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Recent results on Heavy ion physics from CMS

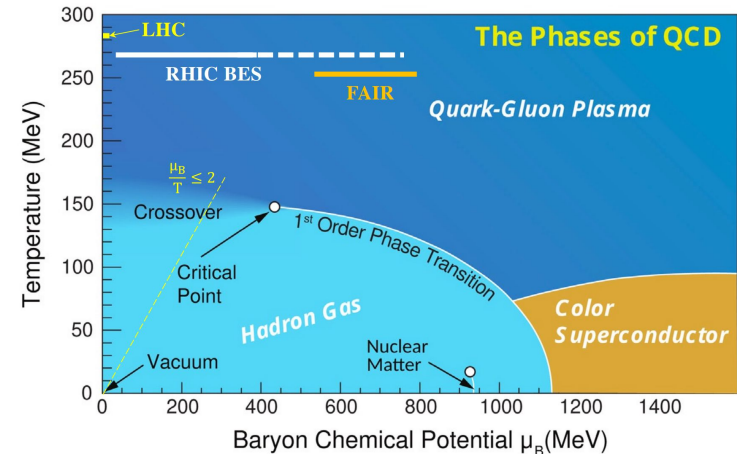
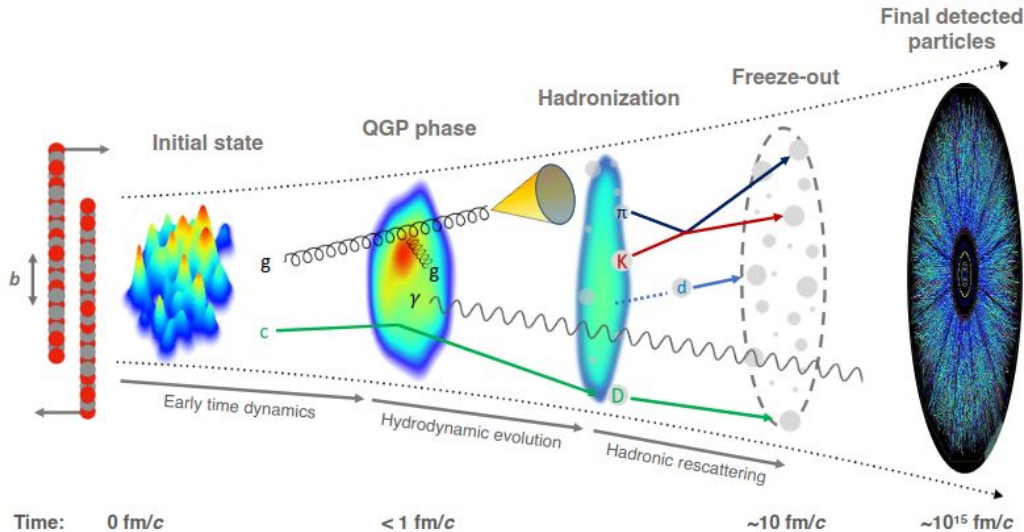
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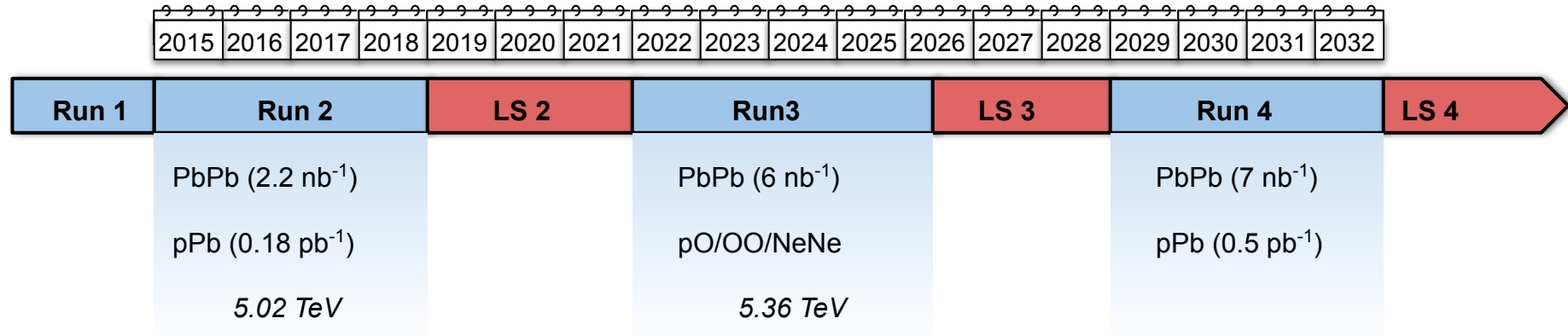
Heavy ion collisions

- Heavy ion collision - probing the high-temperature and high-density limit of the phase diagram of nuclear matter
- Production of high-temperature, strongly interacting phase of nuclear matter **Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

