

# **Open Heavy Flavour Production in pp and p-Pb Collisions with ALICE**

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# OUTLINE

- ❖ **Why heavy flavours in heavy-ion collisions**
- ❖ **ALICE detector & heavy-flavour observables**
- ❖ **Main and recent heavy-flavour measurements in pp, p-Pb collisions**
- ❖ **Summary and outlook**

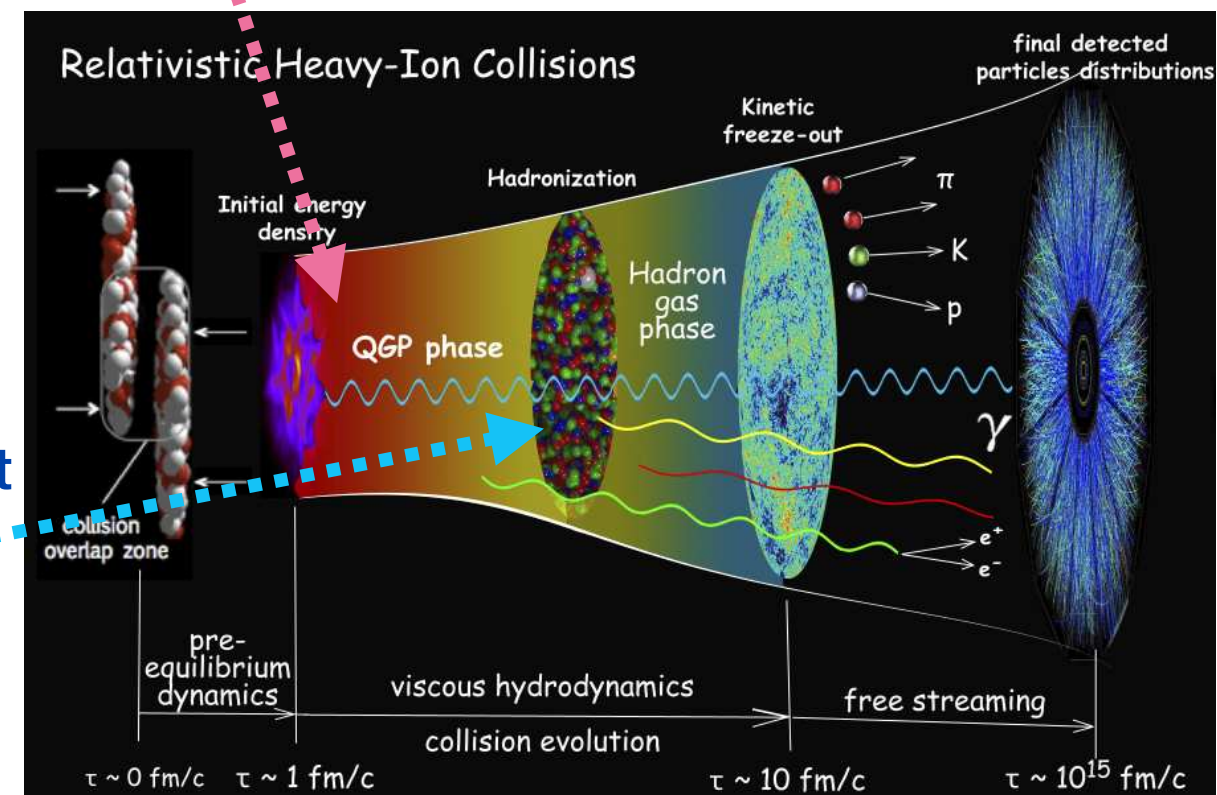
# What's special about heavy quarks

- Heavy-ion (HI) collisions at LHC energies
  - ❖ QGP phase expected (lifetime  $\sim O(10 \text{ fm}/c)$ )
- QGP tomography with heavy quarks: efficient probes for understanding the transport properties of the medium
  - ❖ Early production in hard-scattering processes with high  $Q^2$ , transported through the full system evolution
  - ❖ Production cross sections calculable with perturbative QCD
  - ❖ Traversing the medium while interacting with its constituents
  - ❖ Hard fragmentation  $\rightarrow$  measured hadron properties closer to parton ones

at all  $p_T$  for charm and beauty  
(large masses  $\gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )

⇒ **“Calibrated probes”  
of the medium**

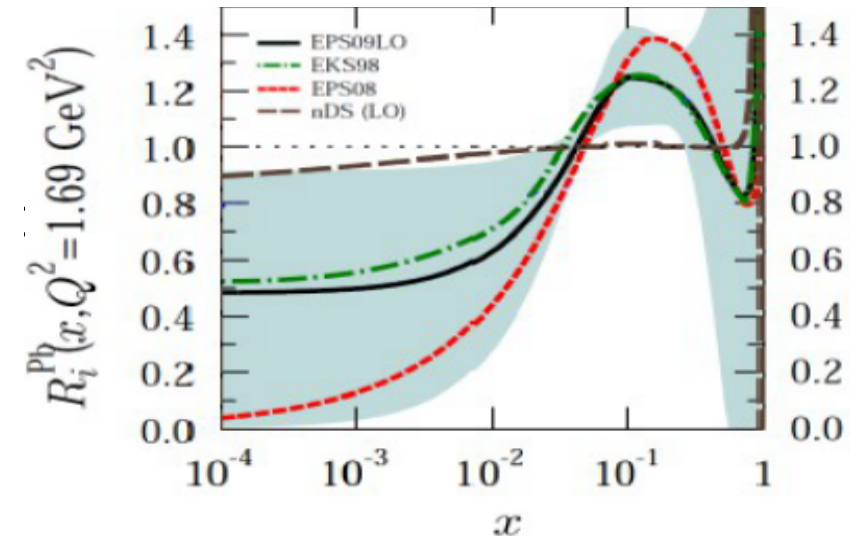
**NOTE:** Heavy flavours not only give information about the QGP phase, but also about the hadronization phase (i.e. to study hadronization mechanisms like fragmentation vs recombination - $D_s, \dots$ )



# What we learn from small systems: pp and p-Pb collisions

## ● pp collisions

- ❖ Testing ground for perturbative QCD calculations
- ❖ Relevant production mechanisms on the parton level
  - LO: gluon fusion, quark-antiquark annihilation
  - NLO: gluon splitting, flavor excitation
- ❖ Multi Parton Interactions (MPI)
- ❖ Reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions



## ● p-Pb collisions

- ❖ Quantify cold nuclear matter effects: **measure effects, not due to QGP formation, that can modify the yield of hard probes in nuclear collisions**

K. J. Eskola et al: JHEP04(2009)065

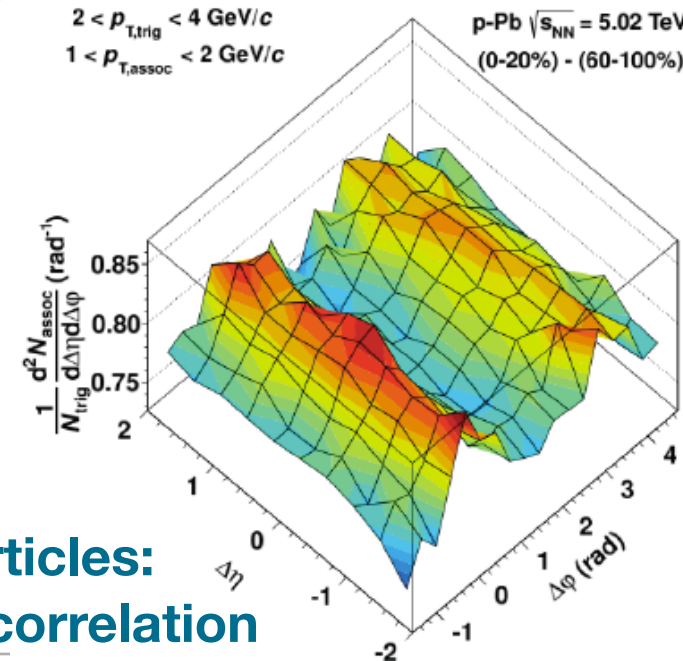
$$\frac{dN_{PbPb}^D}{dp_T} = \text{PDF}(x_1)\text{PDF}(x_2) \otimes \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^c}{dn} \otimes P(\Delta E) \otimes D_{c \rightarrow D}(z)$$

- nuclear modification of Parton Distribution Functions (shadowing, gluon saturation)
- $k_T$  broadening via multiple of the parton before the hard scattering
- energy loss in cold nuclear matter

- ❖ Final-state effects? (e.g. from system collectivity/hydro)

- ❖ Reference for Pb-Pb collisions

**charged particles:  
long range correlation**

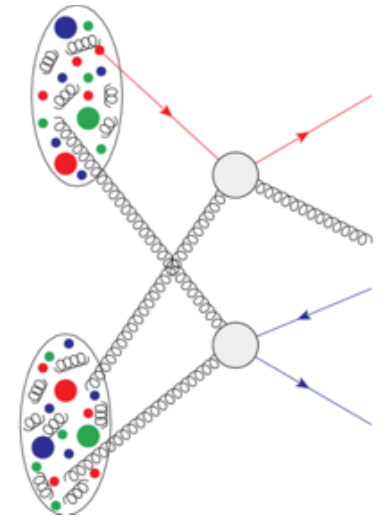




# Physics observables with different sensitivity

## HF production vs. multiplicity in pp and p-Pb collisions

- ❖ Interplay between **hard and soft** processes in particle production
- ❖ Study the role of **multi-parton interactions (MPI)** in the **heavy-flavour** sector
- ❖ Investigate a **possible centrality dependence** of the modification of the the  $p_T$  spectra in p-Pb w.r.t. pp collisions



## Nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle \times dN_{pp} / dp_T} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \times d\sigma_{pp} / dp_T}$$

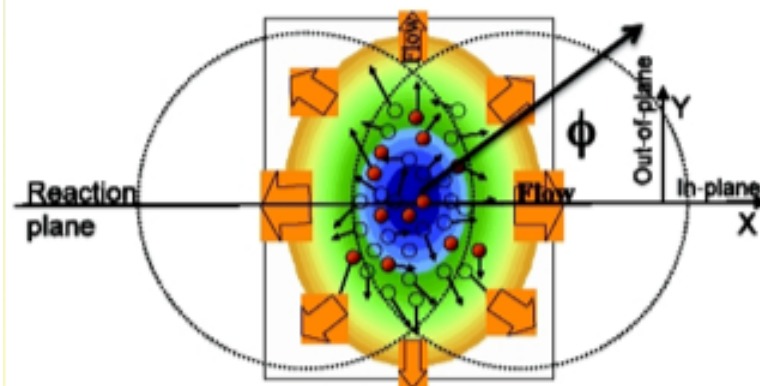
Binary scaling based on the Glauber Model

$R_{AA} = 1$ : binary scaling

$R_{AA} \neq 1$ : medium effect

## Anisotropic flow: $v_2$

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} = \frac{N_0}{2\pi} (1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) + \boxed{2v_2 \cos[2(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})]} + \dots)$$

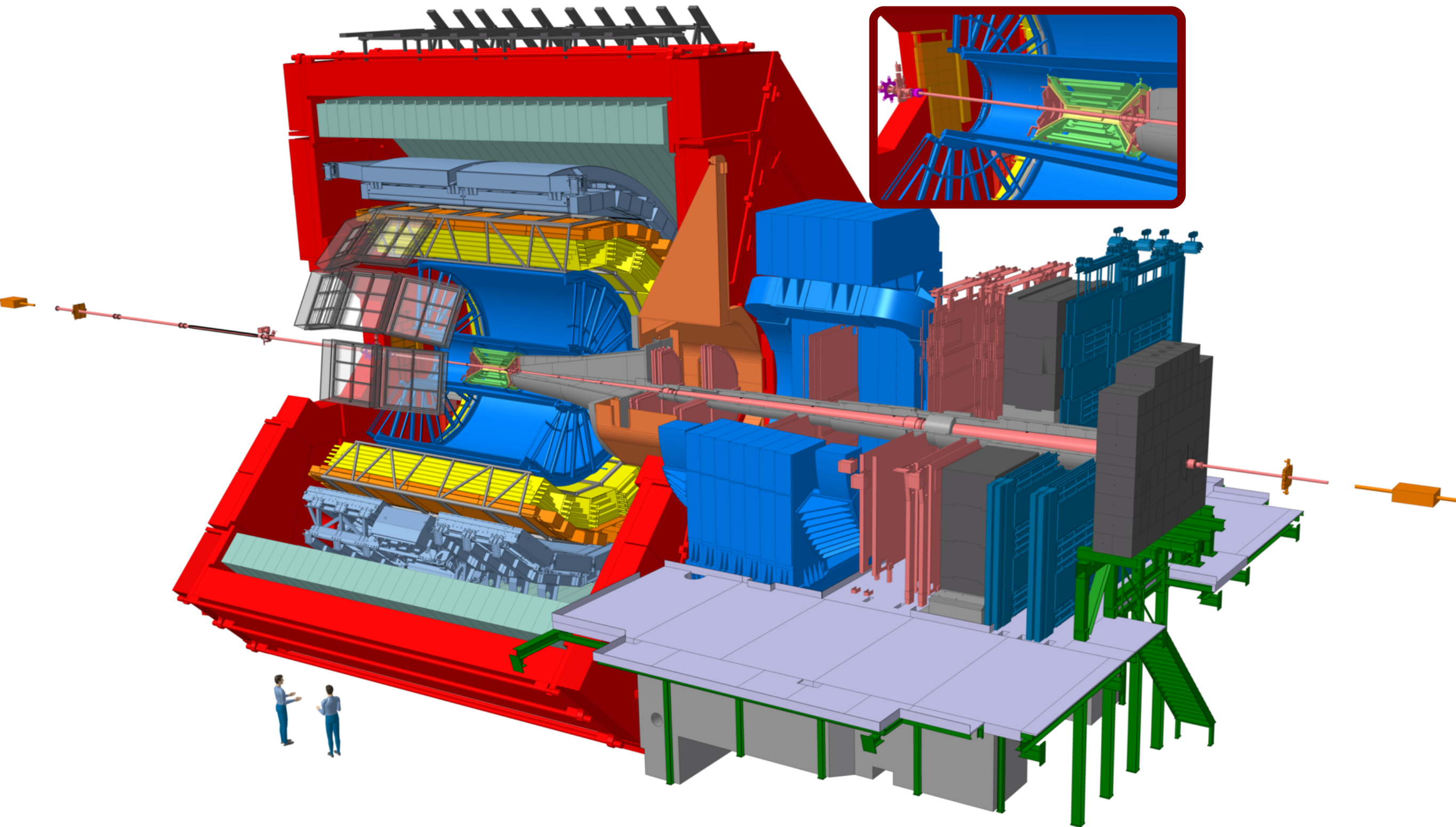


Initial spatial anisotropy  $\xrightarrow{\text{via re-scatterings}}$  momentum anisotropy of particle emission

