



The measurements of J/ψ production in Pb—Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV with ALICE

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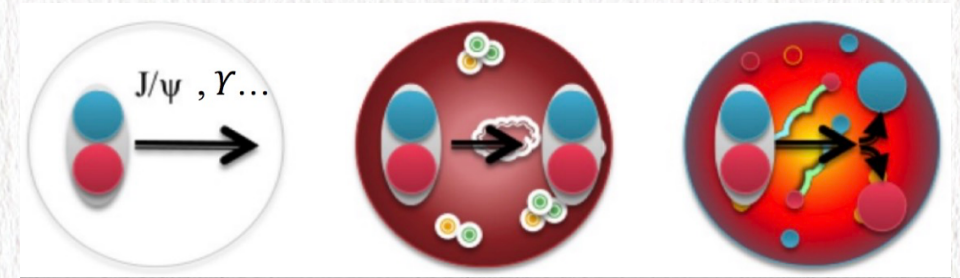
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J/ψ -- excellent probe of the medium

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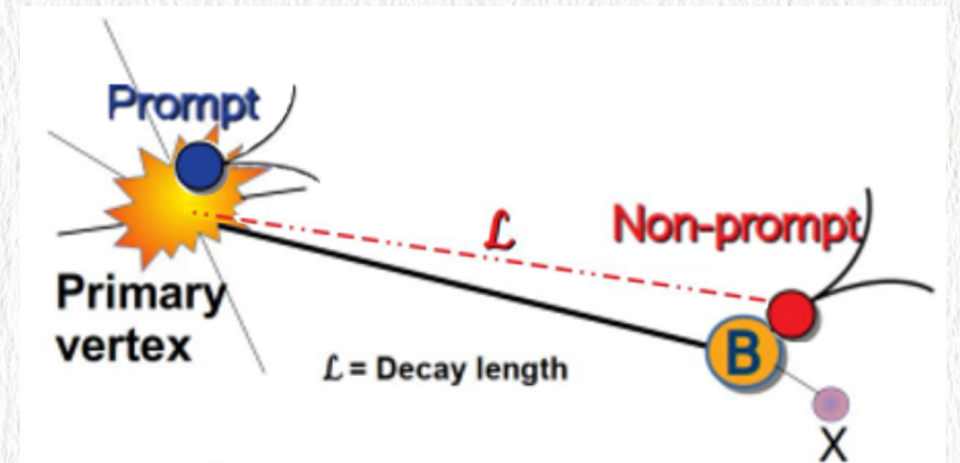
- ✓ Bound state of $c\bar{c}$
- ✓ Charm quarks produced early in the collisions and go through the whole evolution of the QGP
- ✓ Prompt and non-prompt J/ψ reflect medium effects on charm and beauty quarks respectively



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$0 < T < T_c$

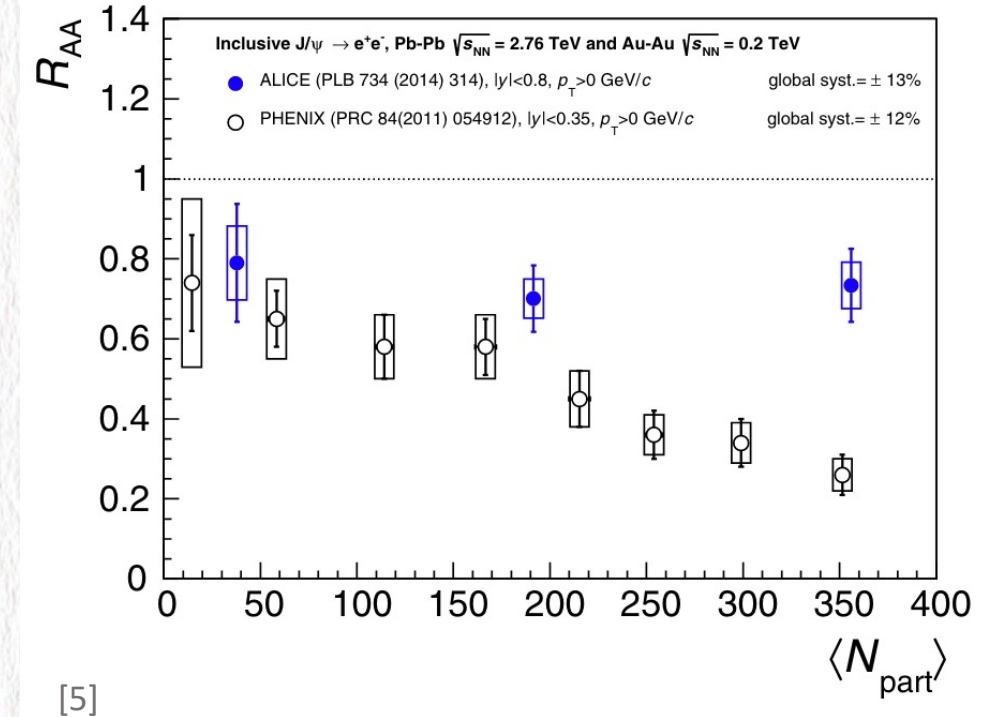
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- ✓ Prompt J/ψ is sensitive to:
 - ✿ color screening [1] and dynamic dissociation [2] (suppression)
 - ✿ regeneration [3][4], which compete with suppression



$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle} \frac{d^2 N_{AA} / dy dp_T}{d^2 \sigma_{pp} / dy dp_T}$$

