

Open heavy-flavour highlights with ALICE at the LHC

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Main focus:

- Heavy-ion collisions: Pb-Pb, Xe-Xe
- Many recent results presented at SQM, IS, EPS-HEP conferences



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Why study heavy flavours?

Heavy-ion collisions

- ❑ Charm and beauty quarks produced in **initial hard scatterings**, prior to the formation of the **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

$$\tau_{c/b} \sim 0.01\text{-}0.1 \text{ fm}/c < \tau_{\text{QGP}} (0\text{-}1\text{-}1 \text{ fm}/c)$$

- ❑ Flavour conserved by the strong interaction

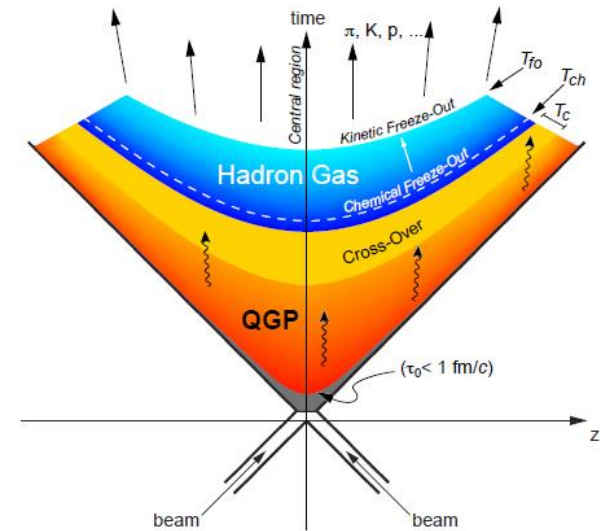
- ❑ Experience the **full collision history**

➤ **Excellent probes to characterize the QGP**

- ❑ Open heavy flavours:

- **In-medium radiative and collisional parton energy loss**
 - ❖ Medium density and path-length dependence
 - ❖ Colour-charge dependence: $\Delta E_{\text{gluons}} > \Delta E_{\text{quarks}}$
 - ❖ Quark-mass dependence: $\Delta E_{\text{gluons}} > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$
- Heavy-quark participation in the **collective expansion, thermalisation** of the medium
- Modification of **hadronisation** mechanisms in the medium

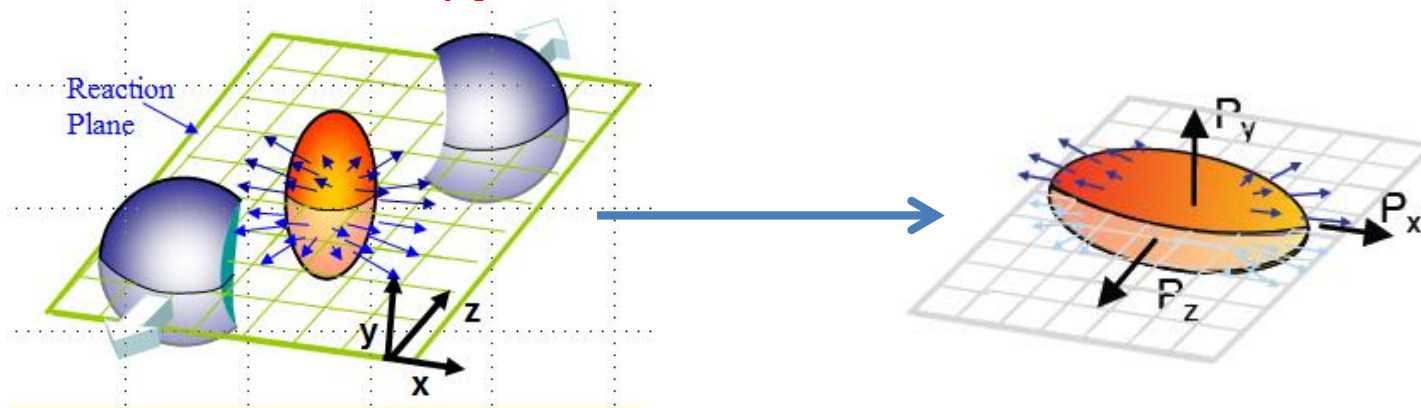
- ❑ pp collisions: reference, tests of pQCD-based predictions, production mechanisms
- ❑ p-Pb collisions: control experiment, cold nuclear matter effects



❑ Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = 1 / \langle T_{AA} \rangle \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T} \sim \frac{\text{QCD medium}}{\text{QCD vacuum}}$$

❑ Azimuthal anisotropy and Fourier coefficients



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

$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$

v_2 = elliptic flow

v_1 = directed flow

❑ Other interesting observables: particle ratios → hadronisation mechanisms production in jets

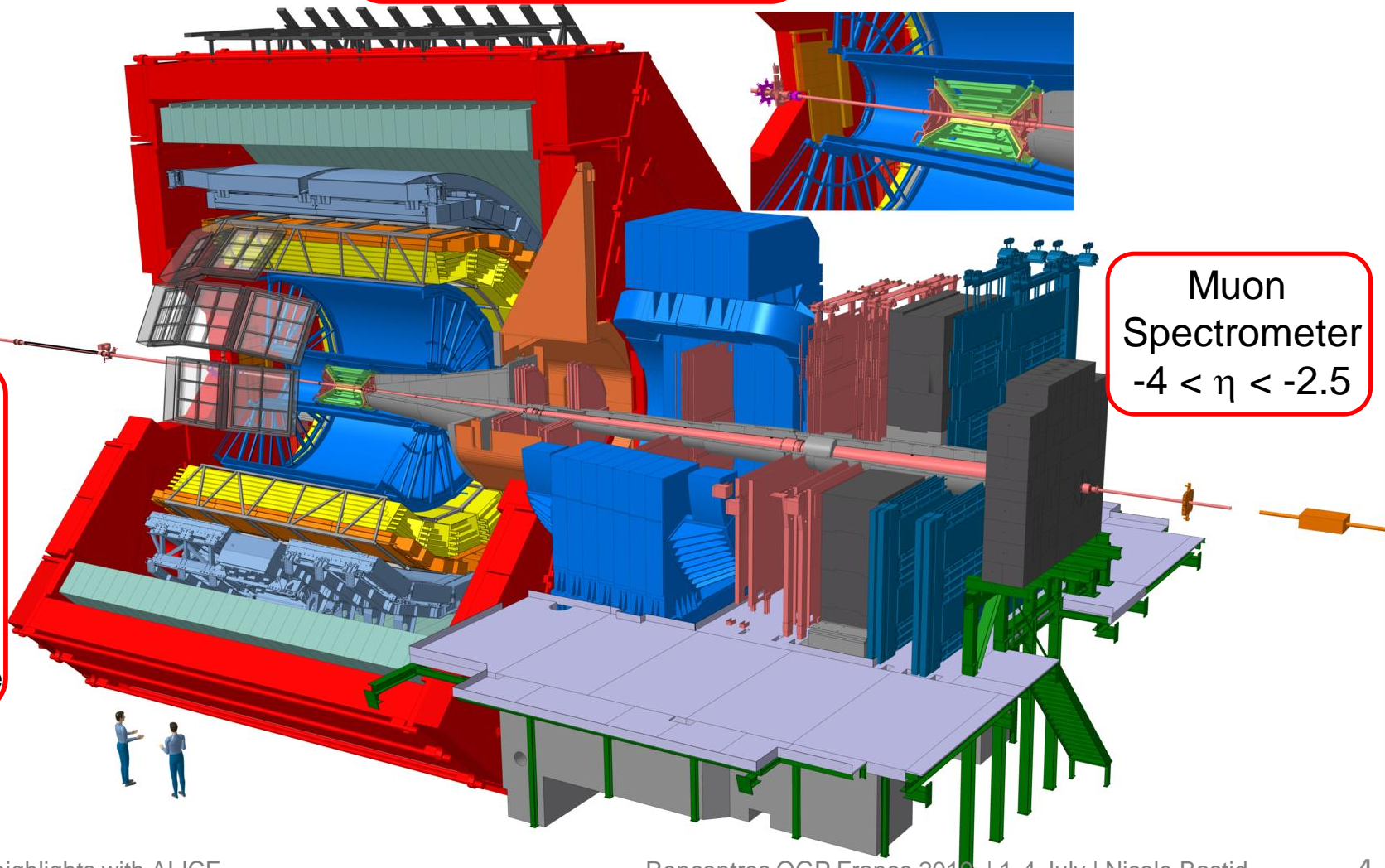
ALICE layout



Central Barrel, $|\eta| < 0.9$
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tracking (ITS, TPC),
PID (ITS, TPC, TOF, TRD, HMPID,
Calorimeters)

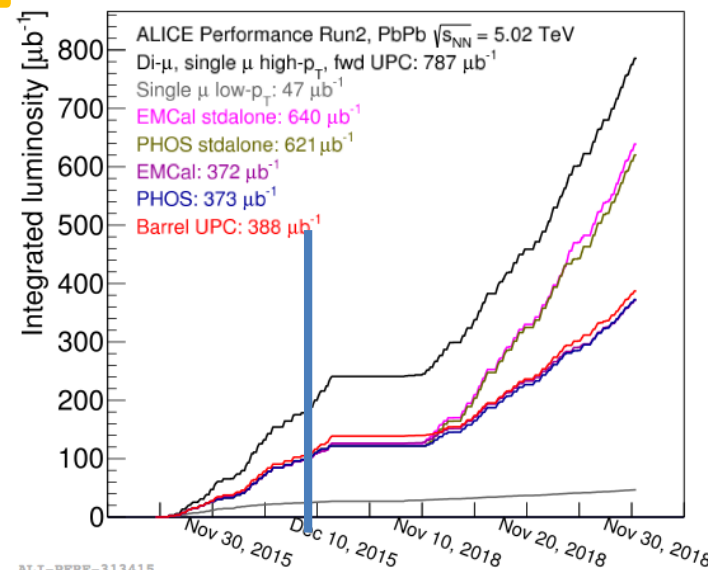
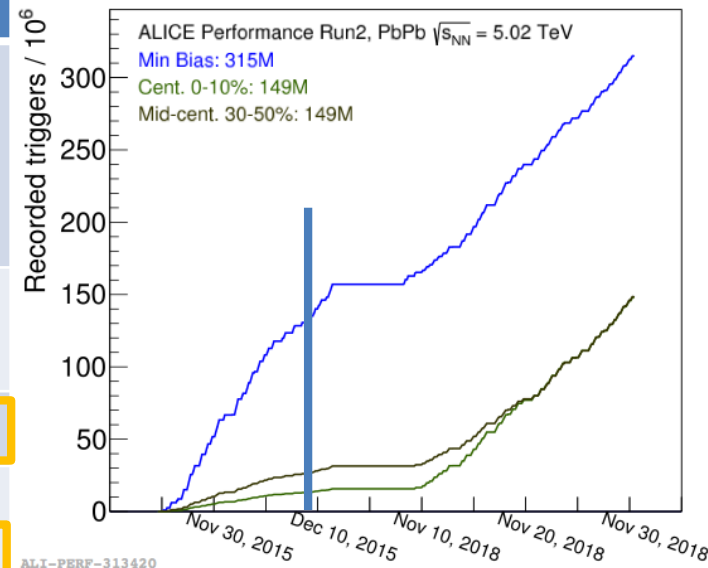
Muon
Spectrometer
 $-4 < \eta < -2.5$

Forward
Detectors
(V0, T0, ZDC):
Trigger
Timing
Multiplicity
Centrality
Event plane



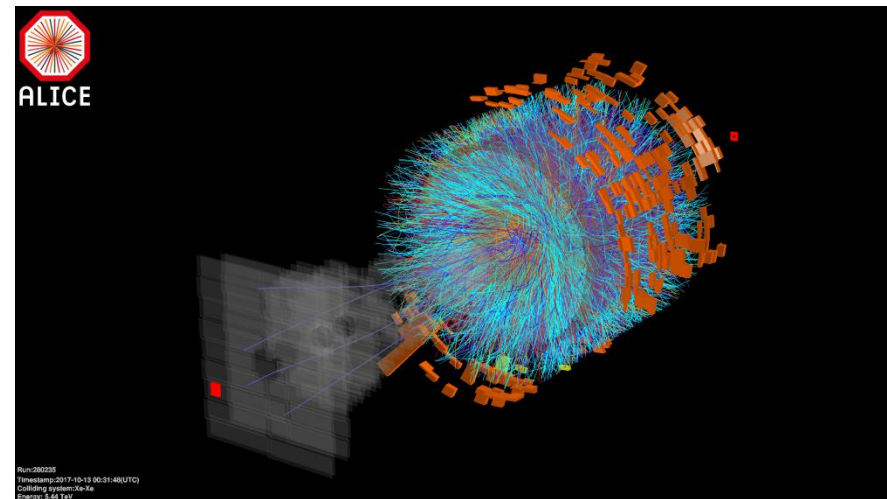
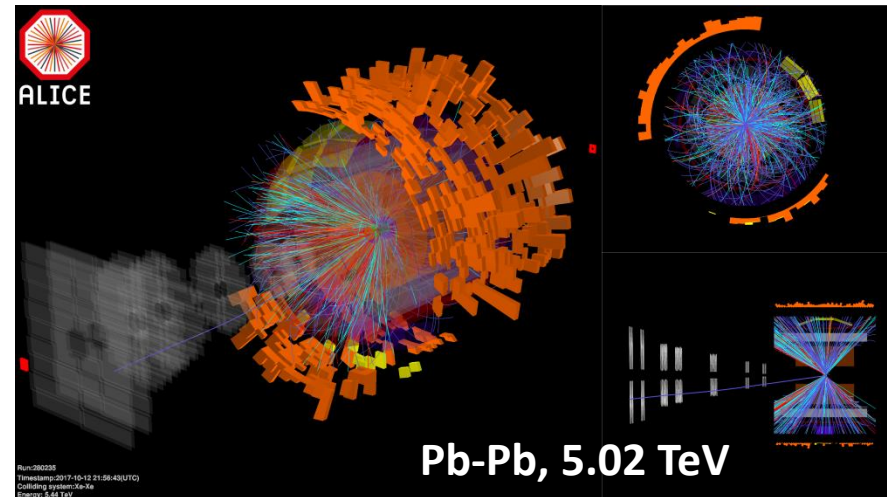
Collected data samples with ALICE

System	Year(s)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	L_{int}
pp	2009-2013	0.9, 2.76, 7, 8	$\sim 200 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$, $\sim 100 \text{nb}^{-1}$, $\sim 1.5 \text{nb}^{-1}$, $\sim 2.5 \text{nb}^{-1}$
	2015, 2017	5.02	$\sim 1.3 \text{nb}^{-1}$
	2015-2018	13	$\sim 59 \text{nb}^{-1}$
p-Pb	2013	5.02	$\sim 15 \text{nb}^{-1}$
	2016	5.02, 8.16	$\sim 3 \text{nb}^{-1}$, $\sim 25 \text{nb}^{-1}$
Xe-Xe	2017	5.44	$\sim 0.3 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
Pb-Pb	2010, 2011	2.76	$\sim 75 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
	2015, 2018	5.02	$\sim 250 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$, $\sim 0.9 \text{nb}^{-1}$



