

Recent results on heavy flavours and quarkonia from ALICE



ALICE

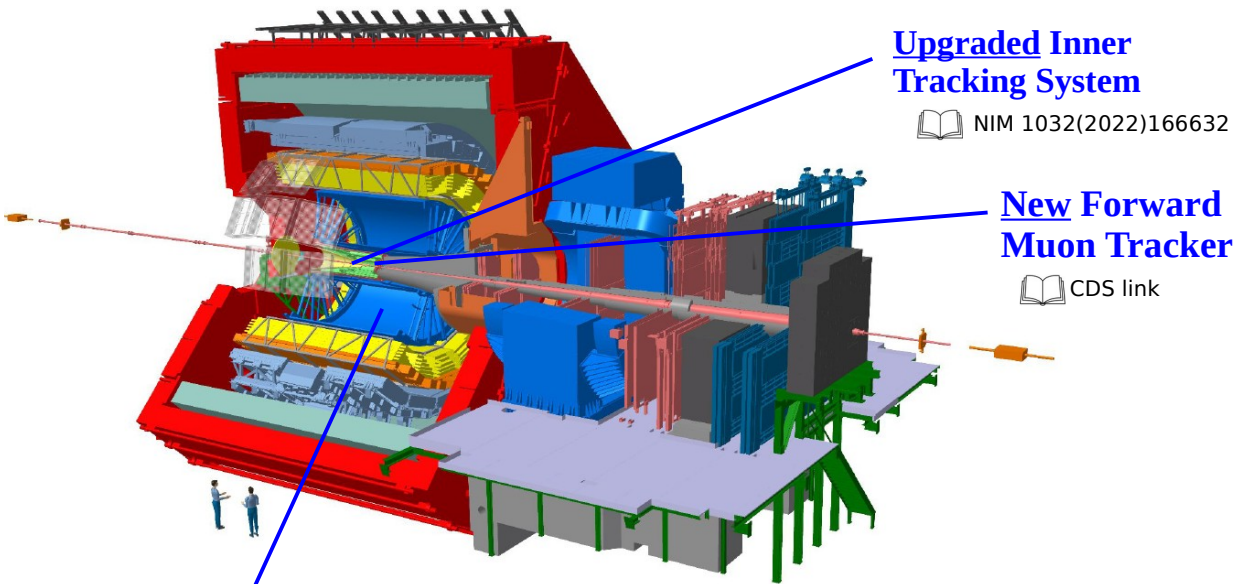


Fiorella Fionda, on behalf of the ALICE Collaboration
University & INFN, Cagliari (Italy)



The 21st International Conference on Strangeness in Quark Matter
Strasbourg, France, 3-7 June, 2024



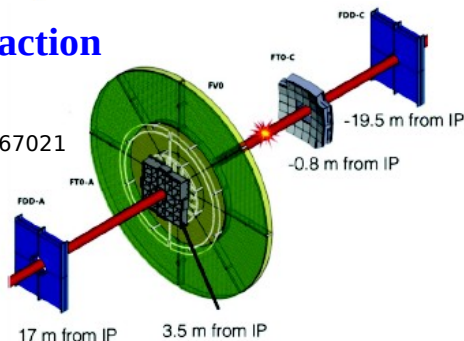


Upgraded Time Projection Chamber

📖 JINST 16 P03022 (2021)

New Fast Interaction Trigger

📖 NIM 1039 (2022) 167021



✓ Major upgrade of the ALICE detector in 2019-2021

📖 JINST 19 P05062 (2024)



✓ Continuous readout (up to 500 kHz in pp and 50kHz in Pb-Pb)

📖 CERN-LHCC-2020-018

– Selection of interesting physics events using high-level offline trigger selections

✓ Improved pointing resolution at midrapidity by a factor of 3 (6) in the transverse plane (beam-line direction) compared to Run 2

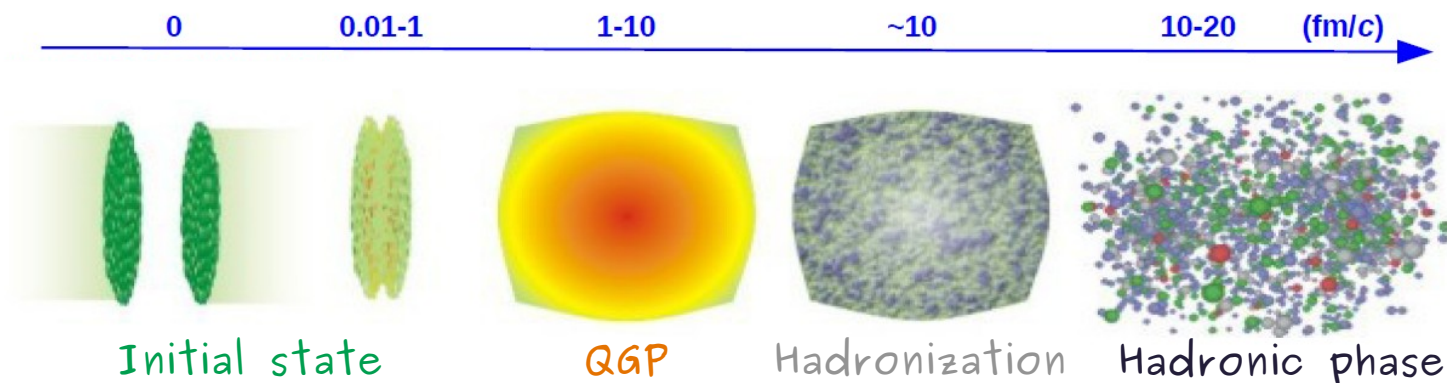
✓ Secondary vertex reconstruction enabled at forward rapidity for muons

The importance of heavy quarks

- ✓ In heavy-ion collisions: excellent probes to characterize precisely **initial state**, **QGP properties** and **hadronization mechanisms in medium**

Heavy quarks

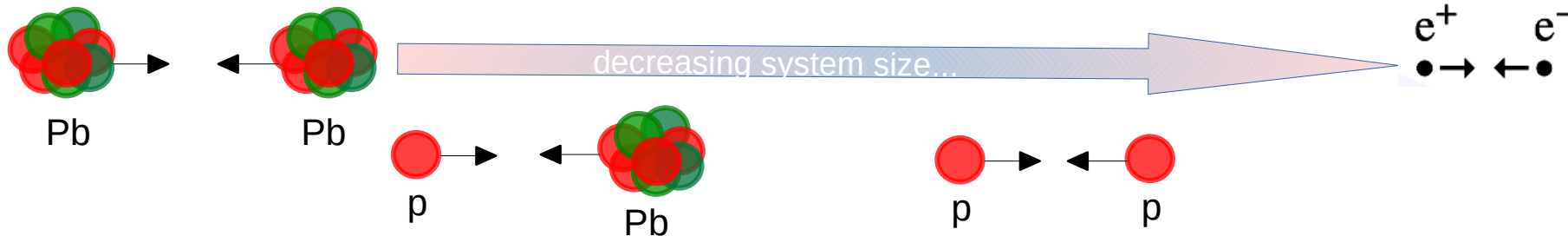
- ✓ Produced in hard partonic collisions ($\tau_{HQ} \approx 0.05-0.1$ fm/c)
- ✓ Sensitive to the initial state
- ✓ Interaction with medium: energy loss, diffusion and thermalization



The importance of heavy quarks

- ✓ In heavy-ion collisions: excellent probes to characterize precisely **initial state**, **QGP properties** and **hadronization mechanisms in medium**
- ✓ In small systems (pp & p-Pb)

large system, extended size

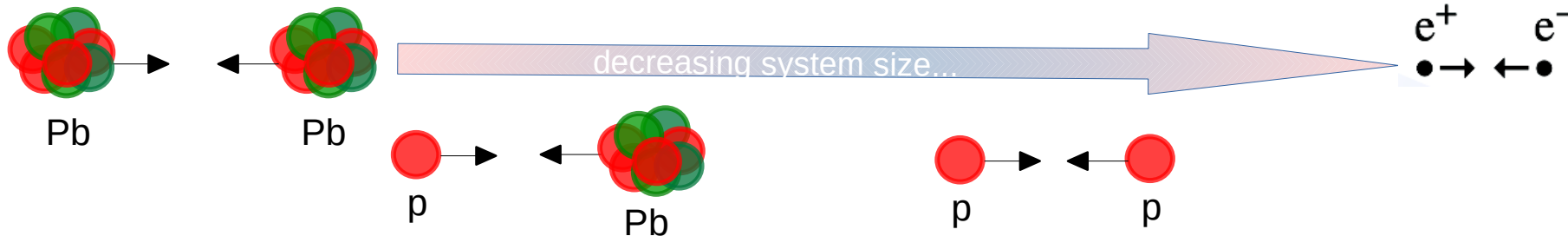


- ✓ **Reference** for heavy-ion studies
- ✓ **Test / constrain** QCD-based models
- ✓ Insight into **multiparton interactions**
- ✓ **Collectivity** in small systems

The importance of heavy quarks

- ✓ In heavy-ion collisions: excellent probes to characterize precisely **initial state**, **QGP properties** and **hadronization mechanisms in medium**
- ✓ In small systems (pp & p-Pb)

large system, extended size

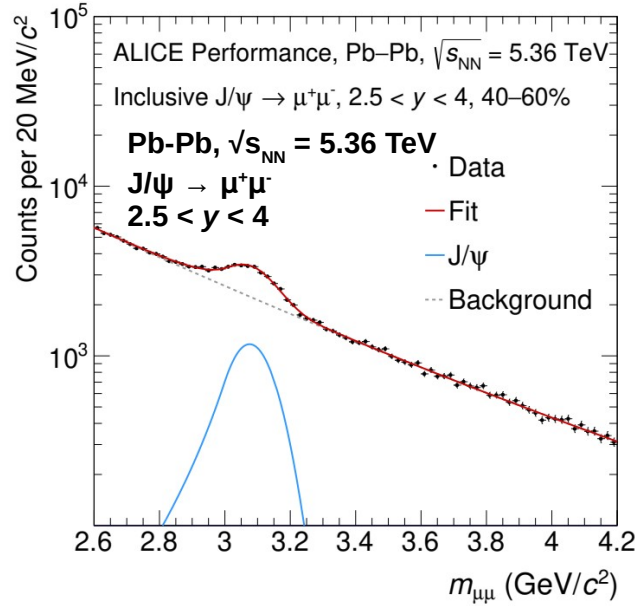


- ✓ **Reference** for heavy-ion studies
- ✓ **Test / constrain** QCD-based models

✓ Insight into **multiparton interactions**

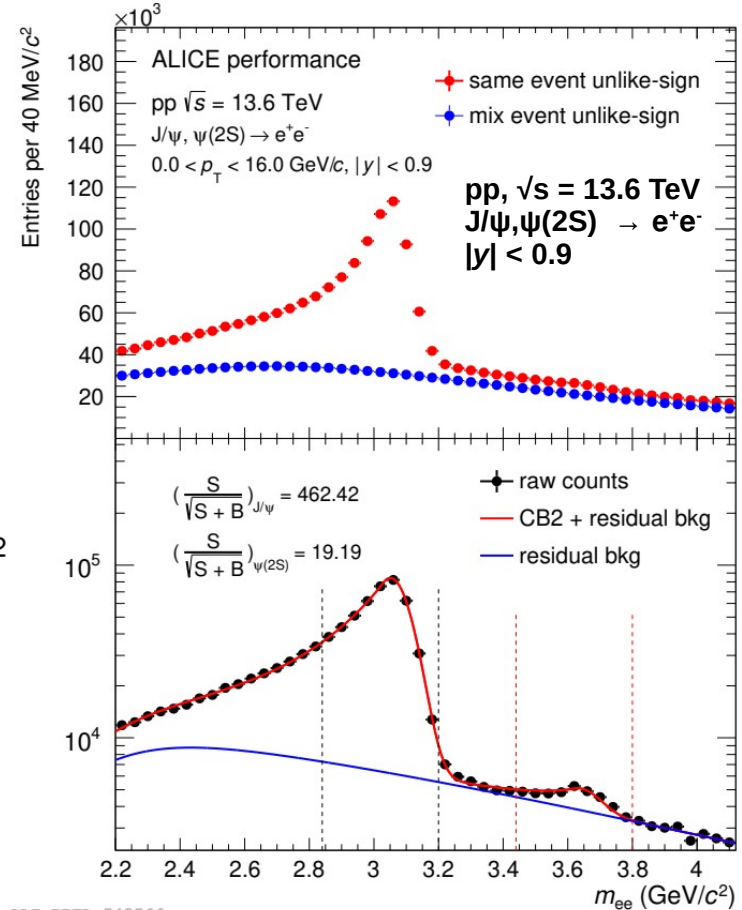
✓ **Collectivity** in small systems

In this talk:
highlights on fresh
results from Run 3
and Run 2 !



Quarkonia $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Upsilon(nS), \psi(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \\ \psi(nS) \rightarrow e^+e^- \end{array} \right.$

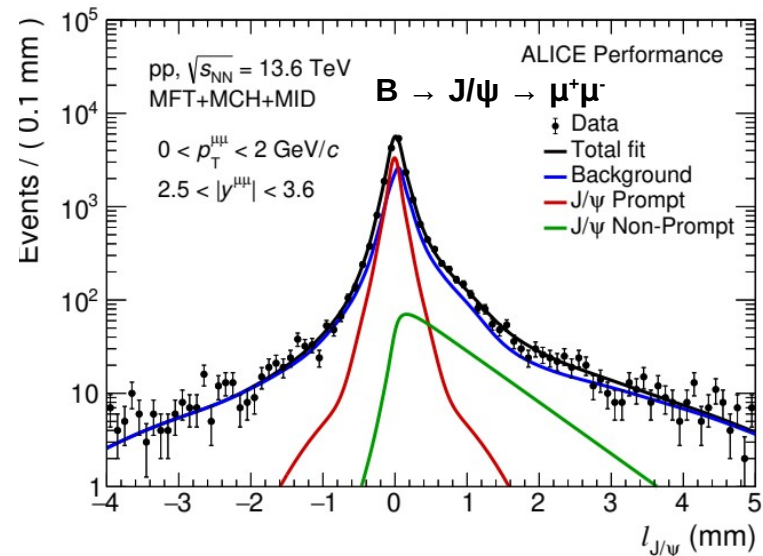
- ✓ Quarkonia reconstructed at mid and forward rapidity down to zero transverse momentum



Open heavy-flavour and quarkonia in ALICE



ALICE



Open beauty

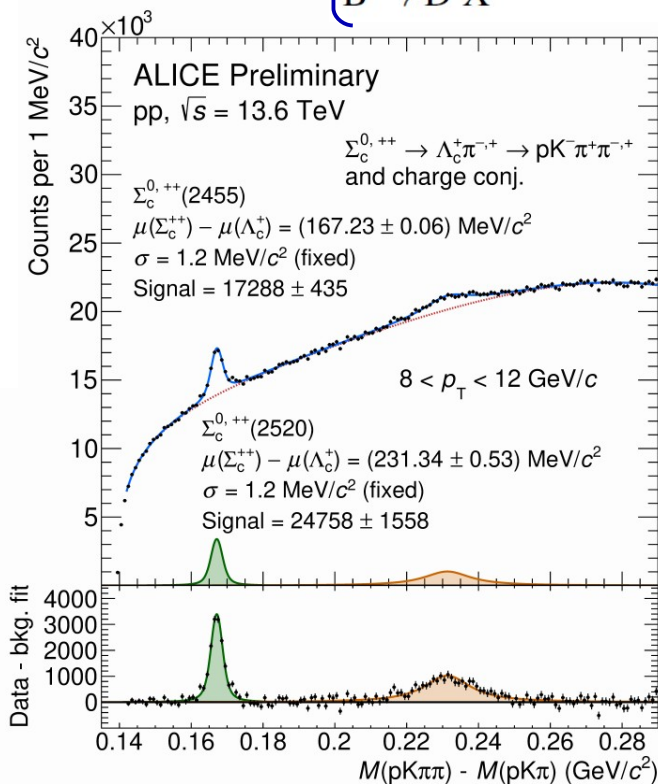
- $B \rightarrow e(\mu)X$
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)X$
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)X$
- $B \rightarrow DX$

Open charm mesons

- $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$
- $D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+$
- $D^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+ \rightarrow K^-K^+\pi^+$
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi^+$
- $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi\pi^+ \rightarrow K^-K^+\pi^+$
- $D \rightarrow e(\mu)X$
- $D_{s1}^+ \rightarrow D^{*+}K_s^0$
- $D_{s2}^{*+} \rightarrow D^+K_s^0$

Charm baryons

- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK_s^0$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+v_e$
- $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2455) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\pi^-,+$
- $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2520) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+\pi^-,+$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^-e^+v_e$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^-\pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^-\pi^+\pi^+$
- $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^-\pi^+$
- $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^-e^+v_e$



Quarkonia

- $\Upsilon(nS), \psi(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $\psi(nS) \rightarrow e^+e^-$

- ✓ Quarkonia reconstructed at mid and forward rapidity down to zero transverse momentum
- ✓ Open heavy flavour hadrons reconstructed via exclusive / inclusive decay modes in wide momentum and rapidity windows !