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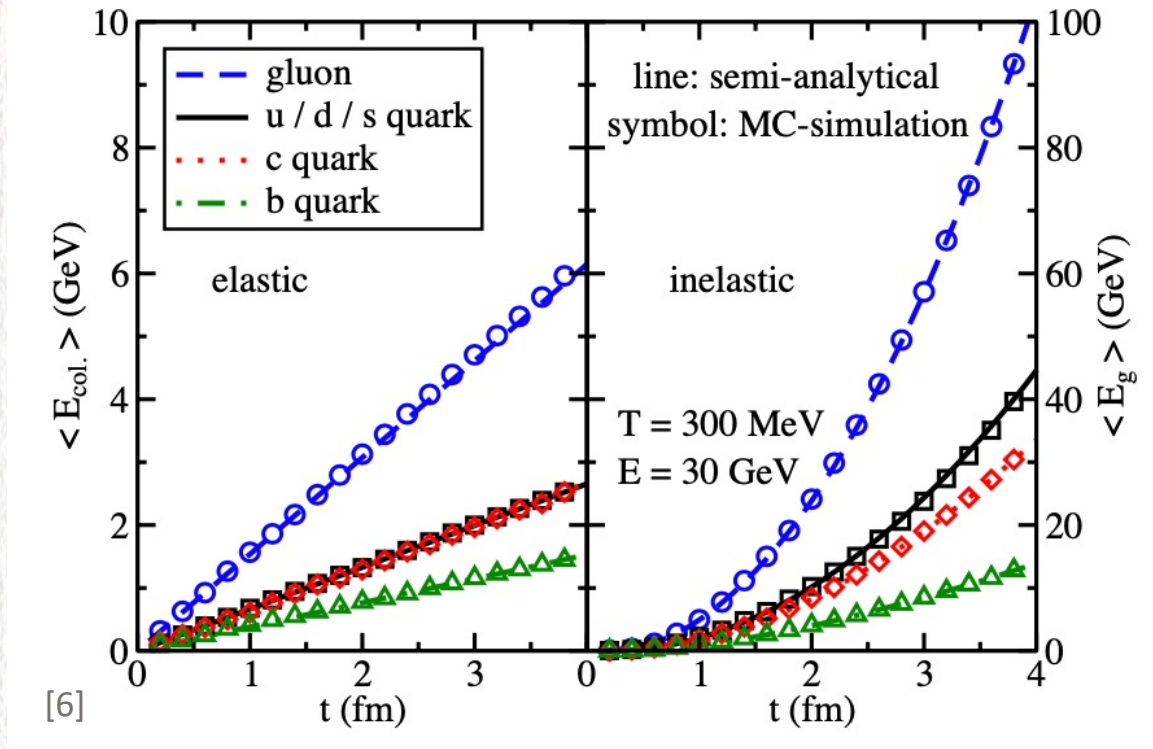
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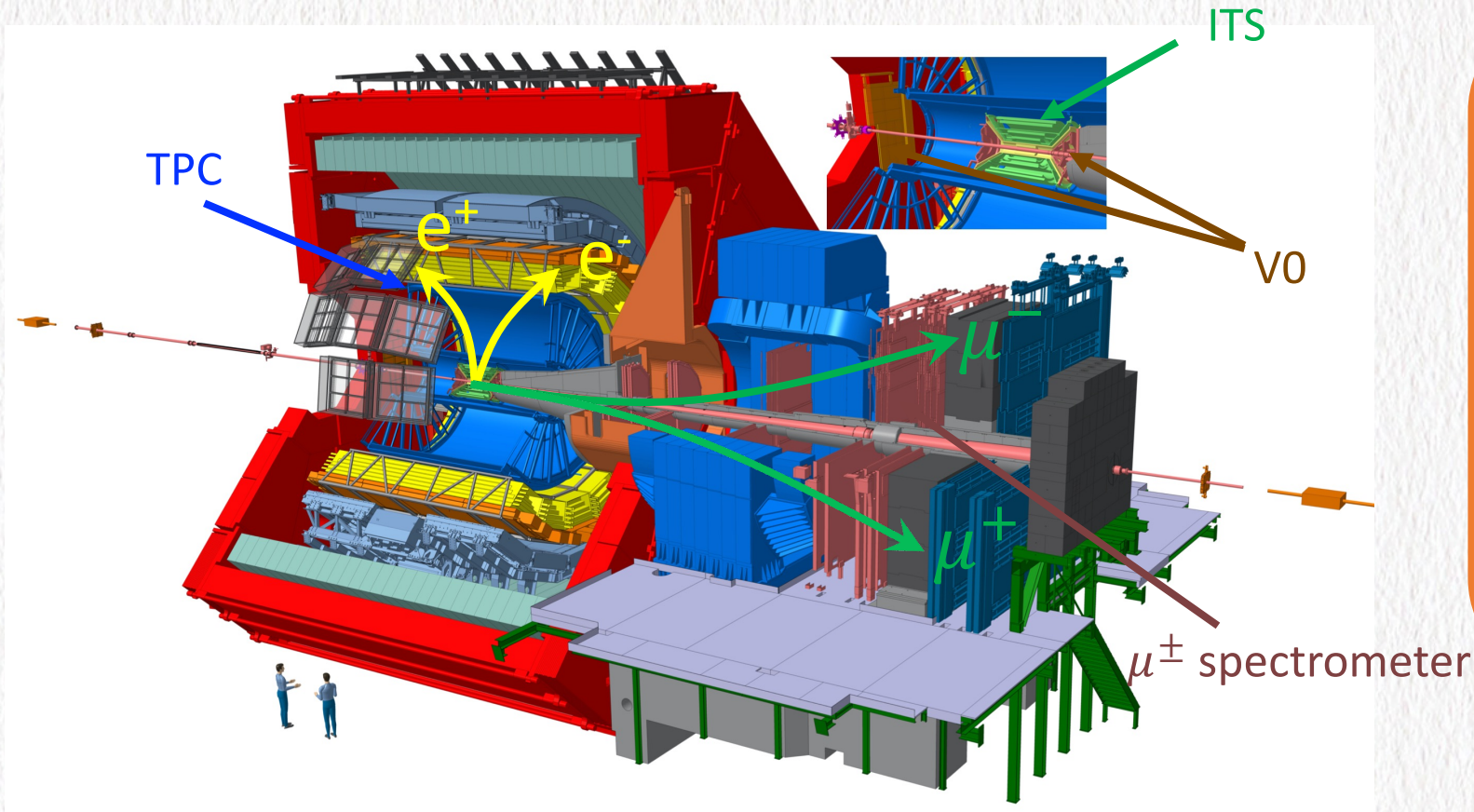
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- ✓ Prompt J/ ψ is sensitive to:
 - ✿ color screening and dynamic dissociation
 - ✿ regeneration, compete with suppression
 - ✿ reflects **charm** quark energy loss
- ✓ Non-prompt J/ ψ :
 - ✿ reflects **beauty** quark energy loss
 - ✿ mass dependent parton energy loss [6] in the QGP



ALICE Detector (Run 2)



- ❑ Time Projection Chamber
 - ✓ Tracking, Particle identification
- ❑ Inner Tracking System
 - ✓ Tracking, Vertex reconstruction
- ❑ V0 Detector
 - ✓ Centrality determination
 - ✓ Trigger
 - ✓ Background rejection
- ❑ μ^\pm spectrometer
 - ✓ Trigger
 - ✓ μ^\pm Tracking

✿ $|y| < 0.9, J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

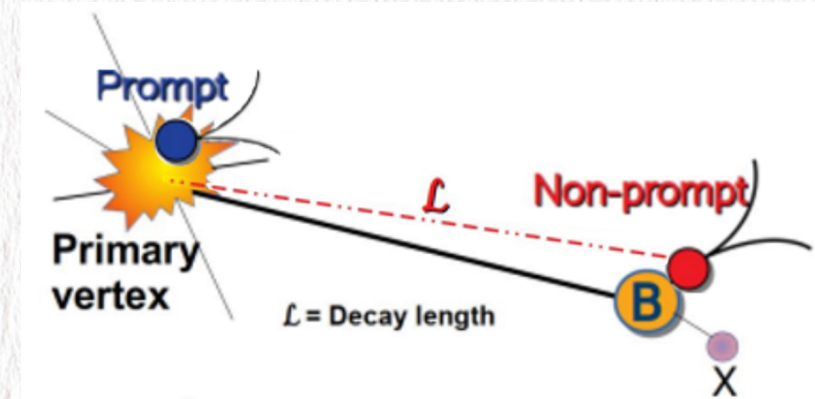
✿ $2.5 < y < 4.0, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- ✿ Inclusive J/ψ can be measured down to zero p_T both at mid- and forward rapidity
- ✿ Separate prompt and non-prompt components at midrapidity

Separation of prompt and non-prompt J/ψ at midrapidity

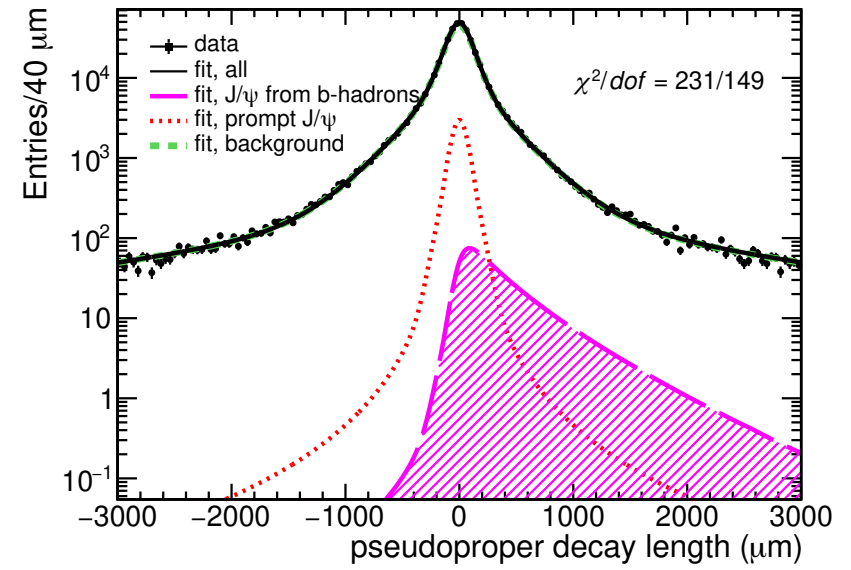
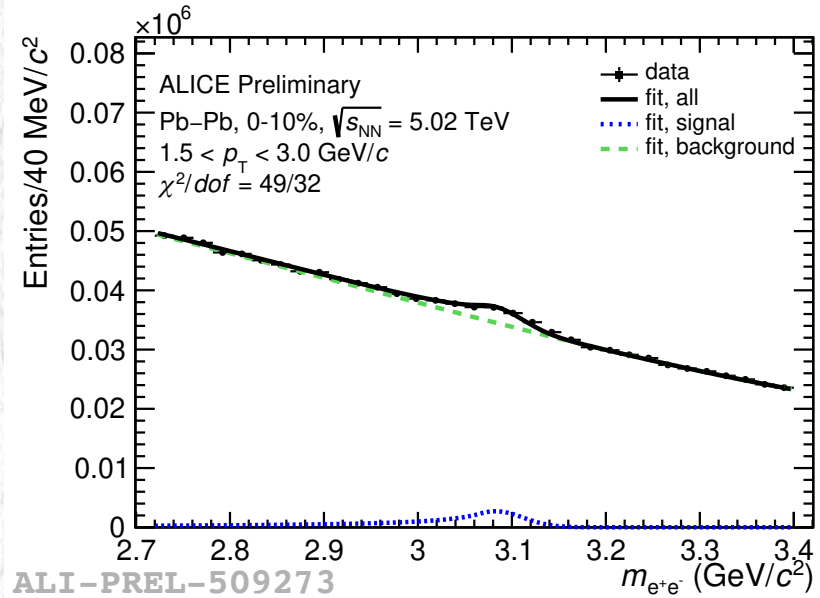
2D maximization likelihood fitting method:

