



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



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Introduction

- Heavy quarks are formed in initial hard scatterings with cross sections that can be calculated with pQCD
- “calibrated probes” of initial- and final-state effects in all collision systems
- Test pQCD calculations and expectations of MC generators with different MPI, jet, hadronisation models

Experimentally:

- different hadron species
- event multiplicity, different collision systems



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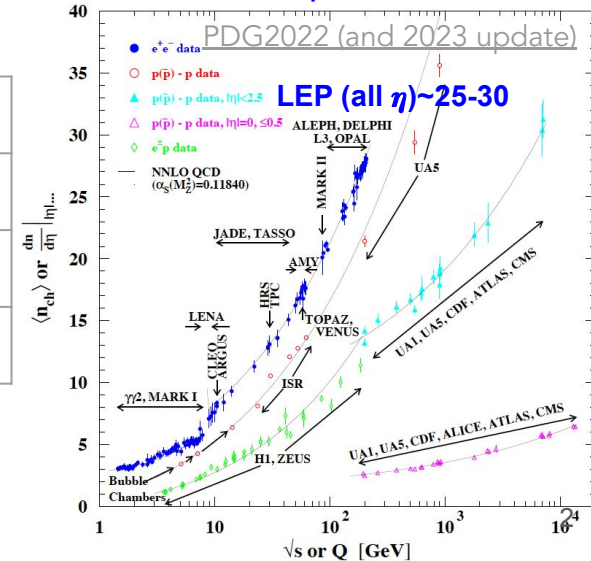
LHC, CDF: heavy-flavour baryon formation not understood in proton-proton collisions → main topic of this talk

Typical charged particle multiplicities probed, $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle (\eta=0)$:

	Low mult.	Min. bias	High mult.
pp (13 TeV)	~4.5	~7 (INEL>0)	~34 (~0.5% of events)
p–Pb (5.02 TeV)	~7	~17 (NSD)	~42 (~5% of events)
Pb–Pb (5.02 TeV)		~415 (30-50% centrality)	~1760 (0-10% centrality)

Multiplicities in e^+e^- at LEP not low (high-energy jets), overlap with pp ones
 Intrinsic difference: MPI in pp, only 1 scattering in e^+e^-

→ comparison of min. bias pp vs. e^+e^- very sensitive to MPI



ALICE apparatus (Run 2)

Central barrel, $|\eta| < 0.9$

$B = 0.5 \text{ T}$

EMCAL

Electron ID

Time Projection Chamber

Tracking, PID

Time Of Flight detector

PID

V0 ($2.8 < \eta < 5.1, -3.7 < \eta < -1.7$)

trigger and centrality determination

Muon arm ($-4 < \eta < -2.5$)

Muon ID, tracking, and trigger

Inner Tracking System

tracking, vertexing, separation of prompt and non-prompt signals

Data samples

(min. bias trigger)

pp 13 TeV $\sim 32 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

pp 7 TeV $\sim 6 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

pp 5 TeV $\sim 19 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

p-Pb 5.02 TeV $\sim 292 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

Pb-Pb 5.02 TeV $\sim 114 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ (0-10%)

Decay channels

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$

$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

$D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi (\rightarrow K^- K^+) \pi^+$

$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+, \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0$

$\Sigma_c^{0,++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-, +$

$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+, \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e$

$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

$\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$

$c, b \rightarrow e^\pm \text{ or } \mu^\pm$

$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^- \text{ or } \mu^+ \mu^-$

Heavy-flavour meson production

D-meson cross sections and ratios

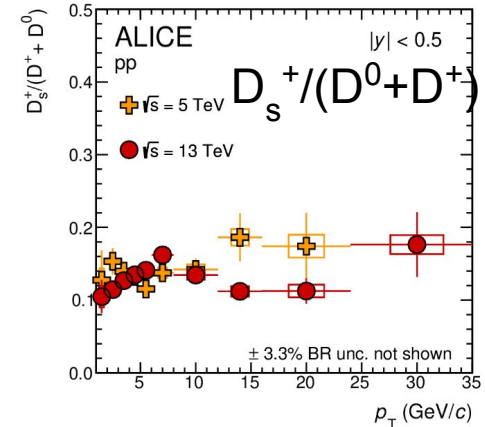
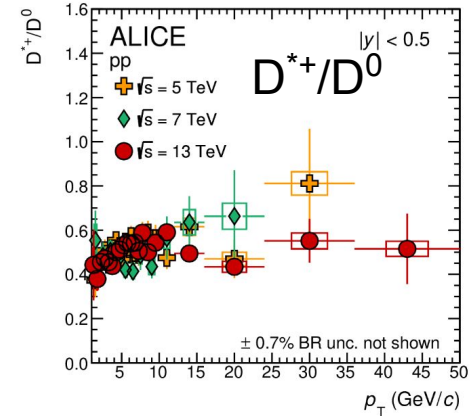
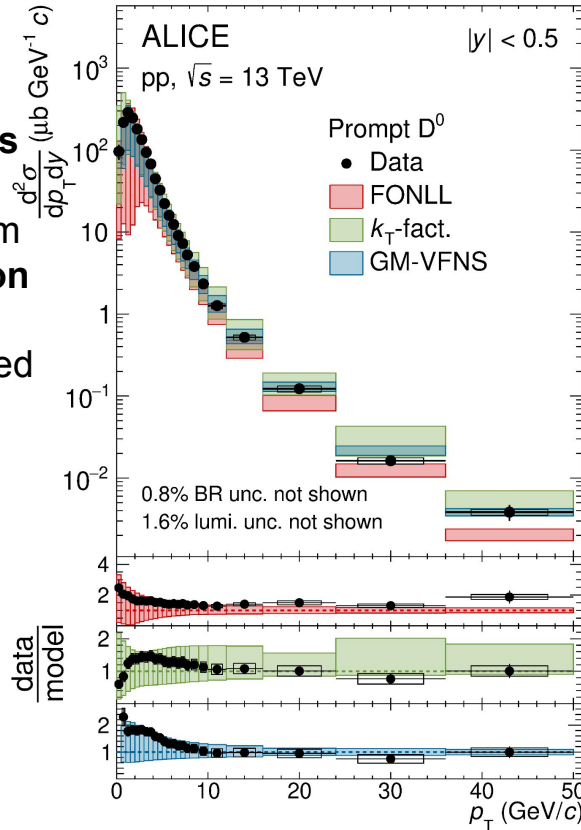
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Yield-meson ratios compatible with e^+e^- values

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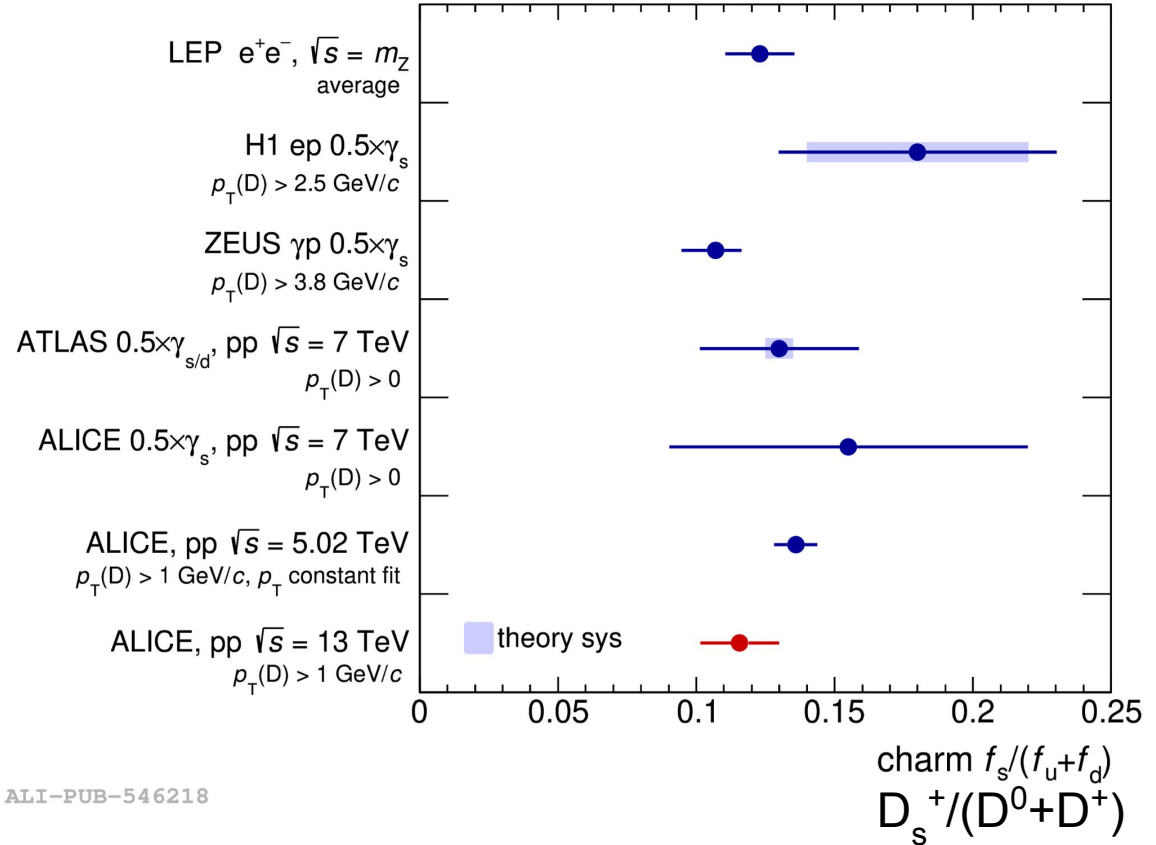
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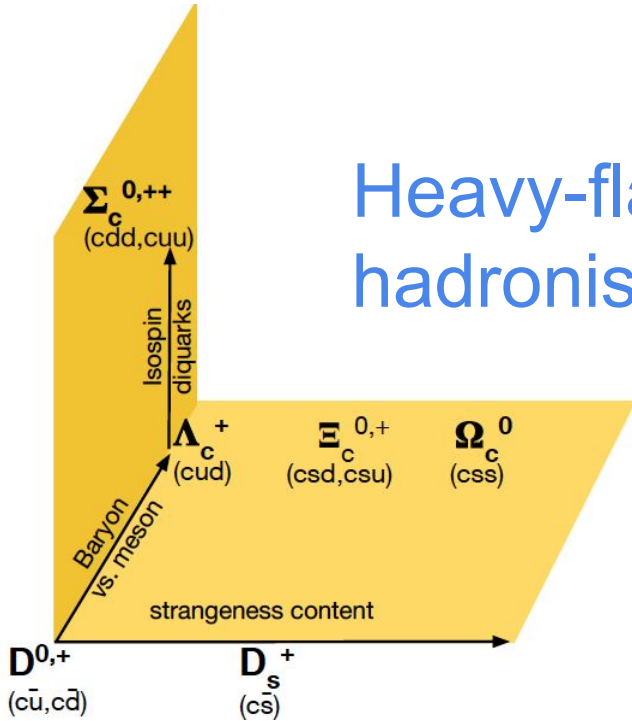
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Heavy-flavour baryons and hadronisation



Particle	Mass (GeV/c ²)
D^0	1.865
D^+	1.870
D_s^+	1.968
Λ_c^+	2.286
$\Sigma_c^{0,++}$	2.454
Ξ_c^0	2.470
Ξ_c^+	2.468
Ω_c^0	2.695

Λ_c^+/D^0 baryon-to-meson cross-section ratio

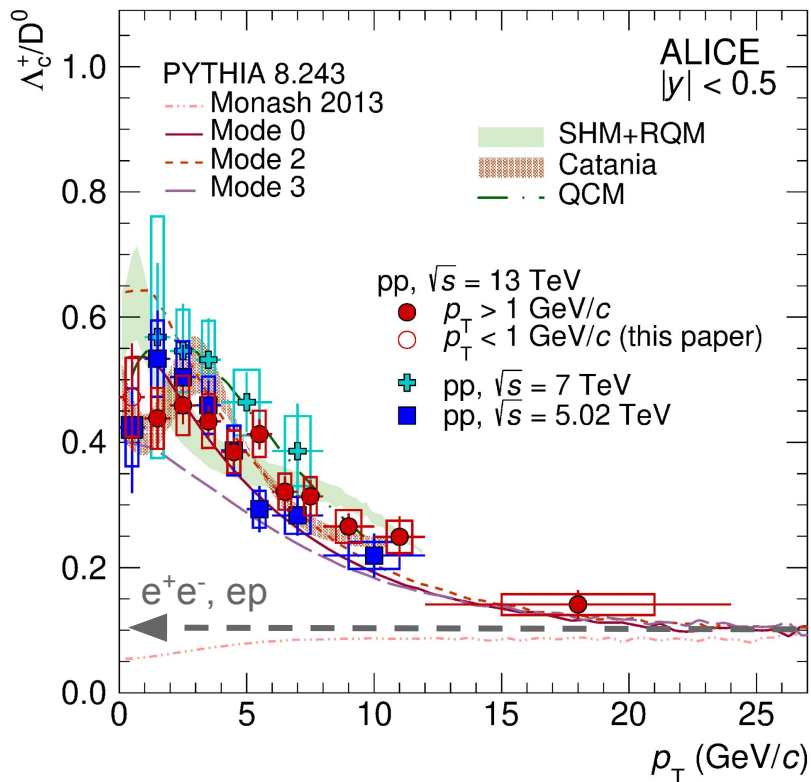
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Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio higher (x4-5) values at low p_T than e^+e^- , ep

Significantly decreasing with p_T , approaching e^+e^- at high p_T

Recently extended down to $p_T = 0$ at 5 and 13 TeV

No evidence of dependence on collision energy



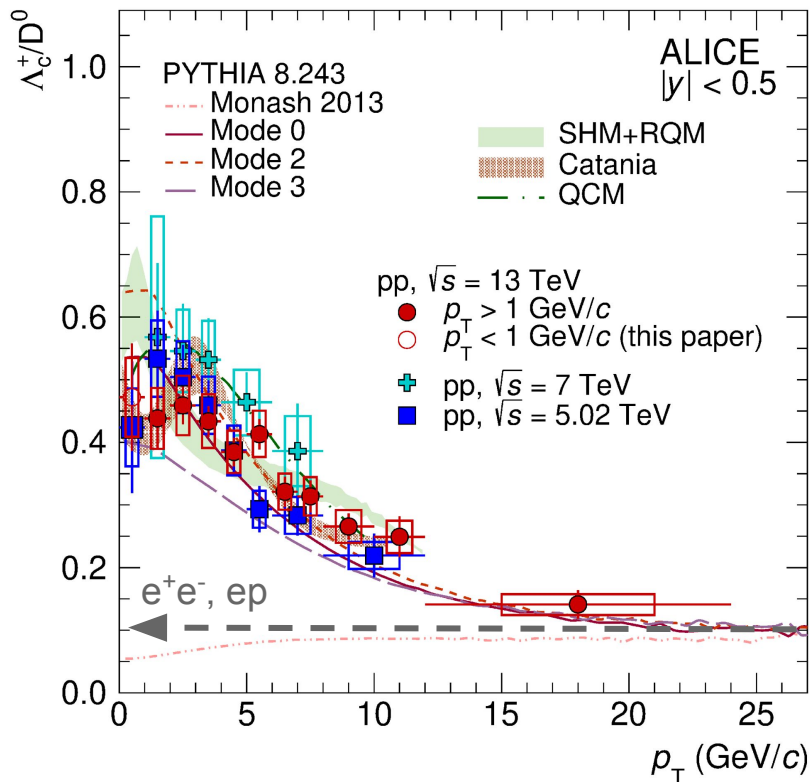
	$\Lambda_c^+/D^0 \pm \text{stat} \pm \text{syst.}$	System	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	Notes
ALICE	$0.51 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.04^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	pp	5020	$p_T > 0, y < 0.5$
ALICE	$0.43 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	p-Pb	5020	$p_T > 0, -0.96 < y < 0.04$
CLEO [16]	$0.119 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.019$	e^+e^-	10.55	
ARGUS [15, 17]	0.127 ± 0.031	e^+e^-	10.55	
LEP average [18]	$0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$	e^+e^-	91.2	
ZEUS DIS [21]	$0.124 \pm 0.034^{+0.025}_{-0.022}$	e^-p	320	$1 < Q^2 < 1000 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $0 < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c, 0.02 < y < 0.7$
ZEUS γp , HERA I [19]	$0.220 \pm 0.035^{+0.027}_{-0.037}$	e^-p	320	$130 < W < 300 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $p_T > 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c, \eta < 1.6$
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Not described by **PYTHIA 8 Monash** as well as by **pQCD-based calculations** relying on **factorisation** approach and **fragmentation function universality**, which work well for mesons

