

Charm total cross sections and extraction of QCD parameters

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Phenomenology study based on published data

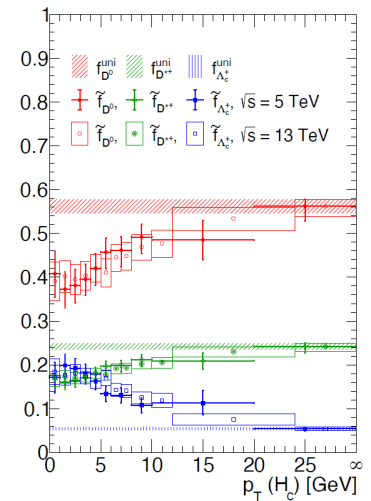
Model-independent treatment of **charm fragmentation nonuniversality**

for measurement of **total charm pair production cross sections**

Relying on perturbative QCD + constraints from data only

(no a priori assumptions on non-perturbative QCD effects)

Fully consistent with all previous e^+e^- and ep data and theory predictions



Started on **5 TeV LHC charm data**, see contribution Y. Yang to **EPS 2023**, [arXiv:2311.07523](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.07523)

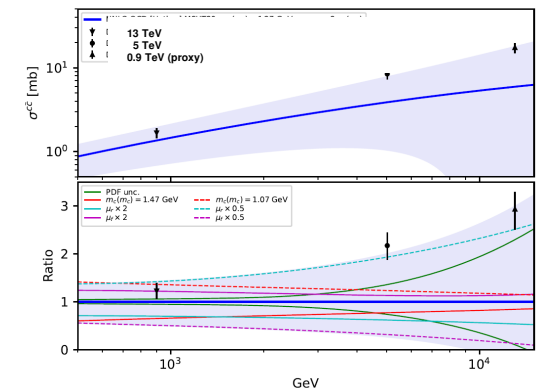
Complementary to and consistent with study with similar purpose based on MC model tuning

for 5TeV LHC data only, [arXiv:2311.11426](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.11426) (not discussed further here).

This talk (preliminary):

- **Extend phenomenological application to 13 TeV LHC data**

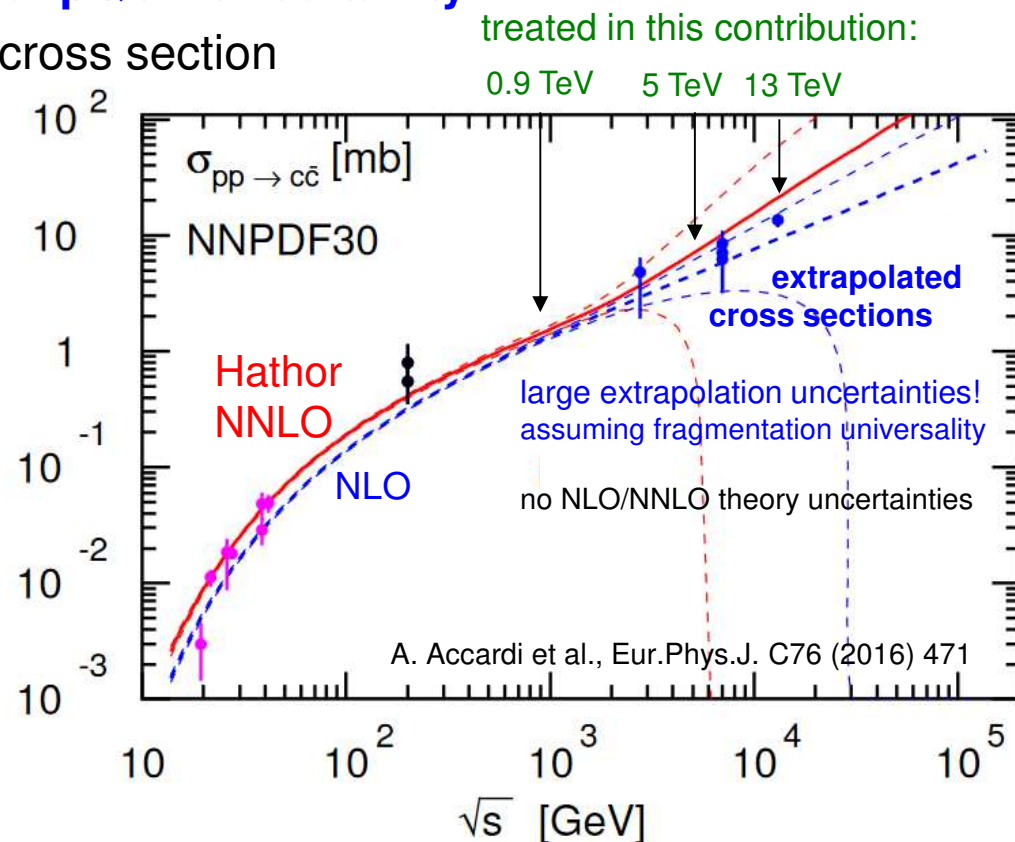
- **First glimpse at sensitivity for the extraction of charm quark mass and/or low-x constraints on PDFs at NNLO from LHC charm data**



Why measure the total $c\bar{c}$ cross section?

- **Total cross section** has **smallest theoretical pQCD uncertainty**
- **NNLO predictions** available for total charm cross section
(differential cross sections: still only NLO+NLL)
- **No theory dependence on fragmentation**
(or other nonperturbative effects)

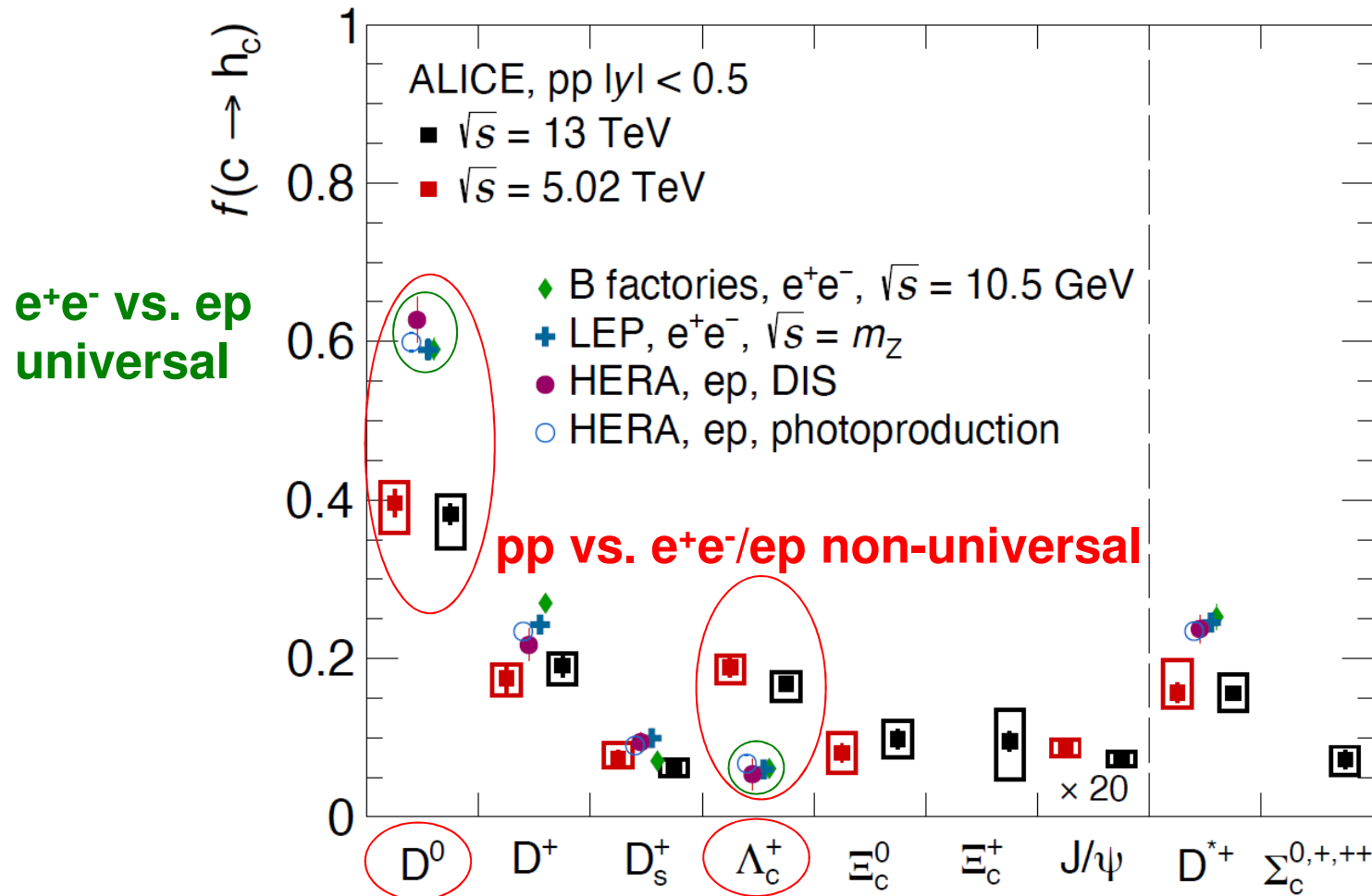
(see also D. d'Enterria,
Moriond 2017)



-> use **measured double differential (p_T and y) single charm cross sections**
over **largest possible phase space** and
extrapolate/interpolate to total cross section,
accounting for charm fragmentation nonuniversality (new)

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

Charm fragmentation fractions (p_T -integrated production fractions) in e^+e^- , ep, and pp



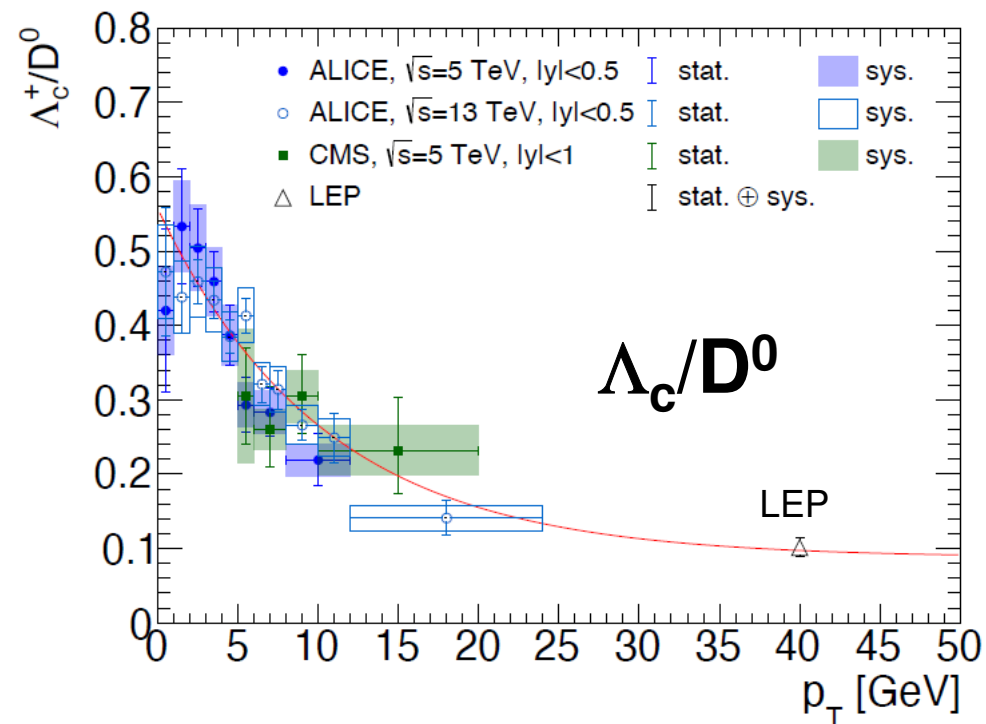
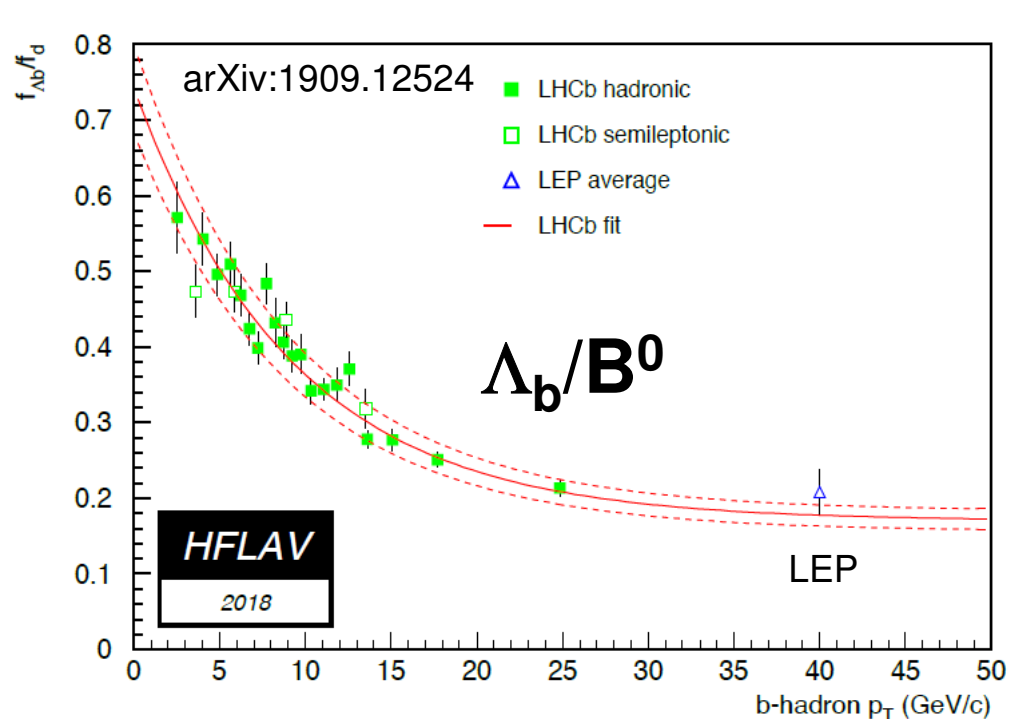
arXiv:2308.04877

