

From soft to hard observables: recent experimental results from ALICE



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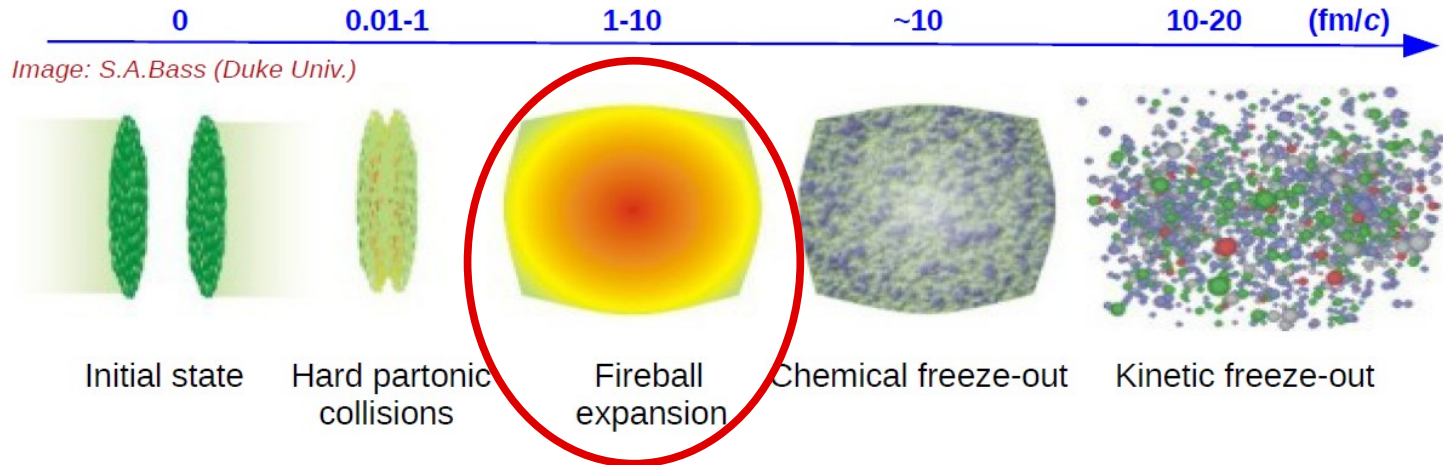
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The physics of ALICE



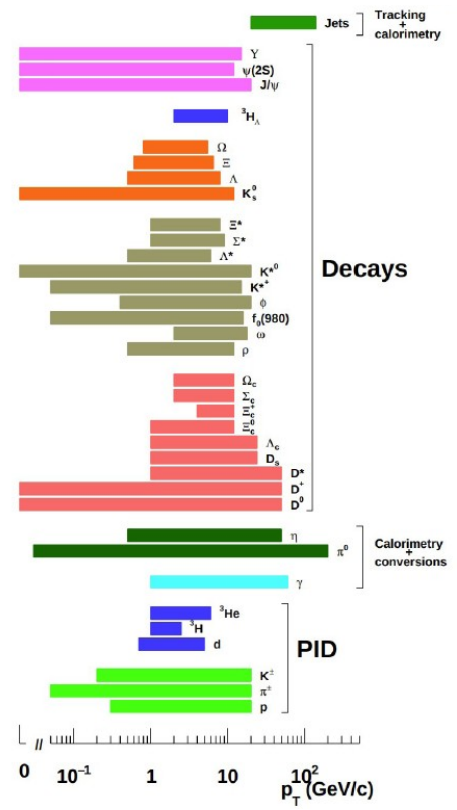
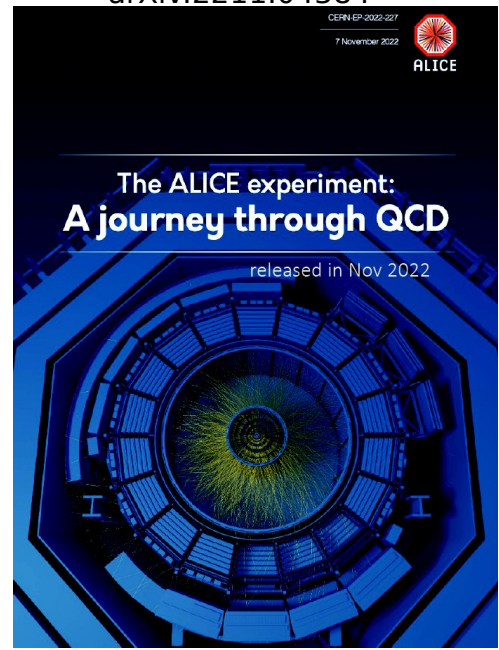
Quark-gluon plasma
(QGP): deconfined state of strongly-interacting QCD matter

- ✓ Main goal of the ALICE Physics program: study the properties and the evolution of a heavy-ion collision, with a particular attention to the **QGP** state
- ✓ Rich program of measurements in **small systems**, namely **pp** and **p-Pb** collisions
 - **reference** measurements for interpreting heavy-ion results (e.g. vacuum production, Cold Nuclear Matter effects)
 - characterization of **high-multiplicity events** and search for **collectivity** in small systems

The physics of ALICE

- ✓ Very broad and multi-disciplinary physics program
- ✓ Only a selection of results shown in the following slides !
- ✓ A more comprehensive summary of ALICE highlights in Run 1 & 2 available in the ALICE review paper

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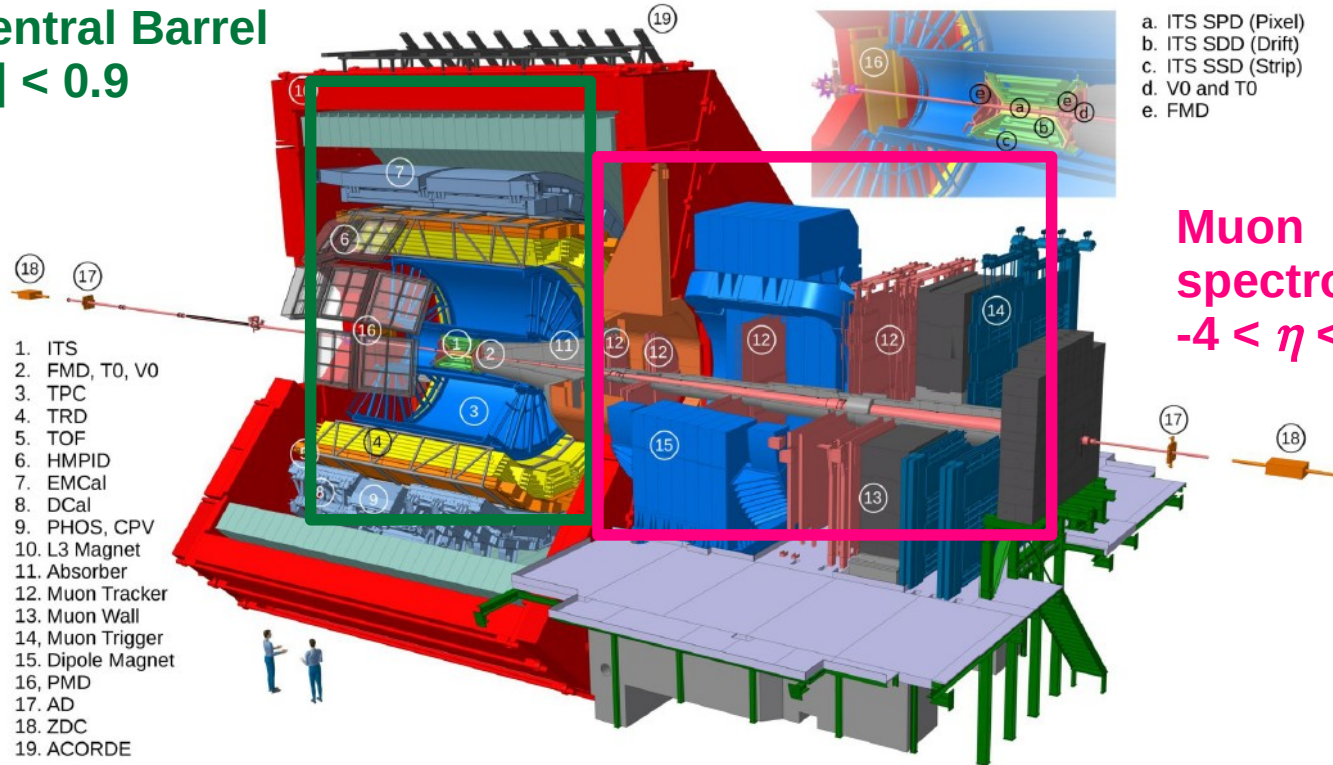


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The ALICE detector in Run 1 & Run 2

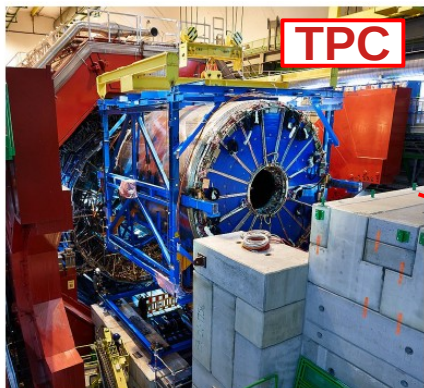
Central Barrel
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- ✓ Designed to study the QGP and heavy-ion collisions
- ✓ Excellent tracking, vertexing and PID up to very high multiplicities and low transverse momentum

The ALICE detector in Run 3

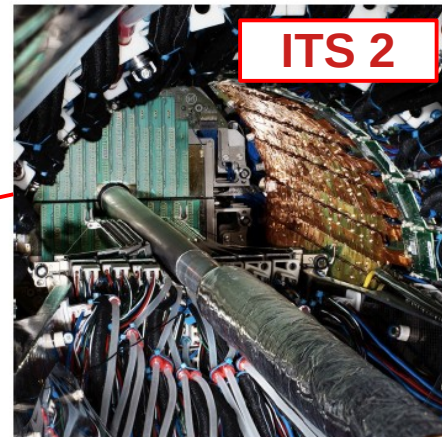
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TPC: JINST 16 P03022 (2021)
MFT: CDS link
FIT: NIM 1039 (2022) 167021



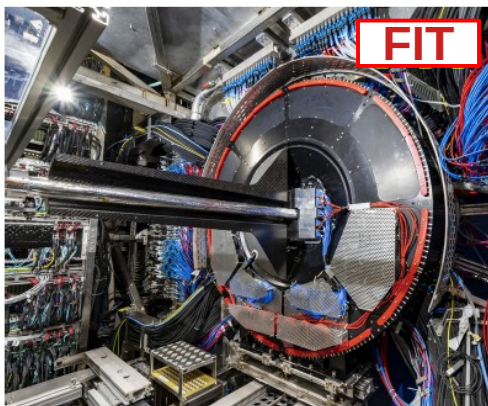
TPC

Upgraded Time Projection Chamber:
new readout chambers with Gas Electron Multipliers (GEM)

Upgraded Inner tracking system:
7 layers (10 m² silicon tracker) based on MAPS. First detection layer at 23 mm (thanks to the reduced beam pipe radius)

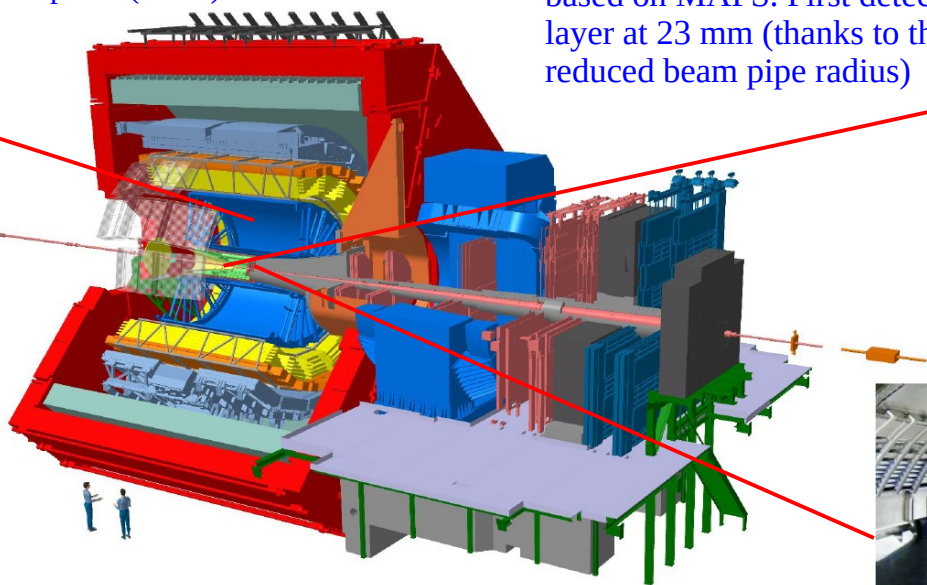


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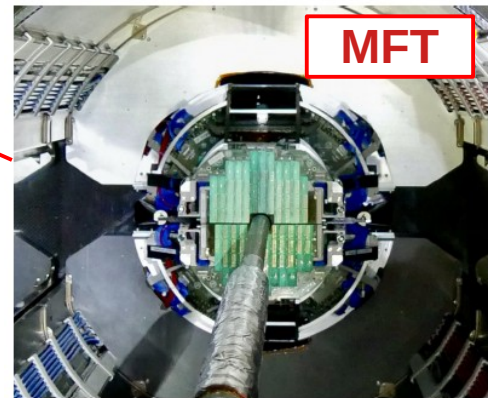


FIT

New Fast Interaction Trigger: interaction trigger, online luminometer, forward multiplicity

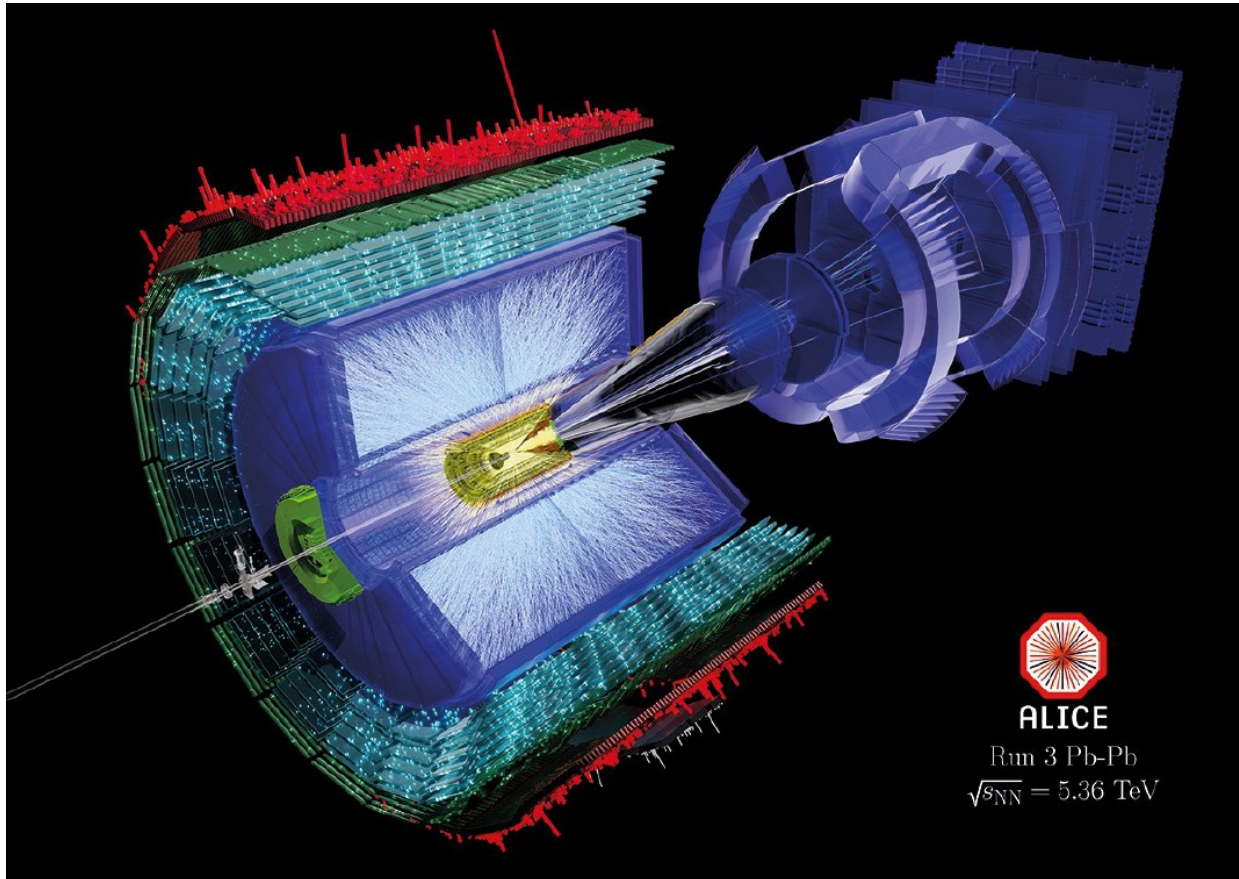


New Forward Muon Tracker:
5 planes of MAPS at forward rapidity, forward vertexing and tracking for muons