- ☐ LHC **run 2** finished end of 2018 (December)
- ☐ Rich trigger menu
- ☒ **Largest statistics collected for Pb-Pb in the 2018 run**
 - Min. bias: $\sim 1 \times 2015$
 - Central: $\sim 9 \times 2015$
 - Mid-central: $\sim 4 \times 2015$
 - μ high p_T : $\sim 3 \times 2015$
- **Significant increase of integrated luminosity: more precise measurements for hard probes**

Open heavy-flavour channels studied in heavy-ion (Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe) collisions



Open heavy-flavour channels in ALICE

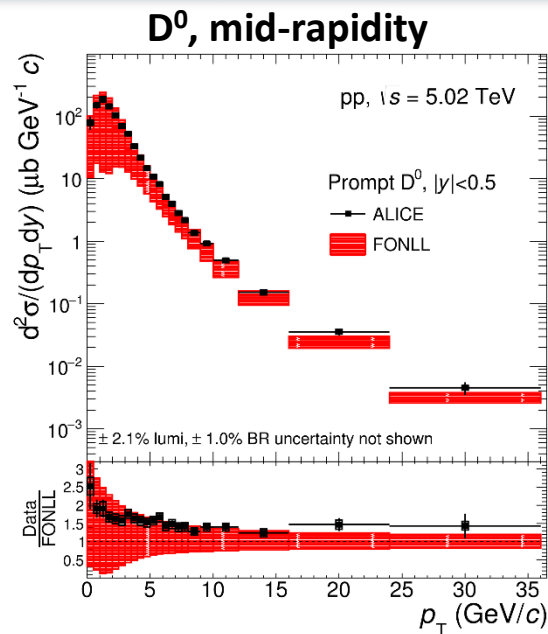
□ Charmed hadrons ($|y| < 0.5$)

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

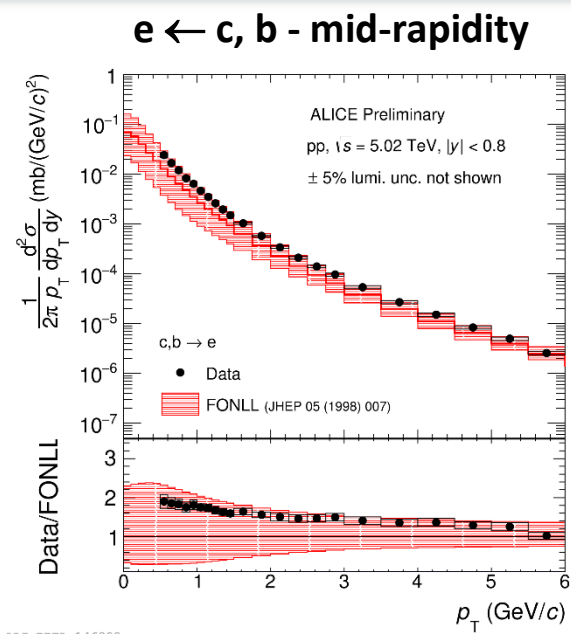
□ Heavy-flavour hadron decay leptons

- $eX (|y| < 0.9) \leftarrow c, b$
 - $\mu X (2.5 < y < 4) \leftarrow c, b$
 - $eX \leftarrow b$ via impact parameter
- } AA

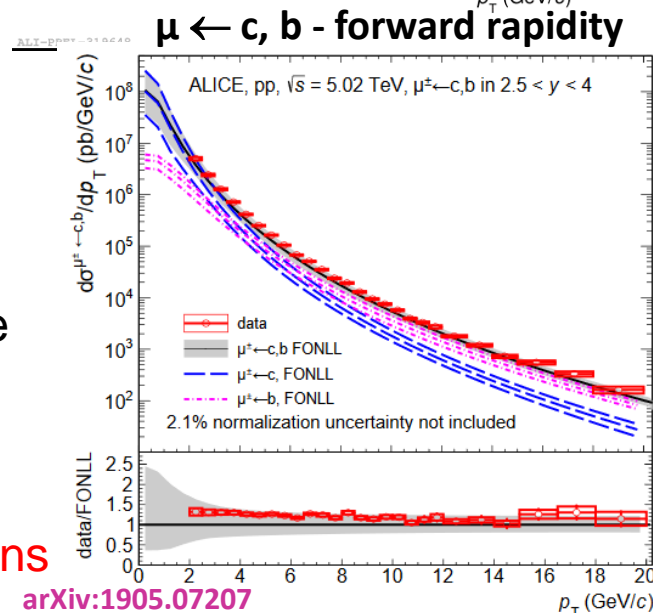
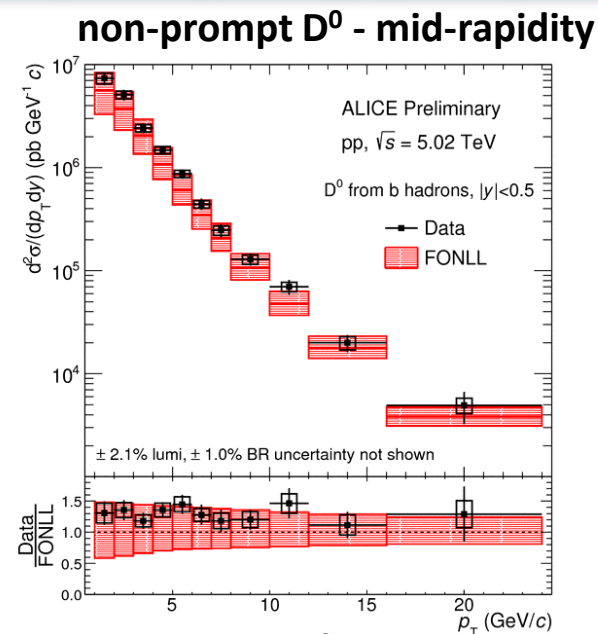
Open heavy-flavour production in pp collisions



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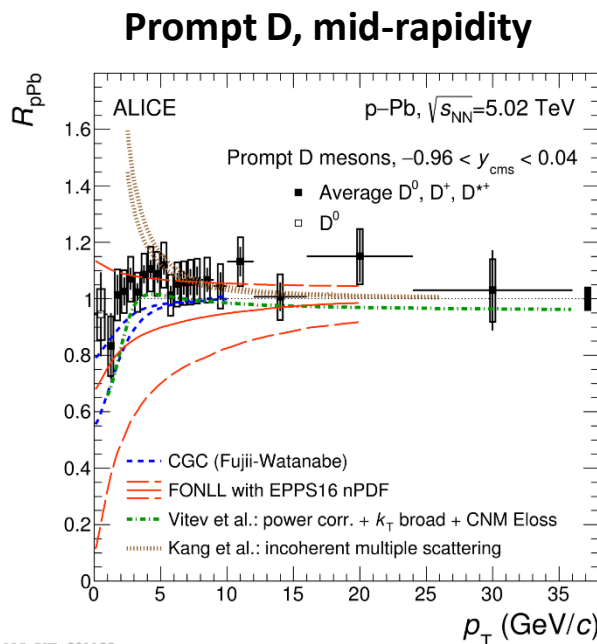


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- Precise measurements over a wide p_T interval
- Data well described by pQCD-based calculations at both central and forward rapidities
- Measured production cross sections at the upper edge of FONLL calculations
- Same trends at other \sqrt{s} and for other channels
- Uncertainties smaller than theoretical ones
- Important reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb/Xe-Xe collisions

Open heavy-flavour production in p-Pb collisions

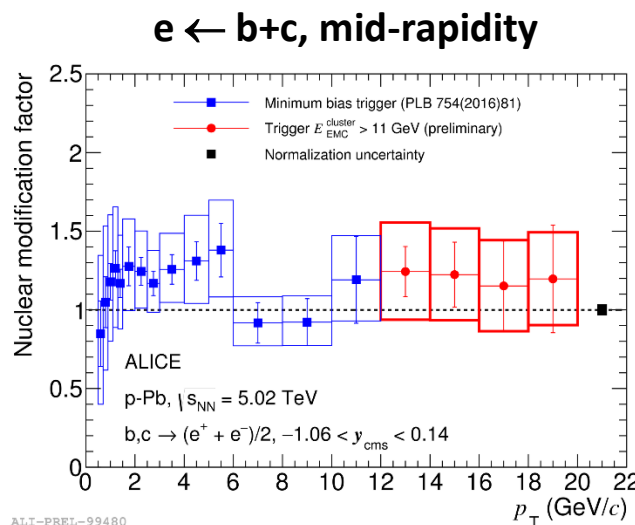


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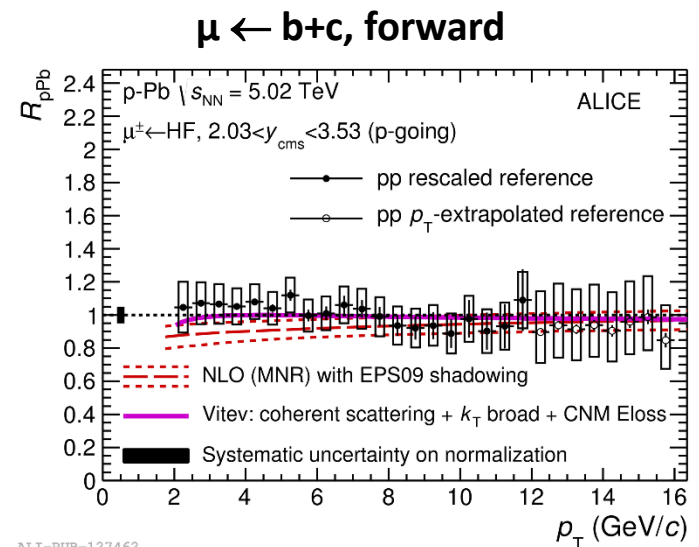
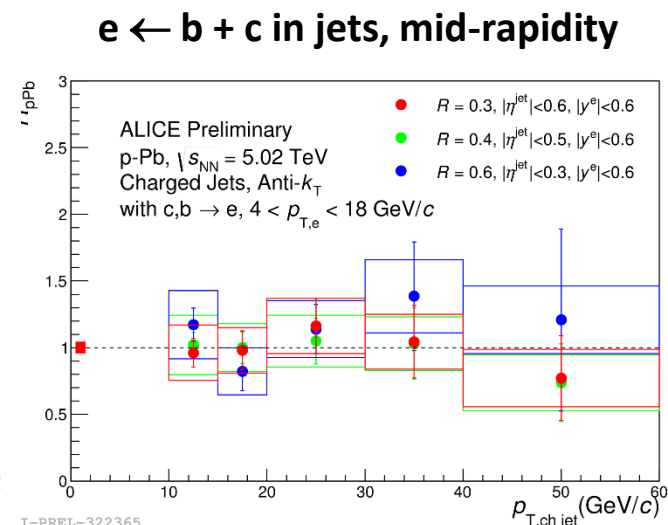
□ R_{pPb} compatible with unity within uncertainties for all channels, at both mid-rapidity and forward rapidity at intermediate/high p_T

➤ Cold nuclear matter effects are small

□ R_{pPb} described by models including cold nuclear matter effects

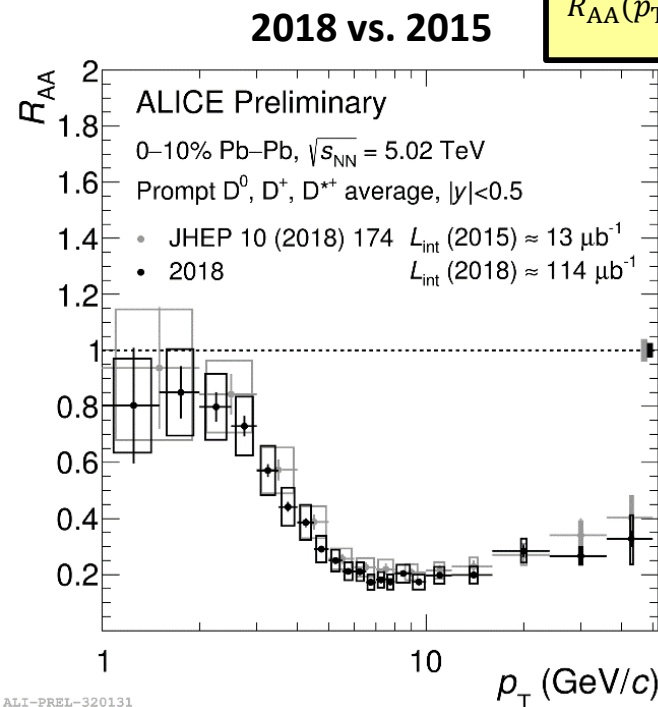
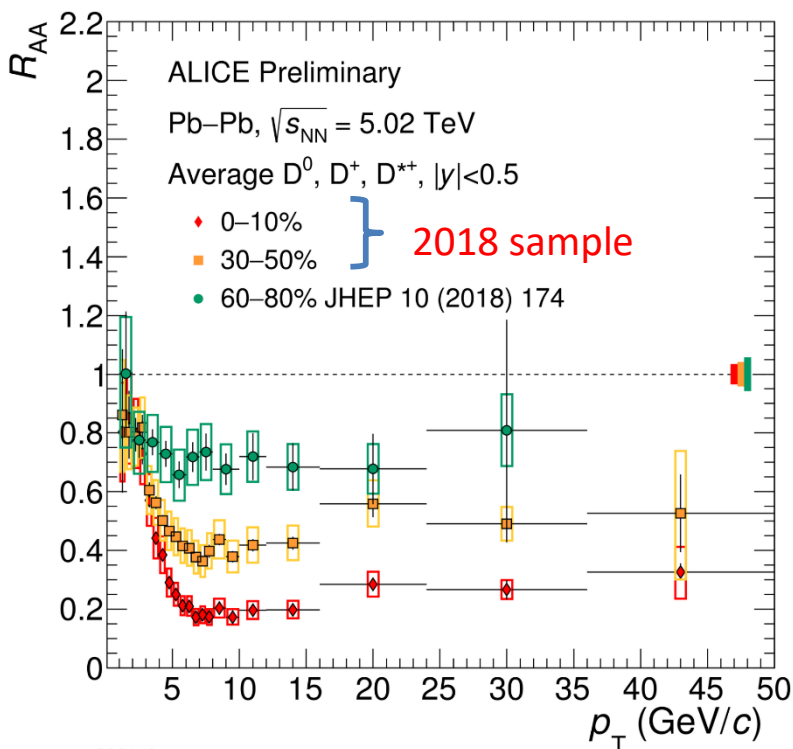


