



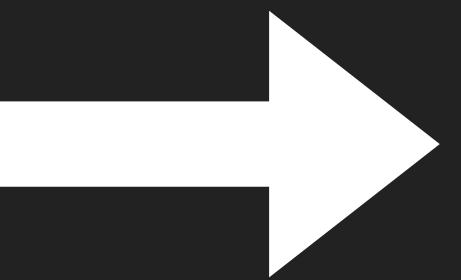
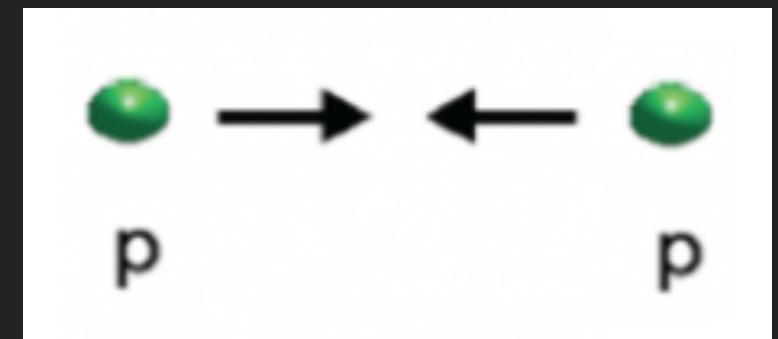
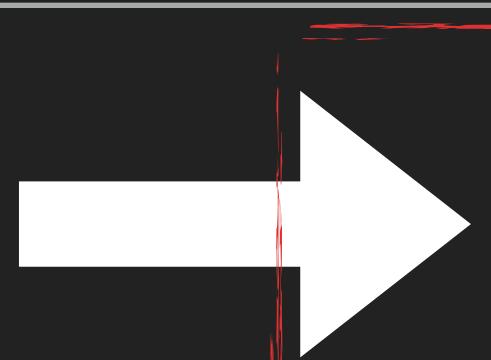
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**Constraining hadronization with prompt and non-prompt charm baryons  
in small collision systems with ALICE at the LHC**

# Heavy-flavour hadron formation in small collision systems

$$\begin{array}{c} e^+ \quad e^- \\ \bullet \rightarrow \leftarrow \bullet \end{array}$$



- ▶ "Point-like" object interaction
- ▶ Pure fragmentation
- ▶ Superposition of many "point-like object" collisions ?
- ▶ MPI and color reconnection modify hadronization ?
- ▶ Cold nuclear matter effects
- ▶ Modified hadronization ?
- ▶ Radial flow ?

Heavy-flavour hadron production cross section based on factorisation approach

- ▶ Fragmentation functions assumed to be universal among collision systems and constrained from  $e^+e^-$  and  $e^-p$  collisions

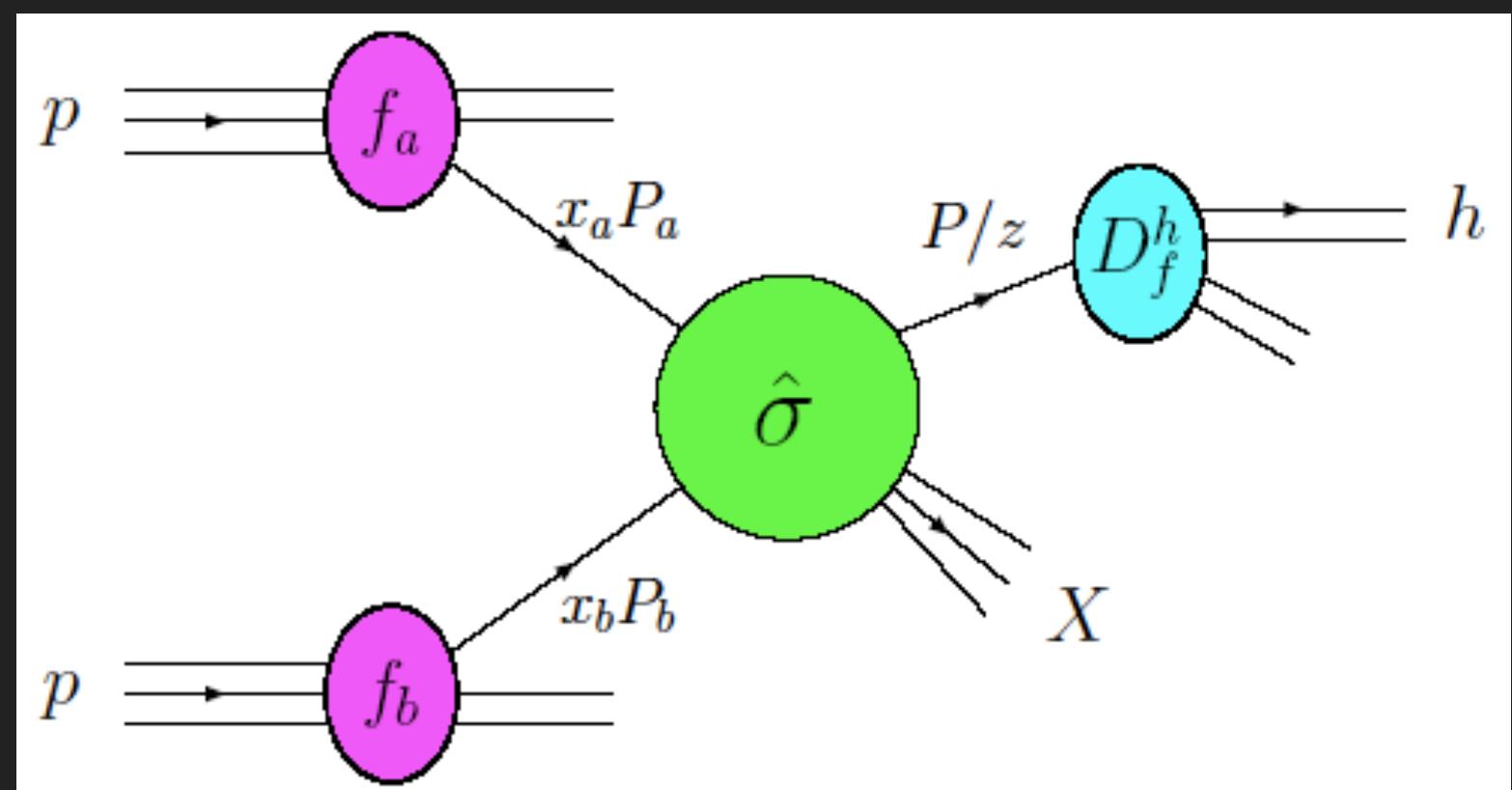
$$\frac{d\sigma^D}{dp_T^D}(p_T; \mu_F; \mu_R) = PDF(x_a, \mu_F) PDF(x_b, \mu_F) \otimes \frac{d\sigma^c}{dp_T^c}(x_a, x_b, \mu_R, \mu_F) \otimes D_{c \rightarrow D}(z = p_D/p_c, \mu_F)$$

parton distribution function (PDF)  
(non-perturbative)

partonic cross section  
(perturbative)

hadronisation by fragmentation  
(non-perturbative)

- ▶ Ratios of particle species  $\rightarrow$  ratios of fragmentation fractions, sensitive to heavy-quark hadronization



# Charm-hadron reconstruction

- ▶ Particle identification of decay tracks
- ▶ Selections on the displaced decay topology
- ▶ Machine-learning (ML) techniques used

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

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

$$D^{*+} : D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

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

$$\Lambda_c^+ : \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+, \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K_s^0$$

$$\Sigma_c^{0,++} : \Sigma_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-, \Sigma_c^{++} \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^+$$

$$\Xi_c^0 : \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+, \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow e^+ \Xi^- \nu_e$$

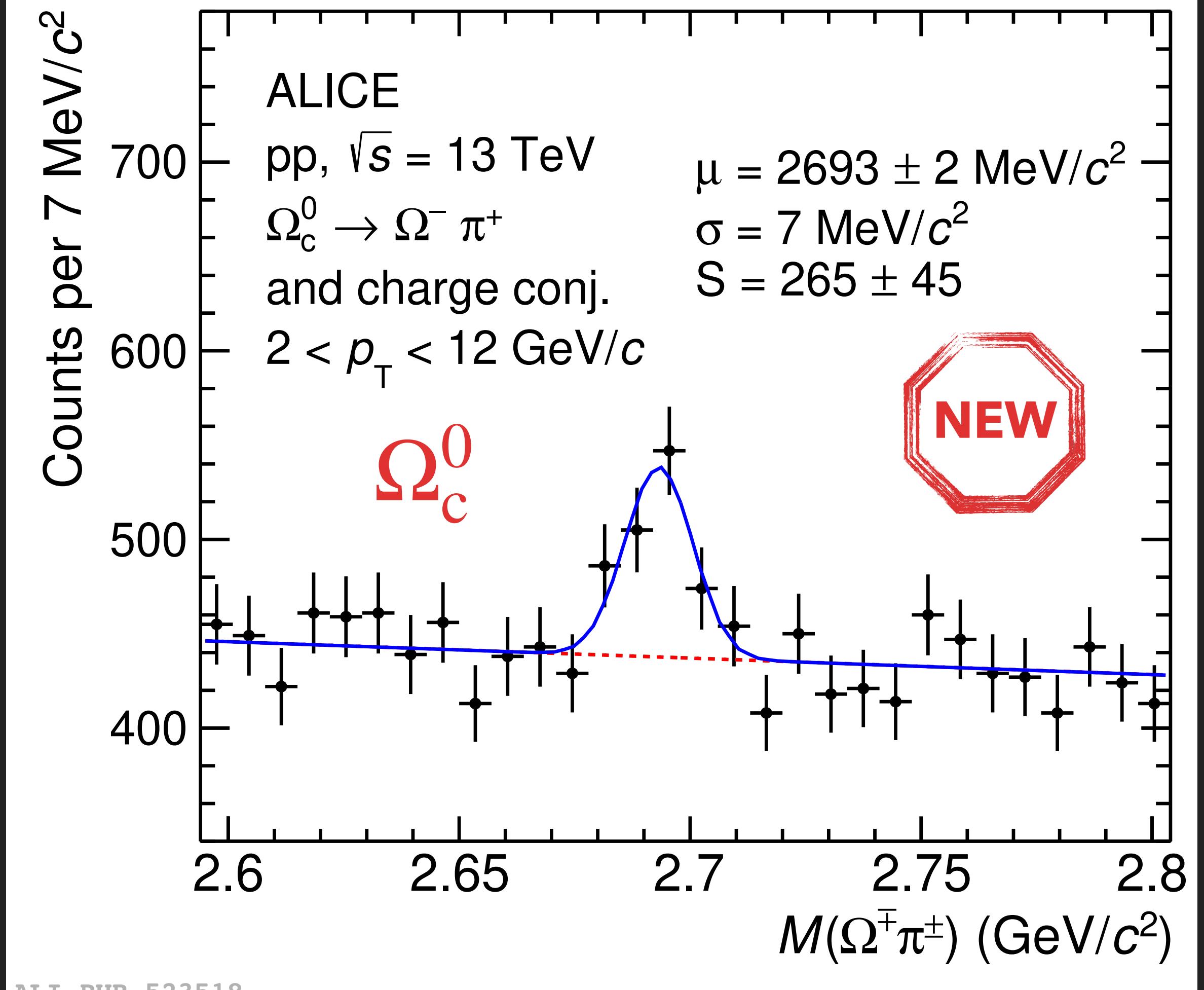
$$\Xi_c^+ : \Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$$

$$\Omega_c^0 : \Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+$$

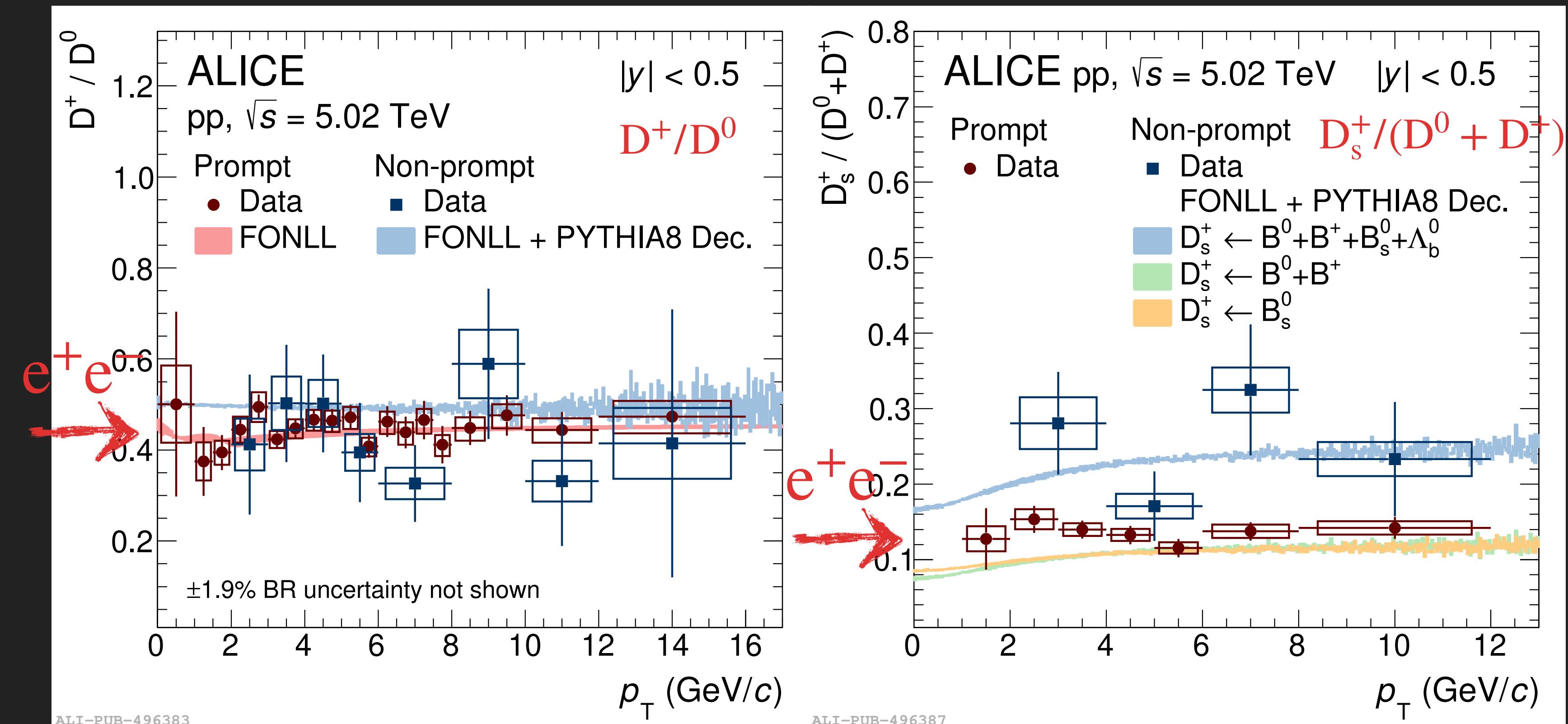
**Charm mesons**

**Charm baryons**

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# HF meson-to-meson production ratios in pp collisions



