

# Charmed baryon production with ALICE

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# Outline

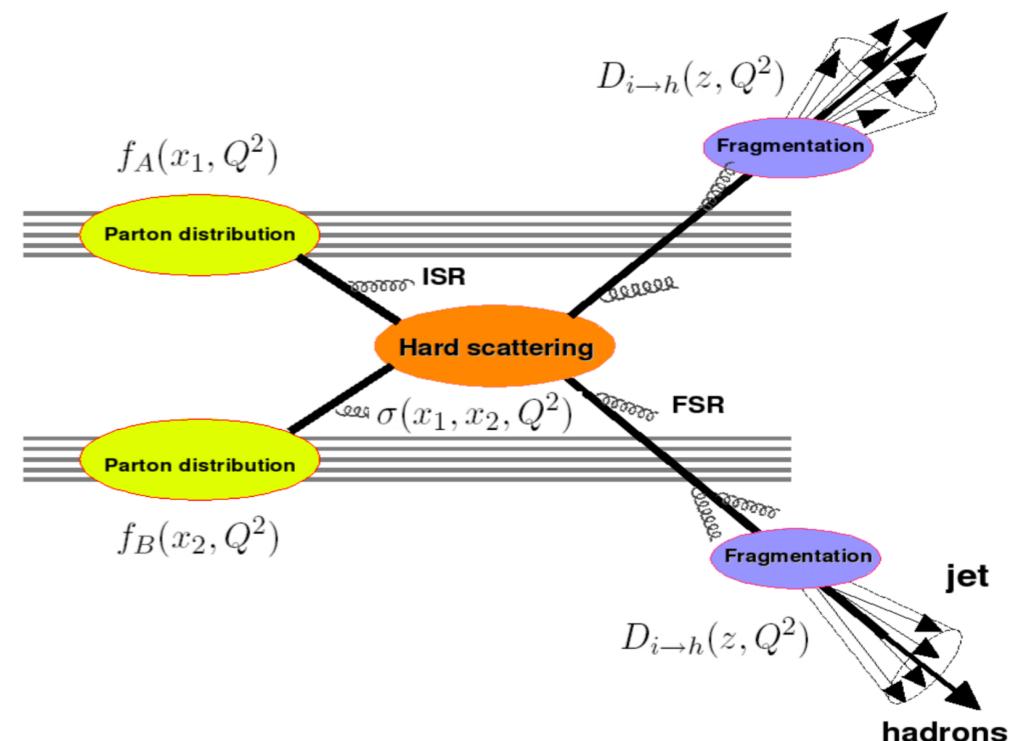
- Physics motivations
- Charmed baryon production measurements in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE
  - $\Lambda_c^+$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  and in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$
  - First measurement of  $\Xi_c^0$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
- Future measurements with ALICE (Run 3/4)

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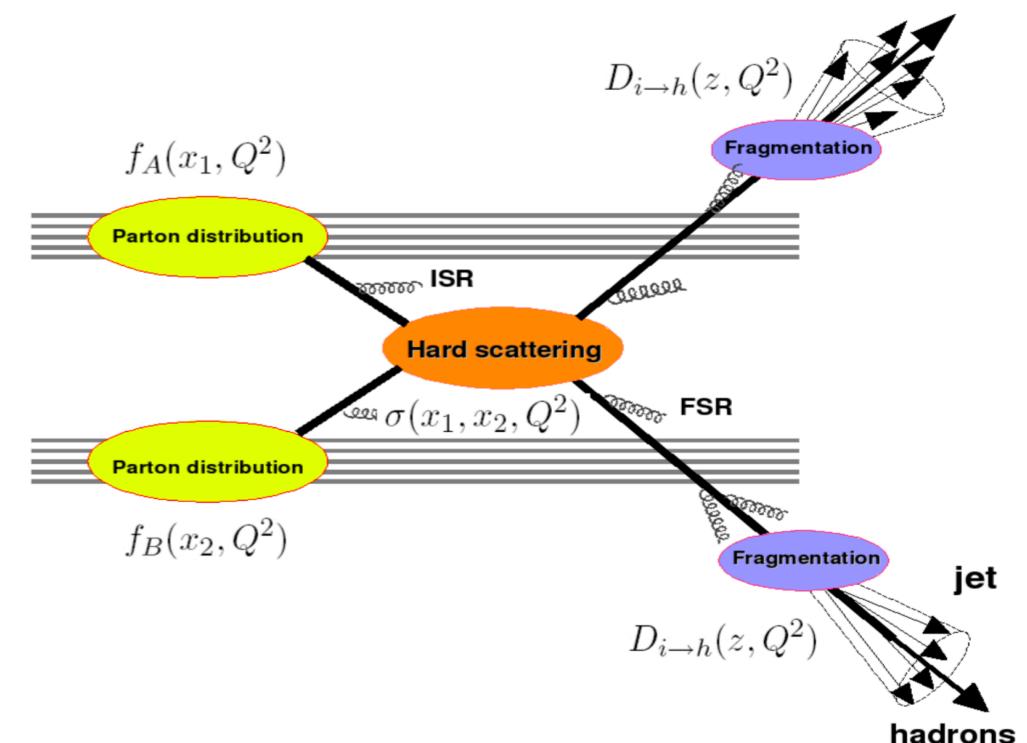
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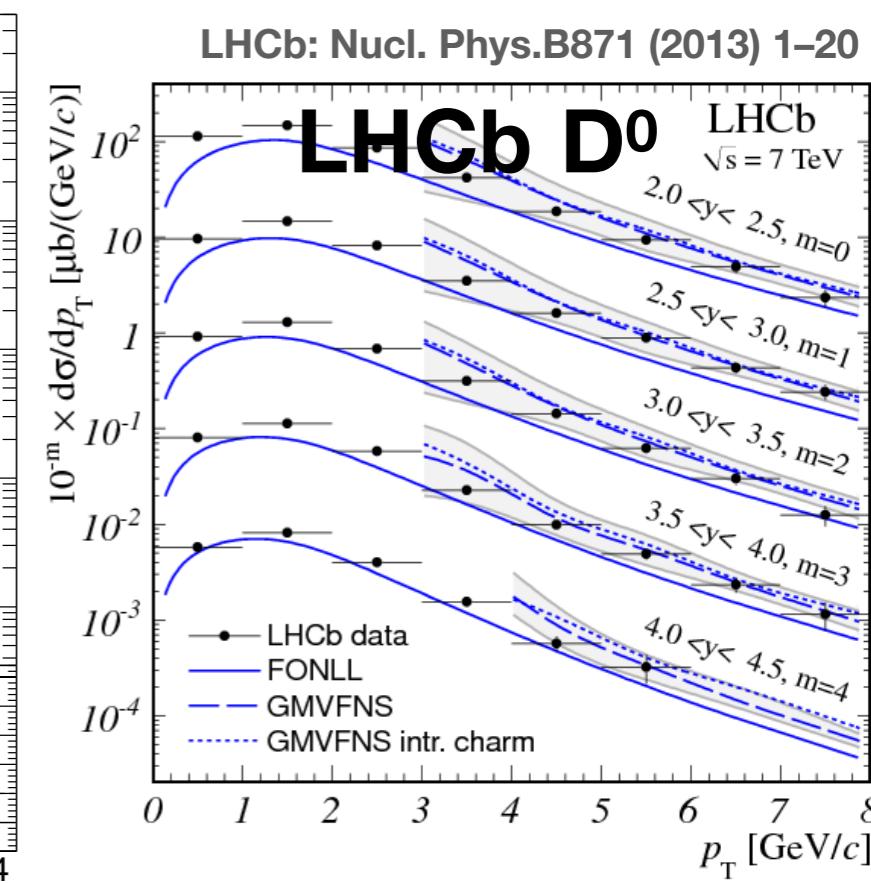
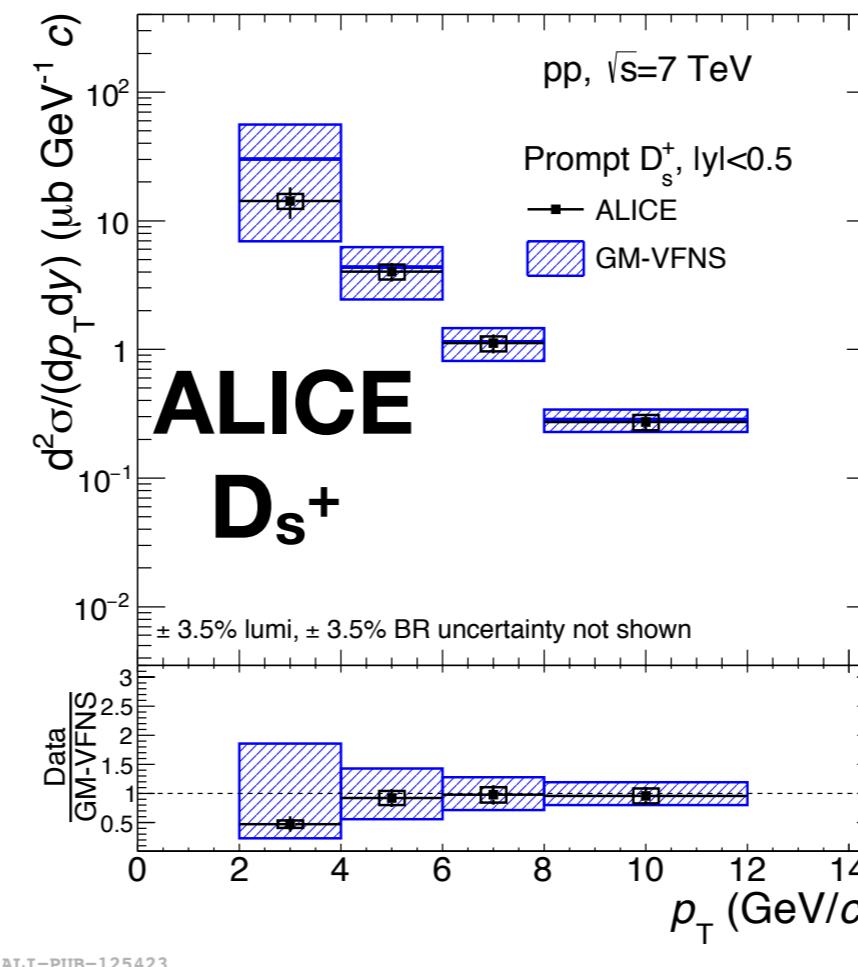
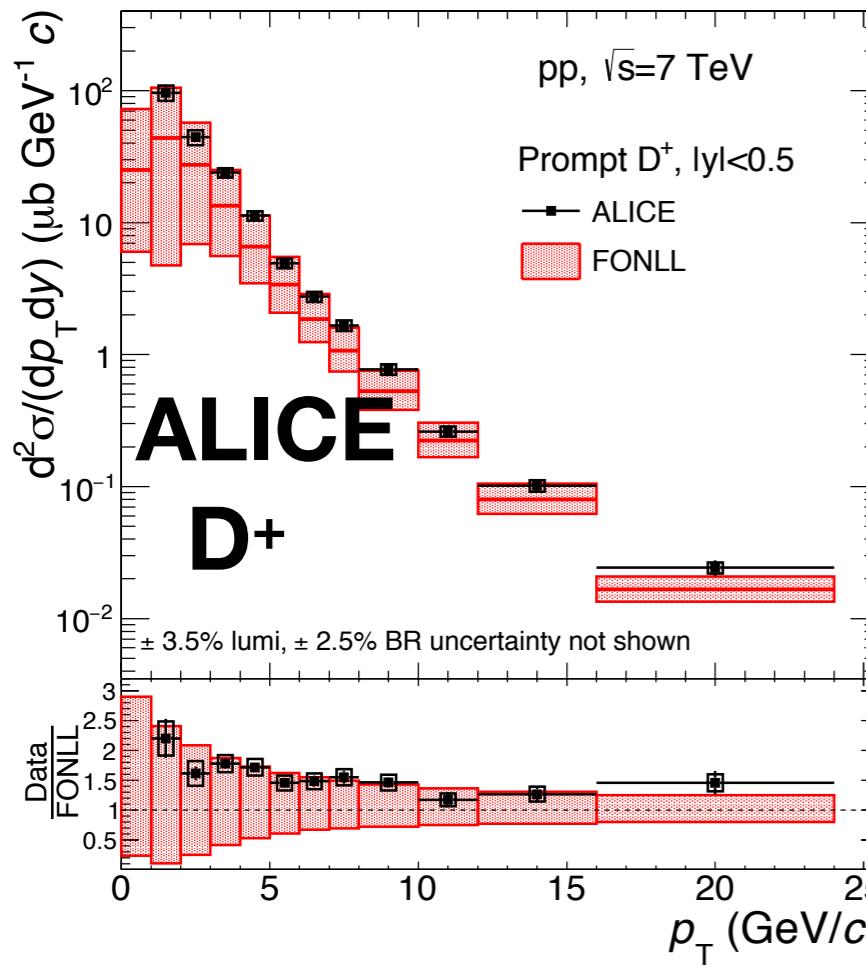


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- Open heavy-flavour production measurements in pp collisions:
  - **Important test of pQCD-based calculations**
  - **Sensitive to fragmentation functions** determined from  $e^+e^-$  collisions
  - Sensitivity to **low-x gluon PDF** ( $p_T \rightarrow 0$ )

# pp: Charm production at the LHC

ALICE: Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) 550



- Cross sections of D mesons at the LHC **in agreement with pQCD predictions** at central rapidity (ALICE) and forward rapidity (LHCb)
  - FONLL, GM-VFNS: Next-to-leading order with next-to-leading-log resummation
- Similar observation at 2.76 TeV, 5 TeV and 13 TeV

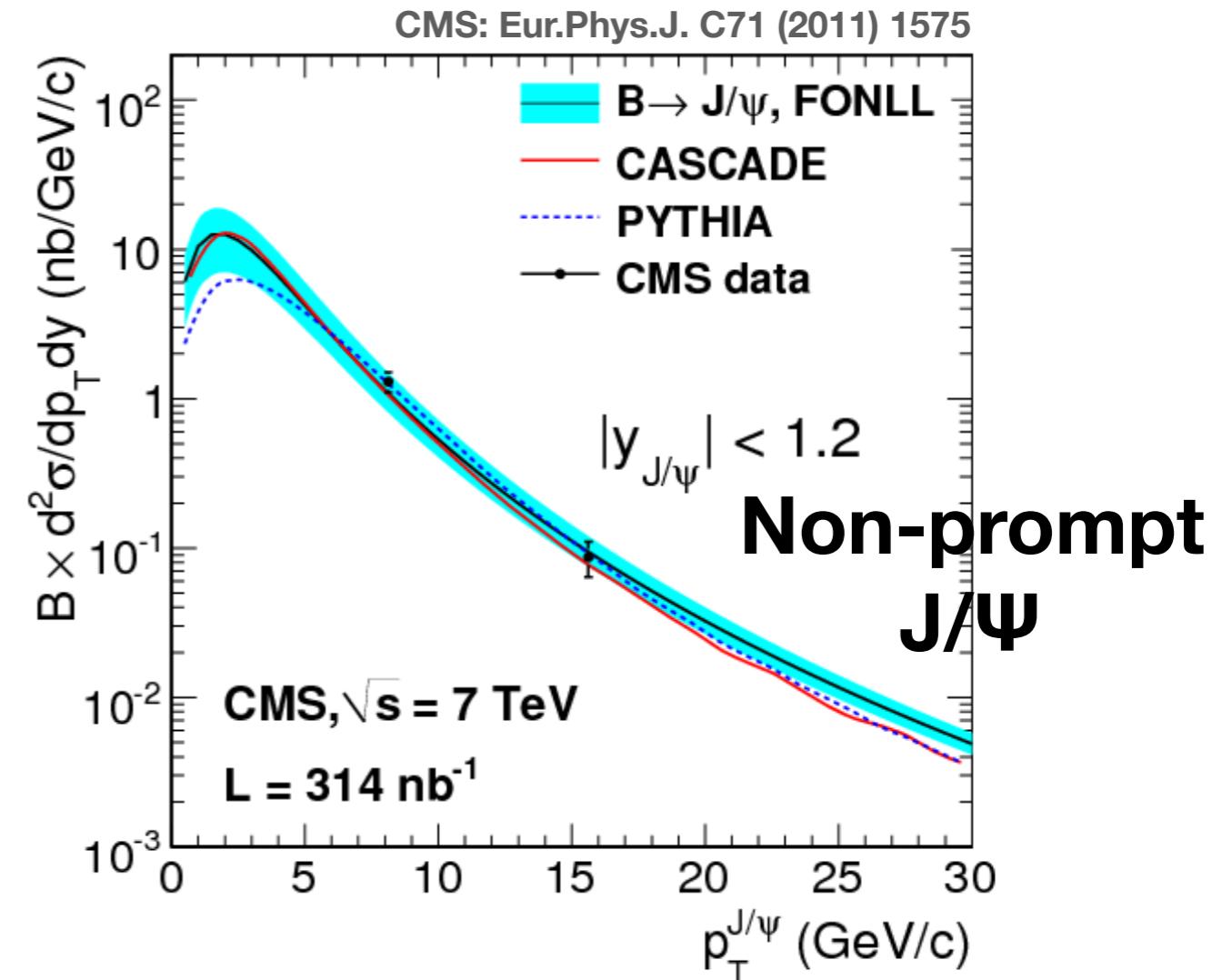
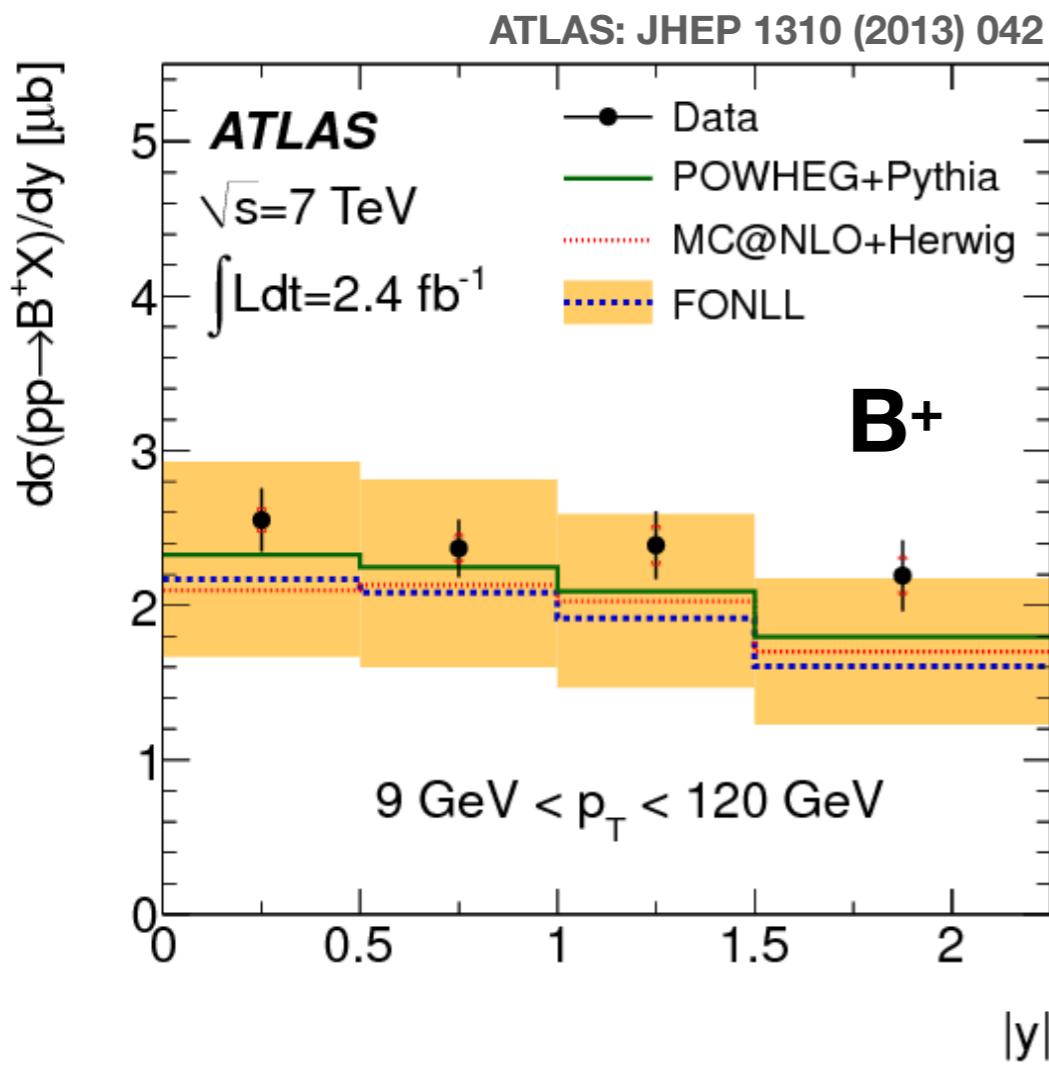
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# pp: Beauty production at the LHC



- Cross sections of B mesons at the LHC **in agreement with pQCD predictions**
  - FONLL, GM-VFNS: Next-to-leading order with next-to-leading-log resummation
  - POWHEG, MC@NLO: MC generators with next-to-leading order accuracy, with leading-log Parton shower
- **Similar agreement** of charm and beauty meson production with theory at **Tevatron**

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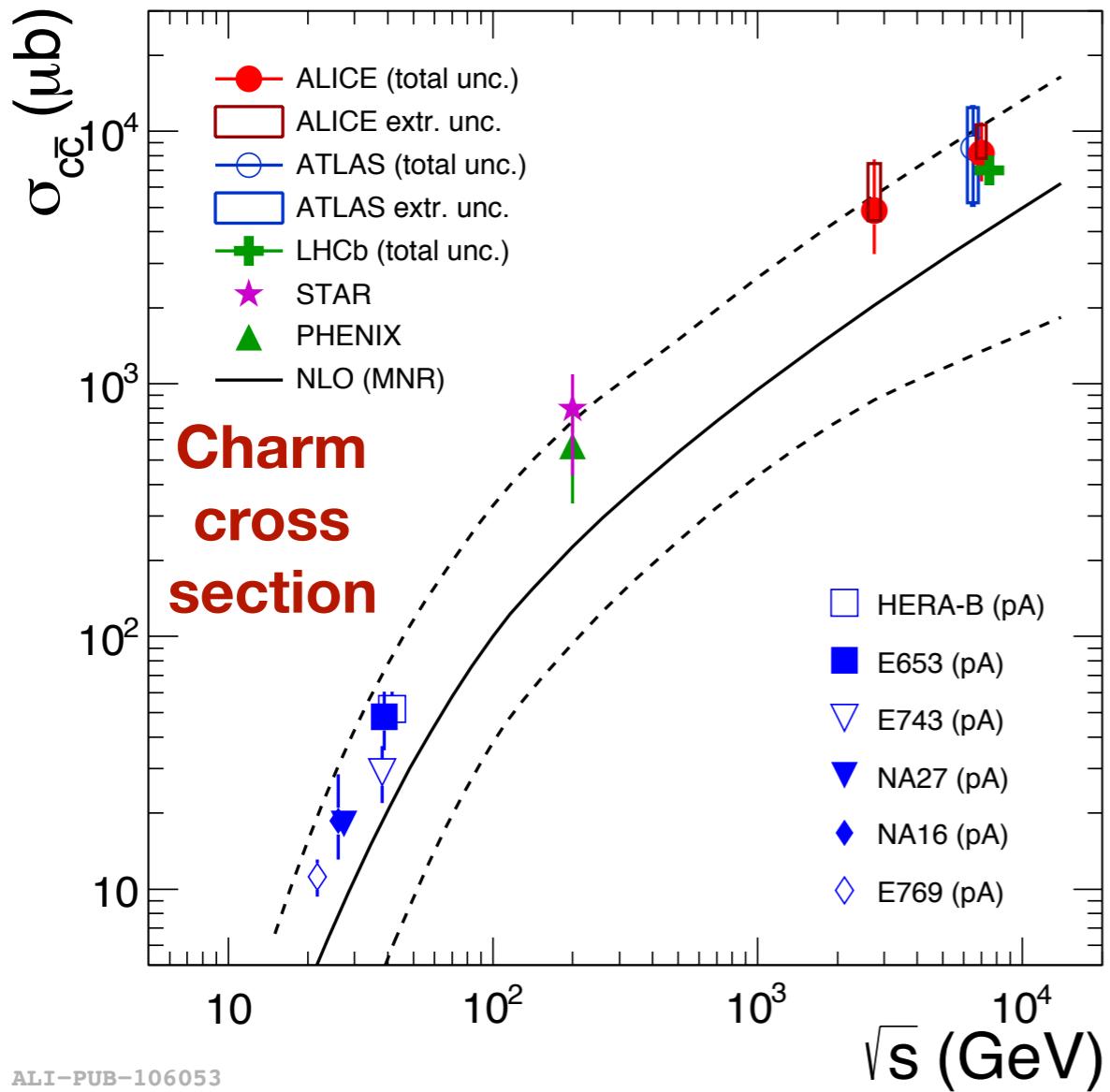
POWHEG: S. Frixione et al. JHEP 09 (2007) 126

MC@NLO: JHEP 08 (2003) 007

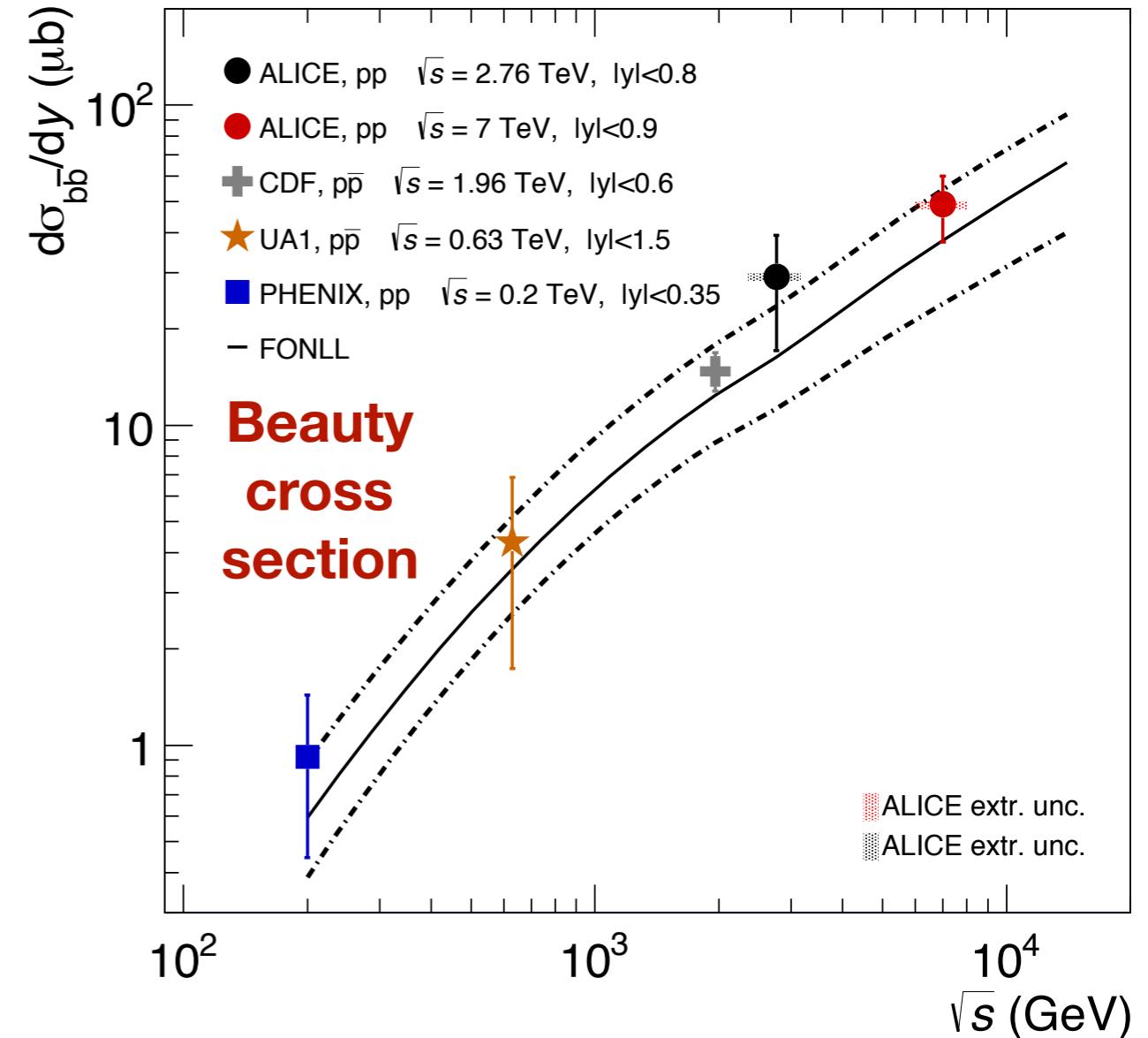
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# pp: total charm and beauty cross section

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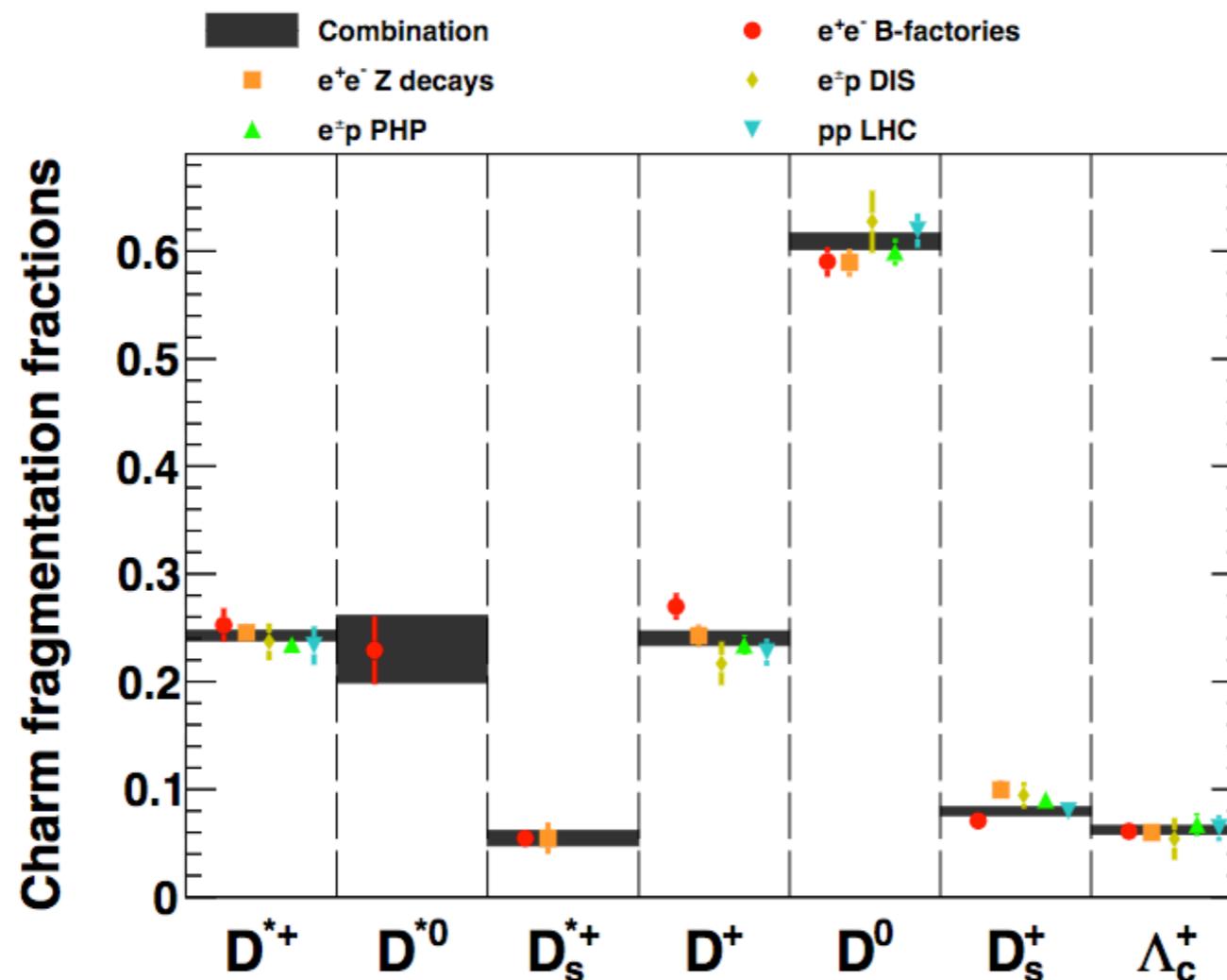
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- Total charm and beauty cross section described well by predictions at NLO

# pp: Charm quark fragmentation

## Charmed hadron ratios sensitive to fragmentation process

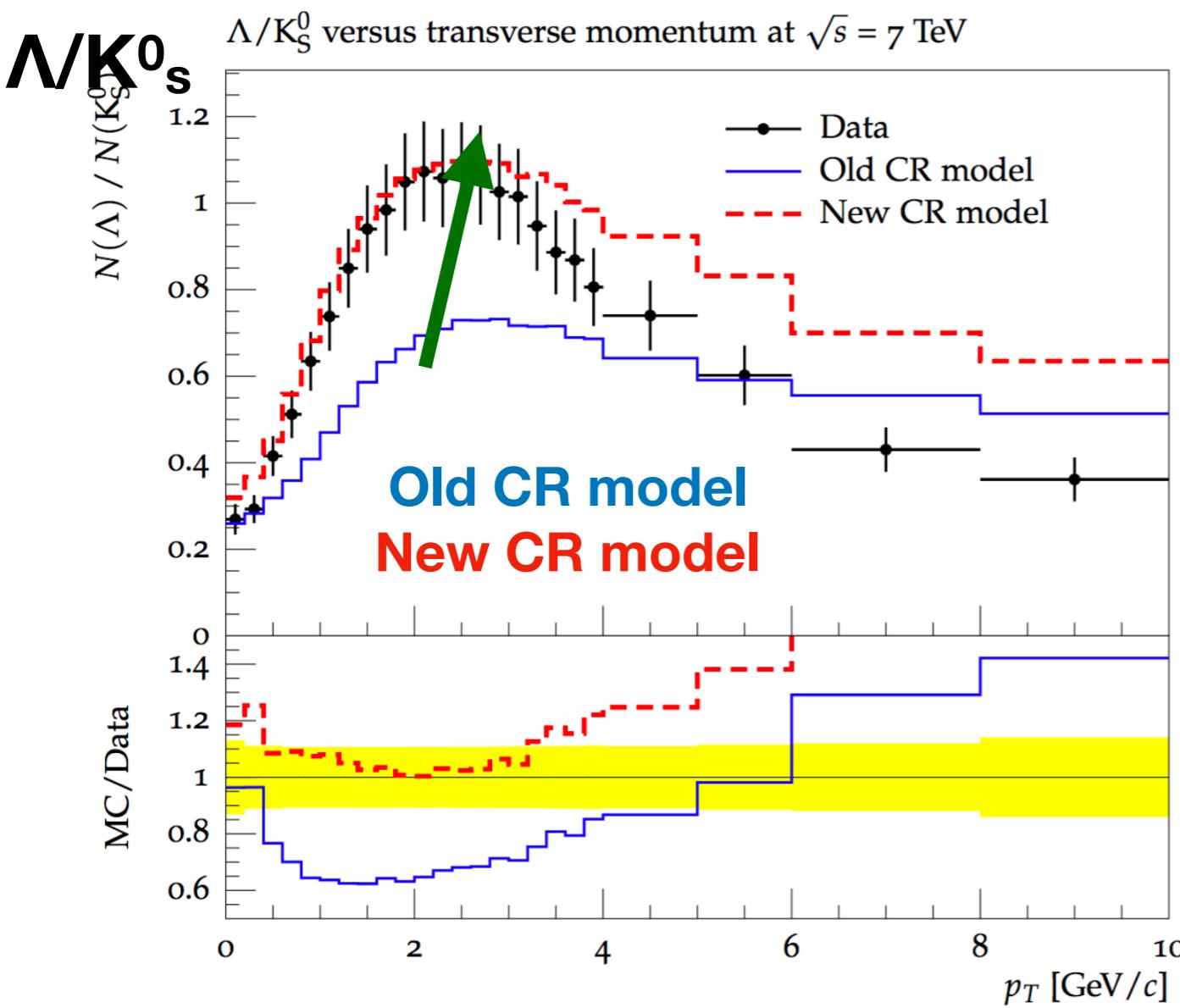
- *fragmentation fractions expected to be universal*
  - same in different systems, energies, etc
- Measurements in different collision systems (ee, ep, pp) and energies support this picture



