

ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE $X(3872)$: LESSONS FROM HIGH MULTIPLICITY pp COLLISIONS

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Talk mostly based on:

AE, Ferreira, Pilloni, Polosa, Salgado — EPJC (2021), 2006.15044

For a review on exotics see e.g.:

AE, Pilloni, Polosa — Phys.Rept. (2017), 1611.07920

Lebed, Mitchell, Swanson — Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. (2017), 1610.04528

Guo, Hanhart, Meißner, Wang, Zhao — Rev.Mod.Phys. (2018), 1705.00141

OUTLINE

- Brief review on *XYZ*
 1. Exotic hadrons and their nature
 2. Prompt production
- Hints from high-multiplicity *pp* collisions
 1. The comover model
 2. Deuteron and the *X(3872)* in high-multiplicity *pp* collisions
- Conclusions

BRIEF REVIEW

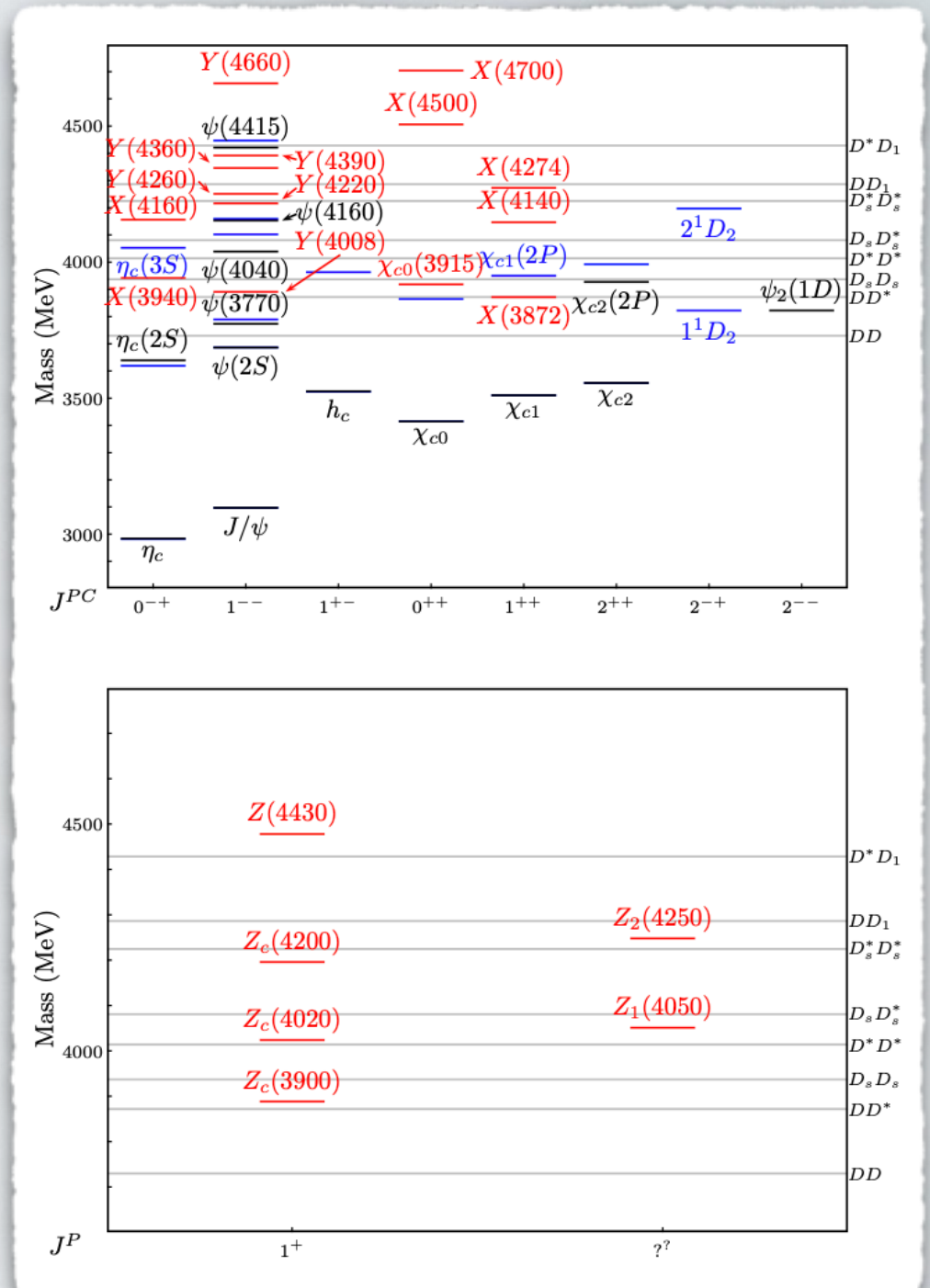
Exotic hadron spectrum

- Proliferation of new states in the quarkonium sector
- Their properties **do not match standard quarkonia predictions**
- The charged ones are **manifestly 4-quark states**:

$$Z_c^+(3900) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$$

$c\bar{c}$ pair too heavy to be produced from the vacuum

Does not have the same quantum numbers as the vacuum



[AE, Pilloni, Polosa – Phys.Rept. (2017), 1611.07920]

BRIEF REVIEW

$X(3872)$

- Most notable example is the $X(3872)$, discovered by BELLE in 2003
- Impressive fine tuning of its mass:

$$M_X - M_{D^0} - M_{D^{*0}} \lesssim 100 \text{ keV}$$

- Despite the tiny available phase space decays copiously in $D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$:

$$BR(X \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} \pi^0) \simeq 40 \% \text{ (might be less...)}$$

- Strong decays violate isospin:

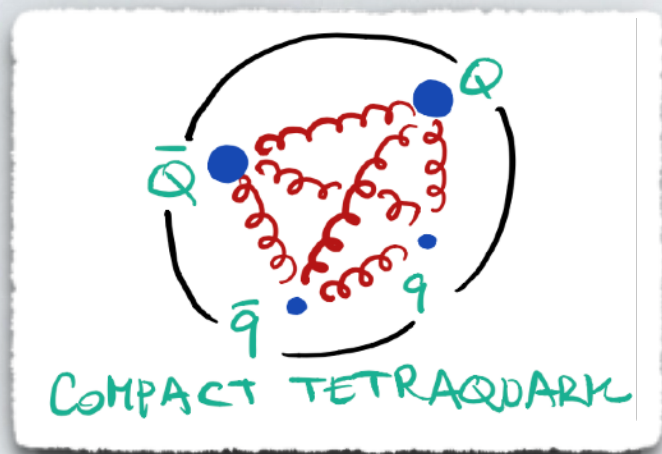
$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow J/\psi \omega) = (4.4_{-1.3}^{+2.3}) \%, \quad \Gamma(X \rightarrow J/\psi \rho) = (4.1_{-1.1}^{+1.9}) \%$$

[Li, Yuan — PRD (2019), 1907.09149]

EXOTIC MESONS

Possible interpretations

- Two competing interpretations



[see e.g. Maiani et al. — PRD (2014), 1405.1551]

1. Comprehensive description of the spectrum
2. Explains isospin violation
3. Slightly larger than an ordinary hadron ($d_{tetra} \simeq 1.3$ fm)

but... overpopulated



[see e.g. Guo et al. — Rev.Mod.Phys. (2018), 1705.00141]