can **not** be cured by using different fragmentation functions

what about p_T and y dependence of production fractions?

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

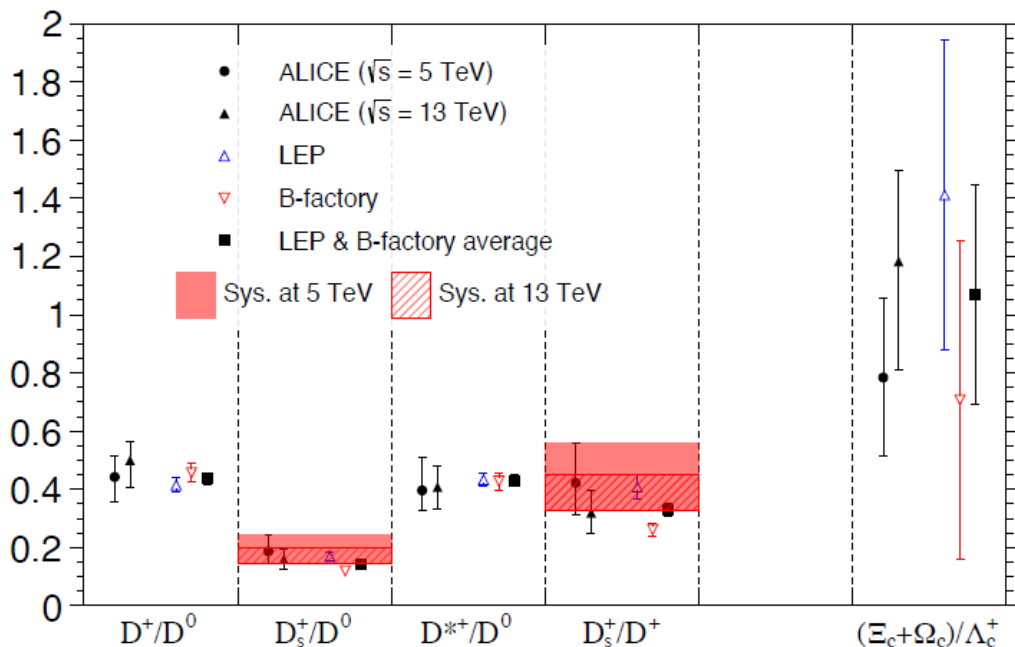
Both **beauty and charm baryon to meson production ratios in pp collisions** exhibit **strong p_T dependence**, asymptotically approaching 'universal' LEP e^+e^- values at high p_T



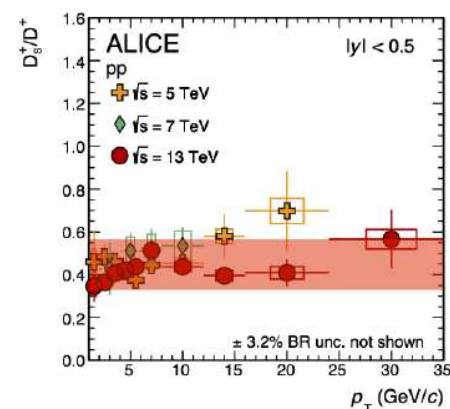
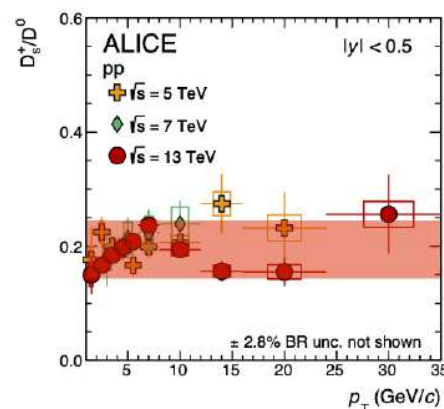
-> strategy (data driven! directly use measurements):
 treat baryon to meson production fractions vs p_T as **non-universal**
 treat asymptotic high p_T limit as **universal**

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

Study meson/meson and baryon/baryon ratios



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no significant p_T dependence!

assign systematic uncertainties for potential small deviations, as e.g. known for B_s/B^0

no significant initial state dependence!

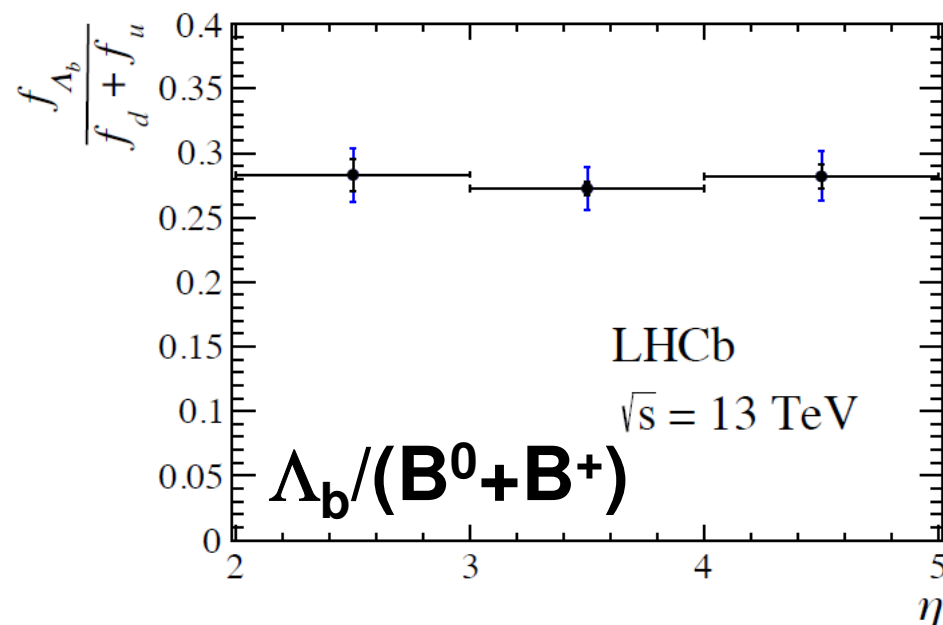
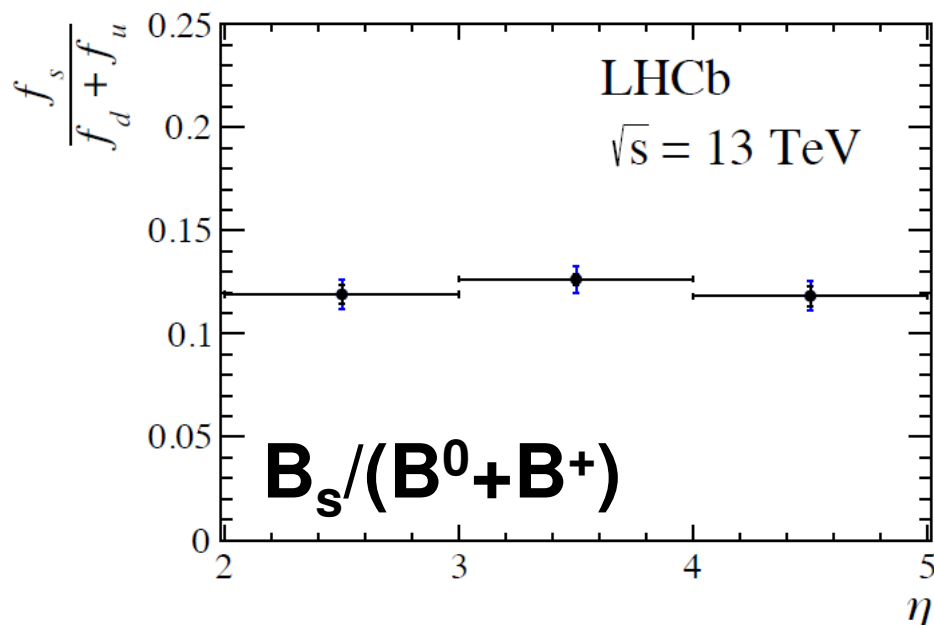
-> strategy (data driven!):

treat meson-to-meson and baryon-to-baryon production ratios as universal
(both integrated and as function of p_T , within uncertainties)

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

Neither beauty meson-to-meson nor baryon-to-meson production ratios in pp collisions exhibit noticeable rapidity (y) dependence

arXiv:1902.06794



-> strategy (data driven!):

treat charm production fractions as universal in rapidity (within unc.)

