

Multiplicity dependence of open and hidden heavy-flavour production in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE

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Outline

- Motivation
- The ALICE experiment
- Results: measurements of
 - charmonium (J/ψ) production at central and forward rapidity,
 - and open (prompt D, $c \rightarrow J/\psi$, $b \rightarrow J/\psi$) heavy-flavour production at central rapidity
 - vs. multiplicity at central and forward rapidity,
 - in pp and p-Pb collisions.
- Comparison with models

Motivation

- **Charm and beauty are produced in hard partonic collisions**

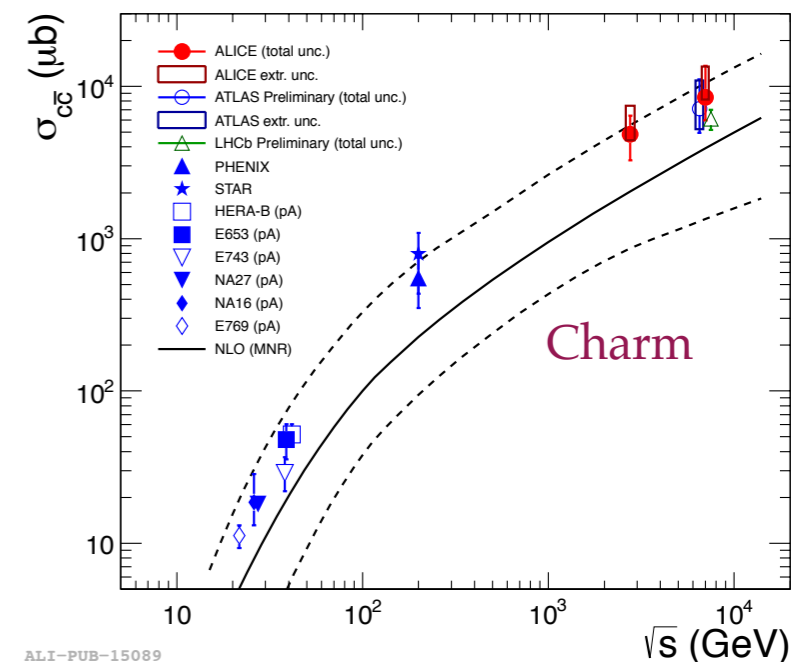
- Tool to tag hard processes with $Q^2 > (2m)^2 \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$.
- Cross section **calculable with pQCD** based on the factorisation approach.

- **Test multiple parton interactions (MPI)**

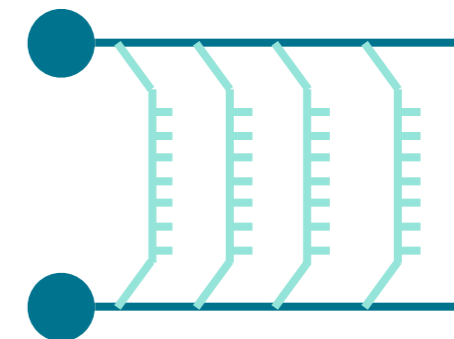
- A not so simple picture... (see other talks in the workshop)

- **Investigate the interaction between the hard and soft components in the full pp collision;**

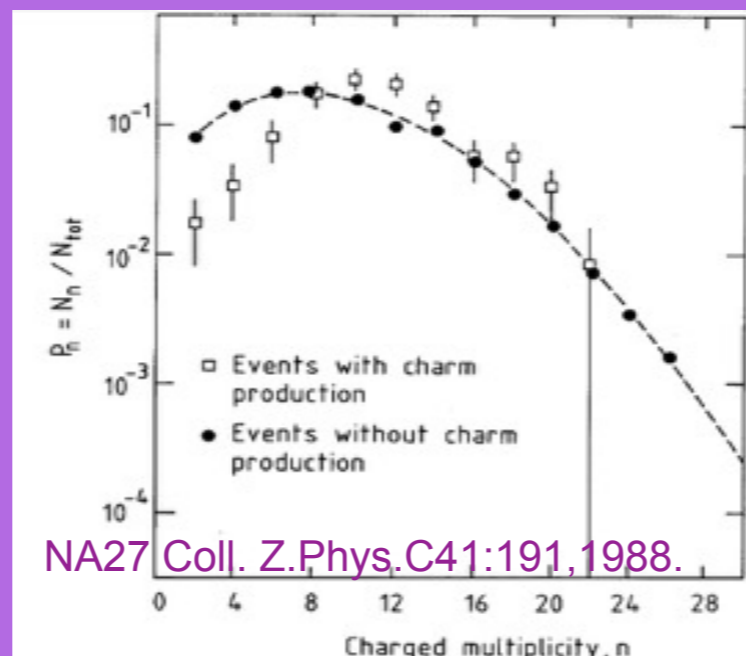
- the underlying event final-state particles are not associated to the hard scattering.



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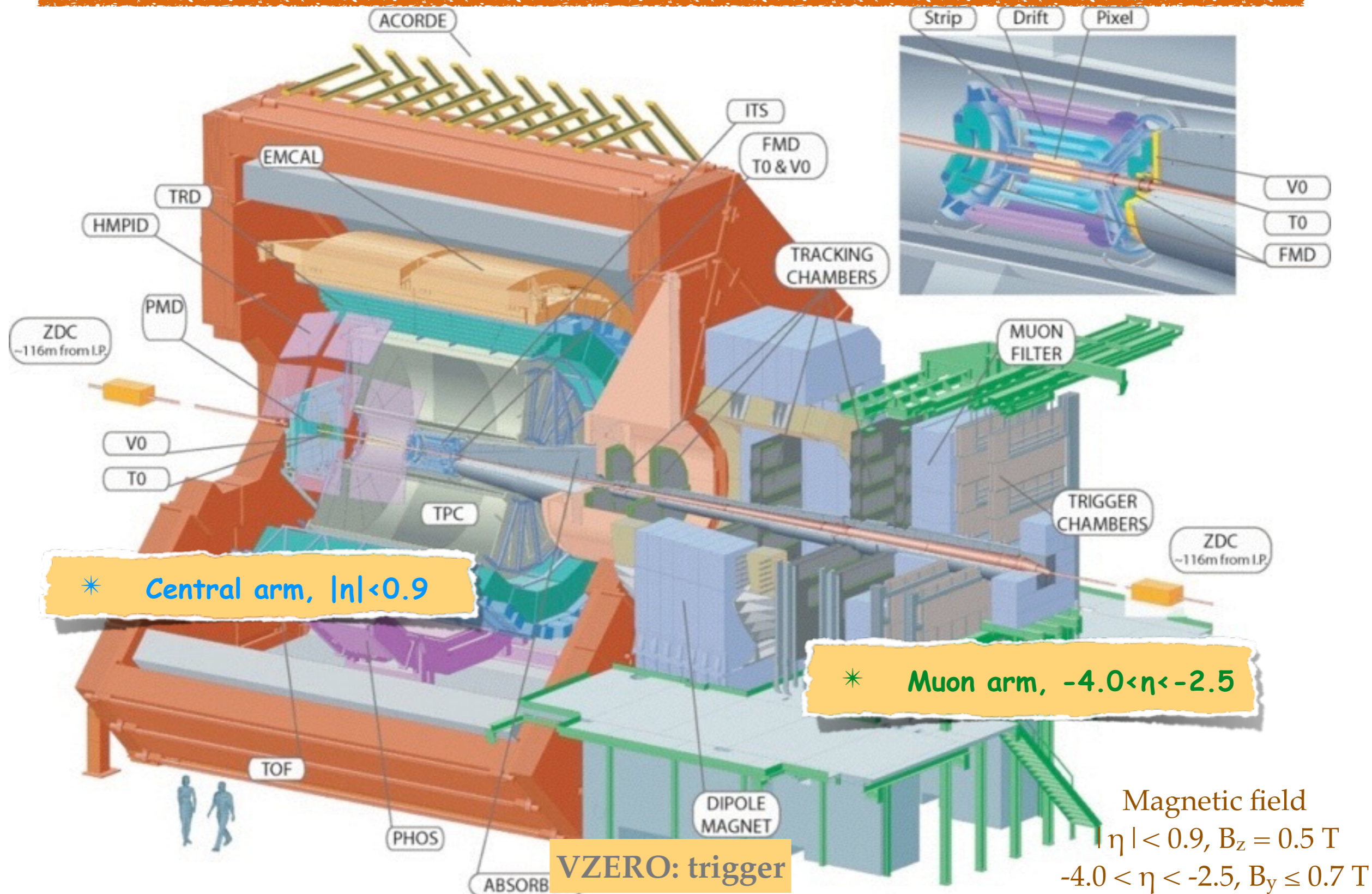


Ex.: NA27 observed that events with charm have on average a larger charged-particle multiplicity, in pp collisions at 400 GeV.

