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Modification of heavy-quark hadronisation as a function of multiplicity

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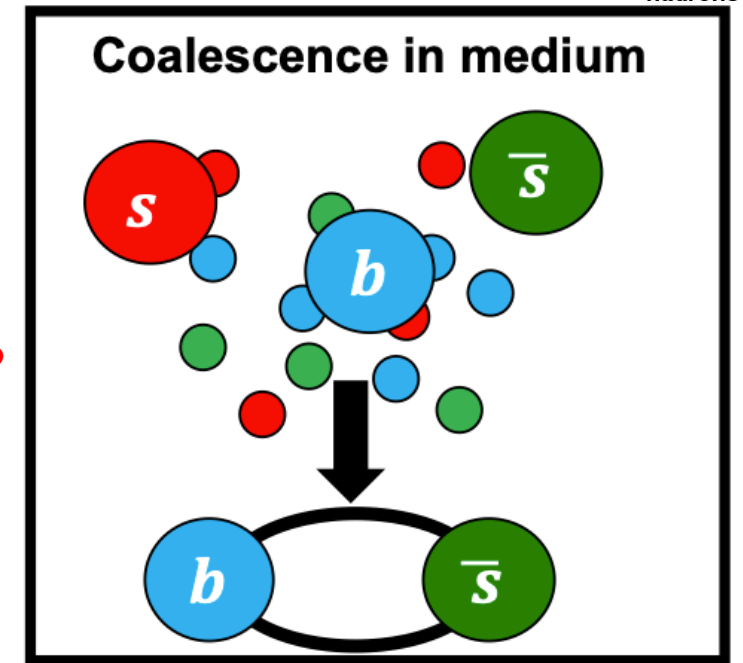
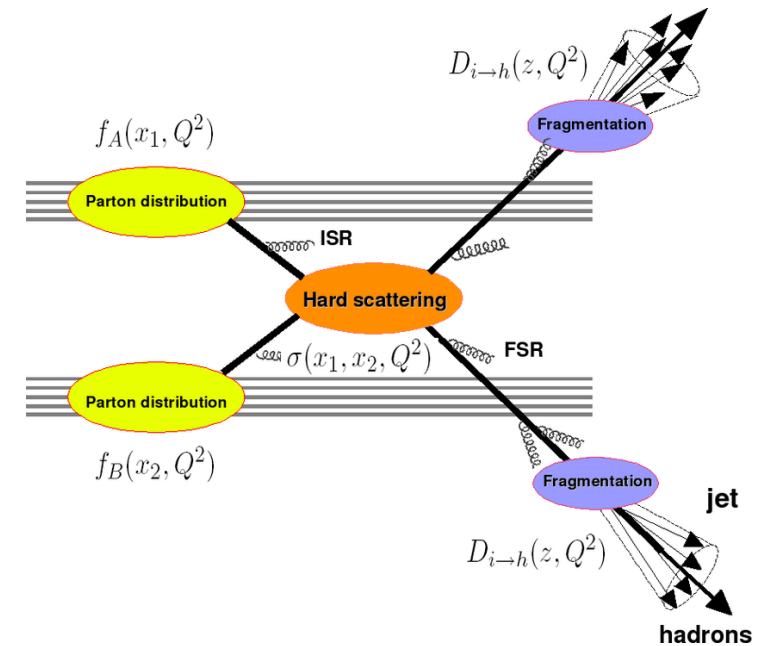


Motivation

- Heavy quark offer unique probes of the hadronization process
 - Produced at early stages of the collision, production well described.
 - Fragmentation mechanism: lots of partons produced by outgoing quarks fragment into hadrons, dominates in low multiplicity collisions.
 - Coalescence mechanism: multiple overlapping quarks in position and velocity phase space combine to form hadrons, occurs in high multiplicity collisions.
- High multiplicity collisions are often accompanied by strangeness enhancement
 - In big systems (PbPb, AuAu): s quarks enhancement mainly come from gluons fusion in QGP.
 - In small systems (pp , pPb): s quarks enhancement mechanism is still debated (color reconnection, rope hadronization, dynamical core-corona initialization...).

Baryon/meson ratios are sensitive to hadronization.

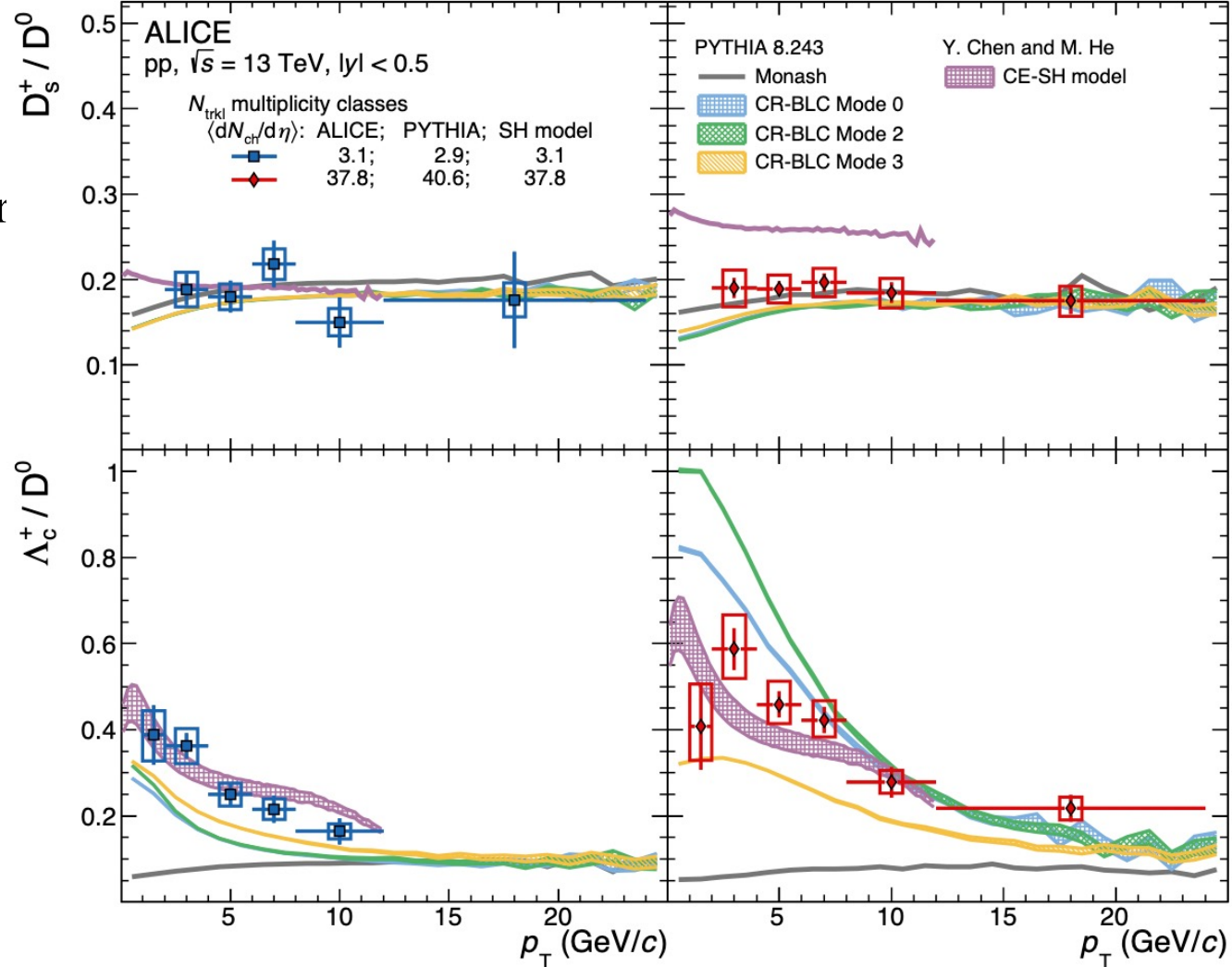
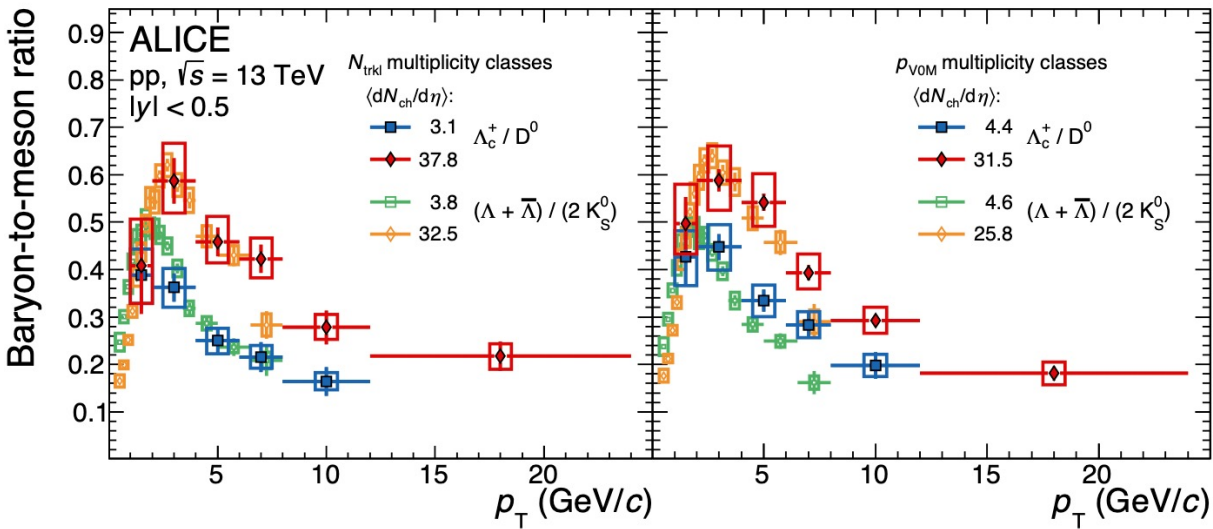
Strange meson/non strange meson ratios are sensitive to hadronization and strangeness enhancement.