$m_{e^+e^-}$ and pseudo-proper decay length (x)



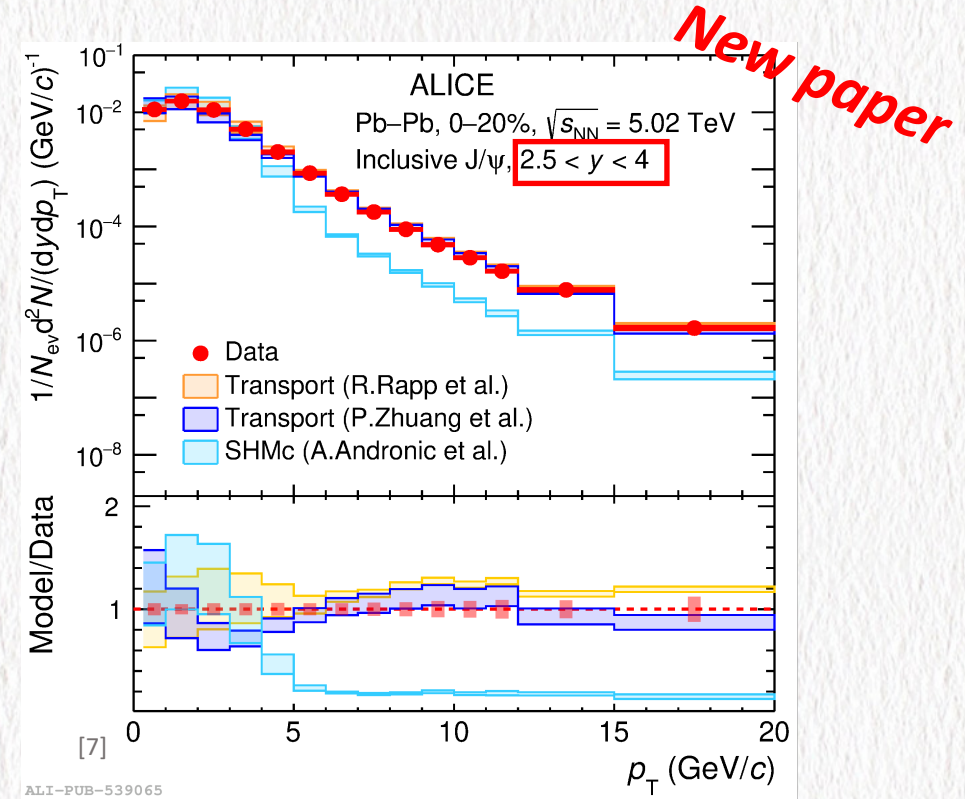
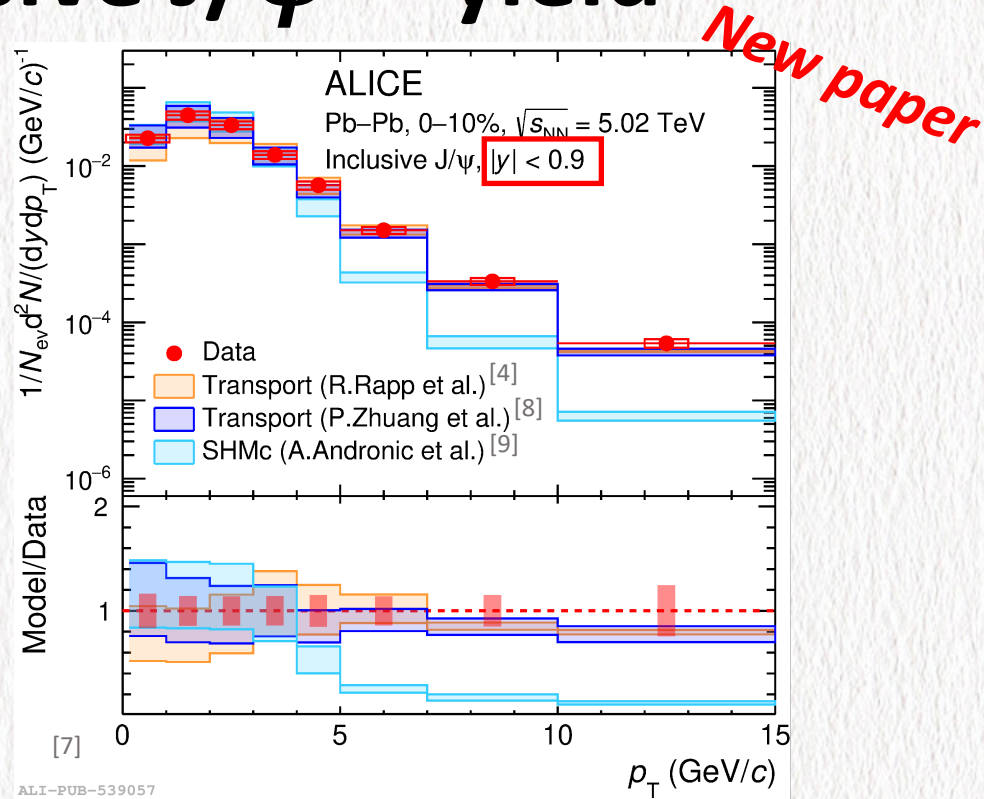
$$L_{xy} = \vec{L} \cdot \vec{p}_T^{J/\psi} / p_T^{J/\psi}$$

$$x = \frac{c \times L_{xy} \times m_{J/\psi}}{p_T^{J/\psi}}$$



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Inclusive J/ψ -- yield



- ✿ $p_T > 0.15$ (0.3) GeV/c at central (forward) rapidity to reject J/ψ yield from photoproduction
- ✿ Model uncertainties are mainly from the total charm cross section and cold nuclear matter effects (CNM)
- ✿ Both transport models describe measurements in central collisions at mid- and forward rapidity
- ✿ SHMc agrees with data at low p_T very well, underestimates the yields at high p_T

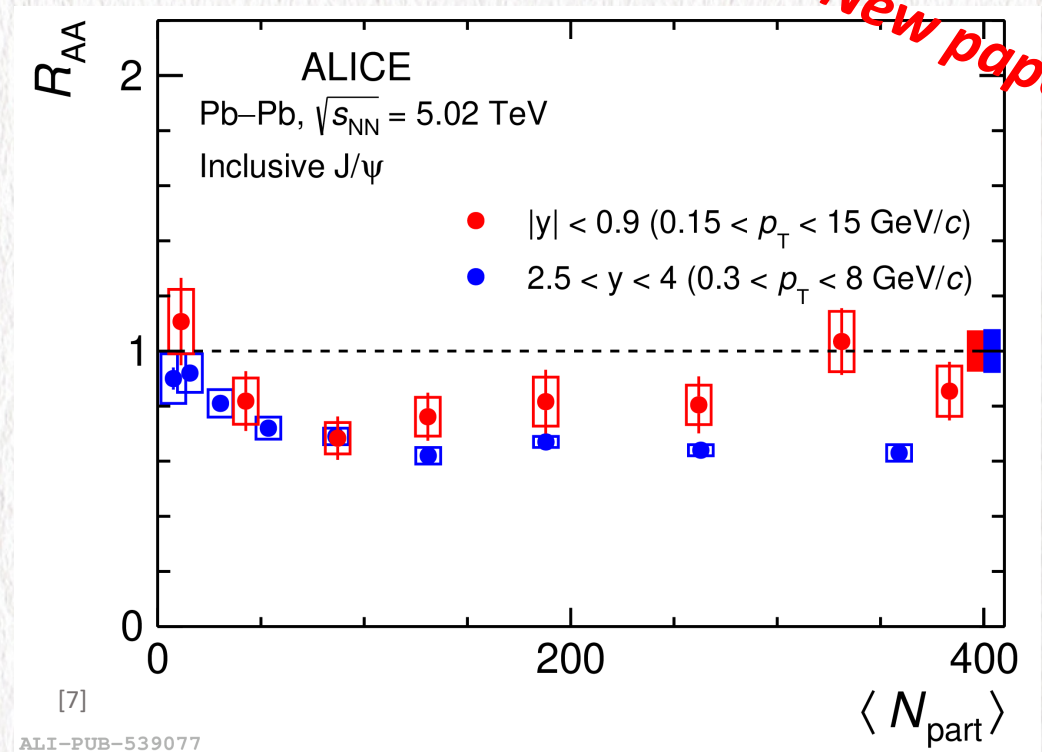
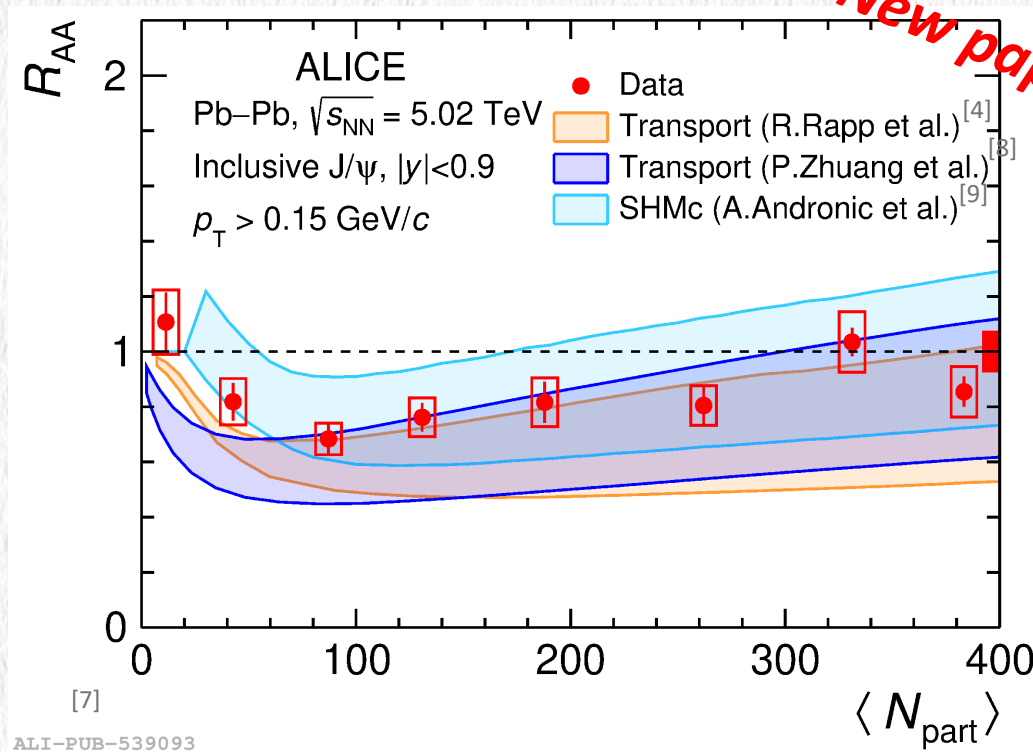
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Inclusive J/ψ -- R_{AA} vs. $\langle N_{part} \rangle$



