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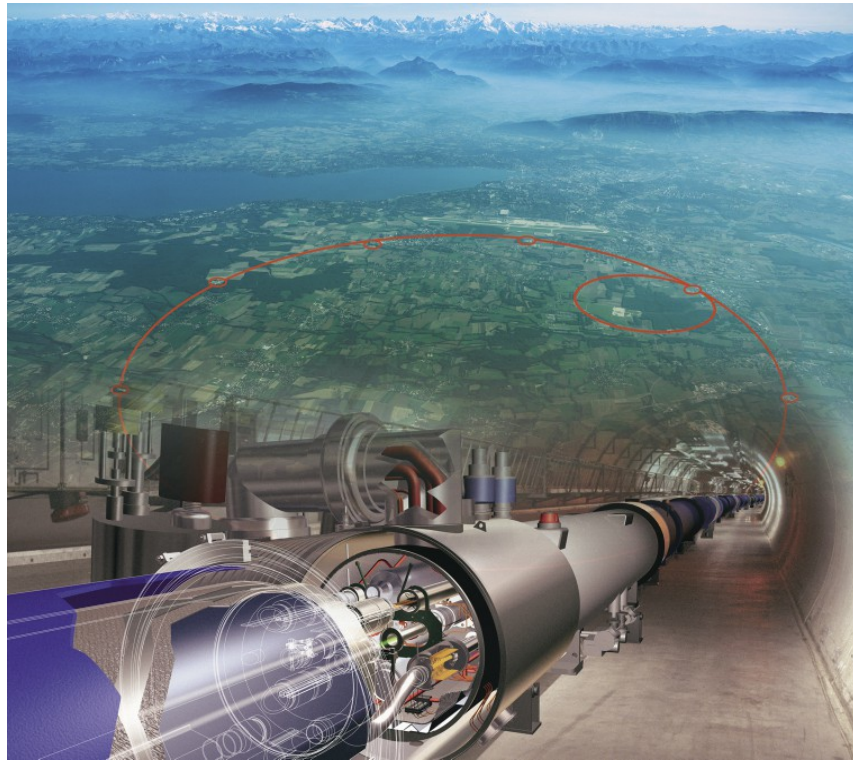
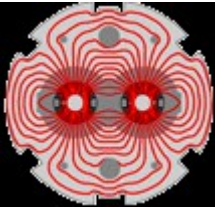
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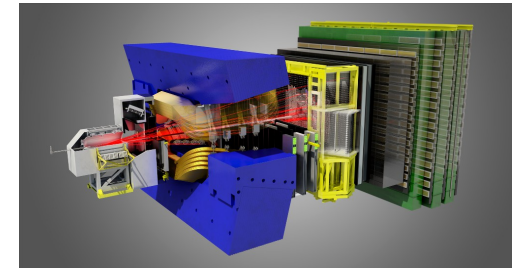
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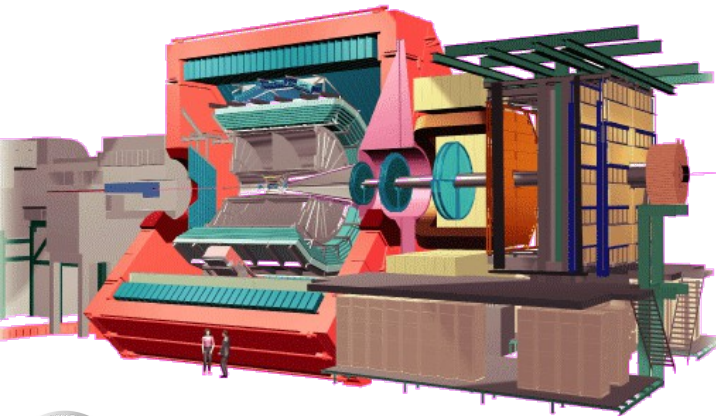
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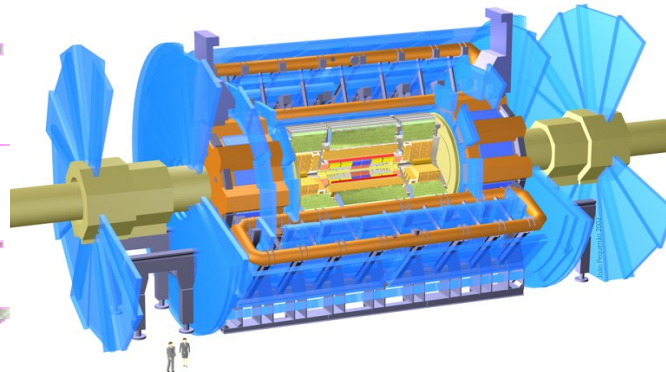
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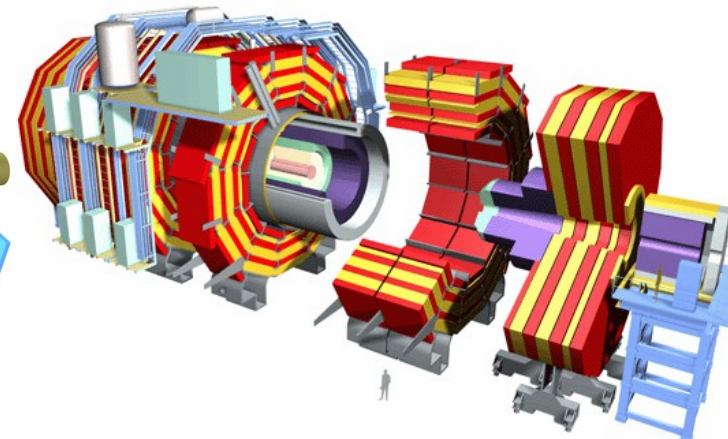
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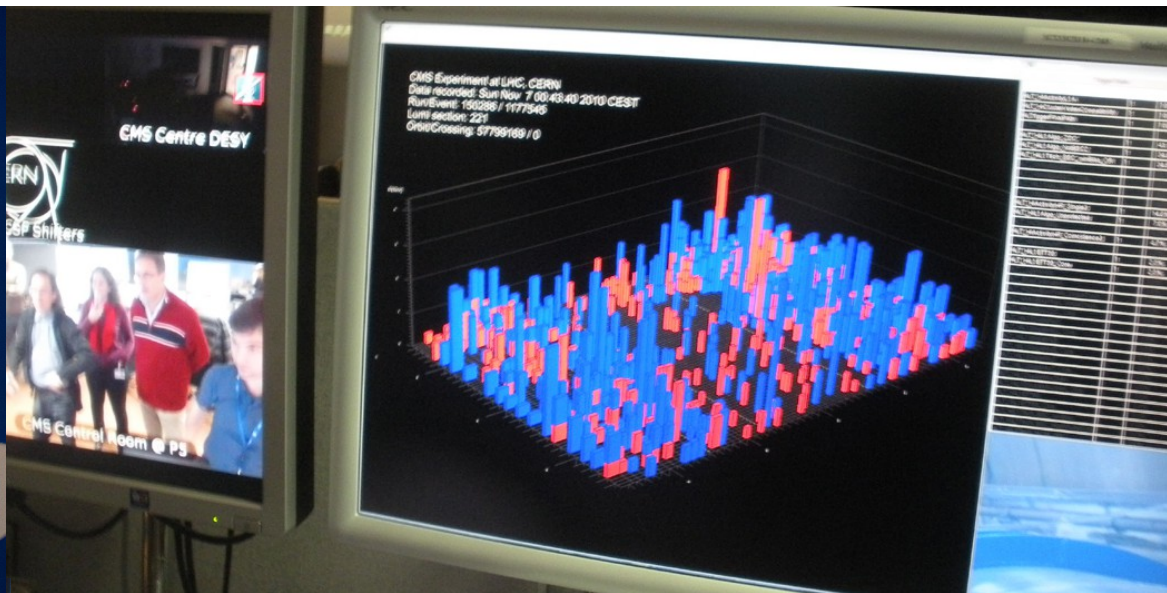
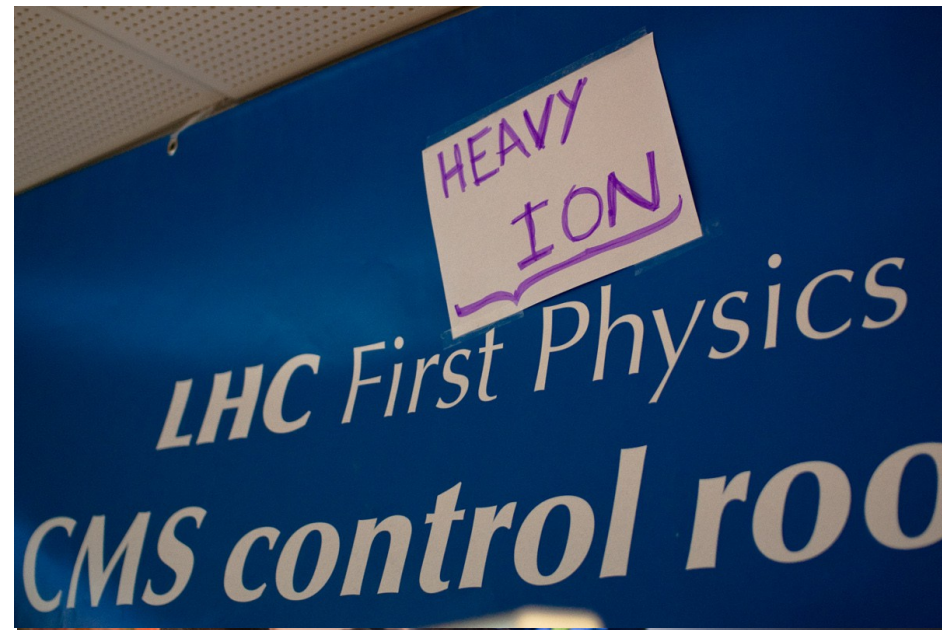


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Heavy Ion Physics at the LHC

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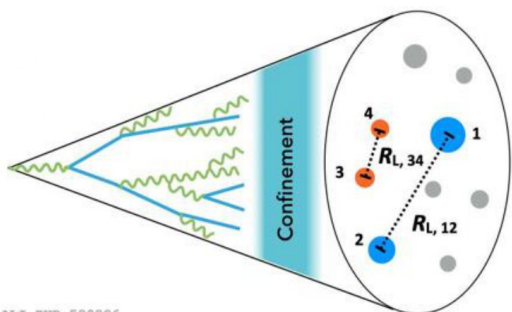
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Energy-energy correlators in jets in pp and p-Pb collisions

New publication

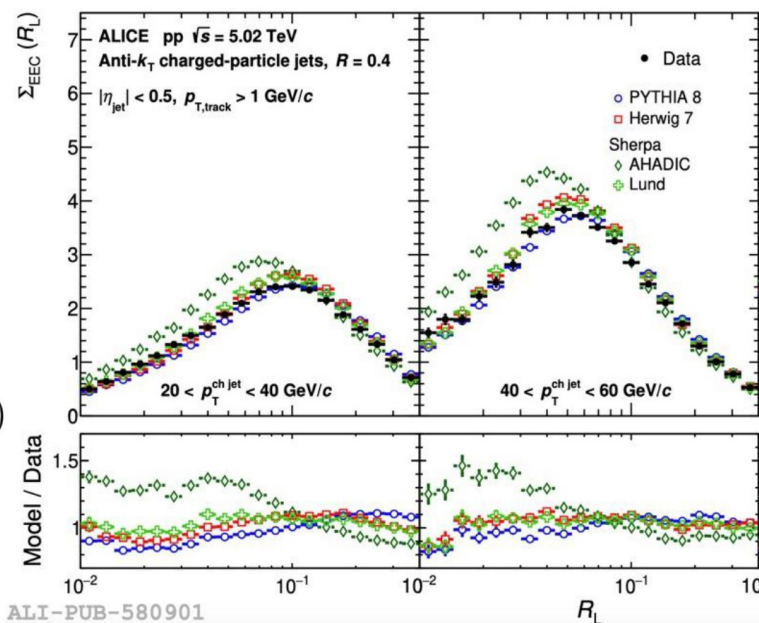
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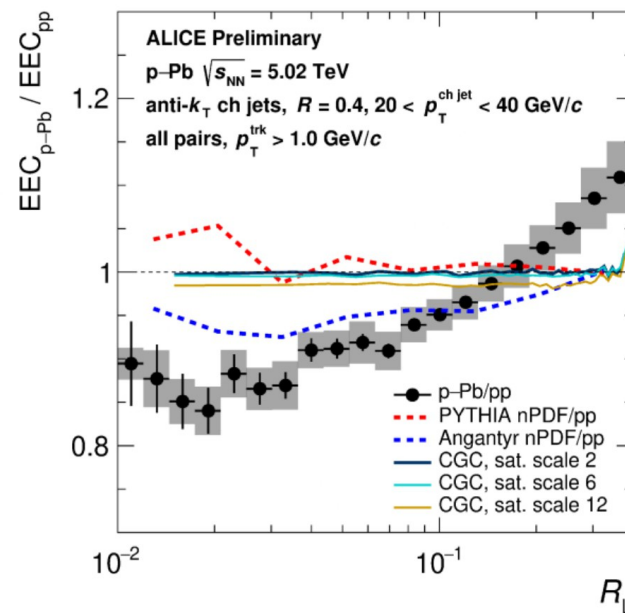
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$$\frac{d\sigma_{EEC}}{dR_L} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma(R'_L) \frac{p_{T,i} p_{T,j}}{p'_{T,jet}} \delta(R'_L - R_{L,ij})$$

$$R_L = \sqrt{\Delta\phi_{ij}^2 + \Delta\eta_{ij}^2}$$



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ALI-PREL-579734

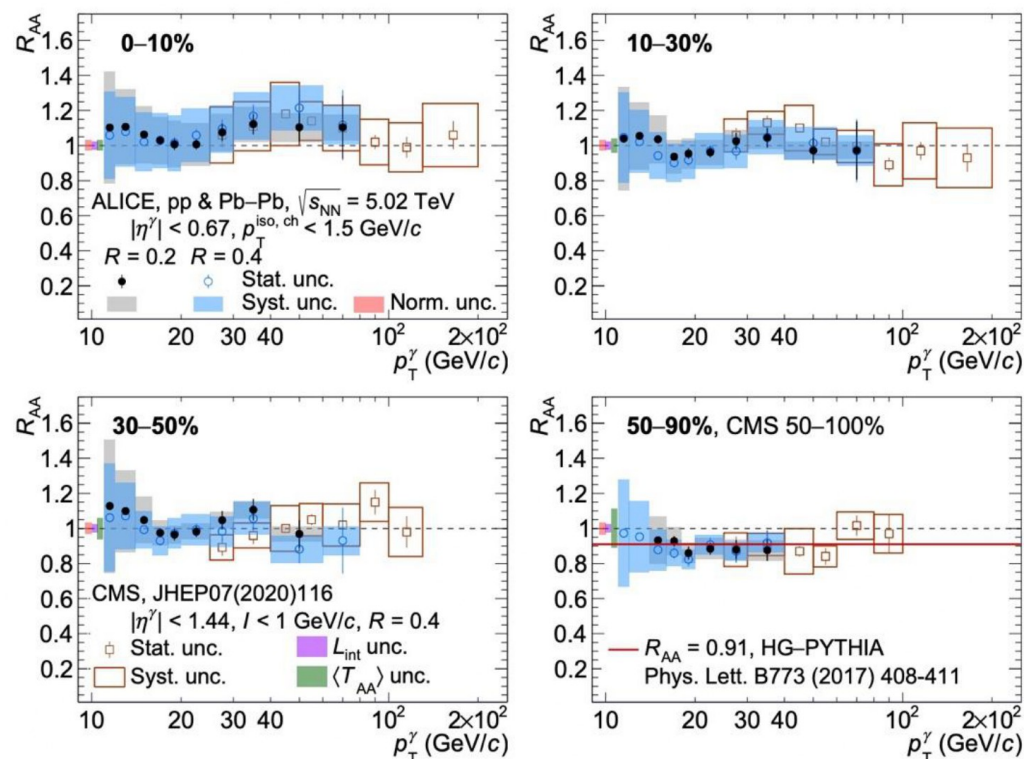
- A novel jet substructure observable describing the energy flow inside jets, can be calculated from first principles in QCD in the perturbative limit
- Separation of the perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- Modification of the energy-energy correlator (EEC) seen in p-Pb collisions, but not explained by purely initial-state effects

Ananya Rai 24/09 12:10

Isolated photon nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

New publication

arXiv:2409.12641

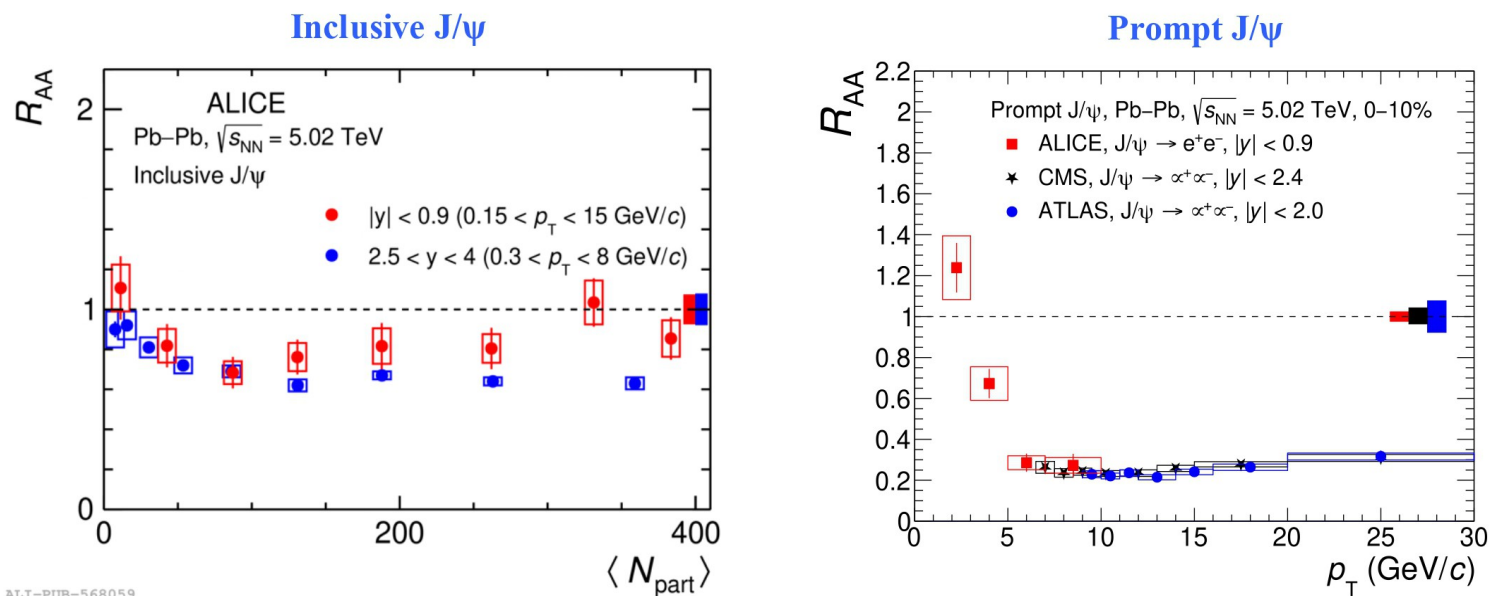


Gustavo Conesa Balbastre 25/09 09:00

- R_{AA} consistent with unity within the uncertainties for both $R = 0.2$ and 0.4 , no radiation from QGP at these p_T
- Peripheral collision in agreement with PYTHIA prediction including bias on centrality estimation

J/ψ (re-)generation Pb–Pb collisions

ALICE, PLB 849 (2024) 138451, JHEP 02 (2024) 066



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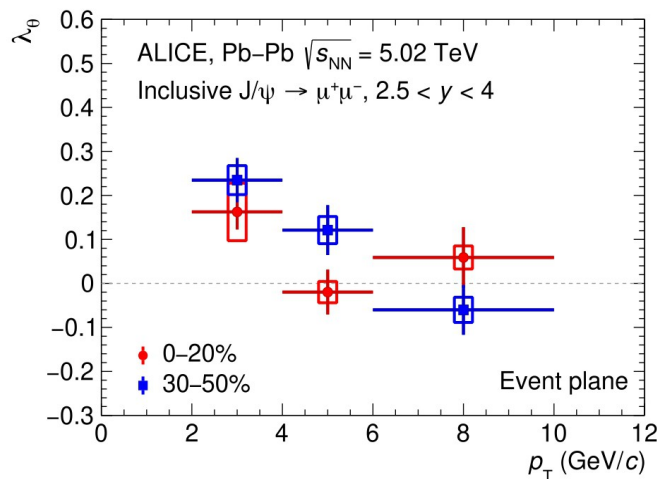
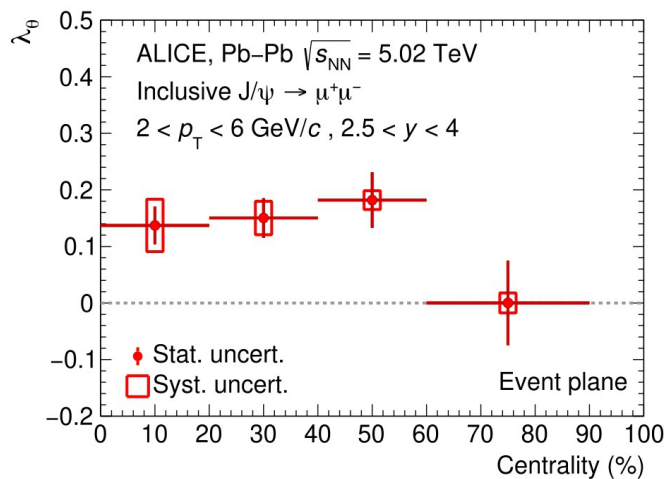
➤ Evidence for J/ψ (re-)generation in central collisions, with a larger contribution at low p_T , and at midrapidity

