

HEAVY-FLAVOUR PRODUCTION IN pp COLLISIONS AND CORRELATIONS IN pp AND p-Pb COLLISIONS WITH ALICE AT THE LHC

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OUTLINE OF THE TALK

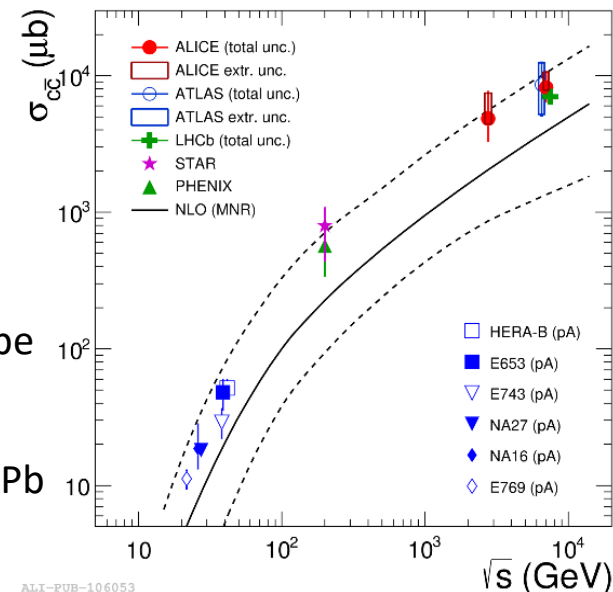
- Physics motivations
- ALICE detector and open heavy-flavour reconstruction
- Results
 - Open heavy-flavour cross sections in pp collisions
 - **New ALICE paper**, [arXiv:1605.07569](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.07569)
 - Heavy-flavour production versus multiplicity in pp collisions
 - Azimuthal correlations of D mesons and charged particles in pp and p-Pb collisions
 - **New ALICE paper**, [arXiv:1605.06963](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.06963)
- Conclusions





Heavy-flavour (charm and beauty) quarks are produced in hard parton scattering processes with large Q^2 :

- Production cross sections can be calculated via perturbative QCD ($\alpha_s \ll 1$):
 - Test and constrain pQCD calculations
- Heavy-quark production at the LHC energies allows us to probe Parton Distribution Functions at very low values of Bjorken- x
- Measurements in pp act as reference for measurements in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions, where heavy quarks can probe QGP properties

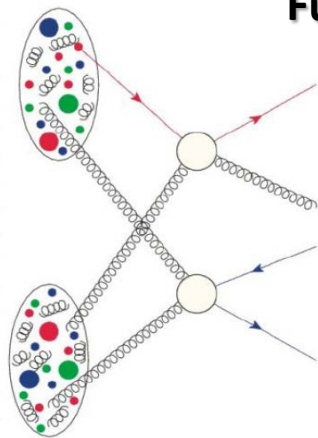


Further insight can be obtained through more differential studies...

➔ Heavy-flavour production as a function of event multiplicity

- Investigate interplay between hard and soft processes of particle production
- Study the possible role of multi-parton interactions (MPI) in the heavy-flavour sector

See talks by [C. Terrevoli \(HQ production I\)](#) and [J. Wagner \(this session\)](#)



HEAVY-FLAVOUR CORRELATION STUDIES



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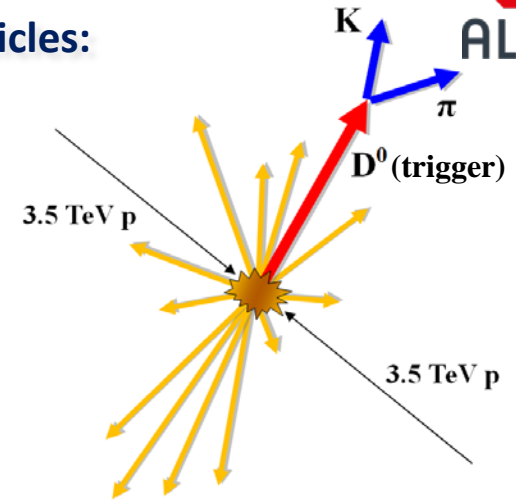
→ Angular correlations of heavy-flavour particles with charged particles:

- In pp collisions:

- Investigate heavy-flavour quark fragmentation properties
- Sensitive to the relative contribution of different LO and NLO heavy-quark production processes
 - [Norrbin and Sjöstrand, Eur. Phys. J. C17 \(2000\) 137](#)
- Extract relative fraction of electrons from charm and beauty decays via correlations between heavy-flavour hadron decay electrons and charged particles → [ALICE, PLB 738 \(2014\) 97-108](#)
- Reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb results

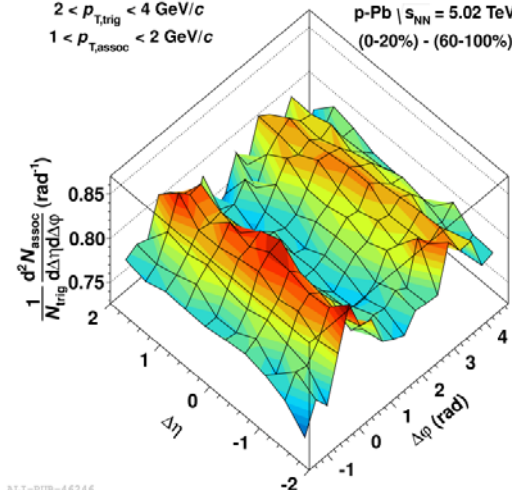
- In p-Pb collisions:

- Investigate possible modifications of angular correlations which could derive from initial-state effects (e.g. CGC) or possible final-state effects (e.g. hydrodynamics)
- Are there long-range ridge-like structures (double ridge) also in the heavy-flavour sector? ←



$2 < p_{T, \text{trig}} < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$
 $1 < p_{T, \text{assoc}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

p-Pb | $s_{NN} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$
(0-20%) - (60-100%)



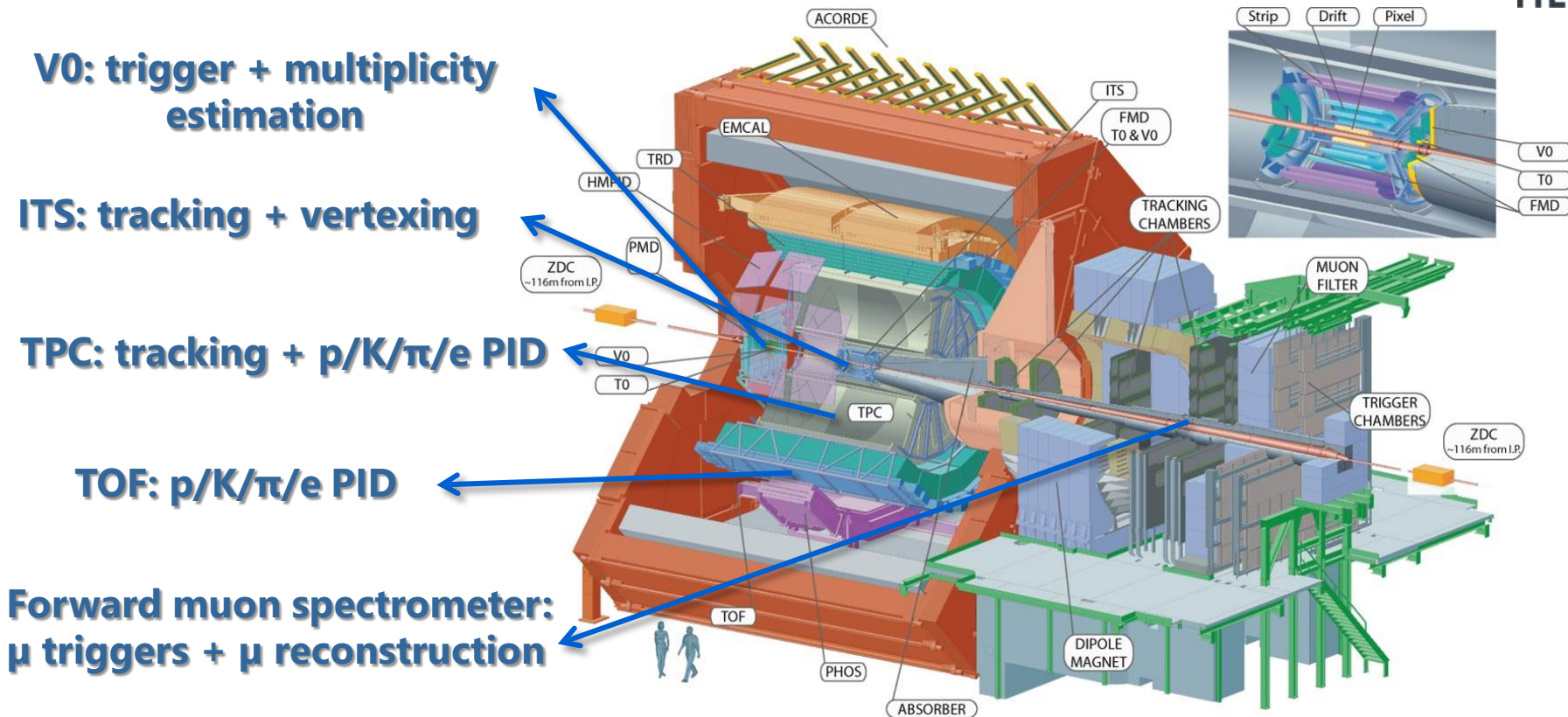
ALICE, PLB 709 (2013) 29
di-hadron angular correlations in p-Pb collisions

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ALICE DETECTOR



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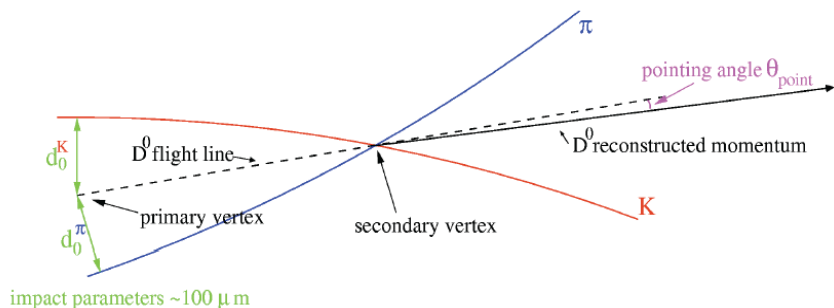


Data samples:

- **pp:** $L_{\text{int}} \approx 5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, minimum-bias events (from 2010)
- **p-Pb:** $L_{\text{int}} \approx 50 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$, minimum-bias events (from 2013)



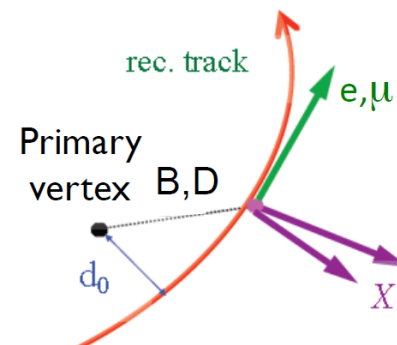
D mesons (from full reconstruction of hadronic decay channels)



- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ (BR = $3.88 \pm 0.05\%$)
- $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ (BR = $9.13 \pm 0.19\%$)
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ (BR = $67.7 \pm 0.05\%$)
- $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ (BR = $2.28 \pm 0.12\%$)

- D-meson candidates reconstructed from pairs/triplets of displaced tracks and selected with topological cuts and PID
- K, π identification using TPC+TOF PID
- Removal of beauty feed-down contribution (via FONLL calculations) to extract results for prompt D mesons

Heavy-flavour decay electrons and muons (from hadron semileptonic decays)



- $B \rightarrow e + X$
- $B \rightarrow \mu + X$
- $D \rightarrow e + X$
- $D \rightarrow \mu + X$

- Electron identification using TPC+TOF PID
- Non-heavy-flavour electrons (from π⁰, η Dalitz decays, photon conversions) removed with invariant mass method (e⁺e⁻) and/or background cocktail
- Muons: background (π, K decays) subtracted with MC (pp) or data-tuned MC cocktail (p-Pb, Pb-Pb)



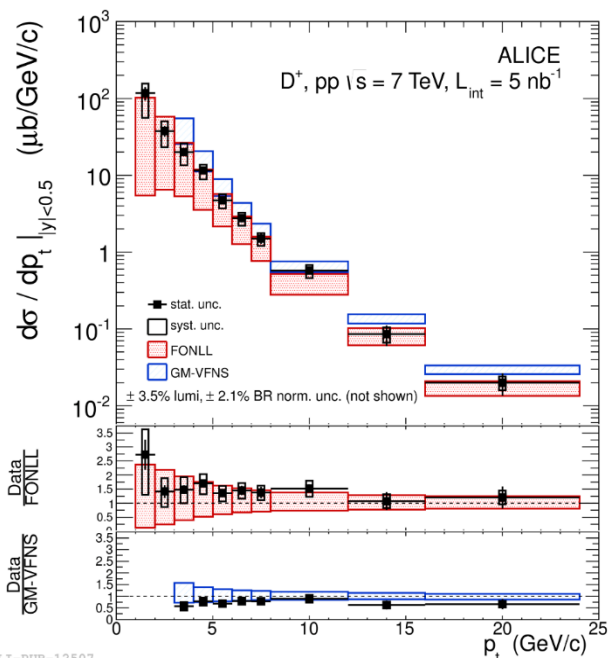
**HEAVY-FLAVOUR PRODUCTION
CROSS SECTIONS IN pp COLLISIONS
AT $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV**

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HEAVY-FLAVOUR CROSS SECTIONS IN pp COLLISIONS