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# pp: Charm quark fragmentation

## Can hadronisation be modified?

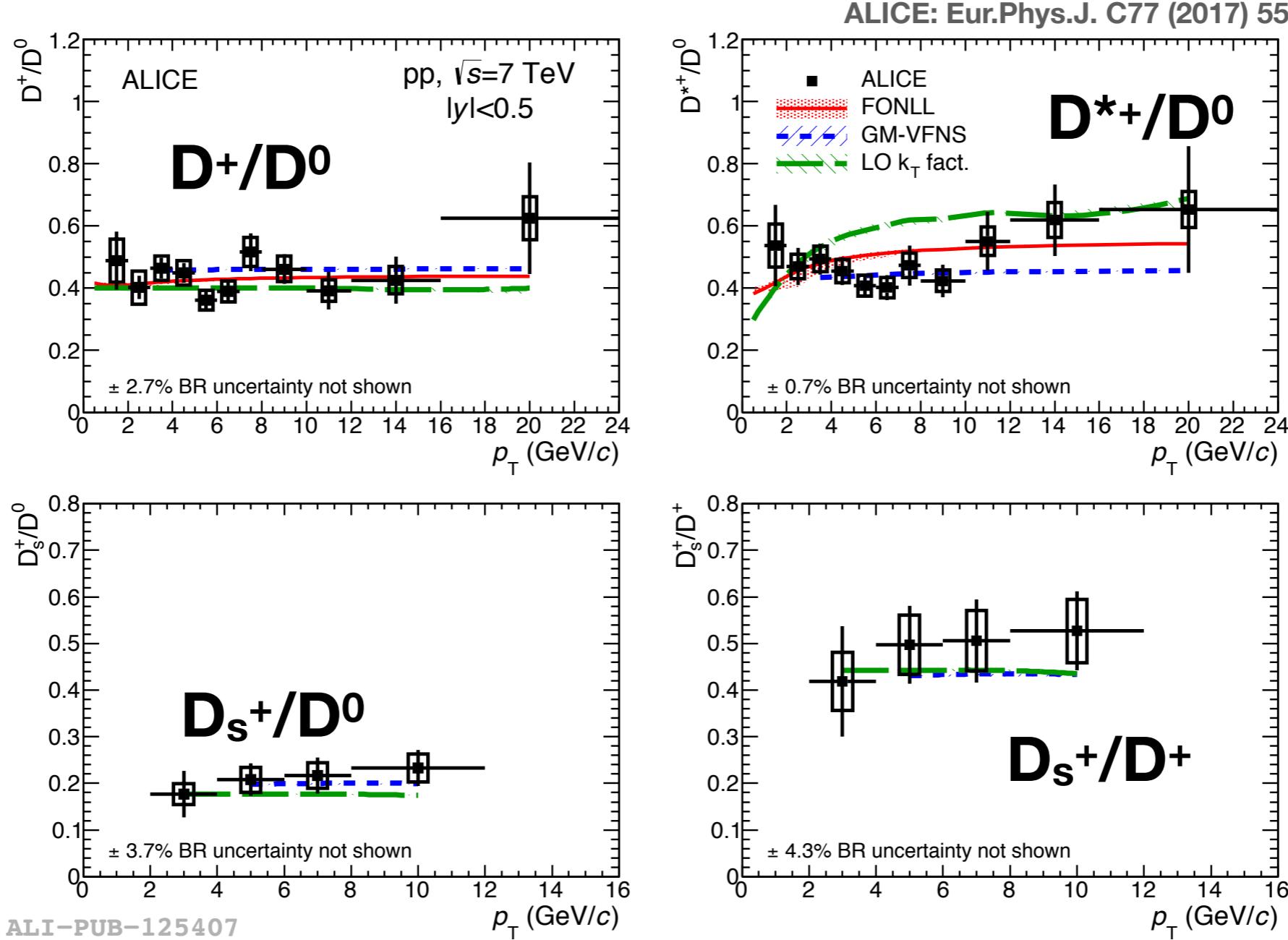


- **Multi-parton interactions**, coherence effects at LHC energies may affect hadronisation
- e.g. within PYTHIA, **enhanced colour reconnection** modes gives better agreement with measured  $\Lambda/K_S^0$  ratio
  - String formation beyond the leading-colour approximation, specific tuning of the colour reconnection parameters
  - String junctions provide new source of baryon production
- Gives physical, microscopic picture of hadronisation

Interesting to extend these studies to heavy-flavour sector →  $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$

C. Bierlich, J.R. Christiansen, Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 094010  
J.R. Christiansen, P.Z. Skands JHEP 08 (2015) 003

# pp: D meson ratios

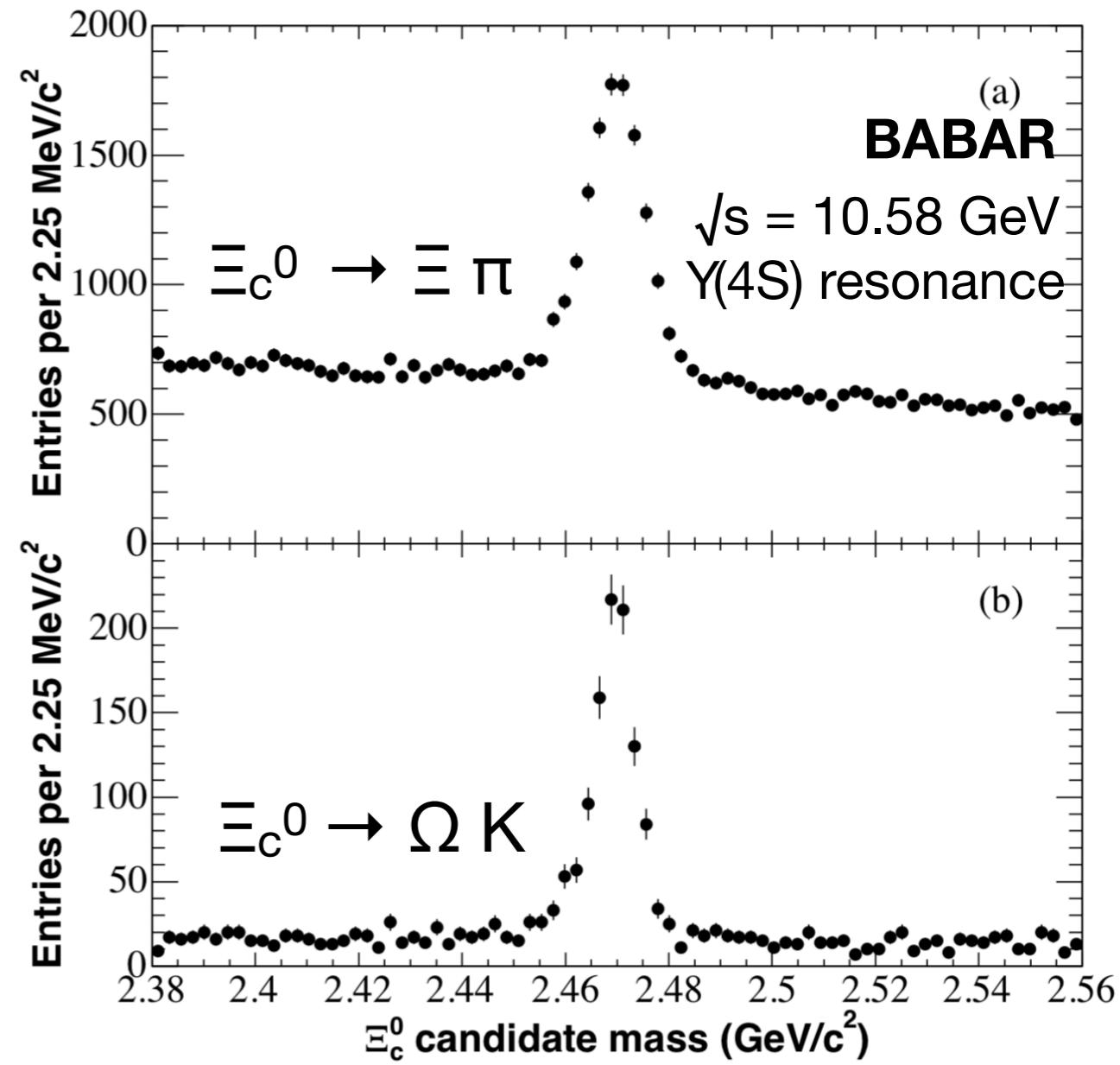


- Production ratios of D mesons **compatible with theoretical predictions** (in which charm fragmentation is based mainly on measurements in  $e^+e^-$  collisions)
- Include  $\Lambda_c^+$ : Very few charmed baryon production measurements in hadron colliders**

LHCb: Nuclear Physics, Section B 871 (2013), pp. 1-20  
LHCb-CONF-2017-005

# pp: $\Xi_c^0$ production

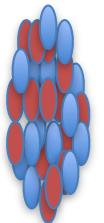
- Exotic charmed baryons in the news recently ( $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ ,  $\Omega_c^0$  resonances)  
LHCb: LHCb-PAPER-2017-018  
LHCb: Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 182001 (2017)
- Charm hadron *production* measurements in hadron collisions limited to low-mass mesons and baryons
  - Only  $\Xi_c^0$  production measurements in  $e^+e^-$  collisions
  - New measurements of charmed baryons could provide further insight into hadronisation mechanisms



ARGUS: Phys. Lett. B247 (1990) 121  
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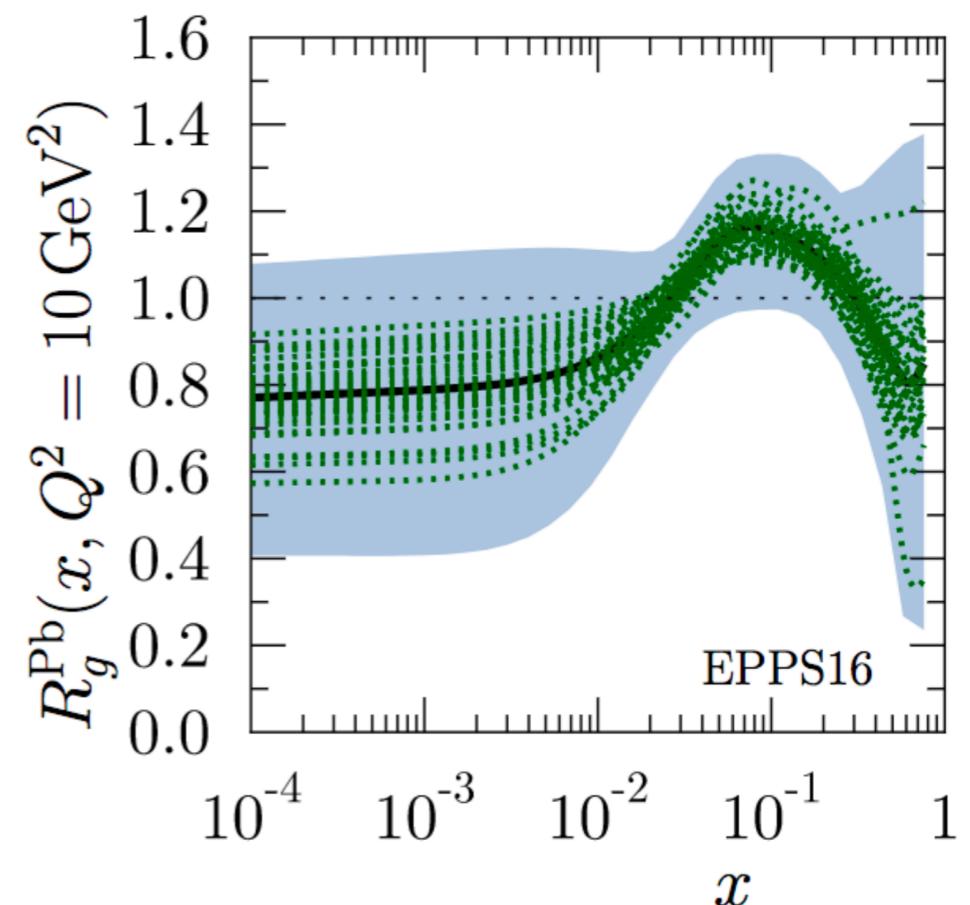
# **p-Pb collisions**

# p-Pb: Heavy-flavour production



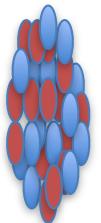
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  - **Initial state effects:** modification of nuclear parton distribution
  - **Final-state effects:** (energy loss? Collectivity?)

K. J. Eskola: Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.3, 163



$$f_i^N(x_i, Q^2) = R_i^N(x_i, Q^2) f_i(x_i, Q^2)$$

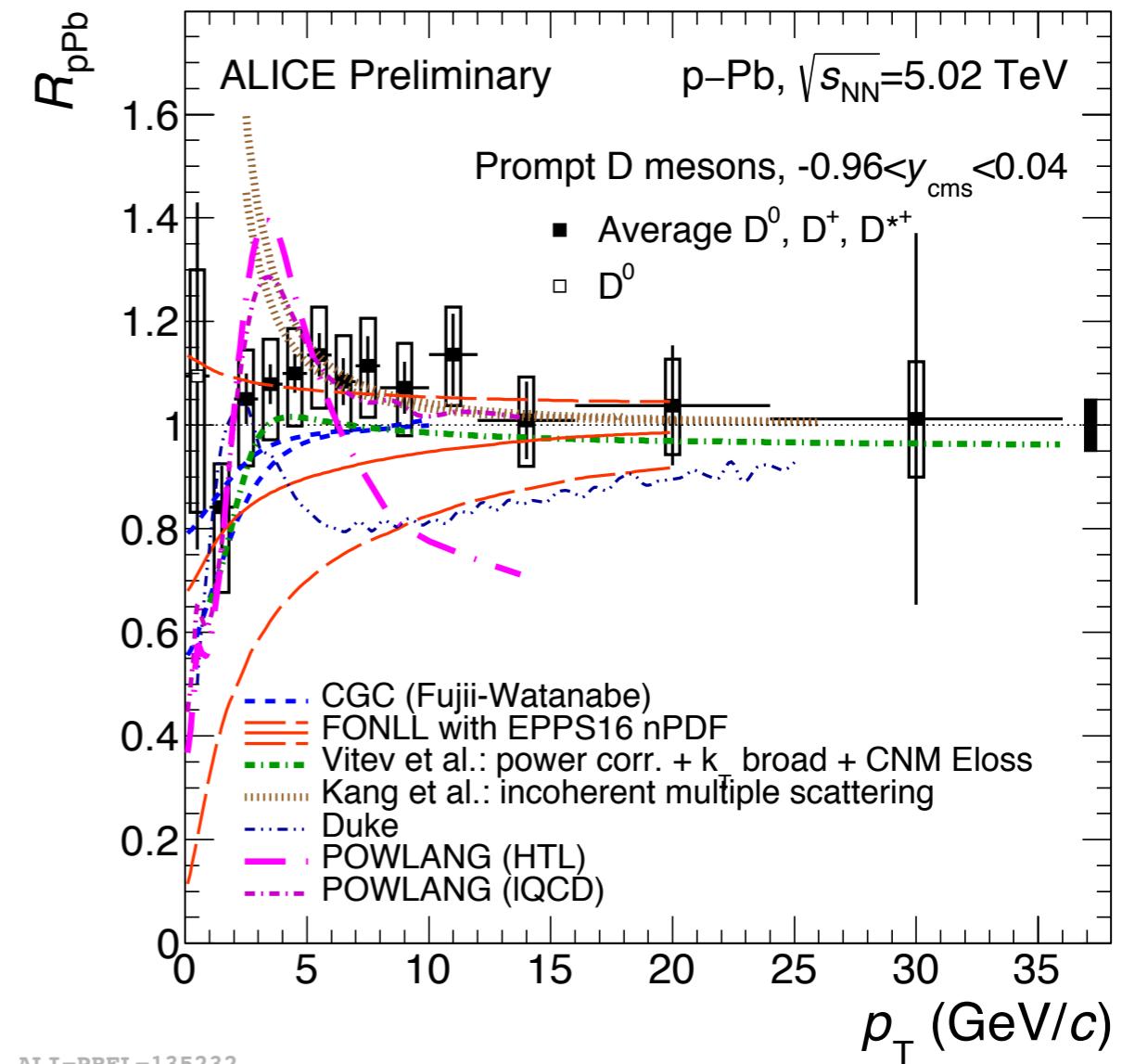
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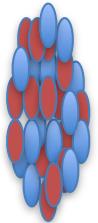
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$$R_{\text{pPb}}(p_T) = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{pPb}} / dp_T}{d\sigma_{\text{pp}} / dp_T}$$

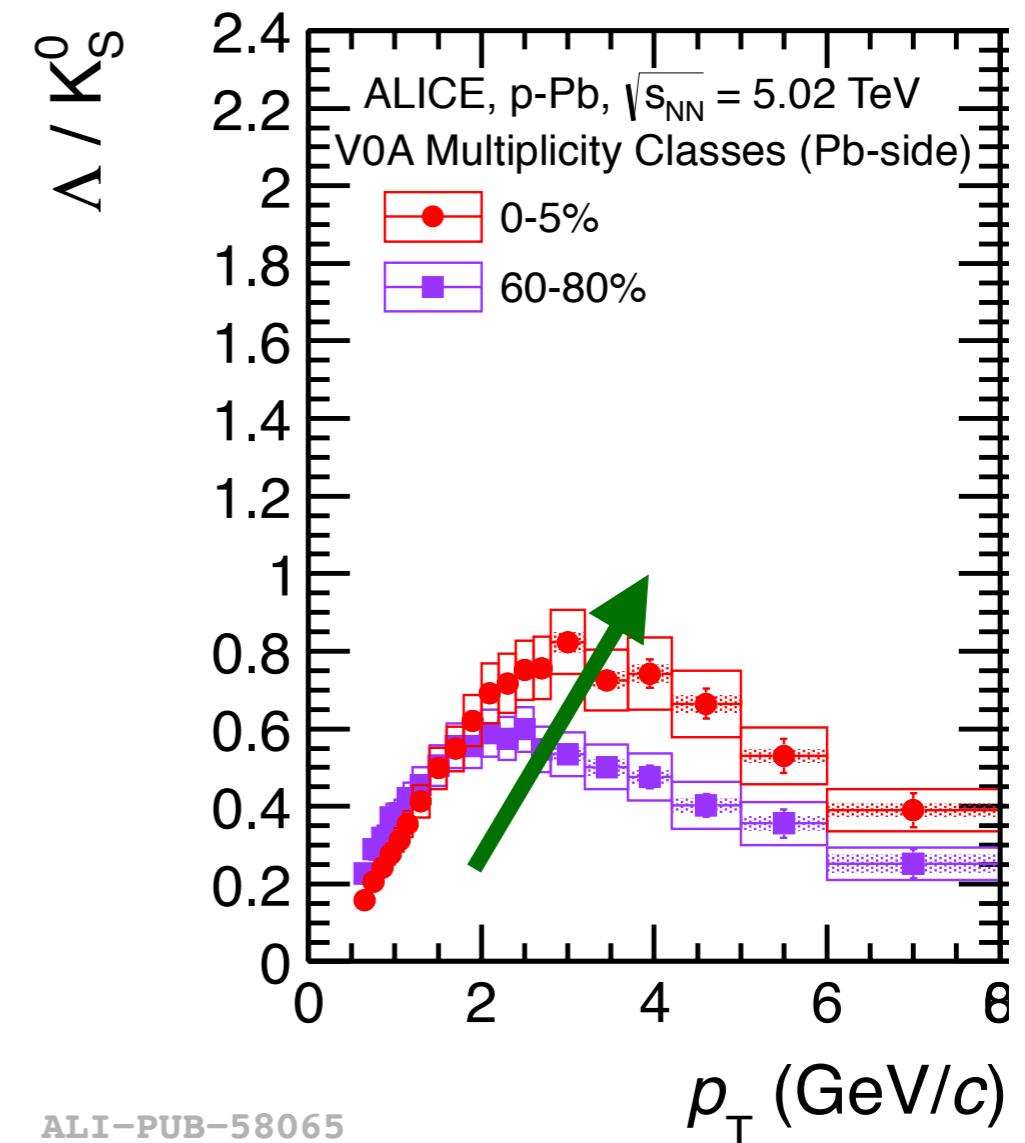
$R_{\text{pPb}} < 1$  = **suppression**  
 $R_{\text{pPb}} > 1$  = **enhancement**



# p-Pb: Heavy-flavour production



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- **Modification to charmed baryon production in p-Pb collisions?**
  - (strange)  $\Lambda/K$  ratio increases towards higher multiplicity



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# Charmed baryon production with ALICE

**$\Lambda_c^+$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  and in p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$**

arXiv:1712.09581

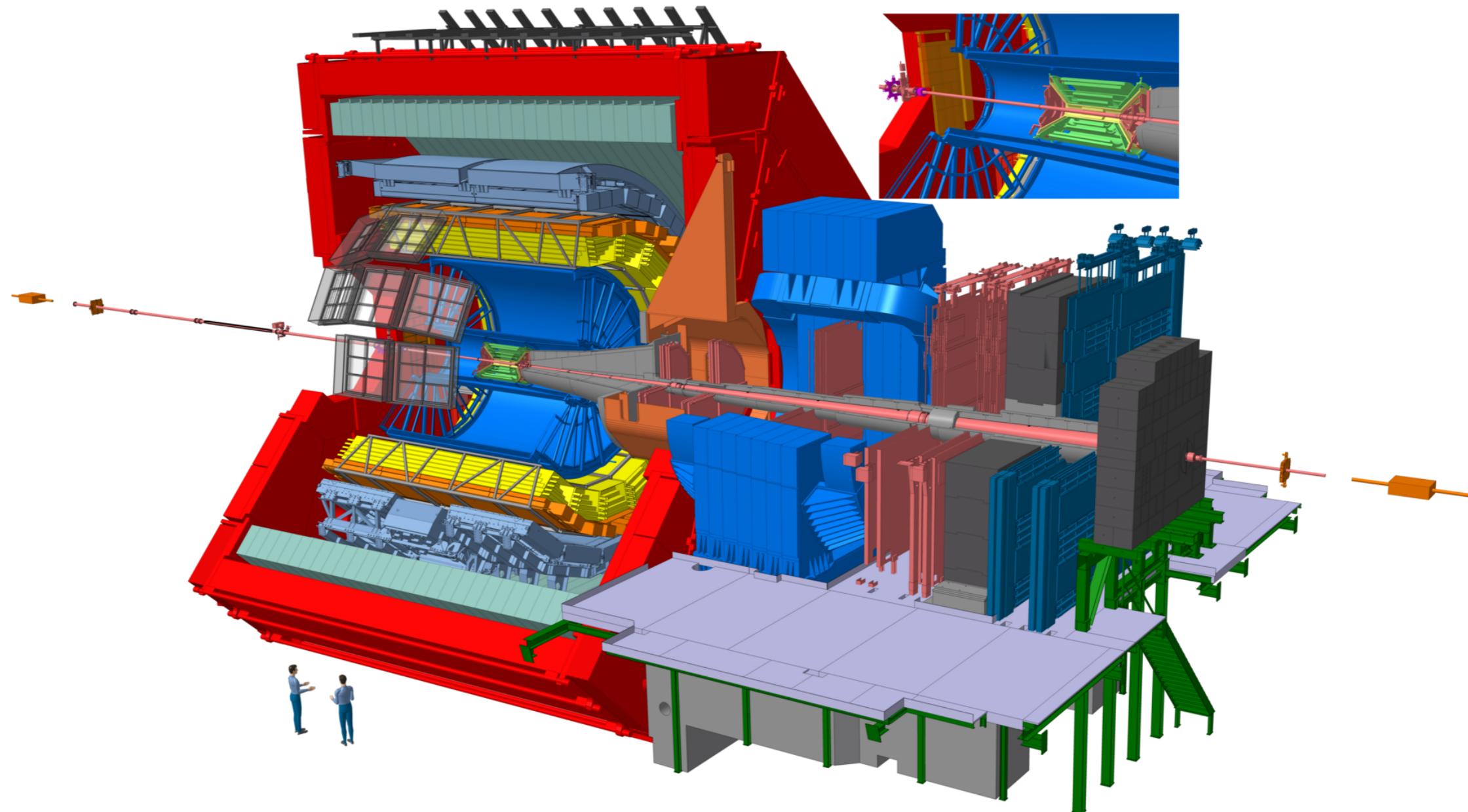
Accepted by JHEP

**First measurement of  $\Xi_c^0$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$**

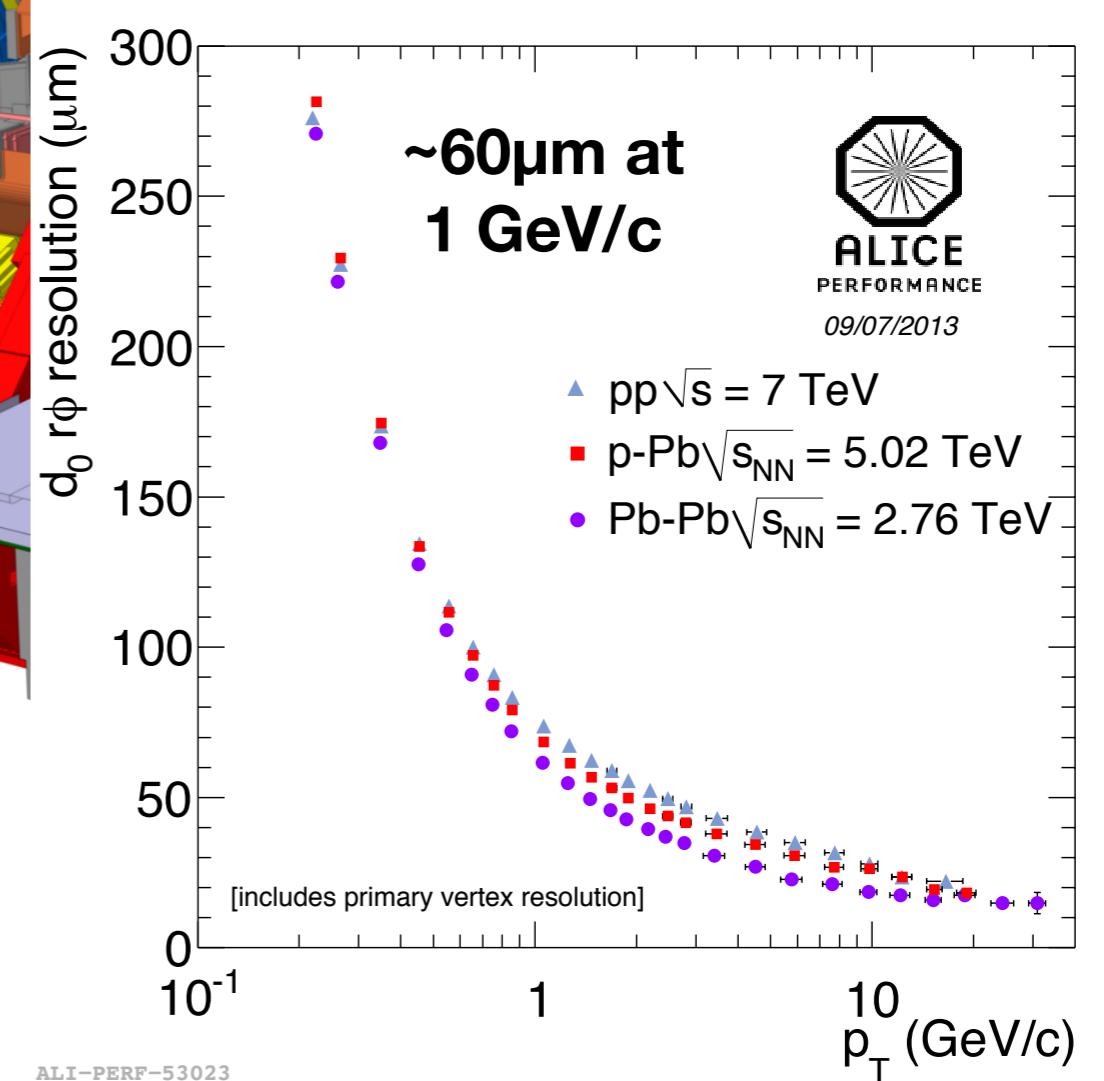
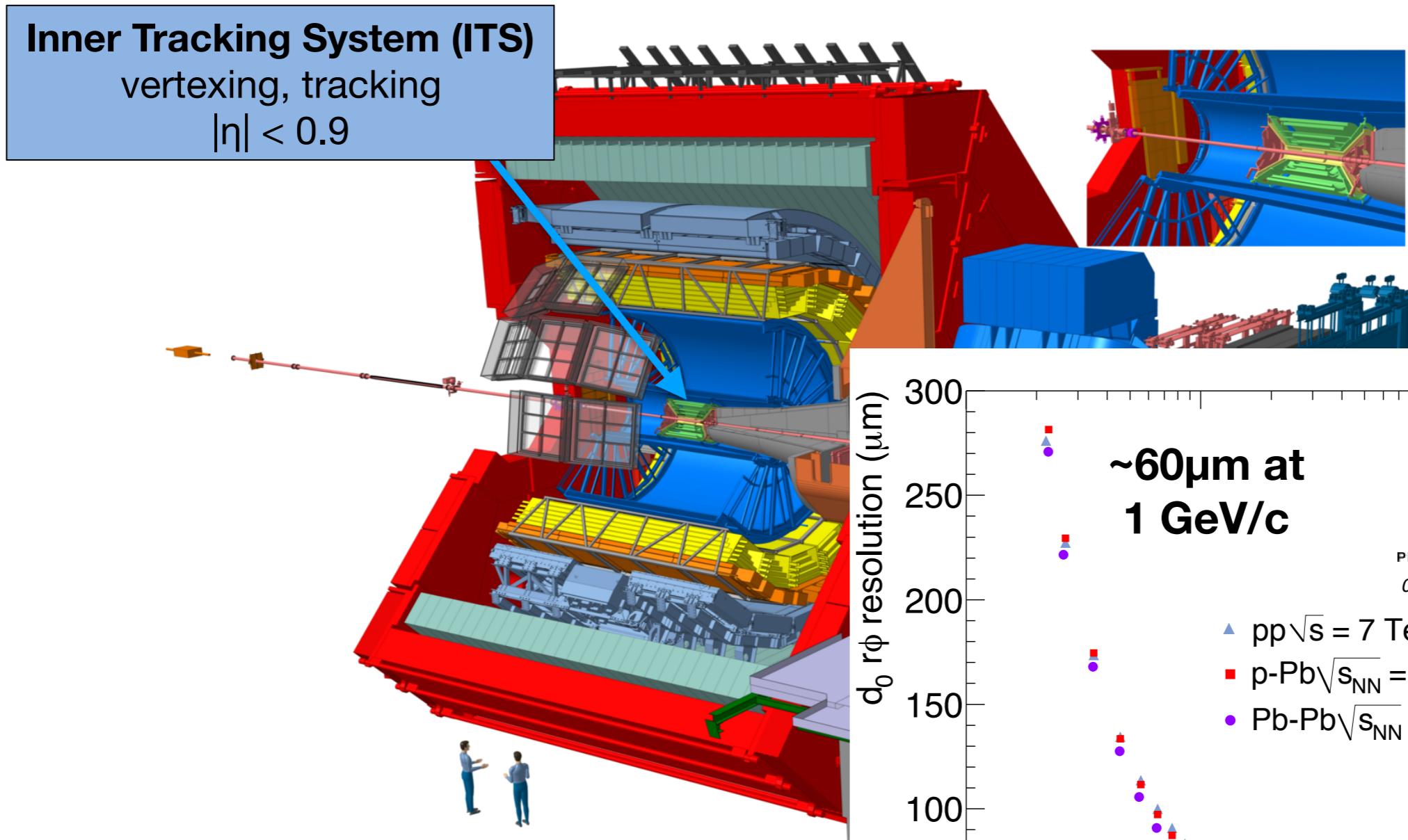
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Submitted to PLB

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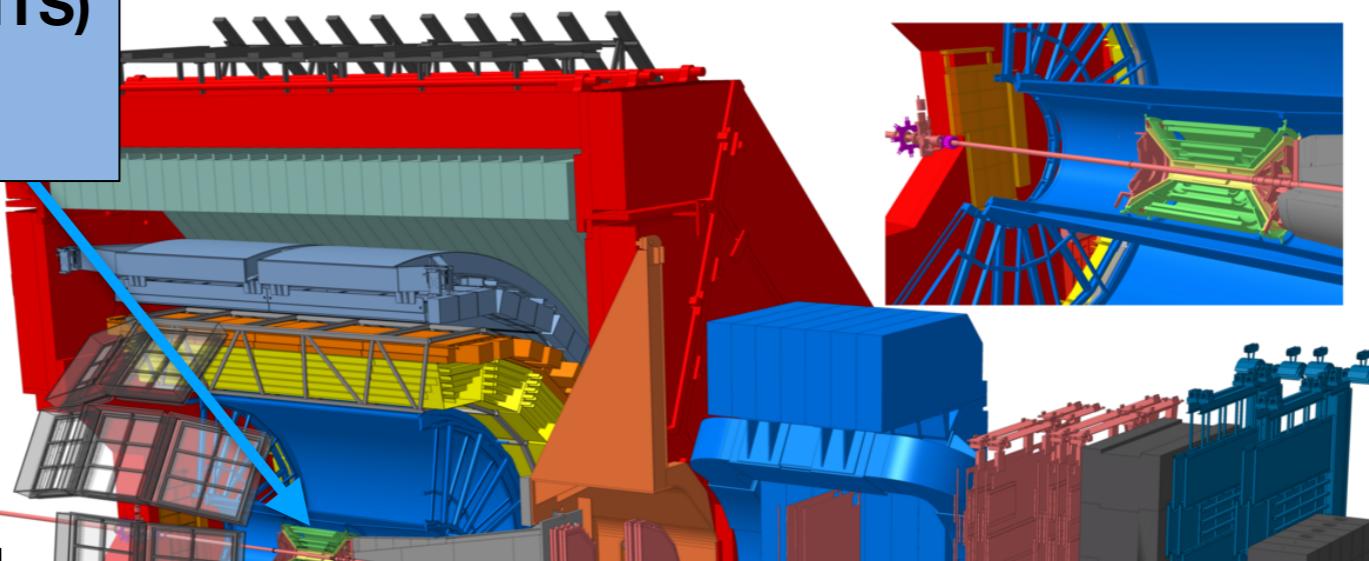


