



Open and hidden heavy-flavour production and medium interaction with ALICE

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Outline



Heavy quarks are produced "perturbatively" (=high- Q^2 processes) over a short time scale with respect to QGP formation time

→ Heavy-flavour signals are excellent probes to spot medium effects and investigate local processes ongoing in the medium with the goal of painting a microscopic picture of the medium evolution

Many new results produced by ALICE on open-heavy flavour and quarkonia in

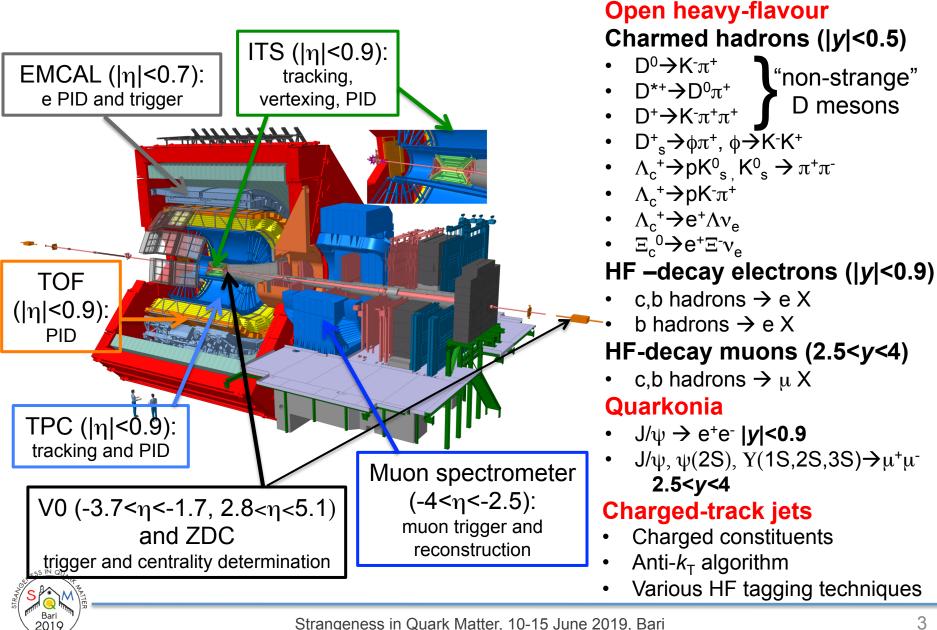
- pp collisions
- p-Pb collisions
- Pb-Pb collisions

Not all of them advertised here! You can find more in the related parallel talks:

- 1. Quarkonium measurements at forward rapidity with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow W. Shaikh
- J/ψ production measurements in pp, p-Pb, and Pb-Pb collisions at mid-rapidity using the ALICE detector at the LHC→ M. J. Kim
- 3. Study of open heavy-flavour hadron production in pp nad p-Pb collisions with ALICE \rightarrow P. Dhanker
- 4. Heavy-flavour jet production and charm fragmentation \rightarrow A. Mohanty
- 5. Latest results on D_s^+ and Λ_c^+ in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE at LHC \rightarrow C. Zampolli
- 6. Beauty production with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow E. F. Gauger
- 7. Measurement of non-strange D-meson production and azimuthal anisotropy in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow S. Jaelani

Heavy-flavour with ALICE







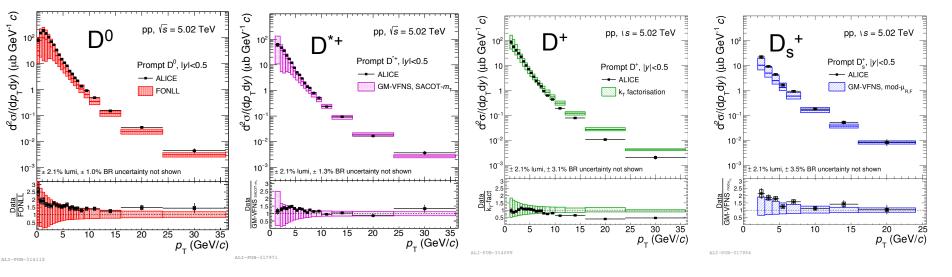
pp collisions



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Open-charm production

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- Prompt D⁰, D^{*+}, D⁺, D_s⁺-meson cross section at mid-rapidity (down to p_T=0 for D⁰) in pp collisions at √s = 5.02 TeV → new pp reference
- Data **described by pQCD** calculations relying on factorisation approach
- Data uncertainties much smaller than theoretical ones

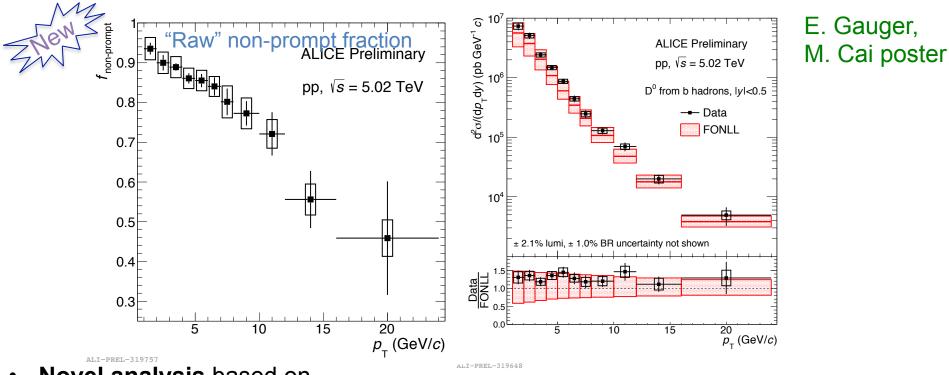
FONLL: JHEP 10 (2012) 137GM-VFNS SACOT- m_T : JHEP 05 (2018)GM-VFNS mod $\mu_{R,F}$: JHEP 12 (2017);Nucl. Phys. B925 (2017) k_T -factorisation: PRD 98, no. 1 (2018)

P. Dhanker





Beauty with non-prompt D⁰ mesons



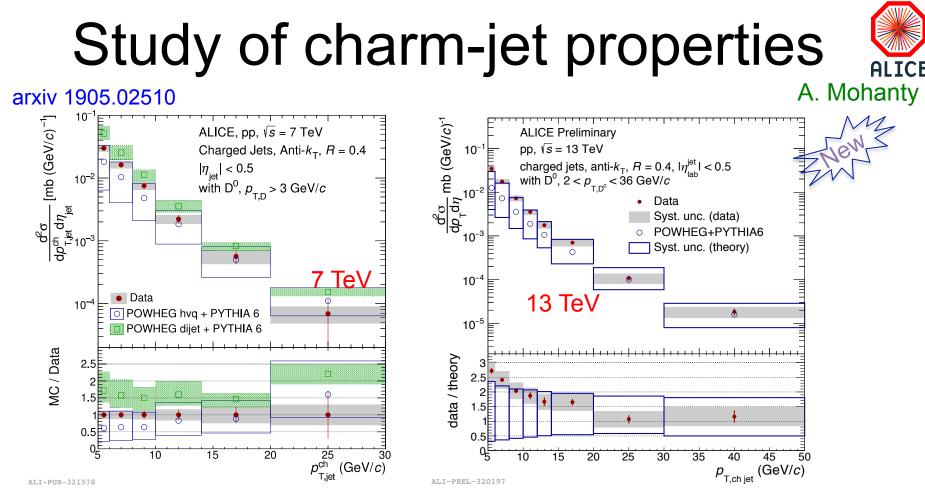
Novel analysis based on

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- two-step machine learning (BDT) cut optimisation to single out non-prompt Dmeson component from prompt one and combinatorial background
- Data-driven determination of prompt D-meson contamination
- Cross section described by FONLL

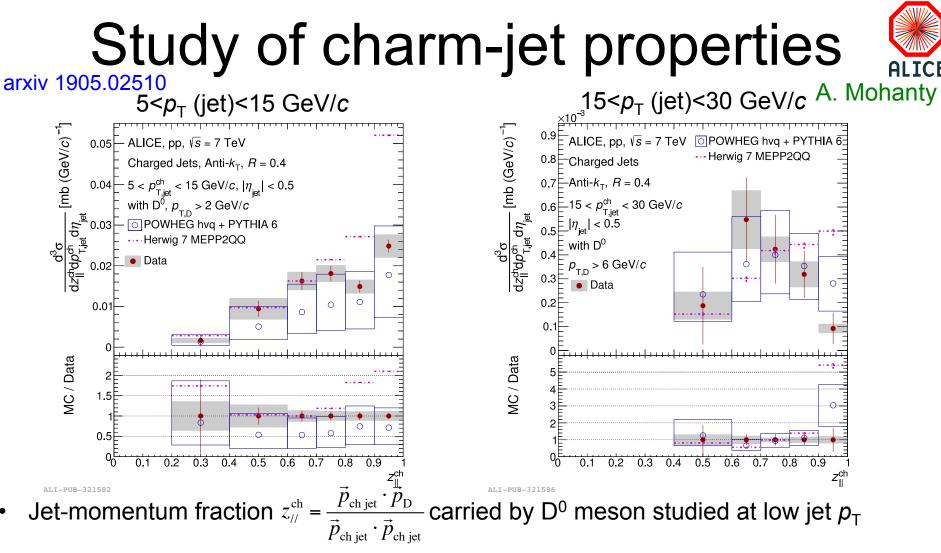
Charm and beauty production in pp collisions described reasonably by pQCD calculations



