

# *Understanding the Quark-Gluon Plasma*



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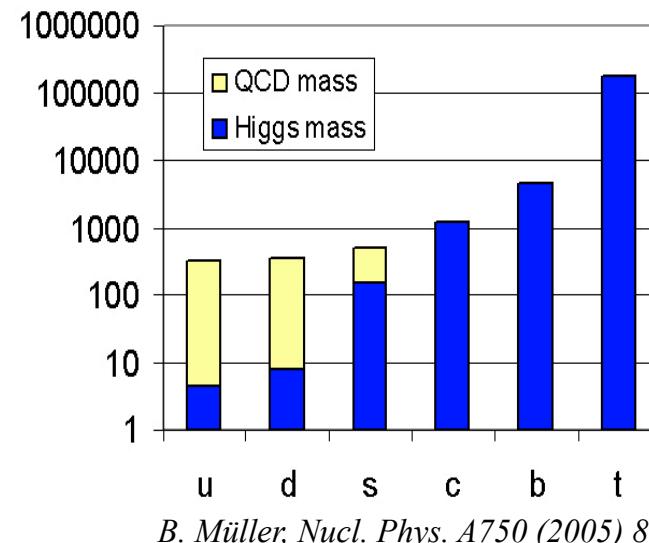
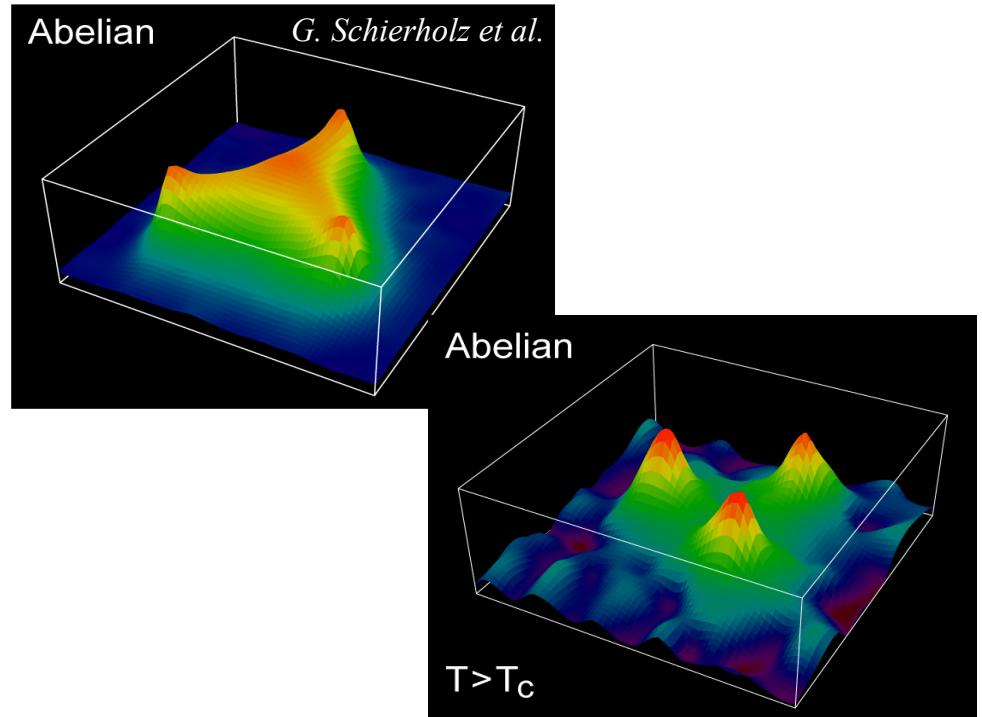
# Outline

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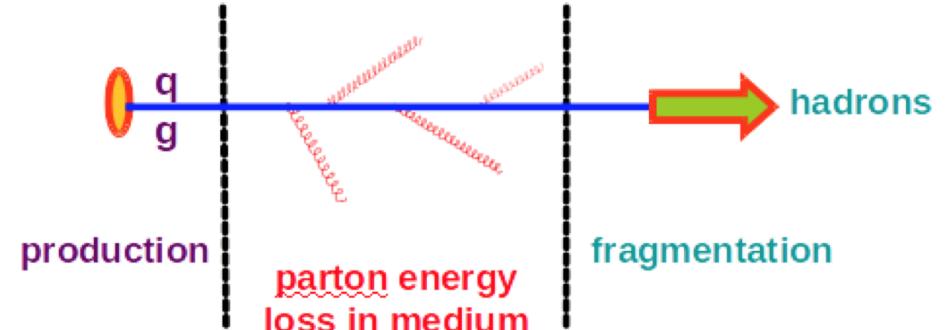
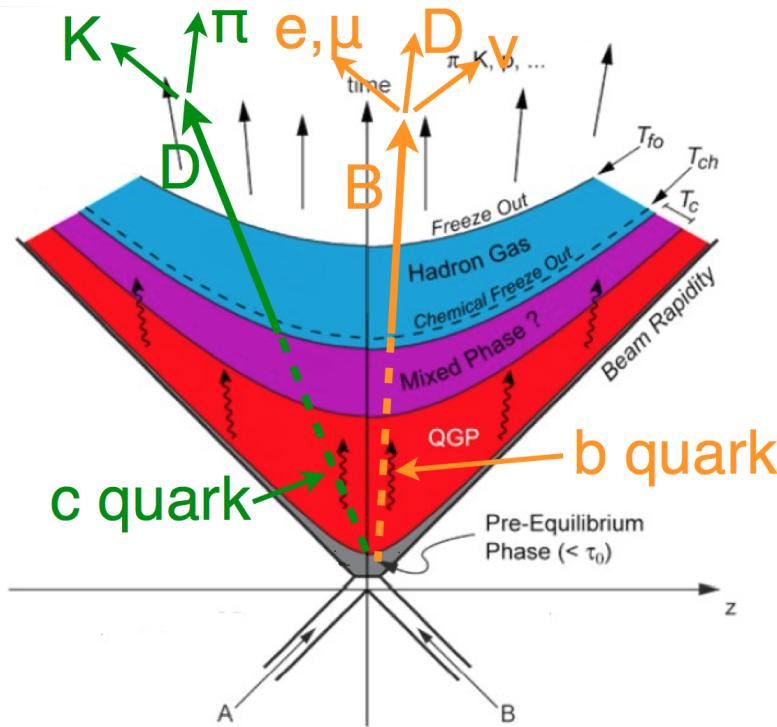
- Introduction
- Probes: focus on fully reconstructed D and B mesons
  - pp: test QCD and important baseline for heavy-ion measurements
  - A-A: study hot QCD matter (final state); determine medium properties
    - Open heavy flavour (charm and beauty) allows study of the dynamical properties of QCD matter (drag and diffusion coefficient) and degree of thermalisation
  - p-A: study cold nuclear matter effects (initial state)
- Summary and outlook

# Quark-Gluon Plasma phase

- Deconfined strongly interacting matter with color degrees of freedom
- QGP properties are in principle calculable from the QCD Lagrangian using lattice QCD
- Restoration of chiral symmetry breaking: Hadrons are much heavier than their constituents

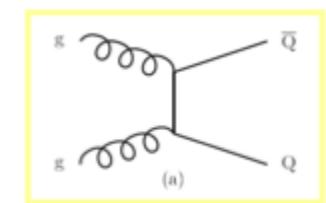


# Heavy quarks as probes

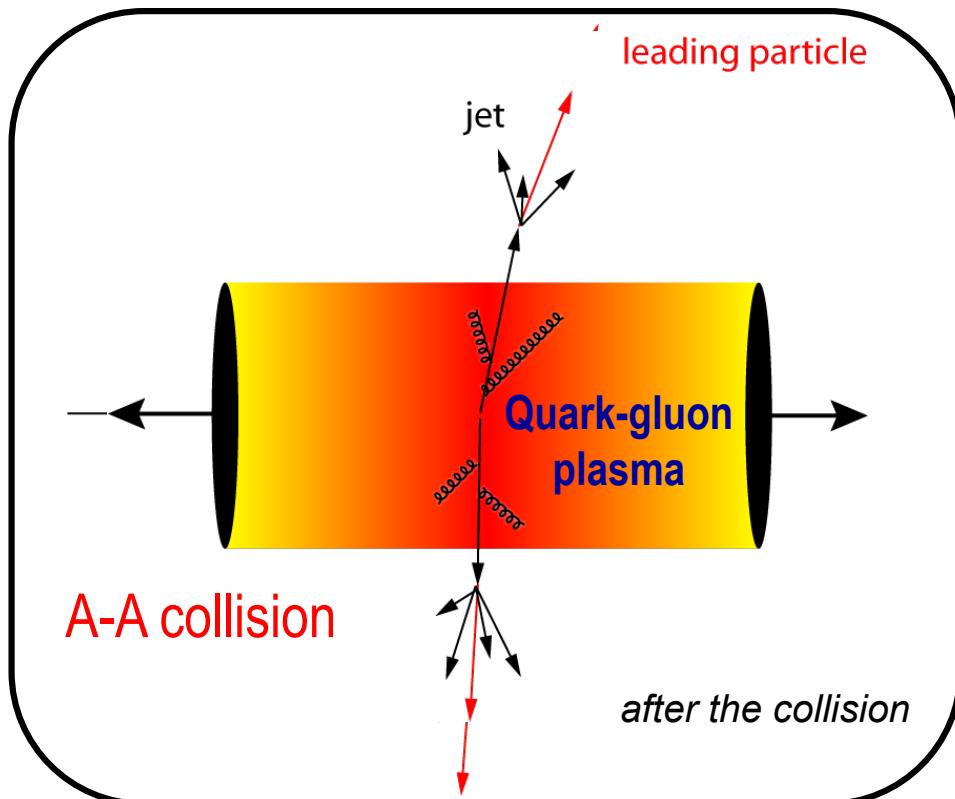


*Important to understand interplay between production, interaction with medium, and fragmentation*

- Heavy quarks produced in initial hard scattering processes
- Time scale: charm and beauty are produced before thermalised plasma phase
- Heavy flavors experience the full evolution of the medium  
→ medium transport coefficients



# Probing hot and dense QCD matter



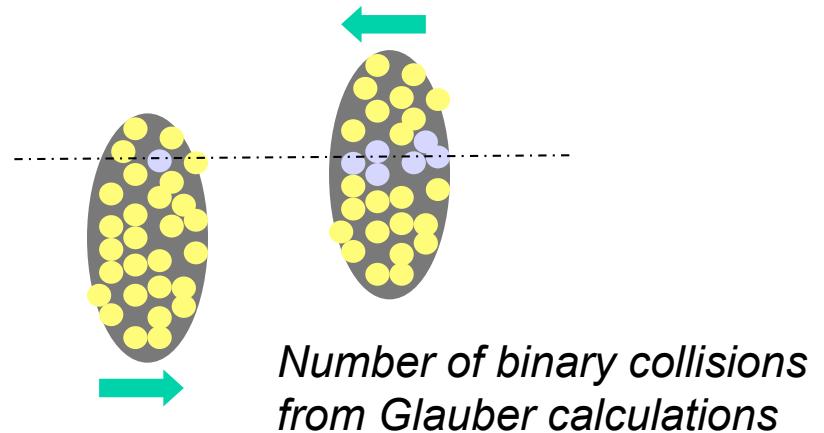
- “Simplest way” to establish the properties of a system
  - calibrated probe
  - calibrated interaction
  - suppression pattern tells about density profile
- Heavy-ion collision  $\tau \sim 1/2m_Q^{formation\ time}$ 
  - hard processes serve as calibrated probe (pQCD)
  - partons traverse through the medium and interact strongly
  - suppression pattern provides density measurement

## General picture:

- Parton energy loss through medium-induced gluon radiation
- Collisions with medium constituents

# Quantification of medium effects

Comparison of the production yield in heavy-ion collisions with the one in proton-proton



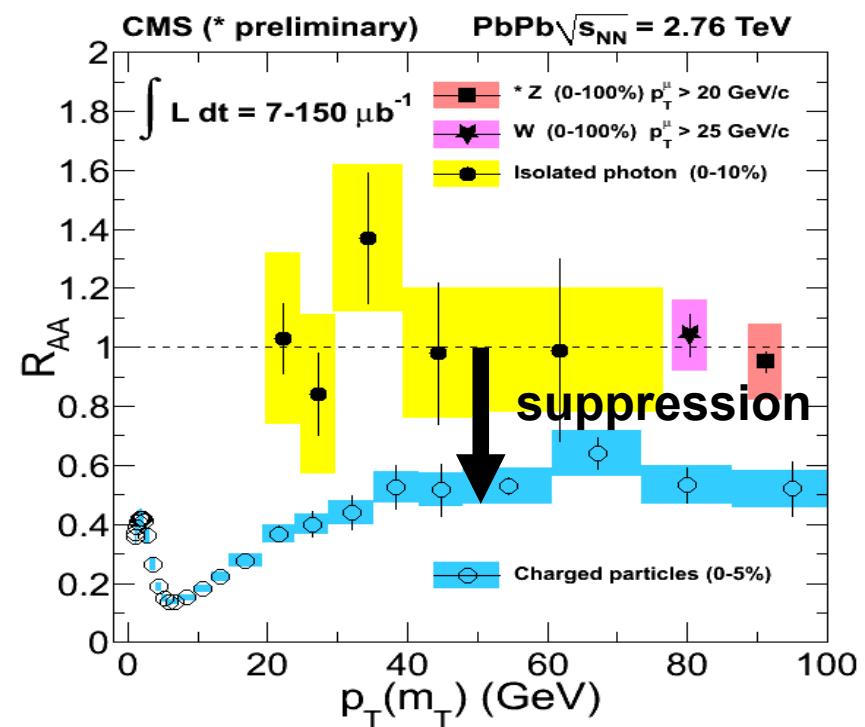
**Nuclear modification factor:**  
Deviations from binary scaling of hard collisions

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{\text{Yield}_{AA}(p_T)}{\langle N_{bin} \rangle_{AA} \text{Yield}_{pp}(p_T)}$$

Expectation:

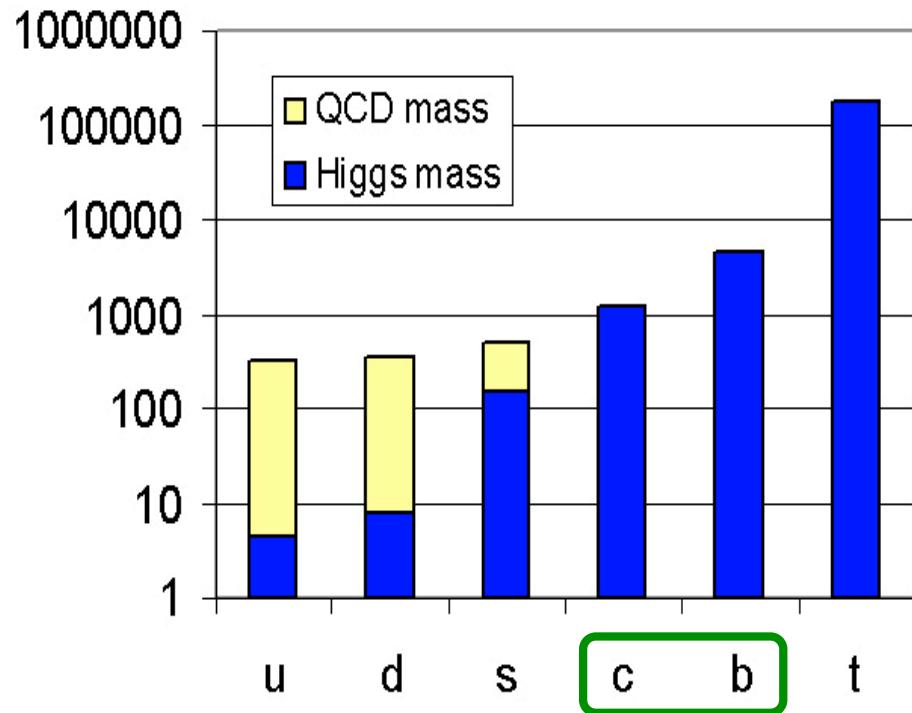
$R_{AA} = 1$  for photons and bosons

$R_{AA} < 1$  for hadrons



# Heavy quark mass

B. Müller, Nucl. Phys. A750 (2005) 84



Formation time:

$$\tau \sim 1/2m_Q \sim 0.1\text{fm} \ll \tau_{\text{QGP}} \sim 5\text{-}10\text{ fm}$$

- Symmetry breaking
  - Higgs mass: electro-weak symmetry breaking → current quark mass
  - QCD mass: chiral symmetry breaking → constituent quark mass
- Charm and beauty quark masses are not affected by QCD vacuum → ideal probes to study QGP
- Test QCD at transition from perturbative to non-perturbative regime: Charm and beauty quarks provide hard scale for QCD calculations

# Radiative parton energy loss

- ...depends on
  - medium properties (e.g. density, temperature, mean free path)  
→ transport coefficients ( $\hat{q}$ )
  - path length in the medium ( $L$ )
  - parton properties (colour charge and mass); traversing the medium → Casimir coupling factor ( $C_R$ ):  
 $C_R = 4/3$  for quarks and 3 for gluons

*R. Baier et al., Nucl. Phys. B483 (1997) 291 (BDMPS)*

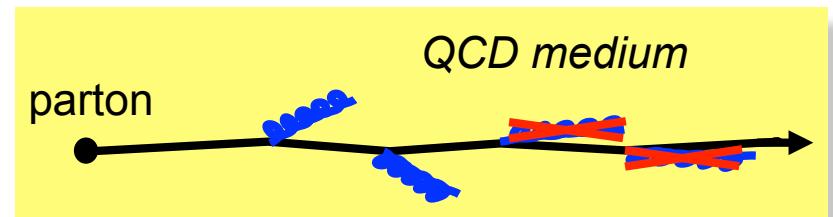
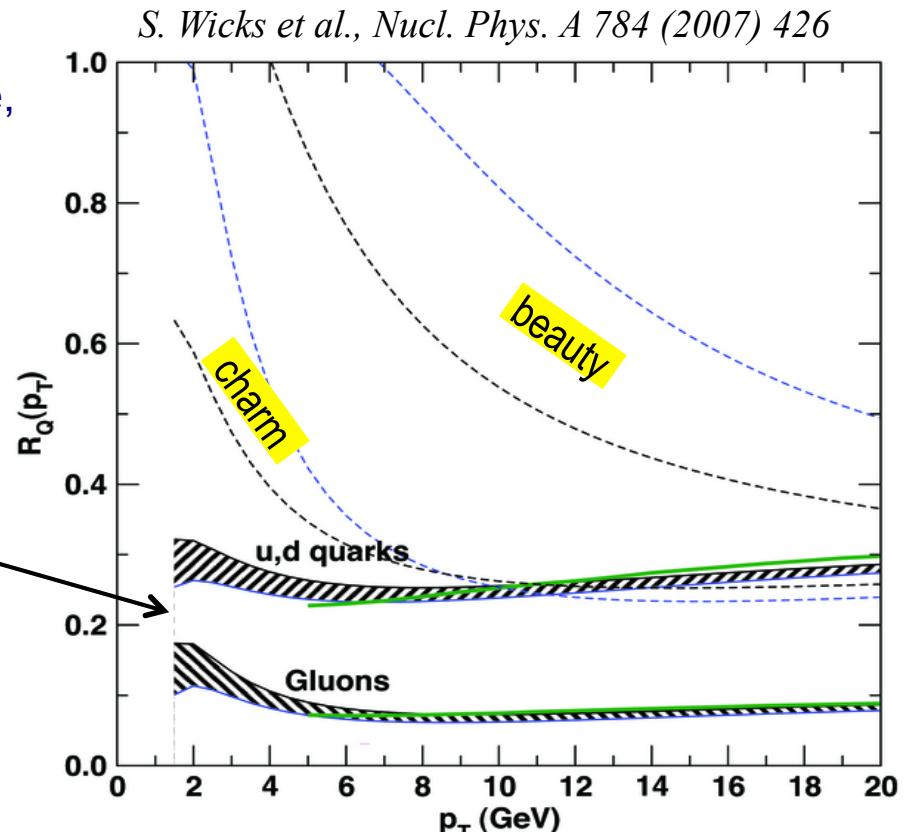
$$\langle \Delta E_{\text{medium}} \rangle \propto \alpha_s C_R \hat{q} L^2$$

- Dead-cone effect:** gluon radiation suppressed at small angles ( $\theta < m_Q/E_Q$ )

