

ALICE Heavy Flavor Measurements

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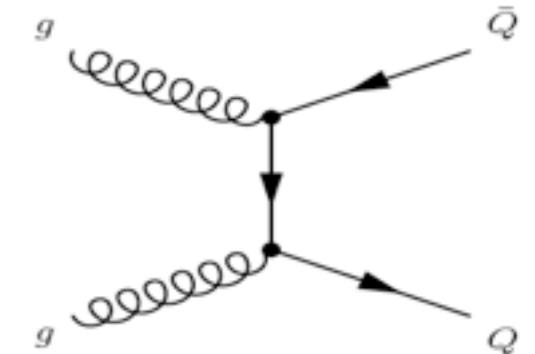
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- * The keywords:
 - ▶ Charm, beauty
 - ▶ Electrons, muons, D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+} , D_s^+ mesons (+ non-prompt J/ψ as extra)
 - ▶ Nuclear modification factor
 - ▶ Azimuthal anisotropy
 - ▶ Models

Introduction

HEAVY QUARKS AS QGP PROBES

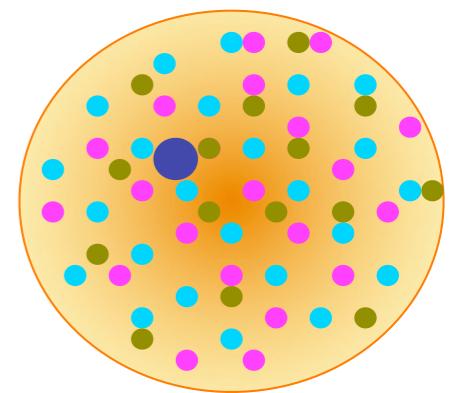
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- Production time $\tau_p \sim 0.05 - 0.15 \text{ fm}/c$
- Tool to test pQCD calculations



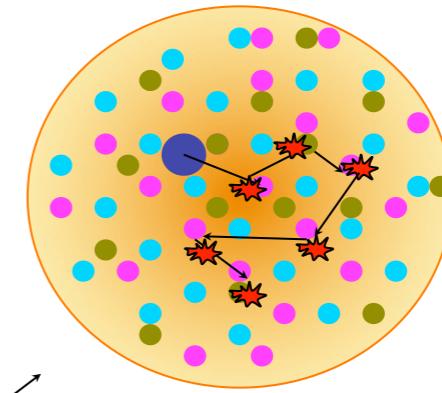
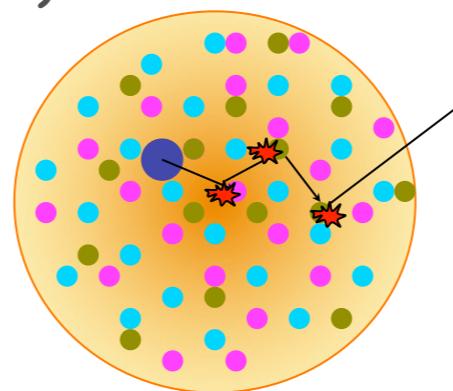
* Nuclear medium influence: p-A collisions

- Shadowing (PDF modifications in nuclei) and Gluon saturation
- Tool to study high density small- x gluons



* Effects in a QGP: A-B collisions

- Energy loss in the QGP (high p_t)
- Thermalisation in the QGP (low p_t)
- Probe of the QCD medium

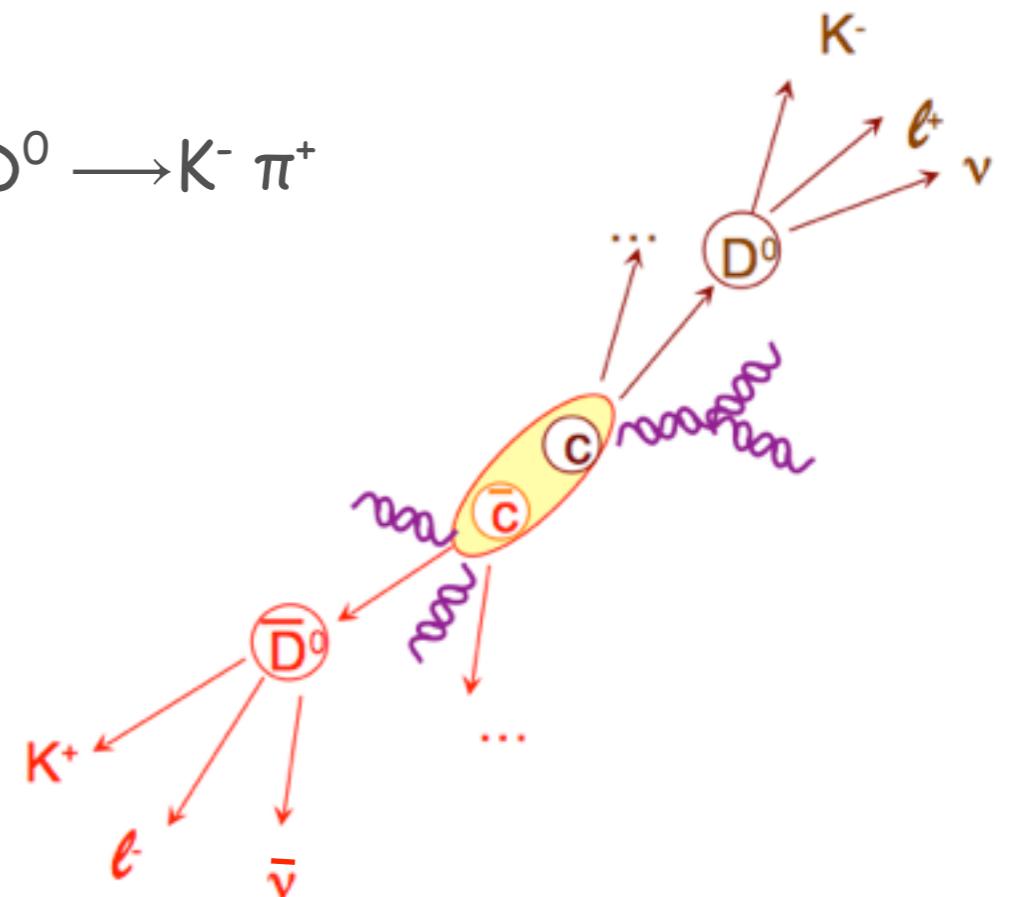
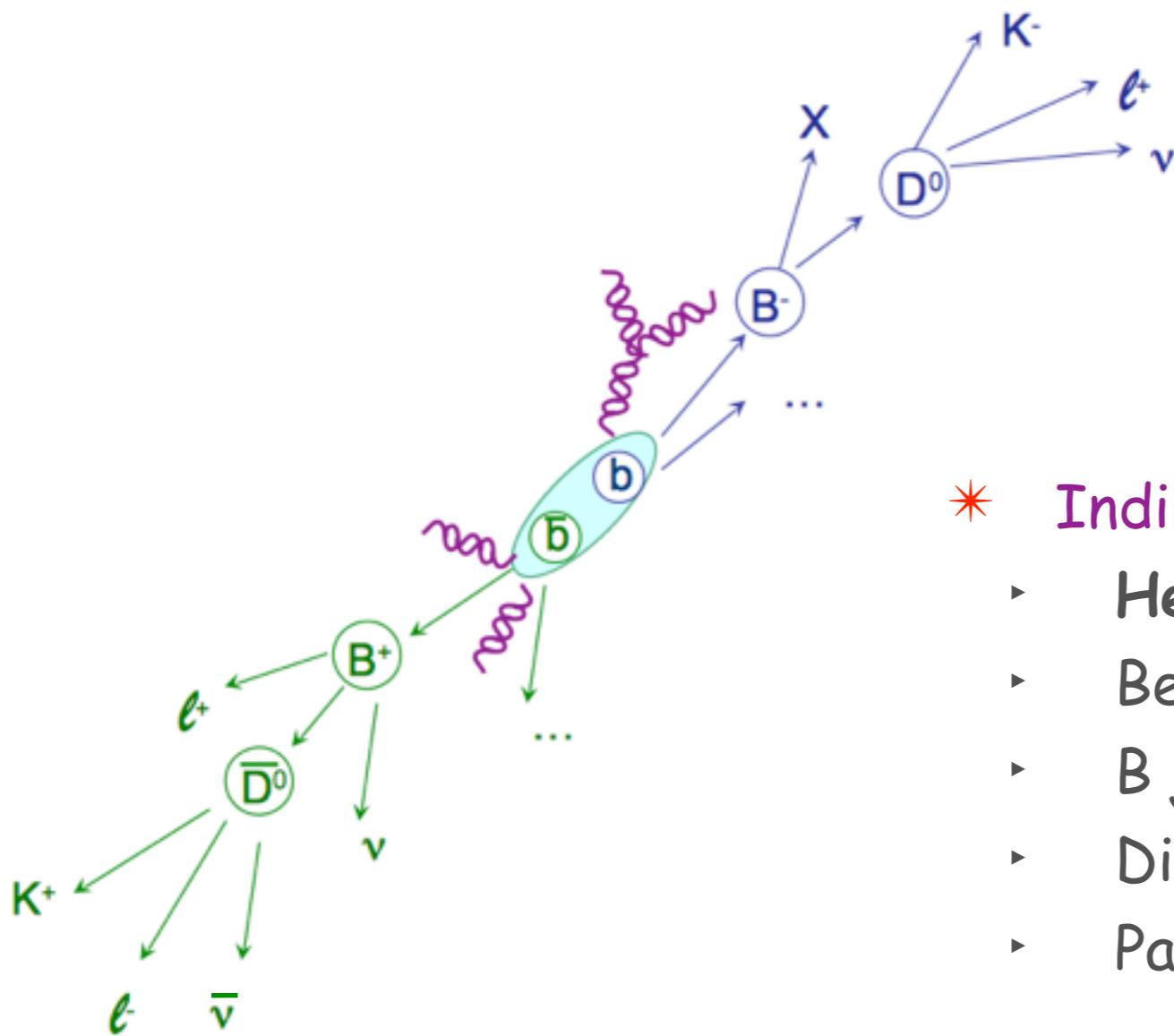


Cartoons just for illustration

EXPERIMENTALLY, HOW ?

* Direct measurements

- ▶ Inclusive D mesons ($c+b \rightarrow D$), e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- ▶ Prompt D mesons ($c \rightarrow D$)
- ▶ B hadron reconstruction ?



* Indirect measurements

- ▶ Heavy flavor ($c+b$) decay leptons
- ▶ Beauty decay leptons (B-tagging)
- ▶ B jets
- ▶ Dilepton invariant mass
- ▶ Particle correlations

... THE MEASUREMENTS

* In proton-proton collisions...

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B-decay electrons	✓		✓			
HF muons	✓		✓			
D^0, D^+, D^{*+}		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D_s^+			✓	✓	✓	✓
$B \rightarrow J/\psi$			✓	✓	✓	✓
B hadrons				✓	✓	✓
B jets				?	✓	

* In heavy-ion collisions...

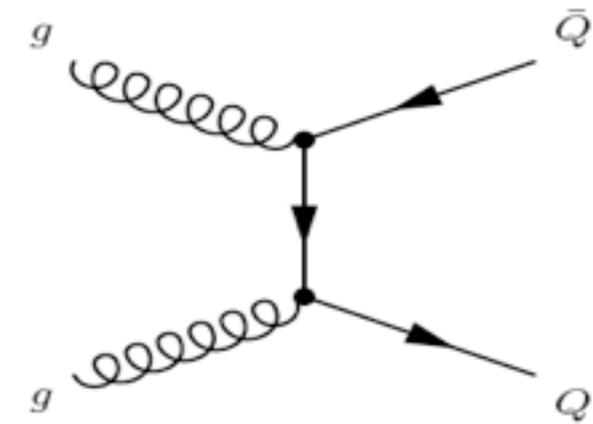
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Proton-proton Results

$\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

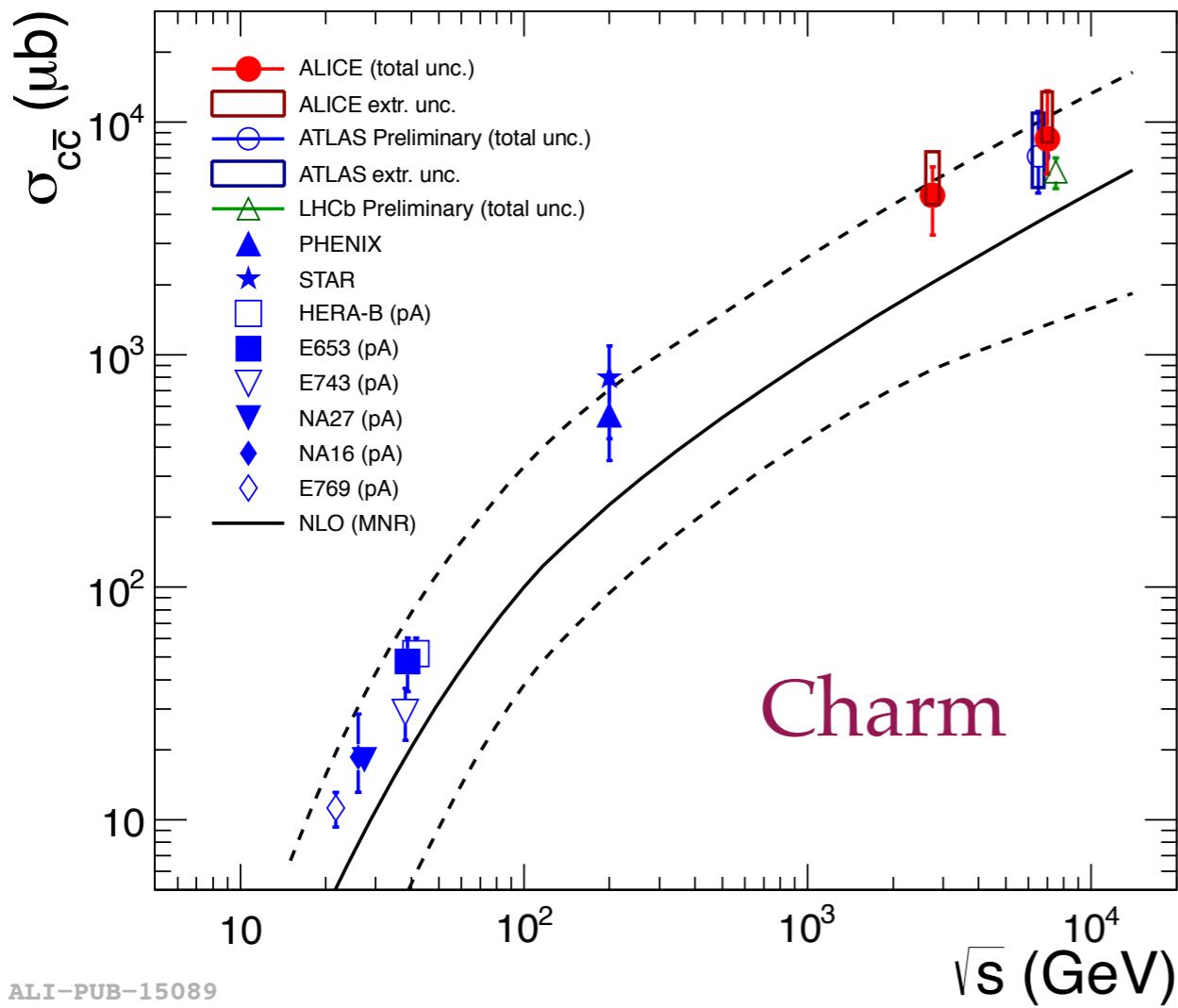
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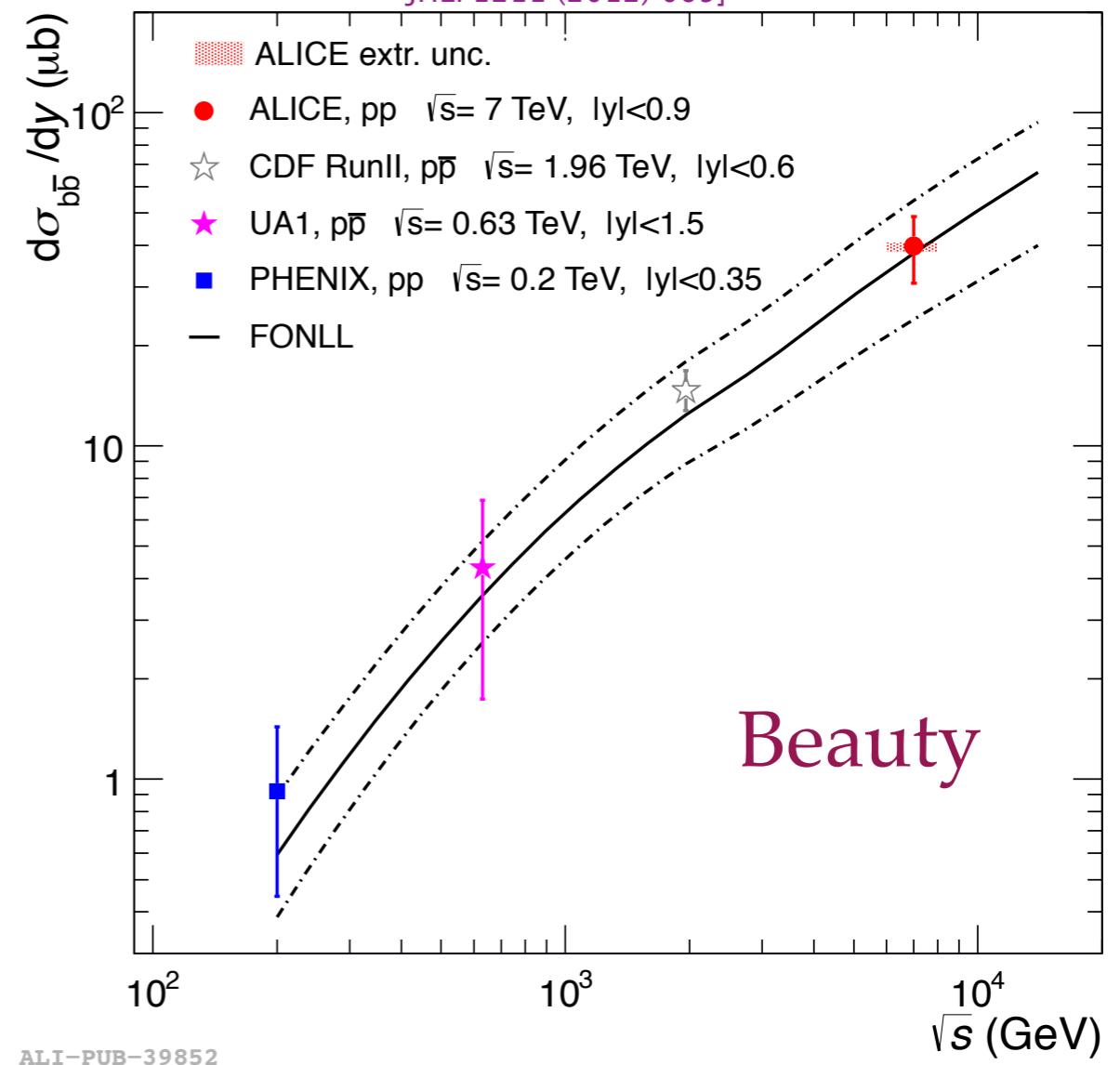
CHARM & BEAUTY CROSS SECTIONS

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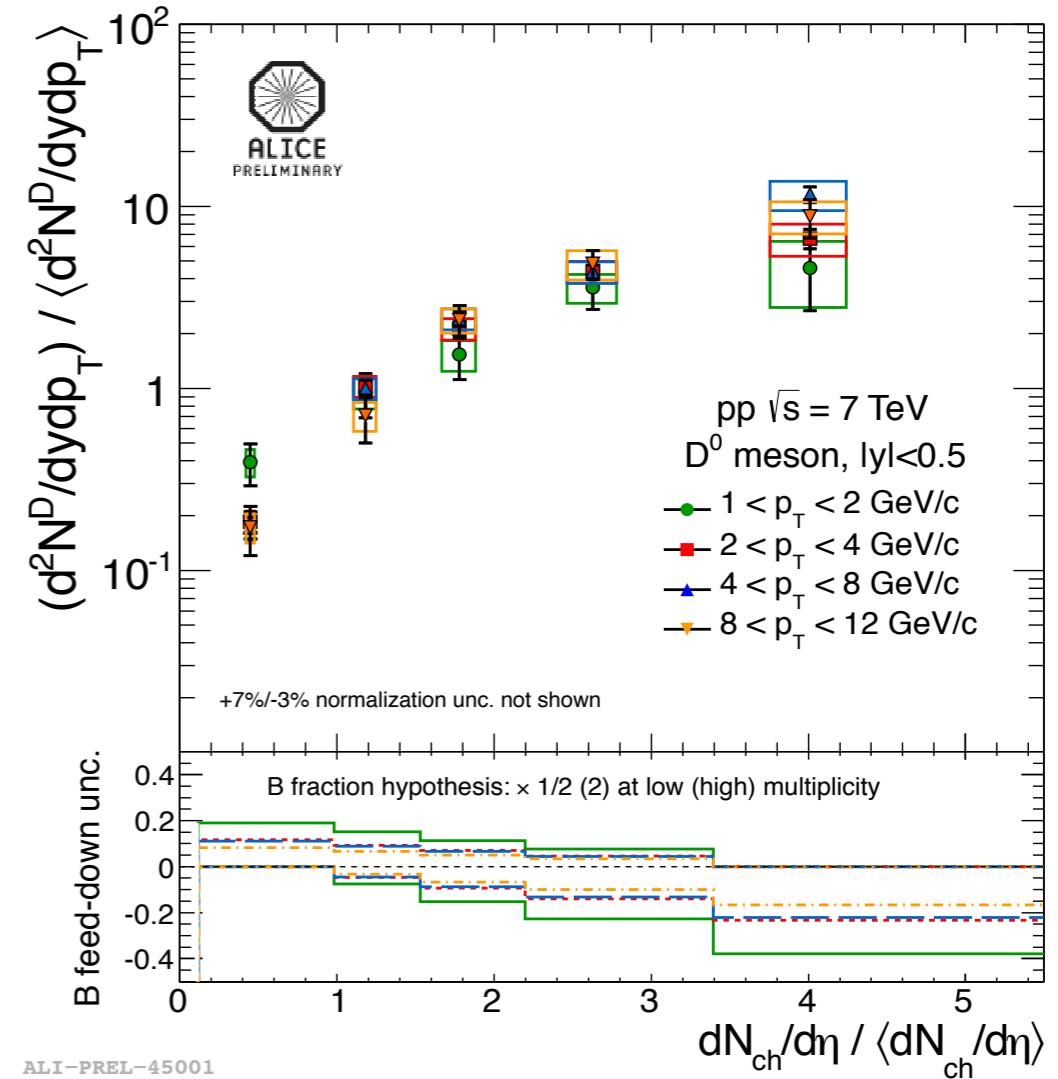
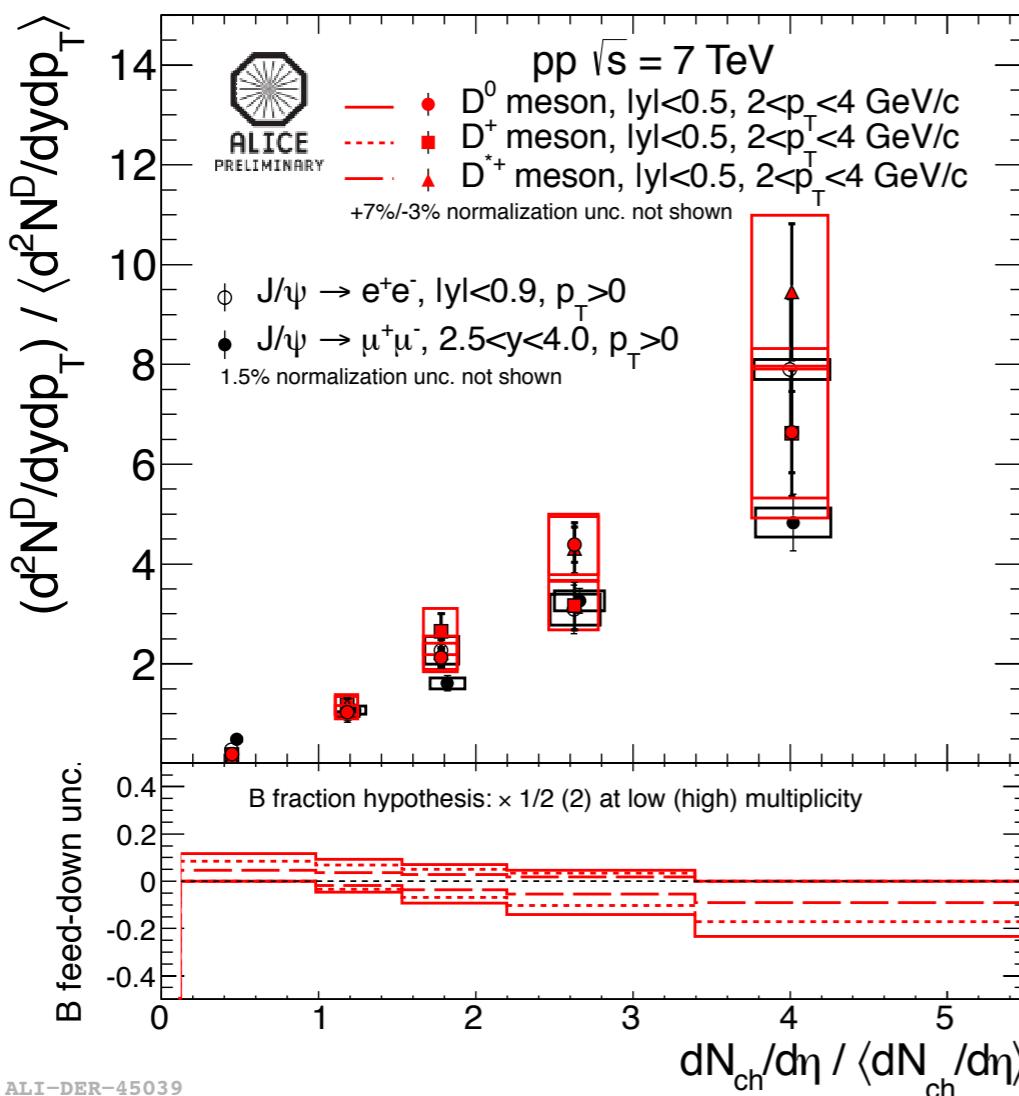
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- Their cross section evolution with \sqrt{s} is well described by pQCD.
- $\sim 560 \mu b \times 950$ collisions / $42 mb \sim 13$ cc pairs in 0-10% AuAu at 200 GeV
- $\sim 5 mb \times 1500$ collisions / $65 mb \sim 115$ cc pairs in 0-10% PbPb at 2.76 TeV