Universality of fragmentation function violated already in pp collisions

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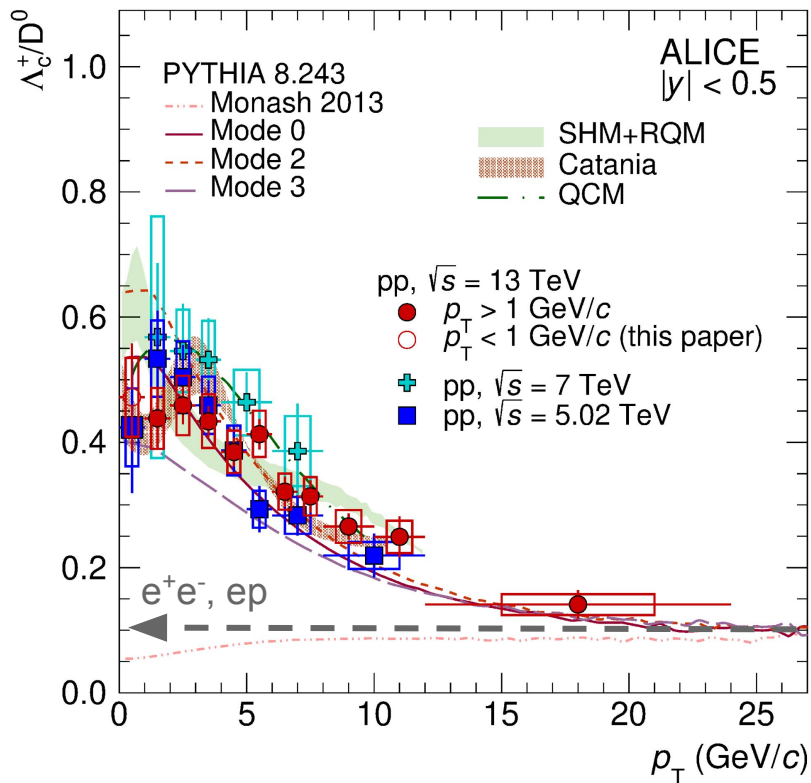
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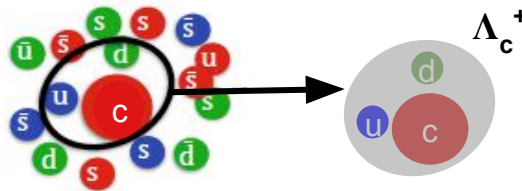
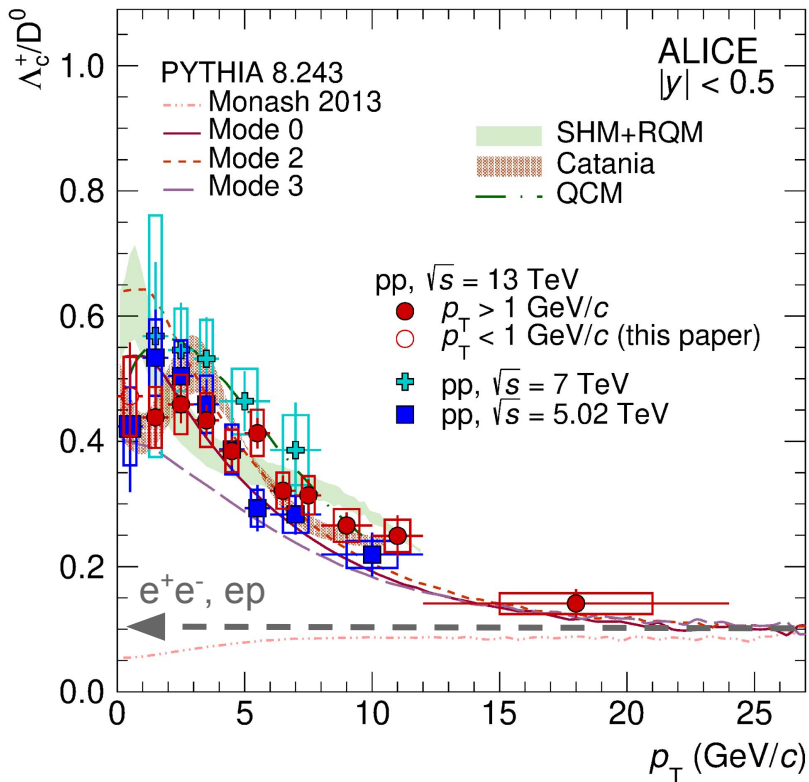
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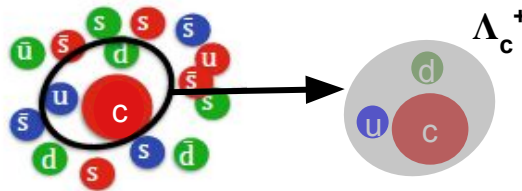
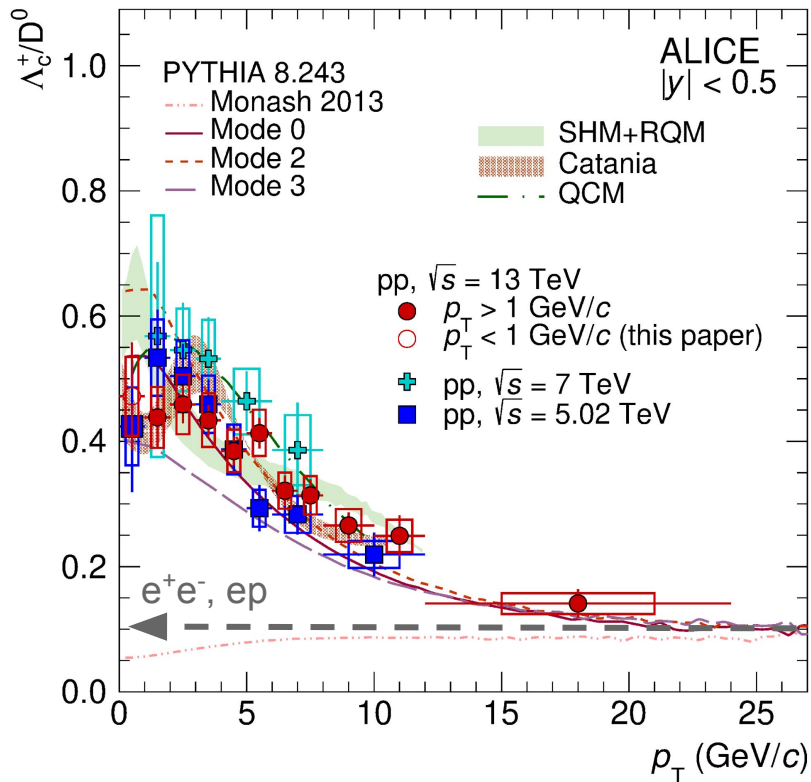
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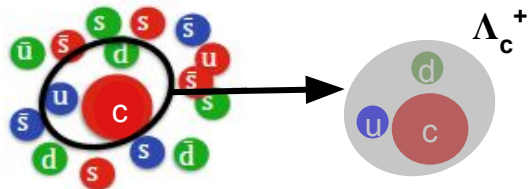
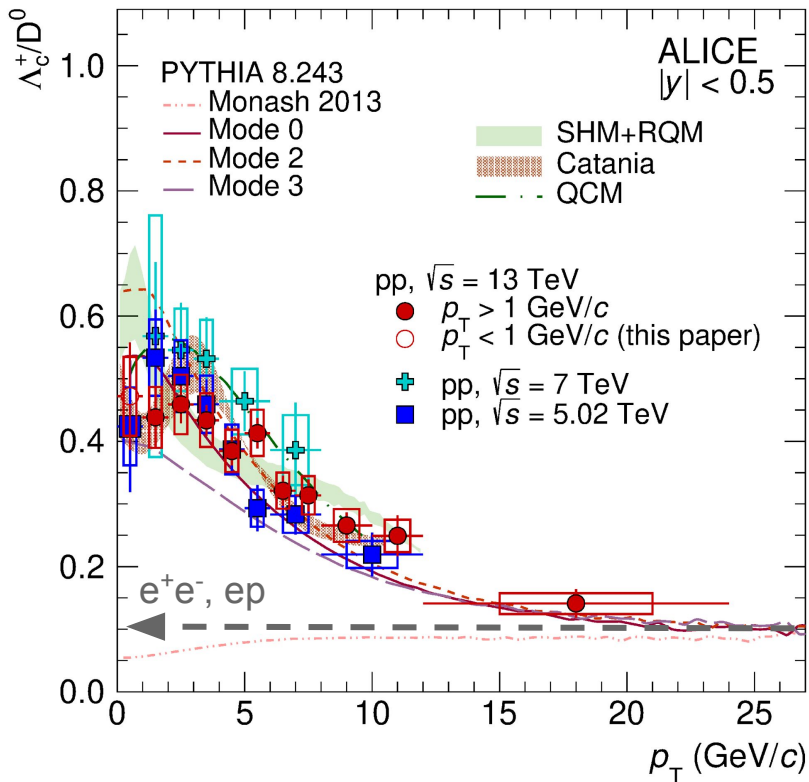
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SHM+RQM, PLB 795 117-121 (2019): no info on partonic phase

Hadron abundances ← **Statistical Hadronisation Model** + feed-down from **augmented set of charm-baryon states** (from Relativistic Quark Model)

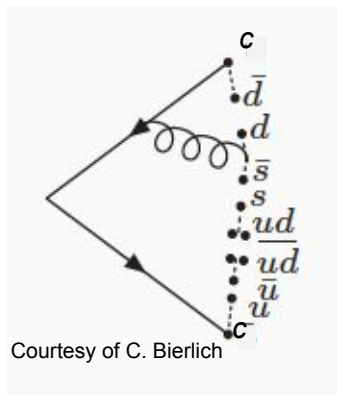
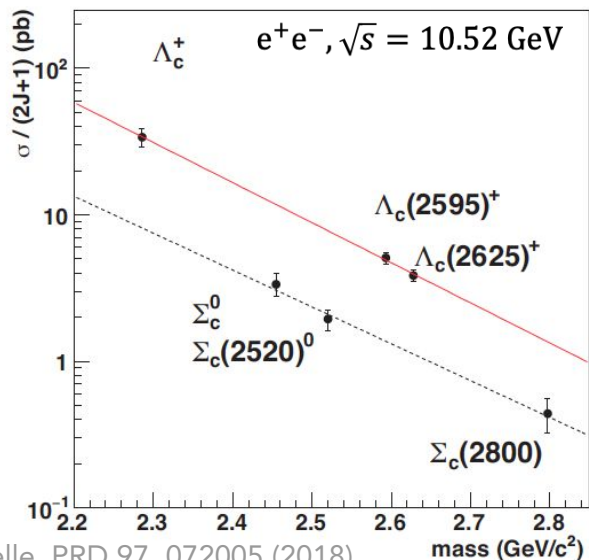
→ PDG: 5 Λ_c , 3 Σ_c , 8 Ξ_c , 2 Ω_c

→ RQM: additional 18 Λ_c , 42 Σ_c , 62 Ξ_c , 34 Ω_c

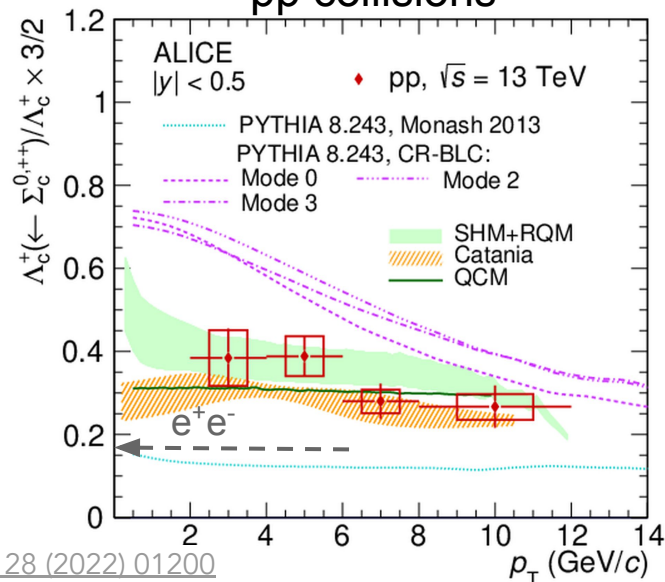


$\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ production and $\Lambda_c^+ \leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,++}$ feeddown

e^+e^- collisions



pp collisions



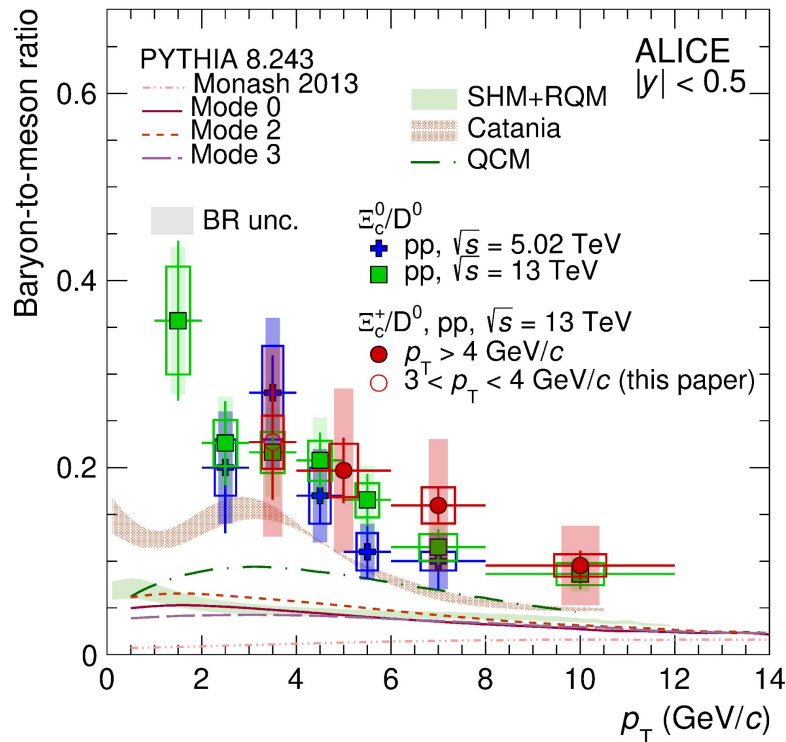
Σ_c states suppressed w.r.t. Λ_c states

In string fragmentation: from heavier diquark-antidiquark pair from vacuum Λ_c (isospin = 0) needs spin = 0 diquark $(ud)_0$
 Σ_c (isospin = 1) needs spin = 1 diquark $(ud, dd, uu)_1$ which is heavier than $(ud)_0$

$\Lambda_c^+ \leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,++}$ feed-down about twice larger than in e^+e^-
 $\rightarrow \Sigma_c^{0,++}$ “enhancement” larger than Λ_c^+ one
 $\rightarrow \Sigma_c^{0,++}$ produced differently in pp than e^+e^-
 \rightarrow suppression from $(ud, dd, uu)_1$ diquark creation reduced/absent, as comparison to models suggests

$\Xi_c^{0,+}/D^0$ baryon-to-meson cross-section ratio

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Similar trend than Λ_c^+/D^0

Even larger increase w.r.t. **PYTHIA 8 Monash** and e^+e^-

Catania and **QCM** expectation close to data

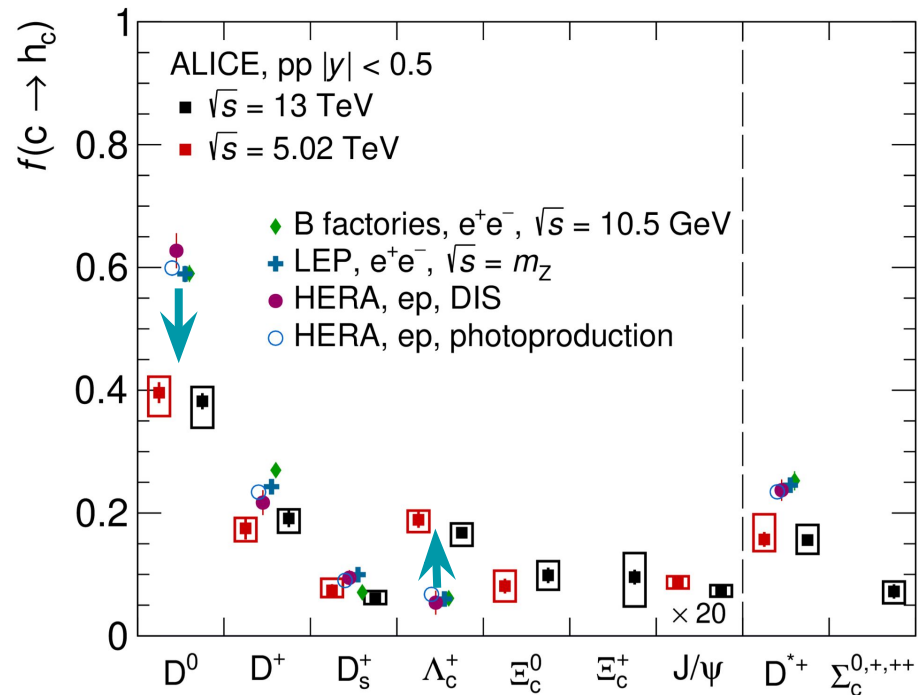
PYTHIA 8 with CR-BLC and **SHM+RQM** expect significant larger values than e^+e^- but underestimate the data

Large branching ratio (BR) uncertainty

Run 3 data will allow to reduce experimental uncertainty

Fragmentation fractions: pp vs. e^+e^- collisions

ALICE, [arxiv 2308.04877](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04877)



Calculated from sum of cross sections of weakly decaying hadrons

Values for mesons significantly lower than in e^+e^-

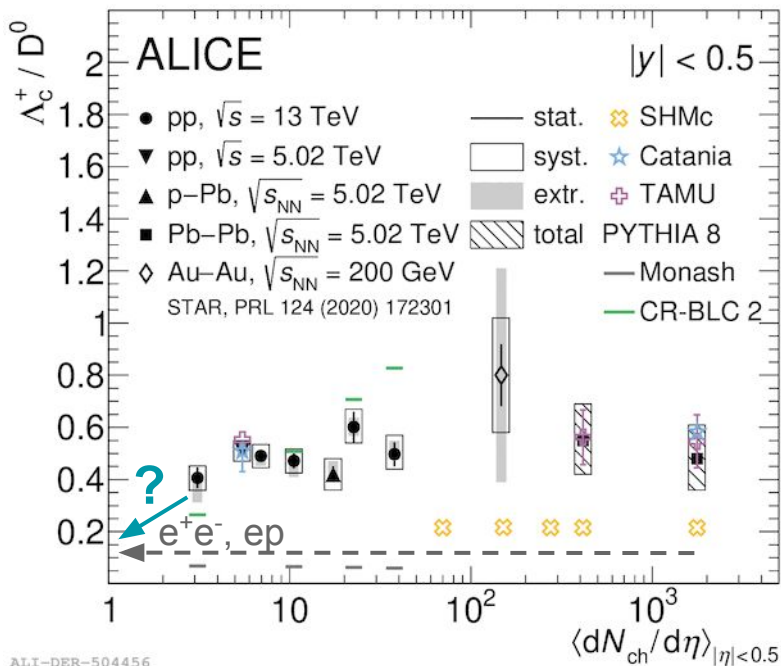
About 30-40% of charm quarks hadronise to baryons

No evidence of energy dependence

Lower p_T reach expected with Run 3 data will allow to further reduce extrapolation uncertainties

Λ_c^+ / D^0 from pp to central AA: p_T -integrated

ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021), PRL 127 202301 (2021), PLB 829 (2022) 137065, PLB 839 (2023) 137796



No evidence of evolution of p_T -integrated Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio despite strong modification of p_T -differential trend (see later).