*Y. Dokshitzer, D. Kharzeev, PLB 519 (2001) 199, hep-ph/0106202*

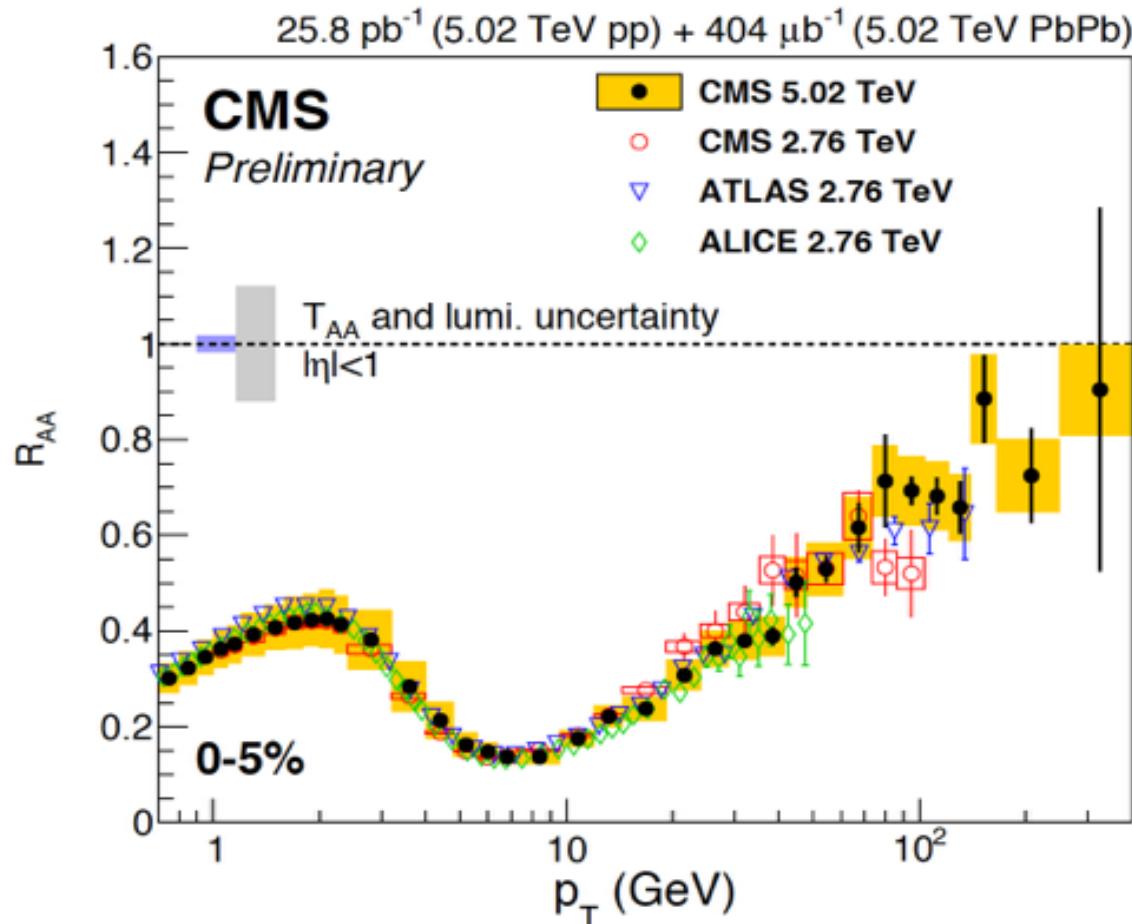
- Expectation:  $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d,s} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$

$$R_{AA}(\pi) < R_{AA}(D) < R_{AA}(B)$$



# $R_{AA}$ for inclusive charged hadrons

ATLAS, JHEP 09 (2015) 050 and CMS-PAS-HIN-15-015



- Measurement in a broad momentum range:  
 $0.5 < p_T < 150 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Strong suppression in most central Pb-Pb collisions
- Very good agreement between experiments
- Plateau at high  $p_T$  (?)

# Detection of open heavy-flavour particles

## 1. Full reconstruction of open charm mesons

e.g.:  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$       BR = 3.93%,  $c\tau = 123 \mu\text{m}$

- direct clean probe: signal in invariant mass distribution
- difficulty: large combinatorial background especially in a high multiplicity environment
- mixed-event subtraction and/or vertex tracker needed

$$\begin{aligned}f(c \rightarrow D^0) &= 0.565 \pm 0.032 \\f(c \rightarrow D^+) &= 0.246 \pm 0.020 \\f(c \rightarrow D^{*+}) &= 0.224 \pm 0.028 \\f(c \rightarrow D_s^+) &= 0.080 \pm 0.017\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Semi-leptonic decay of D and B mesons

$c \rightarrow \text{lepton} + X$       BR = 9.6%

$D^0 \rightarrow e^+ + X$       BR = 6.87%

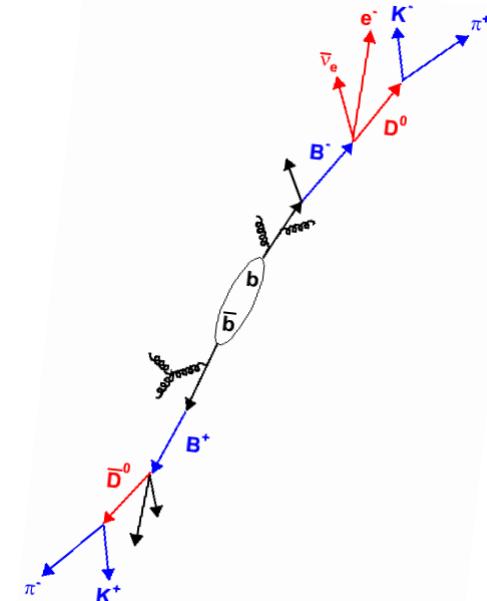
$D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ + X$       BR = 6.5%

$b \rightarrow \text{lepton} + X$       BR = 10.9%

- robust electron trigger

- needs handle on photonic electron background

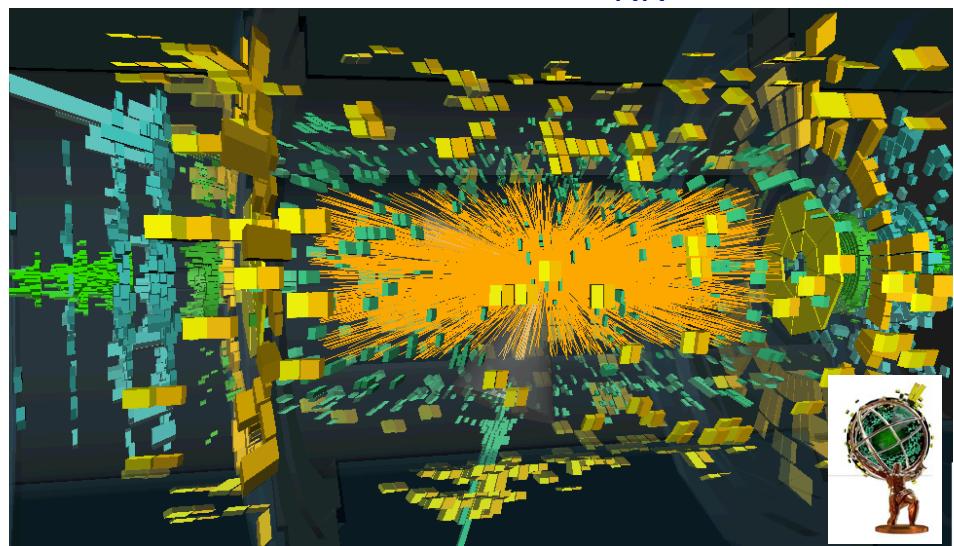
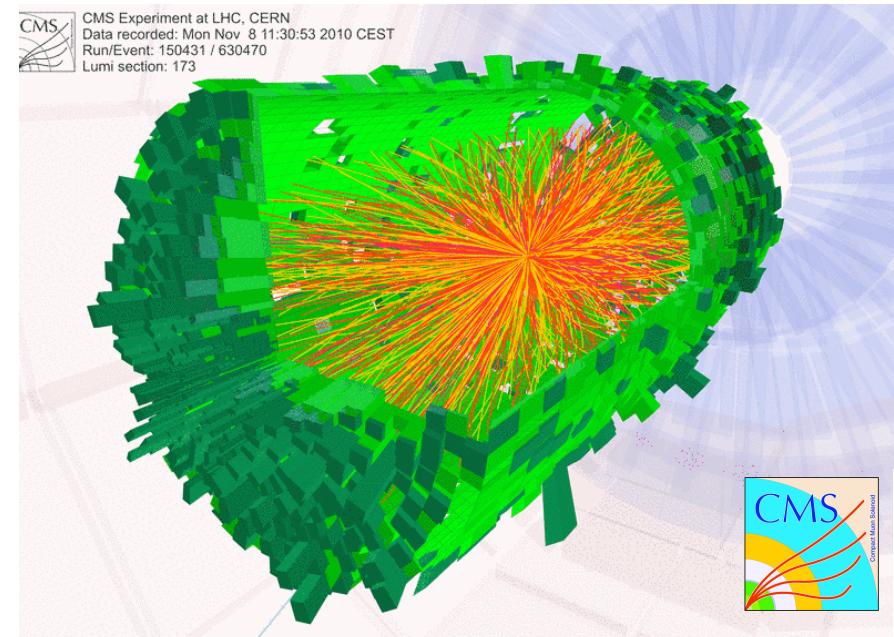
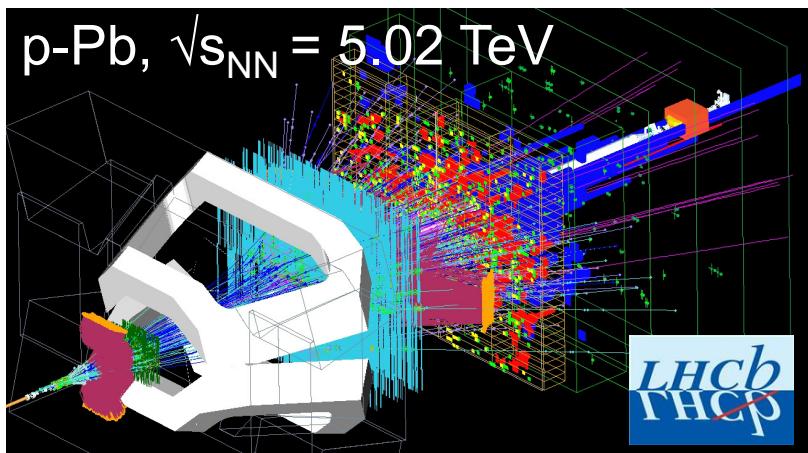
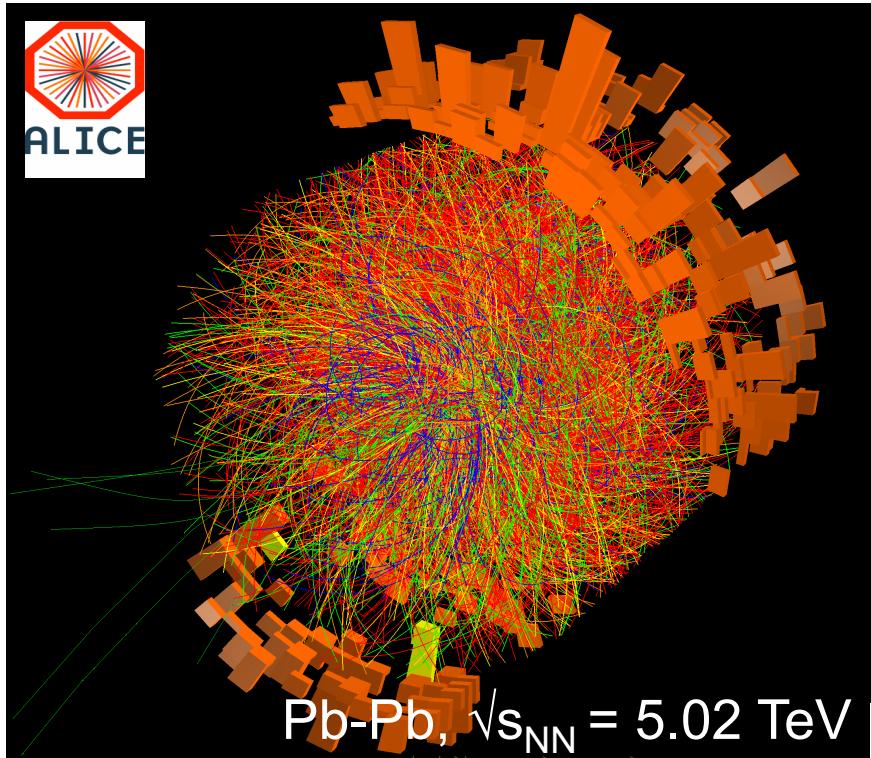
## 3. Beauty via non-prompt J/ $\psi$ and hadronic decays



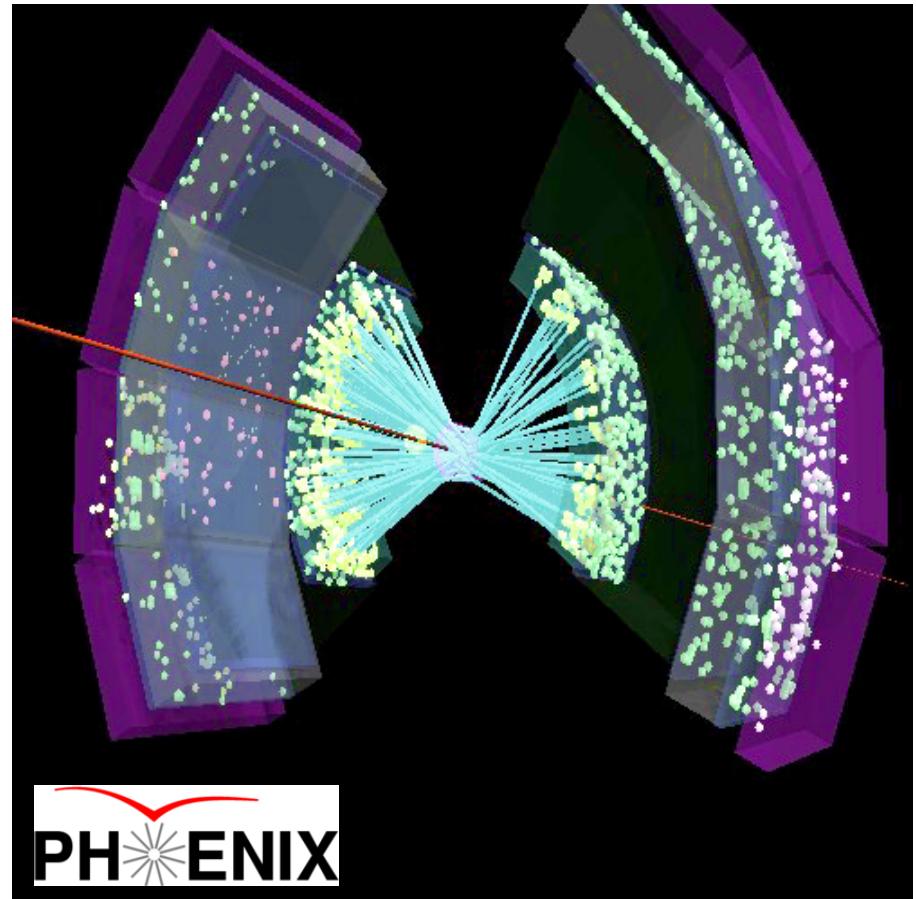
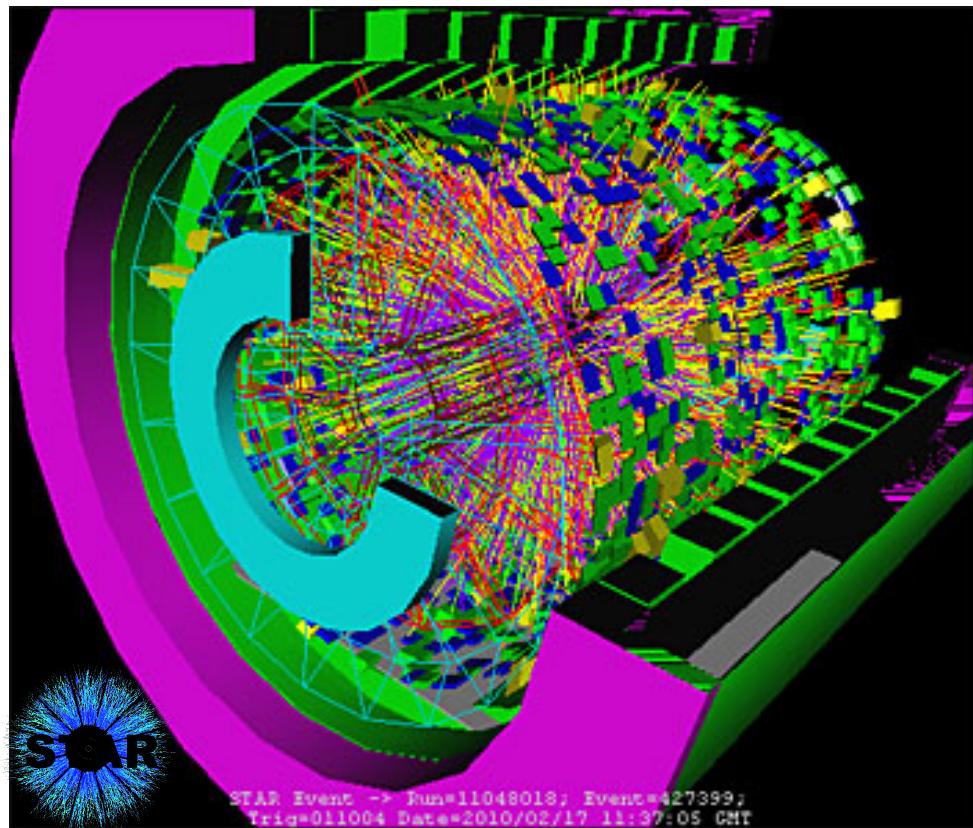
### Impact parameter resolution

- STAR:      30 $\mu\text{m}$  @  $p_T = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- ALICE:      65 $\mu\text{m}$  @  $p_T = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- ATLAS/CMS: 100 $\mu\text{m}$  @  $p_T = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