Baryon/Meson ratios

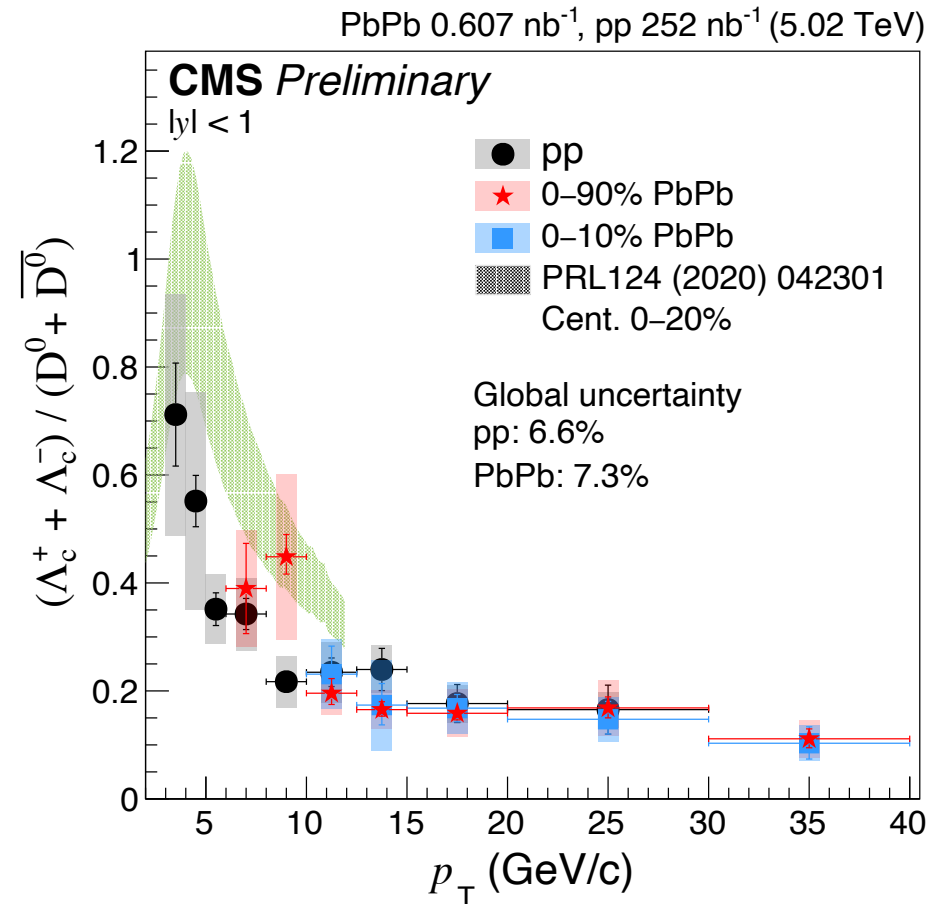
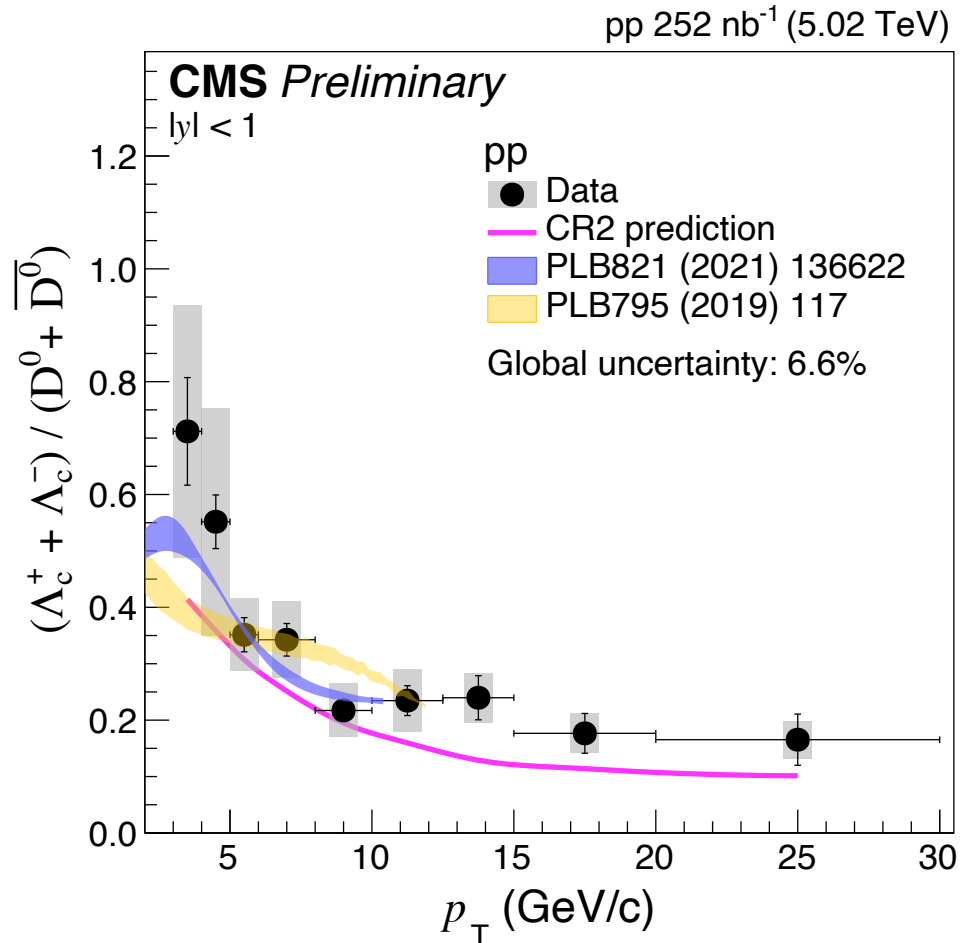
Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

- The Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios show a significant multiplicity enhancement, with a significance of 5.3σ for $1 < p_T < 12$ GeV/c, comparing the highest multiplicity interval with respect to the lowest one.
- The Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios as a function of p_T show a similar shape and magnitude as the Λ / K_S^0 ratios in comparable multiplicity intervals, suggesting a potential common multiplicity enhancement mechanism for strange and charm hadrons formation.



Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in pp and PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

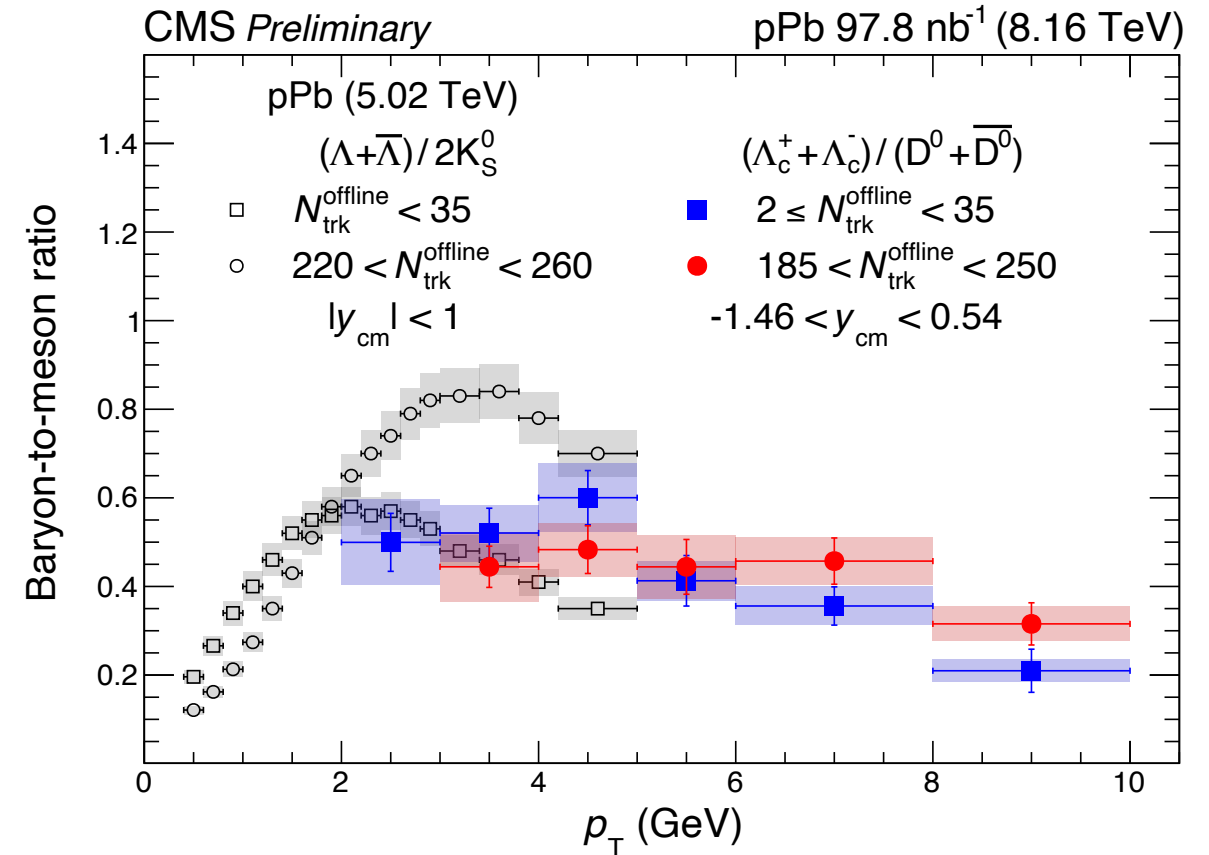
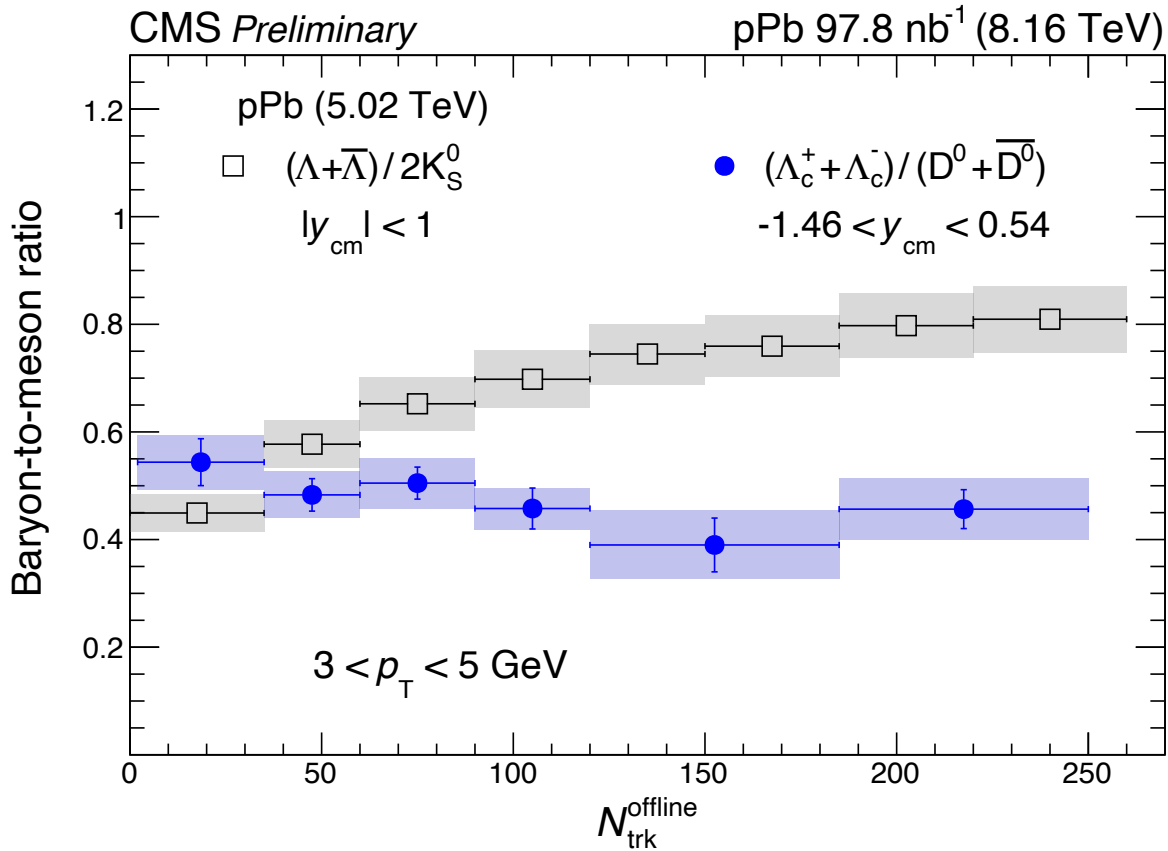
- Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in pp is consistent with color reconnection for $p_T < 10$ GeV/c, but is systematically lower than observed for the $10 < p_T < 30$ GeV/c range.
- The Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in PbPb is consistent with pp for $p_T > 10$ GeV/c. This suggests that the coalescence process doesn't play a significant role in high p_T .



Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.16$ TeV

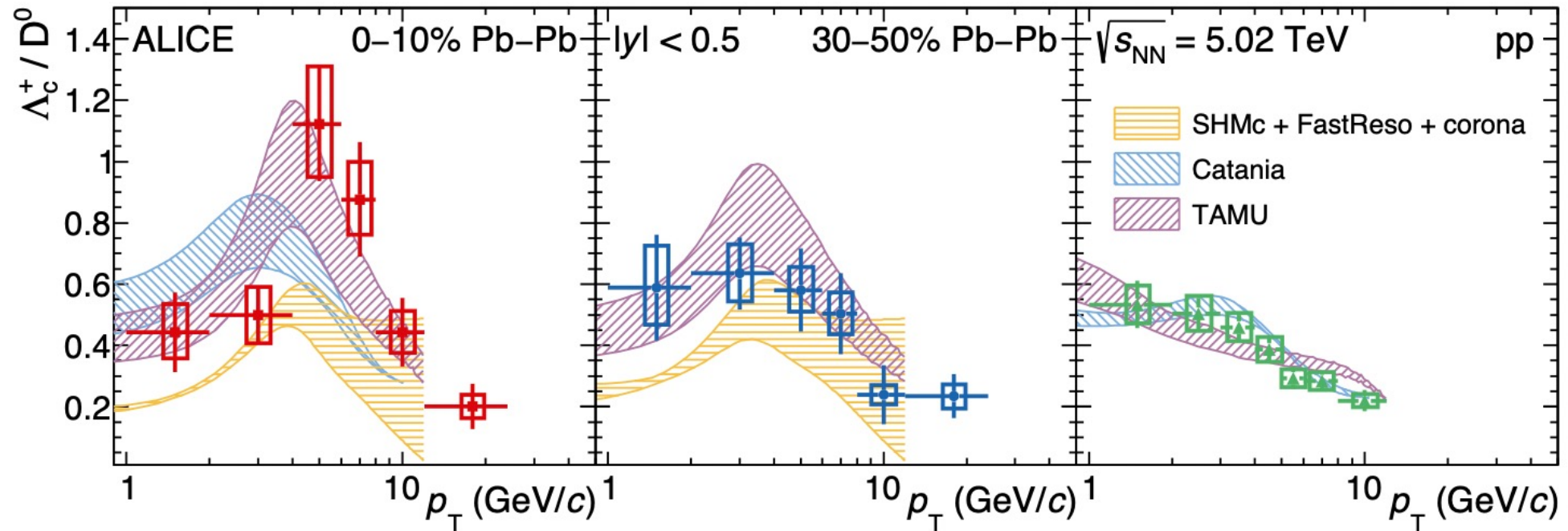
Almost same kinematic region
System dependent ?

- Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in $p\text{Pb}$ has no significant multiplicity dependence.
- The strange hadrons don't show similar multiplicity dependence as charm hadrons, different from the case in pp (slide 4).



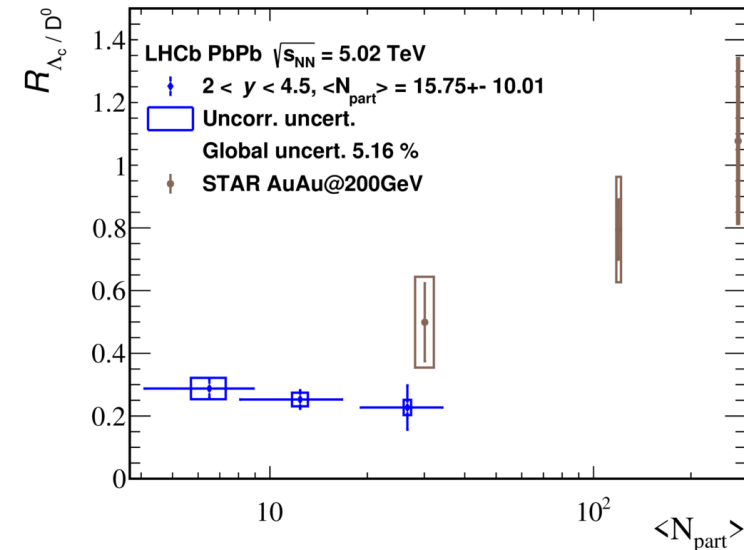
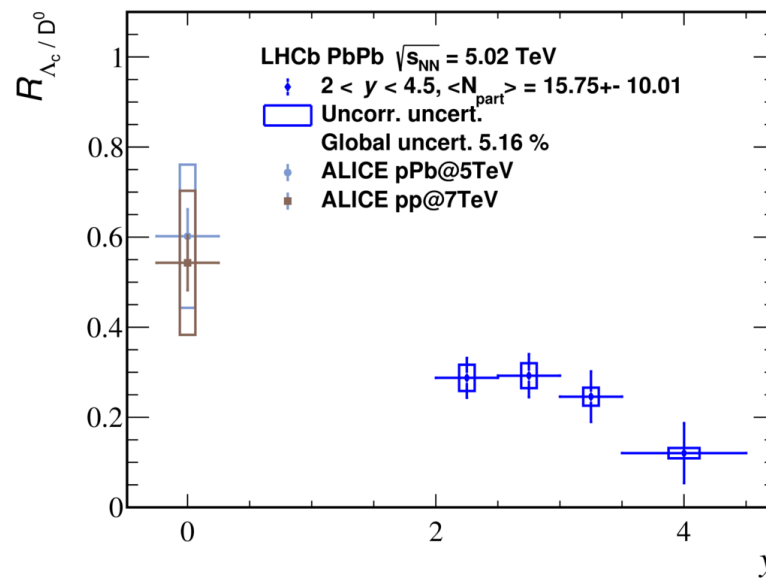
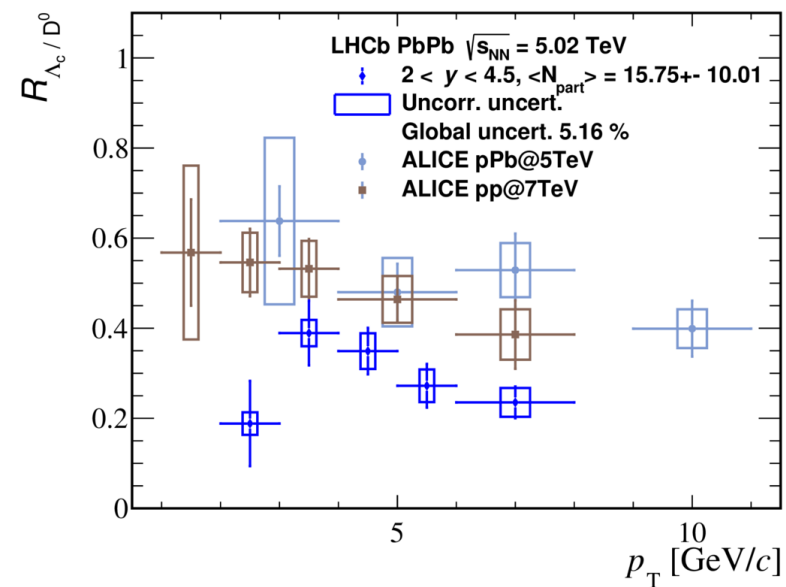
Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

- Coalescence mechanism is expected to be stronger in heavy ion collisions due to the presence of QGP, baryons are more strongly enhanced than mesons under the influence of coalescence mechanisms.
- Recently, both ALICE and LHCb measured Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios in PbPb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV separately.
- ALICE results show Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios increase from pp to central PbPb collisions with a significance of 3.7σ for $4 < p_T < 8$ GeV/c.
- This measurements are in agreement with the theoretical calculation that include both coalescence and fragmentation mechanism.



Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratio in peripheral PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

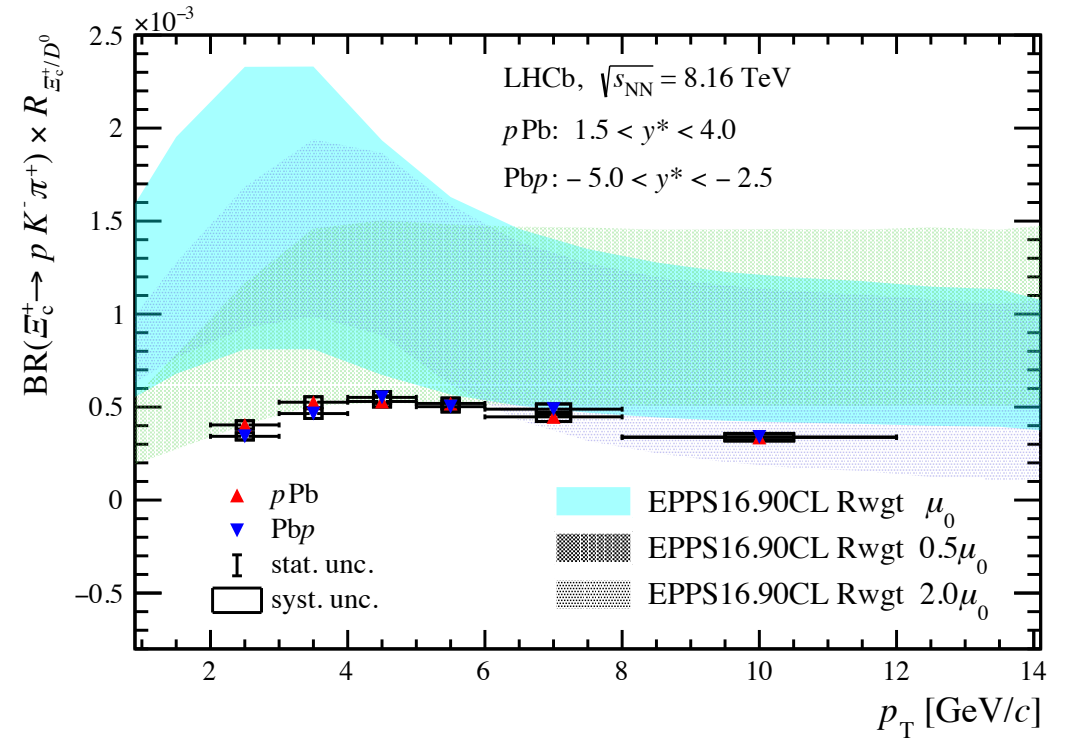
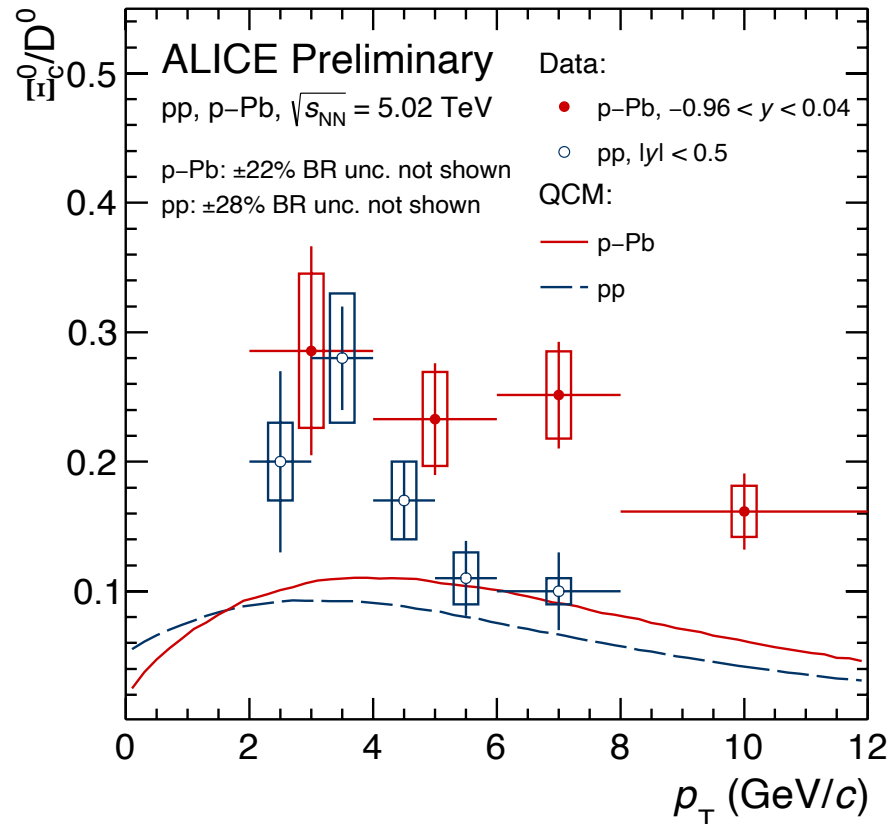
- In LHCb, Λ_c^+ / D^0 is extended to most peripheral PbPb collisions (65–90%) and forward region ($2 < y < 4.5$).
- Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios show no dependence on centrality in 65–90%, but dependence on rapidity.
- Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios are systematically lower than ALICE result, but with higher precision.



Different rapidity range \rightarrow Different particle density \rightarrow Different coalescence contribution ?

$\Xi_c^0/D^0, \Xi_c^+/D^0$ ratios in p Pb collisions

- The Ξ_c^0/D^0 ratios measured in p Pb collisions are significantly larger than that in pp collisions.
- Generally, proton-lead collisions will produce more multiplicity than pp collisions at the same energy.



