

# Studying hot QCD matter at the CERN-LHC with heavy quarks

Thanks to the ALICE, ATLAS and CMS Collaborations  
and the LHC accelerator team

*André Mischke*



**Universiteit Utrecht**



European Research Council

XXI. Int. Workshop on Deep-Inelastic Scattering and Related Subjects  
Marseilles, France – 22-26 April 2013



Netherlands Organisation  
for Scientific Research

# Outline

- Strongly interacting matter in extremes
- Heavy quarks (charm and beauty) and the Quark Gluon Plasma
- Measurements
  - pp interactions: important baseline; test pQCD models
  - p-Pb collisions: study cold nuclear matter effects
  - Pb-Pb collisions: study hot QCD matter; determine medium properties

Plenary talk by  
Barbara Erazmus

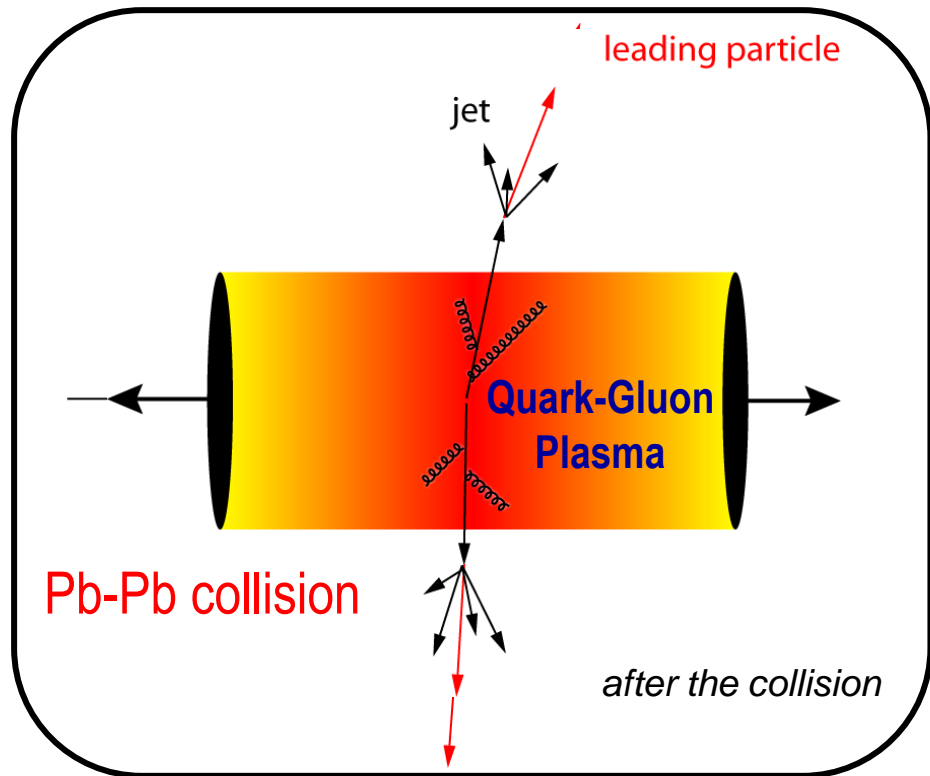
- Probes
  - Open HF (prompt D mesons and HF decay leptons):  
**Energy loss mechanism(s) and degree of thermalization**
  - Hidden HF ( $J/\psi$  and  $Y$  states):  
**Deconfinement (dissociation in hot QCD matter) and degree of thermalization**

Parallel talk by  
Diego Stocco



- Summary

# Probing hot and dense QCD matter



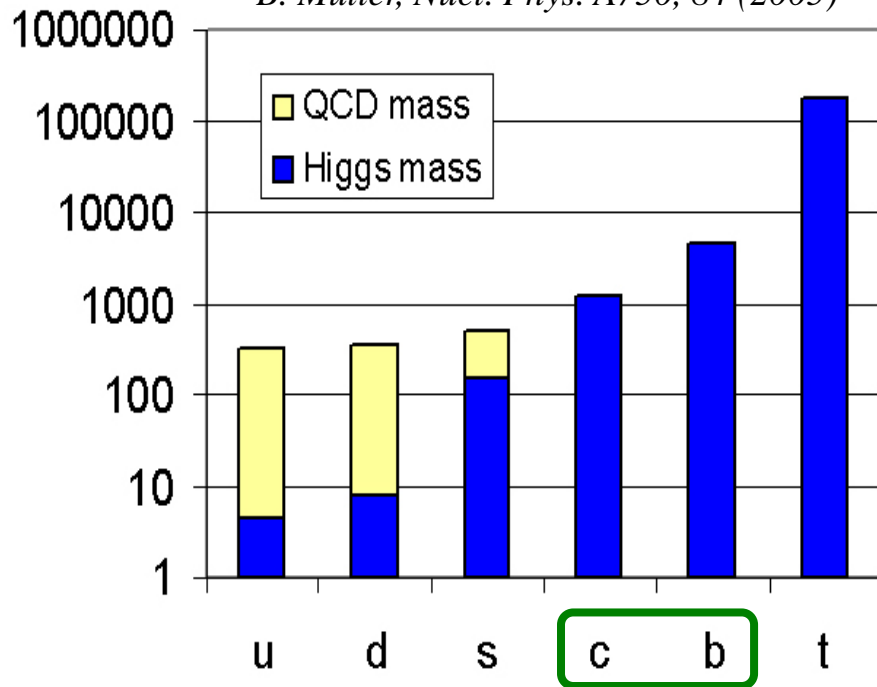
Quantify medium effects with  
**nuclear modification factor**



- “Simplest way” to establish the properties of a system
  - calibrated probe
  - calibrated interaction
  - suppression pattern tells about density profile
- Heavy-ion collision
  - hard processes serve as **calibrated probe** (pQCD)
  - traversing through the medium and **interacting strongly**
  - **suppression** provides density measurement
  - General picture: **parton energy loss through medium-induced gluon radiation and collisions with medium**

# Heavy quarks are ideal probes

*B. Müller, Nucl. Phys. A750, 84 (2005)*



- Charm and beauty quarks are 250-450 times heavier than light quarks

- They are abundantly produced at the LHC, **predominantly in the early phase of the collisions**

- **Production rates calculable in pQCD**

- Symmetry breaking

- Higgs mass: electro-weak symmetry breaking → **current quark mass**

- QCD mass: chiral symmetry breaking → **constituent quark mass**

- Charm and beauty quark masses are not affected by QCD vacuum → ideal probes to study QGP

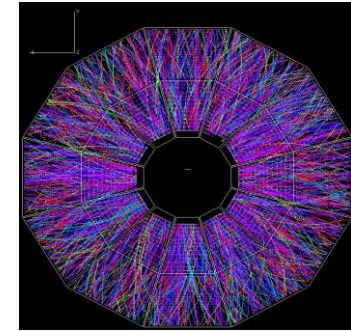
- Test QCD at transition from perturbative to non-perturbative regime: charm and beauty quarks provide hard scale for QCD calculations

# Time evolution of a heavy-ion collision

Thermalization  
of QGP

Hadronisation:  
QGP lifetime?

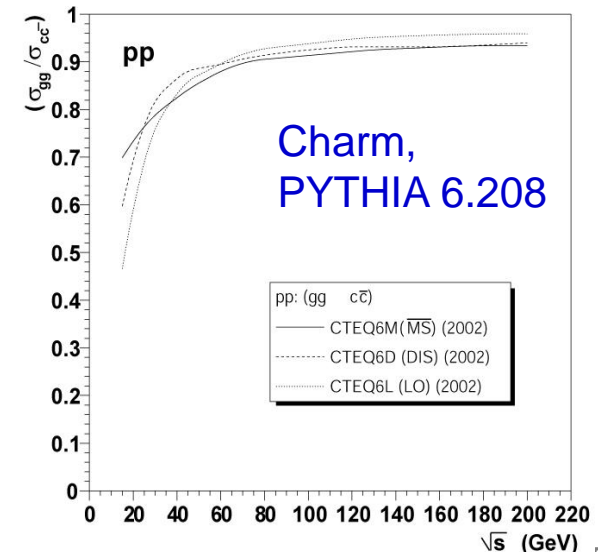
Quarkonia melts  
and flow develops



Charm production

$$\tau \sim \hbar/2m_Q$$

- Gluon fusion dominates  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to initial state gluon distribution *M. Gyulassy and Z. Lin, Phys. Rev. C51, 2177 (1995)*
- Heavy quarks transverse through the QCD medium and interact strongly with it  $\rightarrow$  energy loss
- Due to their mass ( $m_Q \gg T_c, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )  $\rightarrow$  higher penetrating power



# Energy loss of heavy quarks

(1) Radiative parton energy loss is colour charge dependent (Casimir coupling factor  $C_R$ )

R.Baier et al., Nucl. Phys. B483, 291 (1997) ("BDMPS")

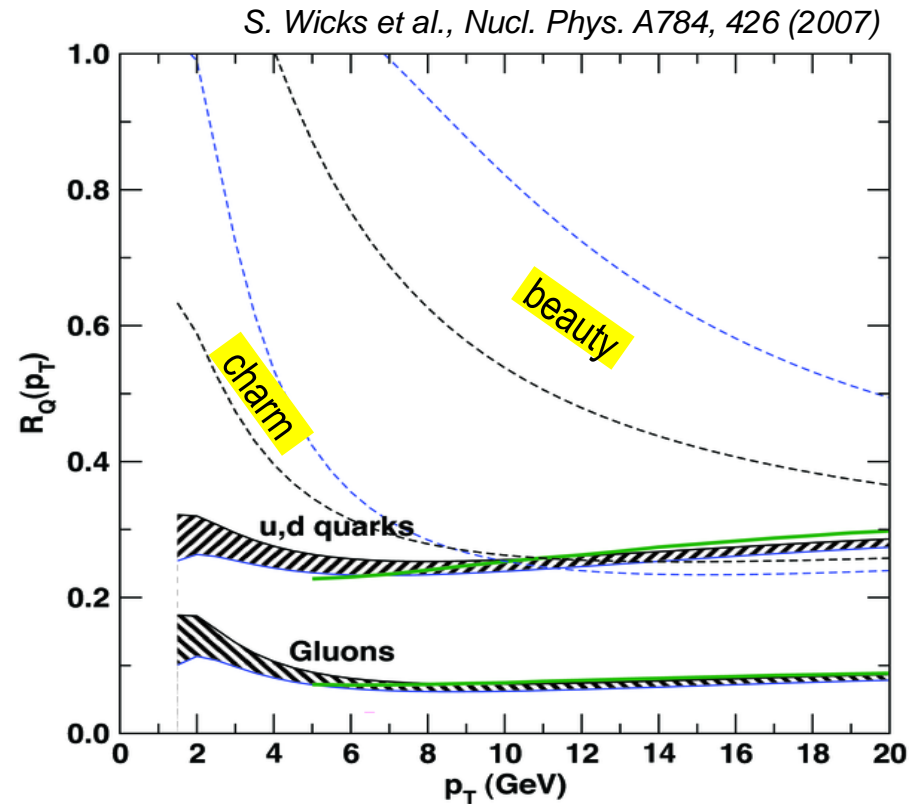
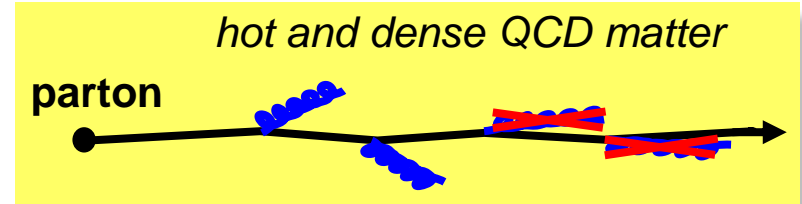


(2) **Dead-cone effect:** gluon radiation suppressed at small angles ( $\theta < m_Q/E_Q$ )

Y. Dokshitzer, D. Kharzeev, PLB 519, 199 (2001), hep-ph/0106202

$$\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$$

$$R_{AA}(\pi) < R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(B)$$



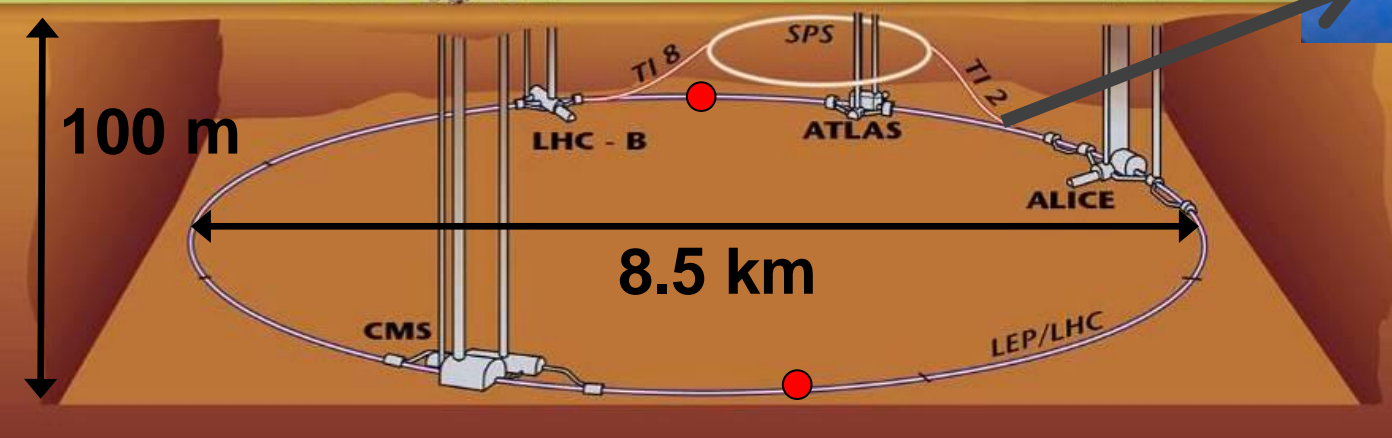
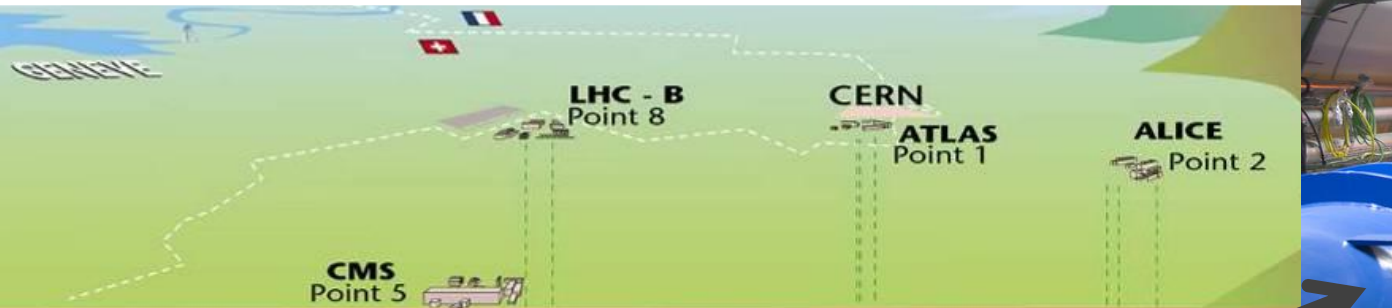


# Large Hadron Collider at CERN

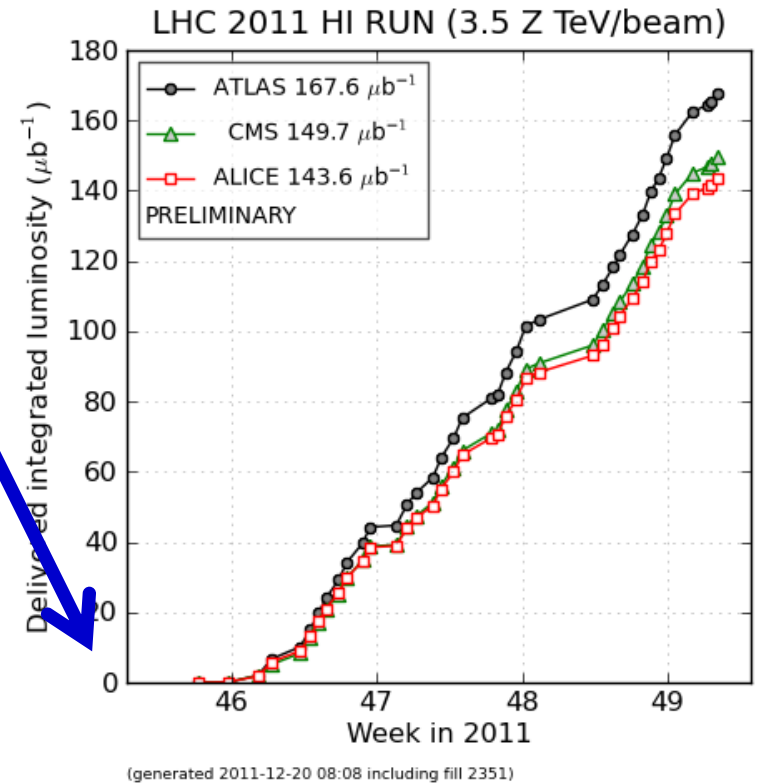
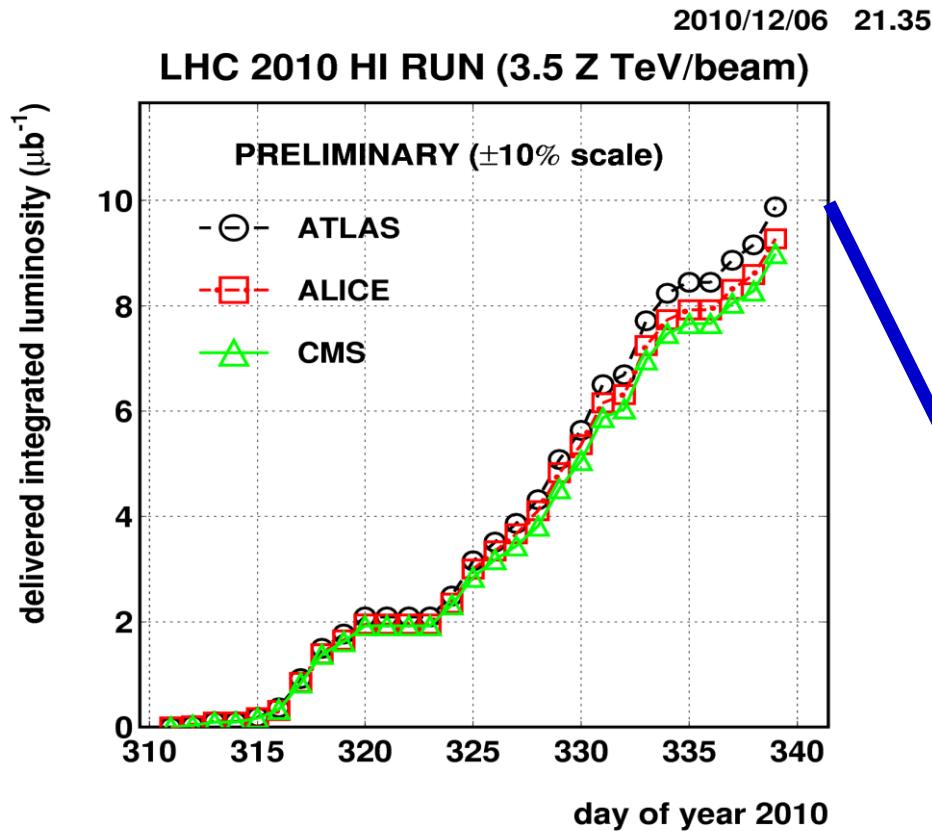
- 1232 dipole magnets
- Two counter-rotating beams
- Operation with super-fluid helium at 1.9K (~120 tons)
- 8 Tesla bending field



- Data taking since November 2010
- Ion species and energies
  - Pb-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV
  - pp,  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36, 2.76, 7$  and 8 TeV
  - p-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV



# Data: integrated luminosity



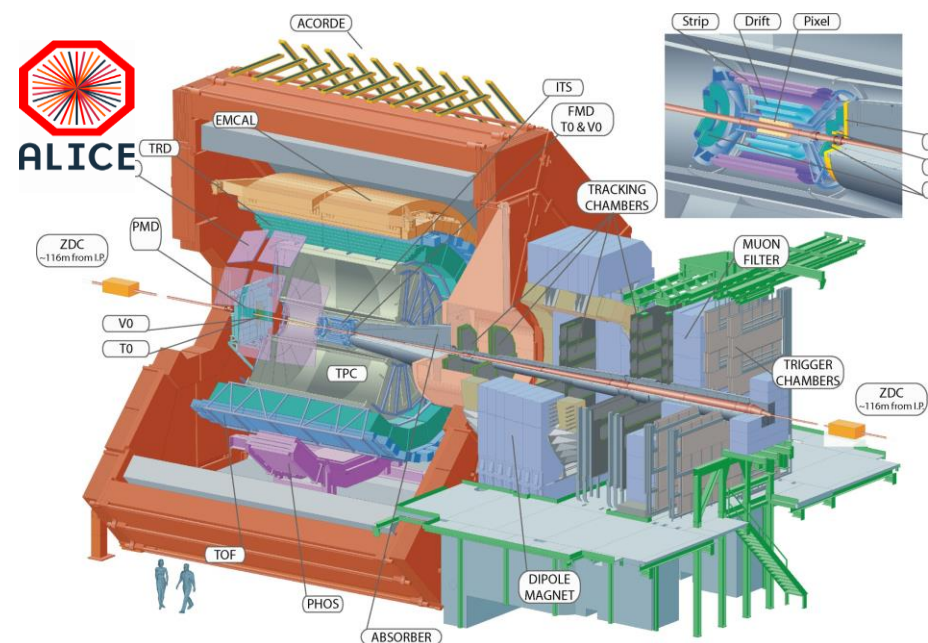
year	integrated luminosity
2010	$\sim 10 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
2011	$\sim 0.16 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

