



# Measurement of open heavy-flavour production in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC



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## Introduction: Why heavy flavours?

ALICE detector and heavy-flavour reconstruction

## Latest results in pp and p-Pb collisions

- $p_T$ -differential cross section
- Open heavy-flavour production as a function of charged-particle multiplicity
- Nuclear modification factor
- Centrality dependent nuclear modification factor
- Angular correlation of D mesons with charged particles

## Summary



# Why heavy flavours?



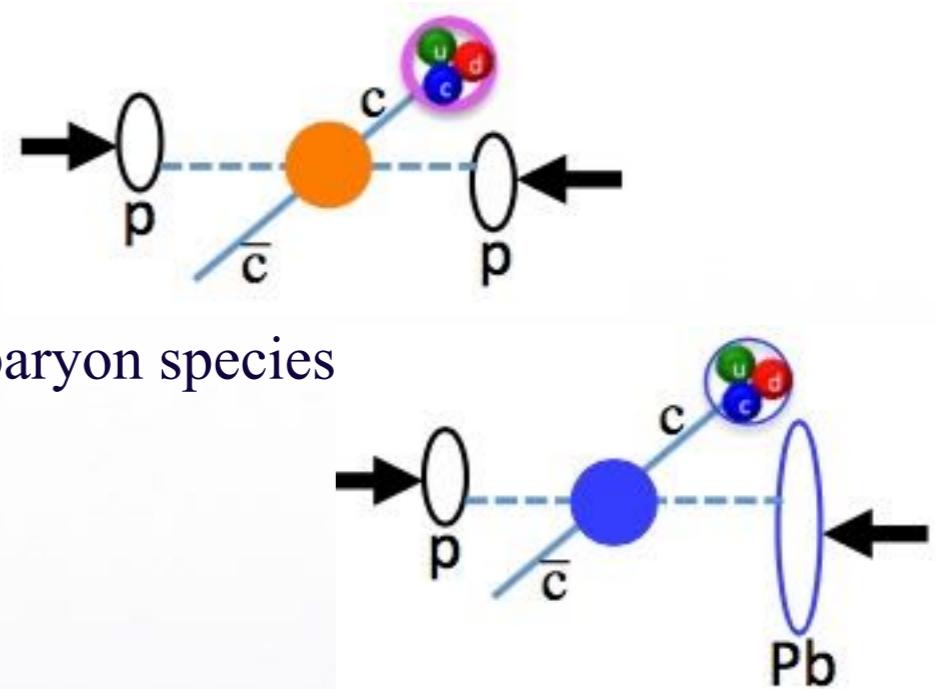
→ Heavy quarks (c and b quarks) are produced at the early stages of the collision (large  $Q^2$ ) **PLB 519 (2001) 199**

$\tau_p \sim 1/2m_c (\sim 0.07 \text{ fm}/c) < \text{QGP formation time} (\sim 0.1\text{-}1 \text{ fm}/c) \ll \text{QGP life time} (10 \text{ fm}/c)$

→ Experience the full collision history → Sensitive probes of the hot and dense QCD matter (QGP)

## Heavy flavours in pp collisions

- test pQCD predictions at the highest colliding energies
- insight into the production mechanisms
- shed light on c-quark hadronisation: different charmed meson/baryon species
- reference for p-A and A-A collisions



## Heavy flavours in p-A collisions

- control experiment for the Pb-Pb measurements
- address cold nuclear matter effects (Cronin enhancement, nuclear PDFs, energy loss....)

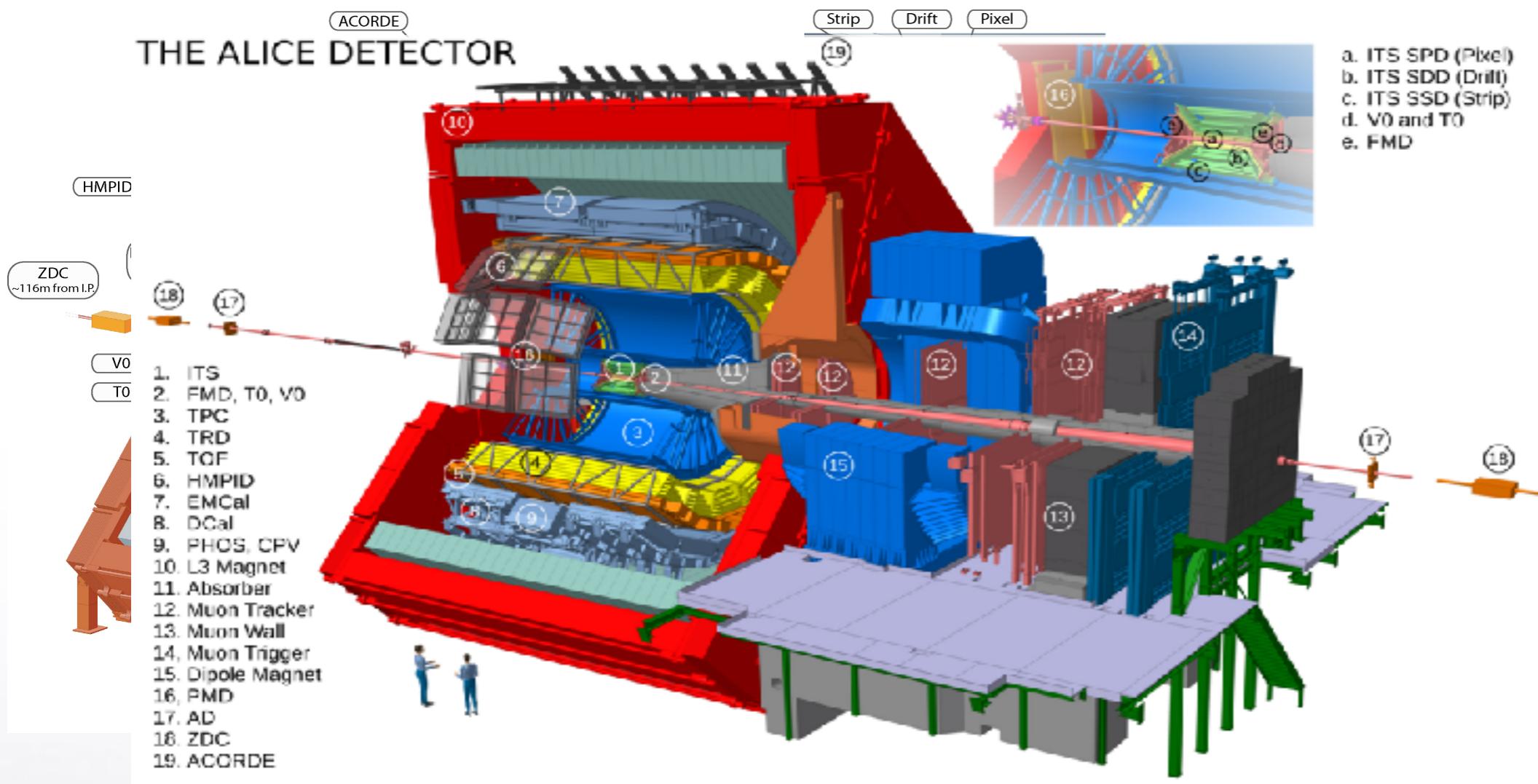
## Heavy flavours in AA collisions

- parton in-medium energy loss
- possible thermalisation of heavy quarks in the medium

Talk by  
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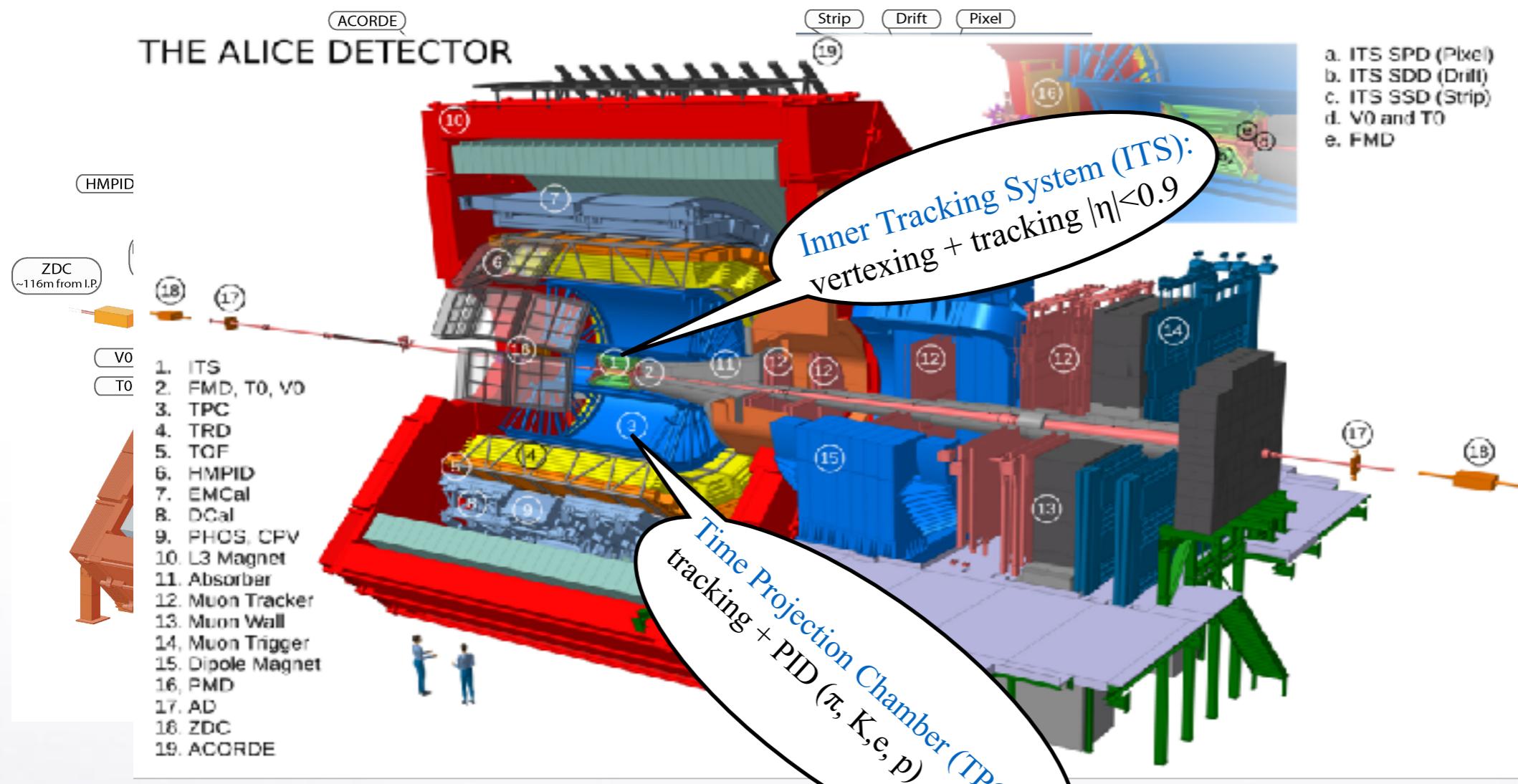


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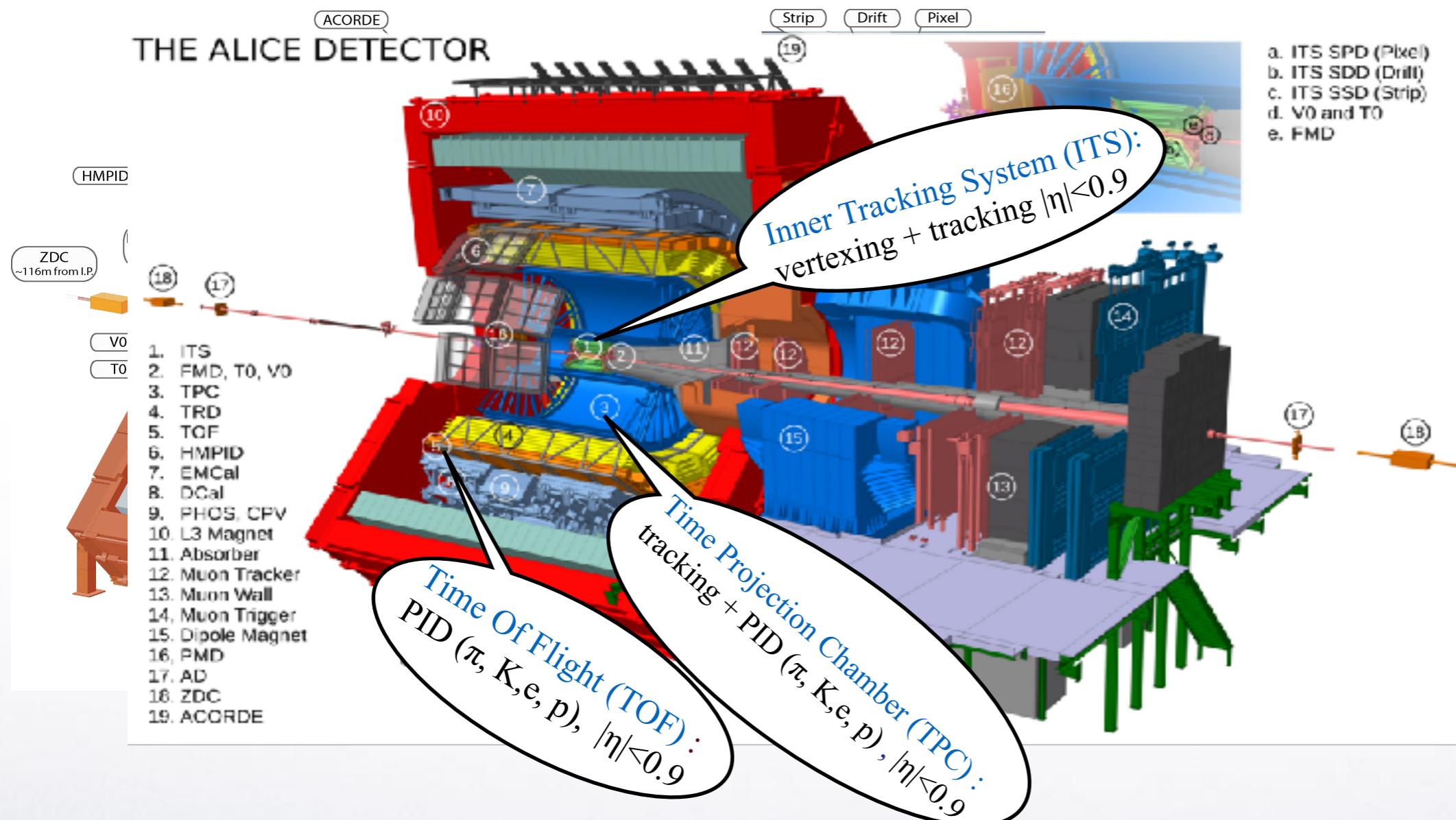


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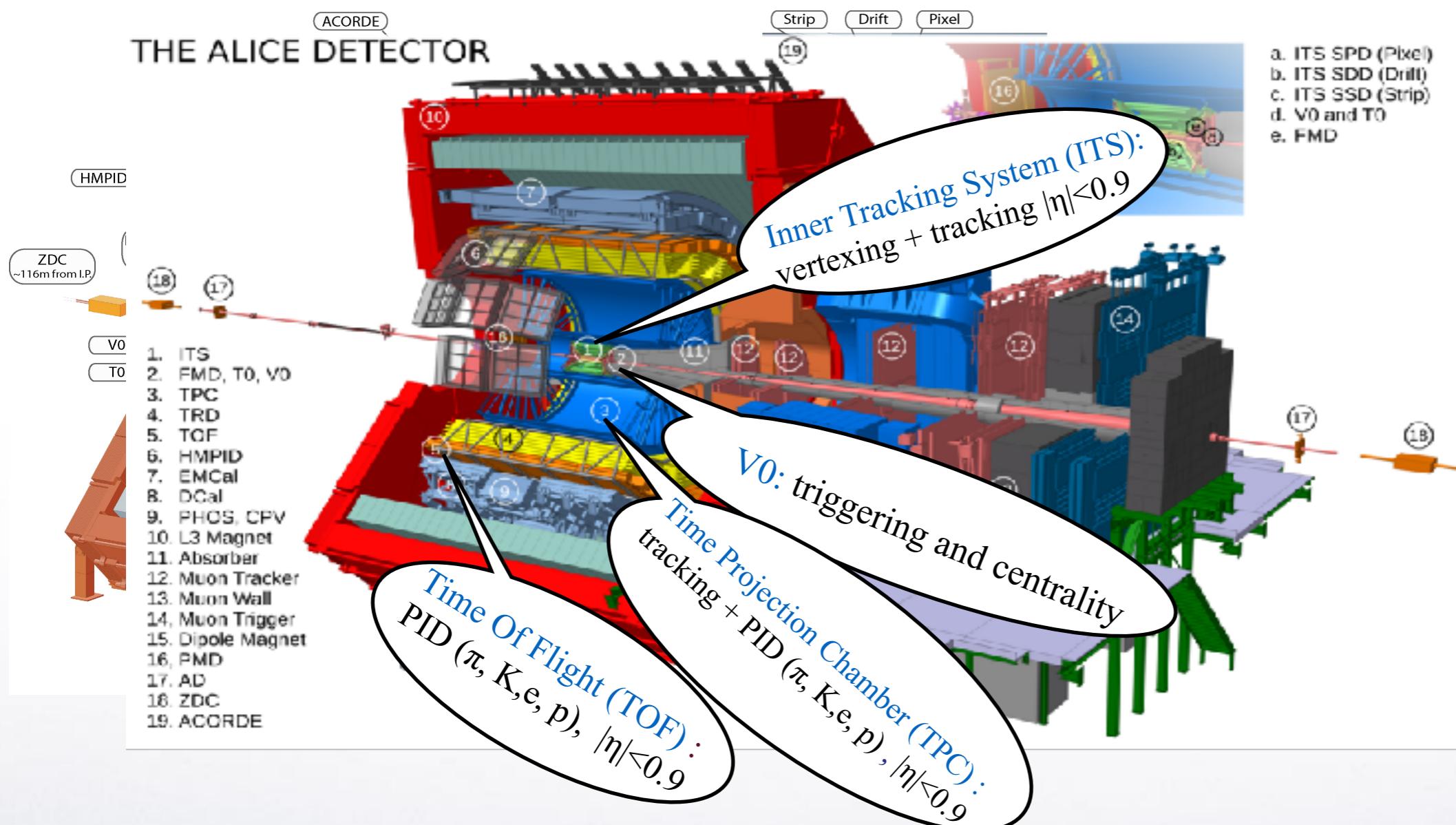