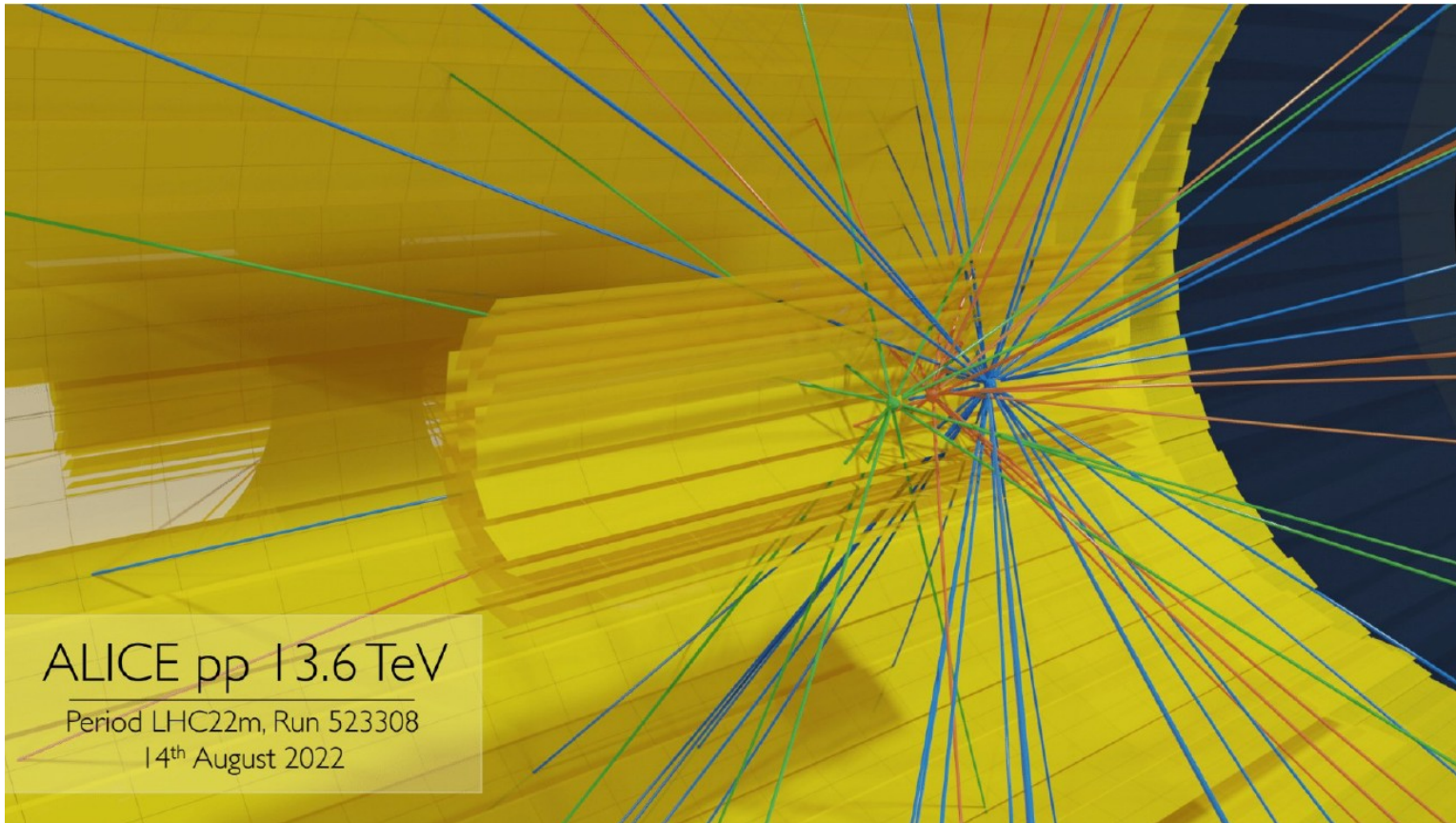


MFT

ALICE Run 3 data taking... a glimpse



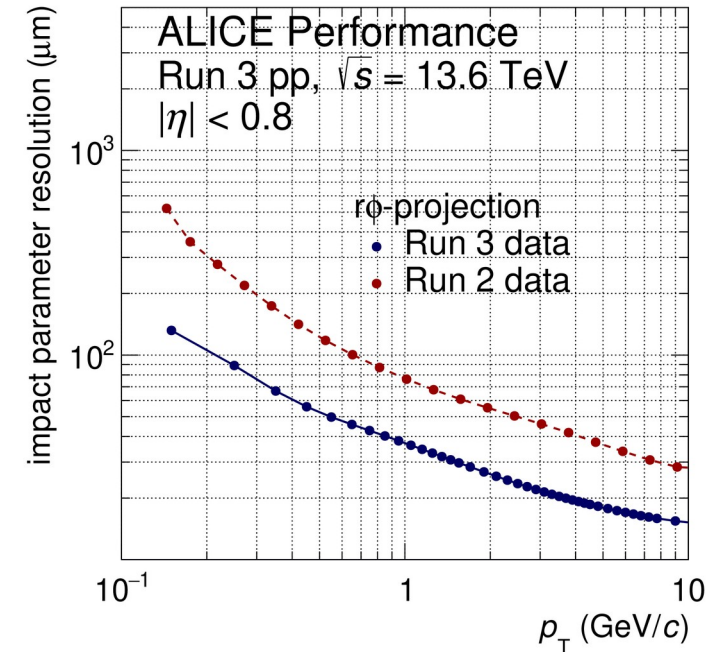
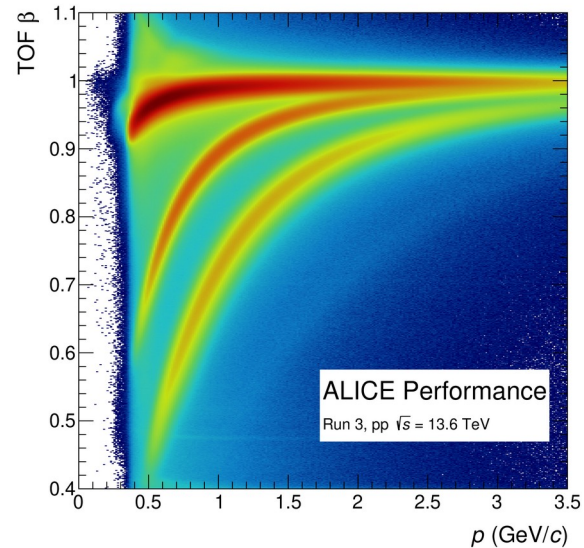
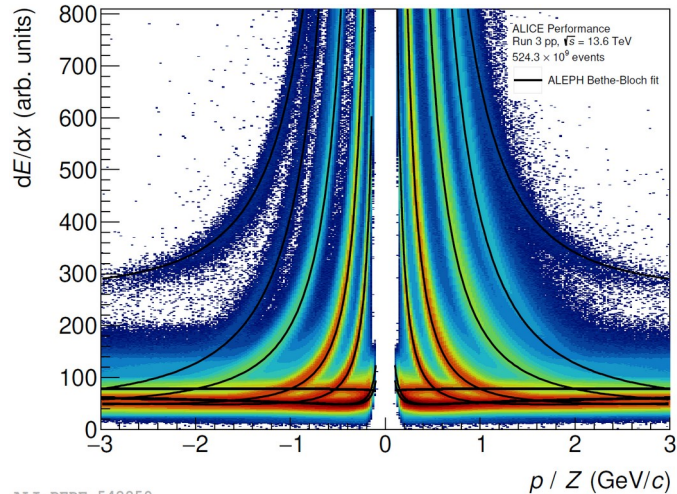
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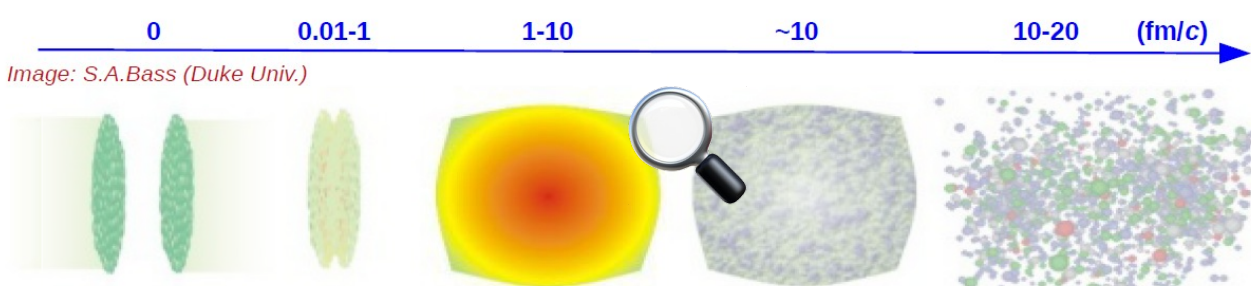
ALICE performance in Run 3

- ✓ Continuous readout
 - **500 kHz in pp** (software trigger for selecting rare events)
 - **goal: 50 kHz in Pb-Pb** (x 50 compared to Run 2)
 - between 500 and 1000 more events compared to Run 2!

- ✓ **Excellent performance of the detector in Run 3!**



The physics of ALICE

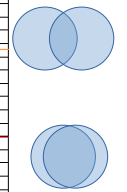
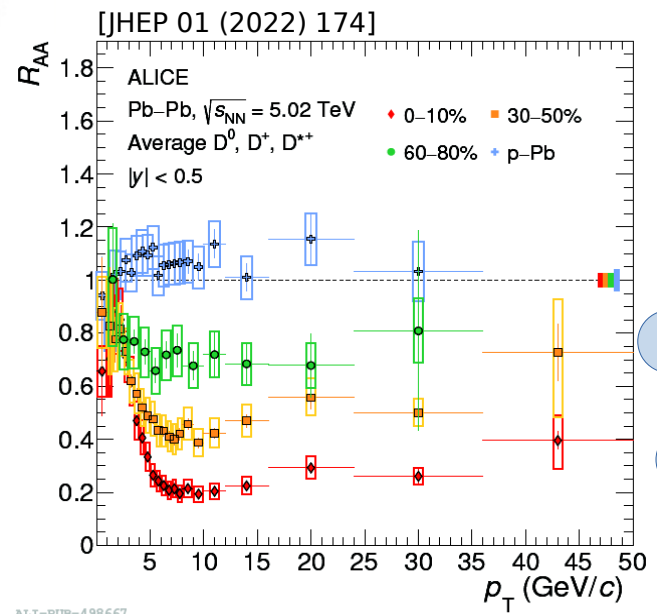


Interaction with medium and Hadronization

- ✓ For hard processes $R_{AA} = 1$ if no modifications induced by the nuclear medium
- ✓ Clear suppression for $p_T > 3$ GeV/c, beyond CNM effects (estimated via R_{pPb})
- ✓ Evolution with the centrality: increasing medium density, size and lifetime from peripheral to central collisions

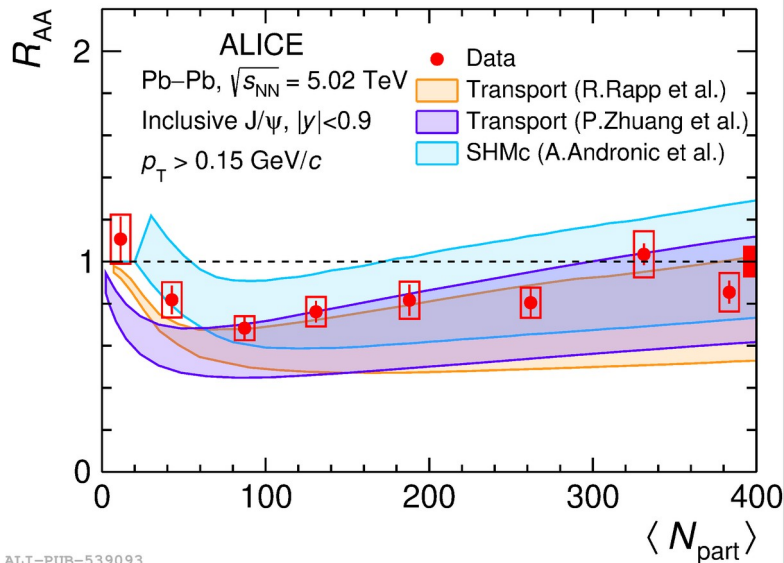
Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}

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



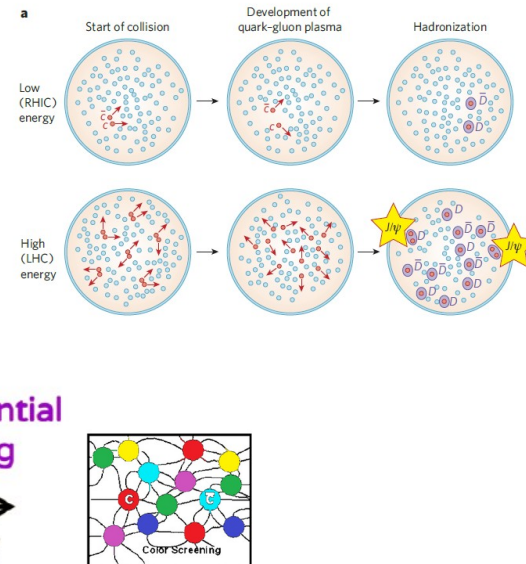
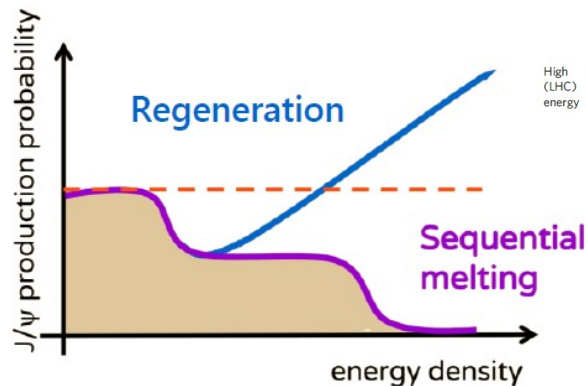
Quarkonia: dissociation vs regeneration

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SHMc: Andronic A. et al., Phys. Lett. B797 (2019) 134836,
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 T2: Zhou et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 054911 (21 May 2014)



- **Models including regeneration mechanism in fair agreement with data**

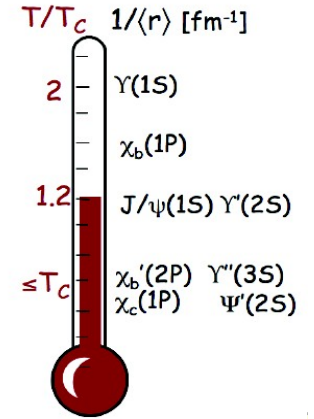
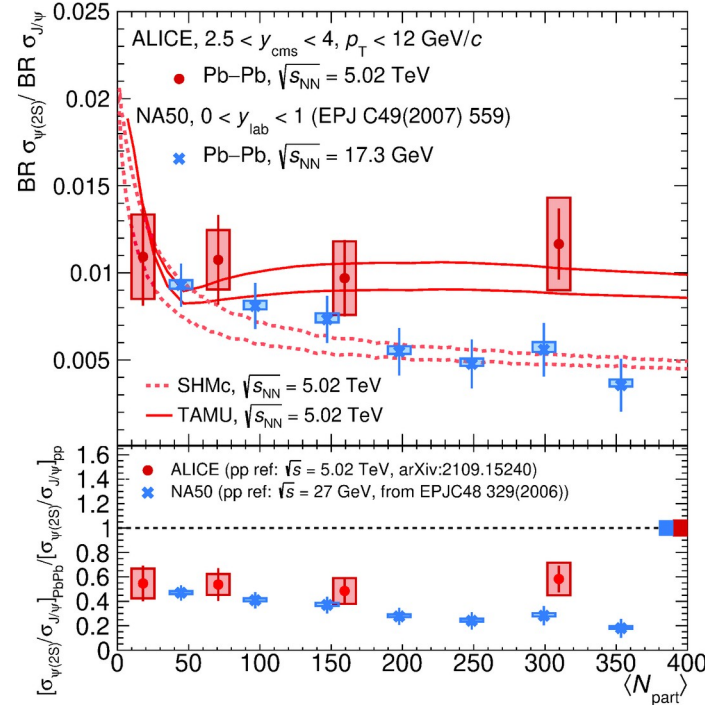
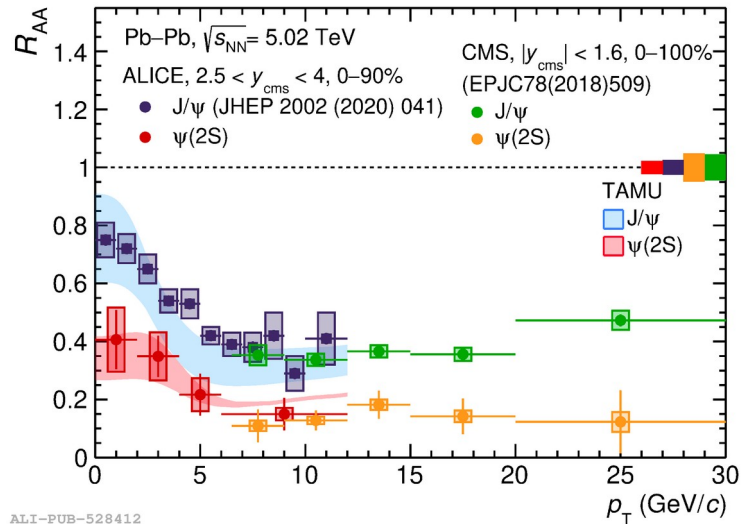
- Statistical Hadronization (SHMc): all charmonia produced at the QGP phase boundary with thermal weights
- Transport model (TAMU): solve Boltzmann equation with gain (regeneration) and loss (melting) terms

- **large uncertainties on the models arise from charm cross sections and poor constrained nuclear PDF**

