Heavy-flavour measurements with the ALICE experiment at the LHC

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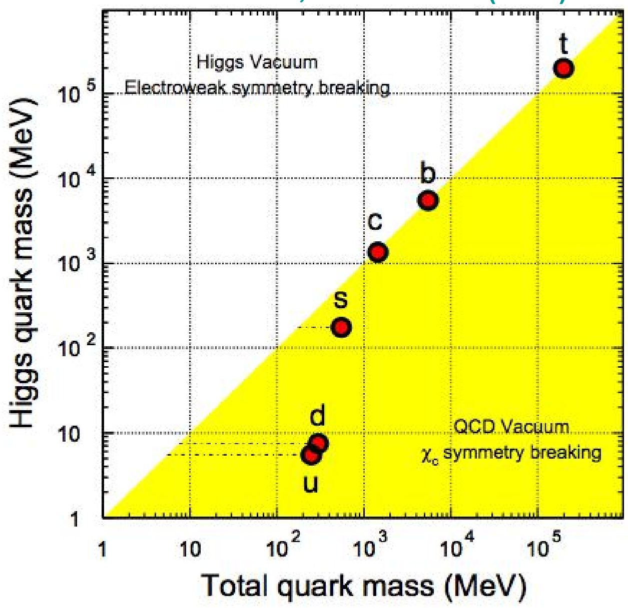

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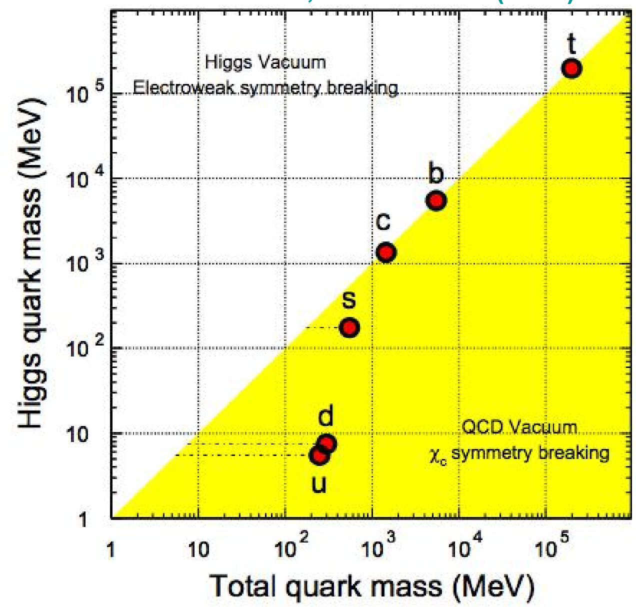

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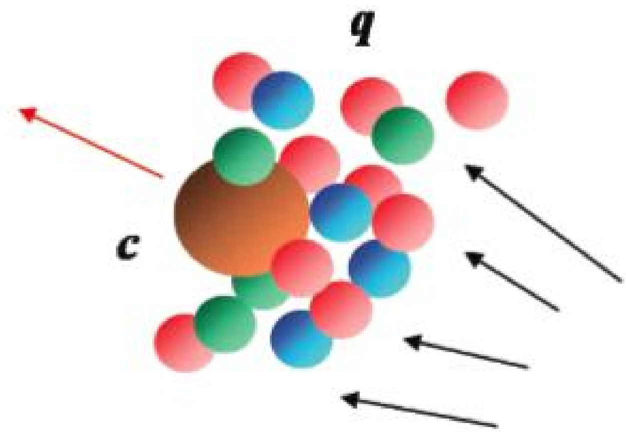

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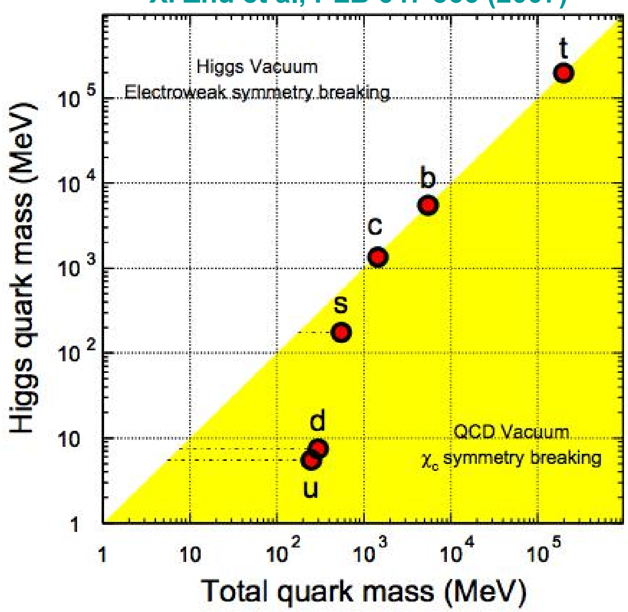

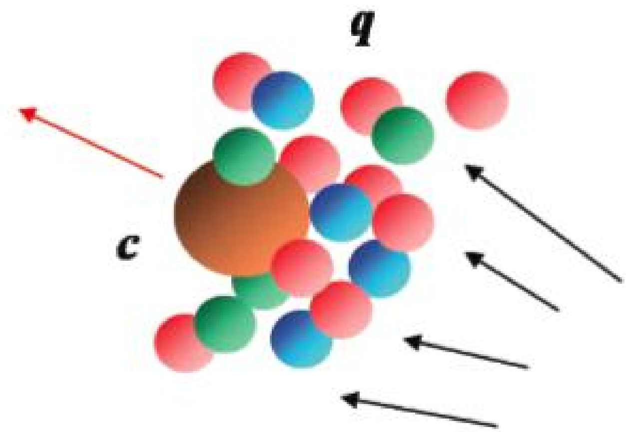

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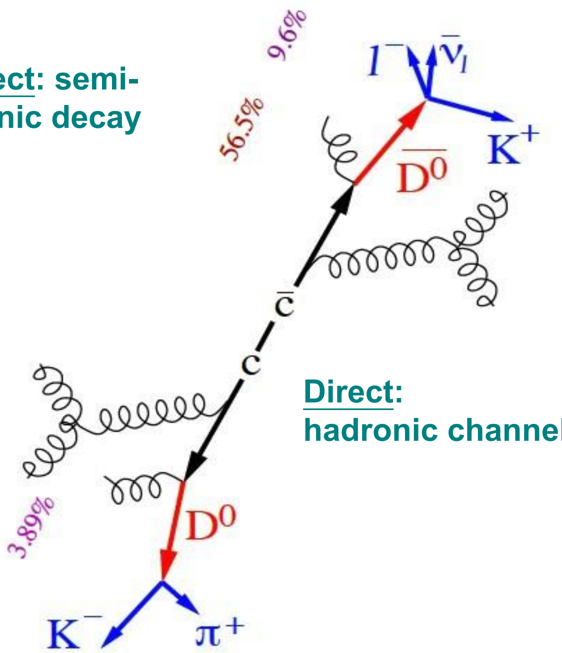

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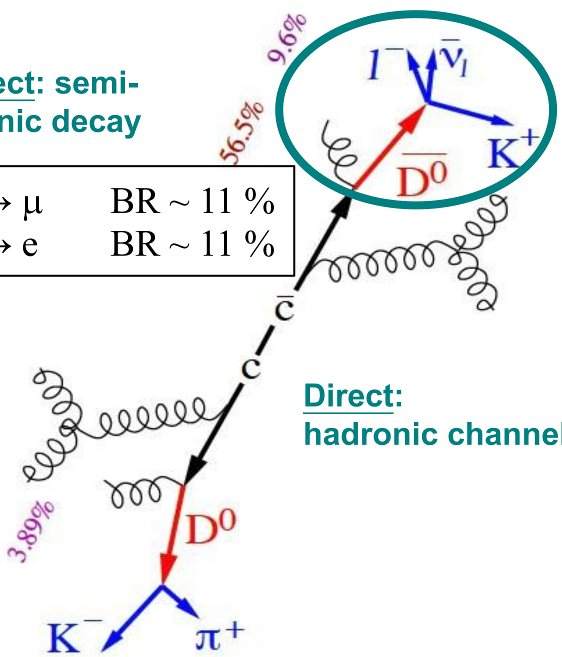

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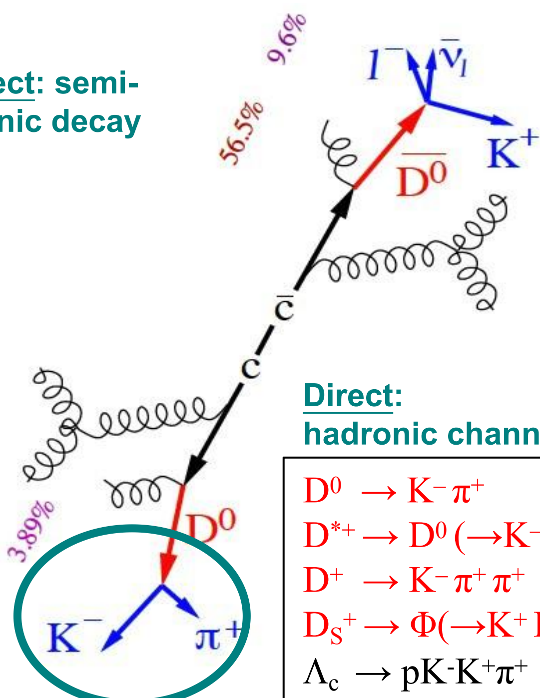

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$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	BR ~ 3.9%
$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+)\pi^+$	BR ~ 2.6%
$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	BR ~ 9.5%
$D_S^+ \rightarrow \Phi(\rightarrow K^+ K^-)\pi^+$	BR ~ 2.3%
$\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK^- K^+ \pi^+$	BR ~ 6.2%
$\rightarrow pK_s^0$	BR ~ 1.6%

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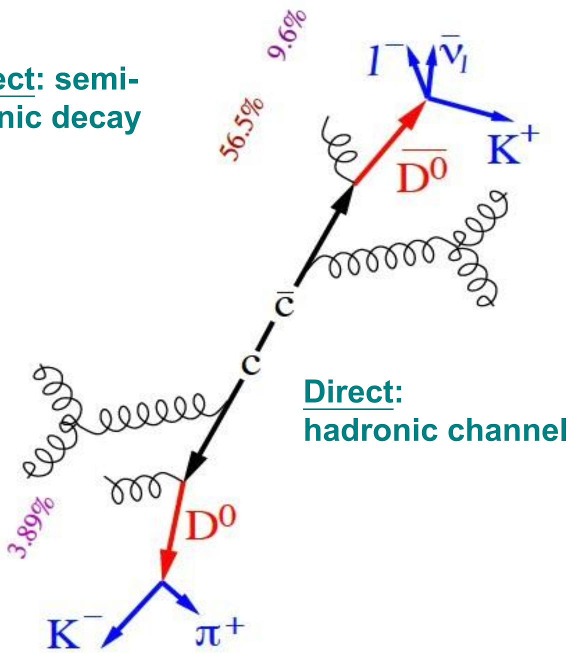

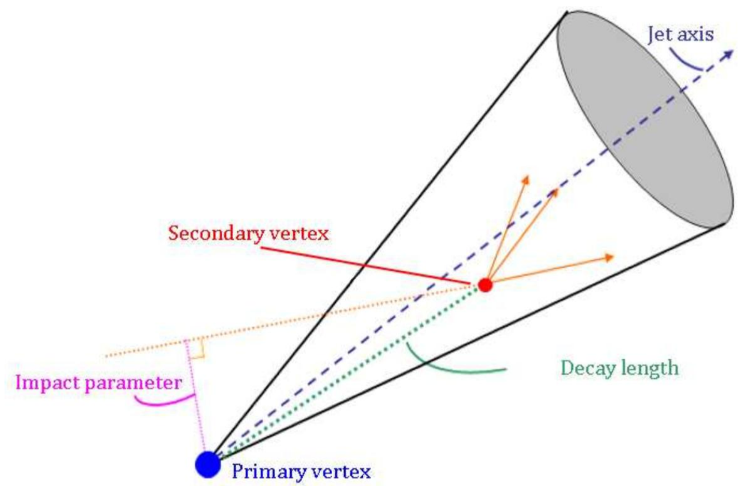

Lifetime of heavy quarks	$c\tau(D) \sim 100\text{-}300\ \mu m$
	$c\tau(B) \sim 400\text{-}500\ \mu m$
Secondary vertex resolution $<100\ \mu m$	

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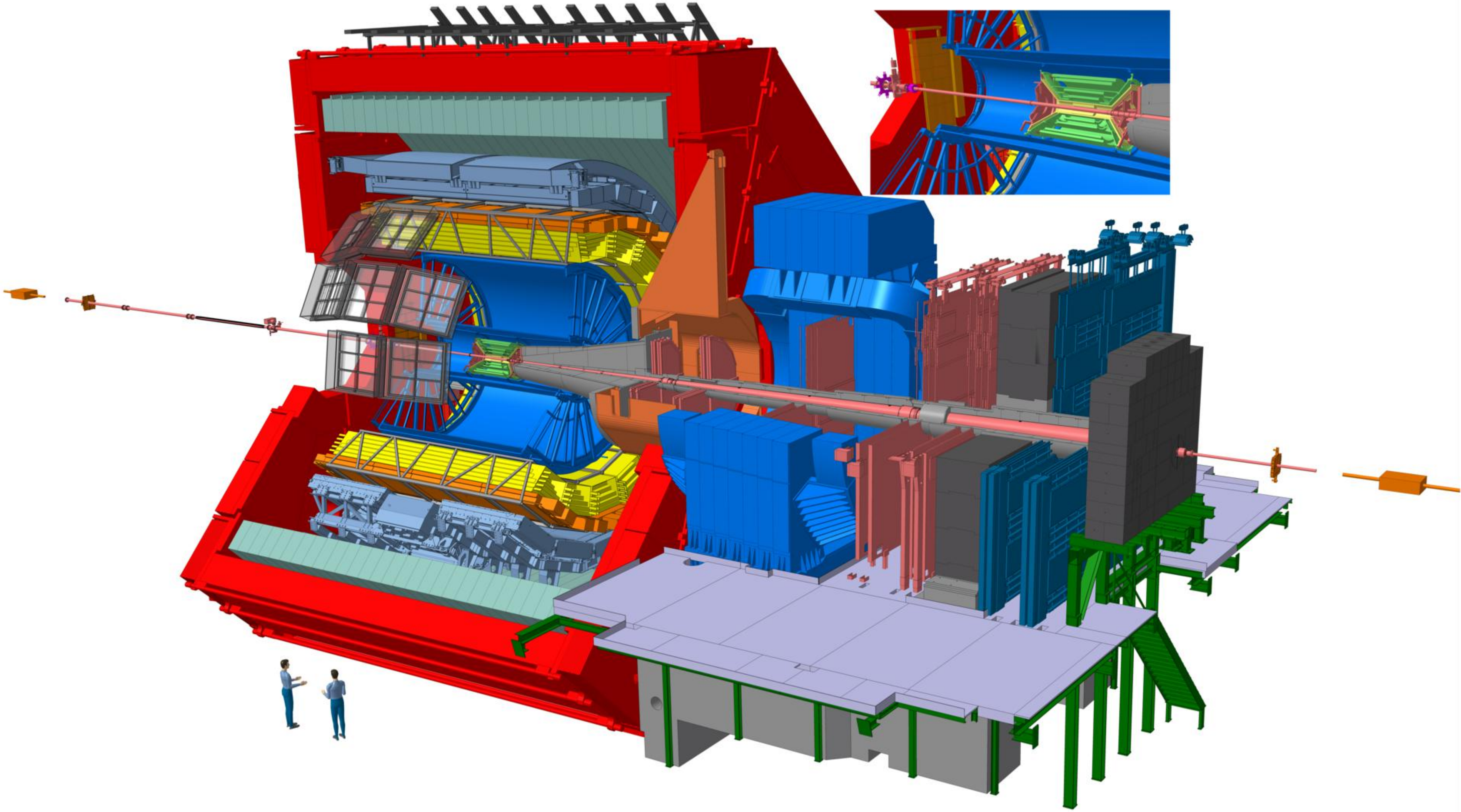

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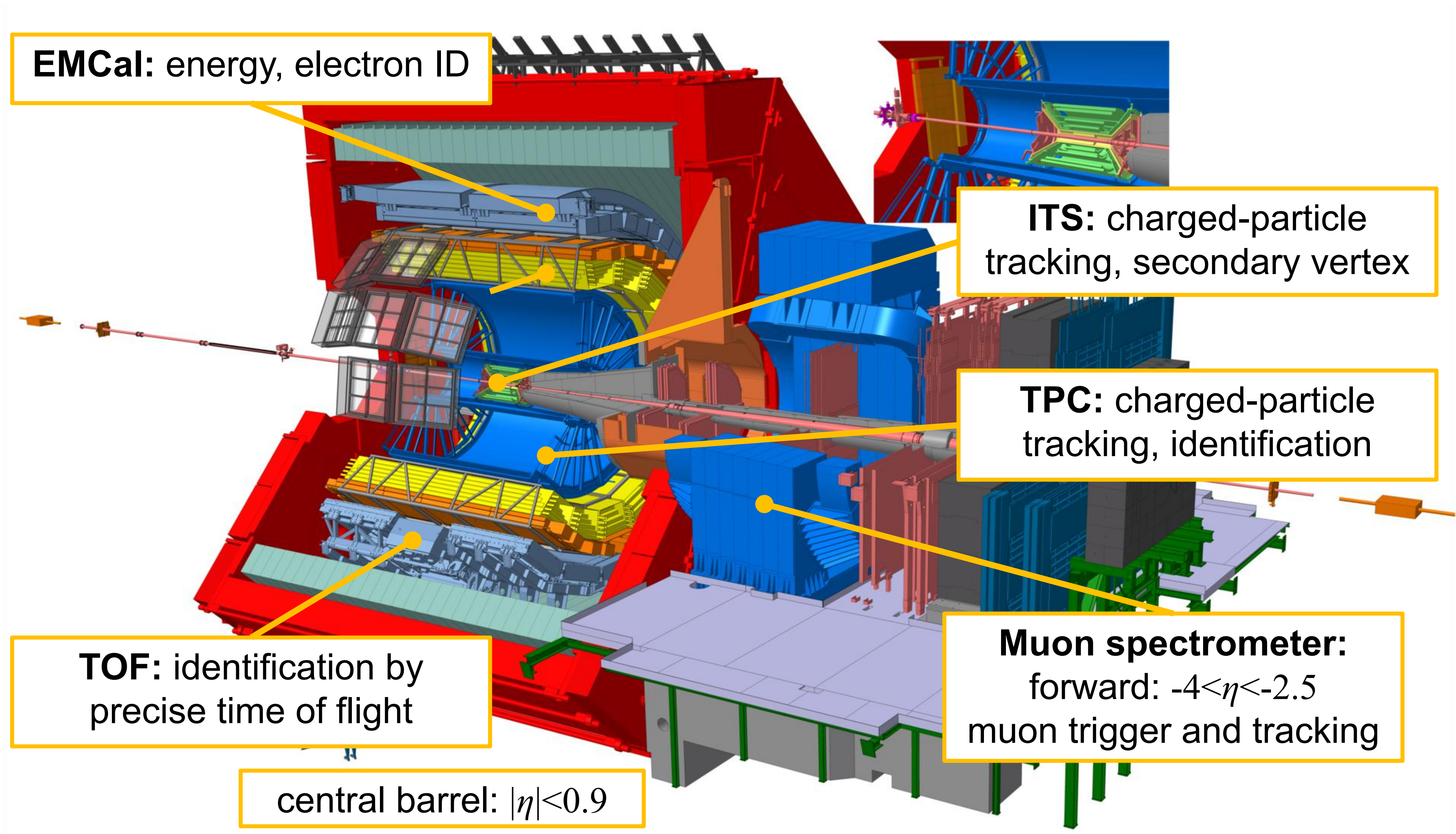

