

# Charm baryon production in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC

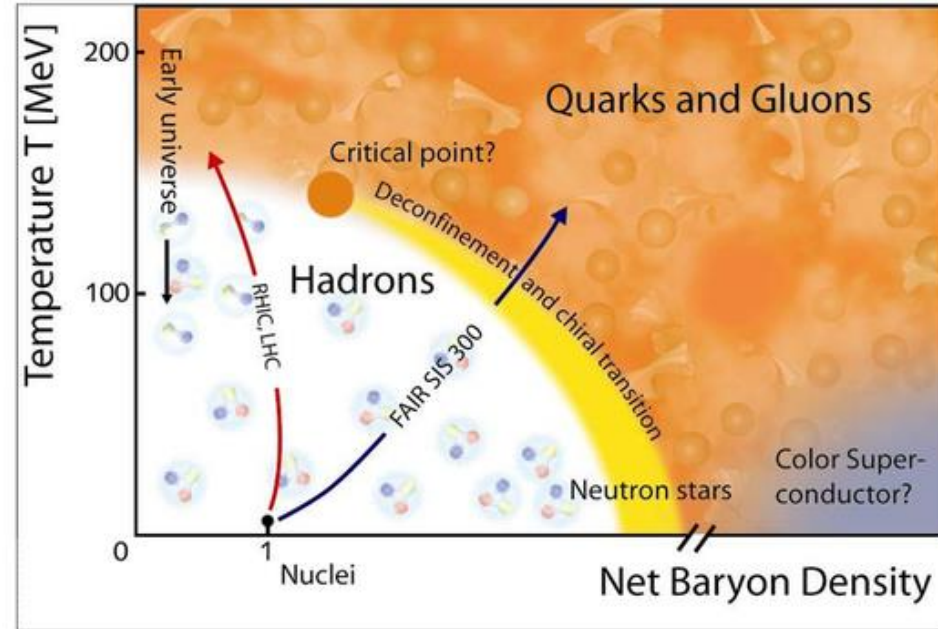
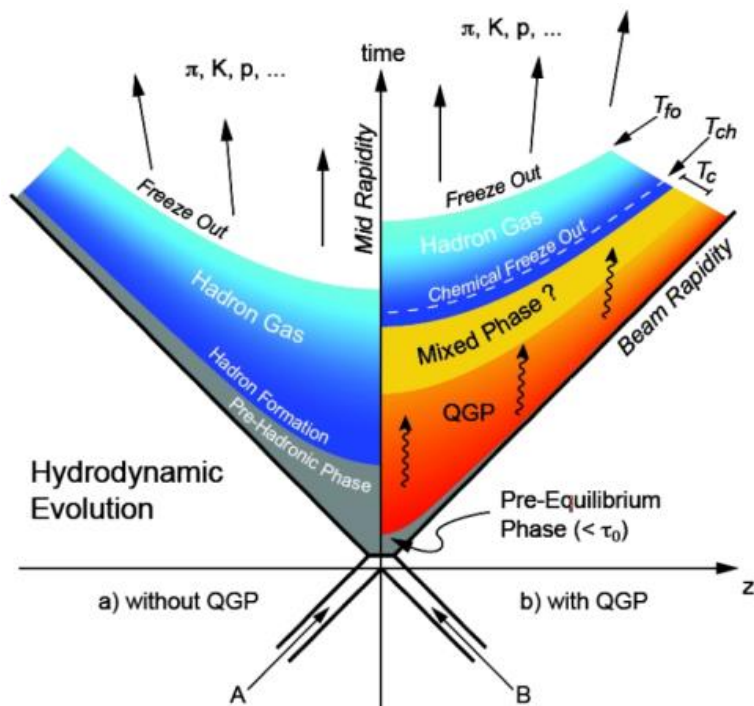
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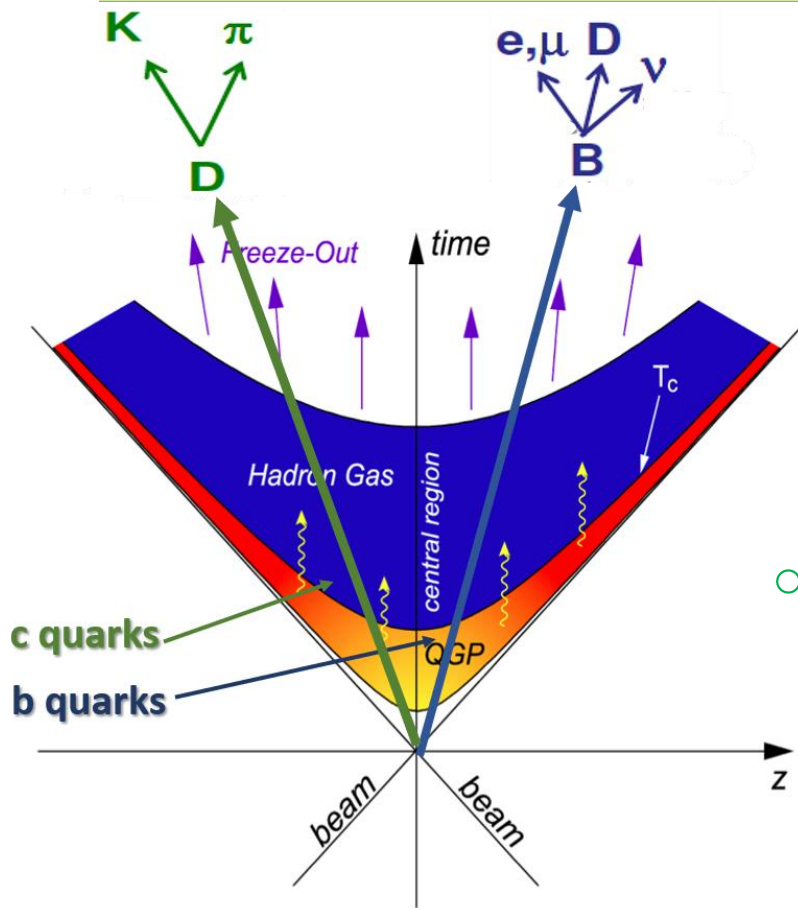
# QUARK-GLUON PLASMA

- At very high temperature and/or density, a phase transition from ordinary matter to a colour-deconfined medium is predicted
- New state of matter called *Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)*

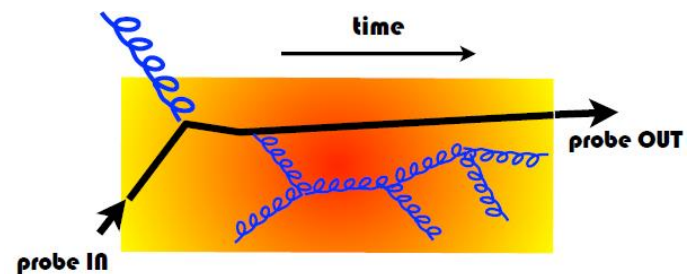


- The QGP can be recreated in laboratory via ultra-relativistic Heavy-Ion (HI) collisions.
  - Different phases:
    - pre-equilibrium
    - QGP
    - hadronization
    - freeze out
- Experimental investigation of the QGP with HI collisions celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year (SPS, RHIC, LHC)

# HEAVY-FLAVOUR PRODUCTION



- **Heavy (charm and beauty) quarks:** powerful probes for the Quark Gluon Plasma created in HI collisions
  - Produced in the early stages of the collision, they experience the whole evolution of the medium, interacting with its constituents via elastic scatterings and gluon radiations.
- Expected less energy loss w.r.t. light quarks and gluons in the QCD medium  
→ Higher penetrating power



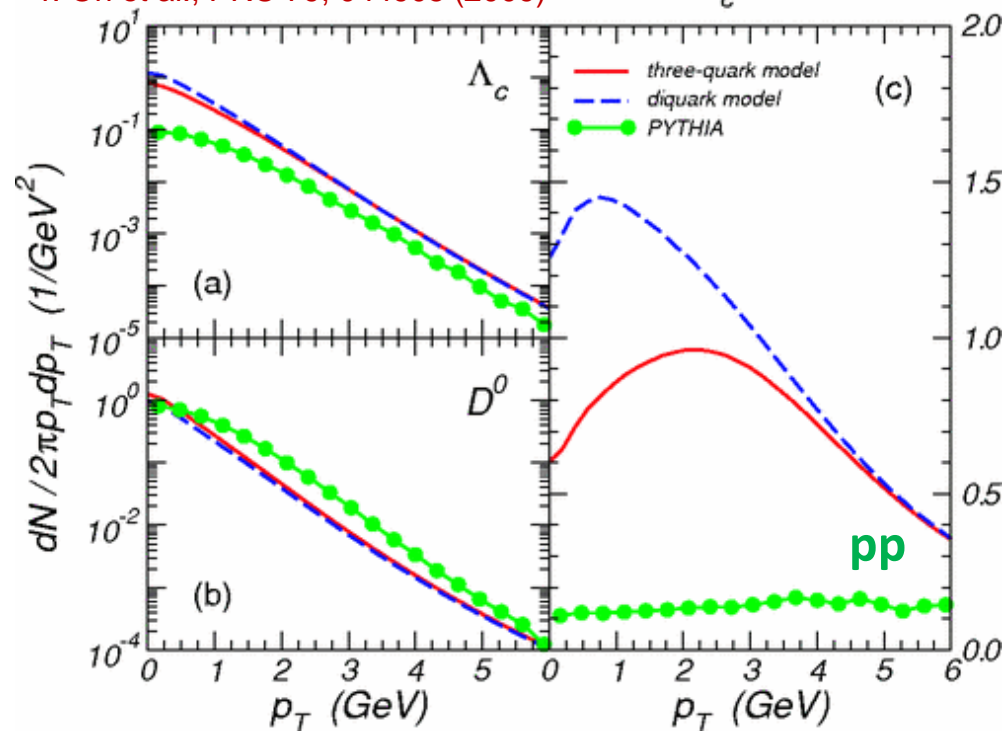
# HEAVY BARYON PRODUCTION

- Understand **hadronisation processes** in the QGP: measuring the baryon/meson ratio



Y. Oh et al., PRC 79, 044905 (2009)

$$\Lambda_c / D^0$$



- Enhancement of  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  (and  $\Lambda_b^+ / \bar{B}^0$ ) ratio predicted in coalescence models.
- Further enhancement expected if thermalised light diquark states exist in the QGP.

# HEAVY FLAVOUR PRODUCTION

*..HF studies important also in small systems!*

## ○ In pp collisions

- Production cross section computed using perturbative QCD ( $p$ QCD) calculations down to low  $p_T$

$$d\sigma_{AB \rightarrow h}^{hard} = f_{b/B}(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_{a/A}(x_2, Q^2) \otimes d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow c}^{hard}(x_1, x_2, Q^2) \otimes D_{c \rightarrow h}(z, Q^2)$$

Parton Distribution Functions  
(not perturbative)

$p$ QCD

Fragmentation Function  
(not perturbative)

- Test of  $p$ QCD calculations at the TeV domain
- Reference for p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions
- Baryon /meson ratio sensitive to the hadronisation mechanisms.

## ○ In p-Pb collisions

- Reference for Pb-Pb collisions
- Study cold nuclear matter (CNM) effects in the initial and final states.
- Address possible collective effects resembling what observed in heavy-ion collisions
- Small QGP formed also in p-Pb collisions?

# The ALICE apparatus

**Inner Tracking System (ITS)**  
vertexing, tracking  
 $|\eta| < 0.9$

**V0**  
Trigger and centrality  
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## Data samples:

### pp collisions:

- **RUN 1**  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV :  $\sim 3 \times 10^8$  events,  $L_{\text{int}} = 6.0 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
- **RUN 2**  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  TeV :  $\sim 9.8 \times 10^8$  events,  $L_{\text{int}} = 19.6 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

### p-Pb collisions: $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV:

- **RUN 1**  $\sim 10^8$  events collected in 2013,  $L_{\text{int}} = 48.6 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- **RUN 2**  $\sim 6 \times 10^8$  events collected in 2016,  $L_{\text{int}} = 292 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

### Pb-Pb collisions @ $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV

- **RUN 2**  $\sim 10^8$  events collected in 2015,  $L_{\text{int}} = 13.4 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$   
 $\sim 1.7 \times 10^8$  events collected in 2018,  $L_{\text{int}} = 112.3 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- **TOF**: (0-10% centrality) and  $L_{\text{int}} = 49.0 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$  (30-50% centrality)

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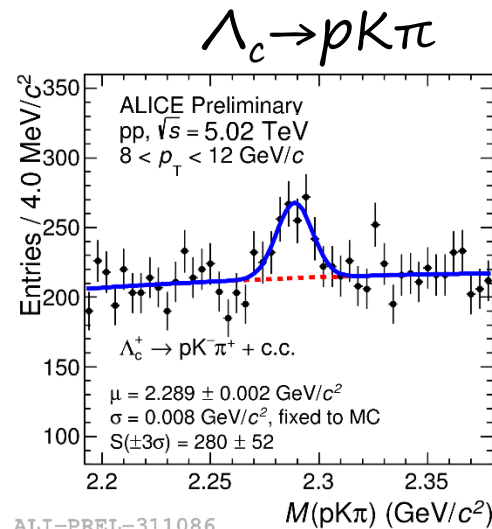
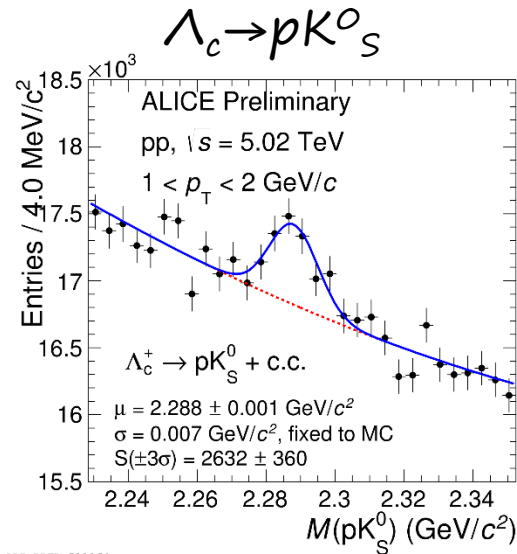
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## Hadronic decays

- Reconstruction of secondary vertex, displaced from primary vertex.
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- Signal extraction from invariant mass distribution, in each individual  $p_T$  interval.