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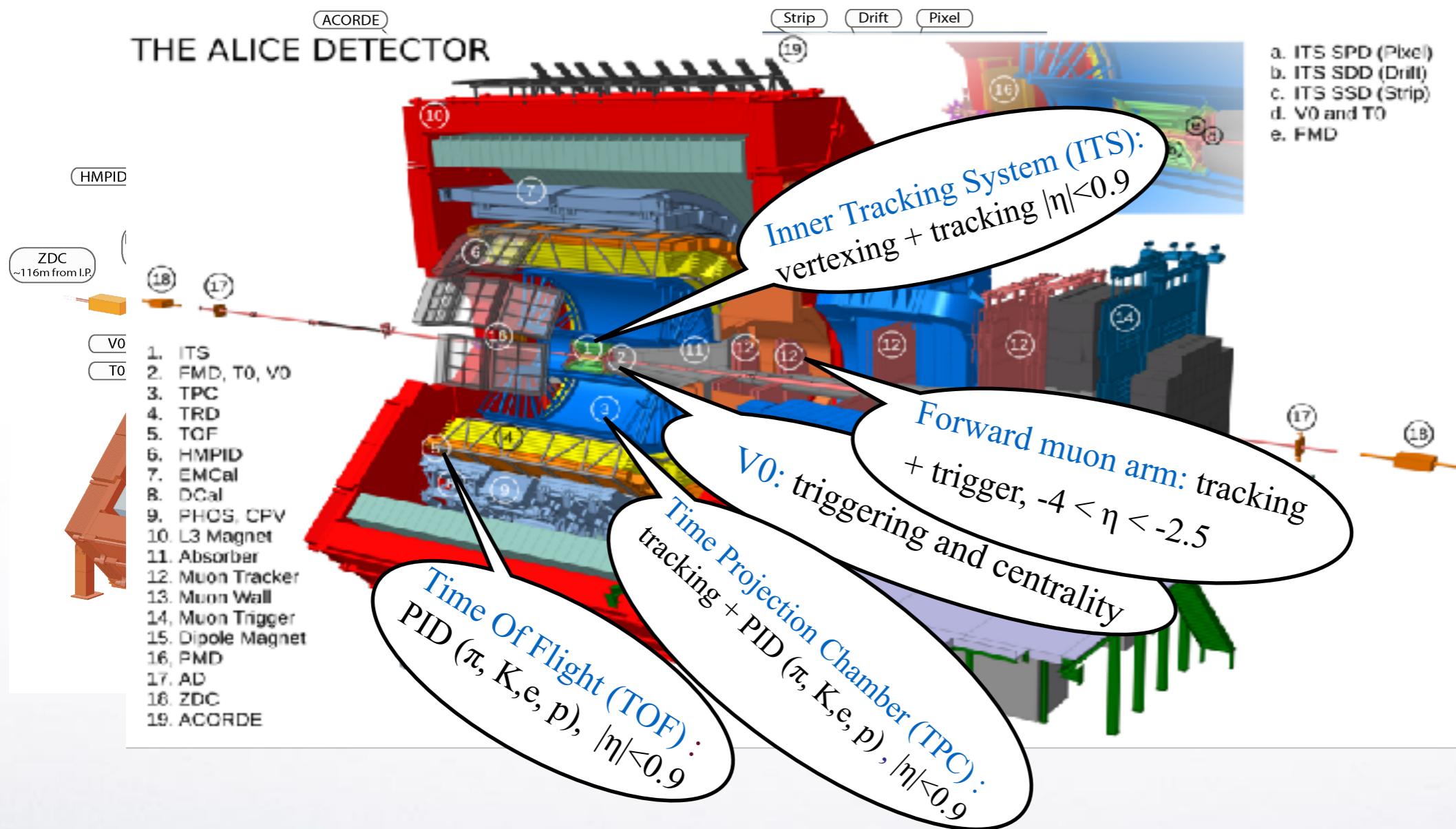


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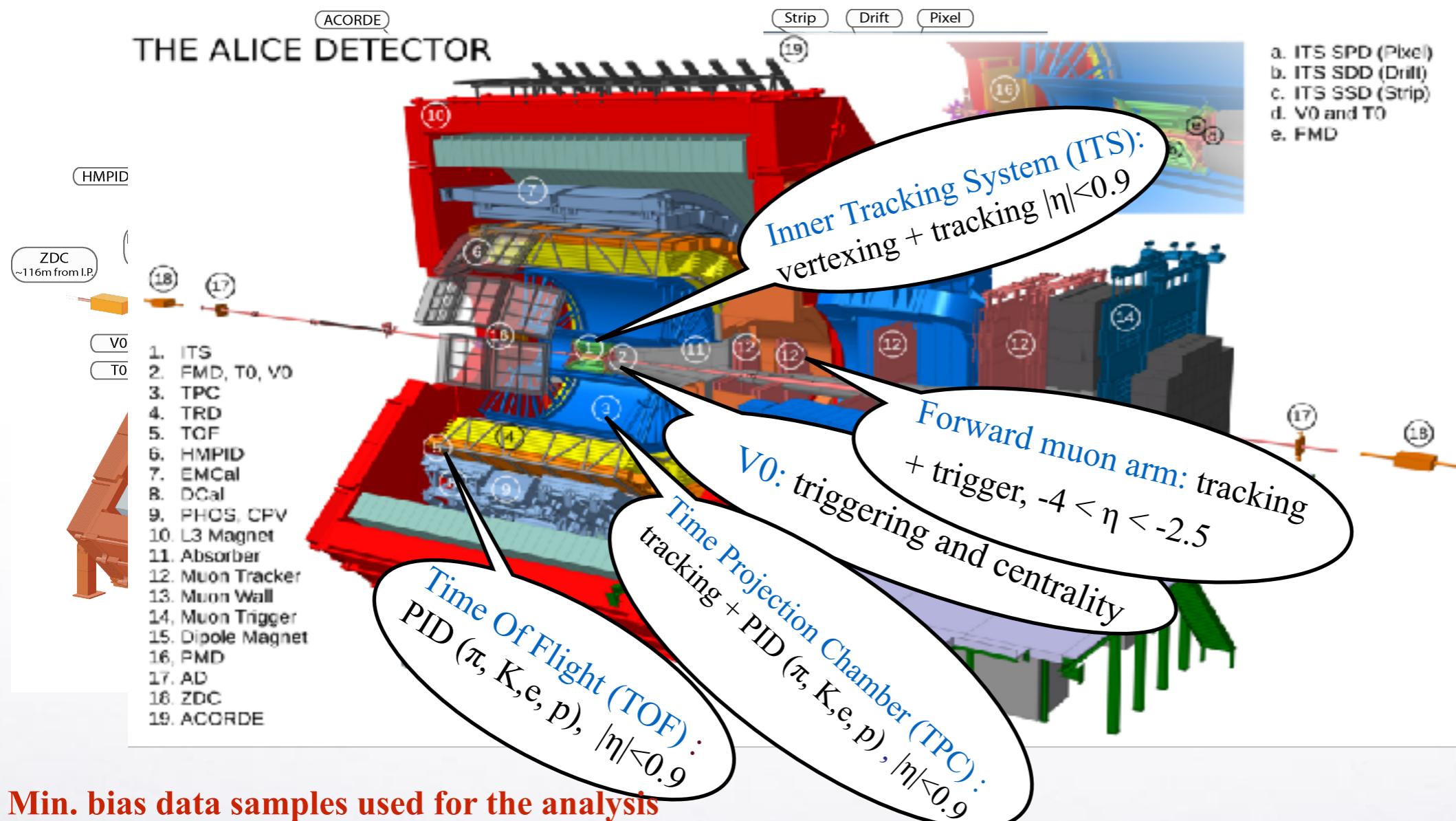


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# Heavy-flavour reconstruction: hadronic decays



$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$

$\text{BR} \sim 3.93\%$ ;  $c\tau \approx 123\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,

$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

$\text{BR} \sim 9.46\%$ ;  $c\tau \approx 312\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,

$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$

$\text{BR} \sim 67.7\% \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

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

$\text{BR} \sim 2.28\%$ ;  $c\tau \approx 150\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$

$\text{BR} \sim 6.35\%$ ;  $c\tau \approx 60\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ,

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

$\text{BR} \sim 1.58\%$ ;  $c\tau \approx 60\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

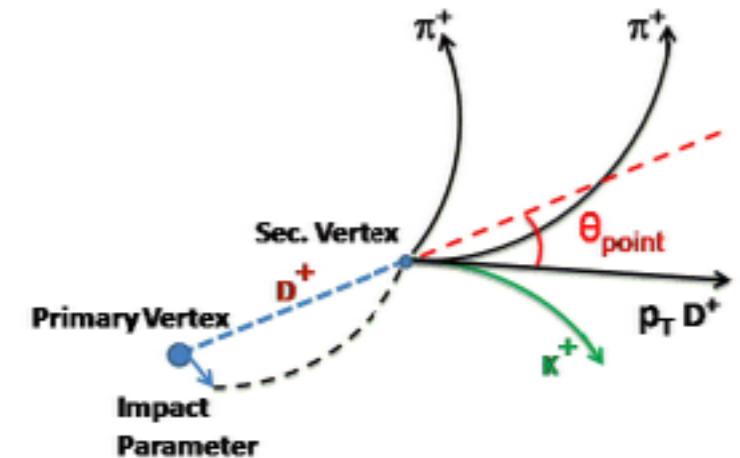
## D-meson reconstruction:

Invariant mass analysis of pairs/triplets  
background reduction via

particle identification, ( $K/\pi$ ) separation

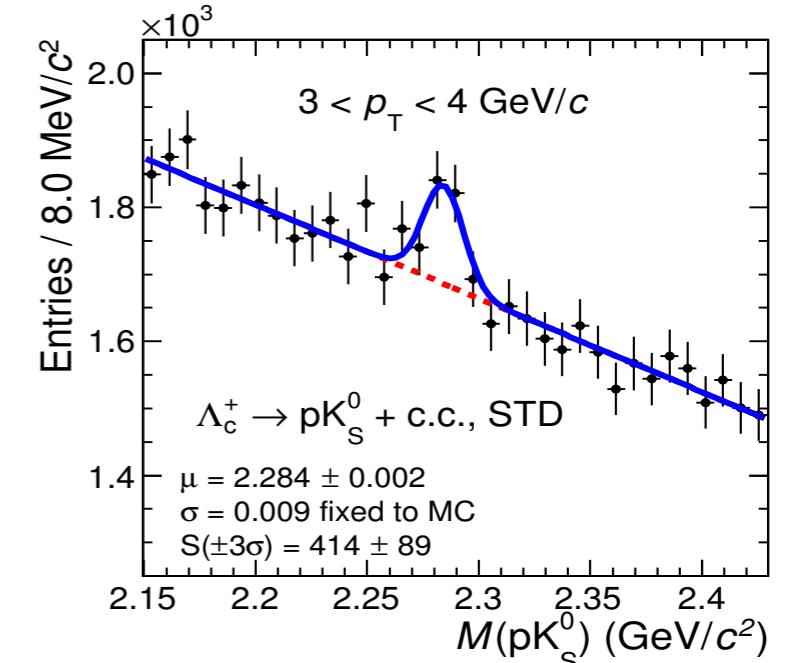
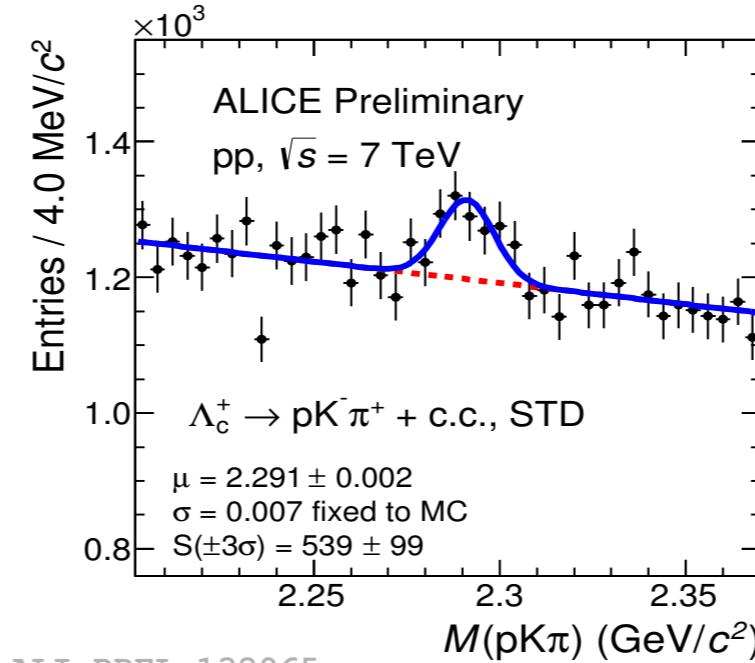
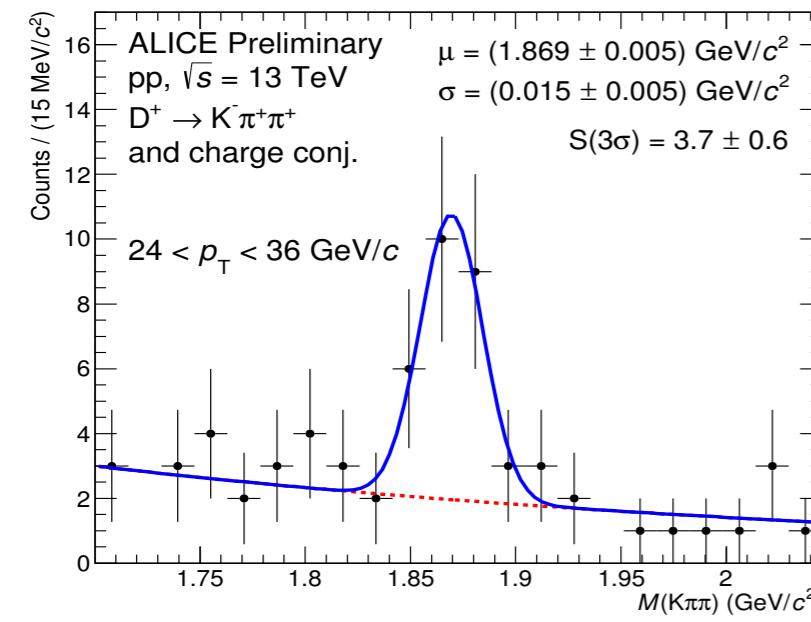
topological selection and/or background subtraction techniques

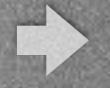
correction for beauty feed down based on pQCD (FONLL) calculation



## $\Lambda_c$ reconstruction :

similar technique as for D mesons (Standard) + Multivariate approach (MVA)(p-Pb)





$$B, D \rightarrow e^\pm + X \quad B, D \rightarrow \mu^\pm + X \quad \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow e^+ \Lambda \bar{v}_e \quad \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{v}e$$

## Electron and muon reconstruction:

**Electrons** identified with TPC, TOF, EMCAL and/or TRD

**Non-heavy-flavour electrons** (from  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$  Dalitz decays, photon conversions)

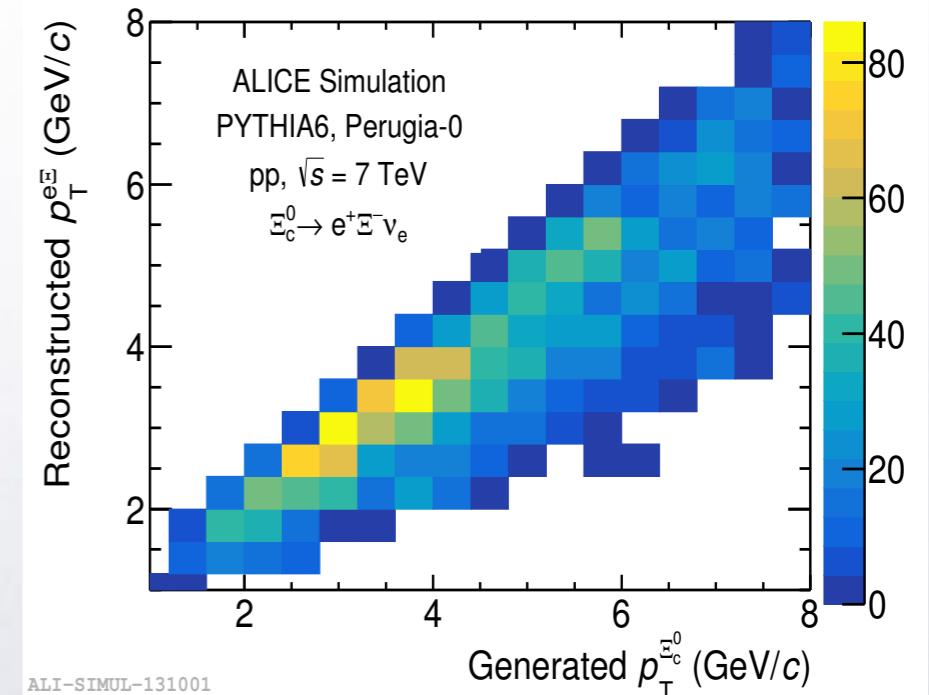
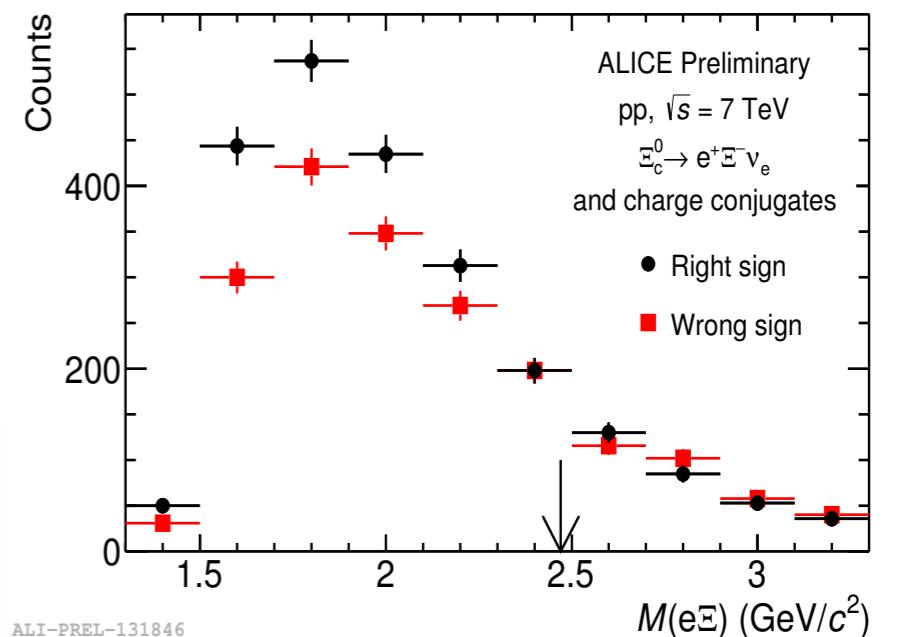
removed with invariant mass method ( $e^+e^-$ ) and/or cocktail

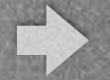
**Beauty-hadron decay electrons** are measured using the impact parameter distribution