-> can use ALICE measurements of p_T dependence at all rapidities

Will be consistency-checked with charm data later

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

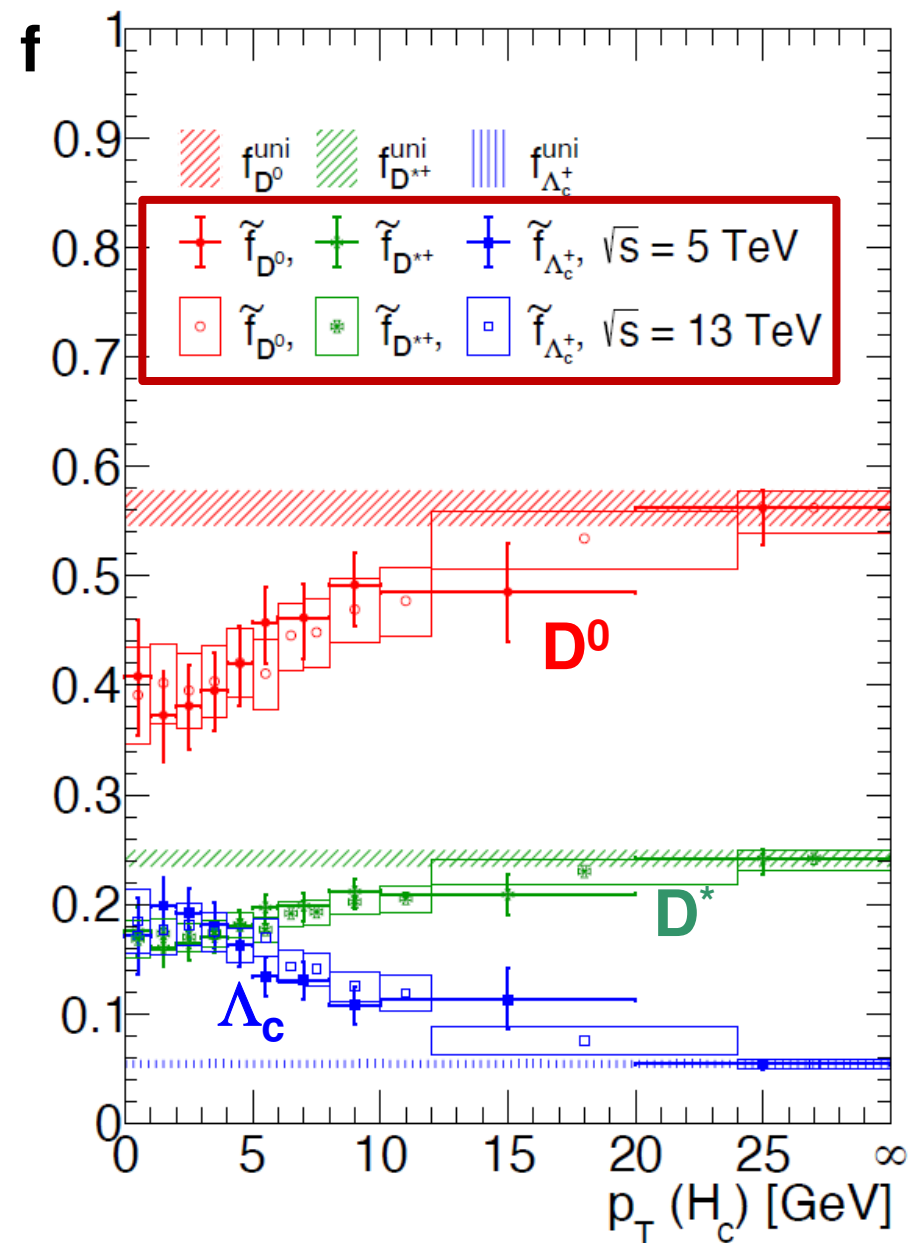
represent nonuniversality
in terms of p_T -dependent
charm hadron production fractions
taken directly from data
(no functional parametrization)

So far, treat 5 and 13 TeV measurements
separately.

Consistent, so possibly combine
in the future.

Reminder:

meson/meson ratios remain universal
baryon/baryon ratios remain universal
rapidity dependence remains universal



FONLL (NLO+NLL) QCD theory predictions vs. data driven FONLL (ddFONLL)

standard FONLL theory:
charm quark level

arXiv:1205.6344

$$d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{FONLL}} = \underbrace{f_i f_j}_{\text{PDFs}} \otimes \underbrace{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow c\bar{c}}}_{\text{massive NLO + massless NLL matrix elements}}$$

perturbative QCD parameters:

μ_f μ_r m_c
(‘seven point variation’)

charm hadron level

$$d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{FONLL}} = \underbrace{f_{H_c}^{\text{uni}}}_{\substack{\text{universal} \\ \text{fragmentation fraction,} \\ \text{a number, e.g. from } e^+e^-, ep}} \cdot \left(d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{FONLL}} \otimes \underbrace{D_{c \rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}}}_{\substack{\text{universal} \\ \text{fragmentation function} \\ \text{e.g. Kartvelishvili, from LEP}} \right)$$

single parameter: α_K

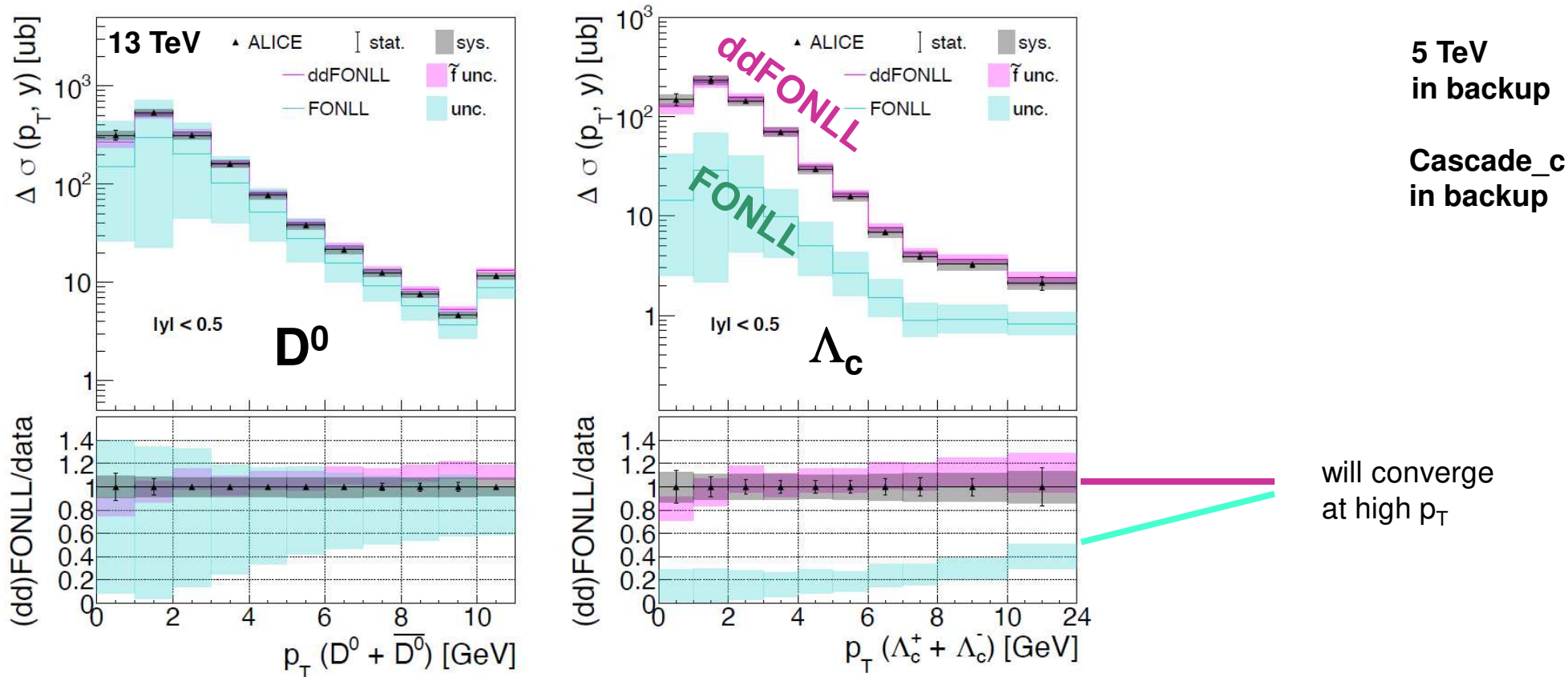
data driven FONLL (ddFONLL): arxiv:2311.07523

for treatment of PDFs,
see backup

$$d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{ddFONLL}} = \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{H_c}(p_T)}_{\text{data driven}} \cdot \left(d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{FONLL}} \otimes D_{c \rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}} \right)$$

all parameters, including QCD scales, (re)fitted to data (χ^2 minimization)

Performance illustration on 13 TeV ALICE data



FONLL: a priori prediction with full uncertainty, with ‘classical’ universality assumption, PDF unc. and 7-point scale variation

ddFONLL: fit to ALICE+LHCb D^0 data (next slide), here $\tilde{f}_{D^0}(p_T)$ unc. only (w/o fitted $\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K$ uncertainties and PDF uncertainties),

+ ‘postdiction’ for Λ_c data (full uncertainty $\sim 50\%$ larger, mainly PDFs)

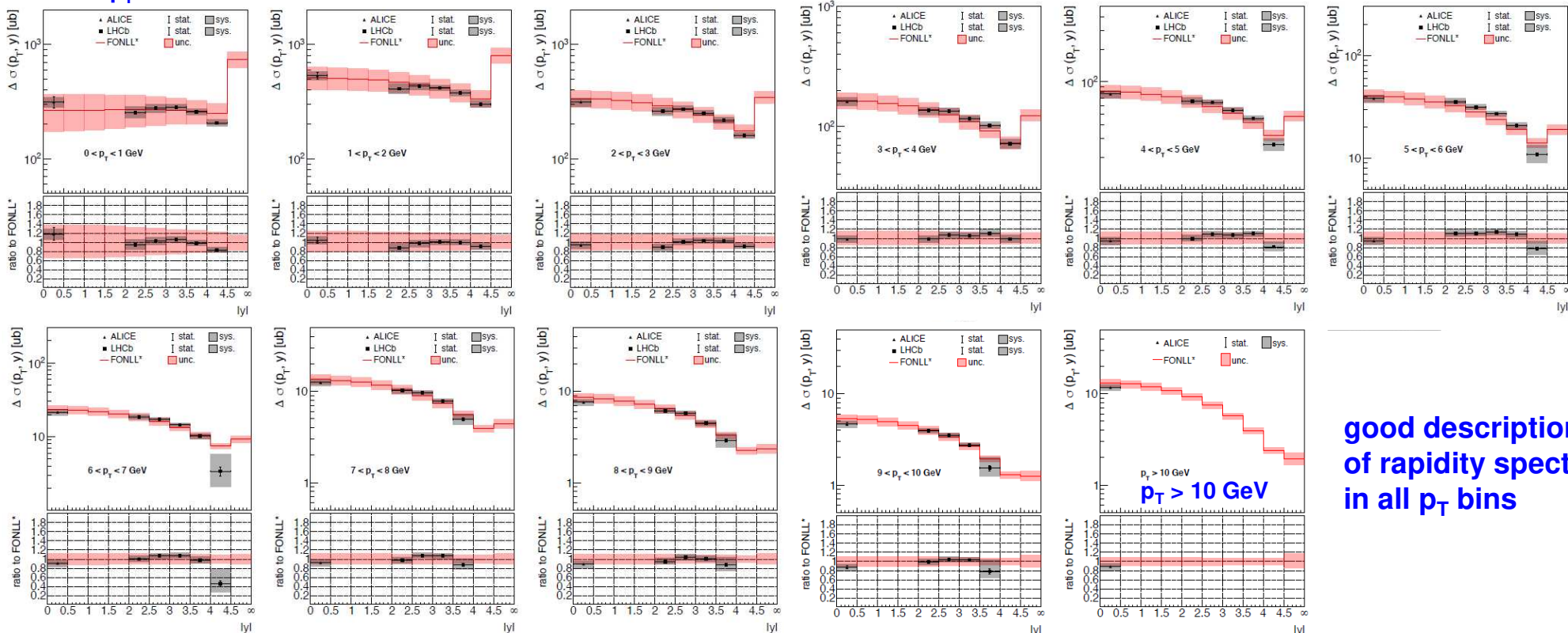
Application to published 13 TeV ALICE+LHCb D^0 data

5 TeV
in backup

D^0 CROSS SECTION IN FULL KINEMATIC RANGE

✓ Data constrained FONLL with **total uncertainty** (CTEQ6.6 PDF \oplus $\tilde{f} \oplus (\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K)$) gives good descriptions for D^0 measurements in the full kinematic range

$0 < p_T < 1$ GeV



good description
of rapidity spectra
in all p_T bins

-> strategy for extrapolation to total charm cross section:
use data whenever available, otherwise ddFONLL data constrained band

Extrapolate to total charm pair cross section

13 TeV:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{ccbar}) = 17.43_{-0.53}^{+0.56}(\text{data})_{-0.78}^{+0.69}(\tilde{f})_{-1.22}^{+1.47}(\text{PDF})_{-0.18}^{+0.24}(\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K)_{-2.05}^{+1.19}(f^{PP}) \text{ mb}$$

