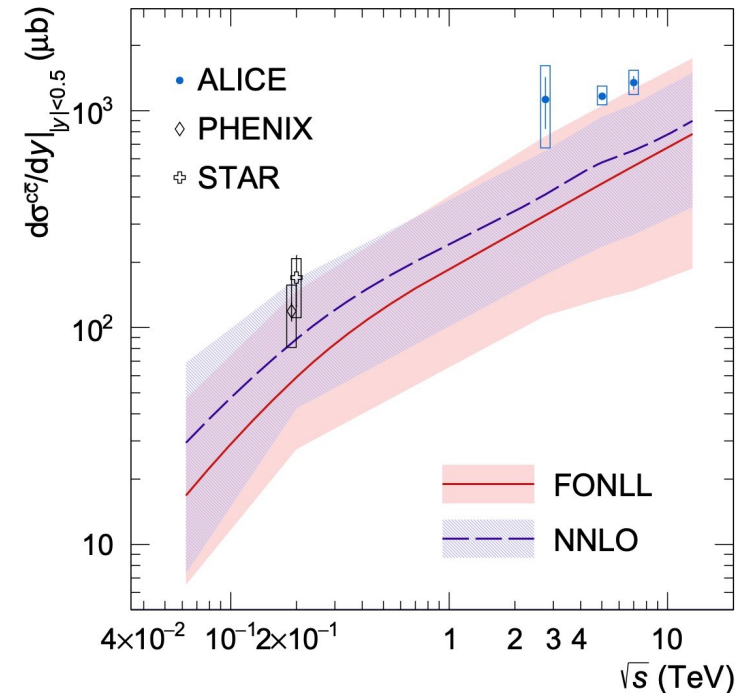


P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, *Nature* 448, 302 (2007)

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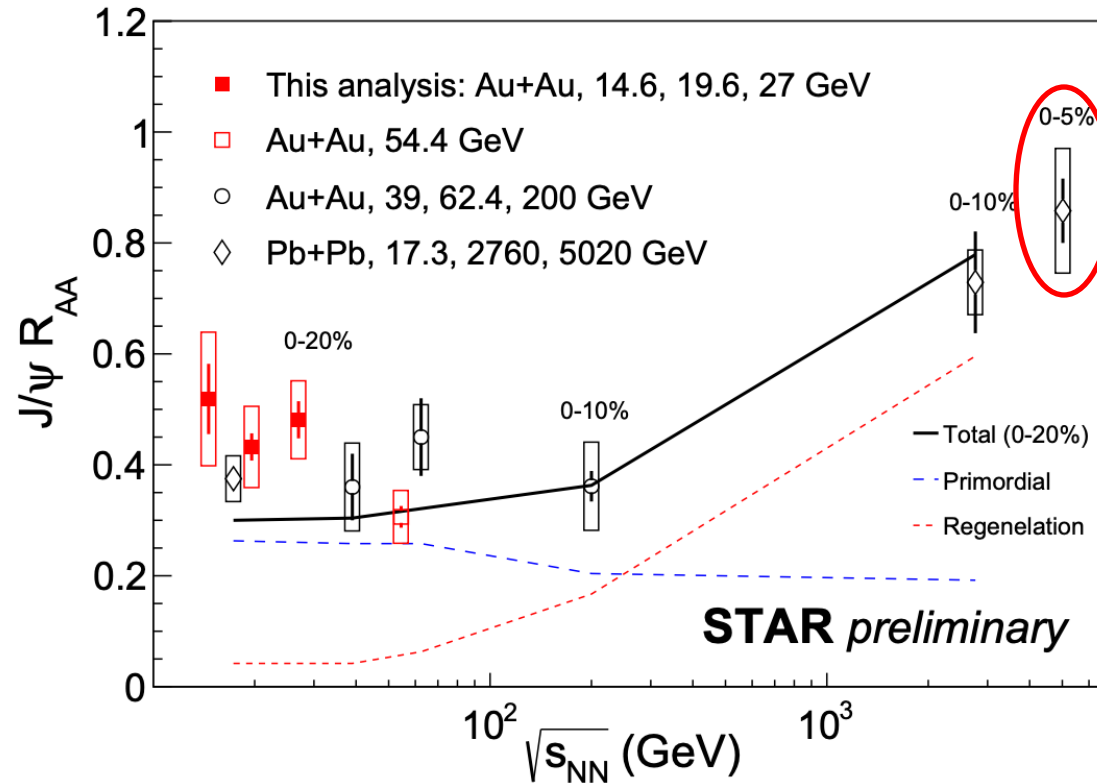
## Hot medium effects:

- Melting in QGP
- Regeneration
- Jet quenching?





# Energy Dependence of $J/\psi$ Suppression



- NA50, PLB 477, 28 (2000)
- Wei Zhang, QM 2023
- STAR, PLB 771, 13 (2017)
- Kaifeng Shen, SQM 2021
- ALICE, PLB 734, 314 (2014)
- ALICE, PLB 849, 138451 (2024)

SPS



RHIC



LHC

CNM domain

CNM + Melting + regeneration

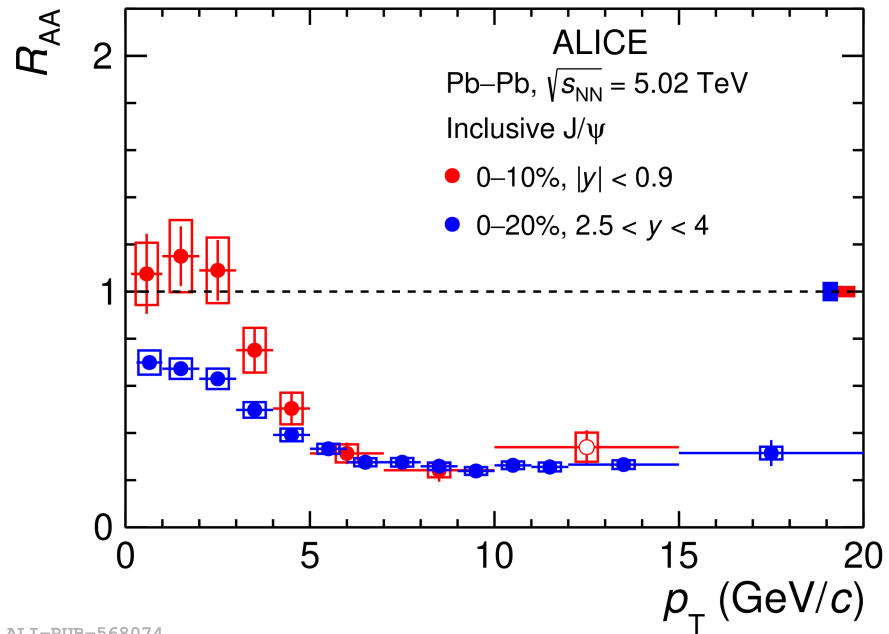
Regeneration domain

20 years efforts at STAR and the LHC

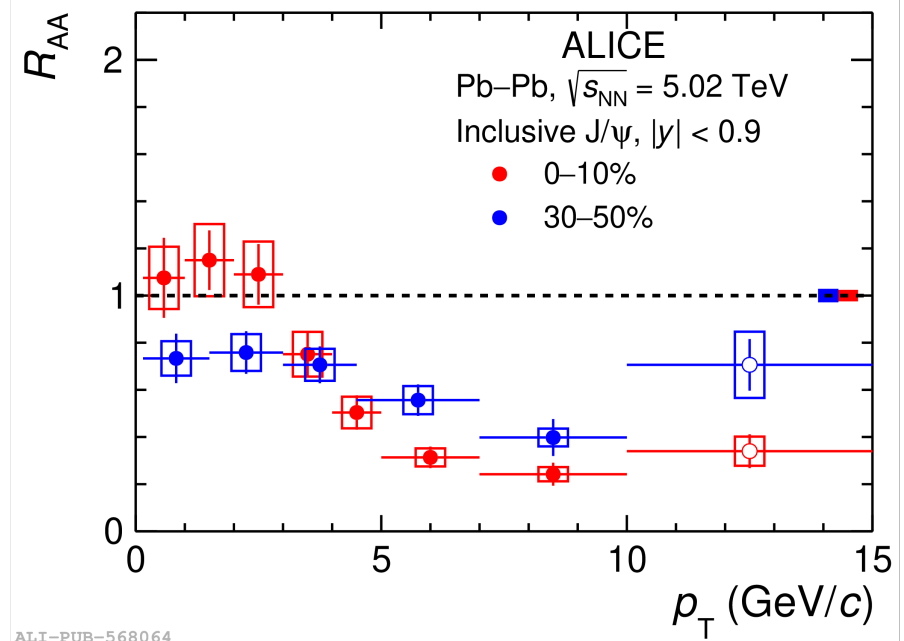


# Differential Measurements at ALICE

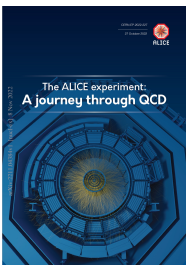
ALICE, PLB 849, 138451 (2024)



- Clear rapidity dependence at low- $p_T$
- Similar suppression at high- $p_T$



- Clear centrality dependence
- Opposite at low and high  $p_T$  region



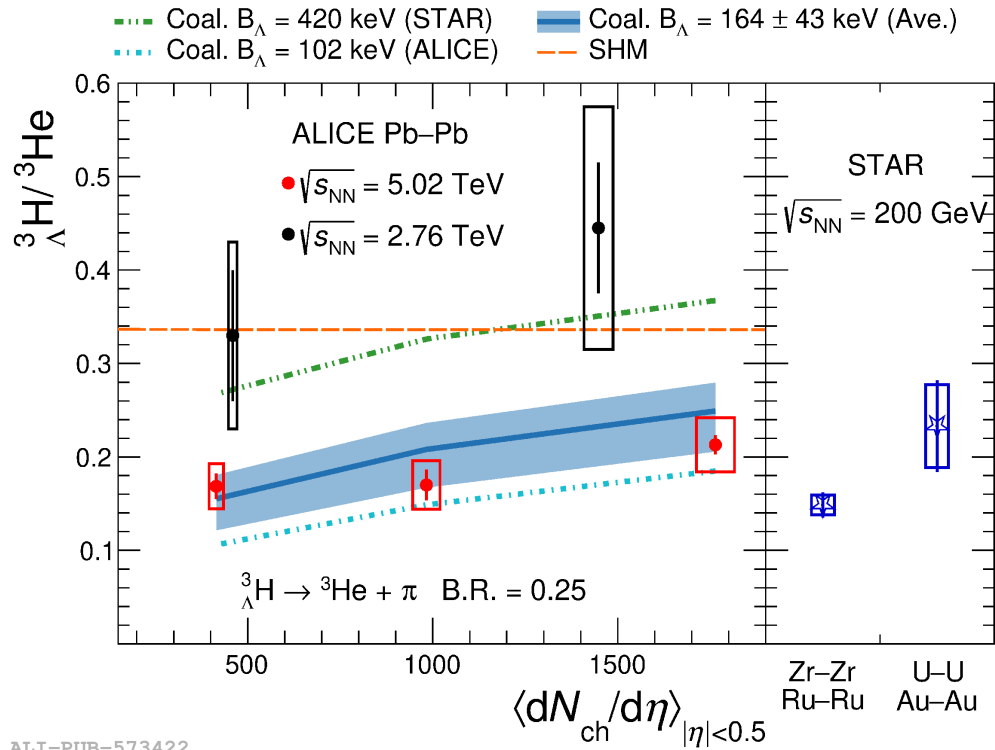
2.5.1 Study of the charmonium ground state: **evidence** for the (re)generation and demonstration of **deconfinement** at LHC energies