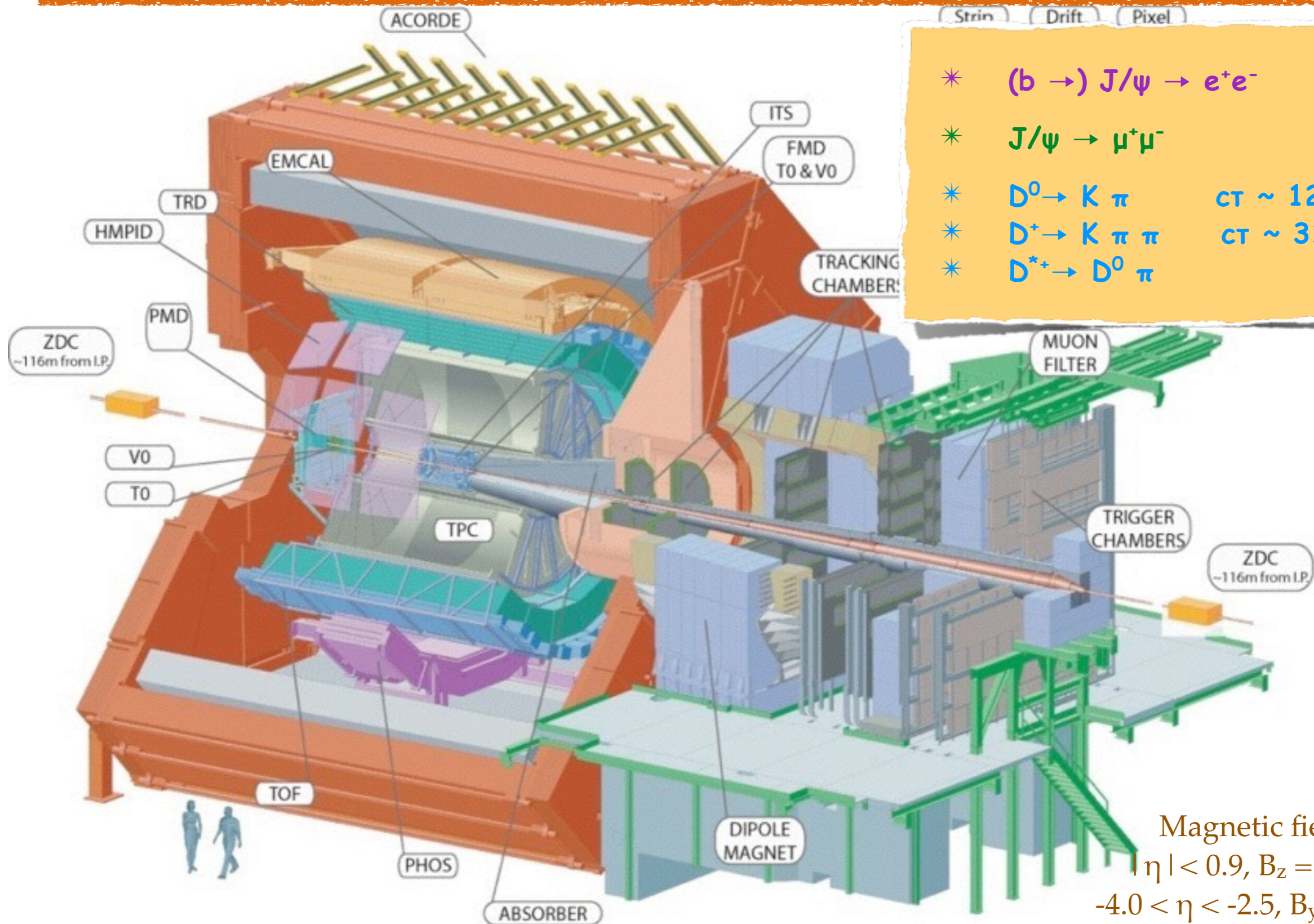


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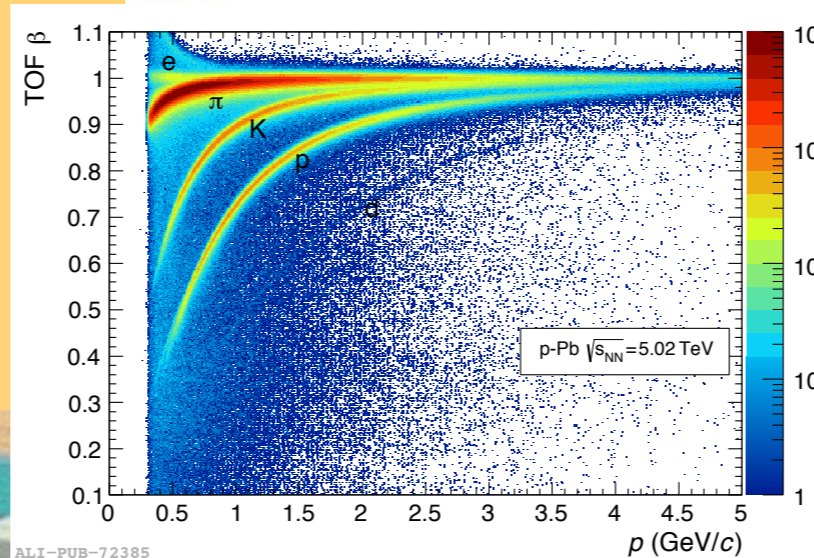
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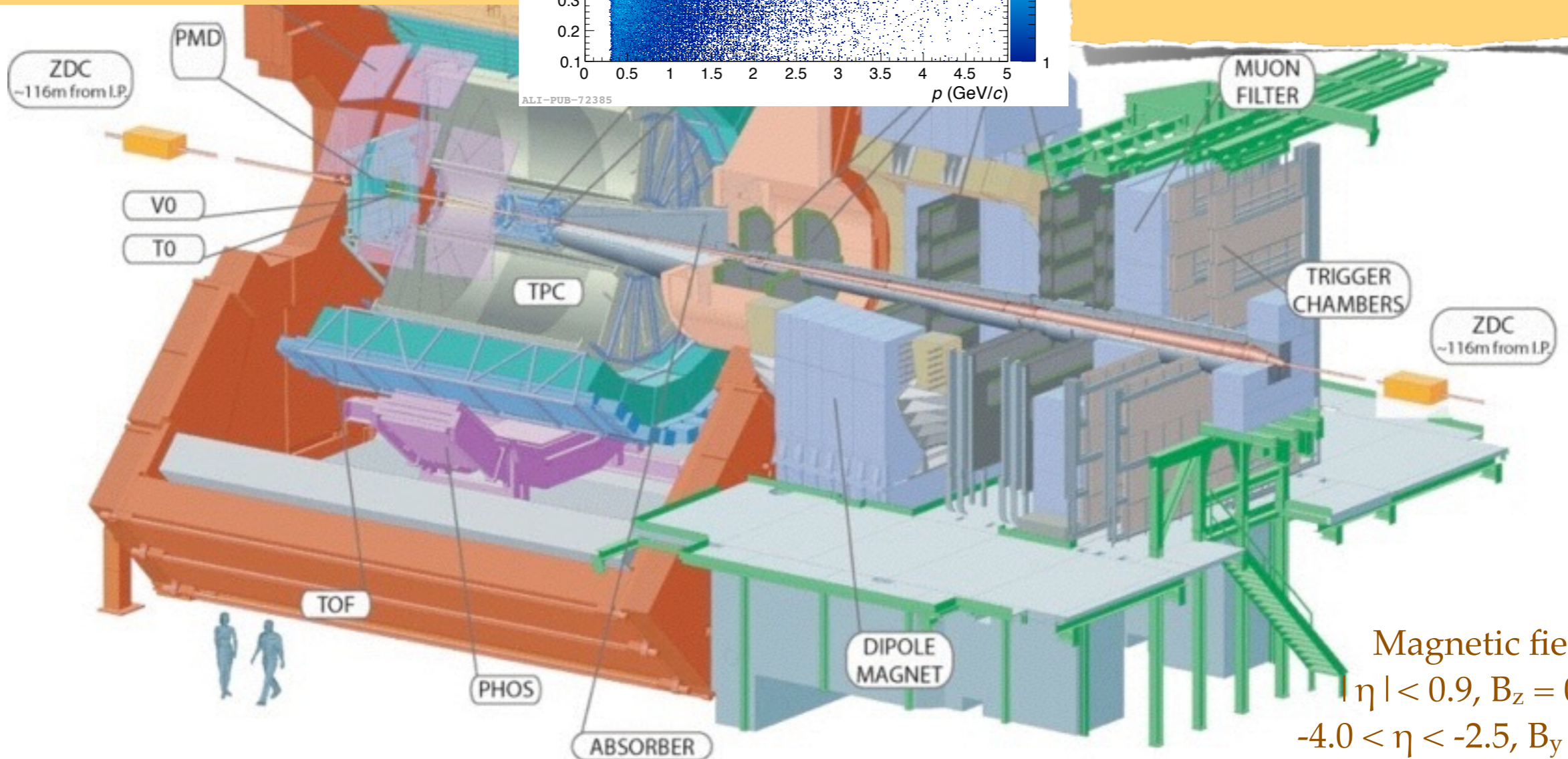
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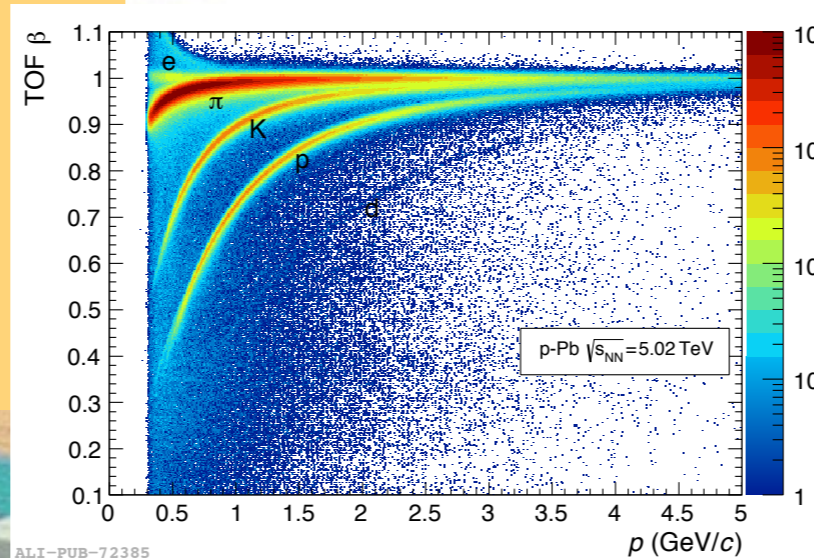
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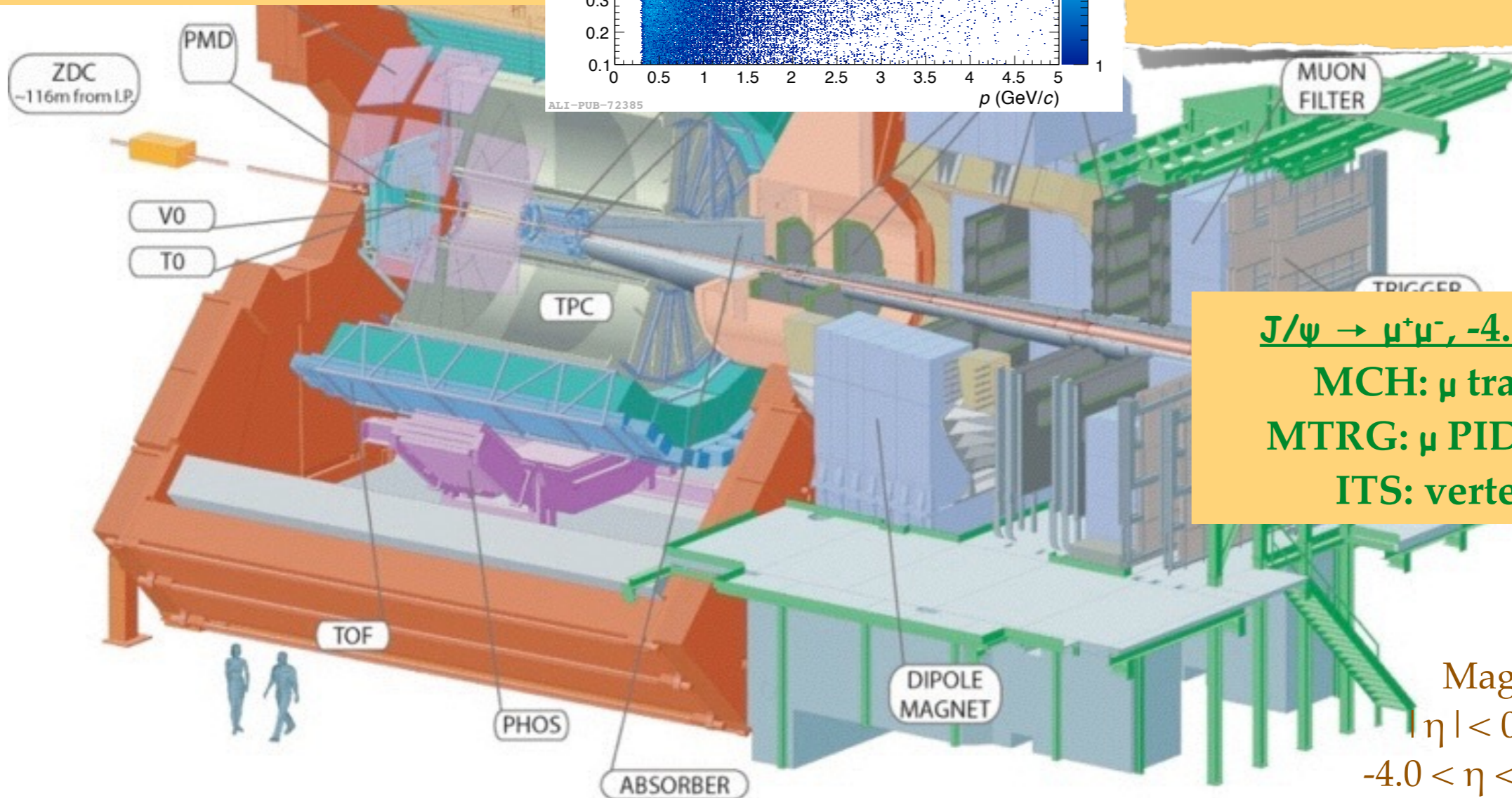
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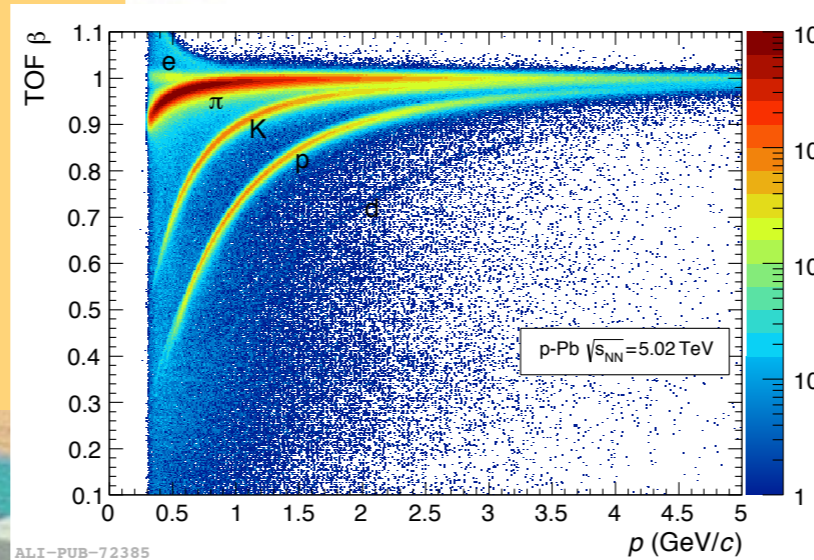
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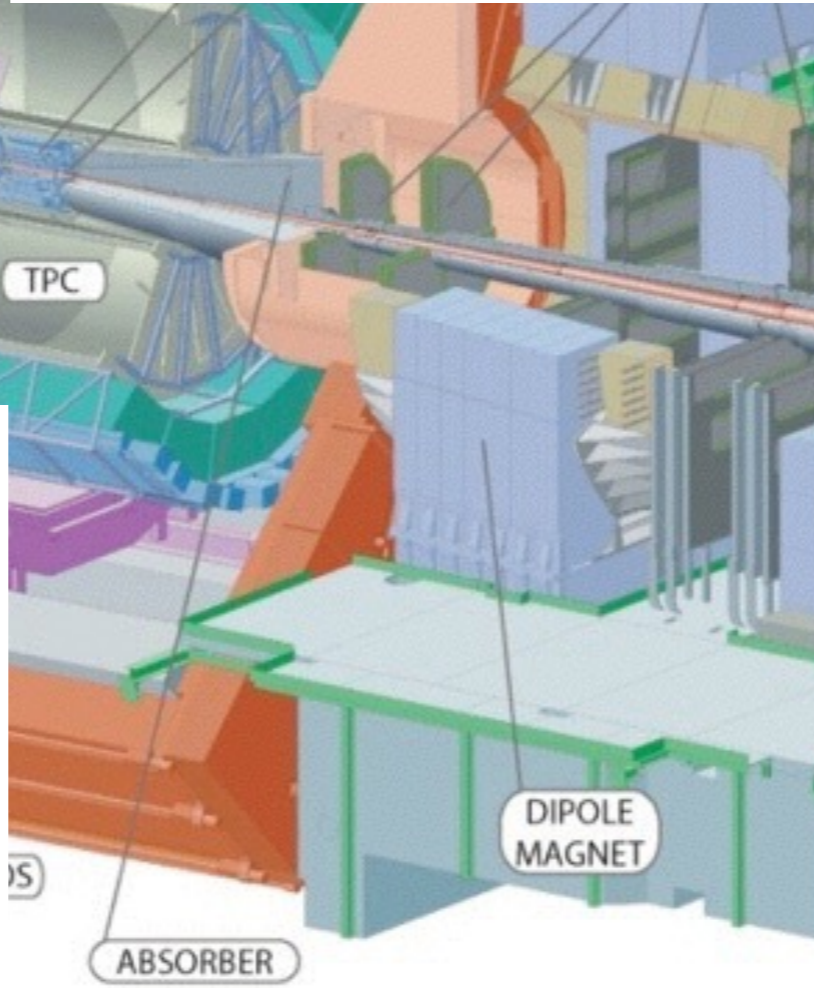


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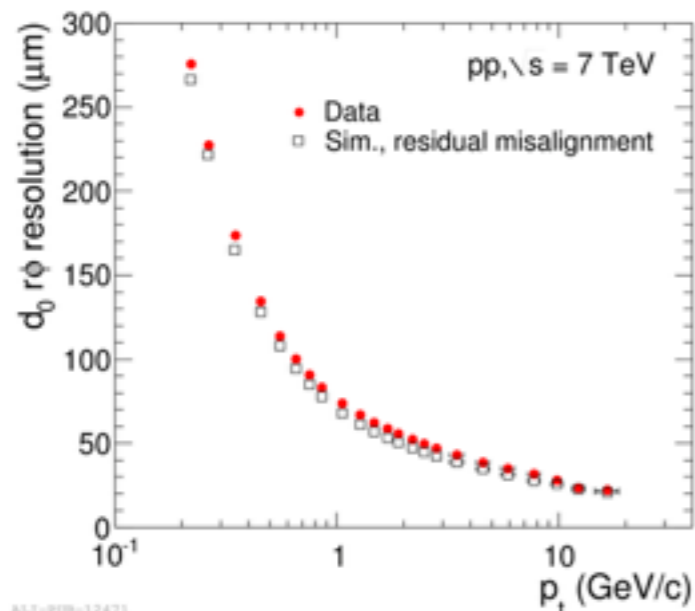


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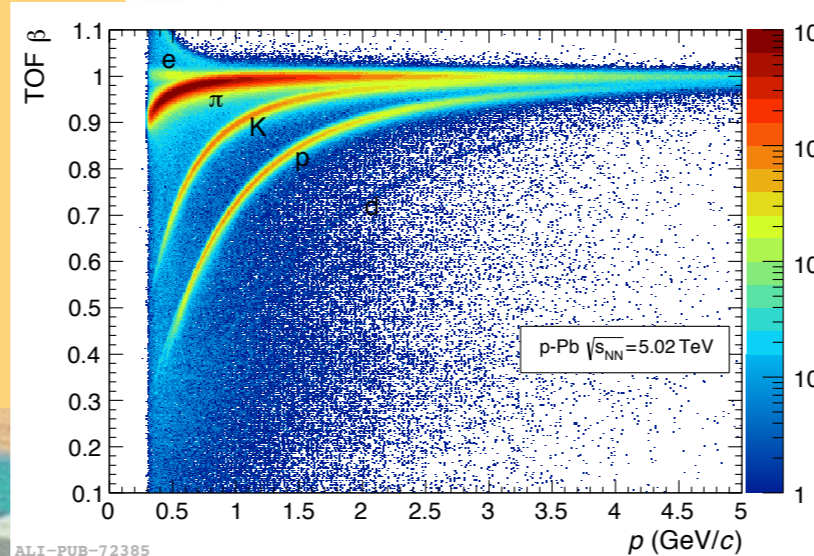
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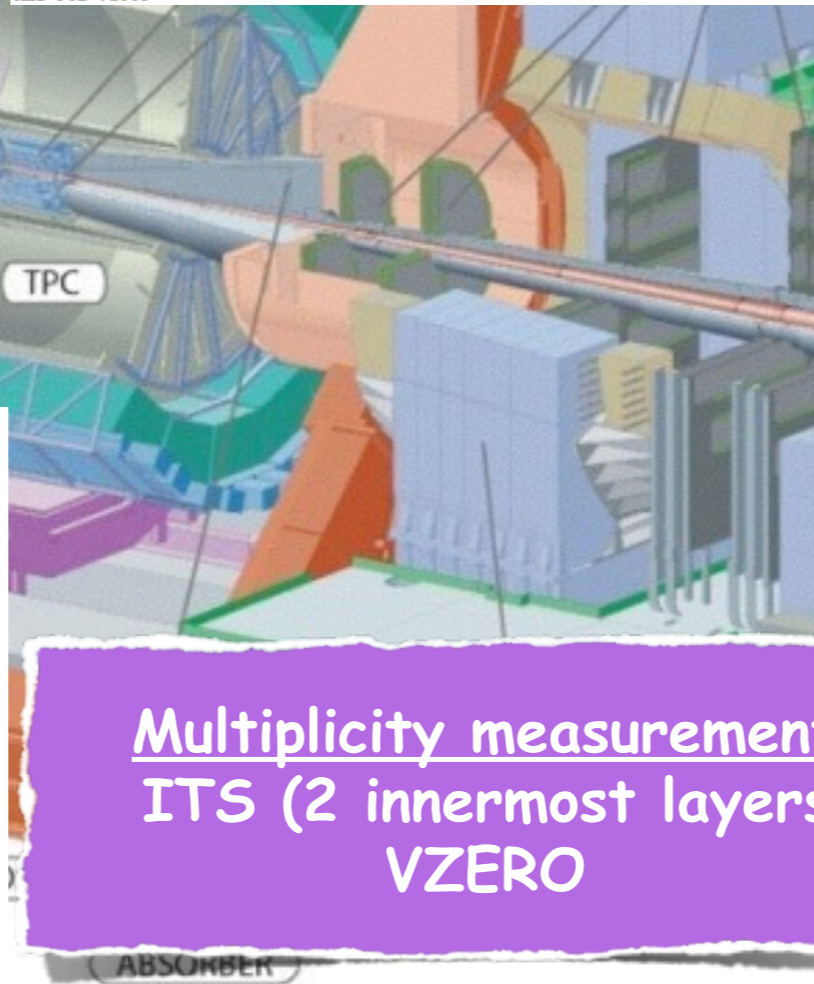


