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### Heavy-flavour measurements with the ALICE experiment at the LHC



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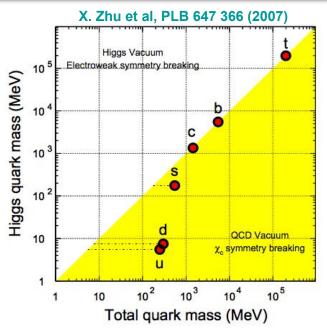
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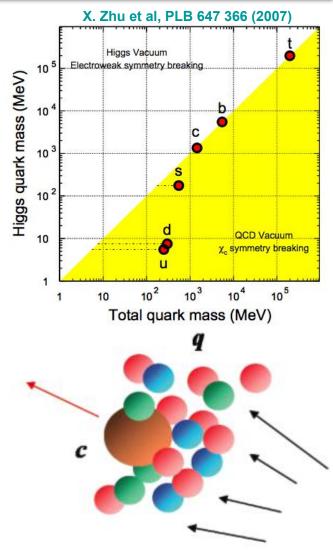
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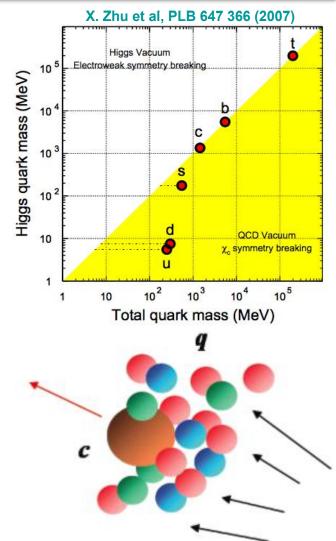
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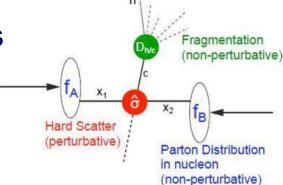
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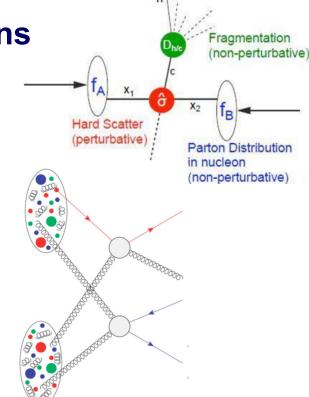


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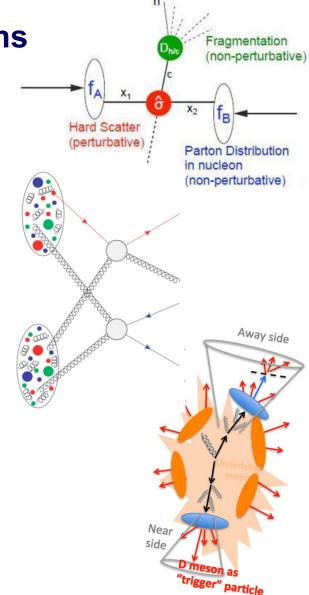
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- Fragmentation of charm vs. light quarks
- Properties of jets with charm content
- Contribution of gluon splitting to HF yields

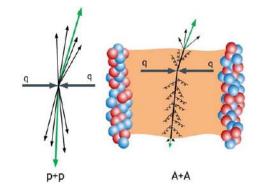


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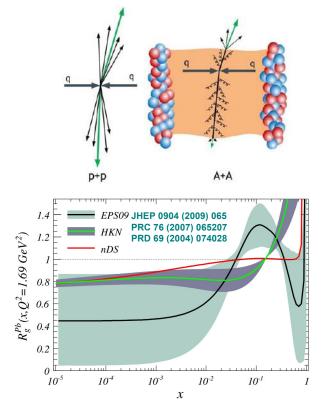
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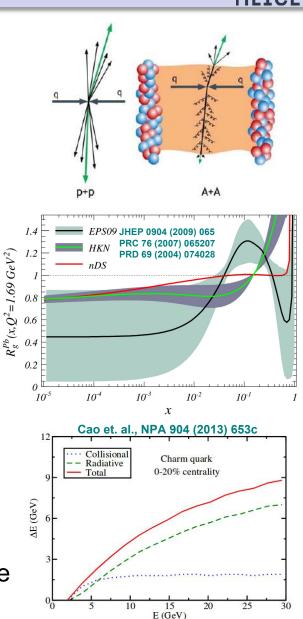
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  - Collisional energy loss
  - Energy loss via gluon radiation
  - Dead cone effect → expected mass ordering:

 $\Delta E_{g} \geq \Delta E_{q} \geq \Delta E_{c} \geq \Delta E_{b} \rightarrow ? R_{AA}^{h} \leq R_{AA}^{D} \leq R_{AA}^{B}$ 

 Color charge effect (HF is mostly quarks <=> large contribution from gluons in light flavour)





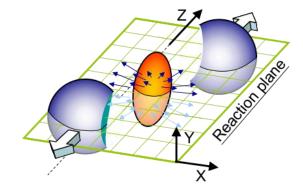
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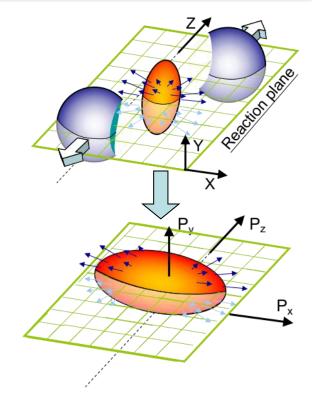
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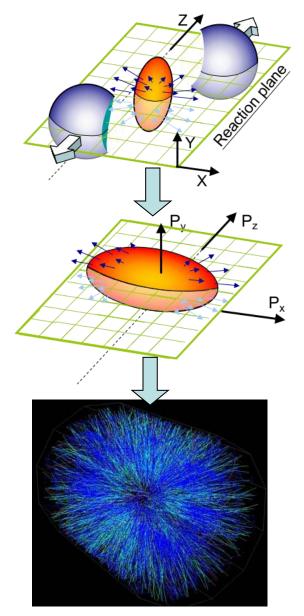
#### strongly coupled medium => substantial v<sub>n</sub>

 $\lambda$  : mean free path  $\overline{R}$  : characteristic size of particle source

Does heavy flavour flow?

 $\lambda \ll R$ 

- In what stage does it pick up flow?
  - Does it thermalize with the medium?
  - Do heavy quarks coalesce with flowing light quarks?

