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# Heavy hadrons production by coalescence plus fragmentation in AA collisions at RHIC and LHC

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# Outline

## □ Hadronization:

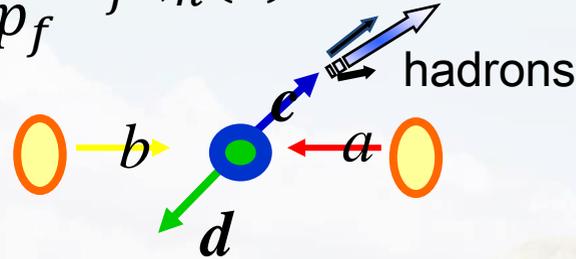
- Fragmentation
- Coalescence model

## □ Results:

- $\Lambda_c$  and D mesons spectra for RHIC and LHC energies
- $\Lambda_c/D^0$  ratio
- Bottom

# Heavy flavour Hadronization: Fragmentation

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



The distribution function is evaluated at the Fixed-Order plus Next-to-Leading-Log (FONLL)

M. Cacciari, P. Nason, R. Vogt, PRL 95 (2005) 122001

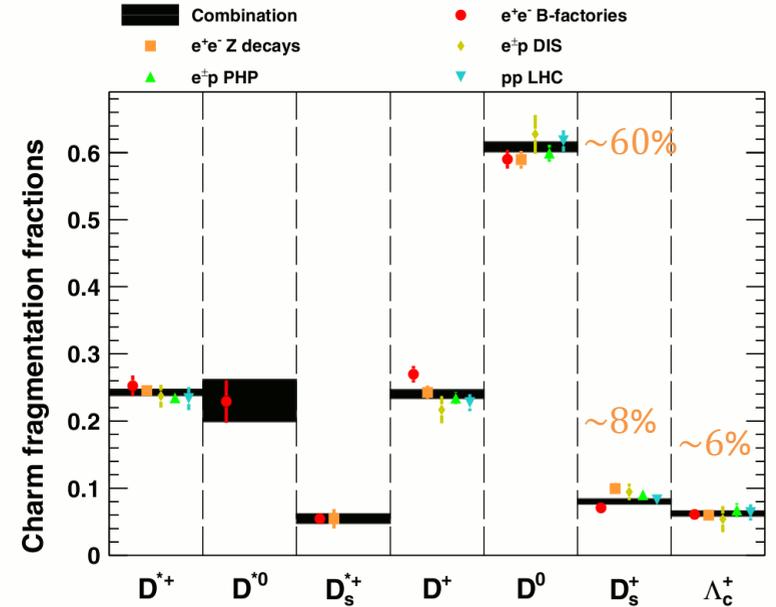
We use the Peterson fragmentation function

C. Peterson, D. Schaller, I. Schmitt, P.M. Zerwas PRD 27 (1983) 105

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

The parameter  $\epsilon$  for fixed by  $pp$ ,  $e^+e^-$  collisions as done in S.K. Das et al, PRD94 (2016) no.11, 114039.

Measurement in  $e^\pm p$ ,  $pp$  and  $e^+e^-$  are in agreement within uncertainties: fragmentation at most independent of the specific production process/collisions data



M. Lisovsky, et al. EPJ C76 (2016) no.7, 397

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

**3 and 2 times smaller respect to the one expected from thermal models**

A. Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. B571, 36 (2003)