\*Energy loss may play import role at high  $p_T$



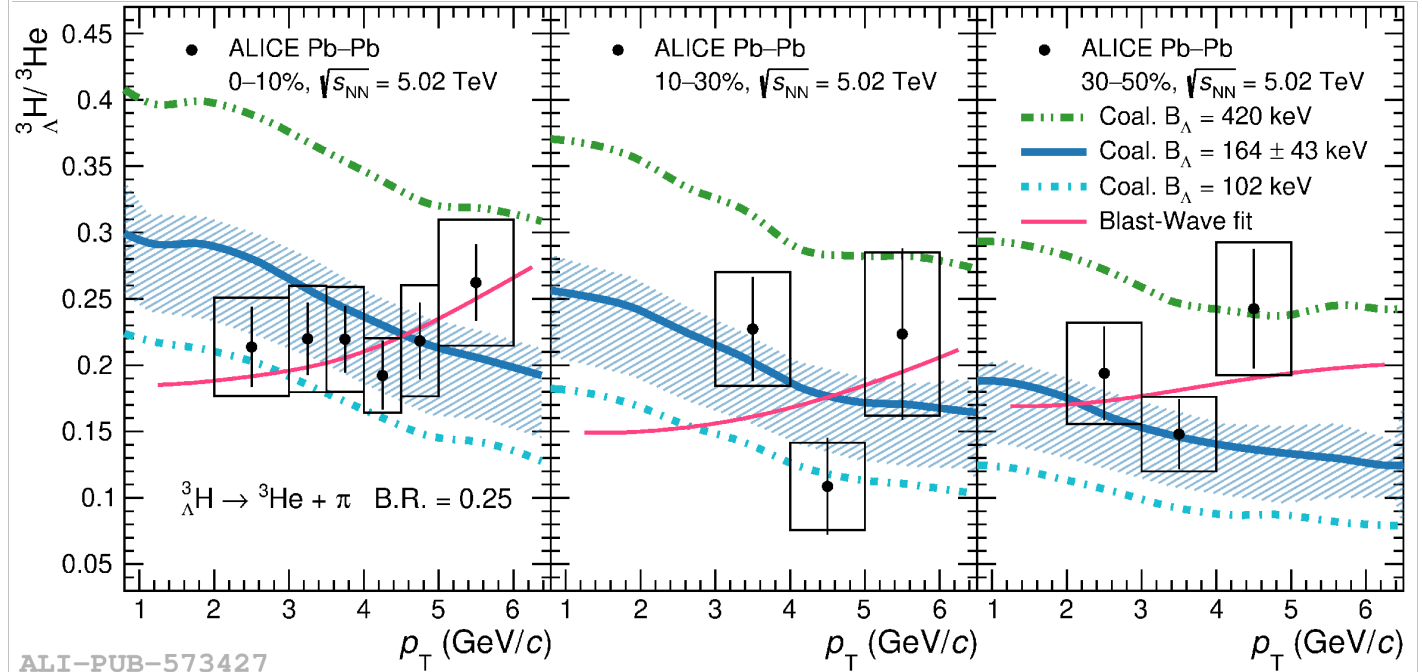


# Hypertriton Production



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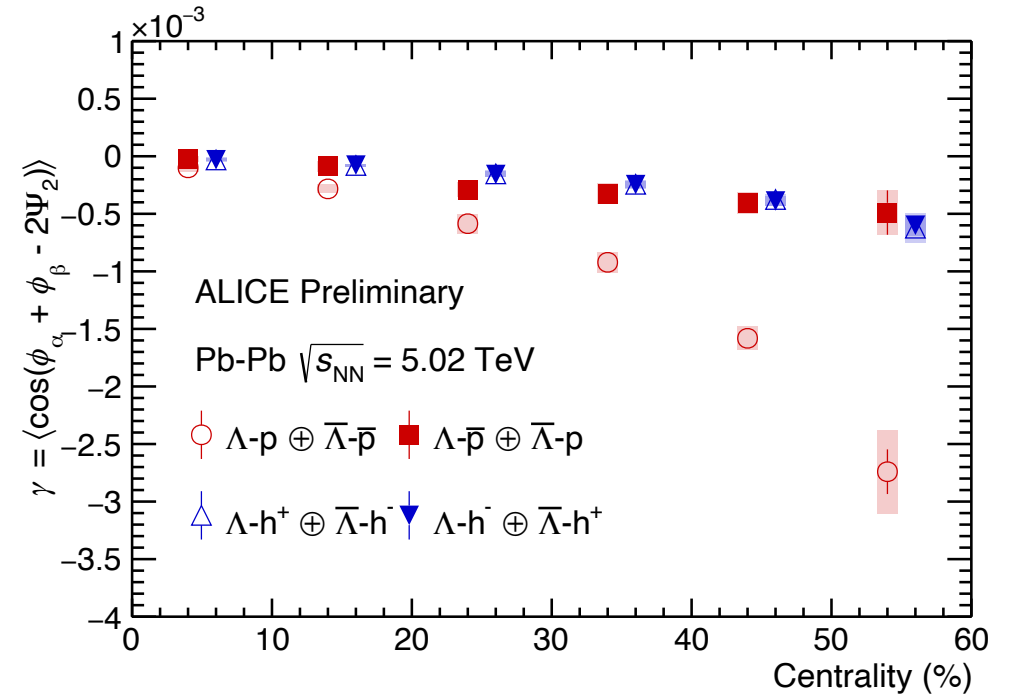
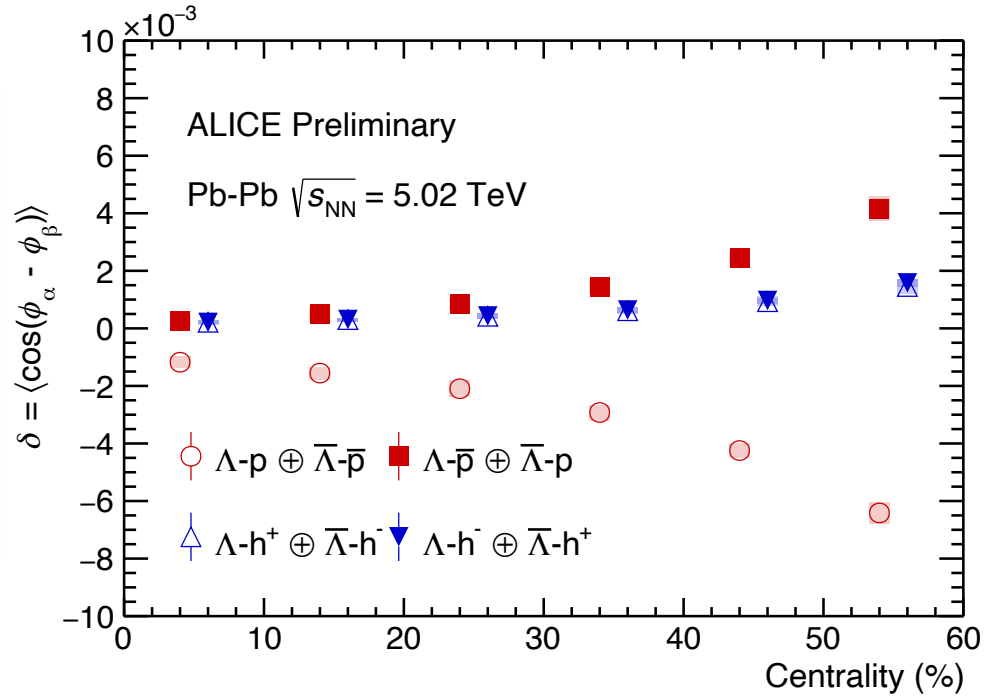
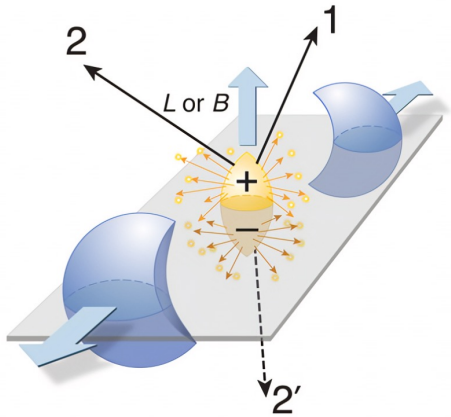
## ALICE, arXiv:2405.19839



ALI-PUB-573427

- Hypertriton ( ${}^3\text{H}_\Lambda$ ) is a unique probe to study Y-N interactions
- Hypertriton production is precisely measured via machine learning
- Extracted ratio described by the coalescence model with the world average binding energy ( $B_\Lambda$ )

