



Coalescence plus fragmentation approach for the hadronization mechanism of heavy hadrons from AA to pp collisions

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Outline

Hadronization:

- Fragmentation
- Coalescence model
- SHM

Heavy hadrons in AA collisions:

- Λ_c , D spectra and ratio: RHIC and LHC

Heavy hadrons in small systems (pp @ 5.02 TeV):

- Λ_c/D^0
- Ξ_c/D^0 , Ω_c/D^0

Quark Gluon Plasma in Ultra-Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

Initial Stage

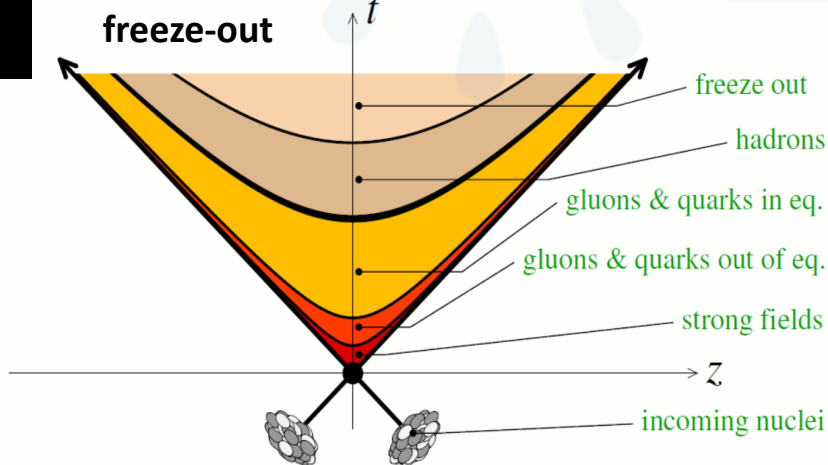
Pre-equilibrium stage

Expansion

QGP

Hadronization

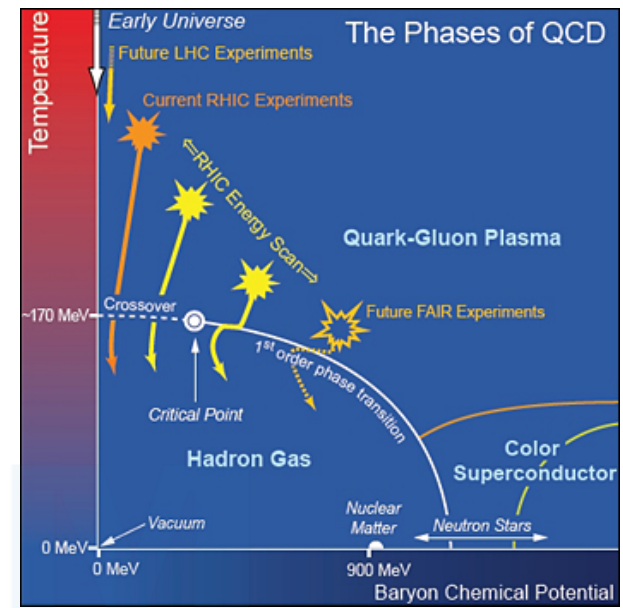
Chemical and kinetic freeze-out



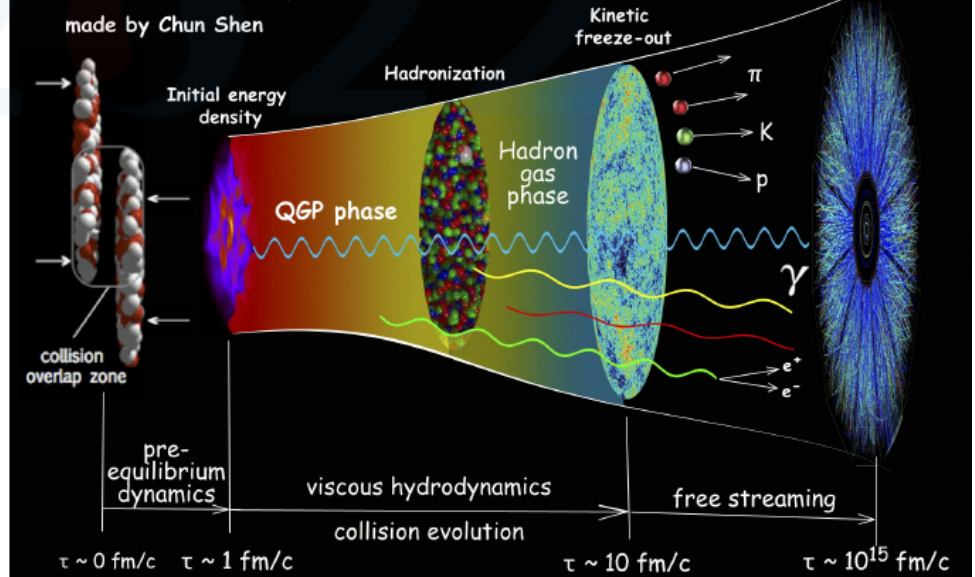
- Nuclear matter: Critical Energy and Temperature in the transition between confined and deconfined phase

$$\epsilon_c \approx 0.7 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 \quad T_c \approx 165 \text{ MeV} \approx 10^{12} \text{ K}$$

- If $T > T_c$ colour charges are deconfined in a Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)
- Different value of T and p for deconfinement \rightarrow Phase Diagram



Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

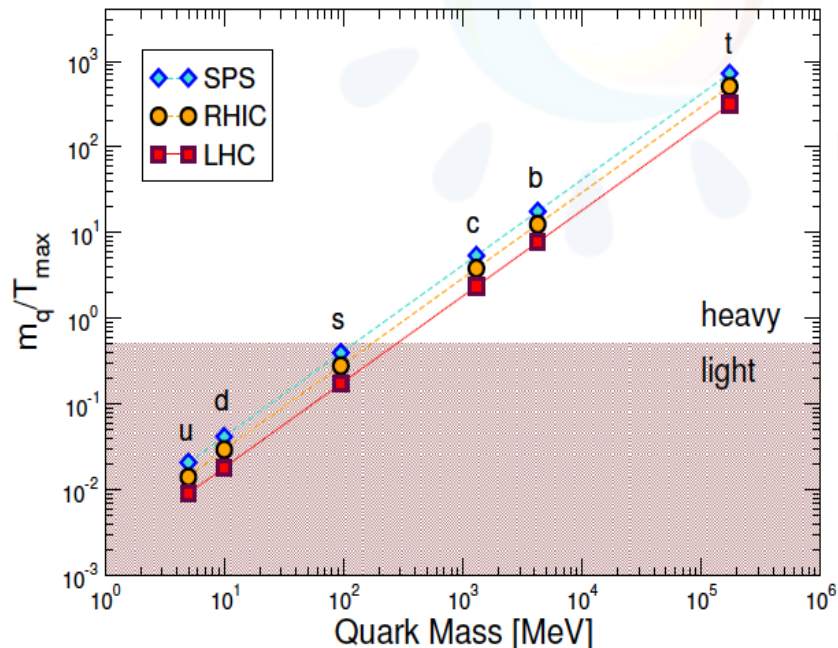


Specific of Heavy Quarks

- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
produced by pQCD process (out of equilibrium)
- $m_{c,b} \gg T_0$
negligible thermal production
- $\tau_0 \ll \tau_{\text{QGP}}$
- $\tau_{\text{therm.}} \approx \tau_{\text{QGP}} \gg \tau_{g,q}$

HQs experience the full QGP evolution

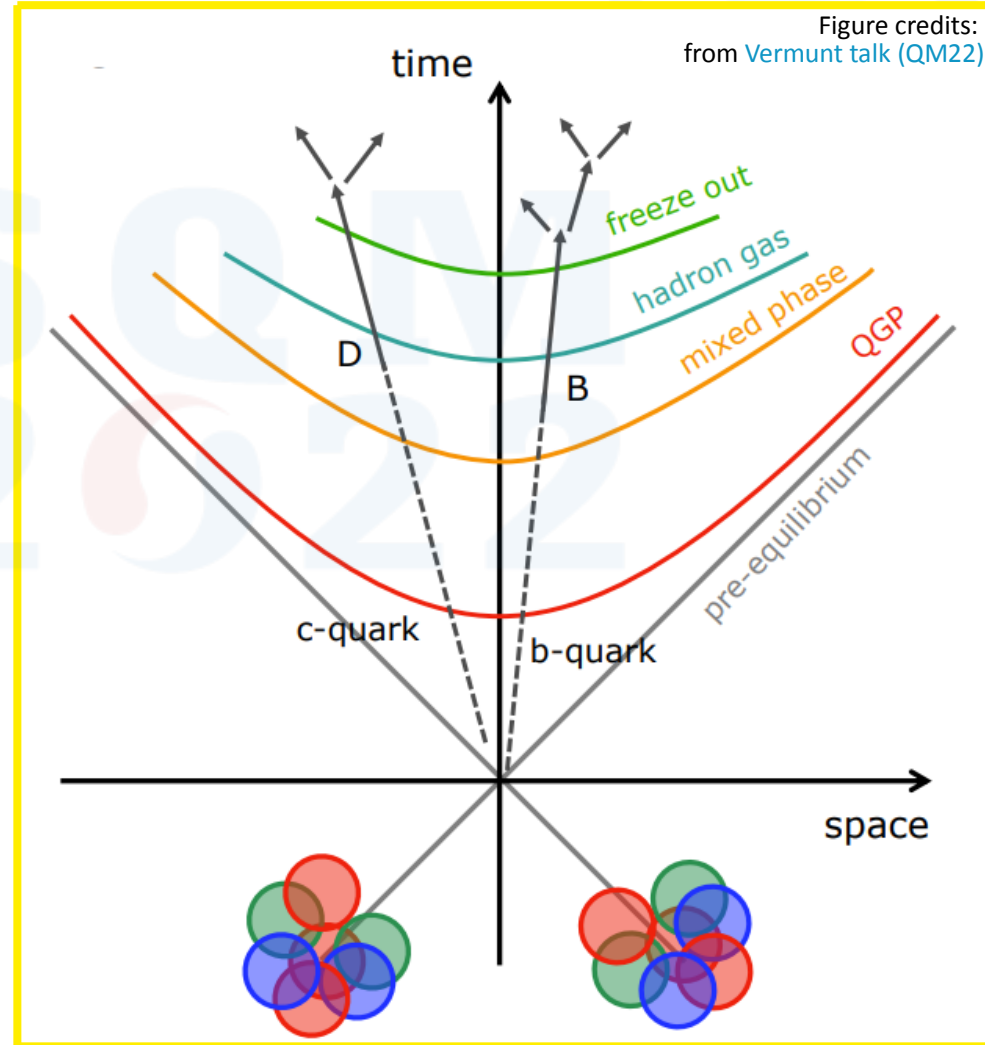
Carry informations about initial stages, more than light quarks



