

# Overview of hadron production results from ALICE



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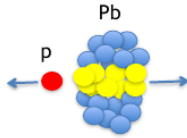
# Hard hadron production in different systems

Hard scattering +  
underlying event



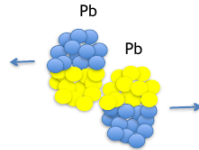
- Improvement of PDF/FF parameterization
- long-range correlations;
- flow-like effects in high multiplicity events => MPI?

Set of pp collisions +  
cold nuclear matter  
effects



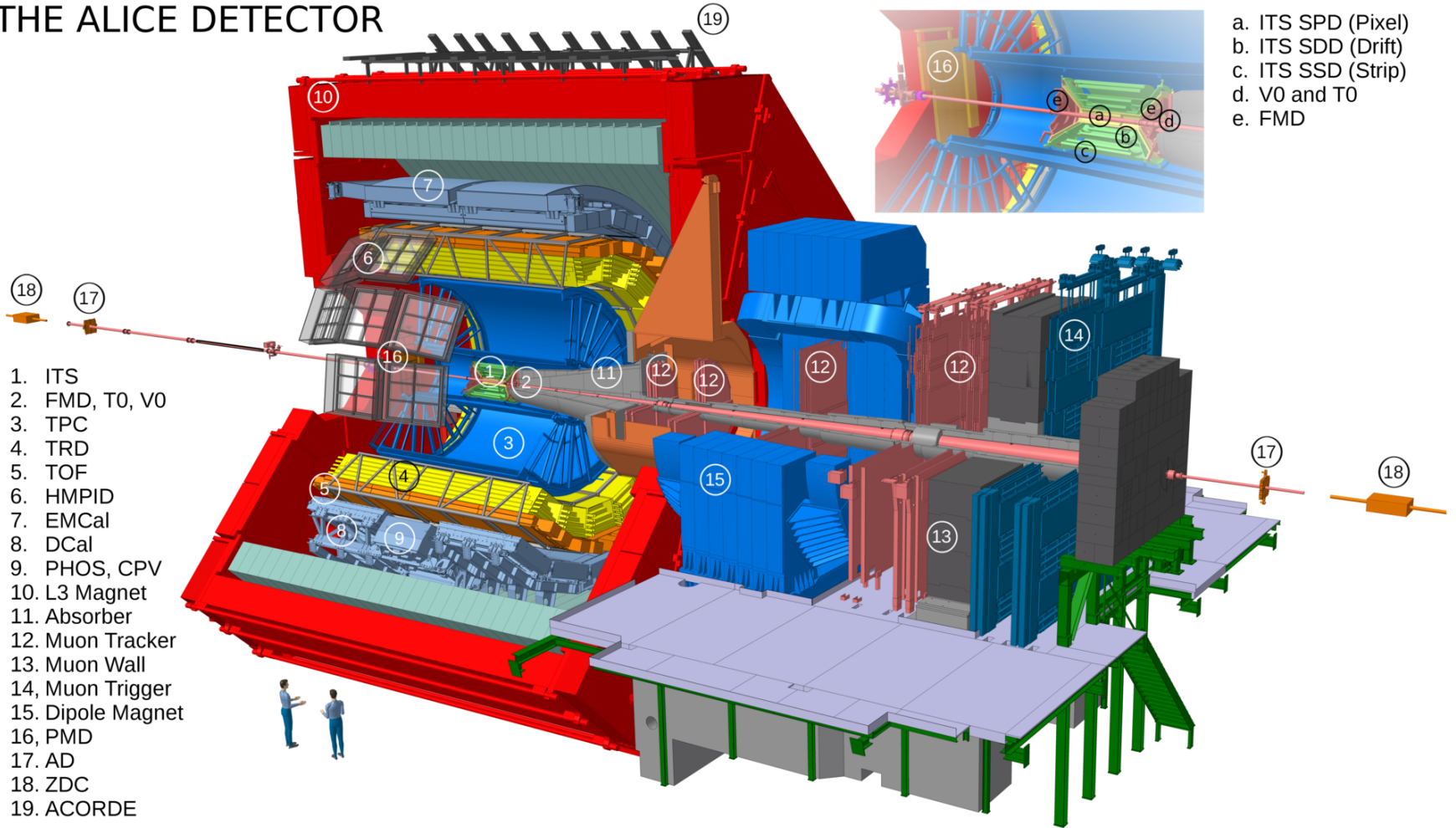
- Modification of PDF in nuclei
- Interaction with cold nuclear matter.
- Flow-like effects => smooth transition from pp to Pb-Pb

Collective hydro-like  
behavior + hard  
parton interacting  
with hot matter



- Details of energy loss of light and heavy quarks
- Path-length dependence
- Modification of parton fragmentation in hot matter

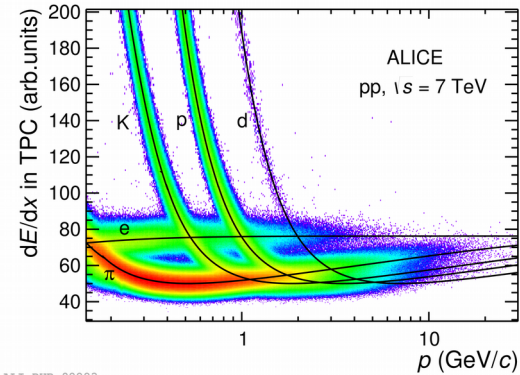
# THE ALICE DETECTOR



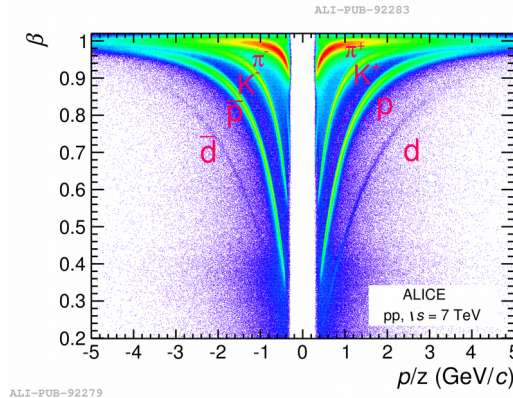


# ALICE PID capabilities

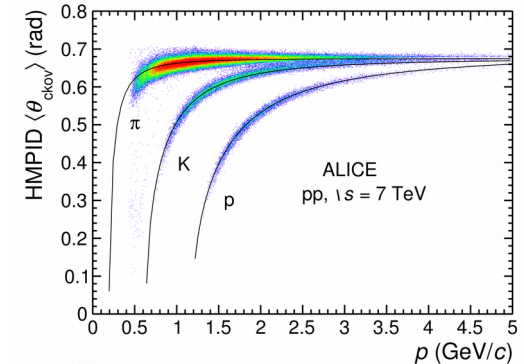
- ALICE exploits the combination of different particle identification (PID) techniques
- Energy loss (ITS, TPC)
- Time of flight (TOF)
- Cherenkov radiation (HMPID)
- Transition radiation (TRD)
- Calorimetry (EMCal/DCal, PHOS)
- Topological PID



- Up to 159 pad rows in Ne-CO<sub>2</sub> (Ar-CO<sub>2</sub>) gas mixture
- The best separation at low  $p_T < 0.7$  GeV/c
- For high  $p_T > 3-20$  GeV/c statistical PID is done based on dE/dx in relativistic rise regime



- PID performed by means of statistical unfolding of the time of flight
- Time of flight measurements enable  $3\sigma$  separation for  $\pi/K$  up to 2.5 GeV/c and  $K/p$  up to 4 GeV/c

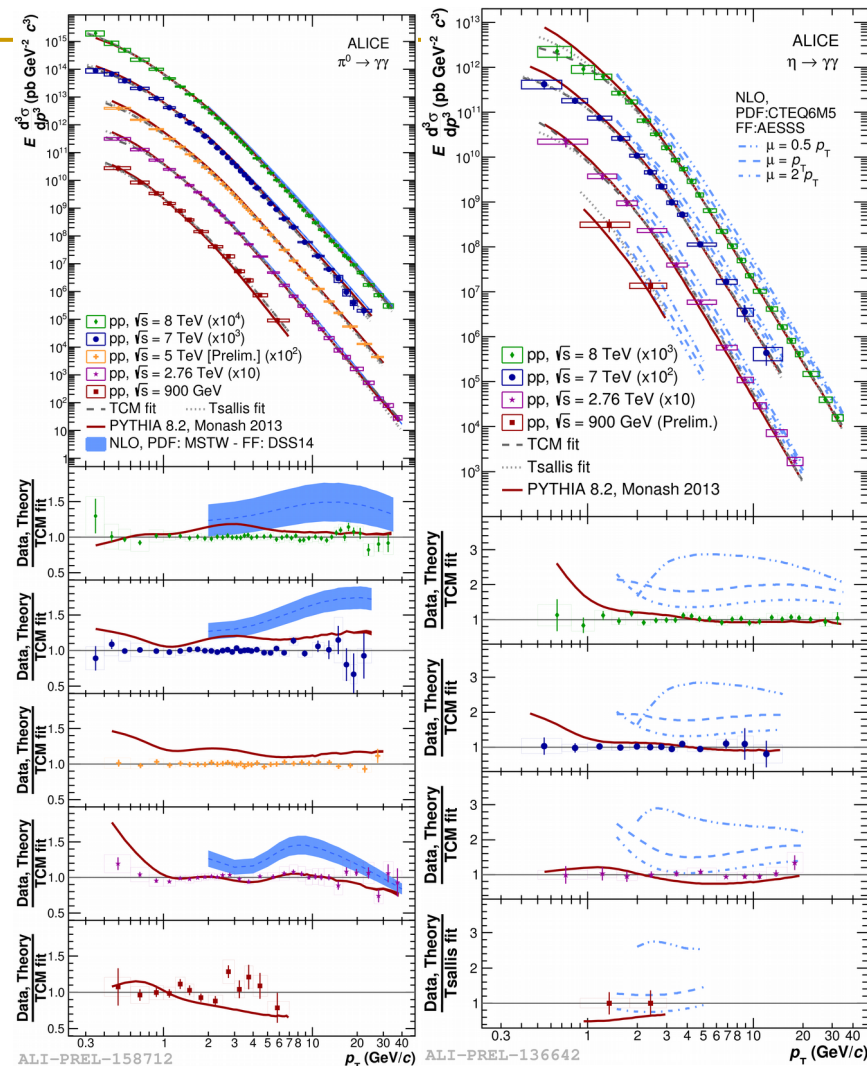
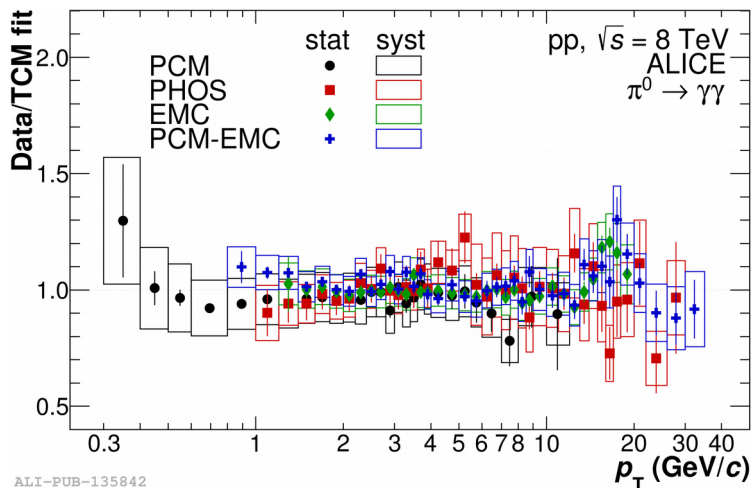