ALICE, Quark Matter 2023

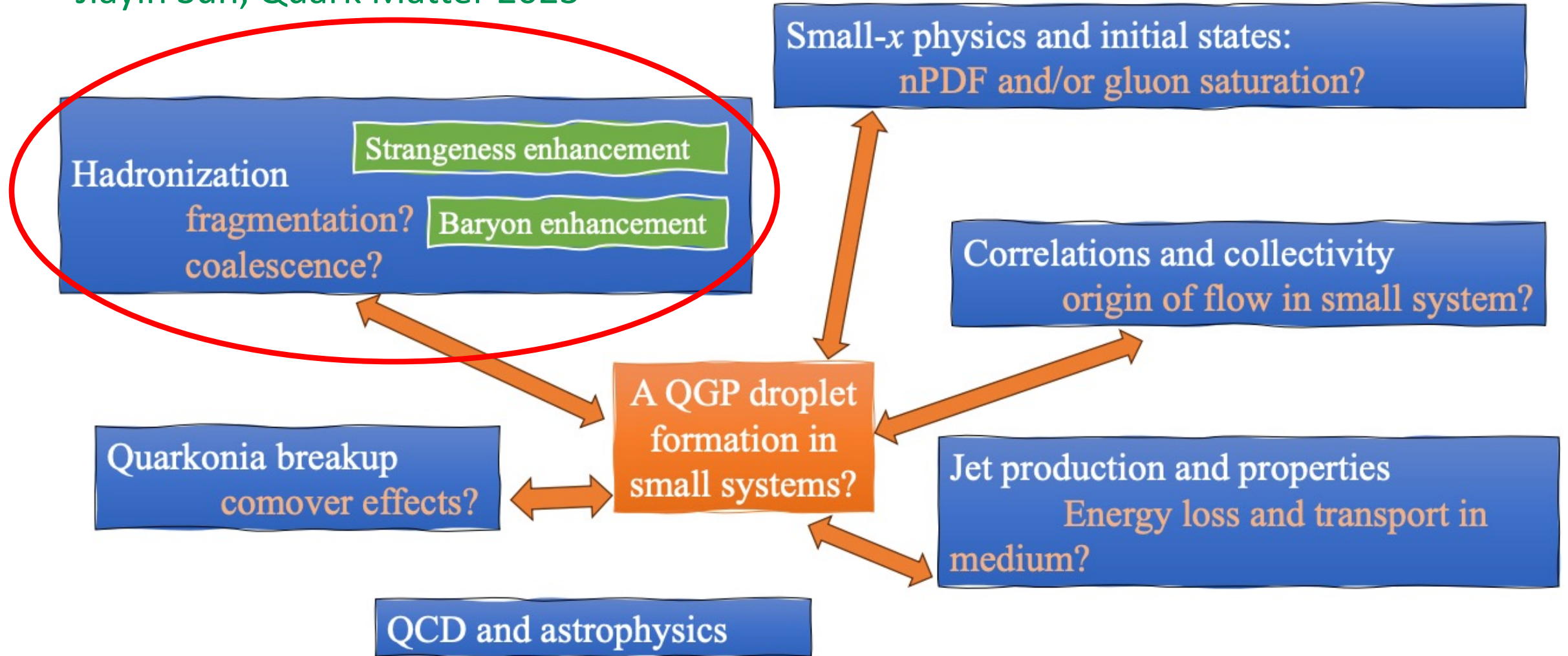


- The interplay between the strong vortical field and chiral anomaly could give rise to the Chiral Vortical Effect (CVE) --- remains unexplored
- CVE has been measured with  $\Lambda$ -p azimuthal correlations for the first time
- Non-trivial behaviors are observed. Interpretation ongoing



# Small System – QGP Droplet?

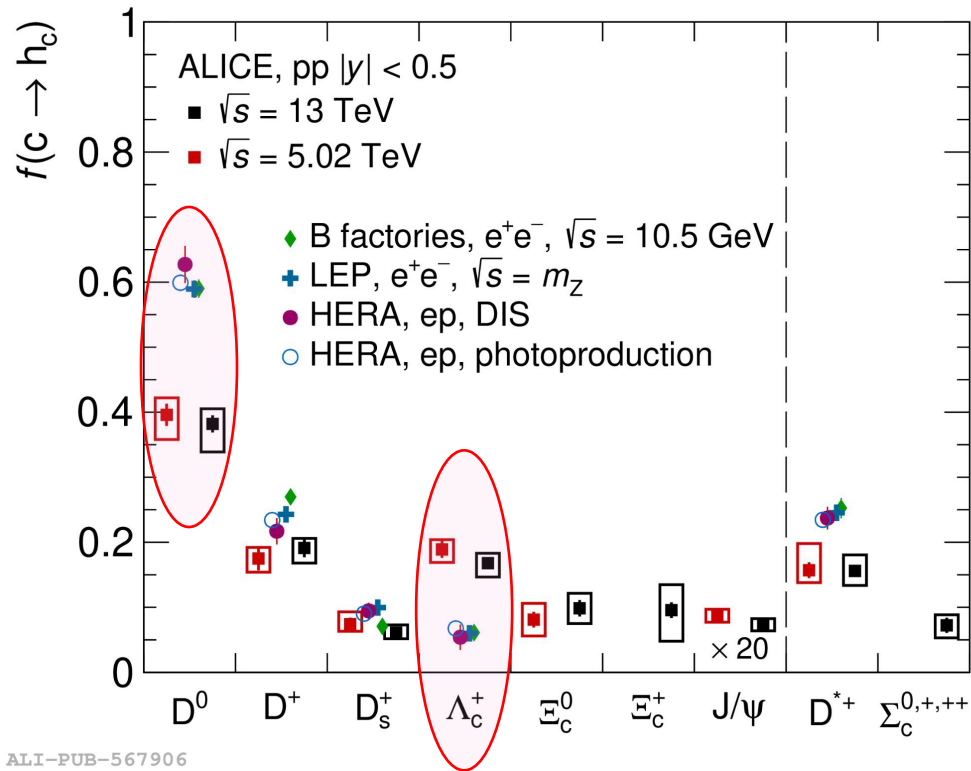
Jiayin Sun, Quark Matter 2023





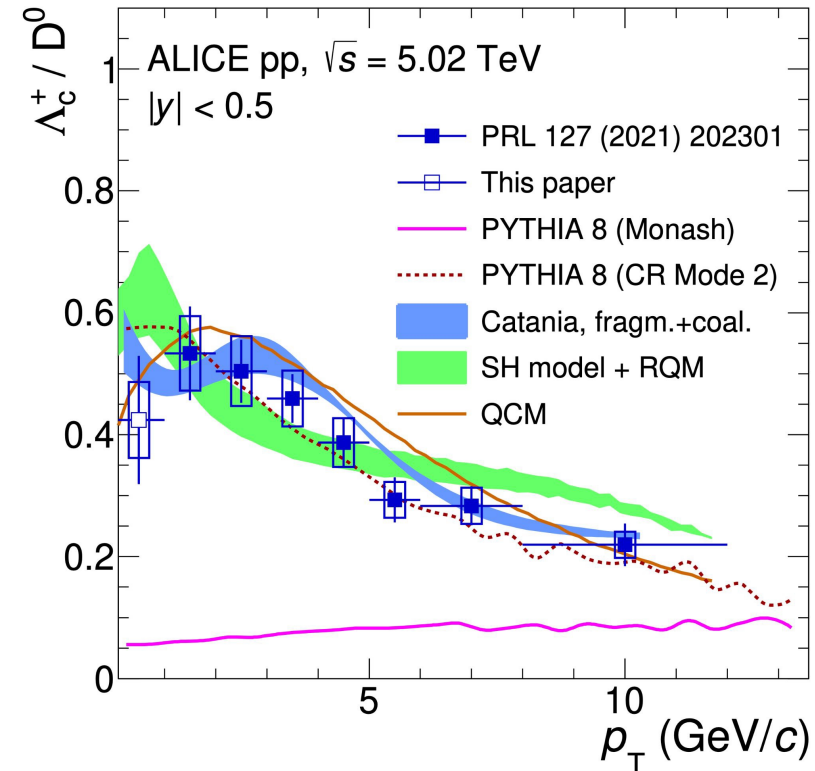
# Charm Hadronization

ALICE, JHEP12, 086 (2023)



- Charm quarks redistributed even in pp collisions at the LHC
- ➔ **Modification of hadronization** in pp

ALICE, PRC107, 064901 (2023)



- Measurements pushed down to  $p_T = 0$
- Significantly larger than default PYTHIA
- Qualitatively described by models

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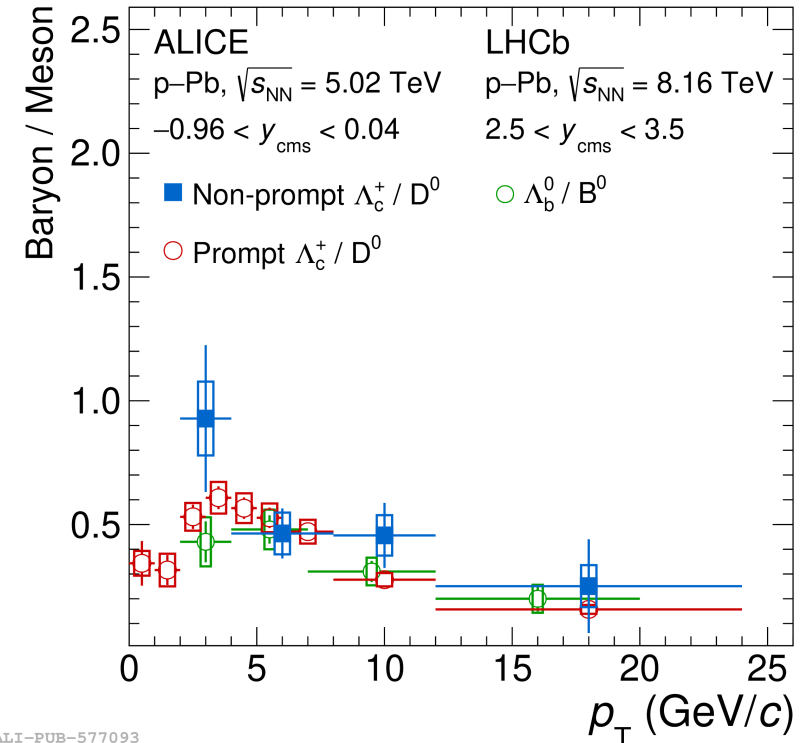
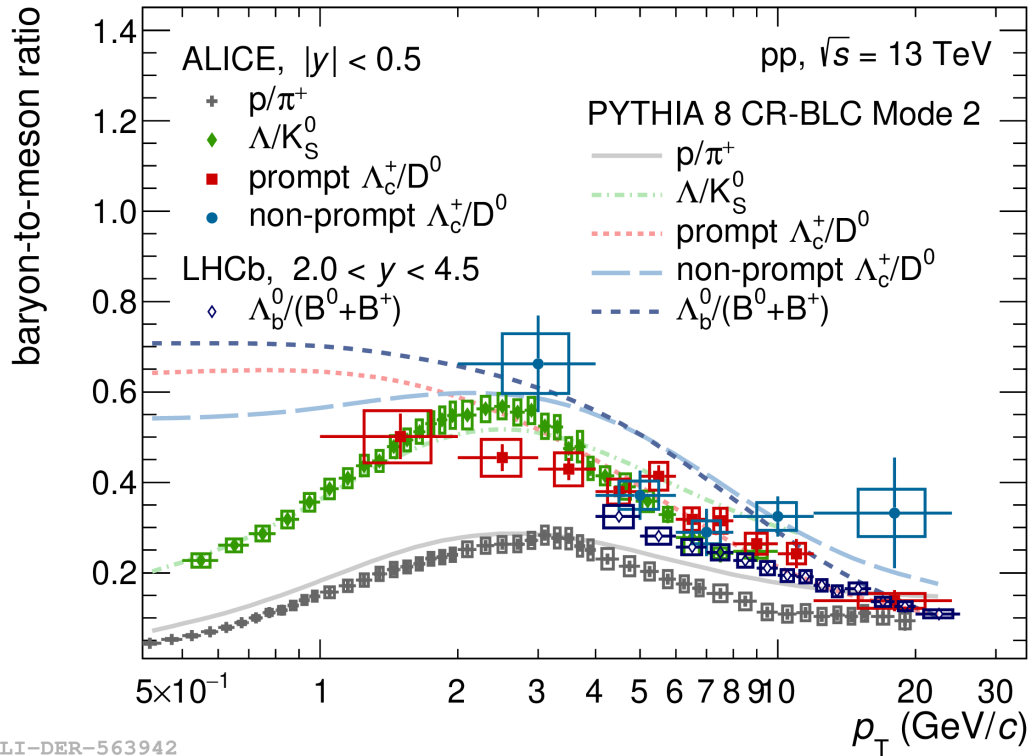


# Bottom Hadronization

ALICE, PRD108, 112003 (2023)