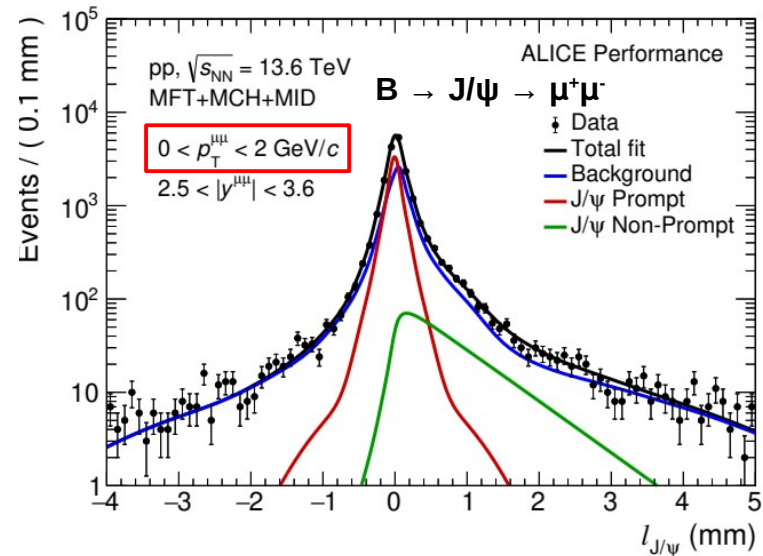
ALI-PREL-571534

SQM 2024

Open heavy-flavour and quarkonia in ALICE



ALICE



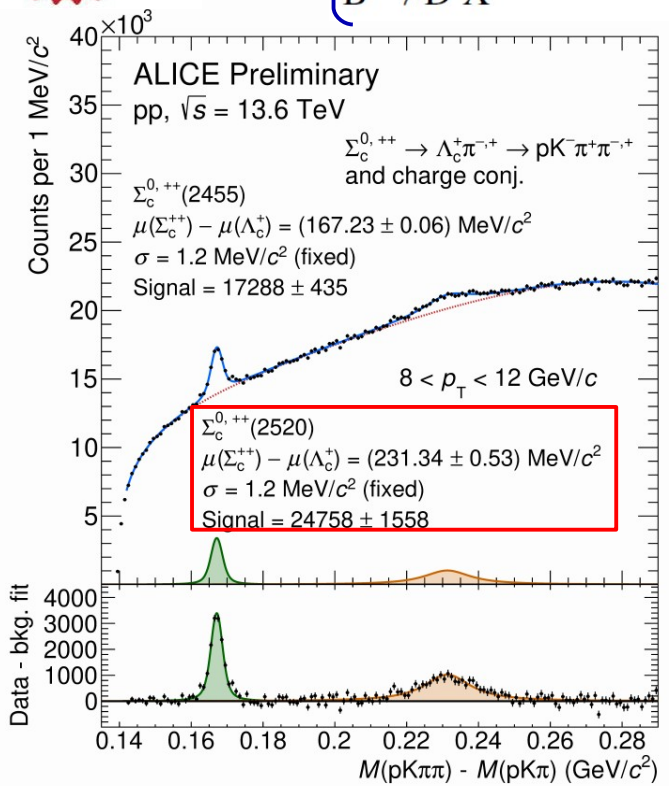
FIRST TIME IN RUN 3!

Open beauty

- $B \rightarrow e(\mu)X$
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)X$
- $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)X$
- $B \rightarrow DX$

Open charm mesons

- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- $D^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$
- $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$
- $D \rightarrow e(\mu)X$
- $D_{s1}^+ \rightarrow D^{*+} K_s^0$
- $D_{s2}^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ K_s^0$



Charm baryons

- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$
- $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$
- $\Sigma_c^{0,++} (2455) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-, +$
- $\Sigma_c^{0,++} (2520) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-, +$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e$
- $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$
- $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$
- $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$
- $\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- e^+ \nu_e$

Quarkonia

- $\Upsilon(nS), \psi(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- $\psi(nS) \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

- ✓ Quarkonia reconstructed at mid and forward rapidity down to zero transverse momentum
- ✓ Open heavy flavour hadrons reconstructed via exclusive / inclusive decay modes in wide momentum and rapidity windows !

ALI-PREL-571534

SQM 2024



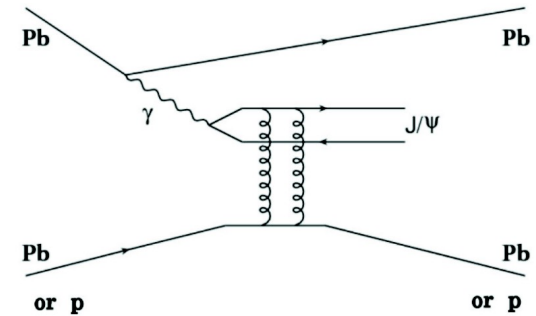
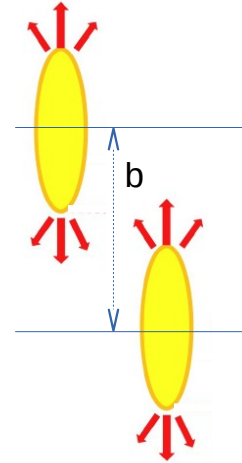
ALICE

Highlights from Pb–Pb collisions

J/ψ photoproduction in peripheral Pb–Pb collisions

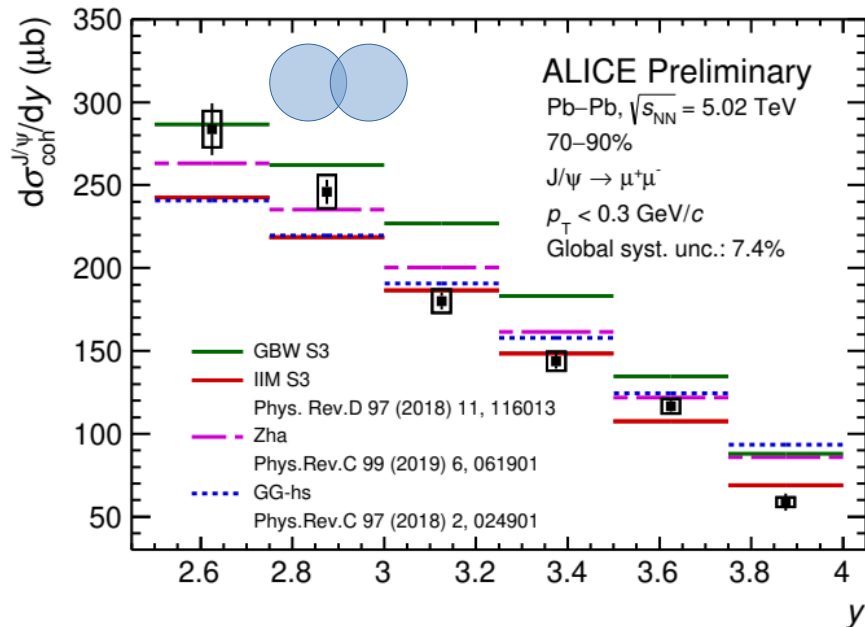


Ultra-peripheral
Collisions
(UPC) [$b > 2R$]

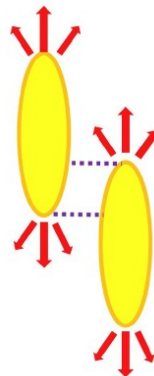


Coherent $\rightarrow \langle p_T \rangle \sim 60 \text{ MeV}/c$
Incoherent $\rightarrow \langle p_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c$

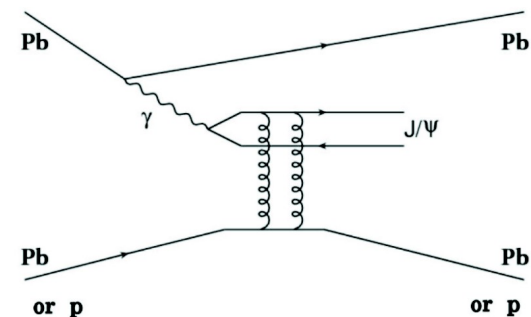
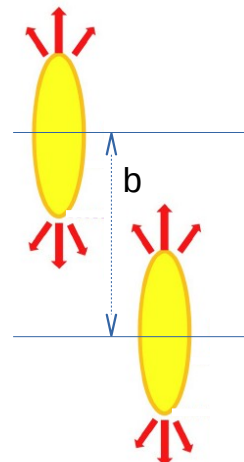
J/ψ photoproduction in peripheral Pb–Pb collisions



Peripheral collisions (PC) [$b < 2R$]



Ultra-peripheral Collisions (UPC) [$b > 2R$]



Coherent → $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 60 \text{ MeV}/c$
 Incoherent → $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c$

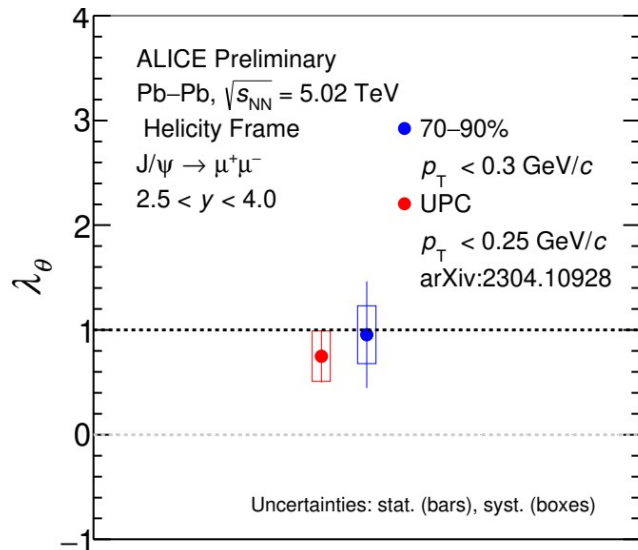
ALI-PREL-547942

- ✓ **Strong y -dependence** observed for J/ψ photoproduction cross section
- ✓ Models based on vector meson photoproduction in UPC and modified for PC can **describe qualitatively but not quantitatively** the y -dependence

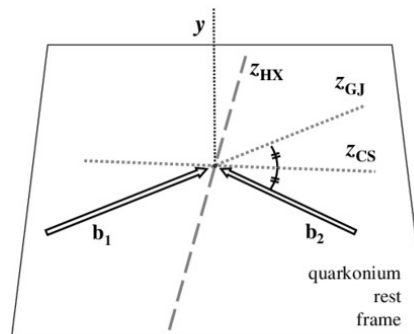
D. Mallik
 Wednesday, 10:40

H. Sharma
 Wednesday, 09:50

J/ψ photoproduction in peripheral Pb–Pb collisions



$$W(\theta) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta)$$



LI-PREL-546778

- ✓ **Strong y -dependence** observed for J/ψ photoproduction cross section
- ✓ Models based on vector meson photoproduction in UPC and modified for PC can **describe qualitatively but not quantitatively** the y -dependence
- ✓ **Transverse polarization** measured for inclusive J/ψ for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c, compatible with results in UPC

D. Mallik
Wednesday, 10:40

H. Sharma
Wednesday, 09:50

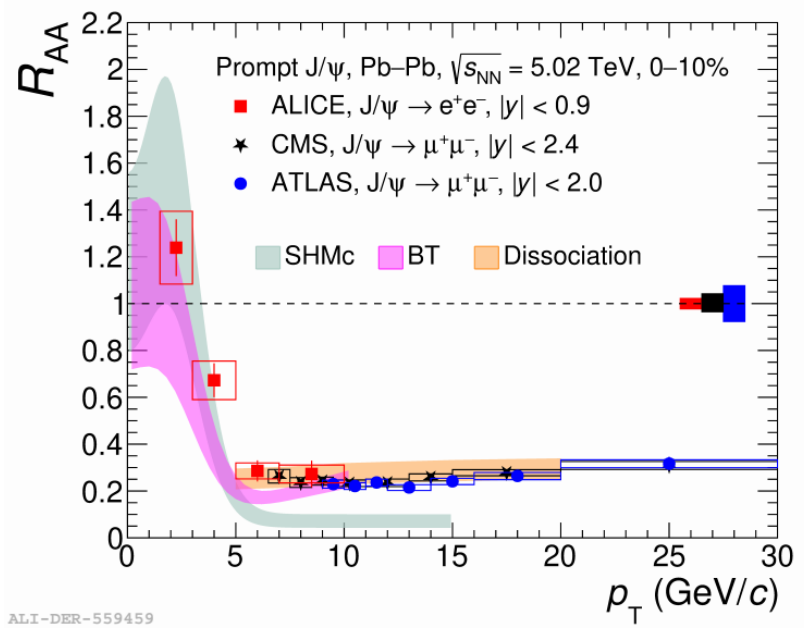
Prompt J/ψ R_{AA} in Pb–Pb collisions



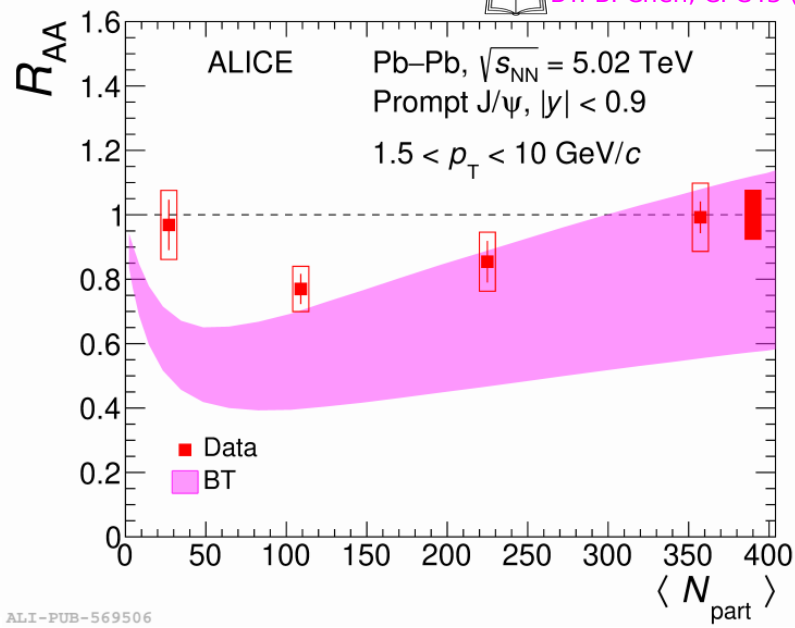
JHEP 02 (2024) 066



Dissociation: Vitev et al., PLB 778 (2018) 384-391
 SHMc: Andronic et al., PLB 797 (2019) 134836
 BT: B. Chen, CPC43 (2019) 124101