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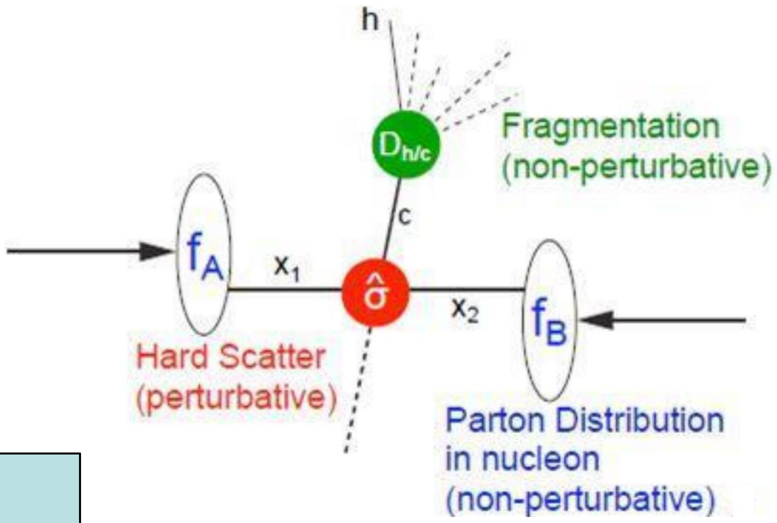

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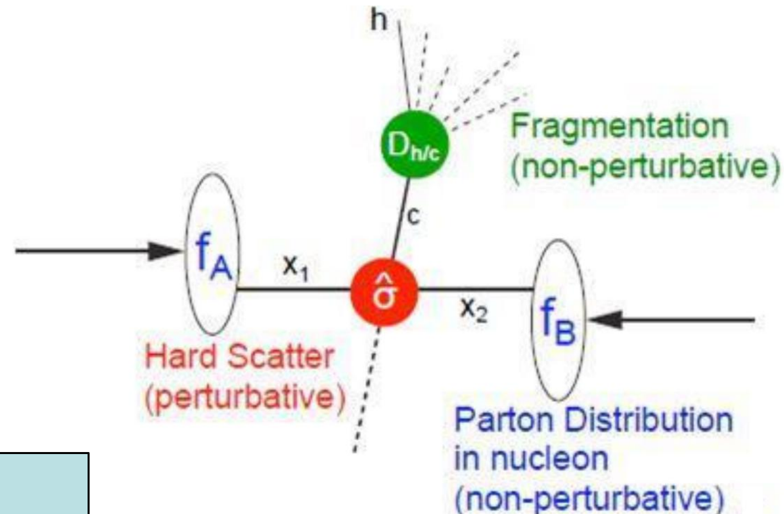

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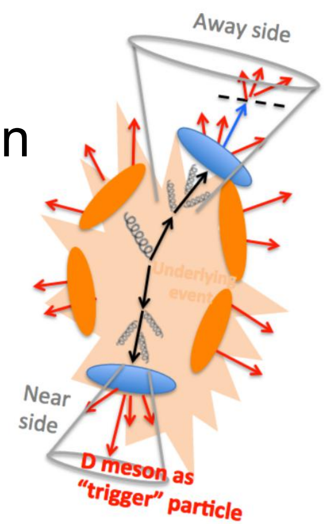

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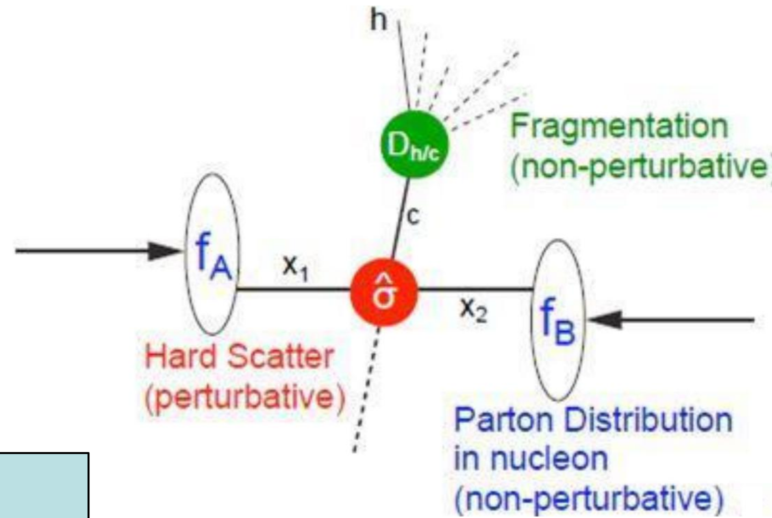

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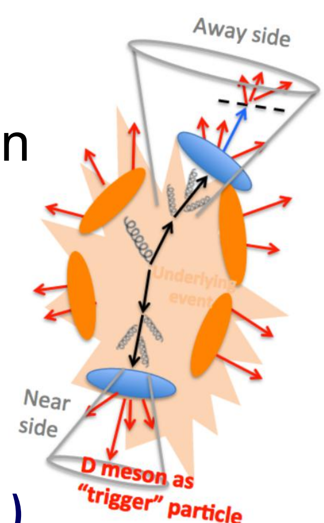

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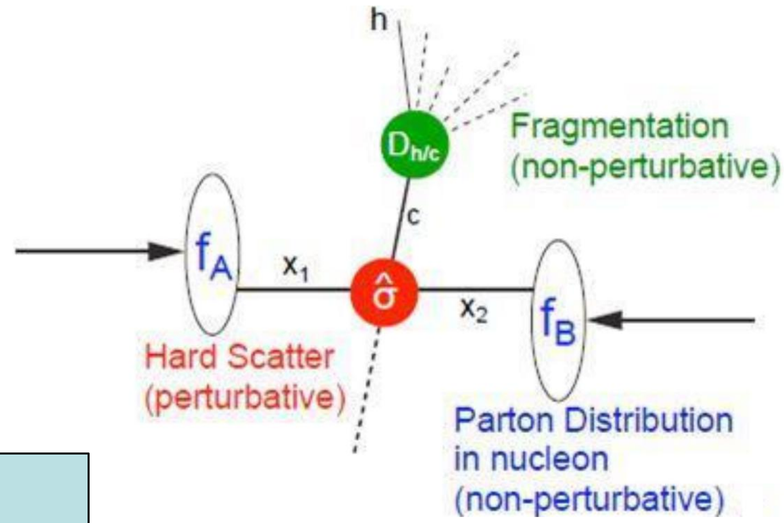

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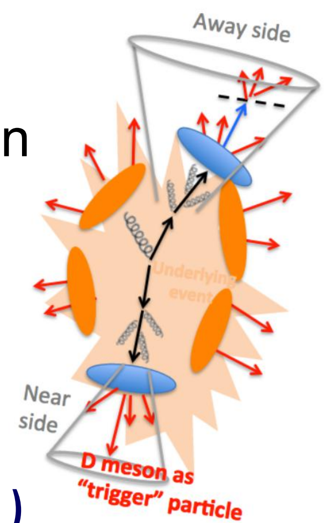

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D (charmed) mesons in QCD vacuum

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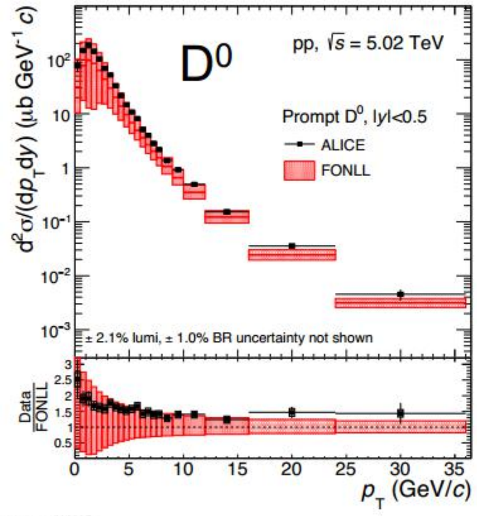
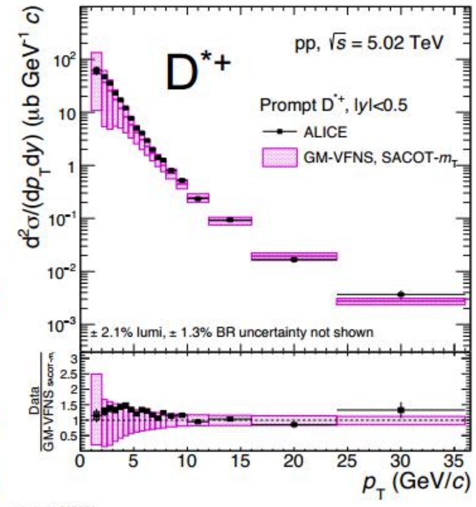


FONLL: JHEP 10 (2012) 137



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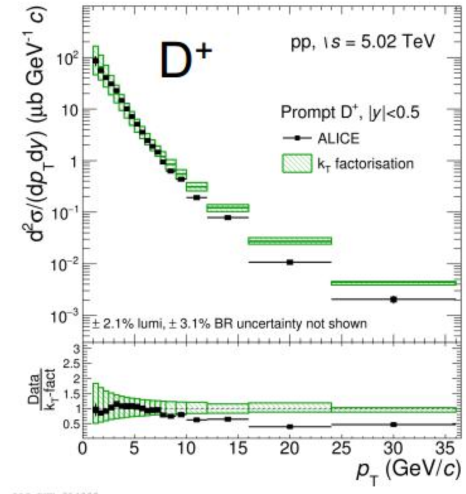
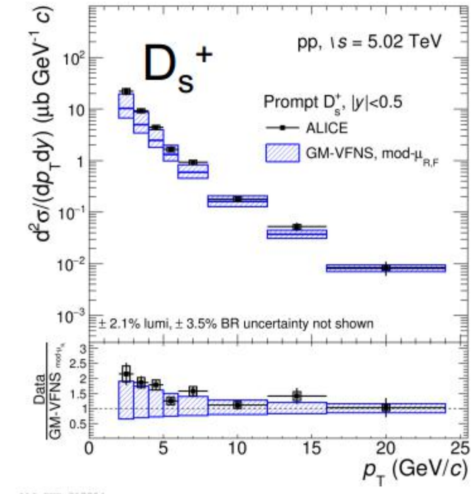


kT-factorization: PRD 98, no. 1 (2018)



GM-VFNS mod μR,F: JHEP 12 (2017); NPB925 (2017)

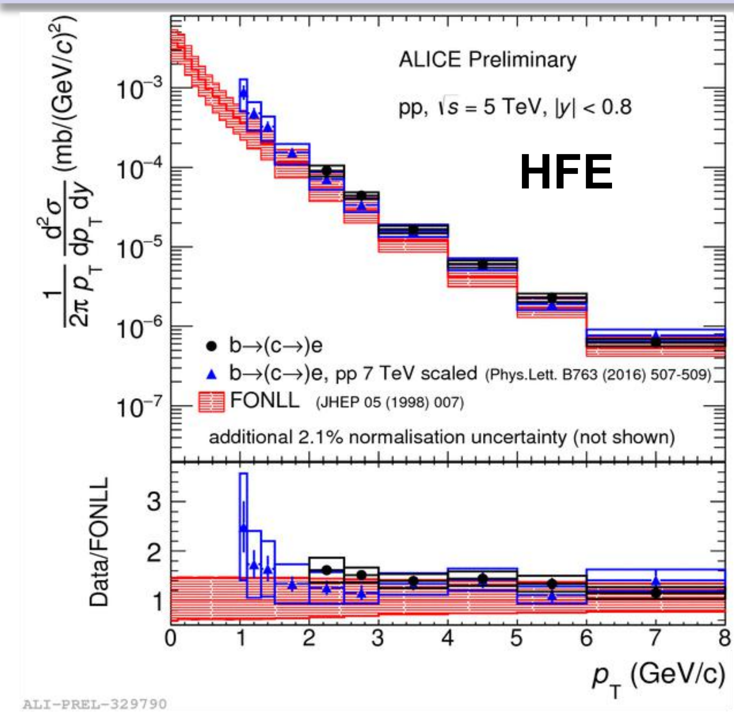
$\sqrt{s}$=5.02 TeV pp: new, high-precision D^0, D^{*+}, D^+, D_s^+ measurements

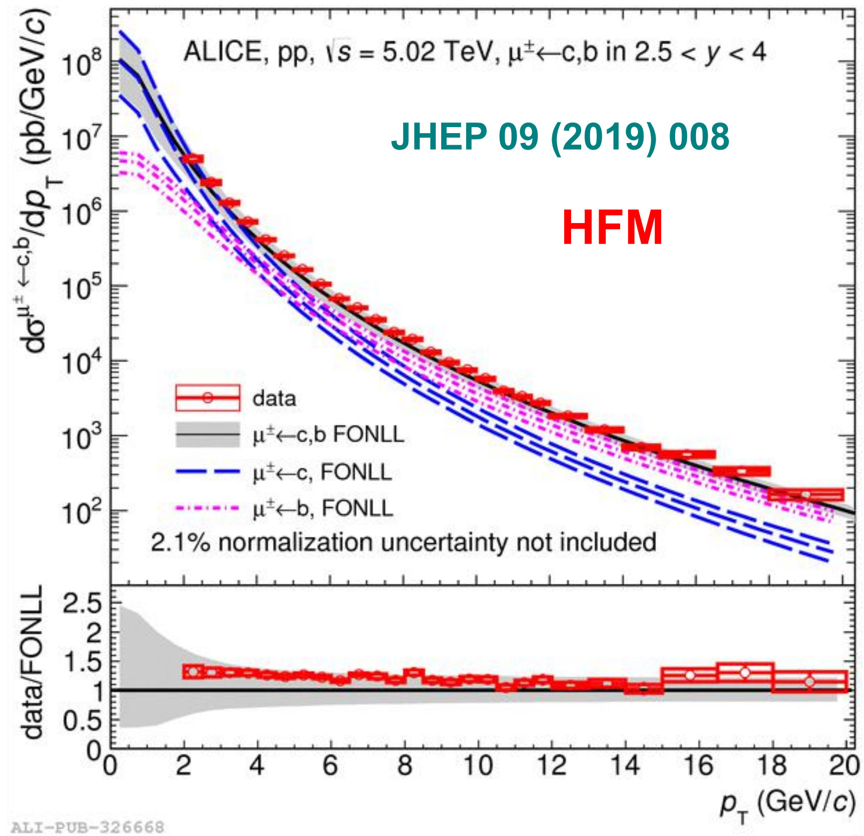
- D^0 down to low momenta (p_T>0): no topological cuts, only PID
- **New reference for heavy-ion systems** (p–Pb and Pb–Pb)

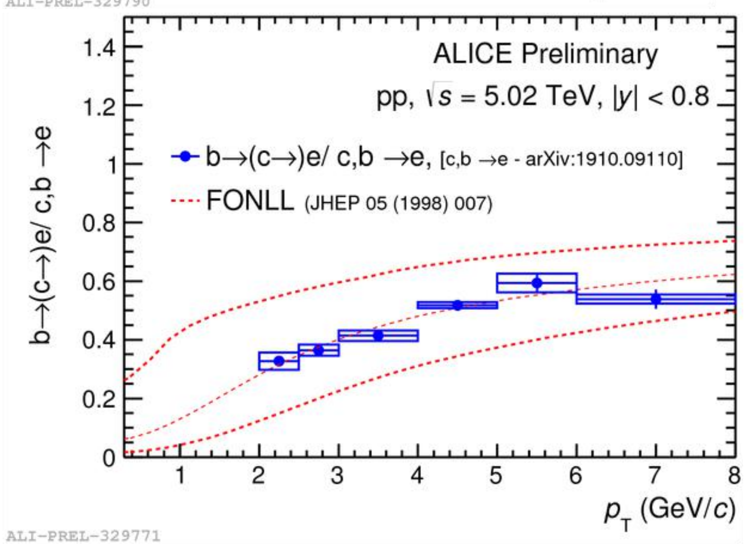
A detailed test of pQCD models

- Data well described by models based on factorization
- Data provide strong constraints for models

HF decay electrons and muons







- FONLL pQCD describes **beauty electrons** and **beauty/charm** ratio
- Agreement for **electrons** at mid-rapidity and **muons** at $2.5<y<4$

D-tagged and b-tagged jets

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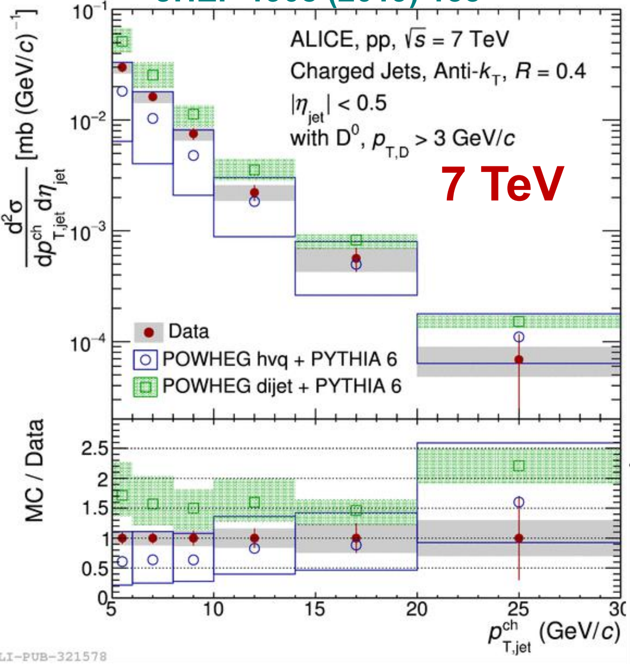