- Due to the asymmetry of the forward single-arm of the LHCb detector, it has p Pb(forward) and Pbp (backward) collisions.
- Backward collisions have higher multiplicity on average than forward collisions.
- There is no significant difference in the Ξ_c^+/D^0 ratios between forward and backward collisions.

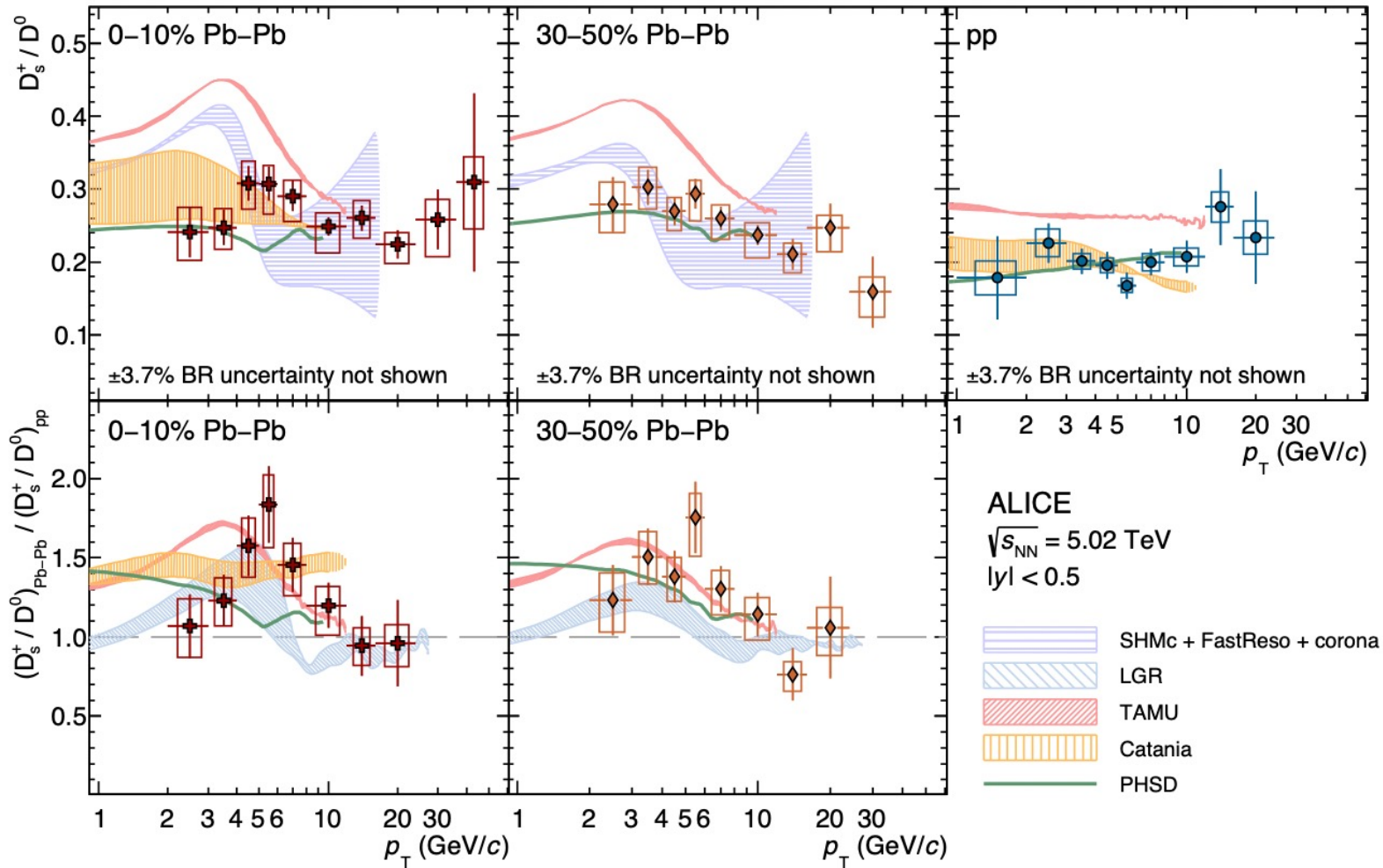
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Strange meson/Non strange meson ratios

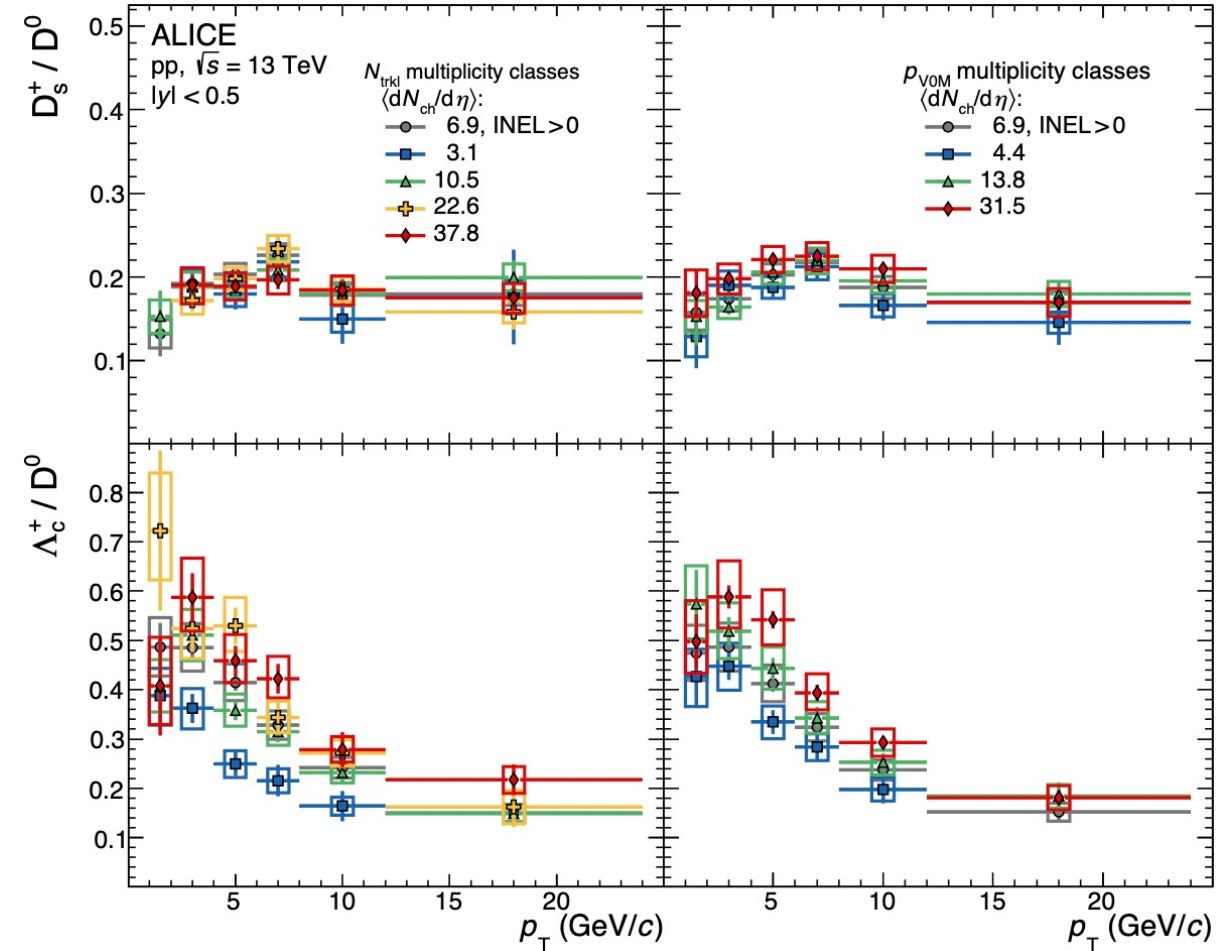
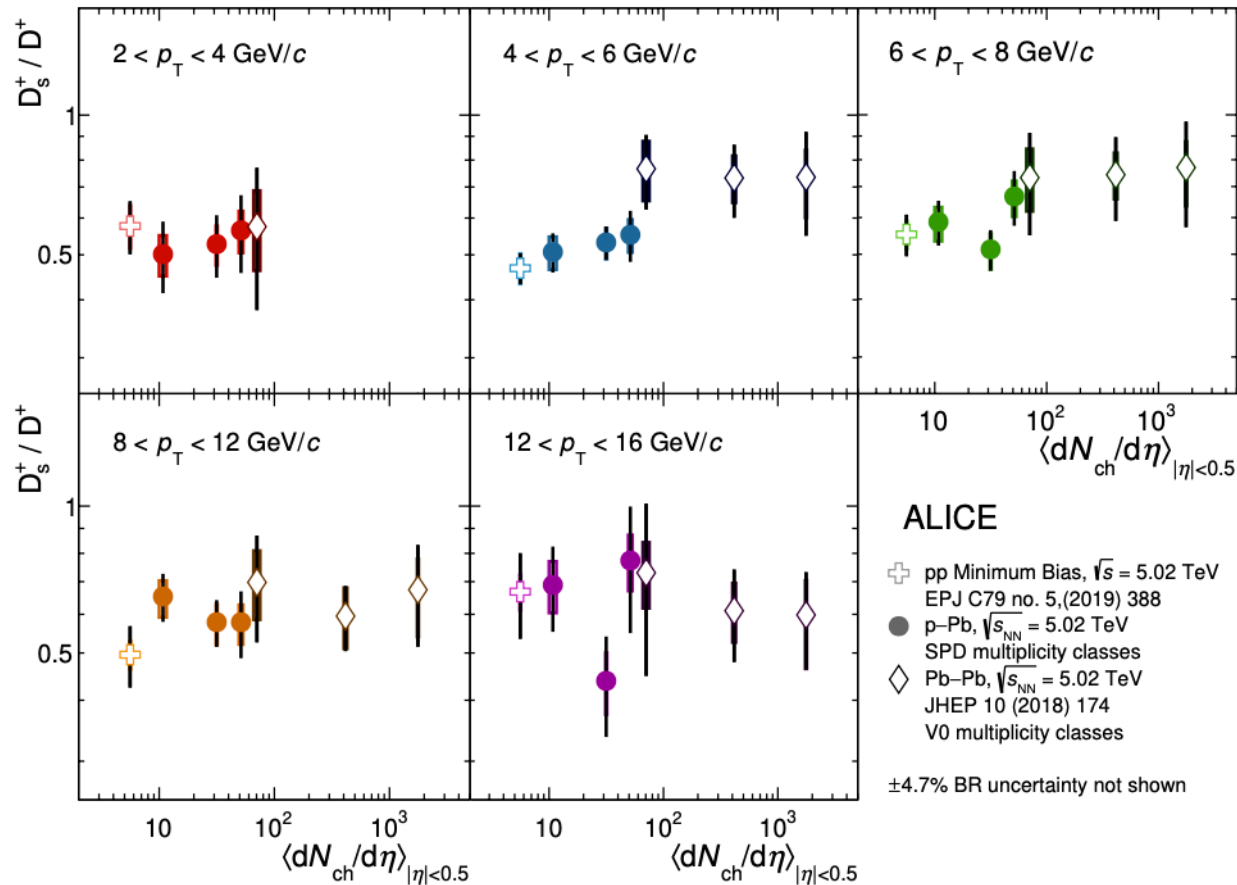
D_s^+ / D^0 ratios in PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



- Since the enhanced s quark abundance in the QGP, an increased D_s^+ in heavy-ion collisions relative to pp collisions has been predicted. This is also confirmed by ALICE and STAR. Phys. Lett. B 827 (2022) 136986 Phys. Rev. Lett. 127 (2021) 092301
- The s quark enhancement was also observed in high-multiplicity pp collisions. Nature Phys 13, 535–539 (2017) Therefore, the D_s^+ / D^0 ratios increase with multiplicity is also expected to be observed in small system.