ALICE, arXiv:2407.10593

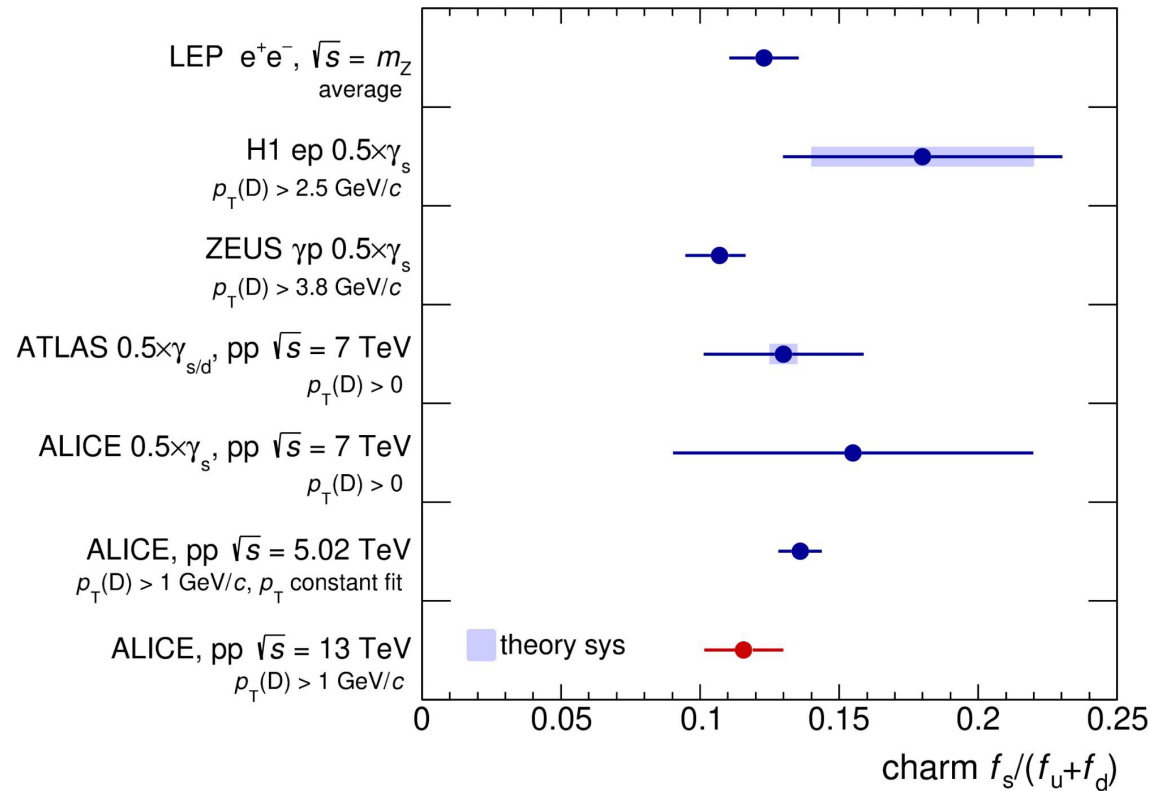
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- Bottom baryon-to-meson ratios show similar enhancement as charm and strange hadrons in both pp and pPb collisions at LHC
- ➔ Mass doesn't play a significant role

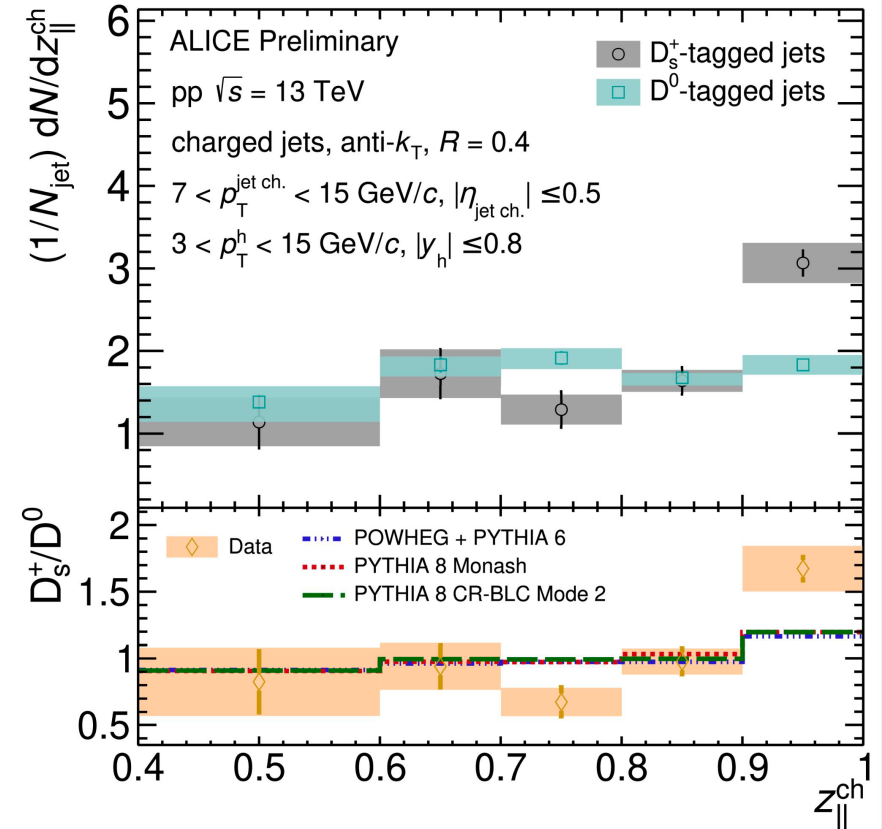


# Strangeness Enhancement?



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## ALICE, Hard Probes 2023



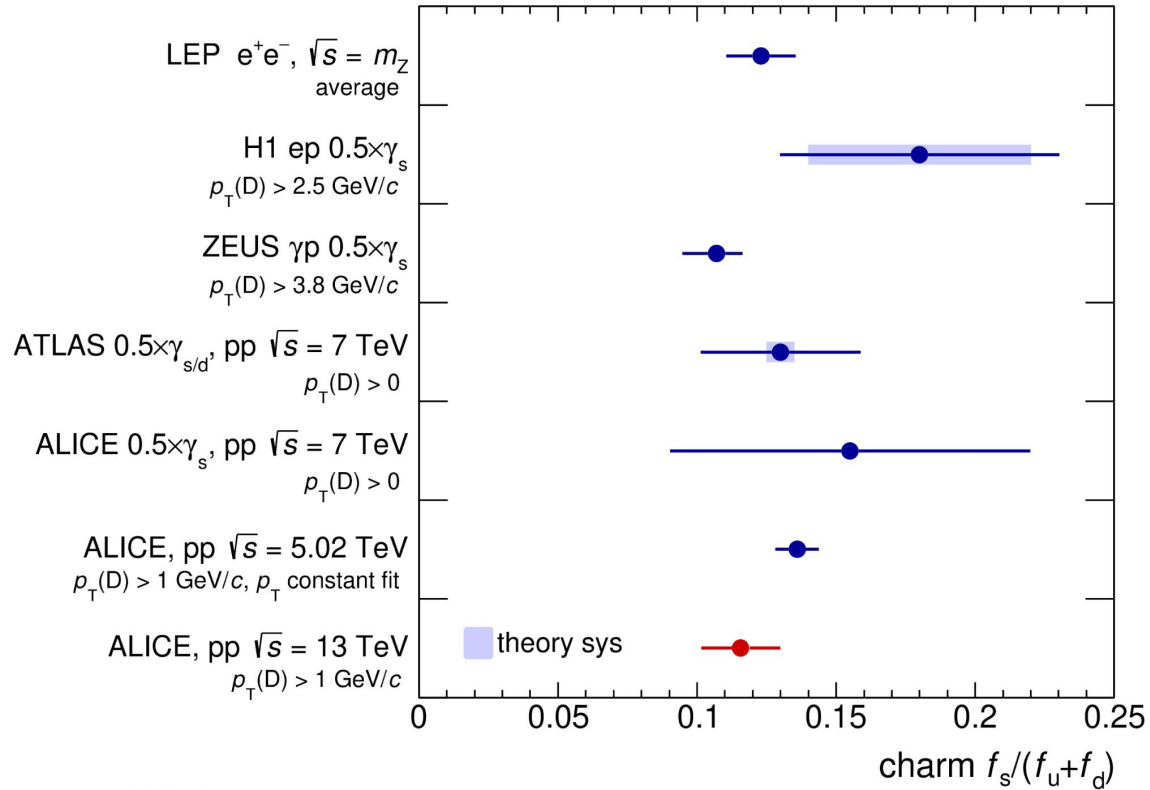
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- Ratio of strange and non-strange D mesons **compatible** between pp and ee collisions
- Hint of **harder** fragmentation for strange mesons w.r.t non-strange D mesons