# Typical event displays: LHC experiments

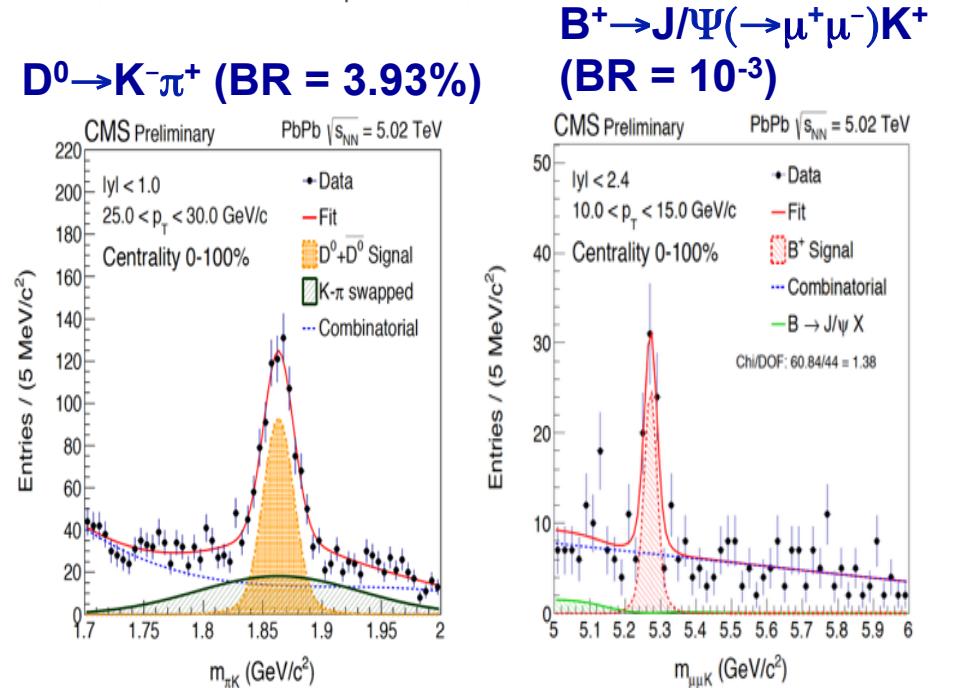
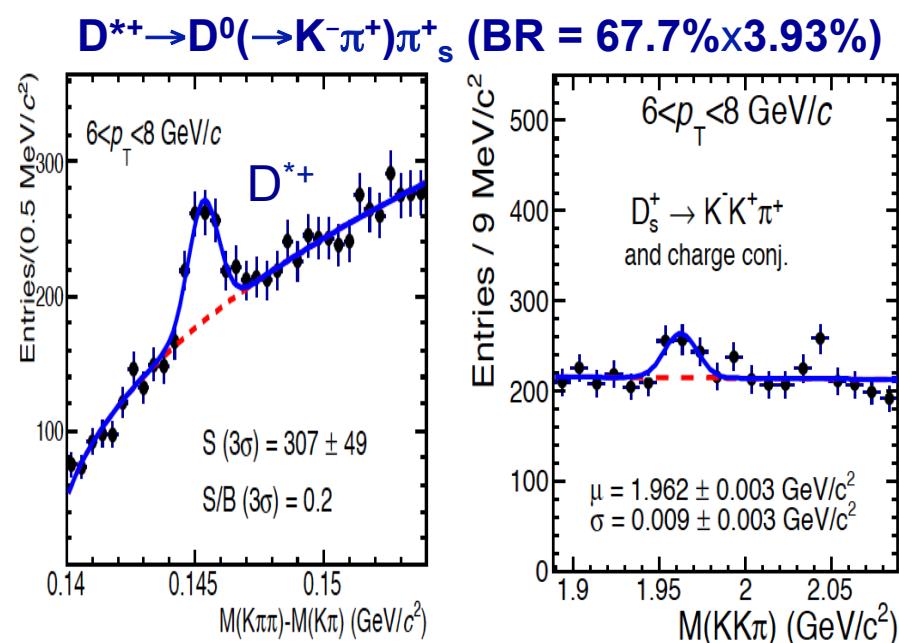
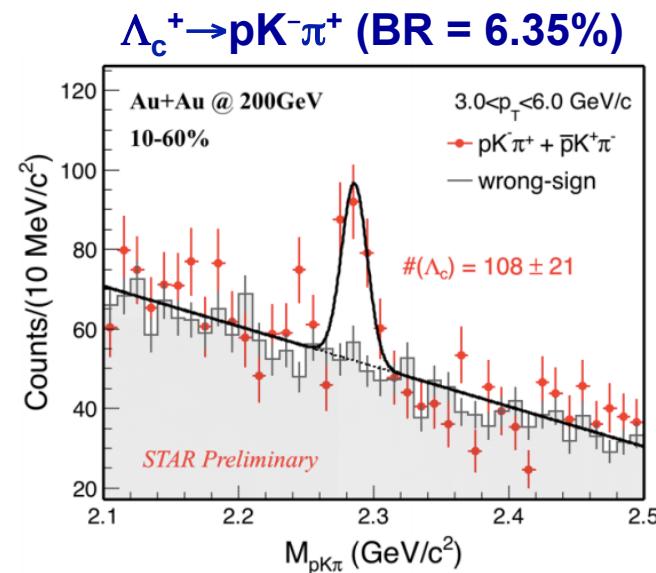
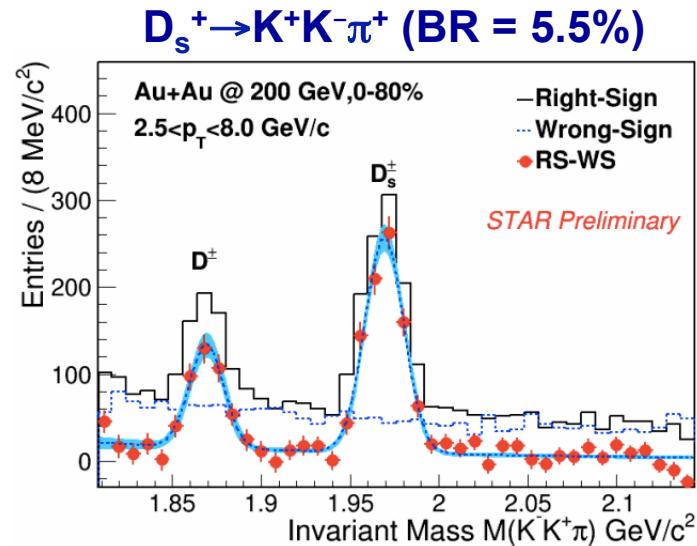


# Typical event displays: RHIC experiments



Au-Au,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.2 \text{ TeV}$

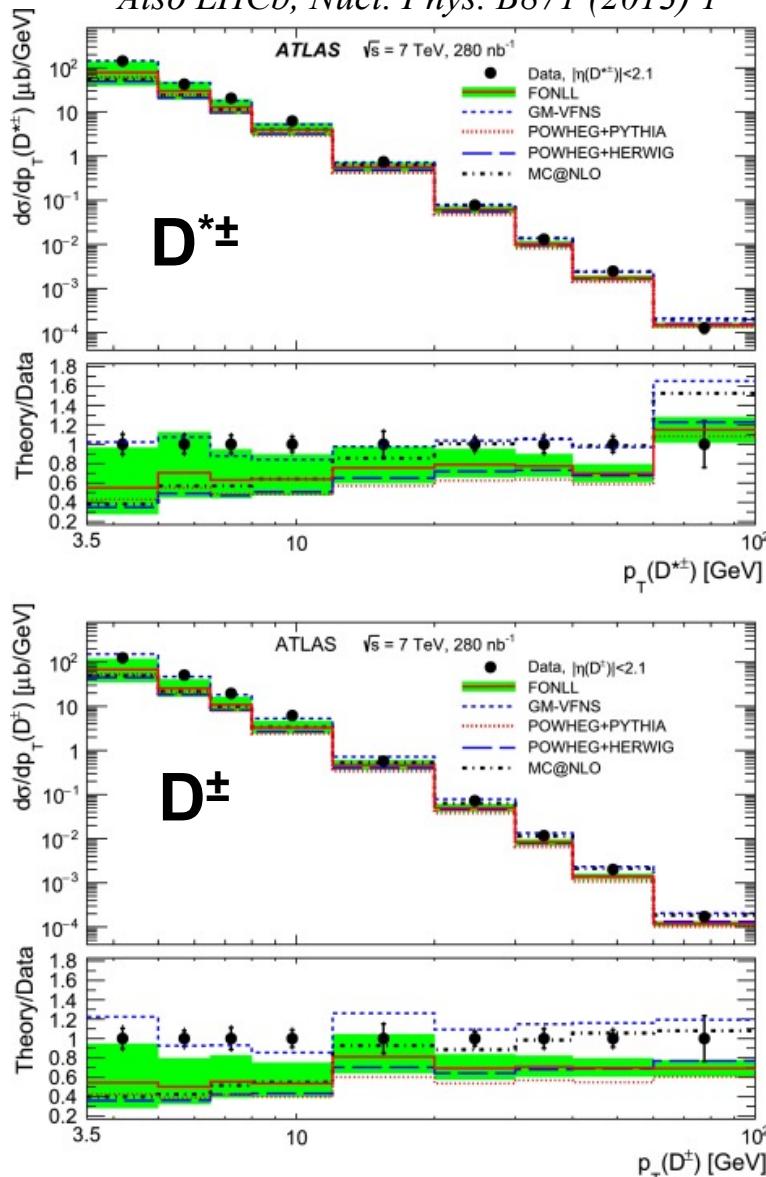
# Exclusive reconstruction of heavy-flavour hadrons



# pp system: “QCD vacuum”

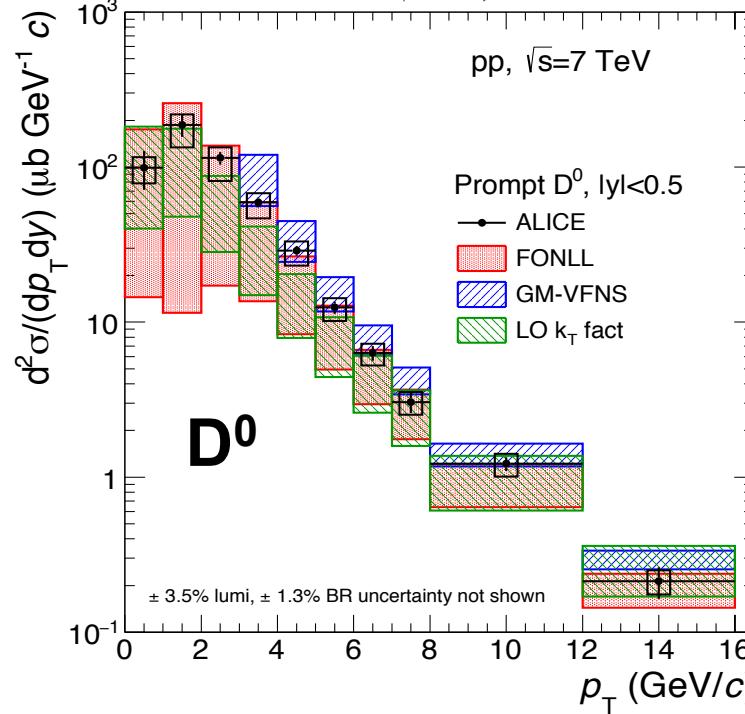
# D-meson production x-section in pp at LHC

ATLAS, *Nucl. Phys. B* 907 (2016) 717  
Also LHCb, *Nucl. Phys. B* 871 (2013) 1



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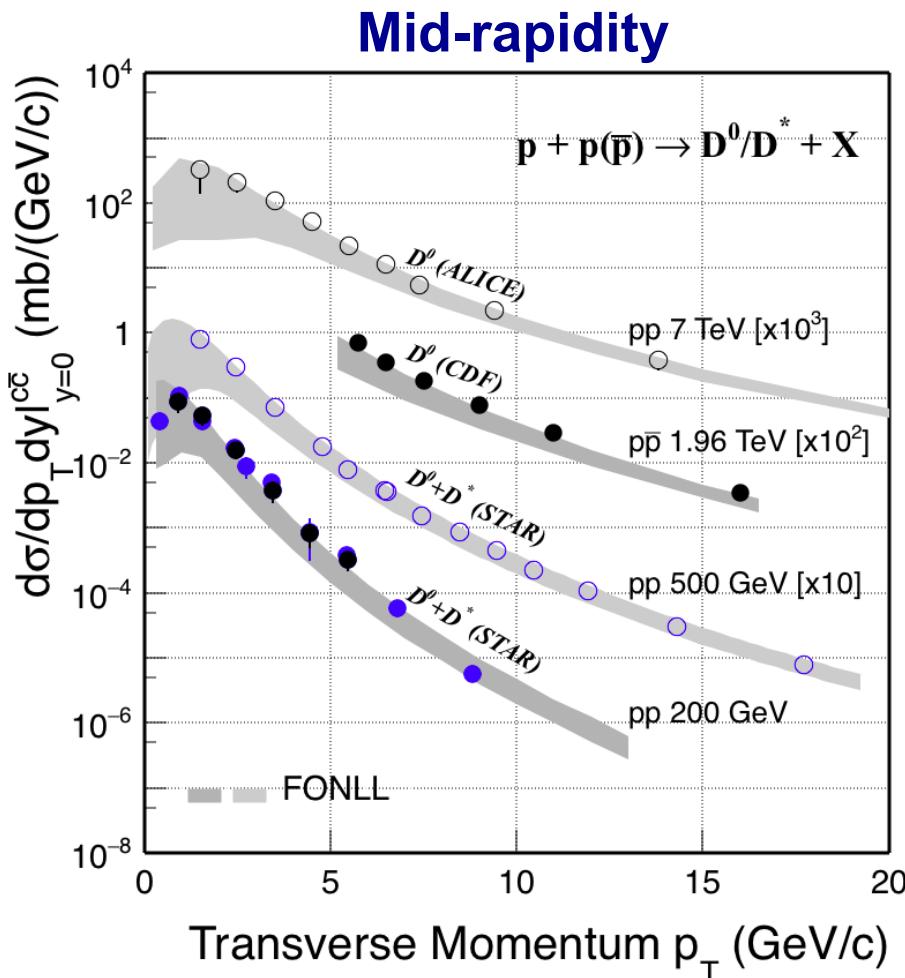
ALICE, *Phys. Rev. C* 94 (2016) 054908  
and *JHEP* 1201 (2012) 128



Multiplicity dependence also studied

- Down to zero  $p_T$  for ALICE
- Data well described by NLO pQCD within the large theoretical uncertainties although at the upper bound

# Open charm production x-section in pp (cont'd)

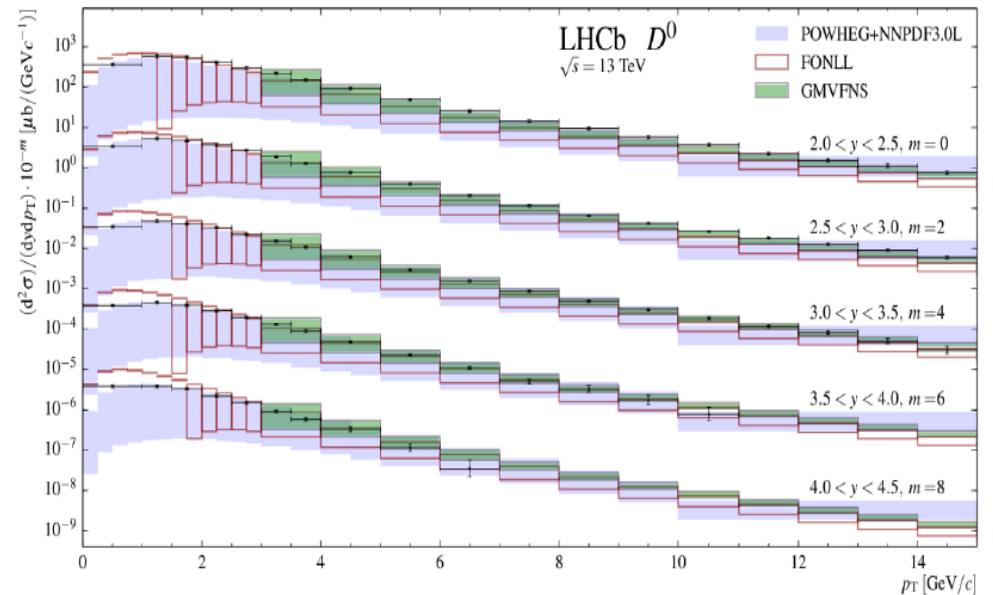


## Forward rapidities

double-differential  $D^0$  cross-section  
in 13 TeV pp



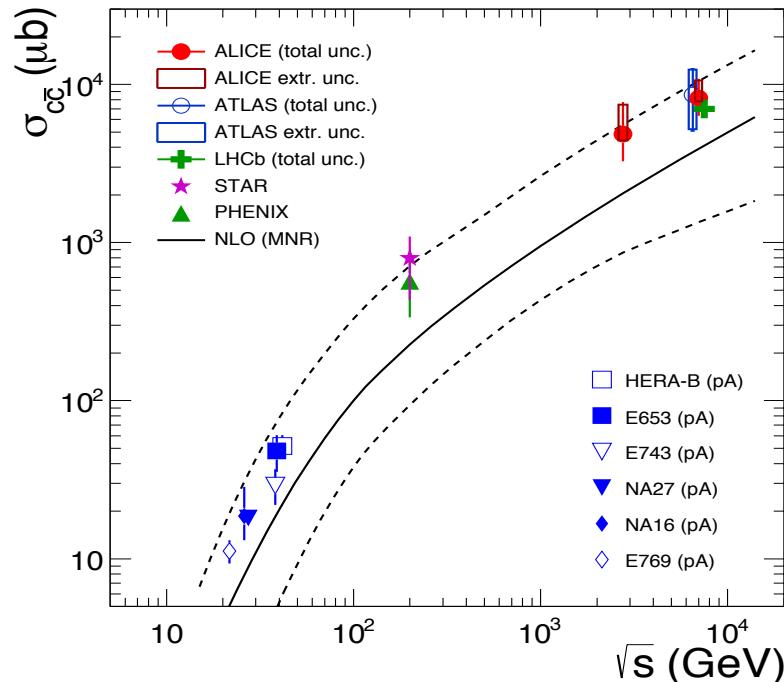
LHCb, JHEP 03 (2016) 159 (Errat.: JHEP 09 (2016) 013)



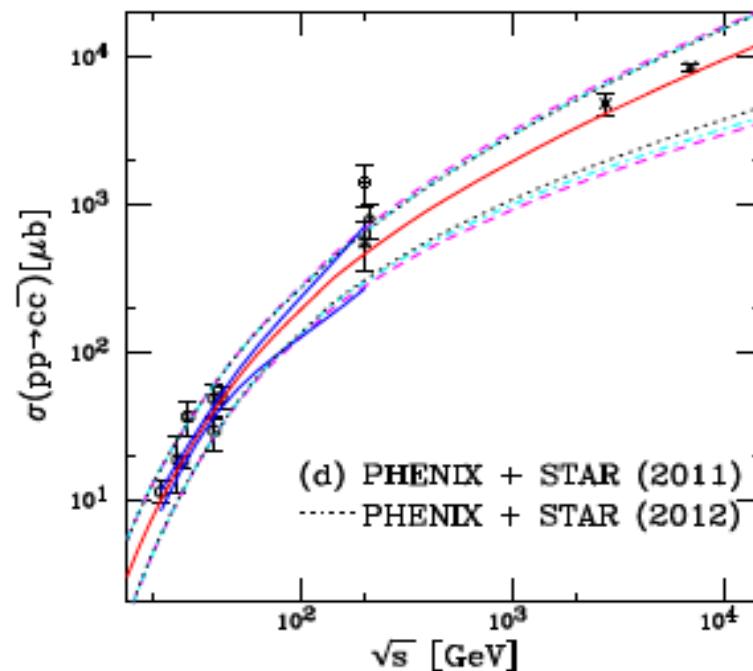
Consistency with NLO pQCD calculations within uncertainties, although systematically at the upper limit

# Total charm production cross section in pp

ALICE, JHEP in press (1605.07569)  
NLO, M.L. Mangano et al., NPB 373 (1992) 295



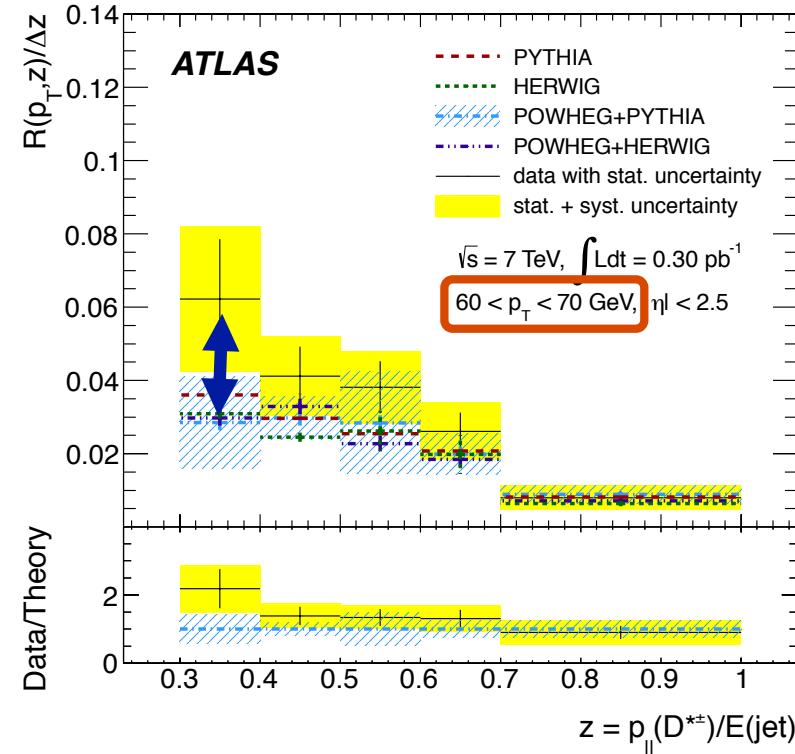
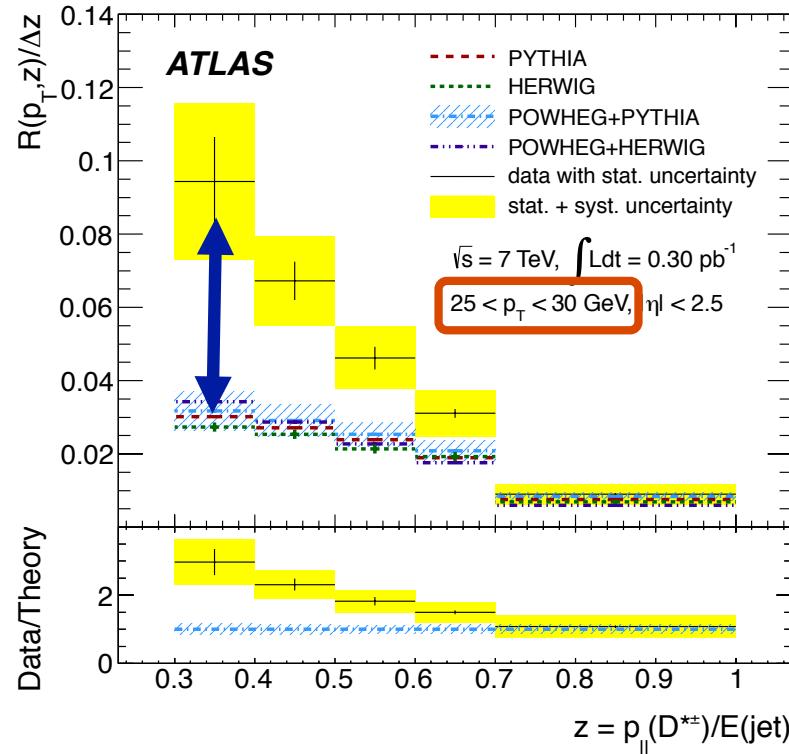
R.E. Nelson, R. Vogt and A.D. Frawley,  
Phys. Rev. C 87 (2013) 014908



