



Medium-induced yield enhancement in small and large collision systems



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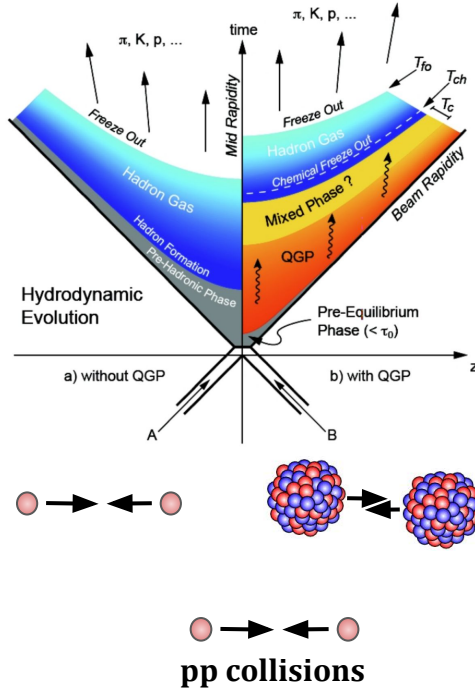


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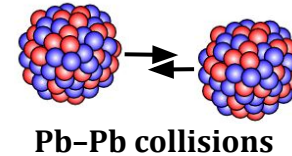
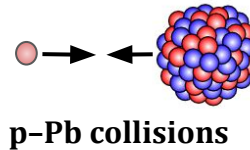
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- **Charm** and **beauty** quarks: $m_c \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, $m_b \sim 4.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- **Produced** in **hard scattering** processes among partons
- **Ultrarelativistic heavy-ion** collisions at the LHC: quark-gluon plasma (**QGP**)
 - state of matter expected in the first $\sim 10 \mu\text{s}$ after the Big Bang
 - heavy quarks experience the **full evolution** of the system

Charm- and beauty- quarks dynamics tested via measurements of charm- and beauty- hadron production



- Reference for Pb-Pb collisions
- Test of pQCD calculations

Cold nuclear-matter effects

- Modification of parton distribution functions (PDFs) in bound nuclei

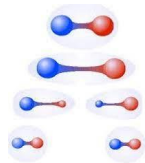
Hot nuclear-matter effects

- Energy loss in the medium
- Collective motion
- Hadronization modified in QGP

Hadronization: a key ingredient in all collision systems!



- “**Point-like**” object interaction
- **Fragmentation** in the vacuum



Fragmentation

- Hard scattering: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- Color string: $V_{\text{Cornell}}(r) \sim \kappa r$
- New $q\bar{q}$ pairs from multiple string breaking (confinement)

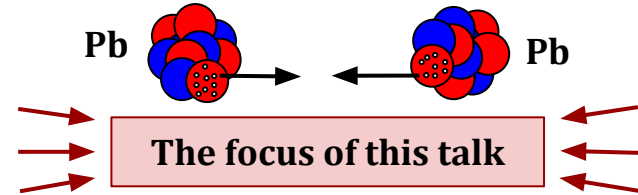


What happens in pp collisions?

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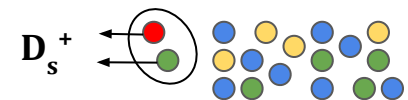
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- **QGP**: complex system with **partonic d.o.f**
- Hadronization can be influenced by **coalescence** and **strangeness enhancement**

Coalescence

- Heavy quark recombines with light quarks in the QGP
- Expected increase of hadrons at intermediate-low p_T
- QGP: interplay with fragmentation



1 Production spectra and R_{AA}

$$R_{AA}(p_T, y) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle} \cdot \frac{d^2 N_{AA} / dp_T dy}{d^2 N_{pp} / dp_T dy}$$

$\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$: average number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions

$R_{AA} = 1$: no modifications

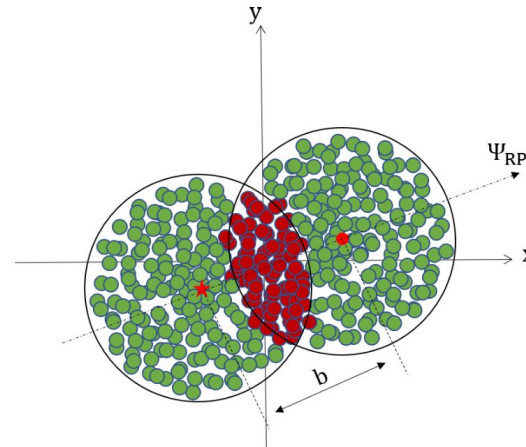
$R_{AA} \neq 1$: nuclear effects

2 Anisotropic flow

$$v_n(p_T) = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$

3 ... and particle ratios!

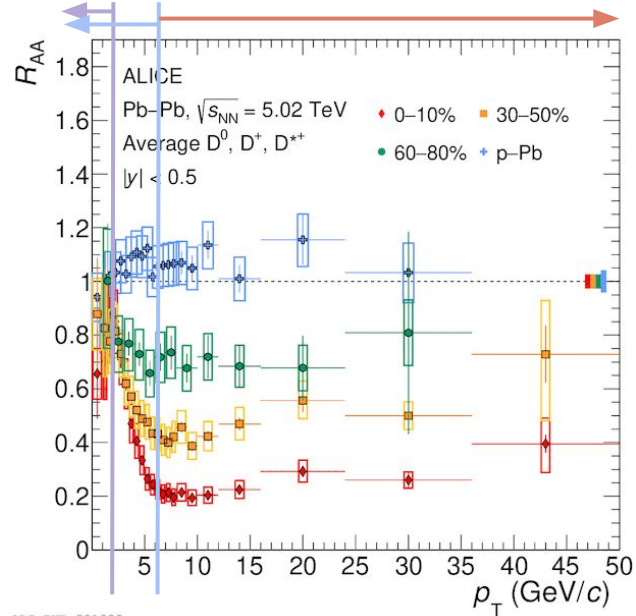
$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T) \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$



Reaction plane (Ψ_{RP}): between z axis and centers of nuclei

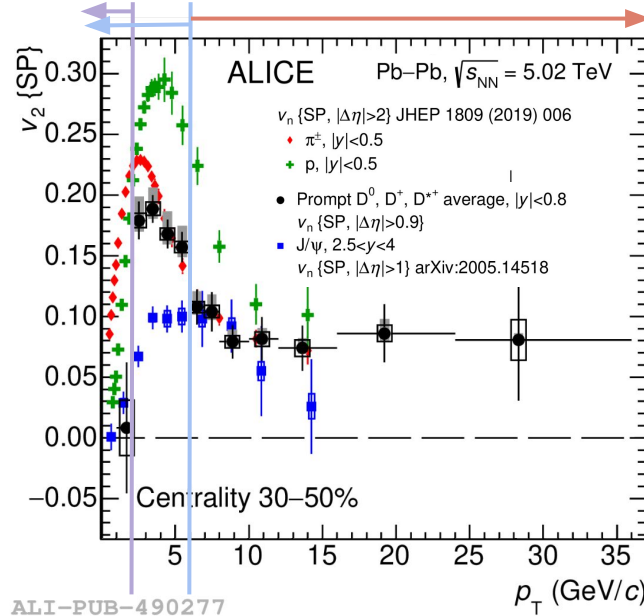
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Low p_T

- Elastic scatterings
- Diffusion via Langevin dynamics
- nPDF and shadowing

Intermediate p_T

- Charm- and beauty-quark hadronization

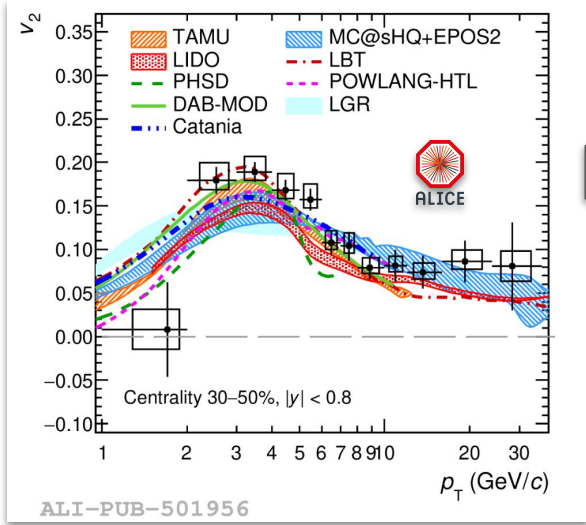
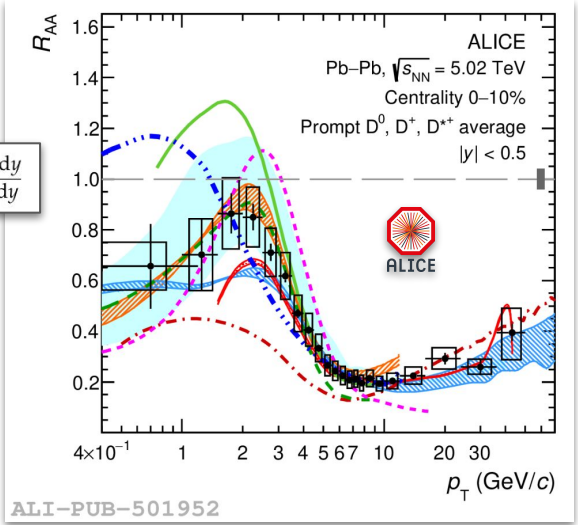
High p_T

- Radiative E -loss
- Quark-mass and path length dependent E -loss

R_{AA} and v_2 compared to transport models

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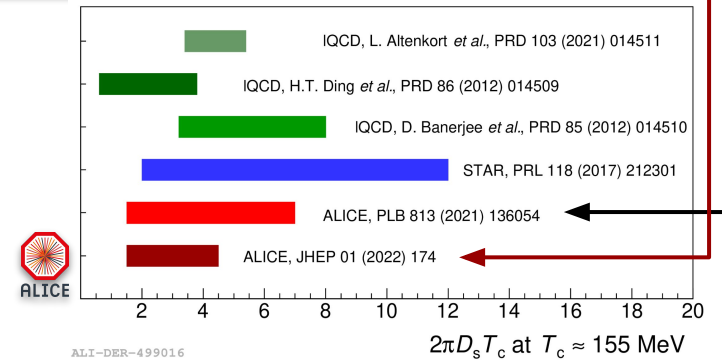


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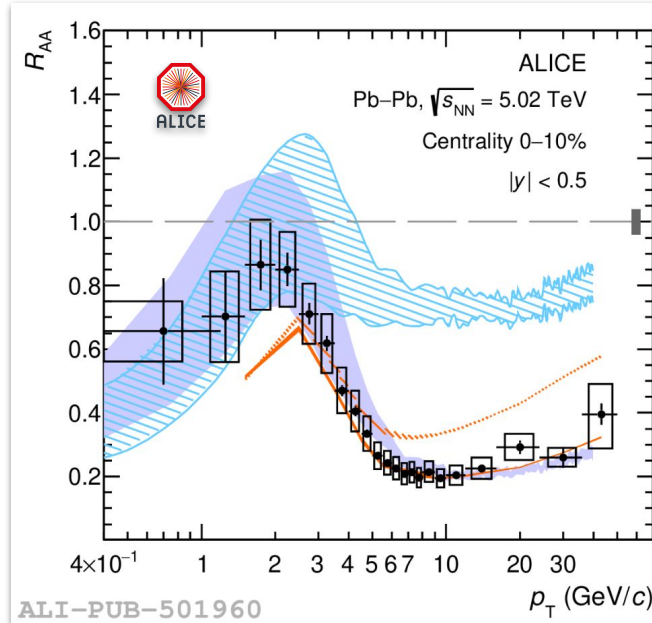
Measured R_{AA} and v_2 described by transport models

- **understanding of relevant effects** in different p_T intervals (next slides)
- sensitivity to transport regime (and charm-quark thermalization) at low p_T
 - **stronger constraint** to the **charm quark spatial diffusion coefficient** based on **data-to-model agreement**

$$1.5 < 2\pi D_s T_c < 4.5 \leftrightarrow \tau_{charm} \approx 3-8 \text{ fm}/c$$

