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### **Overview of experimental results of** heavy-flavour and quarkonia vn in small systems



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- Study hadronization mechanism
- Set a reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb

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Heavy-flavour production in p-Pb collisions







Described by models including cold nuclear-matter effects









- data disfavour suppression >~15% at high  $p_T$
- need to improve the precision of the measurement
- need to look at complementary observables

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Data agree with nPDF and CGC - to notice that experimental precision starts to be better than theoretical one



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### Beauty production in p-Pb collisions at LHC



Beauty production consistent with unity









### Quarkonia production in p-Pb collisions at LHC



⇒ Y(1S): 30-40% suppression at low p<sub>T</sub>
 Need to be taken into account when interpreting results in Pb-Pb collisions







## Nothing unexpected!

# $\Rightarrow$ Production of heavy-flavour in p-A collision follows the **expected pattern**:



- no suppression due to final state effects observed with present precision - results consistent with calculations including modification of nPDF (shadowing)





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#### (CMS Collaboration) JHEP 09, (2010) 091

#### (d) CMS N $\ge$ 110, 1.0GeV/c<p\_<3.0GeV/c



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# D meson production vs centrality



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- Very similar to charged particle (pion dominated) - Initial-state effect? Mass effect? Radial flow? ... need comparison with theoretical calculations 11





### Heavy-flavour collectivity in p-Pb collisions??





 $\Rightarrow$  Non-zero elliptic flow ( $v_2$ ) as a measure of collectivity



inclusive muons at forward rapidity ( $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ )

- High- $p_T$  inclusive muons are HF dominated.

Need direct proof (Prompt D mesons, heavy-flavour) hadron decay leptons)



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→ Near and away side modification from low multiplicity to high multiplicity











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### Effect is similar to the one observed for inclusive muons



### **µ-hadron correlation in p-Pb collisions**



⇒ Similar two particle correlation technique (µ-h) used in ATLAS to investigate flow-like effect for high pt muons in high multiplicity p-Pb at 8.16 TeV





### u-hadron correlation in p-Pb collisions







### **u-hadron correlation in p-Pb collisions**





### **D-hadron correlation in p-Pb collisions**

#### ATLAS-CONF-2017-073

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### D<sup>o</sup> elliptic flow in p-Pb collisions



- kinetic energy per constituent quark, after normalizing  $v_2$  by the number of constituent quarks.
- of the light-flavor quarks. This effect is not seen in Pb-Pb collisions.

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 $\Rightarrow$  Comparing to strange-hadron results, the **D**<sup>0</sup> v<sub>2</sub> values are positive but smaller at a given  $p_{T}$ , or at similar transverse

This indicates that in high-multiplicity p-Pb collisions, the collective behaviour of charm quarks is weaker than that



### J/w v<sub>2</sub> in p-Pb<sub>2</sub> collisions

- $\Rightarrow$  Significant J/ $\psi$  v<sub>2</sub> observed
- dynamics than light quarks in small systems





Consistent with the previous conclusion that charm quarks develop a weaker collective

6 ⇒ Caveat: different rapidity ranges for different particle species could (dias) the comparison





### J/w v<sub>2</sub> in p-Pb collisions



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#### $\Rightarrow$ Significant J/ $\psi$ v<sub>2</sub> observed for $p_T > 3 \text{ GeV/c}$

- $\Rightarrow$  The measured values, albeit with large uncertainties, are comparable with those measured in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV in forward rapidity
- $\Rightarrow$  The underlying mechanism is not understood - comparable magnitude of the J/ $\psi$  v<sub>2</sub> in p-Pb and Pb-Pb indicates that the same mechanism could be at play









# What about the future?







### **HL-LHC** projections for p-Pb collisions

- ⇒ **D-Dbar correlation** -> a window to the CGC



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 $\Rightarrow$  The projected precision with p-Pb integrated luminosities Lint ~2 pb<sup>-1</sup> (ATLAS and CMS) and ~1 pb<sup>-1</sup> (ALICE) has the potential to shed light on the different mechanisms behind the observed anisotropy













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- no suppression observed at the QpPb/QCP level in most central pPb collision -> no final state effect?





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### $\Rightarrow$ Current understanding is still puzzling:

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# One observable as example....