ALI-PUB-569506



ATLAS, Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 762
 CMS, Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 509

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}} \times \frac{(dN/dy)_{AA}}{(dN/dy)_{pp}}$$

M. Coquet
 Tuesday, 15:00

- ✓ p_T -differential results **compatible with** corresponding measurements from **ATLAS ad CMS** in the overlapping p_T region
- ✓ Models including **regeneration** can describe the **rising trend** towards low p_T and with increasing centrality



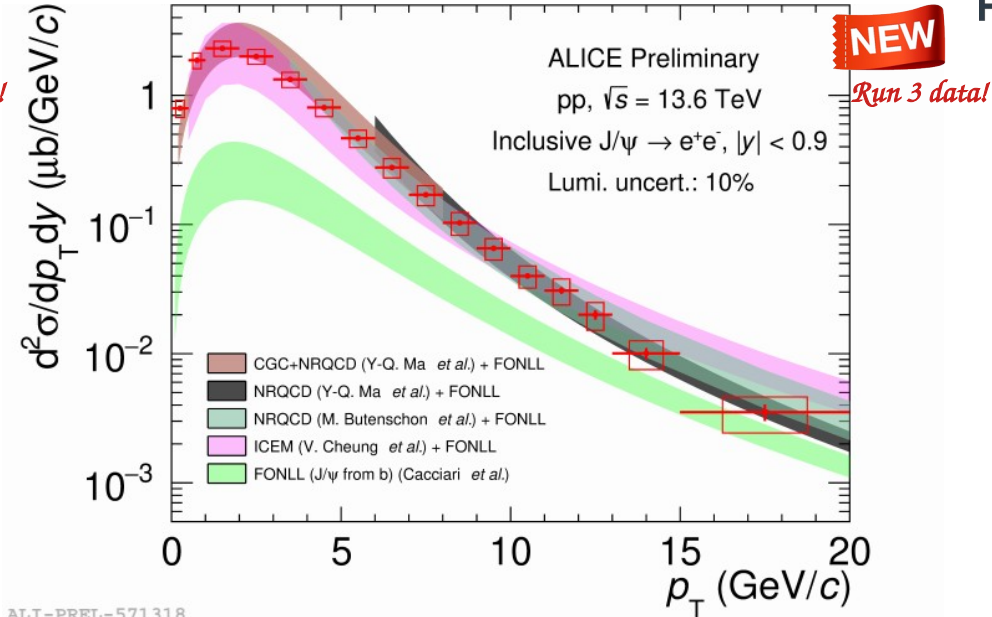
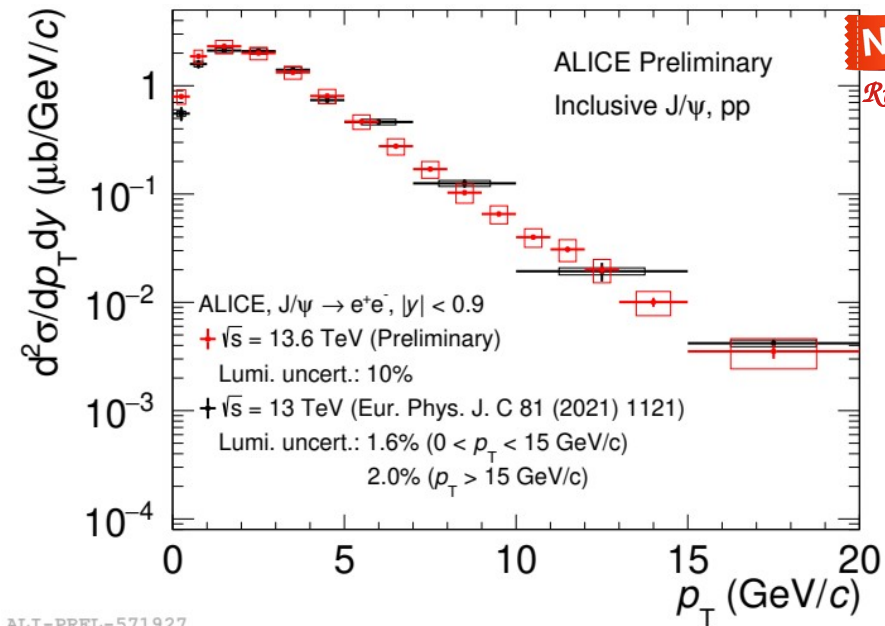
ALICE

Highlights from pp & p–Pb collisions

Charmonia in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV



ALICE

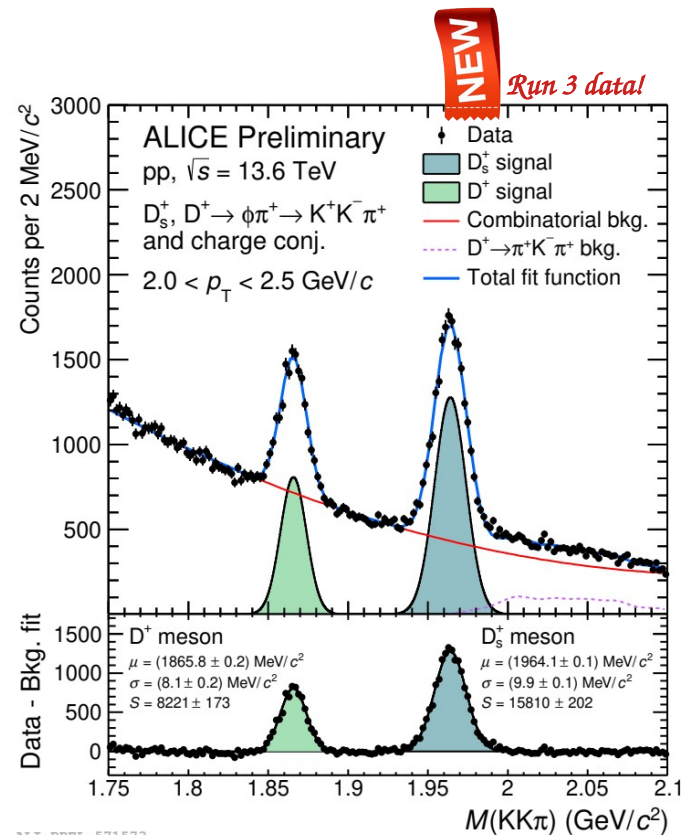


ALI-PREL-571927

ALI-PREL-571318

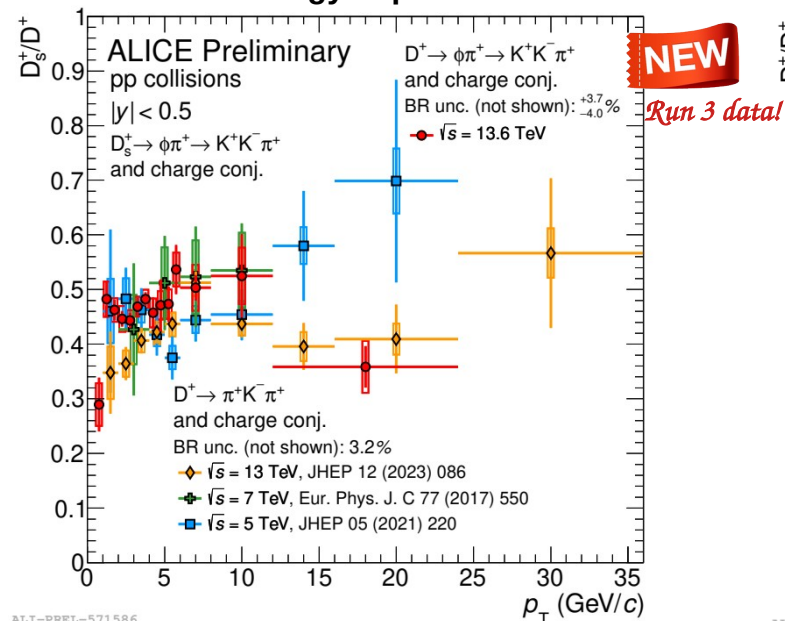
- ✓ First J/ψ cross section measurement in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV !
- **Good agreement with corresponding Run 2 results**
- **High granularity** thanks to the available Run 3 statistics
- **Well described by ICEM and NRQCD based models** coupled with FONLL to account for the non-prompt J/ψ contribution

- NRQCD (Ma *et al.*): PRL 106 (2011) 042002
- NRQCD+CGC (Ma *et al.*): PRL 113 19, (2014) 192301
- NRQCD (Butenschon *et al.*): PRL 106 (2011) 022003
- ICEM (Cheung, Vogt): PRD 98 11, (2018) 114029
- FONLL (Cacciari *et al.*): JHEP 05 (1998) 007

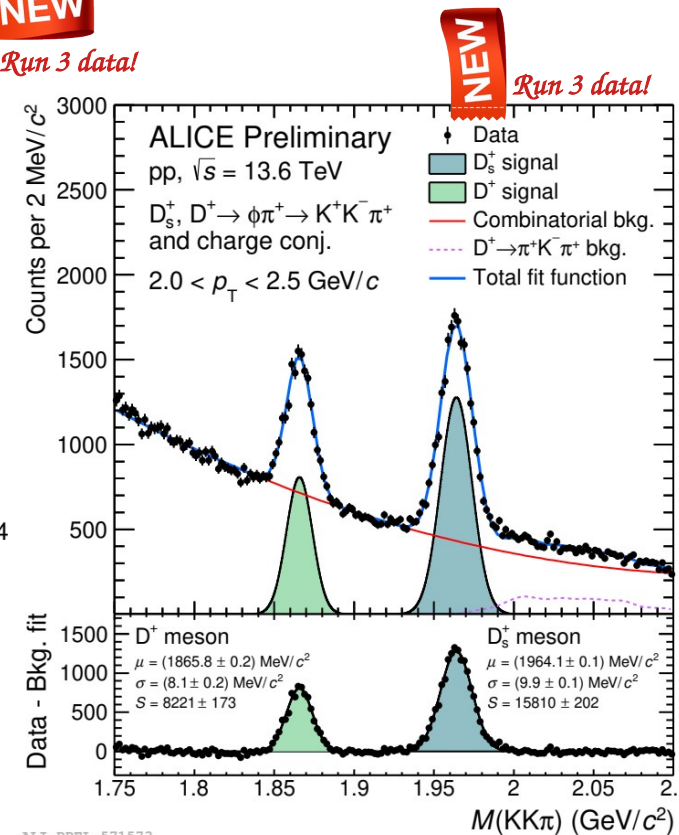
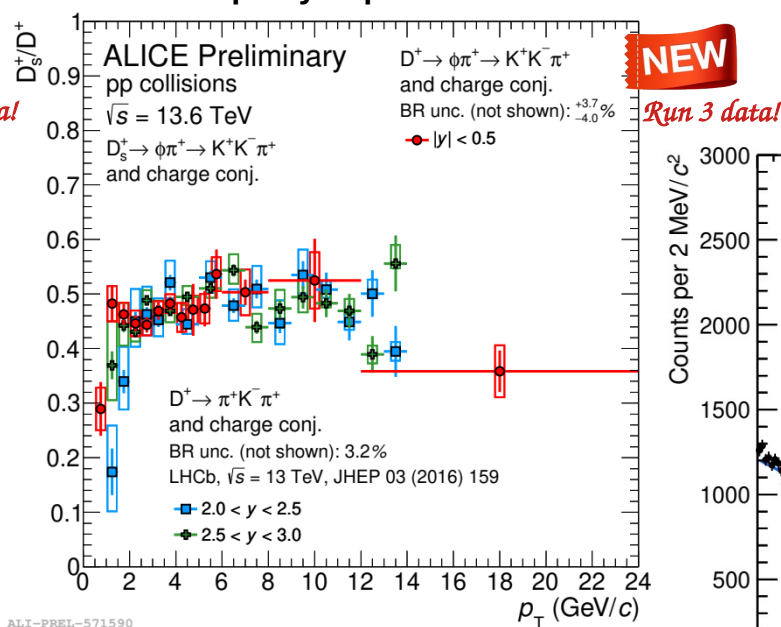




Energy dependence



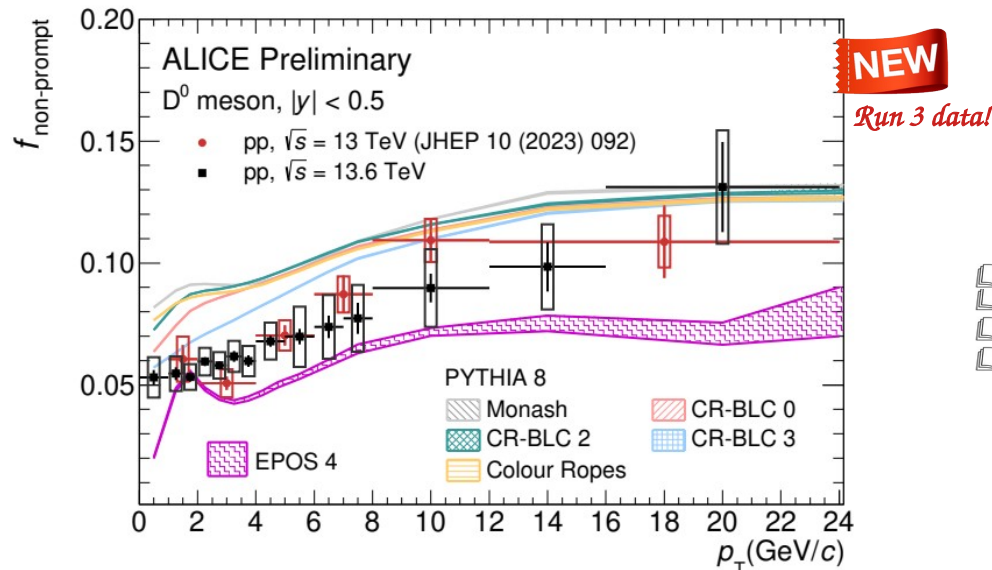
Rapidity dependence



- ✓ New Run 3 measurements of D_s^+/D^+ ratio at midrapidity !
 - High granular results thanks to the significantly increased statistics
 - Extended down to $p_T = 0.5$ GeV/c
 - Compatible with lower energy results within uncertainties
- ✓ Comparison with LHCb results suggests no rapidity dependence