- * Models that include QGP melting and regeneration are able to describe the measurements as a function of $\langle N_{part} \rangle$
- * More regeneration at midrapidity due to the larger charm quark density

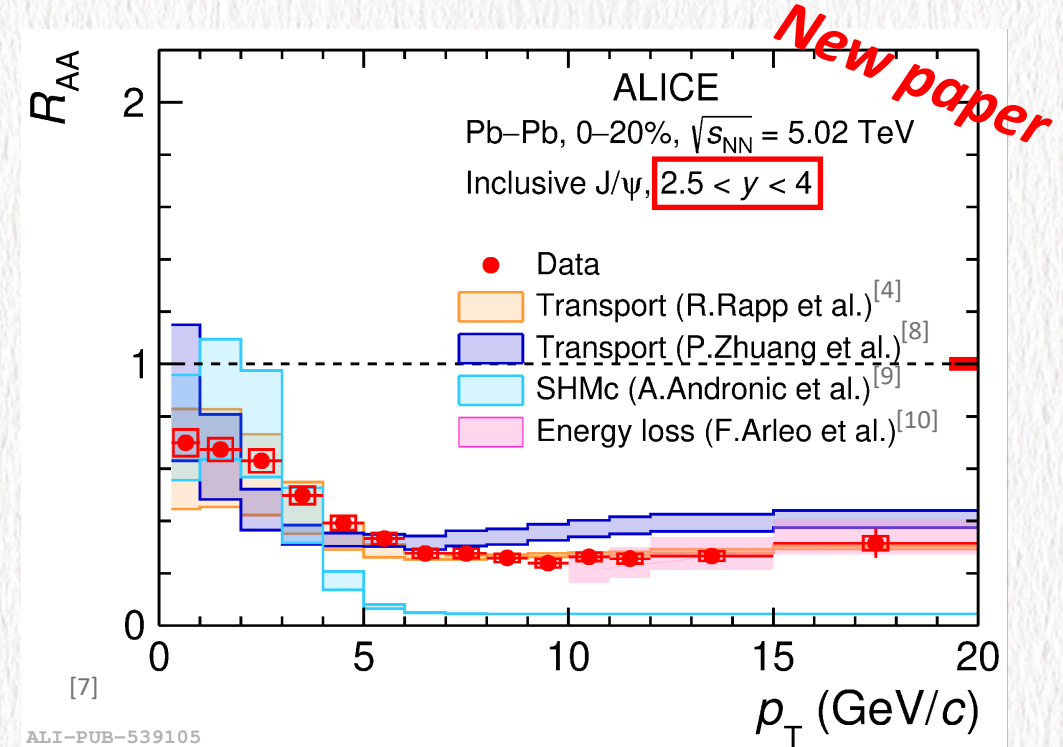
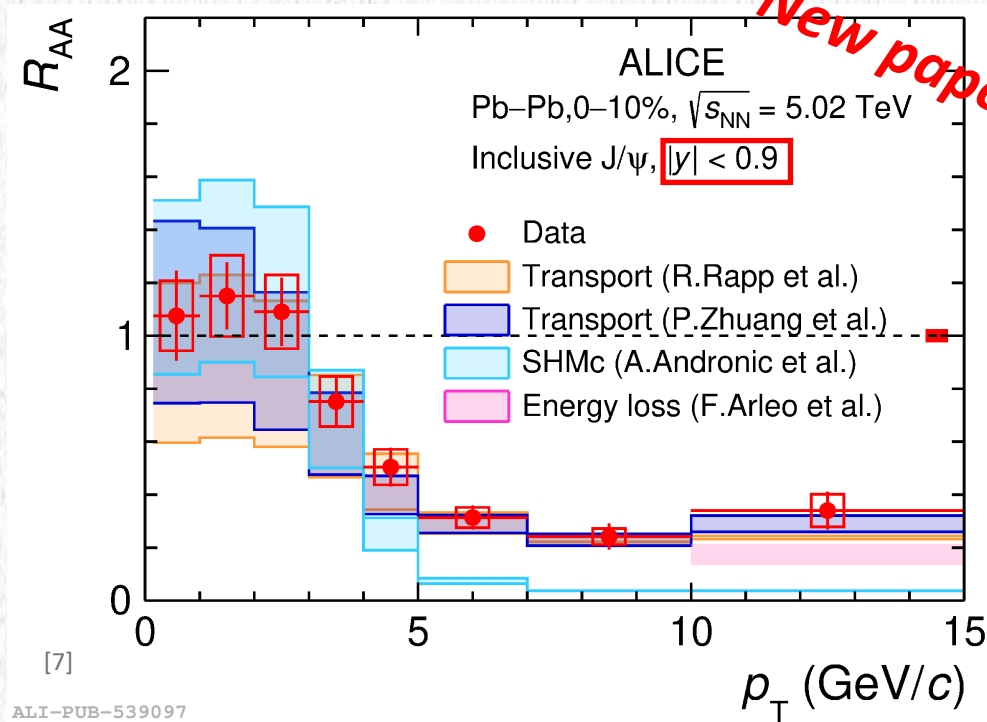
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Inclusive J/ψ -- R_{AA} vs. p_T



- ✿ Models can describe the measurements both at mid- and forward rapidity
- ✿ SHMc model can describe the measurements for $p_T < 5$ GeV/c
- ✿ Transport models provide good description of the data for the full p_T range
- ✿ Model from Arleo et al. (only include energy loss) can describe data for $p_T > 10$ GeV/c