➤ R_{AA} extended down to $p_T = 1.5$ GeV/c and compatible within uncertainties with ATLAS and CMS measurements in the common p_T range

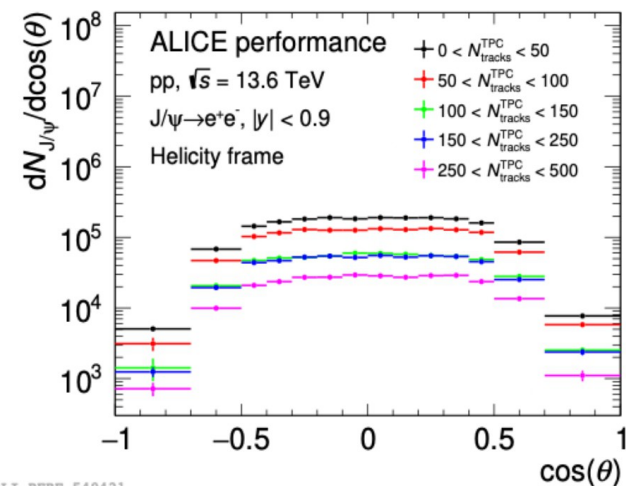
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Charmonium Polarization

ALICE, PRL 131 (2023) 4, 042303

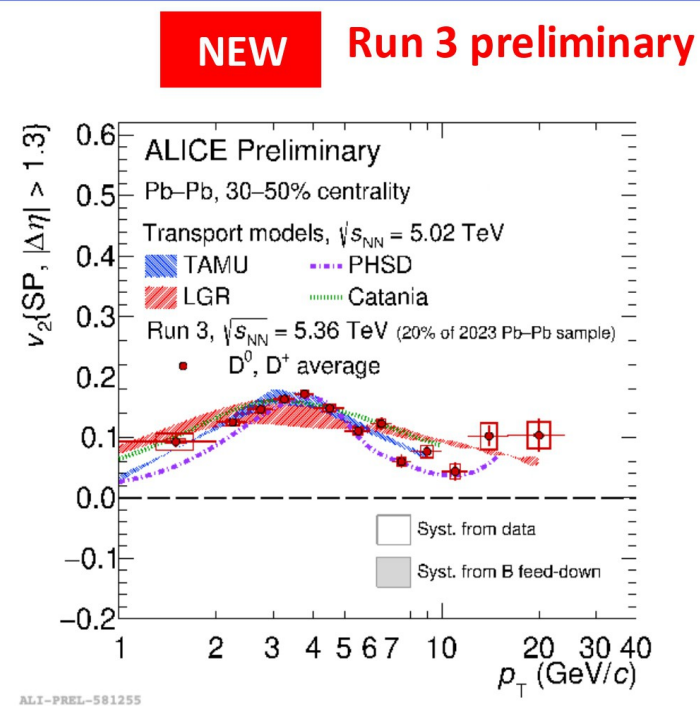
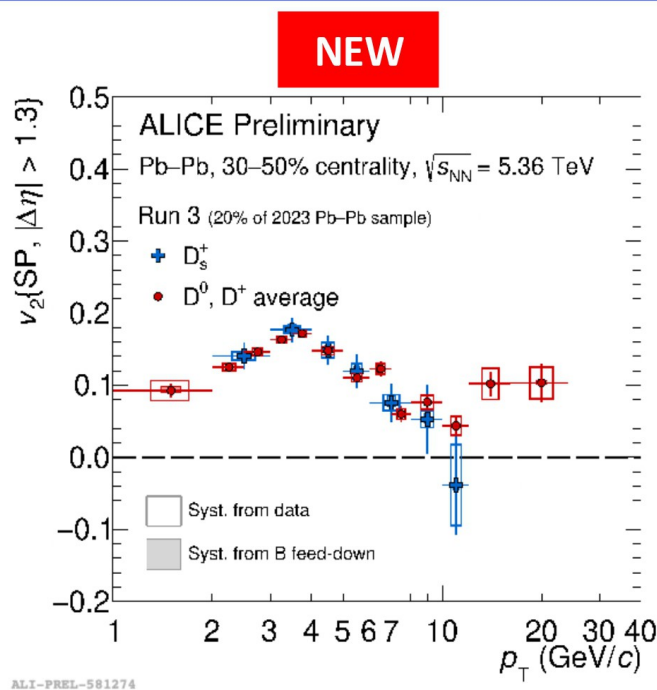
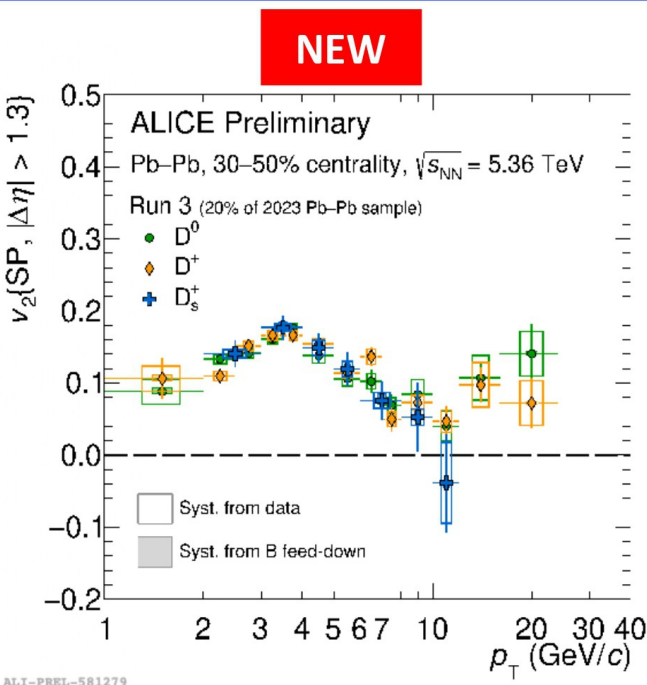


New performance



- First measurement of quarkonium polarization **w.r.t the event plane**
- Significant polarization ($\sim 3.9\sigma$) observed in semicentral collisions
- Polarization measurements are ongoing at midrapidity with Run 3 data

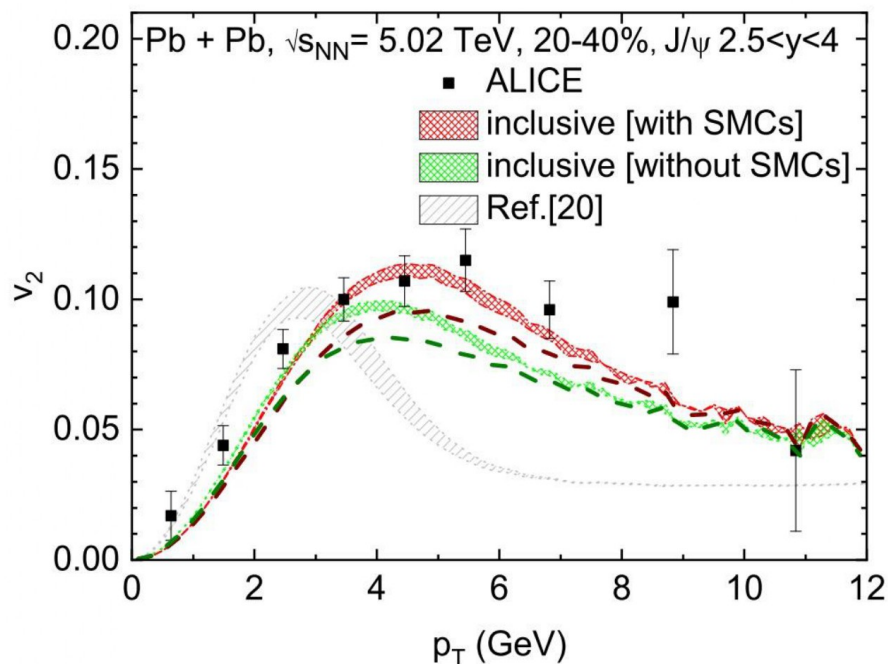
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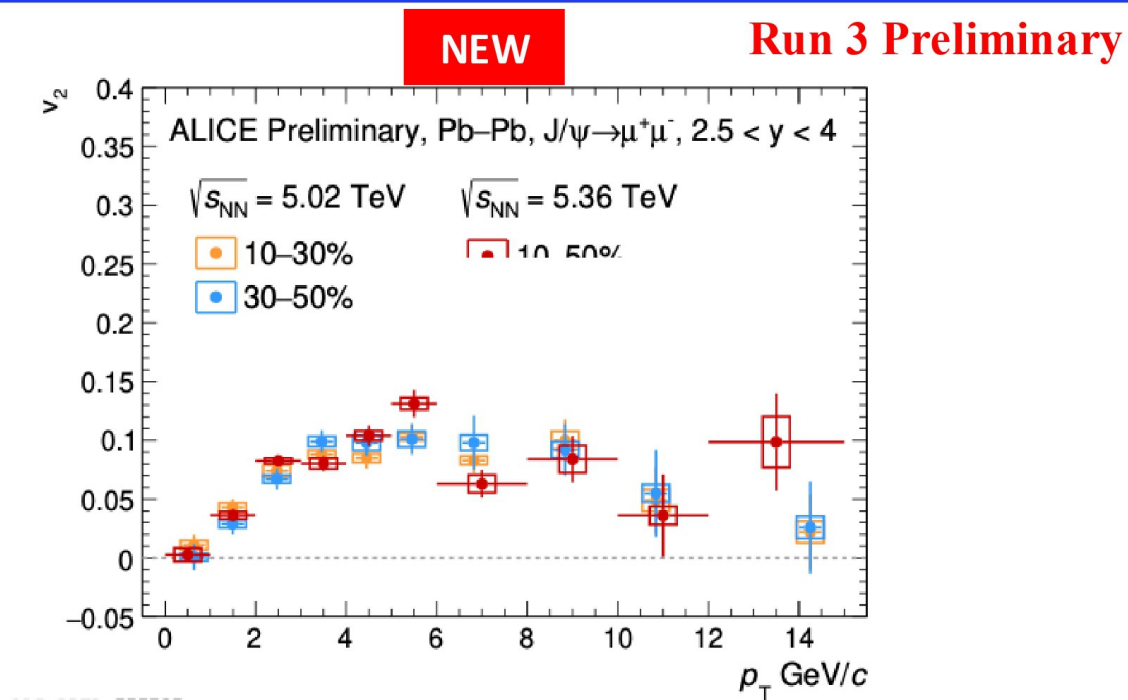
- Prompt D-meson v_2 measured using Run 3 Pb–Pb data sample
 - No significant difference between strange and non-strange D mesons
 - Strange D-meson elliptic flow reproduced by the transport models
- About x4 larger statistics more than Run 2 one, x5 more statistics will come soon

Biao Zhang 23/09 16:50

Charmonium elliptic flow in Run 3



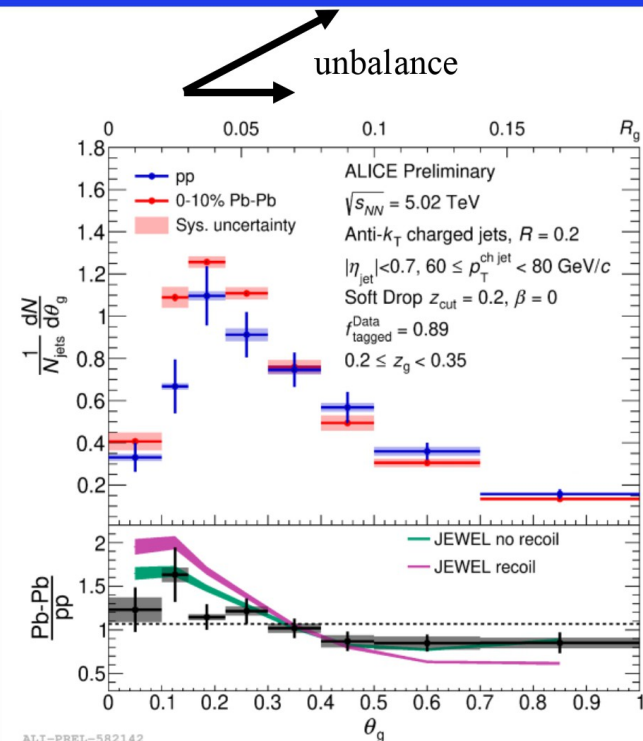
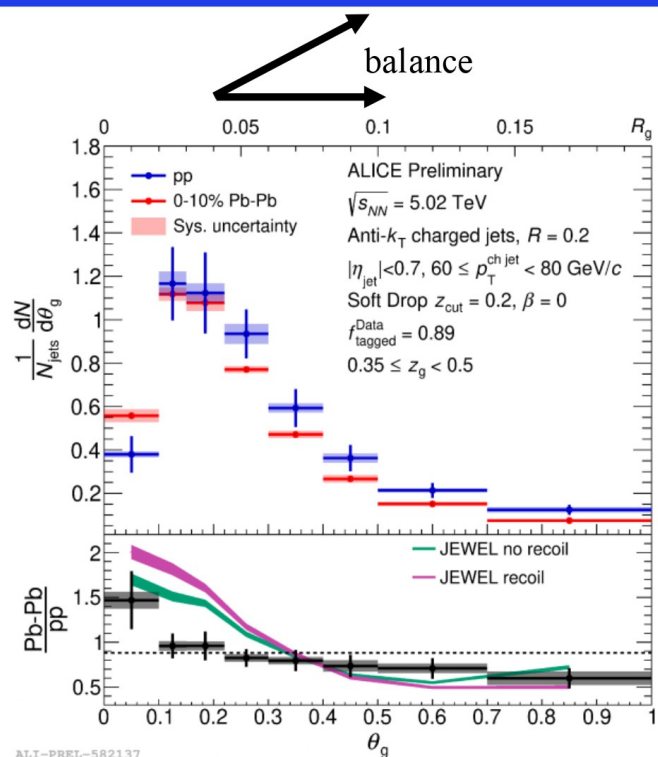
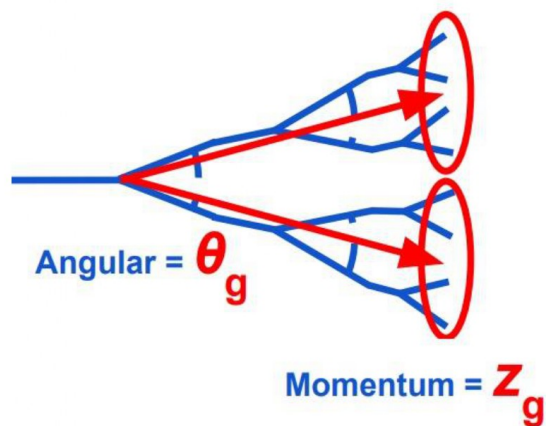
M. He, et al., PRL.128, 162301 (2022)



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- The new result is consistent with Run 2, with statistical precision improved at low p_T at forward rapidity
- A significant J/ψ v_2 is observed at forward rapidity, consistent with the charm quark thermalization

Quenching with correlated jet substructure



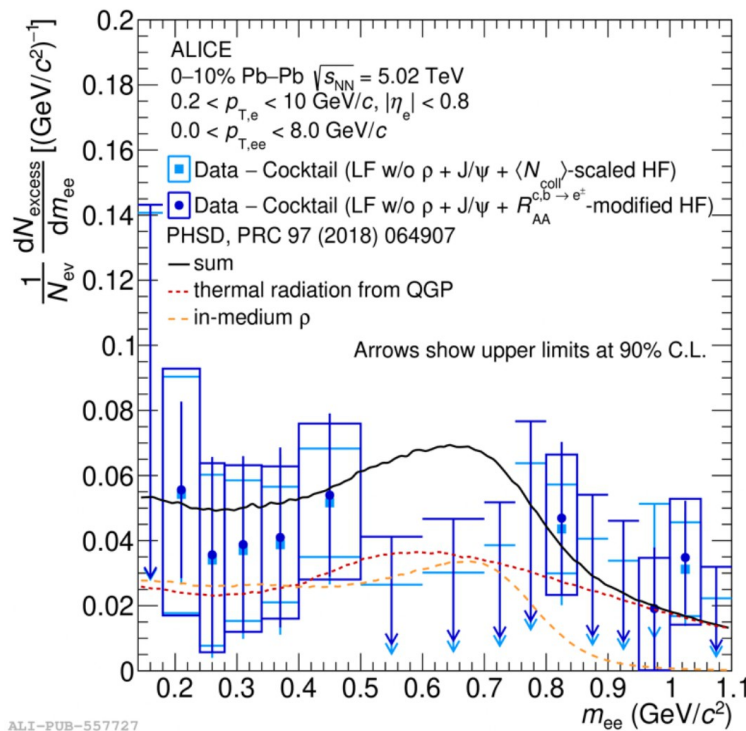
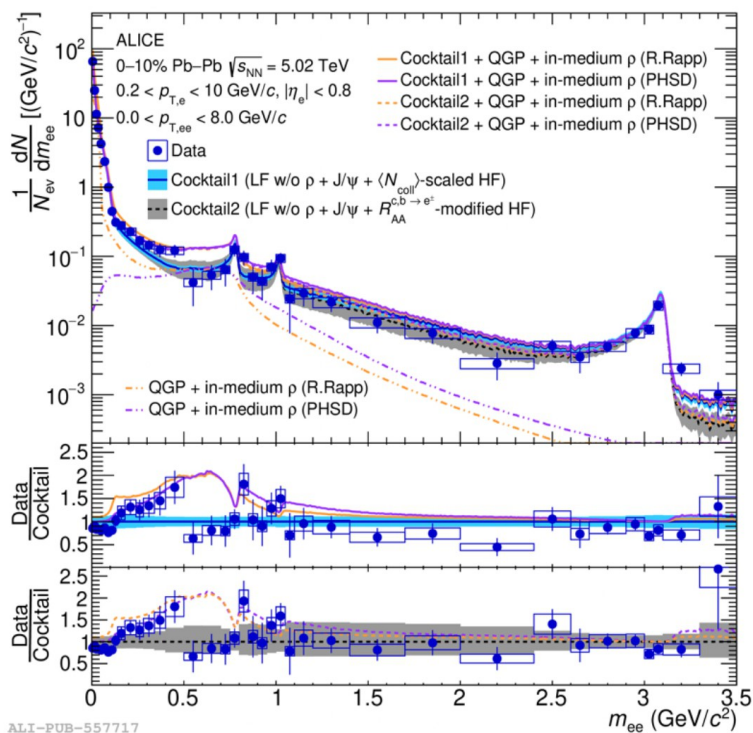
- Multidimensional measurement to disentangle jet survival bias from medium modifications
- Allow disentangling modifications to the **substructure of jets from energy loss effects** arising from migration of the jet momentum

Bas Hofman 23/09 14:40

Dielectron production in Pb–Pb collisions

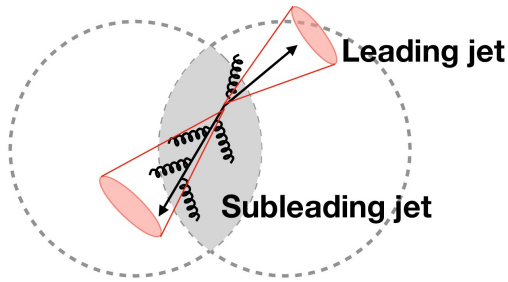
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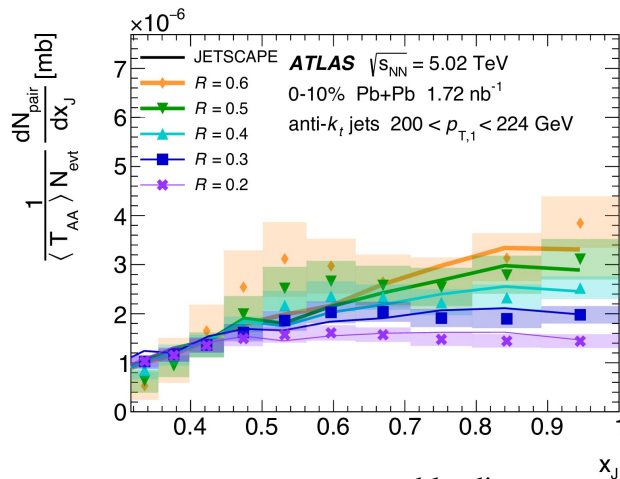


- Dielectron yield is consistent with hadronic cocktail within uncertainty, the excess in the low-mass region is 1.3σ
- More statistics and better control of HF background are needed to quantify the excess: full statistics from Run 3