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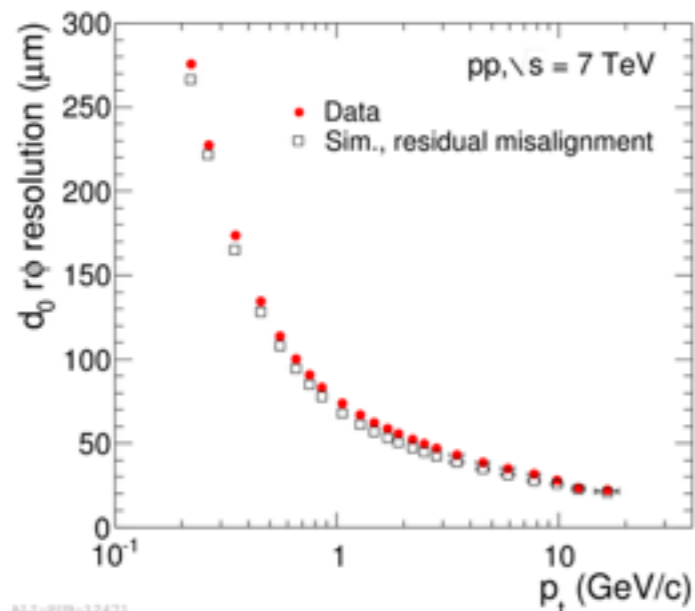


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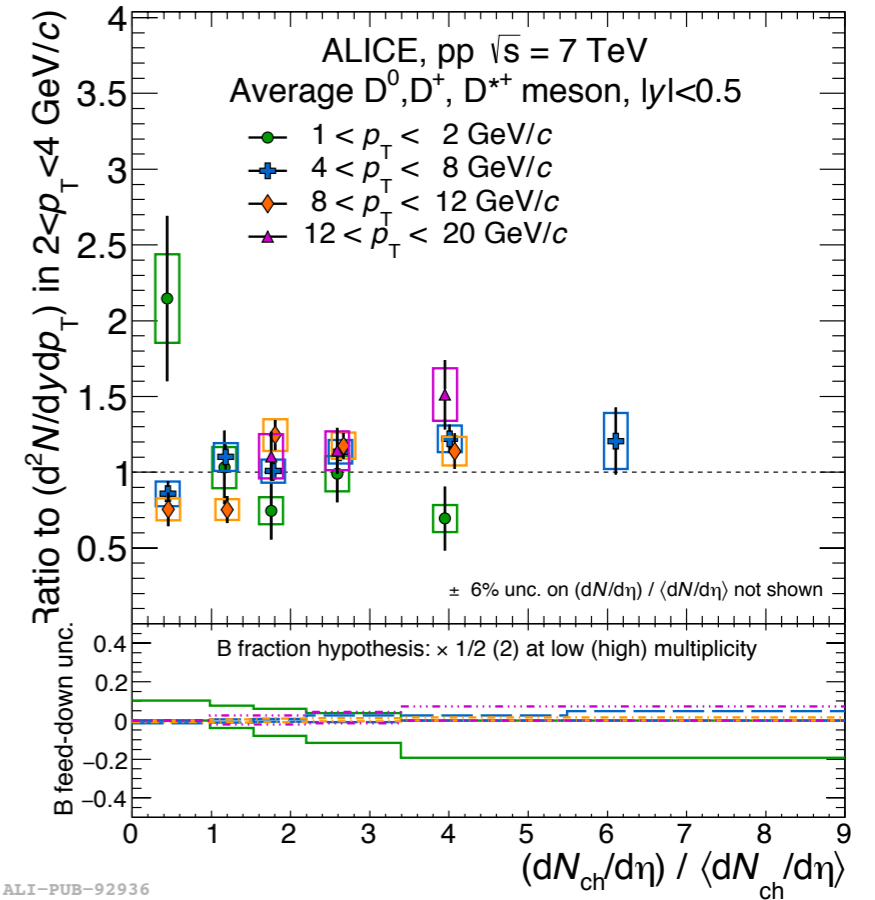
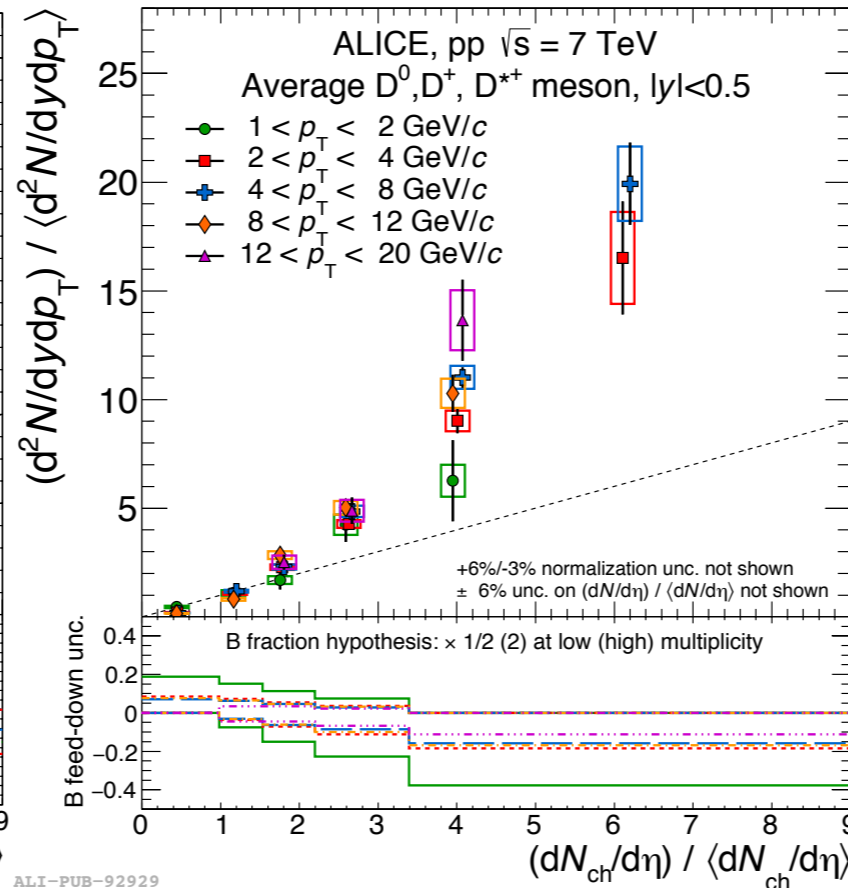
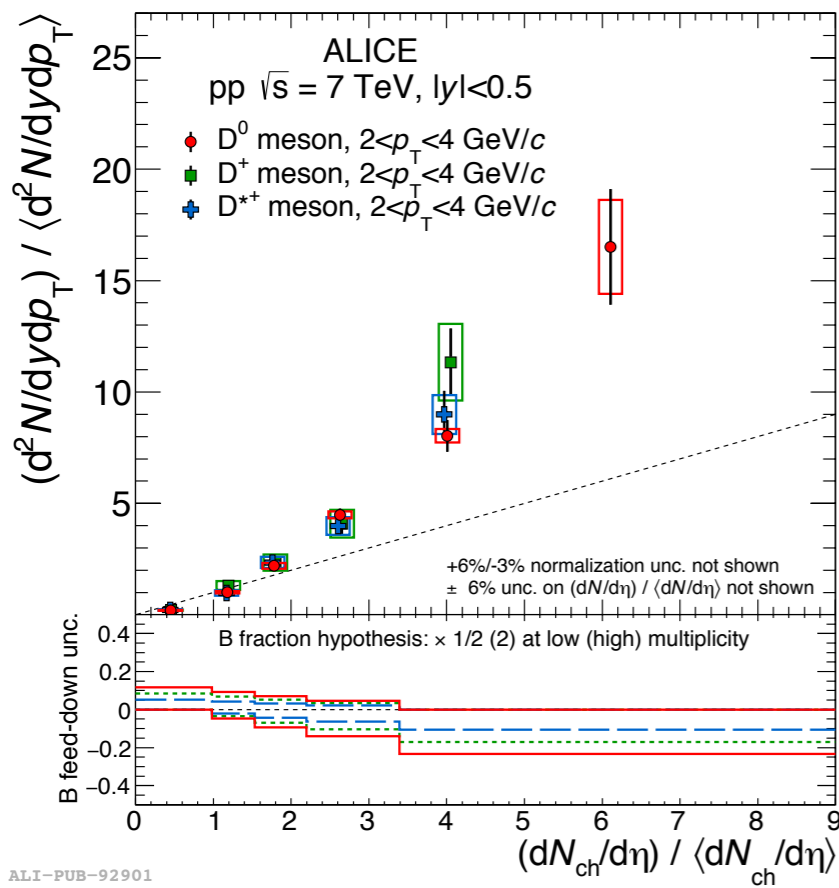


Multiplicity measurement
ITS (2 innermost layers)
VZERO

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Results in pp collisions at 7 TeV

Open charm vs. multiplicity



- **The results of D^0 , D^+ and D^{*+} are consistent within uncertainties.**
- **Increase of D-meson yields with charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity:**
 - **faster-than-linear increase at large multiplicities,**
 - **independent of p_T within uncertainties.**

ALICE, JHEP 09 (2015) 148.

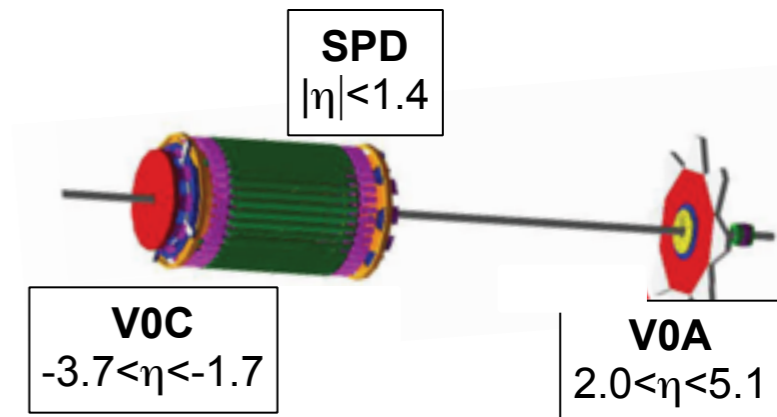
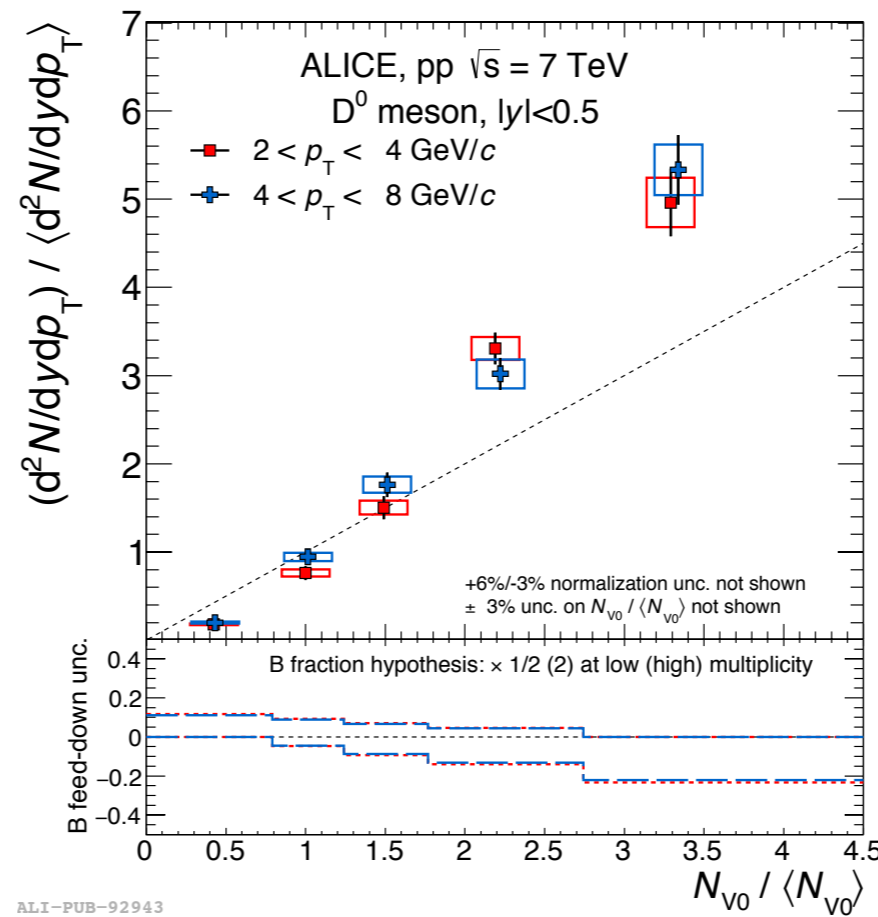
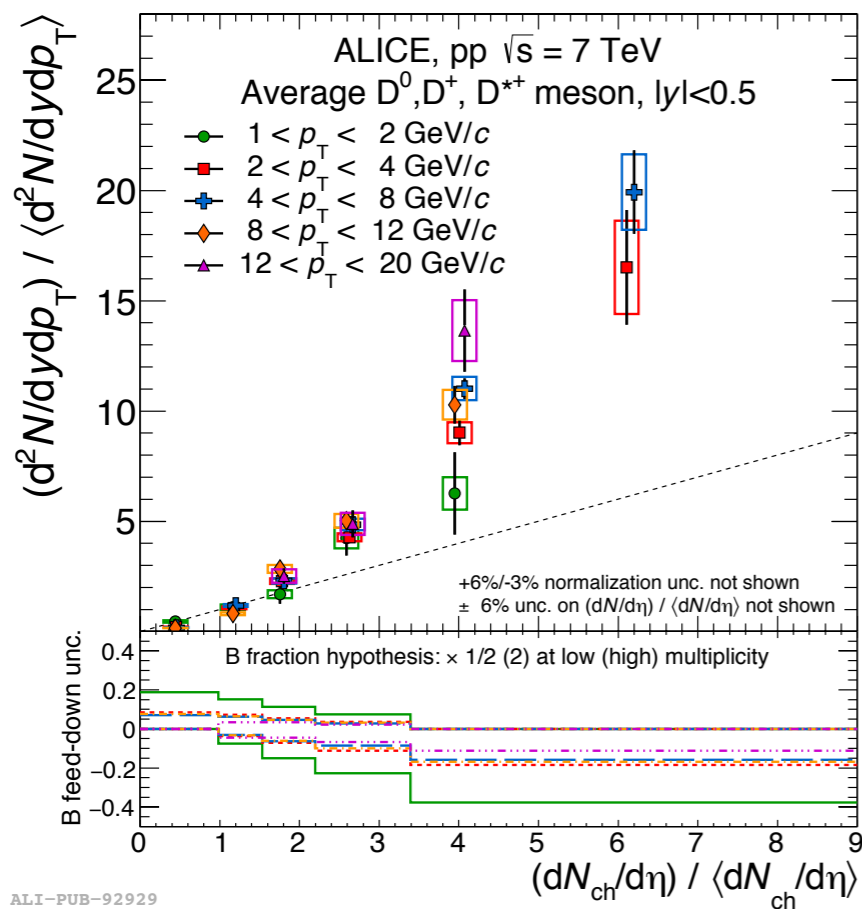
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Introducing an η gap on the multiplicity measurement