I. Kuznetsova, J. Rafelski, EPJ C51, 113 (2007)

# Relativistic Boltzmann transport at finite $\eta/s$

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

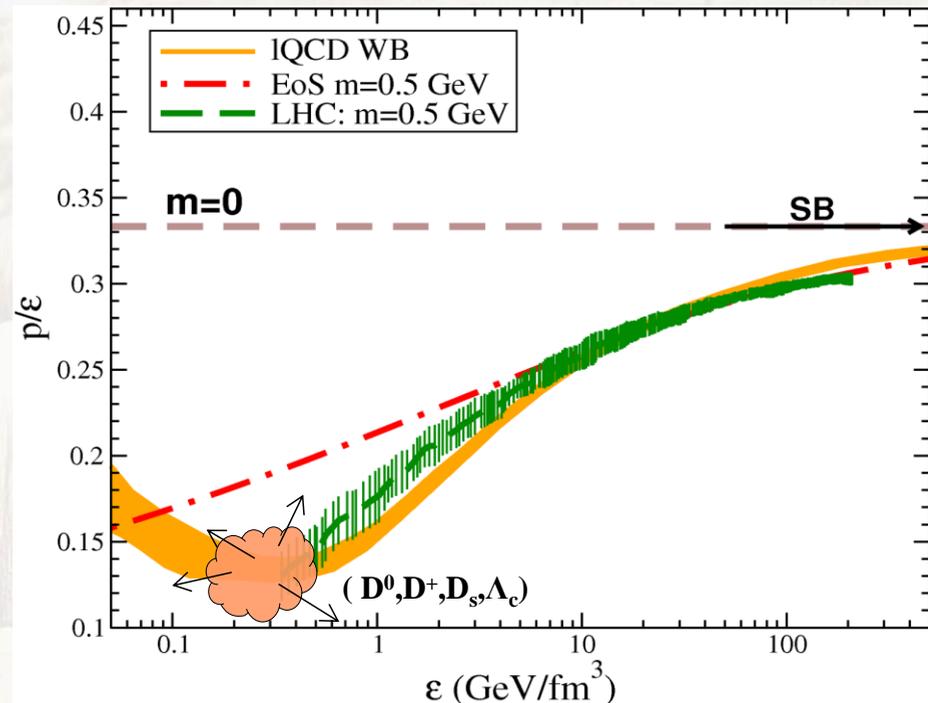
■ Describes the evolution of the one body distribution function  $f(x, p)$

■ It is valid to study the evolution of both bulk and Heavy quarks

■ Possible to include  $f(x, p)$  out of equilibrium

$$C_{22} = \int d^3 k [\omega(p+k, k) f(p+k) - \omega(p, k) f(p)]$$

$$\omega(p, k) = \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} f'(q) v_{rel} \sigma_{p, q \rightarrow p-k, q+k}$$



