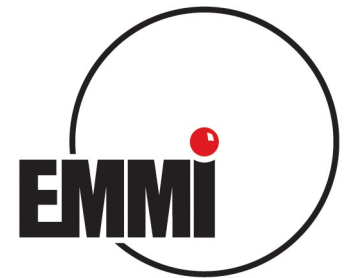


# Exploration of Quark Matter and QCD Phases at the Large Hadron Collider

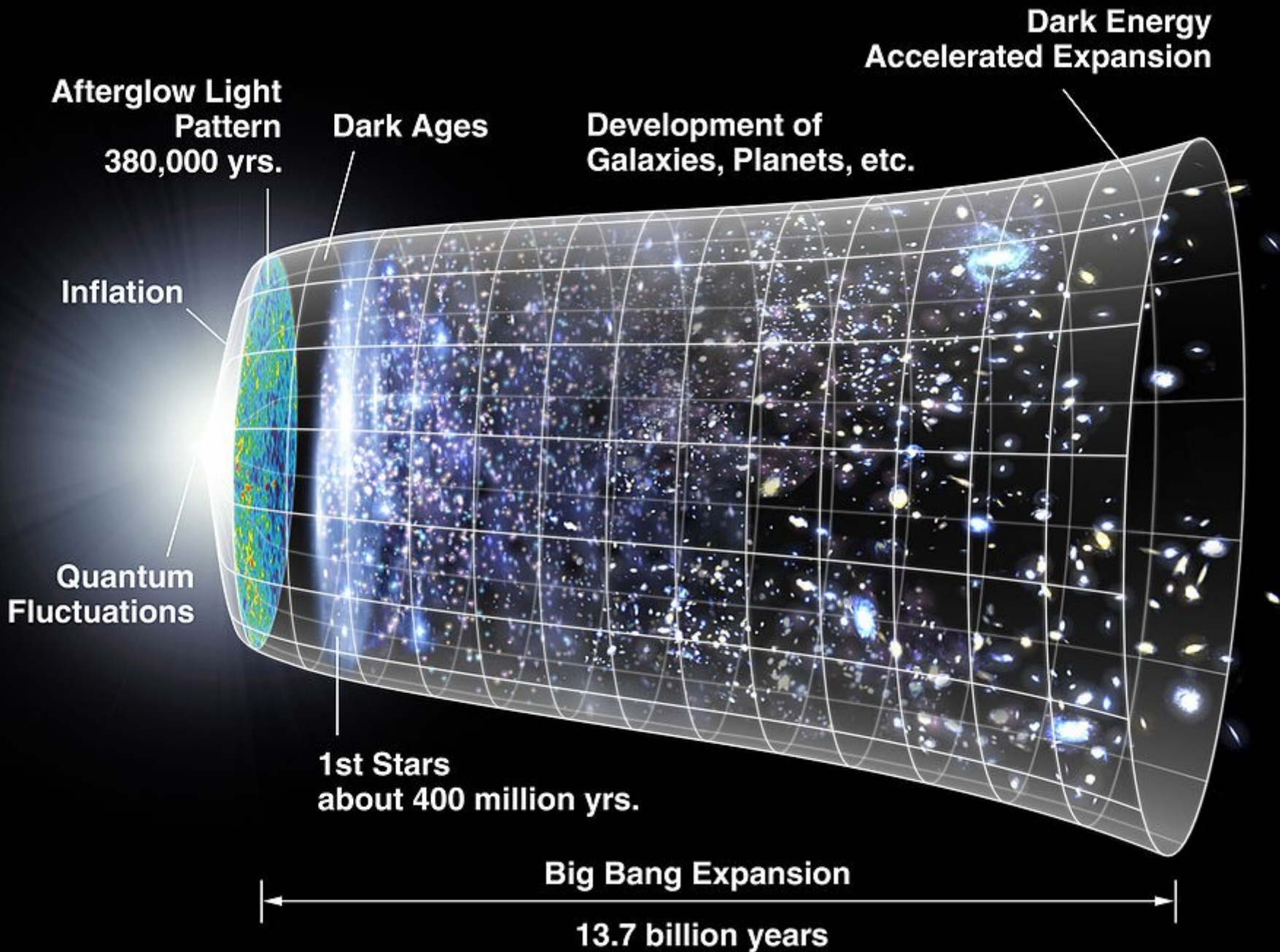
- introduction and perspective
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- The ALICE experiment and a brief synopsis of very selected results
- Hadron production and the QCD phase boundary
- Charmonia and deconfinement
- Outlook



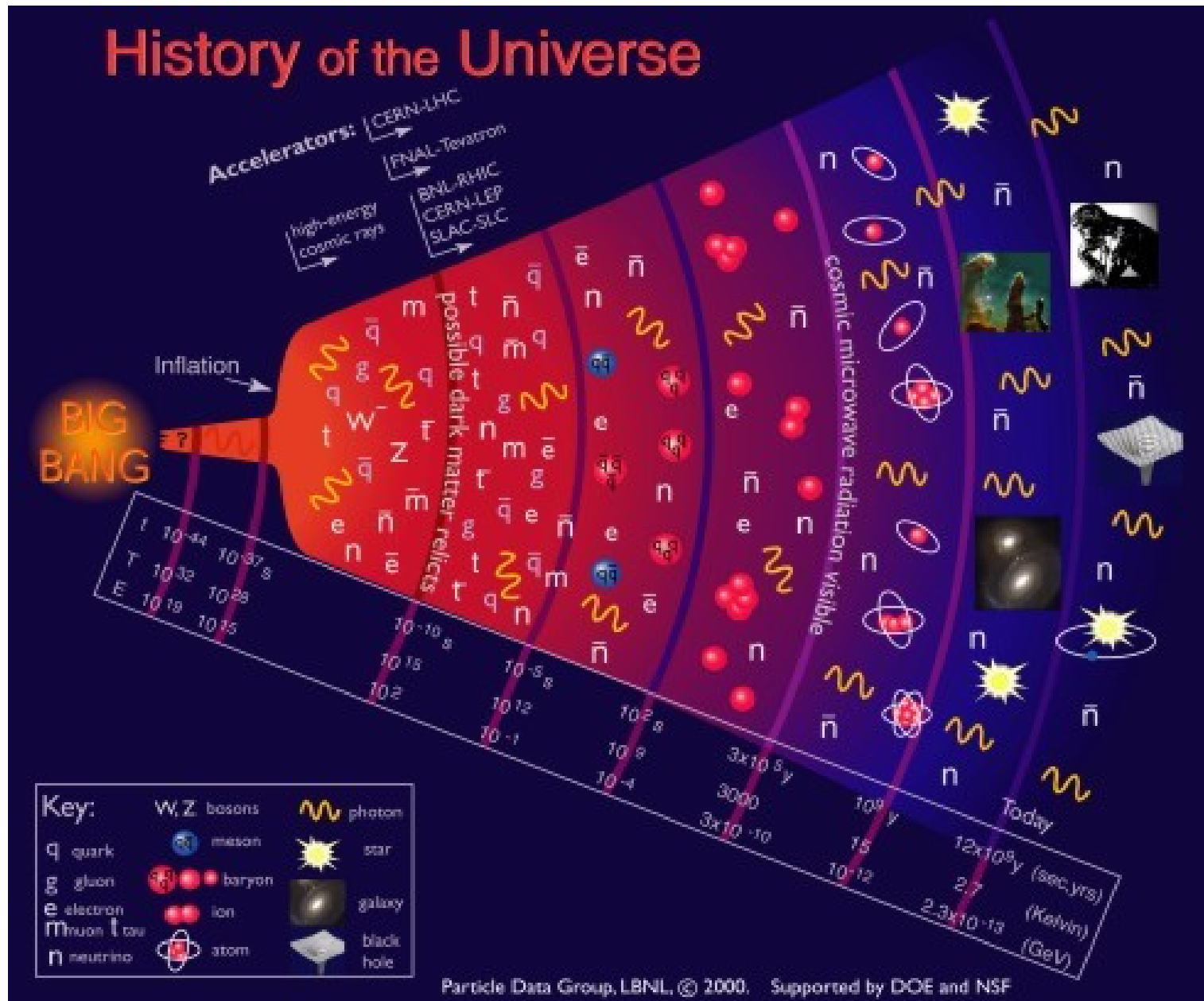
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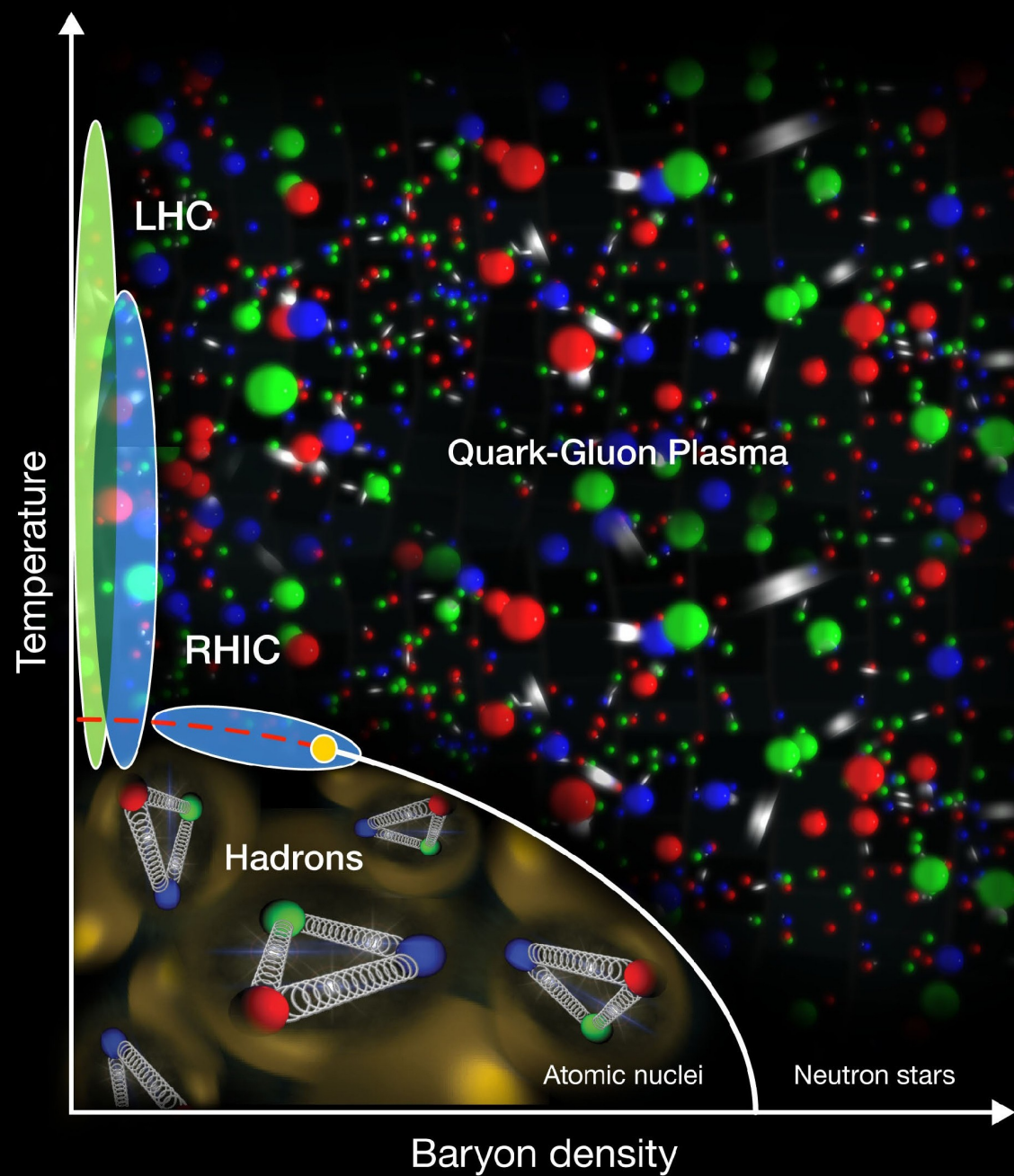
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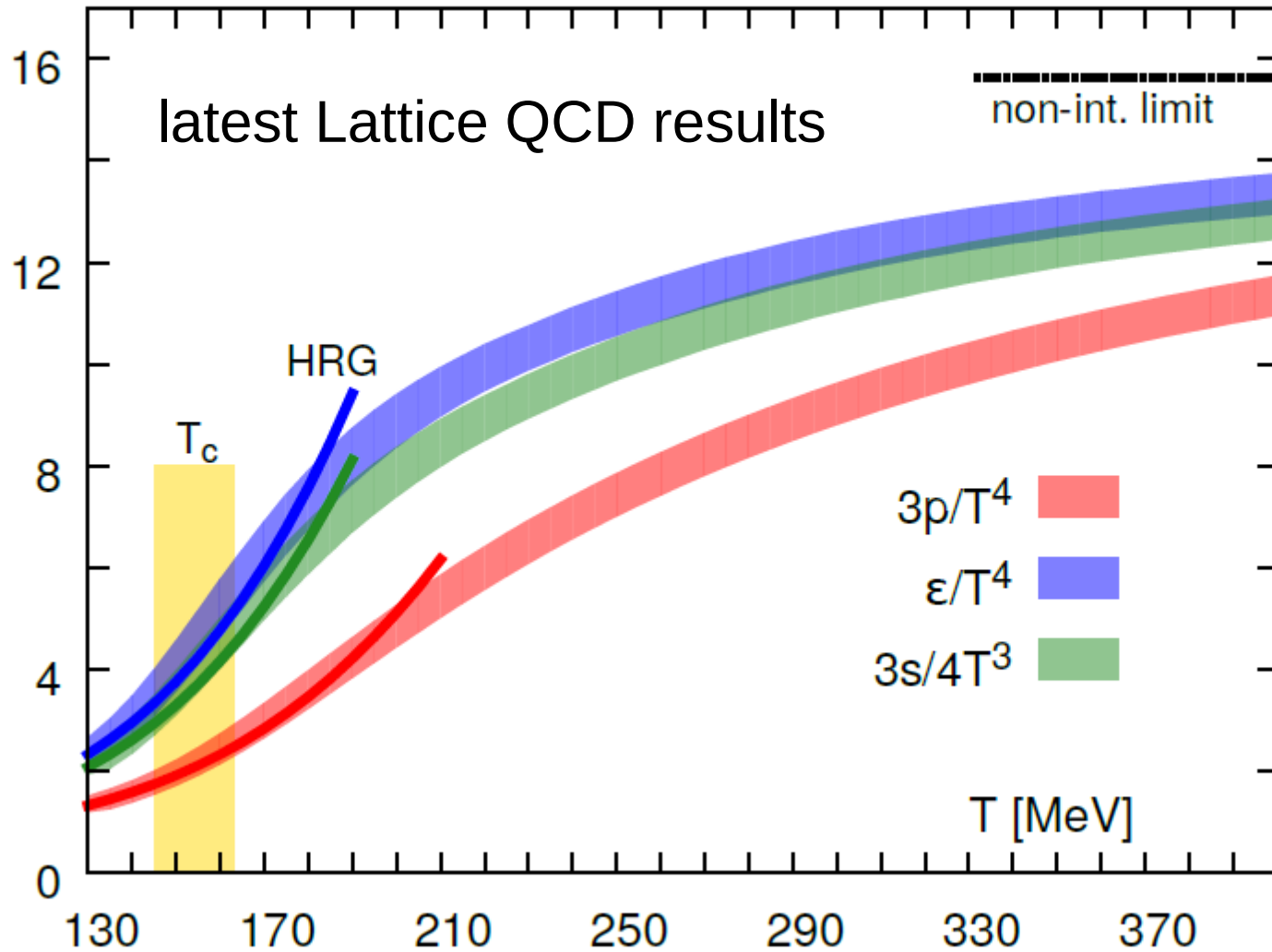
# History of the Universe



# The phase diagram of quantum chromodynamics

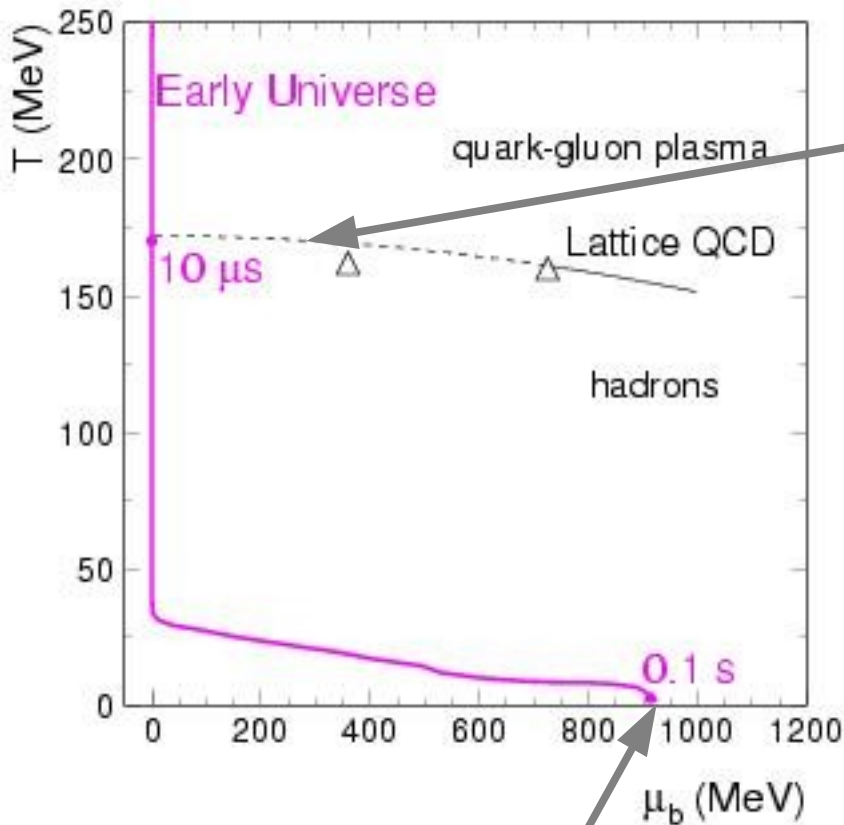


# The equation of state of hot QCD matter – a chiral (cross over) phase transition between hadron gas and the QGP



critical region:  $T_c = (154 \pm 9) \text{ MeV}$   $\epsilon_{\text{crit}} = (340 \pm 45) \text{ MeV/fm}^3$   
HOTQCD coll., Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) 9, 094503

# Evolution of the Early Universe and the QCD phase Diagram



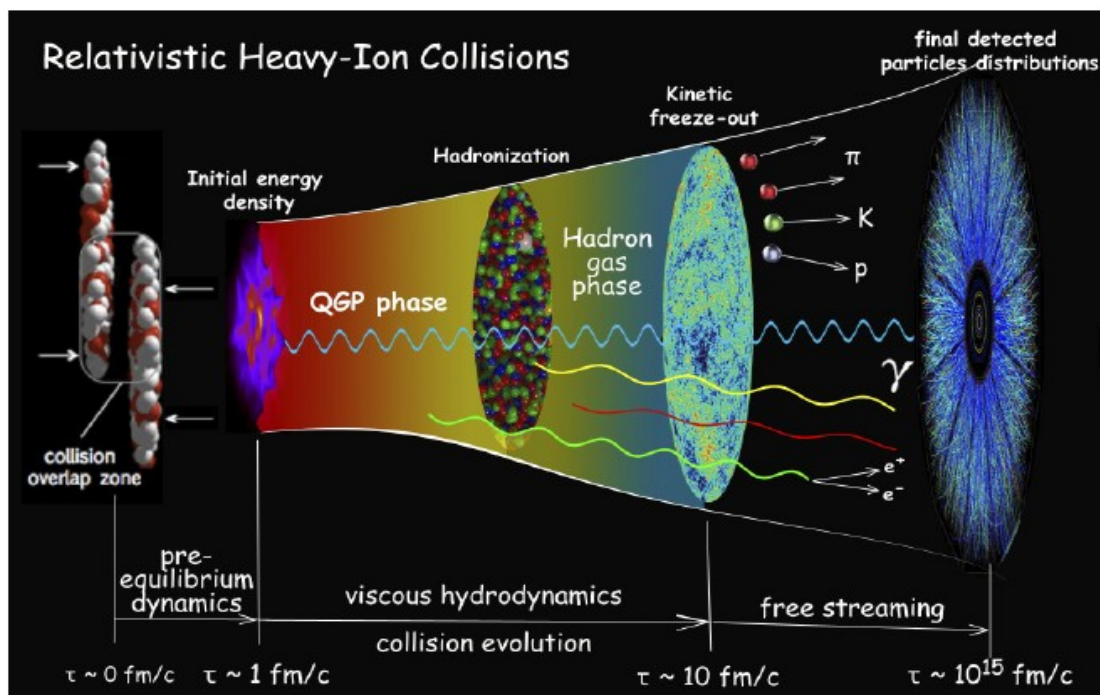
QCD Phase Boundary

Homogeneous Universe in Equilibrium, this matter can only be investigated in nuclear collisions

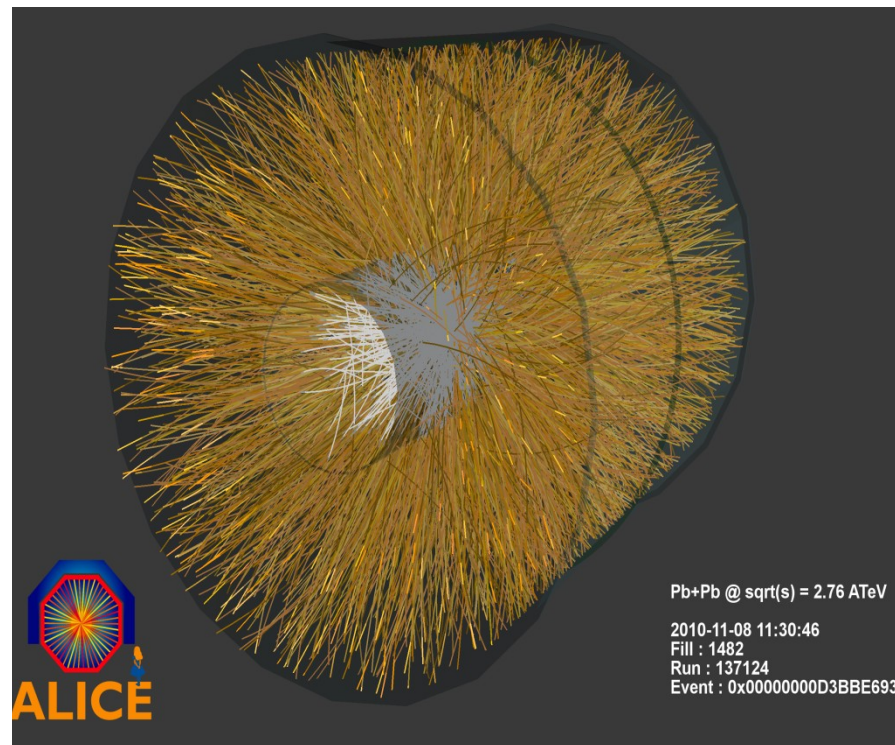
- Charge neutrality
- Net lepton number = net baryon number
- Constant entropy/baryon

neutrinos decouple and light nuclei begin to be formed

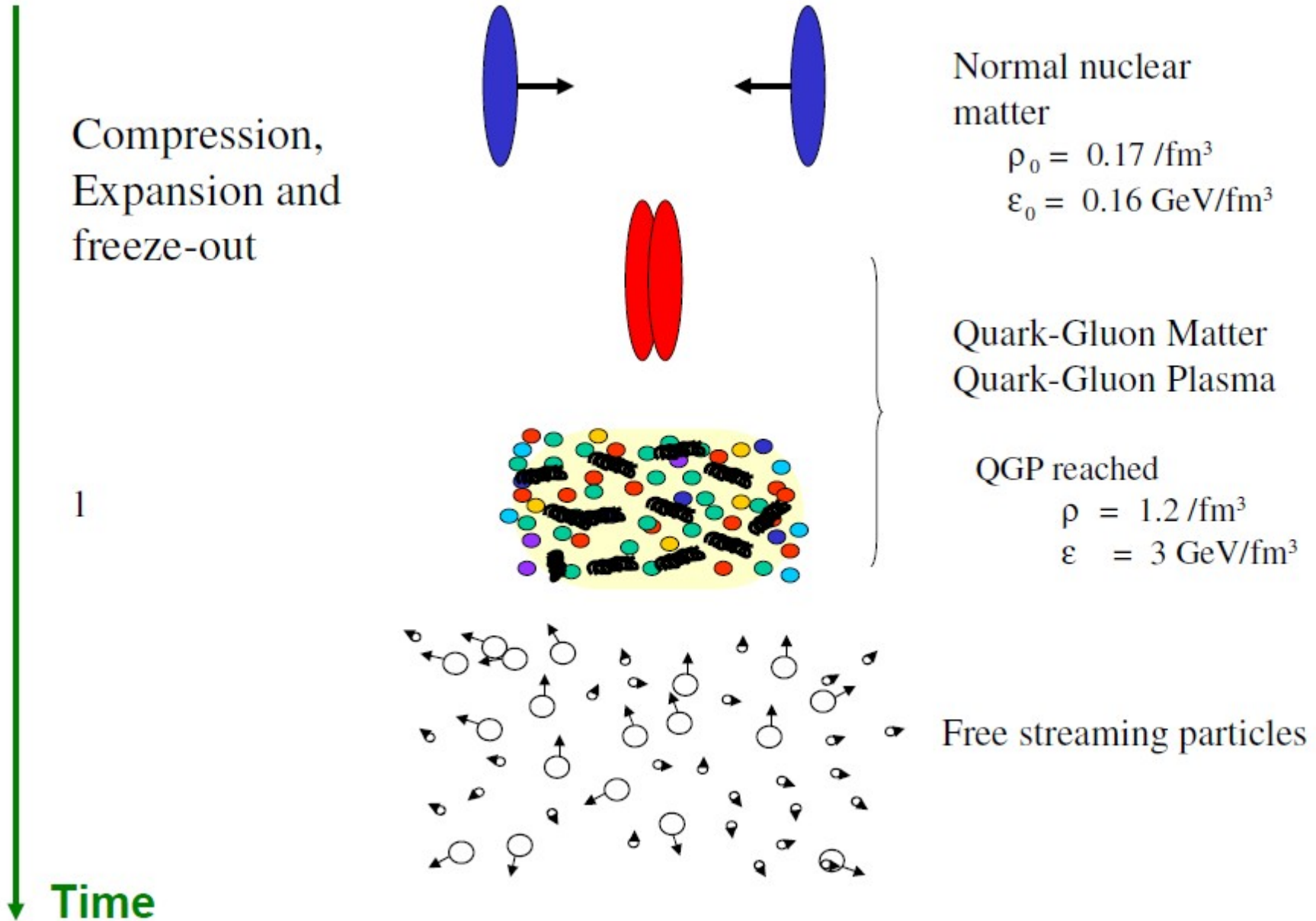
# The Quark-Gluon Plasma formed in Nuclear Collisions at very high Energy



Paul Sorensen and Chun Shen



# How to create QGP in the laboratory?





# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



27 km long, 8 sectors

**1232 dipole** magnets (15m, 30 tonnes each) to bend the beams

Cooled with **120 tonnes of He at 1.9 K**

pp: 2808 bunches/ring, each  $1.15 \times 10^{11}$  protons (8 min filling time)