- Charm jets tagged by a fully reconstructed D⁰ meson
- Ideal tool to investigate charm fragmentation and jet kinematic properties
- *p*_T-differential cross section described reasonably by POWHEG HVQ+PYTHIA6 down to low *p*_T in pp collisions at LHC energies



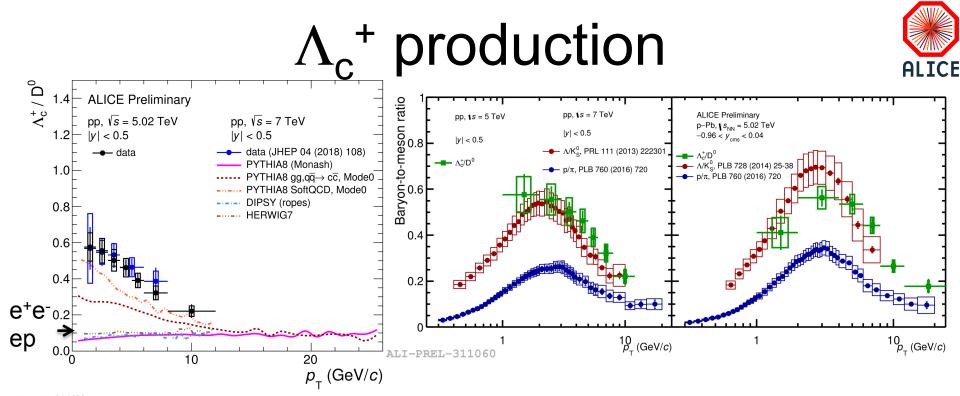
POWHEG: JHEP 0711 (2007) 070; POWHEG-HVQ: JHEP 0709 (2007) 126; POWHEG dijet JHEP 1104 (2011) 081; PYTHIA6: JHEP 05 (2006) 026



• *z*-differential cross section, along with softening of *z* distribution with p_T , reproduced by POWHEG hvq+PYTHIA6 (not so well by HERWIG7)



→ good starting point to address possible modifications in Pb-Pb POWHEG-HVQ: JHEP 0709 (2007) 126; PYTHIA6: JHEP 05 (2006) 026; HERWIG7: EPJC76 (2016) no.4, 196



• Λ_c^+/D^0 significantly higher than expectation from e⁺e⁻ collisions: **Does charm hadronisation depend on the collision system?**

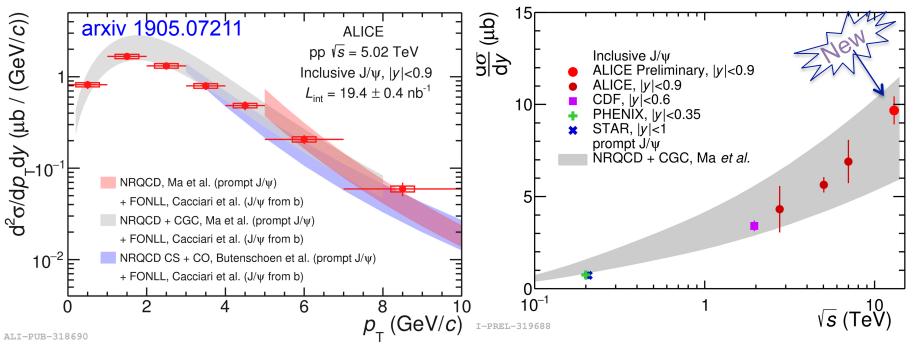
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- PYTHIA8 with string formation beyond leading colour approximation close to data Christiansen, Skands, JHEP 1508 (2015) 003
- Alternative explanation: feed-down from augmented set of charm-baryon states He, Rapp, arxiv 1902.08889
- Intriguing similarity with p_T trend of baryon-to-meson ratios in light-flavour sector in pp and p-Pb collisions

Charm hadronisation not fully understood

J/ψ production at mid rapidity



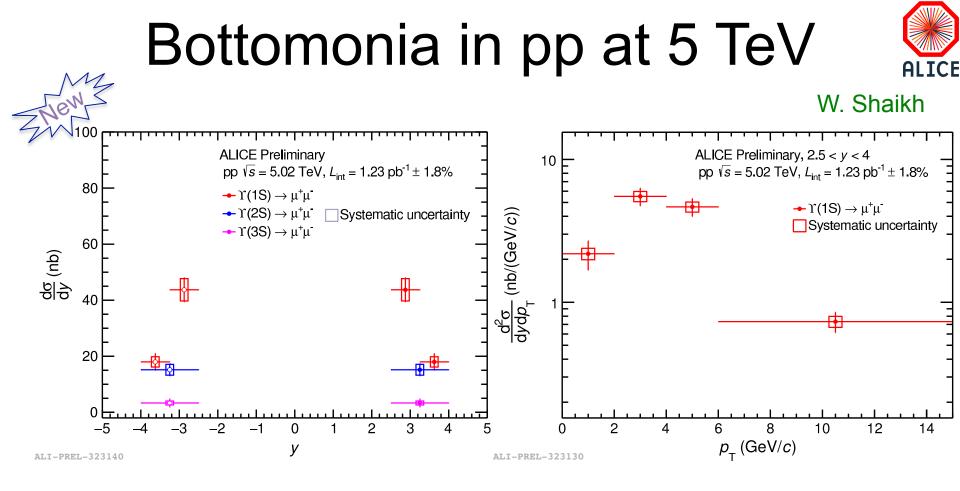
 $J/\psi p_T$ -differential cross section down to p_T =0 at mid-rapidity at 5 and 13 TeV \rightarrow New pp reference + important constraints to understand J/ψ production mechanism

NRQCD+CGC describes data down to p_T =0, as well as the cross section vs. \sqrt{s}

Run 1,2 ALICE legacy on charmonia: double p_T , *y* differential view on J/ ψ (and forward $\psi(2S)$) production down to p_T =0 from \sqrt{s} = 2.76 to 13 TeV \rightarrow M. Kim, W. Shaikh



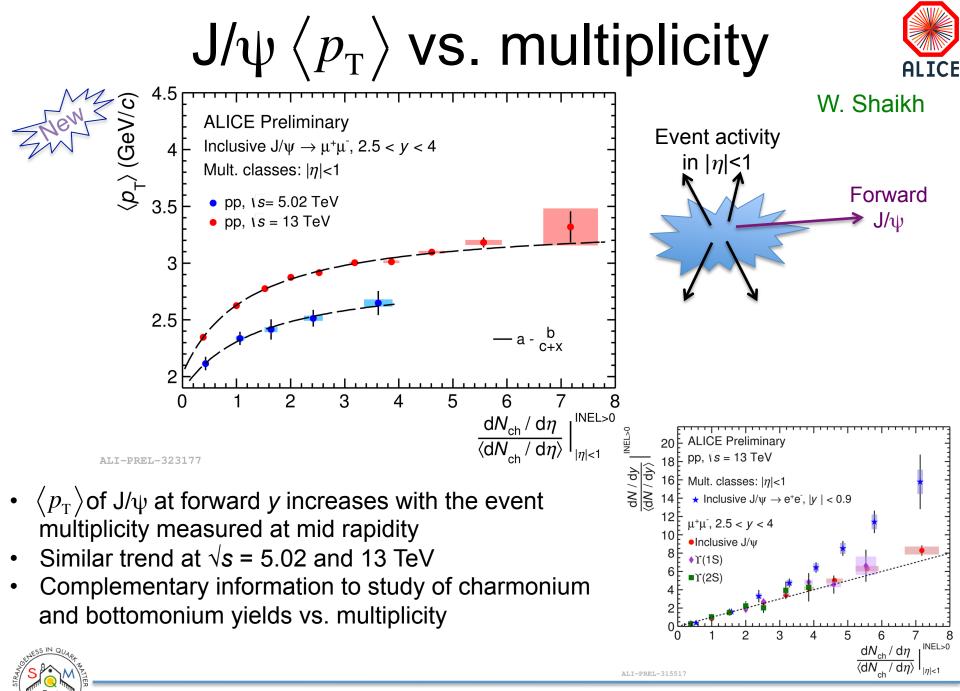
LO-NRQCD+CGC: Y.-Q. Ma and R. Venugopalan: PRL. 113 (2014) 192301; NLO-NRCQD: Y.-Q. Ma *et al.*, PRL 106 (2011) 042002; NLO-NRQCD CS+CO: M. Butenschoen and B.A. Kniehl, PRL 106 (2011) 022003