Recent reviews:

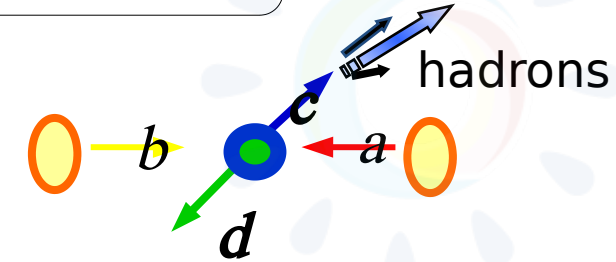
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Parton shower: String fragmentation(Lund model – PYTHIA)

+colour reconnection(interaction from different scattering)

Cluster decay (HERWIG)

Coalescence: recombination of partons in QGP close in phase space

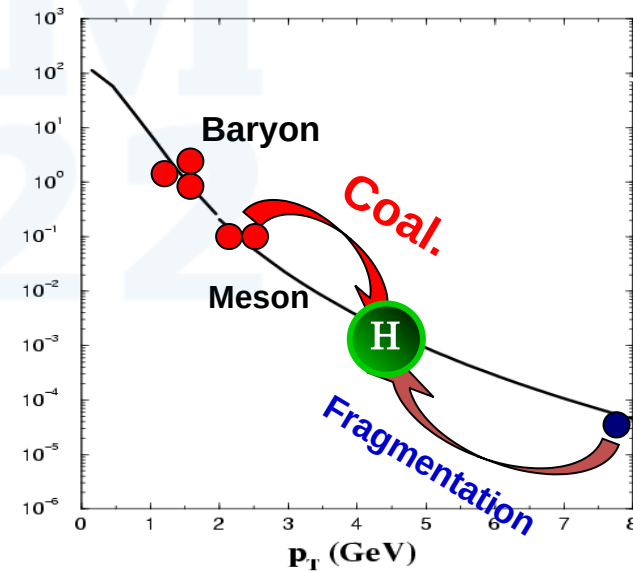
$$\frac{dN_{Hadron}}{d^2 p_T} = g_H \int \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot d\sigma_i \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3} f_q(x_i, p_i) f_W(x_1, \dots, x_n; p_1, \dots, p_n) \delta(p_T - \sum_i p_{iT})$$

Have described first AA observations in light sector for the enhanced baryon/meson ratio and elliptic flow splitting

Statistical hadronization: **Macroscopic**

Equilibrium + hadron-resonance gas + freeze-out temperature.
Production depends on hadron masses and degeneracy, and on system properties.

*pQCD Charm production + total yield from charm cross section (not Temp.)
charm hadrons according to thermal weights*



Catania Model: Coalescence + Fragmentation

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LIGHT

Thermal+flow for **u,d,s** ($p_T < 3$ GeV)

$$\frac{dN_{q,\bar{q}}}{d^2 p_T} \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma_T - p_T \cdot \beta_T \mp \mu_q}{T}\right)$$

$$\beta(r) = \frac{r}{R} \beta_{max}$$

$$V = \pi R^2 \tau \cosh(y_z), R(\tau_f) = R_0(1 + \beta_{max} \tau_f)$$

$$\text{PbPb@5ATeV(0-10\%): } \tau_f = 8.4 \frac{fm}{c} \rightarrow V_{|y|<0.5} = 4500 fm^3$$

+quenched minijets for **u,d,s** ($p_T > 3$ GeV)

CHARM

In AA collisions charm distribution from the studies of R_{AA} and v_2 of **D-meson** to determine the Space Diffusion coefficient:

parton simulations solving relativistic Boltzmann transport equation

In pp collisions the charm distribution are the FONLL distribution

Coalescence simulation in a fireball with radial flow for light quarks \rightarrow dimension set by experimental constraints

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Wigner function – Wave function

Wigner function width fixed by root-mean-square charge radius from quark model
C.-W. Hwang, EPJ C23, 585 (2002)
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$$\Phi_M^W(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}) = \int d^3 r' e^{-i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}'} \phi_M(\mathbf{r} + \frac{\mathbf{r}'}{2}) \phi_M^*(\mathbf{r} - \frac{\mathbf{r}'}{2})$$

$\phi_M(\mathbf{r})$ meson wave function

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{ch} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_2^2 Q_1 + m_1^2 Q_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} \sigma_{r1}^2 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_3^2 (Q_1 + Q_2) + (m_1 + m_2)^2 Q_3}{(m_1 + m_2 + m_3)^2} \sigma_{r2}^2$$

$$\sigma_{ri} = 1/\sqrt{(\mu_i \omega)} \quad \mu_1 = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \mu_2 = \frac{(m_1 + m_2) m_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

Assuming gaussian wave function

$$f_H(\dots) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_q-1} A_W \exp\left(-\frac{x_{ri}^2}{\sigma_{ri}^2} - p_{ri}^2 \sigma_{ri}^2\right)$$

only one width coming from $\phi_M(\mathbf{r})$,
constraint $\sigma_r \sigma_p = 1$

	$\langle r^2 \rangle_{ch}$	σ_{p1}	σ_{p2}
Meson			
$D^+ = [cd]$	0.184	0.282	—
$D_s^+ = [\bar{s}c]$	0.083	0.404	—
Baryon			
$\Lambda_c^+ = [udc]$	0.15	0.251	0.424
$\Xi_c^+ = [usc]$	0.2	0.242	0.406
$\Omega_c^0 = [ssc]$	-0.12	0.337	0.53

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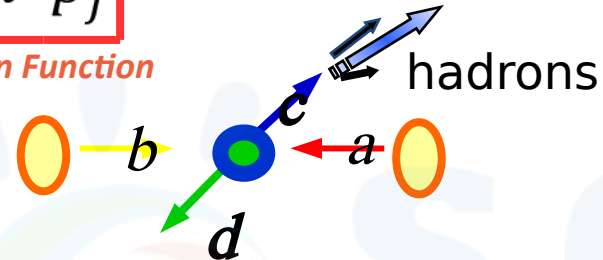
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- Normalization of $f_H(\dots)$ requiring that $P_{coal} = 1$ at $p=0$
- The charm that does not coalesce undergo fragmentation

Catania Model: Coalescence + Fragmentation

$$\frac{dN_h}{d^2p_h} = \sum_f \int dz \boxed{\frac{dN_f}{d^2p_f}} D_{f \rightarrow h}(z)$$

Parton Distribution Function



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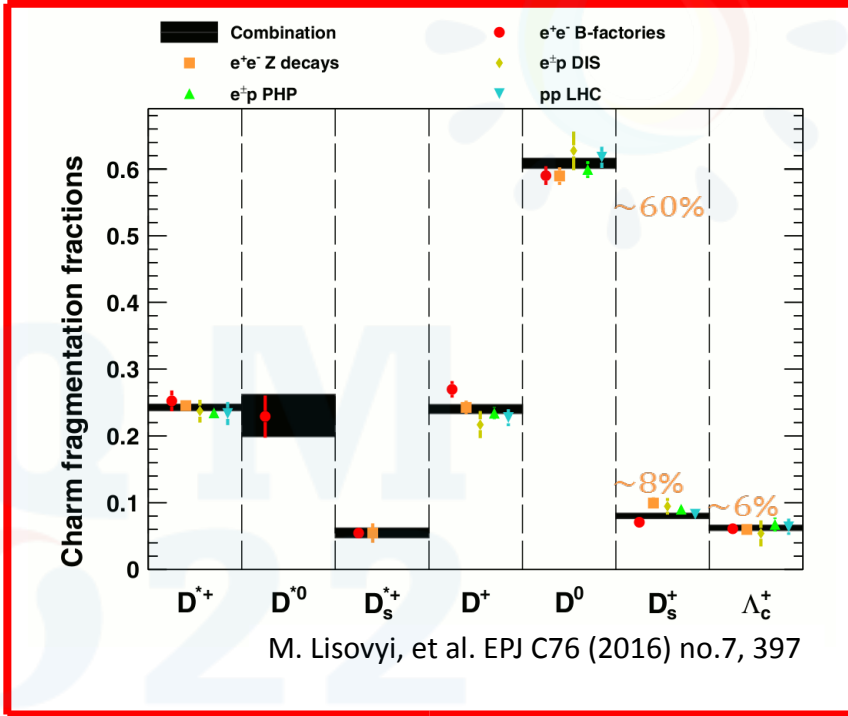
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We use the **Peterson fragmentation function**
 C. Peterson, D. Schaller, I. Schmitt, P.M. Zerwas PRD 27 (1983) 105

$$D_{f \rightarrow h}(z) \propto \frac{1}{z \left[1 - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{\epsilon}{1-z} \right]^2}$$

Slightly modified to reproduce tail of the Λ_c/D^0

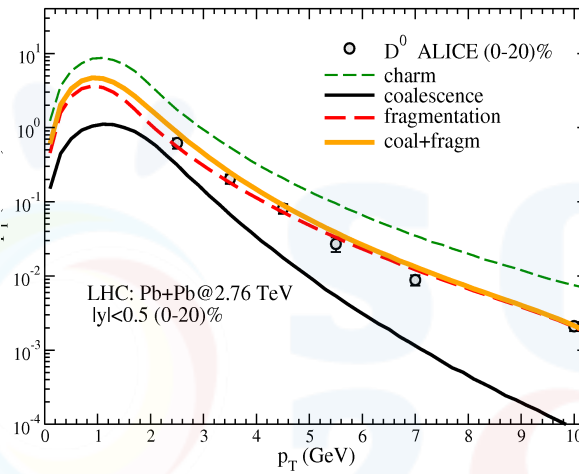
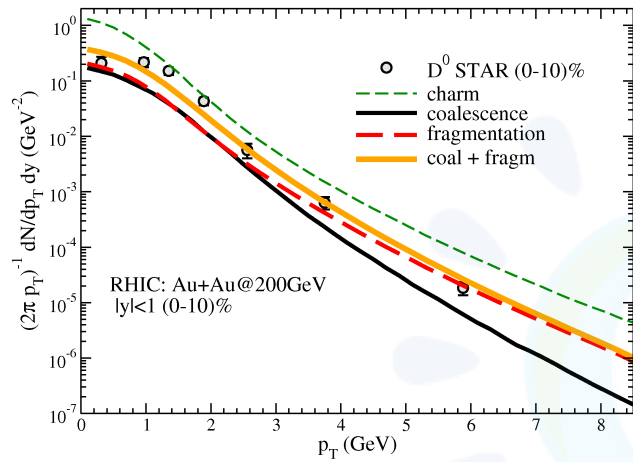
Charm Fragmentation Fraction (c→h)
 Measurement in $e^\pm p$, $e^+ e^-$ and old pp data

$$\left(\frac{\Lambda_c^+}{D^0} \right)_{pp}^{e^+e^-} \simeq 0.1 \qquad \left(\frac{D_s^+}{D^0} \right)_{pp}^{e^+e^-} \simeq 0.13$$

AA @ RHIC & LHC

wave function widths σ_p of baryon and mesons are the same at RHIC and LHC!