Design luminosity:  **$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$**

PbPb: 592 bunches/ring, each  $7 \times 10^7$  Pb ions

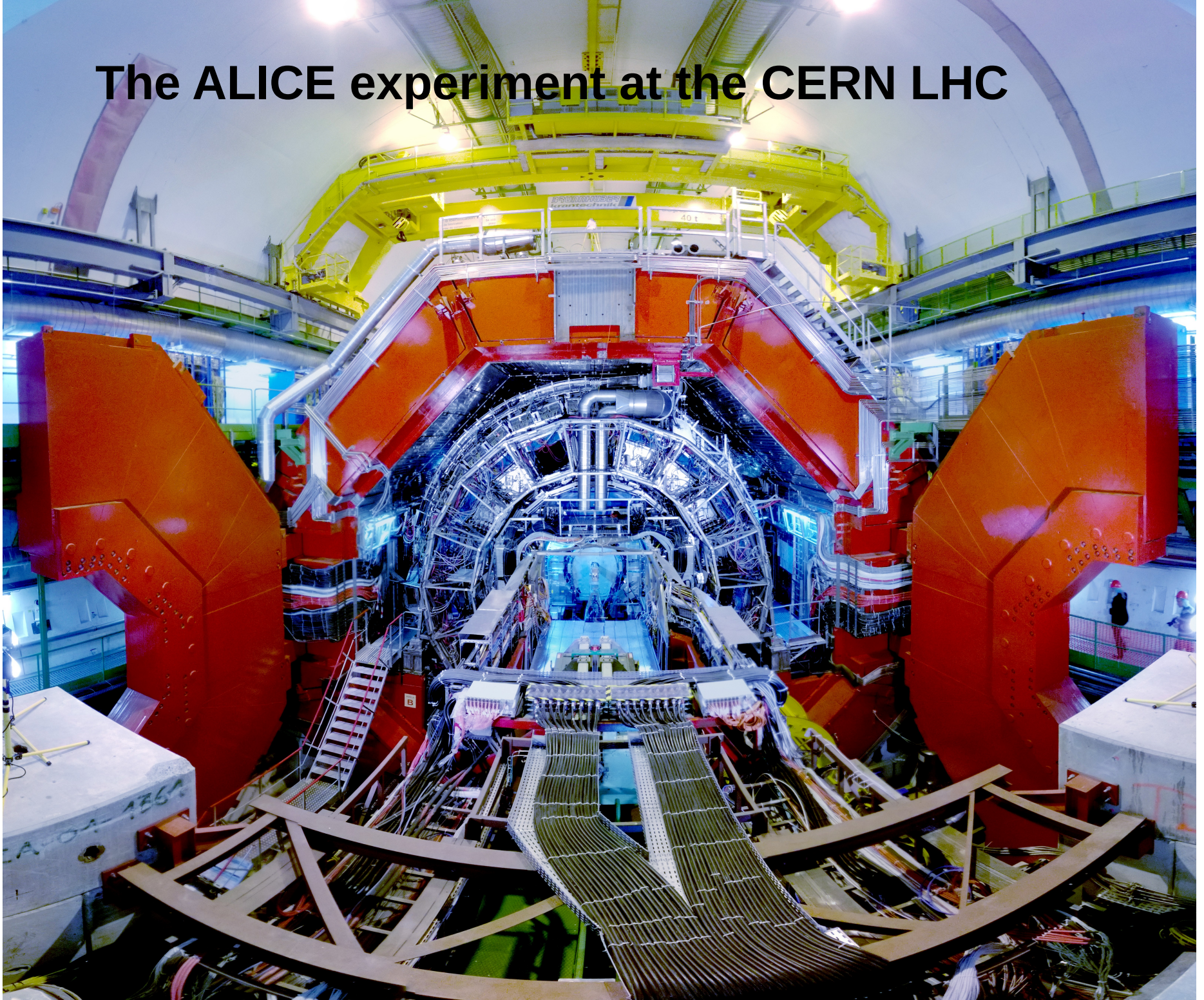
Design luminosity:  $10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Transverse r.m.s beam size: **16  $\mu\text{m}$** , r.m.s. bunch length: 7.5 cm

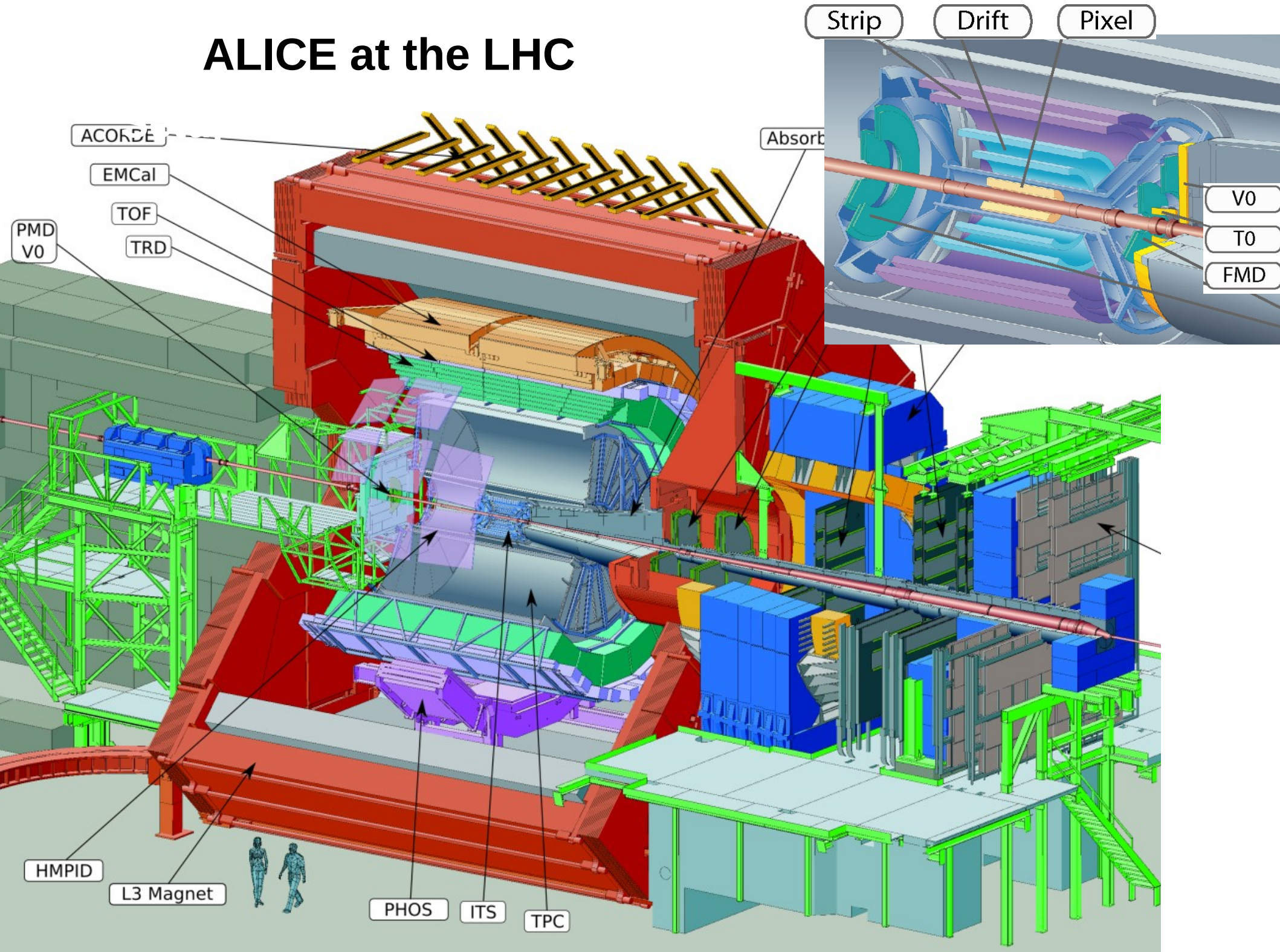
Beam kinetic energy: 362 MJ per beam (1 MJ melts 2 kg copper)

Total stored electromagnetic energy: **8.5 GJ** (dipole magnets only)

# The ALICE experiment at the CERN LHC



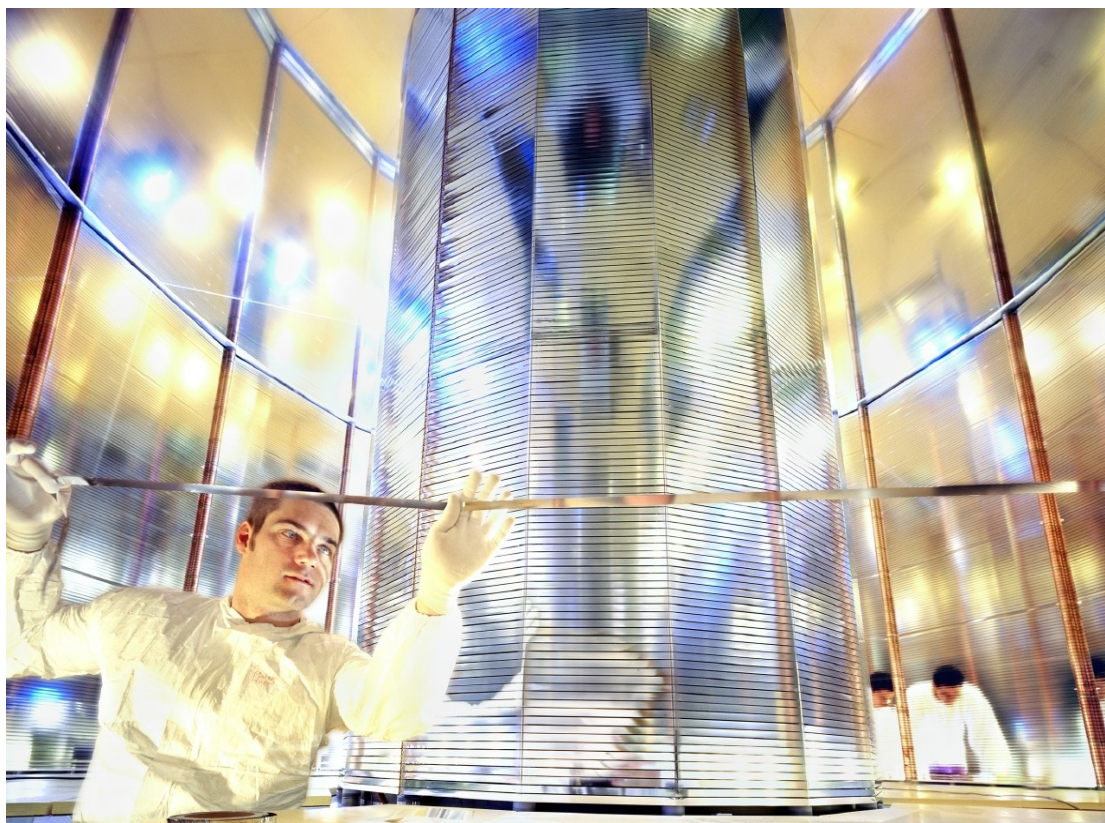
# ALICE at the LHC



# the TPC (Time Projection Chamber) - 3D reconstruction of up to 15 000 tracks of charged particles per event



with 95 m<sup>3</sup> the largest TPC ever



**560 million read-out pixels!**  
precision better than 500  $\mu\text{m}$  in all 3 dim.  
180 space and charge points per track



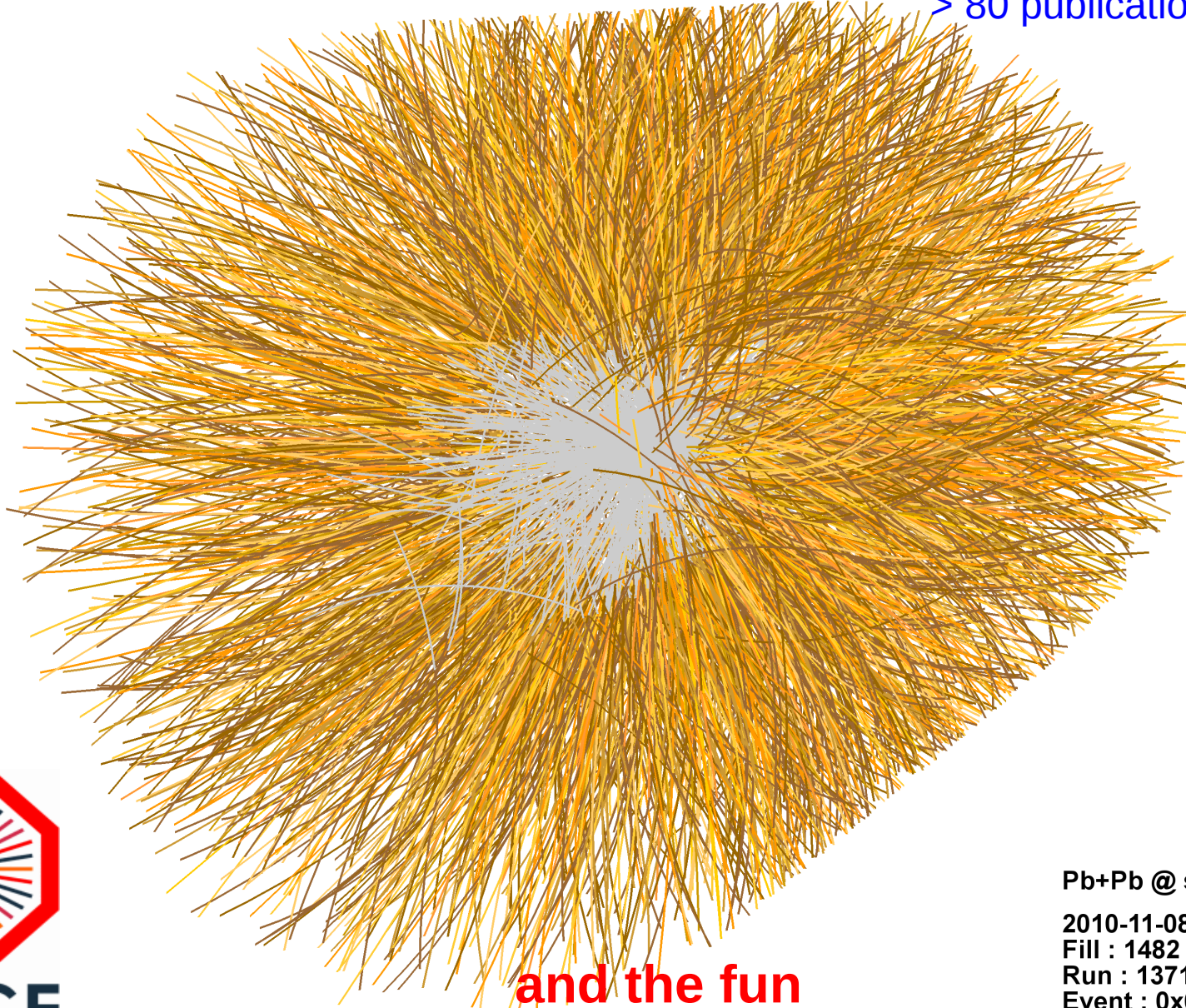
# The interior of the TPC, 2004



# first PbPb collisions at LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ A TeV

setup for ion collisions: November 4  
first collisions with stable beams:  
November 8 until Dec 6

Run1: 3 data taking campaigns  
pp, pPb, Pb—Pb  
> 80 publications



**and the fun  
started**



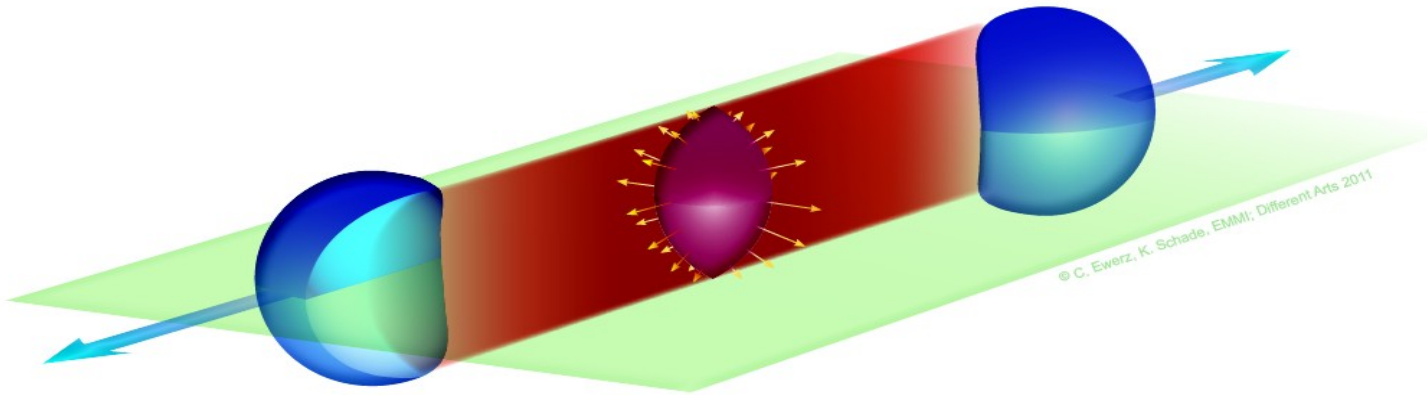
Pb+Pb @  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$  ATeV  
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# **A synopsis of very selected results**

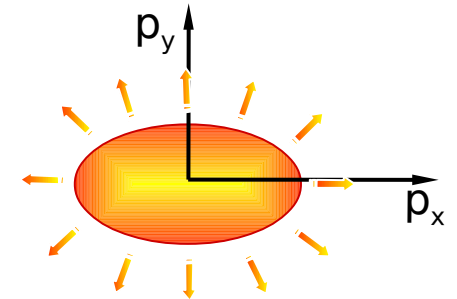
# hydrodynamic expansion of fireball



# fireball expands collectively like an ideal fluid



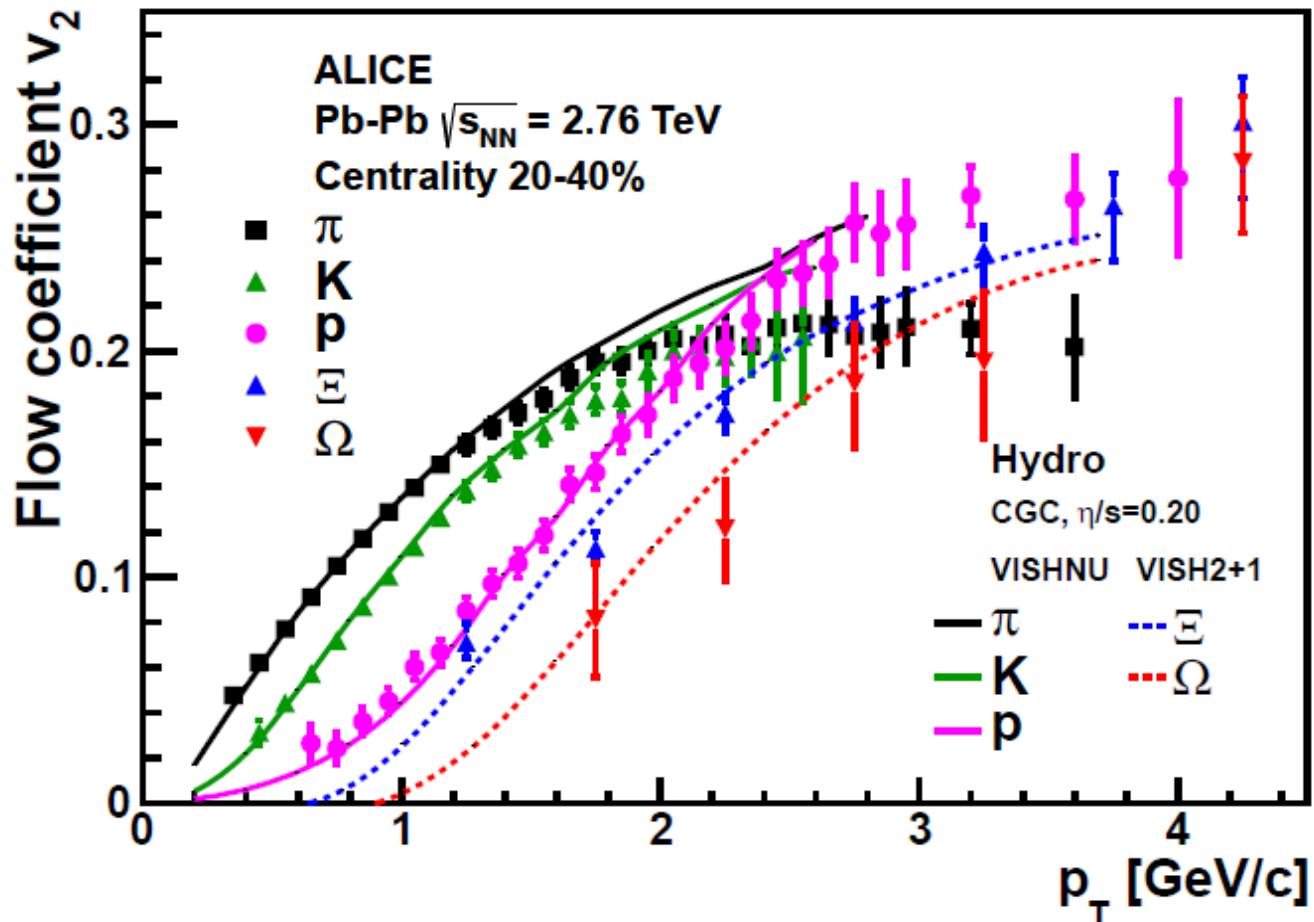
momentum space



$$dN/d\phi = 1 + 2 V_2 \cos 2 (\phi - \psi) + \dots$$

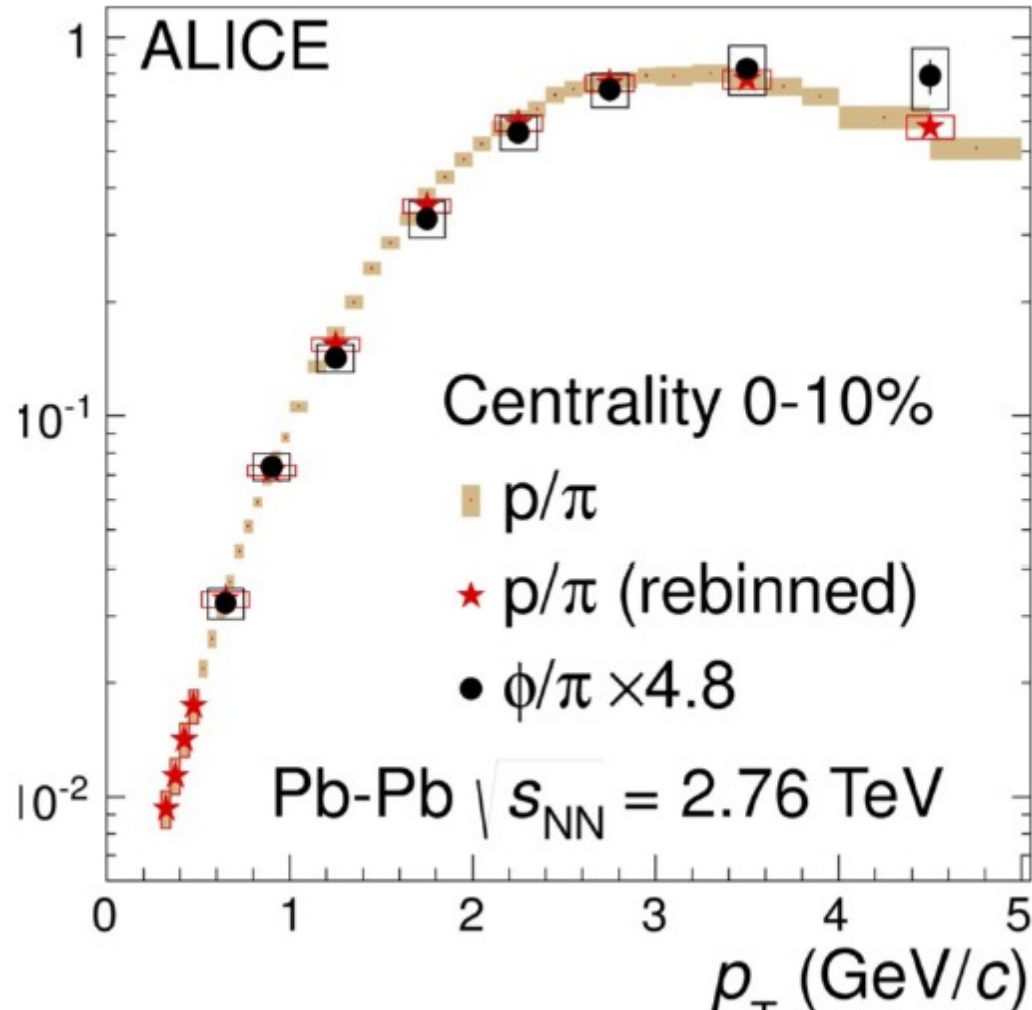
hydrodynamic flow characterized by azimuthal anisotropy coefficient  $V_2$   
+ higher orders

# Elliptic Flow in PbPb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV



rapidly rising  $v_2$  with  $p_t$  and mass ordering are typical features of hydrodyn. expansion  
nearly ideal (non-dissipative) hydrodynamics reproduces data,  
system fairly strongly coupled arXiv:1405.4632 ALICE coll.

# phi meson and proton transverse momentum spectra

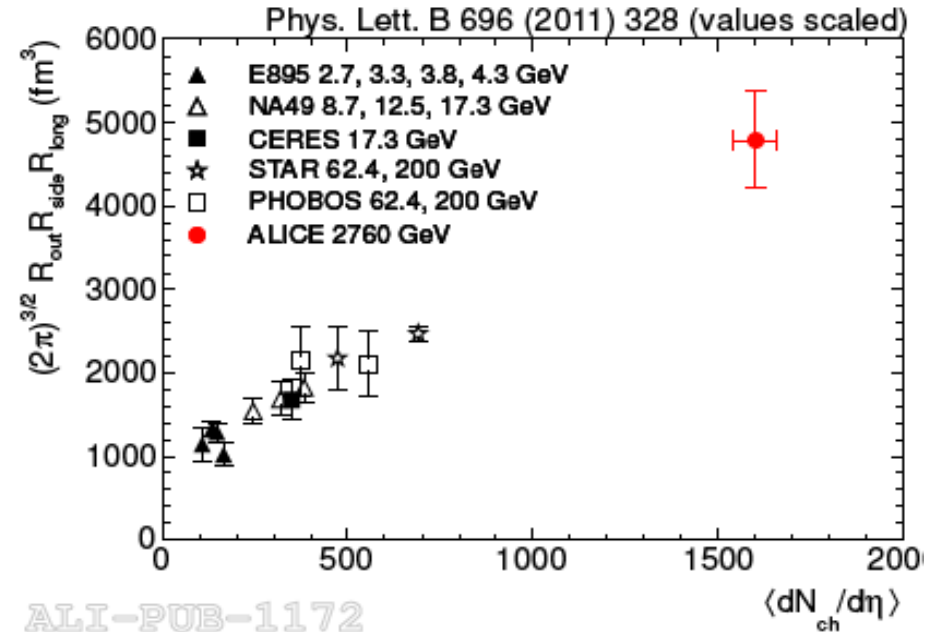


... depend only on particle mass, not quark content. Strong sign of hydrodynamic flow. **Apparent 'constituent quark scaling' is not observed.** Not consistent with hydrodynamic behavior anyway...