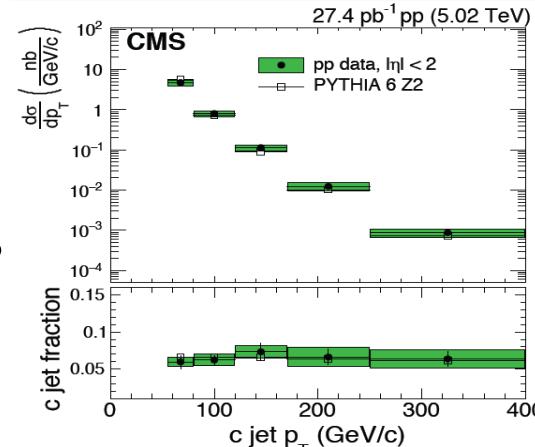
- Consistency with NLO pQCD calculations within uncertainties, although systematically at the upper limit
- 8 and 13 TeV data will provide further constraints
- Parton spectra from pQCD input for energy-loss models

# 'D<sup>\*±</sup> production in jets' in 7 TeV pp

ATLAS, Phys. Rev. D 85 (2012) 052005

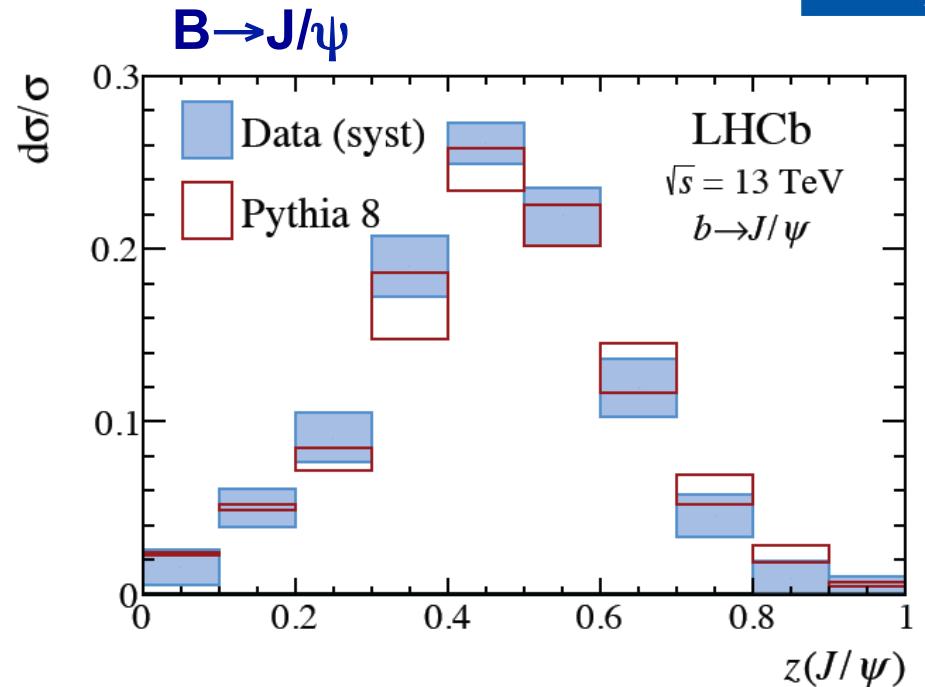
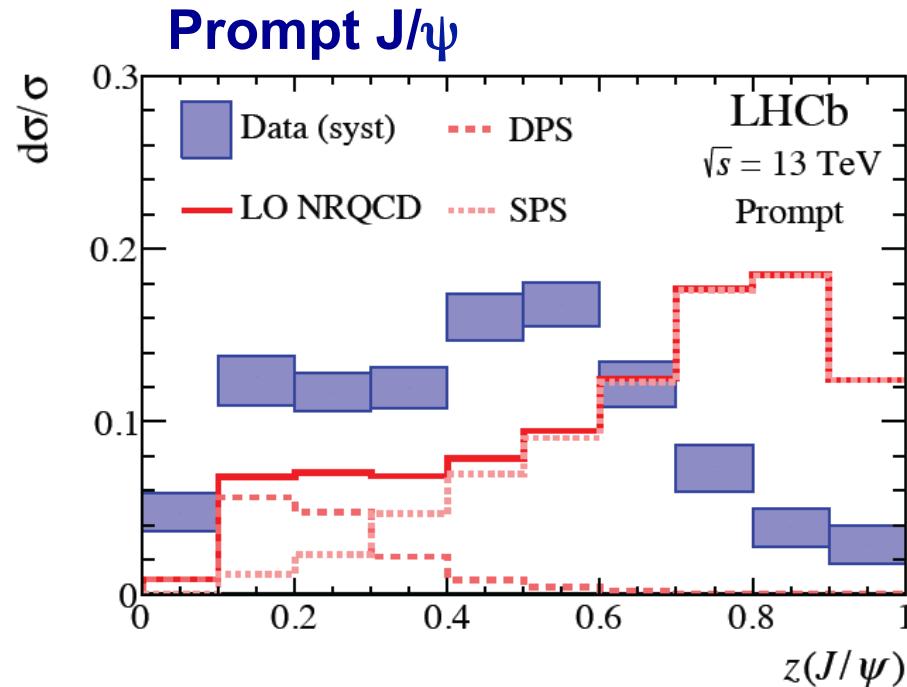


- MC calculations fail to describe data at small  $z$ ; strongest at low jet- $p_T$
- Indication that jet fragmentation into D<sup>\*±</sup> mesons not well modeled in current MC generators



# 'J/ $\psi$ production in jets' in 13 TeV pp

LHCb, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) 192001



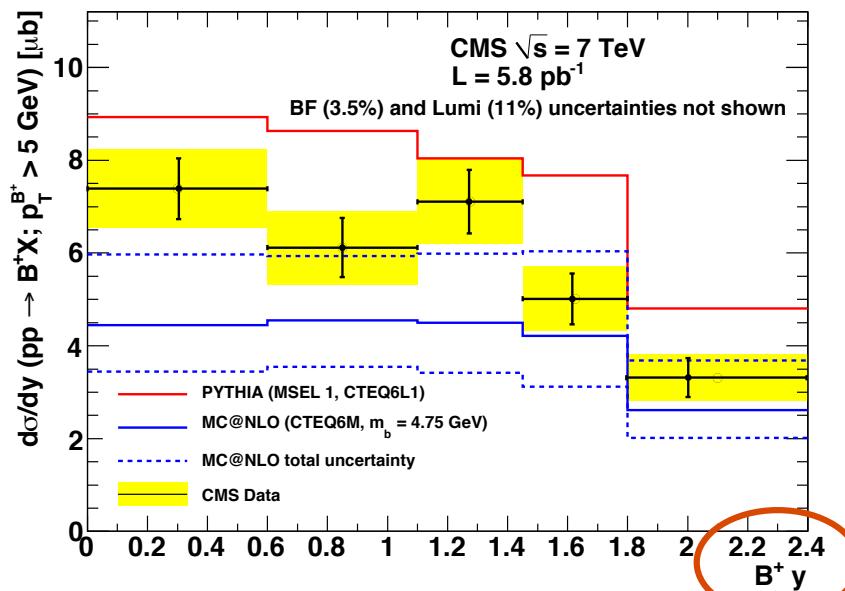
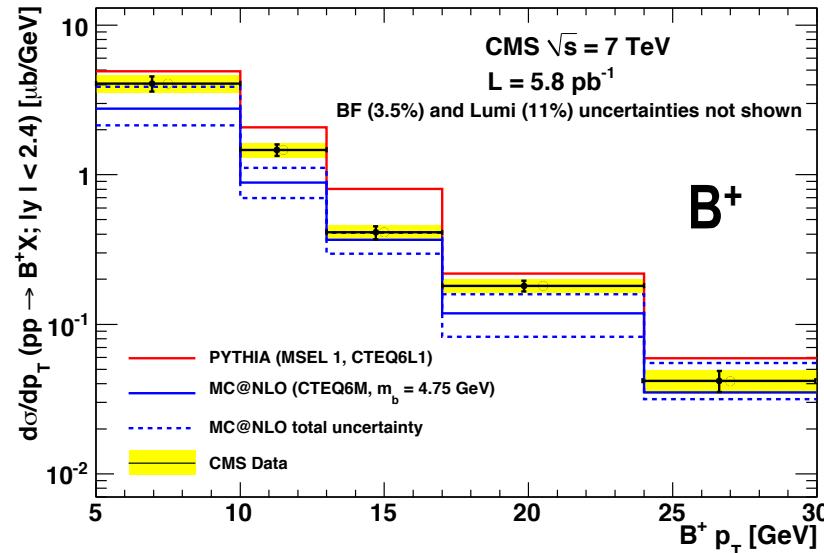
- J/ $\psi$  from beauty-hadron decays are consistent with expectations
- Prompt J/ $\psi$  production do *\*not\** agree with predictions based on fixed-order QCD

$$z(J/\psi) = p_T(J/\psi)/p_T(\text{jet})$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_T(\text{jet}) &> 20 \text{ GeV}/c \\ 2.5 < \eta(\text{jet}) &< 4.0 \\ 2.0 < \eta(J/\psi) &< 4.5 \end{aligned}$$

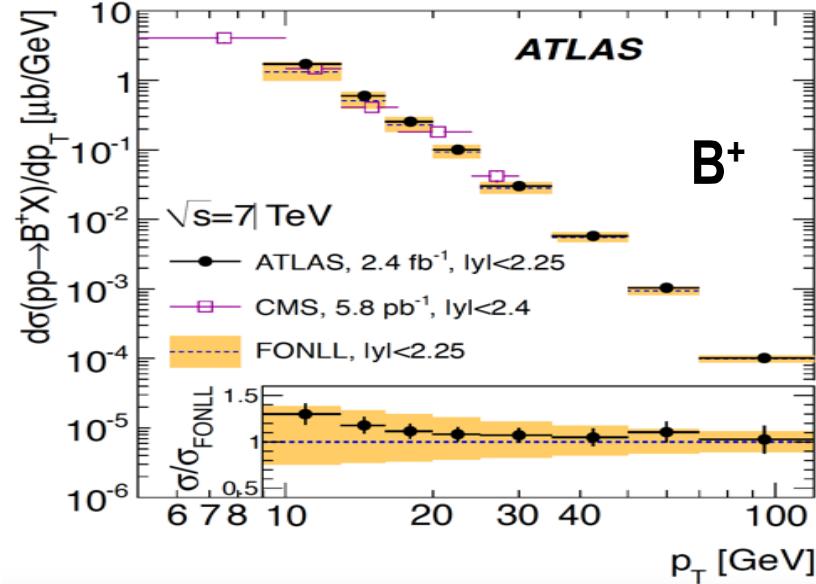
# B production cross section in 7 TeV pp

*Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 112001*

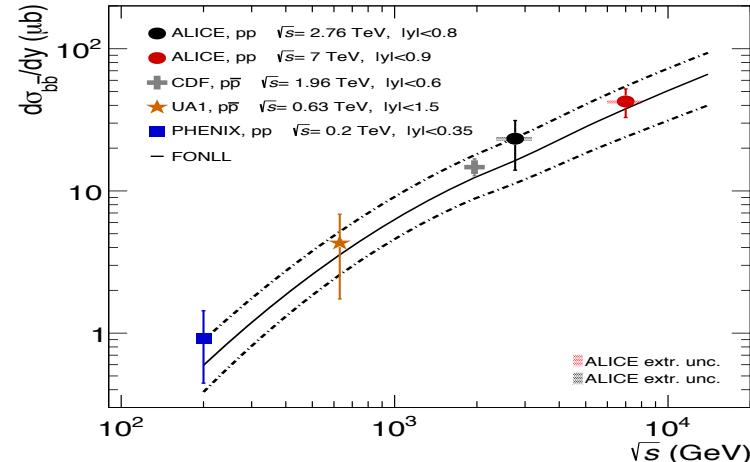


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*JHEP 10 (2013) 042*

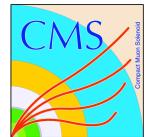
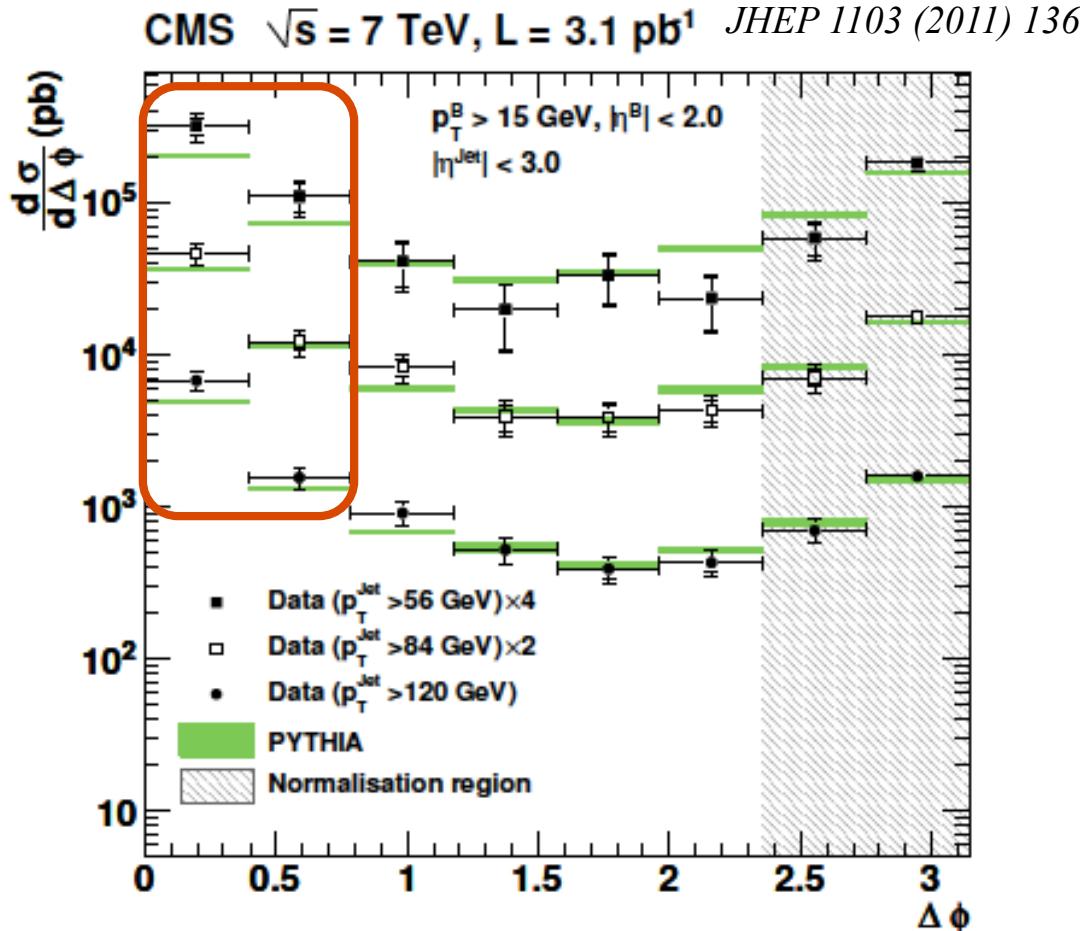


*Phys. Lett. B 721 (2013) 13 and 738 (2014) 97*



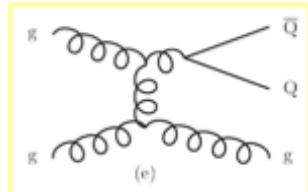
Relatively good description  
with NLO pQCD calculations

# B-Bbar $\Delta\phi$ correlations in 7 TeV pp

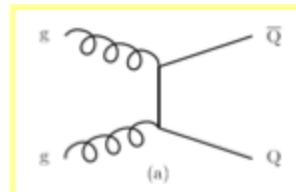


Gluon splitting contribution underestimated in PYTHIA

Gluon splitting



Flavour creation

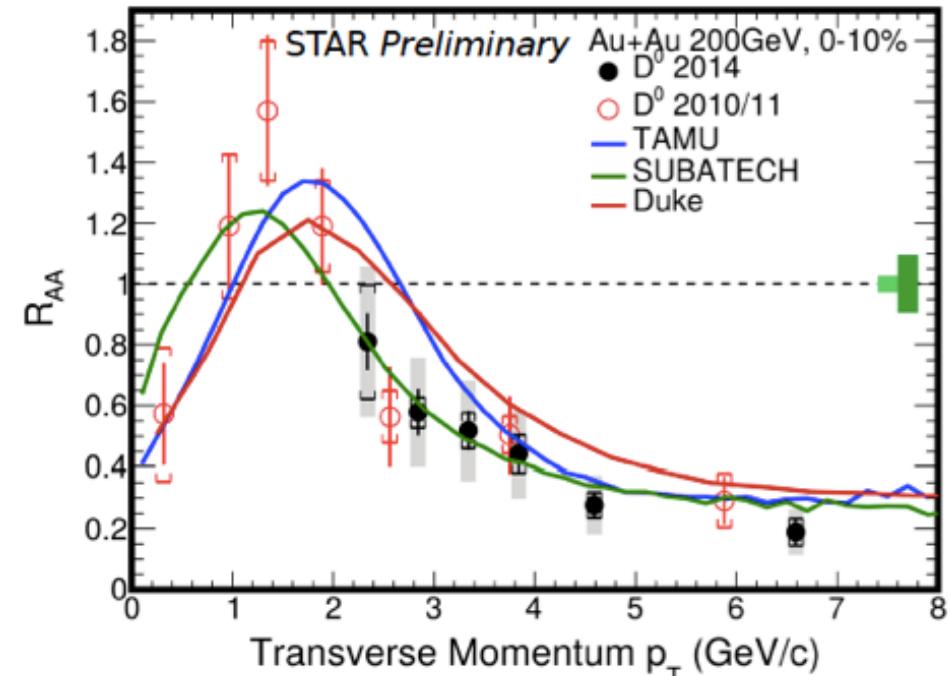
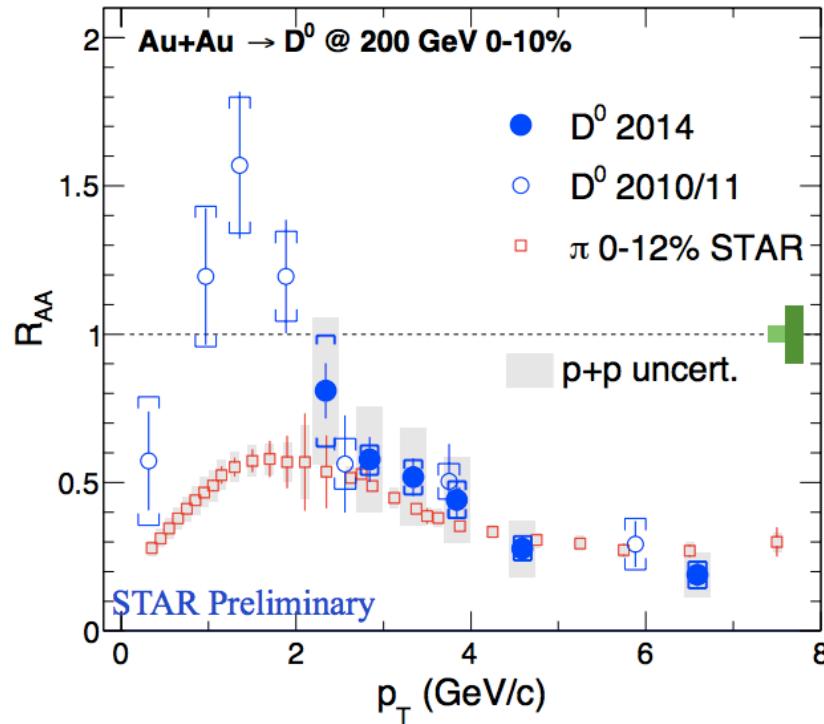
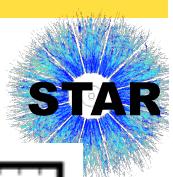