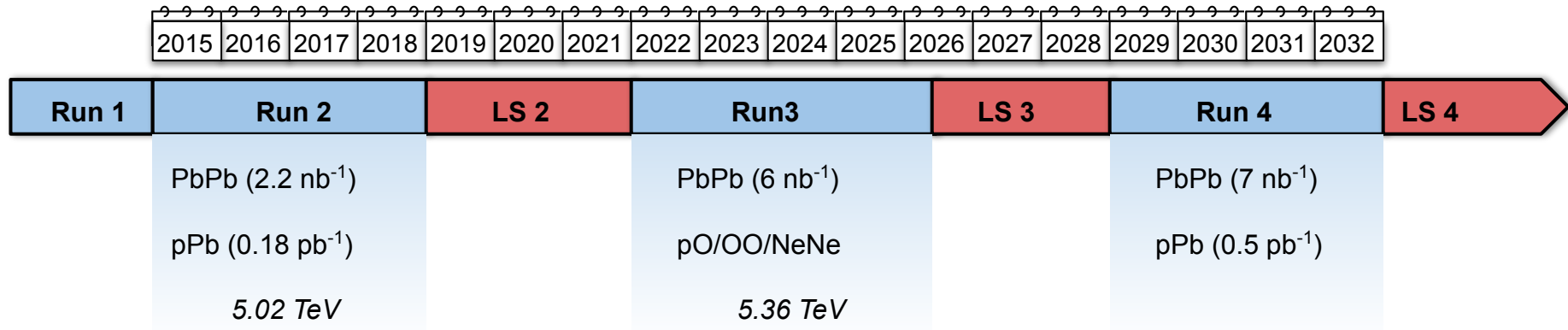
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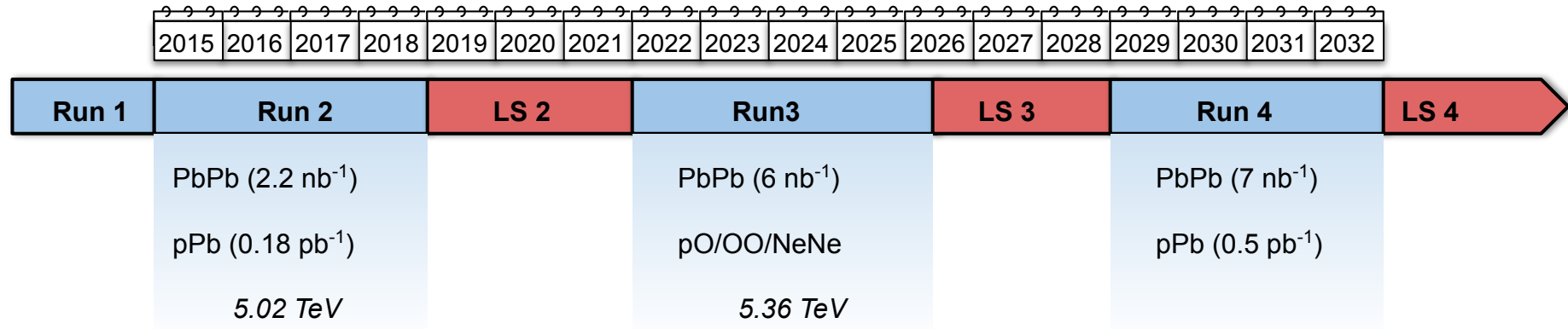
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- Collectivity features in small collision systems
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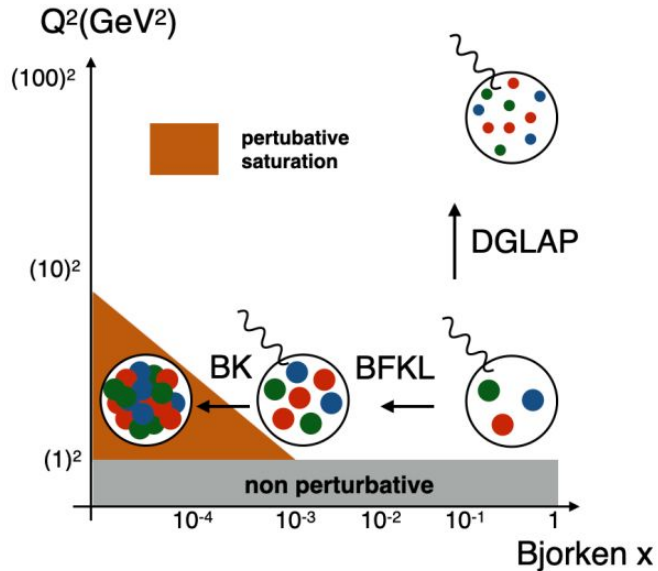
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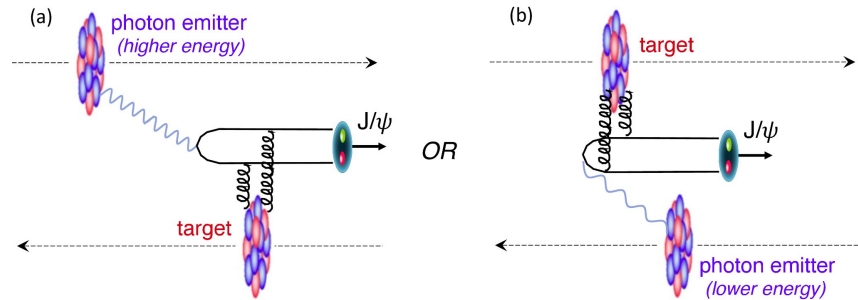
In this talk some of the most recent Heavy ion results from the CMS collaboration are presented