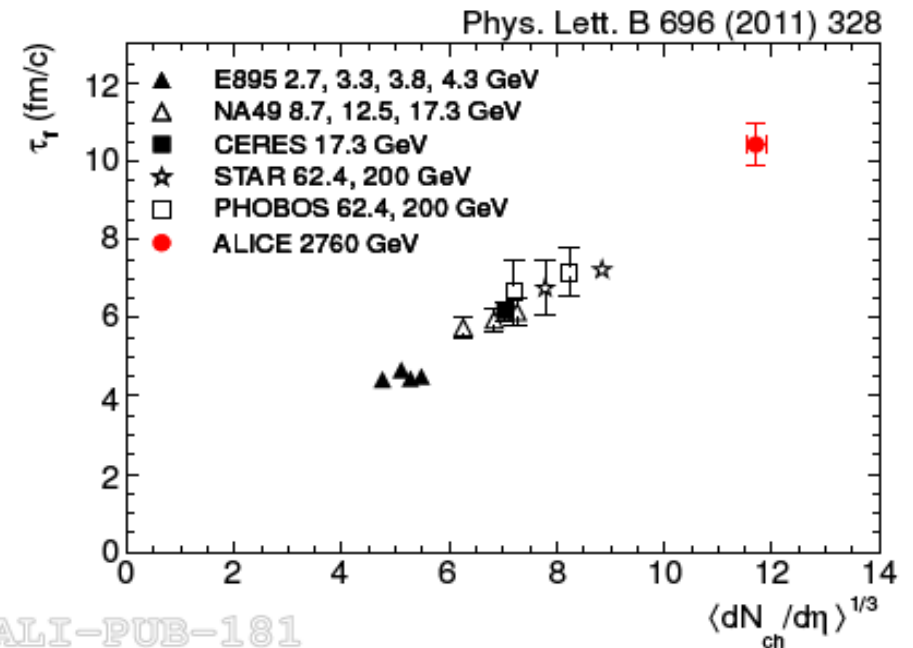
# Fireball at LHC energy has much large size and lives longer than at lower energies

volume and lifetime  
from Hanbury-Brown/Twiss  
analysis

fireball volume at freeze-out  
is about 5 x larger than  
volume of a Pb nucleus



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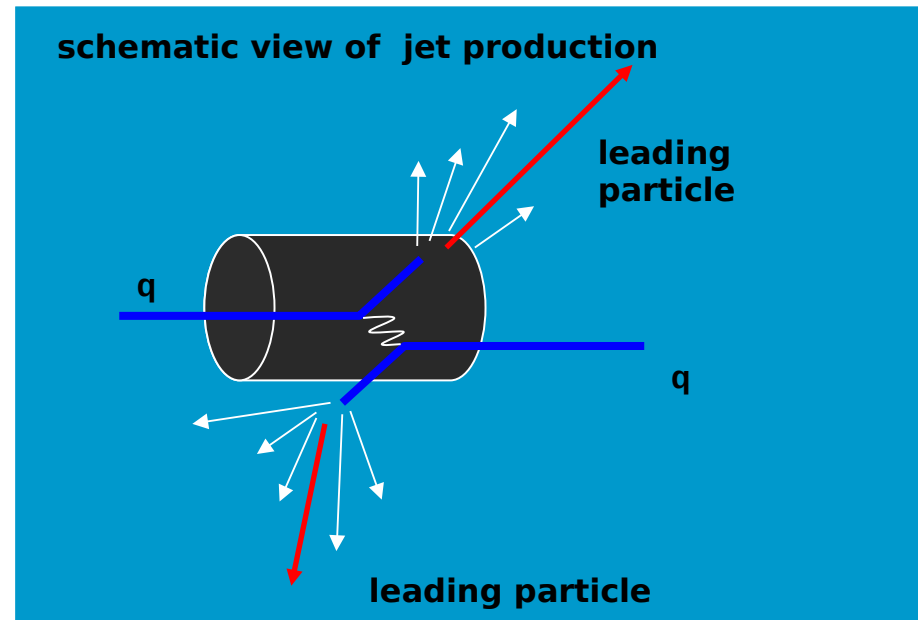


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**The fireball is opaque to high energy partons  
(quarks and gluons)**

# Jets of hard partons as probe of the hot medium

- Hard parton scattering observed via leading particles
- Expect strong  $\Delta\phi = \pi$  azimuthal correlations



However, the scattered partons may lose energy ( $\sim$  several GeV/fm) in the colored medium

- momentum reduction (fewer high  $p_T$  particles in jet)
- no jet partner on other side

Jet Quenching

# The nuclear modification factor $R_{AA}$

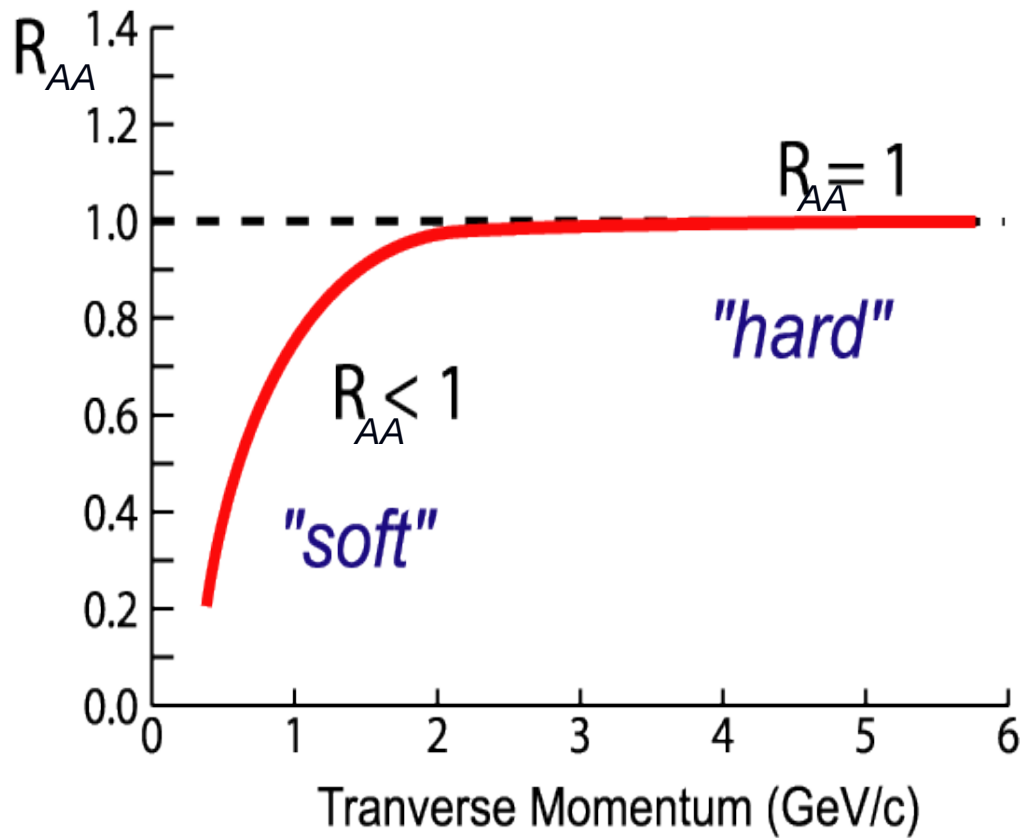
The  $R_{AA}$  function:

$$R_{AA}(b) = \frac{\frac{d^2 N^{AA}}{dp_t^2 dy}}{N_{coll}^{AA}(b) \cdot \frac{d^2 N^{NN}}{dp_t^2 dy}}$$

if hard scattering only:

$$R_{AA}(b) = 1$$

# Qualitative expectations



no medium effects:

$R_{AA} < 1$  in regime of soft physics

$R_{AA} = 1$  at high- $p_T$  where hard scattering dominates

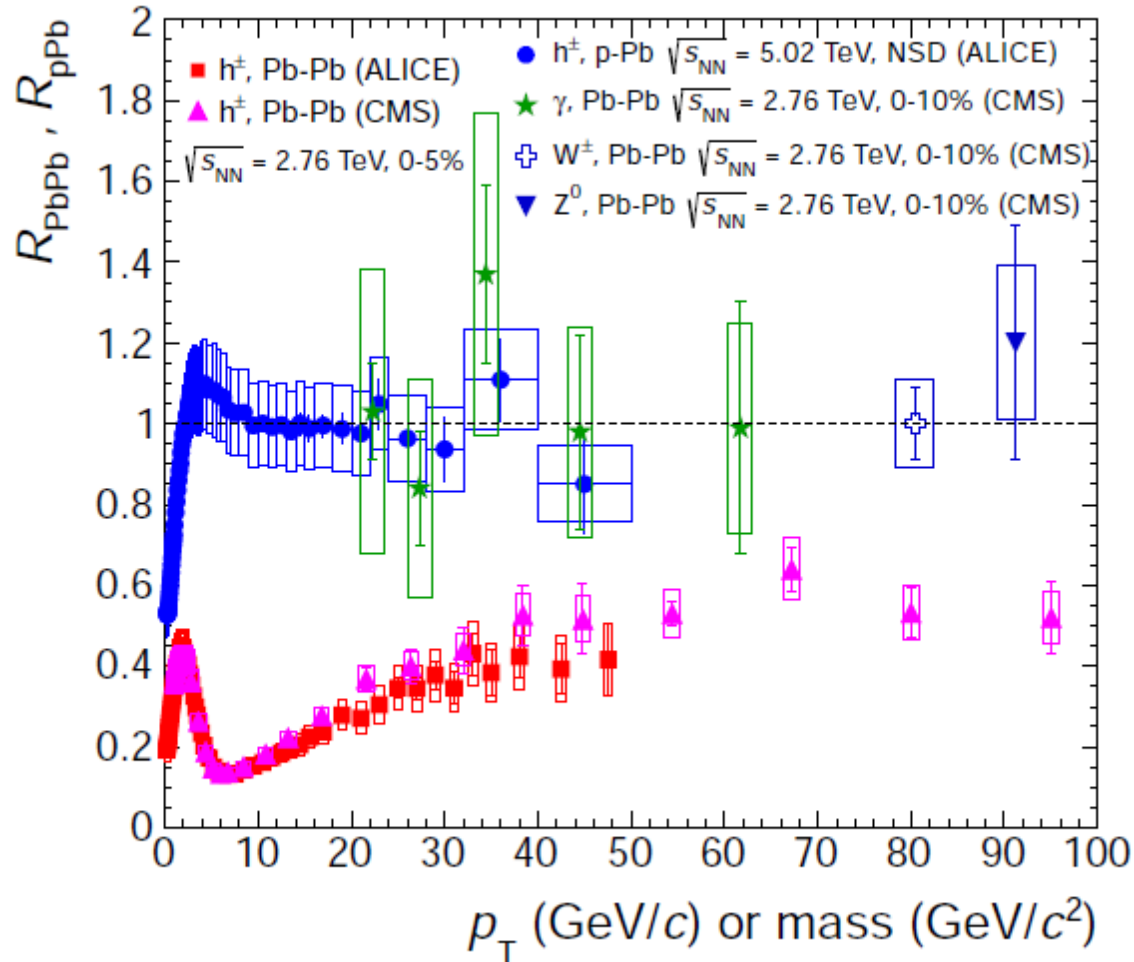
Suppression:

$R_{AA} \ll 1$  at high- $p_T$



# Synopsis of Energy Loss measurements for Strongly Interacting Hard Probes

no suppression in pPb, QGP opaque for high energy partons



Alice coll.,

arXiv:1405.2737

photons, Z and W scale with number of binary collisions in PbPb – not affected by medium

→ demonstrates that charged particle suppression is medium effect: energy loss in QGP

# Hadron production and the QCD Phase Boundary

# Quark-gluon plasma and hadron yields in central nuclear collisions

QCD implies duality between (quarks and gluons) – hadrons

Hadron gas is equilibrated state of all known hadrons

QGP is equilibrated state of deconfined quarks and gluons

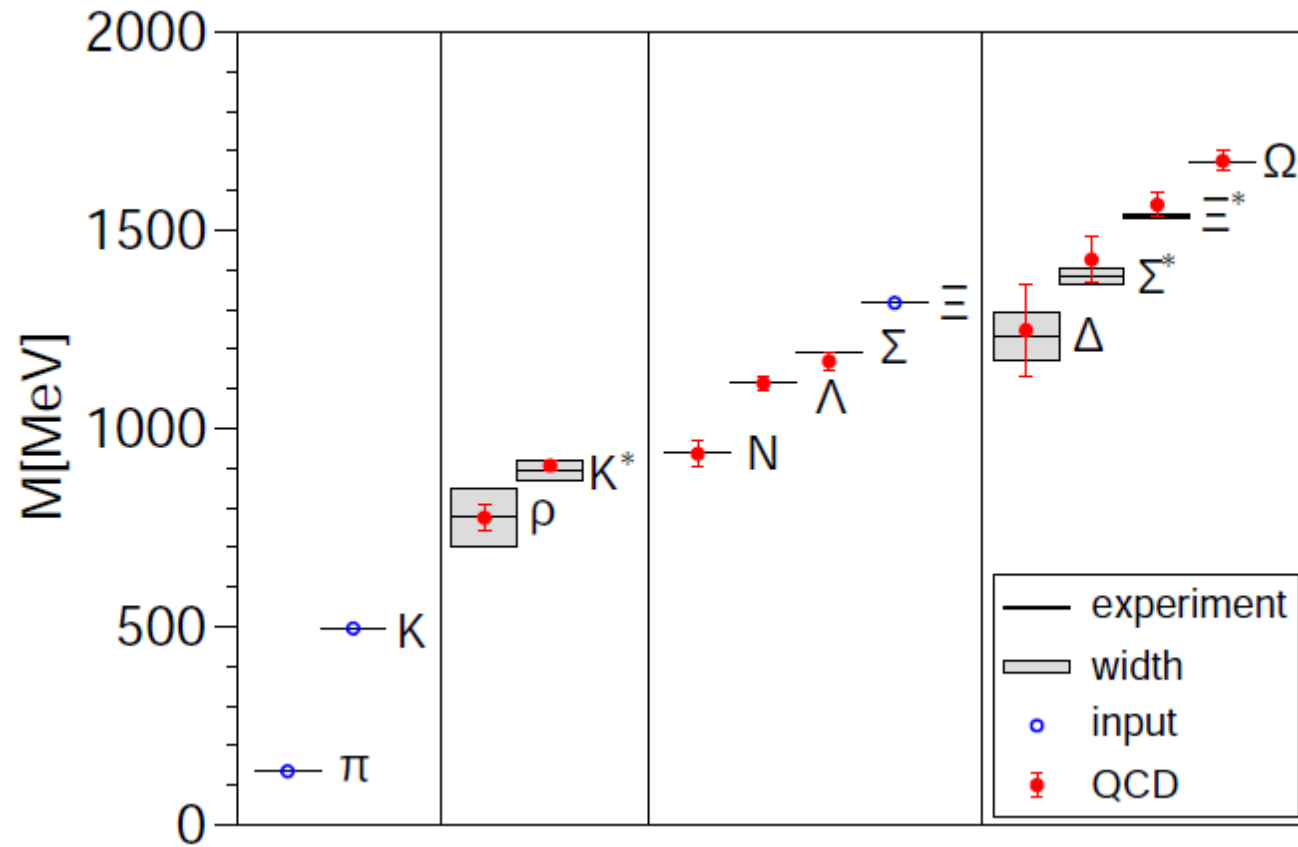
at a critical temperature  $T_c$  a hadronic system converts to QGP

consequence:

QGP in central nuclear collisions if:

1. all hadrons in **equilibrium state** at common temperature  $T$
2. as function of cm energy the hadron state must reach a **limiting temperature**  $T_{lim}$
3. all hadron yields must agree with predictions using the **full QCD partition function** at the QCD critical temperature  $T_c = T_{lim}$

# The hadron mass spectrum and lattice QCD



S. Duerr et al., Science 322 (2008) 1224-1227

# Equilibration at the phase boundary

- Statistical model analysis of (u,d,s) hadron production: an important test of equilibration of quark matter near the phase boundary, **no equilibrium** → **no QGP matter**
- No (strangeness) equilibration in hadronic phase
- Present understanding: multi-hadron collisions near phase boundary bring hadrons close to equilibrium – supported by success of statistical model analysis
- This implies little energy dependence above RHIC energy
- Analysis of hadron production → determination of  $T_c$   
pbm, Stachel, Wetterich,  
Phys.Lett. B596 (2004) 61-69

At what energy is phase boundary reached?

# Thermal model of particle production and QCD

Partition function  $Z(T,V)$  contains sum over the full hadronic mass spectrum and is fully calculable in QCD

For each particle  $i$ , the statistical operator is:

$$\ln Z_i = \frac{V g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \pm p^2 dp \ln[1 \pm \exp(-(E_i - \mu_i)/T)]$$

Particle densities are then calculated according to:

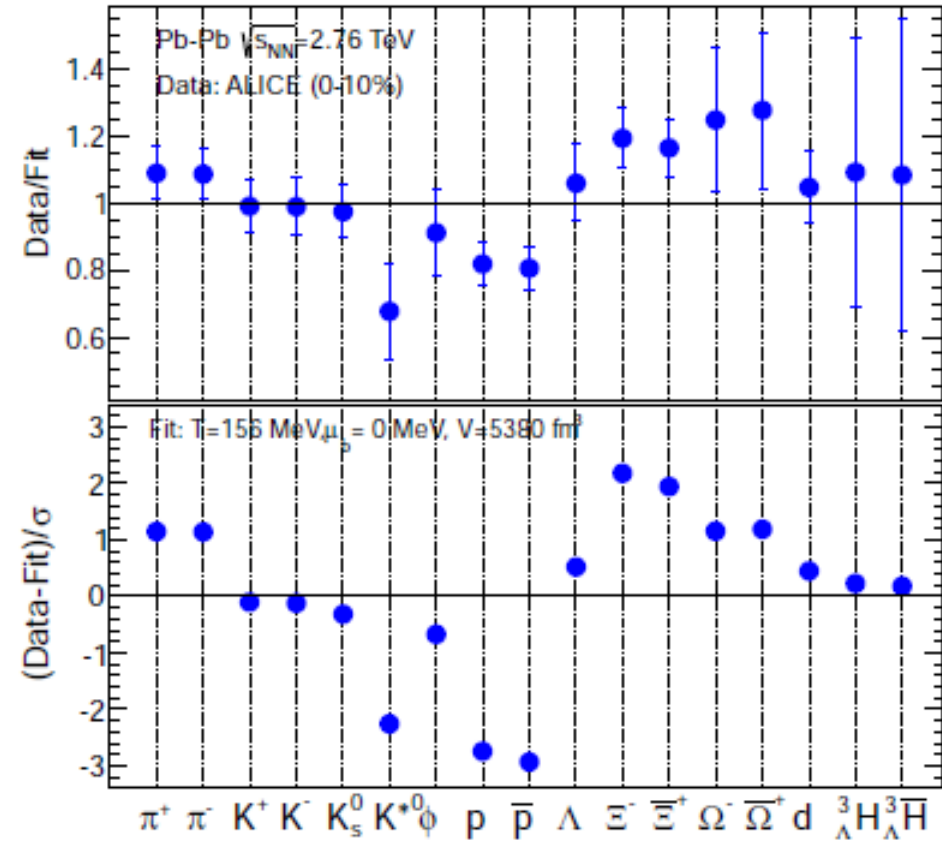
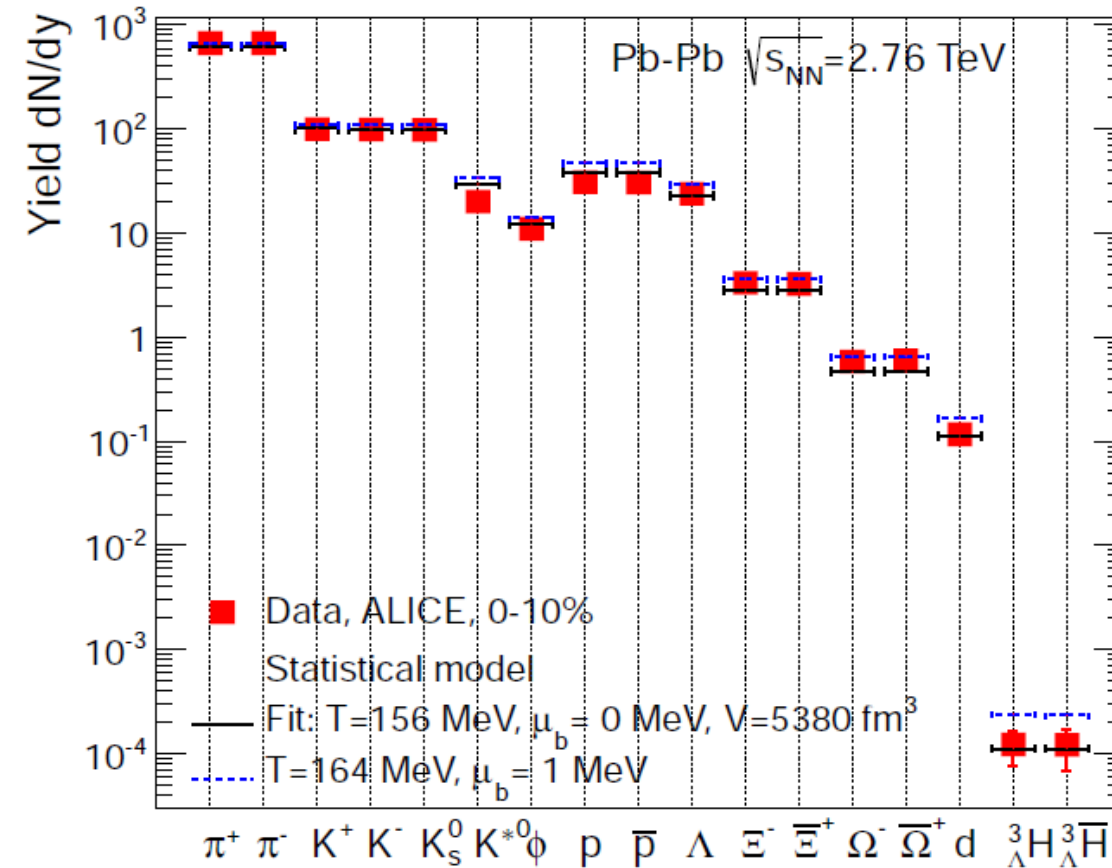
$$n_i = N_i/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1}$$

From analysis of all available nuclear collision data we now know the energy dependence of the parameters  $T$ ,  $\mu_b$ , and  $V$  over an energy range from threshold to LHC energy and can confidently extrapolate to even higher energies

In practice, we use the full experimental hadronic mass spectrum from the PDG compilation to compute the 'primordial yield'

Comparison with measured hadron yields needs evaluation of all strong decays

# Excellent description of LHC data



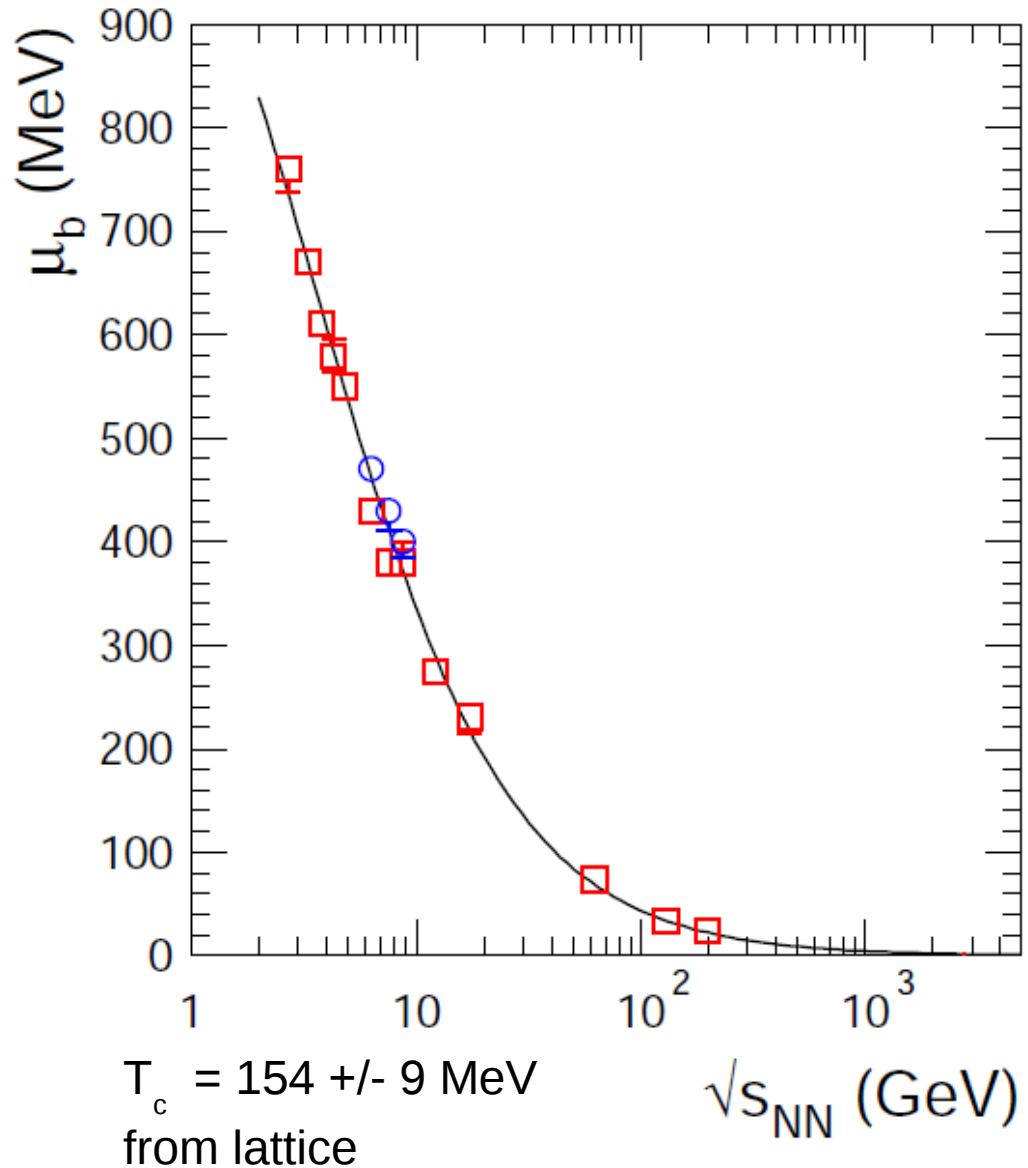
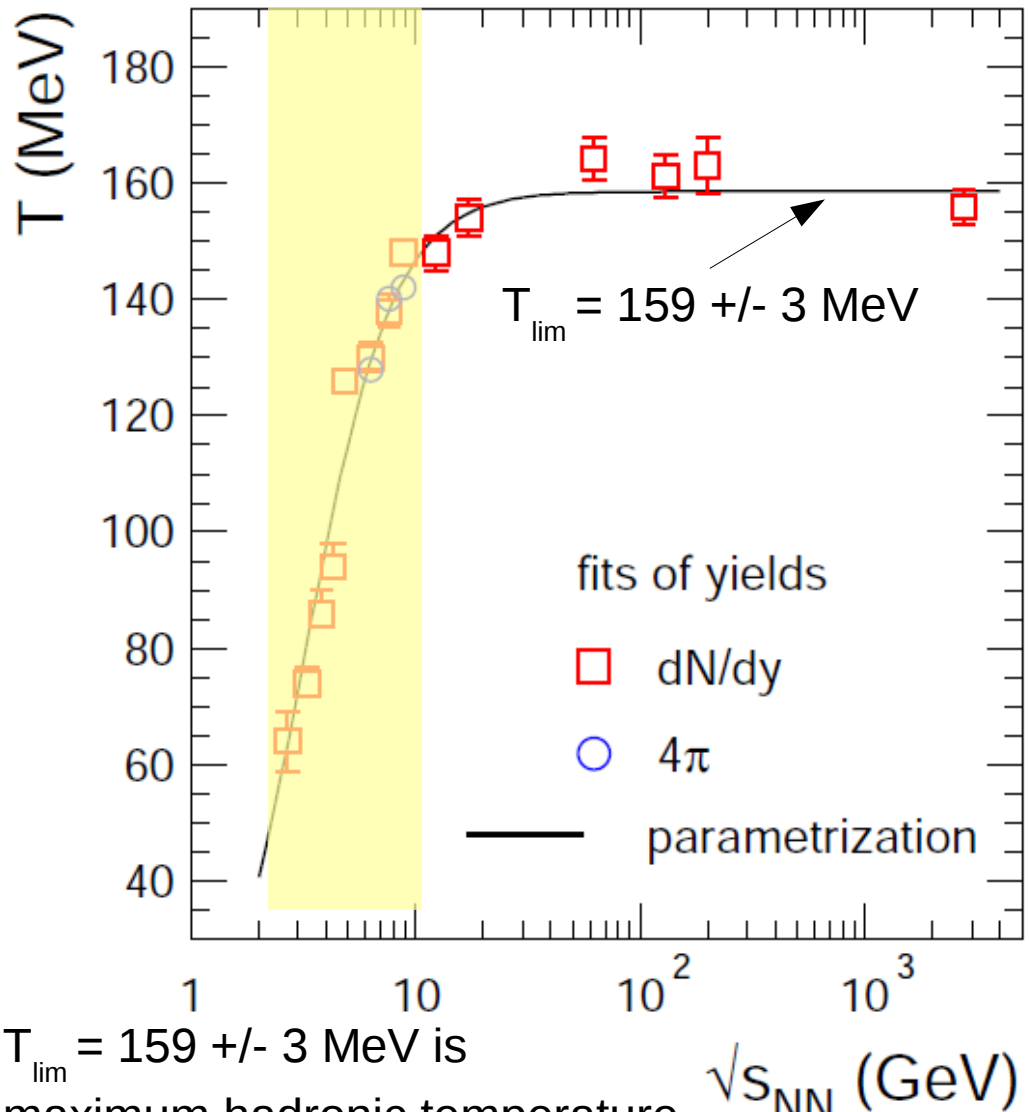
proton discrepancy 2.8 sigma

fit includes loosely bound systems such as deuteron and hypertriton  
hypertriton is bound by only 100 keV, it is the **ultimate halo nucleus**,  
produced at  $T=156$  MeV. Close to an Efimov state.

# Energy dependence of temperature and baryo-chemical potential

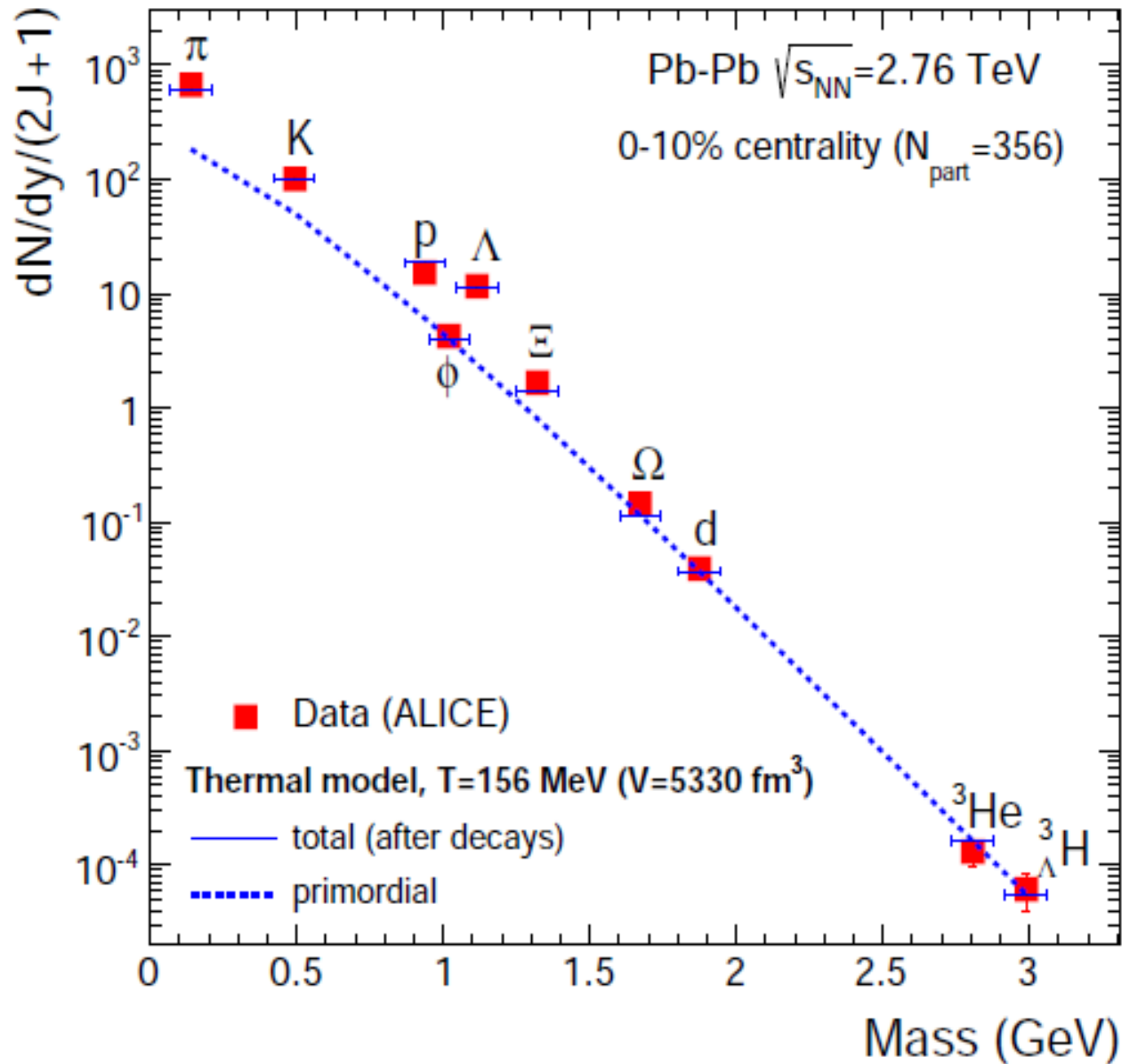
energy range from SPS down to threshold

is phase boundary ever reached for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10$  GeV?