CHARM(ONIA) MULTIPLICITY DEPENDENCE



- * Charged particle multiplicity in high-multiplicity pp collisions at 7 TeV is larger than the multiplicity in the peripheral CuCu collisions at 200 GeV
- * Similar increase of prompt-D and J/ψ production vs multiplicity
- * No clear p_T dependence on the prompt-D relative yields vs multiplicity
- * Hints for multi-parton interactions at a hard scale in pp collisions

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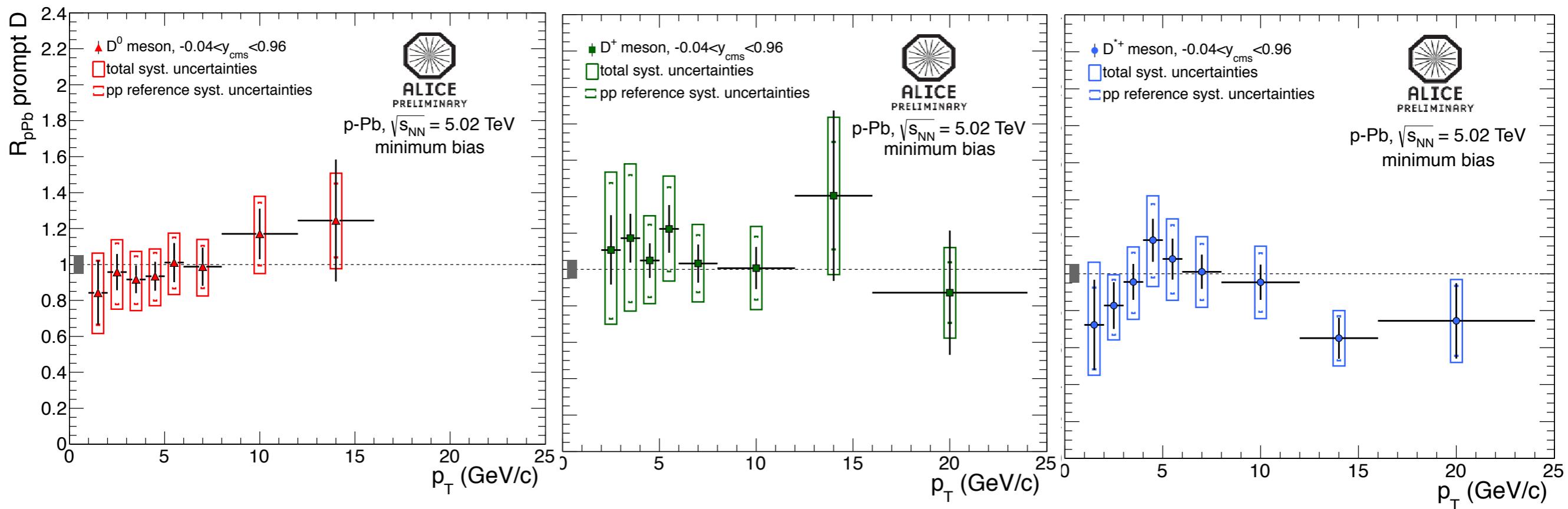
p-Pb Results

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$$

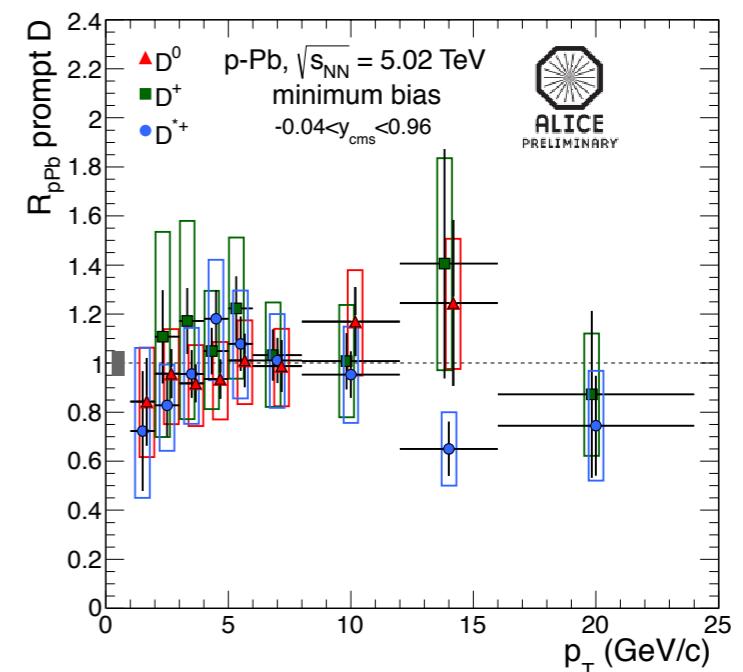
Effects in a nuclear medium: A-B collisions

- ▶ **Shadowing**
 - Impact parameter dependence of nPDFs ?
 - ▶ **Saturation**
 - ⇒ Tool to probe high density small- x gluons
- ⇒ ⇒ d-Au, p-Pb
⇒ dN/d p_T , R_{AB}
⇒ look at the variation with b
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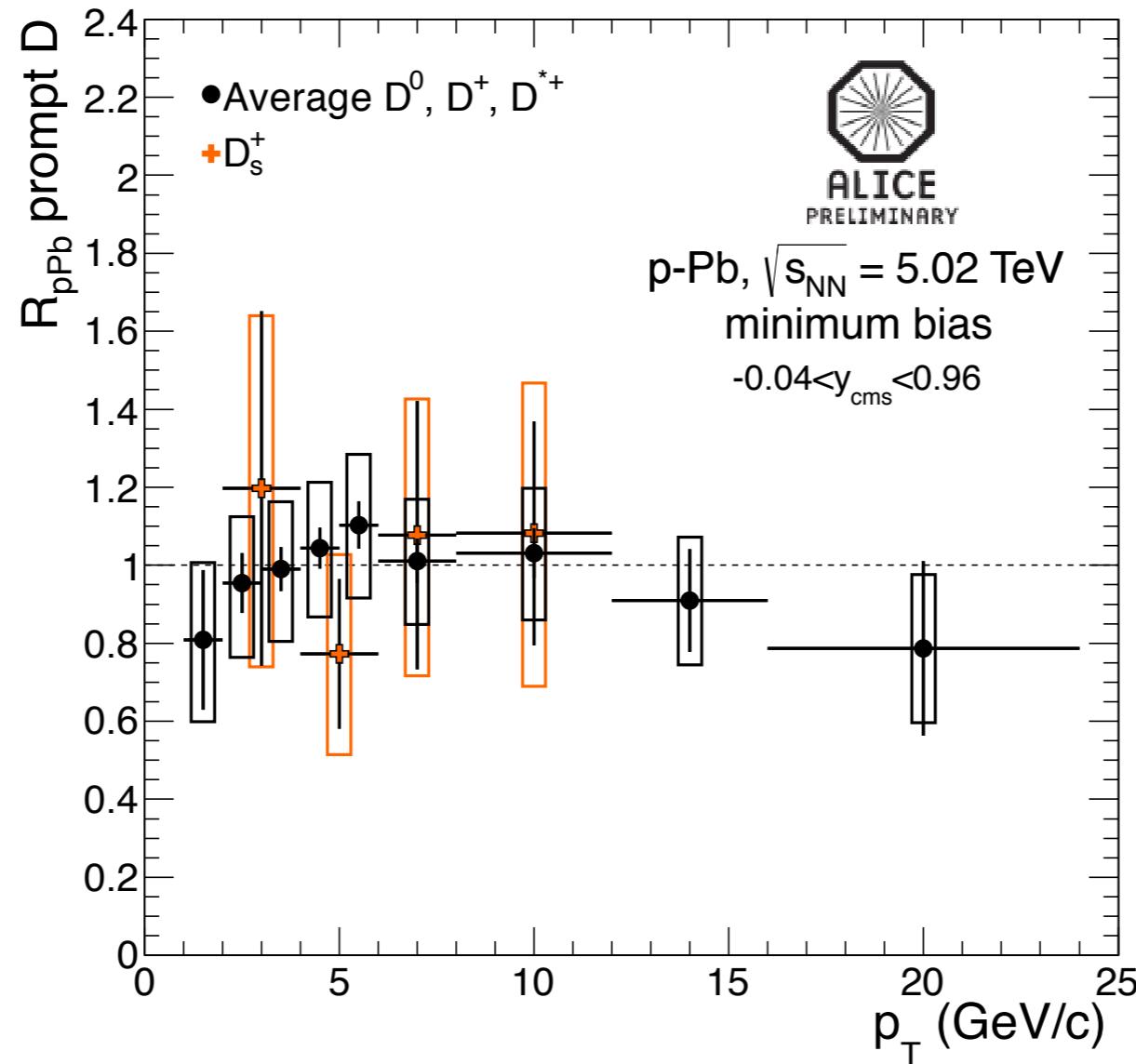
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- Compatible D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+} results
- R_{pPb} compatible with unity in the whole p_T range

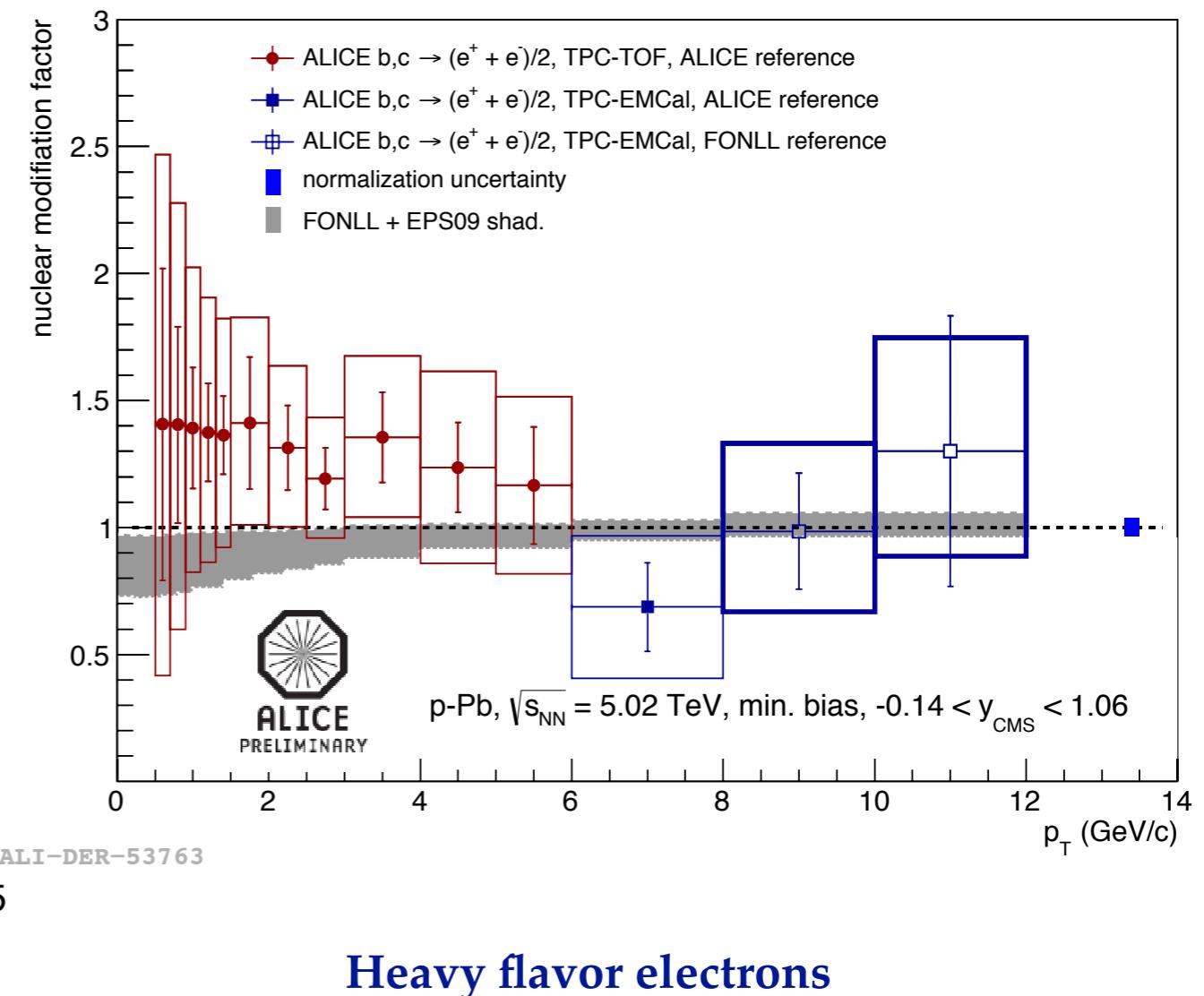
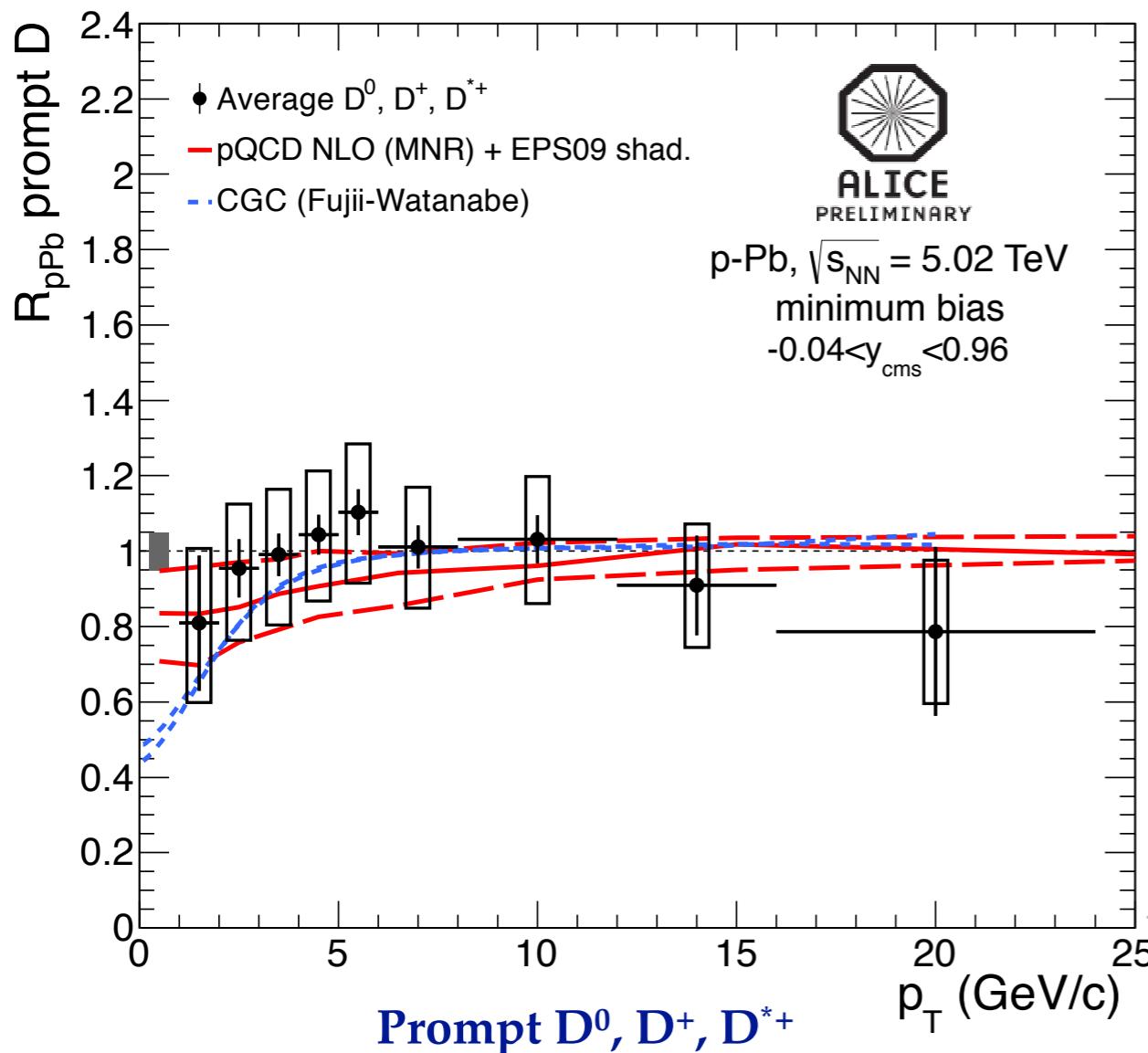


PROMPT D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+} , D_s^+ MESONS



- $R_{p\text{Pb}}$ compatible with unity in the whole p_T range
- First measurement of prompt D_s^+ in p -Pb collisions
- D_s^+ pattern similar to that of the D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+}

R_{PPB} VS P_T COMPARED TO MODELS



- Good agreement with MNR calculations with EPS09 shadowing
- Also well described by CGC predictions
- Nuclear effects expected to be small for high pt in PbPb collisions

Pb-Pb Results

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$$

Effects in a **QGP**: A-B collisions

⇒ ⇒ Au-Au, Pb-Pb

- ▶ **Thermalisation** in the QGP (low p_T)

- Medium transport properties

⇒ dN/dp_T , R_{AA} , v_2

- ▶ **Energy loss** in the QGP (high p_T)