$^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$ - $^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}$  at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

2010  $\rightarrow$  2011: factor 16 improvement



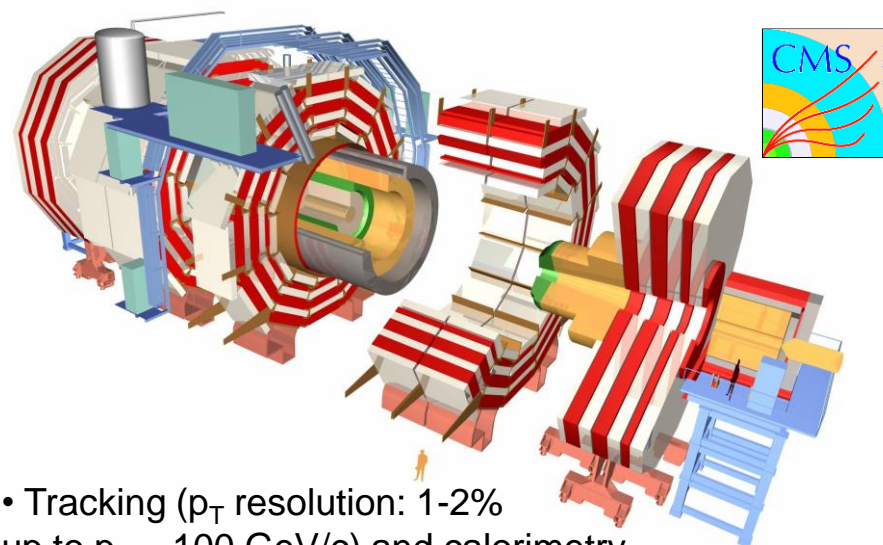
# Detectors



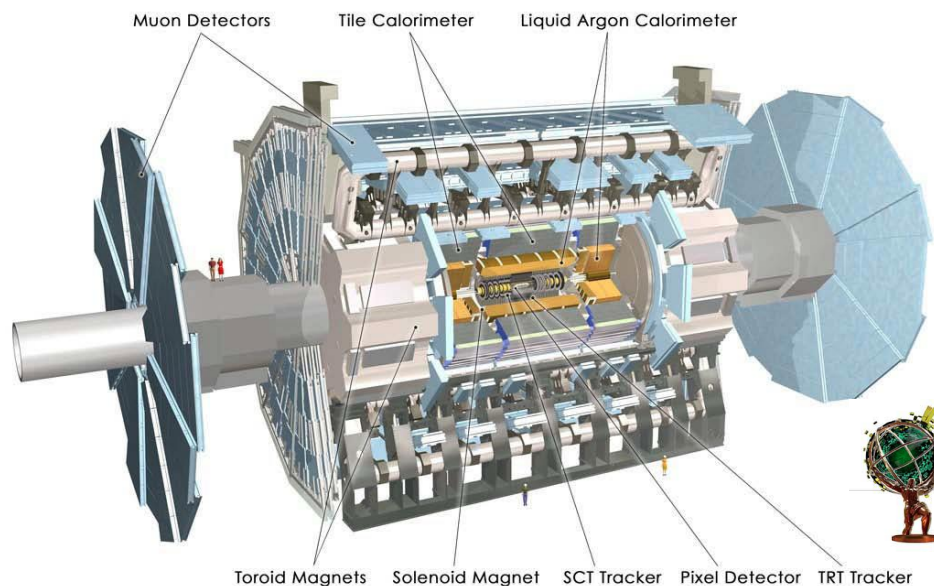
- PID over a very broad momentum range ( $>100$  MeV/c)
- Large acceptance in azimuth
- Mid-rapidity coverage  $|\eta| < 0.9$  and  $-4 < \eta < -2.5$  in forward region
- Impact parameter resolution better than  $65 \mu\text{m}$  for  $p_T > 1$  GeV/c

Three main subsystems with a full coverage in azimuth:

- Inner Detector: tracking  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Calorimetry  $|\eta| < 4.9$
- Muon Spectrometer  $|\eta| < 2.7$

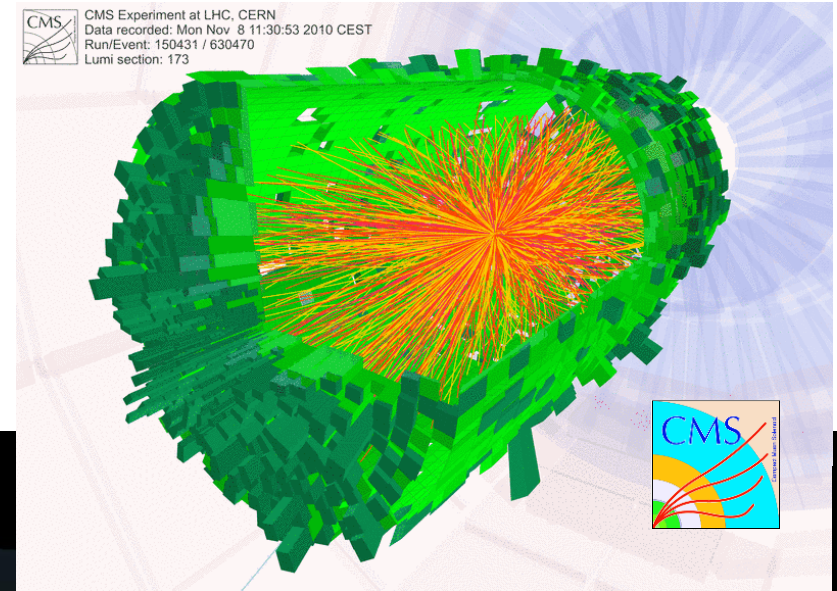
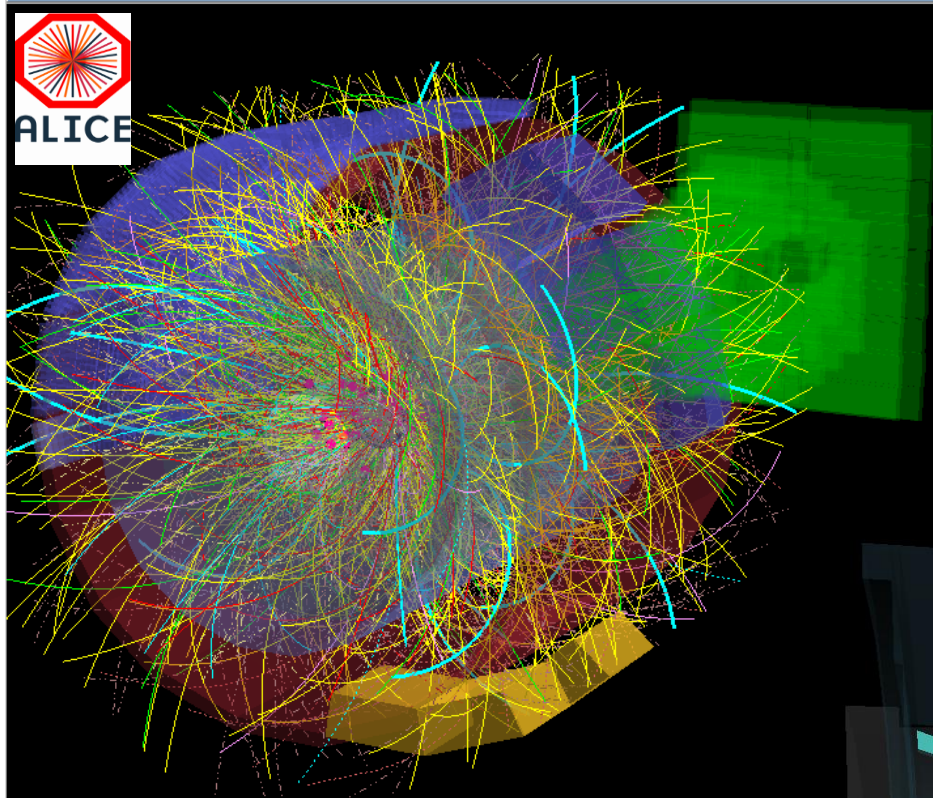


- Tracking ( $p_T$  resolution: 1-2% up to  $p_T \sim 100$  GeV/c) and calorimetry
- Trigger selectivity over a large range in rapidity and full azimuth

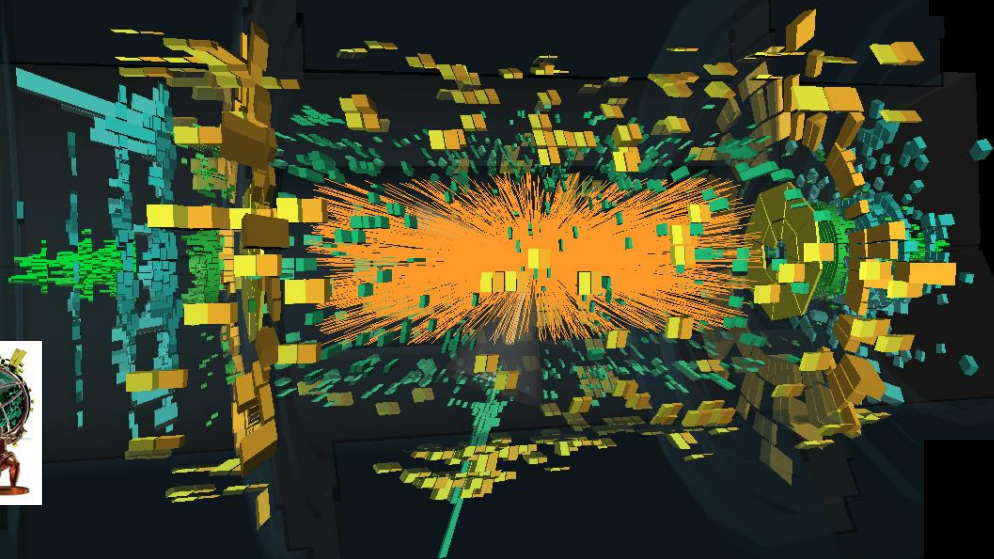




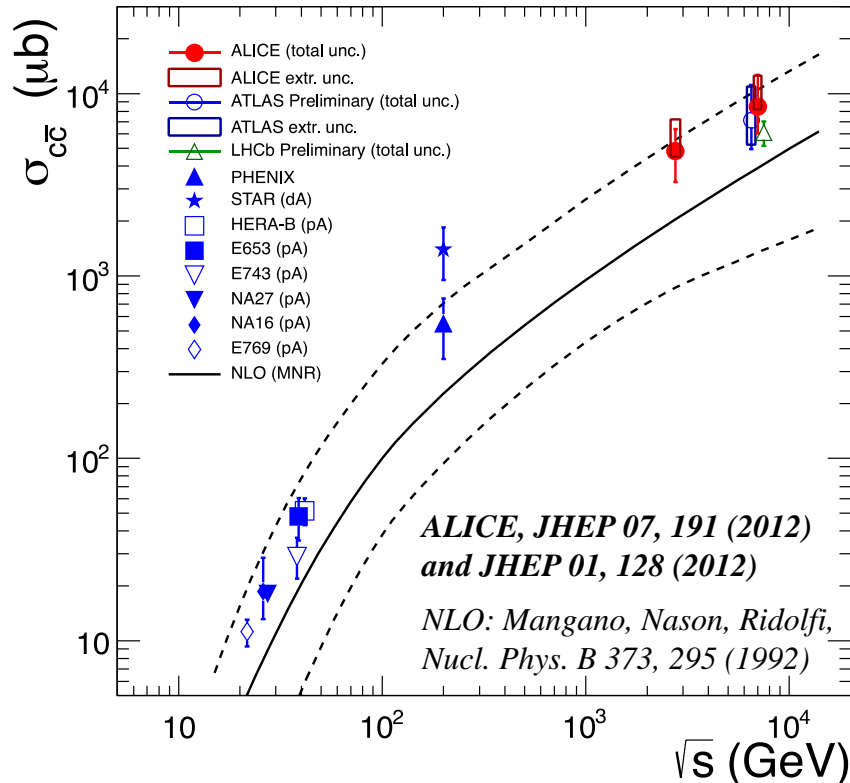
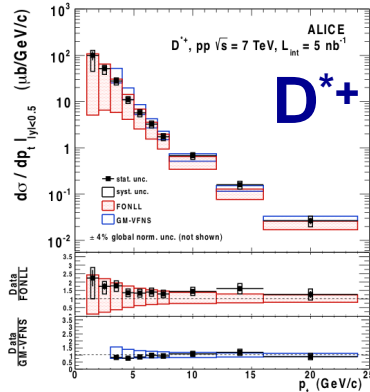
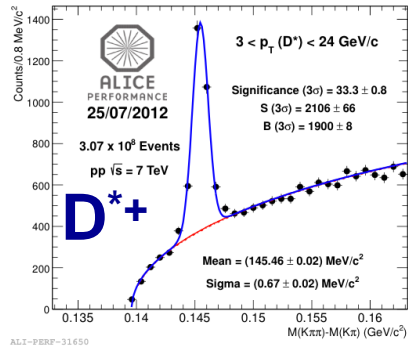
# Typical event displays



Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$  TeV  
per nucleon-nucleon pair

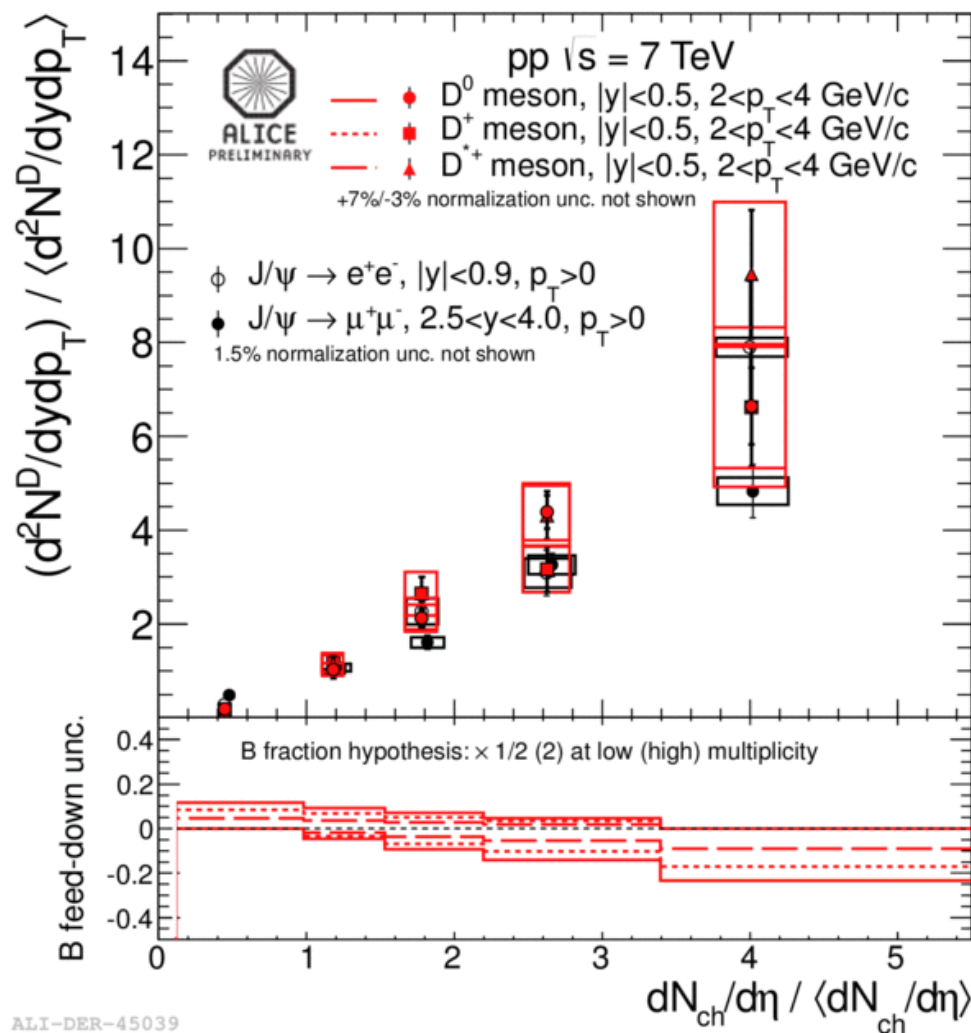


# Total charm production cross section in pp



- First collider measurements at TeV scale
- Very good agreement between LHC experiments
- Consistency with NLO pQCD calculations, although at the upper limit
- Baseline for Quarkonia measurements in Pb-Pb
- Parton spectra from pQCD input for energy loss models

# Multiplicity dependence of D and J/ψ yields in pp

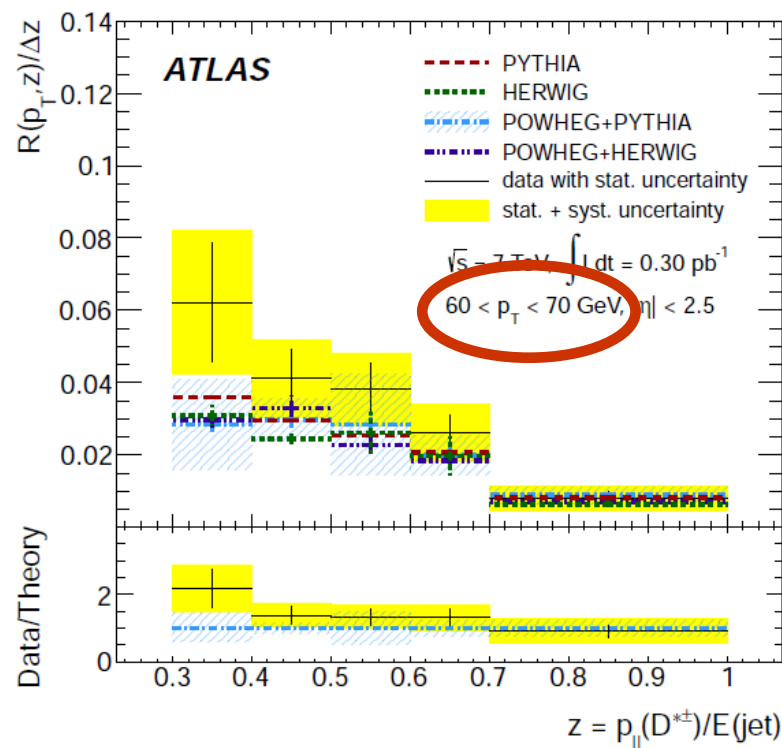
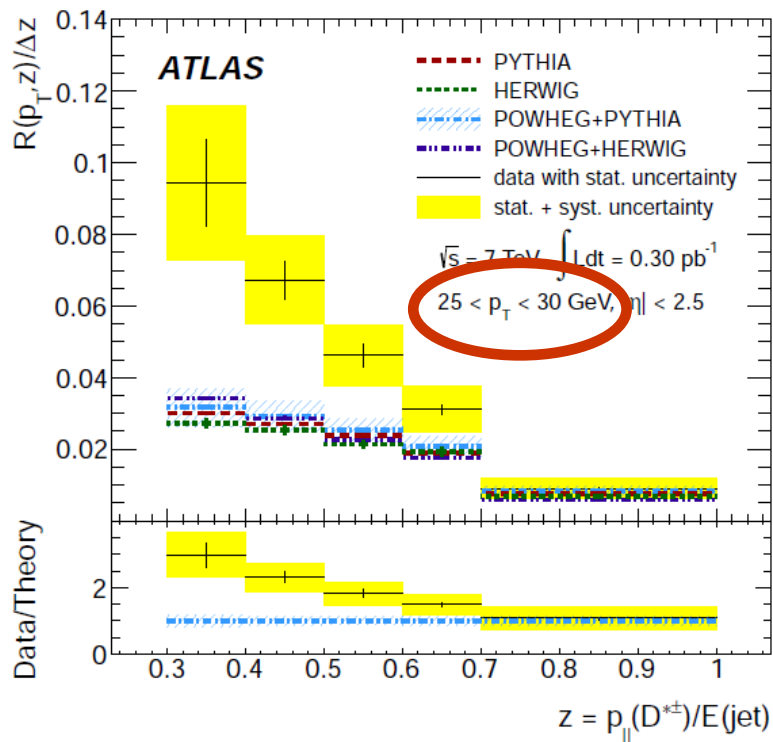


Particle multiplicity  $\rightarrow$

- The  $\sim$ linear increase of the yields with charged multiplicities and the similar behaviour for D and J/ψ (PLB 712, 165 (2012)) are remarkable
- Due to **multi-parton interactions?**

