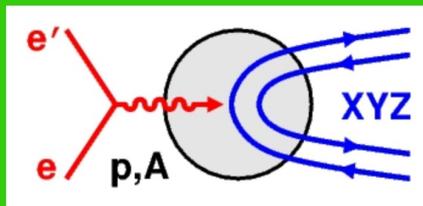


Experimental aspects of quarkonium structure

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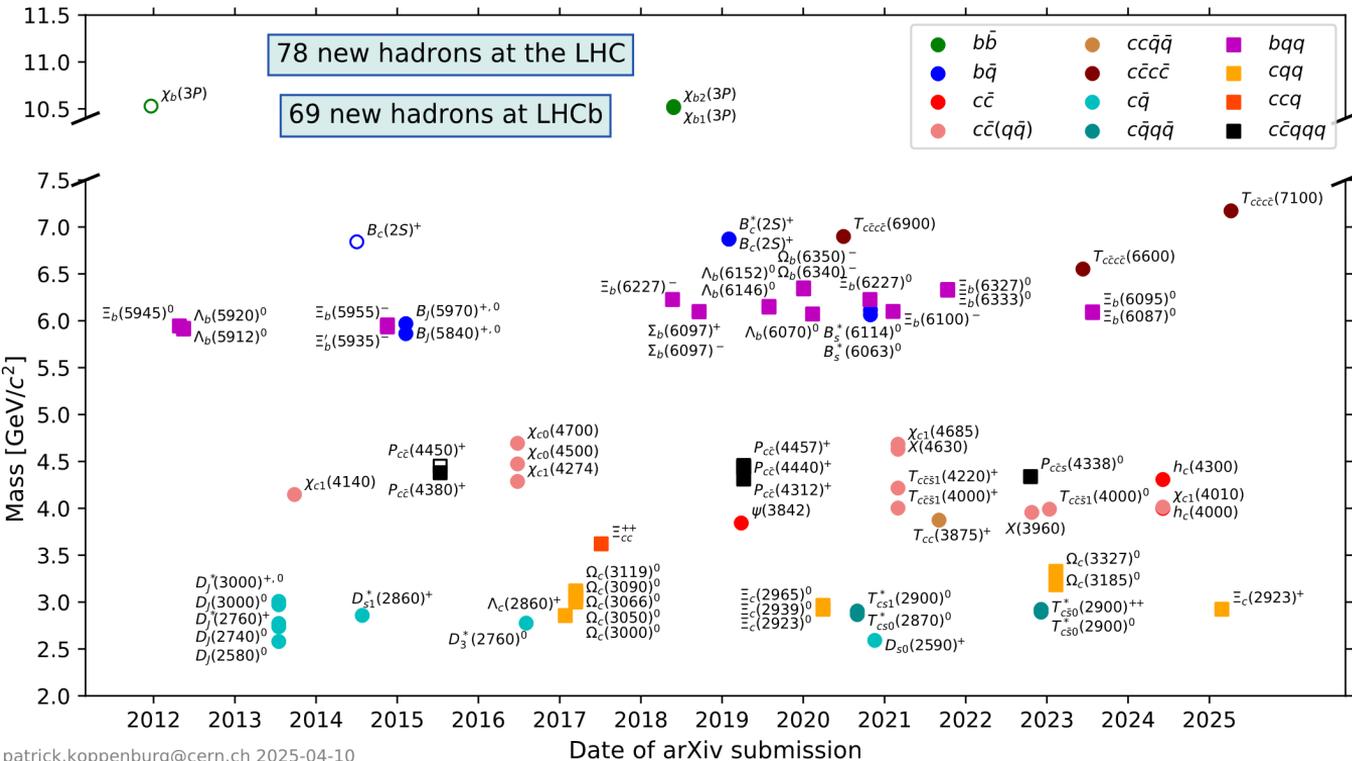


Exotic heavy meson spectroscopy and structure with EIC: Next-level physics and detector simulations

Outline

- First measurement of photoproduction of exotic heavy quark states
- First measurement of $X(3872)$ production in jets
- First results on exotic quarkonia in medium
 - $X(3872)$ in $pp/pPb/PbPb$ at the LHC

New hadrons discovered at the LHC



- $b\bar{b}$
- $b\bar{q}$
- $c\bar{c}$
- $c\bar{c}(q\bar{q})$
- $cc\bar{q}\bar{q}$
- $c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$
- $c\bar{q}$
- $c\bar{q}q\bar{q}$
- bqq
- cqq
- ccq
- $c\bar{c}qqq$

Compact tetraquark/pentaquark

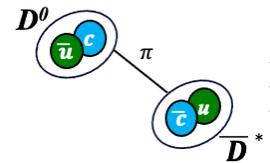


Diquark-diantiquark
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PLB 662 424 (2008)



Hadrocharmonium/
adjoint charmonium
PLB 666 344 (2008)
PLB 671 82 (2009)

Hadronic Molecules



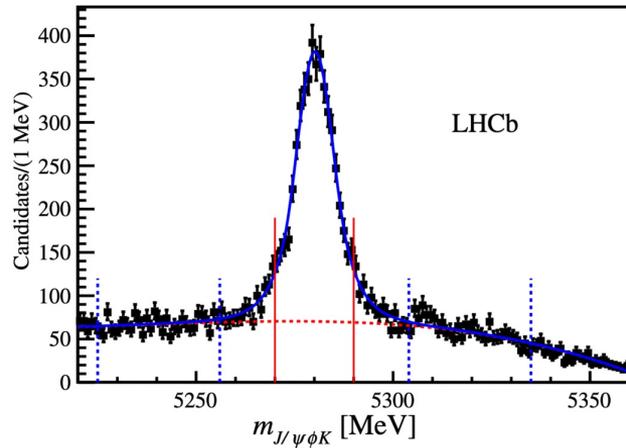
PLB 590 209 (2004)
PRD 77 014029 (2008)
PRD 100 0115029(R) (2019)

~90% of the new particles were discovered by LHCb

Mixtures
 $X = a |c\bar{c}\rangle + b |c\bar{c}q\bar{q}\rangle$
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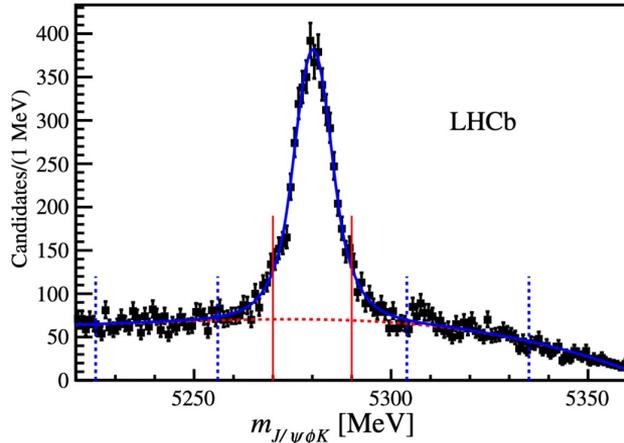
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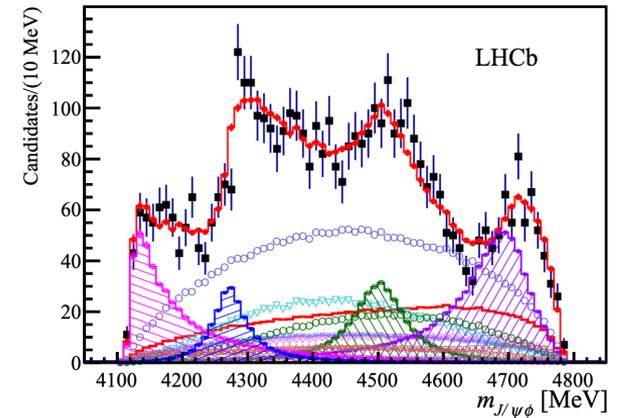
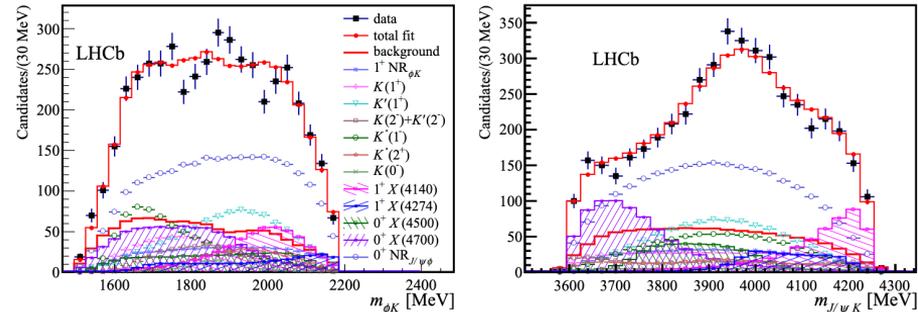
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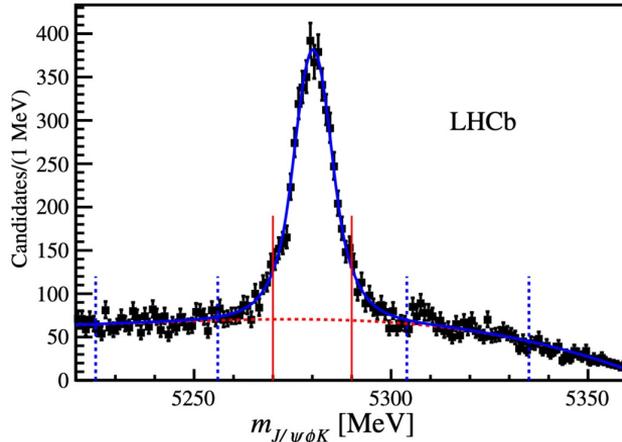
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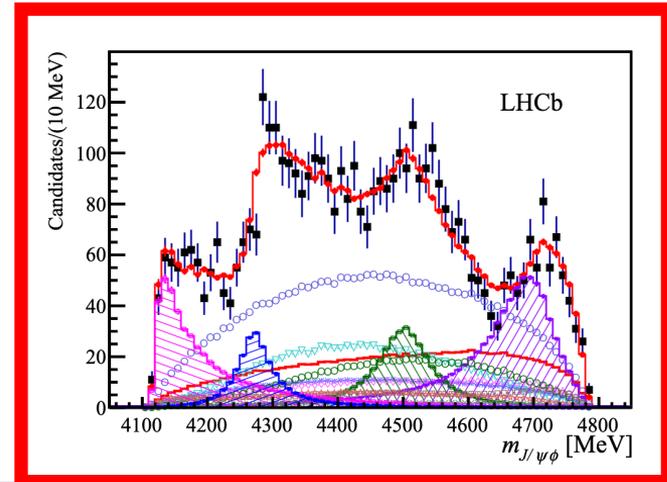
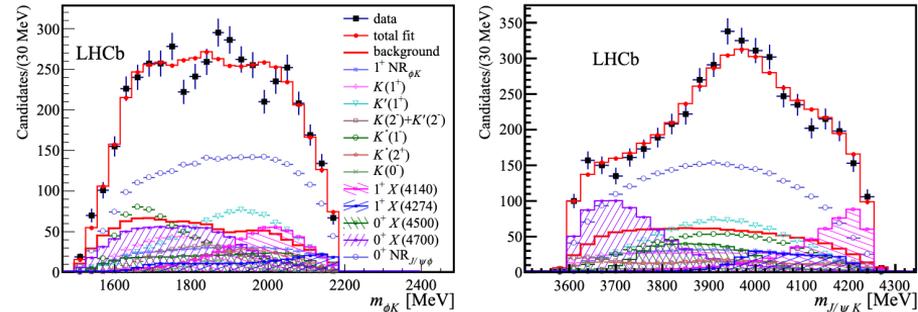
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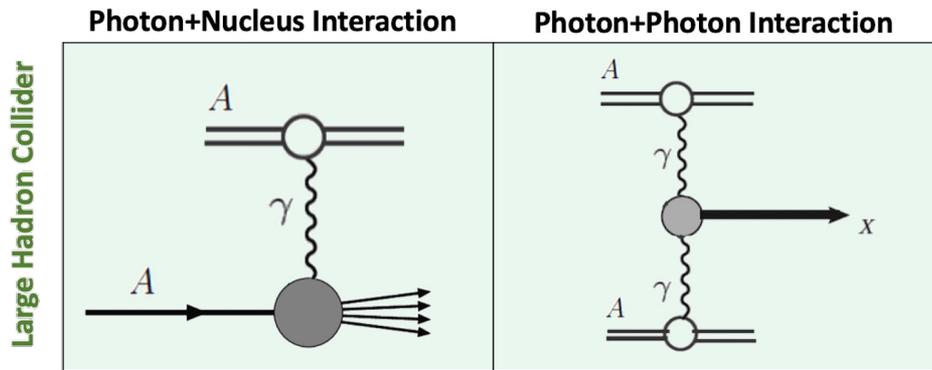
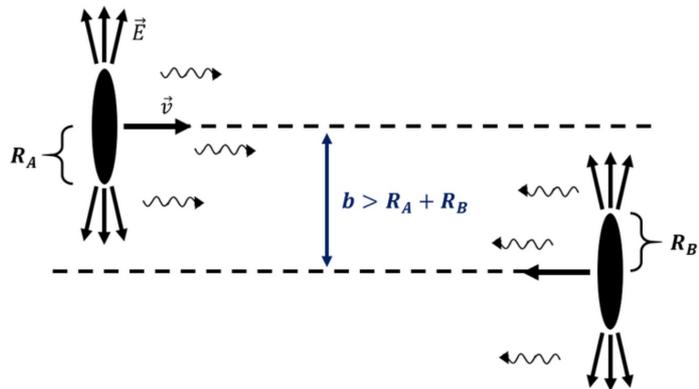
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Central Exclusive Production/Ultra-Peripheral Collisions

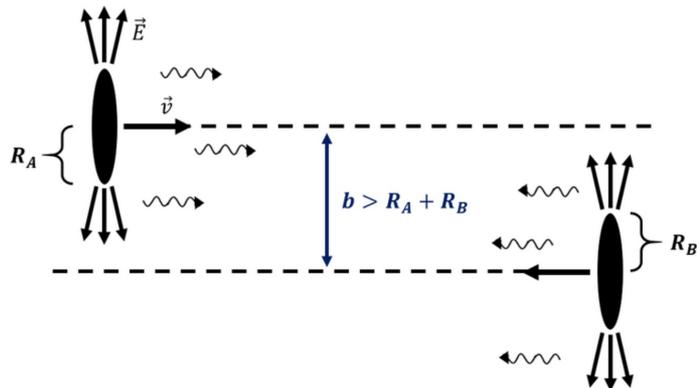
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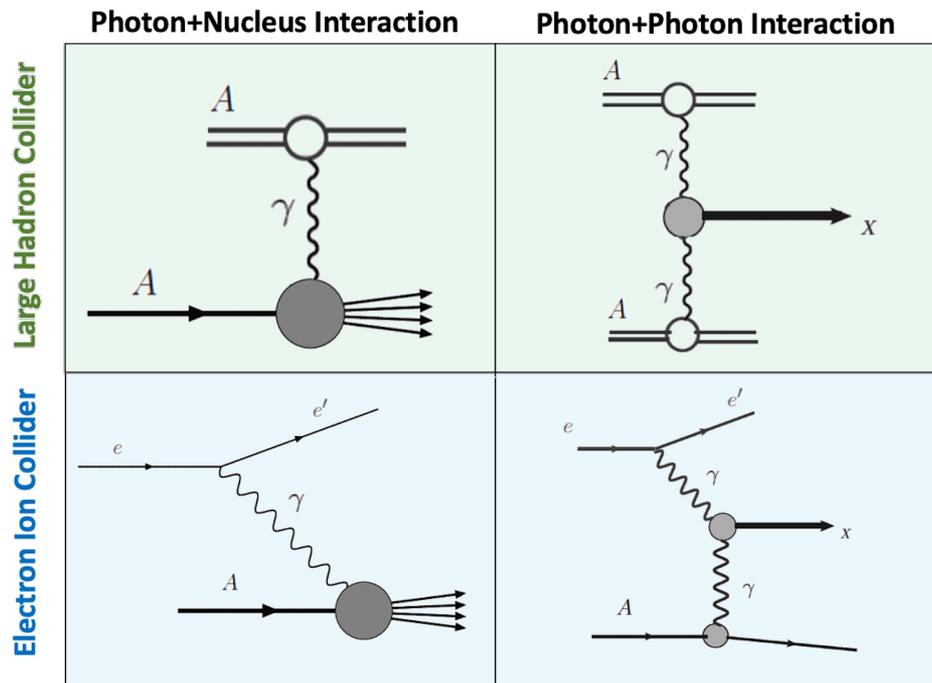
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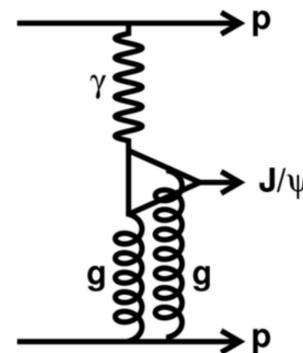
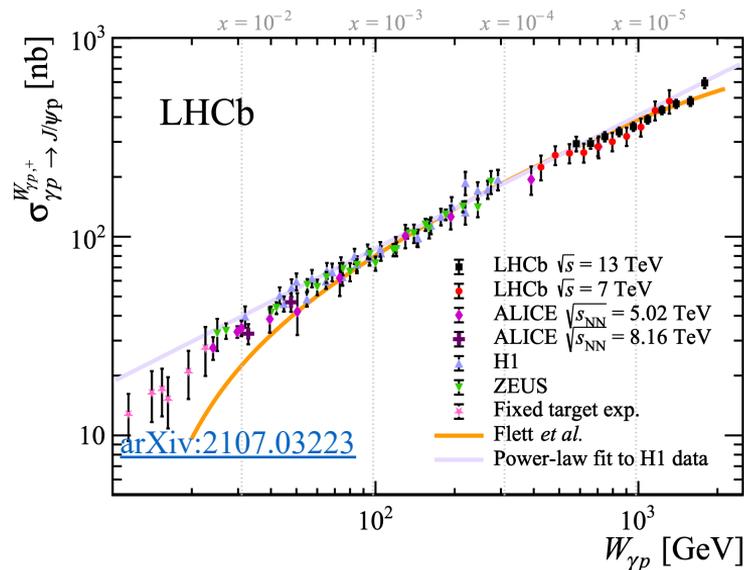
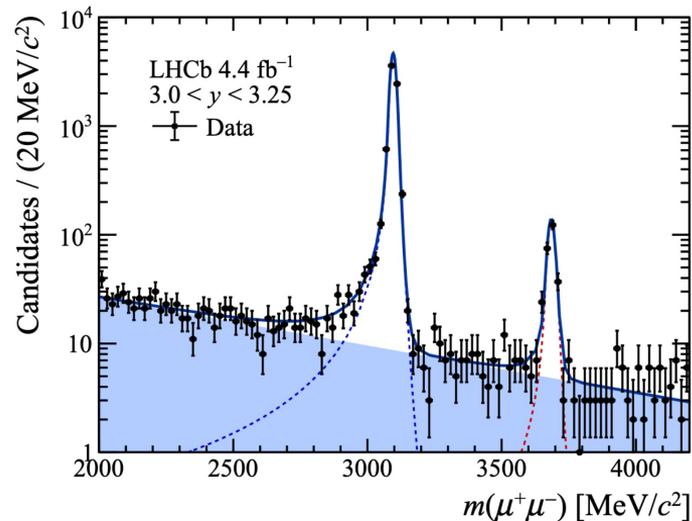


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- Very similar to electron-ion interactions in many respects



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- Detailed studies of conventional hadrons in CEP/UPC exist