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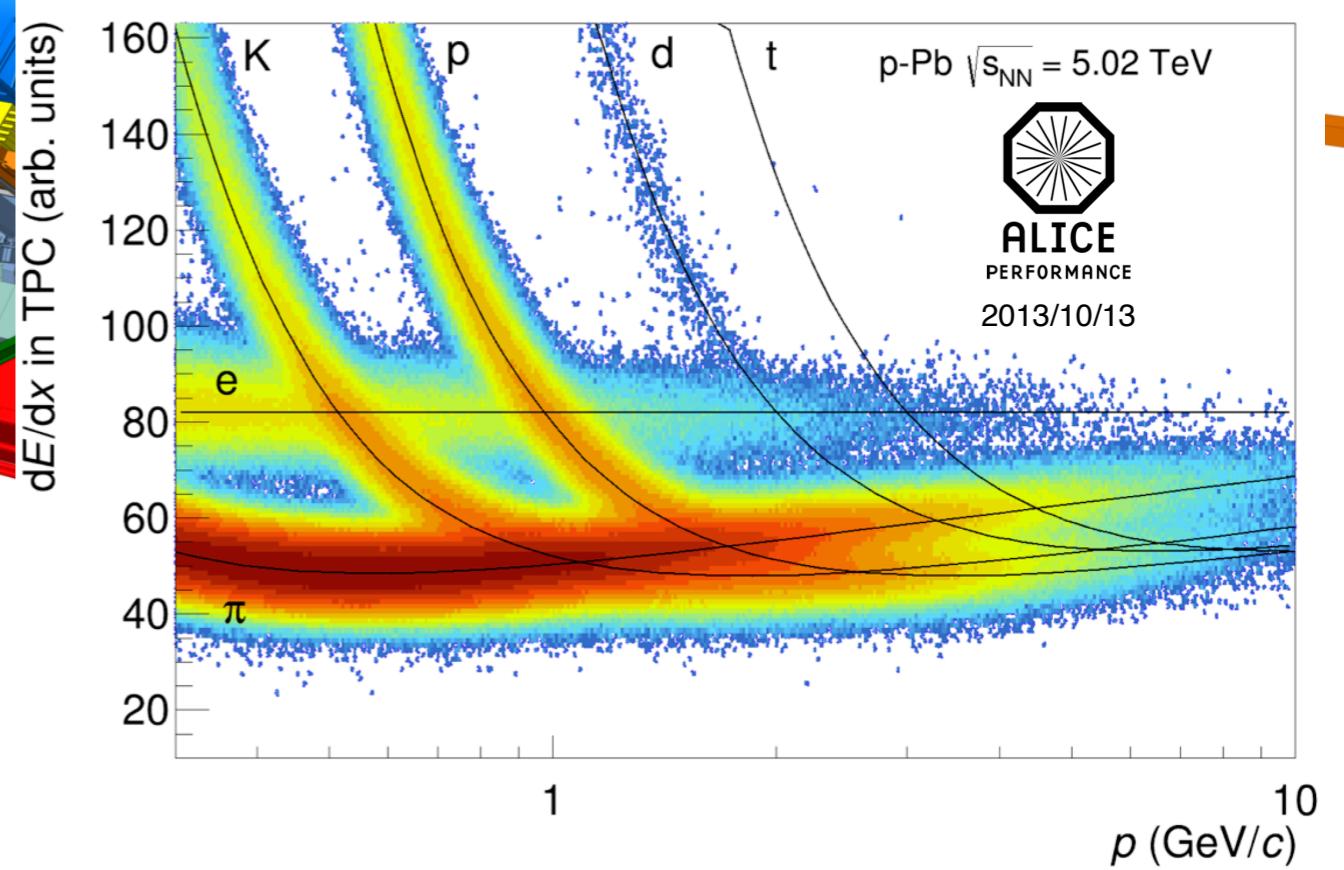
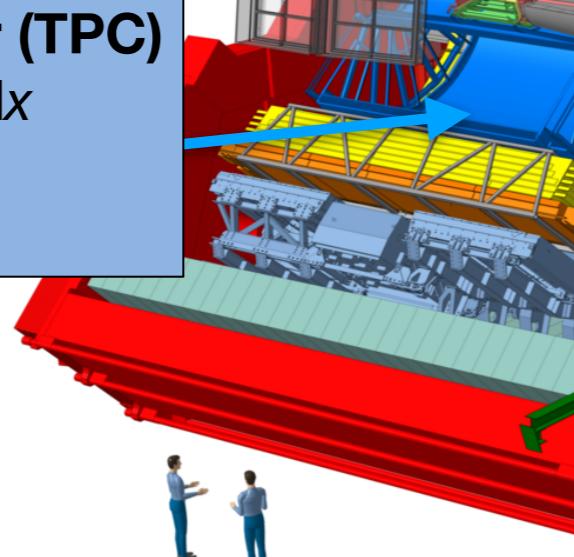


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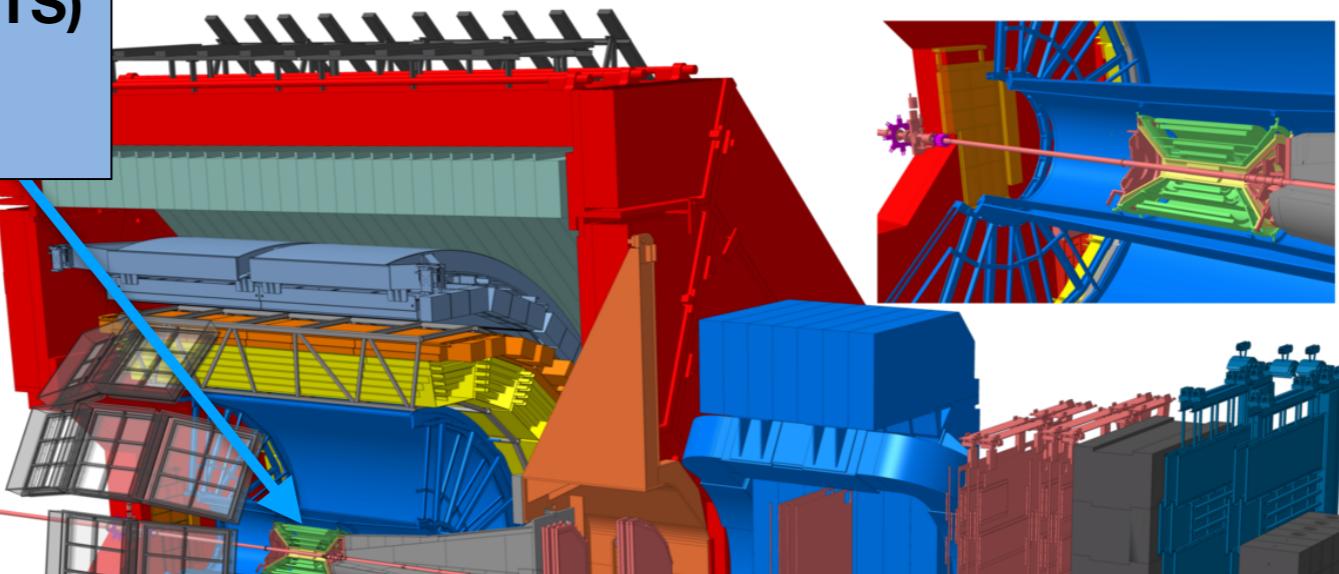


**Time Projection Chamber (TPC)**  
Tracking, PID via  $dE/dx$   
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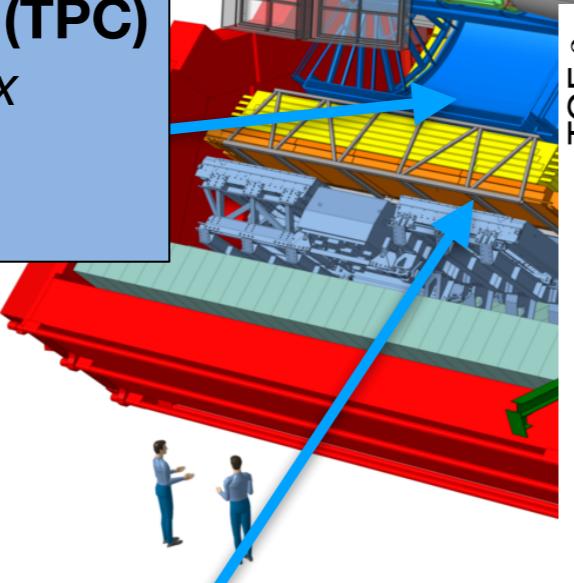


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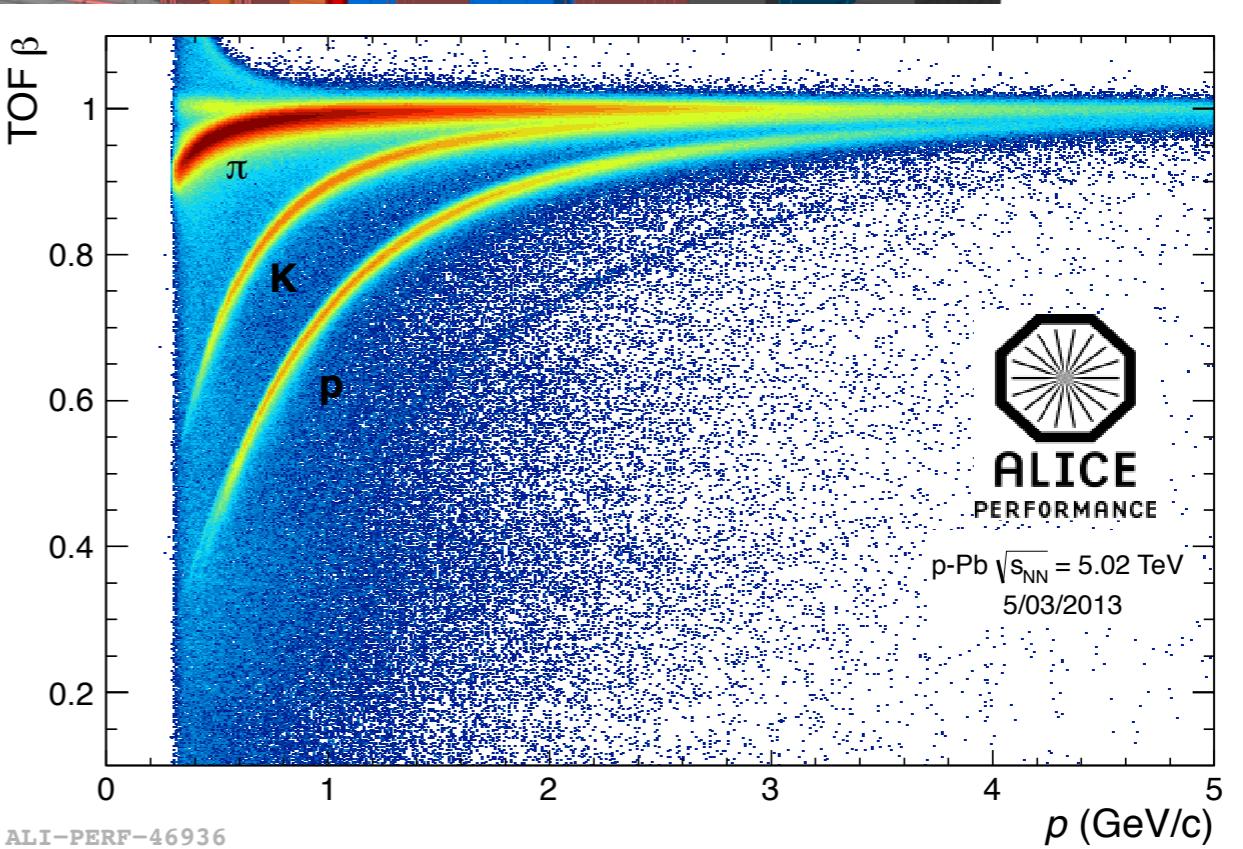
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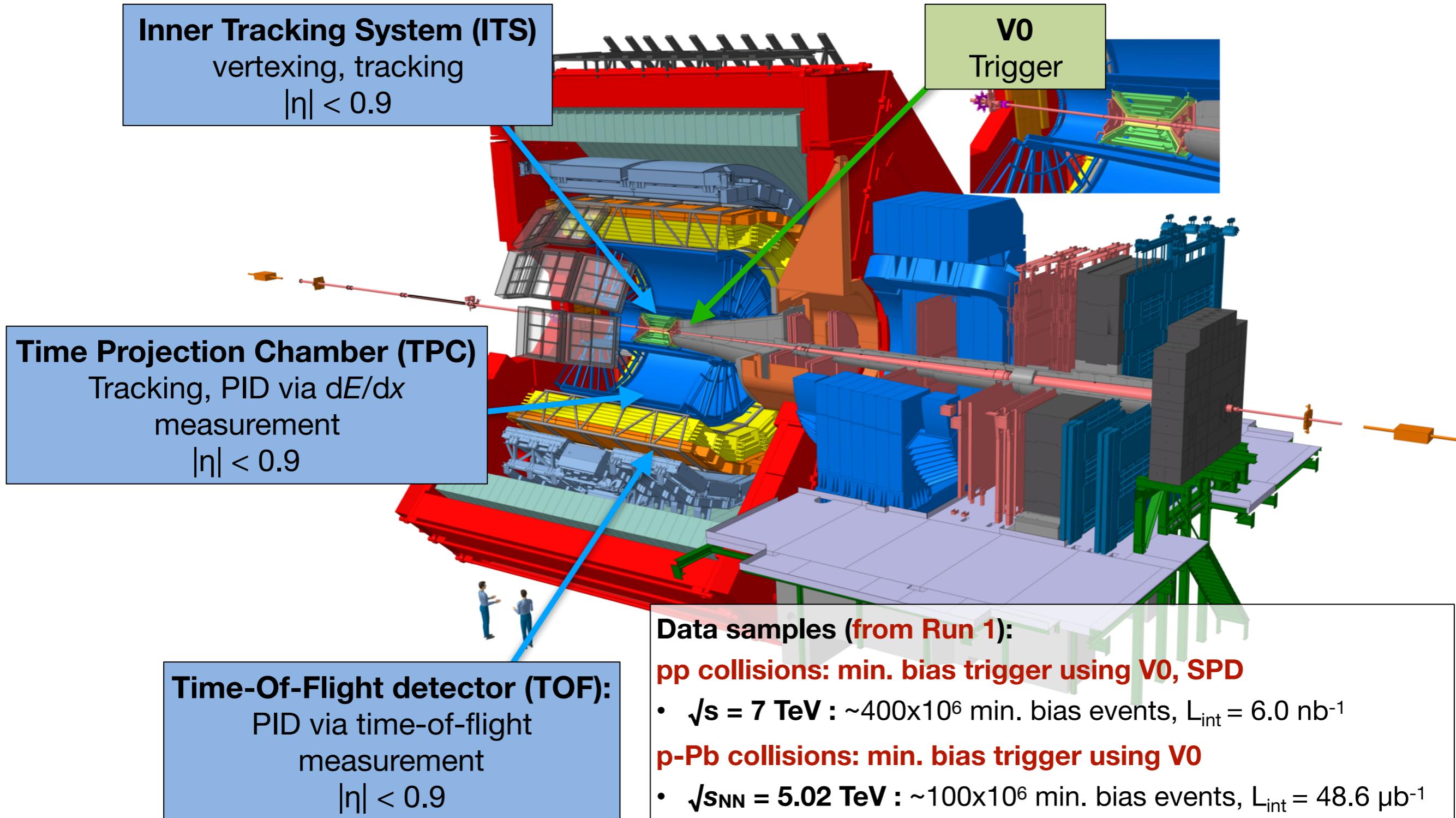
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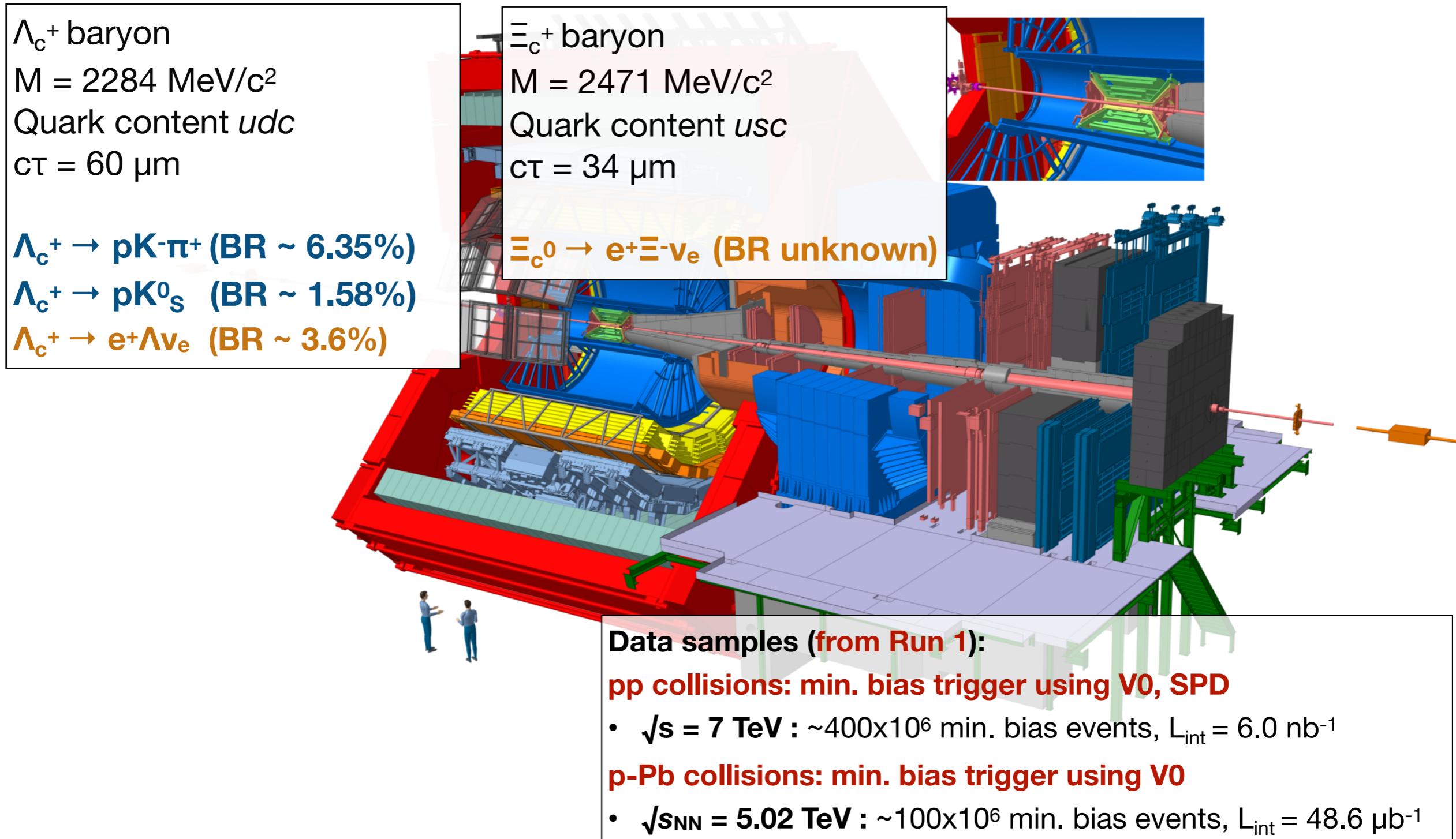
**Time-Of-Flight detector (TOF):**  
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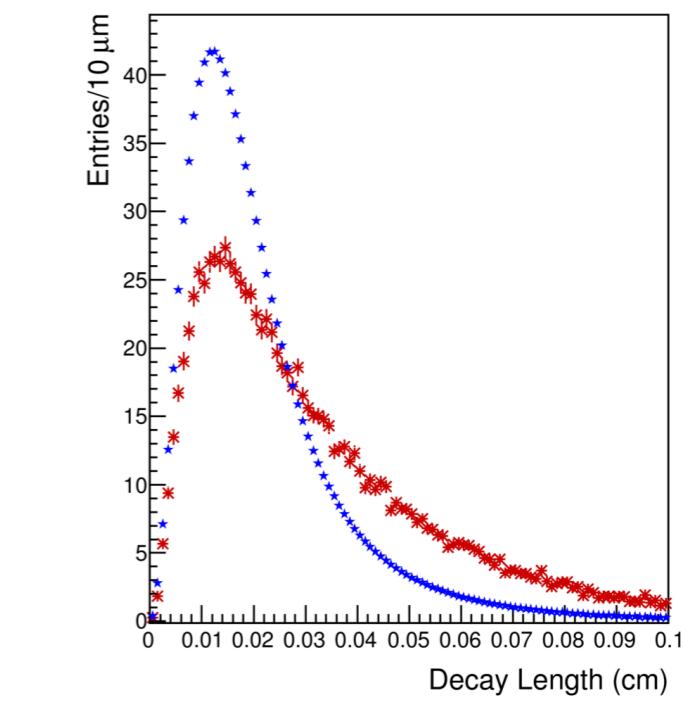
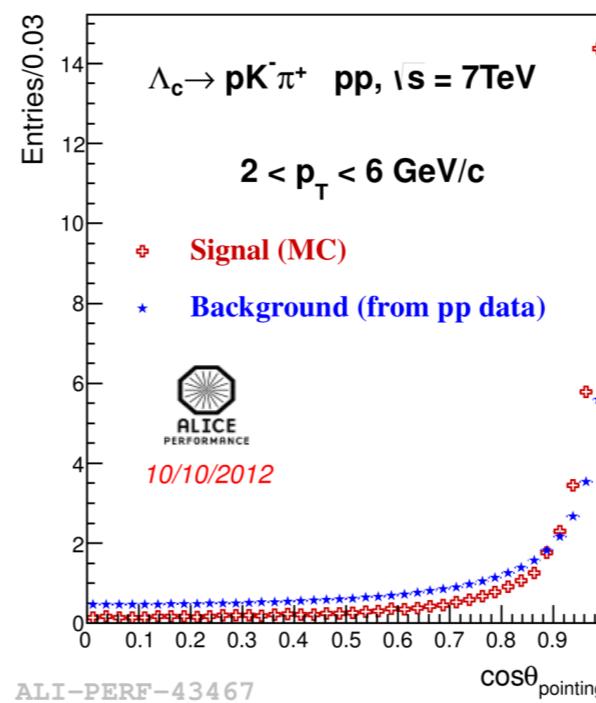
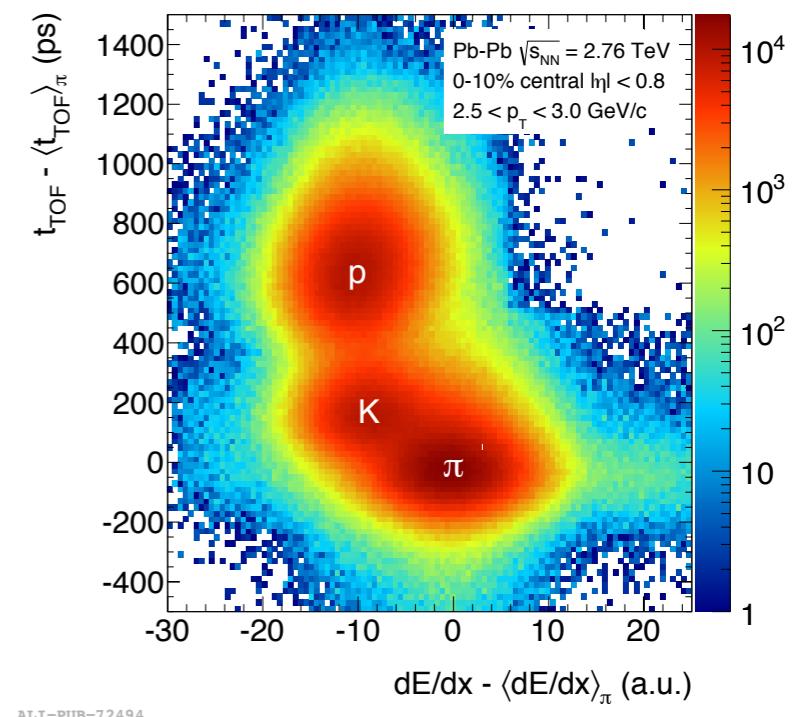


# Charmed baryon reconstruction

## Hadronic decays

- **PID** using TPC via  $dE/dx$  and TOF via time-of-flight measurement
  - no cuts, or Bayesian approach\* to identify particles
- **Cuts on decay topologies** exploiting decay vertex displacement from primary vertex (BDT or rectangular cuts)
- **Signal extraction** via invariant mass distribution in bins of transverse momentum
- **B feed-down subtraction** using pQCD-based estimation of beauty baryon production
- **Efficiency, acceptance** corrections

Decay	Branching fraction (%)
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	6.35
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^0_S$	1.58

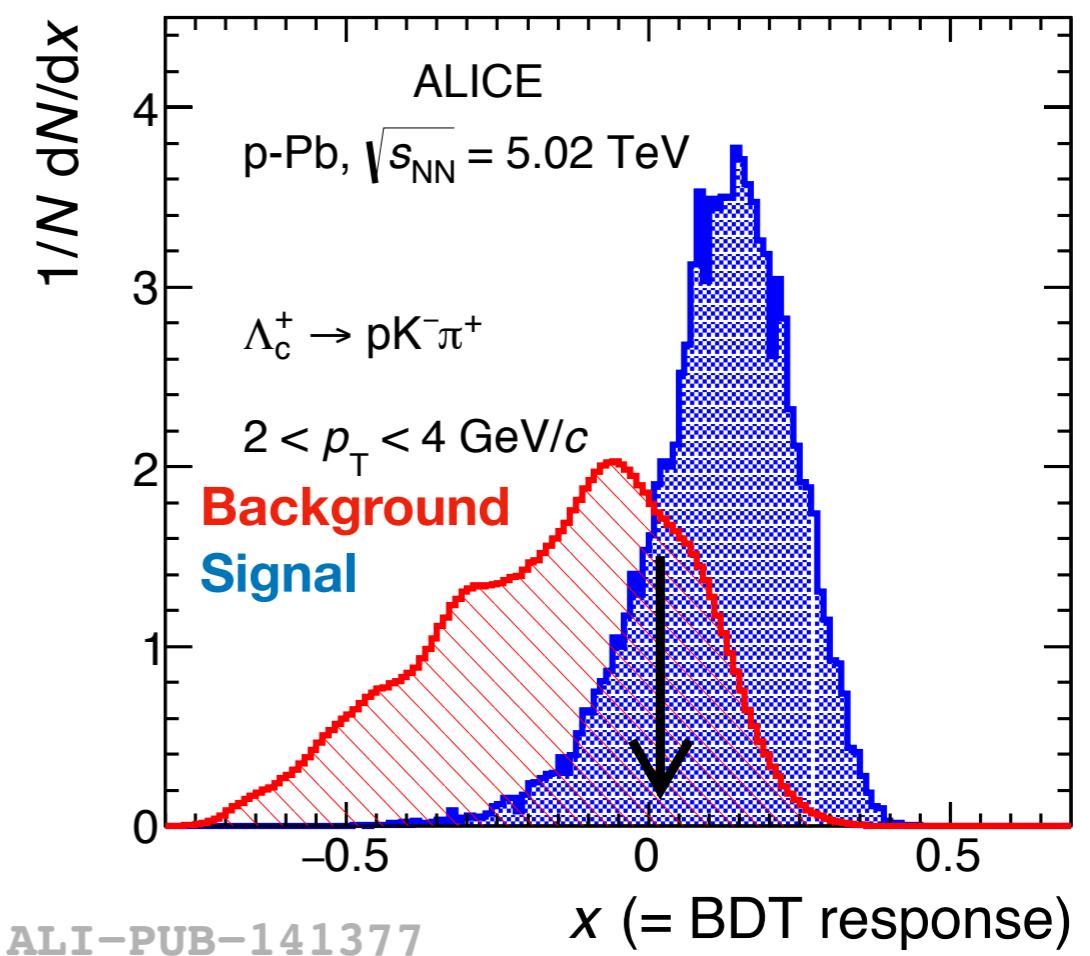


\* See P. Antonioli CERN seminar “PID with a Bayesian approach in ALICE”

# Charmed baryon BDT analysis

Hadronic decays

- BDT analysis performed for the  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$  and  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_0^S$  in p-Pb collisions
- BDT trained on **simulated signal sample**, and **background sample from simulation or data**
  - Input variables include  $p_T$  of decay products, topological properties of decay, and PID variables
- Final result merged with std. analysis taking into account correlation between analyses

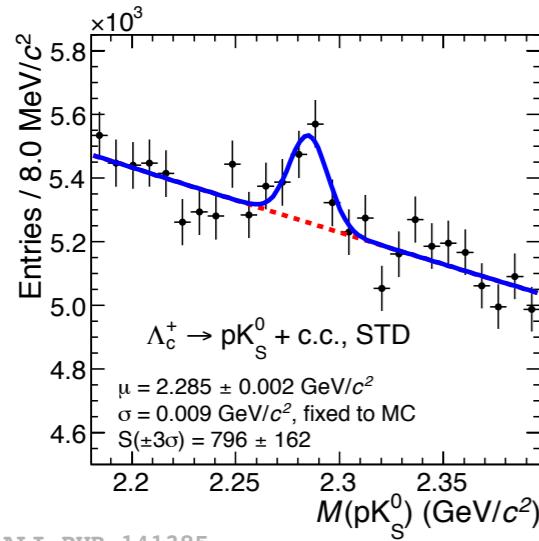
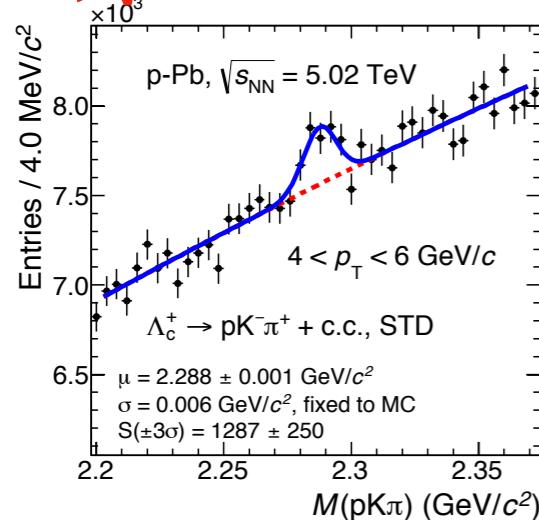


Analysis allows for slightly better statistical precision + gain in signal efficiency

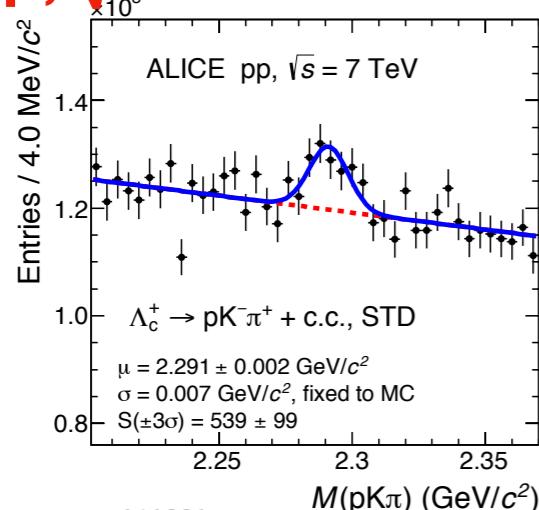
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# Charmed baryon signal extraction

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

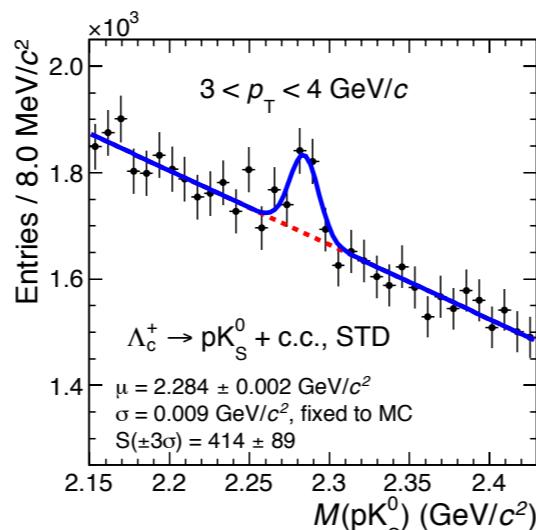
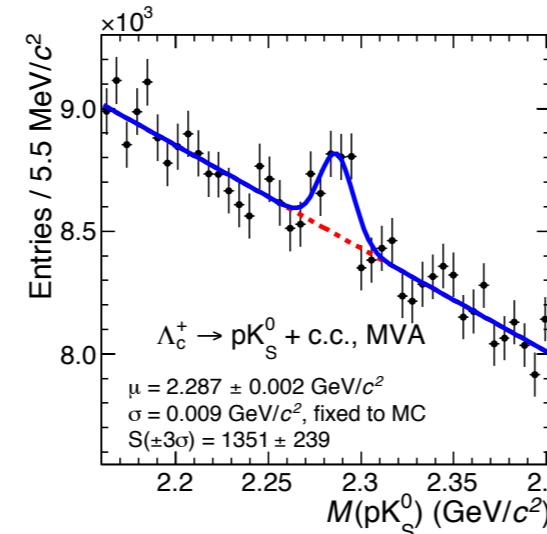
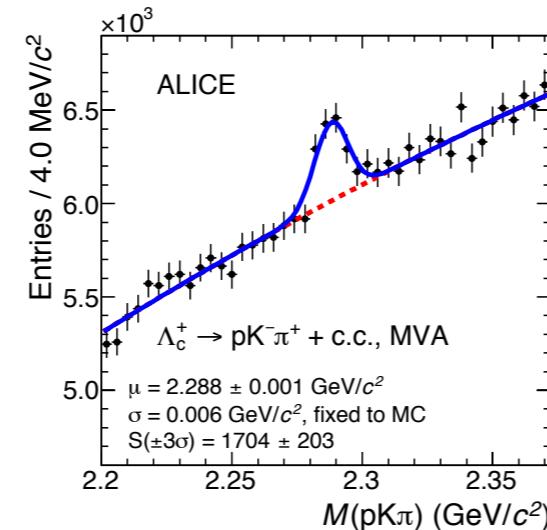


pp,  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV



Hadronic decays

- Signal extracted from  $2 < p_T < 12 \text{ GeV}/c$  in p-Pb collisions
- Signal extracted from  $2 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$  in pp collisions