Y(1S), Y(2S), Y(3S) production measured at forward rapidity

New pp reference will improve interpretation of nuclear modification factors in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions







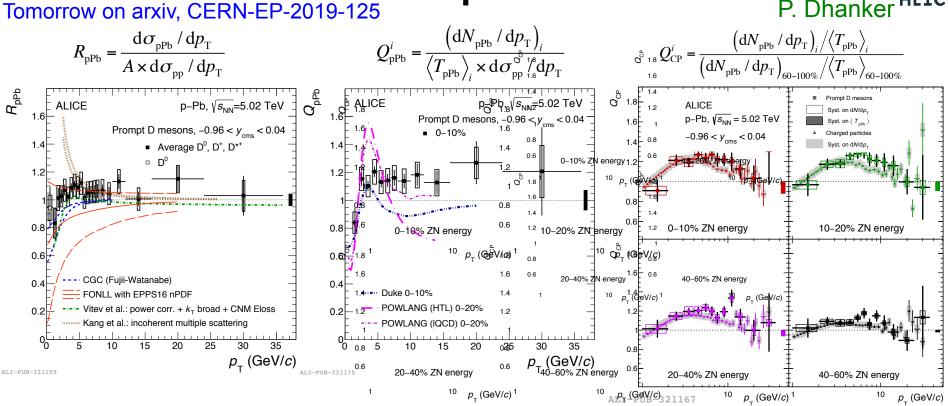
p-Pb collisions



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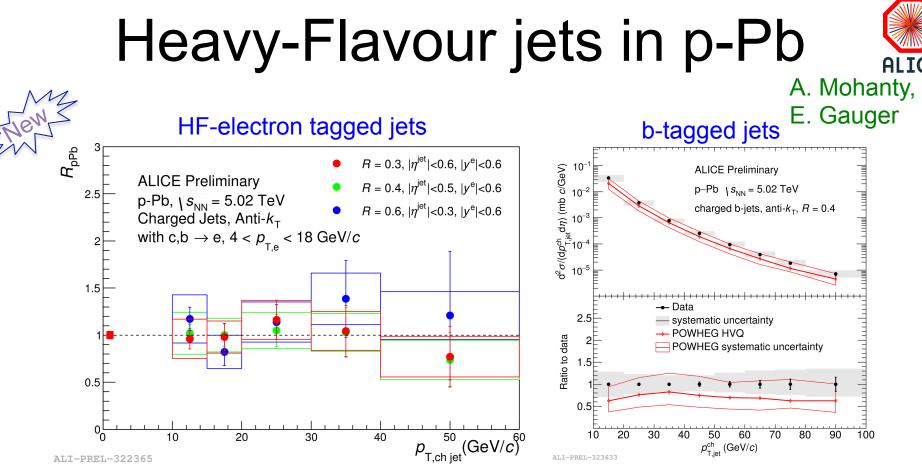
D mesons in p-Pb collisions P. Dhanker





- D-meson R_{pPb} compatible with unity in $0 < p_T < 36 \text{ GeV/}c$
 - Described by models including Cold-Nuclear-Matter (CNM) effects
- Data do not favour "radial-flow"-like peak around 3-4 GeV/c, nor decreasing trend at higher p_T
- Central-to-peripheral ratio around 1.2 at intermediate p_T (larger than unity by ~3σ in 3<p_T<7 GeV/c in 20-40%): p_T-trend similar to that measured for charged particles

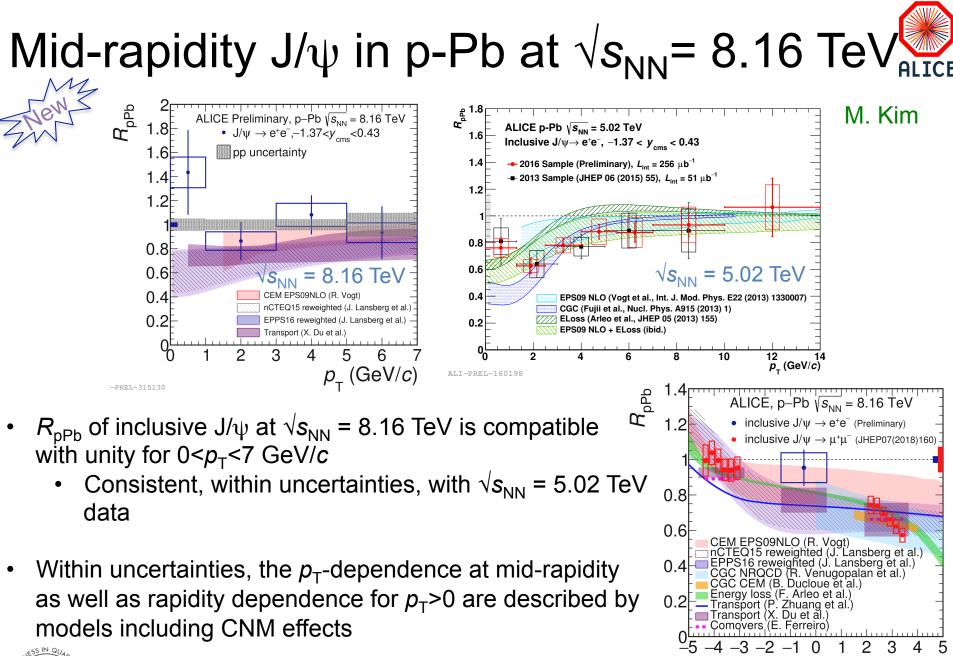




Heavy-flavour jets measured down to $p_{\rm T}$ = 10 GeV/*c*

- R_{pPb} of charm + beauty jets with HF-electron tagging compatible with unity independently on jet radius
- Cross section of beauty jets tagged with displaced vertices described by POWHEG HVQ x A within uncertainty





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Pb-Pb collisions

2018 data

Min. bias:

 $L_{\rm int}$ ~20 μb^{-1} (similar to 2015)

Centrality triggers:

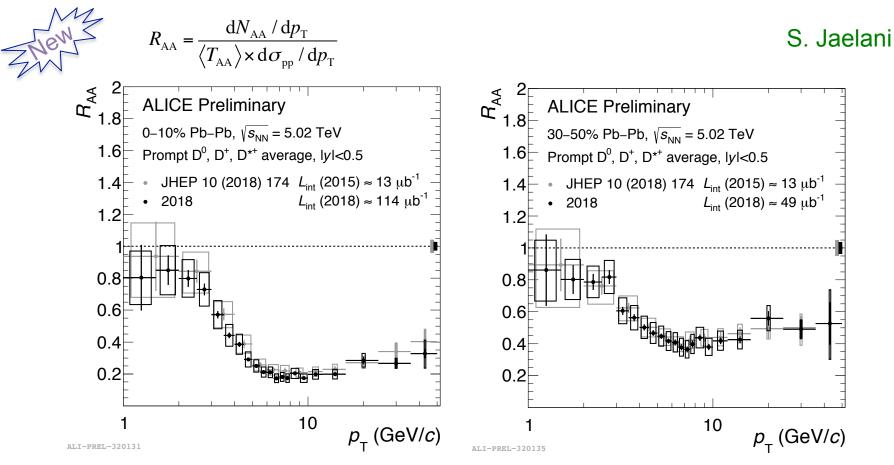
 $L_{int} \sim 114 \ \mu b^{-1}$ in 0-10% after selections (**x9 more** than 2015 data) $L_{int} \sim 49 \ \mu b^{-1}$ in 30-50% after selections (**x4 more** than 2015 data) **Di-muon triggers:**

 $L_{\rm int} \sim 540 \ \mu b^{-1}$ (**~x2.2 more** than 2015 data)