**Muons**: background ( $\pi$ , K decays) subtracted with data-tuned MC cocktail (p-Pb, Pb-Pb)

## $\Lambda_c^+$ and $\Xi_c^0$ reconstruction

- Wrong-sign  $e^-\Lambda$  ( $e^-\Xi^-$ ) pairs subtracted from right-sign spectra  $e^+\Lambda$  ( $e^+\Xi^-$ )
- correct for  $\Lambda_b^0$  ( $\Xi_b^0$ ) contribution in wrong-sign spectra and  $\Xi_c^{0,+}$  contribution in right-sign spectra for  $\Lambda_c^+$  measurement
- Unfold reconstructed  $e^-\Lambda$  ( $e^-\Xi^-$ )  $p_T$  spectra to obtain  $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $\Xi_c^0$ )
- No feed down subtraction from  $\Xi_b$ 
  - lack of knowledge of the absolute BR of  $\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c^0 + X$



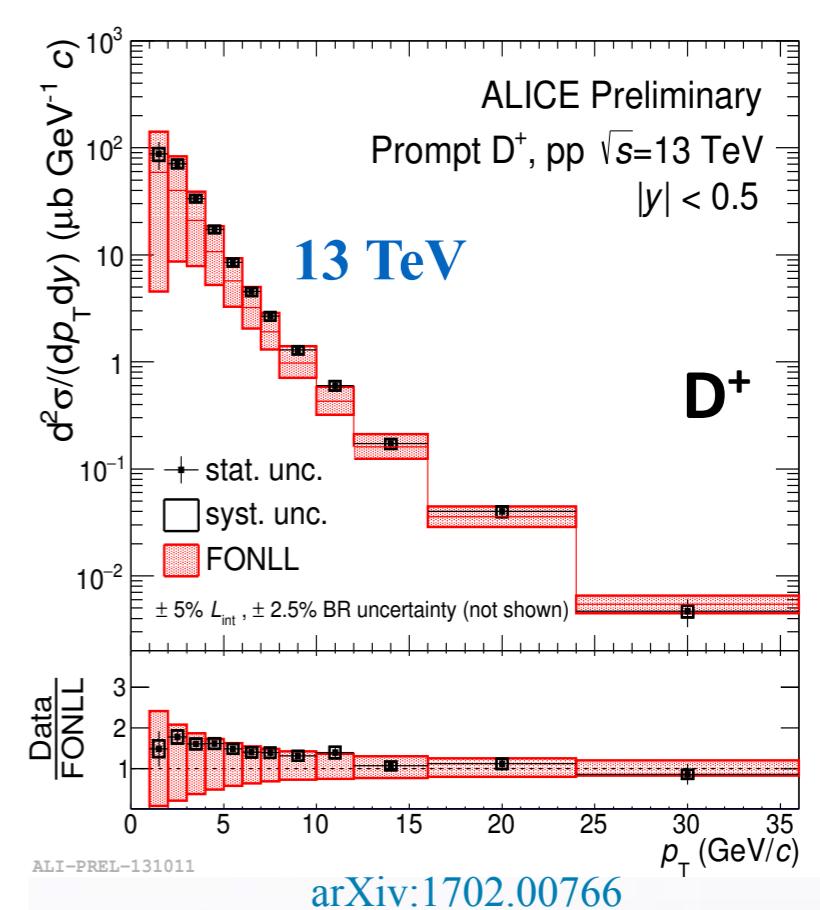
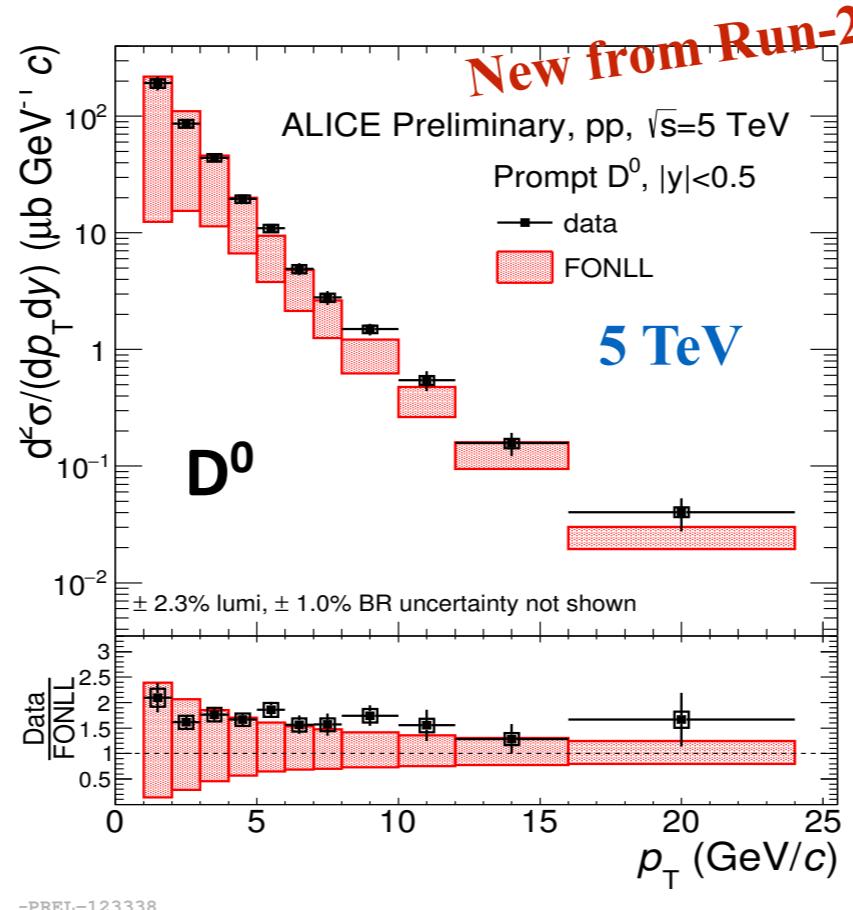
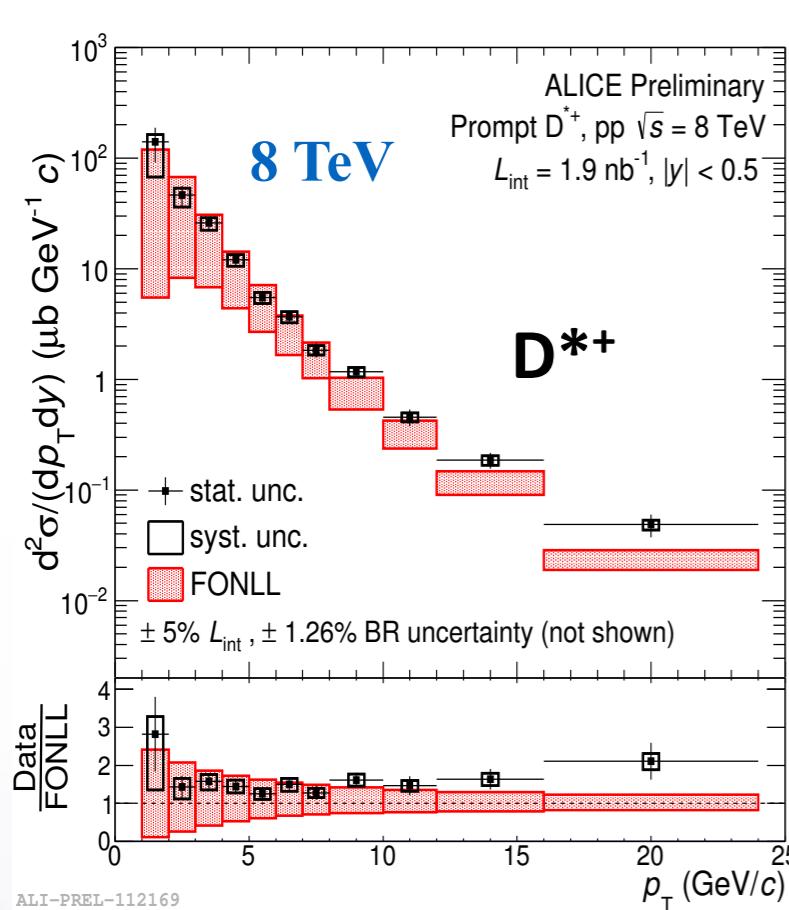


# Proton-proton results

$\sqrt{s} = 5, 7, 8 \text{ and } 13 \text{ TeV}$



# D-meson cross sections



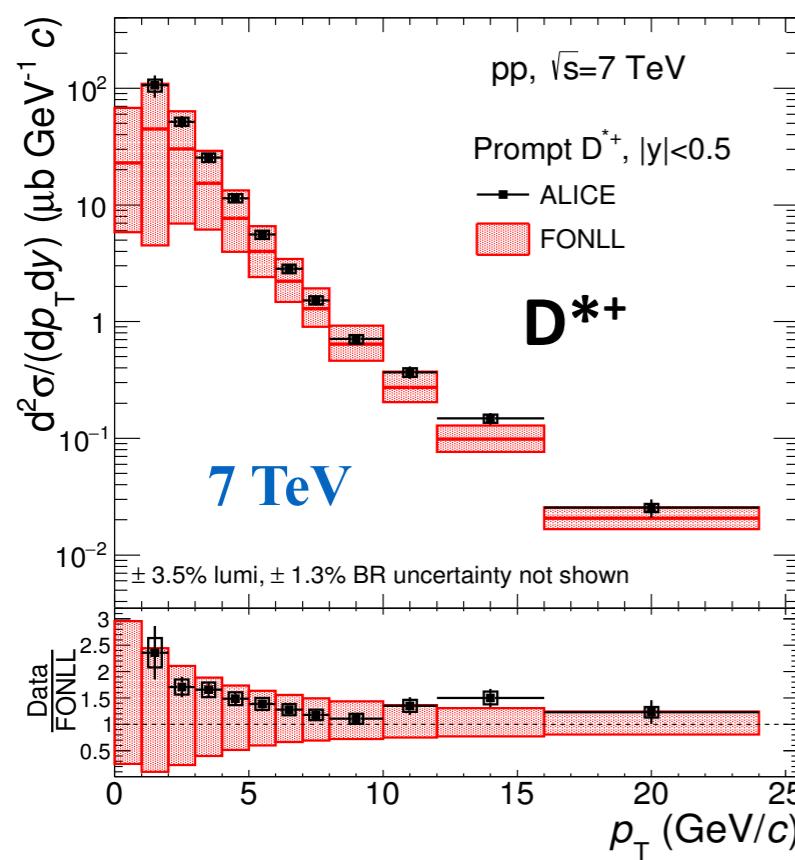
$p_T$ -differential production cross sections for  $D^0$ ,  $D^+$  and  $D^{*+}$  in pp collisions at 5, 7, 8 and 13 TeV

Described by pQCD-based calculations within uncertainties

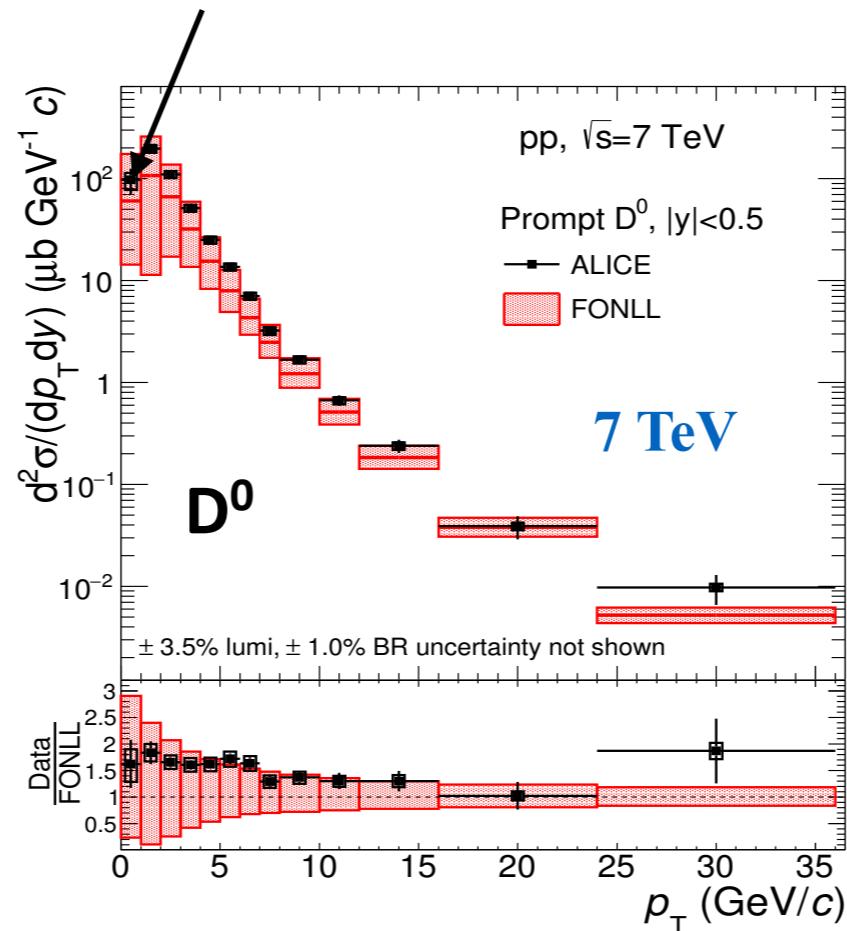
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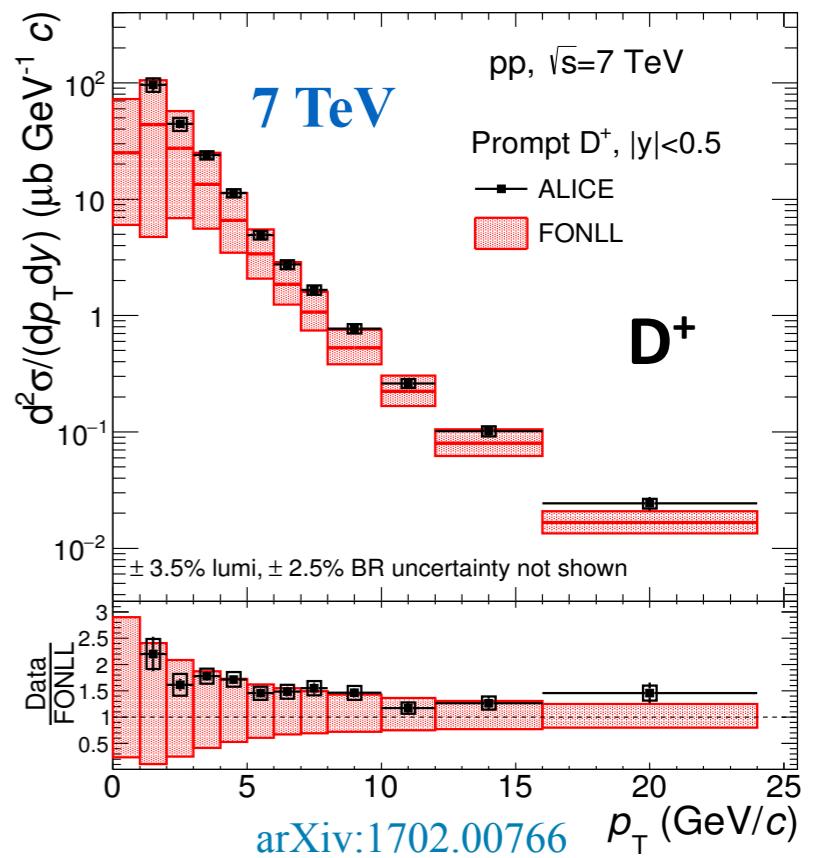
# D-meson cross sections



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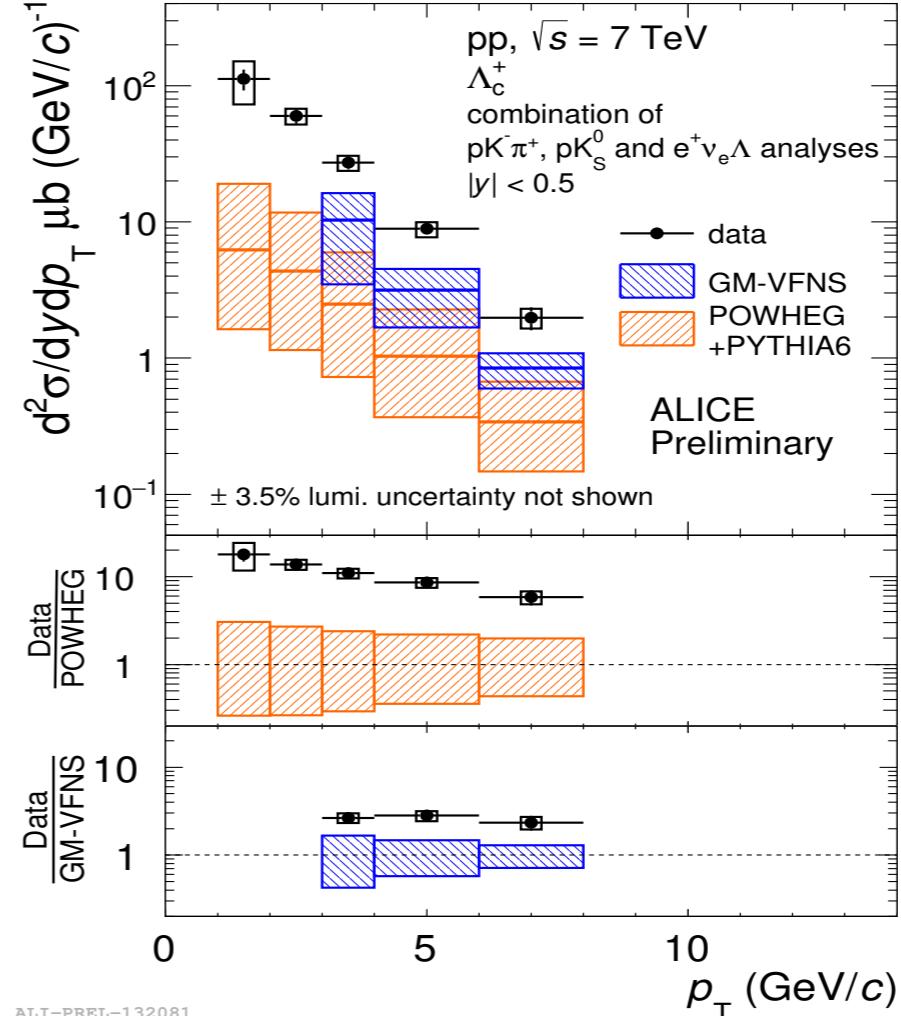
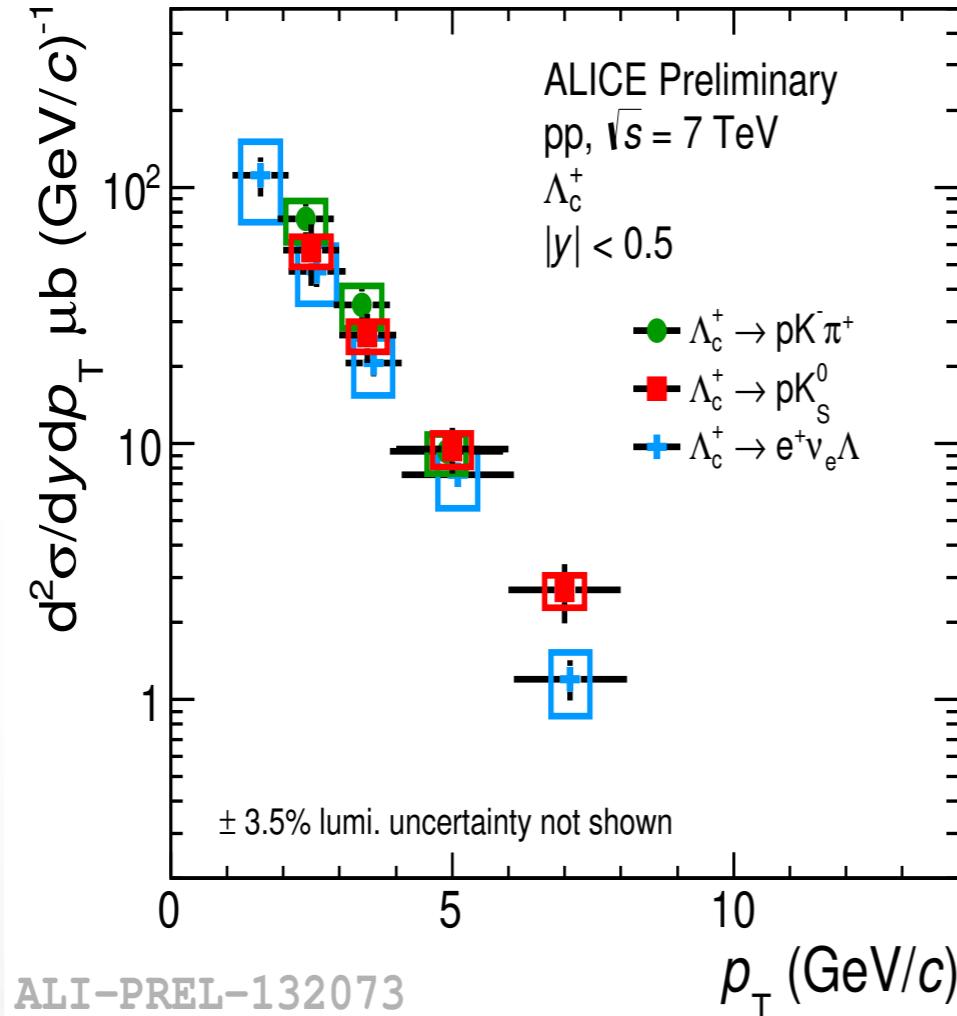
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$D^0$  meson cross section down to  $p_T=0$  [[Phys. Rev. C 94 \(2016\) 054908](#)]