# A-A system: hot and dense QCD medium

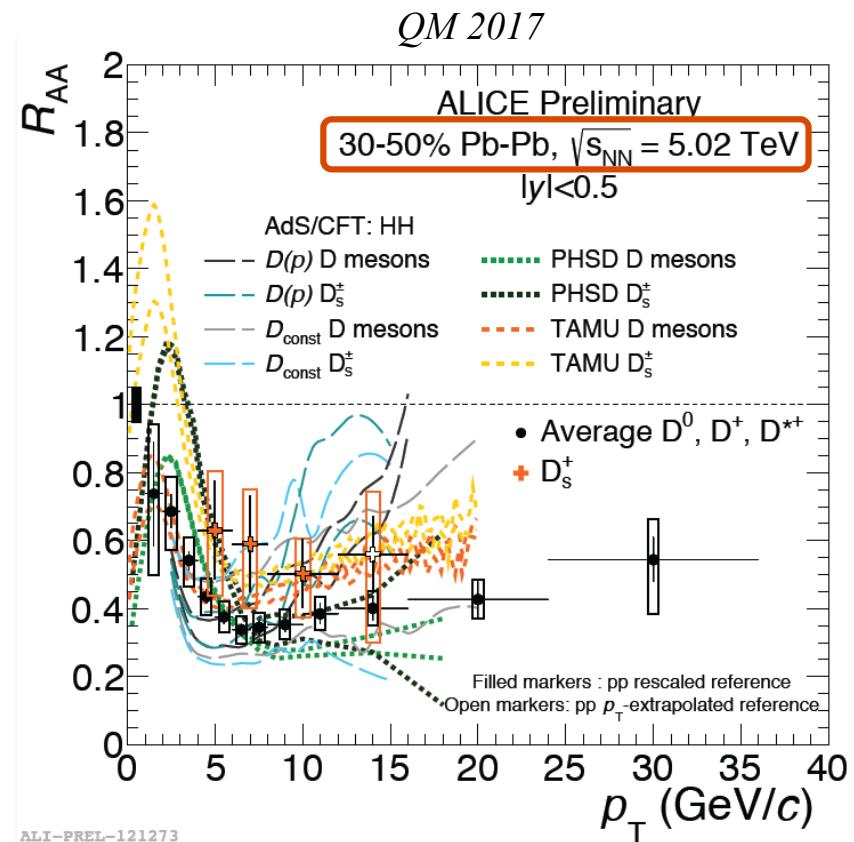
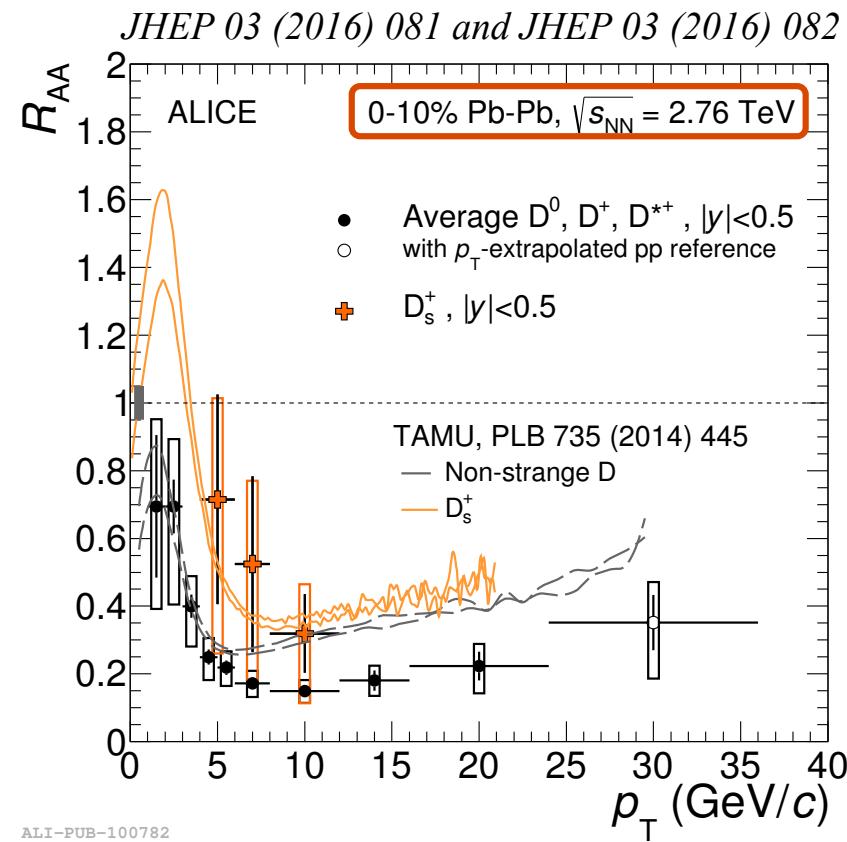
# Prompt D-meson $R_{AA}$ at RHIC

STAR, 2010/11 data: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113 (2014) 142301  
 2014 data, QM 2015



- Suppression of D-meson yield by a factor  $\sim 5$  at high  $p_T$  in most central Au-Au (same trend in 193 GeV U+U )
- Enhancement at around 1.5 GeV/c: radial flow (and coalescence?)

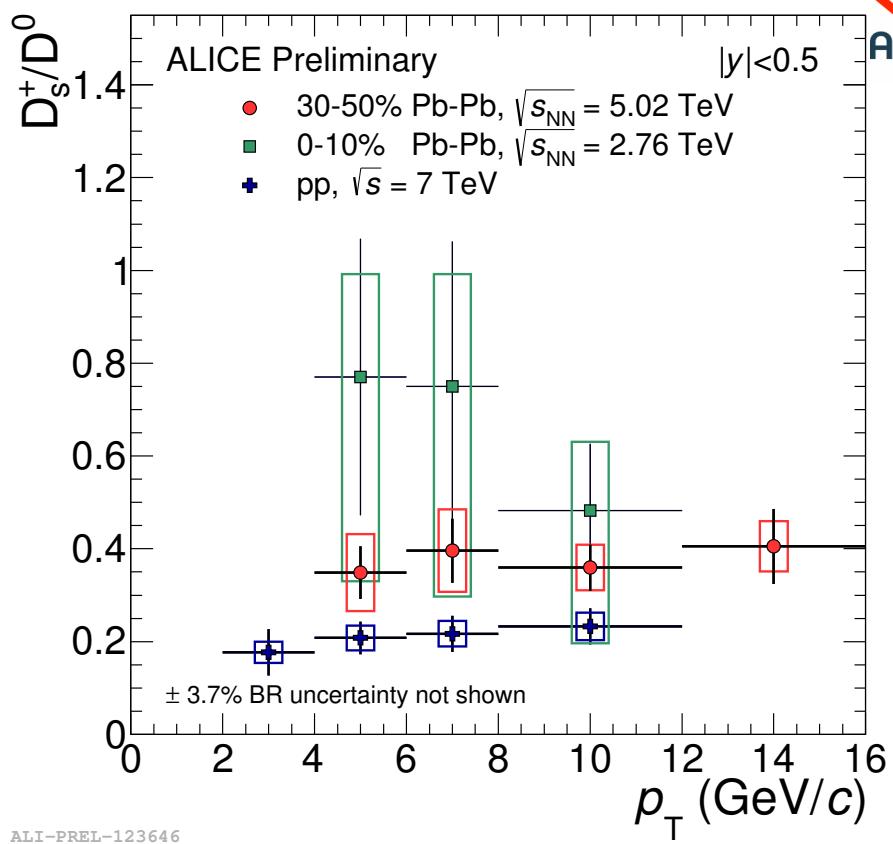
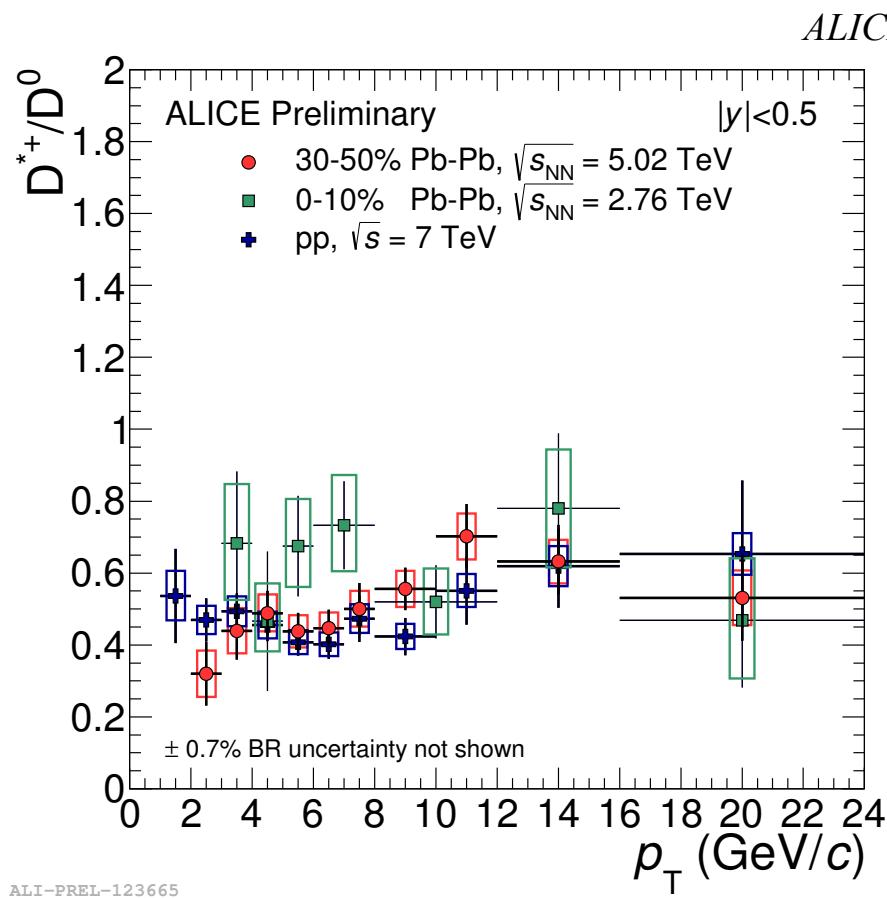
# Prompt D-meson $R_{AA}$ at LHC



- First  $D_s$  measurement in HIC
- Above 5 GeV/c suppression (factor ~5) in central Pb-Pb
- Expectation: enhancement of strange D-meson yield at intermediate  $p_T$  if charm hadronises via recombination

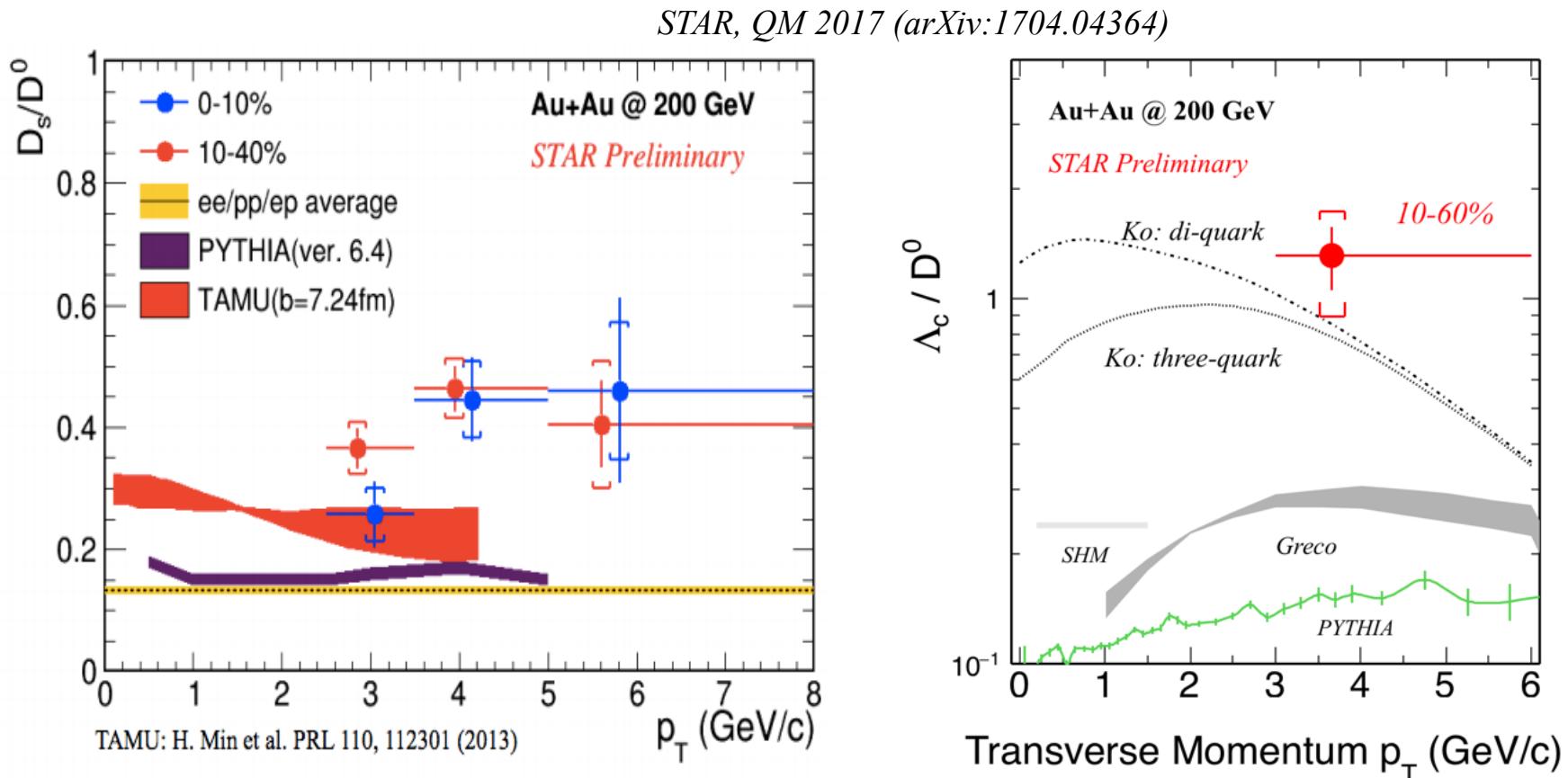
0-10% 5.02 TeV  
for EPS-HEP/SQM

# D-meson ratios at LHC



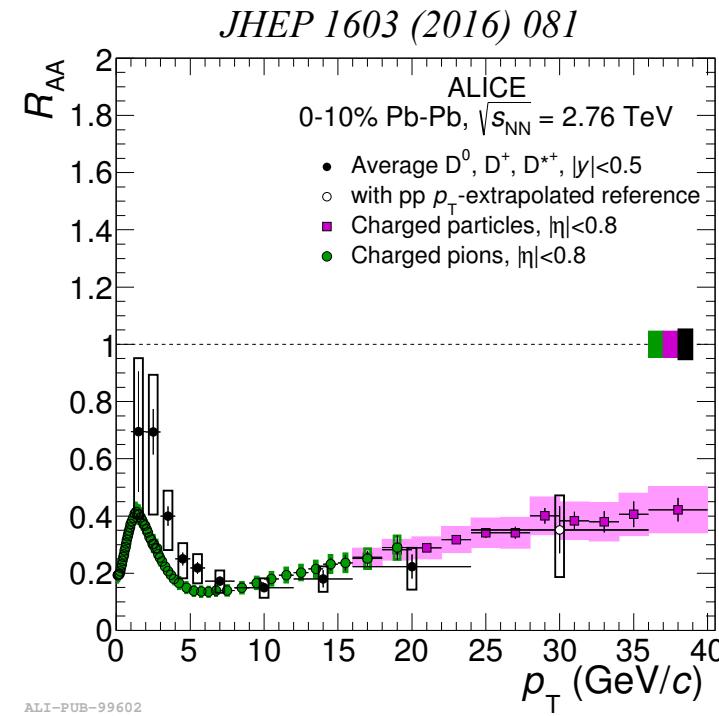
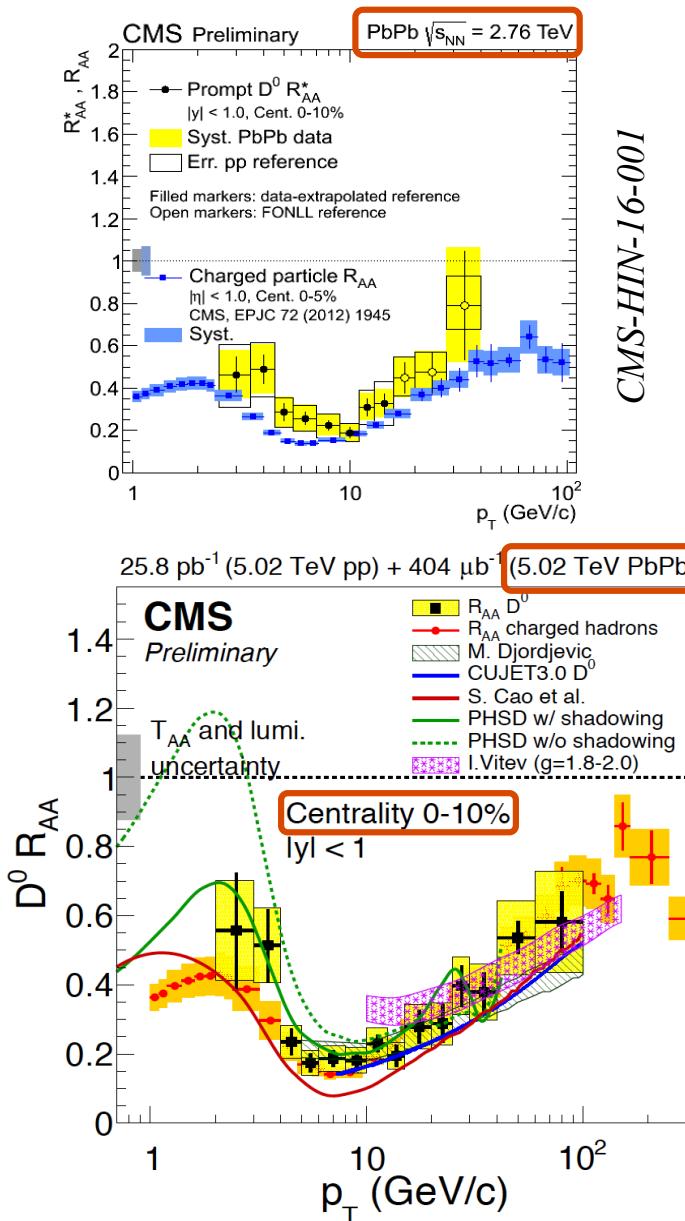
- Similar  $D^{*+}/D^0$  and  $D^+/D^0$  ratio (not shown) for pp and Pb-Pb
- Enhancement for  $D_s^+/D^0$  and  $D_s^+/D^+$  (not shown)?
- Theoretical model calculations needed