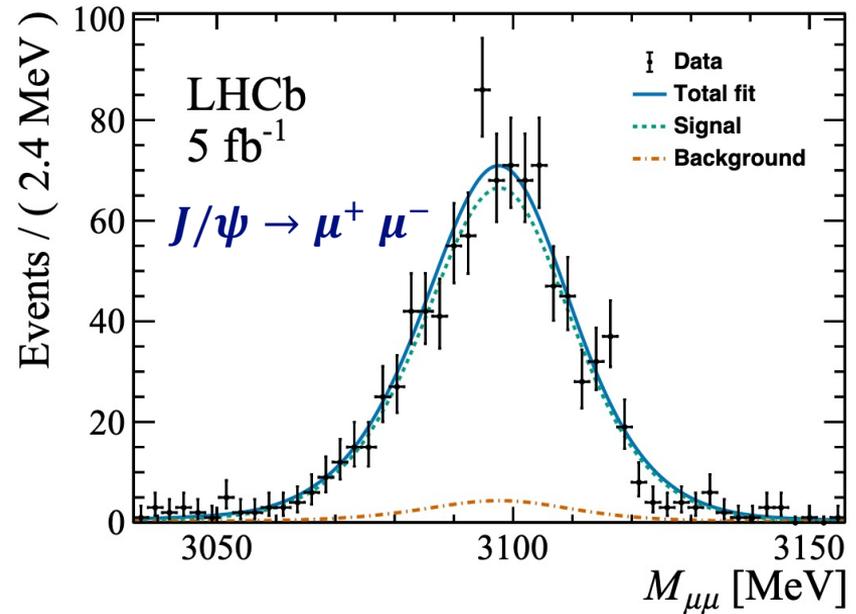
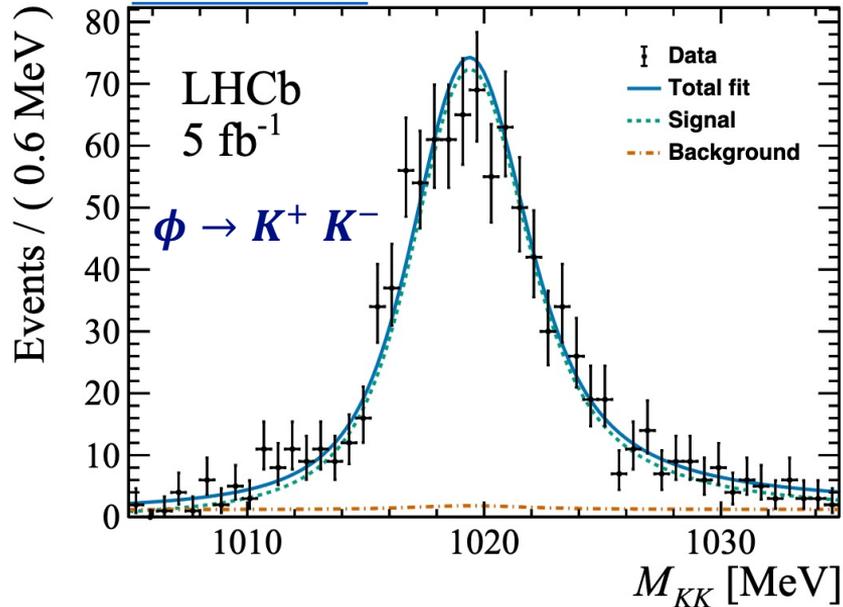


- There is increasing interest in the production of exotic hadrons in these events:

[PRD94, 094024 \(2016\)](#), [PRC100, 024620 \(2019\)](#), [PLB 805135447 \(2020\)](#), [PLB 810 136249 \(2021\)](#),
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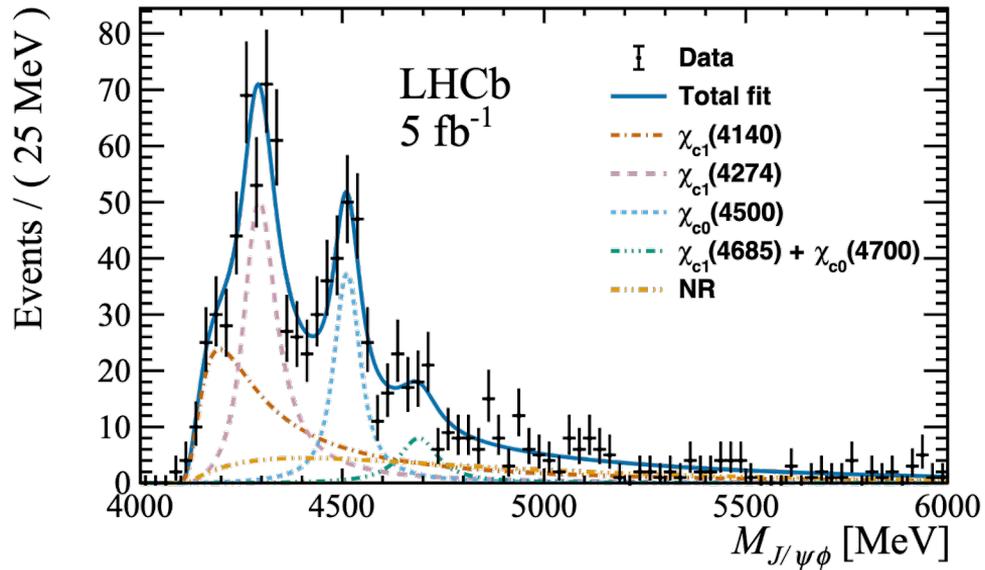
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- Select events with exactly four tracks: two muons, two kaons
- Veto additional activity with forward/backward shower counters
- Clear signals for $\phi(1020)$ and J/ψ

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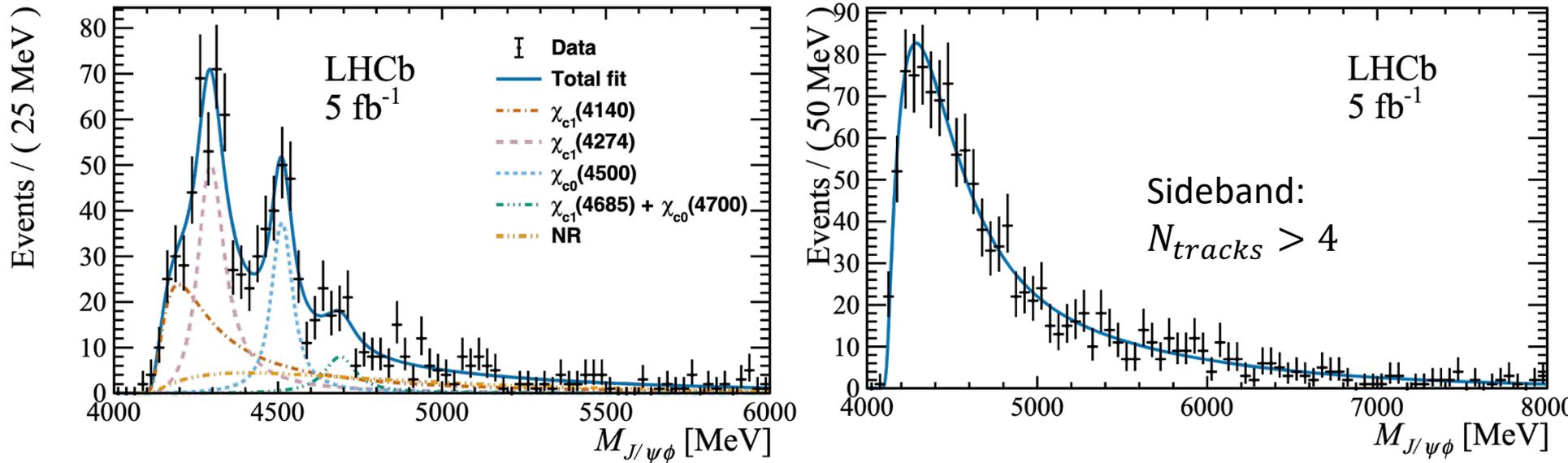
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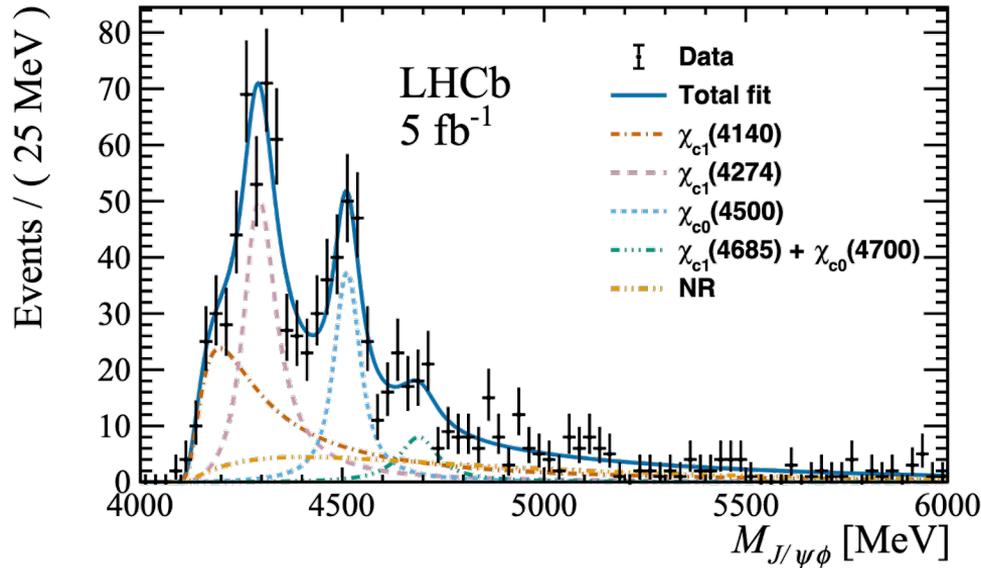
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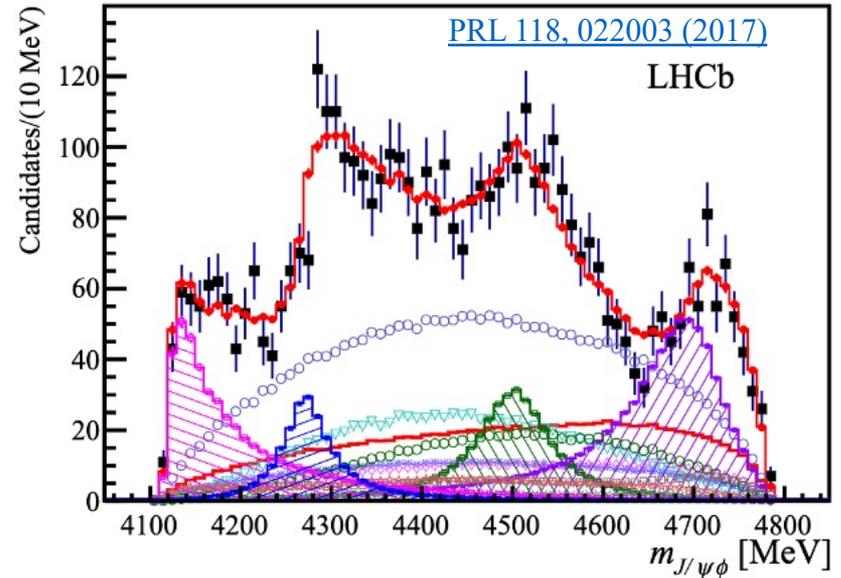
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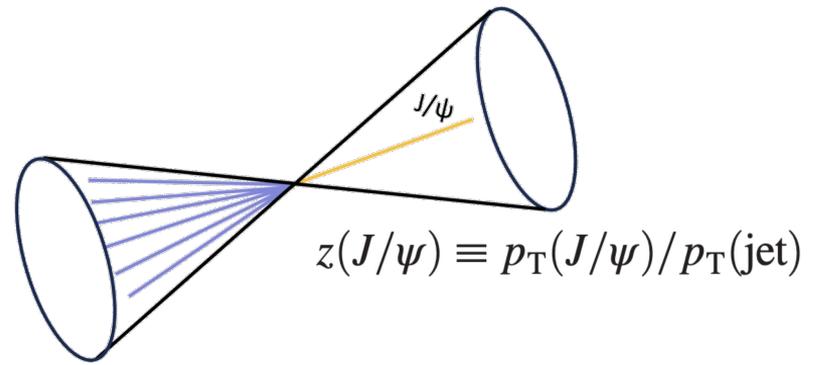


- Consistent with tetraquark candidates previously observed in $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi\phi K^\pm$ decays

Concept proven: CEP/UPCs provide totally new method to produce and study exotic hadrons

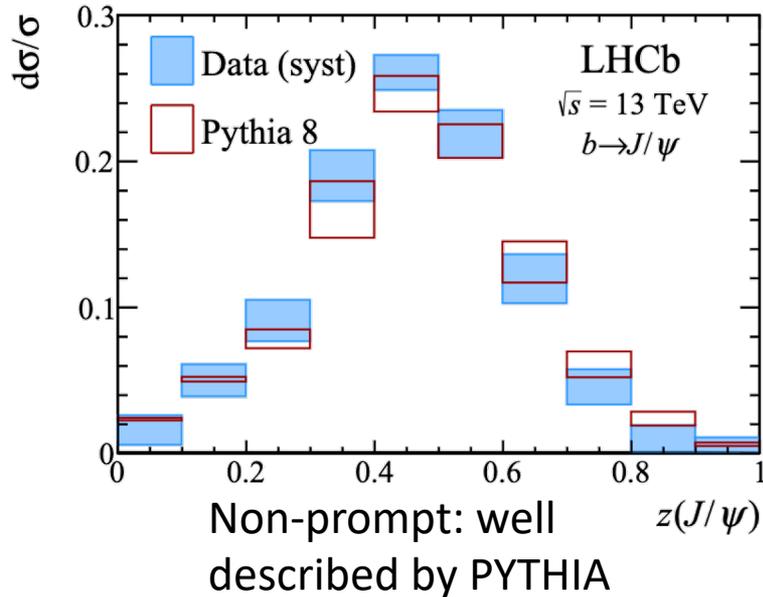
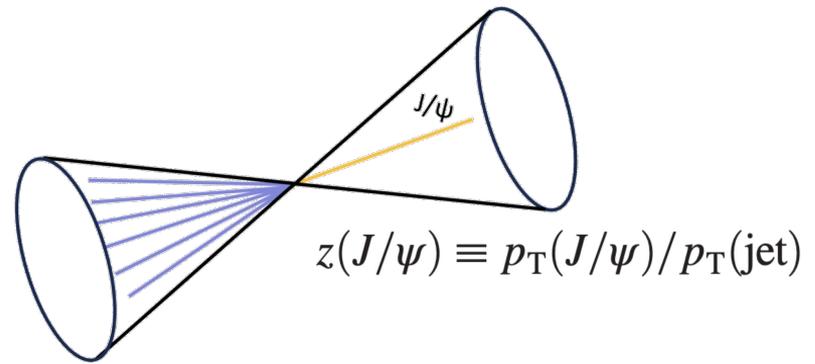
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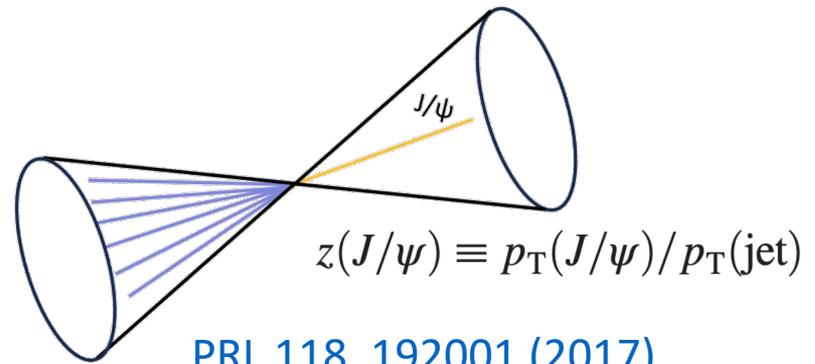
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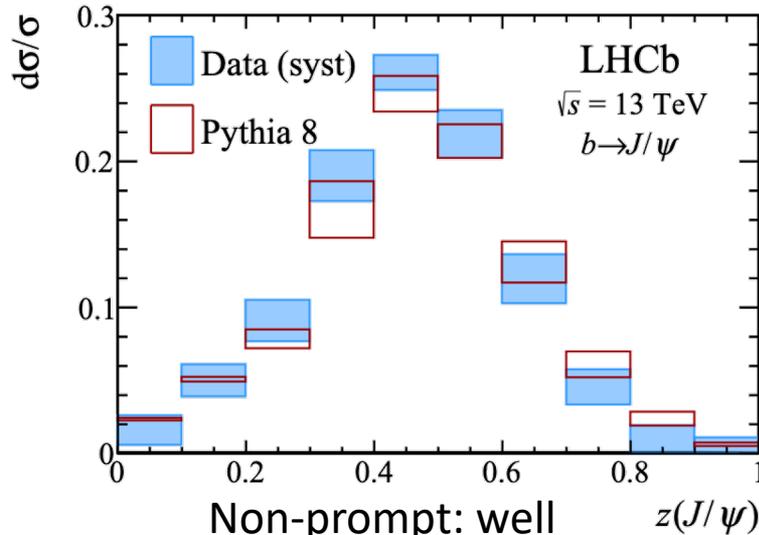


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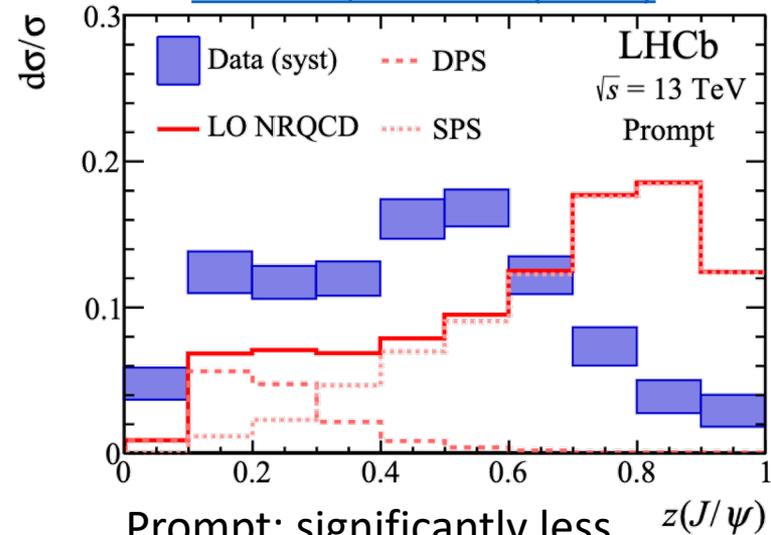
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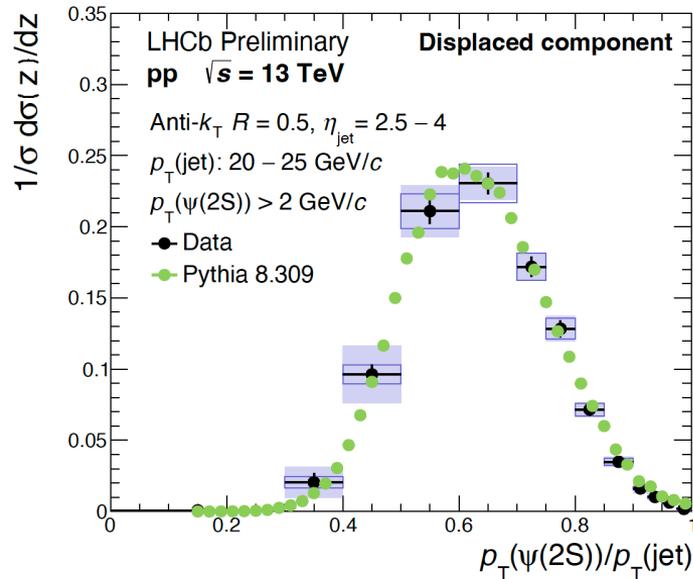