- No secondary vertex reconstruction, no topological selection
- Background subtraction by event mixing, like-sign distribution, track rotation or fit of sidebands



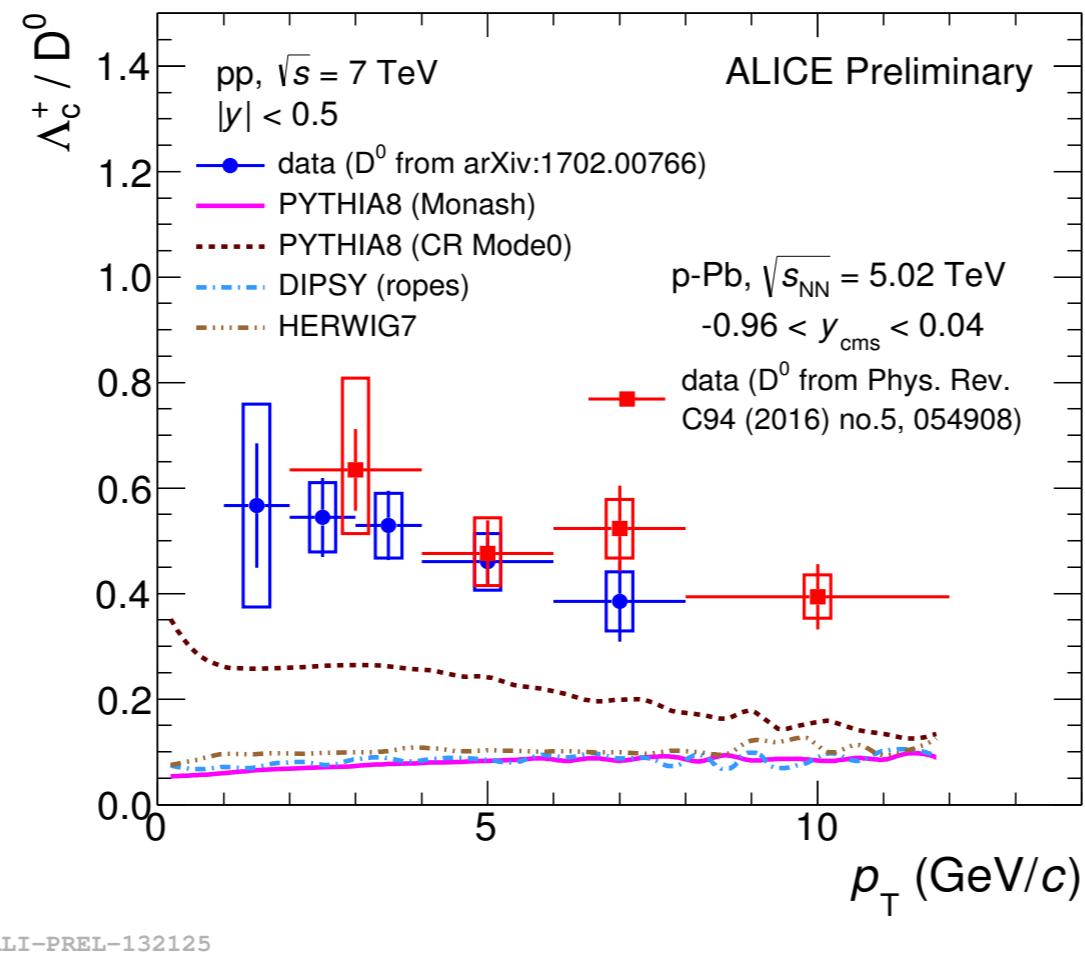
# $\Lambda_c^+$ $p_T$ -differential cross section



- The  $p_T$  differential cross section of three measured decay channels (hadronic and semi leptonic) are compatible within statistical and systematical uncertainties
- The average  $\Lambda_c^+$   $p_T$ -differential cross section underestimated by the theory  
GM-VFNS underestimates by a factor 2.5  
POWHEG+PYTHIA6 significantly underpredicts (up to a factor  $\sim 20$ ) the data



# $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$ baryon to meson ratio



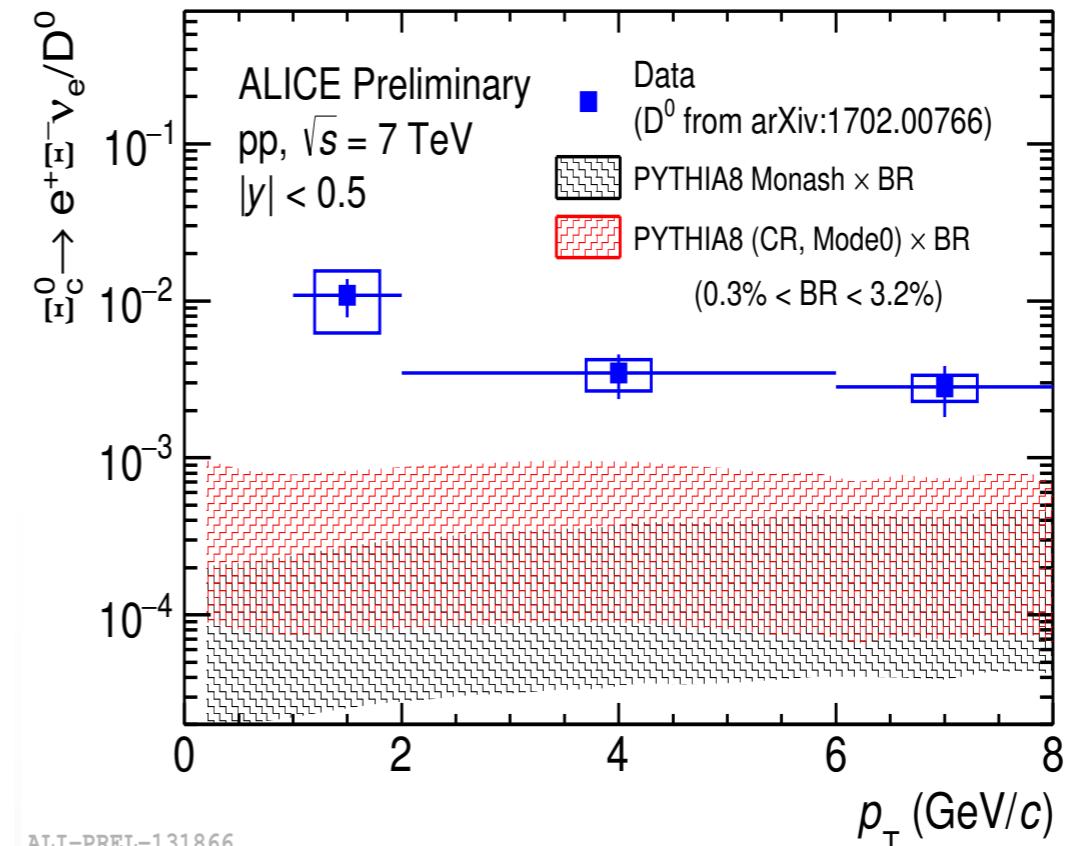
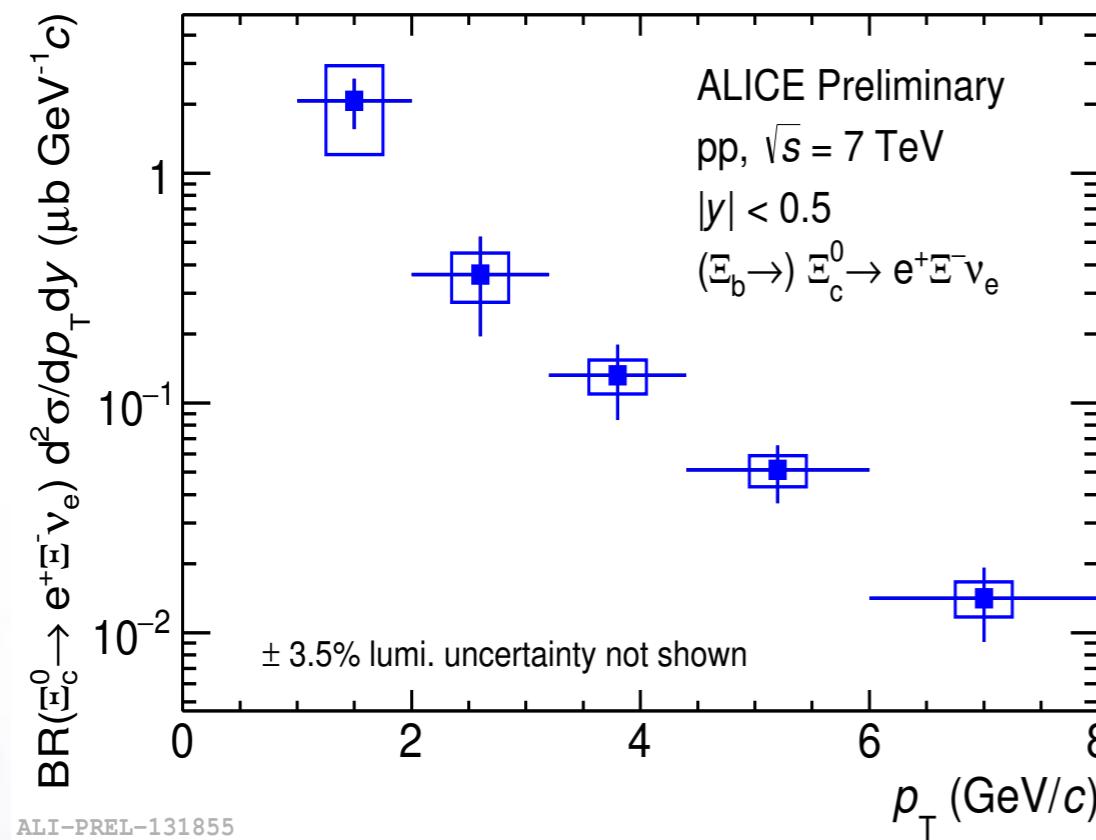
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- $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$  in pp and p-Pb collisions compatible within uncertainties
- All theoretical predictions underestimate our measurements
- PYTHIA8 with enhanced colour-reconnection tune Mode0 (hadronisation of multi-parton system) is closer to the measurements

PYTHIA8: *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 178 (2008) 852–867,  
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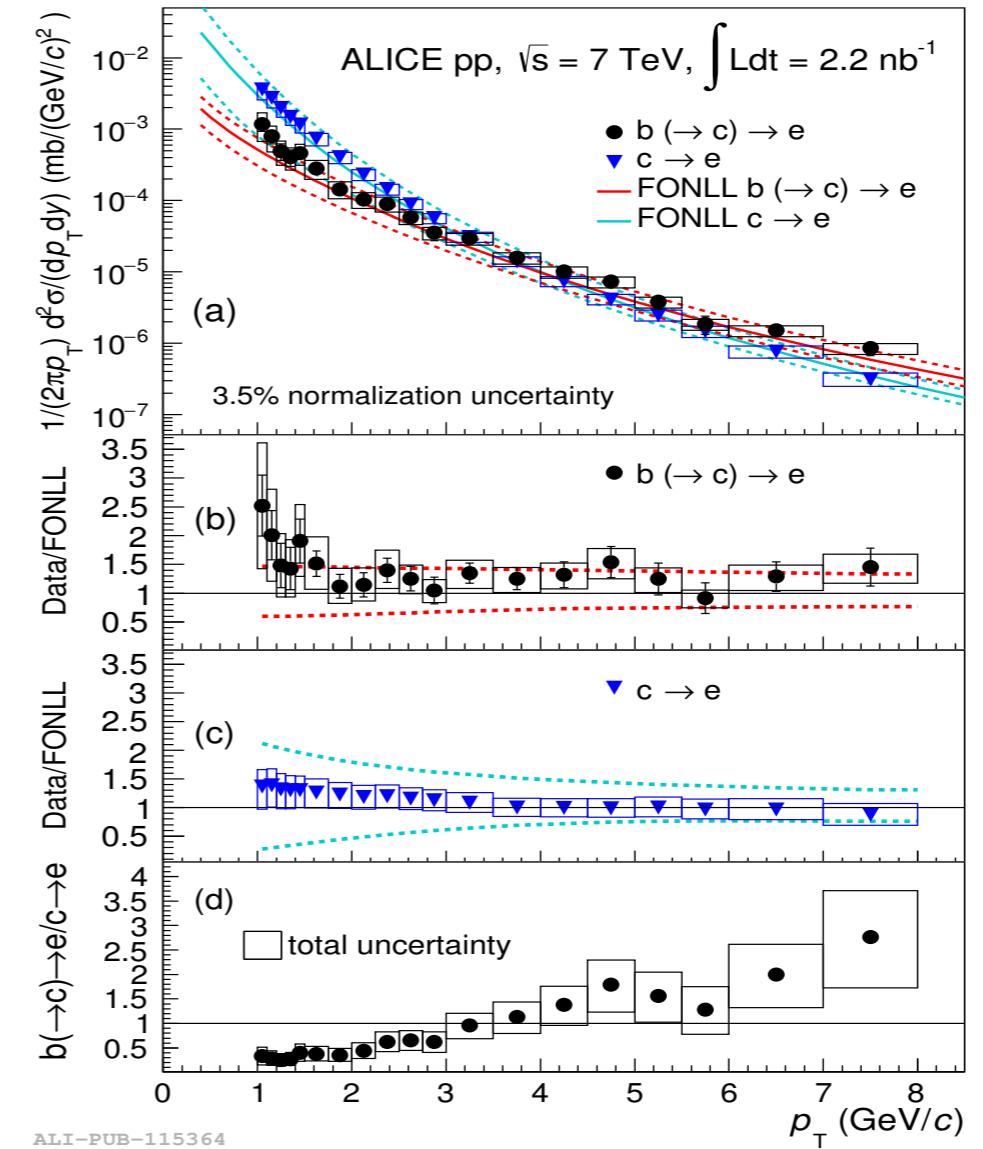
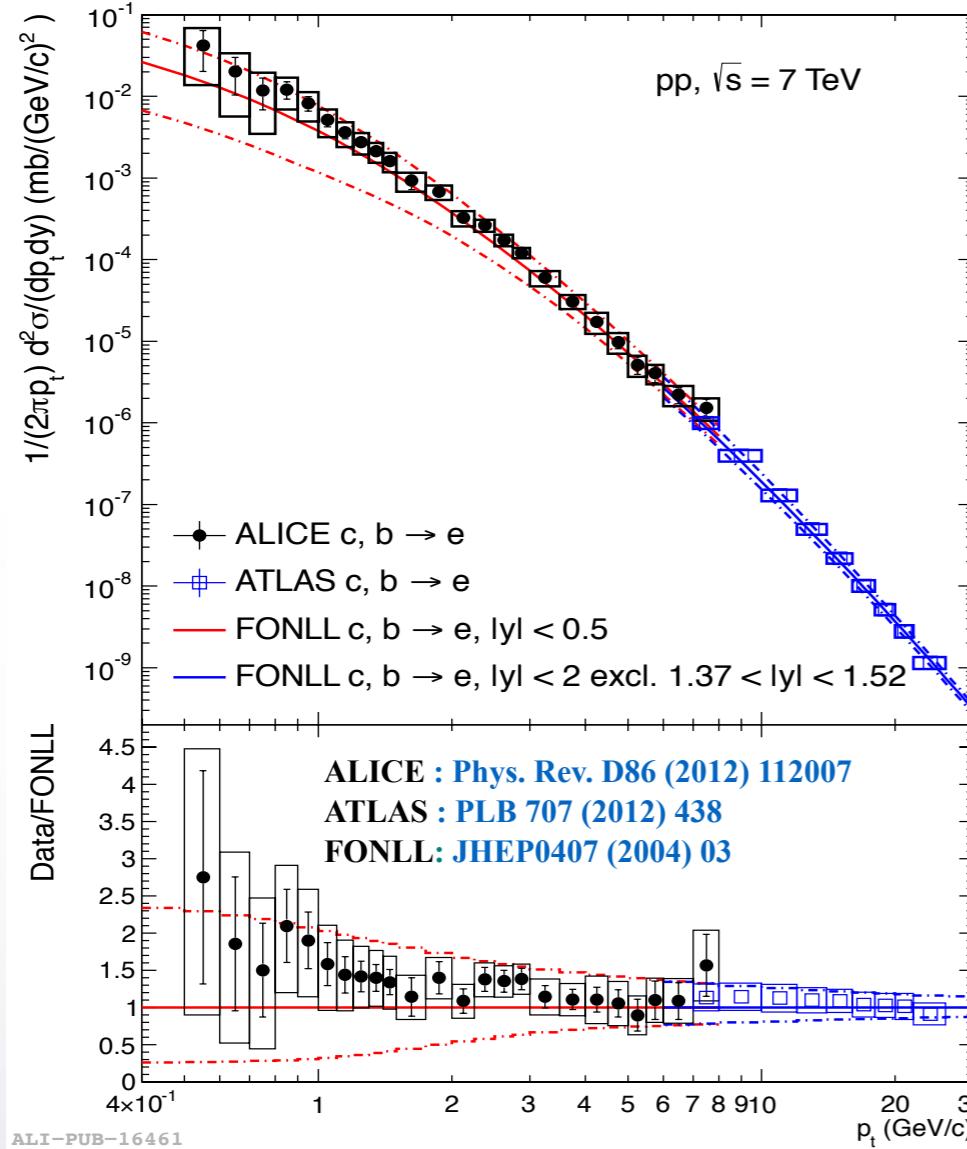
# $\Xi_c^0$ cross section and $\Xi_c^0/D^0$ ratio