Non-strange D-meson R_{AA}



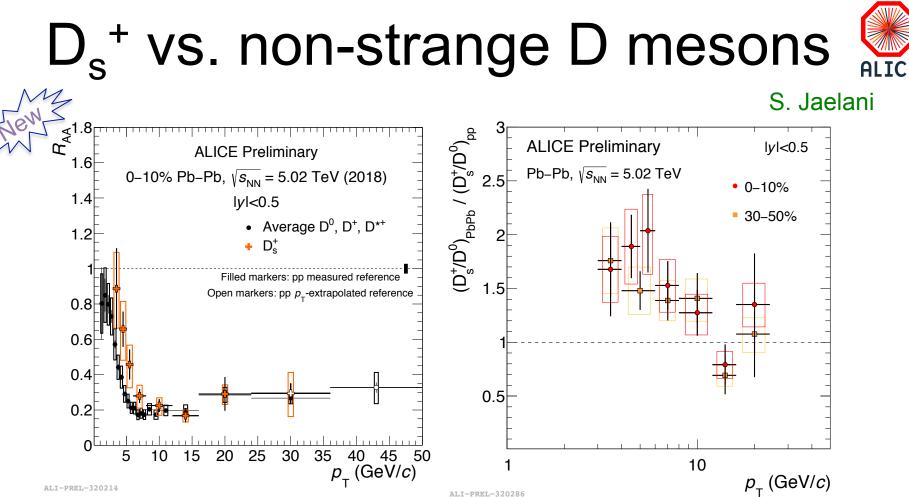


2018 data sample: reduced uncertainties, more $p_{\rm T}$ -differential

 \rightarrow better constrain steeply decreasing R_{AA} trend at low p_T

 \rightarrow important progress towards the measurement of total ccbar cross section



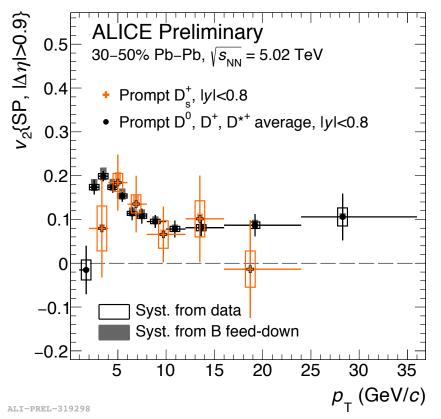


- D_s^+ meson measured down to $p_T=3$ GeV/*c* in 0-10% and 30-50% central collisions
- Indication of enhancement of D_s⁺/D⁰ ratio in Pb-Pb with respect to pp collisions
- No appreciable dependence on centrality within uncertainties
- Effort ongoing to push the measurement at lower p_T and improve its precision with Machine Learning techniques → poster by F. Catalano



D-meson elliptic flow



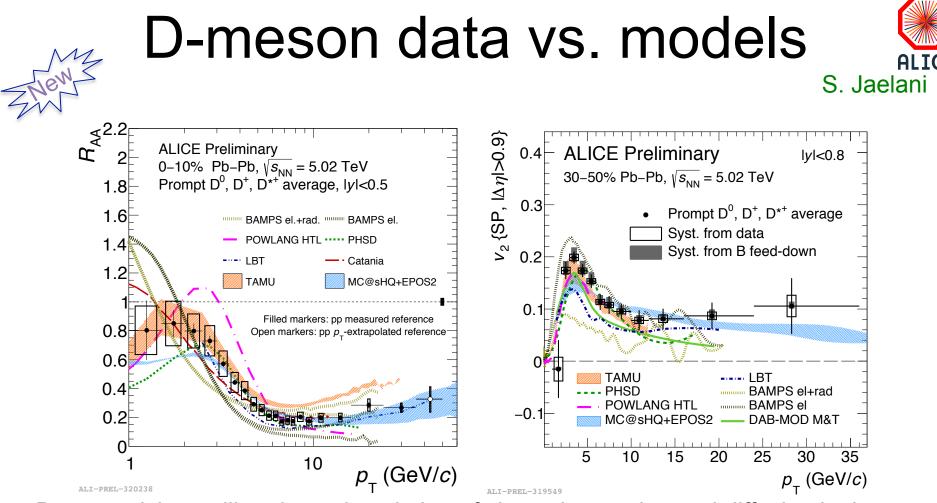


- New, more precise measurement of D meson v_2 in 30-50%
- Same v_2 for D_s^+ and non-strange D mesons, within uncertainties, down to 3 GeV/c



S. Jaelani,

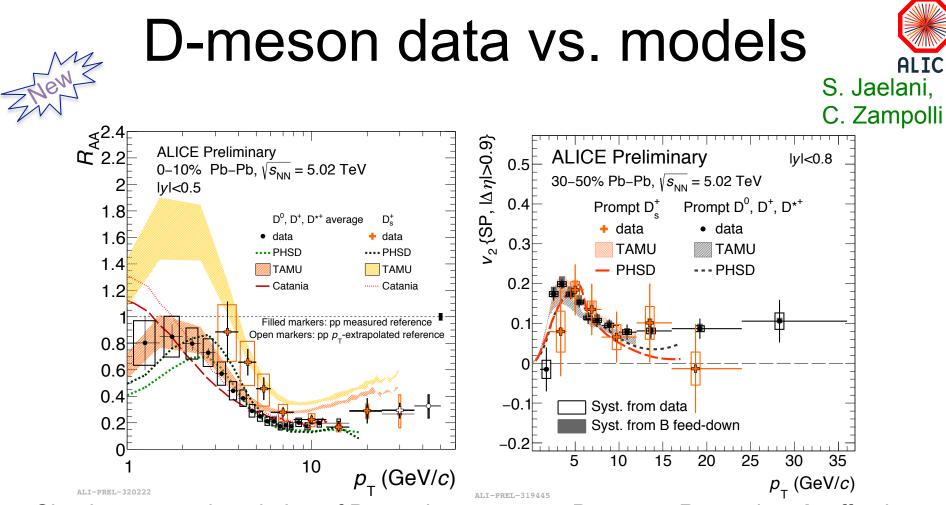
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- Data precision nailing down description of charm-interaction and diffusion in the medium at low transverse momenta
- Interplay of CNM (shadowing), collisional and radiative energy loss, coalescence and realistic medium evolution required to describe data



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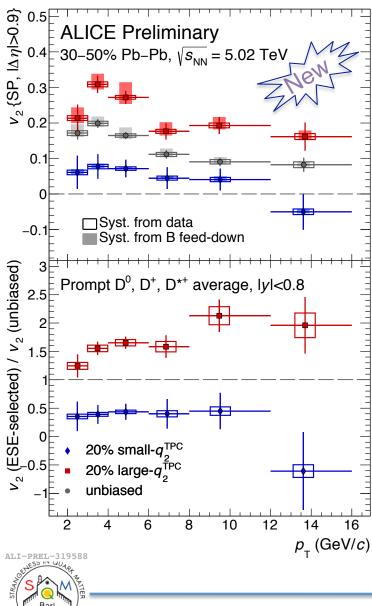


- Simulataneous description of D_s^+ and non-strange D-meson R_{AA} and $v_2 \rightarrow$ effective tool to constrain interplay of coalescence and collisional energy loss + medium flow on D-meson spectra
- Similar v_2 for non-strange D and D_s^+ mesons expected from TAMU and PHSD models



TAMU: PLB 735,445-450(2014); arXiv:1905.09216; PHSD: PRC 92, 014910 (2015); Catania: EPJC (2018) 78: 348

D-meson v_2 with Event-Shape Engineer



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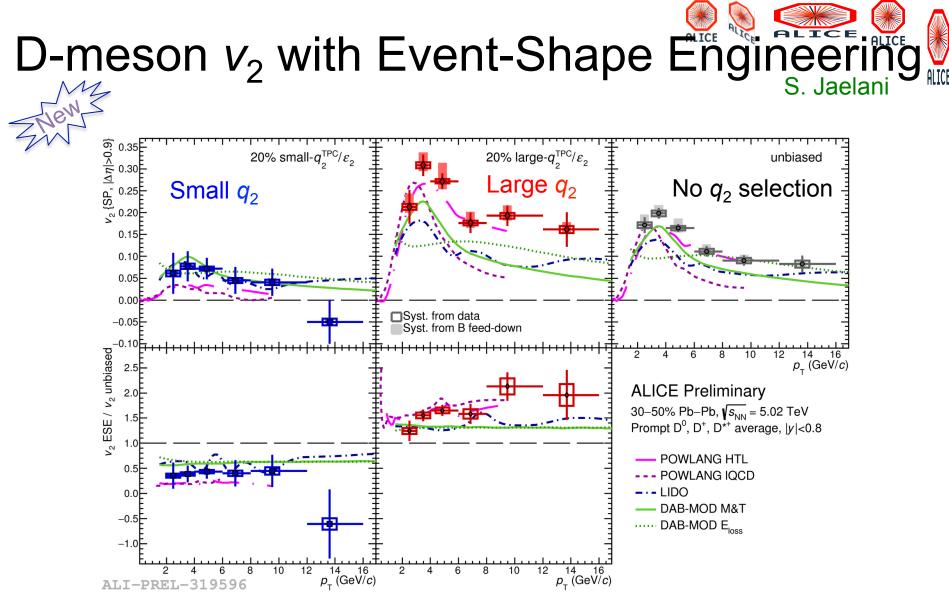
Initial-condition fluctuations and event eccentricity \rightarrow event-by-event variation of the flow coefficients (v_n) at fixed centrality can be large