# Charm-hadron ratios at RHIC



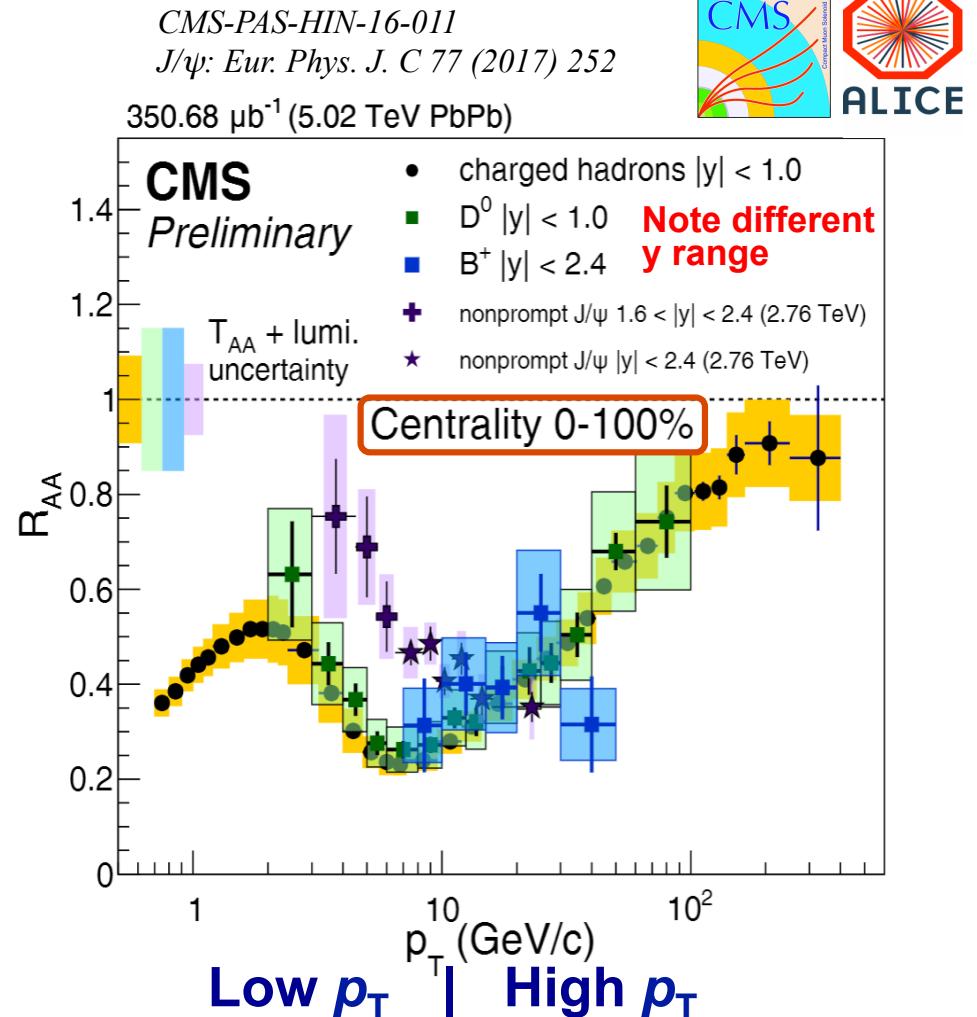
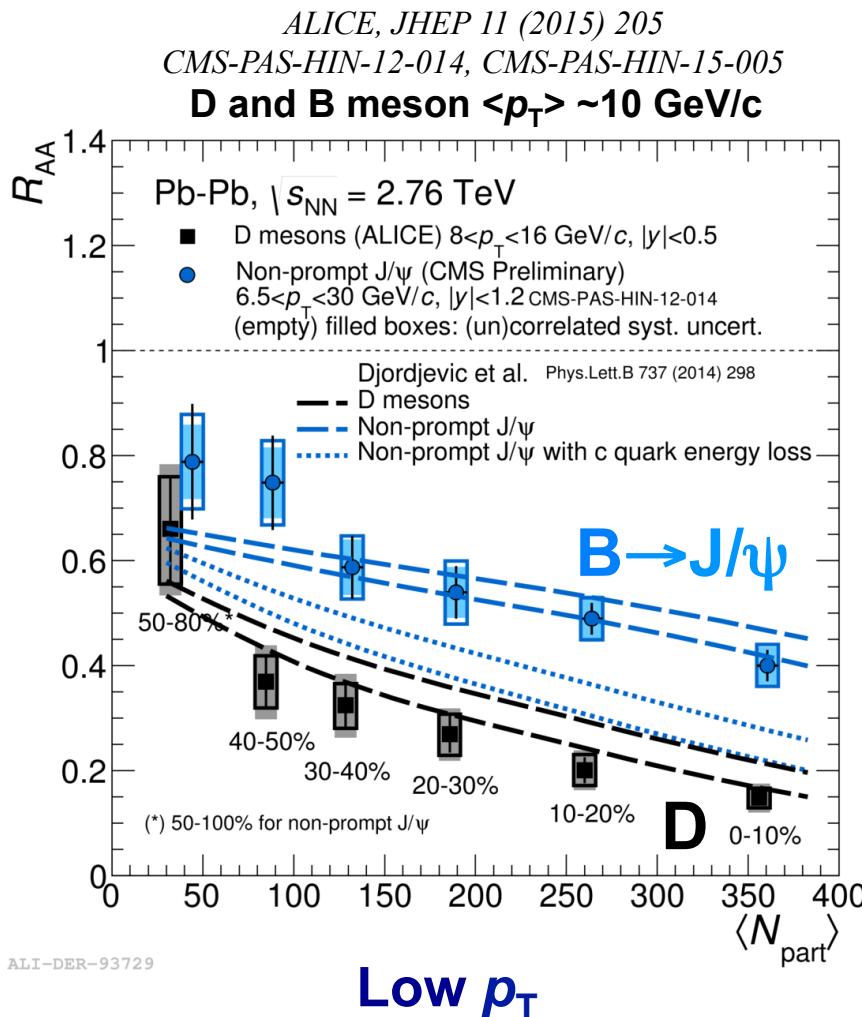
- First  $\Lambda_c$  measurement in HIC
- Strong enhancement observed, compared to PYTHIA
- Coalescence processes seems important during hadronisation

# $R_{AA}$ : light versus heavy-quark hadrons



- $D^0$  suppression measured up to 100  $\text{GeV}/c$  (CMS)
- Indication for  $R_{AA}(D) > R_{AA}(\text{pions})$  at low  $p_T$  for 10% most central collisions?
- Well described by theo. model calculations that include both collisional and radiative energy loss (and shadowing)

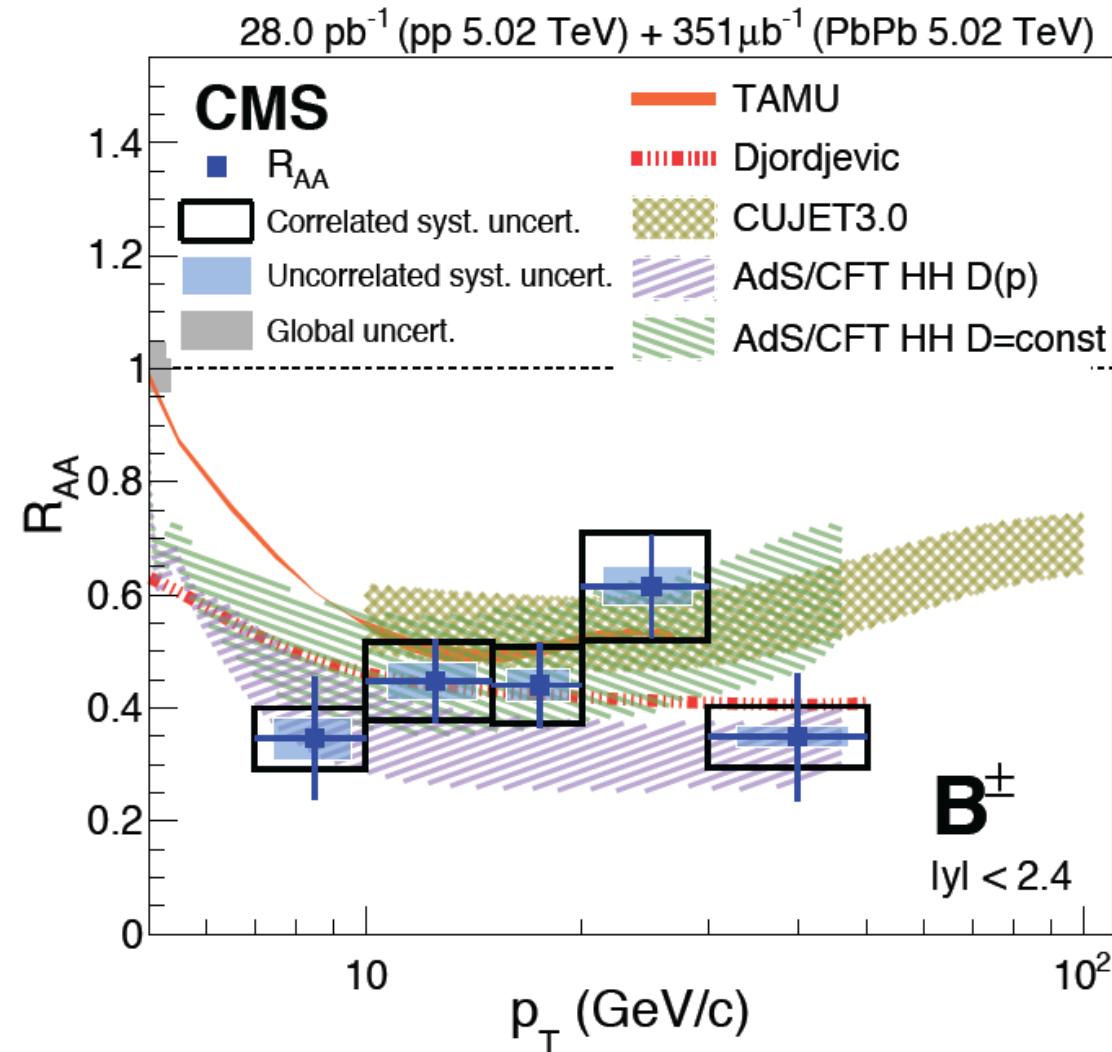
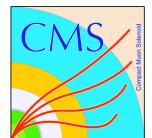
# Prompt D and B-meson $R_{AA}$ at LHC



- Sizeable suppression of the yield for charm and beauty
- Data well described by theo. model calculations including flavour-dependent energy loss ( $R_{AA}^D < R_{AA}^B$ )

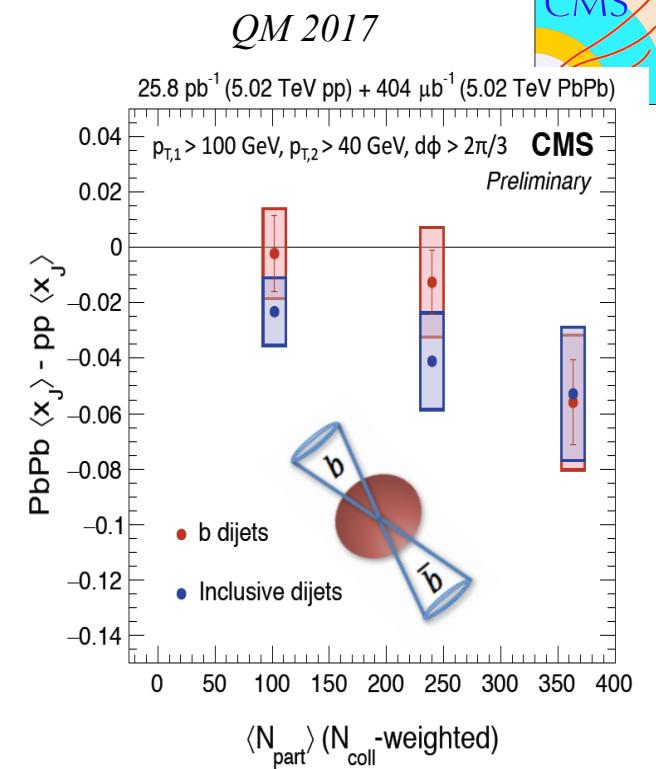
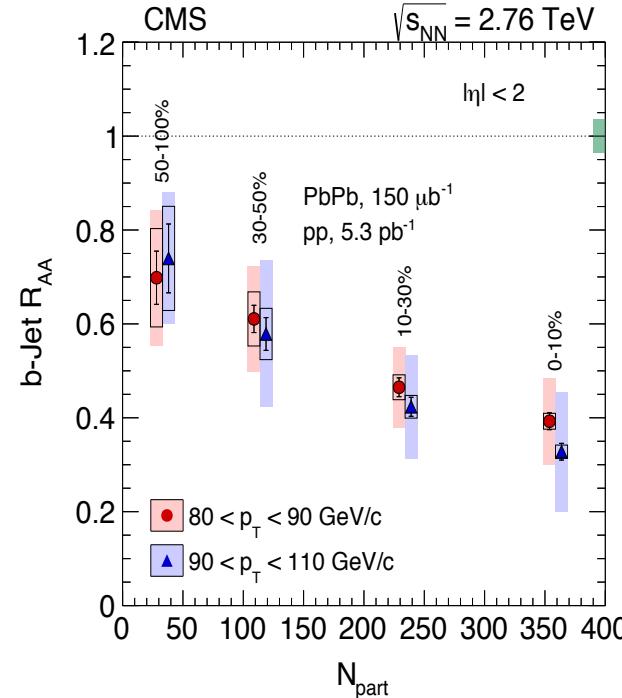
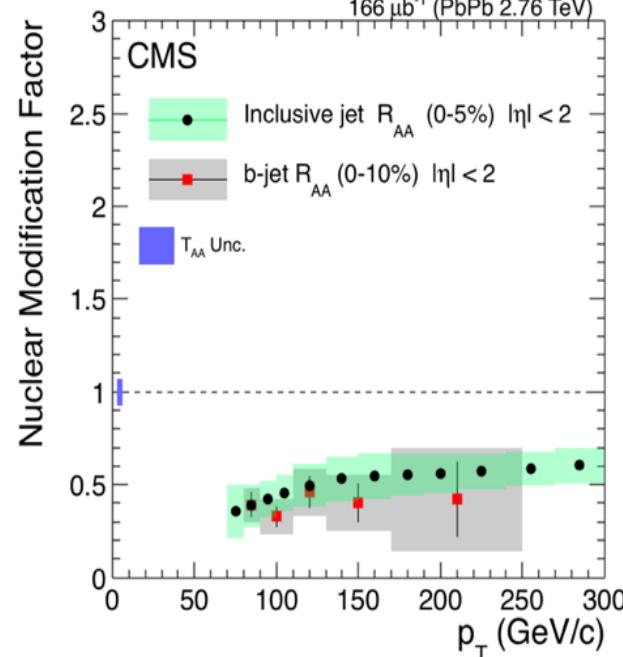
# $B^\pm$ -meson $R_{AA}$ : model comparison

Submitted to PRL (arXiv:1705.04727)

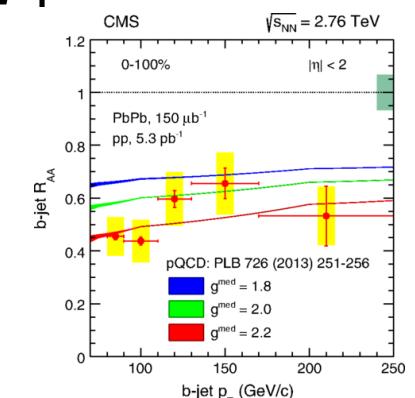


# $R_{AA}$ of b-tagged jets in 2.76 TeV Pb-Pb

CMS, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014) 132301

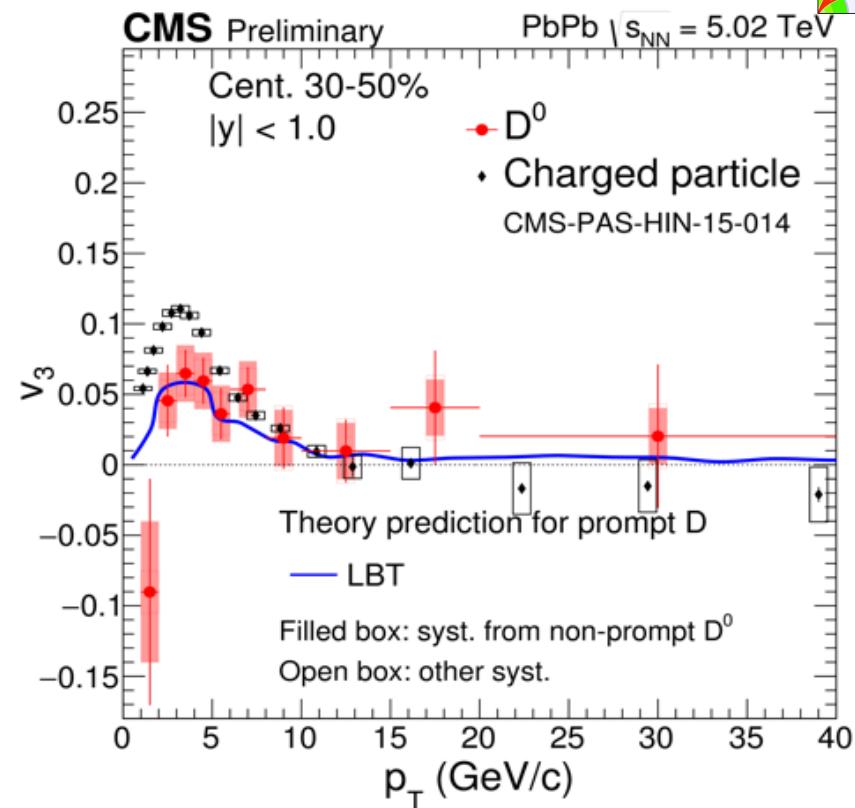
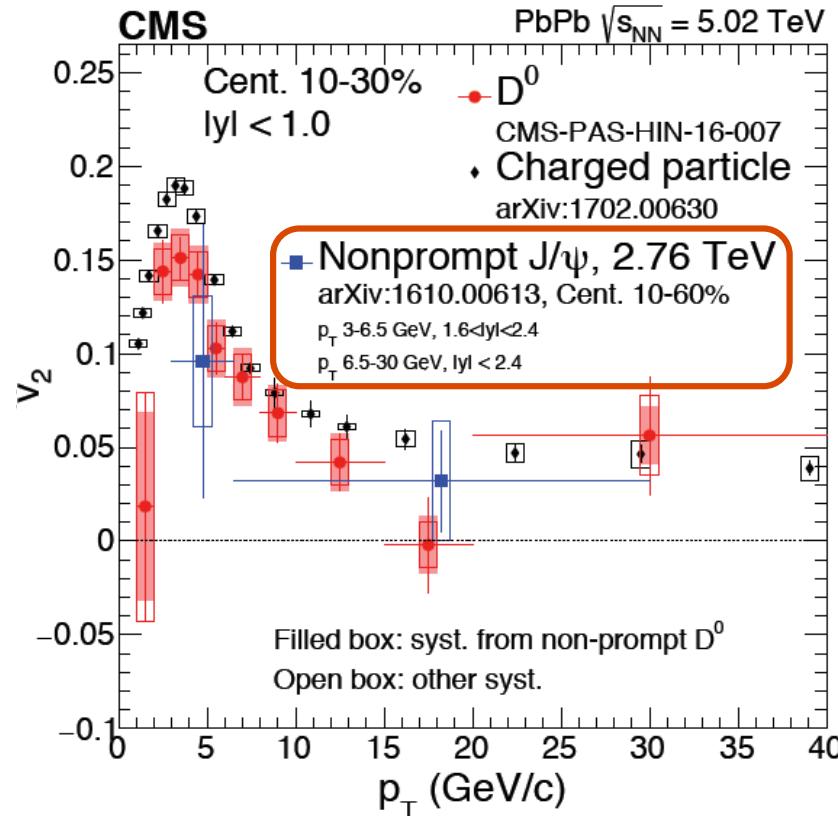


- Same level of suppression for b-tagged and incl. jets at **high  $p_T$**   
 → mass difference negligible  
 → B mesons are sensitive to lower  $p_T$  b-quarks than b-jets
  - **Dijet asymmetry similar for beauty and incl. jets**
  - Towards constrain of quark-medium coupling parameter  $g^{\text{med}}$
- Note: sizable fraction of b-tagged jets arise from gluon splitting



# D-meson $v_n$ at LHC

*Key question: Does charm flow/thermalise in the medium?*

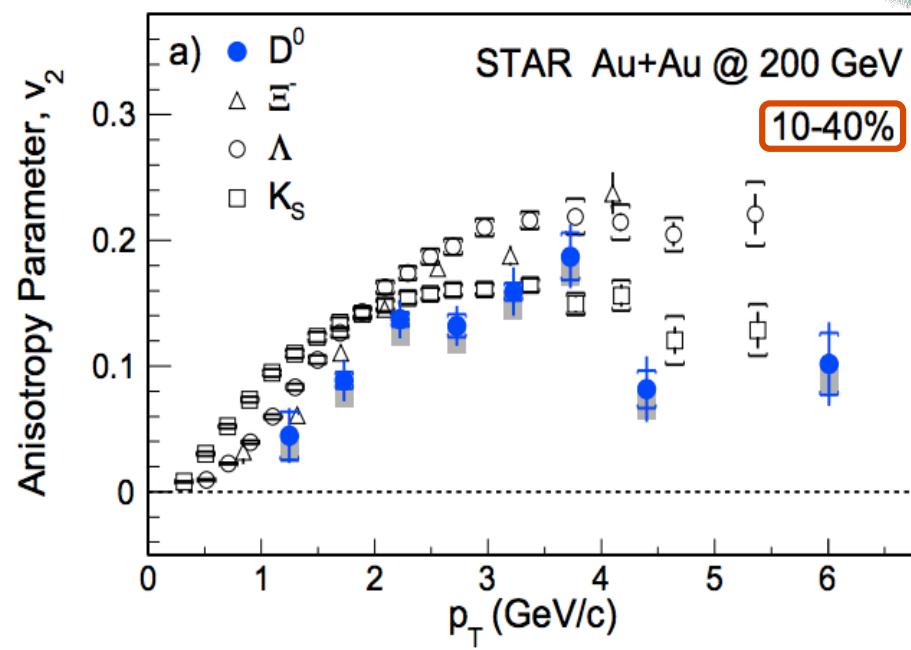
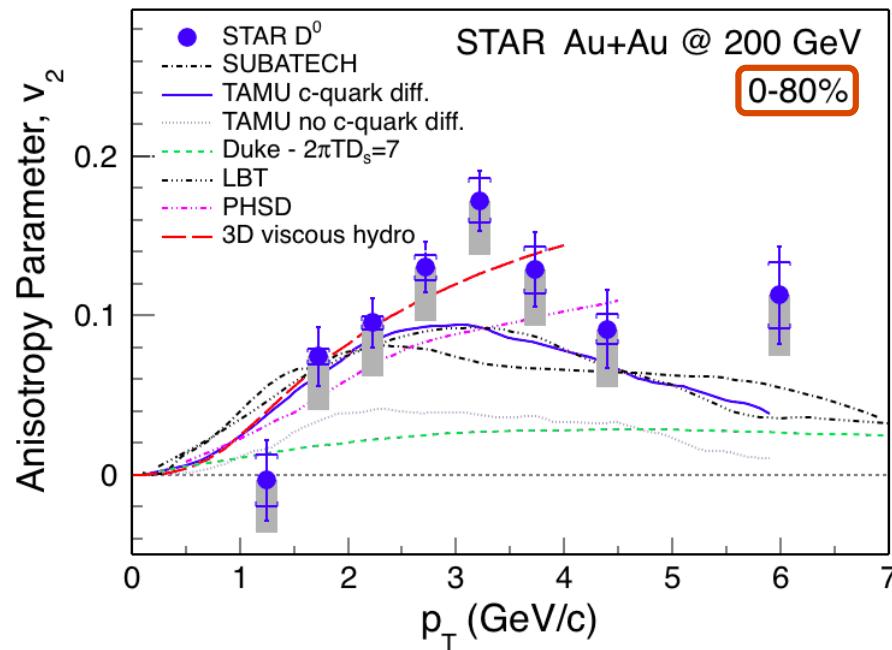