-> fit parameters
in backup

phase space extrapolation factor ~1.9

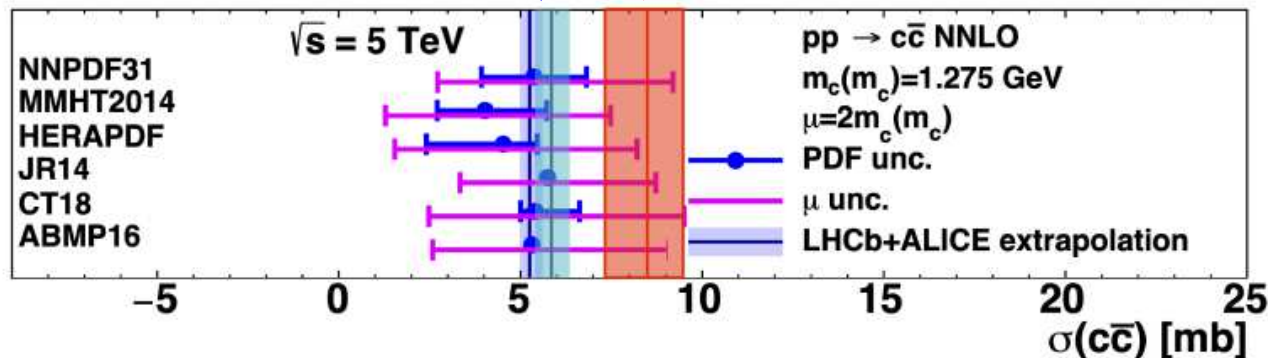
5 TeV: (arXiv:2311.07523)

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{ccbar}) = 8.43_{-0.25}^{+0.25}(\text{data})_{-0.42}^{+0.40}(\tilde{f})_{-0.56}^{+0.67}(\text{PDF})_{-0.12}^{+0.13}(\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K)_{-0.88}^{+0.65}(f^{PP}) \text{ mb}$$

phase space extrapolation factor ~1.8

assuming universality ↓

this work (~50% increase)



-> treatment of charm
fragmentation nonuniversality
has significant impact on
total cross section result!

M. Garzelli et al., arXiv:2009.07763, JHEP 04 (2021) 043)

ddFONLL “QCD” fit parameters

4-dimensional “fit” of ALICE + LHCb double differential D^0 data (χ^2 scan)

Reminder: now **phenomenological** parameters (no longer a priori pQCD)

$$\mu_0 = \text{sqrt}(m_c^2 + p_{Tc}^2)$$

		5 TeV	13 TeV
factorization scale	μ_f	1.0-2.0 μ_0 (1.68)	1.19-1.52 μ_0 (1.41)
renormalization scale	μ_r	0.34-0.87 μ_0 (0.48)	0.29-0.48 μ_0 (0.37)
charm ‘pole’ mass	m_c	1.3-1.9 GeV (1.7)	1.7-2.1 GeV (1.9)
Kartvelishvili fragm. par.	α_K	6-25 (9)	5-9 (6)

... but all in ‘reasonable’ QCD parameter range.

factorization scale prefers to be on the higher side

renormalization scale prefers to be on the low side

(compare arXiv:1506.07519 and arXiv:0711.1983 for **theoretical** arguments)

mass is on the higher side (but still consistent with pole mass obtained from running mass)

‘average’ fragmentation parameter comes out consistent with LEP value of 6.1

use 5 TeV fit parameters to ‘estimate’ 0.9 TeV cross section: (not a measurement,

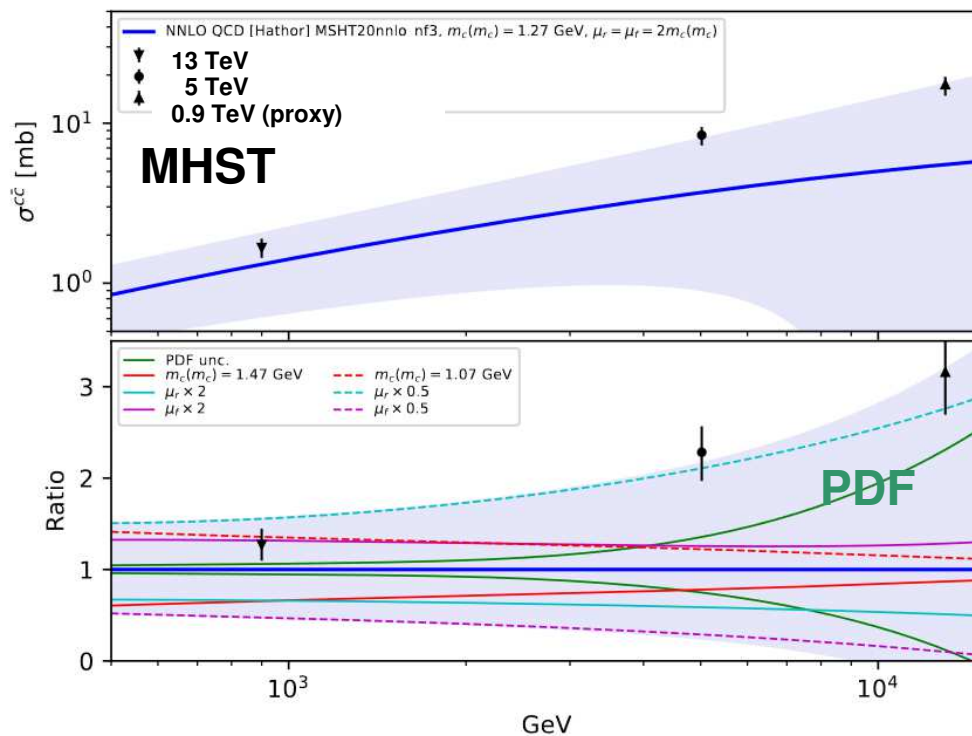
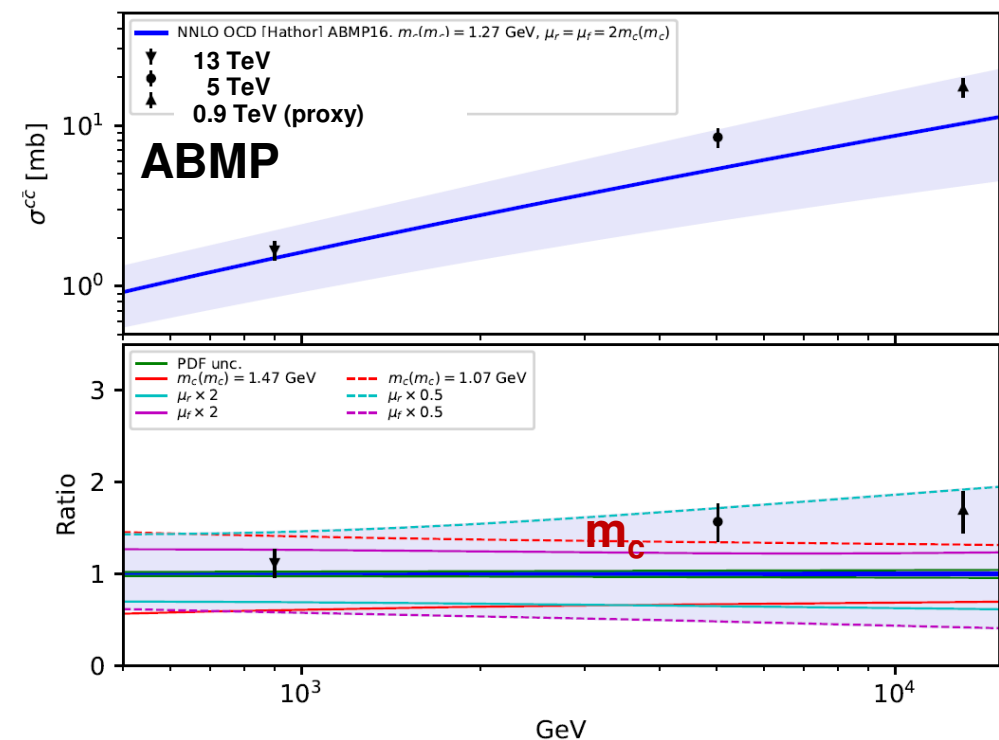
but use as proxy)

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{ccbar}, 0.9 \text{ TeV}) = 1.7_{-0.24}^{+0.24} (\text{total}) \text{mb.}$$

Total charm pair cross section vs. sqrt(s), NNLO

Hathor, full NNLO, 3 flavour, running mass, $\mu_0 = 2m_c(m_c)$

very preliminary, e.g.



Same theory setup as arXiv:2009.07763

Sensitivity to NNLO PDFs at low x ($\sim 10^{-5}$), in particular at 13 TeV

Sensitivity to $m_c(m_c)$: ~ 50 MeV experimental, ≤ 200 MeV including QCD scale

First such direct constraint estimates from hadronic collisions at NNLO

Summary, conclusions and outlook

A **novel data-based phenomenological approach** has been worked out to **integrate the established nonuniversality of charm fragmentation and its uncertainty into the extrapolation of total charm pair cross sections at LHC.**

applied to **5 TeV** and **13 TeV** measurements by ALICE and LHCb:

$$\sigma_{c\bar{c}} = 8.43^{+1.05}_{-1.16} (\text{total}) \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{c\bar{c}} = 17.43^{+2.10}_{-2.57} (\text{total}) \text{ mb}$$

To our knowledge, the first such results ever.

Supersedes previous results not accounting for fragmentation universality violation (substantial difference, O(50%).)

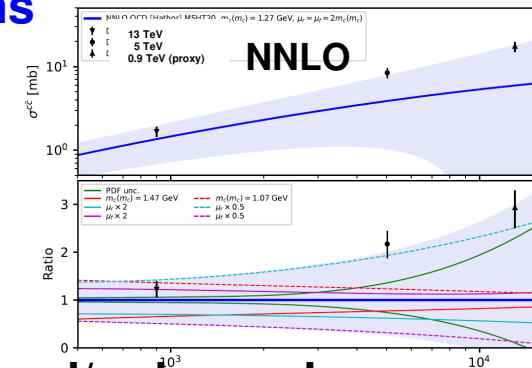
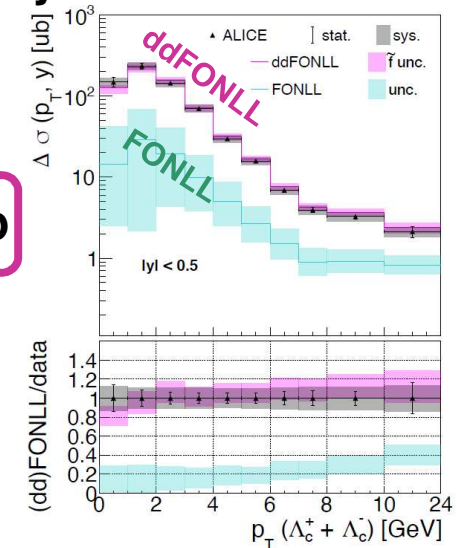
Results are in **reasonable agreement with NNLO QCD expectations** (near upper edge)

Comparison of sqrt(s) dependence with NNLO QCD theory gives insights on pQCD (multi-scale problem), constraints on PDFs, and charm quark mass, from hadronic collisions at NNLO.

Outlook:

ddFONLL method can be directly extended to beauty production and/or heavy ion collisions, while remaining fully consistent with FONLL treatment of past or future charm/beauty results in e⁺e⁻ or ep collisions by construction.

Can also be extended to NNLO+NNLL (talk T. Generet this morning).