- Medium density and size

⇒ dN/dp_T , R_{AA} , v_2

- Color charge (Casimir factor) : $\Delta E_{u,d,s} < \Delta E_g$

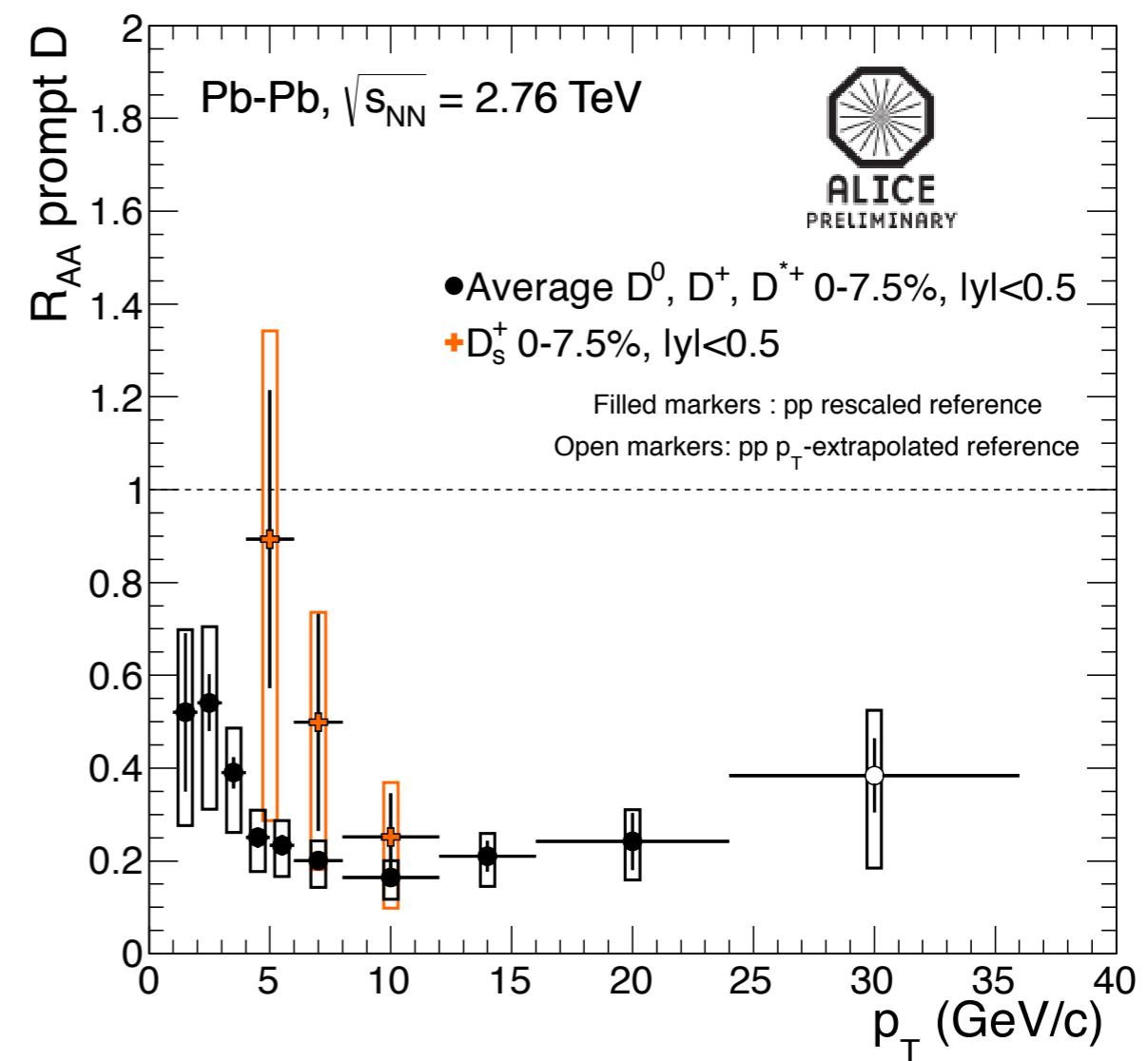
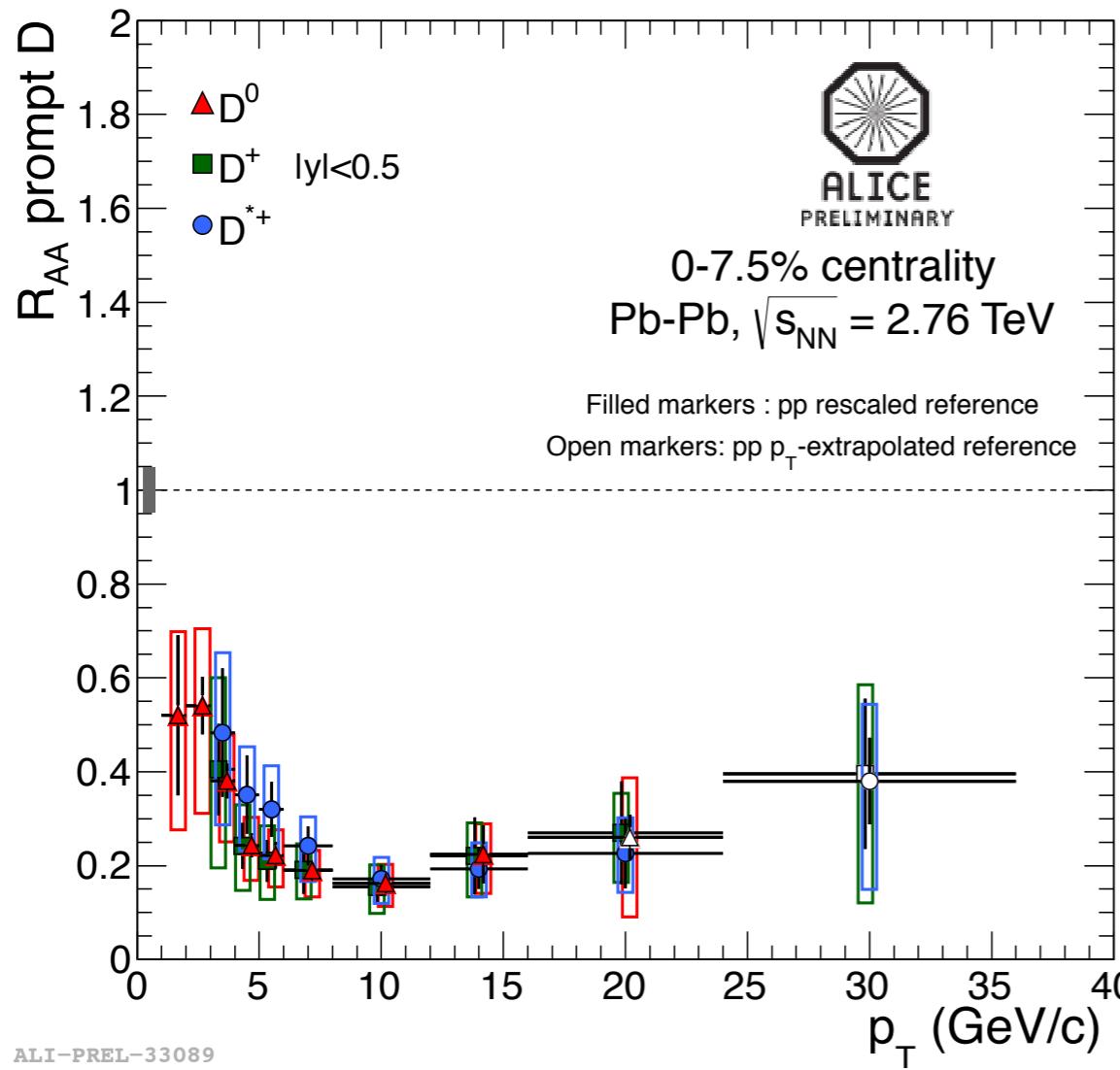
⇒ compare to light hadrons

- Parton mass (dead cone effect) : $\Delta E_b < \Delta E_c < \dots$

⇒ compare c and b production

⇒ **Probe of the QCD medium**

D⁰, D⁺, D^{*+} D_s⁺ MESONS, 0-7.5%

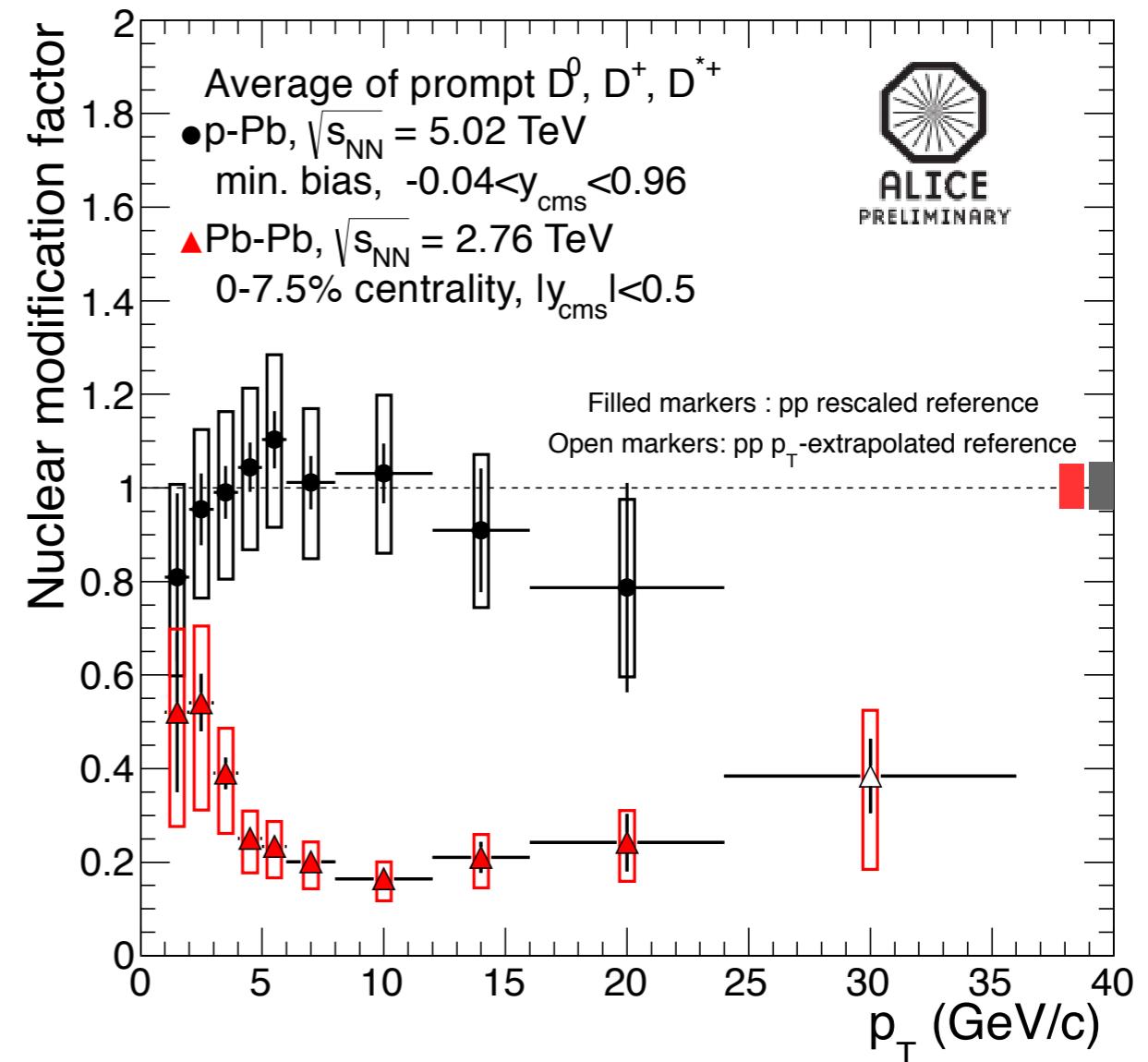
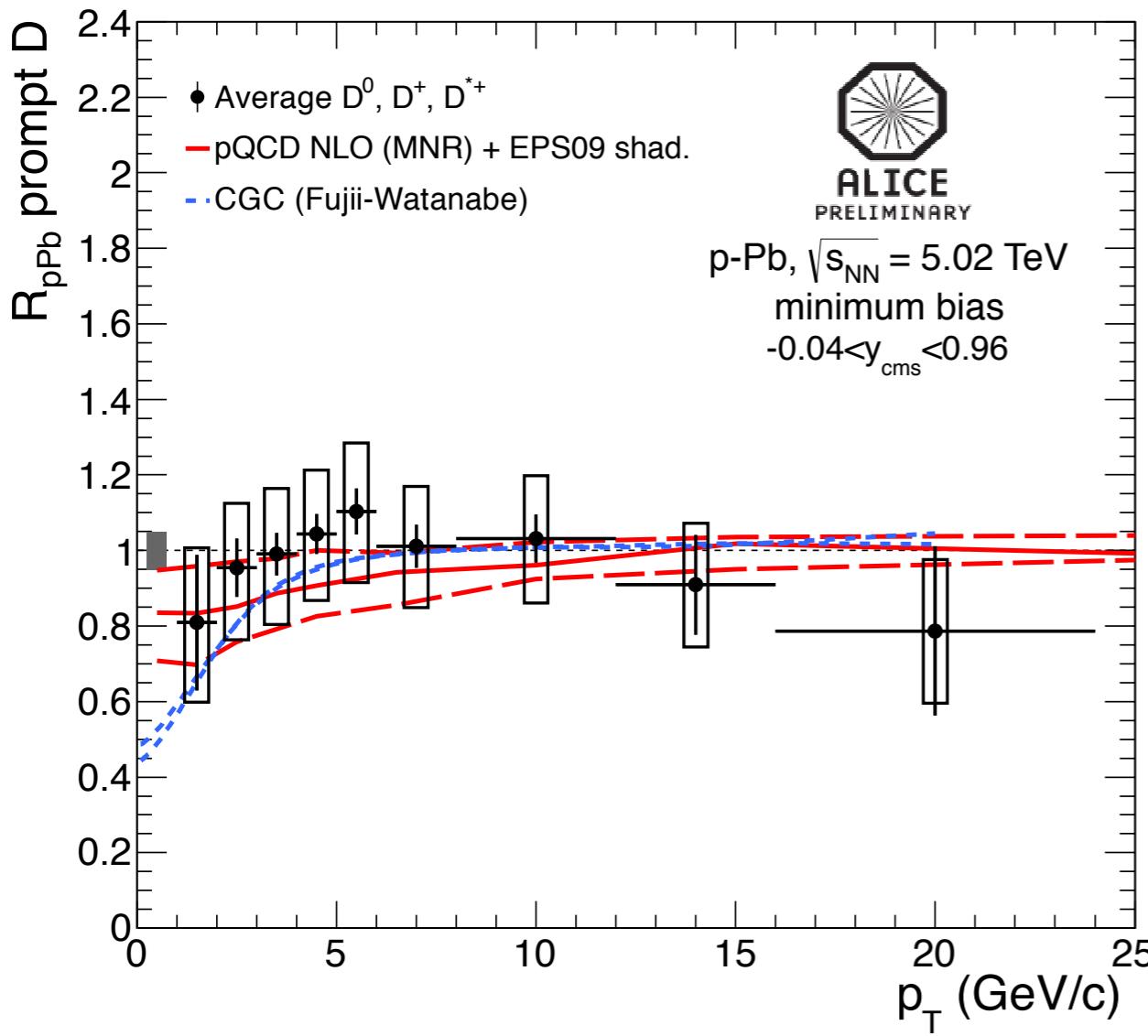


- Suppression by up to a factor of 5 at $p_T \sim 10$ GeV/c in 0-7.5%
- First measurement of prompt D_s^+ in heavy ion collisions
- D_s^+ suppression similar to that of the D^0 , D^+ , D^{*+}

Expectation: relative enhancement of the strange/non-strange D mesons at intermediate p_T - charm in-medium hadronization ?

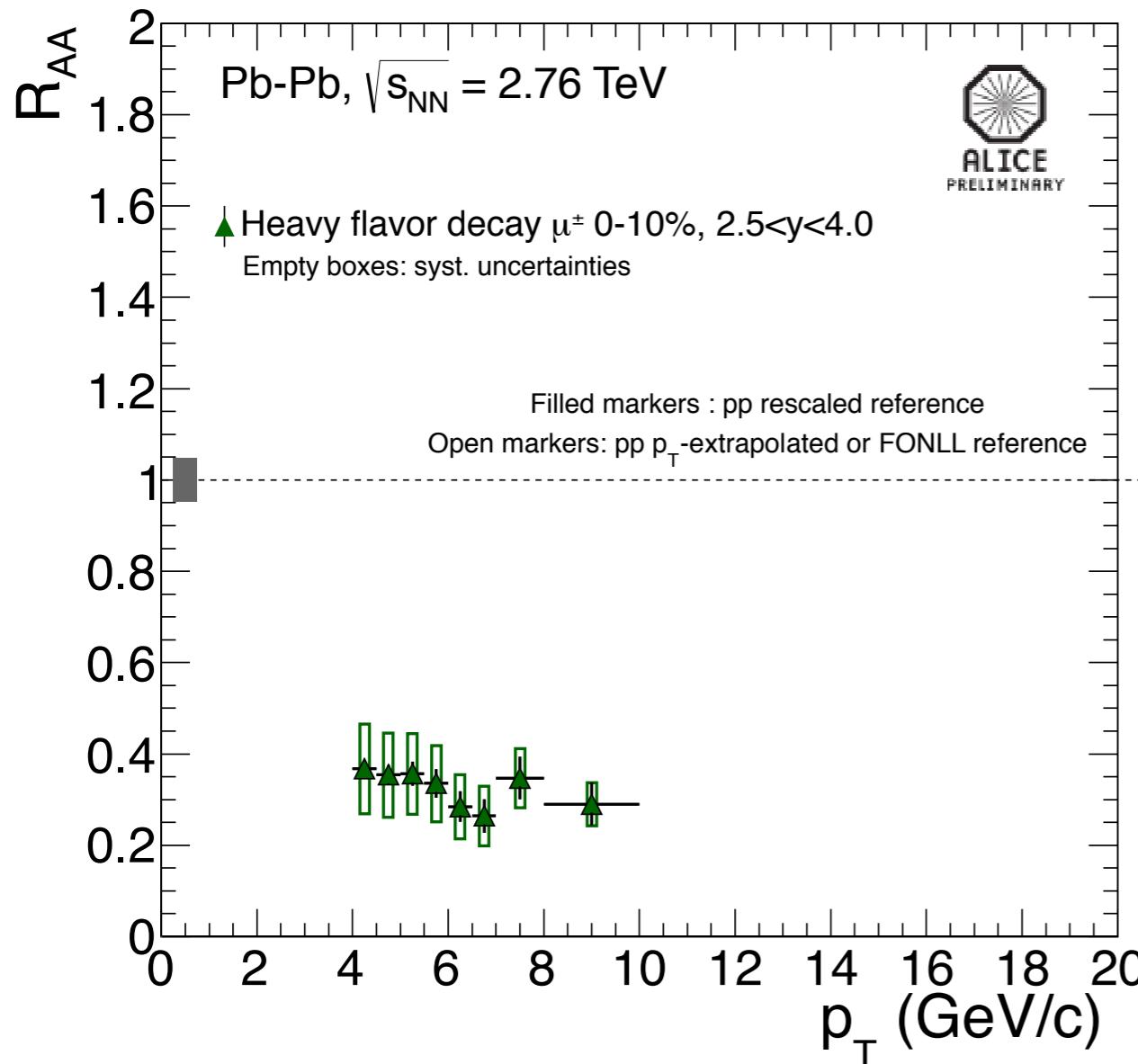
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D MESONS IN PPB AND PBPB



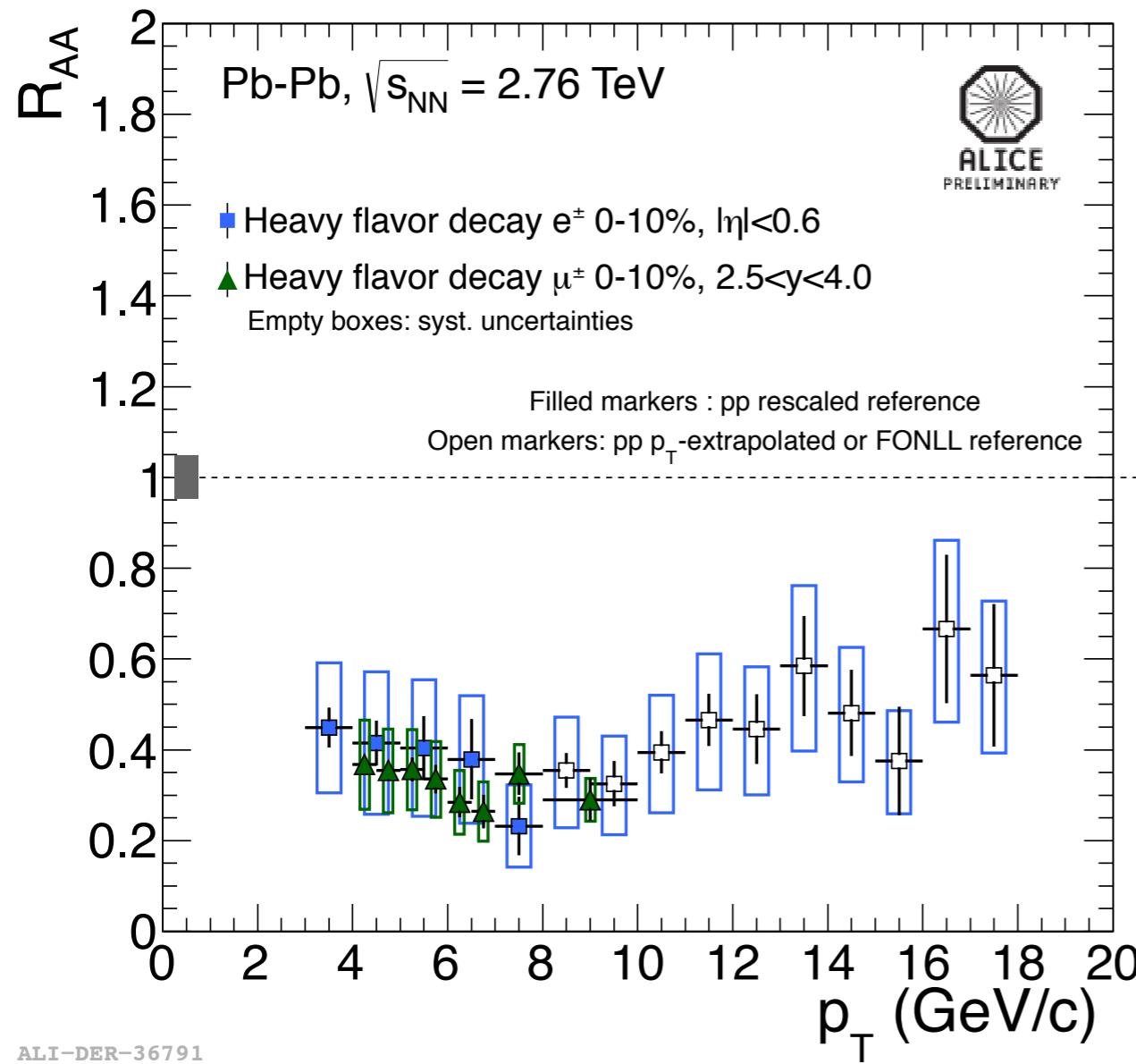
- The suppression at moderate to high- p_T can not be explained by shadowing/saturation alone.
- The suppression is a final state effect