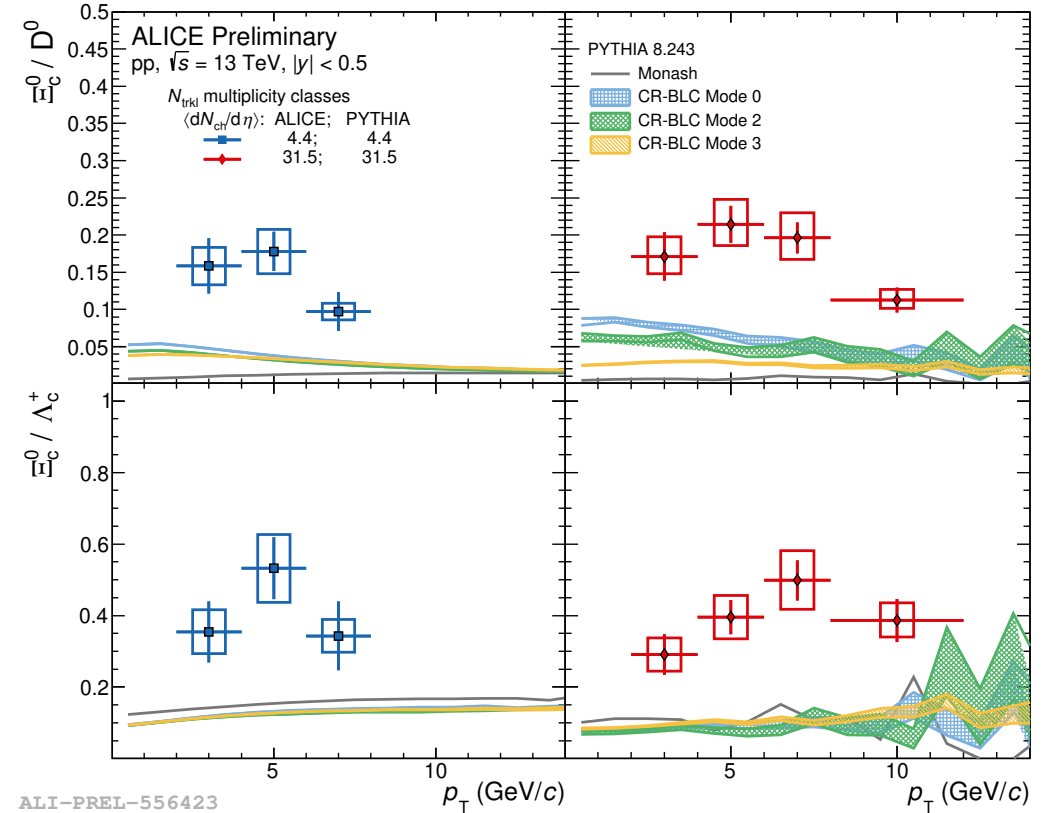


# Strangeness/Baryon Enhancement?

ALICE, Quark Matter 2023



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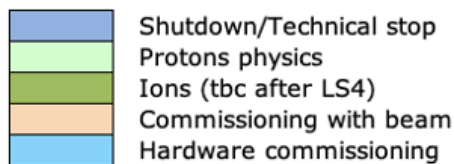
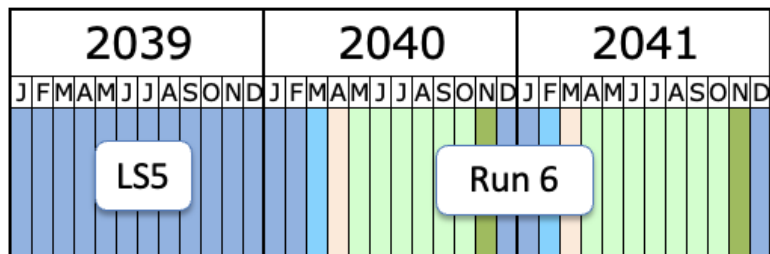
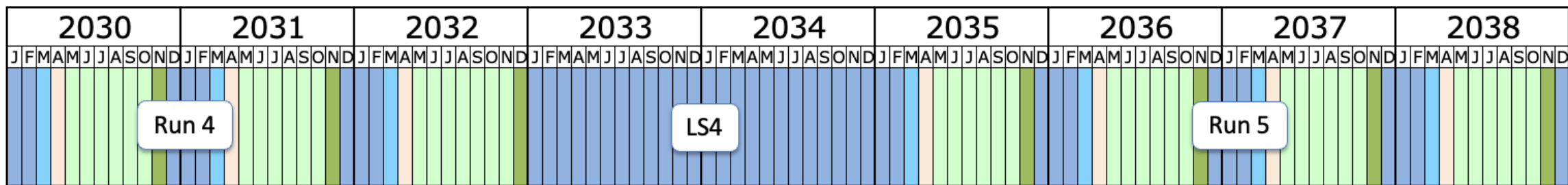
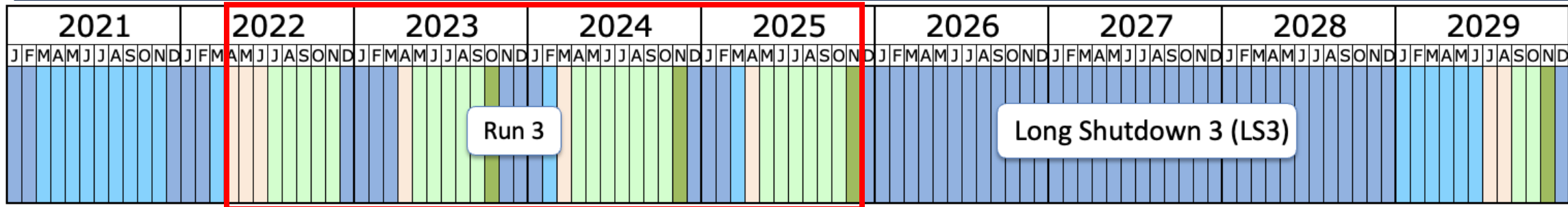
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- Ratio of strange and non-strange D mesons **compatible** between pp and ee collisions

- Indication of **enhancement** for charm-strange **baryons** → Puzzling



# ALICE Run3



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## Upgrade during Long Shutdown 2

- Inner Tracking System 2
- Muon Forward Tracker
- Time Projection Chamber readout
- Fast Interaction Trigger
- New analysis framework (O<sup>2</sup>)

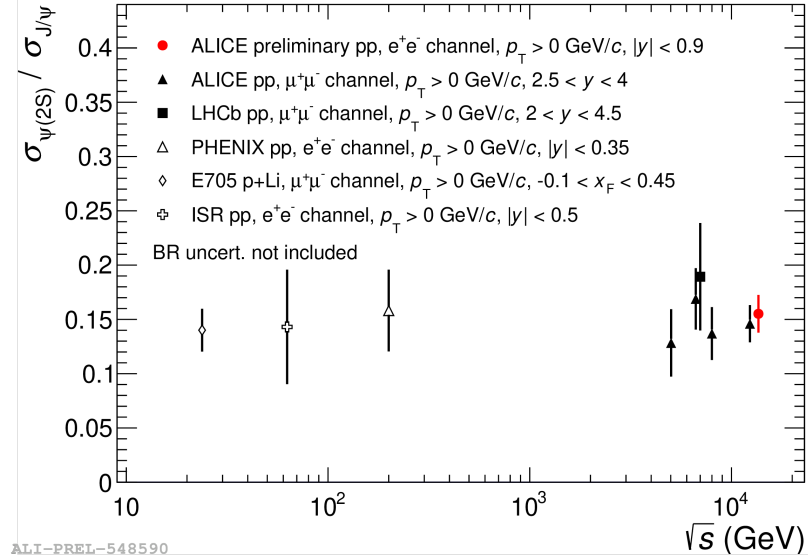
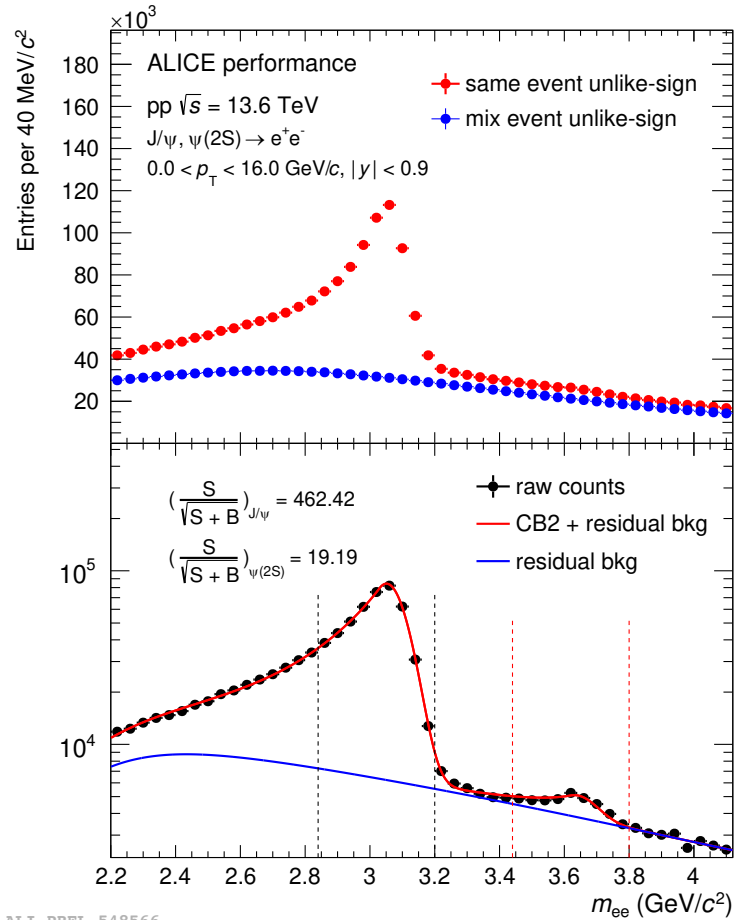
Significantly improved **vertex resolution** and **data acquisition rate**



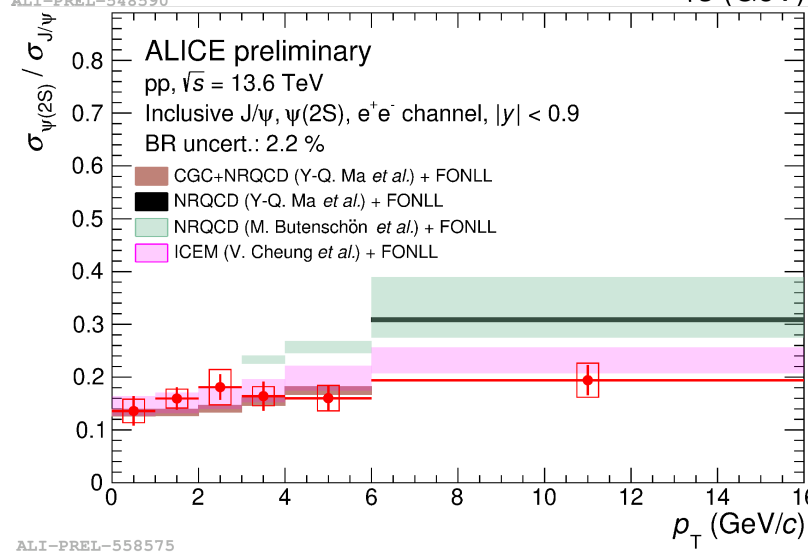


# Charmonium Measurements in pp

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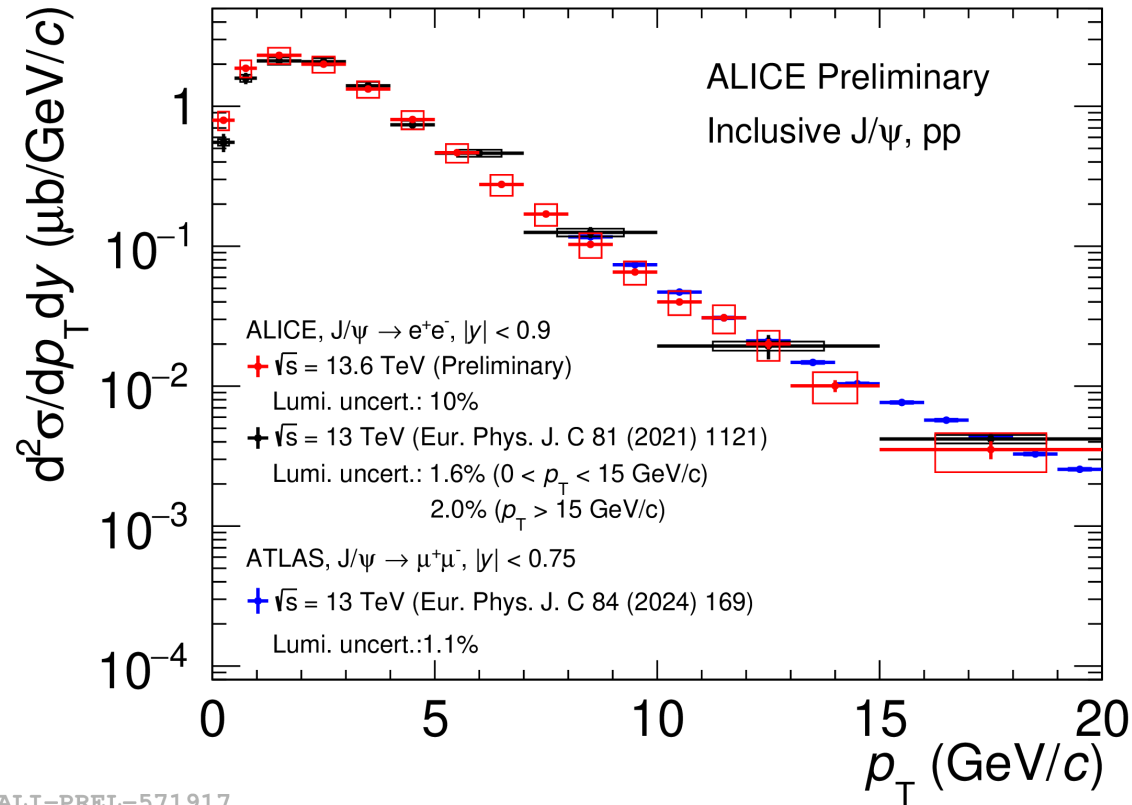