1. Naturally explains closeness to threshold
2. Explains isospin violation
3. Very large state ($d_{mol} \simeq 10$ fm)

but... less systematic and cannot explain the prompt production of the X

PROMPT PRODUCTION

The problem

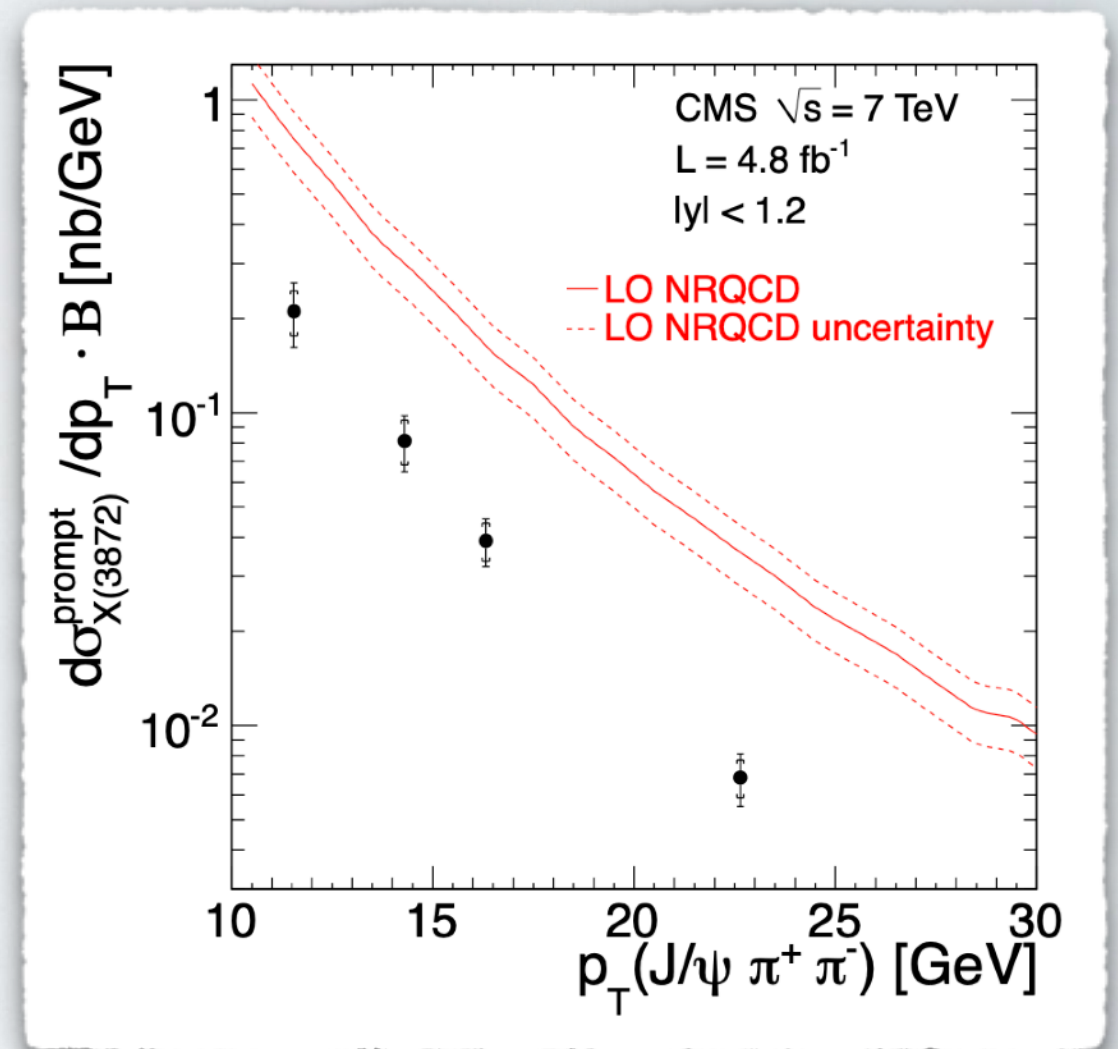
- The $X(3872)$ is produced prompt at high- p_T both at Tevatron and LHC

[see e.g. CDF – PRL (2007), hep-ex/0612053; CMS – JHEP (2013), 1302.3968]

$$\sigma_{\text{prompt}}(pp \rightarrow X) \sim 30 \div 70 \text{ nb}$$

[Artoisenet, Braaten – PRD (2010), 0911.2016]

- How can such a loosely bound molecule be produced promptly from a $D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$ pair with relative momentum $k \gtrsim 10 \text{ GeV}$?



[CMS – JHEP (2013), 1302.3968]

PROMPT PRODUCTION

Monte Carlo

- Upper bound on the prompt production cross section

$$\sigma_{prompt}(pp \rightarrow X) \leq \sigma_{max}(pp \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}) \simeq \sigma(pp \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} | k_{rel} < \Lambda)$$

- From the spread of the wave function of the $X \rightarrow \Lambda \simeq 30$ MeV

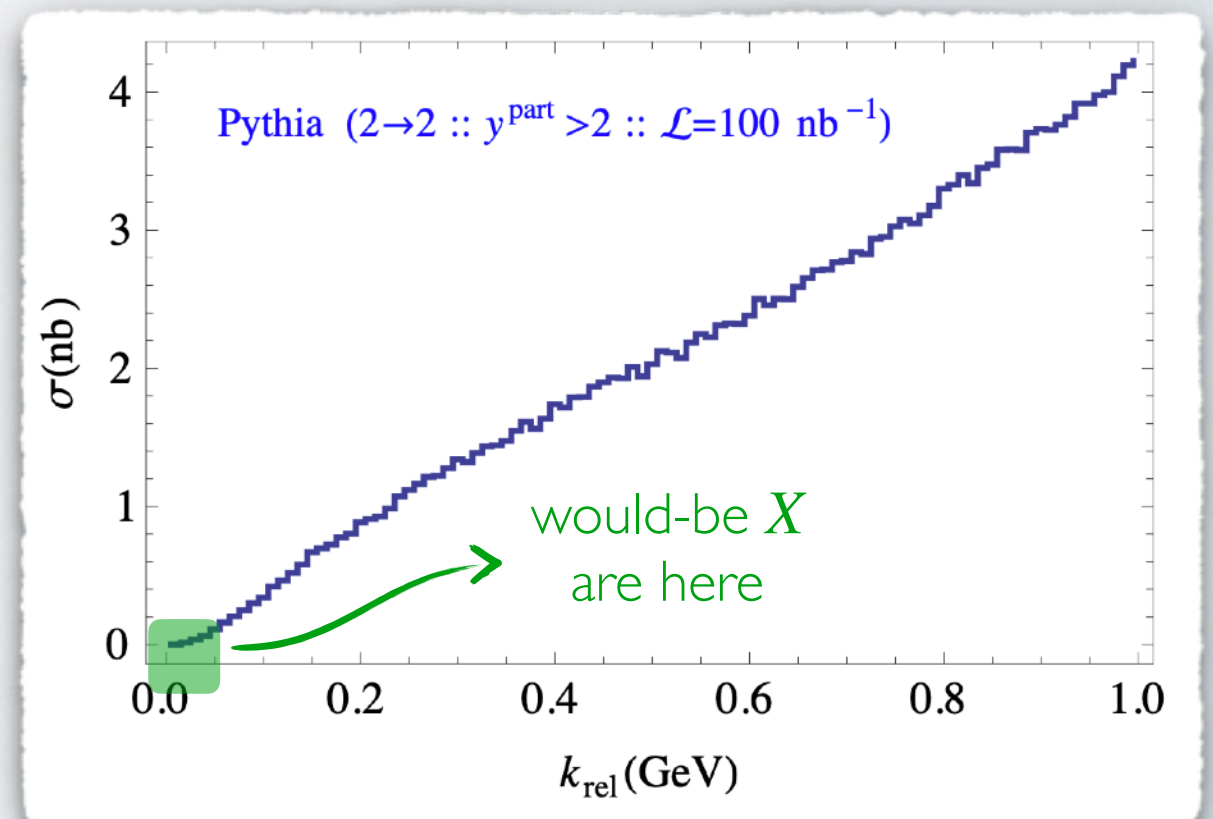
can estimate from
MC simulations

- From Monte Carlo: $\sigma_{MC} \sim 10^{-2} \sigma_{exp}$!

[Bignamini et al. – PRL (2009), 0906.0882]

- The correct value of Λ is still a matter of debate

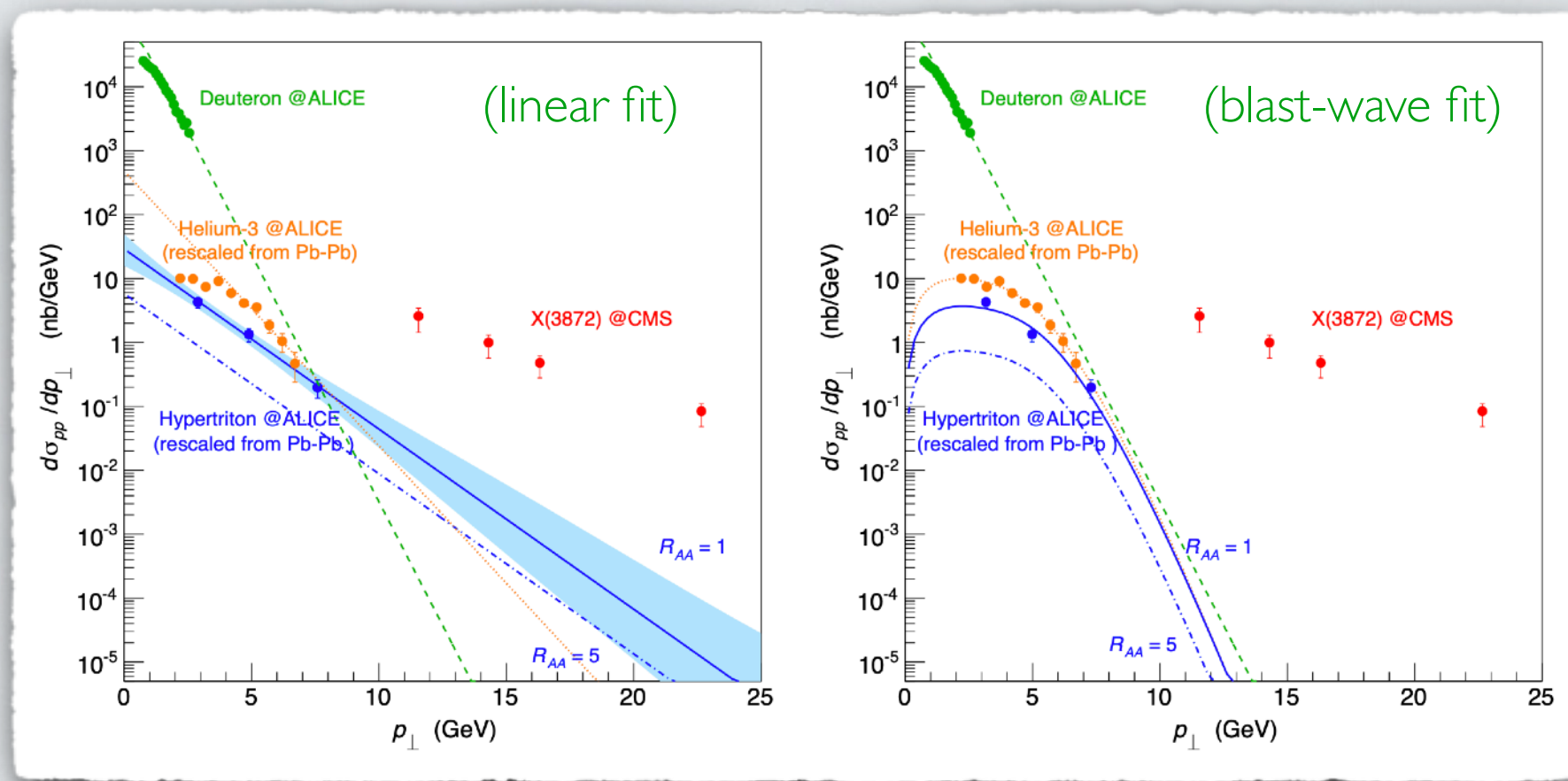
[see e.g. Artoisenet, Braaten – PRD (2010), 0911.2016, Bignamini et al. – PLB (2010), 0912.506, Albaladejo et al. – Chin.Phys.C (2017), 1709.09101]