Prompt D^0, D^+, D^{*+}, D_s^+ mesons

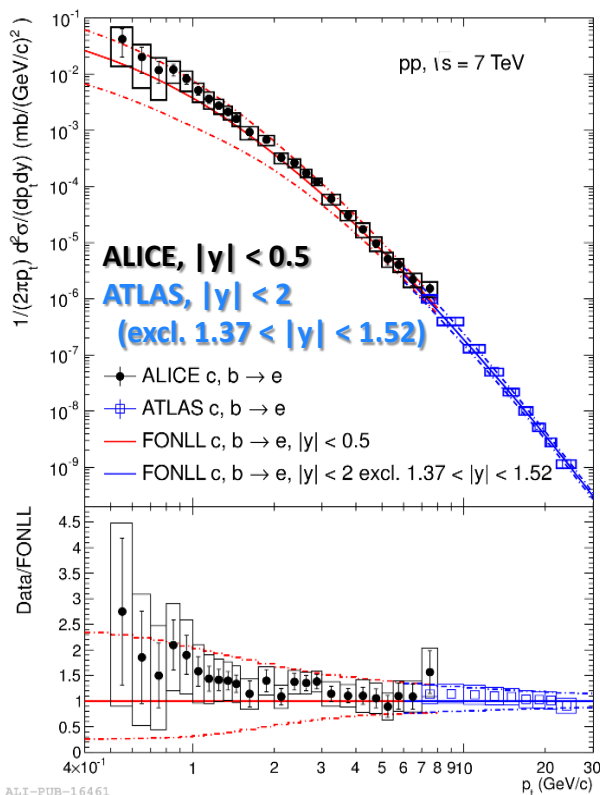


ALICE, JHEP 1201 (2012) 128

FONLL: JHEP0407 (2004) 033,
 JHEP, 1210 (2012) 137

GM-VFNS: Eur.Phys.J., C72 (2012) 2082

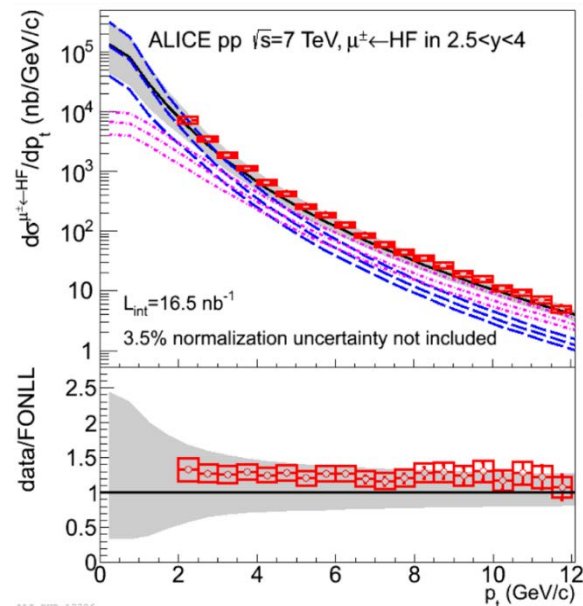
HF-decay electrons



ALICE, Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 112007

ATLAS, PLB 707 (2012) 438

HF-decay muons ALICE



ALICE, PLB 708 (2012) 265

- Cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV compatible within uncertainties with expectations from FONLL and GM-VFNS pQCD calculations

- Results available also for pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV → ALICE, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 012001

ALICE, JHEP 1207 (2012) 191

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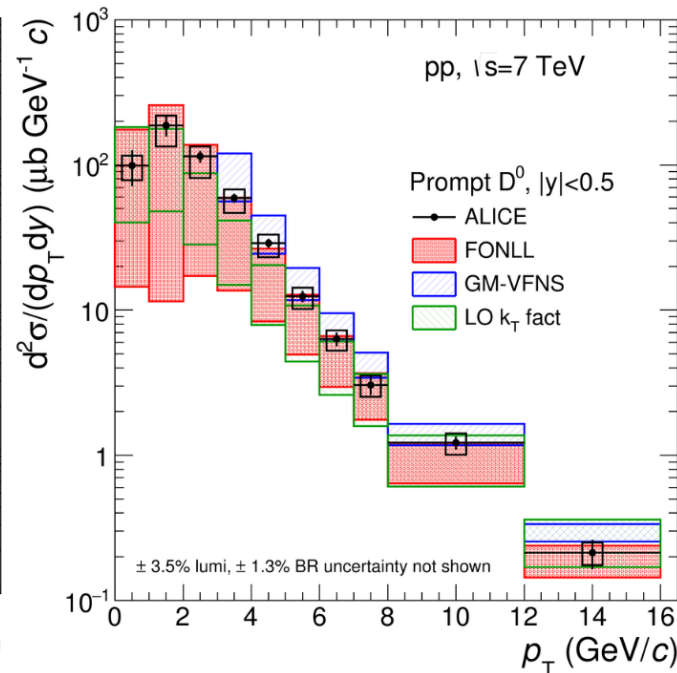
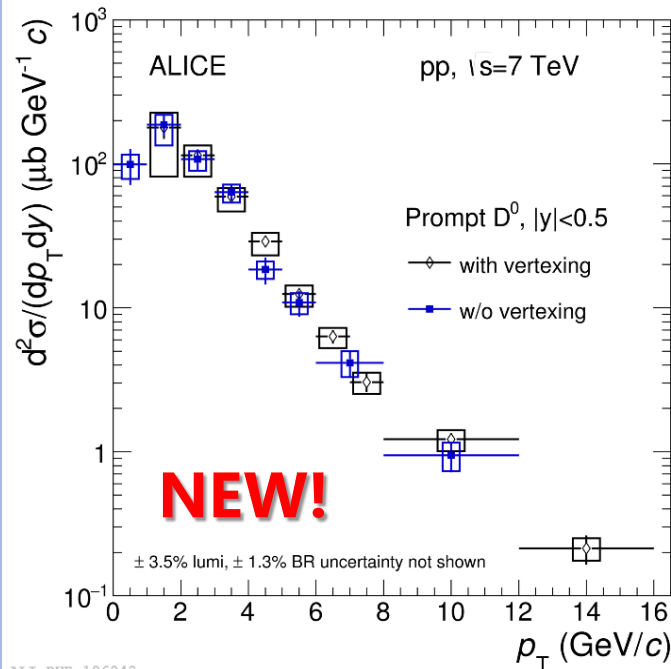
D⁰ CROSS SECTION IN pp COLLISIONS DOWN TO $p_T=0$



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Analysis technique without secondary vertex reconstruction and topological selection

- Background subtraction via event mixing, like-sign distribution, track rotation or fit of sidebands



arXiv: 1605.07569

FONLL: JHEP0407 (2004) 033,
JHEP, 1210 (2012) 137

GM-VFNS: Eur.Phys.J., C72
(2012) 2082

LO k_T fact: Phys.Rev., D87
(2013) 094022

*Results from same
technique available
also for p-Pb collisions
See C. Terrevoli's talk,
this session*

- Results compatible with measurements based on topological selections and pQCD calculations
- Measurement extended down to $p_T = 0$, better performance also for $1 < p_T < 2$ GeV/c
- Reduced uncertainty on total charm production cross section:

$$\sigma_{cc}^{\text{tot}}(7\text{TeV}) = 7.96 \pm 0.65 (\text{stat.})_{-1.57}^{+0.87} (\text{syst.})_{-0.35}^{+2.34} (\text{extr.}) \pm 0.28 (\text{lumi.}) \pm 0.10 (\text{BR}) \pm 0.03 (\text{FF}) \text{ mb}$$

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D-MESON PRODUCTION VS MULTIPLICITY IN pp COLLISIONS

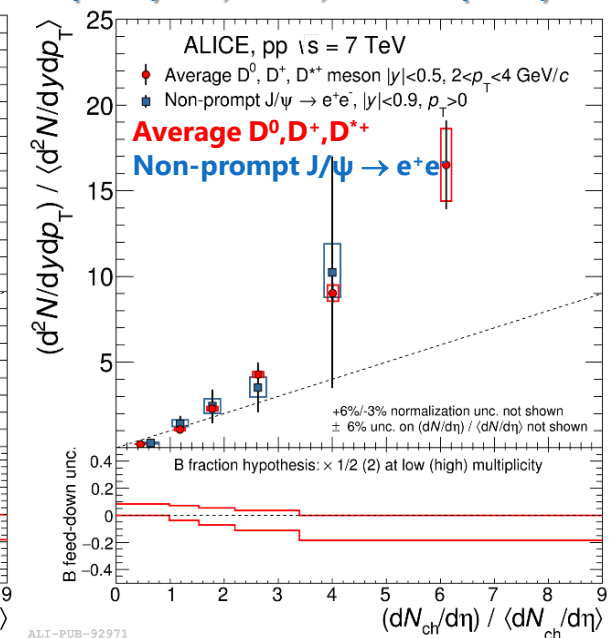
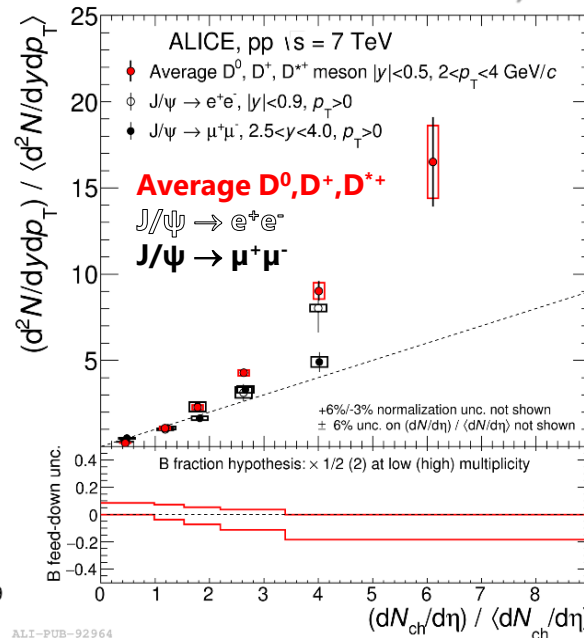
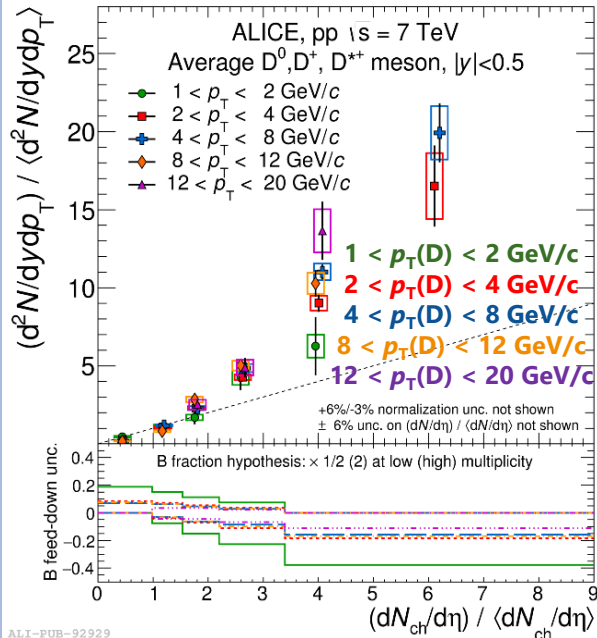


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Self-normalized D-meson yields (with respect to the multiplicity-integrated yields):

$$\frac{d^2 N^D / dy dp_T}{\langle d^2 N^D / dy dp_T \rangle} = \frac{Y^{mult} / (\epsilon^{mult} \times N_{event}^{mult})}{Y^{tot} / (\epsilon^{tot} \times N_{event}^{tot}) / \epsilon^{trigger}}$$

ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148; ALICE, PLB 712 (2012) 165



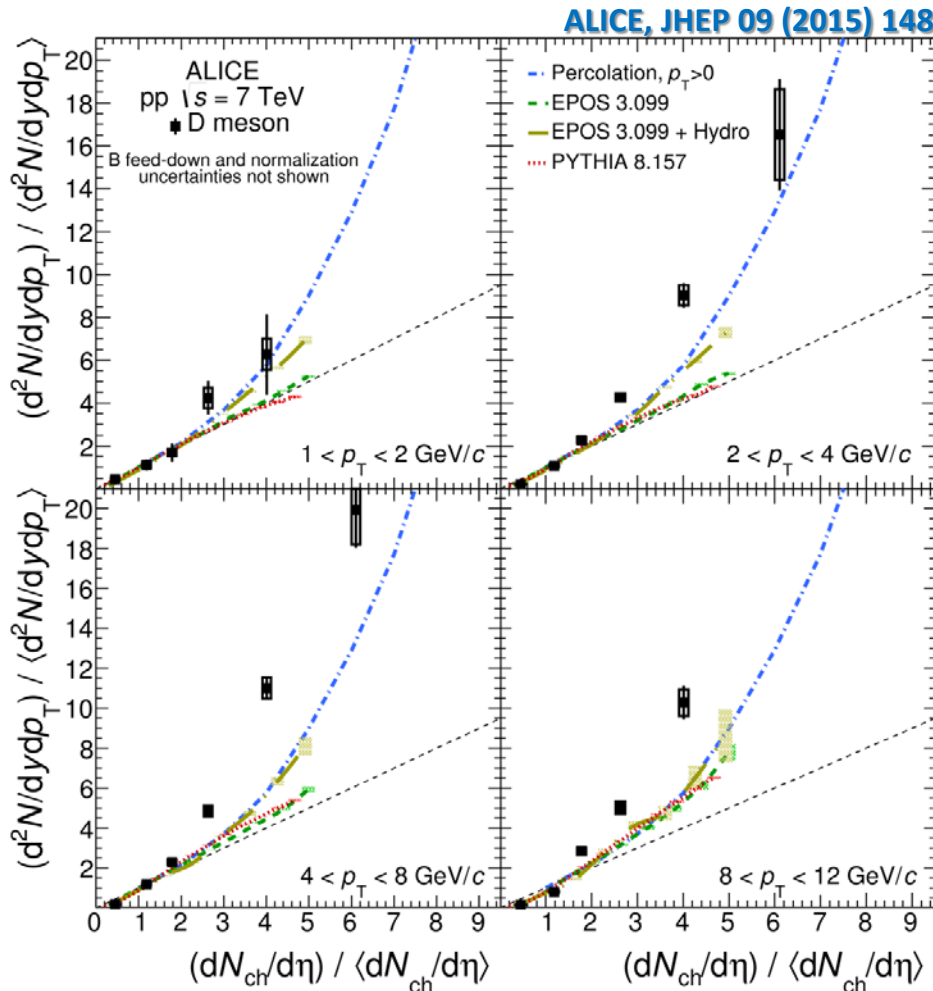
- Faster-than-linear increasing trend of the yields independent of D-meson p_T within uncertainties
- Consistent increase for open charm, hidden charm (at central and forward rapidity) and beauty
 - Behaviour related to HQ production process rather than to hadronization mechanism

D-MESON PRODUCTION VS MULTIPLICITY IN pp COLLISIONS



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Comparison of self-normalized yields with models