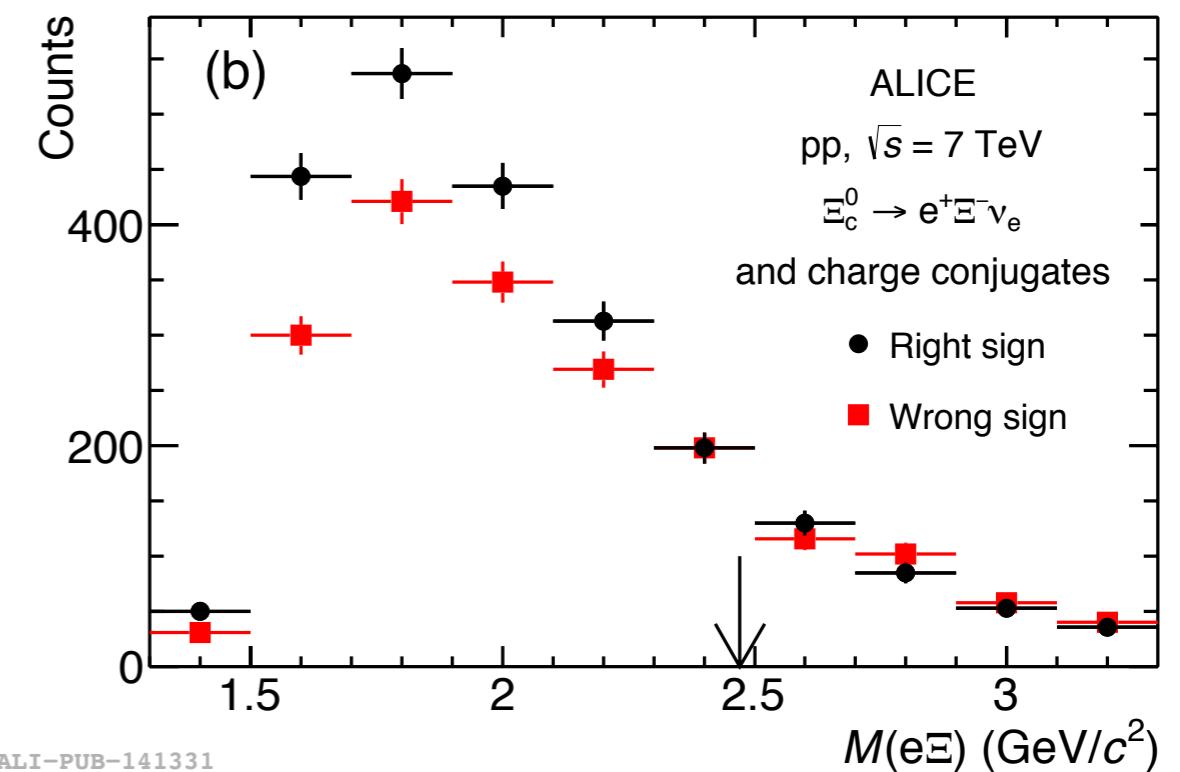
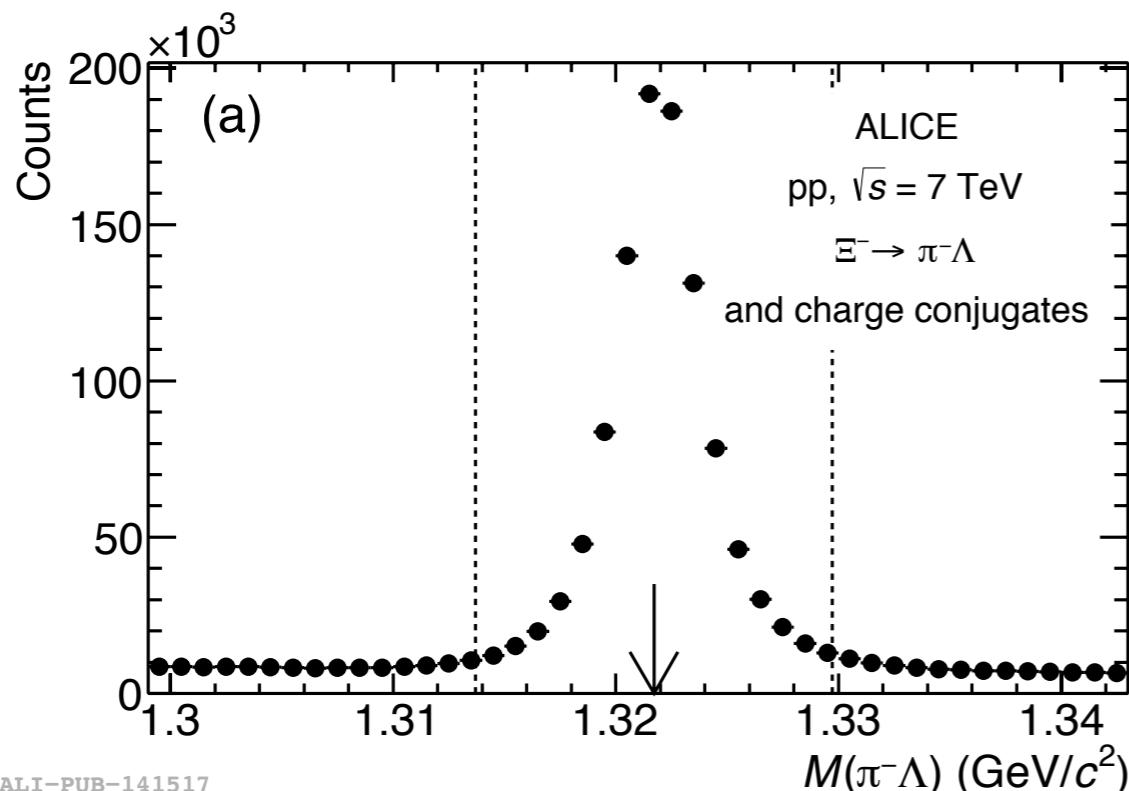


# Charmed baryon reconstruction

## Semileptonic decays

- **PID** using TPC via  $dE/dx$  and TOF via time of flight measurement
  - $\Lambda, \Xi$  candidates reconstructed
  - Photonic electrons removed from electron candidate sample
  - $e\Lambda$  ( $e\Xi$ ) pairs with opening angle  $< 90^\circ$  constructed
- **Wrong-sign (WS)**  $e^-\Lambda$  ( $e^-\Xi$ ) pairs subtracted from **right-sign (RS)** spectra  $e^+\Lambda$  ( $e^+\Xi$ )

Decay	Branching fraction (%)
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow e^+ \Lambda \bar{\nu}_e$	3.6
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{\nu}_e$	Unknown



# Charmed baryon corrections

Semileptonic decays

- Correct for:
  - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow e^- \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow e^- \Lambda X (\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow e^- \Xi^- \nu_e X)$  contribution in wrong-sign spectra:
    - $\Lambda_b^0$  contribution from  $\Lambda_b^0$  measurement by CMS\* - **up to 10% correction**
    - $\Xi_b^0$  production not measured - contribution estimated from  $BR(b \rightarrow \Xi_b) \cdot BR(\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi^- l^- \nu X)$  and  $BR(b \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0) \cdot BR(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda l^- \nu X)$  measurements in  $e^+ e^-$  collisions\* - **Up to 2% correction**
  - $\Xi_c^{0,+} \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^{-,0} \nu \rightarrow e^+ \Lambda \pi^{-,0} \nu$  contribution in right-sign spectra for  $\Lambda_c^+$  measurement (2 methods):
    1. Determined from measured  $\Xi_c^0$  cross section and measured  $BR(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^0 \nu_e) / BR(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \nu_e)$  ratio
    2.  $c\tau(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda + X) < c\tau(\Xi_c \rightarrow \Xi + X \rightarrow \Lambda + X)$  - MC fit to  $\Lambda$  distance from primary vertex
      - **$\Xi_c^{0,-}$  feed-down fraction =  $0.46 \pm 0.06$**
- **Unfold**  $e^+ \Lambda(e^+ \Xi^-) p_T$  spectra to obtain  $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $\Xi_c^0$ ) spectra
- **B feed-down subtraction** using pQCD-based estimation of beauty baryon production ( **$\Lambda_c^+$  only!**)
- **Efficiency, acceptance** corrections

\* CMS: Phys. Lett. B714 (2012) 136–157  
ALEPH: Phys. Lett. B384 (1996) 449  
ALEPH: Eur. Phys. J. C2 (1998) 197  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 74 (1995) 3113

# Systematic uncertainties in pp collisions

Systematic unc. source	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$		$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^0_s$	
	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)
Yield extraction	11	4	7	9
Tracking efficiency	4	3	7	5
Cut efficiency	11	12	5	6
PID efficiency	4	4	5	5
MC pT shape	2	2	negl.	1.5
B feed-down	+1 -4	+2 -11	negl. -2	+1 -4
BR	5.1		5.0	

Hadronic decay analyses

Similar for p-Pb (backup)

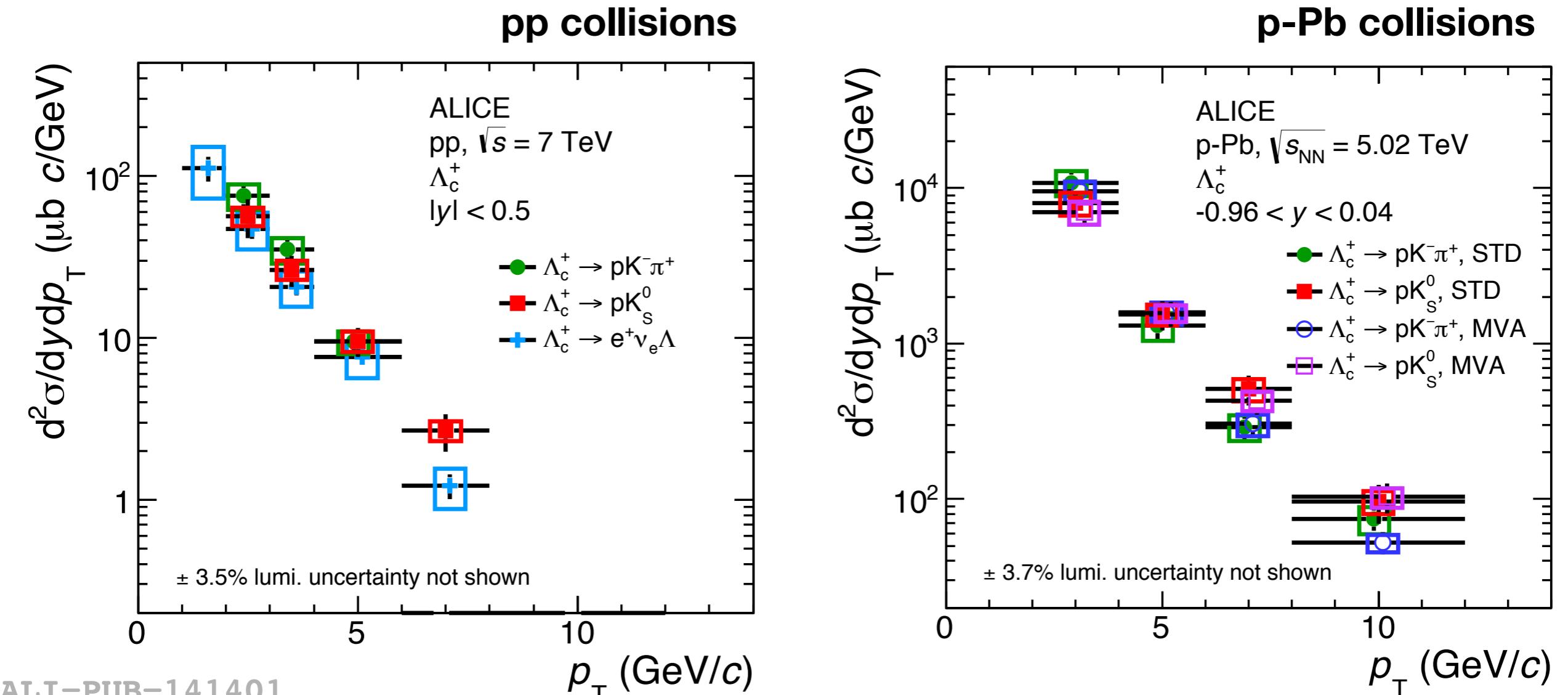
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	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)
Yield extraction	17	17	5	5
Efficiency, acceptance	28	13	30	14
Missing neutrino momentum	3	11	29	10
B feed-down	negl.	+1 -7	-	-
BR	11		-	

Semileptonic decay analyses

Luminosity uncertainty = 3.5%

# Results

# $\Lambda_c^+$ $p_T$ -differential cross sections

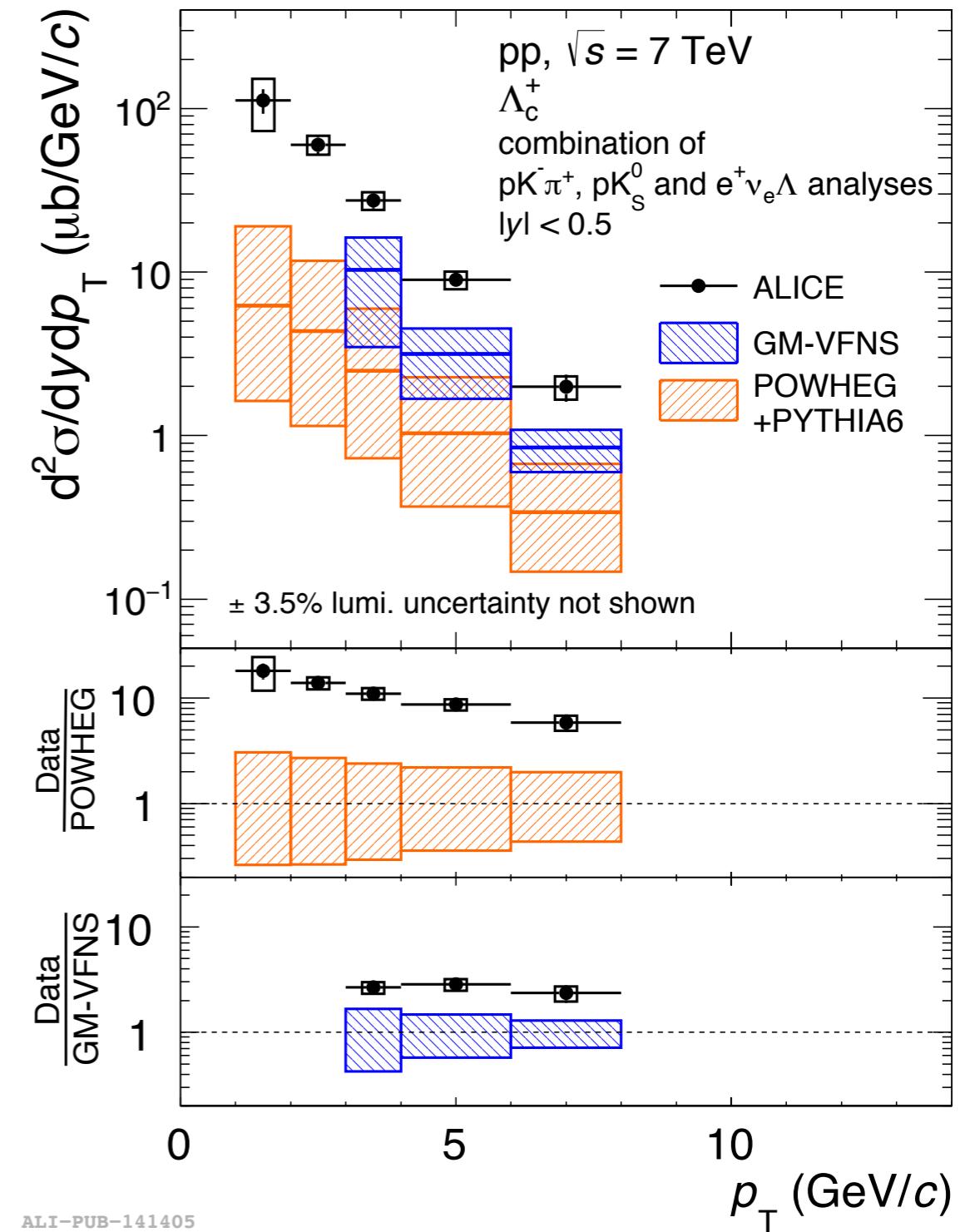


- Good agreement between different decay channels + analysis methods

# $\Lambda_c^+$ $p_T$ -differential cross section in pp collisions

- $\Lambda_c^+$   $p_T$ -differential cross section significantly underestimated by theory
  - **GM-VFNS:** Next-to-leading order QCD with logarithms resummed to next-to-leading order
    - Non-perturbative fragmentation estimated from  $e^+e^-$  collision data
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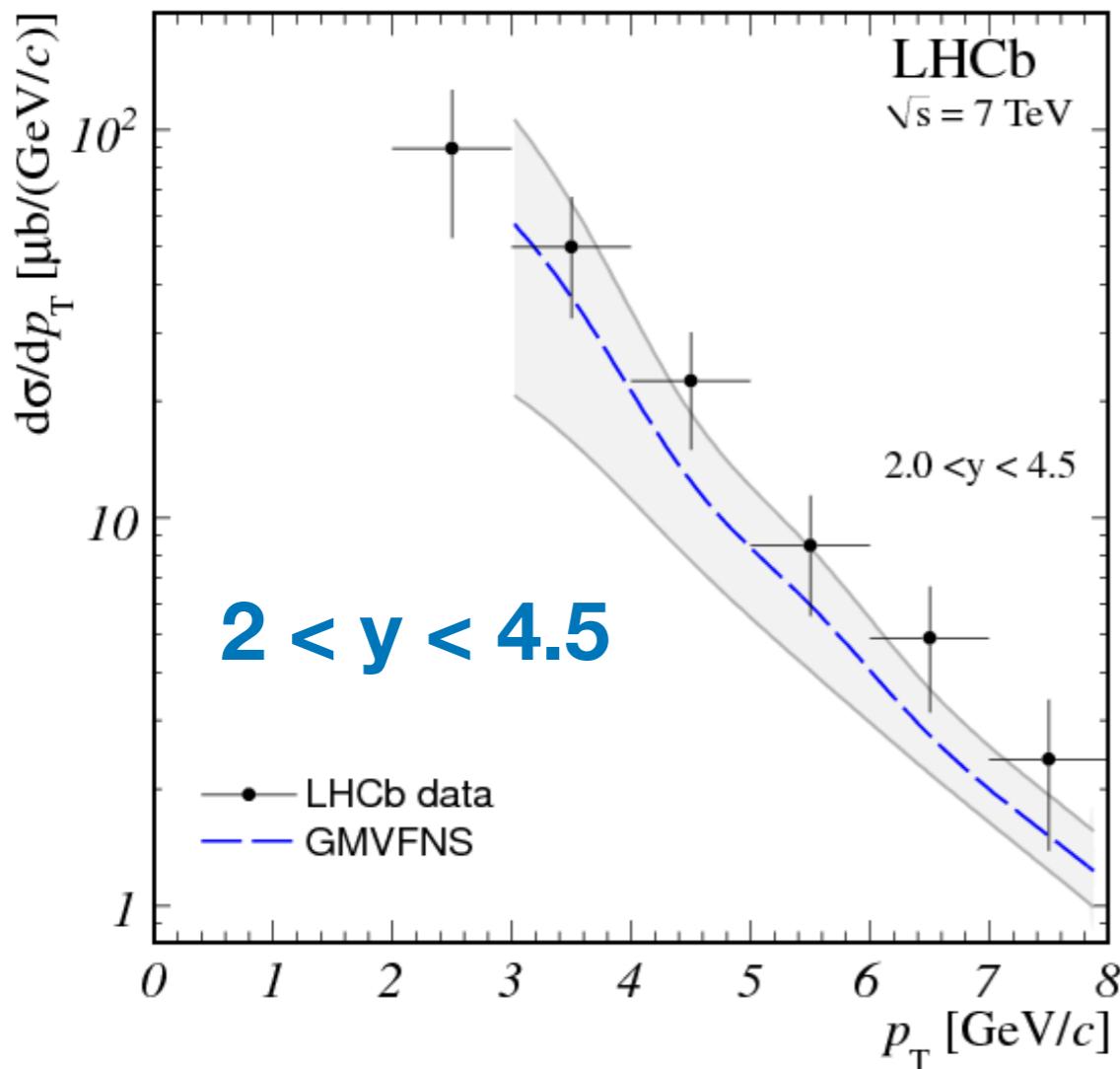


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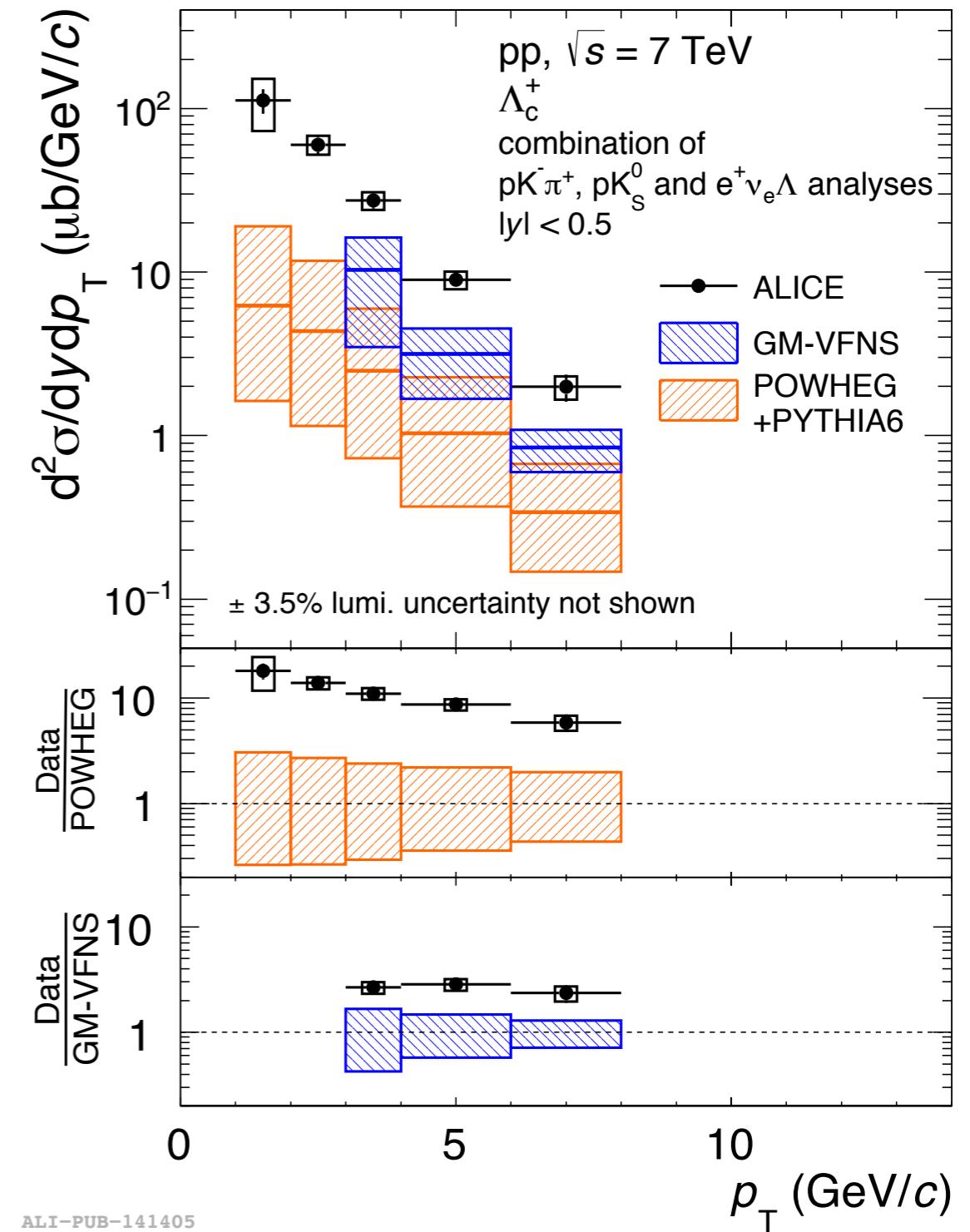
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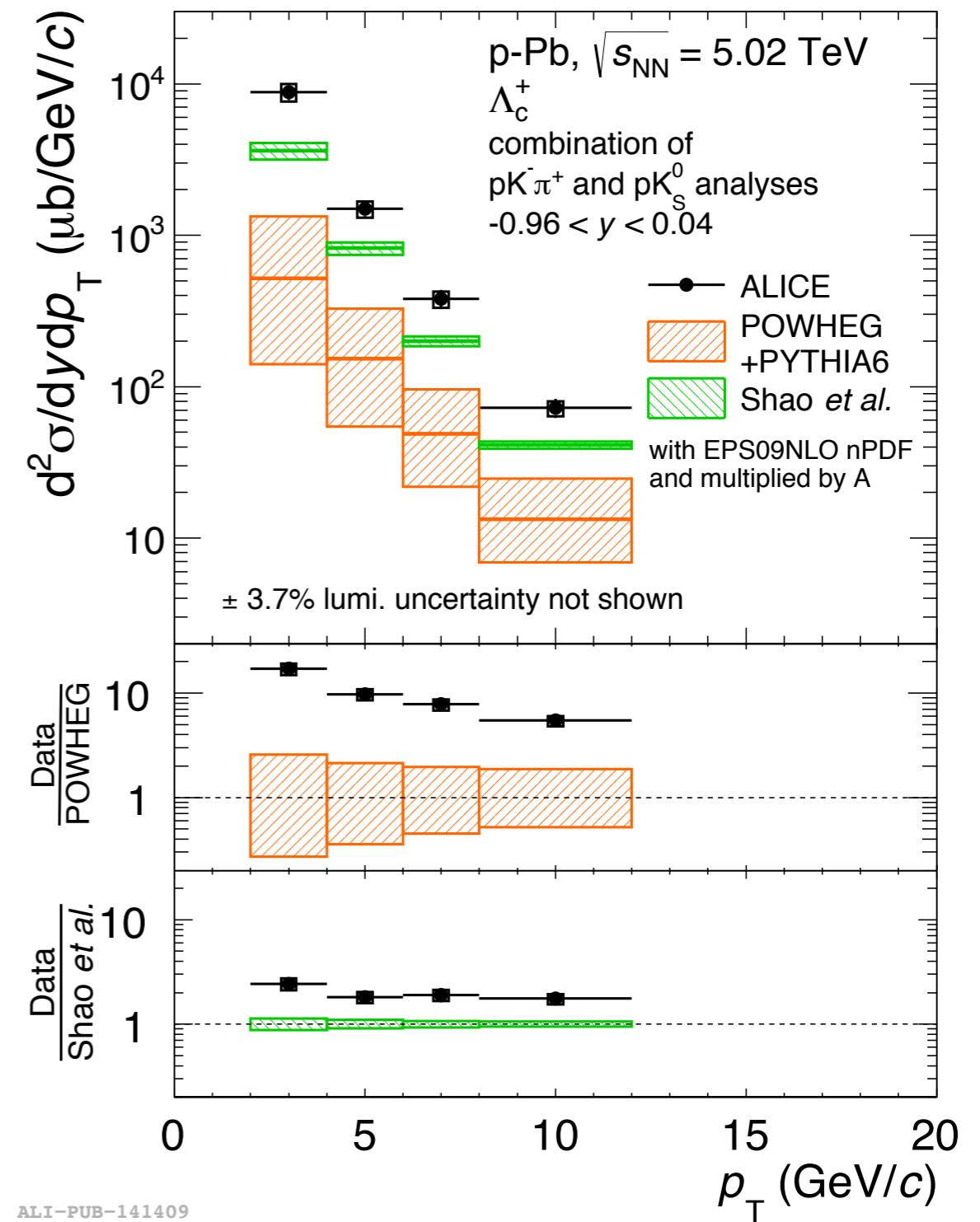


- $\Lambda_c^+$  production at forward rapidity described by GM-VFNS



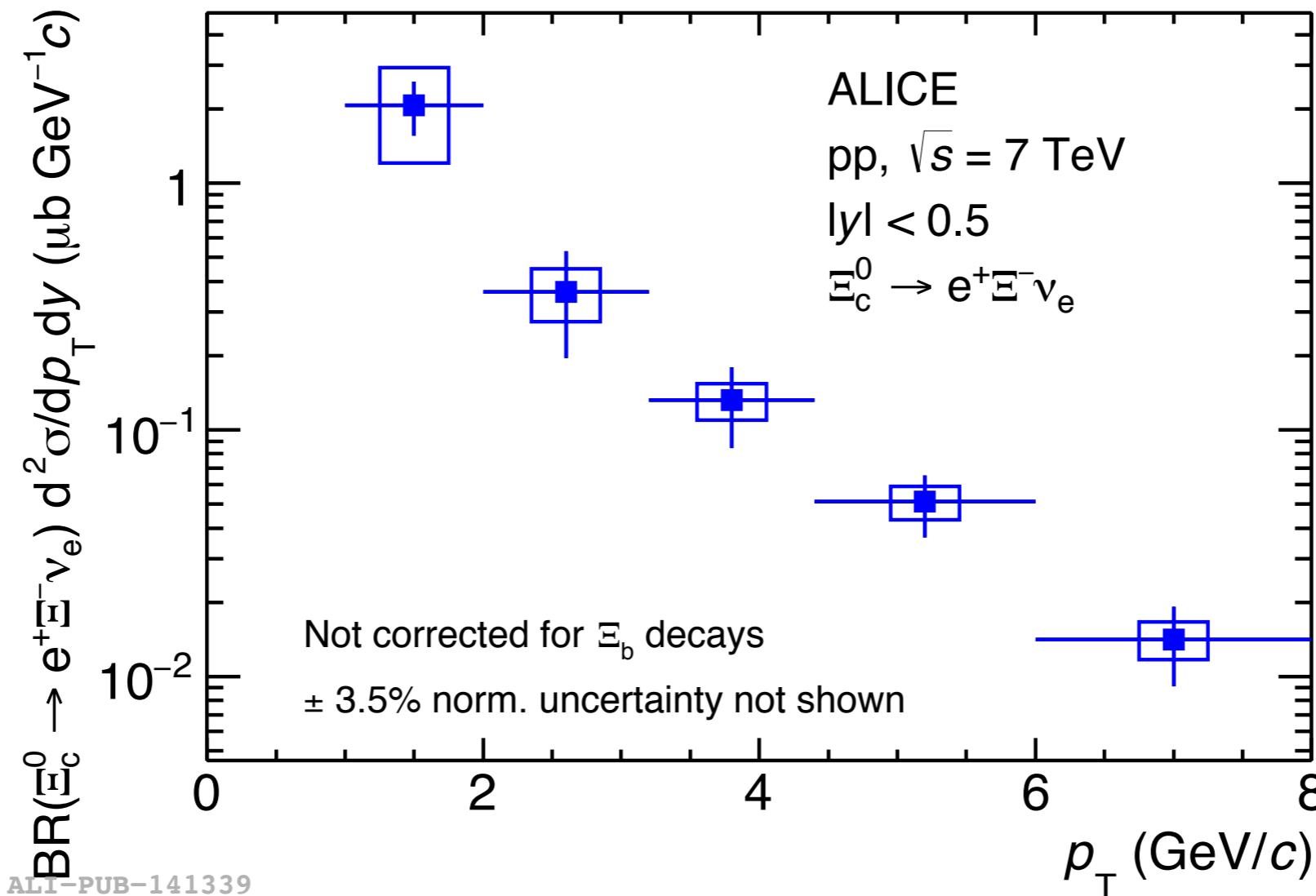
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    - Parameterises scattering amplitude using fit to LHCb  $\Lambda_c^+$  cross section in pp collisions ( $2 < y < 4.5$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV,  $2 < p_T < 8$  GeV/c)
  - Both models include EPS09 parameterisation of nuclear PDF