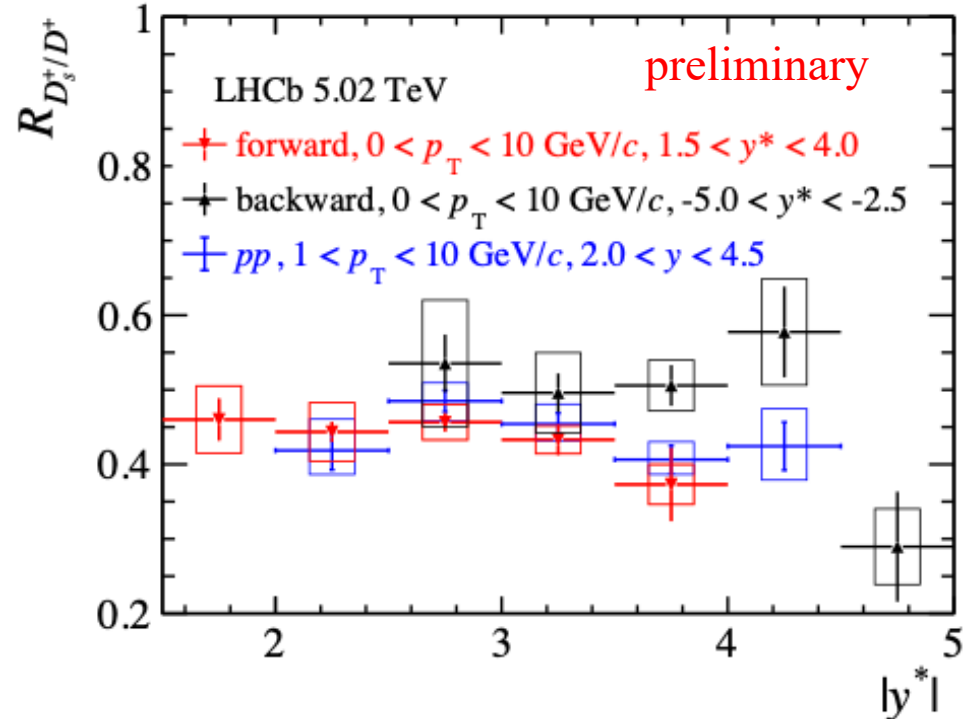
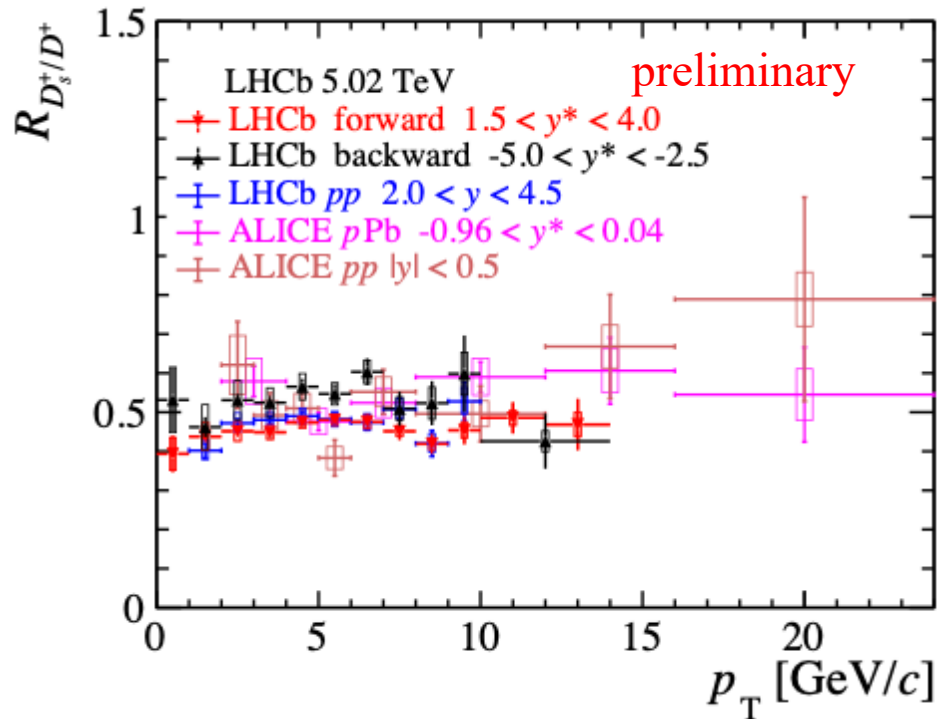
D mesons ratios in pp and pPb collisions

- The strange to non-strange D_s^+ / D^+ , D_s^+ / D^0 ratios show no significant multiplicity dependence in pp and pPb collisions.



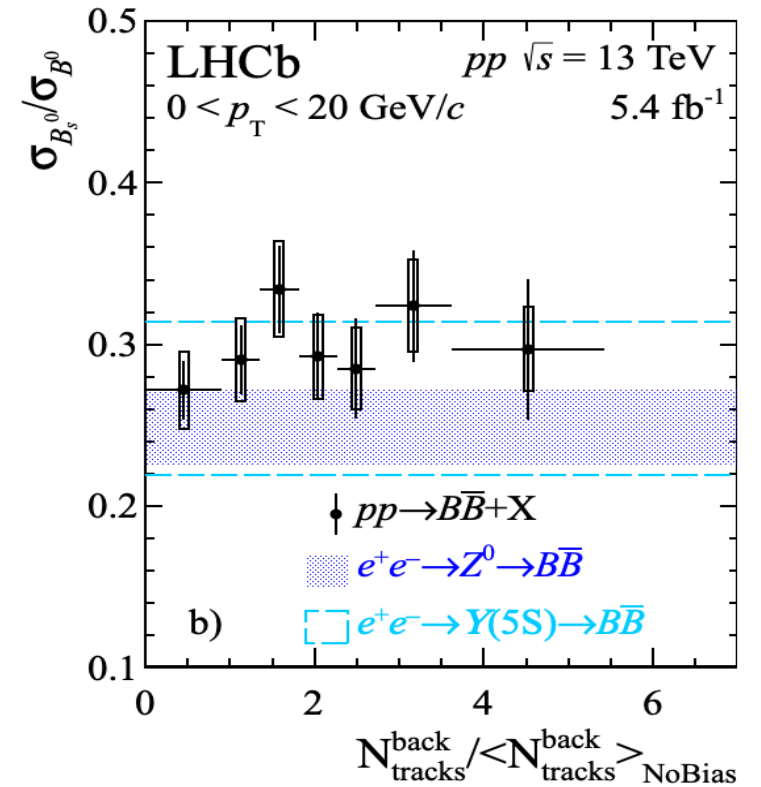
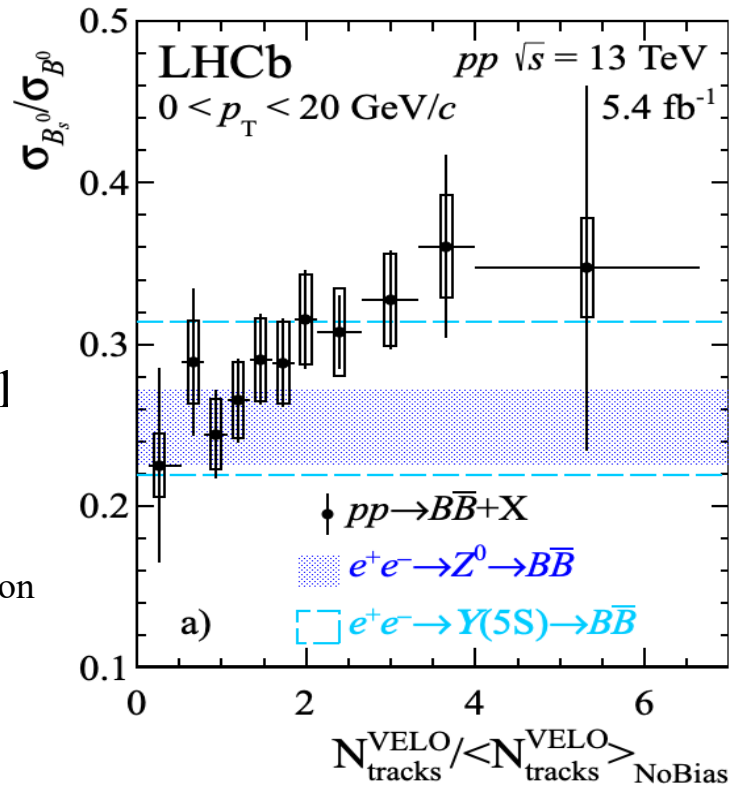
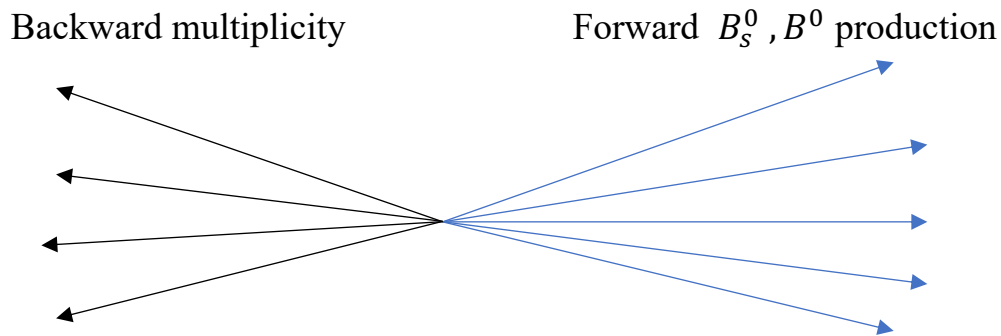
D_s^+ / D^+ ratios in p Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

- D_s^+ / D^+ ratios show no dependence on p_T .
- D_s^+ / D^+ ratios are consistent with the result of LHCb in pp collisions within uncertainties.
- D_s^+ / D^+ ratios are consistent with ALICE measurements with higher precision.
- Higher D_s^+ / D^+ ratios for backward compared to forward may be due to coalescence contribution.



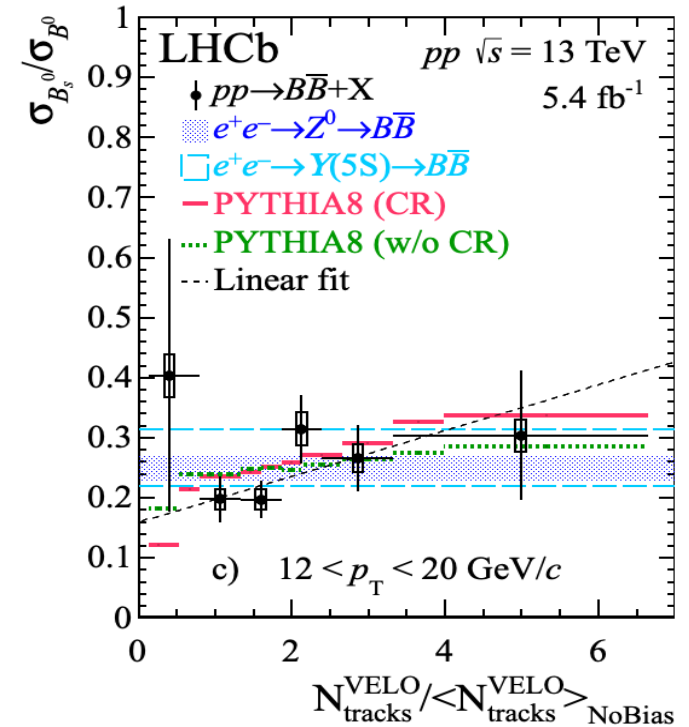
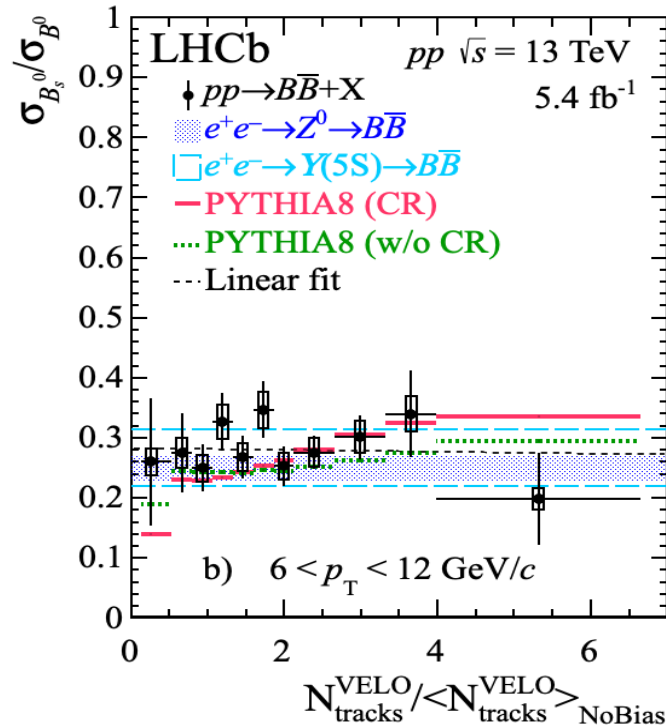
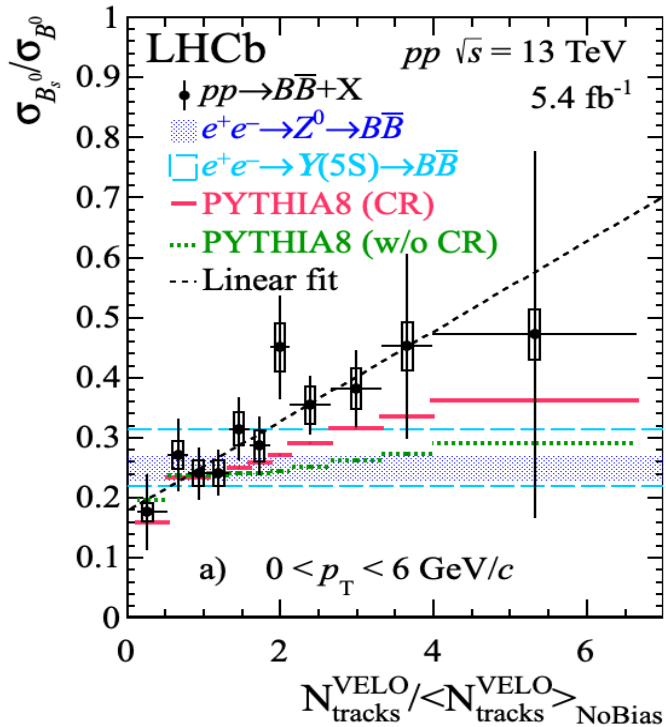
B_s^0/B^0 ratios in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