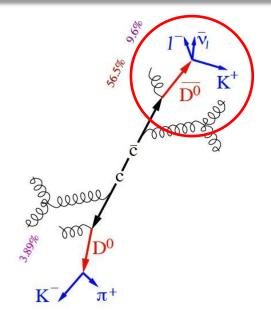


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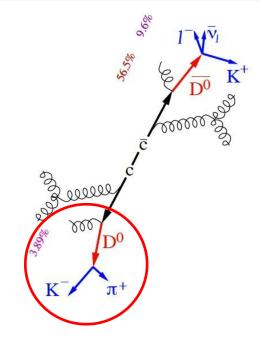
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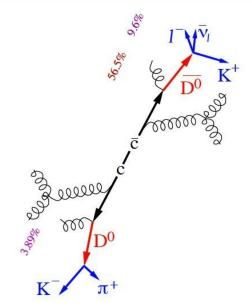


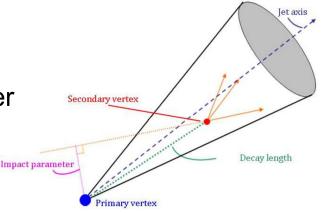


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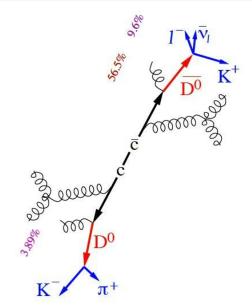
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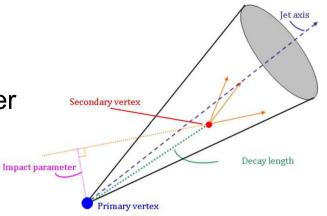
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 $\rightarrow$  b-jets: Artem Isakov (this session)

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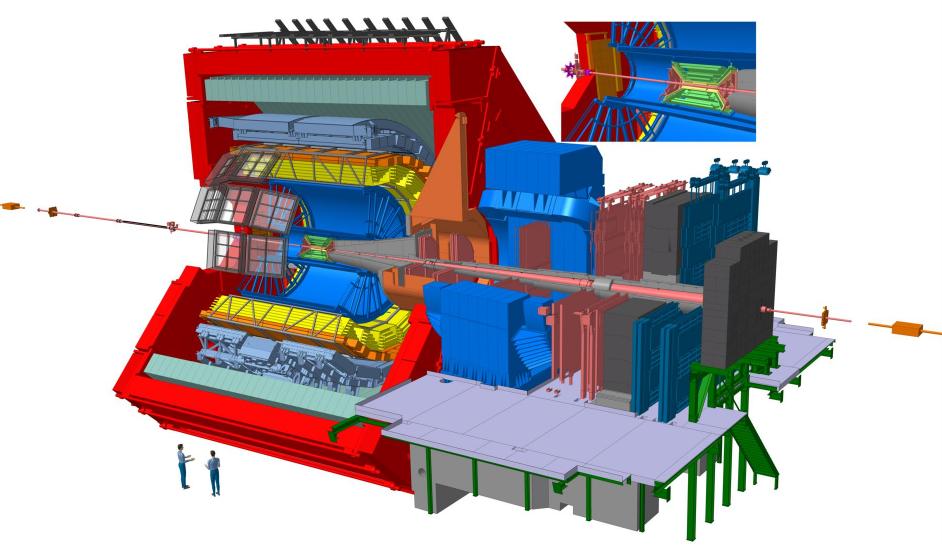




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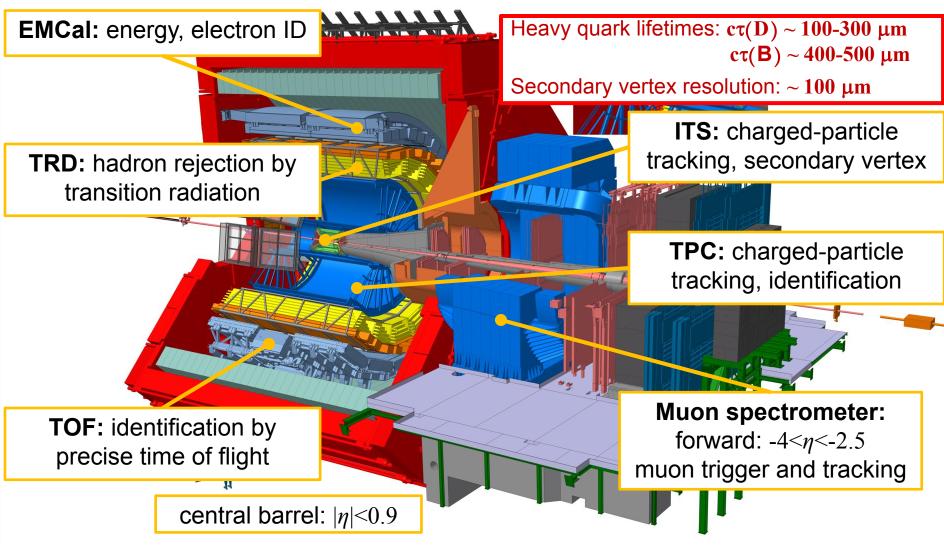


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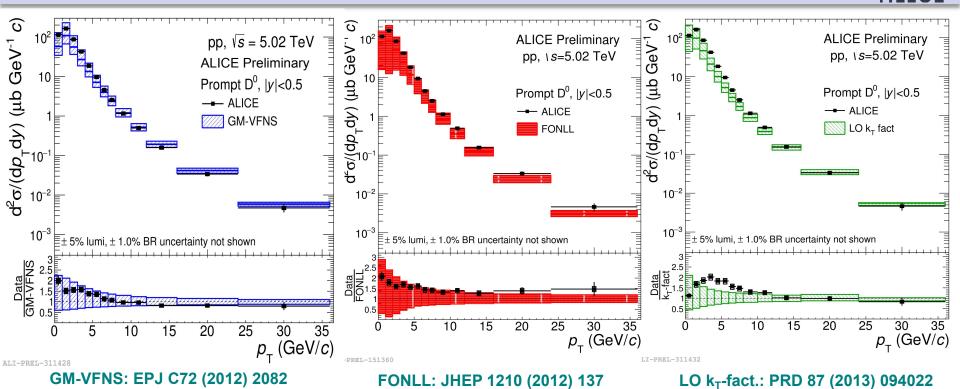




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## Charm mesons in QCD vacuum: D<sup>0</sup>



**Recent high-precision measurements** in pp at  $\sqrt{s}=5.02$  TeV: **Reference for heavier systems** (p-Pb and Pb-Pb)

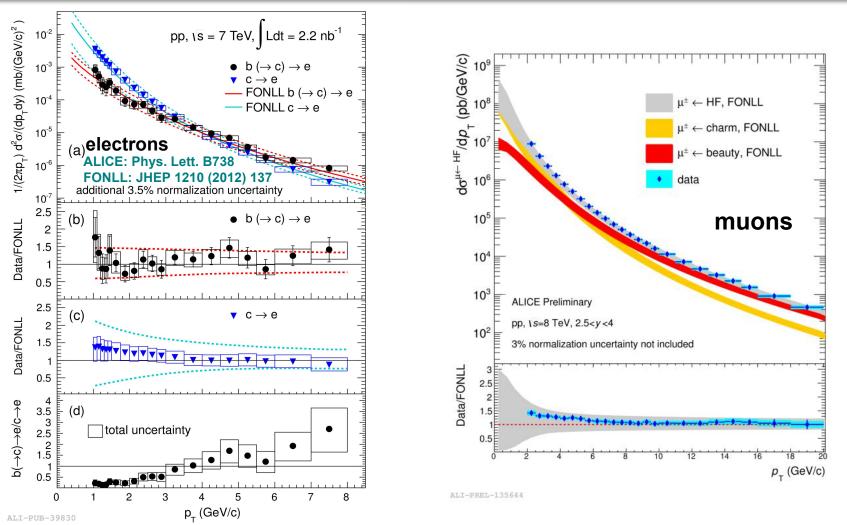
 D<sup>0</sup> at very low p<sub>T</sub> (<1 GeV/c): PID only, no vertex reconstruction or topological cuts