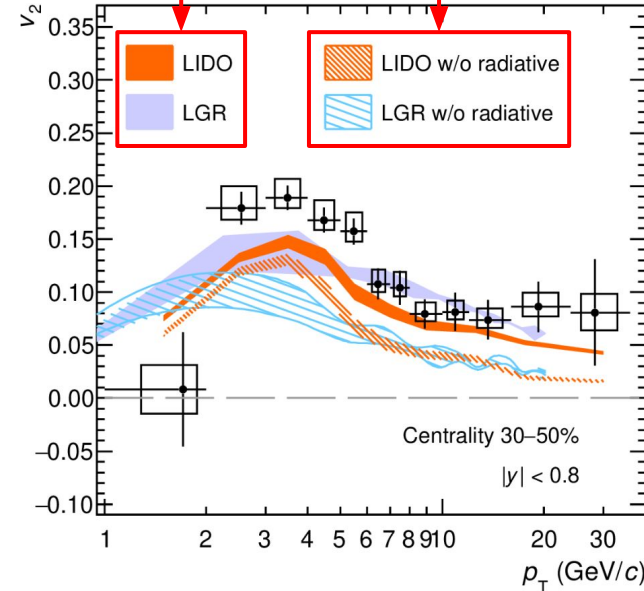


R_{AA}



with

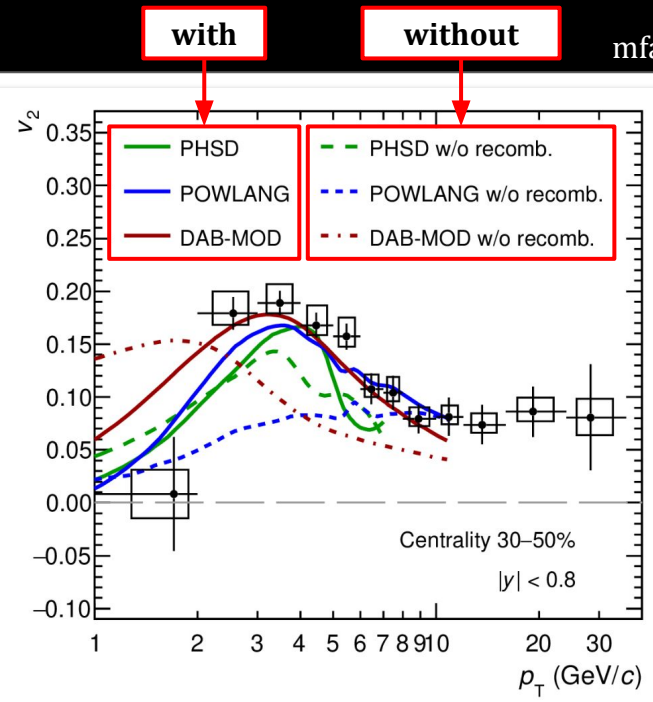
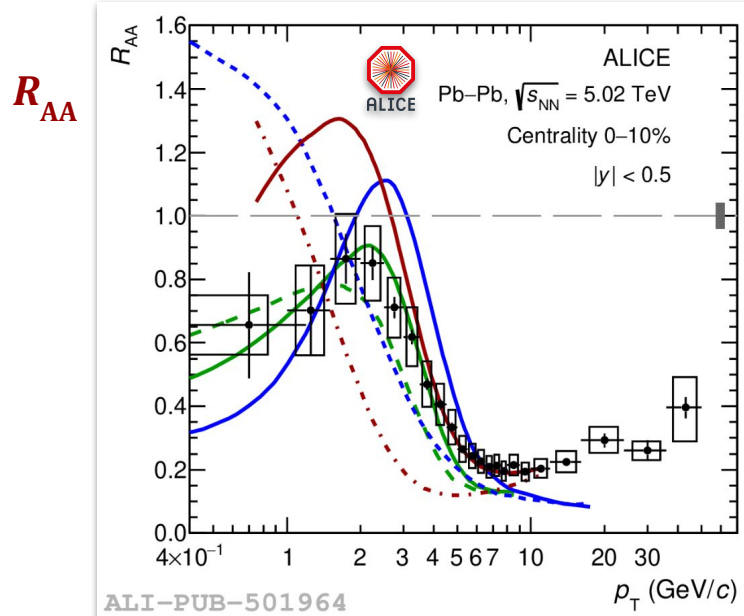
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v_2

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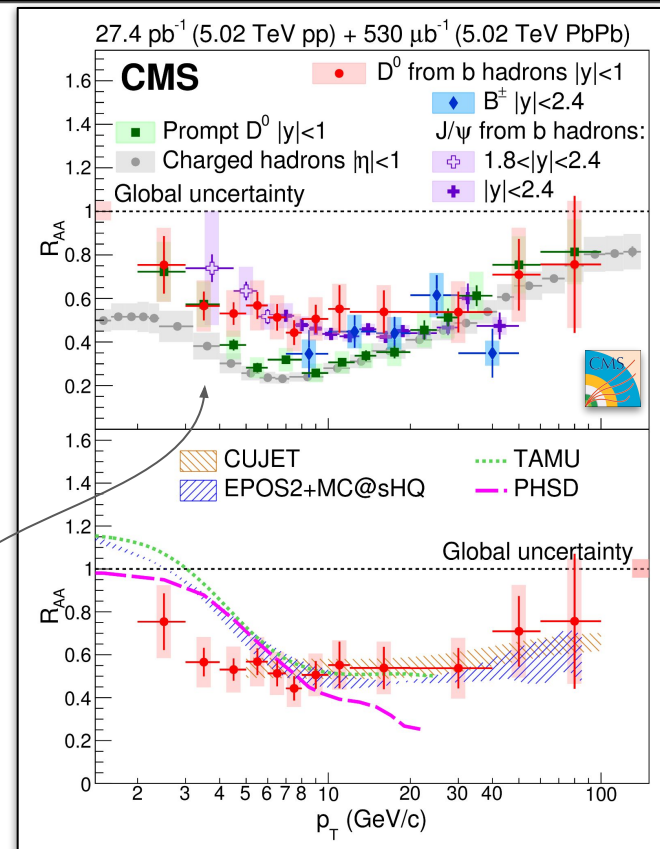
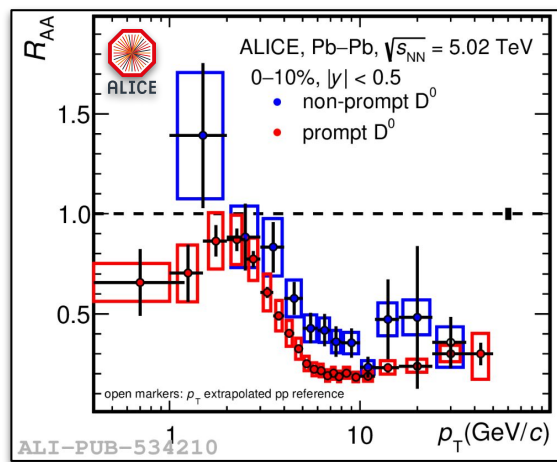
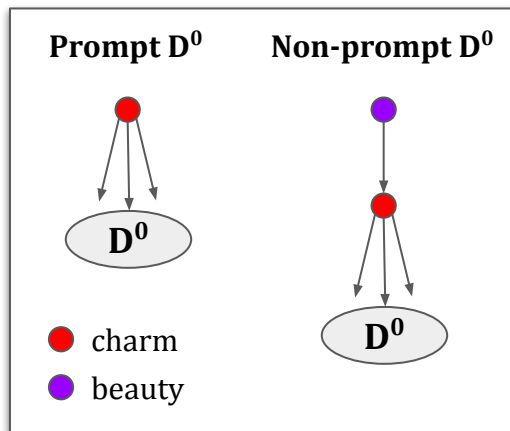


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- **Hadronization** via **coalescence** important to describe the results at **low** and **intermediate** p_T

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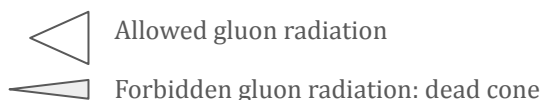
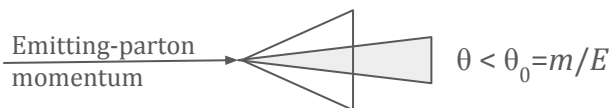
Beauty-quark dynamics from non-prompt D mesons



- R_{AA} (non-prompt D⁰) described by models including radiative E -loss for $p_T > 5$ GeV/c
- The hierarchy

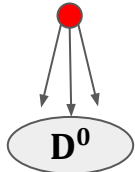
$$R_{AA}(\text{non-prompt } D^0) \sim R_{AA}(\text{non-prompt } J/\psi) \sim R_{AA}(B^\pm) > R_{AA}(\text{prompt } D) > R_{AA}(\text{ch. hadrons})$$

can be explained with the $m_b > m_c$ hierarchy and the **dead-cone effect**



Beauty-quark hadronization from B mesons R_{AA}

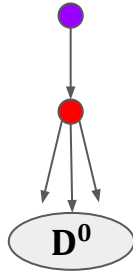
Prompt D^0



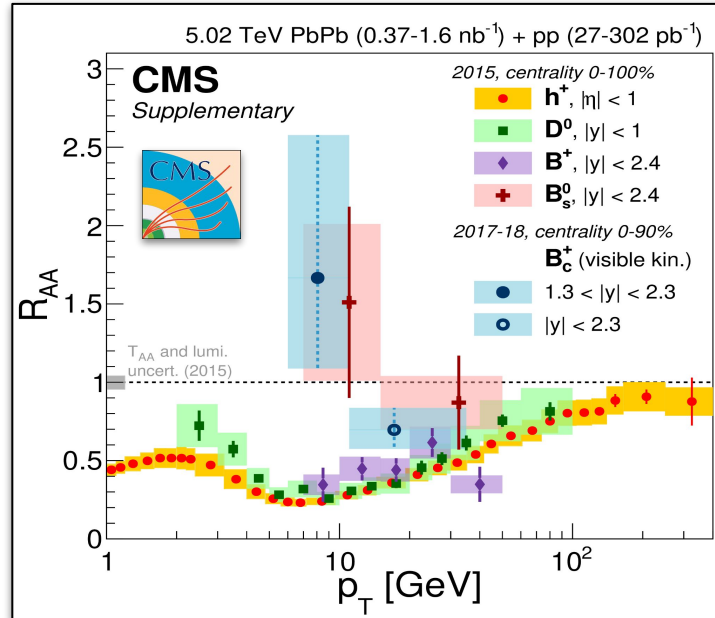
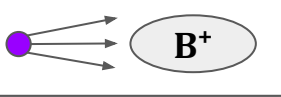
● charm

● beauty

Non-prompt D^0



B^+ meson

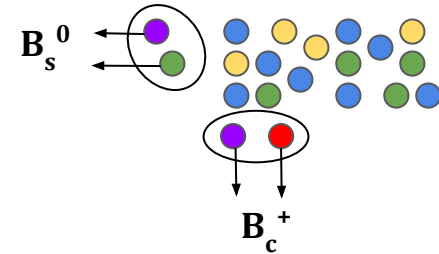


☞ CMS: [PRL 128 \(2022\) 252301](#)

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● beauty
 ● charm
 ● strange

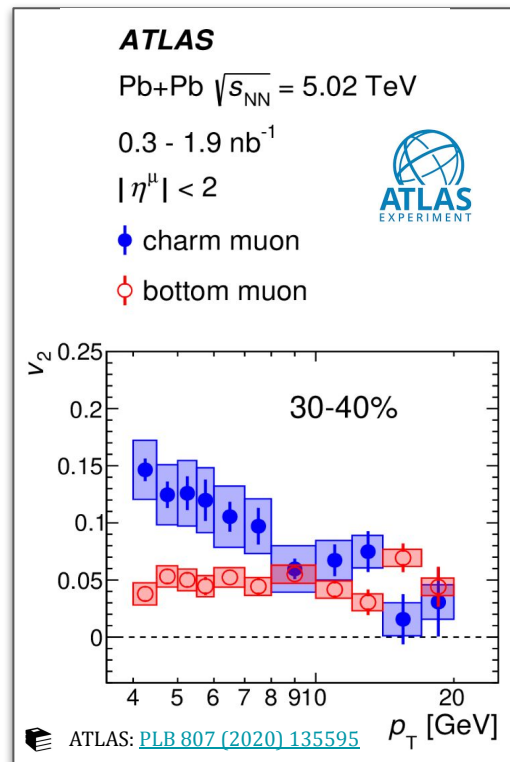
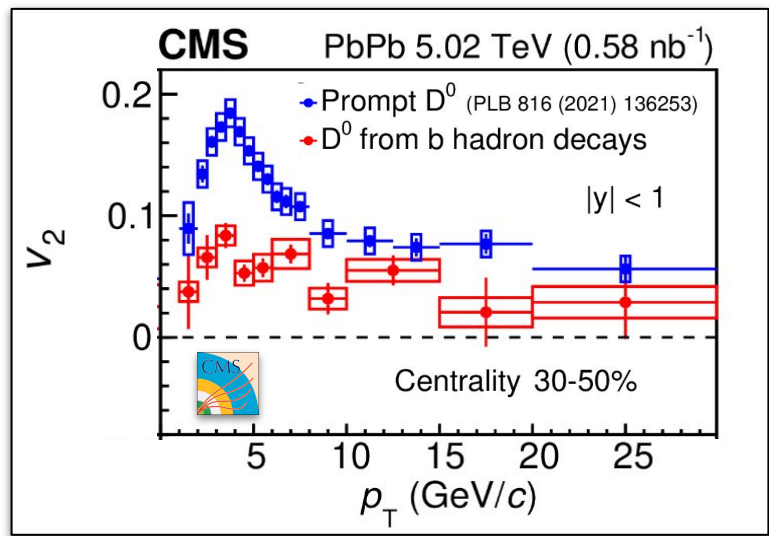
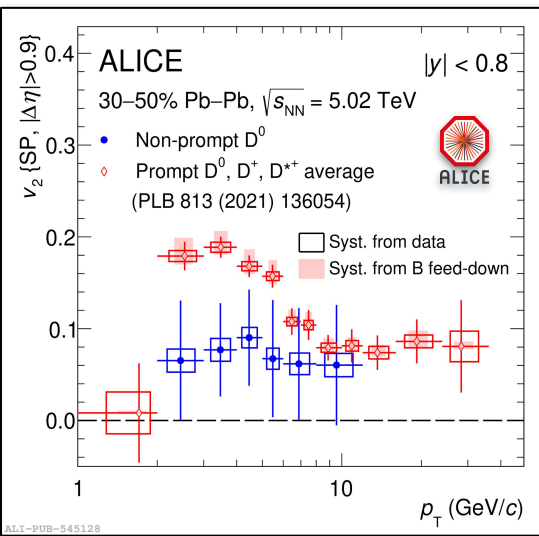
● up
 ● down



R_{AA} of B_s^0 (bottom-strange) and B_c^+ (bottom-charm) **larger** than that of other B mesons at **intermediate p_T**

- B_s^0 : coalescence between b-quark and s-quark from the QGP
- B_c^+ : **recombination** between **c-quark and b-quark**, despite they are not thermally produced?
 - B_c^+ : new particle to study the interplay between enhancement (hadronization at intermediate p_T) and suppression (E -loss at high p_T)