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Ferreiro et al., PRC 86 (2012) 034903; Werner et al., PRC 89 (2014) 064903; Sjostrand et al., Comput.Phys.Commun. 178 (2008) 852

Percolation model:

- Sources of particle production: elementary strings
- Reflects a MPI scenario
- Predicts a faster-than-linear increase

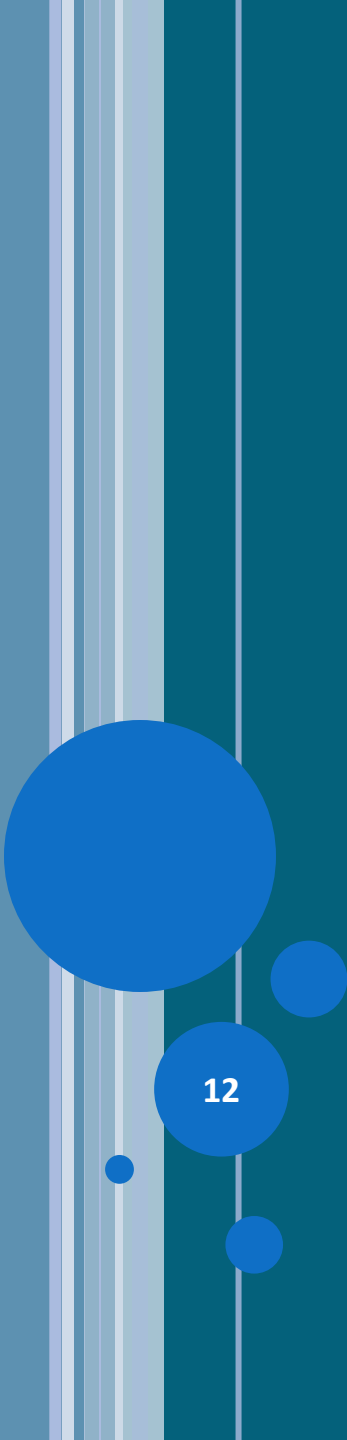
EPOS (w/ or w/o Hydro):

- Gribov/Regge multi-scattering formalism + saturation scale to mimic non-linear effects
- Number of MPI related to multiplicity
- Hydrodynamic evolution can be applied to the collision, predicting a faster-than-linear increase

PYTHIA 8:

- Soft-QCD tune
- Includes MPI, color reconnection, initial-state and final-state radiations

Data qualitatively described by models including MPI



AZIMUTHAL CORRELATIONS OF D MESONS AND CHARGED PARTICLES IN pp AND $p\text{-Pb}$ COLLISIONS

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AZIMUTHAL CORRELATIONS OF D MESONS AND CHARGED PARTICLES IN pp AND p-Pb COLLISIONS



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- $(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)$ correlation of selected D mesons (“trigger particles”) with the other charged tracks reconstructed in the event (“associated particles”)
- Correction for detector inhomogeneities and limited acceptance via event-mixing technique

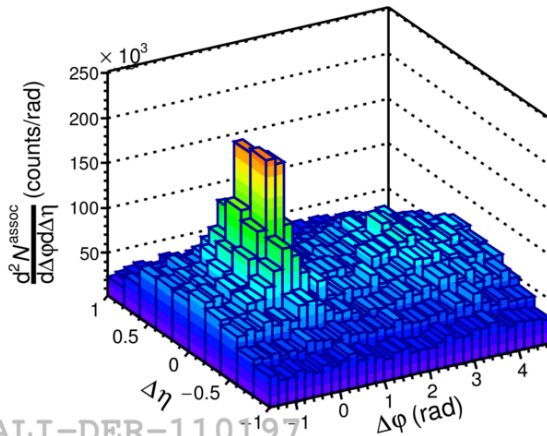
D^0 - charged particle correlation
pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
Same Event, Signal + Background

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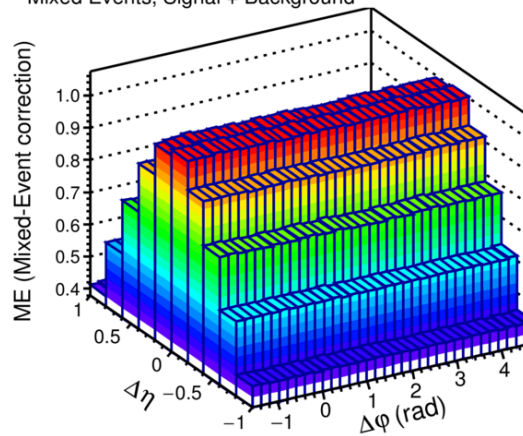
$5 < p_T^{D^0} < 8$ GeV/c, $|y^{D^0}| < 0.5$
 $p_T^{\text{assoc}} > 0.3$ GeV/c, $|\eta^{\text{assoc}}| < 0.8$

Mixed Events, Signal + Background

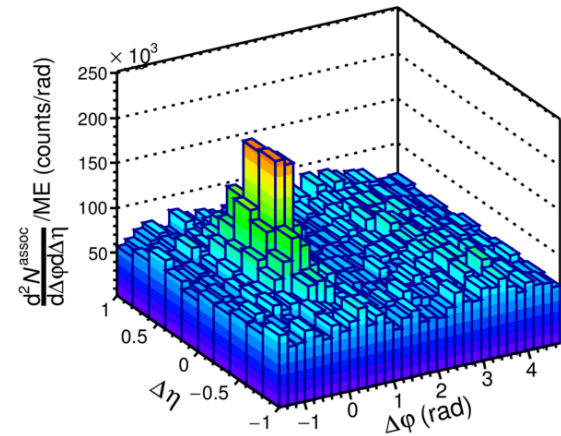
Same/Mixed Events, Signal + Background



Same events



Mixed events



Same/Mixed events

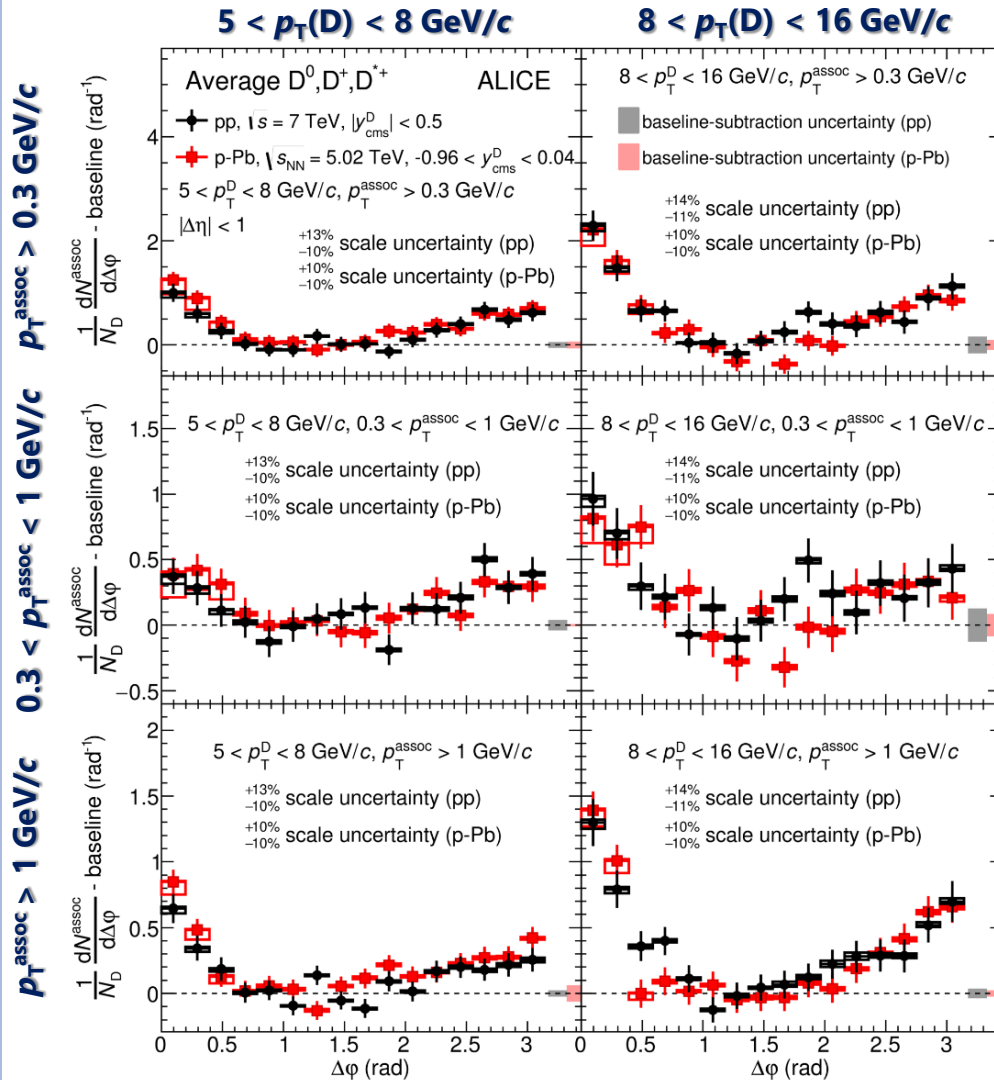
- Contribution from background D mesons removed via sideband subtraction
- Efficiency correction for reconstruction and selection of trigger and associated particles
- Subtraction of contamination by strange hadron decays and conversions in the detector material
- Subtraction of D from B “feed-down” contribution based on FONLL calculations and PYTHIA Monte Carlo simulations

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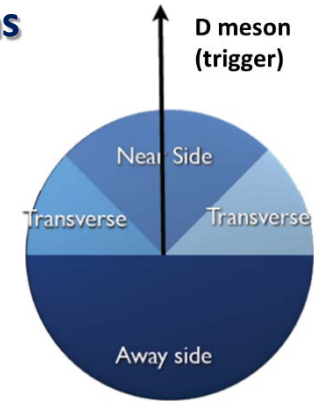
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Comparison of azimuthal correlation distributions in pp and p-Pb collisions



NEW!

pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
p-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



- Azimuthal correlation distributions fitted with a double Gaussian + constant baseline
- Results are shown after the subtraction of the baseline, largely composed of uncorrelated pairs
- pp and p-Pb baseline-subtracted correlation distributions are consistent within uncertainties

arXiv:1605.06963

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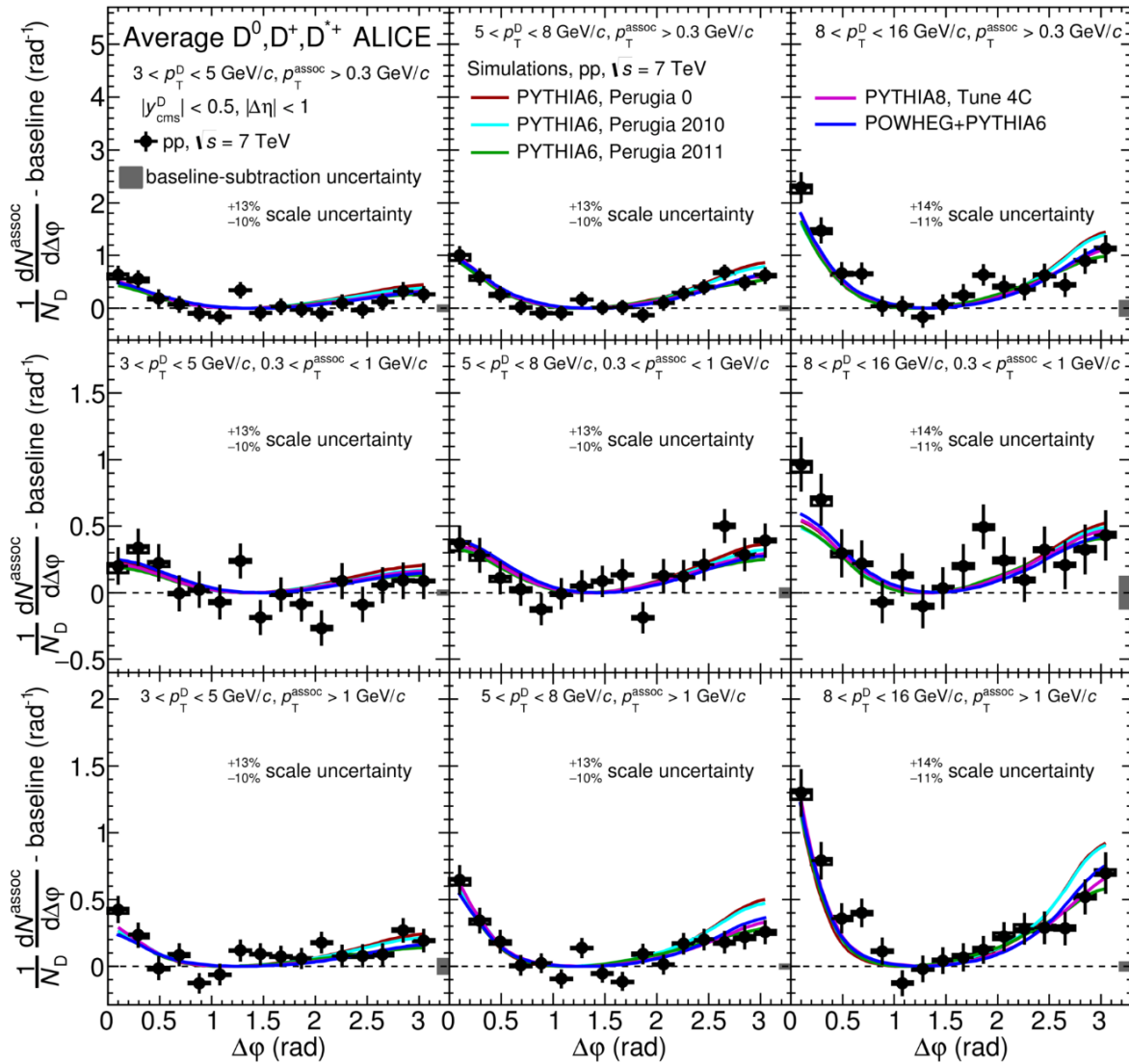
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$3 < p_T(D) < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ $5 < p_T(D) < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$ $8 < p_T(D) < 16 \text{ GeV}/c$

$p_T^{\text{assoc}} > 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$

$0.3 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

$p_T^{\text{assoc}} > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$



NEW!

pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

- Correlation distributions in pp collisions after baseline subtraction are well described by expectations from PYTHIA6 (with different Perugia tunes), PYTHIA8 and POWHEG+PYTHIA generators in all kinematic ranges