Data uncertainty large

Significantly higher values than e^+e^-

STAR Au-Au data compatible with ALICE

PYTHIA 8 CR-BLC expects increase with multiplicity

SHMc (Pb-Pb): flat trend **below data** SHMc, JHEP 07 035 (2021)

Note: no additional RQM high-mass baryons

TAMU, Catania: similar values in pp and Pb-Pb

TAMU, PRL 124, 4 (2020) 042301; Catania, EPJC 78 4 (2018) 348

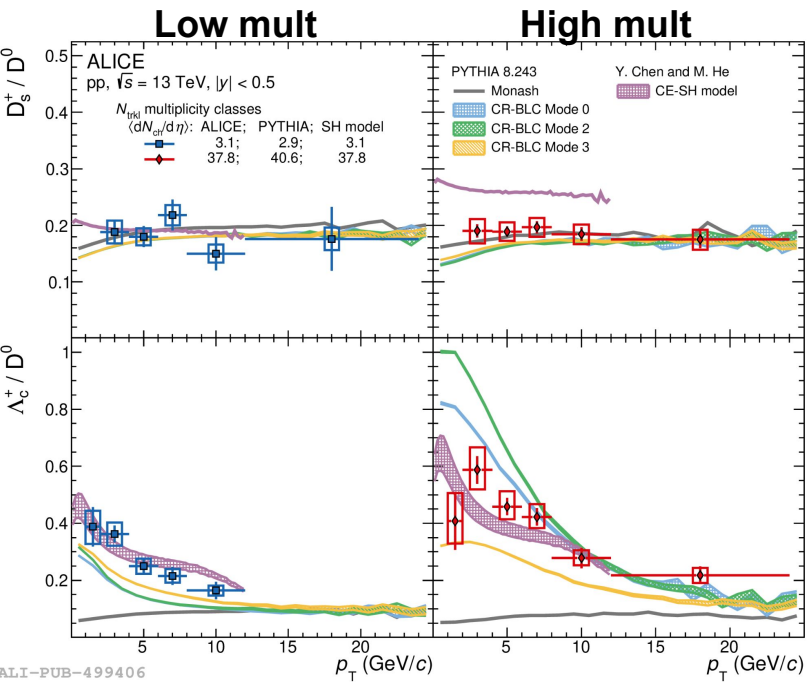
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Lowest multiplicity still to be covered: will recover e^+e^- ?

→ more precise measurements from LHC new runs awaited

Seems so in beauty sector (see LHCb result in backup)

Evolution with event activity: Λ_c^+/D^0 and D_s^+/D^0 vs. p_T in pp



D_s^+/D^0 independent on charged-particle multiplicity

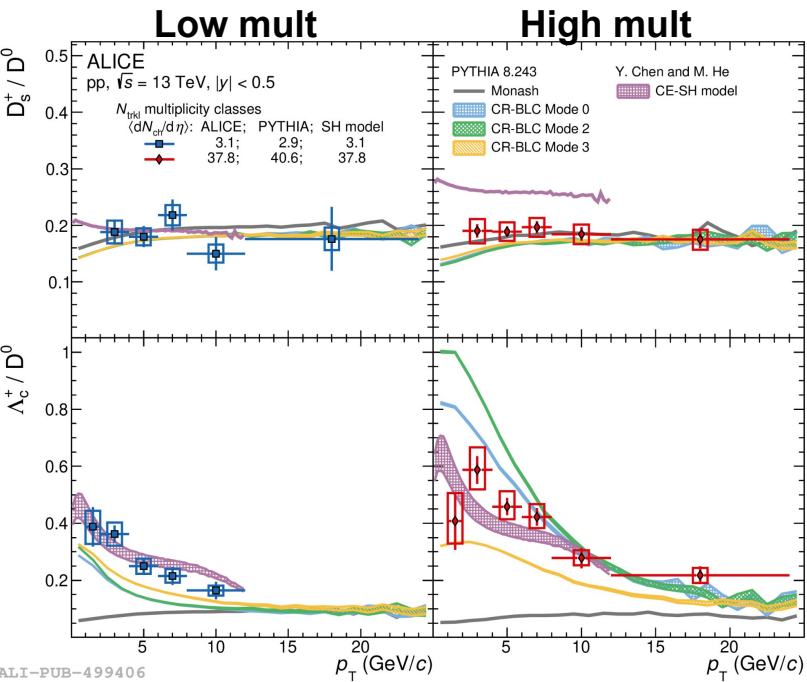
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ALICE, PLB 829 (2022) 137065
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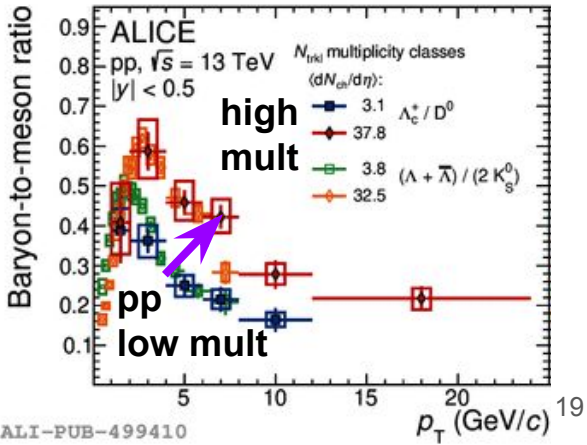
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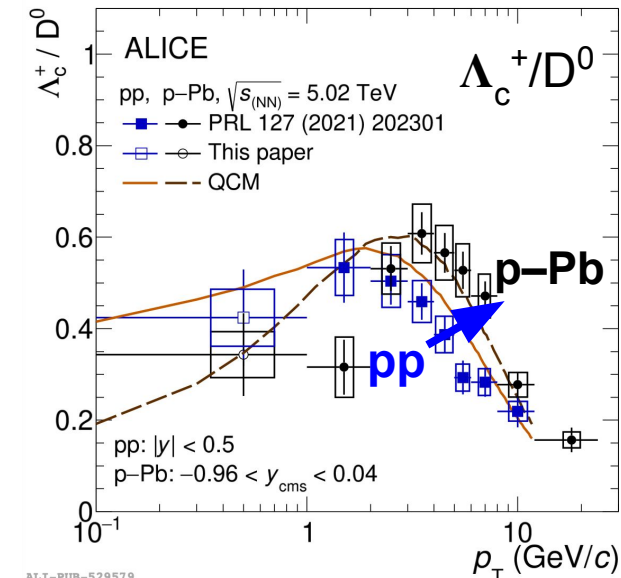


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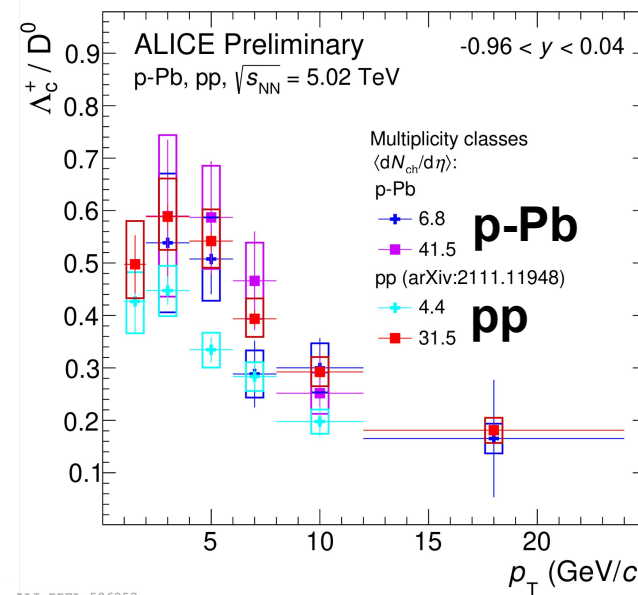
Λ_c^+/D^0 vs. p_T in pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb

More about
Pb-Pb results:
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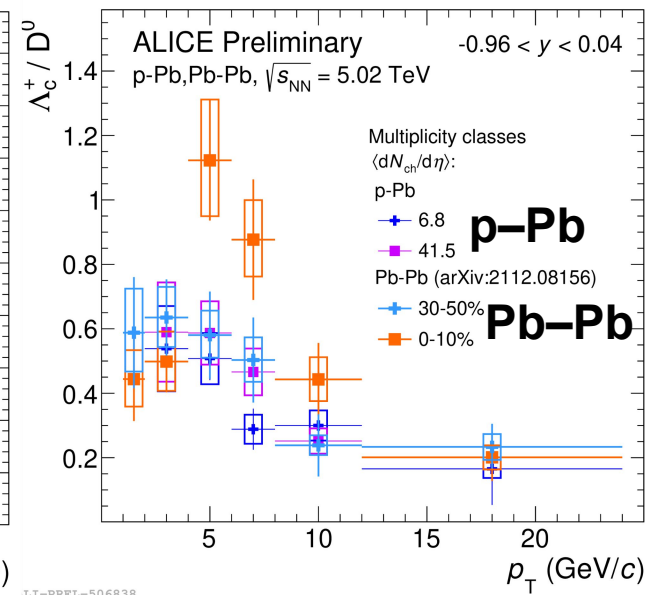
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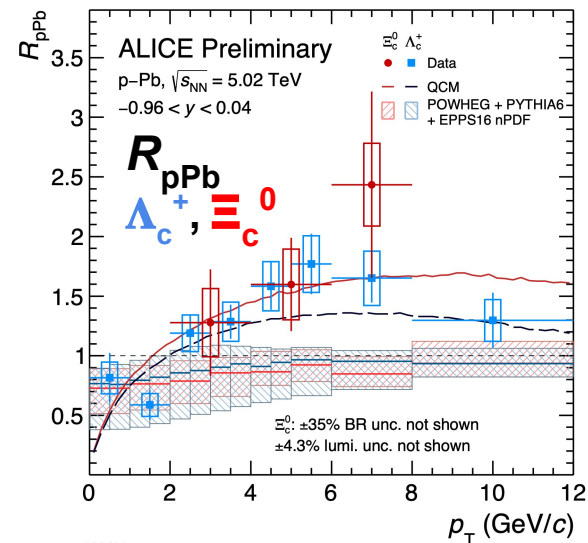
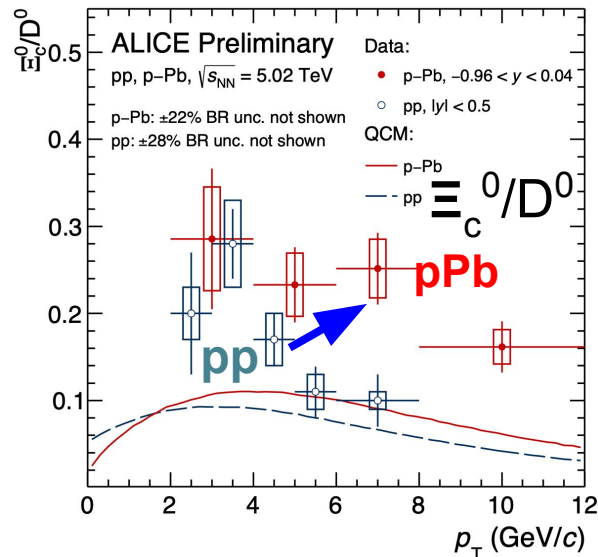
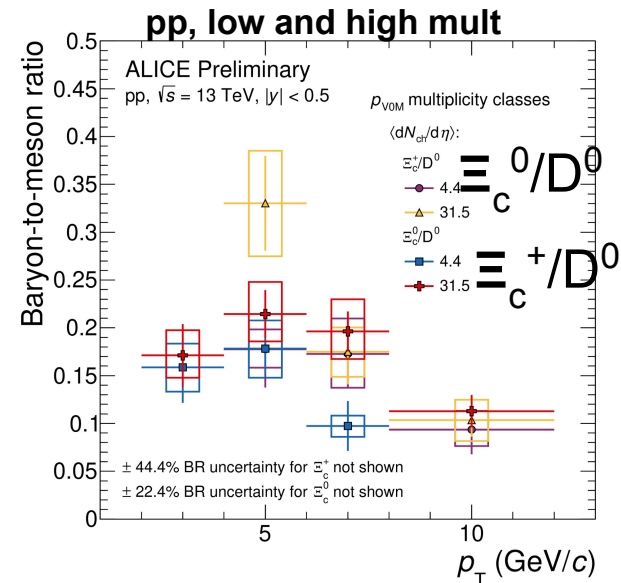


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- **Push (flow?) towards higher p_T of Λ_c^+/D^0 from (min bias) pp to p-Pb, described by QCM** PRC 97 064915 (2018)
- Similar values in high-mult. pp, low- and high-mult p-Pb, and semicentral Pb-Pb
→ **very low multiplicity pp “isolated”, ~threshold effect?**
- **Central Pb-Pb: “radial-flow”-like peak** appearing at intermediate p_T , which could be caused by recombination of charm with flowing light quarks

Evolution with event activity in pp and p-Pb: $\Xi_c^{0,+}$

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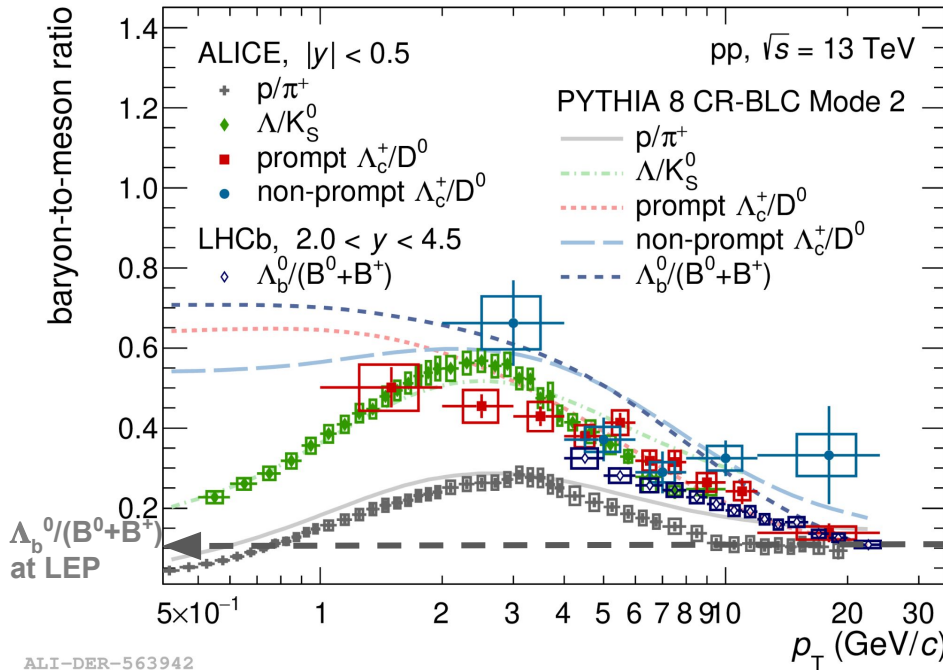
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- Precision not enough to conclude about multiplicity trend of $\Xi_c^{0,+}/D^0$ in pp \rightarrow Run 3 data needed
- **p-Pb: similar push towards higher p_T observed for Λ_c^+/D^0 and $\Xi_c^{0,+}/D^0$ ratios**
 - Similar nuclear modification factor (R_{pPb})
 - Described by QCM within uncertainties QCM: PRC 97 064915 (2018)