Prompt: significantly less isolated than NRQCD prediction

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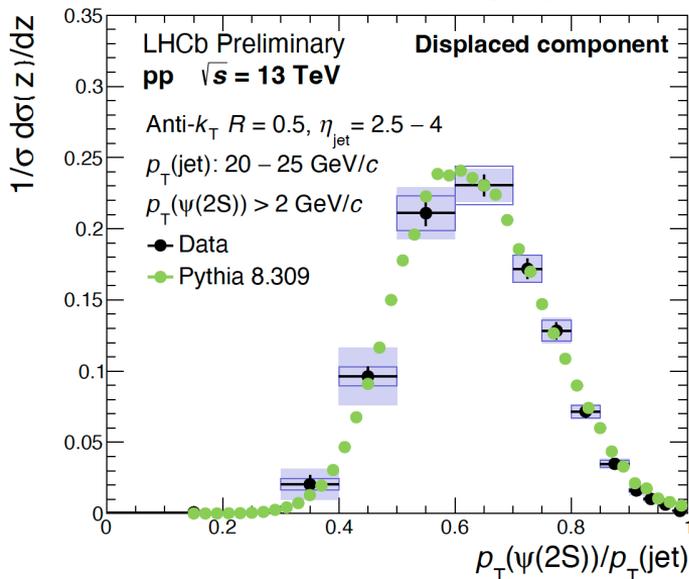
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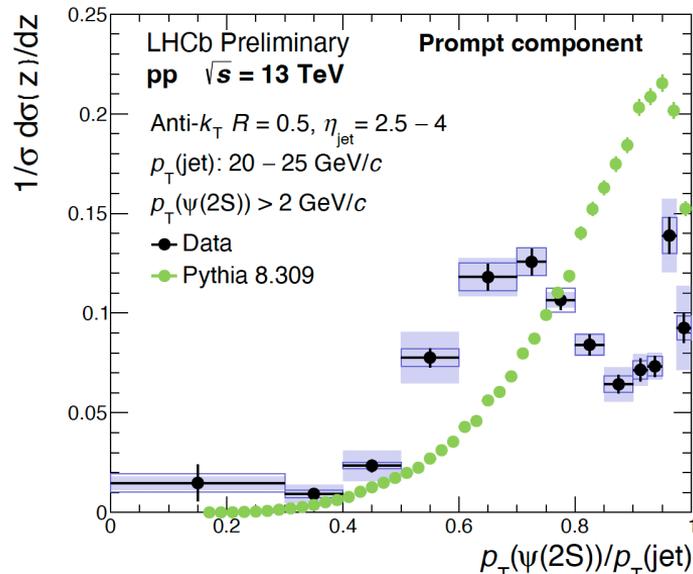
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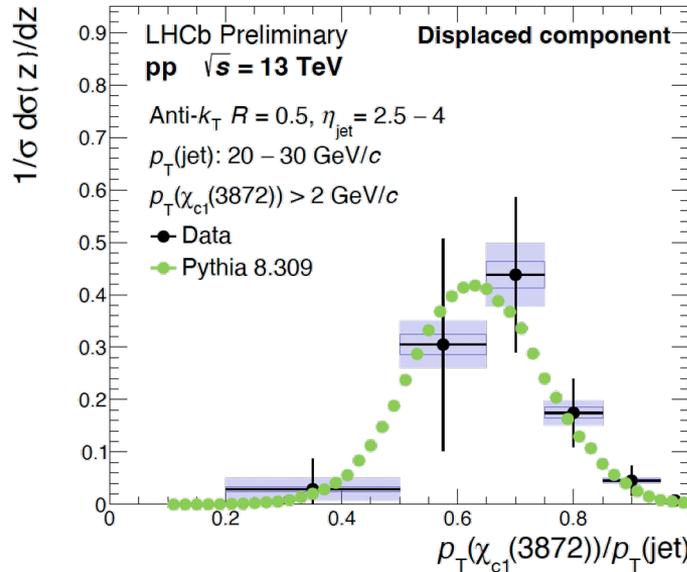
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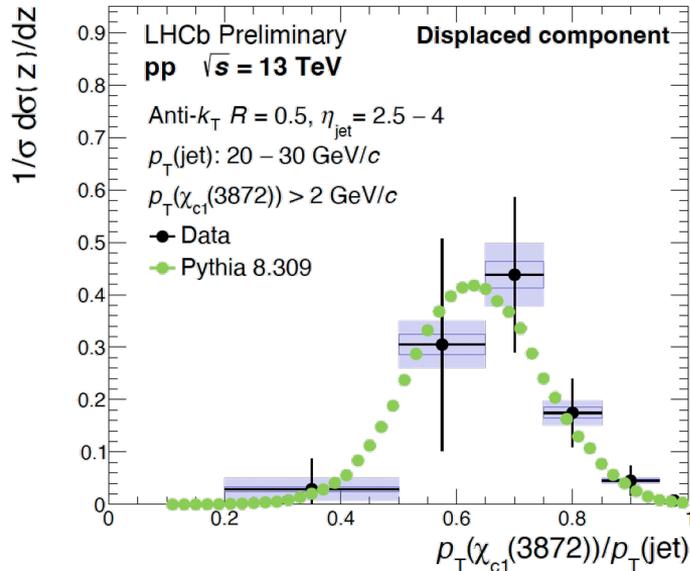
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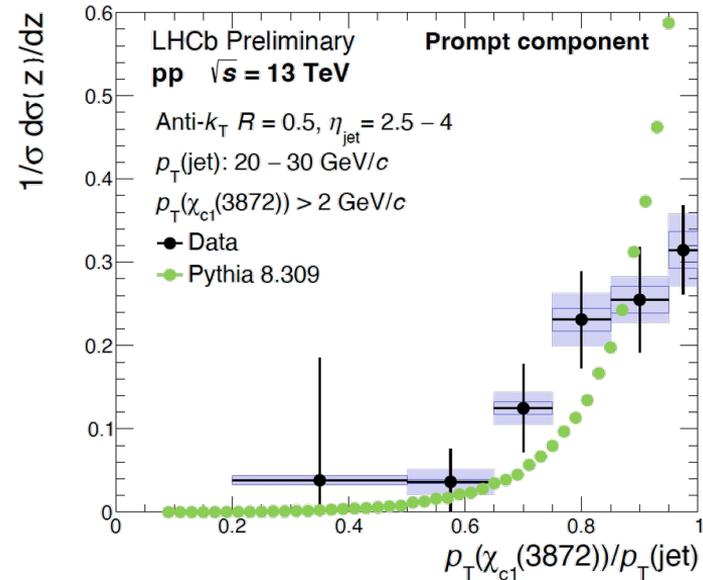
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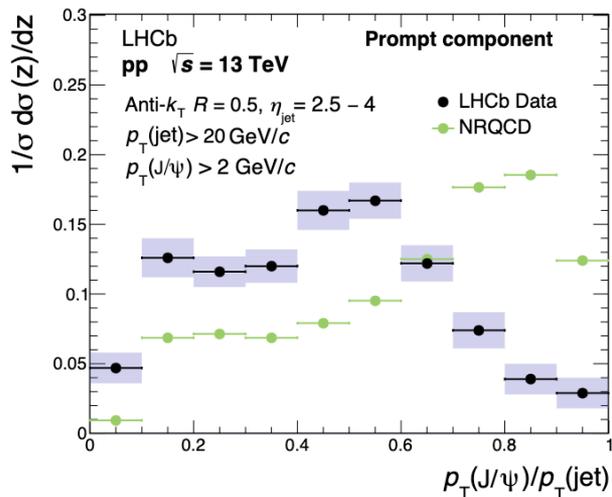
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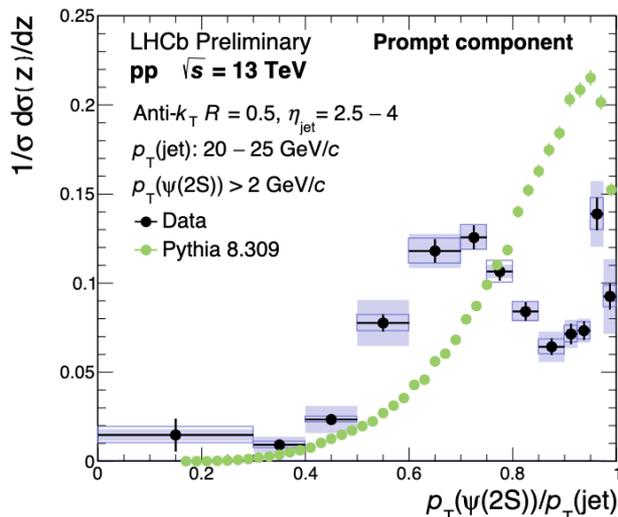


Prompt: Rises towards isolation, very different from conventional $c\bar{c}$ state $\psi(2S)$

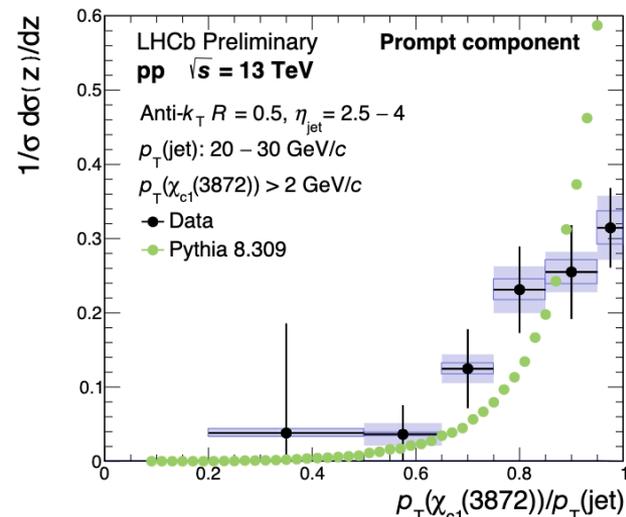
Compare: prompt J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$, $X(3872)$



Prompt J/ψ : less isolated than expected



Prompt $\psi(2S)$:
Two component structure:
Different production mechanisms?



Prompt $X(3872)$:
More isolated than conventional charmonia

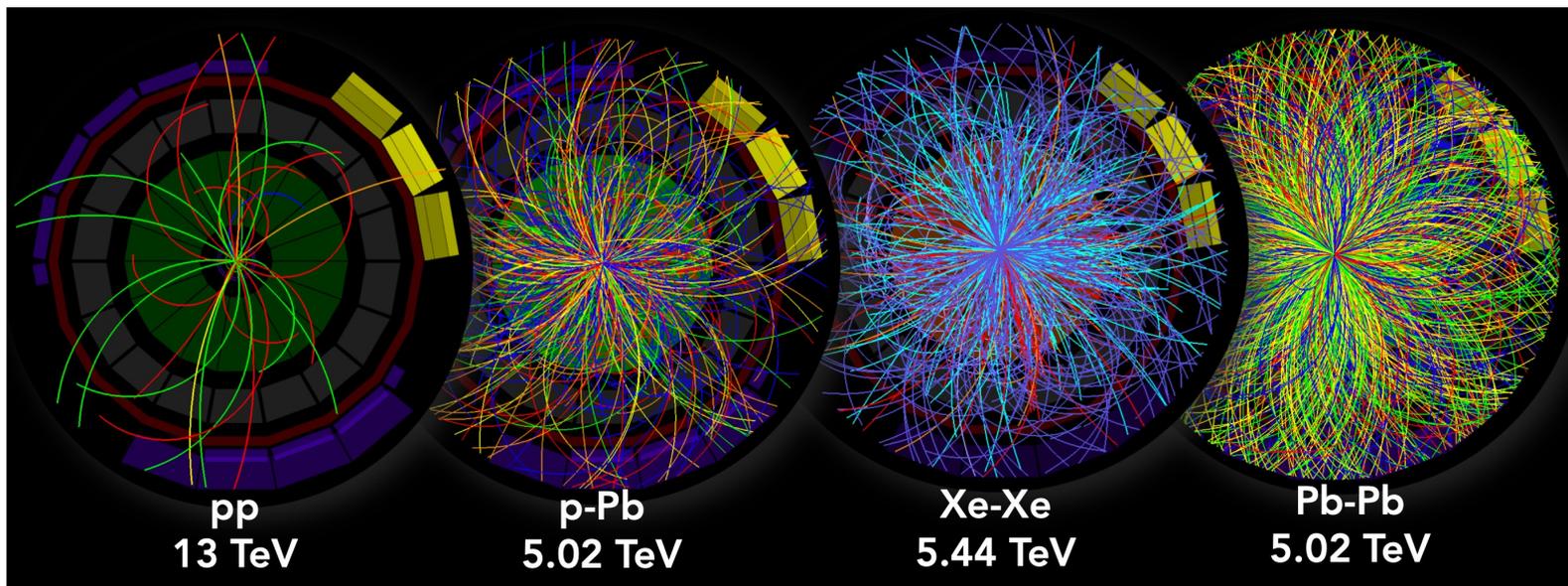
Heavy $Q\bar{Q}$ states in the QCD medium

Diffuse medium

Increasing T, N_{ch}

Dense medium

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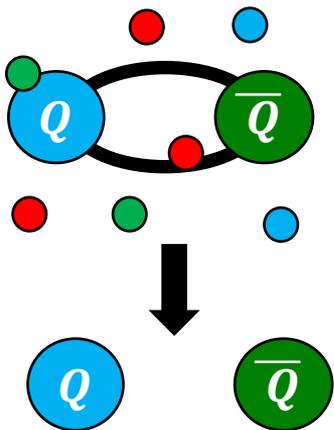