ALI-PREL-571573

Non-prompt D^0 fraction in pp at 13.6 TeV



LI-PREL-571369

- 📖 PYTHIA 8 (Monash): Skands et al, Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)
- 📖 PYTHIA 8 (CR-BLC): Christiansen and Skands, JHEP 08 (2015) 003
- 📖 PYTHIA 8 (Col. Ropes): Bierlich et al., arXiv:2203.11601
- 📖 EPOS4: Werner, arXiv:2301.12517

- ✓ **Non-prompt D^0 fraction** measured at **midrapidity** in pp at 13.6 TeV
 - **Compatible with results at lower energy** within uncertainties
 - Significantly **improved granularity** compared to Run 2, and measurement extended down $p_T = 0$
- ✓ Models either **underestimate (EPOS4)** or **overestimate (PYTHIA 8)** results → inputs for theoretical models

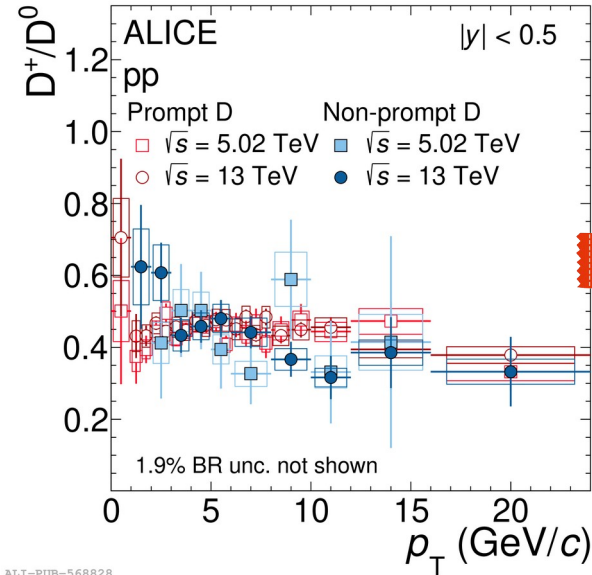
Prompt and non-prompt D meson ratios in pp collisions

M. Faggin
Tuesday, 11:00

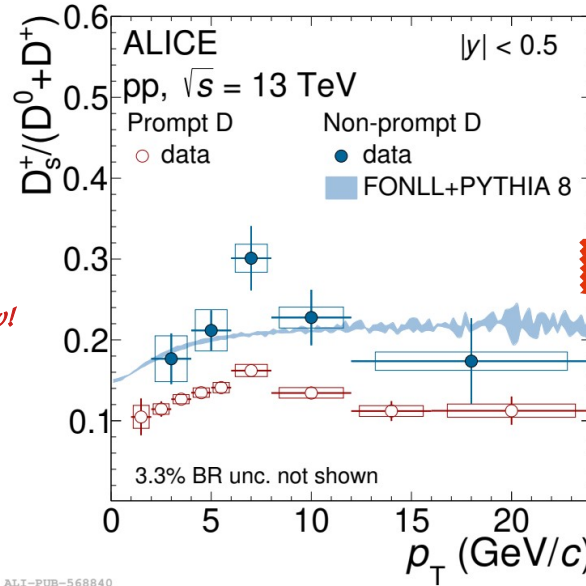


ALICE

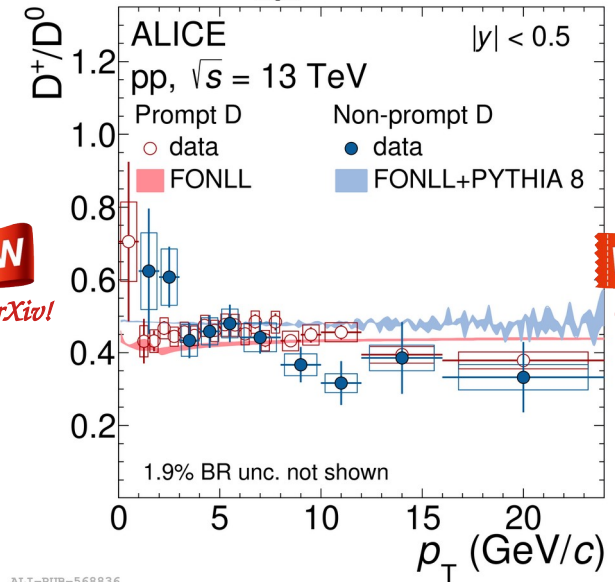
arXiv:2402.16417



NEW
On arXiv!



NEW
On arXiv!



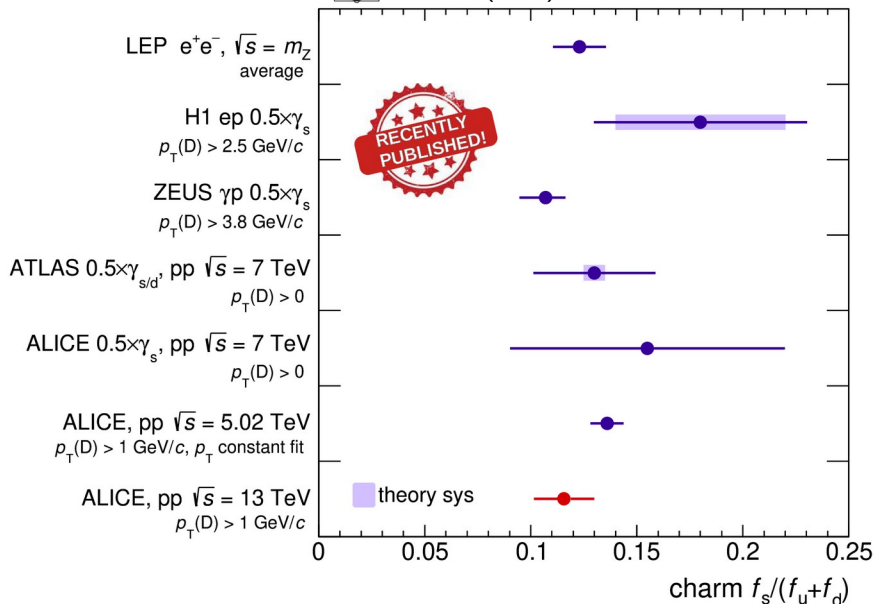
NEW
On arXiv!

- ✓ **No energy dependence** observed within current uncertainties **for both prompt and non-prompt D meson ratios at midrapidity**
- ✓ **No strong p_T dependence** for measured particle ratios
- ✓ **Described by models** based on factorization approach, **employing fragmentation fractions from e^+e^-**

FONLL: Cacciari et al., JHEP 05 (1998) 007
PYTHIA 8: Skands et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)

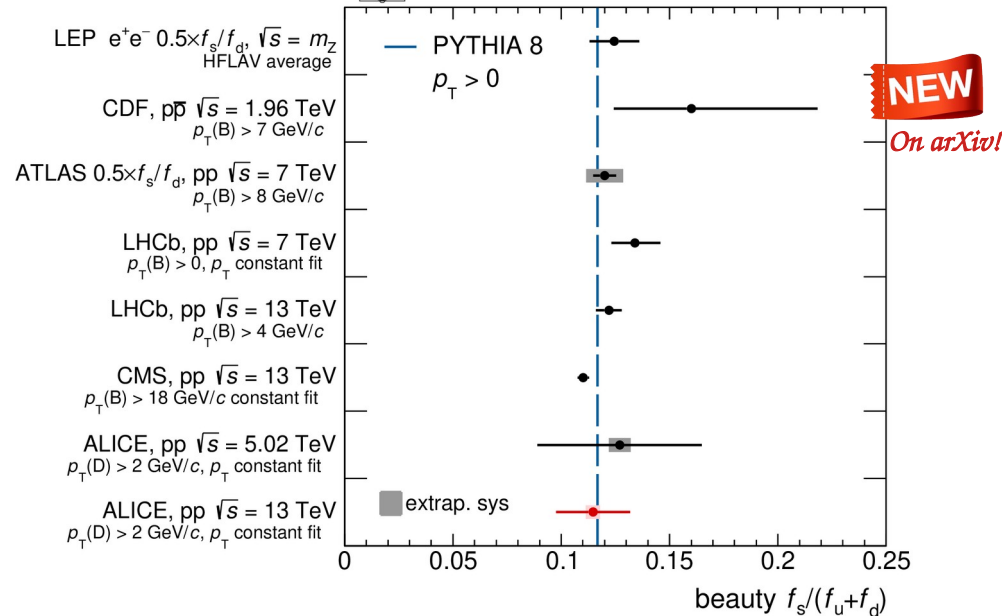
Charm-strange FF

JHEP 12 (2023) 086

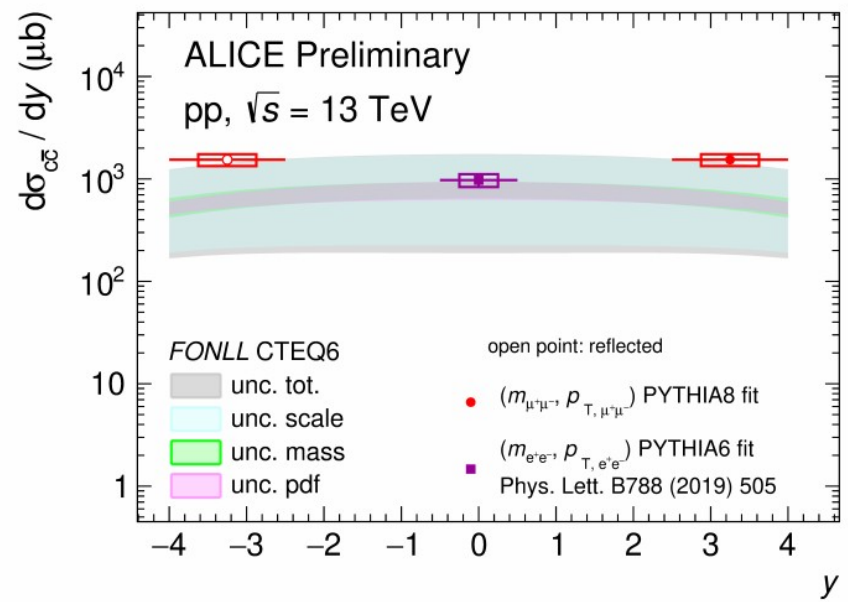


Beauty-strange FF

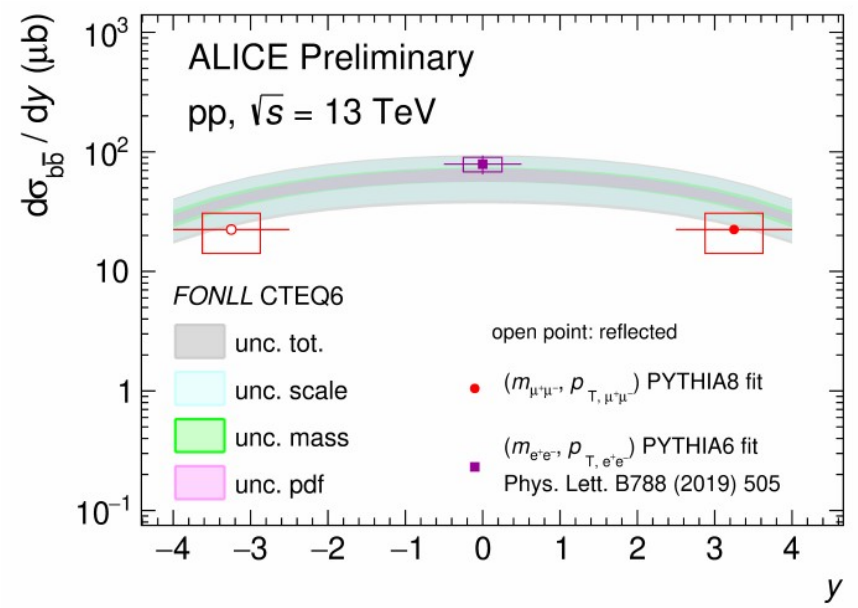
arXiv:2402.16417



- ✓ No significant energy dependence
- ✓ Similar values found in charm and beauty sectors
- ✓ Results at the LHC compatible with those in other collision systems



ALI-PREL-538716

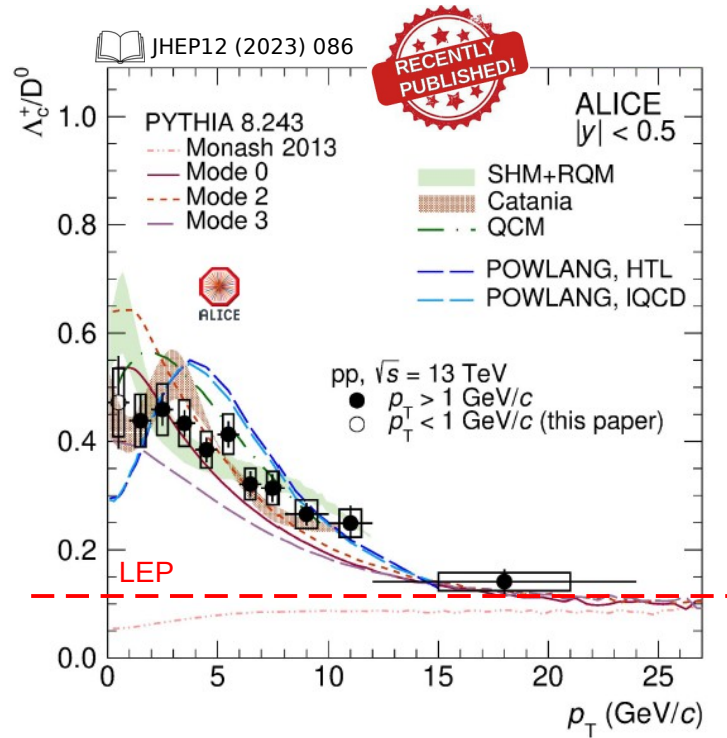


ALI-PREL-538708

- ✓ Charm and beauty quark pair production cross sections extrapolated from **high-mass ($m_{\mu\mu} > 4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$) continuum dimuons at forward rapidity**
 - Simultaneous unbinned fit to $p_T^{\mu\mu}$ and $m_{\mu\mu}$ distributions from data via a cocktail of templates (estimated from PYTHIA 8) to account for the different signal and background sources
- ✓ Results **in agreement within uncertainties with FONLL**, although they lie at the upper (lower) edge of the uncertainty band for charm (beauty) cross section

FONLL: Cacciari et al., JHEP 05 (1998) 007

- ✓ Larger Λ_c^+ / D^0 observed by ALICE compared to $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ **baryon enhancement** observed at the LHC !
 - Models implementing several mechanisms (color reconnection, feed-down from unobserved resonant charm baryon states, quark coalescence, small expanding fireball) are able to reproduce the trend within uncertainties