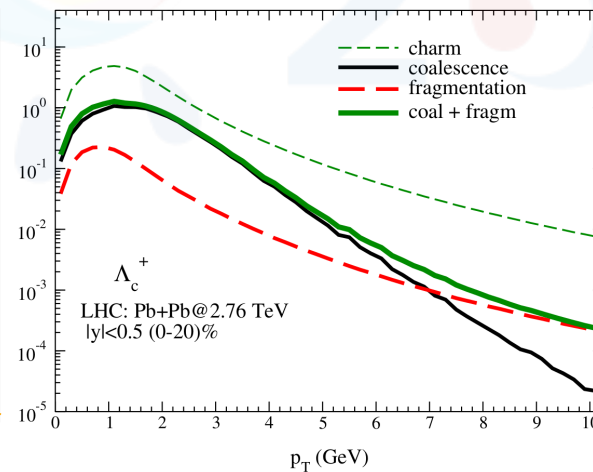
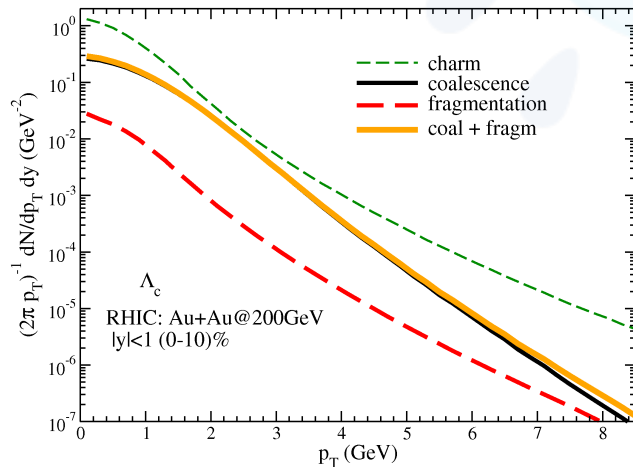
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D^0

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Λ_c

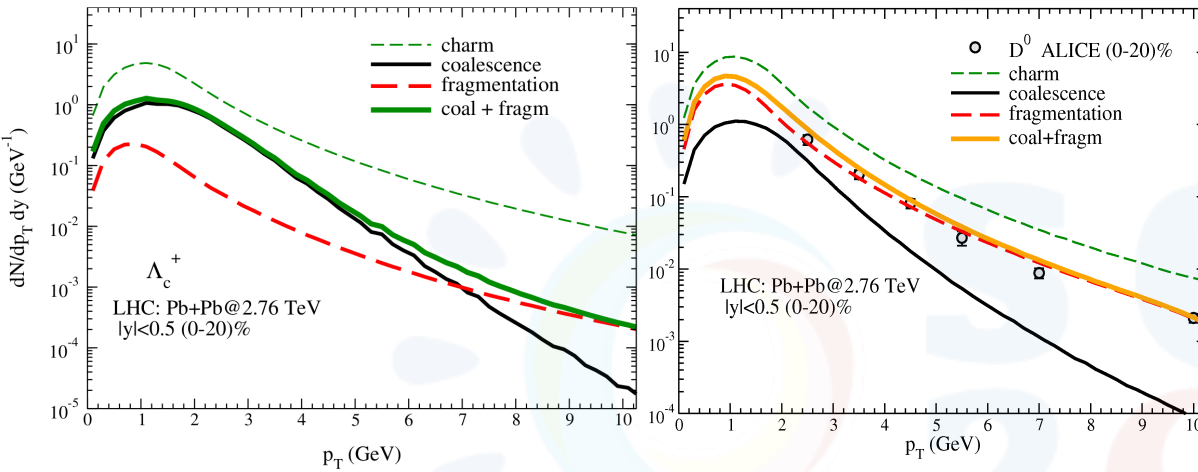
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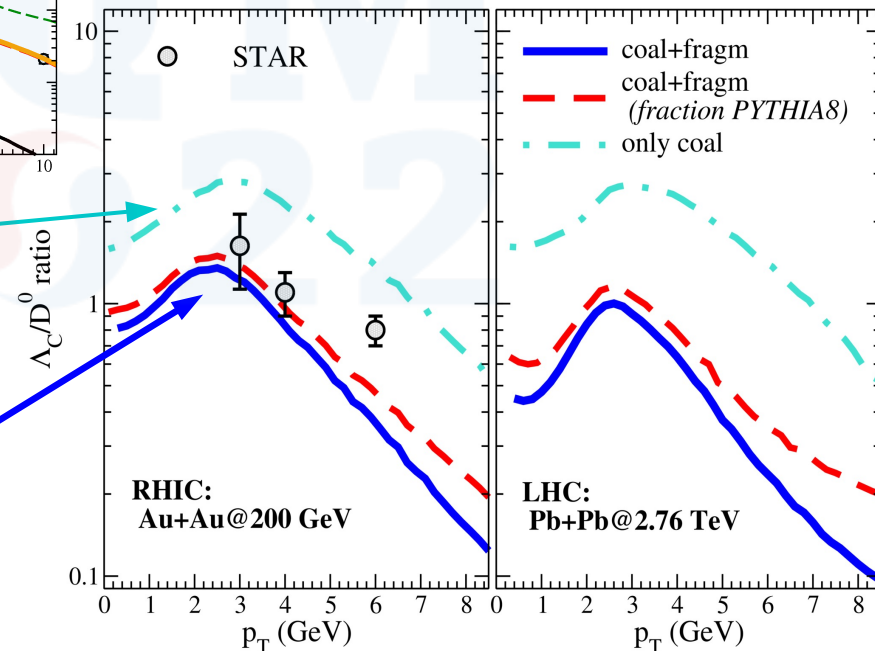
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Only Coalescence ratio is similar at both energies.

Fragmentation ~ 0.1 at both energies.

the **combined ratio is different** because the coalescence over fragmentation ratio at LHC is smaller than at RHIC

Therefore at LHC the larger contribution in particle production from fragmentation leads to a final ratio that is smaller than at RHIC.



STAR Coll., Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 (2020) 17, 172301

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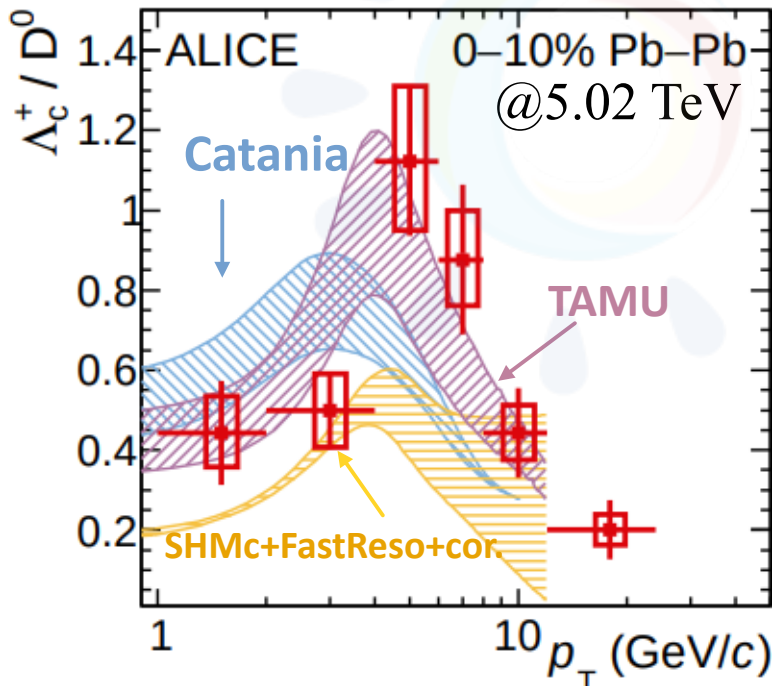
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Results for 0-10% in PbPb @5.02TeV:

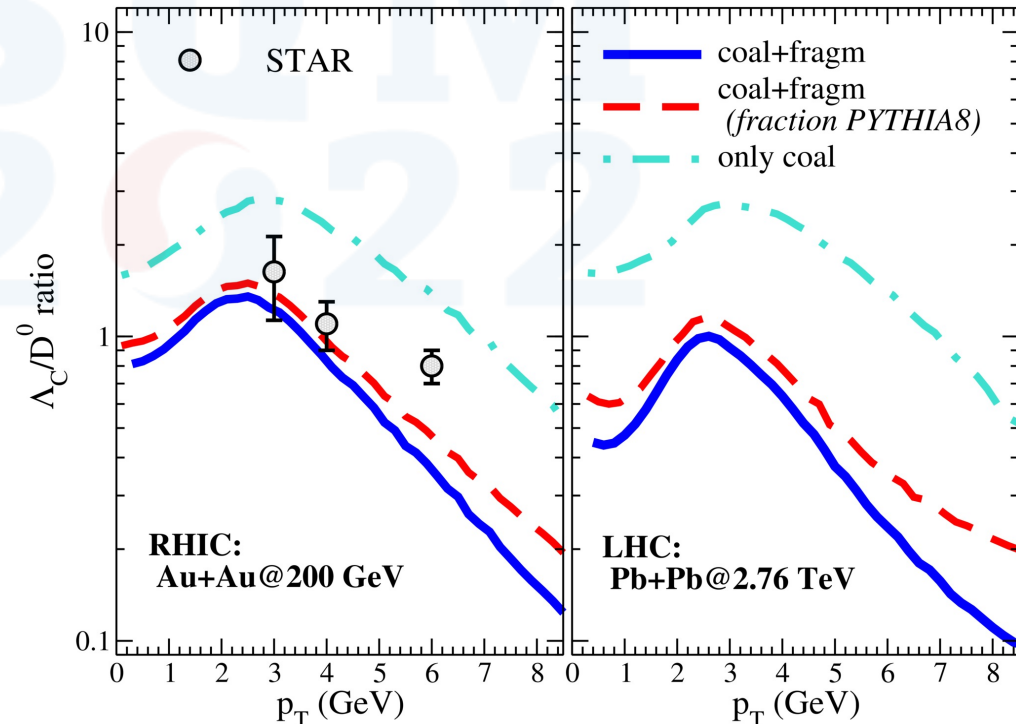
Consistent with the trend shown at RHIC and LHC @2.76TeV