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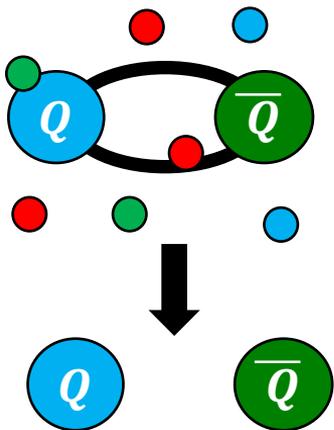
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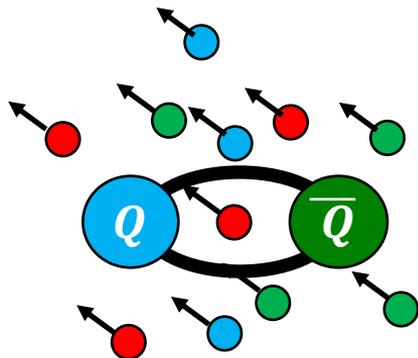
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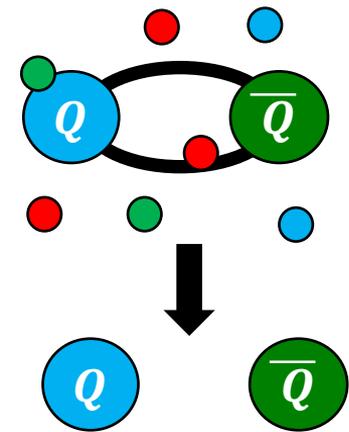
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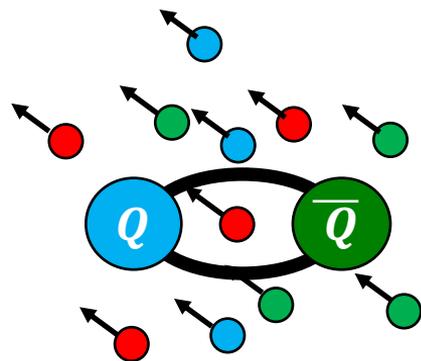
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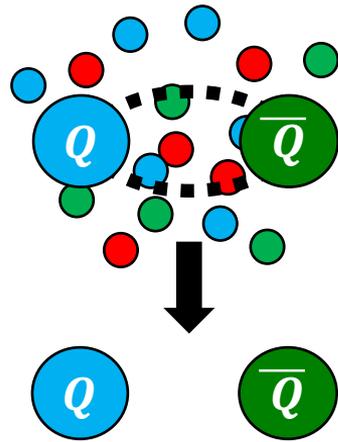
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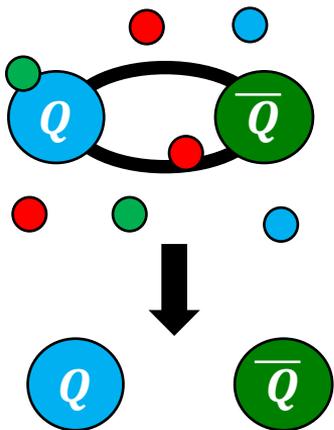
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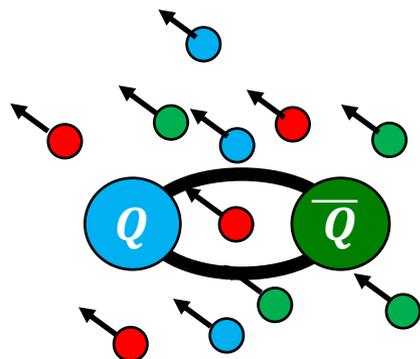
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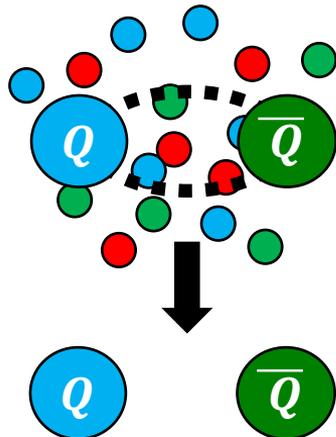
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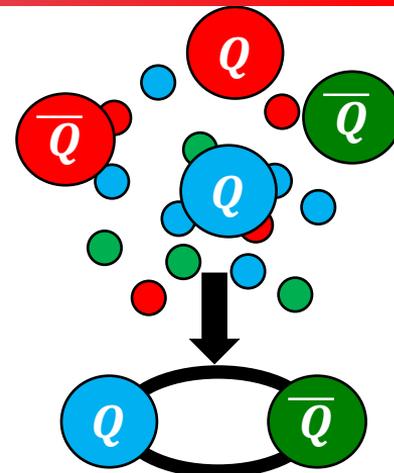
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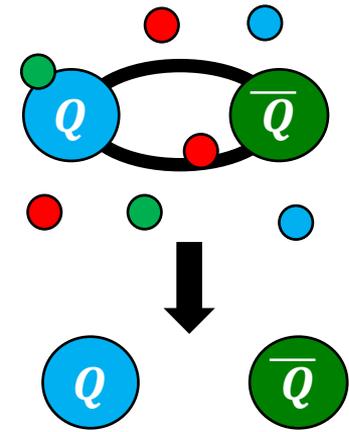
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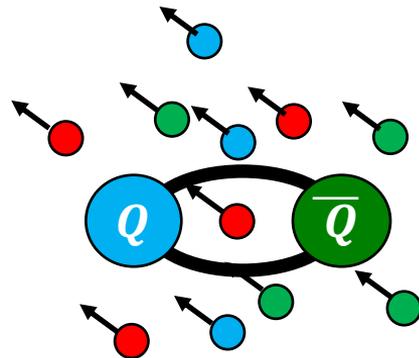
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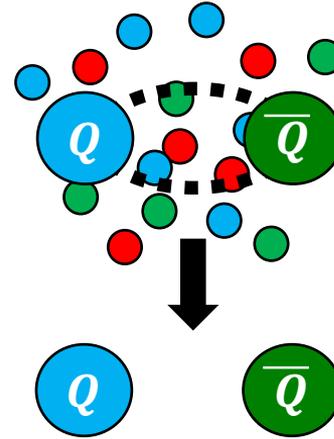
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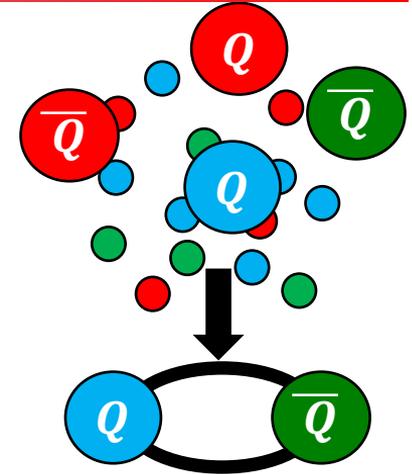
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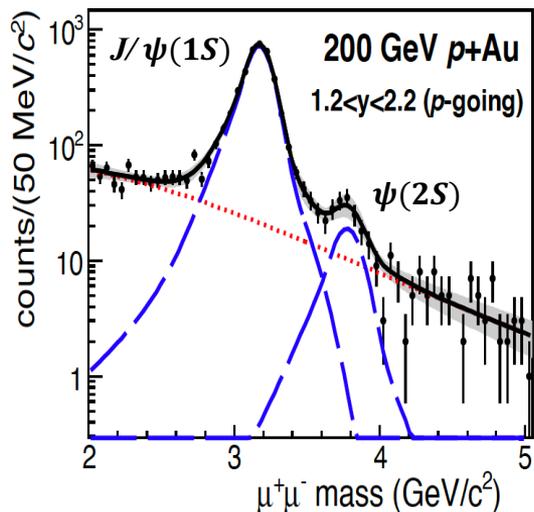
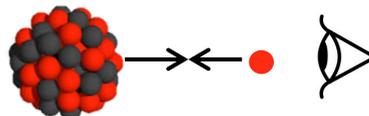
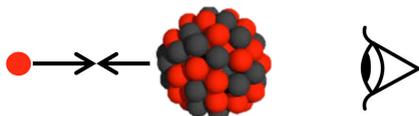
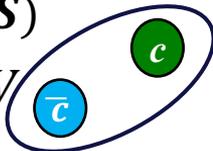
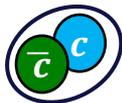
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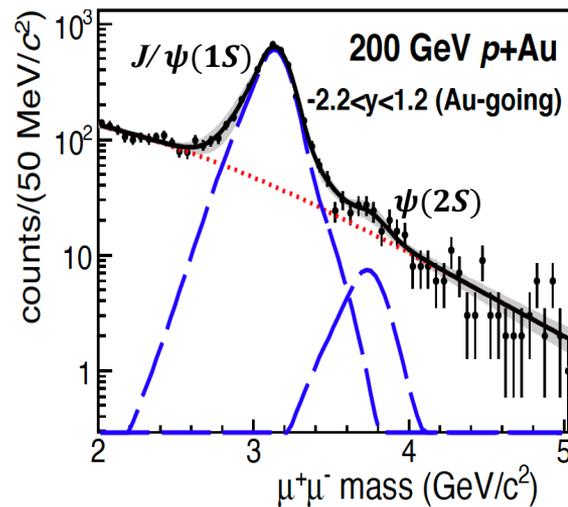
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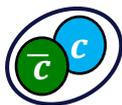
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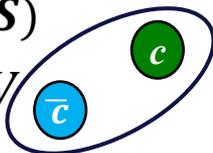
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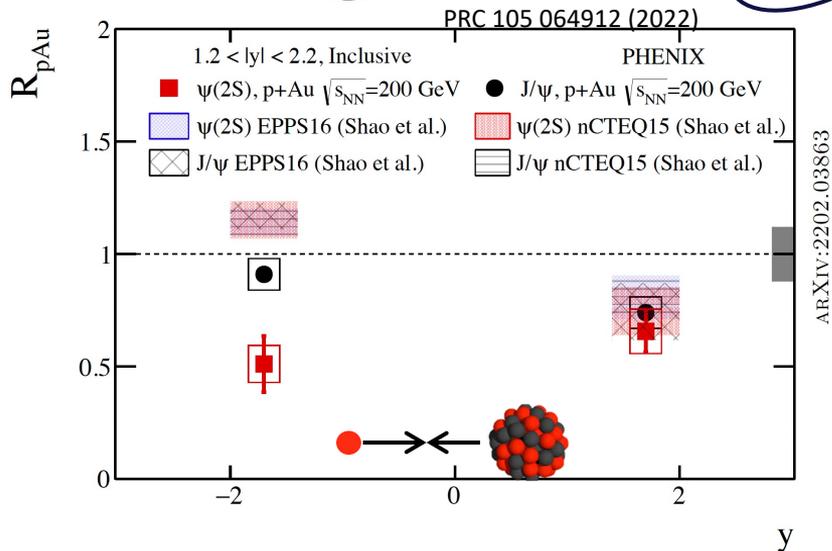
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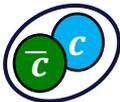
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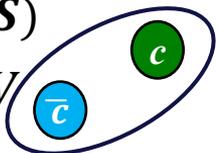
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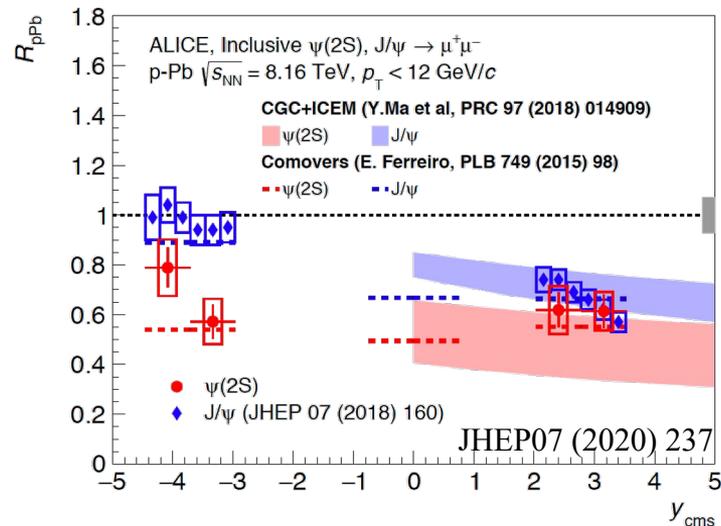
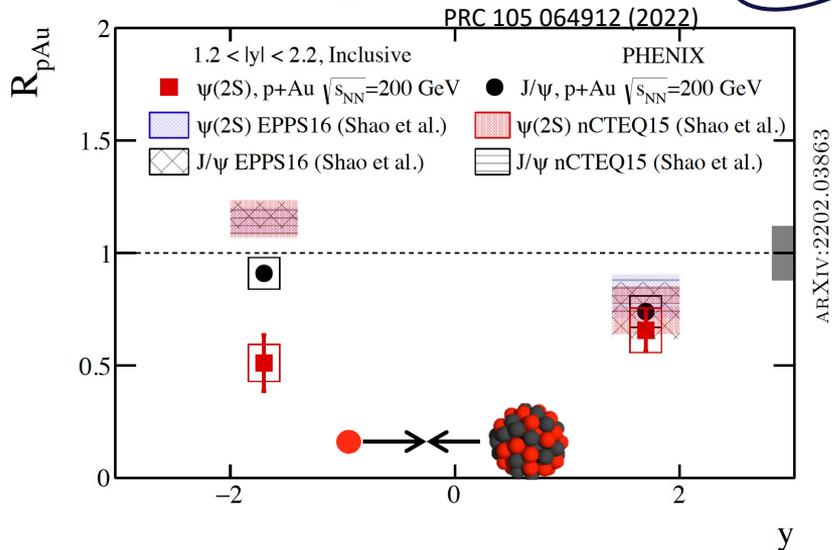
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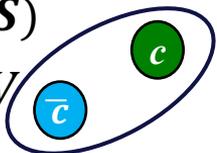
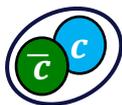
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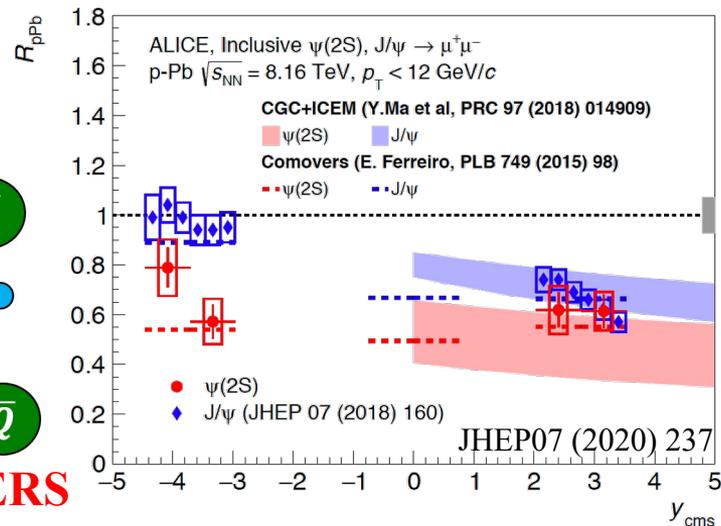
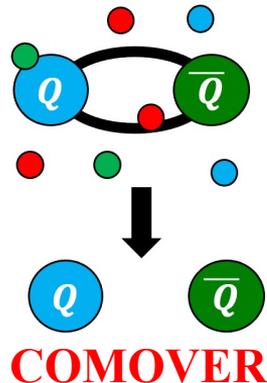
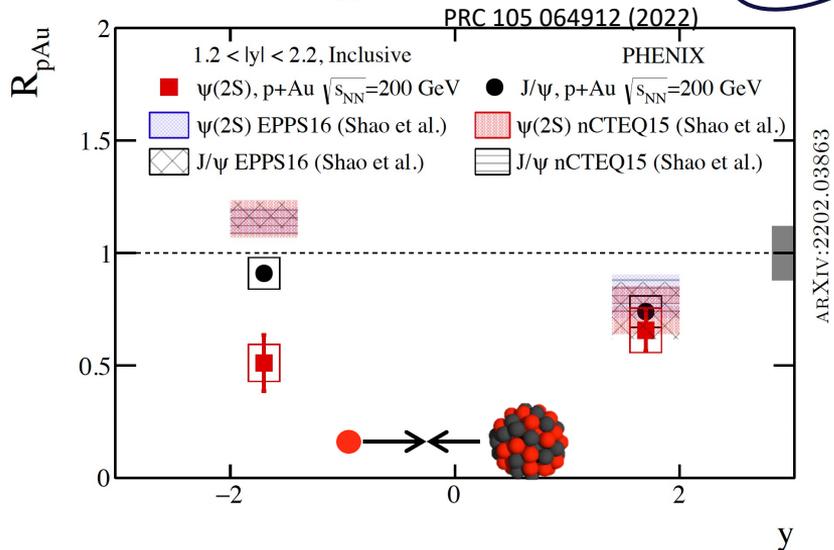
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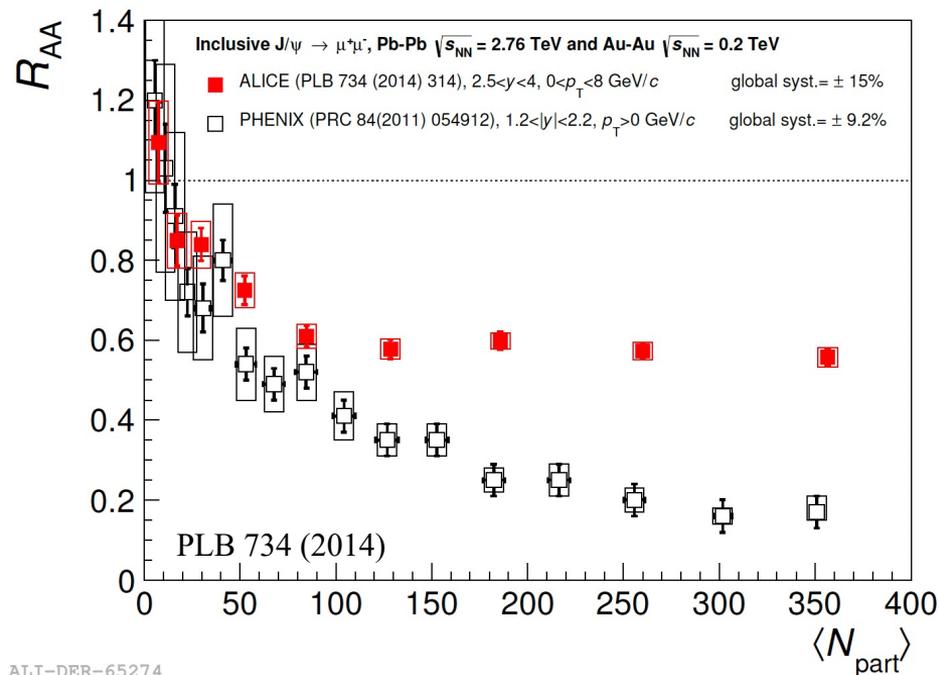


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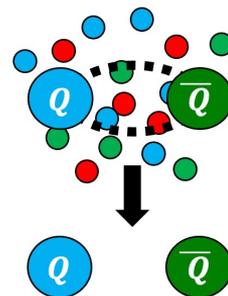


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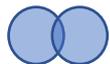
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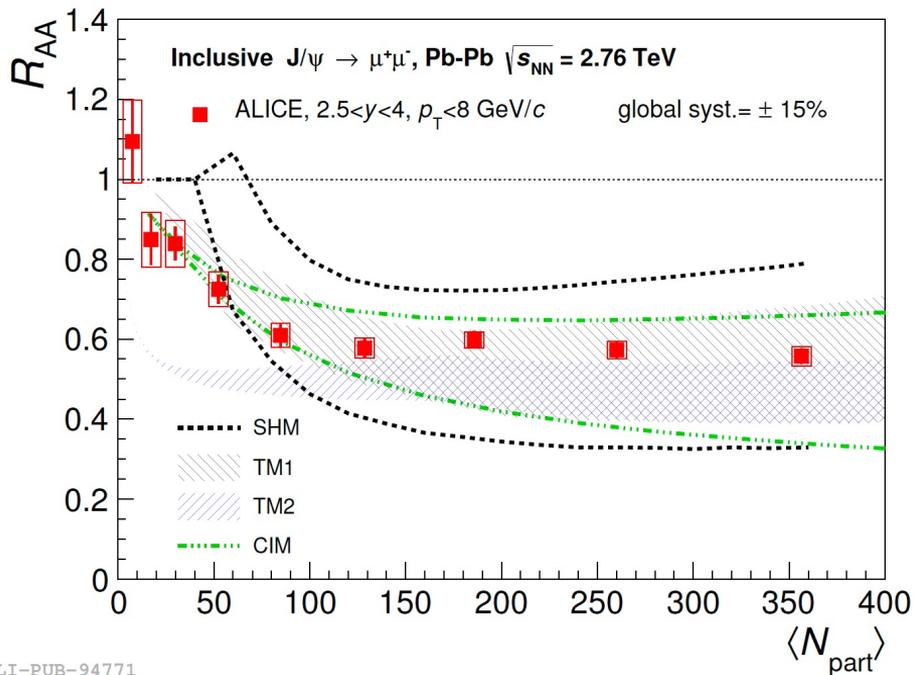


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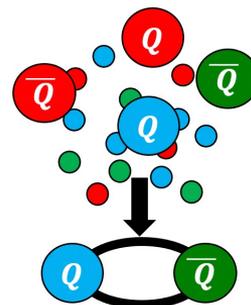
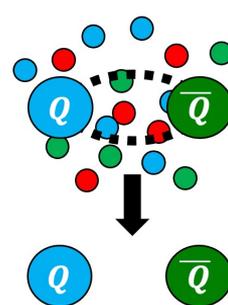


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COLOR SCREENING + **CHARM COALESCENCE**

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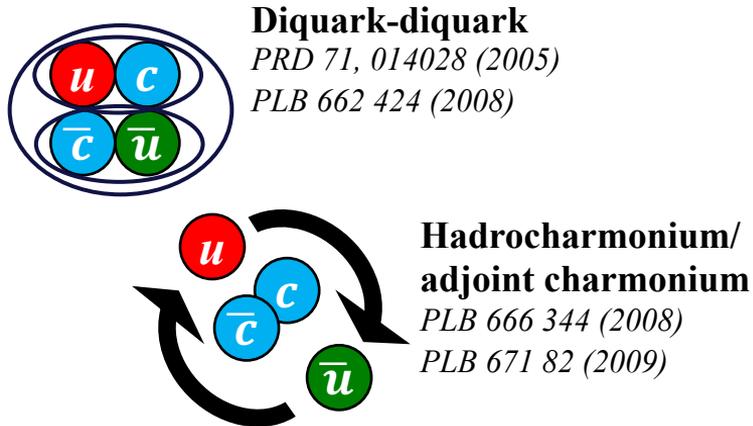
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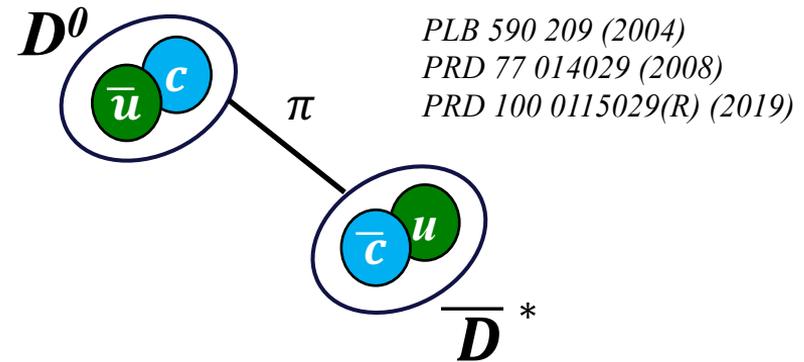
Application to exotics

- Using known states (charmonia), we have identified effects that are sensitive to the state's structure: binding energy/size
- We can apply similar techniques to study an unknown state: X(3872)

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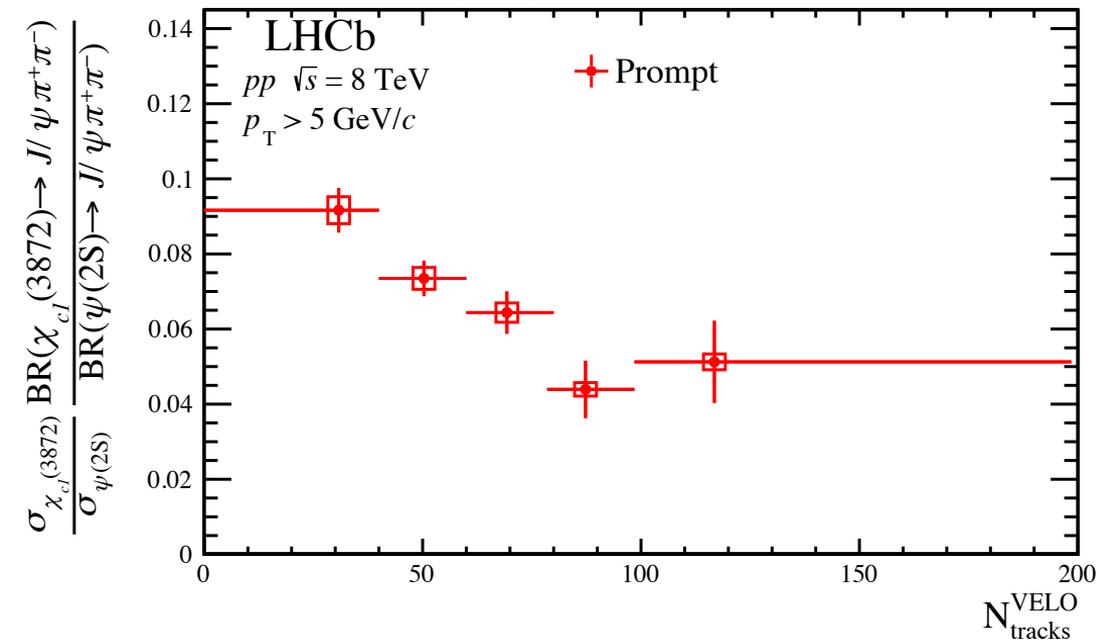


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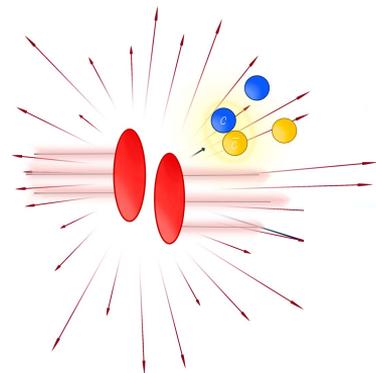