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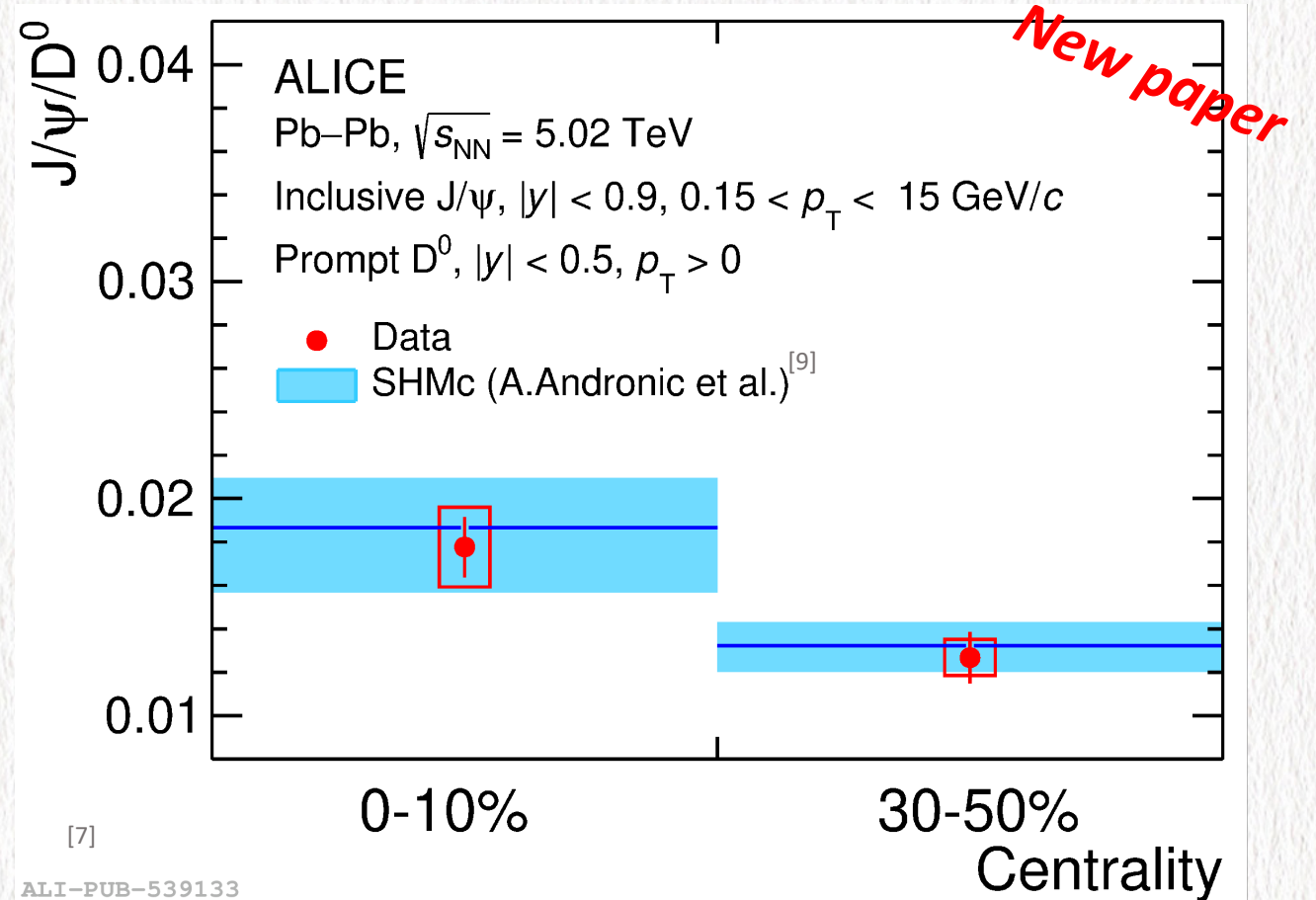
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J/ ψ to D⁰ yield ratio at midrapidity

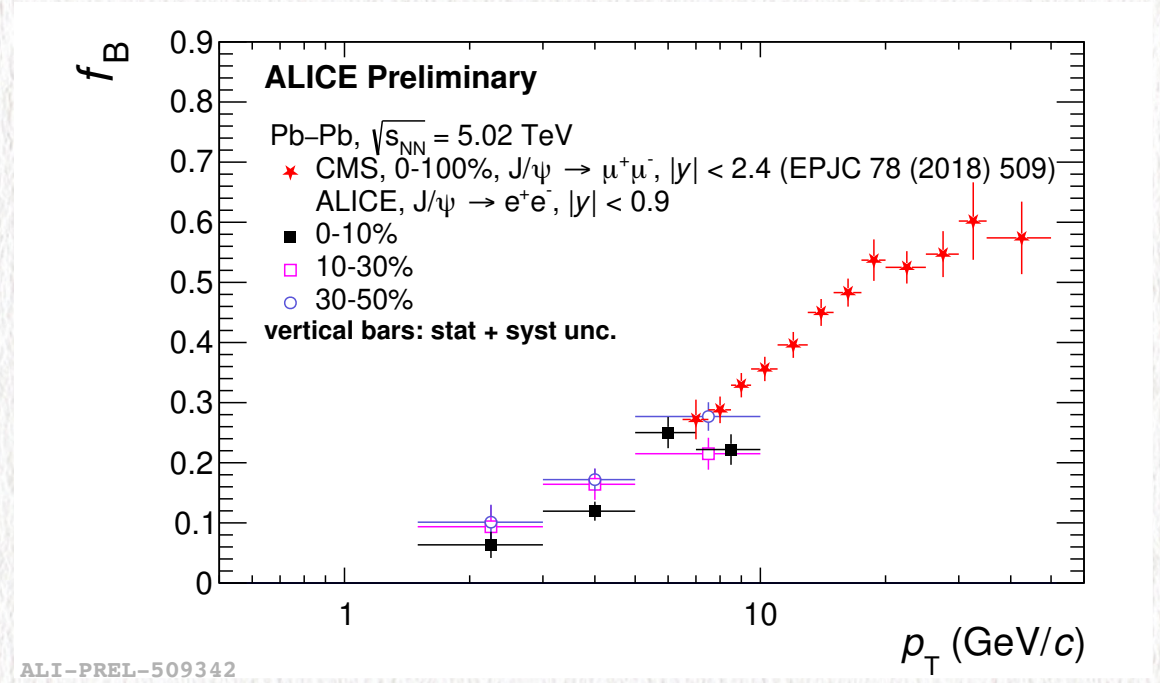
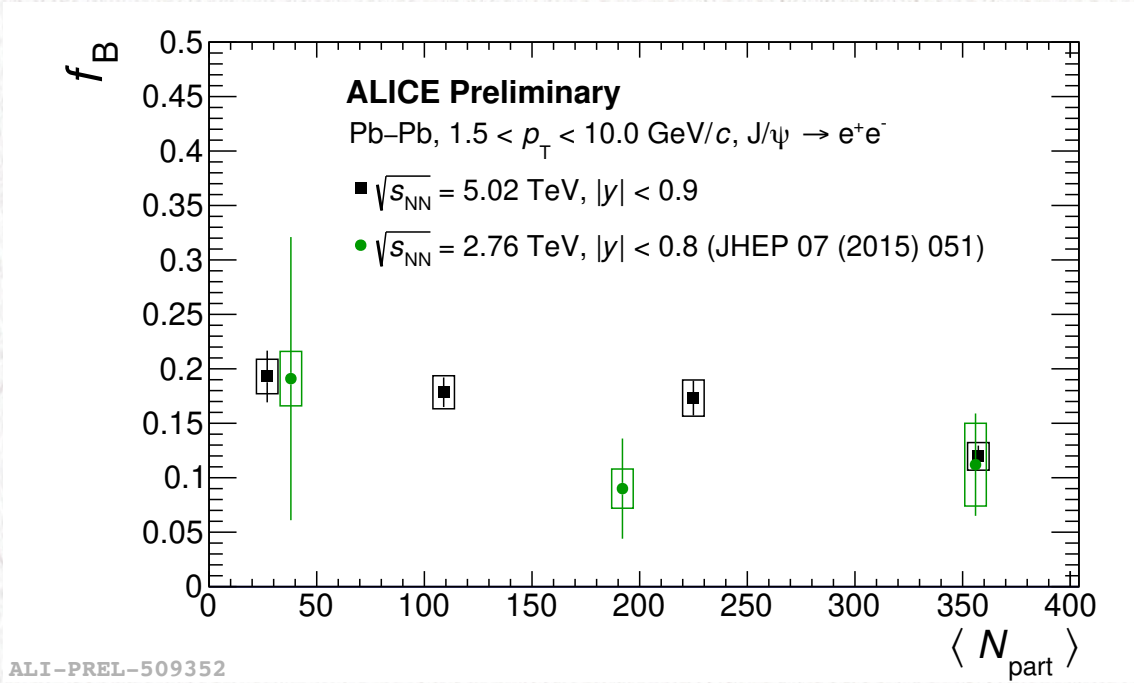
- ✿ Probe the charm hadronization mechanism
 - ✓ sensitive to the charm fugacity (g_c)
- ✿ Larger ratio in central collisions due to the larger g_c
- ✿ Common experimental (theoretical) uncertainties cancel
- ✿ Non-prompt J/ ψ contributes by $\sim 10\text{-}20\%$ to the inclusive J/ ψ yield, depending on the centrality