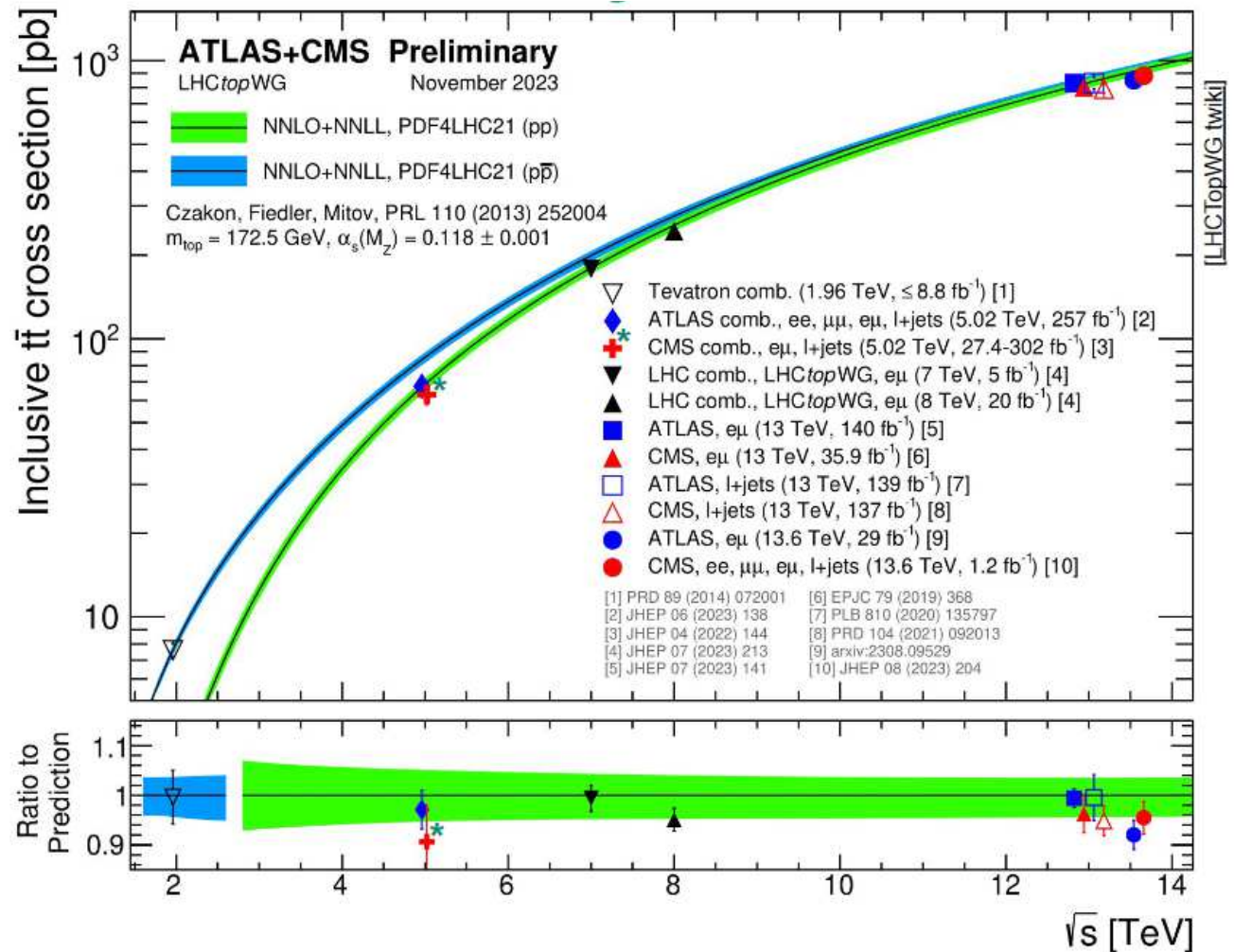
Backup

Teaser: measurements of total $t\bar{t}$ cross section

plethora of
LHC results
on total
top cross section
(see e.g. talk
K. Mazumdar
on monday)

produce the same
for charm

(so far 'unmeasured' at LHC; only strong extrapolations available,
relying on (disproven) **charm fragmentation universality** assumption)



Application to published 5 TeV ALICE+LHCb charm data

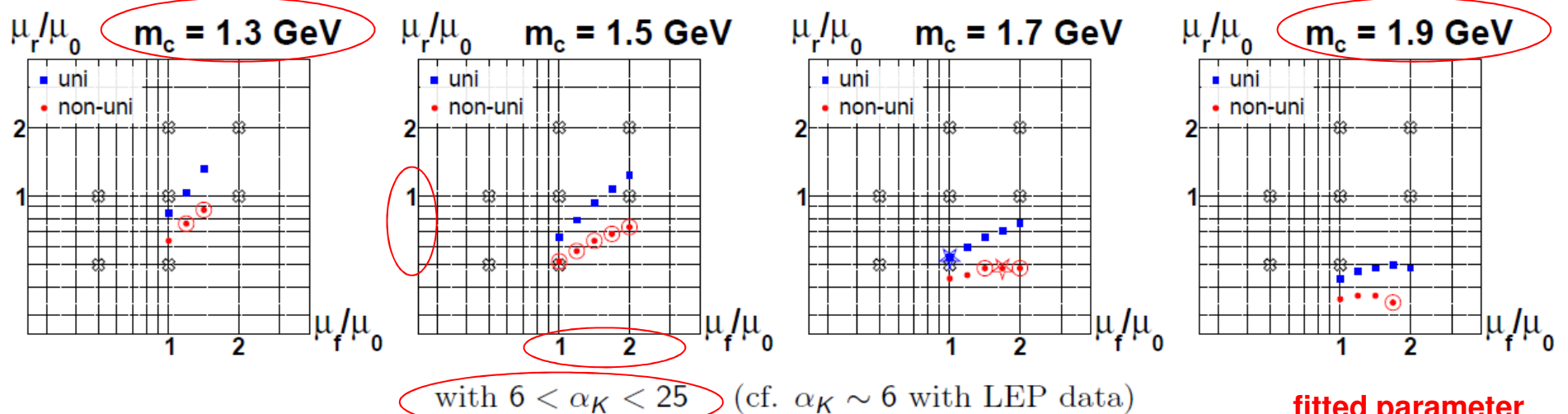
PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESULTS

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✓ μ_f^b , μ_r^b , m_c^b and α_K^b from fit of input data with uncertainties by $\Delta\chi^2$ (4D) applying 5 factor of 1.46:

☆: the best parameters

○: the uncertainty parameters



fitted parameter ranges reasonable

→ strong correlations observed between theory scales at lower m_c

✓ derived so-called *data constrained FONLL*: $d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{FONLL}}$ with $\vec{f}(\mu_f^b, \mu_r^b, m_c^b, \alpha_K^b)$ with assigned uncertainties

$$\S \mu_0 = \sqrt{m_c^2 + p_T^2}$$

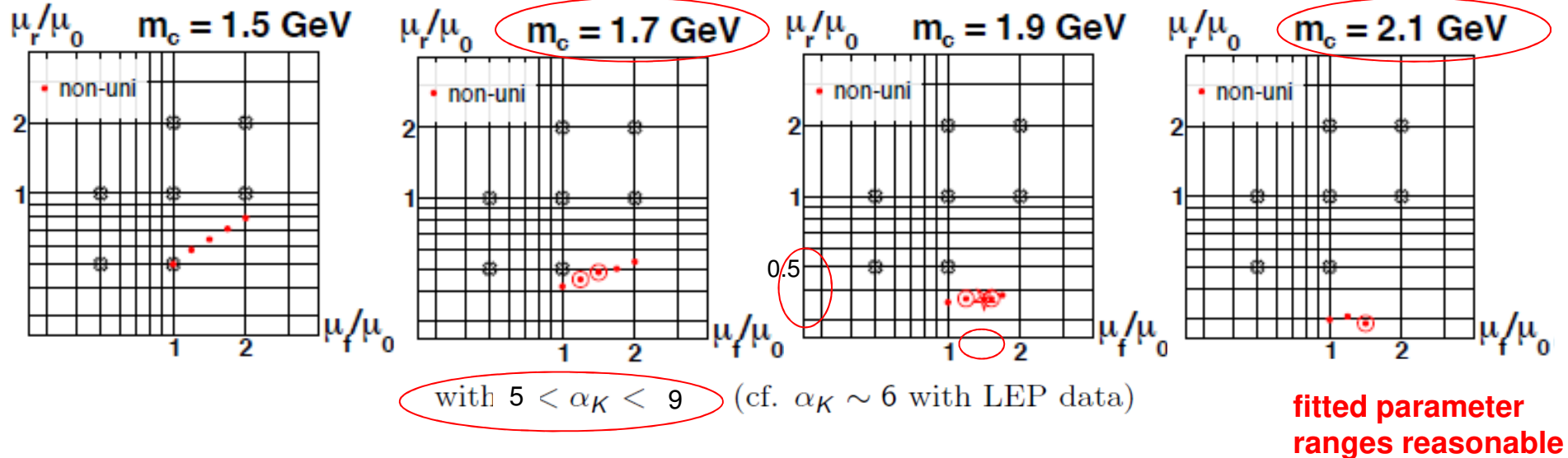
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PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESULTS

✓ μ_f^b , μ_r^b , m_c^b and α_K^b from fit of input data with uncertainties by $\Delta\chi^2$ (4D) applying S factor of 1.16

☆: the best parameters

o: the uncertainty parameters



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13 TeV total charm pair cross section

		[GeV]	$\Delta\sigma_{D^0+\bar{D}^0}$ [mb]
ALICE	$0.0 < y < 0.5$	$0 < p_T < 50$	$1.50^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$
LHCb	$2.0 < y < 2.5$	$0 < p_T < 15$	$1.20^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$
	$2.5 < y < 3.0$	$0 < p_T < 15$	$1.25^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$
	$3.0 < y < 3.5$	$0 < p_T < 15$	$1.18^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$
	$3.5 < y < 4.0$	$0 < p_T < 11$	$1.04^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
	$4.0 < y < 4.5$	$0 < p_T < 7$	$0.78^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
	Σ	Σ	$5.44^{+0.40}_{-0.38}$
ALICE+LHCb			$6.94^{+0.43}_{-0.41}$
ddFONLL (region not covered by data)			$6.38^{+0.52}_{-0.60}(\tilde{f})^{+1.12}_{-0.93}(\text{PDF})$
$\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$ [mb]	$17.43^{+0.56}_{-0.53}(\text{data})^{+0.69}_{-0.78}(\tilde{f})^{+1.47}_{-1.22}(\text{PDF})^{+0.24}_{-0.18}(\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K)^{+1.19}_{-2.05}(f^{pp})$ $17.43^{+2.10}_{-2.57}(\text{total})$		

Table 6.9: $\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$ at 13 TeV with $f_{D^0}^{pp} = 0.382^{+0.026}_{-0.045}$. The uncertainties of the measurements are the summed uncertainties of statistical and systematic uncertainties in a quadrature.