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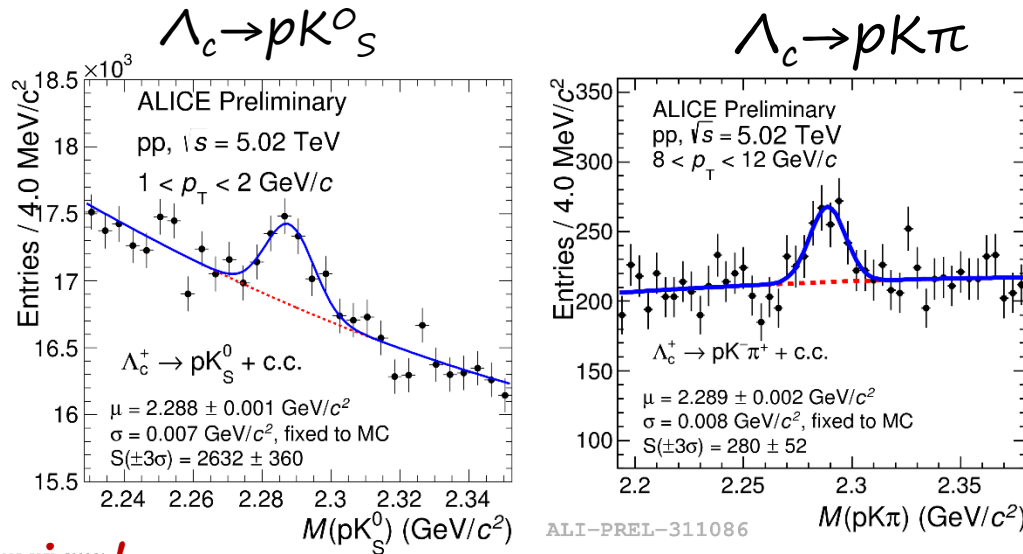
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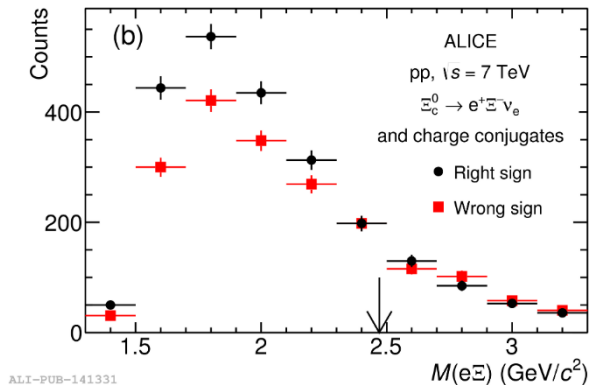
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Baryon  $\Xi_c^+$   
 M = 2471 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
 Quark:  $usc$   
 $\tau = 34$   $\mu\text{m}$

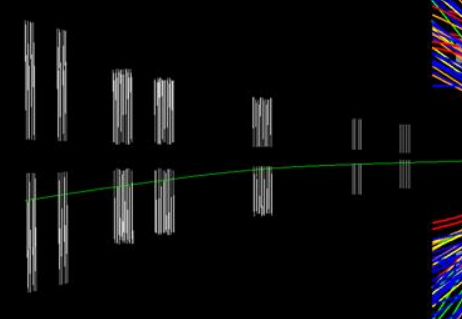
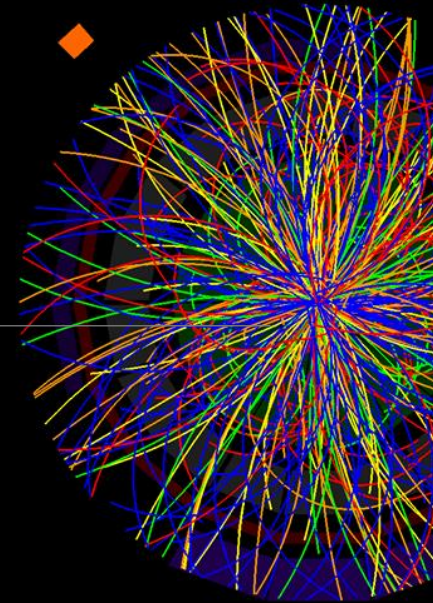
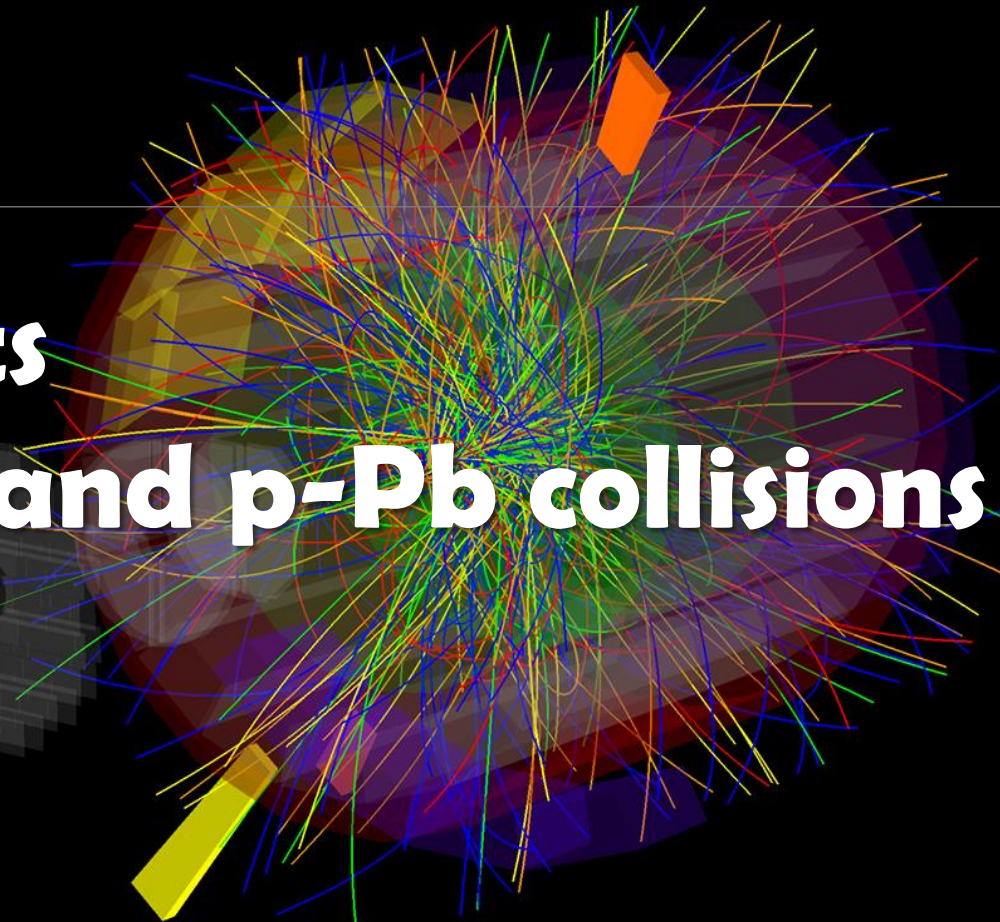
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$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^- \nu_e$	Unknown

## Semileptonic decays

- Wrong-Sign (WS)  $e^-\Lambda$  ( $e^-\Xi^-$ ) pairs subtracted from Right-Sign (RS)  $e^+\Lambda$  ( $e^+\Xi^-$ ) spectra, to estimate the combinatorial background.
- Unfolding technique used to convert the  $e^+\Lambda$  ( $e^+\Xi^-$ )  $p_T$  spectrum in  $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $\Xi_c^0$ )

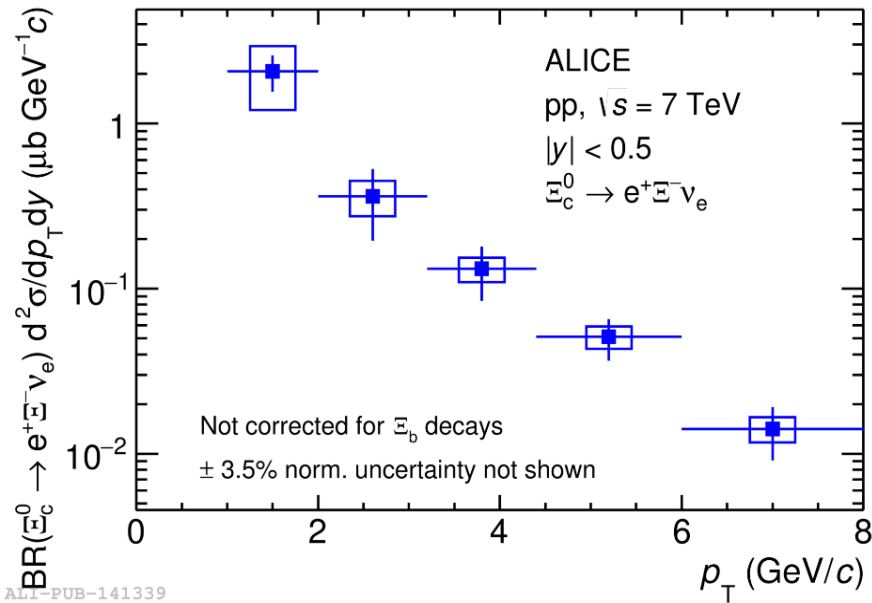


# Results in pp and p-Pb collisions



# Results from Run1 for $\Xi_c^0$

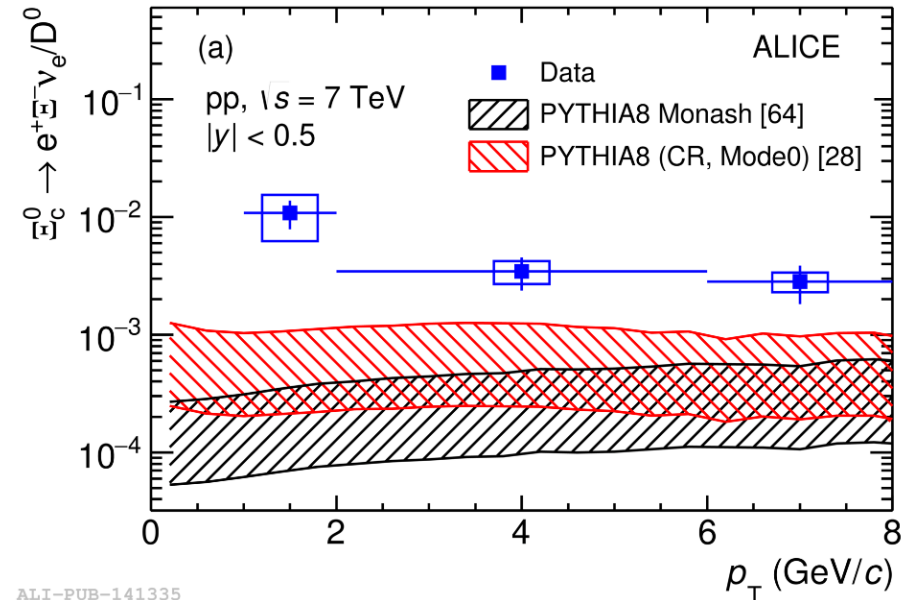
## First measurement of $\Xi_c^0$ production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV



- $\Xi_c^0$  cross section x B.R. ( $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-\nu_e$ ) in  $1 < p_T < 8$  GeV/c

B.R. ( $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-\nu_e$ ) not known, high uncertainty bands in the theoretical predictions.

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PYTHIA8 Monash: P. Skands et al., Eur. Phys. J. C (2014) 74:3024  
Colour reconnection (CR): J. R. Christiansen and P. Skands, JHEP 08 (2015) 003

- Baryon/meson  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+\Xi^-\nu_e / D^0$  ratio higher than theoretical predictions.
- **PYTHIA8** with enhanced colour reconnection mechanisms closer to data.