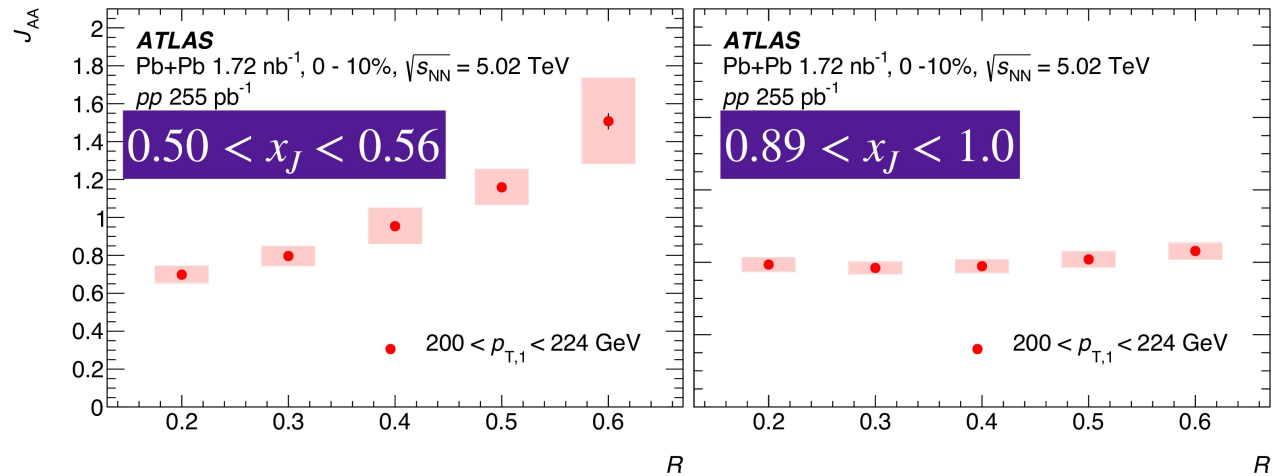
R-dependence of dijet asymmetry



$$J_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle N_{\text{evt}}^{AA}} \frac{dN_{\text{pair}}^{AA}}{dx_J} / \frac{dN_{\text{pair}}^{pp}}{L_{pp} dx_J}$$



$$x_J = \frac{p_T^{\text{subleading}}}{p_T^{\text{leading}}}$$



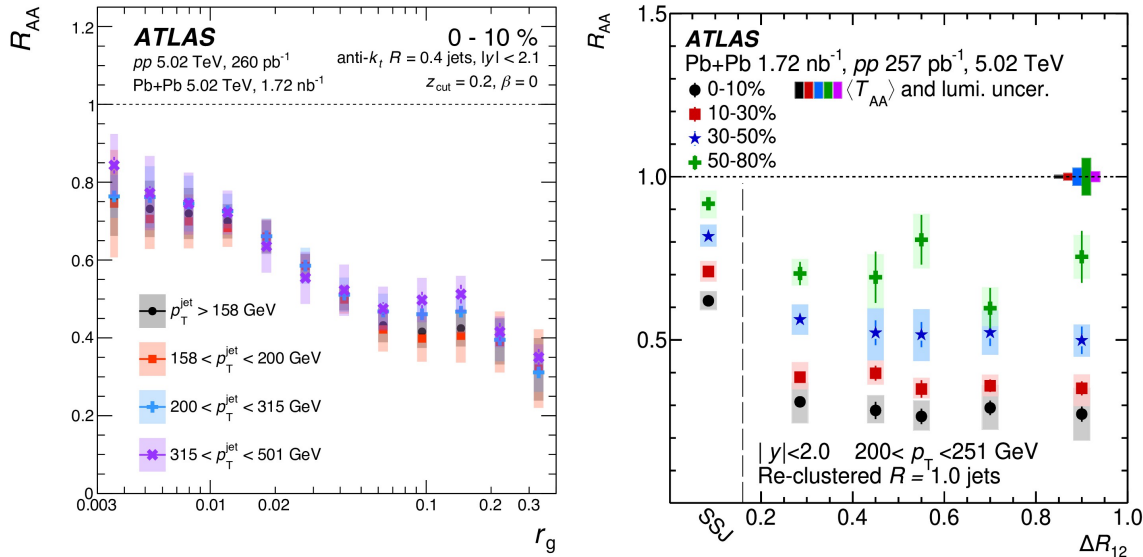
- Strong R -dependence for imbalanced dijets
- Smaller- R dijets are more suppressed



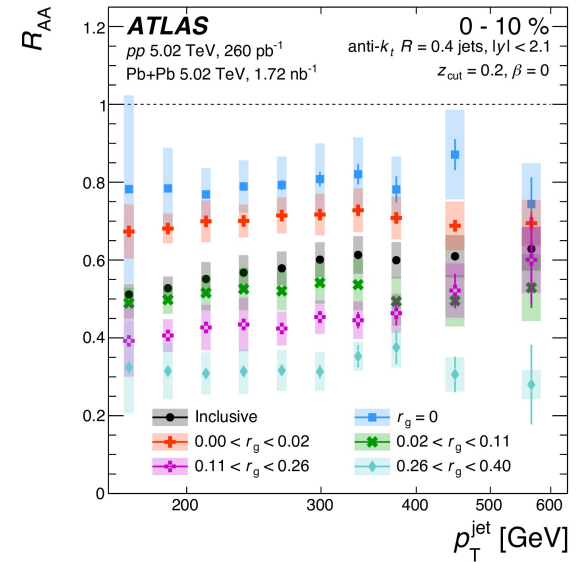
Jet substructure — cont.

[PRL 131 \(2023\) 172301](#)
[PRC 107 \(2023\) 054909](#)

substructure opening angle dependence



Jet *p*_T dependence



- Decoherence angular scale (**0.1 ~ 0.2**) observed in both large-*R* jets and groomed *R*=0.4 jets: significant larger energy loss above the scale
- Jet energy loss is most directly correlated with the jet substructure not jet *p*_T



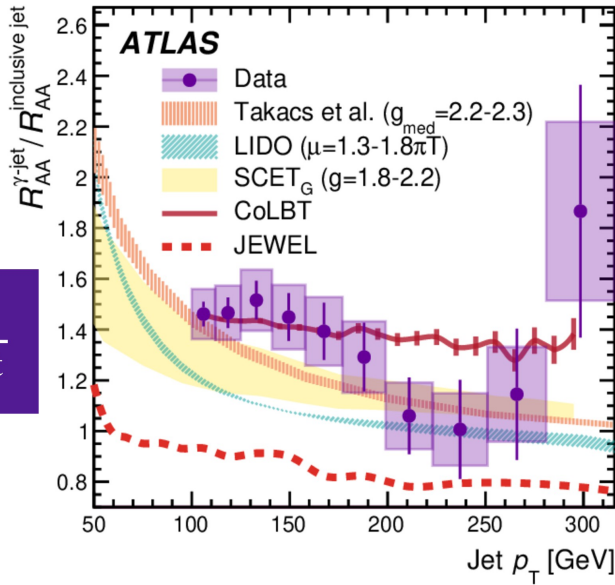
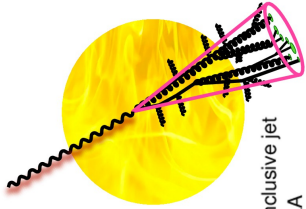
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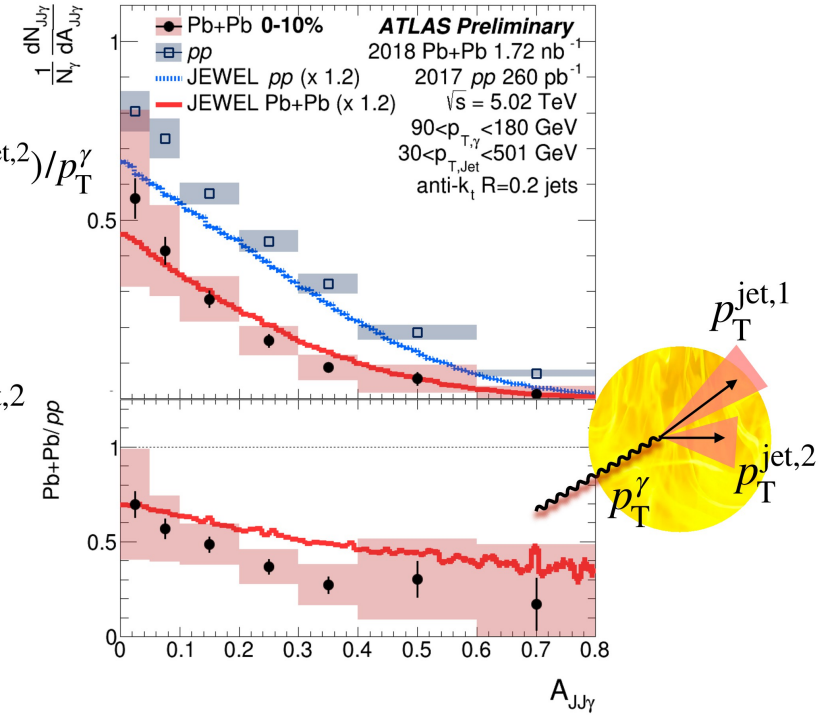
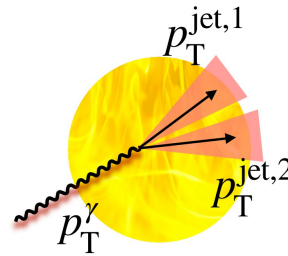


Photon-tagged jet



$$\frac{R_{AA}^{\gamma\text{-jet}}}{R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}}}$$

$$A_{JJ\gamma} = (p_T^{\text{jet},1} - p_T^{\text{jet},2}) / p_T^{\gamma}$$



- Photon-tagged jets: avoiding jet selection bias and enhancing quark jet fraction; $R_{AA}^{\gamma\text{-jet}} / R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}}$ provides an important constraint for various models
- Photon-tagged multi-jet: complementing the previously shown dijet and jet substructure studies

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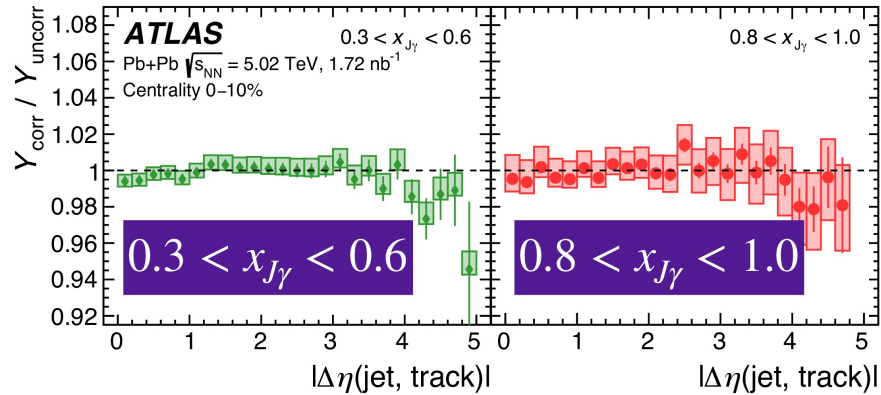
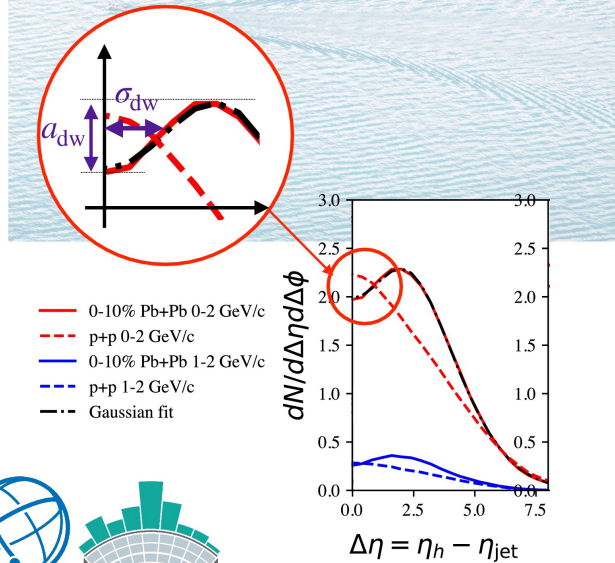
Jet-induced diffusion wake

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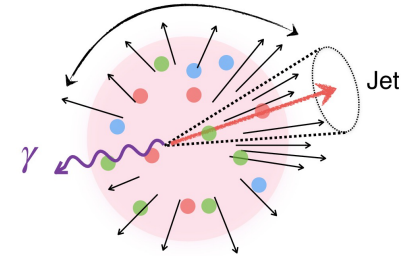
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Lost energy \rightarrow hydrodynamic evolution diffusion wake

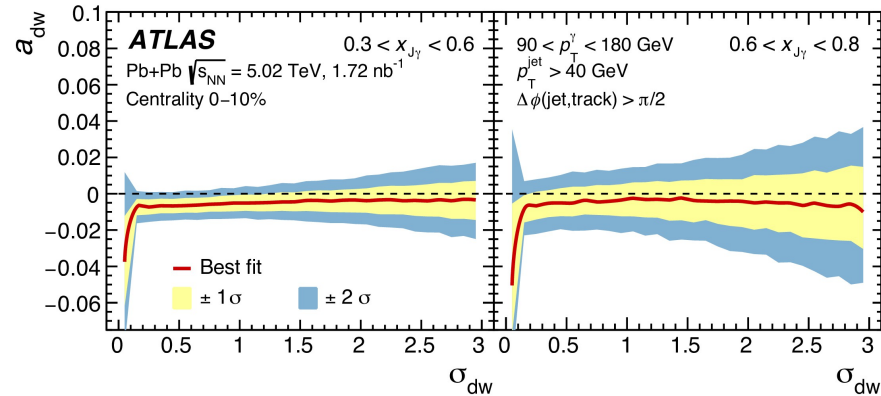
Follow proposal of **CoLBT PRL 130 (2023) 052301** look at photon-jet: depletion in charged particle production perpendicular to the jet



$\Delta\phi(h, \text{jet}), \Delta\eta(h, \text{jet})$



- No significant diffusion wake within the present uncertainties.
- Difference between different $x_{J\gamma}$ are consistent with CoLBT



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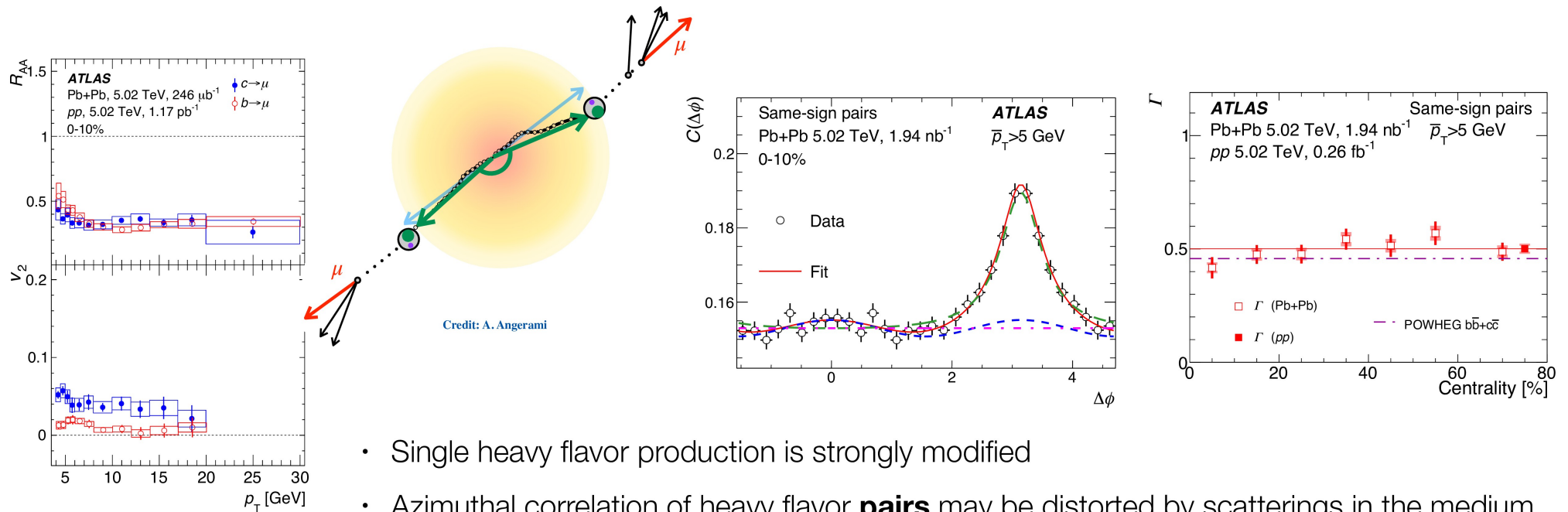
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Heavy flavor probe of QGP

[PLB 807 \(2020\) 135595](#)

[PLB 829 \(2022\) 137077](#)

[PRL 132 \(2024\) 202301](#)



- Single heavy flavor production is strongly modified
- Azimuthal correlation of heavy flavor **pairs** may be distorted by scatterings in the medium, characterized by centrality dependence of away-side width
- No significant broadening compared to pp collisions and NLO generator without QGP



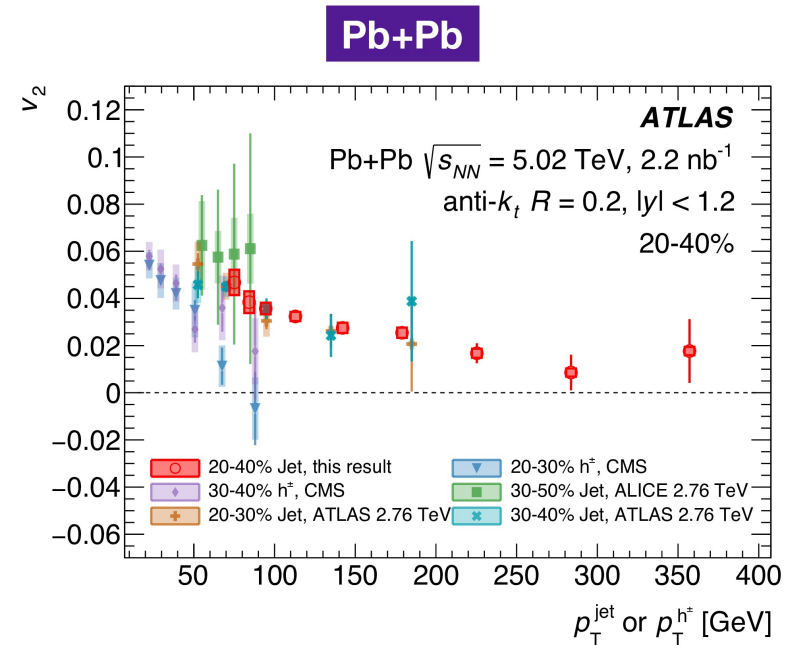
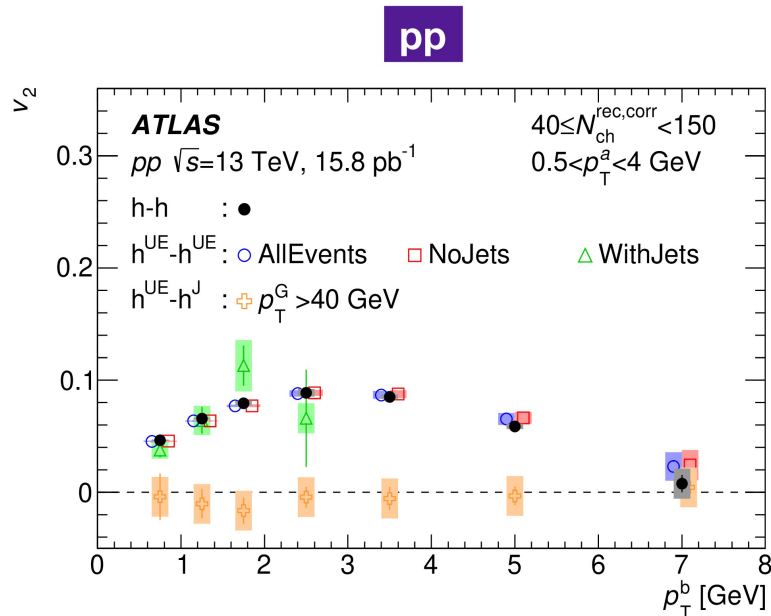
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Jet-UE correlation

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In pp collisions:

- Jets do not affect UE collectivity
- Jet-fragment particles do not exhibit collective behavior

In Pb+Pb collisions: jets have significant elliptic flow from path-length dependence of energy loss



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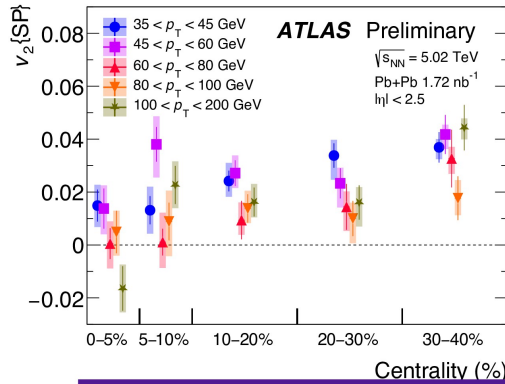
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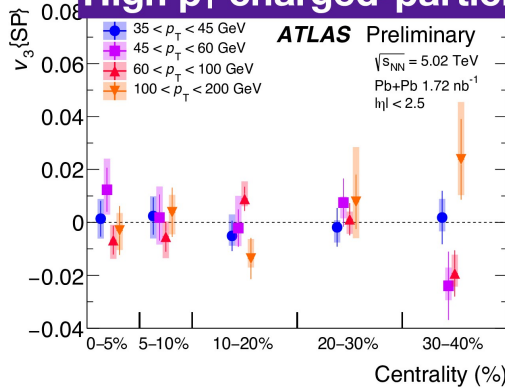


Jet and Jet-particle v_n in Pb+Pb

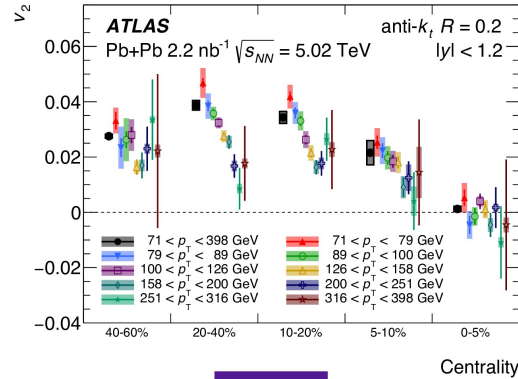
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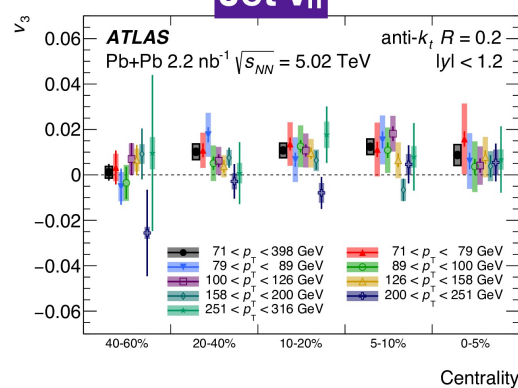
High p_T charged-particle v_n