Small-x physics

- Structure of nucleons and nuclei - increasingly dominated by gluons when probed at higher energies (or smaller x)
- At small x - nonlinear QCD effects are expected to eventually saturate the growth of the gluon density (**gluon saturation**)
- Understanding the dynamics of strong interactions and the formation of nuclear matter under extreme conditions



- Quasireal photons exchanged in relativistic heavy ion interactions - powerful probes of the gluonic structure of nuclei ("**ultraperipheral collision**" or UPC)

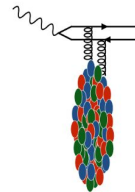


- Vector meson photoproduction in UPCs - possibility of probing the poorly known **nuclear gluonic structure and dynamics in the low Bjorken- x region**

Incoherent J/ψ in UPC

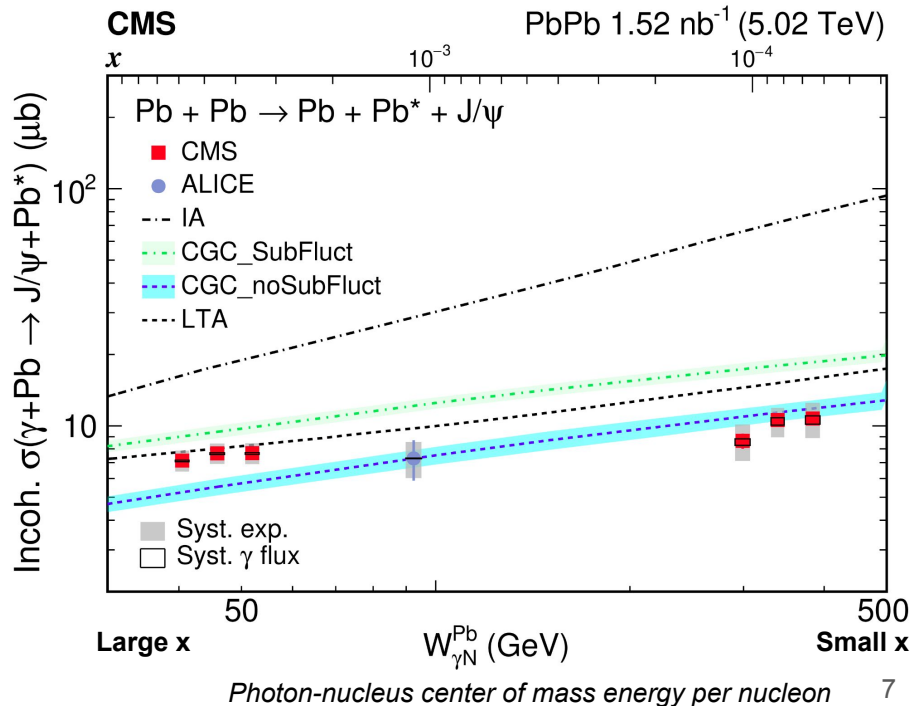
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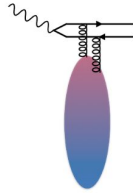
- **Incoherent photoproduction of J/ψ mesons** - the photon interacts with localized, fluctuating gluonic hotspots rather than the entire nucleus

- Strong suppression compared to no-nuclear effects predictions (IA)
→ Stronger suppression towards higher W
- Leading-twist Approximation (LTA) model (nuclear shadowing based) describe the data at low W
- CGC Ipsat without Sub-N fluctuations better describe data at $W > 90$ GeV



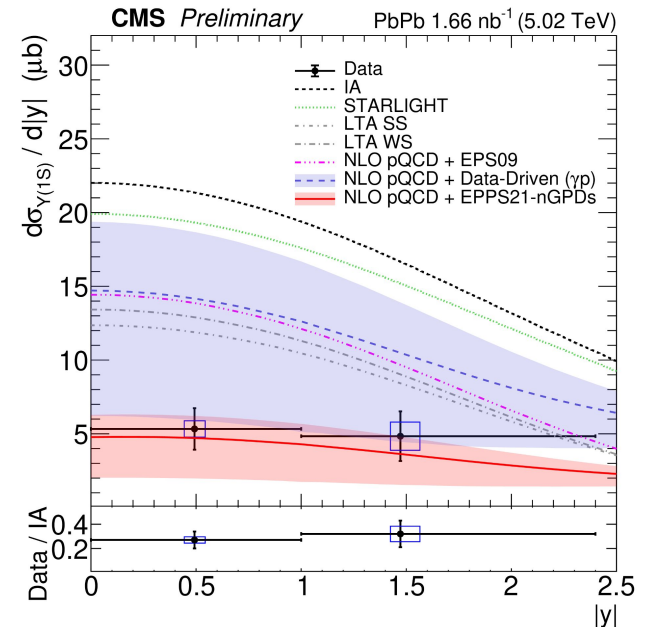
Coherent $\Upsilon(1S)$ in UPC

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- The energy scale of coherent Υ photoproduction - ~ 10 times higher than that of J/ψ photoproduction, providing sensitivity to a different kinematic region