- PID performed by means of statistical unfolding of the Cherenkov angle
- $3\sigma$  separation for  $\pi/K$  up to 3 GeV/c and  $K/p$  up to 5 GeV/c



# pp collisions

- $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$ -meson spectra were measured in pp collisions at several energies with different methods
- Pythia 8 reproduces data, while NLO pQCD calculations predict 20-50% ( $\pi^0$ ) or 50-100% ( $\eta$ ) higher yield
- Precision data can be used for FF and/or PDF global fits



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# pp collisions

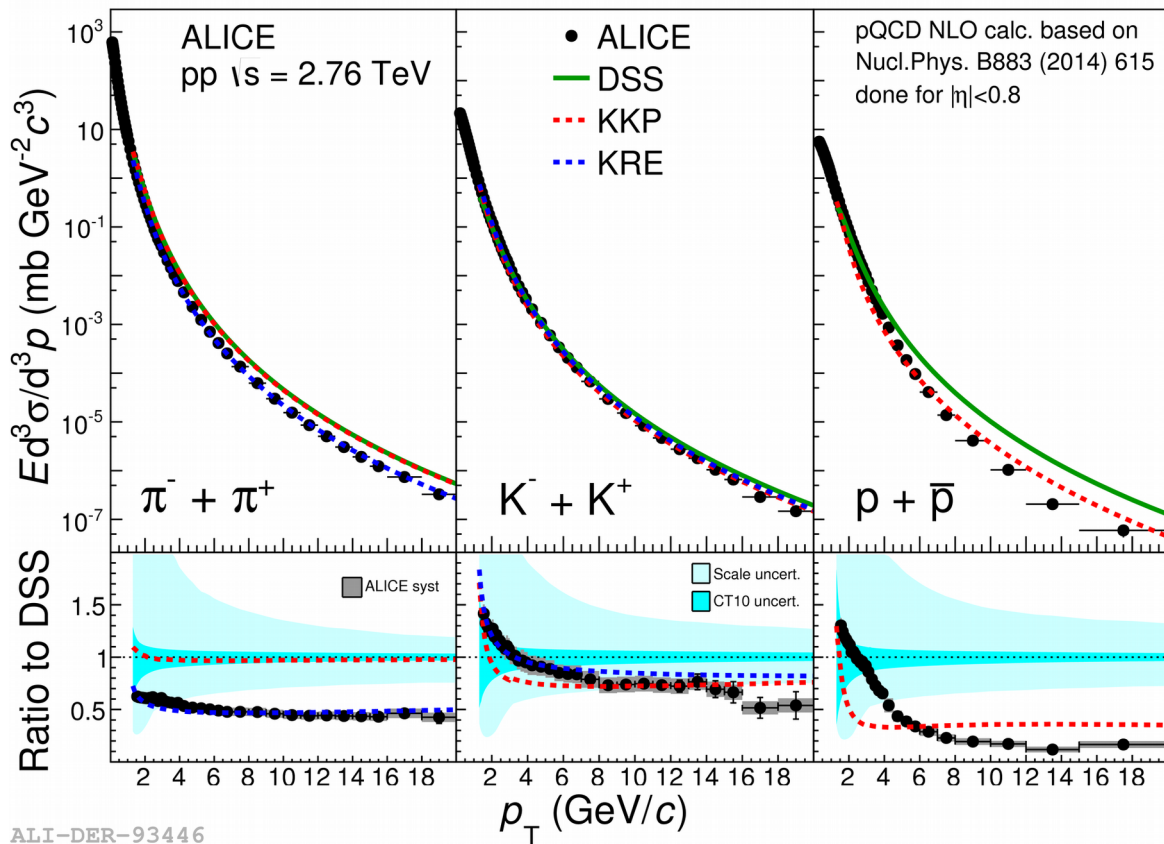
DSS: de Florian, Sassot and Stratmann,  
PRD 75 (2007) 114010 and  
PRD 76 (2007) 074033

KKP: Kniehl, Kramer and Potter,  
NPB 582 (2000) 514

KRE: Kretzer,  
PRD 62 (2000) 054001

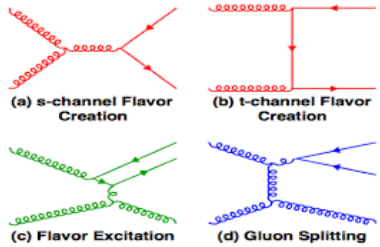


- The Kretzer Fragmentation Functions (KRE) describe well the charged pion and the kaon spectra
- DSS and KKP predict up to 2 times higher yield for pions and protons, but agree within uncertainties for kaons.
- Another input for FF global fits

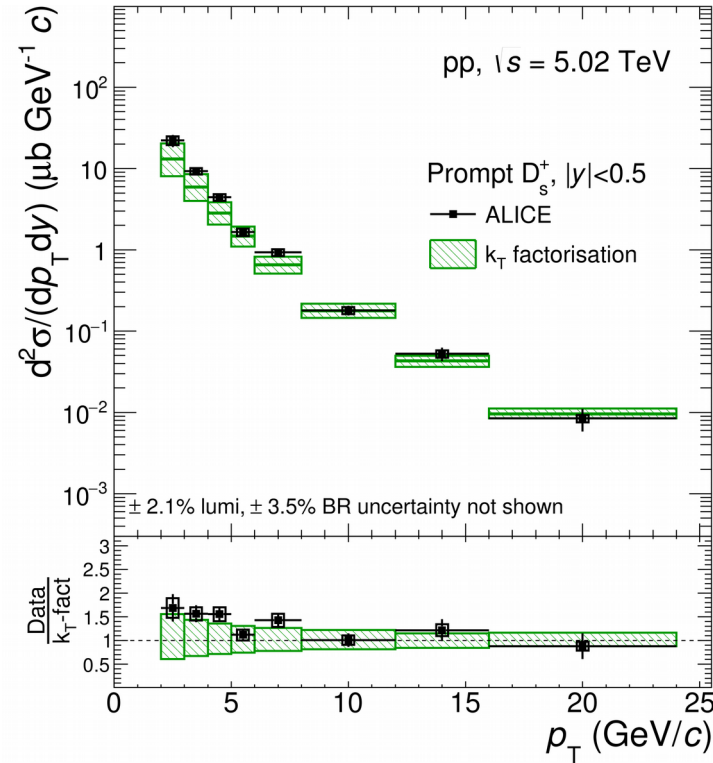


0.9 TeV: Eur. Phys. J. C 71 (2011) 1655  
2.76 TeV: Phys.Lett. B(2014) 736:196  
7 TeV: EPJC 75 (2015) 226

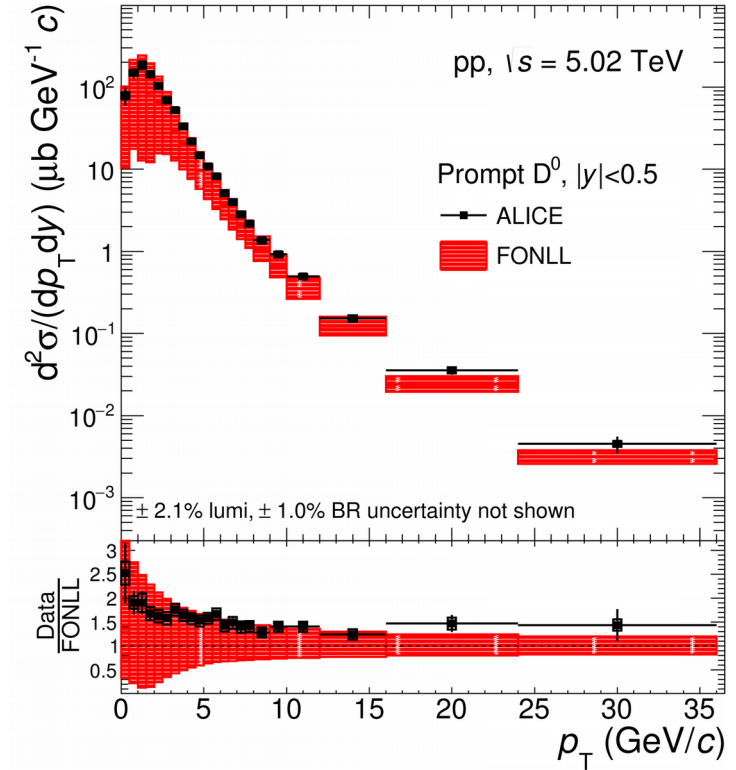
# pp:heavy flavor production



- Probe gluon PDF at low  $x$
- pQCD calculations performed in different schemes able to reproduce data, though data concentrated around the upper edge of uncertainties