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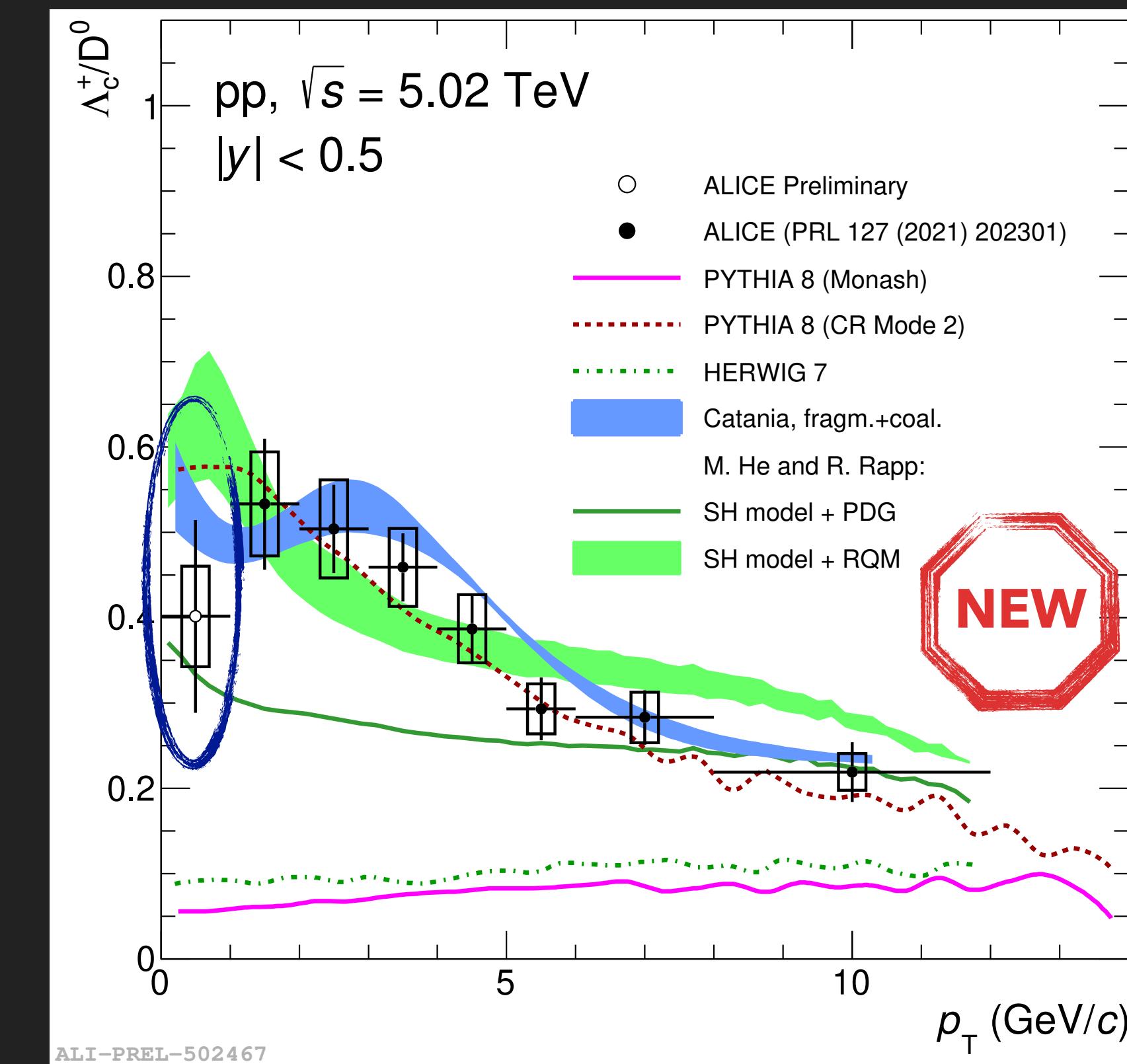
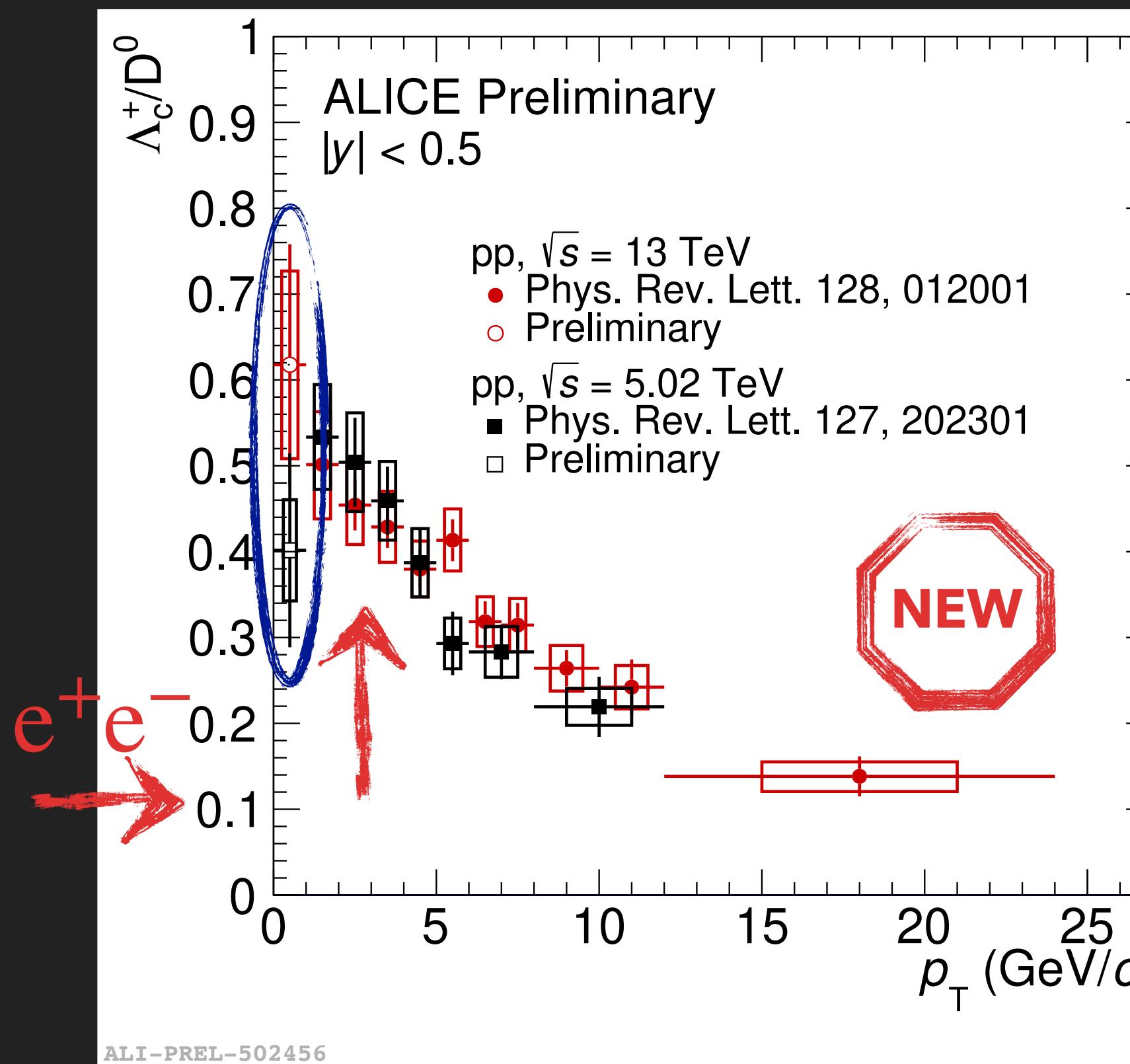
- ▶ Prompt and non-prompt D meson ratios independent of  $p_T$  and collision system
- ▶ Agreement with model calculations based on a factorisation approach and relying on universal fragmentation functions and with  $e^+e^-$  and  $e^-p$  measurements

 FONLL: M. Cacciari, et al., JHEP 10 (2012) 137  
 PYTHIA 8: P. Skands, et al., EPJC 74 (2014) 3024

# Baryon-to-meson ratios: $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$ in pp collisions

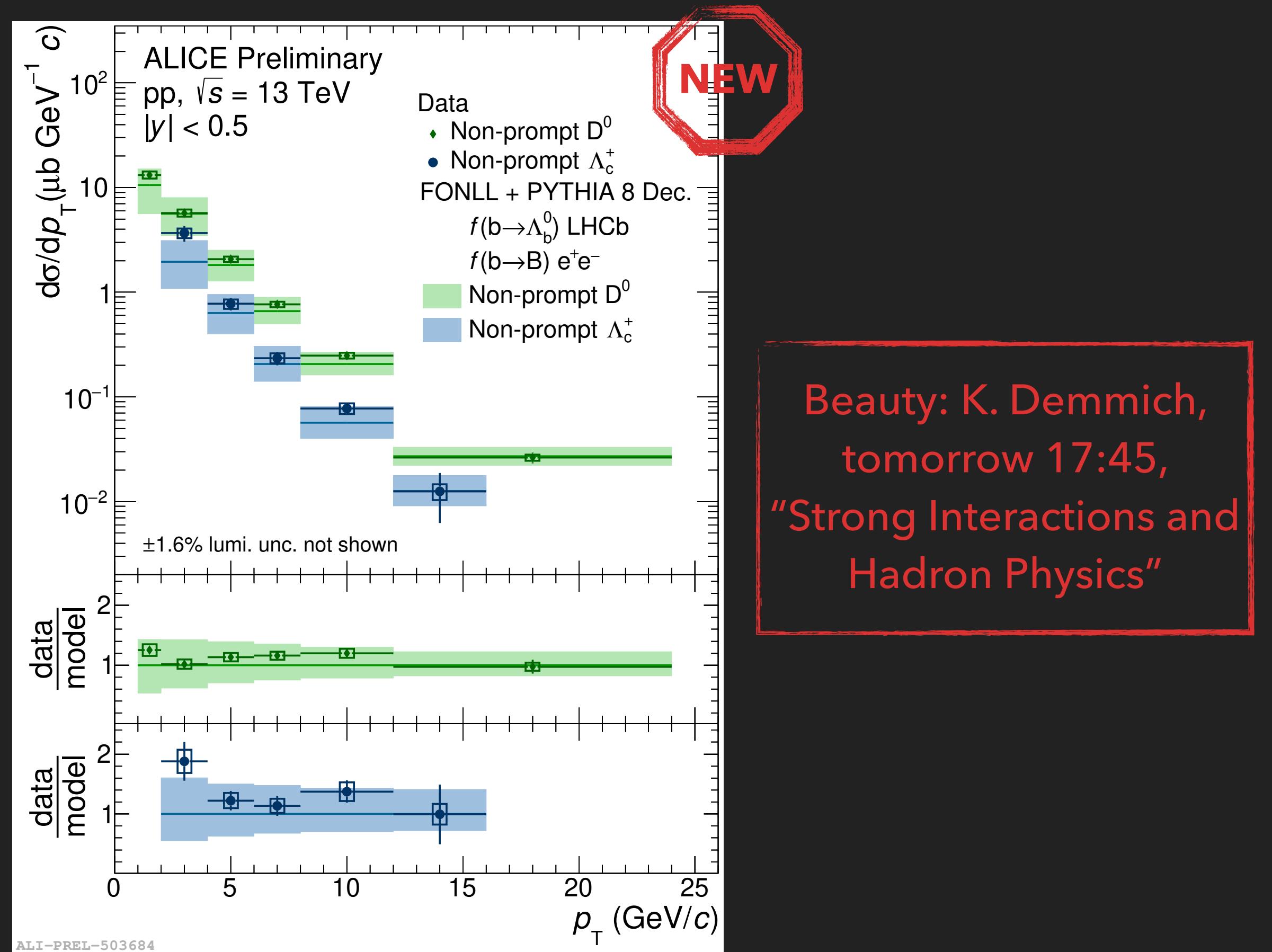
- $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$  measured down to  $p_T = 0$  in pp collisions
- Strong  $p_T$  dependence
- NO collision energy dependence
- Significantly higher than  $e^+e^-$  results