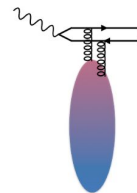
- Strong suppression for $\Upsilon(1S)$ compared to no-nuclear effects predictions (IA)
- Consistent with standard pQCD at NLO (using EPPS21 nPDF) prediction



Coherent ϕ in UPC

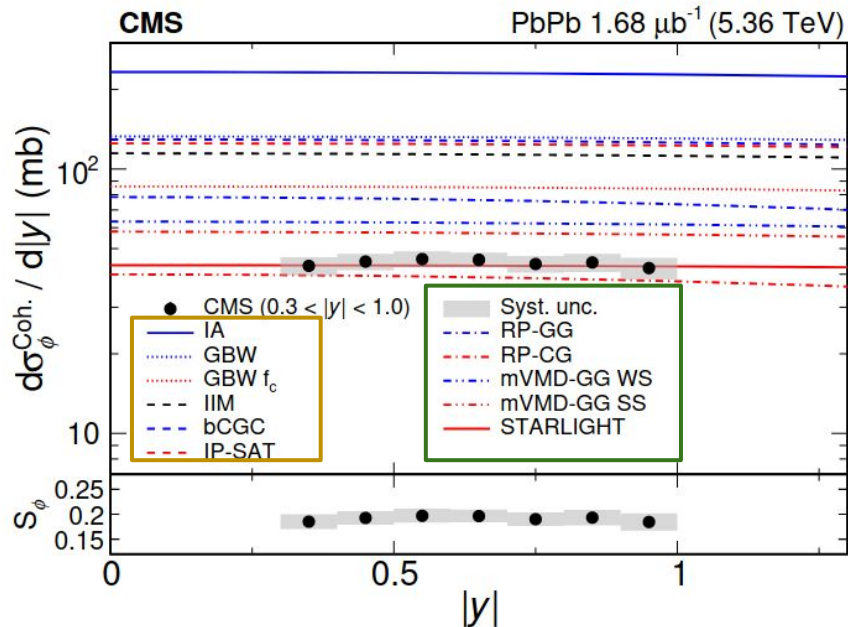
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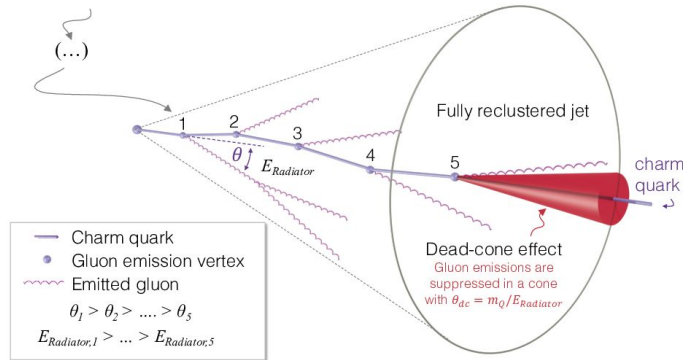
- The ϕ meson - sensitivity to intermediate energy scales, possibility to investigate the interplay of gluon saturation and other QCD dynamics

- Significantly suppressed (by a factor of ~ 5) compared to no-nuclear effects predictions (IA)
- Better description by models that account for the **nuclear shadowing** compared to those that incorporate **gluon saturation effects**



The dead-cone effect in QCD

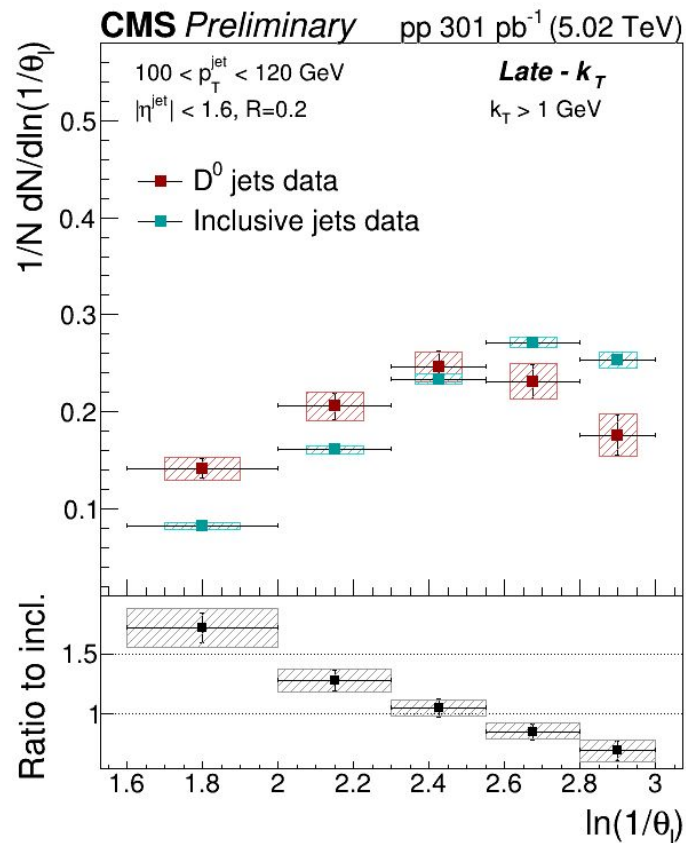
- Gluon radiation by a particle of mass m and energy E is suppressed within a cone of angular size m/E around the emitter