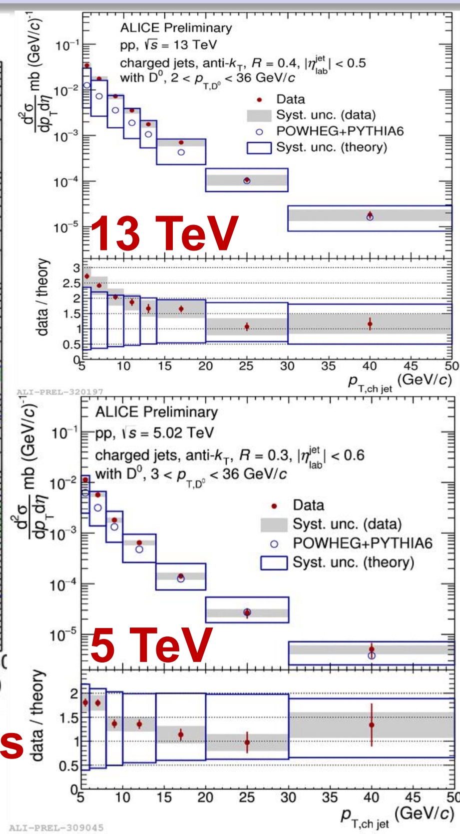

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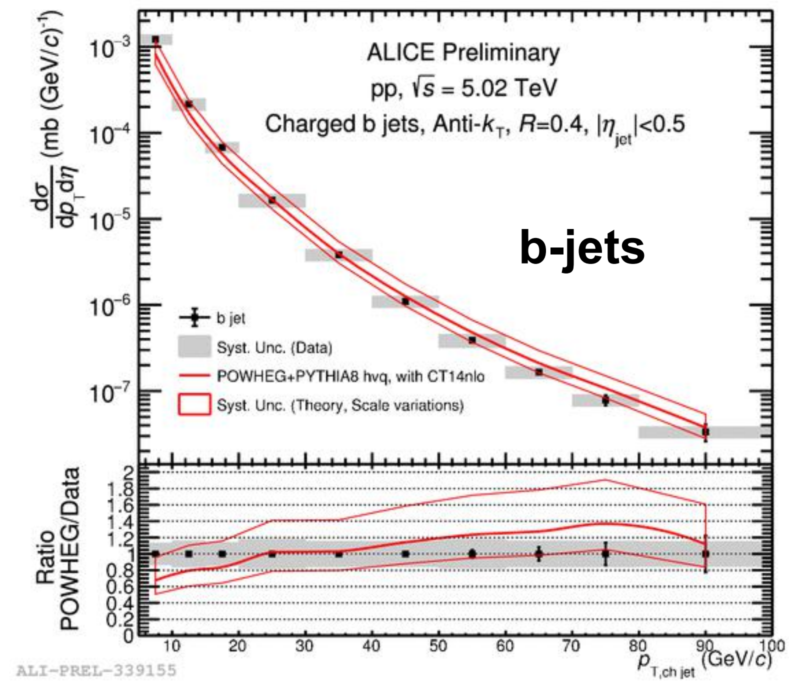
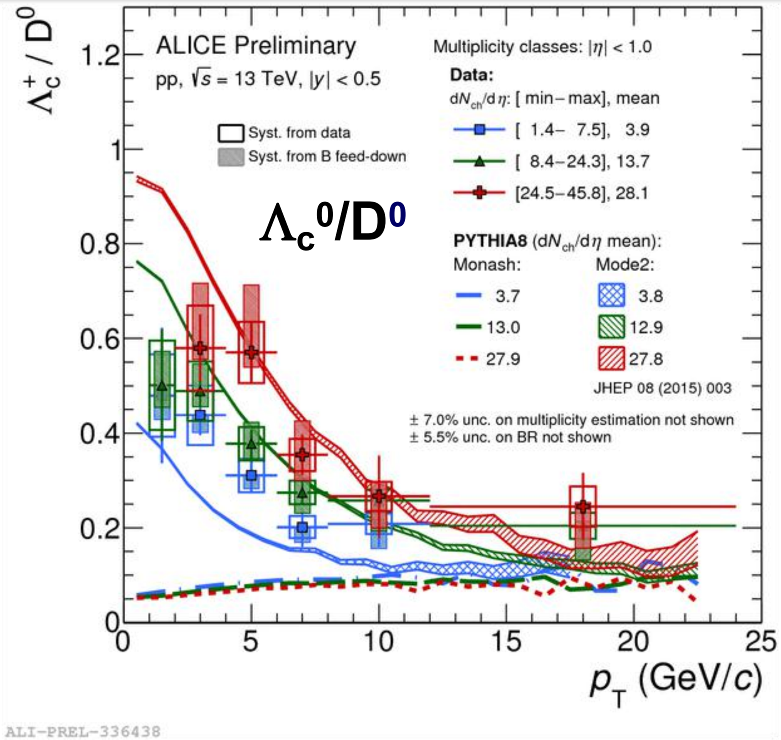
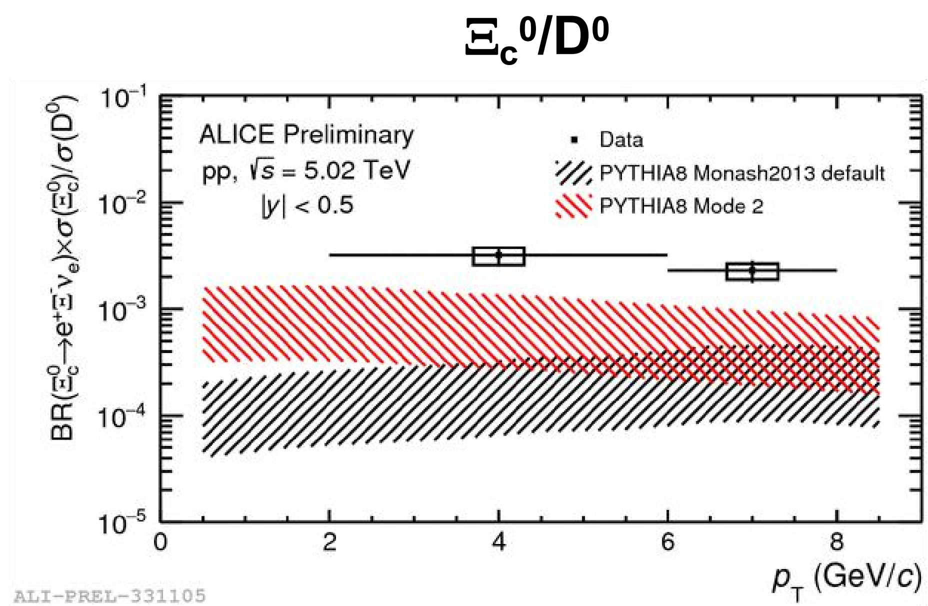


- **D-jets** are jets tagged with the reconstruction of D^0 mesons at 5, 7 and 13 TeV
- **b-jets** tagged based on impact parameter
- POWHEG(HVQ)+PYTHIA6(Perugia11) describes both adequately
- Strongly restricts models
  => unique opportunity to study flavor-dependent jet properties
  Reference for nuclear modification

Baryon-to-meson ratio: Λ_c^+/D^0, Ξ_c^0/D^0

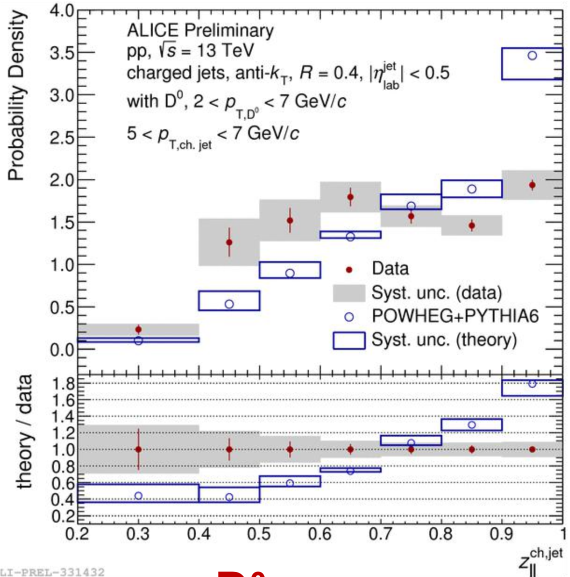




PYTHIA8: JHEP 05 (2006) 026
DIPSY: JHEP 1503 (2015) 148
HERWIG7: EPJ C76 (2016) no.4 196

- Ξ_c^0/D^0 as well as Λ_c^+/D^0 are underestimated by models based on ee collisions: Does charm hadronization depend on collision system?
  - PYTHIA8 with string formation beyond leading colour approximation?
    Christiansen, Skands, JHEP 1508 (2015) 003
  - Feed-down from augmented set of charm-baryon states?
    He, Rapp, 1902.08889
- Detailed measurement of charm baryons provide valuable input for theoretical understanding of HF fragmentation

Charm fragmentation



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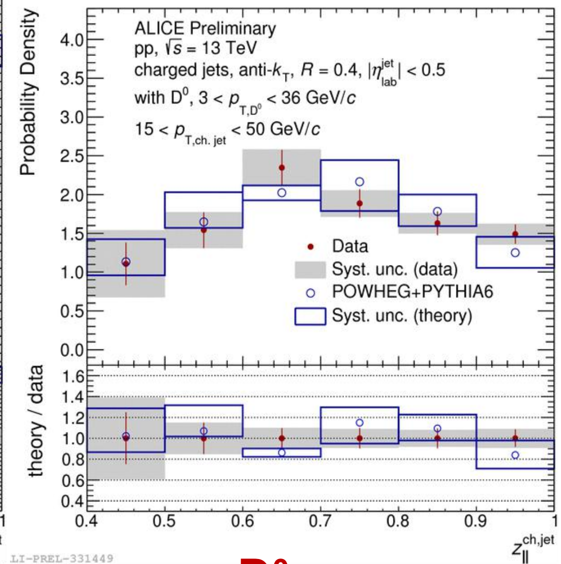

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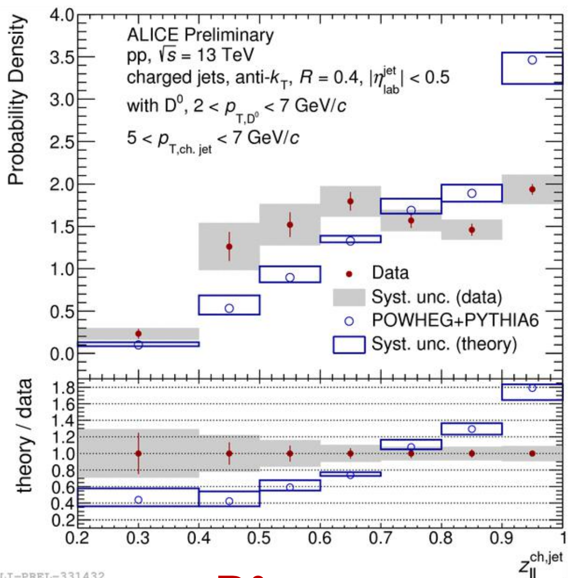

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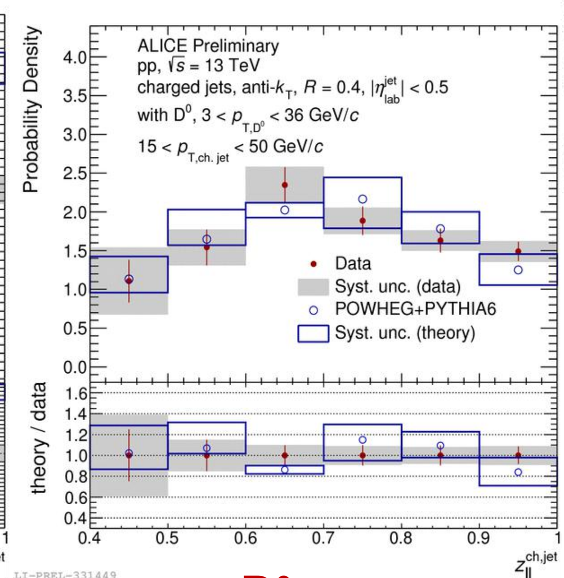

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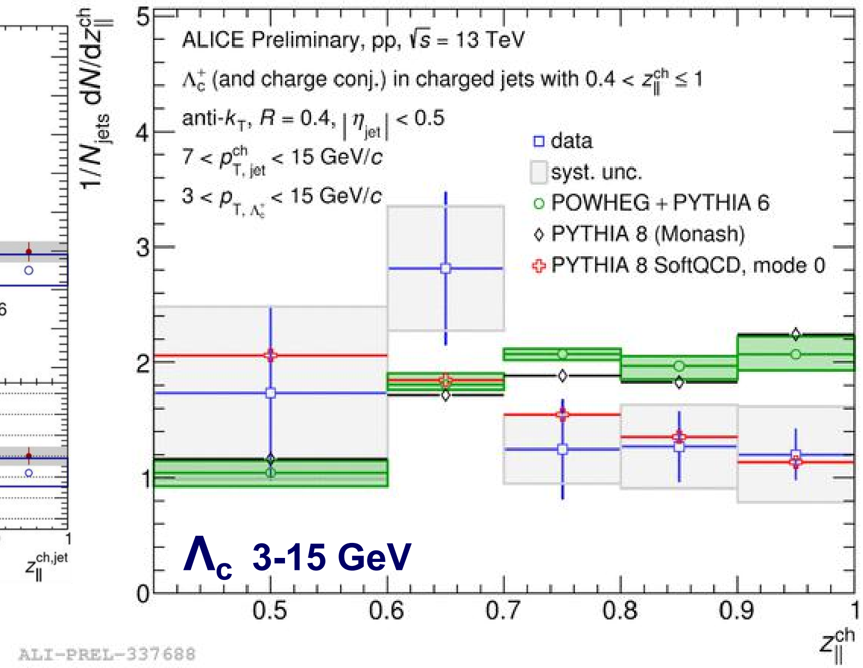

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  - Exciting prospects for high luminosity LHC run
  - Comparison to models seems to favor PYTHIA with softer settings

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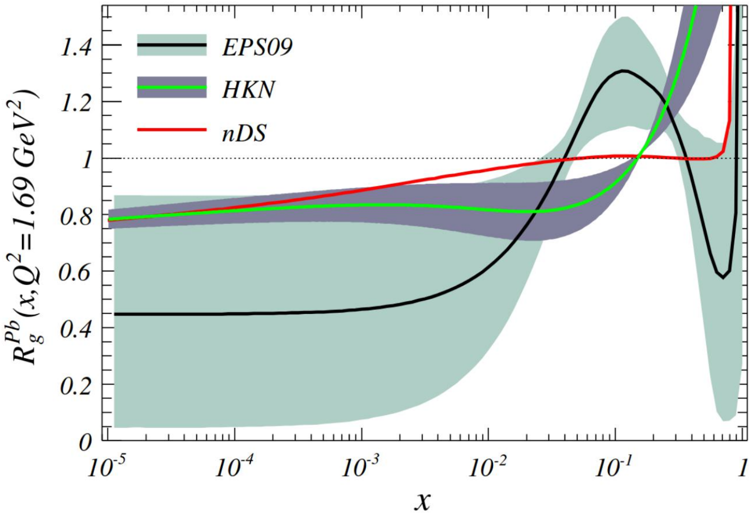

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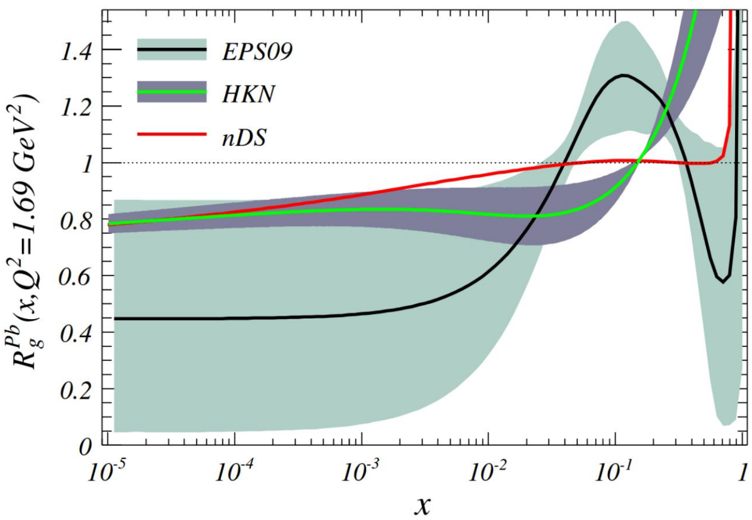
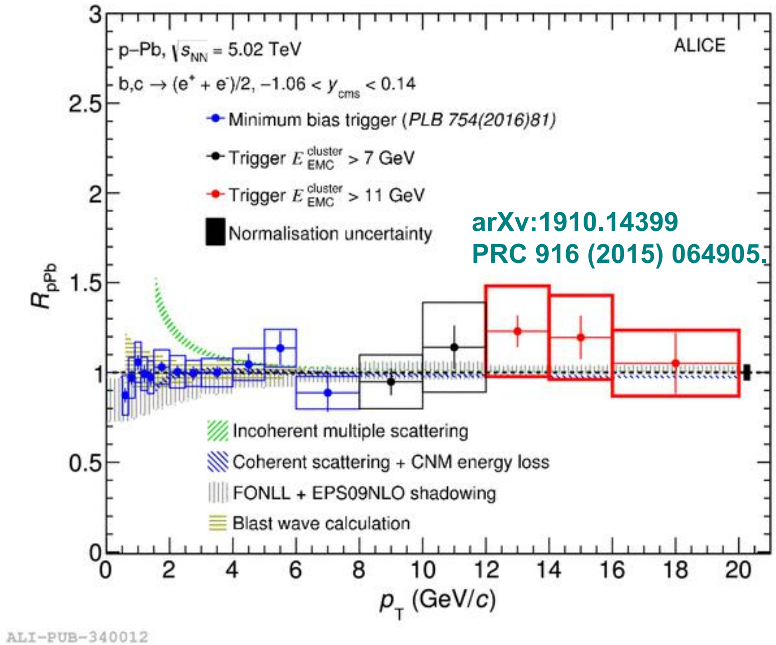


- Multiplicity-dependence?
  - *Any hot droplets?*
- Origin of collectivity in small systems?
  - Disentangle initial and final state effects