Quarkonia: dissociation vs regeneration

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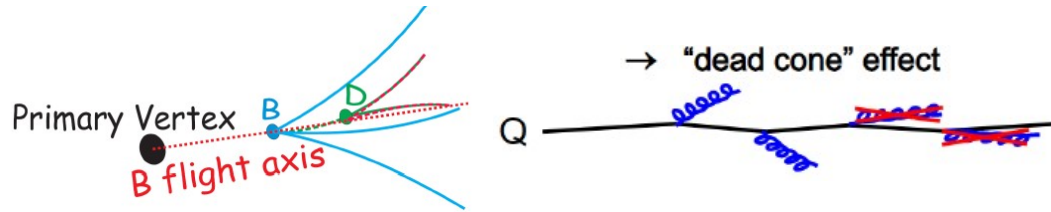
- ✓ $\psi(2S)$ less bounded \rightarrow relative contributions of suppression / regeneration expected to change



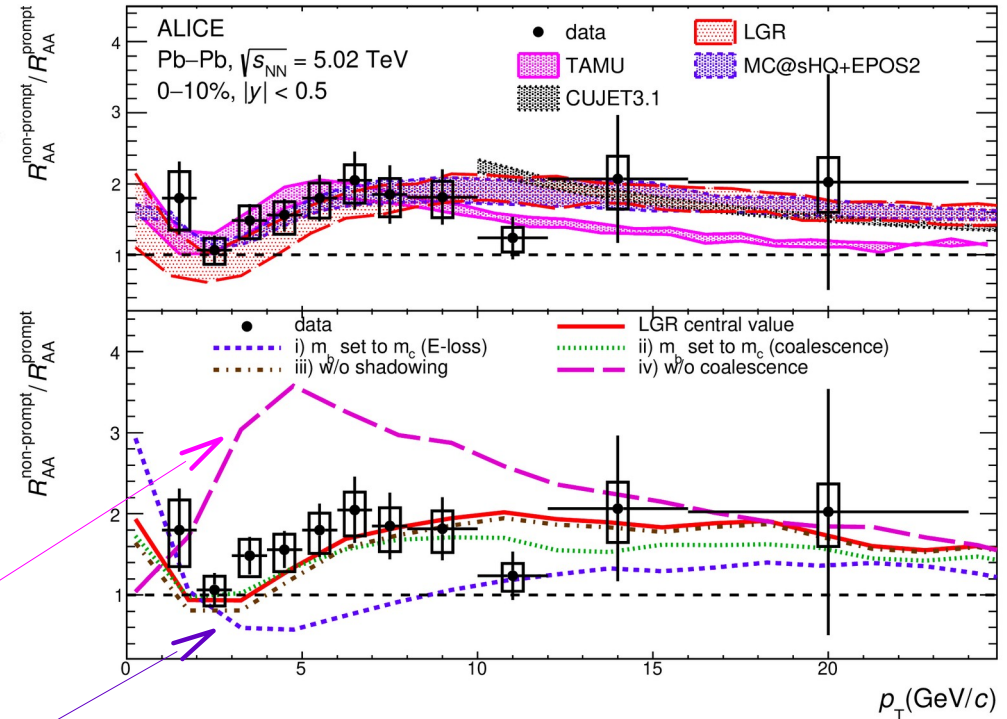
- ✓ $\psi(2S)$ more suppressed compared to J/ψ
- ✓ ψ -to- J/ψ ratio: powerful tool for disentangle among different regeneration scenarios
- good agreement with transport model; tensions visible with SHMc at higher centralities

SHMc: Andronic A. et al., Phys. Lett. B797 (2019) 134836,
 TAMU: Du X. and Rapp R., Nucl.Phys.A 943 (2015) 147-158

Test energy loss mechanisms via prompt / non-prompt D mesons



- ✓ Larger suppression observed for prompt compared to non-prompt D^0 (proxy of beauty hadrons) above 5 GeV/c
 - expected due to “dead-cone” effect (mass dependence of radiative energy loss)
- ✓ Well described within uncertainties by TAMU, CUJET3.1, LGR and MC@sHQ+EPOS2 → all, but TAMU, include both radiative and collisional energy loss mechanisms
- ✓ Coalescence can explain the minimum observed at low p_T in the non-prompt to prompt $D^0 R_{AA}$ ratio
- ✓ Usage of charm (m_c) in place of beauty (m_b) quark mass significantly underestimates the ratio at intermediate / high p_T → importance of radiative energy loss contribution !



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TAMU: PLB 735 (2014) 445-450
 LGR: EPJC 80 (2020) 671, EPJC 80 (2020) 1113
 MC@sHQ+EPOS2: PRC 89 (2014) 014905
 CUJET3: Chin. Phys. C 43 (2019) 04410

The physics of ALICE

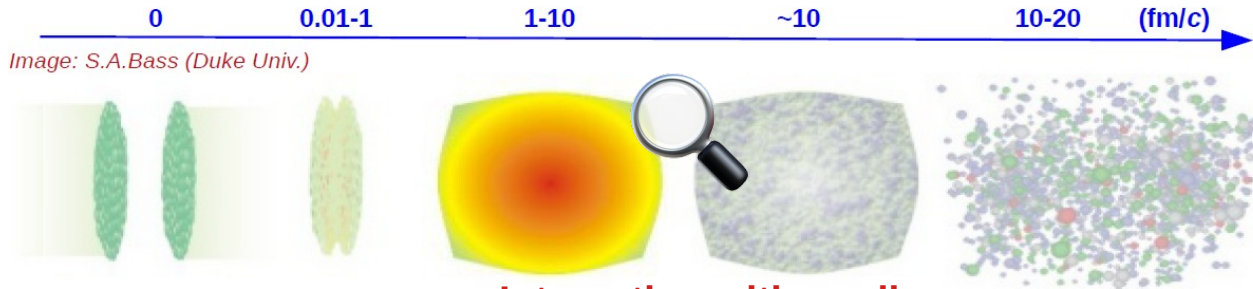
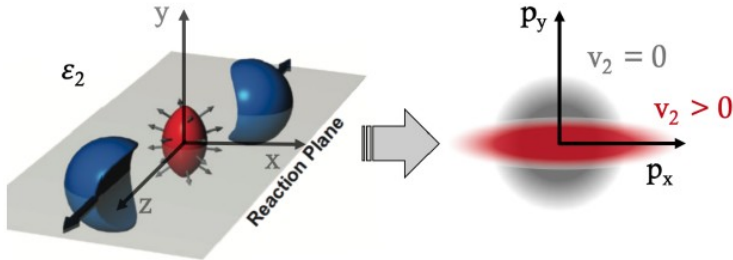


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**Interaction with medium
and Hadronization**

Anisotropic flow

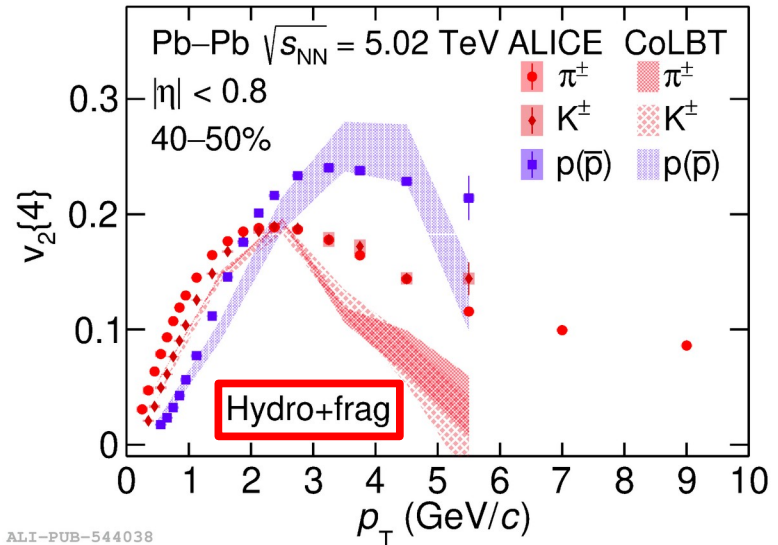


$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cdot \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \quad v_n = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

- ✓ pressure gradients convert any initial geometrical anisotropy into one in the momentum space
- ✓ anisotropy quantified by the 2nd order coefficient v_2 of the Fourier expansion

Anisotropic flow of identified hadrons

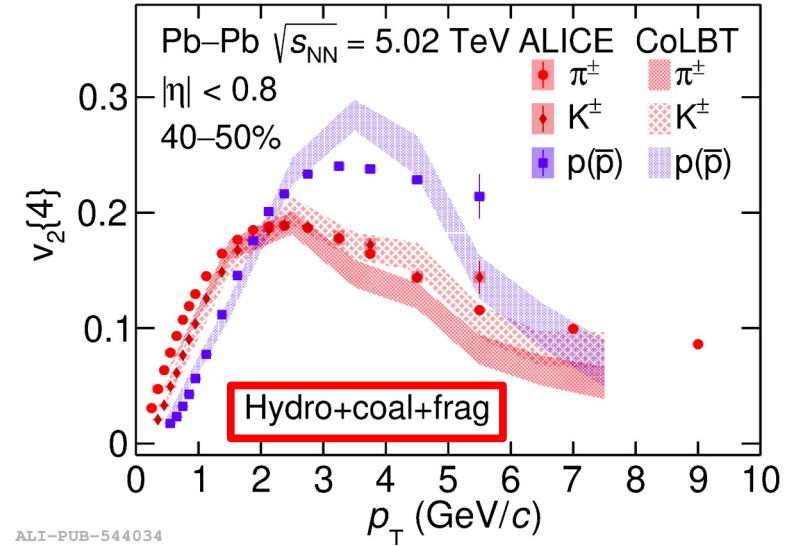
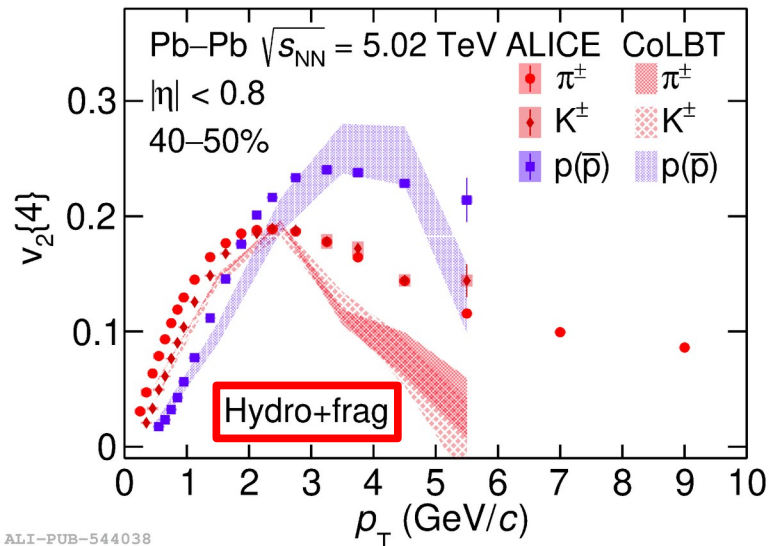
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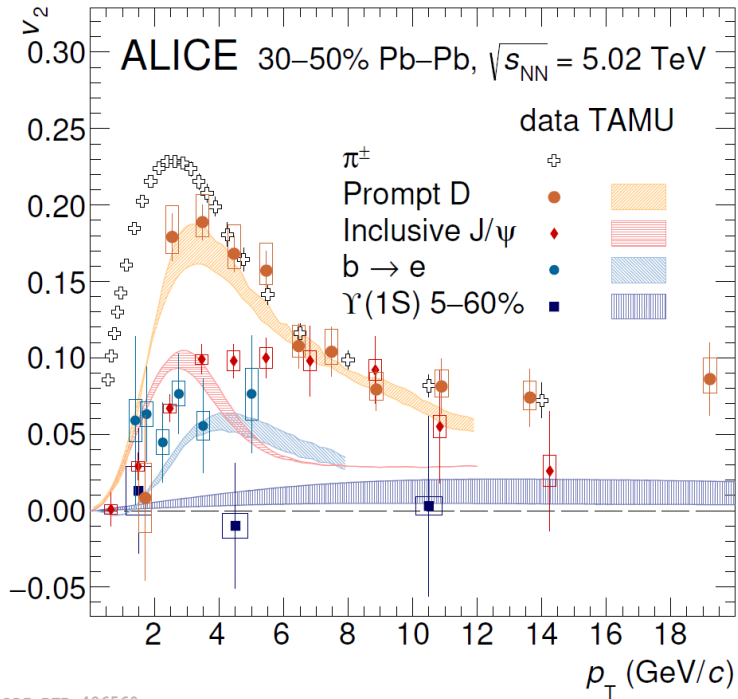
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- ✓ Mass ordering at low p_T
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- ✓ Overall good description provided by CoLBT model (including hydro+coalescence+fragmentation)

Thermalisation of heavy-flavour hadrons in QGP



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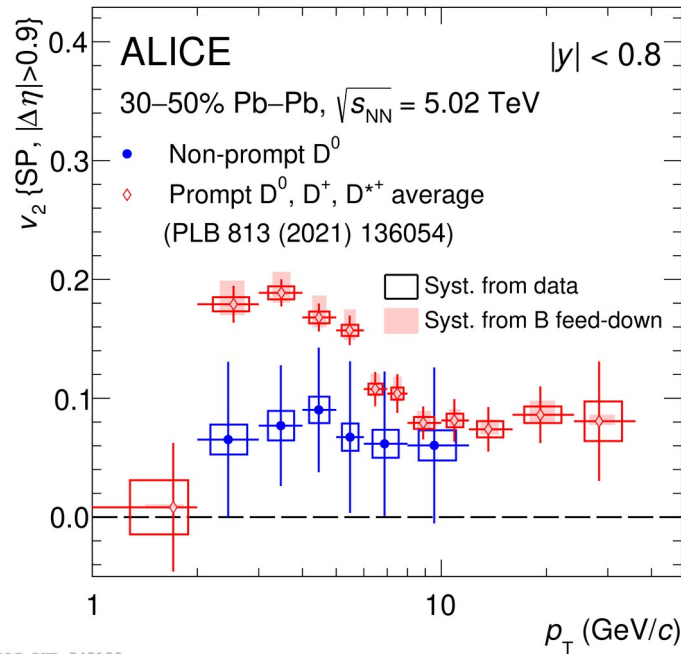
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 Phys. Rev. Lett. 126 (2021) 162001

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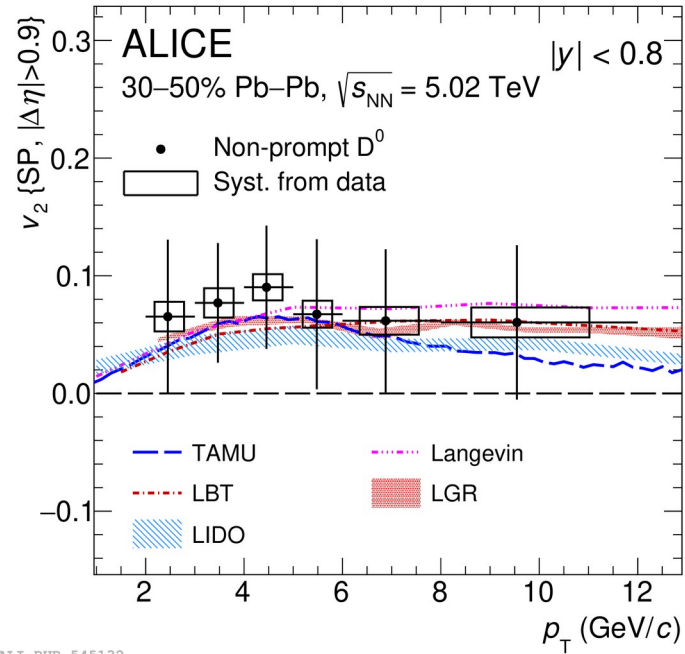
- ✓ Positive v_2 for heavy-flavour hadrons → consistent with the participation of charm / beauty quarks to collective motion in QGP medium
 - clear mass hierarchy at low- p_T : $v_2(\pi) > v_2(D) > v_2(J/\psi)$
 - specie independent v_2 at high- p_T
 - positive v_2 for beauty-hadron decay electrons
 - no significant flow for $\Upsilon(1S)$ state
- ✓ Qualitatively well described by transport model including hadronization via coalescence / regeneration

Thermalisation of heavy-flavour hadrons in QGP

arXiv:2307.14084



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- ✓ 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 $2 < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c$
- ✓ Described by models including hadronization via coalescence and fragmentation

TAMU: M. He et al. PLB 735 445-450 (2014)
 LIDO: W. Ke et al. Phys. Rev. C 98, 064901 (2018)
 LGR: S. Li et al. Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80
 LBT: S. Cao et al. arXiv:1703.00822
 Langevin: S.-Q. Li et al. Chin. Phys. C 44(2020)11, 114101

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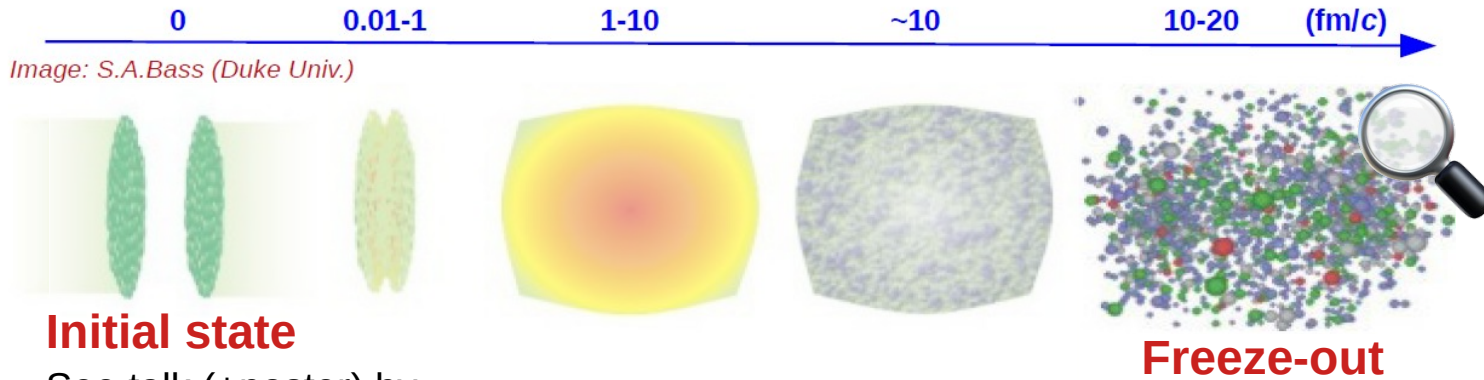