The anisotropy is quantified via a Fourier expansion in the reaction plane ( $\Psi_{RP}$ )

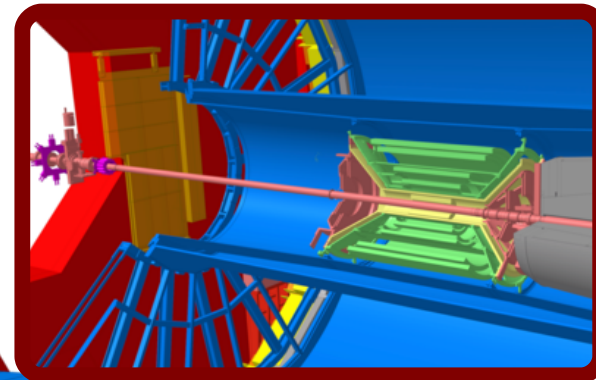
$\Rightarrow$  must measure observables with different sensitivity to the various ingredients

# Heavy-flavour reconstruction in ALICE



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Central Barrel ( $|\eta| < 0.9$ )  
2 $\pi$  tracking & PID  
ITS  
TPC  
TOF



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

Forward detectors  
Trigger, centrality, timing

Charm hadrons in  $|y| < 0.5$

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ ,  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ ,  $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-) \pi^+$   
 $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$ ,  $p K_s^0$ ,  $e^+ \Lambda \nu_e$ ,  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \nu_e$

Leptons from heavy-flavor hadron decay

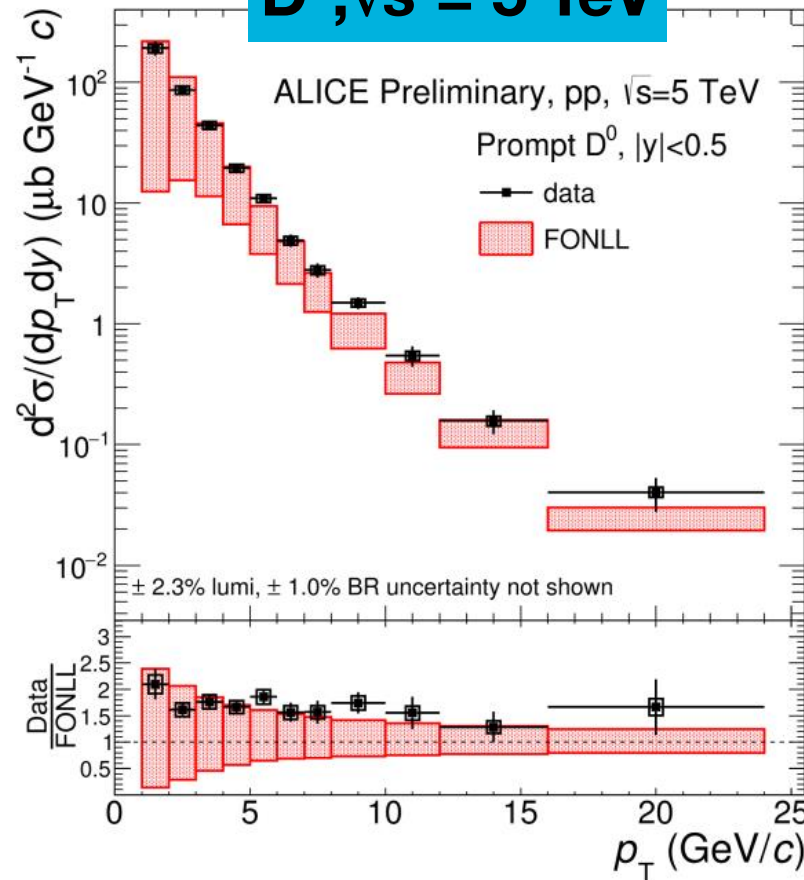
Electrons in  $|y| < 0.9$

Muons in  $2.5 < y < 4$

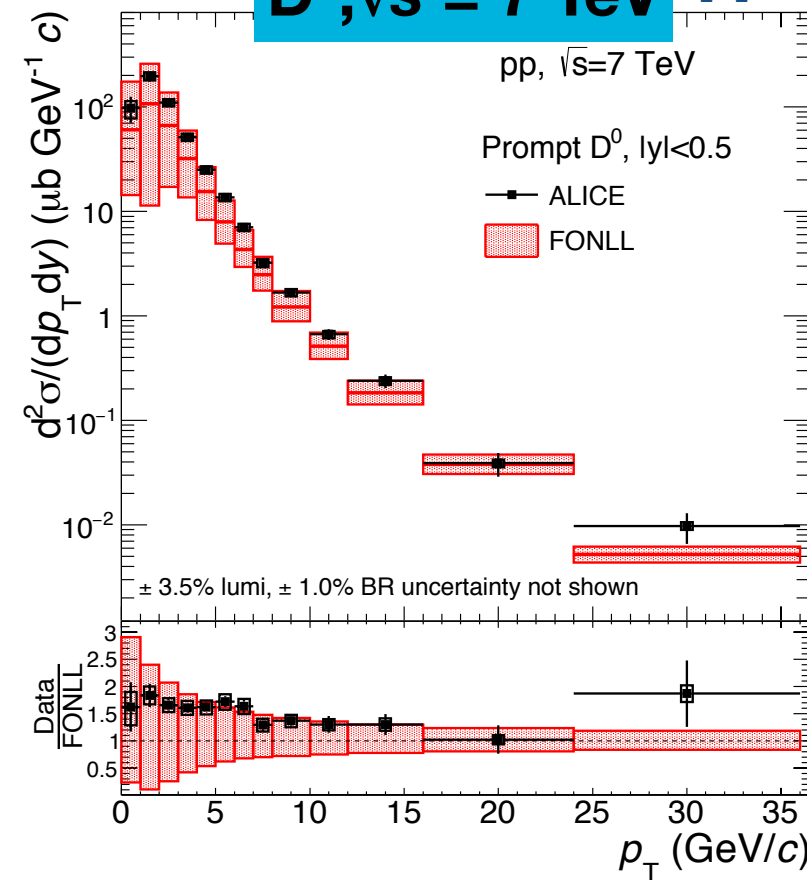


# D mesons in pp collisions

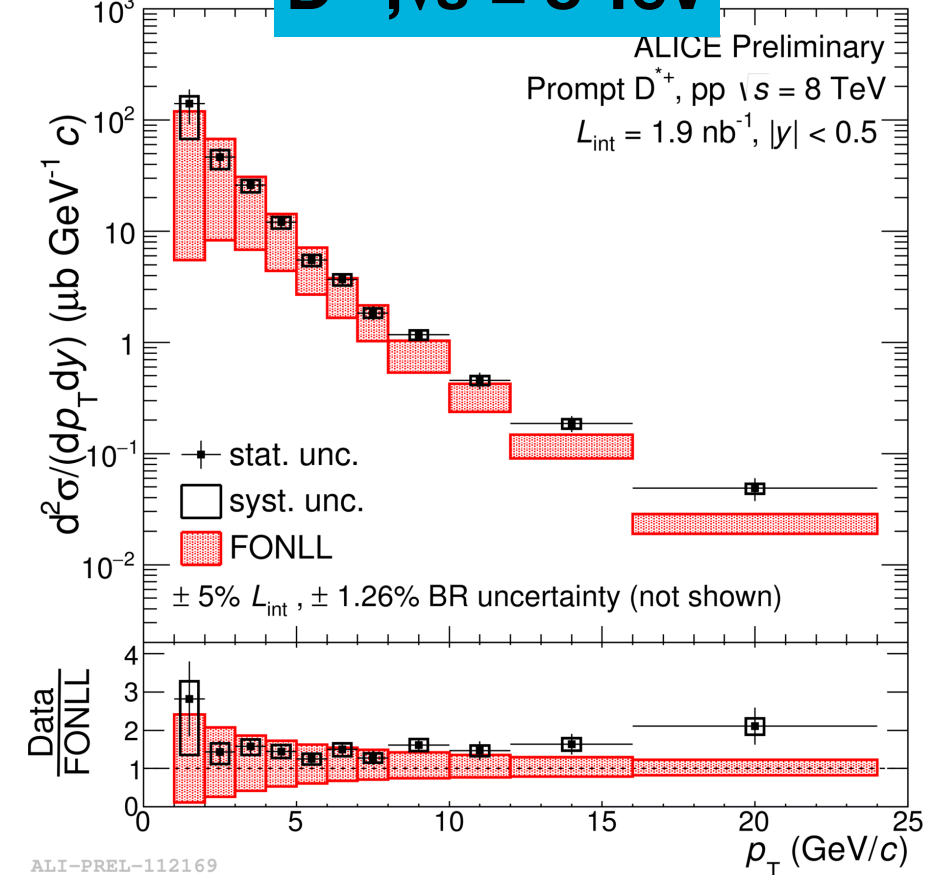
**$D^0, \sqrt{s} = 5 \text{ TeV}$**



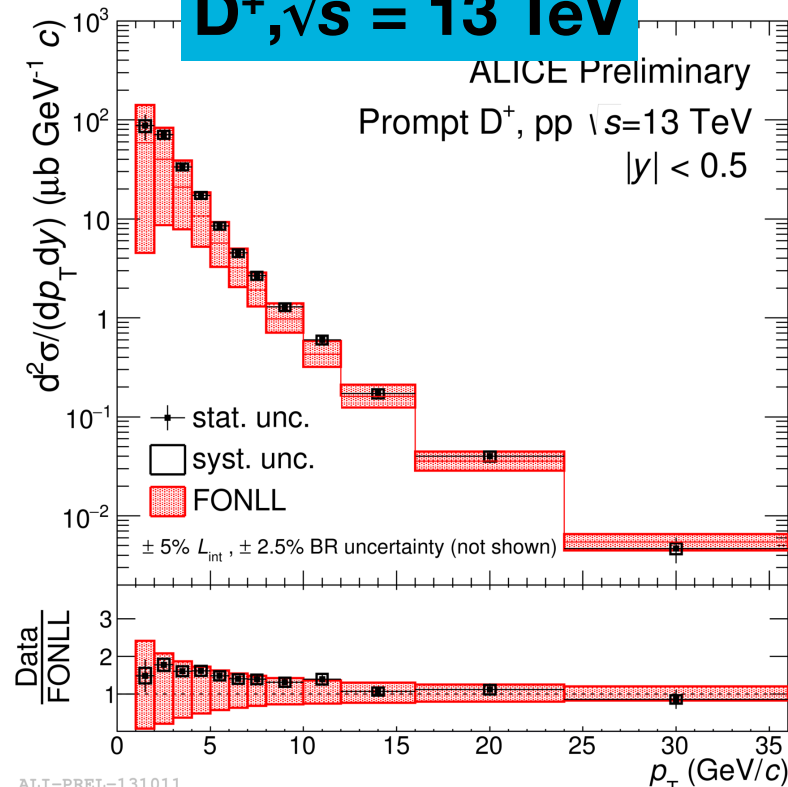
**$D^0, \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  [1]**