HFE in p-Pb collisions



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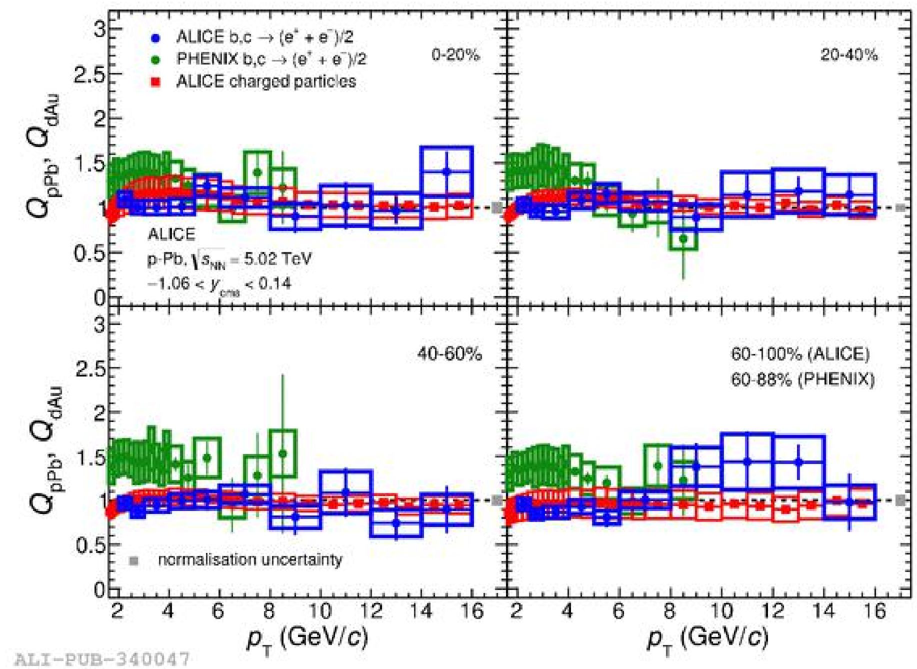
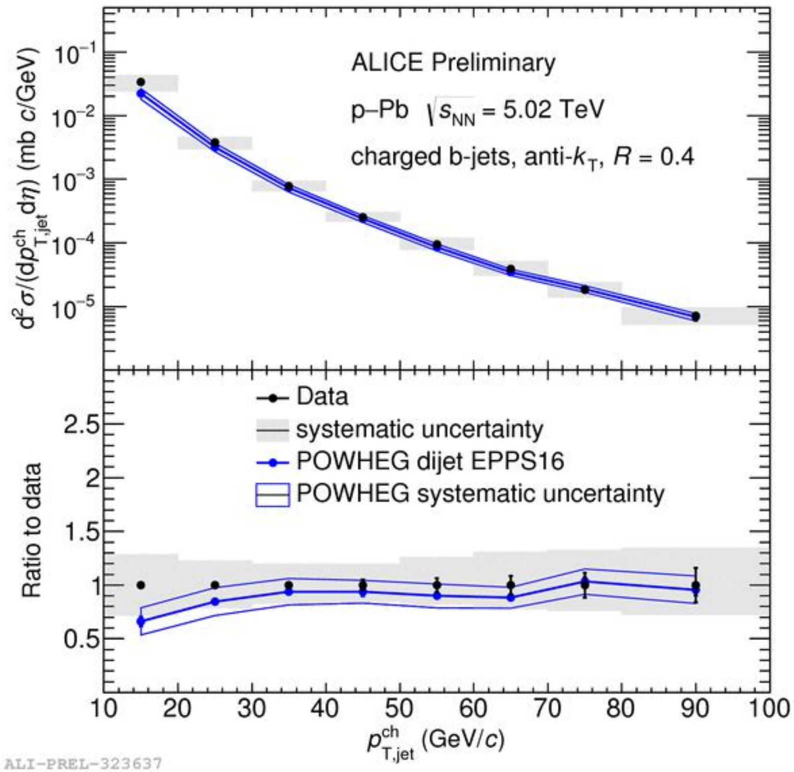
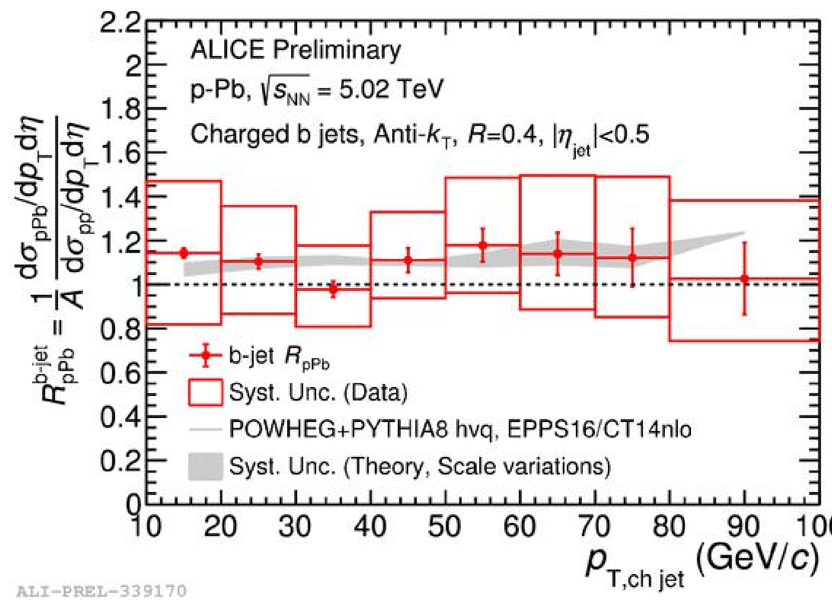


PHENIX: PRL109 24 (2012) 242301
Kang et al:PLB 740(2015)23
Sharma et al: PRC 80(2009) 054902
FONLL: JHEP 9805(1998)007

- **HFE production in p-Pb collisions:**
  No modification w.r.t. pp collisions within uncertainties
- **Q_{pPb} consistent with unity at all centralities**
  - More radial flow in PHENIX d–Au than at the LHC ?

b-tagged jets





- **b-tagged jet cross section and R_{pPb}** measured for $10 < p_T < 100$ GeV/c
  - Tagging based on reconstructed secondary vertex
- Data is well described by POWHEG simulatons within uncertainties
- **R_{pPb} consistent with unity** within uncertainties in the measured p_T range

Asymuthal anisotropy in p-Pb

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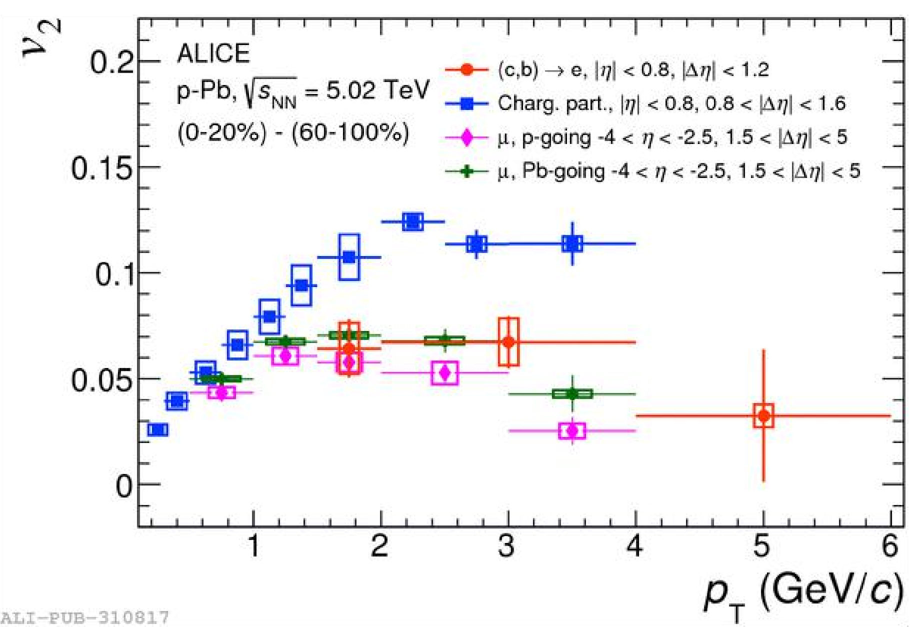

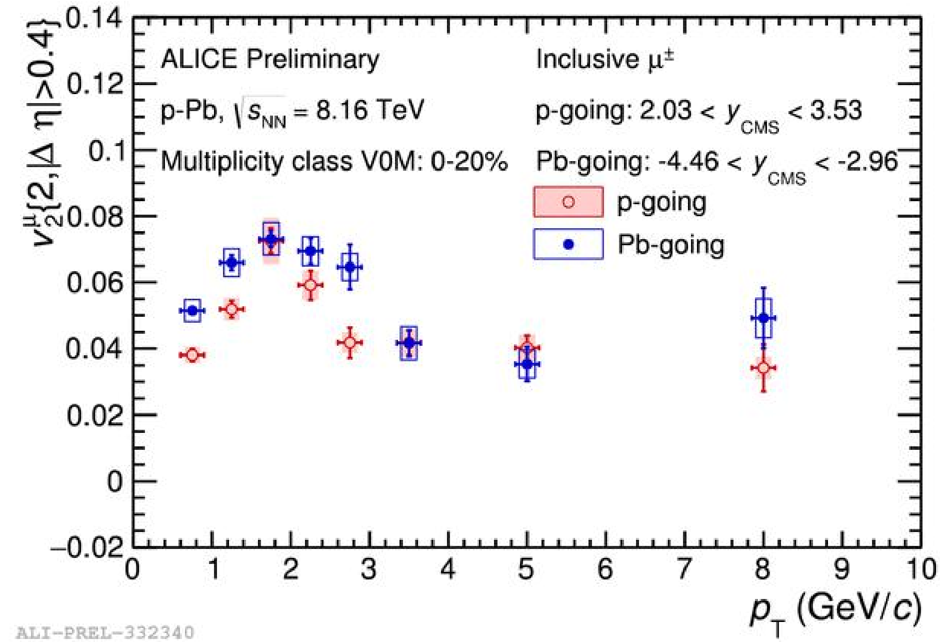

- **Collectivity of HFE and HFM in small systems**
  c,b→e at mid-rapidity, c,b→μ forward/backward
  - Values of e and μ v_2 comparable with each other within uncertainties
  - Low-p_T: comparable to charged hadrons
  - Mid-p_T: about half the charged hadron v_2
  - Tendency of smaller p-going than Pb-going v_2

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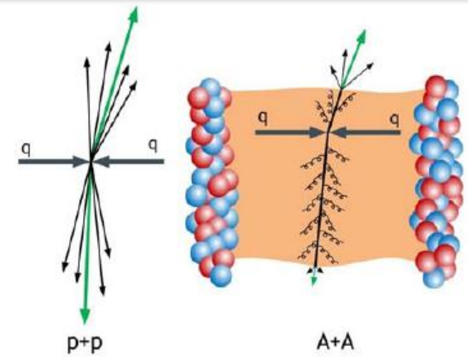

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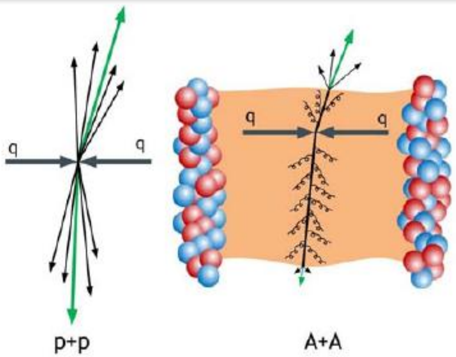

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- ***Collectivity:*** **strongly coupled medium => substantial v_n**

$$E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy}\left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos\left(n(\varphi - \Psi_R)\right)\right)$$

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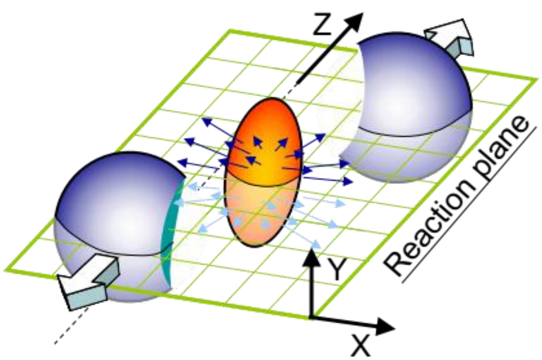
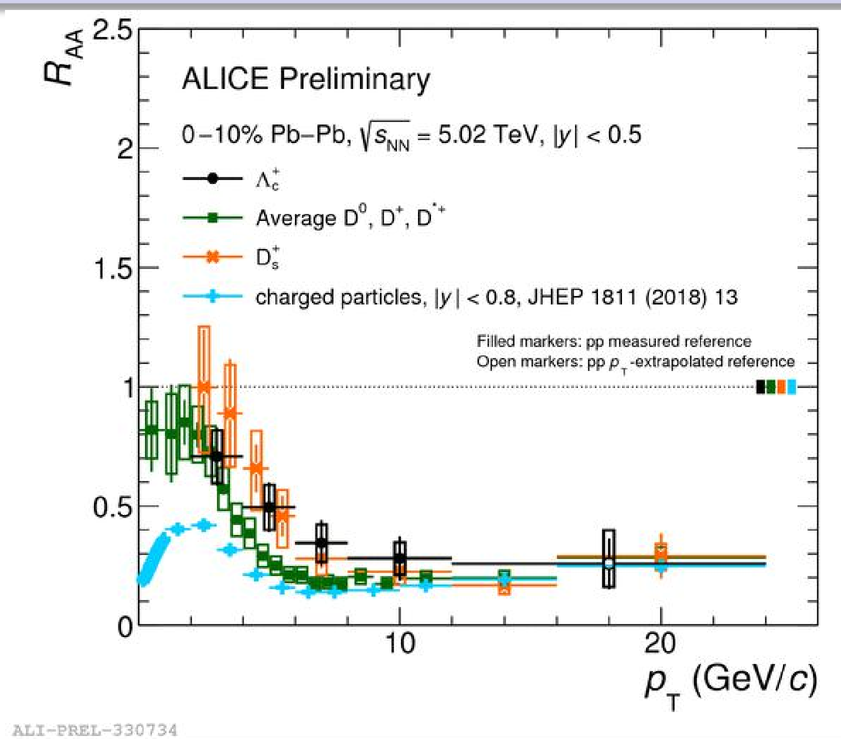
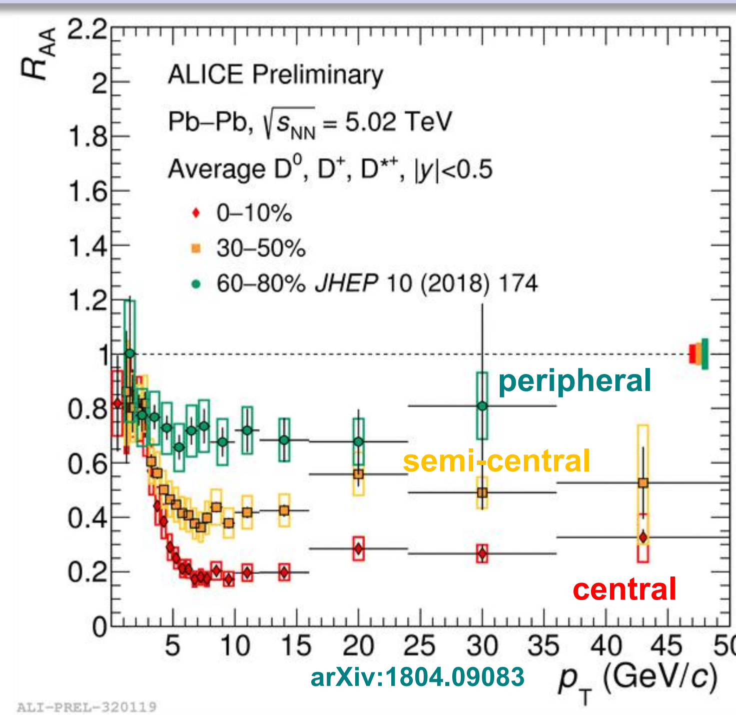


  - Does heavy flavour flow?
  - In what stage does it pick up flow?
    - Does it thermalize with the medium?
    - Do heavy quarks coalesce with flowing light quarks?

Pb-Pb: Suppression of charm





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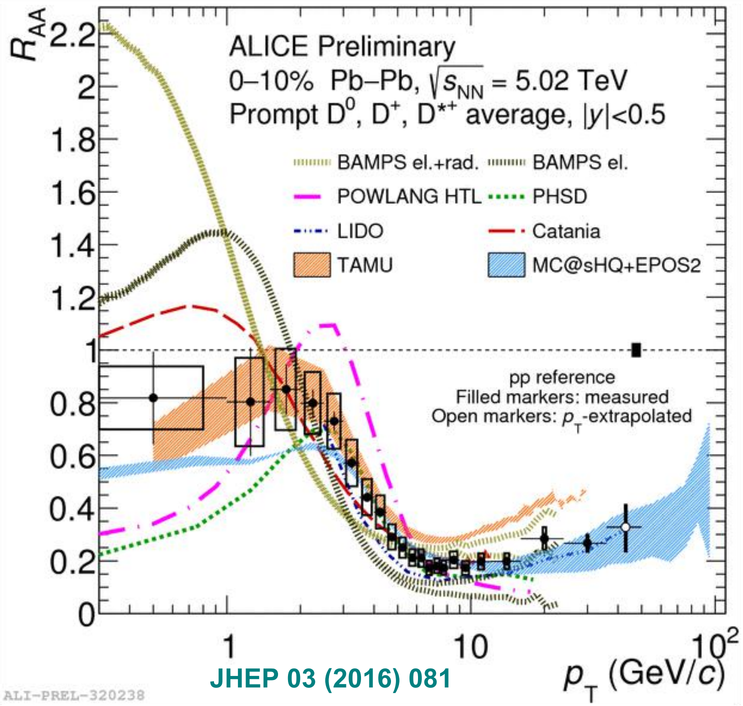

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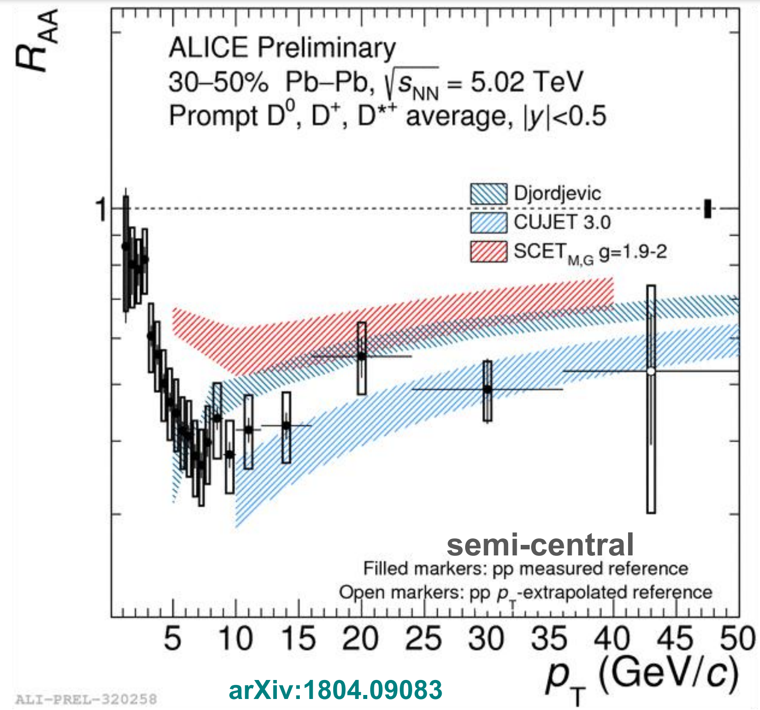

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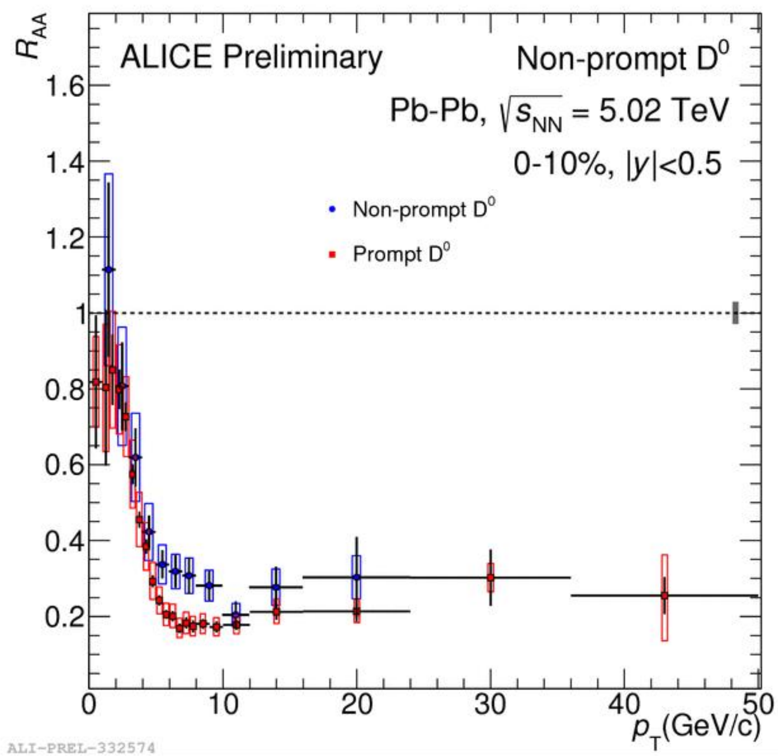