V_3



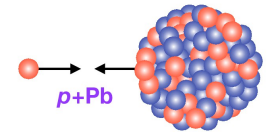
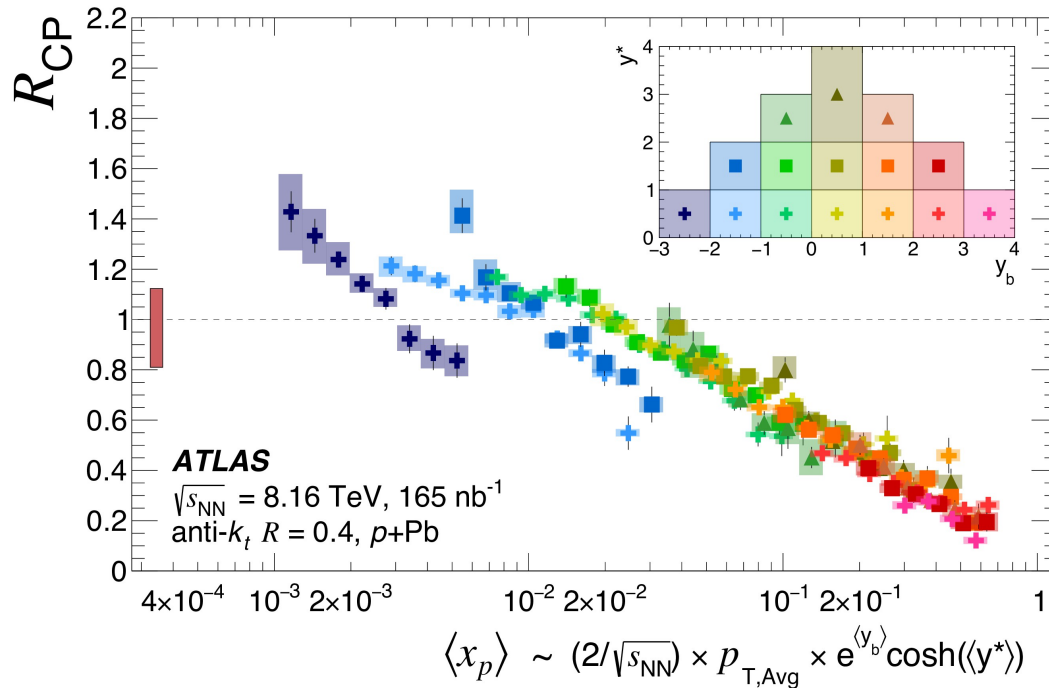
Jet v_n



- Similar p_T and centrality dependence of jet and charged-particle v_2
- Jet $v_3 > 0$, while high p_T charged-particle $v_3 \sim 0$



Dijet in p+Pb



Dijet events in 8.16 TeV p+Pb data

$$p_{T,Avg} = \frac{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}{2}, \quad y_b = \frac{y_1^{c.m.} + y_2^{c.m.}}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad y^* = \frac{|y_1^{c.m.} - y_2^{c.m.}|}{2}$$

- $R_{CP}(x_p)$ is qualitatively described by the color fluctuations: smaller than average interaction strength at large x_p
- Centrality dependences of jet p_T - and rapidity-yields in p+Pb collisions were observed in Run1 are directly correlated with x_p biases



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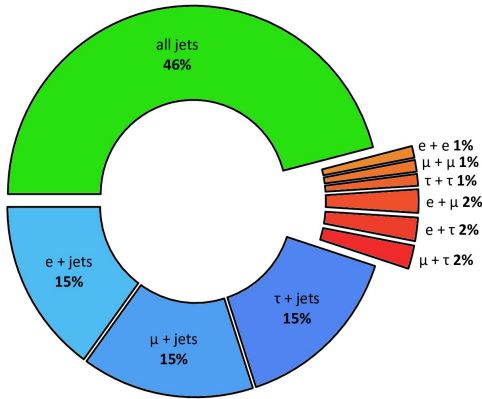
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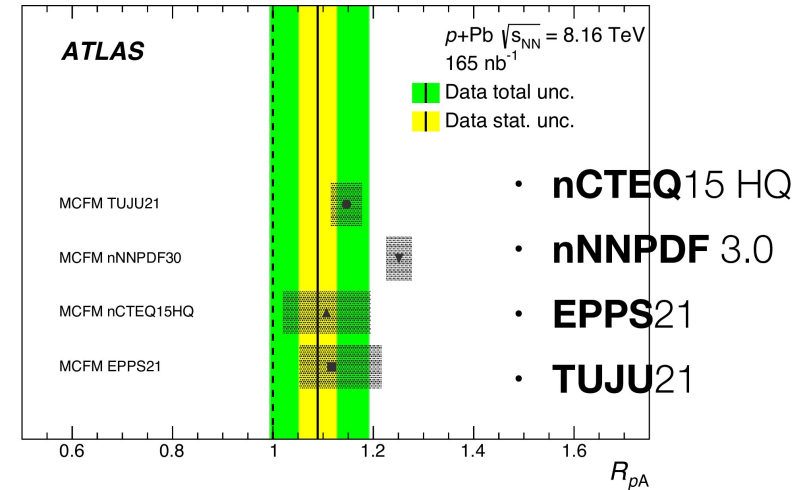
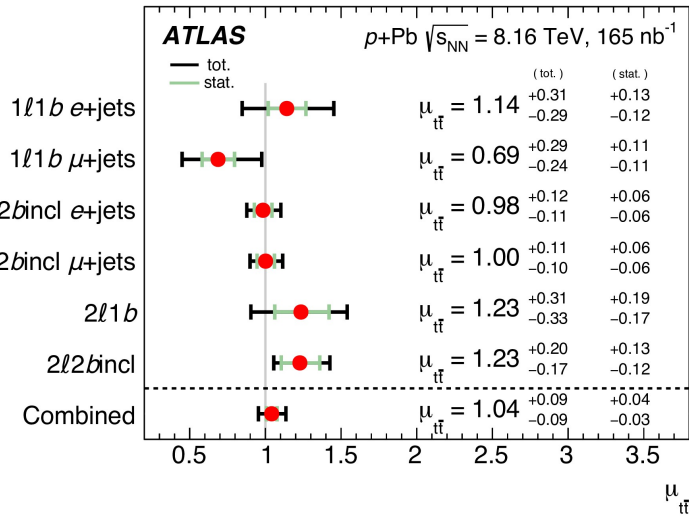


Top pair in p+Pb

arXiv:2405.05078



$\ell + \text{jets} : t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell b\bar{q}'\bar{b}$
 dilepton : $t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell b\bar{\nu}_\ell\bar{b}$



- The $t\bar{t}$ cross section is measured to be $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 58.1 \pm 2.0^{+4.8}_{-4.4}$ nb
- Extrapolated R_{p+Pb} is consistent with unity; nNNPDF overestimates of $t\bar{t}$ R_{p+Pb}



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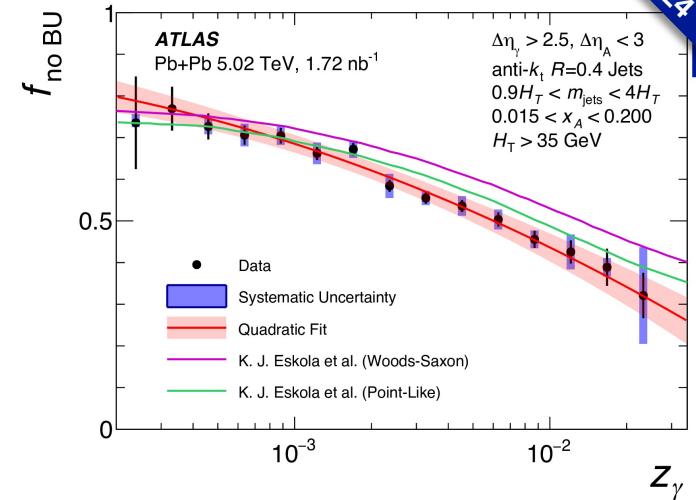
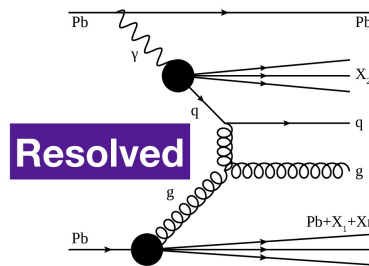
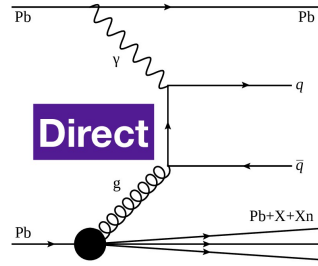
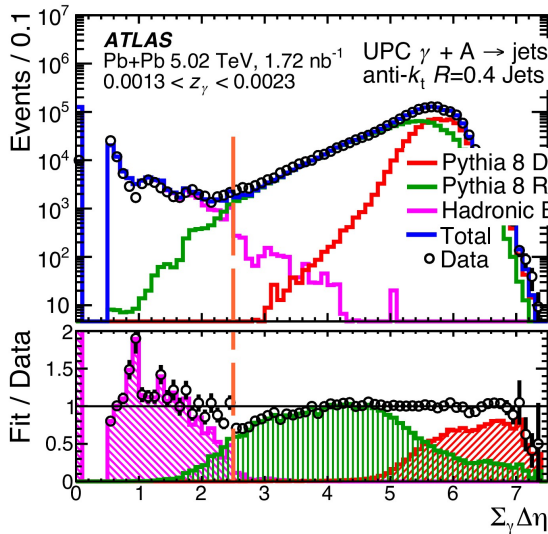
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Jets in photonuclear UPC

arXiv:2409.11060

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After years of detailed studies, we now confidently understand the basic properties of photonuclear UPCs with jets:

- Achieved well-modeled rapidity gaps that allows us to separate direct from resolved
- Measured break-up corrections to enable direct model comparison
- Extended jet p_T down to 15 GeV while keep control over systematic



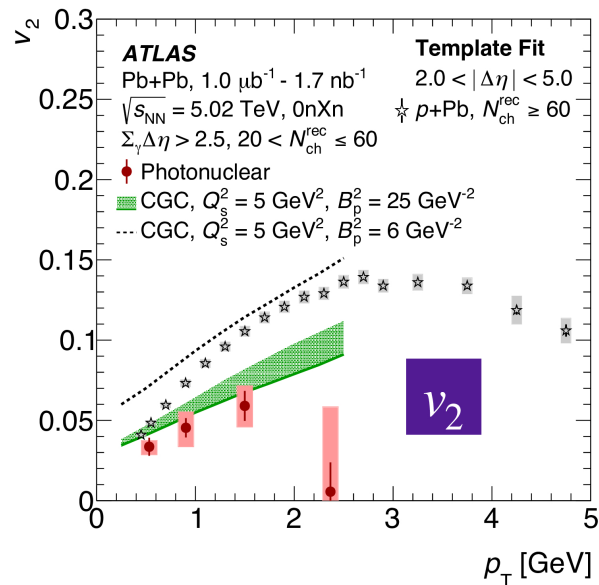
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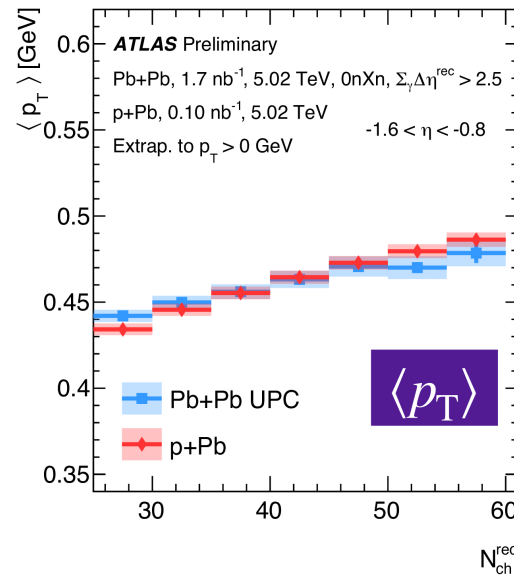


v_2 and $\langle p_T \rangle$ in photonuclear interactions

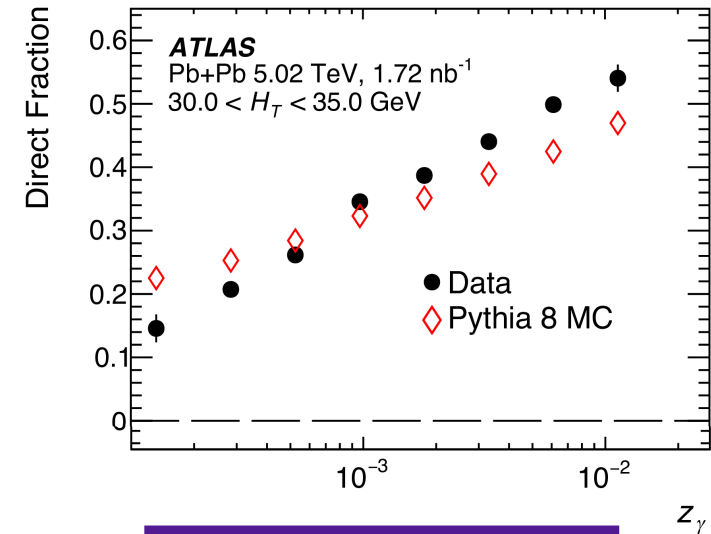
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$$v_2(p + \text{Pb}) > v_2(\gamma + \text{Pb})$$



$$\langle p_T \rangle(\gamma + \text{Pb}) \approx \langle p_T \rangle(p + \text{Pb})$$



Direct fraction from the photonuclear jet analysis

- Could be understood as different longitudinal decorrelation and similar radial flow in the hydro picture (Zhao et al PRL 129 (2022) 252302)
- However, direct and resolved processes should be studied separately and it becomes possible



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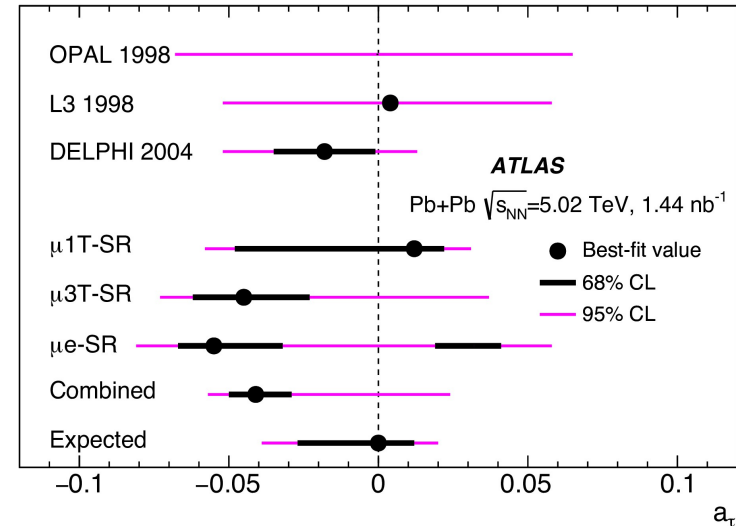
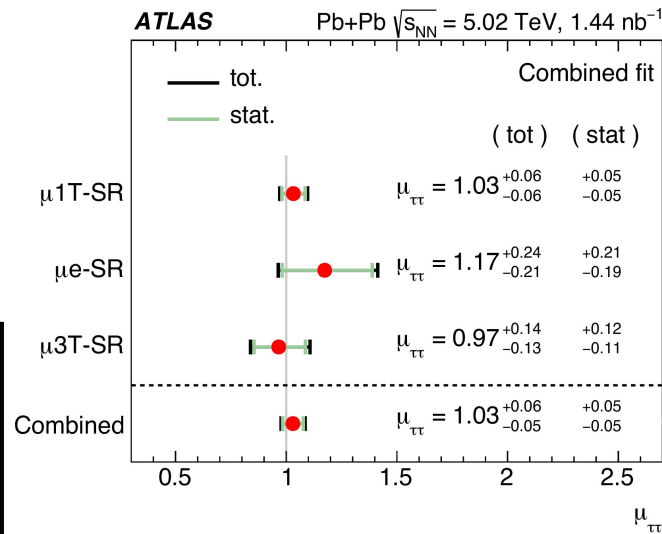
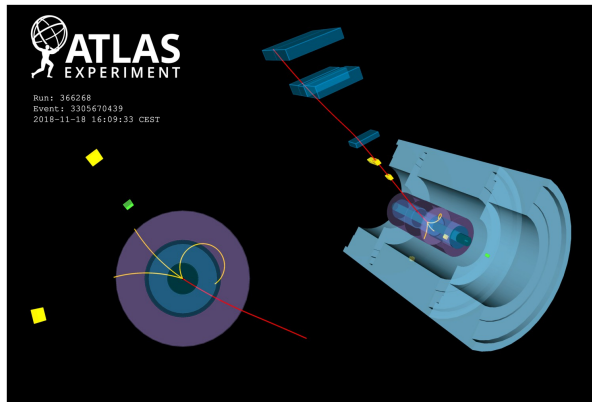
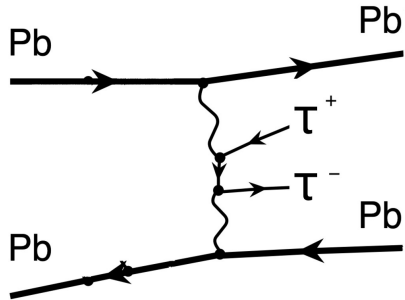
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τ anomalous magnetic moment via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$

[PRL 131 \(2023\) 151802](#)



- Study (low-energy) taus for the first time in nuclear collisions
- No nuclear breakup required using ZDC to suppress hadronic background
- Constraints on a_τ extracted from the interaction strength is competitive with those observed at LEP (DELPHI)



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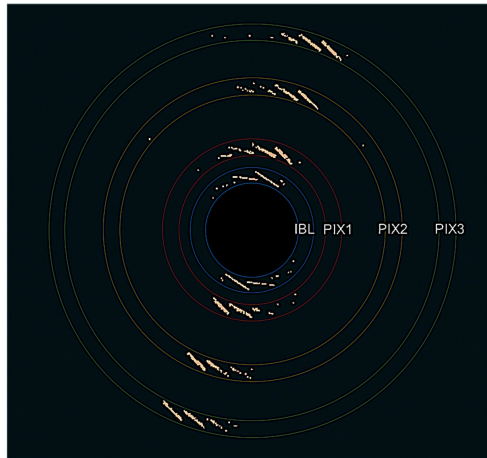
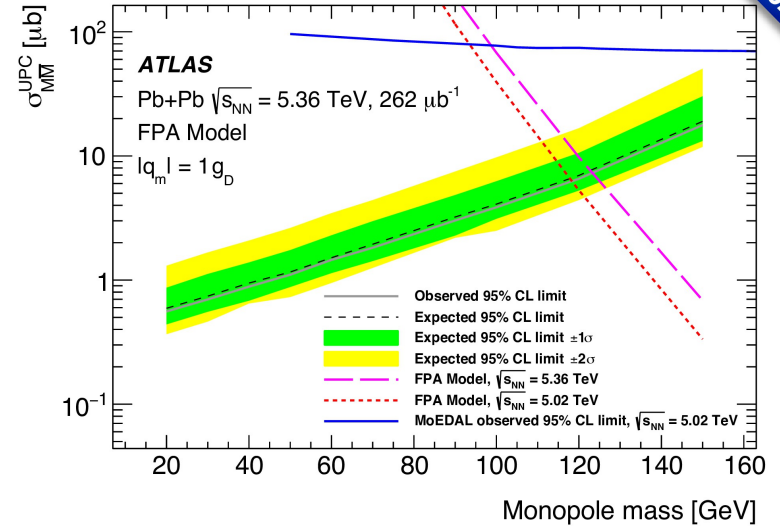
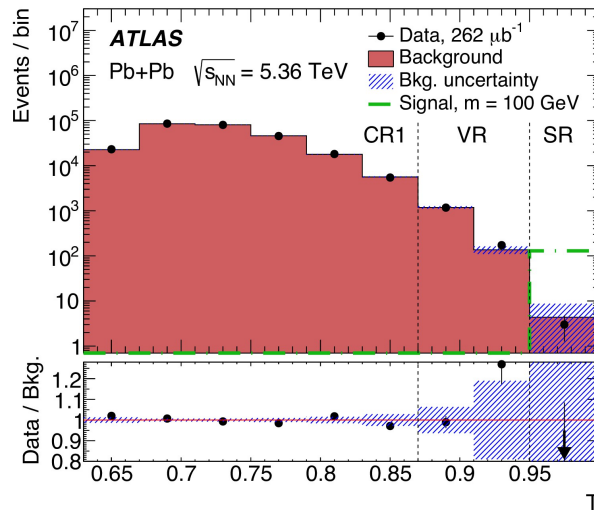
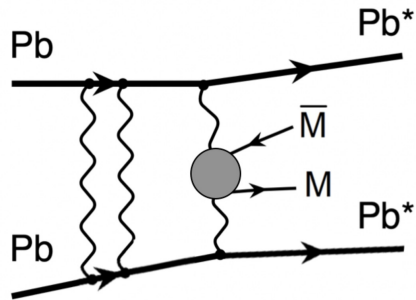
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Magnetic monopoles via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow M\bar{M}$

arXiv:2408.11035

Final for HP2024



- Magnetic monopoles via the Schwinger mechanism in UPCs. First ATLAS analysis using Run3 heavy ion data
- 3 events in SR, consistent with background estimate (4 ± 4)
- Better limits compared to dedicated MoEDAL experiment ([Nature 602 \(2022\) 63](#)), achieve up to x8 improvement at masses below 120 GeV