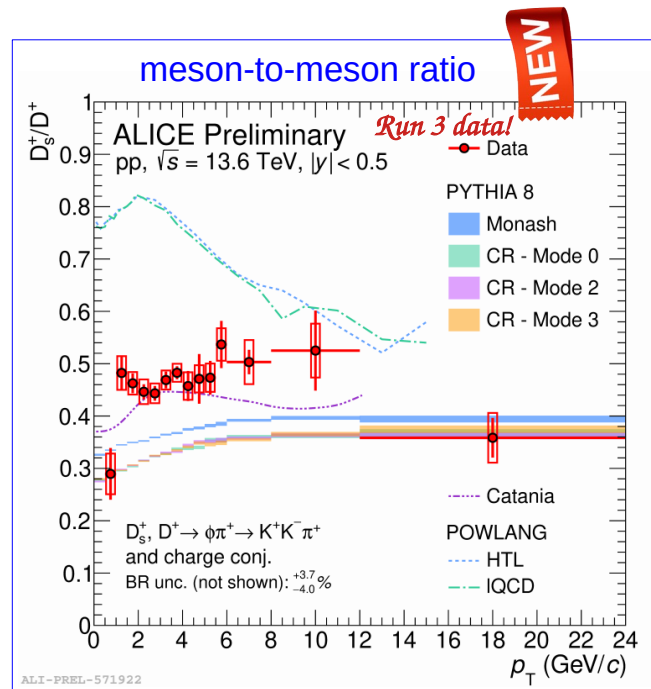
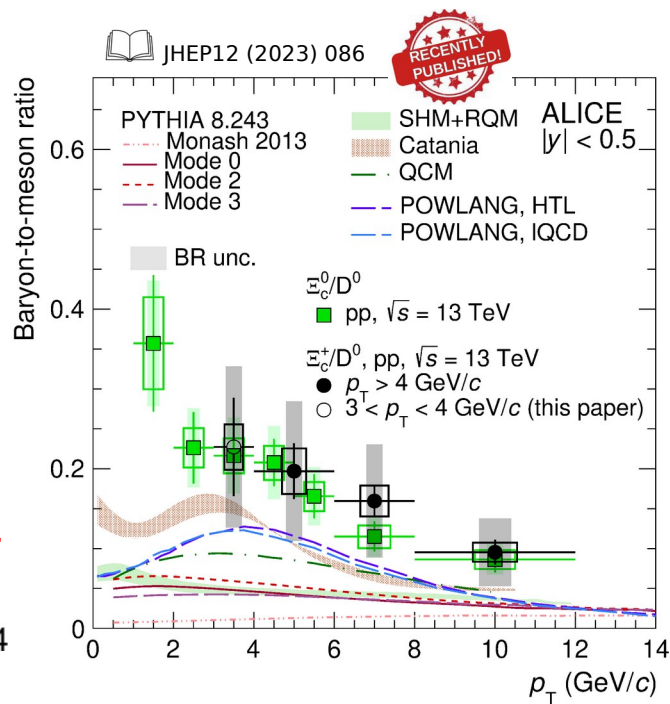
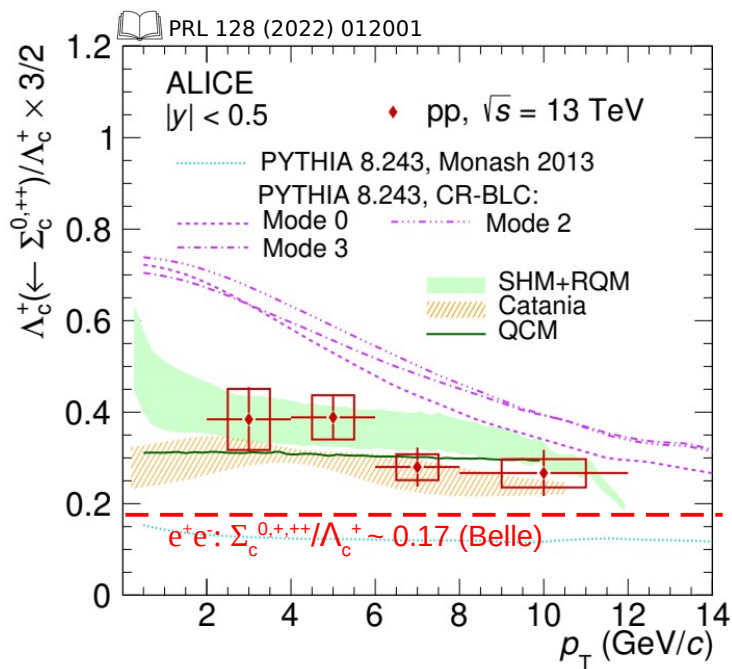


- PYTHIA 8 (Monash): Skands et al, Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)
- PYTHIA 8: Christiansen and Skands, JHEP 08 (2015) 003
- SHM+RQM: He et al., PLB 795 (2019) 117-121
- Catania: Greco et al., PLB 821, 136622
- QCM: Song et al., EPJC (2018) 78: 344
- POWLANG: Beraudo et al., arXiv:2306.02152

ALI-PUB-567876

LEP average: $0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$
 [EPJC 75 (2015) 19]

- ✓ Larger Λ_c^+ / D^0 observed by ALICE compared to $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ **baryon enhancement** observed at the LHC !
 - Models implementing several mechanisms (color reconnection, feed-down from unobserved resonant charm baryon states, quark coalescence, small expanding fireball) are able to reproduce the trend within uncertainties
- ✓ **Tensions of available models** for reproducing Λ_c^+ feed-down fraction from $\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ and Ξ_c / D^0 ratio, as well as the D_s^+ / D^+ meson ratio
→ **more inputs from experimental data needed to constrain models !**

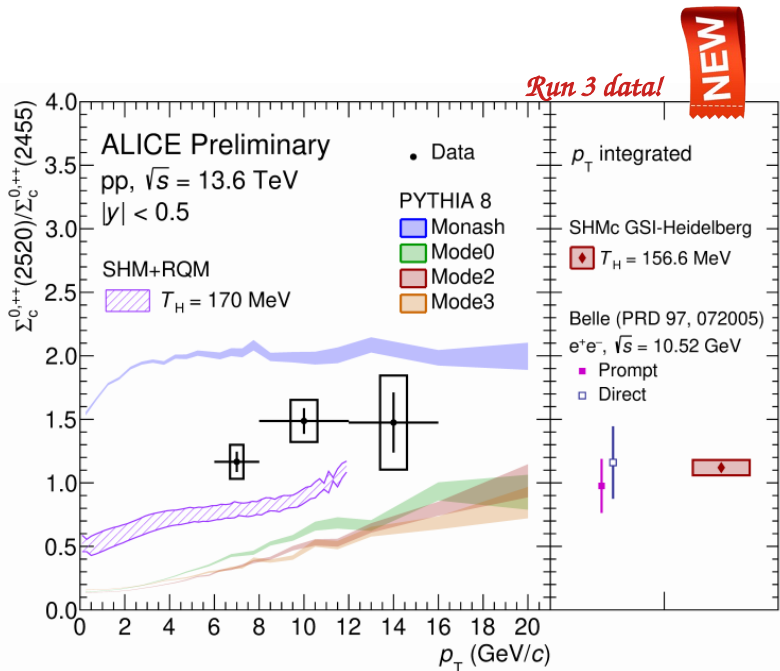


$\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV

J. Cho
Tuesday, 09:30



- ✓ Relative production of $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2520)$ baryon to the ground state $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2455)$ measured in pp at 13.6 TeV
→ **first measurement at the LHC !**

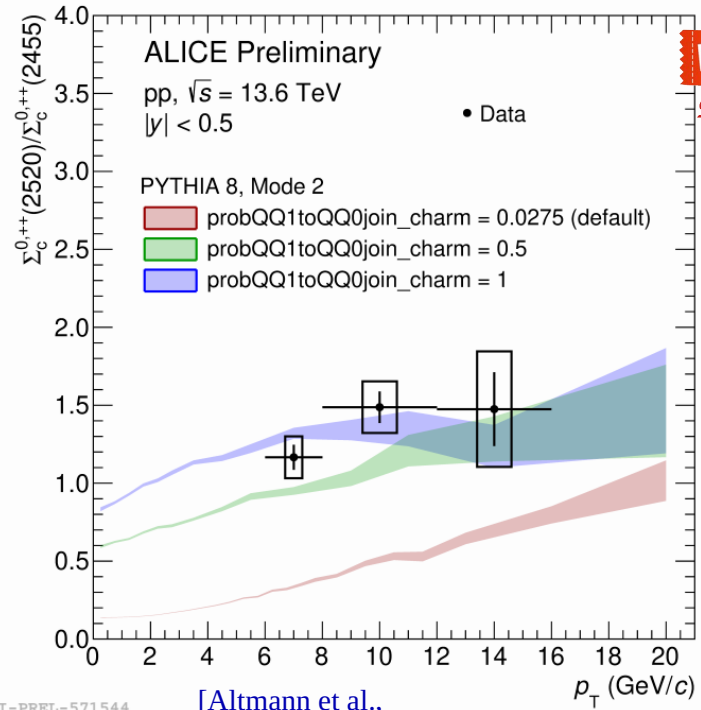
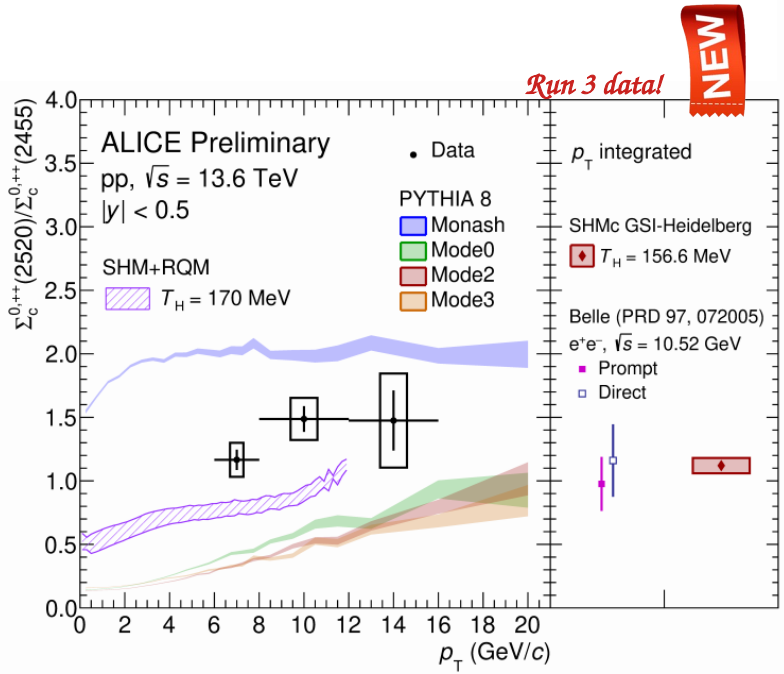


- ✓ **No evidence of an enhancement** w.r.t. e^+e^- collisions considering the current uncertainties
- ✓ **SHMc describes the results** within uncertainties; **SHM+RQM predicts lower values**
- ✓ **PYTHIA 8 Monash** (default tune) **overestimates** the ratio
- ✓ **PYTHIA 8 with CR-BLC underestimates** the ratio

PYTHIA 8 (Monash): Skands et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)
 PYTHIA 8 (Mode 0/2/3): Christiansen and Skands, JHEP 08 (2015) 003
 SHMc: Andronic et al., PLB 797 (2019) 134836
 Belle, Phys. Rev. D 97, 072005 (2018)

$\Sigma_c^{0,++}$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV





- ✓ Relative production of $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2520)$ baryon to the ground state $\Sigma_c^{0,++}(2455)$ measured in pp at 13.6 TeV
→ **first measurement at the LHC!**



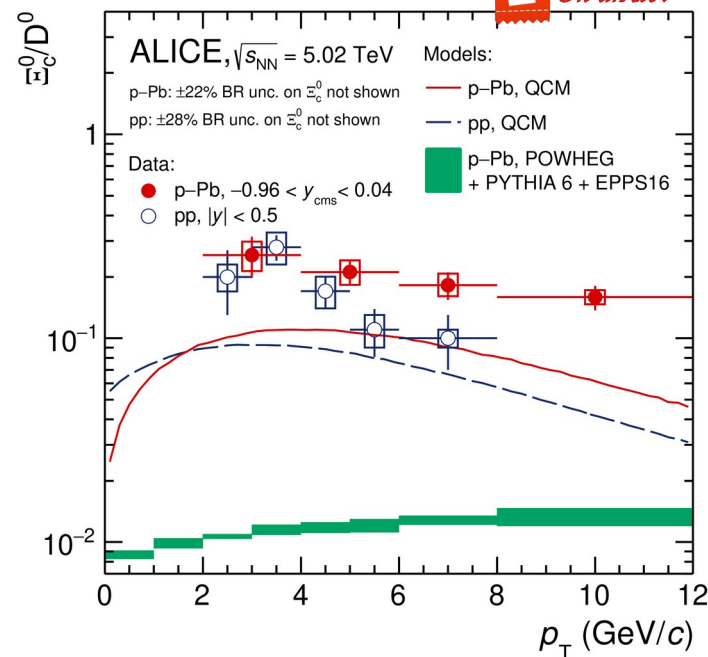
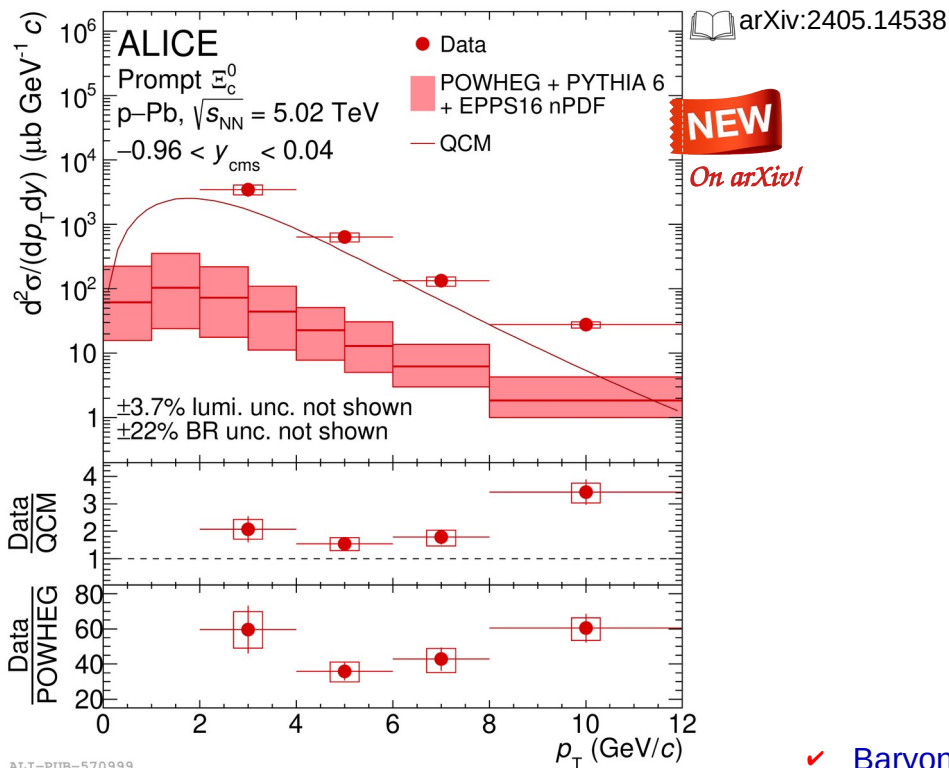
- ✓ **No evidence of an enhancement** w.r.t. e^+e^- collisions considering the current uncertainties
- ✓ **SHMc describes the results** within uncertainties; **SHM+RQM predicts lower values**
- ✓ **PYTHIA 8 Monash (default tune) overestimates the ratio**
- ✓ **PYTHIA 8 with CR-BLC underestimates the ratio**
- Better agreement **after tuning** the parameter which **suppresses spin-1 w.r.t. spin-0 charm-light diquark** on $\Lambda_c (\leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,++}) / \Lambda_c$