Available data at low $p_T \rightarrow$ differences recombination vs SHM



ALICE Coll. arXiv:2112.08156v1

STAR Coll., Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 (2020) 17, 172301



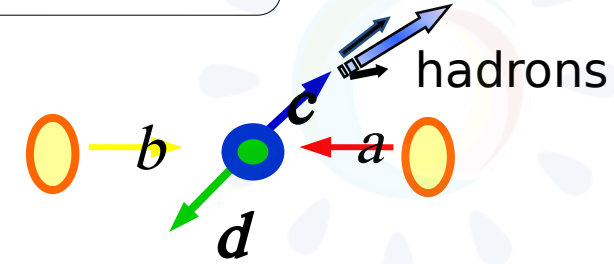
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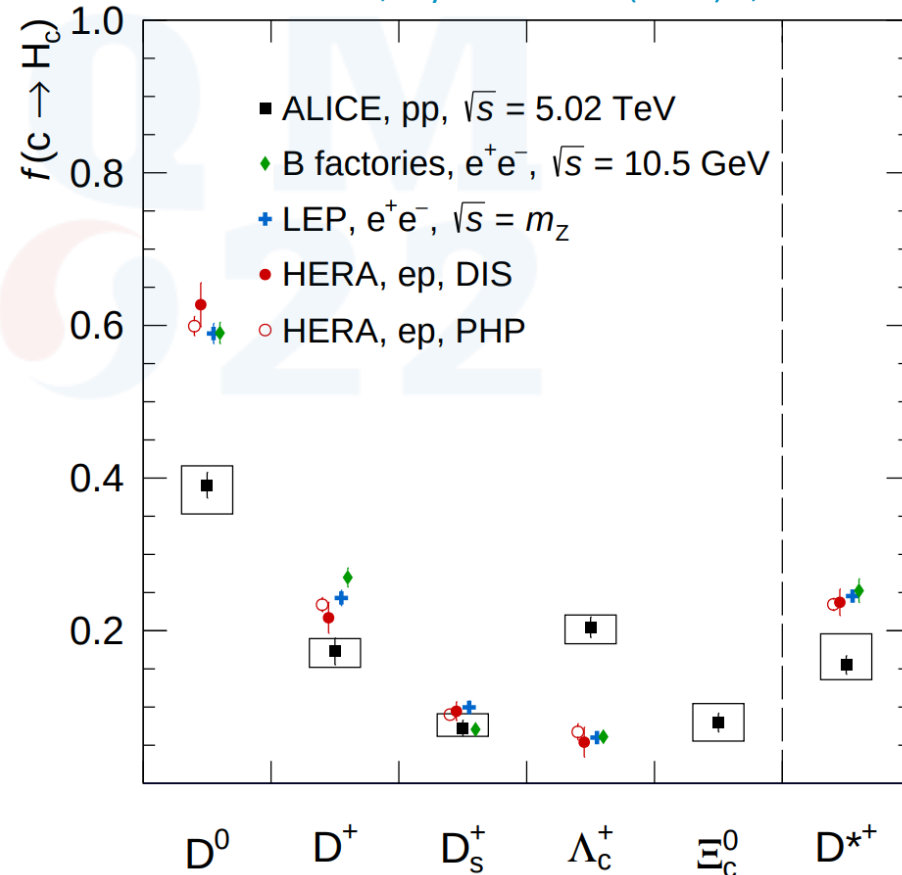


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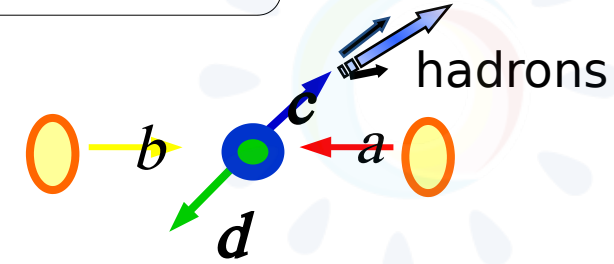


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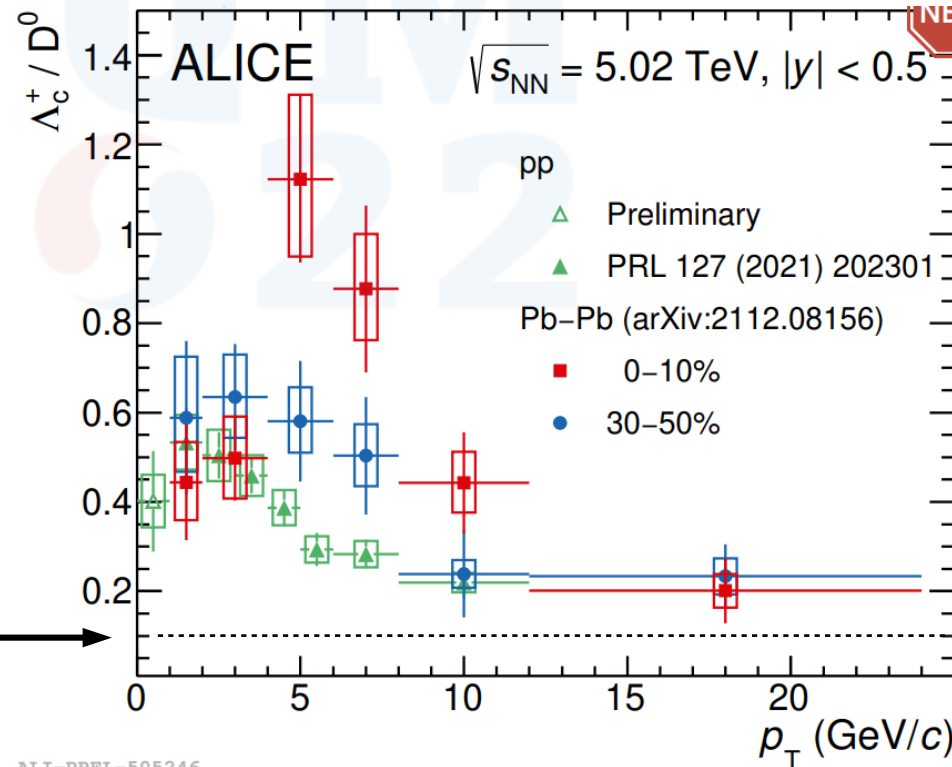
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Baryon/meson ratio is underestimated, and no p_T dependence

$$\left(\frac{\Lambda_c^+}{D^0} \right)_{e^+e^-} \simeq 0.1 \longrightarrow$$

ALICE, PRL 127 202301 (2021)
ALICE, PRC 104 054905 (2021)



Small systems: Coalescence in pp?

Common consensus of possible presence of QGP in smaller system.

If we assume in p+p @ 5 TeV a medium similar to the one simulated in hydro:

What if:

- Assuming QGP formation also in pp?
- What coalescence+fragmentation predicts in this case?

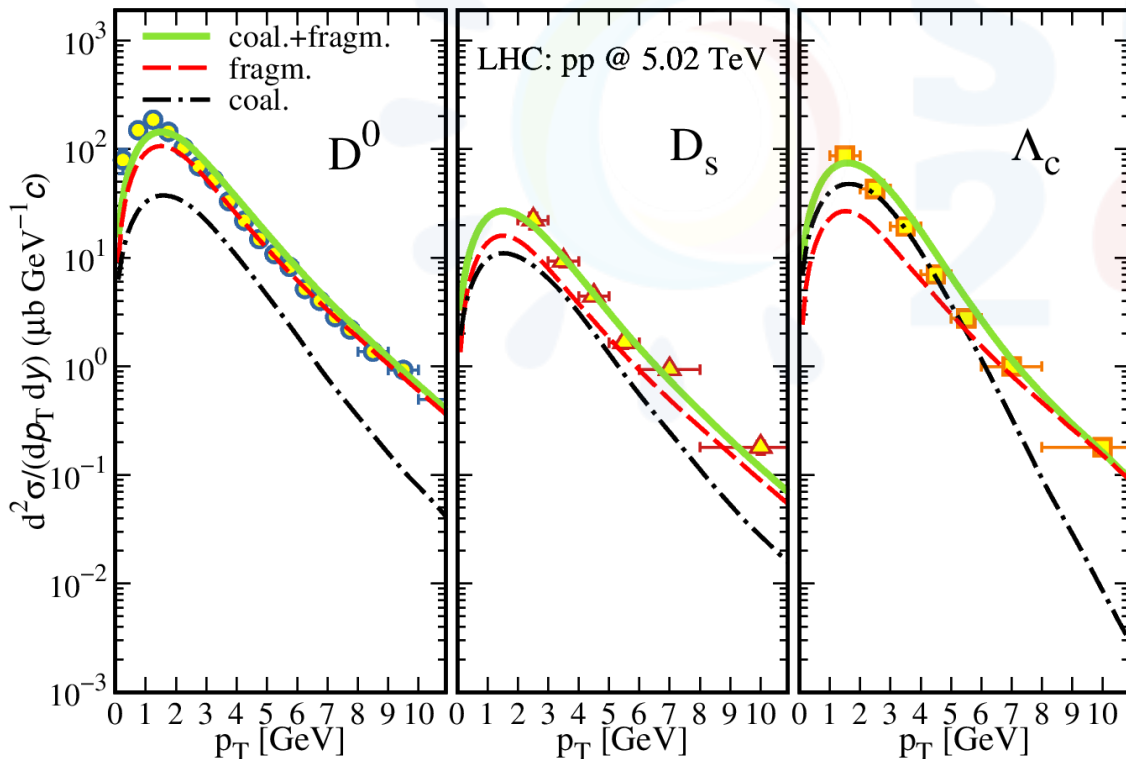
p+p @ 5 TeV

- $\tau_{pp} = 2 \text{ fm}/c$
- $\beta_0 = 0.4$
- $R = 2.5 \text{ fm}$
- $V \sim 30 \text{ fm}^3$

Data from:

S. Acharya et al. (ALICE), *Eur. Phys. J. C* 79, 388 (2019)

ALICE Coll., *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 127 (2021) 20, 202301 - *Phys.Rev.C* 104 (2021) 5, 054905



■ Thermal Distribution ($p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}$)