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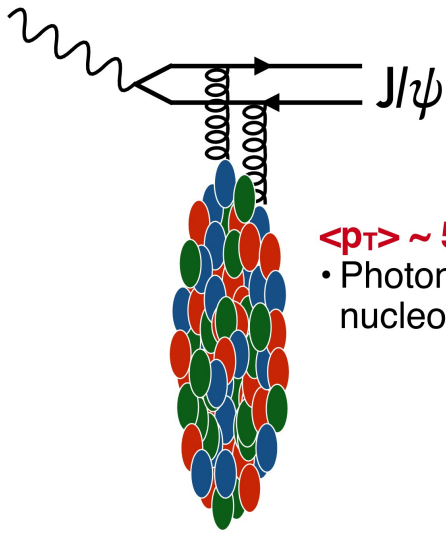
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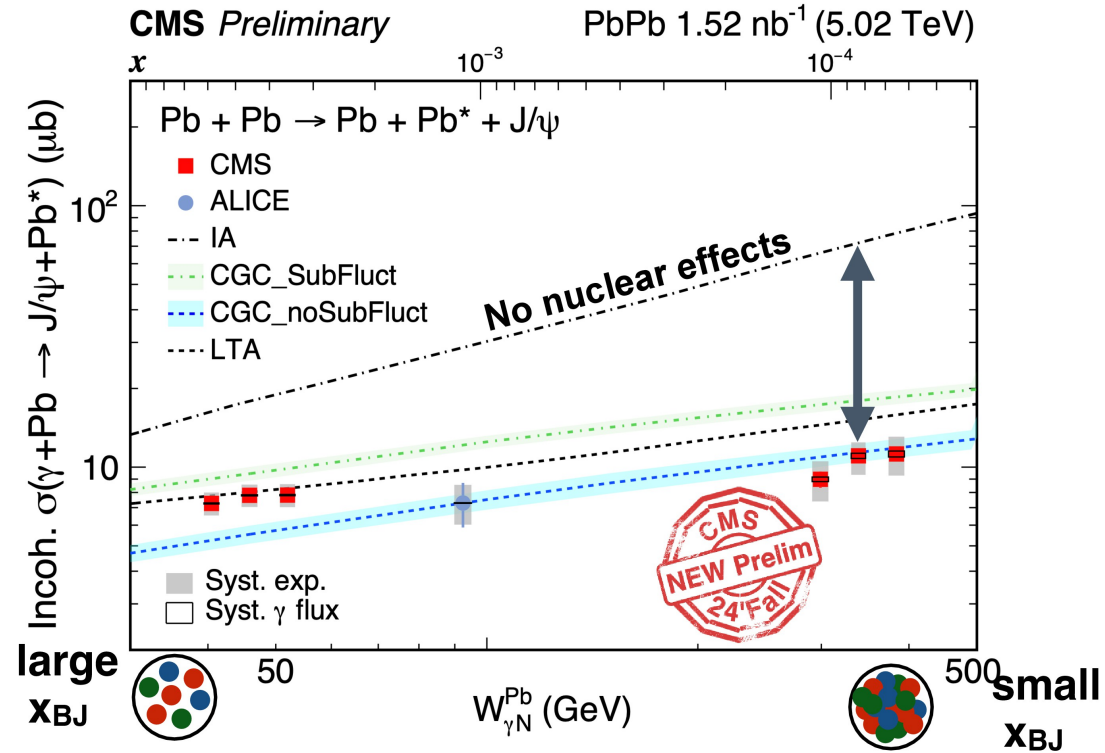


First measurement of **incoherent** J/ψ in UPCs vs $W_{\gamma N}$

See **Zaochen Ye's talk**
CMS-PAS-HIN-23-009



$\langle p_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV}$
 • Photon interacts with a single nucleon or sub-nucleon



Strong suppression observed at large $W_{\gamma N}$ (small x) w.r.t. no-nuclear effects predictions

• CMS data “challenge” both shadowing and saturation descriptions

→ Need to “overconstrain” calculations with new probes that provide additional/complementary constraints

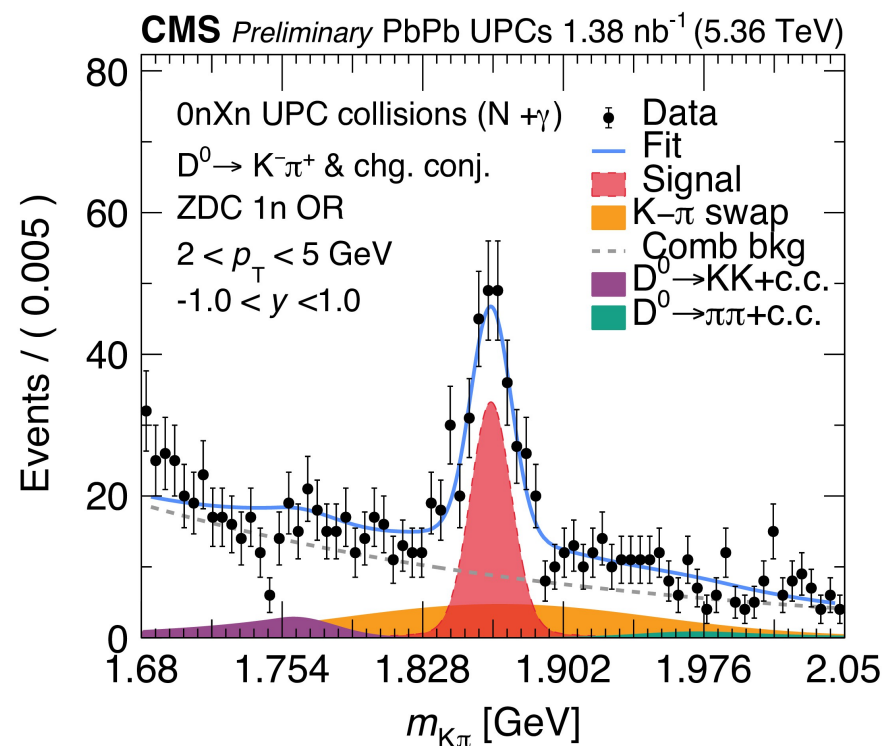
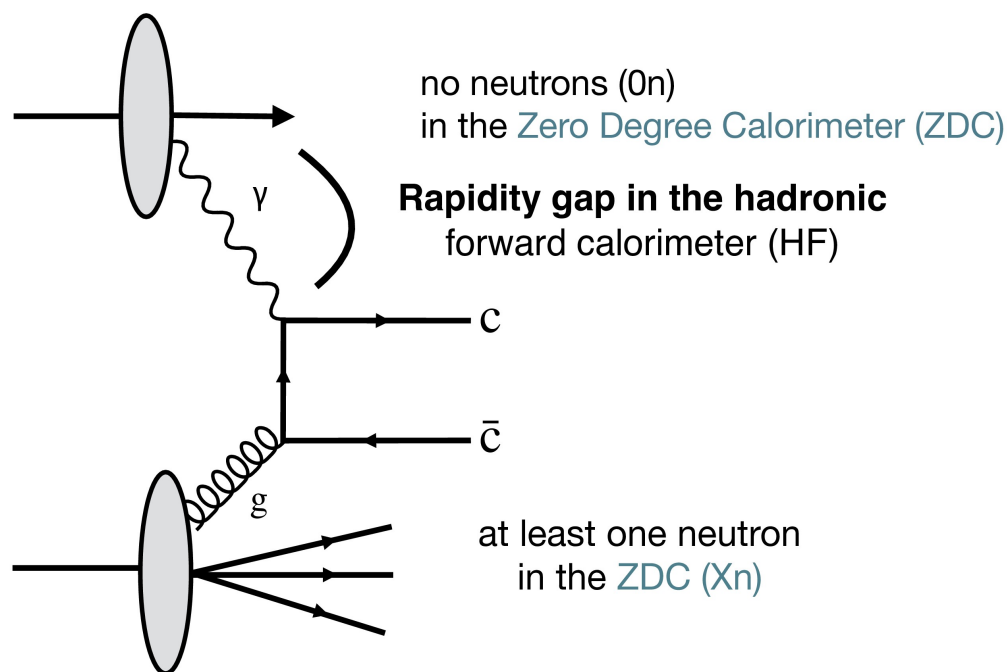
→ **Overcome the main limitations of current J/ψ measurements: complex theoretical description and limited Q^2 coverage**



D⁰ photonuclear production in UPCs

→ in Xn0n PbPb events with rapidity gap with [2023 PbPb data](#)

See [Chris McGinn's talk](#)
CMS-PAS-HIN-24-003



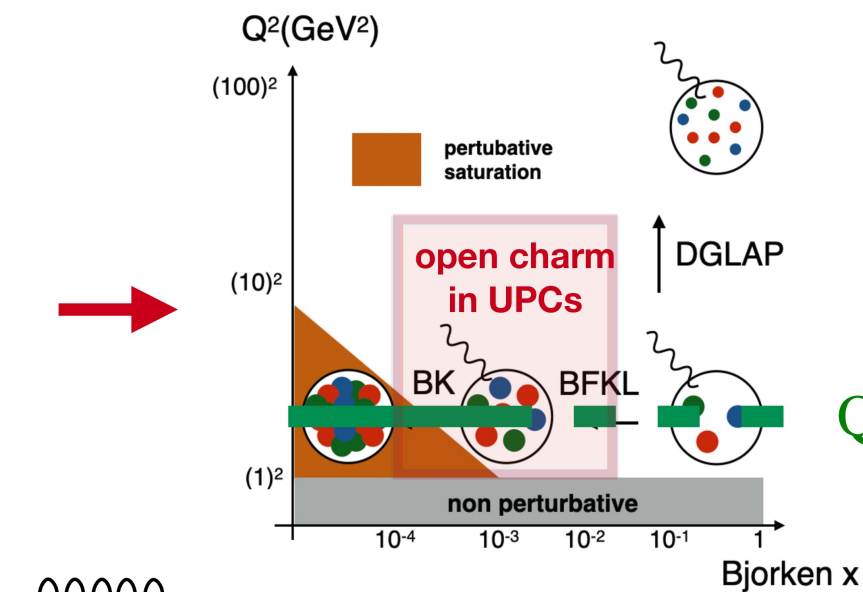
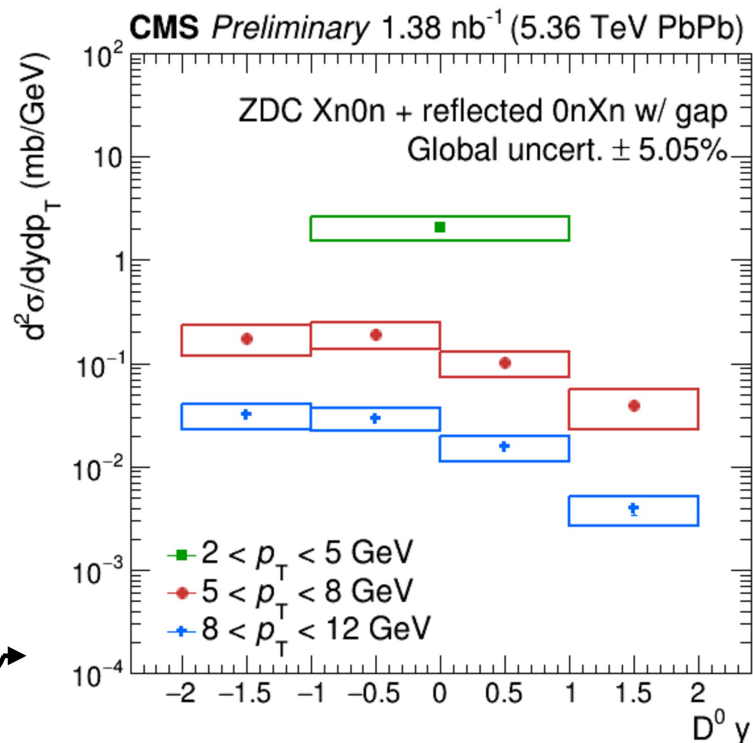
A new trigger strategy for both soft and hard photonuclear events

→ O(1000) times more photonuclear events than in Run 2



First measurement of the D^0 photonuclear production in UPCs

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$$Q^2 \propto m_{J/\psi}^2$$

→ **First constraints on nuclear gluon PDFs over a wide region of Q^2 ($10 < Q^2 < \text{hundreds GeV}^2$) at low- x ($\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-4} < x < 10^{-2}$) in the absence of sizable final state effects**

→ opens the way for a large program of open heavy-flavor hadrons, jets and correlations in UPCs collisions at the LHC

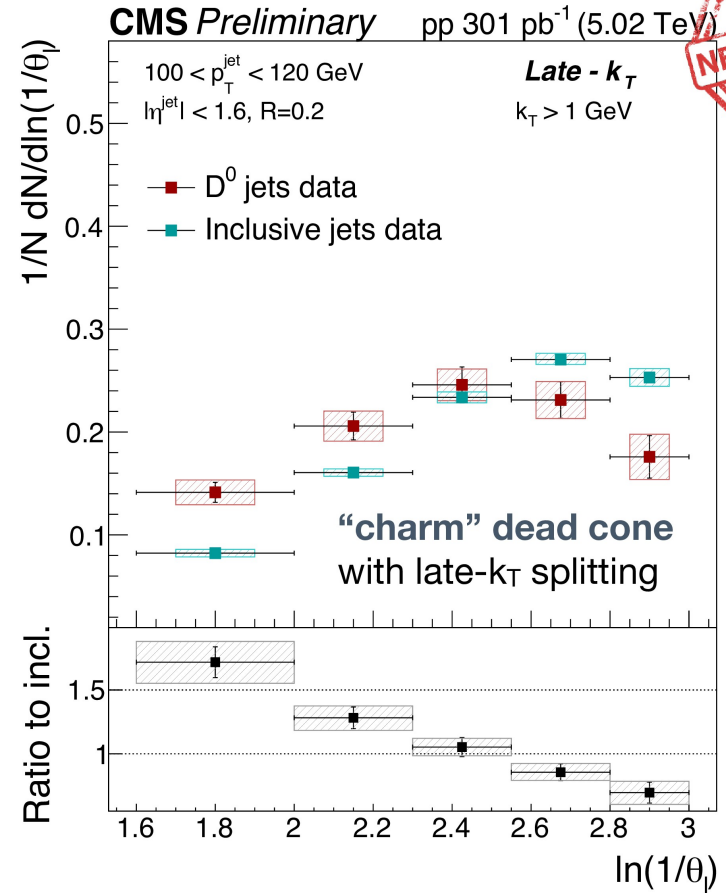
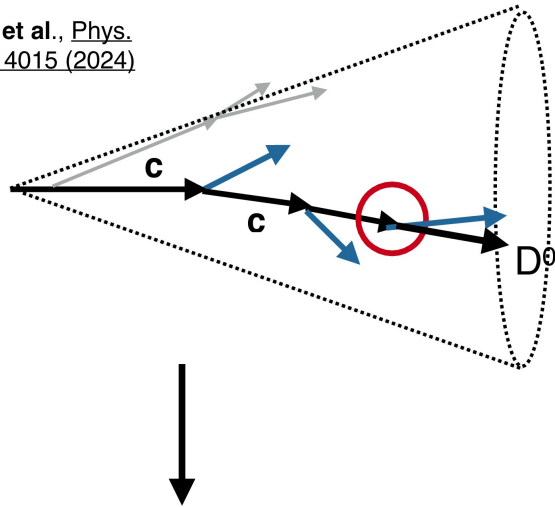


Charm dead cone with late- k_T algorithm

See Jelena Mijuskovic's talk
CMS-PAS-HIN-24-007

- PF jets $p_T > 100$ GeV
- Reclustered with **late- k_T grooming**
→ most collinear splitting with $k_T > 1$ GeV

L. Cunqueiro et al., Phys. Rev. D 110, 014015 (2024)

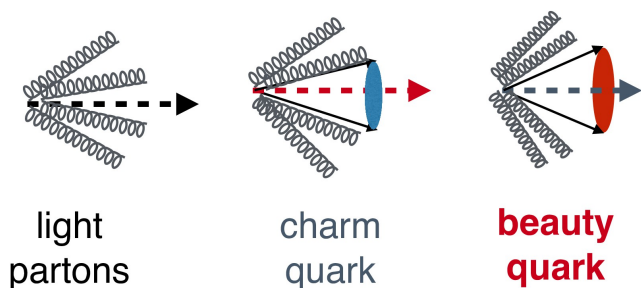


- stronger constraints on the “perturbative” collinear radiation (where the dead-cone effect is largest)
- **more direct/unbiased comparison with pQCD calculations**



First direct manifestation of the beauty dead cone

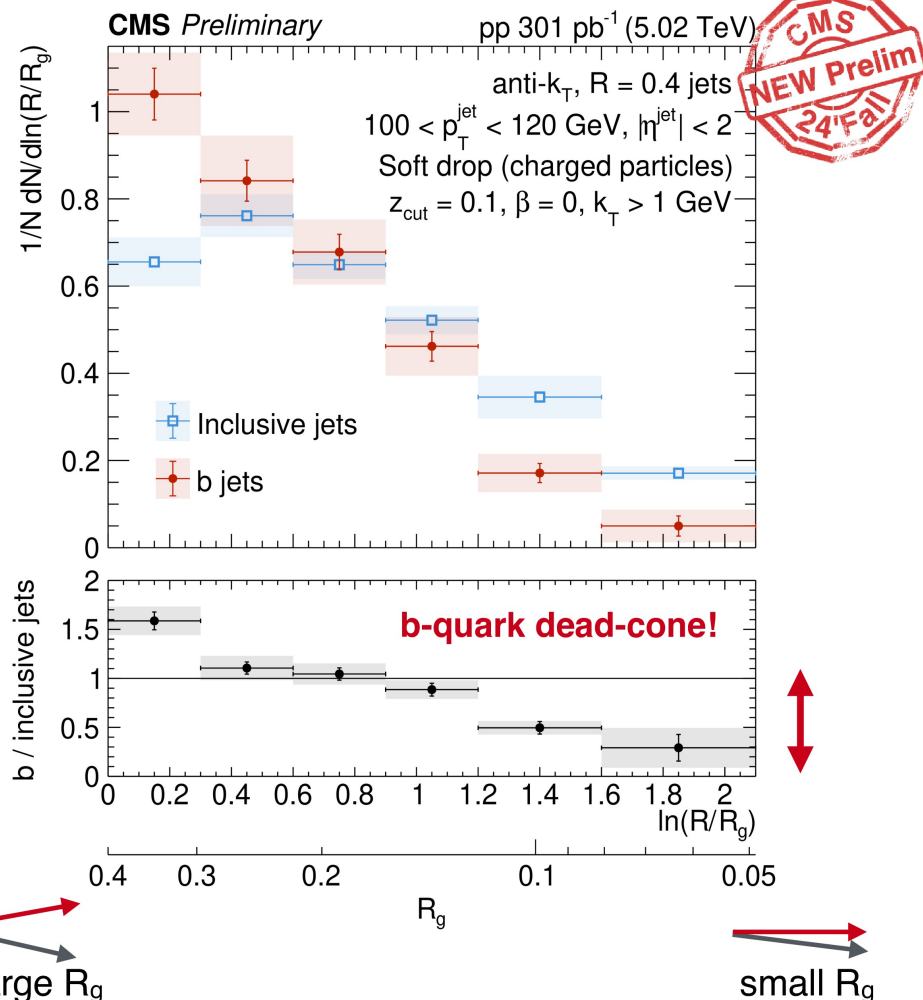
See Lida Kalipoliti's talk
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New experimental technique based on BDT

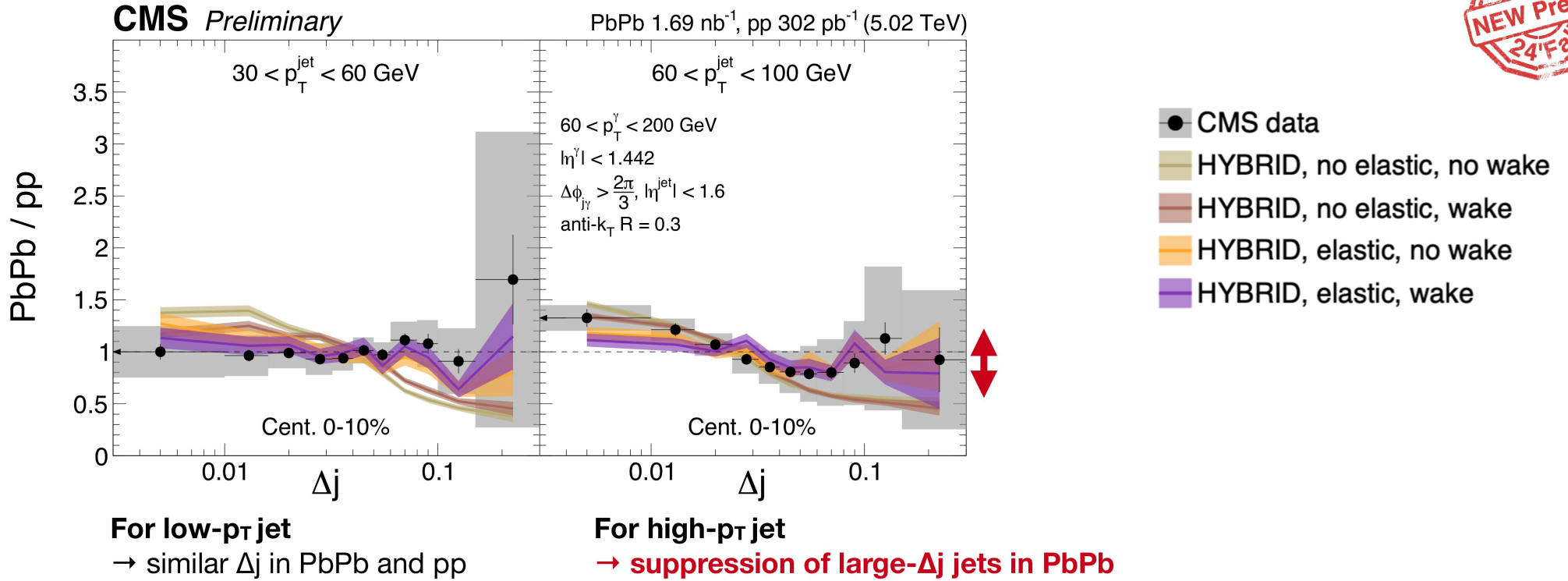
- tag hadronic and non-hadronic B-hadron decays
- **substantial increase in B-jet statistics**
- enable reclustering analyses for b-hadron jets

First observation of a reduction of the collinear radiation for B-hadron tagged jets → b-quark dead-cone!