Beauty-hadron flow from non-prompt D-meson v_2



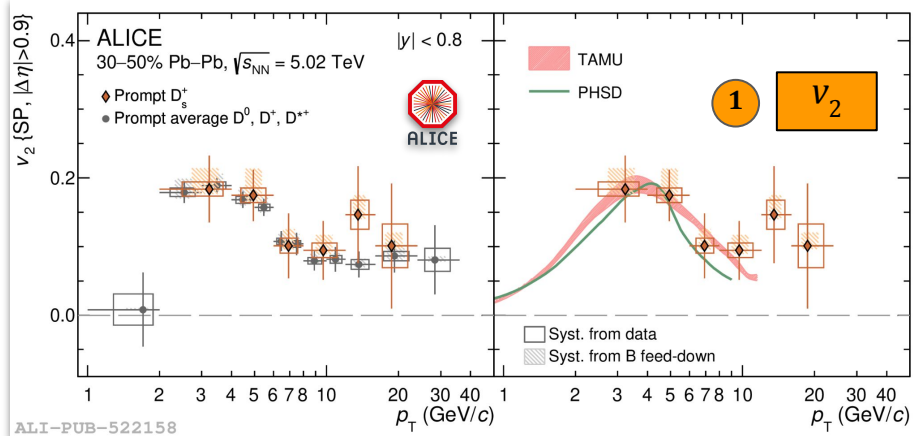
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ATLAS: [PLB 807 \(2020\) 135595](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.13559)

- **Flow larger than 0 for non-prompt D^0 mesons** (ALICE: 2.7σ)
 - Indication of strong interaction of b-quark with the QGP
- v_2 **lower than** that of **prompt D mesons** (ALICE: 3.2σ)
 - **Different degree of participation** to the QGP collective motion between **charm** and **beauty quarks**
 - Consistent with the expectation of a **weaker interaction** for b-quark than c-quark

Heavy-strange-meson production

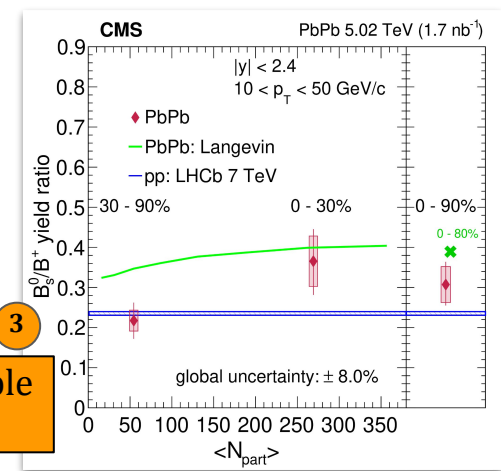
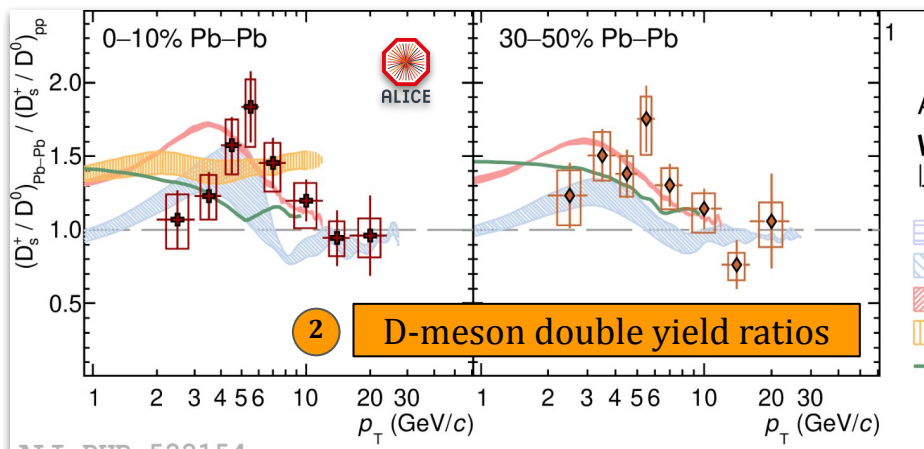


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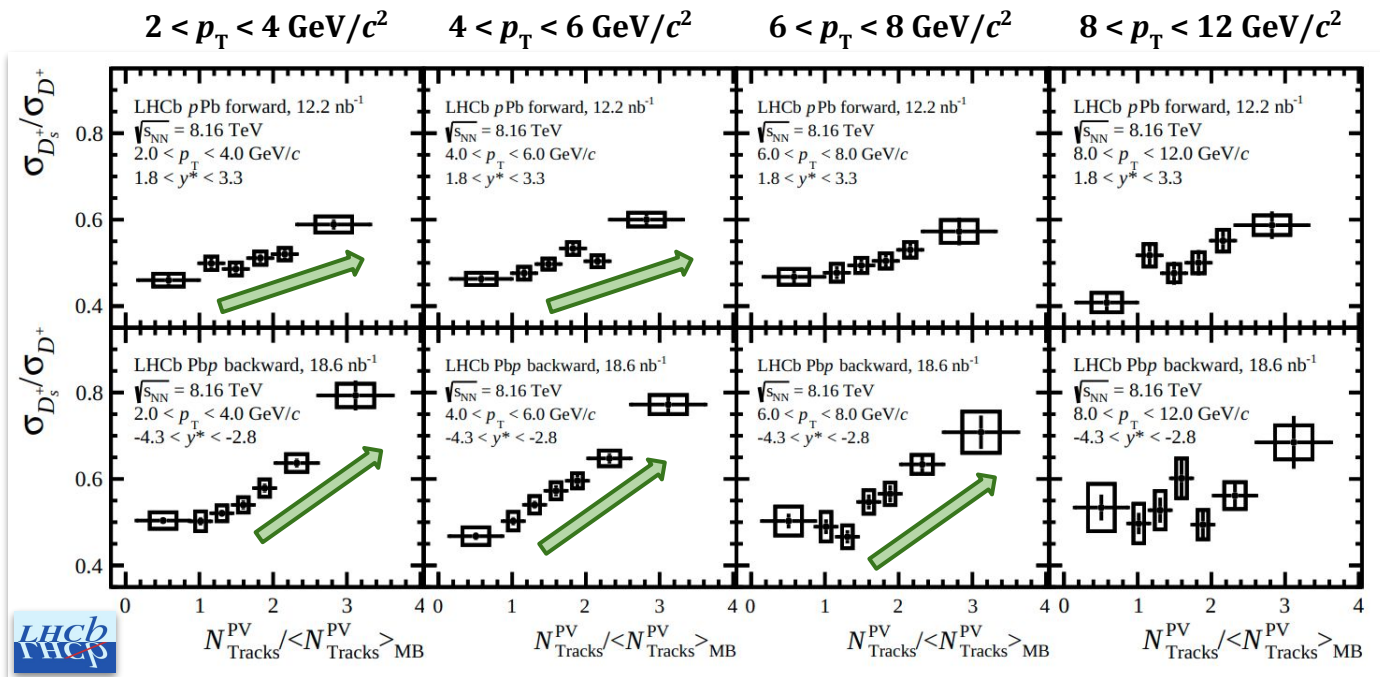
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Sensitivity to coalescence and strangeness enhancement

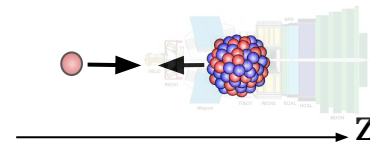
1. v_2 described by models including charm-quark coalescence with strange quarks flowing in the QGP
2. Hint of higher D_s^+/D^0 ratio in Pb-Pb collisions than that in pp collisions (2.3-2.4 σ at intermediate p_T)
3. Similar for B_s^0/B^+ , with a hint of dependence vs. centrality



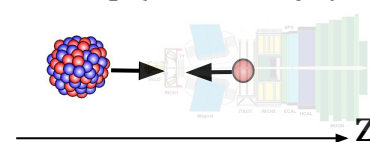
D_s^+ enhancement in high-multiplicity p-Pb collisions



p-Pb (forward y^*)

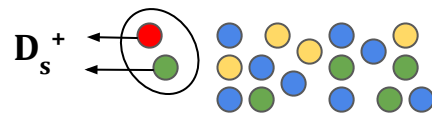


Pb-p (backward y^*)

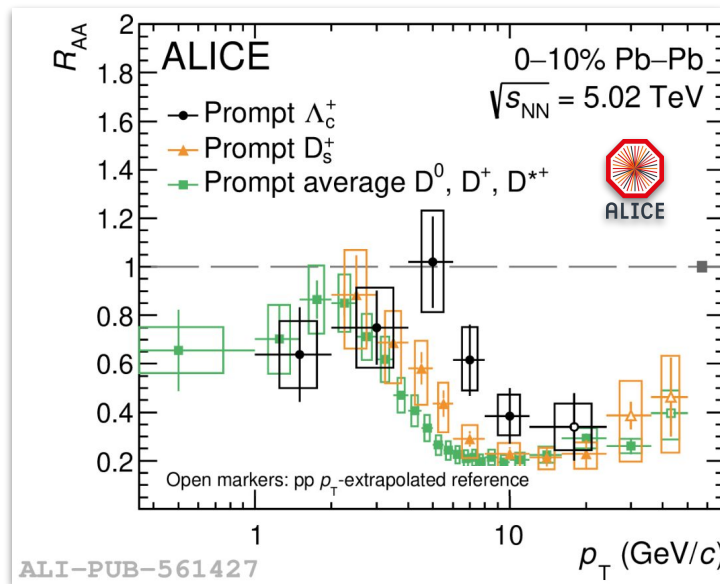
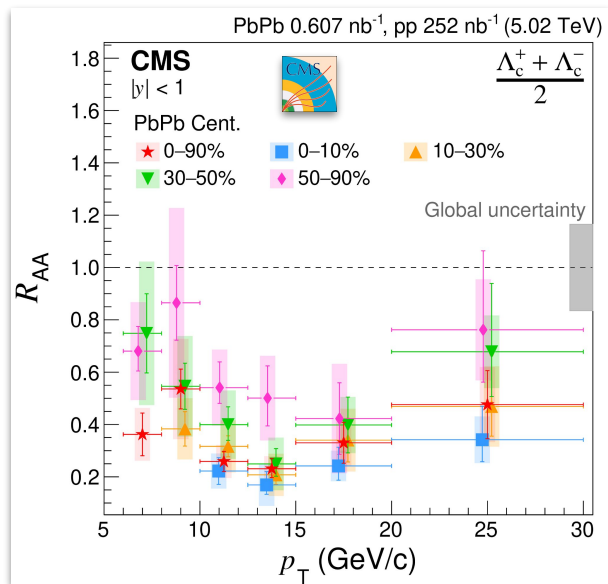


- Significant **increase vs. multiplicity** of prompt D_s^+/D^+ ratio in **p-Pb** collisions
 - **more pronounced for backward collisions**
- In line with a scenario including hadronization via **coalescence** and **strangeness enhancement** in **high-multiplicity p-Pb** collisions

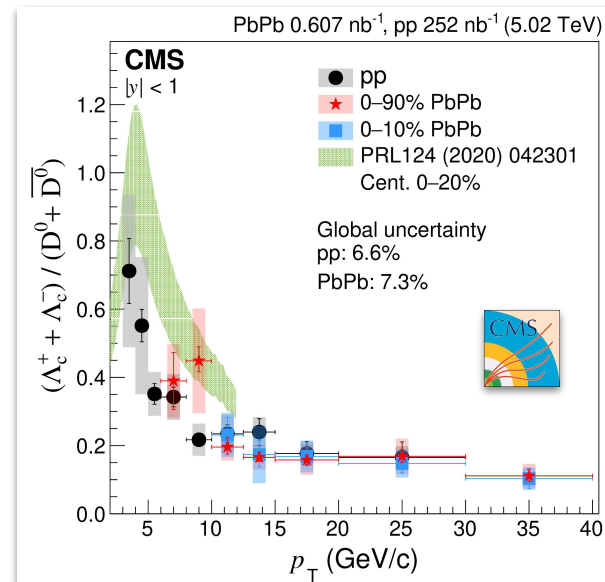
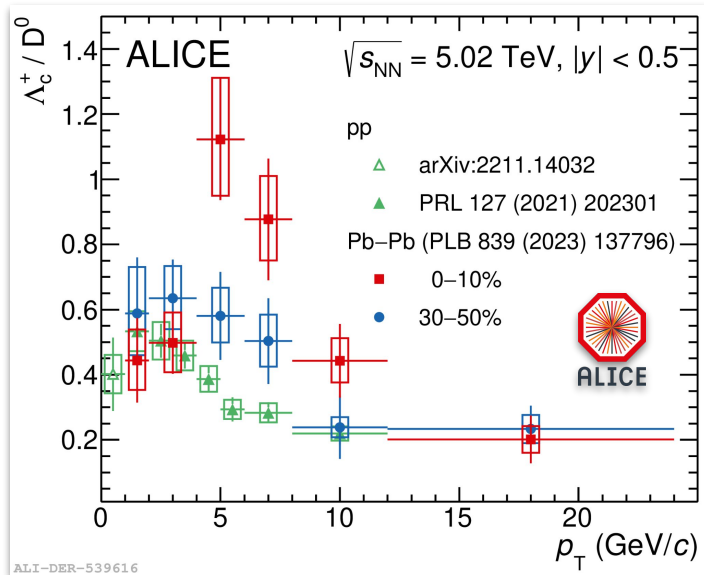
● charm ● up
● strange ● down



Nuclear modification factor of Λ_c^+ baryon

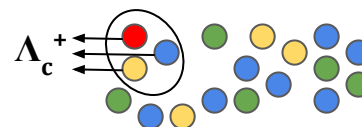


- Hint of $R_{AA}^{\text{central}}(\Lambda_c^+) < R_{AA}^{\text{peripheral}}(\Lambda_c^+) \rightarrow$ sensitivity to **different system size** and **energy density**
- Minimum value of $R_{AA}^{\text{central}}(D^0)$ at around $p_T = 6-8$ GeV/c, which is lower than that of $R_{AA}^{\text{central}}(\Lambda_c^+)$
- Hint of hierarchy $R_{AA}(\Lambda_c^+) > R_{AA}(D_s^+) > R_{AA}(\text{non-strange D})$ for $4 < p_T < 12$ GeV/c in most central collisions
 - Indication of larger enhancement for baryons due to **coalescence**
 - Interplay with **radial flow**?