#### **Detailed test of pQCD model predictions**

Provide strong constraints for models

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### HF electrons and muons

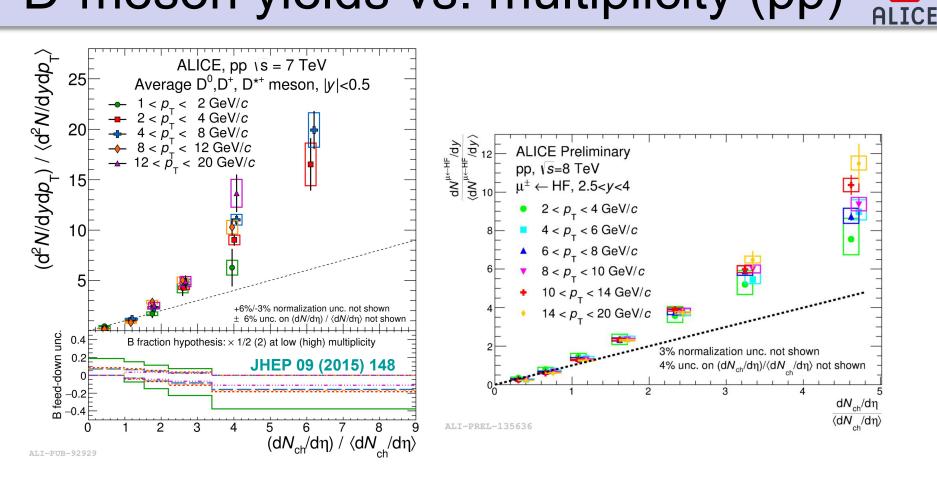


- FONLL pQCD describes both beauty and charm electrons
- Agreement for electrons at mid-rapidity and muons at 2.5<y<4</p>



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#### D-meson yields vs. multiplicity (pp)

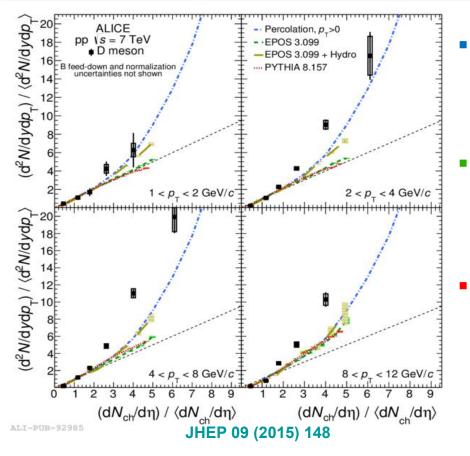


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# Yields vs. multiplicity: models (pp)





#### Percolation model - PRC 86 (2012) 034903

- Target-projectile color exchange (scenario similar to MPI)
- Steeper-than-linear increase

#### EPOS 3.099+Hydro - PRC 89 (2014) 064903

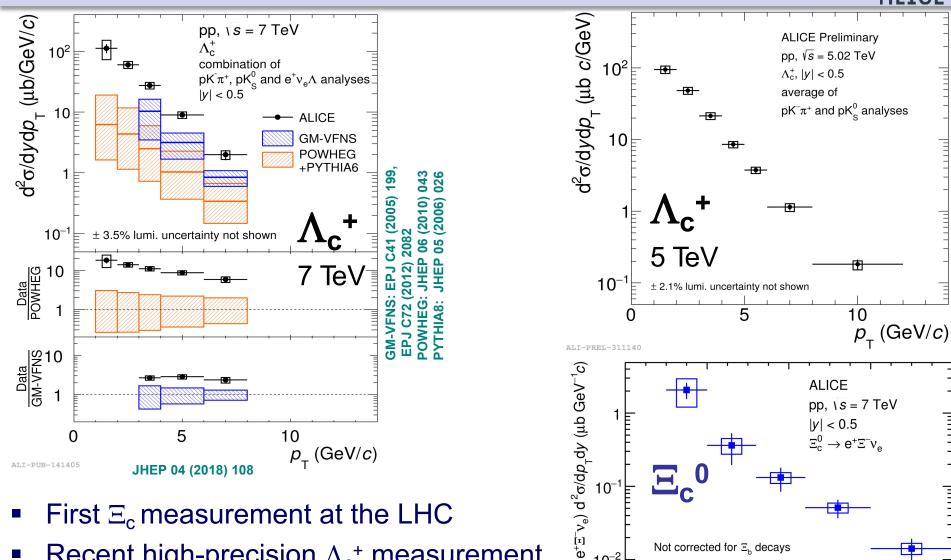
- Gribov-Regge formalism
- MPI linked to multiplicity
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**PYTHIA8** - Comp.Phys.Commun. 178 (2008) 852

- SoftQCD with color reconnections
- MPI
- initial and final state gluon radiation
- linear increase
- Production of D mesons increases steeper than linear with multiplicity
- Some models with multiple parton interactions (MPI) also expect stronger-than-linear increase

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### Charmed baryon production: $\Lambda_c^+$ , $\Xi_c$



Not corrected for  $\Xi_{\rm b}$  decays

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± 3.5% norm. uncertainty not shown

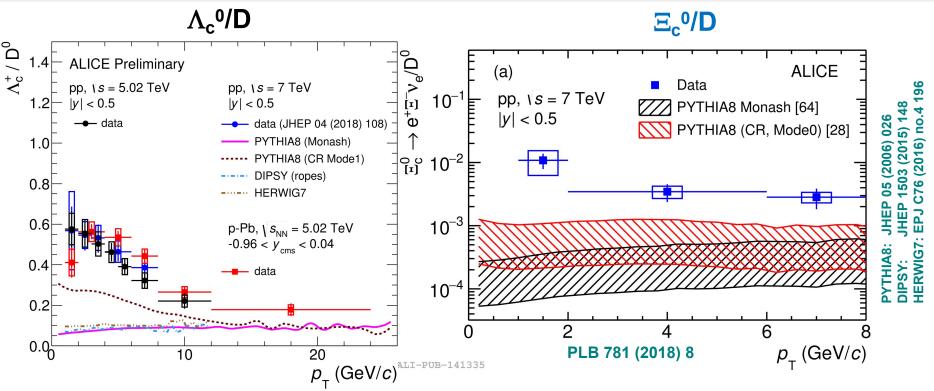
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- Recent high-precision  $\Lambda_{c}^{+}$  measurement
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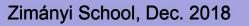
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Baryon-to-meson ratio:  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$ ,  $\Xi_c^0/D^0$ 



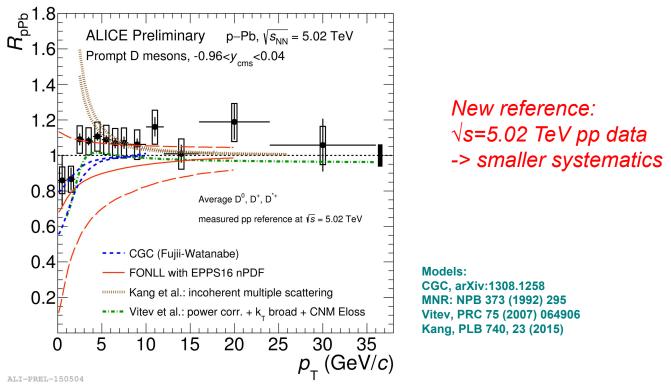
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- $\Xi_c^{0/}D^0$  as well as  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  is underestimated by models
  - Similarly to  $\Lambda_c^+$  cross section
  - Several model classes ==> lack of basic understanding
- Detailed measurement of charm barions provide valuable input for theoretical understanding of HF fragmentation