- Largely underestimated by PYTHIA 8 Monash<sup>[1]</sup>
  - PYTHIA 8 Monash:  $e^+e^-$  charm fragmentation functions
- Well described by PYTHIA 8 CR Mode2<sup>[2]</sup>, SHM<sup>[3]</sup>+RQM<sup>[4]</sup>, Catania<sup>[5]</sup>
  - PYTHIA 8 CR Mode2: color reconnection (CR) beyond leading color (BLC) approximation
  - Catania: transport model with hadronization via coalescence+fragmentation
  - SHM+RQM: statistical hadronization model (SHM) with augmented set of charm-baryon states according to relativistic quark model (RQM)



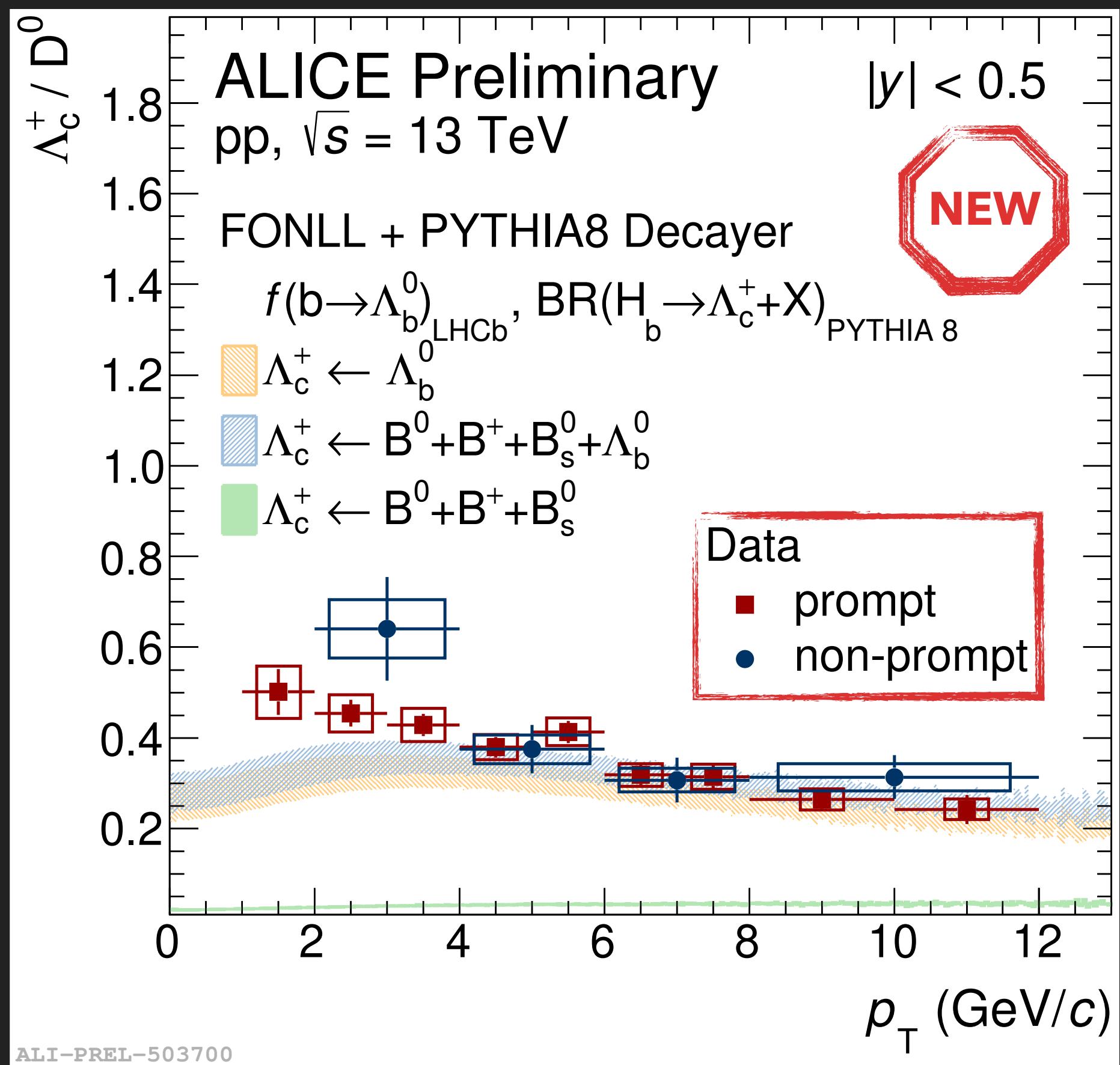
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- [4] D. Ebert, et al., PRD 84:014025, 2011
- [5] V. Minissale, et al., PLB 821 (2021) 136622

# Non-prompt $\Lambda_c^+$ production in pp@13 TeV



 LHCb: Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019), 031102

- ▶  $p_T$  dependence well reproduced by theoretical calculations
- ▶  $\Lambda_b^0$  fragmentation fractions measured by LHCb
- ▶ Folding with  $H_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ + X$  decay from PYTHIA 8

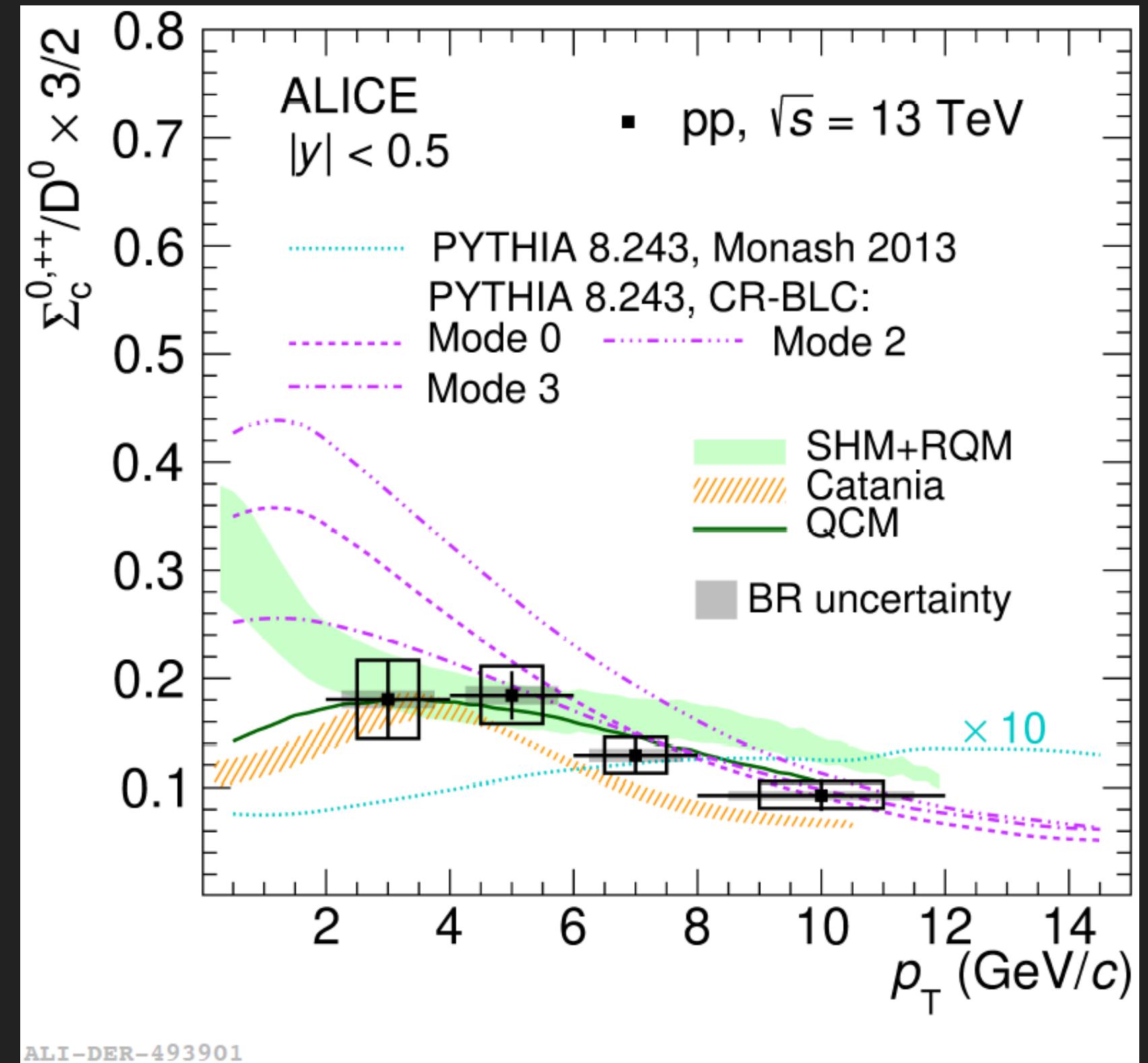
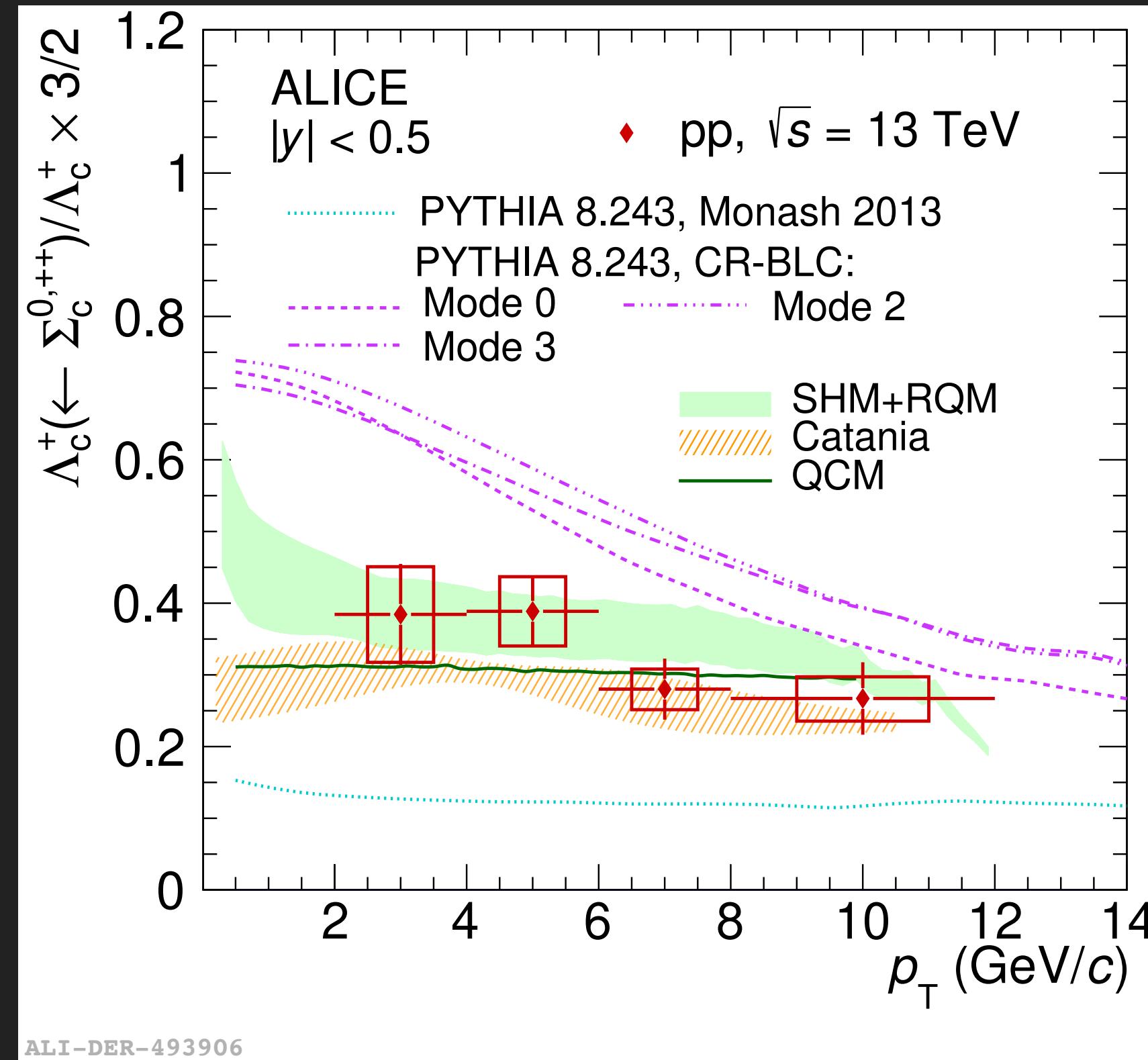


- ▶ Non-prompt vs. prompt  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$ 
  - ▶ Similar baryon-to-meson ratio enhancement
- ▶ Non-prompt  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  vs. models
  - ▶ Well reproduced by FONLL + PYTHIA 8 for  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c

# Heavier charm baryons: $\Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}}$ in pp@13 TeV

- Feed-down from  $\Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}}$  partially explains  $\Lambda_c^+/\text{D}^0$  enhancement
- $\Lambda_c^+(\leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}})/\Lambda_c^+ = 0.38 \pm 0.06(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst.})$
- $\Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}}/\text{D}^0$  enhancement in pp w.r.t.  $e^+e^-$