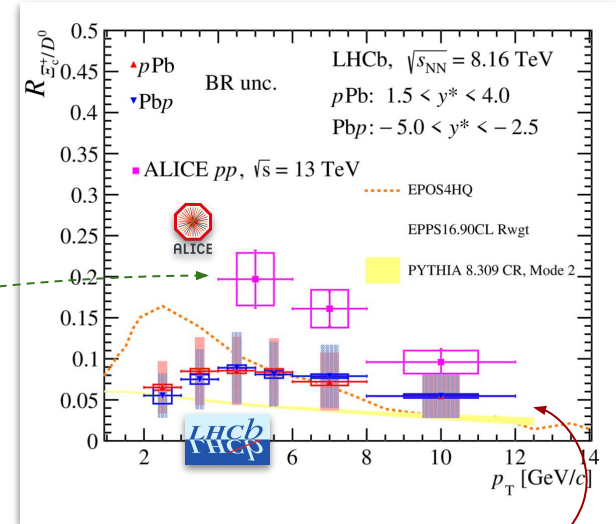
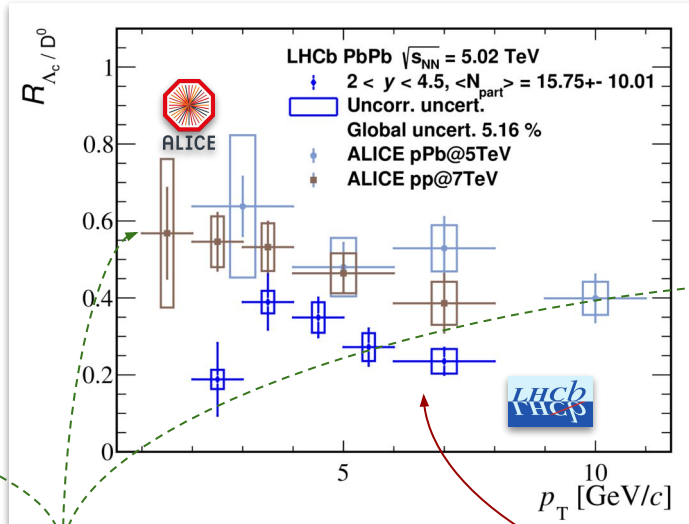
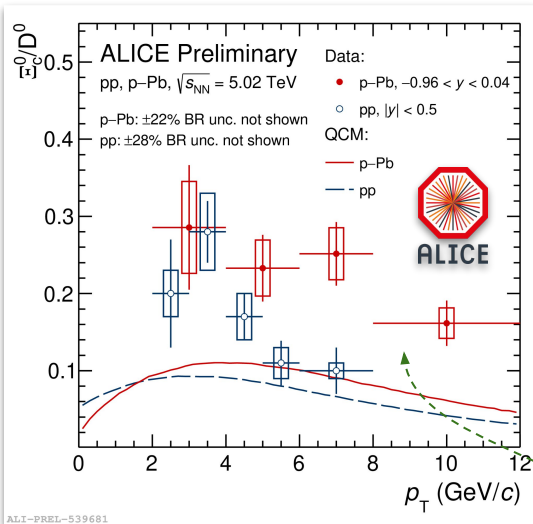


- Λ_c^+ / D^0 baryon-to-meson ratio **at midrapidity** significantly **higher** (ALICE: 3.7σ) in **central Pb-Pb** collisions than in **pp** collisions in the interval $4 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - Measurement in central Pb-Pb collisions described by **transport models** with **recombination**
- No significant collision-system and centrality dependence for $p_T > 12 \text{ GeV}/c$

- charm
- strange
- down
- up



ALICE: [PLB 839 \(2023\) 137796](#)
 CMS: [arXiv:2307.11186 \[nucl-ex\]](#)



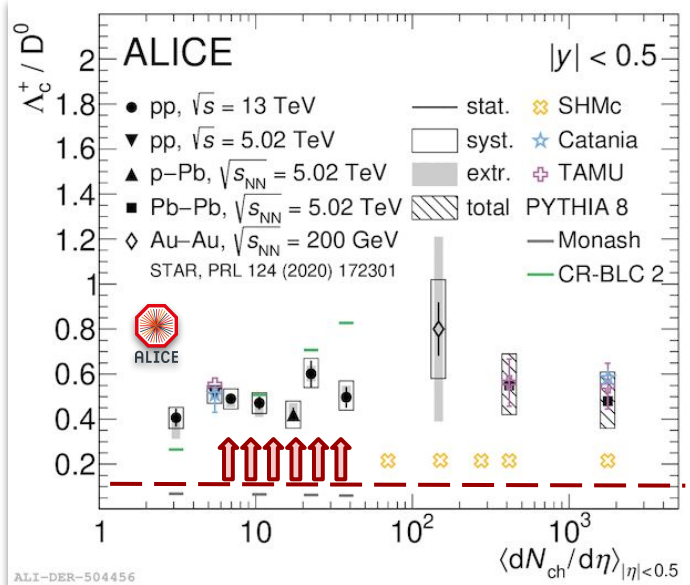
Midrapidity ($|y| < 0.5$)

Forward rapidity

- Baryon-to-meson ratio at midrapidity compatible in pp and p-Pb collisions
 → hint of larger Ξ_c^0/D^0 in p-Pb collisions at $p_T > 4$ GeV/c
- **Baryon-to-meson ratio at forward rapidity systematically lower** than those at **midrapidity** across collision systems
 - influence of different parton and/or heavy-flavour quark densities in different rapidity ranges?

LHCb: [JHEP 06 \(2023\) 132](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.06711)
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LEP: [EPJC 75, 19 \(2015\)](#)
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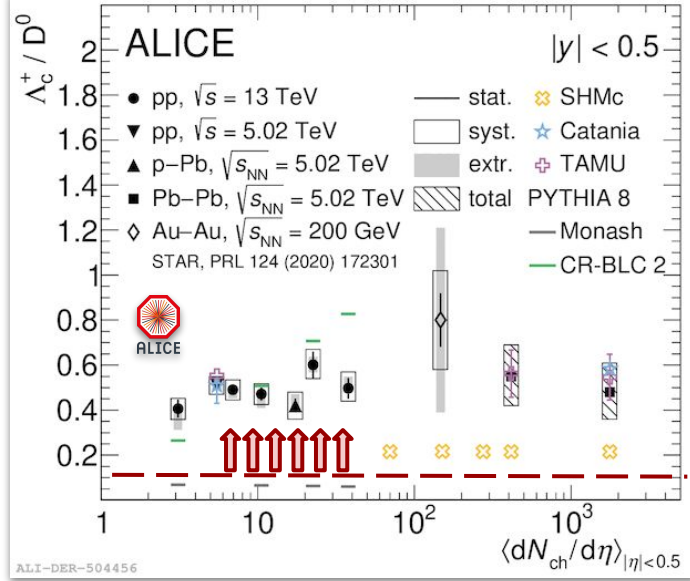
Charm
 baryon-to-mes
 on ratio

$e^+e^-: 0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$

- **No significant dependence vs. multiplicity** of the p_T -integrated Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio at mid- y across collision systems
- Ratio described by Catania (fragmentation + coalescence) and TAMU (SHM+RQM + 4-momentum conserving coalescence in Pb-Pb)
- PYTHIA 8 CR-BLC prediction does not reproduce the trend vs. multiplicity in pp collisions

→ Is the p_T -differential Λ_c^+ / D^0 enhancement just a consequence of radial flow and recombination?

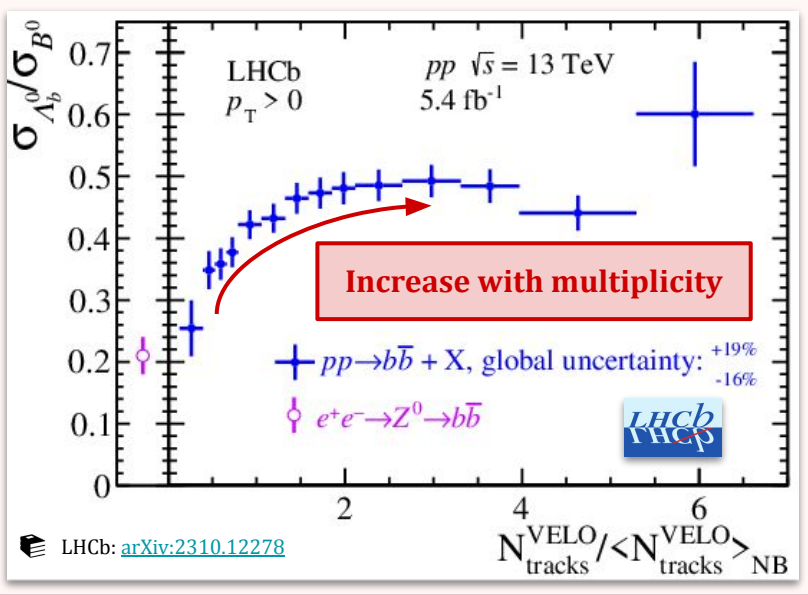




e^+e^-

pp collisions

Beauty baryon-to-meson ratio



- No significant dependence vs. multiplicity of the p_T -integrated Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio across collision systems
- Significant dependence versus multiplicity of the p_T -integrated Λ_b^0 / B^0 ratio at forward- y in pp collisions
 - increase of about a factor 2 from low to high multiplicity

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Charm-baryon production across collision systems

Baryon enhancement in all collision systems at the LHC compared to e^+e^-

- D mesons: $\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \times 1.4-1.6$ with respect to e^+e^-
- Λ_c^+ baryon: $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow \times \sim 3$ with respect to e^+e^-
- **No significant system dependence of charm fragmentation fractions**

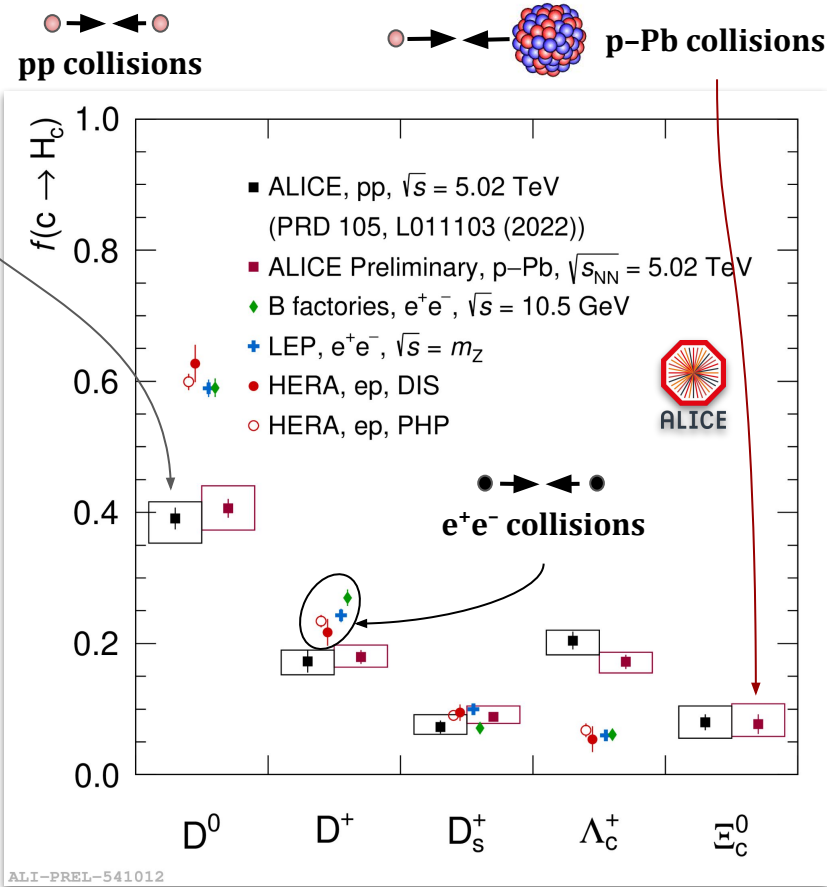
Modification of hadronization mechanisms already in pp and p-Pb collisions, i.e. without QGP formation?



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“Heavy-quark production and hadronisation as a function of event multiplicity with ALICE”



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A lot of **experimental results** from the **ALICE**, **ATLAS**, **CMS** and **LHCb** Collaborations at the LHC to shed light on the **c-quark** and **b-quark dynamics** in the **QGP**



- **c- and b-quark** lose energy via **gluon radiation**
- indications of c- and b-quark **participation** to the **collective motion**
- **hadronization** via **recombination** crucial to explain the particle production hierarchy at intermediate p_T



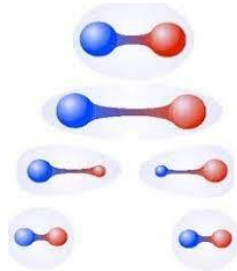
More results coming from Run 3 at the LHC!