- First  $\Xi_c^0$  production measurement at LHC
- Branching ratio not measured- range (0.3%-3.2%) estimated from theory
- Baryon to meson ratio  $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \bar{\nu}_e / D^0$  higher than predictions
  - PYTHIA8 Monash (Eur. Phys. J. C74 (2014) 3024)
  - PYTHIA8 + enhanced colour reconnection Mode0 (JHEP 08 (2015) 003)



# Heavy flavour electrons: charm and beauty

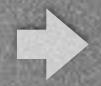


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PLB 763 (2016) 507  
FONLL: JHEP 1210 (2012) 137

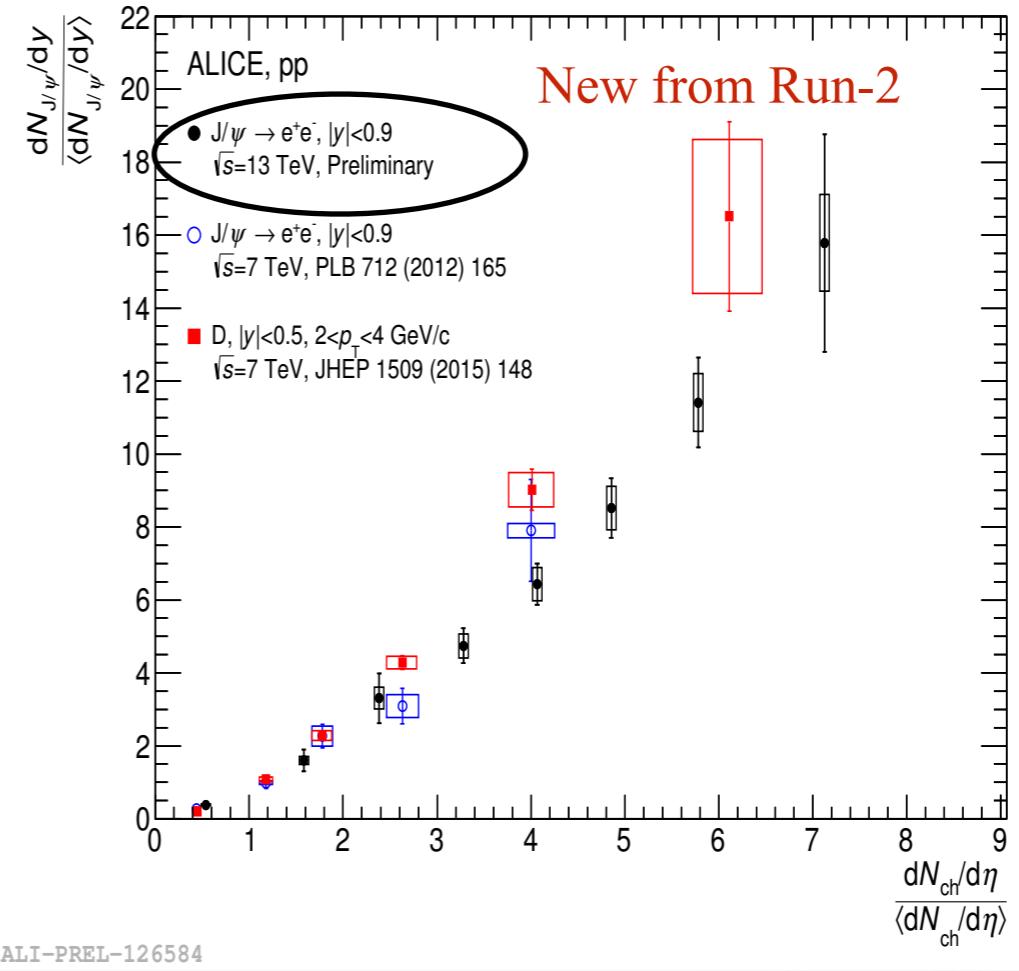
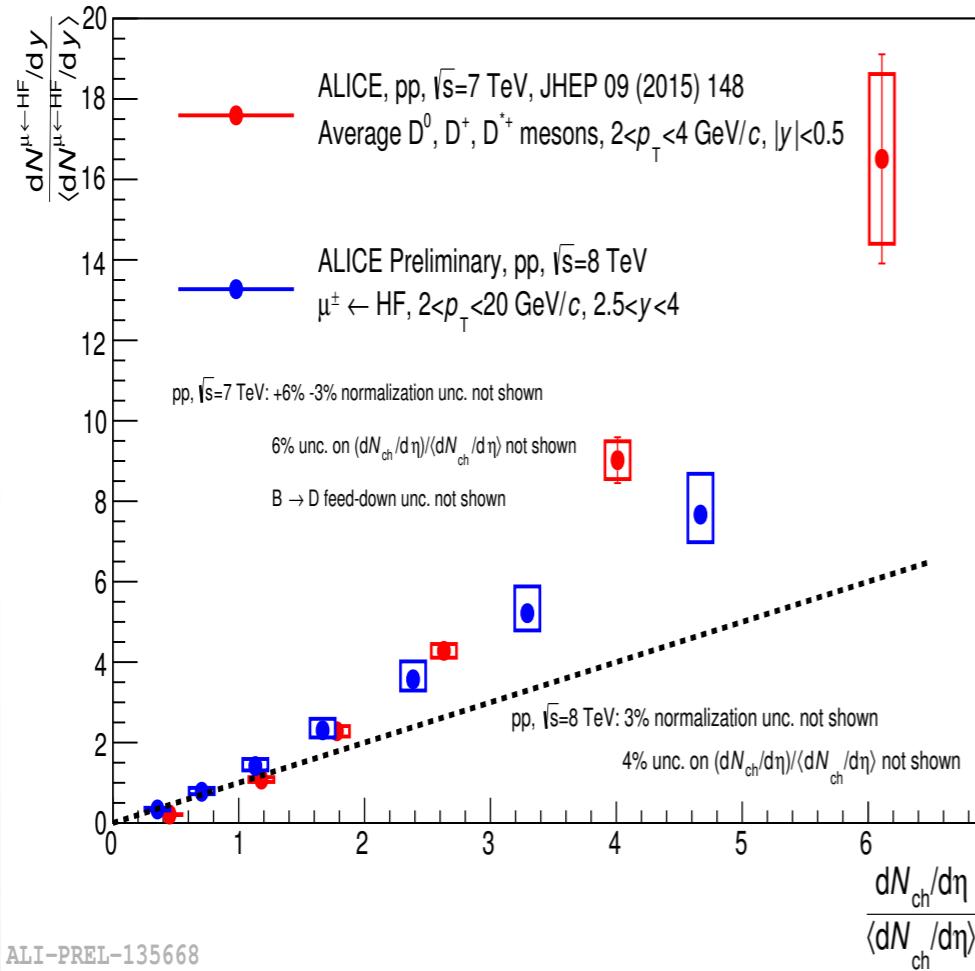
- FONLL pQCD provides good description over a wide  $p_T$  range, both for charm and beauty
- Low  $p_T$  semi-leptonic cross section in good agreement with ATLAS at high  $p_T$  (complementary measurement)



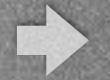
# Open heavy flavour yields vs multiplicity



Study the effect of multi-parton interactions (MPI) on the hard heavy-flavour scale



- Increasing trend with multiplicity for muons from HF in pp at 8 TeV
- Same trend for D-mesons, non-prompt ( $B \rightarrow J/\Psi$ ) as well as prompt  $J/\Psi$  yields JHEP 1509 (2015) 148
- Similar increase in pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$  and 13 TeV, multiplicity range extended by a factor  $\sim 2$  for  $J/\Psi$  at 13 TeV.
- suggests that MPI are influencing heavy-quark production in high-multiplicity events



# proton-Pb results

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$  [Run-1 and Run-2]

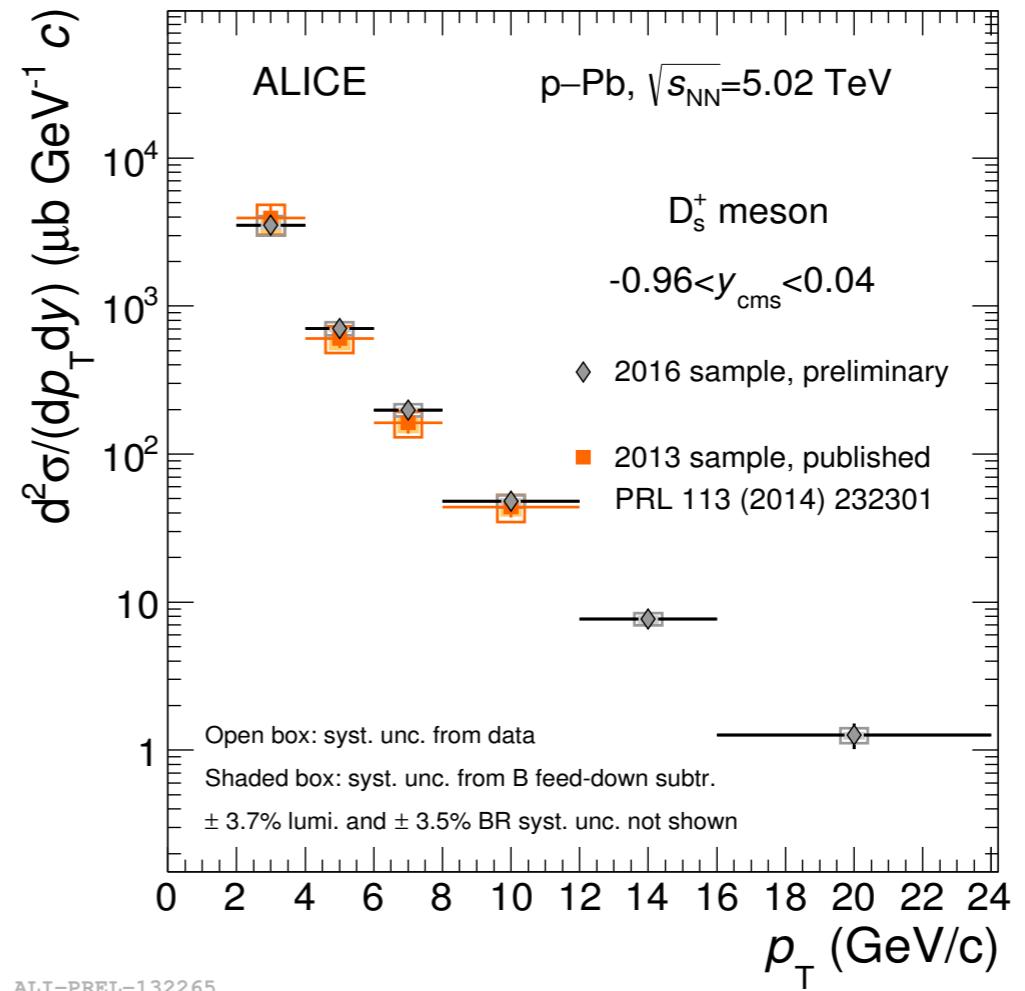
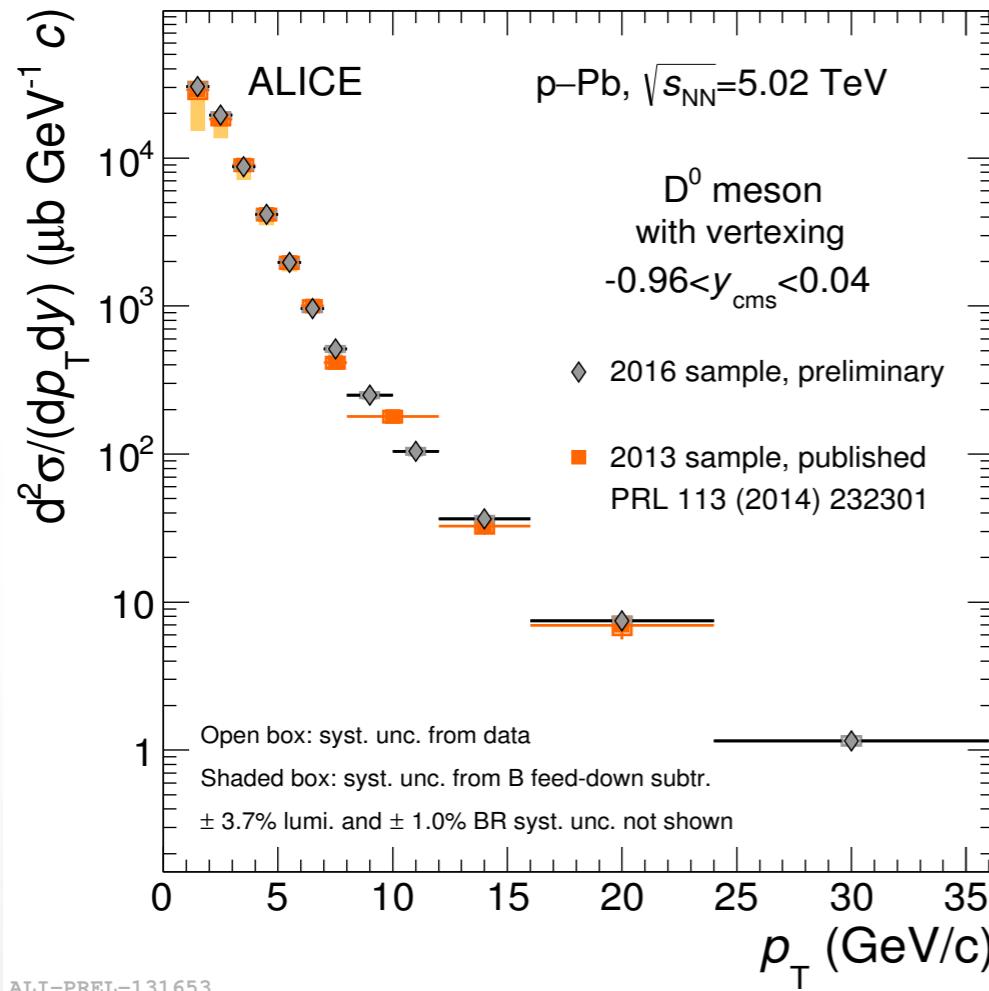


# *D-meson $p_T$ -differential cross section*



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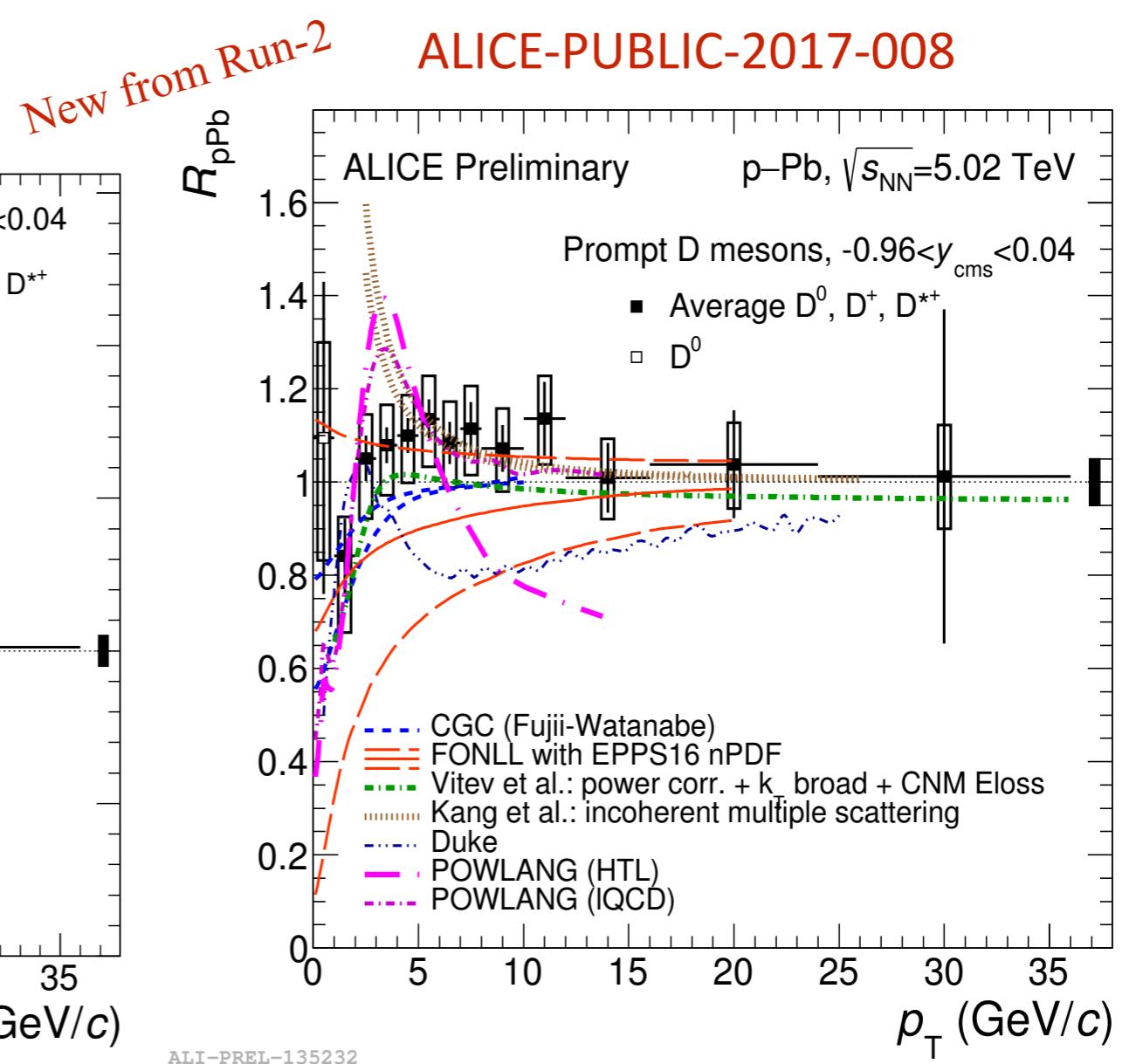
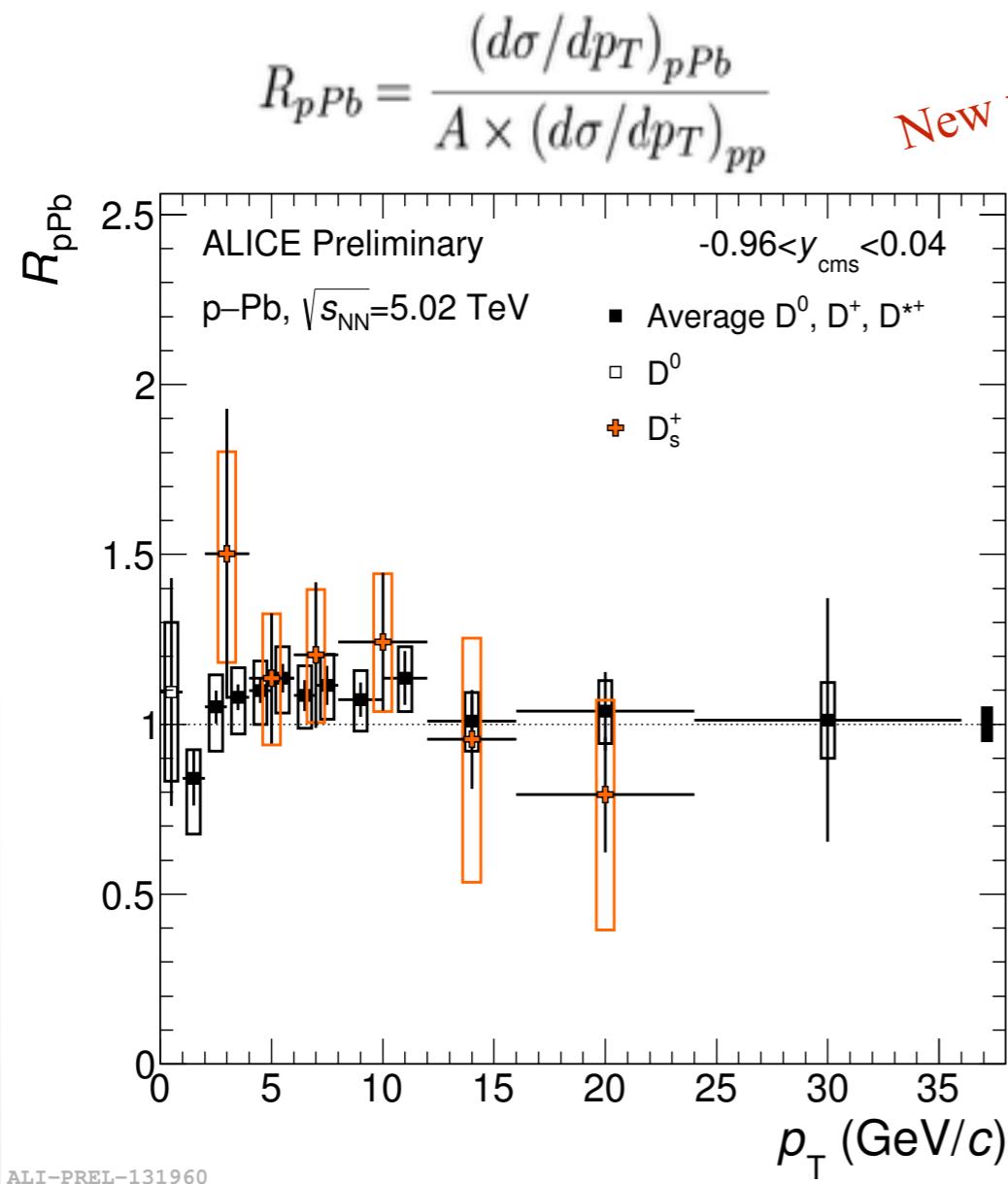
New from Run-2