Clear difference of D-meson v_2 in events with small and large q_2 (2nd-order reduced *q*-vector)

 2018 data clarifies effect reported in JHEP1902 (2019) 150



$$q_{2} = \frac{|\vec{Q}_{2}|}{\sqrt{M}}, \qquad Q_{2,x} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \cos 2\varphi_{i}, \qquad Q_{2,y} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sin 2\varphi_{i}$$
$$\left\langle q_{2}^{2} \right\rangle \approx 1 + \left\langle M - 1 \right\rangle \left\langle v_{2}^{2} - \delta_{2} \right\rangle \qquad \text{δ: non-flow effects}$$
$$M: \text{ multiplicity} \quad v_{2}: \text{ flow strength}$$

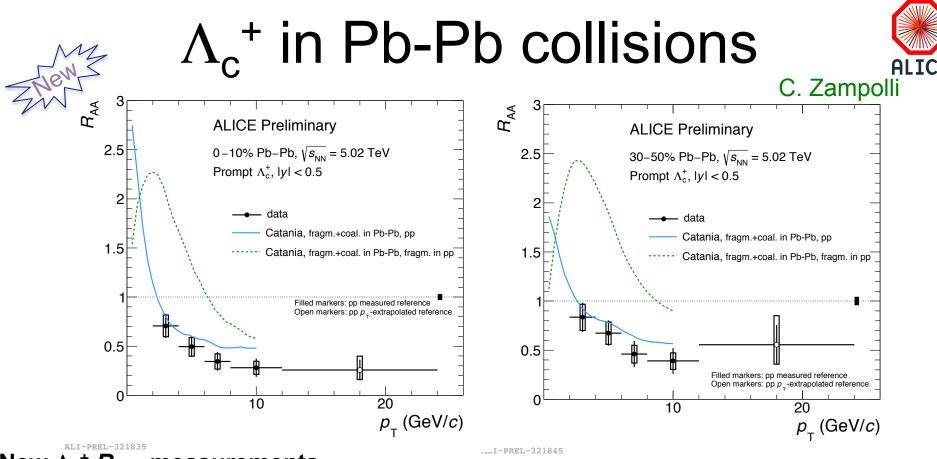


Transport models describe reasonably q_2 dependence of elliptic flow

POWLANG: EPJC 75,121(2015); LIDO: arxiv 1810.08177; DAB-MOD: PRC 96 064903 (2017)

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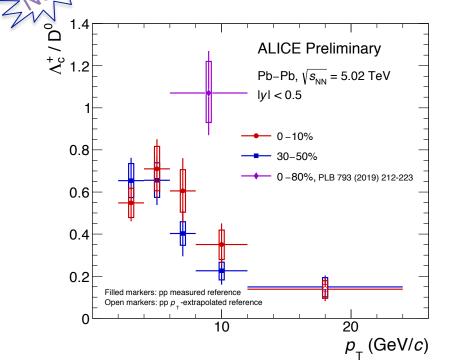
New $\Lambda_c^+ R_{AA}$ measurements

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- Improved precision, extended p_T-coverage (2<p_T<24 GeV/c), differential in centrality (0-10%, 30-50%)
 - Thanks to larger 2018 dataset and exploitation of Machine-Learning techniques
- Λ_c^+ suppression similar in 0-10% and 30-50%
- Described by Catania model including hadronisation via both fragmentation and

coalescence Catania: S. Plumari et al., EPJC (2018) 78: 348

Λ_{c}^{+} in Pb-Pb collisions

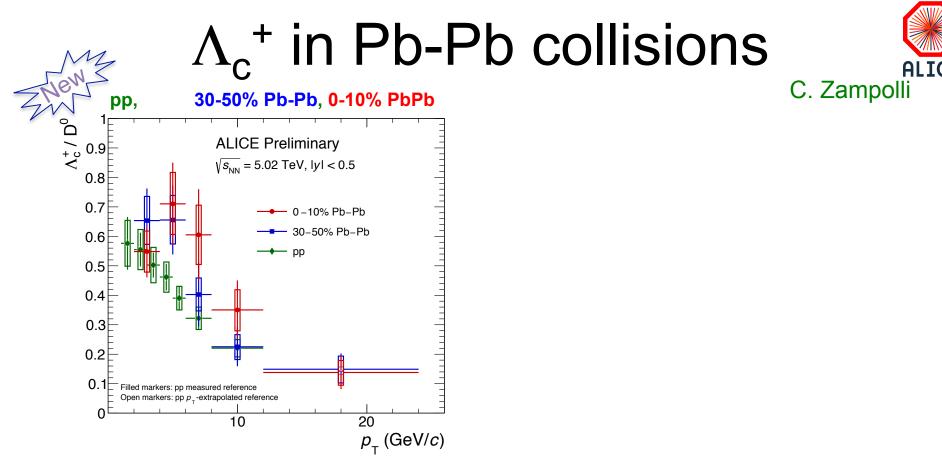


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• Λ_c^+/D^0 : 2015 result in 0-80% in 6< p_T <12 GeV/*c* compatible at ~2 σ with 0-10% result



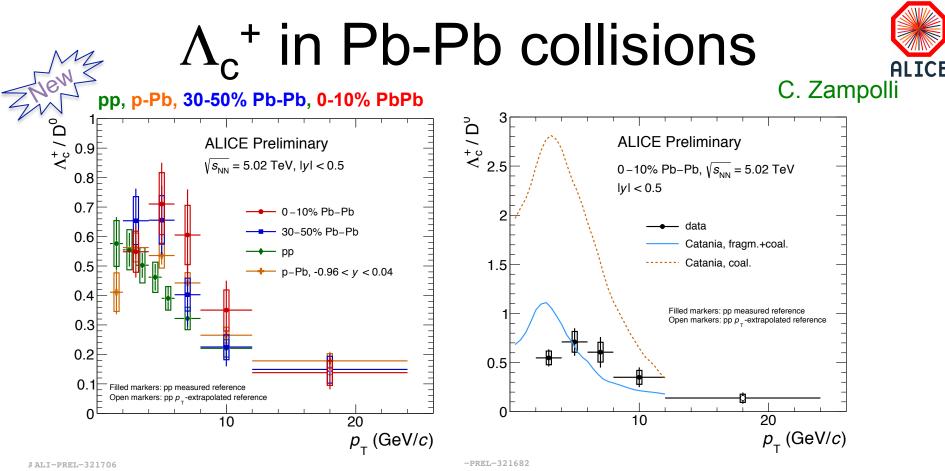
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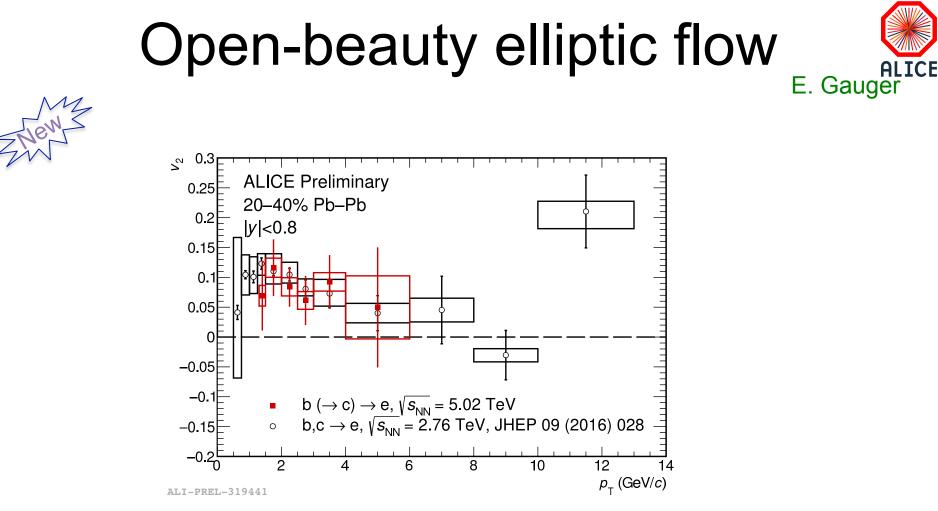
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- Hint of higher Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in 0-10% Pb-Pb collisions w.r.t. pp collisions
- More precision needed to imagine a trend from pp to p-Pb to Pb-Pb
 - Understanding of pp data is fundamental: not granted that Λ_c⁺ is "enhanced" in the same way in Pb-Pb and pp (w.r.t. e⁺e⁻)
- Λ_c⁺/D⁰ ratio in Pb-Pb collisions described by Catania model including both coalescence and fragmentation Catania: S. Plumari *et al.*, EPJC (2018) 78: 348