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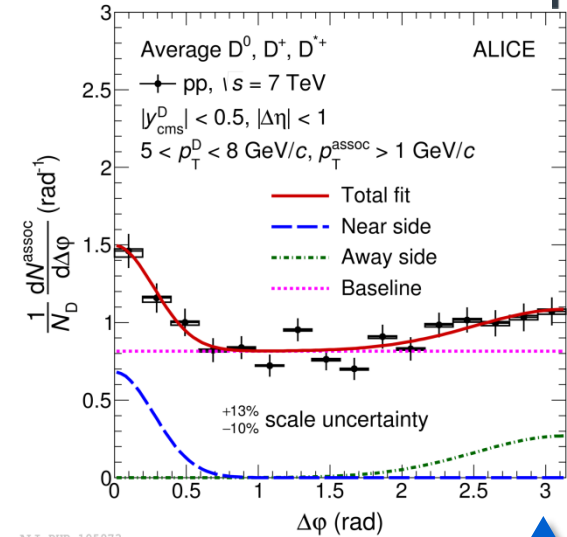
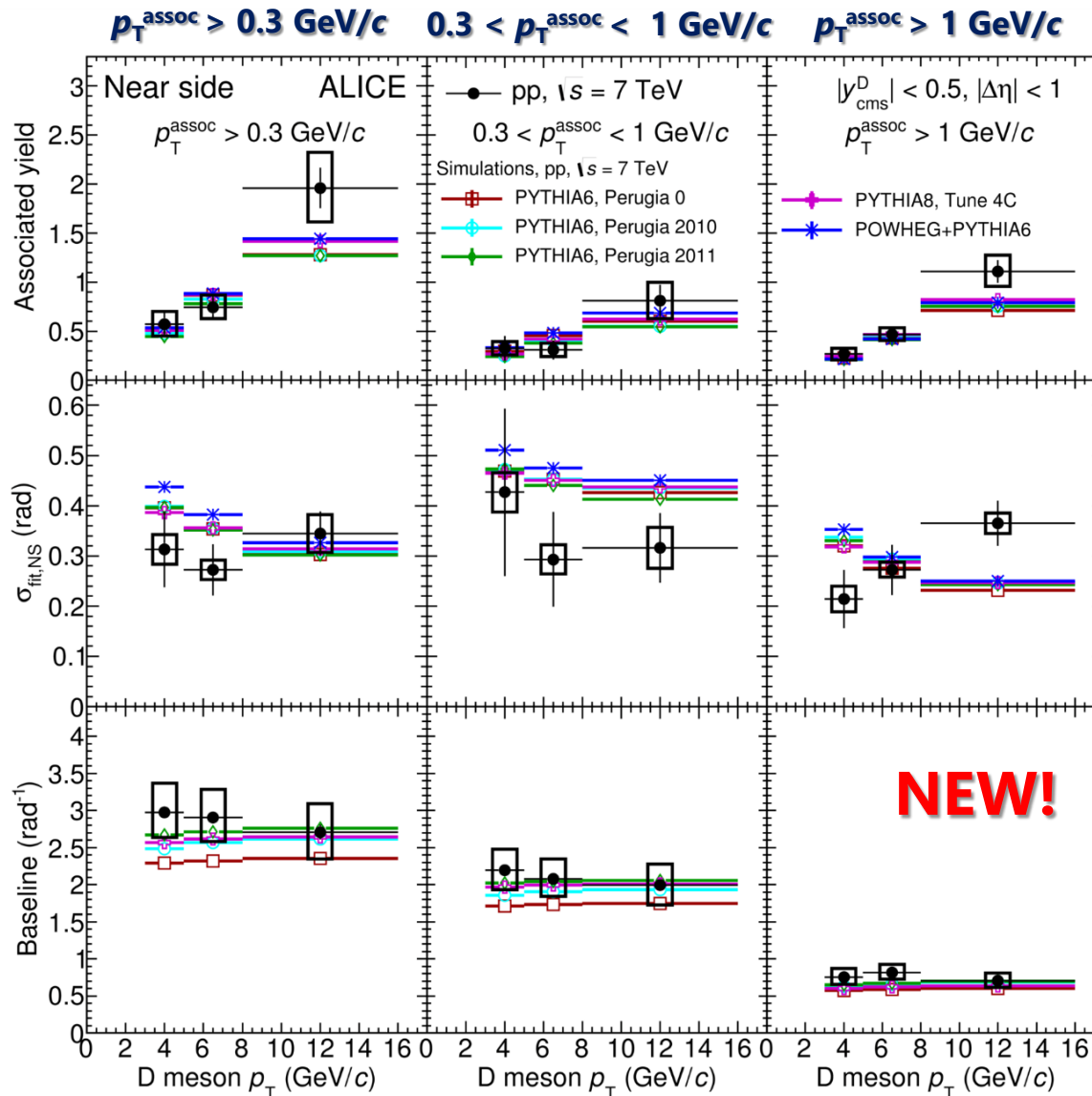
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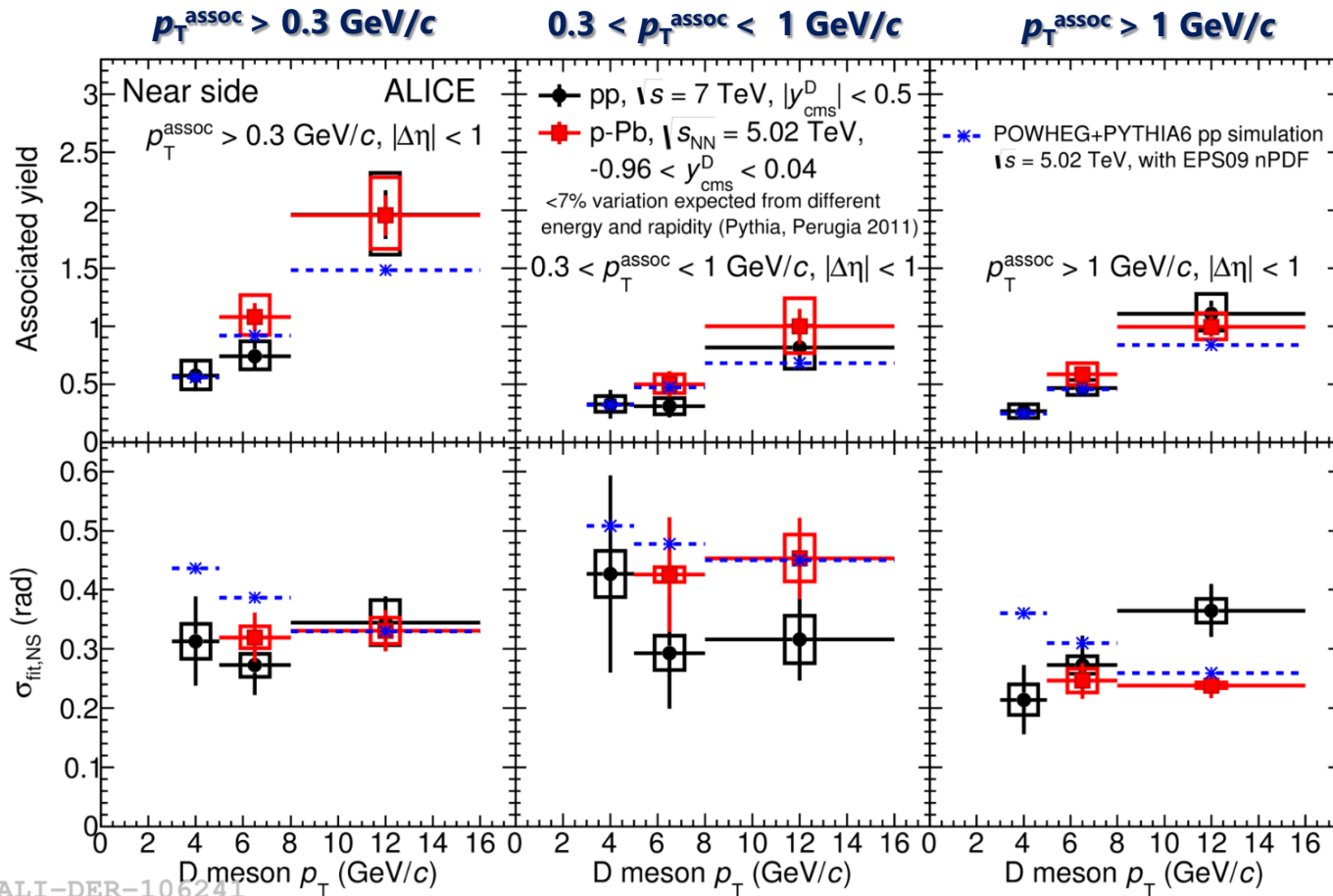
- Quantitative observables extracted from the fit:
 - Near-side yield
 - Near-side width
 - Baseline value
- Agreement between data and Monte Carlo expectations within uncertainties for all the observables

AZIMUTHAL CORRELATIONS OF D MESONS AND CHARGED PARTICLES IN pp AND p-Pb COLLISIONS



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Comparison of near-side yield and width in pp and p-Pb collisions



NEW!

pp, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
p-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV

[arXiv:1605.06963](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.06963)

- Near-side peak properties compatible between the two collision systems
 - No signs of modifications due to initial-state or final-state effects are observed within uncertainties

Open heavy-flavour production in pp collisions

- Wide spectrum of heavy-flavour production results in pp collisions at different energies ($\sqrt{s} = 2.76, 7 \text{ TeV}$) from ALICE
 - At $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ D^0 measurements available down to $p_T = 0$
- p_T -differential cross section measurements well described by pQCD predictions
- Faster-than-linear increase of heavy-flavour hadron yields with event multiplicity, with no p_T dependence
 - Yield increase well described by models including MPI, suggesting that they play a significant role for heavy-flavour production

Azimuthal correlations of D mesons and charged particles in pp and p-Pb collisions

- Correlation distributions, and near-side yields and widths compatible between pp and p-Pb collisions
- Near-side peak properties are described by the Monte Carlo generators within the uncertainties

Stay tuned for the upcoming results in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$!



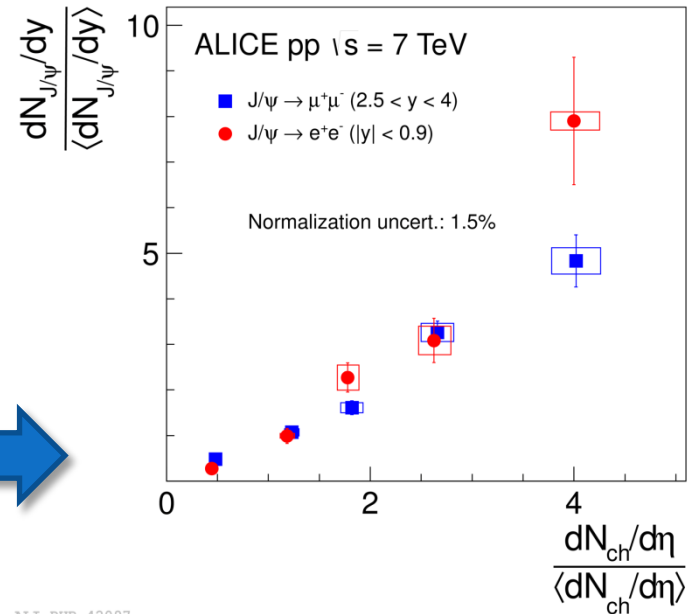
BACKUP SLIDES

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HEAVY-FLAVOUR MULTIPLICITY STUDIES

What has been observed so far:

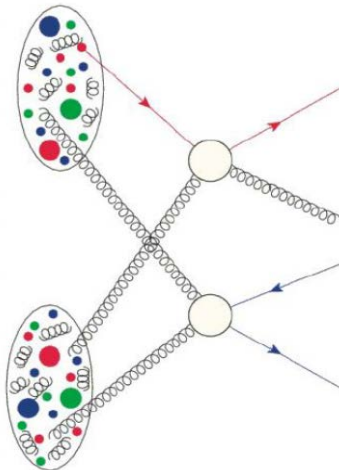
- **NA27** (pp, $\sqrt{s} = 28$ GeV): events with charm production have larger charged-particle multiplicity
→ [NA27, Z. Phys C41 \(1988\) 191](#)
- **LHCb**: double charm production is better described by models including double parton scattering
→ [LHCb, JHEP 06 \(2012\) 141](#)
- **ALICE**: increase of inclusive J/ψ yield as a function of event multiplicity with approximately linear trend
→ [ALICE, PLB 712 \(2012\) 165](#)



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What we can learn:

- Study the interplay between hard and soft processes of particle production
- Investigate the possible role of multi parton interactions (MPI) in the heavy-flavour sector



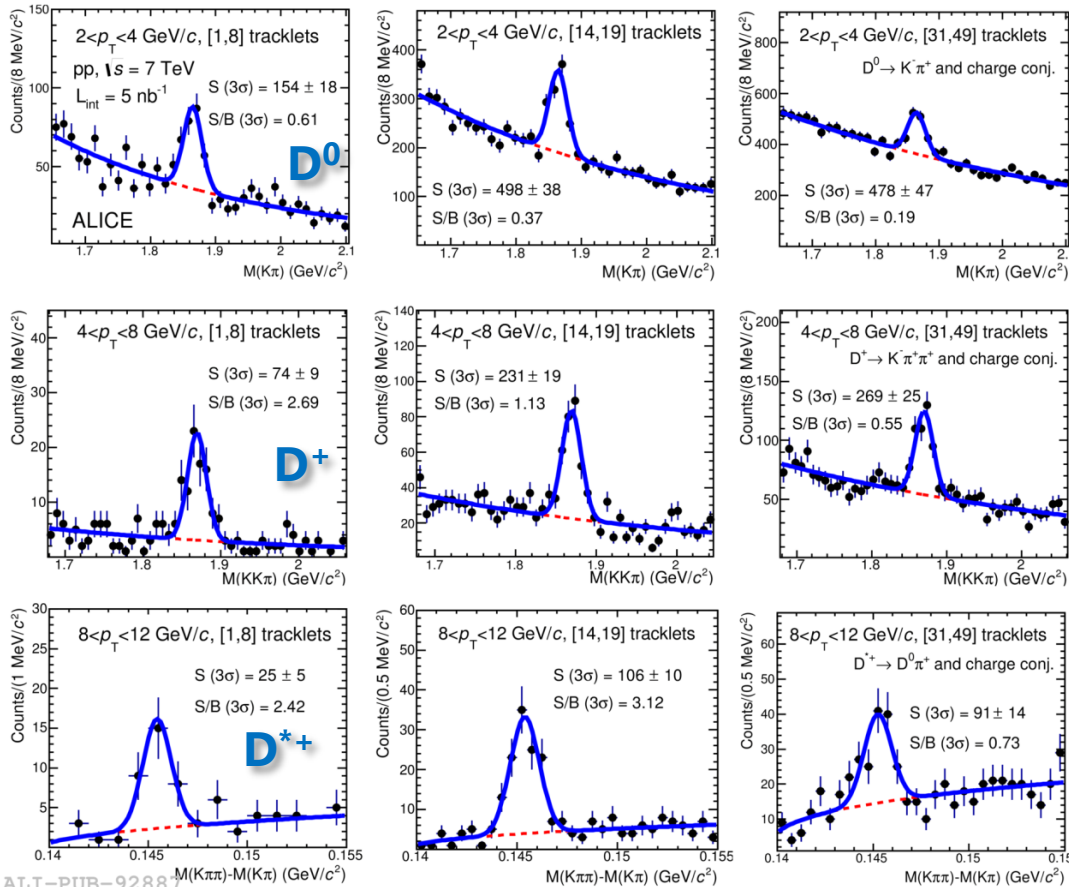
D MESON VS MULTIPLICITY – RAW YIELDS AND CORRECTIONS