# $D^{*\pm}$ production in jets in 7 TeV pp

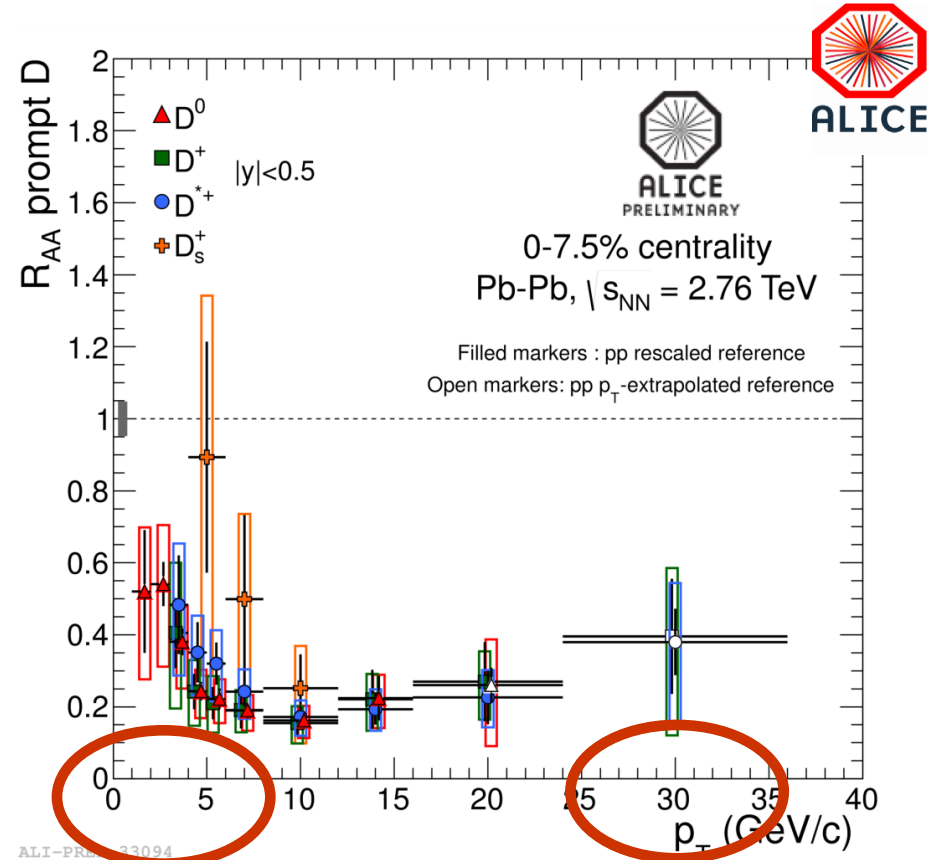
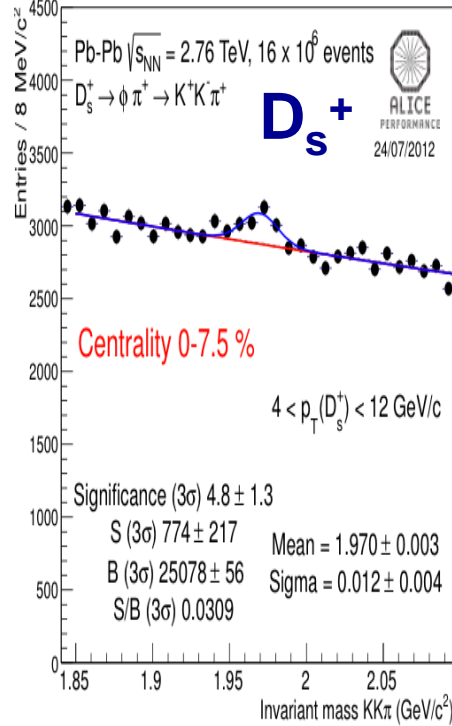
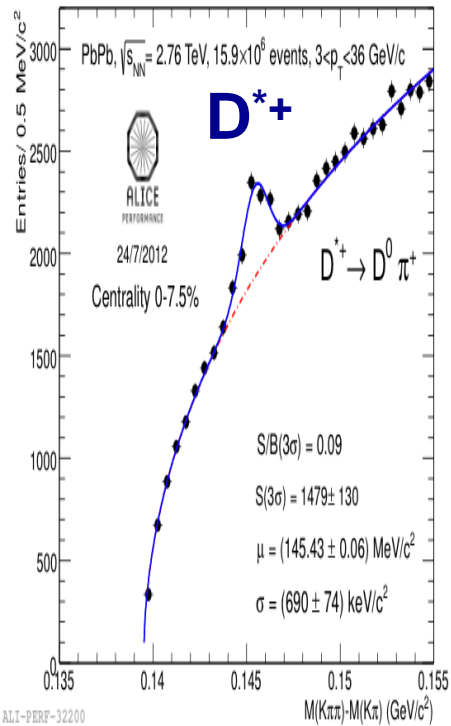
Phys. Rev. D85, 052005 (2012)



- Monte Carlo calculations fail to describe data at small  $z$
- Strongest at low jet transverse momentum



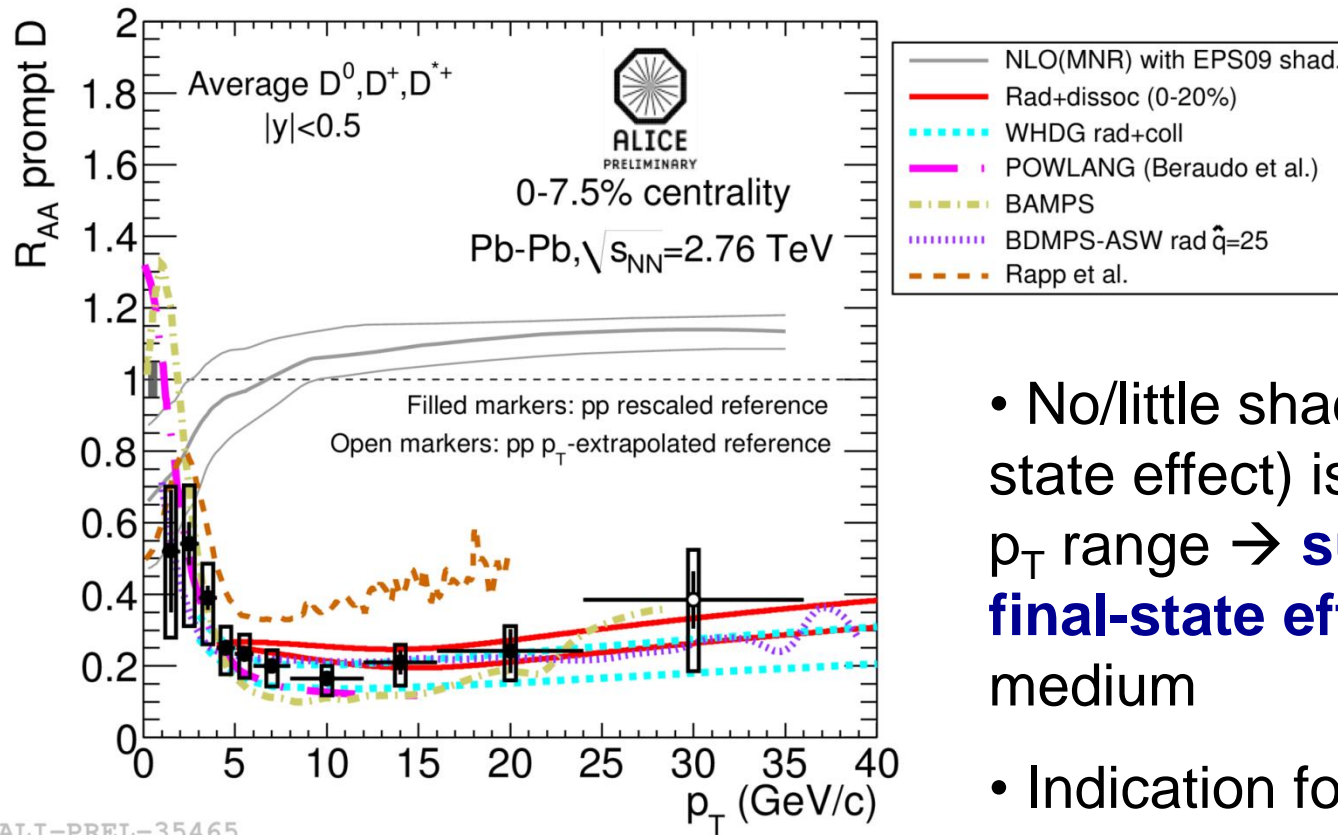
# Prompt D meson $R_{AA}$ in Pb-Pb collisions



- Strong suppression (factor 4-5) above 5 GeV/c in 7.5% most central Pb-Pb, compared to binary scaling from pp
- First  $D_s^+(c\bar{s})$  measurement in heavy ion collisions
- Expectation: enhancement of strange D meson yield at intermediate  $p_T$  if charm hadronizes via recombination in the medium



# Comparison with model calculations

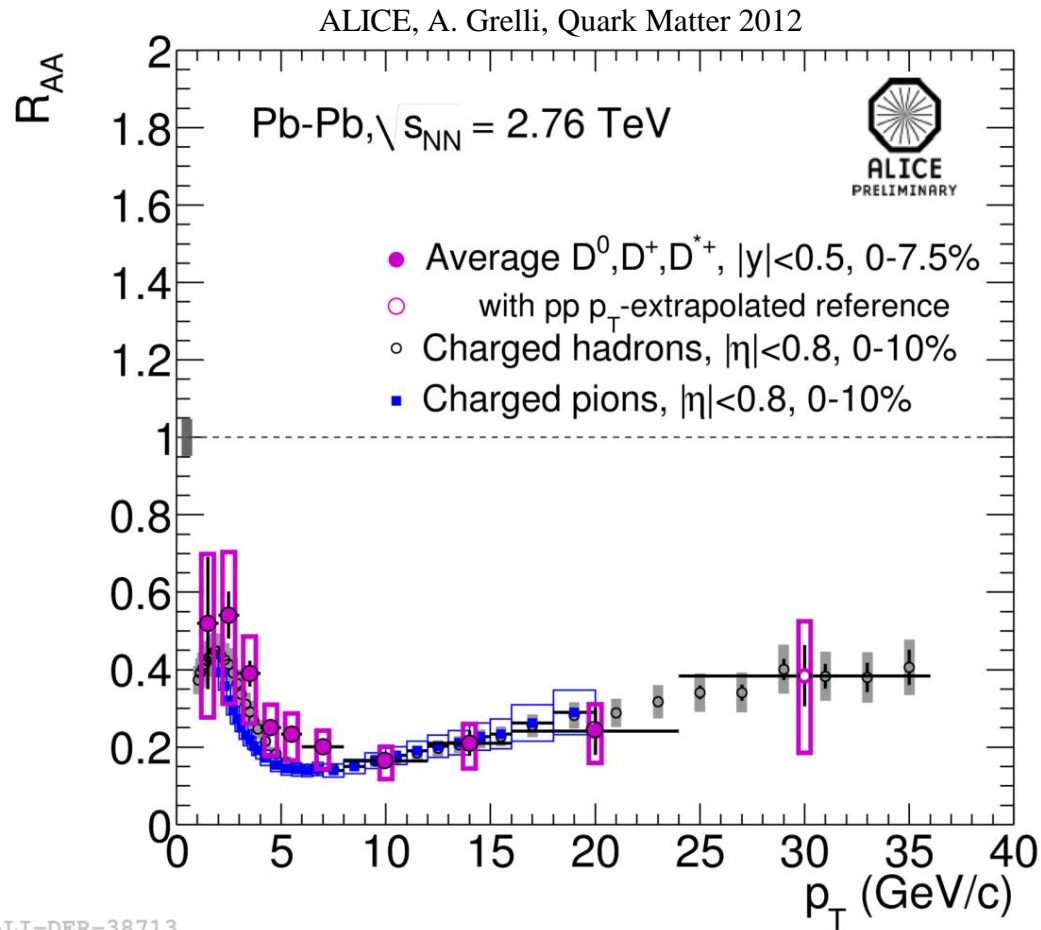


ALI-PREL-35465

- No/little shadowing (initial-state effect) is expected in this  $p_T$  range → **suppression is a final-state effect**; due to hot medium
- Indication for rising  $R_{AA}$ ?

- Rad.+dissoc.: R. Sharma, I. Vitev and B.W. Zhang, Phys. Rev. C80 (2009) 054902, Y. He, I. Vitev and B.W. Zhang, arXiv: 1105.2566 (2011)
- WHDG (coll.+rad. Eloss in anisotropic medium): W.A. Horowitz and M. Gyulassy, J. Phys. G38 (2011) 124114
- POWLANG (coll. Eloss using Langevin approach): W.M. Alberico, et al., Eur. Phys. J. C71,1666 (2011)
- BAMPS (coll. Eloss in expanding medium): O. Fochler, J. Uphoff, Z. Xu and C. Greiner, J. Phys. G38 (2011) 124152
- Coll. + LPM rad. energy loss: J. Aichelin et al., Phys. Rev. C79 (2009) 044906
- BDMPS-ASW: N. Armesto, A. Dainese, C.A. Salgado and U.A. Wiedemann, Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 054027
- Coll. Eloss via D mesons resonances excitation + Hydro evolution: M. He, R.J. Fries and R. Rapp, arXiv:1204.4442

# $R_{AA}$ : light versus heavy quark hadrons



$R_{AA}(D \text{ meson}) > R_{AA}(\text{pions})$  at low  $p_T$  ?

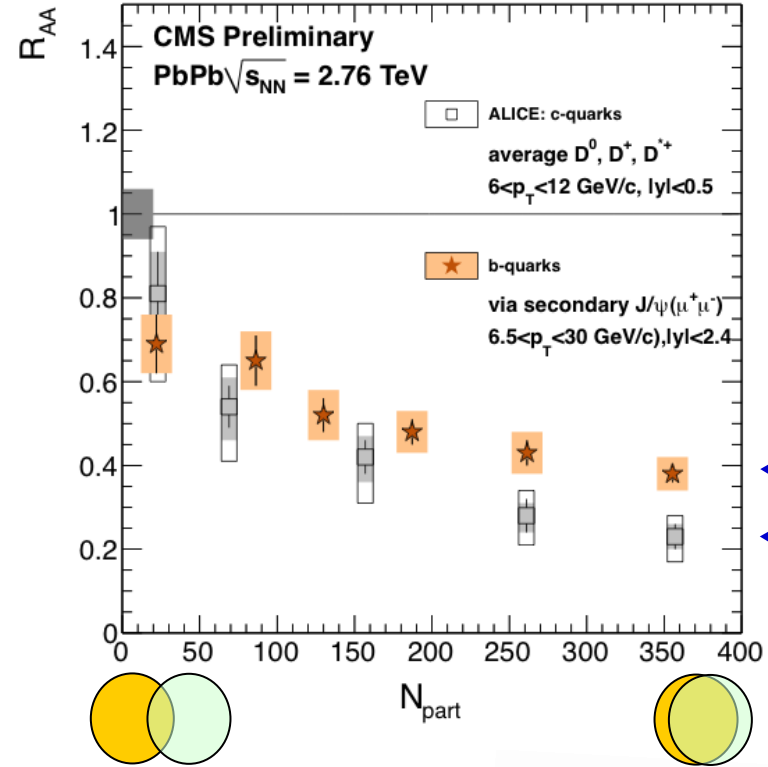
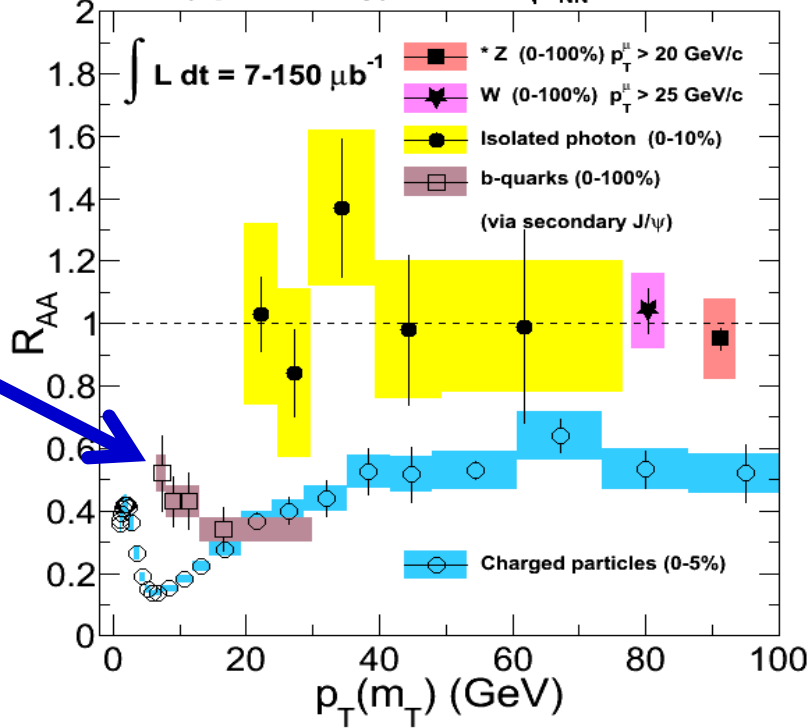
→ More data needed for final conclusion

# Beauty $R_{AA}$ via non-prompt $J/\psi$

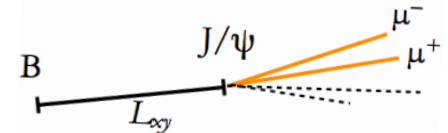


CMS, Z boson: CMS PAS HIN-12-008

CMS (\* preliminary) PbPb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV



- Non-prompt  $J/\psi$  in the most central collision (0-10%) is suppressed by a factor of 2.5
- CMS non-prompt  $J/\psi$  consistent with ALICE single  $\mu$   $R_{AA}$  (not shown)
- $R_{AA}(\text{charm}) < R_{AA}(\text{beauty})$



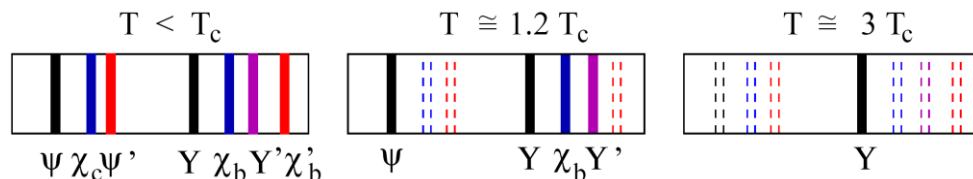
# Quarkonia production in hot QCD matter

- Colour screening length  $\lambda_D$  in the deconfined medium decreases with temperature
- Quarkonia “melt” when their binding distance becomes bigger than screening length  $\rightarrow$  yields suppressed (**one of the first QGP signatures**)

*T. Matsui and H. Satz, Phys. Lett. B 178 (1986) 416*

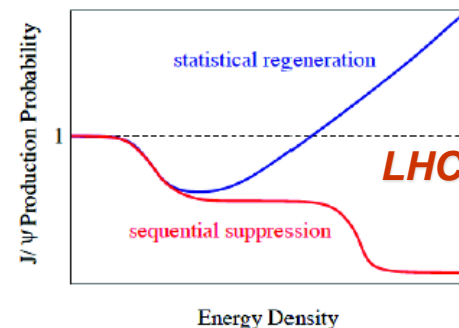
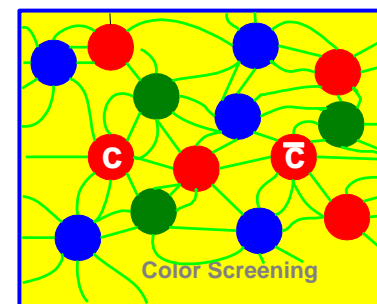
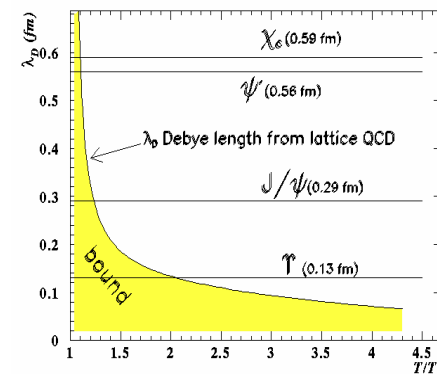
- Screening at different temperature for different states (binding energy)  $\rightarrow$  sequential suppression of the quarkonium states  $\rightarrow$  QCD thermometer