# $\Lambda_c^+$ cross section in pp collisions

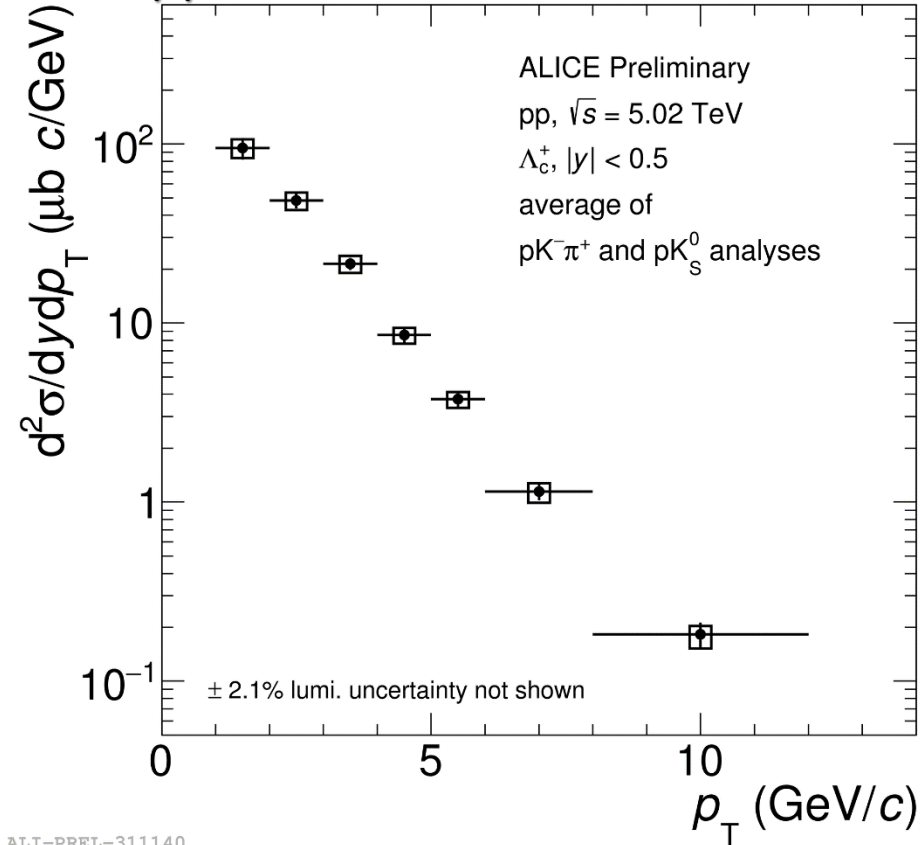
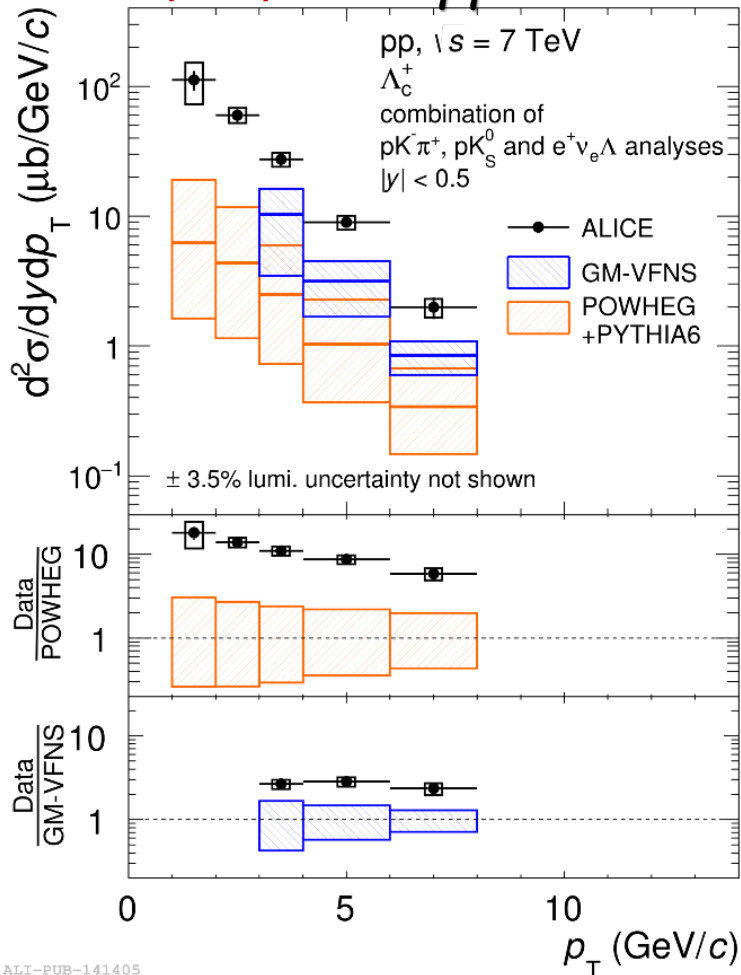


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pp@7TeV

pp@5.02TeV (Run2)



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Measurements in pp@5TeV in wider  $p_T$  range

Important reference for Pb-Pb and p-Pb collisions.

GM-VFNS

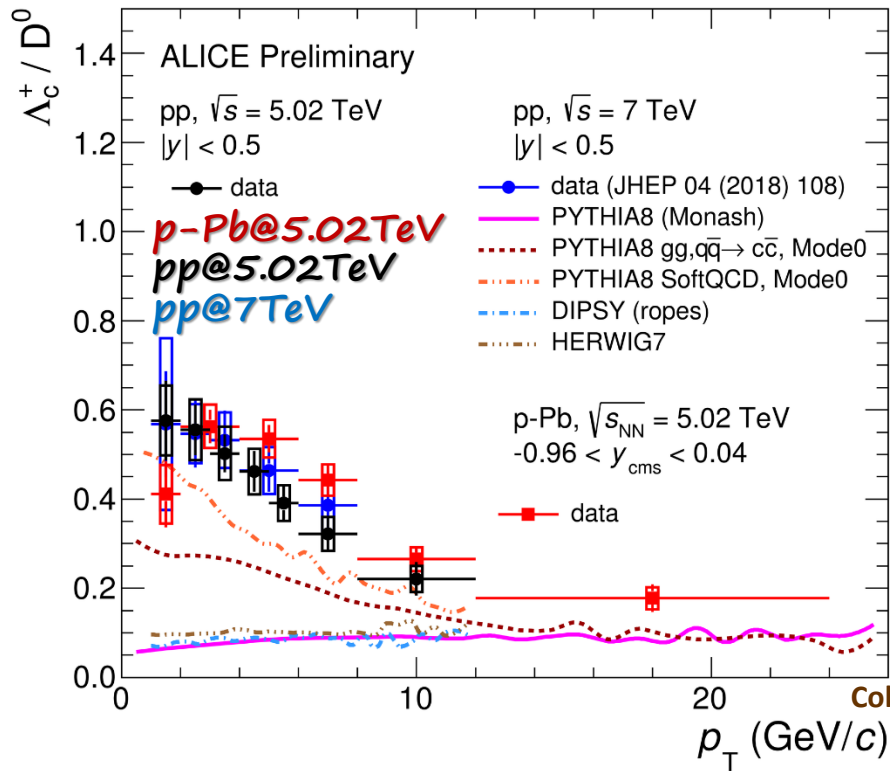
Eur. Phys. J. C41, 199 (2005)

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JHEP0709, 126 (2007)

- $\Lambda_c^+$   $p_T$ -differential cross section **underestimated** by theoretical models in pp (and p-Pb, see backup) collisions

# Results for $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$



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DIPSY: JHEP 08 (2011) 103

HERWIG7: Eur. Phys. J. C58 (2008) 639-707

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- All the models underestimate data.
  - PYTHIA8 with enhanced colour reconnection mode closer to data.
- p-Pb results agree with pp ones within uncertainties.

# Total charm cross section



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	Extr. factor to $p_T > 0$	$d\sigma/dy _{ y <0.5}$ ( $\mu\text{b}$ )
$D^0$	$1.0002^{+0.0004}_{-0.0002}$	$500 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 39(\text{syst}) \pm 18(\text{lumi}) \pm 5(\text{BR})$
$D^+$	$1.25^{+0.29}_{-0.09}$	$227 \pm 18(\text{stat}) \pm 25(\text{syst}) \pm 8(\text{lumi}) \pm 6(\text{BR})^{+52}_{-16}(\text{extrap})$
$D^{*+}$	$1.21^{+0.28}_{-0.08}$	$251 \pm 29(\text{stat}) \pm 24(\text{syst}) \pm 9(\text{lumi}) \pm 3(\text{BR})^{+58}_{-16}(\text{extrap})$
$D_s^+$	$2.23^{+0.71}_{-0.65}$	$89 \pm 18(\text{stat}) \pm 11(\text{syst}) \pm 3(\text{lumi}) \pm 3(\text{BR})^{+28}_{-26}(\text{extrap})$

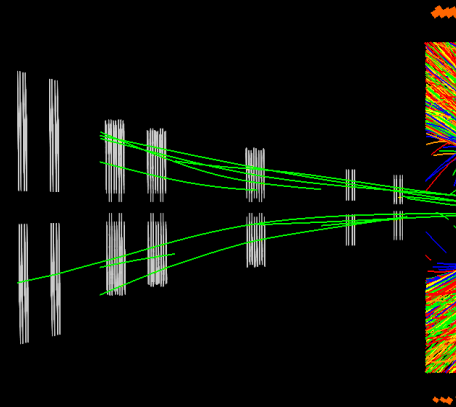
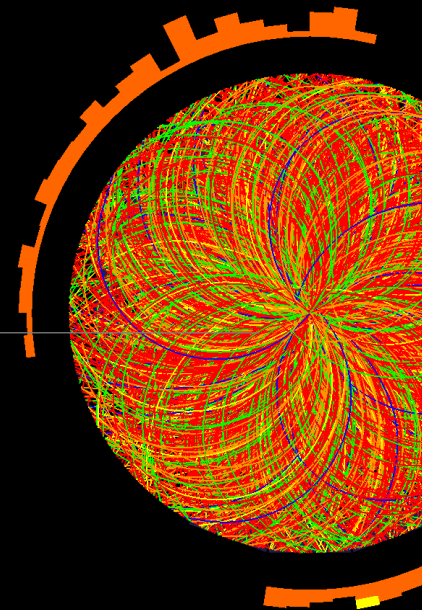
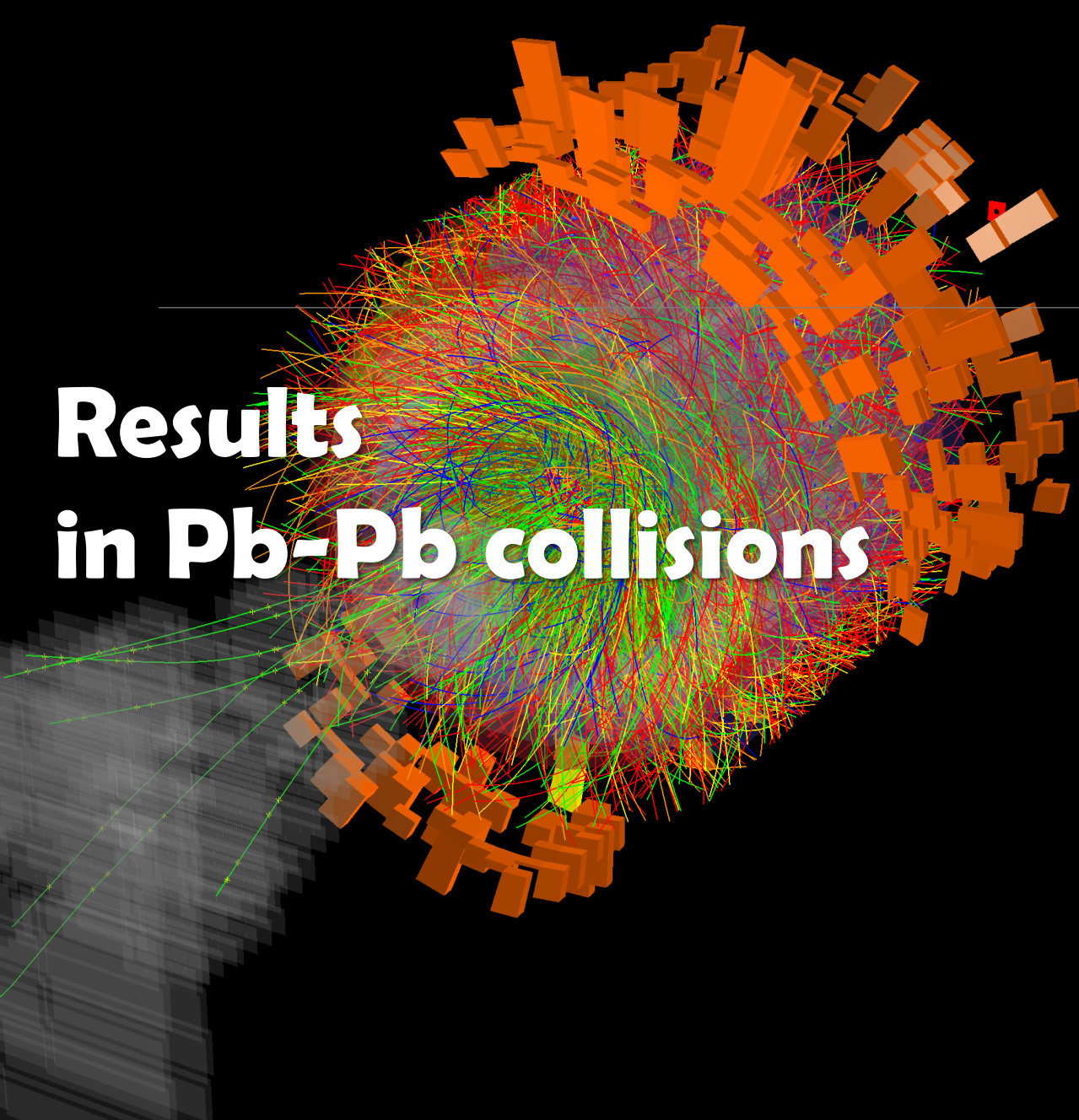


$$d\sigma_{pp,7\text{TeV}}^{c\bar{c}}/dy|_{|y|<0.5} = 954 \pm 69(\text{stat}) \pm 97(\text{tot. syst.}) \mu\text{b}.$$