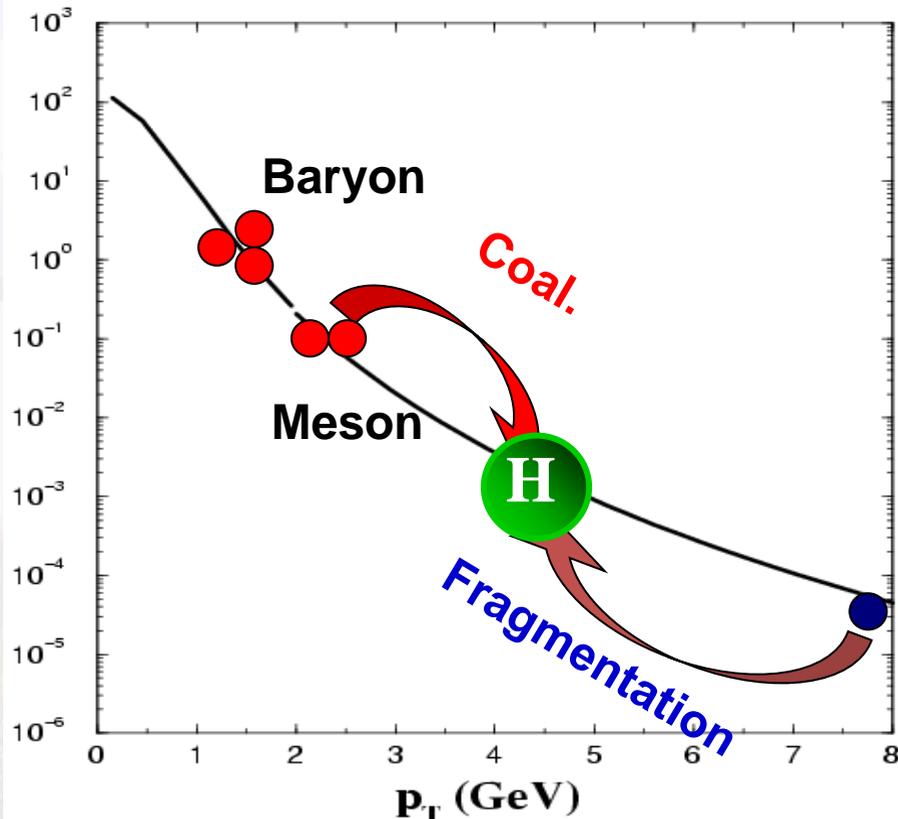
# Hadronization: Coalescence

Statistical factor  
colour-spin-isospin

Parton Distribution  
function

Hadron Wigner  
function

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



Used to describe first observations on light hadrons baryon/meson ratio and elliptic flow splitting at RHIC, more than a decade ago.

V. Greco, C.M. Ko, P. Levai PRL 90, 202302 (2003)

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charm distribution function at mid-rapidity from parton simulations solving Boltzmann transport eq. that give good description of both  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2(p_T)$  from RHIC to LHC energies.

The width parameters  $\sigma$  in  $f_W(\dots)$  fixed by the root-mean-square charge radius as predicted by quark models

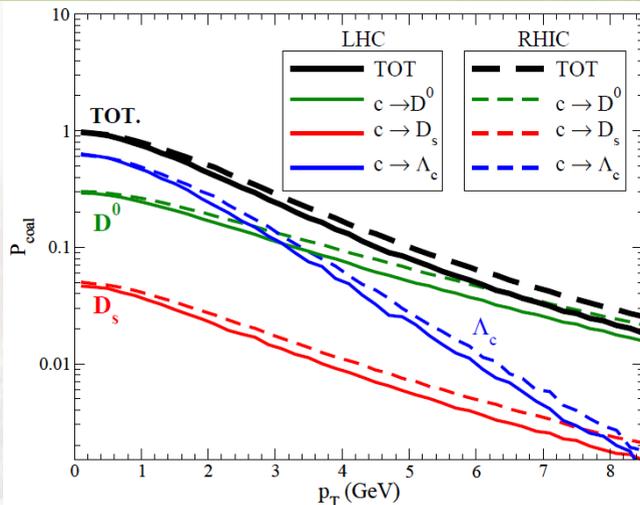
C.-W. Hwang, EPJ C23, 585 (2002).

C. Albertus et al., NPA 740, 333 (2004)

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{D^+} = 0.184 \text{ fm}^2; \langle r^2 \rangle_{D_s^+} = 0.124 \text{ fm}^2;$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\Lambda_c^+} = 0.152 \text{ fm}^2$$

Normalization in  $f_W(\dots)$  fixed by requiring that  $P_{coal} = 1$  for  $p=0$



# Heavy flavour: Resonance decay

In our calculations we take into account main hadronic channels, including the ground states and the first excited states for D and  $\Lambda_c$

## MESONS

- $D^+$  ( $l=1/2, J=0$ )
- $D^0$  ( $l=1/2, J=0$ )
- $D_s^+$  ( $l=0, J=0$ )

## Resonances

- $D^{*+}$  ( $l=1/2, J=1$ )  $\rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$  B.R. 68%  
 $\rightarrow D^+ X$  B.R. 32%
- $D^{*0}$  ( $l=1/2, J=1$ )  $\rightarrow D^0 \pi^0$  B.R. 62%  
 $\rightarrow D^0 \gamma$  B.R. 38%
- $D_s^{*+}$  ( $l=0, J=1$ )  $\rightarrow D_s^+ X$  B.R. 100%
- $D_{s0}^{*+}$  ( $l=0, J=0$ )  $\rightarrow D_s^+ X$  B.R. 100%

## Statistical factor

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

## BARYONS

- $\Lambda_c^+$  ( $l=0, J=1/2$ )