PROMPT PRODUCTION

Other bone fide molecules

- A stronger statement from the comparison with other loosely bound molecules



[AE, Guerrieri, Maiani, Piccinini, Pilloni, Polosa, Riquer – PRD (2015), 1508.00295]

- No hadronic molecule is produced at high- p_T except for the $X(3872)$

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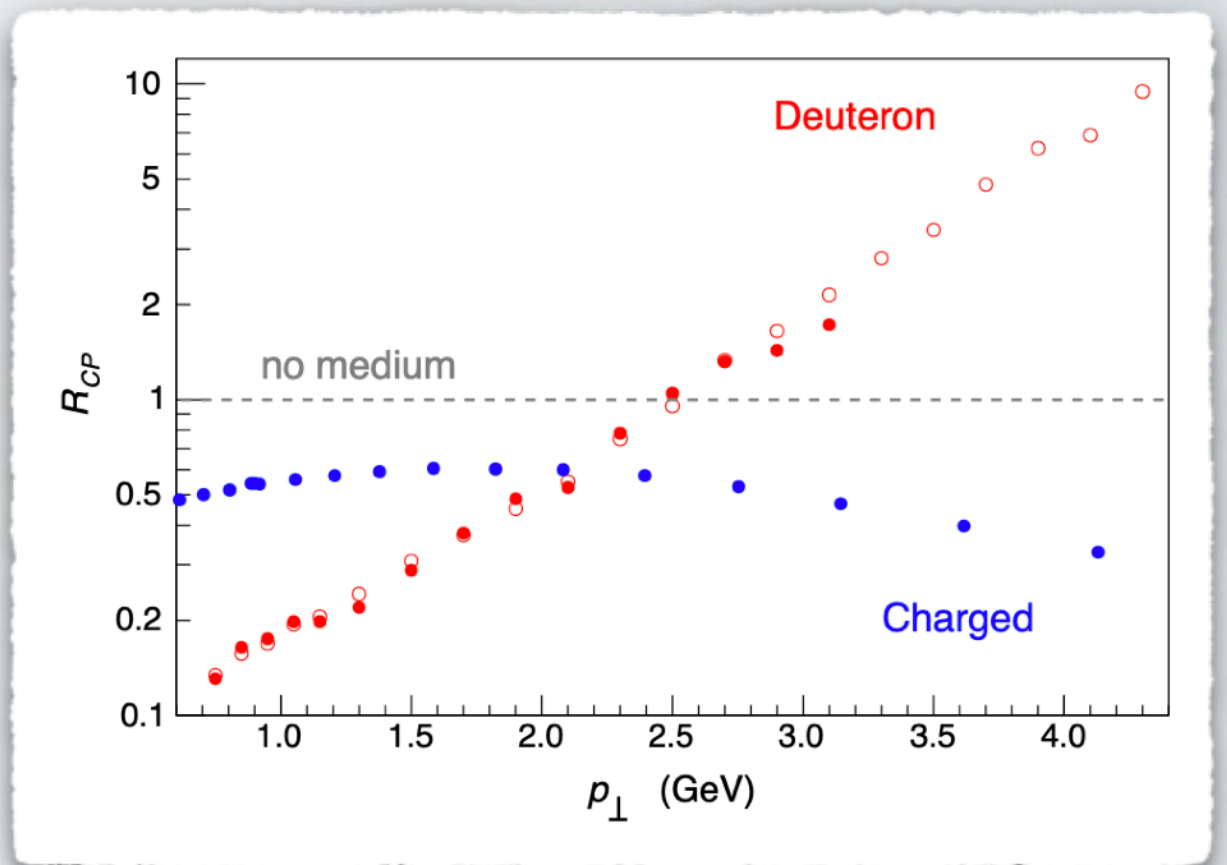
Other bone fide molecules

- Important information from R_{CP} for deuteron vs ordinary hadrons

central collision =
many particles

$$R_{CP} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N_{evt}} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right)_{Pb-Pb}^{0-10\%} / N_{coll}^{0-10\%}}{\left(\frac{1}{N_{evt}} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \right)_{Pb-Pb}^{60-80\%} / N_{coll}^{60-80\%}}$$

peripheral collision =
fewer particles



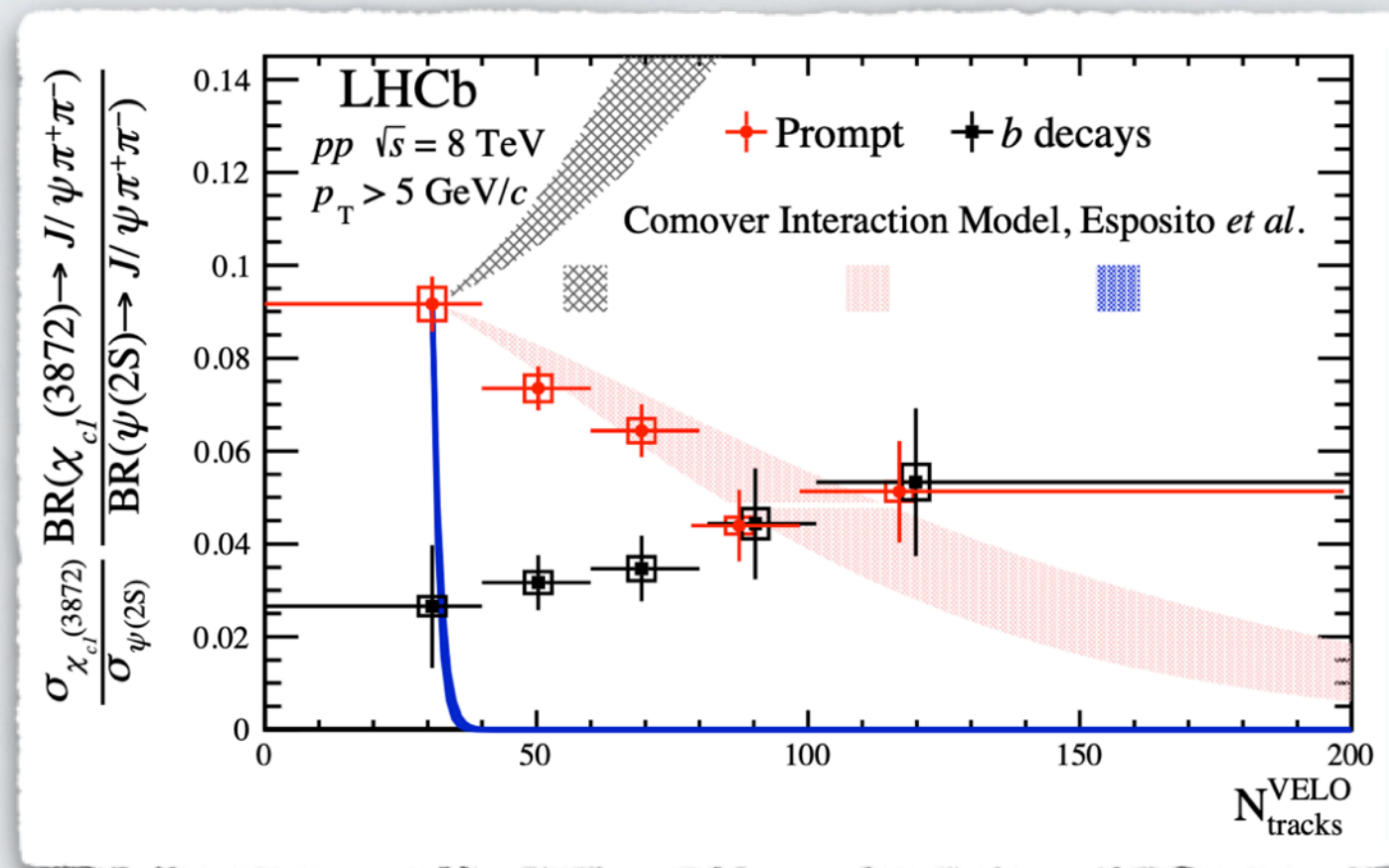
[computed in AE, Guerrieri, Maiani, Piccinini, Pilloni, Polosa, Riquer – PRD (2015), 1508.00295; data from ALICE – PRC (2016), 1506.08951]