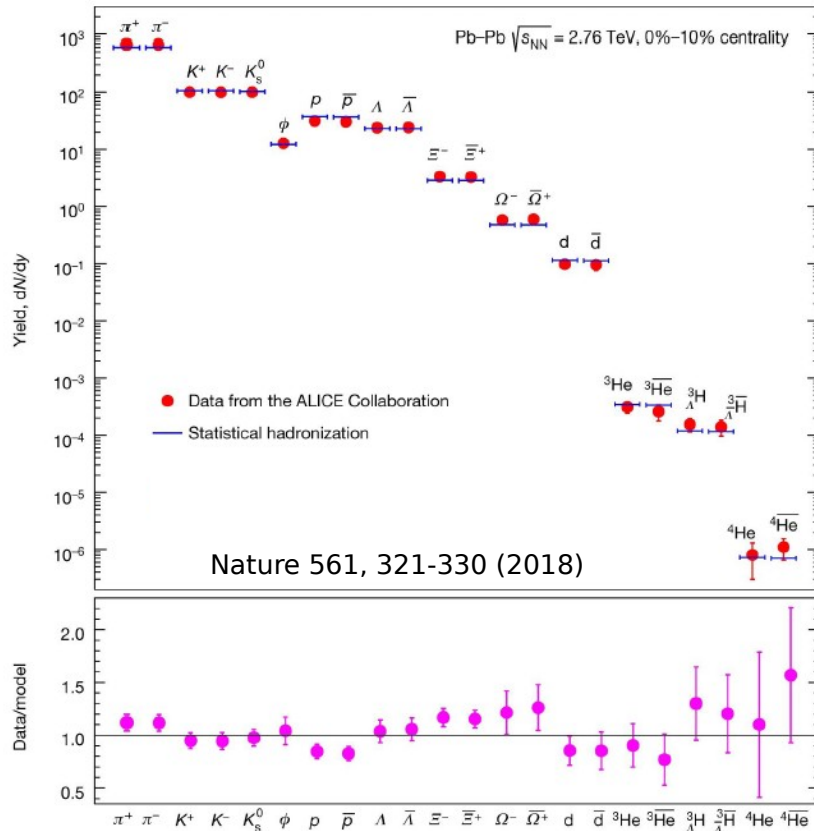
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Initial state

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Andrea Giovanni Riffero,
27th Feb., 10:05

Freeze-out

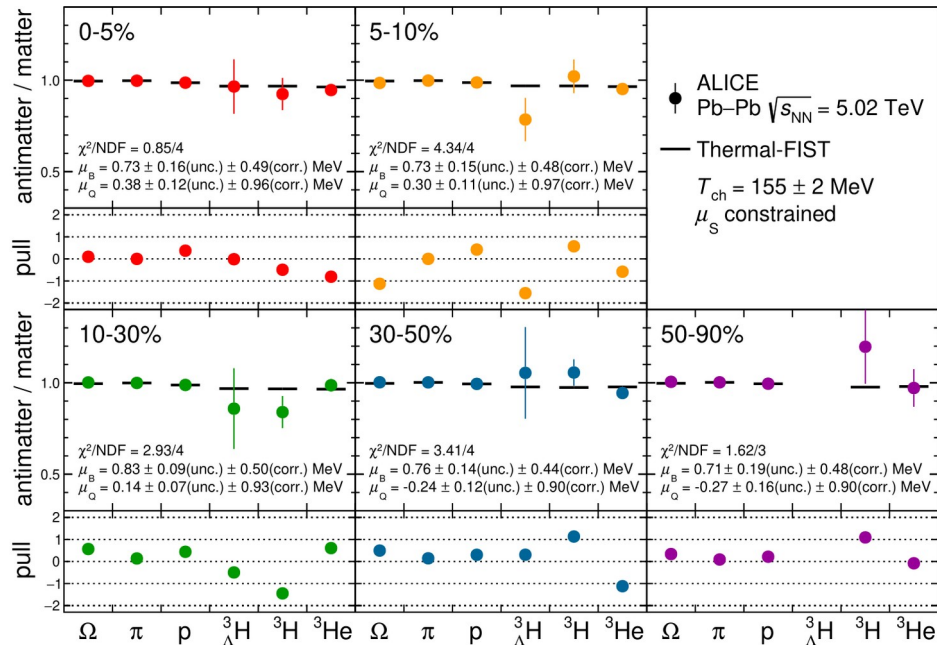
Light-flavour hadron abundances at the freeze-out



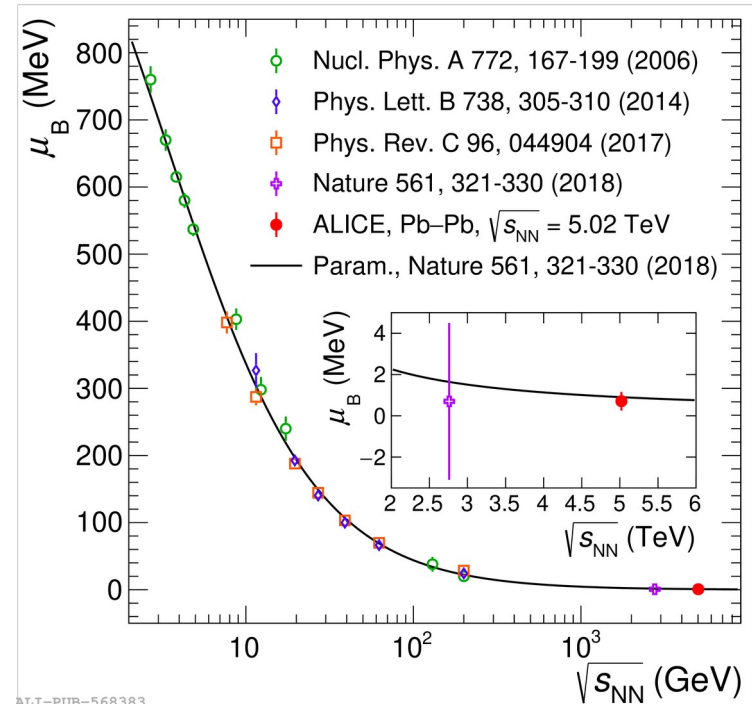
- ✓ Production of light-flavour hadrons well described by Statistical Hadronization Model (SHM) fit over 9 orders of magnitude (Grand Canonical ensemble formulation)
- ✓ Hadron yields can be described as emerging from a hot Hadron-Resonance Gas in thermal equilibrium
 - **At LHC: $\mu_B \sim 0$, $T_{ch} \sim 156$ MeV**
- ✓ Precise determination of the parameters thanks to the wide variety of particle yields available with good experimental precision

Antimatter / matter imbalance at the LHC

arXiv:2311.13332



- ✓ Reduced uncertainties on μ_B w.r.t. global SHM fit thanks to the cancellation of correlated uncertainties in the ratio



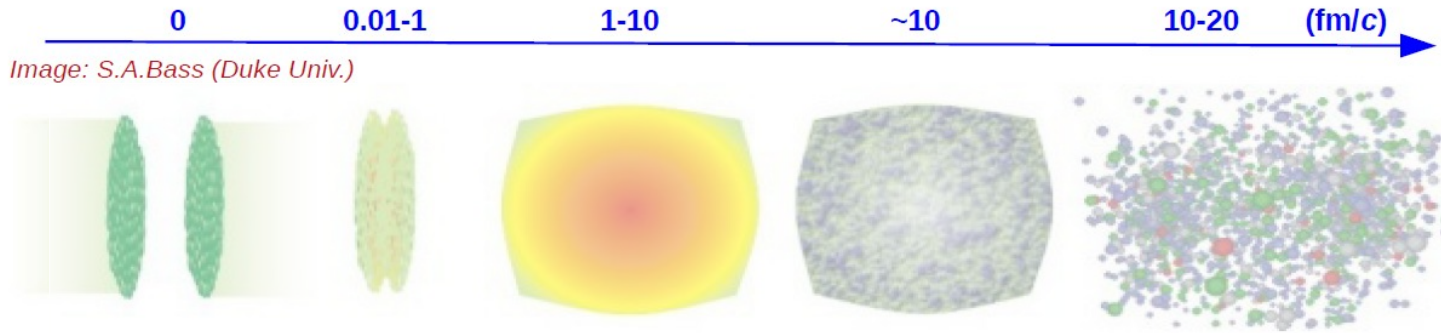
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- ✓ Precise determination of μ_B from antimatter / matter imbalance within the SHM model by fitting:

$$\bar{h}/h \propto \exp \left[-2 \left(B + \frac{S}{3} \right) \frac{\mu_B}{T} - 2I_3 \frac{\mu_{I_3}}{T} \right]$$

with $T = 156.2 \pm 2$ MeV

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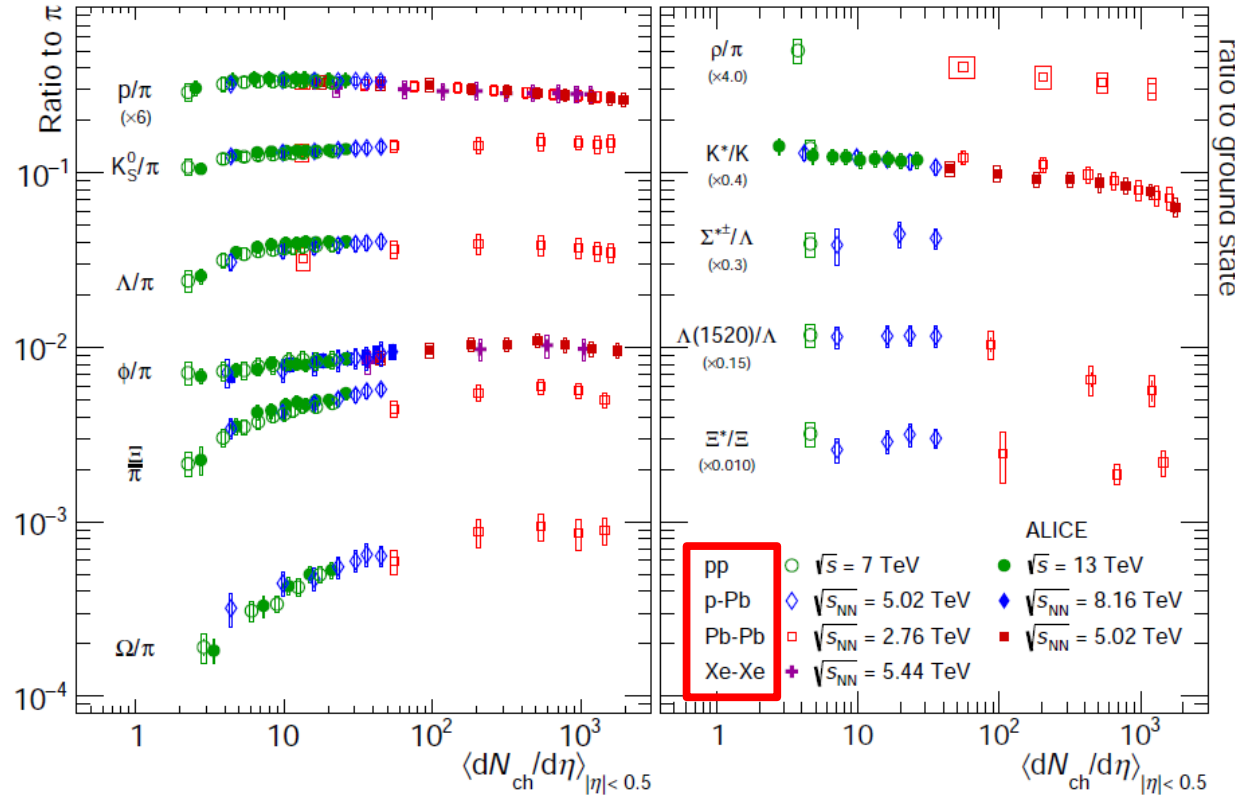
From large to small systems...



See also talks by:
Michele Pennisi, 26th Feb., 09:50
Sara Pucillo, 26th Feb., 15:10

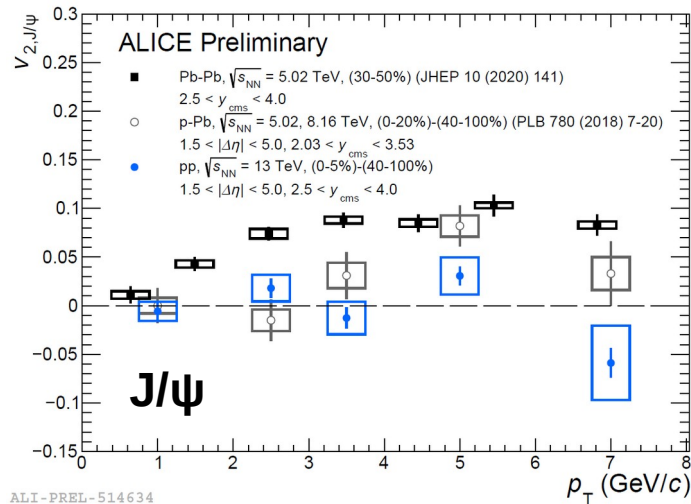
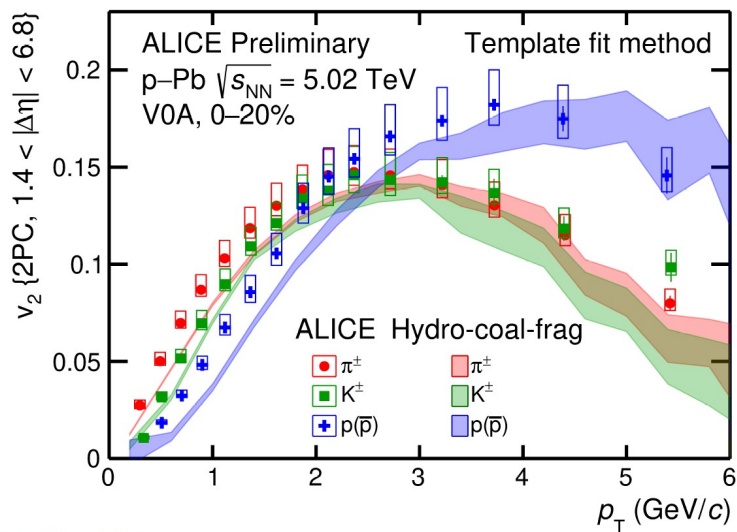
Particle production across systems

arXiv:2211.04384



- ✓ Smooth trend of multiplicity dependent particle production ratios from pp to Pb-Pb multiplicities
- ✓ Is charged particle multiplicity the relevant parameter to explain strangeness enhancement (or other “QGP-like” effects) in small systems ?

Collectivity in small systems ?