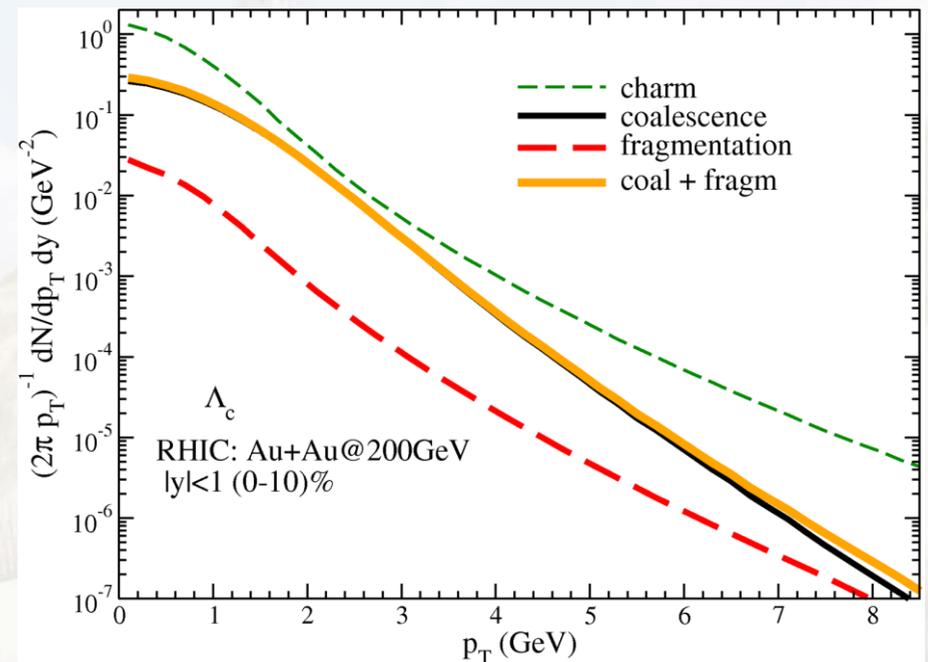
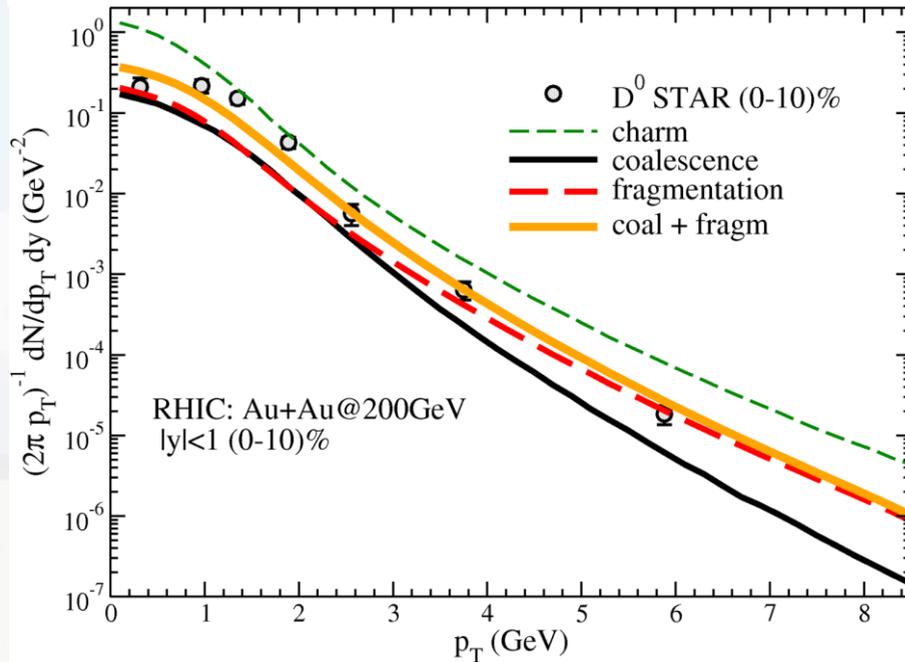
## Resonances

- $\Lambda_c^+(2595)$  ( $l=0, J=1/2$ )  $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$  B.R. 100%
- $\Lambda_c^+(2625)$  ( $l=0, J=3/2$ )  $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$  B.R. 100%
- $\Sigma_c^+(2455)$  ( $l=1, J=1/2$ )  $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi$  B.R. 100%
- $\Sigma_c^+(2520)$  ( $l=1, J=3/2$ )  $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi$  B.R. 100%