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Self-normalized D-meson yields (with respect to the multiplicity-integrated yield):

$$\frac{d^2 N^D / dy dp_T}{\langle d^2 N^D / dy dp_T \rangle} = \frac{Y^{mult} / (\varepsilon^{mult} \times N_{event}^{mult})}{Y^{tot} / (\varepsilon^{tot} \times N_{event}^{tot}) / \varepsilon^{trigger}}$$



Multiplicity estimator:

Number of tracklets (i.e. track segments in the two innermost ITS layers) for $|\eta| < 1$

- Proportional to $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

Contribution of D from B:

- Assumed independent of multiplicity

Invariant mass spectra of D⁰ (top), D⁺ (middle) and D^{*+} (bottom) candidates for three multiplicity ranges

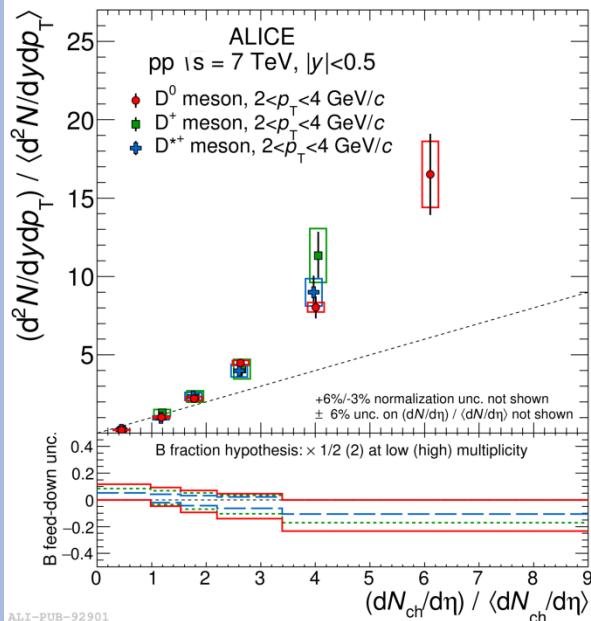
D MESON VS MULTIPLICITY - RESULTS



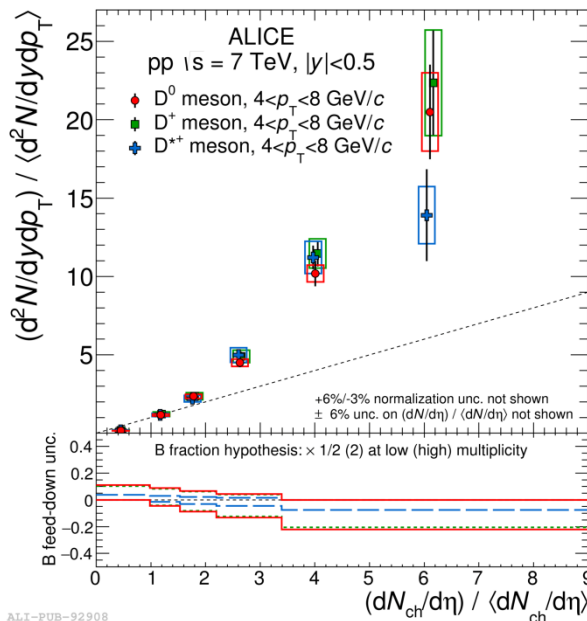
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Self-normalized D^0 , D^+ , D^* -meson yields

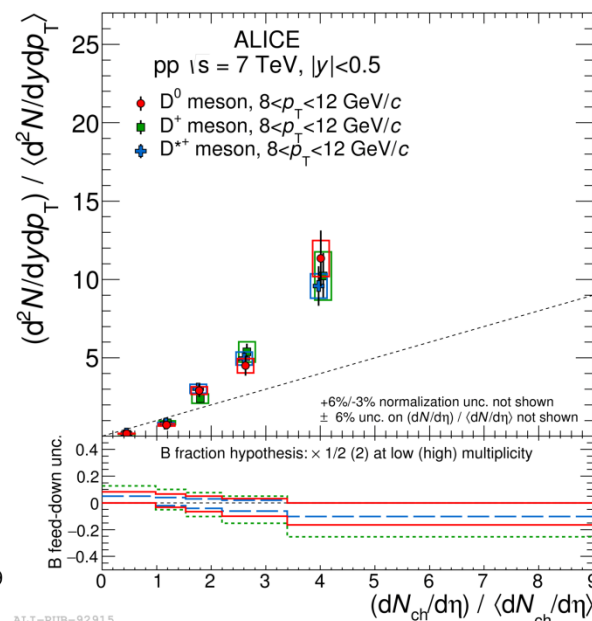
ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148



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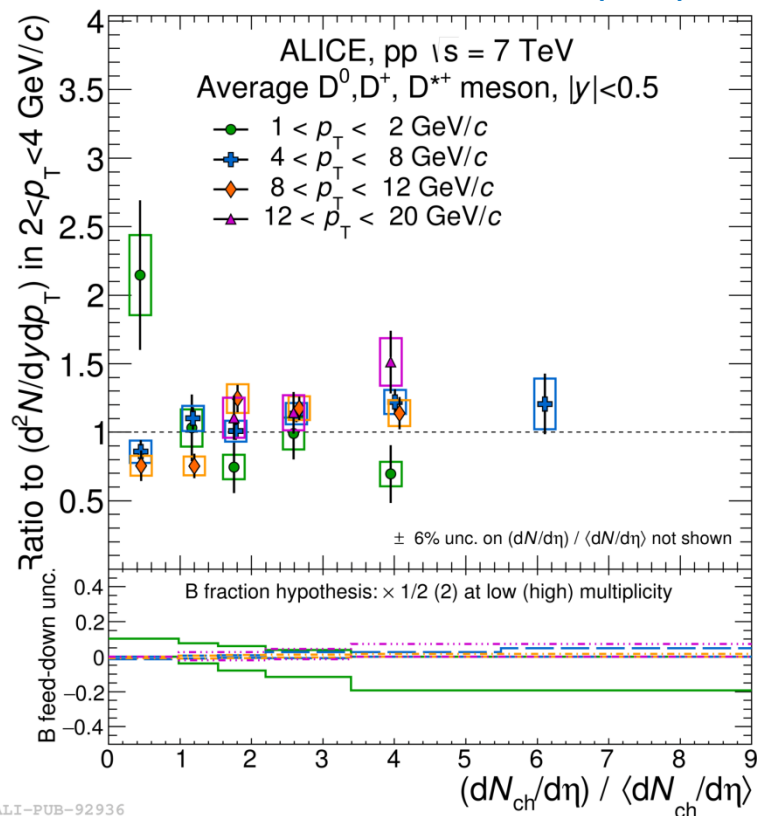
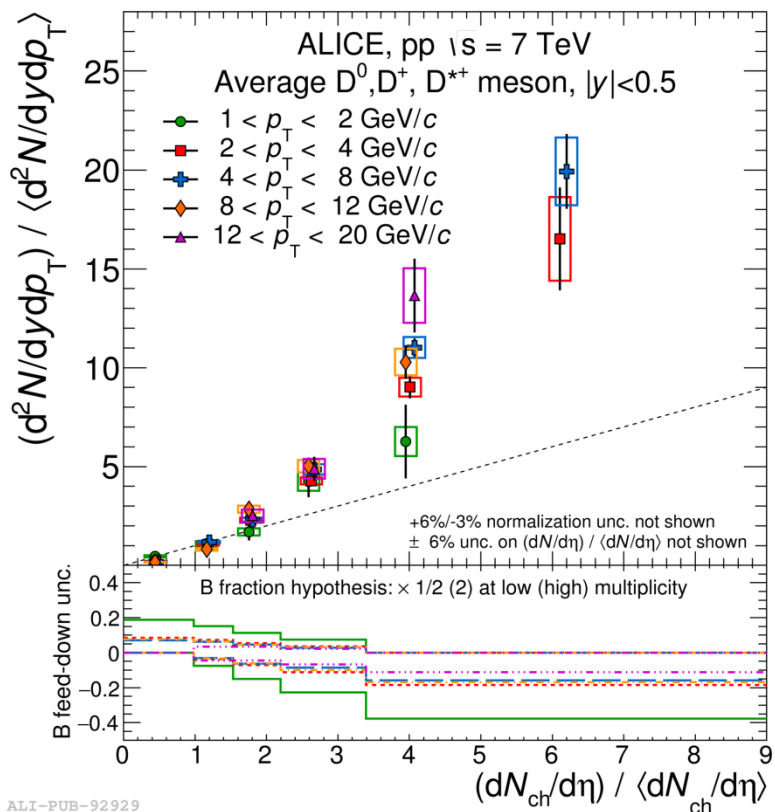
- Uncertainty by varying the D from B contribution with event multiplicity
- Faster-than-linear increase of self-normalized yields with event multiplicity
- Agreement within uncertainties of D^0 , D^+ , D^* results

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D MESON VS MULTIPLICITY - RESULTS

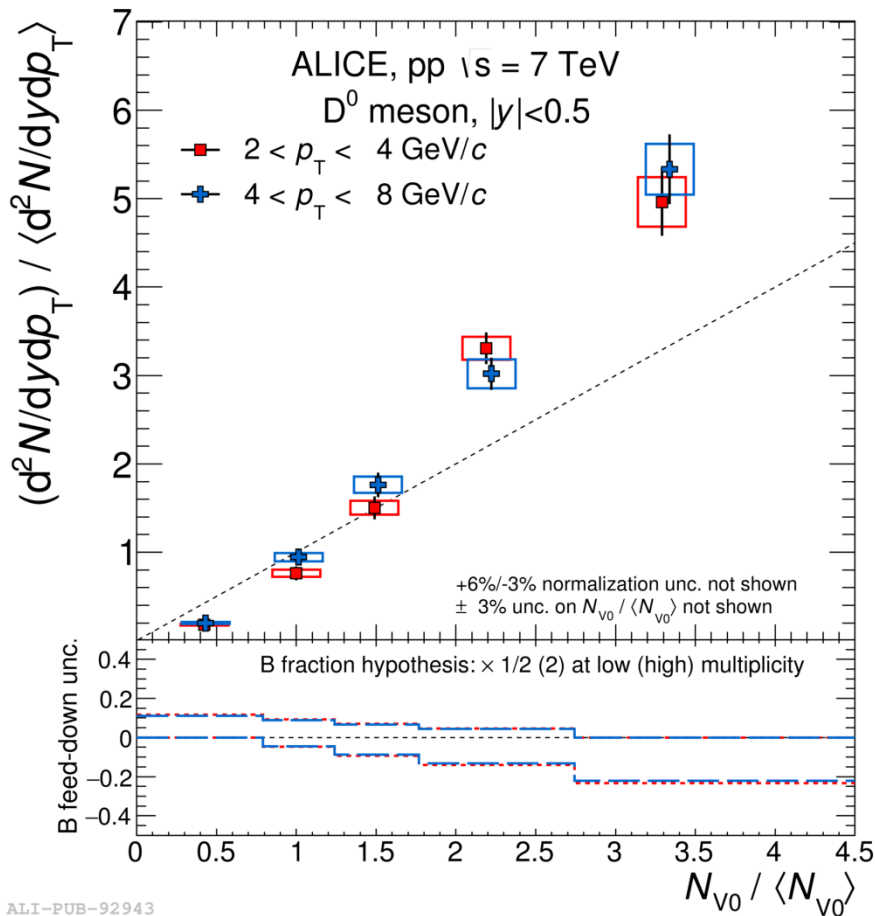
Average of self-normalized D-meson yields: p_T dependence

ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148



- Increasing trend of D-meson yields independent of D-meson p_T within uncertainties

Average of self-normalized D-meson yields Evaluation of event multiplicity at large rapidity



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ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148