*S. Digal, P. Petreczky and H. Satz, Phys. Rev. D 64 (2001) 0940150*

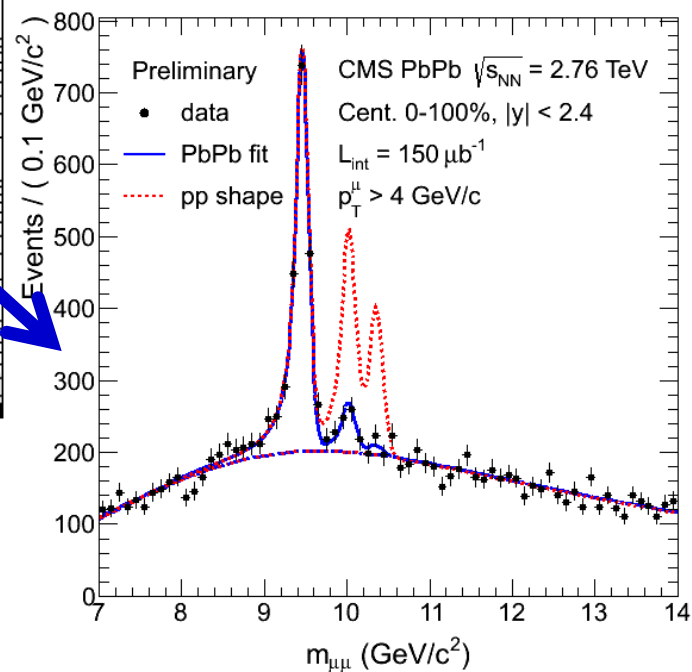
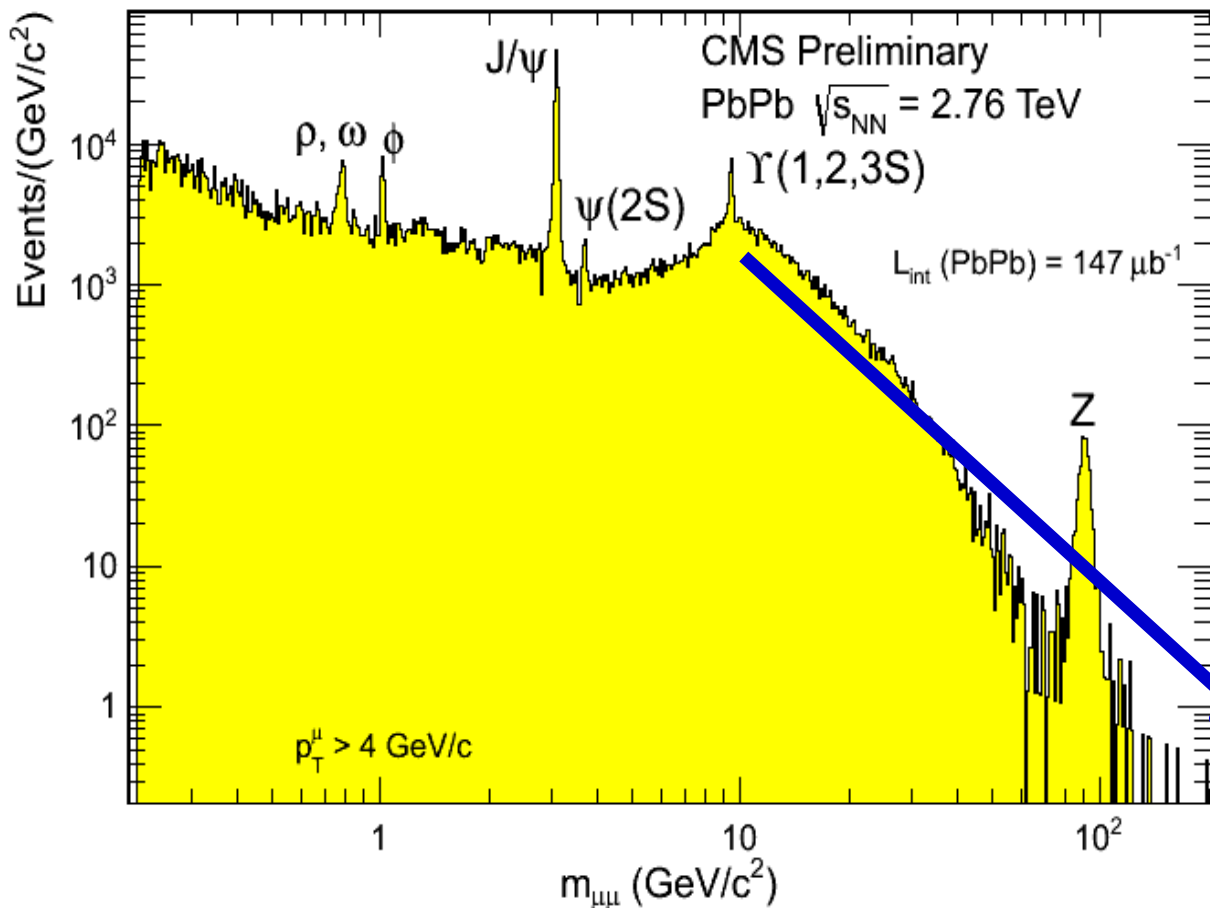


- Enhancement via (re-)generation of quarkonium states due to large heavy quark multiplicity

*A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, K. Redlich and J. Stachel, Phys. Lett. B 571(2003) 36*



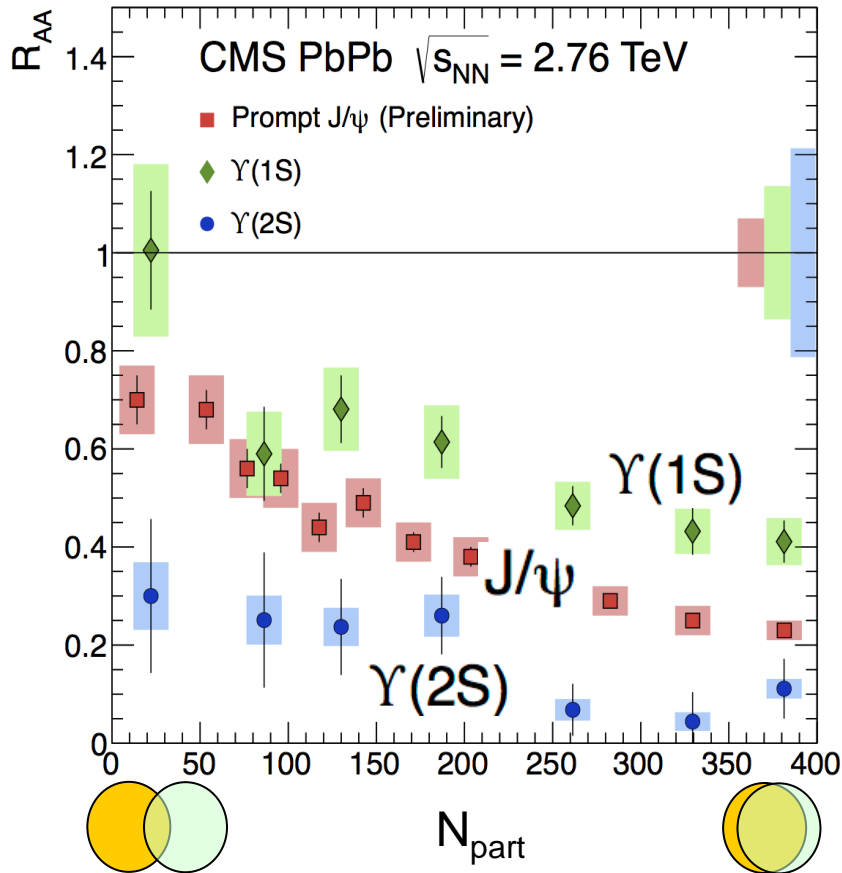
# Di-muon invariant mass distribution in Pb-Pb



# $R_{AA}$ of Quarkonia states in Pb-Pb

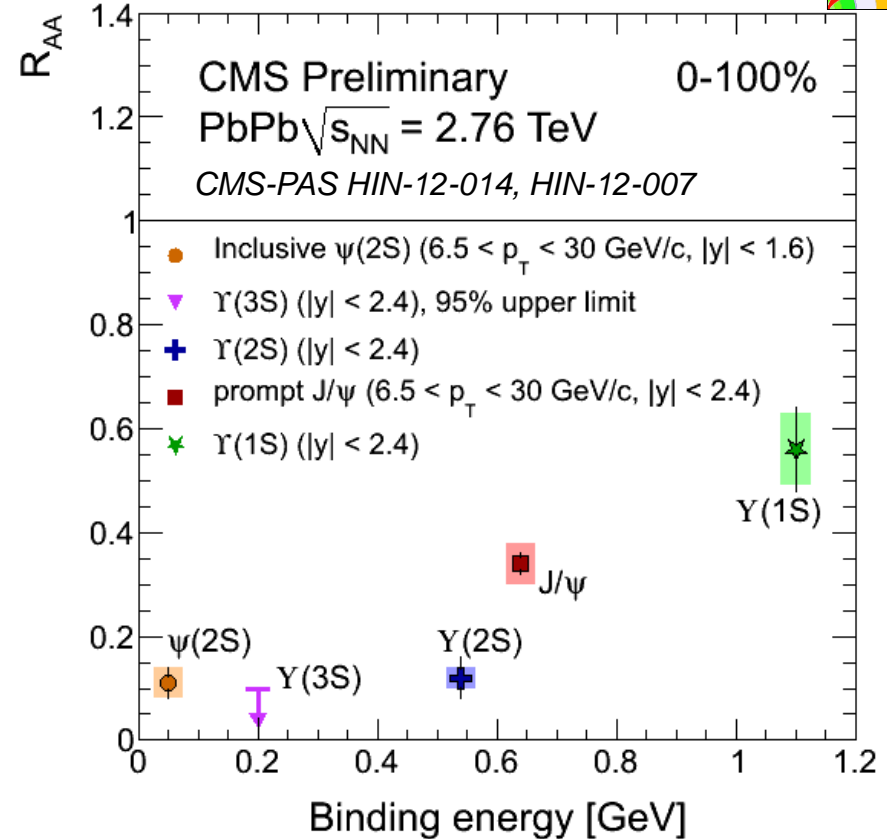


Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 222301 (2012)



Clear hierarchy in  $R_{AA}$  of different quarkonium states

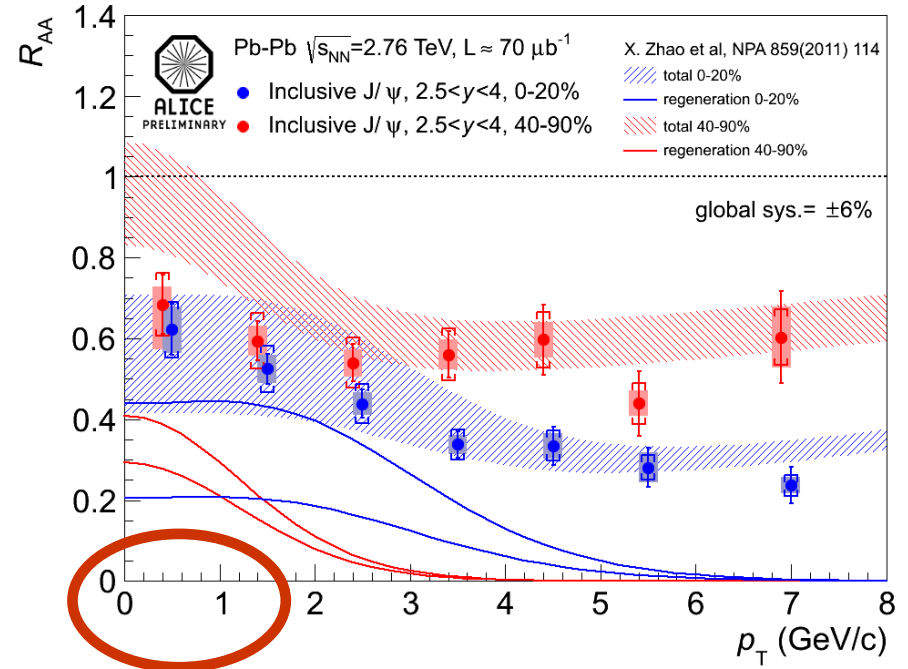
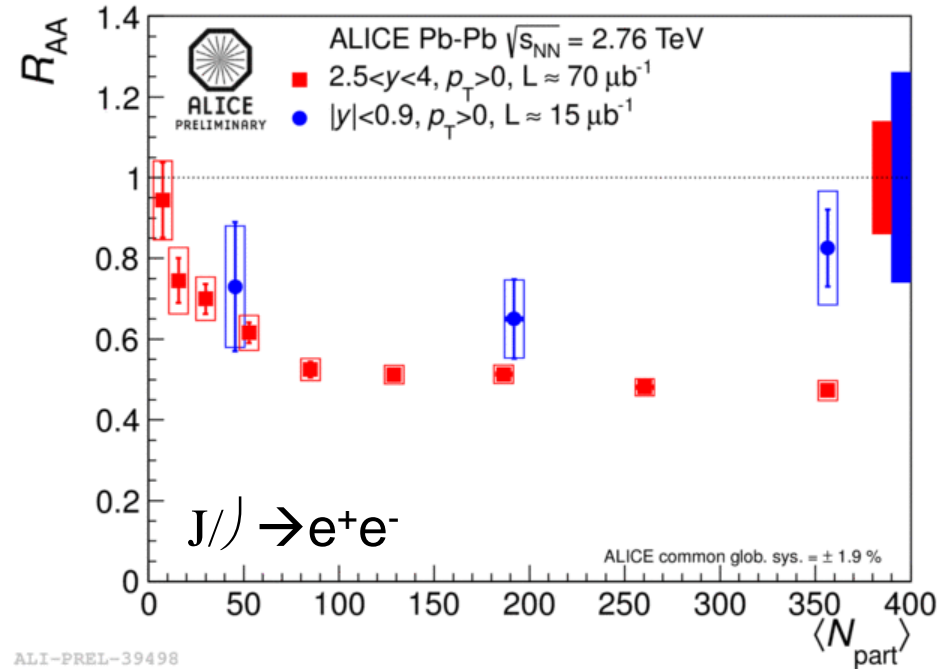
Note:  $6.5 < p_T < 30$  GeV for J/ $\psi$  and  $\psi(2s)$



Expected in terms of binding energy



# $R_{AA}$ of inclusive $J/\psi$



Hint for enhanced  $J/\psi$  production from forward to mid-rapidity

- Enhanced production at low  $p_T$
- Comparison with transport model calculations: sizeable QGP regeneration component needed

# Summary

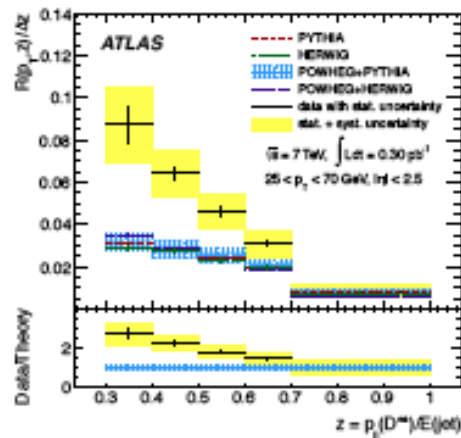
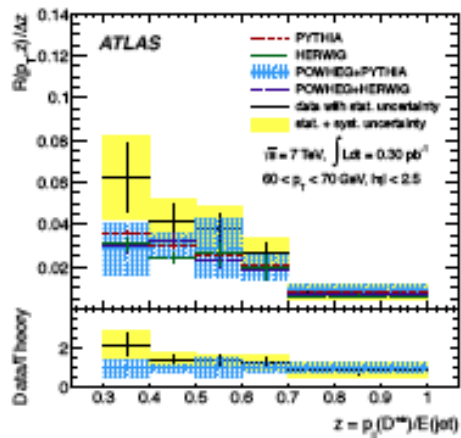
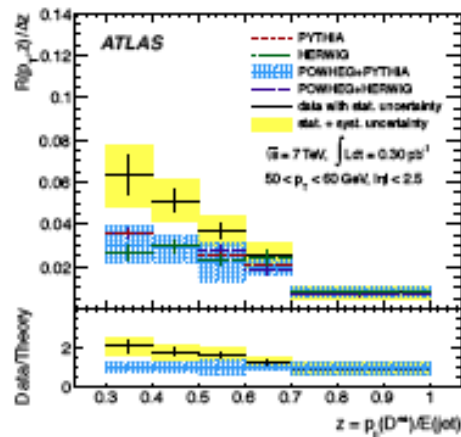
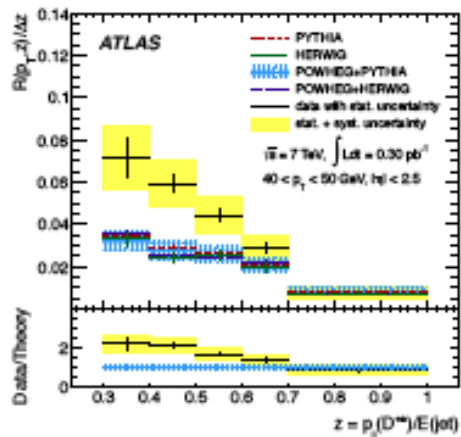
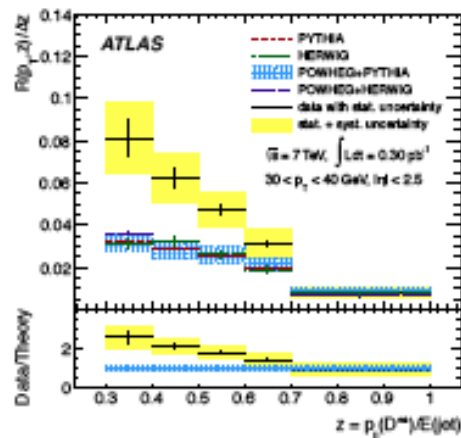
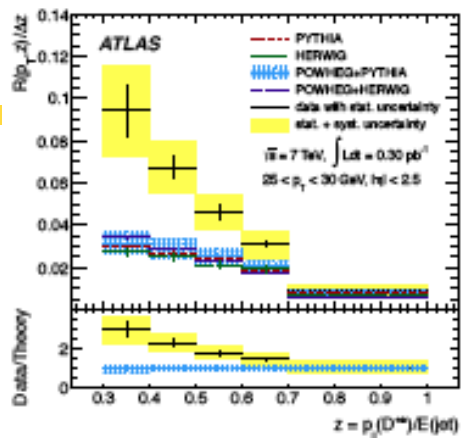
- Heavy quarks
  - particularly good probes to study the properties of hot quark matter; especially its transport properties (e.g. drag diffusion coefficient)
  - abundantly produced at LHC energies → allow precision measurements
- Lots of new data from Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV
- ALICE:  $R_{AA}$  of prompt D mesons, single electrons and muons
  - strong suppression at high  $p_T$  observed in most central collisions
  - more insight on energy loss mechanism(s)
- CMS: b-quark quenching via  $B \rightarrow J/\psi$
- $R_{AA}(\pi) \sim R_{AA}(D, \text{single leptons}) \leq R_{AA}(B \rightarrow J/\psi)$
- Quarkonia data
  - observation of sequential melting of Y family
  - sizeable regeneration needed to describe  $J/\psi$  data
- Many more exciting results with
  - 2013 p-Pb data: important baseline measurement of cold nuclear matter effects (Cronin effect, nuclear shadowing, gluon saturation)
  - 2015 5.5 TeV Pb-Pb run

---

Thank you

---

# Backup



# Cold nuclear matter effects: p-Pb



- Important baseline measurement of **cold nuclear matter effects** (Cronin effect, nuclear shadowing, gluon saturation)
- p-Pb run at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV in February 2013  
~130M minimum bias events (30 nb<sup>-1</sup>)

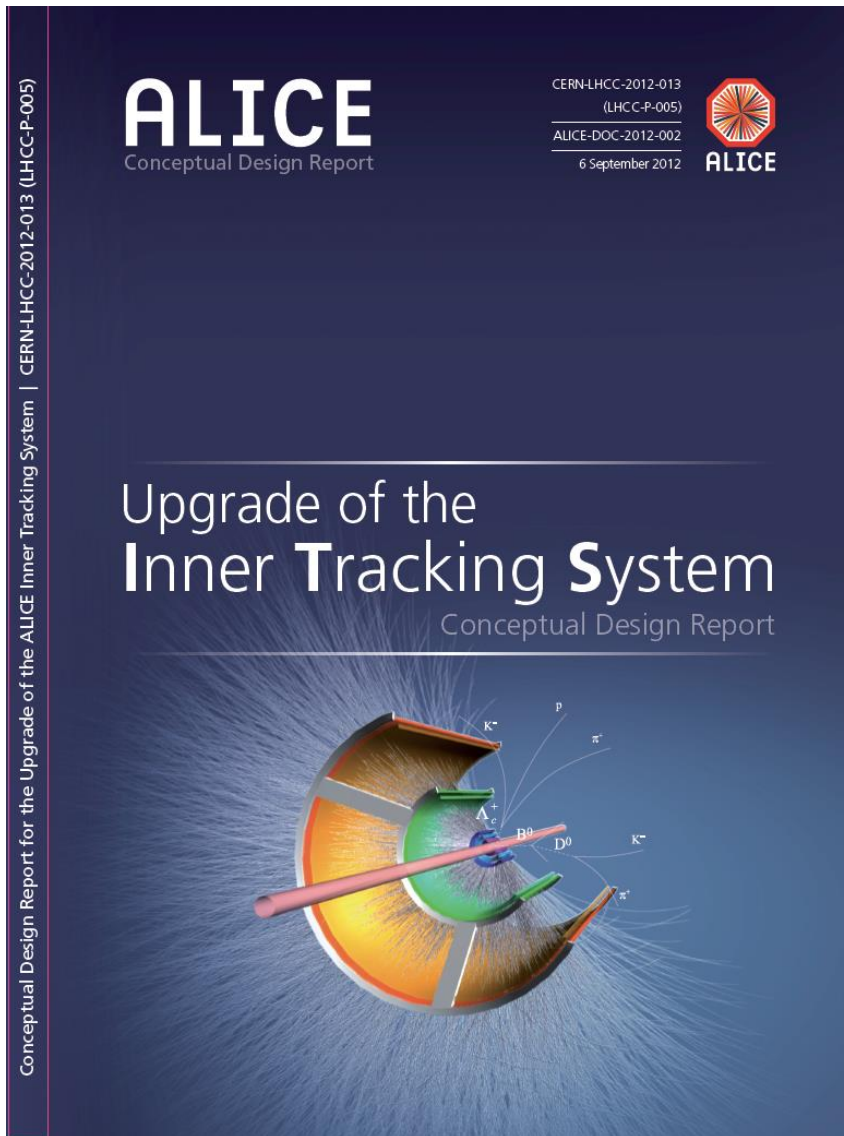
First publications

-  
-  
-

...