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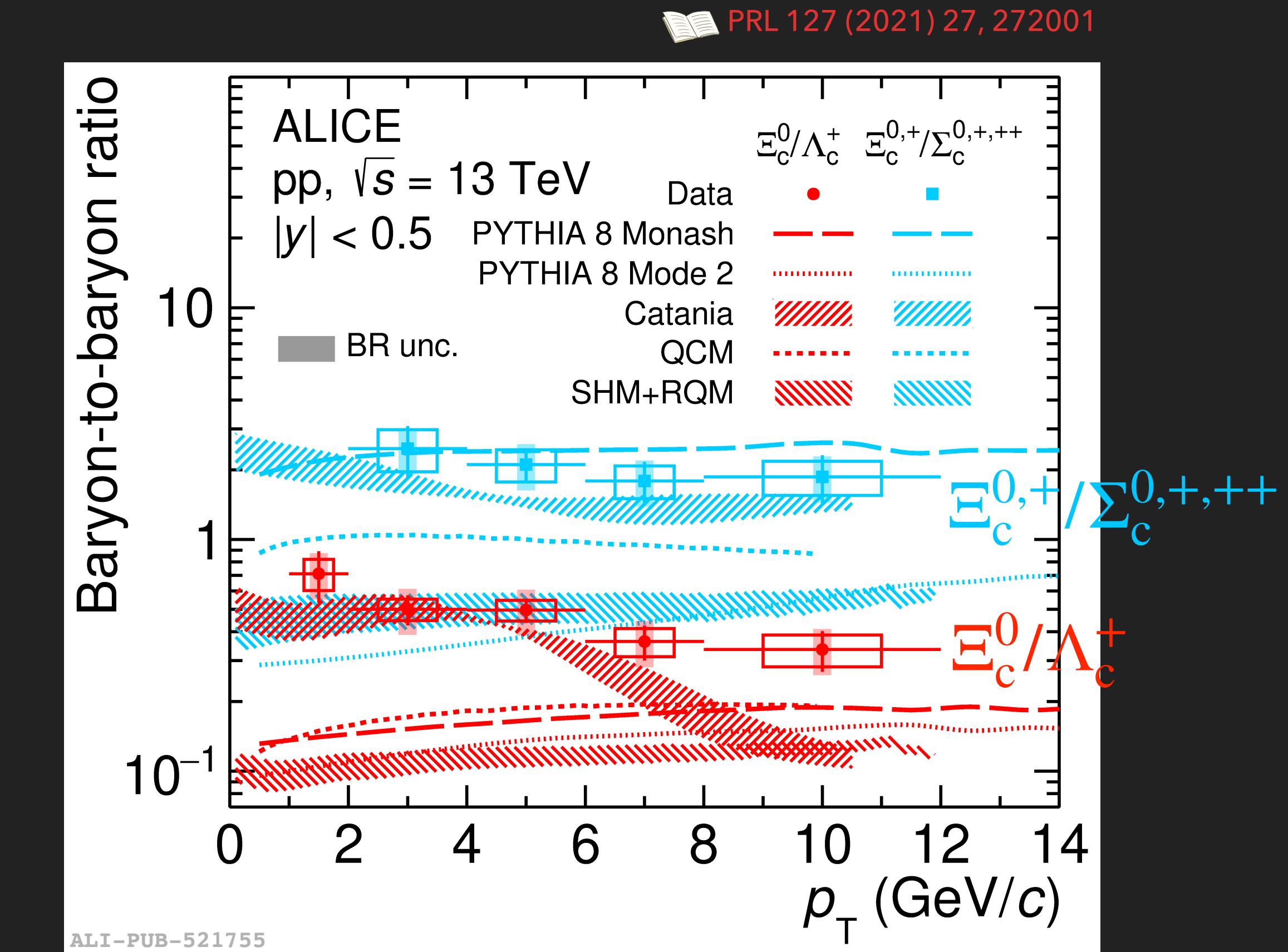
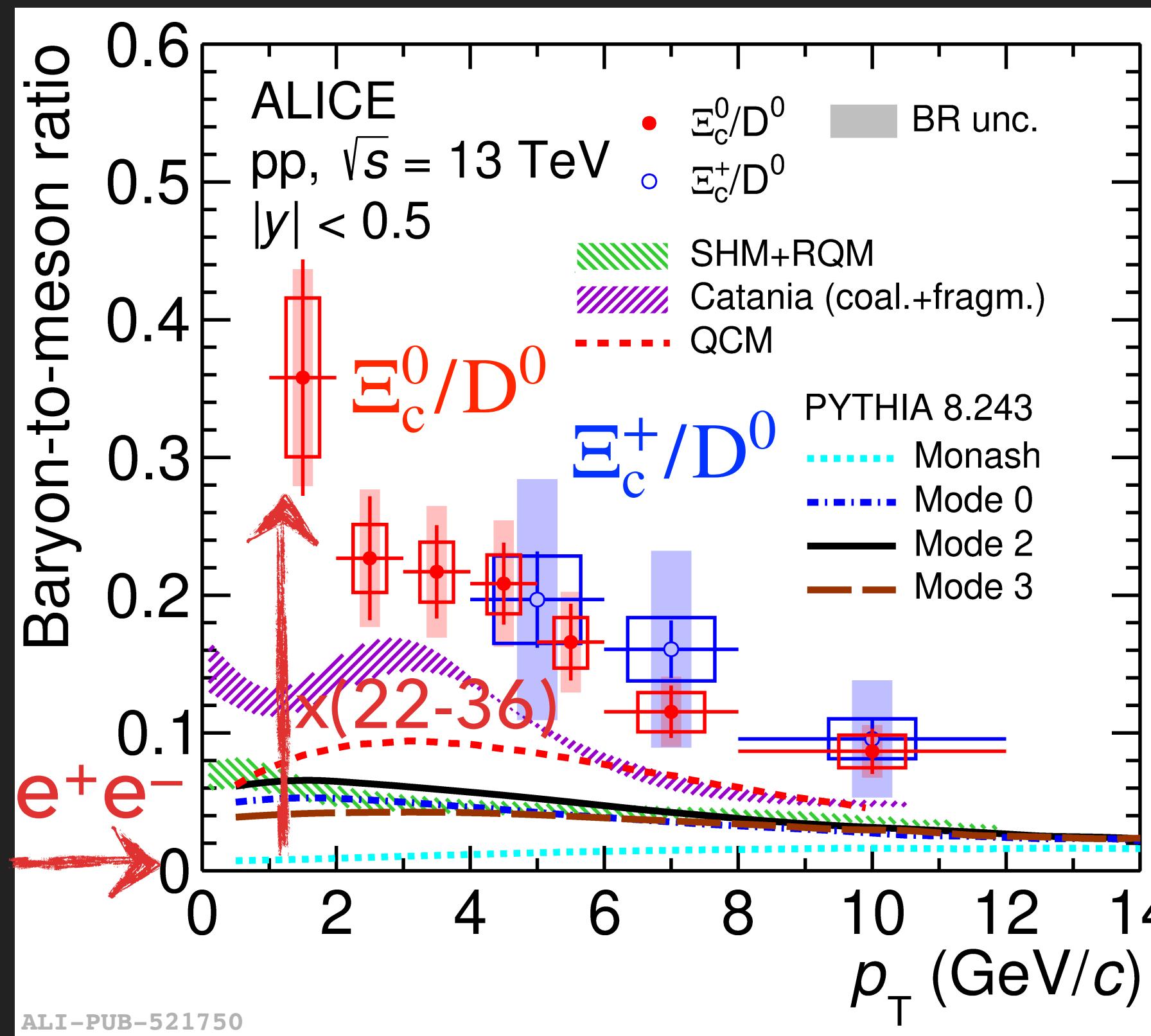


- PYTHIA 8 Monash<sup>[1]</sup> severely underestimates  $\Lambda_c^+(\leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}})/\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}}/\text{D}^0$
- PYTHIA 8 CR Modes<sup>[2]</sup> overestimate  $\Lambda_c^+(\leftarrow \Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}})/\Lambda_c^+$ , but describe  $\Sigma_c^{0,+,\text{++}}/\text{D}^0$
- Well described by SHM<sup>[3]</sup>+RQM<sup>[4]</sup>, Catania<sup>[5]</sup> and QCM<sup>[6]</sup>

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- [6] J. Song, et al., EPJC (2018) 78: 344

# Strange-charm baryons: $\Xi_c^0$ and $\Xi_c^+$ in pp@5.02 and 13 TeV

- $\Xi_c^0/D^0$  in agreement with  $\Xi_c^+/D^0$  and similar  $p_T$  trend as  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$
- Significantly underestimated by models<sup>[1,2,3,4,5]</sup>
  - Different from  $D_s^+/(D^0 + D^+)$  → baryons are "strange" ?



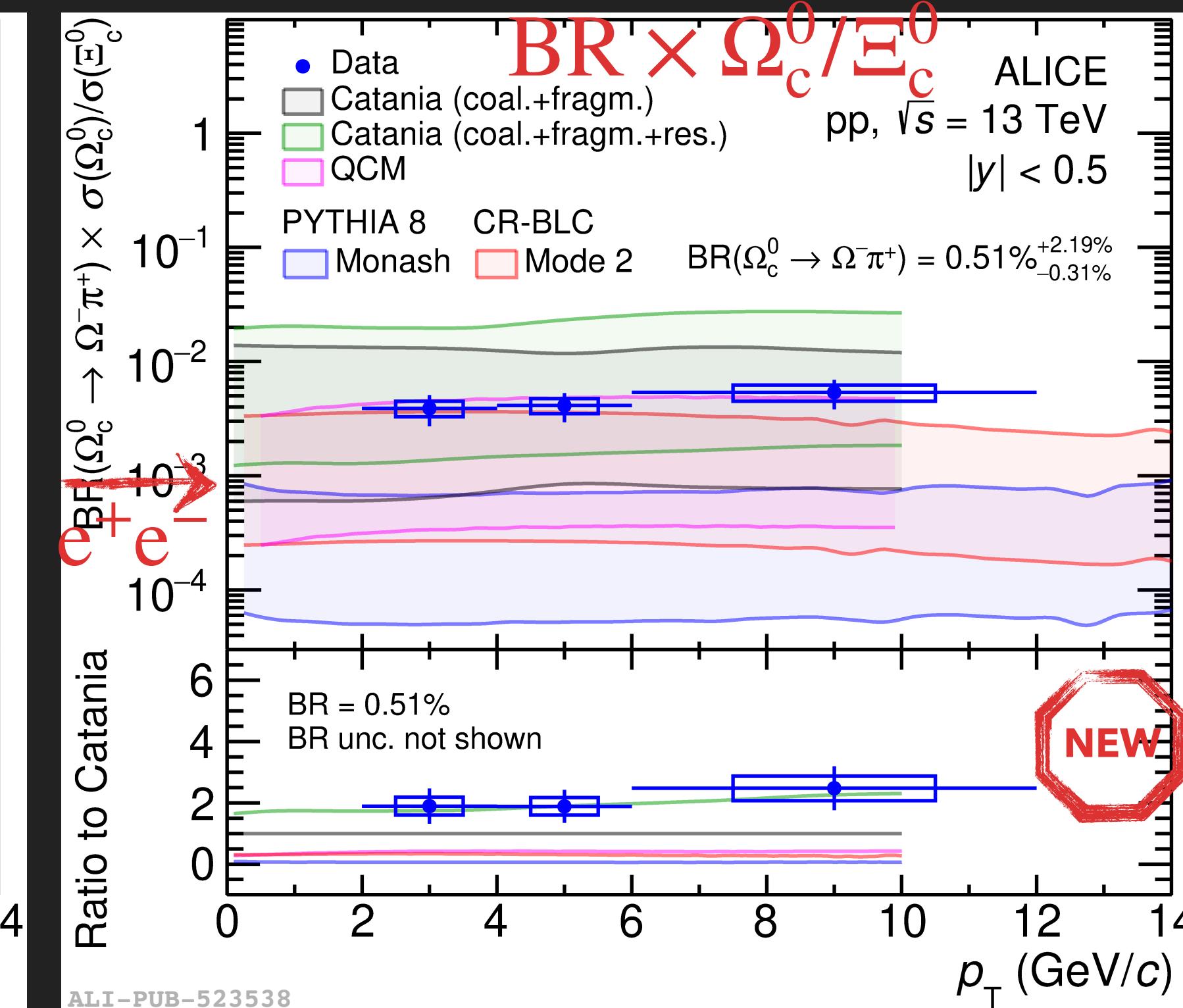
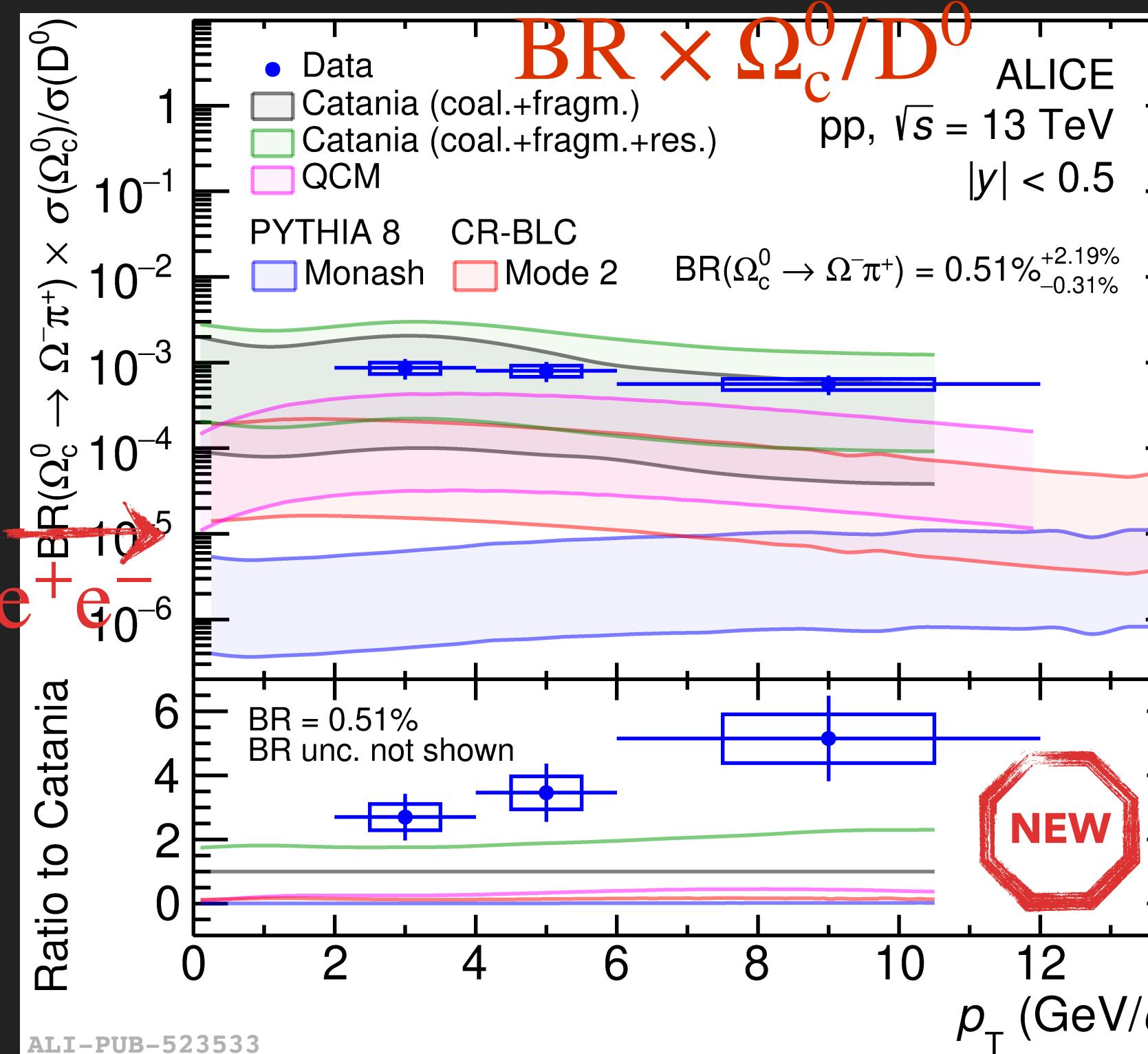
- Catania<sup>[6]</sup> gets close to measurements
- $\Xi_c^{0,+}/\Sigma_c^{0,+,++}$  in agreement with PYTHIA 8 Monash
- Similar suppression of  $\Xi_c^{0,+}$  and  $\Sigma_c^{0,+,++}$  in  $e^+e^-$  ?
- Matter of similar (diquark) mass ?
- $m(uu, ud, dd)_1 \approx m(us)_0$