- $v_2(D^0) < v_2(h^\pm)$  at low  $p_T$  ( $< 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- $v_2$  and  $v_3$  are well described by models that include both charm diffusion and charm recombination in the medium

*Also ALICE data (incl.  $D_s^+$ ) QM 2017*

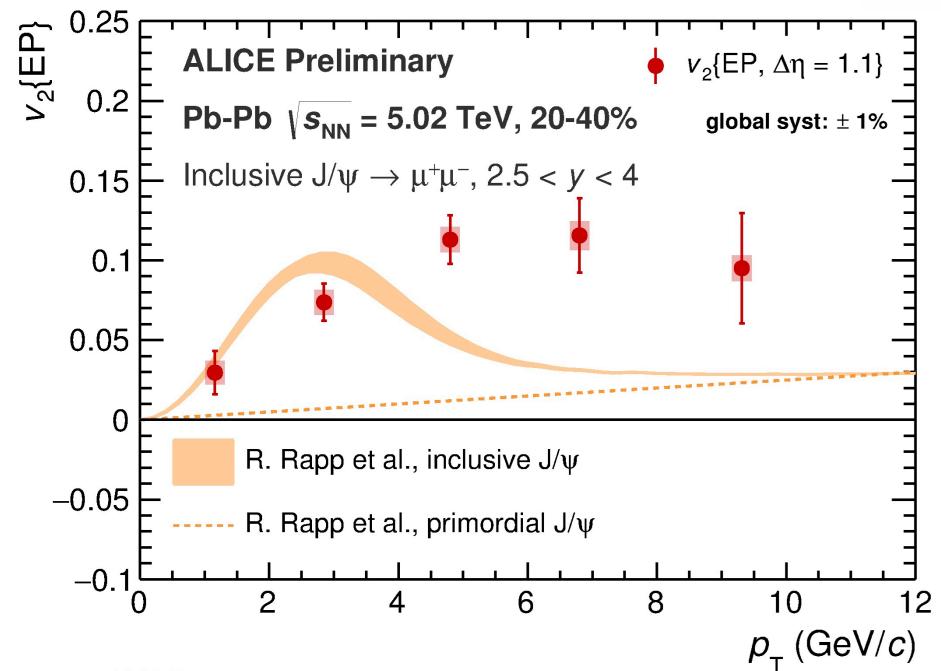
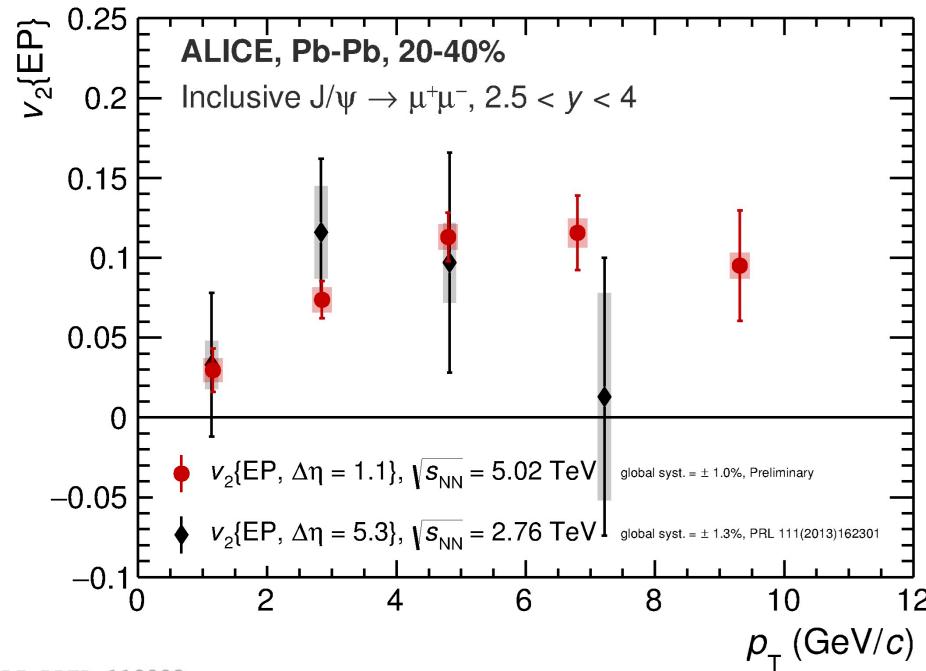
# D-meson $v_2$ at RHIC

STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) 212301 (arXiv:1701.06060)



- Charm participates in collective motion of the system
- Also  $v_3$  measurement available

# J/ $\psi$ elliptic flow parameter at LHC

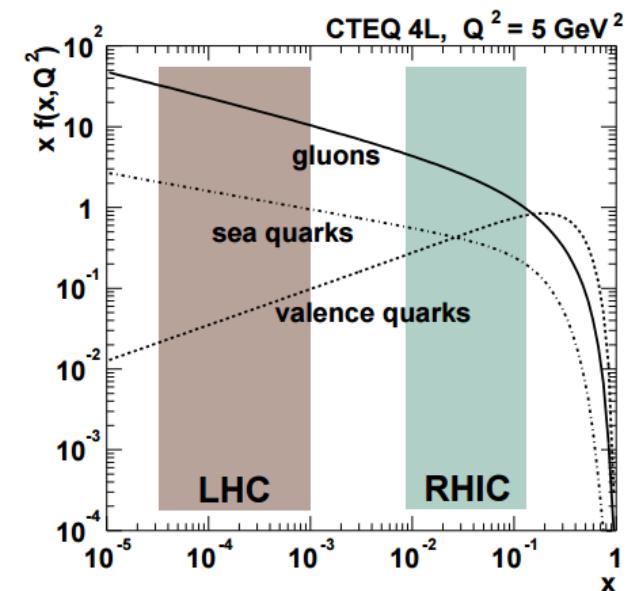
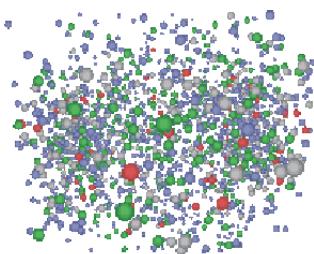


- The observed  $v_2$  suggests that J/ $\psi$  are formed by “flowing” charm quarks
- The transport model calculations do not data at high- $p_T$

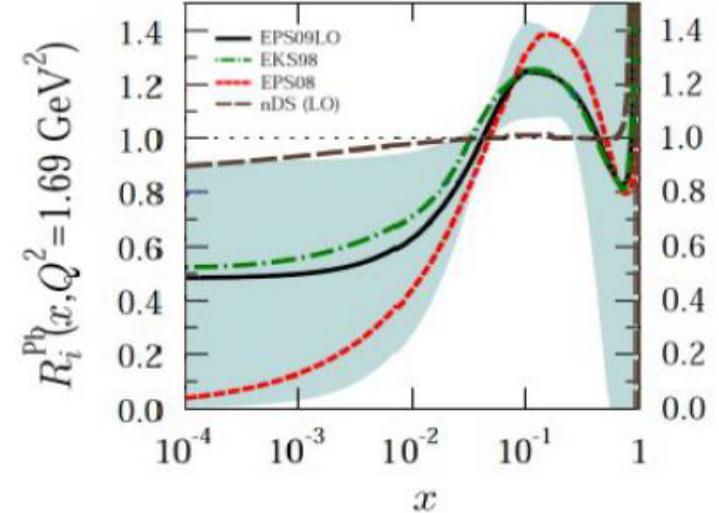
# p-A system: Cold nuclear matter effects

# Cold nuclear matter (CNM) effects

- CNM effects (**from initial state**) such as
  - Nuclear modification of PDFs → **shadowing** at low Bjørken- $x$  (dominant at LHC)
  - Gluon **saturation** from evolution equations (DGLAP and BFKL)
  - $k_T$  broadening and Cronin enhancement from multiple parton scatterings
  - Initial-state energy loss
- Final-state effects
  - Energy loss?
  - Interactions between final-state particles (collective expansion?)
- Crucial for test of pQCD calculations and interpretation of heavy-ion results



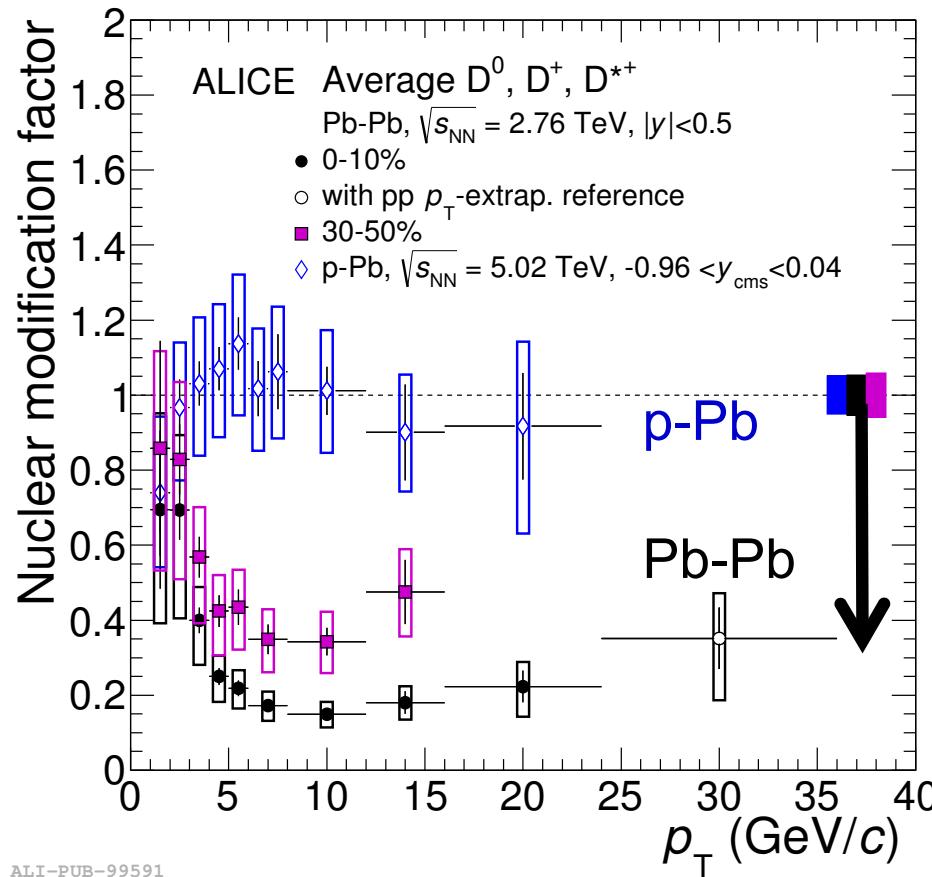
K.J. Eskola, H. Paukkunen,  
C.A. Salgado, JHEP 04, 65 (2009)



# Prompt D-meson $R_{\text{pPb}}$ at 5.02 TeV



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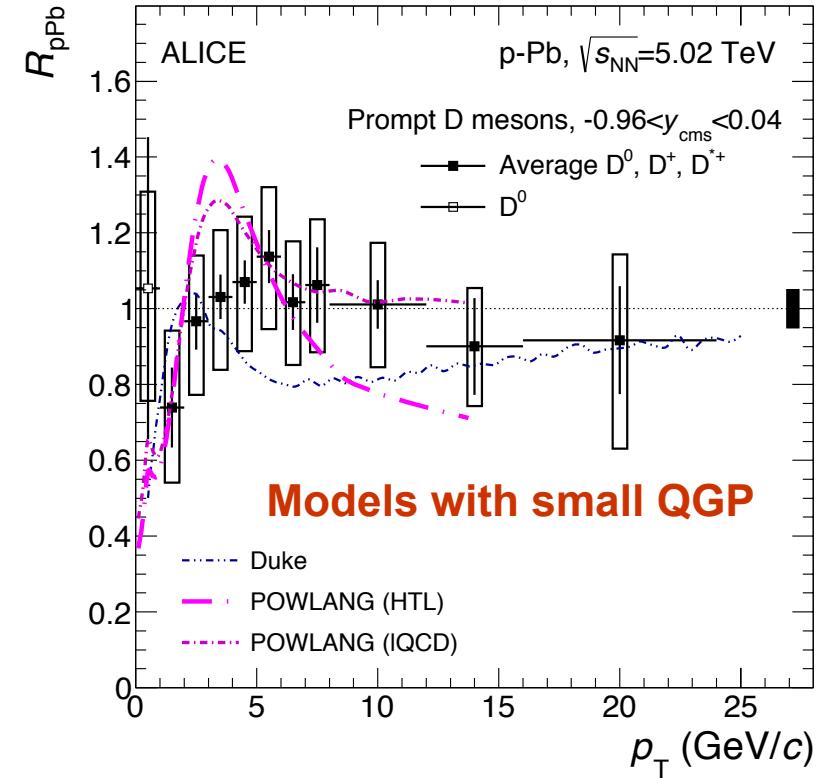
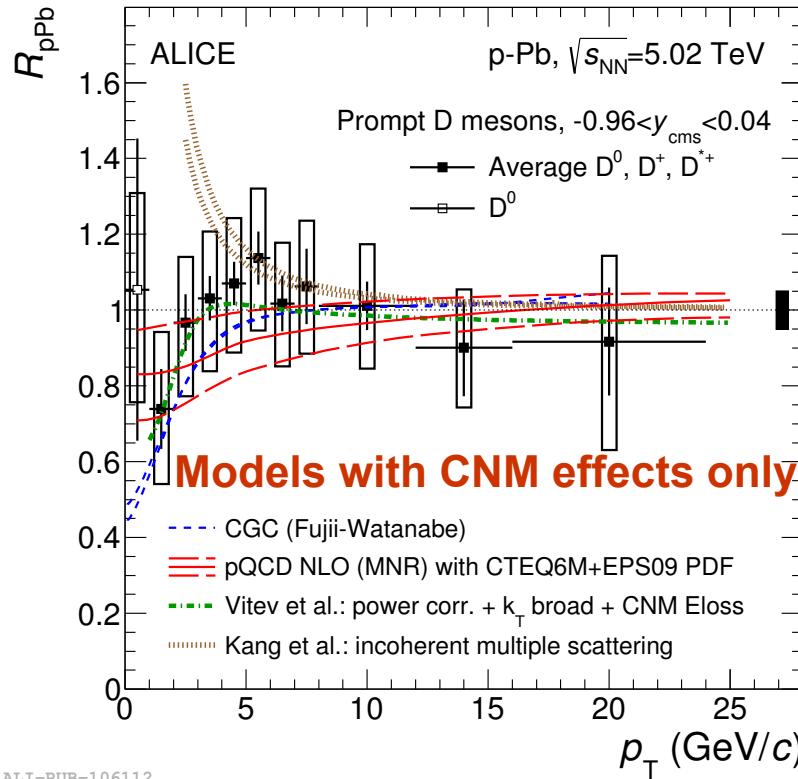
- D-meson  $R_{\text{pA}}$  shows consistency with unity
- High- $p_T$  suppression of production yield in Pb-Pb is a **final-state effect**

→ Due to interactions of charm quarks with the medium

Run-2 5.02 TeV D and  $\Lambda_c$   
for EPS-HEP/SQM

# Open charm $R_{\text{pPb}}$ vs. models

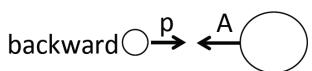
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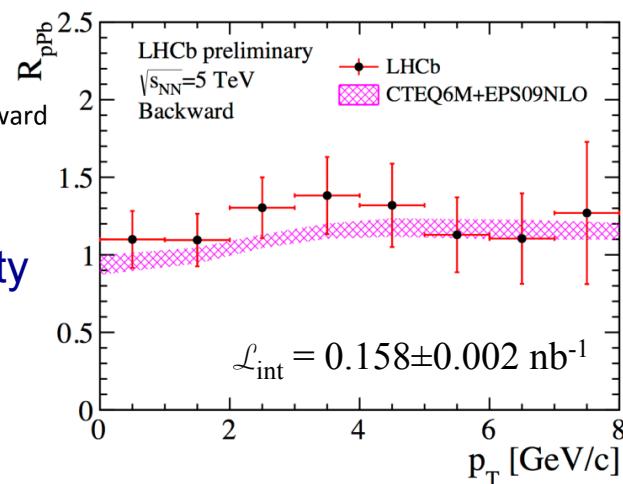
- $R_{\text{pA}}$  (measured down to  $p_{\text{T}} = 0$ ) compatible with unity; no centrality dependence (not shown)
  - Consistent with predictions from shadowing and CGC model
- Data disfavour suppression larger than 15% at high  $p_{\text{T}}$

# Prompt D<sup>0</sup> mesons at forward/backward rapidity

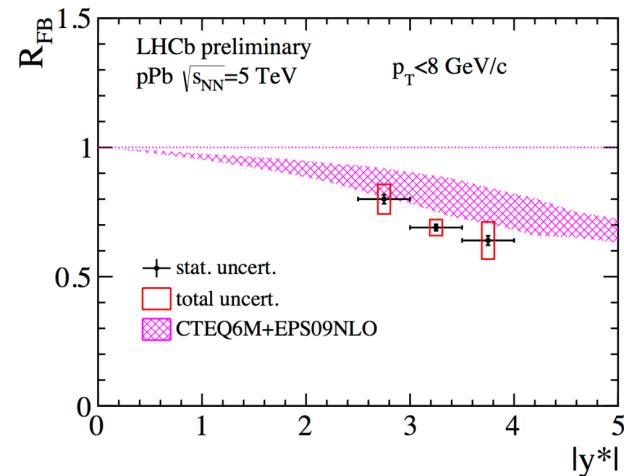
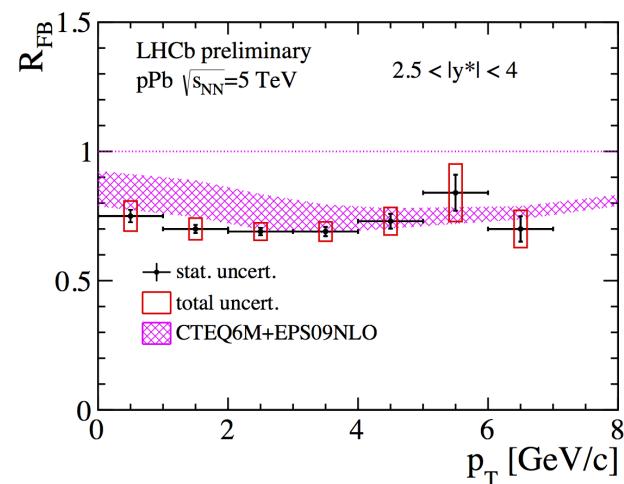
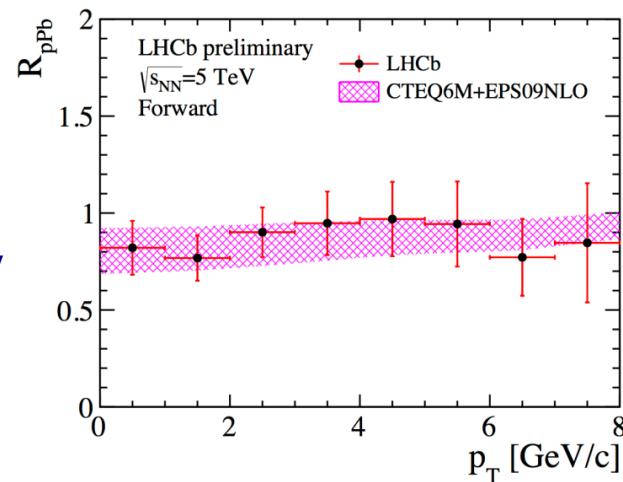
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Backward rapidity  
 $-2.5 > y > -4.0$   
 (Pb-going side)