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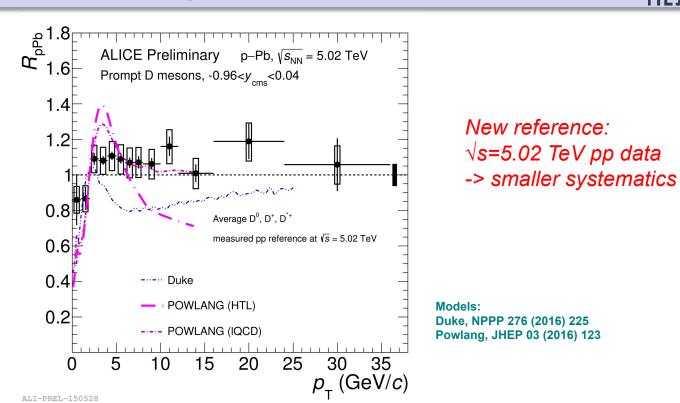
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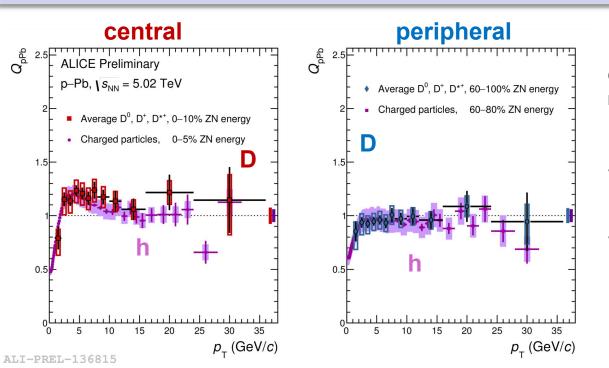


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### p-Pb: modification vs. centrality



Centrality-dependent nuclear modification factor

$$Q_{\rm pPb} = \frac{(\mathrm{d}N^{\rm D}/\mathrm{d}p_{\rm T})_{\rm pPb}^{\rm cent}}{\langle T_{\rm pPb} \rangle \times (\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\rm D}/\mathrm{d}p_{\rm T})_{\rm pp}}$$

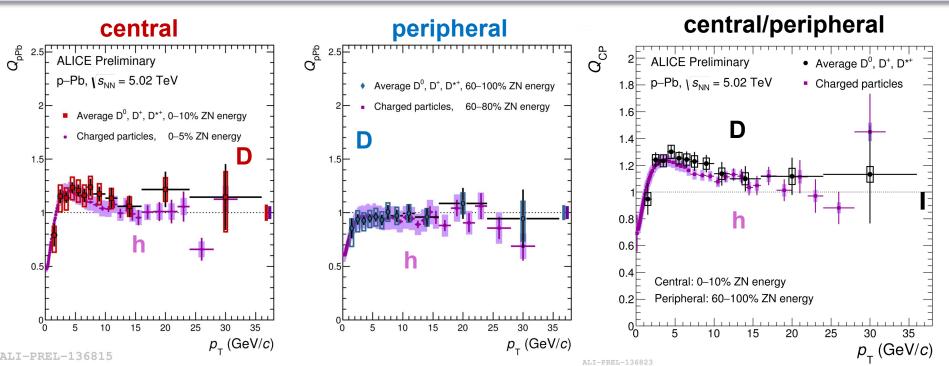
- $< T_{pPb} >$  : nuclear overlap from the Glauber model in a given centrality class
- Multiplicity estimation using the Zero-degree neutron detectors

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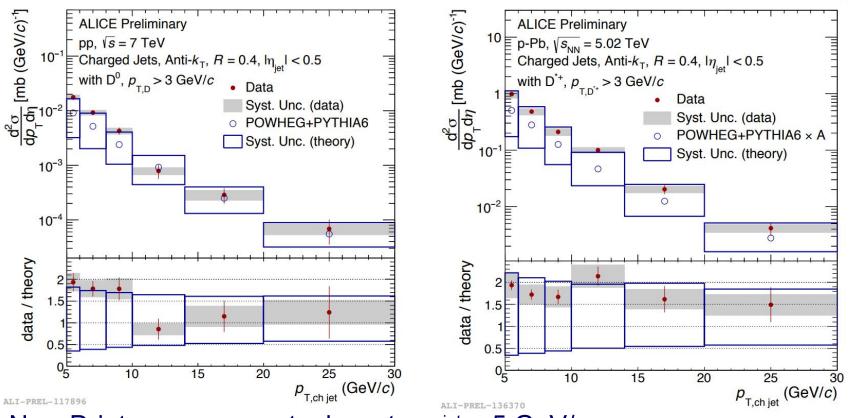


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- Ratio suggests difference between central and peripheral data  $(Q_{CP})$ 
  - Possible collectivity in small systems (radial flow)
  - Initial and final state effects may also play a role (eg. multiple scatterings)
  - Note: Care should be taken with the interpretation because of biases in centrality class definition and the choice of multiplicity estimator. ZN is the least biased.

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# Charm jets in pp and p-Pb collisions

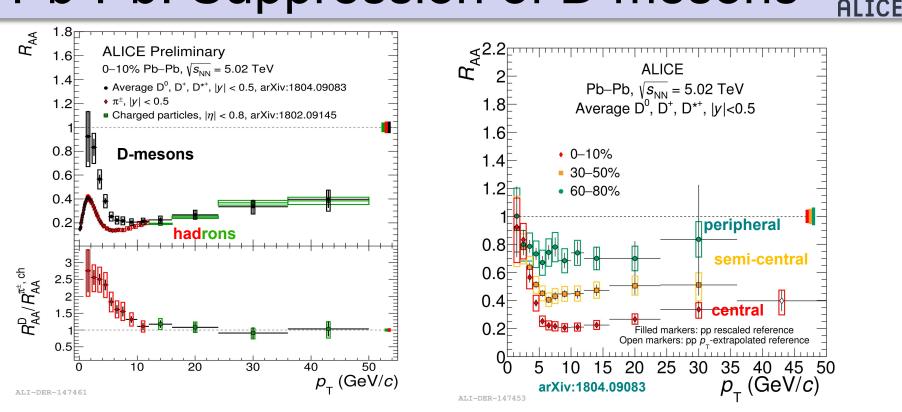


- New D-jet measurements down to  $p_T^{jet} = 5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- POWHEG+PYTHIA6 (Perugia11) describes data within uncertainties
- Data provides strong constraints on theory!