- First physics results from ALICE Run 3
- Significantly improved statistics greatly enhance physics capability



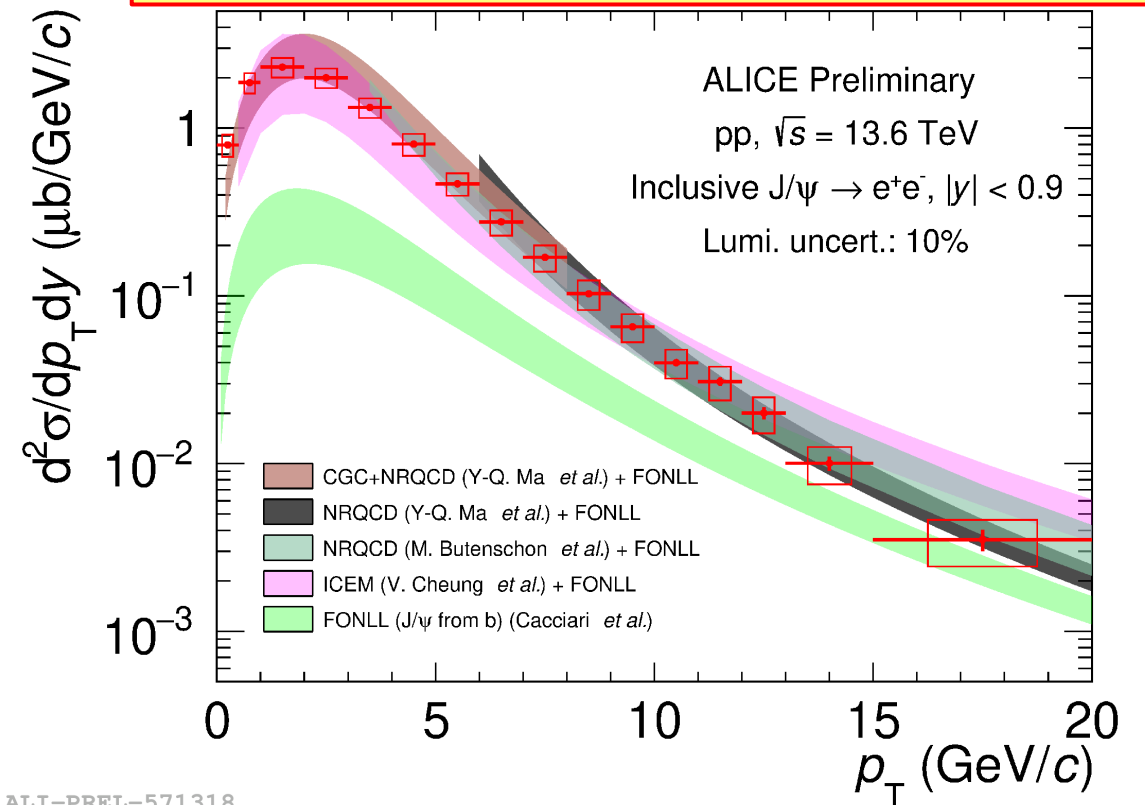
# Charmonium Measurements in pp

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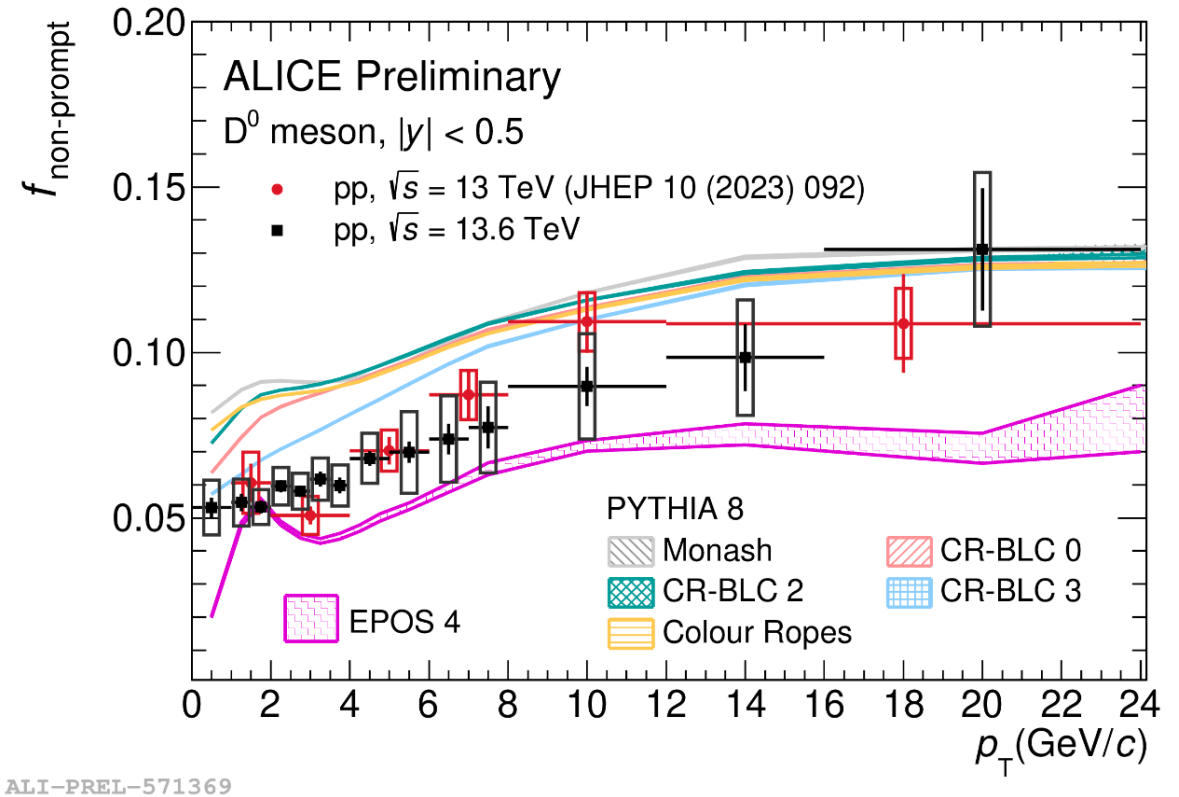
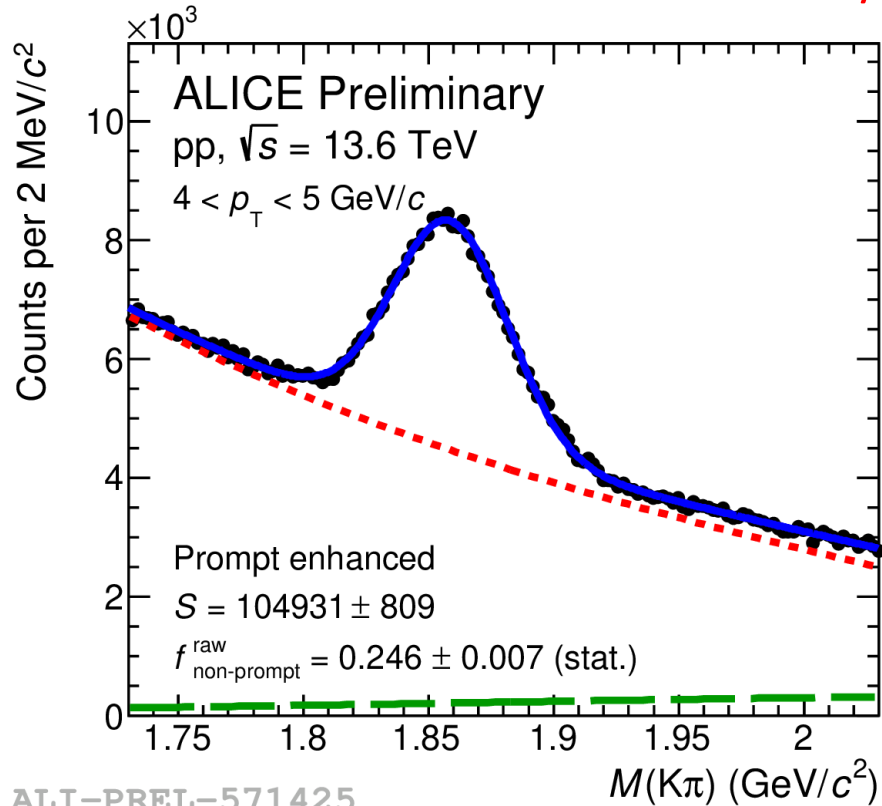
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- Run 3 results consistent with Run 2 results with higher granularity
  - Validation of analysis chain with new detectors and frameworks
- Described by NRQCD and ICEM calculations