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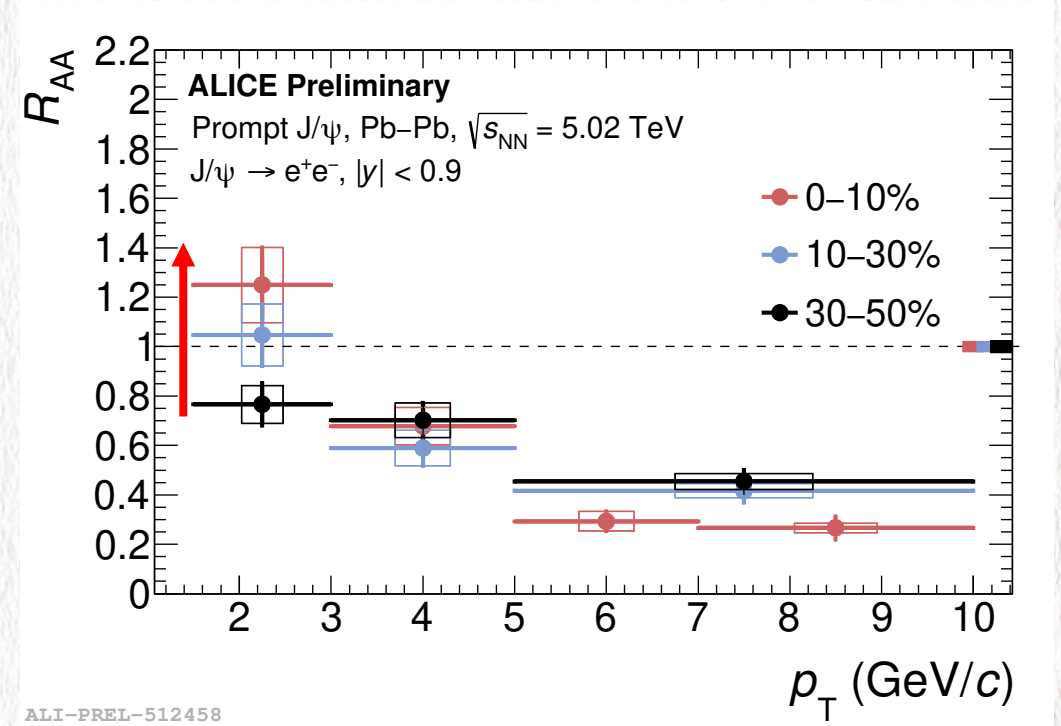
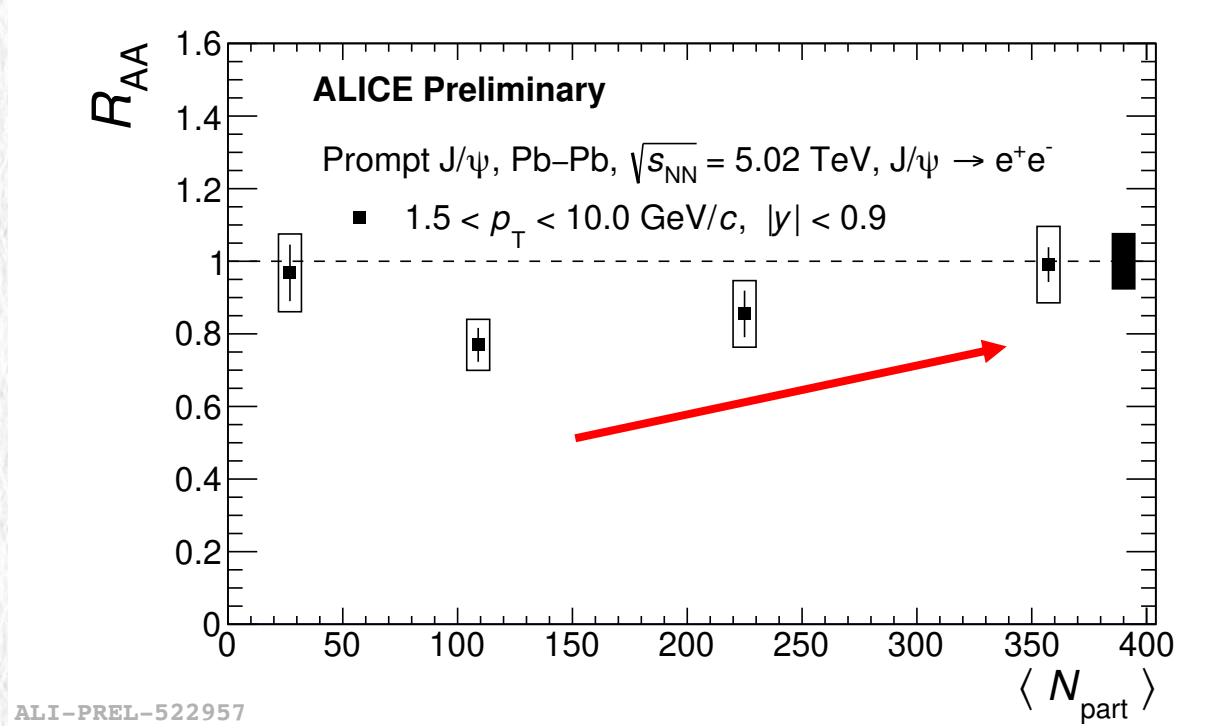
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Non-prompt J/ ψ yield fraction



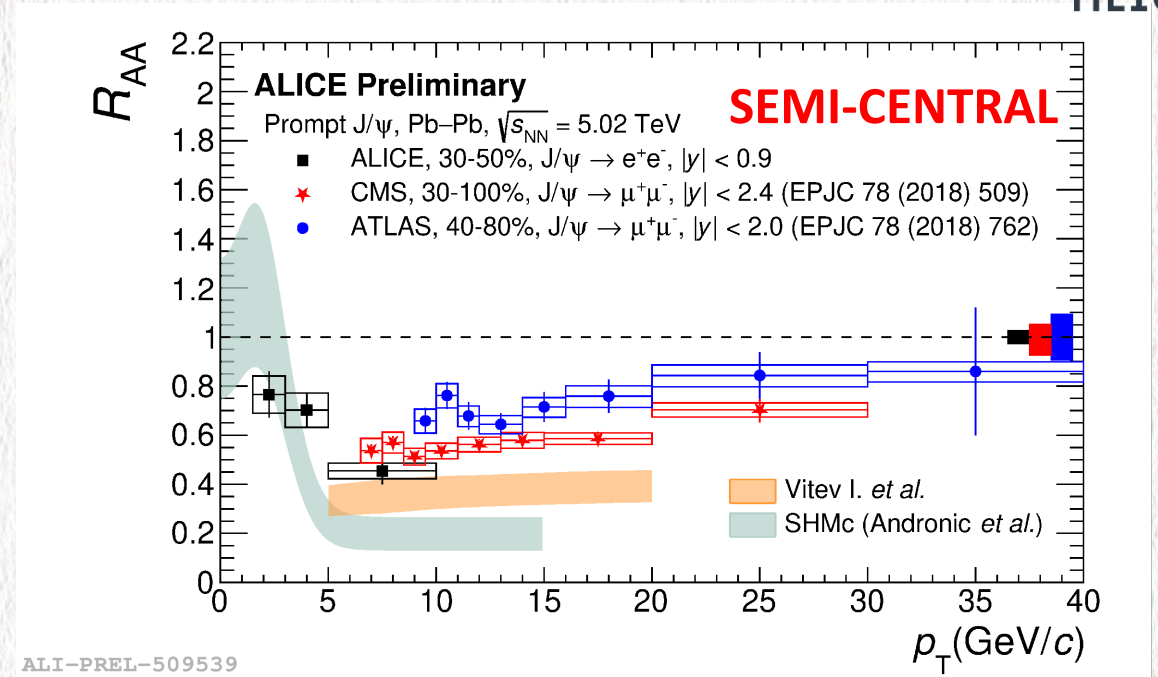
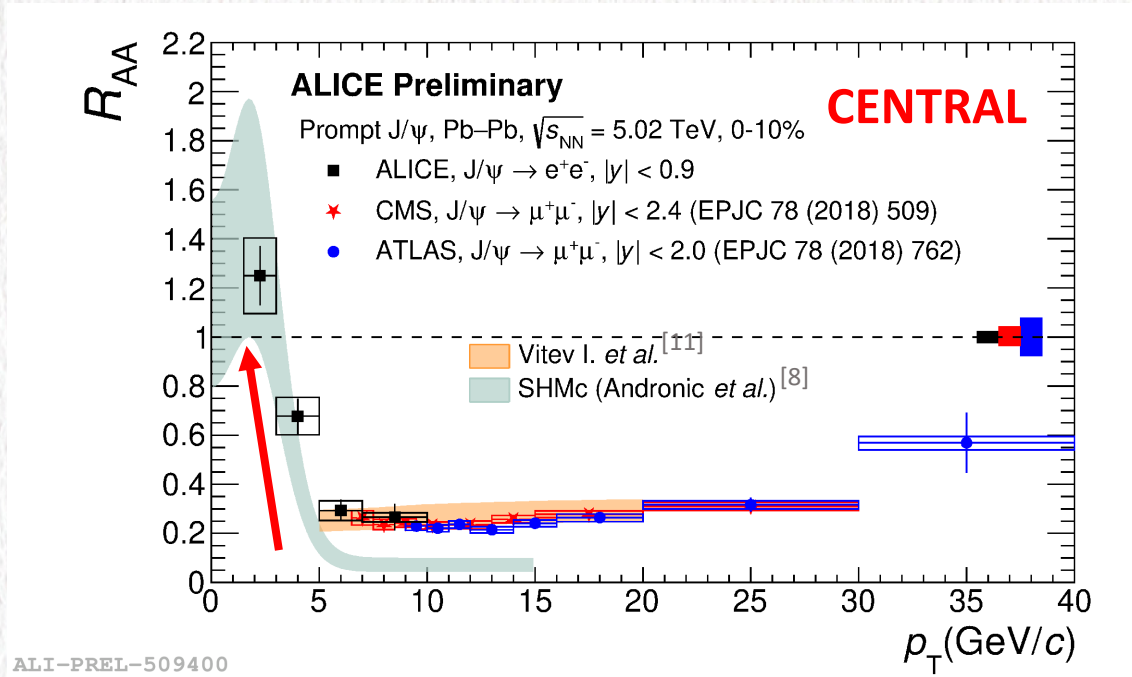
- ✿ Improved precision compared to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV
- ✿ A slightly decreasing trend towards central collisions
- ✿ ALICE extends results to low p_T , and agrees with the trend observed by CMS