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[6] V. Minissale, et al., PLB 821 (2021) 136622  
[7] Belle  $e^+e^-$ : PRD 97 (2018) 7, 072005

# Double strange-charm baryon: $\text{BR} \times \Omega_c^0$ in pp@13 TeV

- Theoretical calculations:  $\text{BR}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \Omega^-) = 0.51^{+2.19\%}_{-0.31\%}$
- PYTHIA 8 Monash**<sup>[1]</sup> largely underestimates  $\Omega_c^0/D^0$  and  $\Omega_c^0/\Xi_c^0$ 
  - Do not reproduce strangeness enhancement in pp
- PYTHIA 8 CR-BLC**<sup>[2]</sup> NOT enough to describe the measurement
- Further enhancement with simple coalescence **QCM**<sup>[3]</sup> still shows a hint of underestimation
- Catania**<sup>[4]</sup> closer to data points, additional resonances decay considered



Ratio	ALICE (pp 13 TeV)	Belle ( $e^+e^-$ 10.52 GeV) [28]
$\text{BR}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+) \times \sigma(\Omega_c^0)/\sigma(\Lambda_c^+)$	$(1.96 \pm 0.42 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-3}$	$(2.24 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-4}$
$\text{BR}(\Omega_c^0 \rightarrow \Omega^- \pi^+) \times \sigma(\Omega_c^0)/\sigma(\Xi_c^0)$	$(3.99 \pm 0.96 \pm 0.96) \times 10^{-3}$	$(8.58 \pm 1.15 \pm 1.98) \times 10^{-4}$

$$\frac{\Omega_c^0/\Lambda_c^+(\text{pp})}{\Omega_c^0/\Lambda_c^+(e^+e^-)} \approx 9$$

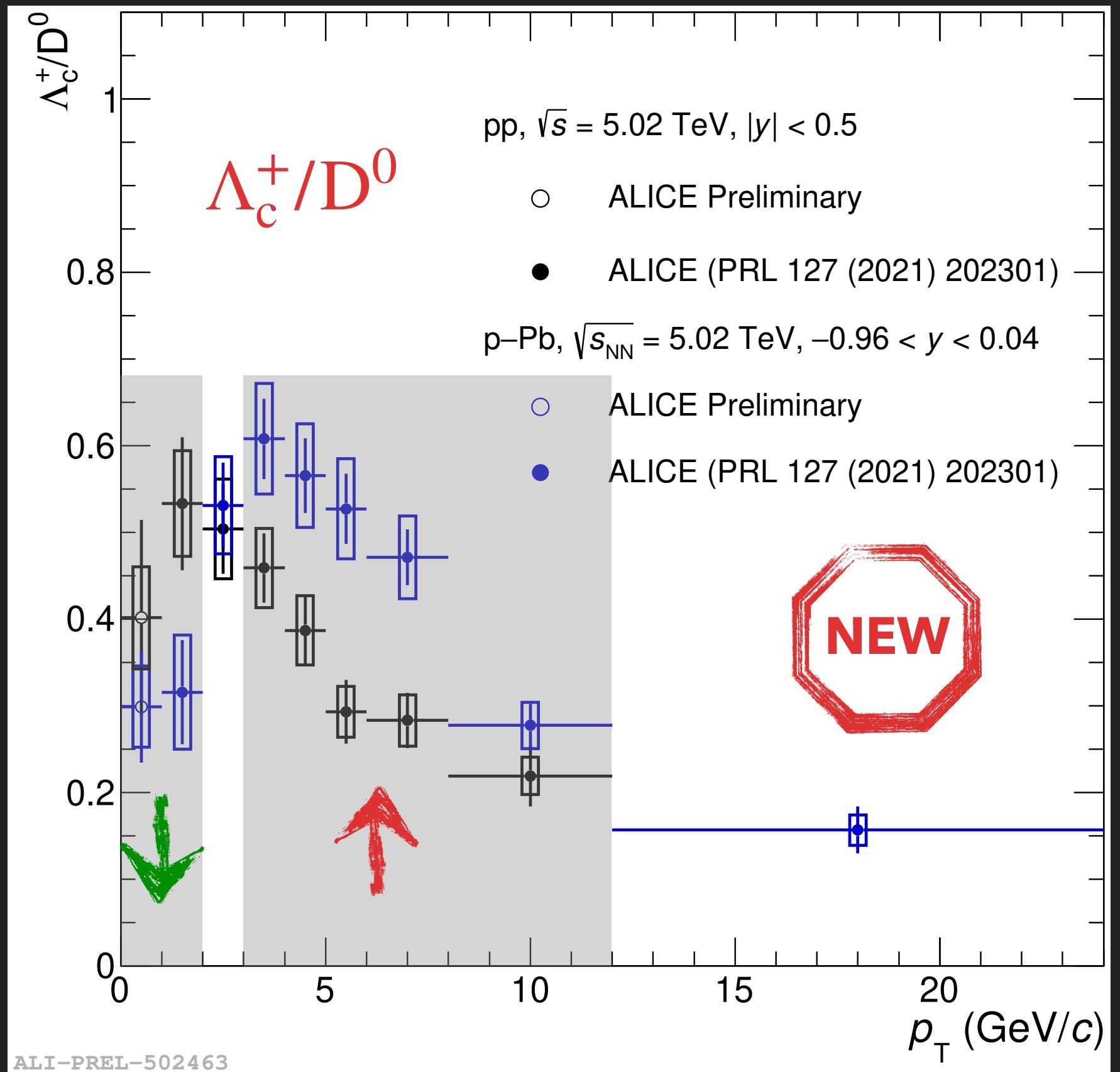
$$\frac{\Omega_c^0/\Xi_c^0(\text{pp})}{\Omega_c^0/\Xi_c^0(e^+e^-)} \approx 5$$

Sizeable contribution of  $\Omega_c^0$   
to charm production at  
LHC energies ?

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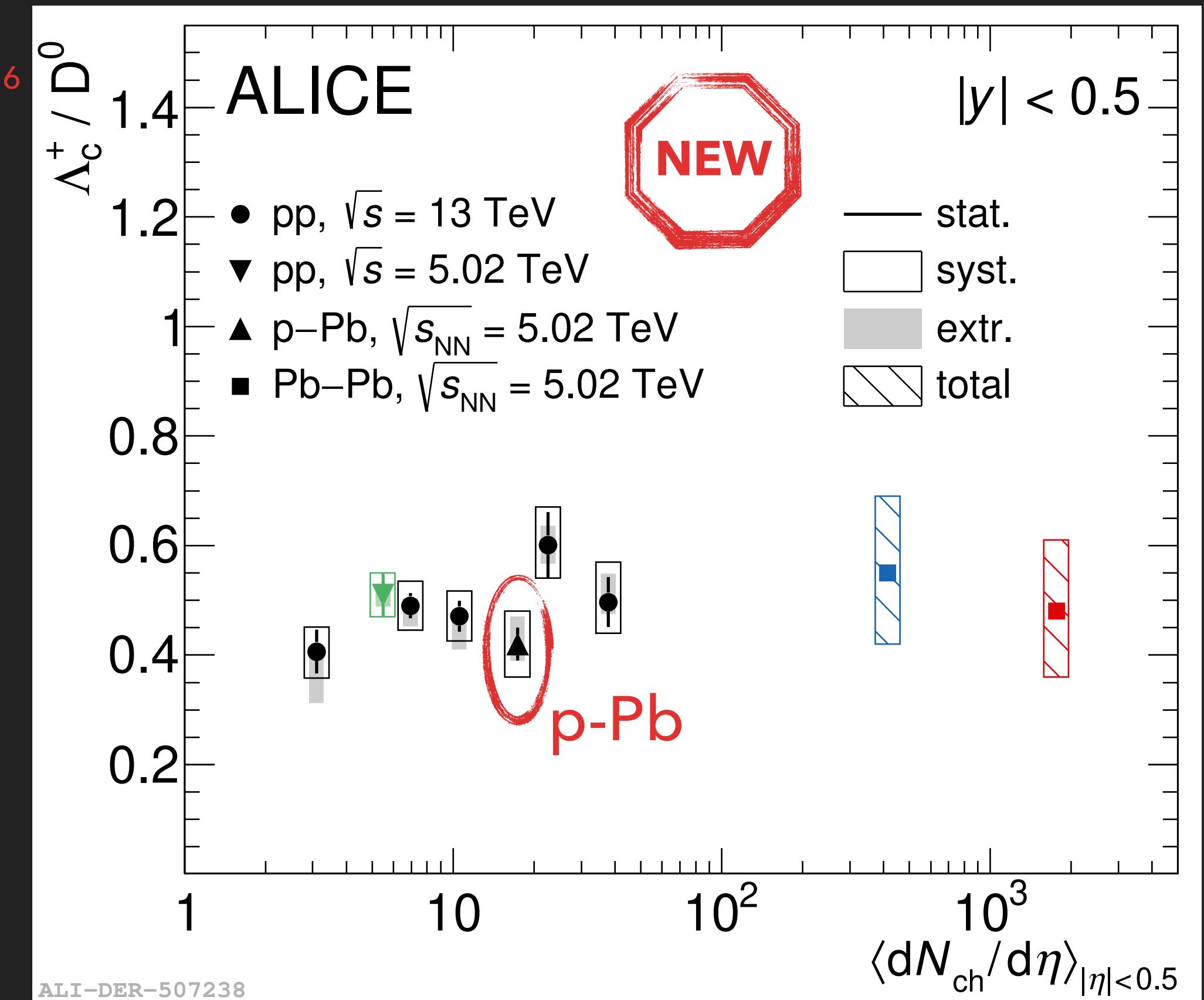
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# $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$ in p-Pb@5.02 TeV



pp: arXiv:2111.11948  
 Pb-Pb: arXiv:2112.08156

- ▶ First measurement of  $\Lambda_c^+$  down to  $p_T = 0$  in p-Pb collisions
- ▶  $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$ : hint of **suppression** in  $p_T < 2$  and **enhancement** in mid- $p_T$ 
  - ▶ Similarities to strange sector<sup>[1,2]</sup>
  - ▶ Hardening of  $p_T$  by  $3.7\sigma$  according to  $\langle p_T \rangle$
  - ▶ Radial flow?