- Additional particles favor the formation of molecules but suppress ordinary hadrons

HIGH-MULTIPLICITY pp COLLISIONS

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

- Comparison between the **yield of $X(3872)$** and of **$\psi(2S)$** as a function of final state **multiplicity** in pp collisions by LHCb



[LHCb — PRL(2021), 2009.06619]

- Many particles in the event $\longrightarrow$ the X is suppressed with respect to the $\psi(2S)$

THE COMOVER MODEL

Generalities

- The interaction with **final state comoving particles** can help create/destroy a hadron

[see e.g. Baym – PLB (1984)]

- For a compact state in pp collisions the number evolves following

heavy hadron number

$$\tau \frac{dN_Q}{d\tau} = - \langle v\sigma \rangle_Q \rho_c N_Q$$

destruction cross section

comover density at initial time (Glauber model)

- In the comover interaction model one takes

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q \sim \pi r_Q^2$$

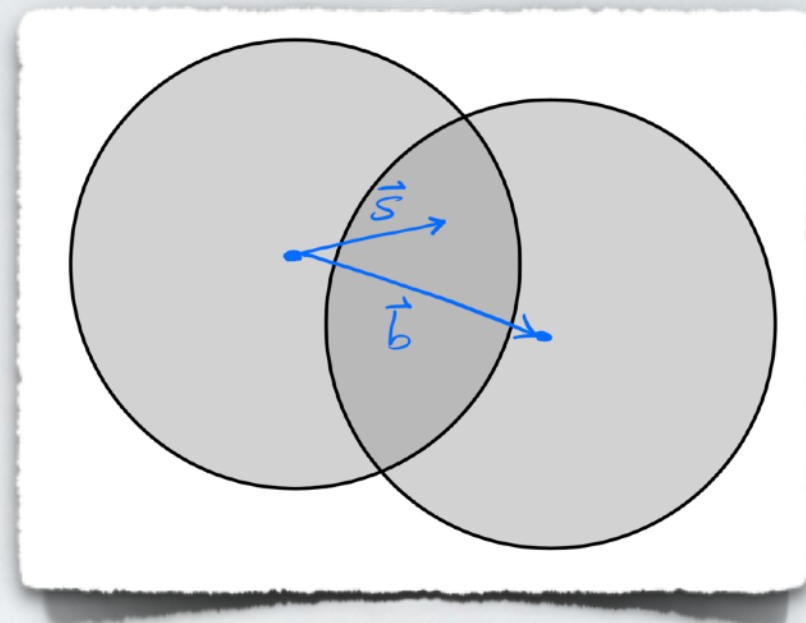
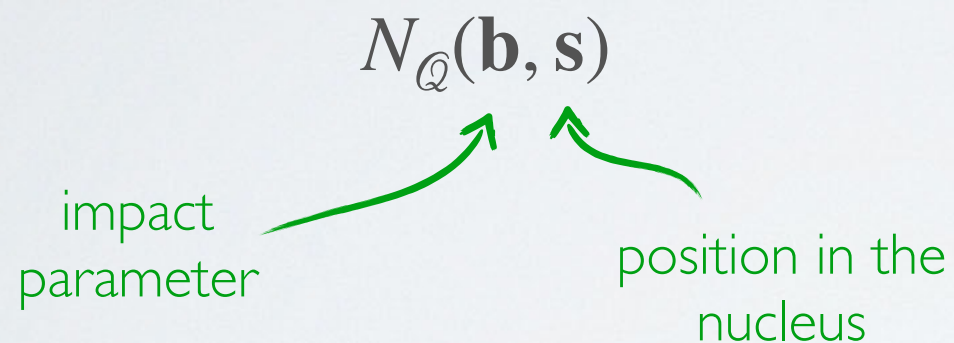
- This has proved to be **quantitatively successful** at describing quarkonium yields as function of multiplicity in pPb and $PbPb$

[see e.g. Ferreiro – PLB (2015), 1411.0549; Ferreiro, Lansberg – JHEP (2019), 1804.04474]

THE COMOVER MODEL

Generalities

- The solution of the evolution equation depends on position and impact parameter



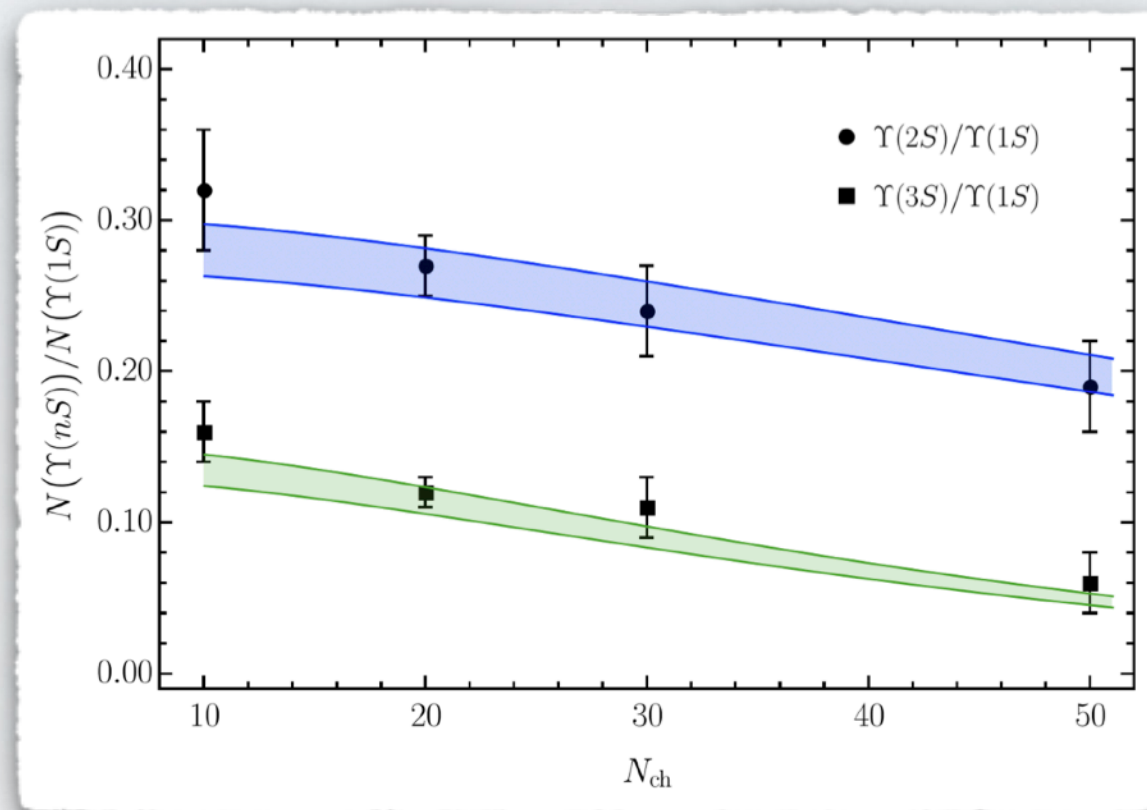
- The solution must be convoluted with the comover density profile normalized to give the minimum bias number of tracks per event, $\rho_c(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s})$
- For a qualitative estimate one can use average quantities, $\rho_c \sim 3N_{ch}/2\sigma_{pp}$

[see e.g. Ferreiro – PLB (2015), 1411.0549; Ferreiro, Lansberg – JHEP (2019), 1804.04474]

THE COMOVER MODEL

Bottomonia in pp collisions

- Further validate the model using CMS data on bottomonia in high-multiplicity pp collisions for the first time $\longrightarrow$ no fit! [Ferreiro, Lansberg – JHEP (2019), 1804.04474]
- Very good agreement with data



[CMS – JHEP (2014), 1312.6300 and AE, Ferreiro, Pilloni, Polosa, Salgado – EPJC (2021), 2006.15044]