- $\Lambda_c$  cross section measurement will allow to estimate the total charm production cross section at mid-rapidity in pp collisions @ 5TeV

**$\Lambda_c$  cross section extrapolation down to  $p_T = 0$   
in progress**

# Results in Pb-Pb collisions

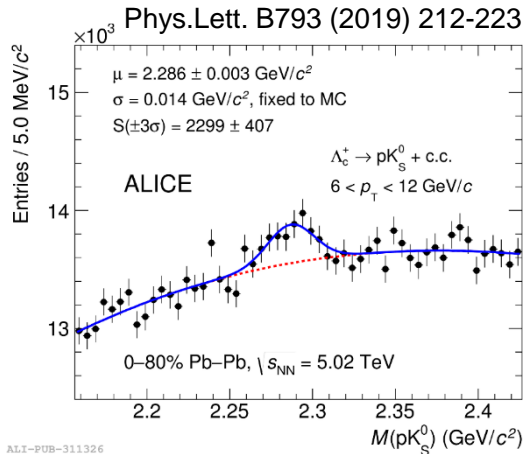


# $\Lambda_c$ production in Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC



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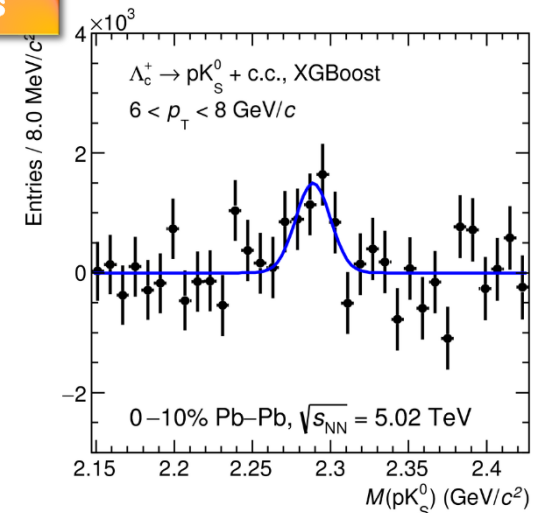
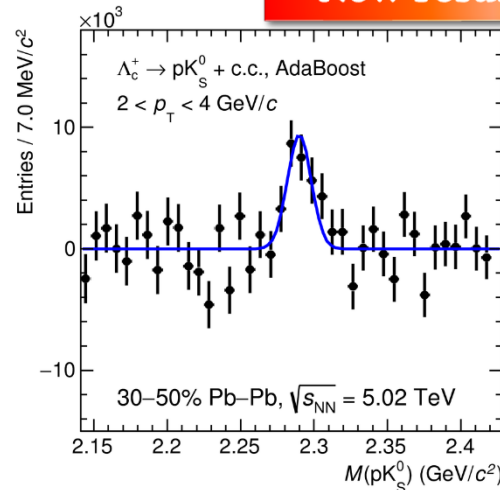
- First analysis of  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_S^0$  with topological cut selection in 0-80 % centrality and for  $6 < p_T < 12$  GeV/c.



- **Analysis of the latest Run 2 Pb-Pb 2018 data**
- Machine Learning algorithms used to reduce the background

Topological, kinematical and PID variables used as training for ML

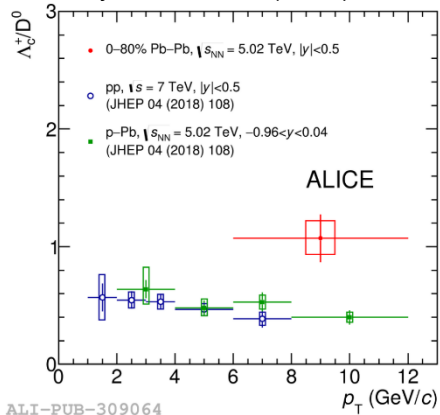
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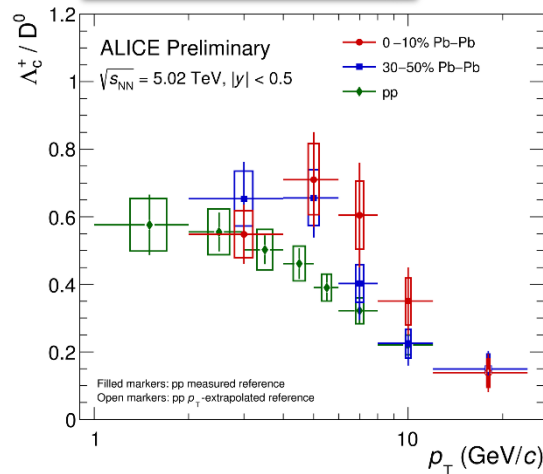


# Baryon to meson ratio: $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$

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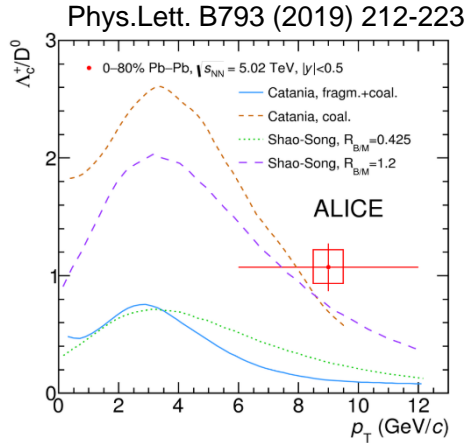


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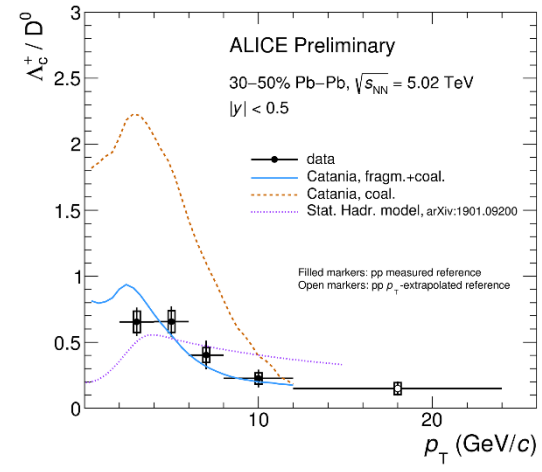
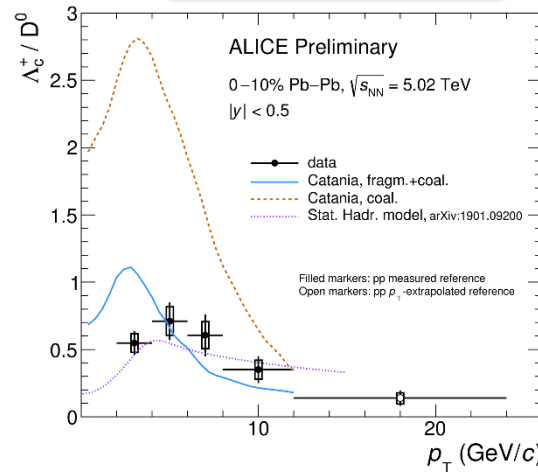


- Hint of higher  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  than in pp (and p-Pb) collisions.
- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio in central collisions higher than in peripheral collisions

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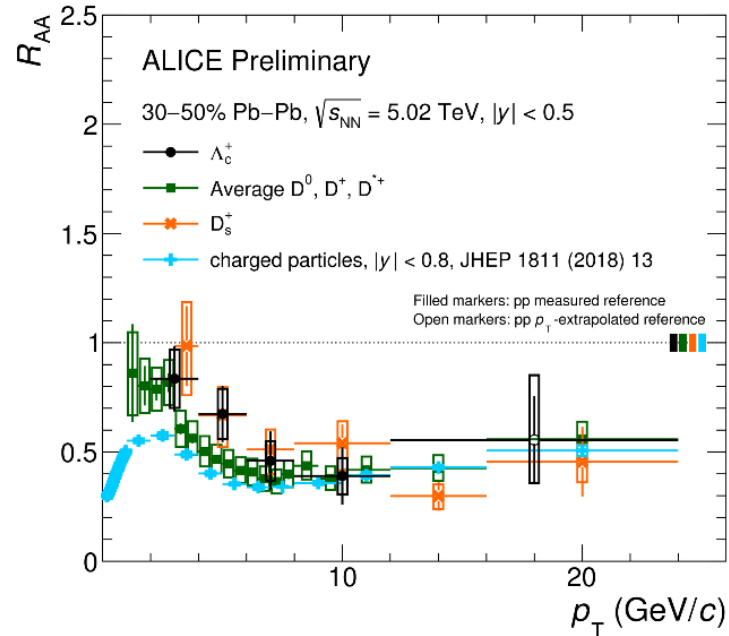
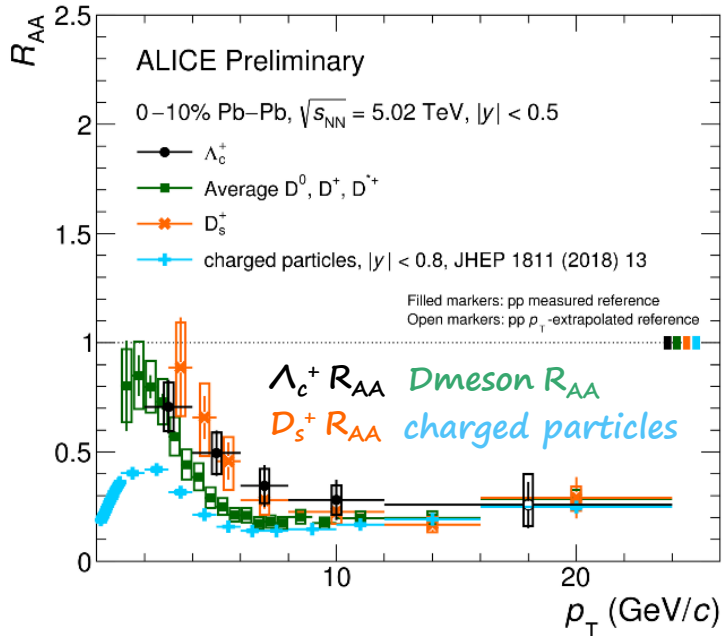
- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  results compatible with model calculations including both coalescence and fragmentation.

Catania: Eur.Phys.J.C (2018) 78:348  
Shao-Song: Phys. Rev. C 97, 064915

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

**New results**

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



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- Hint for a nuclear modification factor smaller for central collisions.
- Suggested hierarchy  $\Lambda_c^+ R_{AA} > (\text{non strange}) D\text{-meson } R_{AA} > \text{charged particles } R_{AA}$
- Comparison with  $D_s^+$  not straightforward, due to still high uncertainties

# Conclusions

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## $\Lambda_c$ in Pb-Pb collisions

- $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$ : Hint of enhancement with respect to pp and p-Pb collisions.
- $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  in Pb-Pb compatible by models including hadronisation via coalescence and fragmentation
- $\Lambda_c^+ R_{AA}$  measured in  $2 \leq p_T \leq 24$  GeV/c in 0-10% and 30-50% centrality intervals.
- *Further constraint on charmed baryon production mechanisms with higher precision: waiting for ALICE upgrade in RUN 3 + 4*

Thank You!