# Non-prompt D-mesons Fraction in pp

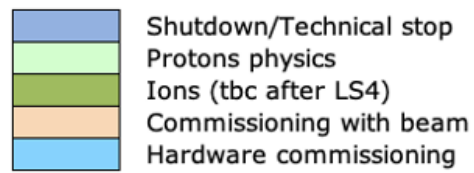
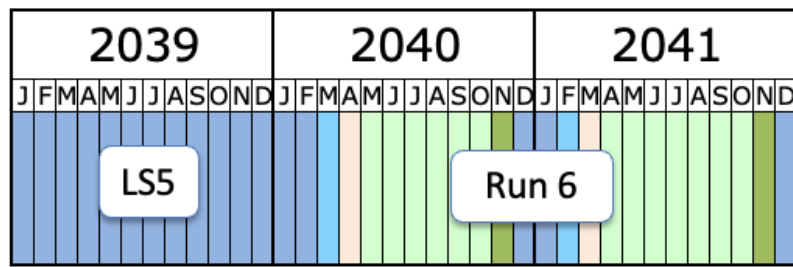
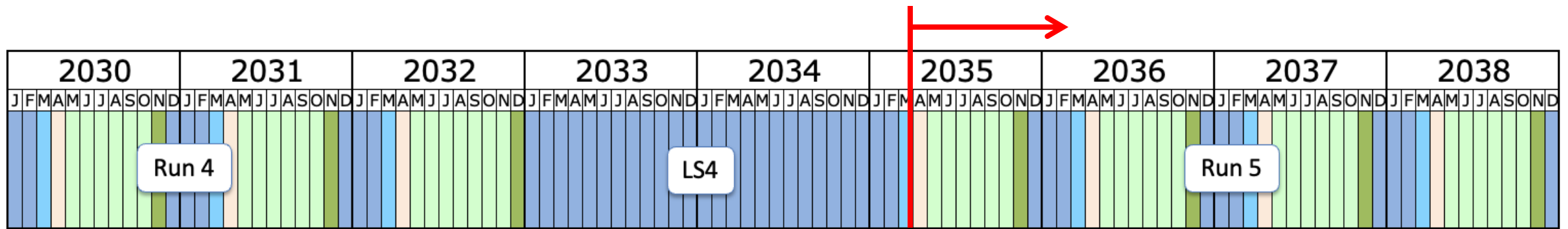
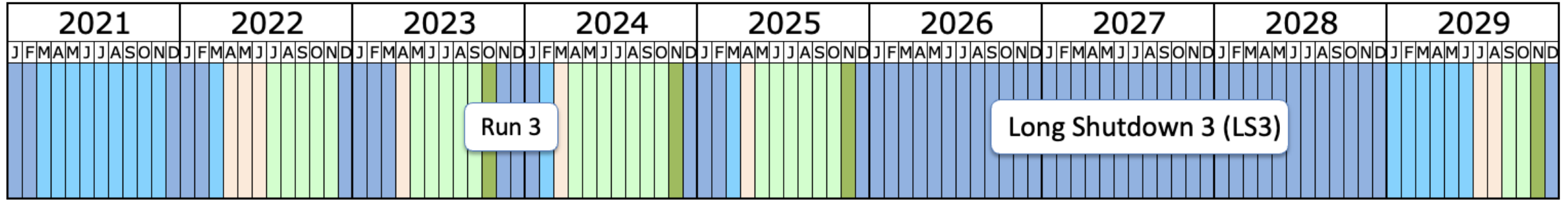
ALICE, SQM 2024



- Run 3 results consistent with Run 2 results with higher granularity
- Models either underestimate or overestimate data



# ALICE after LS4 (ALICE 3)



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- Systematic measurements of (multi-) heavy flavored hadrons
- Precision measurements of dileptons
- Hadron correlations
- ...



# ALICE 3 Detector

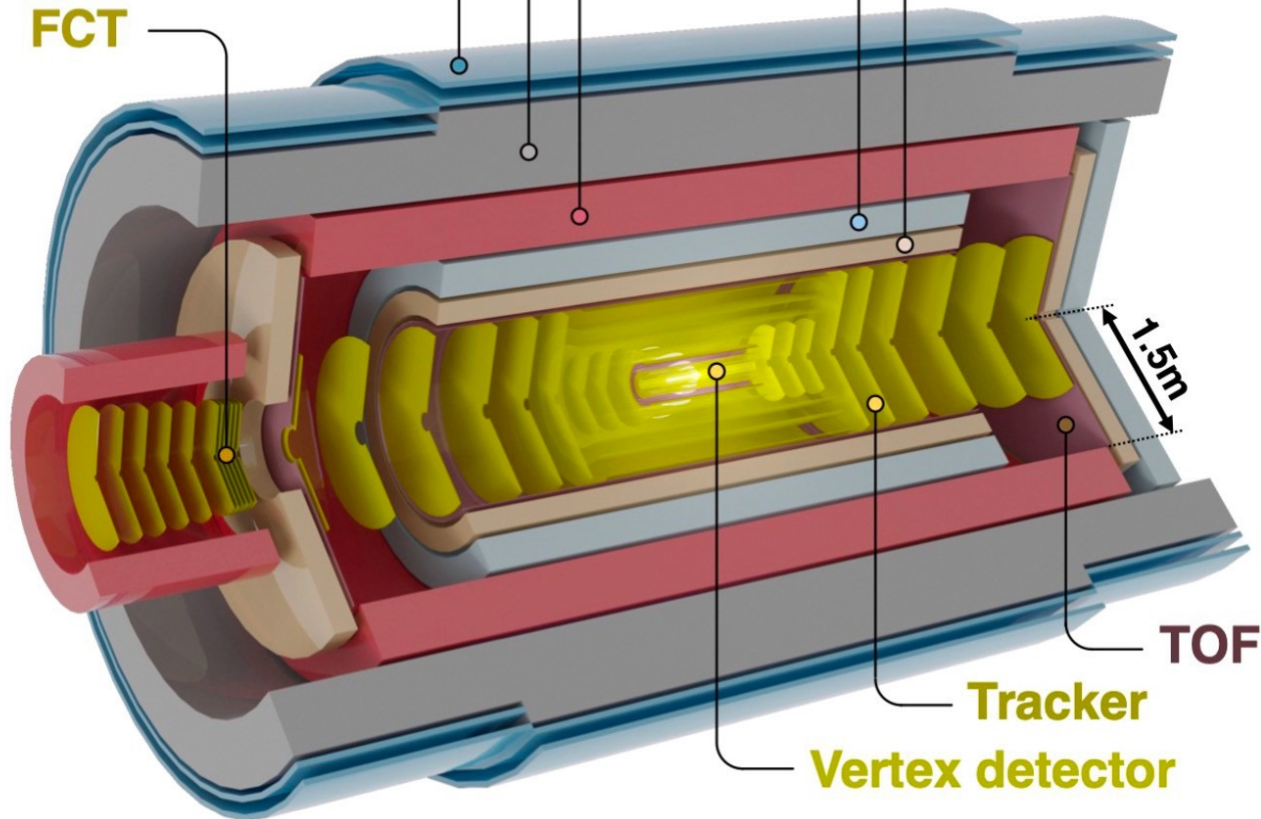
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Muon chambers

Absorber  
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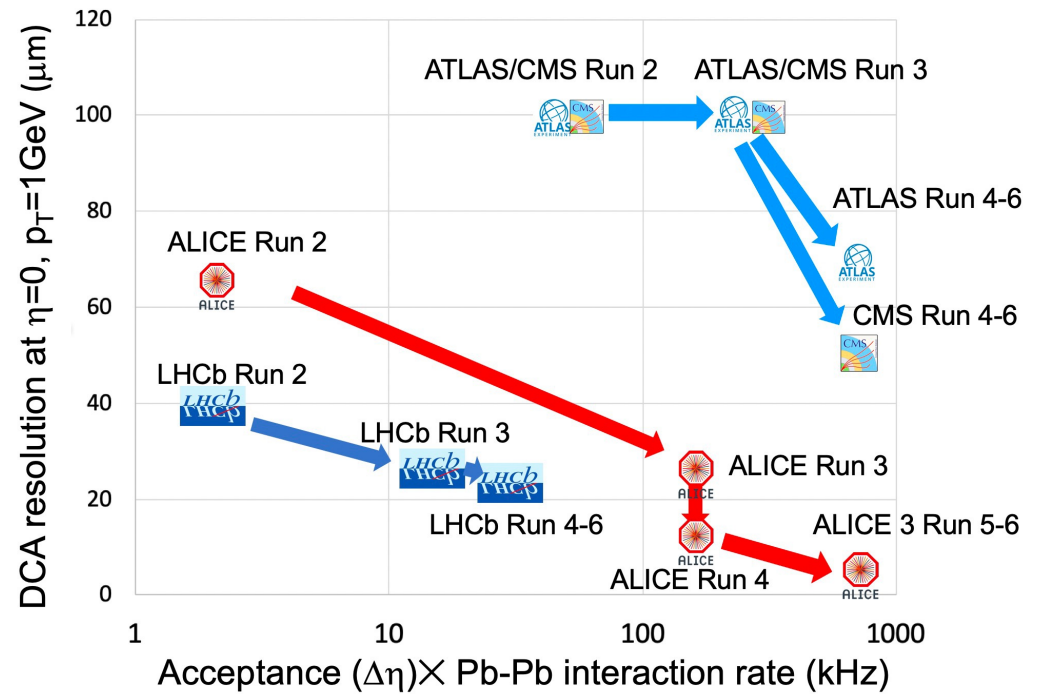
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TOF

Tracker

Vertex detector



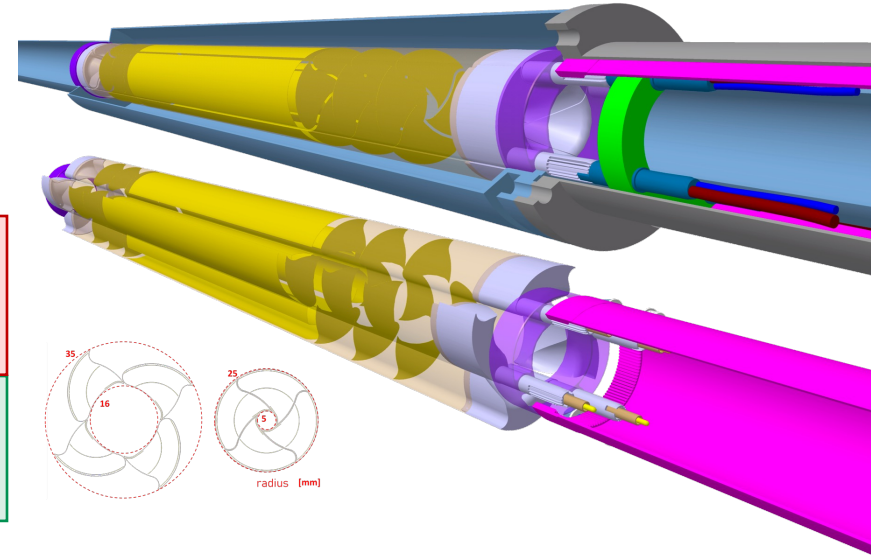
- Compact and lightweight all silicon tracker
- Extensive particle identification
- Large acceptance

**ALICE-China interests: Inner tracking system and time-of-flight**



# Inner Tracking System

Layer	Material	Intrinsic thickness (% $X_0$ )	Intrinsic resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Barrel layers		Forward discs		
				Length ( $\pm z$ ) (cm)	Radius ( $r$ ) (cm)	Position ( $ z $ ) (cm)	$R_{in}$ (cm)	$R_{out}$ (cm)
VD	0	0.1	2.5	50	0.50	26	0.50	3
	1	0.1	2.5	50	1.20	30	0.50	3
	2	0.1	2.5	50	2.50	34	0.50	3
ML	3	1	10	124	3.75	77	5	35
	4	1	10	124	7	100	5	35
	5	1	10	124	12	122	5	35
	6	1	10	124	20	150	5	80
OL	7	1	10	124	30	180	5	80
	8	1	10	264	45	220	5	80
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Retractable Vertex Detector