**$D^{*+}, \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$**



**$D^+, \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$**

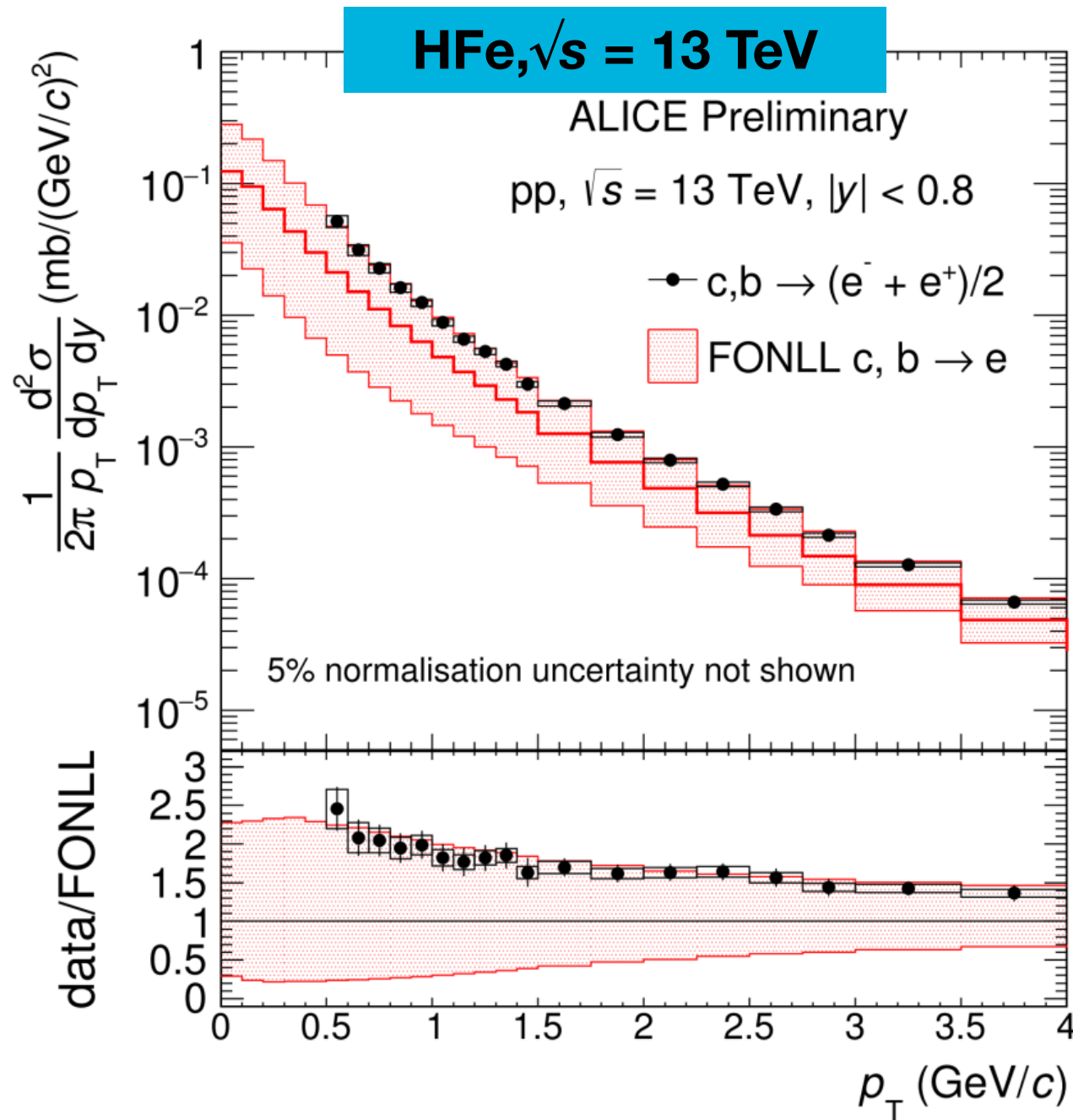


**D meson production cross section measured at several collision energies ( $D^0, D^+, D^{*+}, D_s^+$ )**

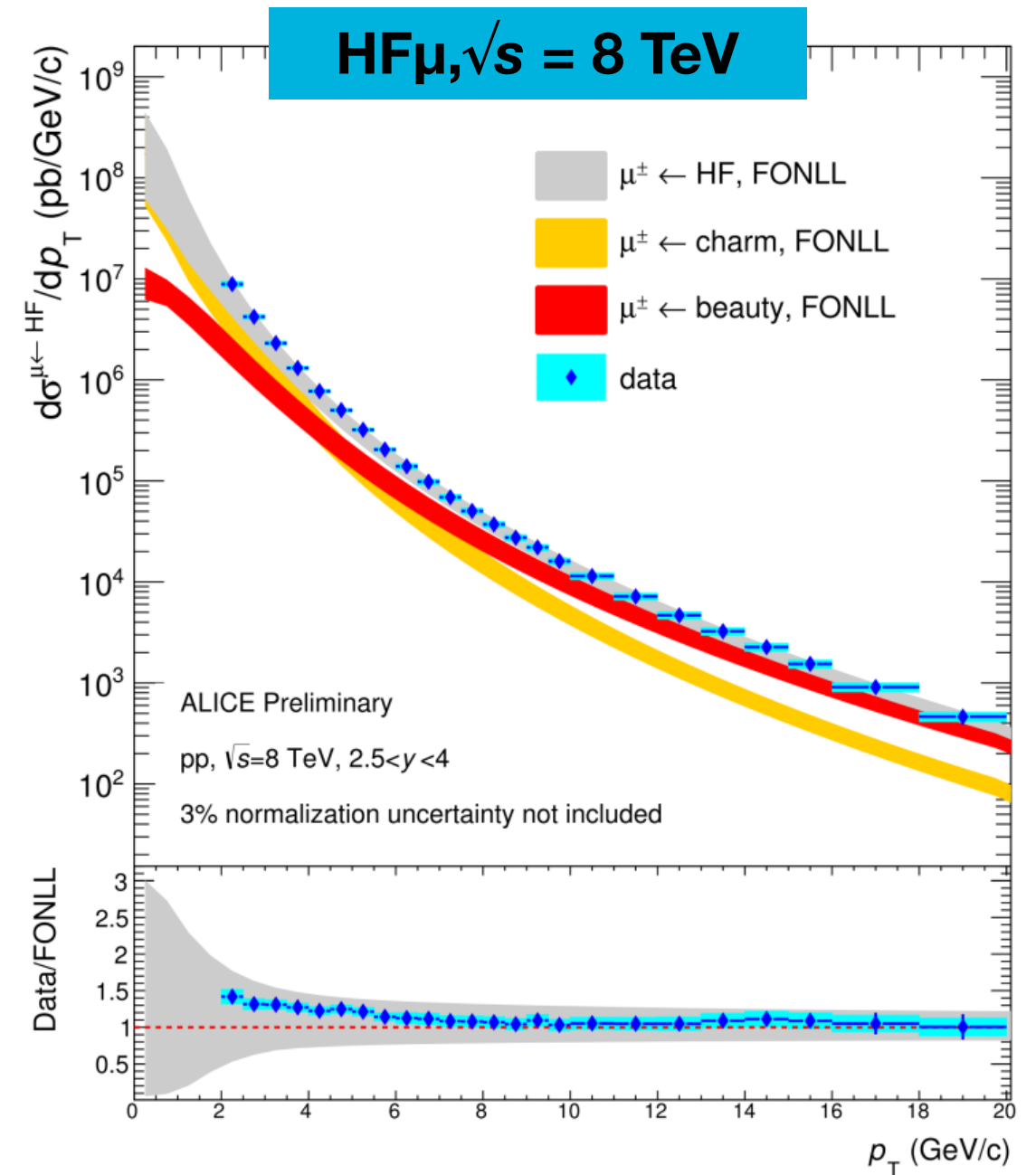
- $D^0$  -mesons measured down to  $p_T = 0$  using non-topological analysis; allows full mid-rapidity cross section to be measured without extrapolation
- pQCD-based theoretical calculations reproduce the data
- **Data much more precise** than theoretical calculations

[1] Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) 550

# Heavy-flavour leptons in pp collisions



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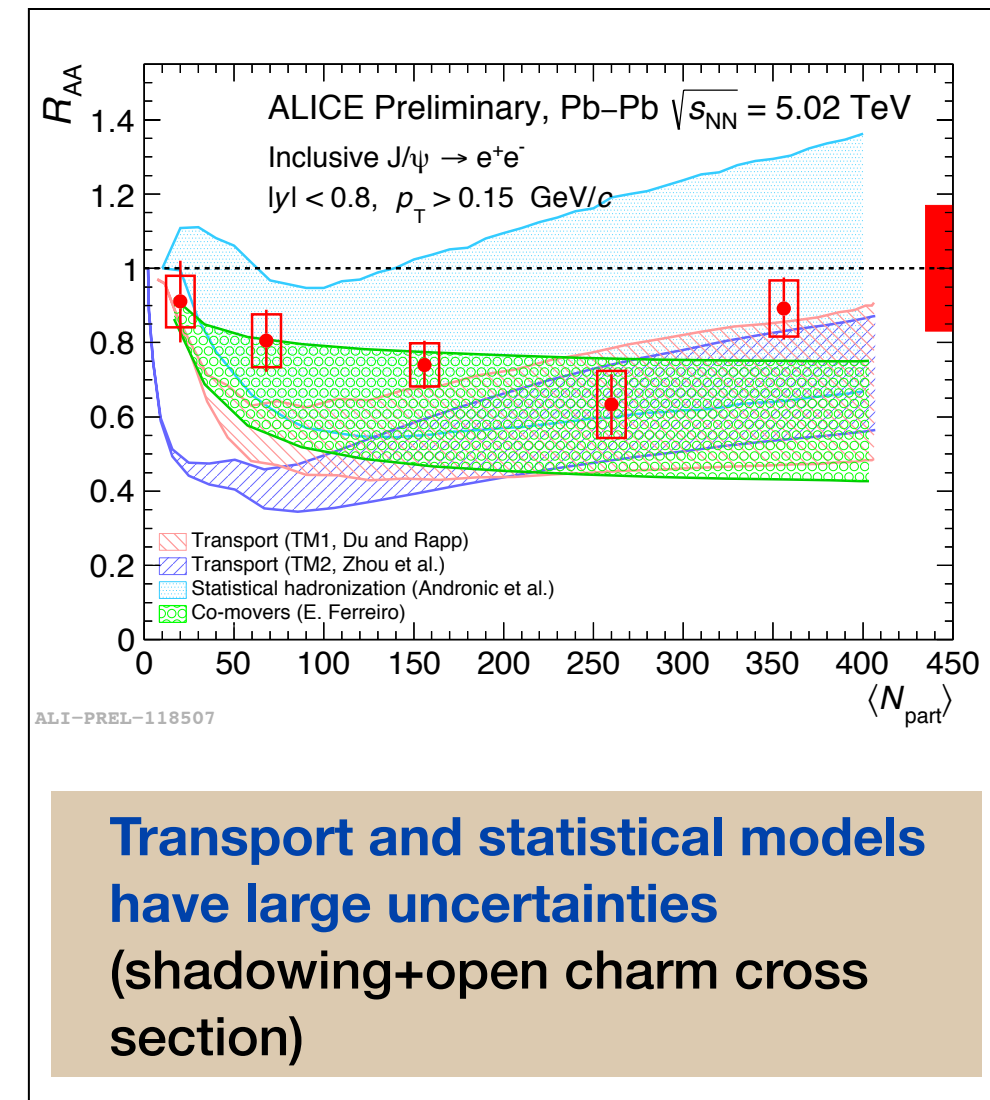
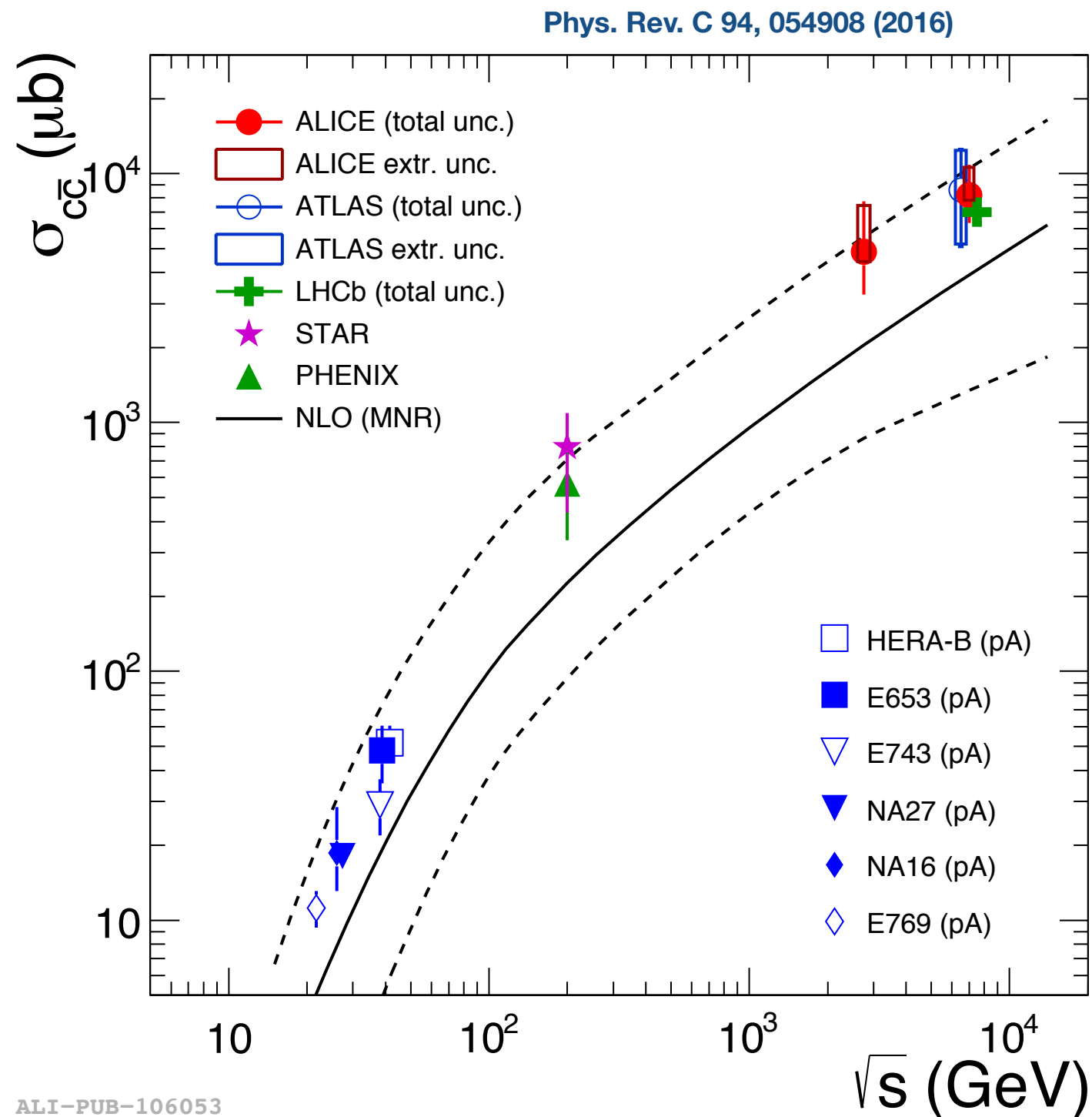


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- Beauty is the main component from  $p_T > \sim 5$  GeV/c
- Precise data to **constrain charm and beauty production** over a wide rapidity interval
- **Similar agreement** with FONLL is found in the **two rapidity** intervals