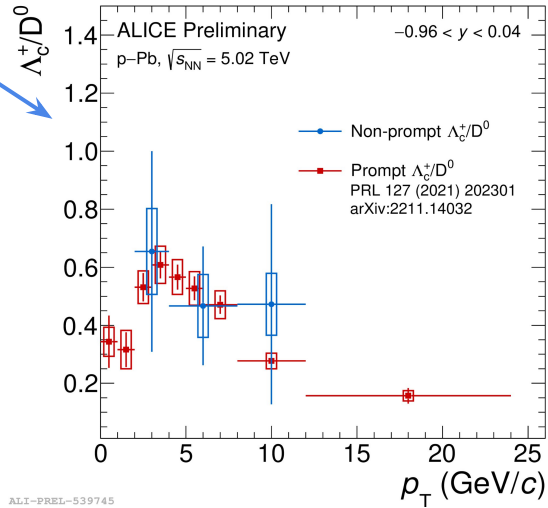
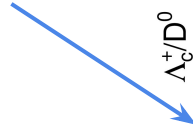
Beauty vs. charm (and light flavour)

ALICE, arxiv 2308.04873
 LHCb, PRD100 (2019) no.3, 031102



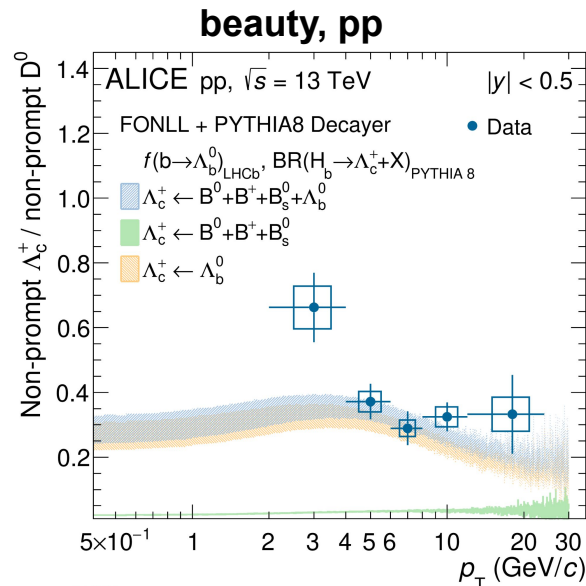
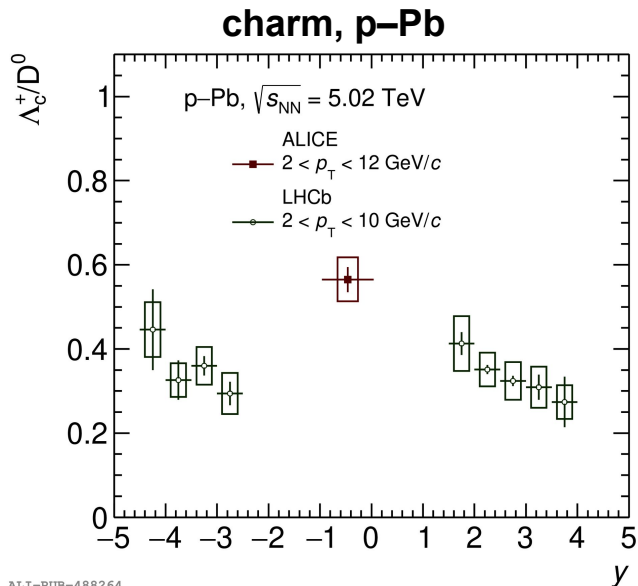
Non-prompt $\Lambda_c^+ /$ non-prompt D^0 similar to Λ_c^+/D^0

- also in p-Pb collisions (large uncertainties)



Similar p_T trend for charm, beauty, and light-flavour baryon-to-meson ratios for $p_T > 2$ GeV/c

Rapidity dependence



Possible non-flat rapidity trend of Λ_c^+ / D^0 ? To be revisited with run 3 data (also in pp)

- May apply also to $\Xi_c^{0,+} / D^0$

Beauty: non-prompt Λ_c^+ ALICE data consistent with LHCb Λ_b^0 data
 → low p_T region to be explored with run 3 data

What should we expect in coalescence models and SHM?

ALICE, JHEP 04 (2018) 108

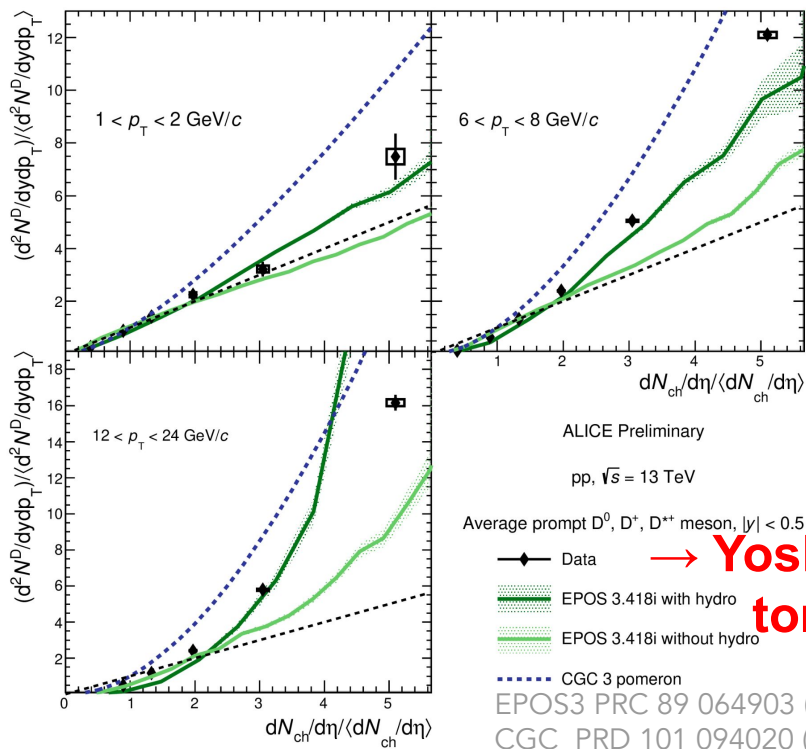
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LHCb (p-Pb), JHEP 02 102 (2019)

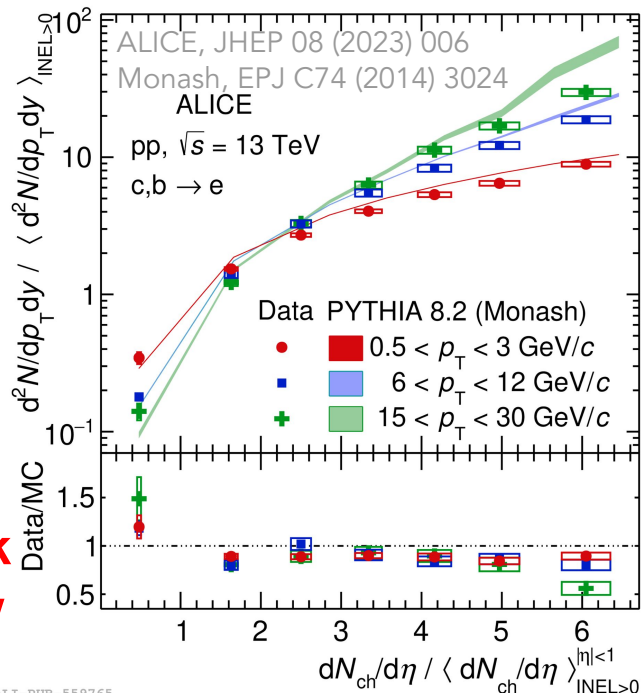
ALICE, beauty: [arxiv 2308.04873](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04873)

LHCb, beauty: PRD100 (2019) no.3, 031102

Production yield evolution with multiplicity



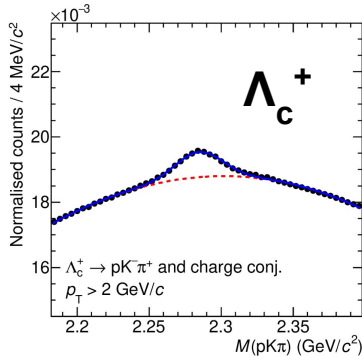
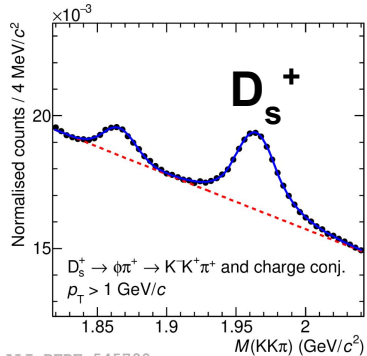
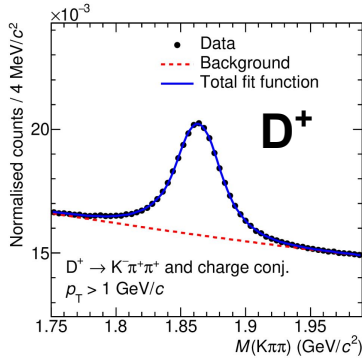
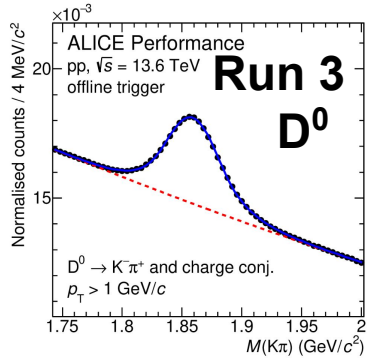
→ Yoshini talk tomorrow



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Outlook



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ALICE apparatus upgraded before Run 3

New Inner Tracking System

New readout for most subsystems

→ allows triggerless (online) data collection at higher interaction rates (**more than x100 in pp**)

→ boost in available statistics and performance for heavy-flavour physics

→ more differential studies + new observables

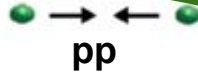
From “surprise” to precision era

- **Low p_T , rapidity and multiplicity dependence**
- **Strangeness, diquarks**
- **Jets and correlations**

Summary: HF hadronisation in our QCD laboratories

Fragmentation functions universality violated already in pp collisions
 Multiple parton interactions in pp build a system rich of quarks or gluons,
 dense enough to alter hadronisation w.r.t. e^+e^-

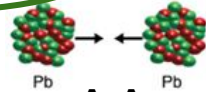
e^+e^- = "vacuum"



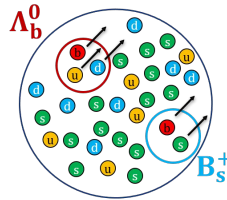
~~not far from vacuum ~ many independent scatterings (for HF at least)~~

Dynamical model
 "Local" dynamical constraints
 (e.g. Lund string fragmentation,
 quarks and diquarks popping out
 from QCD potential)

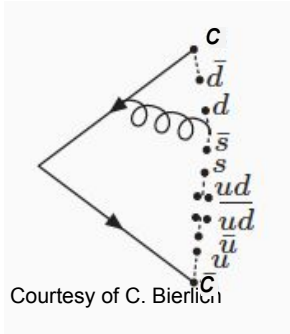
MPI, system size



A-A
 Dense, extended-size system
 Equilibrium
 Flow



(Semi)phenomenological models sufficient
 to describe relative particle abundances
once ingredients are tuned?

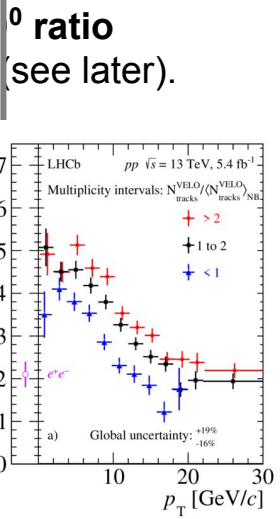
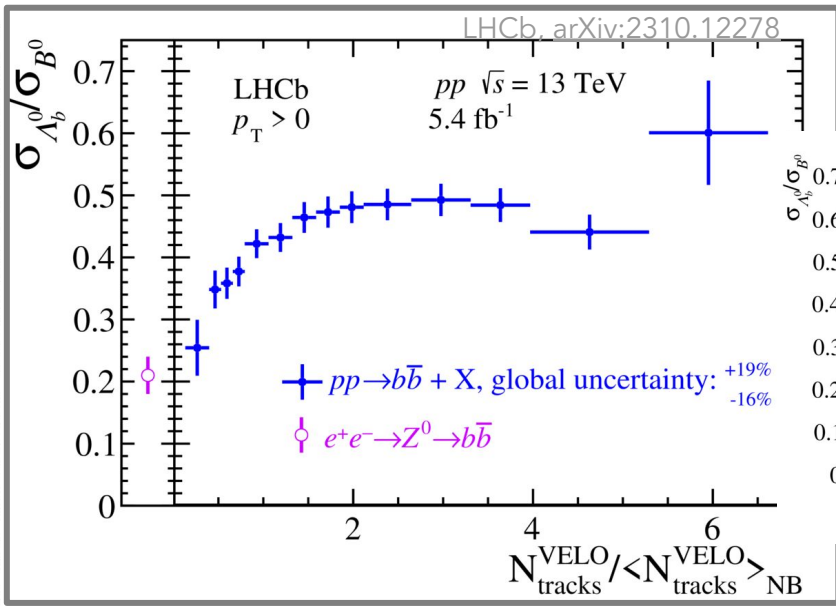
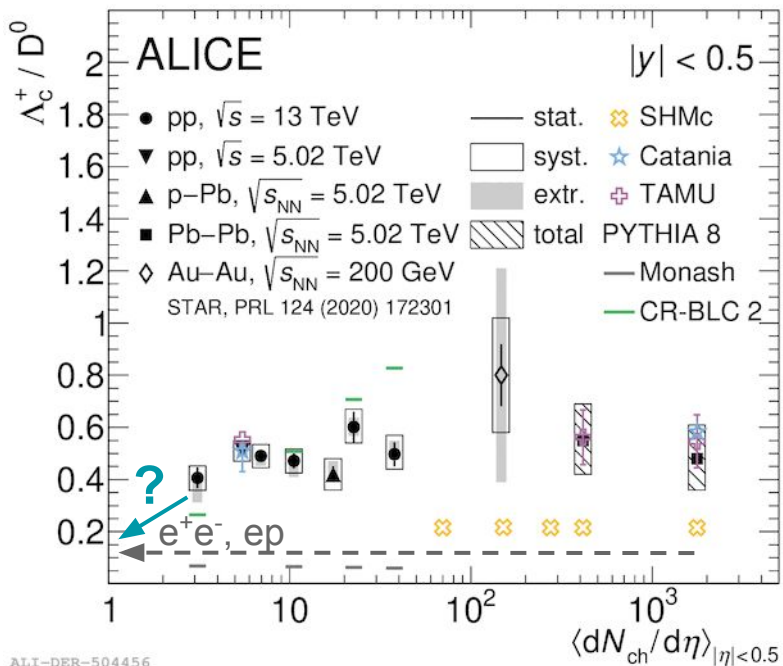


Courtesy of C. Bierlich

Extra

Λ_c^+ / D^0 from pp to central AA: p_T -integrated

PRC 104 054905 (2021), PRL 127 202301 (2021), PLB 829 (2022) 137065, [arxiv 2112.08156](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.08156)



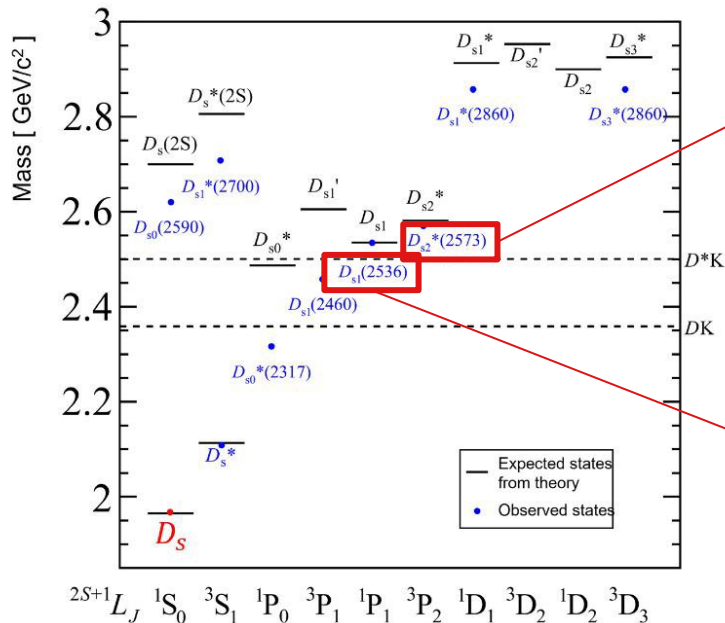
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Lowest multiplicity still to be covered: will recover e^+e^- ?