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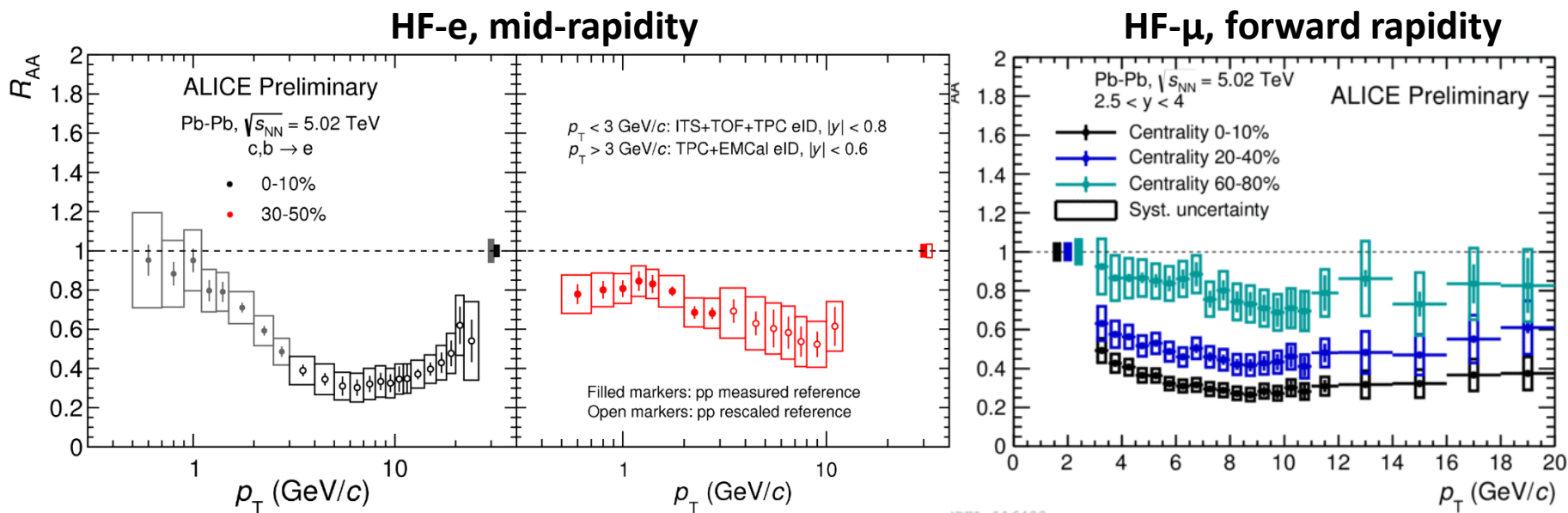
Non-strange D-meson R_{AA} in Pb-Pb collisions



$$R_{AA}(p_T) = 1 / \langle T_{AA} \rangle \times \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

- More precise measurements with the 2018 Pb-Pb sample: better constrain at low p_T
 - Important for the measurement of the total charm cross section
- Increasing suppression from peripheral to central collisions
 - A factor of ~ 5 in the 0-10% centrality class at intermediate p_T ($6 < p_T < 8$ GeV/c)
- Decreasing suppression towards the low p_T region
 - Several competing effects: shadowing, flow, energy loss, ...
- The measured suppression is due to **final-state effects i.e effects related to the in-medium energy loss** ($R_{pPb} \sim 1$)

Heavy-flavour lepton R_{AA} in Pb-Pb collisions

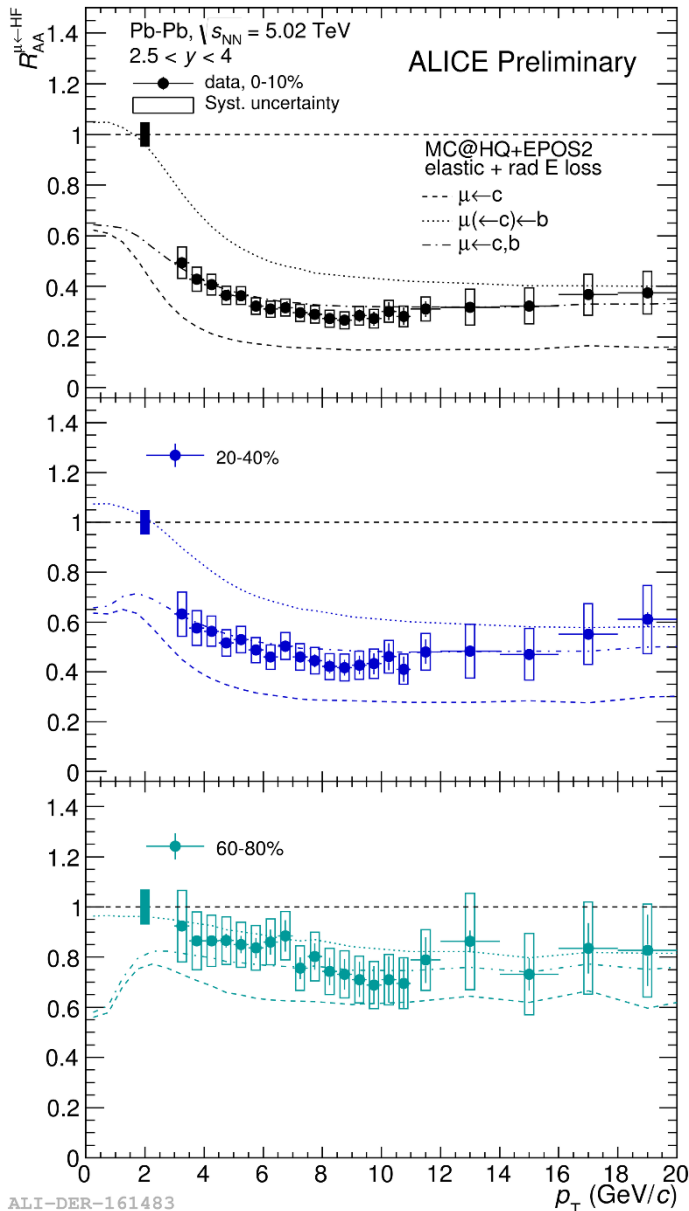


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- ❑ Precise measurements over a wide p_T interval from central to peripheral collisions
- ❑ Similar R_{AA} for heavy-flavour hadron decay muons at forward rapidity ($2.5 < y < 4$) and heavy-flavour hadron decay electrons at central rapidity ($|y| < 0.8$)
 - Heavy-flavour lepton yields suppressed by a factor of about 3 in the 10% most central collisions at intermediate p_T
 - Heavy quarks undergo strong interactions in the medium over a wide y region

Heavy-flavour decay muon R_{AA} vs. models



❑ **MC@sHQ+EPOS2** describes well the measured R_{AA} over the whole p_T interval and all centralities from central to peripheral collisions

❑ **TAMU** (only elastic collisions) underestimates the suppression at high p_T and has difficulties to describe R_{AA} in peripheral collisions

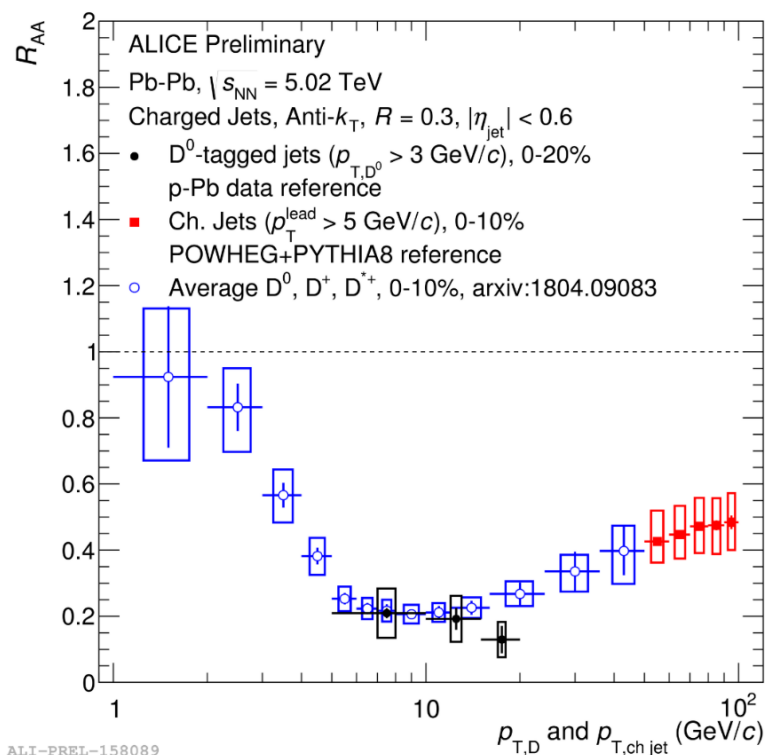
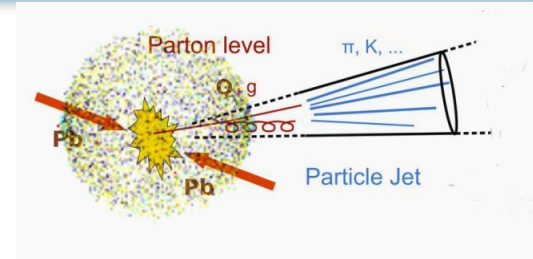
❑ **SCET** describes well the measured R_{AA} in central collisions

➤ The improved precision of the R_{AA} measurement can allow us to set important constraints to models

D⁰-tagged jet R_{AA} in Pb-Pb collisions



Charged jets containing a D⁰ meson
with $p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$



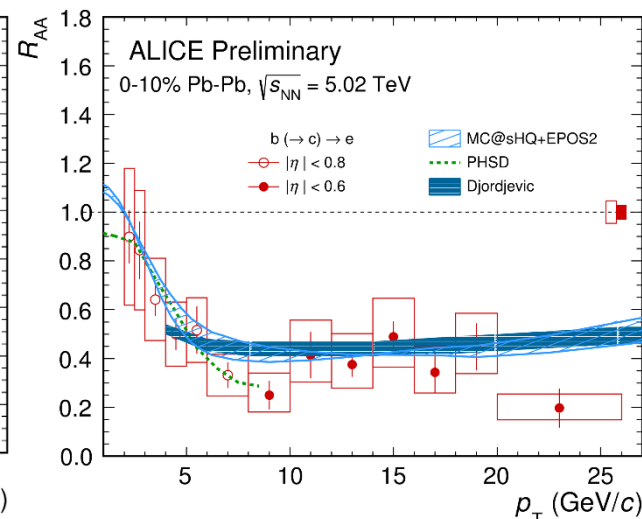
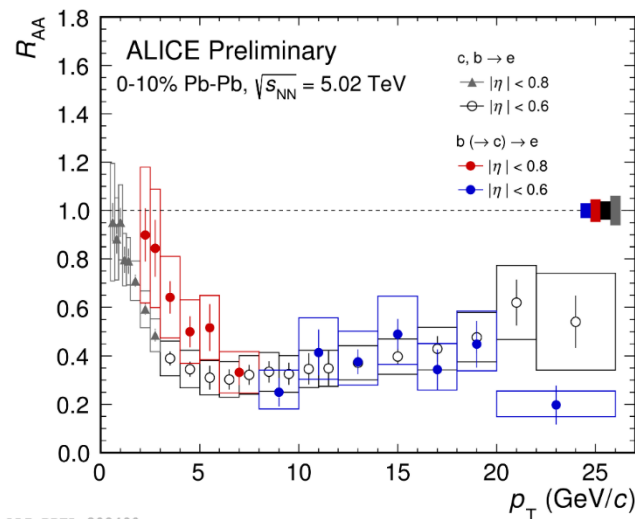
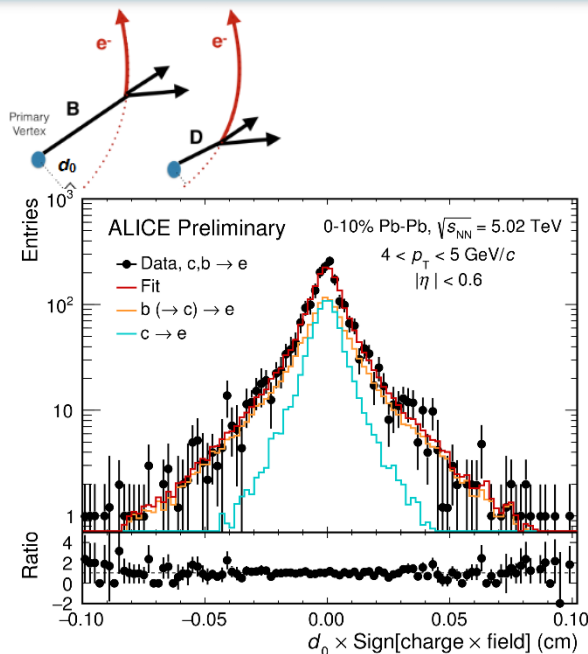
□ D⁰-tagged jet R_{AA} exhibits similar trends

as D mesons vs p_T

- Strong suppression ($R_{AA} \sim 0.2$) in $5 < p_{T, \text{ch. jet}} < 20 \text{ GeV}/c$

□ Hint of smaller suppression for charged jets with $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}/c$

Beauty-decay electron R_{AA} in Pb-Pb collisions



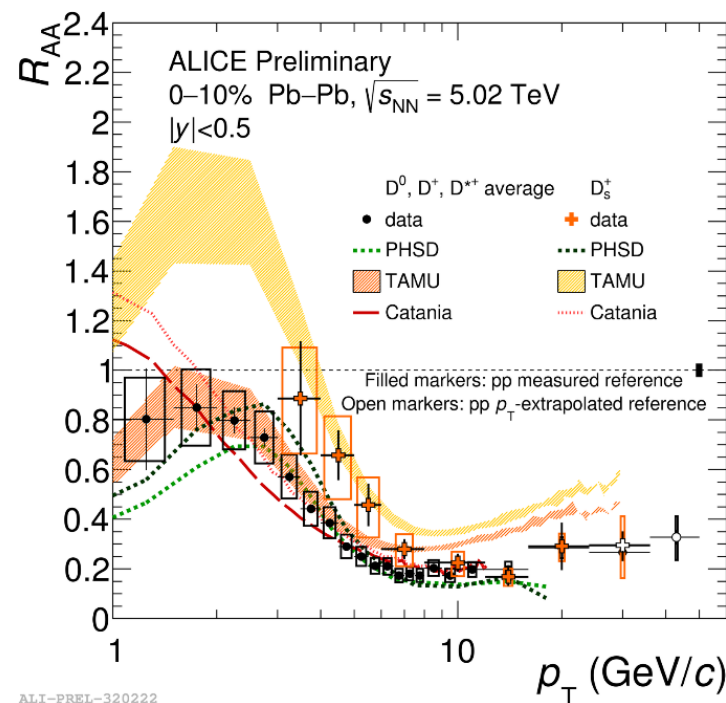
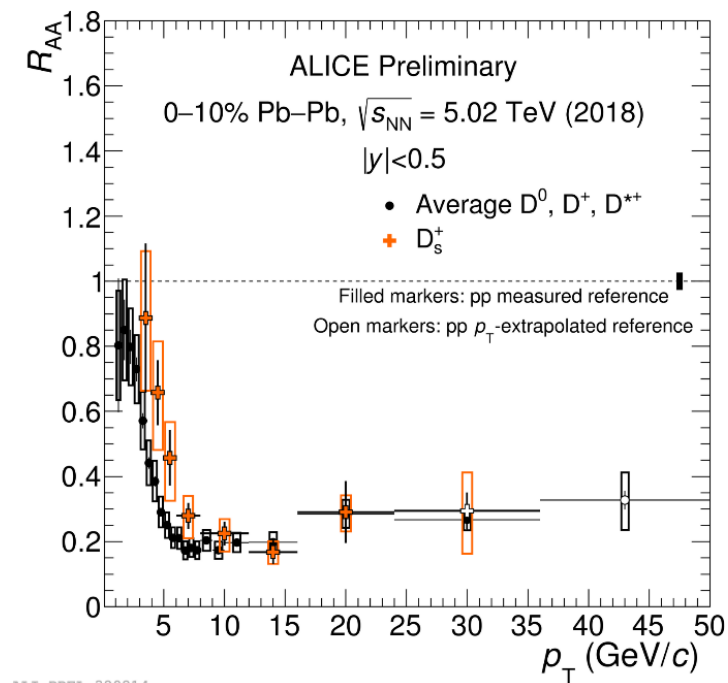
- ❑ Longer lifetime for beauty hadrons compared to other sources
 - Larger DCA (d_0) to the primary vertex
- ❑ MC templates fitted to data to separate the electron sources
- ❑ Strong suppression of $e \leftarrow b$ yields due to energy loss in the QGP
- ❑ Low p_T : hint for $R_{AA}(e \leftarrow b) > R_{AA}(e \leftarrow c+b)$
- ❑ High p_T : similar R_{AA} as $e \leftarrow c, b$ ($e \leftarrow b$ dominates over $e \leftarrow c$ in pp collisions)
- ❑ $R_{AA}(e \leftarrow b)$ described by transport models