- Test possible auto-correlations using multiplicity measured in a different rapidity range than heavy-flavour yields (minimise the influence of heavy-quark fragmentation and heavy-flavour hadron decays in the multiplicity estimation).
- **Qualitatively similar increasing trend of D-meson yields when an η gap is introduced between the regions where the D mesons and the multiplicity are measured.**

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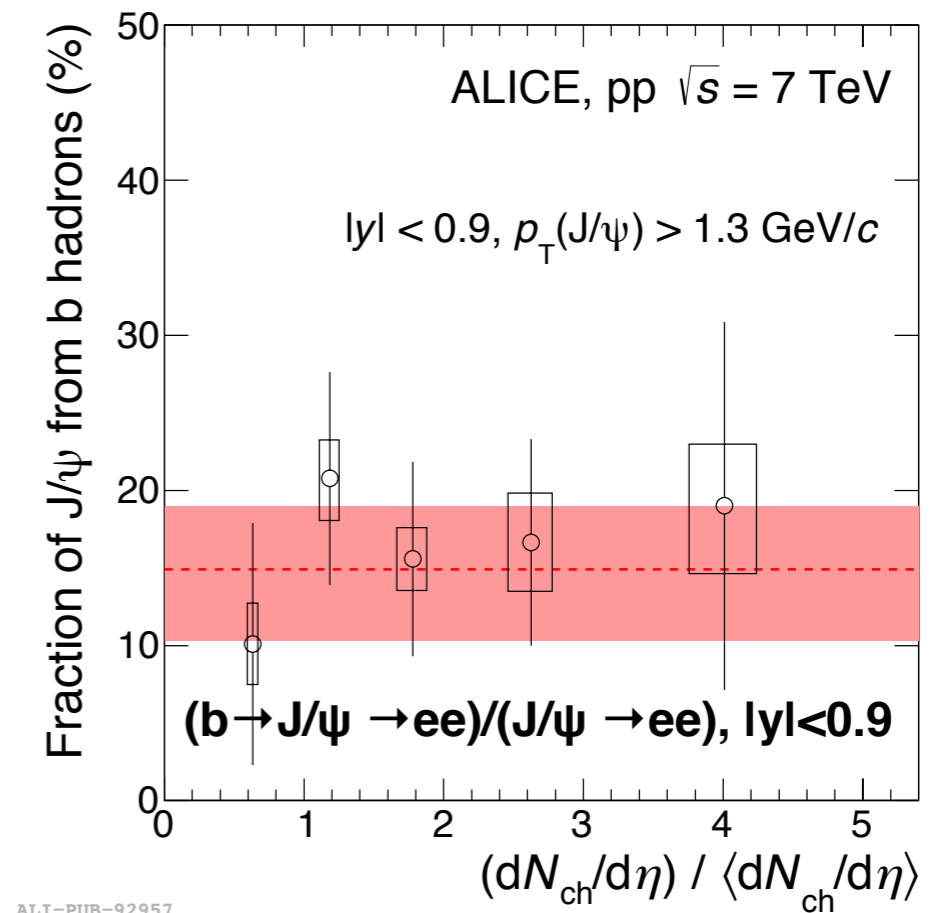
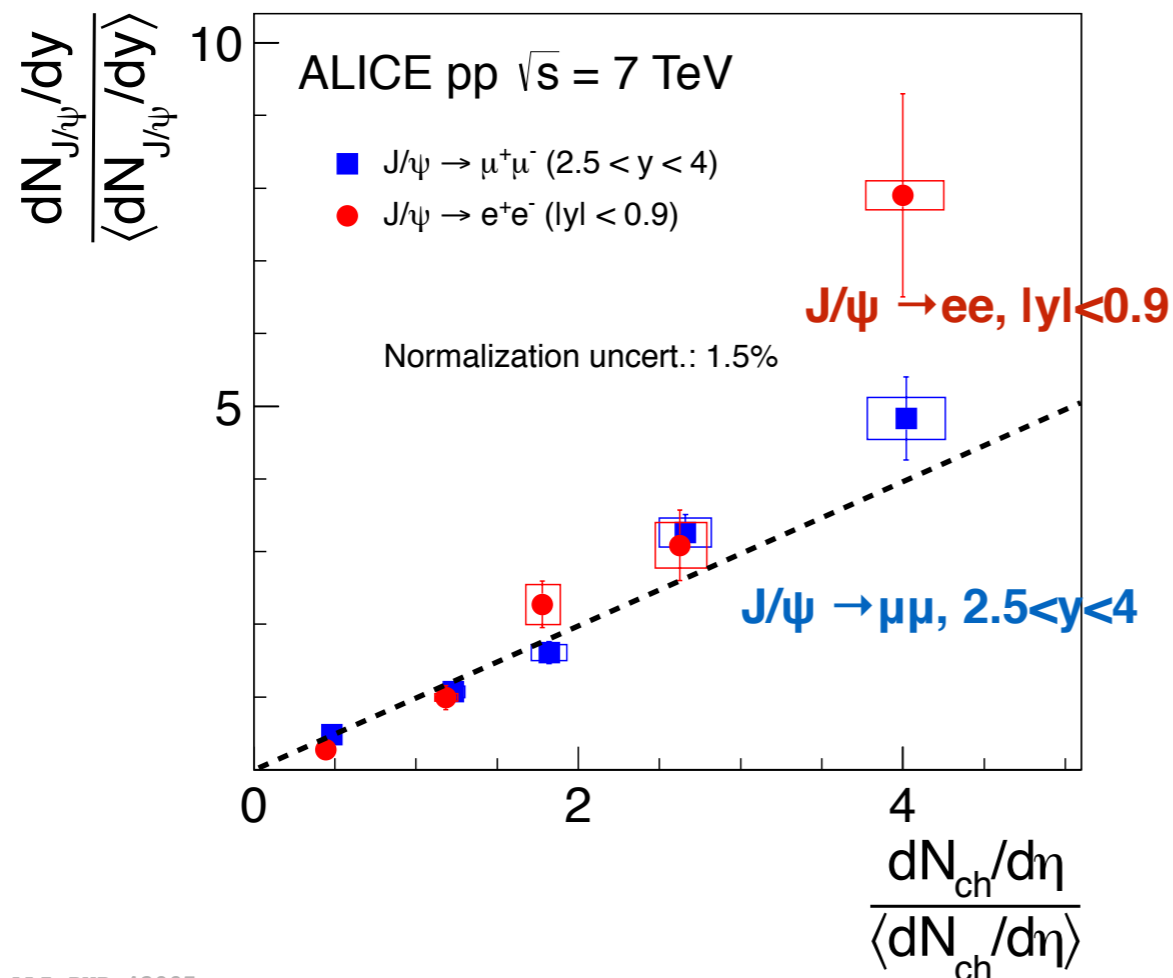
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Quarkonia vs. multiplicity



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- Increase of J/ψ yields as a function of multiplicity at mid rapidity.
- Similar increase of J/ψ yields measured at central and forward rapidity.
- The fraction of non-prompt J/ψ in the inclusive yields shows no multiplicity dependence with multiplicity within uncertainties.

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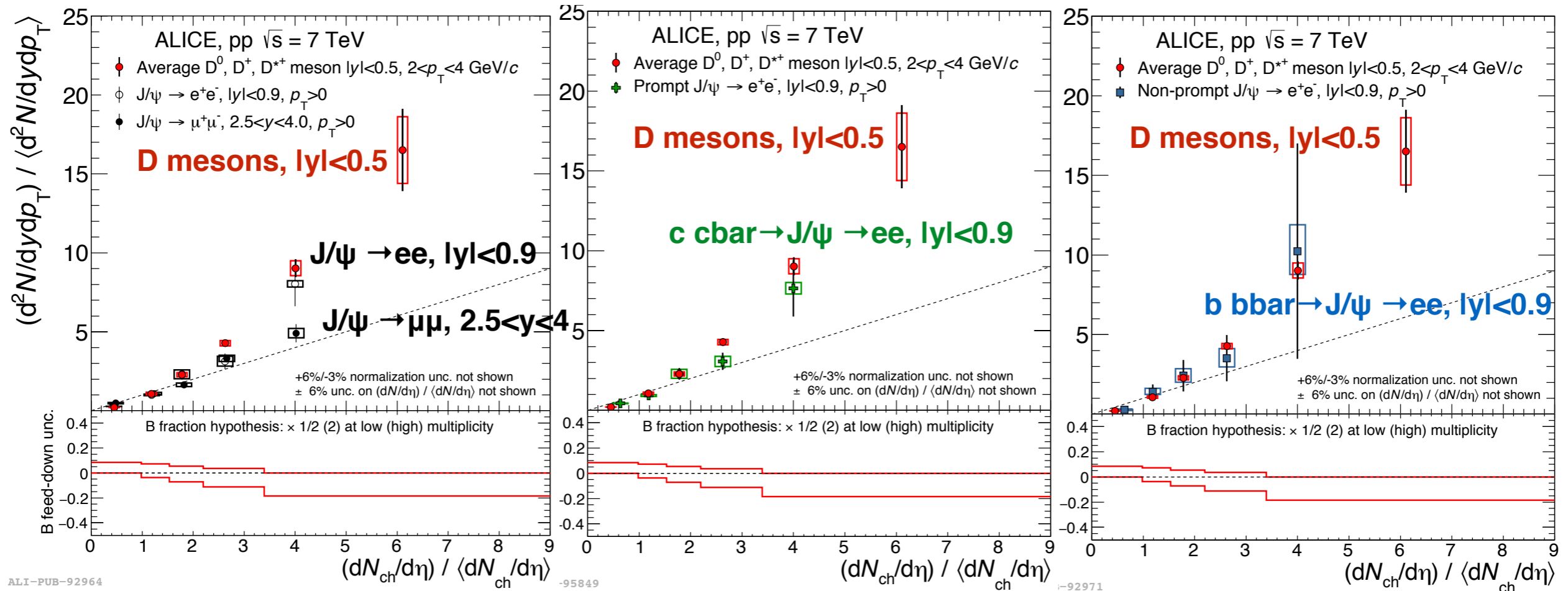
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Comparison of open and hidden heavy flavours



- **Similar increase of open charm, open beauty and charmonia yields as a function of charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity.**
- **Caveats: different rapidity and p_T interval of the measurements.**
- **Likely related to heavy-flavour production processes, and not significantly influenced by hadronisation.**

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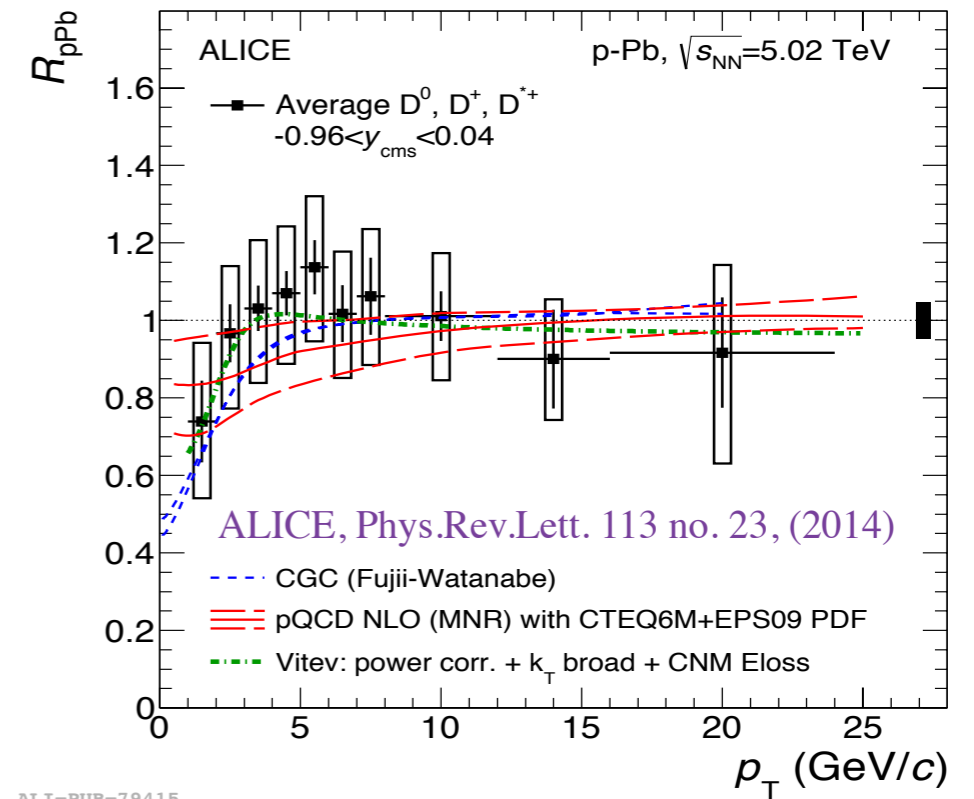
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Results in p-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV

Heavy-flavour production in p-Pb collisions

- As in pp collisions,
- **HF yield expected to scale with the number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions.**
- **Nuclear environment influence (p-Pb collisions):**
 - **shadowing (PDF modifications in nuclei) and gluon saturation,**
 - **energy loss (initial/final state or coherent),**
 - **nuclear absorption.**

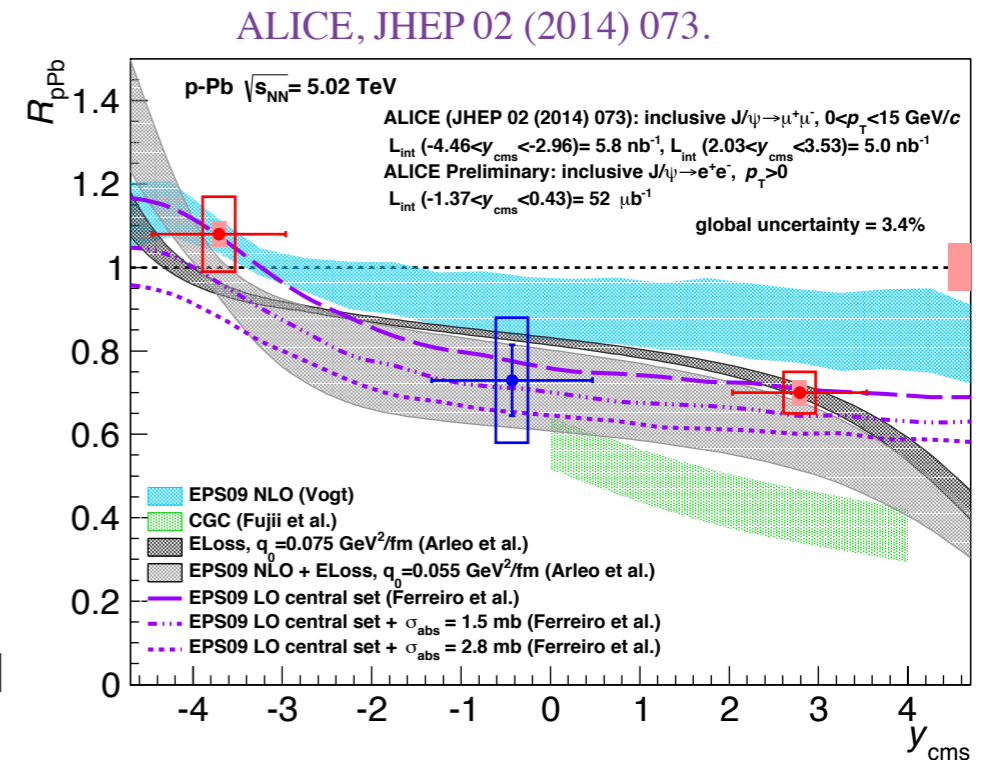


- Observable:

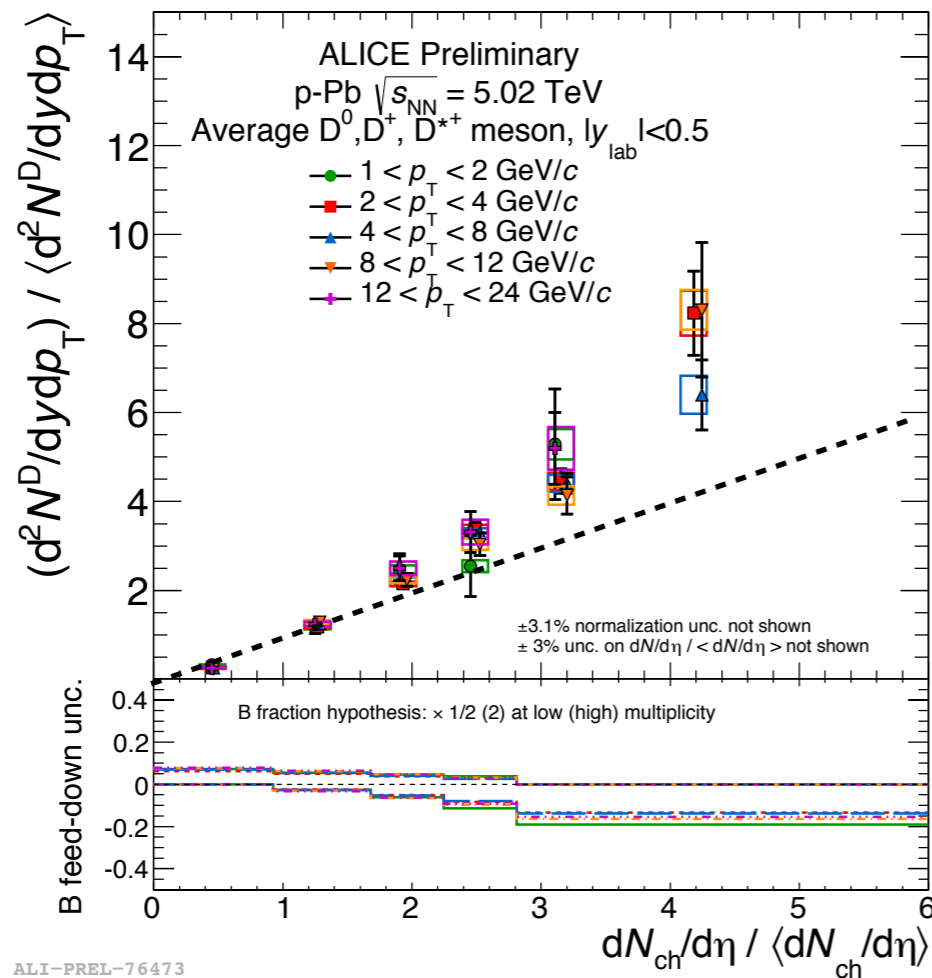
$$R_{AB} = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AB} \rangle} \frac{dN_{AB}/dp_T}{d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle_{AB}} \frac{dN_{AB}/dp_T}{dN_{pp}/dp_T}$$

- **Measurements:**

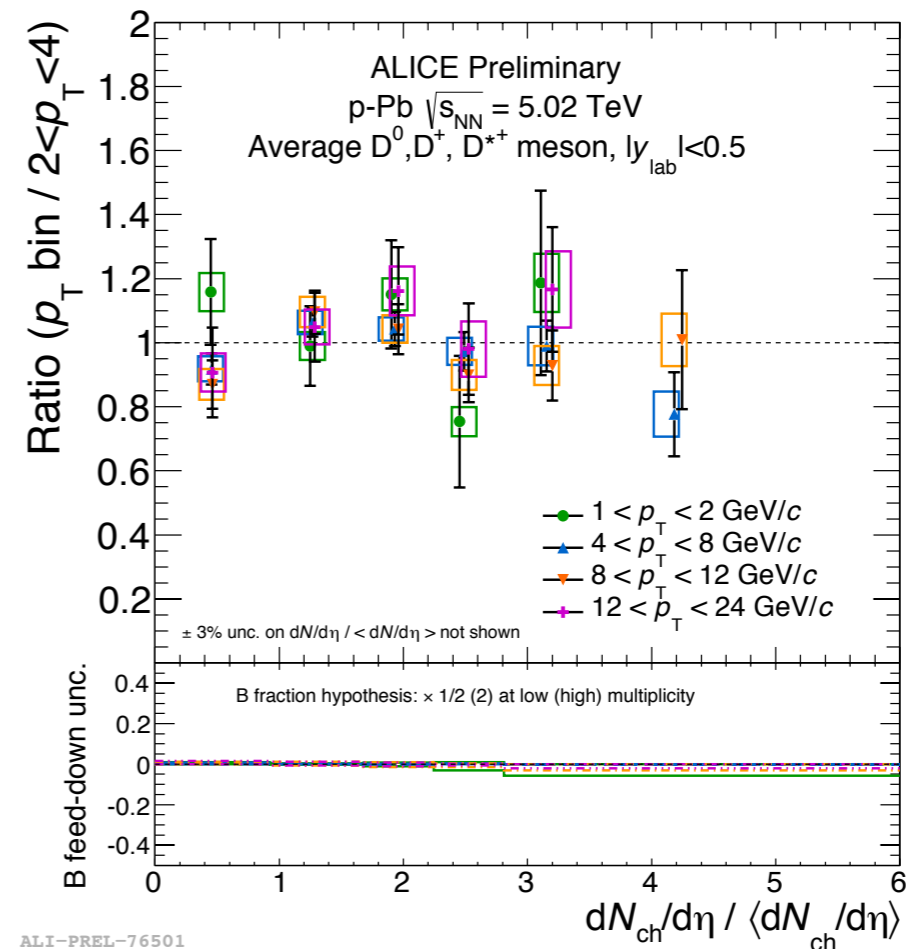
- **prompt D-meson R_{pPb} is close to unity at high p_T**
- **J/ψ suppression ($R_{pPb} < 1$) at positive y (p-going, low- x in Pb nucleus) and low p_T .**
- **Relatively well described by models including cold nuclear matter effects.**



Open charm vs. multiplicity



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- **Increase of D-meson yields with charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity:**
 - **slightly faster-than-linear increase at large multiplicities,**
 - **independent of p_T within uncertainties.**

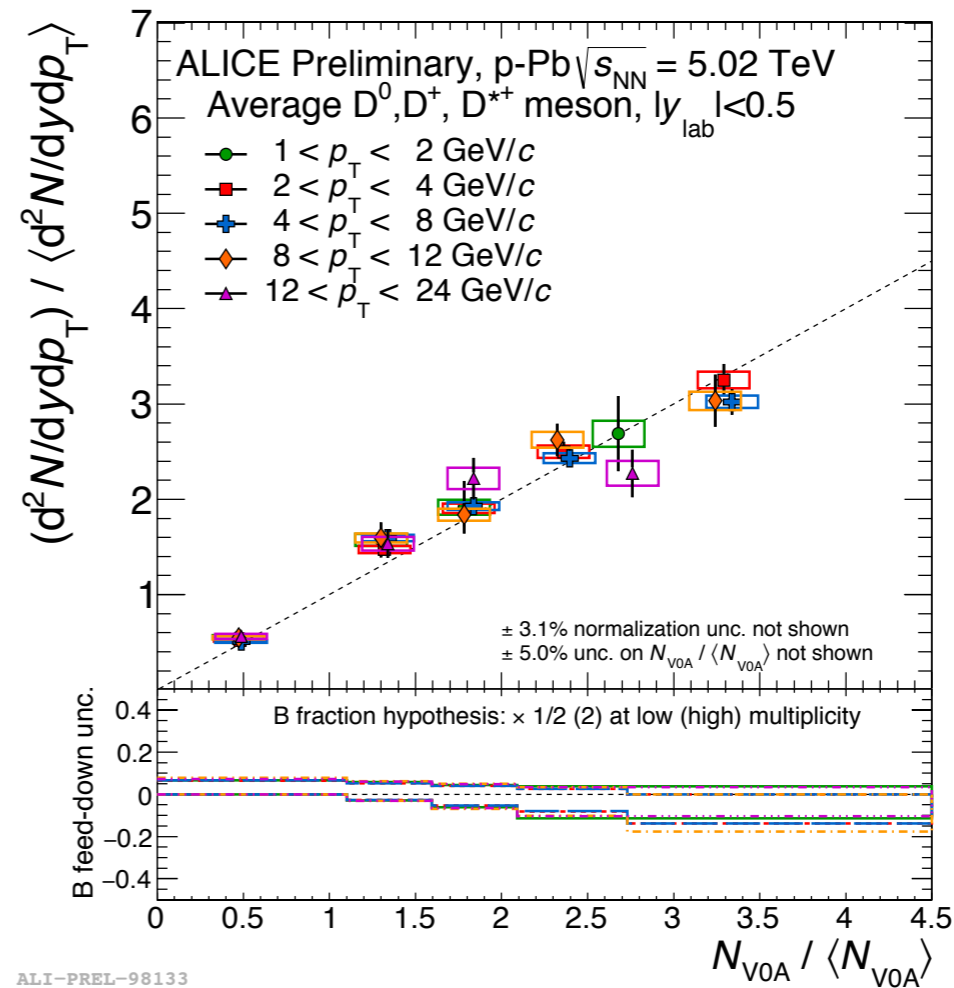
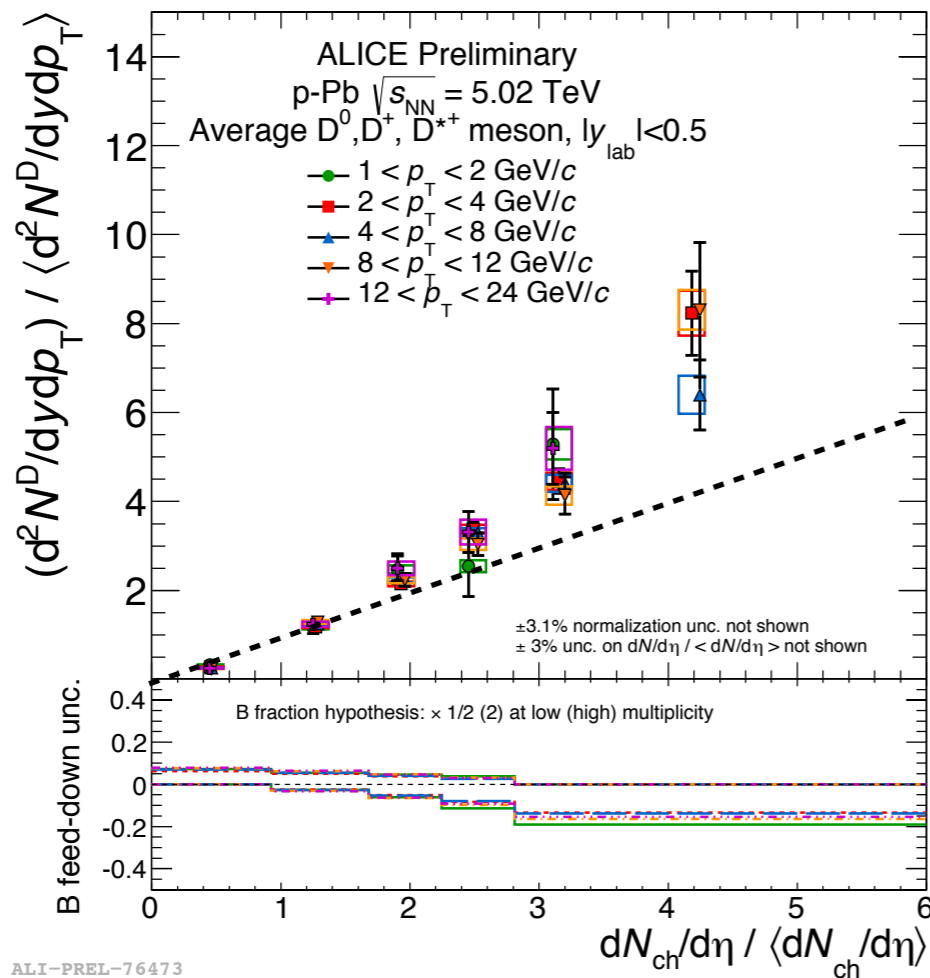
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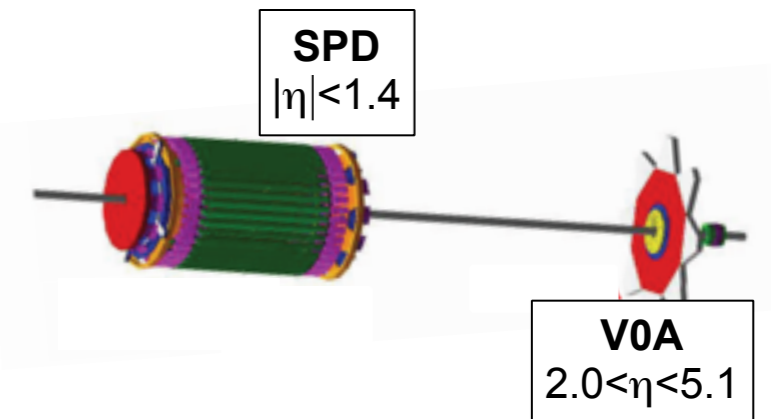
- Test auto-correlations on the multiplicity estimation.
- **Nearly linear increase with multiplicity at backward rapidity (Pb-going direction). Results consistent in the measured interval within uncertainties.**