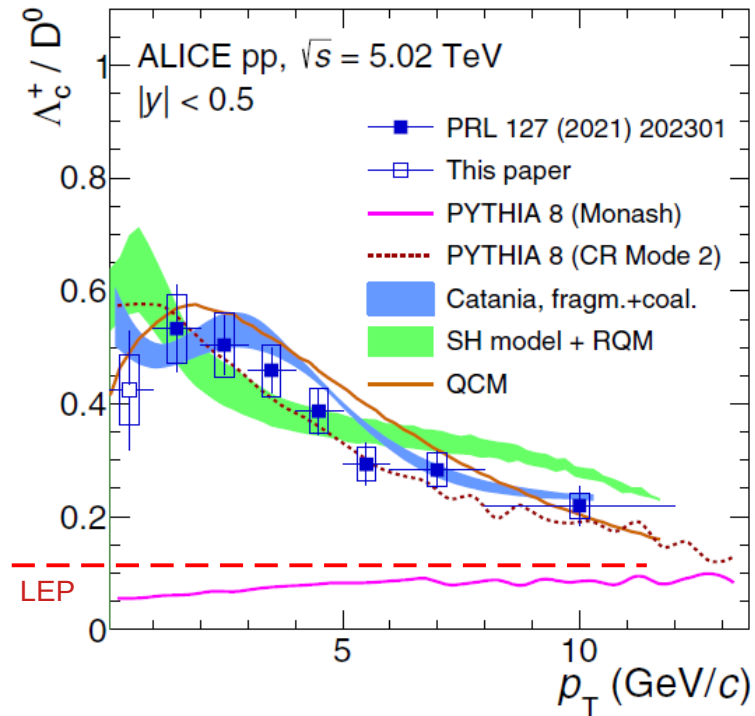


→ **Common mechanism at the origin of the flow in large and small systems ?**

- ✓ Similar mass ordering and meson-baryon splitting in p-Pb collisions as observed in Pb-Pb collisions
- ✓ Comparison with models indicate that coalescence is needed to describe the flow at intermediate p_T
- ✓ Collective behaviour observed in p-Pb collisions also for J/ψ, but only at high p_T

The “baryon anomaly” in the HF sector

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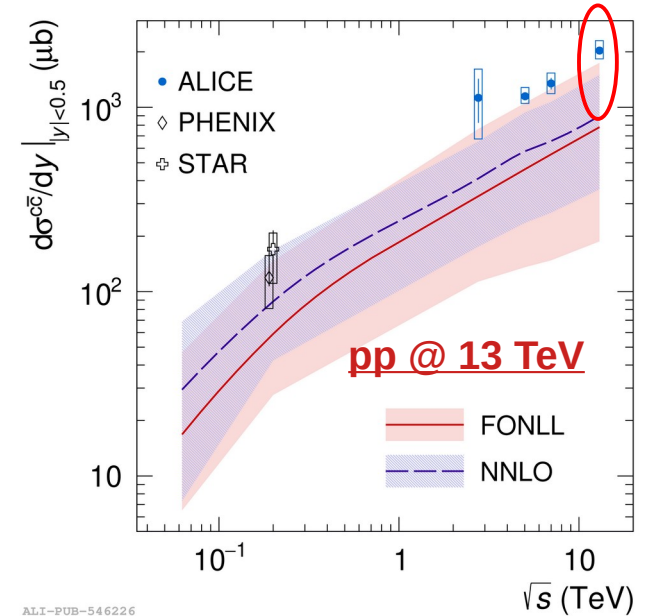
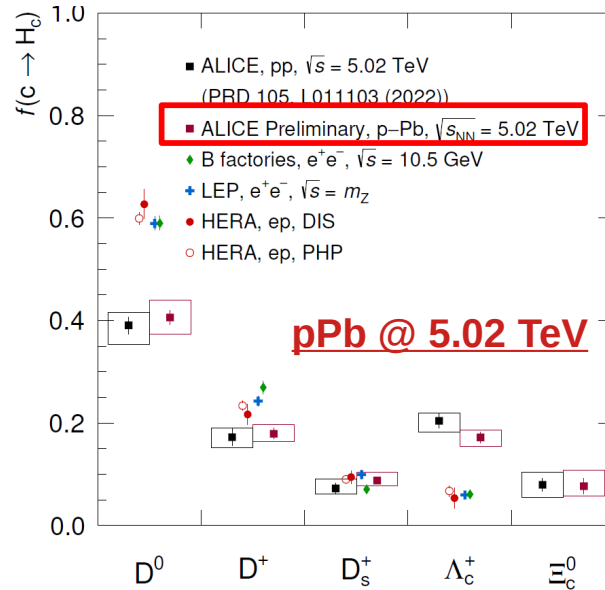
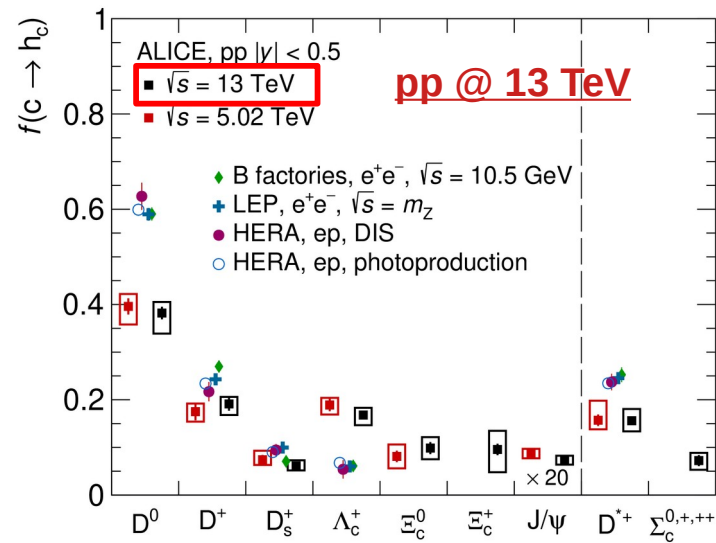


- ✓ First measurement of Λ_c production down to $p_T = 0$ in small systems !
- ✓ Enhancement of Λ_c/D^0 ratio at low and intermediate momentum w.r.t. e^+e^- results (LEP average: $0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$ [EPJC 75 (2015) 19])
 - Significantly underestimated by **PYTHIA8 Monash tune** (which incorporates fragmentation parameters from e^+e^- data)
- ✓ Data qualitatively reproduced by models implementing baryon to meson ratio enhancement via various mechanisms (color reconnection, feed-down from unobserved resonant charm baryon states, quark coalescence)

PYTHIA8: EPJC 74 (2014) 3024
PYTHIA 8 CR Mode: JHEP 08 (2015) 003
Catania: PLB 821 (2021) 136622

SHM + RQM: PLB 795 (2019) 117-121,
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Charm quark production and fragmentation in small systems



✓ Fragmentation fractions at LHC

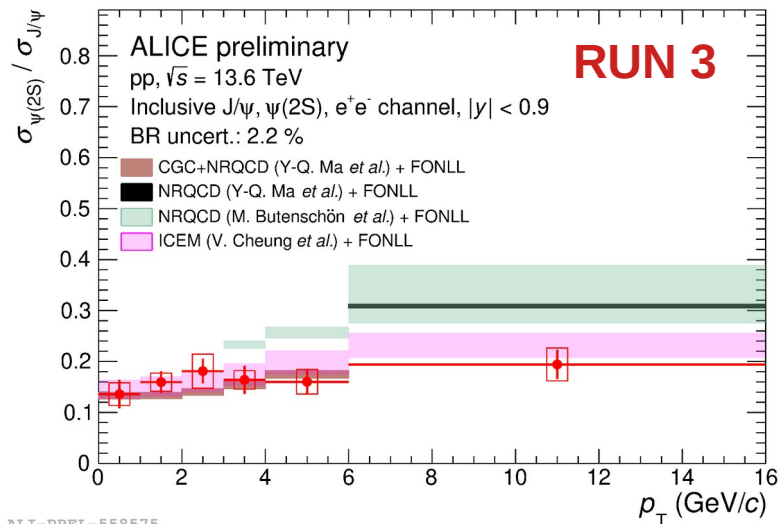
- independent of \sqrt{s}
- consistent with system size
- Significantly enhanced w.r.t. e^+e^- and ep → **breaking of the universality of fragmentation functions!**

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 NNLO: PRL 118 (2017) 122001

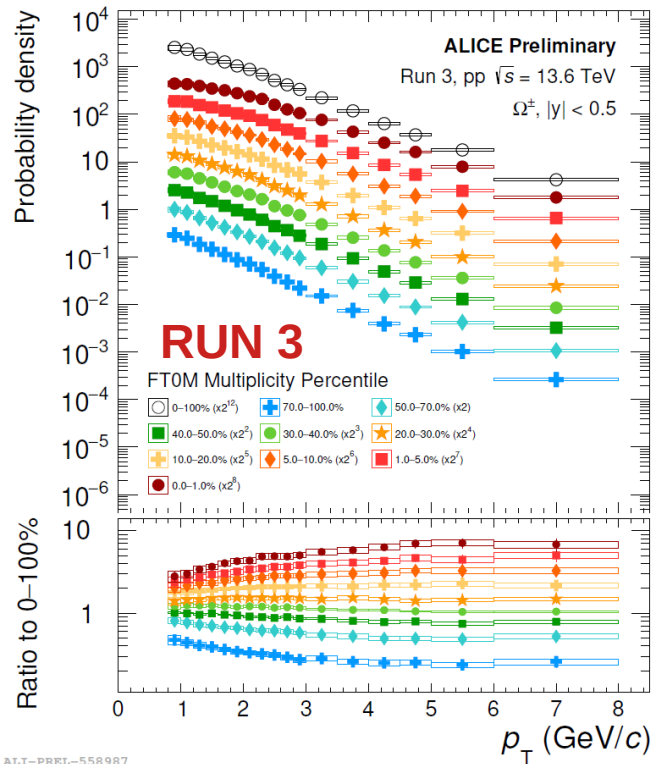
- ✓ Charm quark production cross section at midrapidity is at the **upper boundary** of state-of-art pQCD calculations

Summary

- ✓ Impressive collection of physics results from Run 1 & 2 !
- ✓ Detailed insight into initial and final stages of heavy-ion collisions at the LHC
- ✓ Intriguing results in small collision systems
- ✓ Efficiently Run 3 data taking ongoing
 - preliminary measurements released for QM2023 !



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See also talk by Giovanni Malfattore, [27th Feb., 9:00](#)

Outlook: Run4 and beyond

ITS3:
LoI: CERN-LHCC-2019-018
TDR: in preparation

FOCAL:
LoI: ALICE, LHCC-I-036 (2020)

2010-2012

2015-2018

2022-2025

2029-2032

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Run 1

LS1

Run 2

LS2

Run 3

LS3

Run 4

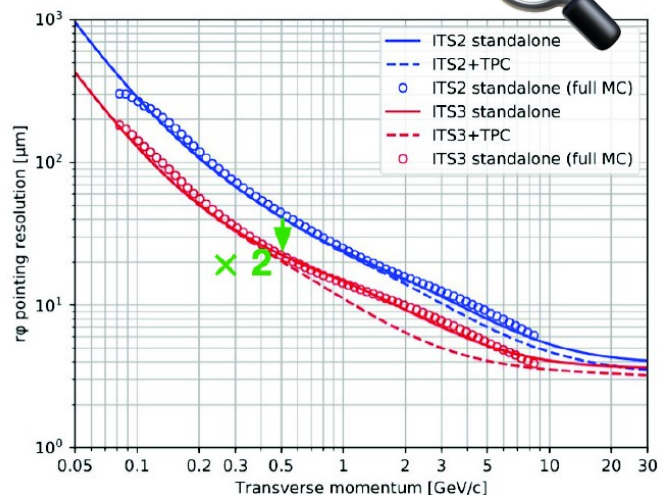
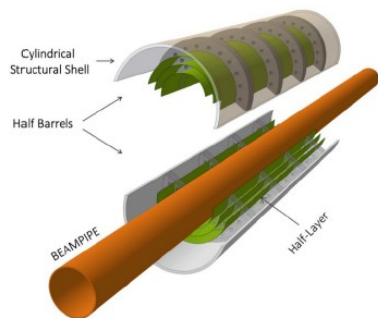
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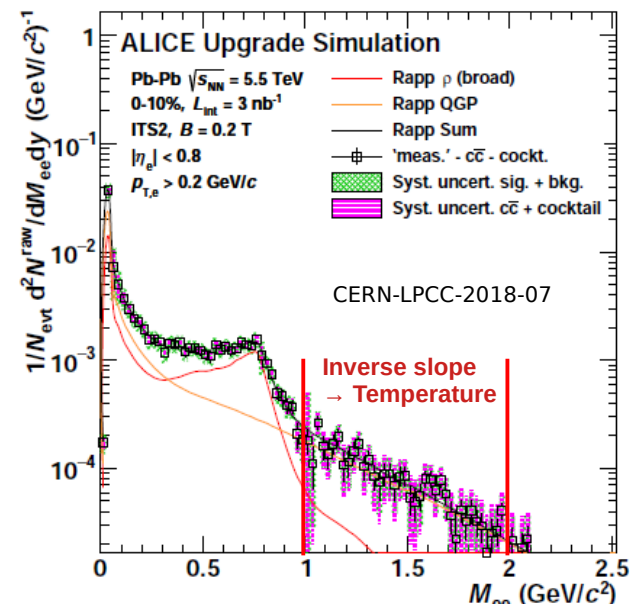
LS5

Run 6

LS3: ITS3 (and FOCAL)



- ✓ 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



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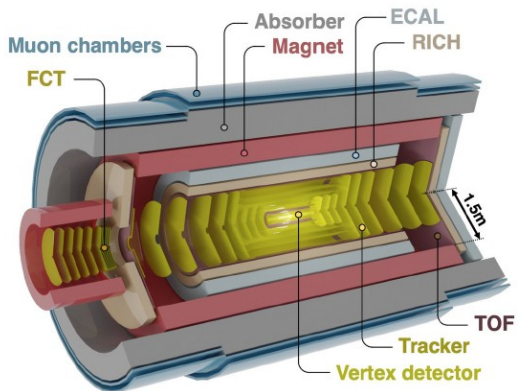
High precision measurement of medium temperature!

Outlook: Run4 and beyond

ALICE3:
LoI: CERN-LHCC-2022-009



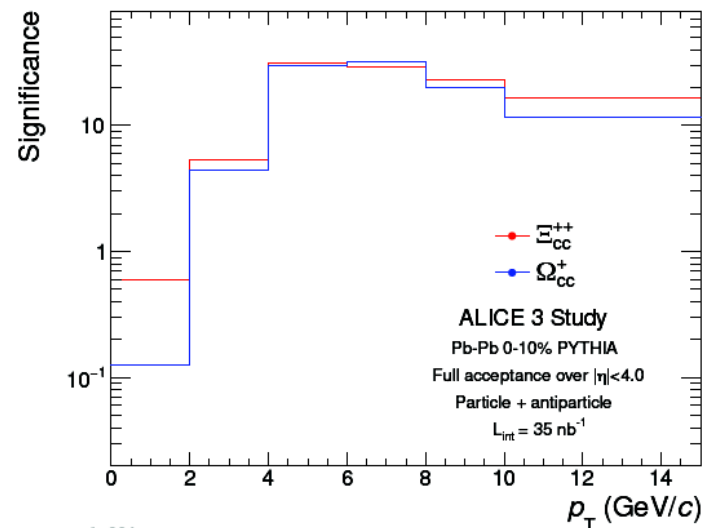
LS4: ALICE3



✓ 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



✓ Physics goals: new observables for low-mass dileptons and heavy-flavour particles (and much more!)

- direct tracking of Ξ / Ω baryons (strangeness tracking) → full reconstruction of multi-charm baryon decay vertices

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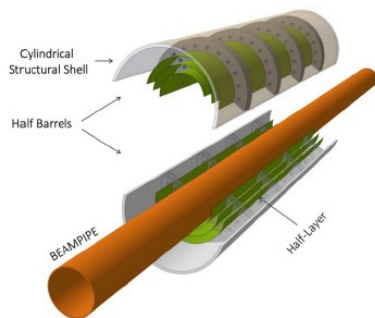
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Run 5

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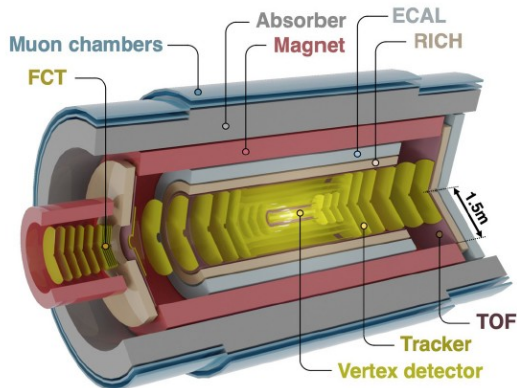
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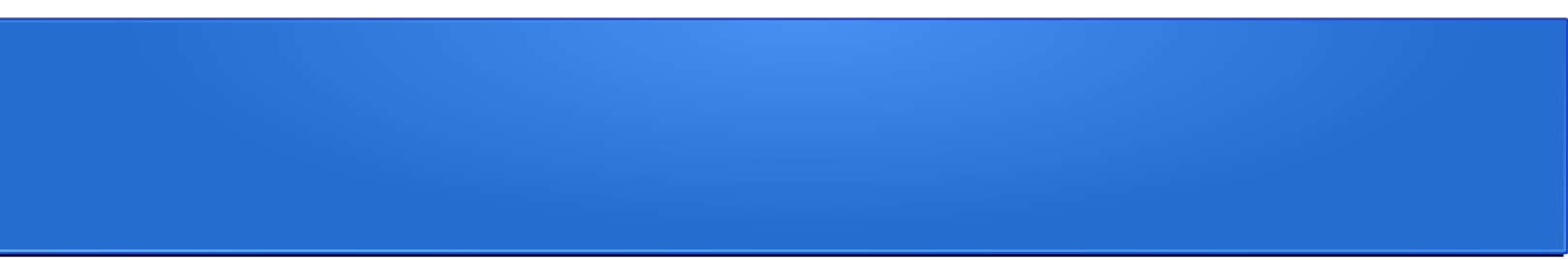
See also:

poster by Angelo Colelli
talk by Riccardo Ricci, [27th Feb., 9:20](#)
poster by Alessandro Sturniolo

LS4: ALICE3



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talk by Bianca Sabiu, [27th Feb., 10:00](#)