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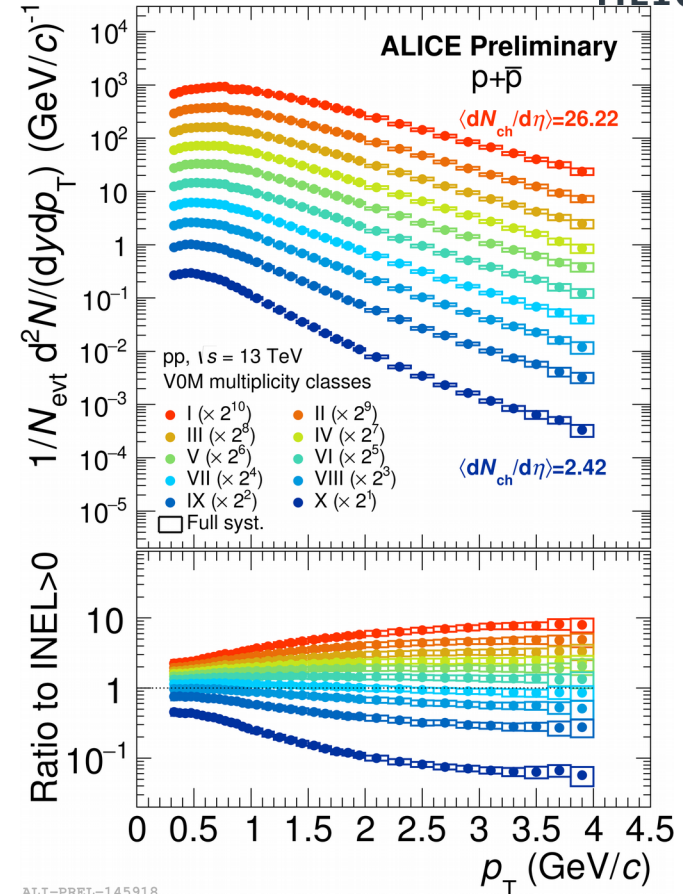
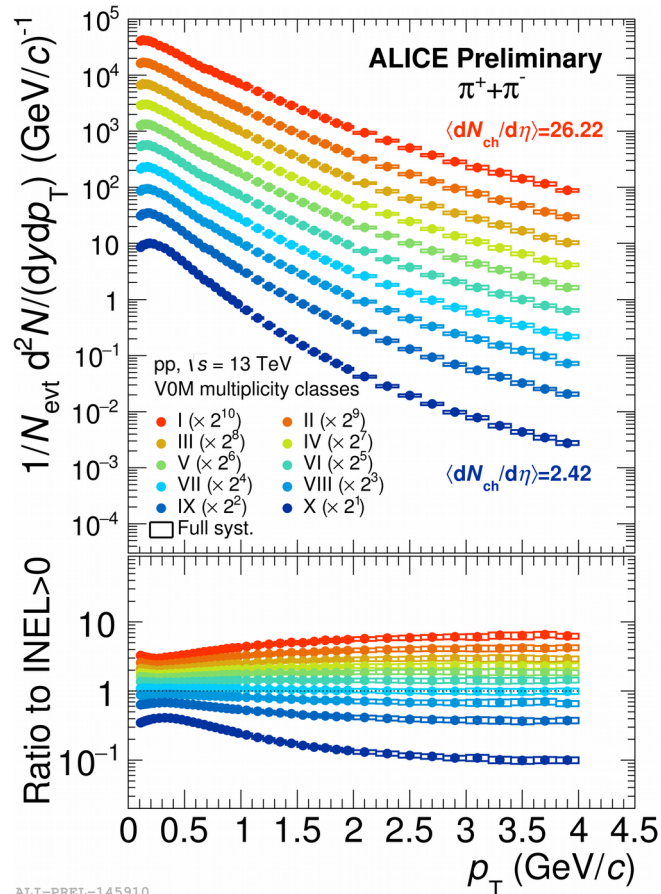
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# pp: multiplicity dependence

- Hardening with multiplicity and particle mass at low  $p_T$  ( $< 2$  GeV/c)
- Indication for collective effects, reminiscent of observed effects in Pb-Pb, attributed to radial flow





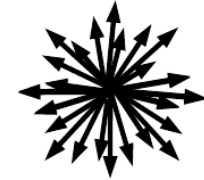
# Transverse spherocity

$$S_O = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}} \left( \frac{\sum_i \vec{p}_{T,i} \times \hat{n}}{\sum_i p_{T,i}} \right)^2$$

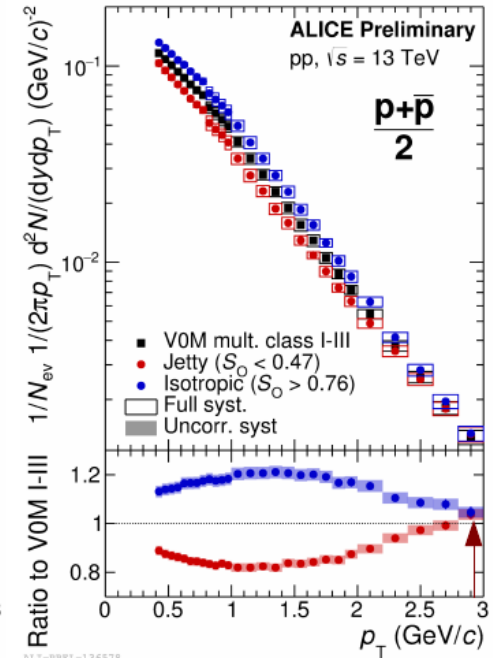
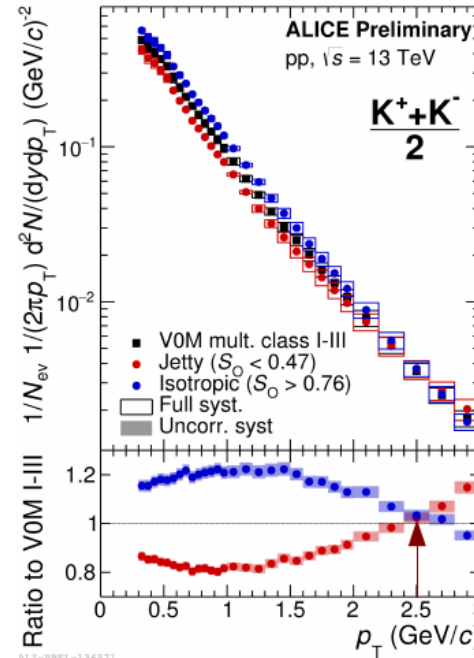
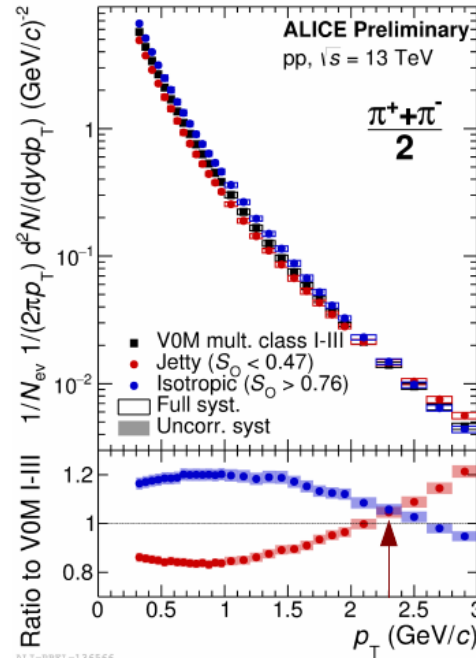
Jetty:  $S_O \rightarrow 0$