# RHIC: results

*S. Plumari, V. Minissale et al., Eur. Phys. J. C78 no. 4, (2018) 348*

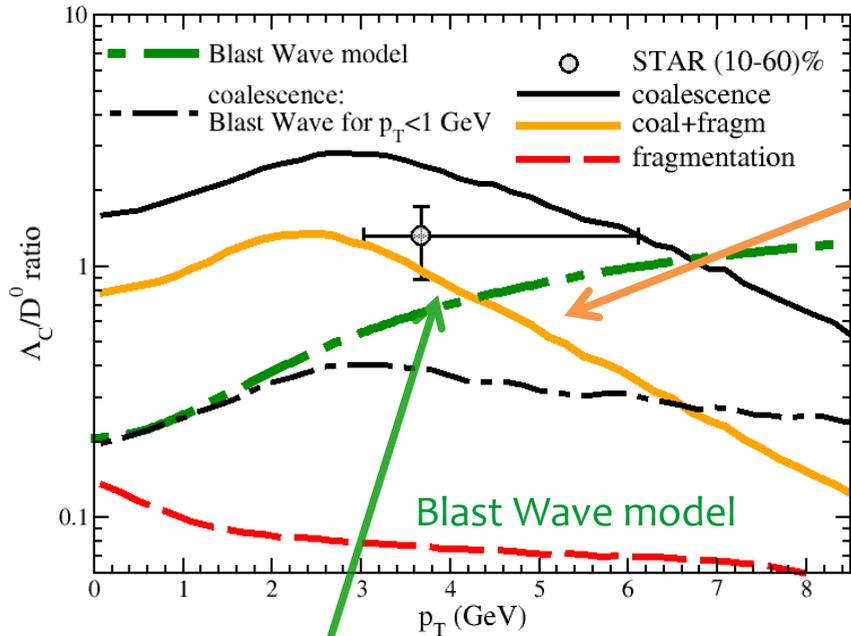
Data from STAR Coll. PRL 113 (2014) no.14, 142301



- For  $D^0$  coalescence and fragmentation comparable at 2 GeV
- $\Lambda_c^+$  fragmentation is even more smaller, coalescence gives the dominant contribution

# RHIC: Baryon/meson

Data from STAR Coll., L. Zhou, Nucl. Phys. A967, 620 (2017).



Following:

L.W.Chen, C.M. Ko, W. Liu, M. Nielsen, PRC 76, 014906 (2007).

K.-J. Sun, L.-W. Chen, PRC 95, 044905 (2017).

For hypersurface of proper time  $\tau$  and non relativistic limit:

$$\text{for } p_T \ll m \quad \frac{\Lambda_c^+}{D^0} \propto \frac{g_\Lambda}{g_D} \left( \frac{m_T^\Lambda}{m_T^D} \right) e^{-(m^\Lambda - m^D)/T_C \mu_2}$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{m_3(m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