X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ vs multiplicity

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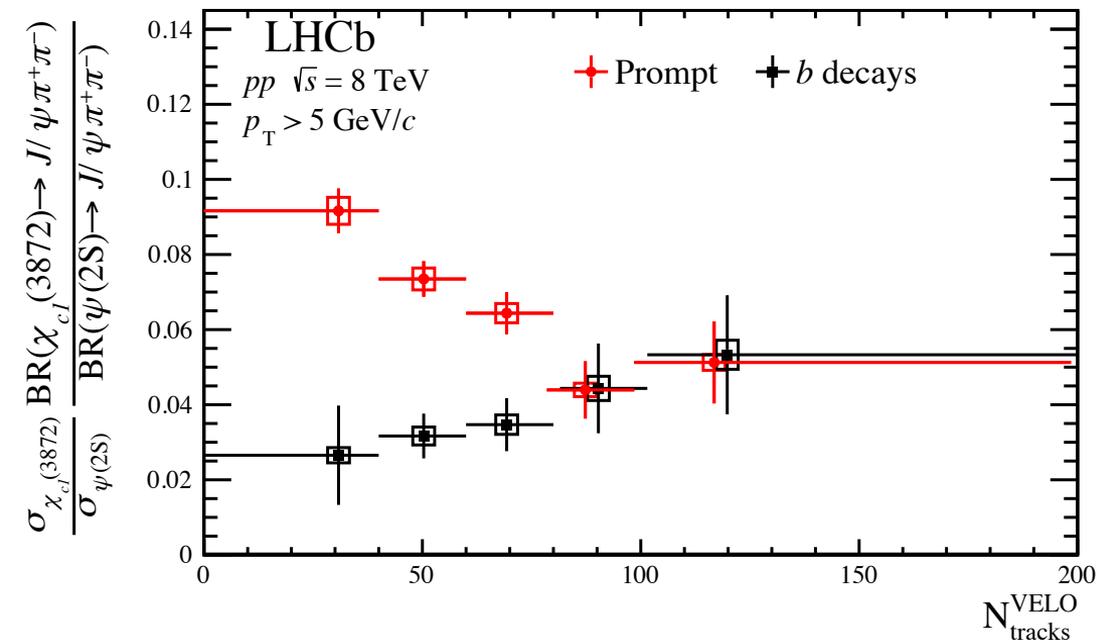


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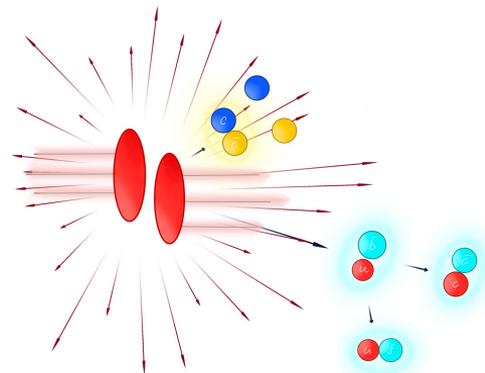


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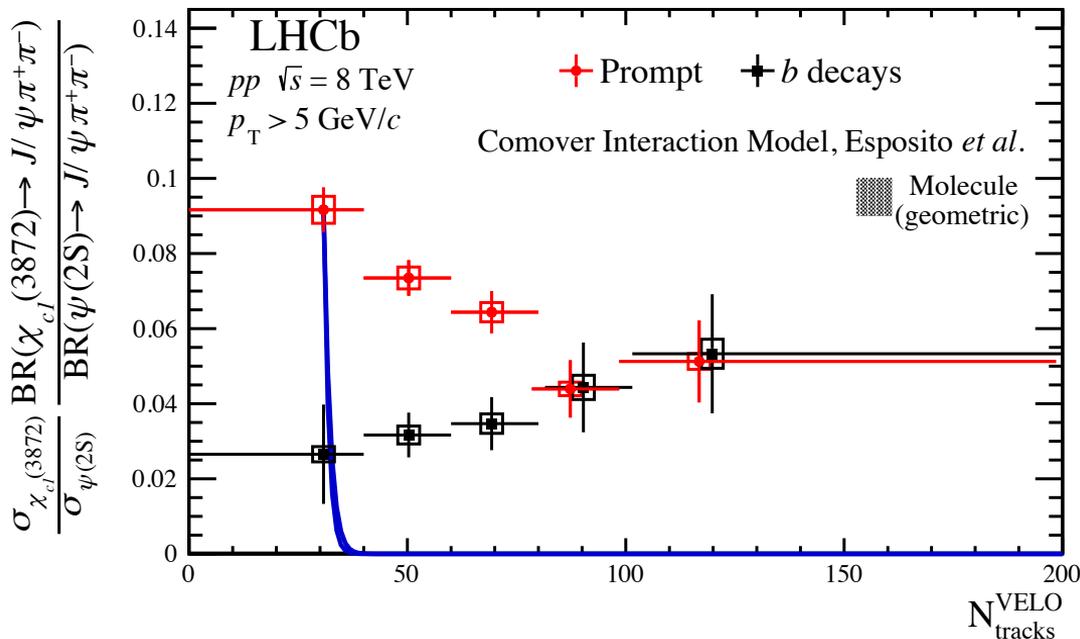
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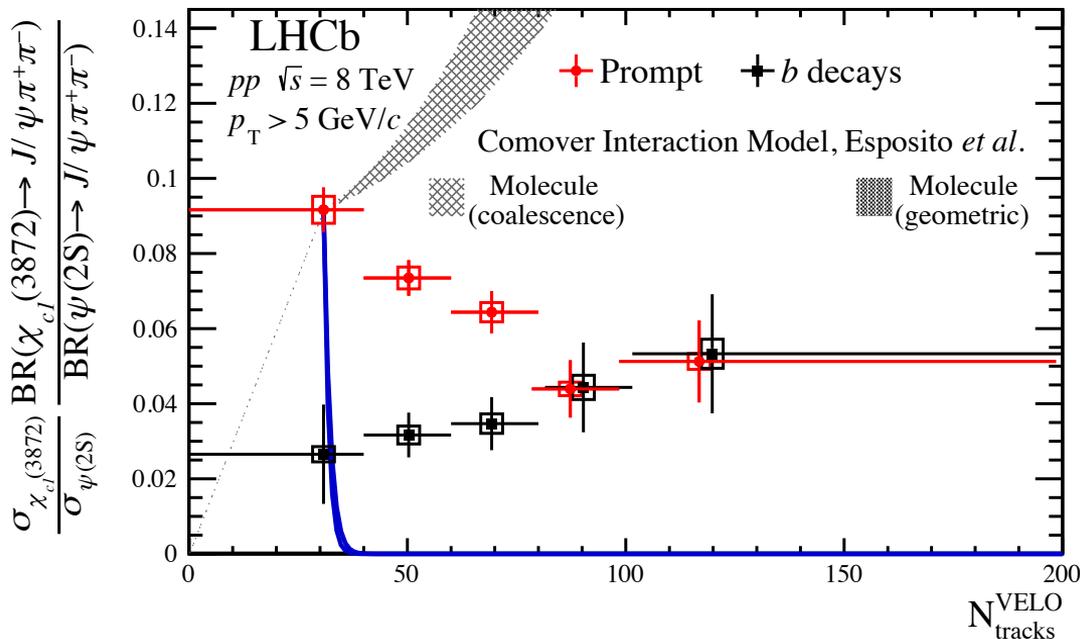
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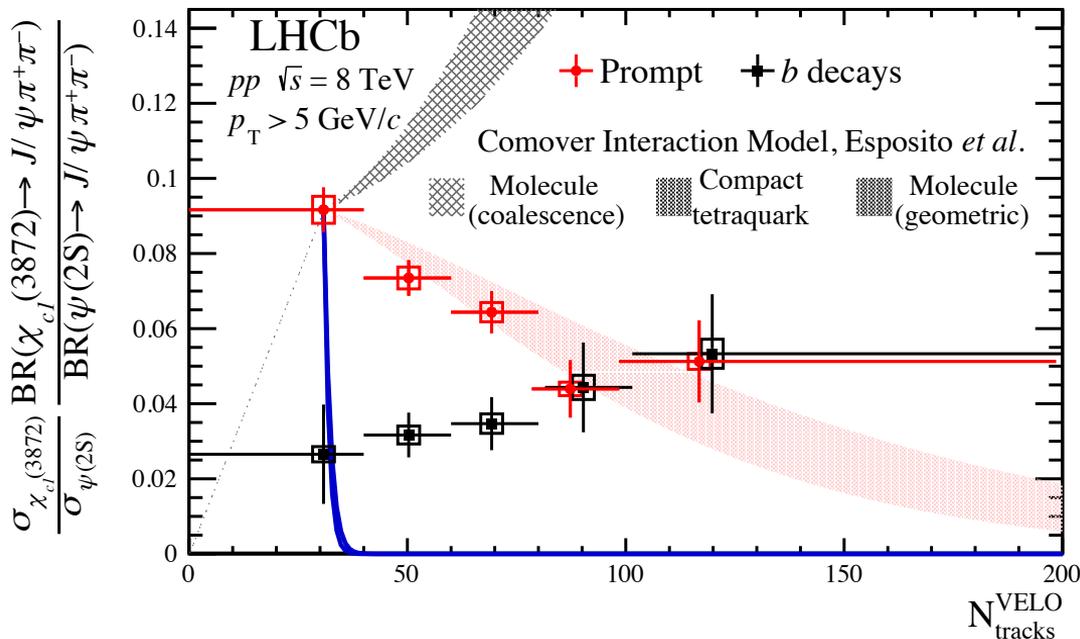
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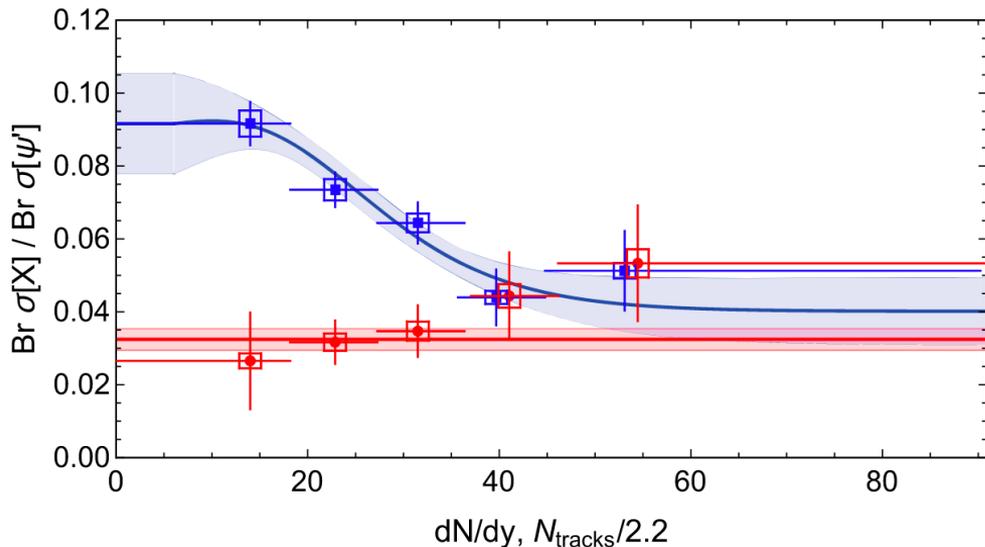
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Compact tetraquark of size 1.3 fm gradually dissociated as multiplicity increases – consistent with data

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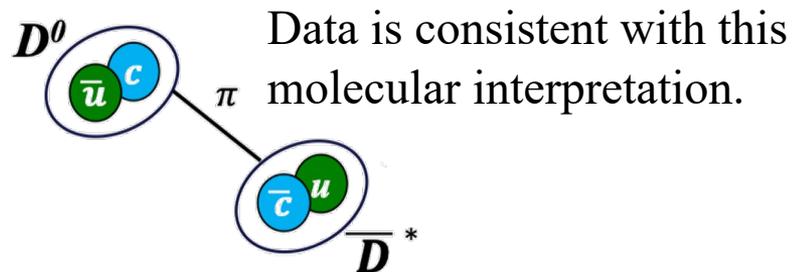
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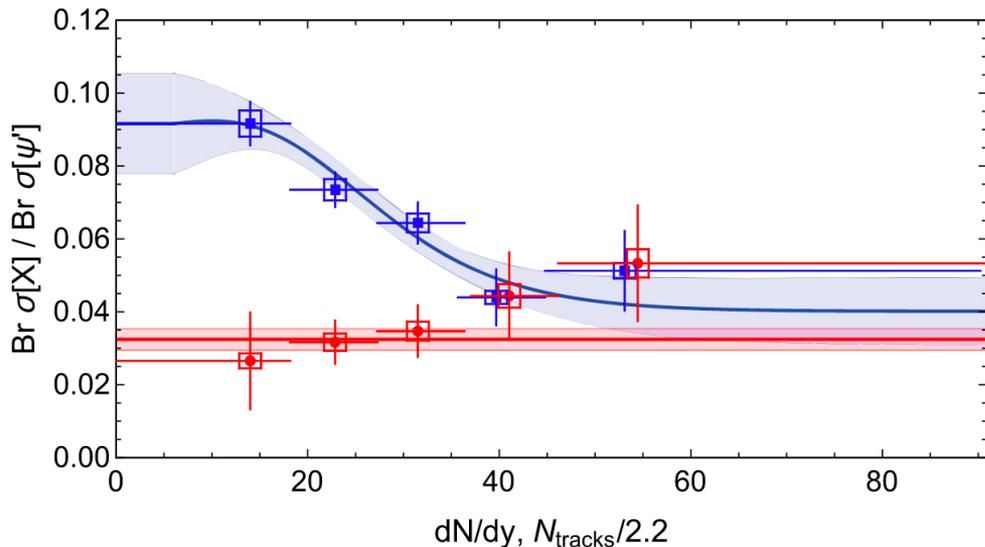
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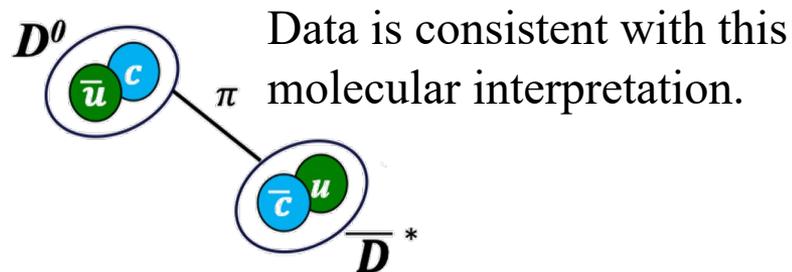
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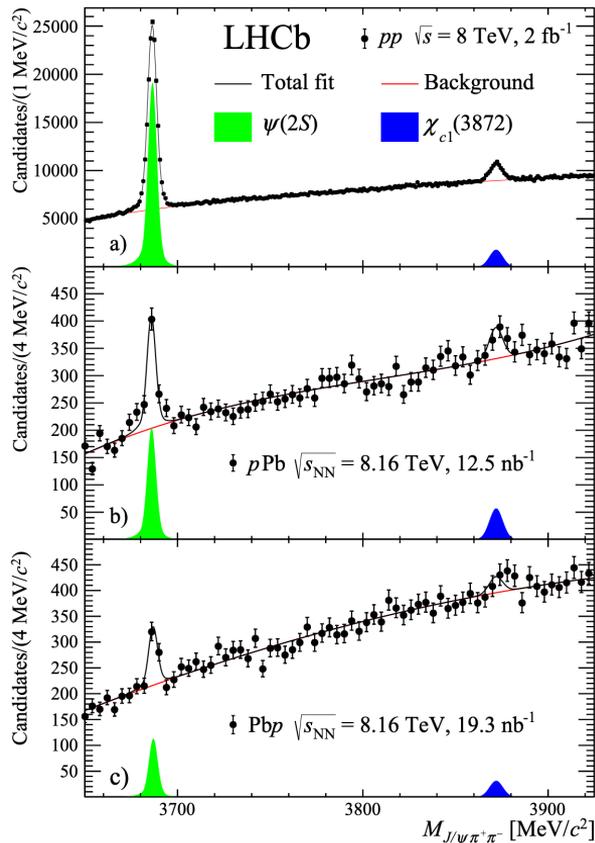


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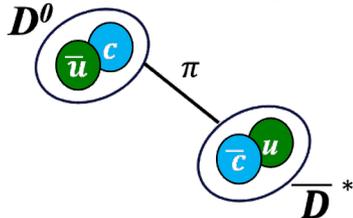
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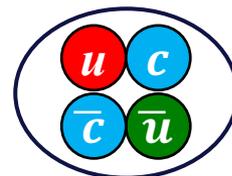


$D^0 \bar{D}^*$ Molecule



small binding energy
large radius, ~ 5 fm

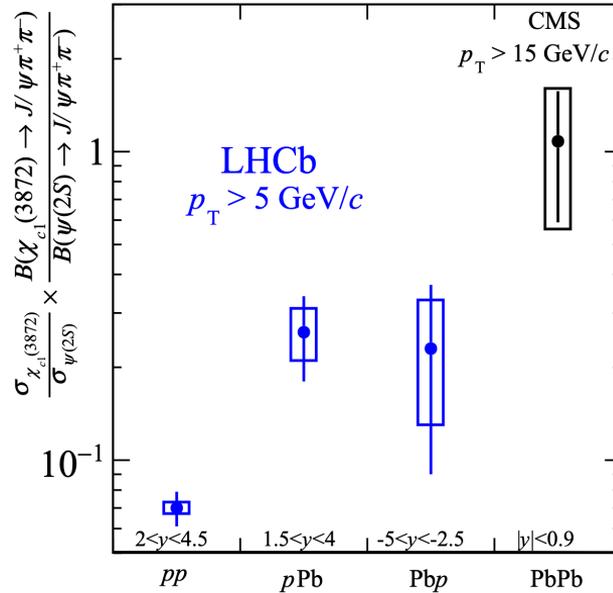
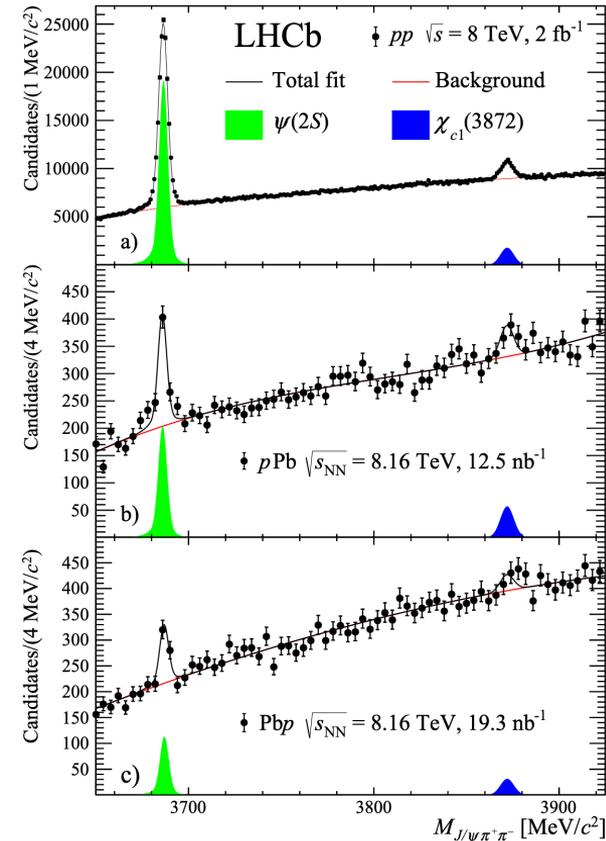
Compact tetraquark



Tightly bound via color
exchange between diquarks
Small radius, ~ 1 fm

X(3872) in pPb

PRL 132 242301 (2024)



Comparison between X(3872) and $\psi(2S)$ suggests **something different** may be happening to exotic vs conventional hadrons in medium

Initial state effects (eg shadowing) should largely cancel in ratio

Enhancing effects start to out compete breakup?