→ more precise measurements from LHC new runs awaited

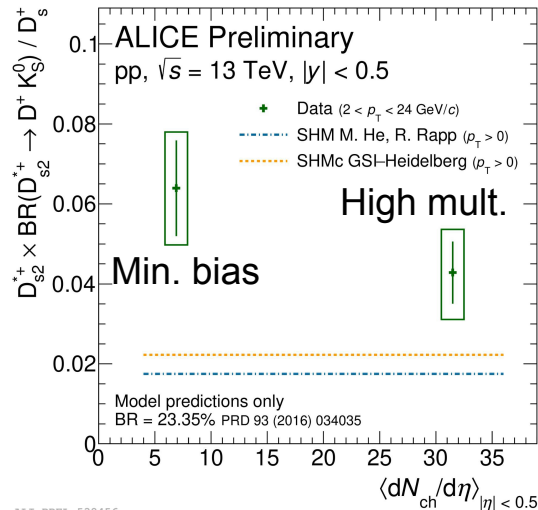
Seems so in beauty sector (see backup)

Excited D_s mesons

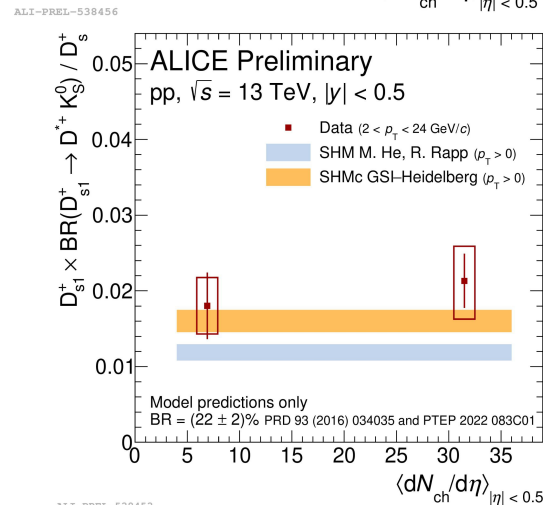


Important to test SHM expectations

(More precise) studies of multiplicity dependence of states with different widths may reveal possible role of hadronic rescattering.

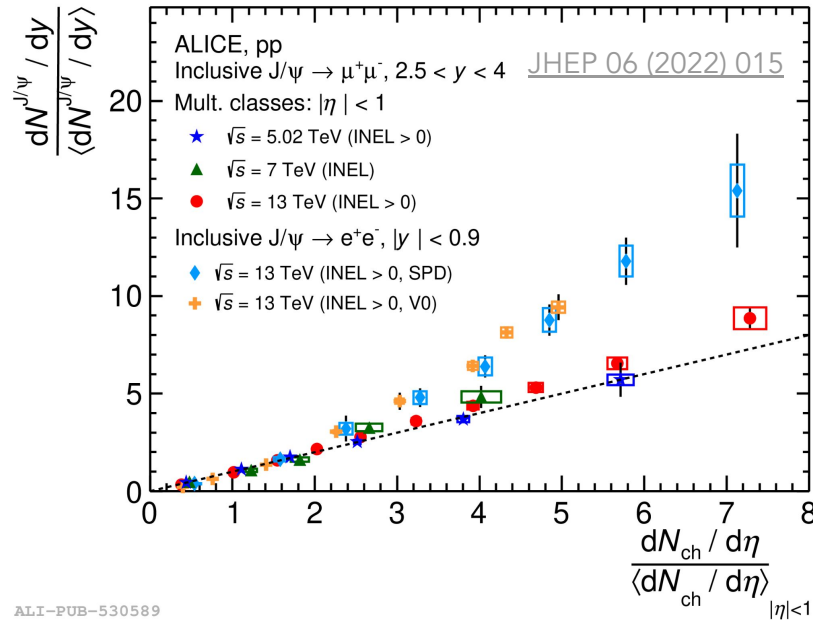


$\Gamma \sim 16.9$ MeV
 $\tau \sim 11.6$ fm/c



$\Gamma \sim 0.92$ MeV
 $\tau \sim 219$ fm/c

J/ψ self-normalised yield



→ Chi Zhang

Inclusive J/ψ self-normalised yield at midrapidity **increasing more than linearly with multiplicity** even when multiplicity is sampled at forward y (V0 detector)

Contribution from recombination? Could rise with N_{MPI}^2 from colour-reconnection expected in PYTHIA 8

[S.G. Weber et al., EPJC 79 36 \(2019\)](#)

Assessment of non-prompt fraction evolution with multiplicity is needed

Non-prompt D meson fraction vs. multiplicity

JHEP 10 (2023) 092

y axis: Non-prompt D-meson fraction (mult) / Non-prompt D-meson fraction (INEL>0)
x axis: mult / mult(INEL>0)

None or mild dependence of prompt D-meson fraction on multiplicity at all p_T

Comparison to models also depends on evolution of baryon/meson ratio with p_T and multiplicity

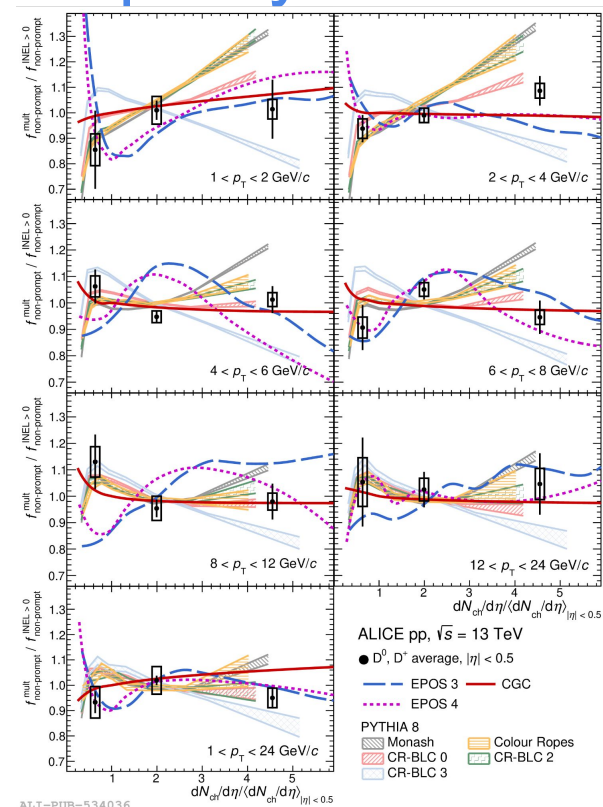
EPOS3 PRC 89 064903 (2014)

EPOS 4, arxiv 2301.12517

CGC PRD 101 094020 (2020)

PYTHIA8: Monash, EPJ C74 (2014) 3024, CR-BLC JHEP 1508 (2015) 003,

ROPES, arxiv 2203.11601

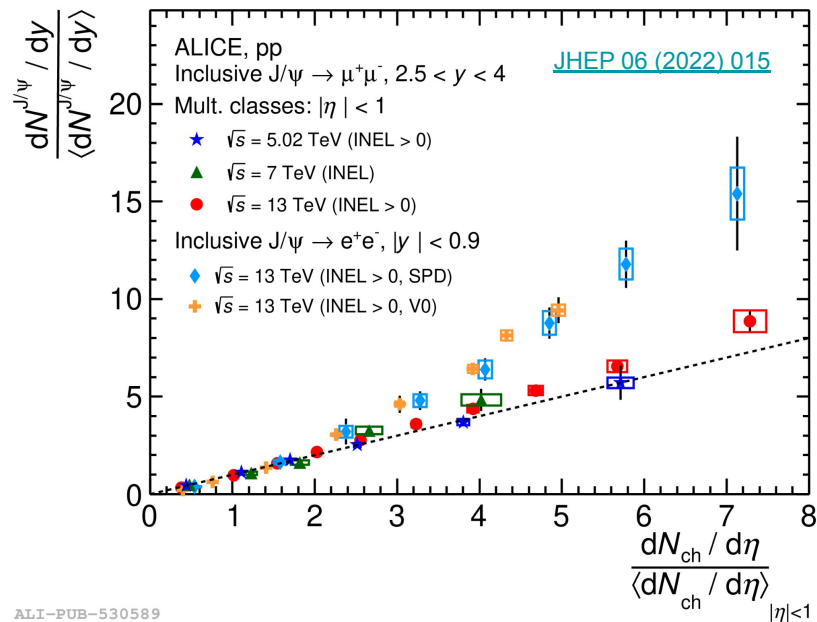


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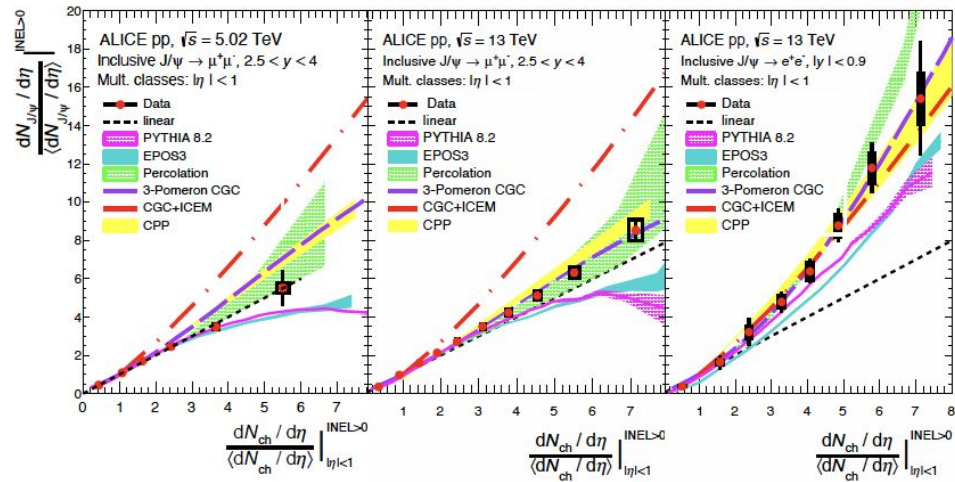
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J/ψ self-normalised yield



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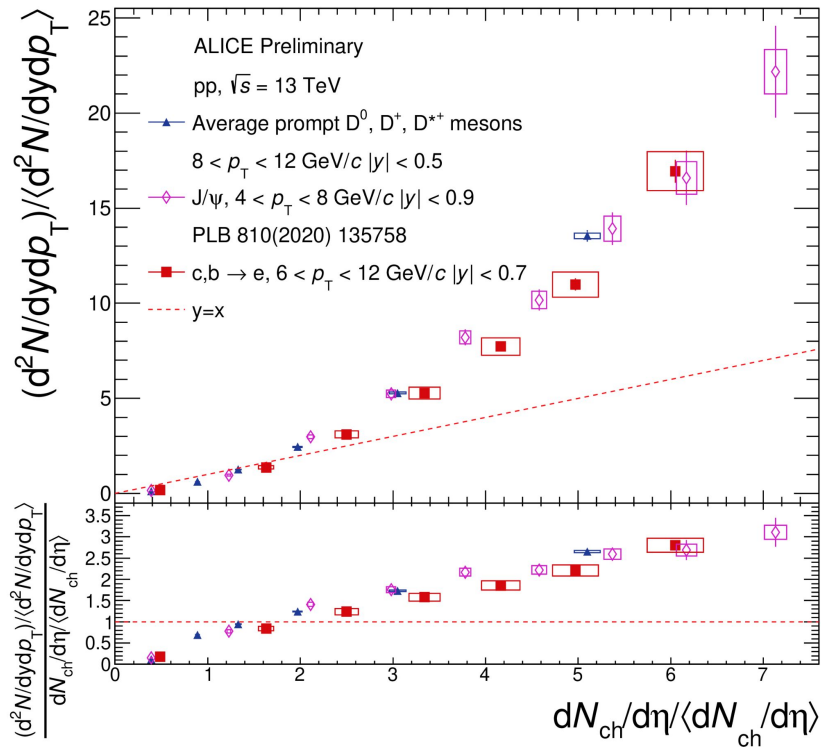
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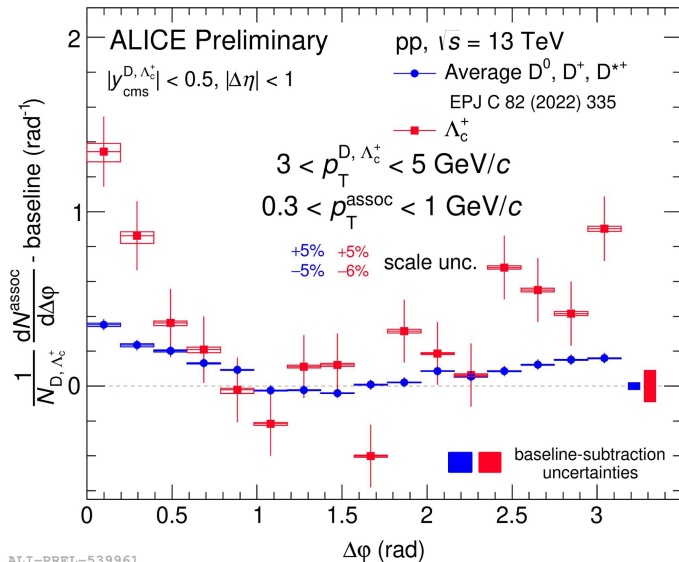
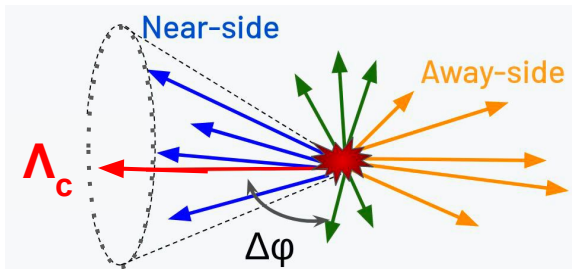
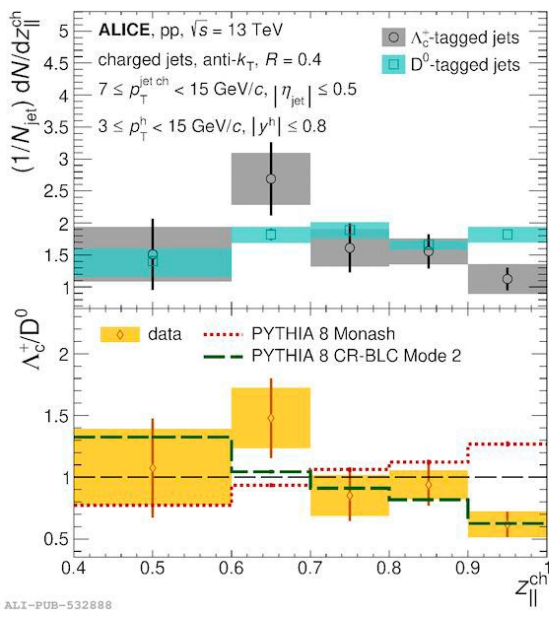
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Similar multiplicity-increasing trends for

- D mesons
 - HF electrons
 - Inclusive J/ψ
- at intermediate p_T

Jets and correlations

ALICE, arXiv:2301.13798

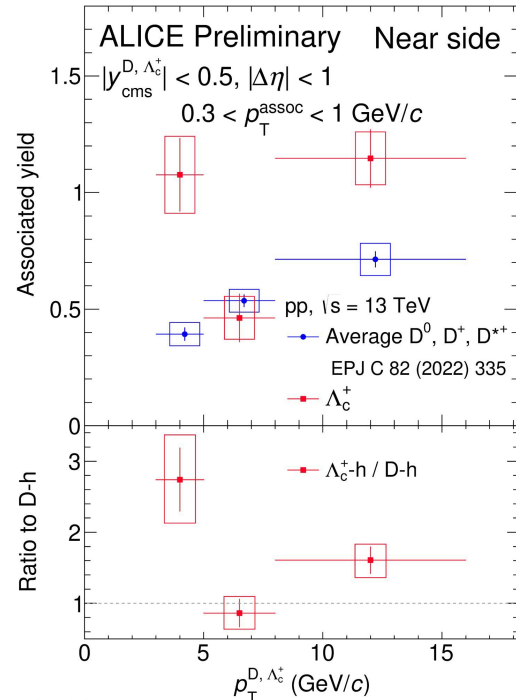
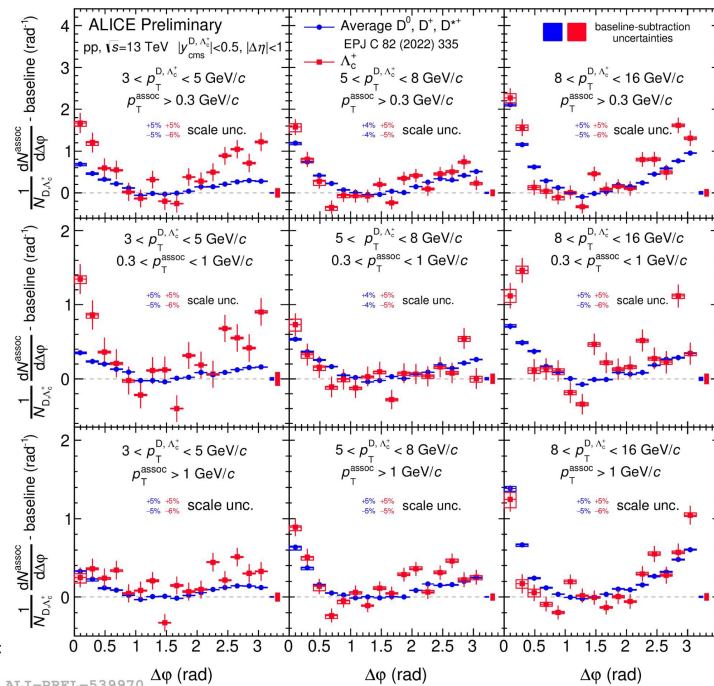
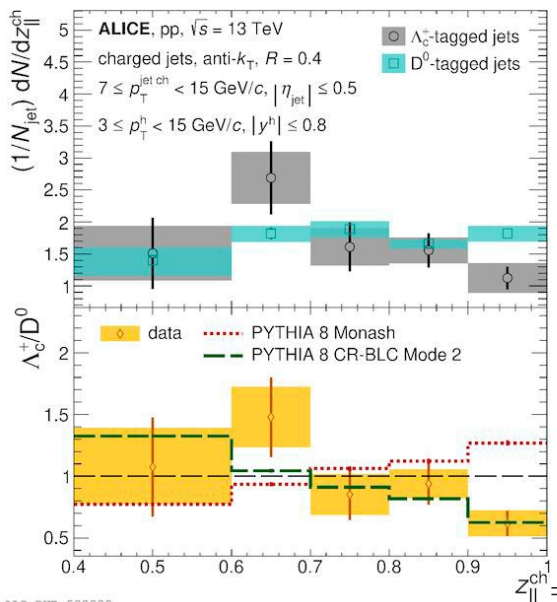


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- Jets: indication of **softer fragmentation $c \rightarrow \Lambda_c$ than $c \rightarrow D$**
- Coherent with higher associated yield in the nearside of Λ_c^+ - hadron azimuthal correlations w.r.t. D-hadron
... away side surprisingly high!!! No straightforward explanation
 Higher-mass states + decay kinematics? Production process?