LI-PREL-571544

[Altmann et al.,
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.19137>]

 PYTHIA 8 (Monash): Skands et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)
 PYTHIA 8 (Mode 0/2/3): Christiansen and Skands, JHEP 08 (2015) 003
 SHMc: Andronic et al., PLB 797 (2019) 134836
 Belle, Phys. Rev. D 97, 072005 (2018)

Ξ_c^0 production in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



ALI-PUB-571011

- ✓ Baryon-to-meson ratio compatible in pp and p-Pb collisions within uncertainties
- ✓ Models underpredict Ξ_c^0 / D^0 in both collision system

- ✓ POWHEG+PYTHIA 6 coupled to EPPS16 nPDF significantly underestimates Ξ_c^0 cross section
- ✓ Better agreement with QCM, however Ξ_c^0 cross section still underestimated by a factor of 2

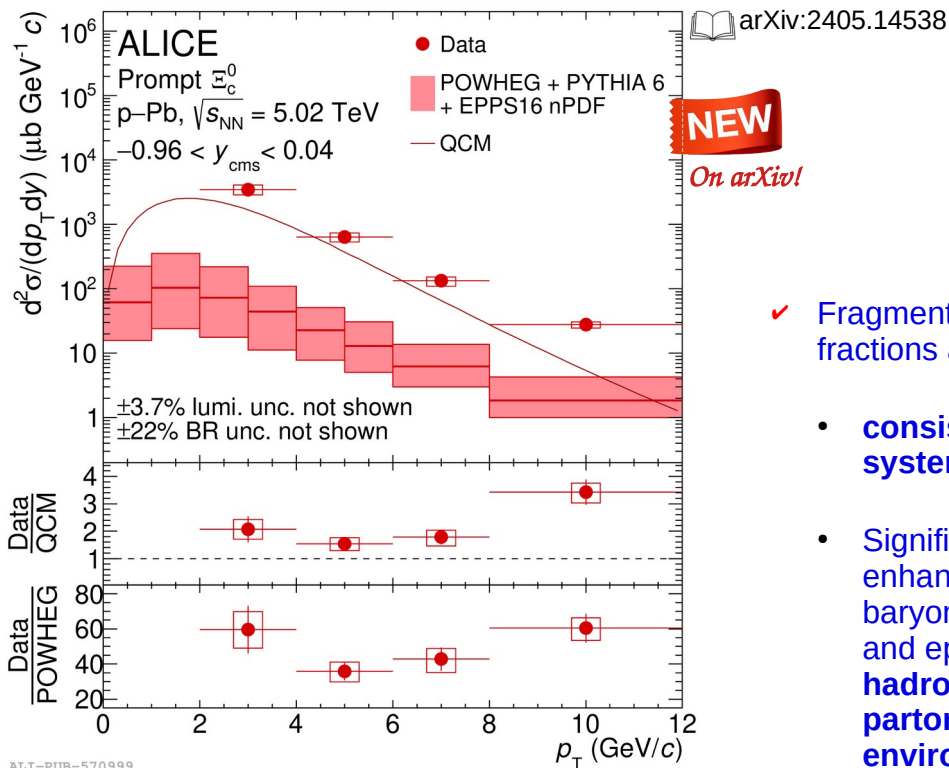
POWHEG: Banfi et al., JHEP 09 (2007) 126
 PYTHIA 6: Sjostrand et al., JHEP 05 (2006) 026
 QCM: Song et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 78 344 (2018)

Ξ_c^0 production in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



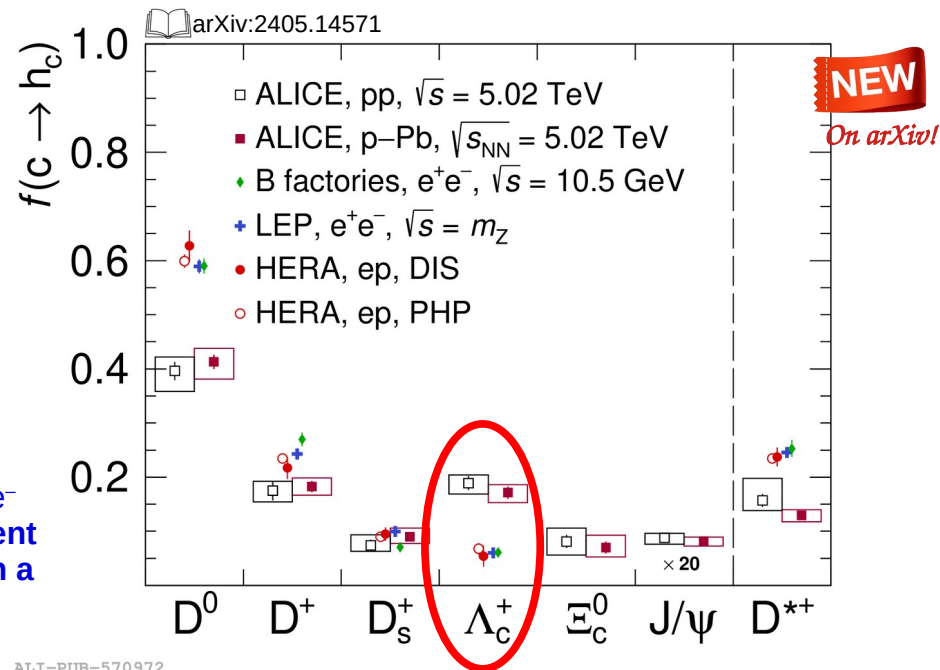
ALICE

A. Palasciano
Wednesday, 08:50



ALI-PUB-570999

- ✓ POWHEG+PYTHIA 6 coupled to EPPS16 nPDF significantly underestimates Ξ_c^0 cross section
- ✓ Better agreement with QCM, however Ξ_c^0 cross section still underestimated by a factor of 2



ALI-PUB-570972

POWHEG: Banfi et al., JHEP 09 (2007) 126
 PYTHIA 6: Sjostrand et al., JHEP 05 (2006) 026
 QCM: Song et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 78 344 (2018)

Summary & Outlook



ALICE

2010-2012

2015-2018

2022-2025

2029-2032

2035-2038

2040-2041

Run 1

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

LS3

Run 4

LS4

Run 5

LS5

Run 6



We are here

- ✓ **Impressive collection** of new heavy-flavour physics results produced by ALICE on Run 3 and Run 2 data !
- ✓ **Efficiently Run 3 data taking** ongoing with upgraded ALICE detector
- ✓ Several **ongoing heavy-flavour analyses** on fresh collected **Pb–Pb and pp Run 3** data...

Summary & Outlook



ALICE

2010-2012

2015-2018

2022-2025

2029-2032

2035-2038

2040-2041

Run 1

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

LS3

Run 4

LS4

Run 5

LS5

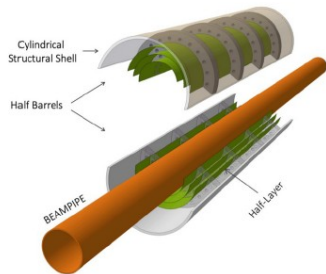
Run 6



We are here

- ✓ **Impressive collection** of new heavy-flavour physics results produced by ALICE on Run 3 and Run 2 data !
- ✓ **Efficiently Run 3 data taking** ongoing with upgraded ALICE detector
- ✓ Several **ongoing heavy-flavour analyses** on fresh collected **Pb–Pb and pp Run 3** data...
...and **exciting upgrade programs** important for heavy-flavour physics...

LS3: ITS3 (and FOCAL)

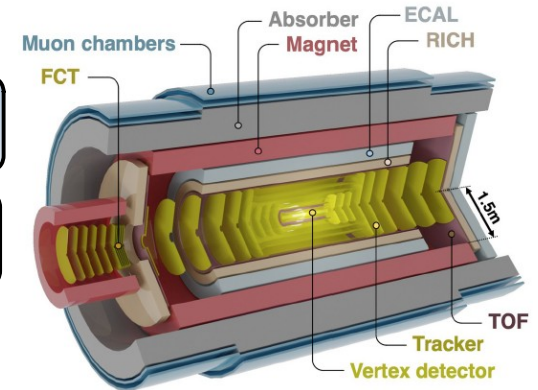


C. Wang
Tuesday, 14:20

G. Volpe
Tuesday, 15:20

P. Larionov
Tuesday, 15:40

LS4: ALICE3



...Stay tuned !



ALICE

Parallel talks:

Jaeyoon Cho.....“Investigation of charm-quark hadronisation into baryons in hadronic collisions with ALICE”
[Tuesday, 09:30]

Maurice Coquet.....“Investigating the interplay between initial hard processes and final-state effects measuring prompt and non-prompt J/ψ with ALICE”
[Tuesday, 15:00]

Mattia Faggin.....“The role of strangeness in heavy-quark hadronisation from small to large collision systems with ALICE”
[Tuesday, 11:00]

Dukisham Mallik.....“ J/ψ photoproduction and polarization in peripheral Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE”
[Wednesday, 10:40]

Antonio Palasciano...“Study of charm fragmentation with charm meson and baryon angular correlation measurements with ALICE”
[Wednesday, 08:50]

Himanshu Sharma....“Investigation of early magnetic field and angular momentum in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions via D^{*+} -meson spin alignment with ALICE”
[Wednesday, 09:50]

Maolin Zhang.....“Study of charm and beauty production in hadronic collisions via muon measurements at forward rapidity with ALICE”
[Wednesday, 11:00]

Posters:

Emilie Martine Barreau – “Prompt / Non-prompt J/ψ separation performances with ALICE”

Jaeyoon Cho – “Multiplicity dependence of Ξ_c^+ baryon production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with ALICE”

Tao Fang – “ Ξ_c^0 multiplicity dependence via hadronic decay in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV”

Binti Sharma – “Beauty production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV using the ALICE detector at the LHC”

Victor Valencia Torres – “Multi-particle cumulant J/ψ v_2 measurement in Pb-Pb with the ALICE experiment”

Josephina Rae Wright – “Investigating charm quark production in and outside jets using the ALICE detectors at the LHC”

Zhenjun Xiong – “Studying QCD production mechanisms and medium effects on quarkonia formation with ALICE”

Mingyu Zhang – “Studies of beauty-quark production, hadronisation and cold nuclear matter effects via measurements of non-prompt charm hadrons in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE”

Senjie Zhu – “System size dependence of collective phenomena by means of quarkonia measurements with ALICE”

Thank you
for your
attention!



ALICE

ALICE

ALICE

ALICE

ALICE

BACK-UP



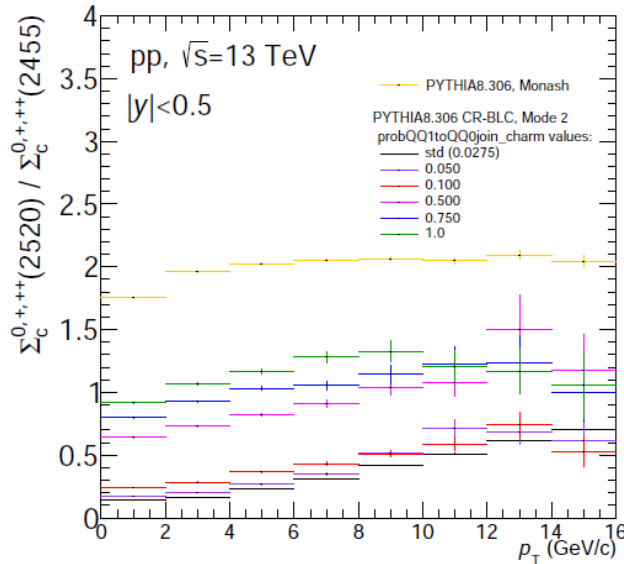
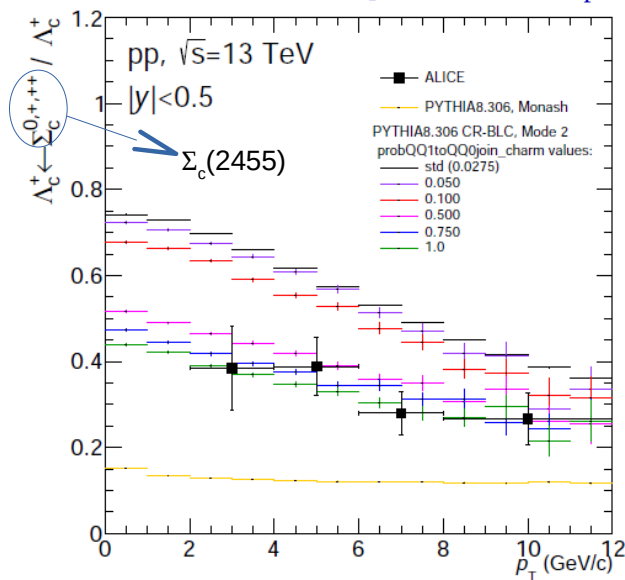
ALICE

Tuning of PYTHIA 8 QCD-based CR-BLC parameters



ALICE

[Altmann et al., <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.19137>]

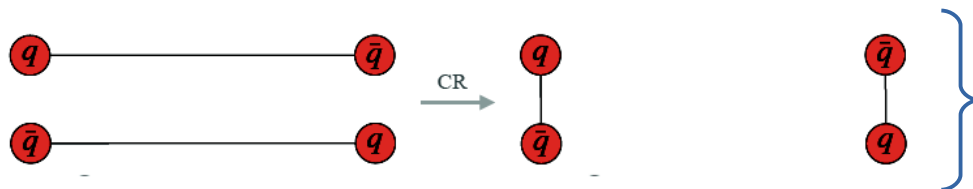


Particle	Mass (MeV/\$c^2\$)	Spin
Λ	1115.6	1/2
$\Lambda(1520)$	1519.5	3/2
Σ^0	1192.6	1/2
$\Sigma(1385)^+$	1382.8	3/2
Ξ^-	1321.4	1/2
$\Xi(1530)^0$	1531.8	3/2
Ω^-	1672.4	1/2
Λ_c^+	2286.4	1/2
$\Lambda_c(2595)^+$	2592.2	1/2
$\Lambda_c(2625)^+$	2628.1	3/2
$\Sigma_c(2455)^0$	2453.7	1/2
$\Sigma_c(2520)^0$	2518.8	3/2

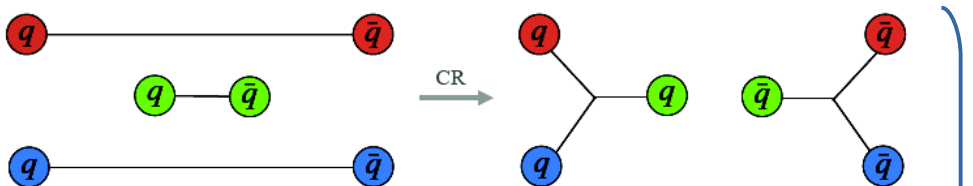
- ✓ Charm-light diquark is coupled to a quark to form a baryon
 - In $\ell = 0$, spin-1 (spin-0) diquark coupled to spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quark results in a baryon with spin $\frac{3}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$)
- ✓ Excited Λ_c^+ and Σ_c states with spin=3/2 decay preferentially to Λ_c^+ rather than to $\Sigma_c^{0,+,++}(2455) \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ production enhanced by resonant higher mass charm baryon states
- ✓ Parameter “probQQ1toQQ0join” regulates the suppression of spin-1 w.r.t. spin-0 charm-diquarks
 - “probQQ1toQQ0join” = 1 \rightarrow no suppression
 - Lower “probQQ1toQQ0join” values correspond to higher suppression
 - Values between 0.5 – 1.0 can describe the measured Λ_c feed-down from $\Sigma_c(2455)$ (more precise data will help to tune the value)

Hadronization in PYTHIA 8

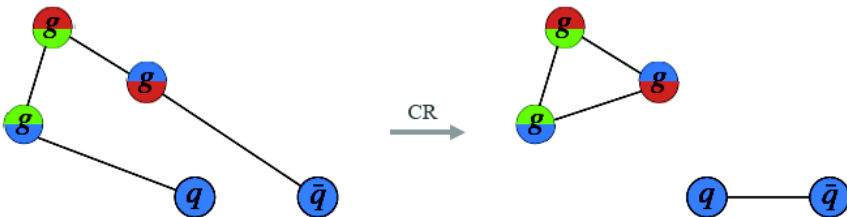
[Altmann et al., <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.19137>]



(a) Dipole-type reconnection.