# Upgrade of the ALICE Inner Tracker



- New Inner Tracking System based on 7 silicon layers
- Factor  $\approx 3$  improvement in impact parameter resolution
- Low material budget ( $X/X_0 \leq 0.3\%$  for first 3 inner silicon layers possible)

# Detection of open heavy-flavor particles

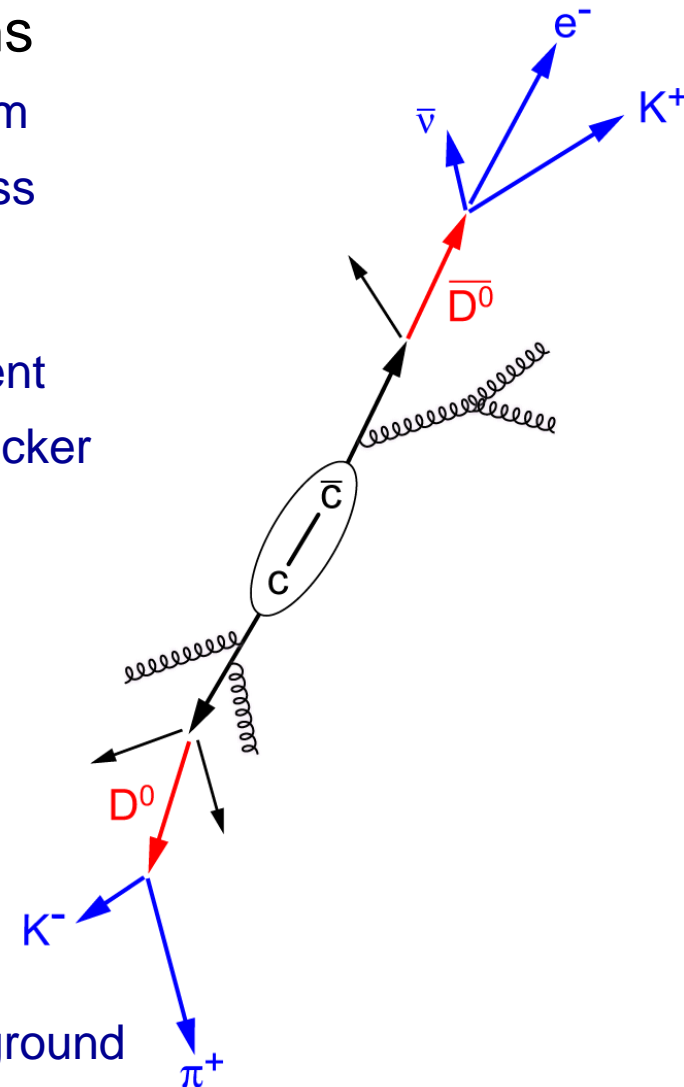
## Full reconstruction of open charmed mesons

- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$  (BR = 3.89%),  $c\tau = 123 \mu\text{m}$
- direct clean probe: signal in invariant mass distribution
- difficulty: large combinatorial background especially in a high multiplicity environment
- mixed-event subtraction and/or vertex tracker needed

## Semi-leptonic decay of D and B mesons

- $c \rightarrow \text{lepton} + X$  (BR = 9.6%)
- $D^0 \rightarrow e^+ + X$  (BR = 6.87%)
- $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ + X$  (BR = 6.5%)
- $b \rightarrow \text{lepton} + X$  (BR = 10.9%)
- robust electron trigger
- needs handle on photonic electron background

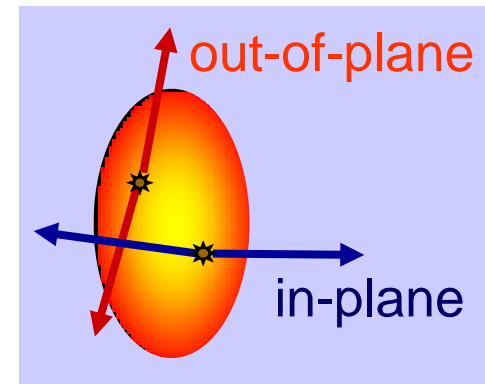
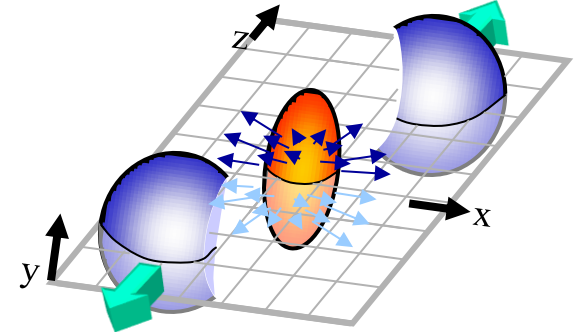
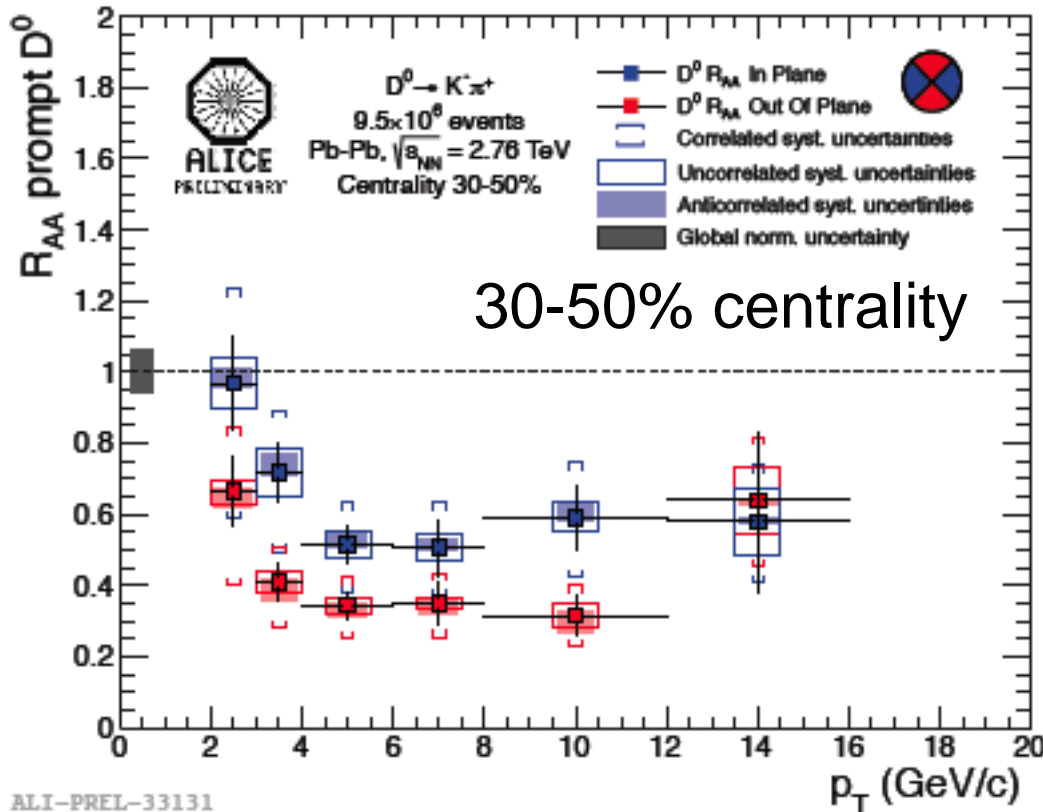
## Beauty via non-prompt $J/\psi$



# Tentative LHC schedule

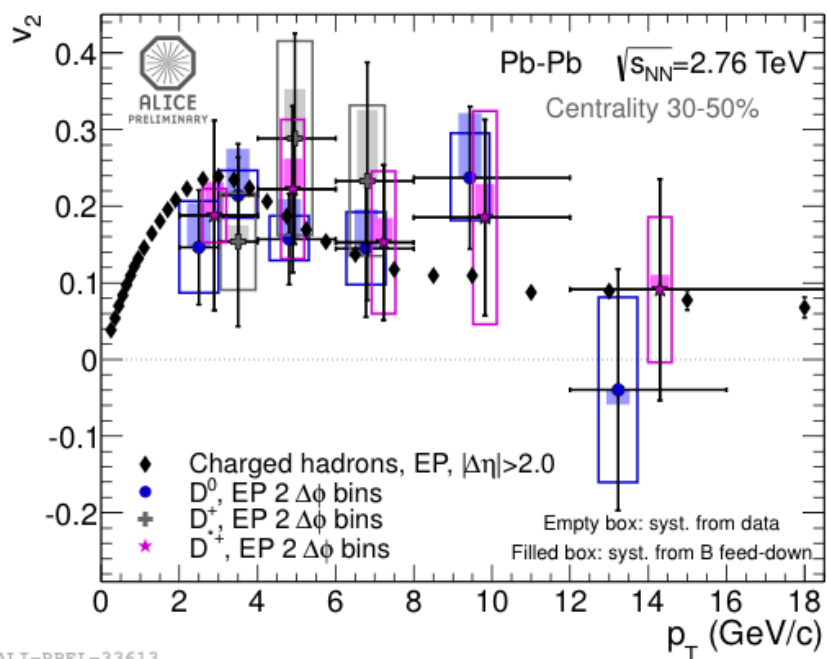
- 2010/11: long run with pp collisions at 7 TeV  
1 month of Pb-Pb collisions each year
- 2012: long run with pp at 8 TeV
- 2012/13: p-Pb control measurement
- 2013/14: machine consolidation and training
- 2014: pp and Pb-Pb at full energy
- 2017/18: long shutdown, luminosity and detector upgrades
- 2019: pp and Pb-Pb at high luminosity

# Prompt $D^0$ meson $R_{AA}$ versus event plane

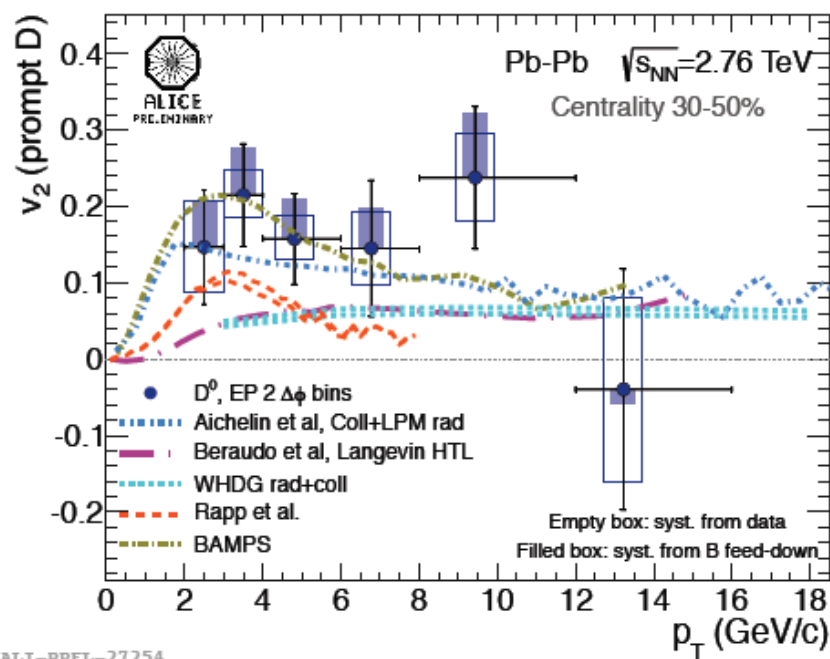


More suppression at high  $p_T$  out-of-plane with respect to in-plane due to different path length

# Azimuthal anisotropy of prompt open charm



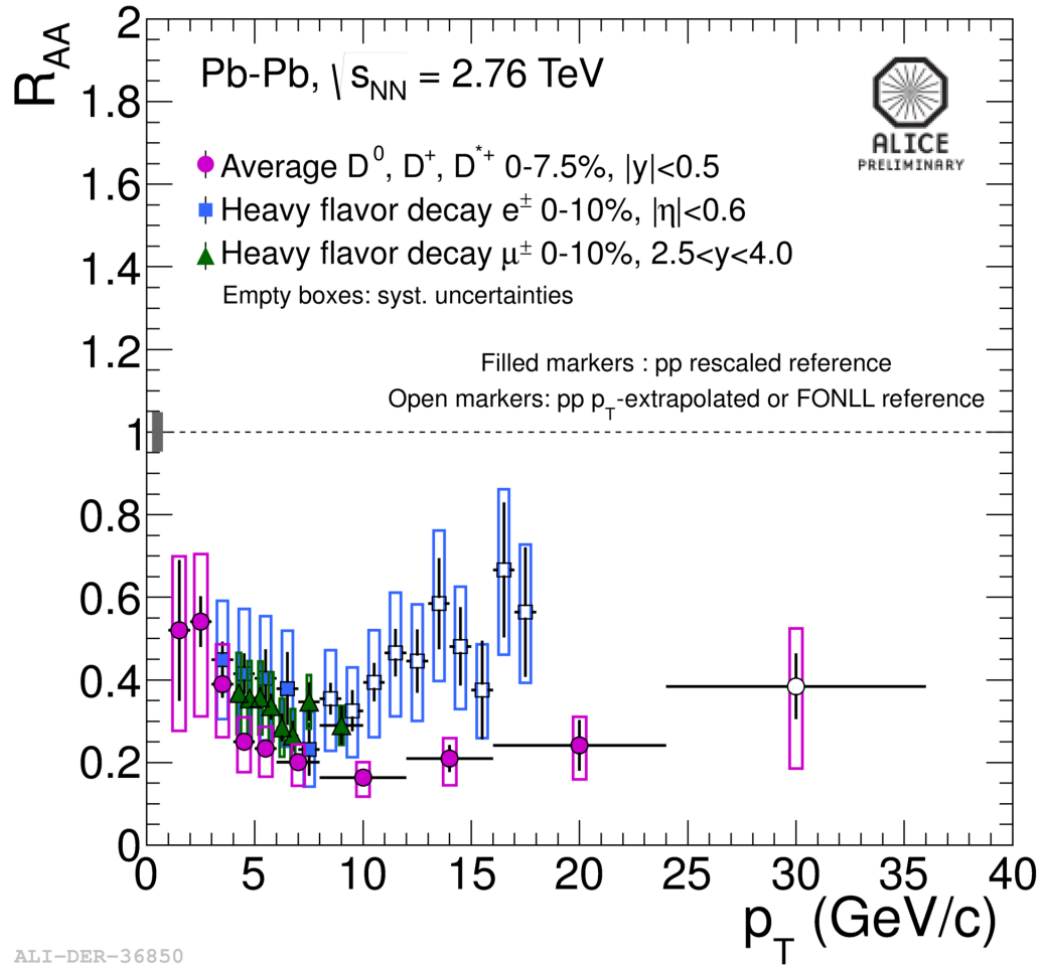
ALI-PREL-33613



ALI-PREL-27254

- Pressure gradient generates collective flow → anisotropy in momentum space; Fourier decomposition  $\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos[2(\phi - \Psi_R)]$
- Indication ( $3\sigma$ ) for non-zero charm elliptic flow at low  $p_T$
- **Models needs to simultaneously describe  $v_2$  and  $R_{AA}$** ; stringent constraint, gets tougher with more precision/data

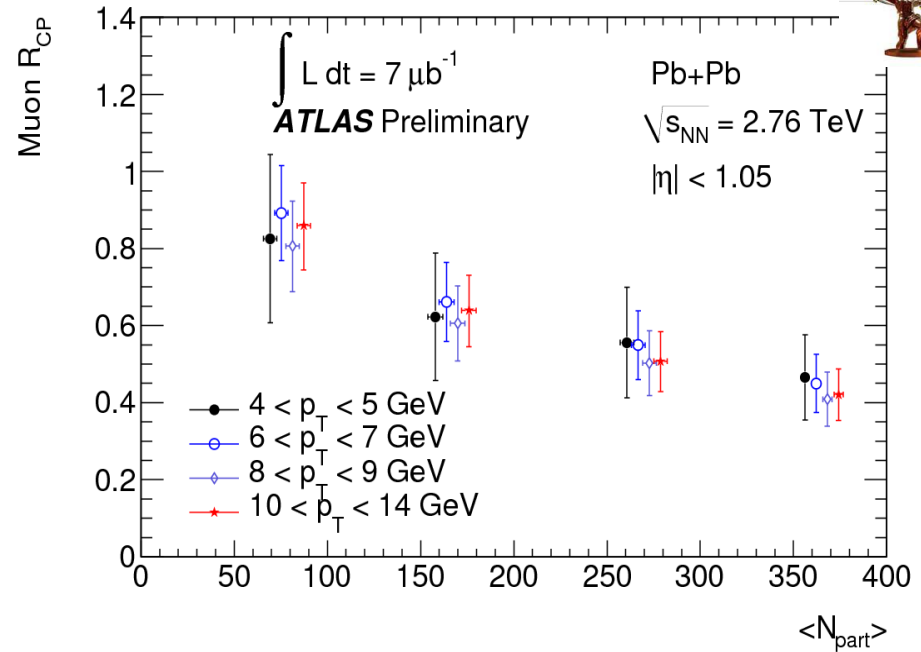
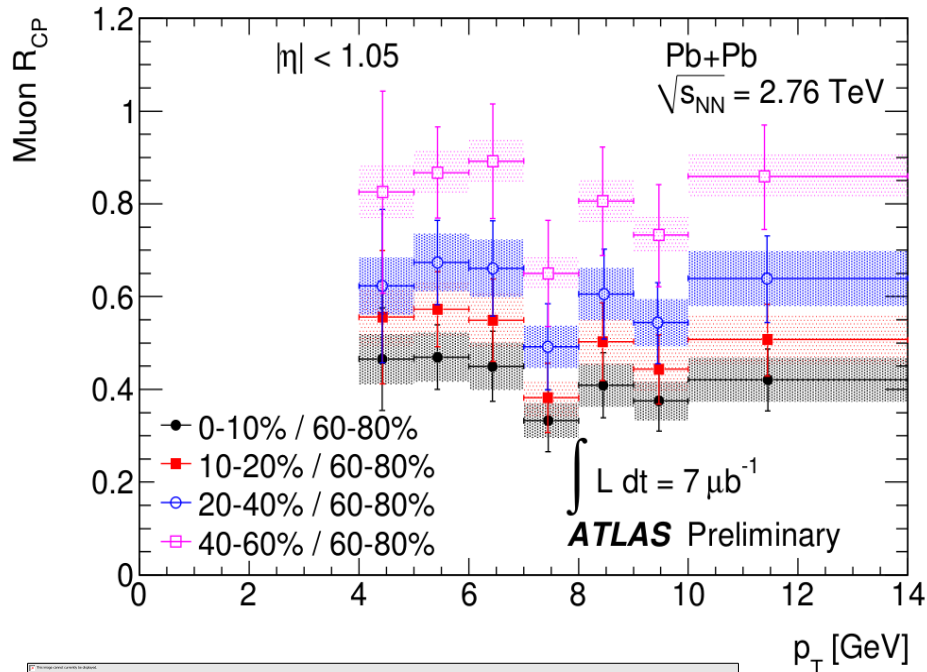
# Single muons at forward rapidity



- Strong suppression of high- $p_T$  muons from heavy flavour decays
- No significant dependence on  $p_T$  in  $4 < p_T < 10$  GeV/c
- Similar to single electron and D meson  $R_{AA}$  at central rapidity
- $R_{AA}(\text{single } e) > R_{AA}(D)$  at  $p_T > 8$  GeV/c due to beauty contribution

ALI-DER-36850

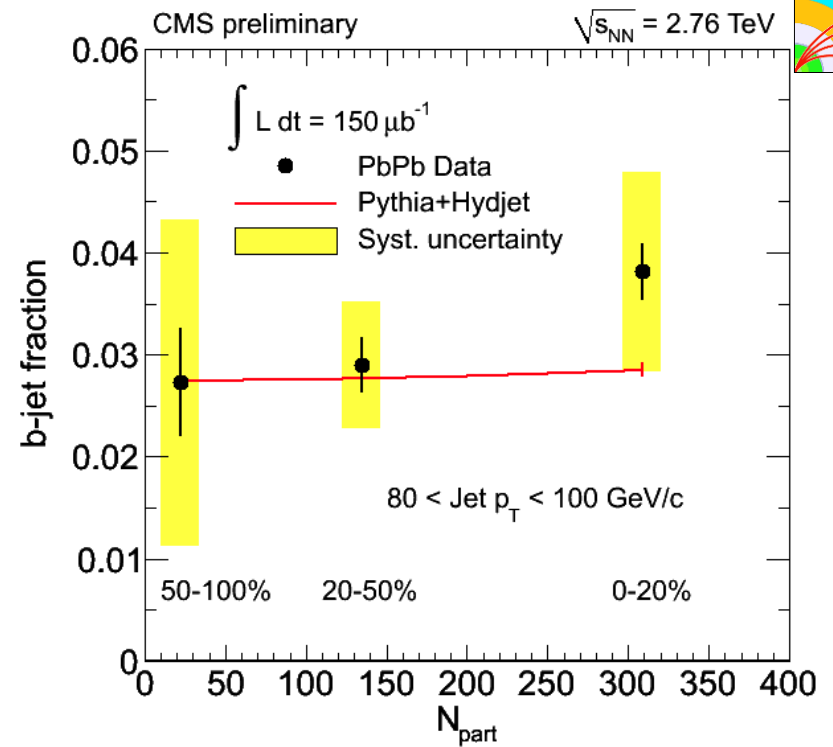
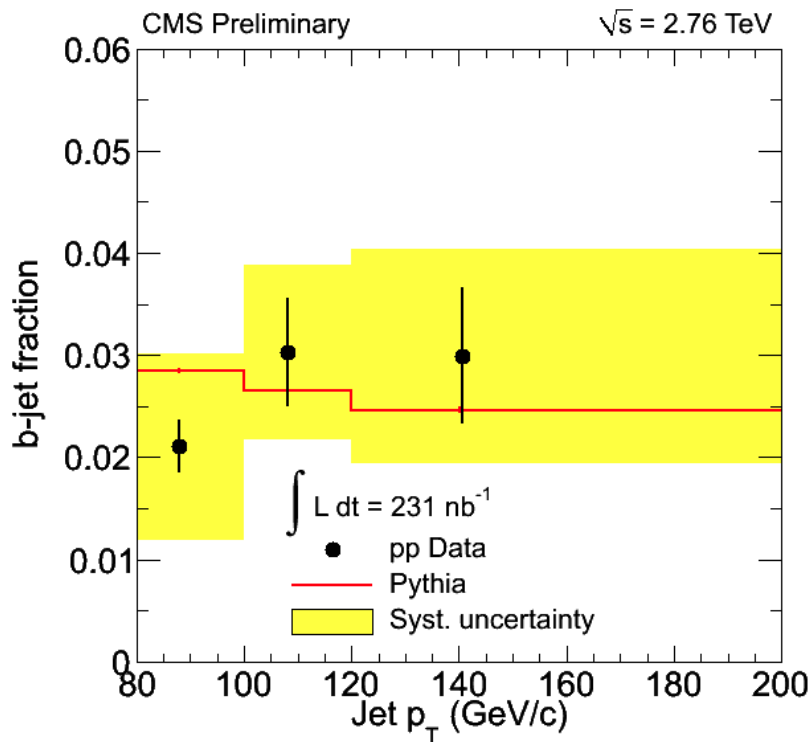
# ATLAS: Single muon $R_{CP}$