PHSD: Phys. Rev C 93 (2016) 034906; MC@sHQ+EPOS2: Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 014905; Djordjevic: Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015) 024918

Strange-D mesons in Pb-Pb collisions

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \Phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$$

Study of hadronisation mechanisms and strangeness enhancement inside the QGP



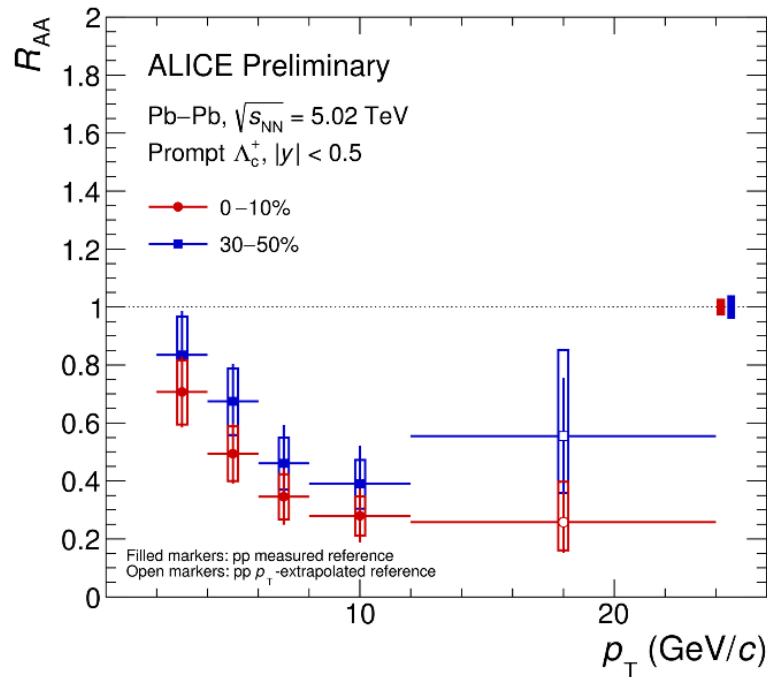
- ❑ Similar pattern for strange and non-strange D-meson R_{AA}
- ❑ **Smaller suppression for strange D mesons** than non-strange D mesons
 - Enhancement of strangeness in the QGP as expected
- ❑ Increase of the $D_s^+ R_{AA}$ w.r.t. non-strange D mesons predicted by three transport models

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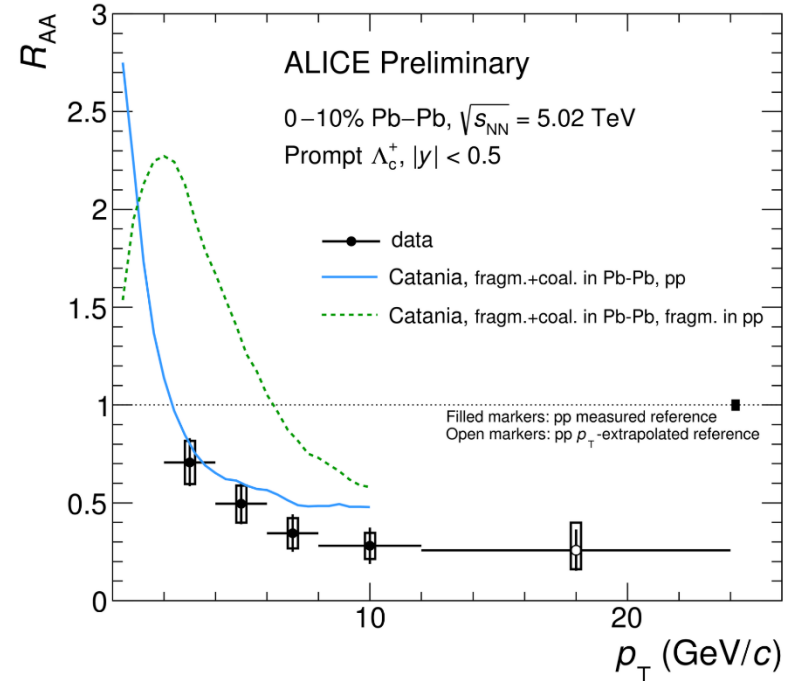
Charmed baryons in Pb-Pb collisions

$$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- p$$

Important tool to study hadronisation mechanisms inside the QGP



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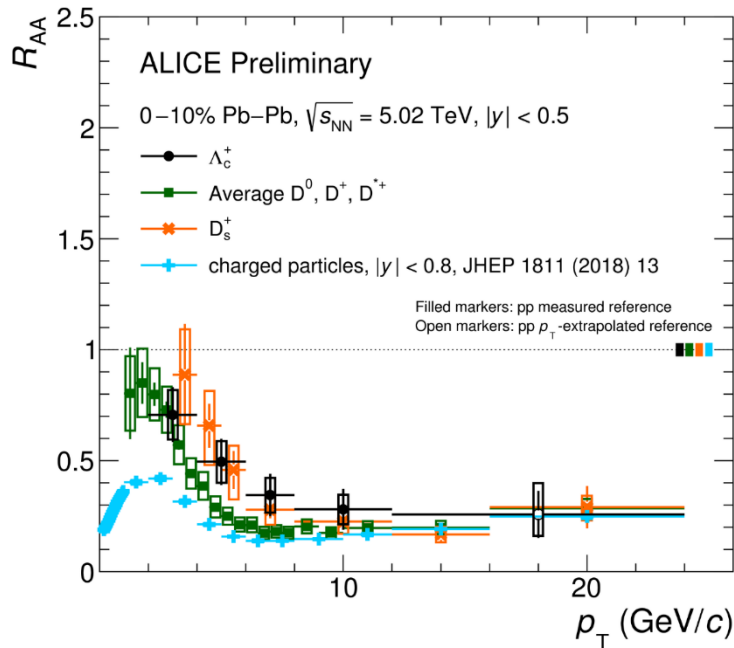
- ❑ Hint for a **larger suppression (smaller R_{AA})** in central than in semi-central Pb-Pb collisions
- ❑ Good agreement with **Catania model with a scenario where both coalescence and fragmentation are present in Pb-Pb and pp collisions**

Catania: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78; statistical hadronisation model: arXiv:1901.09200

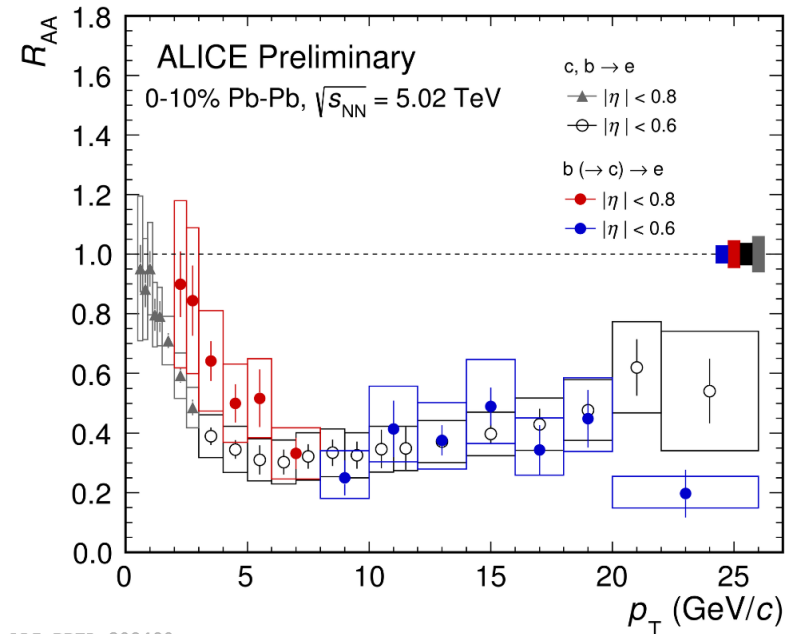
Where do we stand with R_{AA} hierarchy?

$$\Delta E(\pi^\pm) > \Delta E(D) > \Delta E(B) \rightarrow R_{AA}(\pi^\pm) < R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(B) ?$$

as naively expected from colour-charge and quark-mass depend energy loss



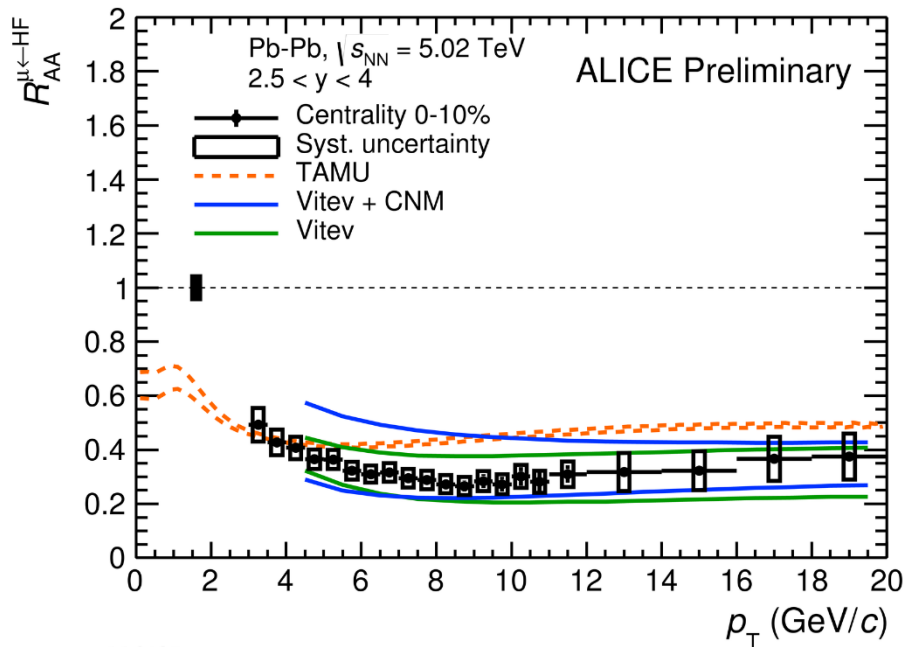
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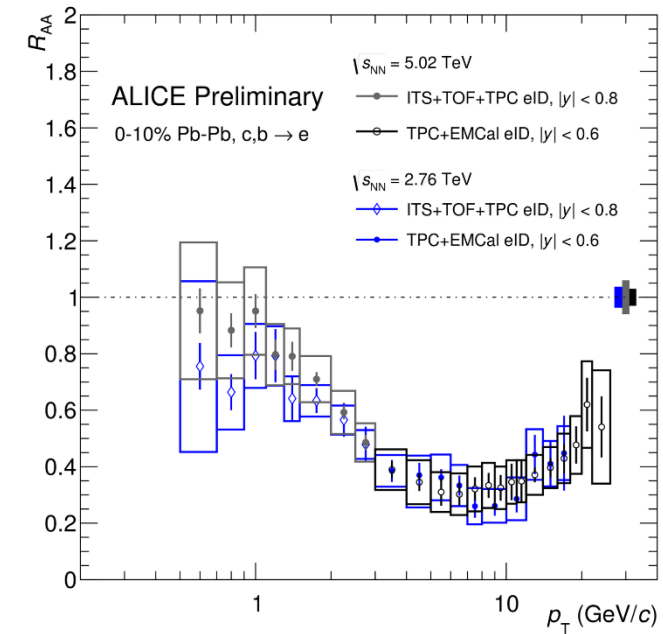
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- D mesons less suppressed than charged particles at low p_T : interplay of different p_T shapes & fragmentation functions, flow, colour-charge dependence
- $e \leftarrow b$ less suppressed than $e \leftarrow b, c$ at low p_T : quark-mass ordering
- Hint for less suppression for D_s^+ and Λ_c^+ compared to D mesons, difficult to conclude for D_s^+
 - Hint of hierarchy observed at low p_T : $R_{AA}(\pi^\pm) < R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(B)$

HF- μ , forward rapidity



HF-e, mid-rapidity



❑ Similar R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV and at 2.76 TeV within uncertainties in central collisions for muons and electrons from heavy-flavour hadron decays at forward rapidity and mid-rapidity, respectively

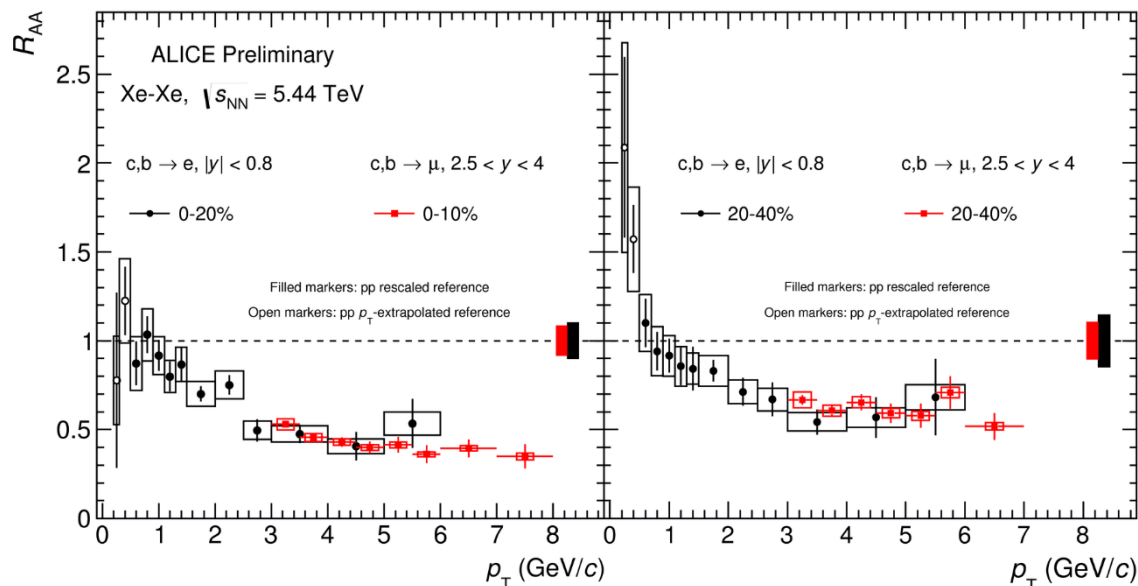
➤ Does not imply same energy loss at both energies:

- interplay of energy loss and spectra shapes [M. Djordjevic, arXiv: 1505.04316]
- possible different fractions of charm and beauty

Open heavy-flavour R_{AA} in Xe-Xe collisions

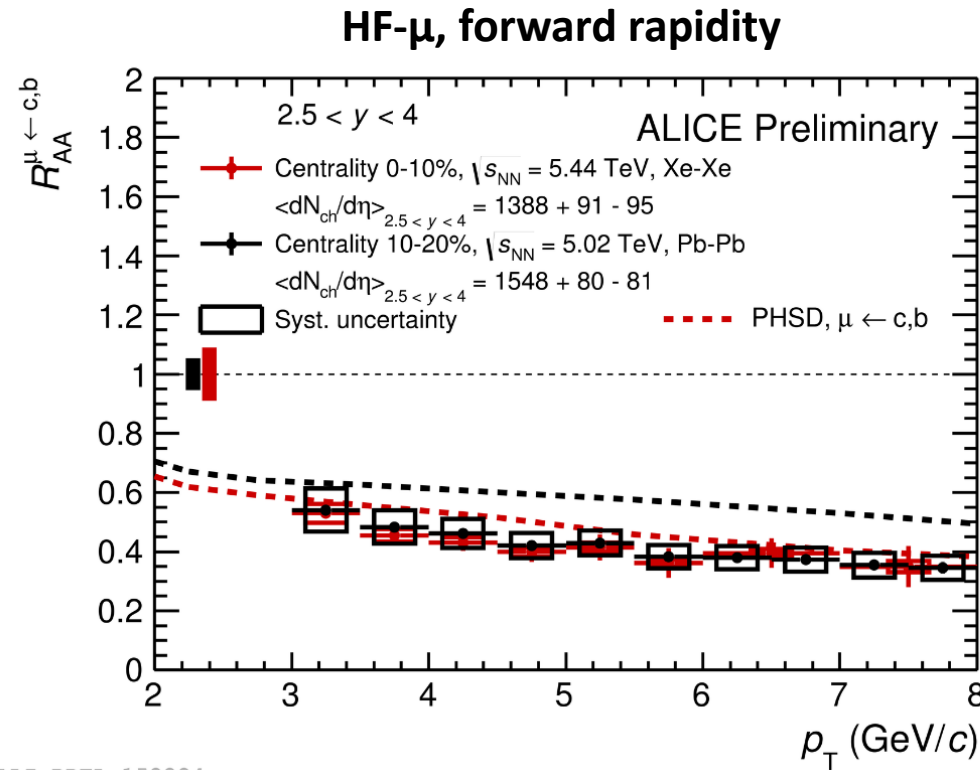


- Investigate the system size dependence of heavy-quark in-medium energy loss
- Study initial-state effects on heavy-quark production
- Further characterize the hot and dense medium created in heavy-ion collisions and provide new constraints on model predictions



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- Similar trends vs. p_T and centrality as in Pb-Pb collisions for leptons (muons at forward rapidity and electrons at mid-rapidity) from heavy-flavour hadron decays
 - Strong suppression of a factor of about 2 - 2.5 for $3 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c in central Xe-Xe collisions

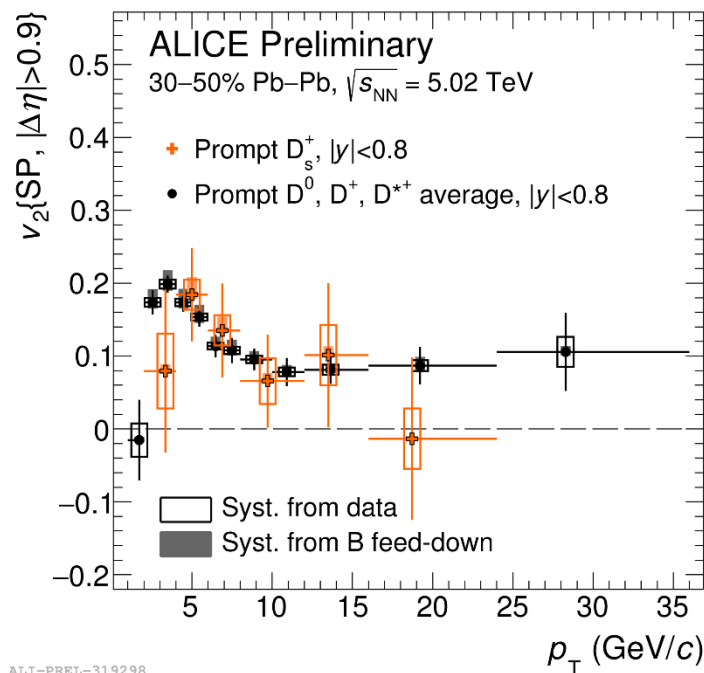


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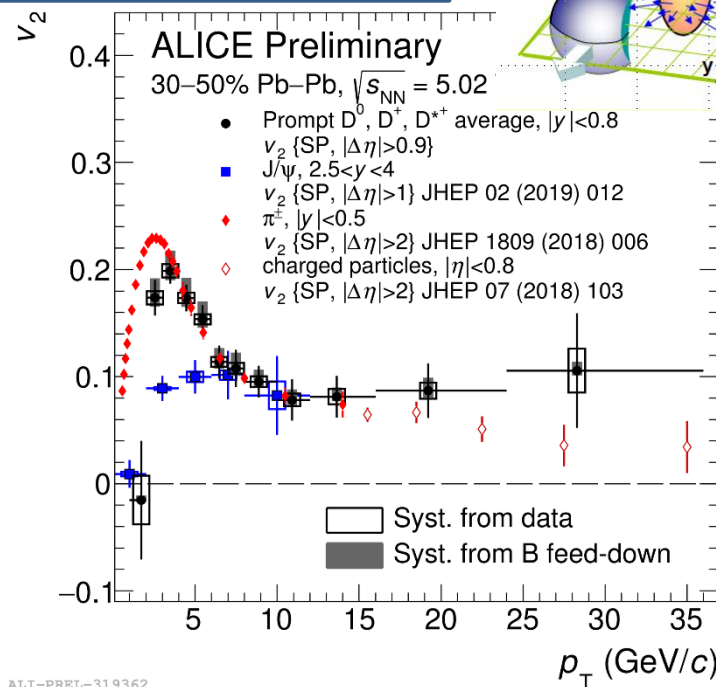
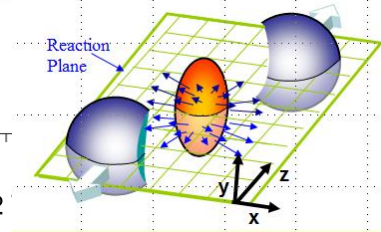
- ❑ Similar R_{AA} observed in Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb collisions for $\mu \leftarrow c, b$ when compared at similar average charged-particle multiplicity density $\langle dN/d\eta \rangle$
- ❑ A bit of tension for PHSD model to reproduce the scaling observed at forward rapidity

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Strange and non-strange v_2 in Pb-Pb collisions



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



❑ Non-zero elliptic flow (v_2) for D mesons

➤ Participation of charm quarks in the QGP collective expansion

❑ Non-strange D-meson v_2 compatible with $v_2(D_s^+)$ within uncertainties, down to $p_T = 3$ GeV/c

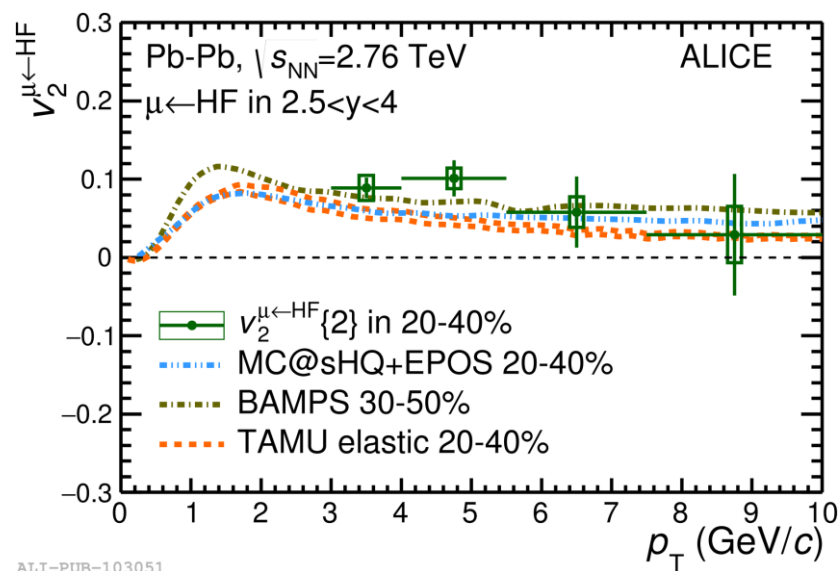
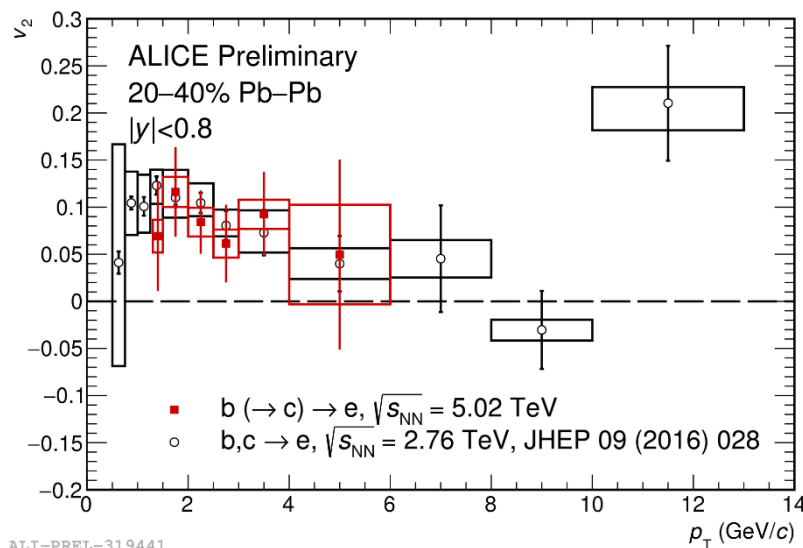
❑ Low p_T : $v_2(J/\psi) < v_2(D) < v_2(\pi^\pm)$

➤ Light quarks contribute to v_2 (D)

❑ High p_T : similar v_2 for different particles within uncertainties

➤ In-medium path-length dependent energy loss effects

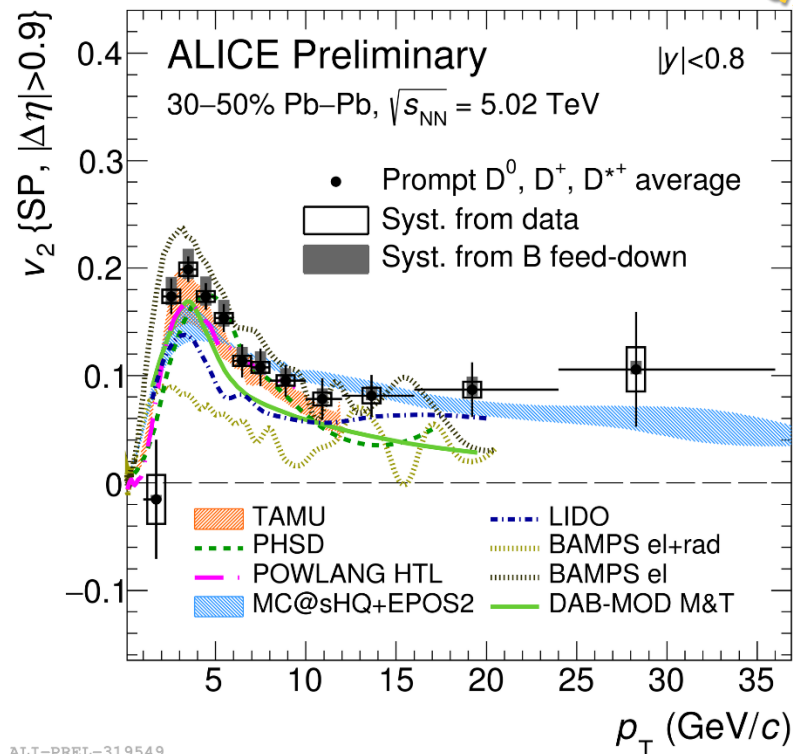
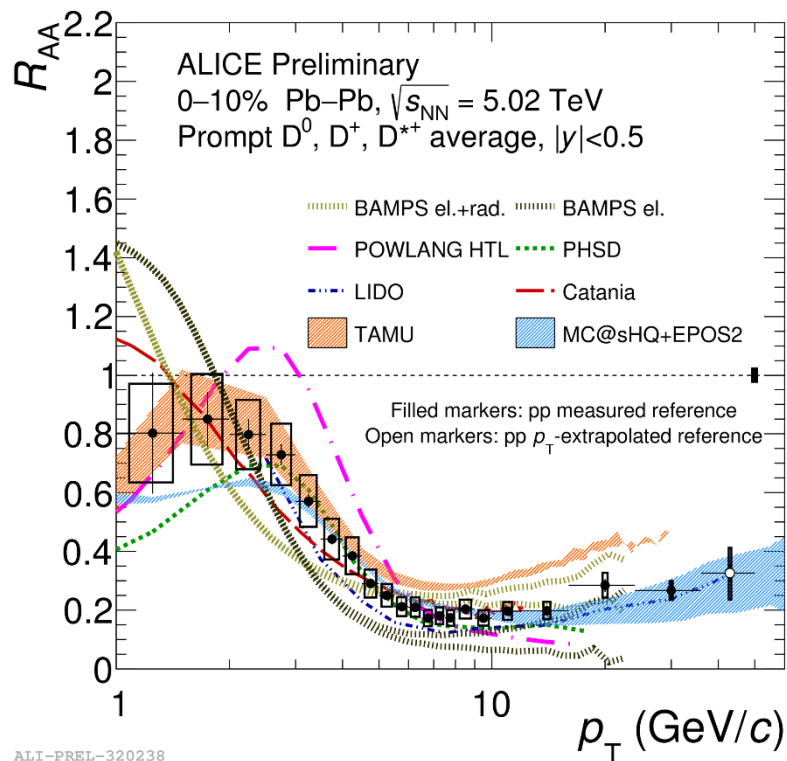
Beauty v_2 in Pb-Pb collisions



- ❑ Non-zero v_2 measured for beauty electrons, significance 3.49σ in $1.3 < p_T < 4 \text{ GeV/c}$
 - Hint that b quarks participate in the collective expansion of the medium
- ❑ $v_2 (e \leftarrow b)$ compatible with $v_2 (e \leftarrow b, c)$ within uncertainties
- ❑ Similar v_2 measured at forward rapidity for $\mu \leftarrow b, c$
 - Participation of heavy quarks, mainly charm quarks, in the collective expansion of the system