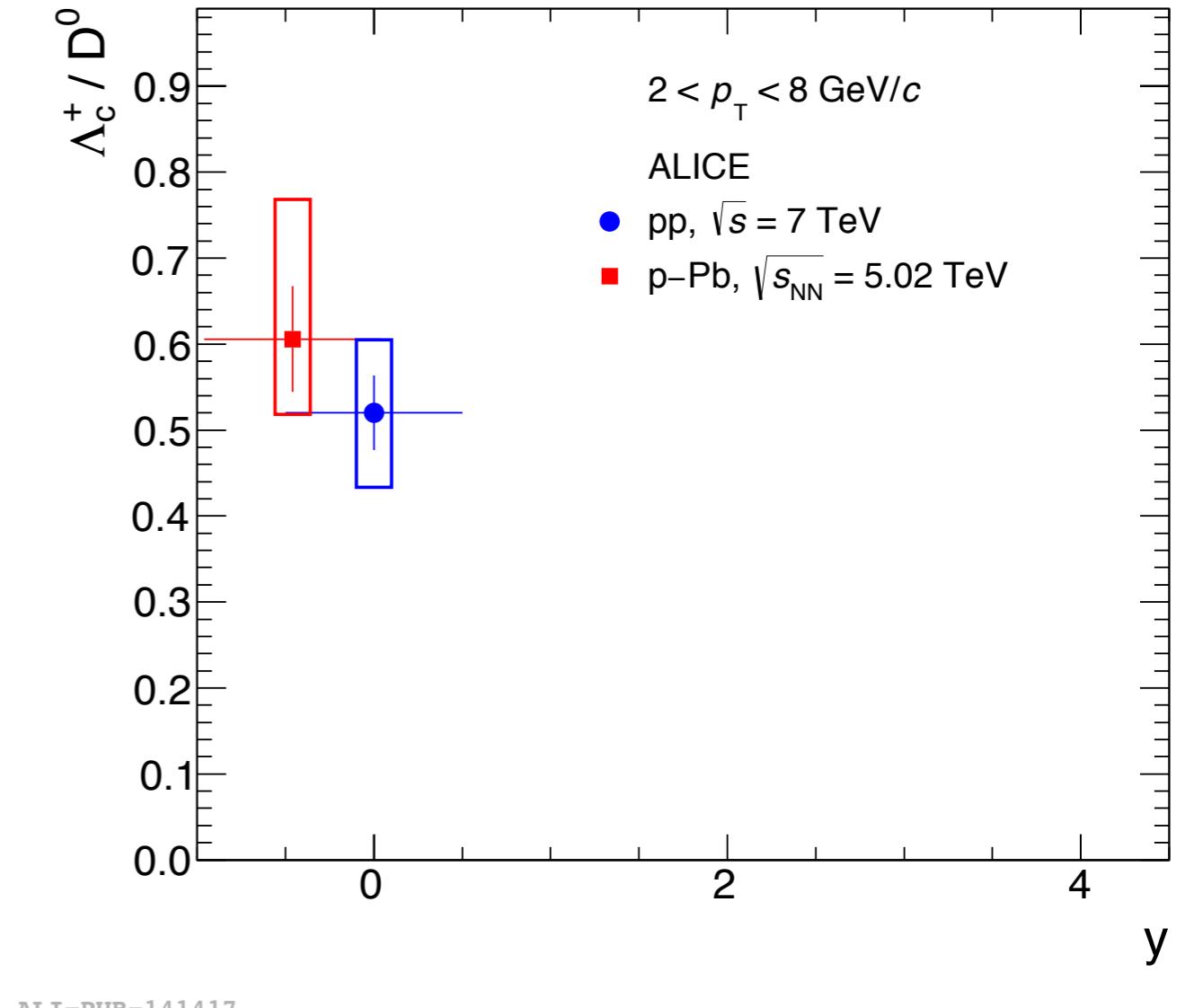
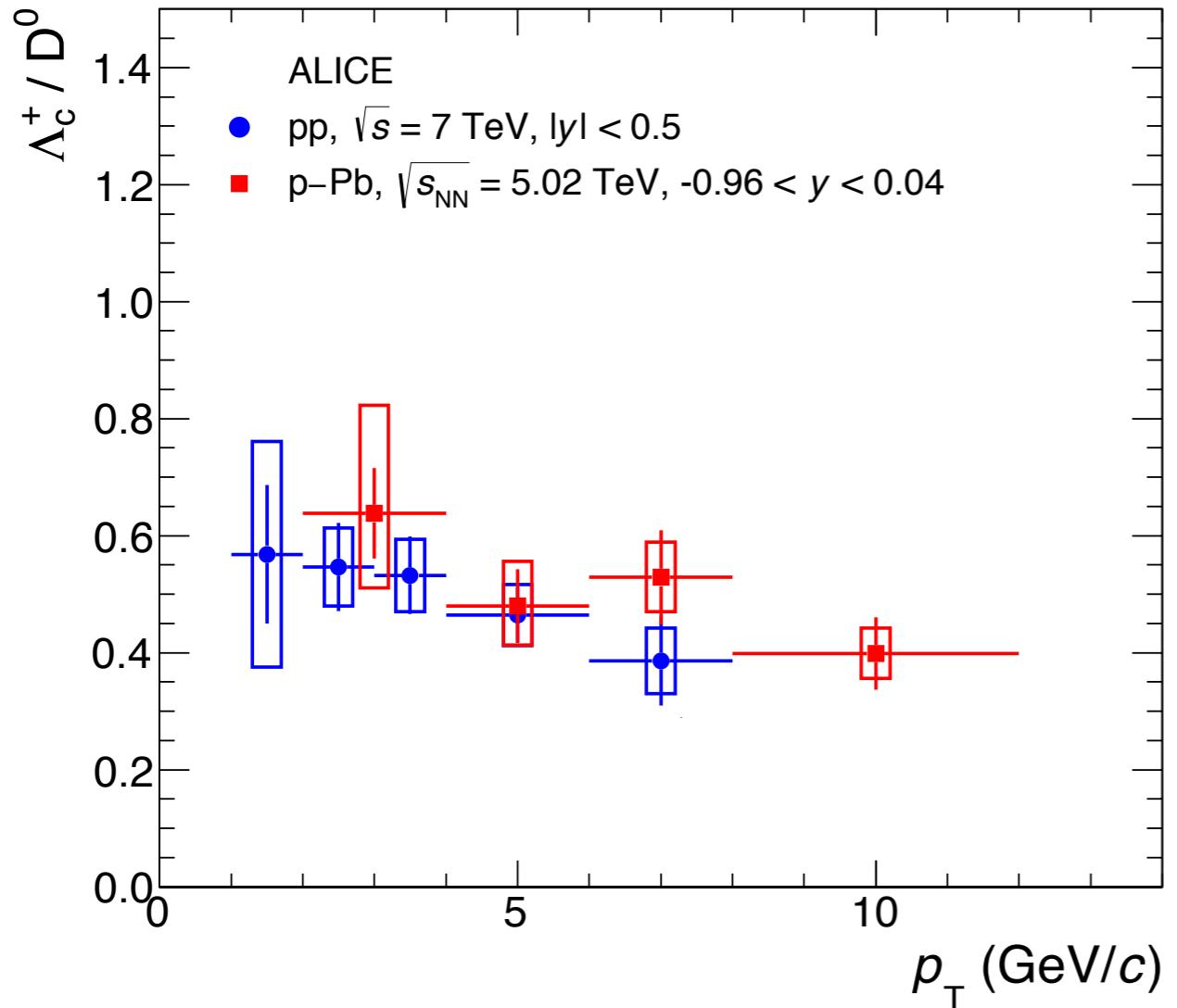
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# $\Xi_c^0 p_T$ -differential cross section in pp collisions



- $\Xi_c^0$  production cross-section-times-branching-ratio measured from  $1 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
  - Not feed-down corrected - includes  $\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c^0 X \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \nu_e$

# $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ baryon-to-meson ratio

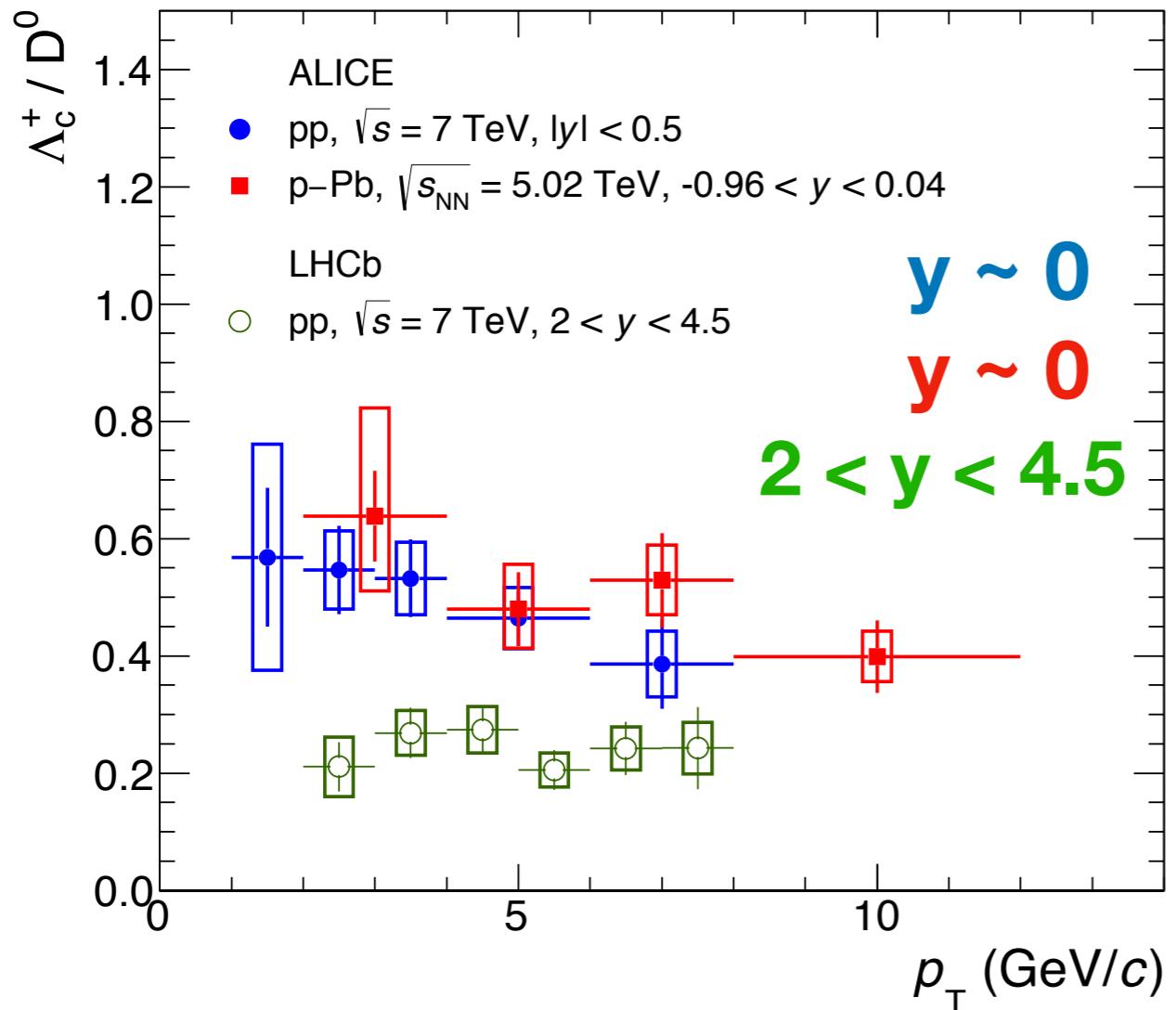


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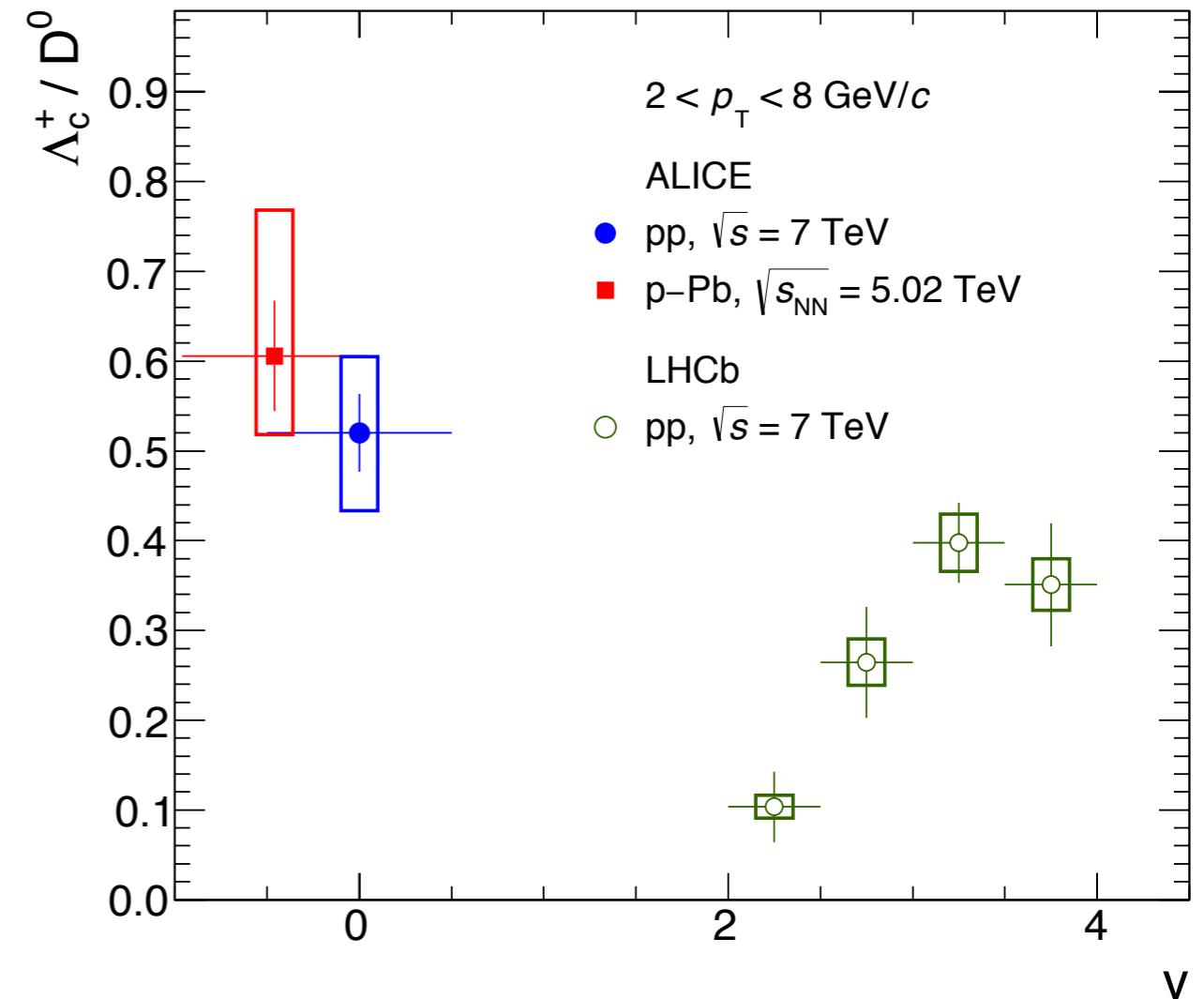
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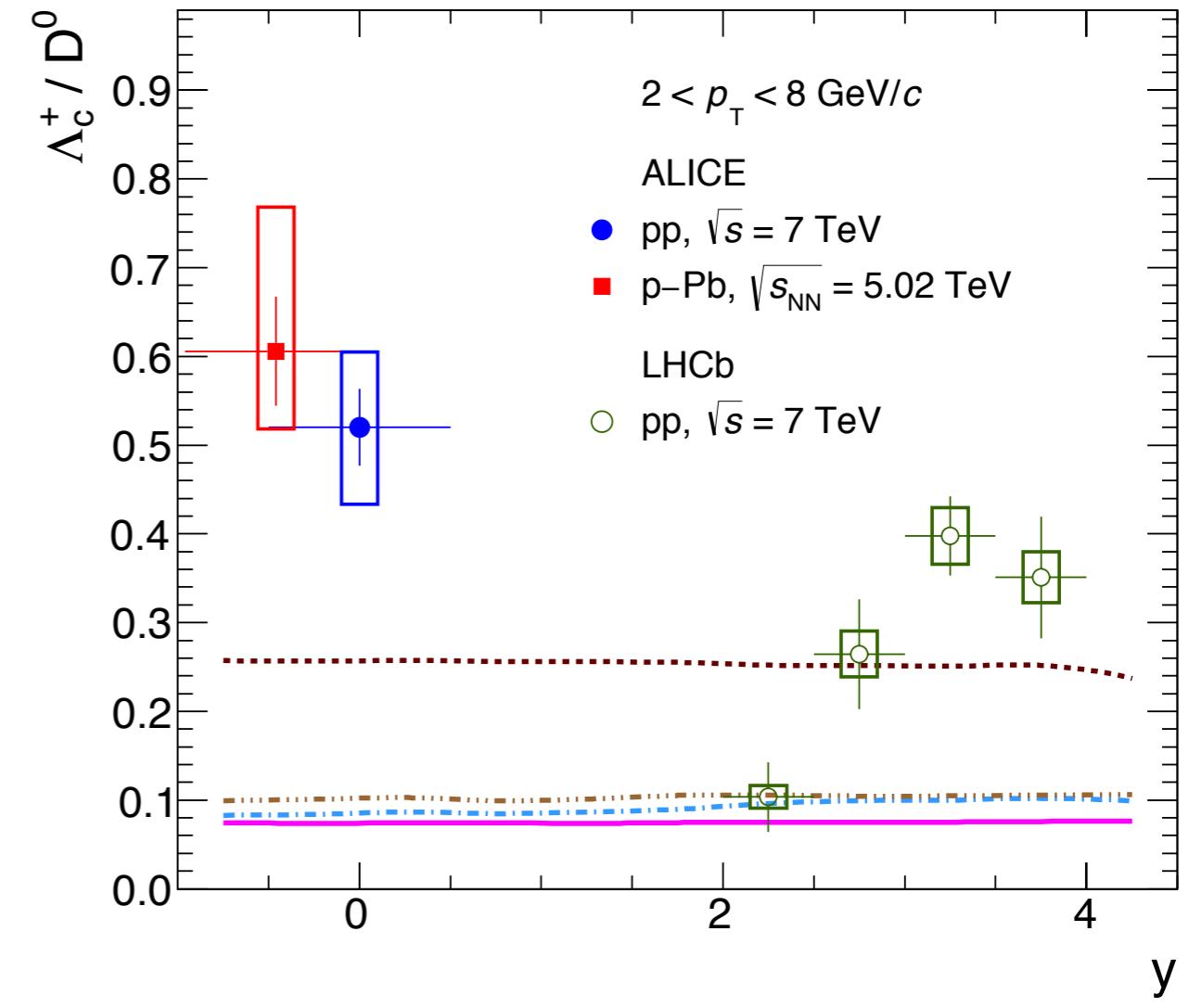
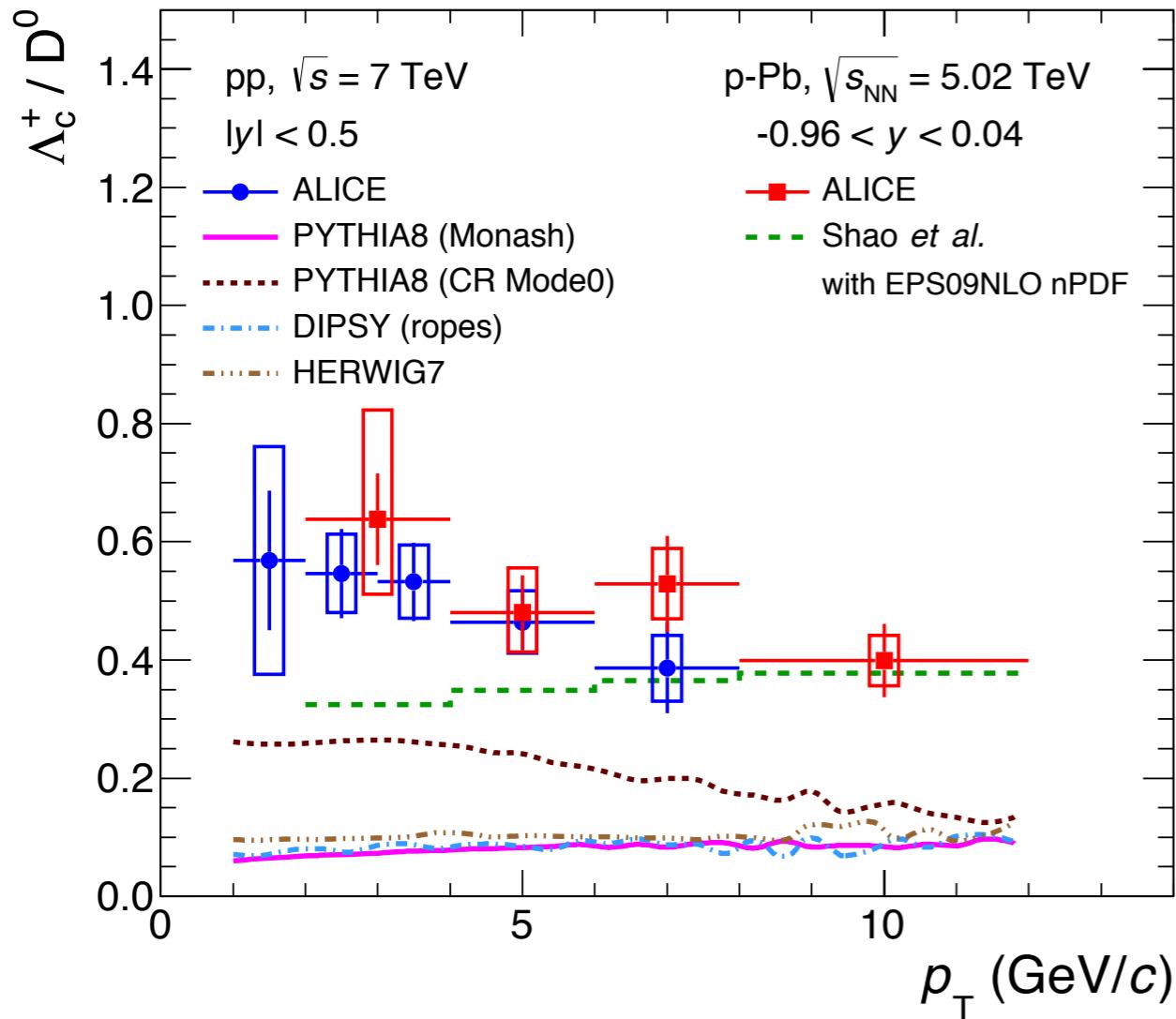
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- ALICE measurement **systematically higher** than LHCb

# $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ baryon-to-meson ratio

Measurement	$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0 \pm \text{stat.} \pm \text{syst.}$	System	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Kinematics
CLEO	$0.119 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.019$	ee	10.55	
ARGUS	$0.127 \pm 0.031$ (stat.+syst.)	ee	10.55	
LEP average	$0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$	ee	91.2	
ZEUS DIS	$0.124 \pm 0.034^{+0.025}_{-0.022}$	ep	320	$1 < Q^2 < 1000 \text{ GeV}^2, 0 < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}/c,$ $0.02 < y < 0.7$
ZEUS $\gamma p$ HERA I	$0.220 \pm 0.035^{+0.027}_{-0.037}$	ep	320	$130 < W < 300 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $p_T > 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c,  \eta  < 1.6$
ZEUS $\gamma p$ HERA II	$0.107 \pm 0.018^{+0.009}_{-0.014}$	ep	320	$130 < W < 300 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2,$ $p_T > 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c,  \eta  < 1.6$
ALICE	$0.543 \pm 0.061 \pm 0.160$	pp	7000	$1 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c,  \eta  < 0.5$
ALICE	$0.602 \pm 0.060^{+0.159}_{-0.087}$	pPb	5020	$2 < p_T < 12 \text{ GeV}/c,  \eta  < 0.5$

- Baryon-to-meson ratio ***higher than previous measurements*** in different collision systems + kinematic regimes (+ LHCb at  $\sim 0.2\text{-}0.3$ )
- For a more robust comparison it will be very important to measure the  $\Lambda_c^+$  down to  $p_T=0$  with good precision

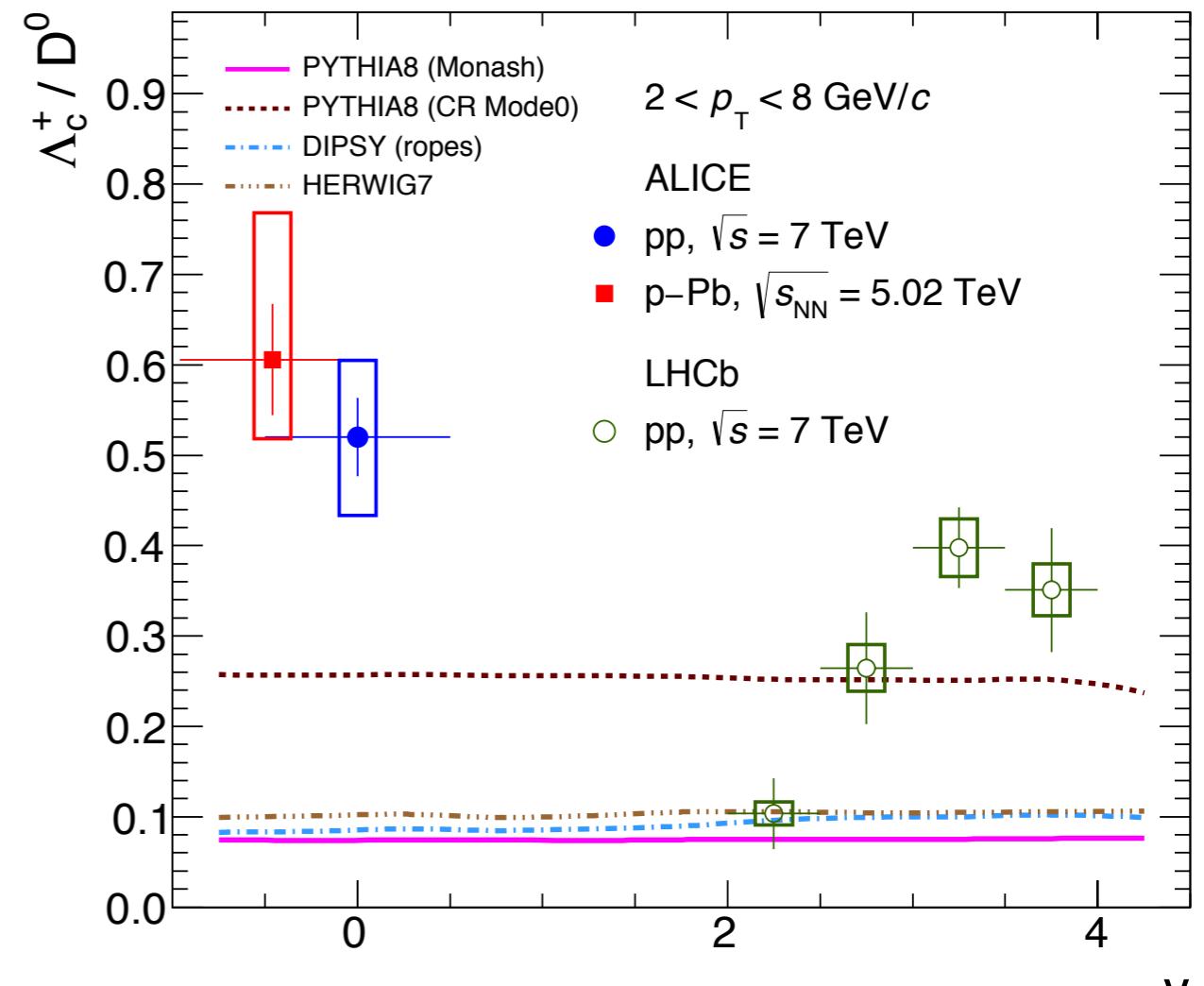
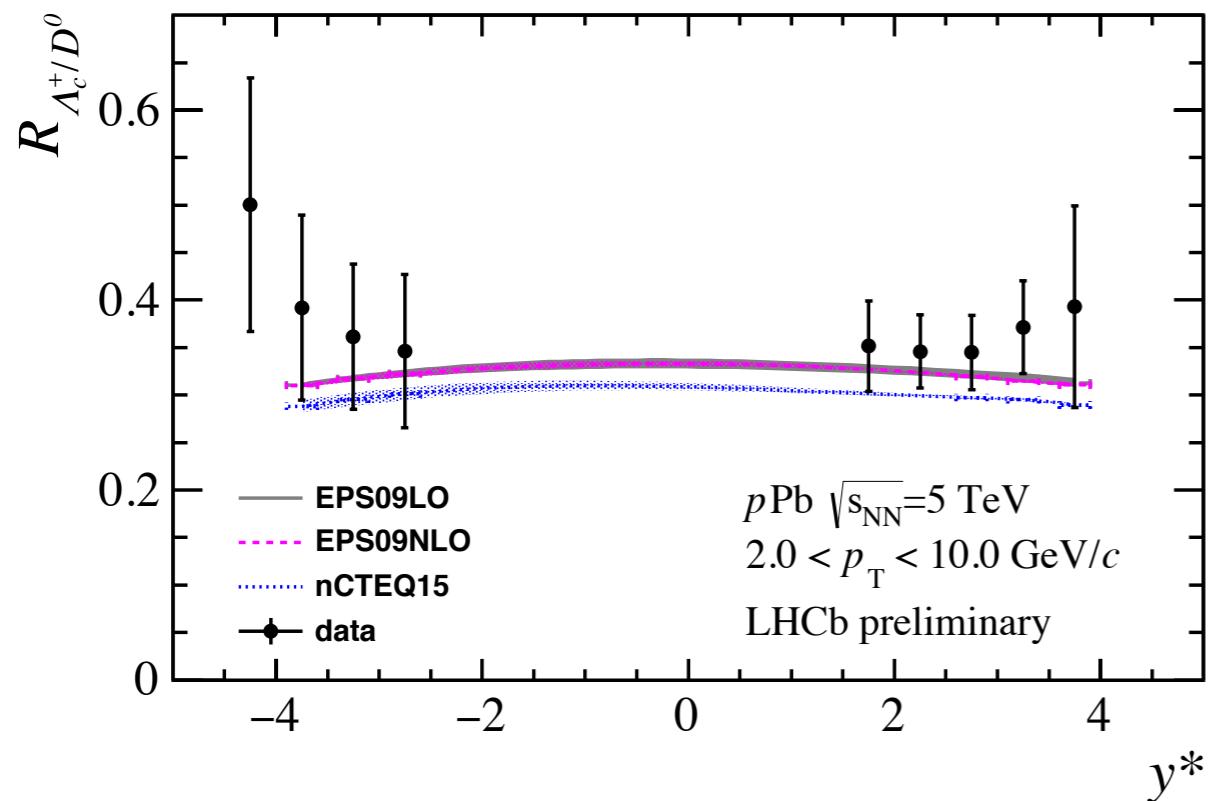
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- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio **higher than expectation** from MC
- **PYTHIA8 tune with enhanced colour reconnection** closer to data
  - String formation beyond the leading-colour approximation
- **Shao et al.** model (tuned on LHCb pp result) closer to data
- Flat rapidity trend predicted by models not reproduced by ALICE and LHCb measurements

# $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ baryon-to-meson ratio vs models



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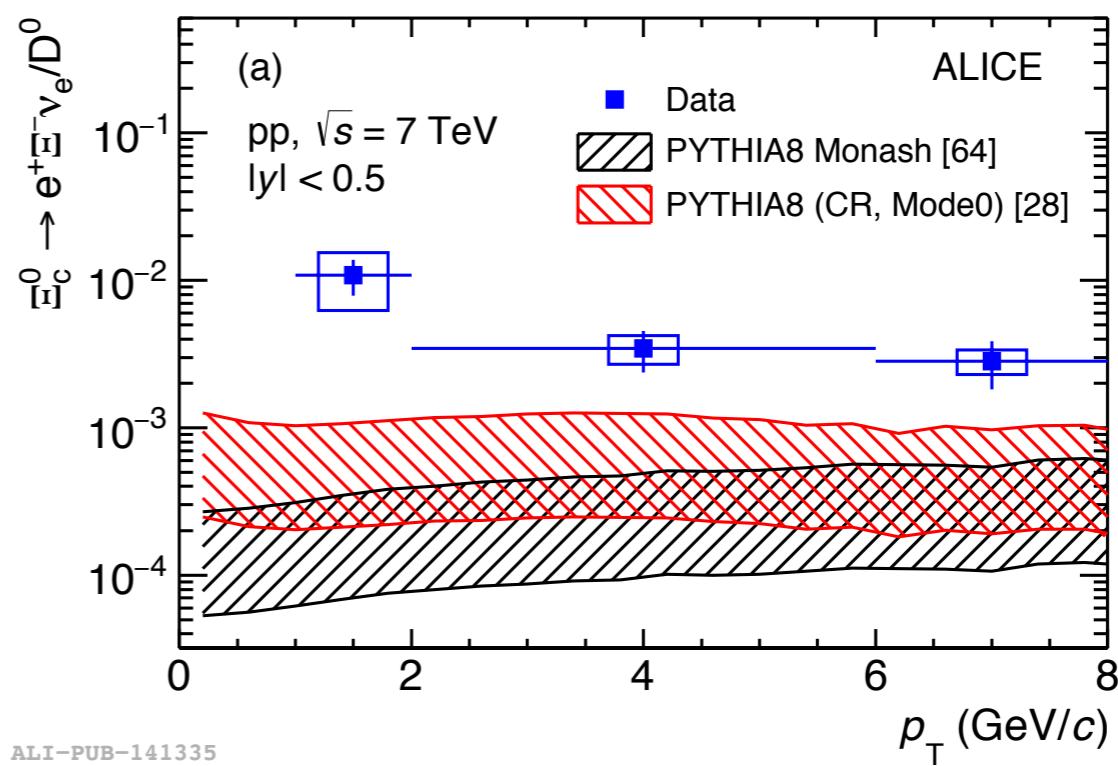
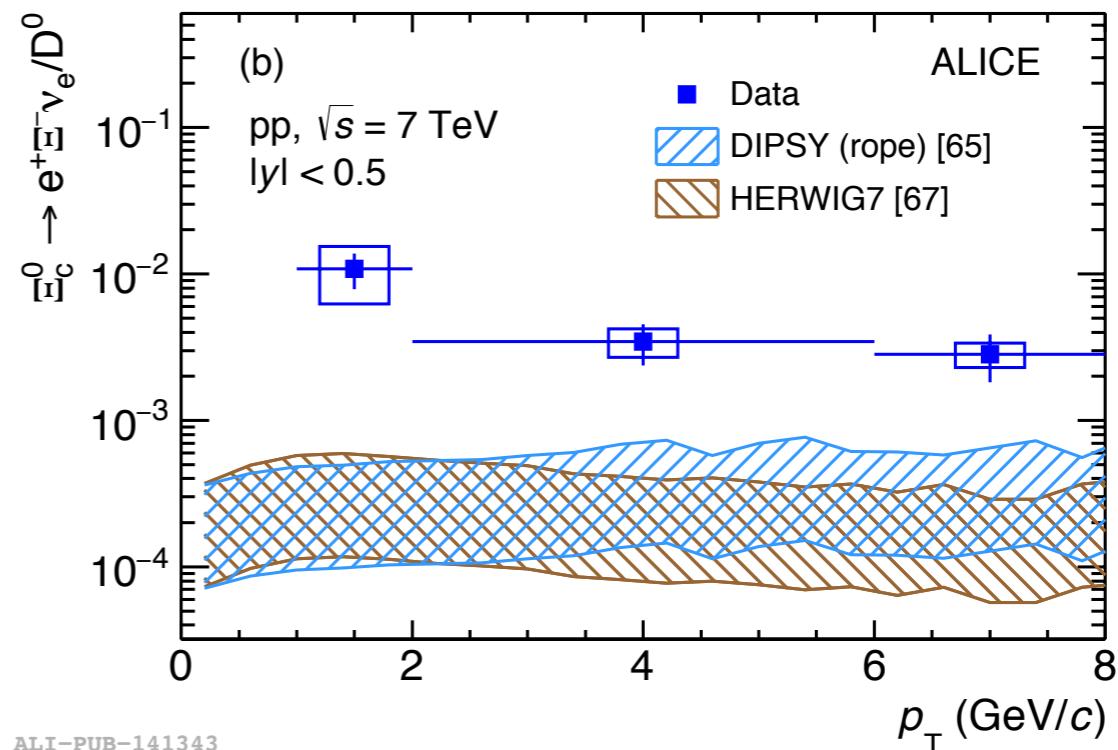
- $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  in p-Pb collisions recently measured by the LHCb experiment shows a flatter trend with rapidity

# $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{v}_e / D^0$ baryon-to-meson ratio

- Baryon-to-meson ratio  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{v}_e / D^0$  **higher than expectation** from theory
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{v}_e$  branching ratio not known: range in prediction bands (0.83-4.2%) is the envelope of theoretical predictions

Phys. Rev. D40 (1989) 2955,  
 Phys. Rev. D43 (1991) 2939,  
 Phys. Rev. D53 (1996) 1457

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$$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{v}_e / D^0 (1 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c) = 7.0 + 1.5 \text{ (stat.)} + 2.6 \text{ (syst.)} \times 10^{-3}$$

# pp( $p\bar{p}$ ): Beauty baryon fragmentation

## Indications that the fraction of b-baryons depends on the collision system

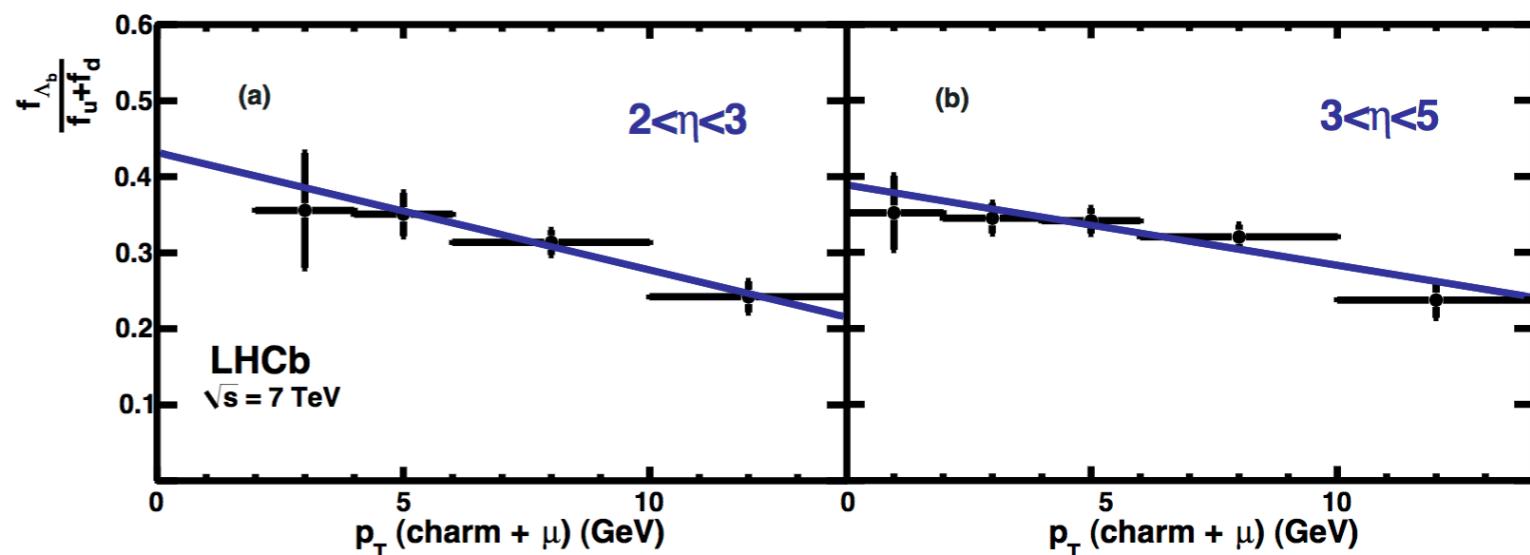
1. b-baryon fragmentation in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions **over 2x that in  $e^+e^-$  at Z resonance** (though uncertainties large)

2.  $p_T$  dependence for  $f_{\Lambda b} / (f_u + f_d)$  [3] ( $f_q \equiv B(b \rightarrow B_q)$ ) at the LHC
  - Similar observation at the Tevatron in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions

CDF: Phys.Rev.D77:072003,2008

**Table 1:** Fragmentation fractions of  $b$  quarks into weakly-decaying  $b$ -hadron species in  $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay, in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV.