Jets and correlations

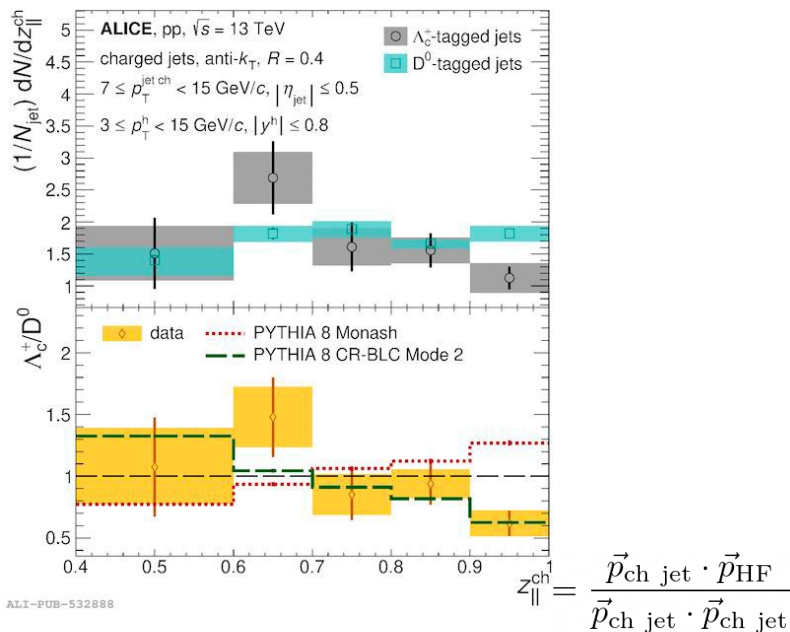
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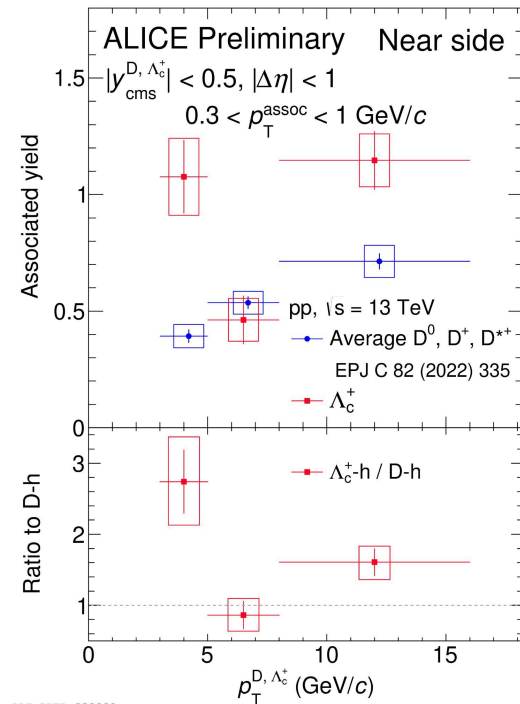
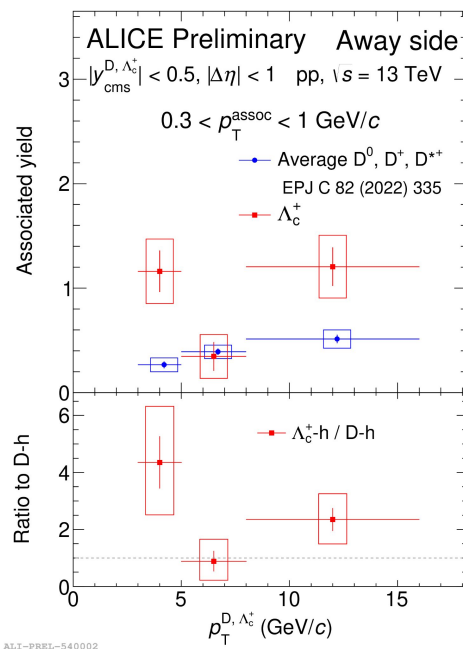
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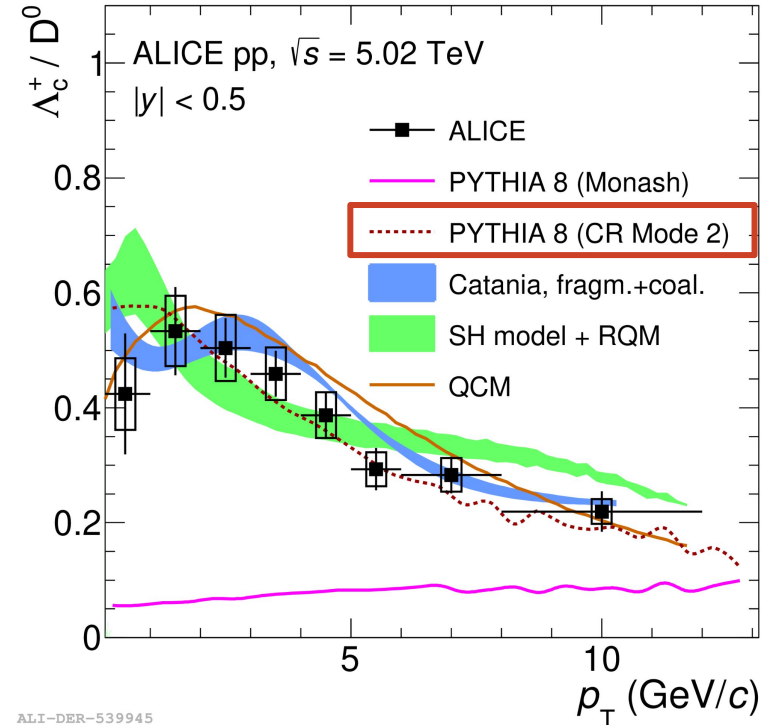
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Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in pp collisions vs. models (3)



Data described by:

PYTHIA8 with String Formation beyond Leading Colour

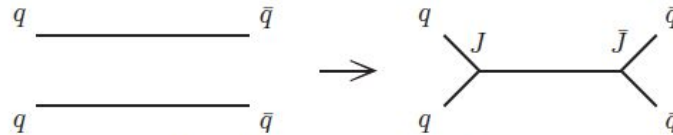
approximation (JHEP 1508 (2015) 003).

More complete and realistic (=closer to QCD) colour-reconnection

(CR) scheme

- “...*between which partons do confining potentials arise?*”

Junction reconnection topologies → enhance baryons.



(b) Type II: junction-style reconnection

Support need of abandoning independent hadronisation of different MPI
A hadronic environment matters

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ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021)

ALICE, PRL 127 202301 (2021)

ALICE, arxiv 2211.14032

Λ_c^+ / D^0 baryon-to-meson cross-section ratio

ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021)

ALICE, [arxiv 2308.04877](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04877)

ALICE, PRL 127 202301 (2021)

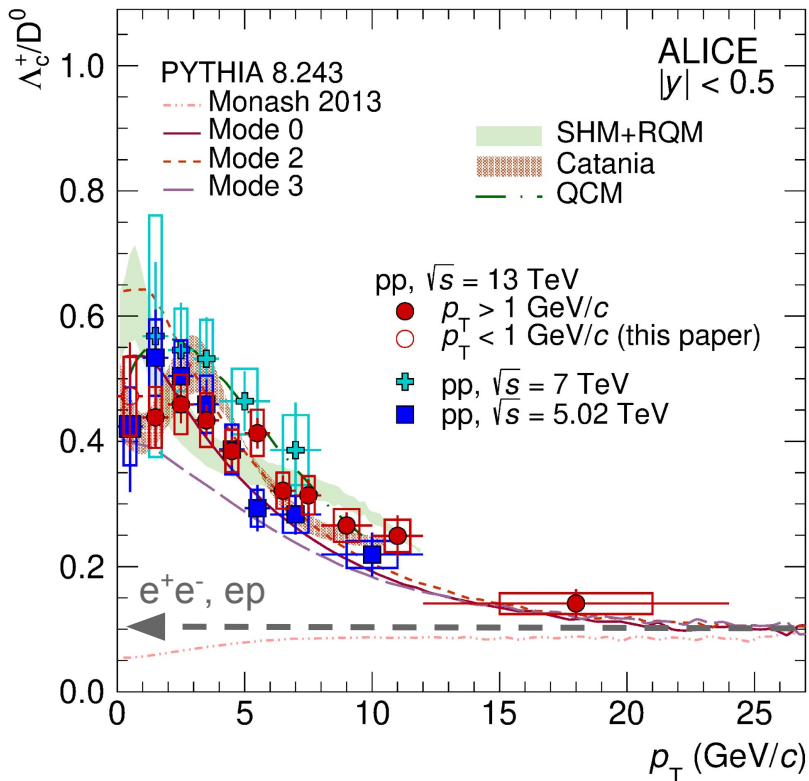
ALICE, PRC 107 (2023) 6, 064901

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(JHEP 1508 (2015) 003) → more details in next talk

Catania model: “sudden” coalescence (Wigner function) + “vacuum” fragmentation (PLB 821 (2021) 136622)

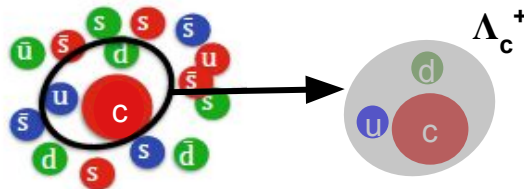


$$\frac{dN_H}{dy d^2 P_T} = g_H \int \prod_{i=1}^{N_q} \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3 E_i} p_i \cdot d\sigma_i f_q(x_i, p_i) \leftarrow$$

f_q = phase-space distributions of quarks in the system

$$\times f_H(x_1 \dots x_{N_q}, p_1 \dots p_{N_q}) \delta^{(2)} \left(P_T - \sum_{i=1}^n p_{T,i} \right)$$

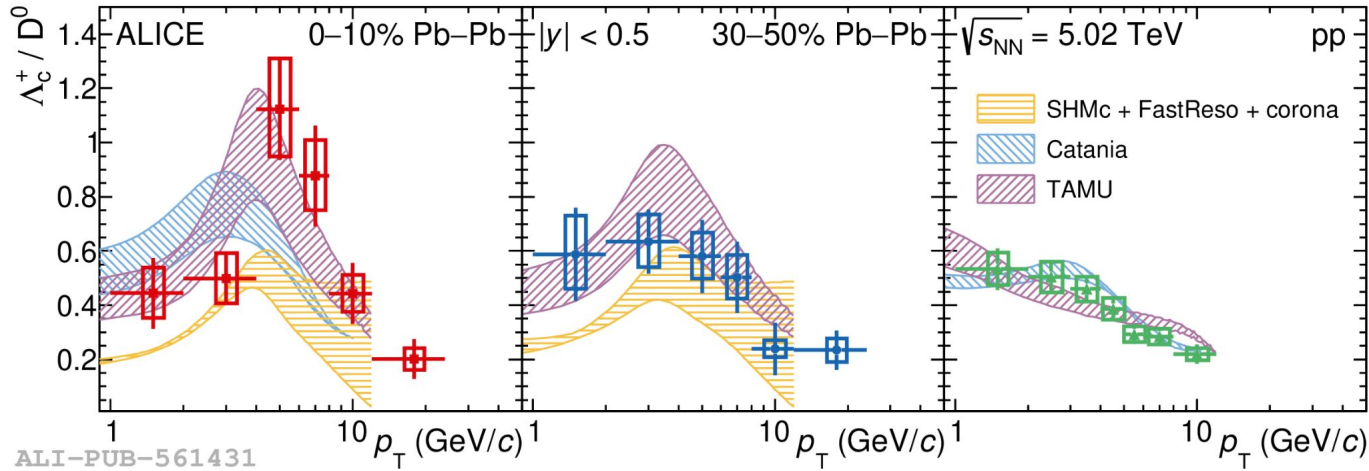
f_H = phase-space distributions of quarks within hadron



Λ_c^+ / D^0 in Pb-Pb vs. models

PLB 839 (2023) 137796

Discussed in
M. Faggin talk



Catania, EPJC 78 4 (2018) 348
TAMU, PRL 124, 4 (2020) 042301
SHM, JHEP 07 035 (2021)

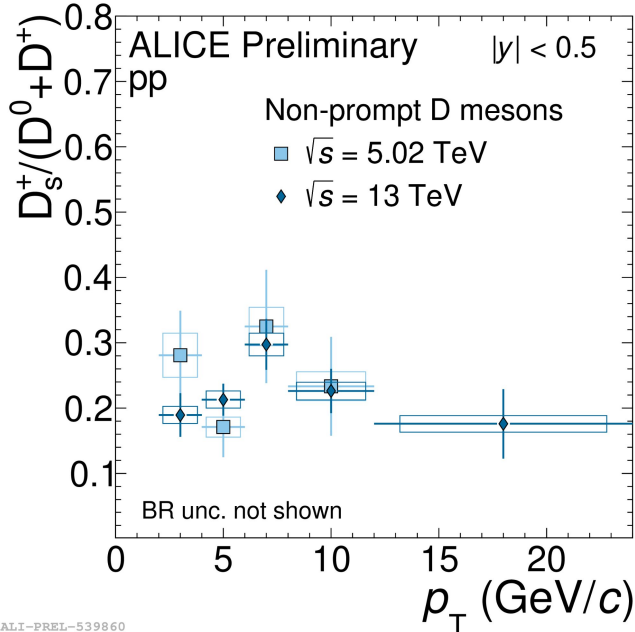
TAMU (hadronisation via Relativistic Resonant Scattering model + RQM states) and **Catania** (sudden coalescence + fragmentation) describe data within uncertainties

SHMc + FastReso + corona tends to underestimate data

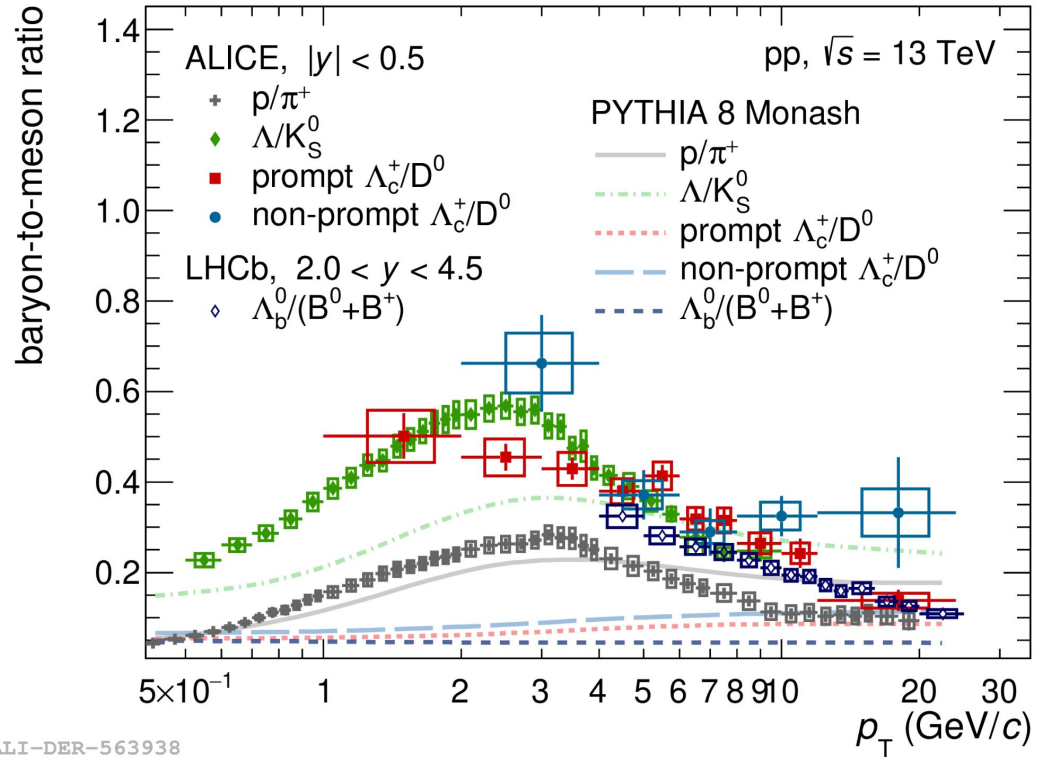
Important specific constraints to model features (hadronisation, space-momentum correlations) needed to describe D meson flow and R_{AA}