FONLL (NLO+NLL) QCD theory predictions and PROSA/CTEQ PDFs

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CHARM HADRON PRODUCTION IN pp COLLISIONS

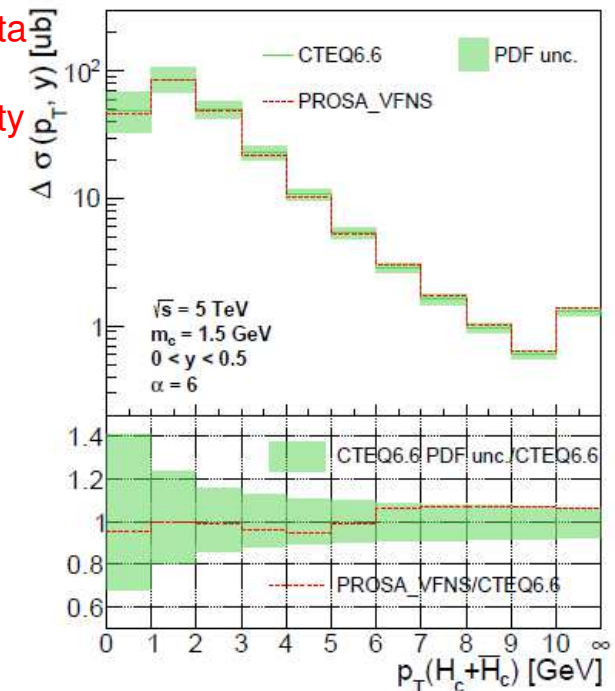
Hadron cross section ($d\sigma_{H_c}$) given by convolutions of perturbative cross section ($d\hat{\sigma}_{ij\rightarrow c\bar{c}}$) and non-perturbative functions ($f_i, f_j, D_{c\rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}}$):

$$d\sigma_{H_c} \propto d\sigma_{pp\rightarrow c\bar{c}} \otimes D_{c\rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}}, \quad d\sigma_{pp\rightarrow c\bar{c}} = f_i f_j \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{ij\rightarrow c\bar{c}}$$

- ✓ $d\hat{\sigma}_{ij\rightarrow c\bar{c}}$ given at NLO+NLL (FONLL) in QCD
 - has scales (μ_f and μ_r) and pole mass (m_c) uncertainties
- ✓ PDFs f_i and f_j of initial states determined from measurements
 - used CTEQ6.6 as a proxy of PROSA_VFNS (arXiv:1911.13164)
- ✓ fragmentation function ($D_{c\rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}}$) for final states also from measurements
 - used Kartvelishvili function having a single parameter α_K , roughly constrained not to be too far off the one extracted from LEP
- ✓ normalization given by a fragmentation fraction from e^+e^-/ep ($f_{H_c}^{\text{uni}}$) in universality assumption
 - original FONLL theory (arXiv:1205.6344):

$$d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{FONLL}} = f_{H_c}^{\text{uni}} \cdot (d\sigma_{pp\rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{FONLL}} \otimes D_{c\rightarrow H_c}^{\text{NP}})$$

constrained by low-x charm data w/o assuming charm universality



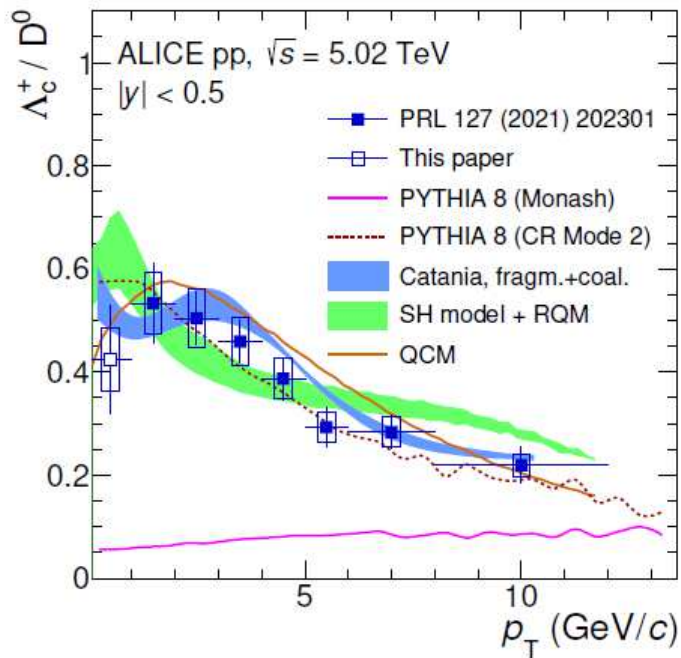
-> strategy (data driven “theory”):

modify phenomenologically to include nonuniversality and fit to data (within uncertainties)

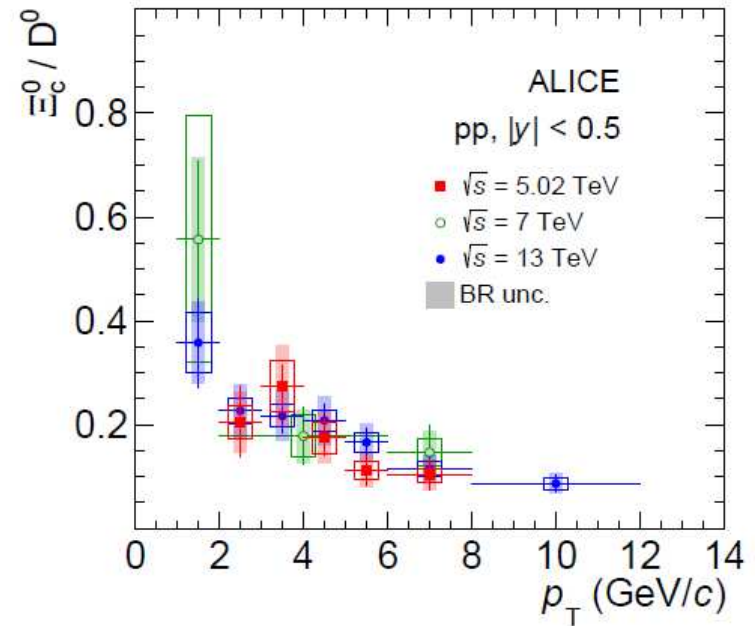
Baryon to baryon ratio

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Λ_c^+ / D^0 AND Ξ_c^0 / D^0 MEASUREMENT



arXiv:2211.14032



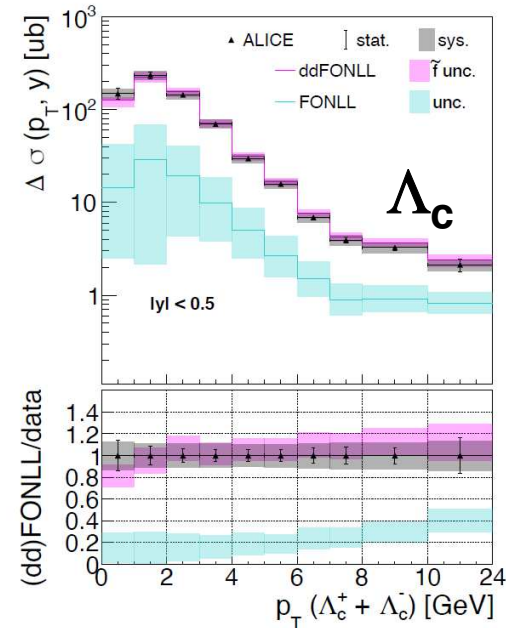
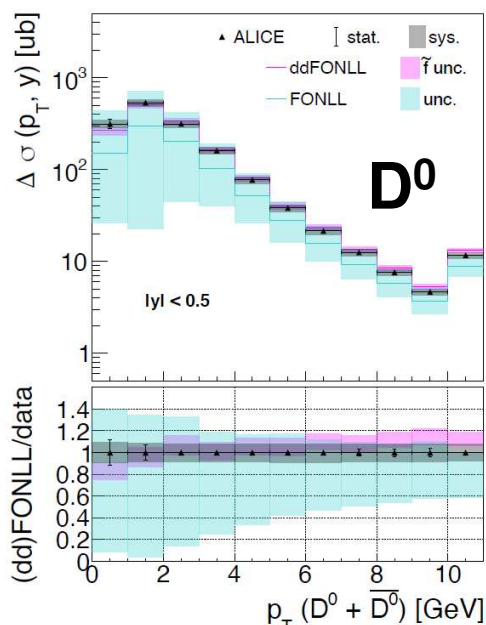
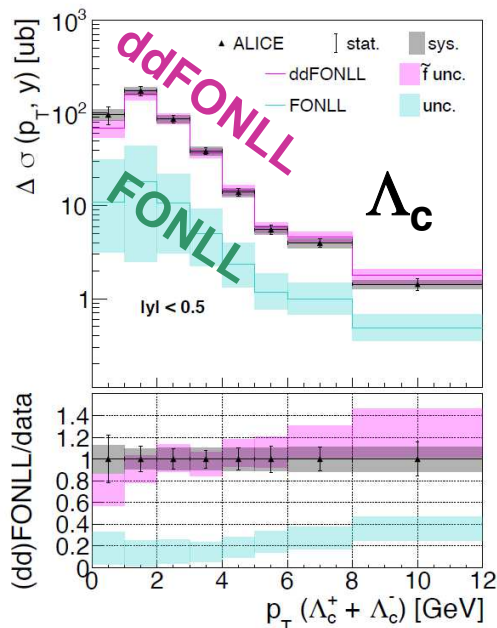
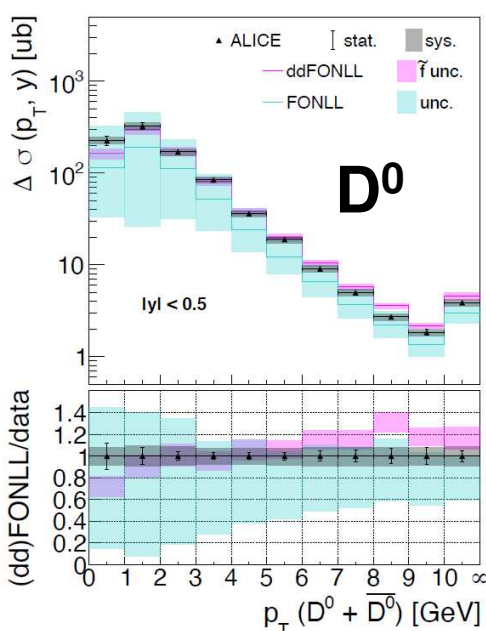
arXiv:2105.05616

✓ no significant p_T dependence observed for baryon-to-baryon

Performance illustration on 5 + 13 TeV ALICE data

5 TeV

13 TeV



FONLL: full uncertainty, with 'classical' universality assumption
 ddFONLL: \tilde{f} uncertainty only (for cross check)

Cascade_c at 5 TeV

plot adapted from arXiv:2311.11426

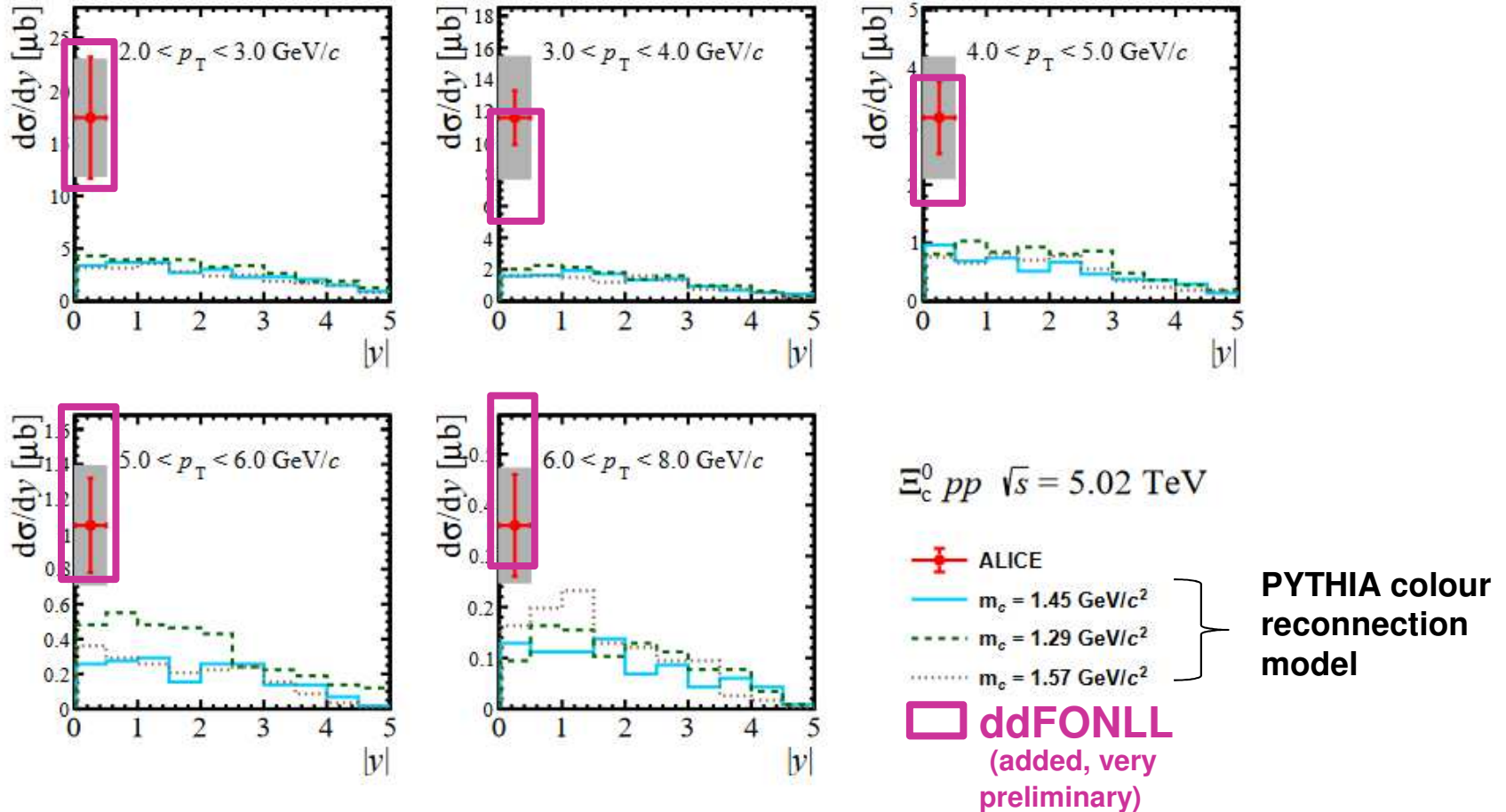


Figure 11: Measured Ξ_c^0 cross section as a function of rapidity compared with PYTHIA simulations with the bands corresponding to a 1σ variation around the optimum.