LHC R_{AA} P_T DEPENDENCE I



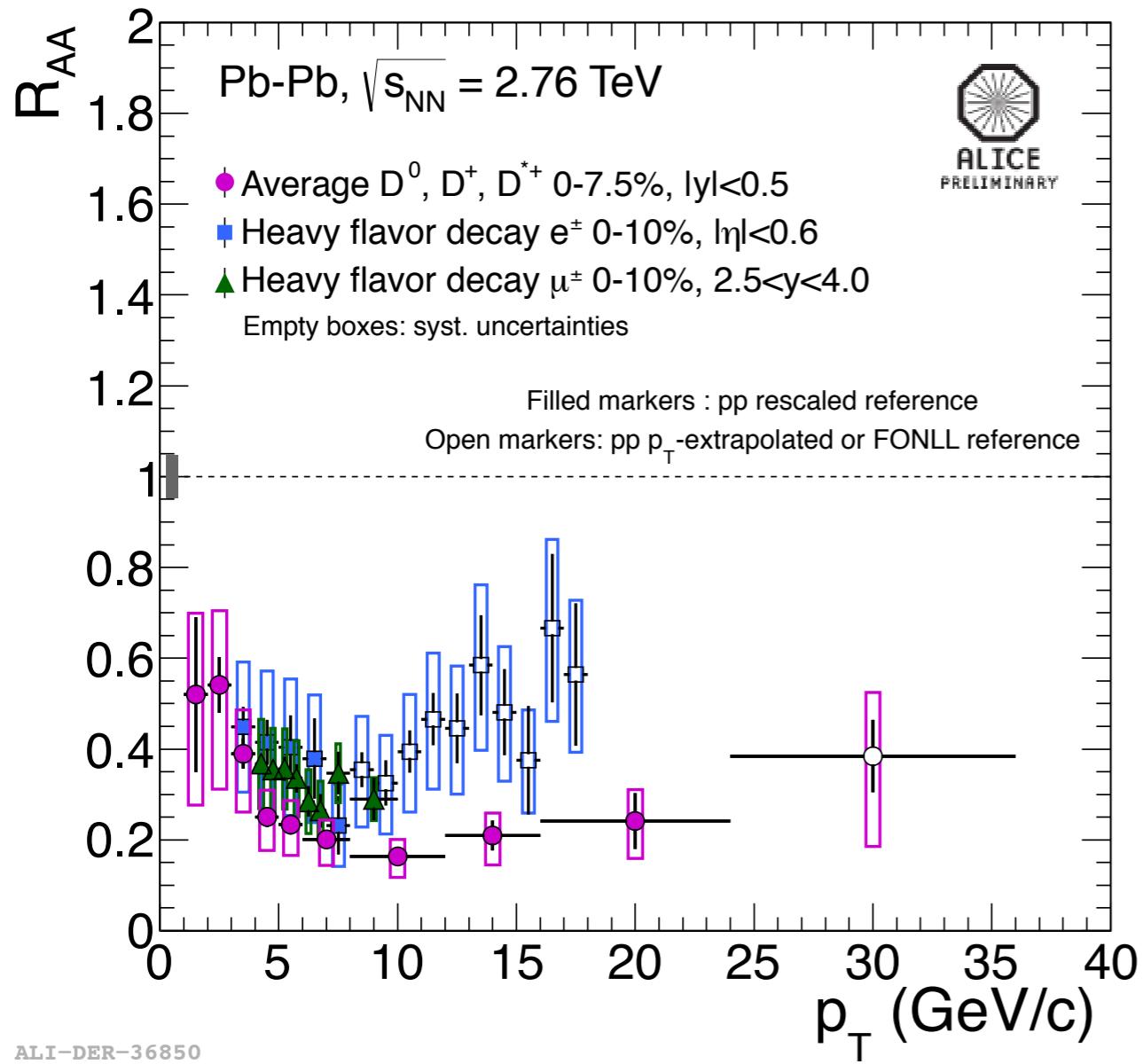
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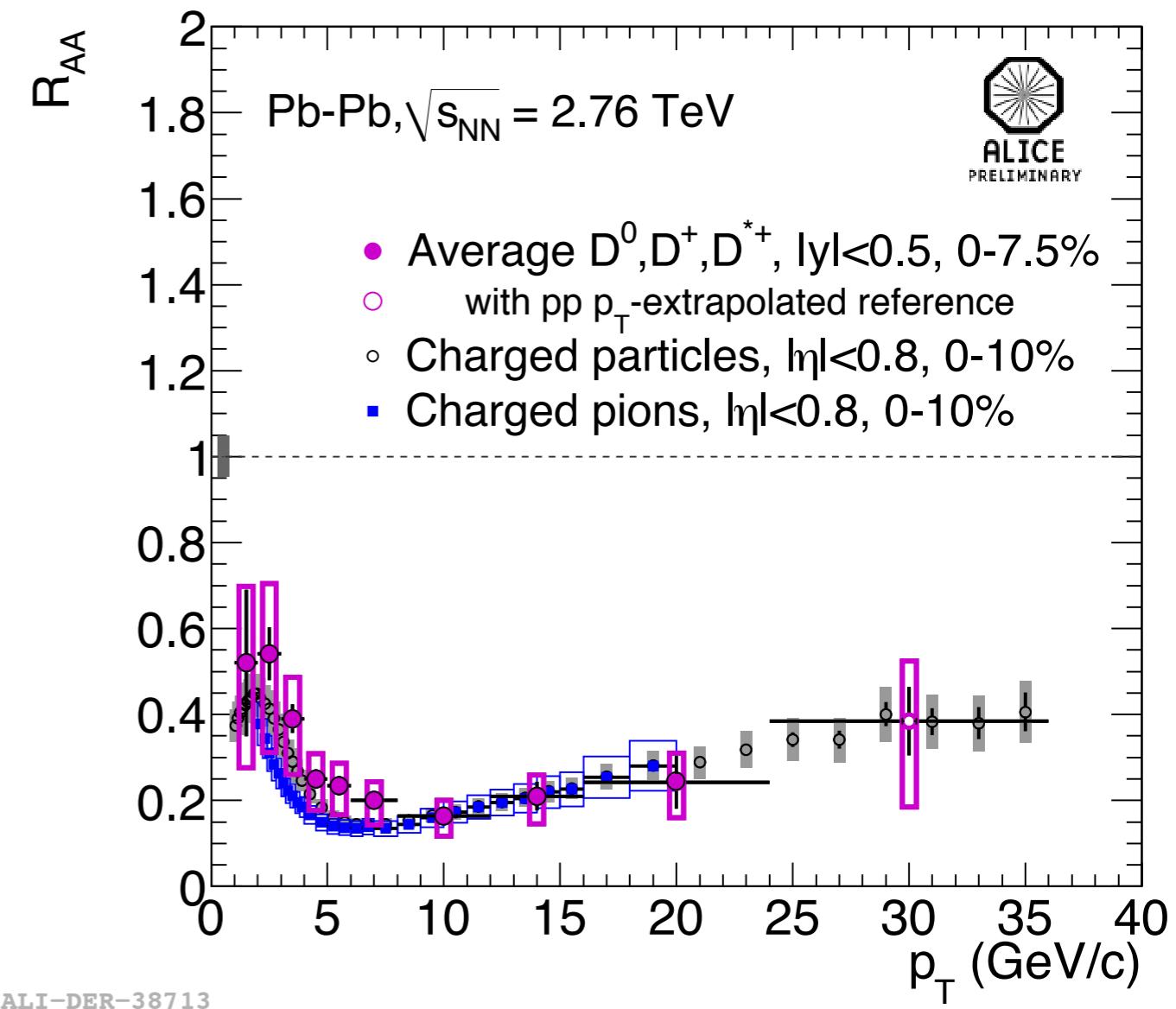
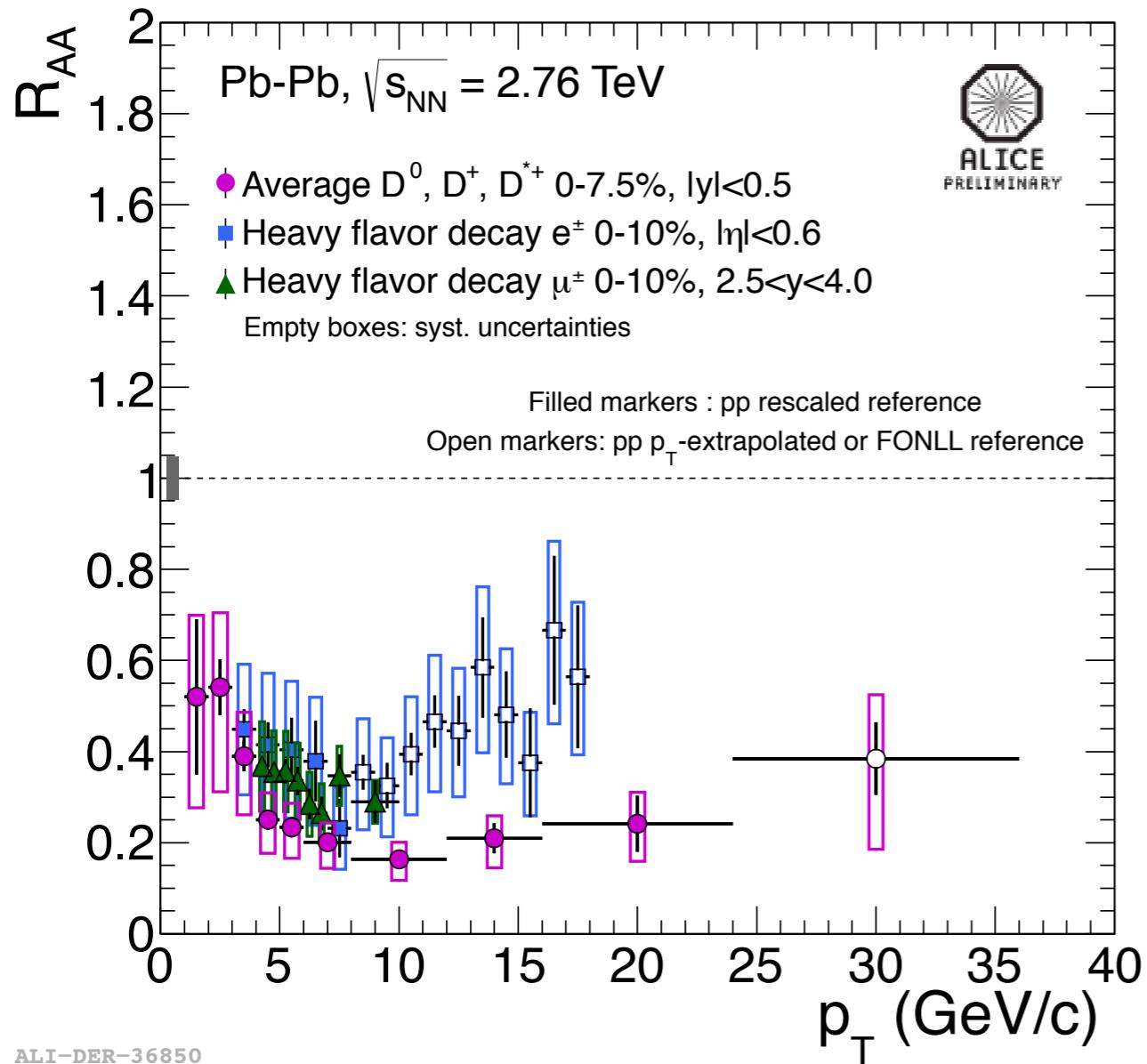
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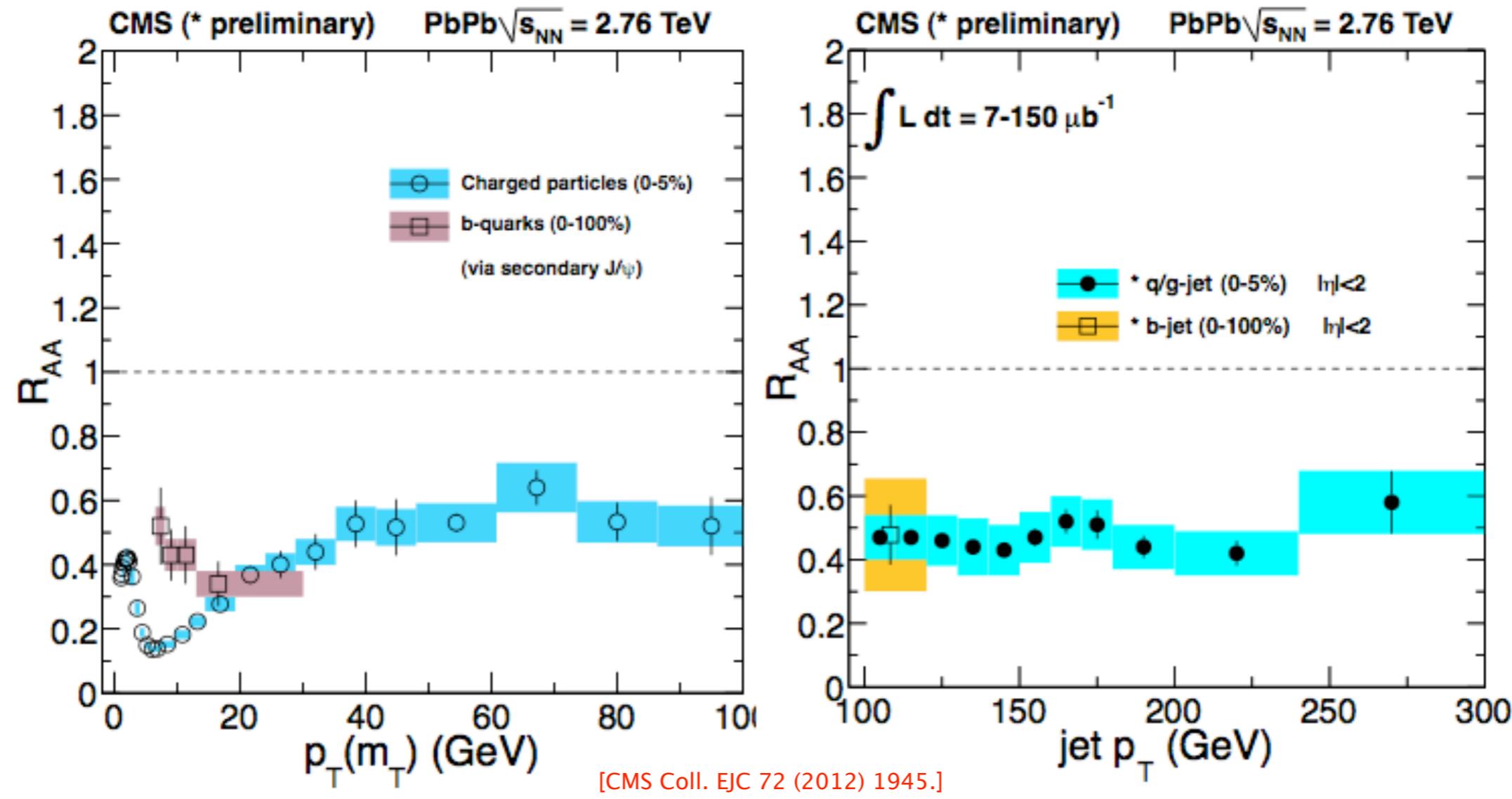
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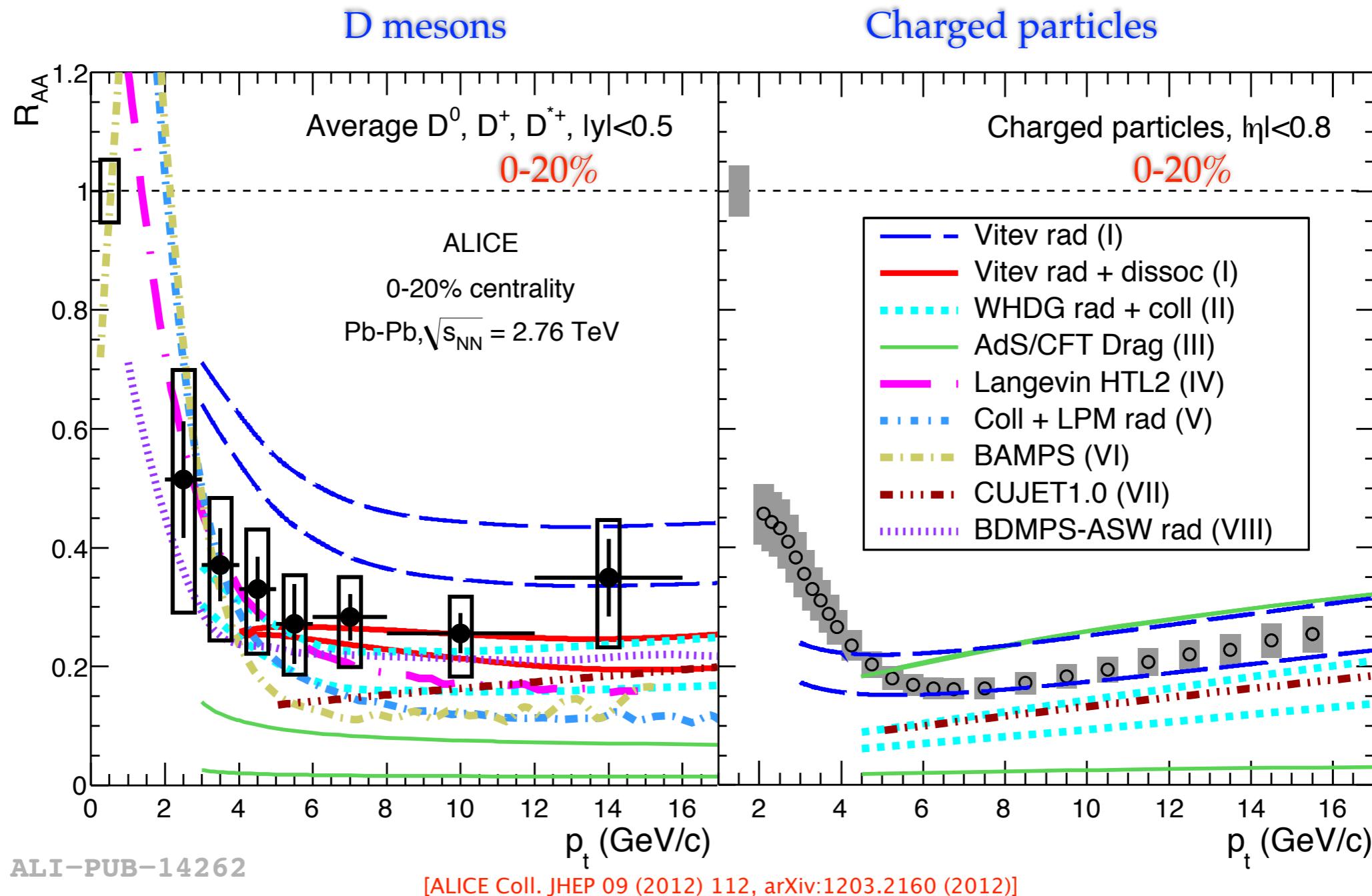
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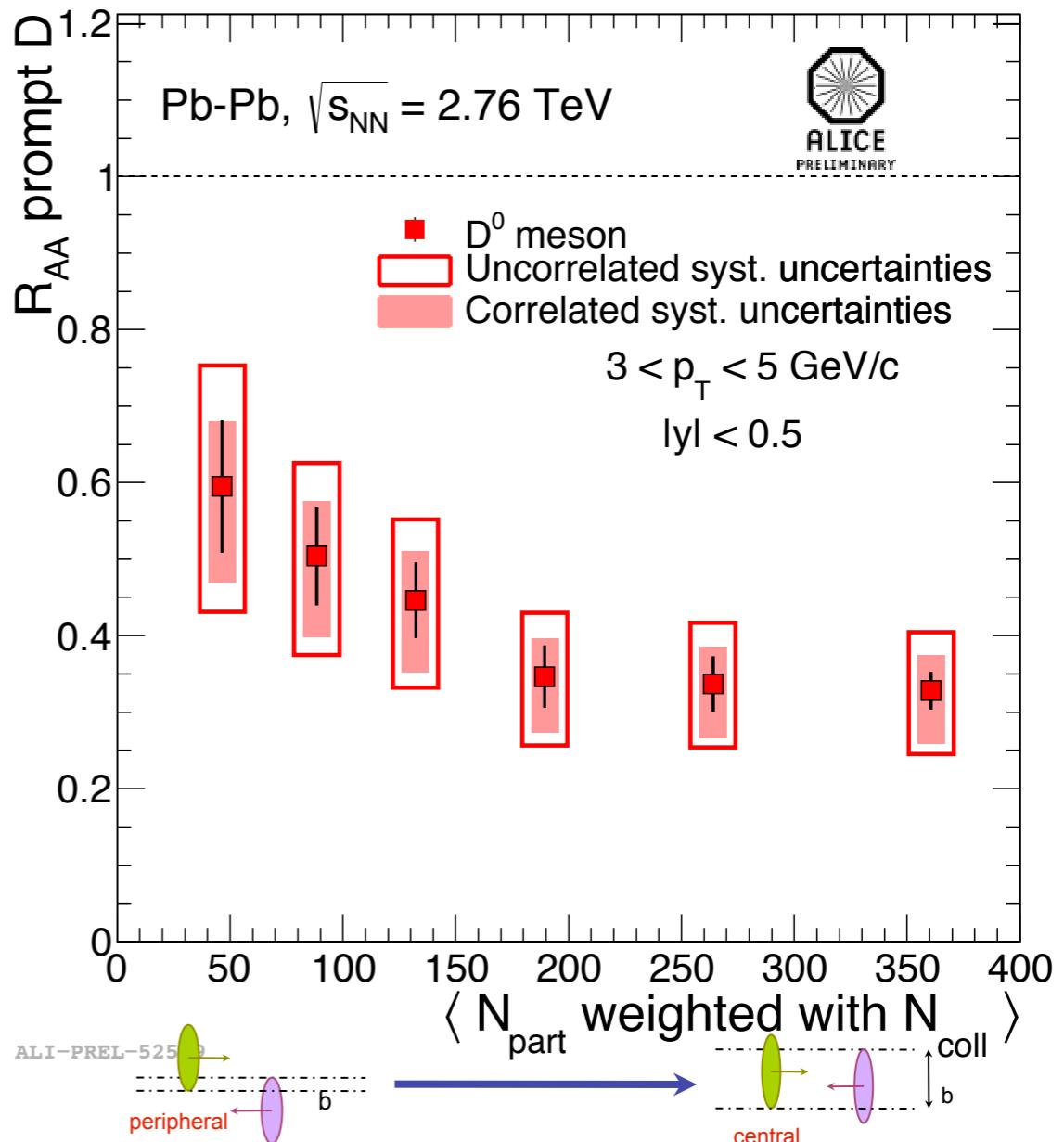
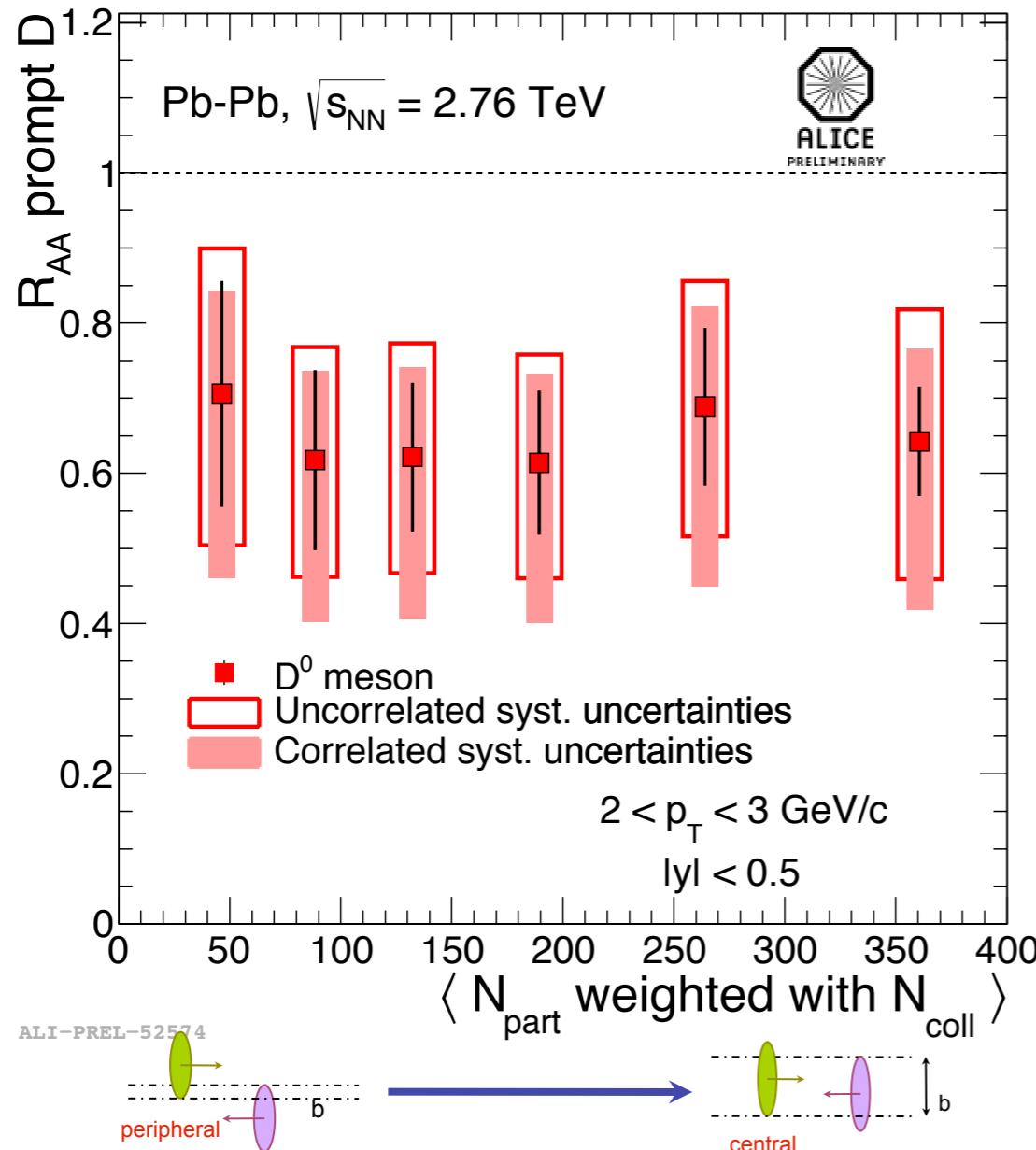
- Different suppression pattern than charged particles at low p_T ?
- while at high p_T the suppression is similar

R_{AA} VS P_T



- Models predict reasonably well both charged particles and D mesons R_{AA}
- * AdS/CFT drag coefficients underestimate the charm R_{AA} and have limited predictive power for the light flavor R_{AA}.