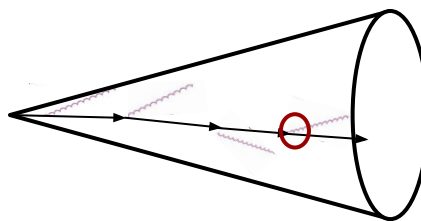
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- Sizeable implications of the dead-cone effect is expected for **charm** and **beauty** quarks
- Experimental measurement of the dead-cone effect very challenging
- The development of **declustering techniques** - reconstructing the evolution of the jet shower, access to the splittings at the smallest angles

- Measurements sensitive to the heavy-quark mass and how it affects the jet shower - inputs to improve the description of heavy-flavour jet showers



- Measurement of the angular structure of jets containing a **prompt D⁰ meson** and of **inclusive jets** in pp collisions

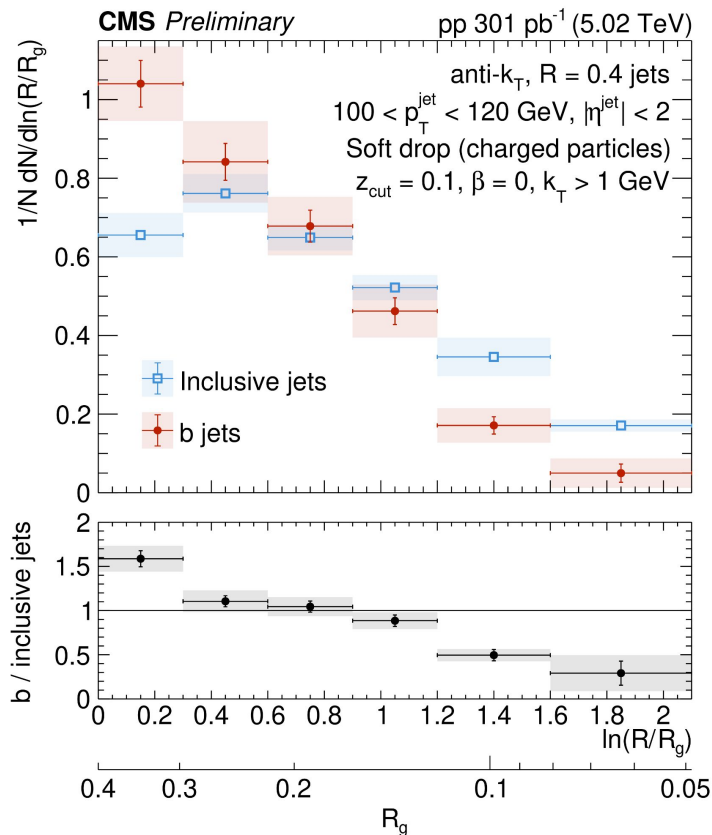


Splitting selected with **late-k_T grooming algorithm**:

→ most collinear splitting with k_T > 1 GeV

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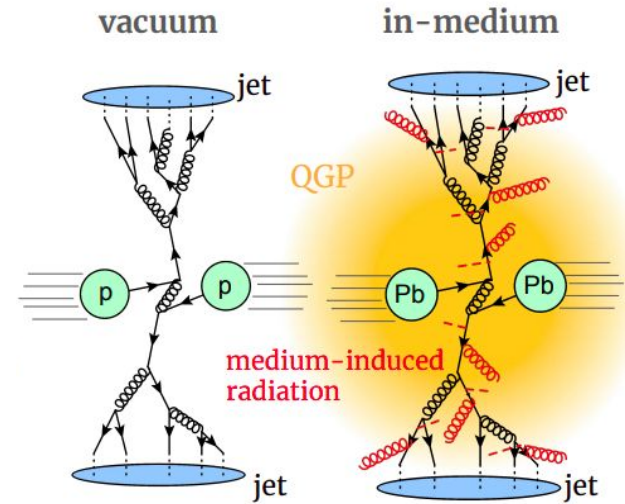
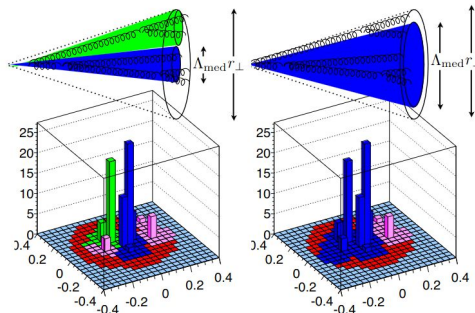
- High-p_T jet in range 100-120 GeV
 - description in the framework of perturbation theory
 - visualization of a sizeable impact of the dead-cone effect
- **Shift observed towards bigger angles** with respect to the inclusive jets - expected from dead-cone effect