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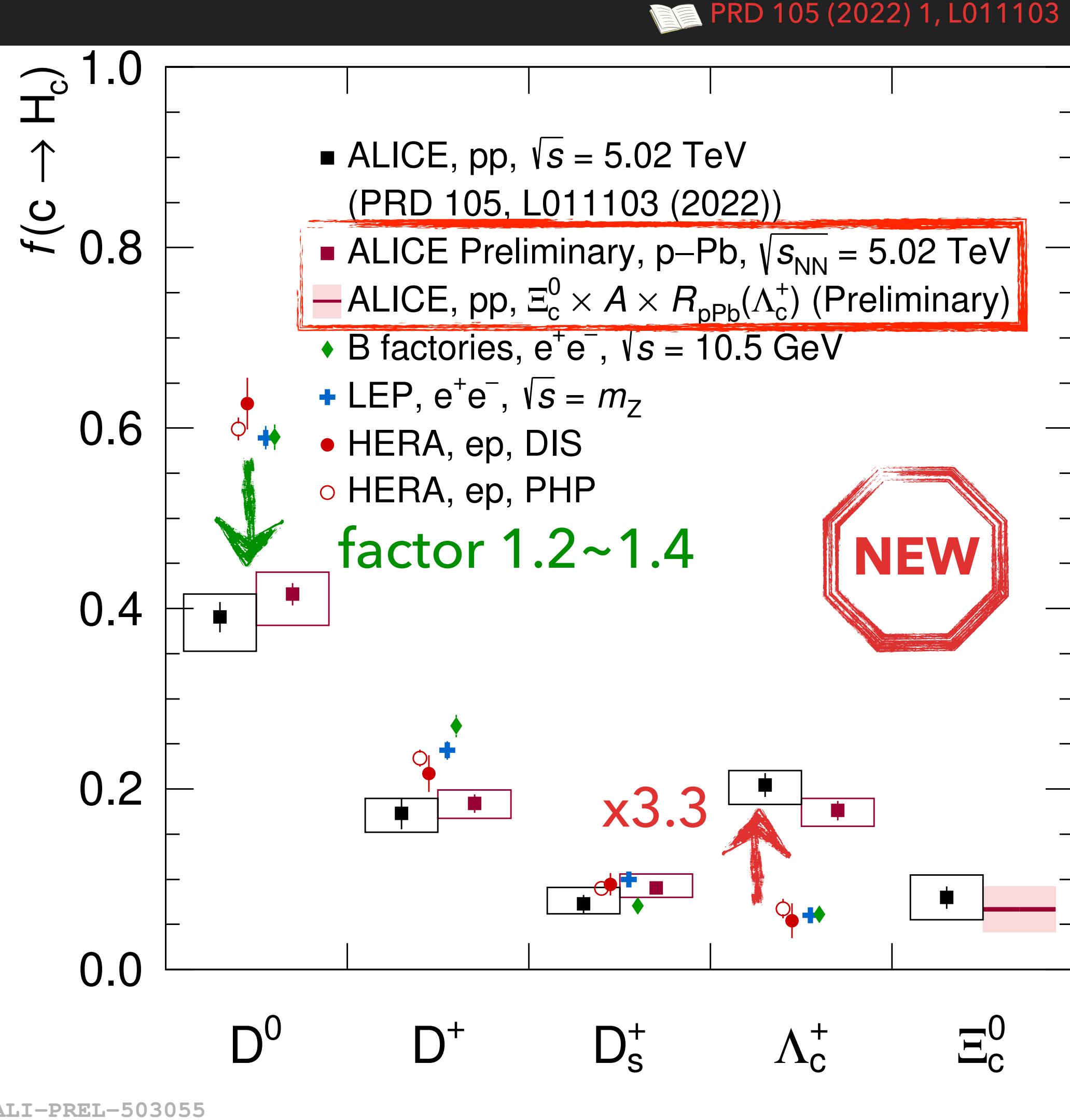
Pb-Pb results: F. Catalano, 7th July 14:30, Heavy Ions

- ▶ Compatible  $p_T$ -integrated  $\Lambda_c^+/\bar{D}^0$  ratio in pp and p-Pb collisions within uncertainties

# Charm fragmentation fractions

- ▶ Charm fragmentation fractions in hadronic collisions at 5.02 TeV
  - ▶ pp: PRD 105 (2022) 1, L011103
  - ▶ p-Pb:
    - ▶  $D^0, \Lambda_c^+$  (new): measured down to  $p_T = 0$
    - ▶  $D^+, D_s^+$ : extrapolated to  $p_T = 0$  using POWHEG+PYTHIA
    - ▶  $\Xi_c^0$  not measured yet  $\rightarrow \sigma_{pp}(\Xi_c^0) \times 208 \times R_{pPb}(\Lambda_c^+)$
- ▶ pp and p-Pb results compatible
- ▶ Significant baryon enhancement w.r.t.  $e^+e^-$  and  $e^-p$

**Charm fragmentation fractions are not universal**



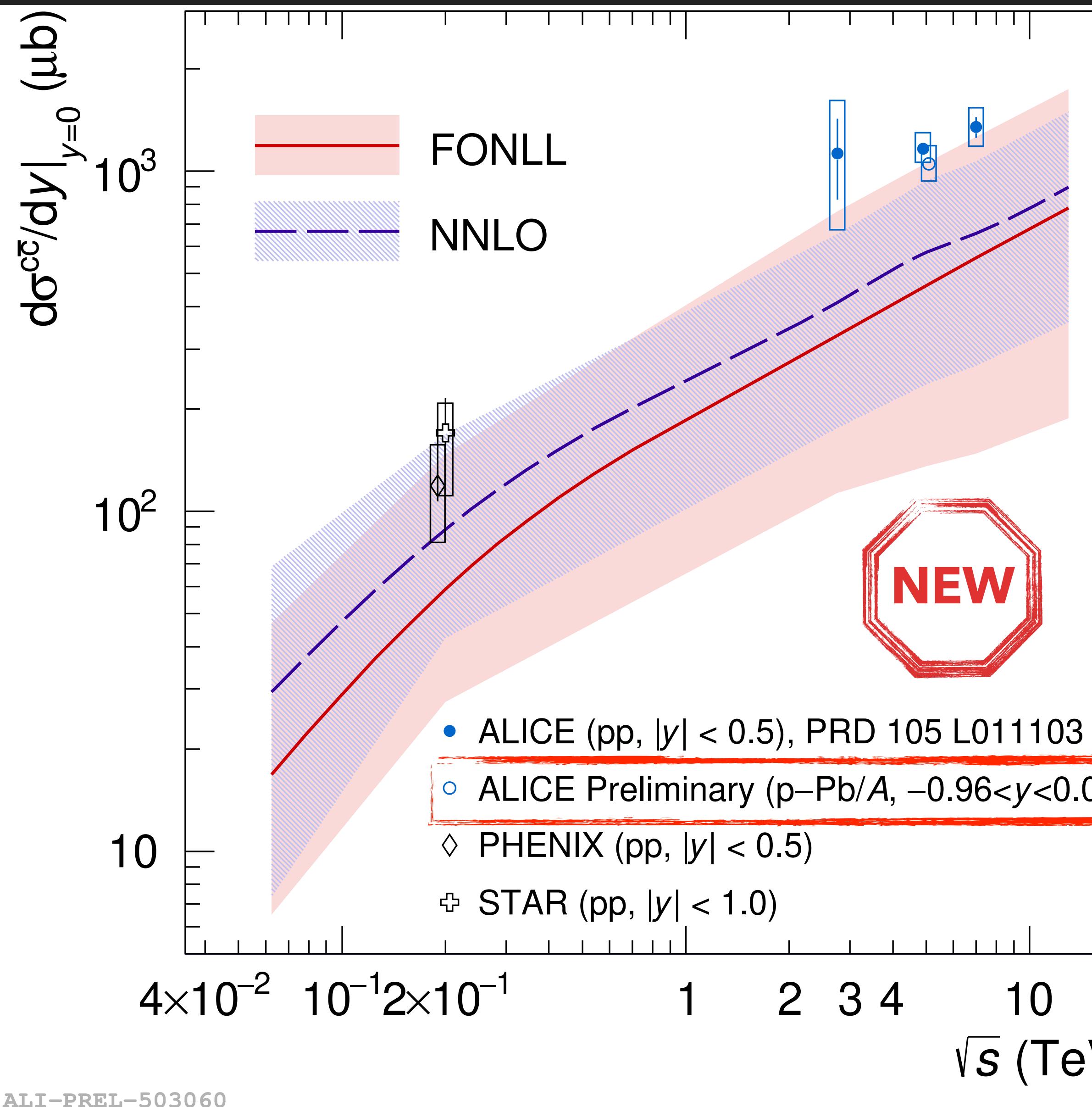
[1] B factories: EPJC 76 no. 7, (2016) 397

[2] LEP: EPJC 75 no. 1, (2015) 19

[3] HERA: EPJC 76 no. 7, (2016) 397

[4] ALICE: JHEP 10 (2021) 159

# $c\bar{c}$ production cross section



- [1] STAR: Phys. Rev. D 86 (2012) 072013
- [2] PHENIX: Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 044905
- [3] FONLL: JHEP 10 (2012) 137
- [4] Charm NNLO: PRL 118 (2017) 12, 122001

**Sum of all charm hadron ground states**

- ▶ Results in pp@2.76 & 7 TeV from D mesons updated with FFs from pp@5.02 TeV
  - ▶ ~40% increase driven by observed baryon enhancement
- ▶ On upper edge of FONLL<sup>[3]</sup> and NNLO<sup>[4]</sup> calculations

# Summary

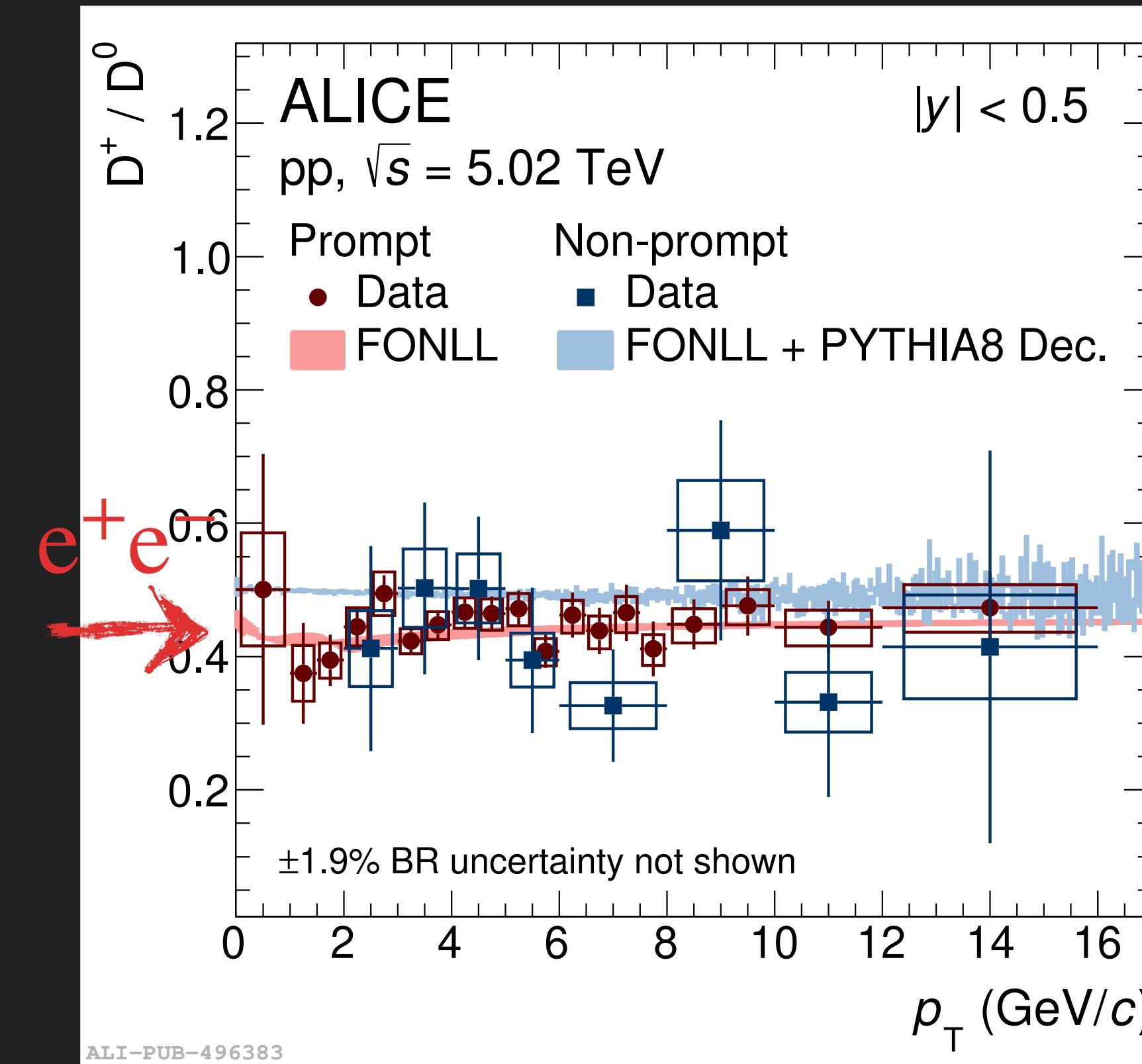
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- ▶  $\Lambda_c^+$  was measured down to  $p_T = 0$  in pp and p-Pb collisions
- ▶ Charm hadronisation mechanisms need further investigations
  - ▶ Coalescence in pp ?
- ▶ Evidence that the charm fragmentation fractions are not universal
- ▶ Re-distribution of  $p_T$  that acts differently for  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$ , no modification of overall  $p_T$ -integrated yield ratio
  - ▶ Based on what was seen in strange sector ((multi-)strange baryon enhancement as a function of multiplicity), enhancement of  $\Xi_c^{0,+}/D^0$  and  $\Omega_c^0/D^0$  with multiplicity should be expected. Will we see it?
  - ▶ Same mechanism in all collision systems? Modified hadronisation? Radial flow?