CHARM R_{AA} VS N_{PART} AT LOW p_T

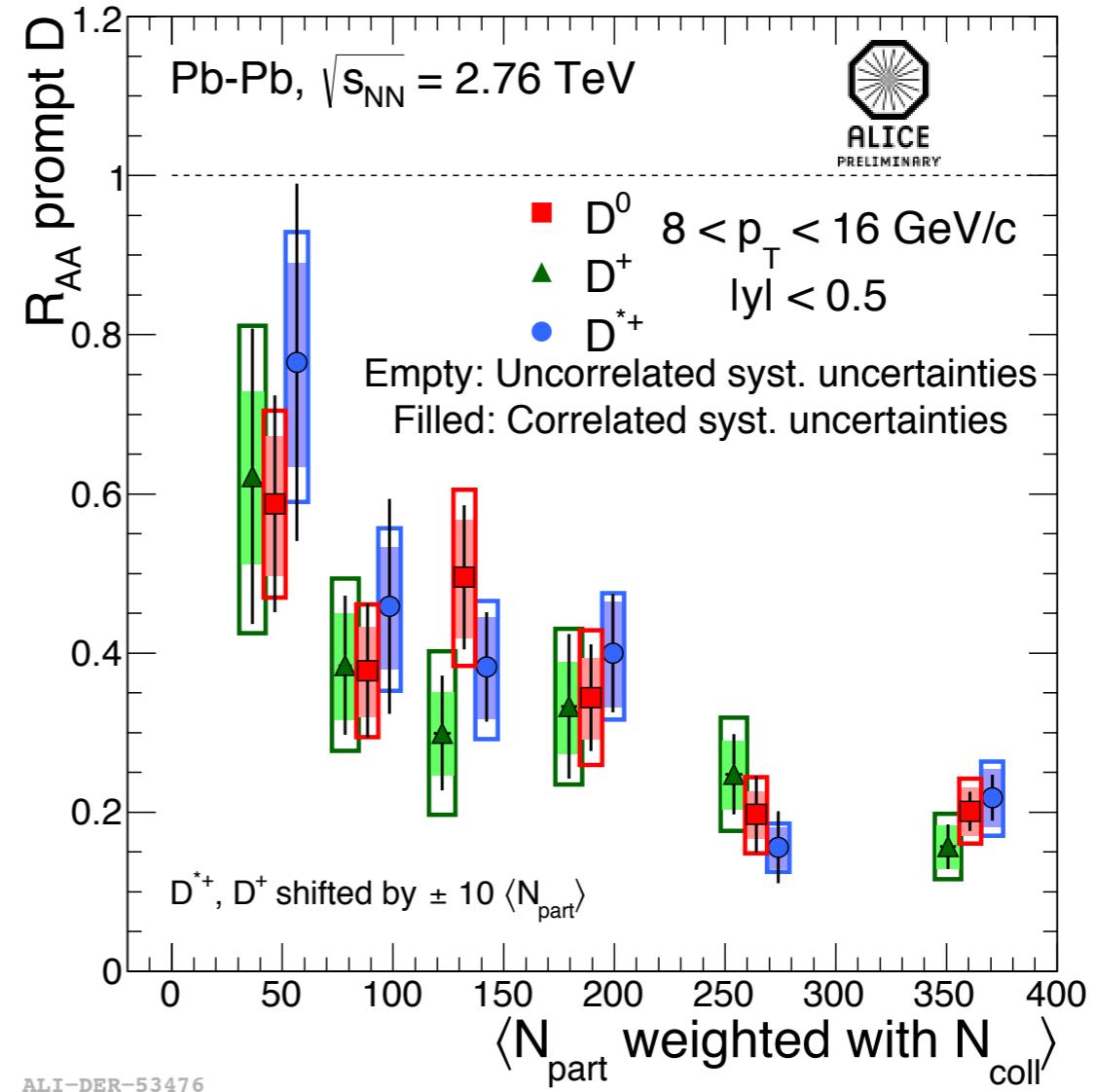
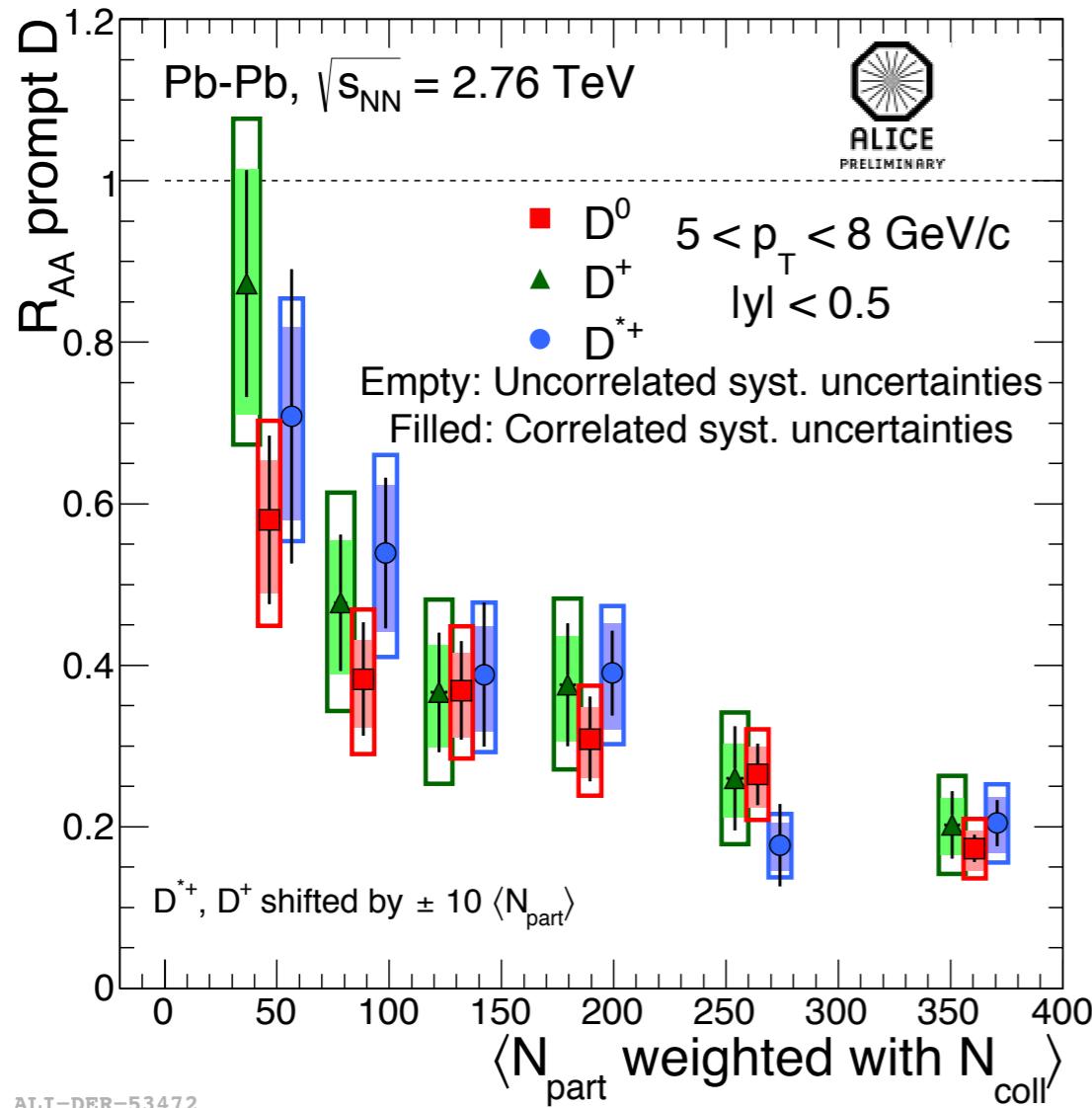


→ Different suppression pattern in the 2-3 and 3-5 GeV/c p_T intervals

Systematic uncertainties:

- correlated in centrality classes: normalization, pp reference cross section
- uncorrelated: dominated by data systematics (i.e. cut variation efficiencies) and B feed-down ($R_{AA}^{\text{feed-down}}/R_{AA}^{\text{Prompt}}$ might depend on N_{part}).

CHARM R_{AA} VS N_{PART} AT HIGH p_T

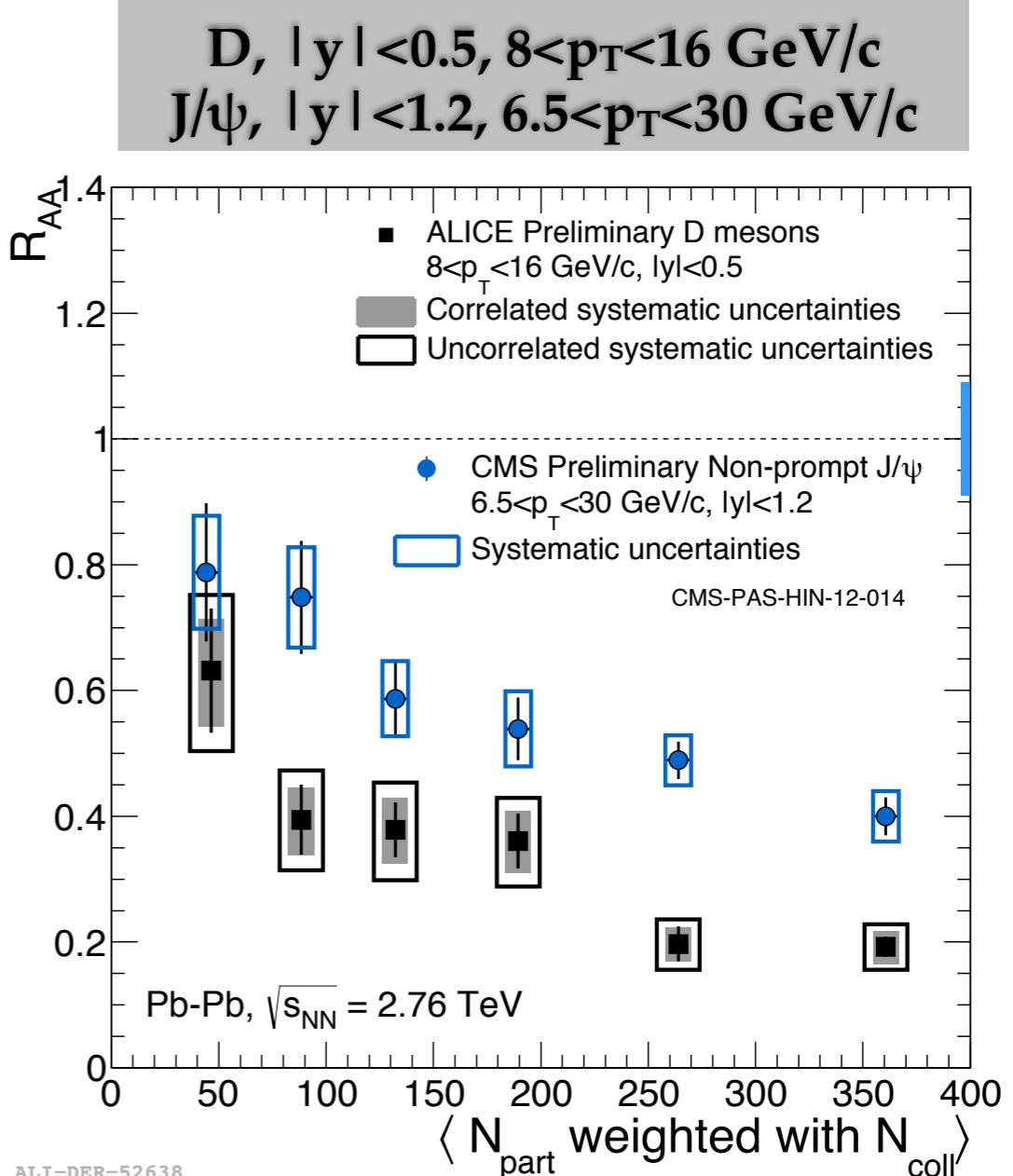
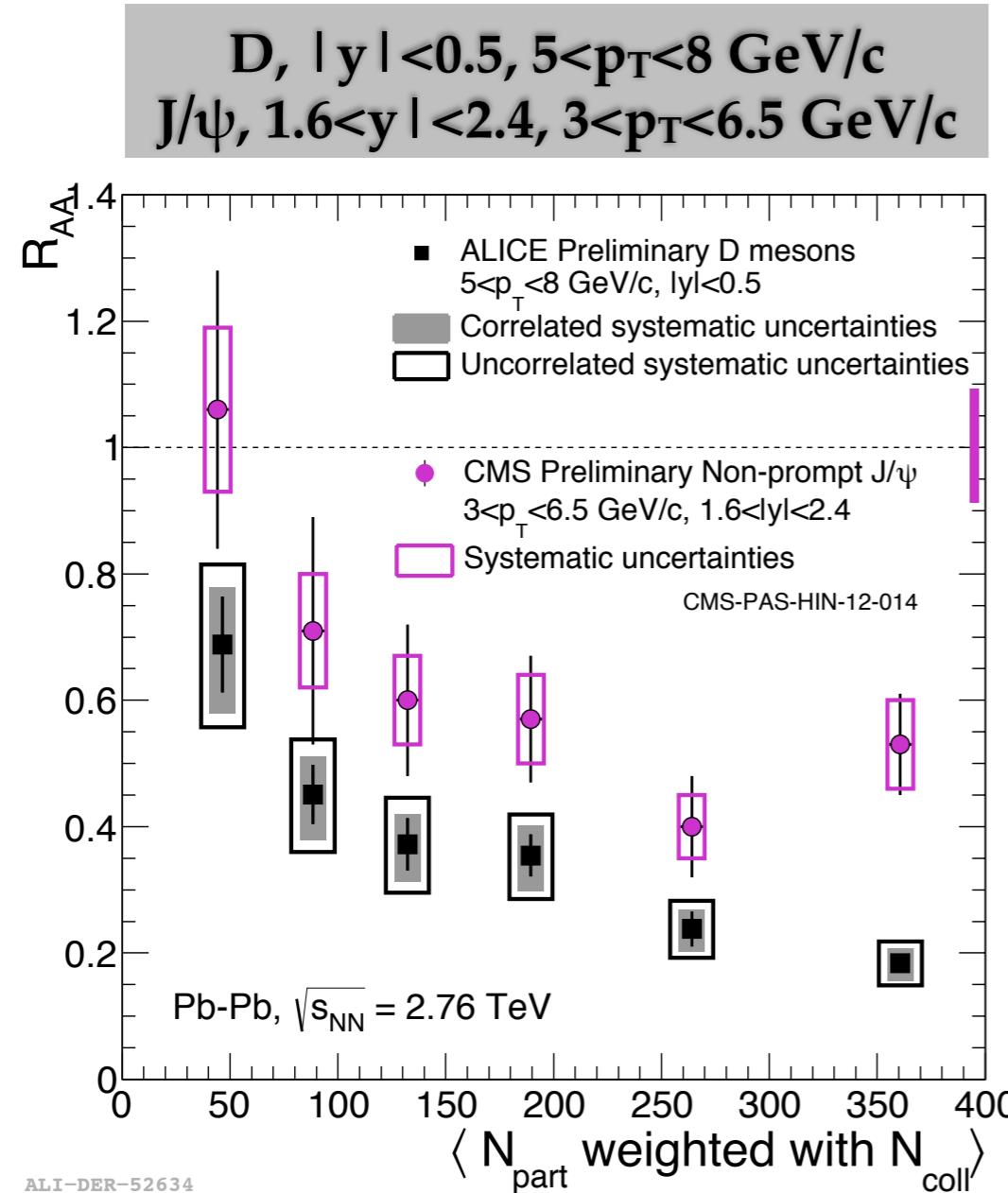


→ D^0, D^+, D^{*+} suppression increases in more central collisions in the 5-8 and 8-16 GeV/c p_T ranges

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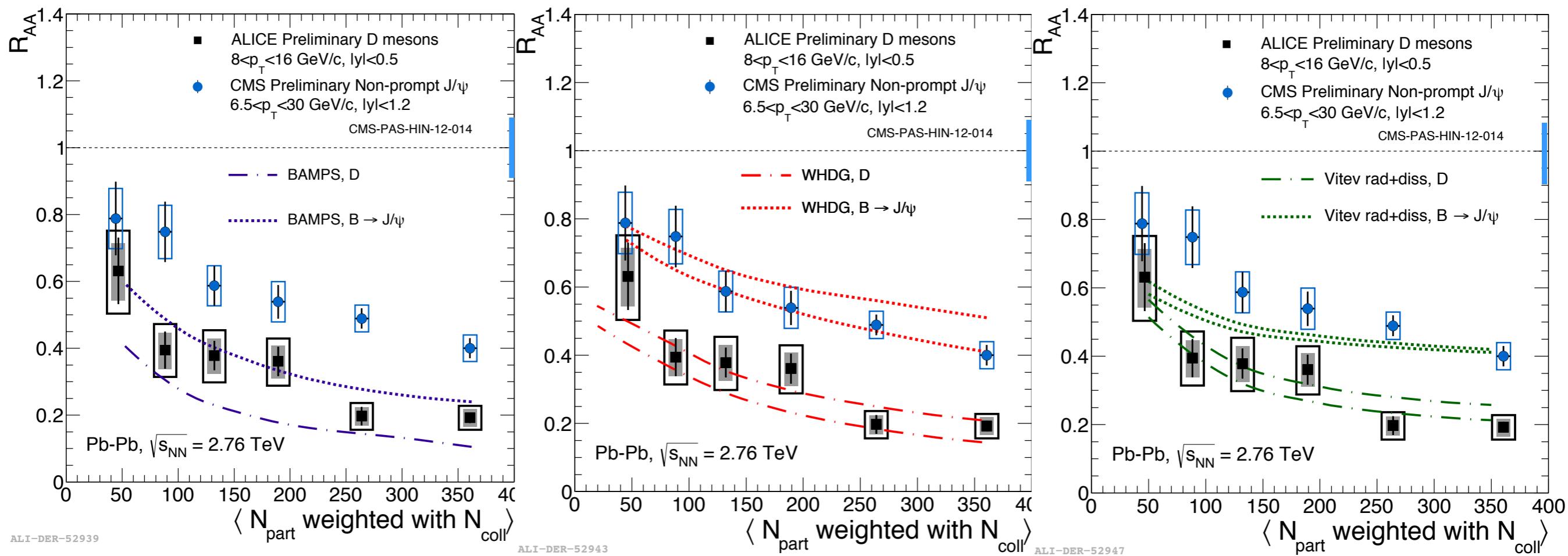
→ **Indication of smaller suppression of beauty than charm in the most central collisions**

p_T interval chosen to have similar $\langle p_T \rangle$ for D and B mesons.

D meson $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 10.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ (interval 8-16 GeV/c)

EvtGen simulations indicate that $\langle p_T(B) \rangle$ from non-prompt J/ψ is of 11.5 GeV/c (range 6.5-30 GeV/c)

COMPARISON D AND NON-PROMPT J/ ψ



BAMPS - collisional energy loss in an expanding medium

It tends to predict larger suppression for both D mesons and non-prompt J/ψ .

WHDG - collisional + radiative energy loss in anisotropic medium

Good agreement with both measurements.