D-meson R_{AA} and v_2 vs. models

2018 sample



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

D-meson v_2 with Event-Shape Engineering



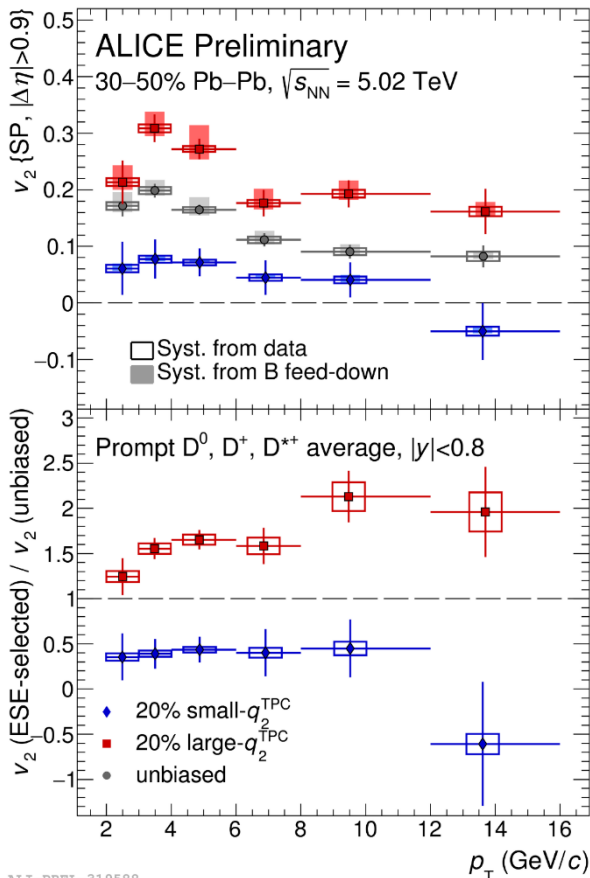
Fluctuations in the initial state and event eccentricity

- Event-by-event variation of v_2 at a given centrality class
- Studied by measuring v_2 for different 2nd order reduced q -vector (q_2) values

$$q_2 = \frac{|Q_2|}{\sqrt{M}}$$

$$\langle q_2^2 \rangle = 1 + \langle M - 1 \rangle \langle v_2^2 - \delta_2 \rangle$$

δ_2 : non-flow effect



\square D-meson v_2 with large $q_2 >$ D-meson v_2 with small q_2

\square Clear difference of D-meson v_2 in events (30-50% centrality class) with small and large q_2

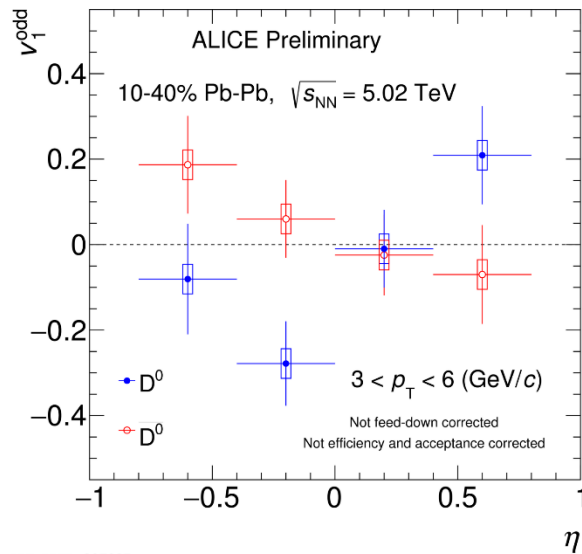
➤ Charm sensitive to collectivity of light-hadron bulk and even-by-event fluctuations in the initial state

\square Hint of separation also with q_2^{VOA} (backup)

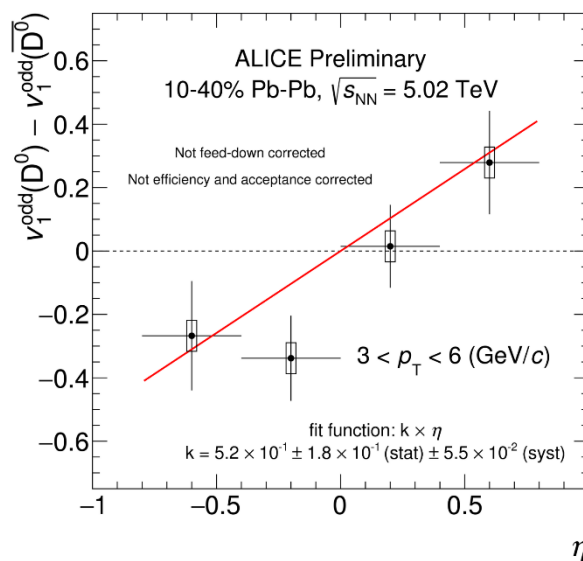
D-meson directed flow v_1 in Pb-Pb collisions



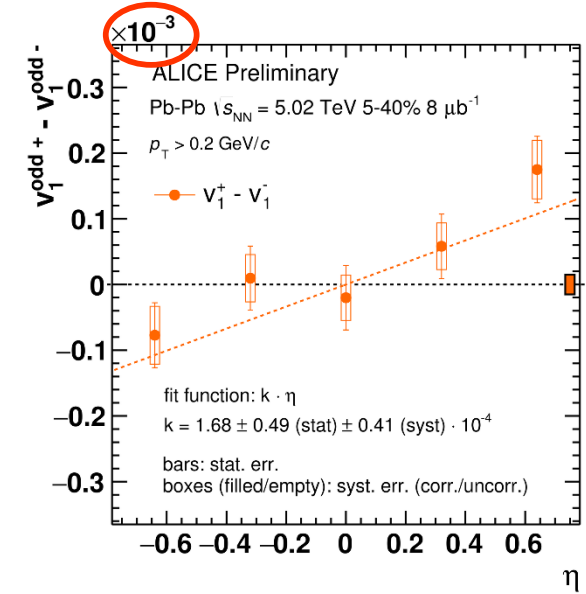
- Quantify the **charge-dependent v_1** due to the presence of a **strong electromagnetic field**, generated by the movement of proton spectators
- Charm quarks** produced when the **magnetic field is maximum**
 - **Good probe** to study the charge-dependent v_1



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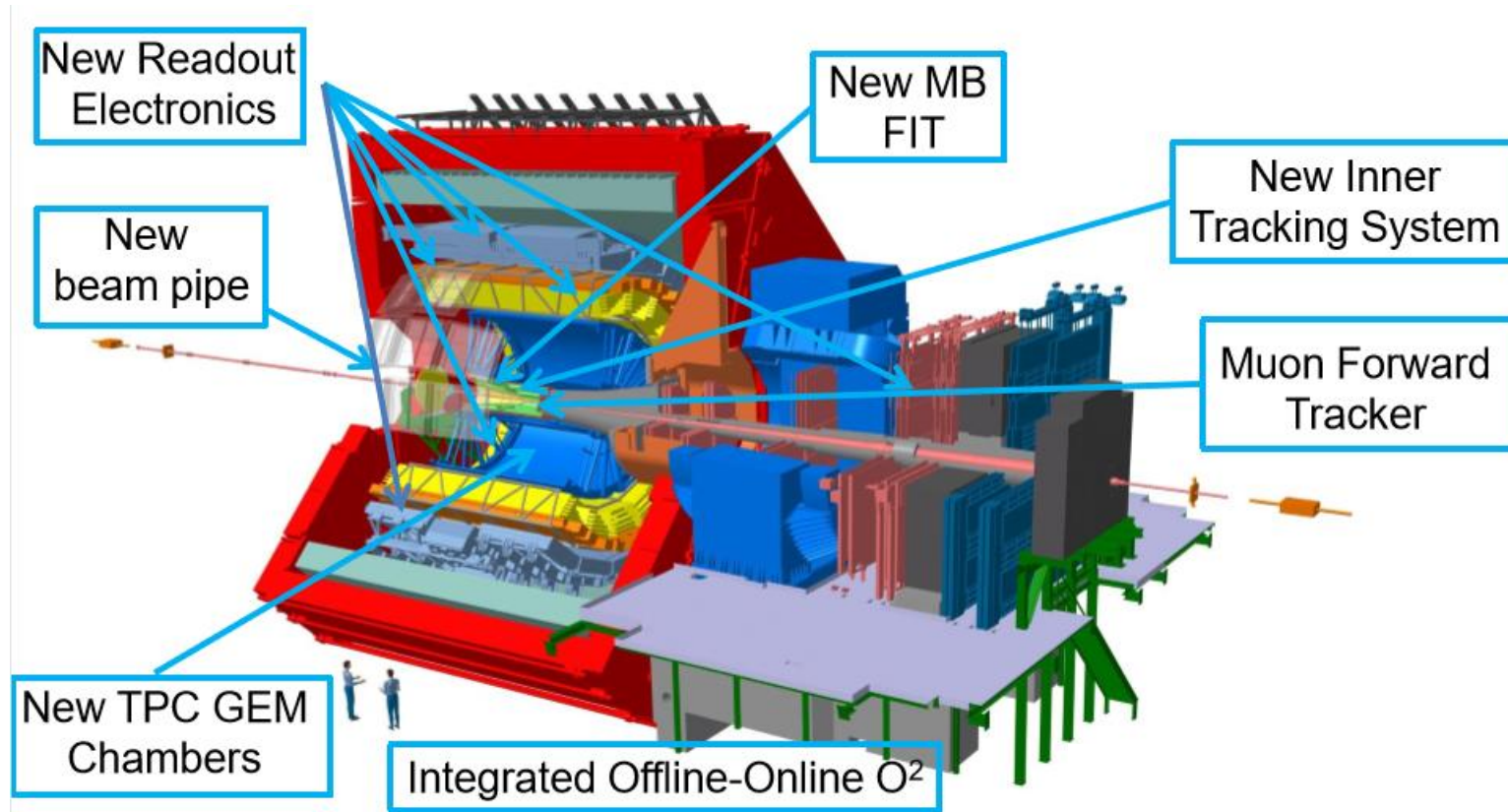
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- Indication of **opposite trend of v_1 as a function of η for D^0 and \bar{D}^0 mesons**
- Positive slope for D^0 mesons** with a 2.7σ significance
- Larger slope for D^0 mesons than charged particles** [and than theoretical predictions, not shown]

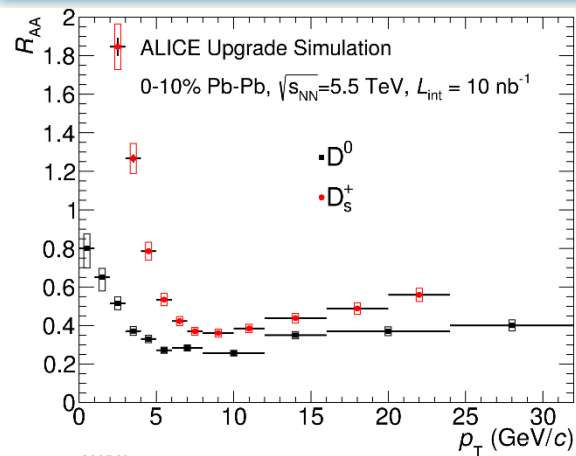
Open heavy-flavour prospects for run 3-4



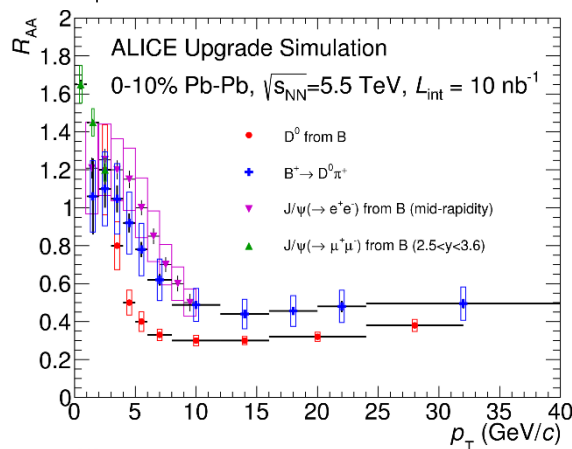
- ❑ High precision measurements of rare probes down to the low p_T region
→ x 100 larger minimum-bias sample ($\sim 10^{11}$ events) and x 10 larger sample for rare probes at forward rapidity compared to Run 2 (Pb-Pb: $L_{int} > 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$)
- ❑ Increase readout rate to 50 kHz, presently limited to $\sim 1 \text{ kHz}$
- ❑ Improvement of pointing resolution at mid-rapidity (UITS) and heavy-flavour vertices also forward rapidity (MUON + MFT)



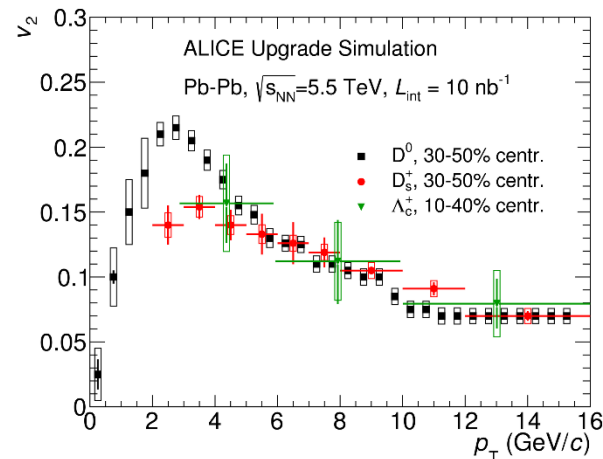
Selected performance studies with the new ITS



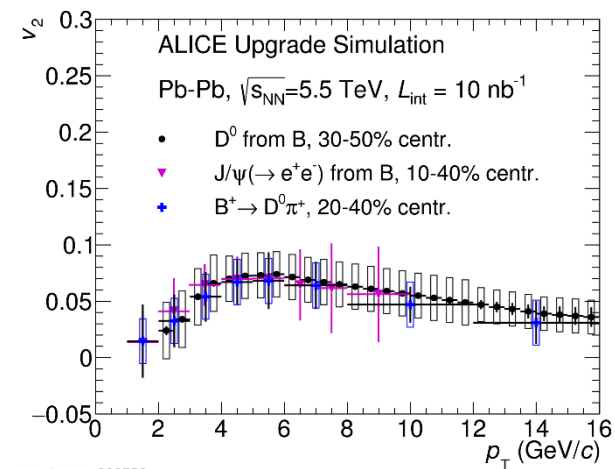
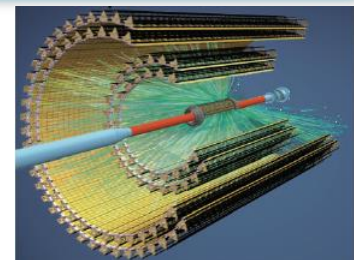
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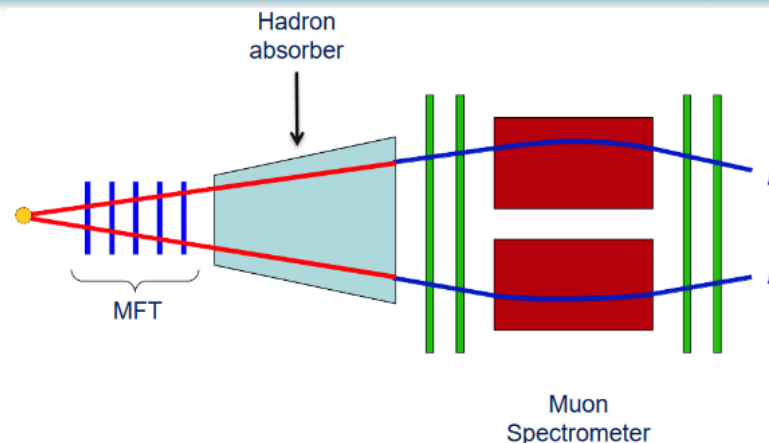
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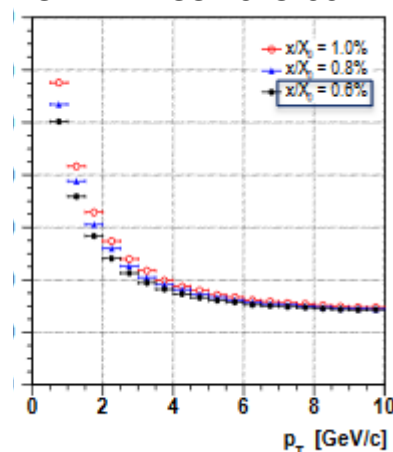
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- D^0 : uncertainties $< 10\%$, down to $p_T = 0$
- D_s^+ : can be measured down to low p_T with a good accuracy
- Beauty measurements via several channels at both mid and forward rapidity