(b) Junction reconnection.



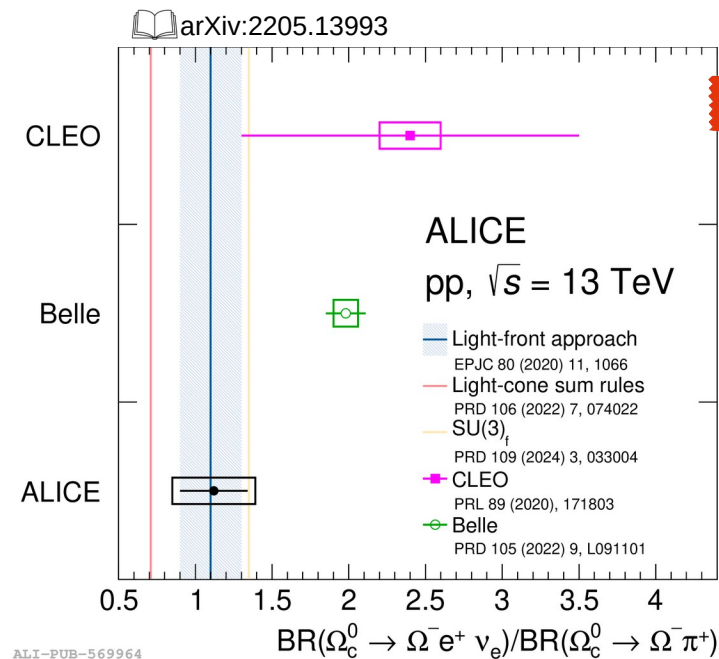
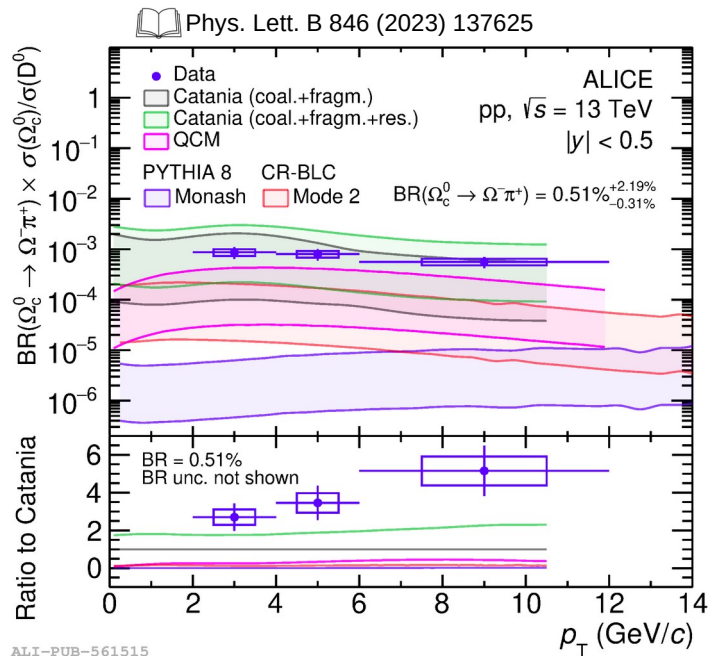
(c) Gluon-loop formation.

✓ Color Reconnection among partons belonging to different MPIs
→ In the **Leading Color** (CR-LC) limit (Monash 2013, default tune) **only “dipole” string configurations are allowed**

- characterized by two endpoints, typically a colour and an anti-colour charge endpoint (can have any number of intermediate gluons between them which form “kinks” on the string)

✓ Color Reconnection **beyond Leading Color** (CR-BLC):
alternative string configurations allowed

- **Junctions provide a new mechanisms to produce baryons** (in the LC approximation baryons are only produced via diquark creation next to a heavy-flavour endpoint)



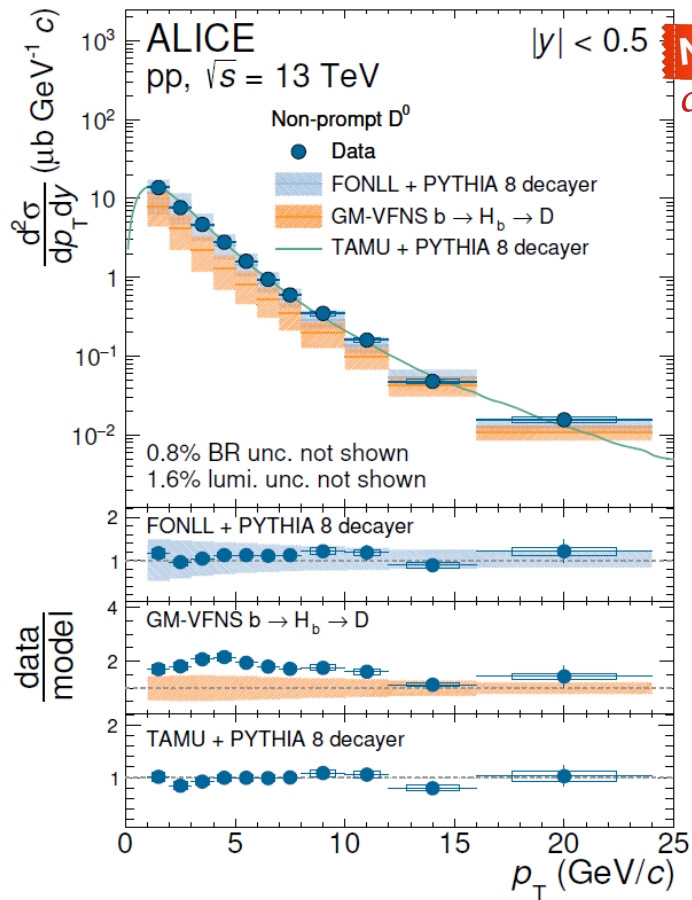
- ✓ No measurement available of the absolute branching ratios for any of the decay modes of the Ω_c^0 baryon ($BR(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ derived from theory calculations)
- ✓ Large BR uncertainties limit the effectiveness of the comparison with theoretical models
- ✓ Branching-fraction ratio $BR(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- e^+ \nu_e) / BR(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+)$ released by ALICE → in agreement within uncertainties with state of art theory calculations

- ✓ **Quark (re-)combination mechanism (QCM)** [QCM: Song et al., EPJC (2018) 78: 344]
 - Coalescence of charm quark and light flavour quarks close in “phase-space”
 - Thermal weights for describing relative production of vector and scalar mesons

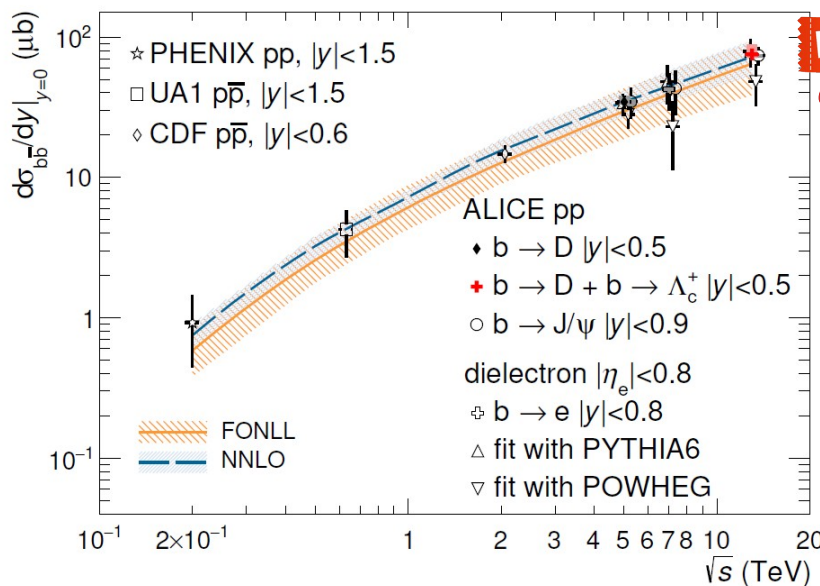
- ✓ **SHM + Relativistic Quark Model** [He et al., PLB 795 (2019) 117-121]
 - Hadrons formed according to thermal weights driven by mass at the freezeout temperature estimated from Pb-Pb fits (156.6 MeV)
 - Significant feed-down from excited charm baryon states beyond those listed in the PDG: additional 18 Λ_c , 42 Σ_c , 62 Ξ_c , 2 Ω_c (in the PDG: 5 Λ_c , 3 Σ_c , 8 Ξ_c , 34 Ω_c)

- ✓ **Catania** [Greco et al., PLB 821, 136622]
 - Thermalised systems of light flavour quarks and gluons
 - Charm quark hadronization via fragmentation + recombination with light flavour quarks from the bulk

- ✓ **POWLANG** [Beraudo et al., arXiv:2306.02152]
 - Expanding fireball assumed in pp collisions
 - Hadronisation via recombination with light quarks
 - Charm baryon formation enhanced thanks to diquark excitations



NEW
On arXiv!



NEW
On arXiv!

FONLL: JHEP 05 (1998) 007
NNLO: PRL 118 (2017) 122001

✓ Precise non-prompt D meson production cross sections computed at 13 TeV !

- well described within uncertainties by FONLL, using fragmentation fractions derived from e^+e^-
- TAMU calculations, based on a statistical hadronization approach for beauty hadron fragmentation fractions, provides also a good description

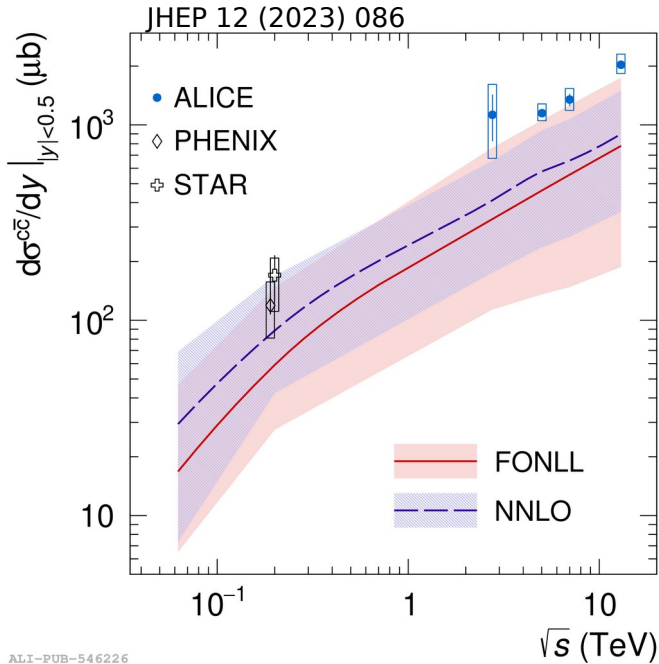
✓ Beauty quark pair cross section at midrapidity extrapolated from visible cross sections of non-prompt charm hadrons

- improved precision compared to previous publication

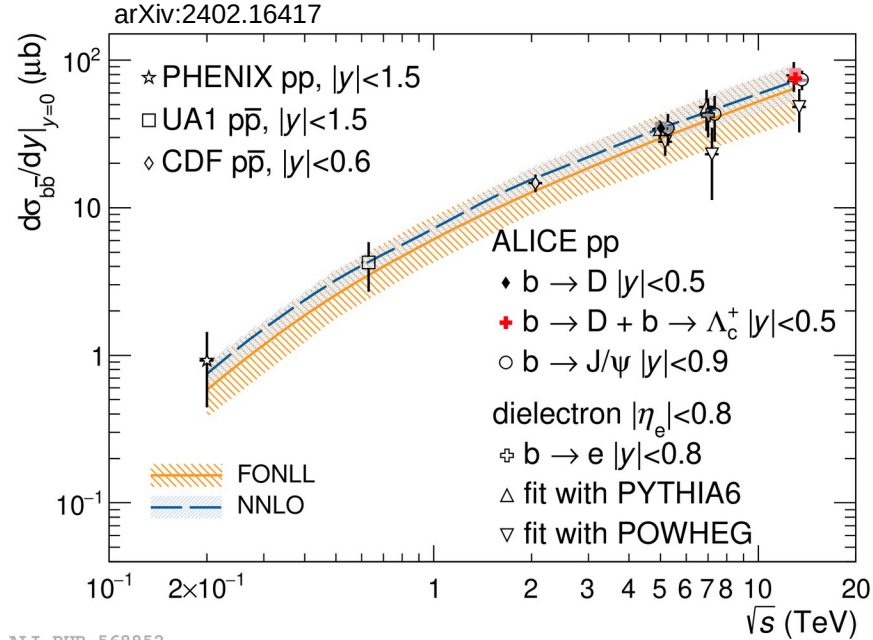
- Dependence on \sqrt{s} well described by state-of-art pQCD calculations