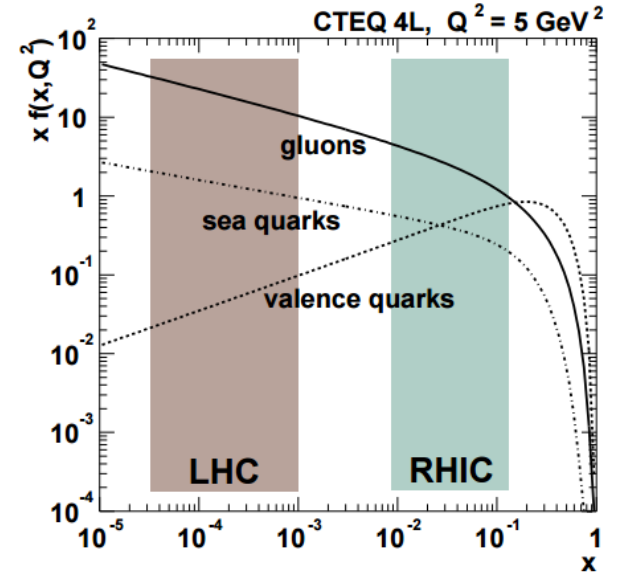
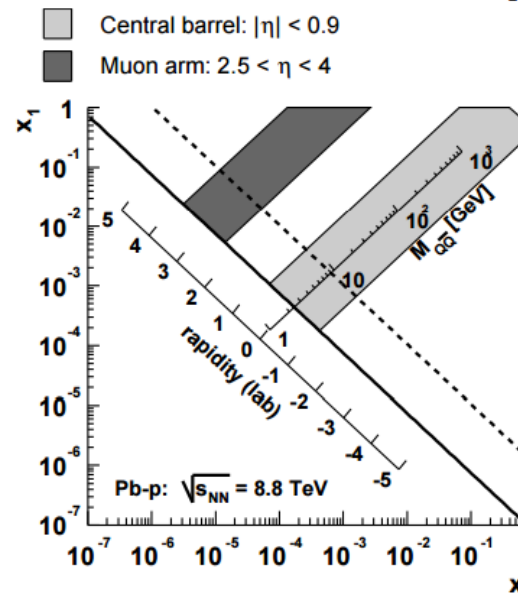
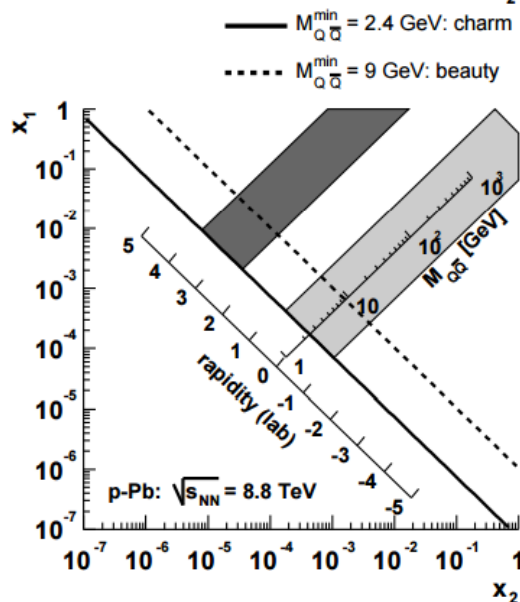
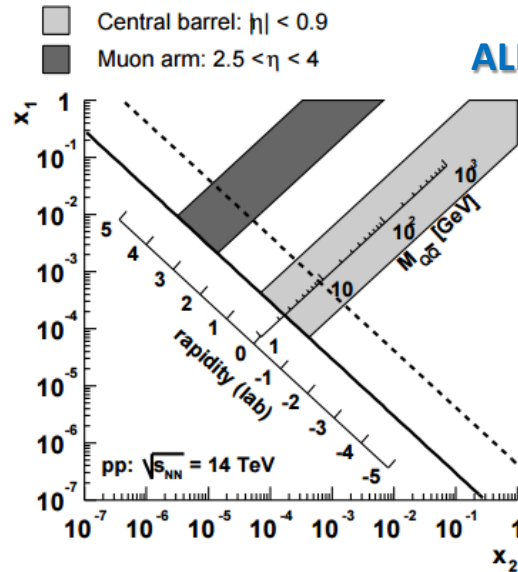
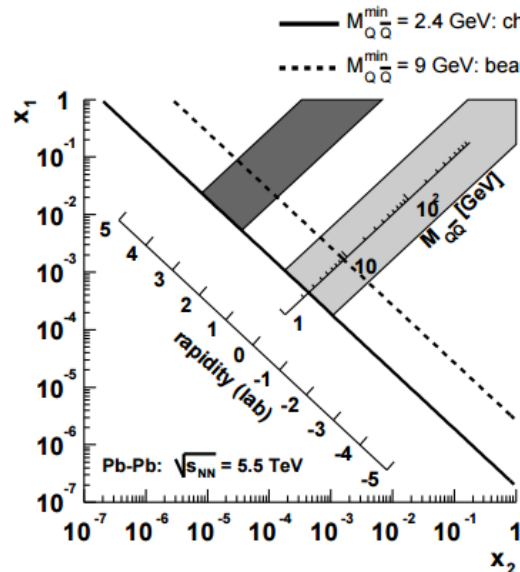
- Amount of charge collected by V0 detectors used to estimate the event multiplicity
- η -gap introduced to remove possible auto-correlation biases in multiplicity estimation
- Trend of yield with event multiplicity compatible with what observed using the SPD tracklets for multiplicity estimation

BJORKEN X REGIONS AT THE LHC AND PDF



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ALICE, J. Phys. G, 32 (2010) 1295



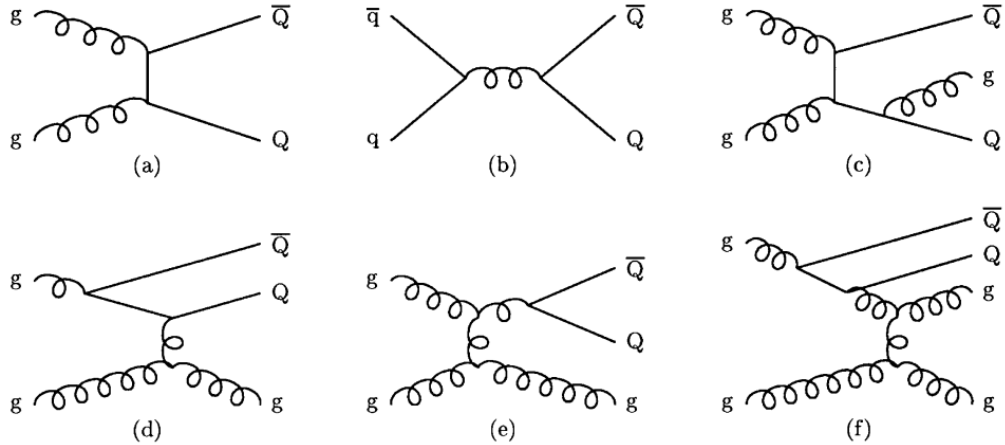
Parton Distribution Functions in CTEQ 4L parametrization, for $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$



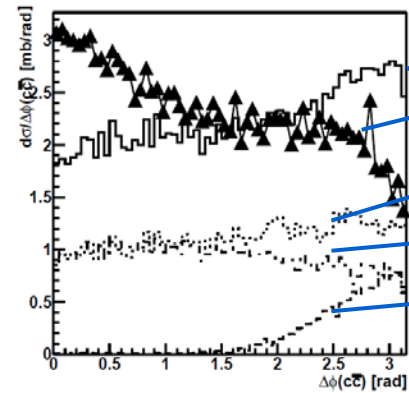
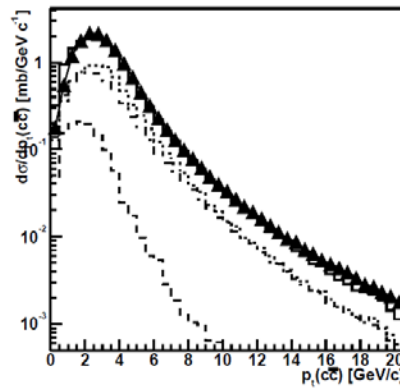
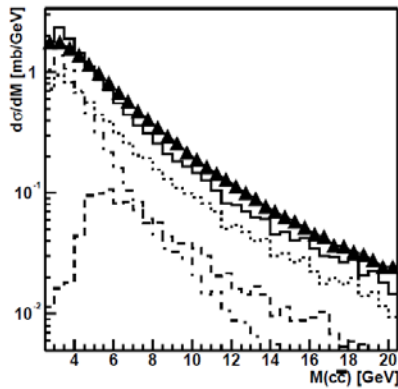
CHARM AZIMUTHAL CORRELATIONS

- Can we disentangle the charm production mechanisms?

- Pair production (a, b)
- Flavour excitation (d)
- Gluon splitting (e)



Sjostrand et al., *Comput.Phys.Commun.* 135 (2001) 238



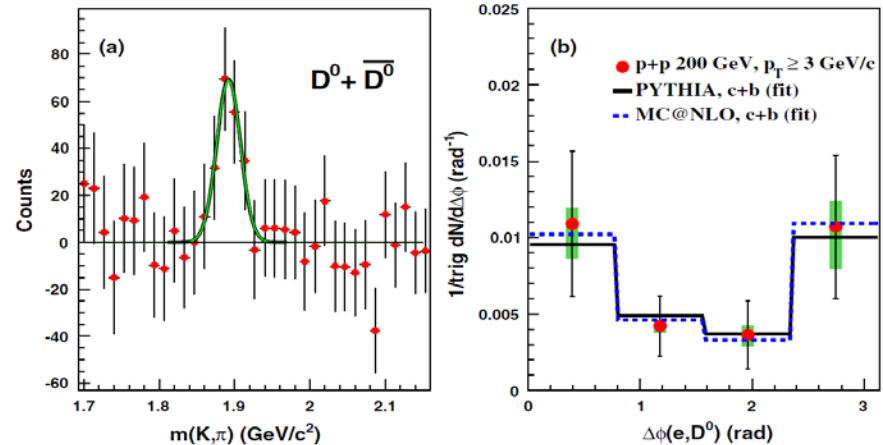
- Total (Pythia)
- Total (HVQMNR)
- FE (Pythia)
- GS (Pythia)
- PP (Pythia)

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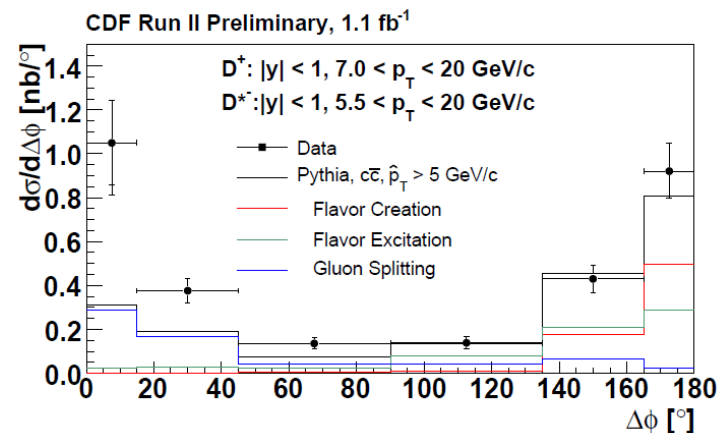
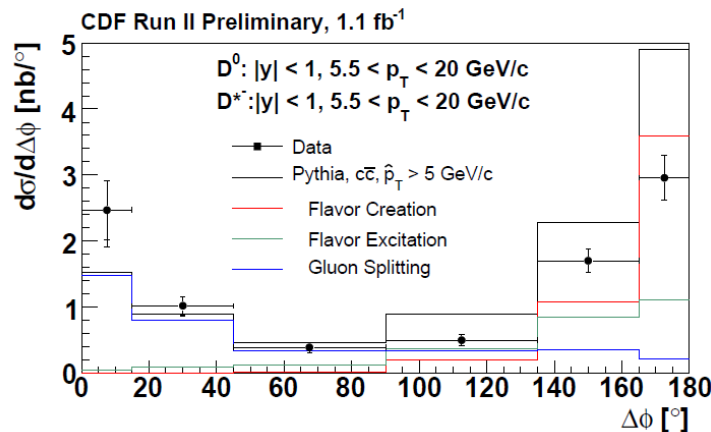
- STAR measurements for D^0 -HFe correlations in pp collisions at 200 GeV, compared with PYTHIA simulation and MC@NLO theoretical predictions



STAR, PRL 105 (2010) 202301

- CDF measurements for D^0 - D^{*+} and D^+ - D^{*+} correlations
 - Comparison to PYTHIA, with different production mechanism breakdown
 - PYTHIA overestimates LO (b2b) and underestimates NLO contribution (collinear production)

CDF, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 170 (2007) 243–247



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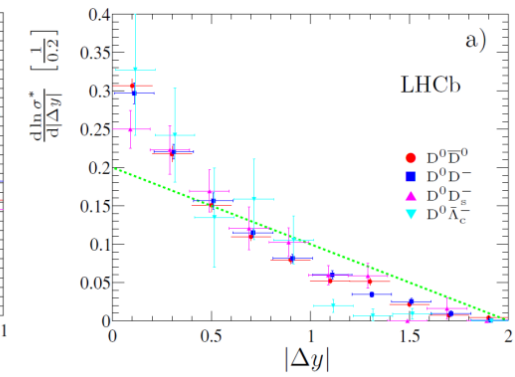
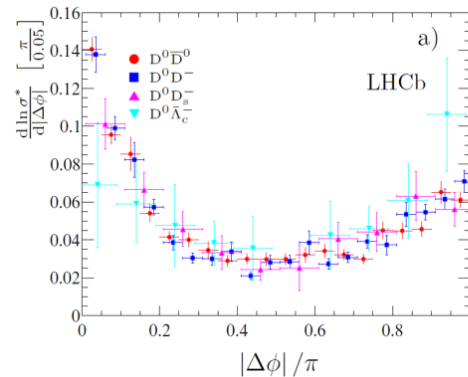
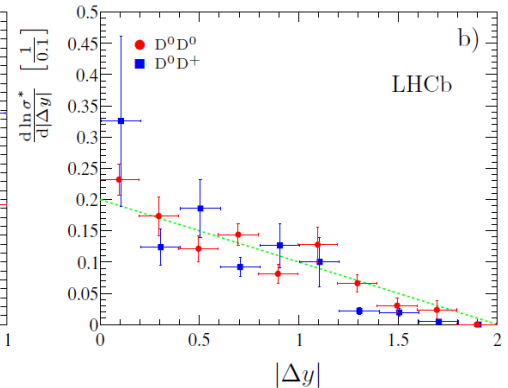
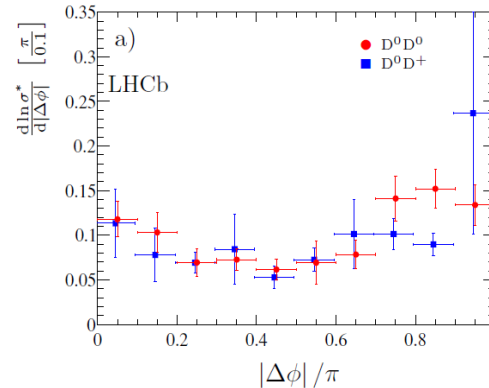
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Selection of LHCb measurements for DD (top row) and DDbar (bottom row) angular correlations in pp collisions at 7 TeV:

- DD are uncorrelated (independently produced)
- DDbar are mostly produced in the same hard scattering
 - ✓ NS and AS peaks are clearly visible