- Elliptic flow measurements for charmed mesons and baryons (Λ_c^+), and beauty down to low p_T with high precision

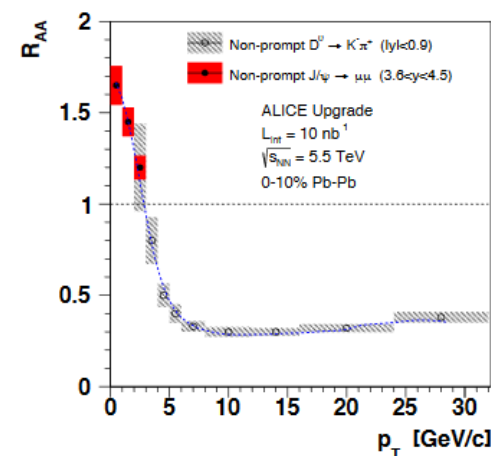
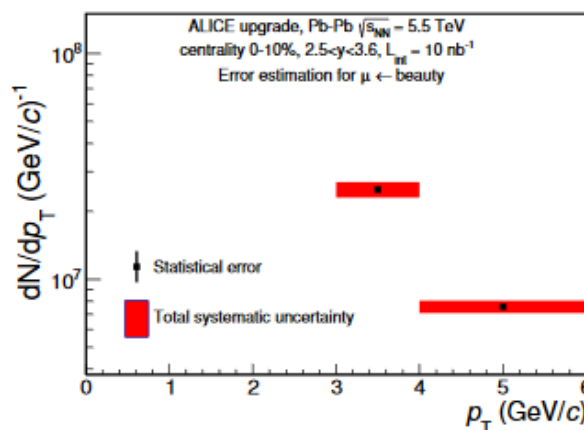
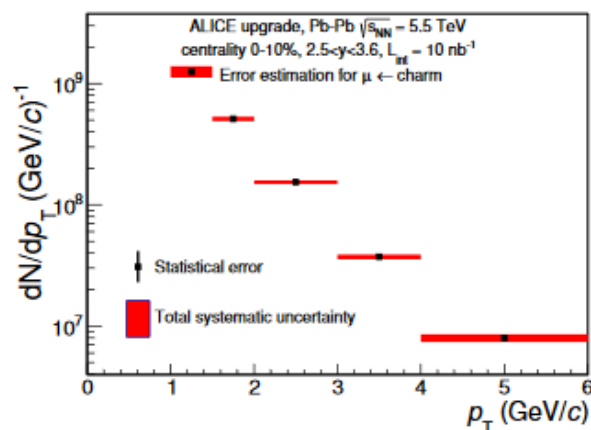


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High pointing accuracy in the transverse plane after matching

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❑ Charm and beauty measurements at forward rapidity ($2.5 < y < 3.6$) down to low p_T with high precision via single muons (c, b) and non-prompt J/ψ (b)

- ❑ Strong suppression of open heavy flavours over a wide rapidity interval
 - Heavy-quark energy loss
 - Indication of less suppression for beauty
 - Mass ordering?
- ❑ Charmed baryons and strange D mesons less suppressed than non-strange D mesons
 - Coalescence?
- ❑ Non-zero elliptic flow of open heavy flavours and also observed for beauty electrons
 - Participation of charm and beauty quarks in the collective expansion of the medium

More to come soon

- ❑ Ongoing analyses with the 2018 Pb-Pb sample
 - QM2019 in November
- ❑ ALICE upgrade
 - First data taking in 2021



**Thank you for
your attention**

D-meson v_2 with Event-Shape Engineering



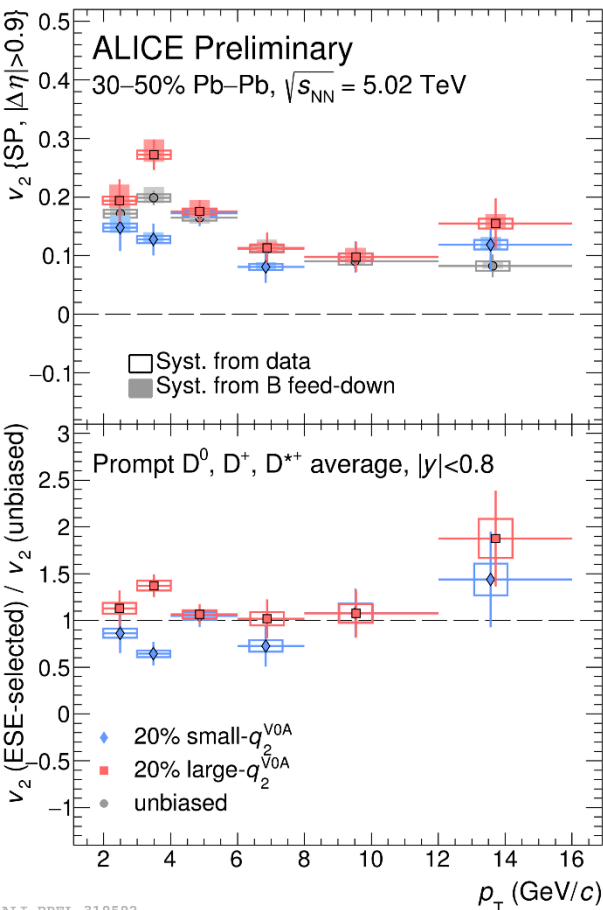
Fluctuations in the initial state and event eccentricity

- Event-by-event variation of v_2 at a given centrality class
- Studied by measuring v_2 for different 2nd order reduced q -vector (q_2) values

$$q_2 = \frac{|Q_2|}{\sqrt{M}}$$

$$\langle q_2^2 \rangle = 1 + \langle M - 1 \rangle \langle v_2^2 - \delta_2 \rangle$$

δ_2 : non-flow effect



\square D-meson v_2 with large $q_2 >$ D-meson v_2 with small q_2

\square Clear difference of D-meson v_2 in events (30-50% centrality class) with small and large q_2

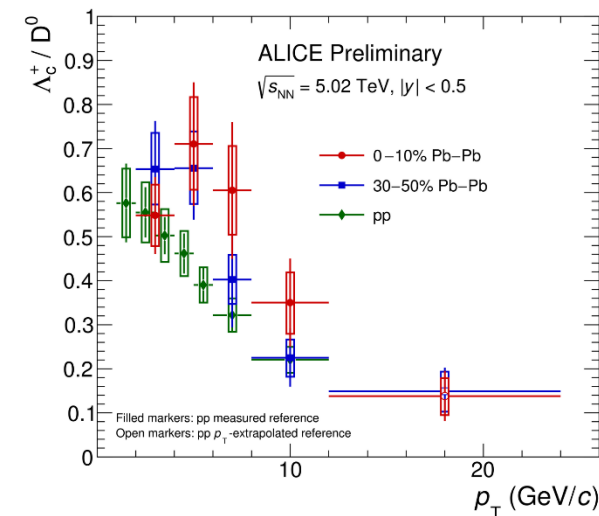
➤ Charm sensitive to collectivity of light-hadron bulk and even-by-event fluctuations in the initial state

\square Hint of separation also with q_2^{VOA} (backup)

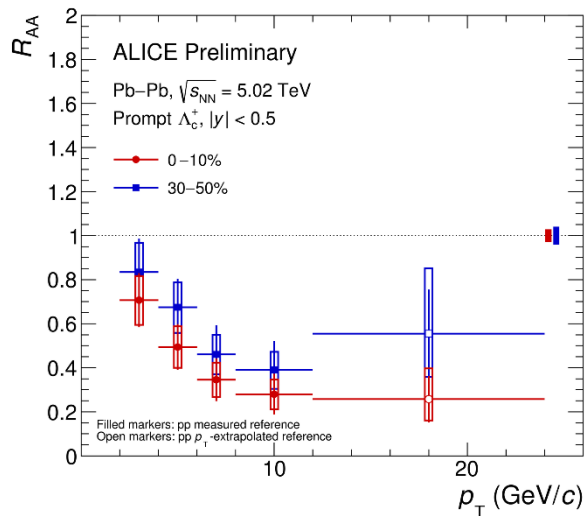
Charmed baryons in Pb-Pb collisions

$$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- p$$

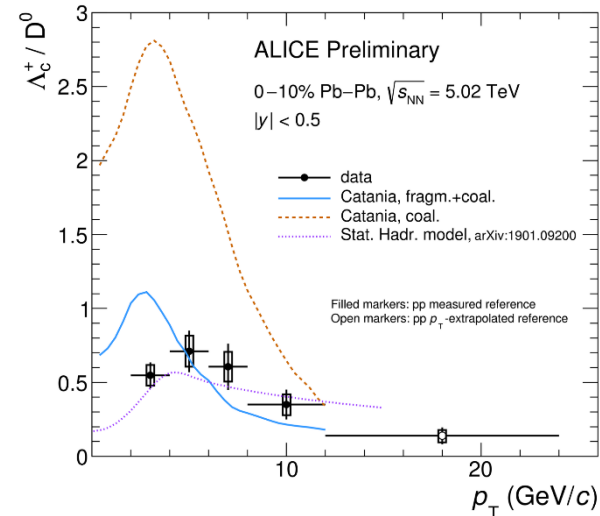
Important tool to study hadronisation mechanisms inside the QGP



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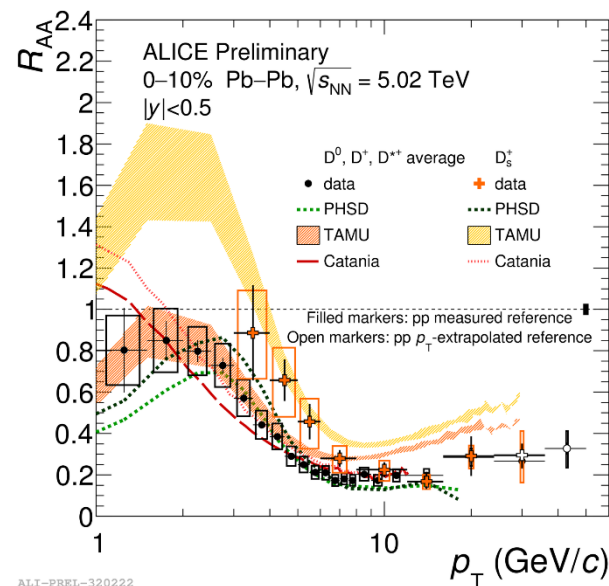
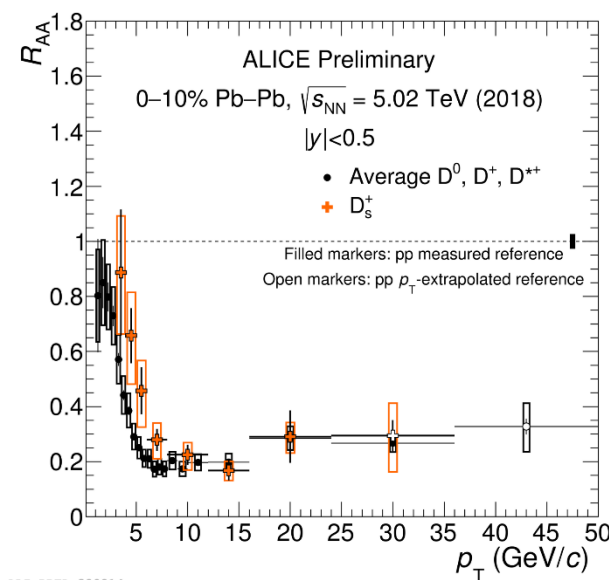
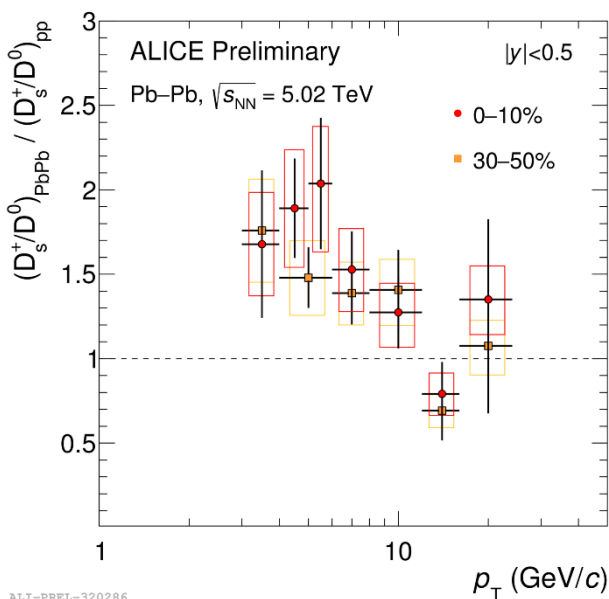
- ❑ Hint of a larger Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in Pb-Pb collisions than in pp collisions at intermediate p_T , in particular
- ❑ Larger Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in central than in semi-central Pb-Pb collisions
- ❑ Hint for a larger suppression (smaller R_{AA}) in central than in semi-central Pb-Pb collisions
- ❑ Good agreement of Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio with statistical hadronisation model and Catania model with a scenario where both coalescence and fragmentation are present

Catania: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78; statistical hadronisation model: arXiv:1901.09200

Strange-D mesons in Pb-Pb collisions

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \Phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$$