- arXiv:2302.03828

Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ = $0.26 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05$ in forward pPb

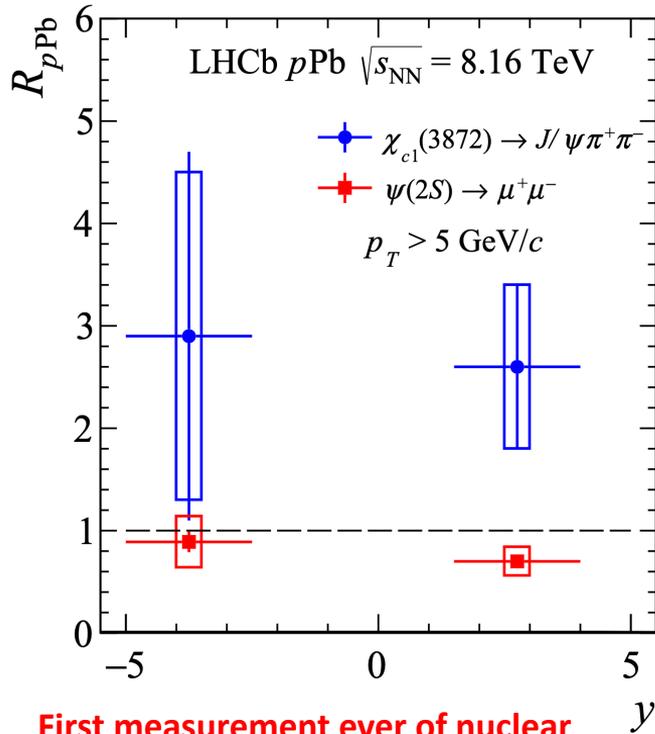
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Falls between pp (~ 0.1) and PbPb (~ 1.0)

AMBIGUITY between X(3872) enhancement and $\psi(2S)$ suppression

X(3872) in pPb

[PRL 132 242301 \(2024\)](#)



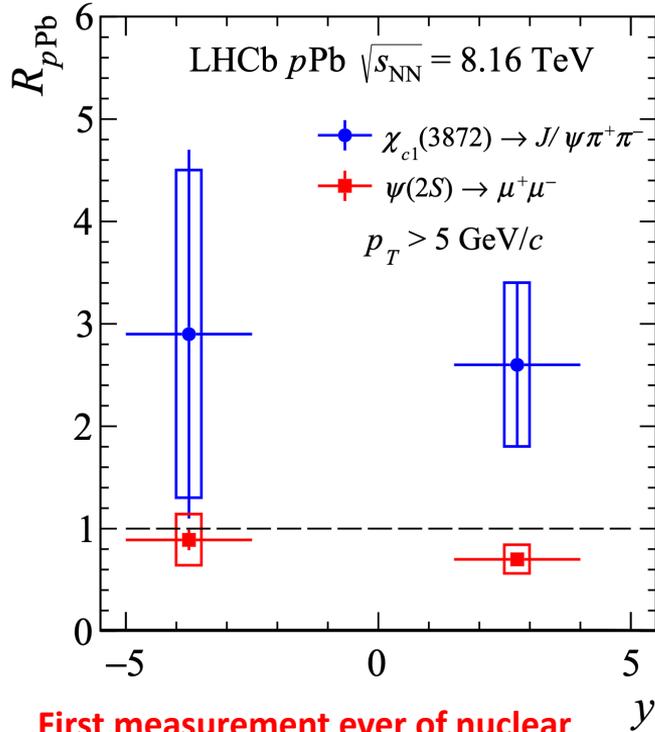
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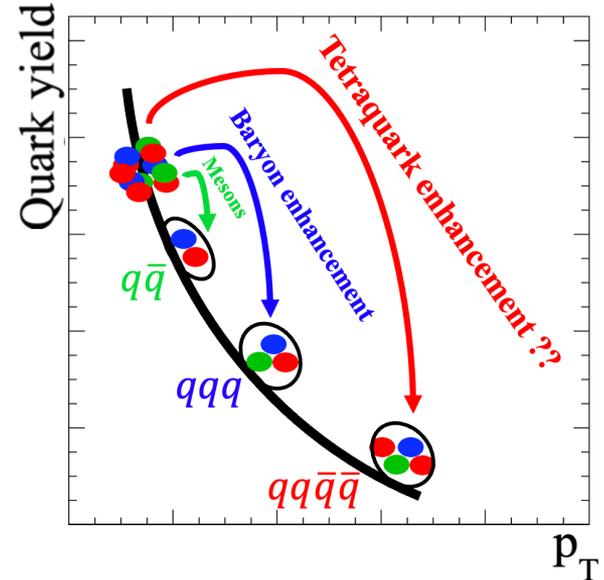
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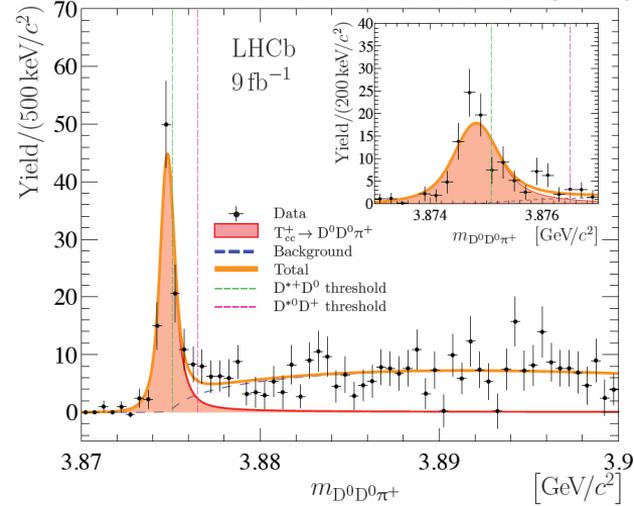
Evidence for enhancement of X(3872) in pPb:
 Coalescence dominating over breakup?

Similar mechanism for baryon enhancement could also increase tetraquark production



T_{cc}^+

Nature Communications, 13, 3351 (2022)



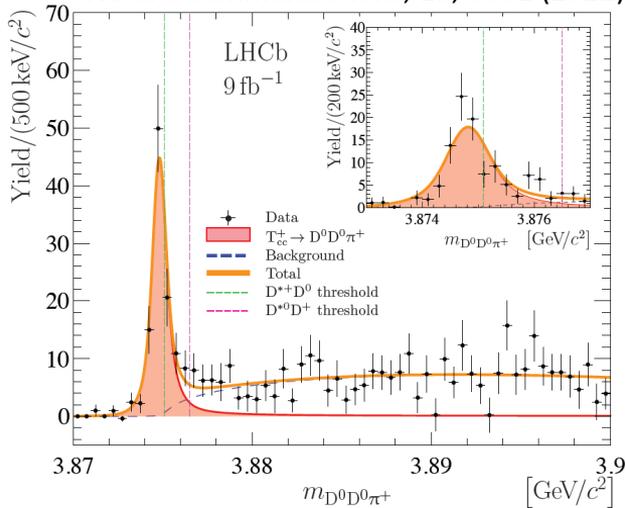
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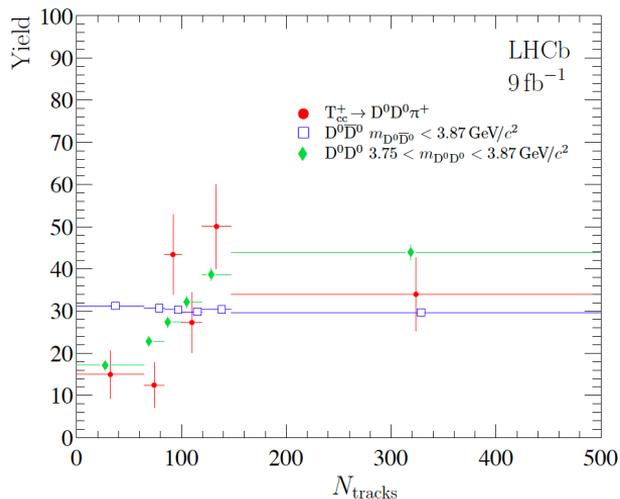
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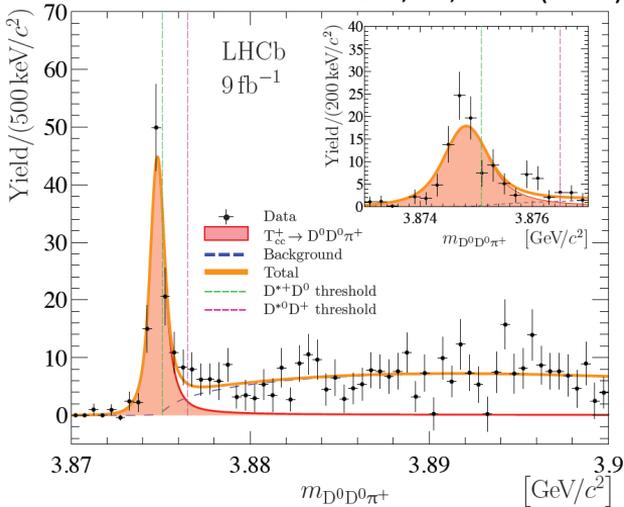
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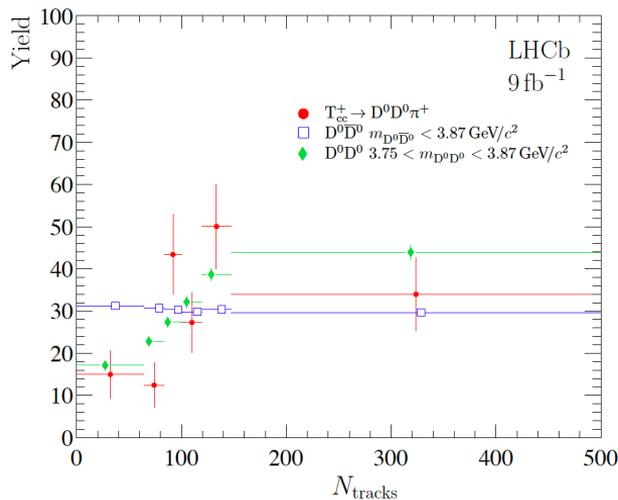
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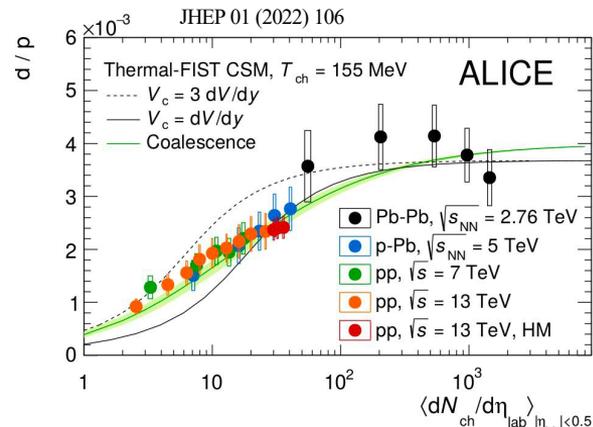
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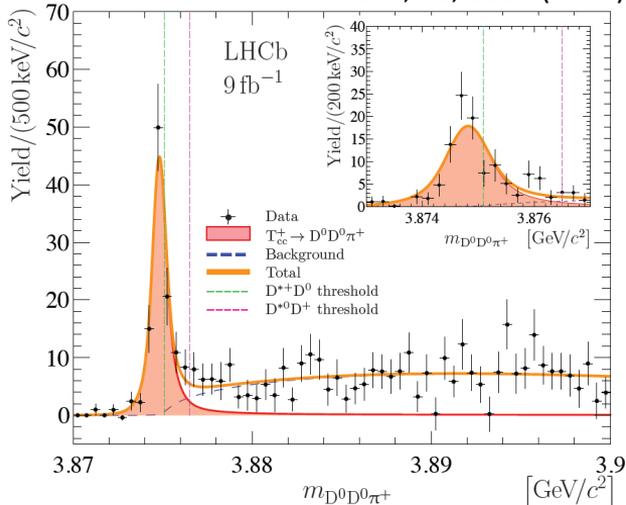


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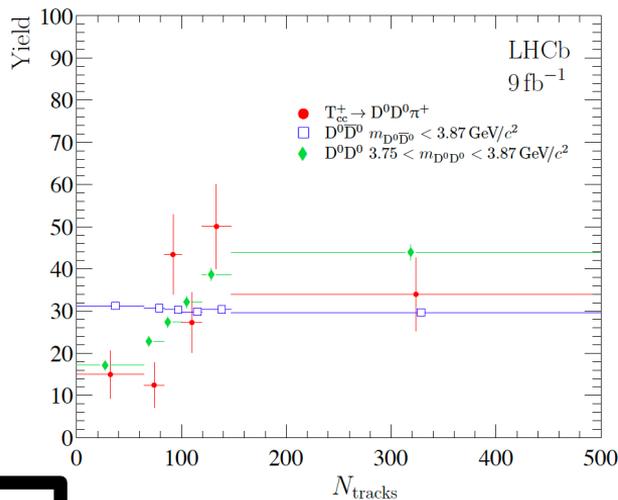


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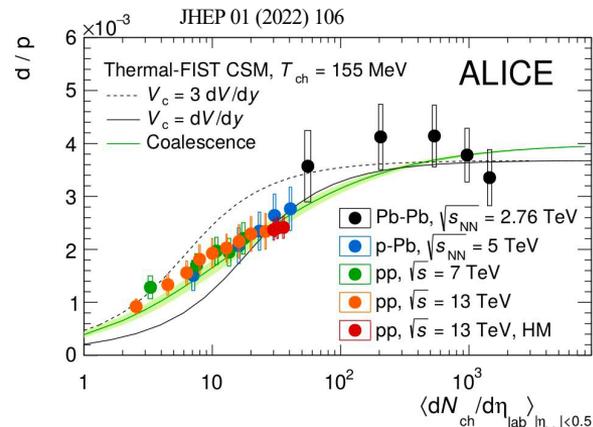
HUGE enhancement expected in PbPb due to coalescence: PRD 104 L11502 (2021)

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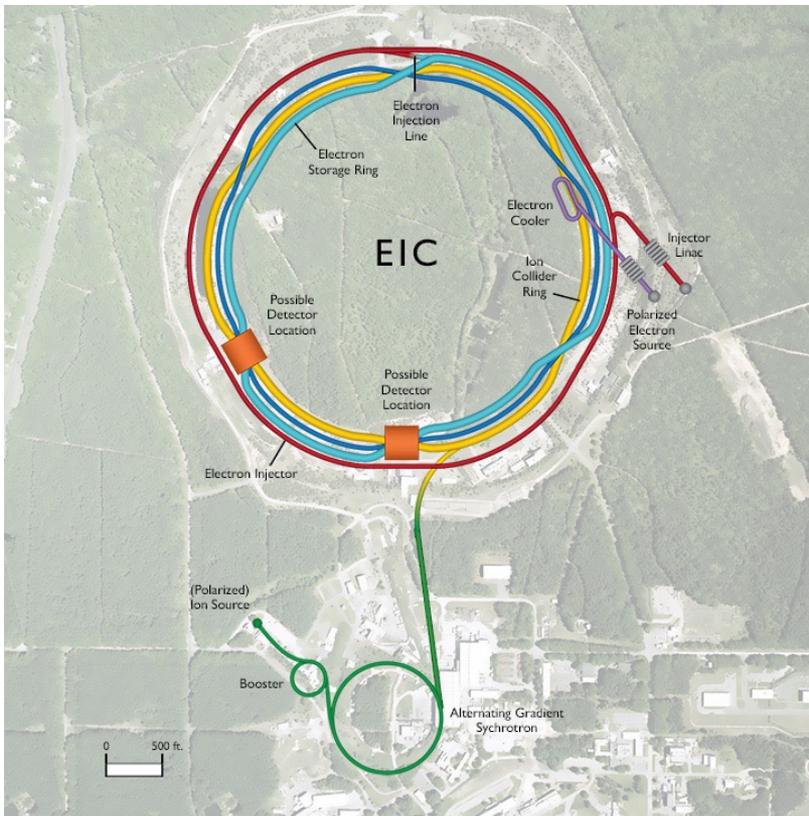
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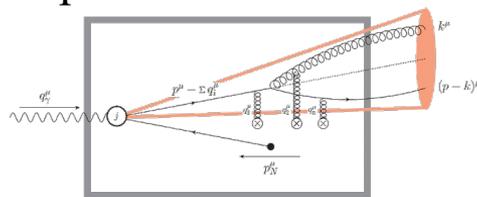
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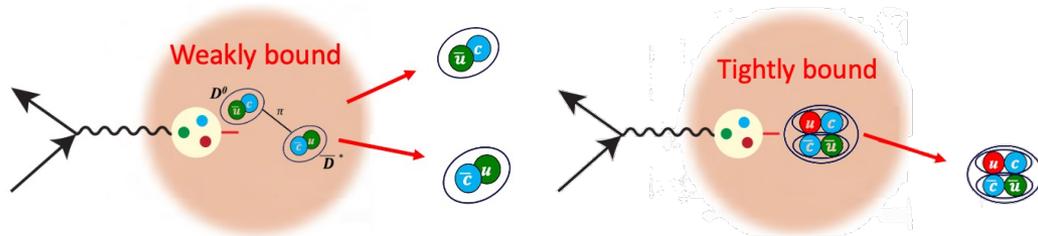
What can EIC tell us about exotics



In the kinematic range accessed by the EIC, hadronization *inside the nucleus* becomes an important effect on observables

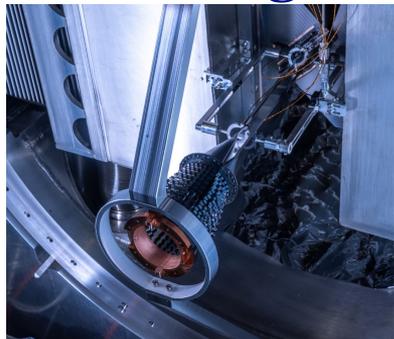


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At EIC, use nucleus as a filter to select tightly versus weakly bound states

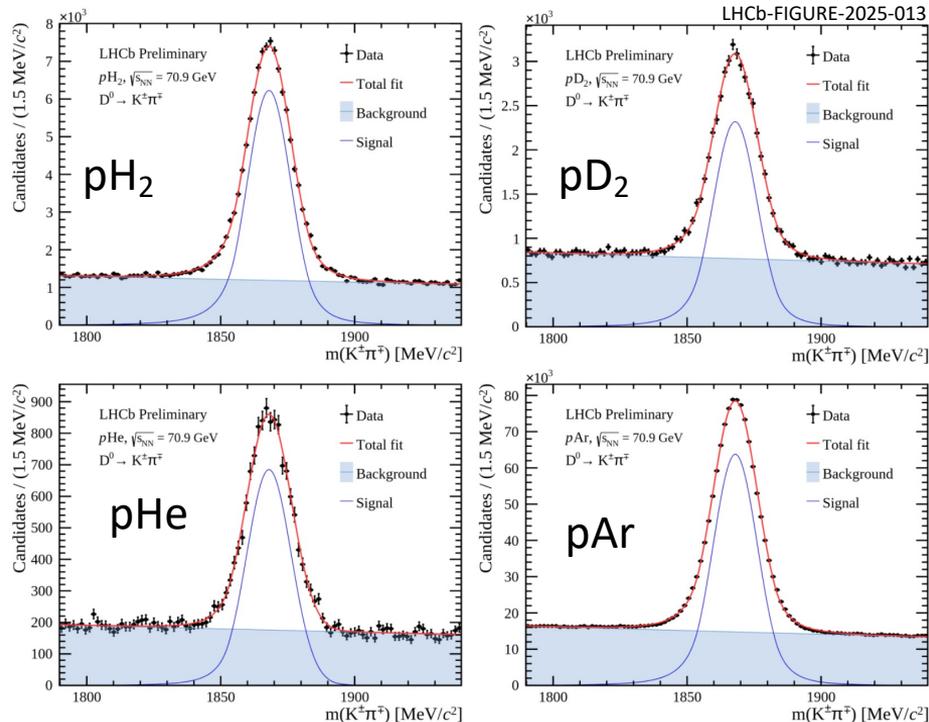
Probing a similar energy range at LHCb



SMOG2: gas storage cell in front of LHCb spectrometer

Operates during pp and heavy ion collisions at LHC

2024 SMOG2 data



- New SMOG2 data can have a significant impact on hadronization inside the nucleus in years leading to EIC
- A similar fixed target capability at the EIC could provide:
 - 18 GeV $e +$ gas collisions
 - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 15$ GeV beam+gas collisions

Summary

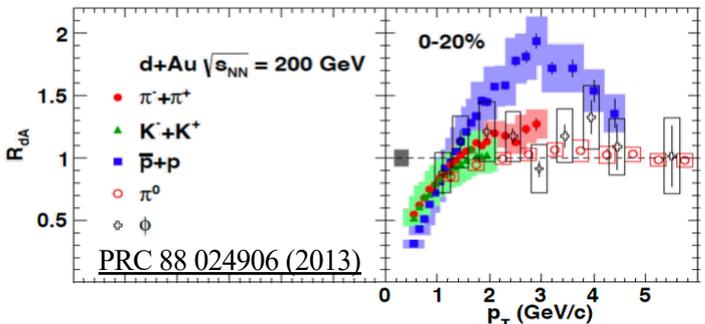
- Multiple new observables related to the production and properties of exotic hadrons are under investigation at LHCb (and elsewhere)
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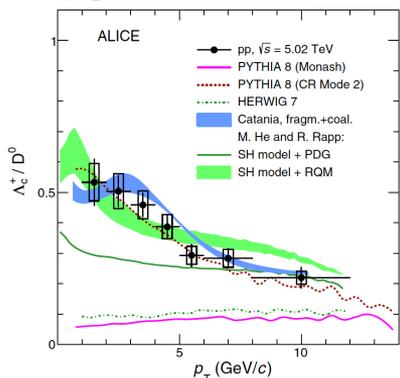
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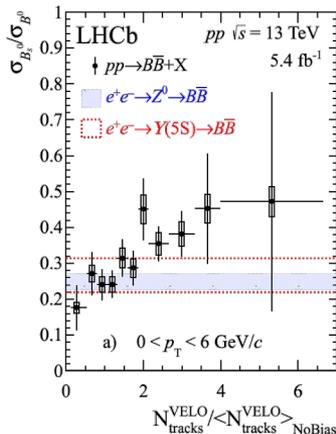
Coalescence in small systems (?)