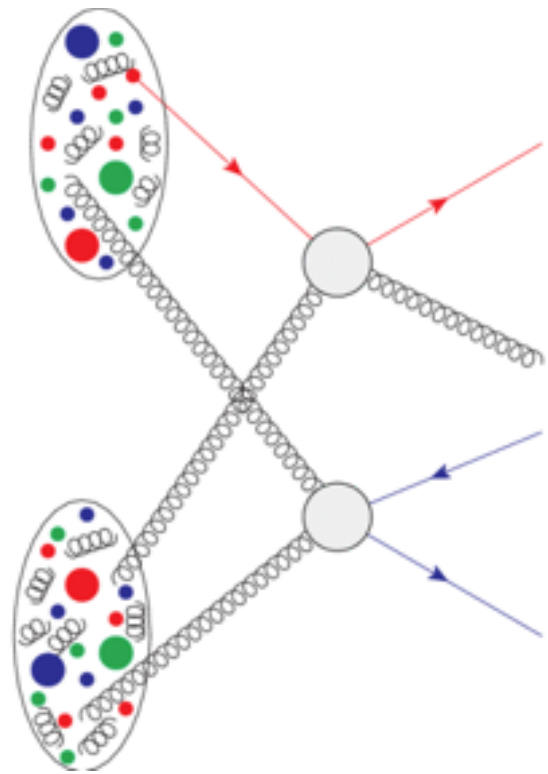
# Total charm cross section



Factor ~2 reduction on systematic uncertainty

**Important to constraint model!**

# Multiplicity dependence of heavy-flavour production



Particle production in pp collisions at the LHC shows a better agreement with models including **Multi-Parton Interactions (MPIs)**

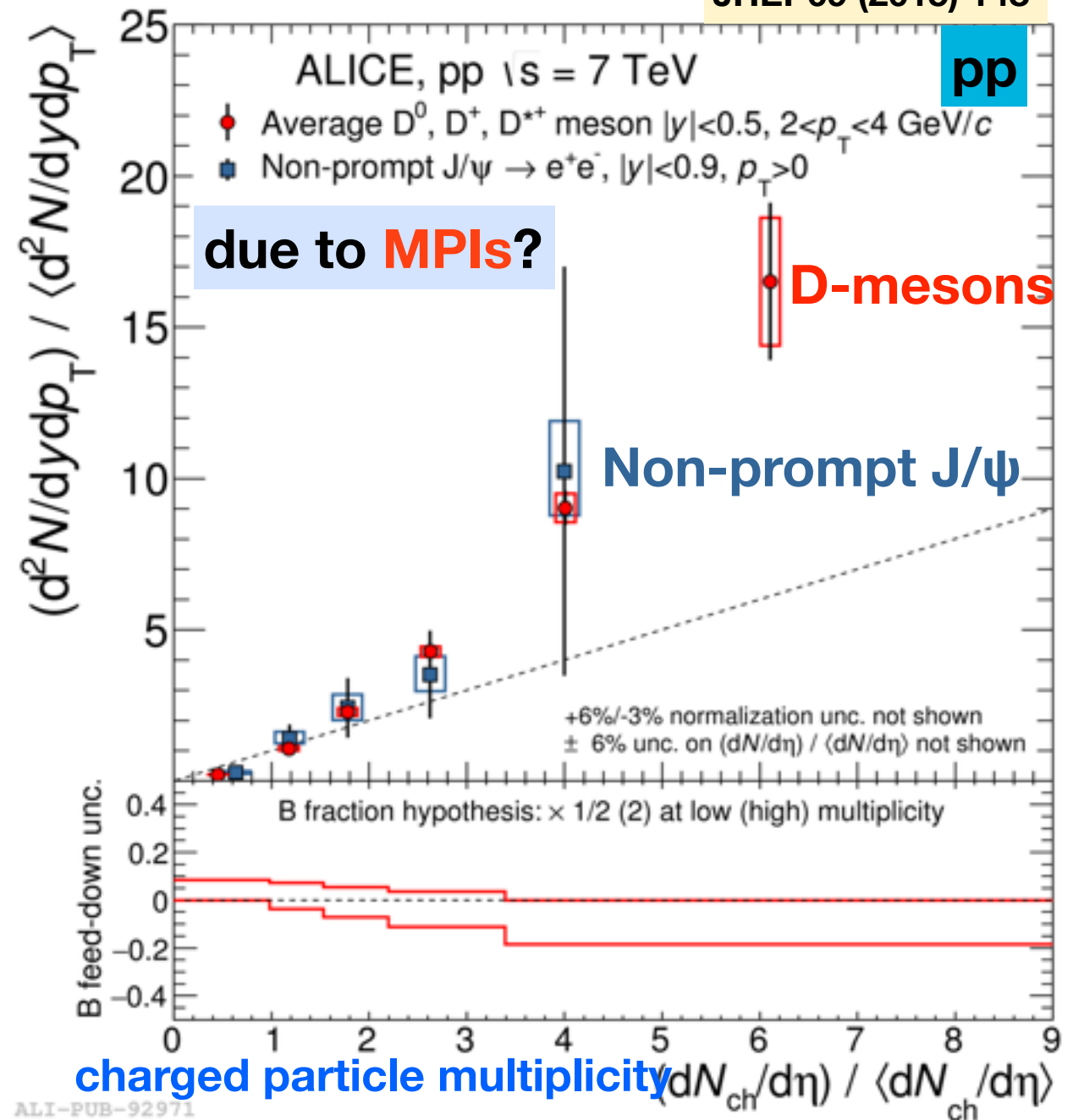
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## For heavy flavours:

- ▶ LHCb: double charm production agrees better with models including double parton scattering

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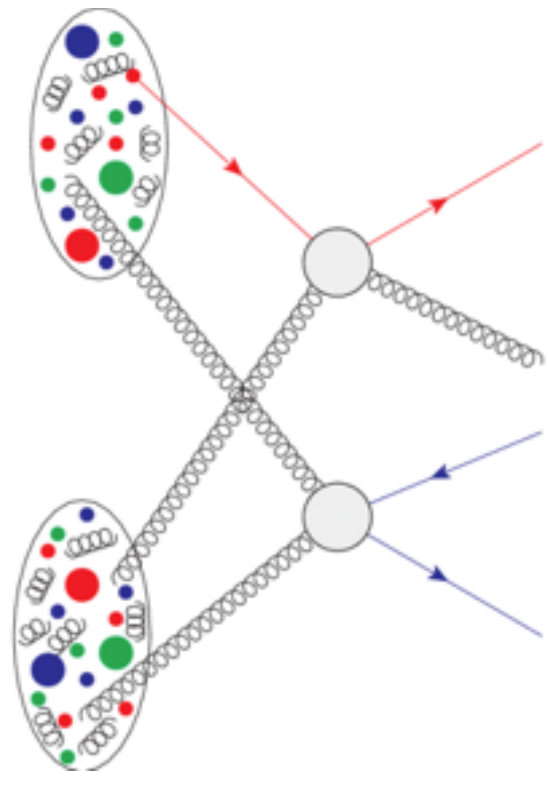
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**MPIs** involving only light quarks and gluons, or for heavy-flavour production?

- D-meson, non-prompt J/ψ yields increase with charged-particle multiplicity  
→ presence of MPIs and contribution on the harder scale?

# Multiplicity dependence of heavy-flavour production



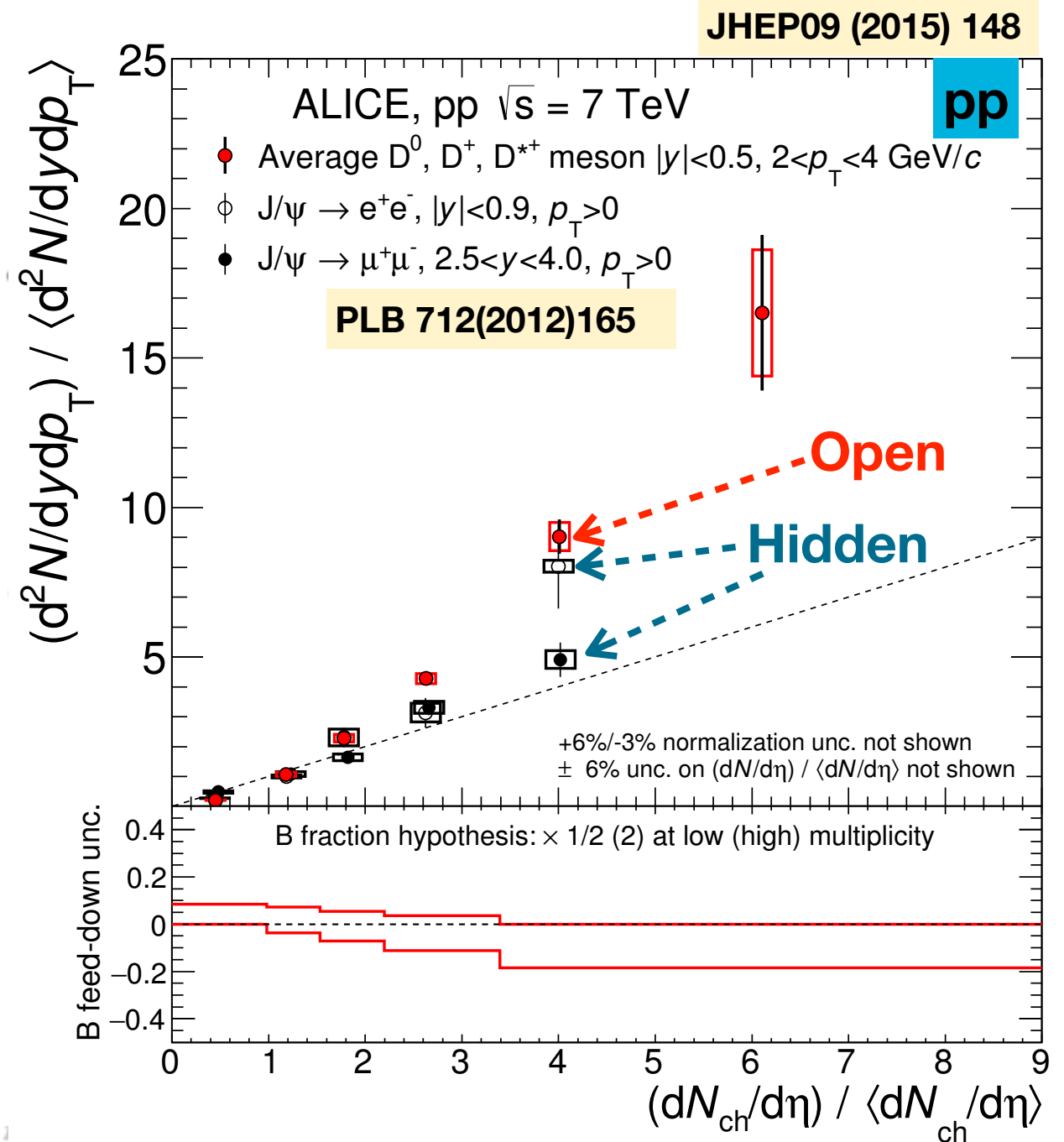
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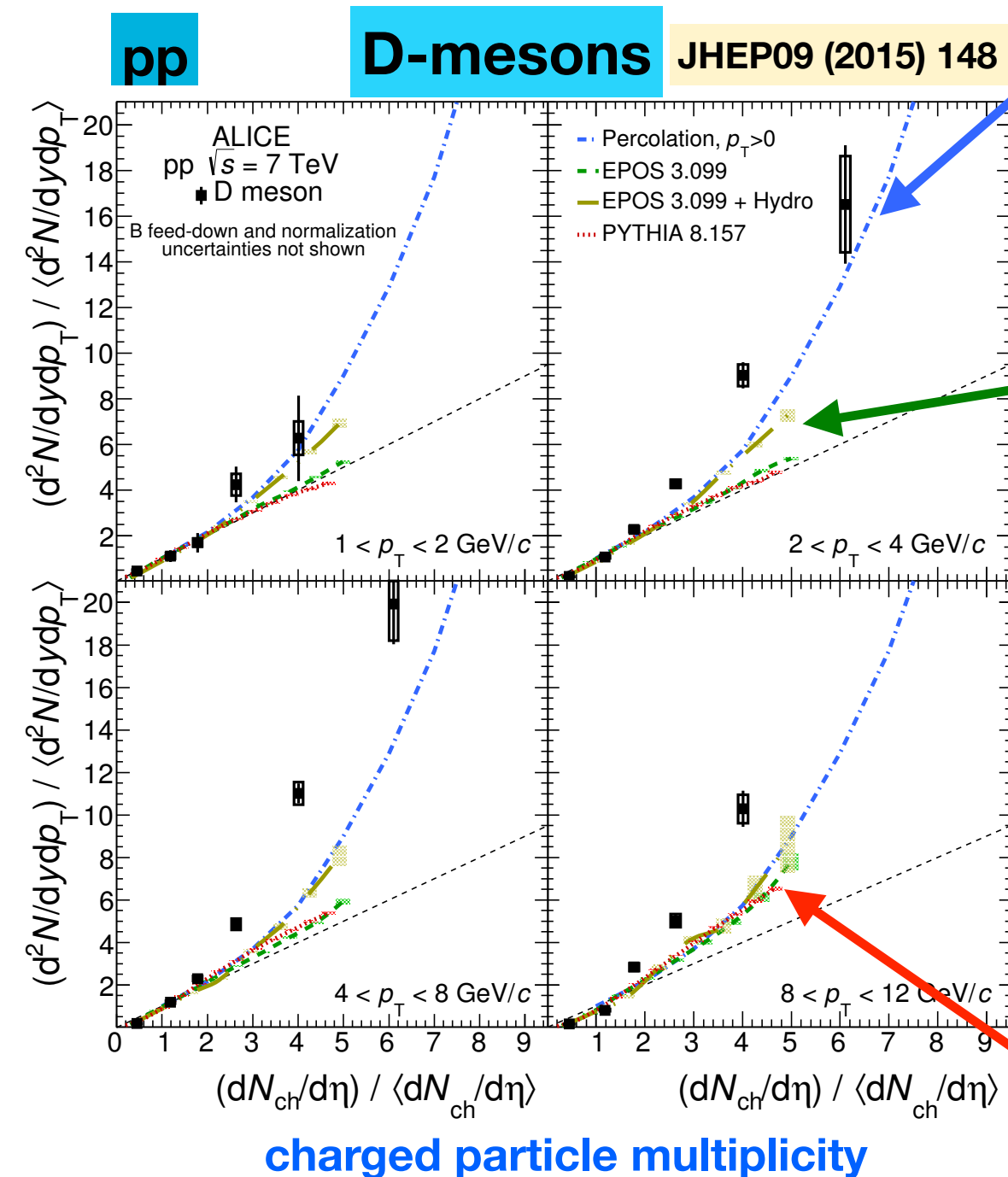


**MPIs** involving only light quarks and gluons, or for heavy-flavour production?

Same behavior for open and hidden charm production

→ this behaviour is most likely related to the  $c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$  production processes, but not significantly influenced by hadronisation!