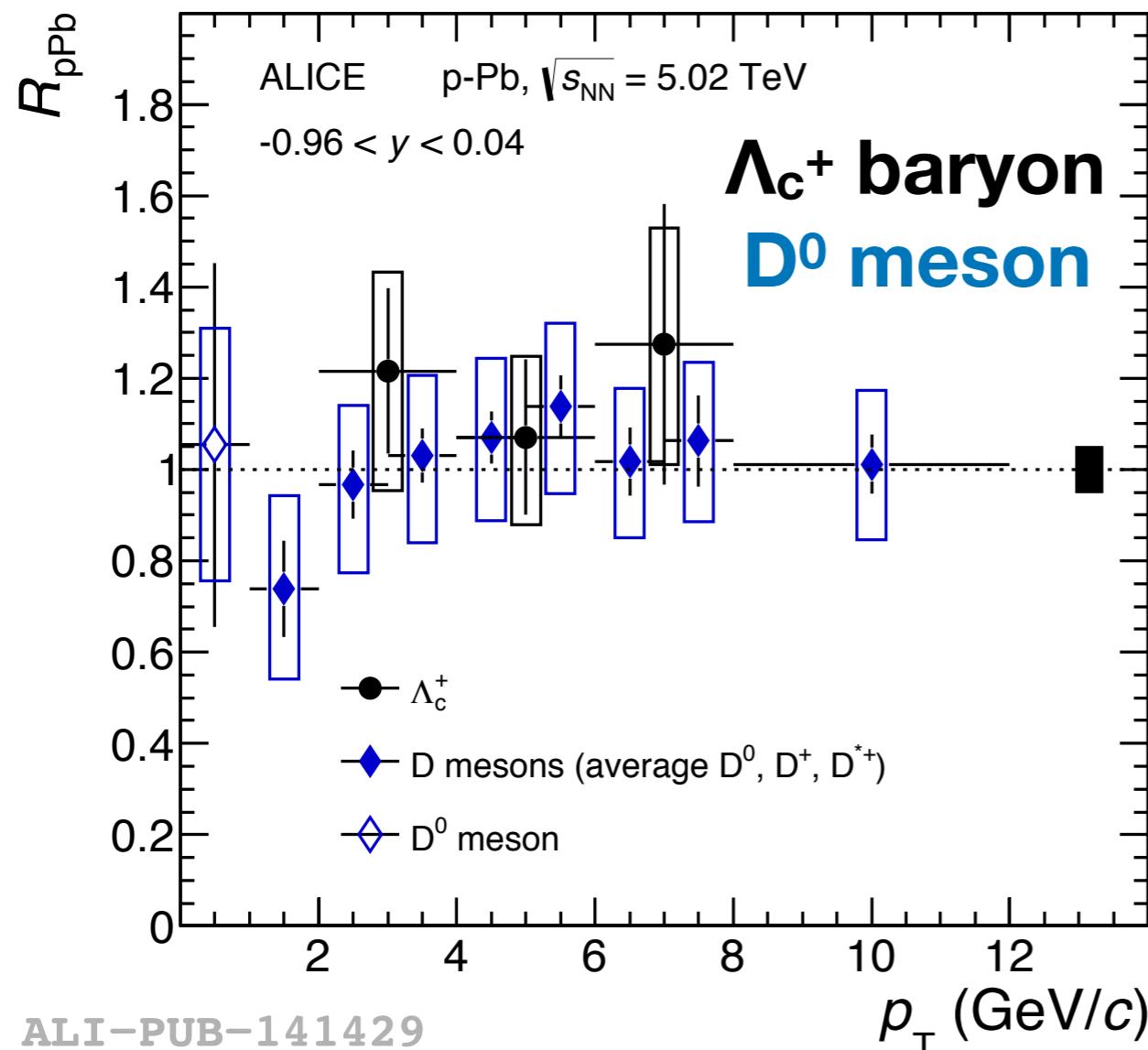
$b$ hadron	Fraction at $Z$ [%]	Fraction at $\bar{p}p$ [%]
$B^+, B^0$	$40.4 \pm 0.9$	$33.9 \pm 3.9$
$B_s$	$10.3 \pm 0.9$	$11.1 \pm 1.4$
$b$ baryons	$8.9 \pm 1.5$	$21.2 \pm 6.9$



<http://pdg.lbl.gov/2015/reviews/rpp2015-rev-b-meson-prod-decay.pdf>

LHCb: Phys. Rev. D85 , 032008 (2012)

# $\Lambda_c^+$ nuclear modification factor $R_{\text{pPb}}$



$$R_{\text{pPb}}(p_T) = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{pPb}} / dp_T}{d\sigma_{\text{pp}} / dp_T}$$

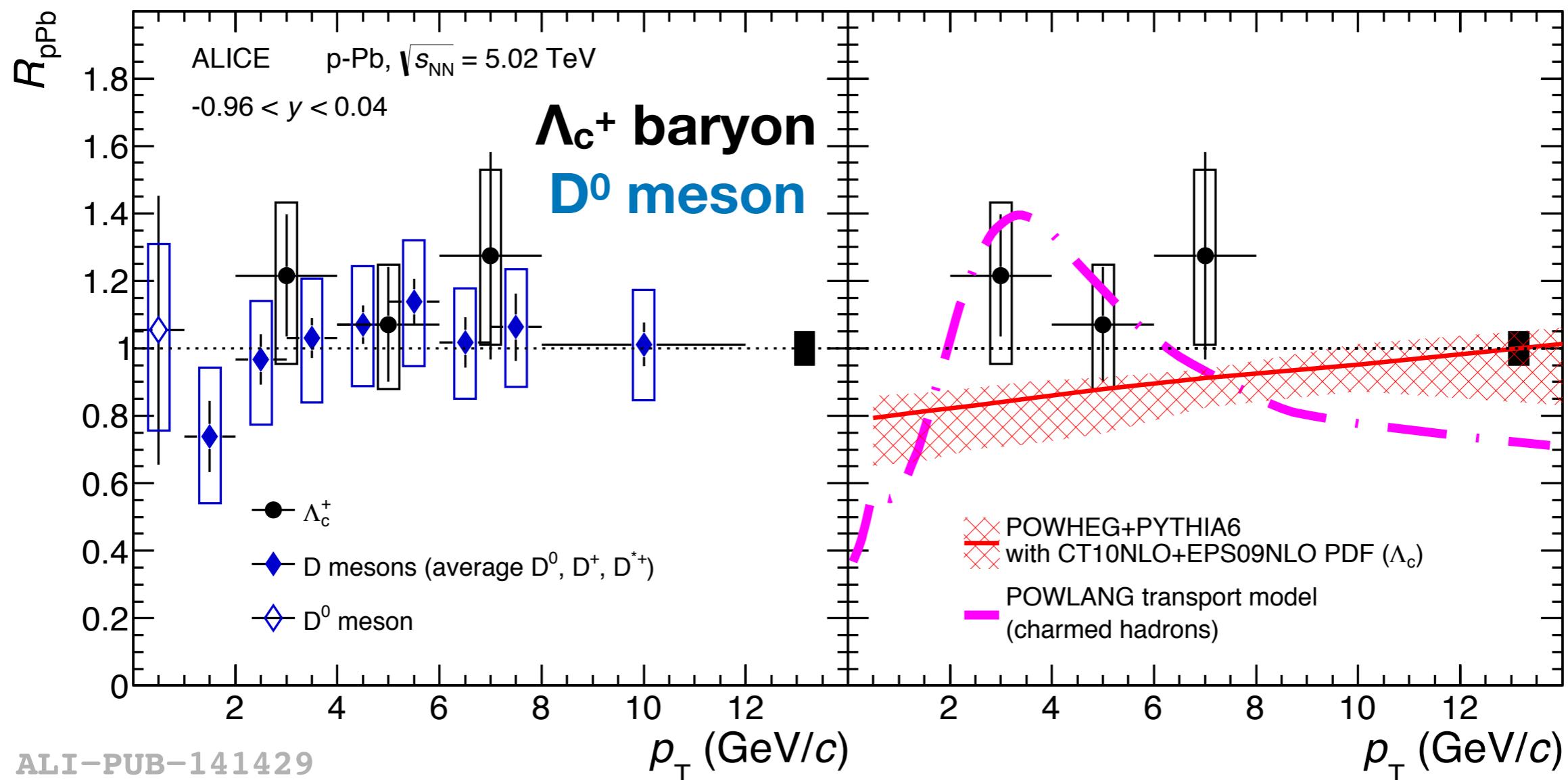
$R_{\text{pPb}} < 1 = \text{suppression}$   
 $R_{\text{pPb}} > 1 = \text{enhancement}$

- $\Lambda_c^+$  nuclear modification factor  $R_{\text{pPb}}$ 
  - consistent with unity
  - Consistent with D-meson  $R_{\text{pPb}}$



**Minimal modification w.r.t pp collisions within uncertainties**

# $\Lambda_c^+$ nuclear modification factor $R_{\text{pPb}}$



- $\Lambda_c^+ R_{\text{pPb}}$  consistent with models assuming cold nuclear matter effects, or ‘hot’ medium effects
  - **POWHEG + PYTHIA with CT10NLO+EPS09 PDF** - parameterisation of nuclear PDF
  - **POWLNG** – ‘small-size’ QGP formation, collisional energy loss only

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- Fragmentation/coherence effects manifest themselves in different baryon-to-meson  $p_T$  shapes
- Kinematic range covered by different measurements not exactly the same - important to extend measurement to  $p_T=0$

- **Multiplicity dependent baryon production?**

- Modification to baryon production could increase at higher multiplicities

- **Energy-dependent baryon production?**

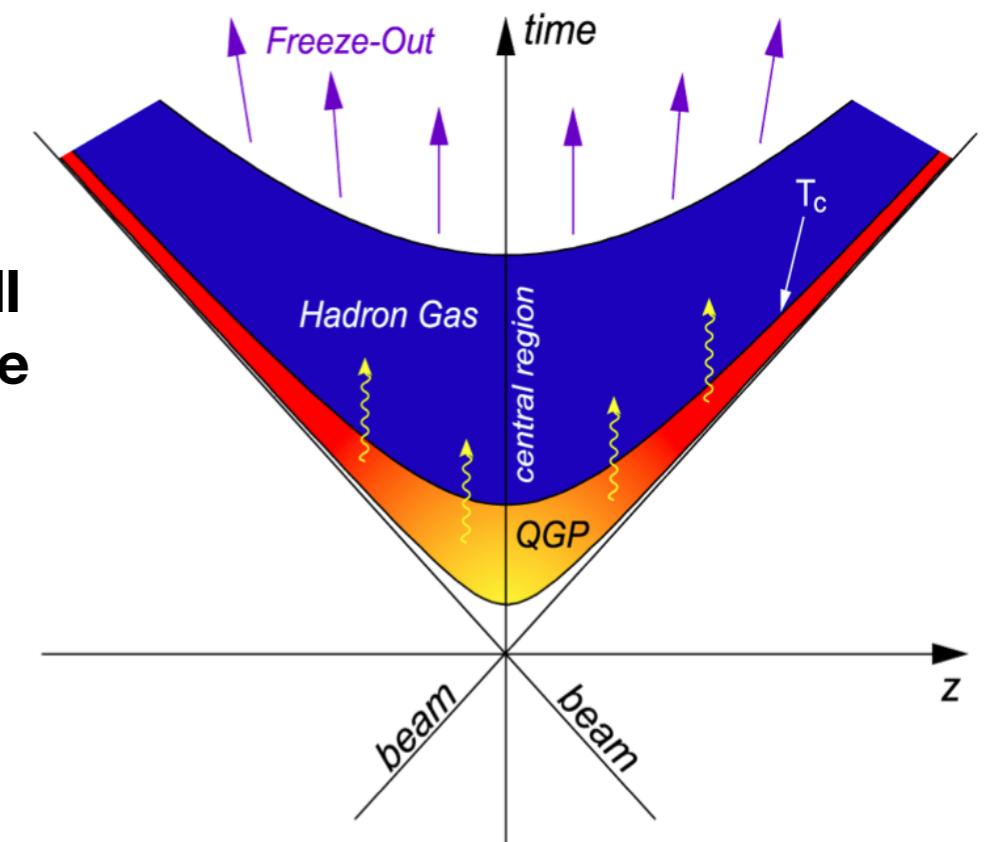
- Continuity from  $e^+e^-$  energies → LHC energies?

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**Experience full evolution of the system**



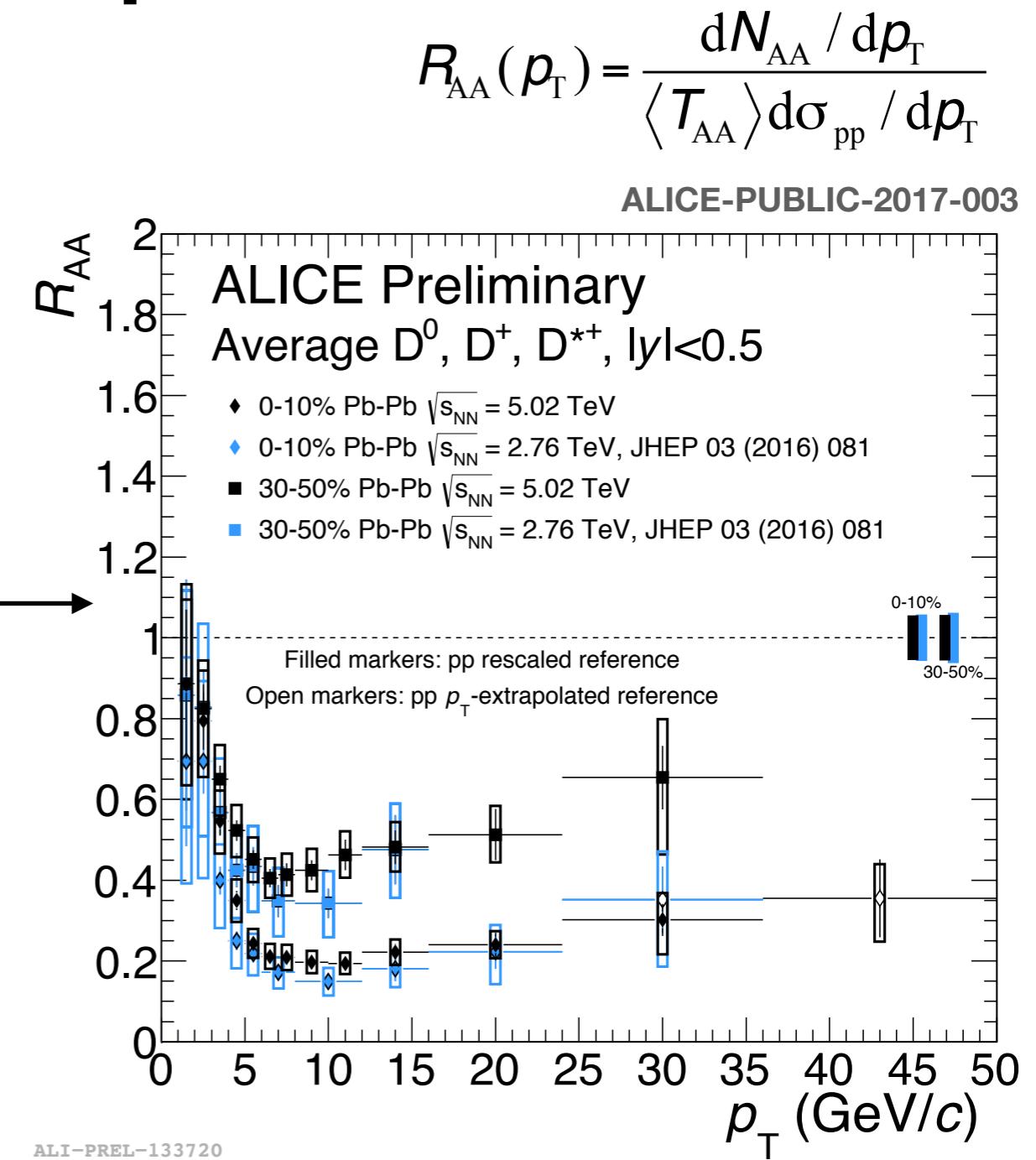
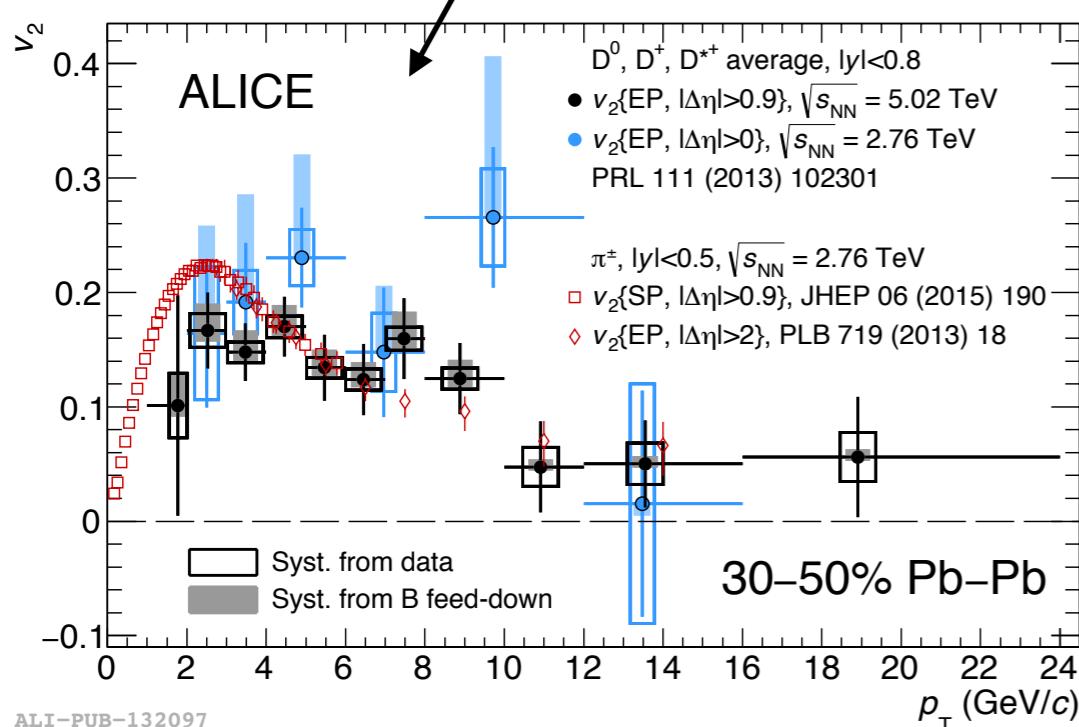
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$$\frac{d^2N}{d\varphi dp_T} = \frac{dN}{2\pi dp_T} \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T) \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_n) \right]$$

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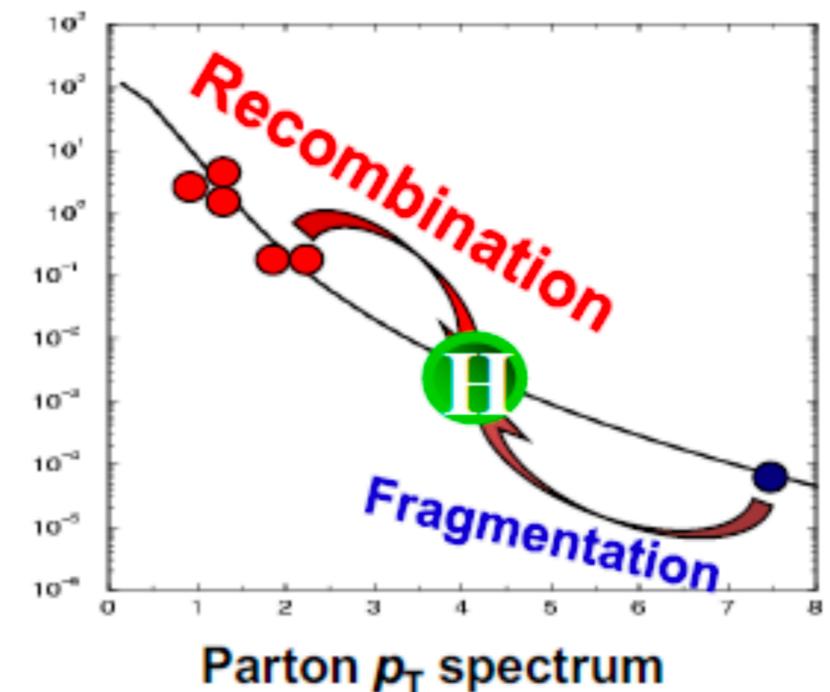
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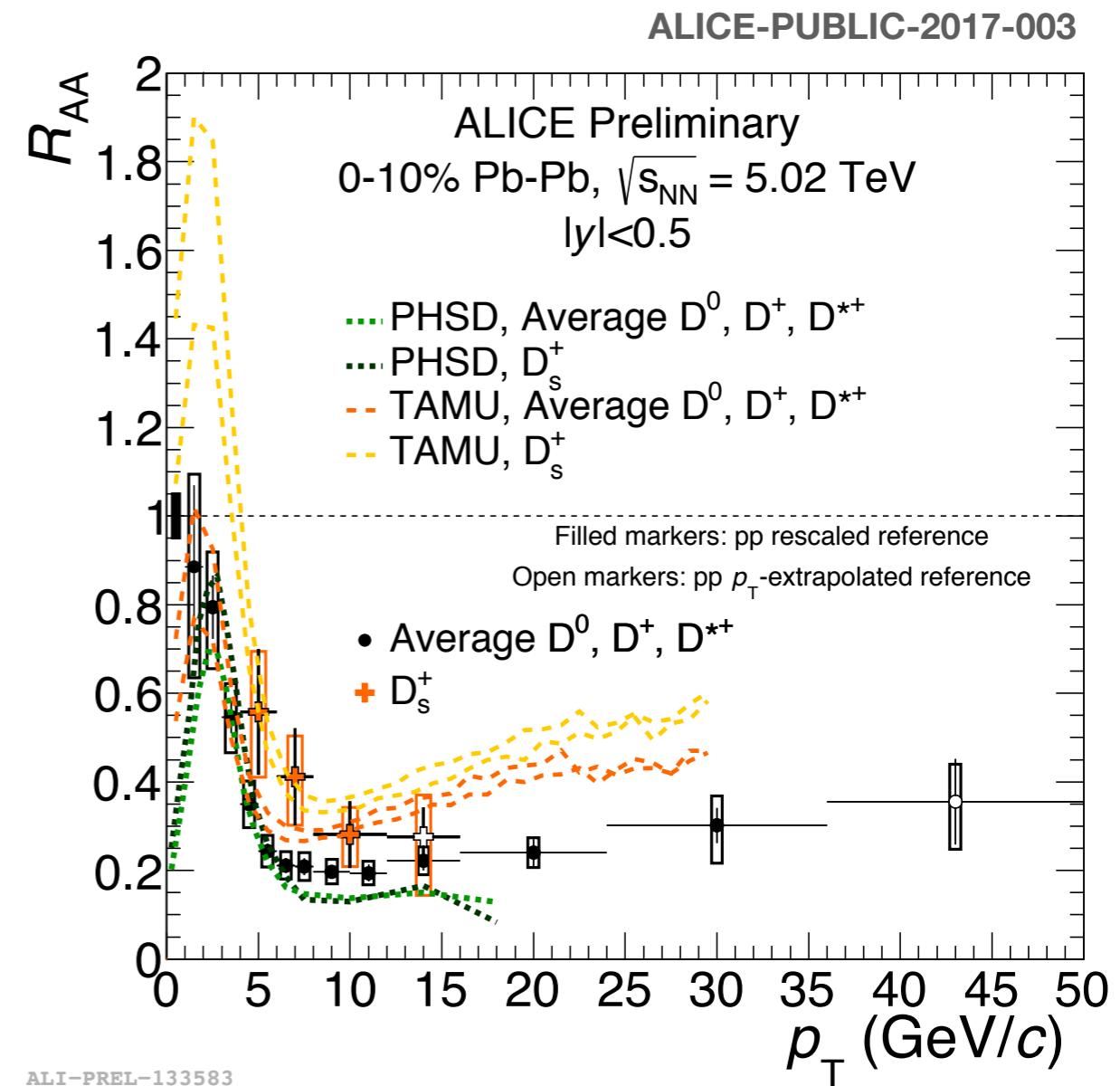
- Hadronisation through recombination (coalescence) of heavy quarks with light quarks close in phase space
  - > Modifies relative hadron abundances
  - > Modifies hadron  $p_T$  spectra
- $D_s$  and charmed baryons (e.g.  $\Lambda_c$ ) particularly sensitive to **hadronisation via coalescence**



# Pb-Pb: $D_s$ production

- **Enhanced strangeness** in Pb-Pb collisions - an enhancement of  $D_s$  with respect to non-strange D mesons expected from models including **coalescence** as hadronisation mechanism
  - **hint of enhancement** seen in Pb-Pb collisions
  - same observation by STAR in Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV

STAR: arXiv:1704.04364



# Pb-Pb: Heavy baryon-to-meson ratio

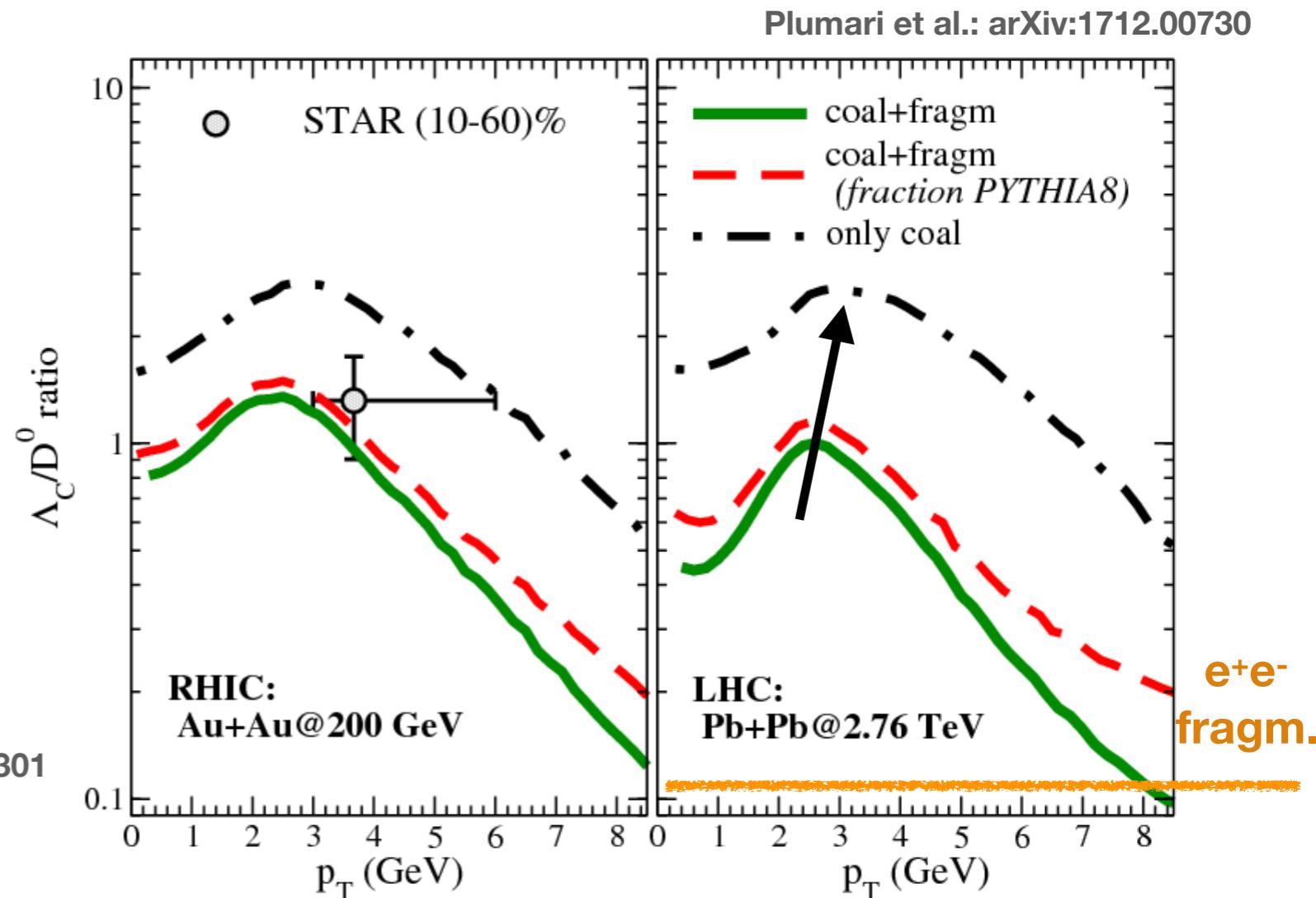
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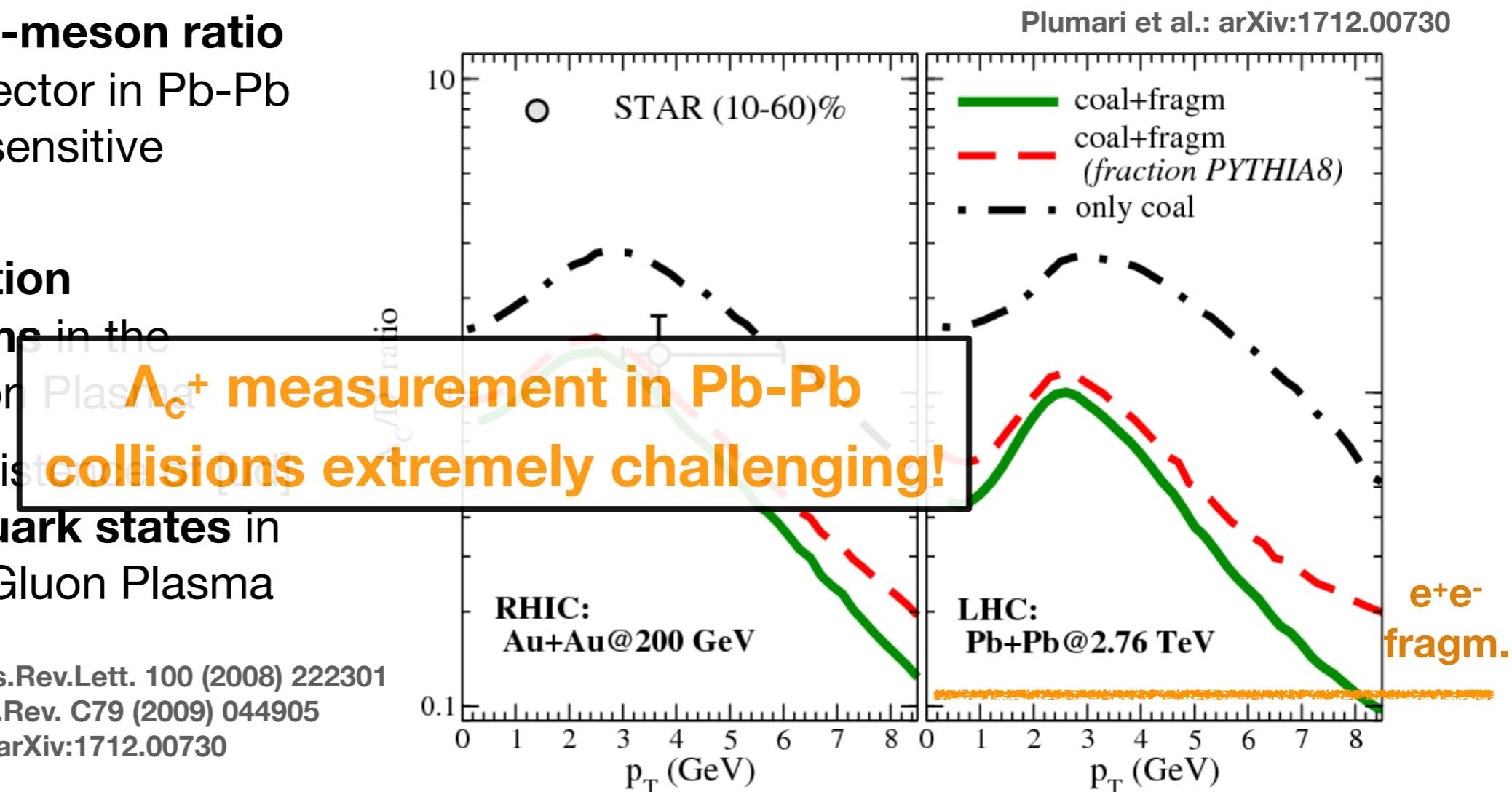
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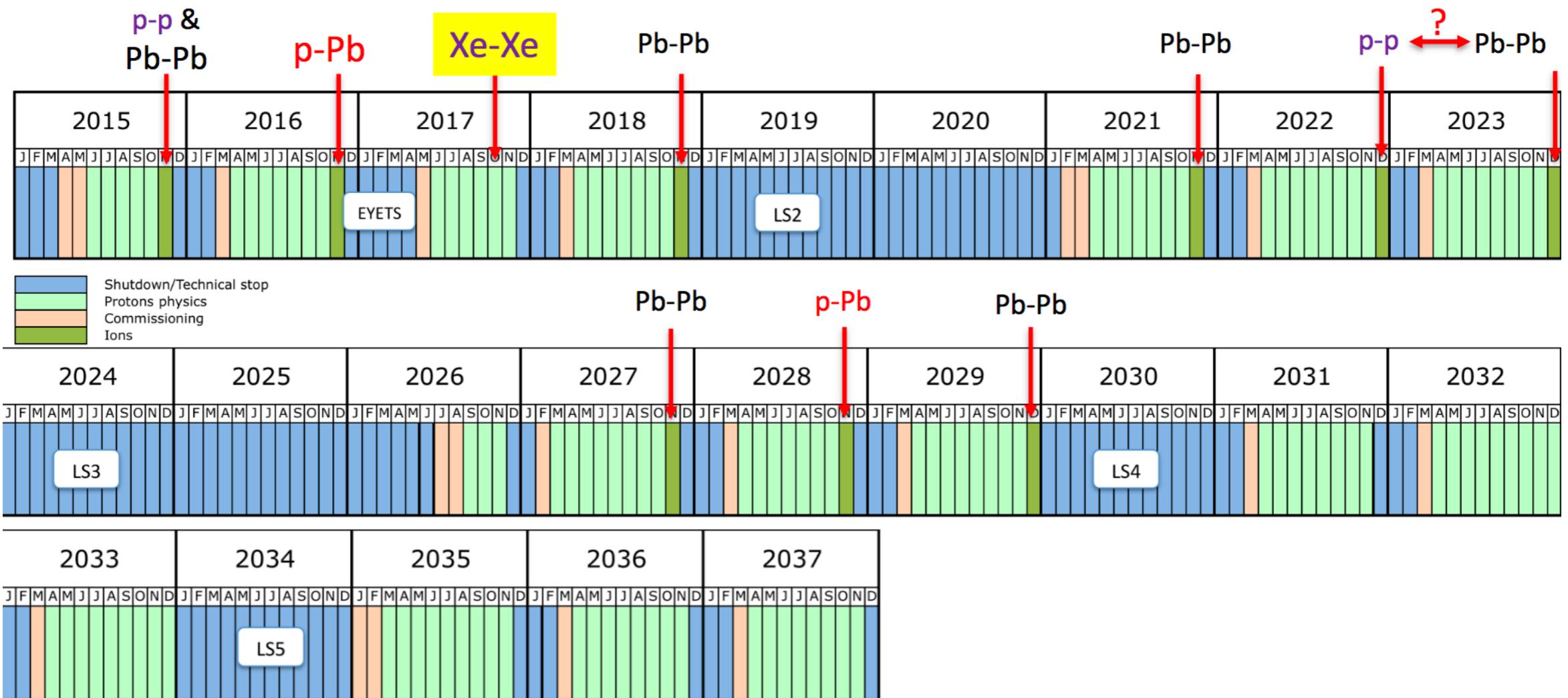
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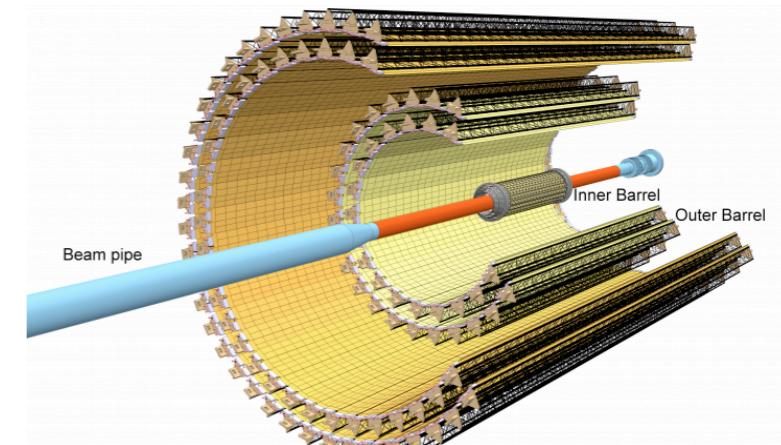
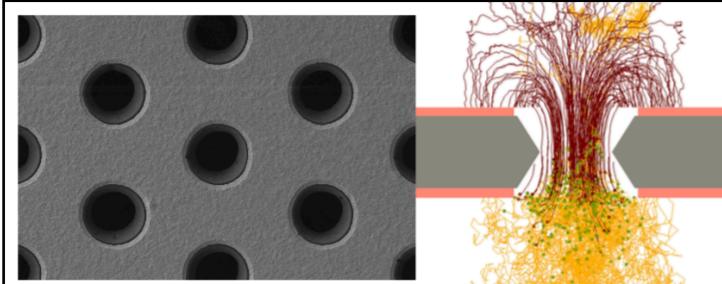