Vitev – radiative + dissociation

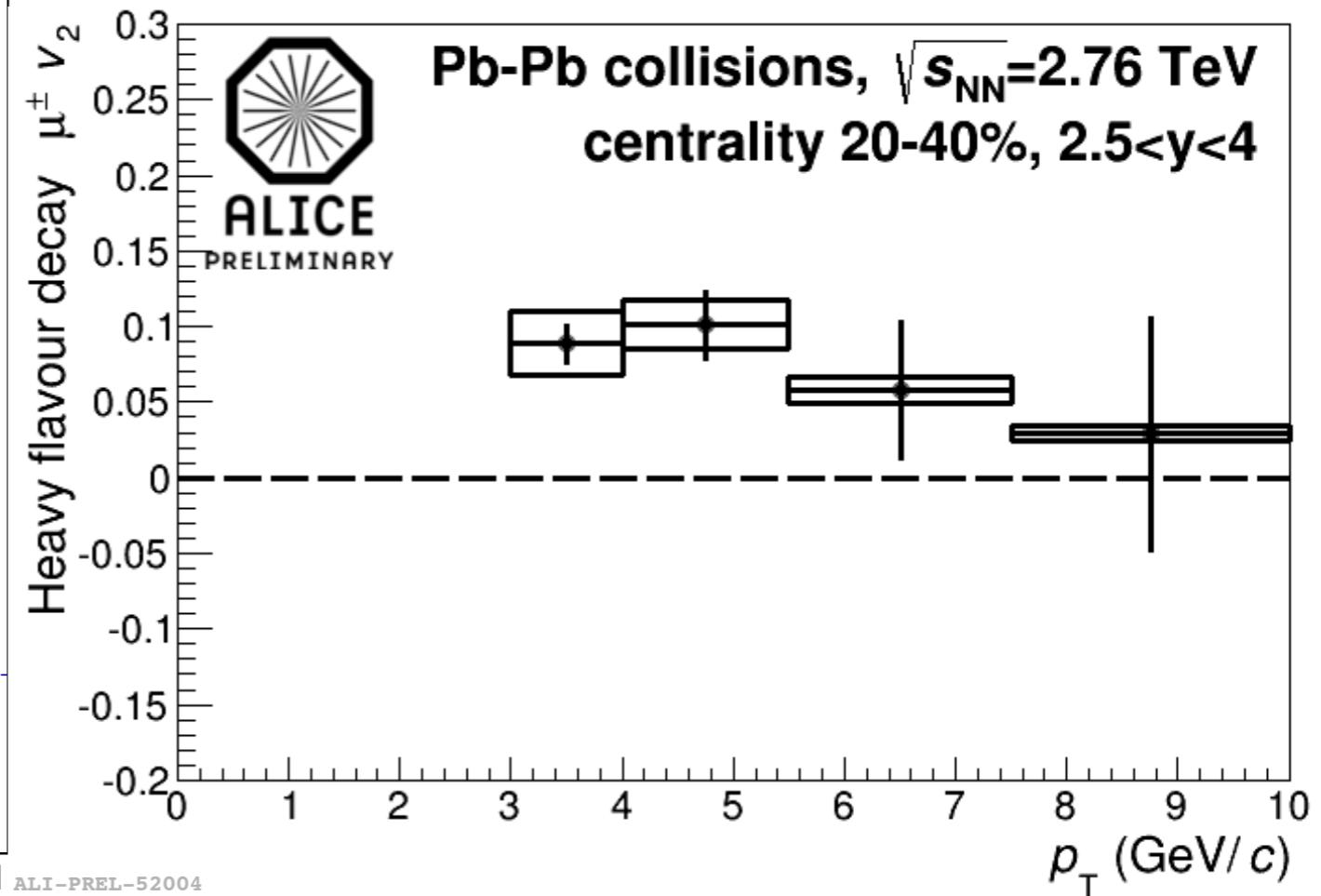
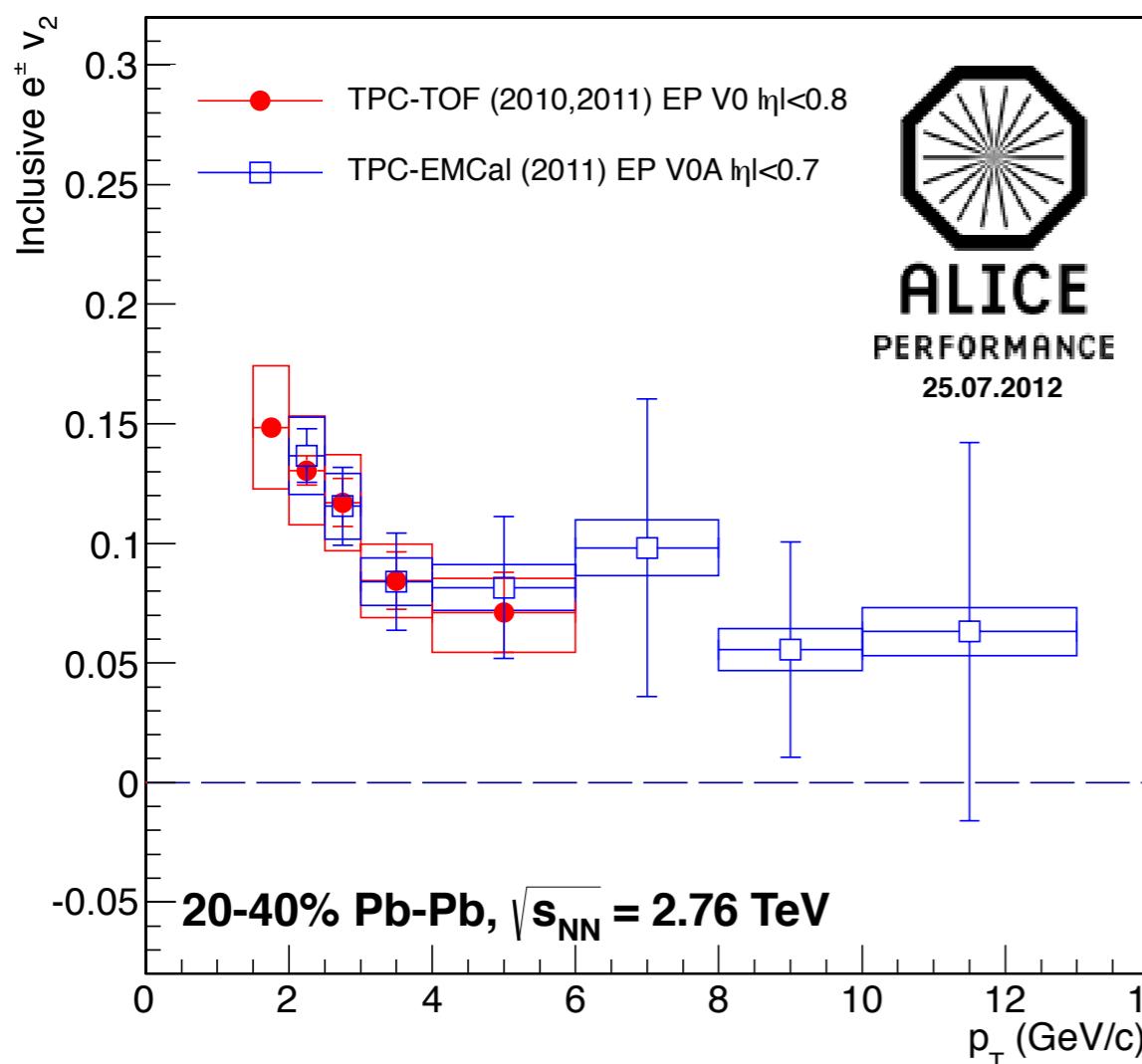
Relative good description, but underestimates non-prompt J/ψ for peripheral classes.

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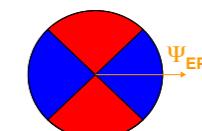
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HF LEPTON V2



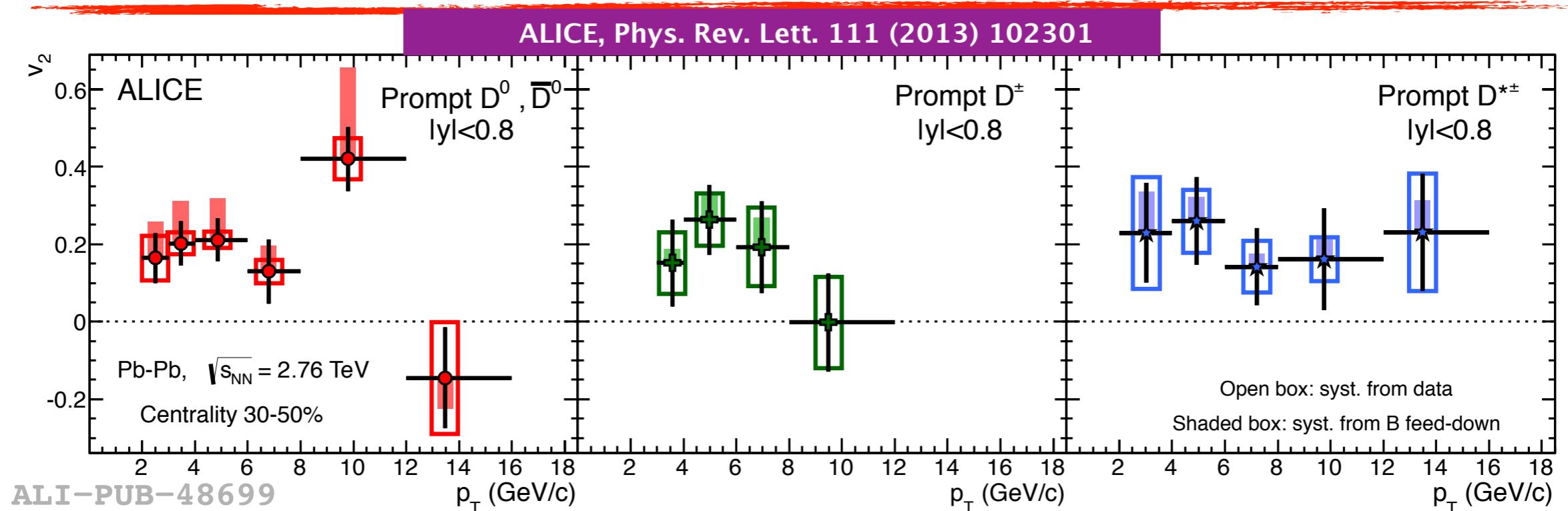
- Heavy flavor electron $v_2 > 0$ at low p_T ($> 3\sigma$ effect in $2 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c)
- Heavy flavor muon $v_2 > 0$ at low p_T ($> 3\sigma$ effect in $3 < p_T < 5$ GeV/c)

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{N^{\text{In-Plane}} - N^{\text{Out-Of-Plane}}}{N^{\text{In-Plane}} + N^{\text{Out-Of-Plane}}}$$

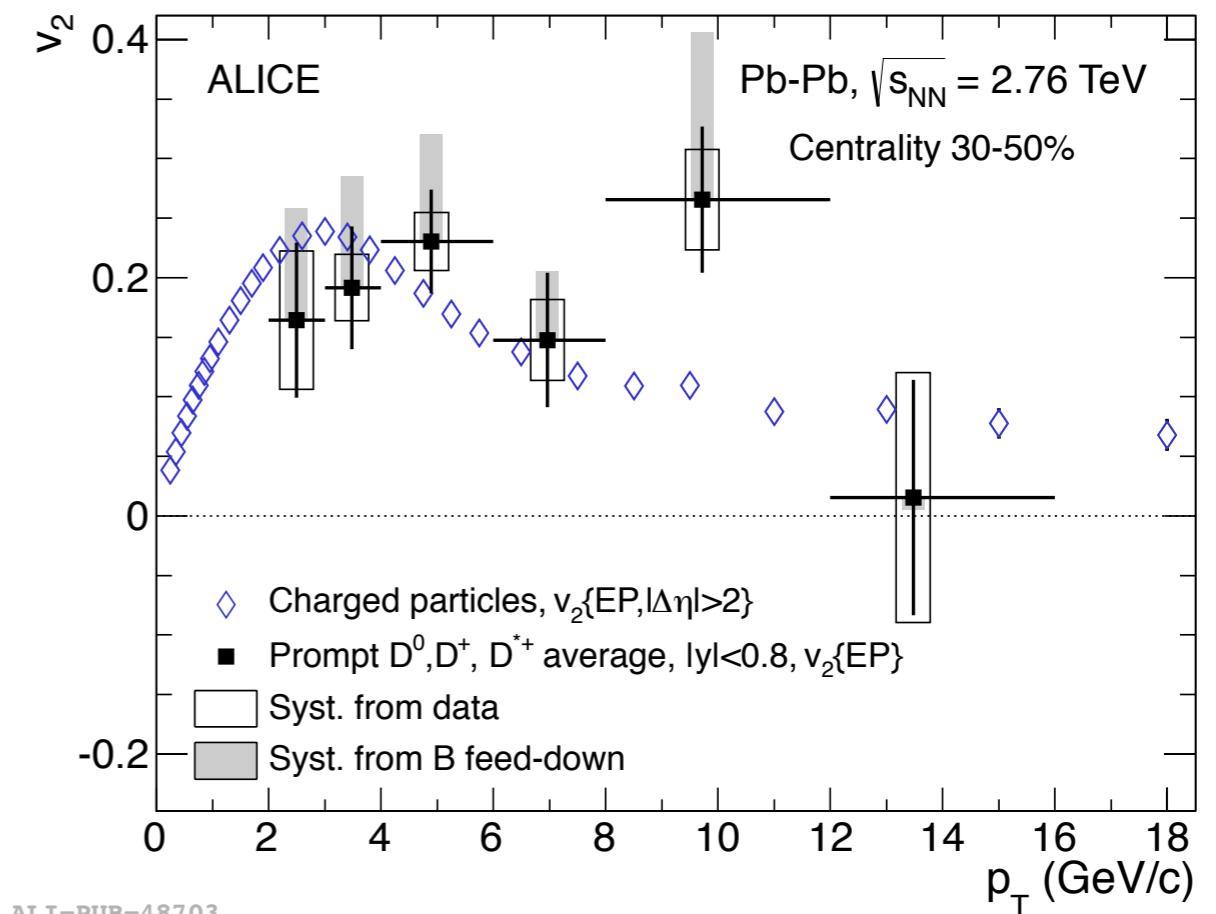


R_2 : event plane resolution

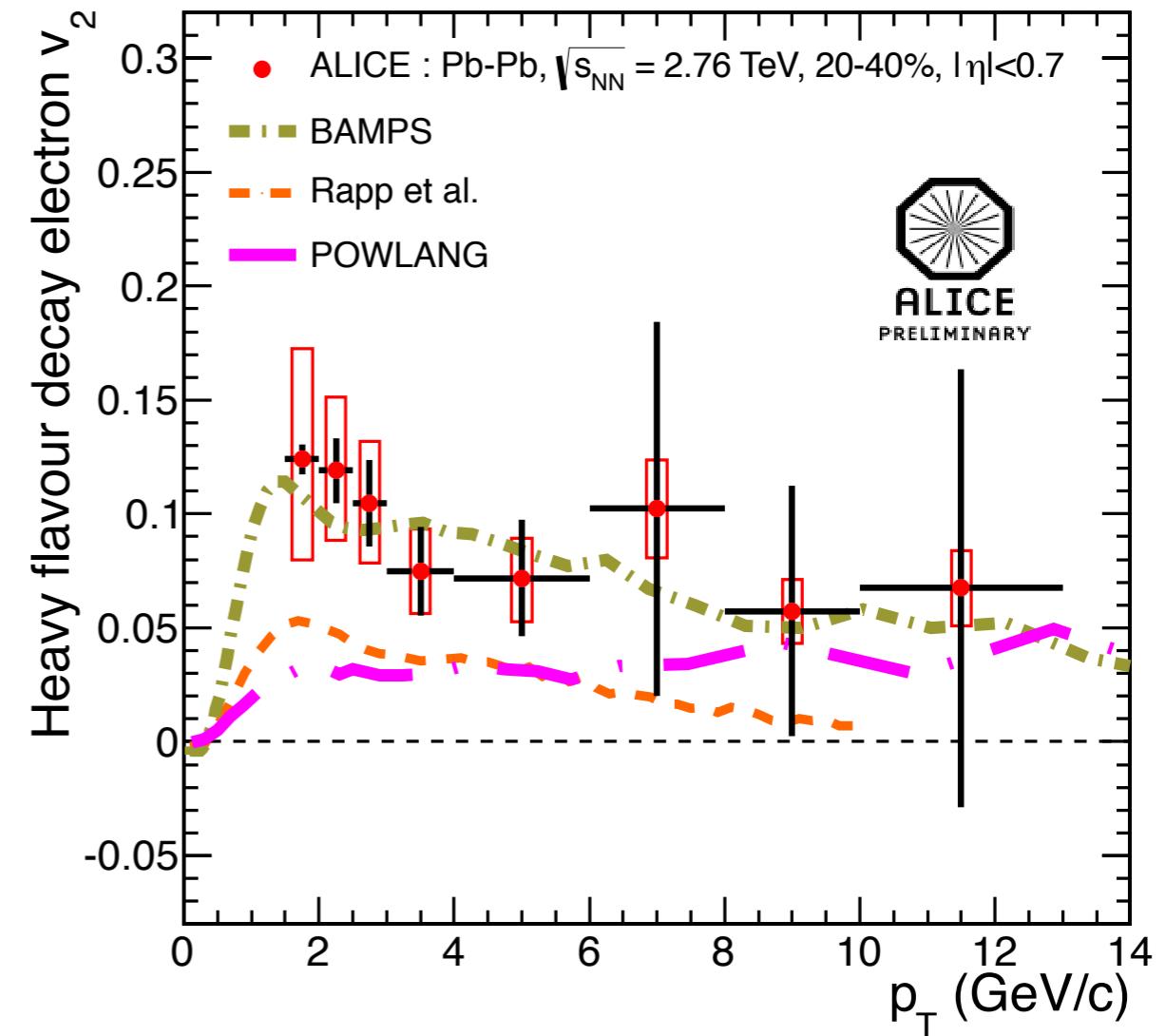
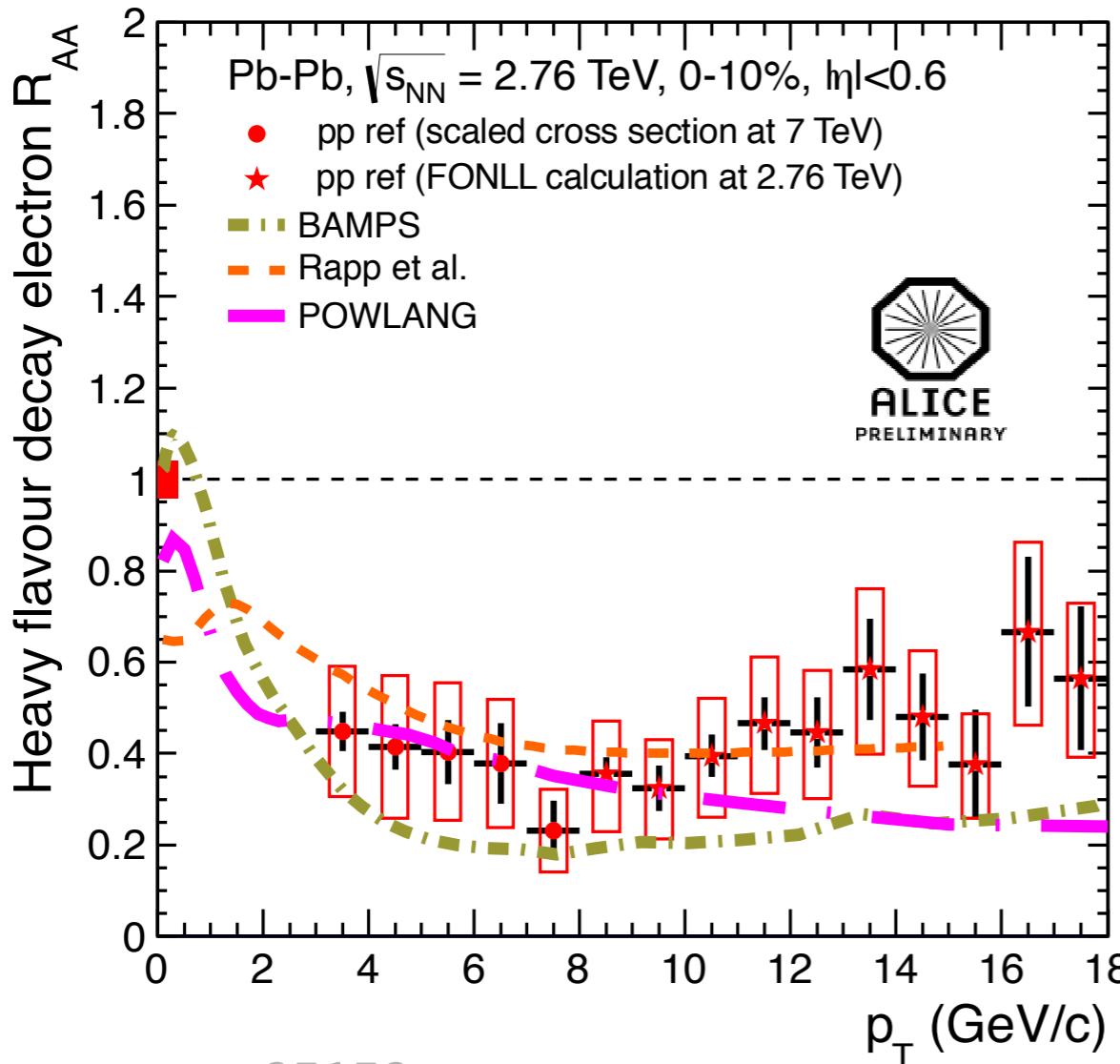
D MESON v_2 IN 30-50% PbPb COLLISIONS



- Consistency among D meson species (D^0, D^+, D^{*+})
- D meson $v_2 > 0$ (~ 5σ effect in $2 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c)
- D meson v_2 similar to that of light particles: hint for collective motion of charm quarks at low p_T