# D-meson yields vs. multiplicity: comparison with models (pp)



- Percolation (Ferreiro, Pajares, PRC 86 (2012) 034903)**

Particle production via exchange of colour sources between projectile and target (close to MPI scenario) → Faster than linear increase

- EPOS 3.099 (Werner et al., PRC 89 (2014) 064903)**

- ▶ Gribov-Regge multiple-scattering formalism

- ▶ Saturation scale to model non-linear effects

- ▶ Number of MPI directly related to multiplicity  
→ slightly faster than linear

- ▶ With **hydrodynamical evolution** applied to the core of the collision → faster than linear increase

- PYTHIA 8 (Sjostrand et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 178 (2008) 852)**

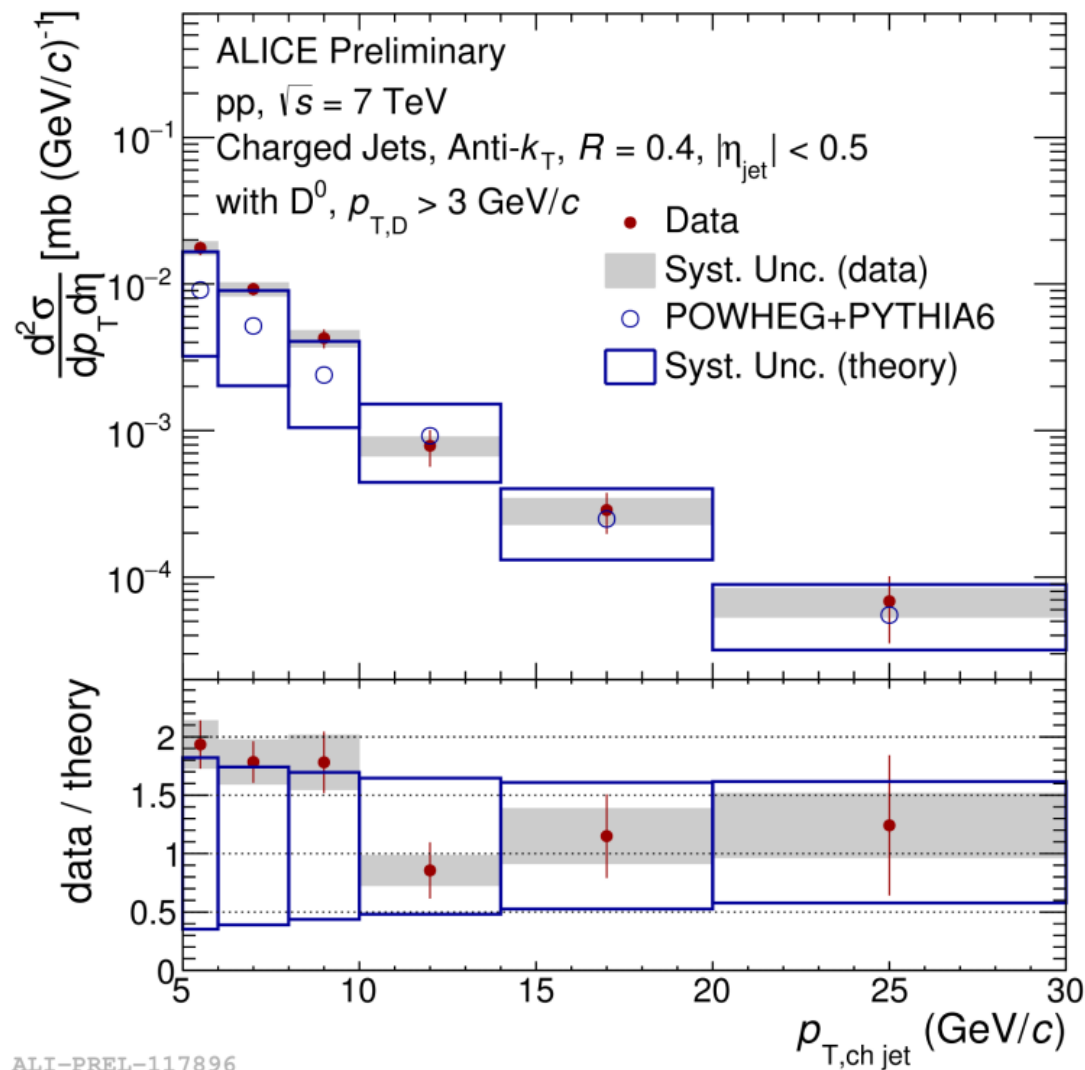
- ▶ Sok-QCD tune

- ▶ Colour reconnection

- ▶ MPI

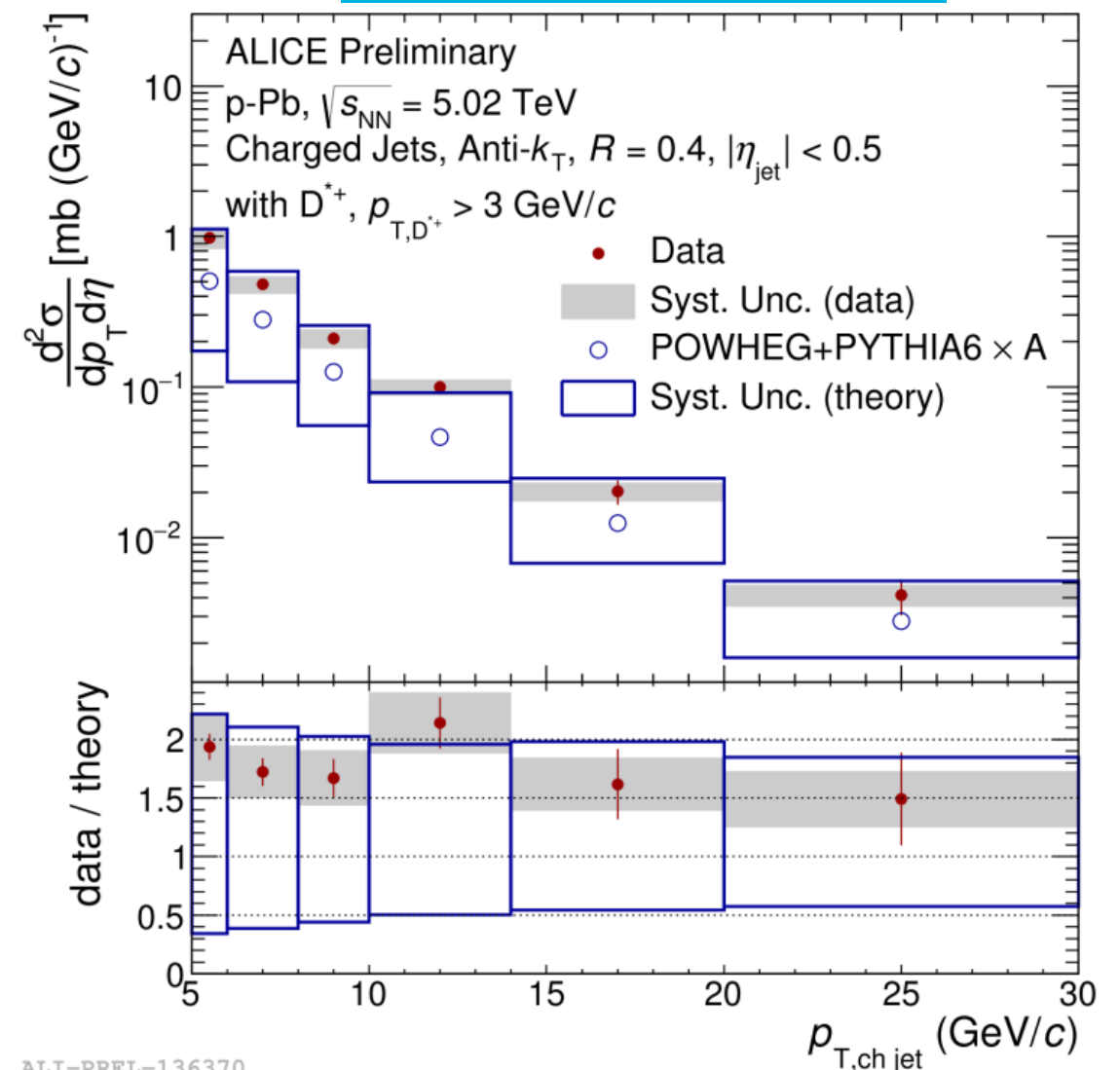
# Charm jet in pp and p-Pb collisions

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



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p-Pb,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV