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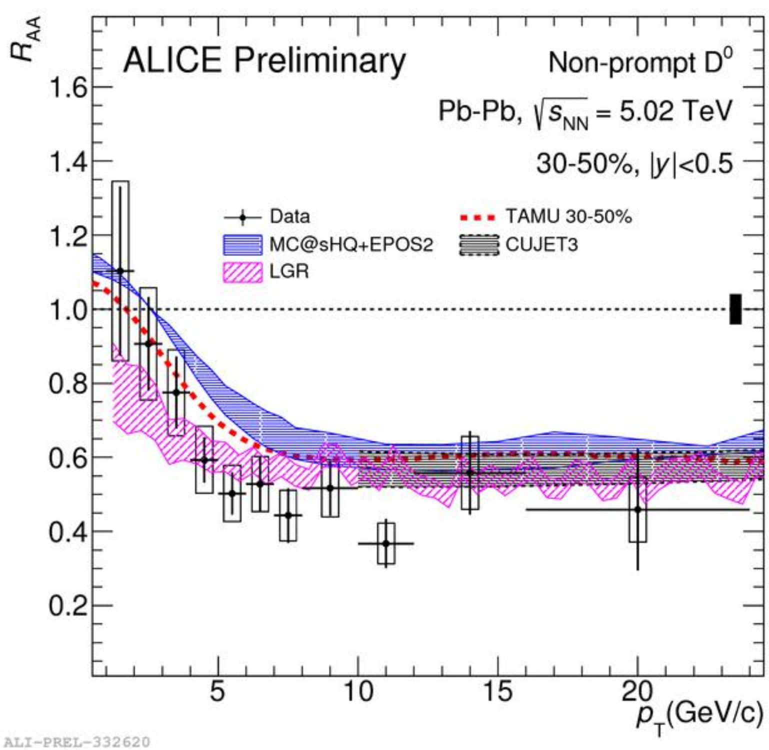

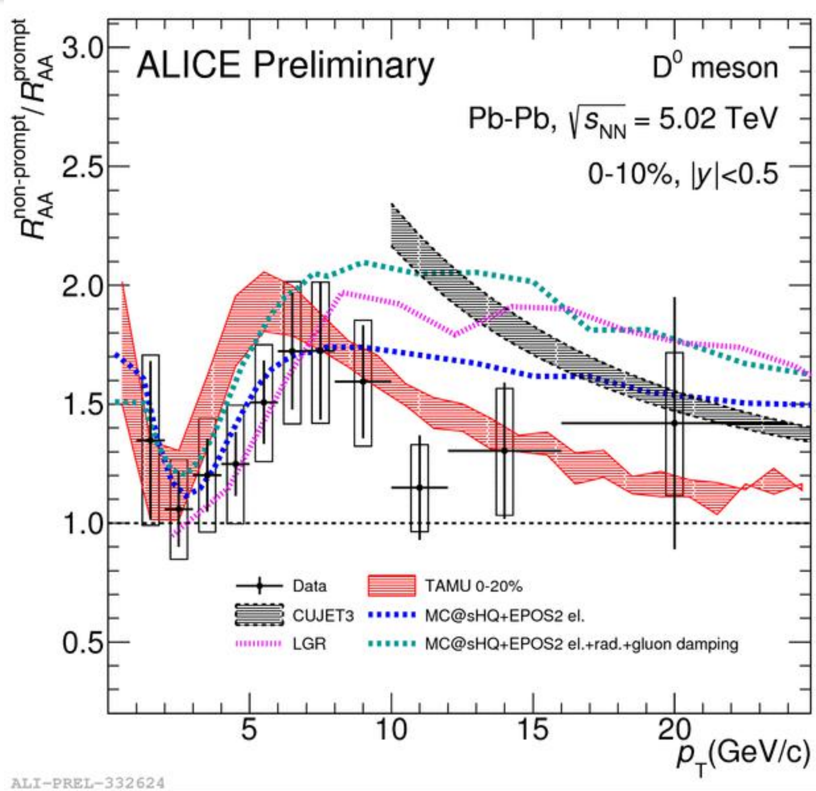

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  - Ratio helps cancel some of the model and data uncertainties

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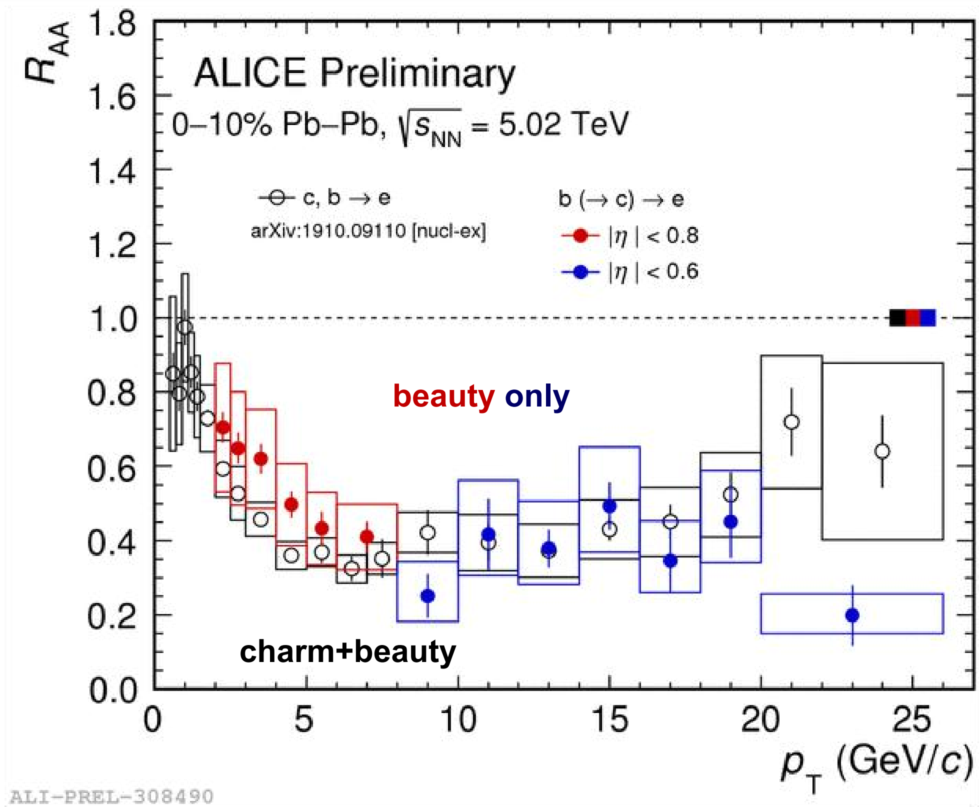

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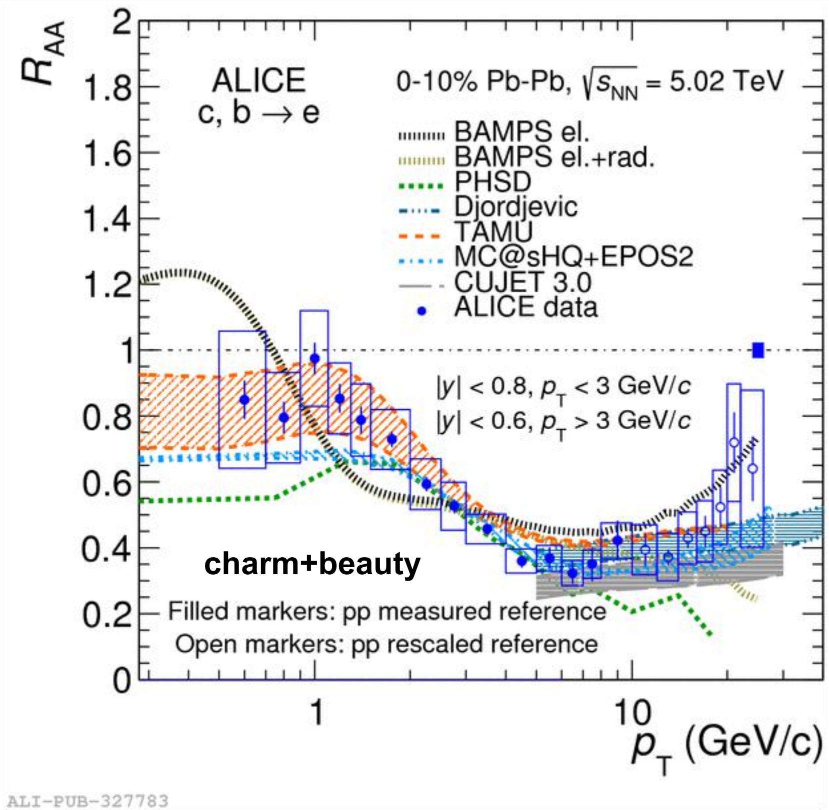

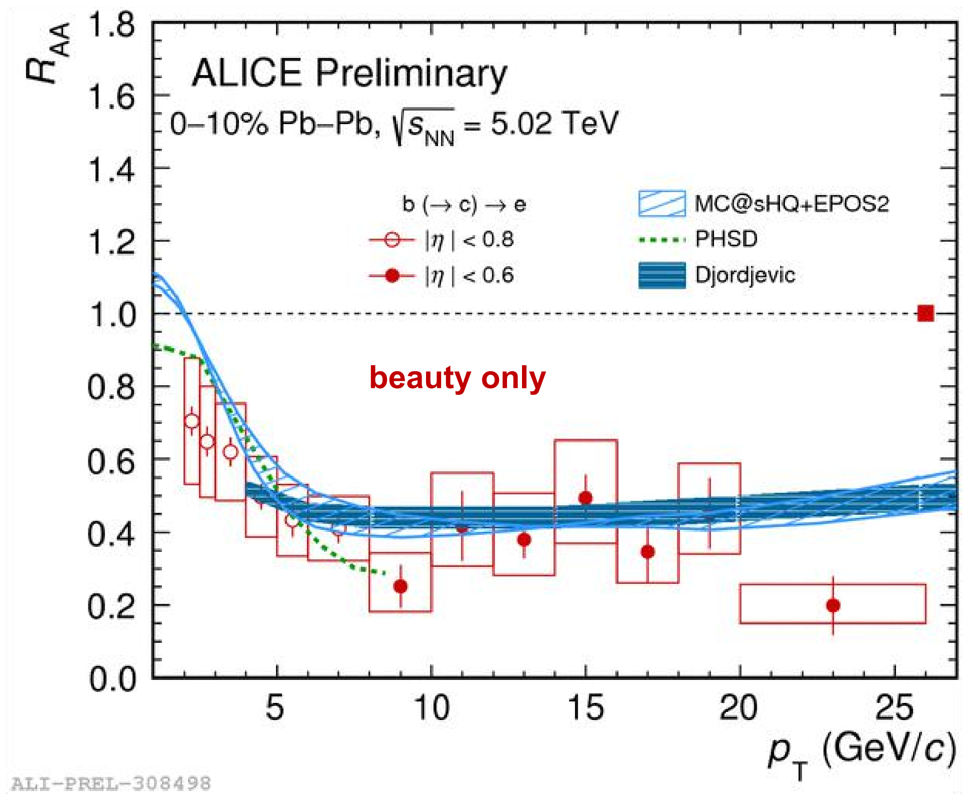

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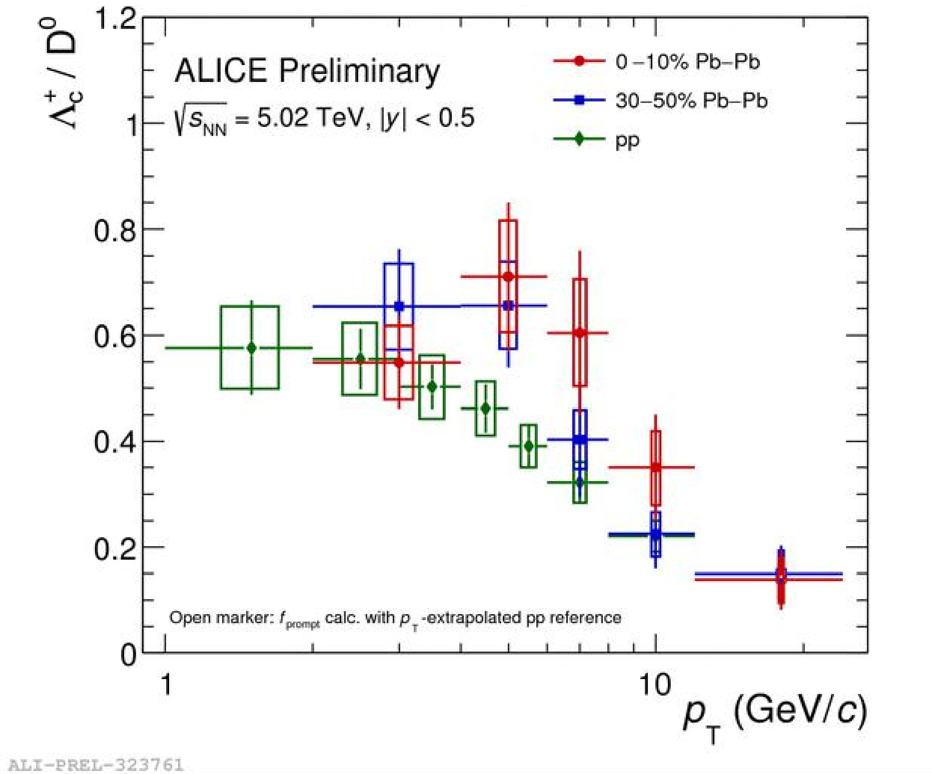
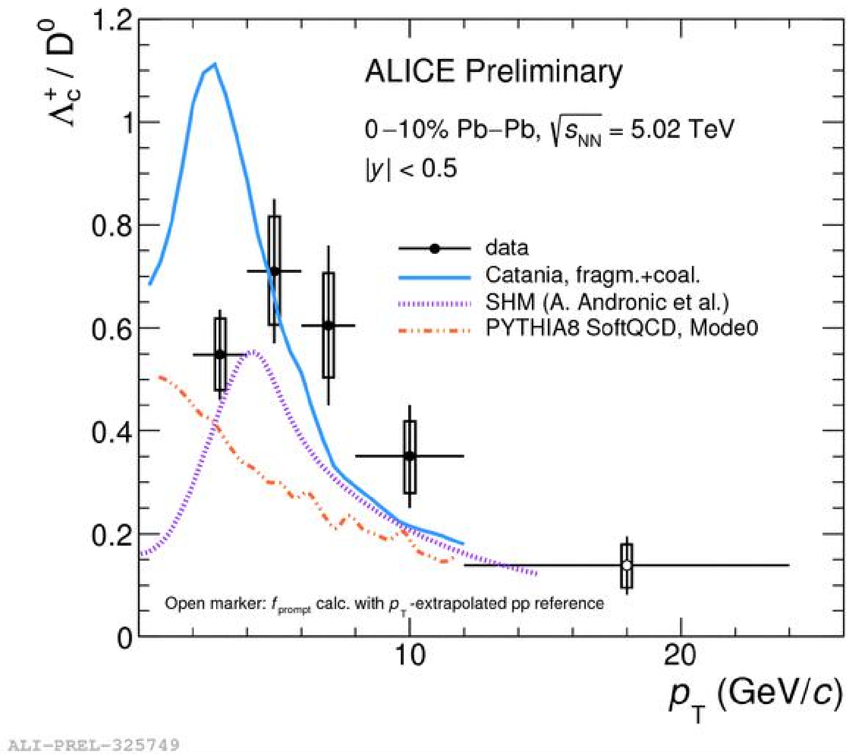
  - Difference understood by quark-mass dependent energy loss

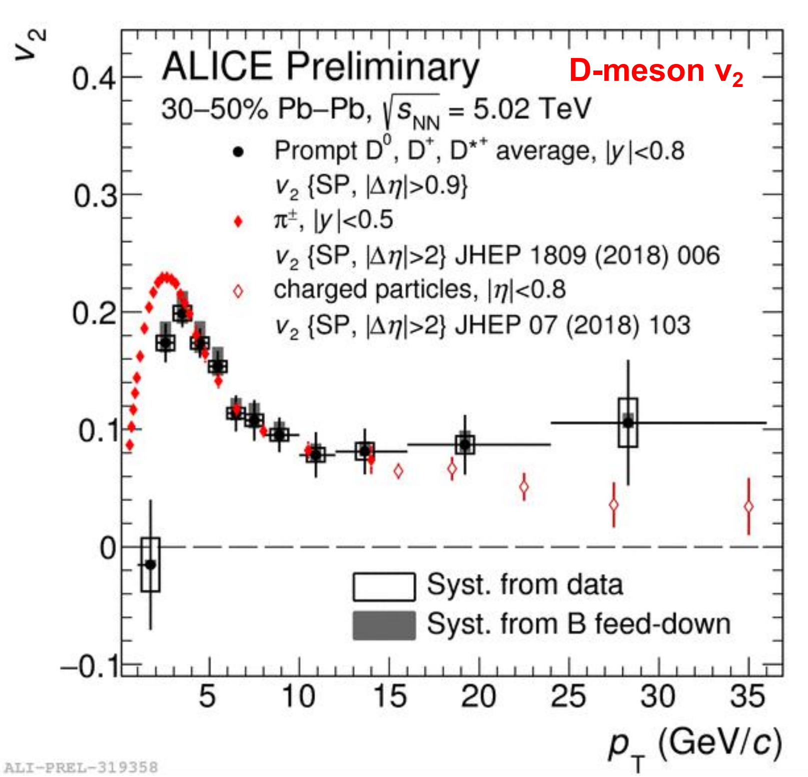
Production of Λ_c in Pb-Pb collisions

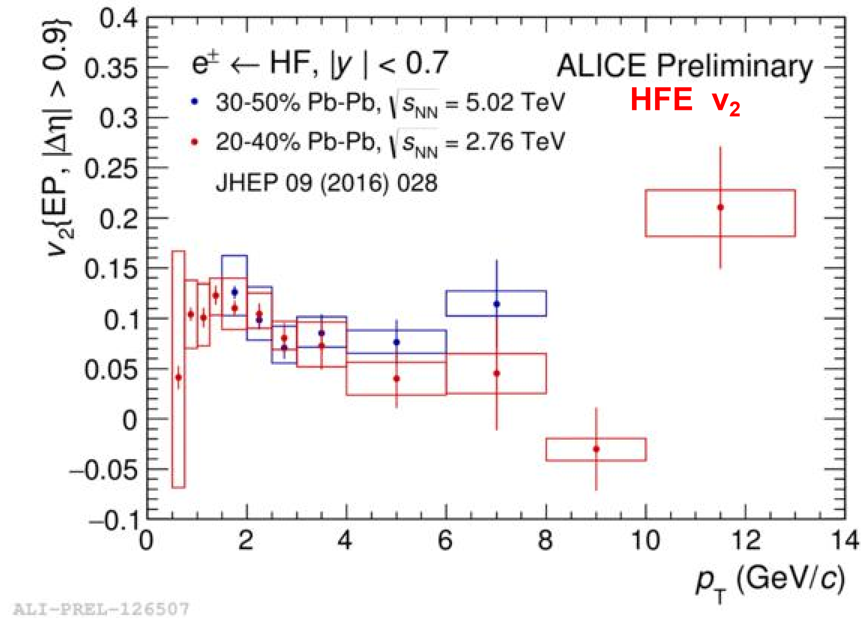




- Charged baryon/meson ratio Λ_c/D_0
  - mid-p_T: tendency of moderate increase from pp to central Pb–Pb collisions
  - Models include recombination follow the same trend as data
- Hint of baryon to meson enhancement

