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Quark coalescence from RHIC to LHC

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In a coalescence plus independent fragmentation approach we calculate the p_T spectra of the main hadrons π , K , p , \bar{p} , Λ , ϕ in a wide range of transverse momentum from low p_T up to about 10 GeV.

We show that the approach correctly predicts the evolution of the p_T spectra from RHIC to LHC energy and in particular the baryon-to-meson ratios p/π , \bar{p}/π , Λ/K that reach a peak value of the order of unit at $p_T \sim 3$ GeV, while p/ϕ remains nearly constant showing the mass against the quark number effect in the coalescence process.

Recombination of minijet partons with the partons from the QGP is also included and plays a role at $p_T \sim 2-5$ GeV where the baryon to meson anomaly is observed experimentally.

The more recent availability of experimental data up to $p_T \sim 10$ GeV for the spectra as well as for p/π , \bar{p}/π , Λ/K ratios allows to spot some lack of yield in a limited p_T range around 6 GeV.

Finally, we discuss also the origin of a significant breaking of the quark number scaling of the elliptic flow v_2 .

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