Isotropic:  $S_O \rightarrow 1$



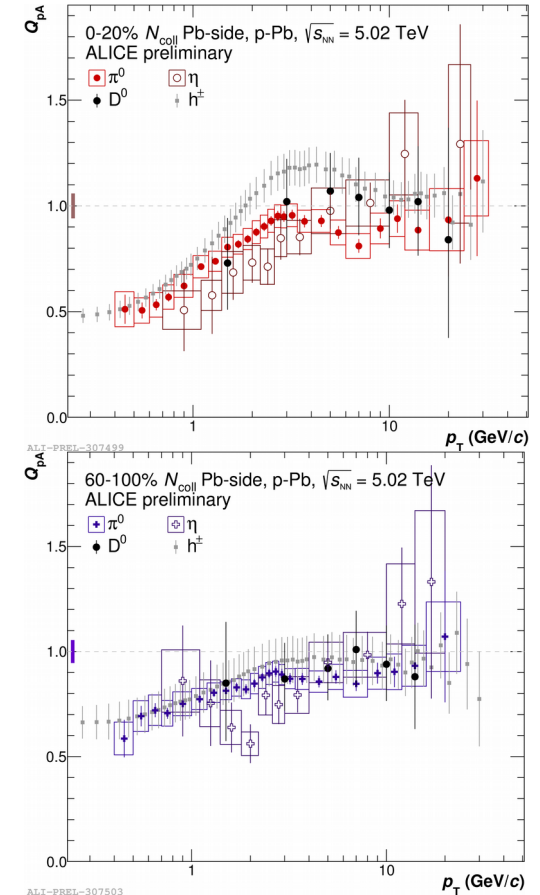
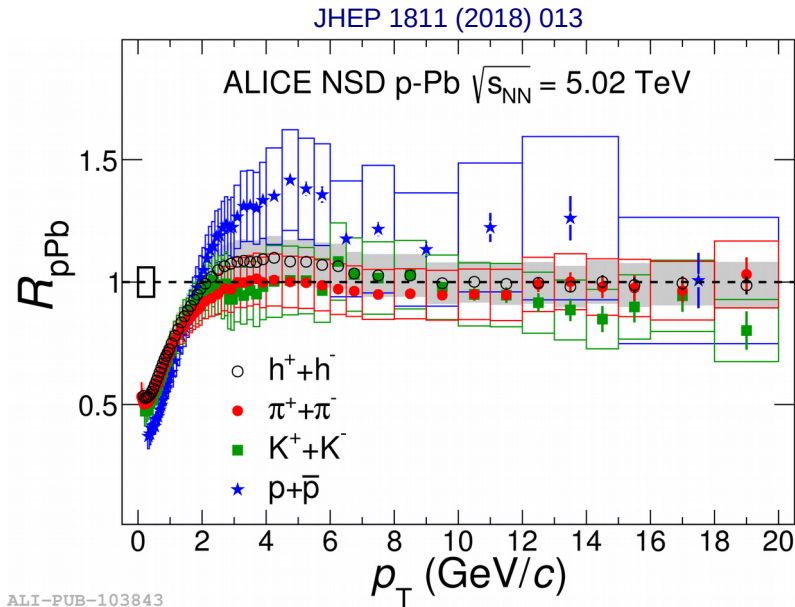
- Spectra softer in isotropic events
- Crossing point increase with particle mass
- Indication for larger contribution of collective effects in isotropic events



# p-Pb collisions

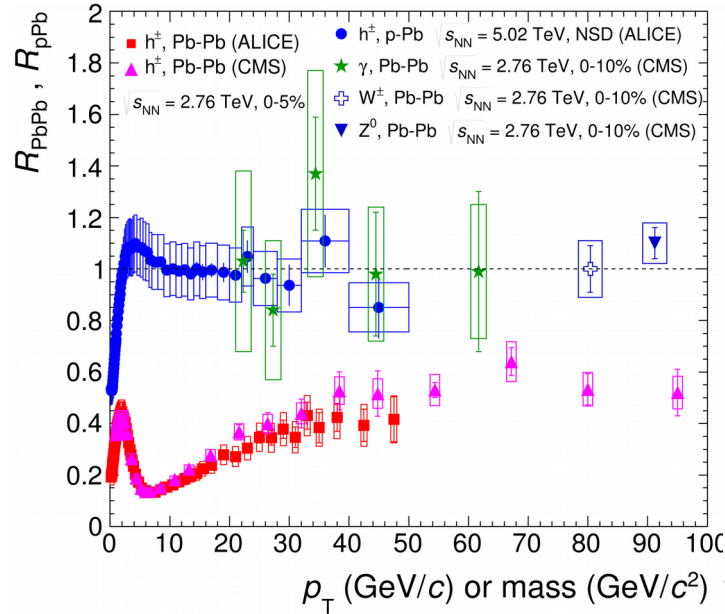
- No modification of hadron spectra at high  $p_T$  observed in p-Pb collisions
- Some enhancement of proton production at intermediate  $p_T$  is observed
- Scaling with  $N_{coll}$  holds at high  $p_T$  for all centralities for  $h^\pm$ , unflavored, strange and heavy flavored hadrons

$$R_{pPb} = \frac{d^2 N_{pPb} / dy dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle d^2 N_{pp} / dy dp_T}$$



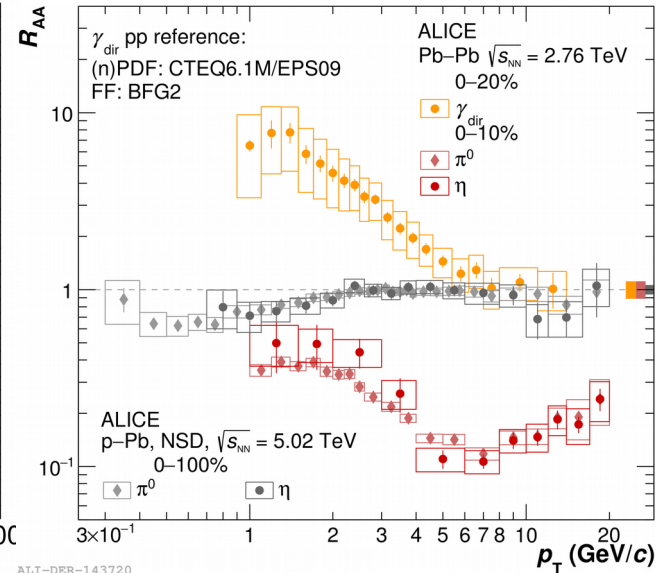
# Pb-Pb collisions

- Strong suppression observed in central Pb-Pb collisions for hadrons.
- Initial state tested with colorless probes: no modification within uncertainties



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ALICE: PLB 720, 52; EPJ. C74, 3054  
 CMS: JHEP 1503 (2015) 022;  
 EPJ. C72, 1945; PLB 710, 256; PLB 715, 66



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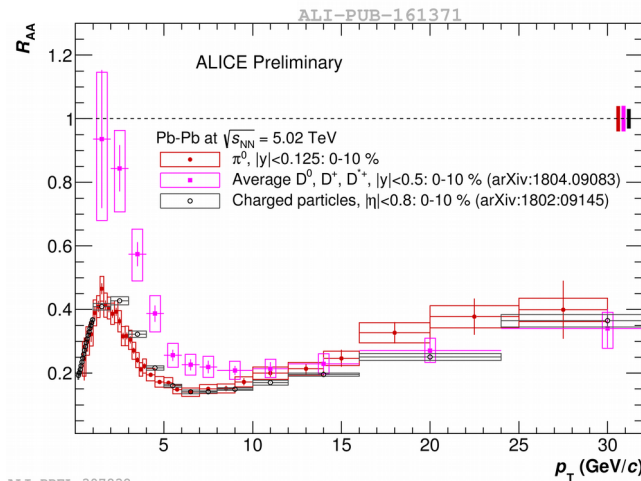
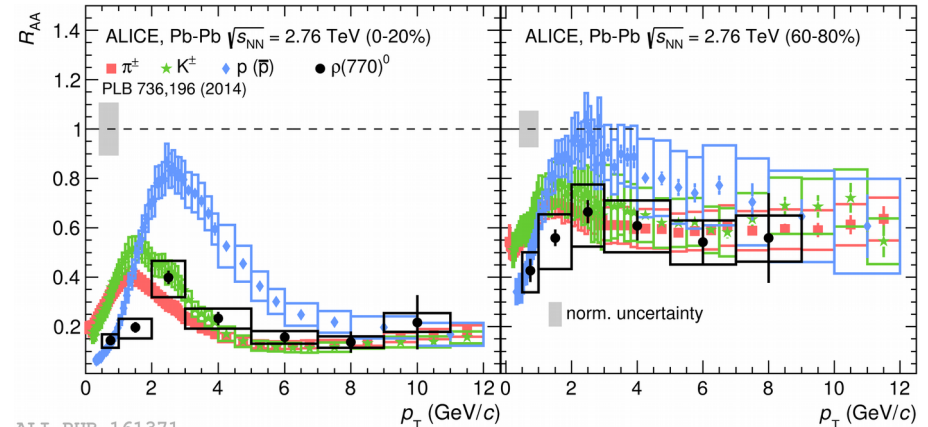
See D. Blau talk on direct photon production



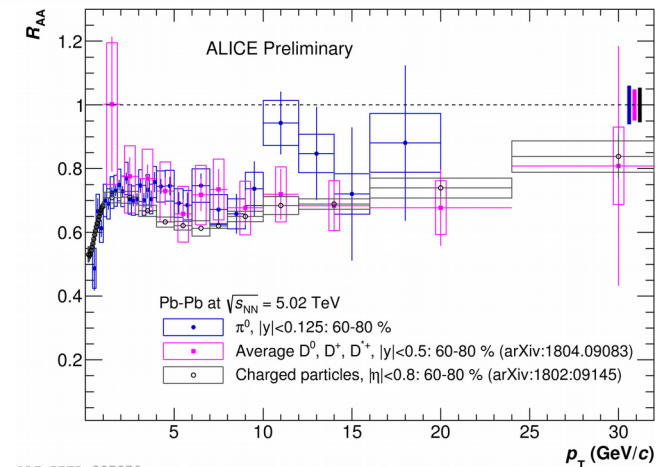
# Different particle species

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- Different light-flavored hadrons show same suppression
- Baryon/meson ratio strongly depends on centrality (recombination/collective flow?)
- Open charm hadrons show similar suppression at high  $p_T > 8$  GeV/c and smaller at lower  $p_T$ : difference in quark mass, flow, recombination, initial state effects, ...?