- A factor of 2 suppression 0-10%/60-80%, independent of  $p_T$
- Indications for weaker suppression than for charged hadrons and as compared to RHIC electron results

# b-tagged jets

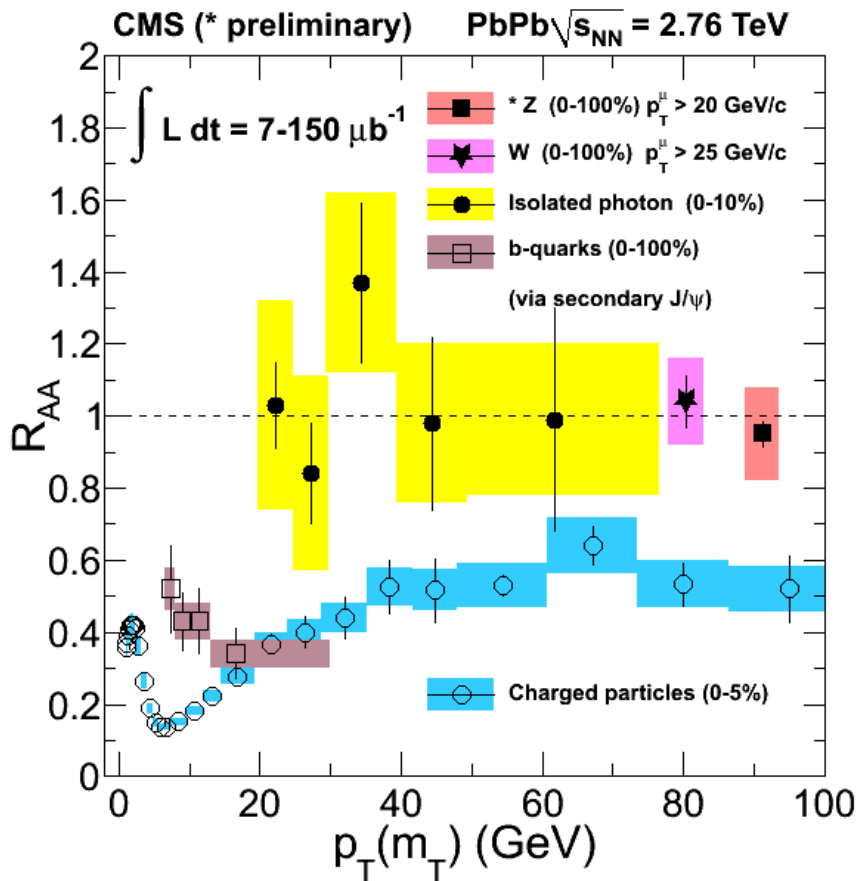
CMS-PAS HIN-12-003



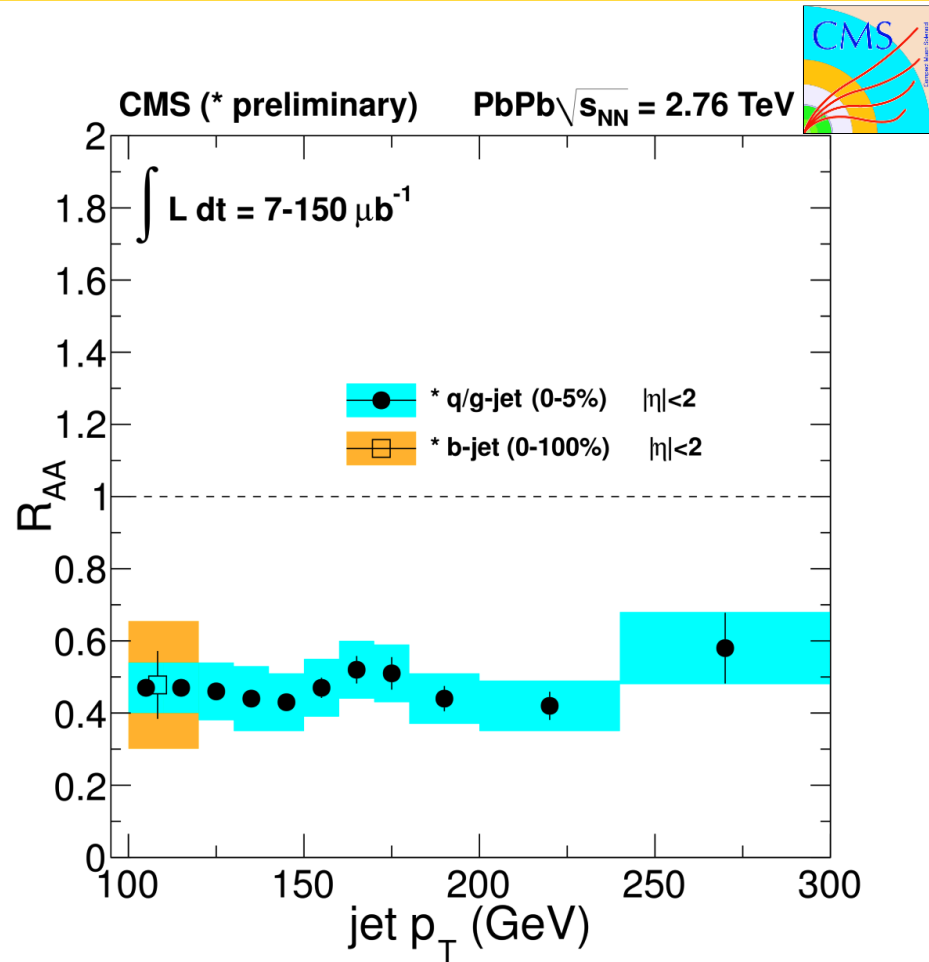
- Jets from b-quark fragmentation are identified for the first time in heavy ion collisions
  - Jets are tagged by their secondary vertices
  - b-quark contribution is extracted using template fits to their secondary vertex mass distributions



# Inclusive and b-jets

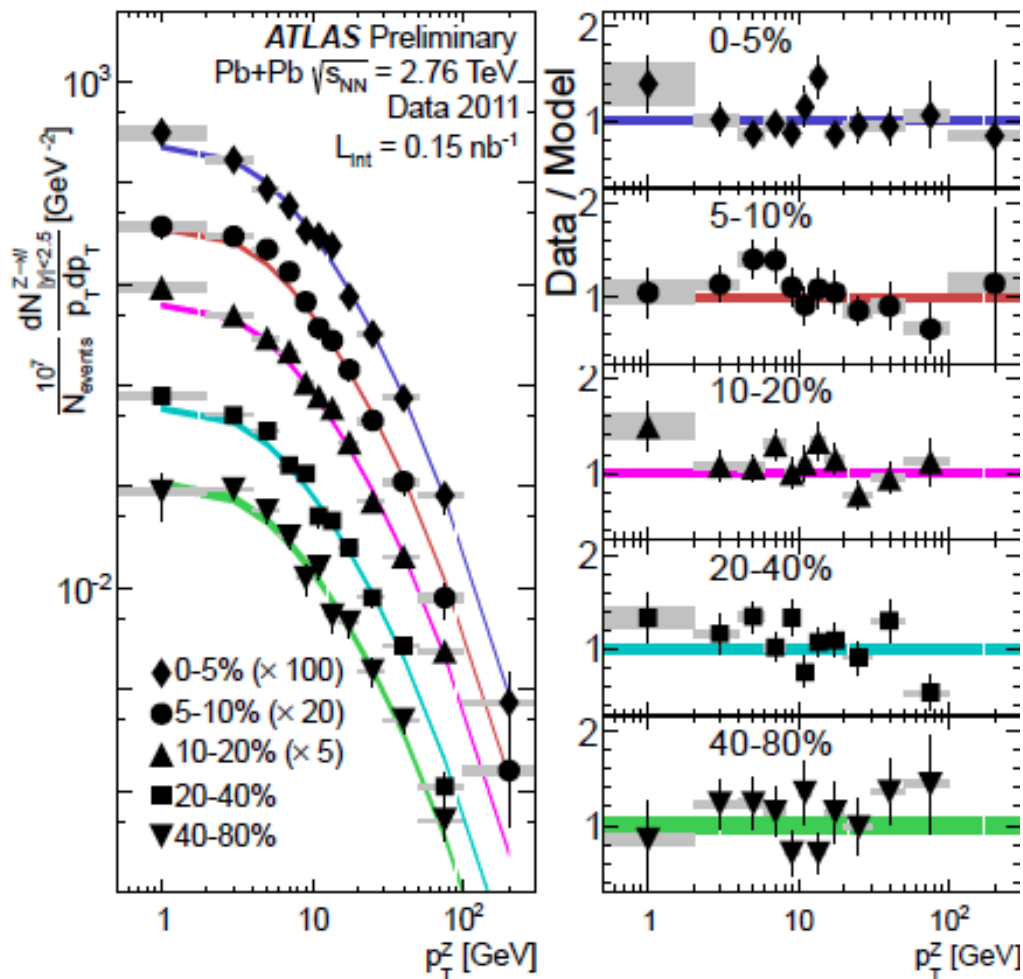


Distinct b-quark suppression pattern at low  $p_T$



First observation of b-jet suppression at high  $p_T$

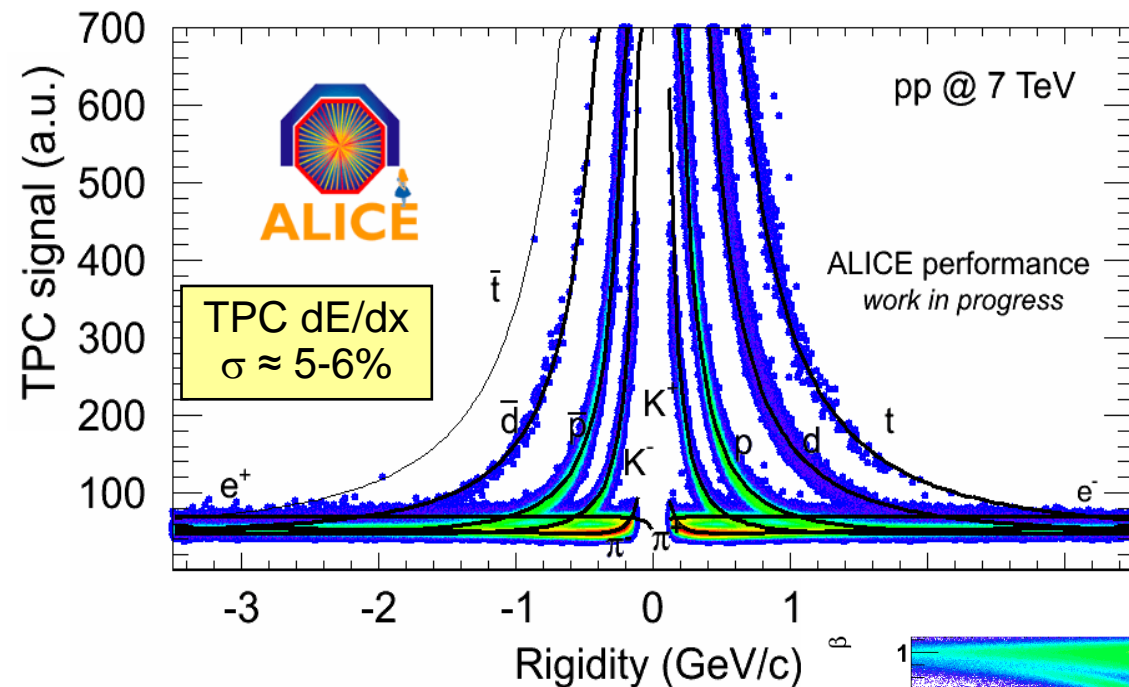
# Centrality dependence of Z boson $p_T$ spectra



- $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $p_T$  and  $y$  (not shown) distributions consistent with Pythia simulations for pp with NNLO cross section times  $\langle T_{AA} \rangle$
- Yields consistent with  $N_{coll}$  scaling

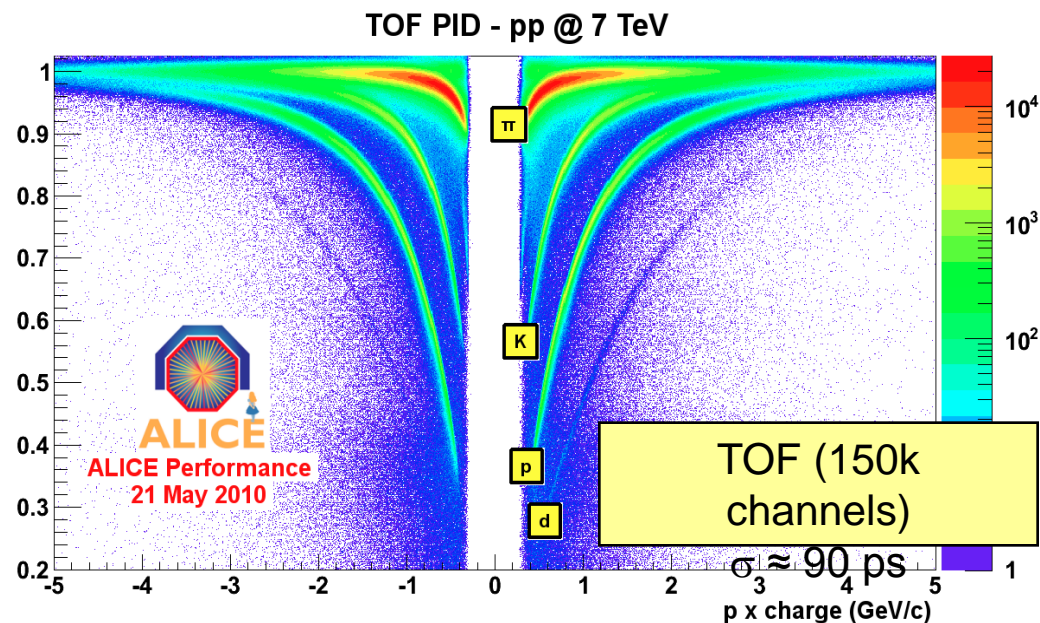


# Particle Identification



Specific ionisation energy loss; PID based on comparison with Bethe-Bloch curves

PID based on comparison of time of flight with particle mass hypothesis



# Explore energy loss mechanisms in more detail

MC simulations



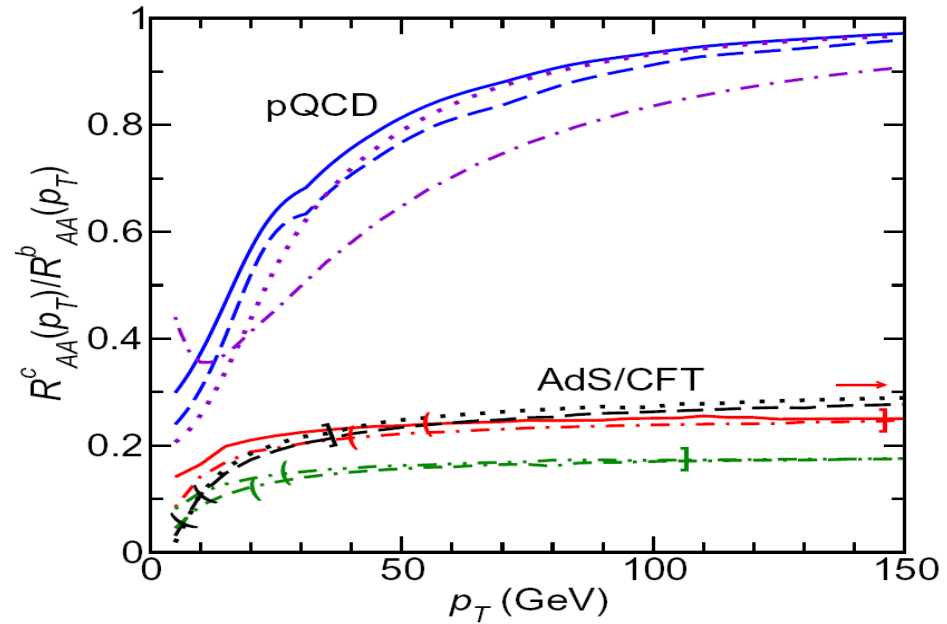
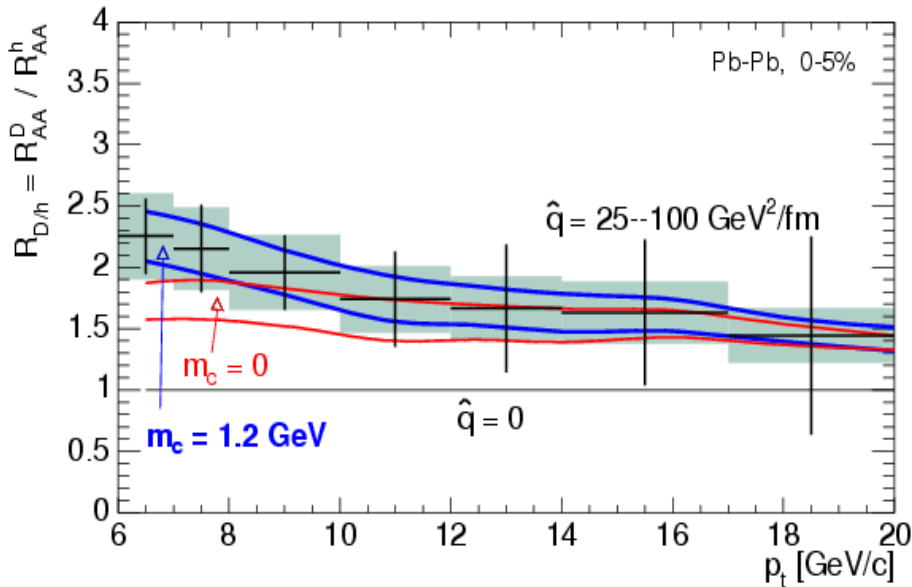
$$\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \Big|_{HEAVY} = \frac{\omega \frac{dI}{d\omega} \Big|_{LIGHT}}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{m_Q}{E_Q}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\theta^2}\right)^2}$$

Colour charge dependence

Mass dependence (dead cone effect)

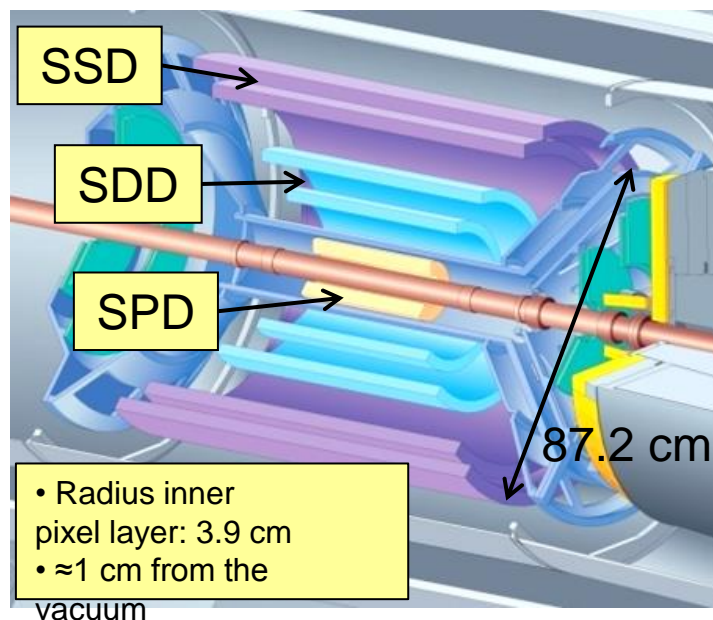
$$R_{D/h}(p_t) = R_{AA}^D(p_t) / R_{AA}^h(p_t) \quad C_R \text{ is } 4/3 \text{ for quarks and } 3 \text{ for gluons}$$

$$R_{B/D}(p_t) = R_{AA}^{e \text{ from B}}(p_t) / R_{AA}^{e \text{ from D}}(p_t)$$