Photon-tagged jet axis decorrelation

See Molly Park's talk,
CMS-PAS-HIN-21-019



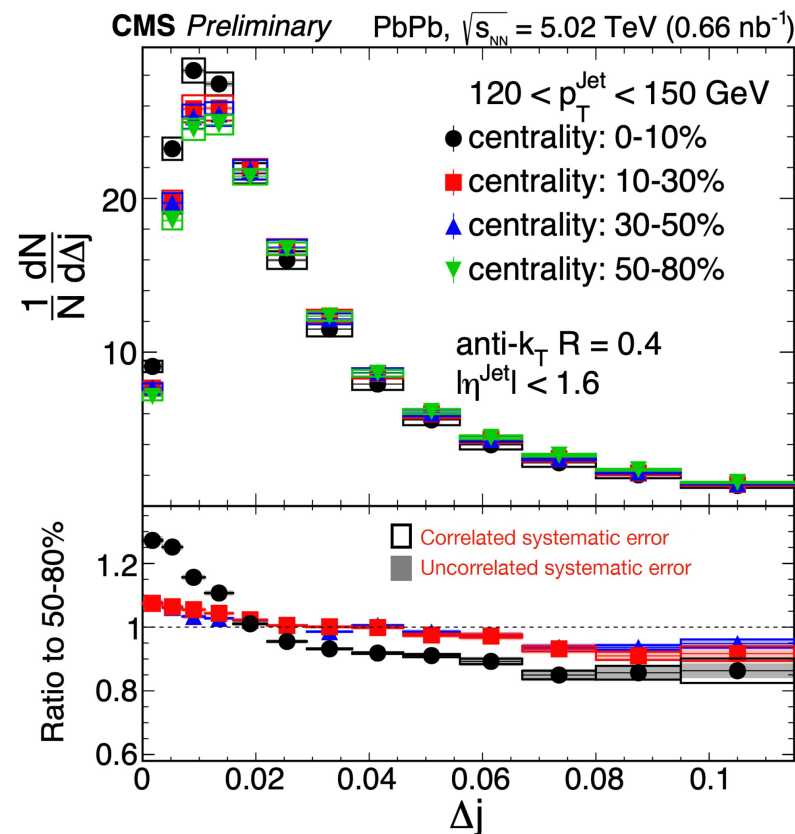
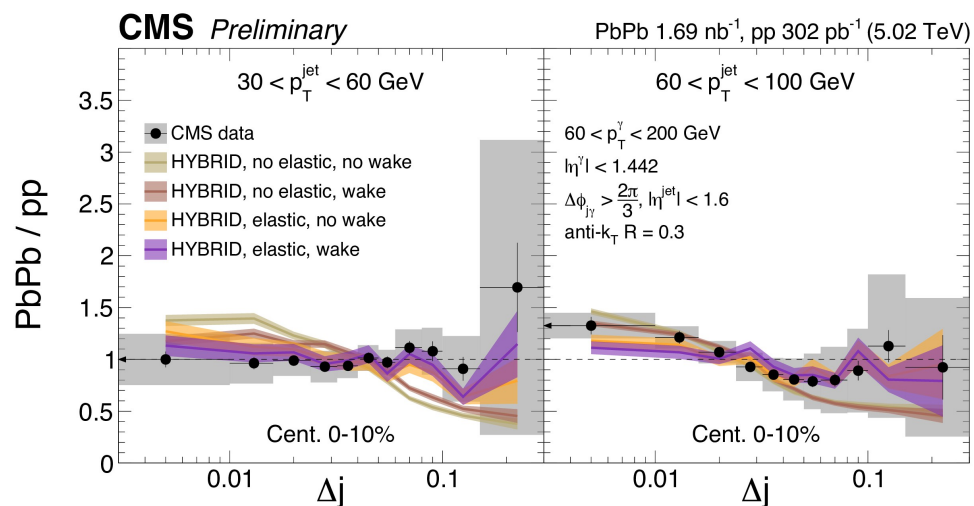
Unambiguous evidence for a higher survival rate of narrow jets in PbPb collisions:

- in the presence of an energy-calibrated probe (no bias due to jet- p_T bin migration)
- limited dependence on the medium response



Jet axis decorrelations for inclusive jets

See Raghunath Pradhan's talk
CMS-PAS-HIN-24-010



Complementary (highly-differential) constraints from jet axis decorrelations with inclusive-jet measurements:
 → folding medium-induced jet medium modifications with bin-migration effects

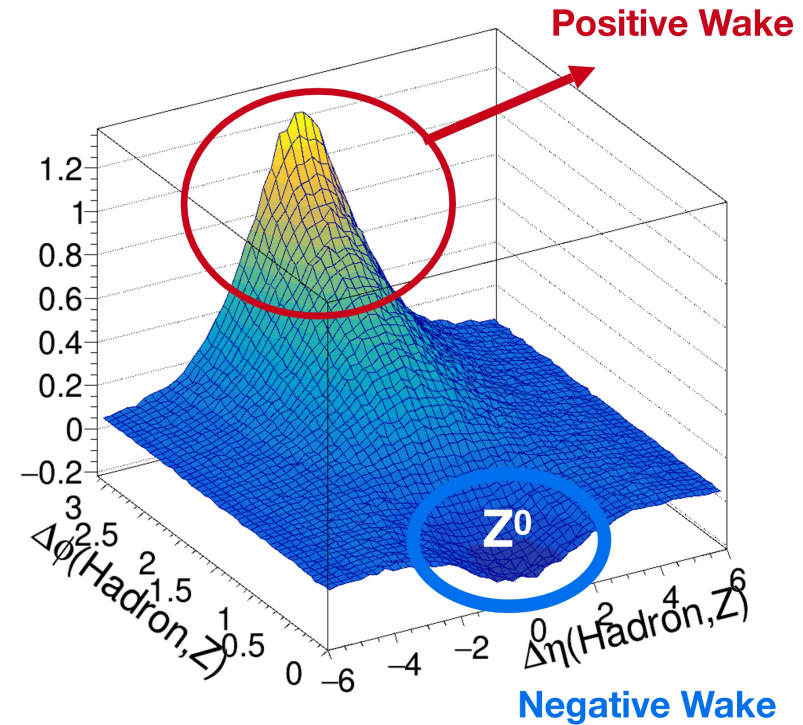
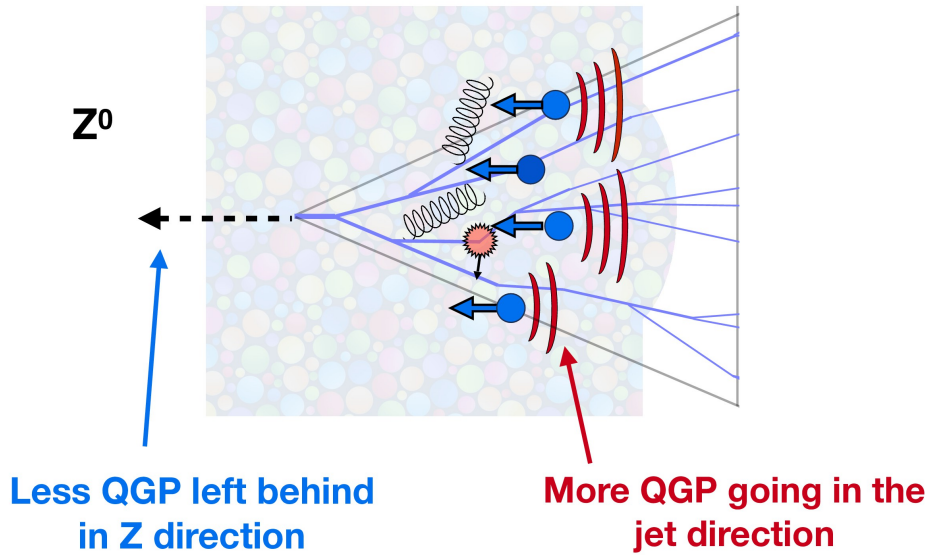


Z⁰-hadron correlations in PbPb

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→ “isolate” the effects of medium-response



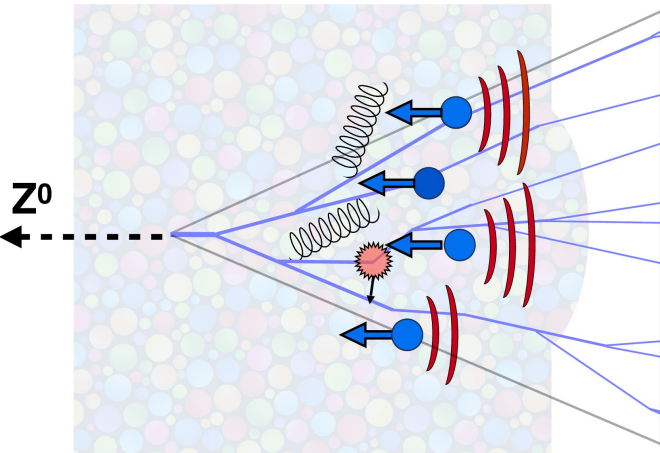
Z⁰ provides an unquenched reference with high experimental accuracy

→ medium response effects without jet fragments

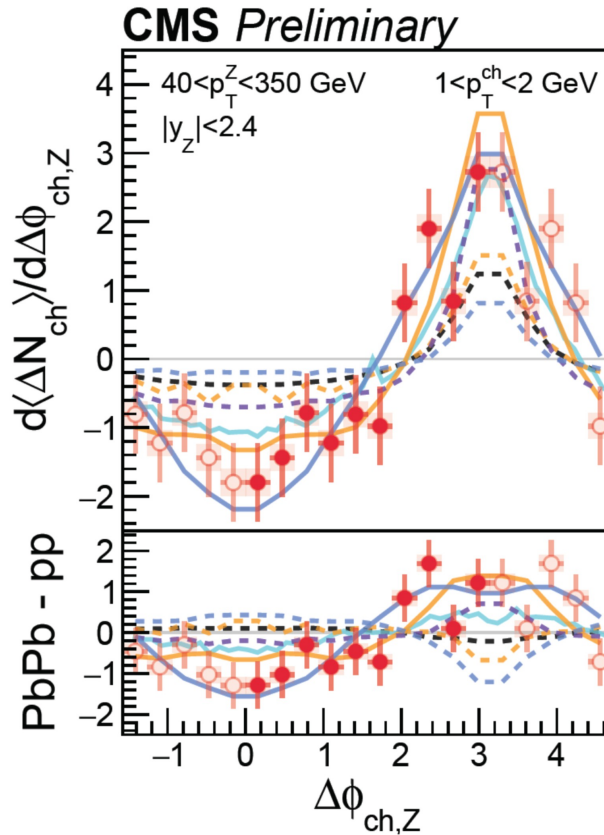
Z⁰ and Wake Hadron correlation in Hybrid model
D. Pablos, K. Rajagopal, YJ Lee



Medium response with Z^0 -tagged hadrons in PbPb and pp



Clear depletion in PbPb on the Z side ($\Delta\phi=0$)



- PbPb 0-30%
- pp
- PbPb 0-30% Reflected
- pp Reflected

Hadron-yield enhancement along the jet direction

- PbPb 0-30%
- Hybrid
- - Hybrid No wake
- - PYQUEN
- Jewel v2.2.0
- - Jewel No recoil
- CoLBT
- - PYTHIA8 $p_T^Z > 20 \text{ GeV}$

See [Yen-Jie Lee's talk](#)
CMS-PAS-HIN-23-006

- Good agreement when including medium response (e.g. recoil, wake, ..)
- **direct evidence of medium-response with the Z+Jet event** (confirmed by analogous study as a function of $\Delta y_{ch,Z}$)

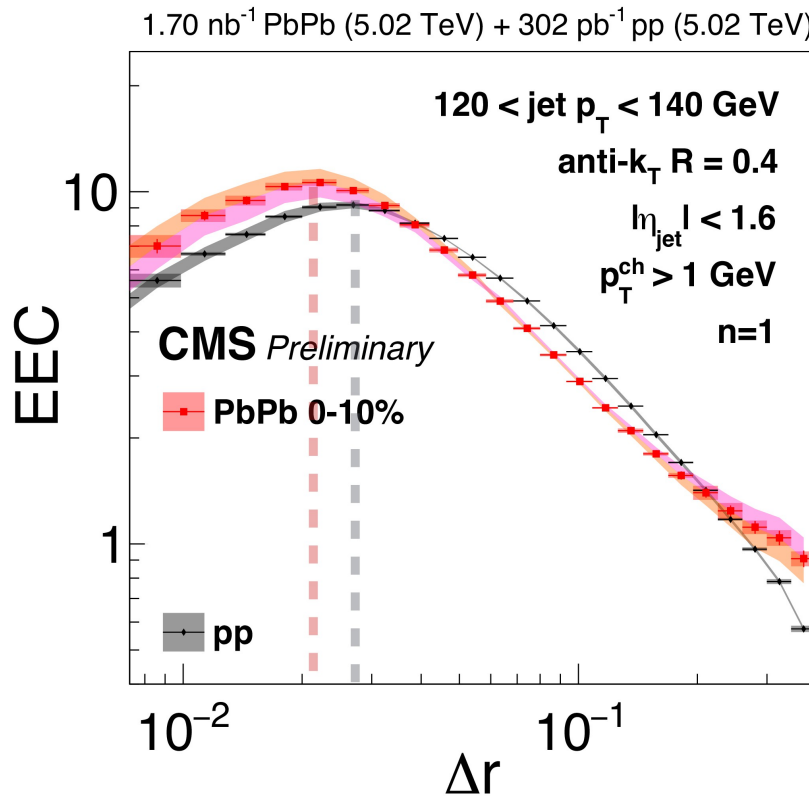


Energy-energy correlators

First EEC measurement in PbPb collisions at 5.02 TeV



- EEC measurements are feasible with high accuracy in PbPb collisions!
- PbPb results present qualitatively the same structure as in pp collisions



See Jussi Viinikainen's talk,
[CMS-PAS-HIN-23-004](#)

G.M. Innocenti, Overview of CMS results, Hard Probes 2024

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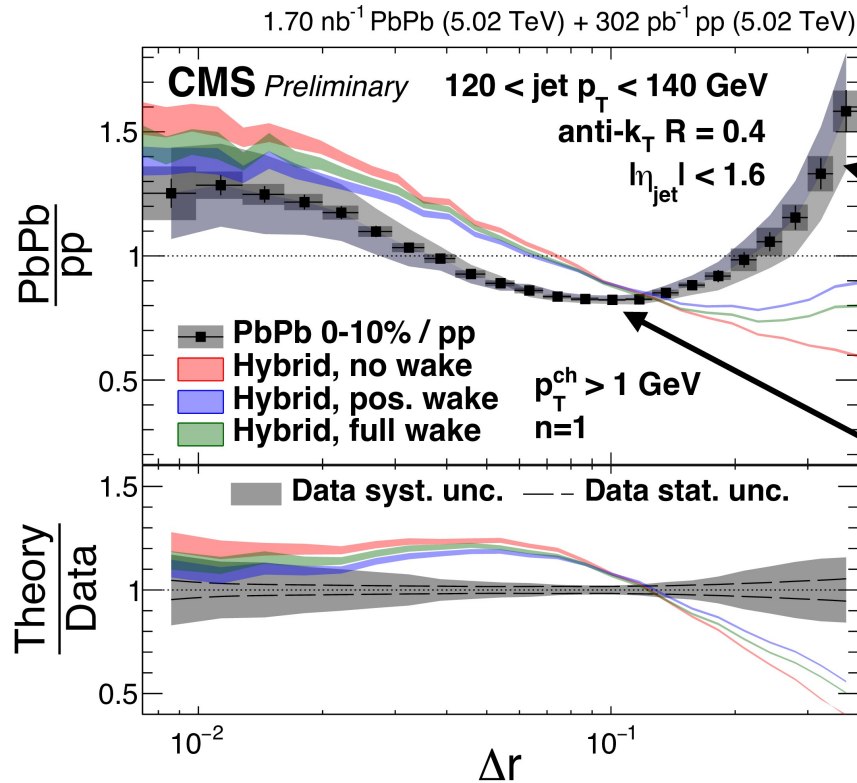


Energy-energy correlators

EEC PbPb/pp ratio at 5.02 TeV



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Shift in the position of the “transition” peak

Large angular scale Δr
 → sensitivity to medium response

Intermediate angular scale Δr
 → modification of the parton shower
 (e.g. coherence scale)

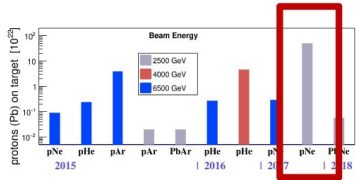
First PbPb measurement shows the potential of this new observable:

→ **Map the angular properties of jet-medium interaction with a “self-analyzing” observable**
 with well-defined boundaries between perturbative and non-perturbative physics

Carlota Andres et al.,
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 130,
 no.26, 262301 (2023)

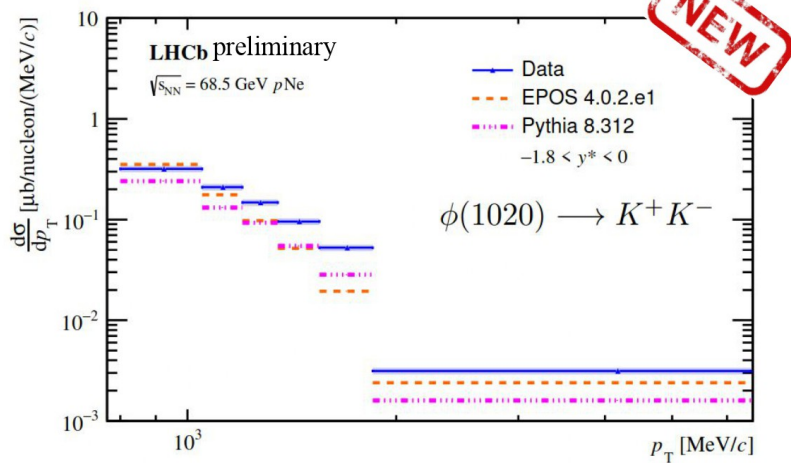


Strange and charm physics in fixed-target collisions



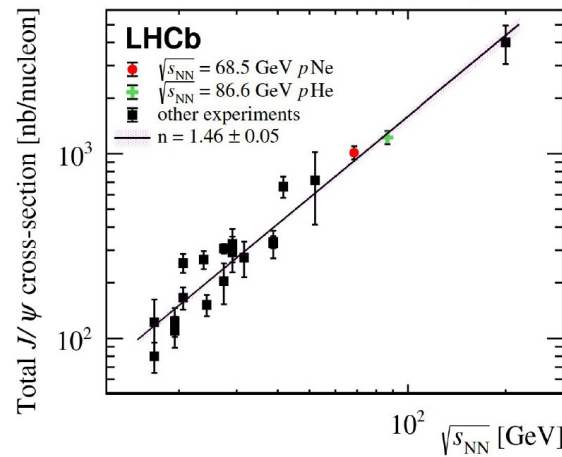
- $p\text{Ne}$ data with $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 68.5$ GeV, intermediate to SpS and RHIC top energy \rightarrow access to poorly explored high- χ at moderate $Q^2 \Rightarrow$ **unique inputs** to models!
- **Discrimination of Quark Gluon Plasma from Cold Nuclear Matter effects** require precise measurements in different collision systems and c.m. energies

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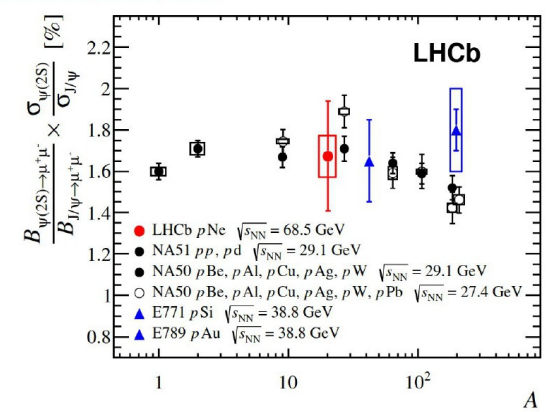


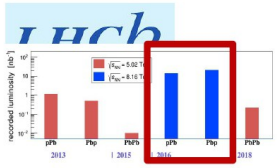
- Models found to **underestimate ϕ production** at this energy \rightarrow good constraining power for strangeness in phenomenological models