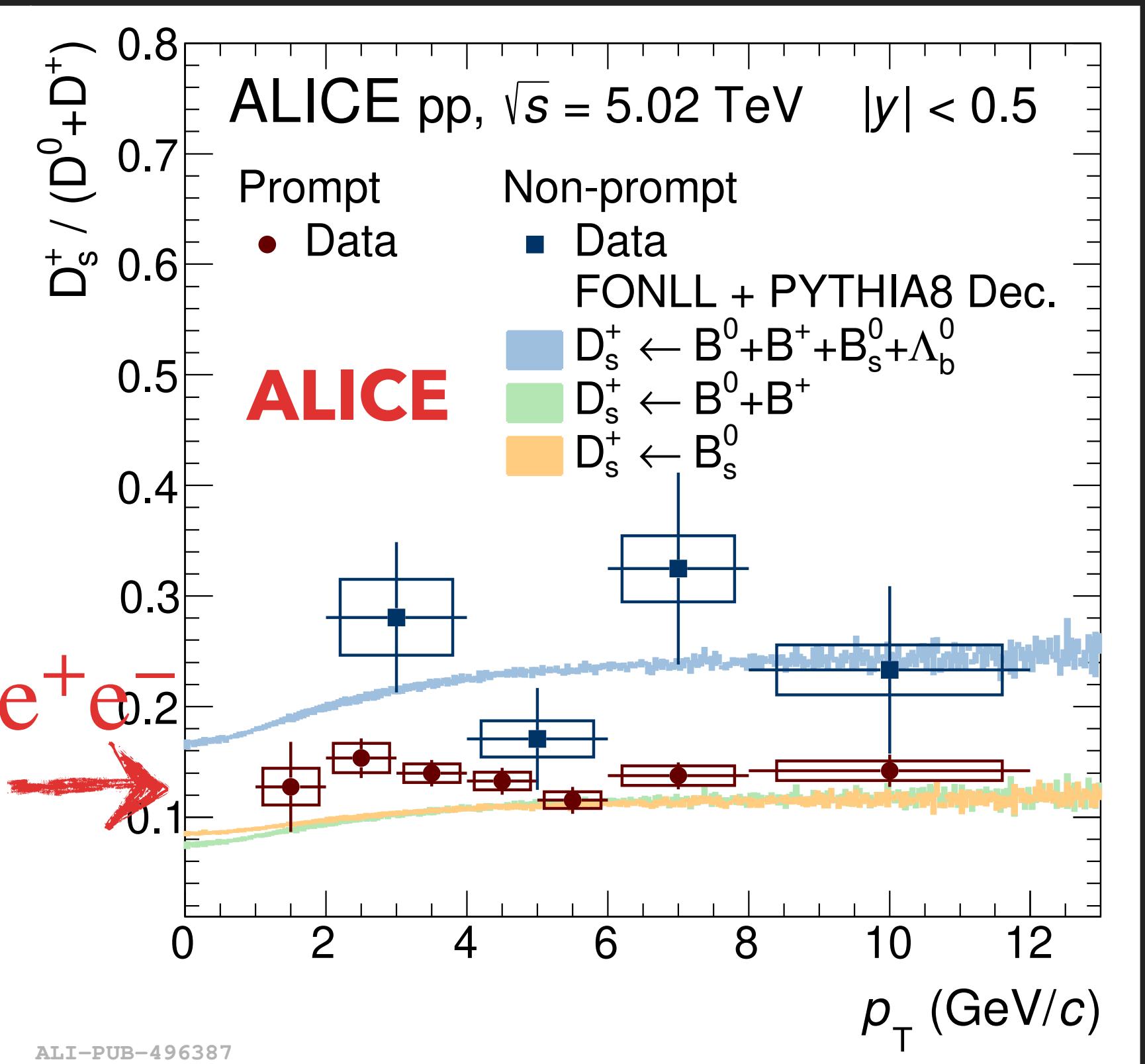
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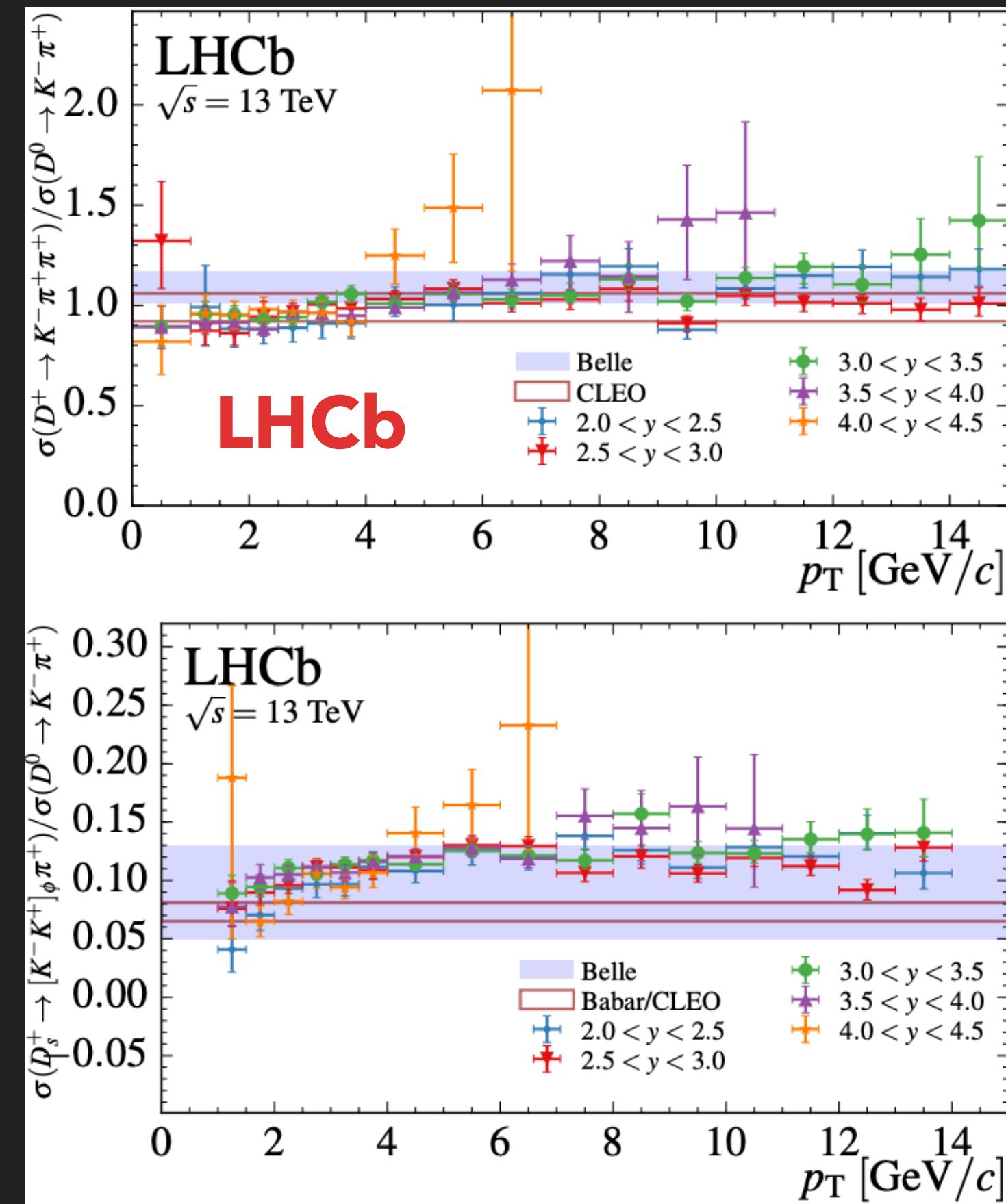
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- Prompt and non-prompt D meson ratios independent of  $p_T$  and collision system
- Agreement with model calculations based on a factorisation approach and relying on universal fragmentation functions and with  $e^+e^-$  and  $e^-p$  measurements
- Compatible results between ALICE and LHCb



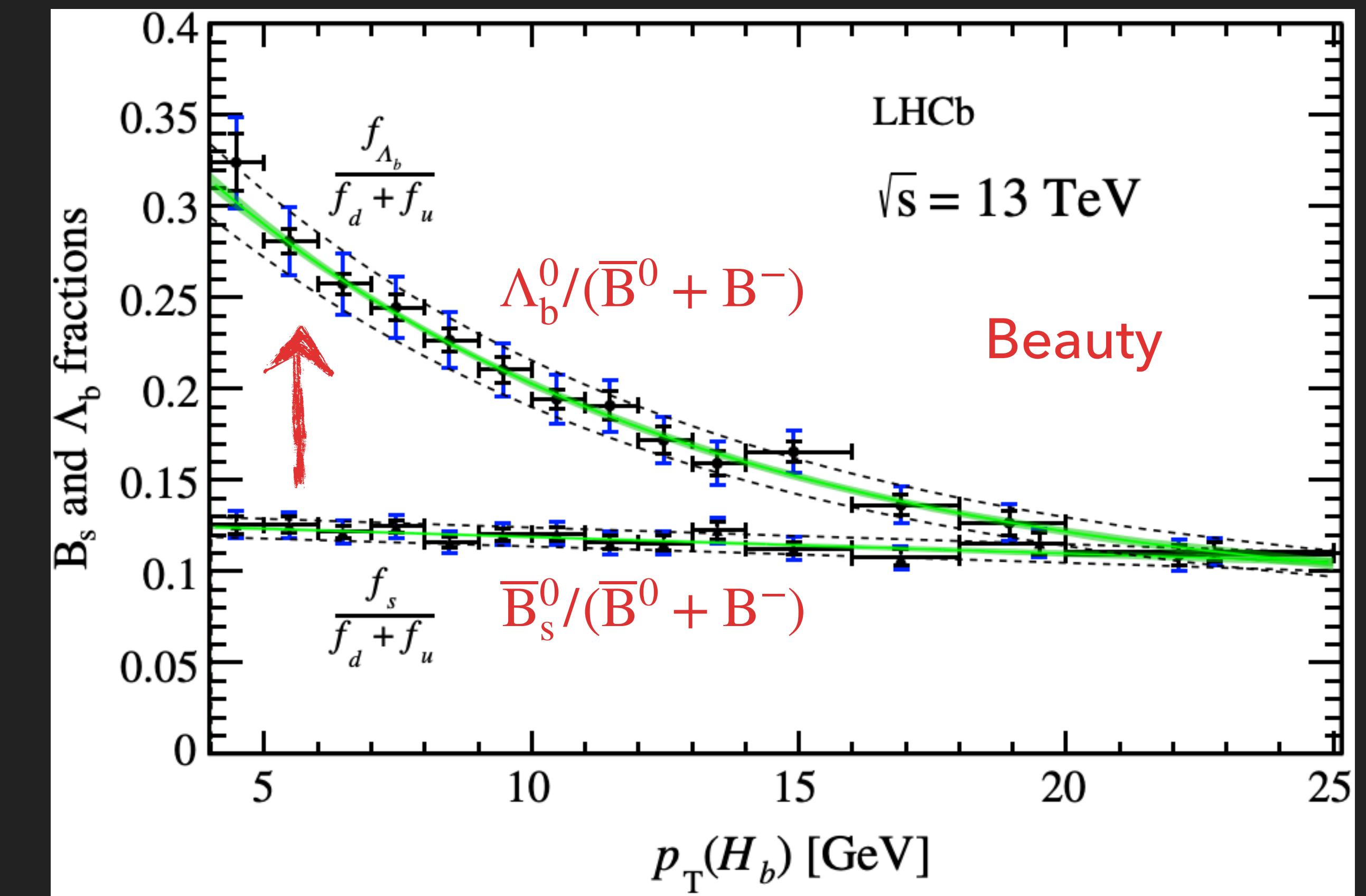
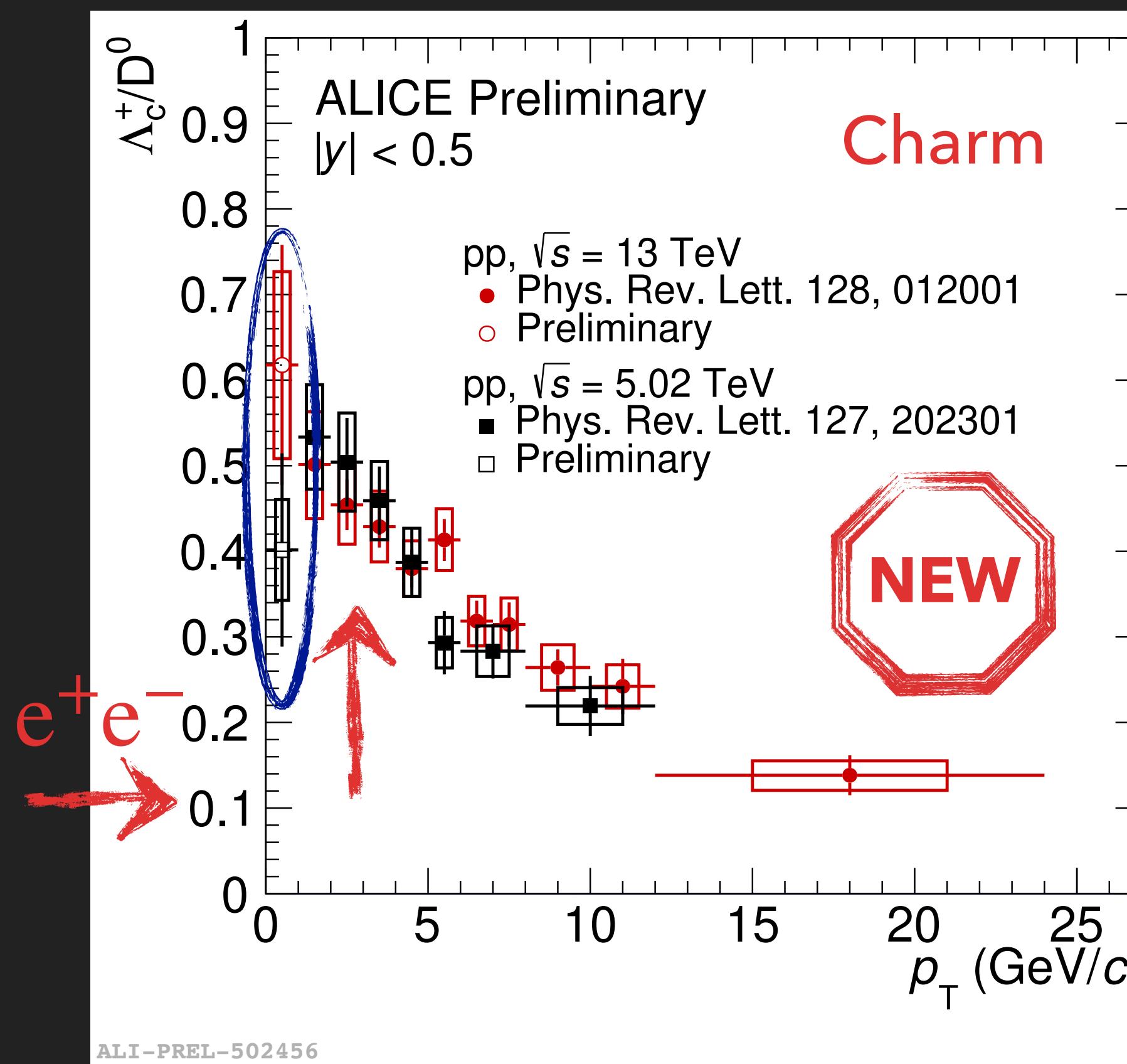
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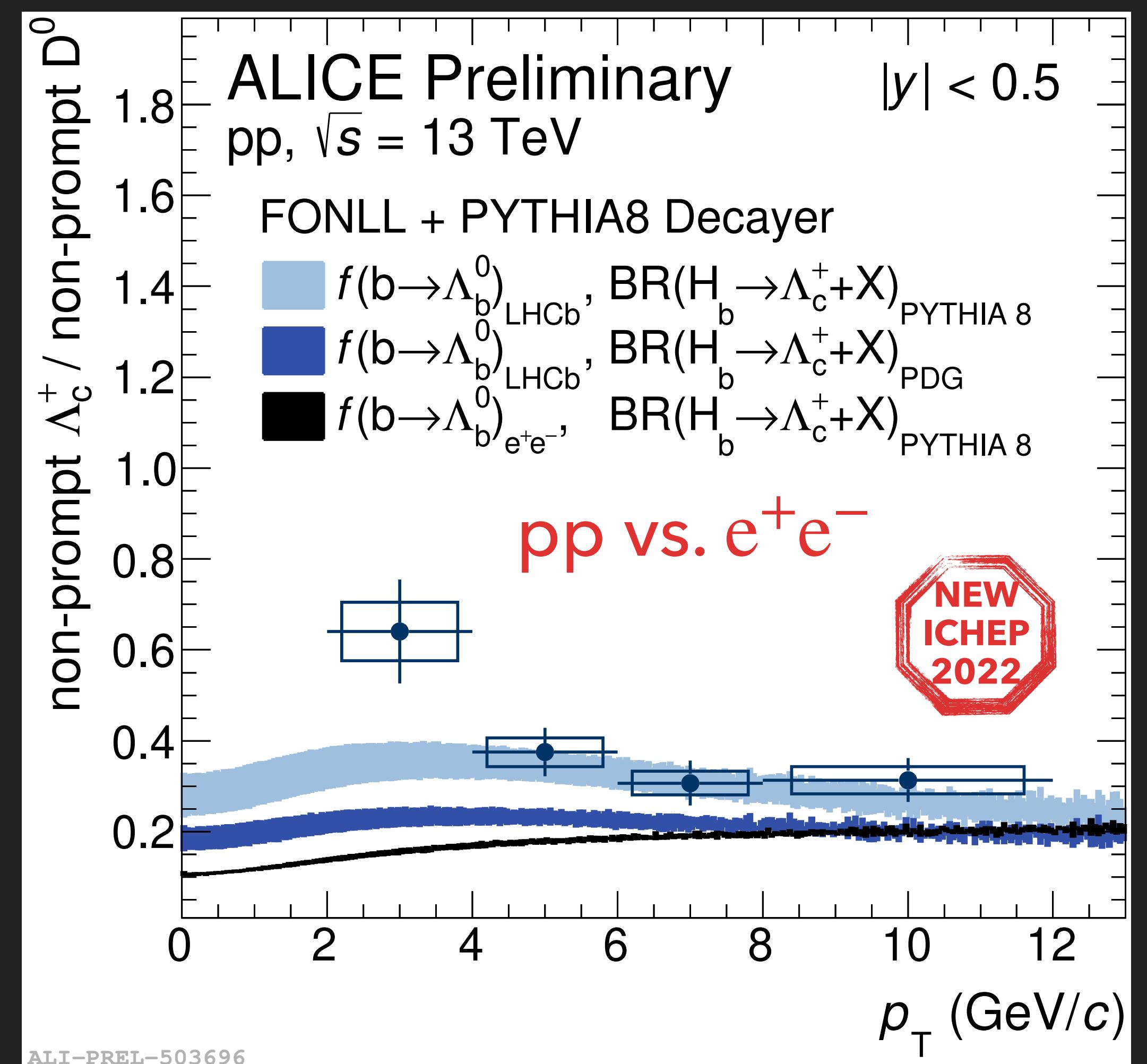
# Charm and beauty baryon-to-meson ratio in pp collisions