HEAVY FLAVOR ELECTRON R_{AA} & v_2



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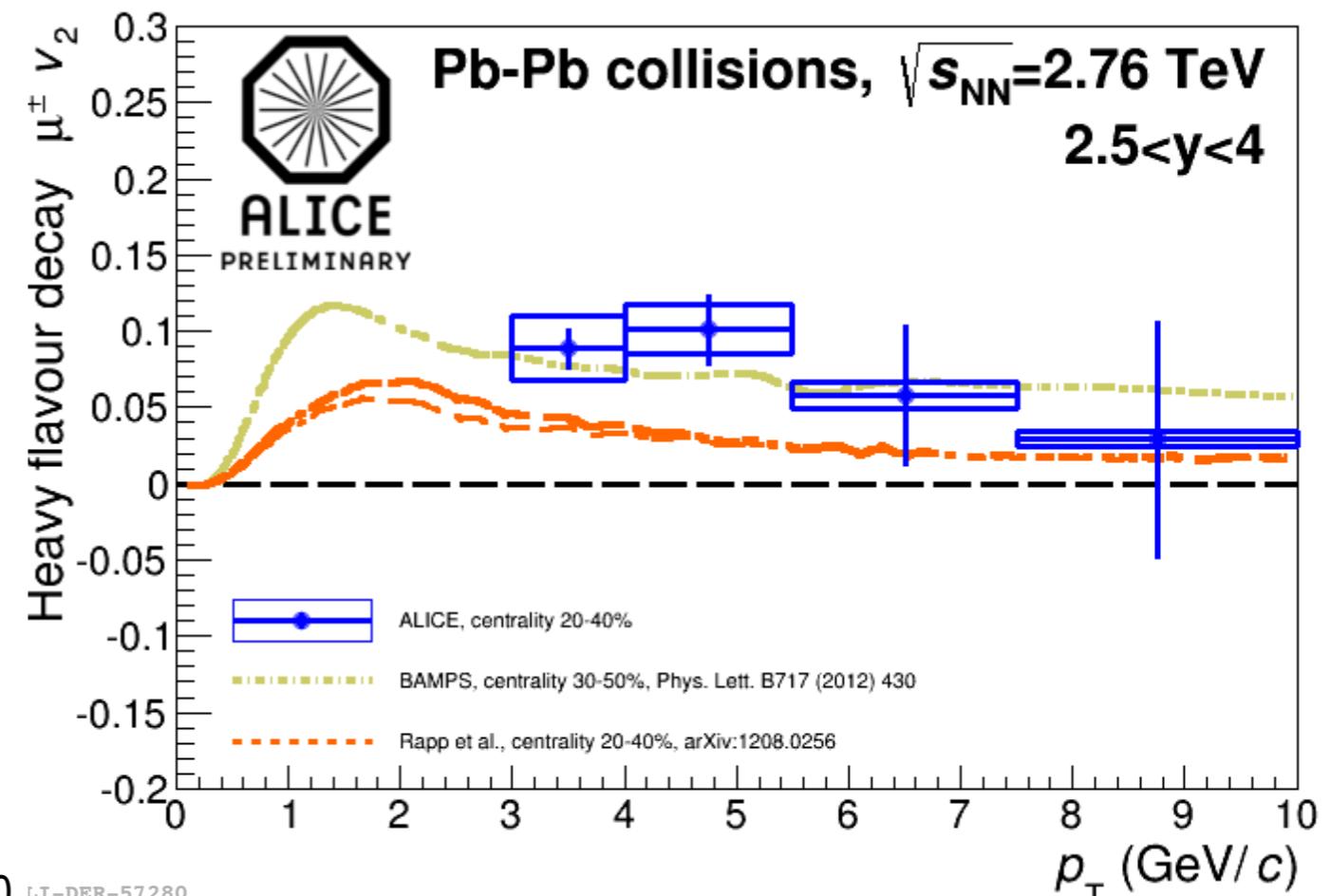
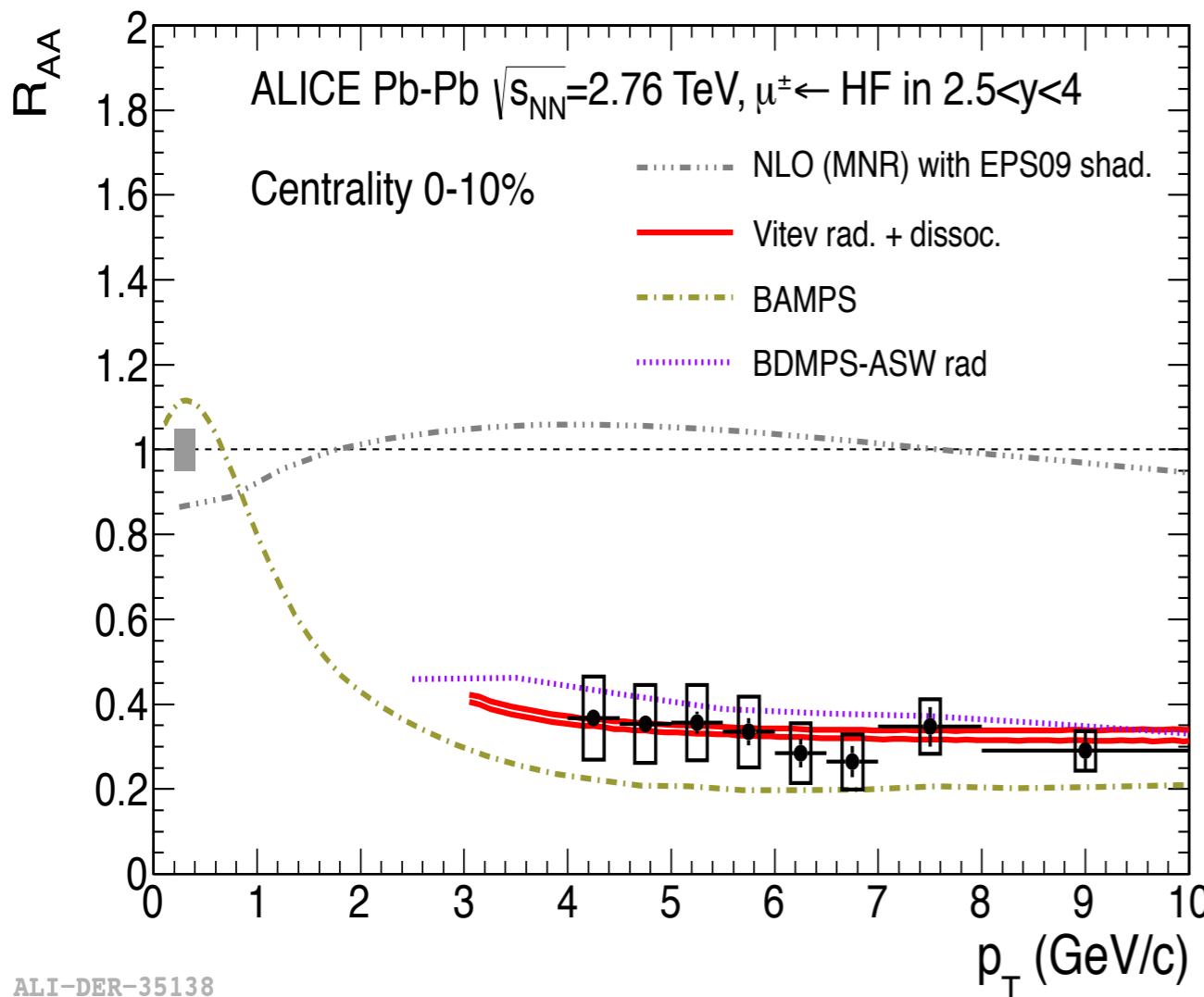
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HEAVY FLAVOR MUON R_{AA} & V₂



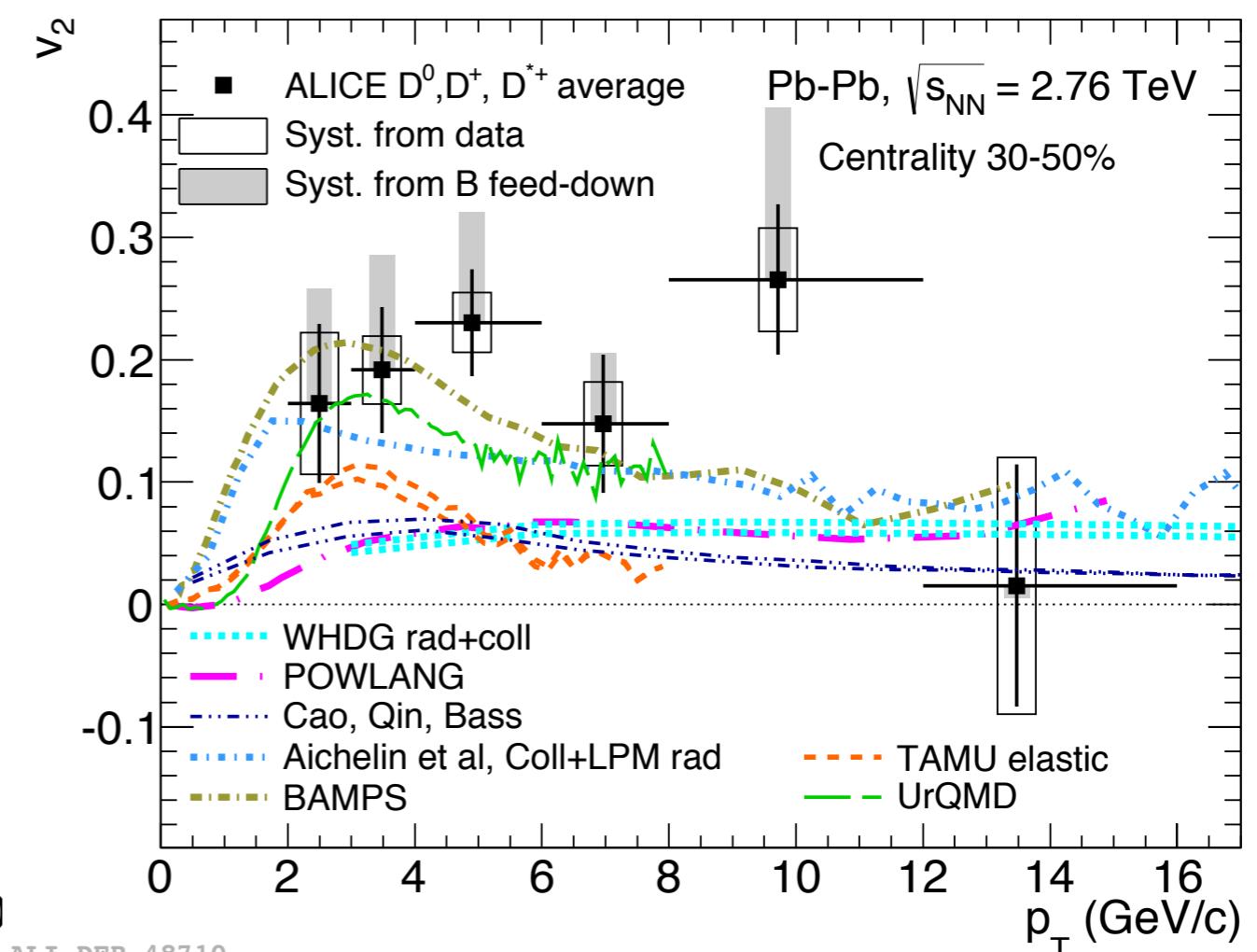
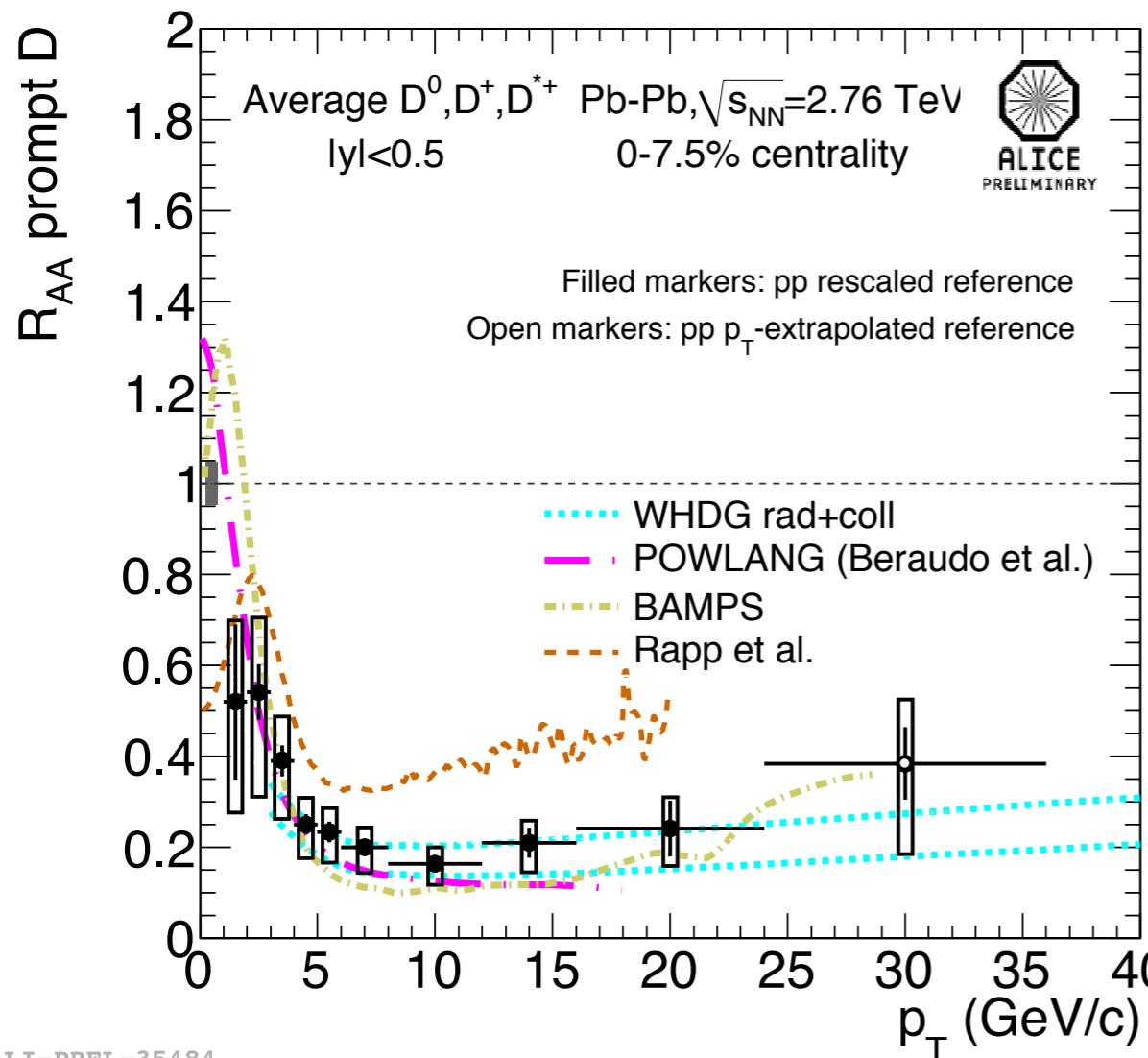
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D MESON R_{AA} & V₂



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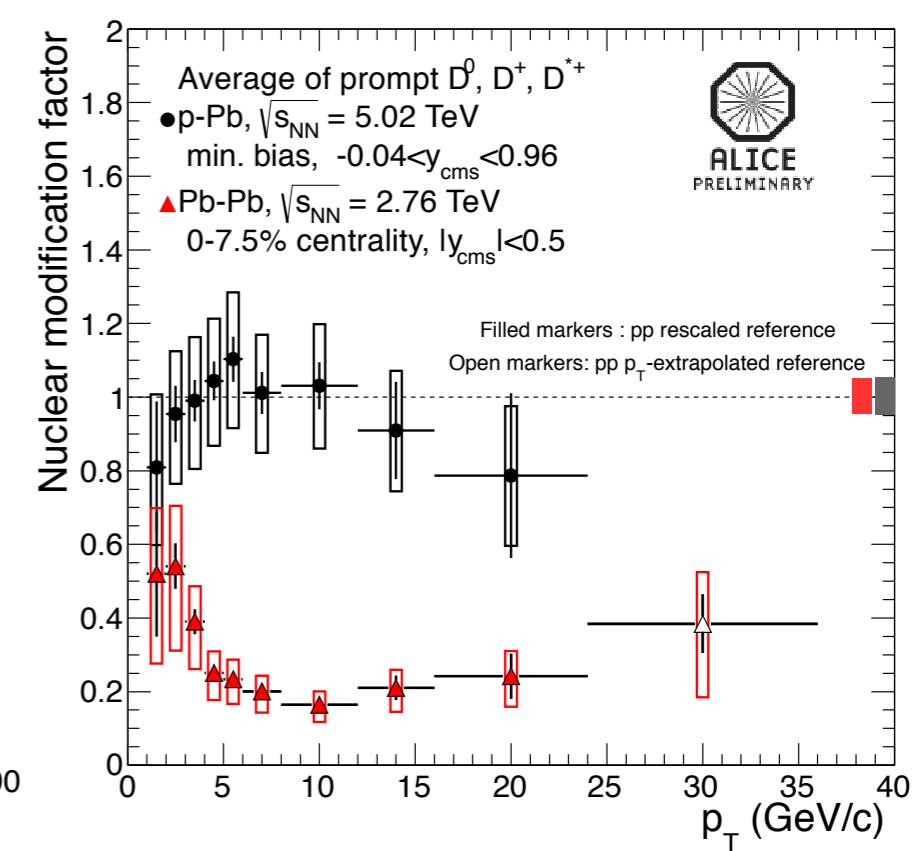
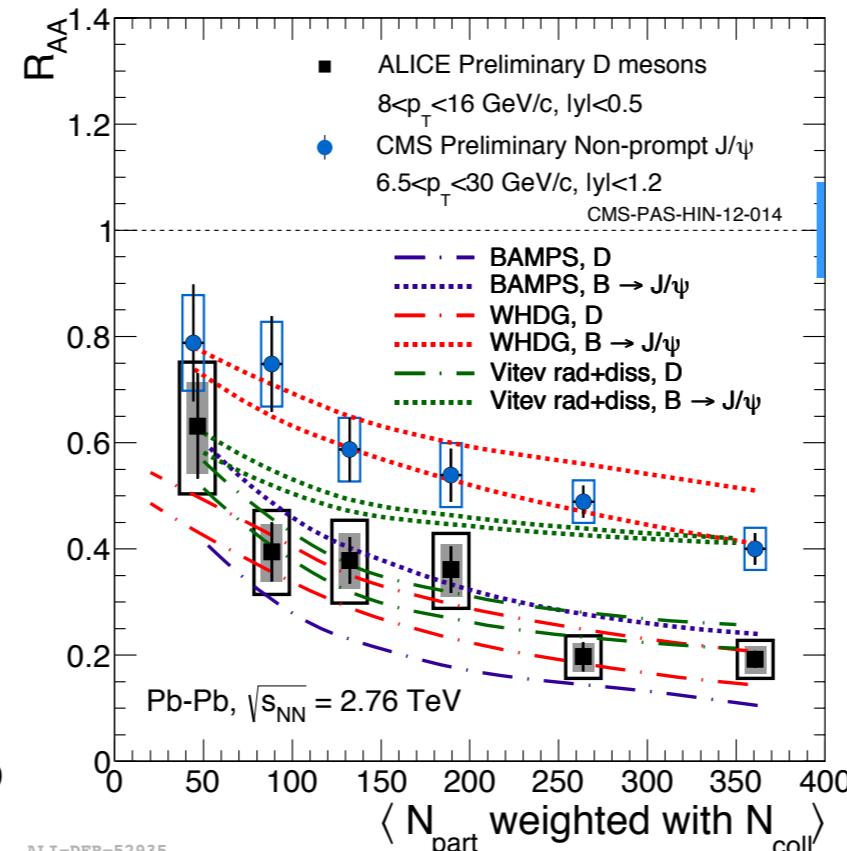
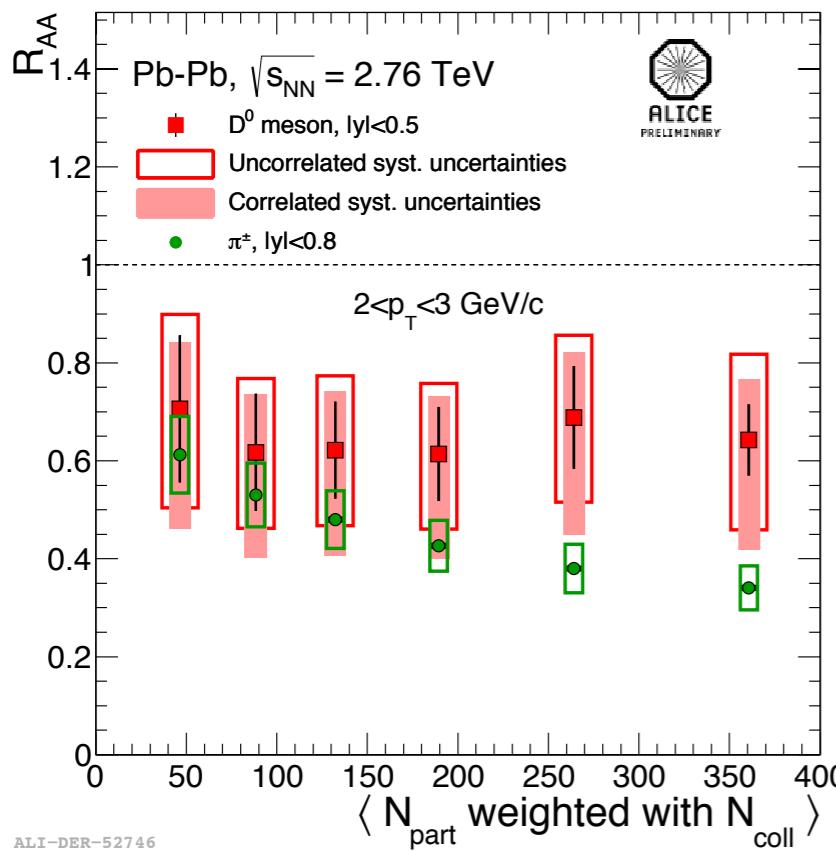
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SUMMARY

- * Heavy flavor production is suppressed in the most central collisions
 - > Light particles have a similar p_T and centrality trend than charm R_{AA}
 - > Non-prompt J/ ψ seem less suppressed than D's in central events
- * This suppression can not be explained by only CNM for $p_T > 4$ GeV/c
- * Azimuthal anisotropy of HFe, HFm and charmed mesons is observed
 - > $v_2 > 0$ for $p_T \sim 3$ GeV/c at LHC,
hint of collective motion of charm quarks at low p_T
- * HQ energy loss models reproduce reasonably well heavy flavor R_{AA} measurements. Challenging simultaneous description of R_{AA} and v_2 .