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Backup



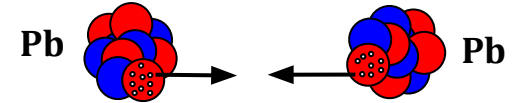
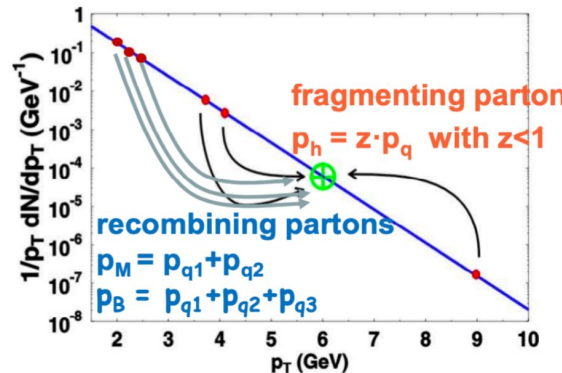
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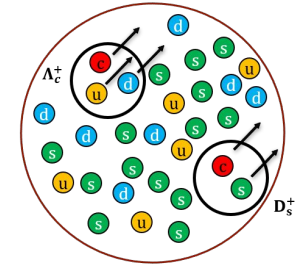
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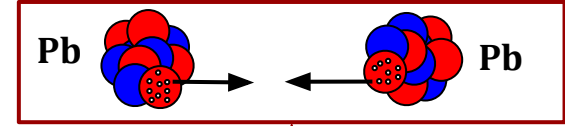


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- Hadronization can be influenced by **coalescence** and **strangeness enhancement**



Coalescence

- Heavy quark recombines with light quarks in the QGP
- Expected increase of hadrons at intermediate-low p_T
- QGP: interplay with fragmentation



- Superposition of many “ e^+e^- ” collisions
- Changes in hadronization due to the surrounding color charges and those from MPI?
- **Do the model calculations based on the factorization approach describe the experimental results?**



DO NOT MISS OUT!

A. Rossi, Monday at 10:10
“Heavy-quark production and hadronisation as a function of event multiplicity with ALICE”

This talk: more focused on results in **heavy-ion collisions**

Constraining the spatial diffusion coefficient via the **data-to-model agreement**

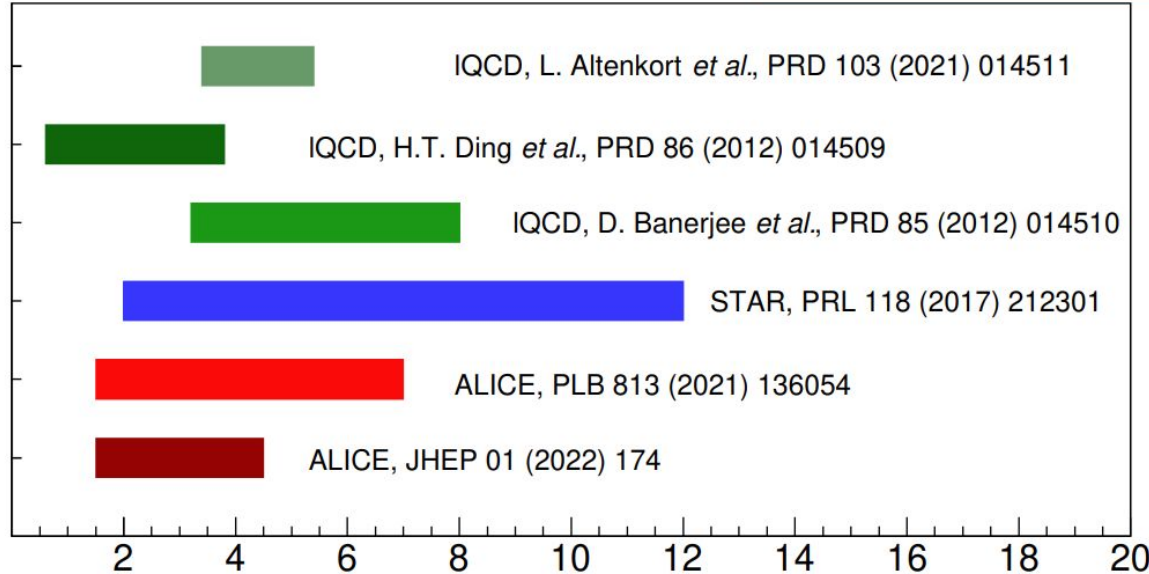
→ Using R_{AA} (with $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 5$) and v_2 (with $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 2$) non-strange D measurements

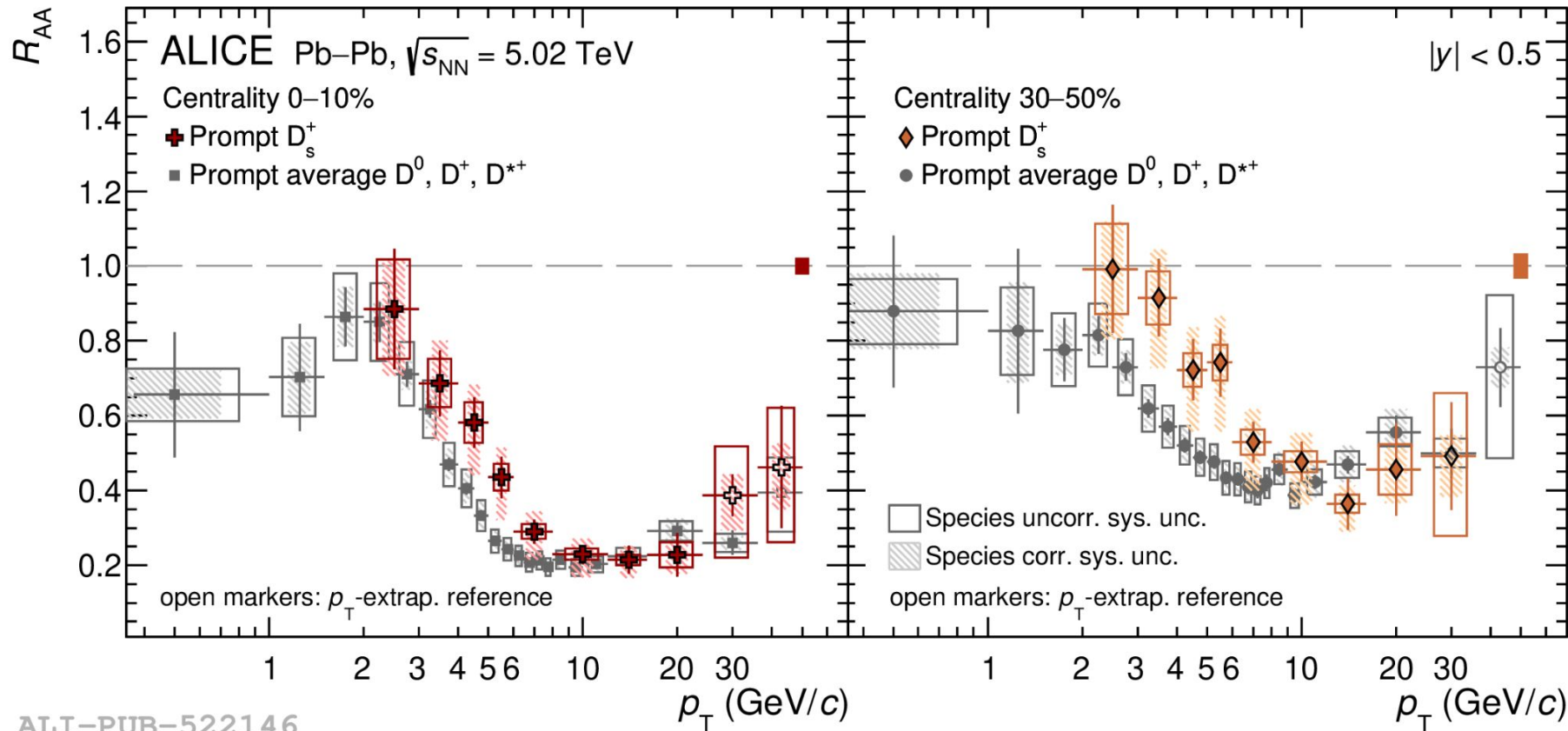
→ TAMU, MC@shQ, LIDO, LGR, and Catania "selected"

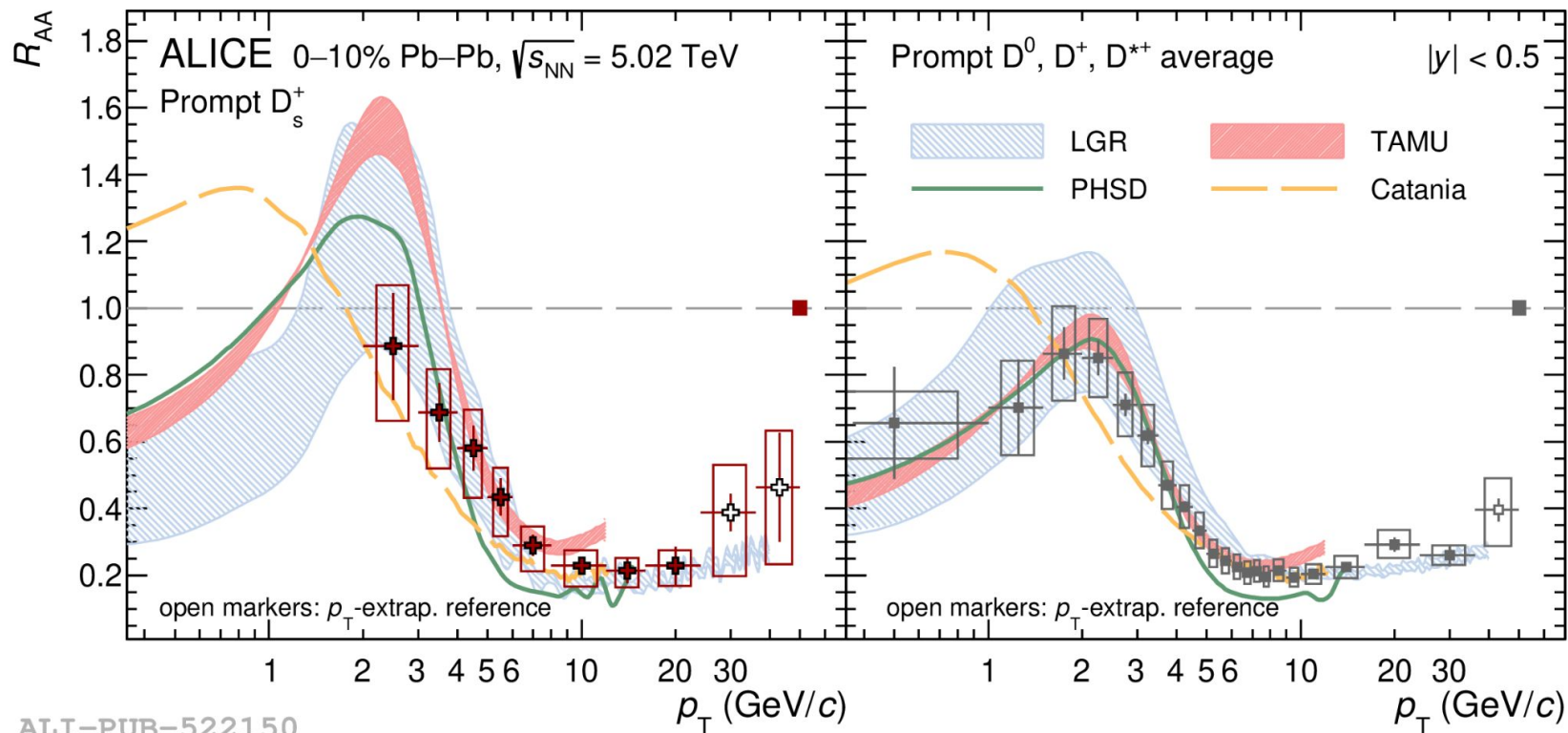
$$\rightarrow 1.5 < 2\pi D_s T_c < 4.5$$