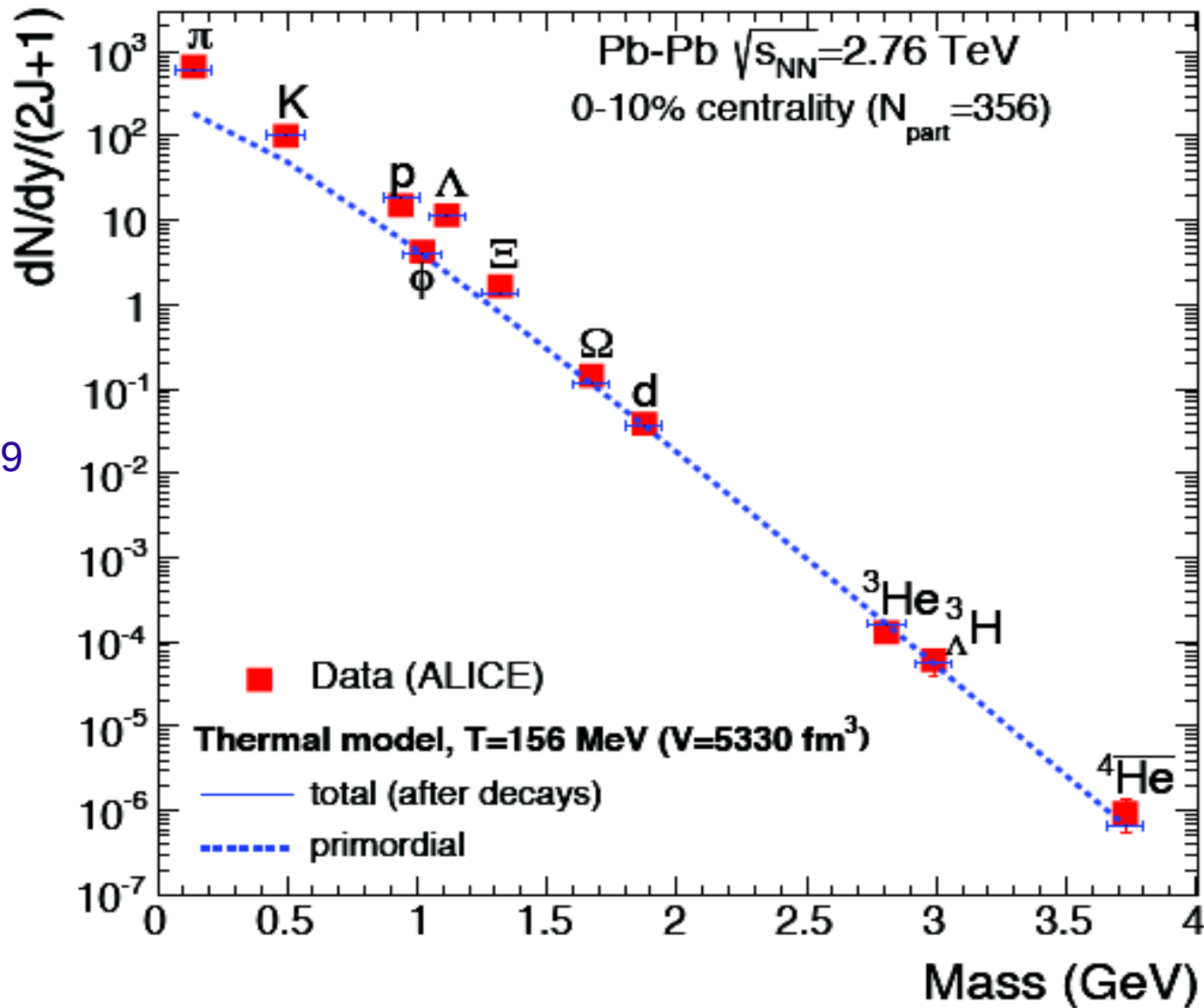




# Mass dependence of primordial and total yield compared to LHC data



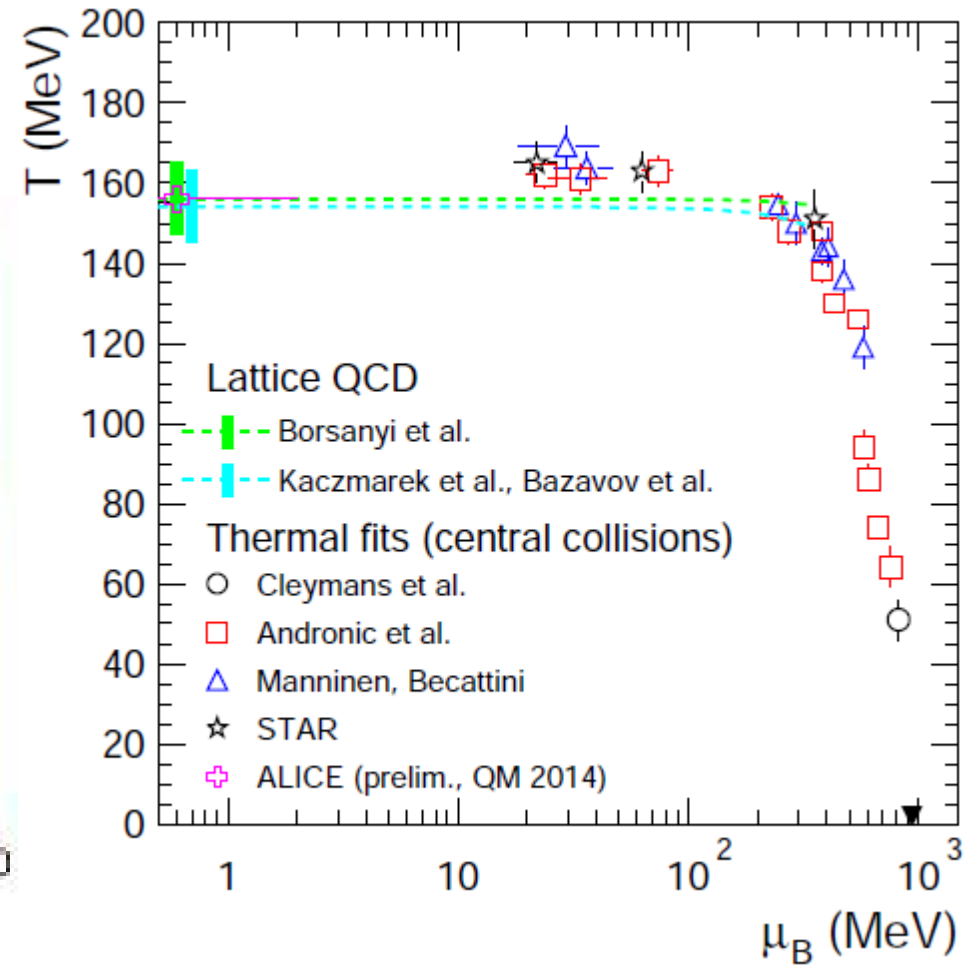
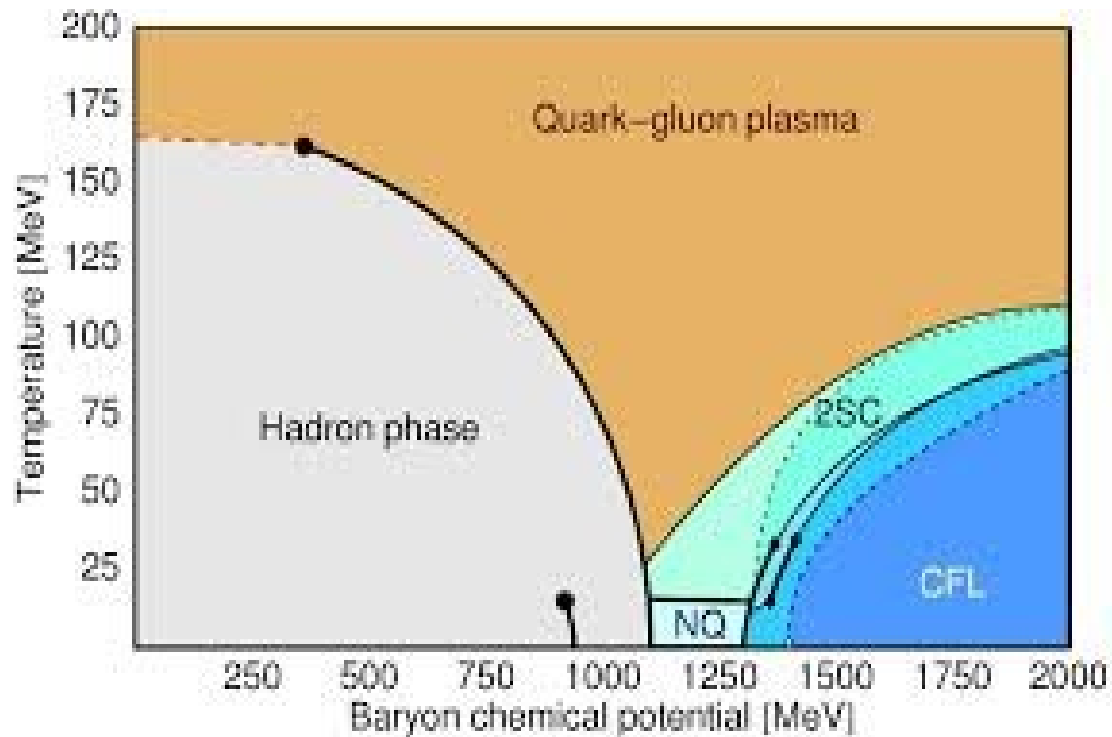
# ... and also including anti-alphas



agreement over 9 orders of magnitude with QCD statistical operator prediction

yield of light nuclei predicted in: pbm, J. Stachel, J.Phys. G28 (2002) 1971-1976, J.Phys. G21 (1995) L17-L20

# The QGP Phase Diagram and Hadron Production Data



# Summary I

overall the LHC data provide strong support for chemical freeze-out driven by the phase transition at  $T_c = 156$  MeV

the full QCD statistical operator is encoded in the nuclear collision data on hadron multiplicities

energy dependence of hadron yields provides strong connection to fundamental QCD prediction of hadronic and quark-gluon matter at high temperature

success to describe also yields of loosely bound states provides strong evidence for isentropic expansion after chemical freeze-out

# Charmonium as a probe for the properties of the QGP

the original idea: (Matsui and Satz 1986) implant charmonia into the QGP and observe their modification, in terms of suppressed production in nucleus-nucleus collisions with or without plasma formation – **sequential melting**

new insight (pbm, Stachel 2000) QGP screens all charmonia, but charmonium production takes place at the phase boundary, enhanced production at colliders – **signal for deconfined, thermalized charm quarks production probability scales with  $N(c\bar{c})^2$**

recent reviews: L. Kluberg and H. Satz, arXiv:0901.3831

pbm and J. Stachel, arXiv:0901.2500

both published in Landoldt-Boernstein Review, R. Stock, editor, Springer 2010

n.b. at collider energies there is a complete separation of time scales

$$t_{\text{coll}} \ll t_{\text{QGP}} < t_{\text{Jpsi}}$$

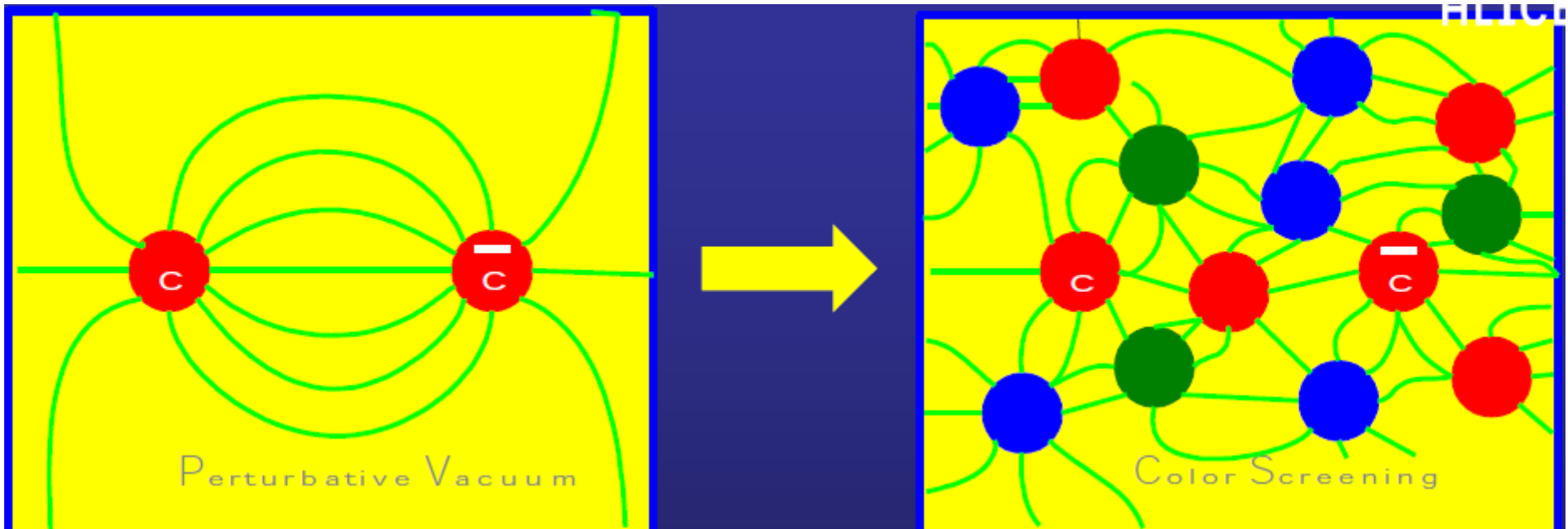
implanting charmonia into QGP is an inappropriate notion

this issue was already anticipated by Blaizot and Ollitrault in 1988

# color screening removes bound states

vacuum

QGP

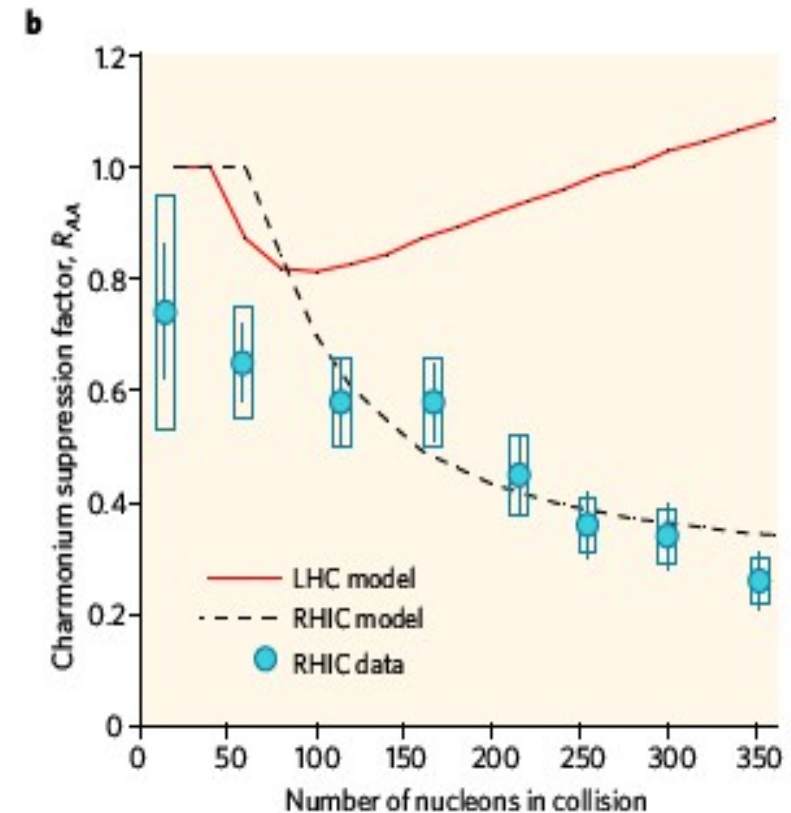
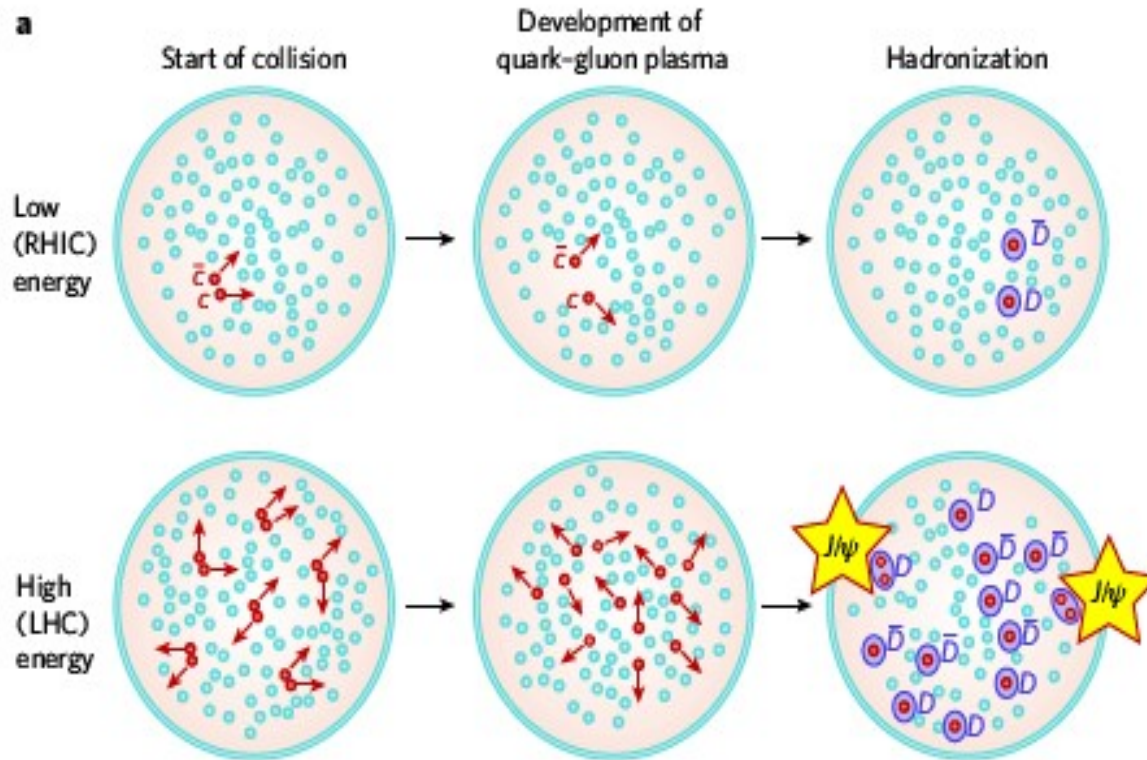


Will this happen at  $T_c$  or only when deep inside the QGP?

# quarkonium as a probe for deconfinement at the LHC

## the statistical (re-)generation picture

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, The Quest for the Quark-Gluon Plasma, Nature 448 Issue 7151, (2007) 302-309.

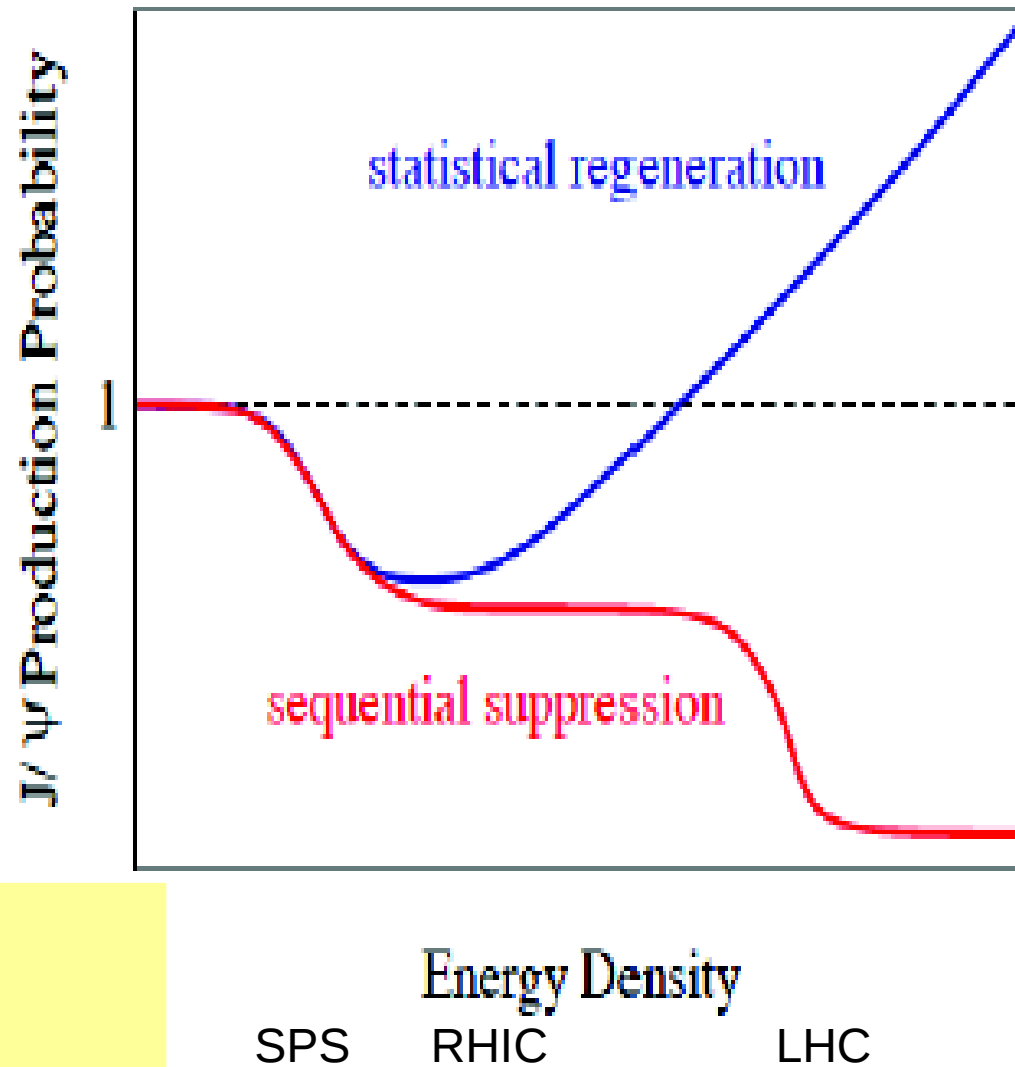


charmonium enhancement as fingerprint of color screening and deconfinement at LHC energy

pbm, Stachel, Phys. Lett. B490 (2000) 196

Andronic, pbm, Redlich, Stachel, Phys. Lett. B652 (2007) 659

# decision on regeneration vs sequential suppression from LHC data



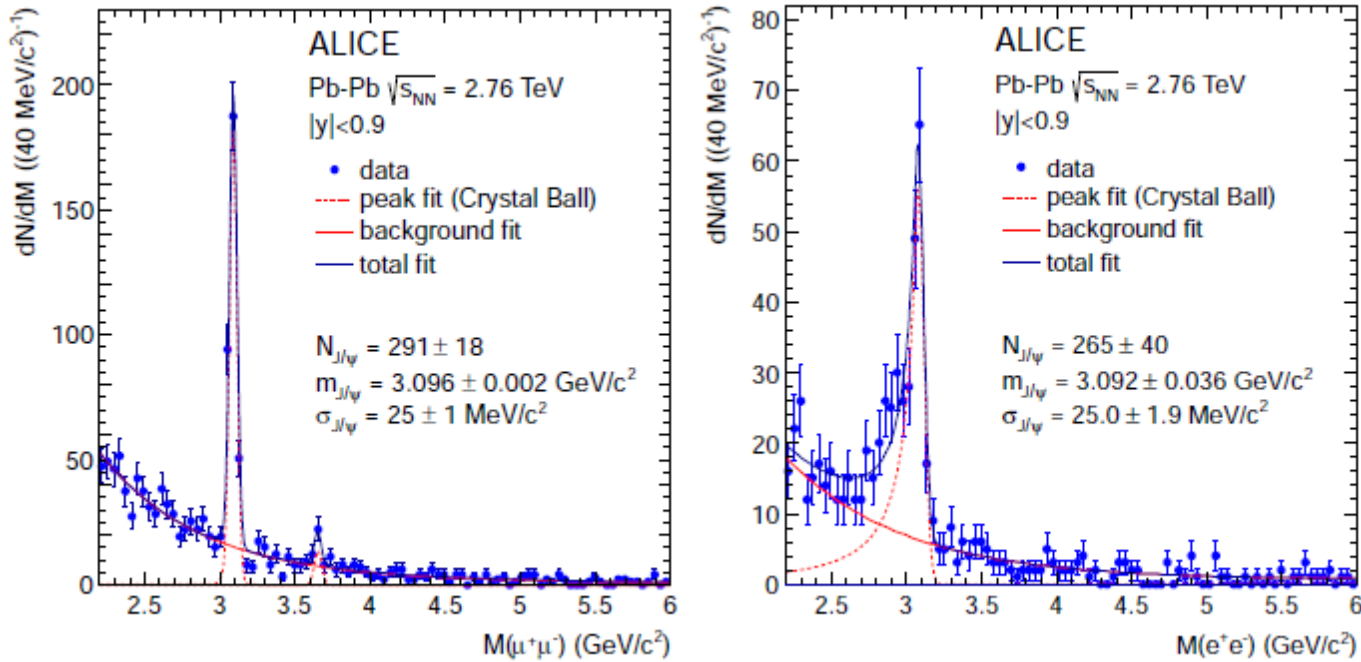
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H. Satz 2009