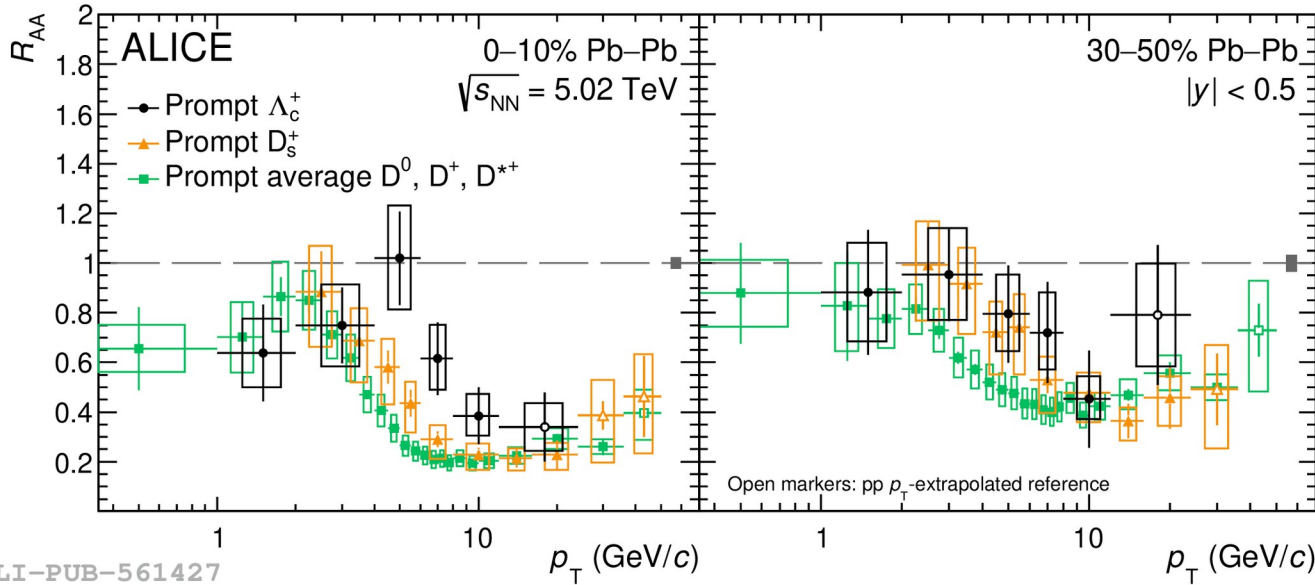


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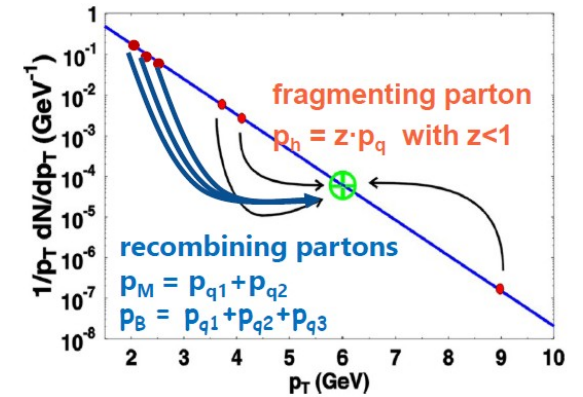
BACK-UP

Open-charm hadronization in medium

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✓ Hadronization in presence of medium happens via **fragmentation and coalescence**

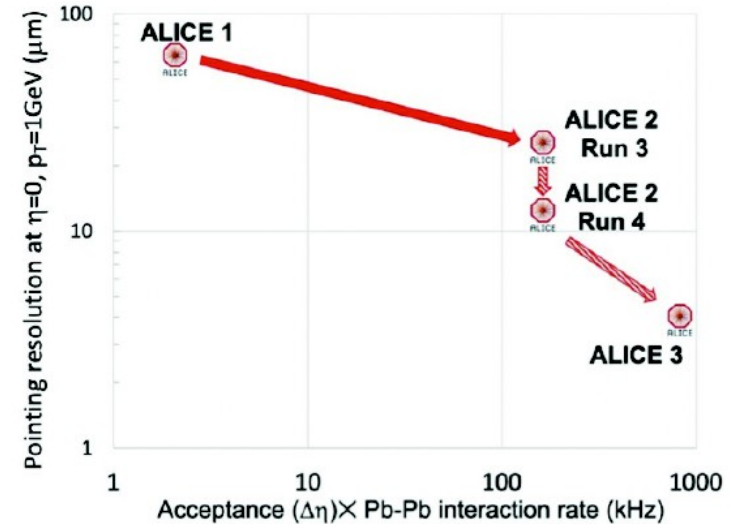


- ✓ Intermediate p_T : hint at hierarchy $R_{AA}(\Lambda_c) > R_{AA}(D_s) > R_{AA}(D)$ in centrality 0-10% (less pronounced in semicentral collisions) → indications that hadronisation occurs via coalescence
 - $R_{AA}(D_s) > R_{AA}(D)$ → possible modifications of hadronisation in a **strangeness enriched** medium
- ✓ $R_{AA}(\Lambda_c) \approx R_{AA}(D_s) \approx R_{AA}(D)$ for $p_T > 10$ GeV/c → indication that fragmentation is the dominant mechanisms

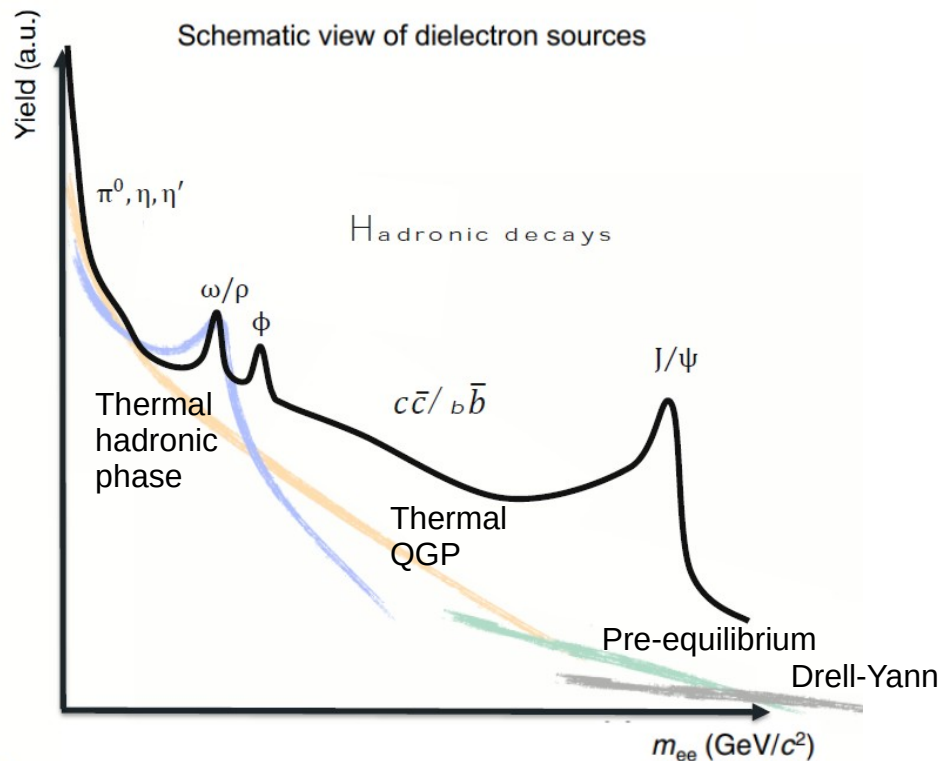
Upgrade physics goals and requirements

- **Heavy flavour hadrons** at low p_T (charm and beauty interaction and hadronisation in the QGP)
- **Quarkonia** down to $p_T = 0$ (melting and regeneration in the QGP)
- **Thermal dileptons, photons, vector mesons** (thermal radiation, chiral symmetry restoration)
- Precision measurements of **light (hyper)nuclei** and searches for **charmed hypernuclei**

→ Increased effective acceptance (acceptance x readout rate)
→ Improved tracking and vertexing performance at low p_T for background suppression
→ PID capabilities: preserve in ALICE2 Run4 and enhance in ALICE3



Dilepton sources & background



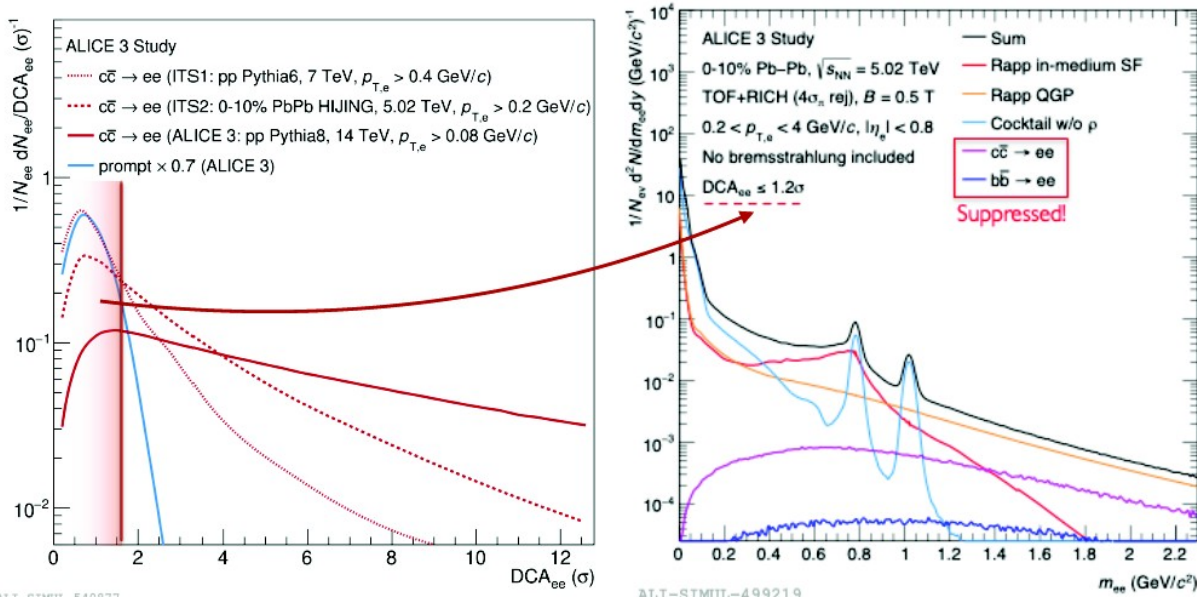
– Direct determination of the medium temperature from the exponential fit of (background subtracted) m_{ee} distribution in the intermediate mass region

– Challenge:

– large combinatorial background

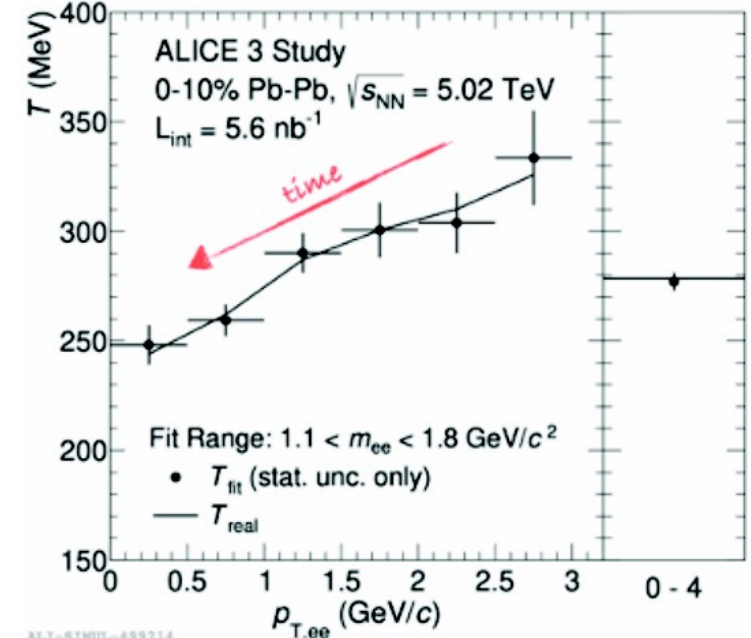
– physical background from pseudoscalar and vector mesons + dileptons from semileptonic HF decays (dominant)

ALICE3 – physics goals: dileptons

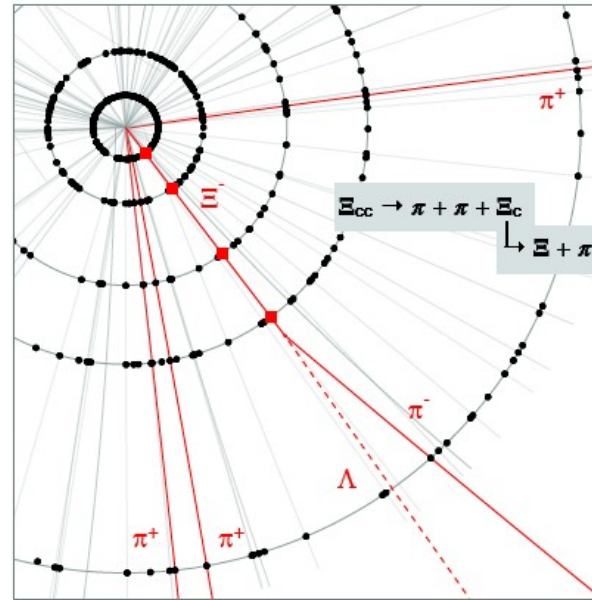
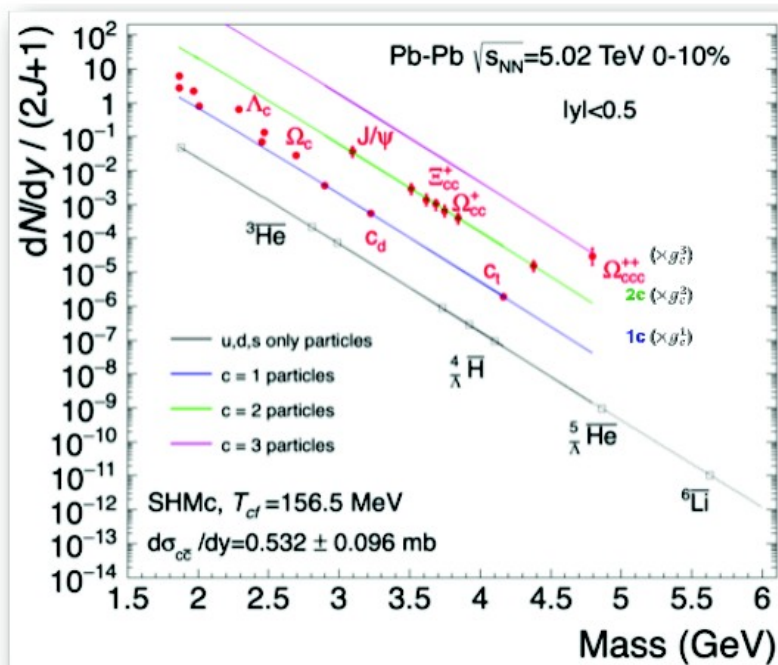


– significantly suppressed background originated from HF semileptonic decays!

– extremely precise determination of medium temperature, for the first time differentially in $p_{T,ee}$



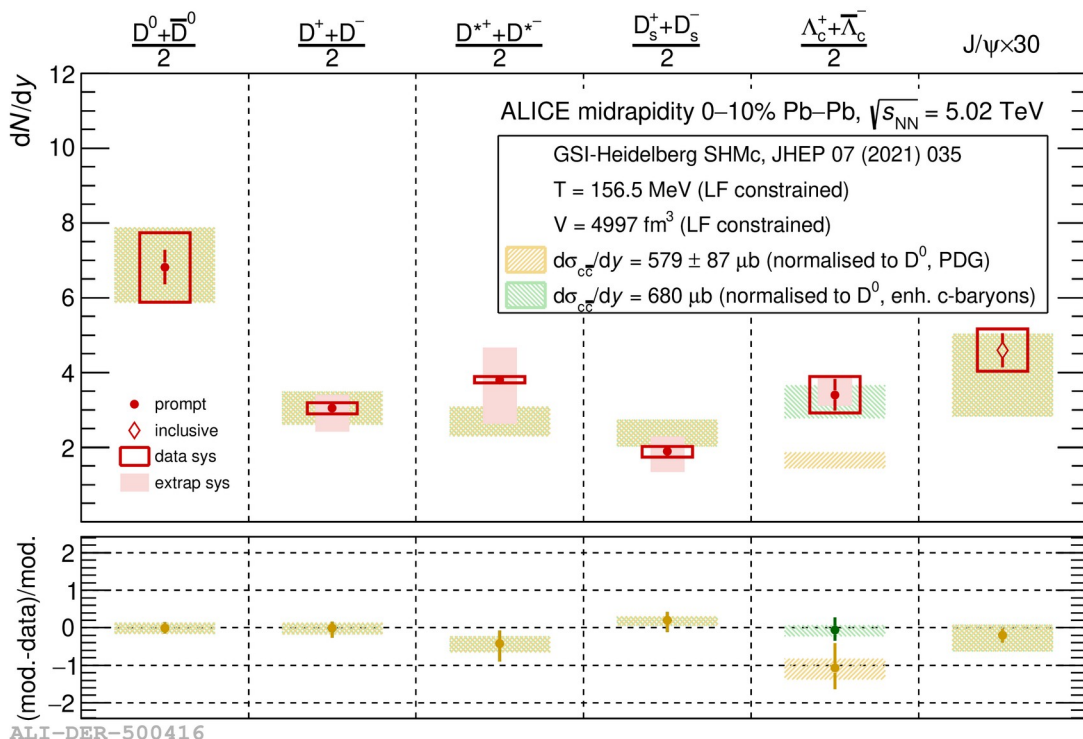
ALICE3 – physics goals: HF



- determination of multi-charm hadron abundances → important input for testing SHM model (abundances dependent on fugacity g_c^n , with n = content of charm quarks)
- Silicon layers inside the beam pipe allow for direct tracking of Ξ/Ω baryons (strangeness tracking)
 - full reconstruction of multi-charm baryon decay vertices

Charm hadron abundances

arXiv:2211.04384

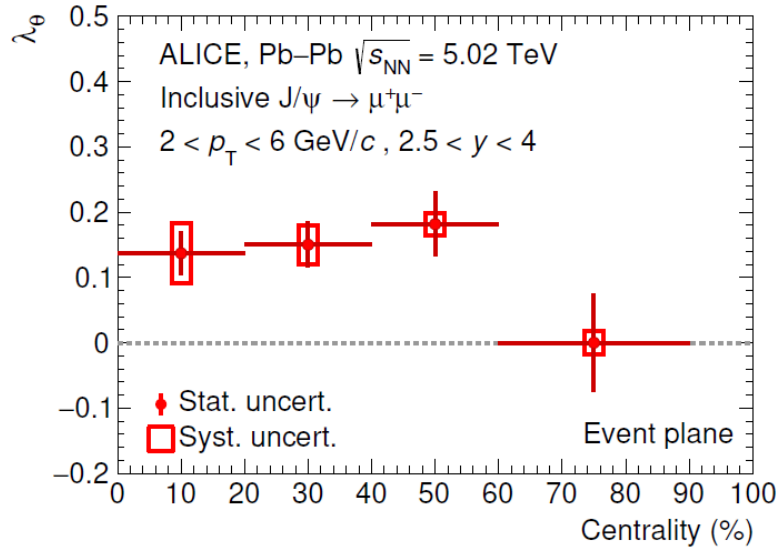


✓ Statistical hadronization model for charm hadrons

- Thermal parameters (T and V) extracted from fitting LF hadron abundances
- Charm quarks abundance determined in the initial hard scattering
 - total $c\bar{c}$ cross section extracted from prompt D^0 measurements in Pb-Pb [1]
- Partially thermalized charmed quarks distributed into charmed hadrons at the phase boundary according to thermal weights, based on existing charmed meson and baryons in the PDG
 - Λ_c p_T -integrated yield underestimated
 - Agreement with Λ_c improves assuming an additional set of excited charmed baryons