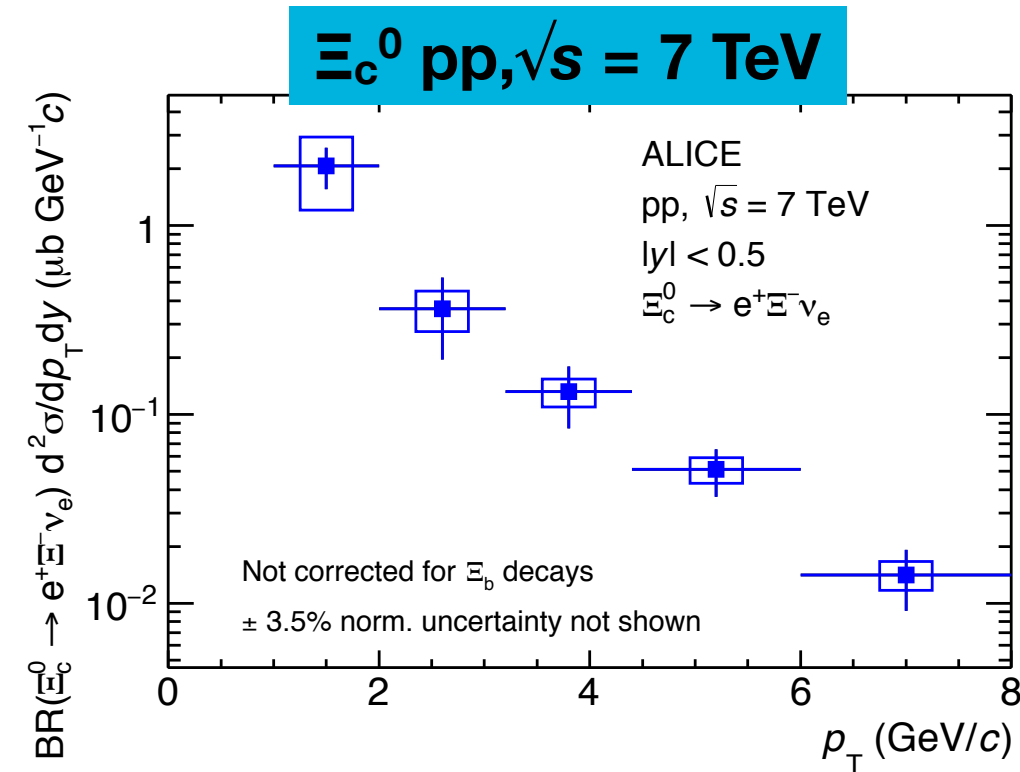
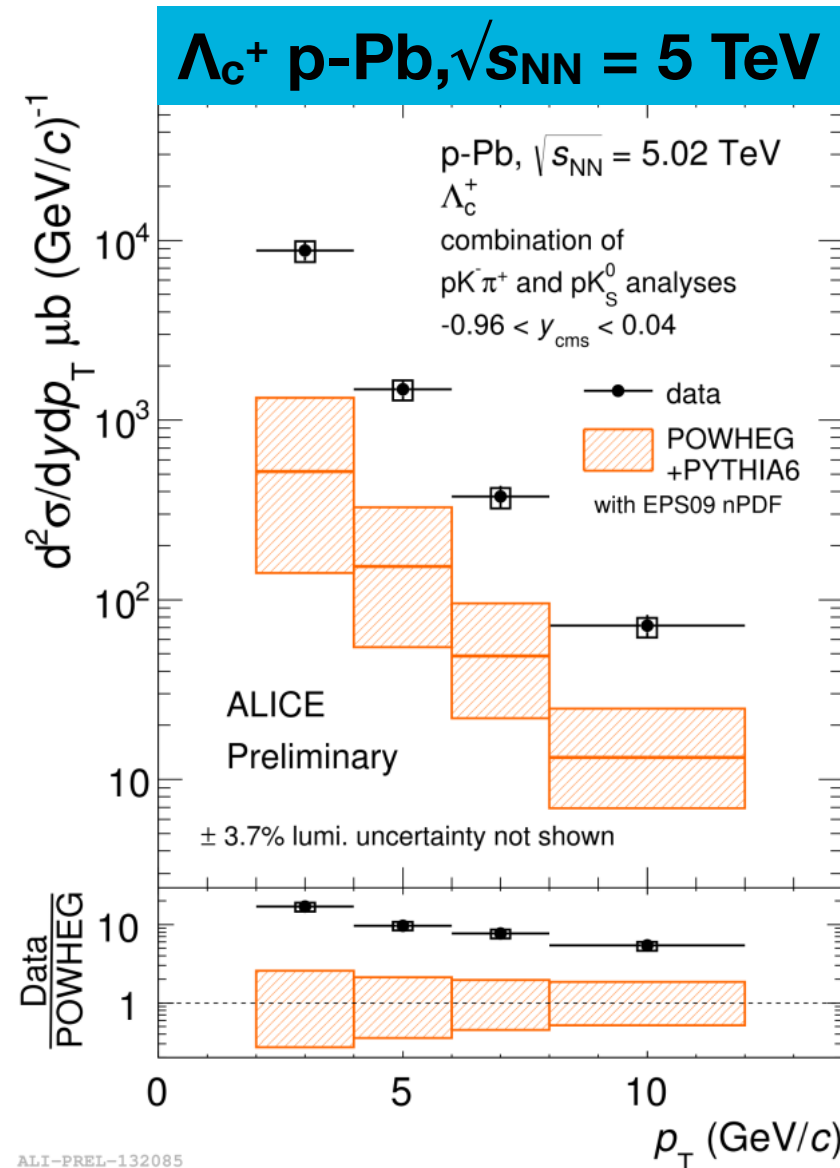
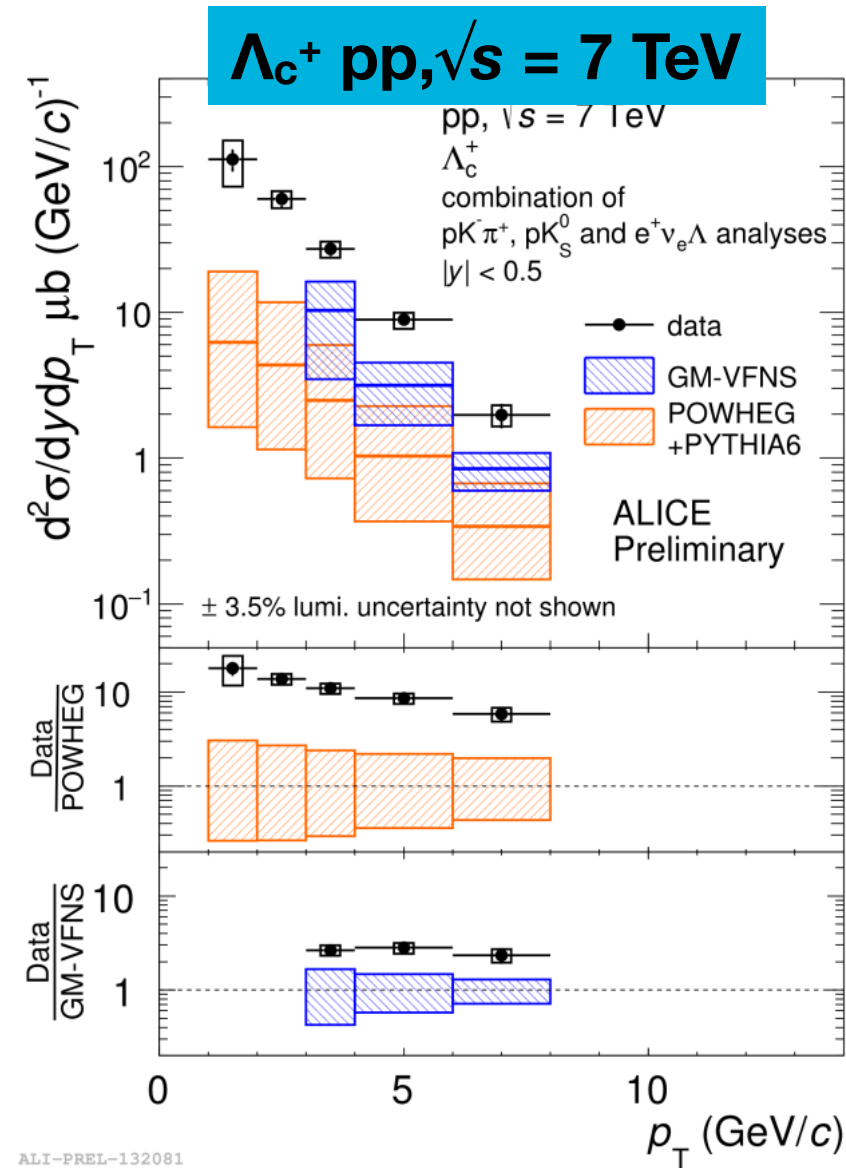


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- Charm jets tagged by the presence of a fully reconstructed D meson
- D-jet spectrum measured from  $p_T = 5$  GeV/c to 30 GeV/c
- Described by POWHEG+PYTHIA6 (Perugia 2011 tune) simulation within uncertainty
  - ▶ Data uncertainty smaller than theoretical ones



# $\Lambda_c^+$ & $\Xi_c^0$ in pp and p-Pb collisions

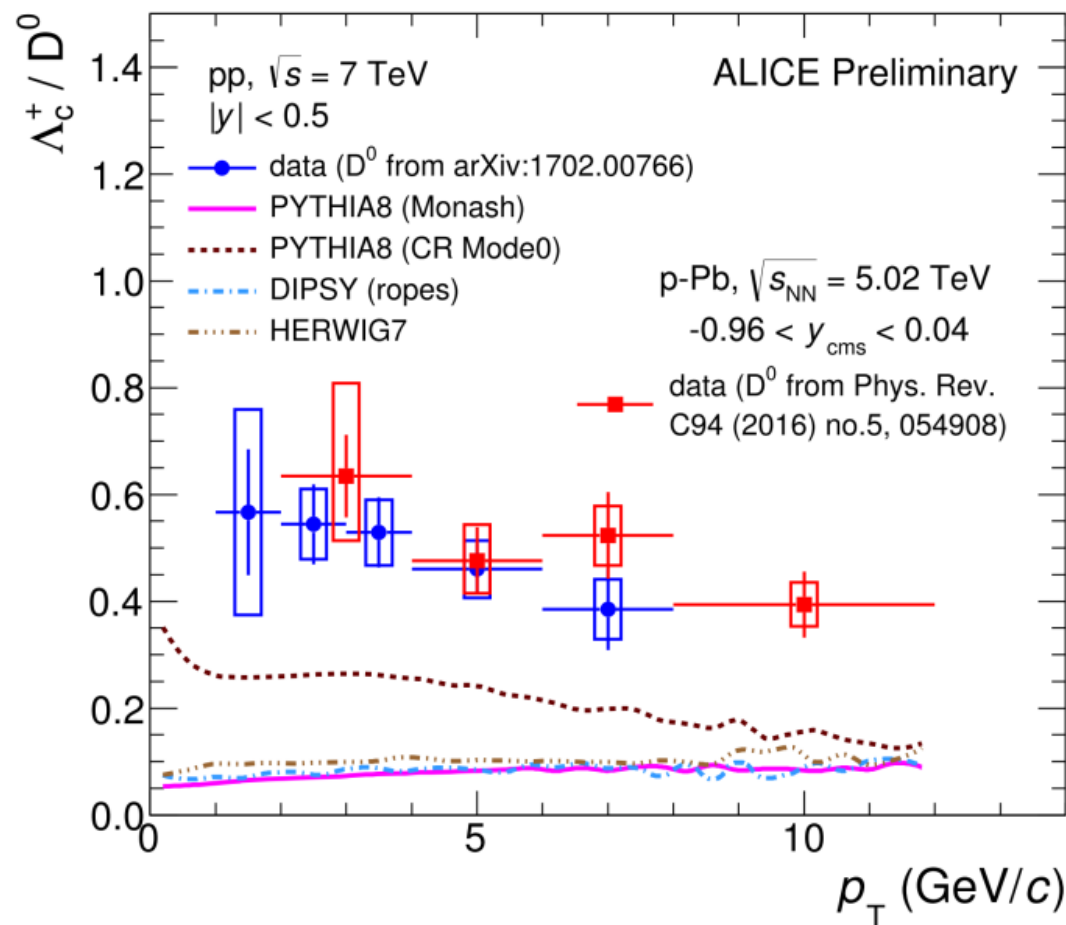


- Measured using 3 decay channels (hadronic + semileptonic) in pp
- Measured using 2 decay channels (hadronic) in p-Pb

- Study **charm hadronization mechanisms** using baryons
- $\Lambda_c^+$  cross section **underestimated** by theory in pp and p-Pb collisions
  - ▶ x 2-3 higher than GM-VFNS
  - ▶ Up to x 20 higher than POWHEG+PYTHIA6
- $\Xi_c^0$  baryon in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV, using semileptonic decay channel ( $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \nu_e$ )
  - ▶ **First measurement of  $\Xi_c^0$  baryon production at the LHC**

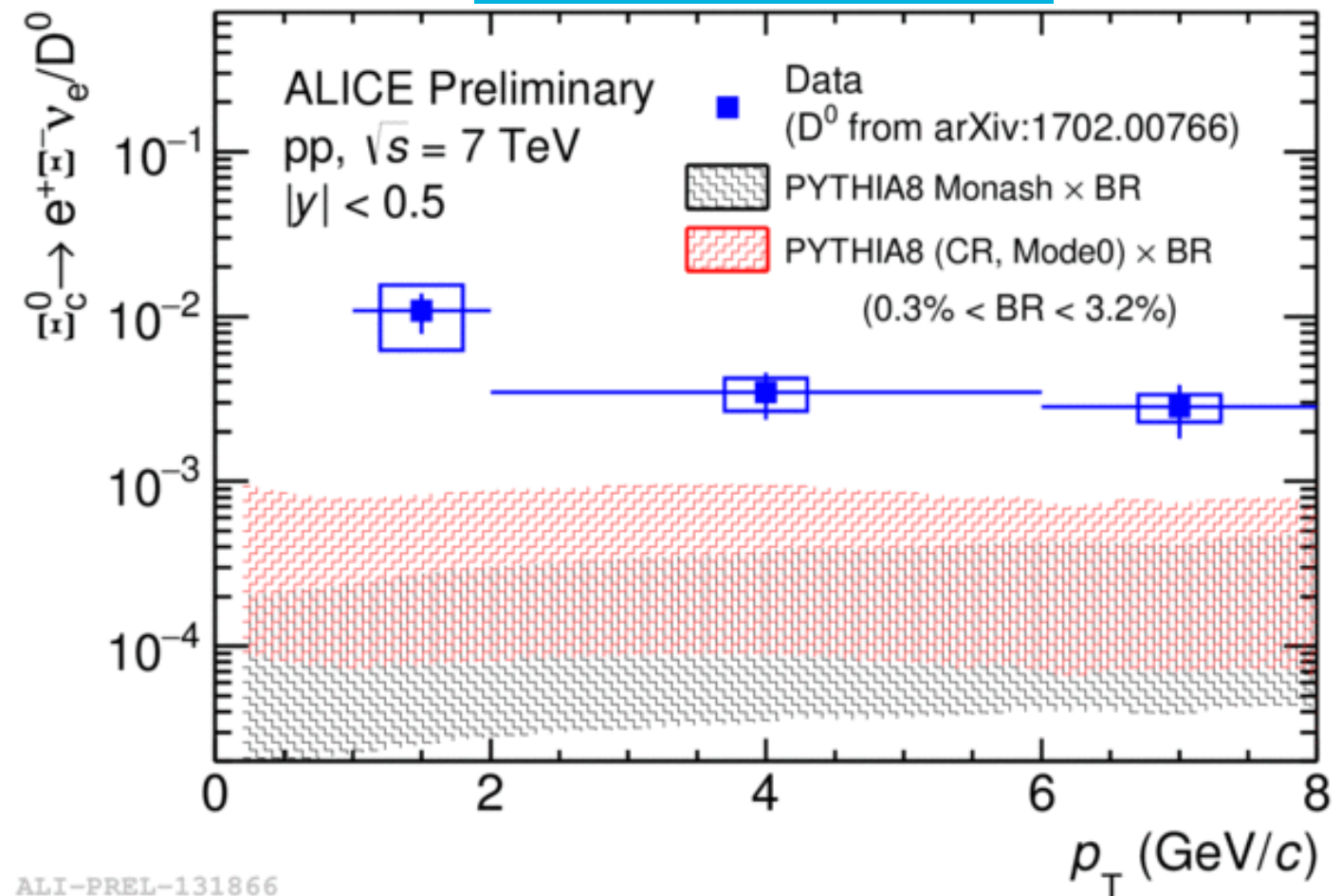
# Baryon-to-meson ratio

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



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



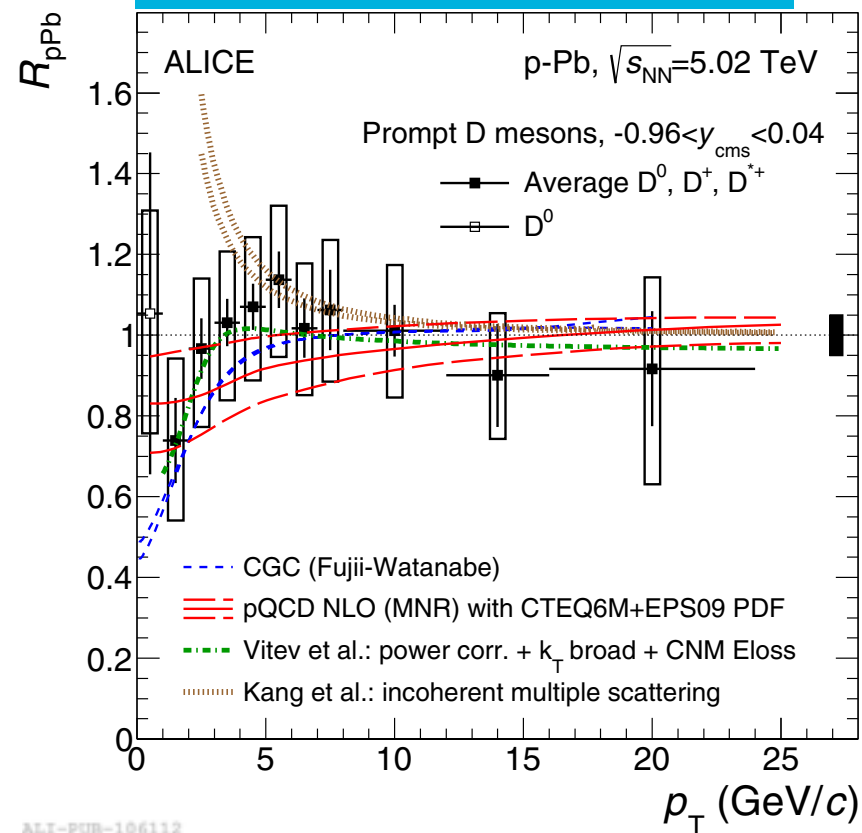
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- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in **pp and p-Pb collisions compatible** within uncertainties
- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio **higher than expectation** from MC
  - ▶ Enhanced color reconnection mode [1] in PYTHIA 8 closer to data
- $\Xi_c^0 / D^0$  in **pp collisions**
  - ▶ Bands represent the range of the currently available theoretical predictions of the branching ratio → Experimental values are awaited!