- The B_s^0/B^0 ratios show an increasing trend with the VELO tracks, consistent with fragmentation in vacuum (measured in e^+e^- collisions) at low multiplicity.
- No significant dependence of forward B_s^0/B^0 ratios on backward multiplicity.
- Indicate that the mechanism responsible for the ratios increase is related to the local particle density.



B_S^0/B^0 ratios in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

- The $\sigma_{B_S^0}/\sigma_{B^0}$ ratios increases with multiplicity (slope significance = 3.4σ). Has a closer trend to the PYTHIA8 simulation with color reconnection.
- At low multiplicity, the ratio is consistent with values measured in e^+e^- collisions.
- No significant dependence on multiplicity and consistent with values measured in e^+e^- collisions and PYTHIA8 simulation.
- High p_T b quarks have less overlap with the low p_T bulk of the quarks, thereby dominantly hadronize via fragmentation.



Summary

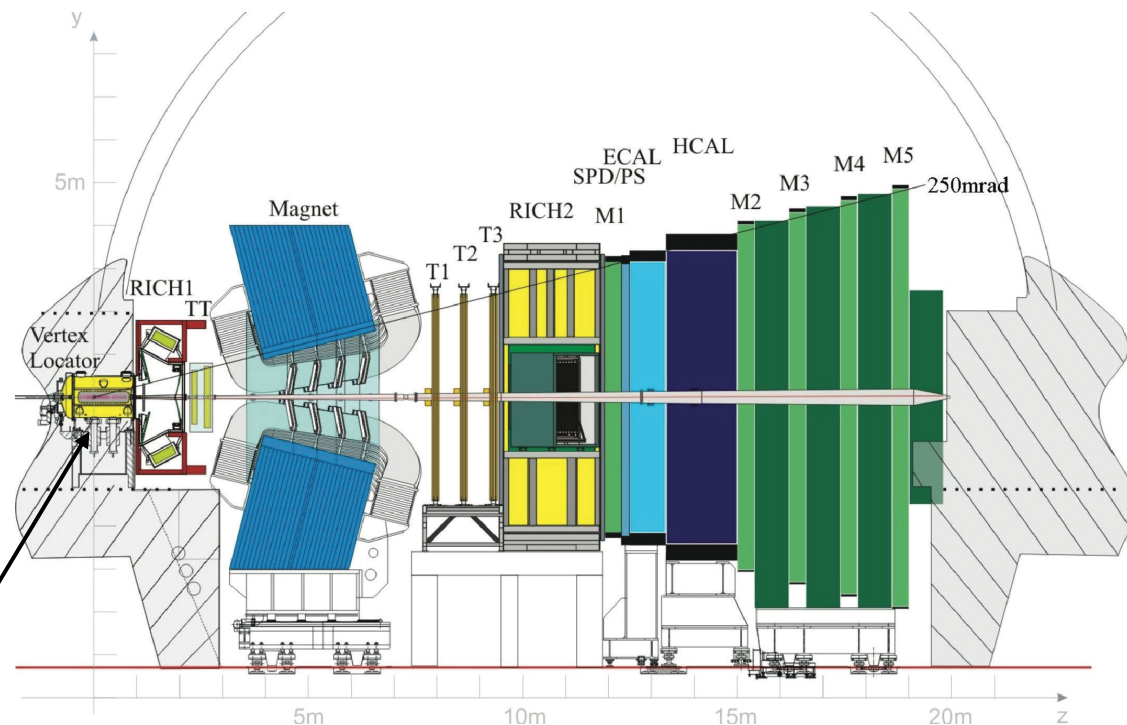
- In pp collisions, the Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios show a significant multiplicity enhancement, but in pPb collisions not. The reason still needs further research.
- In central PbPb collisions, Λ_c^+ / D^0 ratios show a significant centrality dependence. This is not the case in peripheral PbPb collisions, which instead show hints of rapidity dependence. This may be due to different coalescence contribution in different rapidity range.
- The Ξ_c^0 / D^0 ratios measured in pPb collisions are larger than that in pp collisions.
- In pPb collisions, the D_s^+ / D^+ ratios show no dependence on p_T , but on rapidity. The higher D_s^+ / D^+ ratios for backward compared to forward may be due to coalescence contribution.
- In pp collisions, the B_s^0 / B^0 enhancement is observed at low p_T and consistent with our expected coalescence mechanism qualitatively. The ratios has no significant dependence on backwards multiplicity, indicate that the mechanism responsible for the ratio increase is related to the local particle density.

Thanks for listening!

LHCb detector

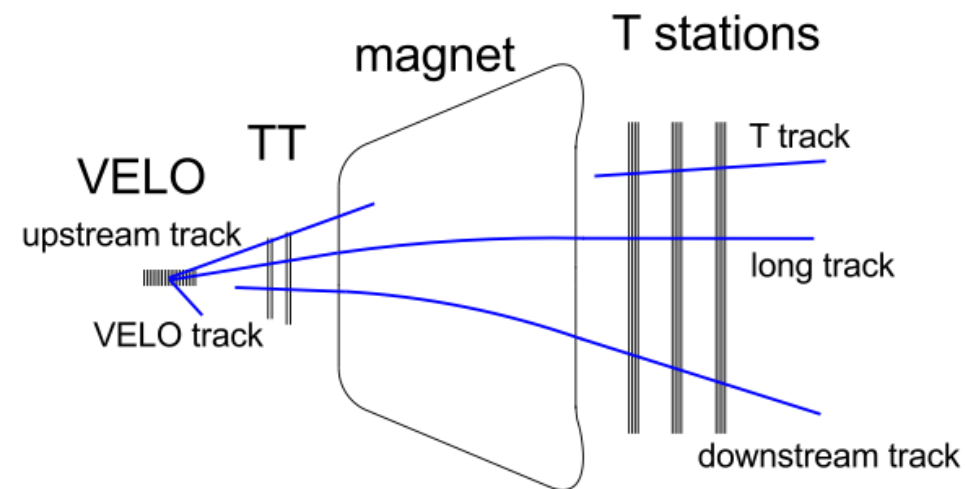
- A single-arm spectrometer in the forward direction, charm & beauty factory

- Vertex Locator (20 μm IP resolution)
- Tracking system ($\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1.0\%$)
- PID optimal for μ, p, K, π
 - ❖ $\varepsilon(K \rightarrow K) \sim 95\%$
 - ❖ $\varepsilon(\mu \rightarrow \mu) \sim 97\%$
- Flexible software trigger



VERtex LOcator

- VELO tracks : have hits in the VELO
- Back tracks : subset of VELO tracks, point in the backward direction



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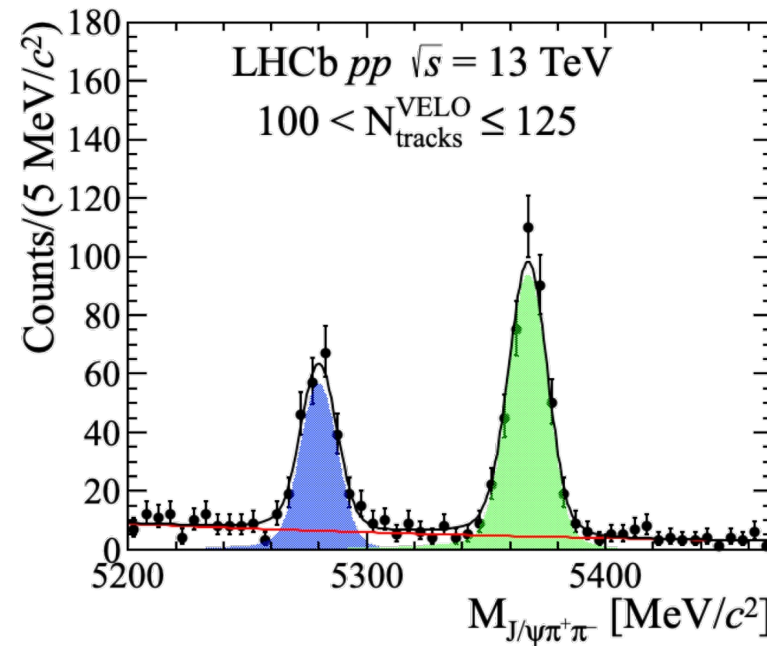
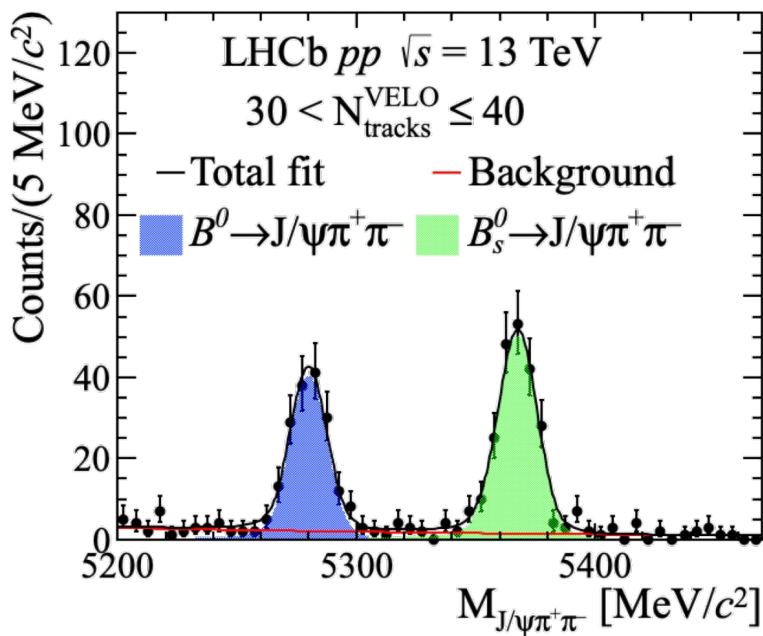
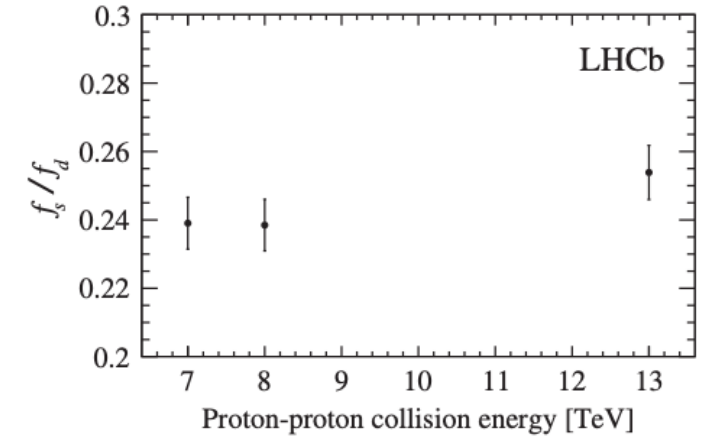
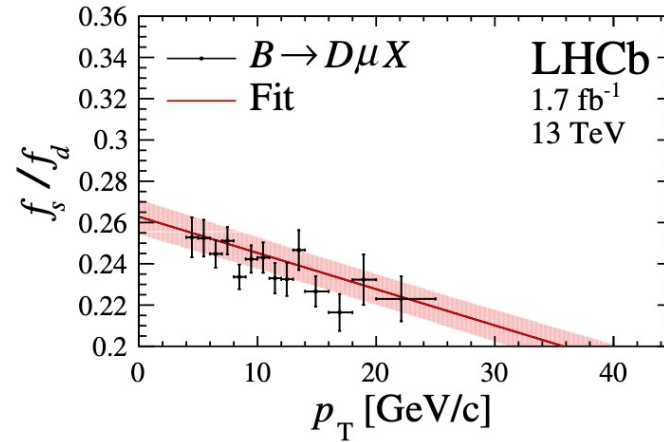
B_S^0/B^0 ratio vs multiplicity in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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- Fragmentation fractions are measured with B