$R_{AA}^c / R_{AA}^b$  ratio different for pQCD and AdS/CFT

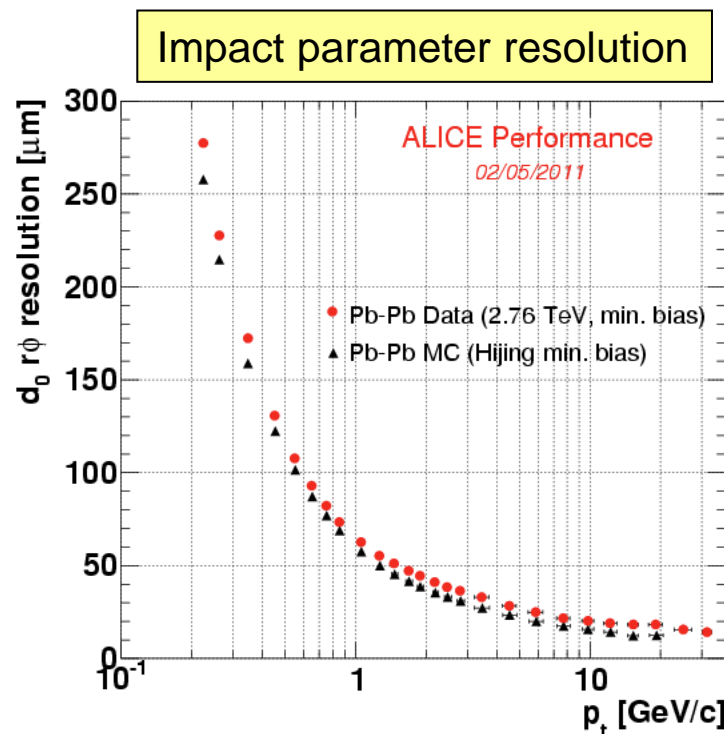
# Open heavy-flavour reconstruction



## Inner Tracking System (ITS)

6 layers of silicon detectors

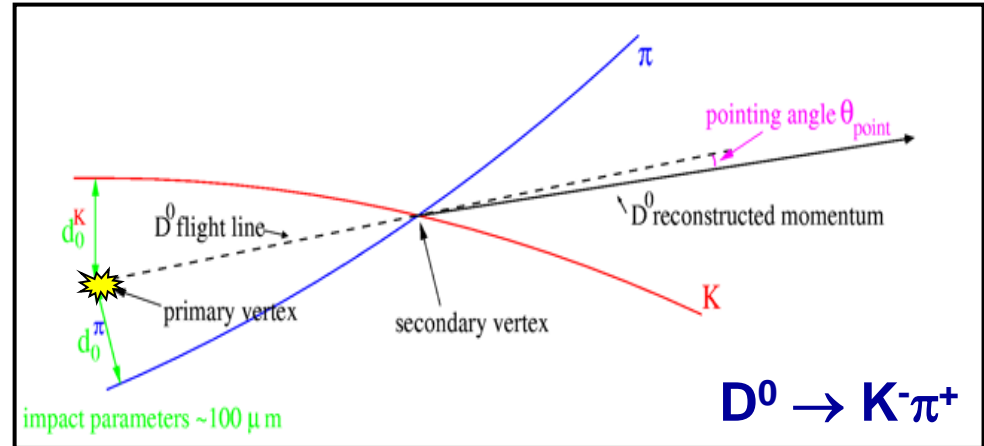
- aligned using cosmics and first pp data
- current resolution for pixels: 14  $\mu\text{m}$  (nominal  $\approx 11$   $\mu\text{m}$ )
- $X/X_0 = 7.7\%$  for radial tracks



- Capabilities to measure open charm down to  $p_T=0$  in pp and p-Pb (1 GeV/c in Pb-Pb)
- High precision tracking, better than **65  $\mu\text{m}$**  for  $p_T > 1$  GeV/c

# Reconstruction of D mesons

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	BR: 3.89%
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	BR: 8.09%
$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K \pi) \pi^+$	BR: 67.7%
$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	BR: 9.22%
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$	BR: 5.5%
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	BR: 5.0%

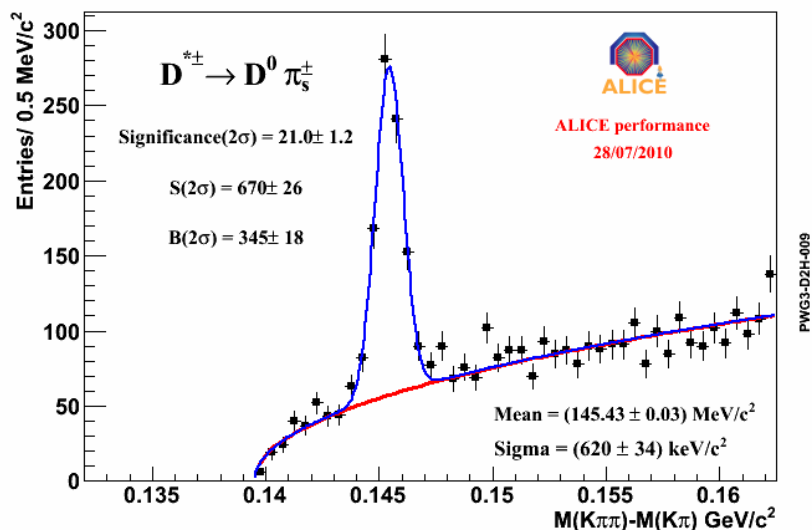


- Analysis based on decay topology and invariant mass technique
- Essential selection cuts
  - impact parameter
  - distance of closest approach
  - pointing angle
- High precision tracking (ITS+TPC)
- K and  $\pi$  identification (TPC+TOF)  $\rightarrow$  reducing background at low  $p_T$

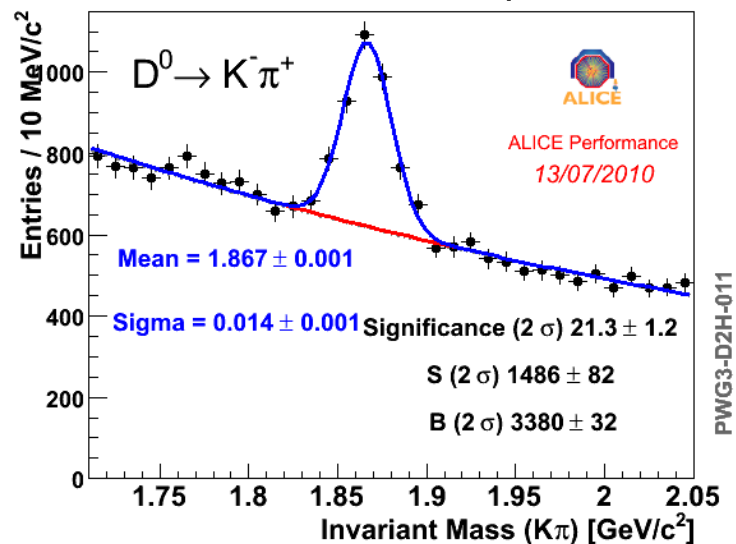


# Open charm signals in 7 TeV pp collisions

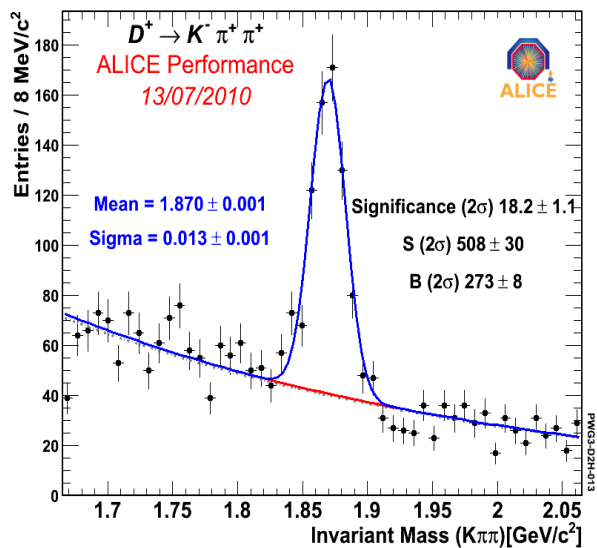
pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $1.40 \times 10^8$  events,  $p_t^{D^*} > 2$  GeV/c



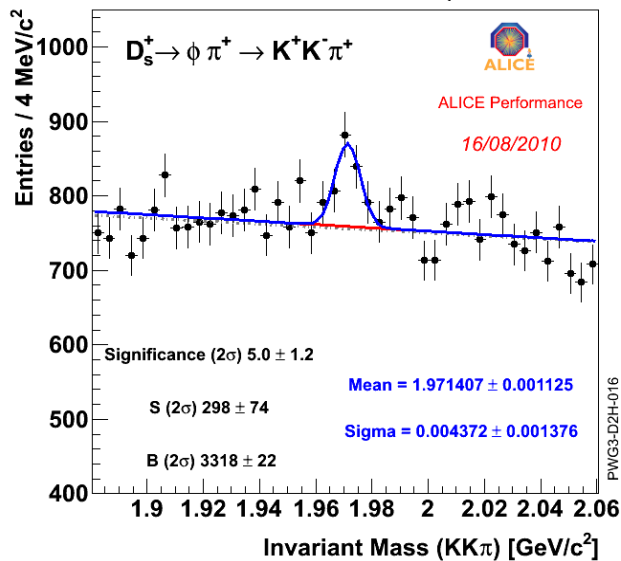
pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $1.4 \times 10^8$  events,  $p_t^{D^0} > 2$  GeV/c



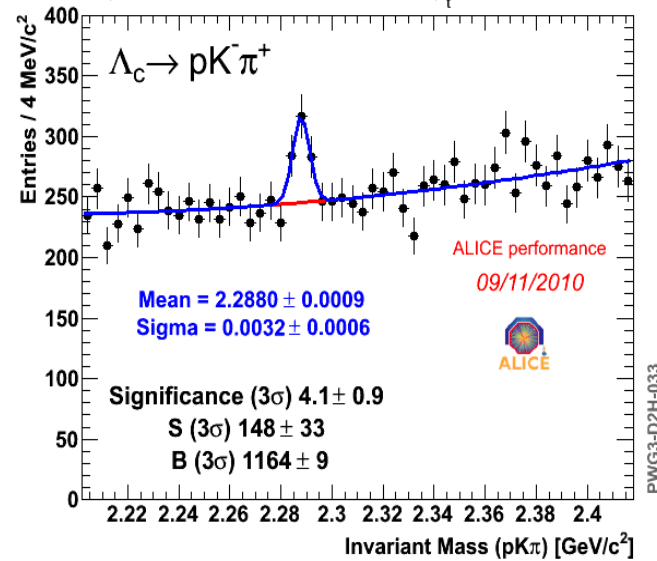
pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $1.41 \times 10^8$  events,  $p_t^{D^*} > 2$  GeV/c



p-p,  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $1.41 \times 10^8$  events,  $3 < p_T(D_s) < 5$  GeV/c

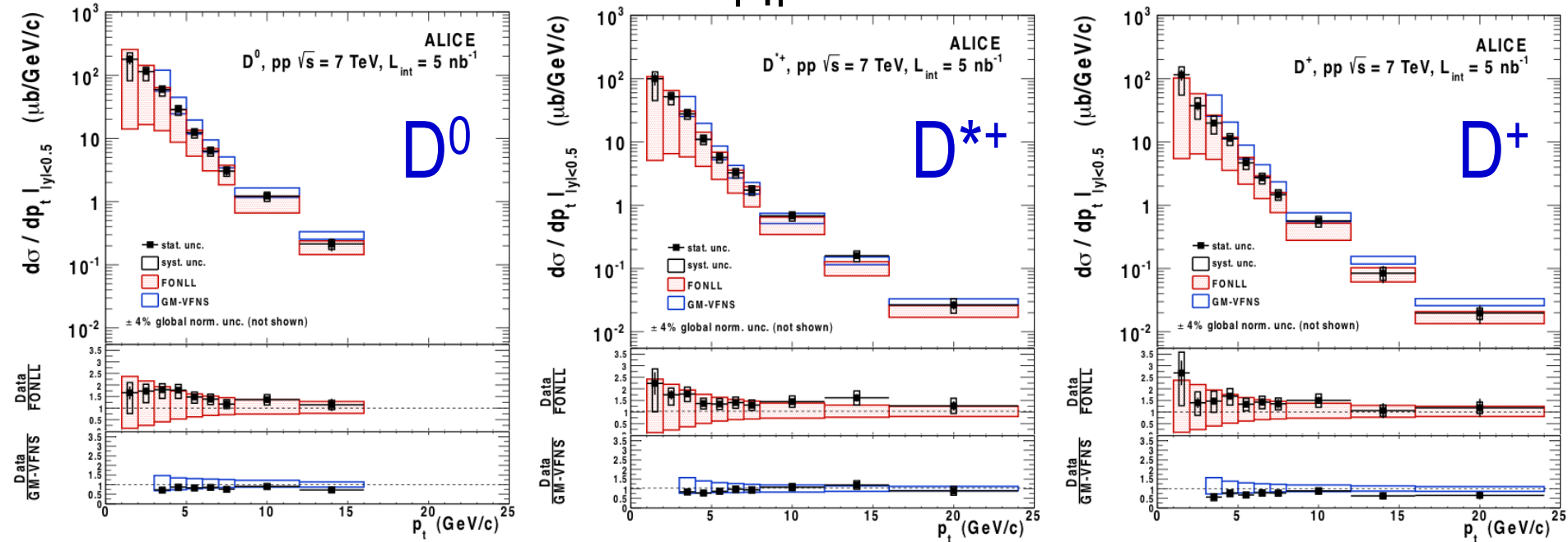


pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $1.01 \times 10^8$  events,  $p_t^{\Lambda_c} > 4$  GeV/c



# D meson cross sections in 7 TeV pp

$|\eta| < 0.5$

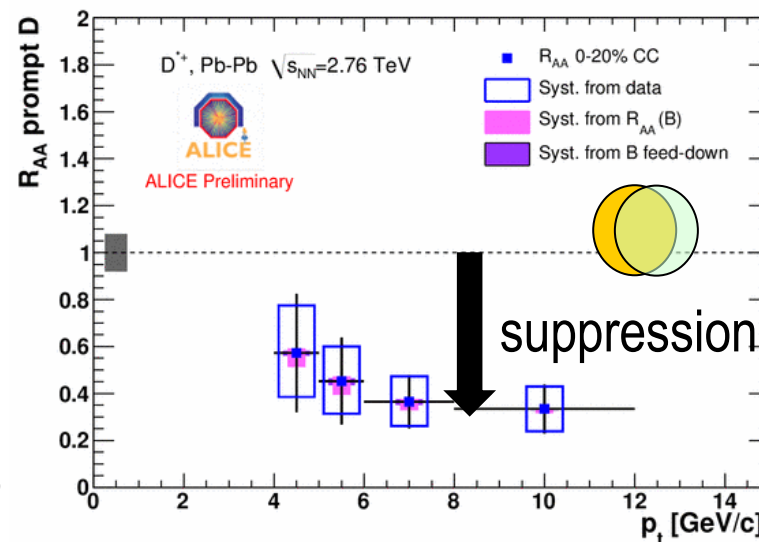
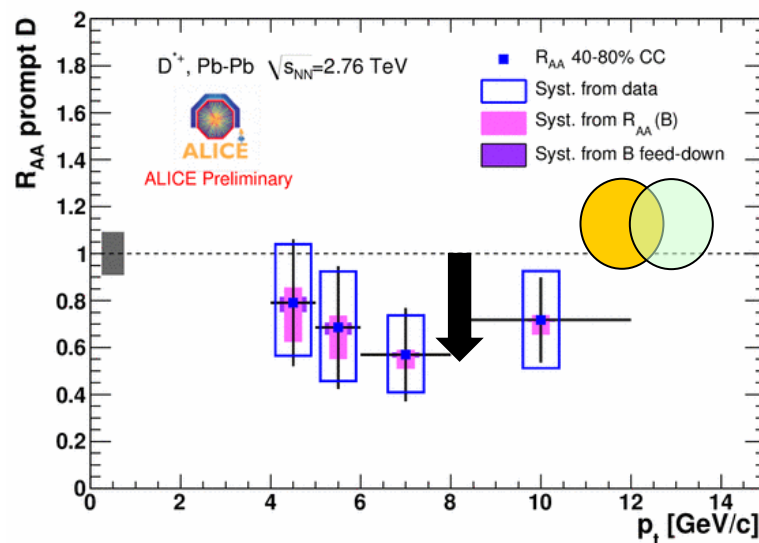
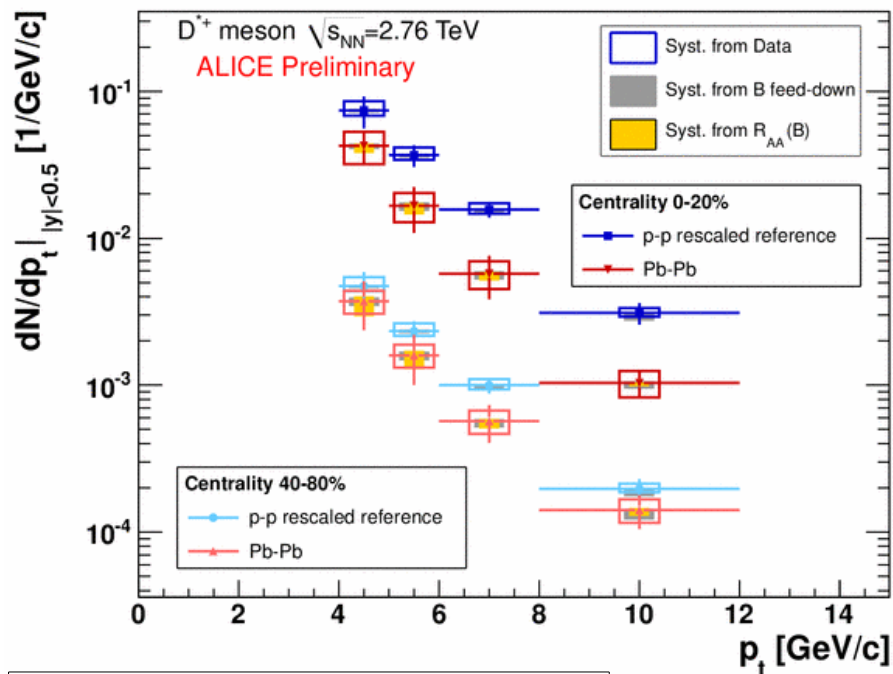


Paper accepted by  
 JHEP,

[arXiv:1111.1553](https://arxiv.org/abs/1111.1553)

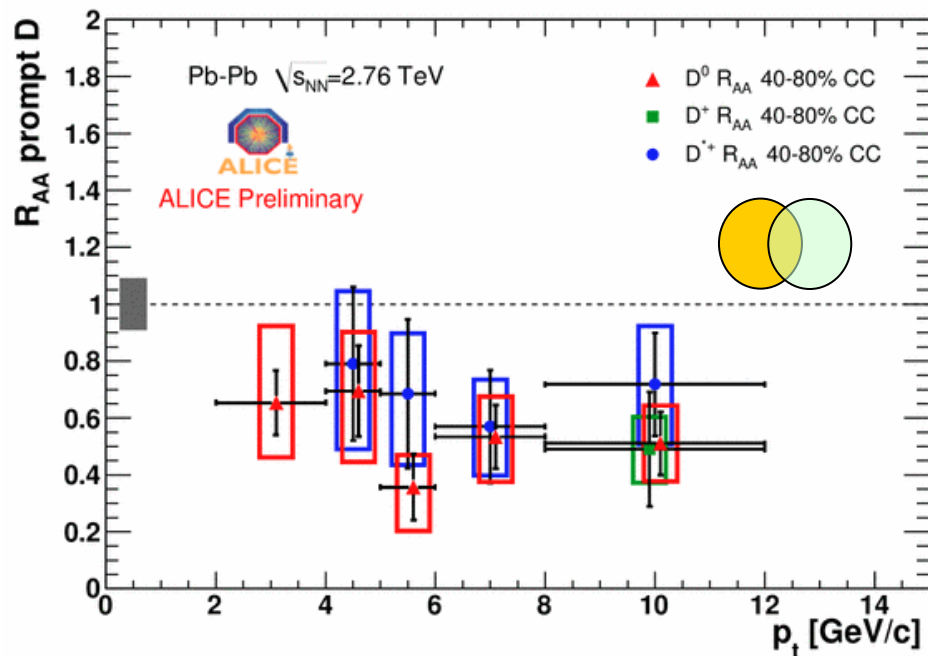
- $p_T$  range: 1-24 GeV/c with  $5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
- Data well described within uncertainties by NLO pQCD calculations:
  - **FONLL**, M. Cacciari *et al.*, JHEP 0103 (2001) 006
  - **GM-VFNS**, B.A. Kniehl *et al.*, PRL 96 (2006) 012001

# $p_T$ spectra and $R_{AA}$ for prompt $D^{*+}$

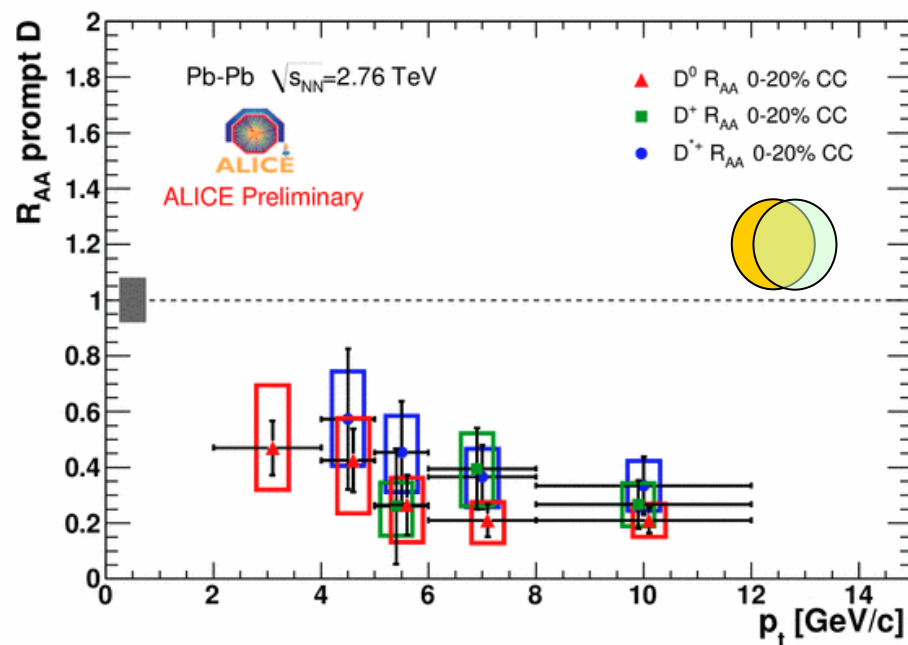


- Strong suppression observed in central (0-20%) Pb-Pb
- Less suppression in 40-80% Pb-Pb