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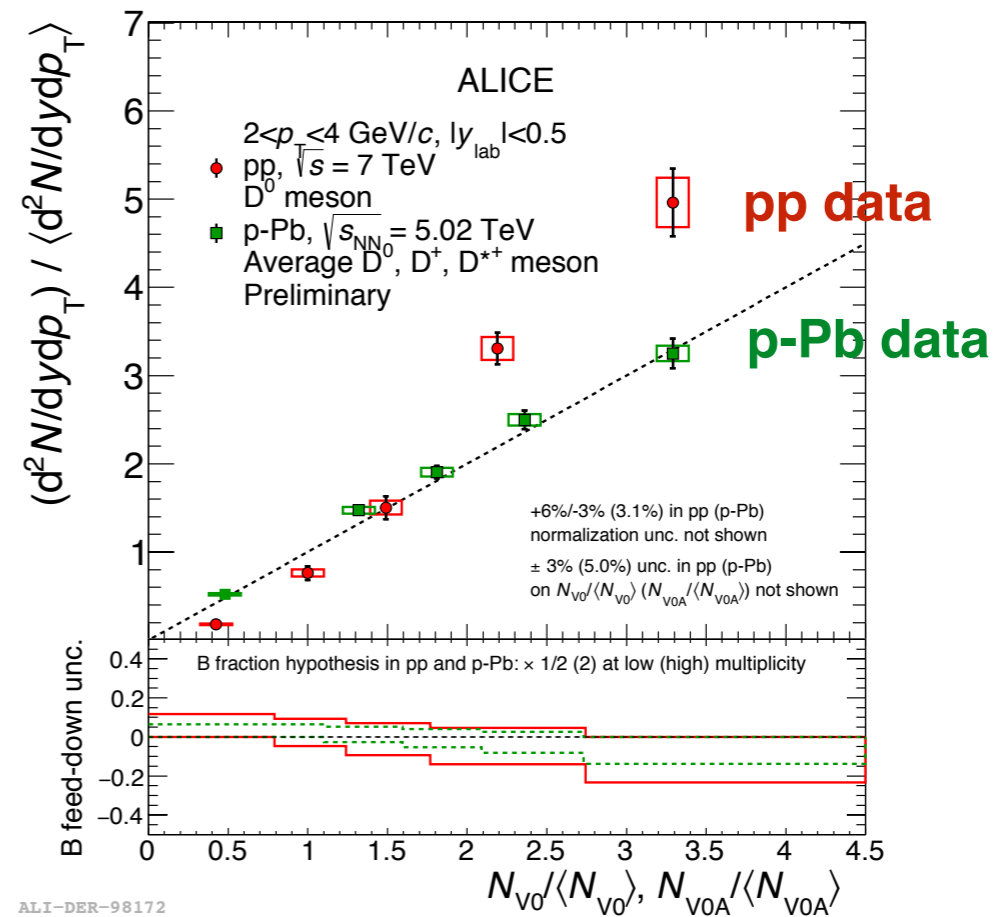
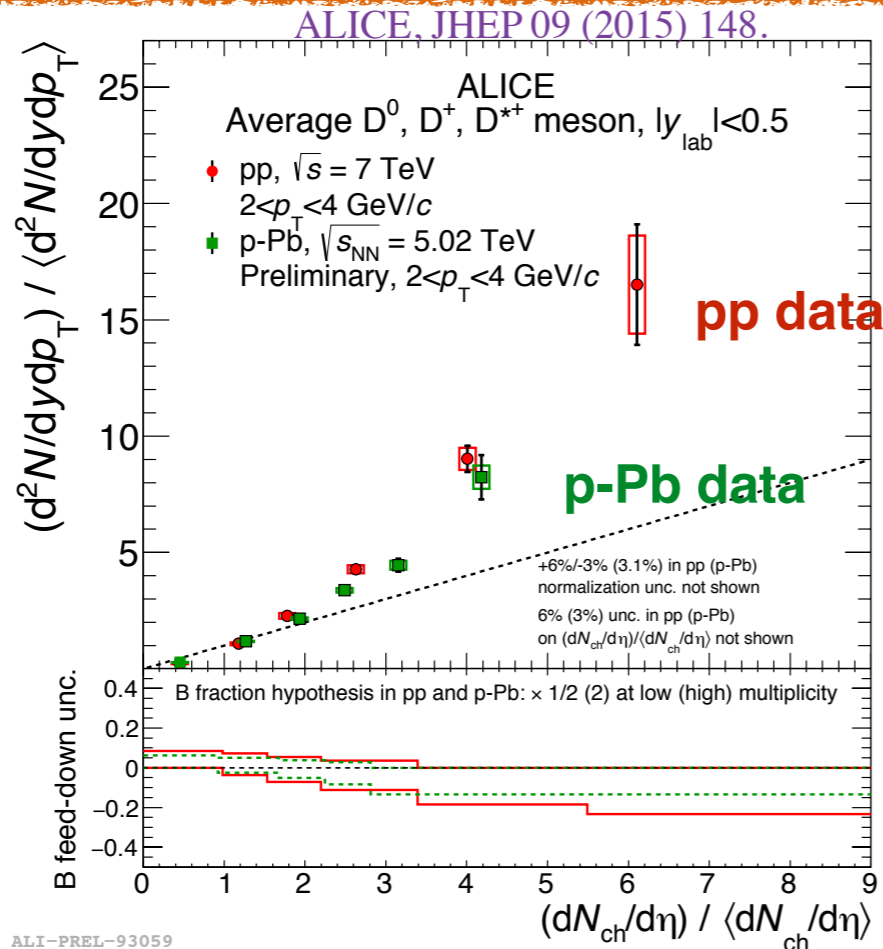
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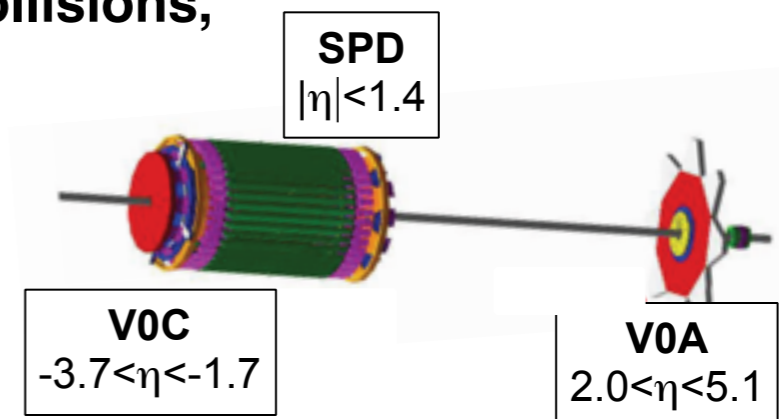
- **Multiplicity at mid rapidity: similar trend for D-meson results in pp and p-Pb collisions.**
- **Multiplicity at large (backward) rapidities:**
 - **measured in different η ranges in pp and p-Pb collisions,**
 - **faster increase of D-meson yields in pp than in p-Pb collisions.**

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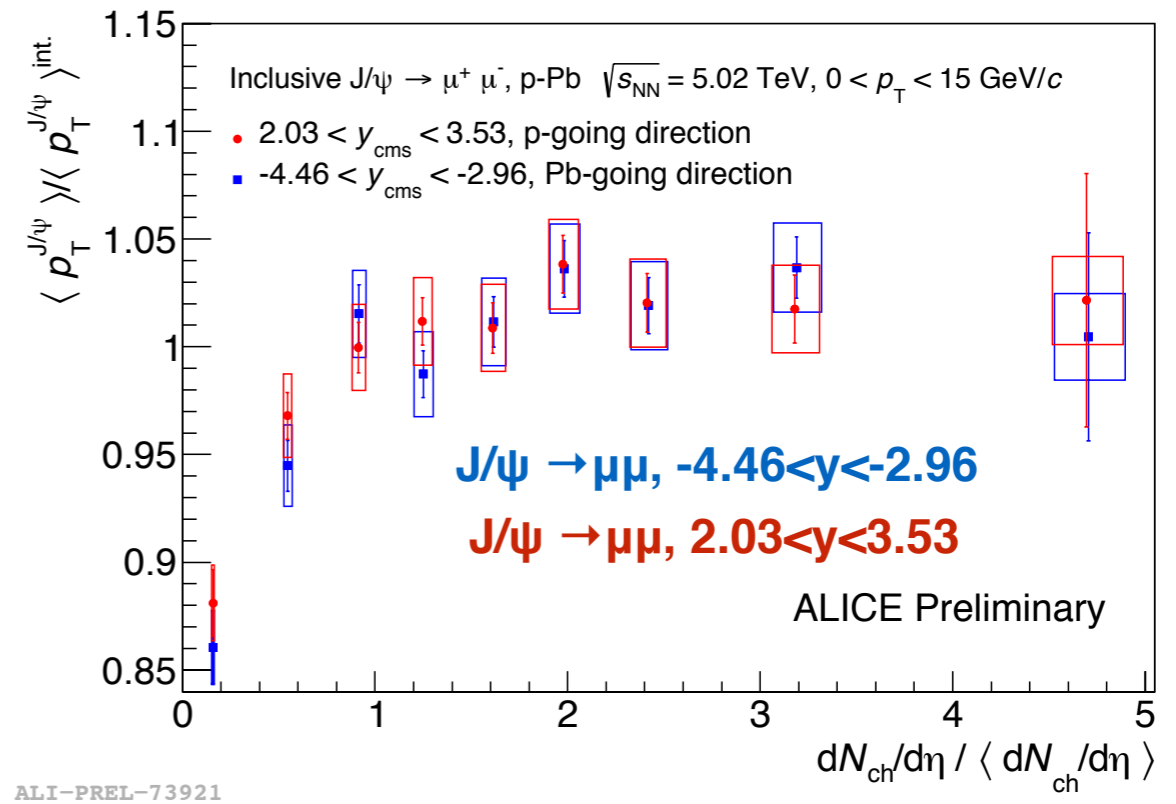
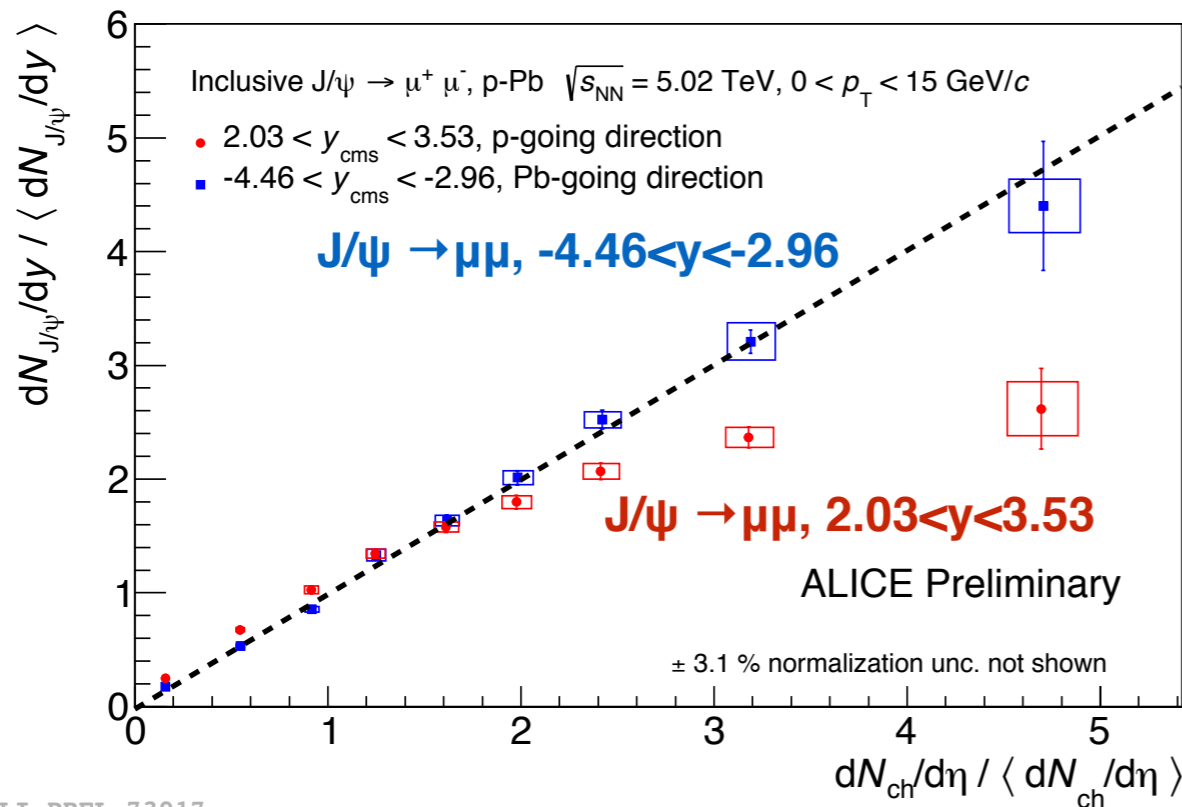
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- **J/ψ yields vs. multiplicity (with multiplicity measured at mid rapidity):**
 - increase of J/ψ yields measured at **backward** rapidity (**Pb-going direction**),
 - deviation of the linear increase at **forward** rapidity (**p-going direction**).
- **J/ψ average p_T , $p_T/\langle p_T \rangle$, increases with multiplicity and seems to saturate at about $(dN_{ch}/d\eta)/\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle \sim 1.5$, independently of J/ψ rapidity.**

Note: J/ψ yields measured in the p-going direction probe low-x gluons

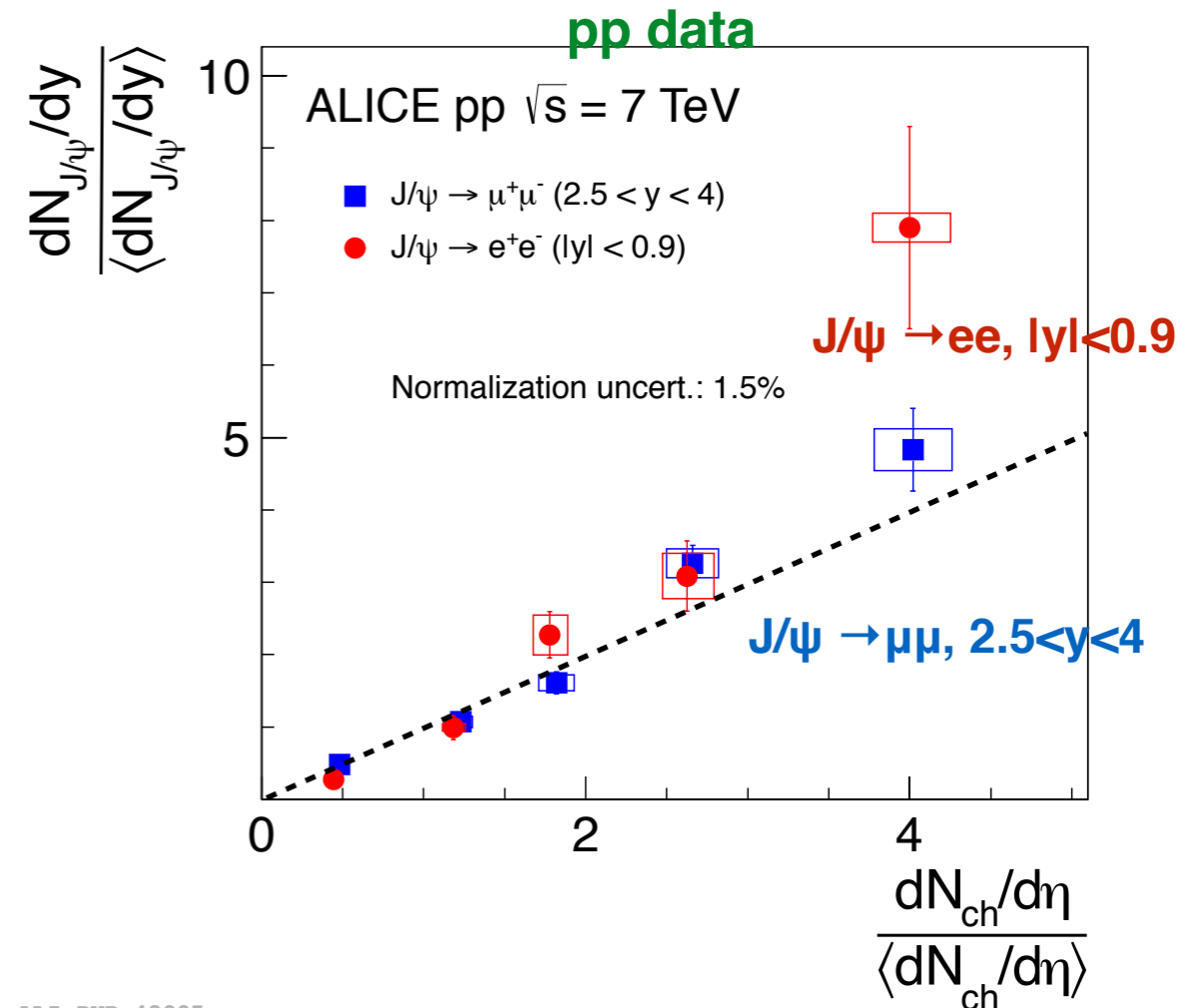
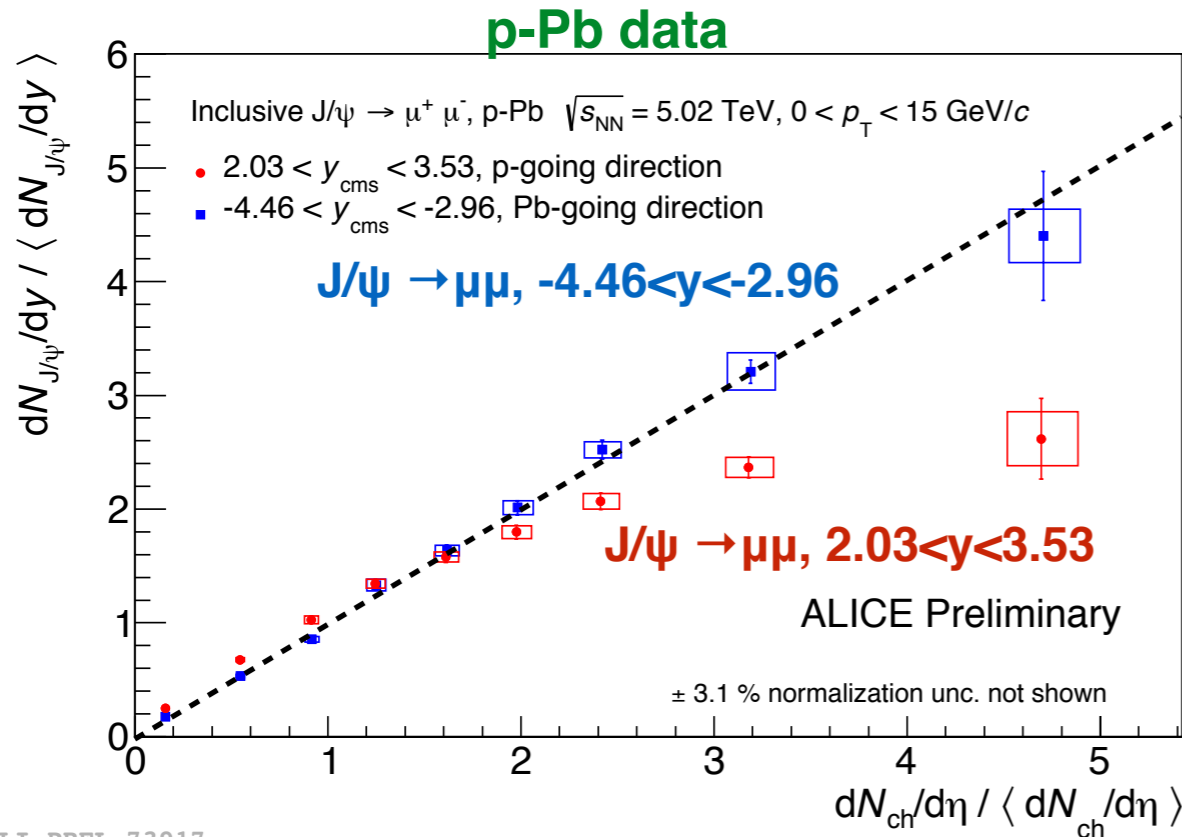
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- **Multiplicity at mid rapidity:**