$$\rightarrow \tau_{\text{charm}} \approx 3-8 \text{ fm}/c$$

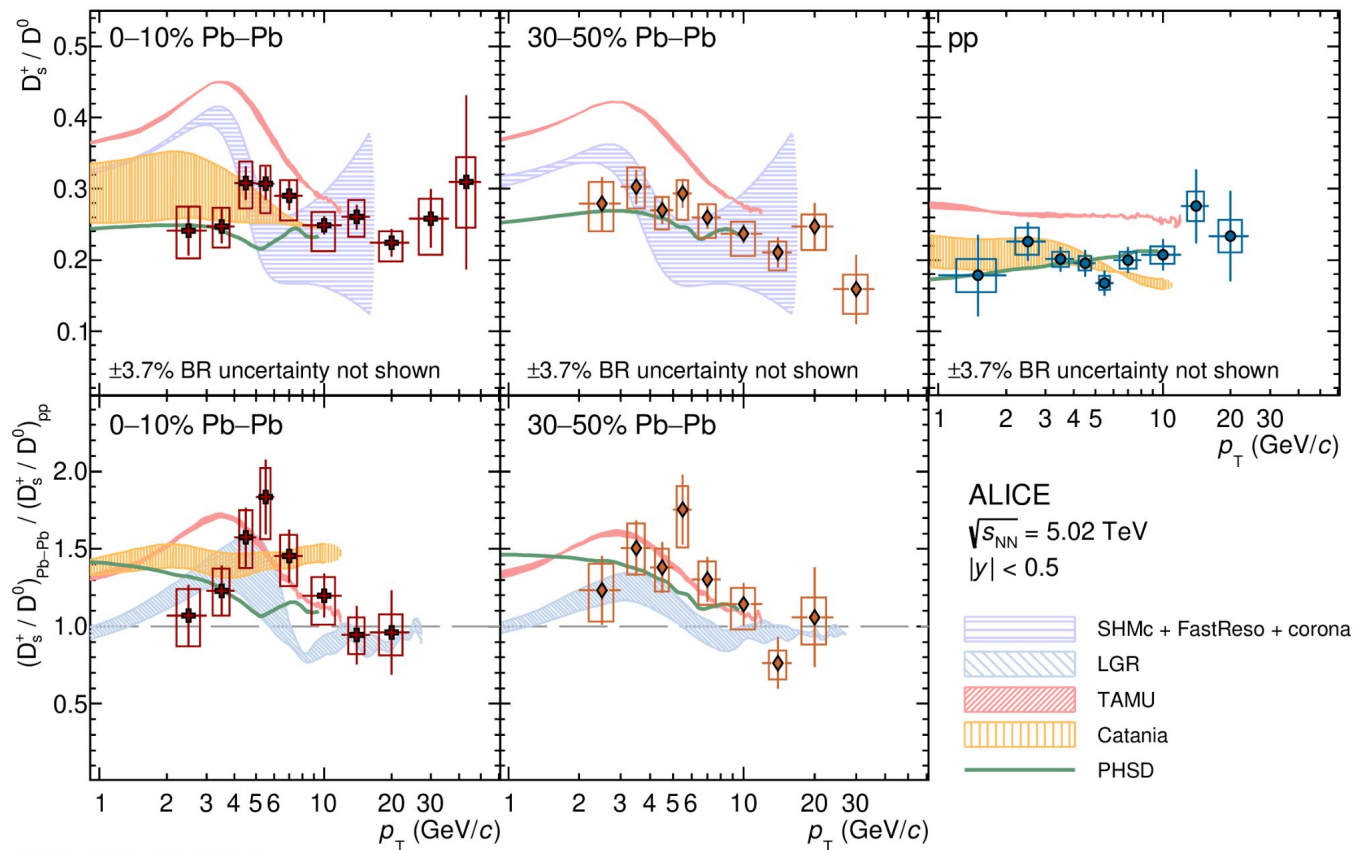
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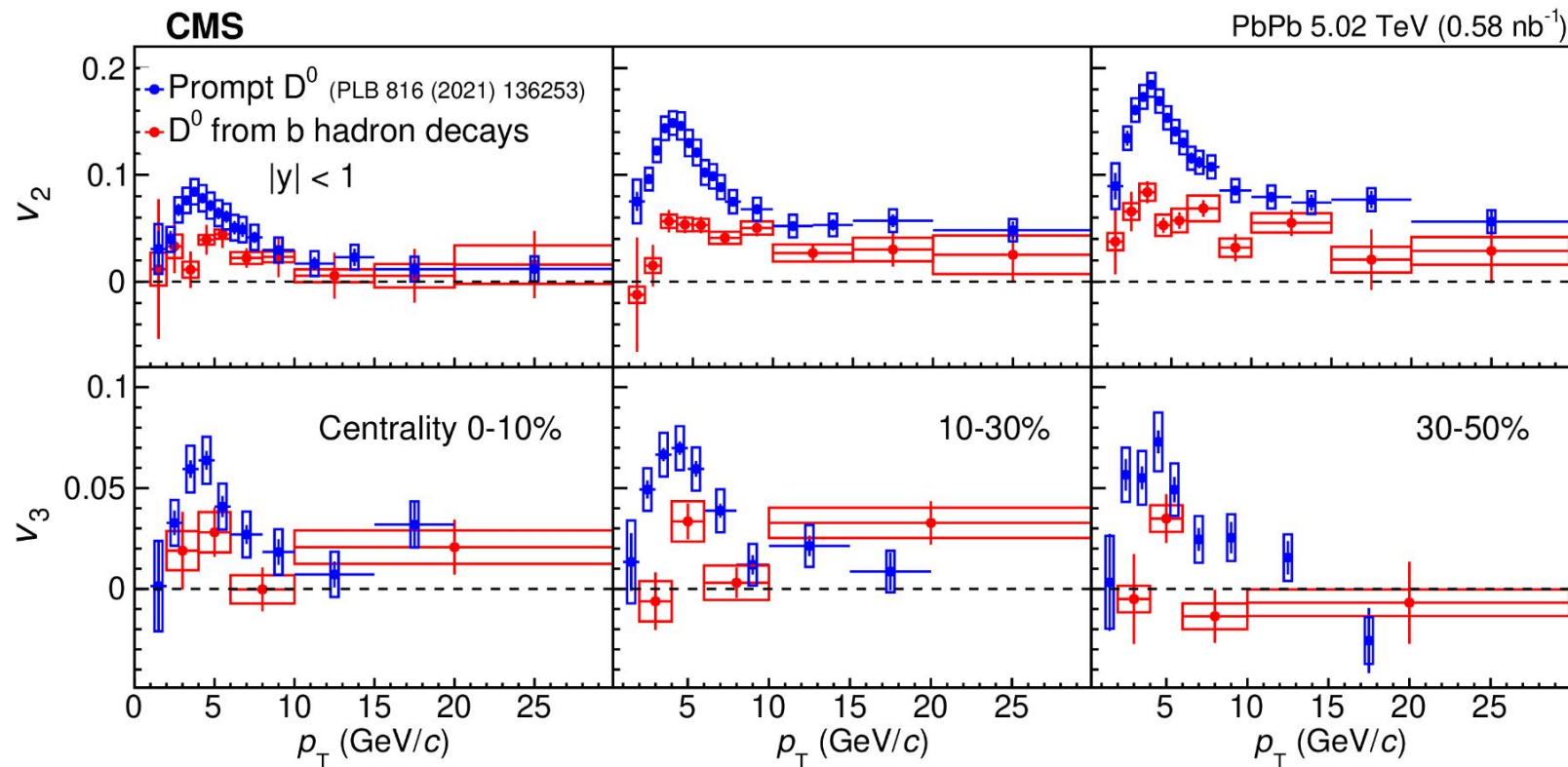


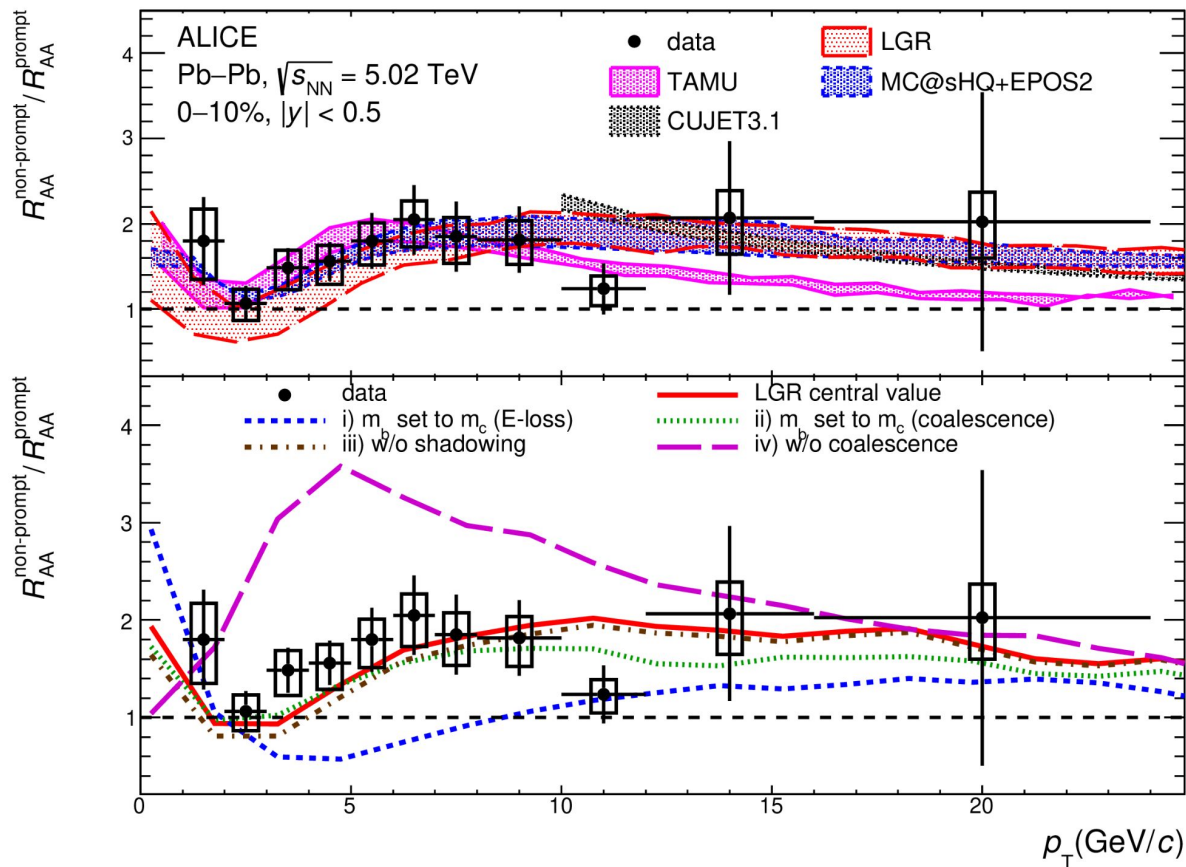


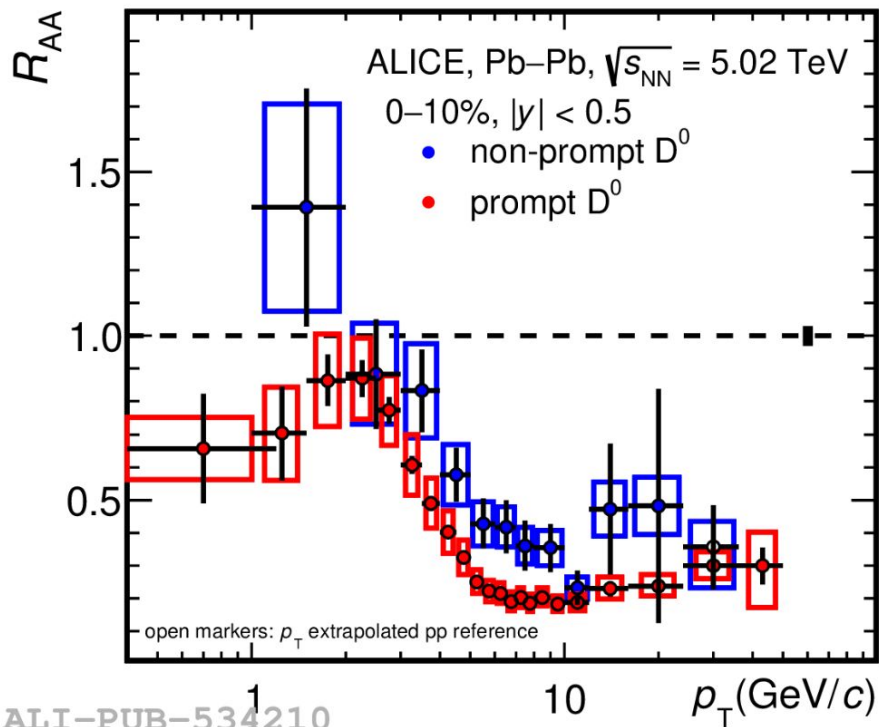


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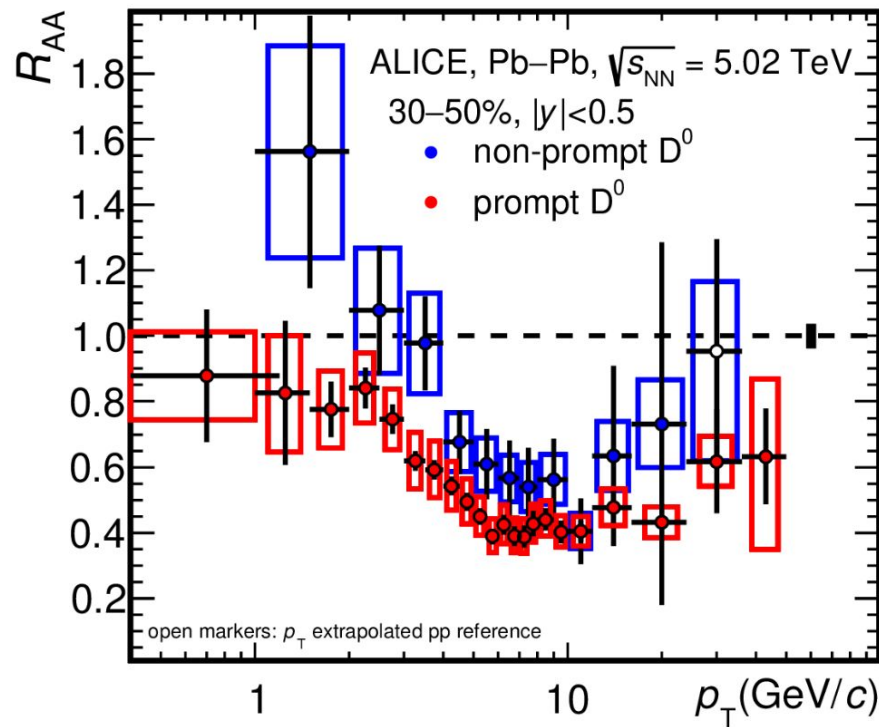