- Factor ~2 statistical improvement and extended  $p_T$  reach w.r.t Run-1
- $p_T$ -differential cross section for strange as well as non-strange D mesons from Run-1 (published) are compatible with Run-2 measurements



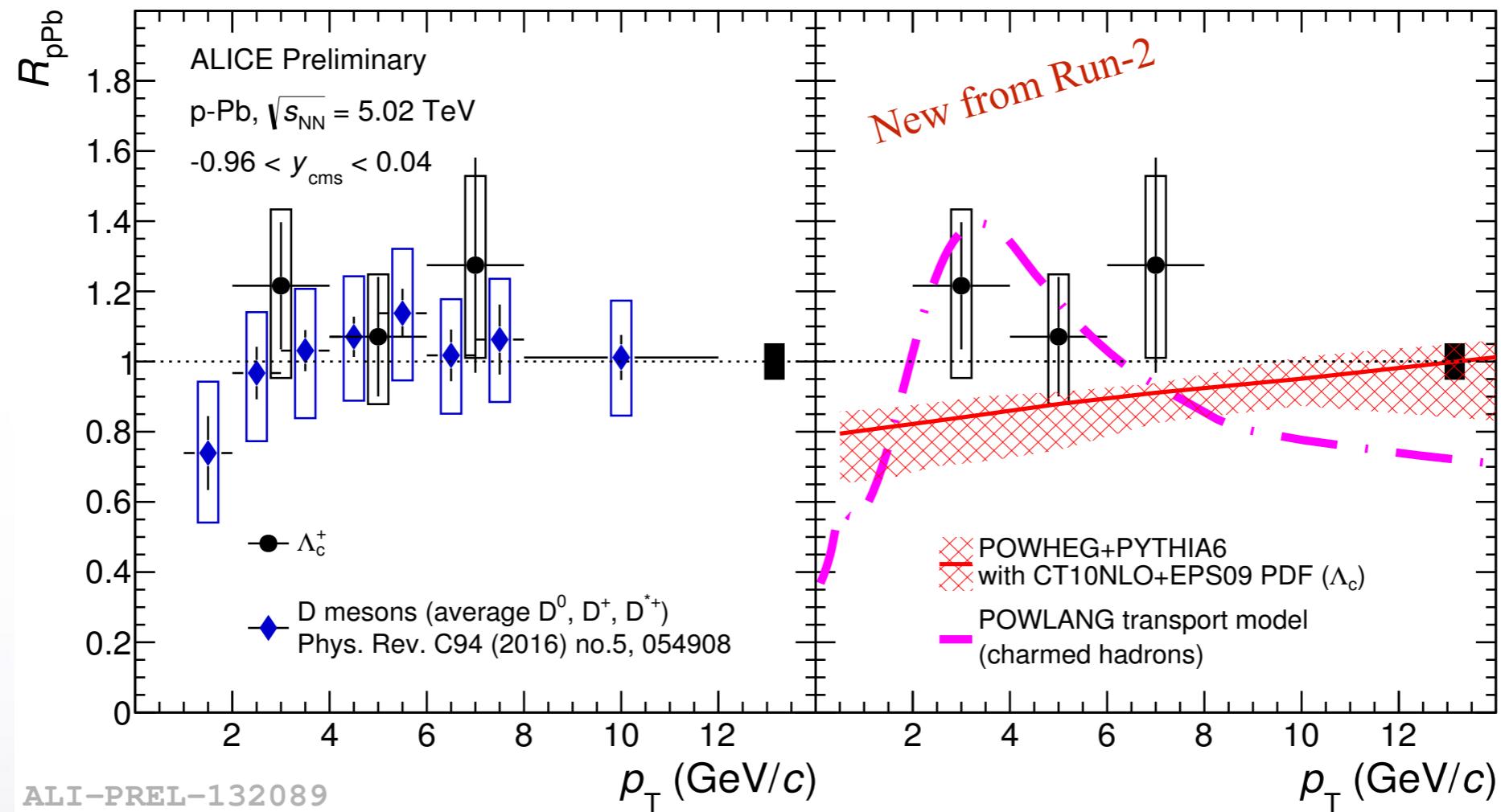
# $\mathcal{D}$ -meson $R_{pPb}$



- Factor  $\sim 2$  statistical improvement and extended  $p_T$  reach w.r.t Run-1
- $R_{pPb}$  consistent with unity for strange as well as non-strange  $\mathcal{D}$ -meson
- No indication for suppression at intermediate/high  $p_T$
- $R_{pPb}$  described within uncertainties by models including initial- or final-state effects



# $\Lambda_c^+ R_{pPb}$



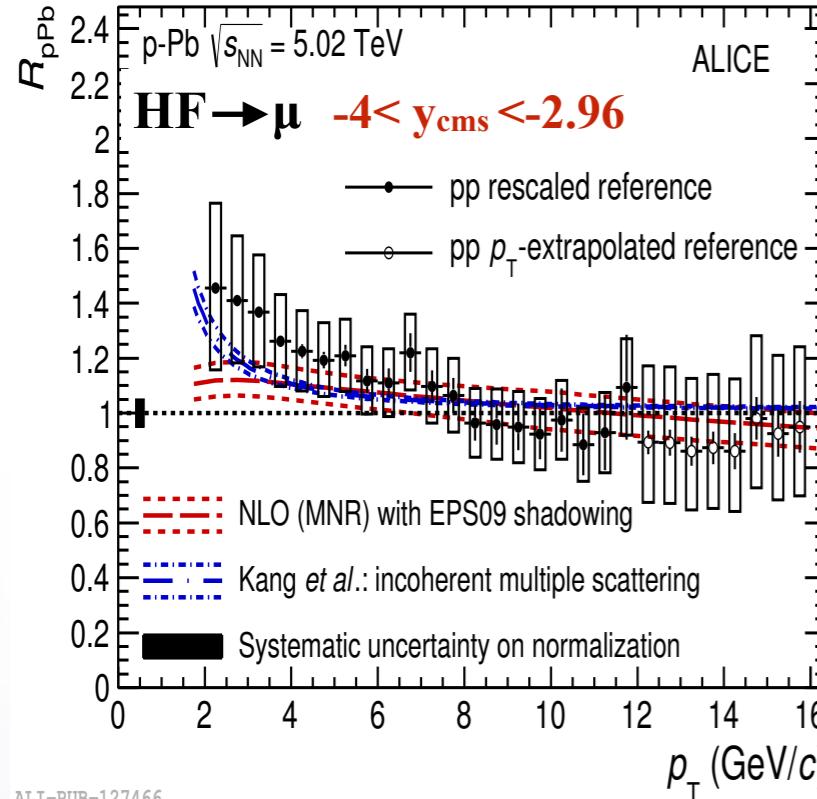
- $\Lambda_c^+ R_{pPb}$  compatible with D mesons and with unity within uncertainties
- Models including cold nuclear matter effects or small size QGP formation describe the data within uncertainties



# Heavy-flavour decay electrons and muons



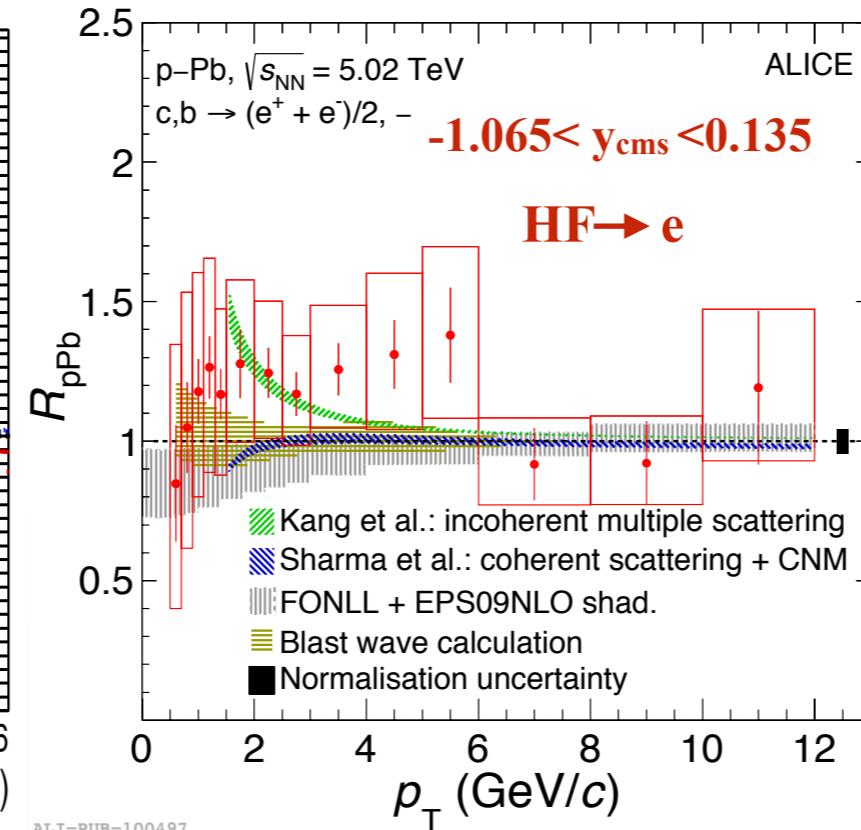
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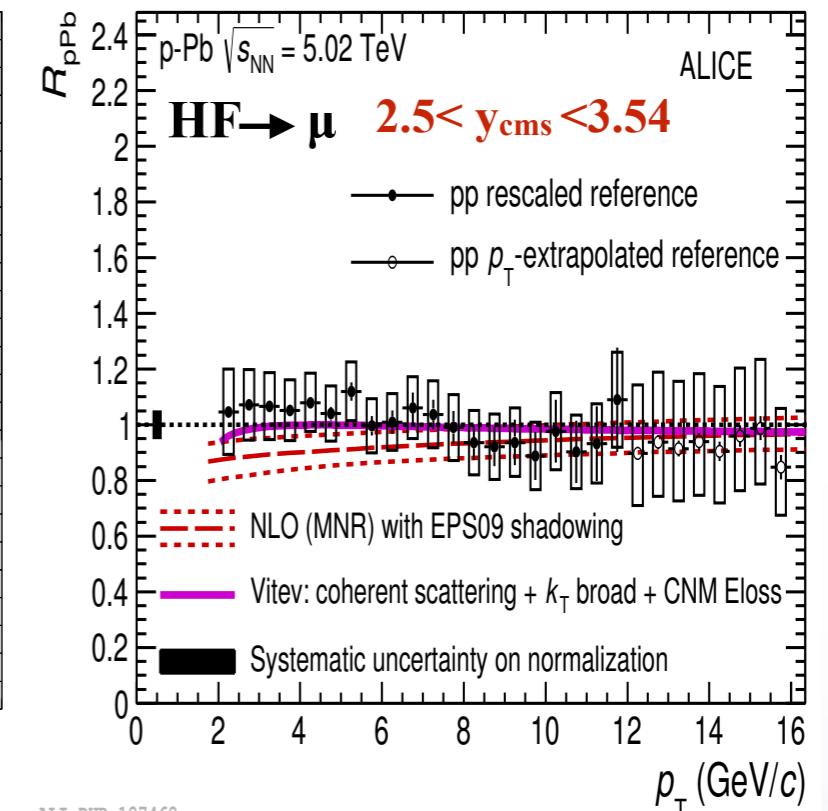
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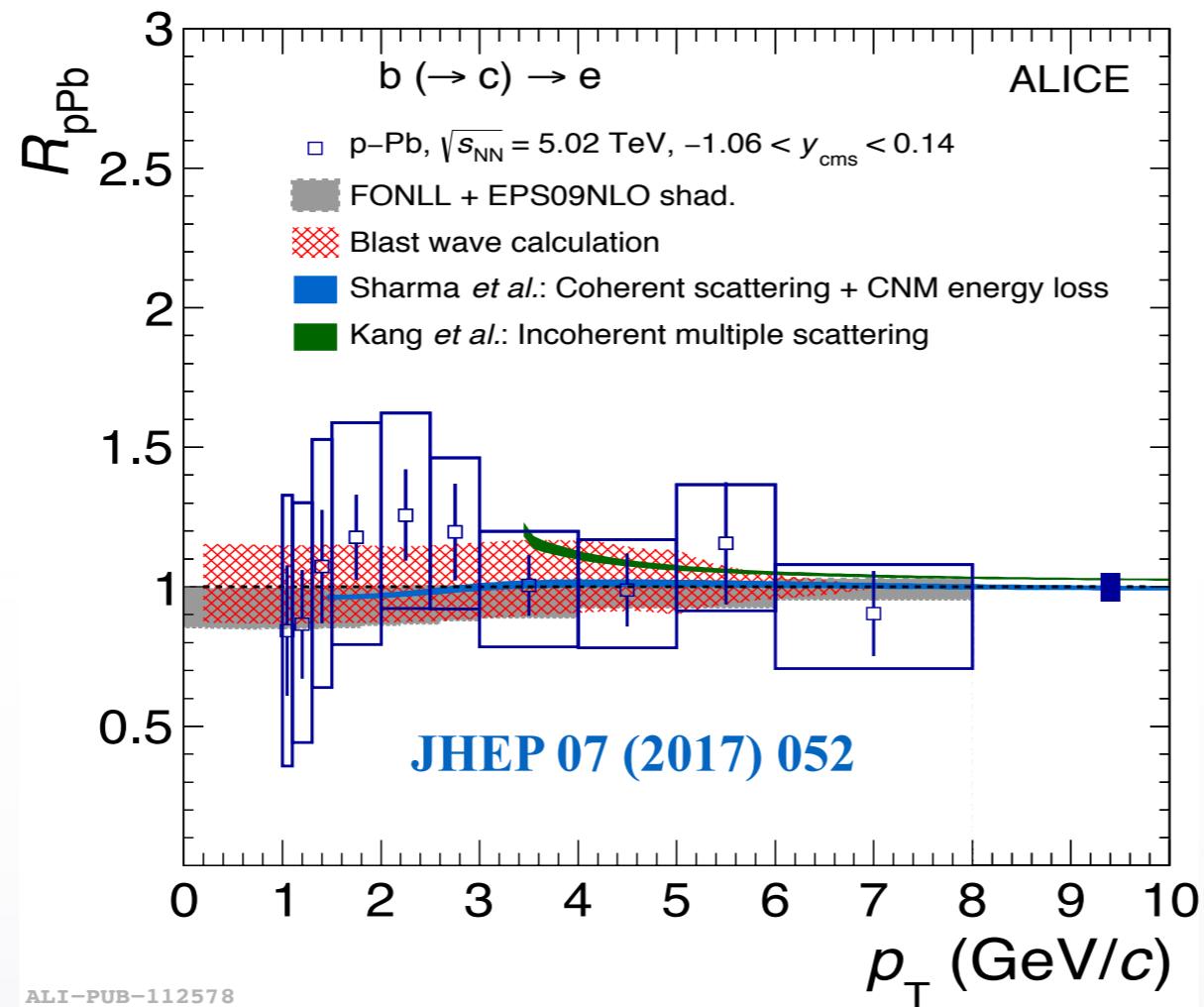
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- $R_{pPb}$  measurements compatible with unity within uncertainties for backward, central and forward rapidity at high  $p_T$
- different rapidity ranges allow us to access different  $x$  regimes
- hint of  $R_{pPb} > 1$  at backward rapidity in  $2 < p_T < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Described by the models including initial- or final-state effects

Kang et al: PLB 740(2015)23 Sharma et al: PRC 80(2009) 054902 FONLL: JHEP 9805 (1998)007 EPOS: JHEP 0904(2009)065 Vitev et al: PRC 80 (2009)054902  
Z.B.Kang et al.: PLB 740(2015)23