Energy Density  
SPS      RHIC      LHC



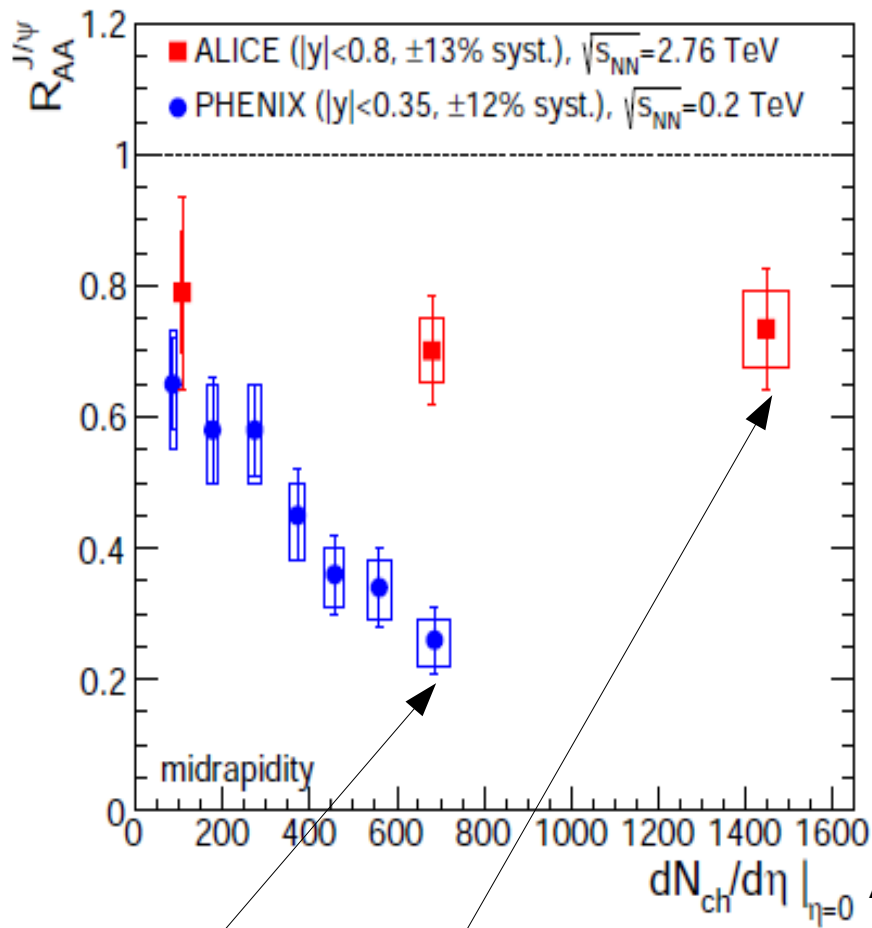
# Tracking accuracy

## J/psi measurement in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb collisions

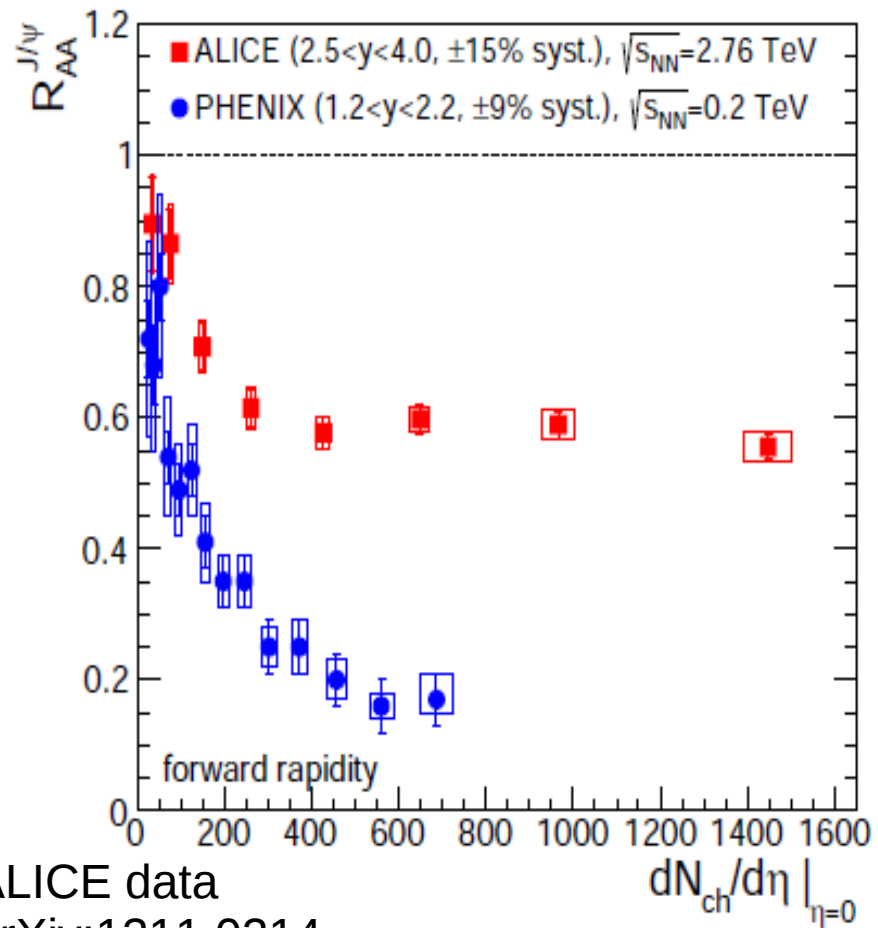


# less suppression when increasing the energy density

midrapidity



forward rapidity

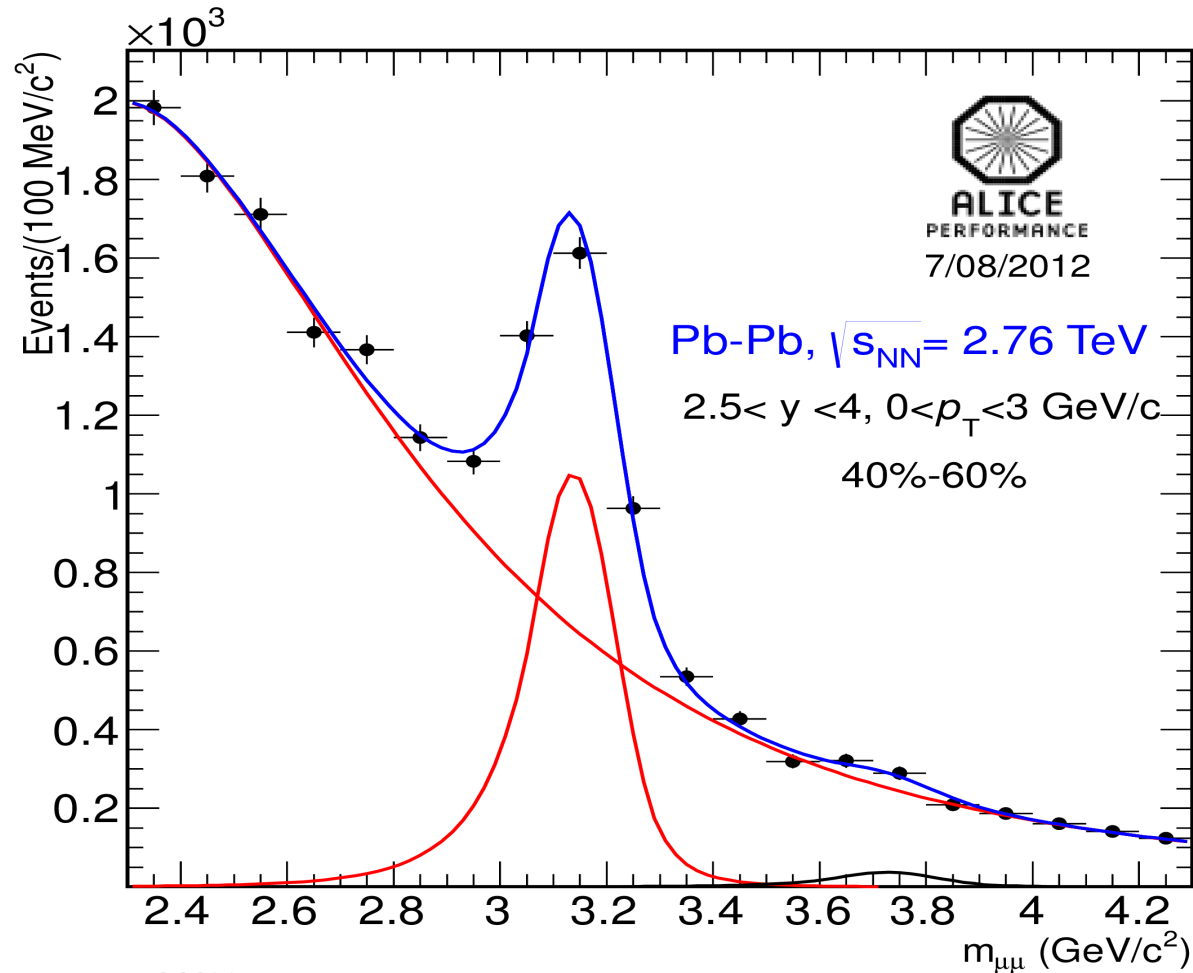


ALICE data  
arXiv:1311.0214  
PLB, in print

from here to here more than factor of 2 increase in energy density, but  $R_{AA}^{J/\psi}$  increases by more than a factor of 3

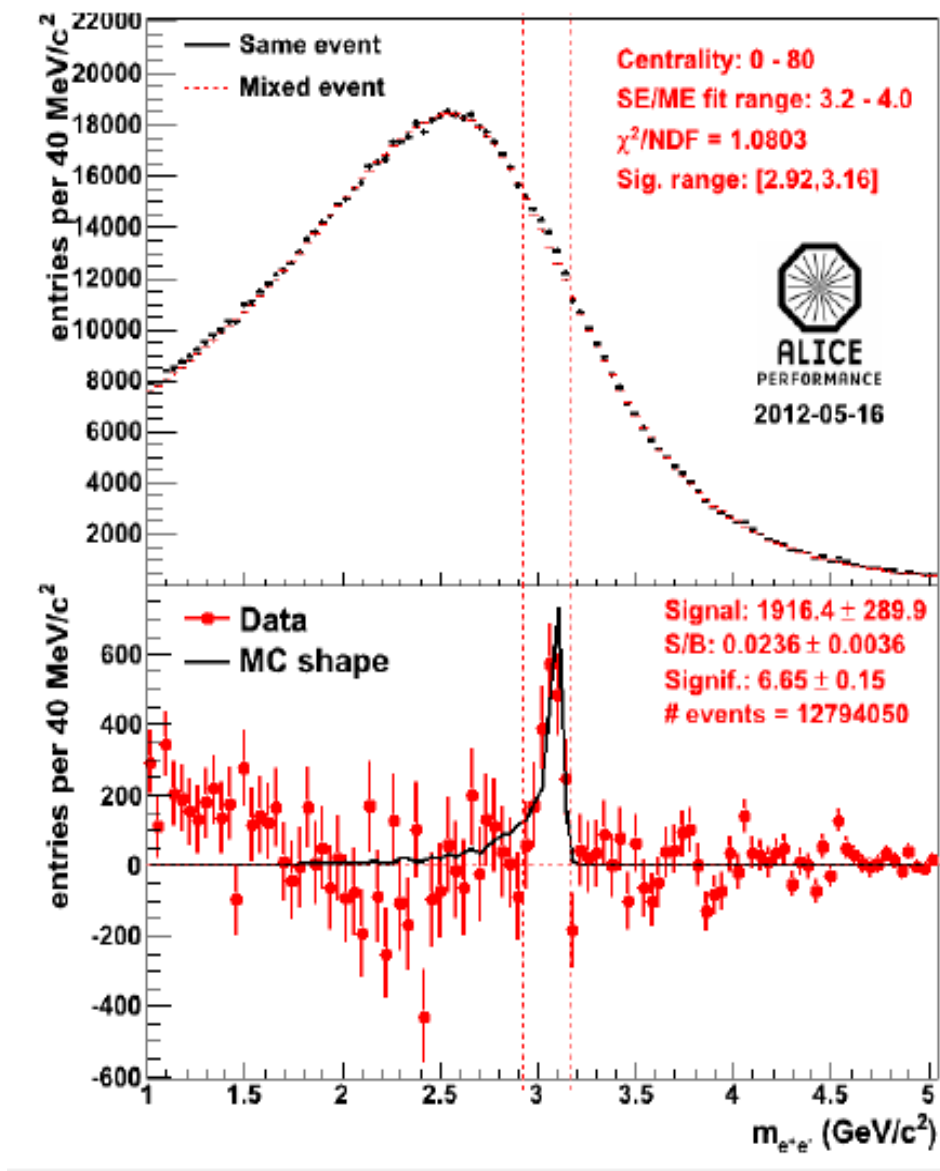
2007 prediction impressively confirmed by LHC data

# J/psi → mumu in PbPb collisions



note: ALICE measurements include  $pt(J/\psi) = 0$

# J/psi in e+e- needs electron ID in both TPC and TRD

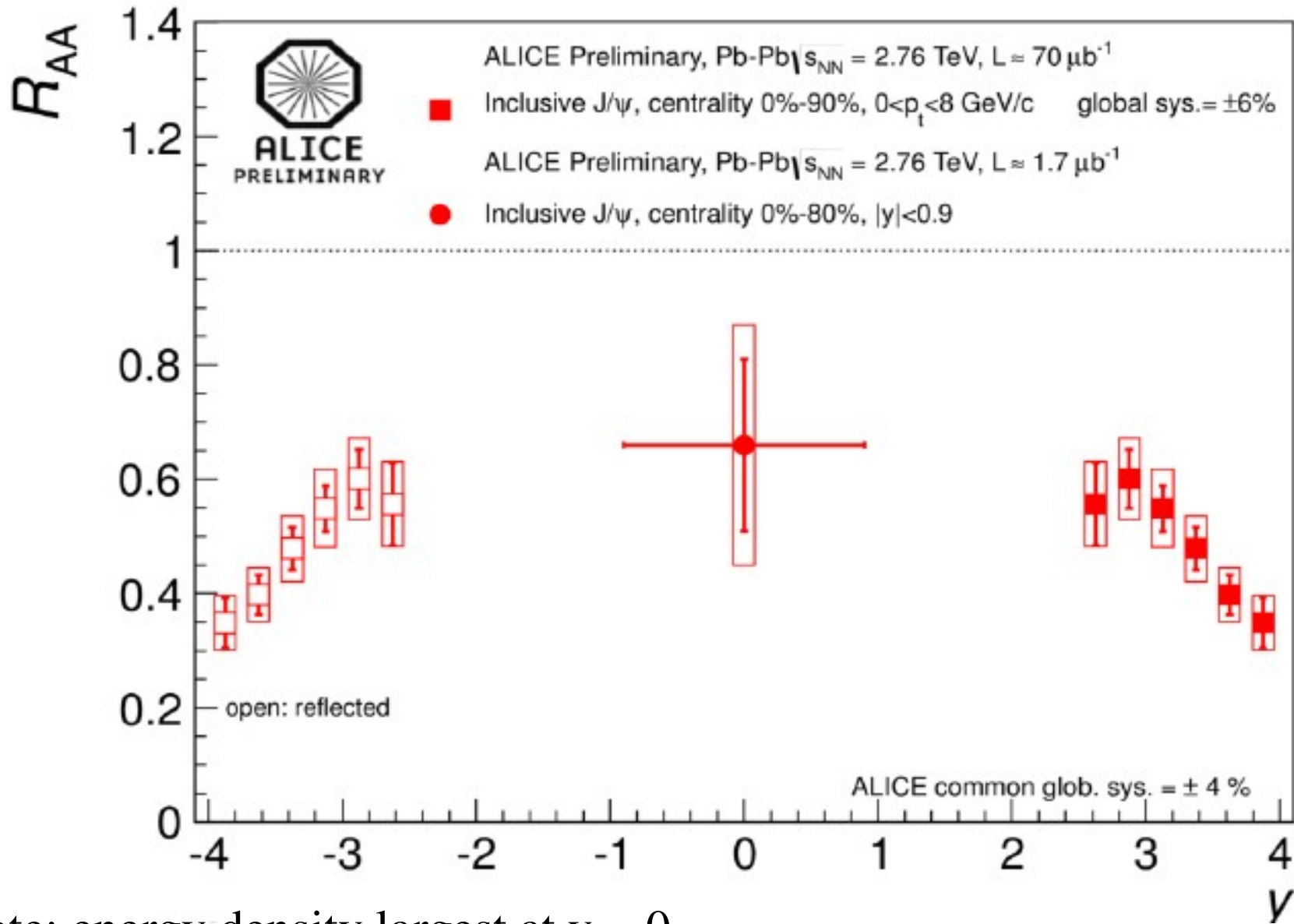


most challenging: [PbPb collisions](#)

in spite of significant combinatorial background

(true electrons, not from J/y decay but e.g. D- or B-mesons) [resonance well visible](#)

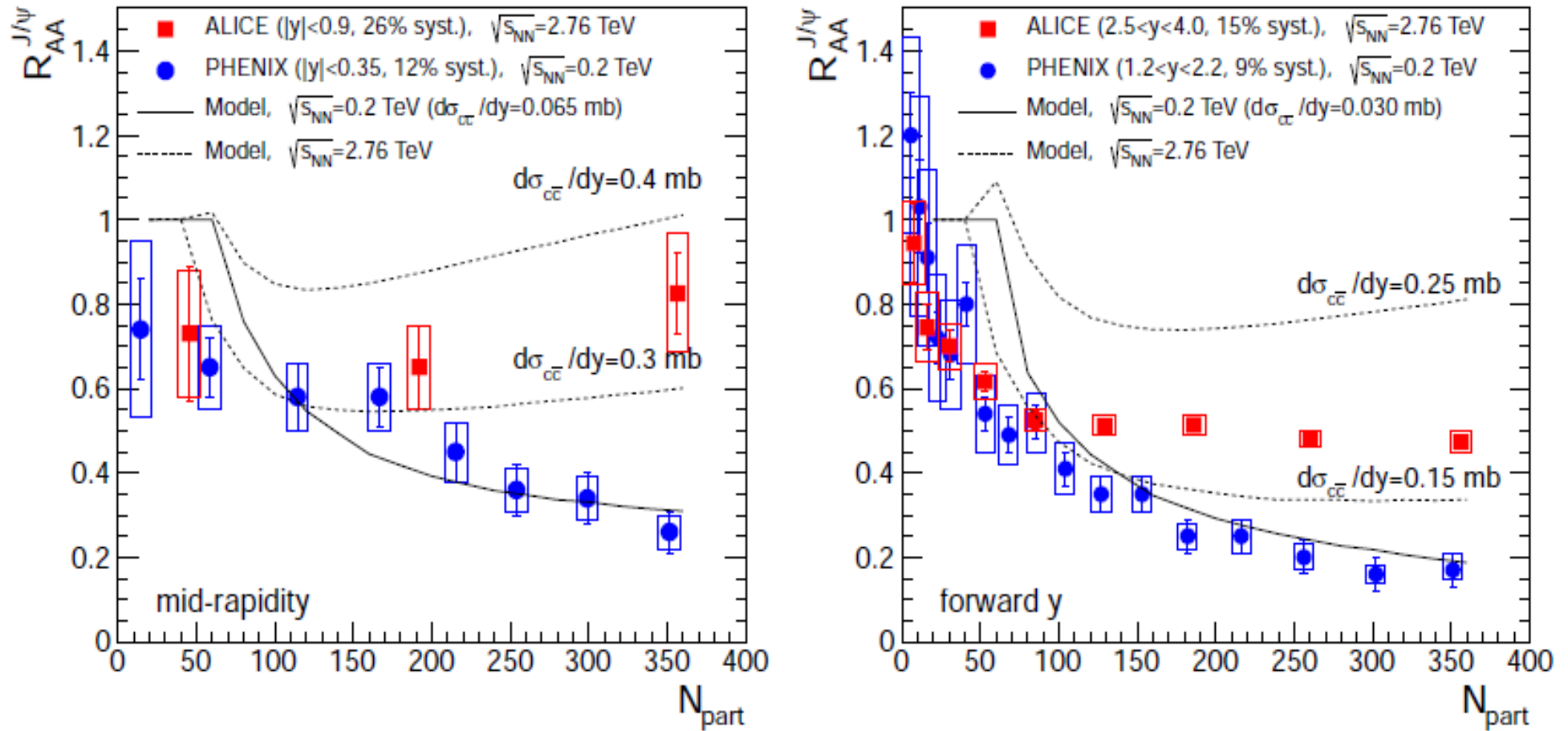
# Rapidity dependence



note: energy density largest at  $y = 0$

# statistical hadronization model

## all J/psi production at the phase boundary



ALICE data and evolution from RHIC to LHC energy  
described quantitatively

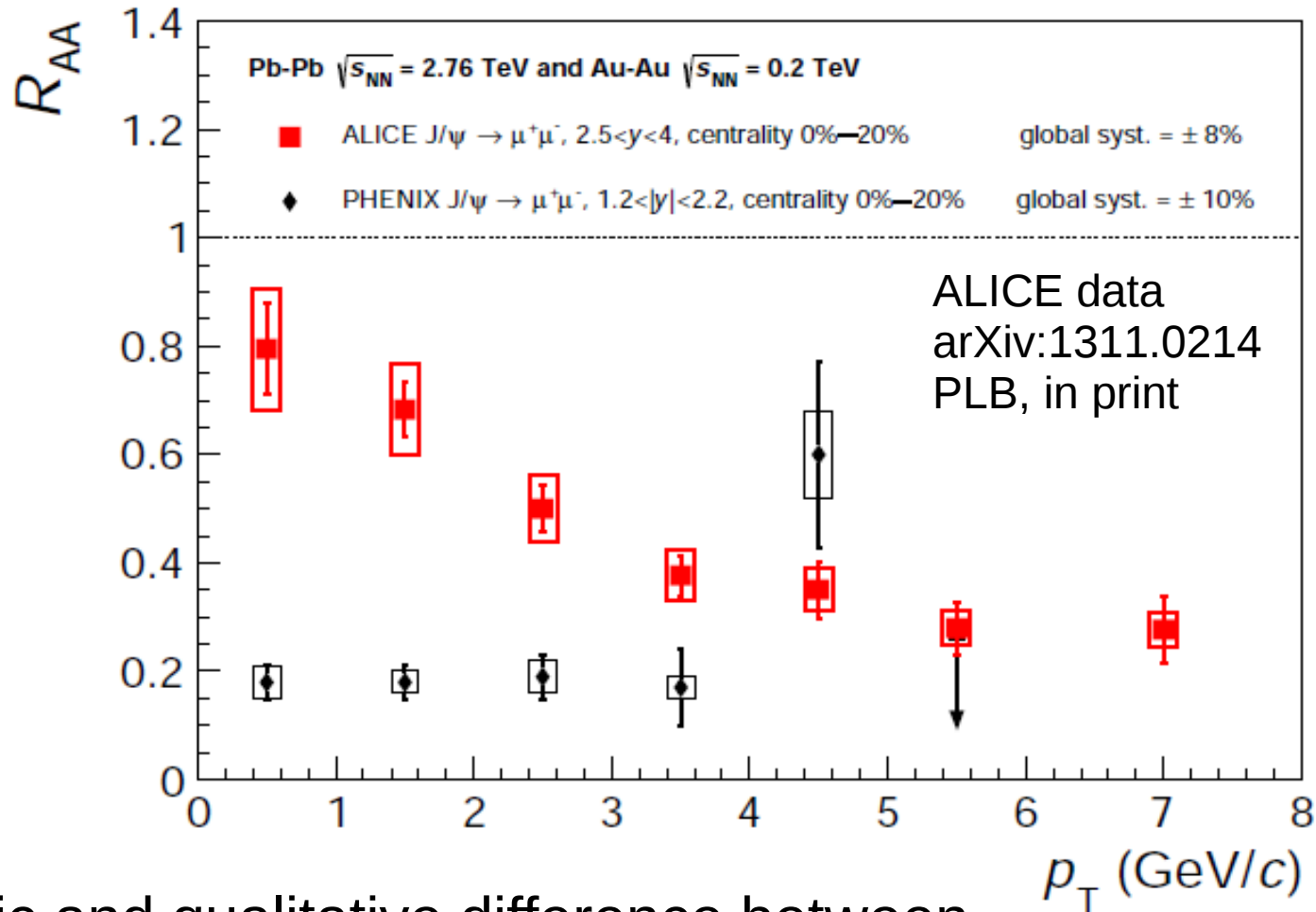
# back to J/psi data – what about spectra and hydrodynamic flow of charm and charmonia?

if charmonia are produced via statistical hadronization of charm quarks at the phase boundary, then:

- charm quarks should be in thermal equilibrium
  - low  $p_T$  enhancement
  - flow of charm quarks
  - flow of charmonia

# Comparison of transverse momentum spectra at RHIC and LHC

forward rapidity

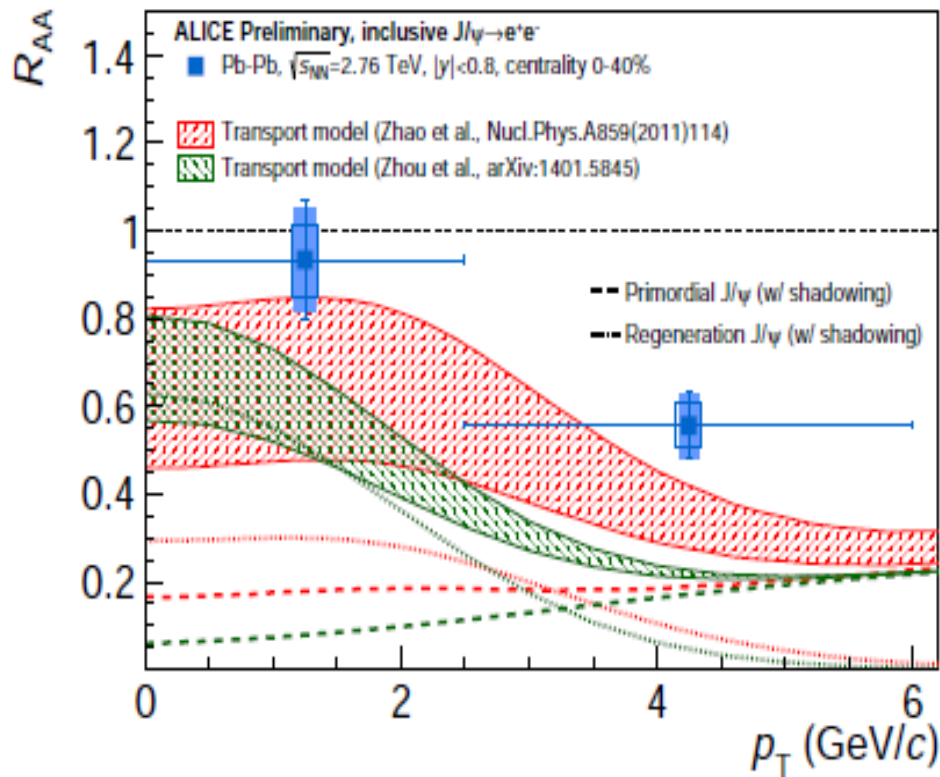


dramatic and qualitative difference between  
RHIC and LHC results

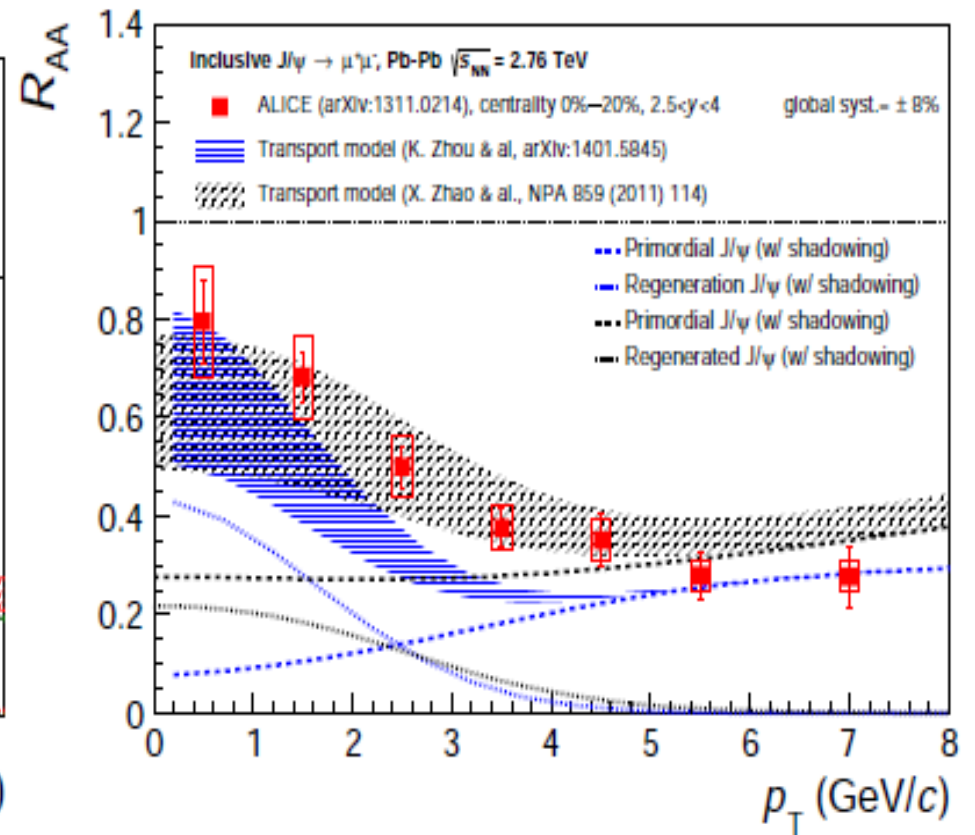


# comparison with (re-)generation models

midrapidity



forward rapidity



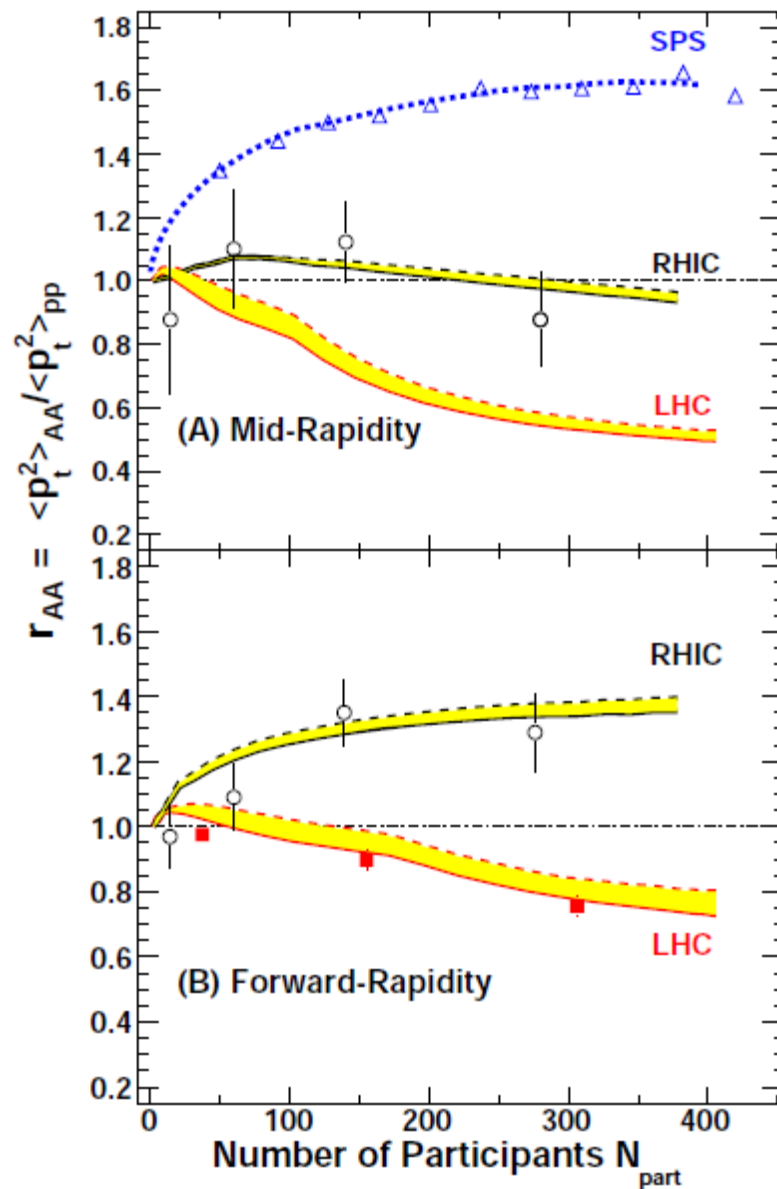
good agreement lends further strong support to the 'full color screening and late  $J/\psi$  production' picture