==> Unique oportunity to study charm jet properties Baseline for future Pb-Pb measurement (jet modification)

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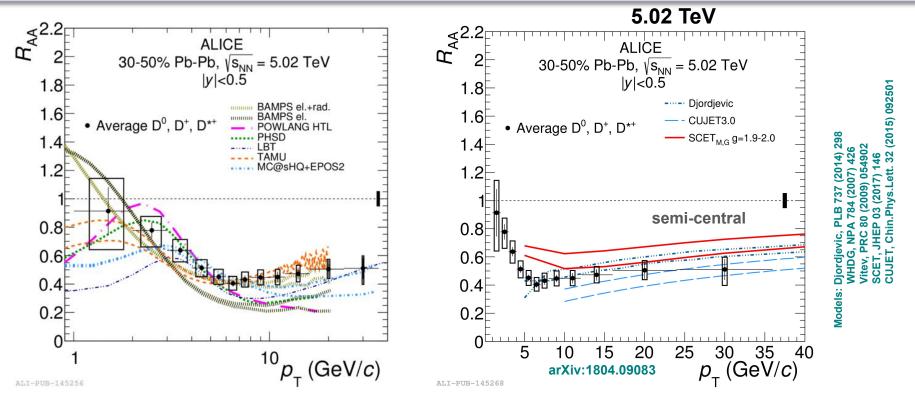


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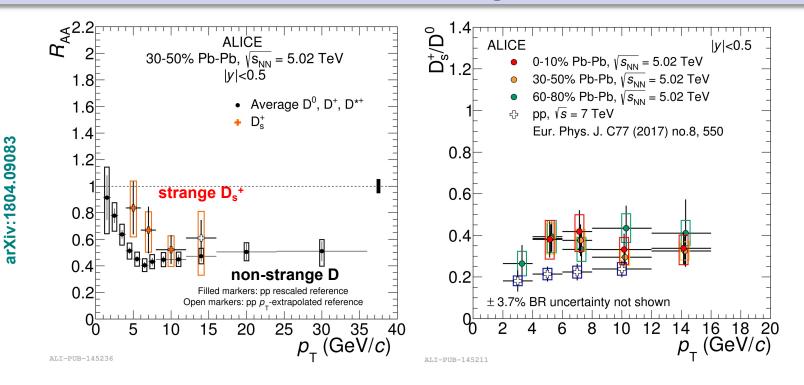


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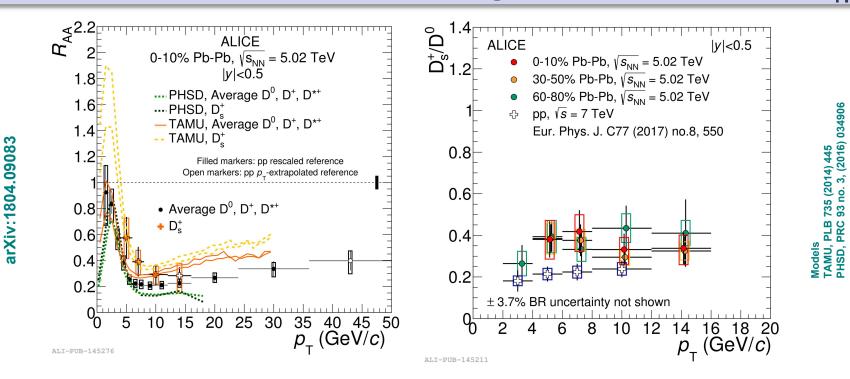
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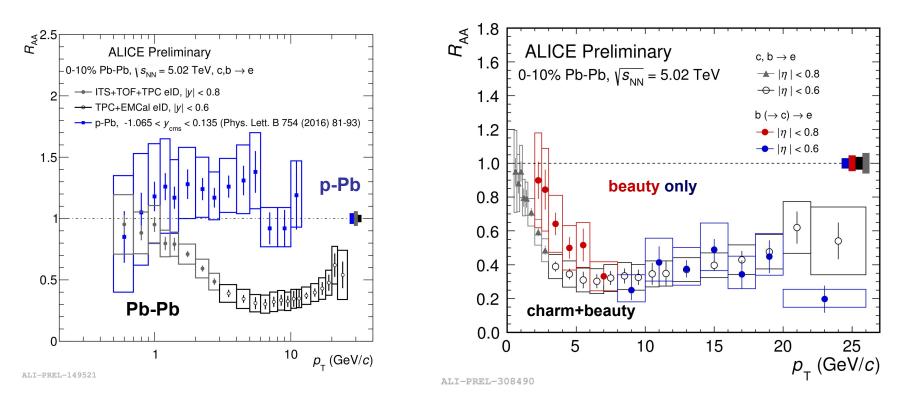


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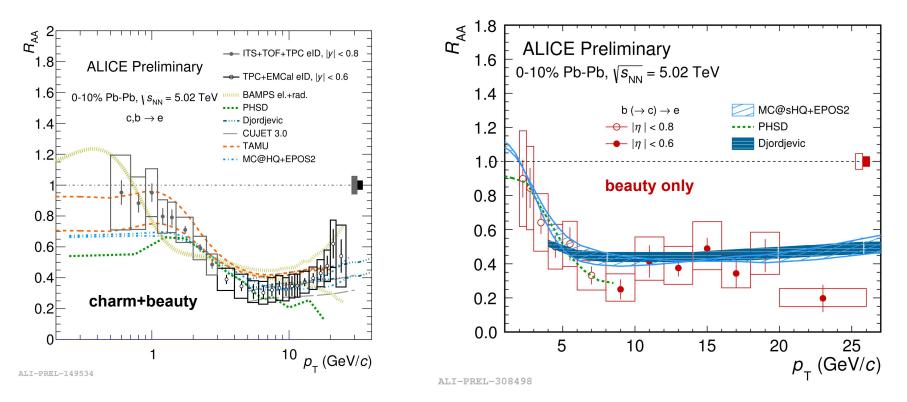


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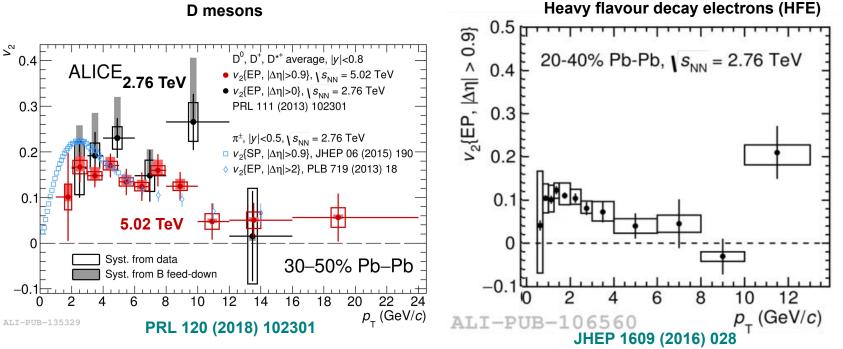


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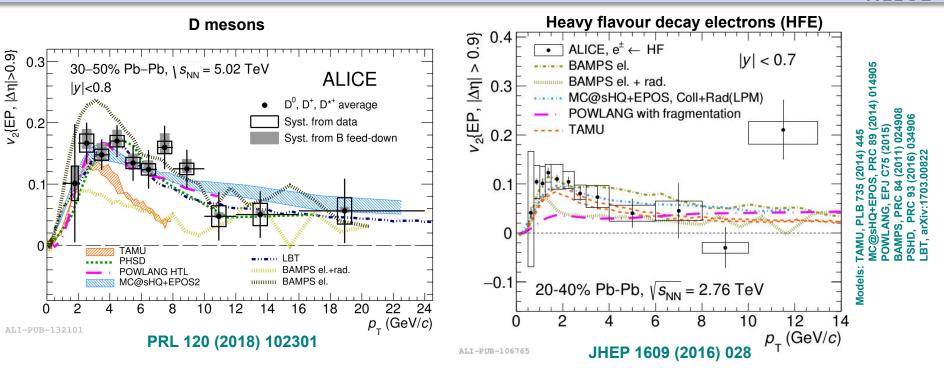