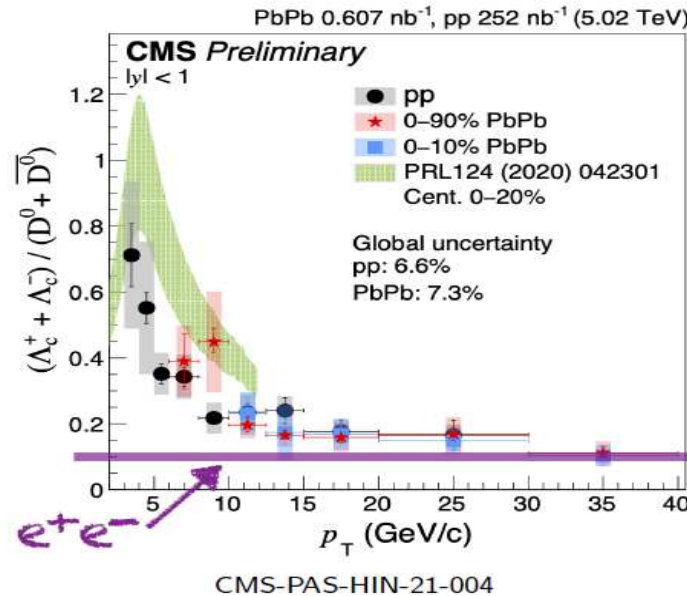
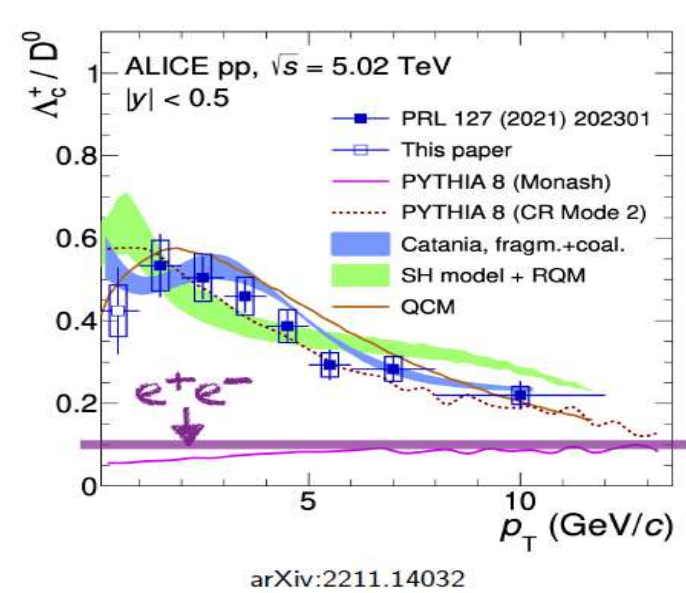
ddFONNL also works for Cascade_c!

Non-universality of charm fragmentation

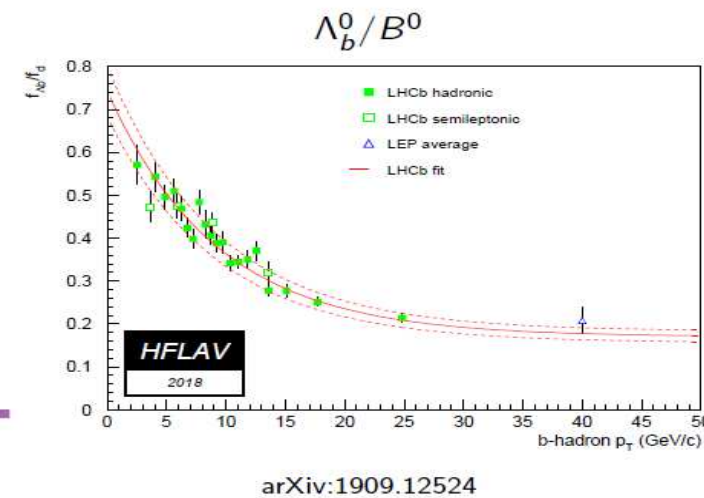
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p_T DEPENDENT Λ_c^+ / D^0 MEASUREMENTS

pp non-universal!



for comparison:



- ✓ clear p_T dependence observed on Λ_c^+ / D^0 measurements from pp
 → asymptotically close to e^+e^- value, $0.10^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$ (as like observed on Λ_b^0 / B^0)

-> strategy (data driven!):

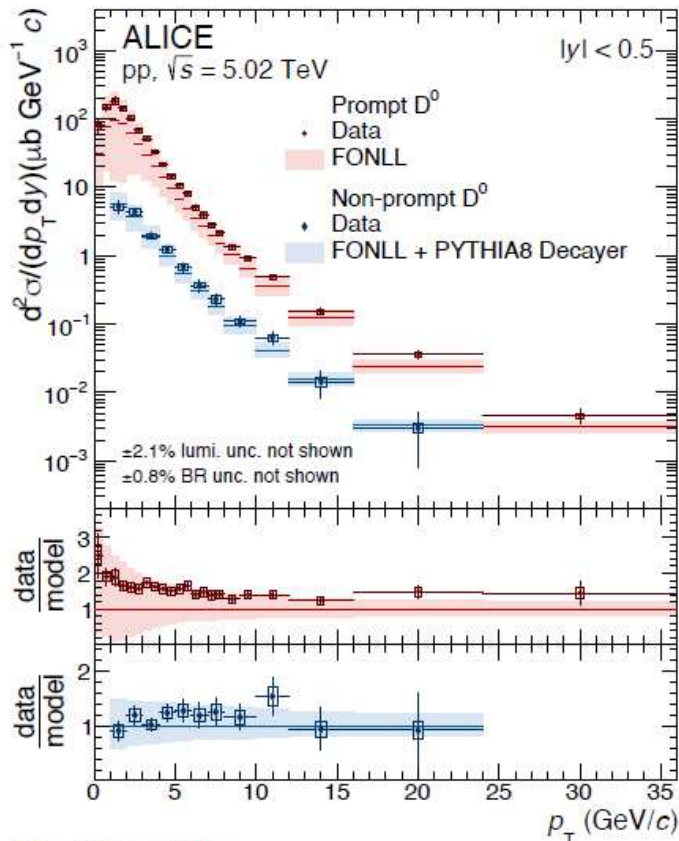
treat baryon to meson production fractions vs p_T as non-universal
 treat asymptotic high p_T limit as universal

Application to published 5 TeV ALICE+LHCb charm data

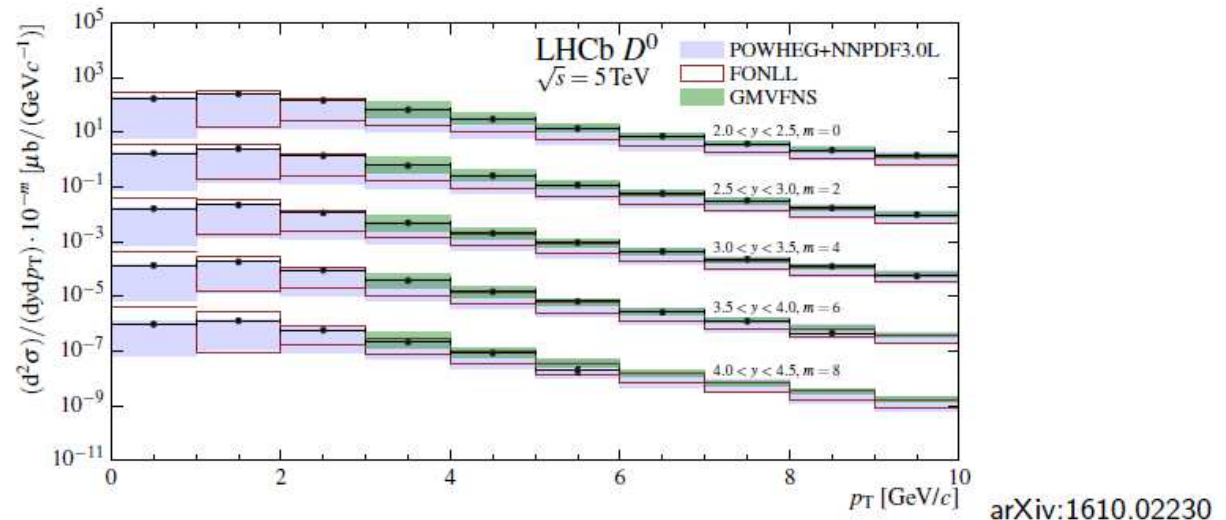
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EXTRAPOLATING D^0 MEASUREMENTS AT 5 TEV

Input measurements:



arXiv:2102.13601



✓ applied χ^2 fit for $d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{phenomol. modified}}$ and $d\sigma_{H_c}^{\text{FONLL}}$ with \tilde{f} to find best description of data with 4 free parameters (μ_f , μ_r , m_c and α_K):

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{data bins}} \frac{(\text{FONLL} - \text{data})^2}{\text{statistical unc.}^2 + \text{systematic unc.}^2}$$