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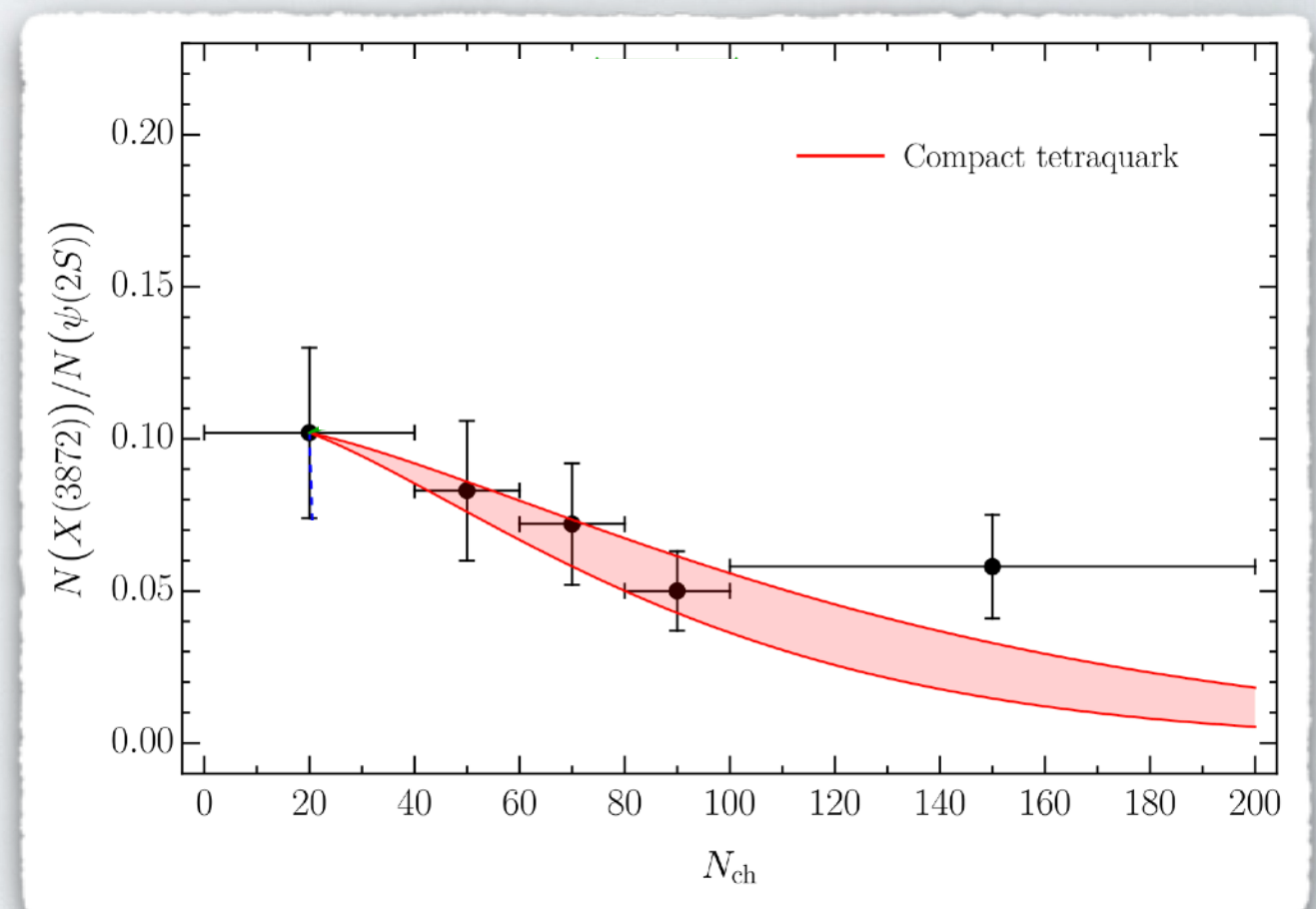
Compact tetraquarks

- Apply the model to the compact tetraquark hypothesis $\longrightarrow$ slightly larger than quarkonia

$$\begin{cases} r_{4q} \simeq 0.65 \text{ fm} \\ r_{\psi(2S)} \simeq 0.45 \text{ fm} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \langle v\sigma \rangle_{4q} \simeq 11.61 \text{ mb} \\ \langle v\sigma \rangle_{\psi(2S)} \simeq 5.15 \text{ mb} \end{cases}$$

- Again very good agreement with the LHCb data!

[AE, Ferreira, Pilloni, Polosa,
Salgado – EPJC (2021), 2006.15044]



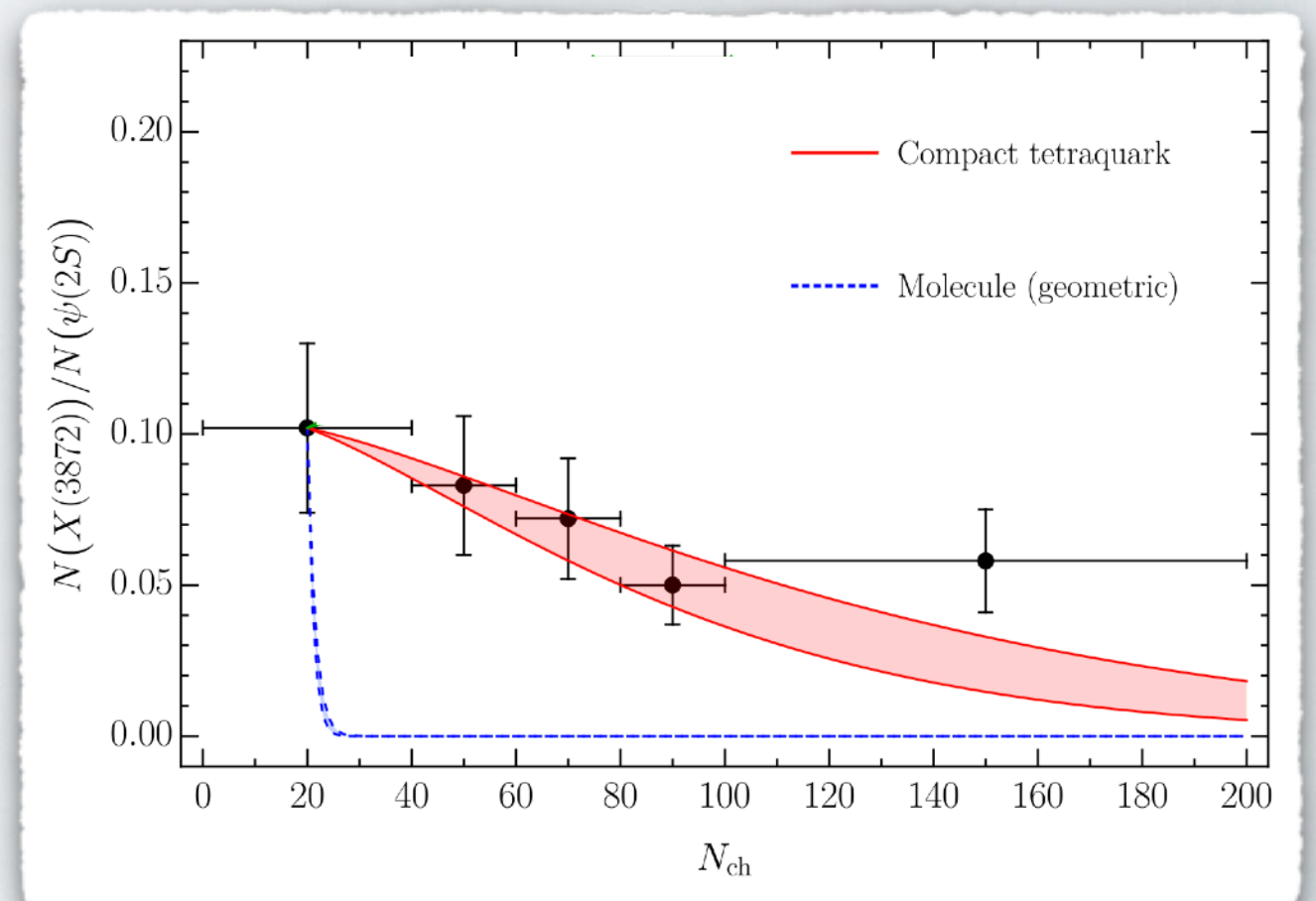
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Molecules in the geometrical model

- Consider naively applying the **geometric model to hadronic molecules** $\longrightarrow$ large extension $\longrightarrow$ **huge suppression** from the interaction with comovers

$$r_{mol} \simeq 6.6 \text{ fm} \implies \langle v\sigma \rangle_{mol} \simeq 1197 \text{ mb}$$