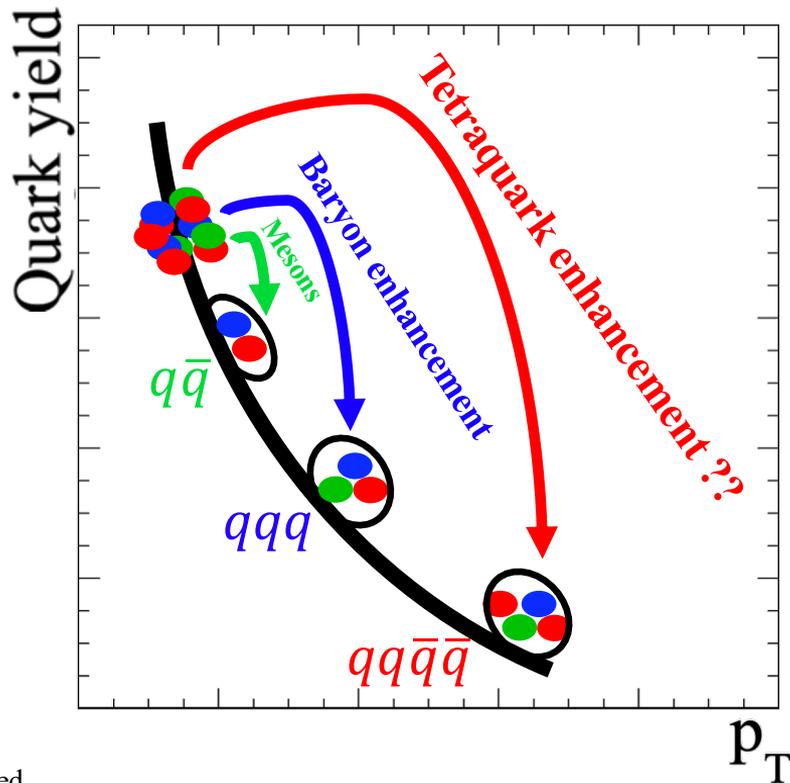
Baryon enhancement at RHIC – can be explained by quark coalescence: [PRL 93, 082302 \(2004\)](#)



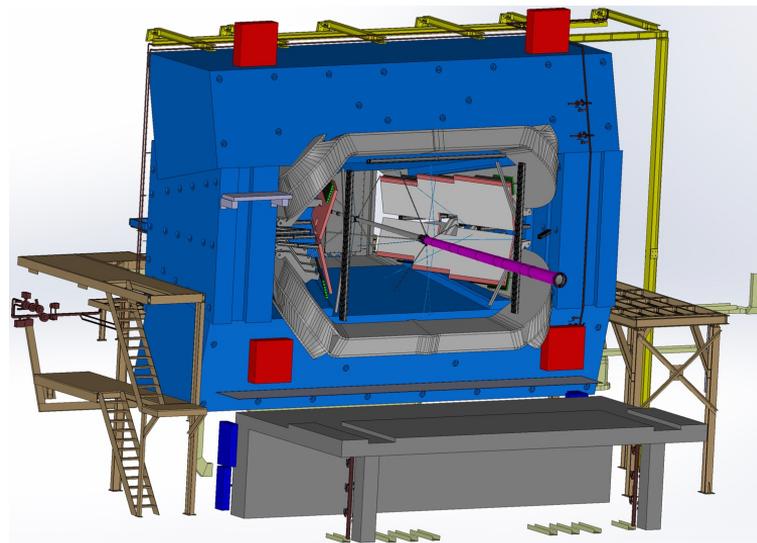
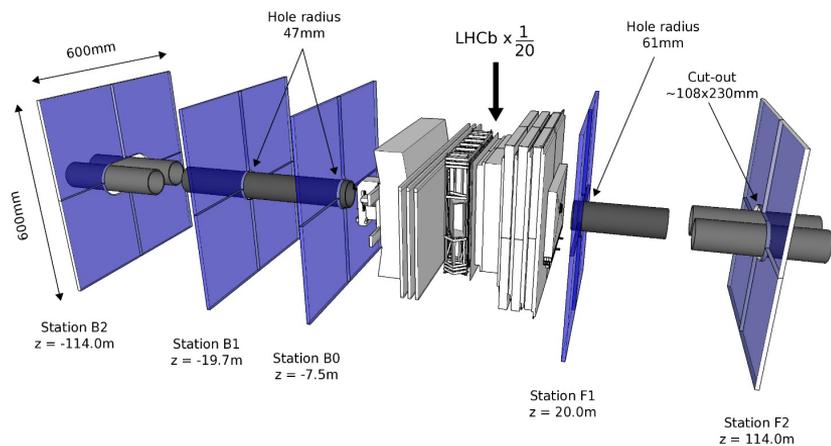
Charm baryon enhancement at LHC relative to e^+e^- – can be explained by coalescence



B_s/B_0 enhancement at high mult – expected from coalescence?



LHCb upgrades – directly improving the HI physics program



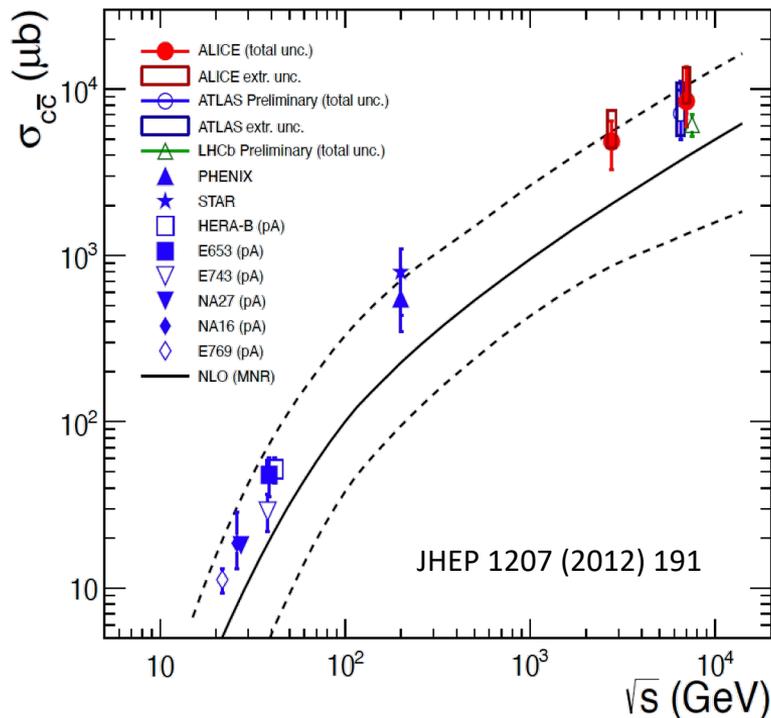
Herschel detector: used to characterized CEP/UPC events by measuring far forward/backward activity. Rad damage and removed after Run 2.

Large Area Scintillator Array for UPCs (LASARUS): Resurrect this capability at LHCb.

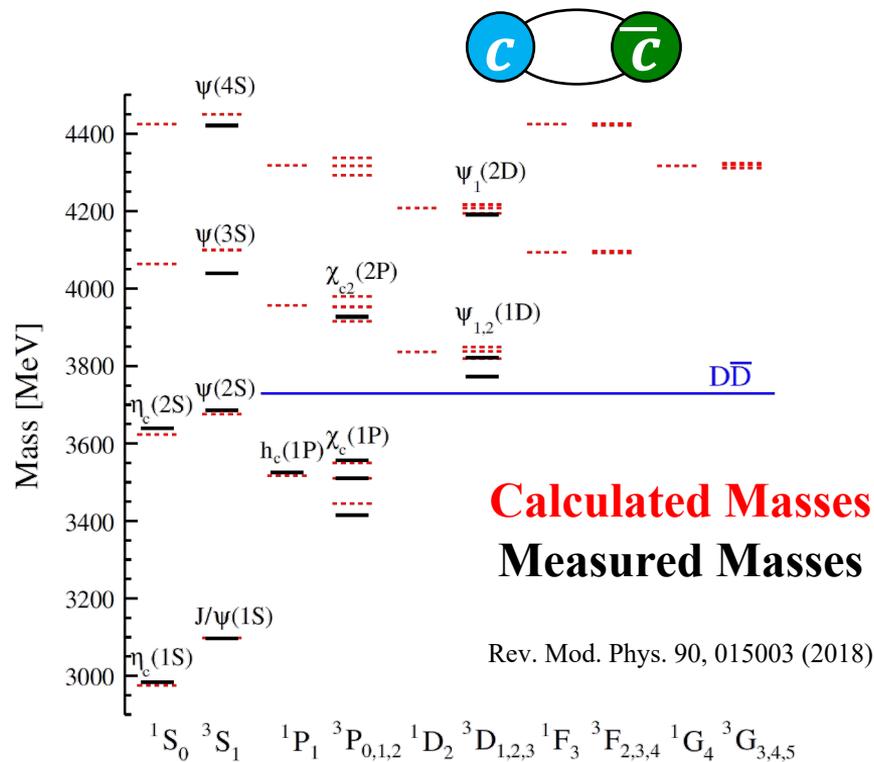
Magnet Station: tracks very soft particles that terminate in dipole.

Especially useful for UPC and complex hadronic decay channels of exotics

Conventional charmonia



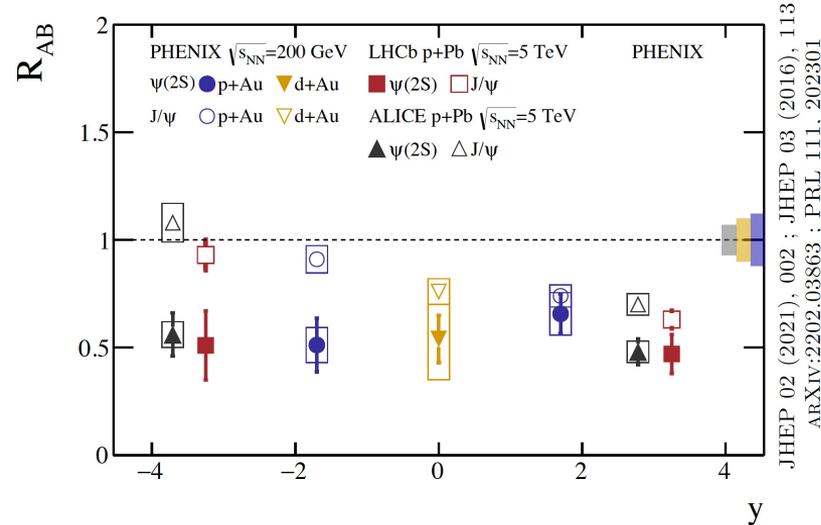
pQCD describes charm production across wide range of collisions energies



Rich structure of bound quarkonia states accessible experimentally and theoretically

X(3872) / $\psi(2S)$ in pPb

We know $\psi(2S)$ is suppressed in pA collisions:



2017 PREDICTION: X(3872) enhanced in pA

Nuclear effects on tetraquark production by double parton scattering

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Abstract. In this work we study the nuclear effects in exotic meson production. We estimate the total cross section as a function of the energy for pPb scattering using a version of the color evaporation model (CEM) adapted to Double Parton Scattering (DPS). We found that the cross section grows significantly with the atomic number, indicating that the hypothesis of tetraquark states can be tested in pA collisions at LHC.

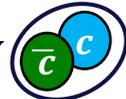
Enhanced DPS has since been observed in pPb :

[PRL 125 212001 \(2020\)](#)

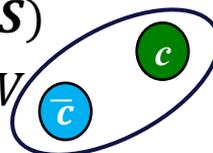
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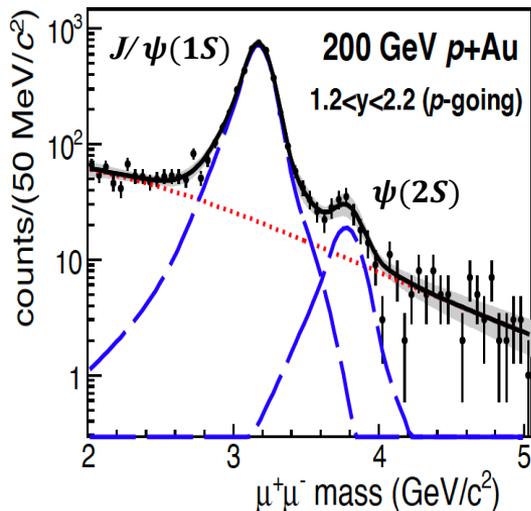
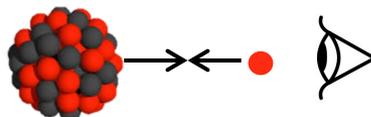
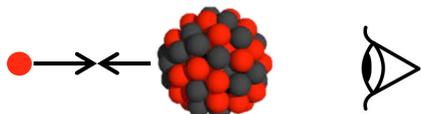
Quarkonia in the QCD medium

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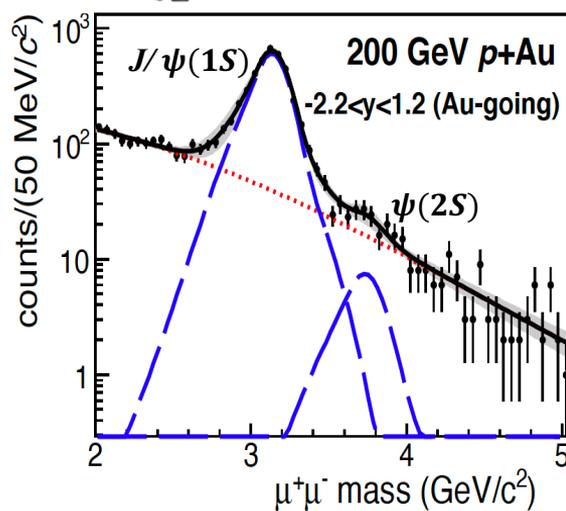
$E_b \approx 600 \text{ MeV}$ 

$\psi(2S)$

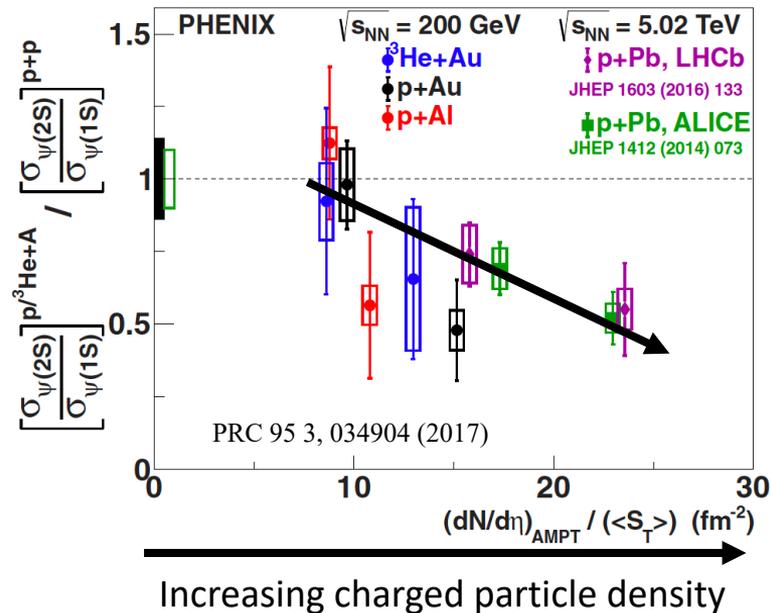
$E_b \approx 50 \text{ MeV}$ 



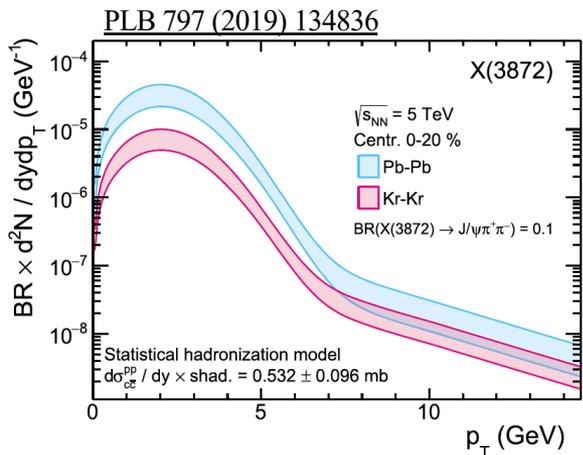
Relatively *low* particle density



Relatively *high* particle density



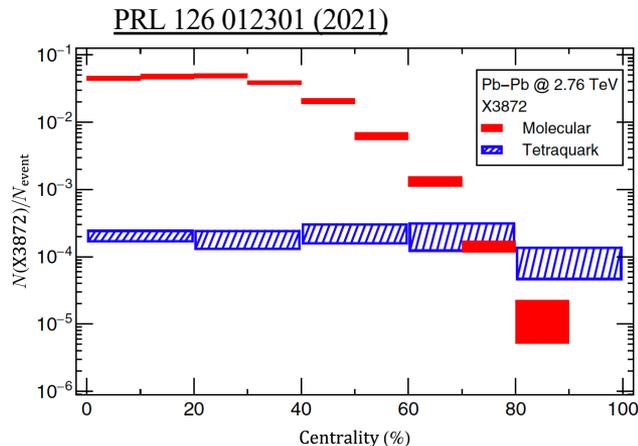
X(3872) in PbPb



SHMC model:

Significant increase in X(3872) predicted for central AA collisions

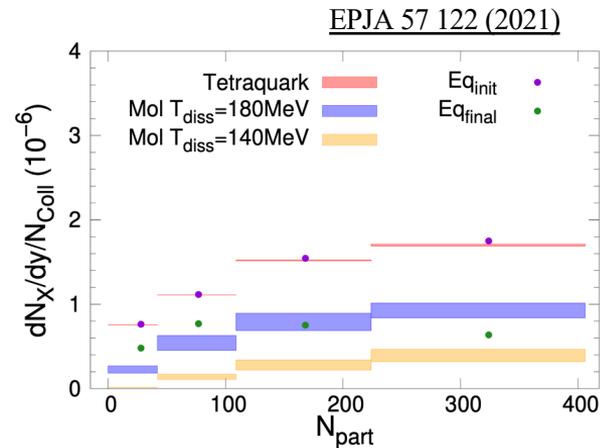
Yield reaches up to $\sim 1\%$ of J/ψ yield