LIGHT

$$\frac{dN_q}{d^2 r_T d^2 p_T} = \frac{g_q \tau m_T}{(2\pi)^3} \exp\left(-\frac{y_T(m_T - p_T \beta_T)}{T}\right)$$

■ Minijet Distribution ($p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}$)
NO QUENCHING

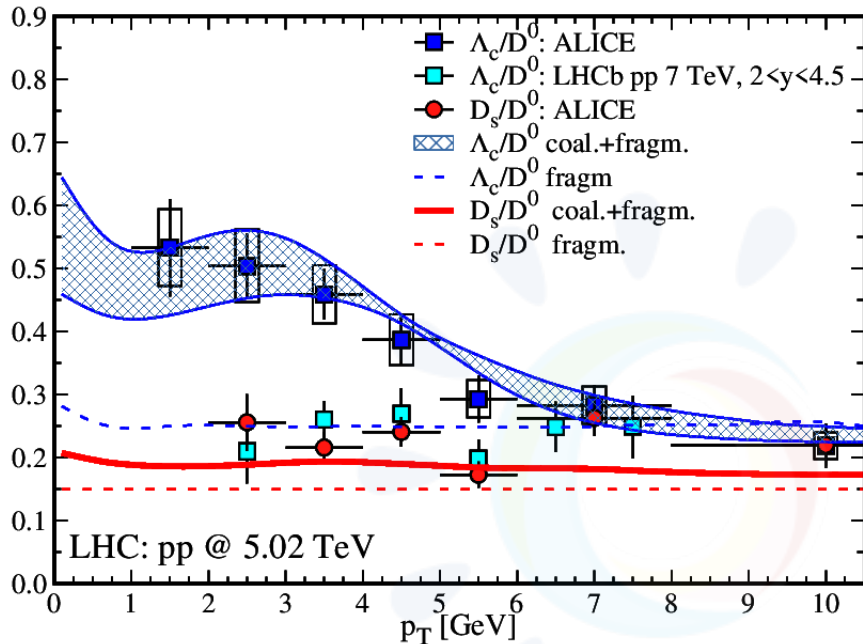
CHARM

FONLL Distribution

wave function widths σ_p of baryon and mesons kept the same from AA to pp

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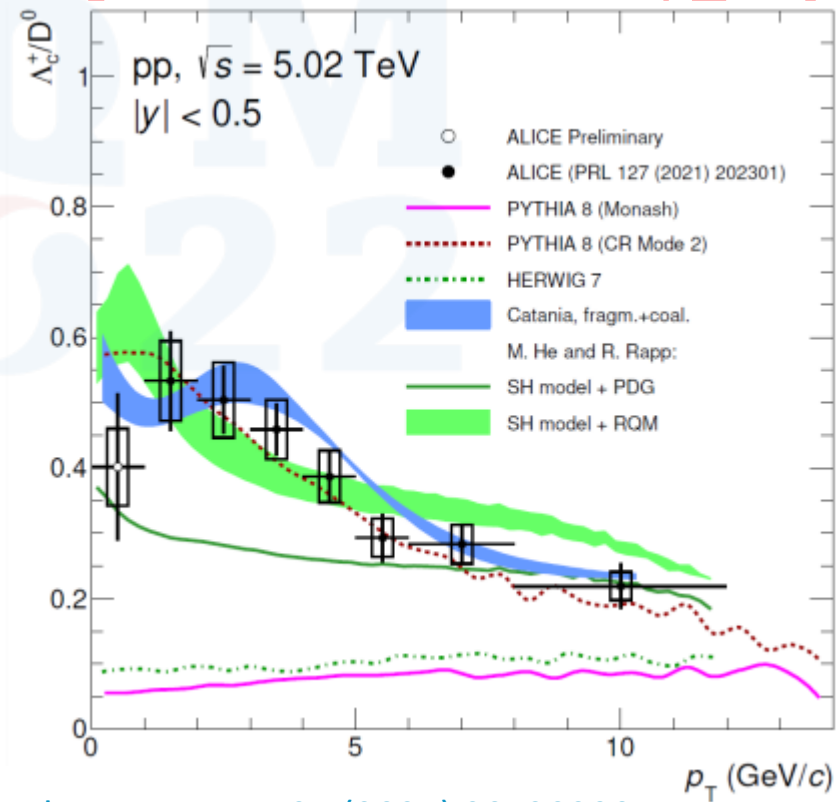
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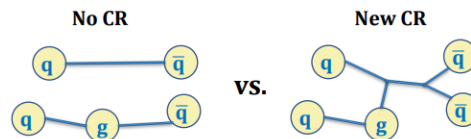


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Other models:

He-Rapp, Phys.Lett.B 795 (2019) 117-121: Increase ≈ 2 to Λ_c production: SHM with resonance not present in PDG

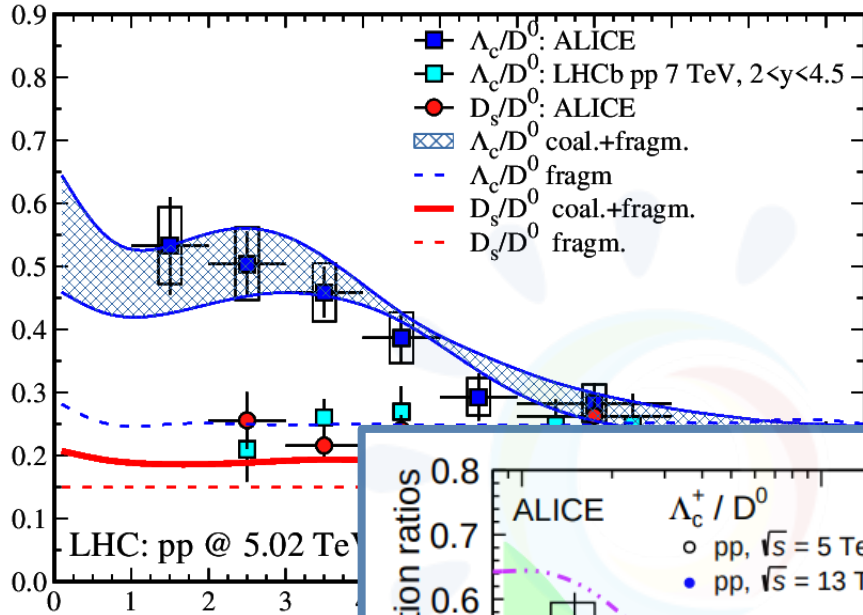
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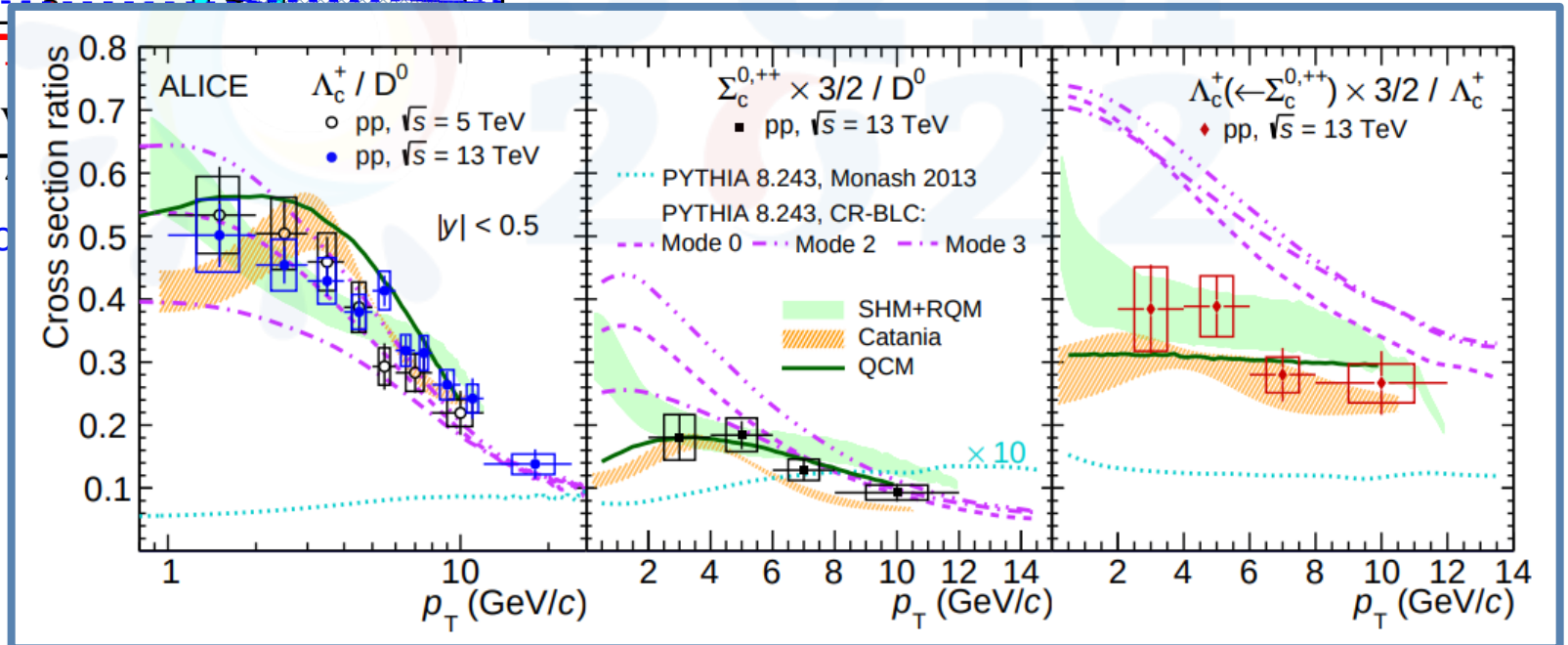
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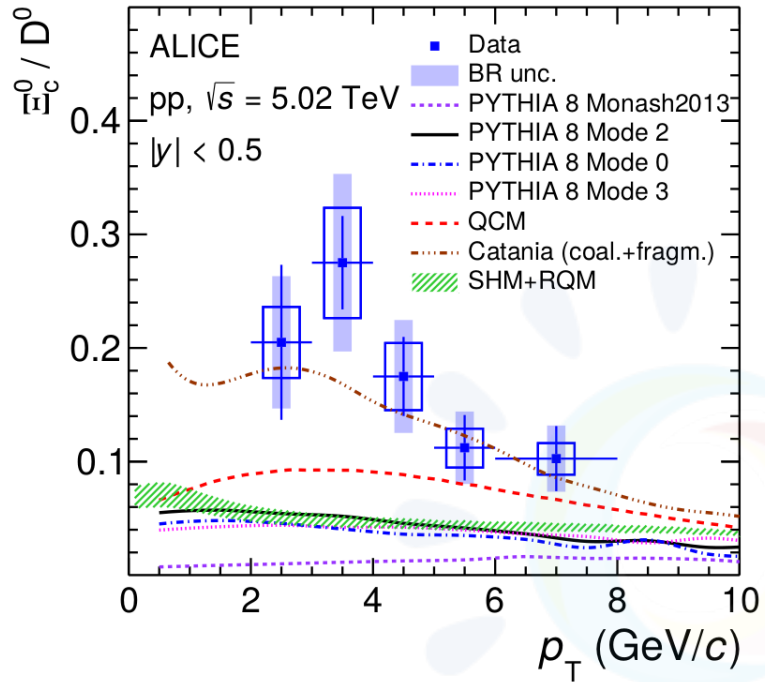
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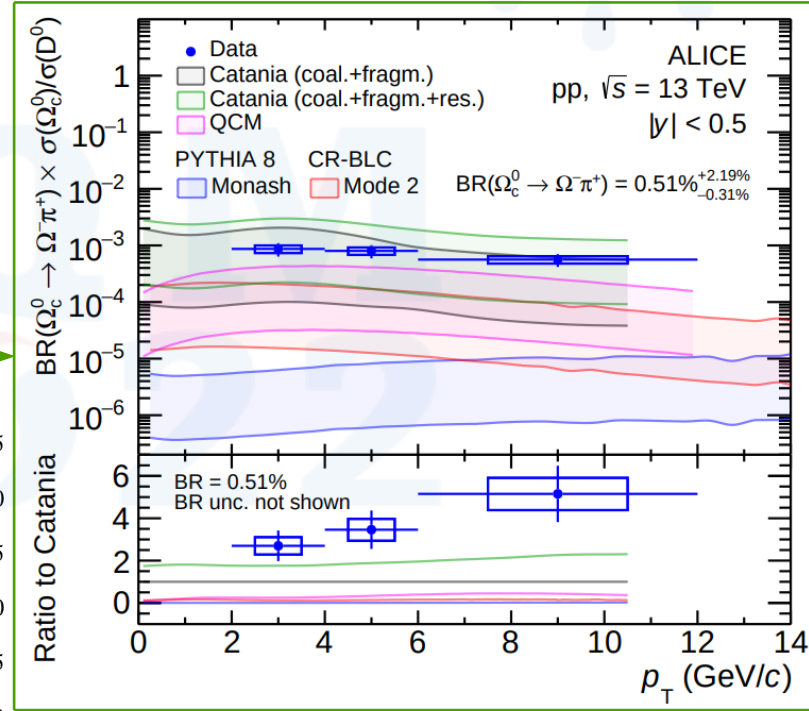
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New measurements of heavy hadrons at ALICE:

- Ξ_c/D^0 ratio, same order of Λ_c/D^0 : coalescence gives enhancement
- very large Ω_c/D^0 ratio, our model does not get the big enhancement

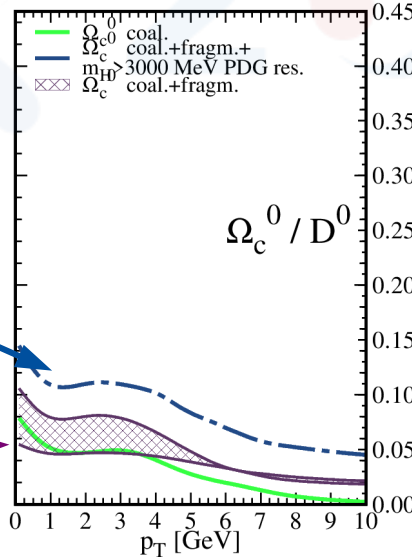
Uncertainties bands coming from the Branching Ratio error



Assuming additional PDG resonances with $J=3/2$ and decay to Ω_c additional to $\Omega_c^0(2770)$

$\Omega_c^0(3000), \Omega_c^0(3005), \Omega_c^0(3065), \Omega_c^0(3090), \Omega_c^0(3120)$ supply an idea of how these states may affect the ratio

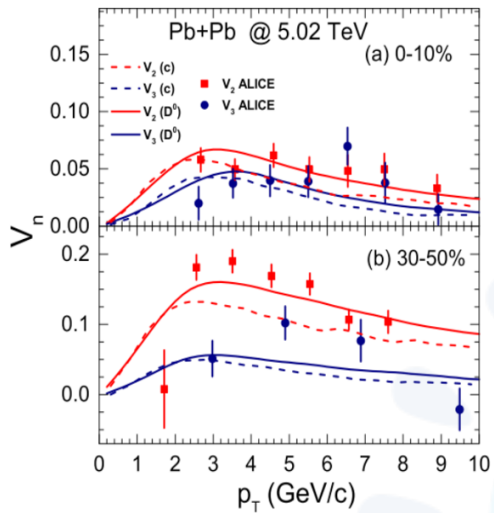
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ALICE Coll. JHEP 10 (2021) 159
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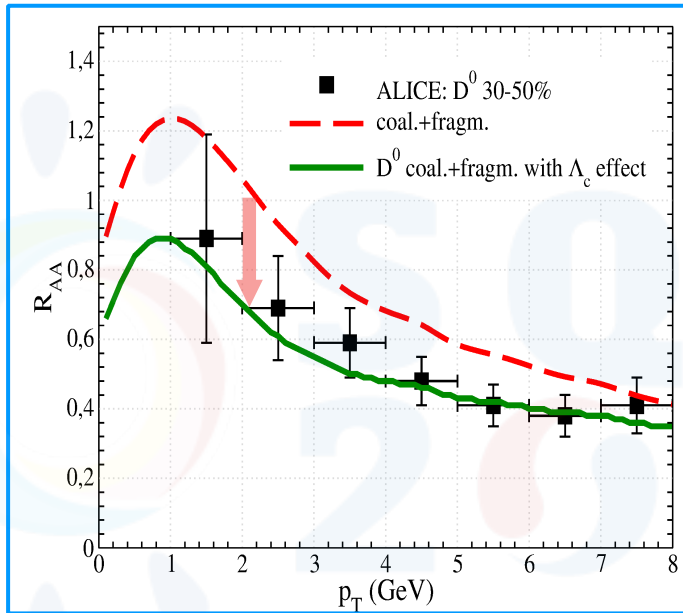
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Implications, developments and outlooks:

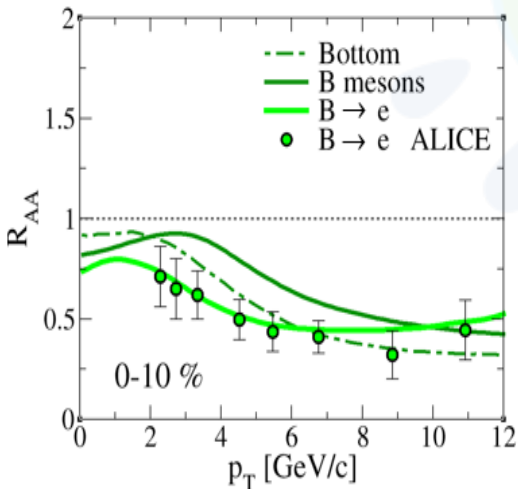


Coalescence give an enhancement to the $v_n(p_T)$ of final hadrons compared to the charm $v_n(p_T)$.

Sambataro, Sun, Minissale, Plumari, Greco, arxiv:2206.03160



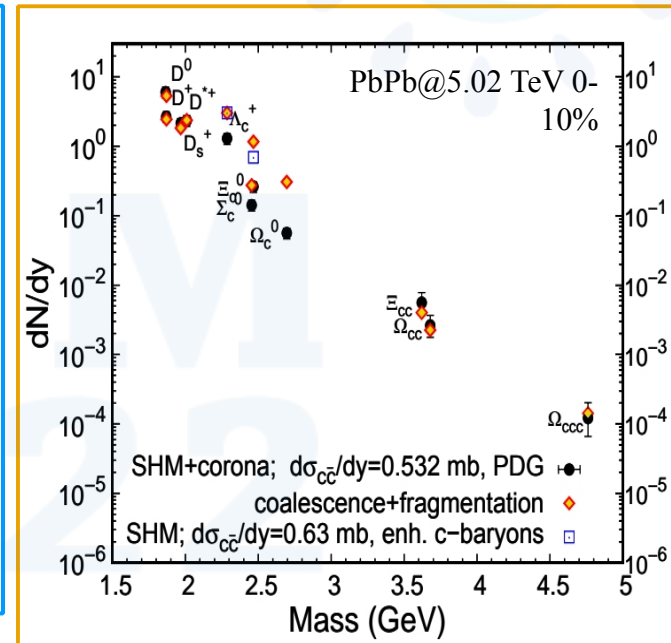
The large Λ_c production has effects on the R_{AA} of D^0 , because of the charm conservation



Electrons from semileptonic B meson decay with a coal + fragm model for B meson production

Sambataro, Minissale et al.(in preparation)

MULTICHARM



Yields of multicharm hadrons similar to SHM in PbPb, possible effects with system size and on the distribution vs p_T are under investigation.

A baryon like Ω_{ccc} formed only by heavy quarks can give insights on the baryon wave function and the potential $V_{cc}(r,T)$ between quarks.

Enhancement for single charmed baryons as seen in pp collisions.