mesons in pp collisions: $\frac{f_s}{f_d} \propto \frac{N_{corr}(B_S^0)}{N_{corr}(B^0)}$

- $\frac{f_s}{f_d}$ is observed to depend on the B meson transverse momentum.
- No dependence on the collision energy.

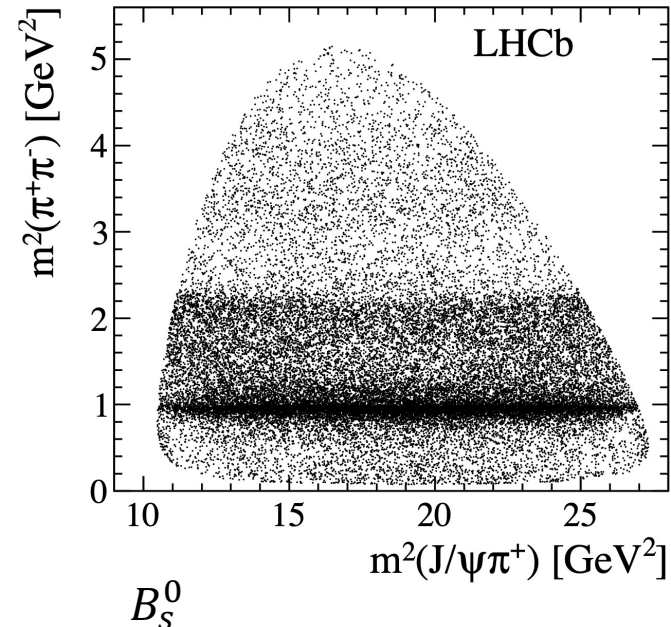
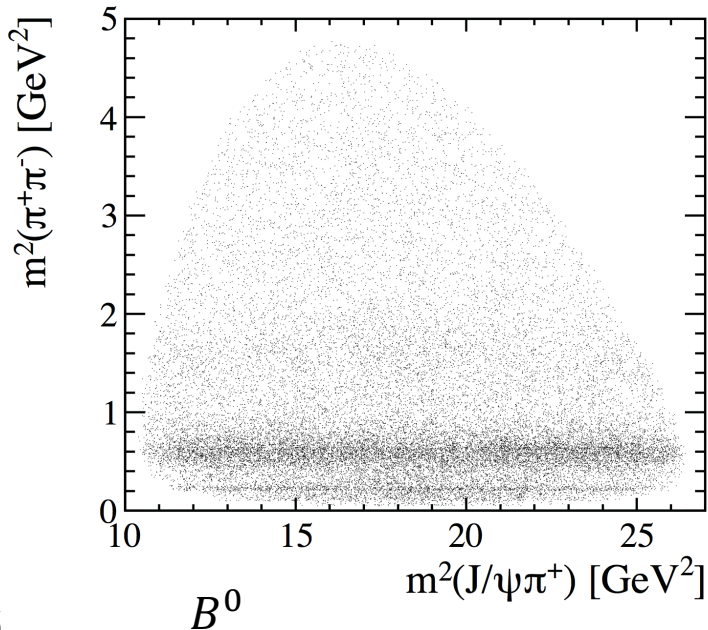


- Both B_S^0 and B^0 are reconstructed via $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$, relative corrections are generally close to 1.

Efficiencies

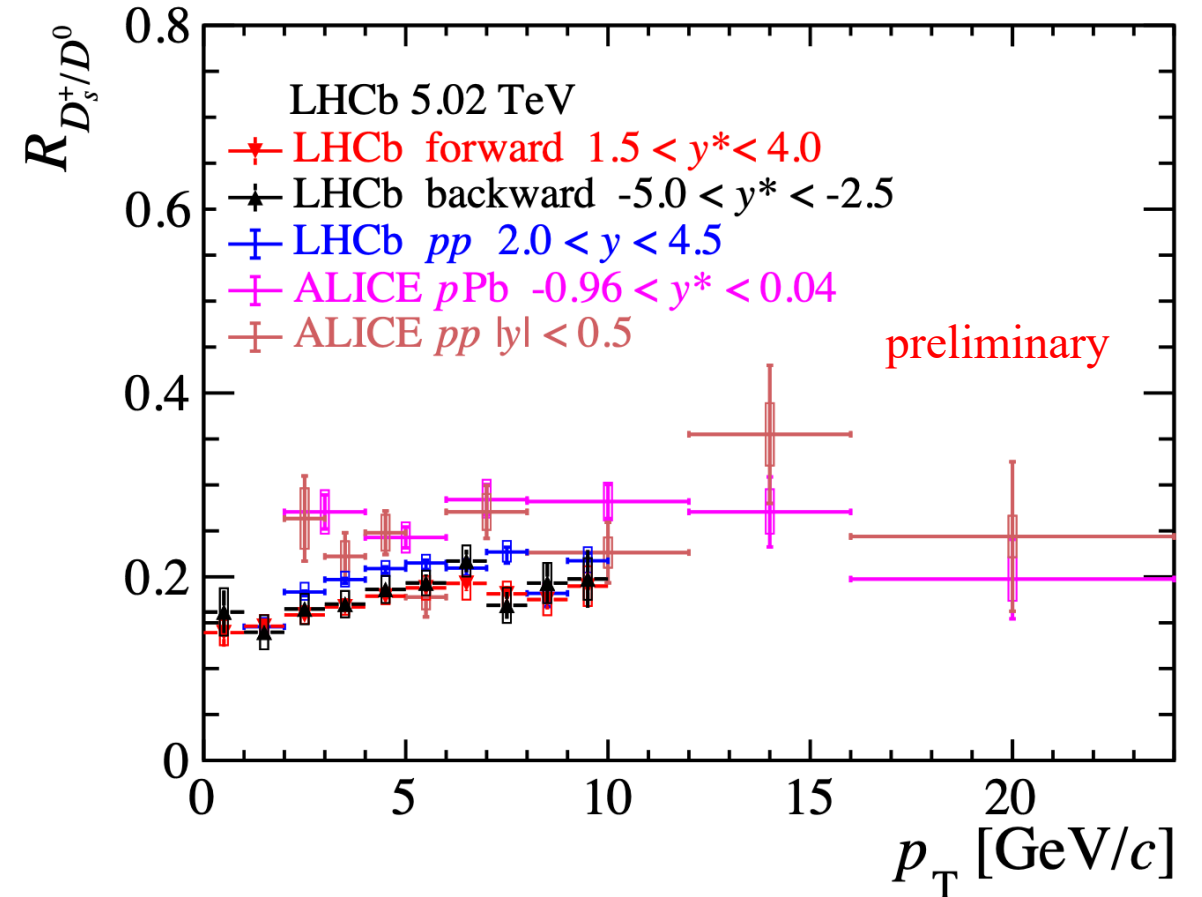
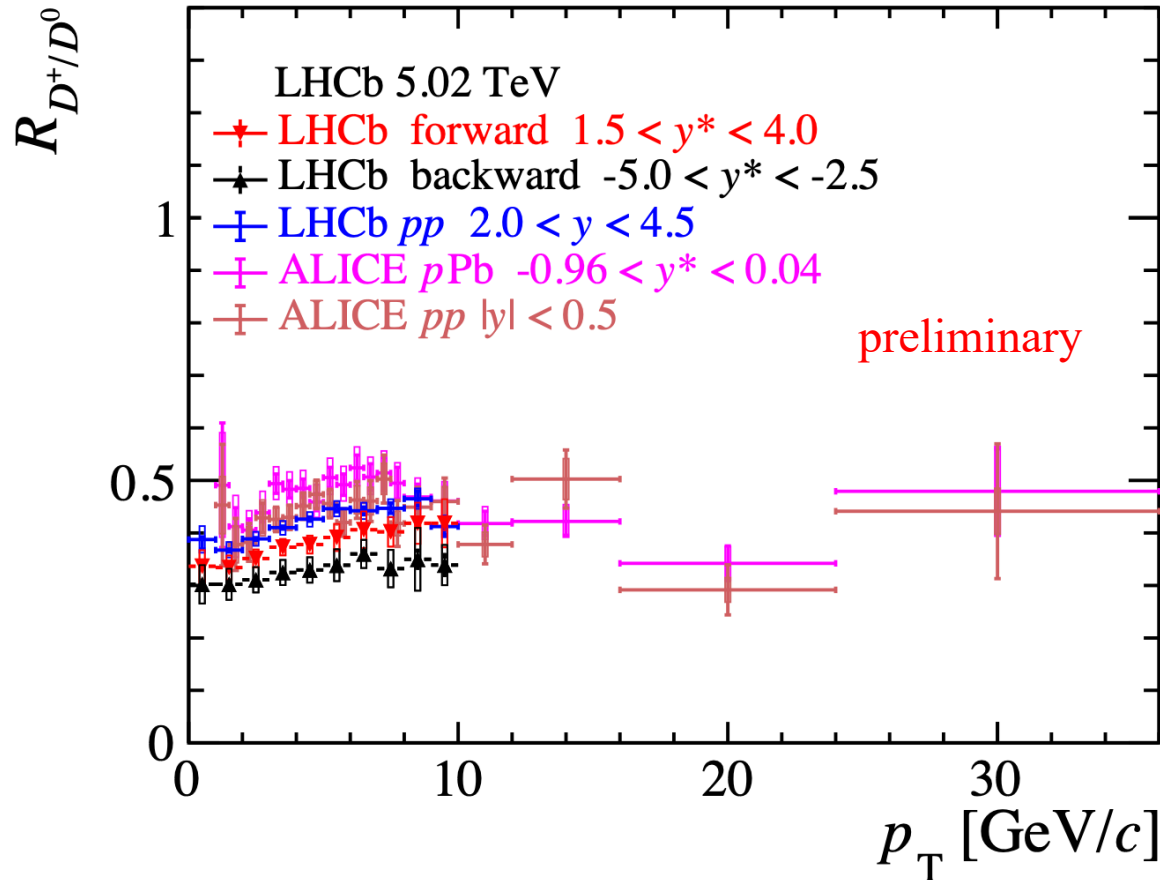
$$\frac{\sigma_{B_s^0}}{\sigma_{B^0}} = \frac{N_{B_s^0}}{N_{B^0}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}_{B_s^0}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{acc}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{acc}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{trig}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{trig}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{PID}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{PID}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{reco}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{reco}},$$

- $\frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{acc}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{acc}} = 1 \pm 0.01$, $\frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{trig}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{trig}} = 1 \pm 0.01$, $\frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{PID}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{PID}} = 1 \pm 0.01$
- $\frac{\epsilon_{B^0}^{reco}}{\epsilon_{B_s^0}^{reco}} = 0.86 \pm 0.04$: Due to the difference in the dipion mass distributions produced in the B_s^0 and B^0 decays.
- Due to the similarities of the B_s^0 and B^0 decays, many systematic uncertainties partially cancel in this ratio of cross sections.