[1] J. Christiansen, P. Skands JHEP 08 (2015) 003

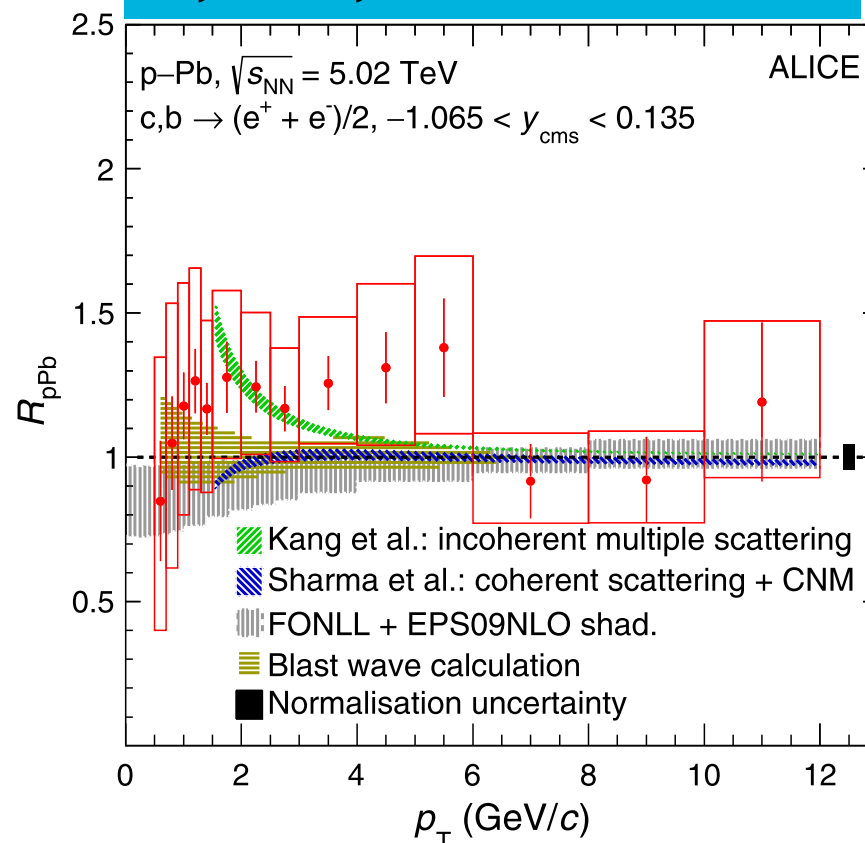
# D-meson, $\Lambda_c^+$ , charm and beauty electron $R_{pPb}$

**D,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV [1]**



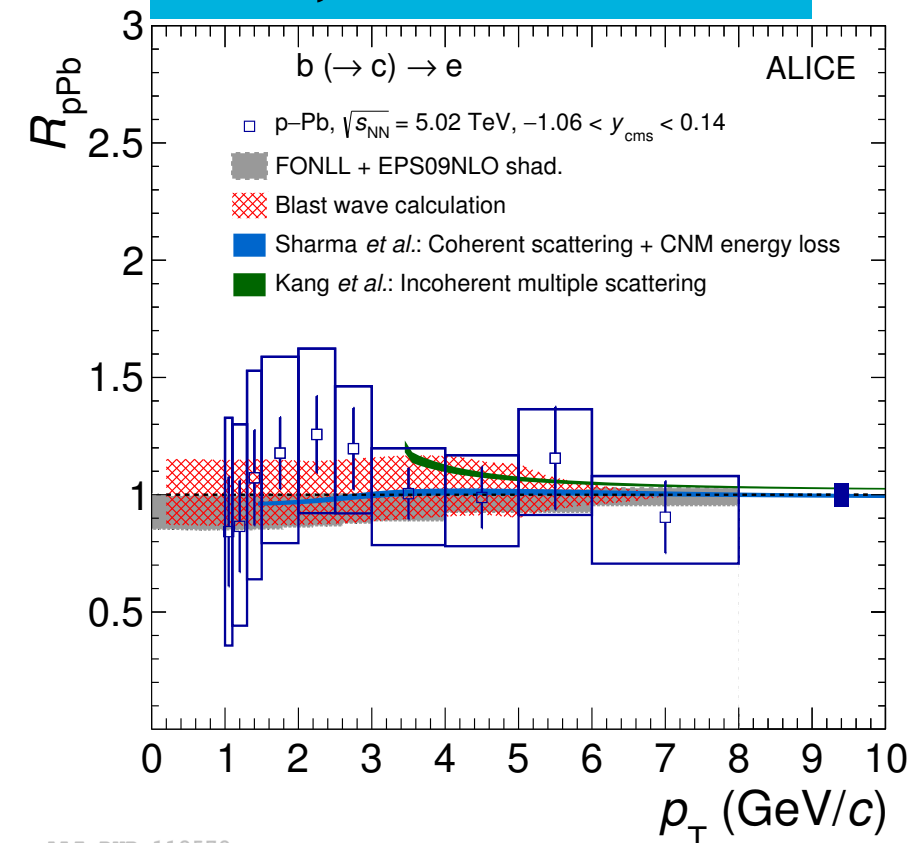
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**c,b  $\rightarrow$  e,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV [2]**



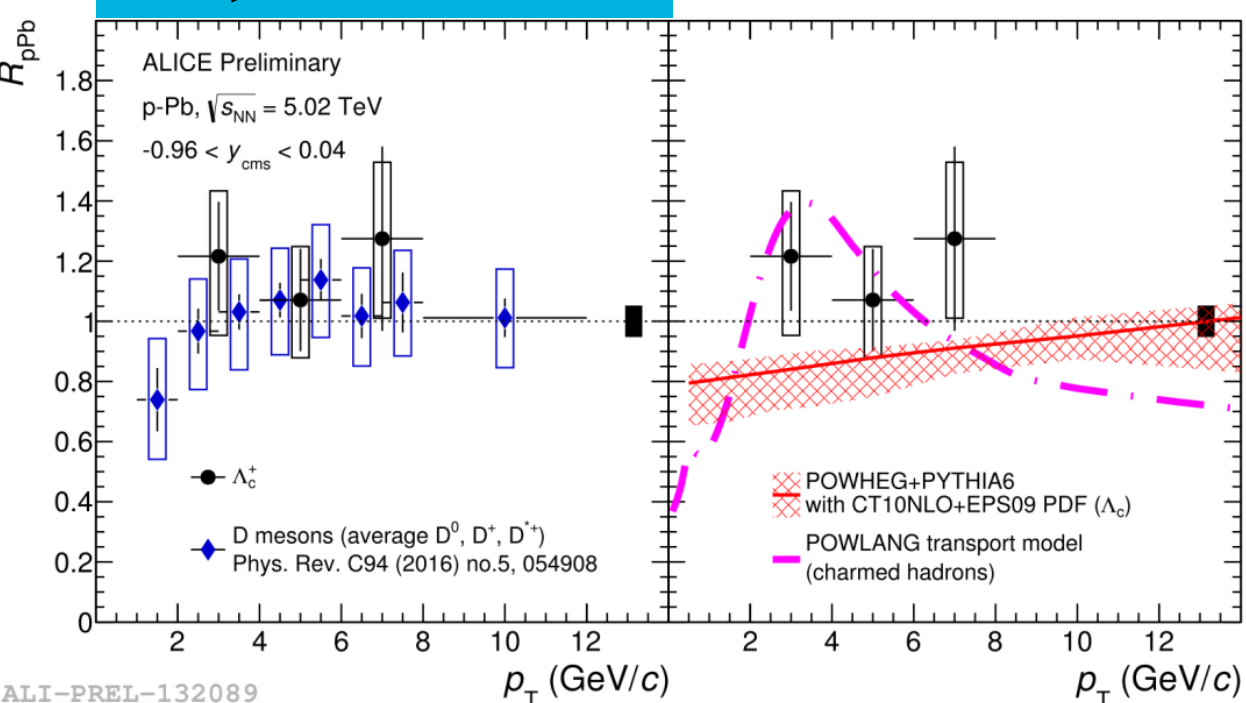
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**b  $\rightarrow$  e,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV [3]**



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**$\Lambda_c^+$ ,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$  TeV**



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- D meson,  $\Lambda_c^+$ , charm and beauty electron  $R_{pPb}$  **compatible with unity within uncertainties**
- Data are described by models including **initial-state and cold nuclear matter effects**
- **Need larger samples** of both p-Pb and pp collisions at 5 TeV for constraining models at low  $p_T$  where predictions differentiate.

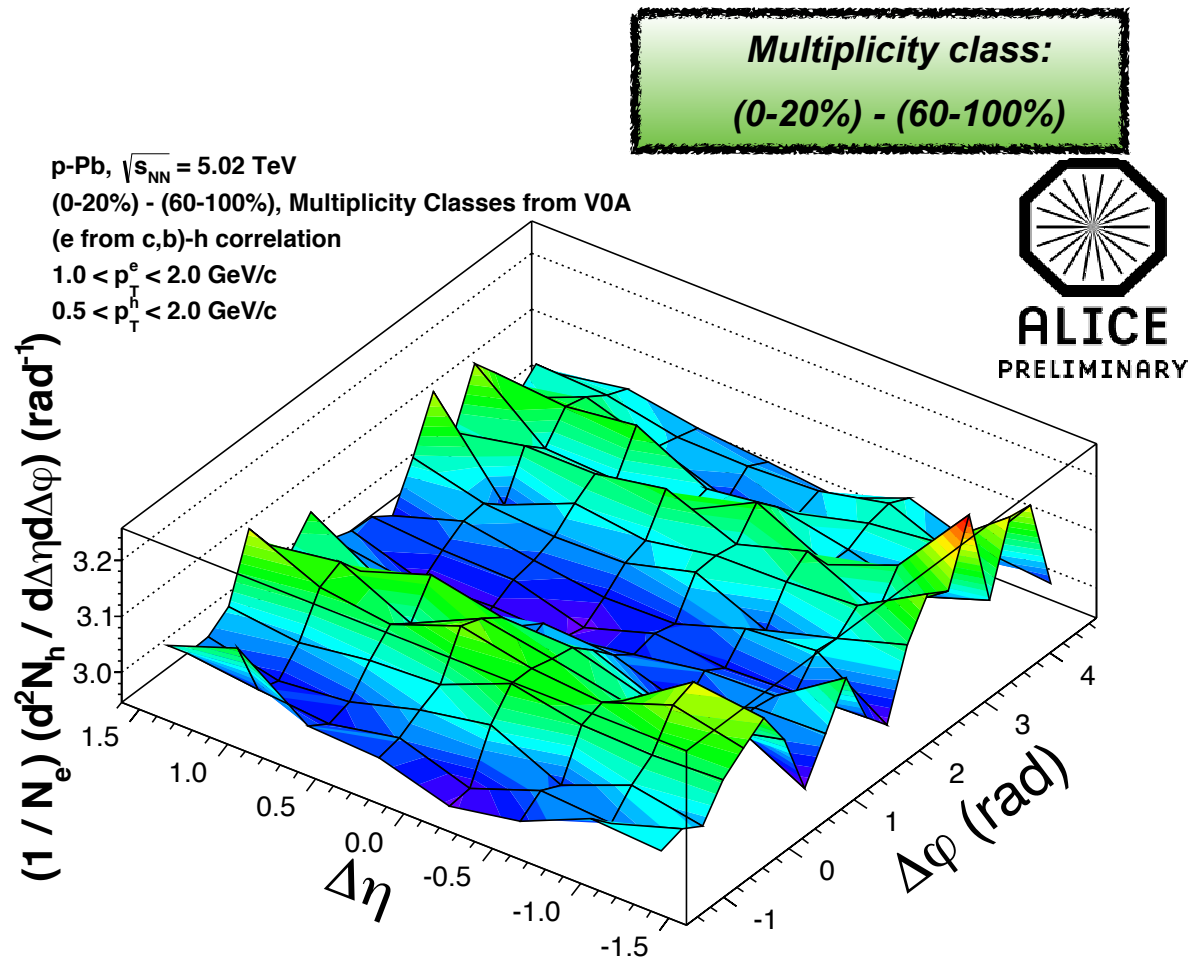
[1] PHYSICAL REVIEW C 94, 054908 (2016)