- New method developed to aggregate the particles from the secondary vertex into a b pseudohadron
 → Identifying decay products (BDT) and cluster
- Increase in b-jet statistics - enable reclustering analyses for b jet
- **First observation of a reduction of the collinear radiation** for b jets
- Charm and beauty quark dead cone measurement - provide baseline for heavy ion studies

Jets in medium

- Reduction of the jet energy and modification of the jet radiation pattern due to the interaction with medium - **jet quenching**
- Main interaction mechanism between the jet constituents and the medium at short distance scales - **medium-induced radiation**
- **Medium response** - propagating jet drags the medium, development of **diffusion wake**

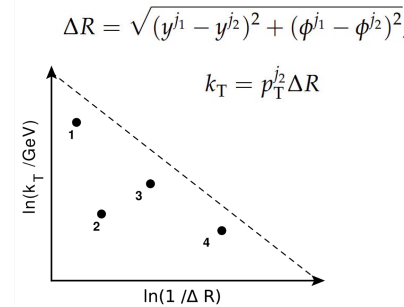
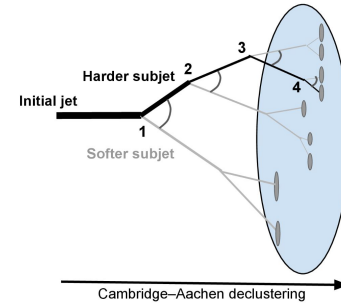


Sketch by Vangelis Vladimirov

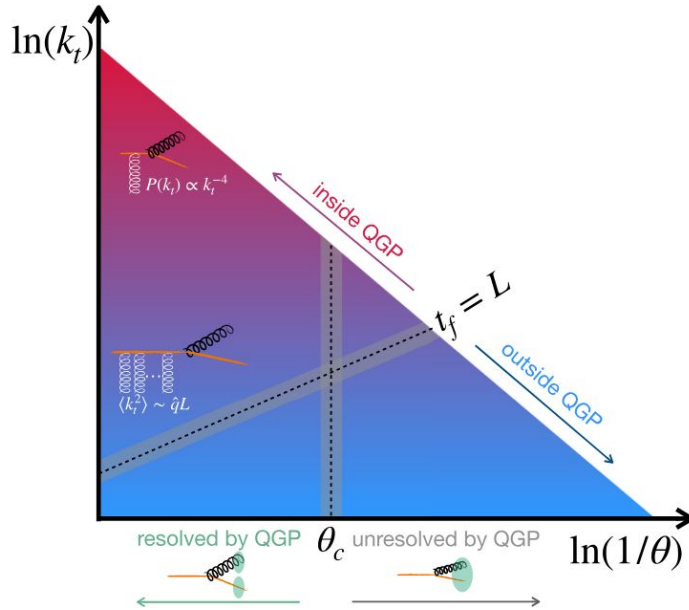
- The medium resolution length - angular separation between two partons or subjects below which the medium cannot resolve them as independent color charge (θ_c)

Lund jet plane in PbPb

- Lund planes - 2D representation of the phase-space of $1 \rightarrow 2$ splittings
- **Primary Lund jet plane** - emissions obtained by declustering the harder subjet at each step of the declustering process
- Provides information about the radiation pattern of the jet



- Internal structure of the jet - **iterative jet declustering** using the Cambridge-Aachen (CA) algorithm