# Beauty-decay electron $R_{\text{pPb}}$



- $R_{\text{pPb}}$  measurements compatible with unity within uncertainties
- Described by the models including initial-state effects and energy loss in CNM

FONLL: JHEP 1210, 137 (2012), EPS09: JHEP 0904, 065 (2009)  
Incoherent scattering: Phys. Lett. B 740, 23 (2015), CNM energy loss:  
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# $\mathcal{D}$ -meson production vs multiplicity

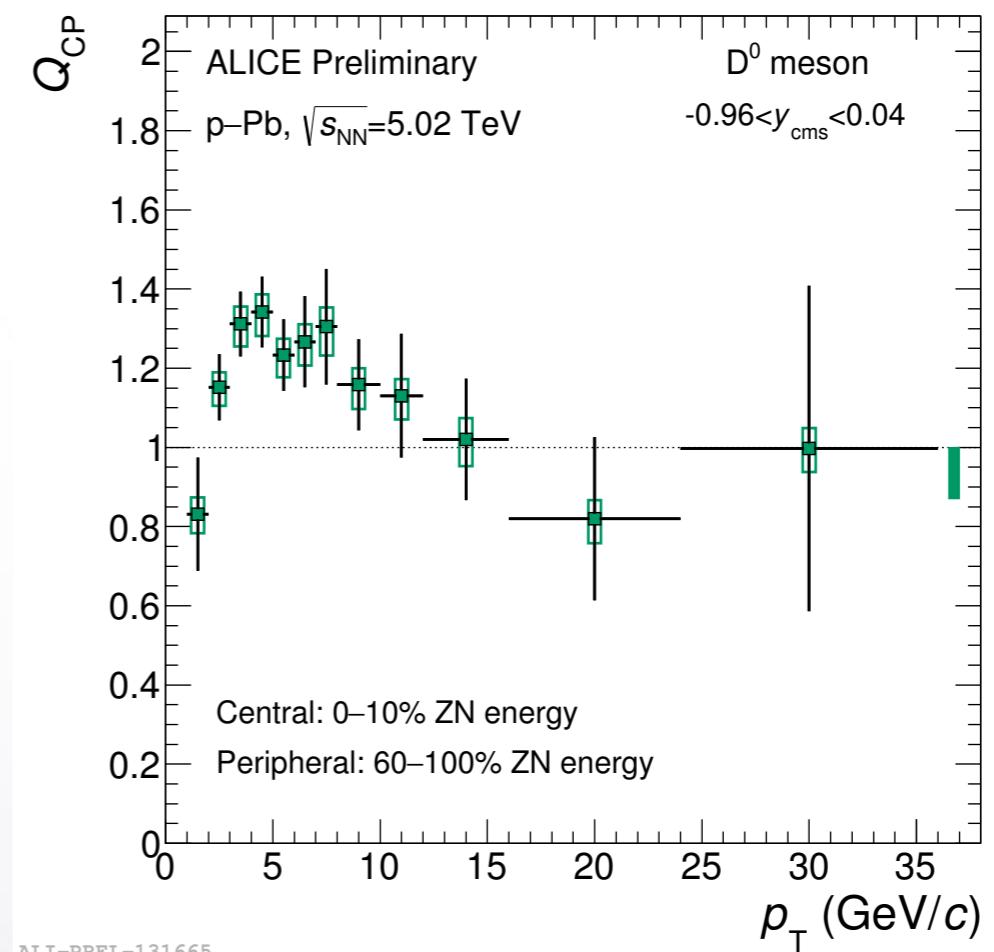
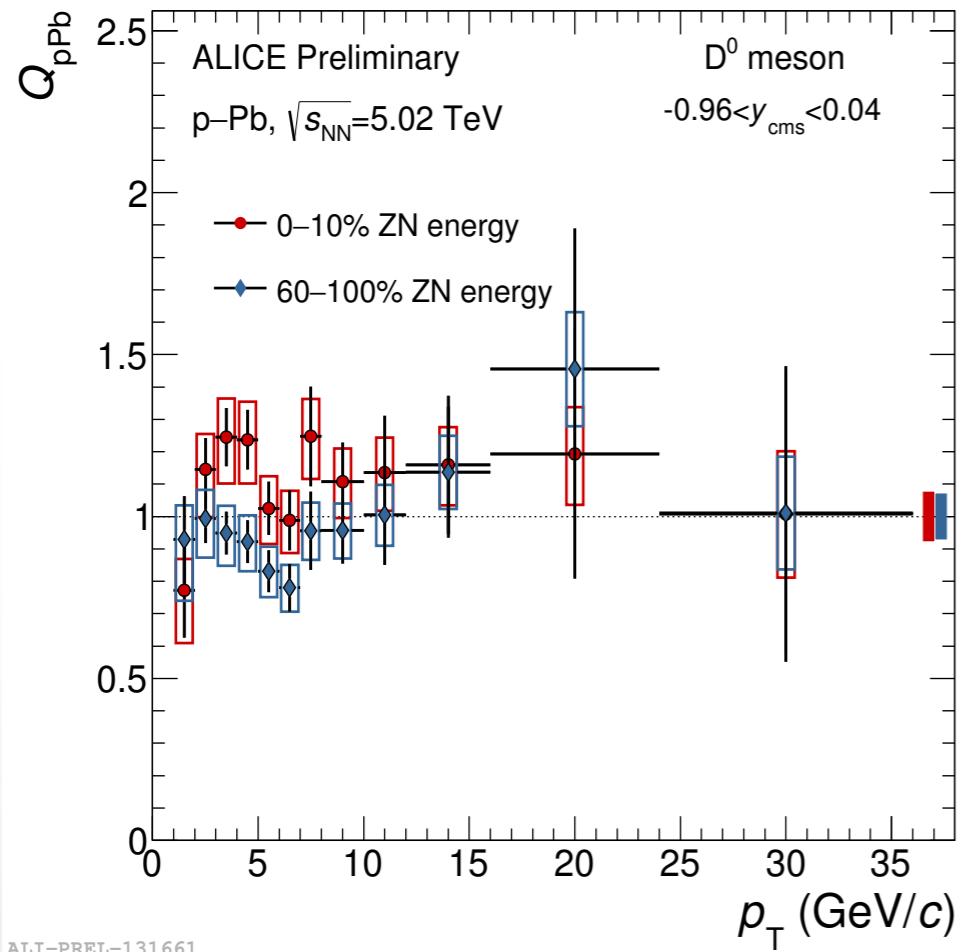


$$Q_{\text{pPb}}^{\text{mult}}(p_T) = \frac{1}{\langle T_{\text{pPb}}^{\text{mult}} \rangle} \frac{dN_{\text{pPb}} / dp_T}{d\sigma_{\text{pp}} / dp_T}$$

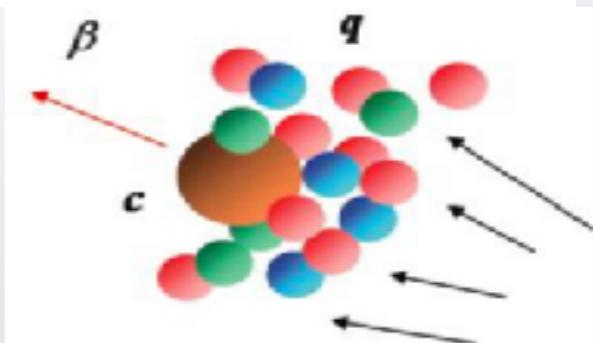
New from Run-2

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$$Q_{\text{CP}}(p_T) = \frac{\langle T_{\text{pPb}}^{0-100} \rangle}{\langle T_{\text{pPb}}^{0-10} \rangle} \frac{(dN_{\text{pPb}} / dp_T)_{\text{pPb}}^{0-10}}{(dN_{\text{pPb}} / dp_T)_{\text{pPb}}^{60-100}}$$



- $Q_{\text{pPb}}$  in most central (0-10%) and peripheral collisions (60-100 %) are compatible and consistent with unity within uncertainties
- Ratio central to peripheral ( $Q_{\text{cp}}$ )  $> 1$  in  $3 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$  with  $1.7 \sigma$
- Possible influence of radial flow on HF particles in p-Pb collisions

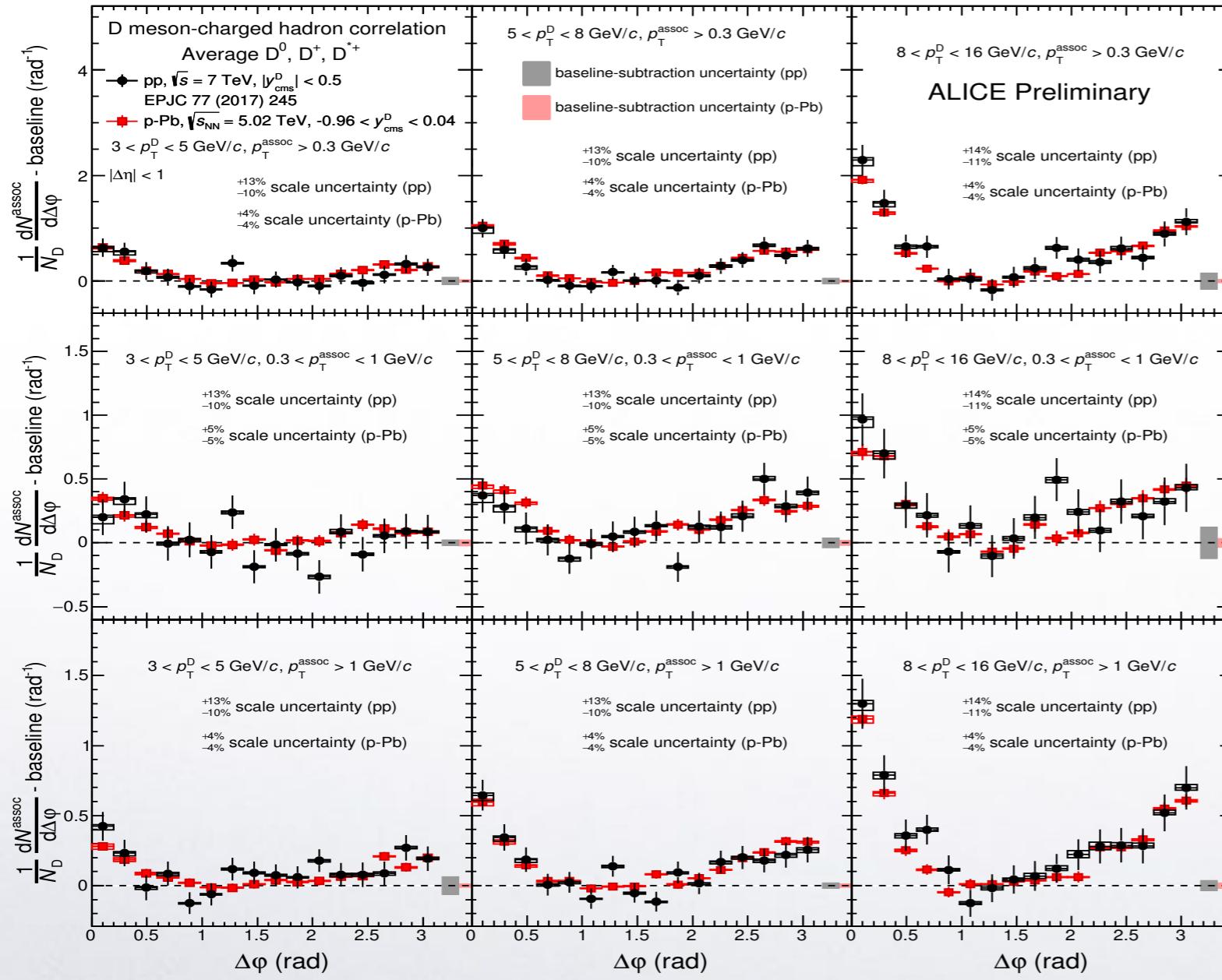




# Correlations between $D$ mesons and charged particles



Access the charm fragmentation and jet properties in presence of nucleus

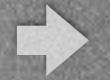


New from Run-2

- A significant increase of precision and access new  $p_T$  interval w.r.t run-1
- Angular correlations are consistent within uncertainties in pp and p-Pb collisions after baseline subtraction
- No sign of modification in p-Pb collisions due to cold nuclear effects within uncertainties



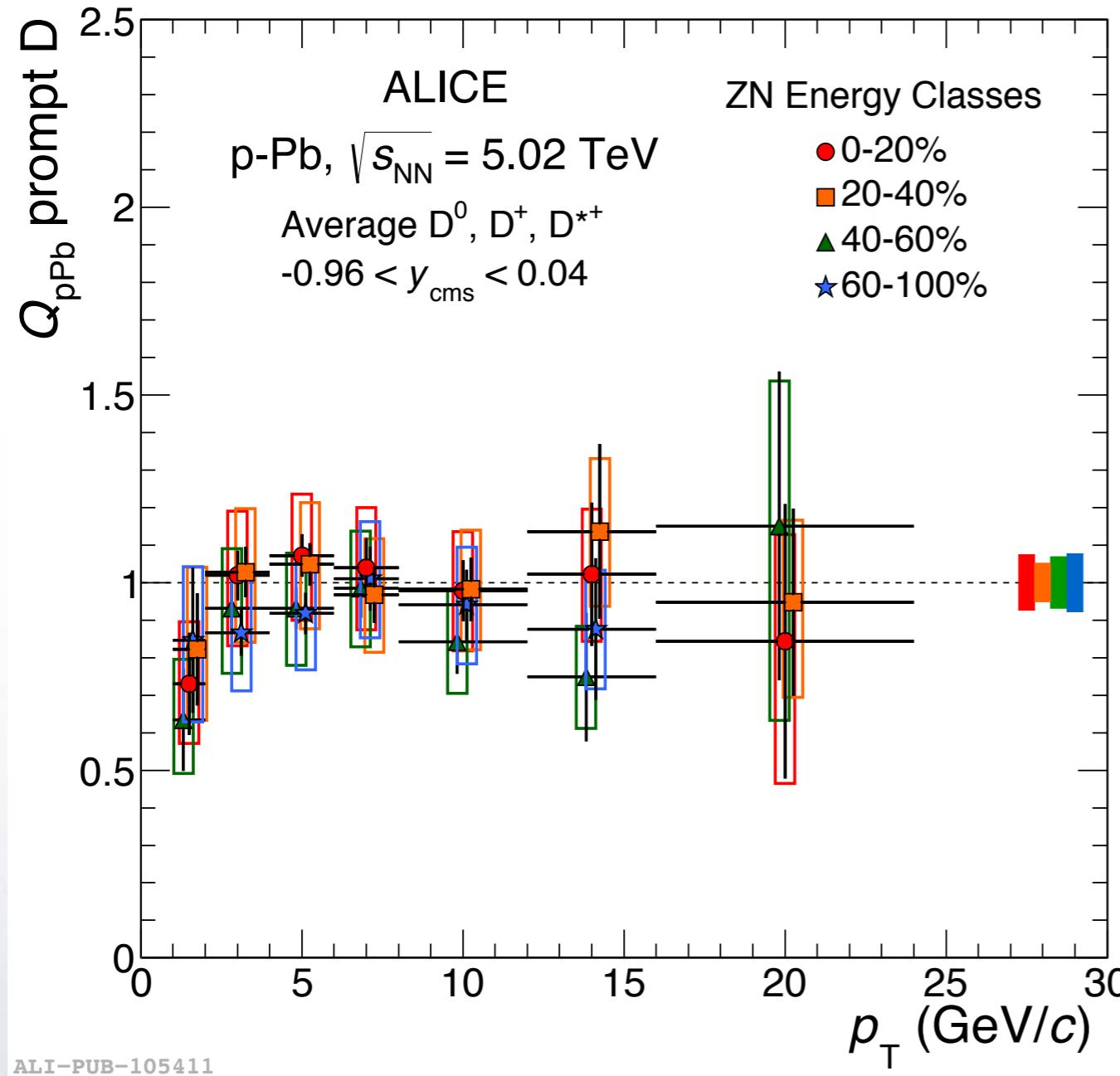
- D-meson production measurement at several collision energies reproduced by pQCD calculations
- **First charmed-baryon measurement at mid-rapidity at LHC energies**
  - measured cross section and baryon to charm ratios higher than all available theoretical predictions
- D-meson  $R_{\text{pPb}}$ : compatible results with run-1 analysis, **better precision, extended  $p_T$  reach**
- $R_{\text{pPb}}$  of charm mesons, baryons and leptons consistent with unity and models including CNM effect
- Ratio central to peripheral ( $Q_{\text{cp}}$ ) > 1: initial- or final-state effect? radial flow in p-Pb?
- **No modification of azimuthal correlation** between D mesons and charged particles in p-Pb collisions. Consistent with pQCD-based model calculations within uncertainties.