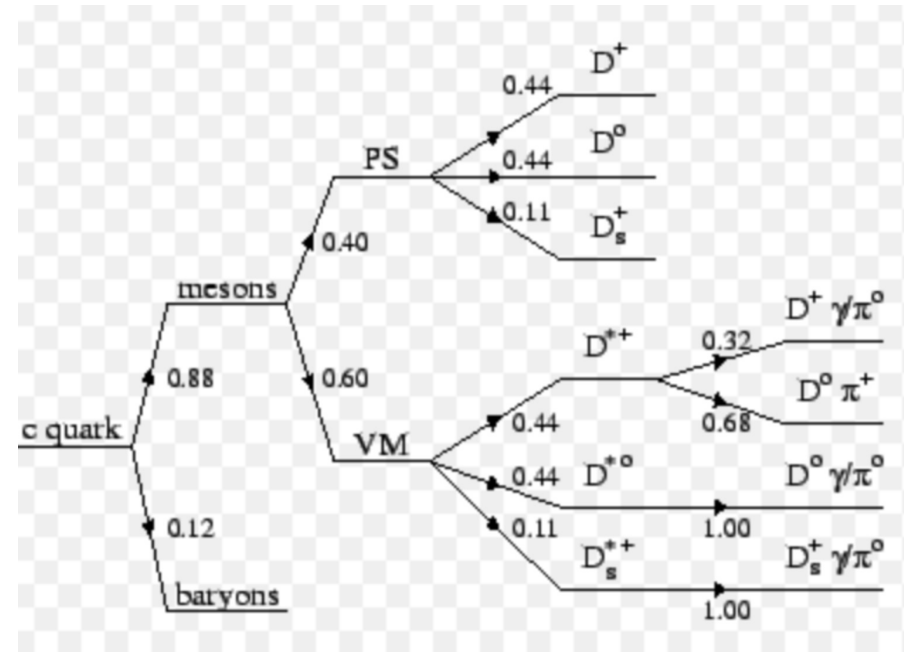
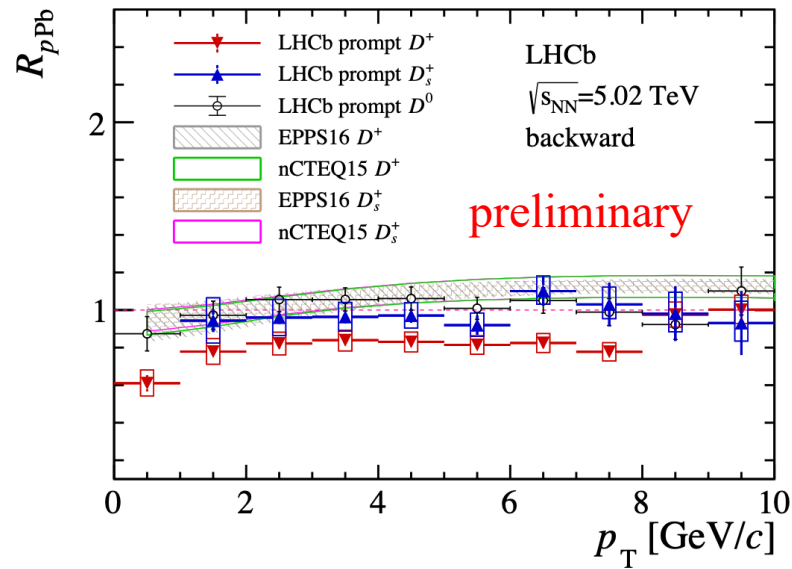
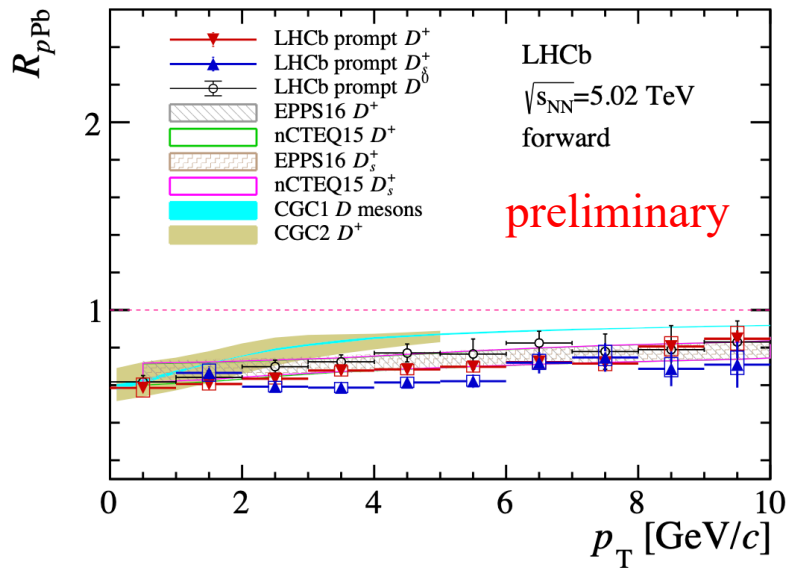
D_s^+ / D^+ ratios in p Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV

- D_s^+ / D^0 ?
- D^+ / D^0 ?



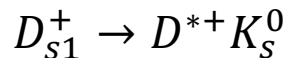
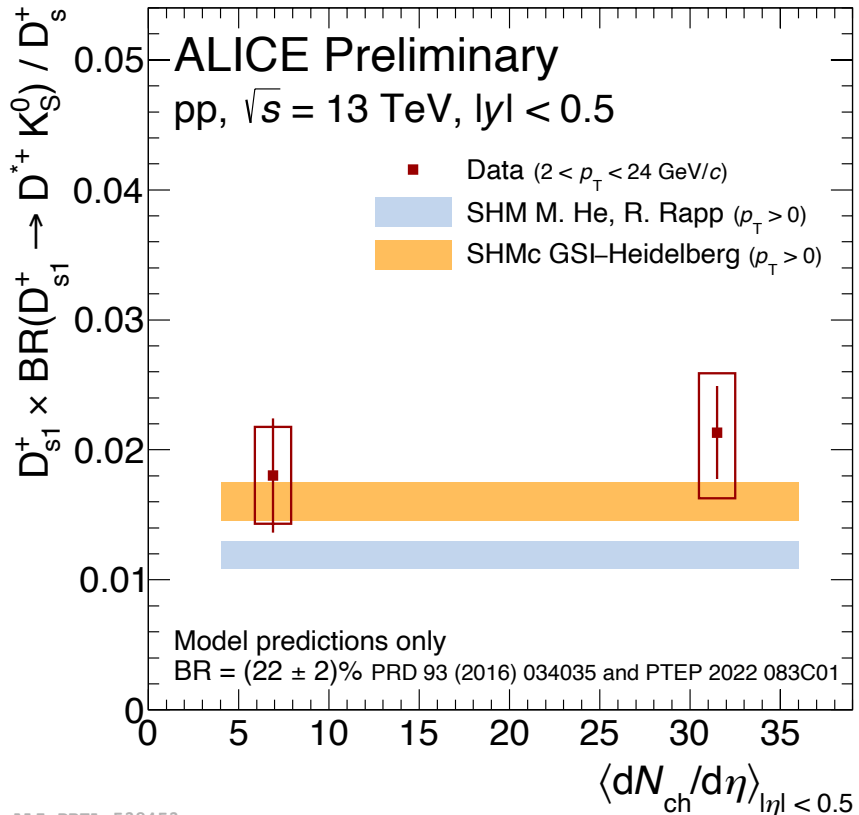
D_s^+ / D^+ ratios in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV

- Just D^+ fell down?

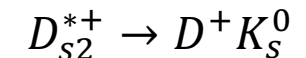
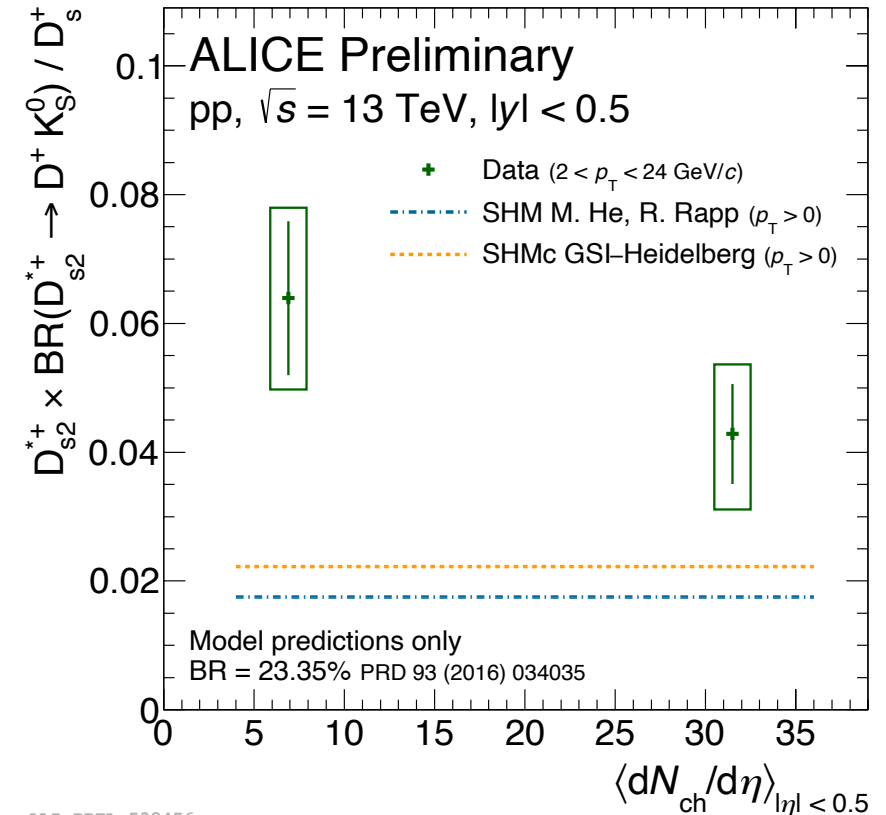


D_{s1}^+ / D_s^+ , D_{s2}^{*+} / D_s^+ ratios in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

- D_{s1}^+ and D_{s2}^{*+} are P -wave excited states of the D_s^+ , isospin and angular momentum $I(J^P) = 0(1^+)$ and $I(J^P) = 0(2^+)$.
- First measurement of D_{s1}^+ and D_{s2}^{*+} production at the LHC.



- D_{s1}^+ / D_s^+ show no multiplicity dependence.
- D_{s2}^{*+} / D_s^+ slightly decreases with multiplicity, which might come from hadronic rescattering during lifetime ($\tau(D_{s2}^{*+}) \sim 11.61$ fm/c, $\tau(D_{s1}^+) \sim 219$ fm/c).
- D_{s2}^{*+} / D_s^+ show tension with models, about 2.5σ (1.5σ) at low (high) multiplicity.



Work in progress: D_s^+ / D^+ ratio in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.16\text{TeV}$

- Compared with 5.02 TeV, the statistics of 8.16 TeV are larger.
- Divided multiplicity dimensions

$$R_{D_s^+/D^+}(p_T, y^*, \text{PV nTracks}) = \frac{N(D_s^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp K^\pm \pi^\pm)}{N(D^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm)} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(D^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm)}{\mathcal{B}(D_s^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp K^\pm \pi^\pm)} \times \frac{\epsilon_{D^+}}{\epsilon_{D_s^+}}$$