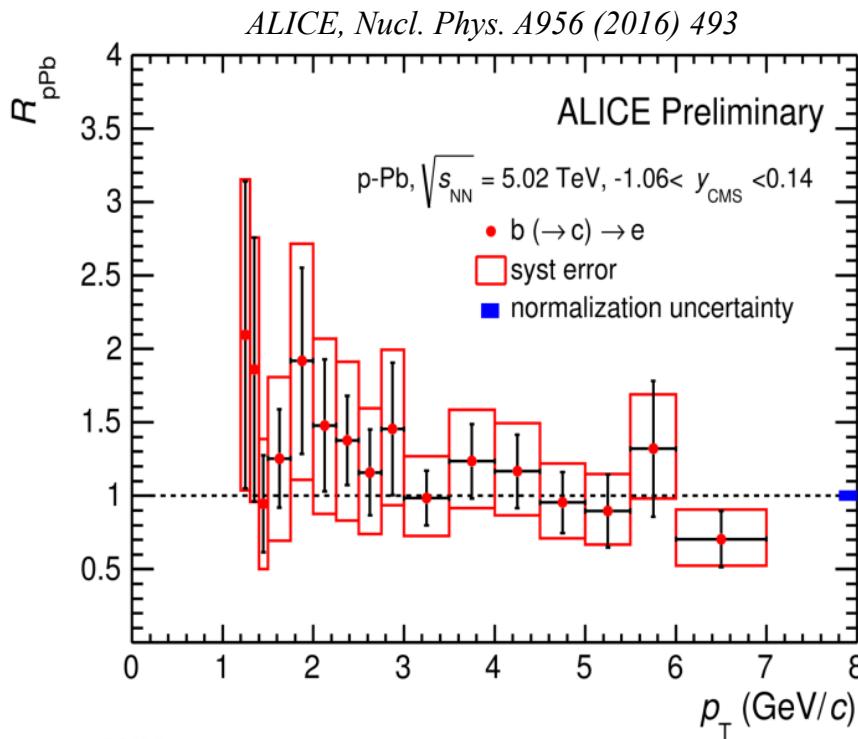
Forward rapidity  
 $2.5 < y < 4.0$   
 (p-going side)



- Charm production described by pQCD calculations including nPDF
- Large asymmetry in forward-backward production is observed, suggesting non negligible CNM effect
- Indication that forward-backward ratio is slightly more suppressed at high- $y^*$

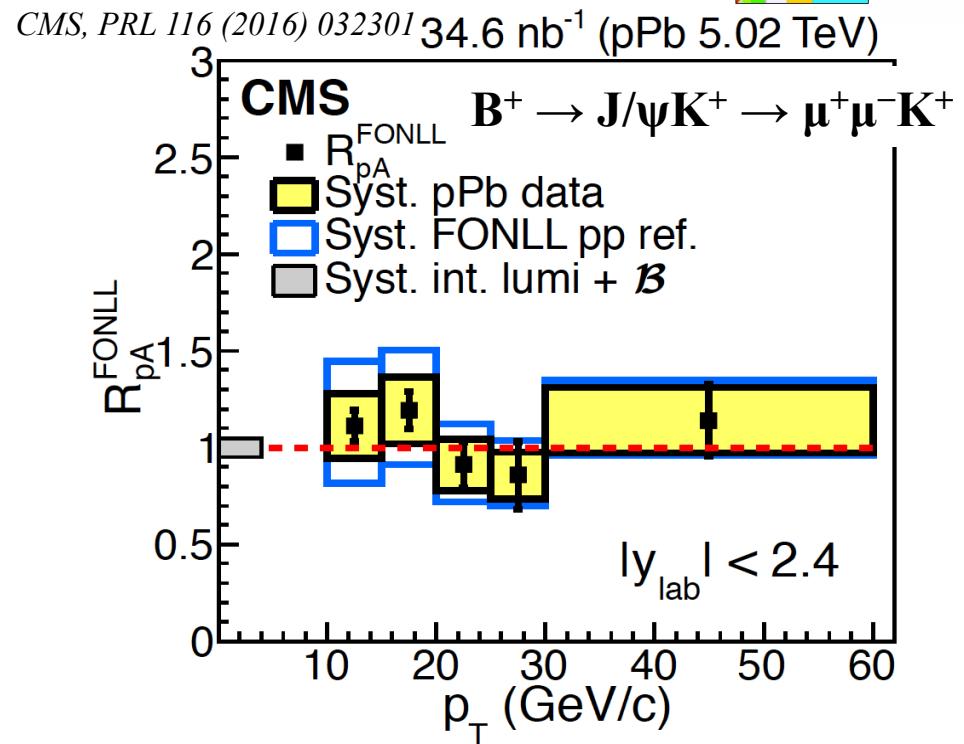
# Open beauty $R_{\text{pPb}}$

## Beauty-decay electrons



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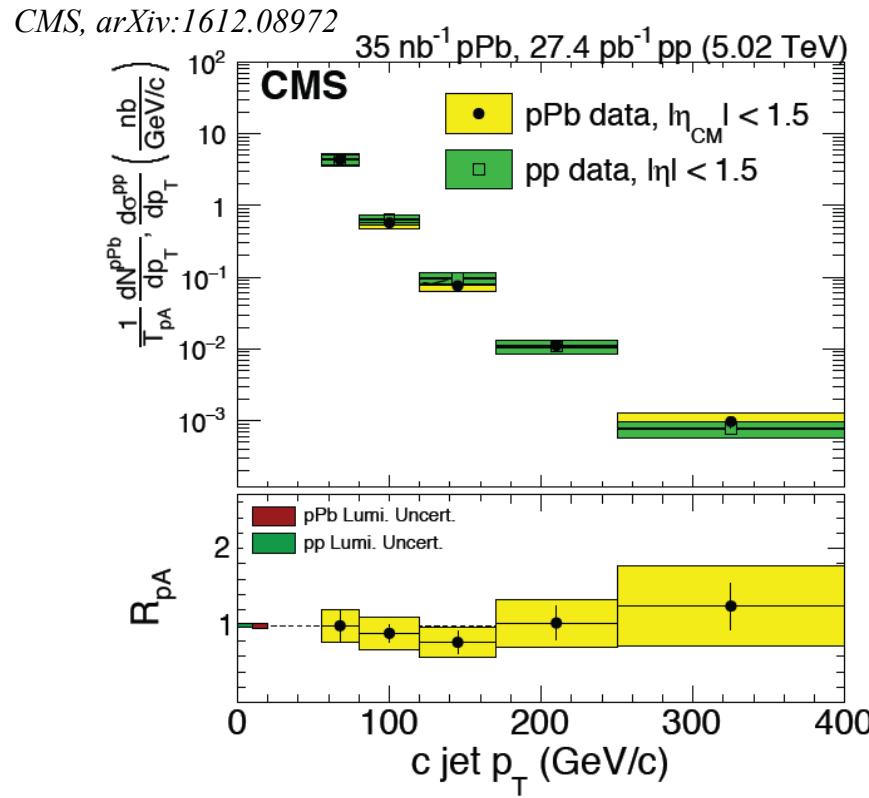
## B mesons



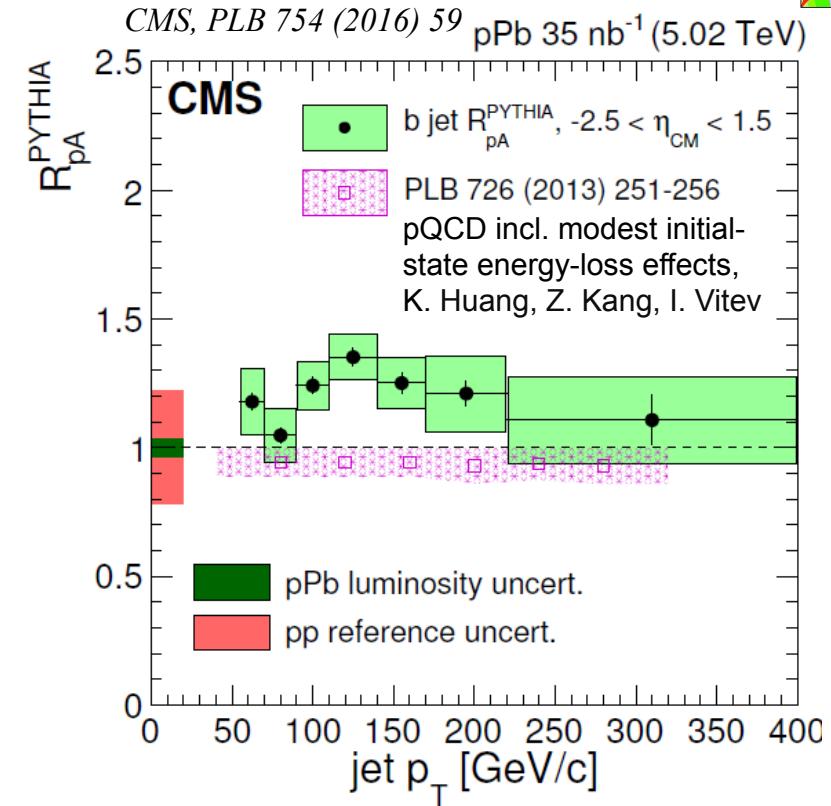
- $R_{\text{pPb}}$  of beauty-decay electrons at low  $p_{\text{T}}$  and B mesons in  $10 < p_{\text{T}} < 60 \text{ GeV}/c$  consistent with unity; same for  $B^0$  and  $B_s^0 R_{\text{p-Pb}}$  (not shown)
- No indication of significant cold nuclear matter effects on beauty production

# Heavy-flavour jets

## Charm jets



## Beauty jets

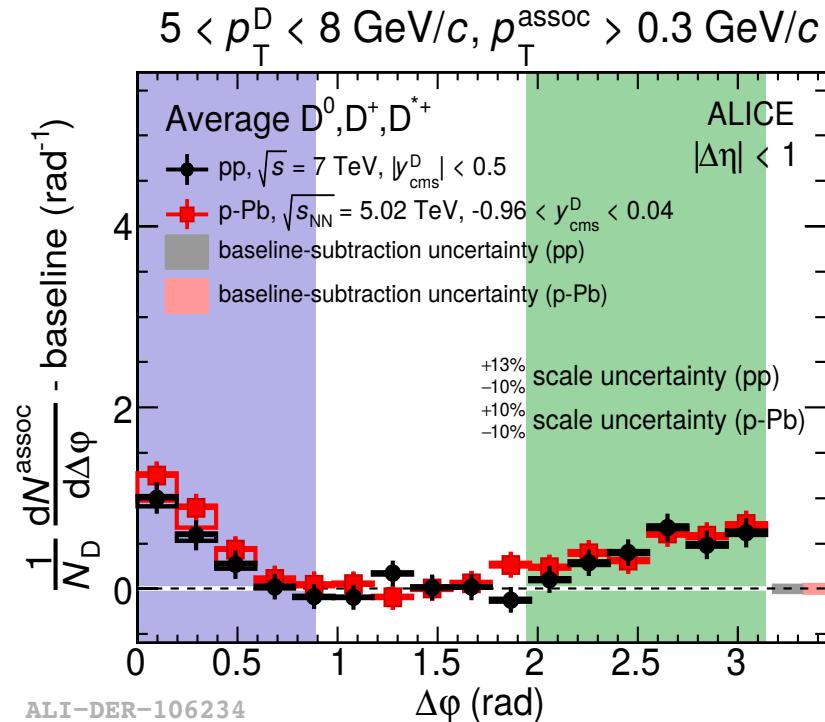


- Charm-jet  $p_T$  differential cross section consistent with PYTHIA
- Inclusive beauty jet  $R_{p-Pb}$  in agreement with pp reference
- No significant CNM effects on heavy-flavour production at high  $p_T$

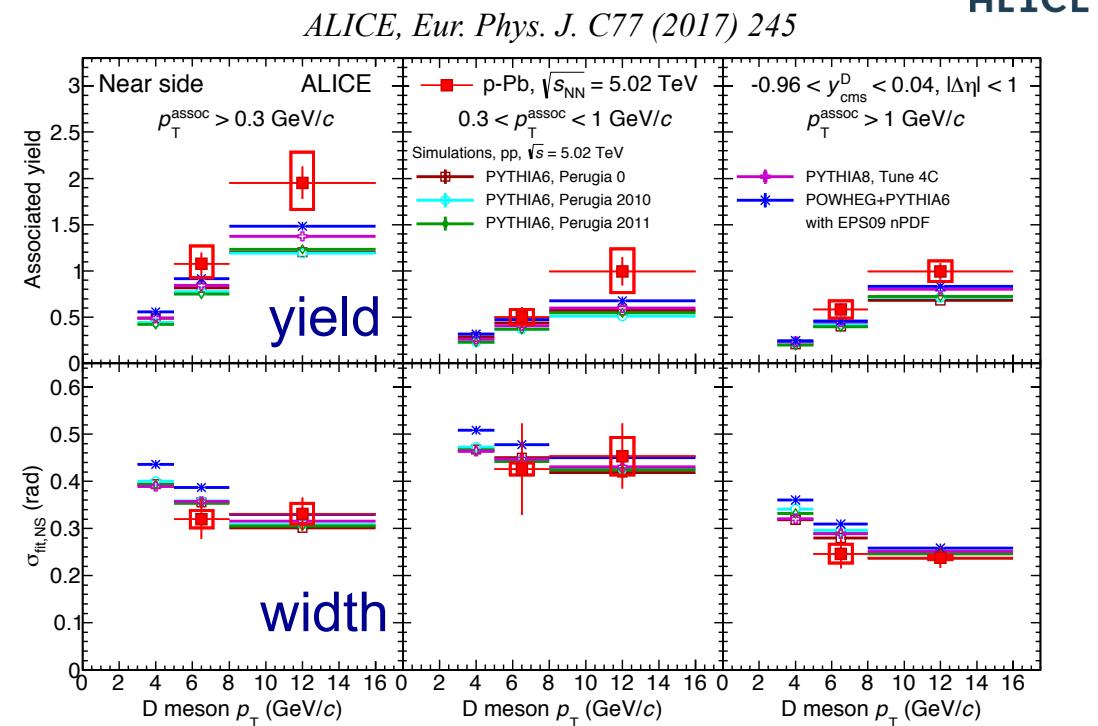


# D-tagged charged particle azimuthal correlations

$\Delta\phi$  distribution



Near-side correlation yield/width

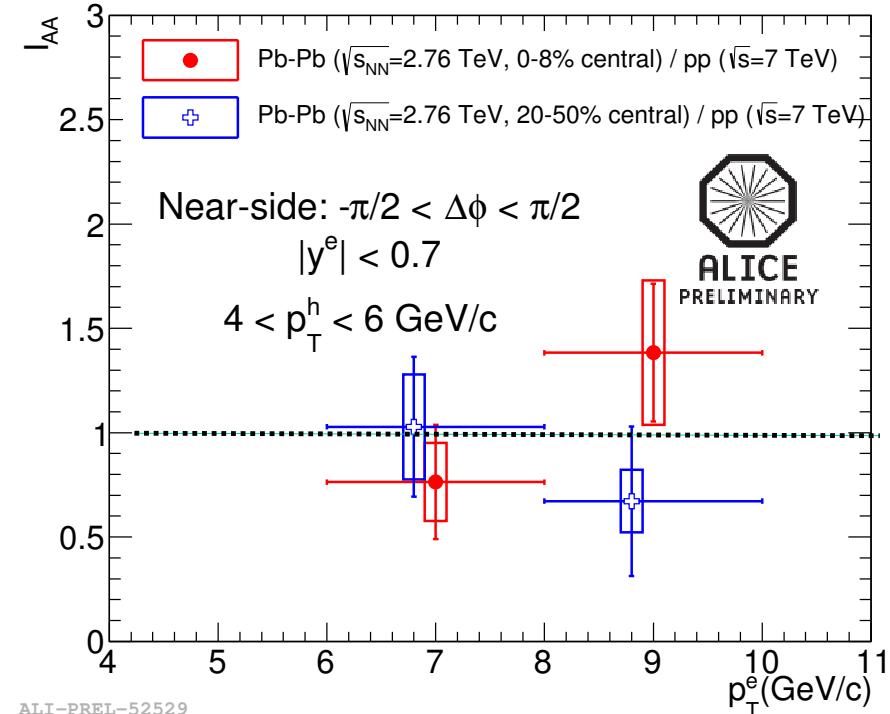
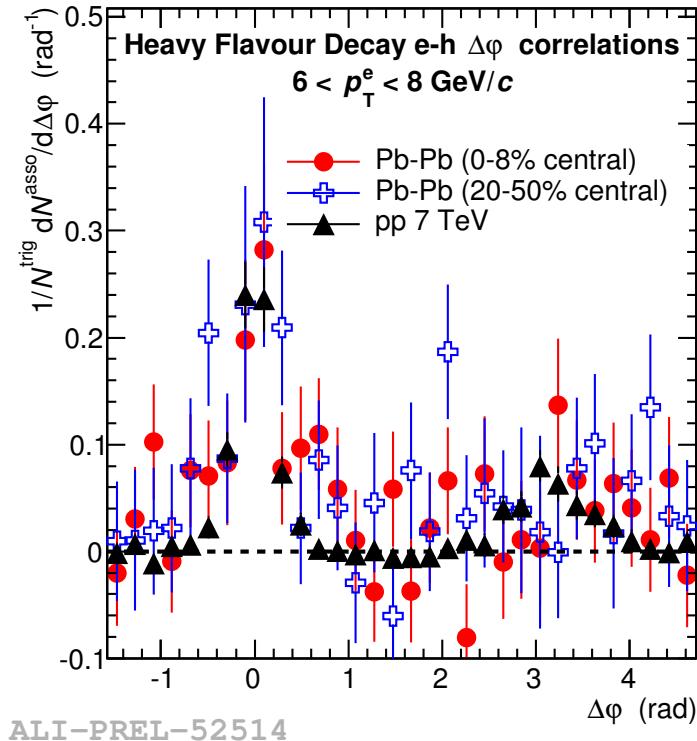


- Near-side correlation peak is sensitive to characteristics of jet containing D meson
- Similar correlation yields for p-Pb and pp (not shown)
- Data well reproduced by PYTHIA (in all kinematic ranges)

# HF decay electron-hadron $\Delta\phi$ correlations in Pb-Pb



ALICE, SQM 2013, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 509 (2014) 012079



Needs more statistics

$$I_{AA} = \frac{dN_{Pb-Pb}^{Asso}/dN^{Trig}}{dN_{p-p}^{Asso}/dN^{Trig}}$$

# Summary

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- LHC (and RHIC) ideal for the study of the properties of hot and dense QCD matter
  - energy density  $\varepsilon_{\text{initial}} \gg \varepsilon_{\text{critical}}$
  - large volume
  - long lifetime
  - high production rates for rare probes (jets and heavy flavour)
- ...
- ...

# Summary and conclusions

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- Yield measurement: prove **flavour/mass dependence of parton  $E_{\text{loss}}$** 
  - At low  $p_T$  ( $< 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ ):  $R_{\text{AA}}(\pi) \sim ? R_{\text{AA}}(D) < ? R_{\text{AA}}(B \rightarrow J/\psi)$
  - At high  $p_T$  ( $> 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ ):  $R_{\text{AA}}(\pi) \sim R_{\text{AA}}(D) \sim R_{\text{AA}}(B, \text{min.bias}) !$ 
    - Also proved with tagged jets and di-jet asymmetry
- Urgent need for measurement of fully reconstructed B mesons at low  $p_T$  ( $< 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ ) in most central collisions; fully explore beauty probe
- Precision determination of heavy-quark diffusion coefficient; also input from Lattice
- Charm hadron ratios: prove **hadron chemistry**
  - Enhancement of  $D_s^+ / D^0$  and  $\Lambda_c / D^0$  ratio: hadronisation via coalescence
- Theoretical model calculations needed
- Elliptic flow measurement: prove **thermalisation of charm quarks**
  - Evidence for sizable  $v_2$  at RHIC and LHC; suggests strong re-interactions of charm quarks within the medium and thermalisation
- Does beauty flow?

# Summary and conclusions (cont'd)

- Reference measurements:

- “Vacuum” (pp)
  - Is pp baseline of fully under theoretical control?
  - What are the uncertainties in  $E_{\text{loss}}$  predictions due to the theoretical uncertainties from pp baseline?

→ Uncertainties in the pp baseline should be propagated through  $E_{\text{loss}}$  models to A-A predictions

- Cold nuclear matter effects (p-A): No indication for substantial modification

→ Long-range correlation in  $\eta$  also present for heavy flavour?

*Color Glass Condensate in initial state: Dusling, Venugopalan, PRD 87 (2013) 094034  
Hydrodynamics in final state: Bozek, Broniowski, PLB 718 (2013) 1557*

- Next to come

- HF tagged jets and correlations in A-A:  
also way to separate radiative and collisional  $E_{\text{loss}}$  (?)
  - Azimuthal angular and momentum correlations
  - Difficulty: NLO processes (gluon splitting and flavour excitation)
- Possible other sensitive observables [discussed at e.g. Lorentz workshop]

# Dedicated workshops

Lorentz center • Tomography of the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Heavy Quarks

Workshop: 10 - 14 October 2016, Leiden, the Netherlands

Scientific Organizers: Jörg Achelin, Subatech Nantes; Raphaël Granier de Cassagnac, LLR Palaiseau; Maria Paola Lombardo, LNF Frascati; André Mischke, Utrecht U; Nu Xu, CCNU/Berkeley Lab

Topics: Which Heavy-Flavour Observables? Charmonia Versus Bottomonia; Open Charm versus Beauty; How Do Theoretical Models Differ? What Tells the Lattice? Current Issues and Limitations

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*EPJ A53 (2017) 93 (arXiv:1612.08032)*

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