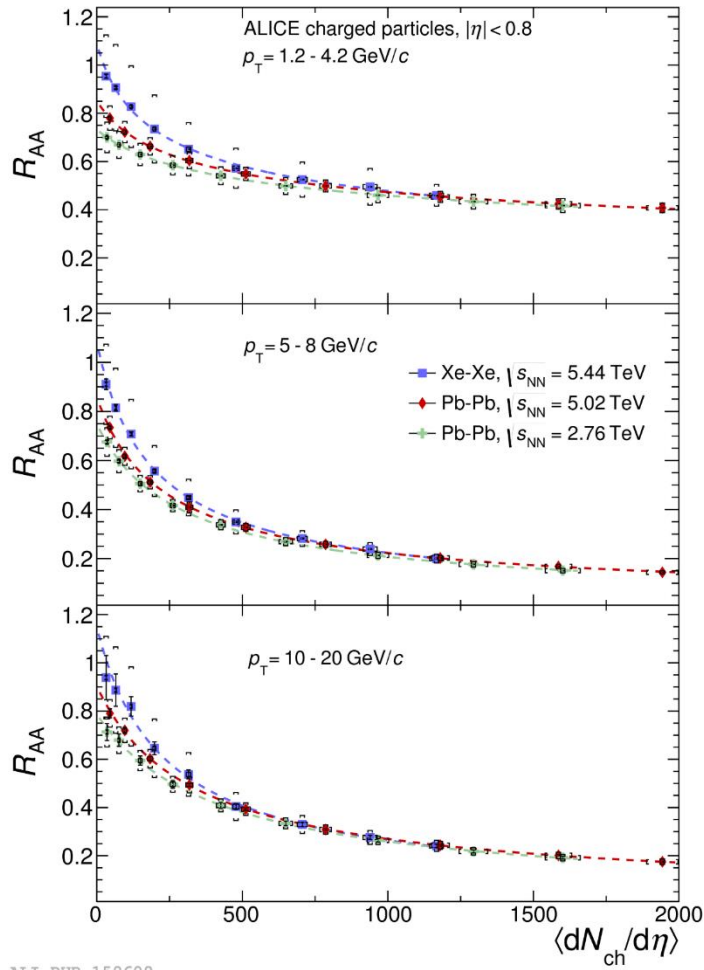
Study of hadronisation mechanisms and strangeness enhancement inside the QGP



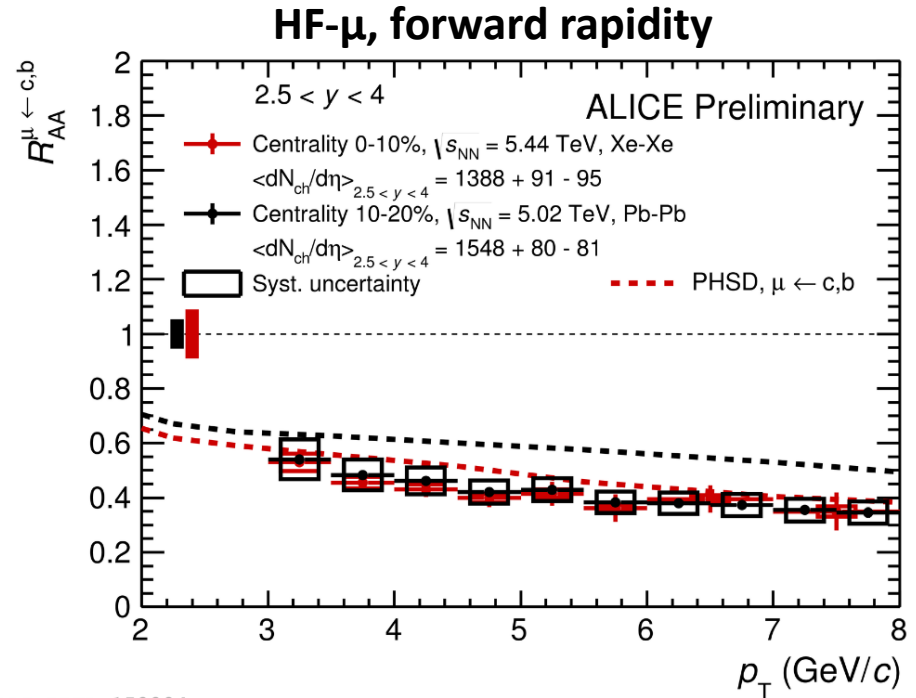
- ❑ Hint of enhancement of D_s^+/D^0 ratio in Pb-Pb collisions w.r.t. pp collisions
- ❑ Similar pattern for strange and non-strange D-meson R_{AA}
- ❑ Smaller suppression for strange D mesons than non-strange D mesons
 - Enhancement of strangeness in the QGP as expected
- ❑ Increase of the $D_s^+ R_{AA}$ w.r.t. non-strange D mesons predicted by three transport models

PHSD: Phys. Rev C 93 (2016) 034906; TAMU: Phys. Lett. B 735 (2014) 445; Catania: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78

Open heavy-flavour R_{AA} in Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb



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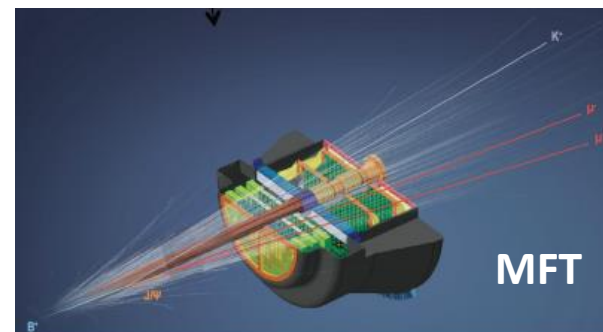
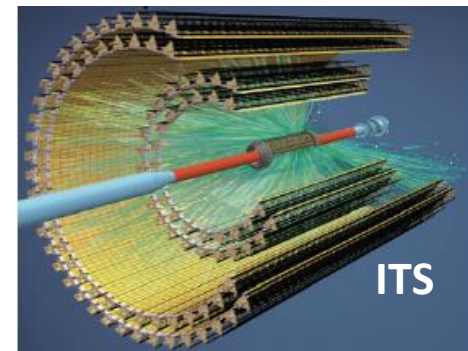


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- Similar R_{AA} observed in Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb collisions for $\mu \leftarrow c, b$ when compared at similar average charged-particle multiplicity density $\langle dN/d\eta \rangle$
- A bit of tension for PHSD model to reproduce the scaling observed at forward rapidity

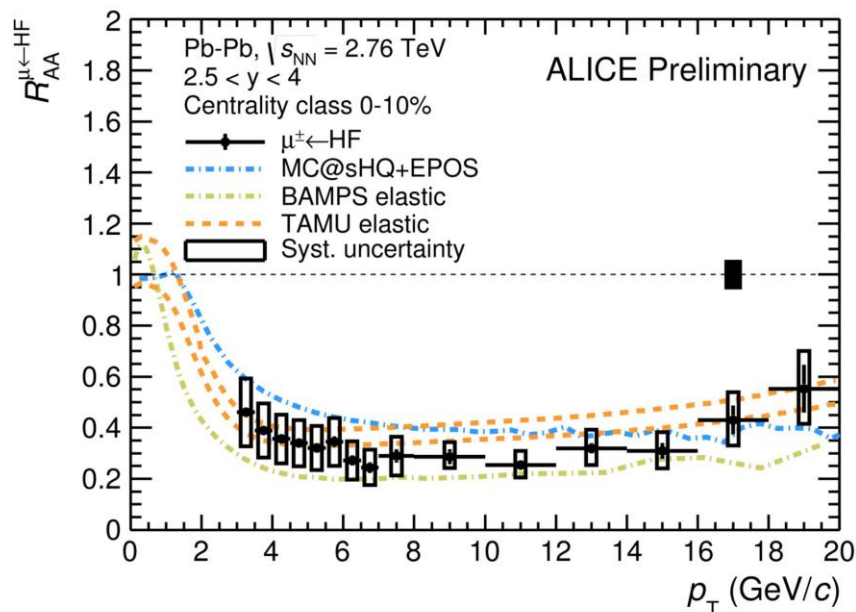
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- ❑ **Major upgrade** currently in preparation for LHC Run3 (2021-2023)
 - Ongoing R&D, construction and installation during the second Long Shutdown
 - New conditions with Run 3: Pb-Pb interaction may reach **50kHz** (now ~ 8 kHz)
- ❑ **Goals of ALICE Run 3:**
 - High precision measurements of **rare probes with main focus on the low p_T region**
→ x 100 larger minimum-bias sample compared to Run 2 (~ 10^{11} events)
 - Increase **readout rate to 50 kHz**, presently limited to ~1 kHz
 - **Improvement of pointing resolution at both central and forward rapidity**
- ❑ **New Inner Tracking System (ITS)**
 - Improved pointing resolution, reduced material budget, faster readout
- ❑ **New Forward Muon Tracker (MFT)**
 - New Silicon tracker, heavy-flavour vertices also at forward rapidity
- ❑ **New TPC readout chambers based on GEM**
- ❑ **Upgraded readout for many detectors, Integrated Online-Offline (O²) system, New Fast Integration Trigger detector (FIT)**

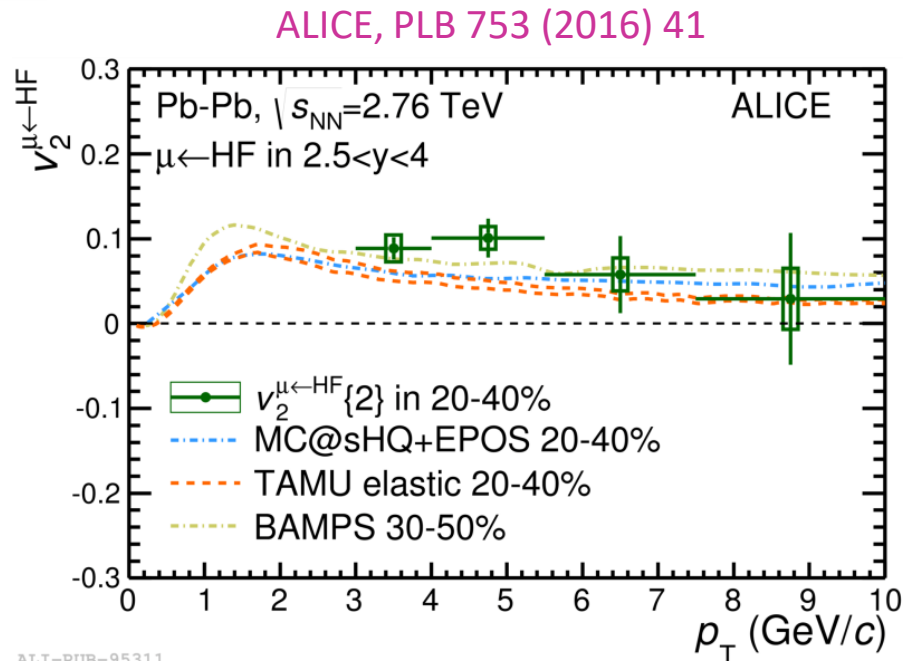


Technical Design Reports approved → moving to construction

Muons from heavy-flavour hadron decays at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV: comparison with models



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□ R_{AA} in central collisions and v_2 in semi-central collisions reasonably described by models including energy loss in the QGP but not in details

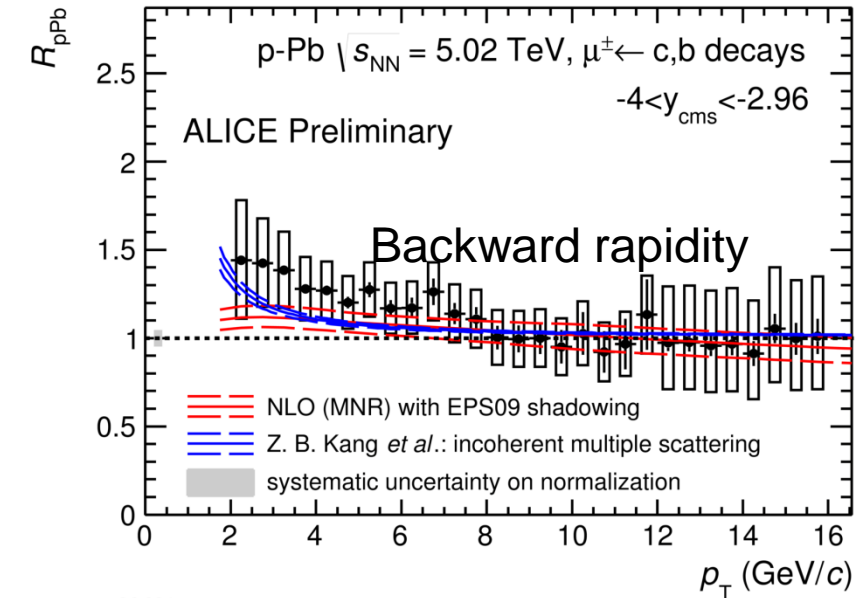
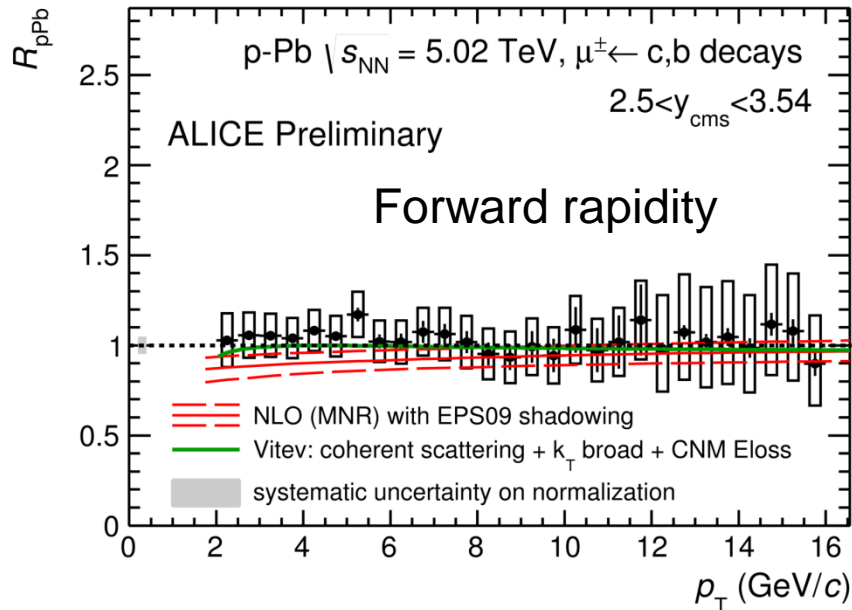
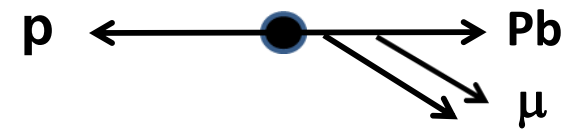
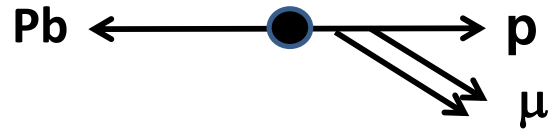
➤ Further constraints to models: comparison with Run 2 measurements

MC@ sHQ+EPOS, Coll + Rad (LPM): Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 014905;

BAMPS: Phys. Lett. B 717 (2012) 430;

TAMU: Phys. Lett. B 735 (2014) 445

Heavy-flavour decay muons: R_{pPb} vs p_T



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- ❑ R_{pPb} at forward rapidity is consistent with unity and, at backward rapidity is slightly larger than unity in $2 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c and close to unity at higher p_T
- ❑ Cold nuclear matter effects are small
- ❑ R_{pPb} described by perturbative QCD calculations implementing cold nuclear matter effects

*pQCD NLO (MNR): Nucl. Phys. B 373 (1992) 295, EPS09: K. J. Eskola et al., JHEP 04 (2009) 065
R. Sharma et al., Phys. Rev. C 80 (2009) 054902; Z.B. Kang et al., Phys. Lett. B 740 (2015) 23*