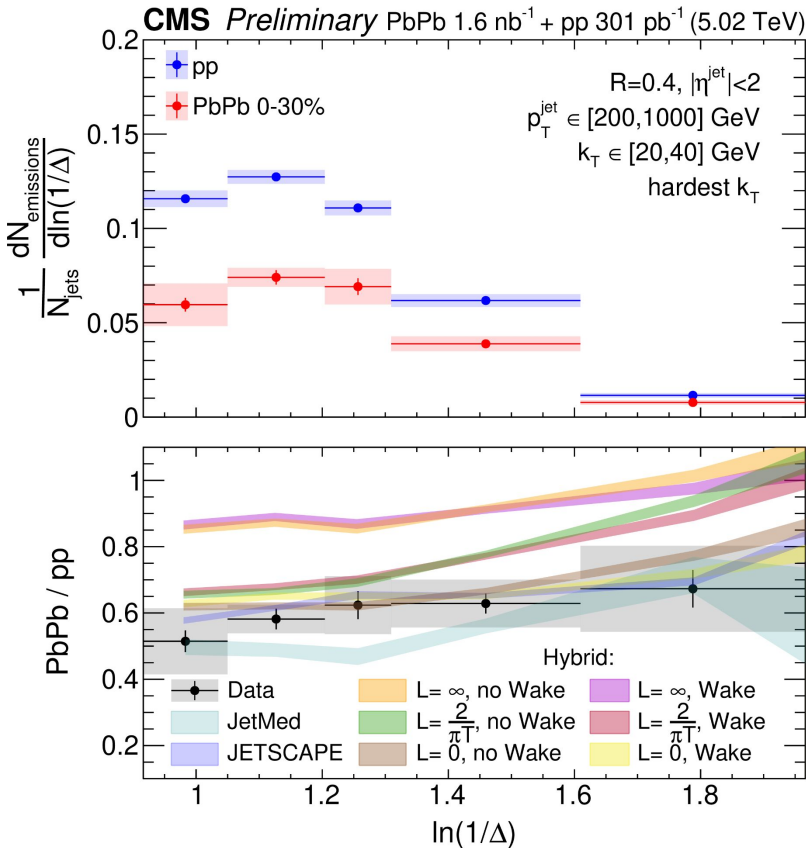


Different effects due to QGP manifest in different regions of the Lund plane:

- **High k_T** - expect vacuum-like emissions and elastic scattering at high
- **Smaller k_T** - onset of color decoherence

First k_T scan of Lund Jet Plane in PbPb

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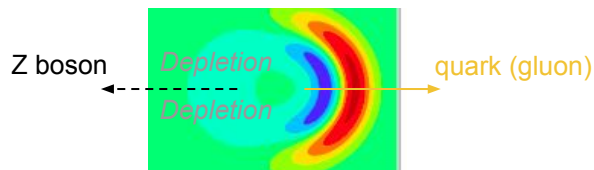


- Ratio less than unity – emissions are softened inside medium and are pushed towards lower values of k_T
- Angular structure of hardest emissions consistent between PbPb and pp within uncertainties at highest k_T – possible sign of vacuum emissions
- Observable largely independent of wake for all resolution lengths
- Ratio most consistent with fully incoherent energy loss case ($L=0$)