# analysis of transverse momentum spectra

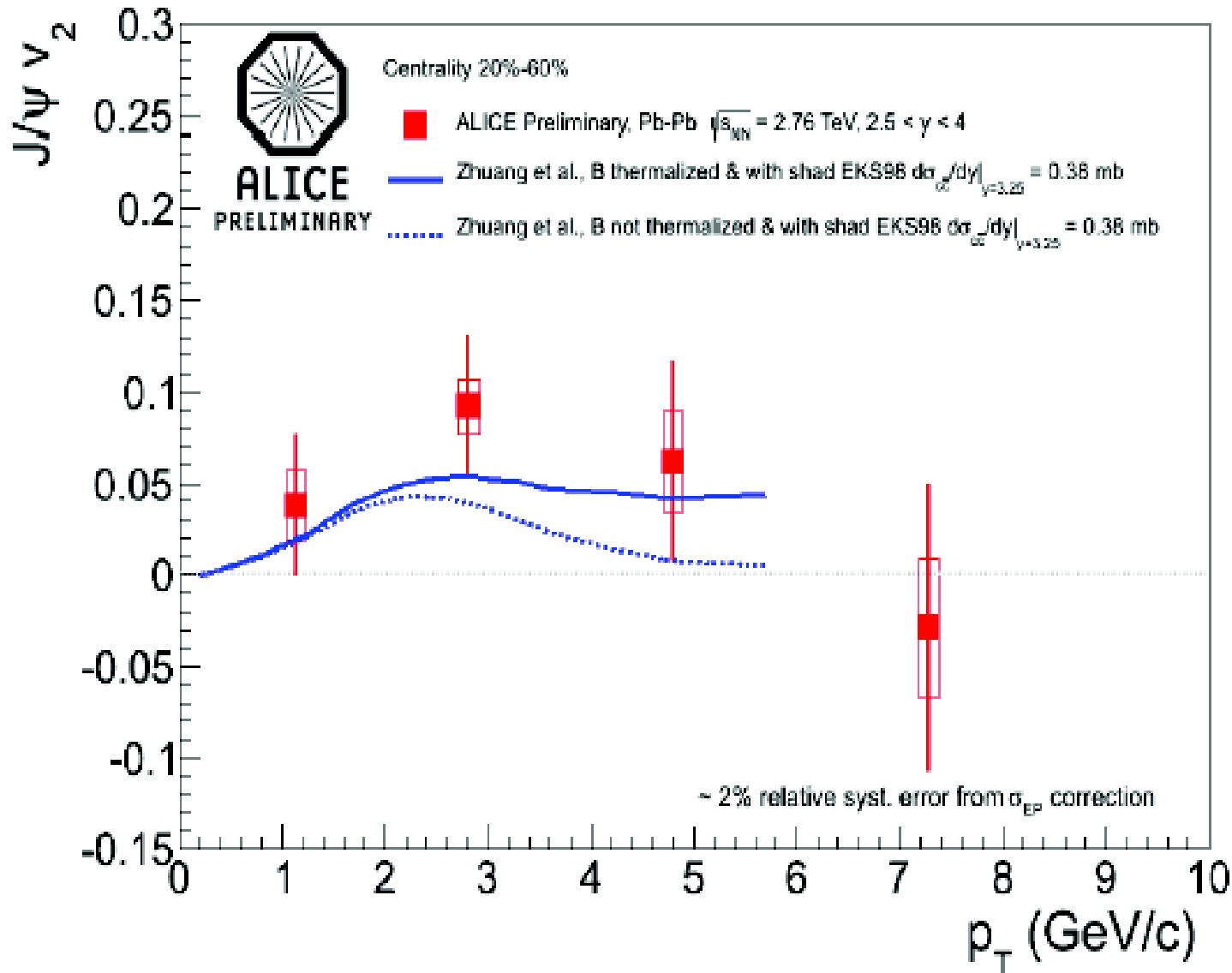
arXiv:1309.7520v1 [nucl-th] 29 Sep 2013

Zhou, Xu, Zhuang

at LHC energy, mostly (re-) generation of charmonium,  $p_t$  distribution exhibits features of strong energy loss and approach to thermalization for charm quarks



# J/psi flow compared to models including (re-) generation



hydrodynamic flow of J/psi consistent with (re-)generation

# Charmonium production at LHC energy: deconfinement, and color screening

- Charmonia formed at the phase boundary → full color screening at  $T_c$
- Debye screening length  $< 0.4$  fm near  $T_c$
- Combination of uncorrelated charm quarks into J/psi → deconfinement

**statistical hadronization picture of charmonium  
production provides  
most direct way towards information on the  
degree of deconfinement reached  
as well as on  
color screening and the question of bound states in the QGP**

# Debye mass, LQCD, and J/psi data

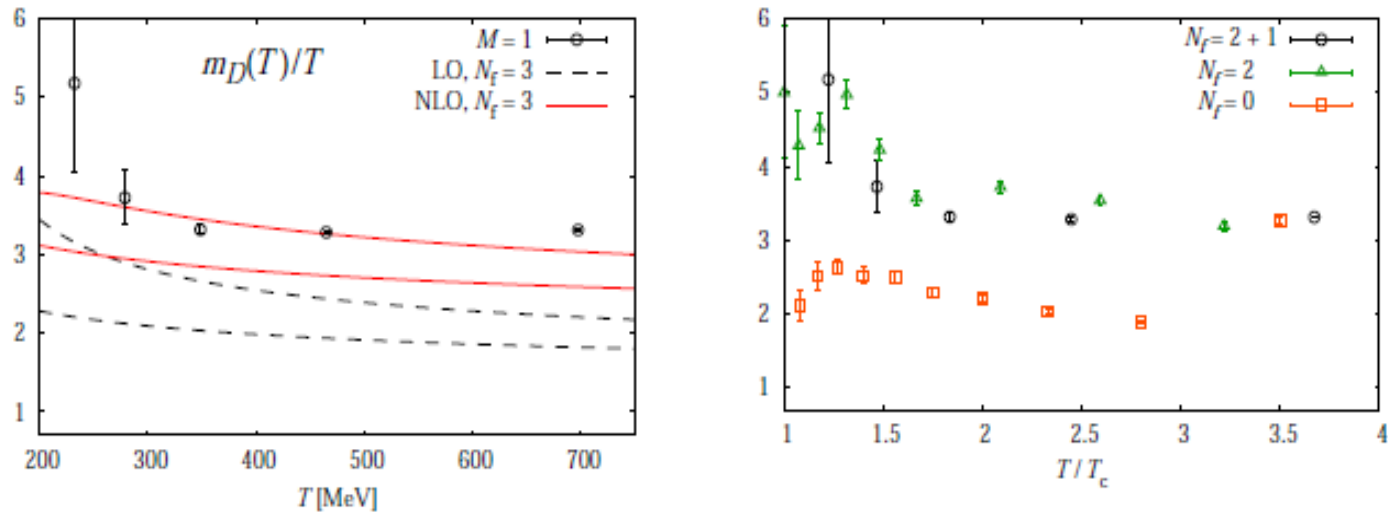


Fig. 6. (Left) The Debye screening mass on the lattice in the color-singlet channel together with that calculated in the leading-order (LO) and next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbation theory shown by dashed-black and solid-red lines, respectively. The bottom (top) line expresses a result at  $\mu = \pi T$  ( $3\pi T$ ), where  $\mu$  is the renormalization point. (Right) Flavor dependence of the Debye screening masses. We assume the pseudo-critical temperature for 2 + 1-flavor QCD as  $T_c \sim 190$  MeV.

arXiv:1112.2756 WHOT-QCD Coll.

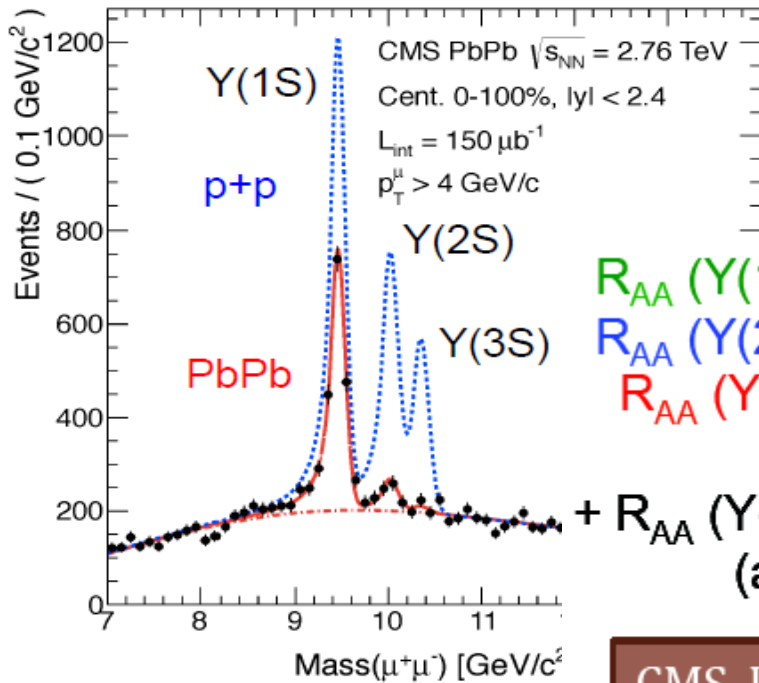
from J/psi data and statistical hadronization analysis:

**J/psi data on color screening at the phase boundary are close to predictions from Lattice QCD**

$$m_{\text{Debye}}/T > 3.3$$

at  $T = 0.15$  GeV

# The bottomonium puzzle (I)



$$R_{AA}(Y(1S)) = 0.56 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.07$$

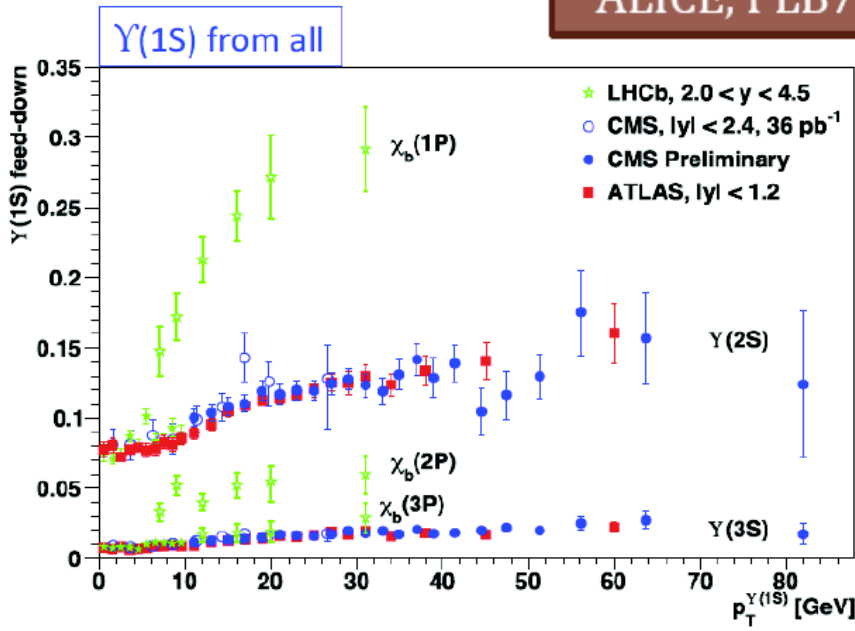
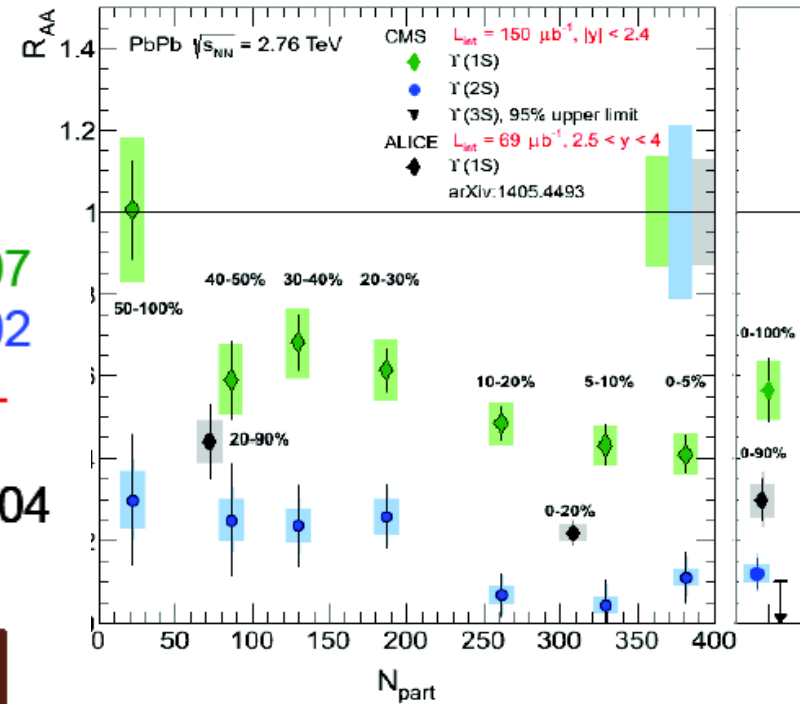
$$R_{AA}(Y(2S)) = 0.12 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.02$$

$$R_{AA}(Y(3S)) < 0.10 \text{ @ 95\% CL}$$

$$+ R_{AA}(Y(1S)) = 0.30 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.04$$

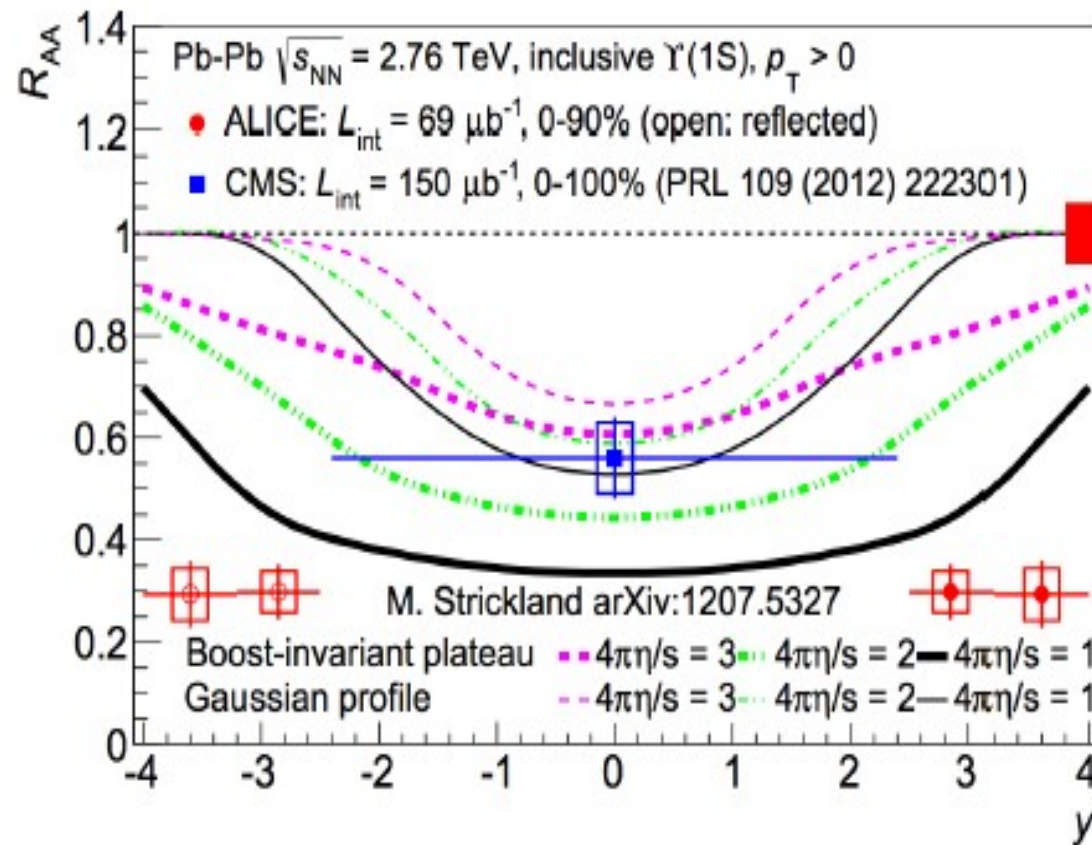
(at forward rapidity)

CMS, PRL109 (2012) 222301  
 ALICE, PLB738 (2014) 361



New results from LHCb: feeding into  $Y(1s)$  only about 30%  $\rightarrow$   $Y(1s)$  for pp suppression not due to reduced feeding in Pb—Pb collisions

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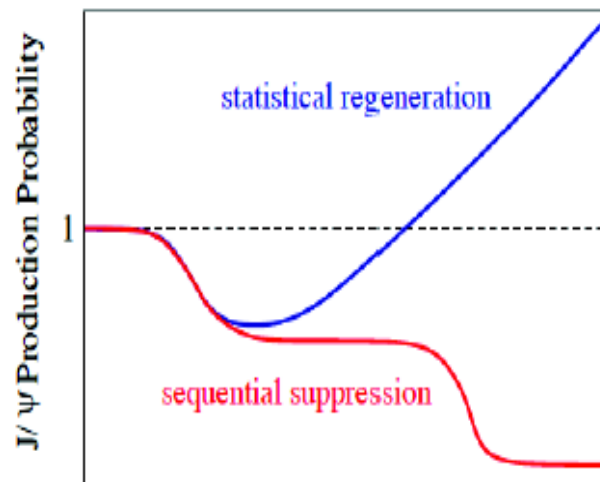


Rapidity distribution of RAA for  $\Upsilon(1s)$  is peaked at  $y=0$ , not consistent with suppression scenarios

**Measurements at large rapidity (ALICE muon arm) are crucial!**

## summary II

- charmonium production – a fingerprint for deconfined quarks and gluons
- evidence for energy loss and flow of charm quarks --> thermalization
- charmonium generation at the phase boundary – a new process
- first indications for this from  $\psi'/(J/\psi)$  SPS and  $J/\psi$  RHIC data
- evolution from RHIC to LHC described quantitatively
- charmonium enhancement at LHC –  $J/\psi$  color-screened at  $T_c$   
charm quarks deconfined in QGP



cartoon Helmut Satz, 2009

Energy Density  
SPS RHIC LHC



# outlook

Run2 at the LHC will commence in April 2015

LHC close to full design energy  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  for pp  
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.1 \text{ TeV}$  for Pb—Pb

Pb-Pb interaction rate 20 kHz (factor 4 increase compared to Run1)

ALICE detector adapted to new running conditions

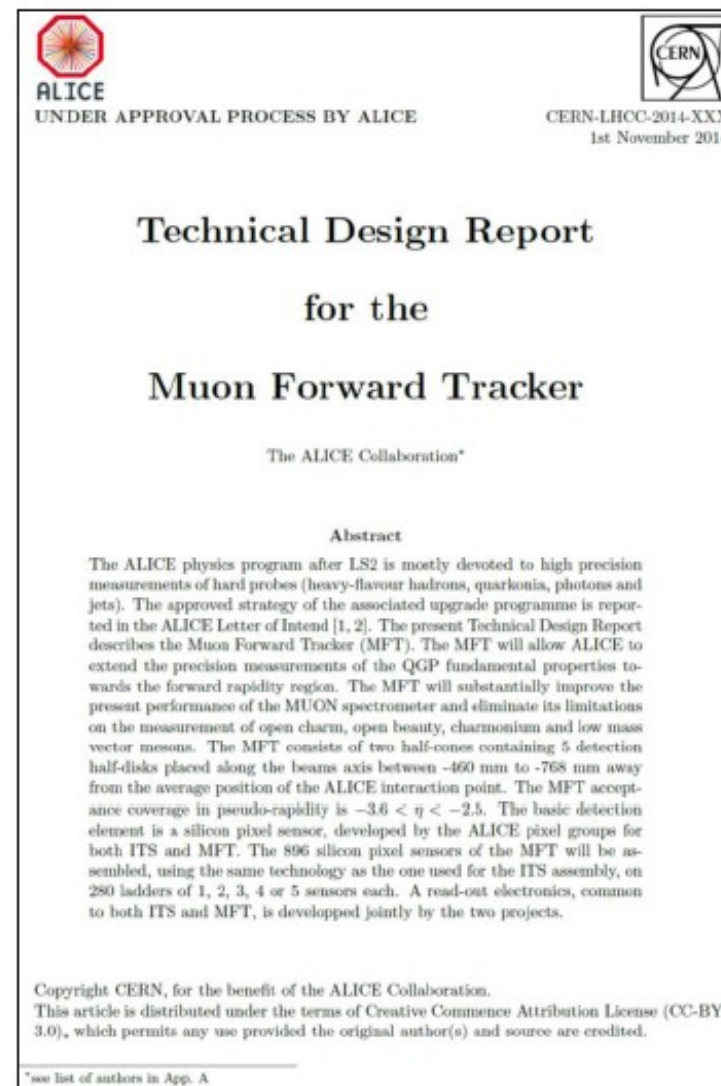
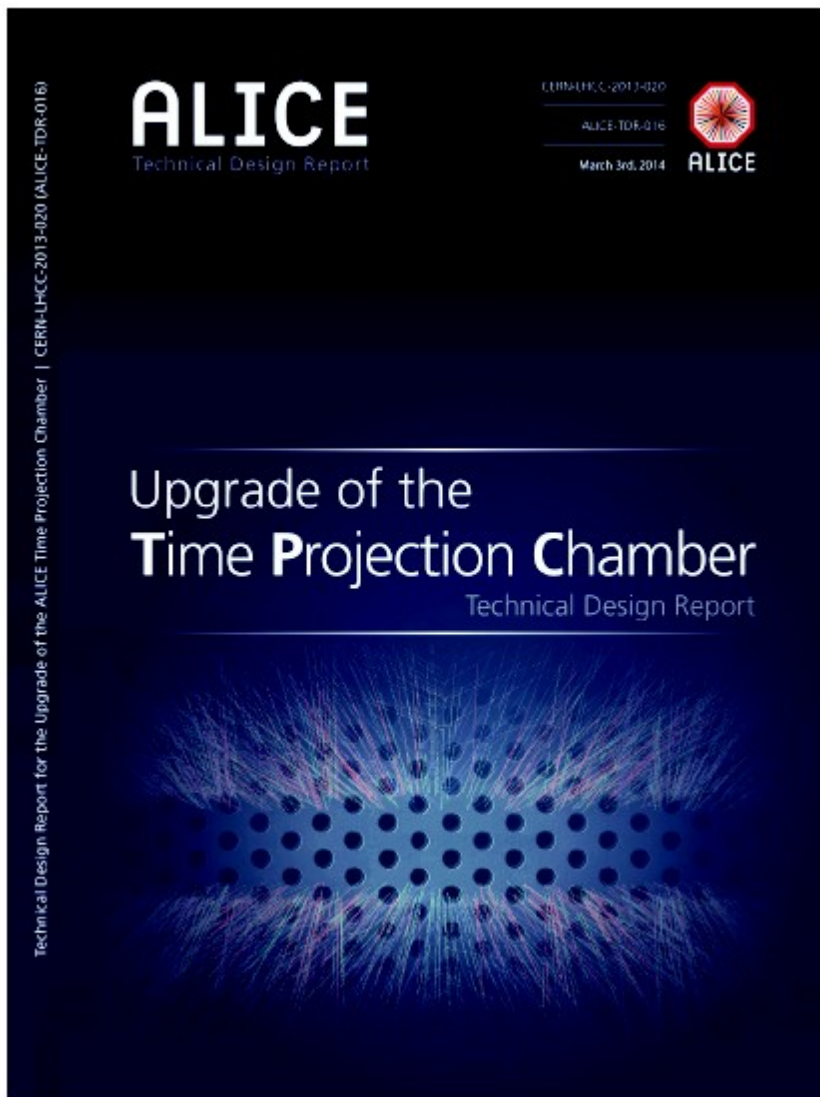
Plan for order of magnitude increase in data at higher energy and significantly improved precision



# Run 3: upgrade overview

- The ALICE upgrade strategy is outlined in the Letter Of Intent
  - CERN-LHCC-2012-012 ; LHCC-I-022
  - <http://cds.cern.ch/record/1475243>
- Operate ALICE at high luminosity ( $\mathcal{L}=6 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and record **all** minimum bias events
  - 50 kHz in Pb-Pb collisions  $\rightarrow$  100 x larger than the current read-out rate
  - 5 overlapping events in TPC drift volume  $\rightarrow$  TPC can not run in triggered mode
- The TPC upgrade is described in a Technical Design Report





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Additional slides

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# Some historical context on cluster production in relativistic nuclear collisions

P.J. Siemens and J.I. Kapusta, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1486.

here the provocative statement was made that cluster formation probability is determined by the entropy of the fireball in its compressed state, i.e. for example:

entropy/baryon is proportional to  $-\ln(d/p)$

## ENTROPY AND CLUSTER PRODUCTION IN NUCLEAR COLLISIONS

László P. CSERNAI\* and Joseph I. KAPUSTA

PHYSICS REPORTS (Review Section of Physics Letters) 131, No. 4 (1986) 223–318.

Very concise summary, including an elucidation of the relation between thermal fireball model and coalescence model

# The 'snowball in hell' story

Production of strange clusters and strange matter in nucleus-nucleus collisions at the AGS

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel (SUNY, Stony Brook). Dec 1994. 9 pp.

Published in J.Phys. G21 (1995) L17-L20

In conclusion, the fireball model based on thermal and chemical equilibrium describes cluster formation well, where measured. It gives results similar in magnitude to the predictions of the coalescence model developed recently [6] to estimate production probabilities for light nuclear fragments (p, d, t,  $\alpha$  ...) and for strange hadronic clusters (such as the H dibaryon) in Au-Au collisions at the AGS. Predicted yields for production of strange matter with baryon number larger than 10 are well below current experimental sensitivities.