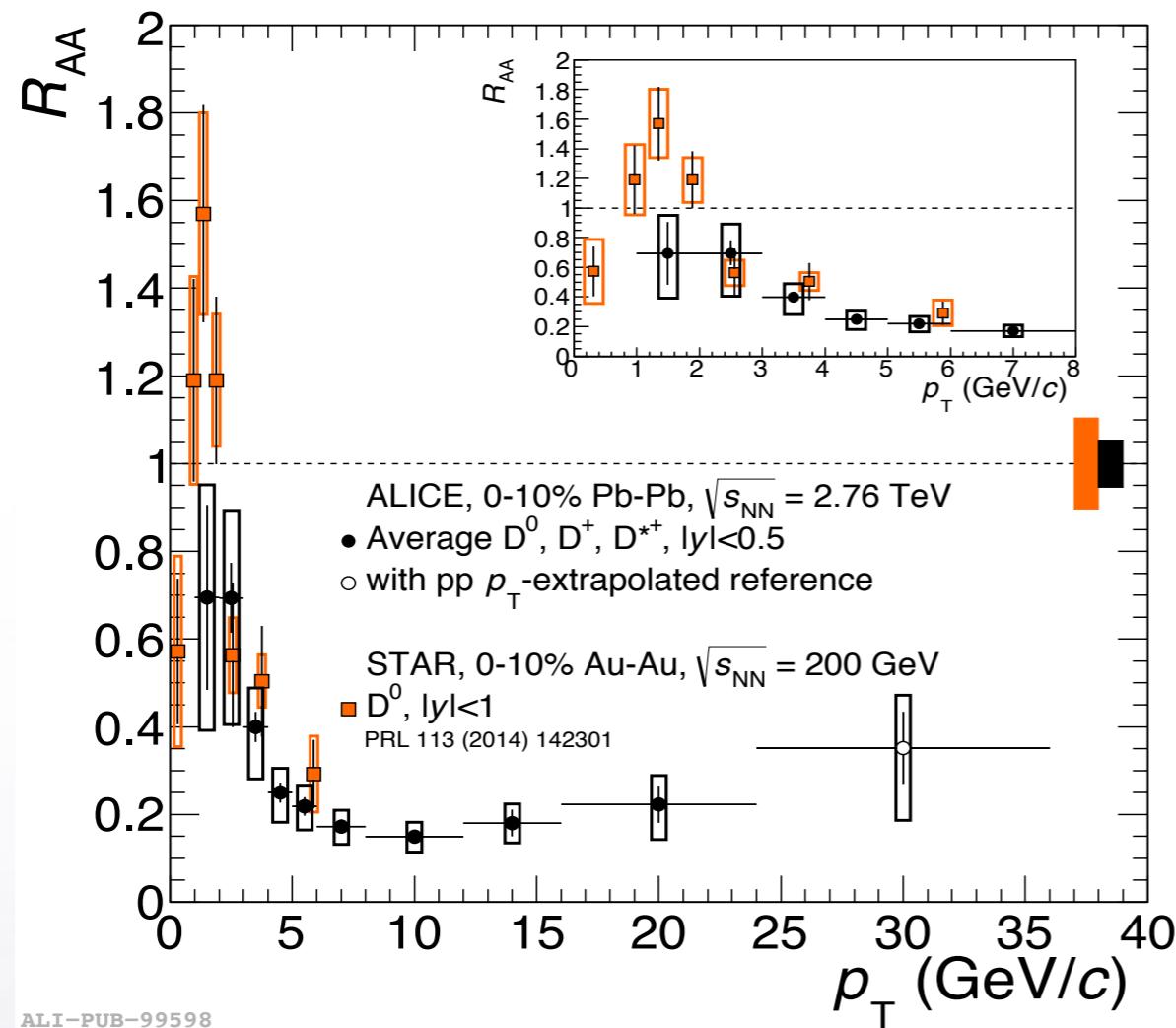
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# *D-meson Q<sub>pPb</sub>*



Average D-meson nuclear modification factor for different centrality classes selected with ZNA estimator  
No centrality dependence was found  
pPb



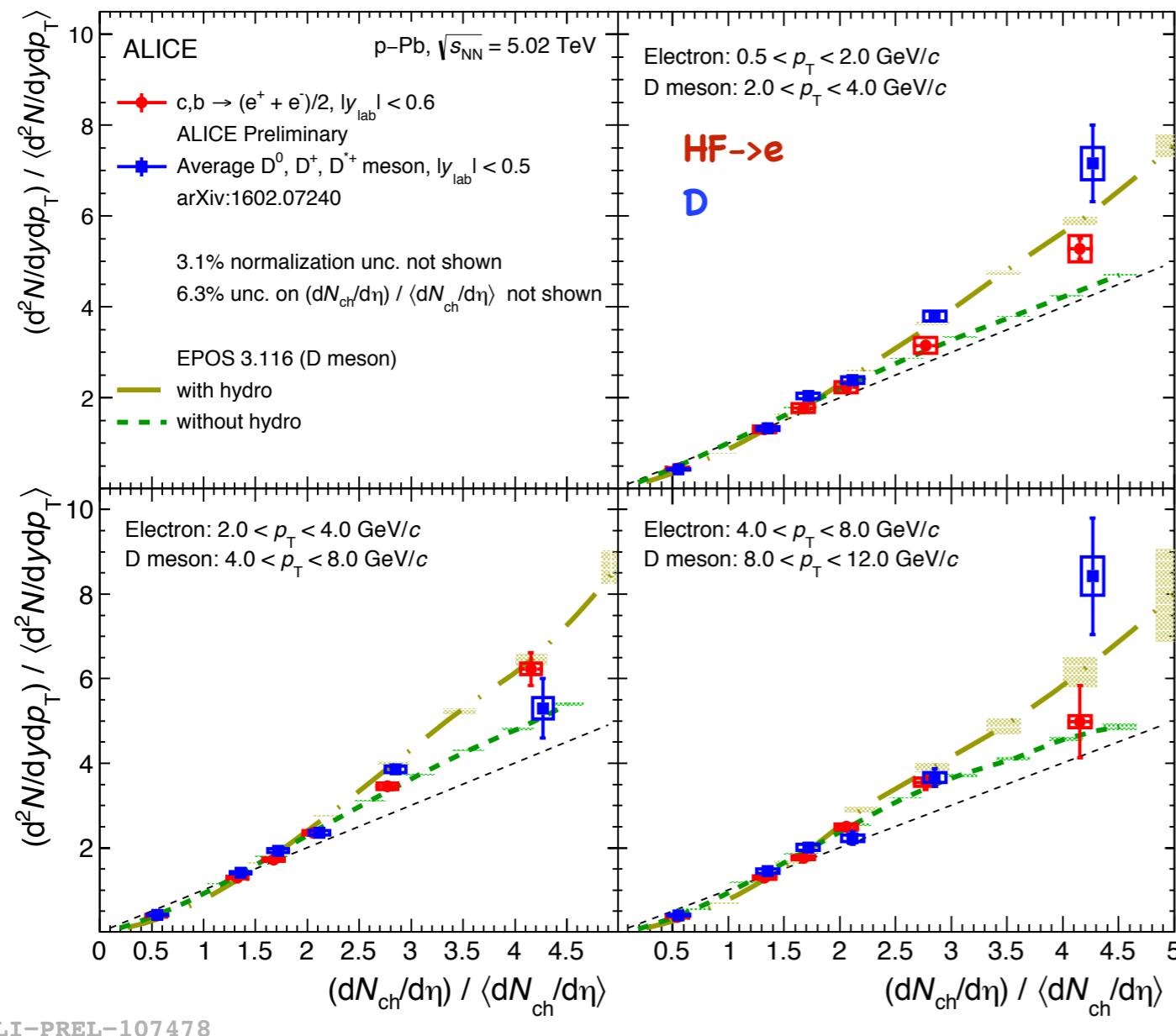
✓ D mesons at RHIC vs LHC: different  $R_{AA}$  trend observed for  $p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ?

Caveats: Stronger shadowing, less steep pp spectrum at LHC, different effect of radial flow and coalescence.

✓ Some models (TAMU, Phys. Lett. B 735 (2014) 445) can describe both results.



# Heavy-flavour production vs multiplicity



Self normalised yields increase with charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity as observed in pp collisions

- ✓ faster than linear increase
- ✓ similar trend for heavy-flavour decay electrons and D mesons
- ✓ different  $p_T$  ranges for better kinematic comparability
- ✓ at high  $p_T$  electrons are dominated by beauty

Measurements are reproduced well by EPOS with hydro

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# From Signal to Cross section



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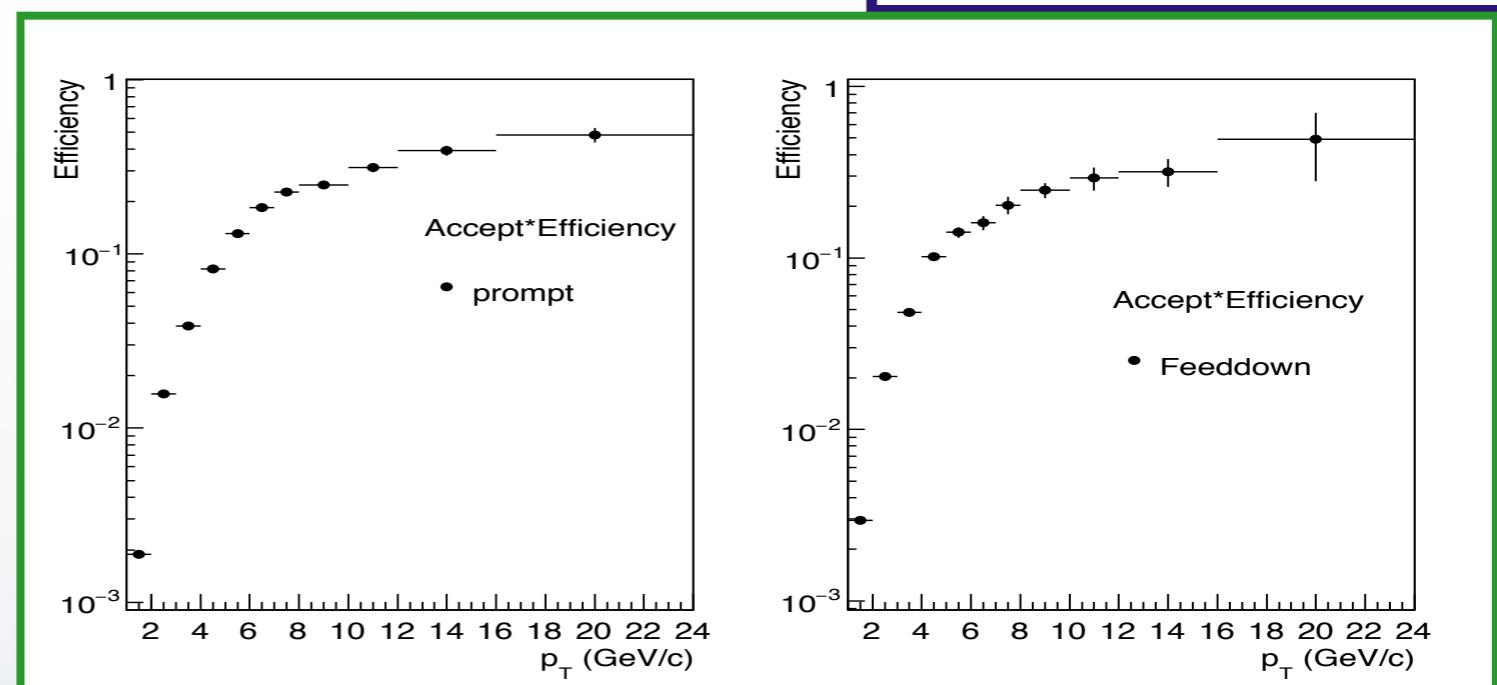
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Correction for reconstruction and selection efficiency:

from MC simulation: Efficiencies x acceptance corrections increasing trending with  $p_T$ .

Secondary D mesons show higher efficiencies due to their large displacement.

From fits to invariant mass spectra



Integrated luminosity  $L_{\text{int}} = \text{No. of events analyzed}/\sigma \text{ INT7}(56 \cdot 10^6 \text{ nb})$

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/486605/contributions/1996610/attachments/1216371/1776468/PWG-PP\\_250116.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/486605/contributions/1996610/attachments/1216371/1776468/PWG-PP_250116.pdf)



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Feed Down Correction:

Two ways of calculating the feed down correction. N<sub>b</sub> and f<sub>c</sub>

N<sub>b</sub> method:

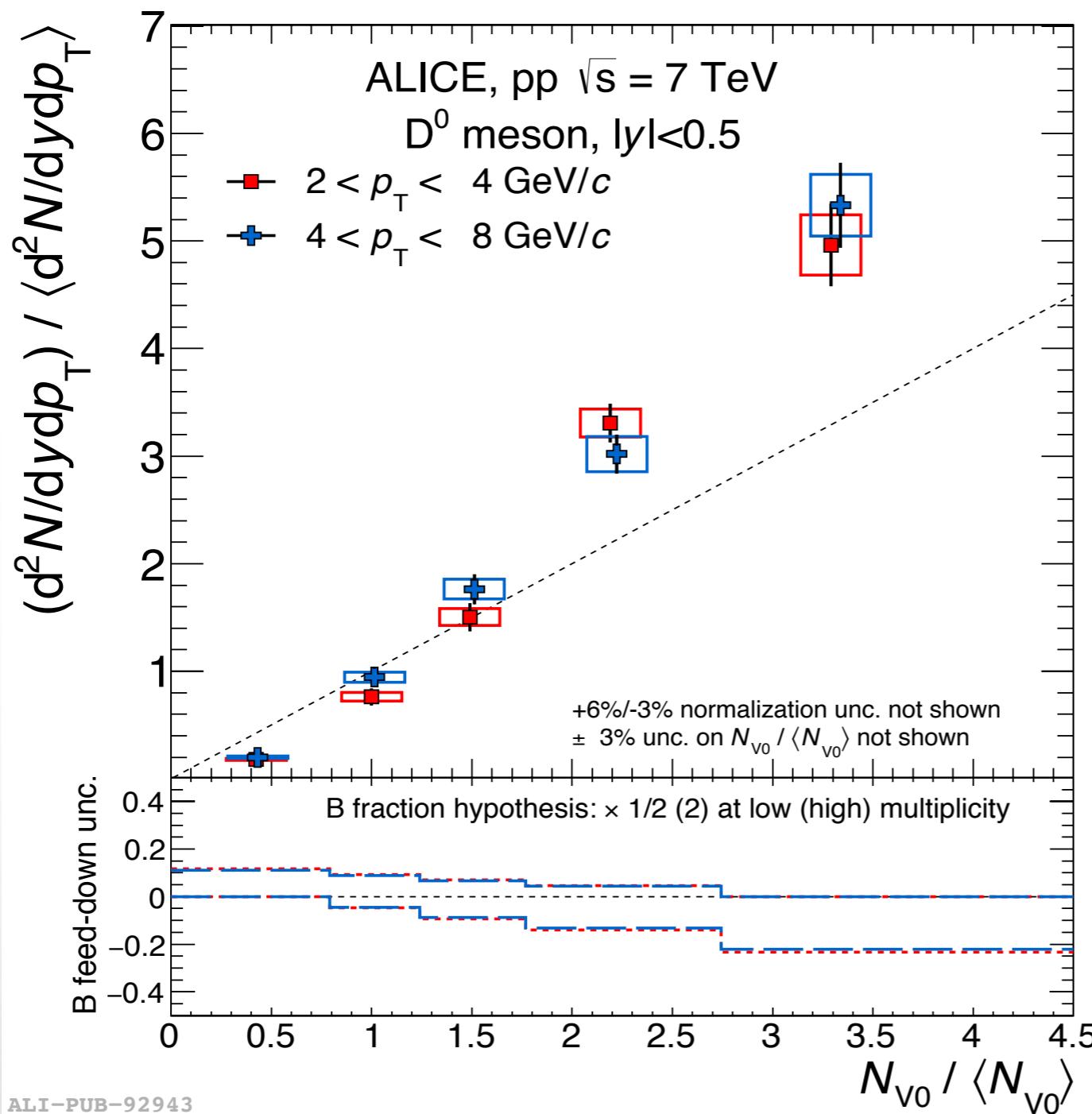
$$f_{\text{prompt}} = 1 - (N^D \text{ feed-down raw} / N^D \text{ raw}) = \\ = 1 - \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dy dp_T} \right)_{\text{feed-down}}^{\text{FONLL}} \cdot \frac{(\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\text{feed-down}} \cdot \Delta y \Delta p_T \cdot \text{BR} \cdot L_{\text{int}}}{N^D \text{ raw} / 2}$$

F<sub>c</sub> method:

$$f_{\text{prompt}} = \left( 1 + \frac{(\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\text{feed-down}}}{(\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\text{prompt}}} \cdot \frac{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{FONLL}}^{D^+ \text{ from } B}}{dp_T} \Big|_{|y|<0.5}}{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{FONLL}}^{D^+}}{dp_T} \Big|_{|y|<0.5}} \right)^{-1}$$

For this analysis N<sub>b</sub> is used to compute the central value since FONLL describes beauty better than charm at the LHC.

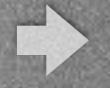
A convolution of f<sub>c</sub> and N<sub>b</sub> is taken as a systematic on f<sub>prompt</sub>.



VOA and VOC estimator



# Physics motivations: Why heavy flavours?



- ✓ Heavy quarks lose less energy than light quarks and gluons due to the color-charge and the dead-cone effects

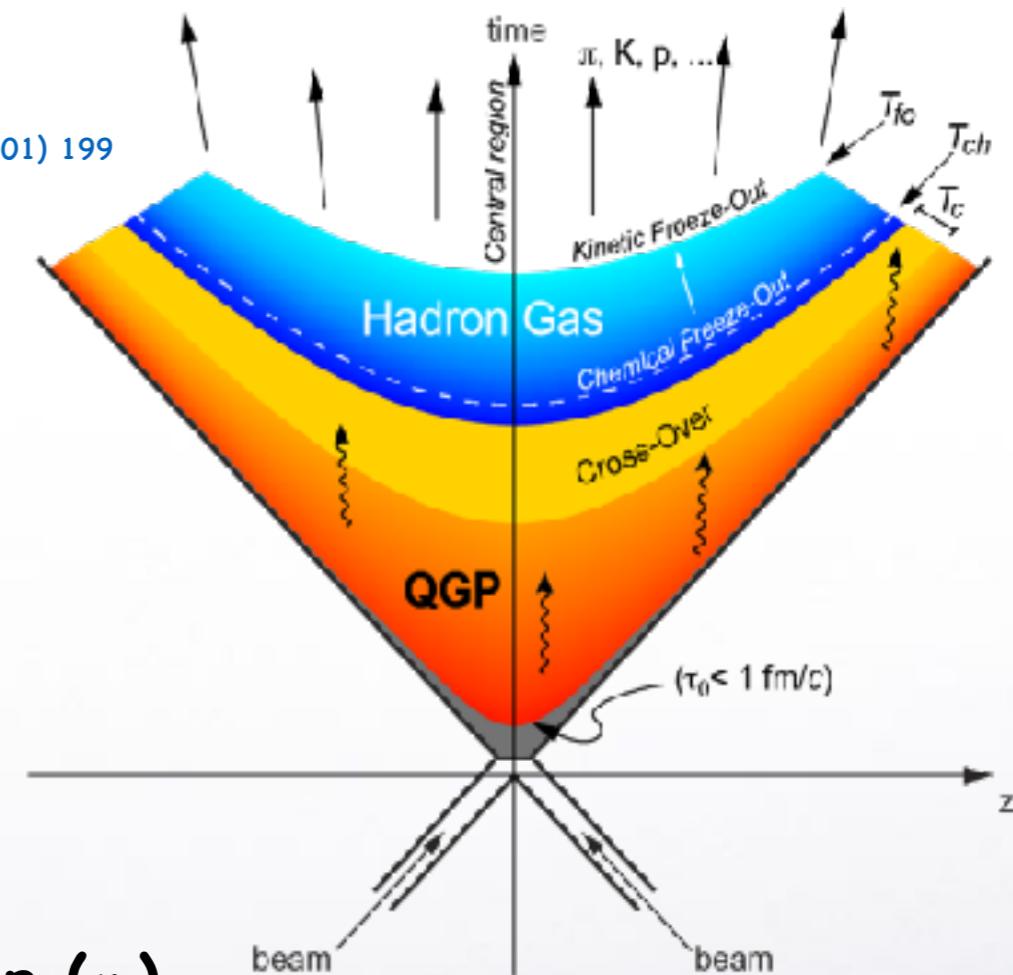
$$\Delta E(g) > \Delta E(u,d,s) > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$$

Dokshitzer and Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199

**Observable:** Nuclear modification factor ( $R_{AA}$ )

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

**Expected Hierarchy:**  $R_{AA}(B) > R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\pi)$  ?



**Another observable:** azimuthal anisotropy

- ✓ Provides information on the degree of thermalisation ( $v_2$ ) of heavy quarks in the medium at low / intermediate  $p_T$  and is sensitive to the path-length dependence of heavy-quark energy loss at high  $p_T$