*Backup*

# Open HF in A-A collisions: Observables

## ❄ Parton energy loss

- $\Delta E$  depends on the parton color charge and mass, in-medium energy density, path length
- Investigated through the **Nuclear Modification Factor**

$$\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_{\text{charm}} > \Delta E_{\text{beauty}} \rightarrow R_{AA}^{\pi}(p_T) < R_{AA}^D(p_T) < R_{AA}^B(p_T) ?$$

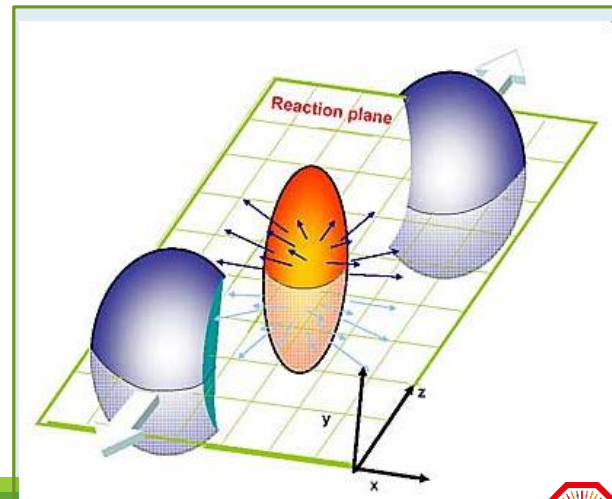
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

PLB 519 (2001) 199, PLB 649 (2007)139

## ❄ Azimuthal anisotropy

- Initial spatial anisotropy  $\rightarrow$  azimuthally anisotropic momentum distribution
- non-central collisions
  - $\rightarrow$  anisotropy dominated by **elliptic flow**  $v_2$
  - **low**  $p_T$ :  $v_2$  sensitive to collective expansion
  - **high**  $p_T$ :  $v_2$  sensitive to path-length dependence of in-medium parton energy loss

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





# $\Lambda_c^+$ cross section in p-Pb collisions

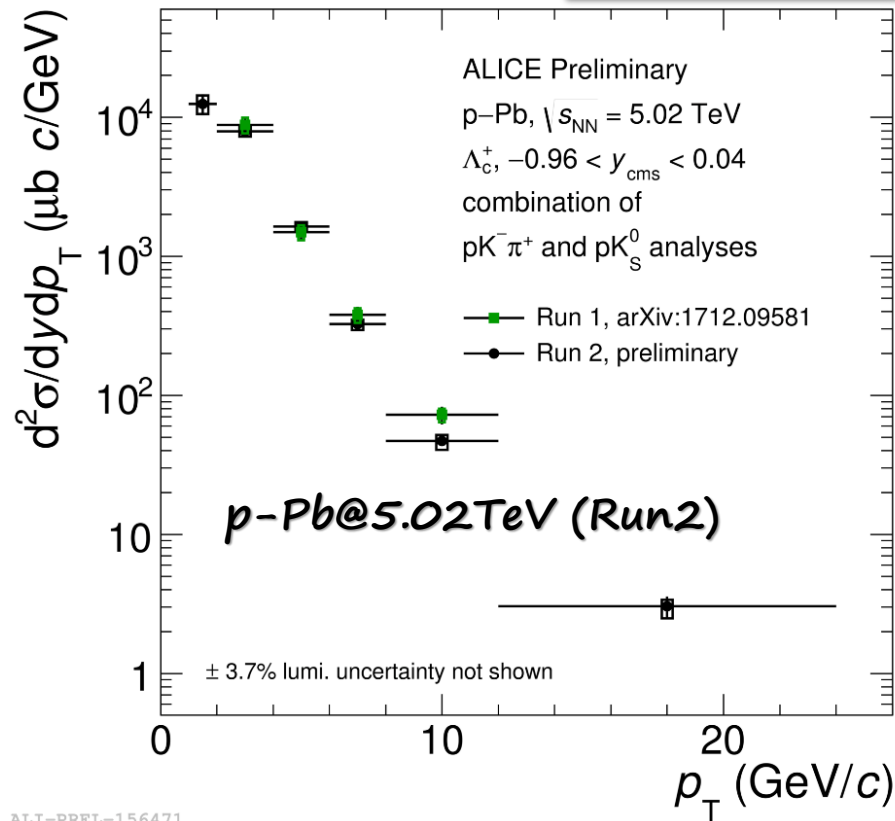
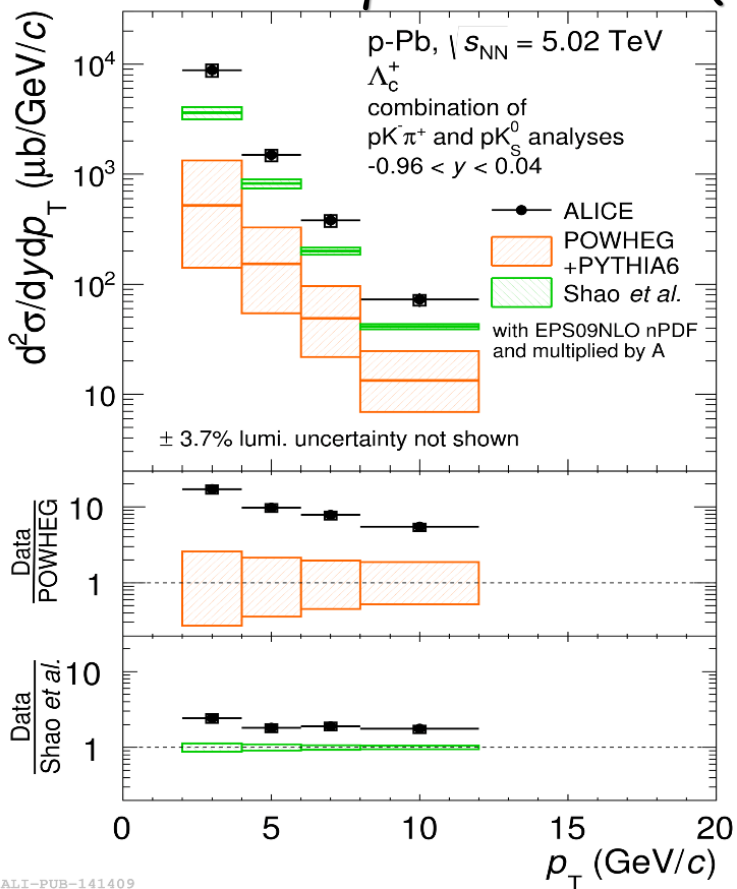


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p-Pb@5.02TeV (Run1)

Recent results from RunII



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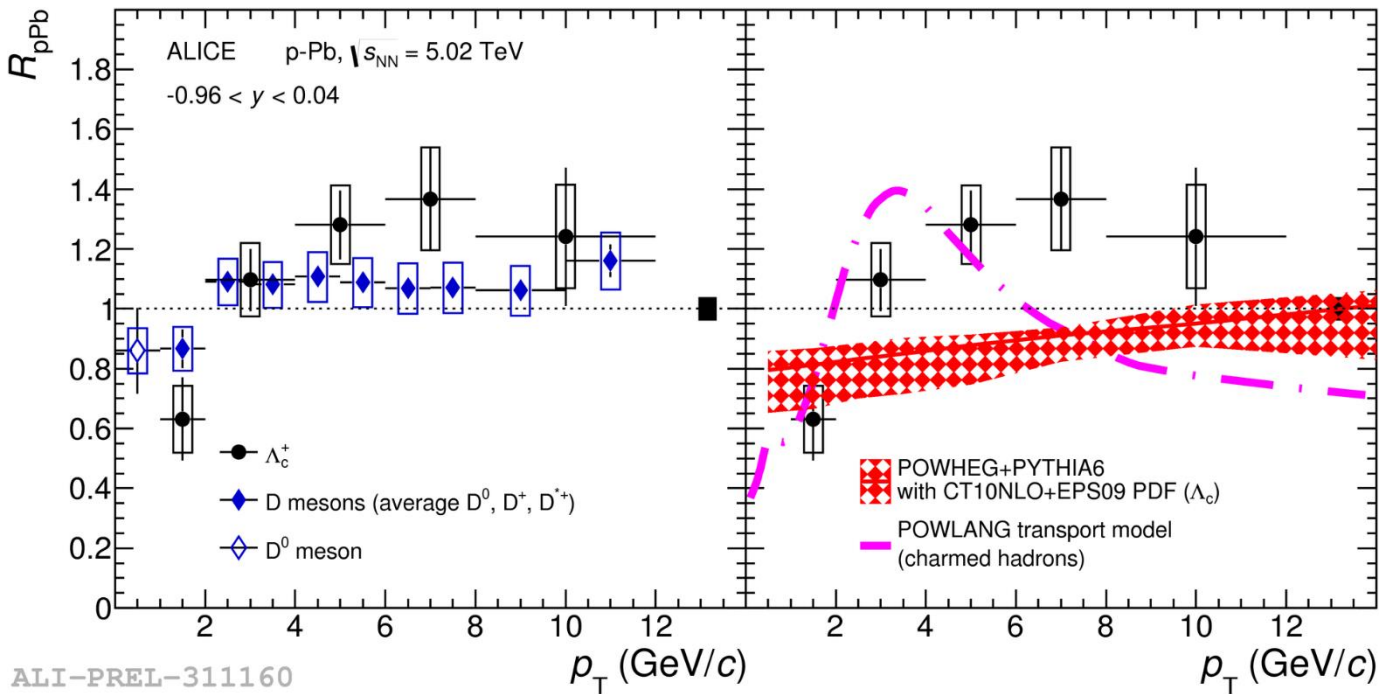
$\Lambda_c^+$   $p_T$ -differential cross section **underestimated** by theoretical models in p-Pb (and pp) collisions

POWHEG JHEP0709, 126 (2007)

Improved precision and extended  $p_T$  range with Run II data.

Lansberg and Shao  
Eur. Phys. J. C77, no. 1, 1 (2017)

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



$$R_{pPb} = \frac{d\sigma_{pPb}/dp_T}{A \times d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

pp reference:

last measurement at 5 TeV

- $\Lambda_c^+ R_{pPb}$  compatible with unity
- Compatible with D-meson  $R_{pPb}$

○ **Compatible with models within uncertainties:**

- **POWHEG+PYTHIA6 with CT10NLO+EPS09 PDF - only CNM effects included**

- **POWLANG – small QGP formation included**

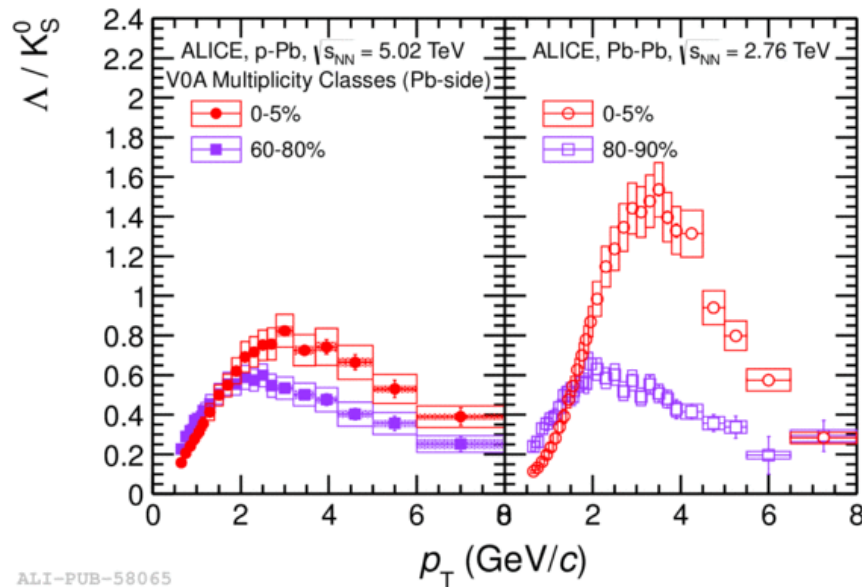
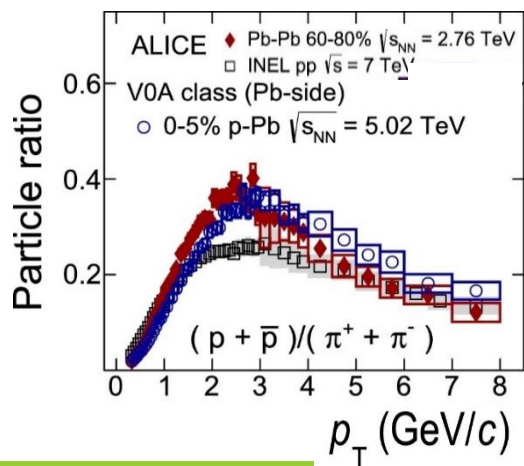
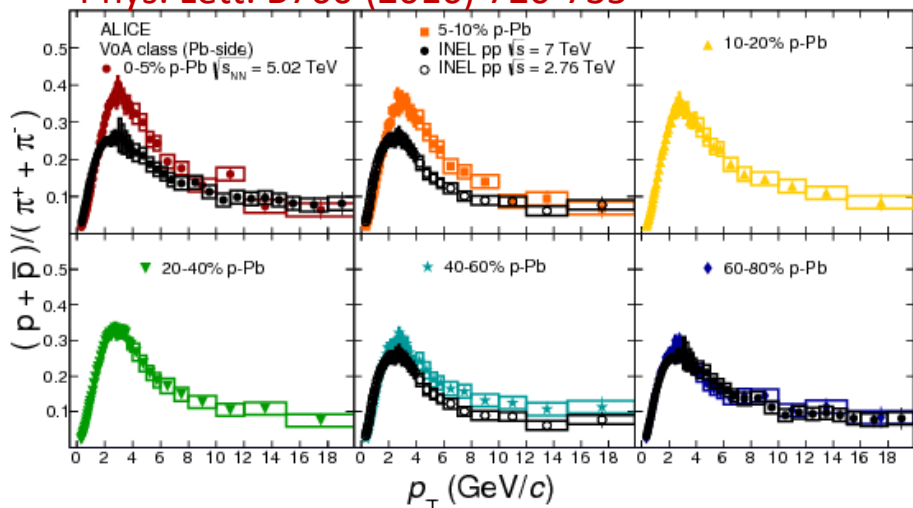
POWHEG +PYTHIA parton shower: JHEP 0709:126,2007

POWLANG: JHEP03(2016)123

# Physics motivations

- ALICE and CMS observed enhancement of baryon/meson ratio at intermediate  $p_T$  in High Multiplicity (HM) pp and p-Pb collisions.
  - Similar to what was observed in HI collisions