J. M. Jowett, workshop on the physics of HL-LHC, and perspectives at HE-LHC, CERN, 30/10/2017

- Large upgrade to the ALICE apparatus for run 3 and 4, to exploit the higher interaction rate
- 50kHz Pb-Pb interaction rate foreseen
- Requested ALICE luminosity of  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  ( $+3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  at low ALICE B field)
  - > **50-100x** min. bias Pb-Pb sample from run 2

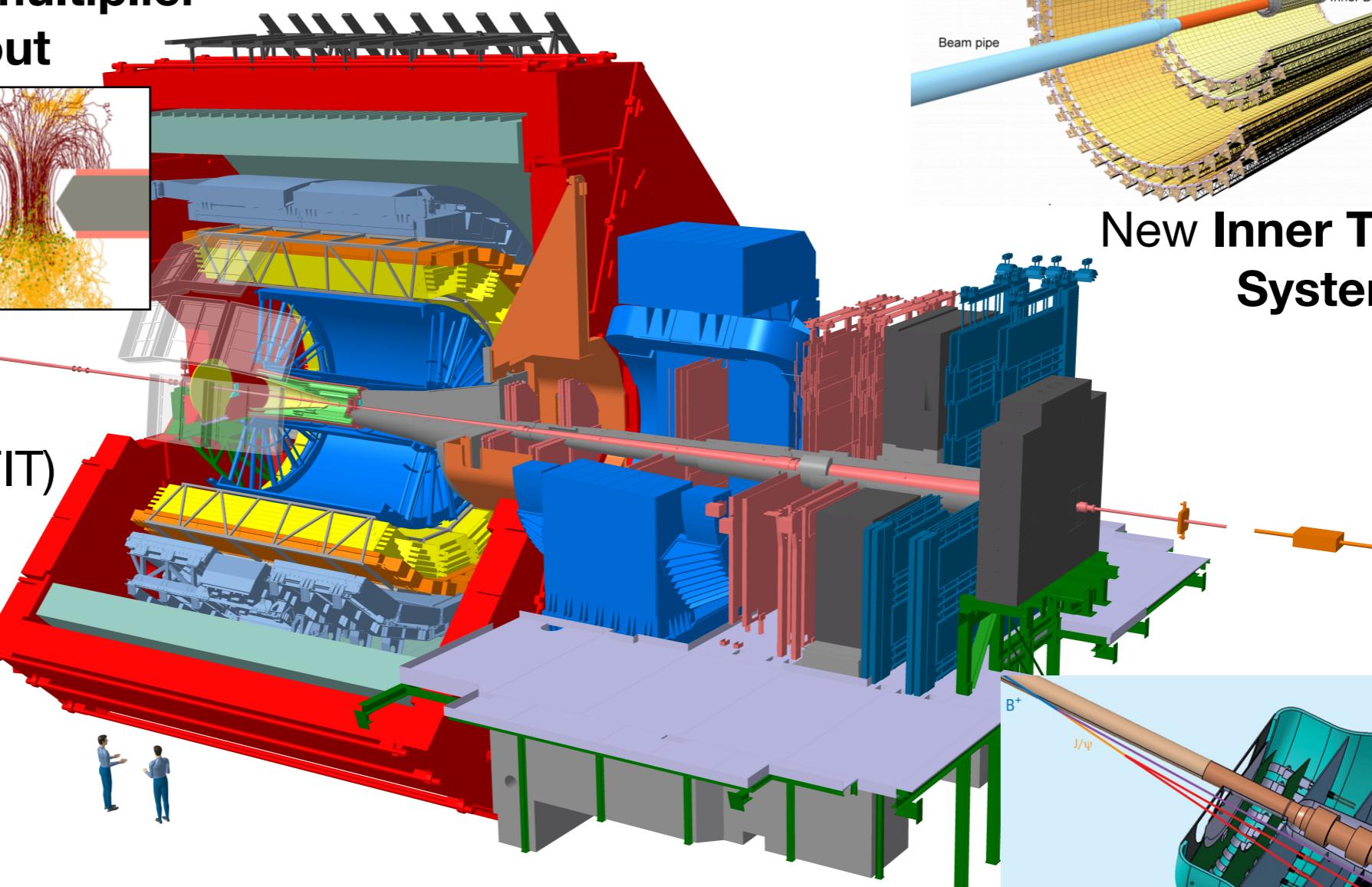
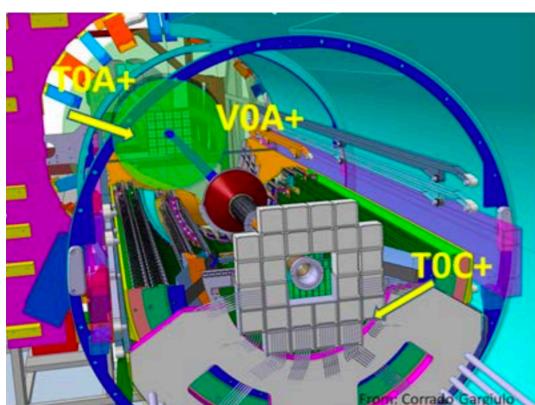
# ALICE upgrade

Replace TPC wire chambers  
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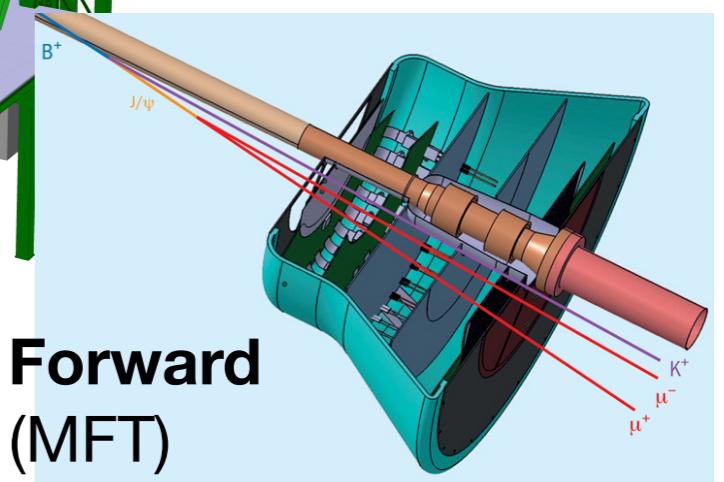


**New Inner Tracking System**

**New forward  
interaction trigger (FIT)**



**New Muon Forward Tracker (MFT)**

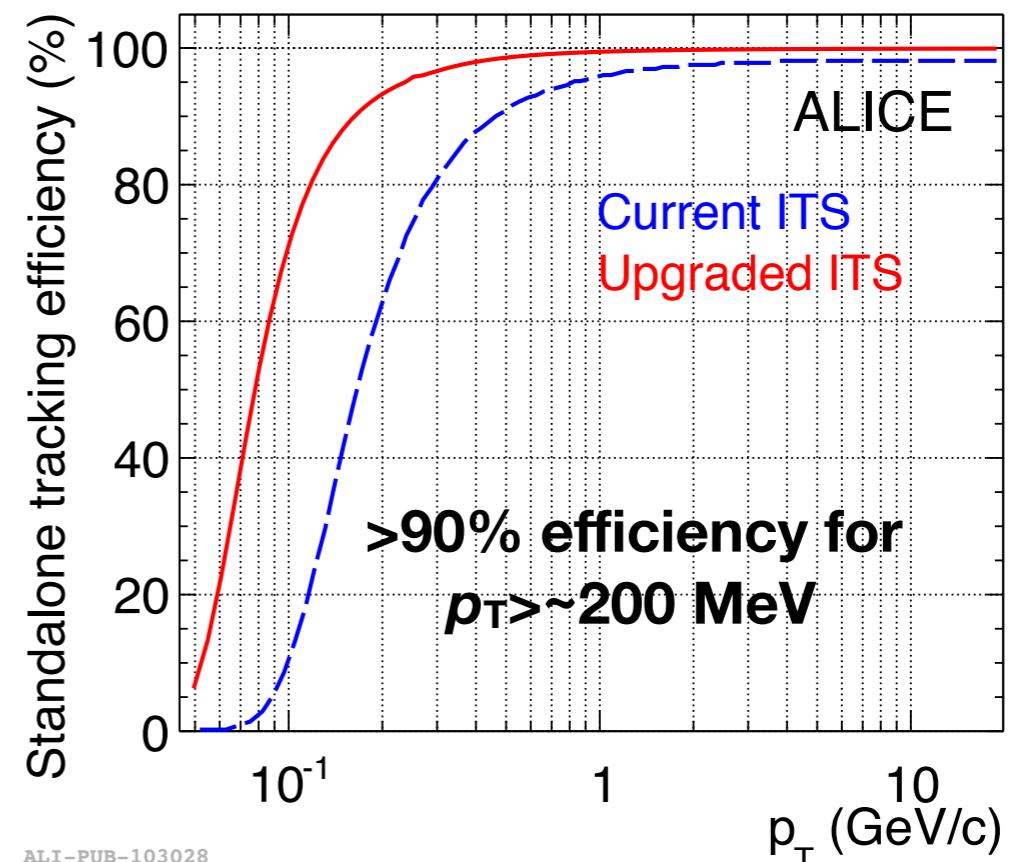
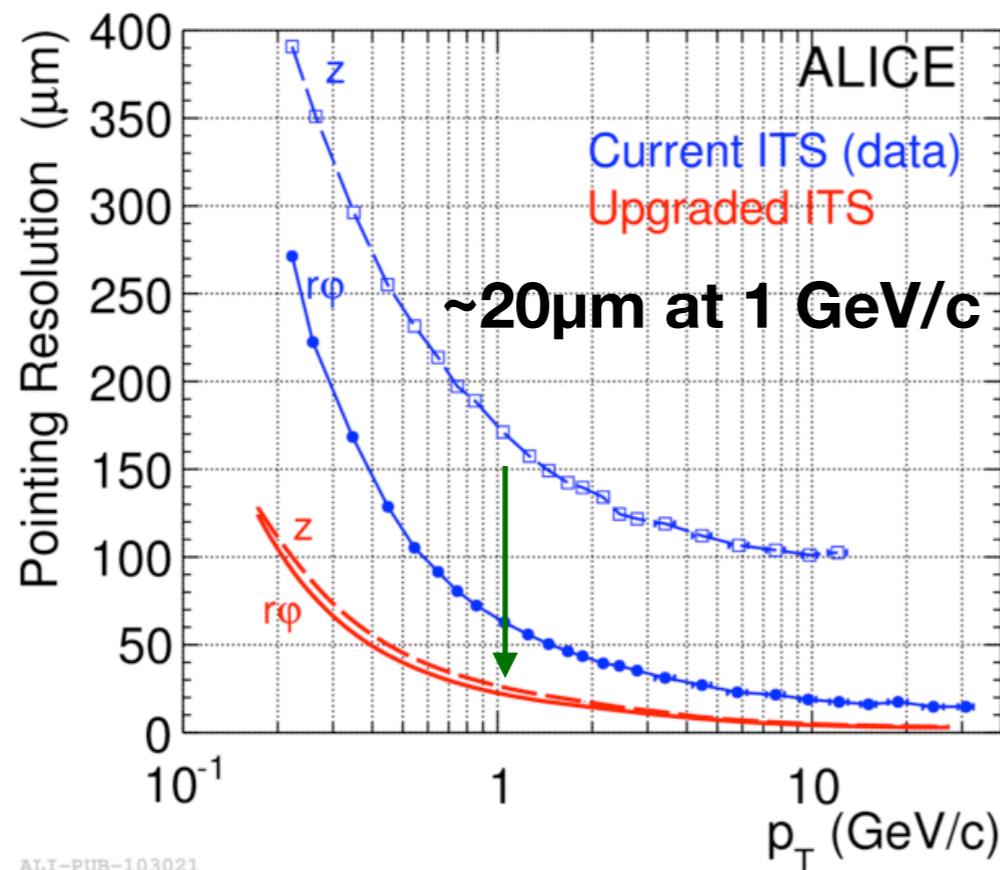
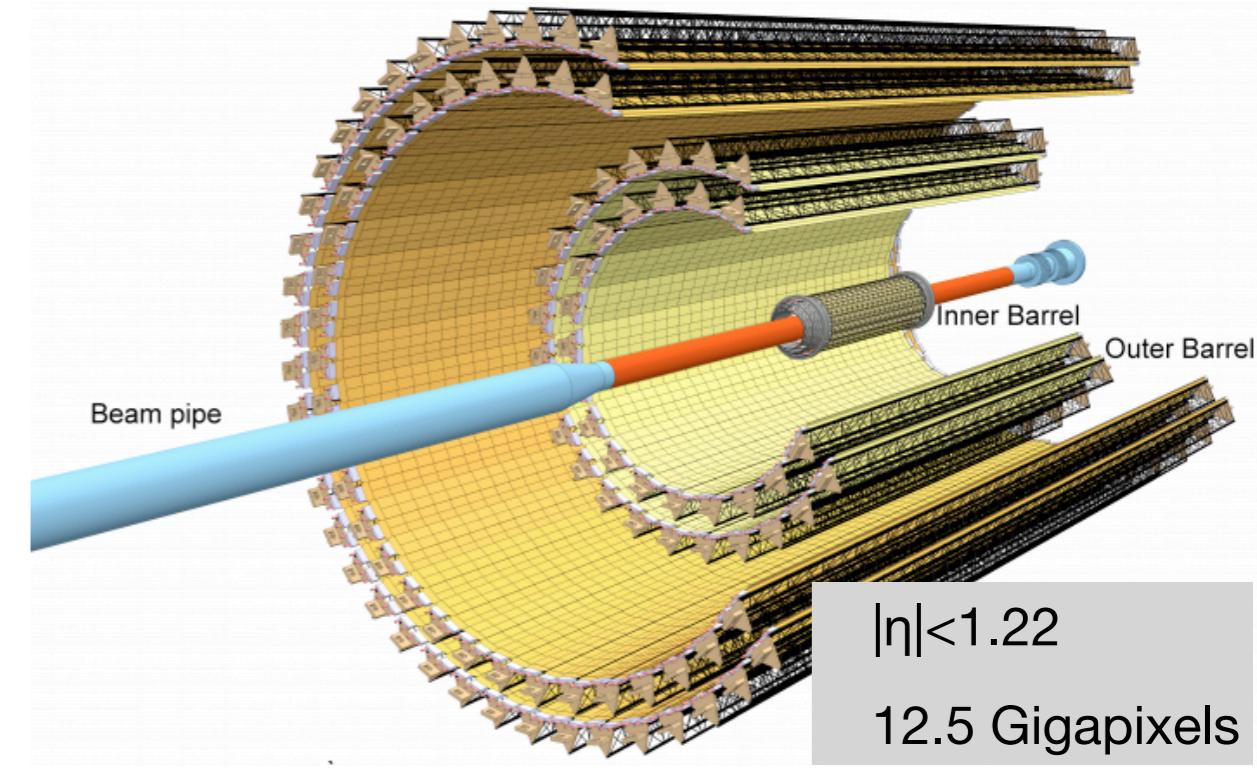


- + New beam pipe
- + New readout architecture
- + Major computing system upgrade (O2 project)

Upgrade LOI: J.Phys. G41 (2014) 087001

# ITS upgrade

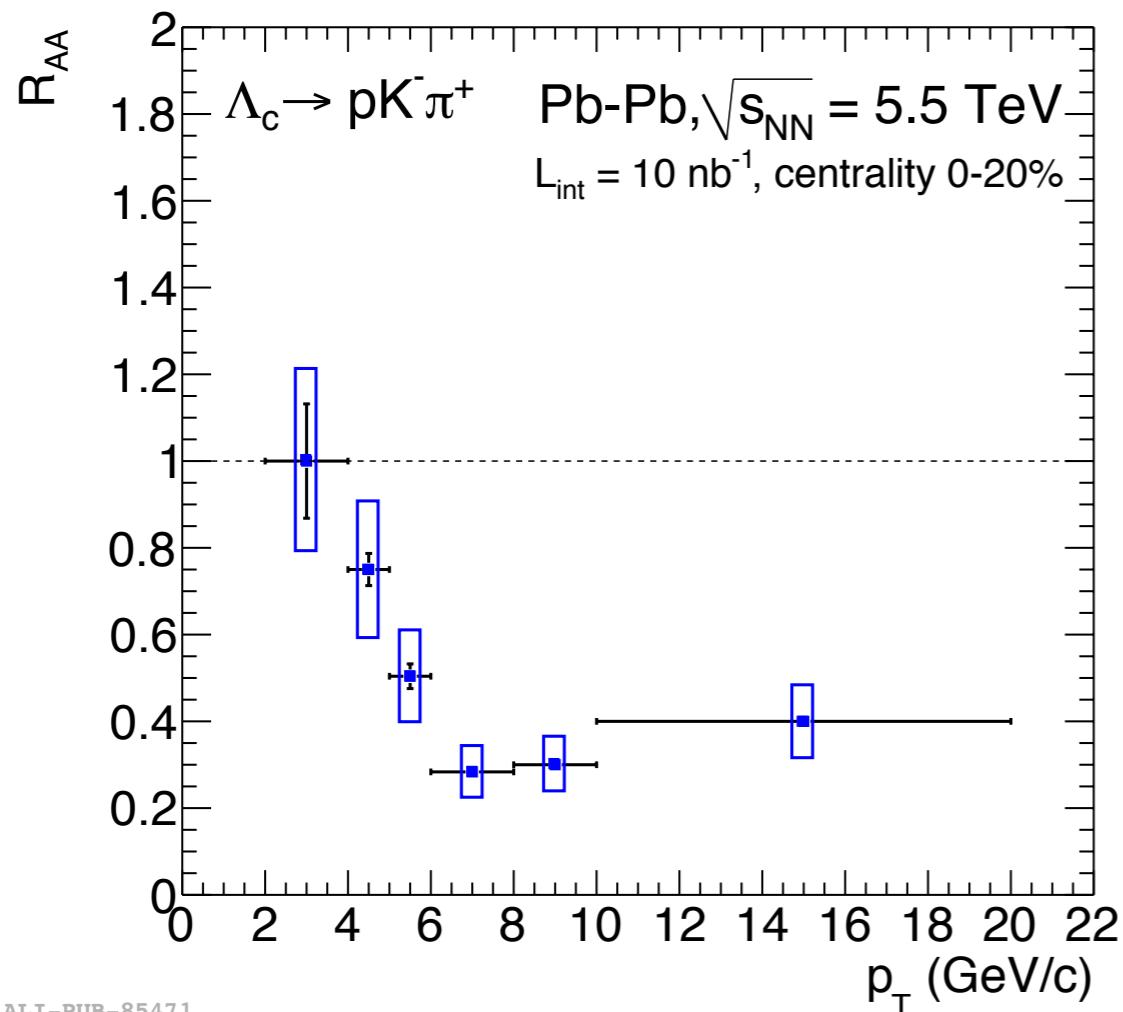
- 7 layer silicon pixel detector (Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors)
  - **Closer to interaction point**
    - 39mm → 22mm
  - **Reduced material budget**
    - e.g. inner barrel X/X<sup>0</sup> per layer  
~1.14% → 0.3%
  - **Reduced pixel size**
    - 50μm x 425μm → 28μm x 28μm



# Run 3+4 projection: $\Lambda_c^+/\text{D}^0$

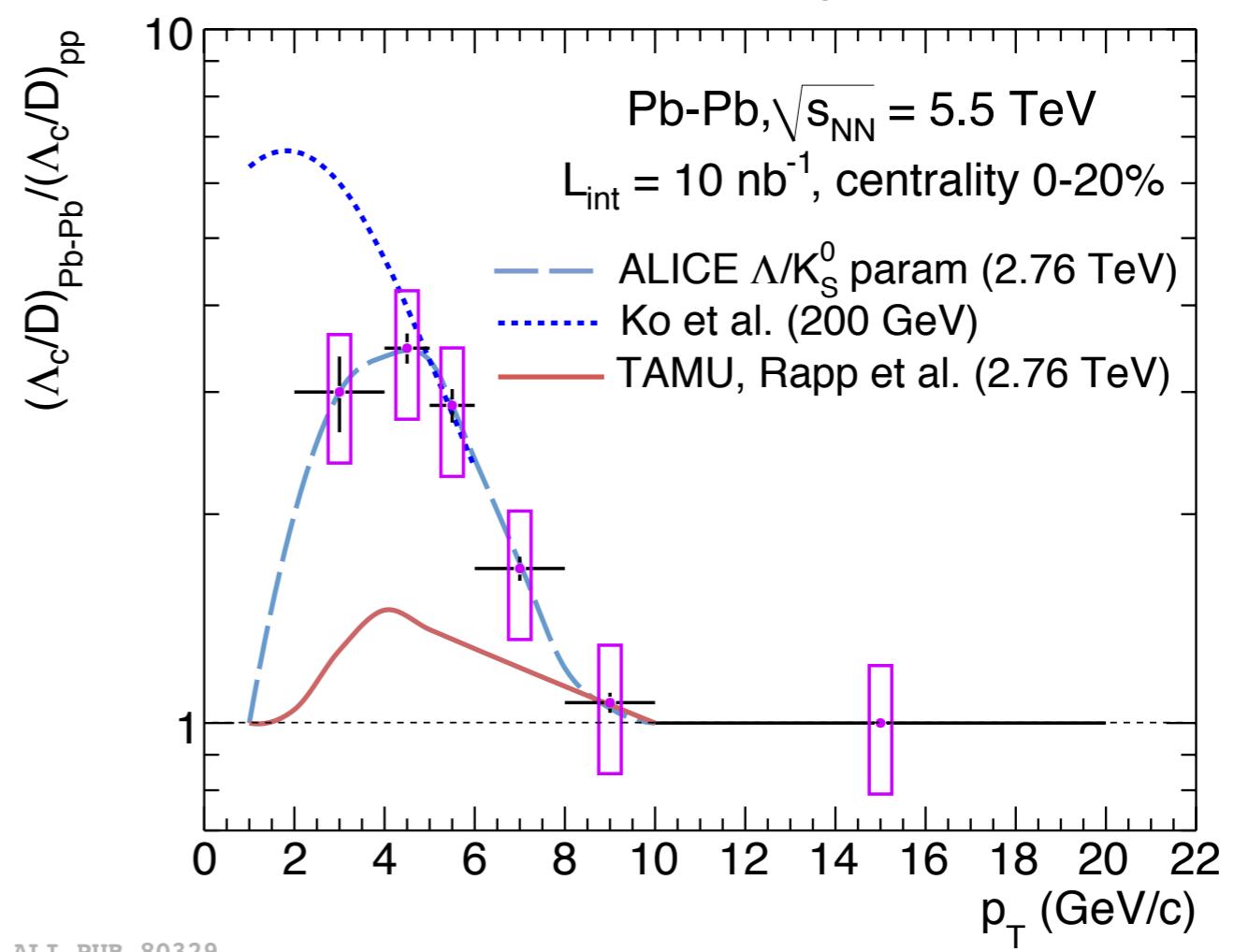
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ITS upgrade TDR: J. Phys. G 41 (2014) 087002



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Rapp et al.: arXiv:1204.4442  
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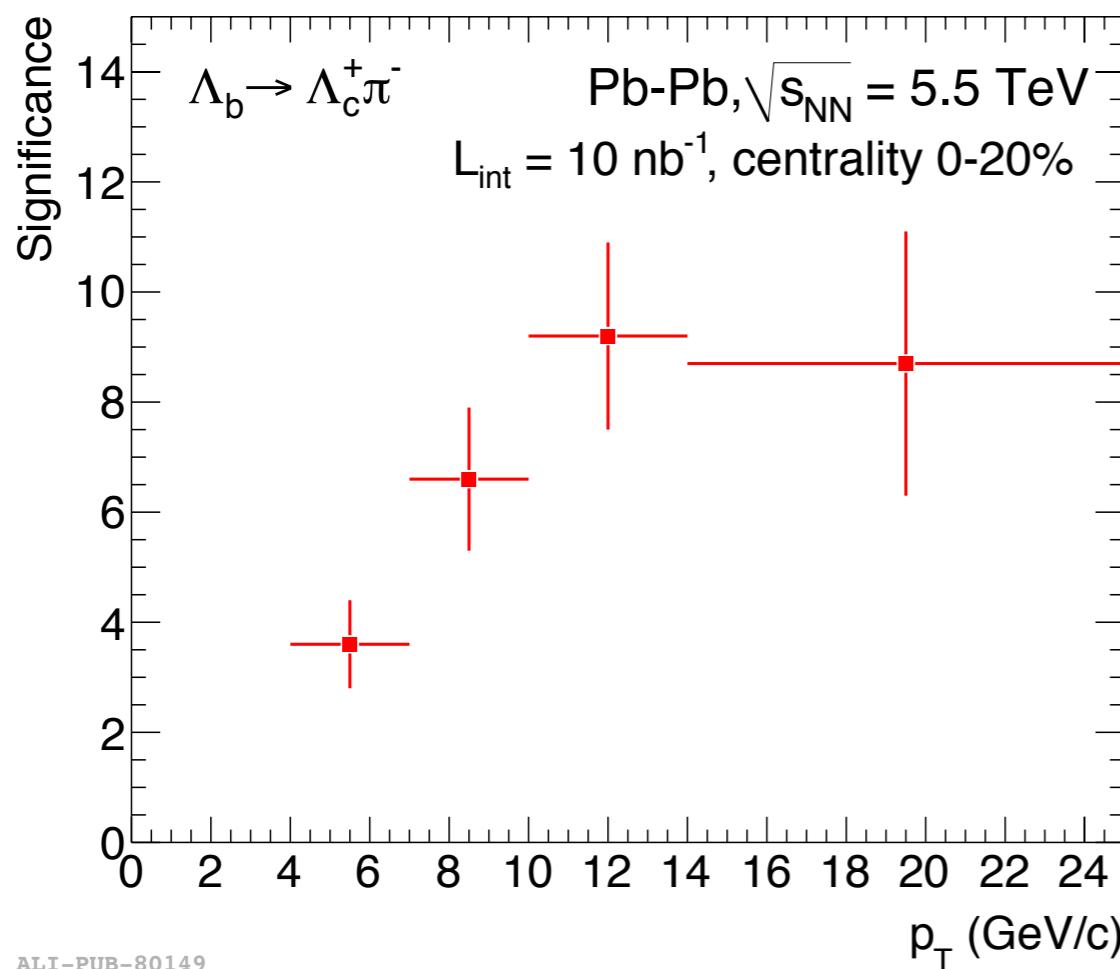


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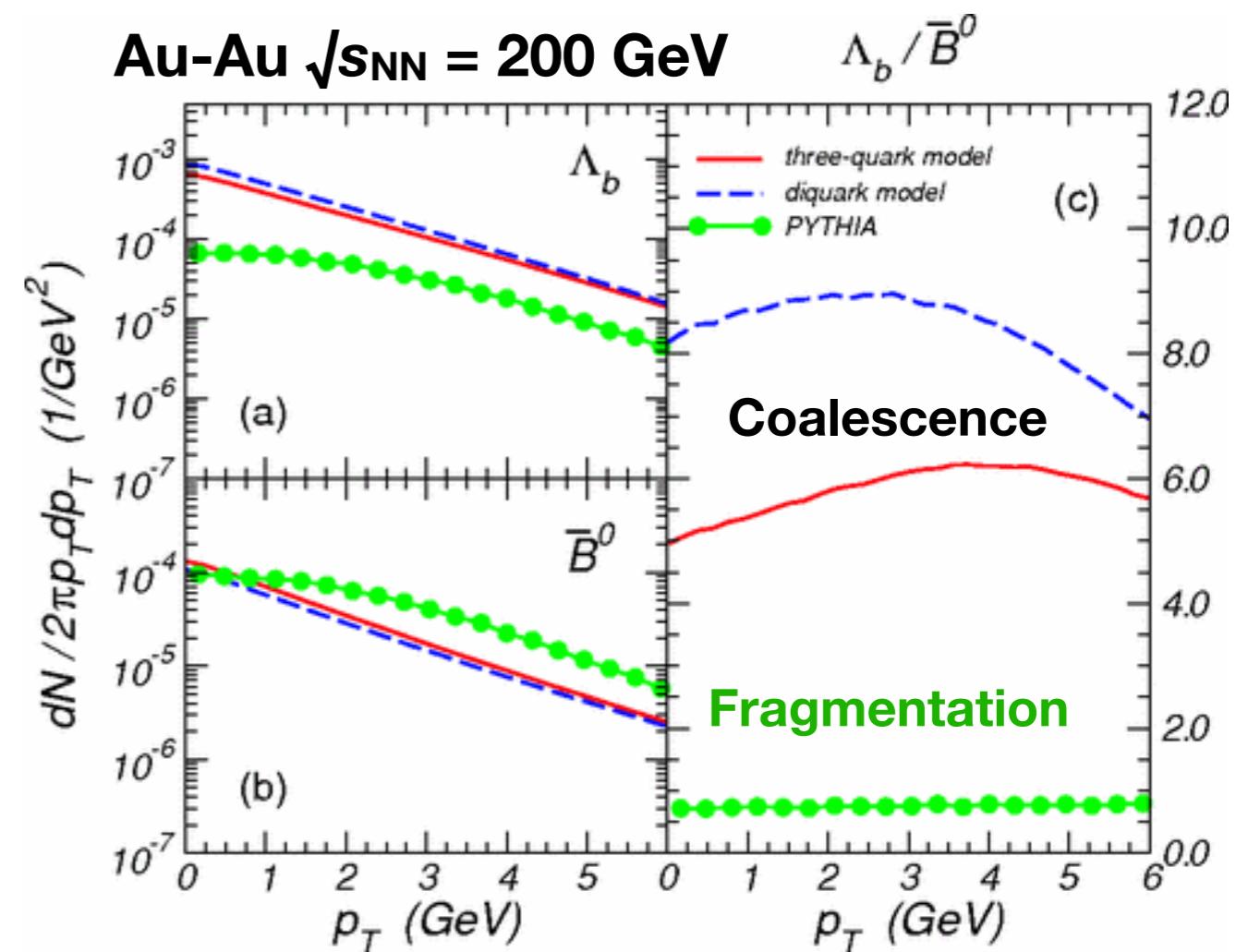
# Run 3+4 projection: beauty baryons