Minissale, Plumari, Greco (in preparation)

Conclusions

- *Good agreement with experimental data of hadrons spectra in AA collisions from RHIC to LHC*
- *Extension to pp: description of D mesons and Λ_c spectra*
- *Coalescence plus fragmentation gives peculiar enhancement in baryon/ meson ratio for all heavy hadrons $\Lambda_c, \Xi_c, \Omega_c$*
- *Outlook: multicharm hadrons production*

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Hadronization: Coalescence

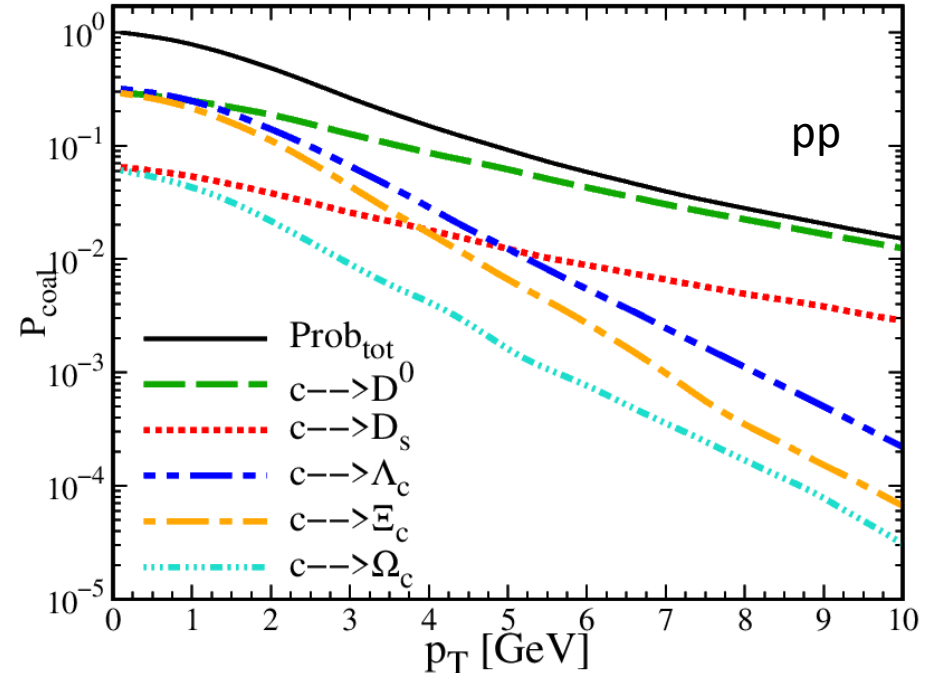
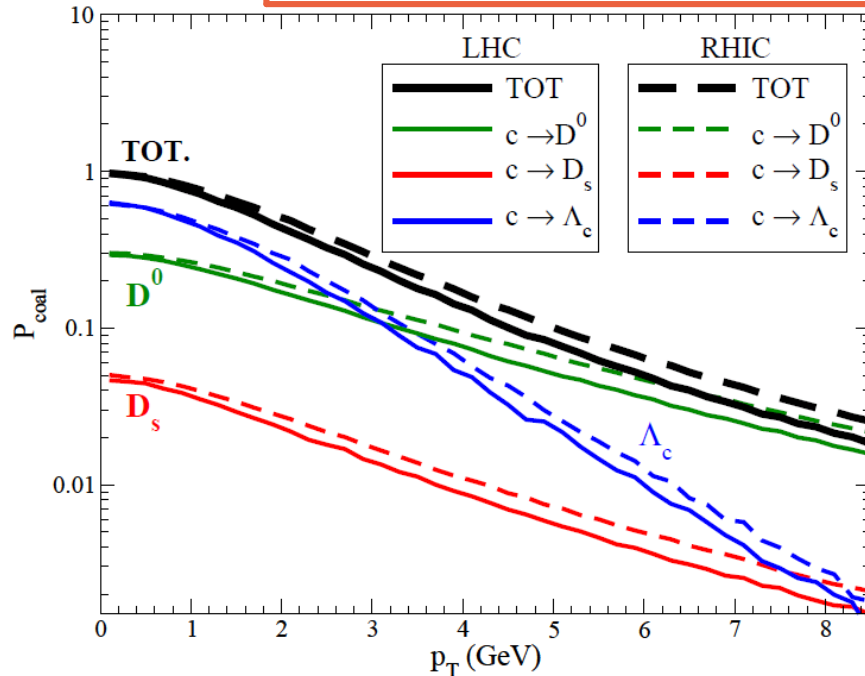
Statistical factor
colour-spin-isospin

Parton Distribution
function

Hadron Wigner
function

$$\frac{dN_{\text{Hadron}}}{d^2 p_T} = g_H \int \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot d\sigma_i \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3} f_q(x_i, p_i) f_W(x_1, \dots, x_n; p_1, \dots, p_n) \delta(p_T - \sum_i p_{iT})$$

- Normalization in $f_W(\dots)$ requiring that $P_{\text{coal}}=1$ at $p=0$
- The charm that does not coalesce undergo fragmentation



Heavy flavour: Resonance decay

Meson	Mass(MeV)	I (J)	Decay modes	B.R.
$D^+ = \bar{d}c$	1869	$\frac{1}{2}$ (0)		
$D^0 = \bar{u}c$	1865	$\frac{1}{2}$ (0)		
$D_s^+ = \bar{s}c$	2011	0 (0)		
Resonances				
D^{*+}	2010	$\frac{1}{2}$ (1)	$D^0\pi^+$; D^+X	68%,32%
D^{*0}	2007	$\frac{1}{2}$ (1)	$D^0\pi^0$; $D^0\gamma$	62%,38%
D_s^{*+}	2112	0 (1)	D_s^+X	100%
Baryon				
$\Lambda_c^+ = udc$	2286	0 ($\frac{1}{2}$)		
$\Xi_c^+ = usc$	2467	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$)		
$\Xi_c^0 = dsc$	2470	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$)		
$\Omega_c^0 = ssc$	2695	0 ($\frac{1}{2}$)		
Resonances				
Λ_c^+	2595	0 ($\frac{1}{2}$)	$\Lambda_c^+\pi^+\pi^-$	100%
Λ_c^+	2625	0 ($\frac{3}{2}$)	$\Lambda_c^+\pi^+\pi^-$	100%
Σ_c^+	2455	1 ($\frac{1}{2}$)	$\Lambda_c^+\pi$	100%
Σ_c^+	2520	1 ($\frac{3}{2}$)	$\Lambda_c^+\pi$	100%
$\Xi_c^{\prime+0}$	2578	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$)	$\Xi_c^{+0}\gamma$	100%
Ξ_c^+	2645	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{3}{2}$)	$\Xi_c^+\pi^-$,	100%
Ξ_c^+	2790	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{1}{2}$)	$\Xi_c^{\prime+}\pi$,	100%
Ξ_c^+	2815	$\frac{1}{2}$ ($\frac{3}{2}$)	$\Xi_c^{\prime+}\pi$,	100%
Ω_c^0	2770	0 ($\frac{3}{2}$)	$\Omega_c^0\gamma$,	100%

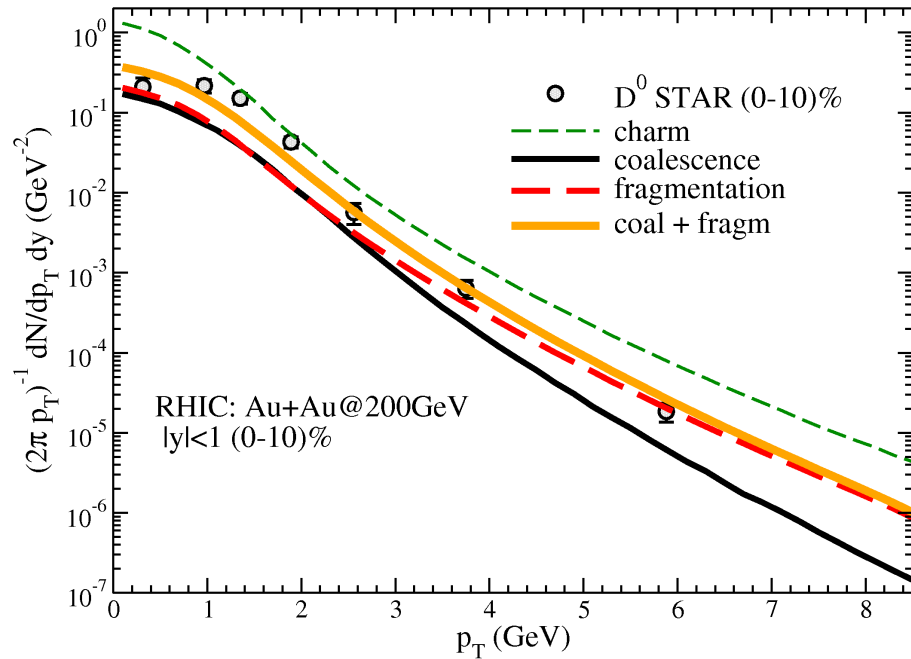
In our calculations we take into account hadronic channels including the ground states + first excited states

Statistical factor suppression for resonances

$$\frac{[(2J+1)(2I+1)]_{H^*}}{[(2J+1)(2I+1)]_H} \left(\frac{m_{H^*}}{m_H}\right)^{3/2} e^{-(m_{H^*}-m_H)/T}$$

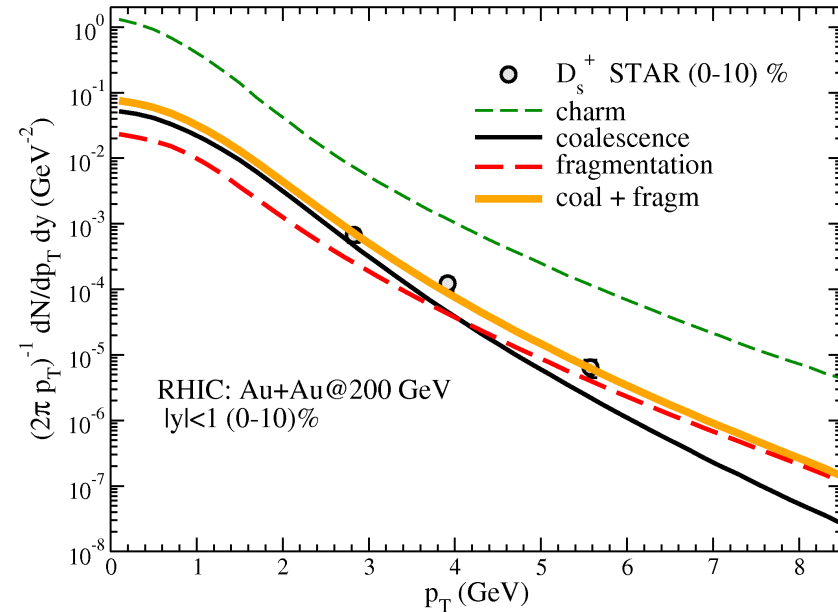
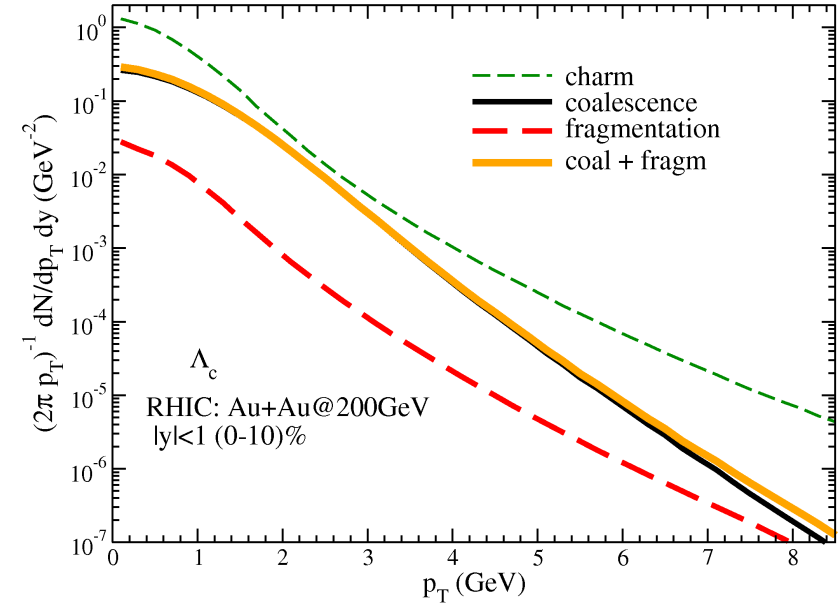
RHIC: results