# Thermal vs coalescence model predictions for the production of loosely bound objects in central Au—Au collisions

A.J. Baltz, C.B. Dover, et al.,  
Phys. Lett. B315 (1994) 7

Particles	Thermal Model		Coalescence Model
	$T=.120$ GeV	$T=.140$ GeV	
d	15	19	11.7
t+ <sup>3</sup> He	1.5	3.0	0.8
$\alpha$	0.02	0.067	0.018
$H_0$	0.09	0.15	0.07
${}^5_{\Delta\Delta}$ H	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
${}^6_{\Delta\Delta}$ He	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
${}^7_{\Xi^0\Lambda\Lambda}$ He	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-8}$
${}^{10}_1\text{St}^{-8}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-13}$	
${}^{12}_1\text{St}^{-9}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-15}$	
${}^{14}_1\text{St}^{-11}$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-18}$	
${}^{16}_1\text{St}^{-13}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-24}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-21}$	
${}^{20}_2\text{St}^{-16}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-31}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-27}$	

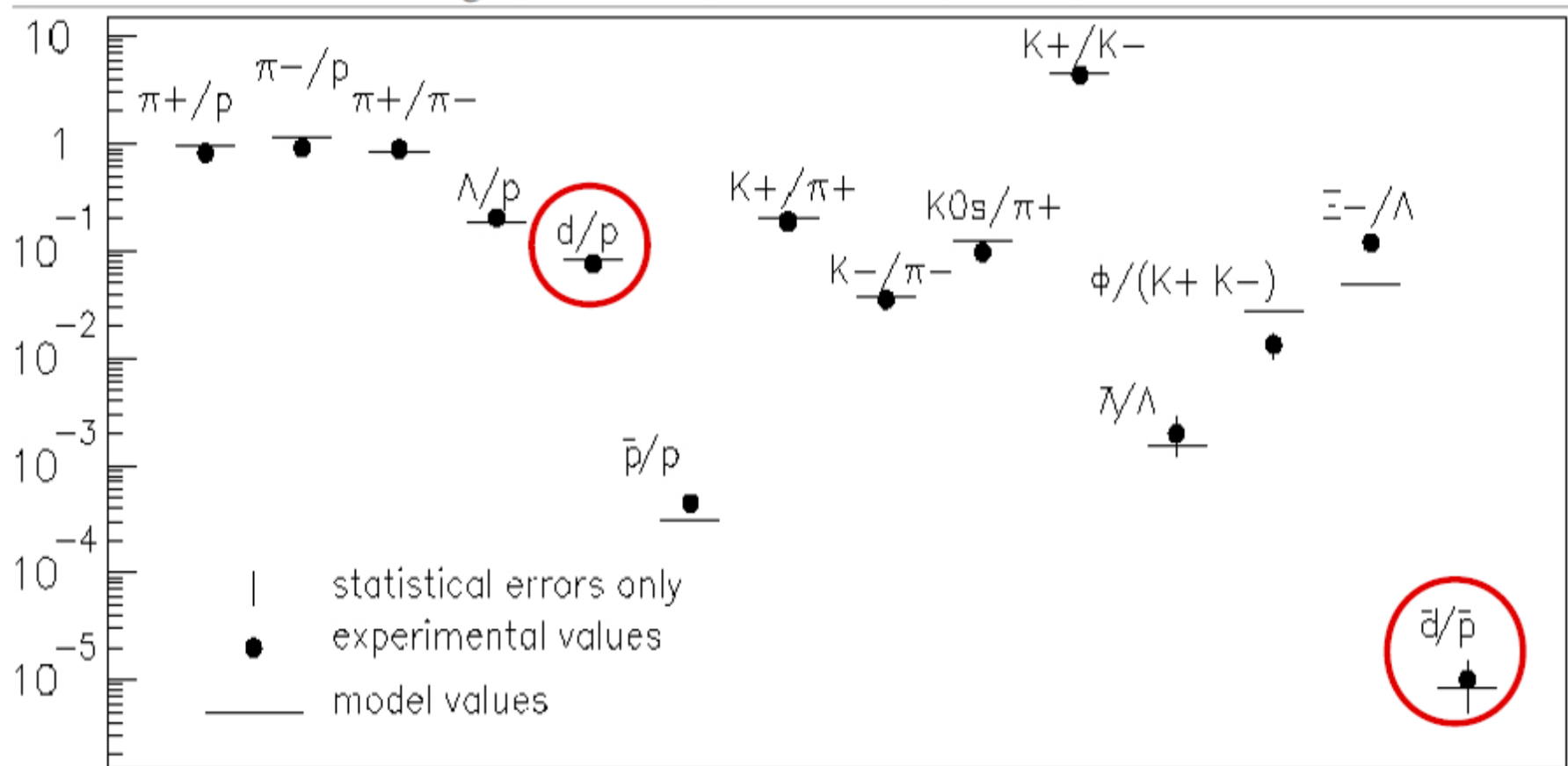
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# deuterons and anti-deuterons also well described at AGS energy

14.6 A GeV/c central Si + Au collisions and GC statistical model

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, J.P. Wessels, N. Xu, PLB 1994



dynamic range: 9 orders of magnitude! No deviation

# Thermal model and production of light nuclei at AGS energy

data cover 10 oom!

addition of every nucleon

-> penalty factor  $R_p = 48$

but data are at very low pt  
use m-dependent slopes following systematics up to deuteron

->  $R_p = 26$

GC statistical model:

$R_p \approx \exp[(m_n \pm \mu_b)/T]$   
for  $T=124$  MeV and  $\mu_b = 537$  MeV

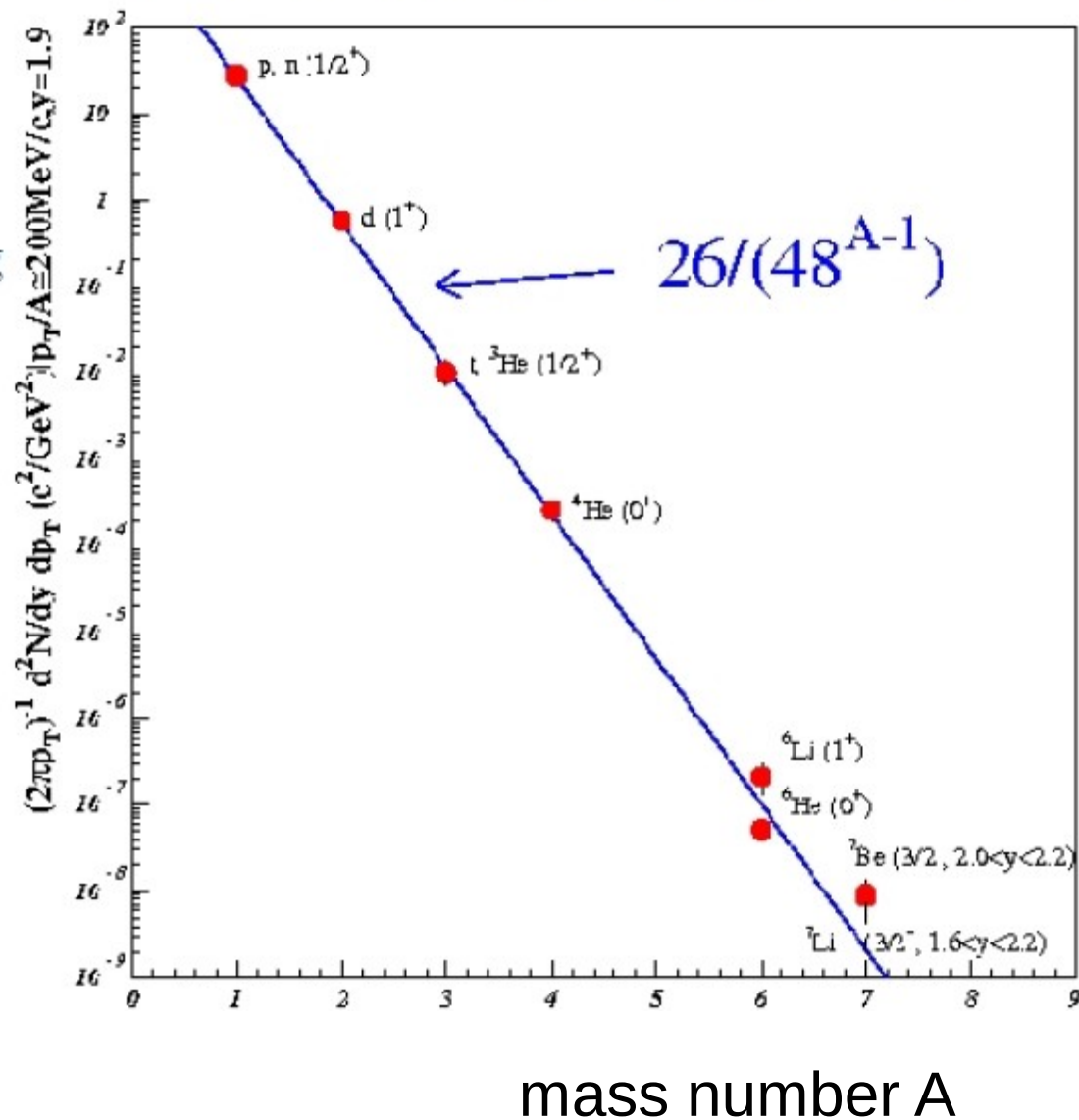
$R_p = 24$  good agreement

also good for **antideuterons**:

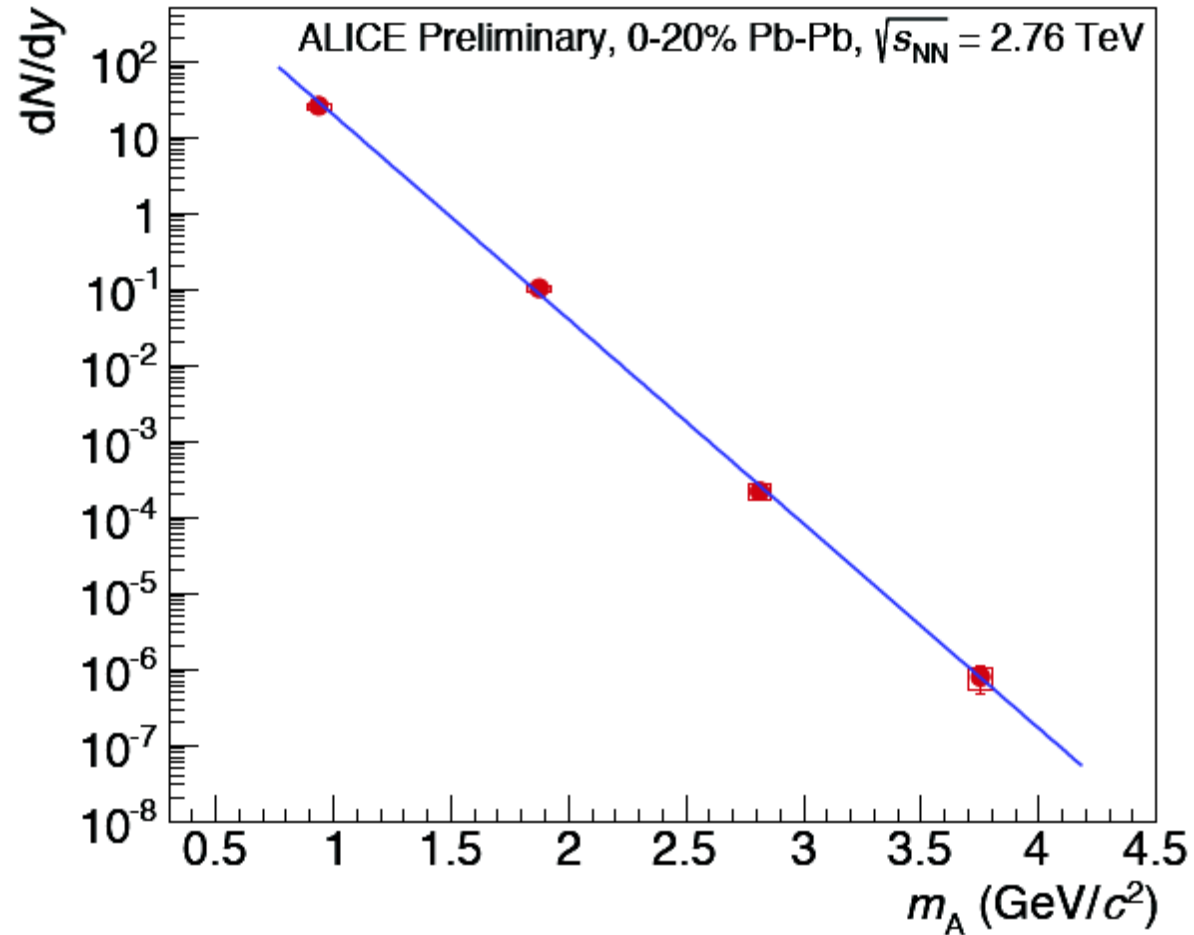
data:  $R_p = 2 \pm 1 \cdot 10^5$  SM:  $1.3 \cdot 10^5$

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel,  
J. Phys. G28 (2002) 1971

E864 Coll., Phys. Rev. C61 (2000) 064908



# Production of light anti-nuclei at LHC energy



penalty factor  $\exp\{-m/T\} \approx 330$

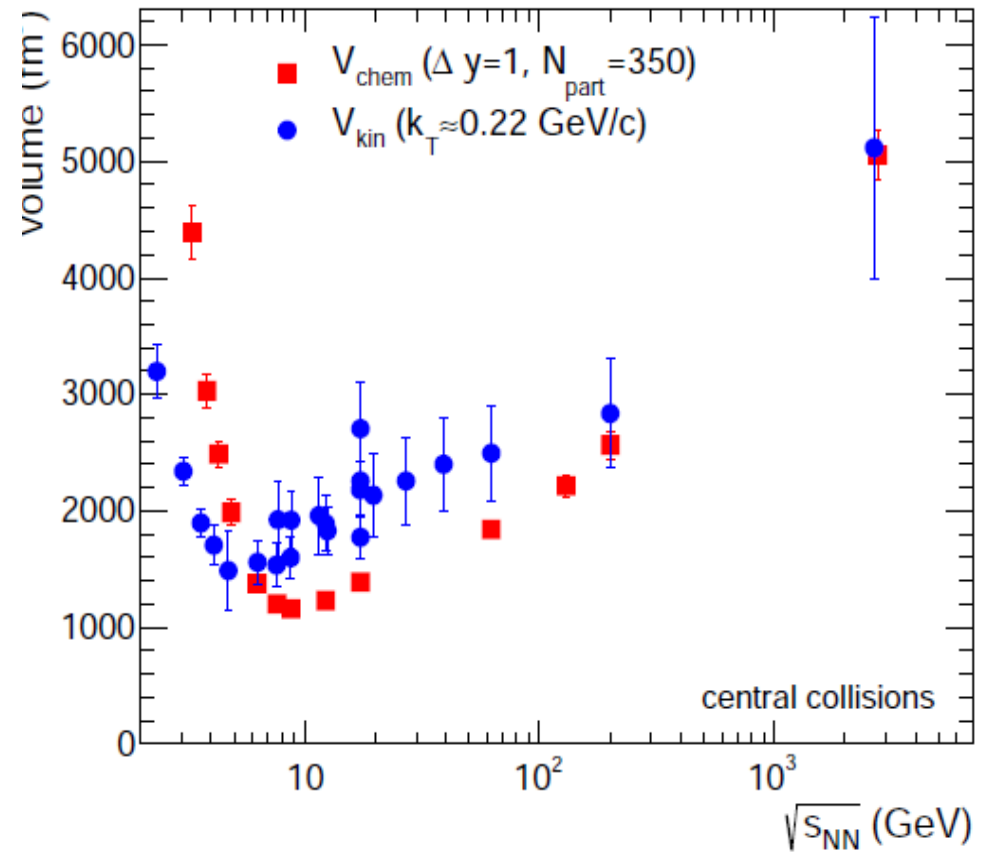
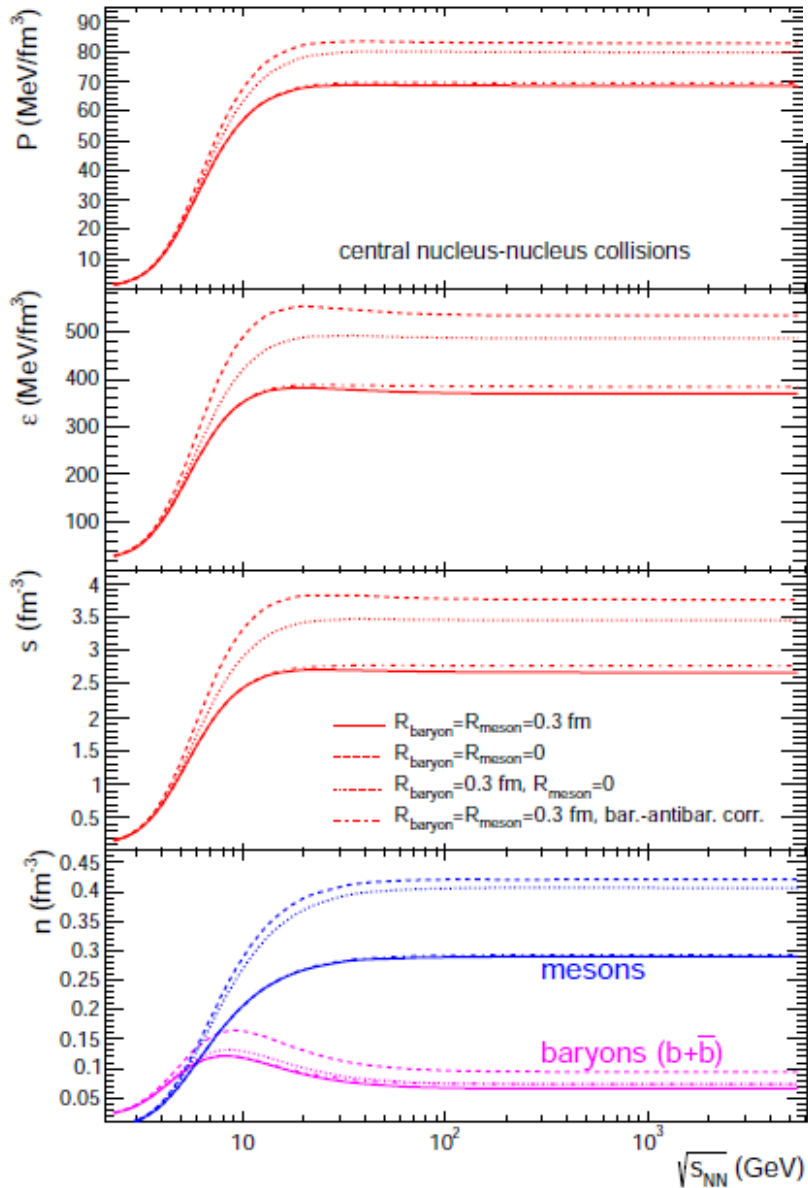
# Cluster production and entropy

$$S = s V = -\text{const} \ln(d/p)$$

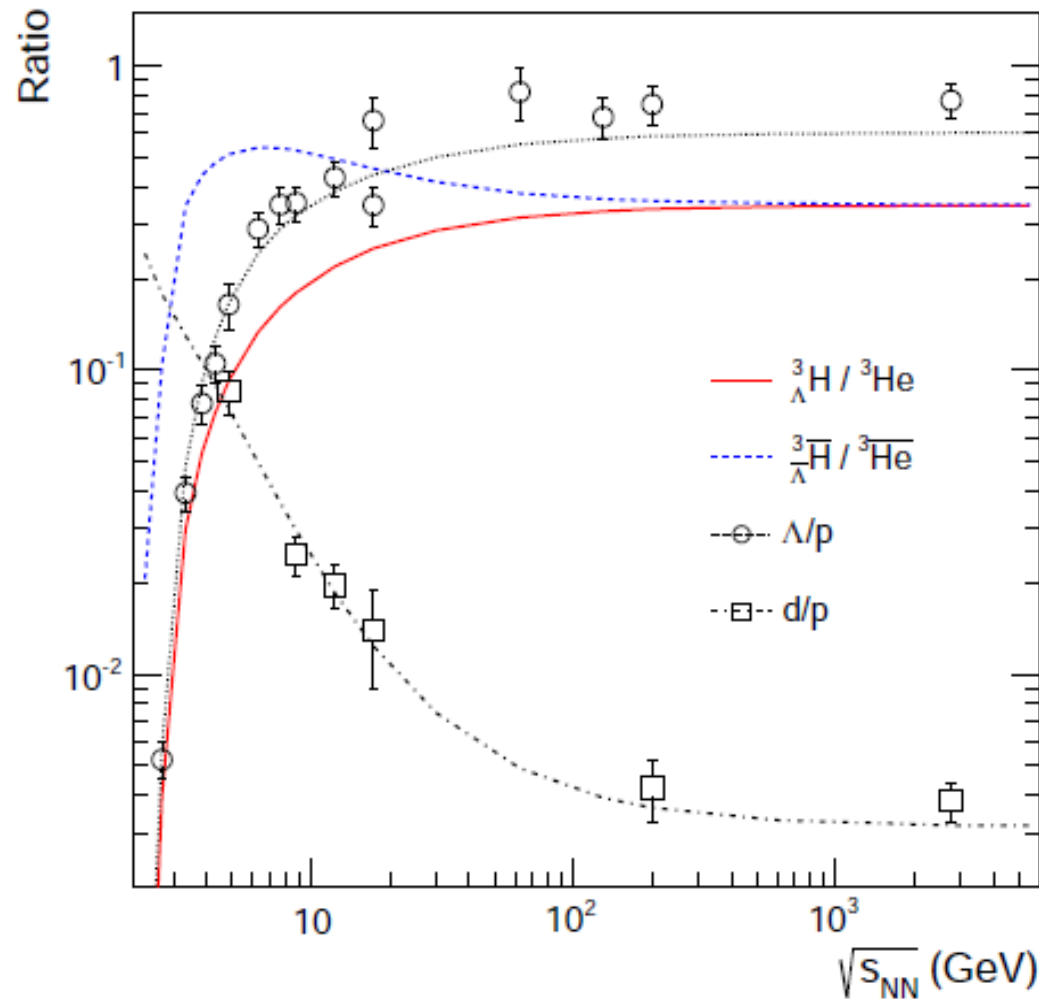
Interacting hadron resonance gas meets lattice  
QCD

arXiv:1201.0693

A. Andronic<sup>a,b</sup>, P. Braun-Munzinger<sup>a,c,d,e</sup>, J. Stachel<sup>f</sup>,  
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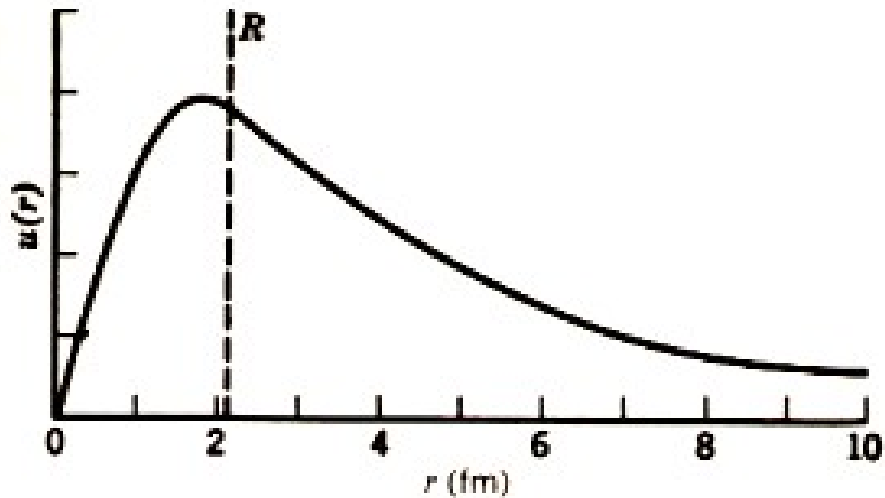
# The size of loosely bound molecular objects

Examples: deuteron, hypertriton, XYZ 'charmonium states, molecules near Feshbach resonances in cold quantum gases

Quantum mechanics predicts that a bound state that is sufficiently close to a 2-body threshold and that couples to that threshold through a short-range S-wave interaction has universal properties that depend only on its binding energy. Such a bound state is necessarily a loosely-bound molecule in which the constituents are almost always separated by more than the range. One of the universal predictions is that the root-mean-square (rms) separation of the constituents is  $(4\mu E_X)^{-1/2}$ , where  $E_X$  is the binding energy of the resonance and  $\mu$  is the reduced mass of the two constituents. As the binding energy is tuned to zero, the size of the molecule increases without bound. A classic example of a loosely-bound S-wave molecule is the deuteron, which is a bound state of the proton and neutron with binding energy 2.2 MeV. The proton and neutron are correctly predicted to have a large rms separation of about 3.1 fm.

Artoisenet and Braaten,  
arXiv:1007.2868

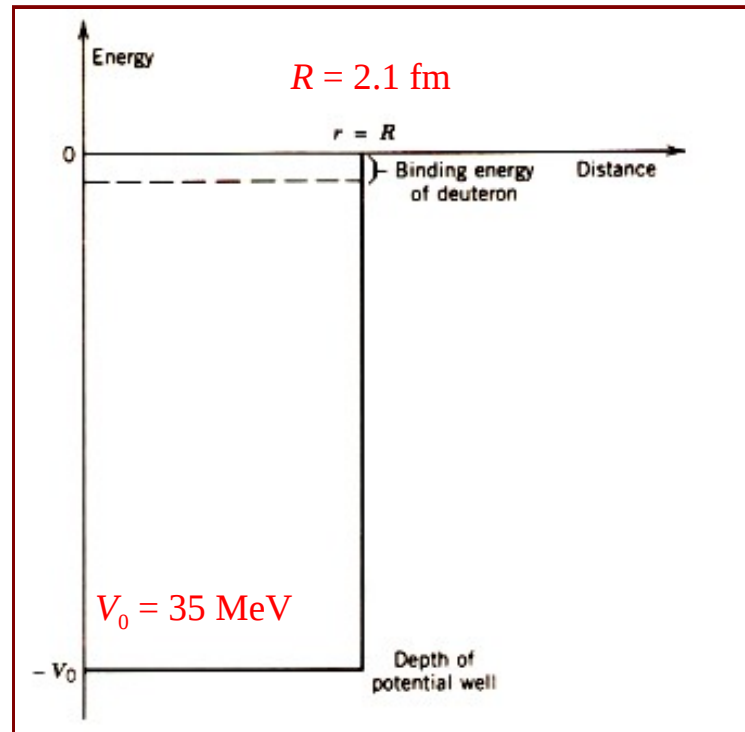
# The deuteron as a loosely bound object



Mass = 1875 MeV

B.E. = 2.23 MeV

rms radius = 3 fm > range of potential



# The Hypertriton

mass = 2.990 MeV

B.E. = 0.13 MeV

molecular structure: (p+n) + Lambda hypertriton is (very close to) an 'Efimov' state

2-body threshold: (p+p+n) + pi- = <sup>3</sup>He + pi-

rms radius =  $(4 \text{ B.E. } M_{\text{red}})^{-1/2} = 10.3 \text{ fm} =$   
rms separation between d and Lambda

in that sense: hypertriton = (p n Lambda)  
=  
(d Lambda) is the ultimate halo state

yet production yield is fixed at 156 MeV  
temperature (about 1000 x E.B.)

# The X(3872)

mass is below threshold of ( $D^{*0} D_{\text{bar}}^0$ ) by  $(0.42 \pm 0.39)$  MeV

$$D^{*0} \bar{D}^0 + D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$$

rms separation = 3.5 – 18.3 fm structure:

should be able to predict the X(3872) production probability in pp collisions at LHC energy with an accuracy of about 30%, uncertainty is due to not very precisely known number of charm quarks

result ready shortly

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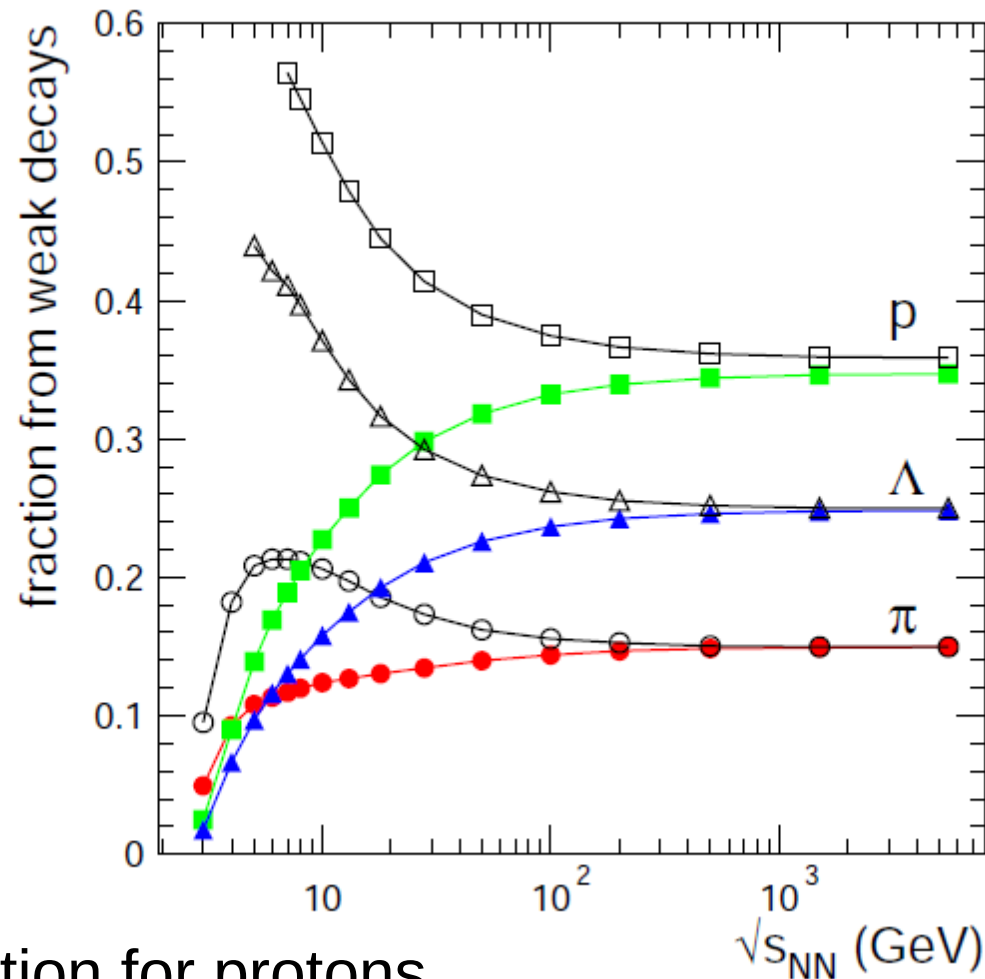
All ALICE data do not contain hadrons from weak decays of hyperons and strange mesons – correction done in hardware via ITS inner tracker

The RHIC data contain varying degrees of such weak decay hadrons. This was on average corrected for in previous analyses.

in light of high precision LHC data the corrections done at RHIC may need to be revisited.