PYTHIA8: Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014)
 GM-VFNS: JHEP 05 (2018) 196
 TAMU: PRL 131 (2023) 012301

c- and b-quark pair production cross sections



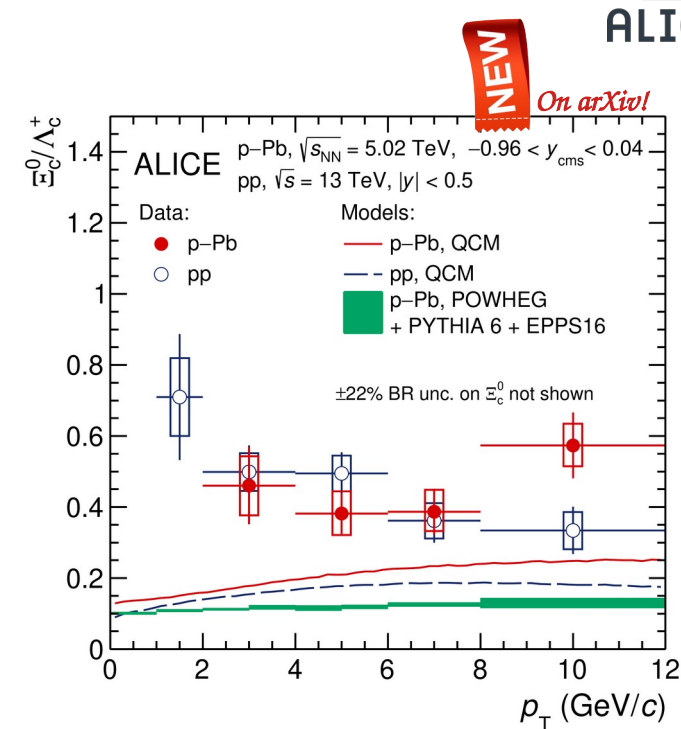
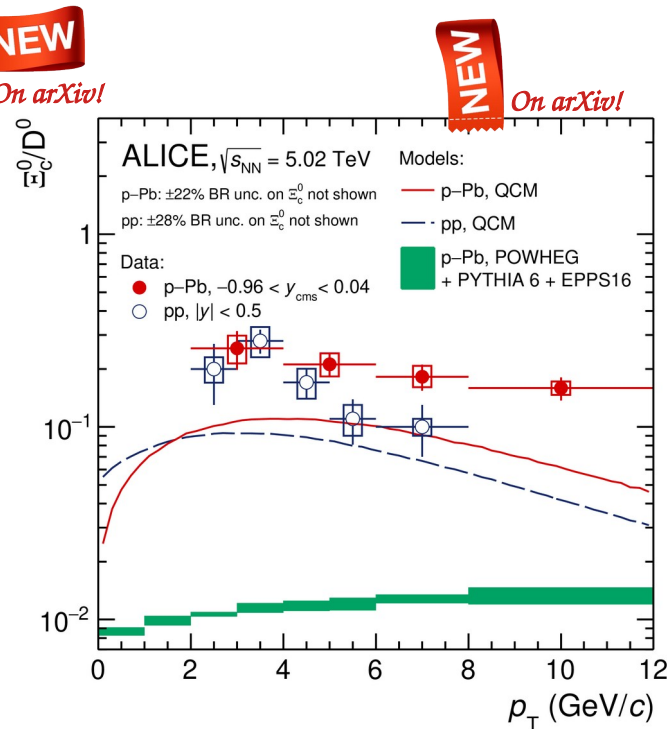
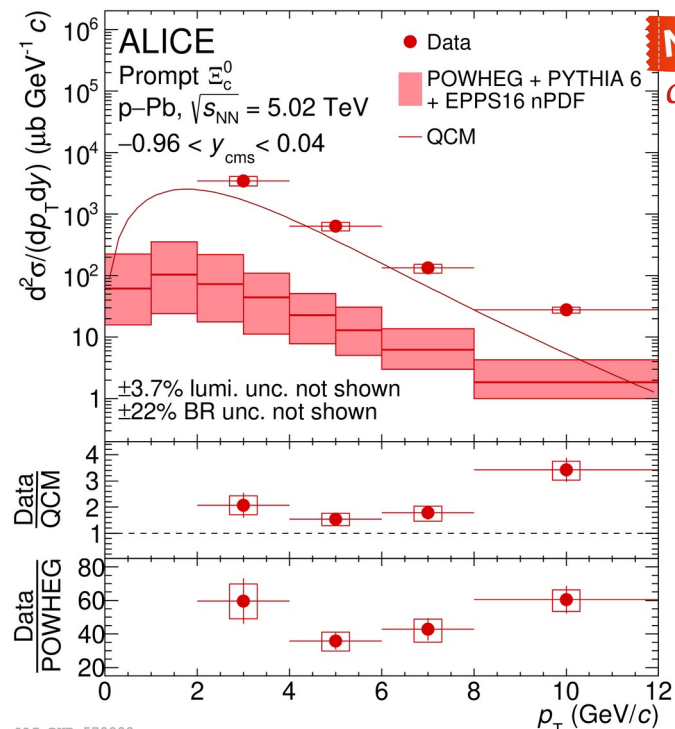
ALI-PUB-546226



ALI-PUB-568852

FONLL: JHEP 05 (1998) 007
NNLO: PRL 118 (2017) 122001

- ✓ $c\bar{c}$ cross section
 - Data on upper edge of FONLL and NNLO calculation
- ✓ $b\bar{b}$ cross section:
 - Good description by FONLL and NNLO calculations over a wide range of energy
- ✓ Less sensitive to non-perturbative hadronisation effects → excellent tools for testing pQCD based models



- ✓ POWHEG+PYTHIA6 coupled to EPPS16 nPDF significantly underestimates Ξ_c^0 cross section
- ✓ Better agreement with QCM, however Ξ_c^0 cross section still underestimated by a factor of 2

- ✓ Charm hadron ratios compatible in pp and pPb collisions within uncertainties
- ✓ Overall, models underpredict Ξ_c^0 / D^0 and Ξ_c^0 / Λ_c^+ in both collision system

POWHEG: JHEP 09 (2007) 126
 Pythia 6: JHEP 05 (2006) 026
 QCM: Eur. Phys. J. C 78 344 (2018)

Outlook: Run4 and beyond

ITS3:

Lol: CERN-LHCC-2019-018

TDR: in preparation

FOCAL:

Lol: ALICE, LHCC-I-036 (2020)



ALICE

2010-2012

2015-2018

2022-2025

2029-2032

2035-2038

2040-2041

Run 1

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

LS3

Run 4

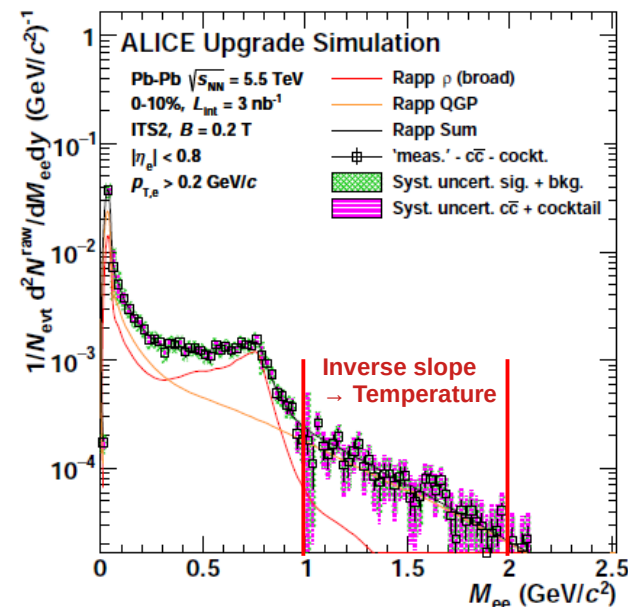
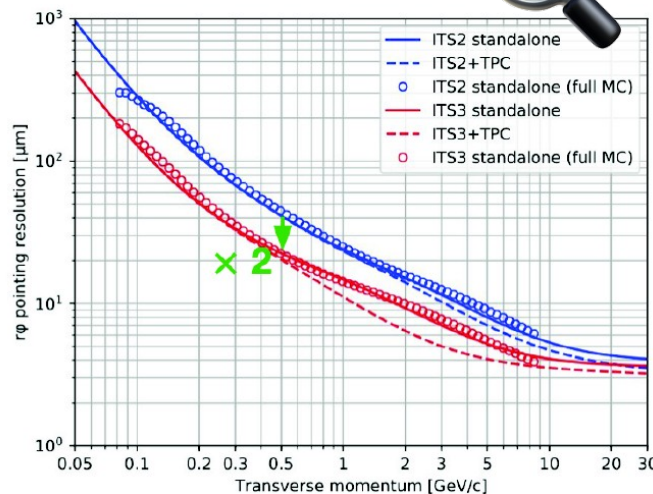
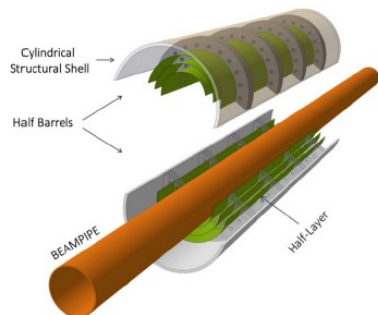
LS4

Run 5

LS5

Run 6

LS3: ITS3 (and FOCAL)



ALI-SIMUL-306843

High precision measurement of medium temperature!

- ✓ Replacing the 3 innermost layers with new ultra-light, truly cylindrical layers
 - Reduced material budget (from 0.35% to 0.05% X_0)
 - Closer to the interaction point (from 23 to 18 mm)
- ✓ Main motivations:
 - Improve performance for **open heavy-flavour** and **dielectron** measurements

2010-2012

2015-2018

2022-2025

2029-2032

2035-2038

2040-2041

Run 1

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

LS3

Run 4

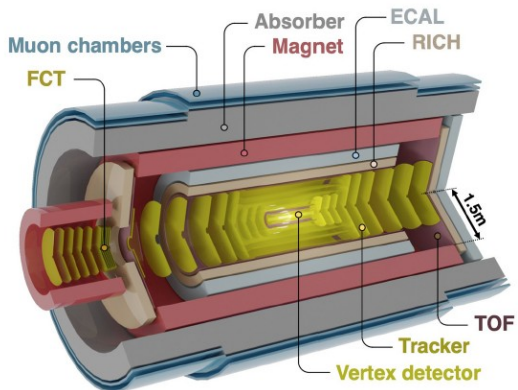
LS4

Run 5

LS5

Run 6

LS4: ALICE3



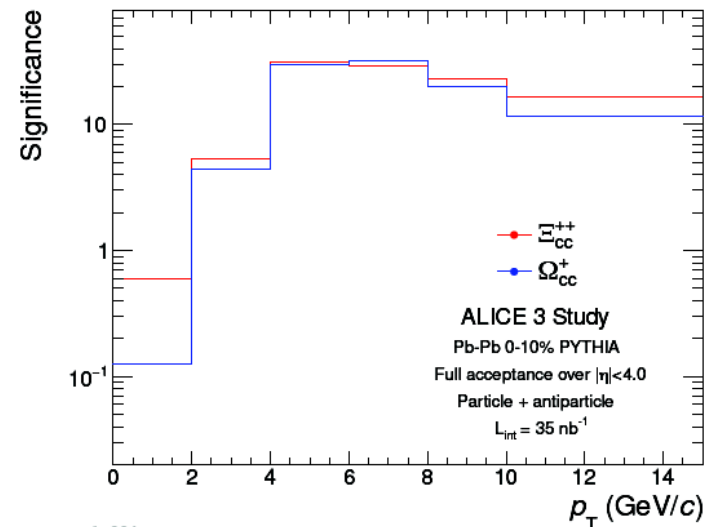
✓ Innovative detector concept focusing on silicon technology

- Compact and lightweight all-silicon tracker
- Large acceptance: $-4 < \eta < 4$, $p_T > 0.02 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Continuous readout

→ improved tracking and vertex performance at very low p_T

→ increased readout rate and η coverage

→ improved PID capabilities



ALI-SIMUL-510894

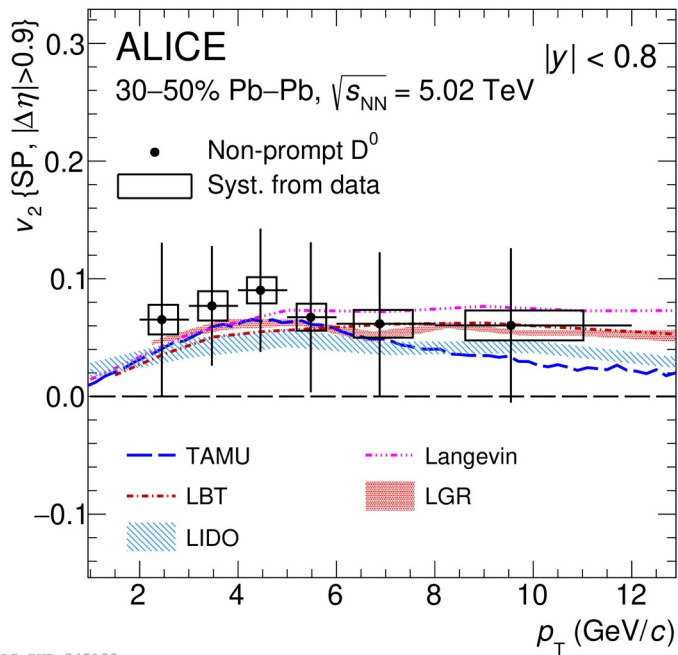
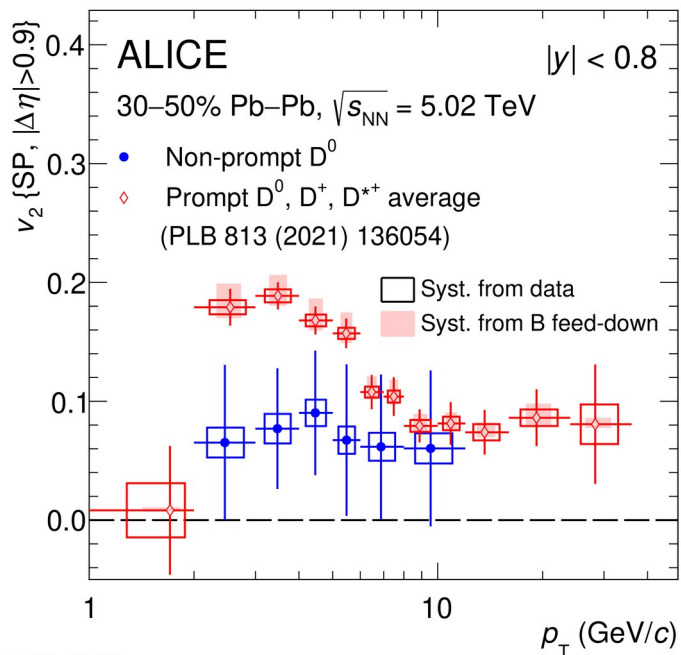
b-quark thermalization via non-prompt $D^0 v_2$ in Pb-Pb collisions



📖 Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023)



M. Zhang
Wednesday, 11:00



ALI-PUB-545128

ALI-PUB-545132

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cdot \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \quad v_n = \langle \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

- ✓ Significant v_2 measured for non-prompt D mesons (significance: 2.7σ)
- ✓ $v_2(\text{prompt D}) > v_2(\text{non-prompt D})$ with a significance of 3.2σ in $2 < p_T < 8$ GeV/c
- ✓ Described by models including hadronization via coalescence and fragmentation

- 📖 TAMU: PLB 735 (2014) 445–450
- 📖 LBT: PLB 777 (2018) 255–259
- 📖 LIDO: PRC 98 (2018) 064901
- 📖 Langevin: CPC 44 (2020) 114101
- 📖 LGR: EPJC 80 (2020) 1113