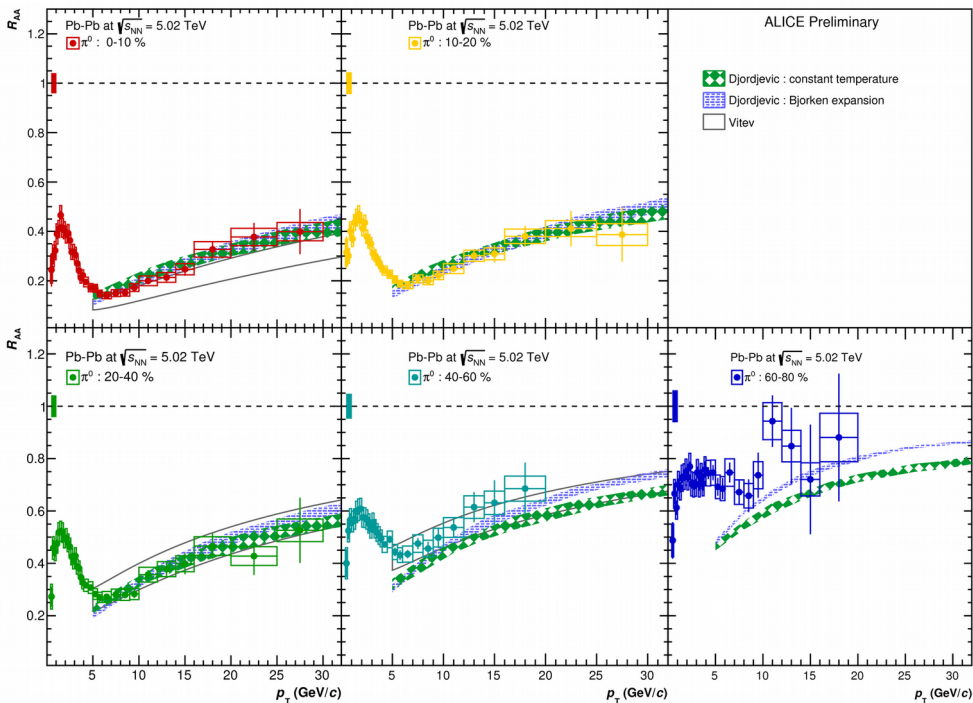


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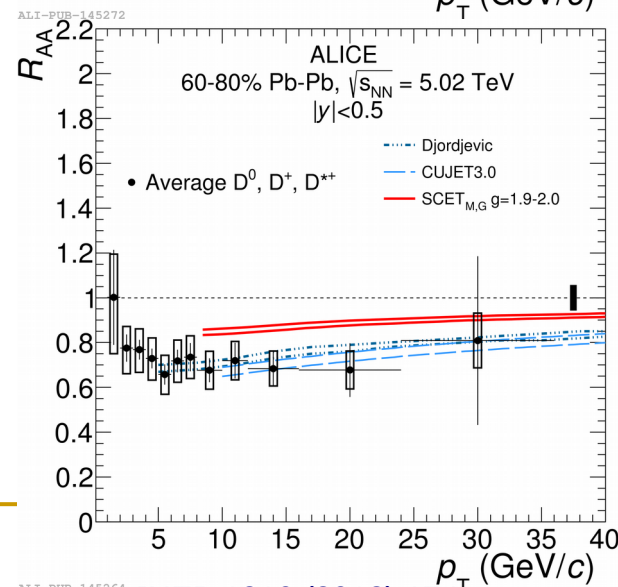
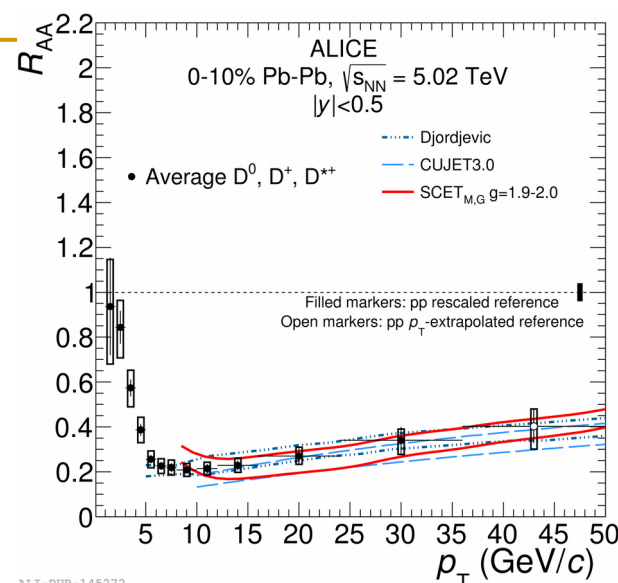
# Comparison to models



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Models able to reproduce energy loss of light and heavy quarks simultaneously.

M. Djordjevic, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 no. 4, (2014) 042302



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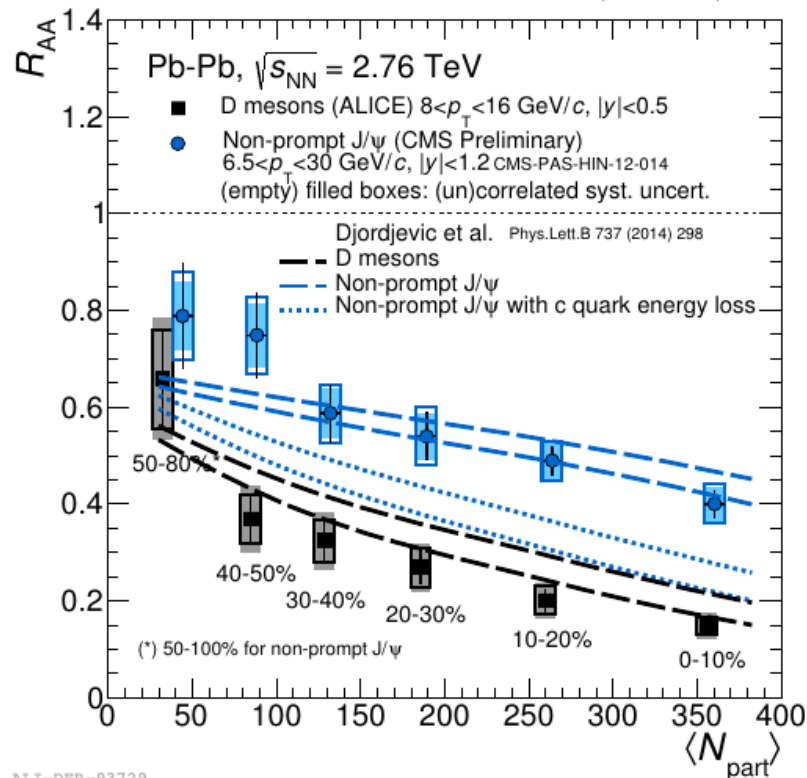
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# Heavy flavors

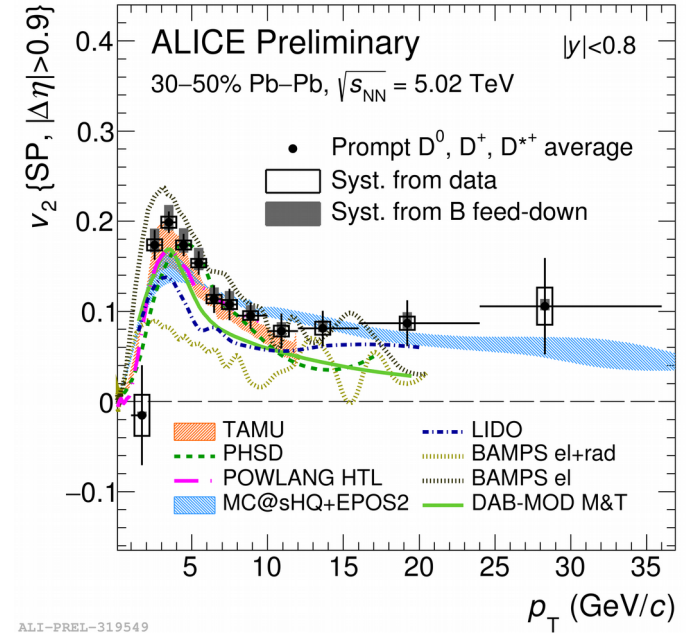
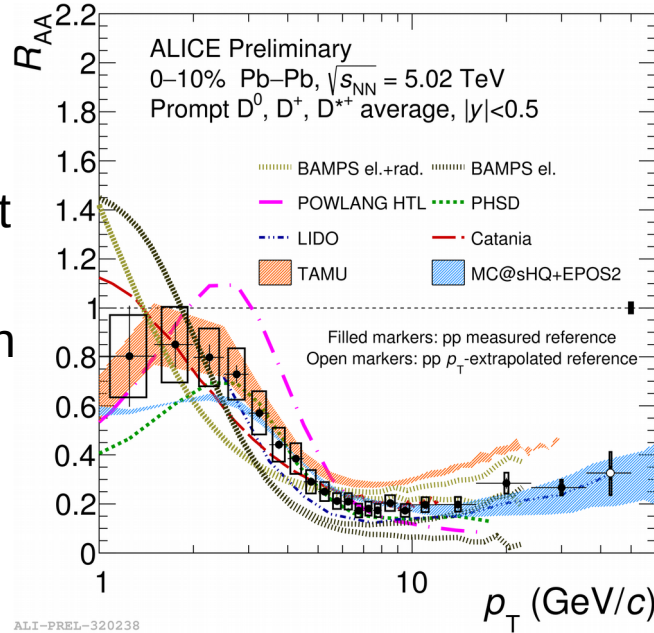
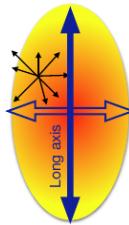
- Compare
  - charm: D-mesons
  - beauty: non-prompt J/psi
- Larger suppression for charm than for beauty
- Agrees with expected 'dead-cone effect' energy loss reduced when  $v < c$