- ▶ Charm baryon-to-meson ratios significantly higher than  $e^+e^-$  results
- ▶ PYTHIA 8 Monash ( $e^+e^-$  charm fragmentation functions)
- ▶ Beauty baryon-to-meson enhancement at low  $p_T$  also observed

 LHCb: Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019), 031102

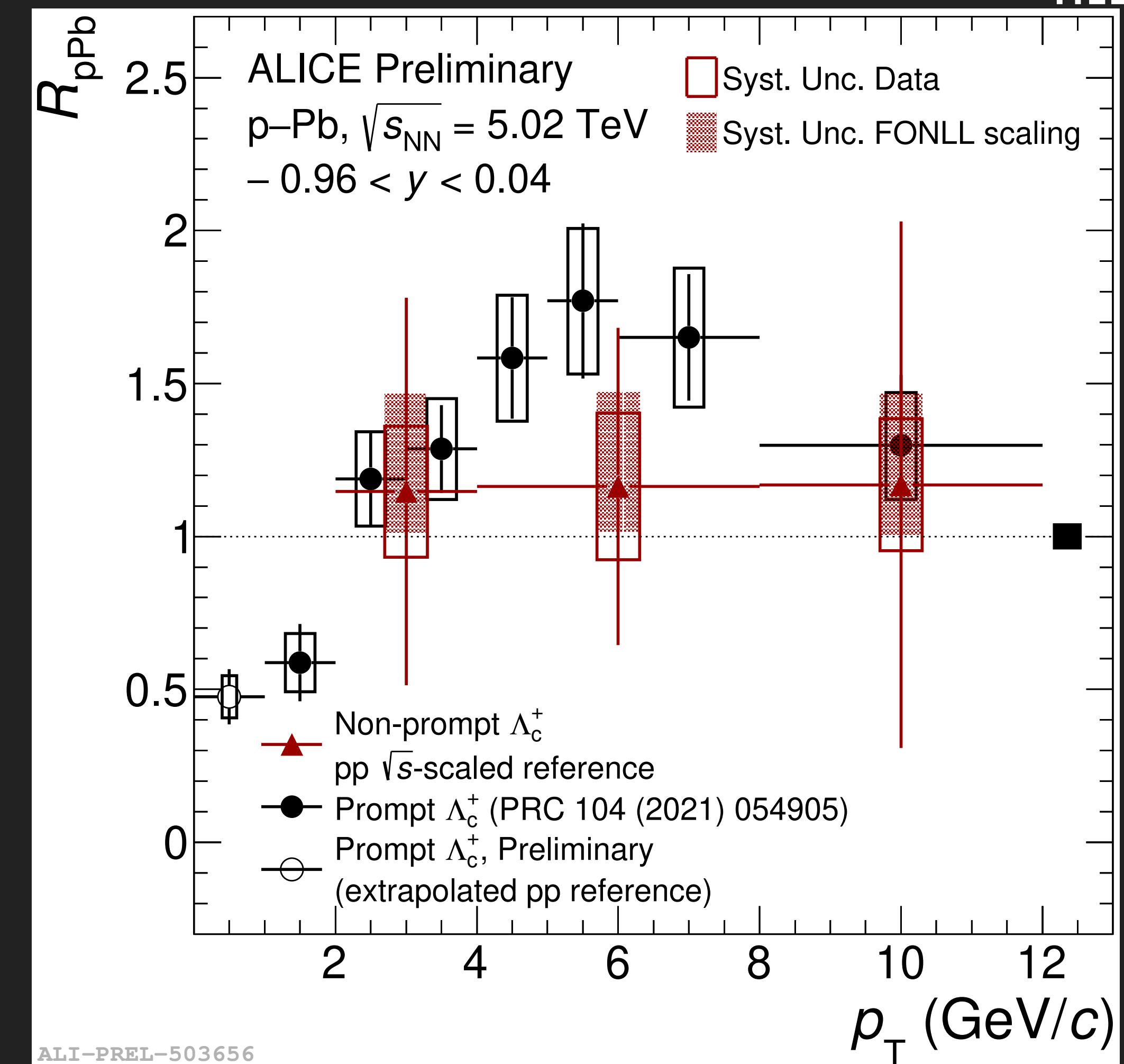
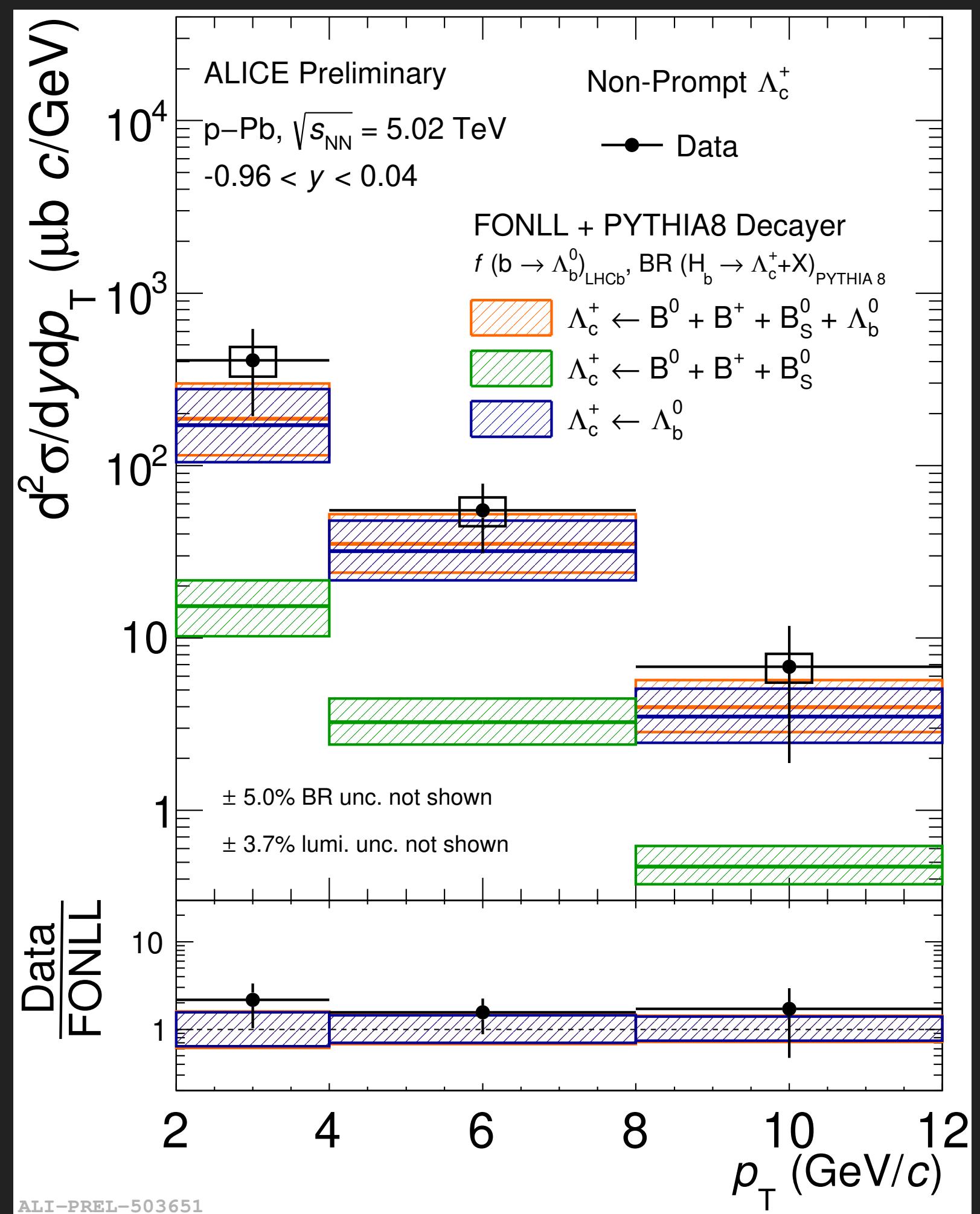


# Non-prompt $\Lambda_c^+/\text{D}^0$ ratio in pp@13 TeV



- ▶ Non-prompt  $\Lambda_c^+/\text{D}^0$ : pp vs.  $e^+ e^-$
- ▶ Enhanced beauty-baryon production in pp w.r.t.  $e^+ e^-$  (different hadronization mechanism?)

# Non-prompt $\Lambda_c^+$ production in p-Pb@5.02 TeV



- ▶ Non-prompt  $\Lambda_c^+$
- ▶  $p_T$  dependence well reproduced by theoretical calculations, same as pp

- ▶ Non-prompt  $\Lambda_c^+ R_{pPb}$
- ▶ Compatible with unity and with prompt  $\Lambda_c^+ R_{pPb}$  within the large uncertainties