# Comparison of D meson $R_{AA}$



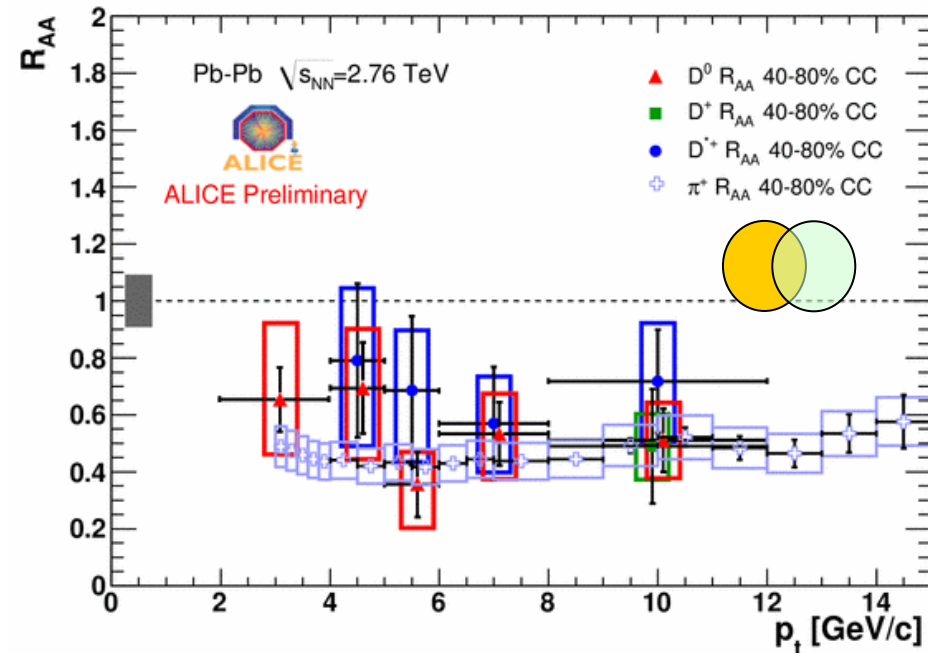
ALI-PREL-10131



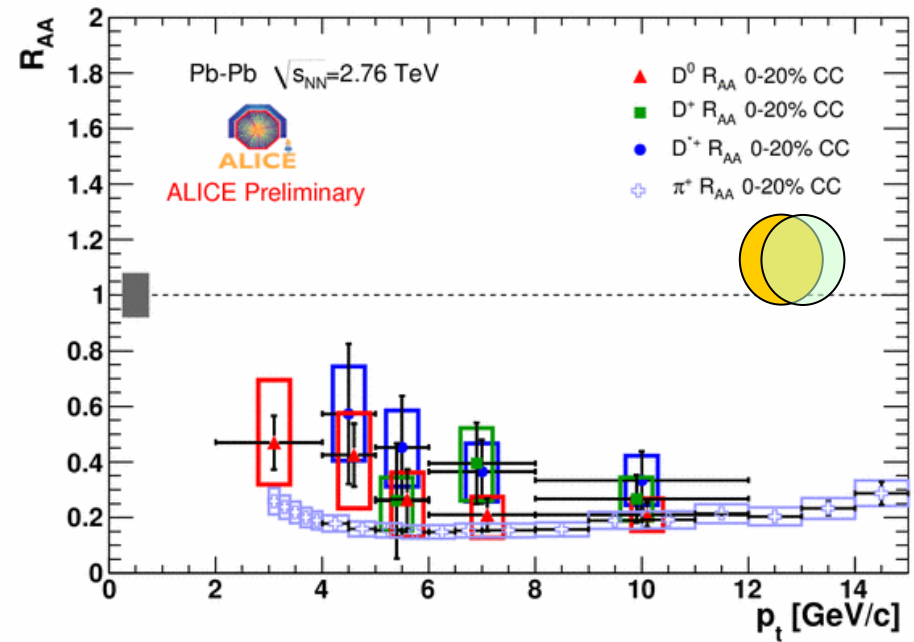
ALI-PREL-10135

- **First Prompt Open Charm  $R_{AA}$  in heavy-ion collisions**
- Results of different D mesons in agreement within stat. error
- Large suppression for charm (factor 4-5) above 5 GeV/c in central (0-20%) Pb-Pb collisions

# Comparison with charged pion $R_{AA}$



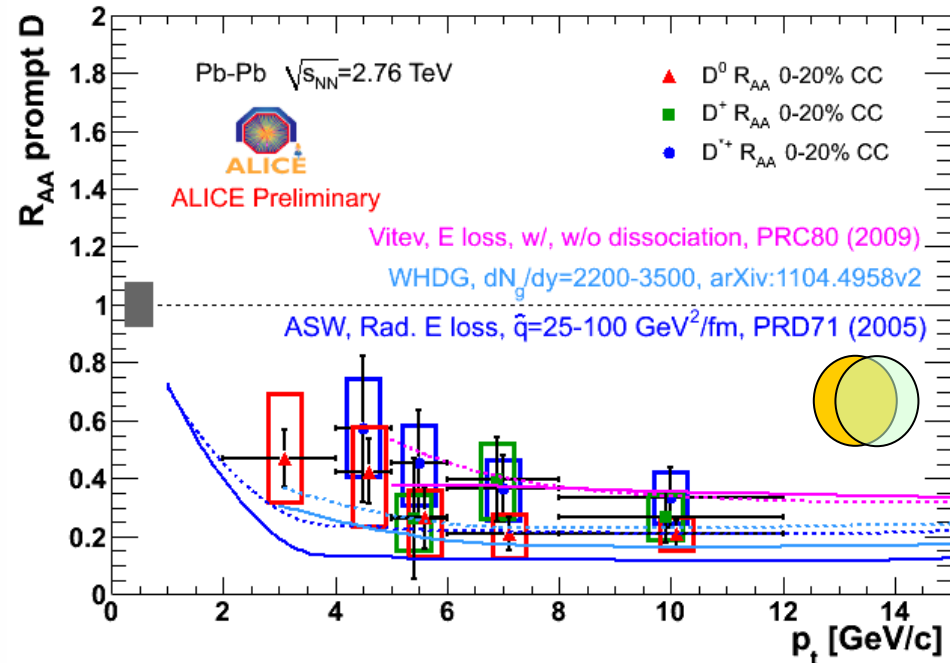
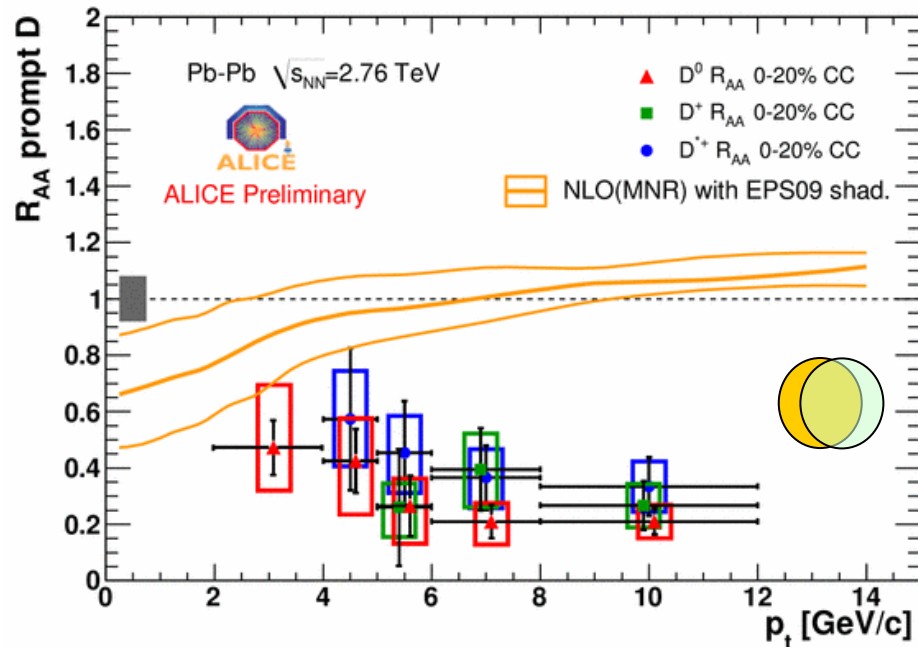
ALI-PREL-10781



ALI-PREL-10777

- D meson  $R_{AA}$  compatible, within errors, with charged pions for  $p_T > 5$  GeV/c
- Possible hints that  $R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\pi)$  at lower  $p_T$ ; more data needed for final conclusion

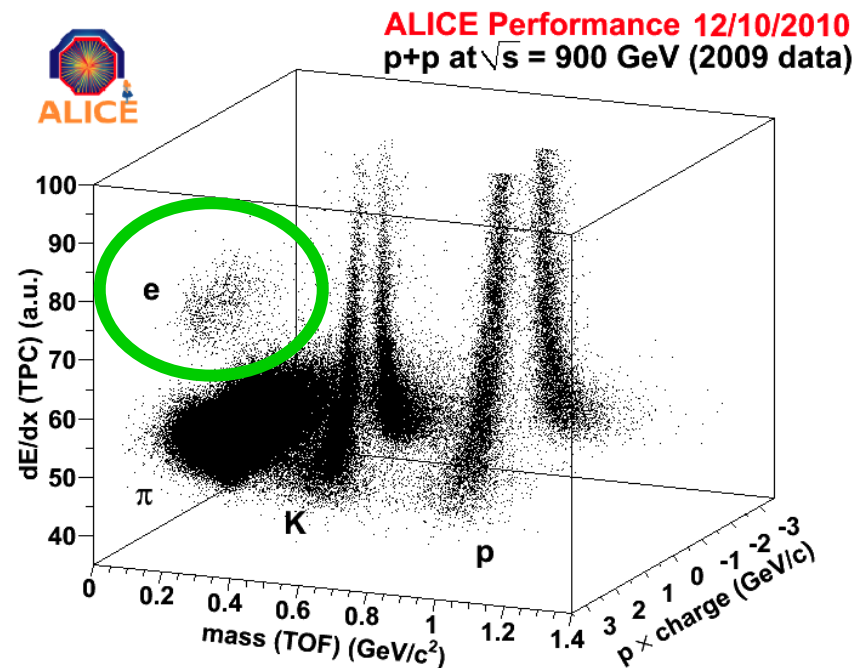
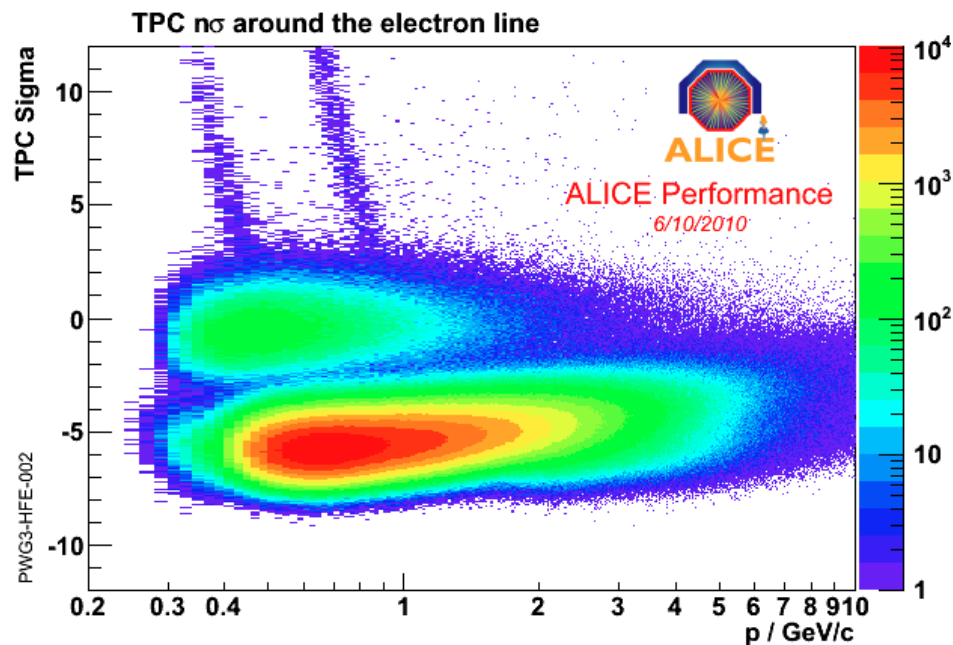
# Comparison with model calculations



- No/little shadowing is expected in this  $p_T$  range → suppression is a final state effect; due to hot medium
- Next: extend  $p_T$  range; study centrality dependence

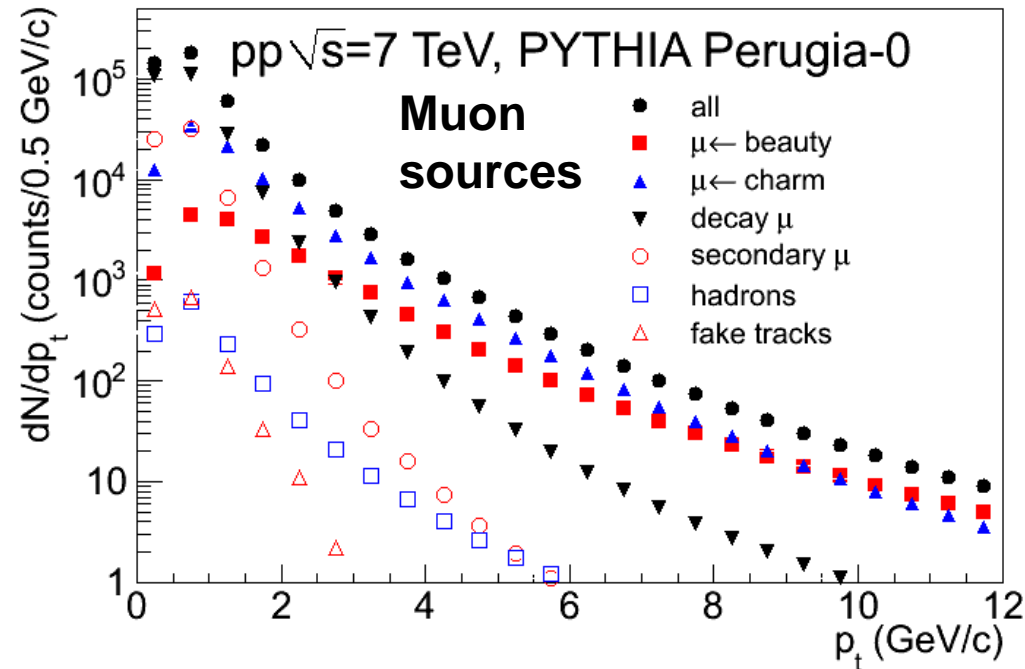
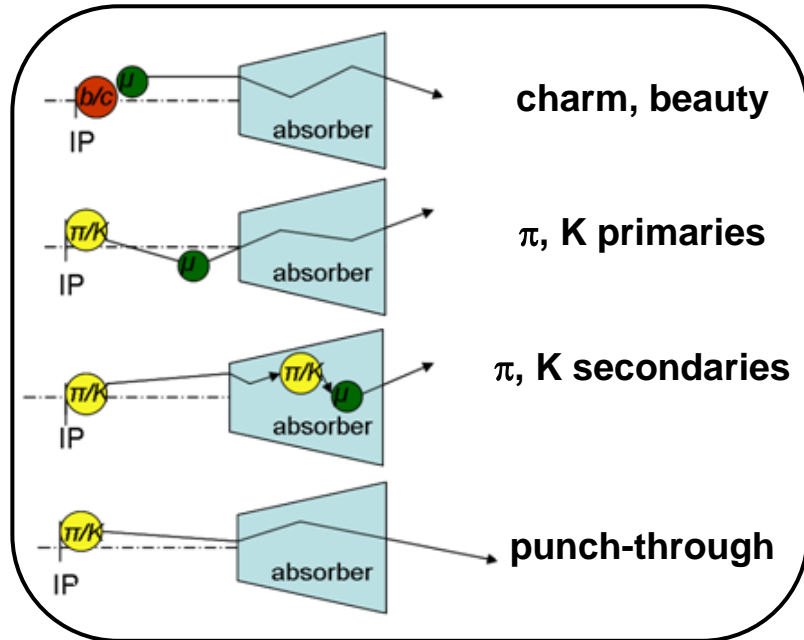


# Single electrons at mid-rapidity



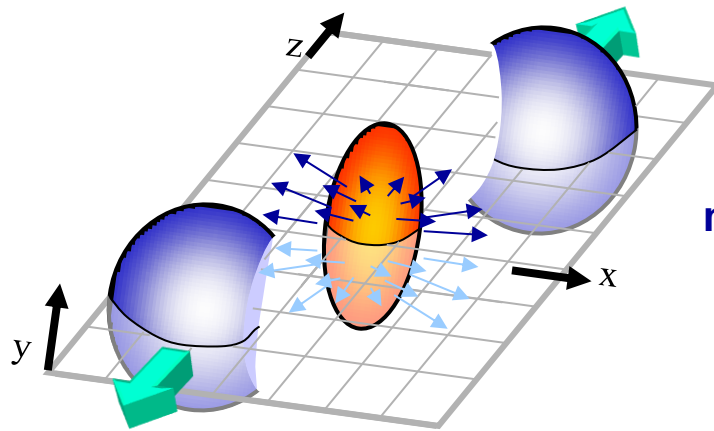
- High quality tracks in TPC and ITS
  - hit in innermost pixel layer to reduce  $\odot$  conversions
- Electron identification using TPC and TOF
  - TOF to reject Kaons ( $<1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ ) and protons ( $<3 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
  - TPC: asymmetric cut around the electron Bethe-Bloch curve
- Background is subtracted using the cocktail method

# Single muons: analysis procedure



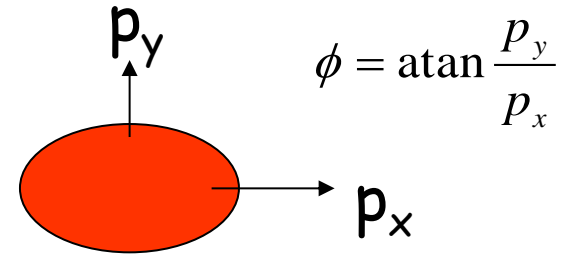
- Remove **hadrons** and **low- $p_T$  muons** (secondary  $\pi$ , K) by requiring muon tracking-trigger
- Remove **decay muons** (primary  $\pi$ , K) by subtracting MC  $dN/dp_T$  normalized to data at low  $p_T$  ( $< 2$  GeV/c)
- Remaining contribution are muons from **charm** and **beauty**
- Corrections on acceptance x efficiency ( $\sim 80\%$  for  $p_T > 2$  GeV/c)

# Azimuthal anisotropy: Elliptic flow



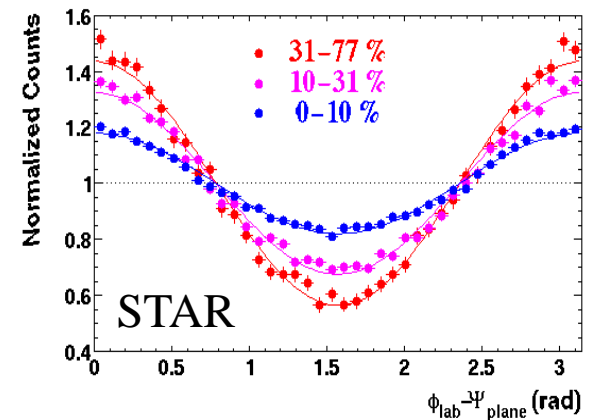
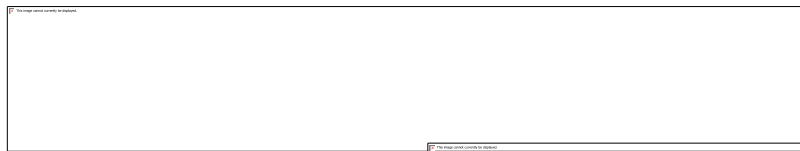
coordinate space:  
initial anisotropy

pressure and  
multiple collisions

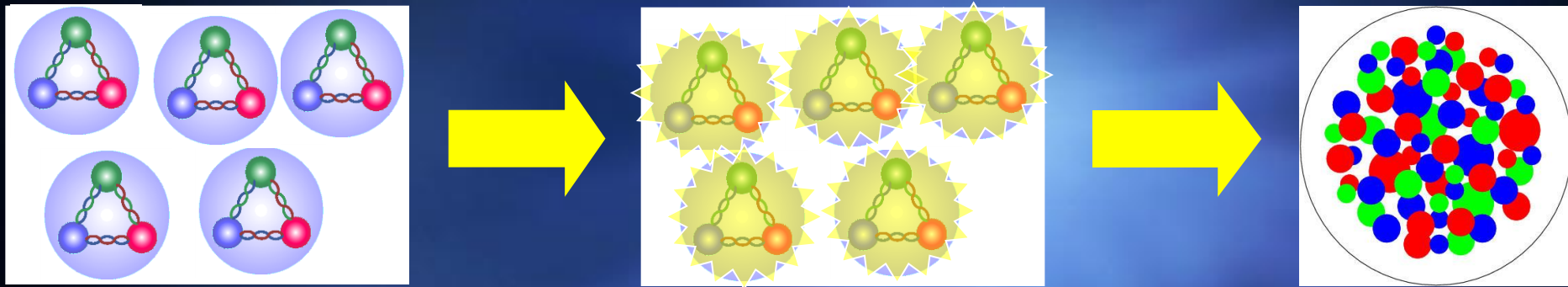


momentum space:  
final anisotropy

- Multiple interactions lead to thermalisation → hydrodynamic behavior of the system
- Pressure gradient generates collective flow → anisotropy in momentum space
- **Fourier decomposition:**



# The Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)



*Heat and pressure*

*Phase transition to QGP*  
 $T \approx 10^{12} \text{ K} \approx 10^5 \times \text{sun's core}$

- Novel state of matter: quarks and gluons are liberated (deconfinement)
- Evolution of the early universe
- Produce and study QGP in the laboratory
  - sufficient large reaction volume
  - high density and temperature
- Collisions of heavy atomic nuclei (lead or gold)