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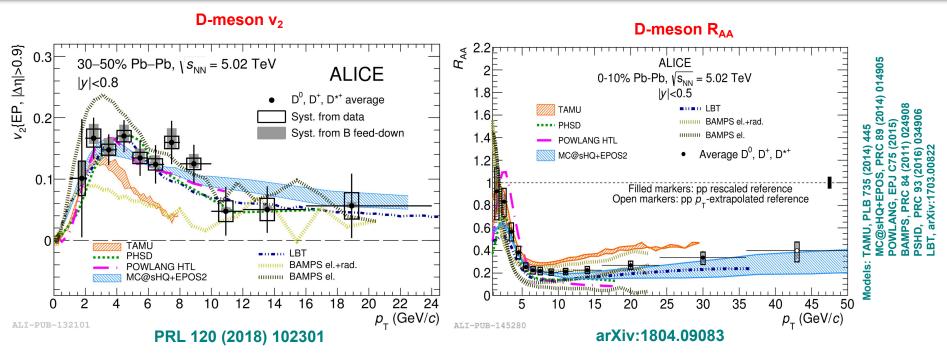


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  - D-meson  $v_2$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$  TeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV agree within uncertainties
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# Thank you! and enjoy Budapest

## Outlook



#### LHC in the Run-II era: a real heavy-flavour factory!

- More and more final results already out
- p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =8.16 TeV
- Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5.02 TeV
- Higher precision: greater model selectivity
  - Smaller uncertainities, measurements down to  $p_T=0$
  - $\Lambda_c$  : coalescence and hadronization on the HF sector
- New measurements:
  - Full b-tagged jets: insight to HF fragmentation
  - Understanding colour charge / mass effects

#### **Future upgrades: precision beauty measurements**

- Detector upgrades: ITS, TPC, MFT, readout, O<sup>2</sup>
- Goal: ~100x statistics gain w.r.t. Run-I + Run-II

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## Physics reach after LS2 (2019-20)



	Current, $0.1 \mathrm{nb}^{-1}$		Upgrade, $10 \mathrm{nb}^{-1}$	
Observable	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{min}}$	statistical	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{min}}$	statistical
		uncertainty	- <b>-</b>	uncertainty
Heavy Flavour				
D meson $R_{AA}$	1	10%	0	0.3%
$D_s meson R_{AA}$	4	15%	< 2	3%
D meson from B $R_{AA}$	3	30%	2	1%
${ m J}/\psi~{ m from}~{ m B}~R_{ m AA}$	1.5	15% (p <sub>T</sub> -int.)	1	5~%
$B^+$ yield	not accessible		3	10%
$\Lambda_{ m c}  R_{ m AA}$	not accessible		2	15%
$\Lambda_{\rm c}/{ m D}^0$ ratio	not accessible		2	15%
$\Lambda_{\rm b}$ yield	not accessible		7	20%
D meson $v_2 (v_2 = 0.2)$	1	10%	0	0.2%
$D_{s} meson v_2 (v_2 = 0.2)$	not accessible		< 2	8%
D from B $v_2$ ( $v_2 = 0.05$ )	not accessible		2	8%
$J/\psi$ from B $v_2 \ (v_2 = 0.05)$	not accessible		1	60%
$\Lambda_{\rm c}  v_2  (v_2 = 0.15)$	not accessible		3	20%
Dielectrons				
Temperature (intermediate mass)	not accessible			10%
Elliptic flow $(v_2 = 0.1)$ [4]	not accessible			10%
Low-mass spectral function [4]	not accessible		0.3	20%
Hypernuclei				
$^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H yield	2	18%	2	1.7%

#### ALICE ITS upgrade TDR

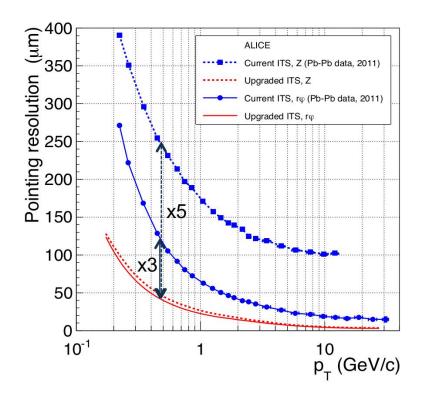
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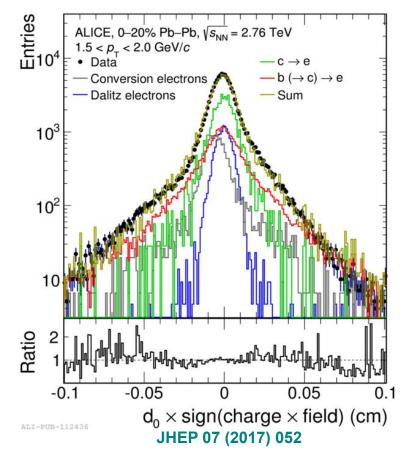
## **ITS** performance



- Semiconducting technology
- Resolves secondary vertex

heavy quark lifetimes:  $ct(D) \sim 100-300 \text{ mm}$  $ct(B) \sim 400-500 \text{ mm}$ Secondary vertex resolution: ~ 100 mm





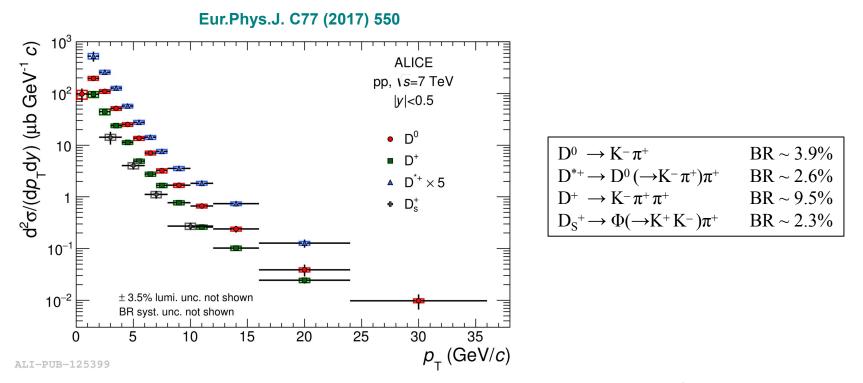
Distribution of electron track DCA (distance of closest approach to primary vertex).

MC template fitting allows for statistical separation of charm and beauty contributions.