Heavy-flavor azimuthal anisotropy





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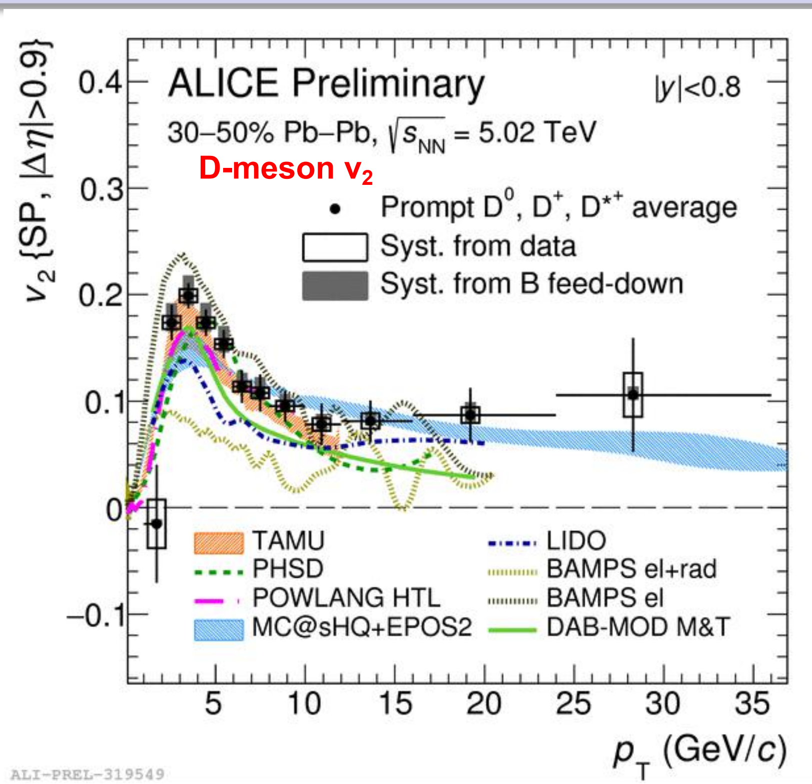
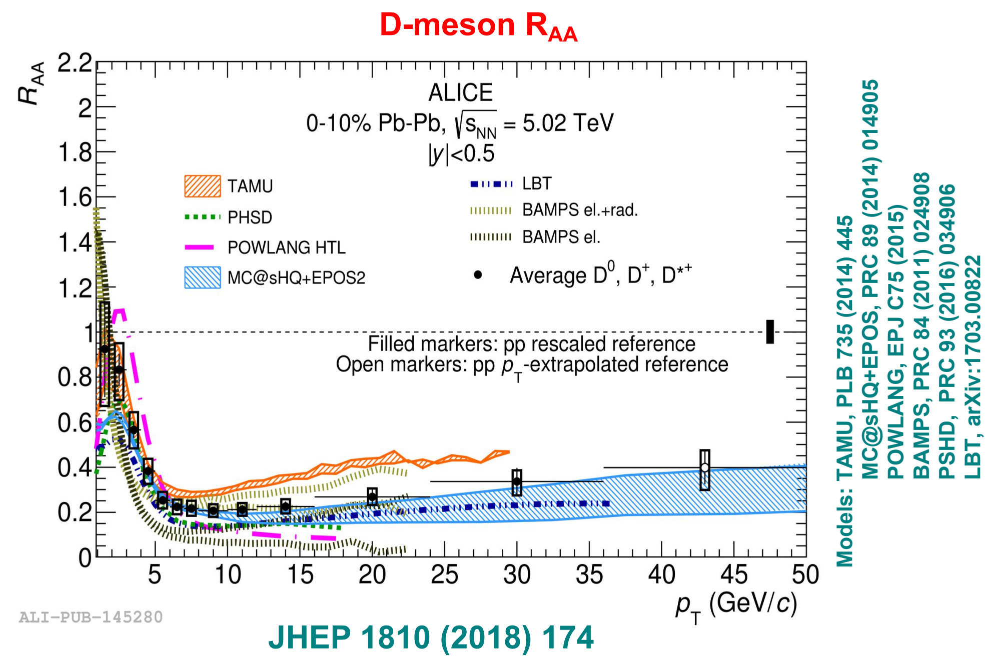
Azimuthal anisotropy of D: and R_{AA}





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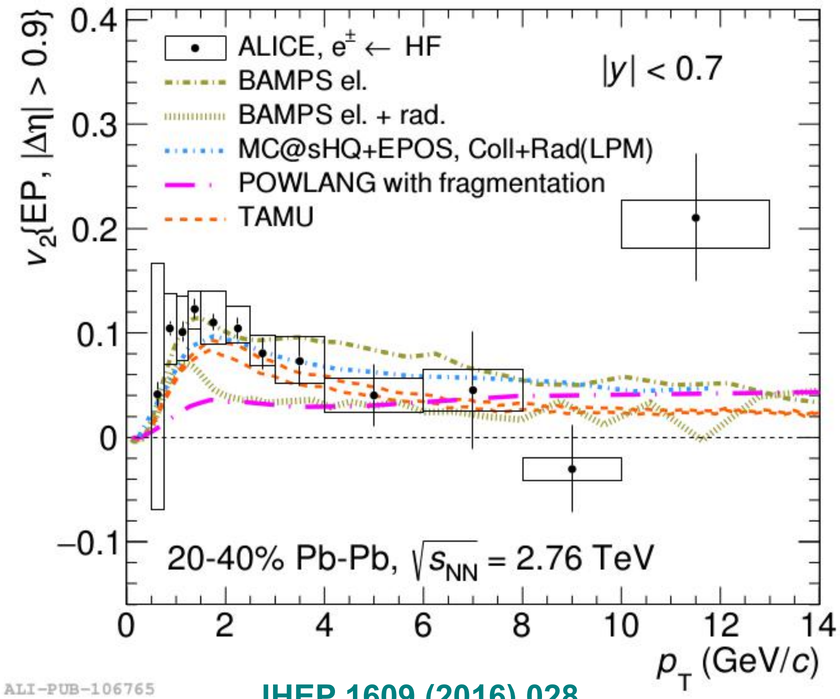
Azimuthal anisotropy of HFE: c vs. b



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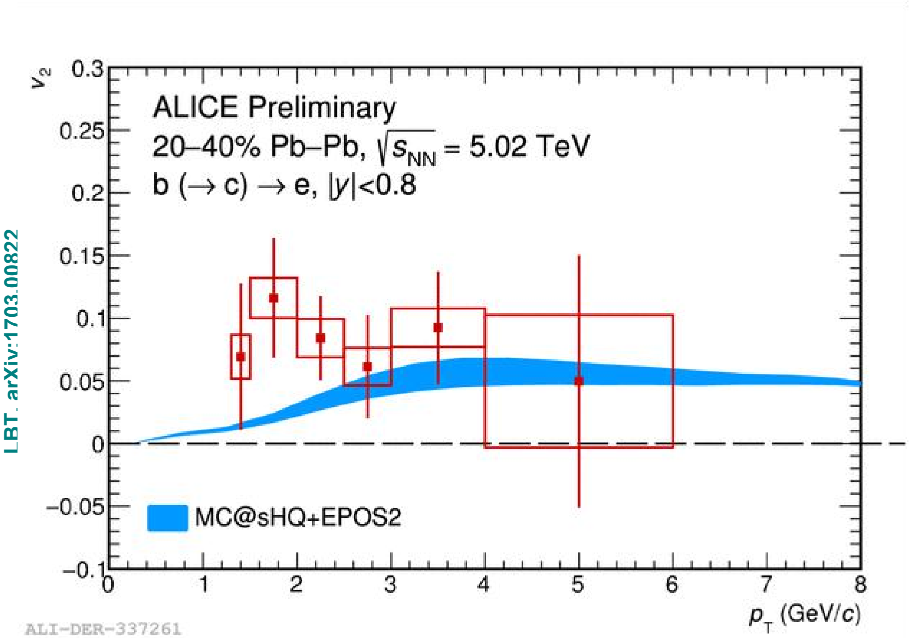

- **HFE: significant v_2 of both the charm and beauty contributions**
  - Several models describe **HFE v_2** (charm and beauty contributions)
  - **Separated beauty-decay electron contribution** to the v_2 qualitatively similar

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Run-3 upgrade: ~100x stats; precision beauty measurements

Thank you!

and enjoy Budapest

Physics reach after LS2 (2019-20)

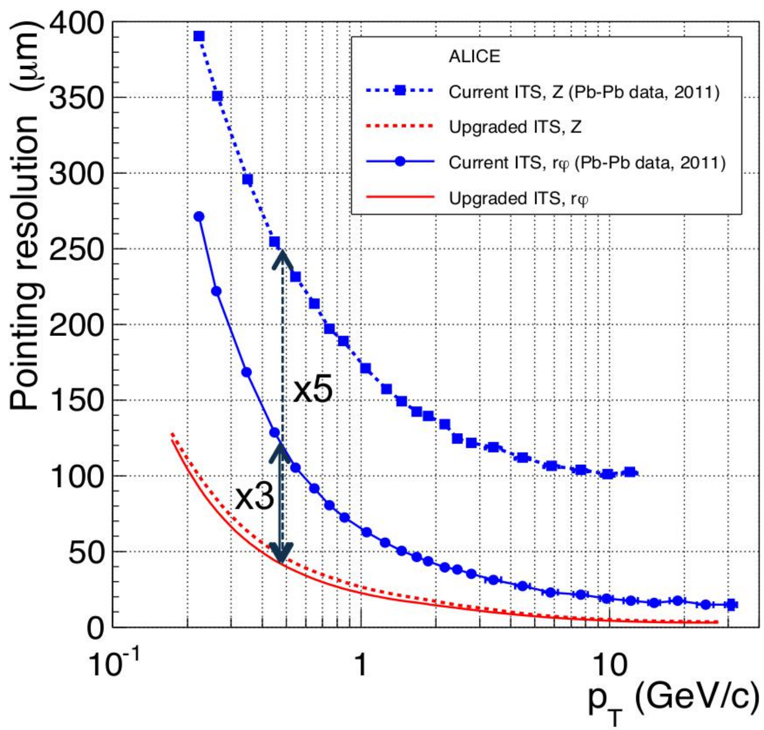
Observable	Current, $0.1\,\mathrm{nb}^{-1}$		Upgrade, $10\,\mathrm{nb}^{-1}$	
	$p_\mathrm{T}^\mathrm{min}$ (GeV/c)	statistical uncertainty	$p_\mathrm{T}^\mathrm{min}$ (GeV/c)	statistical uncertainty
Heavy Flavour				
D meson R_AA	1	10 %	0	0.3 %
$\mathrm{D_s}$ meson R_AA	4	15 %	< 2	3 %
D meson from B R_AA	3	30 %	2	1 %
J/ψ from B R_AA	1.5	15 % (p_T-int.)	1	5 %
B^+ yield	not accessible		3	10 %
Λ_c R_AA	not accessible		2	15 %
$\Lambda_\mathrm{c}/\mathrm{D}^0$ ratio	not accessible		2	15 %
Λ_b yield	not accessible		7	20 %
D meson v_2 ($v_2 = 0.2$)	1	10 %	0	0.2 %
$\mathrm{D_s}$ meson v_2 ($v_2 = 0.2$)	not accessible		< 2	8 %
D from B v_2 ($v_2 = 0.05$)	not accessible		2	8 %
J/ψ from B v_2 ($v_2 = 0.05$)	not accessible		1	60 %
Λ_c v_2 ($v_2 = 0.15$)	not accessible		3	20 %
Dielectrons				
Temperature (intermediate mass)	not accessible			10 %
Elliptic flow ($v_2 = 0.1$) [4]	not accessible			10 %
Low-mass spectral function [4]	not accessible		0.3	20 %
Hypernuclei				
${}^{3}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{H}$ yield	2	18 %	2	1.7 %

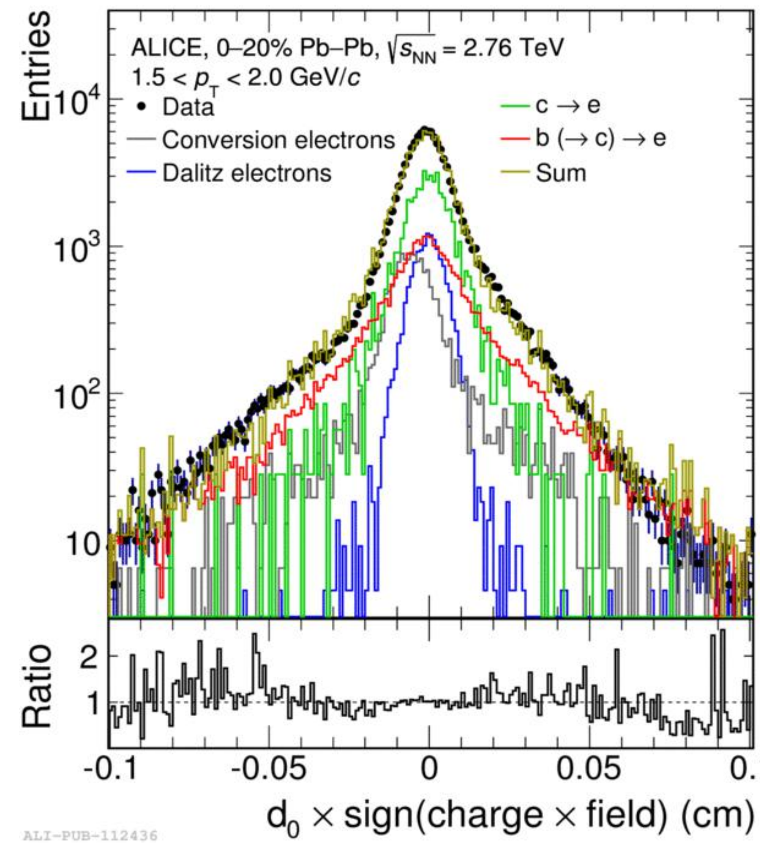
ALICE ITS upgrade TDR

ITS performance

- Semiconducting technology
- Resolves secondary vertex

heavy quark lifetimes: $c\tau(D) \sim 100\text{-}300\ \mu m$
$c\tau(B) \sim 400\text{-}500\ \mu m$
Secondary vertex resolution: $\sim 100\ \mu m$





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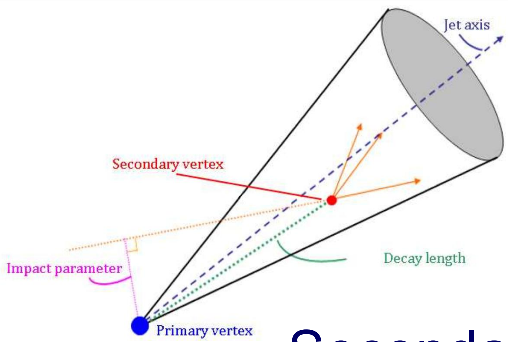
Distribution of electron track DCA (distance of closest approach to primary vertex).

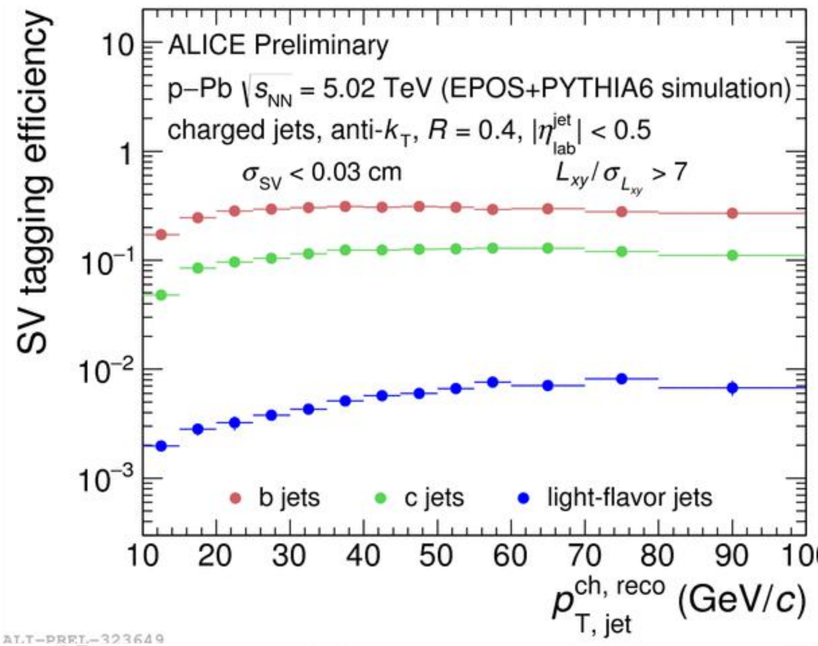
MC template fitting allows for statistical separation of charm and beauty contributions.