- $\Lambda_c^+$  baryon will be accessible down to low  $p_T$  in Pb-Pb collisions → *sensitive to baryon formation via coalescence*
- $\Lambda_b^0$  accessible down to 4 GeV/c → *also sensitive to hadronisation mechanisms*
- Further studies incorporating multivariate analysis techniques (BDTs) to measure  $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Lambda_b^0$  production with improved precision are ongoing

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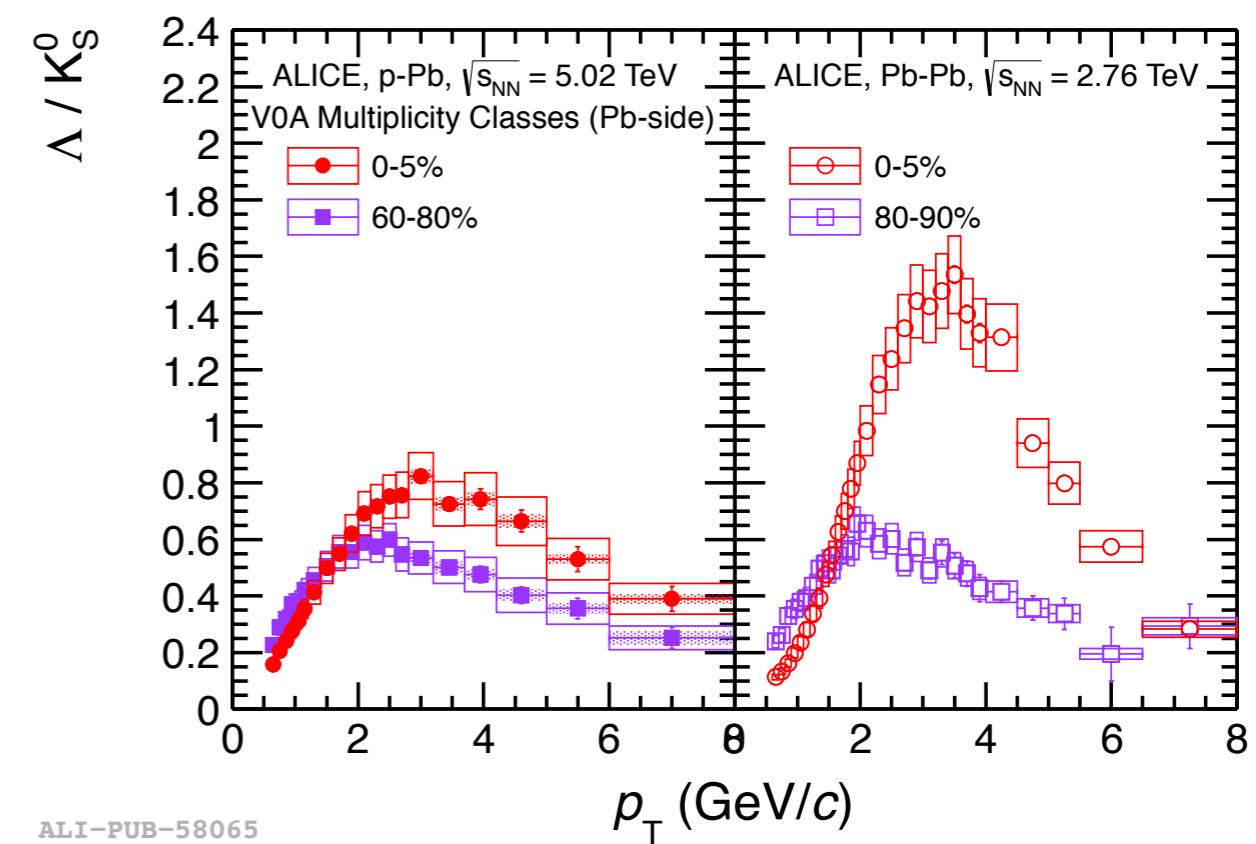
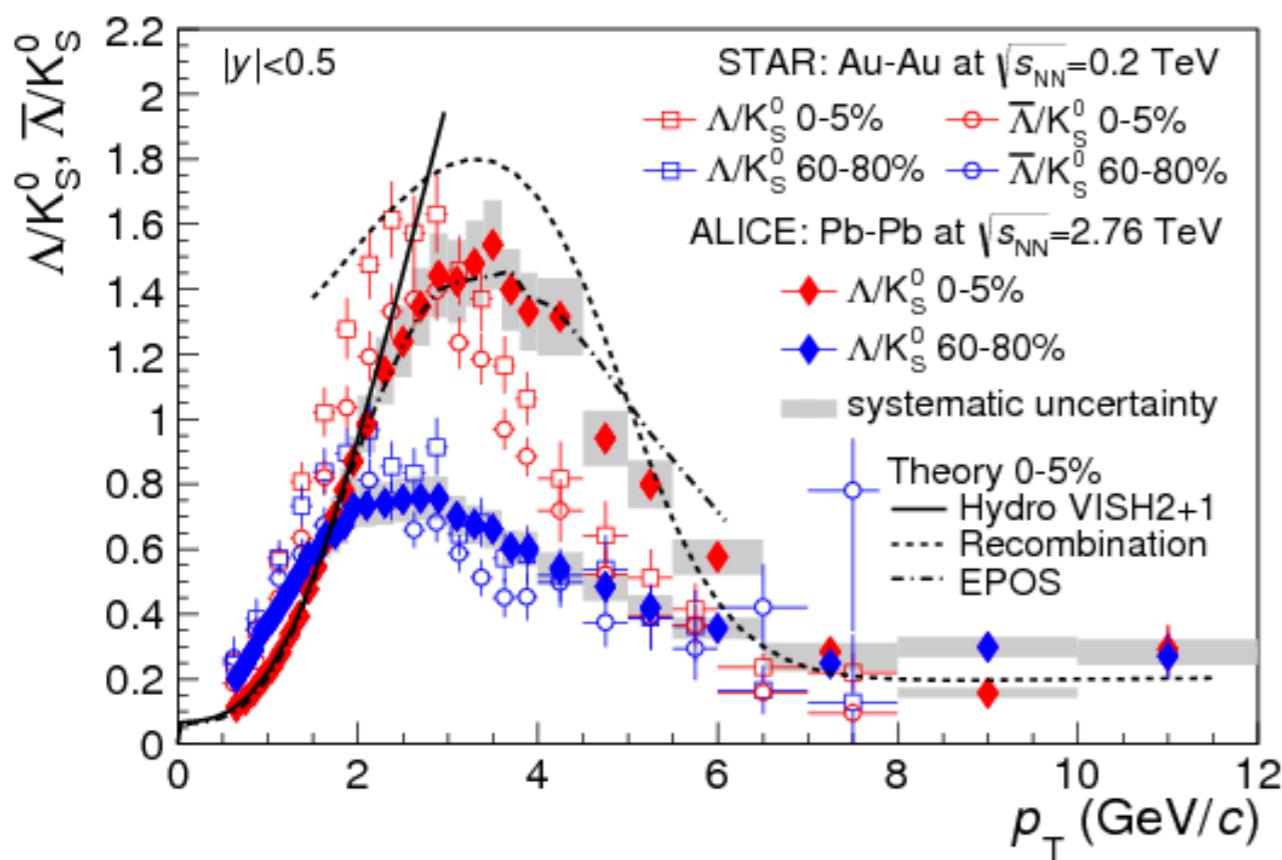
# Summary

- Charmed baryon production measurements sensitive to **hadronisation mechanisms**
  - **pp collisions:** test of fragmentation/ effects beyond leading colour approximation
  - **p-Pb collisions:** Measure ‘cold’ nuclear matter effect on baryon production
  - **Pb-Pb collisions:** Quantify the role of hadronisation via coalescence
- First measurement by ALICE of charmed baryon production in pp and p-Pb collisions intriguing; *violation of fragmentation universality?*
- **Near future:** more precise/differential measurements in pp and p-Pb collisions will help in answering open questions (+ first  $\Lambda_c^+$  measurement in Pb-Pb collisions with run 2 data expected)
- **Run 3 and 4:** Precise measurement of charmed baryon production in Pb-Pb collisions after the ALICE upgrade

# **Backup**

# Strange baryon-to-meson ratio

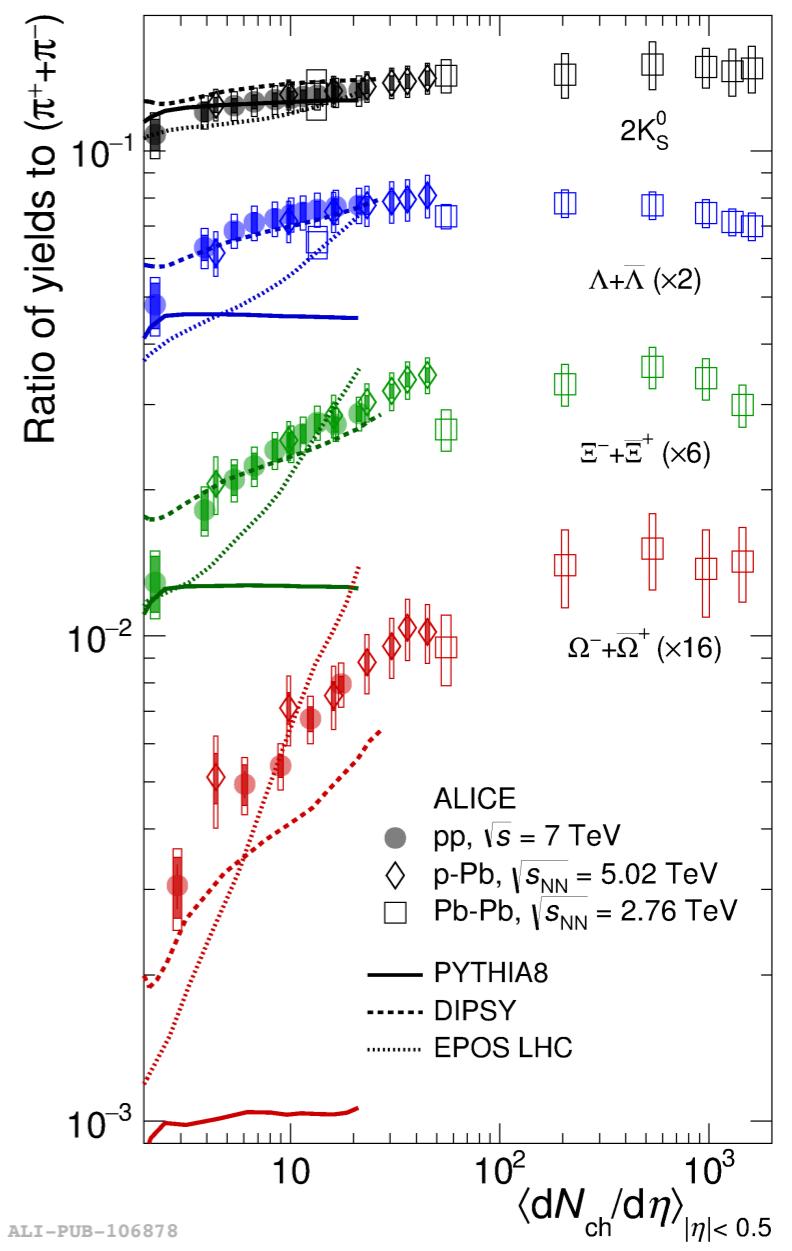
- Enhancement in the baryon-to-meson ratio is also expected if coalescence has a role to play in hadronisation
  - Proton/pion and  $\Lambda/K^0_s$  ratios **enhanced in Pb-Pb collisions**
  - A similar enhancement is seen in high multiplicity p-Pb collisions



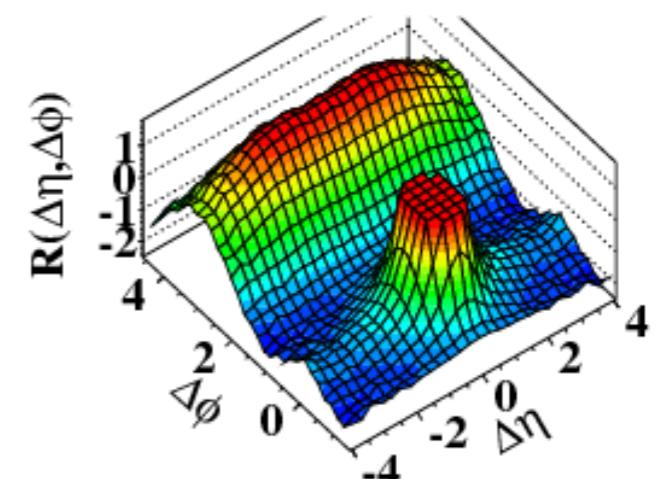
Coalescence? flow? Interplay between both effects?

# pp and p-Pb collisions

- Many of these studies fit into the broader scope of understanding many ‘Pb-Pb-like’ phenomena emerging in high multiplicity pp/p-Pb collisions:
  - Di-hadron azimuthal correlations to large  $\Delta\eta$   
 CMS: JHEP 09 (2010) 091  
 ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 719 (2013) 29  
 ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013) 164  
 ATLAS: Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013) 182302
  - Mass-dependent azimuthal anisotropy  
 ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 726 (2013) 164-177  
 CMS: Phys. Lett. B 765 (2017) 193
  - Evolution of average  $p_T$  vs. multiplicity  
 ALICE: Phys. Lett. B 728 (2014) 25  
 CMS: Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2847
  - Strangeness enhancement...  
 ALICE: Nature Physics 13, 535–539 (2017)



What is the origin of the continuity of phenomena seen from small to large systems?



# $p_T$ -differential cross section measurement ( $\Lambda_c^+$ )

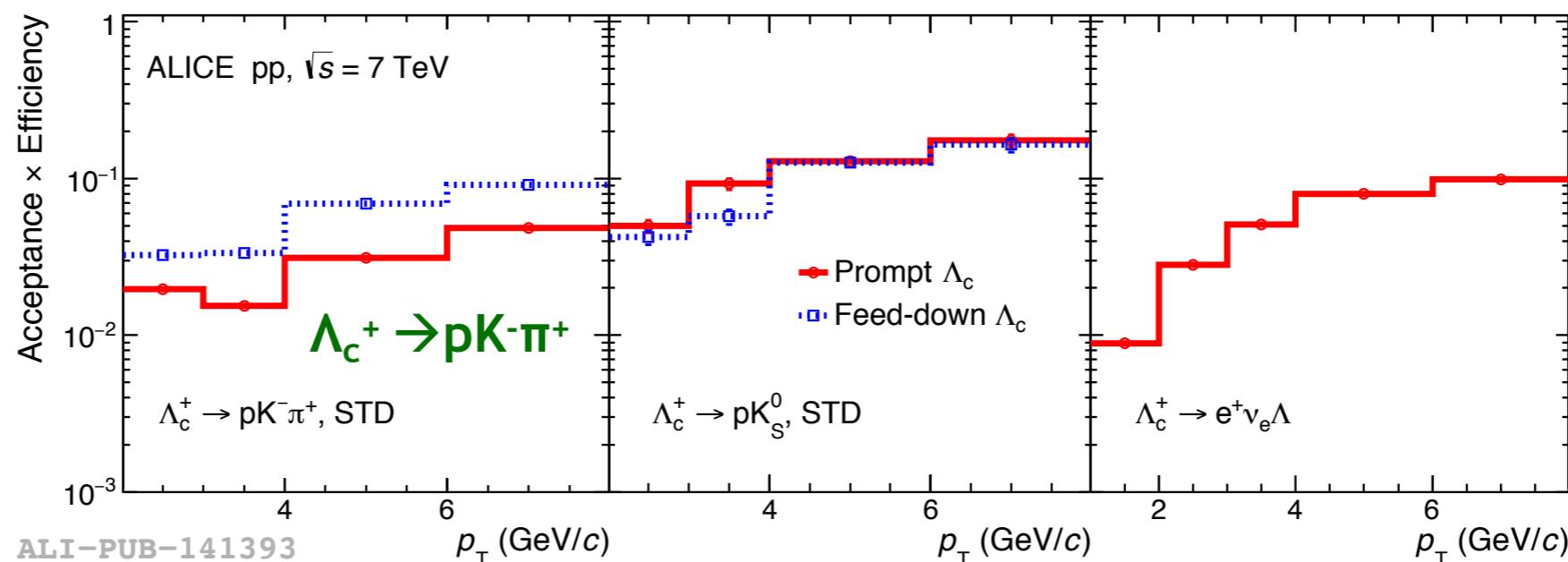
**Correction factor for feed-down - fraction from beauty decays**

using pQCD-based estimation of beauty baryon production  
 $< 8\%$  correction

**Extracted raw yield in the fiducial acceptance**

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\Lambda_c^+}}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{2c_{\Delta y}\Delta p_T} \frac{1}{BR} \frac{f_{\text{prompt}} \cdot N_{|y| < y_{\text{fid}}}^{\Lambda_c^+}}{(A \times \varepsilon)_{\text{prompt}}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}}$$

**Efficiency x acceptance for prompt  $\Lambda_c^+$**



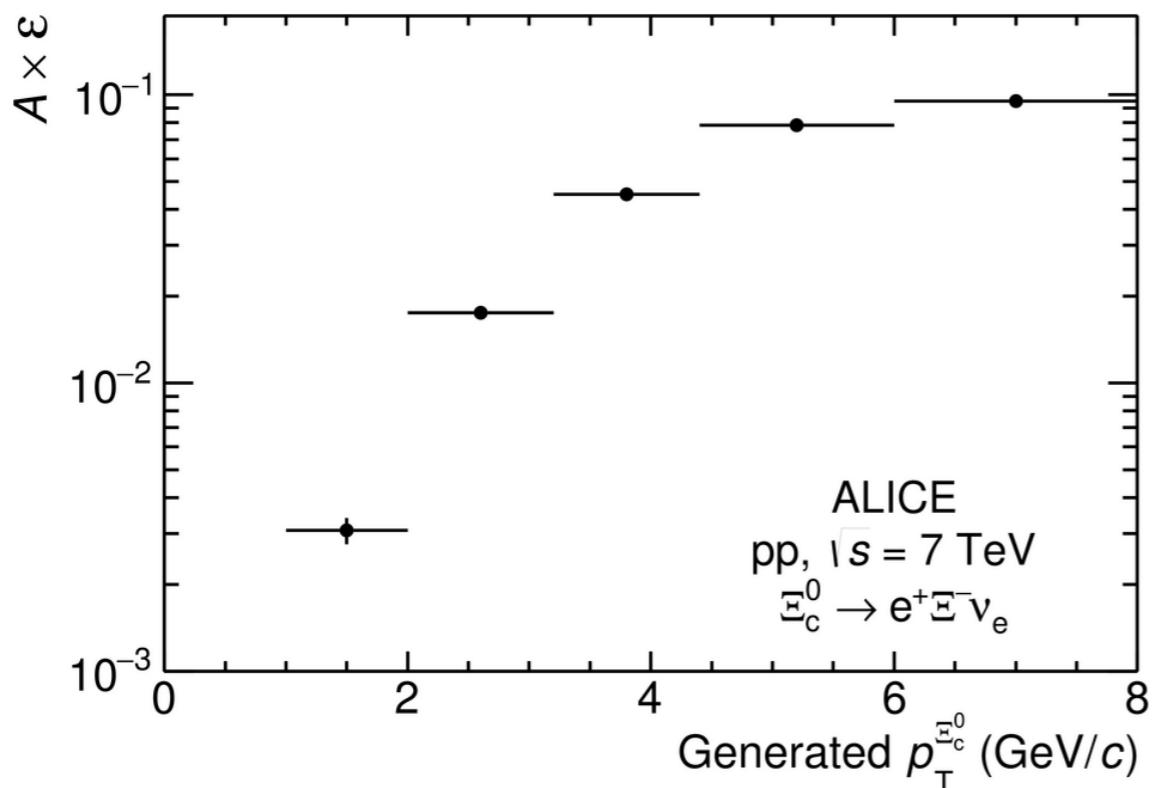
# $p_T$ -differential cross section measurement ( $\Xi_c^0$ )

Extracted raw yield in the fiducial acceptance

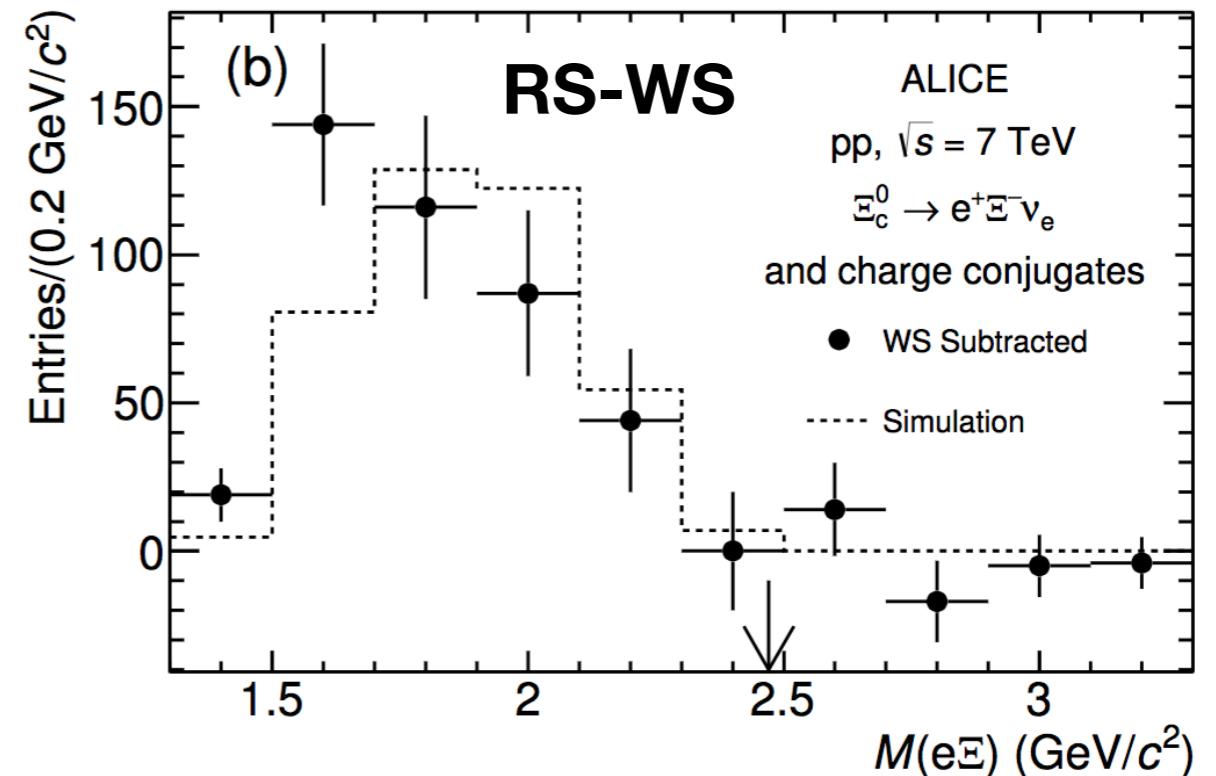
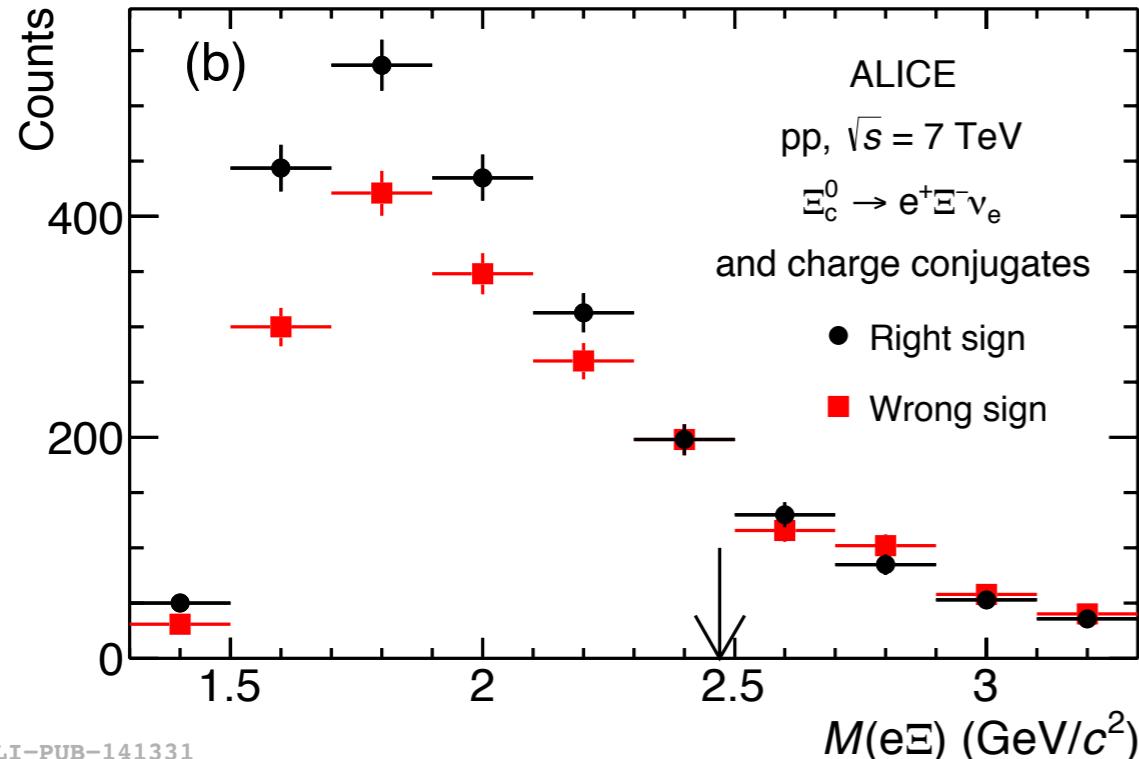
$$\text{BR} \cdot \frac{d^2\sigma_{\Xi_c^0}}{dp_T dy} = \frac{N_{\Xi_c^0}}{2 \cdot \Delta p_T \Delta y \cdot (A \times \varepsilon) \cdot L_{\text{int}} \cdot \text{BR}_{\Xi^-}}$$



Efficiency x acceptance for  $\Xi_c^0$



# Semileptonic RS-WS subtraction



- Wrong-sign subtracted  $e\Xi$  spectrum shape in agreement with expectation from simulation

# Systematic uncertainties in p-Pb collisions

## STD analysis

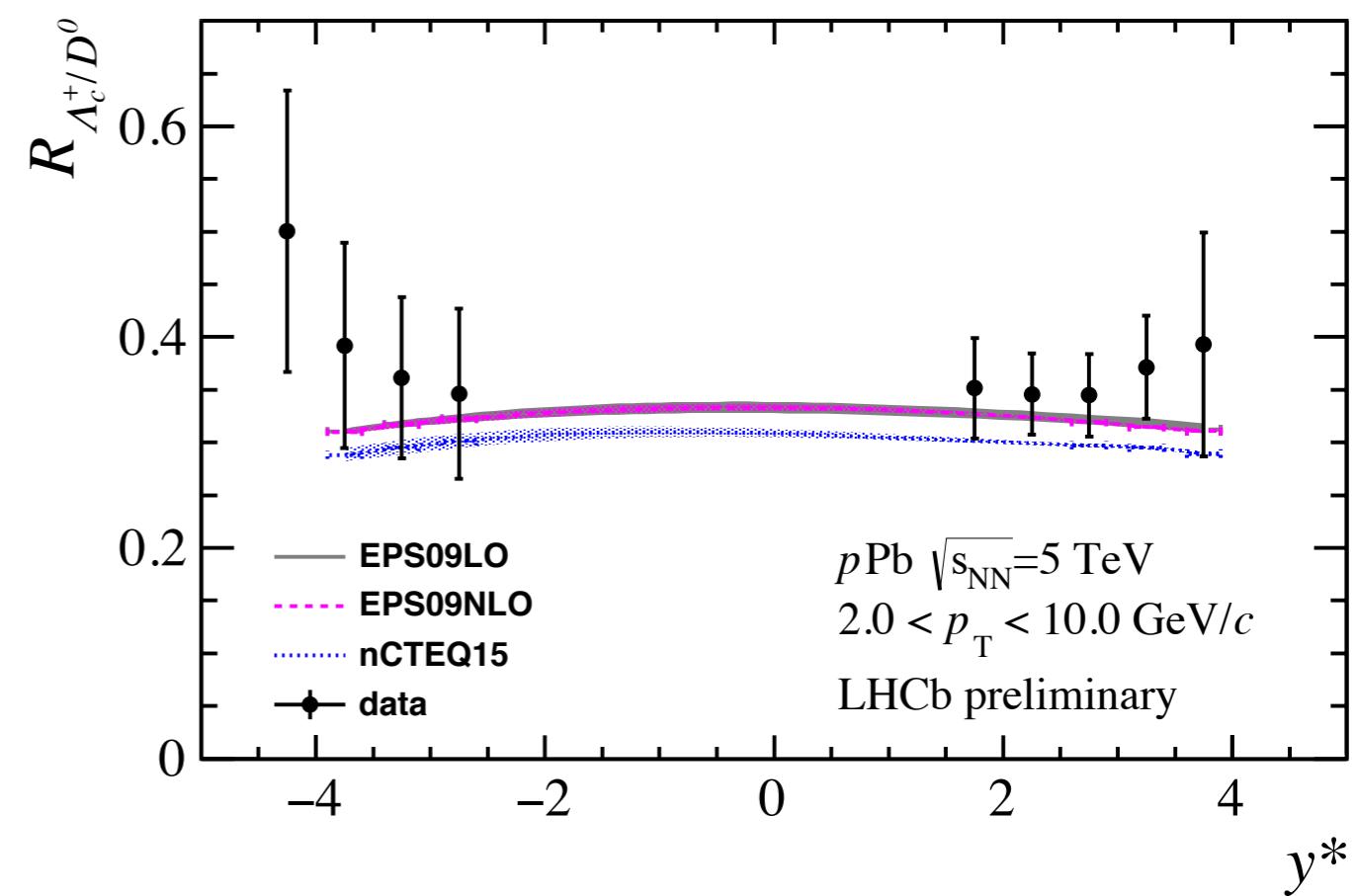
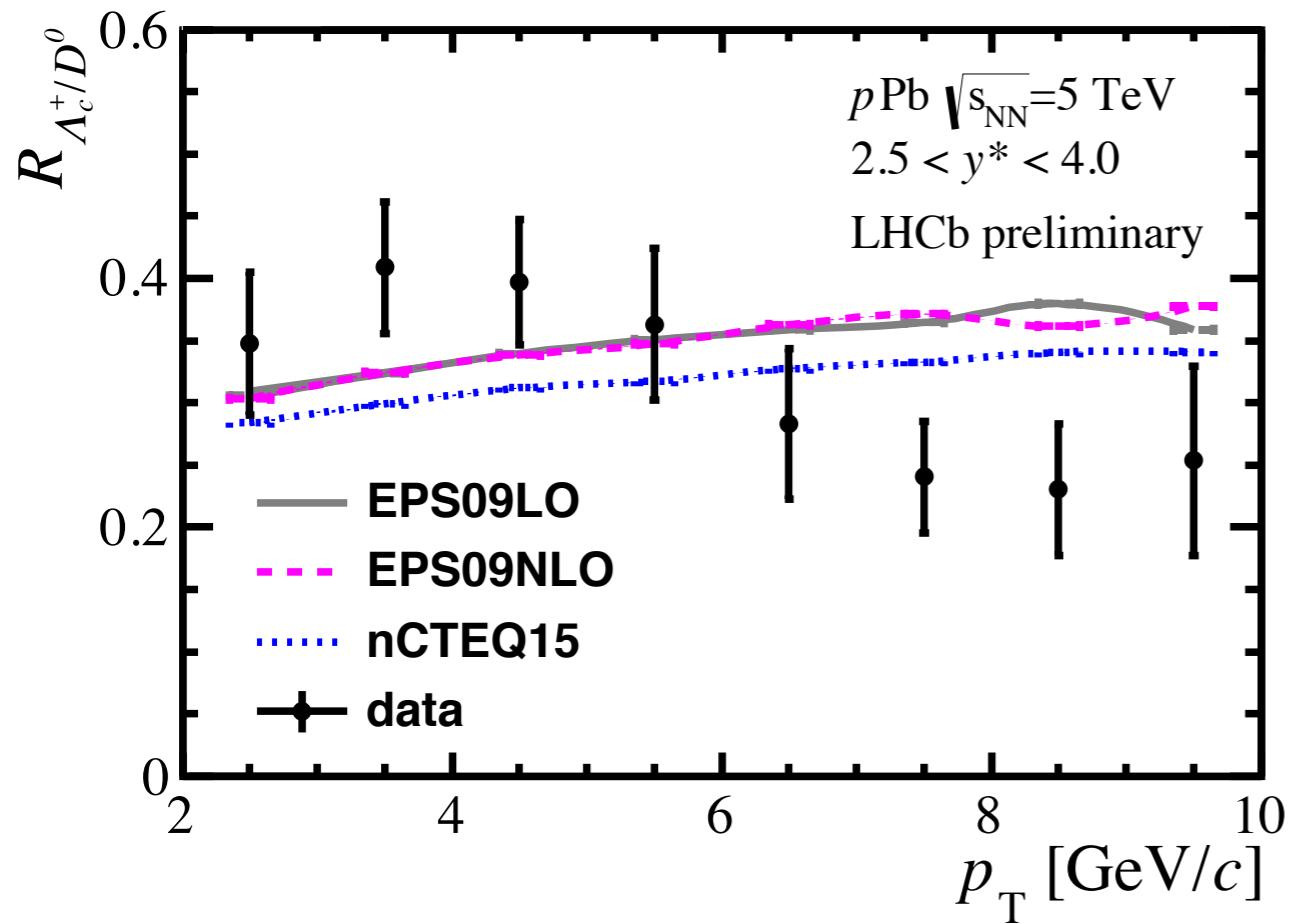
	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$		$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^0s$	
Systematic unc. source	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)
Yield extraction	10	11	10	10
Tracking efficiency	10	7	10	6
Cut efficiency	9	12	5	7
PID efficiency	6	6	6	6
MC pT shape	2	2	1	3
B feed-down	+1 -5	+2 -10	negl.	negl.
BR	5.1		5.0	

## BDT analysis

	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$		$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^0s$	
Systematic unc. source	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)	Low $p_T$ (%)	High $p_T$ (%)
Yield extraction	7	4	11	8
Tracking efficiency	10	7	10	6
Cut efficiency	8	6	5	8
PID efficiency	negl.	negl.	negl.	negl.
MC pT shape	negl.	3	negl.	negl.
B feed-down	+1 -5	+2 -10	negl. -3	+2 -7
BR	5.1		5.0	

Luminosity uncertainty = 3.7%

# LHCb $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$ in p-Pb collisions



- $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$  in p-Pb collisions measured by the LHCb experiment shows a flatter trend with rapidity