Phys. Lett. B760 (2016) 720-735



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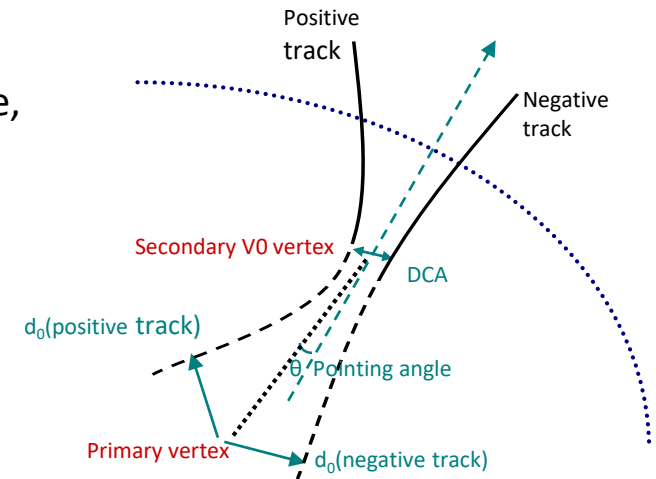
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- Measurement in pp collisions:
  - Important to test predictions from pQCD and the models of hadronisation in vacuum.
- Measurement in p-Pb collisions:
  - Important to distinguish cold-nuclear-matter (CNM) effects, that can affect the charm hadron production.
- Baryon/meson ratio particularly sensitive to the fragmentation process.
  - Differences observed in pp collisions (CDF+LHCb) with respect to  $e^+e^-$  collisions (LEP) in the beauty sector <http://pdg.lbl.gov/2017/reviews/rpp2017-rev-b-meson-prod-decay.pdf>
    - hint of non-universal fragmentation fractions for baryons in the beauty sector

# $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p K_S^0$ analysis strategy

- $K_S^0$  candidate reconstructed from pairs of opposite-sign tracks forming a vertex displaced from the interaction vertex, according to track selection and topological cuts:
  - Distance of closest approach (DCA), Cosine of pointing angle,  $p_T(K_S^0 \text{ daughters})$ ,  $d_0(K_S^0 \text{ daughters})$ ,  $m_{inv}(\pi^+\pi^-)$
- Proton candidates are selected, according to track quality selection and **PID** (the main selection, using TPC and TOF)
- **Built  $\Lambda_c$  candidate, combining  $K_S^0$  and proton candidates**
- Further selection to improve signal extraction, via two methods:
  - **Topological cuts on several variables (standard analysis - STD)**
  - **Cut on multivariate discriminator (TMVA)**
- Feed-down correction
- Efficiency and acceptance corrections
- Cross section estimate

$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p K_S^0$  B.R =  $(1.58 \pm 0.08)\%$   
and  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  B.R =  $(69.20 \pm 0.05)\%$



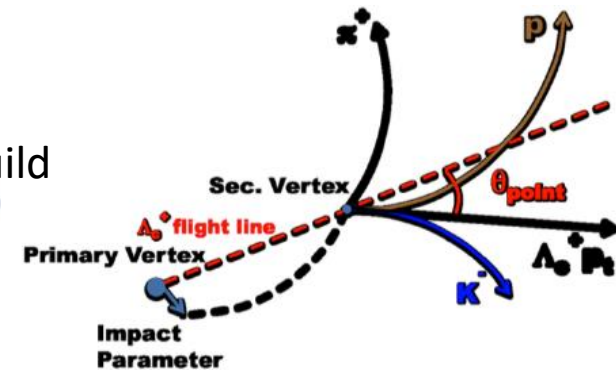
# $\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi$ analysis strategy

$\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi$  B.R =  $(6.35 \pm 0.33)\%$

## ○ $pK\pi$ candidate building

Pairs of opposite charge tracks selected. Third track added to build a triplet and secondary vertex of the triplet estimated.

**Cuts applied:** high-quality single track cuts, cuts on  $p_T$  daughters, quality of reconstructed vertex, DCA, cosine of  $\Lambda_c$  pointing angle (angle between the  $\Lambda_c$  flight line and the momentum of the reconstructed  $\Lambda_c$  candidate), Bayesian PID.



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# Charmed-hadron reconstruction

## Semileptonic decays

- Wrong-Sign (WS)  $e^- \Lambda$  ( $e^- \Xi^-$ ) pairs subtracted from Right-Sign (RS)  $e^+ \Lambda$  ( $e^+ \Xi^-$ ) spectra, to estimate the combinatorial background.

Baryon  $\Lambda_c^+$   
 $M = 2284 \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 Quark:  $udc$   
 $\tau = 60 \mu\text{m}$

Baryon  $\Xi_c^+$   
 $M = 2471 \text{ MeV}/c^2$   
 Quark:  $usc$   
 $\tau = 34 \mu\text{m}$

- PID for electrons using TOF and TPC.

- Subtracted contributions from:

- $\Lambda_b^0$  ( $\Xi_b^0$ ) in WS spectra
- $\Xi_c^+$  in RS spectra, for  $\Lambda_c^+$  analysis.

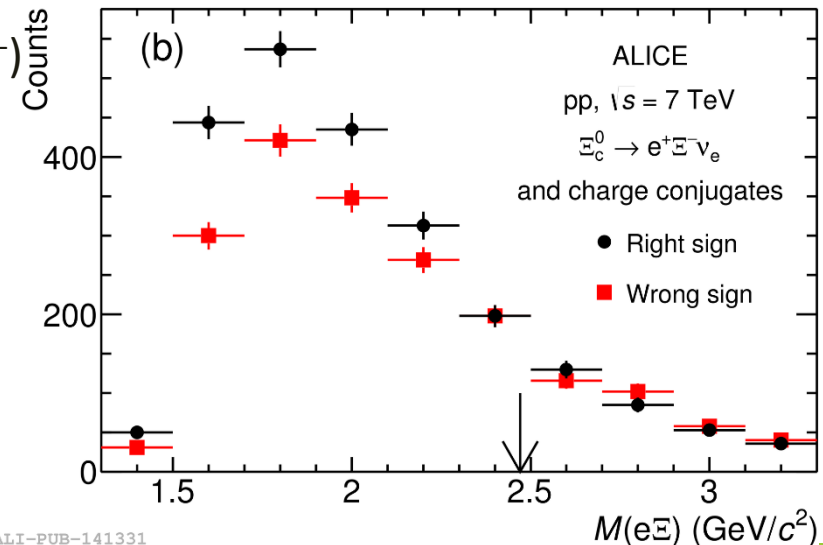
Decay	Branching fraction (%)
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow e^+ \Lambda v_e$	3.6
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- v_e$	Unknown

- Unfolding technique used to convert the  $e^+ \Lambda$  ( $e^+ \Xi^-$ )  $p_T$  spectrum in  $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $\Xi_c^0$ )

- Subtraction of contribution from beauty hadrons (only for  $\Lambda_c^+$ )

- Corrections for acceptance and efficiency

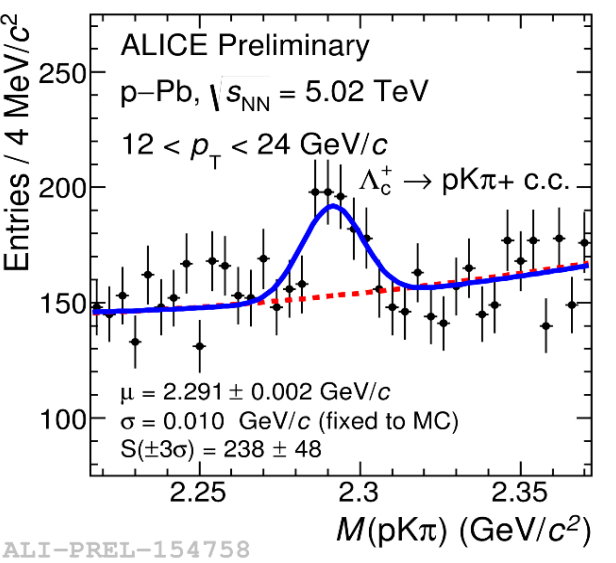
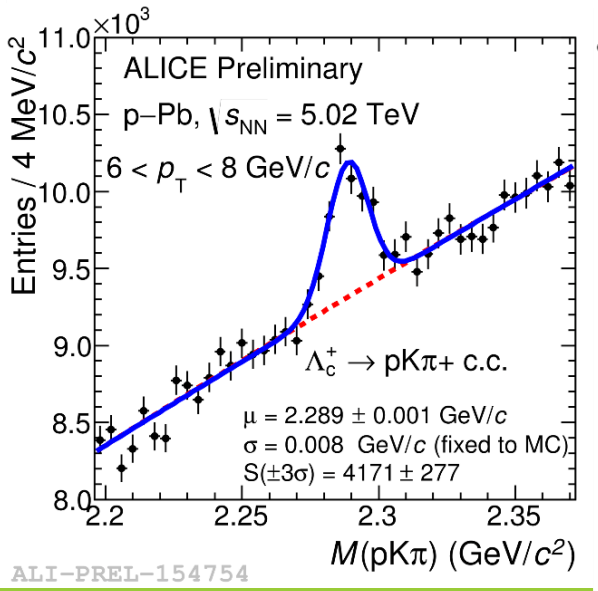
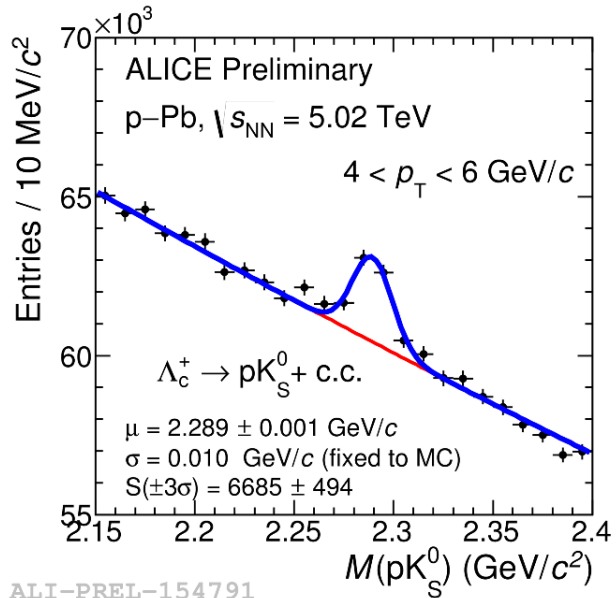
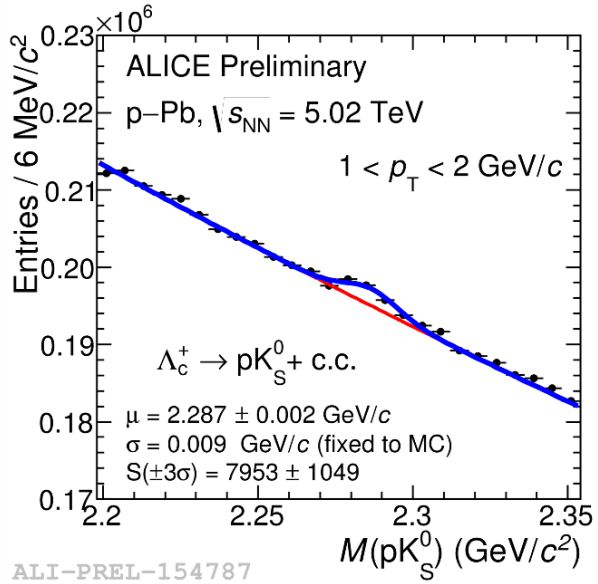
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# $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_S^0$ and $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^+\pi^-$ signal extraction in p-Pb

Recent results from RunII



- Signal extracted via an invariant-mass analysis.
- Decay topology selection and Multivariate approach (Boosted Decision Tree) used.
- Signal extracted in 1-24 GeV/c
- Wider and finer binning with respect to Run I.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.09581>



# Results from Run 1

○  $(\Lambda_c^+ / D^0)_{pp} = 0.543 \pm 0.061 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.160 \text{ (syst)}$ .