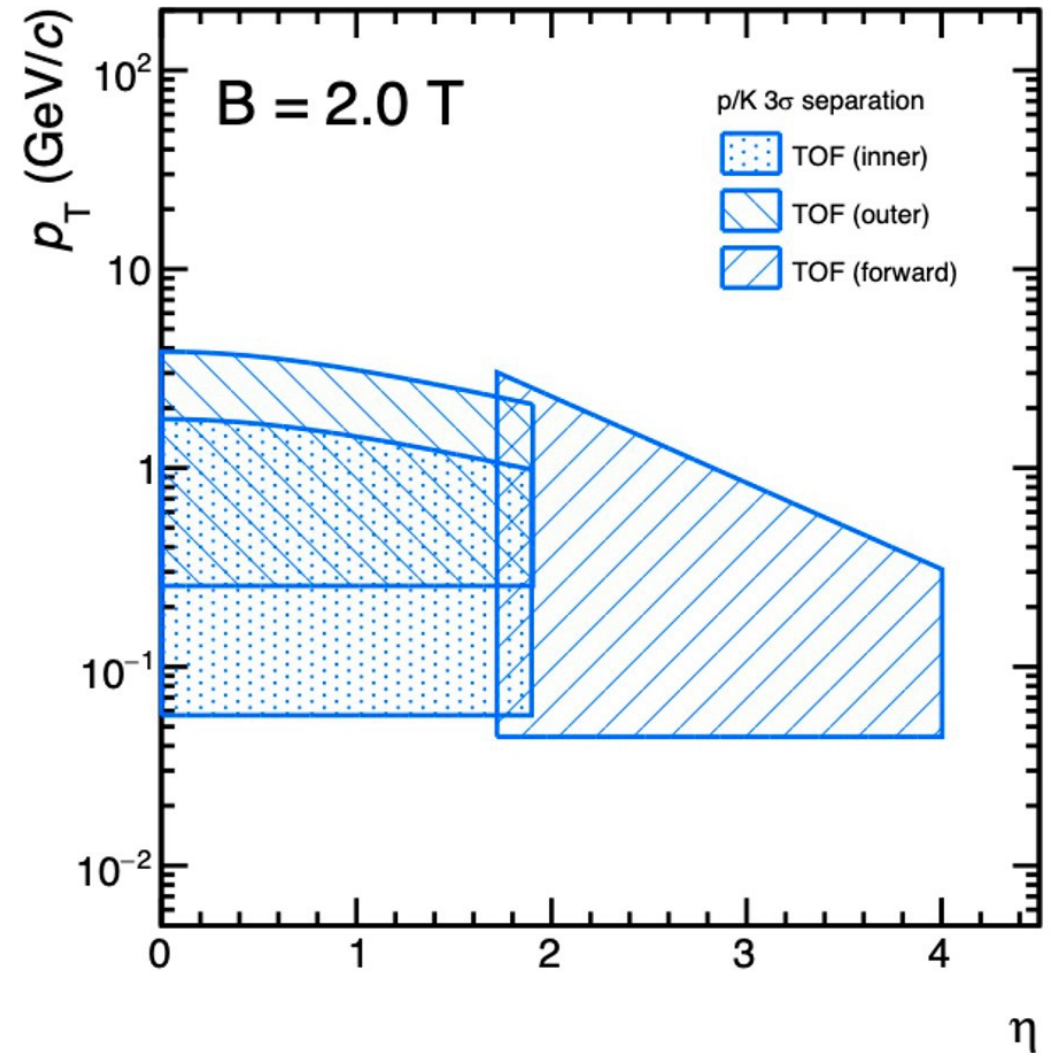
- ALICE-China is interested in **vertex detector** and **middle layer** of the ALICE 3 ITS
- CCNU etc, benefit from the experience on ALICE ITS2 and ITS3



# Time-of-Flight

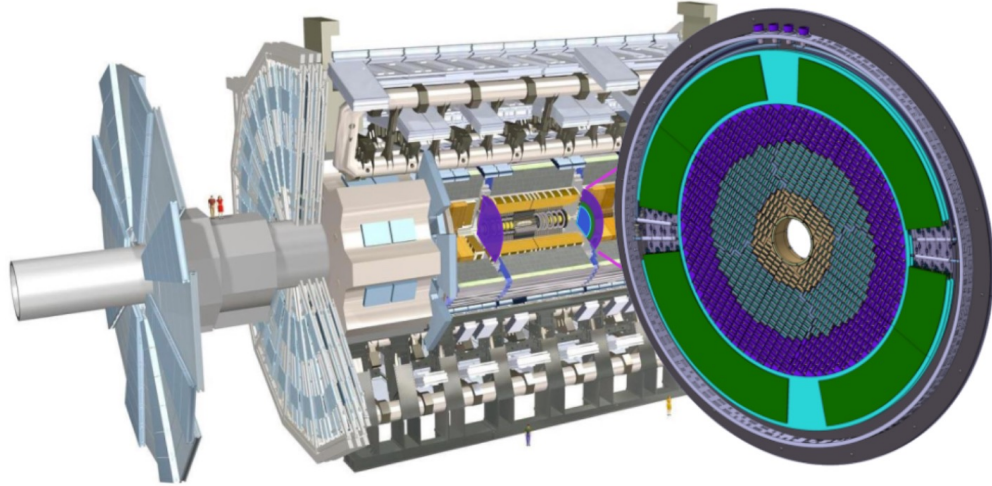
	Inner TOF	Outer TOF	Forward TOF disks
Radius (m)	0.19	0.85	0.15 to 1.0
z range (m)	-0.62 to 0.62	-3.50 to 3.50	$\pm 3.70$
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.5	37	6
Acceptance	$ \eta  < 1.9$	$ \eta  < 2$	$2 <  \eta  < 4$
Granularity (mm <sup>2</sup> )	1 × 1	5 × 5	1 × 1 to 5 × 5
Hit rate (kHz/cm <sup>2</sup> )	200	15	280
Material thickness (%X <sub>0</sub> )	1 to 3	1 to 3	1 to 3
Power density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	50	50	50
Time resolution (ps)	20	20	20

- DAQ rate requires new technique (Silicon)
- Sensor options:
  - MAPS with gain layer (baseline)
  - **Low gain avalanche diodes (fallback solution)**
  - SiPMs (synergy with RICH R&D)

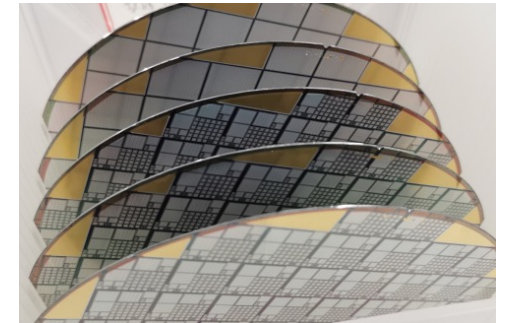
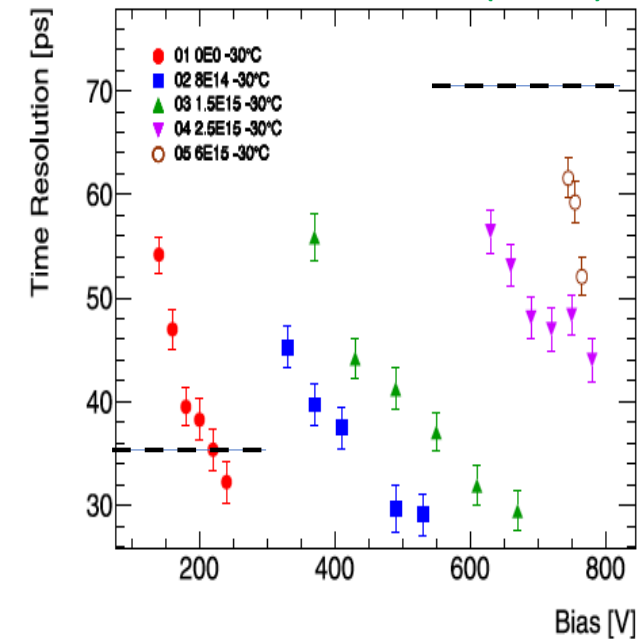
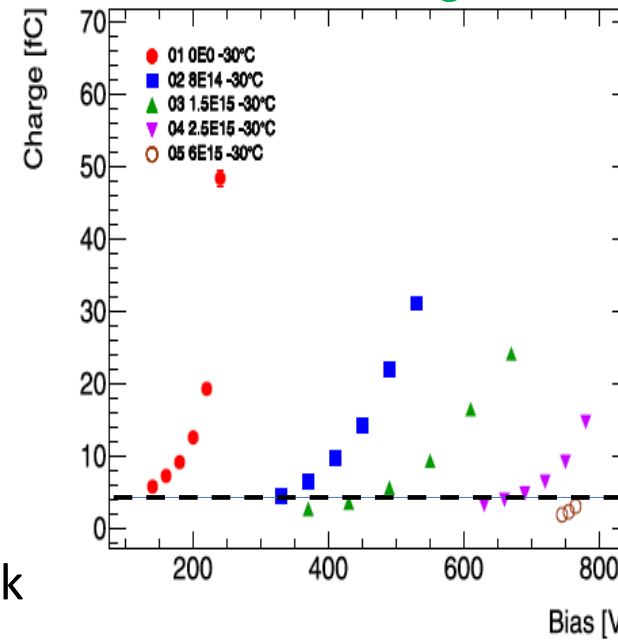




## ATLAS High Granularity Timing Detector



6.4 m<sup>2</sup>, ~3.6 M channels, 1.3x1.3 mm<sup>2</sup>, 50 μm thick



- ATLAS-USTC developed LGAD for ATLAS HGTD
  - < 35 ps before irradiation
  - < 70 ps after irradiation up to  $n_{eq} = 2.5 \times 10^{15}/\text{cm}^2$
  - **28 ps reached, higher bias voltage unexplored**
- **Need R&D on thinner (and double layers) LGAD to reach 20 ps**



# Summary

- ALICE-China making significant contributions in various physics topics in PbPb and small systems with ALICE
  - Jets transport in QGP
  - Heavy flavor hadronization, flow and energy loss
  - Quarkonium dissociation and (re)generation
  - Correlations
  - Exotics
  - ...
- ALICE-China actively involved in state-of-the-art detector R&D for ALICE upgrades
  - High spatial resolution MAPS for ALICE 3
  - High timing resolution LGAD for ALICE 3





# ALICE Talks in this Conference

- Tiantian Cheng, Investigation of charm-quark hadronisation in proton–proton collisions with ALICE, [Heavy Ion Physics, Wed. 15:40](#)
- Yongzhen Hou, Measurements of jet quenching using semi-inclusive hadron+jet distributions in pp and central Pb–Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV with ALICE, [Heavy Ion Physics, Wed. 17:40](#)
- Kai Cui, h-strangeness correlation in Run 3 with ALICE, [Hadron Physics and Flavor Physics, Thu. 16:45](#)
- Yuan Zhang, Measurements of inclusive  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  production at mid-rapidity at 13.6 TeV with ALICE, [Hadron Physics and Flavor Physics, Thu. 17:15](#)
- Pengzhong Lu, Non-prompt  $\Lambda_c^+$  Production with machine learning in p–Pb Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV with ALICE, [Hadron Physics and Flavor Physics, Thu. 17:15](#)

*Thanks!*