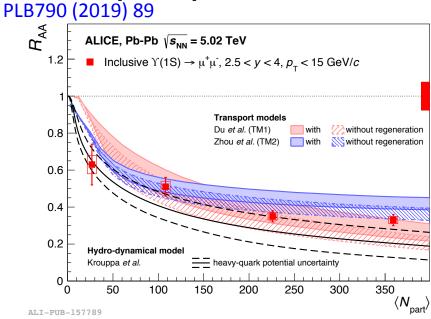


- $v_2 > 0$ (~3.5 σ effect) for electrons from beauty-hadron decays in 20-40% centrality
- Similar v₂ than for charm(+beauty) electrons
- From analysis of 2015 data \rightarrow can reduce uncertainties with 2018 data



Y(1S) nuclear-modification factor





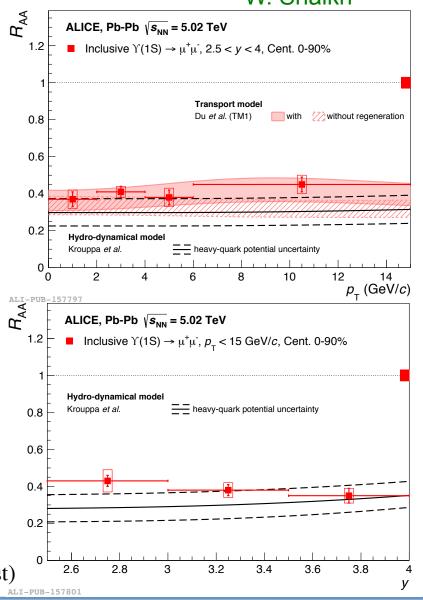
- Significant Y(1S) suppression, increasing from peripheral to central collisions
- No significant variation observed as a function of p_T and rapidity
- Transport models reproduce data within uncertainties Zhou et al., NPA931 (2014) 654-658 Du et al., PRC 96, no. 5, (2017) 054901

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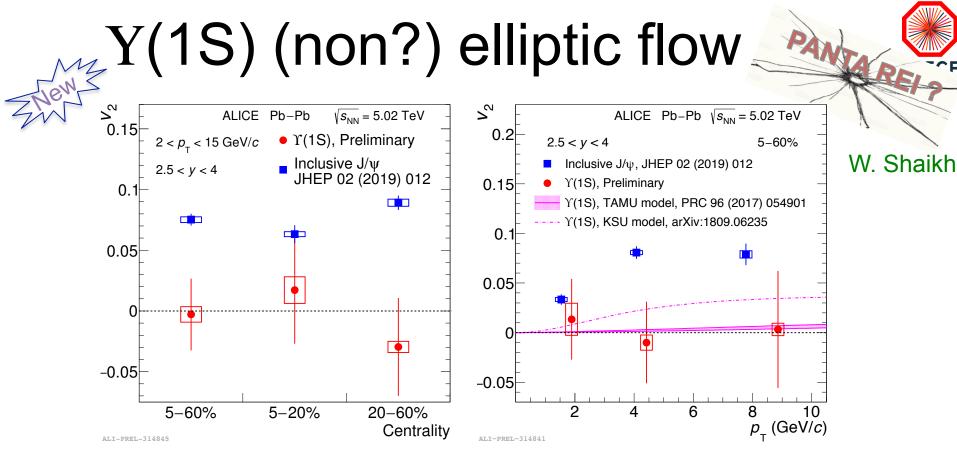
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- Hint of opposite *y* trend in Krouppa?
- Stronger suppression measured for Y(2S) in

 $\sum_{AA} 0-90\%: R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(2S)} / R_{AA}^{\Upsilon(1S)} = 0.28 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$



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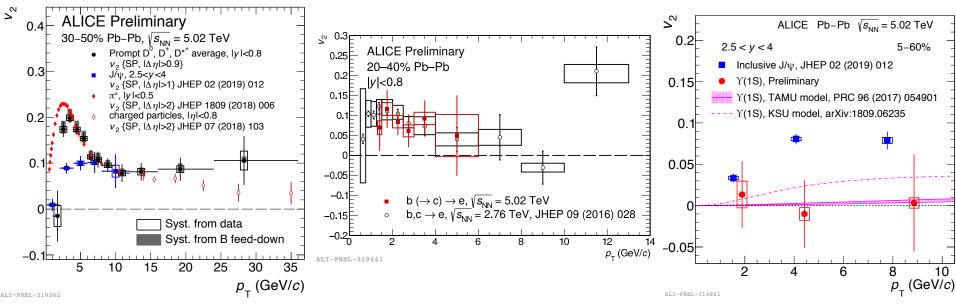


- First measurement of Y(1S) elliptic flow at forward rapidity from analysis of 2015 and 2018 Pb-Pb datasets together.
- Y(1S) v₂ compatible with zero as well as with the small positive values predicted by available theoretical models
 - KSU: path-length dependence of dissociation of initially created bottomonia
 - TAMU: includes also possible formation via recombination
- Indication of lower v_2 than inclusive J/ ψ (2.6 σ) in 3 < p_T < 15 GeV/c

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Heavy-flavour elliptic flows

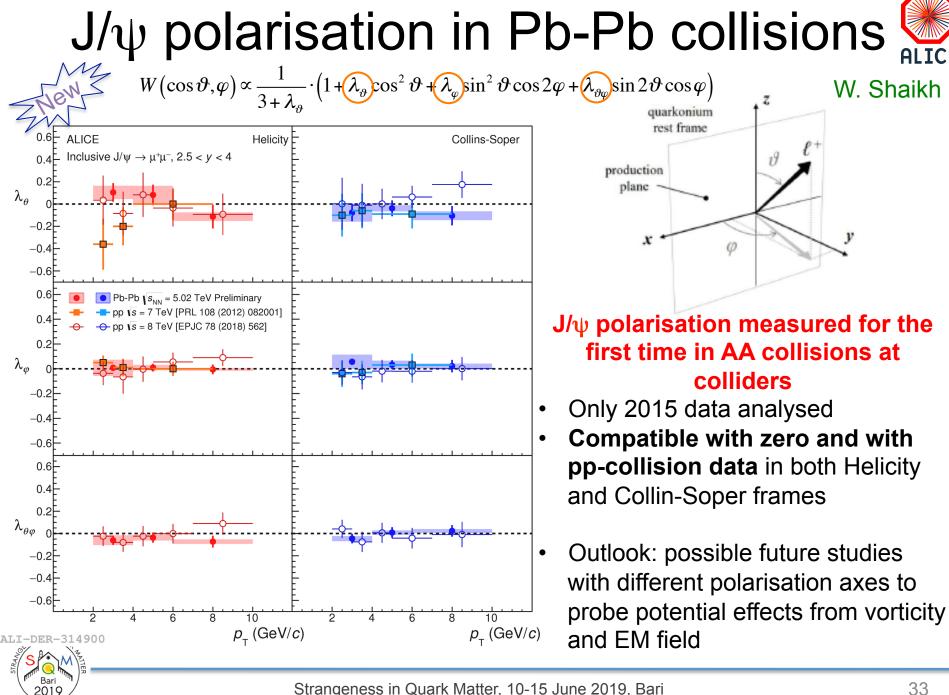




- **D-meson** $v_2 \ge J/\psi v_2 > 0 \rightarrow$ charm quarks flow + possible enhancement of open charm v_2 from hadronisation via coalescence with flowing light-flavour quarks
- Open-beauty v₂ > 0, while bottomonia v₂ ~ 0
 → what is the impact of collisional energy loss and coalescence on open-beauty v₂?

More precise measurements needed, as well as coherent interpretation of results via comparison with models





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Summary and outlook

at the end of run 2... after >9 years from first pp runs at the LHC

- Reasonable theoretical description of open and hidden HF production in pp collisions → key point for heavy-flavour physics in heavy-ion collisions
 - Main notable exception: $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow$ charm hadronisation in pp differs from e⁺e⁻
- CNM effects constrained with p-Pb collision data
 - Many (not all) effects observed can be described with nPDF
- But we observed medium-like (e.g. $\psi(2S)$ suppression) and collective-like effects (HF flow at high multiplicity) also in p-Pb
 - Event activity "bridging" system properties from vacuum to QGP?