# treatment of weak decays

fraction of yield from weak decays



biggest correction for protons  
done in hardware (vertex cut) at ALICE  
software corrections at all lower energies



# Re-evaluation of fits at RHIC energies – special emphasis on corrections for weak decays

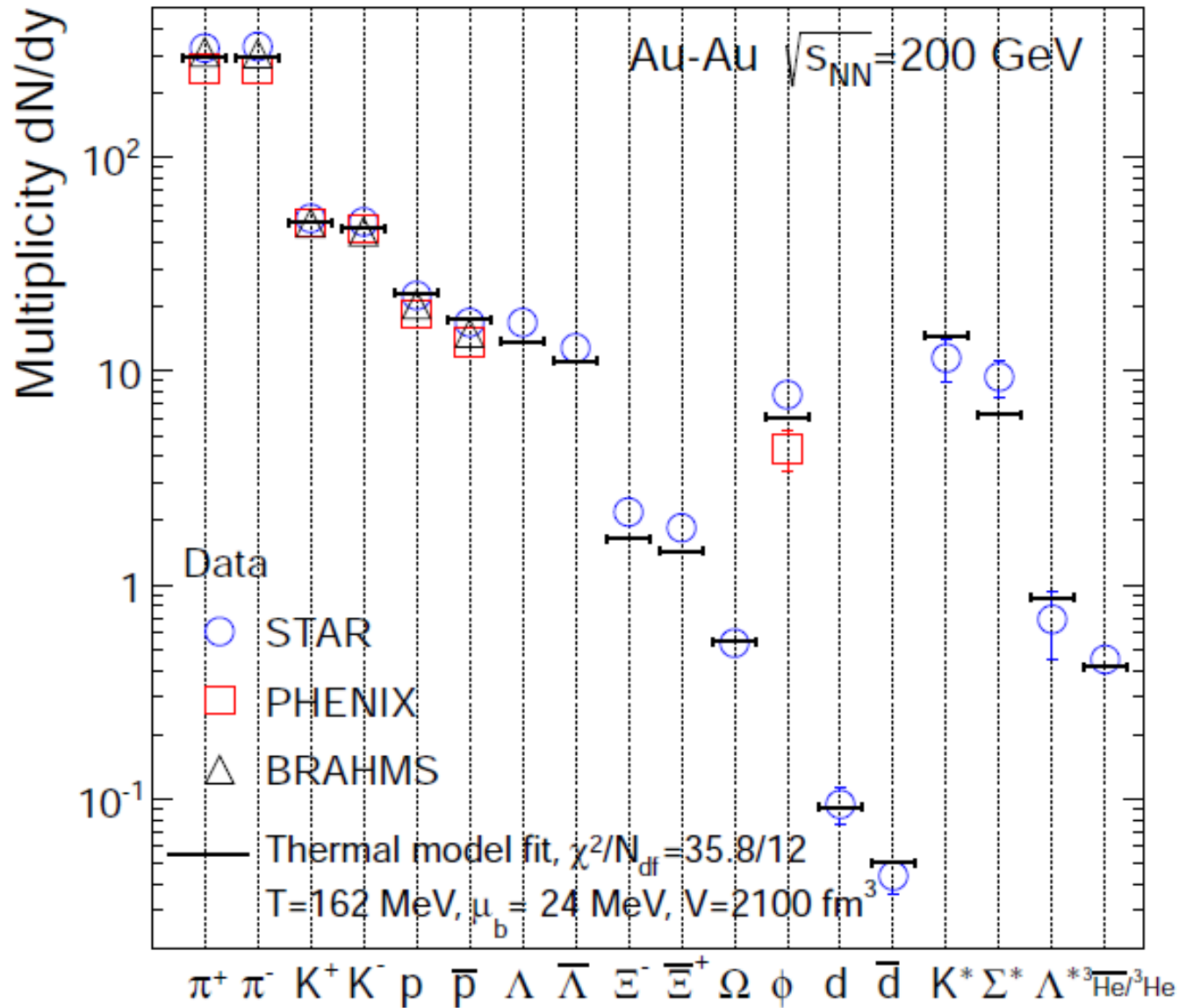
Note: corrections for protons and pions from weak decays of hyperons depend in detail on experimental conditions

RHIC hadron data all measured without application of Si vertex detectors

In the following, corrections were applied as specified by the different RHIC experiments

# Au+Au central at 200 GeV, all experiments combined

$T = 162 \text{ MeV}$



## could it be weak decays from charm?

weak decays from charmed hadrons are included in the ALICE data sample

at LHC energy, cross sections for charm hadrons is increased by more than an order of magnitude compared to RHC

first results including charm and beauty hadrons indicate changes of less than 3%, mostly for kaons

**not likely an explanation**

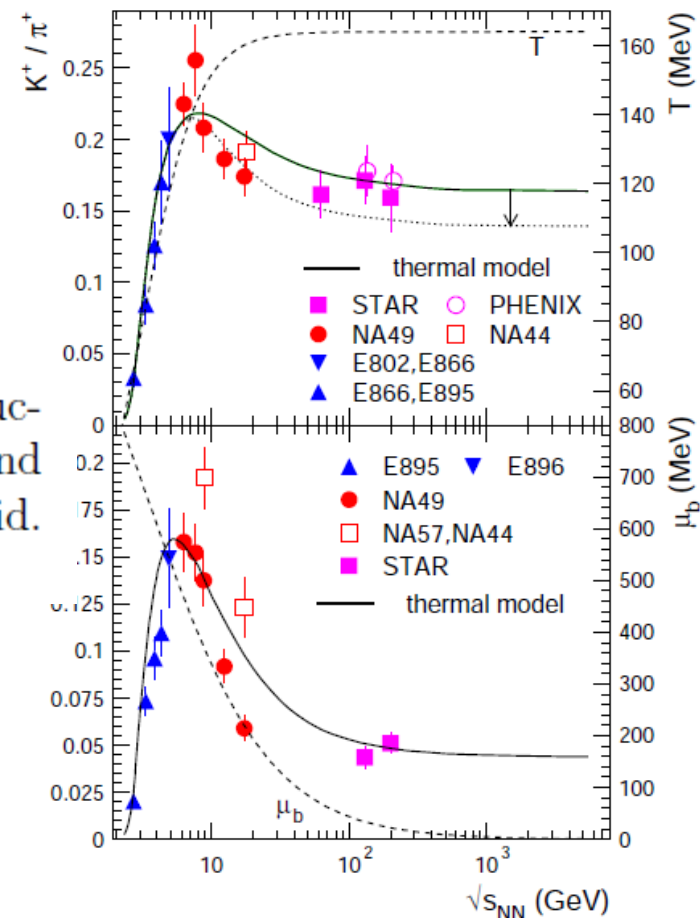
# could it be incomplete hadron resonance spectrum?

Note: because of baryon conservation, adding more baryon resonances will decrease in the model the p/pi ratio

An  $N^*$  will decay dominantly into 1 N + a number (depending on the  $N^*$  mass) of pions

Same effect seen in K/pi ratio because of strangeness conservation

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, Thermal hadron production in relativistic nuclear collisions: the sigma meson, the horn, and the QCD phase transition, Phys. Lett. B673 (2009) 142, erratum ibid. B678 (2009) 516, arXiv:0812.1186.

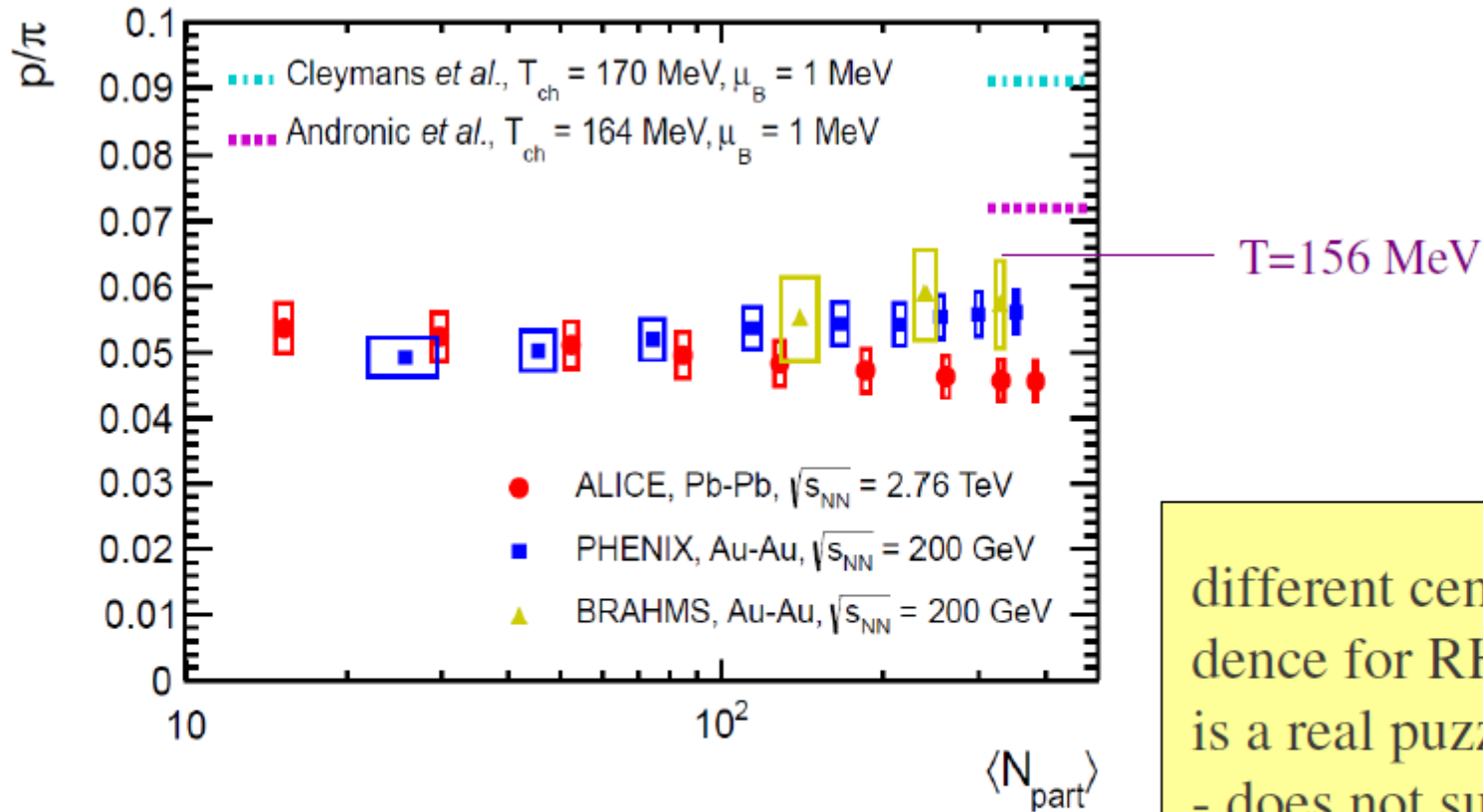


# could it be proton annihilation in the hadronic

F. Becattini et al., Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 044921 and arXiv: 1212.2431

- need to incorporate detailed balance,  $5\pi \rightarrow p \bar{p}$  not included in current Monte Carlo codes (RQMD)
- taking detailed balance into account reduces effect strongly, see Rapp and Shuryak 1998
- see also W. Cassing, Nucl. Phys. A700 (2002) 618 and recent reanalysis, by Pan and Pratt, arXiv:
- agreement with hyperon data would imply strongly reduced hyperon annihilation cross section with anti-baryons  $\rightarrow$  no evidence for that

# centrality dependence of proton/pion ratio



different centrality dependence for RHIC and LHC is a real puzzle

- does not support annihilation picture
- is it real? physics origin?

# the 'proton anomaly' and production of light nuclei

can the measurement of d, t,  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  settle the issue?  
what about hypertriton?

important to realize: production yield of deuterons is fixed at  $T = T_{\text{chem}} = 156 \text{ MeV}$  even if  $E_B(d) = 2.23 \text{ MeV}$ !

entropy/baryon is proportional to  $-\ln(d/p)$  and is conserved after  $T_{\text{chem}}$

good agreement with LHC d and hyper-triton yield implies: there is no shortage of protons and neutrons at chemical freeze-out, **inconsistent with annihilation scenario**

# Nuclear collisions, open and hidden charm hadrons, and QCD

Hadrons containing charm quarks can also be described provided open charm cross section is known

Recent ALICE data imply Debye screening near  $T_c$  for charmonium and deconfined heavy quarks, see talk by Johanna Stachel

Could it be that increasing number of charm quarks changes (lowers)  $T_c$ ?  
An issue for the FCC!



# Quarkonium Properties and Debye Screening

state	$J/\psi$	$\chi_c$	$\psi'$	$\Upsilon$	$\chi_b$	$\Upsilon'$	$\chi'_b$	$\Upsilon''$
mass [GeV]	3.10	3.53	3.68	9.46	9.99	10.02	10.26	10.36
$\Delta E$ [GeV]	0.64	0.20	0.05	1.10	0.67	0.54	0.31	0.20
$\Delta M$ [GeV]	0.02	-0.03	0.03	0.06	-0.06	-0.06	-0.08	-0.07
radius [fm]	0.25	0.36	0.45	0.14	0.22	0.28	0.34	0.39

table from H. Satz, J. Phys. G32 (2006)  
R25

In the QGP, the screening radius  $r_{\text{Debye}}(T)$  decreases with increasing  $T$ . If  $r_{\text{Debye}}(T) < r_{\text{charmonium}}$  the system becomes unbound  $\rightarrow$  suppression compared to charmonium production without QGP. The screening radius can be computed using potential models or solving QCD on the lattice.

# Charmonium production at LHC energy: deconfinement, and color screening

- Charmonia formed at the phase boundary → full color screening at  $T_c$
- Debye screening length  $< 0.4$  fm near  $T_c$
- Combination of uncorrelated charm quarks into J/psi → deconfinement

**statistical hadronization picture of charmonium  
production provides  
most direct way towards information on the  
degree of deconfinement reached  
as well as on  
color screening and the question of bound states in the QGP**

# Debye mass, LQCD, and J/psi data

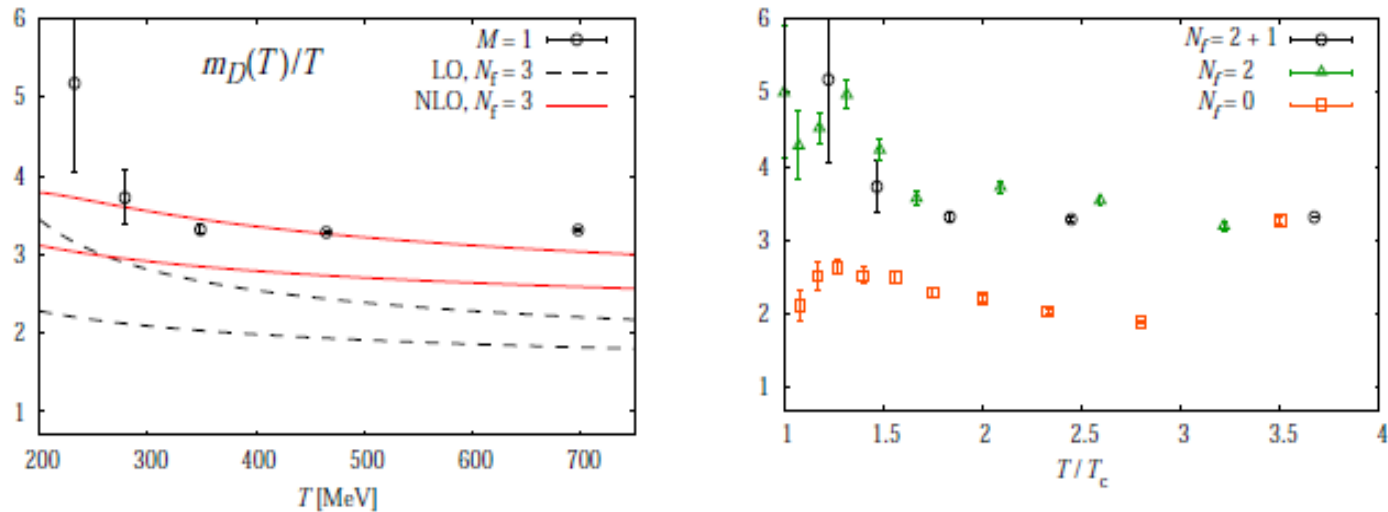


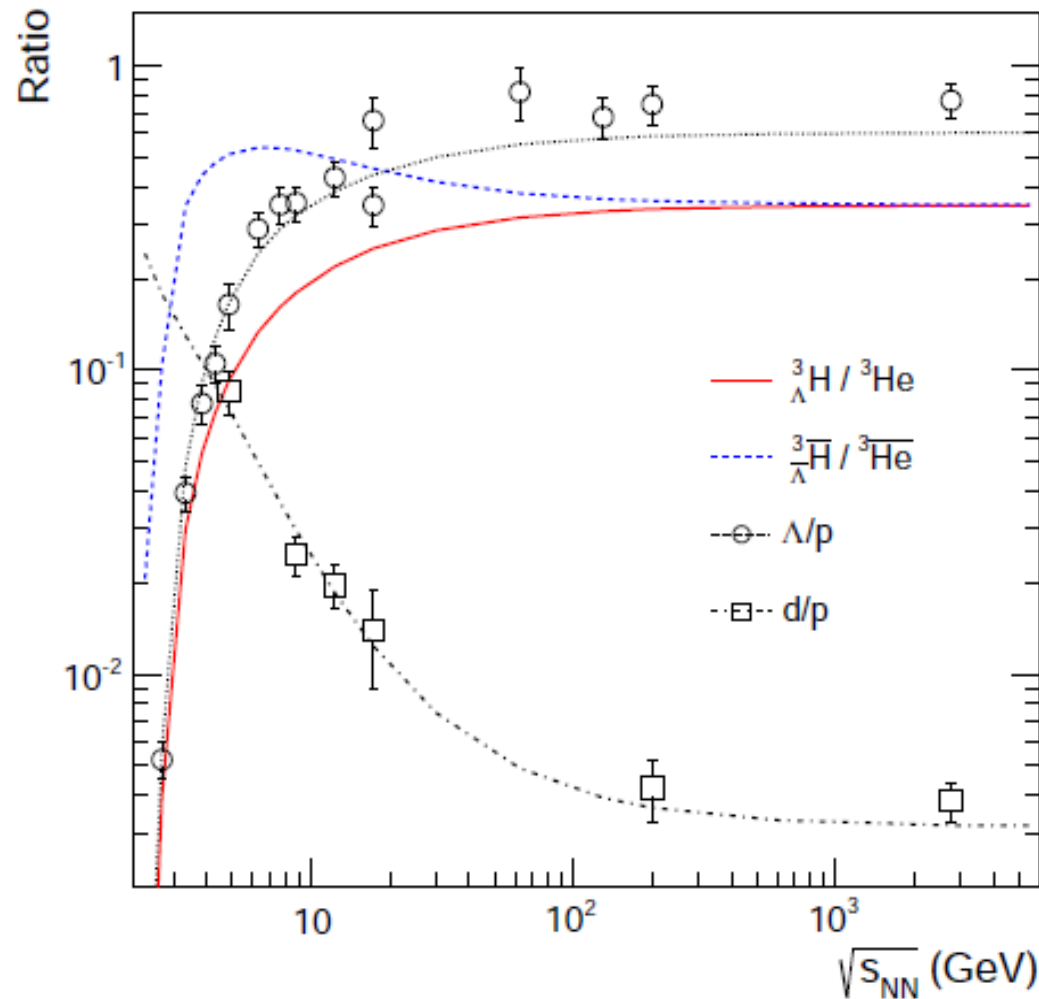
Fig. 6. (Left) The Debye screening mass on the lattice in the color-singlet channel together with that calculated in the leading-order (LO) and next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbation theory shown by dashed-black and solid-red lines, respectively. The bottom (top) line expresses a result at  $\mu = \pi T$  ( $3\pi T$ ), where  $\mu$  is the renormalization point. (Right) Flavor dependence of the Debye screening masses. We assume the pseudo-critical temperature for 2 + 1-flavor QCD as  $T_c \sim 190$  MeV.

arXiv:1112.2756 WHOT-QCD Coll.

from J/psi data and statistical hadronization analysis:  $m_{\text{Debye}}/T > 3.3$

at  $T = 0.15$  GeV

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# ALICE TRD Detector complete Nov. 26, 2014

first fully operational barrel TRD  
project coordination: Heidelberg



Quarkonia:

**heavy** quark bound states **stable** under strong decay

**heavy:** charm ( $m_c \simeq 1.3 \text{ GeV}$ ) or beauty ( $m_b \simeq 4.7 \text{ GeV}$ )

**stable:**  $M_{c\bar{c}} \leq 2M_D$  and  $M_{b\bar{b}} \leq 2M_B$

heavy quarks  $\Rightarrow$  quarkonium spectroscopy via  
non-relativistic potential theory

Schrödinger equation  $\left\{ 2m_c - \frac{1}{m_c} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right\} \Phi_i(r) = M_i \Phi_i(r)$

confining (“Cornell”) potential  $V(r) = \sigma r - \frac{\alpha}{r}$

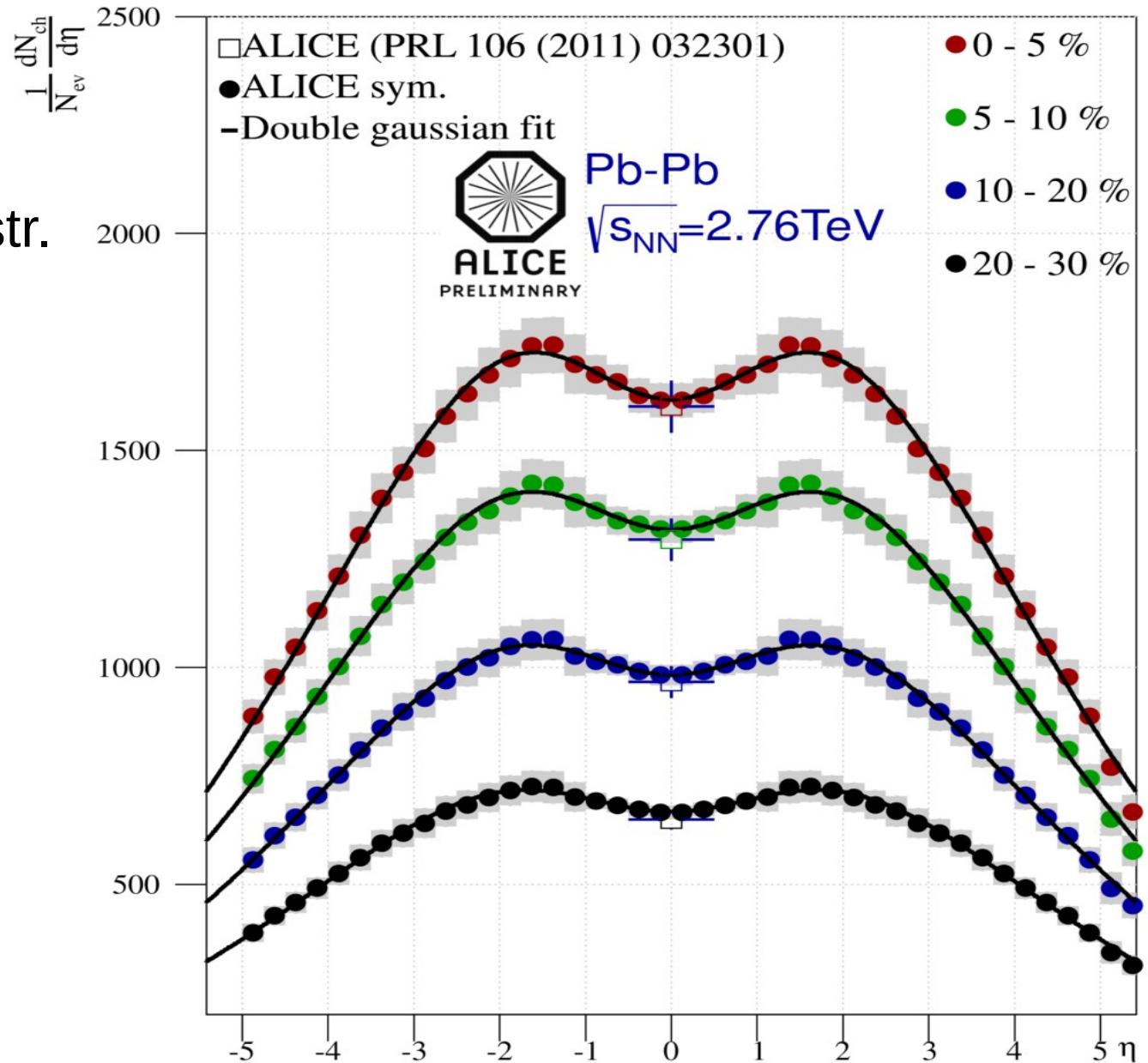
string tension  $\sigma \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ , gauge coupling  $\alpha \simeq \pi/12$

$\Rightarrow$  quarkonium masses  $M_i$  and radii  $r_i$

# Complete angular (pseudo-rapidity) distributions

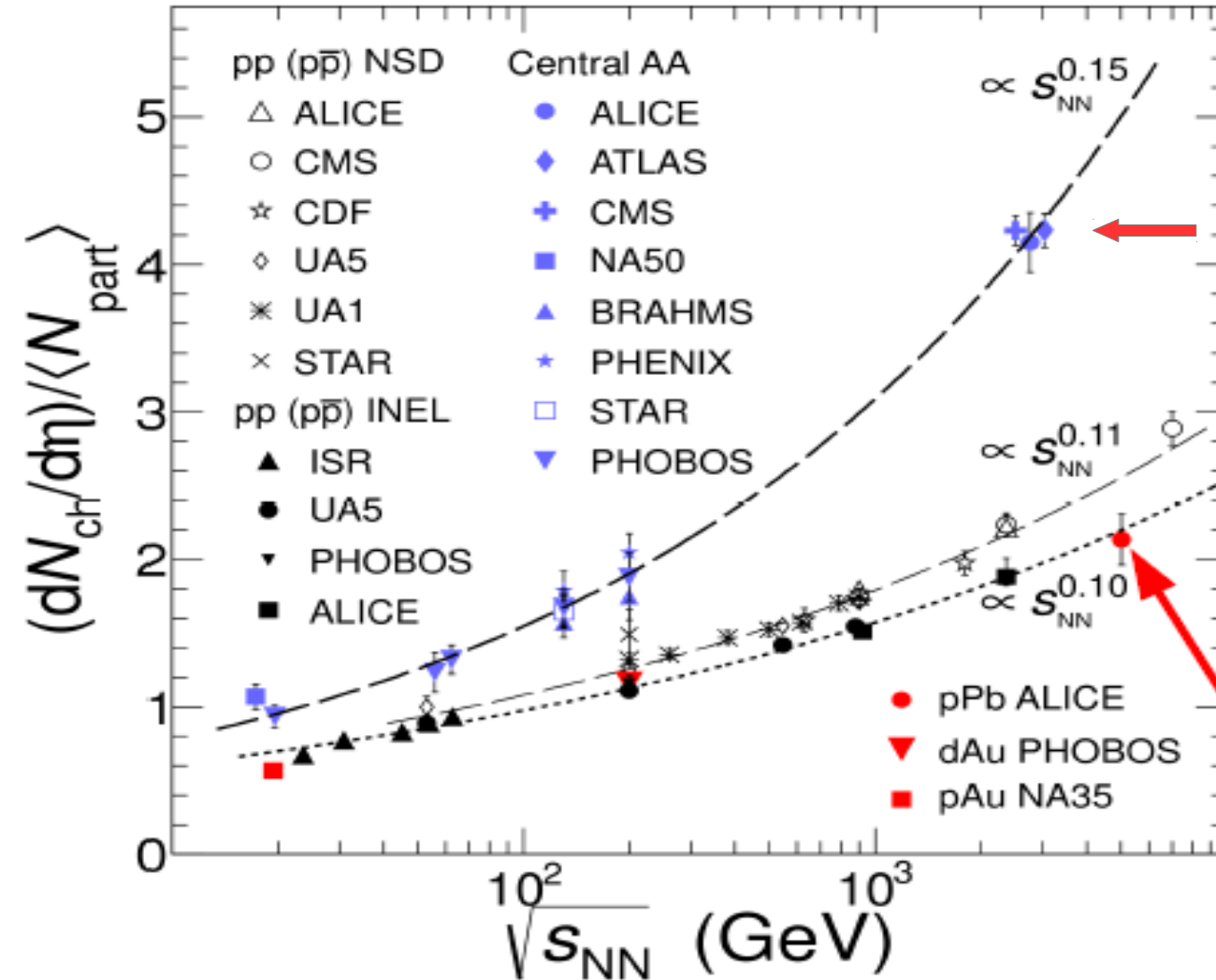
complete angular distr.  
between 1 and 179  
deg

excellent pseudo-  
rapidity coverage



# Charged particle multiplicity in pp, pPb and central PbPb collisions

ArXiv: 1210.3615



increase with beam energy significantly steeper than in pp

pPb similar to pp inelastic

can the fireball formed in central nuclear collisions be considered matter in equilibrium?