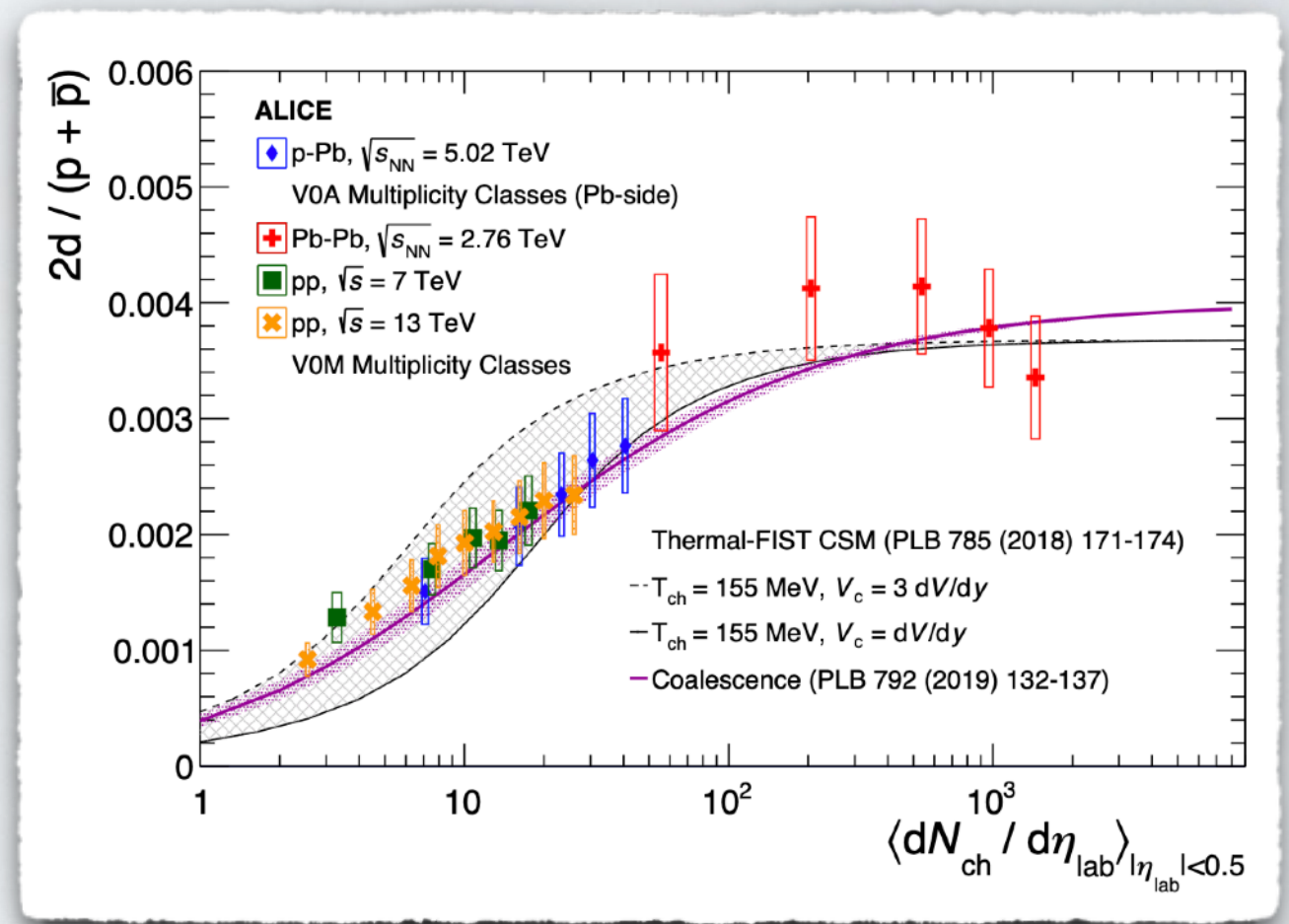
- Suppression way too large to reproduce the data
[AE, Ferreiro, Pilloni, Polosa, Salgado – EPJC (2021), 2006.15044]
- This **effective description cannot apply to extended loosely bound molecules**



MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

Deuteron

- Creation/destruction of hadronic molecules is more complicated than that
- Recent data show that the comovers favor the creation of molecules
- Higher multiplicity $\rightarrow$ more nucleons are turned into deuterons
- Important to better describe destruction and coalescence of hadron molecules



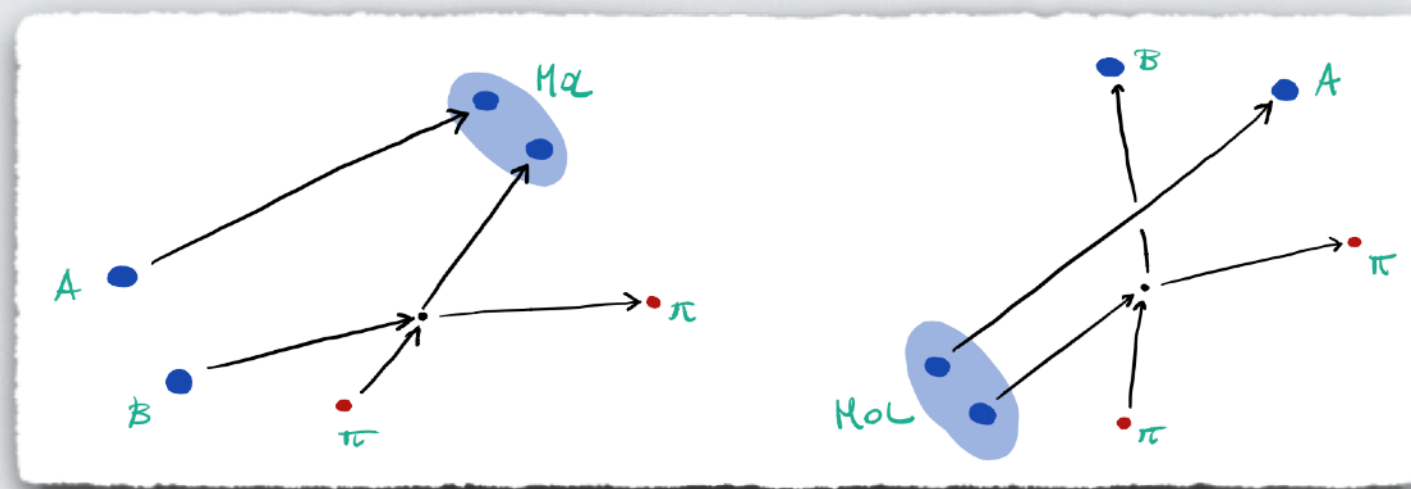
[ALICE – PLB (2019), 1902.09290; ALICE – 2003.03184]

MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

Destruction and coalescence

- The interaction with comovers can destroy or create a hadronic molecule

[see e.g. AE, Piccinini, Pilloni, Polosa – J.Mod.Phys. (2013), 1305.0527; Guerrieri, Piccinini, Pilloni, Polosa – PRD (2014), 1405.7929; Cho et al. – PRL (2011), 1011.0852]



- The number of molecules evolves according to

of free constituents

of molecules

$$\tau \frac{dN_m}{d\tau} = \rho_c N_{hh} \langle v\sigma \rangle_m - \rho_c N_m \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh}$$

creation of a molecule

destruction of a molecule

MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

Destruction and coalescence

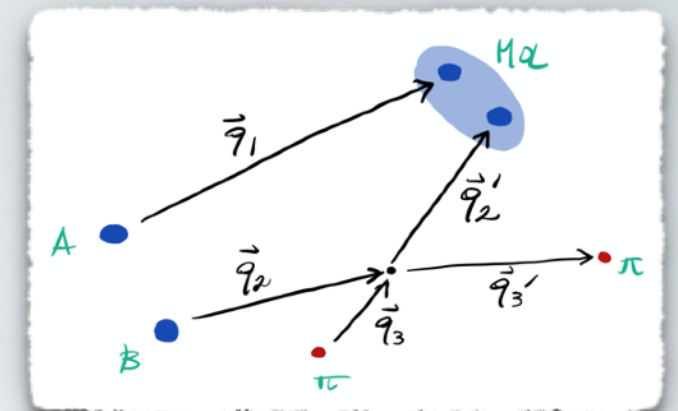
- Creation of a molecule

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_m = \int_{k < \Lambda} \frac{d^3 q_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q'_2}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 q_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q_3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q'_3}{(2\pi)^3} \delta_P W(q_2, q_3; q'_2, q'_3) f_{hh}(q_1, q_2) f_c(q_3)$$

final state molecules

effective pion-constituent
matrix element

distribution of free
constituents



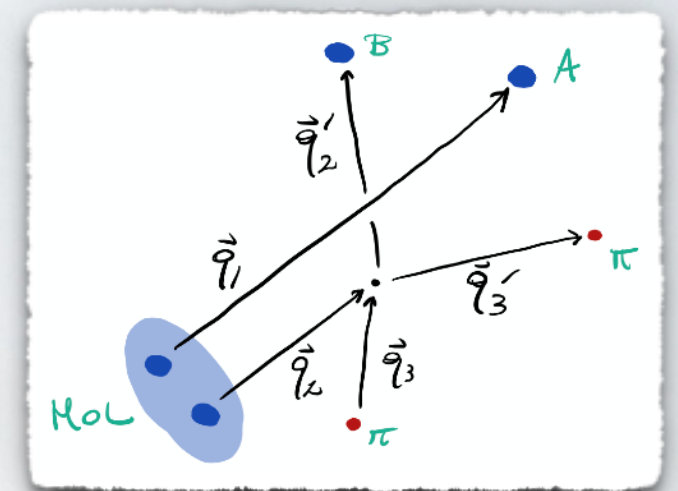
distribution of comovers (pions)