# Azimuthal anisotropy

- Sources of anisotropy:
  - A-la hydrodynamic, conversion of pressure gradient to velocity asymmetry (dominant at late formation times);
  - Difference in path length (dominant for early formation times: heavy flavors, high  $p_T$  probes)

$$\Delta E \sim \alpha_s \hat{q} L^2$$



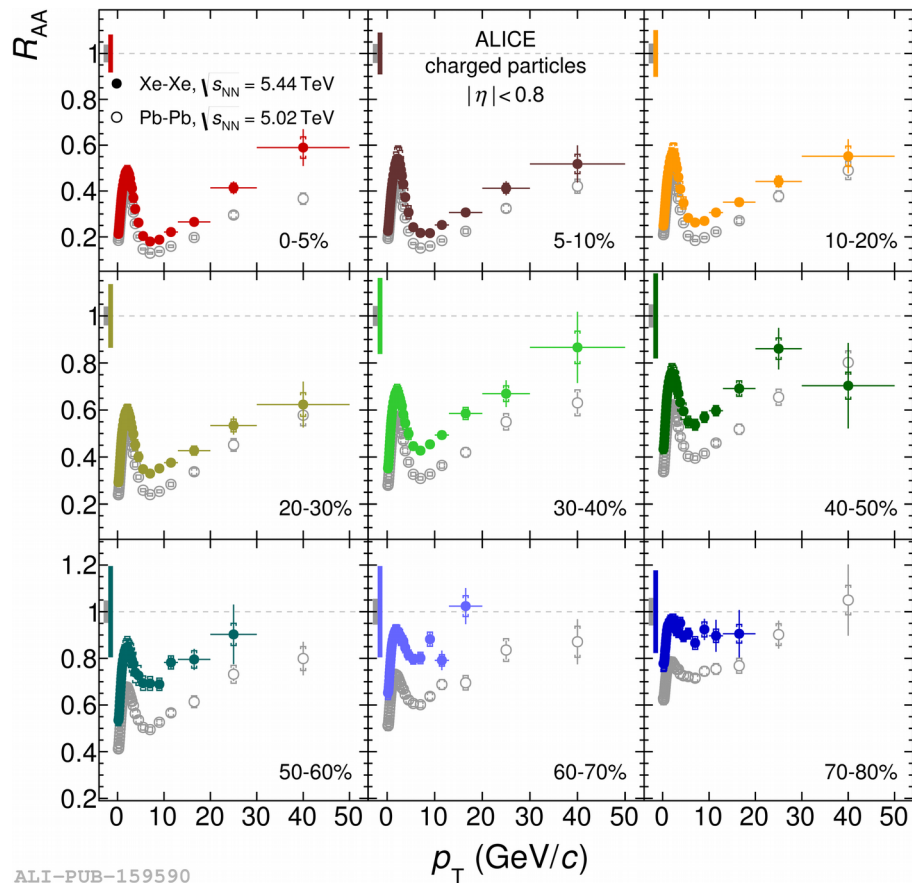
Simultaneous reproduction of both observables is challenging for models

# Pb-Pb vs Xe-Xe

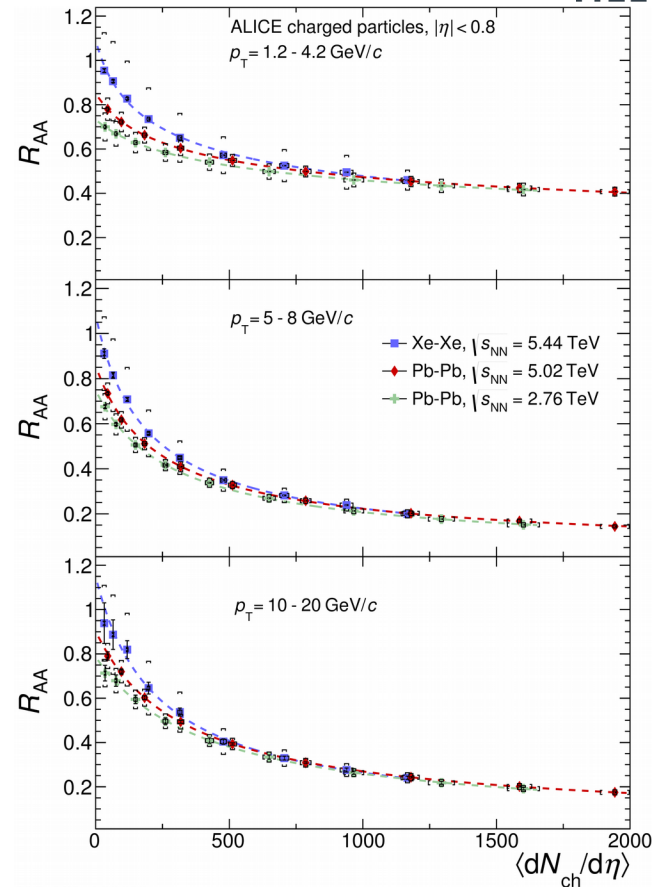


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- Suppression in Xe-Xe smaller than in Pb-Pb in same centrality class.
- However, plotted vs mean charged multiplicity shows very similar amount



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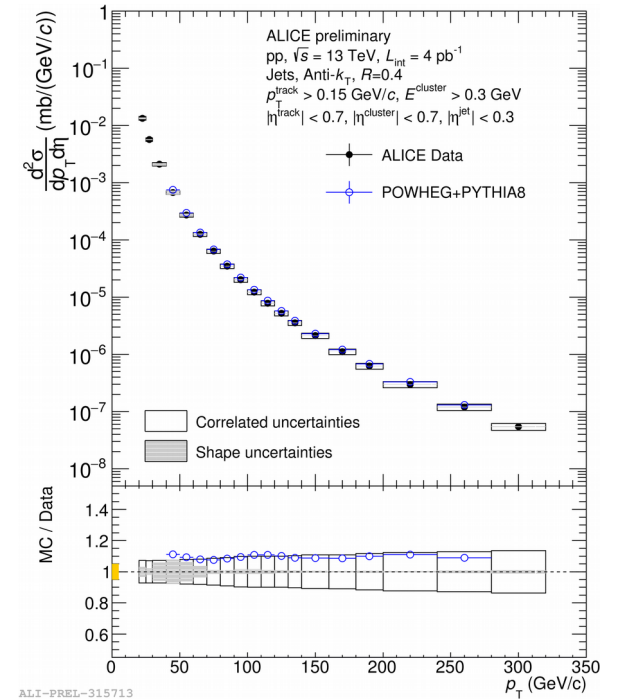
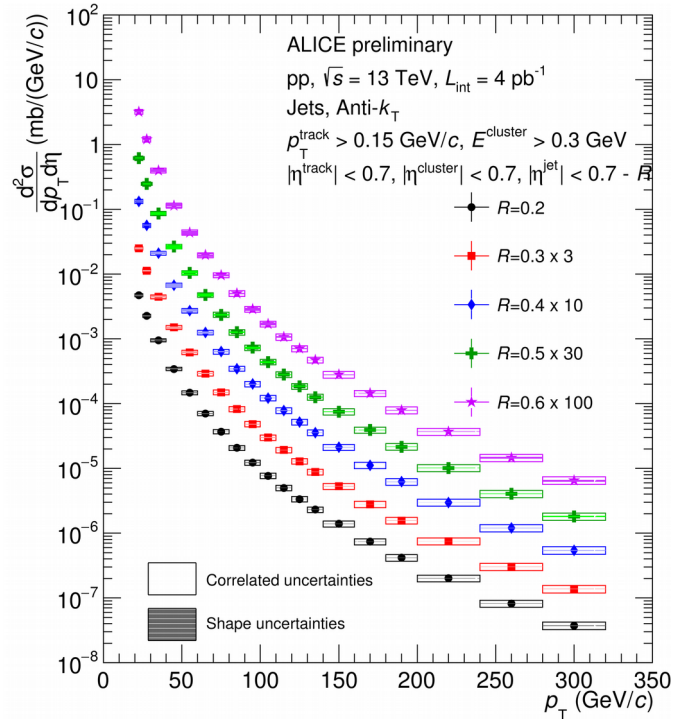
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# Jets

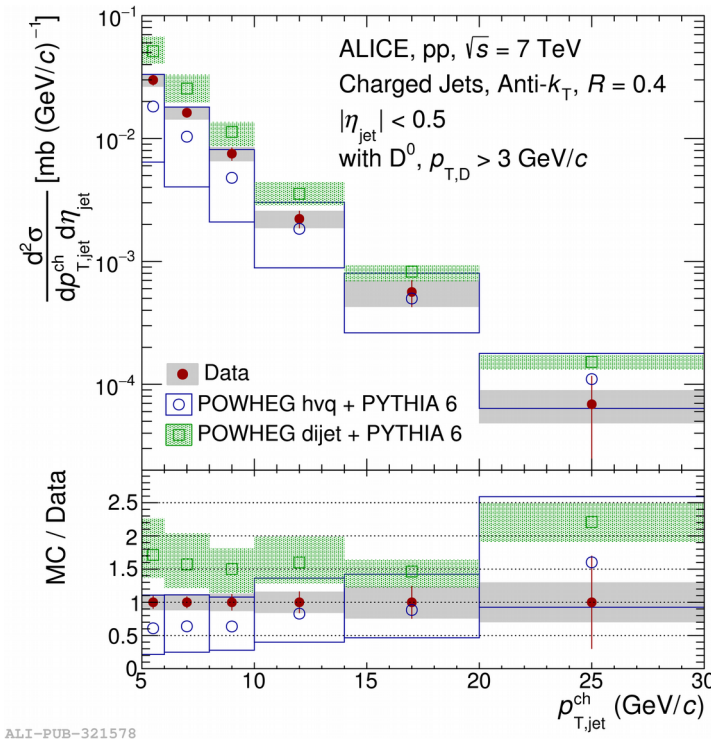
# Jets in pp collisions

- Jet spectra measured for different  $R$
- For all  $R$  POWHEG+PYTHIA8 agrees with data though at upper edge of uncertainties