- similar trend for J/ψ yields measured in pp and p-Pb collisions at backward rapidity (Pb-going direction),
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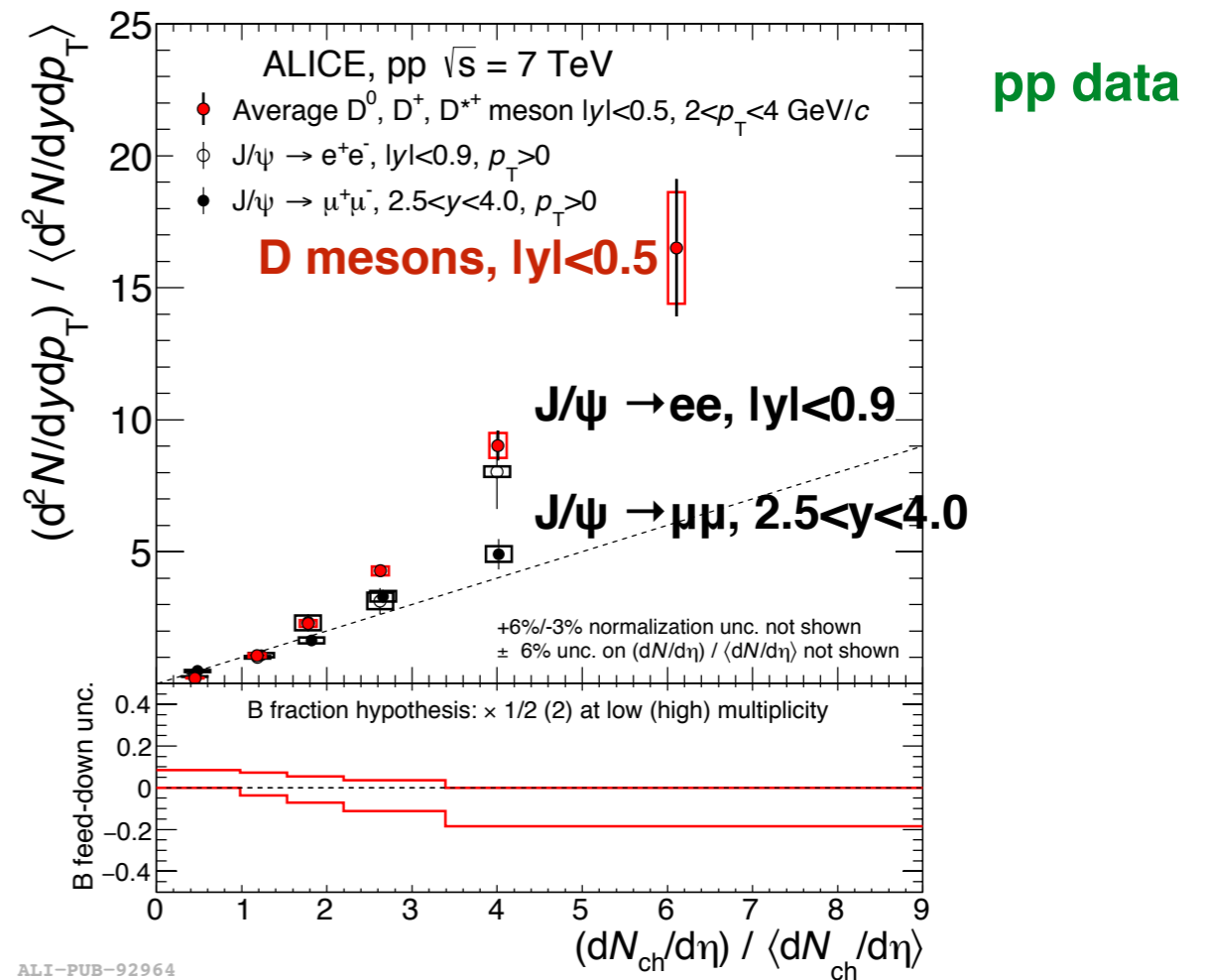
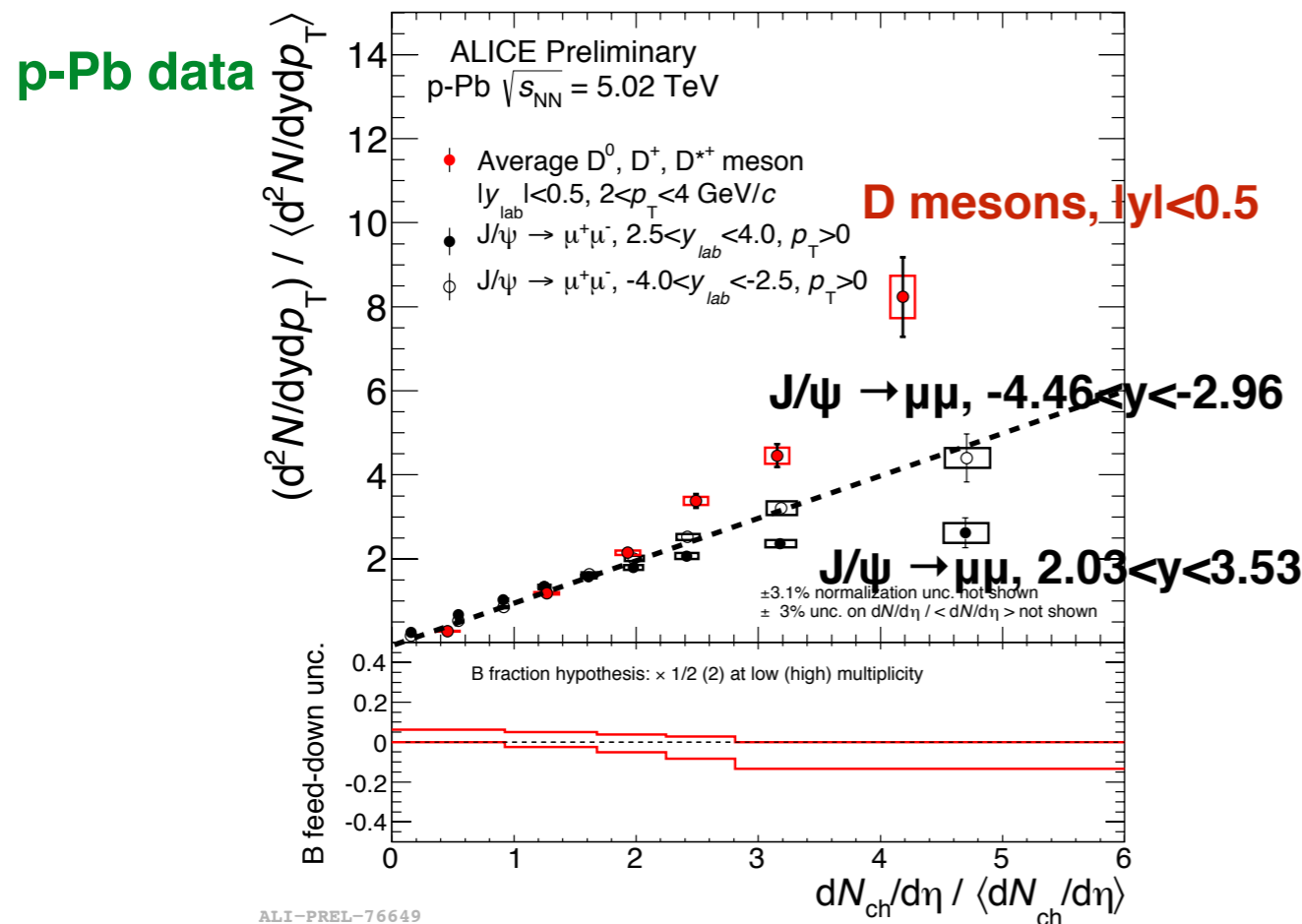
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Comparison of open vs hidden heavy flavours



- **Heavy-flavour yields increase with charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity;**
 - **similar trend in pp collisions,**
 - **in p-Pb collisions, D mesons increase faster than J/ψ .**
- **In particular for J/ψ yields measured at forward rapidity (p-going direction).**

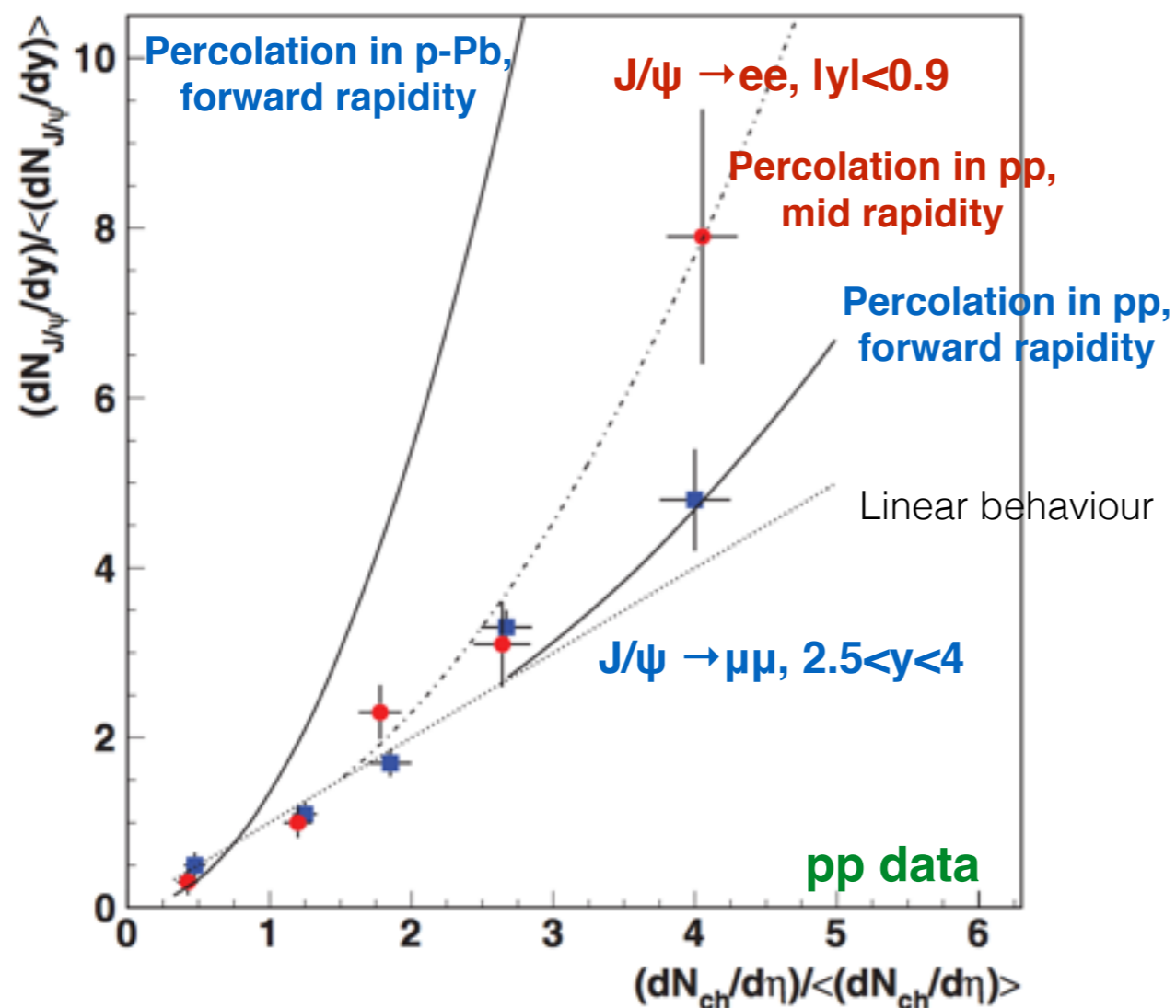
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Comparison with models

J/ψ in pp collisions vs. percolation model



- **Percolation:**
 - interactions driven by the **exchange of colour sources** (strings ~ MPI scenario);
 - the strings **have a finite spatial extension and can interact**,
 - at high density the coherence leads to a reduction of their number, i.e. a reduction of charged-particle multiplicity,
 - heavy-flavours are less affected due to the smaller transverse size of hard sources;