SHMc: JHEP 07 (2021) 035
 [1] JHEP 01 (2022) 174

J/ψ polarization w.r.t. event plane



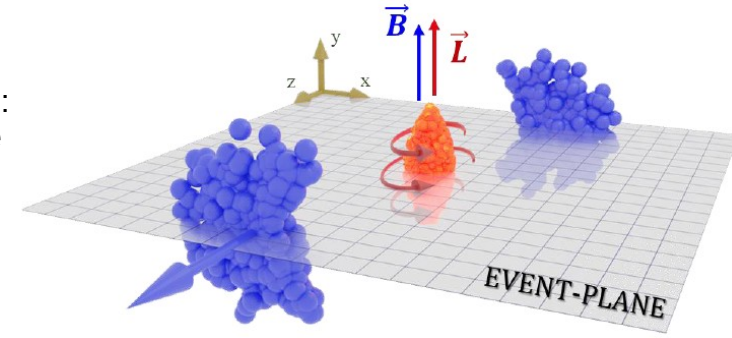
- ✓ Significant polarization (3.5σ) in 40-60% and $2 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c
- ✓ Small centrality dependence

– **Polarization**: angular distributions of decay products w.r.t. a polarization axis

– **Event Plane based frame (EP)**: axis orthogonal to the event plane in the collision center of mass frame

– Event Plane normal to \vec{B} and \vec{L}

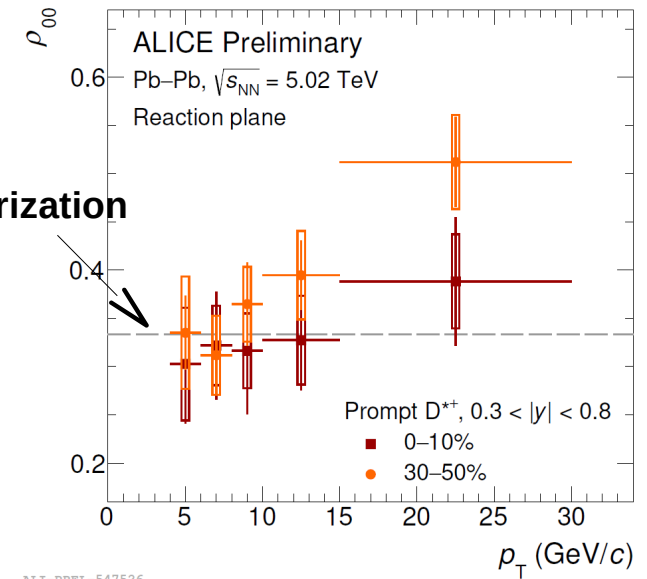
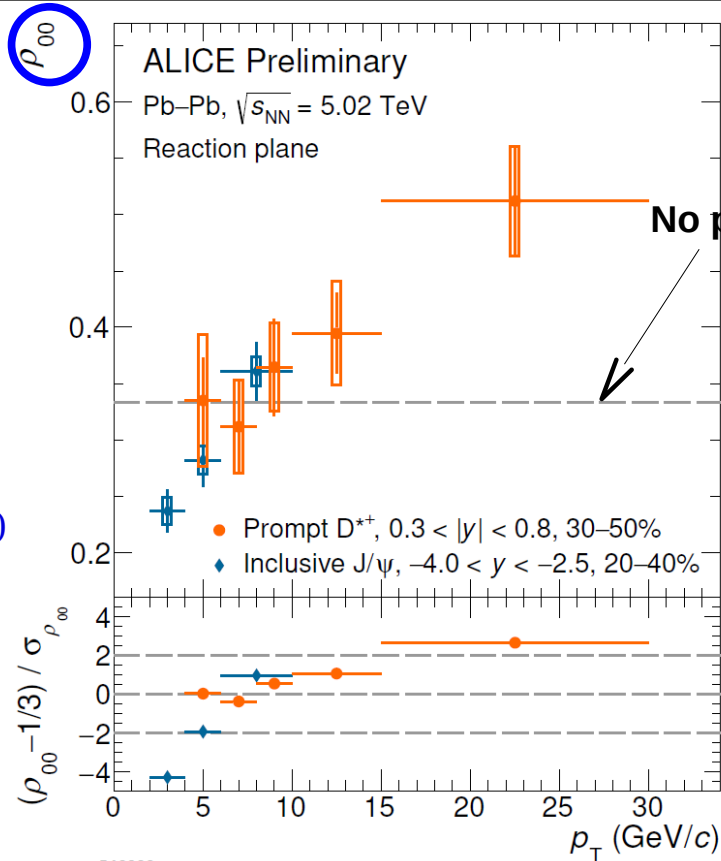
– **Heavy quarks produced early in the collisions can experience both \vec{B} and \vec{L} originated in the initial stage !**



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

D⁺ polarization w.r.t. the event plane

- ✓ 0-10% → compatible with no polarization
- ✓ 30-50% → $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ at high- p_T , compatible with non-zero polarization
- ✓ Polarization sign opposite w.r.t. previous observations for low p_T J/ψ (and light vector mesons)
- ✓ Theory guidance is needed



$$W(\theta) \propto (1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\lambda_\theta = \frac{1 - 3\rho_{00}}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

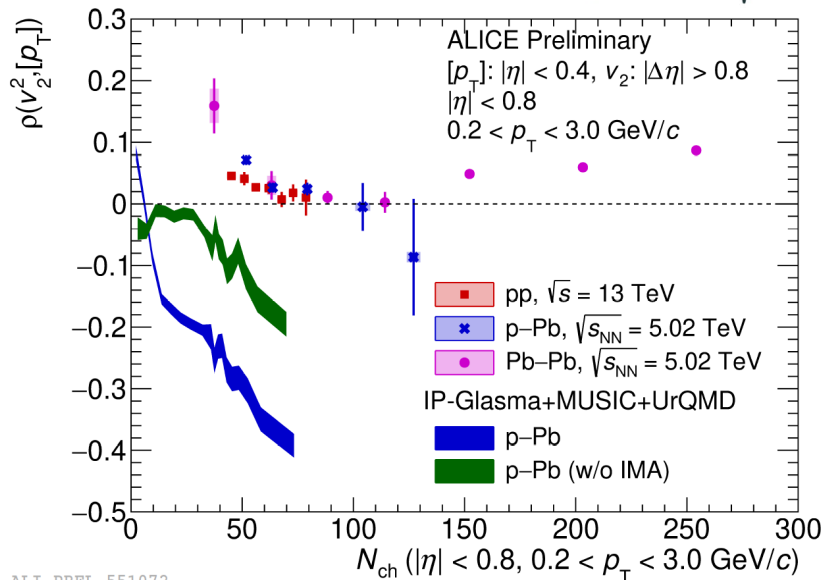
$v_2^2 - [p_T]$ correlations in small systems

- ✓ Correlations between average p_T and flow coefficients \rightarrow in heavy-ion collisions sensitive to the overlap region shape and size in the initial state

$$\rho_n \left(v_n^2, [p_T] \right) = \frac{\text{cov} \left(v_n^2, [p_T] \right)}{\sqrt{\text{var} \left(v_n^2 \right)} \sqrt{\text{var} \left([p_T] \right)}}$$

- **Shape** of the fireball: $\varepsilon_2 \rightarrow$ observable: v_2

- **Size** of the fireball: $R \rightarrow$ observable: radial flow $\propto p_T$



- ✓ Positive correlation measured between v_2 and p_T

- ✓ similar trend vs N_{ch} in all collision systems suggests common mechanisms at play

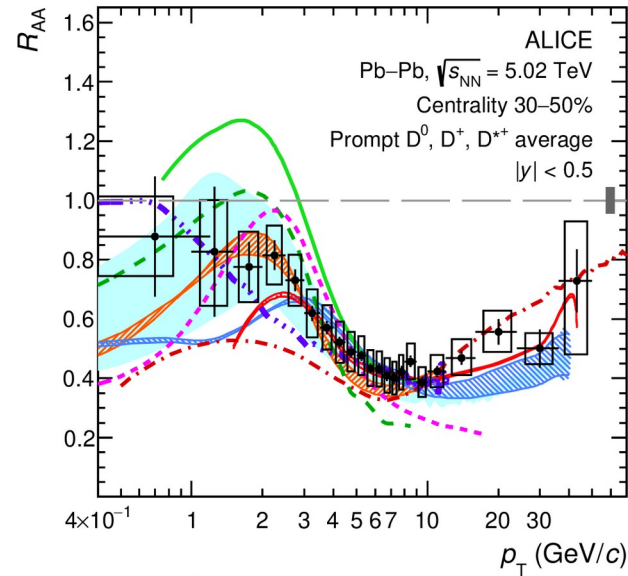
- ✓ IP-Glasma + MUSIC + UrQMD (with and w/o initial momentum anisotropy) fails to describe the data

- Initial state effects likely not well modeled in state-of-art models

Extract medium parameters using R_{AA} & v_2 measurements

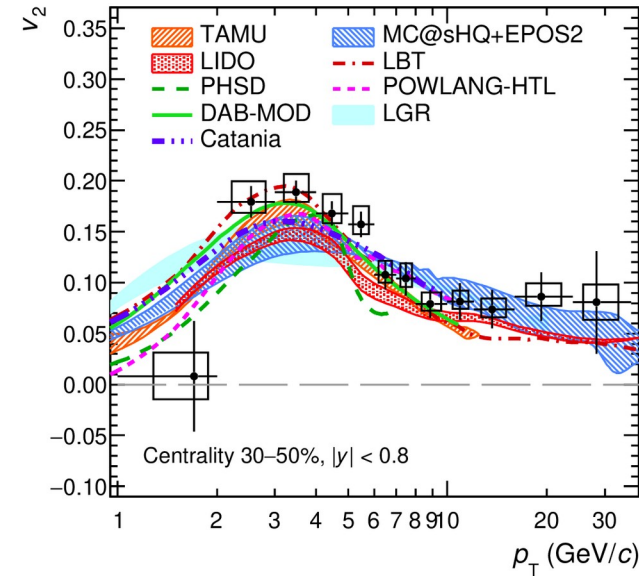
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POWLANG+HLT: EPJC 75 n.3 (2015) 121
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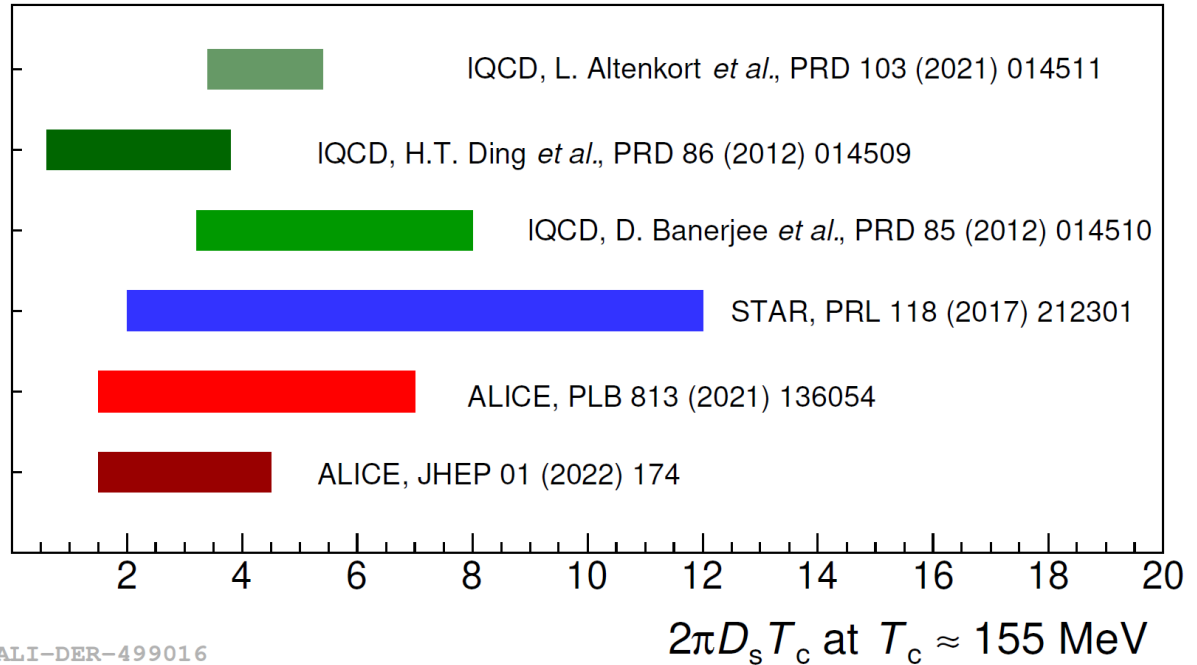
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- ✓ Few models that are in fair agreement with both observables used to constrain the heavy-quark spatial diffusion coefficient:

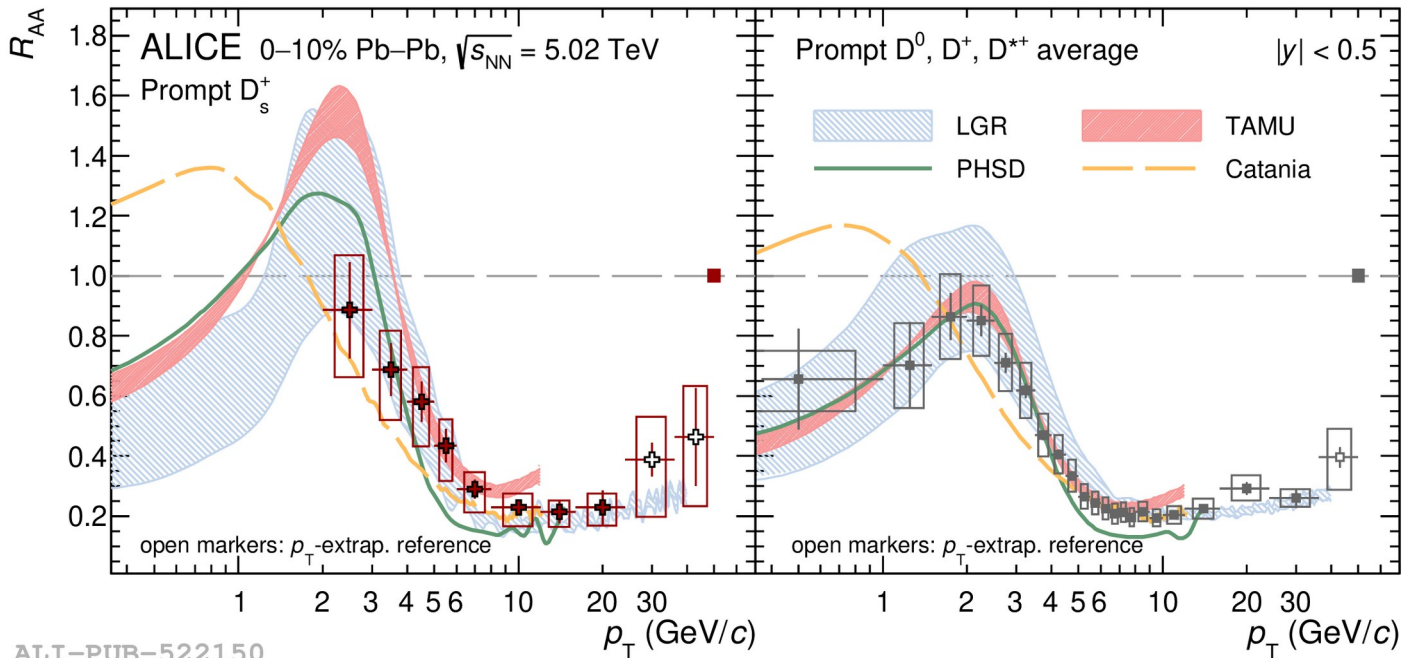
$$1.5 < 2\pi D_s T_c < 4.5$$

→ narrower interval w.r.t. previous estimations based on D-meson measurements at LHC energies