Beauty vs. charm

arxiv 2308.04873

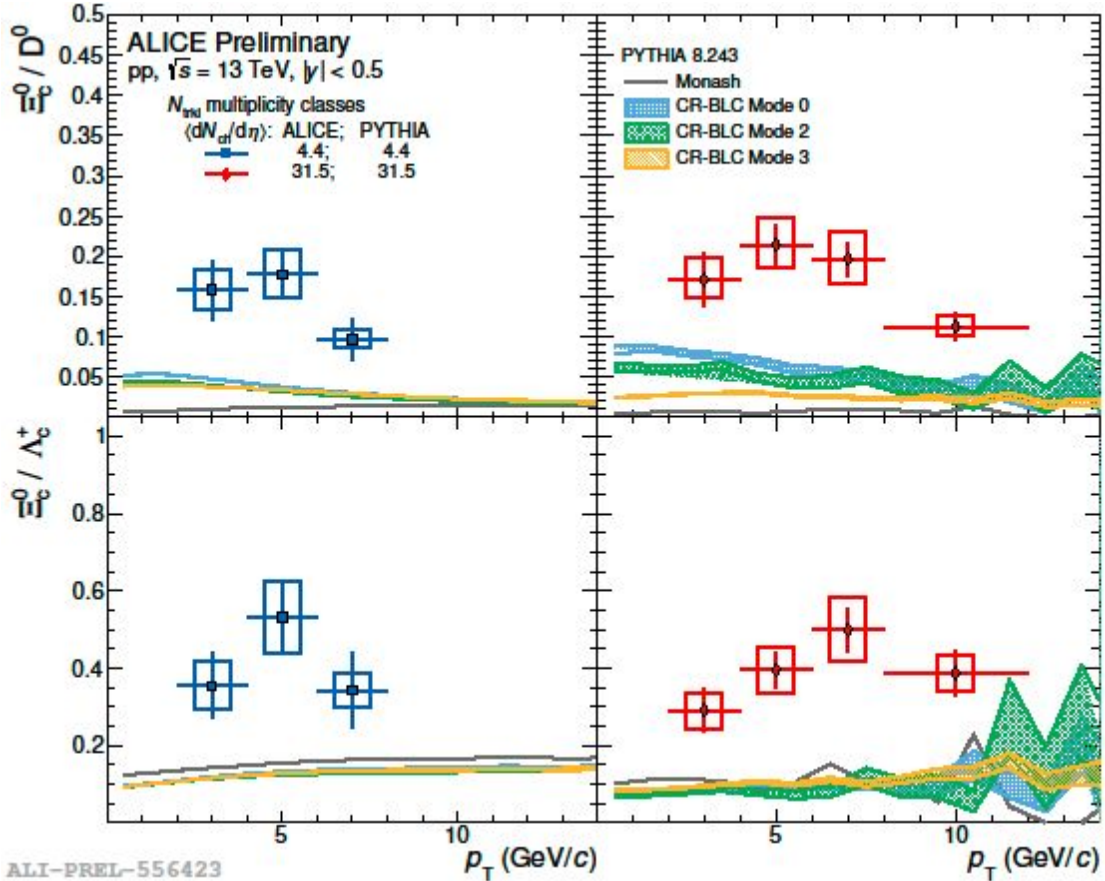


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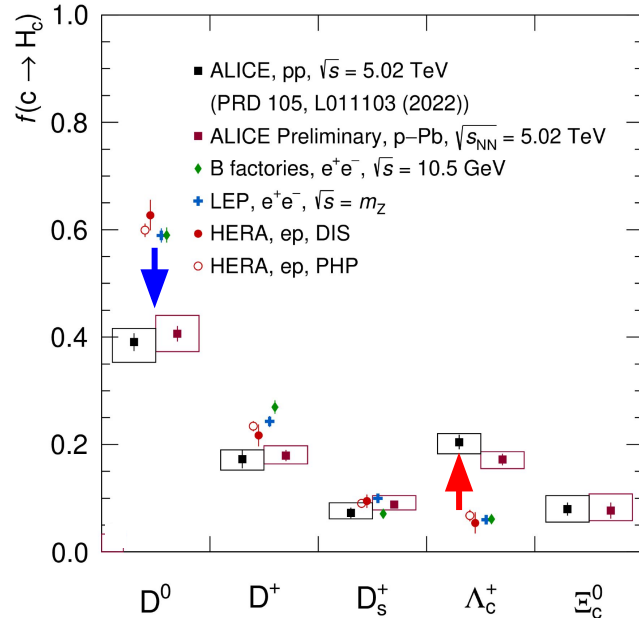
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Evolution with event activity in pp and p-Pb: $\Xi_c^{0,+}$



Fragmentation fractions from all ground-state baryons

PRD 105 (2022) 1, L011103, arxiv 2211.14032



Direct measurement of all ground-state baryons (Ξ_c^+ similar to Ξ_c^0 , checked at 13 TeV)
 → new Fragmentation Fractions

Large increase for $c \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ and $c \rightarrow \Xi_c^0$ w.r.t e^+e^-

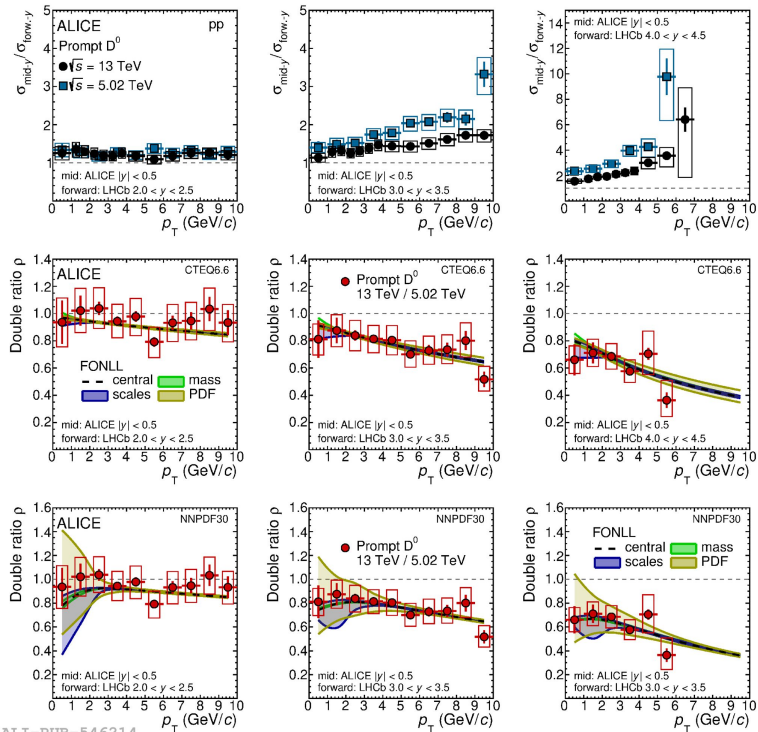
More than 1/3 of charm quarks go to baryons!

No significant modification of p_T -integrated yield ratios from pp to p-Pb

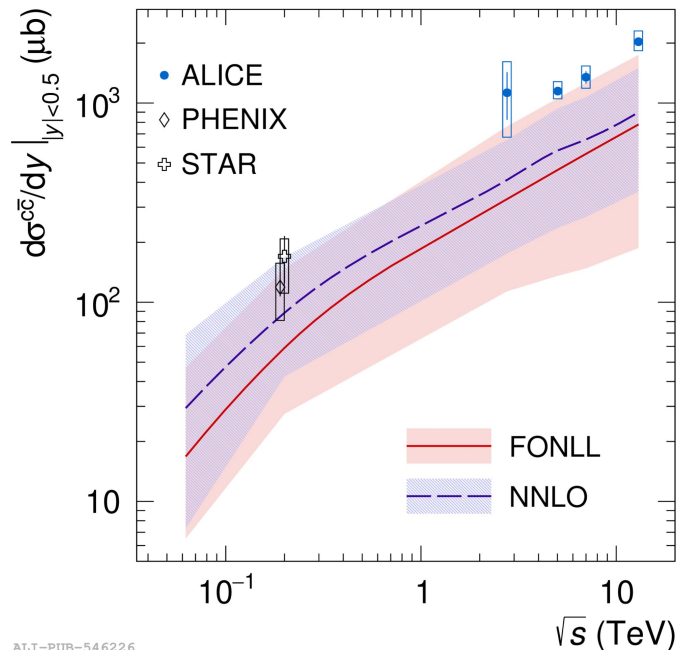
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Charm production cross section and rapidity dependence

arxiv 2308.04877



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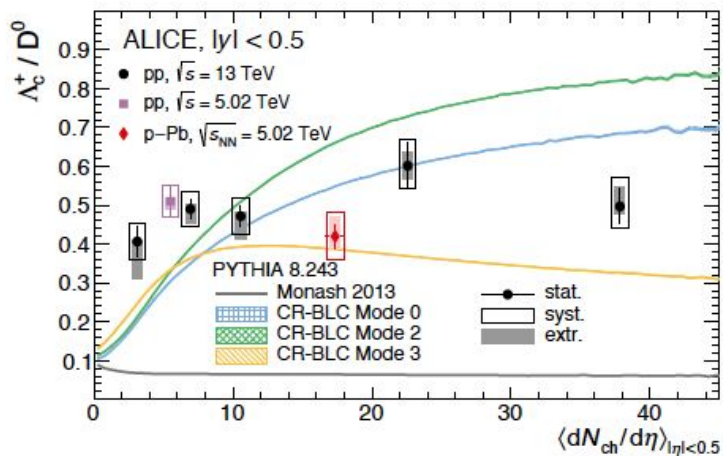
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Forward/mid-rapidity ratio and its collision energy evolution reproduced by FONLL

- Sensitivity to PDF

Total $c\bar{c}$ cross section at midrapidity at the edge of FONLL and NNLO calculation uncertainty band

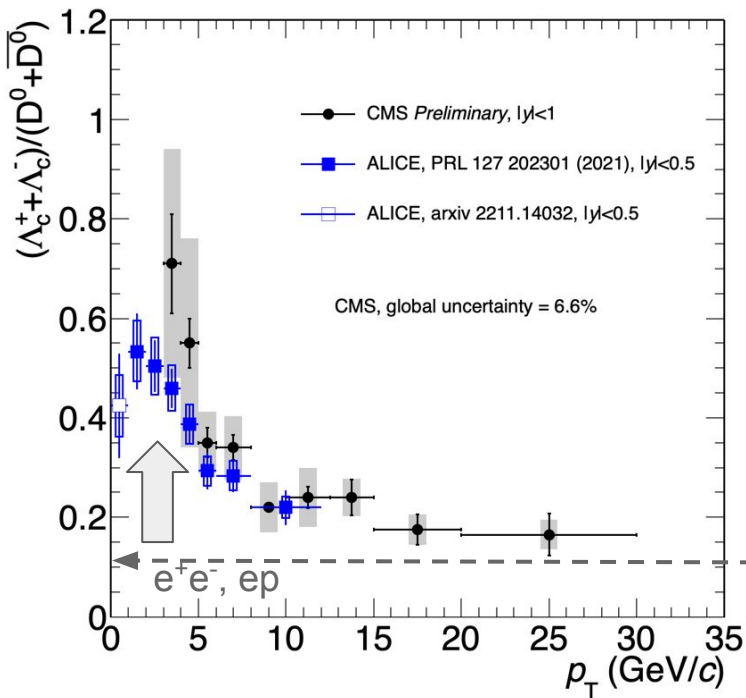
Evolution with event activity in pp: Λ_c^+ / D^0 ρ_T integrated



ρ_T -integrated ratio: no evidence of multiplicity dependence

Contrary to expectations from PYTHIA8 with CR-BLC

Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in pp collisions at 5 TeV



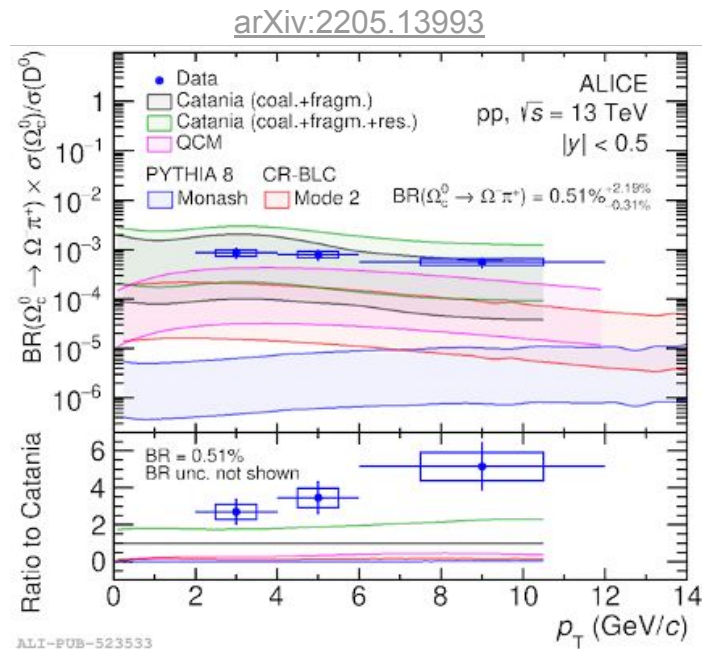
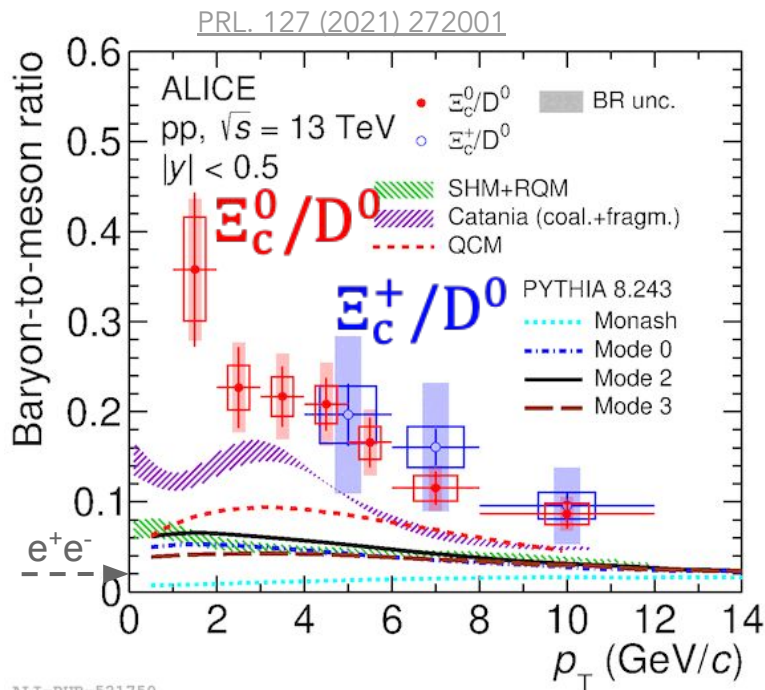
Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio higher (x4-5) values at low p_T than e^+e^- , ep

Significantly decreasing with p_T , approaching e^+e^- at high p_T

ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021)
 ALICE, PRL 127 202301 (2021)
 ALICE, arxiv 2211.14032
 CMS, PAS-HIN-21-004

	$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0 \pm \text{stat} \pm \text{syst.}$	System	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	Notes
ALICE	$0.51 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.04^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	pp	5020	$p_T > 0, y < 0.5$
ALICE	$0.43 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	p-Pb	5020	$p_T > 0, -0.96 < y < 0.04$
CLEO [16]	$0.119 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.019$	e^+e^-	10.55	
ARGUS [15, 17]	0.127 ± 0.031	e^+e^-	10.55	
LEP average [18]	$0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$	e^+e^-	91.2	
ZEUS DIS [21]	$0.124 \pm 0.034^{+0.025}_{-0.022}$	e^-p	320	$1 < Q^2 < 1000 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $0 < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c, 0.02 < y < 0.7$
ZEUS γp , HERA I [19]	$0.220 \pm 0.035^{+0.027}_{-0.037}$	e^-p	320	$130 < W < 300 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $p_T > 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c, \eta < 1.6$
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Charm-strange baryons: $\Xi_c^{0,+}$ and Ω_c^0

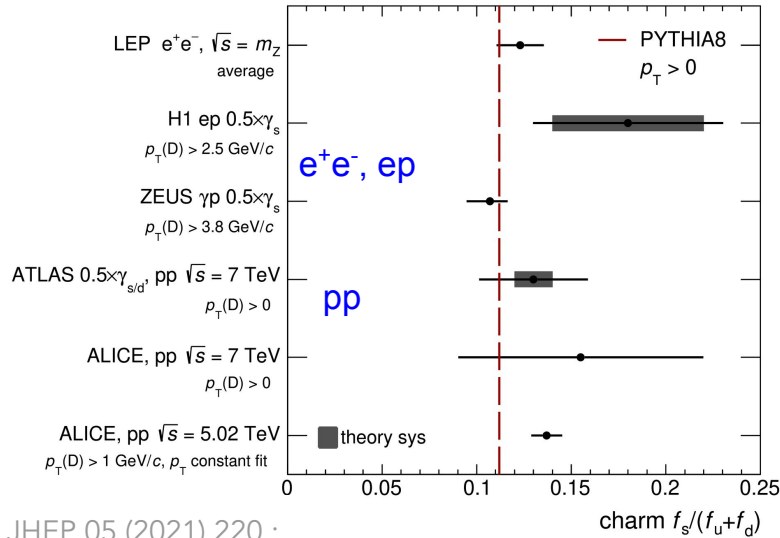


- Both $\Xi_c^{0,+}/D^0$ and $\Omega_c^0/D^0 \times BR(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ ratios significantly larger than in e^+e^- collisions
- Only **Catania** model (coalescence) close to the data.