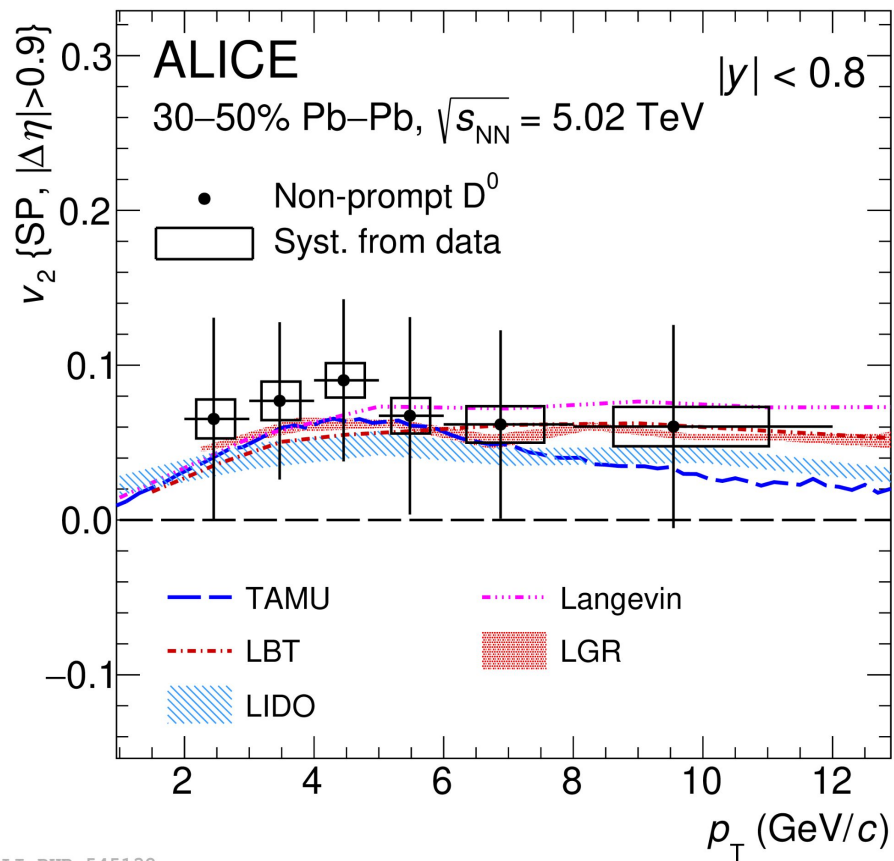


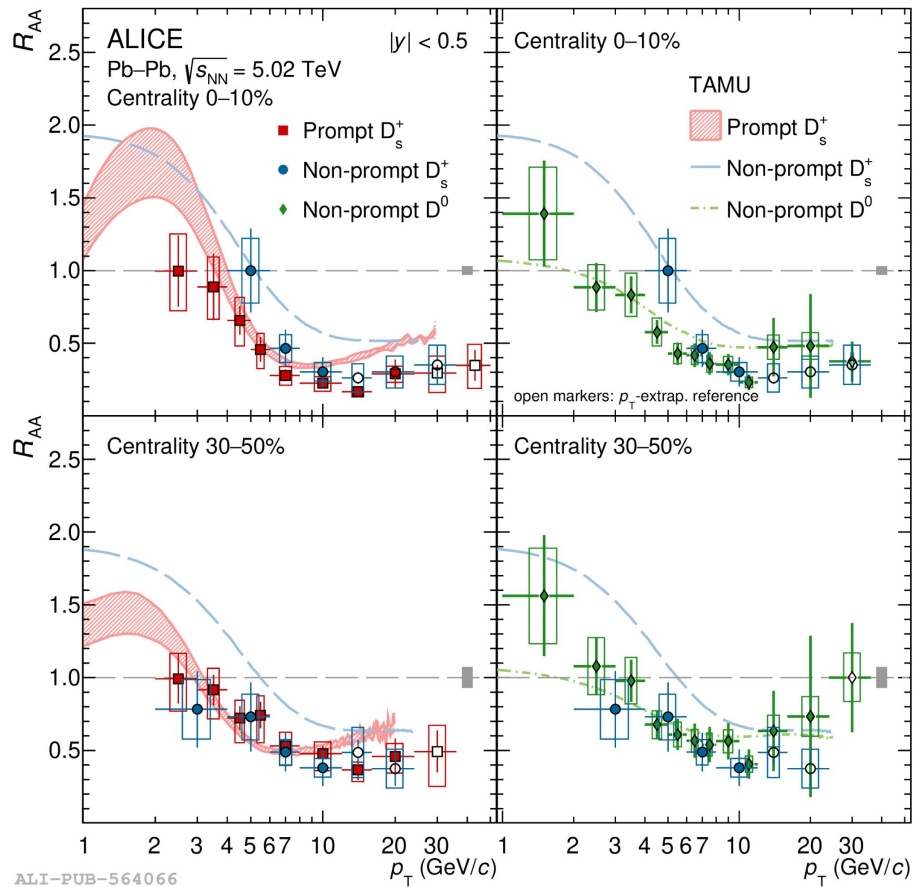


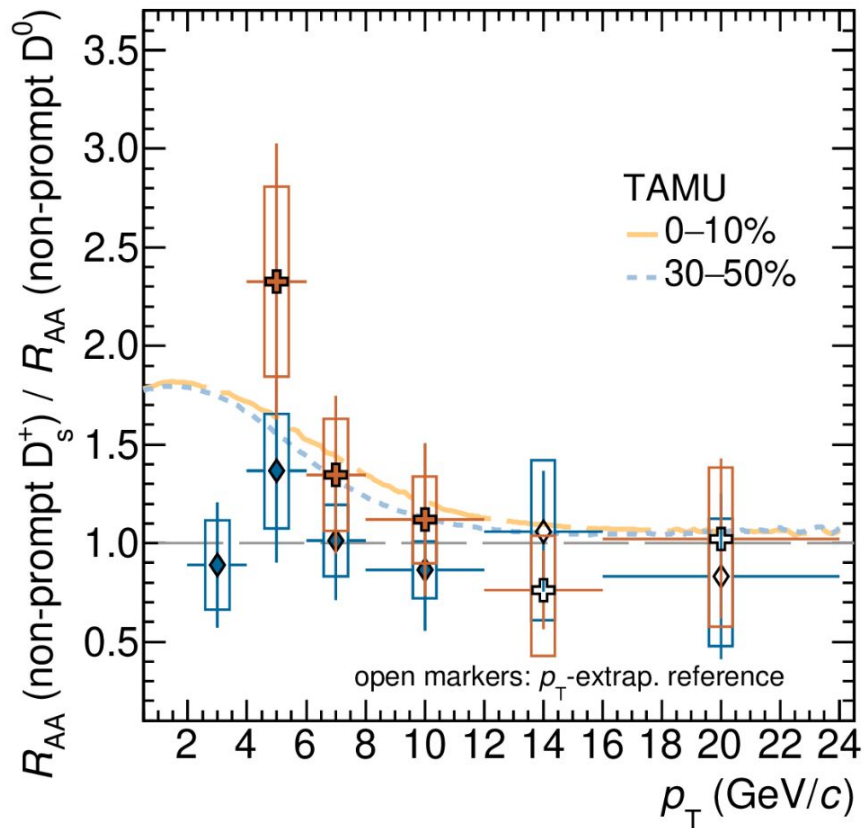
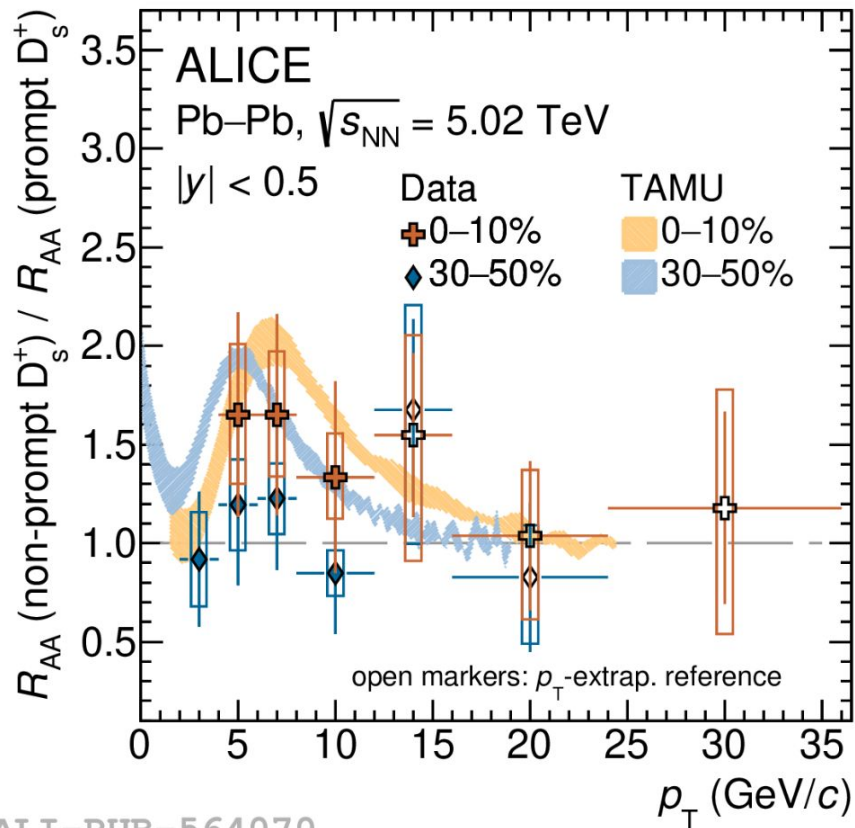


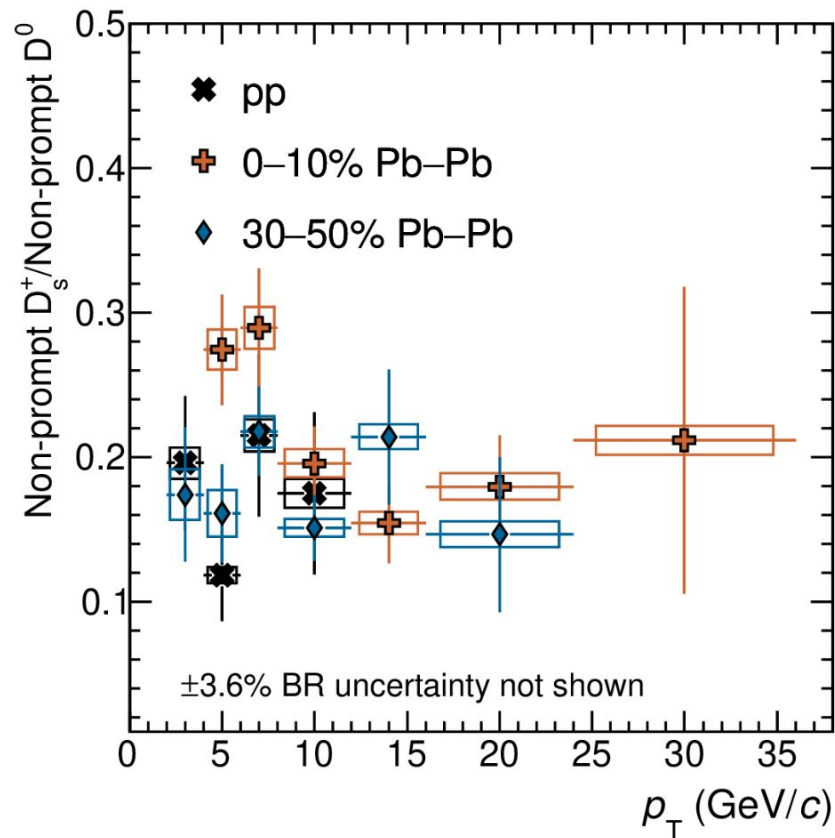
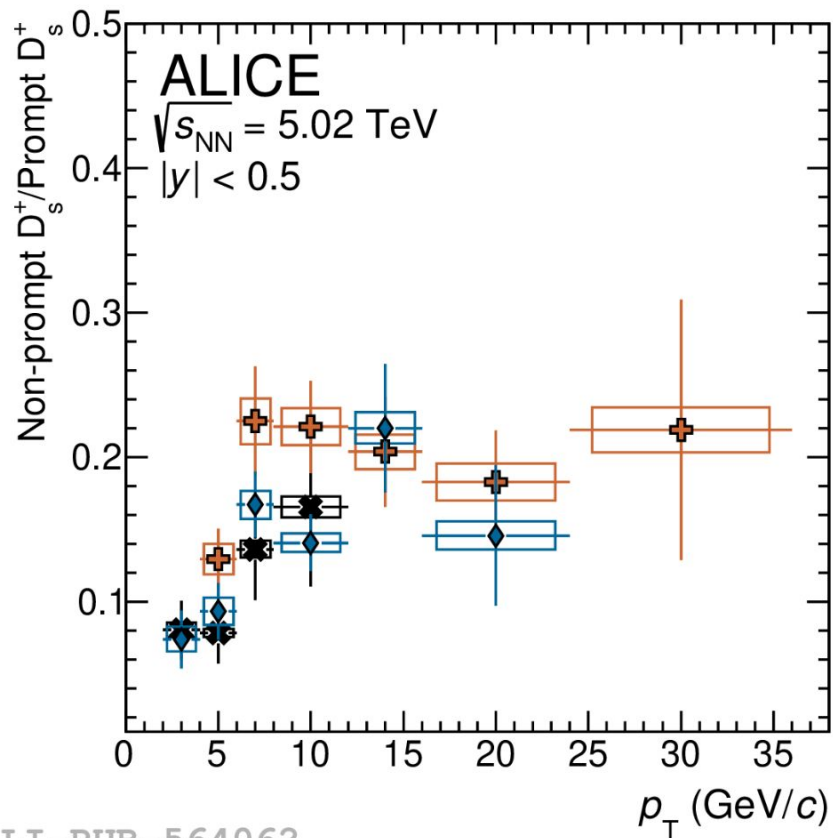
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E-loss and transport models

	Collisional en. loss	Radiative en. loss	Coalescence	Hydro	nPDF
CUJET 3.1	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
DREENA-A	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
SCET _{M,G}	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓

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LIDO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PHSD	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
DAB-MOD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Catania	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
MC@shQ+EPOS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LBT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
POWLANG+HTL	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
LGR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

But more importantly: different **implementations** and **input parameters**.