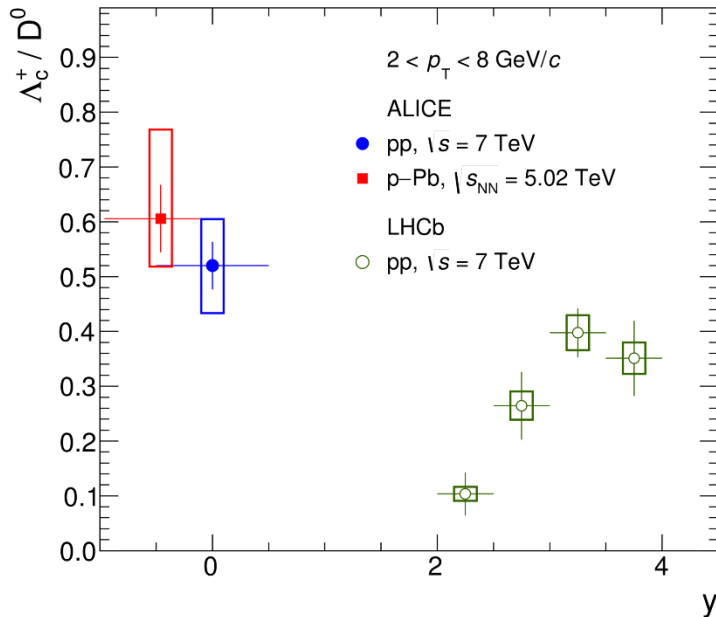
○  $(\Lambda_c^+ / D^0)_{p\text{-Pb}} = 0.603 \pm 0.060 \begin{matrix} +0.159 \\ -0.087 \end{matrix} \text{ (syst)}$

*$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio higher than previous measurements in  $e^+e^-$  and  $ep$ , and at lower centre-of-mass energies:*

	$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0 \pm \text{stat.} \pm \text{syst.}$	System	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Notes
CLEO	$0.119 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.019$	ee	10.55	
ARGUS	$0.127 \pm 0.031$	ee	10.55	
LEP average	$0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$	ee	91.2	
ZEUS DIS	$0.124 \pm 0.034 \begin{matrix} +0.025 \\ -0.022 \end{matrix}$	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	$0.220 \pm 0.035 \begin{matrix} +0.027 \\ -0.037 \end{matrix}$	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	$0.107 \pm 0.018 \begin{matrix} +0.009 \\ -0.014 \end{matrix}$	ep	320	$130 < W < 300 \text{ GeV}$ , $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ , $p_T > 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c$ , $ \eta  < 1.6$

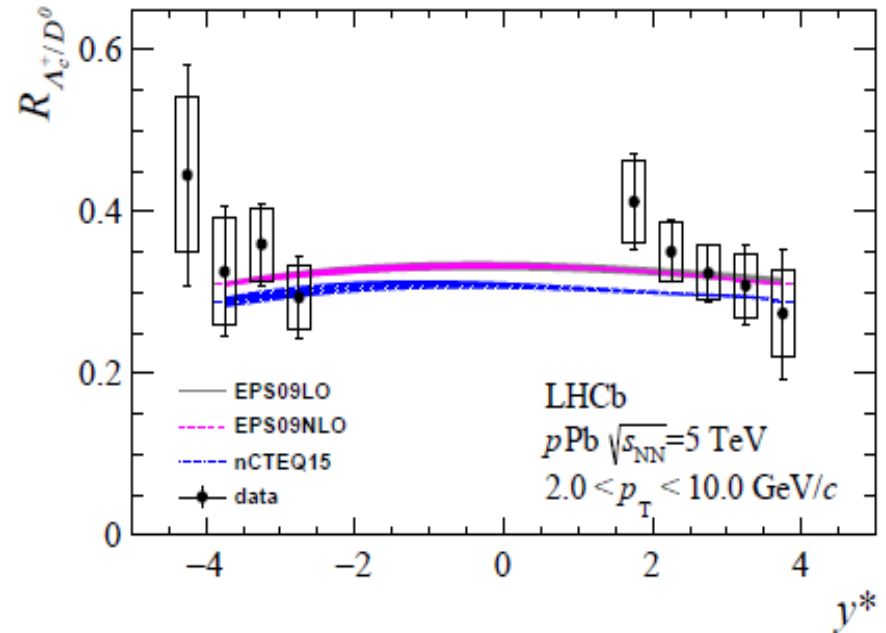
# $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ ratio vs LHCb

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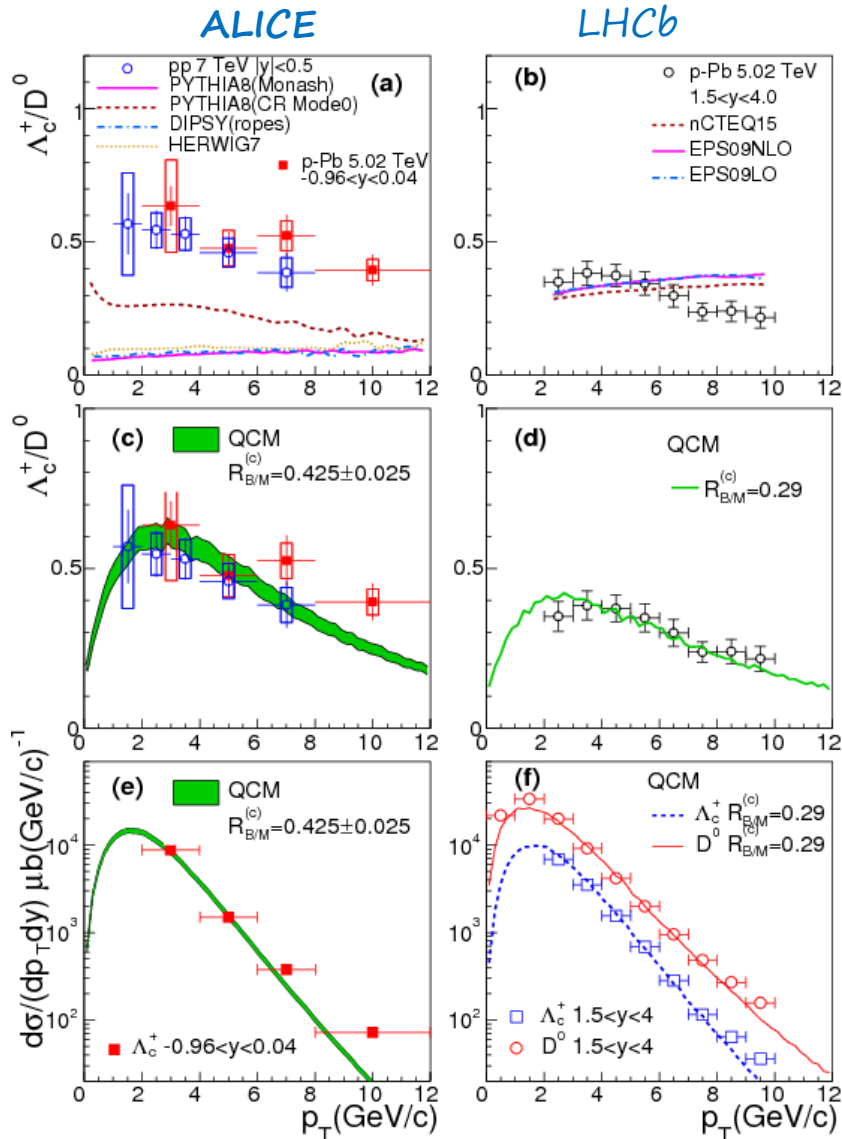
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- $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in p-Pb collisions recently measured by the LHCb experiment shows a flatter trend with rapidity, differently from pp results.
- Tendency for higher values at midrapidity (ALICE) than forward and backward rapidity (LHCb).

# Theorists at work after our paper

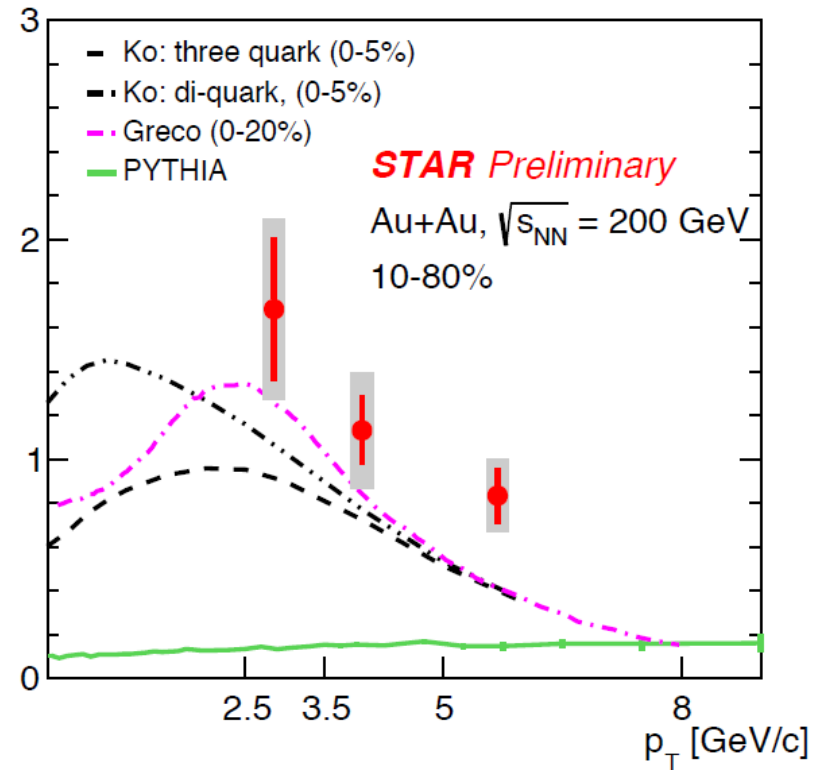
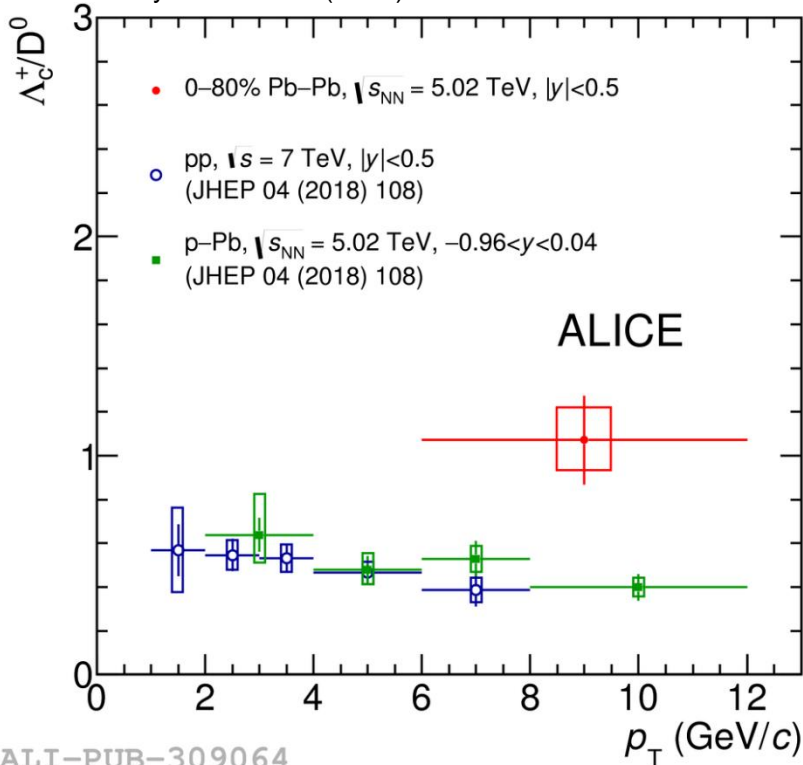
Hai-hong Li et al., arXiv:1712.08921



- Predictions using hadronization via recombination model reproduce ALICE results at central rapidity and the LHCb ones at forward rapidity in p-Pb collisions. [LHCb-CONF-2017-005](#)
- $R_{B/M}^{(c)}$  relative production of single-charm baryons to single-charm mesons, treated as parameter of the model.
- Initial  $p_T$  distributions of light and charm quarks are input of the models.

# First measurement of $\Lambda_c$ production in Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC

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$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  higher ( $2\sigma$ ) than that in pp and p-Pb collisions.

$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  results described by **model calculations including only coalescence.**

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$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  in  $6 < p_T < 12$  GeV/c similar to STAR values in 3-6 GeV/c.

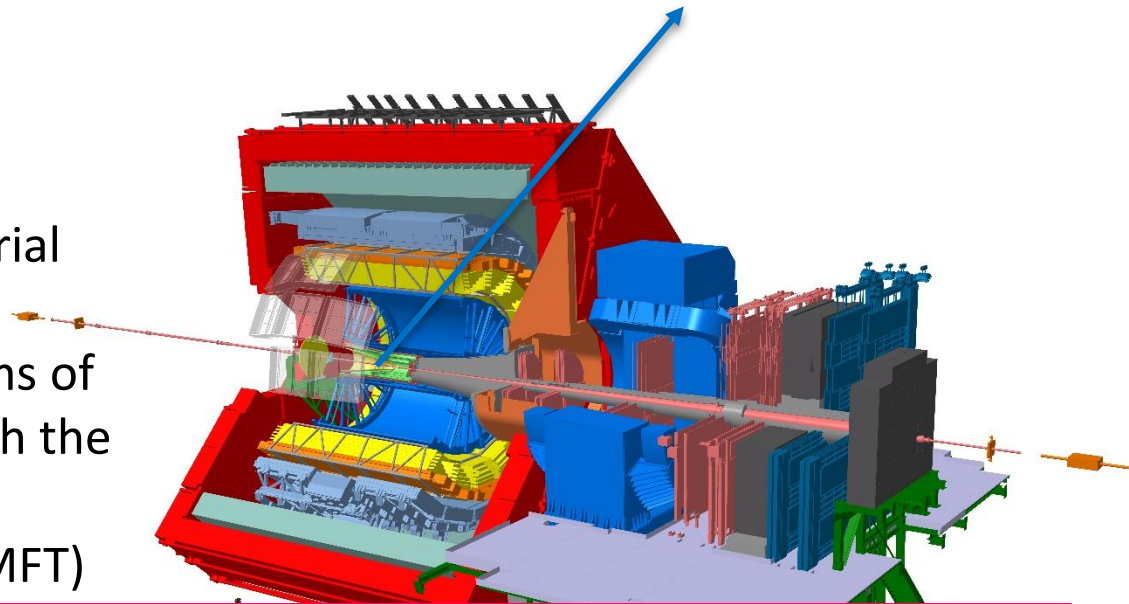
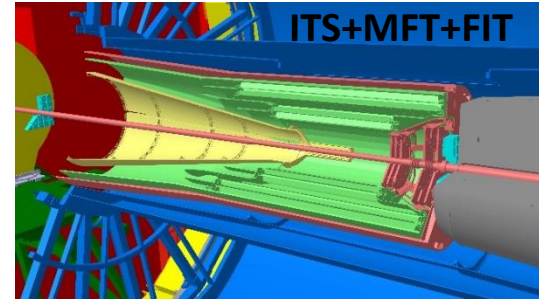
# ALICE upgrade