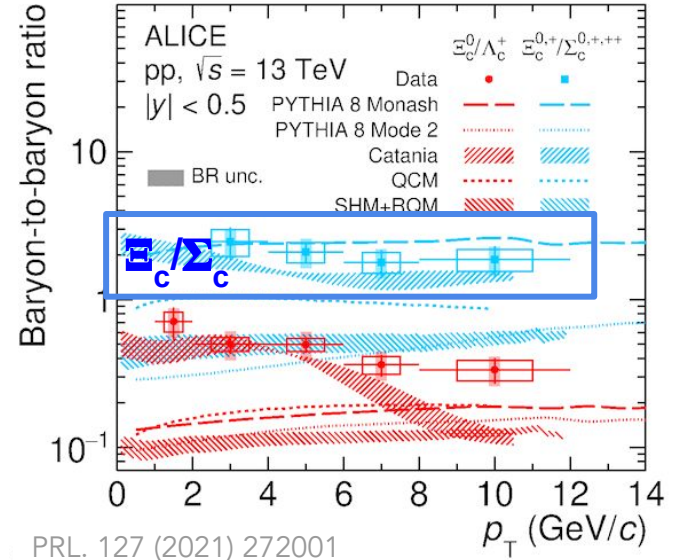
→ **Additional challenges from strange-quark production?**

Baryon-to-baryon: $\Xi_c^{0,+}$ and $\Sigma_c^{0,++}$

$$D_s^+/(D^0+D^+)$$



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EPJC 79 (2019) 5, 388

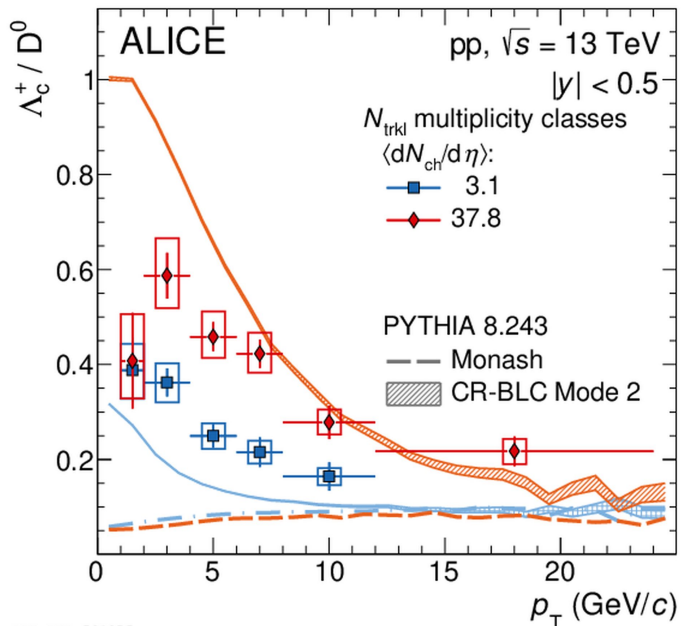


PRL. 127 (2021) 272001

- $D_s^+/(D^0+D^+)$ (prompt and non-prompt) compatible with expectations from e^+e^-
- $\Xi_c^{0,+}/\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ ratio close to default PYTHIA8, which strongly underestimates their production! (described by Catania as well)
→ similar suppression in e^+e^- ? Related to diquark rather than quarks?
(note mass of spin-1 $(dd,ud,uu)_1$ diquarks might be similar to spin-0 $(us,ds)_0$ diquarks)

Evolution with event activity in pp and p-Pb: Λ_c^+ / D^0

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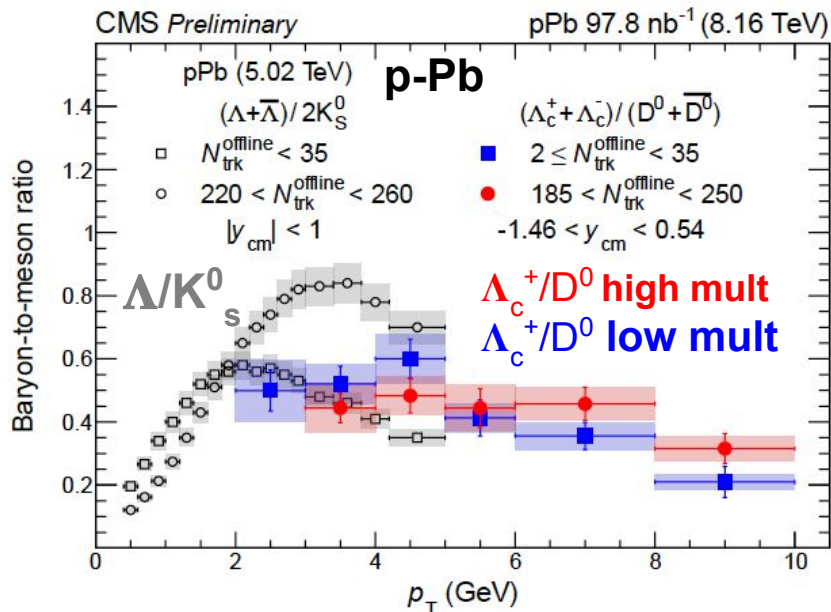


pp (ALICE):

Λ_c^+ / D^0 increases with multiplicity from $p_T > 2$ GeV/c

Qualitatively reproduced by **PYTHIA8** with **CR-BLC**
 → interplay of CR and MPI

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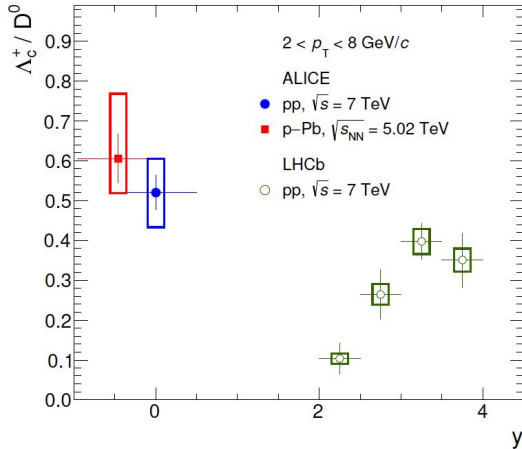
p-Pb (CMS):

Λ_c^+ / D^0 does not evolve significantly with multiplicity
 Close to ALICE pp high-multiplicity data

Breaking the similarity with Λ / K^0 observed in pp
 (see backup)

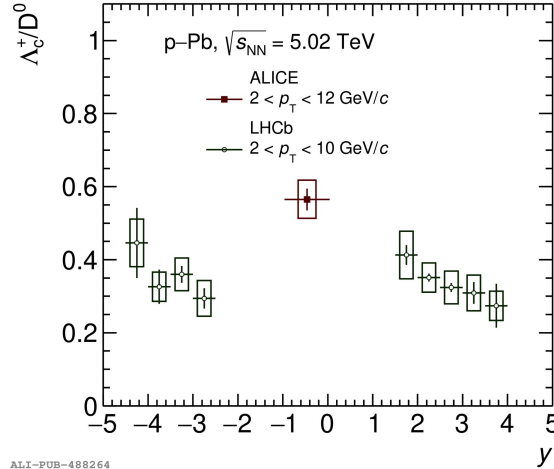
Rapidity dependence

charm, pp



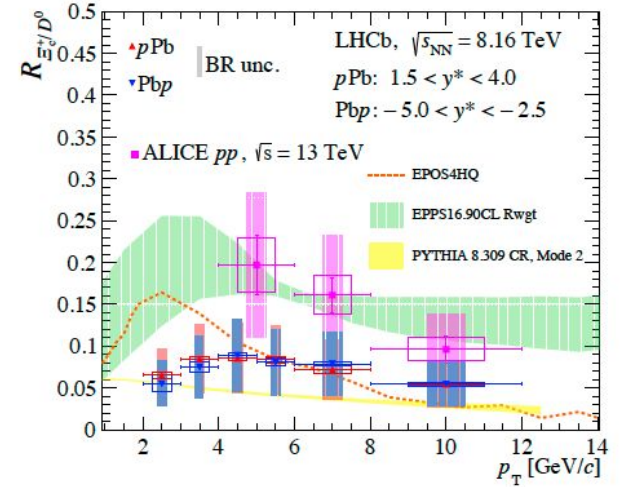
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charm, p-Pb



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LHCb, arxiv 2305.06711



Not clear for charm (especially in pp), to be revisited with run 3 data?

Beauty: non-prompt Λ_c^+ ALICE data consistent with LHCb Λ_b^0 data
 → low p_T region to be explored with run 3 data

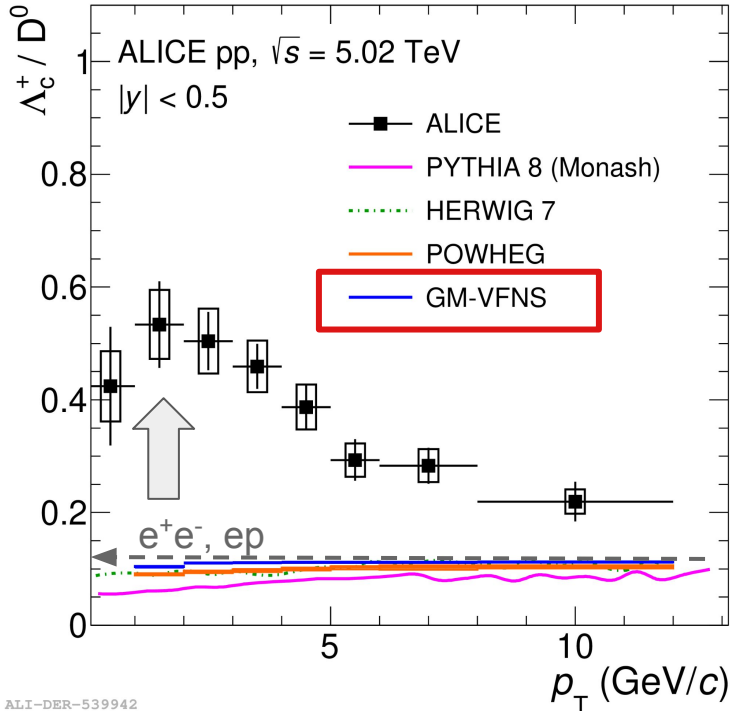
ALICE, JHEP 04 (2018) 108

ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021)

LHCb (pp), Nucl.Phys.B 871 (2013)

LHCb (p-Pb), JHEP 02 102 (2019)

Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in pp collisions vs. models (1)



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Data far from **pQCD-based calculations** based on **factorisation** approach, which works well for mesons (plethora of results at RHIC, Fermilab, LHC,...)

Hadronisation \rightarrow **Fragmentation functions** ($D_{c \rightarrow D}$)
 often **assumed** “**universal**”: once constrained to e^+e^- and ep data they are used in different collision systems and energies.

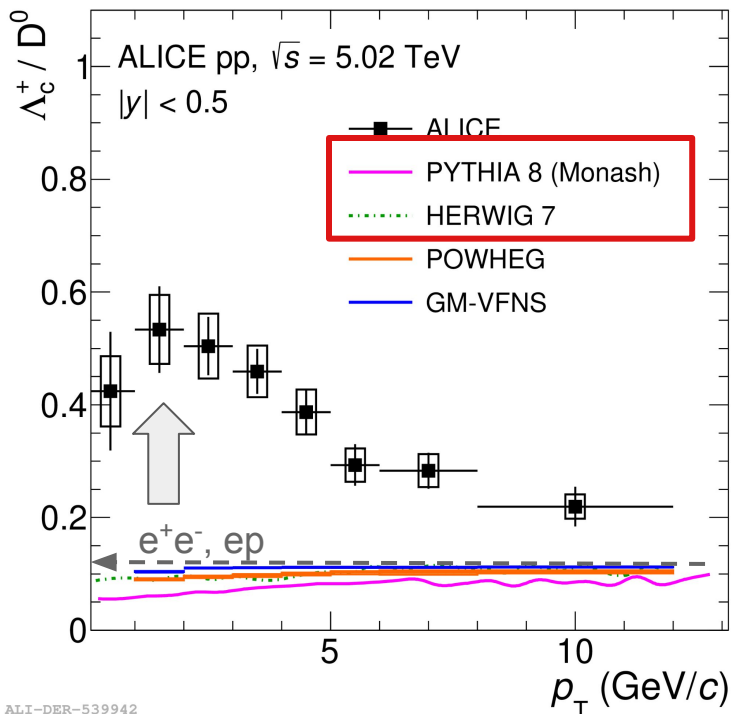
Naïve expectation: ratios of particle-species yields independent from collision system

\rightarrow **Universality of fragmentation function does not hold already in pp collisions**

$$\frac{d\sigma^D}{dp_T} (p_T^D; \mu_F; \mu_R) = PDF(x_1, \mu_F) PDF(x_2, \mu_F) \otimes \frac{d\sigma^c}{dp_T^c} (x_1, x_2; \mu_F; \mu_R) \otimes D_{c \rightarrow D}(z = \frac{p_D}{p_c}; \mu_F)$$

fragmentation function

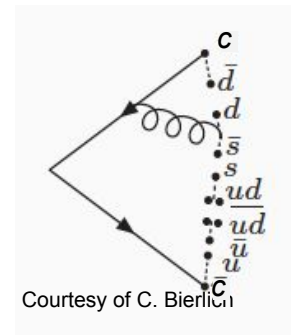
Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in pp collisions vs. models (2)



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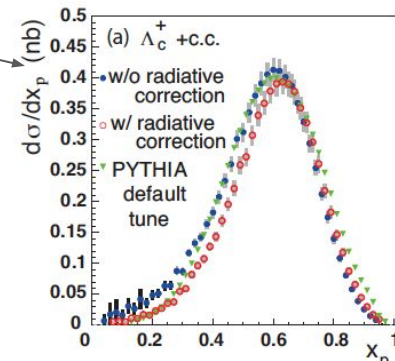
Default PYTHIA8 (Monash, EPJC 74 (2014) 3024), standard Lund string fragmentation

- Light quark/diquark pairs popping out from QCD color-confinement potential (\leftarrow strings)
 - Diquarks \leftrightarrow baryons
- Hadronisation of different MPI products largely independent
- Reproduces e^+e^- data \sim fragmentation functions used in pQCD-based calculations



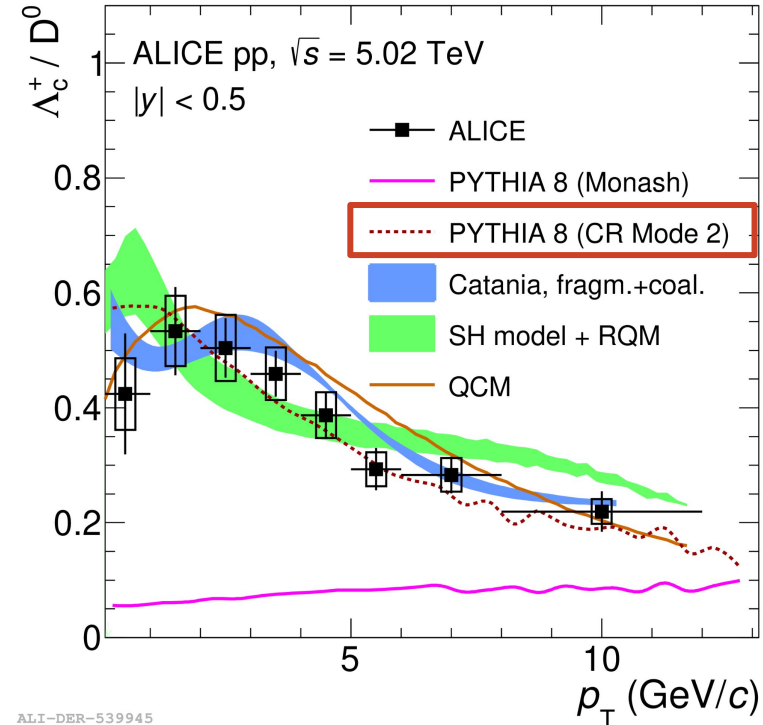
HERWIG7 (EPJC 58 (2008) 639-707), cluster hadronisation

Undershoot data by a factor of about 5 and do not catch p_T shape



Belle, PRD 97, 072005 (2018)

Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in pp collisions vs. models (3)



Data described by:

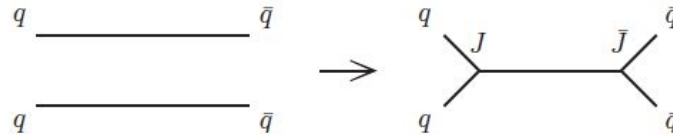
PYTHIA8 with String Formation beyond Leading Colour

approximation (JHEP 1508 (2015) 003).

More complete and realistic (=closer to QCD) colour-reconnection (CR) scheme

- “...*between which partons do confining potentials arise?*”

Junction reconnection topologies → enhance baryons.



(b) Type II: junction-style reconnection

Support importance of interplay of CR and MPI for hadronisation
A hadronic environment matters

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