❁ **faster-than-linear increase of J/ψ yield with multiplicity**

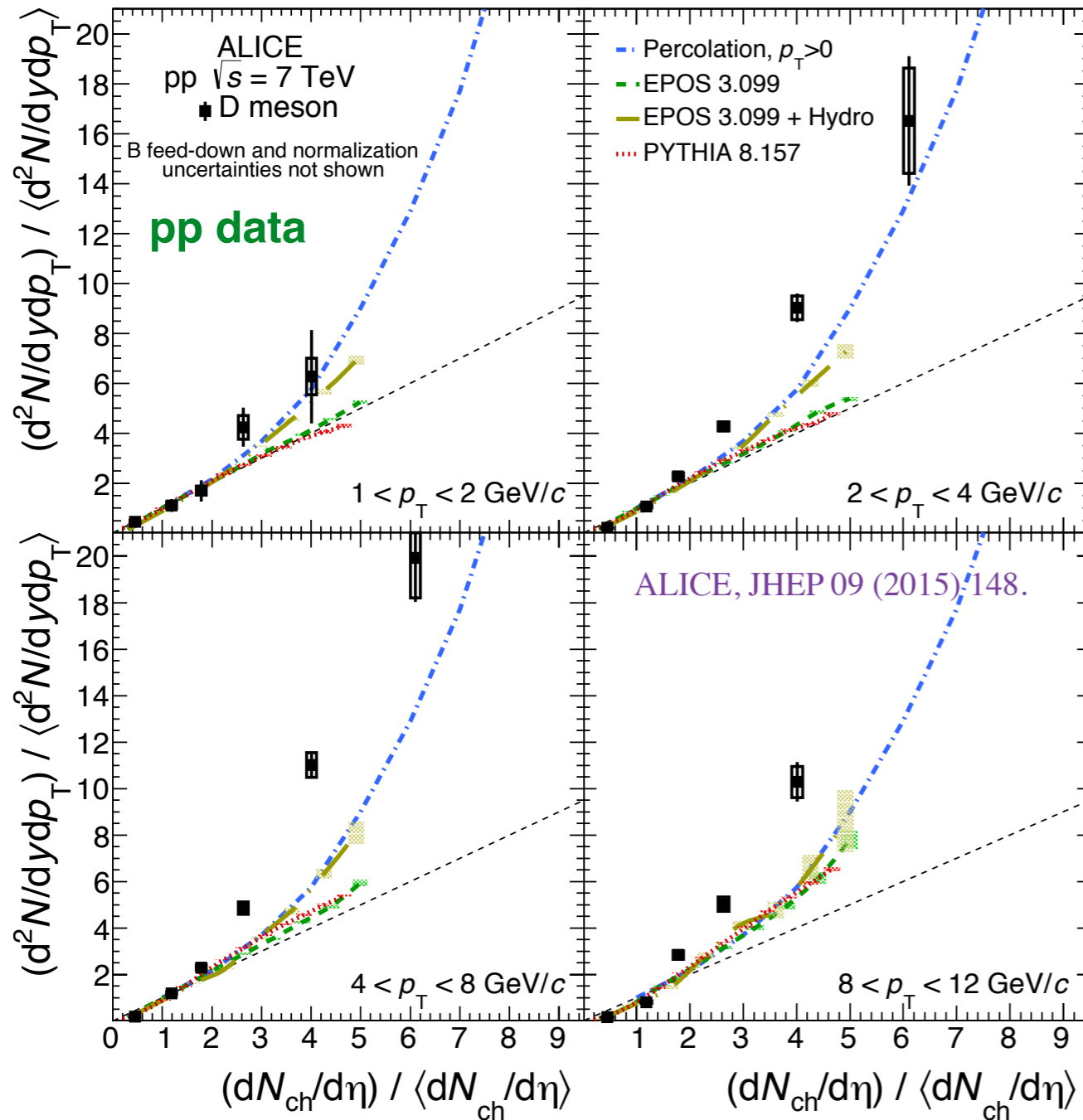
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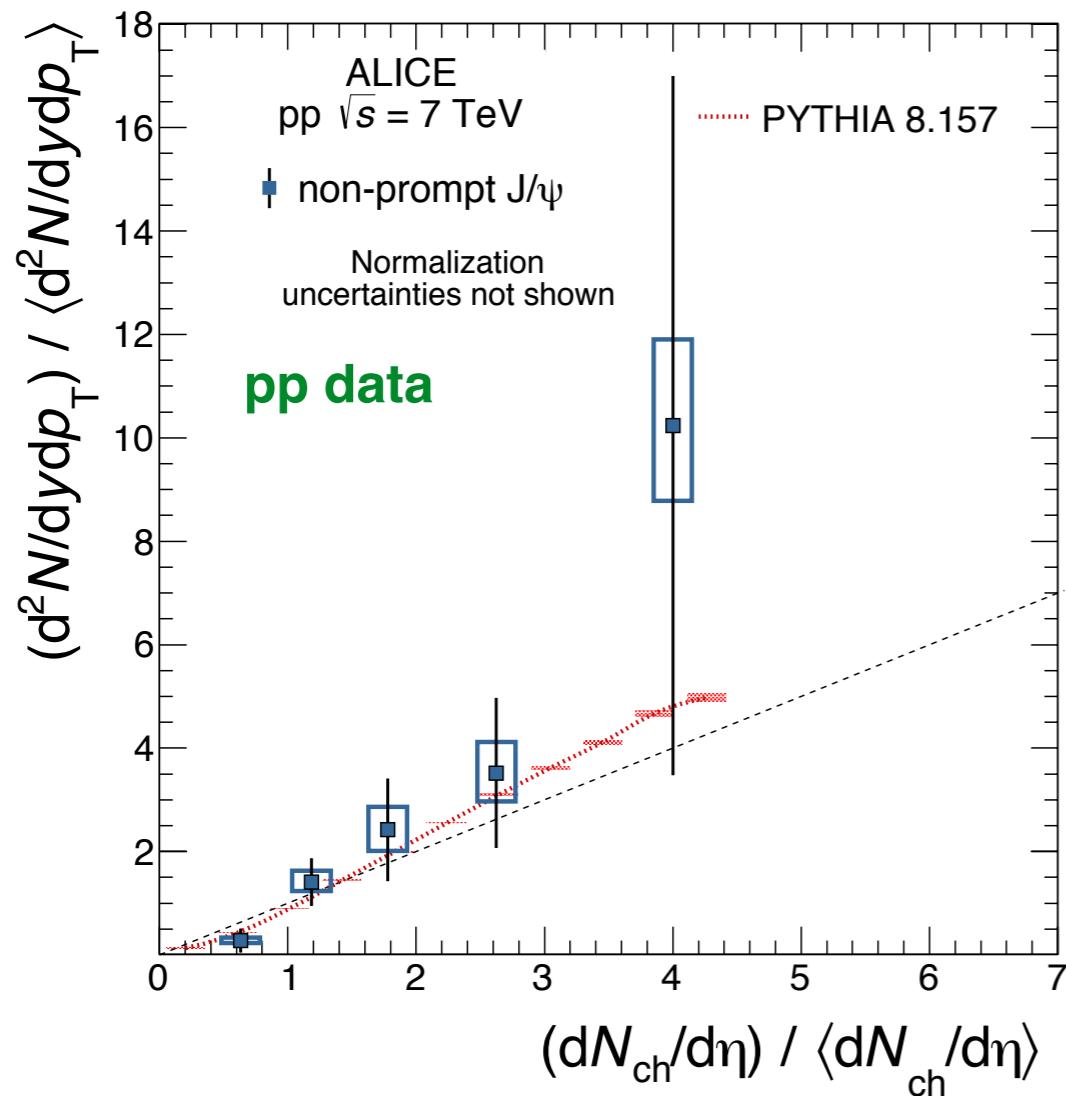
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- **EPOS 3 (event generator)**
 - **Initial conditions**
 - **Hydrodynamical evolution:**
- **PYTHIA 8:**
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 - including colour reconnection,
 - as well as MPI,
 - and diffractive processes

K. Werner talk

Non-prompt J/ψ in pp collisions vs. models



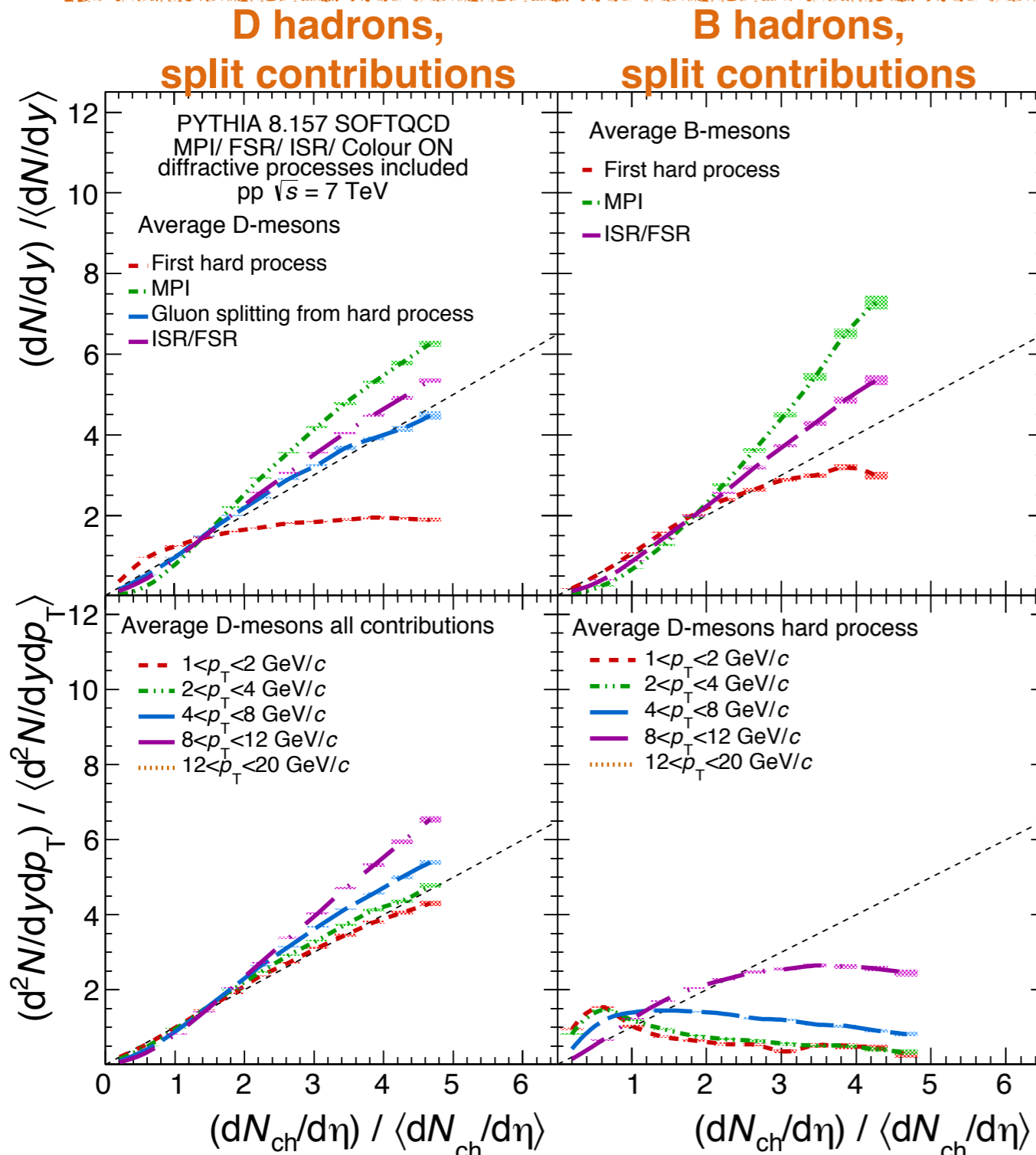
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- **PYTHIA 8:**
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- ❁ **nearly linear trend of B-hadron yield with multiplicity.**

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More details on PYTHIA 8

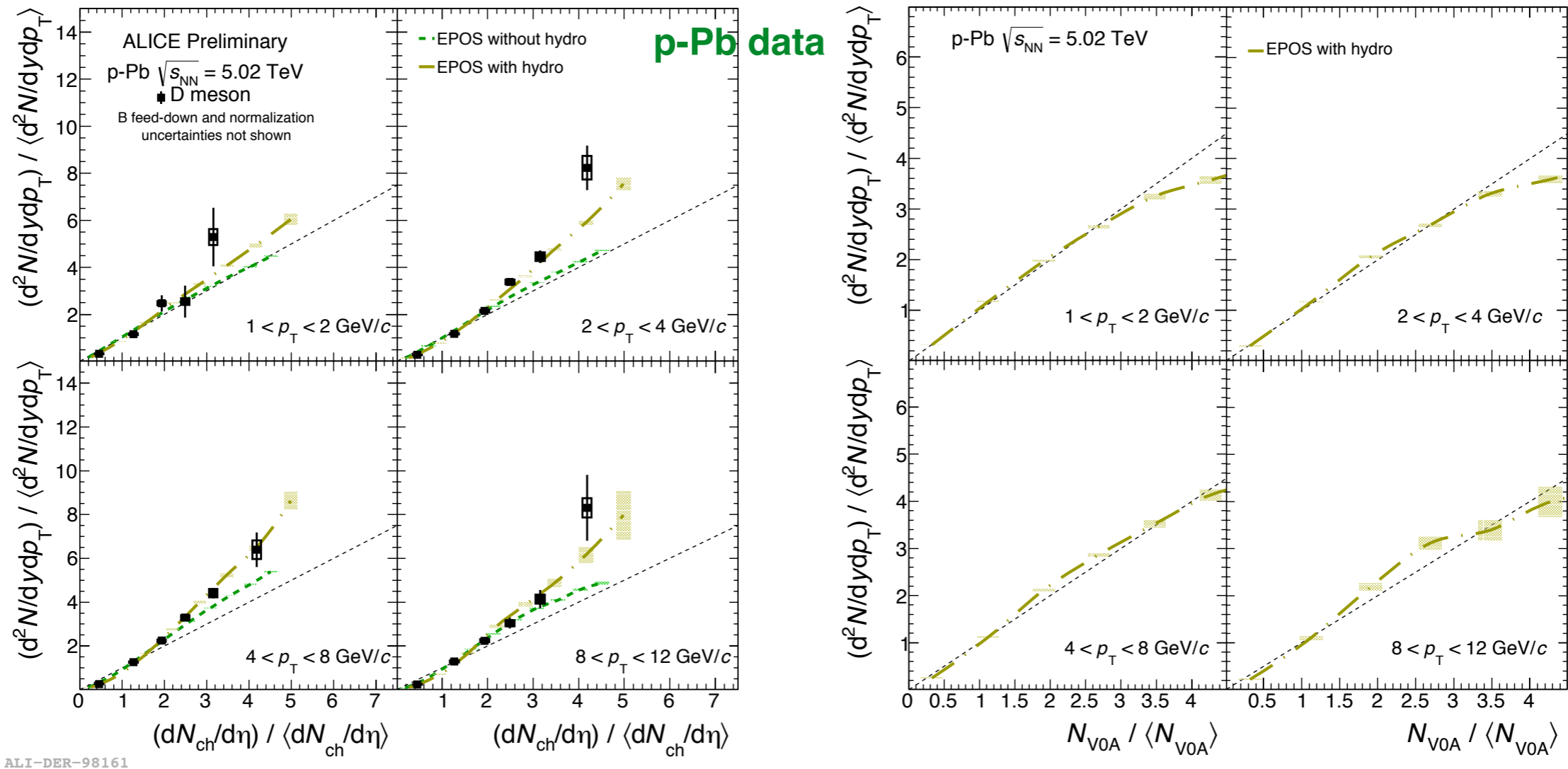


- Calculation: SoftQCD process selection, including colour reconnection and diffractive processes.
- Contributions of:
 - **first hard process** \approx hardest process
 - **weak dependence on multiplicity** (slight increase at low multiplicities followed by a saturation)
 - **MPI** \approx subsequent hard process
 - **increasing trend vs. multiplicity**
 - **gluon splitting from hard process**
 - **increasing trend vs. multiplicity**
 - **initial and final-state radiation**
 - **increasing trend vs. multiplicity**

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D mesons in p-Pb collisions vs. models



- **EPOS 3 with initial conditions and hydrodynamic evolution estimates:**
 - a faster-than-linear increase of D-meson yields with multiplicity at mid rapidity,
 - approximately linear trend with multiplicity at backward rapidity (reduced influence of hydro on charged-particle production at forward rapidity).

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Summary

- **Heavy-flavour hadron yield increases with charged-particle multiplicity in pp collisions**
 - **Faster-than-linear increase at high multiplicities.**
 - **Similar trend for open and hidden heavy-flavours**
⇒ related to charm and beauty production mechanisms (small influence of hadronisation)
- **Models including multiple parton interactions reproduce the measurements.**
- **In p-Pb collisions, heavy-flavour hadron yield increases with charged-particle multiplicity at mid rapidity**
 - **D mesons increase faster than J/ψ.**
In particular for J/ψ yields measured at forward rapidity (p-going direction).
 - **J/ψ average p_T increases with multiplicity and seems to saturate at high multiplicities, independently of J/ψ rapidity.**
- **EPOS 3 calculations reproduce the observed D-meson trend.**
Missing model calculations for beauty-hadron and charmonia production.
- **Future directions: higher multiplicities, higher \sqrt{s} , fine p_T intervals, angular correlations,...**