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### $\Rightarrow$ The charged-particle multiplicity and the J/ $\psi$ yield are not independent quantities

- 1) J/ $\psi$  decay daughters. Two additional charged particles are produced in events containing a J/ $\psi$
- transition to the physical  $J/\psi$  state
- antiquark and charm quark, which in turn will produce additional particles
- 4) non-prompt J/ $\psi$  (same for other open heavy-flavours):
  - **b**  $\rightarrow$  **B**  $\rightarrow$  **J**/ $\psi$  + **X**: decay daughters X located close to J/ $\psi$  flight direction in rapidity and azimuthal angle
  - beauty quark accompanied by **final state radiation**: enhancing the multiplicity in the region around it
  - gg  $\rightarrow$  bb: The **recoil jet** is at an **azimuthal angle of 180 degrees** with respect to the initial b quark, but can be at a different rapidity

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# **Auto-correlation effects**

2) In NRQCD processes the J/ $\psi$  is typically produced together with a gluon, e.g. via  $gg \rightarrow [QQ]g$  which will hadronize and increase the multiplicity. Additionally, if the pre-resonant state is a colour-octet, an additional gluon is emitted in the

3) In the case of  $J/\psi$  from cluster collapse, the charm quark and antiquark are both produced together with another charm







# **Auto-correlation effects**



⇒ toward region, same rapidity: additional decay daughters

*⇒* away region: backward jet



 $\Rightarrow$  Investigate J/ $\psi$  production as function of multiplicity in different azimuthal regions w.r.t. J/ $\psi$  flight direction, with or without rapidity gap between J/ $\psi$  production  $\psi$  and multiplicity







## **Expectations for experiments**



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- → Transverse momentum dependence only present as function of  $N_{ch}$  in toward and away region, absent for N<sub>ch</sub> in UE region











## **Expectations for experiments**

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 $\Rightarrow$  non-linearity rises with the  $p_{T}$  of the hadron for the multiplicity integrated case

 $\Rightarrow$  Transverse region: closer to linear and the  $p_T$  dependence is fully removed









# Concusion

- $\Rightarrow$  Stronger-than-linear increase of J/ $\psi$  production probability with charged-particle multiplicity and  $p_{T}$  dependence qualitatively reproduced with PYTHIA8
- $\Rightarrow$  **Investigation of in different azimuthal regions** (with, without rapidity gap) allows to disentangle effects from underlying event or jet fragmentation/auto-correlation
- $\Rightarrow$  Suggestion to experiments to perform the self-nomalized yield in different azimuthal regions

- $\Rightarrow$  Caveat: No quantitative agreement with data!
- $\Rightarrow$  Direct J/ $\psi$  production not perfectly described by leading order NRQCD in PYTHIA - CMS/LHCb measurement of J/ $\psi$  production in jets:  $J/\psi$  less isolated than expected
  - https://cds.cern.ch/record/2318344/files/HIN-18-012-pas.pdf
  - Phys. Rev. Lett.118, 192001 (2017)



















# Simply checking in PYTHA...



 $\Rightarrow$  Technicalities:

- PYTHIA8.230, Monash 2013 tune
- non-diffractive events
- J/ $\psi$  production forced to decay in dielectron channel

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- qualitatively by PYTHIA8
  - Effect more pronounced for higher  $p_T$  reproduced

- Will investigate in the following the influence of:
  - Multi-parton interactions (MPI)
  - Colour reconnection (CR)
  - Auto-correlation effects











# QGP in small system?



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- $\Rightarrow$  Studied how J/ $\psi$  production rates are associated with the N<sub>ch</sub> in PYTHIA
  - Stronger-than-linear increases due to autocorrelation effects
  - Weaker-than-linear increase of  $J/\psi$  production with  $N_{ch}$  in the Underlying Event region















## Ac production at LHC

**Ac/D**<sup>o</sup> ratio similar to the baryon-to-meson ratio observed in the light sector. Significantly larger than expectation from MC PYTHIA8. — Something not understood in charm fragmentation?



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## Quarkonia production in p-A collisions at RHIC



⇒ p/<sup>3</sup>He-going: about 10-20% suppression with Au nuclei. Consistent with shadowing expectation  $\Rightarrow$  Au/Al-going: indication of suppression in p-Au collisions?