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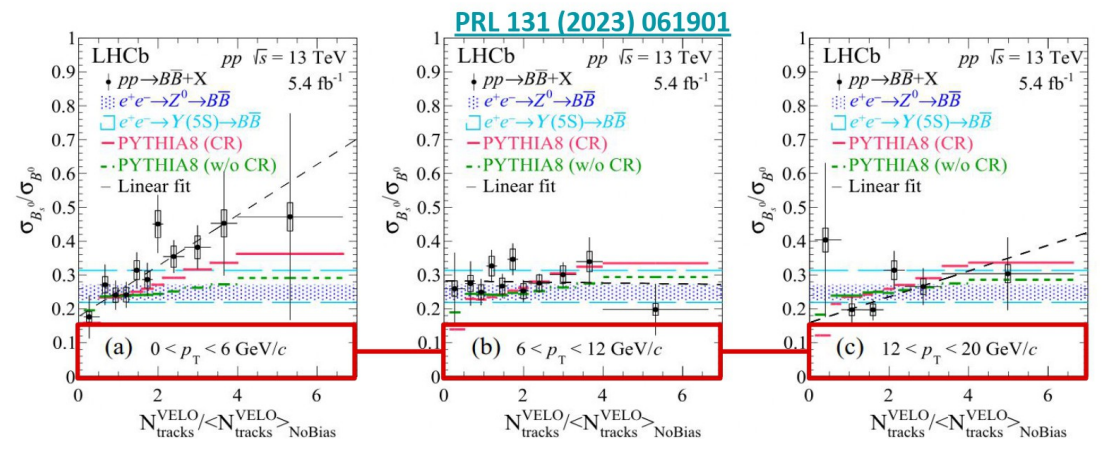
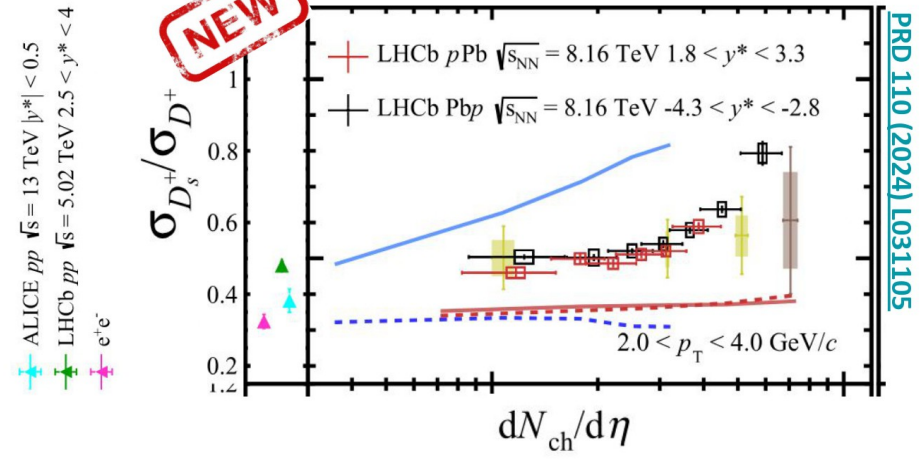
- Better precision wrt previous experiments for J/ψ , but **statistically dominated** for heavier probes
- Motivates **fixed-target system upgrade (SMOG2)**





Strangeness enhancement in charm and beauty

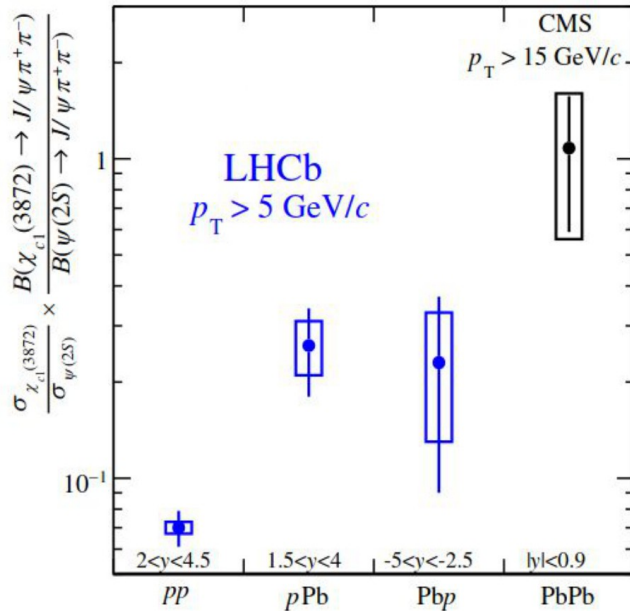
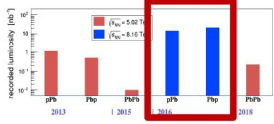
$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV } -0.96 < y^* < 0.04$ Pythia8 CR EPOS4HQ pp
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV } |y^*| < 0.5$ Pythia8 Monash EPOS4HQ pp w/o coal



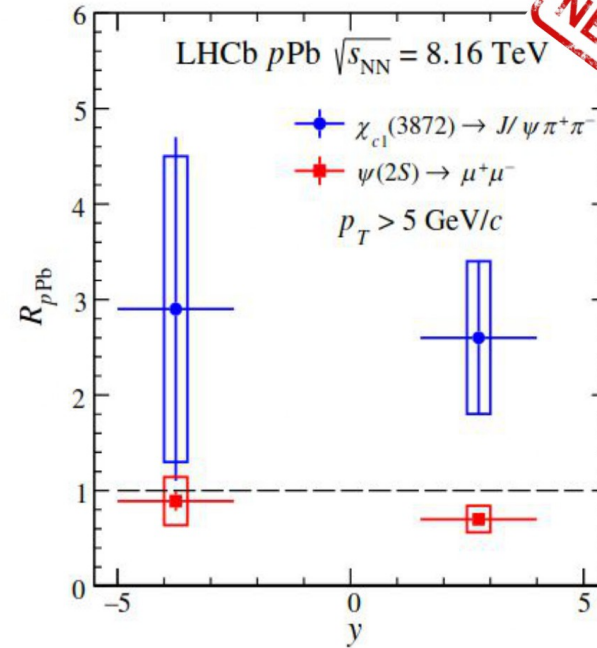
- By studying charm and beauty particle yields as a function of multiplicity, **observed clear indications of strangeness enhancement** in both the charm (left) and beauty (right) sectors, especially at low transverse momenta
- **Final state effects such as coalescence are important at low p_T and high multiplicity**, while the pure fragmentation limits from ee collisions are recovered elsewhere



Exotic hadrons in pp and pPb collisions

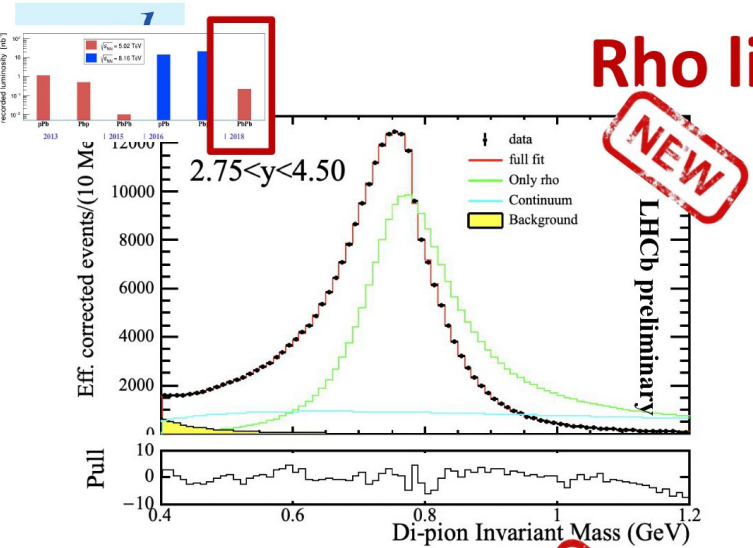


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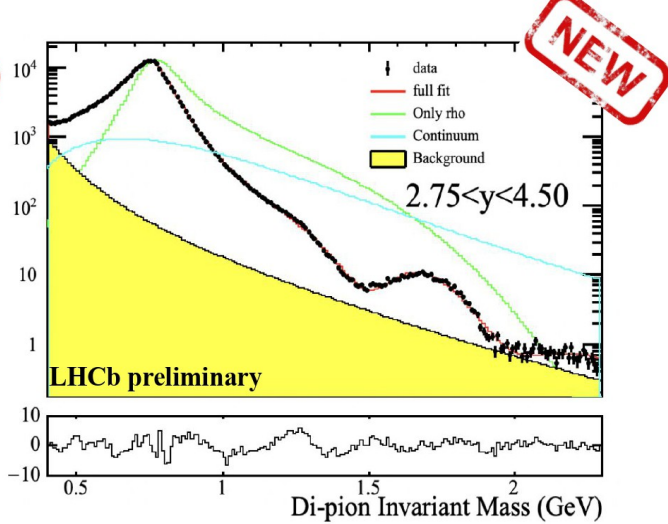
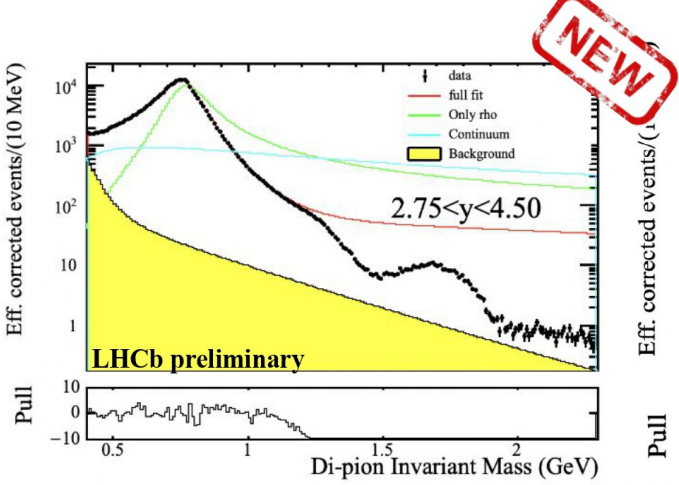


- Exotic multi-quark states also provide a unique view on hadronization mechanisms: does X(3872) have **a compact, a molecular or a hadrocharmonium structure?**
- X enhancement wrt $\psi(2s)$, despite \sim cancellation of initial state effects, hints at a different interaction with the medium \rightarrow is this X enhancement or $\psi(2s)$ suppression?
- **Nuclear modification factor shows X enhancement** \rightarrow coalescence dominating over breakup?

Rho lineshape in UPC PbPb collisions



- Very clean sample of UPC di-pions selected by requiring no additional activity in the detector and with PID selections
- Fit model by H1 preferred wrt the STAR one in **modelling the distribution and the $\rho - \omega$ interference**



- ...but extrapolating shows the model is clearly not correct
- **Unambiguous additional resonance**, confirming previous observation by ALICE and STAR
- Fit results **consistent with PDG ρ' particle**
- Cross-sections and p_T spectrum being measured

LHCb-PAPER-2024-042, in preparation

Saverio Mariani

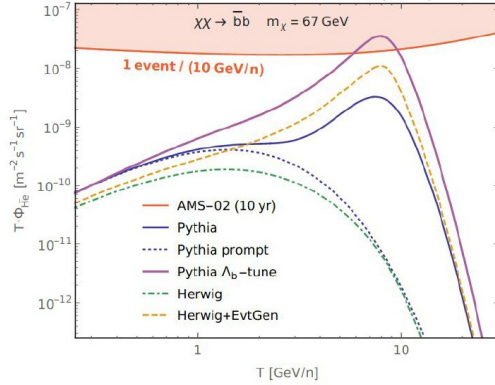
Hard Probes 2024: LHCb highlights

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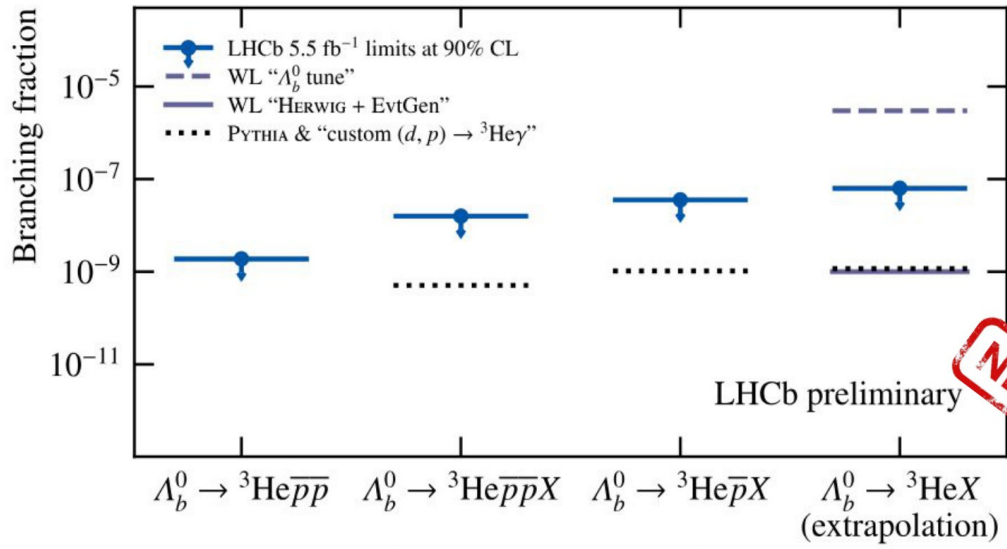
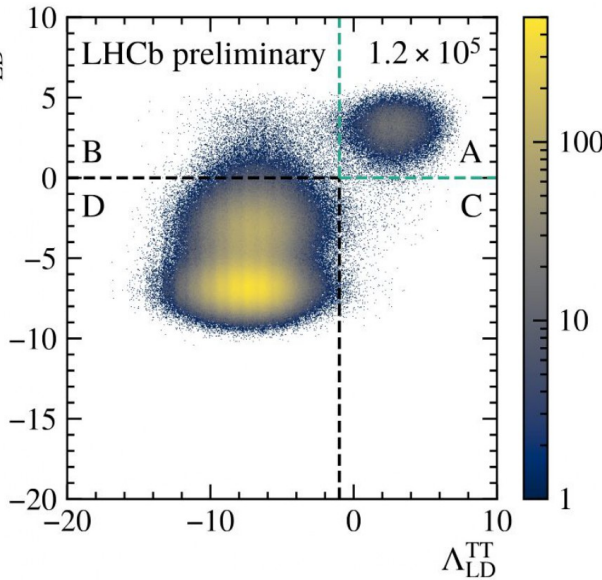
Nuclei production and identification at LHCb

PRL 126 (2021) 101101



- Discussion ongoing about a **possible explanation of measured AMS He flux** due to $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \text{HeX}$ decays (if $\text{BR} \sim \text{O}(10^{-6})$) [PRC 108 \(2023\) 024903](#)
- Innovative **He identification technique** via discriminators built from energy loss in LHCb detectors \rightarrow **very clean He samples (A)**

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NEW

- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow ^3\text{He} p \bar{p}$ decay fully reconstructed and extrapolated limits to inclusive channels **significantly restricts He abundance in cosmic rays**

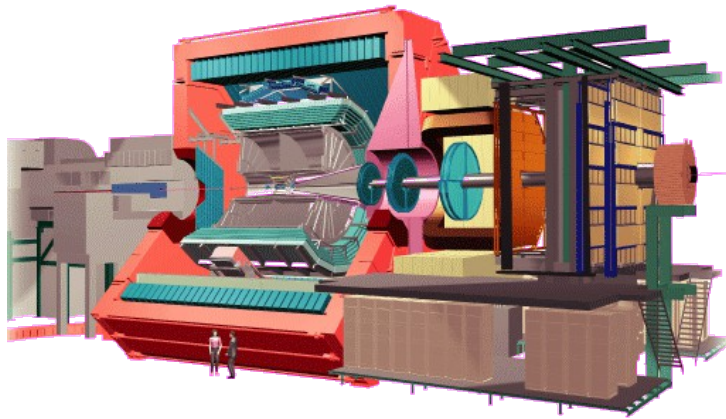




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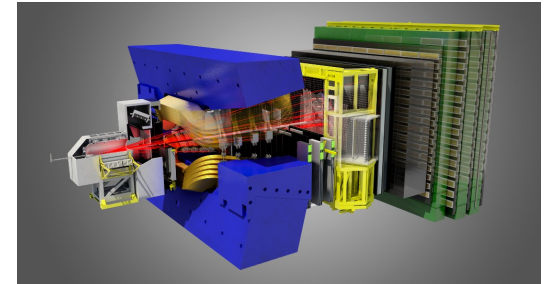


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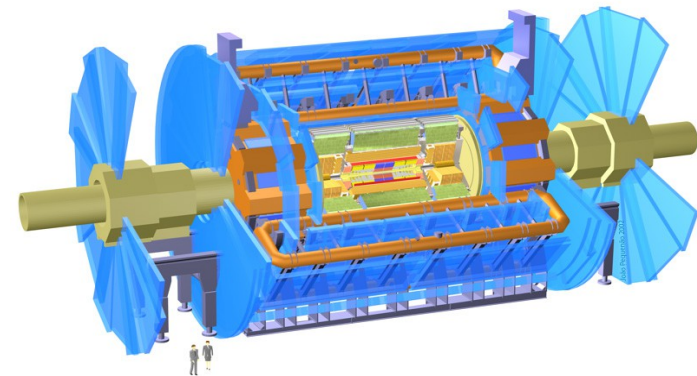


- So many interesting heavy-ion physics results with LHC experiments in p+Pb, Pb+Pb and Xe+Xe collisions...

LHCb

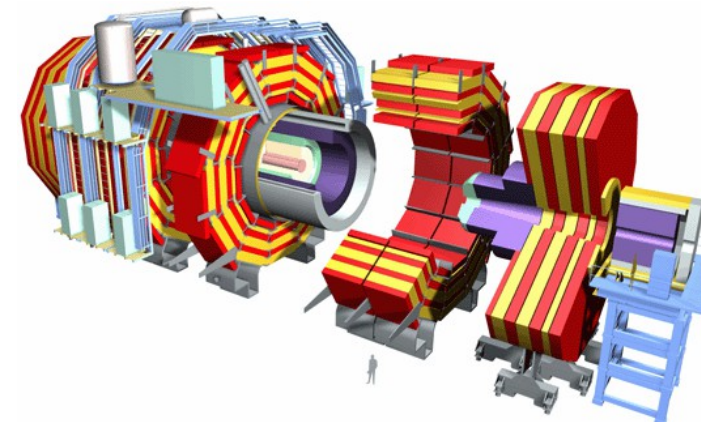


ATLAS



- Heavy-ion program at the LHC with Run 3 and 4 will provide us more exciting opportunities!
- Stay tuned!