AMPT model:

difference in molecule vs diquark-diquark coalescence gives dramatically different yields and centrality dependence:

$$N_{\text{molecule}} > N_{\text{tetraquark}}$$

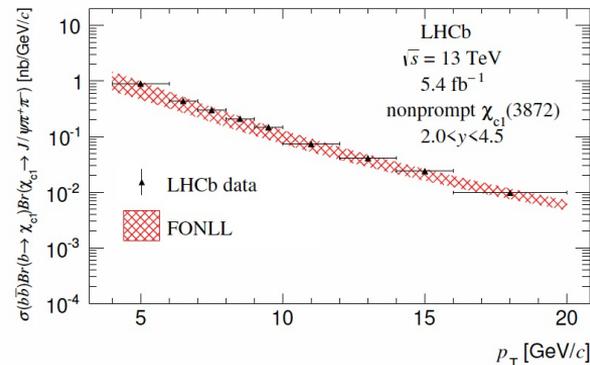
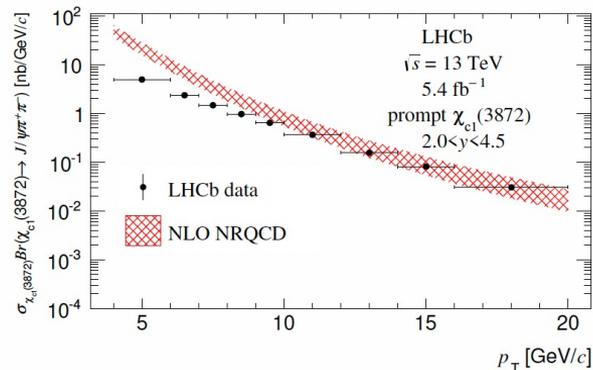
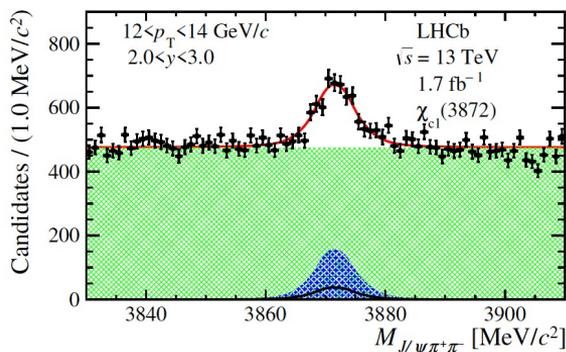
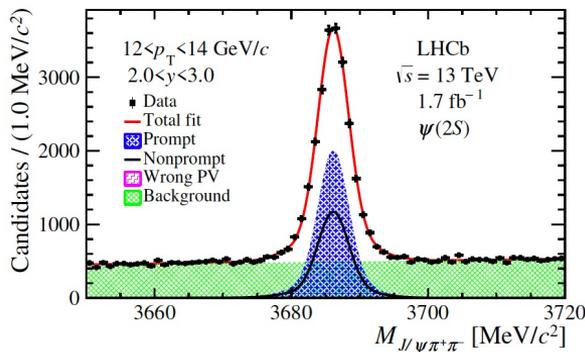


Transport calculation:
 molecules have larger reaction rate,
 formed later in fireball evolution

$$N_{\text{tetraquark}} > N_{\text{molecule}}$$

X(3872) production in pp

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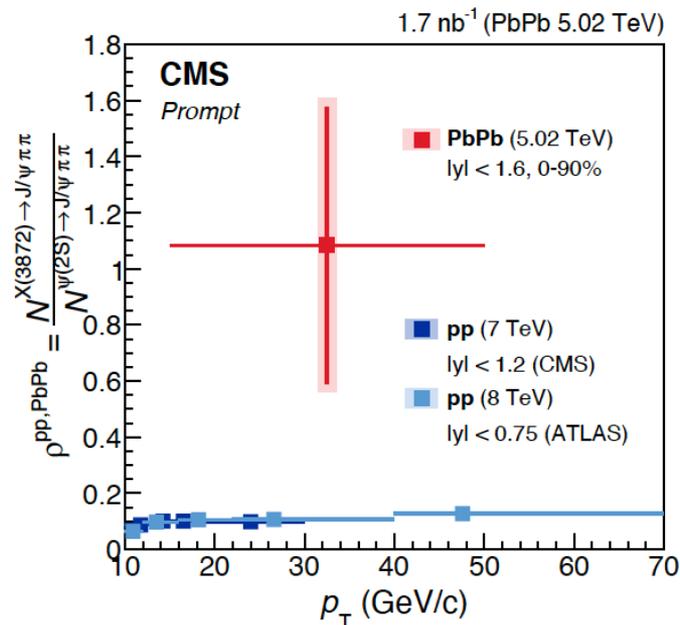
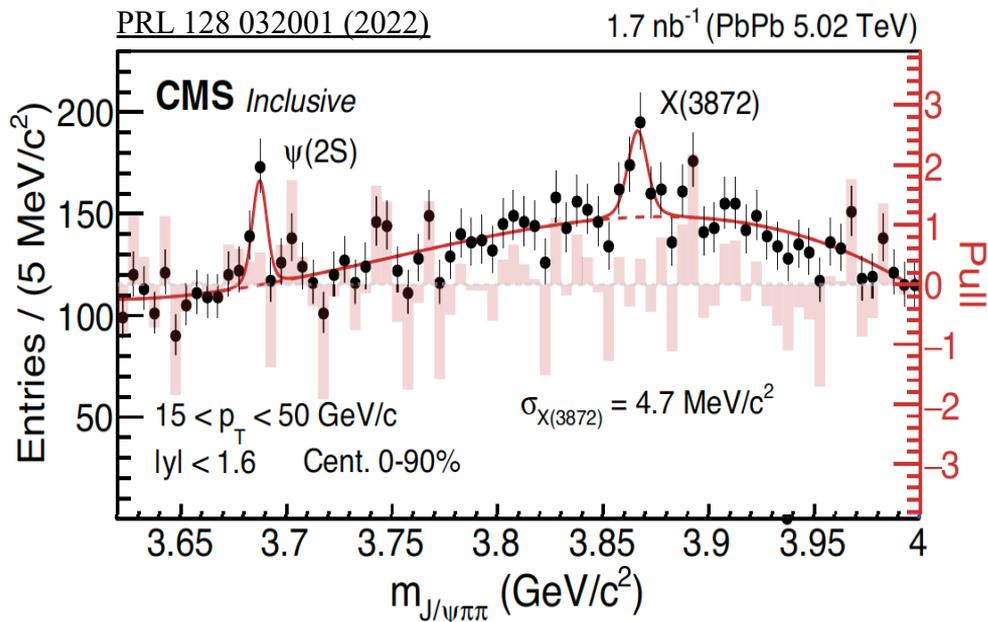


- NRQCD calculation matches high- p_T data well (tuned to ATLAS/CMS)
- Overpredicts yield at lower p_T
- **Room for additional effect**

- FONLL describes non-prompt X(3872) production well

Examine X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ ratio for direct comparison between exotic hadron and well-known conventional charmonium

X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ in PbPb



Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ = $1.10 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.53$ in PbPb at 5 TeV

Prompt X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$ ≈ 0.1 in pp at 8 TeV

Coalescence dominates over breakup?

X(3872) measurement at LHCb

Reconstruct the $\mu^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ final state from the decays:

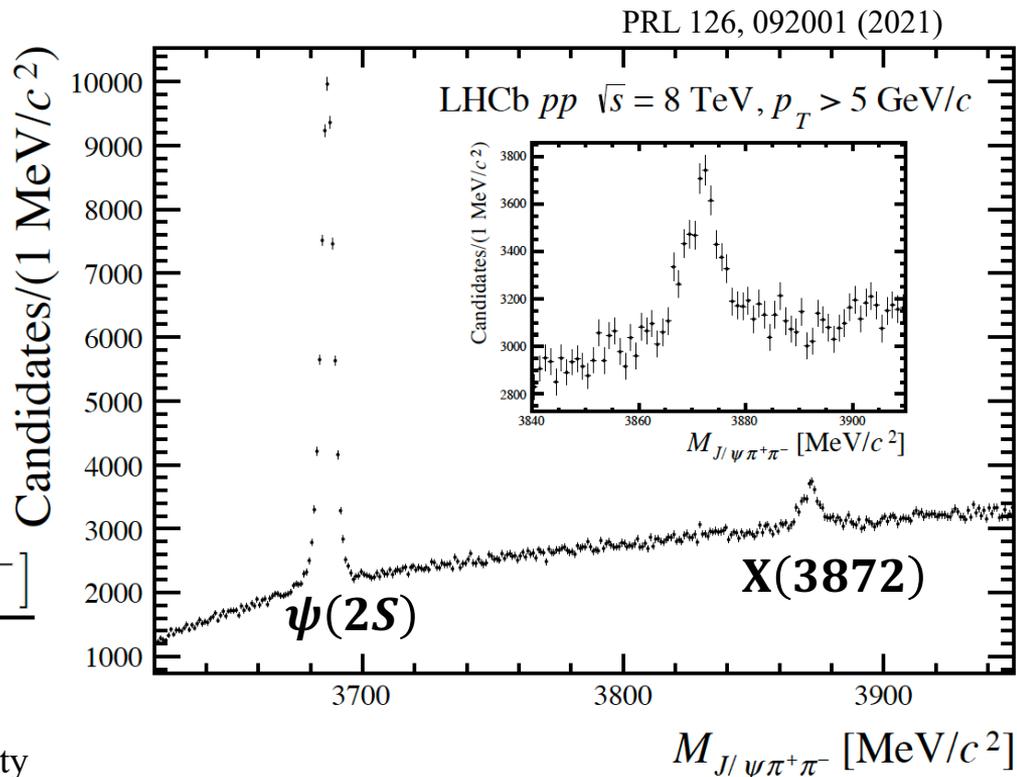
$$X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \rho(\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \pi^+ \pi^-$$

Direct comparison between conventional charmonium $\psi(2S)$ and exotic $X(3872)$ via ratio of cross sections:

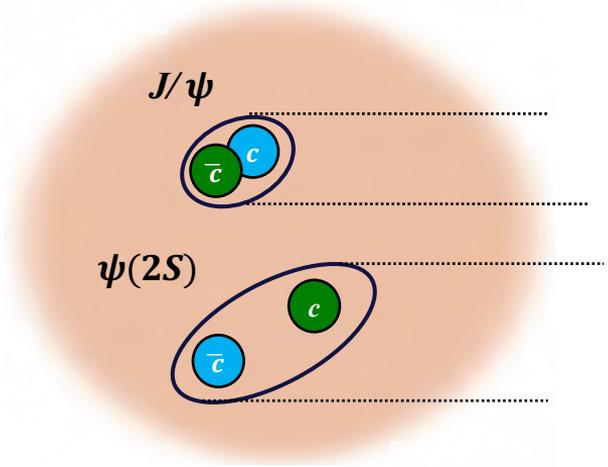
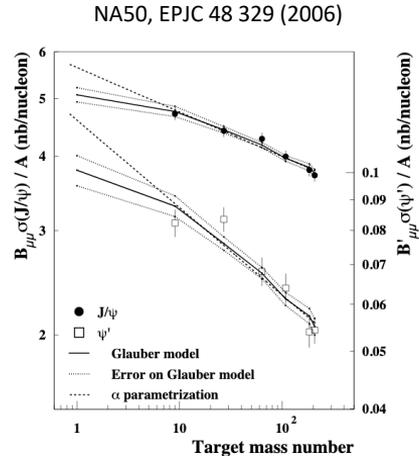
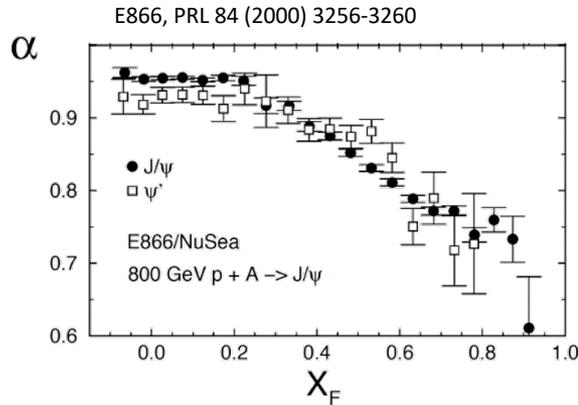
$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi_{c1}(3872)}}{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}[\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-]}{\mathcal{B}[\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-]}$$

Select collisions of various charged particle multiplicity to vary density of comoving medium



Filtering States with the Nucleus

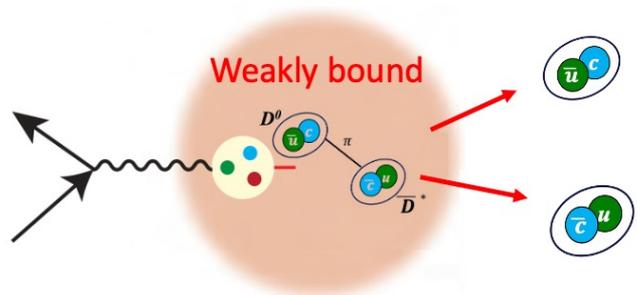
- Quarkonia is subject to breakup as it crosses the nucleus – suppression due to disruption of the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair



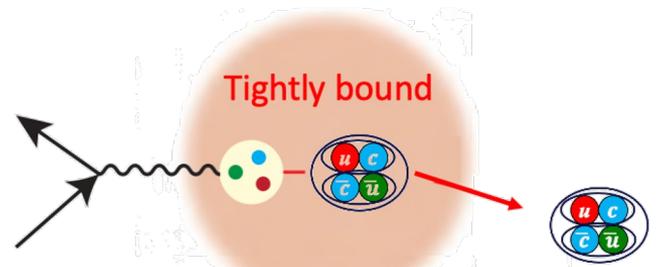
- Larger (weakly bound) states sample a larger volume of the nucleus while passing through – larger absorption cross section Arleo, Gossiaux, Gousset, Aichelin PRC 61 (2000) 054906
- Explains trends observed in fixed target data at FNAL, SPS
- As expected, fails at RHIC (hadronization occurs outside nucleus) PHENIX PRL 111 202301 (2013)

Filtering States with the Nucleus – X(3872)

Apply the same idea to exotic state X(3872):

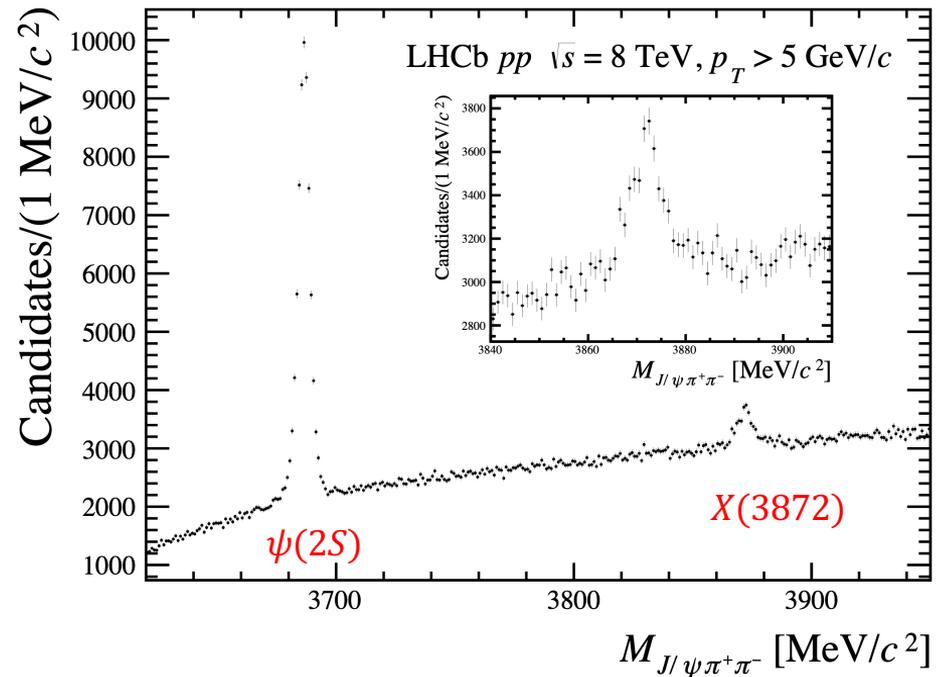


Weakly bound hadronic molecule has large radius, samples large volume of nucleus

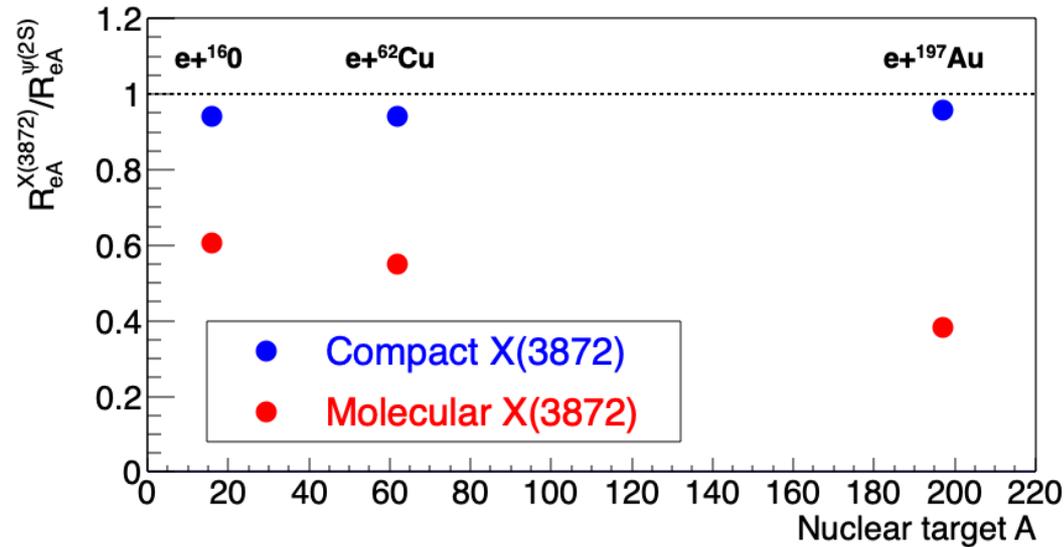


Tightly bound compact tetraquark has small radius, could more easily escape nucleus unscathed

The well-known conventional $\psi(2S)$ and exotic X(3872) are both accessible through $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ decays:



Relative modification of $X(3872)/\psi(2S)$ at EIC



$$\frac{R_{eA}^{X(3872)}}{R_{eA}^{\psi(2S)}} = \frac{\sigma_{eA}^X}{\sigma_{eA}^\psi} / \frac{\sigma_{ep}^X}{\sigma_{ep}^\psi}$$

- Little difference in suppression between model of compact $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$, as expected.
- Large difference between model of molecular $X(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$.

- What uncertainties do we expect on this data from EIC?
- Need to know $X(3872)$ production rate in EIC collisions
- Current data is from:
 - B factories (via decays, not so relevant for prompt production)
 - Tevatron and LHC (\sim TeV to \sim 10 TeV)

state	η_c	J/ψ	χ_{c0}	χ_{c1}	χ_{c2}	ψ'
mass [GeV]	2.98	3.10	3.42	3.51	3.56	3.69
ΔE [GeV]	0.75	0.64	0.32	0.22	0.18	0.05

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Table 1: Charmonium states and binding energies

state	Υ	χ_{b0}	χ_{b1}	χ_{b2}	Υ'	χ'_{b0}	χ'_{b1}	χ'_{b2}	Υ''
mass [GeV]	9.46	9.86	9.89	9.91	10.02	10.23	10.26	10.27	10.36
ΔE [GeV]	1.10	0.70	0.67	0.64	0.53	0.34	0.30	0.29	0.20

Table 2: Bottomonium states and binding energies