Pb-Pb collisions

- Interplay of CNM (shadowing), collisional and radiative energy loss, coalescence, radial flow required to describe (rather) precise D-meson flow and R_{AA} data
- Intriguing results from charm-chemistry (Λ_c/D , D_s/D) \rightarrow ALICE upgrade crucial
 - Precise data needed to single out different effects and → talks by L. Musa, M. Weber measure transport coefficients of HQ in the medium
- J/ ψ flow and D-meson flow set together stringent constraints on cause of charm flow
- Beauty-electron $v_2 > 0$... but bottomonia $v_2 \sim 0 \rightarrow$ run 3 data needed to reduce uncertainties
- New observables and multi-differential studies (jet properties, ESE, v_1 , J/ ψ polarisation) very important to investigate medium properties



Related parallel talks

Quarkonium measurements at forward rapidity with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow W. Shaikh, Thursday 15:20, session Heavy Flavour J/ ψ production measurements in pp, p-Pb, and Pb-Pb collisions at mid-rapidity using the ALICE detector at the LHC \rightarrow M. J. Kim, Thursday 14:40, session Heavy Flavour Study of open heavy-flavour hadron production in pp nad p-Pb collisions with ALICE \rightarrow P. Dhanker, Tuesday 17:30, session Collectivity in small systems Heavy-flavour jet production and charm fragmentation \rightarrow A. Mohanty, Thursday, 16:50, session Heavy Flavour Latest results on Ds+ and Lc+ in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE at LHC \rightarrow C. Zampolli, Tuesday 15:20, session Hadronisation and coalescence Beauty production with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow E. F. Gauger, Tuesday 15:20, session Heavy Flavour Measurement of non-strange D-meson production and azimuthal anisotropy in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow S. Jaelani, Tuesday 16:10, session Heavy Flavour

and posters:

Azimuthal anisotropy study of beauty-decay electrons in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE → M. VolkI

Azimuthal correlations of D mesons with charged particles in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with the ALICE experiment at the LHC \rightarrow S. Sadhu

D-tagged jet production and fragmentation measurements in pp collisions with ALICE \rightarrow B. Trzeciak

Electrons from heavy-flavour hadron decays in proton-proton collisions with ALICE at the LHC →S. P. Rode

Heavy-flavour correlations with charged particles and collective effects in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow M. Mazzilli

Measurement of D⁰-meson R_{AA} and v_2 in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE \rightarrow S. Trogolo

Measurement of D_s⁺-meson production in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE at the LHC \rightarrow F. Catalano

Measurement of electrons from heavy-flavour hadron decays in Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV and in Xe-Xe collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.44$ TeV \rightarrow M. Faggin

Measurement of open-heavy flavour hadron decay muons as a function of charged-particle multiplicity in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE \rightarrow S. Mhlanga

Measurement of prompt and non-prompt J/ ψ production at mid-rapidity in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV with ALICE \rightarrow G. Trombetta

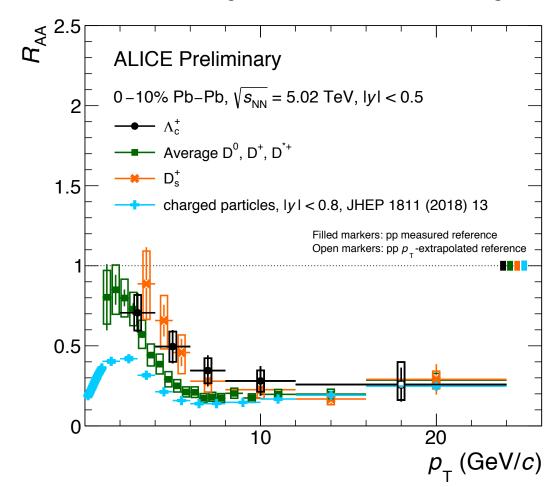
Measurement of the Λ_c^+ production in pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE Run-2 data \rightarrow L. A. Vermunt

Non-prompt D⁰-meson production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.44$ TeV \rightarrow Cai Mengke

Reconstruction of bottom jets in proton-proton collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV with ALICE \rightarrow K. Garner



The charm-family portrait 1 year after



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Did ageing clarify the picture? mmm...

... to be continued





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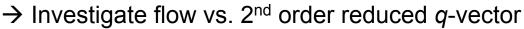
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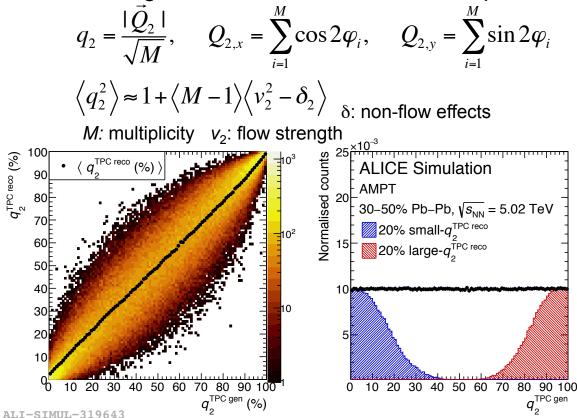


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D-meson v_2 with Event-Shape Engineering

Event-by-event variation of the flow coefficients (v_n) at fixed centrality can be large Related to initial-condition fluctuations and event eccentricity S. Jaelani

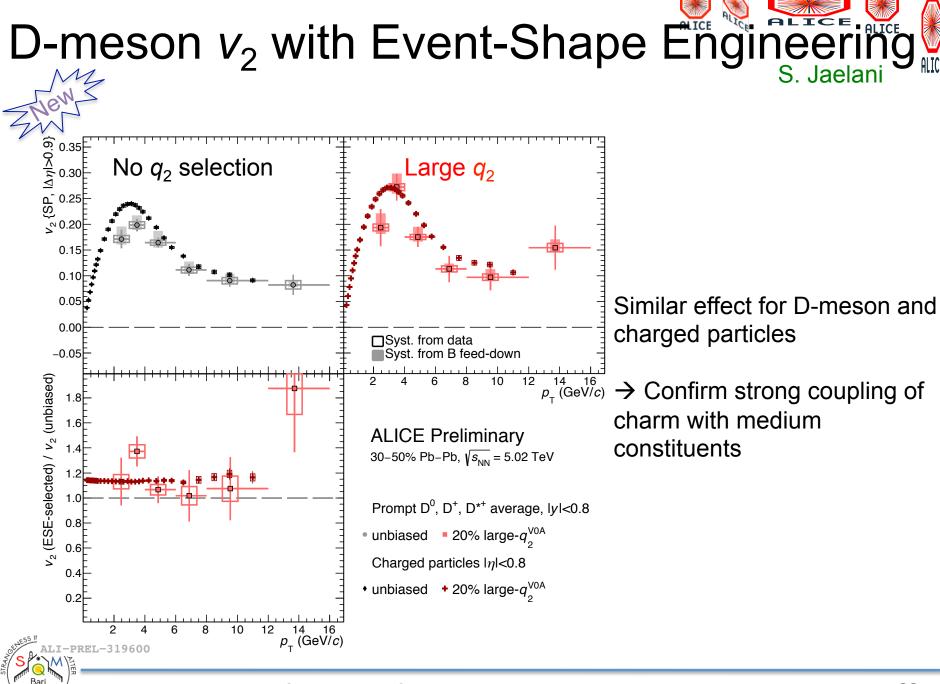




Study of D-meson v_2 as a function of $q_2 \rightarrow$ investigate charm sensitivity to collectivity of light-hadron bulk and event-by-event initial-conditions fluctuations

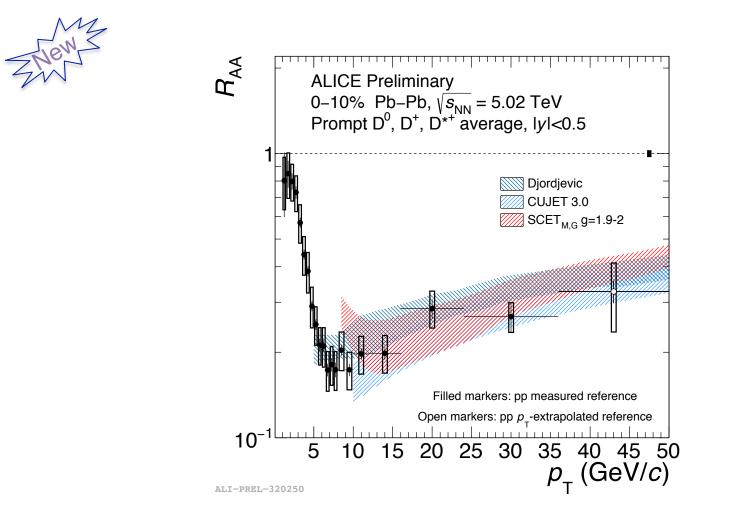
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D-meson data vs. models