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## **D** meson production in p-Pb collisions



Production cross-sections measured in a large rapidity interval and down to ~0 pT General agreement with pQCD calculations including nuclear modifications of PDF
 





- ⇒ Data agree with nPDF and CGC but experimental precision starts to be better than theoretical one







 $\Rightarrow$  At high  $p_T$ ,  $R_{AA}$  decreases towards central collisions - CNM & regeneration effects small  $\rightarrow$  energy loss picture? -  $R_{AA}$  RHIC >~  $R_{AA}$  LHC/2.76TeV >~  $R_{AA}$  LHC/5.02TeV



## High pt J/w: RHIC vs LHC







## **Comparison with theoretical model**



**Experiment start putting strong constraints on theoretical calculations!** - need of radiative energy loss to describe the high  $p_T$  region (most of the case) - Hints at low p<sub>T</sub> that collisional energy loss is non negligible - Shadowing improve description of the data at low pT









## Heavy-flavour hadron decay electron nuclear modification factor

### arXiv:1805.04379



⇒ Data are better described when the nuclear PDFs (EPS09) are included in the model calculation  $\Rightarrow$  Suppression at intermediate/high  $p_{T}$  is better described by models that include both radiative and

collisional energy loss processes

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 $\Rightarrow R_{pPb}$  consistent with unity  $\rightarrow$  Large suppression at high  $p_T$  in Pb-Pb collisions is due to final-state effect due to heavy-quark in-medium energy loss



- POWLANG: Eur.Phys.J. C73 (2013) 2481 – TAMU: Phys.Lett. B735 (2014) 445–450; - MC@HQ+ÉPOS: PRC 89 (2014) 014905;









# D meson production vs centrality



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... need comparison with theoretical calculations

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## Heavy-flavour elliptic flow in p-Pb collisions

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## Heavy-flavour hadron decay electron nuclear modification factor

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- New  $R_{AA}$  measurements in Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV down to  $p_T = 0.5$  GeV/c
- electron spectra in p-Pb collisions relative to pp collisions
- Large suppression at high  $p_{T}$  in Pb-Pb collisions ⇒ final-state effect due to heavy-quark in-medium energy loss

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![](_page_58_Figure_5.jpeg)

-  $R_{pPb}$  consistent with unity (PLB 754 (2016) 81)  $\rightarrow$  no strong modification of heavy-flavour decay

- Mattia Faggin (HD/Padova) - A.D. (HD/GSI) 59

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![](_page_58_Picture_13.jpeg)

# Quarkonia production in pp collisions

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- CGC: addition of Sudakov summation can describe the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  production at low  $p_T$ ٠
- $J/\psi$  production is accompanied by other hadrons
  - PYTHIA disagrees with data

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## Heavy-flavour elliptic flow in p-Pb collisions

- Two-particle correlations of HFe with charged particles in high multiplicity and low multiplicity events

 Near and away side modification from low multiplicity to high multiplicity

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– Analysis based on the electron impact parameter distribution

- First R<sub>AA</sub> measurement of beauty-decay electrons in 0-20% centrality at 2.76 TeV - New  $R_{AA}$  measurement of beauty-decay electrons in 0-10% centrality at 5.02 TeV  $\Rightarrow R_{AA} < 1$  for  $p_T > 3$  GeV/c and compatible with the  $R_{AA}$  measured at 2.76 TeV

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## **Nuclear modification factor in Xe-Xe** collisions at 5.44 TeV

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Similar  $R_{AA}$  is observed in Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb when compared at similar  $< dN/d\eta >$ 

- Comparison of **Pb-Pb** and **Xe-Xe** collisions at different  $N_{part}$  or  $N_{ch}$  may add sensitivity to probe the path-length dependence of energy loss  $\Rightarrow$  both radiative and collisional processes relevant for heavy-flavour  $\Rightarrow$  constraints to model calculations

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## Test of path-length dependence

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The scaling holds better for - Similar average event multiplicity:  $T_{Xe} \approx T_{Pb}$ - High initial parton  $p_T$ :  $\Delta E/E$  is small - Central collisions: L<sub>Xe</sub> / L<sub>Pb</sub> ~ (A<sub>Xe</sub> / A<sub>Pb</sub>)<sup>b/3</sup>