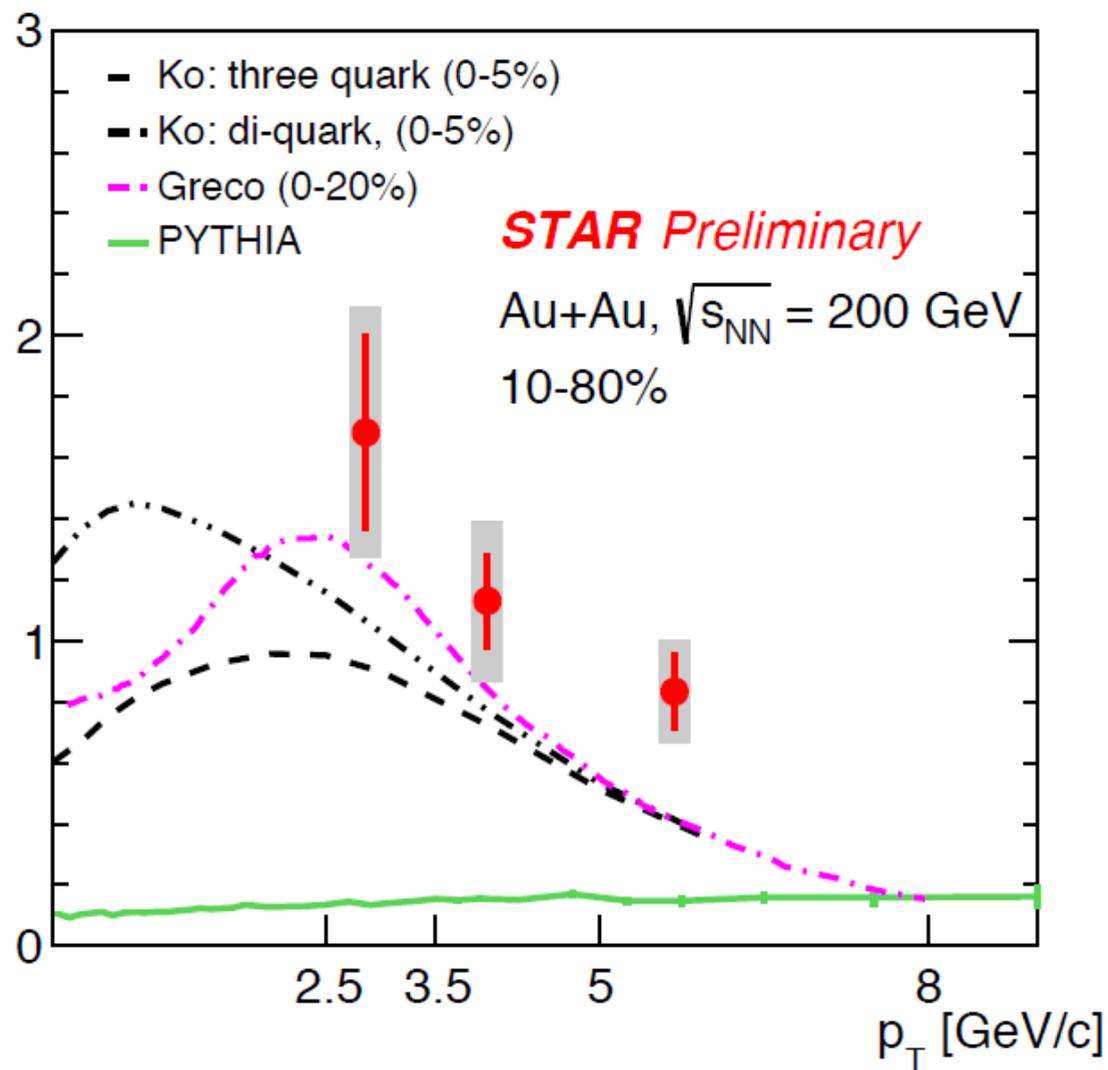
Is the reduced mass of the baryon

## Blast Wave model:

$$\frac{\Lambda_c^+}{D^0} = \frac{g_\Lambda m_T^\Lambda K_1(m_T^\Lambda/T_C)}{g_D m_T^D K_1(m_T^D/T_C)}$$

$$\text{for } p_T \ll m \quad \approx \frac{g_\Lambda}{g_D} \left( \frac{m_T^\Lambda}{m_T^D} \right)^{1/2} e^{-(m^\Lambda - m^D)/T_C} \approx 0.17$$