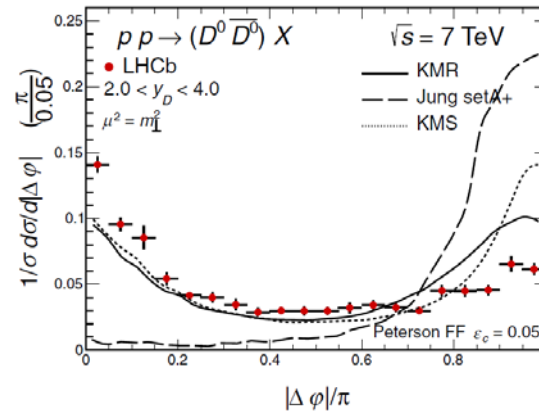
LHCb, JHEP 06 (2012) 141

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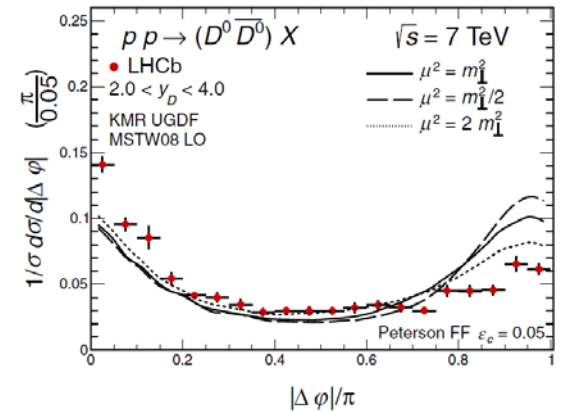


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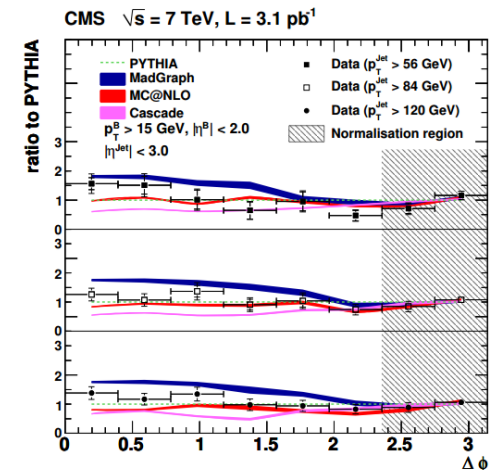
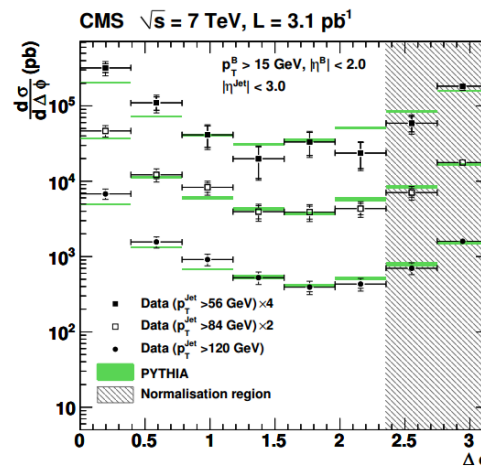
- LHCb measurements for D^0 - D^0 correlations compared with calculations from k_T -factorization approach, in pp collisions at 7 TeV



LHCb, JHEP 06 (2012) 141



- CMS measurements for B-Bbar production cross section as a function of $\Delta\phi$, compared with predictions, in pp collisions at 7 TeV



CMS, JHEP 136 (2011) 1103

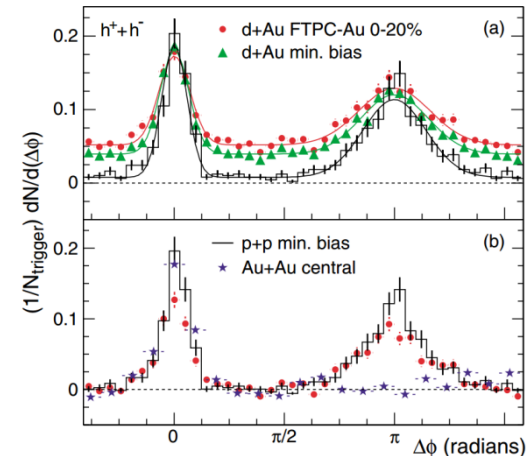
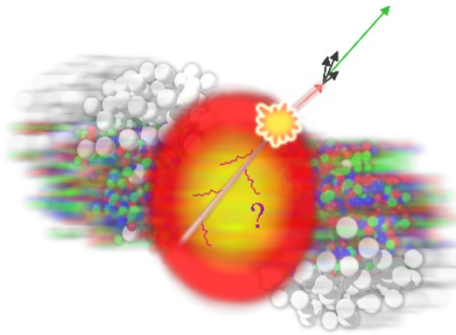
COMPARISON: CHARGED PARTICLE SUPPRESSION AT RHIC AND LHC



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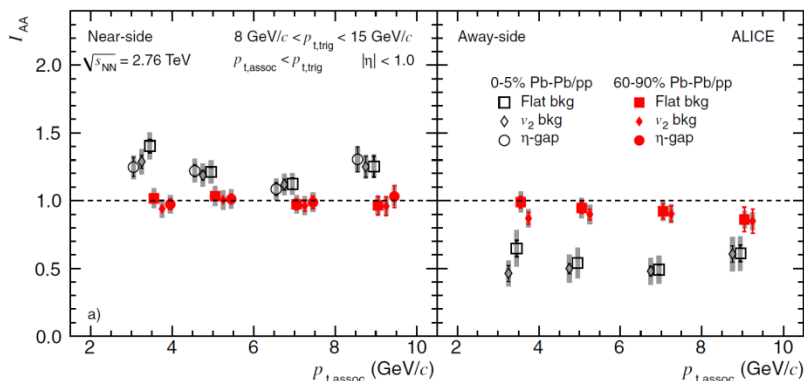
- I_{AA} definition:
$$I_{AA}(p_{T,trig}; p_{T,assoc}) = \frac{Y^{AA}(p_{T,trig}; p_{T,assoc})}{Y^{pp}(p_{T,trig}; p_{T,assoc})}$$

- From STAR measurements, heavy suppression of away side for h-h correlations in Au-Au central collisions (not in d-Au)



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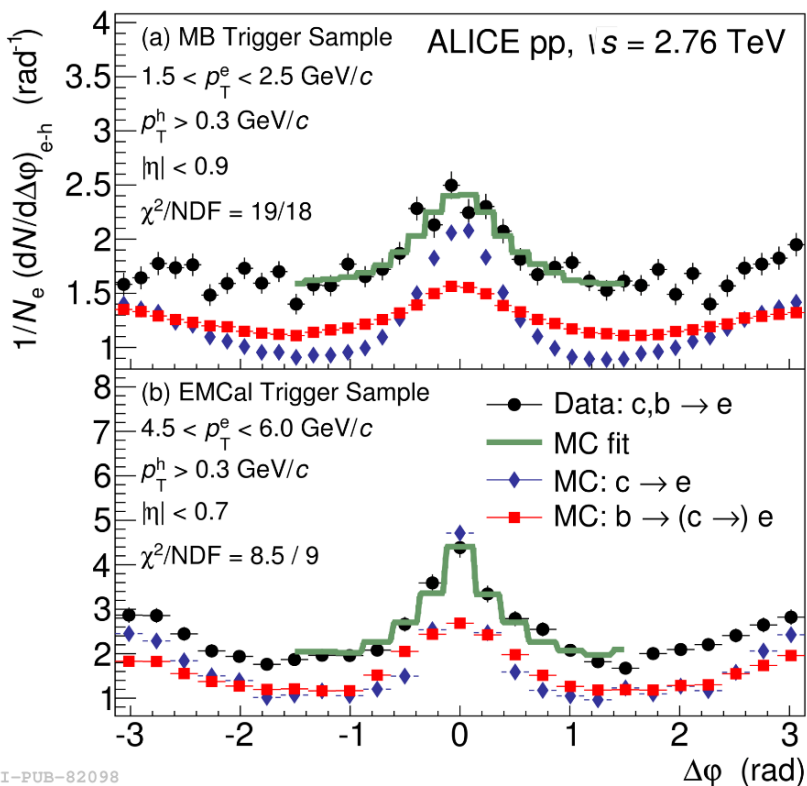


- ALICE I_{AA} for h-h correlations:
 - 20% enhancement of near side peak in Pb-Pb collisions, no away side effects
 - Strong away side suppression in central Pb-Pb, but by a lower factor w.r.t. RHIC

ELECTRON-HADRON CORRELATIONS IN pp COLLISIONS

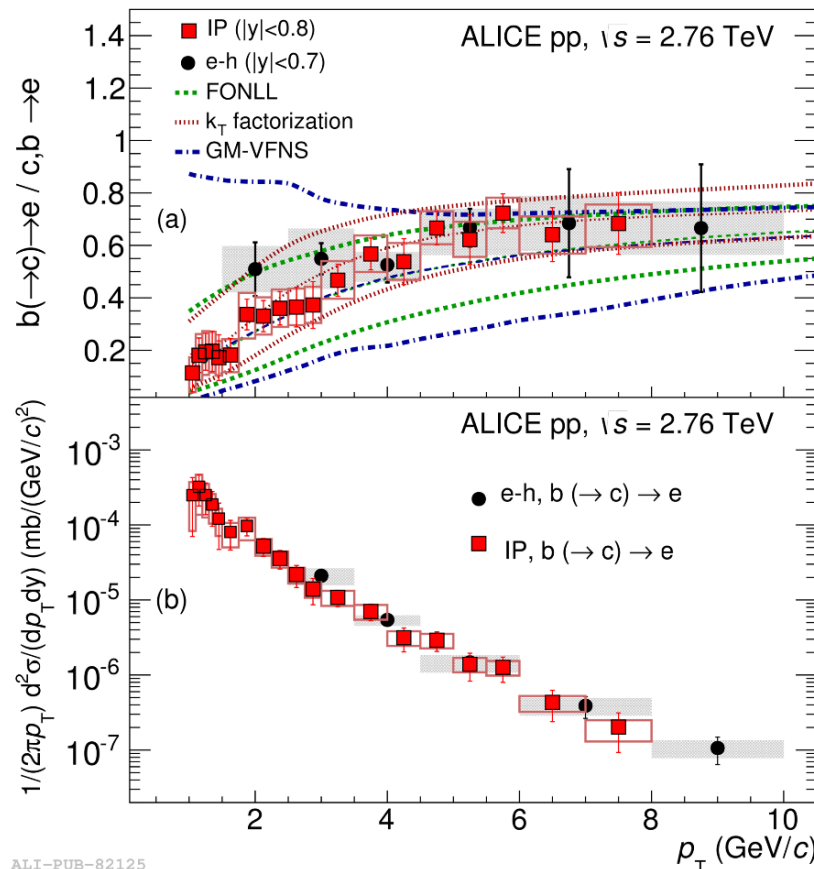


- Separate beauty and charm contributions to heavy-flavour decay electrons
 - Electrons from beauty show a flatter correlation distribution than electrons from charm



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$$\Delta\phi = c + r_B \cdot \Delta\phi_{Templ}^B + (1 - r_B)\Delta\phi_{templ}^C$$

$r_B =$ beauty fraction

Ratio b \rightarrow (c) \rightarrow e/c, b \rightarrow e compatible with FONLL prediction



- “**Minimum bias**”, based on interaction trigger (for pp 2010 data):
 - **SPD** or **VOA** or **VOC**
 - At least one charged particle in 8 rapidity units
 - About 86.4% of inelastic cross section **ALICE, PLB 712 (2012) 165**
 - Read-out by all ALICE

- Integrated luminosity evaluated using as a reference the minimum-bias trigger cross section:

$$L_{\text{int}} = N_{\text{MB}} / \sigma_{\text{MB}}$$

- σ_{MB} (**62.3** \pm 0.4(stat) \pm 4.3(syst) mb) evaluated through a Van der Meer scan.

DETAILS ON CORRECTIONS, ALL-IN-ONE

- D-meson and associated track efficiency correction:
 - Accounts for associated track reconstruction efficiency and for p_T dependence of D-meson reconstruction and selection efficiency
 - Each (D, charged particle) pair is weighted by the inverse of the **D meson reconstruction efficiency** and of the **associated track reconstruction efficiency**
 - D-meson p_T and event multiplicity dependencies considered for D-meson efficiency; track p_T , η and z position of primary vertex dependencies considered for track efficiency
- Feed-down D contribution subtraction:
 - A template of angular correlation distribution of D mesons from beauty hadrons decays (from PYTHIA) is subtracted from the data distributions
 - Different PYTHIA parameter «tunes» exploited for the templates, after matching their baselines to the data level, to obtain a systematic uncertainty on the correction
- Removal of contamination from secondary tracks:
 - Tracks from strange-hadron decays or produced in interactions of particles with the detector material
 - The contribution of secondary track particles, evaluated via Monte Carlo studies, is flat in $\Delta\phi$ and is removed by multiplying the data correlation distributions by the the fraction of primary particles in the track sample

SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES LIST



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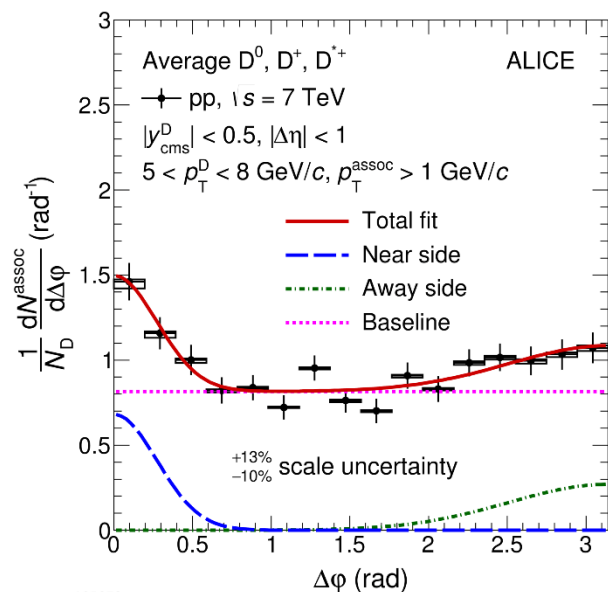
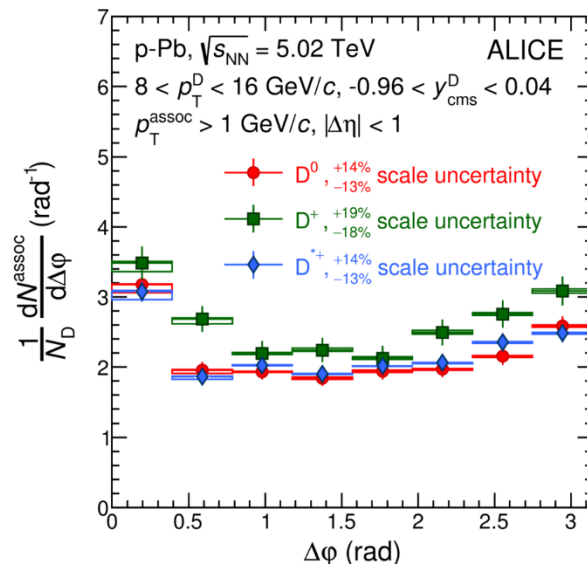
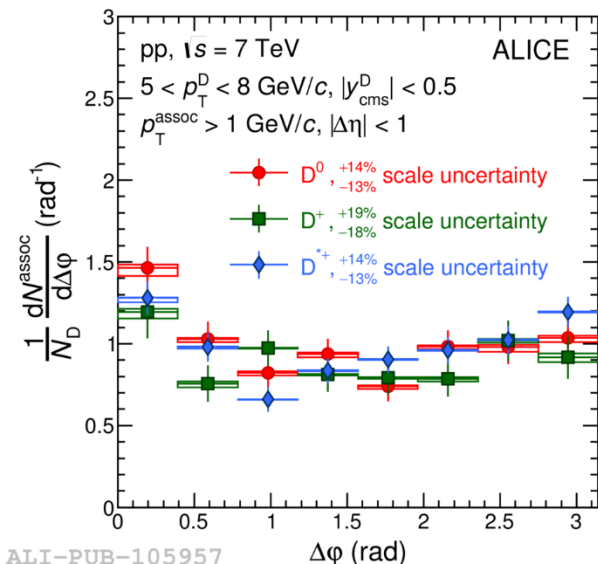
- **D yield extraction:** change fit parameters (rebin spectra, modify fit range/fit functions, bin counting) - Affects both normalization to N of triggers and background subtraction.
- **Background subtraction:** vary the invariant mass regions from which we take the background correlation shape.
- **Fit of correlation plot:** use different fit functions: (e.g. 2 gauss+pedestal+periodicity condition, pedestal as minimum of the correlation histo, ...)
- **Beauty feed-down:** use a range of f_{PROMPT} values, and use templates from different generators like POWHEG.
- **Correction for contamination from secondary:** estimate the contribution from MC and its $\Delta\phi$ shape. Some studies on DCA cut already started (in backup slides).
- **Soft pion removal for D^0 correlations:** estimate efficiency and purity of the invariant mass cut from MC and evaluate the effect of the cut on the near side yields on data
→ Negligible!
- **Associate tracking efficiency:** use different track selections.
- **D meson reconstruction and selection efficiency:** extracted from varying the cuts for D meson selection.

D MESON-CHARGED PARTICLE CORRELATION DISTRIBUTIONS



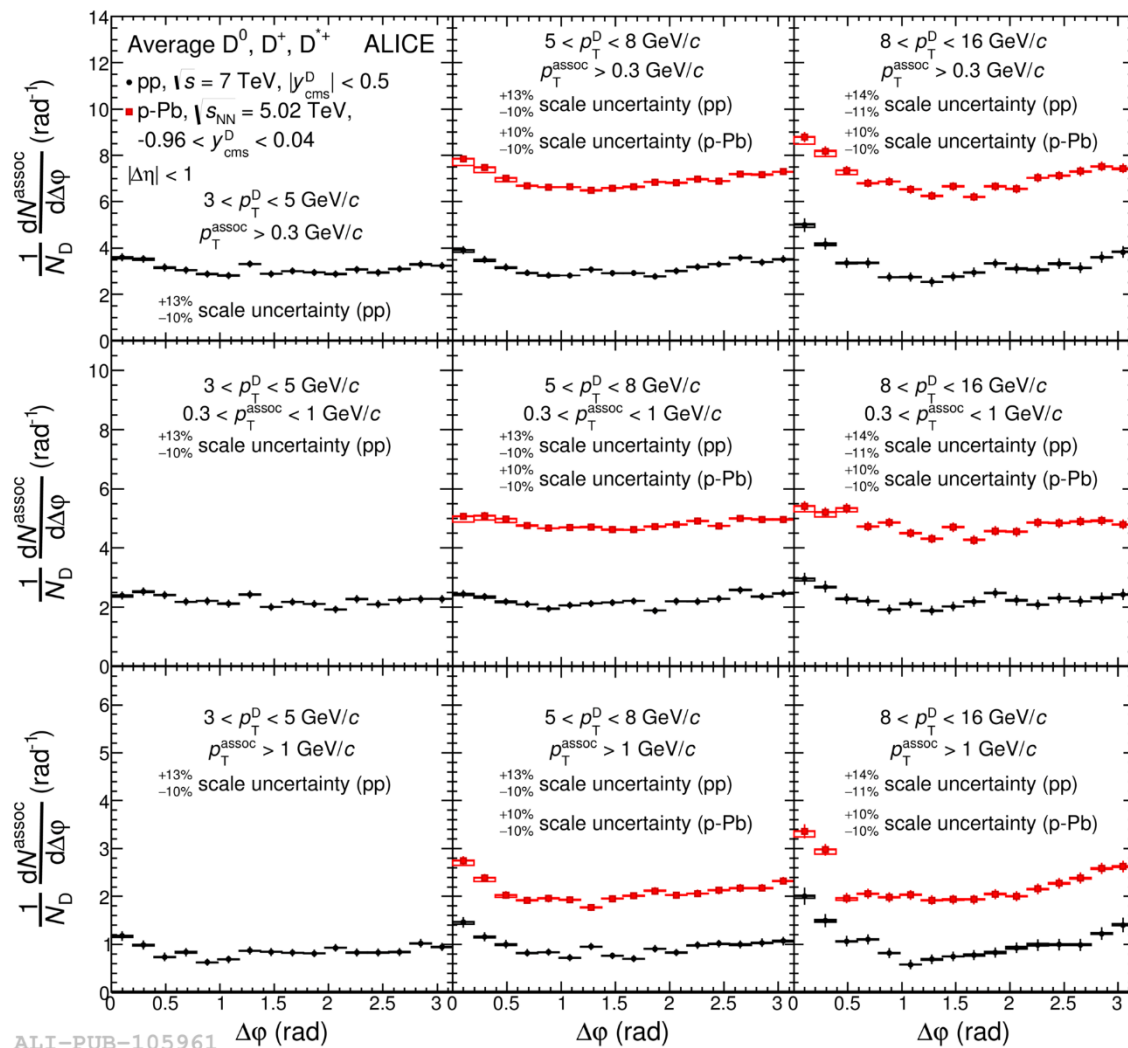
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Comparison of D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+} distributions



Example of fit to correlation distributions

D MESON-CHARGED PARTICLE CORRELATION DISTRIBUTIONS



**Correlation distribution
in pp and p-Pb
collisions before
baseline subtraction**

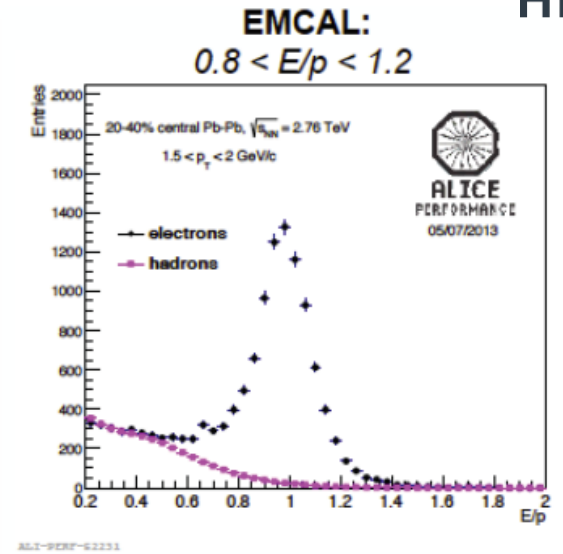
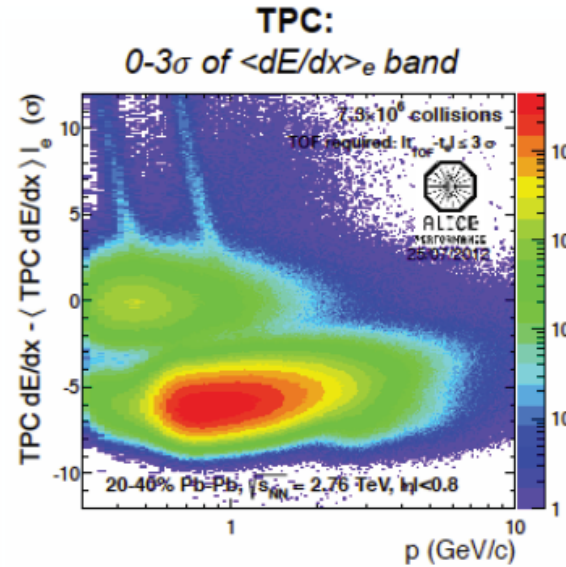
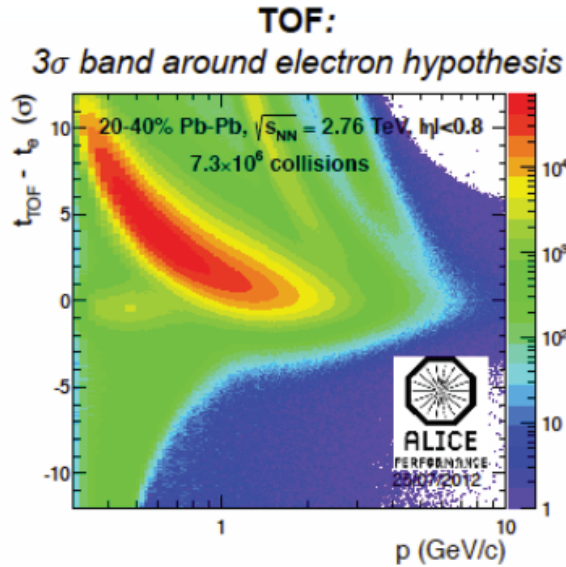
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ELECTRON PID IN ALICE



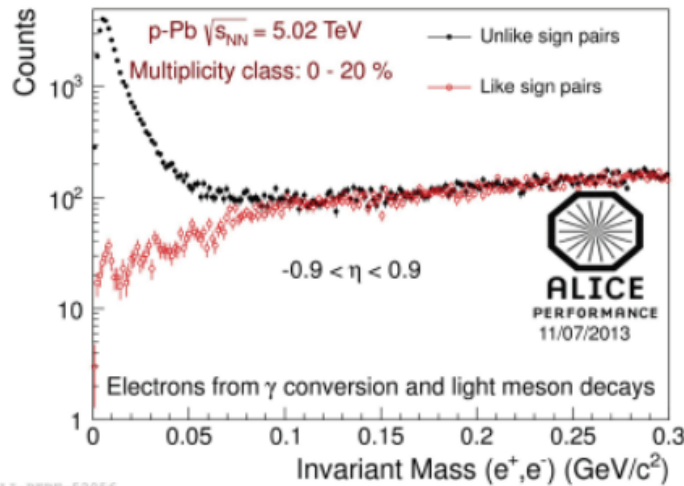
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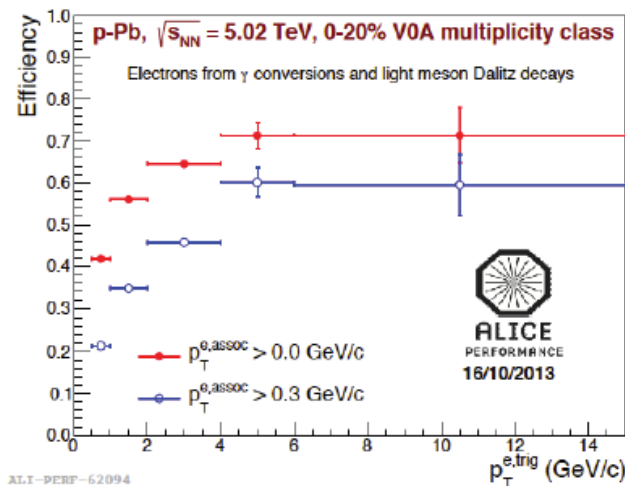
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D-MESON YIELDS – MULTIPLICITY RANGES



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$N_{\text{tracklets}}$	$(dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta)^j$	$(dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta)^j / \langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$	$N_{\text{events}}^{\text{D}^0} / 10^6$	$N_{\text{events}}^{\text{J}/\psi} / 10^6$
[1, 8]	2.7	$0.45^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	155.1	–
[4, 8]	3.8	$0.63^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	–	89.0
[9, 13]	7.1	$1.18^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	46.2	50.5
[14, 19]	10.7	$1.78^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	32.0	35.5
[20, 30]	15.8	$2.63^{+0.15}_{-0.17}$	24.7	28.0
[31, 49]	24.1	$4.01^{+0.23}_{-0.25}$	7.9	9.5
[50, 80]	36.7	$6.11^{+0.35}_{-0.39}$	1.7	–

High-multiplicity trigger for this range
(threshold on number of SPD tracklets)

$$\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle = 6.01 \pm 0.01(\text{stat.})_{-0.12}^{+0.20}(\text{syst.}) \text{ in } |\eta| < 1$$

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D-MESON YIELDS – SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES



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- **Raw yield extraction**
 - Different approaches for fitting and extracting the yields
 - Background fit function
 - 3-15% depending on p_T , multiplicity, species
- **Primary vertex determination**
 - With/without D-meson decay tracks
 - Negligible effect
- **Selection and PID efficiency**
 - Same selection used in all multiplicity intervals
 - Negligible residual effect due to multiplicity dependence of efficiency
- **Fraction of prompt D mesons in the raw yield**
 - Assumed to be the same in all multiplicity bins (cancels out in the ratio)
 - Uncertainty by varying the D \leftarrow B contribution by a factor 1/2 (2) at low(high) multiplicity

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