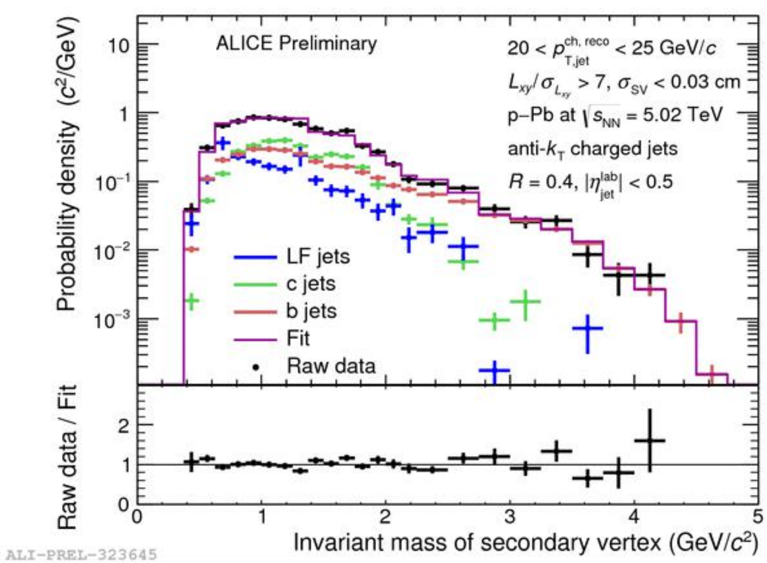
b-jet tagging performance

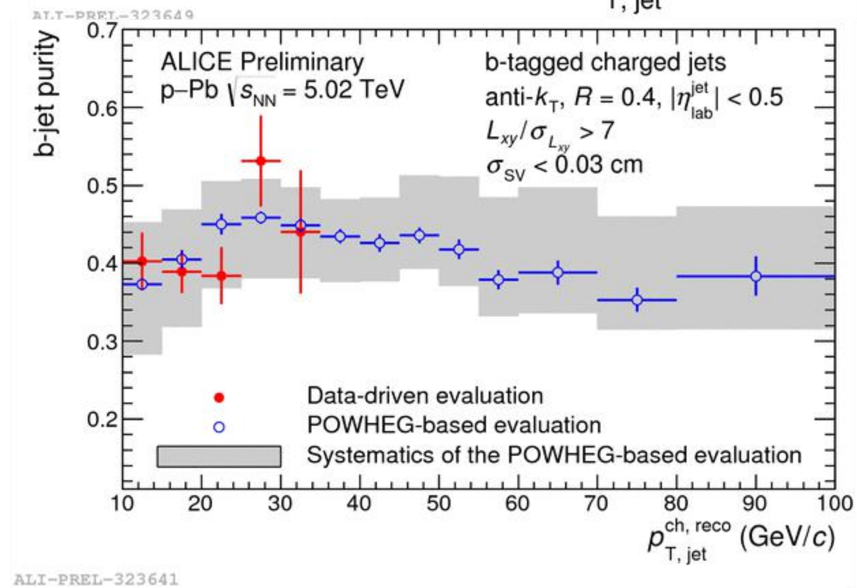


Secondary vertex method

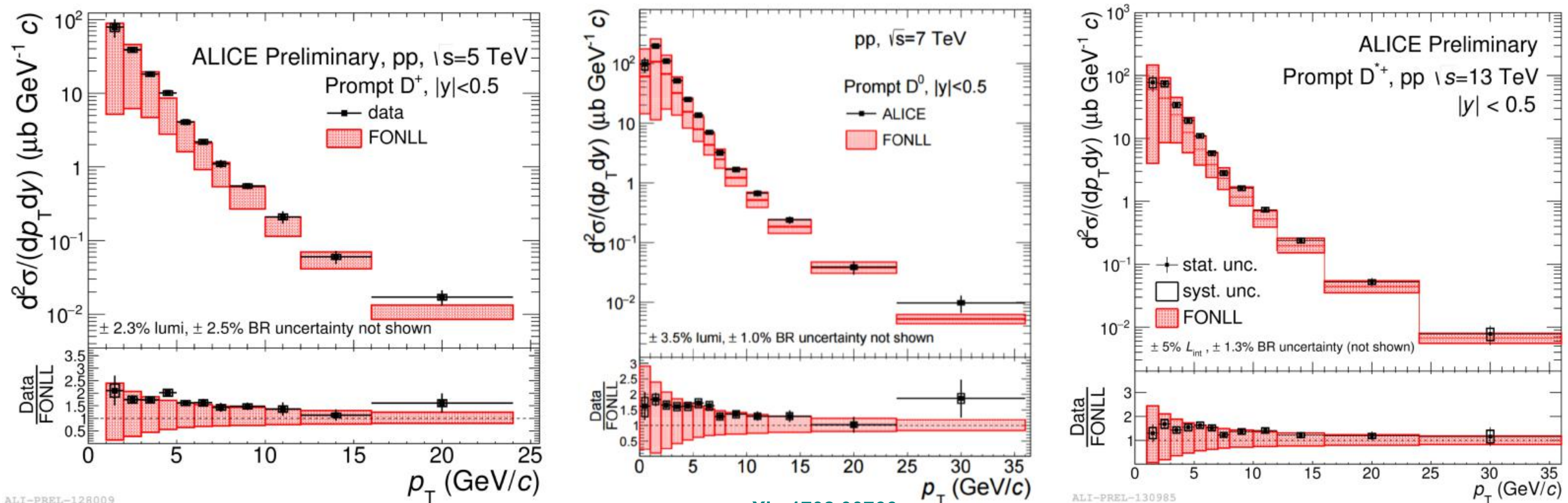
- L_{xy} : projection of decay length on the (x,y) plane
- L_{xy}/σ_{Lxy} : significance of L_{xy}
- σ_{vtx} : secondary vertex dispersion







D mesons at different energies (pp)



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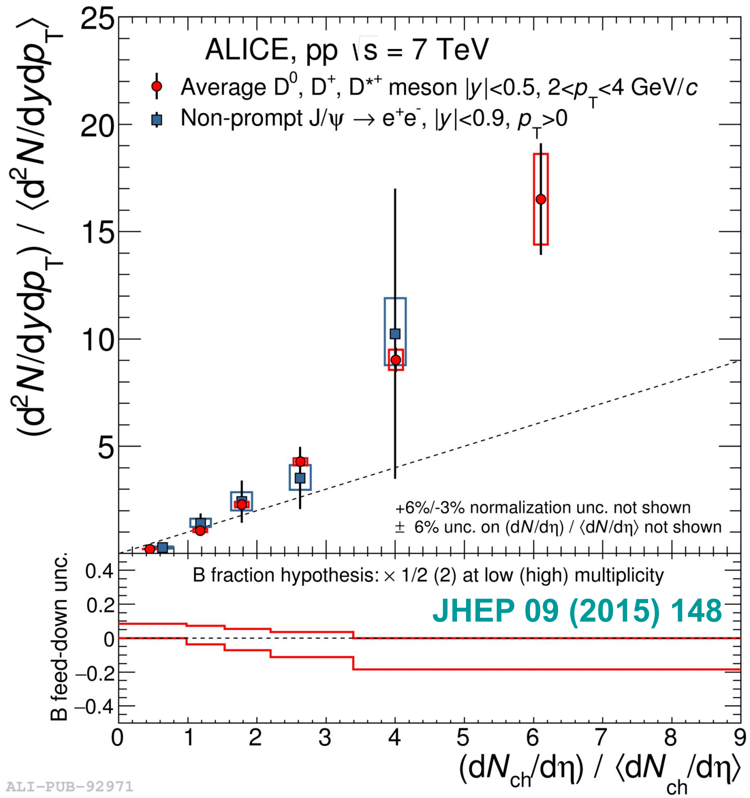
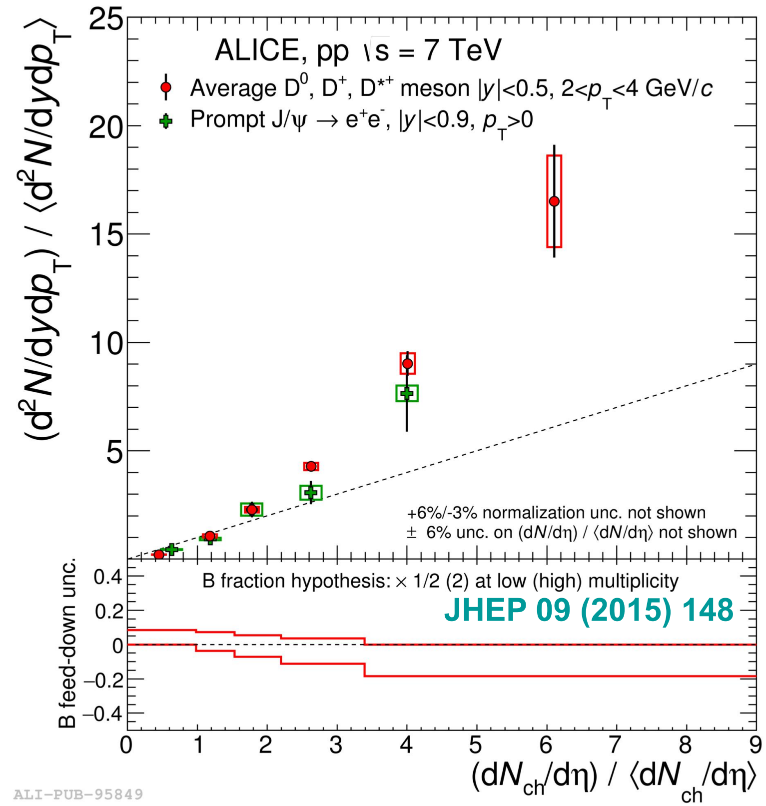
- D-meson production cross section
- Down to p_T =0 for D^0 at 7 TeV
- pQCD calculations describe the data within uncertainties
- data uncertainties much lower than theoretical one

D-meson yields vs. multiplicity (pp)



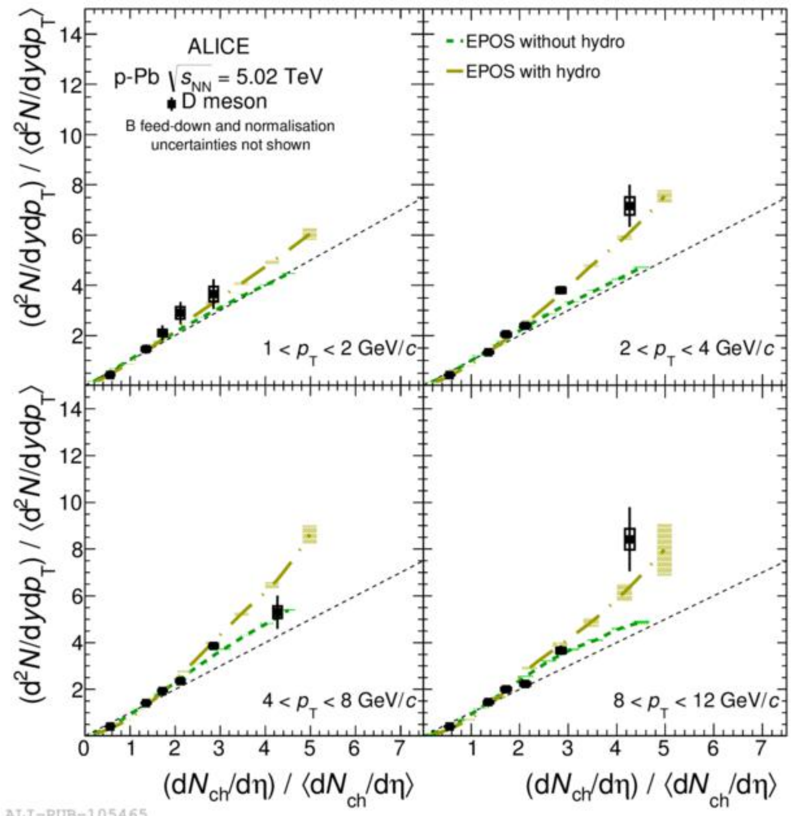


- Production vs. multiplicity of **D mesons** and muons steeper than linear
- Same trend for **non-prompt (B→)J/Ψ** as well as **prompt J/Ψ** yields

  → No strong flavour dependence

  → Enhancement is likely to be related to $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$ production processes, is not strongly influenced by hadronisation

Yields vs. multiplicity in p-Pb: models



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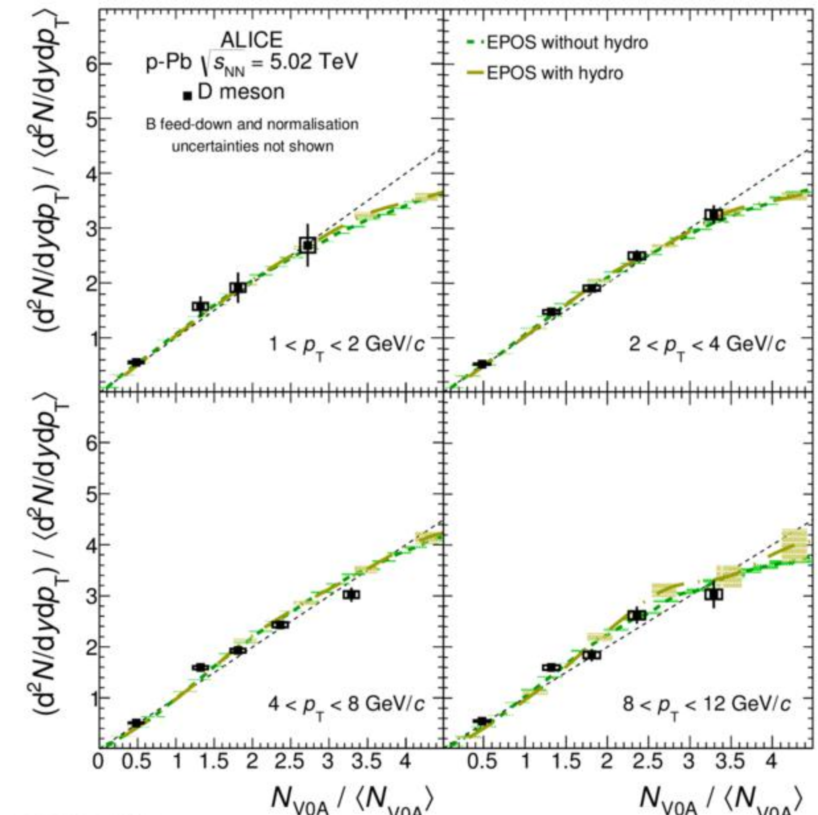
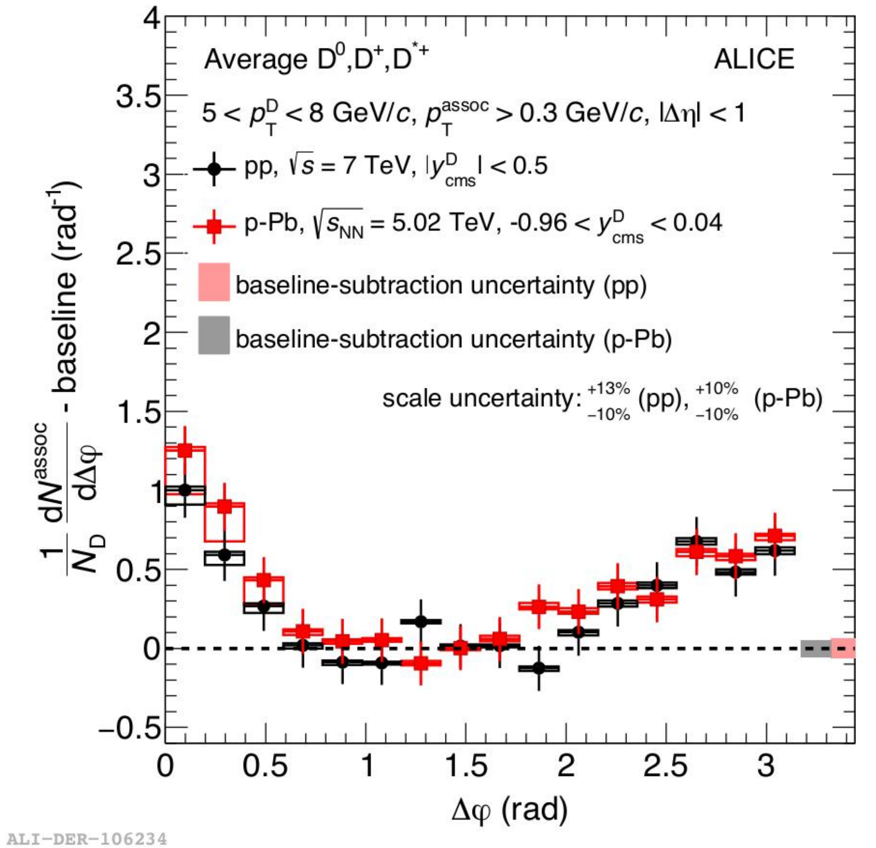
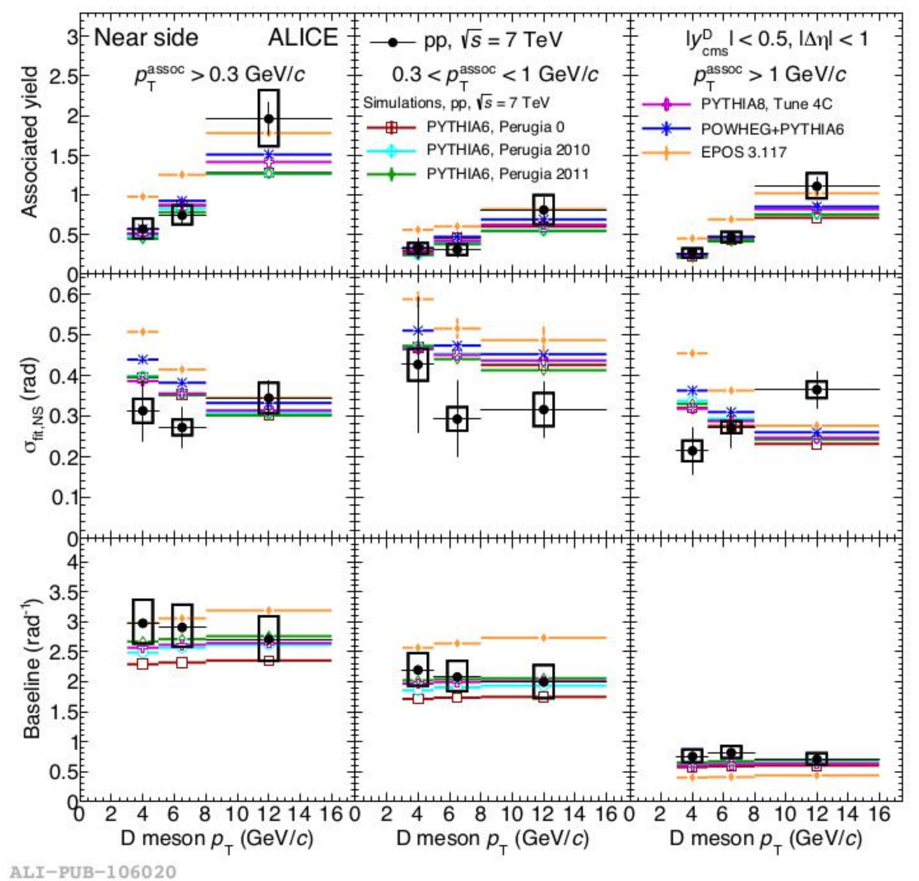


multiplicity at backward rapidity (Pb-going): test auto-correlations

- Multiplicity at mid-rapidity: similar enhancement in p-Pb and pp collisions
- Multiplicity at backward rapidity: linear-like, less rapid increase in p-Pb coll.
- **EPOS with hydro** evolution: qualitatively good description in both cases

D-h azimuthal correlations

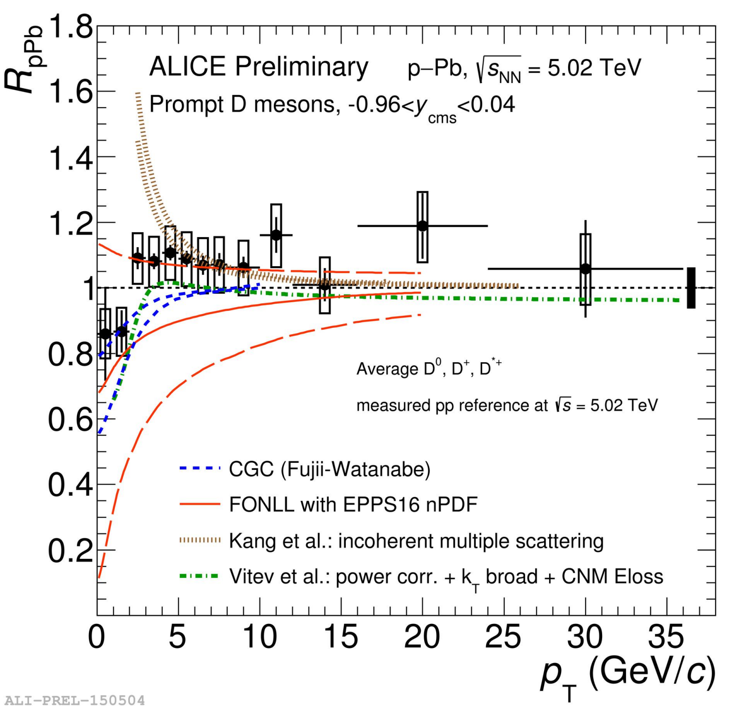




Charged hadron — D-meson correlations in azimuthal angle

- No significant difference between correlations in **p-Pb** and **pp** collisions after baseline subtraction
- Near side peak fit parameters (yield, width, baseline) typically described by simulations (PYTHIA8, POWHEG+PY6, EPOS3.117) within uncertainties

CNM effects in p-Pb collisions?