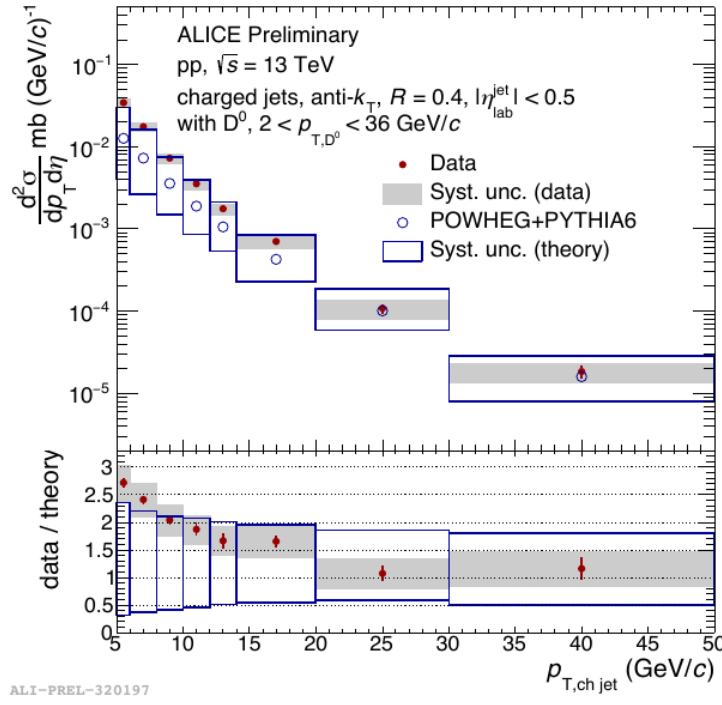
# Jets tagged with D-mesons

- Pythia reproduces proportion of charmed jets, but not absolute yield
- POWHEG with dijet implementation over-predicts data, while heavy quark implementation agrees better



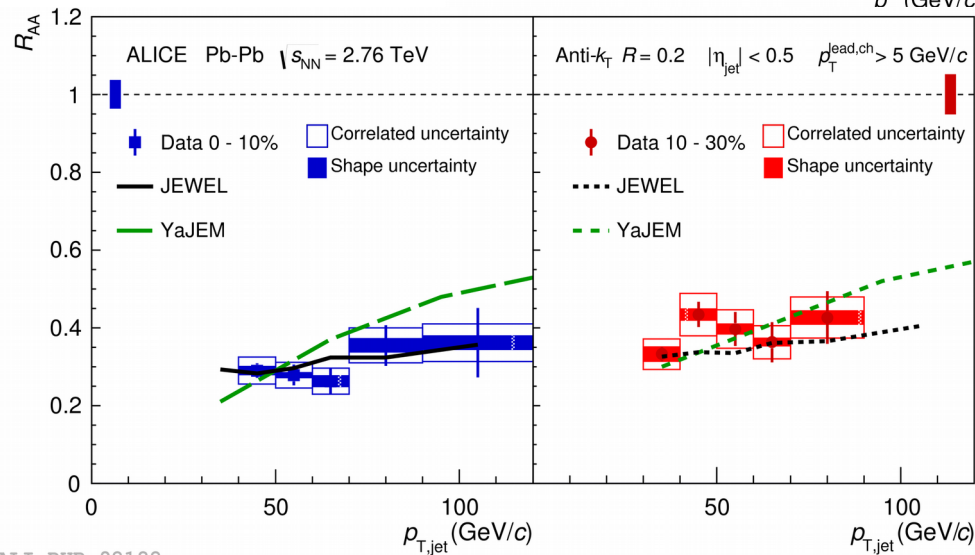
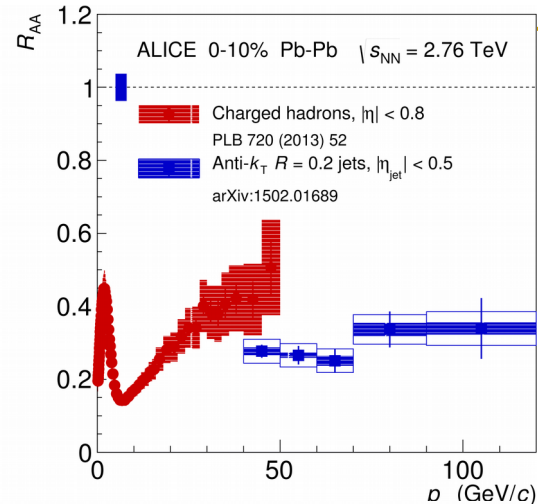
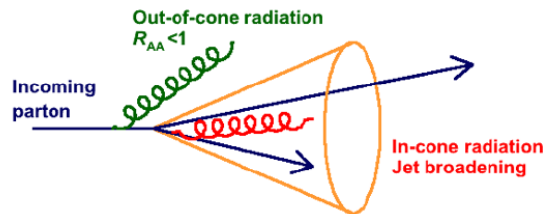
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## Charm jets



# Jet $R_{AA}$

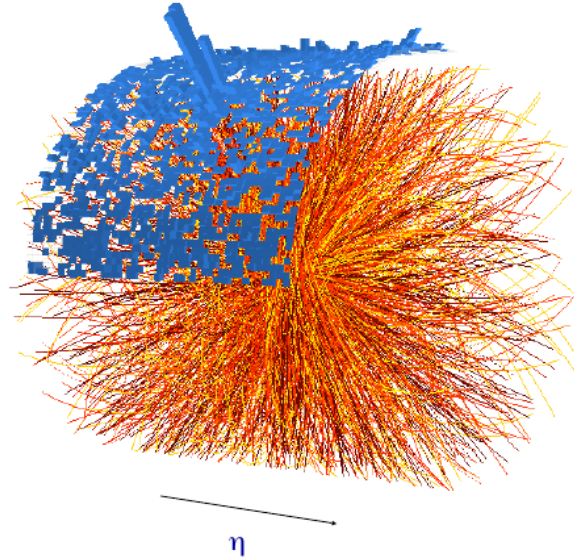
- Two qualitatively different scenarios:
  - In-cone radiation:  $R_{AA} = 1$
  - Out-of-cone radiation:  $R_{AA} < 1$
- Jet suppression ( $R=0.2$ ) similar to charged particle suppression
- Suppression/out-of-cone radiation reasonably well described by energy loss MC models



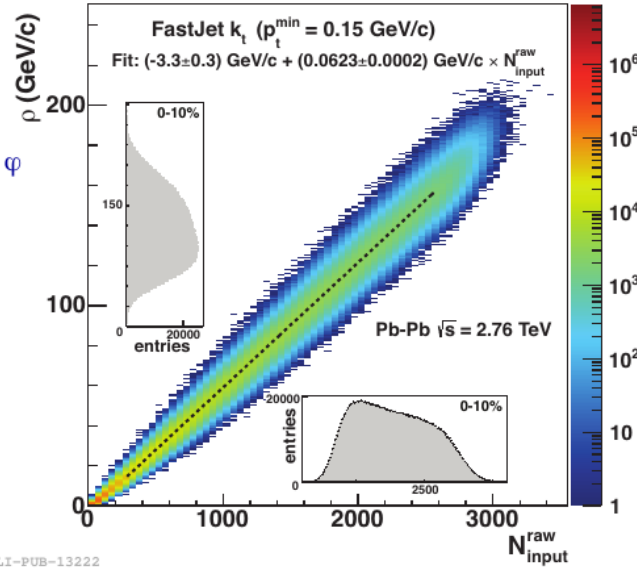
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# Jet reconstruction in Pb-Pb



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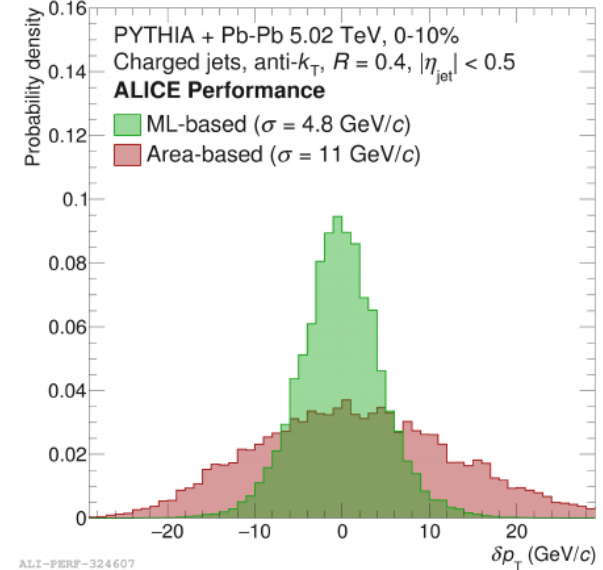


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Standard technique: measure background  $E_T$  density outside jet 'Area based'