Data taking will start in 2021

- Significant upgrade foreseen, aiming at:
  - Improve impact parameter resolution by a factor 3
  - Improve vertexing and tracking at low  $p_T$
  - 50 kHz interaction rate in Pb-Pb (now < 10 kHz)

## How?

- New smaller radius beam pipe
- New inner tracking system:
  - high resolution, low material budget
- Upgrade of the readout systems of most subdetectors to cope with the high rate
- New Muon Forward Tracker (MFT)

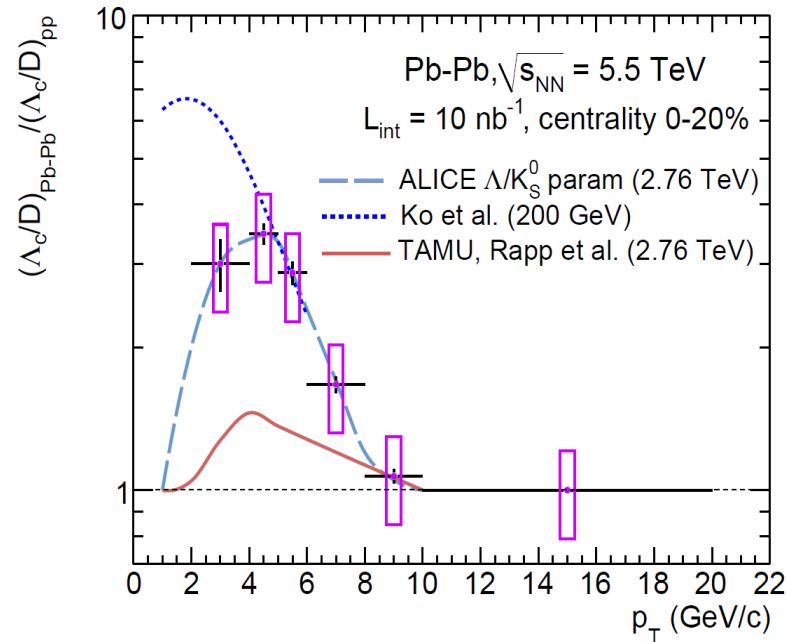
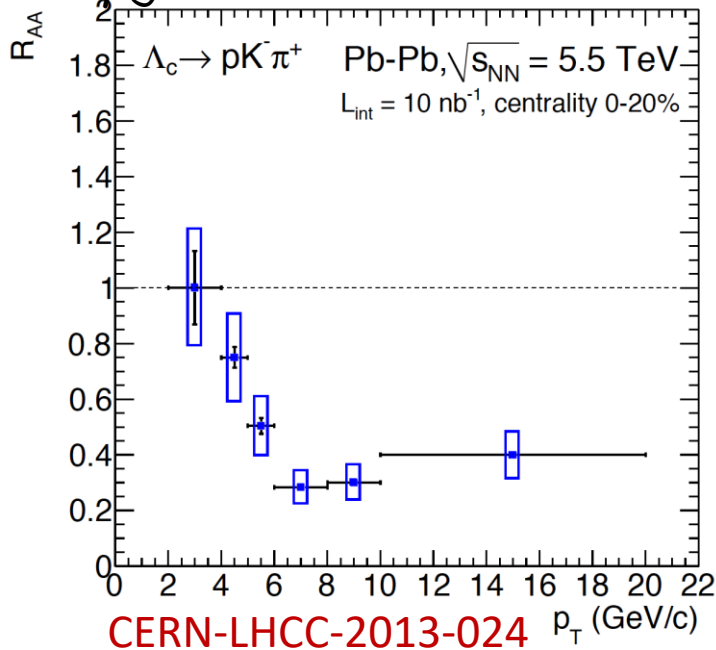


Main physics goal of the ALICE upgrade:

**Charm and beauty-hadron measurements down to very low  $p_T$**

# ALICE upgrade

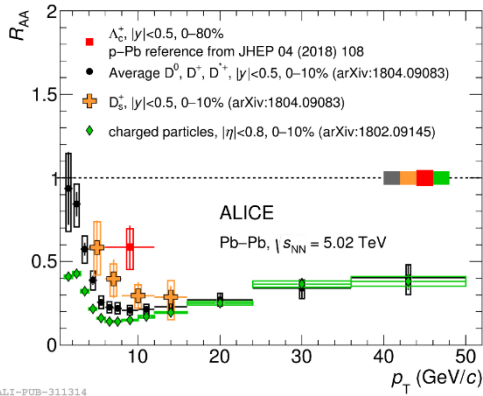
- $\Lambda_c^+$  measurement in Pb-Pb collisions: one of the main goal of the ALICE upgrade



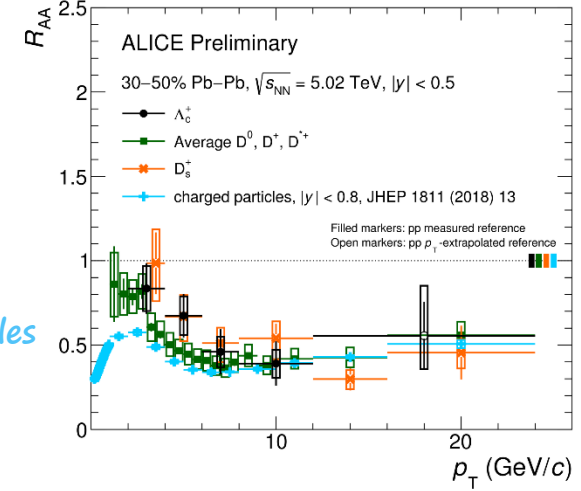
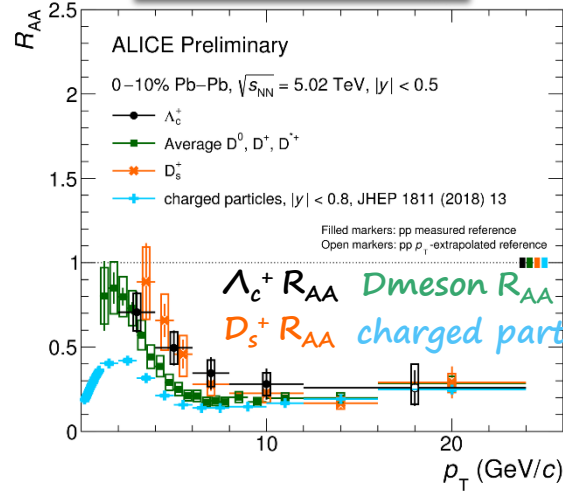
- $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  baryon/meson ratio and  $\Lambda_c^+$  baryon  $R_{AA}$  will be measured in charm sector with the upgraded ITS.
- Improvement in spatial resolution allows for a cleaner vertex identification.
  - ➔  $\Lambda_c^+$  production measurable down to 2 GeV/c.

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

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**New results**



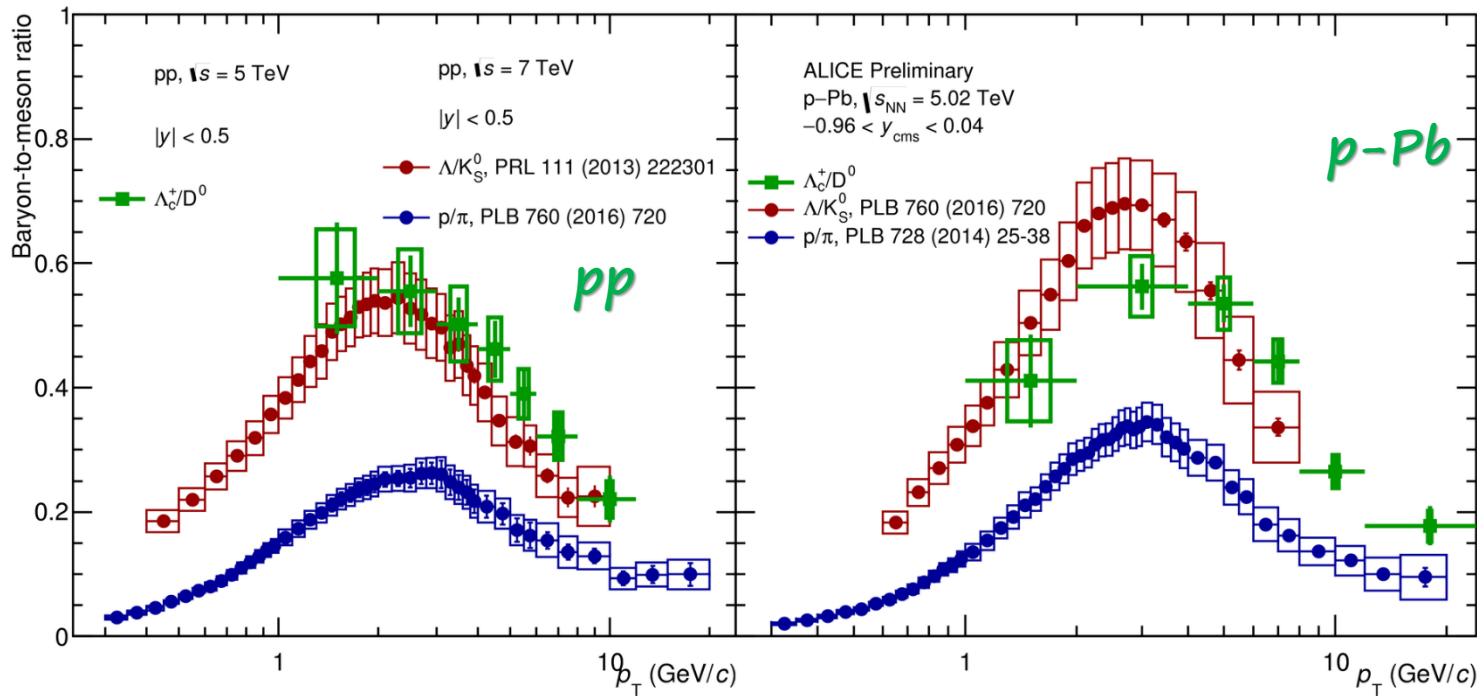
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- Hint for a nuclear modification factor smaller for central collisions.
- Suggested hierarchy  $\Lambda_c^+ R_{AA} > (\text{non strange}) D\text{-meson } R_{AA} > \text{charged particles } R_{AA}$
- Comparison with  $D_s^+$  not straightforward, due to still high uncertainties

# Results for $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$

$\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  vs  $\Lambda/K_S^0$  vs  $p/\pi$



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- Decreasing trend from  $p_T = 4$  GeV/c observed in pp and p-Pb collisions.
- Similar trend to baryon-to-meson ratio in the light-flavour sector.
  - baryon-to-meson ratio independent of quark content?



# Total cross section



ALICE

arxiv: 1901.07979, D meson production at 5 TeV

	Extr. factor to $p_T > 0$	$d\sigma/dy  _{ y <0.5}$ ( $\mu\text{b}$ )
$D^0$	$1.0000^{+0.0003}_{-0.0000}$	$447 \pm 20(\text{stat}) \pm 30(\text{syst}) \pm 9(\text{lumi}) \pm 5(\text{BR})$
$D^+$	$1.28^{+0.35}_{-0.09}$	$184 \pm 13(\text{stat}) \pm 13(\text{syst}) \pm 4(\text{lumi}) \pm 6(\text{BR})^{+50}_{-13}(\text{extrap})$
$D^{*+}$	$1.24^{+0.34}_{-0.08}$	$178 \pm 15(\text{stat}) \pm 14(\text{syst}) \pm 4(\text{lumi}) \pm 2(\text{BR})^{+48}_{-12}(\text{extrap})$
$D_s^+$	$2.35^{+0.78}_{-0.66}$	$95 \pm 9(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{syst}) \pm 2(\text{lumi}) \pm 3(\text{BR})^{+31}_{-26}(\text{extrap})$

$$\Lambda_c^+ = 245 \pm 14 (\text{stat.}) \pm 9 (\text{syst.})^{+33}_{-12} (\text{extrap})$$

$$= 245 \pm 14 (\text{stat.}) \pm 9 (\text{syst.})^{+60}_{-30} (\text{extrap})$$

Considering the  $\Lambda_c$  extrapolated cross section,

$$f(c \rightarrow D^0) = 0.389 \pm 0.033 (\text{stat.}) + 0.085 - 0.070 (\text{syst.})$$

$$f(c \rightarrow D^0) = 0.389 \pm 0.030 (\text{stat.}) + 0.094 - 0.059 (\text{syst.})$$

~ 20% lower than the value used in the previous total  $c\bar{c}$  cross section ( $0.542 \pm 0.024$ )

$c\bar{c}$  cross section per unit of rapidity at mid-rapidity calculated in [arXiv:1702.00766](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.00766) by dividing the prompt  $D^0$ -meson cross section by the  $f(c \rightarrow D^0)$

$$d\sigma_{pp,7\text{TeV}}^{c\bar{c}}/dy |_{|y|<0.5} = 954 \pm 69 (\text{stat}) \pm 74 (\text{syst}) \pm 33 (\text{lumi}) \pm 42 (\text{FF}) \pm 31 (\text{rap.shape}) \mu\text{b.}$$

**@5TeV:** Total cross section  $\sim 1149 \pm 33 (\text{stat.}) \pm 94(\text{syst.}) + 162 - 116 (\text{extrap.})$

summing the hadron cross sections with the uncertainties  $\sim 1149 \pm 33 (\text{stat.}) \pm 94(\text{syst.}) + 135 - 81 (\text{extrap.})$