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#### $p_{\rm T}$ spectrum of D mesons



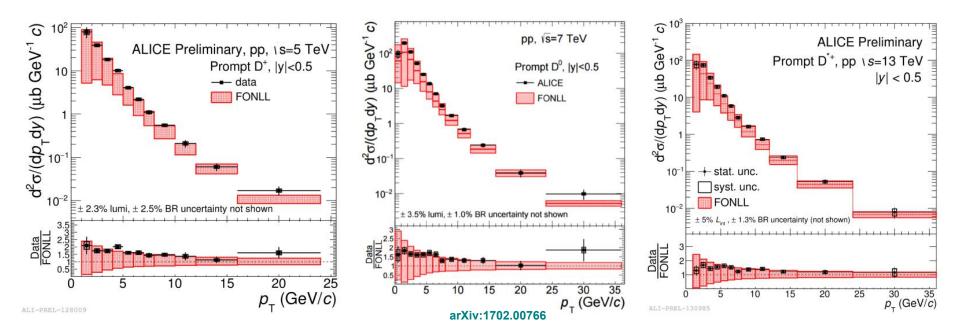
#### **Recent high-precision measurements** in pp at $\sqrt{s}=7$ GeV: **Reference for heavier systems** (p-Pb and Pb-Pb)

 D<sup>0</sup> at very low p<sub>T</sub> (<1 GeV/c): PID only, no vertex reconstruction or topological cuts

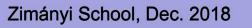
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#### D mesons at different energies (pp)



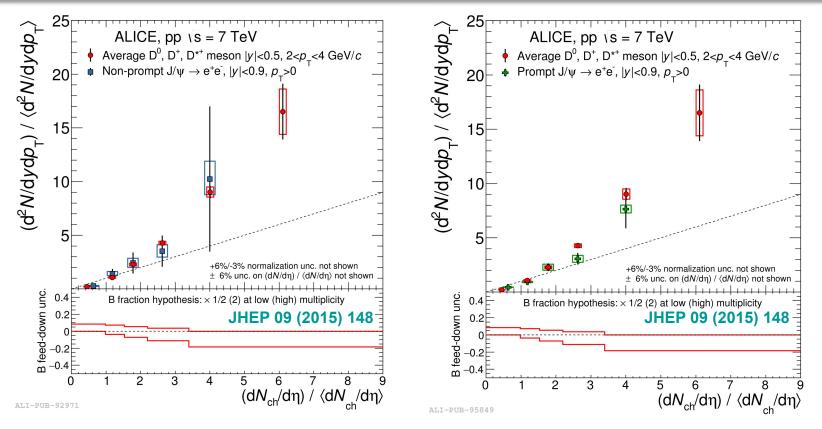
- D-meson production cross section
- Down to  $p_T = 0$  for D<sup>0</sup> at 7 TeV
- pQCD calculations describe the data within uncertainties
- data uncertainties much lower than theoretical one



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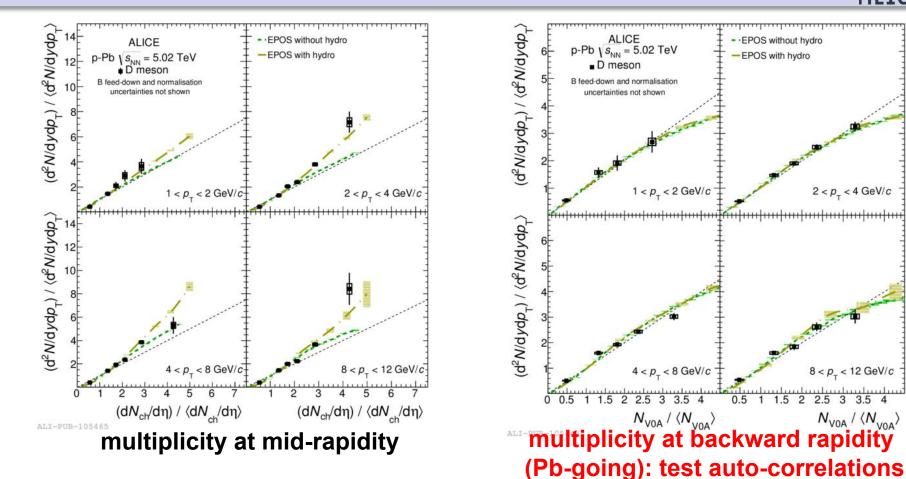
#### D-meson yields vs. multiplicity (pp)



- Production vs. multiplicity of D mesons and muons steeper than linear
- Same trend for **non-prompt**  $(B \rightarrow)J/\Psi$  as well as **prompt**  $J/\Psi$  yields
  - $\rightarrow$  No strong flavour dependence
  - $\rightarrow$  Enhancement is likely to be related to  $c\overline{c}$ ,  $b\overline{b}$  production processes, is not strongly influenced by hadronisation

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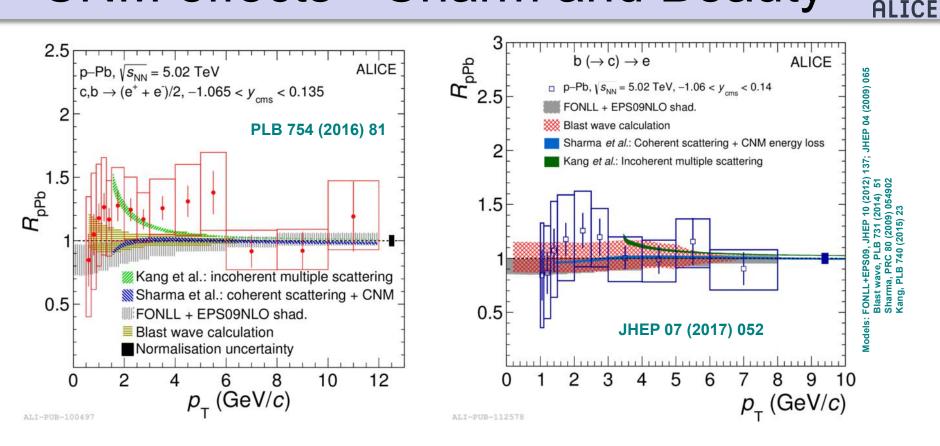
## Yields vs. multiplicity in p-Pb: models



- Multiplicity at mid-rapidity: similar enhancement in p-Pb and pp collisions
  - Multiplicity at backward rapidity: linear-like, less rapid increase in p-Pb coll.
- EPOS with hydro evolution: qualitatively good description in both cases

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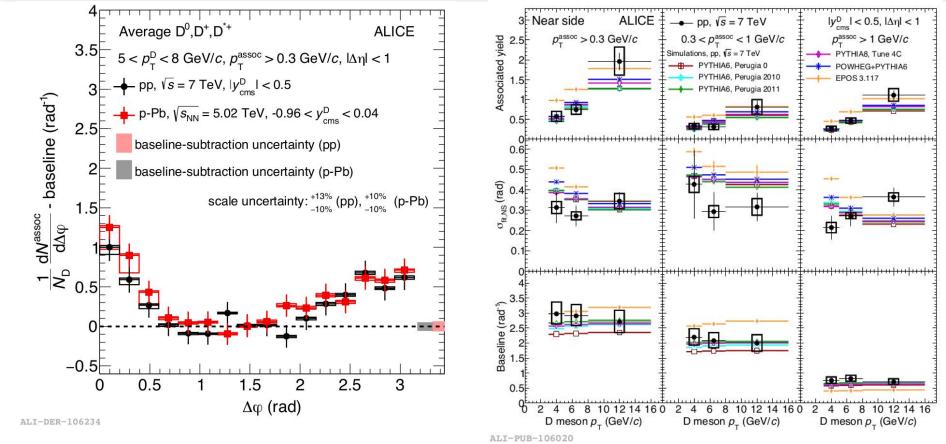
### **CNM effects - Charm and Beauty**



- HF decay electrons (charm+beauty) and separated beauty electrons both consistent with no modification in p-Pb coll. in the whole p<sub>T</sub> range
- Several models describe the data within uncertainties
   → increased precision from Run 2 will be essential

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## D-h azimuthal correlations