Residual fluctuations due to finite number statistics

## Machine-learning technique



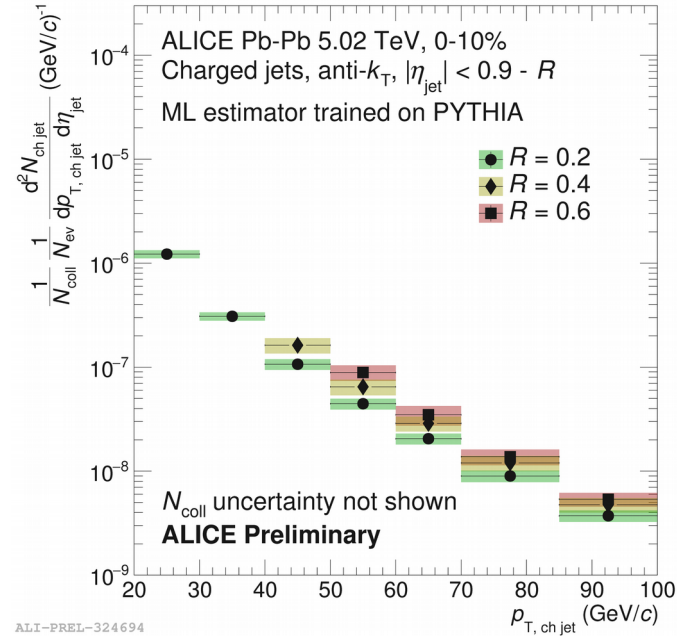
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Background subtraction refined based on e.g. leading particle  $p_T$   
 Reduces fluctuations

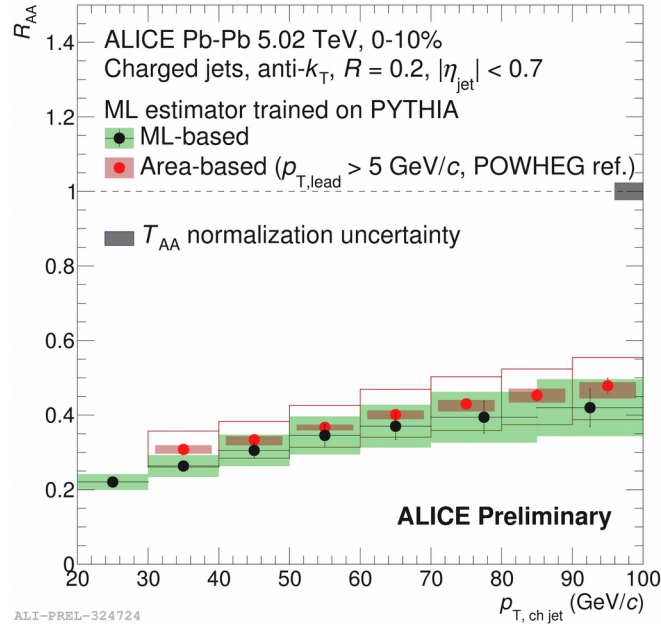
Allows to measure jets with larger  $R$ , lower  $p_T$

# Jets in Pb-Pb

## Jet spectra

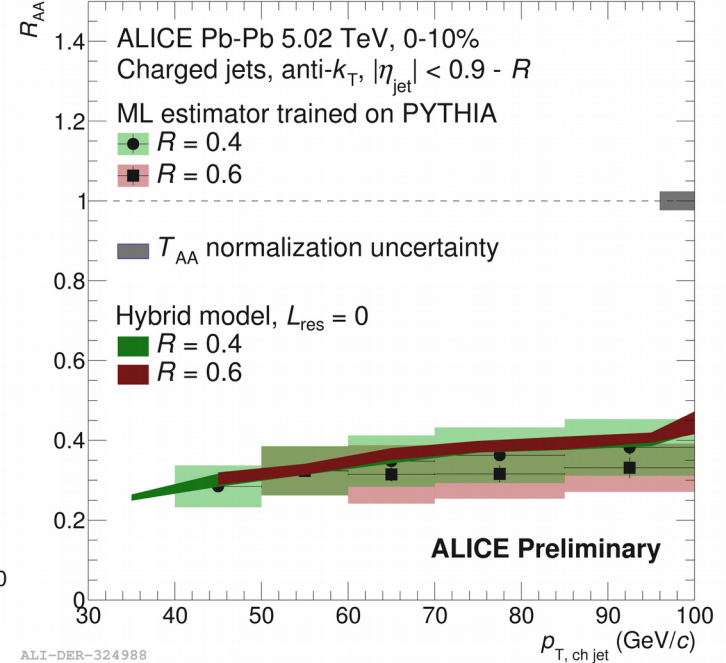


## $R_{AA}$ for $R=0.2$



Good agreement between standard and ML methods

## Increasing jet radius $R=0.4, 0.6$

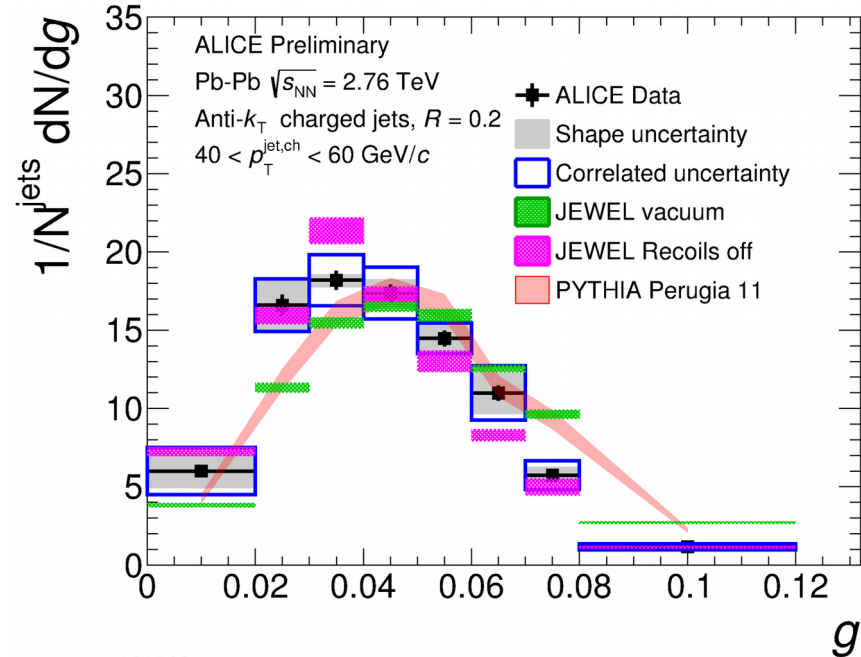


Suppression even for  $R=0.6$

# Jet shape: radial moment (girth)

$$g \equiv \frac{\sum_{\text{tracks}} p_{T,i} r}{p_{T,\text{jet}}}$$

- Explores transverse jet size
- Radial moment in Pb-Pb smaller than in pp (PYTHIA)
- JEWEL model shows similar trend
- Jets in medium narrower than in vacuum



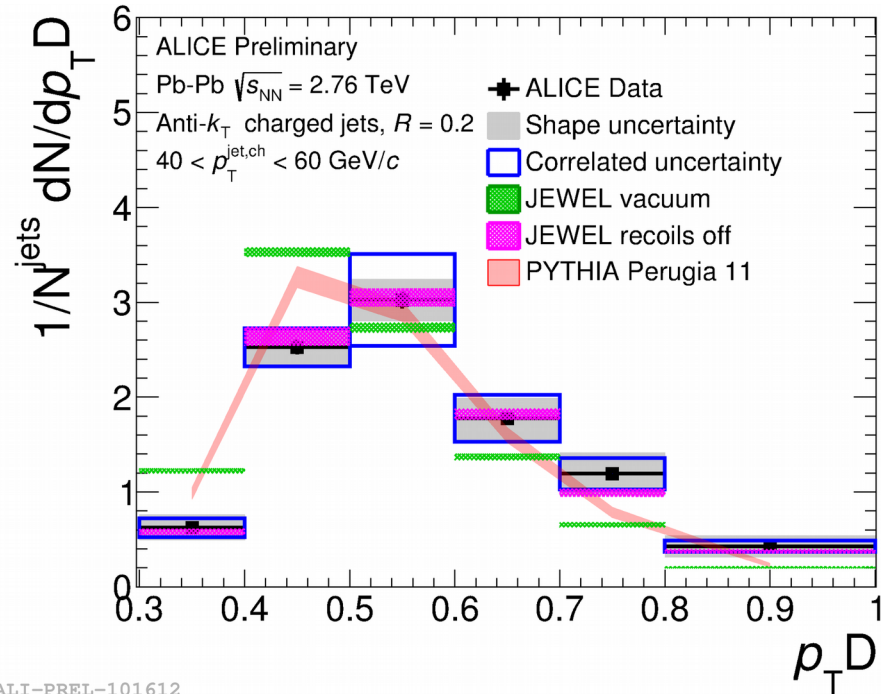
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# Jet shape: $p_T$ dispersion: $p_T D$

$$p_T D \equiv \frac{\sum_{\text{tracks}} p_{T,i}^2}{p_{T,\text{jet}}}$$

- Explores longitudinal jet size
- $p_T D$  in Pb-Pb larger than in pp (PYTHIA)
- JEWEL model shows similar trend
- Smaller multiplicity and/or harder fragment distribution



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# Conclusions

- ALICE measured spectra of unidentified and large number of identified hadrons with excellent precision in pp, p-Pb, Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb collisions
- pp collisions: check pQCD predictions and constrain gluon, light and heavy quark PDFs
- pA, AA collisions
  - Modification of (n)PDF
  - Interaction of partons with cold and hot nuclear matter
    - Difference of energy loss of light and heavy quarks
  - Modification of jet fragmentation in hot matter