Prompt J/ψ -- R_{AA} vs. $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ and p_T



- ✿ Increasing trend for R_{AA} towards central collisions (left) and low p_T (right)
- ✿ Expected from regeneration mechanism

Prompt J/ ψ -- centrality dependence of R_{AA} vs. p_T



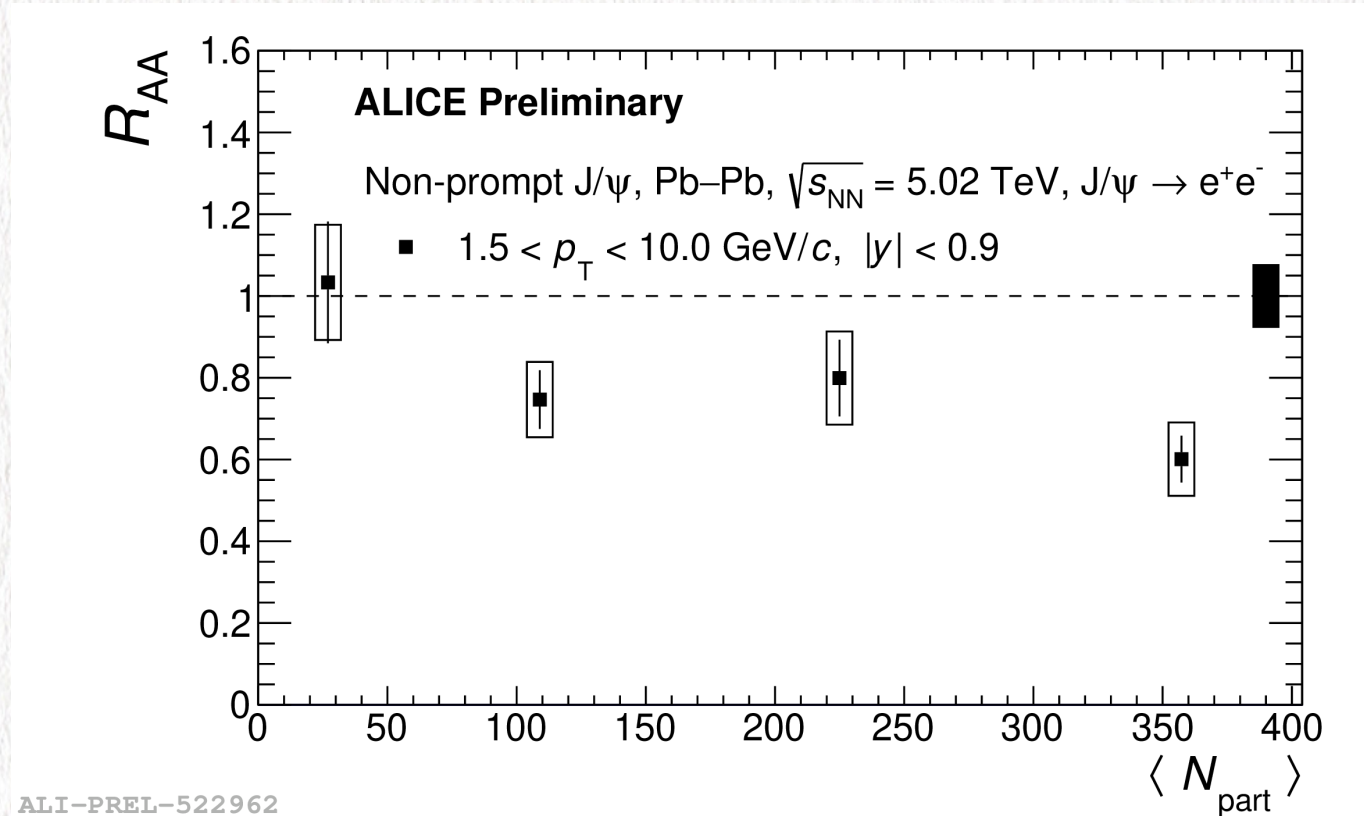
- ✿ ALICE extends measurements to very low p_T
- ✿ Increasing trend towards low p_T in central collisions
- ✿ At high p_T , compatible with ATLAS and CMS results in the overlapping range
- ✿ Good agreement with SHMc model for $p_T < 5$ GeV/c
- ✿ Compatible with the model by Vitev et al. for $p_T > 5$ GeV/c in central collisions

Models are computed for the ALICE acceptance and cuts

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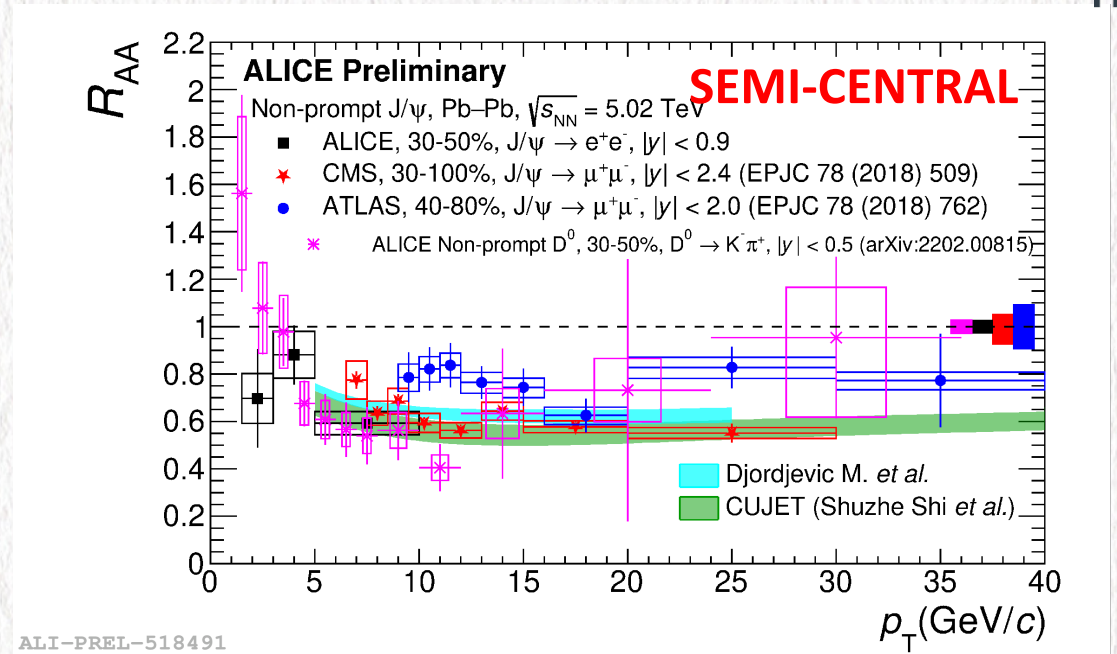
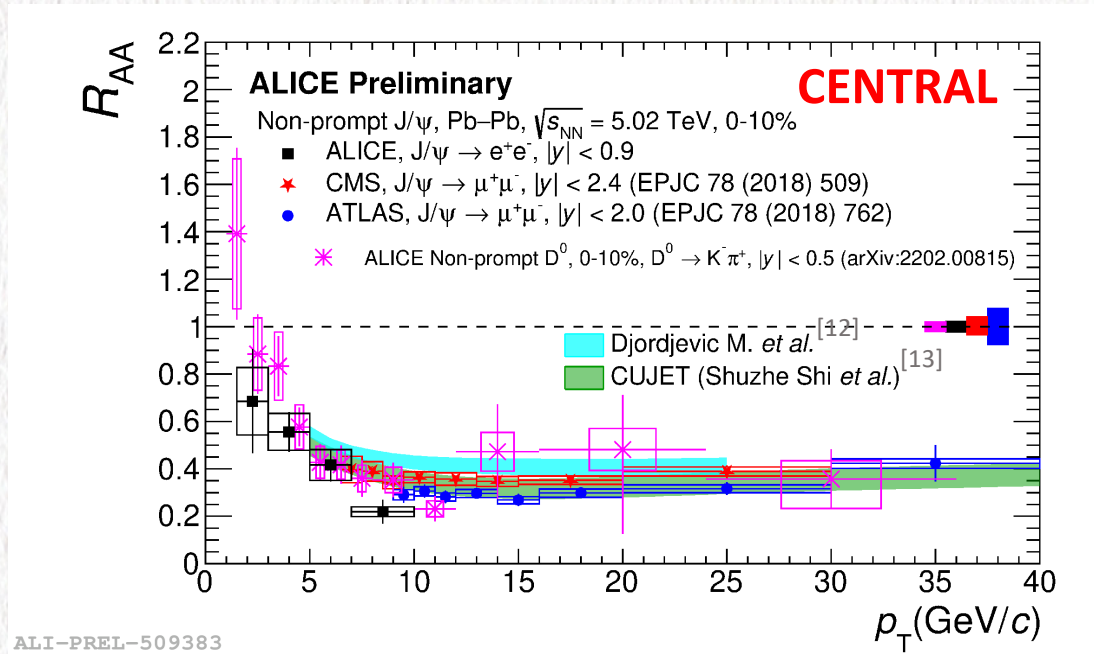
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Non-prompt J/ψ -- R_{AA} vs. $\langle N_{part} \rangle$