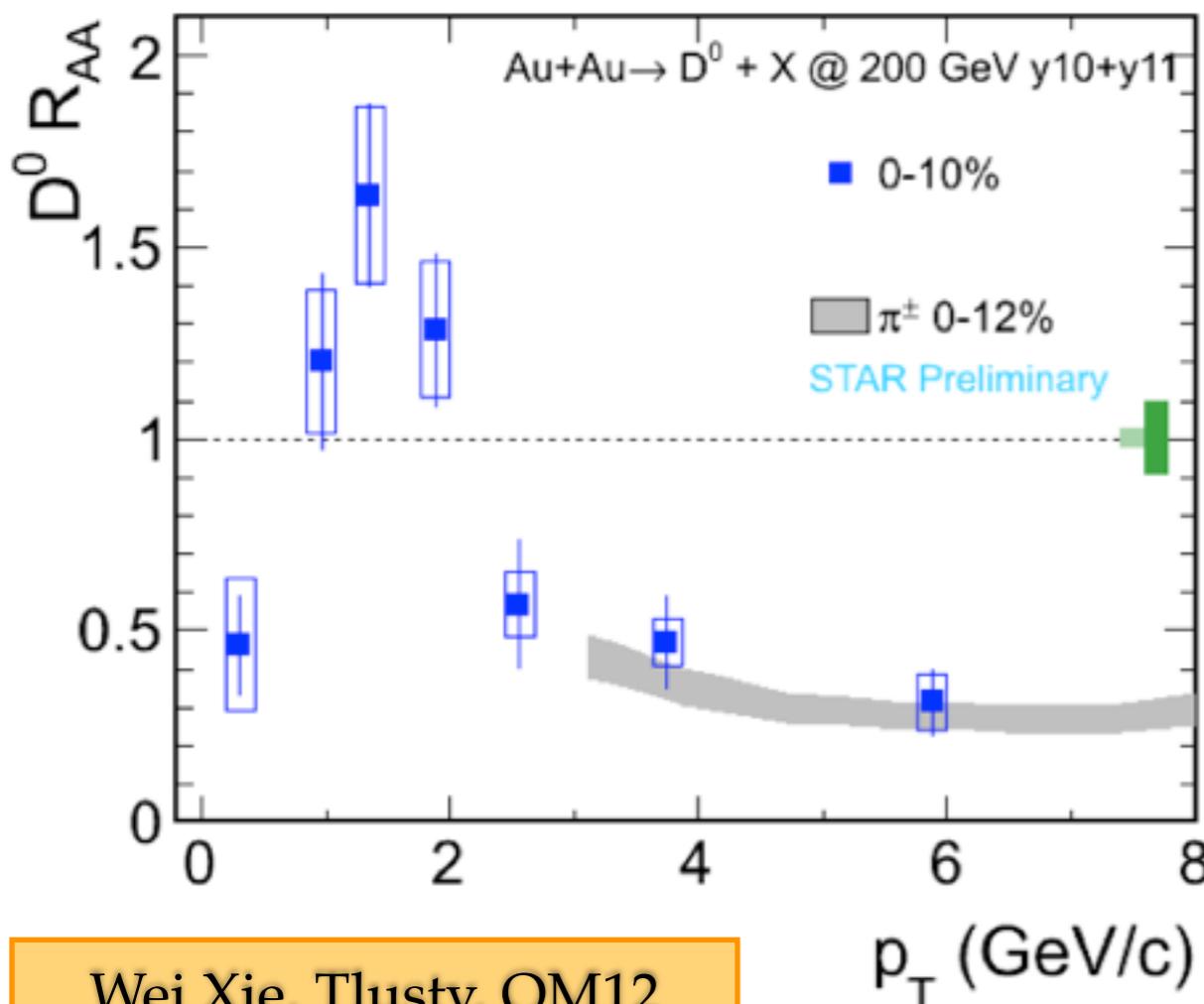


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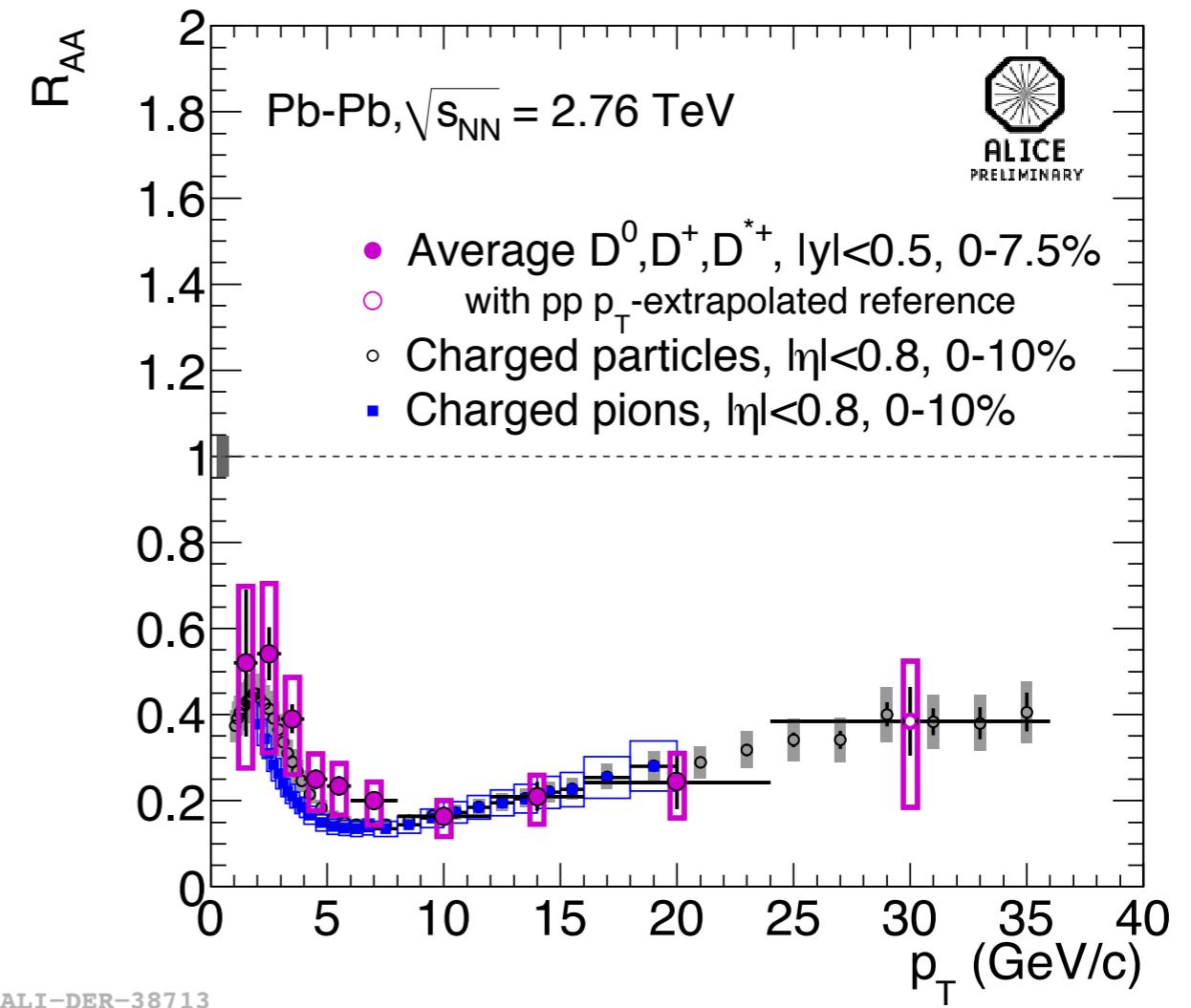
D MESON R_{AA} AT RHIC AND LHC

AuAu 200 GeV



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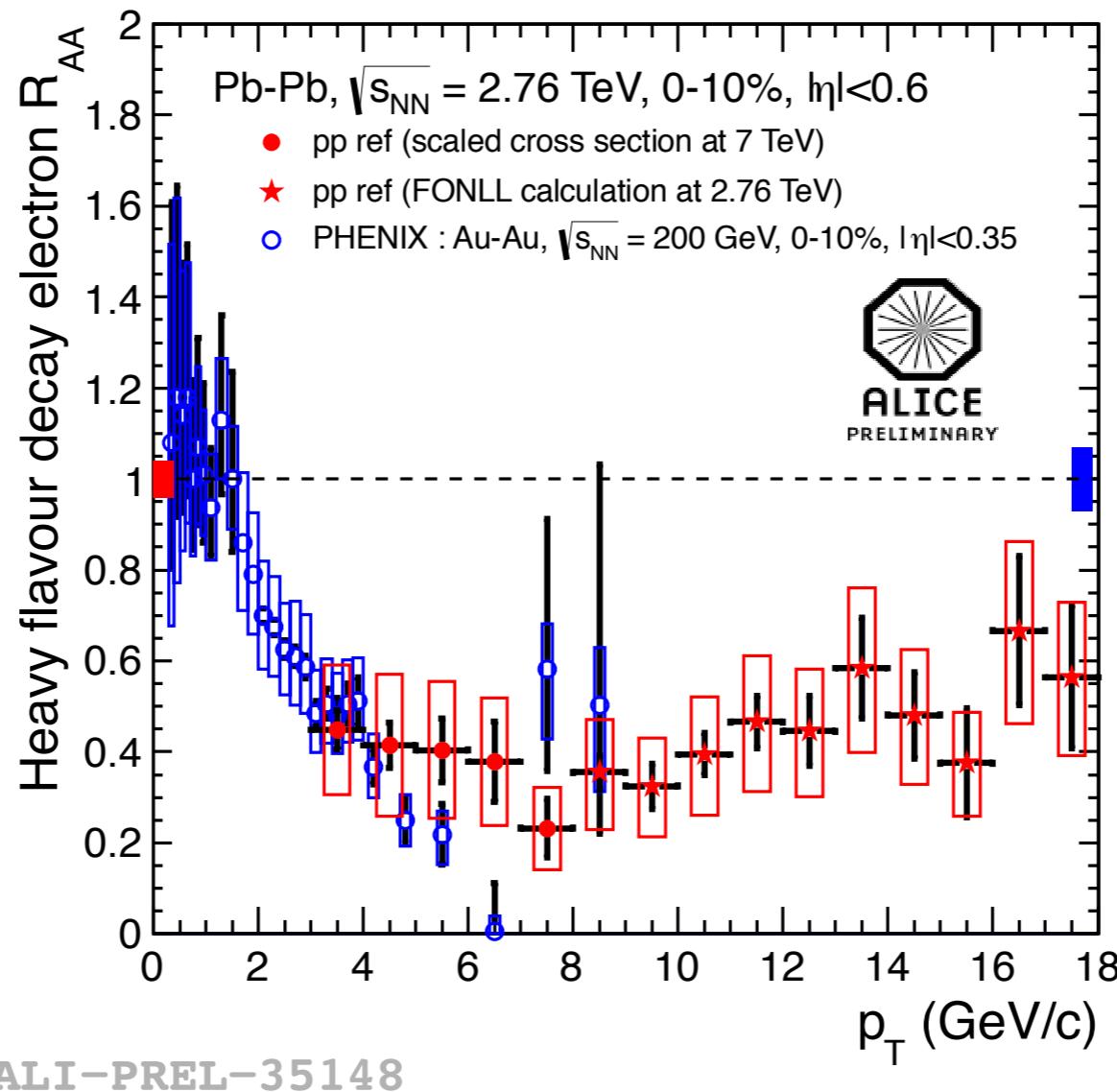
PbPb 2.76 TeV



* Inclusive D^0 mesons (c+b)

* Prompt D^0 mesons (c)

HFE R_{AA} AT RHIC AND LHC



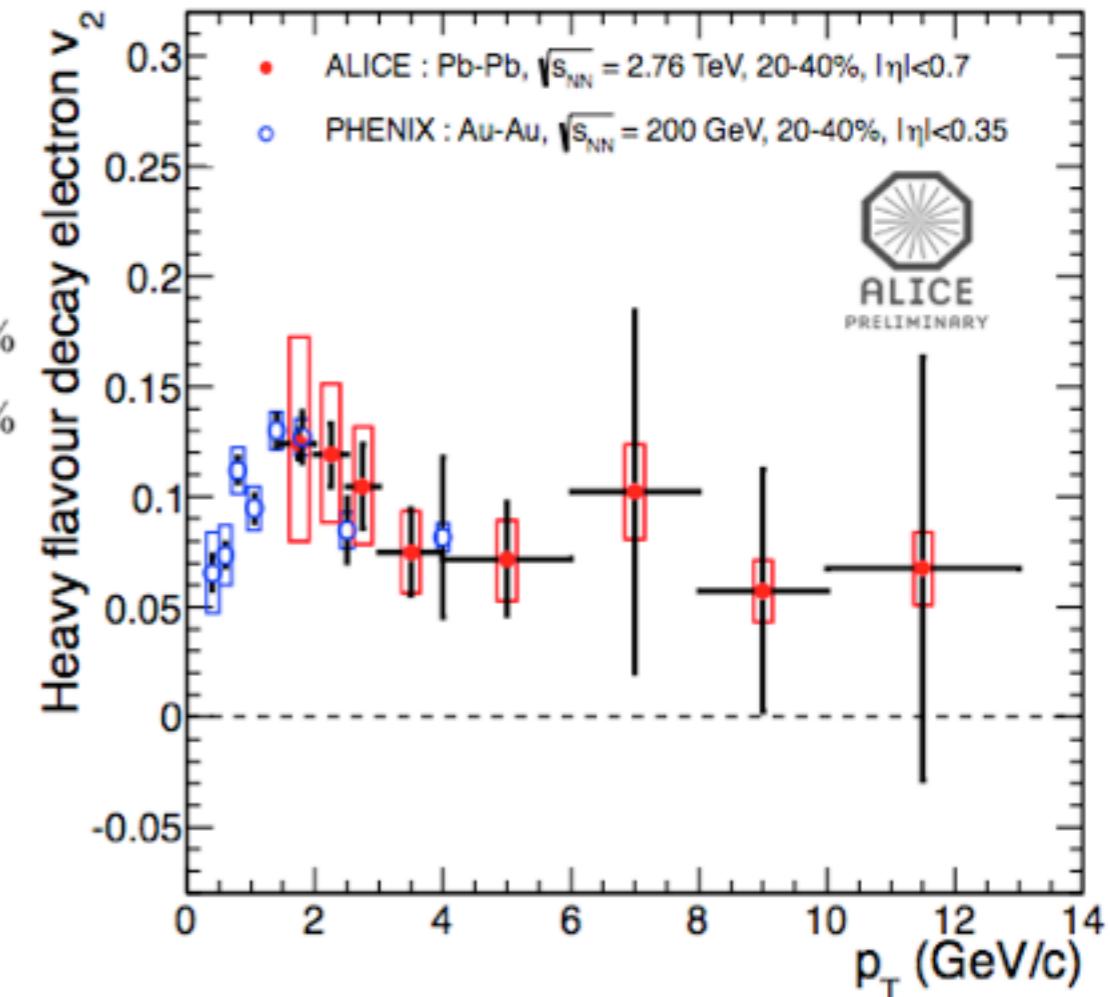
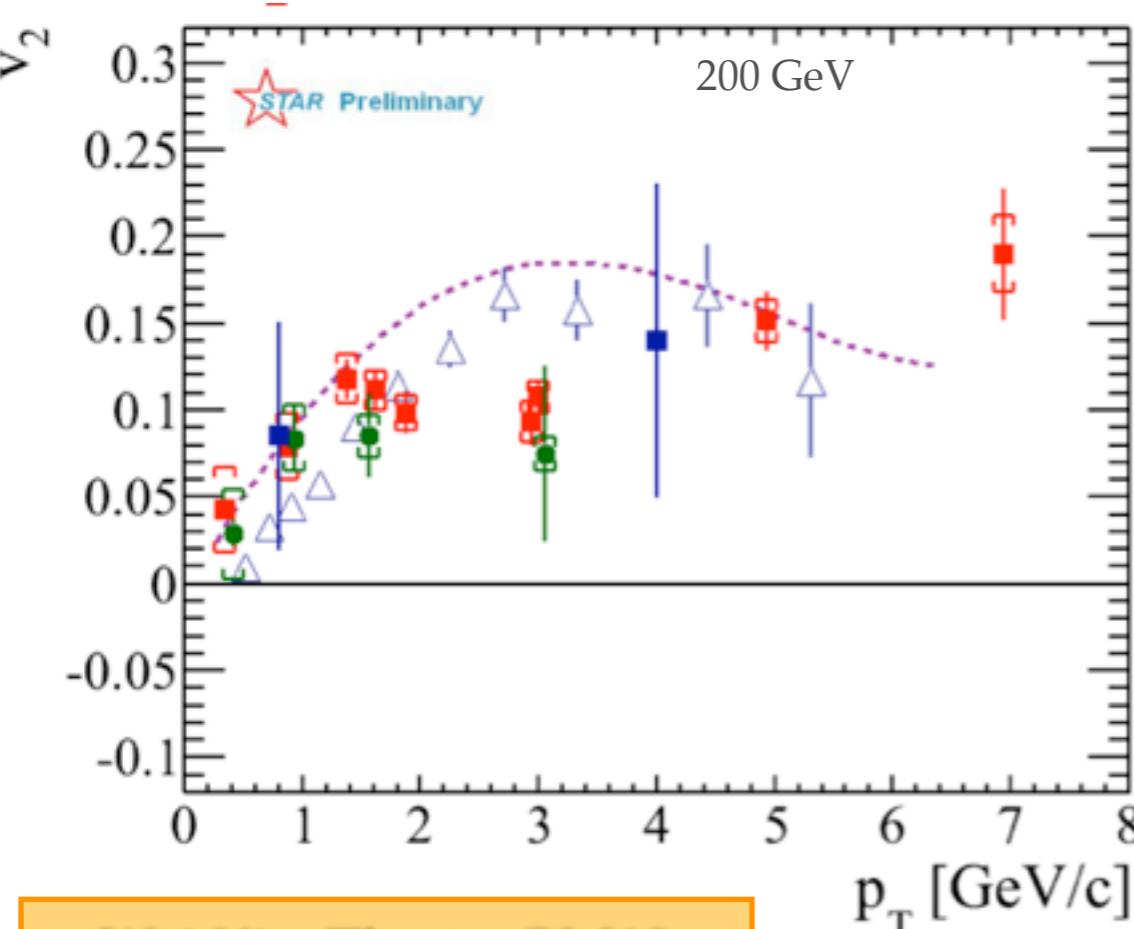
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- Similar magnitude of heavy flavor electron suppression at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200\text{GeV}$ (PHENIX, RHIC) and $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76\text{TeV}$ (ALICE, LHC)
- * Caveat: c/b contribution to the HF electron spectra may differ at RHIC and LHC

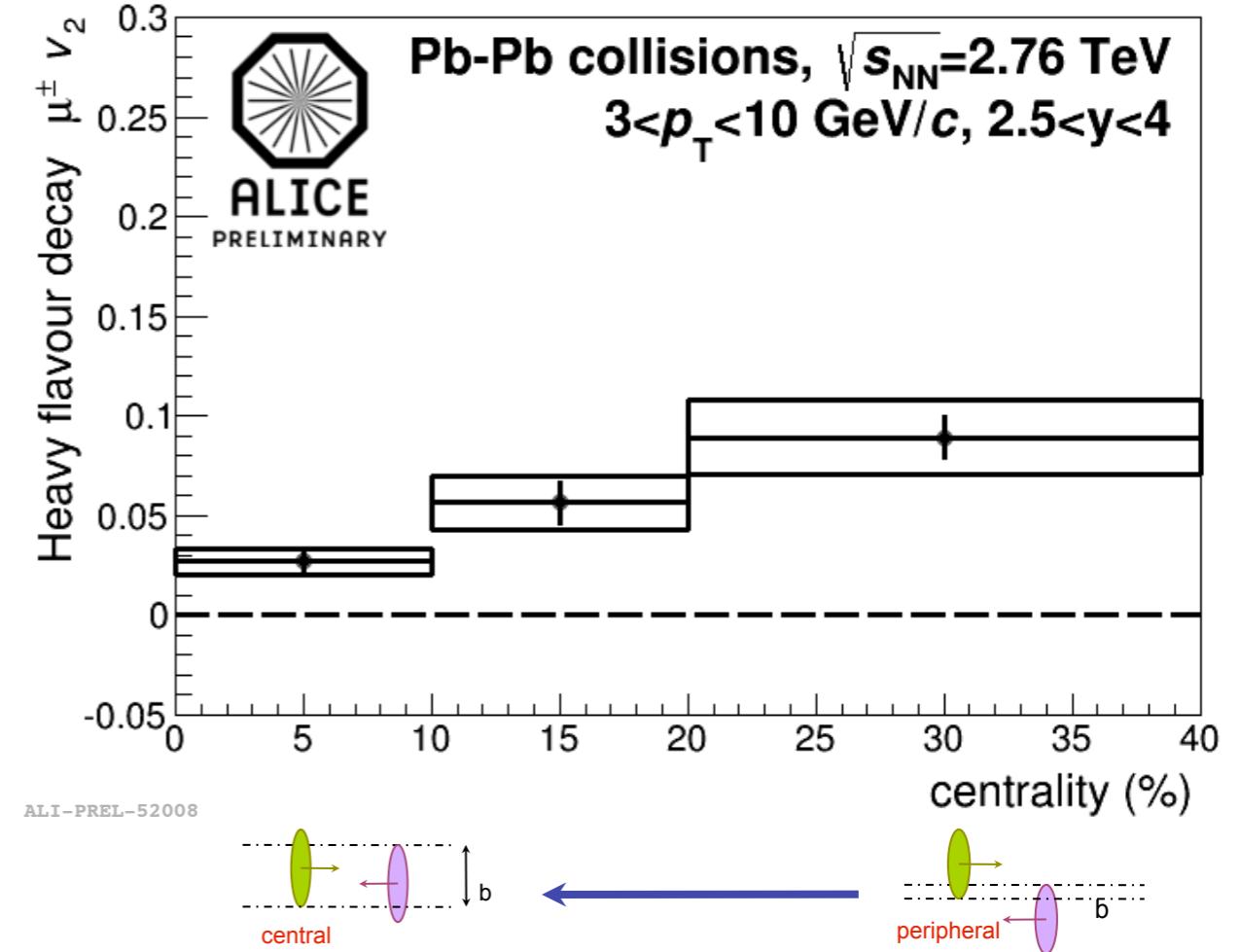
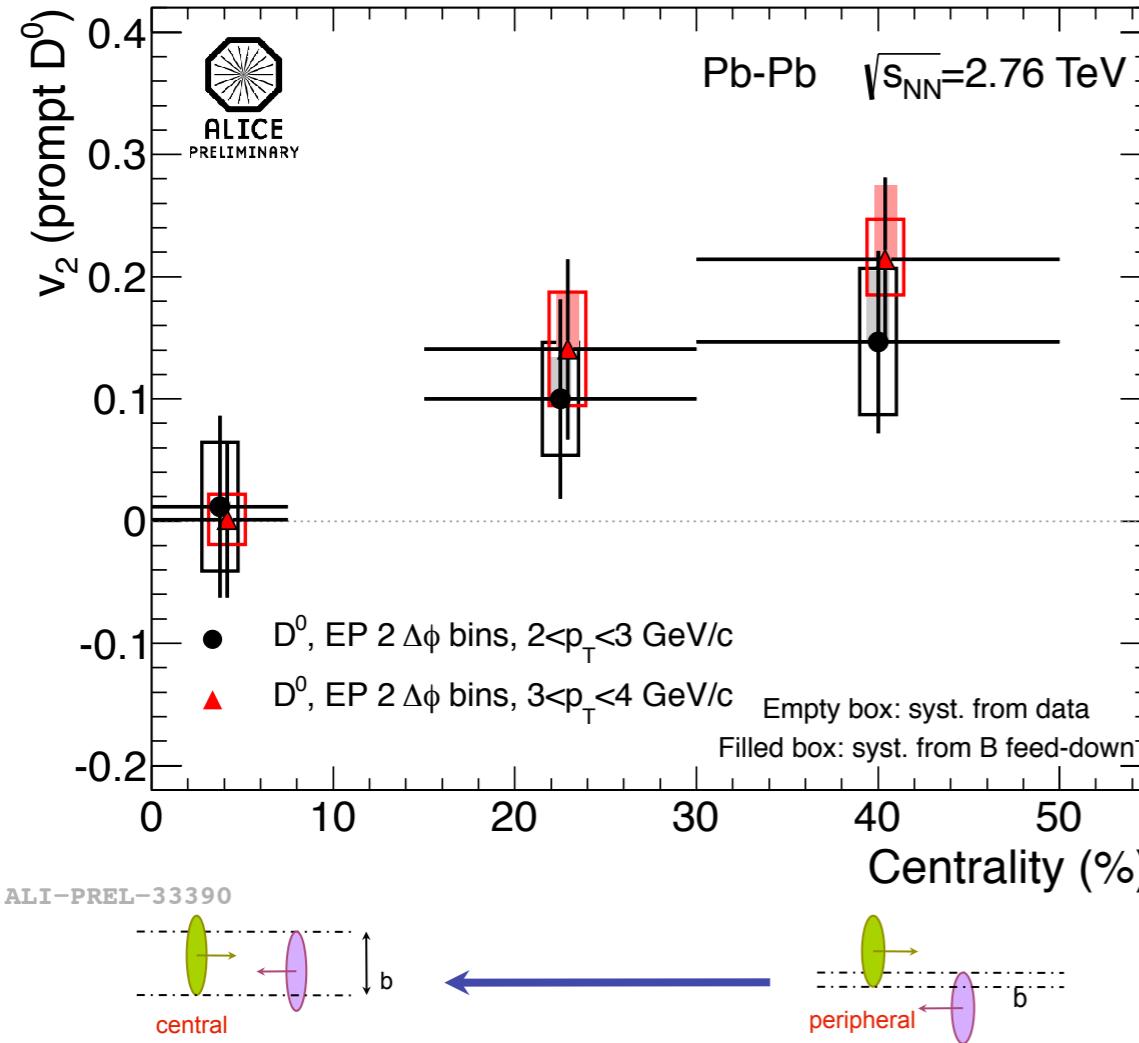
HEAVY FLAVOR ELECTRON v_2 VS ENERGY



AuAu 200GeV

- * Non-photonic / HF electron v_2 :
 - ▶ At 39 and 62 GeV consistent with zero within uncertainties
 - ▶ At 200 GeV, $v_2 > 0$ for $p_T > 3$ GeV/c
 - ▶ At 2.76 TeV, $v_2 > 0$ at low p_T ($> 3\sigma$ effect in $2 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c)

V₂ CENTRALITY DEPENDENCE



→ Hint of centrality dependence of heavy flavor v_2 at LHC