→ i.e., finding μ_f^b , μ_r^b , m_c^b and α_K^b of the least χ^2

✓ use to extrapolate D^0 measurements at 5 TeV from LHC

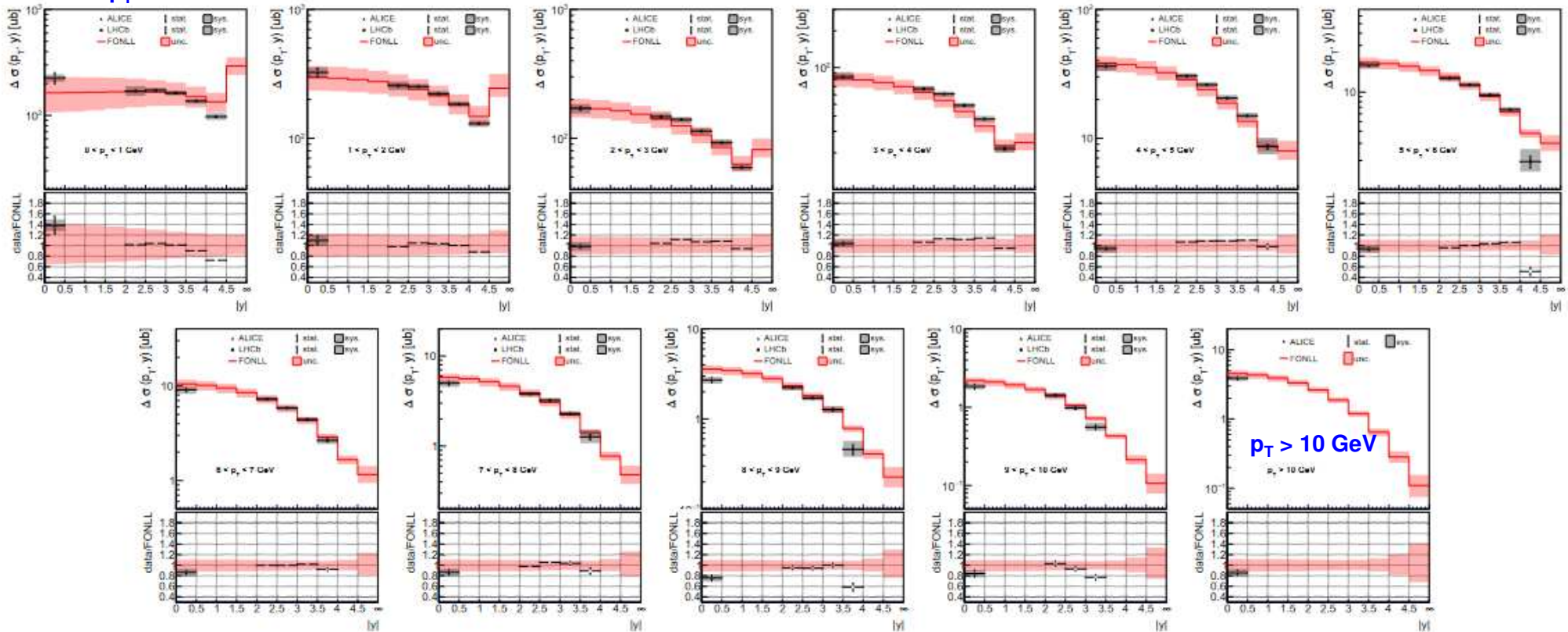
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D^0 CROSS SECTION IN FULL KINEMATIC RANGE

✓ Data constrained FONLL with total uncertainty (CTEQ6.6 PDF \oplus $\tilde{f} \oplus (\mu_f, \mu_r, m_c, \alpha_K)$) gives good descriptions for D^0 measurements in the full kinematic range (as a function of p_T in backup)

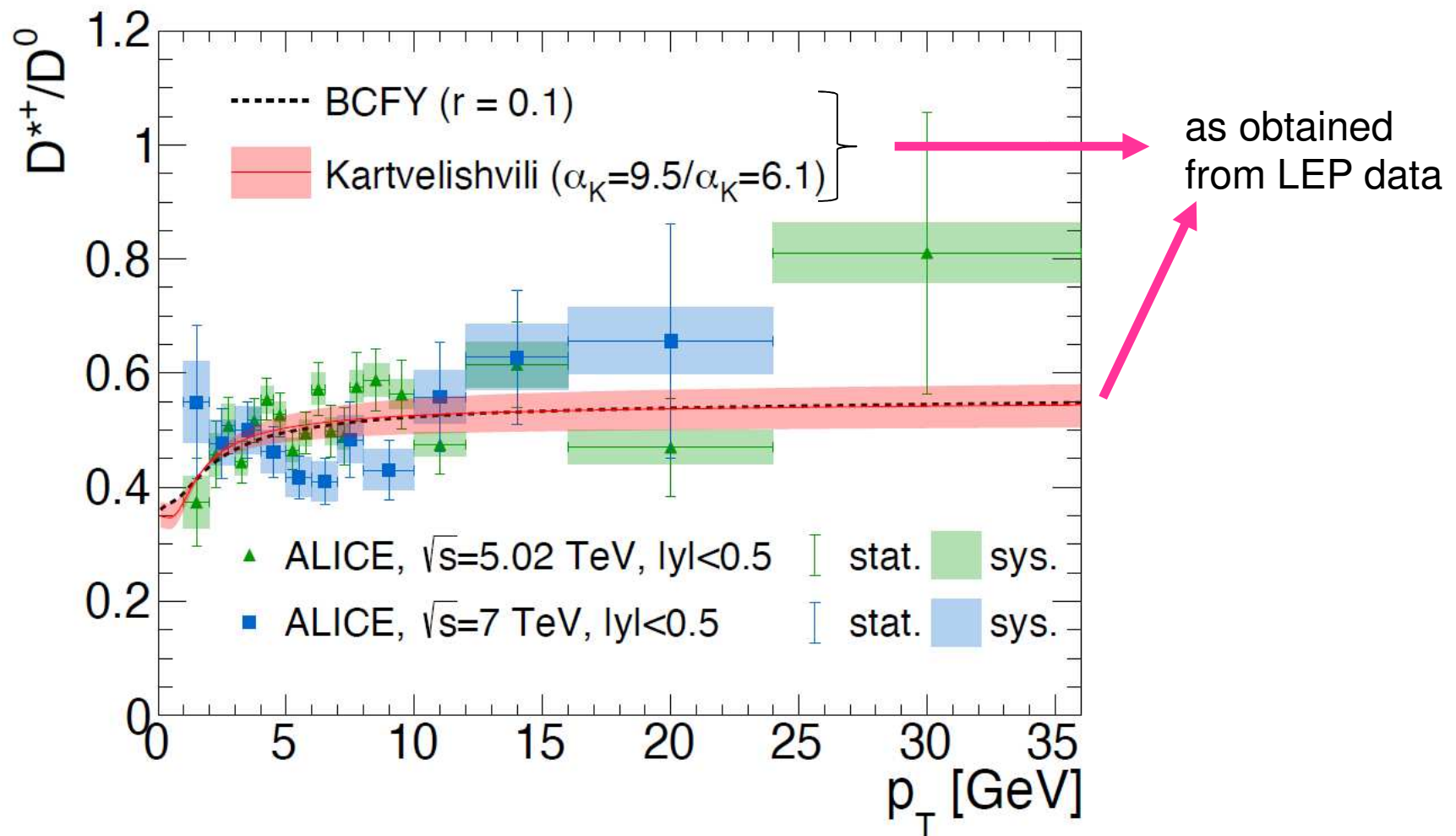
$0 < p_T < 1 \text{ GeV}$



-> strategy:

use data whenever available, otherwise data constrained theory

D* vs. D⁰ fragmentation



LHC data consistent with LEP -> universality holds for D*/D

-> ddFONLL for D⁰ can be translated into ddFONLL for D*
(e.g. future 0.9 TeV measurements)

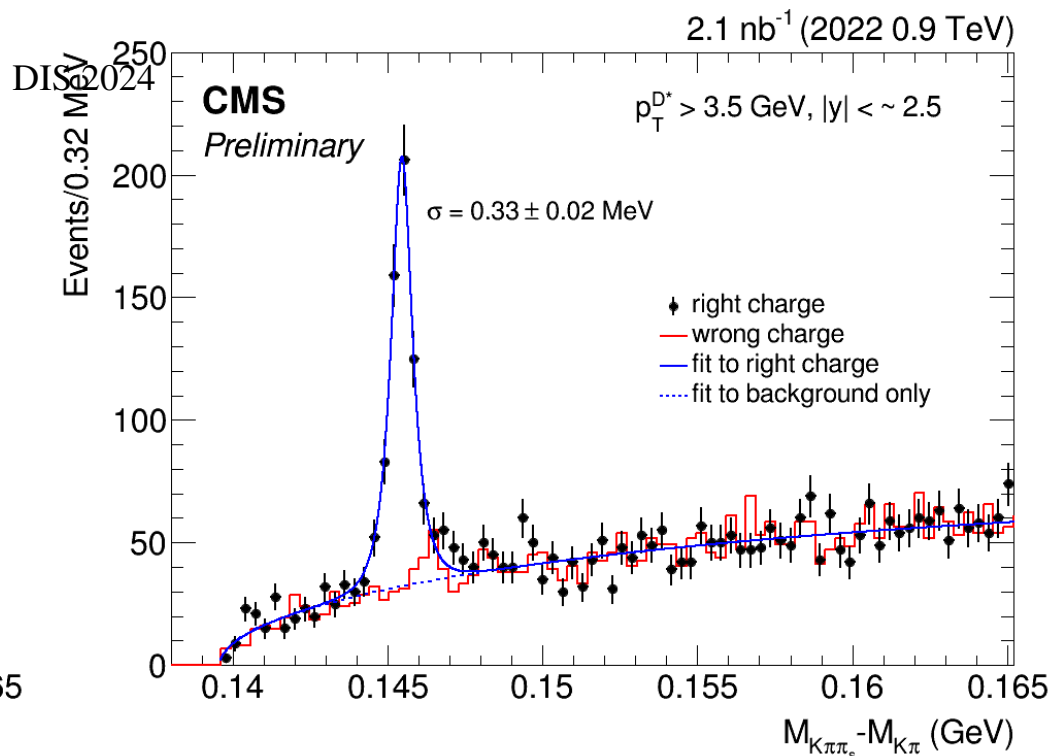
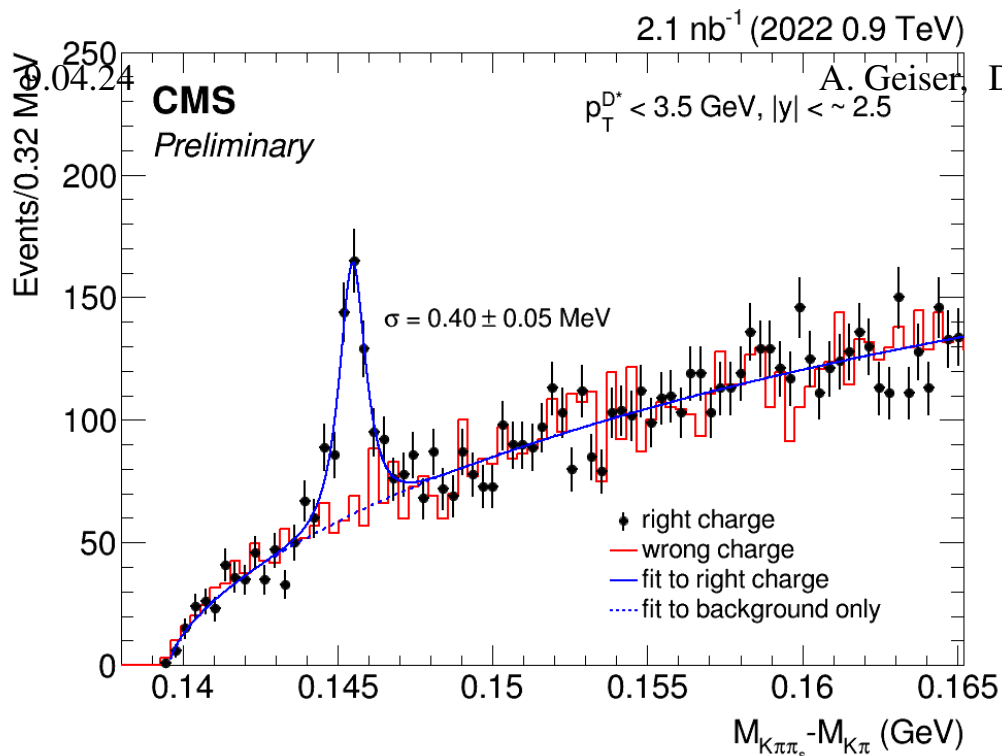
Charm cross sections at 0.9 TeV?

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$D^* p_T < 3.5$ GeV

$D^* |y| < \sim 2.5$

$D^* p_T > 3.5$ GeV



no cross sections available so far, but would like to have proxy for QCD studies
 -> use plain ddFONLL applied to 0.9 TeV FONLL with 5 TeV fit parameters,
 expect:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{ccbar}) = 1.7_{-0.24}^{+0.24} (\text{total}) \text{mb.}$$

not a measurement!