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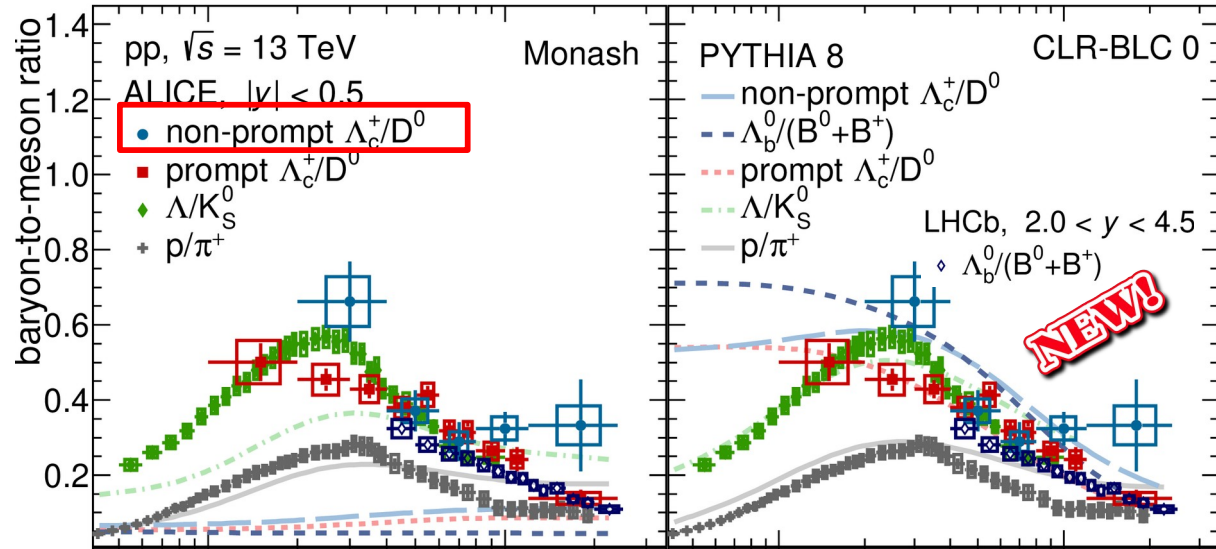
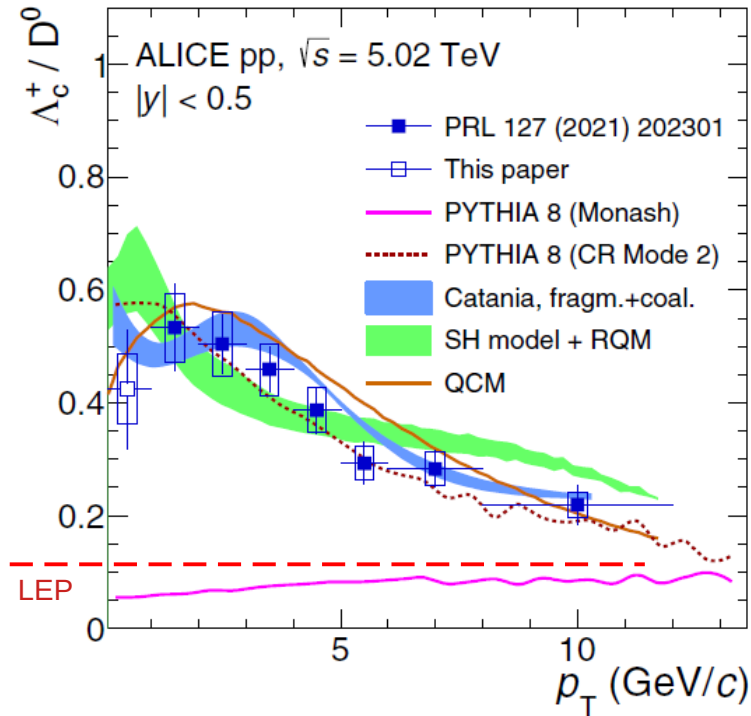
- ✓ Strange and non-strange D mesons R_{AA} well described by models including:
 - Strangeness enhancement and charm coalescence
 - Hadronization of charm via fragmentation or according to statistical weights
- ✓ Radiative processes needed to describe the data at high p_T

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The “baryon anomaly” in the HF sector

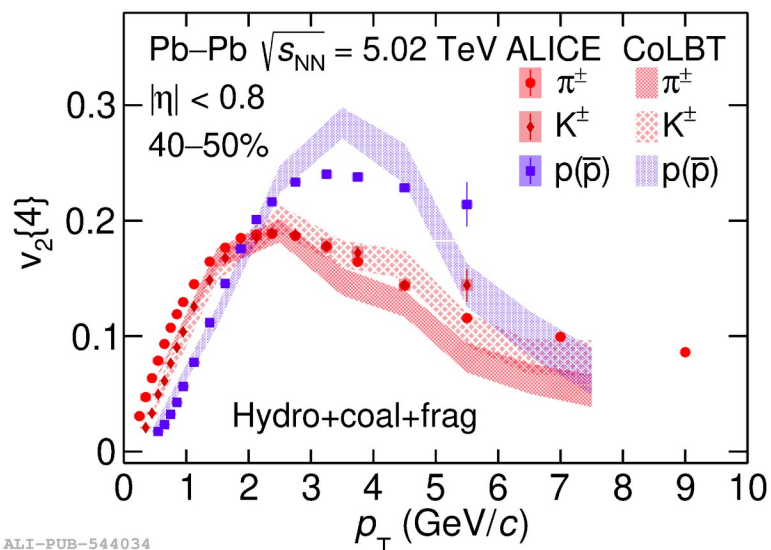
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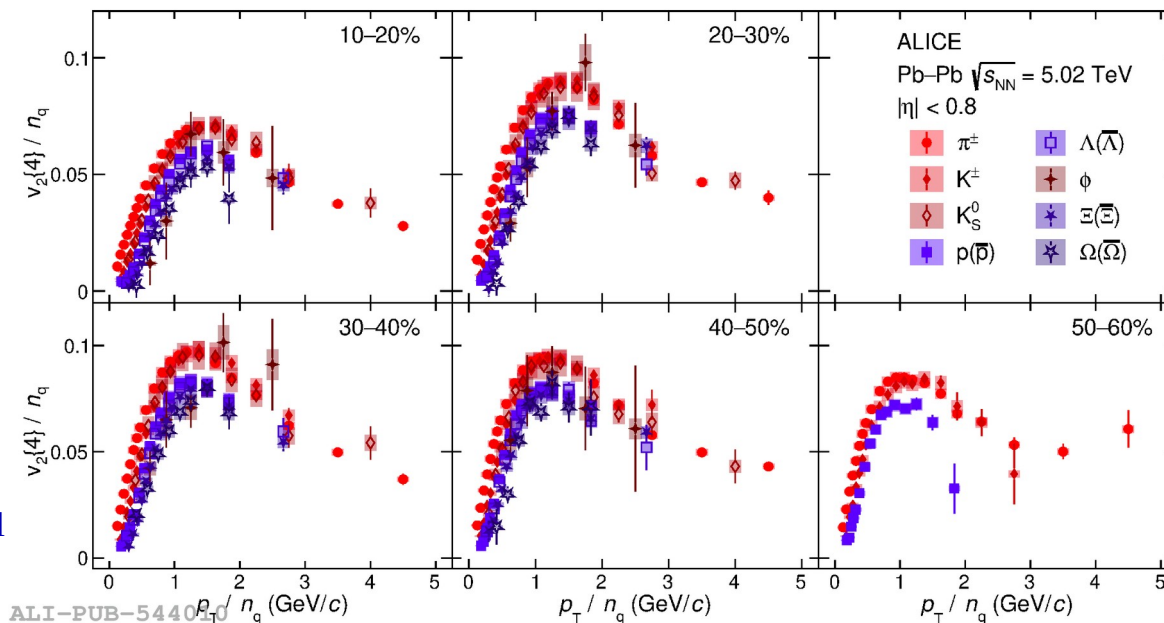
- ✓ First measurement of **non-prompt** Λ_c/D^0 ratio in pp collisions
- ✓ All ratios, but p/π^+ , are higher compared to corresponding values in e^+e^-
- ✓ PYTHIA8 including color reconnection mechanism beyond leading color (CLR-BLC) is able to predict the increasing trend at low transverse momentum
 - More precise data from Run 3 will help to constrain models

Anisotropic flow of identified hadrons

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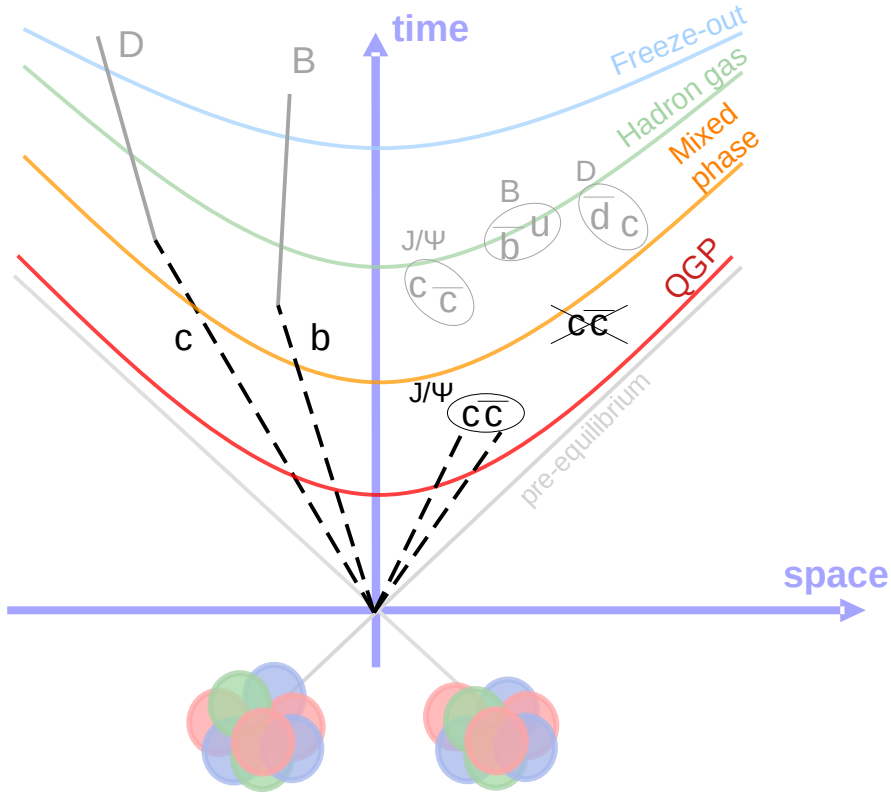


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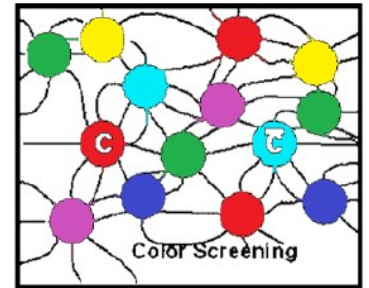
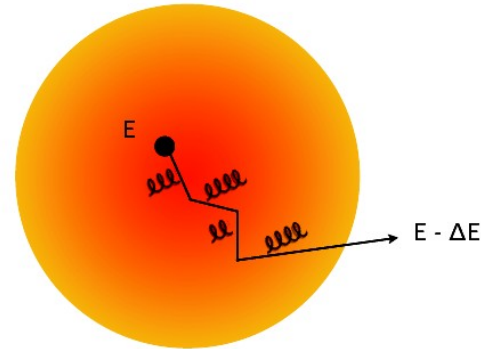
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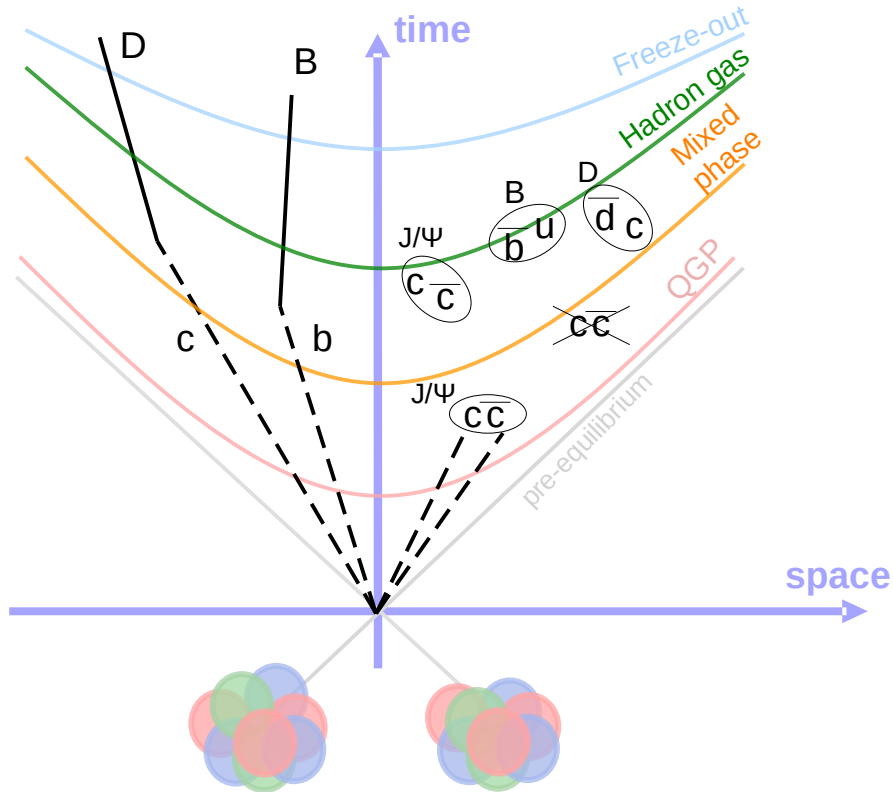
Heavy flavour: testing in medium interaction



- ✓ Interaction with QGP medium constituents
 - ✓ energy loss of heavy quarks via elastic collisions and/or radiative processes
 - ✓ low- p_T heavy quarks: thermalisation in the medium?
 - ✓ dissociation of quarkonium states via color debye screening ($\tau_{QQ} \approx 0.2-2 \text{ fm}/c$)



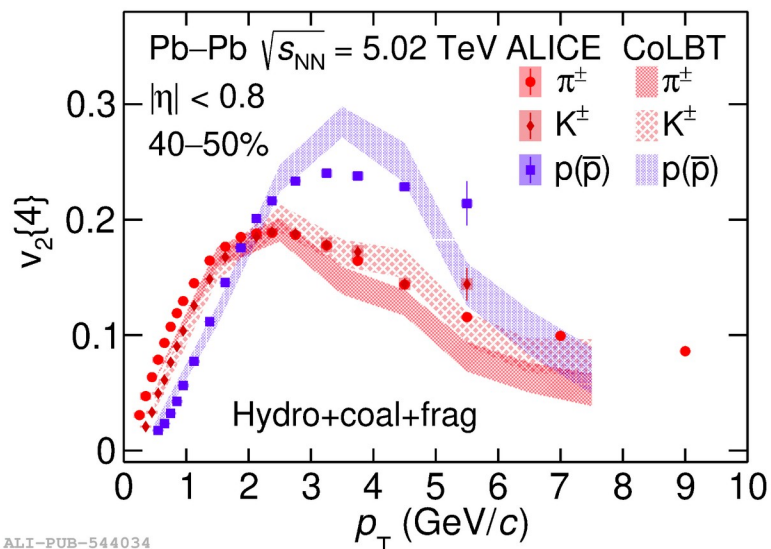
Heavy flavour: testing in medium interaction and hadronization



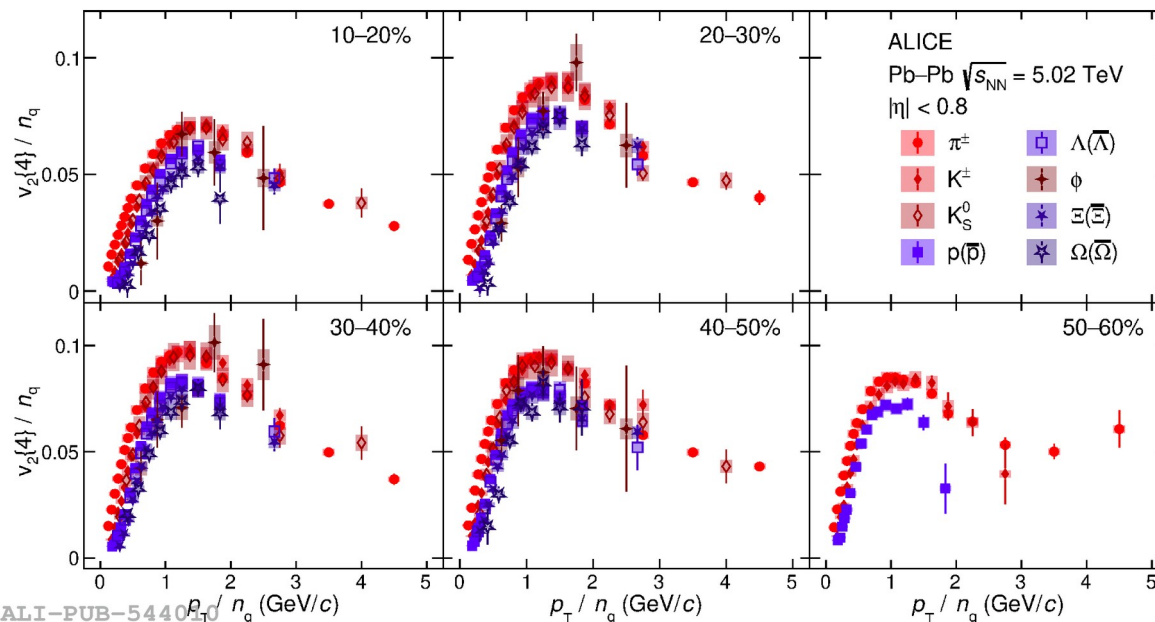
- ✓ Hadronization in presence of medium:
 - ✓ fragmentation → energy-loss of partons modifies the fraction of the parton momentum z_q taken by the hadron
 - ✓ Coalescence / regeneration
 - ✓ Through the QGP / mixed phases → partons close in space and with similar velocities can recombine into hadrons
[V. Greco et al., PRL 90, 202302 (2003)]
 - ✓ At the chemical freeze-out → hadrons are formed according to thermal weights at the chemical freeze-out
[A. Andronic et al., PLB 659 (2008) 149-155]

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