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# Nuclear modification factor

- Production of hard probes (heavy quarks, jets...) in AA collisions is expected to scale with the number of nucleon-nucleon collisions N<sub>coll</sub> (**binary scaling**)
- **Observable**: nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AA}(p_{T}, y) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle} \cdot \frac{d^2 N_{AA}/dp_{T} dy}{d^2 \sigma_{pp}/dp_{T} dy}$$

- If no nuclear effects are present  $\rightarrow R_{AA} = 1$
- Cold Nuclear Matter effects:  $\Rightarrow$  shadowing leads to a reduction of the heavy-flavour yield (important at low  $p_{T}$ )
- In-medium parton energy loss via radiative (gluon emission) and collisional processes depending on: ⇒ colour charge
  - ⇒ quark mass (dead cone effect)
  - ⇒ path length and medium density

Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199 Wicks, Gyulassy, J.Phys. G35 (2008) 054001

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## **Collectivity: azimuthal anisotropy**

- Re-scatterings among produced particles convert the initial geometrical anisotropy into an observable momentum anisotropy
- In addition, path-length dependent energy loss induces an asymmetry in momentum space
- Observable: elliptic flow  $v_2 = 2^{nd}$  Fourier coefficient of the particle azimuthal distribution

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$$E\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}N}{\mathrm{d}^{3}p} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}N}{p_{\mathrm{T}}\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}\mathrm{d}y}\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_{n}\cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{\mathrm{RP}})]\right)$$

### Heavy-flavour $v_2$ measurements probe:

- Low/intermediate  $p_{T}$ : collective motion, degree of thermalization of heavy quarks and hadronization mechanism (recombination) - High  $p_{T}$ : path-length dependence of heavy-quark energy loss

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## $p_{T,ee}$ and DCA<sub>ee</sub> analyses in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

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 $\Rightarrow$  Let the normalization of the charm and beauty contributions free in the cocktail Fit  $m_{ee}/p_{T,ee}$  and DCA<sub>ee</sub> spectra independently to extract the total charm and beauty cross sections  $\rightarrow$ 

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# Model dependence

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Sensitivity to the different implementation of heavy-quark production mechanisms

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**PYTHIA 6 Perugia** (qm) 0.8 DCA<sub>ee</sub> fit ( $\chi^2$ /ndf = 2.216) 2011 tune (LO with ALICE  $m_{\rm ee} / p_{\rm T.ee}$  fit ( $\chi^2$ /ndf = 0.989)  $\sigma_{bb}$ parton shower) pp √s = 7 TeV 0.7 Fit with POWHEG syst. uncertainty  $Q\overline{Q} \rightarrow e^+e^$ stat. uncertainty 0.6 arXiv:1805.04391 Reference: —— σ<sub>bh</sub> *Eur. Phys. J. C* 71 2011 0.5 σ<sub>cc</sub> *Eur. Phys. J. C* 77 2017 0.4 0.3 **POWHEG (NLO)** 0.2 **+ PYTHIA 6** 0.1 parton shower 16 18 8 10 14

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## Heavy-flavour production in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

### *p*<sub>T,ee</sub> **spectrum** in the intermediate-mass region

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### First measurement of $d\sigma_{c\bar{c}/b\bar{b}}/dy_{ly=0}$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

	PYTHIA 6 Perugia 2011 tune (LO with parton shower)	POWHEG (NLO) + PYTHIA 6 parton sho
$d\sigma_{c\overline{c}}/dy _{y=0}$	$974 \pm 138$ (stat.) $\pm 140$ (syst.) µb	$1417 \pm 184$ (stat.) $\pm 204$ (sys
$\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{b}\overline{\mathrm{b}}}/\mathrm{d}y _{y=0}$	$79 \pm 14$ (stat.) $\pm 11$ (syst.) $\mu b$	$48 \pm 14$ (stat.) $\pm 7$ (sys

 $\Rightarrow$  Fit 2D  $p_{T,ee}$  and  $m_{ee}$  spectra to extract  $d\sigma_{cc/bb}/dy_{ly=0}$  $\Rightarrow$  Similar **model dependence** observed as at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV  $\Rightarrow$  Further studies of charm production mechanisms

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## Nuclear modification factor in Xe-Xe: rapidity dependence

![](_page_69_Figure_2.jpeg)

ALI-PREL-148699

– Also in this collision system a similar suppression is observed with the **muons** from heavy-flavour hadron decay at forward rapidity – Hint of a smaller suppression in 0-10% with respect to 20-40% centrality

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- New  $R_{AA}$  measured down to  $p_T = 0.2$  GeV/c thanks to the low B field used in ALICE during the Xe-Xe data taking!