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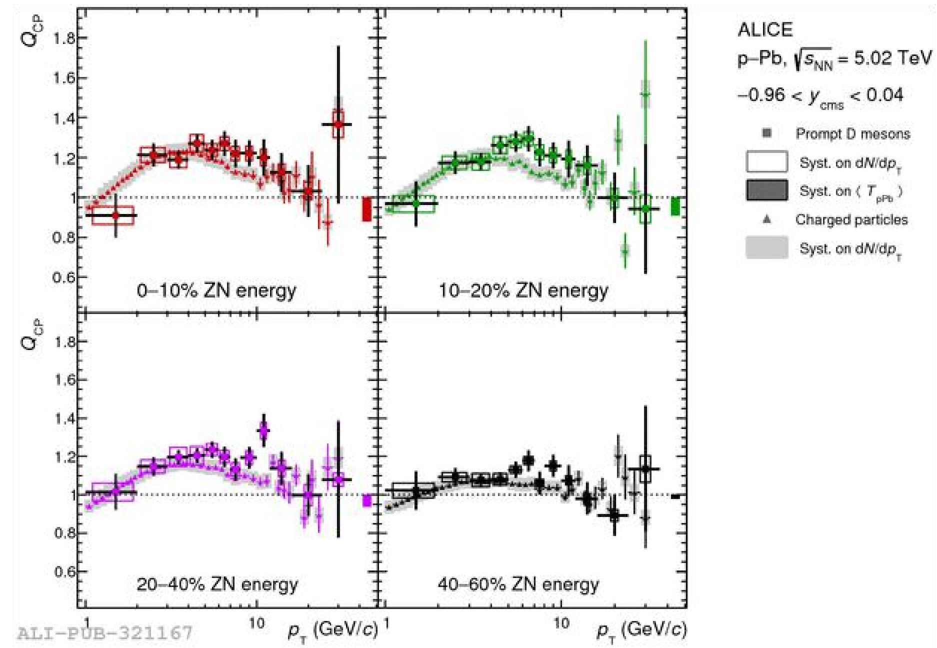
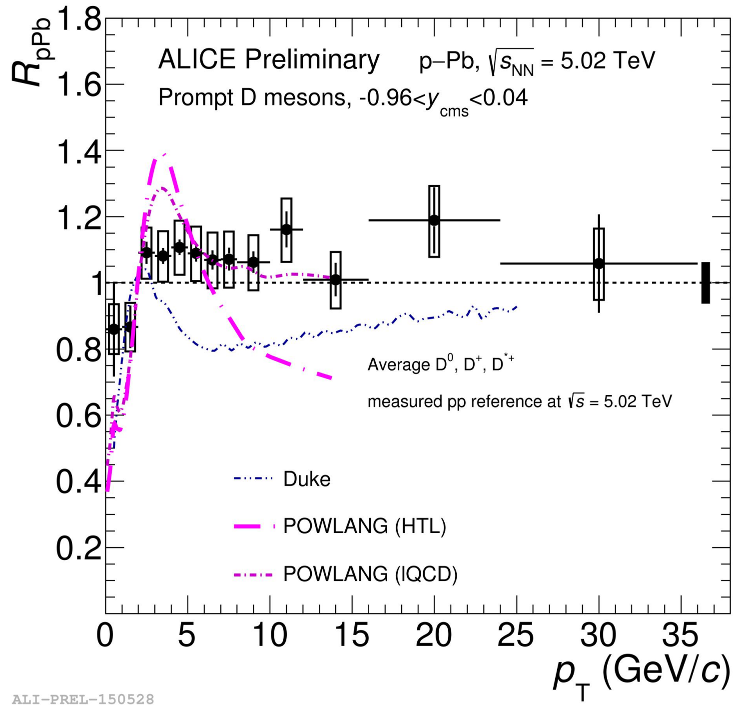


- **D-meson production in p-Pb collisions:**
  No modification w.r.t. pp collisions within uncertainties
  - No indication of CNM effects from intermediate to high p_T
  - Data described by several models containing CNM effects
- Hint of Q_{CP} > 1 for central collisions (1.5σ at 3<pT< 8 GeV/c)
  - similar to light hadrons
  - Radial flow? Initial or final-state effect?

Hot effects in p-Pb collisions?



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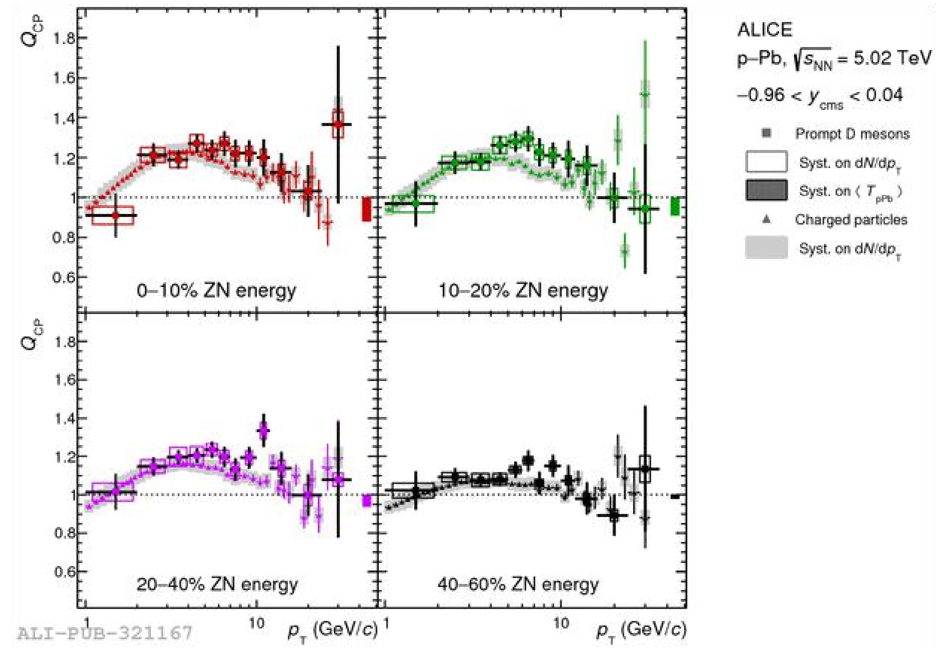
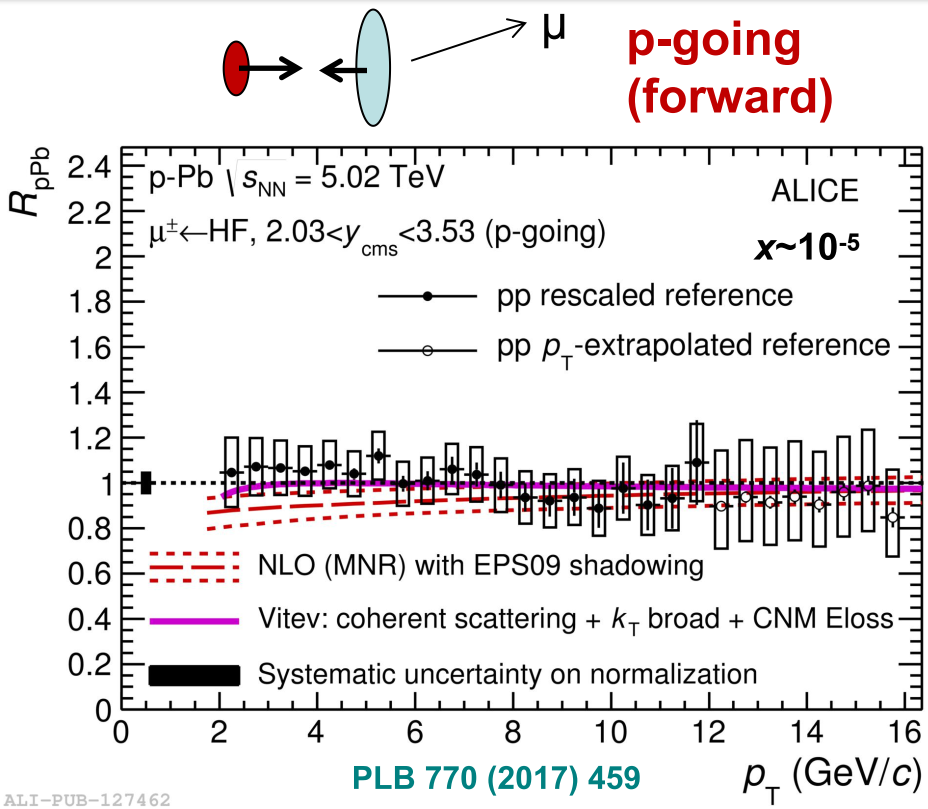
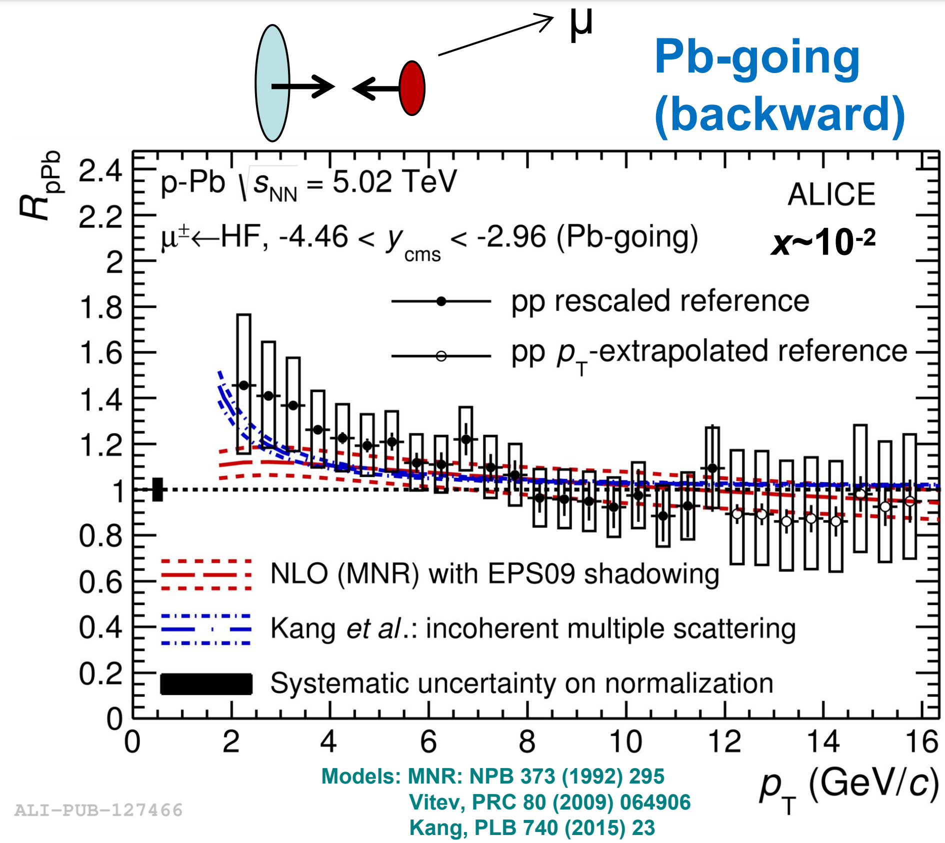


- D-meson production in p-Pb collisions:
  No modification w.r.t. pp collisions within uncertainties
  - No indication of CNM effects from intermediate to high p_T
  - Data described by several models containing CNM effects
- **A model including small-volume QGP formation also describes data** (but not favored by)

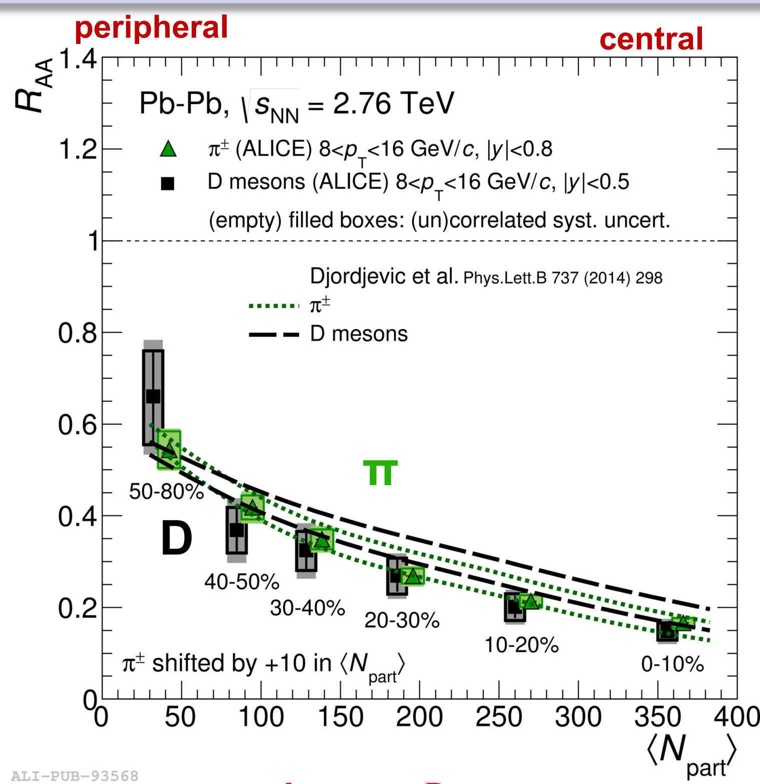
CNM effects - Forward, backward





- Heavy-flavour decay muons probe the nPDFs at different *x* values
- Forward production is consistent with no nuclear modification
- **Hint of an enhancement of HF muons at backward rapidity at low p_T**
- Measurements described by models within uncertainties

Flavour/mass dependence - hadrons



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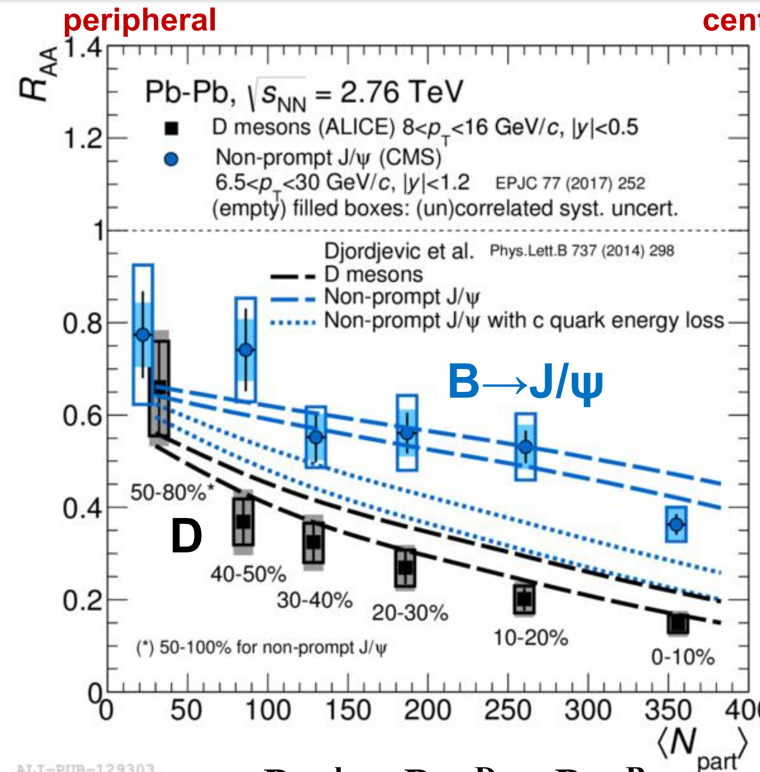

$R_{AA}^{h} \approx R_{AA}^{D} < R_{AA}^{B}$

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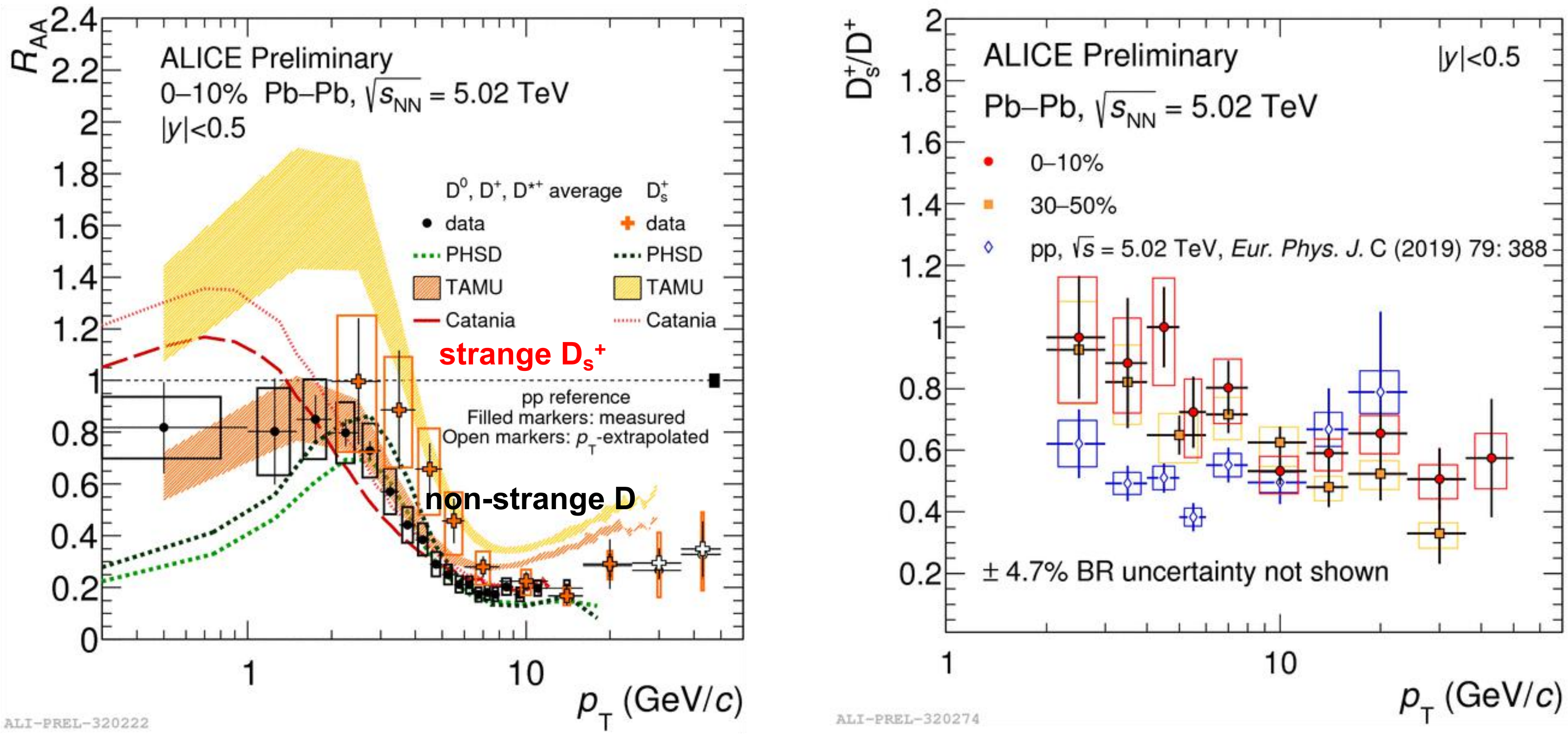
Model: Djordjevic, PLB 737 (2014) 298

- **D-meson** suppression at high p_T consistent with **pions**
  Understanding: different fragmentation, p_T-spectrum shape, color charge effects level out expected ordering
- **B→J/ψ** suppression at high p_T is weaker *(note the |y| range)*
  Model understanding: different parton masses cause different energy loss in similar kinematic range

Coalescence of strange and charm



- Strangeness enhancement expected to show up in coalescence
- Hint of a weaker D_S suppression than for non-strange D mesons
  - No evidence of centrality-dependence
- Consistent with a strangeness-enhancement scenario with coalescence