- ✿ Indicates stronger suppression towards central collisions
- ✿ Expected from heavy quark energy loss effects in the medium

Non-prompt J/ ψ -- centrality dependence of R_{AA} vs. p_T



- ✿ Similar R_{AA} trend for non-prompt D⁰ and non-prompt J/ ψ
 - ✓ strong suppression for $p_T > 5$ GeV/c, increasing trend towards low p_T
 - ✓ differences can arise due to decay kinematics
- ✿ Consistent with energy loss models including collisional and radiative contributions
- ✿ ALICE extends the J/ ψ measurement to very low p_T , and is complementary to ATLAS and CMS

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ALICE opportunities for J/ψ measurements in Run 3

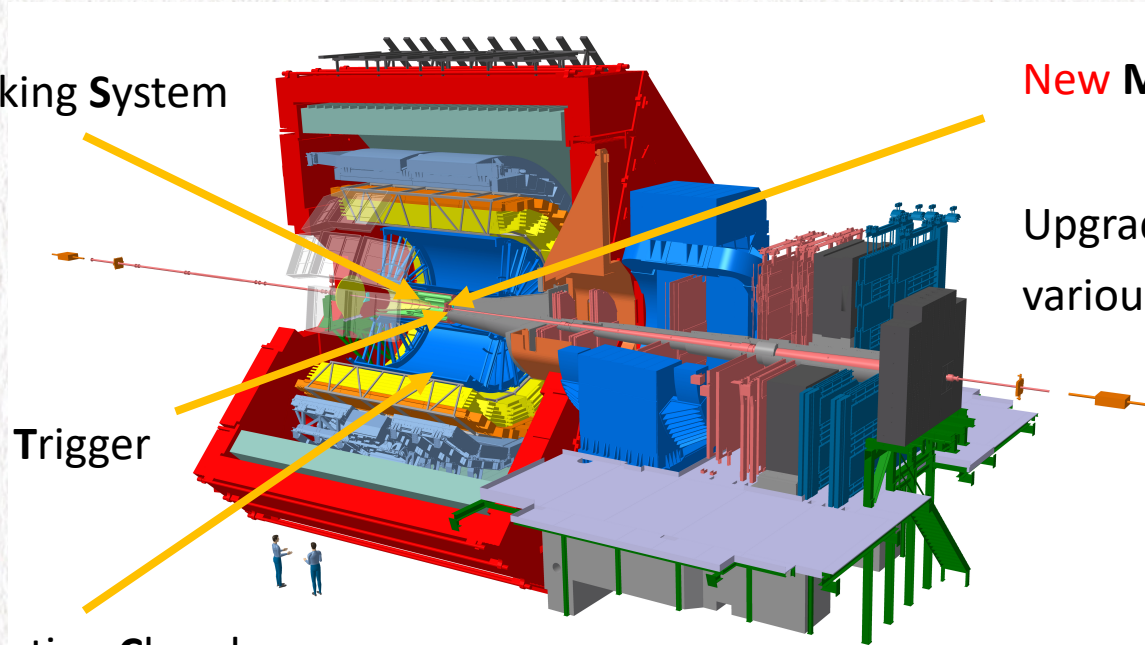
Upgraded Inner Tracking System

New Muon Forward Tracker

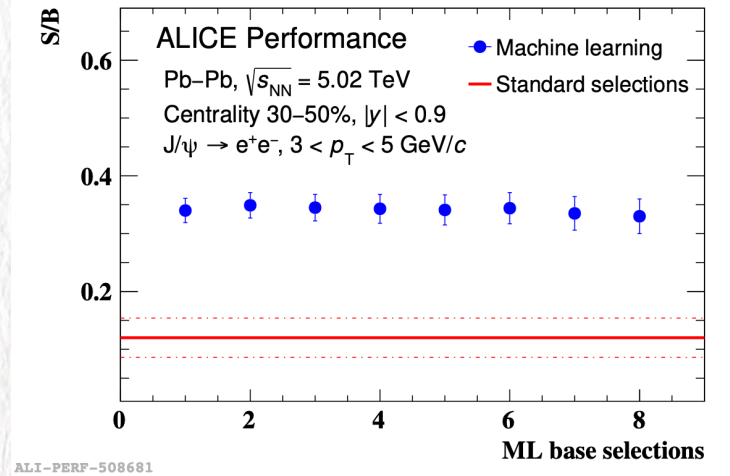
New Fast Interaction Trigger

Upgrades on front-end readout of various detectors

Upgraded Time Projection Chamber



- ✿ Major detectors upgrades and new detectors
- ✿ Machine learning is under developments to analyze Run 3 data
- ✿ Opportunities for more precise or new J/ψ measurements
 - ✓ prompt and non-prompt separation at forward rapidity
 - ✓ collective flow, polarization at midrapidity...



s/b -- ML vs. SM

Summary

- ✿ ALICE extends inclusive (prompt and non-prompt) J/ψ Pb—Pb measurement down to zero (low) p_T
- ✿ Models which include regeneration describe inclusive J/ψ and prompt J/ψ production
 - ✓ regeneration mainly at low p_T , significant suppression at high p_T
- ✿ Prompt J/ψ suppression at high p_T can be reproduced by models including collisional and thermal dissociation
- ✿ Non-prompt J/ψ indicates stronger suppression towards central collisions
 - ✓ compatible above 5 GeV/ c with models implementing mass dependent quark energy loss
- ✿ SHMc describes the $J/\psi/D^0$ yield ratio vs. centrality
- ✿ ALICE Run 3 provides excellent opportunities for more precise and new J/ψ measurements

J/ψ Results presented at Hard Probes 2023



Talks:

- ✿ J/ψ photoproduction in Pb—Pb collisions with nuclear overlap, Ionut Arsene ([link](#))
- ✿ Multiplicity dependence of quarkonium production in small systems, Ailec Hechavarria ([link](#))
- ✿ Quarkonium polarization in pp and Pb—Pb collisions, Andrea Ferrero ([link](#))
- ✿ $\psi(2s)$ production in Pb—Pb, Victor Feuillard ([link](#))

Posters:

- ✿ J/ψ photoproduction and exclusive dimuon production in p—Pb collisions at 8.16 TeV, Minjung Kim and Michael Winn ([link](#))
- ✿ Quarkonium production and flow in small systems, Tabea Eder ([link](#))