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## Studies of heavy-flavour production as a function of multiplicity

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– Heavy-flavour production in pp collisions provides insight into their production mechanisms and into the interplay between hard and soft processes in particle production

> – The self-normalized yield shows a faster than linear increase trend and are comparable with  $J/\psi$  measurements and PYTHIA8.2 predictions

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# **Production in p-Pb collisions**

![](_page_71_Figure_1.jpeg)

- For both inclusive HF and beauty decay electron an  $R_pPb = 1$  has been measured within the uncertainties No indication of significant cold nuclear matter effects on charm and beauty production - Large uncertainties do not allow to discriminate among models implementing different CNM effects

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### Heavy-flavour hadron decay electron nuclear modification factor



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**New R\_{AA}** measurements in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV down to  $p_T = 0.5$  GeV/c  $\Rightarrow$  low- $p_T$  measurements crucial in all systems to test binary scaling of total charm cross section and possible effect of initial-state effects like nuclear PDF (**shadowing**)  $\Rightarrow$  systematic uncertainty largely reduced thanks to the new pp reference at 2.76 TeV

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## Leptons from heavy-flavour hadron decays

**HF-decay muons** 2.5 < y < 4 PLB 753, (2016) 41



- Similar  $v_2$  of heavy-flavour decay electrons at mid-rapidity and muons at forward rapidity classes. - Positive  $v_2$  observed  $\rightarrow$  5.9 $\sigma$  effect for 2 <  $p_T$  < 2.5 GeV/c in 20-40% centrality class for the heavy-flavour decay electrons. - Hint for an increase of  $v_2$  from central to semi-central collisions as observed for D mesons - Suggests collective motion of low- $p_{T}$  charm quarks in the expanding fireball







# Nuclear modification factor in Xe-Xe collisions at 5.44 TeV



Similar  $R_{AA}$  is observed in Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb when compared at similar  $< dN/d\eta >$ 

 Scenario consistent with the quadratic path length dependence of mediuminduced radiative energy loss  $\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \varepsilon \cdot L^2$ 

– Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe systems give excellent control over the path length  $\rightarrow$  stringent constraints to all model calculations.

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# Where we are

#### pp collisions

→ Production cross section described by pQCD calculations

#### **Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe collisions**

- $\Rightarrow$  Substantial modification of D and B meson  $p_{T}$  spectra ✓ Potential to constrain energy loss mechanisms and medium transport coefficients  $\Rightarrow$  Indication for  $R_{AA}^{beauty} > R_{AA}^{charm}$  Consistent with the predicted quark-mass dependent energy loss
- Suggests that charm quarks take part in the collective expansion of the medium ⇒ Very promising sensitivity to the effect of the early time magnetic field in heavy-ion collisions

#### **p-Pb collisions**

- $\Rightarrow$  Original motivation: a control experiment  $\checkmark$  Confirm that D and B meson suppression in Pb-Pb at high  $p_{T}$  is a final-state effect ✓ Small cold nuclear matter effects at mid-rapidity
  - observed in Pb-Pb collisions





✓ HF are a calibrated probe of the medium created in heavy-ion collisions











# and what next

#### **Pb-Pb: larger samples at higher energy**

- $\Rightarrow$  Improved precision + extended  $p_T$  coverage Quantitatively constrain energy loss models ✓ Total charm cross-section measurement Study whether beauty quarks thermalize in the medium ✓ Study of the magnetic field created in heavy-ion collisions

#### **p-Pb and pp collisions**

- Crucial role in the interpretation of Pb-Pb results
- → Production vs. multiplicity
- $\Rightarrow$  Additional studies on collectivity in high multiplicity pp and p-Pb collisions

### Major step towards high-precision measurements in the HF sector with the detector upgrades after Run2