- Destruction of a molecule

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh} = \int_{k < \Lambda} \frac{d^3 q_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q_2}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 q'_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q_3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q'_3}{(2\pi)^3} \delta_P W(q_2, q_3; q'_2, q'_3) f_m(q_1, q_2) f_c(q_3)$$

initial state molecules

distribution of
molecules



- The matrix element is taken from heavy meson χ PT
- The distribution of free constituents and comovers are taken from MC (Pythia)
- The distribution of molecules is taken from data

[for deuteron see ALICE – PLB (2019), 1902.09290; for the X see CMS – JHEP (2013), 1302.3968]

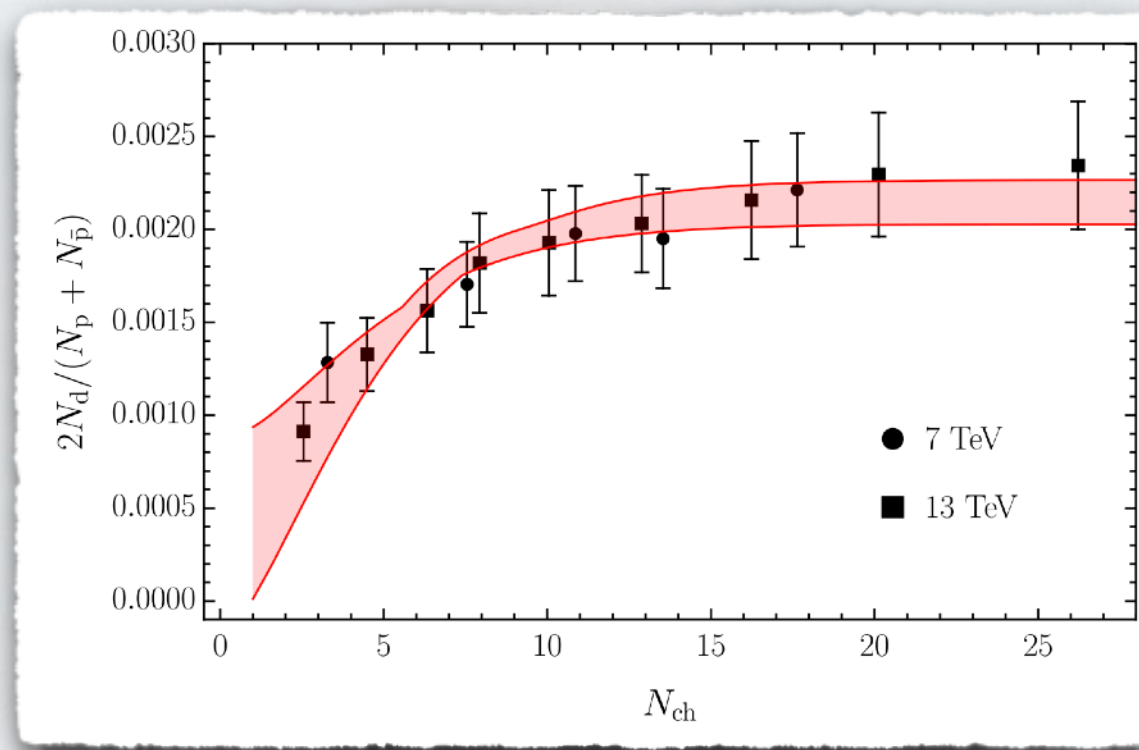
MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

Deuteron again

- The [coalescence momentum for deuteron](#) is known to be $\Lambda = 50 \div 250$ MeV
- Averaging over distributions we get

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_m \simeq (\Lambda/150 \text{ MeV})^3 \times 0.51 \text{ mb}; \quad \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh} \simeq 4.34 \text{ mb}$$

- Very good agreement with data



[AE, Ferreira, Pilloni, Polosa, Salgado – EPJC (2021), 2006.15044]

MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

$X(3872)$

- For the $X(3872)$ the **same approach** gives ($\Lambda = 30 \div 360$ MeV):

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_m \simeq (\Lambda/50 \text{ MeV})^3 \times 3.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mb}, \quad \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh} \simeq 0.50 \text{ mb}$$

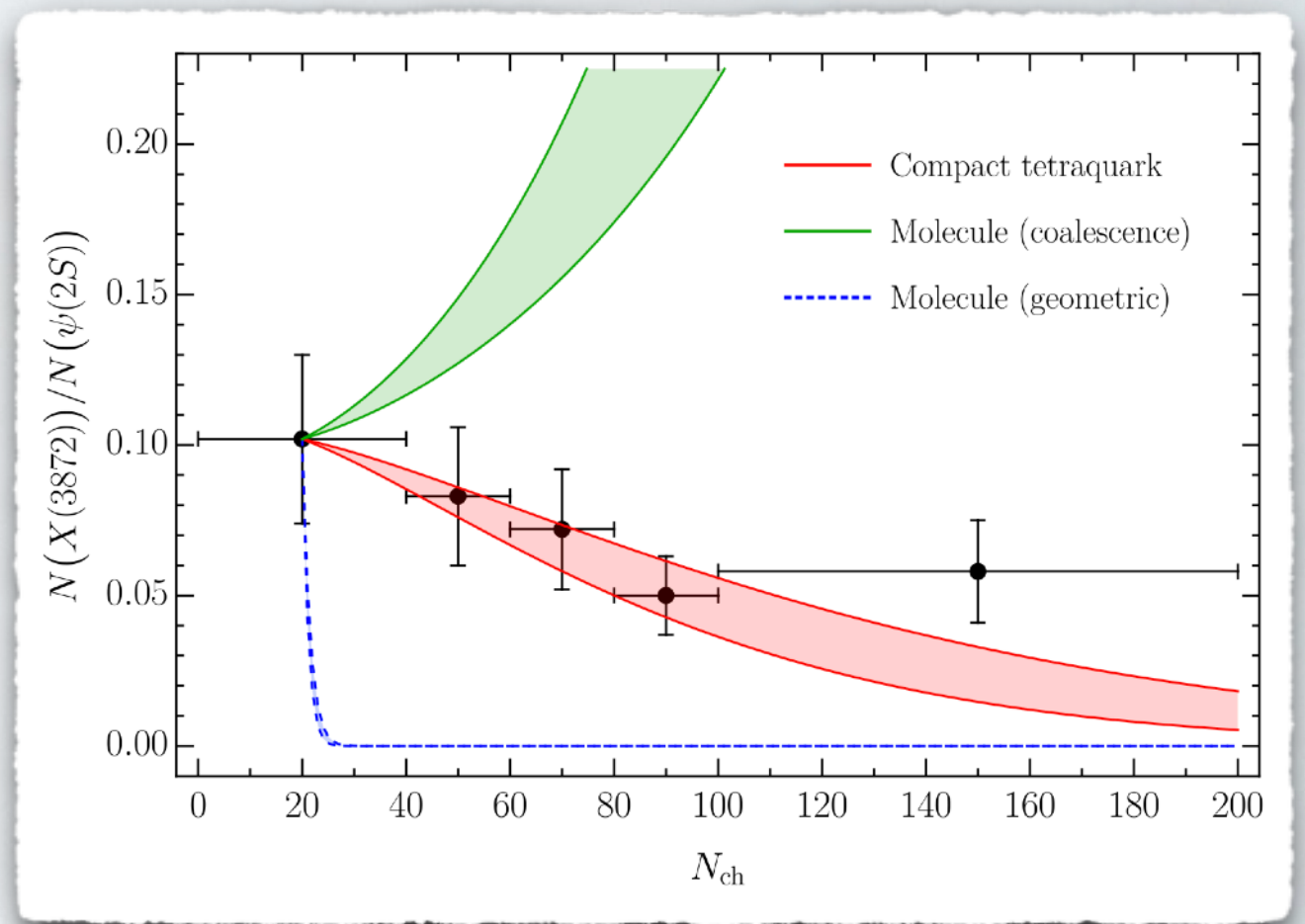
[in good agreement with Cho et al. – PRL (2011), 1011.0852; and Cho, Lee – PRC (2013), 1302.6381]

- How is the X produced promptly?

$$1. \text{ Through } D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} \longrightarrow \frac{N_m^0}{N_{hh}} = 0$$

$$2. \text{ Through } \chi_{c1}(2P) \longrightarrow \frac{N_m^0}{N_{hh}} = 1$$

- Again **qualitatively different** from data



[AE, Ferreira, Pilloni, Polosa, Salgado – EPJC (2021), 2006.15044]

COMMENTS AND CONCLUSION

- Data on the production of the $X(3872)$ in high multiplicity pp collisions together with two simple and well tested ideas seem to speak in favor of a compact nature
- ALICE data point to the fact that comovers increase the yield of molecules rather than decrease it
- How about the p_T dependence?
- How about pPb and $PbPb$?
[see CMS — CMS-PAS-HIN-19-005; Zhang et al. — 2004.00024; Wu et al. — 2006.09945]
- Always crucial to see: are there other bone fide hadronic molecules at high- p_T ?
Deuteron, hypertriton, Helium-3,...