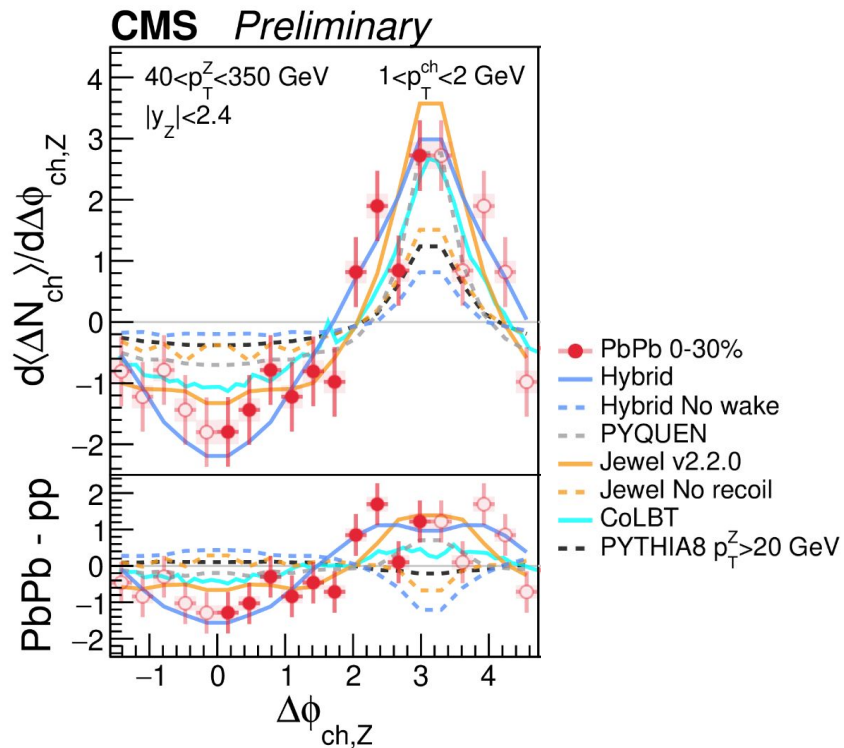
Z-hadron correlations

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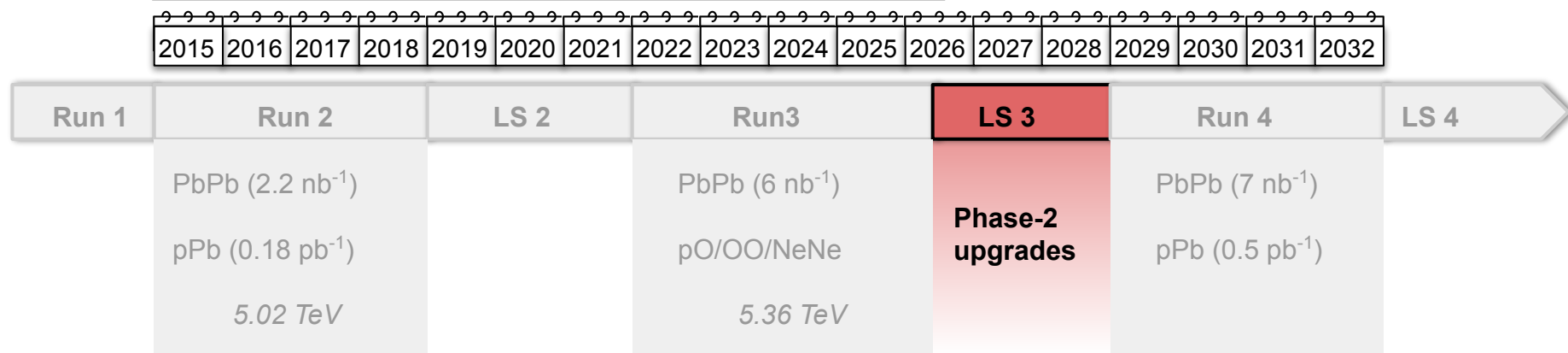
- Measurement of azimuthal angle and pseudorapidity distributions of charged hadrons relative to Z bosons



- Depletion on Z side in both ϕ and y projection
 - Models without wake/recoil effect under-predict the depletion in PbPb on the Z side
 - Good agreement with models when including medium response
- Direct evidence of medium response in QGP

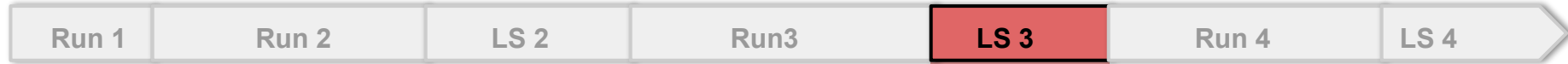


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Wider acceptance

- Inner tracker $|\eta| < 2.4 \rightarrow |\eta| < 4$
- Muon detector $|\eta| < 2.4 \rightarrow |\eta| < 2.8$

Higher precision

- Tracker pixel $100 \times 150 \rightarrow 50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
- High granularity end-cap HGICAL

Forward detector

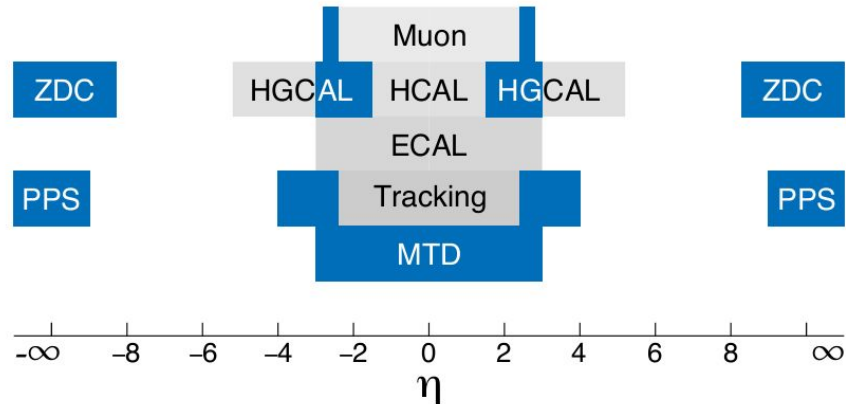
- ZDC tagging neutron \rightarrow Radiation hard
- PPS tagging out-going proton

Timing info

- MTD as TOF for charged hadron PID
- End-cap HGICAL with timing

**Phase-2
upgrades**

CMS acceptance



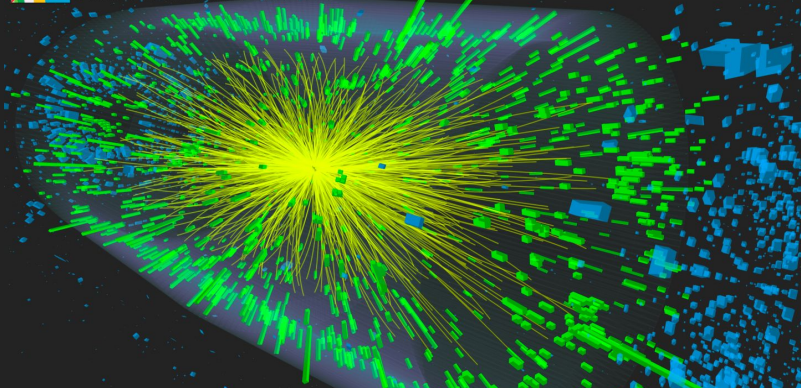
Summary

- CMS collaboration has produced many results studying macroscopic and microscopic properties of the quark-gluon plasma
- Studies done using pp, pPb, PbPb and XeXe collisions - soon pO, OO, NeNe
- Heavy ion program at the LHC (Run 3 and 4) with the upgraded CMS detector will provide opportunities for more precise measurements and studies of rare probes

CMS HI [published results](#) and [preliminary results](#)



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN
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