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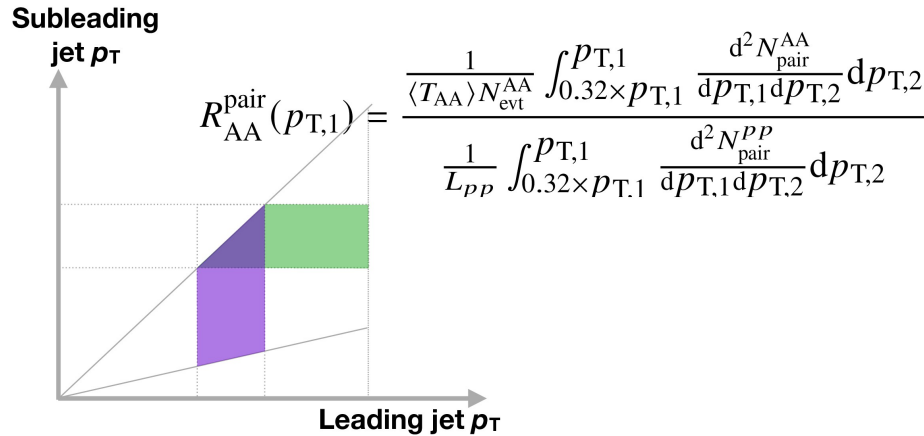


Sergey Petrushanko Recent LHC Heavy Ions Results

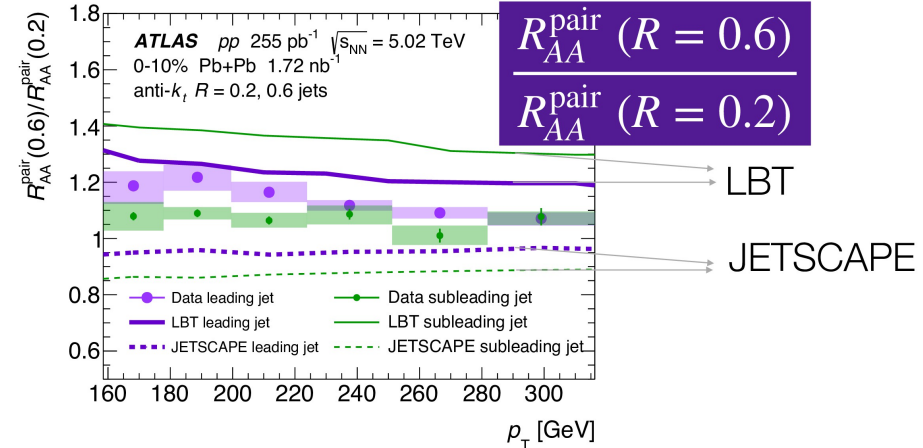
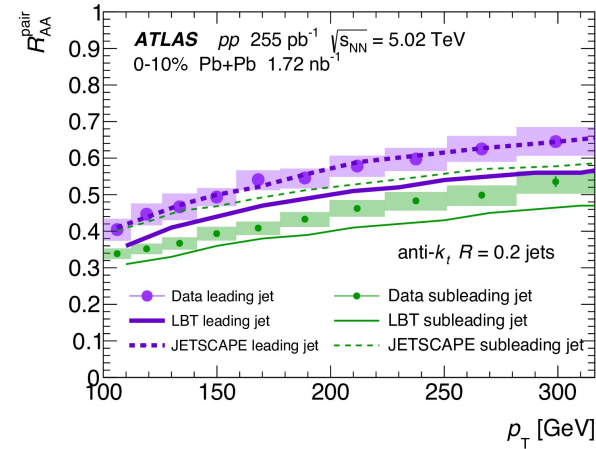
R-dependence of dijet quenching

arXiv:2407.18796

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- Leading and subleading jet R_{AA}^{pair} are probing different population of dijet events, useful differential information to improve modeling
- Smaller- R dijets are more suppressed

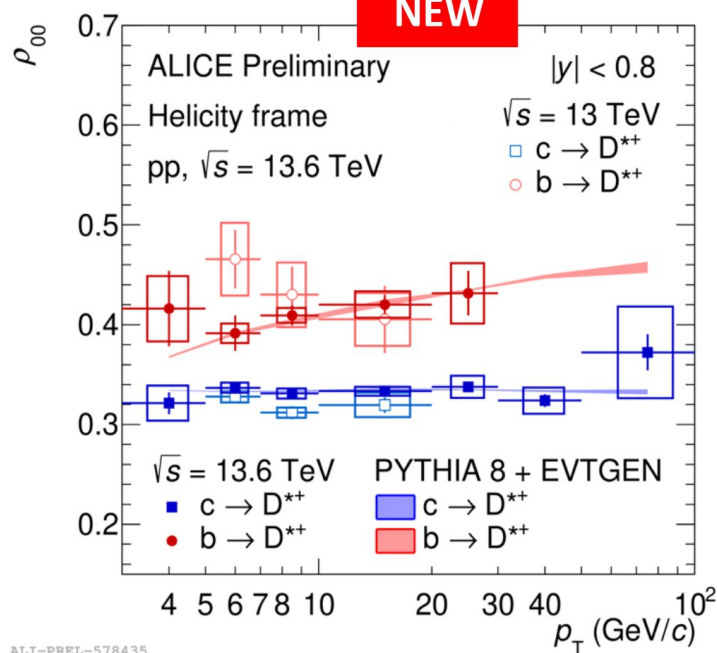
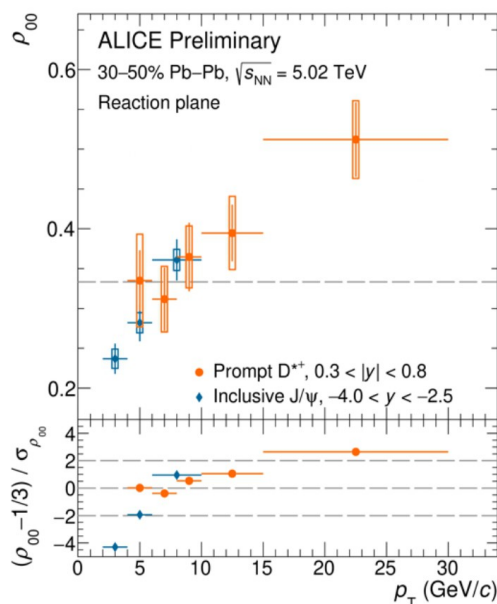


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Monday 2:00 PM
Anne Sickles



D*⁺ spin alignment in pp and Pb-Pb collision



Run 3 Preliminary

➤ In Pb-Pb collisions:

- Spin density matrix $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ for D*⁺ at high $p_T \Rightarrow$ quark fragmentation scenario

➤ In pp collisions:

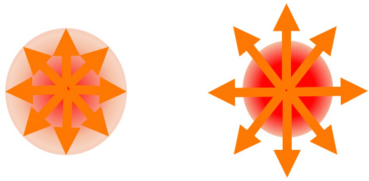
- $\rho_{00} = 1/3$ for prompt D*⁺, ρ_{00} larger than $1/3$ for non-prompt D*⁺, due to the helicity conservation in weak decays
- New measurement in pp collisions provides an important baseline for Pb-Pb collisions

Mingze Li 24/09 11:50

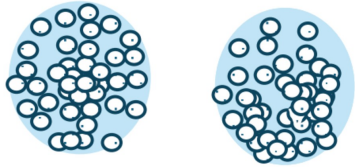
Disentangling sources of initial fluctuations

arXiv:2407.06413

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“Geometric Component”



“Intrinsic Component”

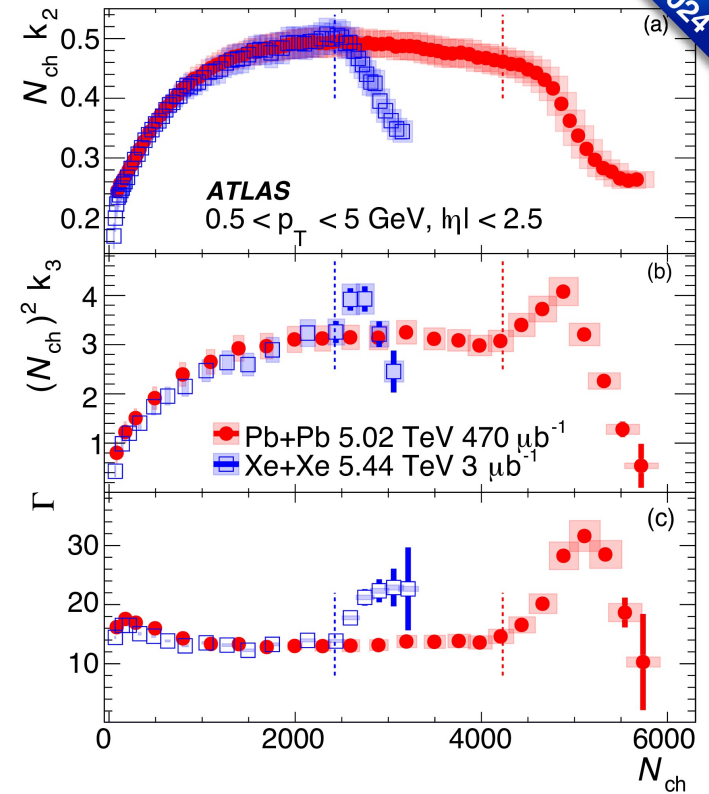
Understand roles of fluctuations in initial conditions:

- Geometric fluctuations
- Intrinsic fluctuations

Moments of event-wise average p_T distribution in **ultra-central** Pb+Pb and Xe+Xe via n-particle momentum correlators:

$$c_n = \frac{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} w_{i_1} \dots w_{i_n} (p_{T,i_1} - \langle [p_T] \rangle) \dots (p_{T,i_n} - \langle [p_T] \rangle)}{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} w_{i_1} \dots w_{i_n}}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\langle c_2 \rangle}{\langle [p_T] \rangle^2}, \quad k_3 = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle}{\langle [p_T] \rangle^3}, \quad \gamma = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle}{\langle c_2 \rangle^{3/2}}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle \langle [p_T] \rangle}{\langle c_2 \rangle^2}.$$



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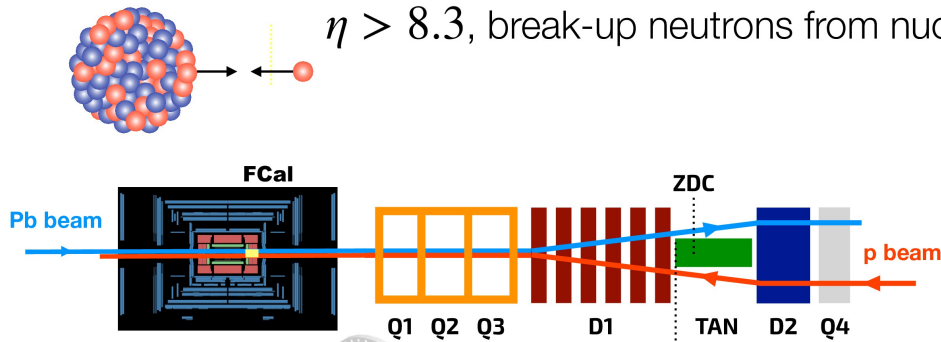
UE vs. nuclear break-ups in p+Pb



$$x_p = \frac{p_{T,1}e^{y_1^{c.m.}} + p_{T,2}e^{y_2^{c.m.}}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \approx \frac{2p_{T,Avg}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{y_b} \cosh(y^*)$$

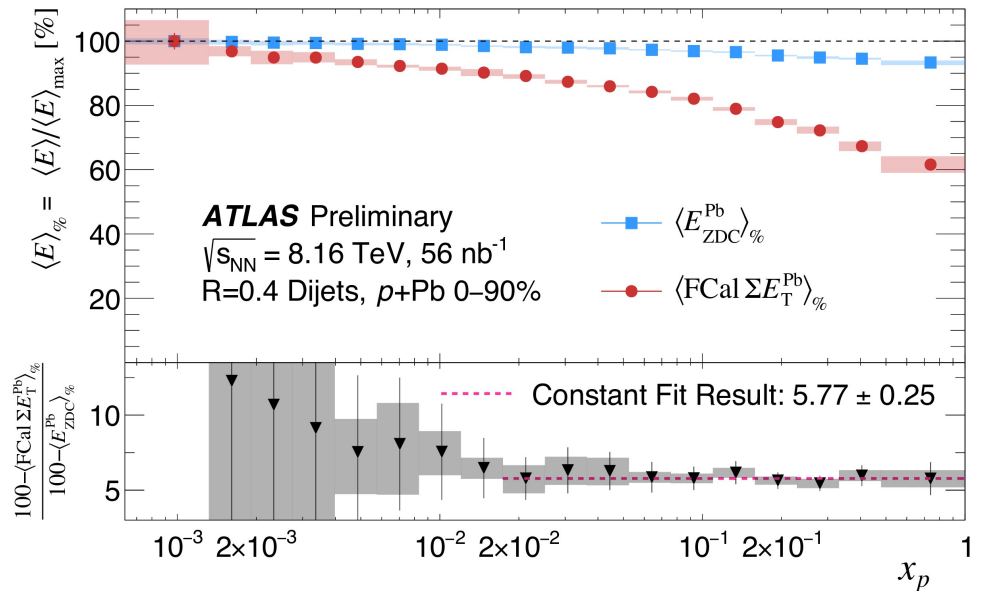
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

$\eta > 8.3$, break-up neutrons from nucleus



Forward Calorimeter (FCal)

$3.2 < \eta < 4.9$, underlying events activity

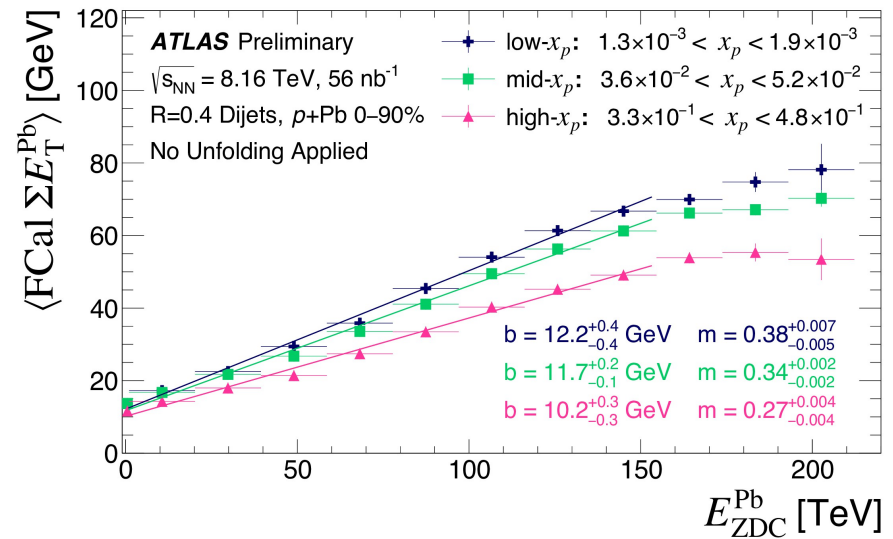
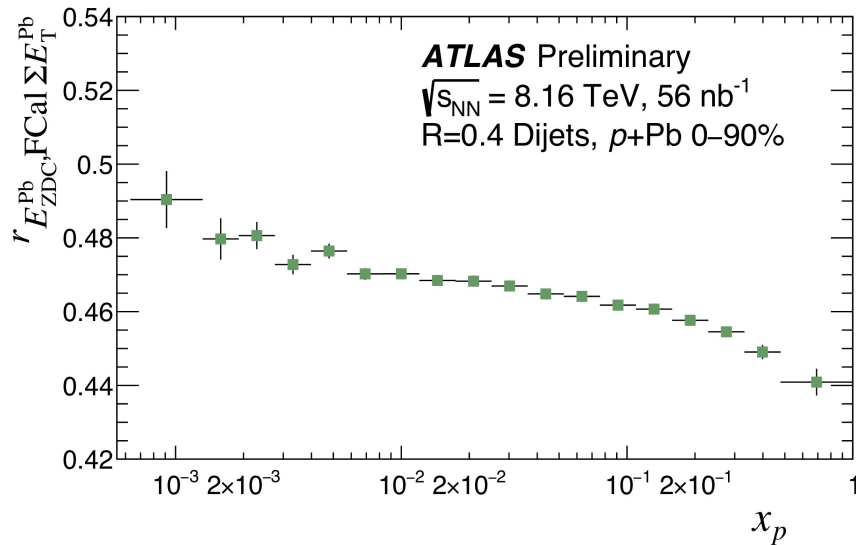
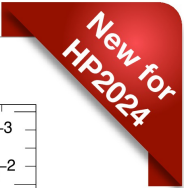


- Decreasing UE energy and break-up neutrons with increasing x_p
- UE is more sensitive to the change in x_p



UE vs. nuclear break-ups in p+Pb – Cont.

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- Correlation between UE energy and break-up neutrons becomes weaker with increasing x_p
- Scaling of UE energy and break-up neutrons at low ZDC energy, fluctuation of break-ups when UE energy saturated
- Offer a new approach to exploring hard-scattering biases in UE based centrality classifications and biases in modeling nuclear break-ups



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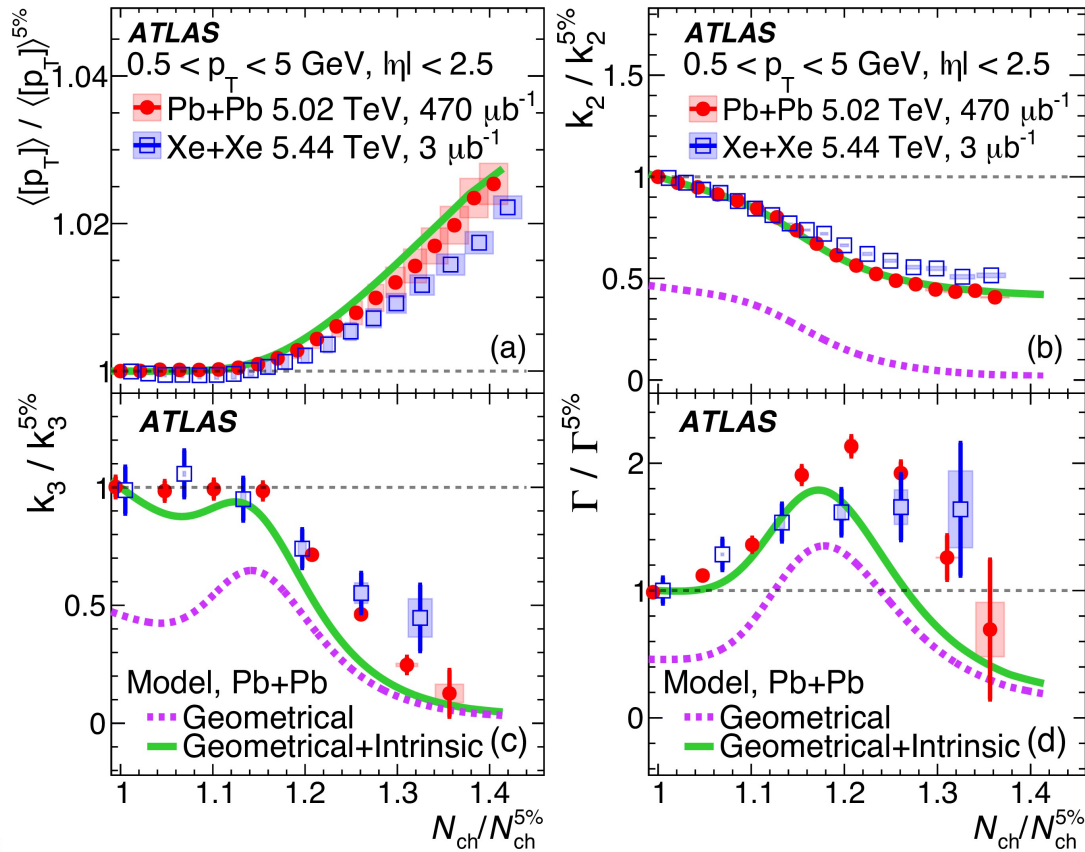
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Disentangling sources of initial fluctuations — cont.

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- A phenomenological 2D Gaussian fluctuations predicts the trends well (R. Samanta et al. Phys. Rev. C 109 (2024) L051902)



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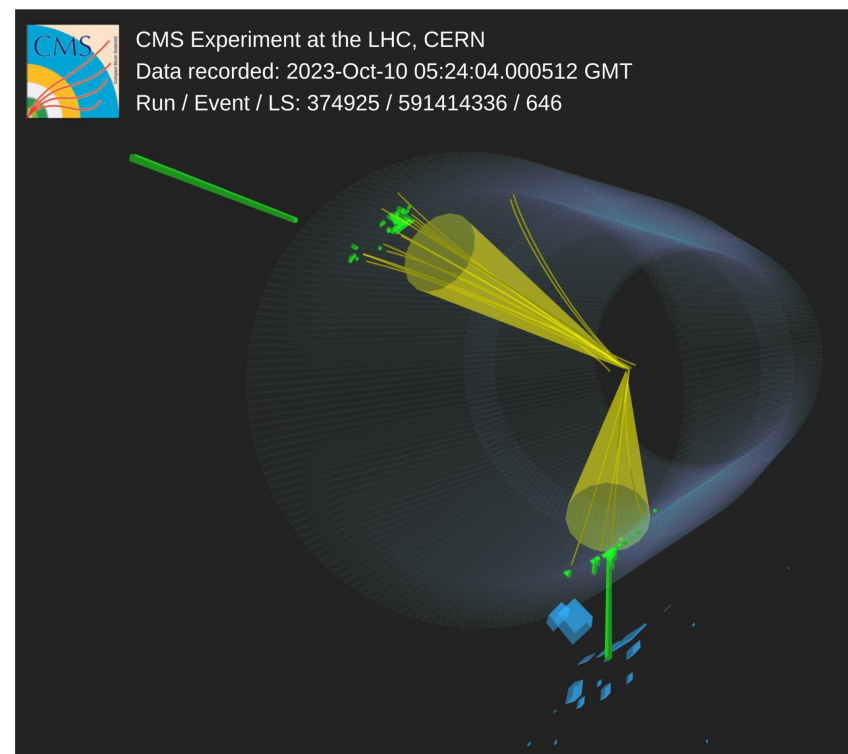
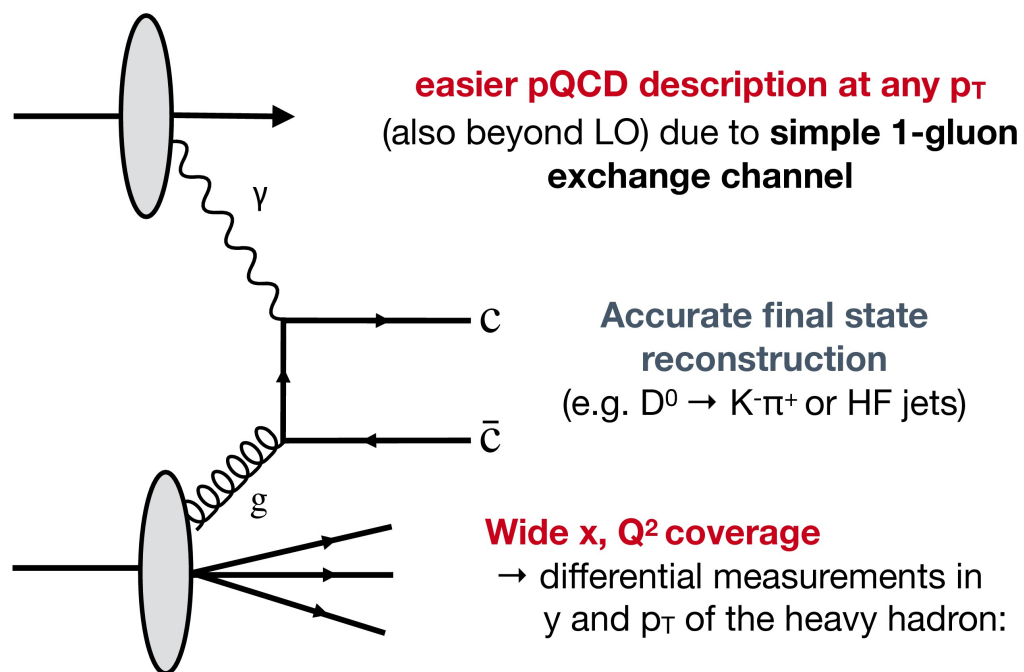
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Open charm production in UPCs: a new probe for small-x matter

See [Chris McGinn's talk](#)
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→ **ideal probe to test the transition towards low-x nuclear matter in absence of sizable final state effects**

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