[2] Physics Letters B 754 (2016) 81–93

[3] JHEP07 (2017) 052

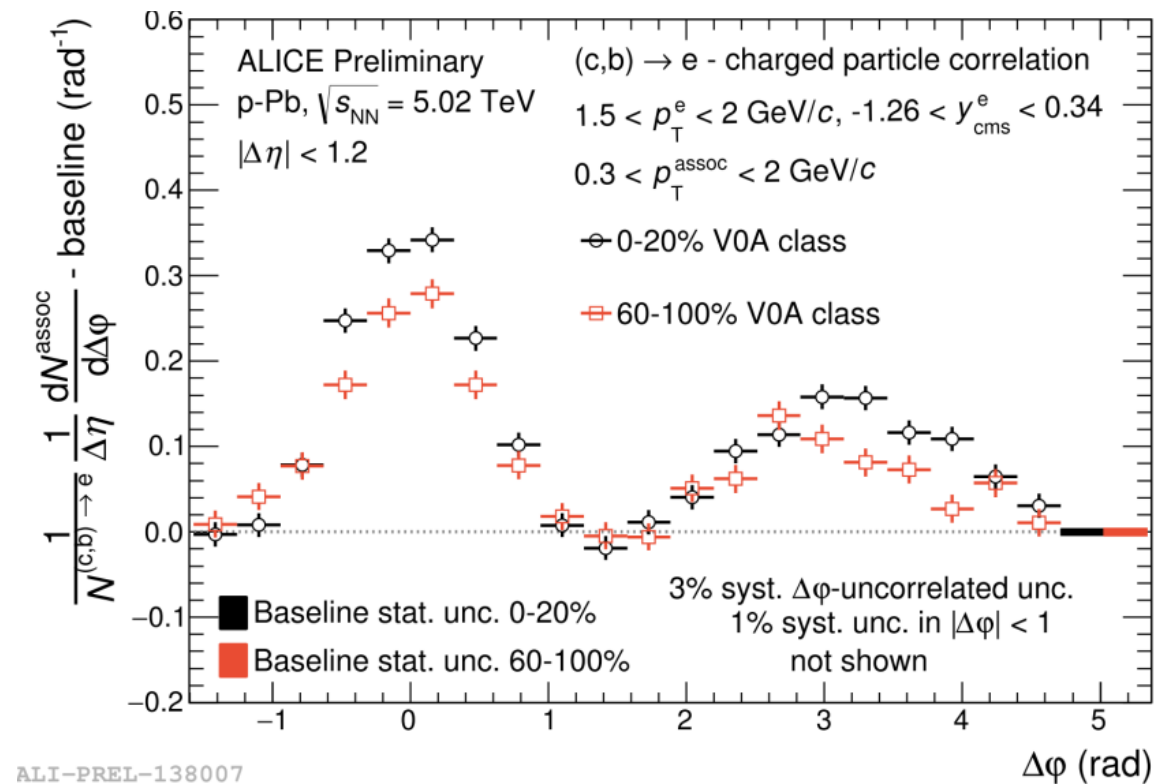


# Heavy-flavour electron-hadron correlations



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*Resembles the structure observed in Pb-Pb collisions that is interpreted in terms of collective flow*

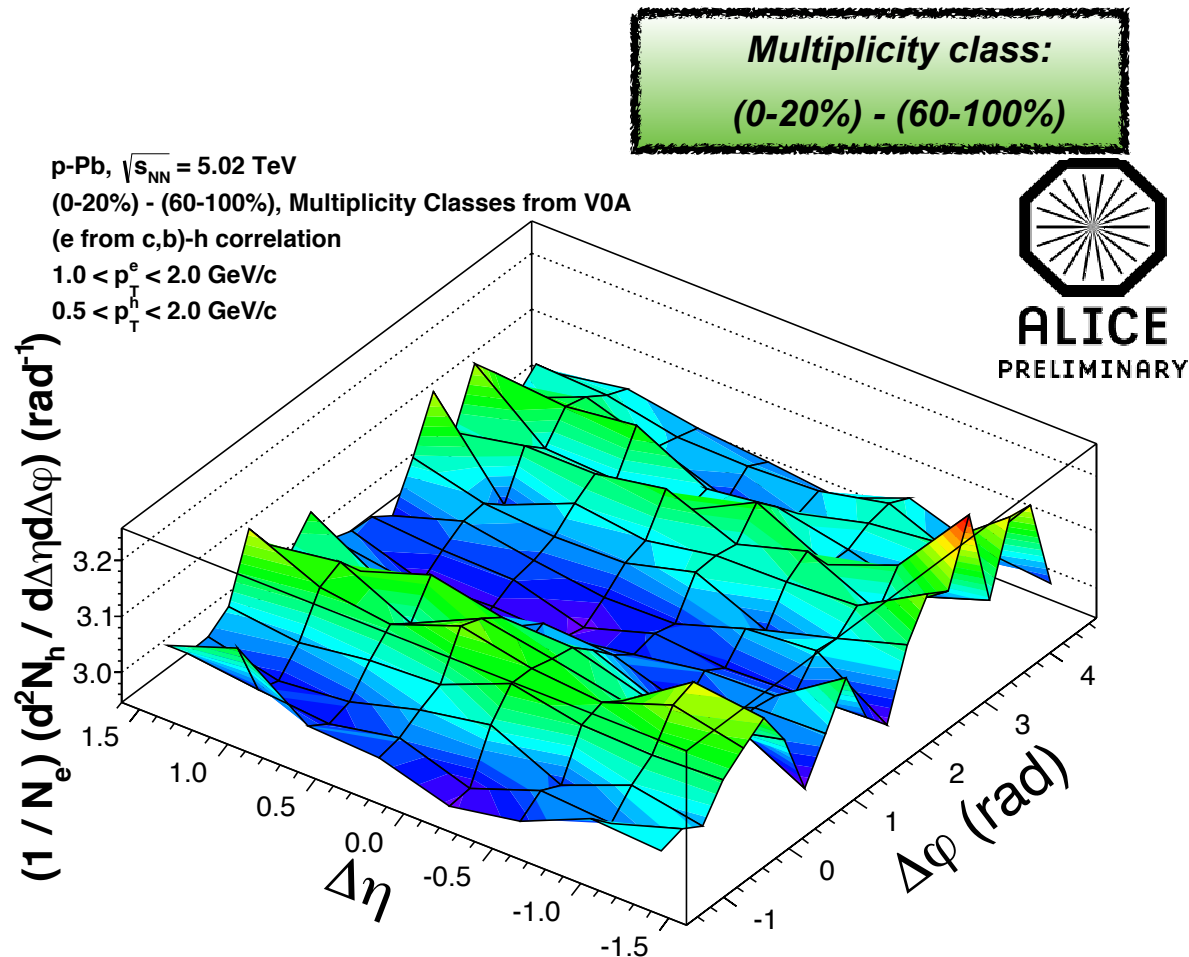


- Analysis of electron-hadron azimuthal correlation in 0-20% events with highest multiplicity
  - ▶ Jet contribution estimated and subtracted with peripheral events

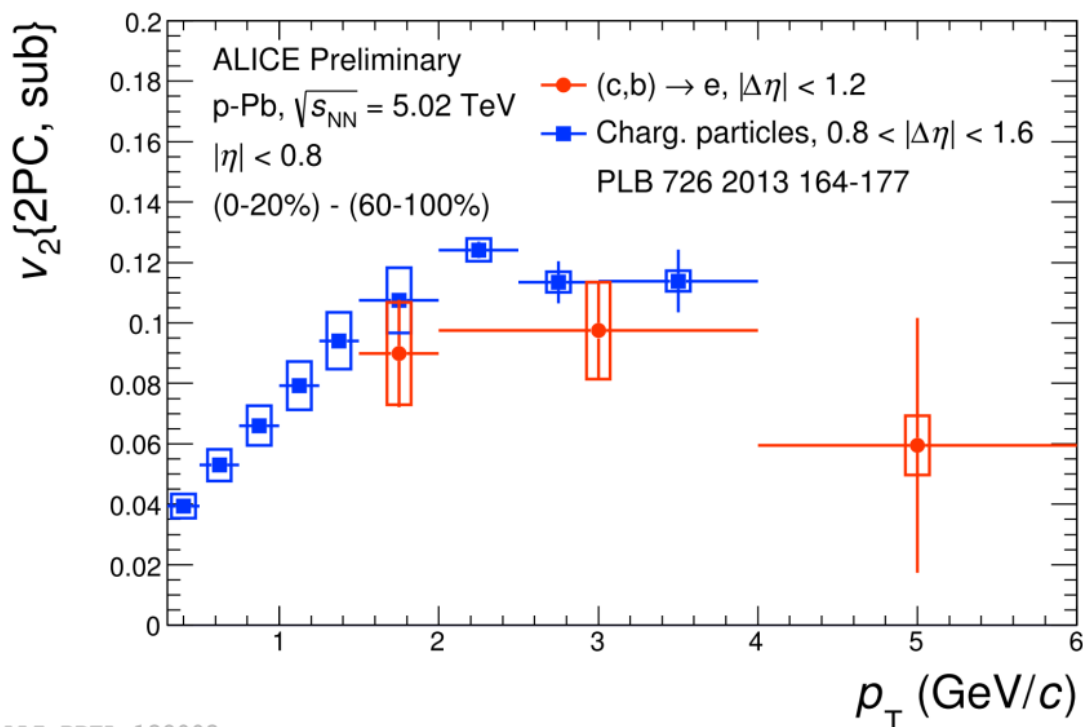
The double ridge also observed in heavy-flavour sector!

The mechanism (CGC? **Hydro**?) that generates it affects also heavy flavor?

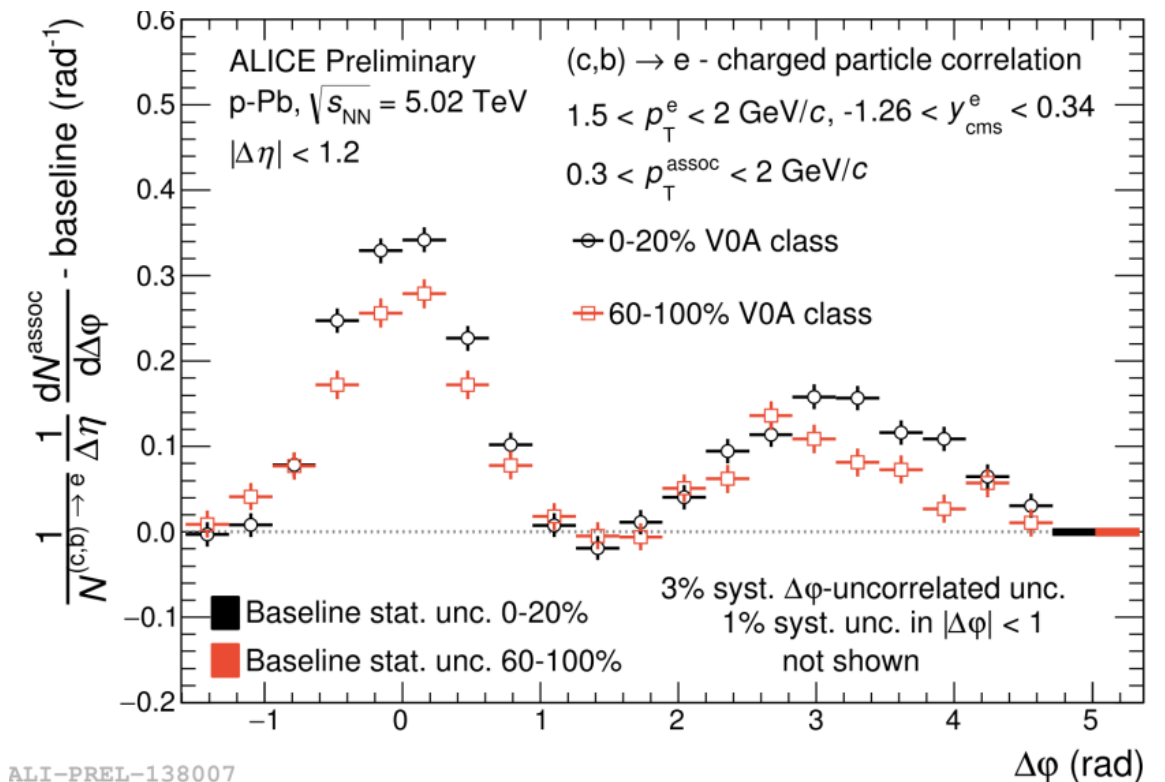
# Heavy-flavour electron-hadron correlations and $v_2$



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- Analysis of electron-hadron azimuthal correlation in 0-20% events with highest multiplicity
  - ▶ Jet contribution estimated and subtracted with peripheral events
- **Positive  $v_2$** , almost comparable with the charged-particles (decay particles vs hadrons: not same  $p_T$ )
  - ▶ **Initial-state effects, collective effects?**



# Summary and plans for Run2 and beyond

## Summary

- Open heavy-flavour production in pp collisions described by perturbative QCD
- First measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+$  (at mid-rapidity) and  $\Xi_c^0$  at the LHC: baryon-to-meson ratio underpredicted by models
- In p-Pb collisions, nuclear modification factor consistent with unity
- In p-Pb collisions, positive  $v_2$  of heavy-flavour decay electrons

## Outlook

- Improve precision of multiplicity-differential studies in pp and p-Pb collisions
- Improved pp reference at 5.02 TeV will allow refinements to  $R_{pPb}$
- New measurements of  $\Lambda_c$ ,  $\Xi_c^0$  production in pp collisions at 5 and 13 TeV, in p-Pb collisions (run 2, x6 more statistics)
- Measurements of charm- and beauty-jet properties in pp and p-Pb collisions (ongoing)

## Run3: Long-shutdown 2 → Detector upgrade

- New ITS, addition of MFT → **improve spatial resolution** at impact point at mid- and forward rapidity
  - New readout for several subdetectors
- **tremendous improvement** for reconstructing charm and beauty signals (including  $D_s$ ,  $\Lambda_c$ , non-prompt  $J/\psi$  at mid and forward rapidity, B meson,  $\Lambda_b$ ) **down to very low  $p_T$**

**Thank you for your attention!**