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

BACK UP

PROMPT PRODUCTION

Last piece of the controversy

- It has been argued that

$$\sigma(p\bar{p} \rightarrow X) \sim \left| \int d^3k \langle X | D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle \langle D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}(\mathbf{k}) | p\bar{p} \rangle \right|^2$$

$$\simeq \left| \int_{k < \Lambda} d^3k \langle X | D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}(\mathbf{k}) \rangle \langle D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}(\mathbf{k}) | p\bar{p} \rangle \right|^2 \propto \left| \int_{k < \Lambda} d^3k \psi_\lambda(k) \right|^2$$

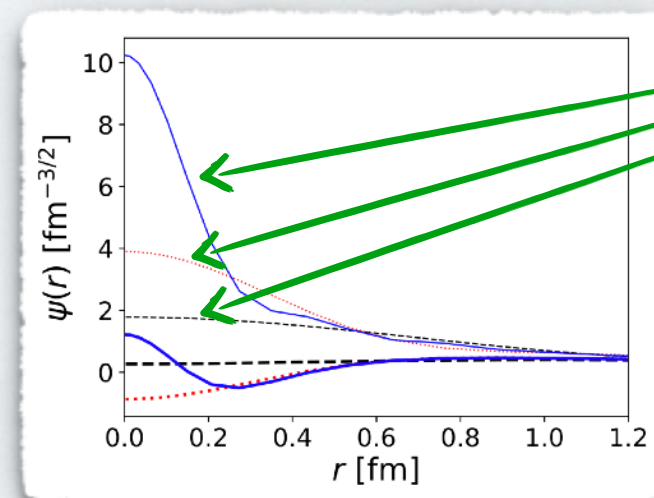
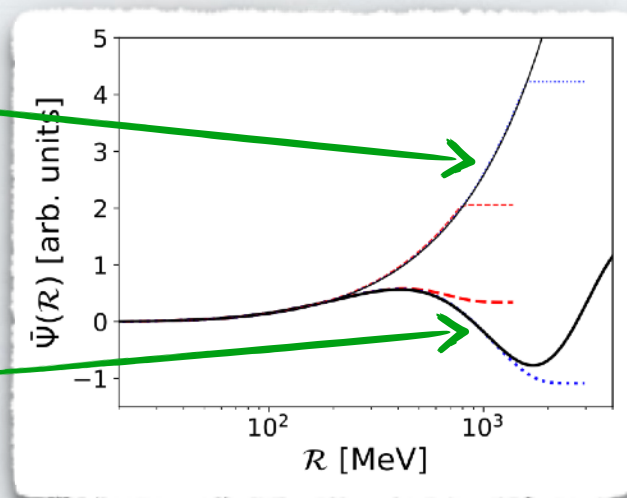
almost constant with k ↗

X wave function with high momentum regulator λ ↙

- Claim: the correct value for Λ should be found so that the last integral is saturated
[Albaladejo, Guo, Hanhart, Meißner, Nieves, Nogga, Yang — Chin.Phys.C (2017), 1709.09101]
- For the case of deuteron and of the X one would deduce $\Lambda \simeq 300$ MeV

short range potential only

short range + OPE potential



different regulators λ

PROMPT PRODUCTION

Last piece of the controversy

- Other claim: Λ should not be found with any requirement based on production cross section $\longrightarrow$ it should be found a priori from physical arguments
- The simple virial theorem gives $\bar{B} = -\frac{\Lambda^2}{2\mu} + \frac{g}{r_0} \overline{e^{-r/r_0}}$
- For deuteron one gets $\bar{B} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$, $\bar{r} = 2.1 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow \Lambda = 105 \text{ MeV} \longrightarrow$ the well known value
- For the X instead $\bar{B} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$, $\bar{r} \gtrsim 10 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow \Lambda \simeq 20 \text{ MeV} \longrightarrow$ much smaller
- Moreover, fictitious dependence of the wave function on λ seems to give
 1. Zeros in the amplitude $X \rightarrow D^0 \bar{D}^{*0}$ when λ varies
 2. Spurious nodes in the ground state spatial wave function

THE COMOVER MODEL

Average cross sections

- In the comover interaction model the average cross section is given by

threshold energy computed wrt
the closest OZI-favored mode

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q = \pi r_Q^2 \int_{E_Q^{thr}}^{\infty} dE_c E_c^2 \left(1 - \frac{E_Q^{thr}}{E_c} \right)^n \mathcal{P}(E_c)$$

index depending on the
nature of the comovers.

We take $n = 1$

[see e.g. Ferreiro — PLB (2015), 1411.0549;
Ferreiro, Lansberg — JHEP (2019), 1804.04474]

distribution of comovers energy

$$\mathcal{P}(E_c) \propto \left(e^{E_c/T_{eff}} - 1 \right)^{-1},$$

with $T_{eff} = 200 \div 300$ MeV

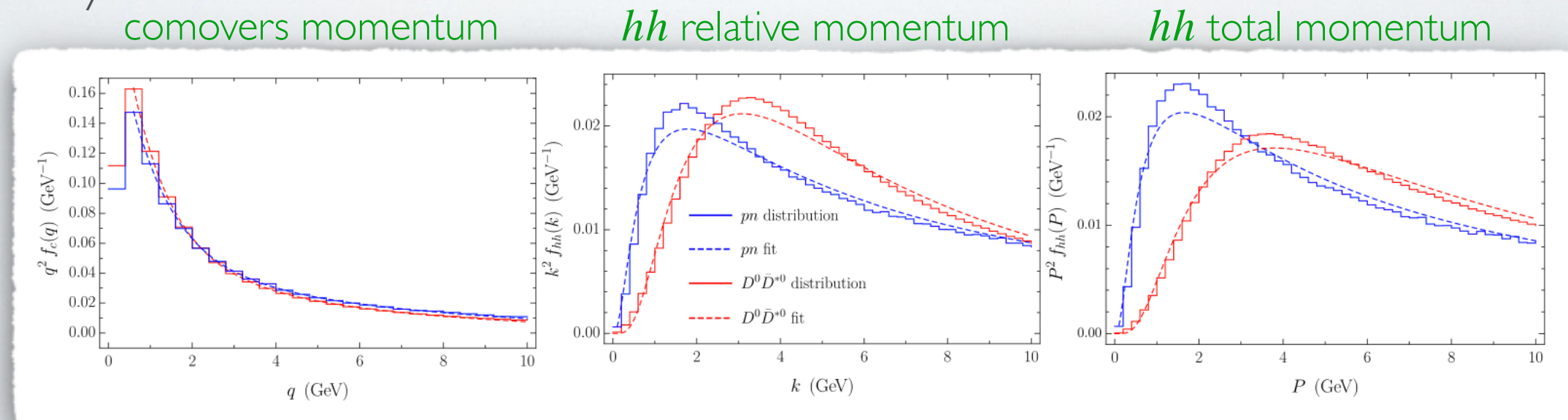
- For excited states quarkonia and exotic mesons $E_Q^{thr} \ll E_c$ and hence

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q \simeq \pi r_Q^2$$

MOLECULES IN HIGH-MULTIPLICITY EVENTS

Average cross sections

- The constituent-comover matrix elements is parametrized with an effective coupling $\mathcal{M}_{\pi h \rightarrow \pi h} = g^2$, with $g_p^2/(4\pi) \simeq 10$ and $g_D^2/(4\pi) \simeq 5.1$
- Built to reproduce the elastic scattering cross section for all comovers energies, $E_c \in [0, 300]$ MeV
- The other ingredients needed to compute the average cross sections are the momentum distributions
- From Pythia



SOLUTION TO THE EVOLUTION EQUATION

- Solution to the evolution equation

$$\frac{N_m}{N_{hh}} = \frac{\langle v\sigma \rangle_m}{\langle v\sigma \rangle_m + \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh}} + \left(\frac{N_m^0}{N_{hh}} - \frac{\langle v\sigma \rangle_m}{\langle v\sigma \rangle_m + \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh}} \right) e^{-(\langle v\sigma \rangle_m + \langle v\sigma \rangle_{hh})\rho_c \ln(\rho_c/\rho_c^{pp})}$$

initial number of molecules. $N_m^0/N_{hh} \simeq 10^{-4}$ from Pythia

- The number of initial molecules for the deuteron is found from Pythia to be $N_m^0/N_{hh} \simeq 10^{-4} \longrightarrow$ negligible
- The number of initial molecules for the $X(3872)$ depends on the assumed production mechanism. We take:
 1. Purely molecular $\longrightarrow N_m^0/N_{hh} \simeq 0$
 2. Production via $c\bar{c}$ $\longrightarrow N_m^0/N_{hh} \simeq 1$