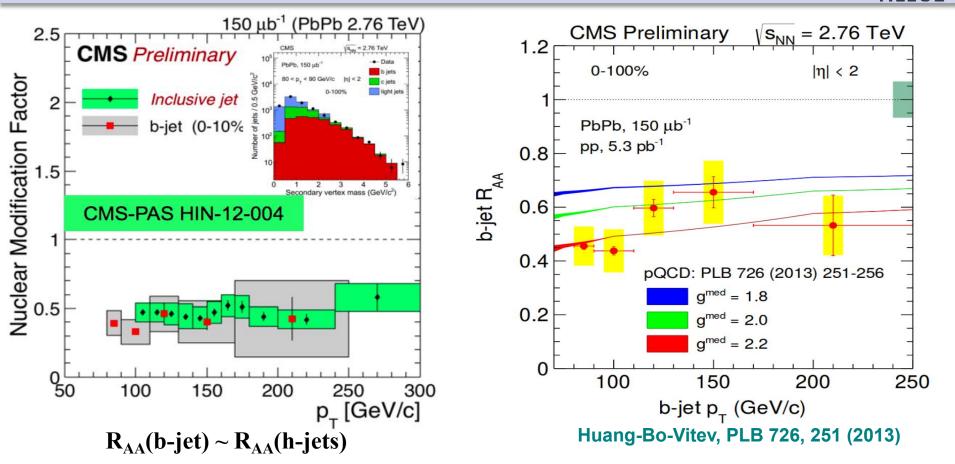


Charged hadron - D-meson correlations in azimuthal angle

- No significant difference between correlations in p-Pb and pp collisions after baseline subtraction
- Near side peak fit parameters (yield, width, baseline) typically described by simulations (PYTHIA8, POWHEG+PY6, EPOS3.117) within uncertainties

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## Full B-jet reconstruction (CMS)



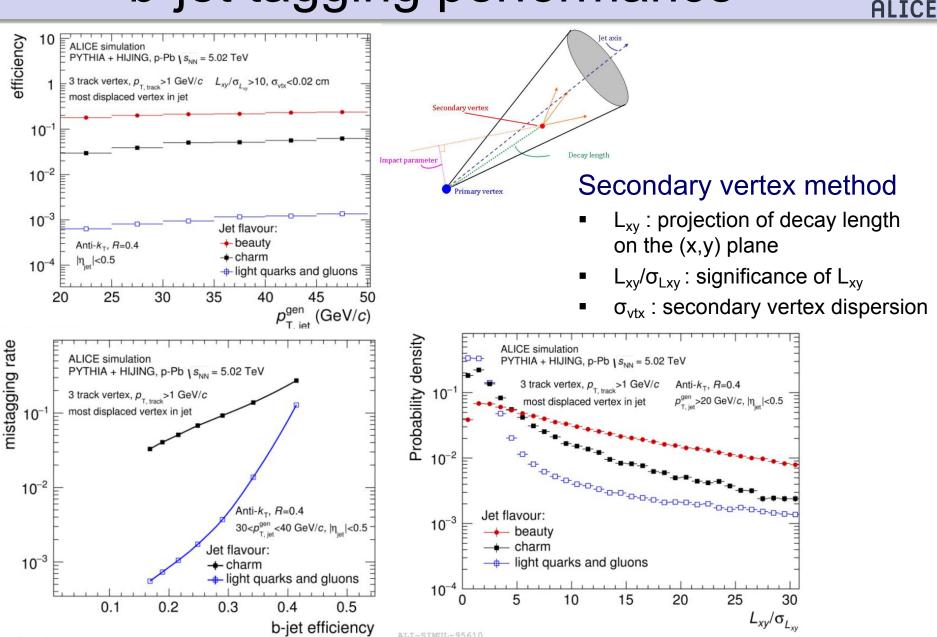
- Very high  $p_T$ : similar inclusive and b-jet suppression
- Colour charge effects? Contribution of gluon splitting?

 $\rightarrow$  Future precise measurements towards lower  $p_{T}$ 

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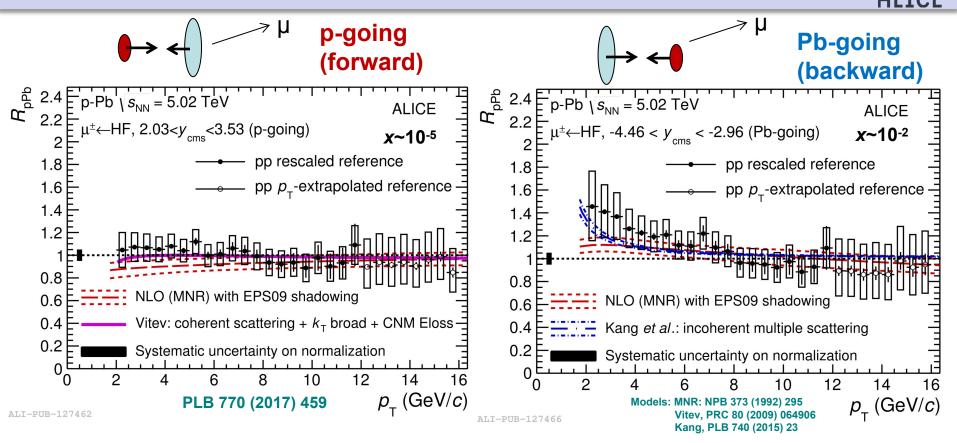
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## b-jet tagging performance



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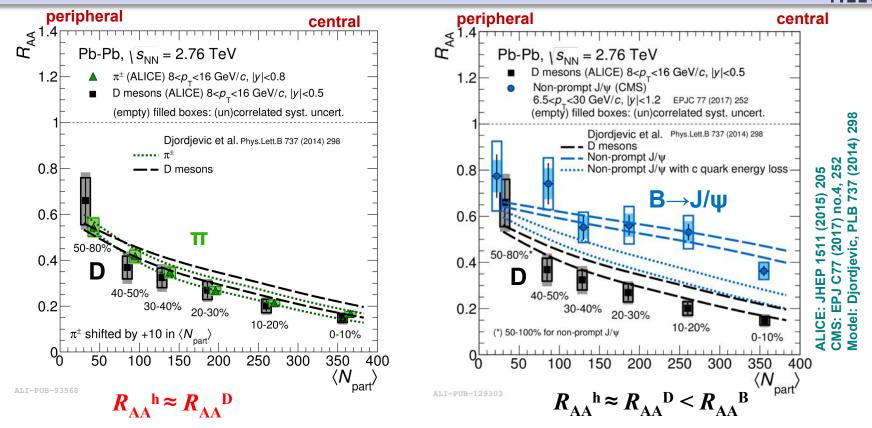
#### CNM effects - Forward, backward



- Heavy-flavour decay muons probe the nPDFs at different x values
- Forward production is consistent with no nuclear modification
- Hint of an enhancement of HF muons at backward rapidity at low p<sub>T</sub>
- Measurements described by models within uncertainties

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## Flavour/mass dependence - hadrons



D-meson suppression at high p<sub>T</sub> consistent with pions

Understanding: different fragmentation,  $p_T$ -spectrum shape, color charge effects level out expected ordering

#### • $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}/\mathbf{\Psi}$ suppression at high $p_T$ is weaker (note the $|\mathbf{y}|$ range)

Model understanding: different parton masses cause different energy loss in similar kinematic range

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## $\Lambda_{\rm c}$ in Pb-Pb: R\_{AA} and $\Lambda_{\rm c}{}^{+}\!/{\rm D}{}^{\rm 0}$