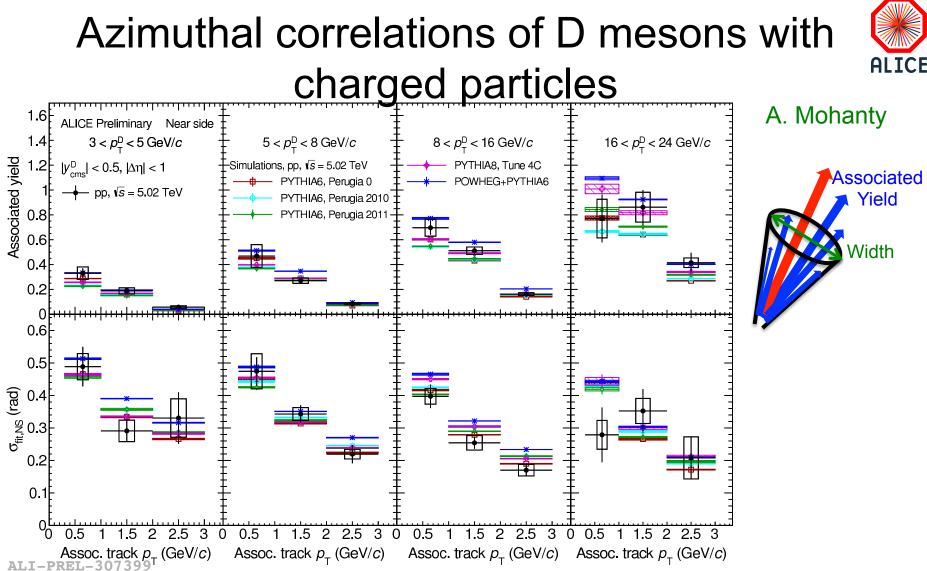
D-meson R_{AA} at high p_T described reasonably by pQCD-based models



Djordjevic, PRC 92 2 024918 (2015); CUJET3.0 JEHP 02 169 (2016); SCET_{M,G} JHEP 03 146 (2017)

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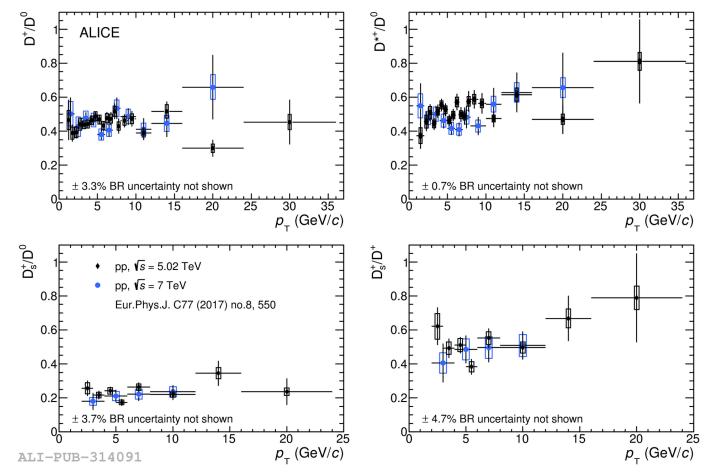
- Near-Side (NS) peak properties determined by charm-jet particle-multiplicity and internal kinematic jet structure.
- Expected angular-momentum ordering showing associated particles with higher- p_T closer in angle to "trigger" D meson, described reasonably by POWHEG+PYTHIA and PYTHIA

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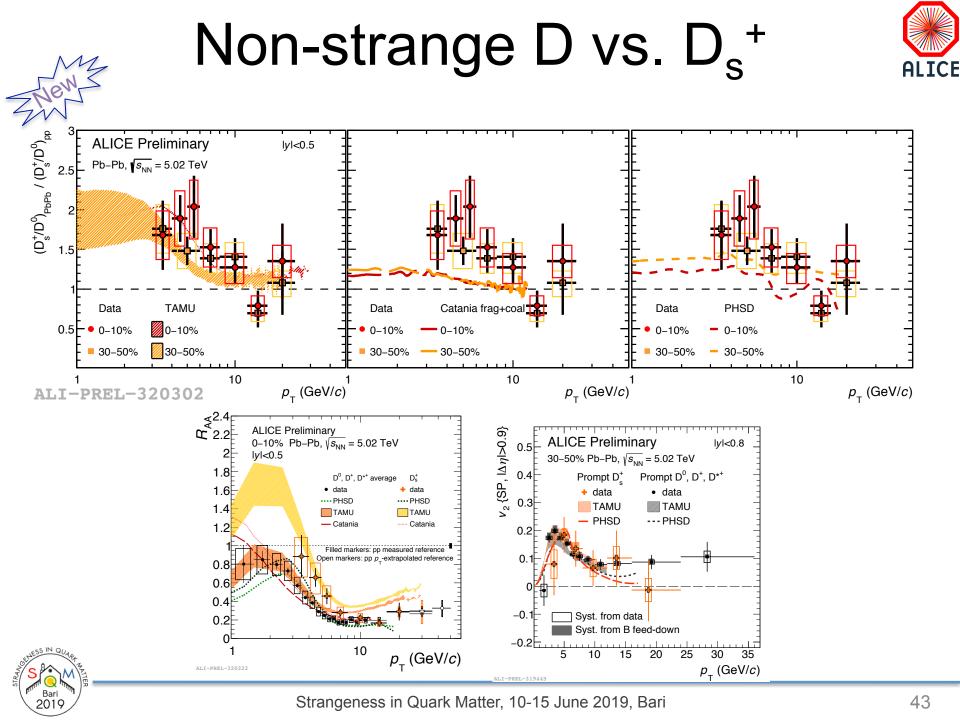
D-meson species



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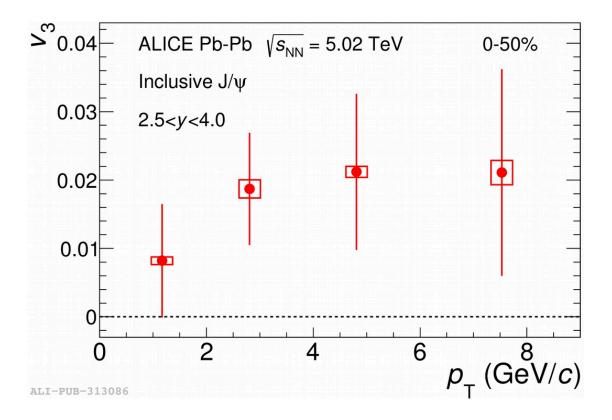




 $J/\psi V_3$



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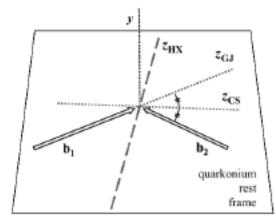




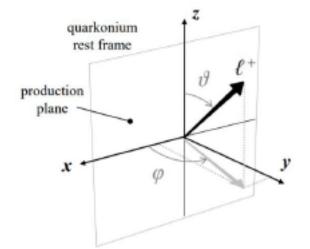
J/ψ polarisation



Helicity frame: z_{HX} along J/ ψ momentum in collision center-of-mass frame **Collin-Soper**: z_{CS} defined by bisector of the angle defined by a beam momentum vector and the opposite of the other beam momentum vector seen in the J/ ψ rest frame



Figures from P.Faccioli et al. EPJ C69 (2010) 657-673



$$W(\cos\vartheta,\varphi) \propto \frac{1}{3+\lambda_{\vartheta}} \cdot \left(1 + \lambda_{\vartheta} \cos^2\vartheta + \lambda_{\varphi} \sin^2\vartheta \cos 2\varphi + \lambda_{\vartheta\varphi} \sin 2\vartheta \cos \varphi\right)$$
$$(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda_{\varphi}) = (0, 0, 0) \rightarrow 1/\psi \text{ is not polarised}$$

 $(\lambda_{\vartheta}, \lambda_{\varphi}, \lambda_{\vartheta\varphi}) = (0, 0, 0) \rightarrow J/\psi$ is not polarised $(\lambda_{\vartheta}, \lambda_{\varphi}, \lambda_{\vartheta\varphi}) = (-1, 0, 0) \rightarrow J/\psi$ is longitudinally polarised $(\lambda_{\vartheta}, \lambda_{\varphi}, \lambda_{\vartheta\varphi}) = (+1, 0, 0) \rightarrow J/\psi$ is transversally polarised