S. Plumari, V. Minissale et al., *Eur. Phys. J. C* **78** no. 4, (2018) 348



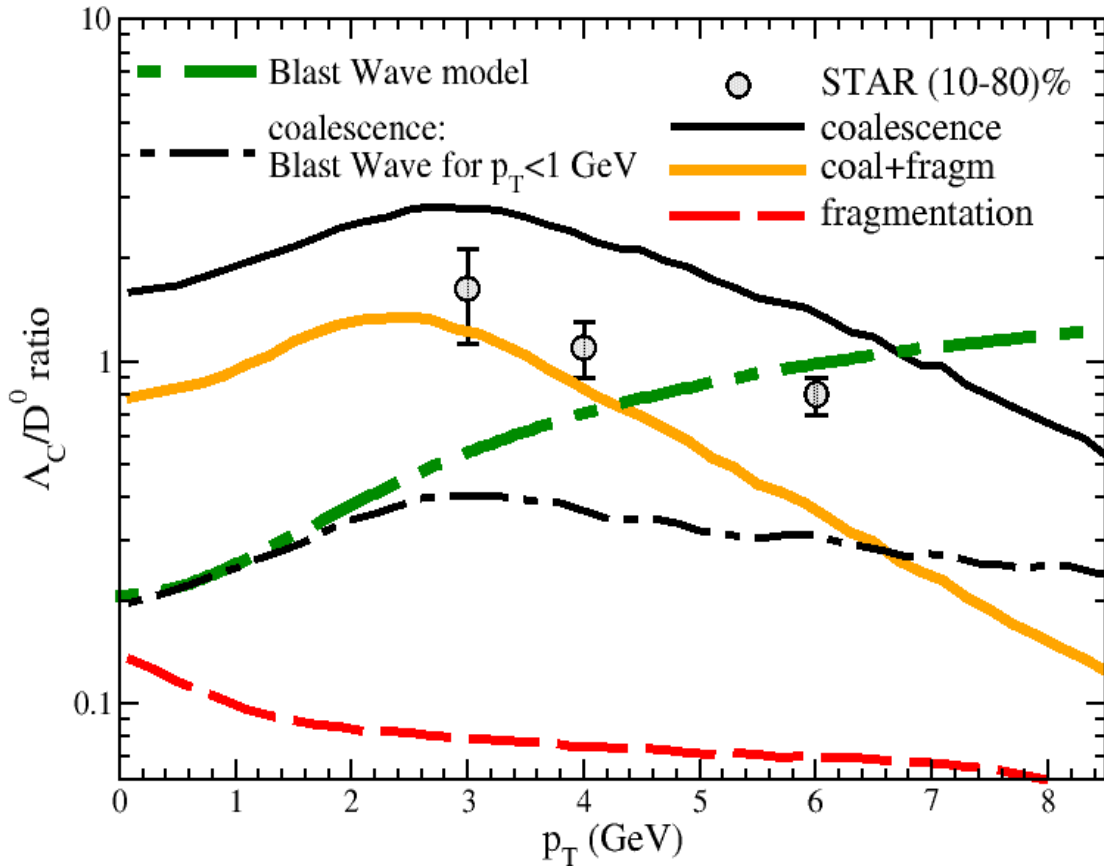
Data from STAR Coll. PRL **113** (2014) no.14, 142301

- For D^0 coalescence and fragmentation comparable at 2 GeV
- fragmentation fraction for D_s^+ are small and less than about 8% of produced total heavy hadrons
- Λ_c^+ fragmentation is even more smaller, coalescence gives the dominant contribution



RHIC: Baryon/meson

STAR, Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 (2020) 17, 172301



Compared to light baryon/meson ratio the Λ_c/D^0 ratio has a larger width (flatter)

More flatter \rightarrow should coalescence extend to higher p_T ? Indication also in light sector

V. Minissale, F. Scardina, V. Greco *PRC* **92**,054904 (2015)

Cho, Sun, Ko et al., *PRC* **101** (2020) 2, 024909

Needed data at low p_T

Elliptic Flow – Quark Number Scaling

Fourier expansion of the azimuthal distribution

$$f(\varphi, p_T) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T) \cos n\varphi$$

momentum anisotropy in the transverse plane

$n=2$ Elliptic flow

coalescence brings to

$$v_{2,M}(p_T) \approx 2v_{2,q}(p_T/2)$$
$$v_{2,B}(p_T) \approx 3v_{2,q}(p_T/3)$$

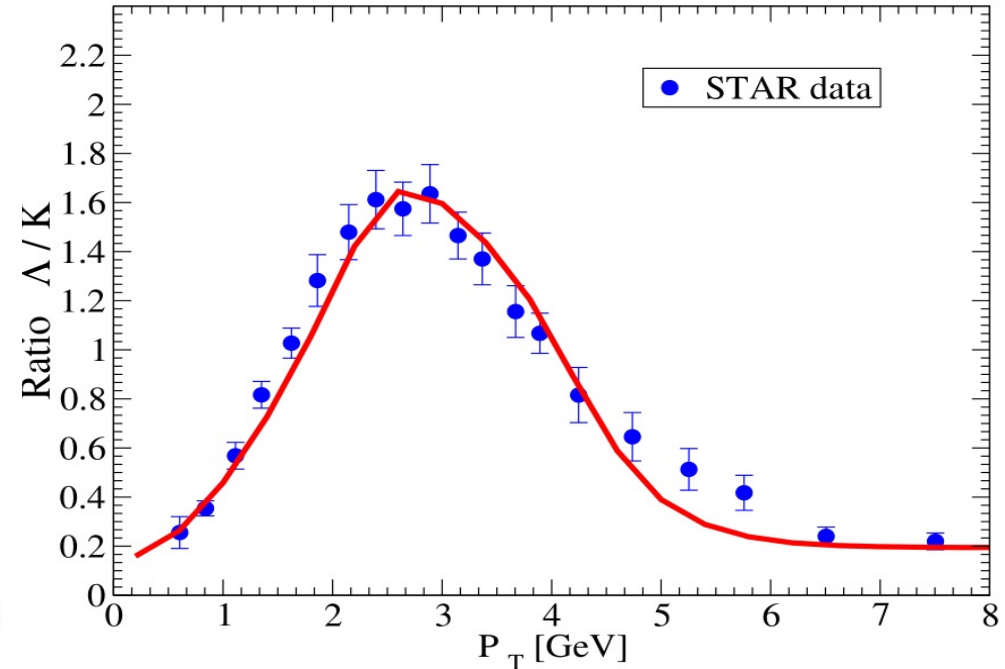
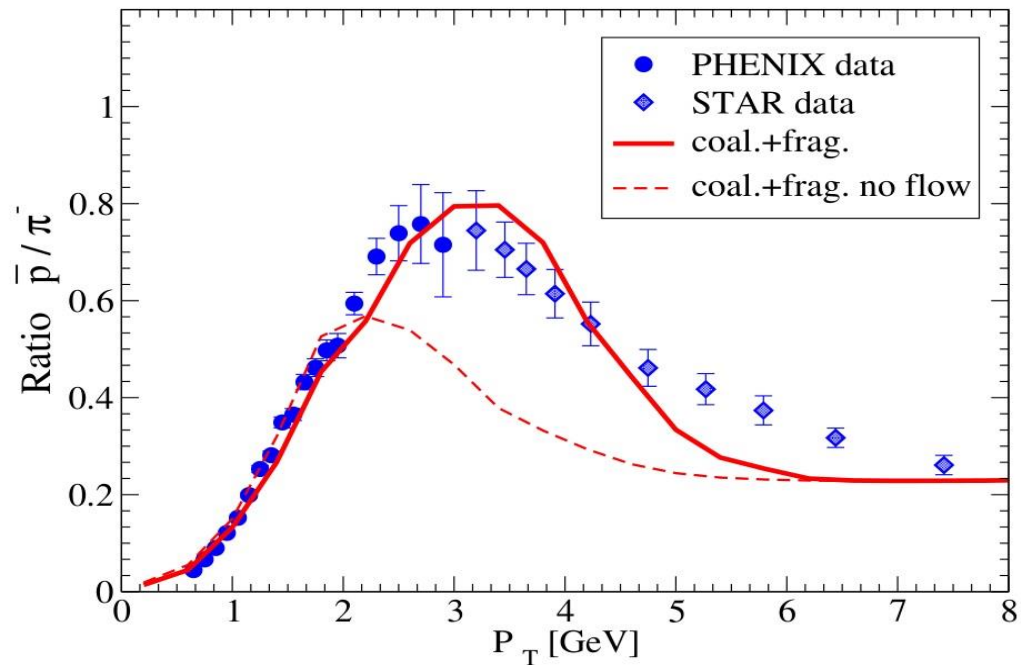
Partonic
elliptic flow

Hadronic
elliptic flow

Assumption

- one dimensional
- Dirac delta for Wigner function
- isotropic radial flow
- not including resonance effect

Baryon to meson ratio at RHIC



- coalescence naturally predict a baryon/meson enhancement in the region $p_T \approx 2-4\text{GeV}$ with respect to pp collisions
- Lack of baryon yield in the region $p_T \approx 5-7\text{GeV}$

Relativistic Boltzmann transport at finite η/s

Bulk evolution

$$\underbrace{p^\mu \partial_\mu f_{q,g}(x,p)}_{\text{free-streaming}} + \underbrace{M(x) \partial_\mu^x M(x) \partial_p^\mu f_{q,g}(x,p)}_{\text{field interaction } \varepsilon-3p \neq 0} = \underbrace{C_{22}[f_{q,g}]}_{\text{collisions } \eta \neq 0}$$

Heavy quark evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_Q(x,p) = C[f_q, f_g, f_Q]$$

- Describes the evolution of the one body distribution function $f(x,p)$
- It is valid to study the evolution of both bulk and Heavy quarks
- Possible to include $f(x,p)$ out of equilibrium