1 Production spectra and R_{AA}

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

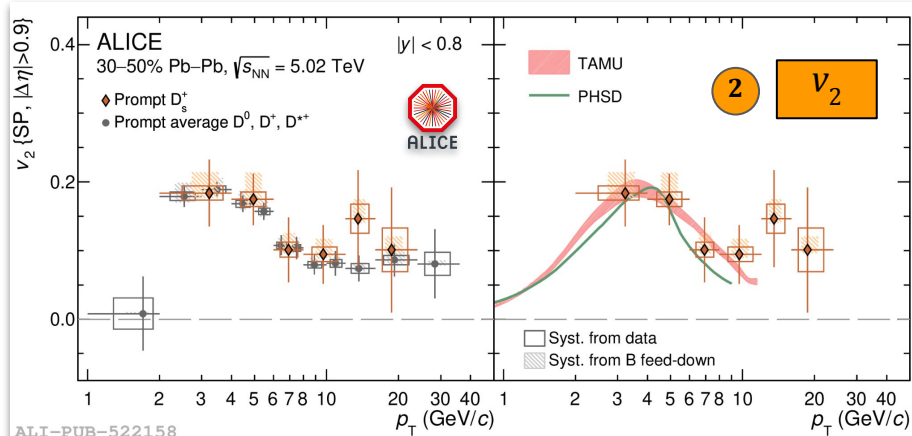
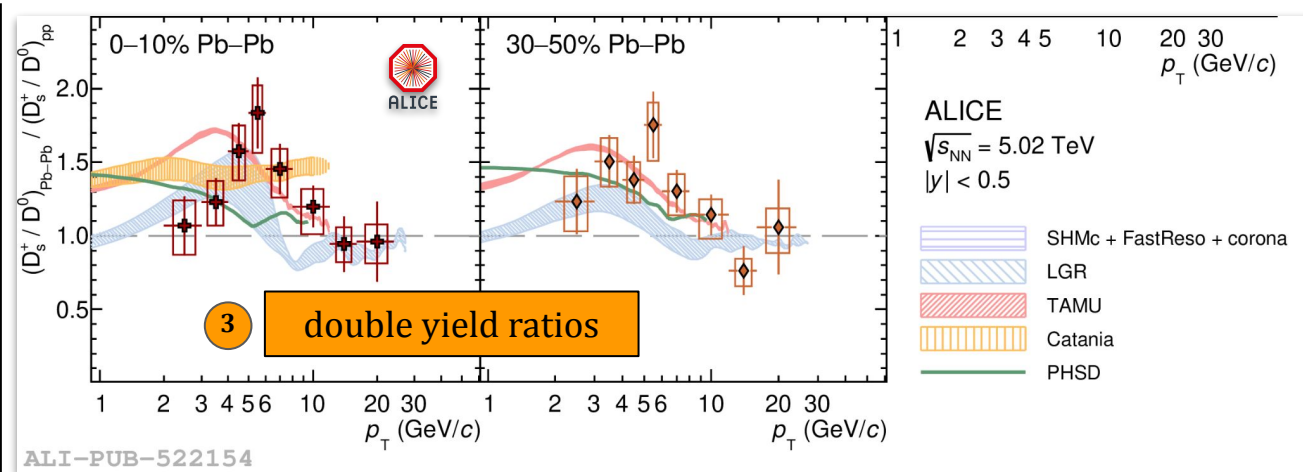
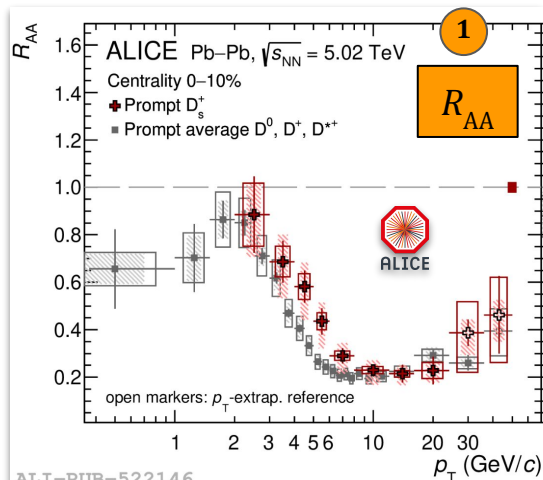
$$R_{AA}(p_T, y) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \cdot \frac{d^2 N_{AA} / dp_T dy}{d^2 N_{pp} / dp_T dy}$$

2 Anisotropic flow

$$v_n(p_T) = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$

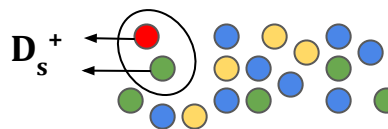
3 ... and particle ratios!

Heavy-strange-meson production



Sensitivity to coalescence and strangeness enhancement

1. hint of $R_{AA}(D_s^+) > R_{AA}(\text{non-strange } D)$ at intermediate p_T
2. v_2 described by models including charm-quark coalescence with strange quarks flowing in the QGP
3. D_s^+/D^0 ratio in Pb-Pb collisions higher than that in pp collisions of about $2.3\text{-}2.4\sigma$ at intermediate p_T



● charm ● up
 ● strange ● down

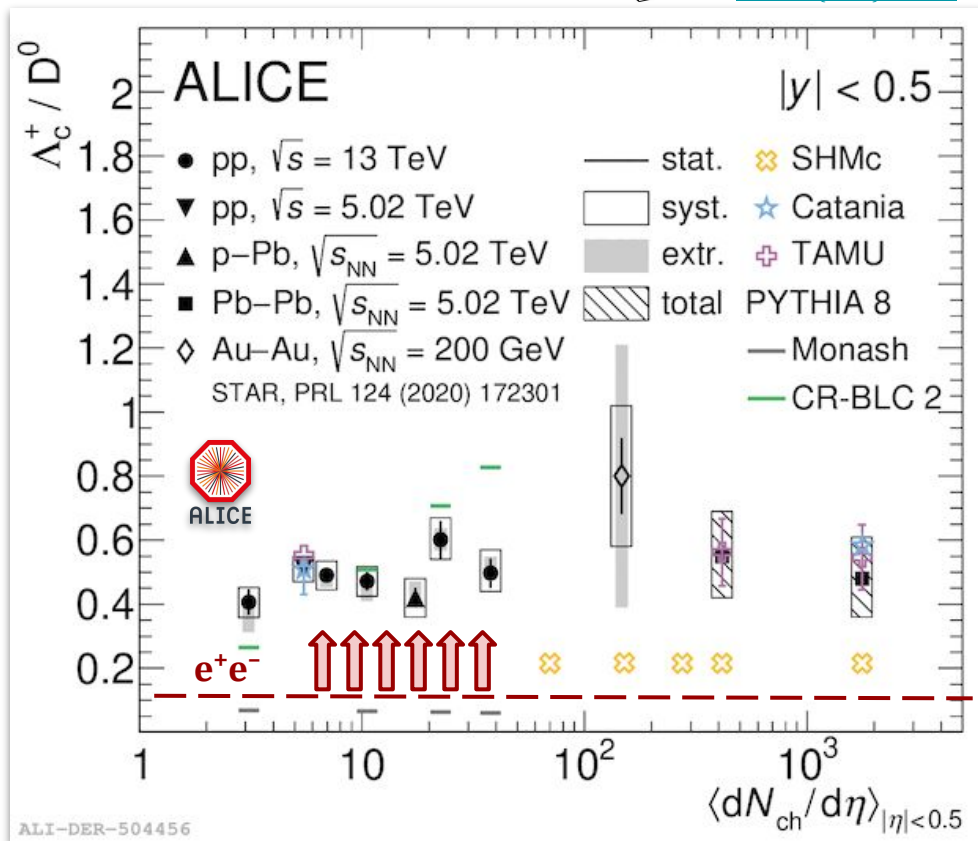
Baryon enhancement in all collision systems at the LHC compared to e^+e^-

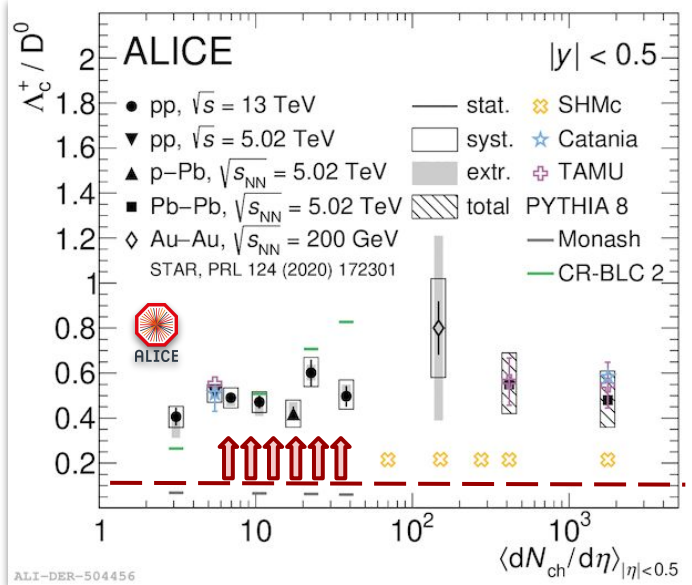
- **No significant dependence** versus multiplicity of the p_T -integrated Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio **across collision systems**
- Ratio described by Catania (fragmentation + coalescence) and TAMU (SHM+RQM + 4-momentum conserving coalescence in Pb-Pb)
- PYTHIA CR-BLC prediction does not reproduce the trend vs. multiplicity in pp collisions

→ Is the p_T -differential Λ_c^+/D^0 **enhancement** just a consequence of **radial flow** and **recombination**?



LEP: [EPJ C 75, 19 \(2015\)](#)
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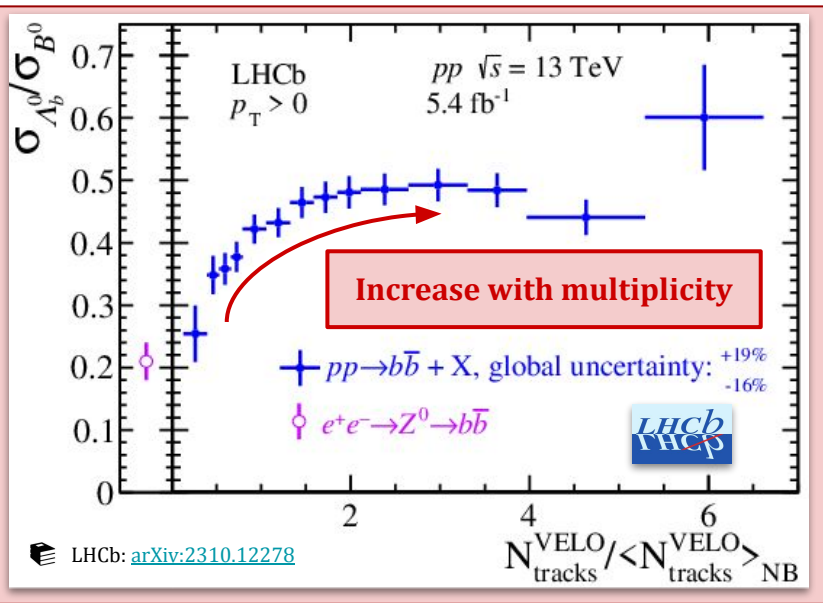




e^+e^-

pp collisions

Beauty
baryon-to-meson
ratio



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Observables:

- production yield and RAA
- flow
- $c\bar{c}$ cross section in p-Pb (?)

Topics:

- ratio L_c/D_0 from pp to Pb-Pb → confronto anche con LHCb in 60-80% e con CMS a mid-rapidity
- L_c Pb-Pb mid-rapidity
(https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139644/contributions/5539868/attachments/2708392/4702520/Soumik_Chandra_Measurement_of_charm_quark_QM2023.pdf)
- **RAA prompt e non prompt D mesons** → anche da CMS
(https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139644/contributions/5542698/attachments/2709279/4704316/MilanStojanovic_D0_CMS_QM2023.pdf)
- **Prompt and non-prompt Ds** da pp a Pb-Pb
 - RAA ratio Ds here <https://indico.uni-muenster.de/event/1409/contributions/2013/attachments/924/1867/VoelklHPnonPrompt.pdf>
- **RAA mesoni B CMS**
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 - $b\bar{S}$, $b\bar{C}$ cms: https://indico.uni-muenster.de/event/1409/contributions/2022/attachments/988/2067/hp2023_qm.pdf
- **RAA vs. v_2 e spatial diffusion coefficient.** Flow D_0 di CMS
- $c\bar{c}$ e FF in p-Pb
- D_0 , L_c , X_{ic} in p-Pb → vedi talk Moriond e anche risultati X_{ic} di LHCb
 - https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139644/contributions/5539922/attachments/2708428/4703445/QM2023_ChenxiGu.pdf
 - per D_0 p-Pb ALICE: <https://indico.uni-muenster.de/event/1409/contributions/2001/>
- Performance X_{ic} in Pb-Pb (Jianhui)