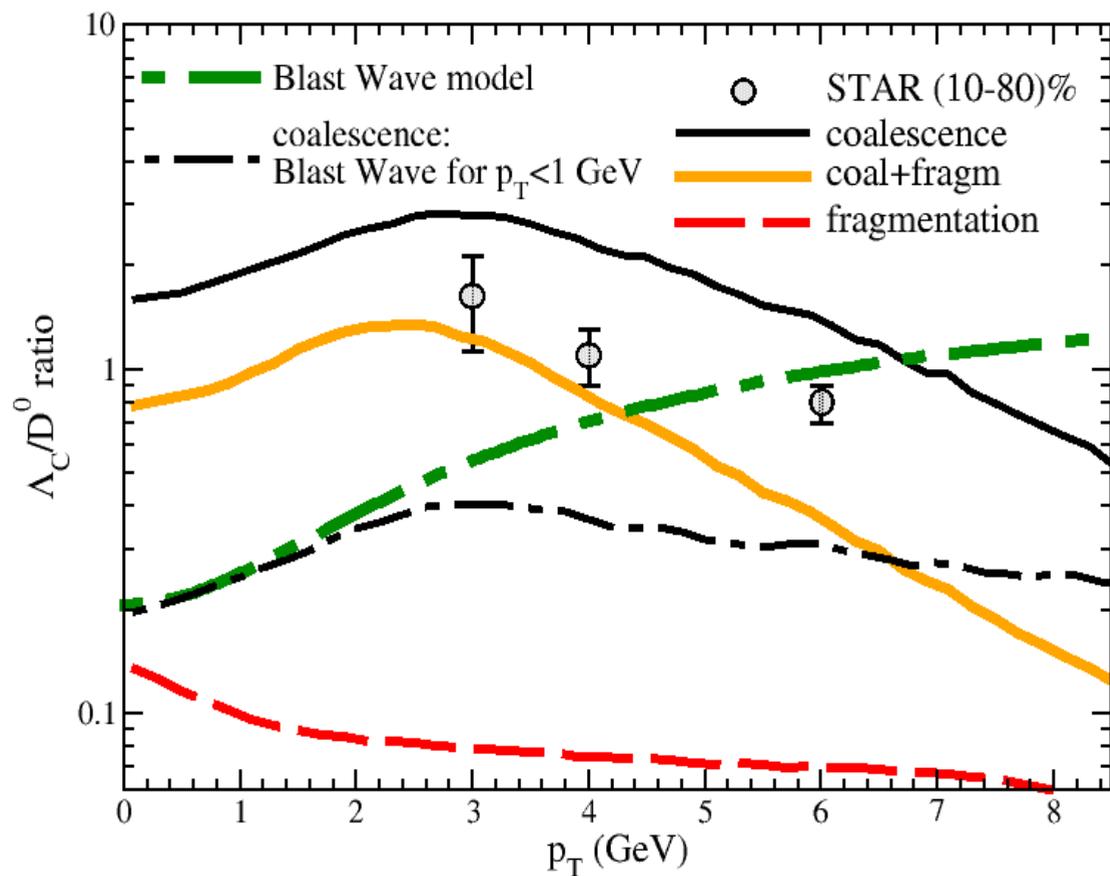
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**QM2018 New data from STAR...**



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## QM2018 New data from STAR

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

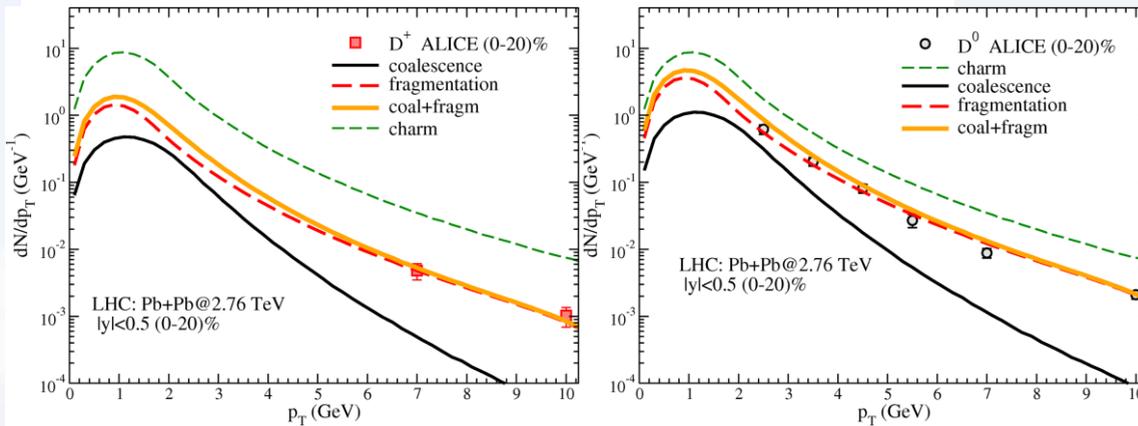
V. Minissale, F. Scardina, V. Greco PRC 92, 054904 (2015)

Needed data at low  $p_T$

# LHC: results

wave function widths  $\sigma_p$  of baryon and mesons are the same at RHIC and LHC!

Data from ALICE Coll. JHEP 1209 (2012) 112



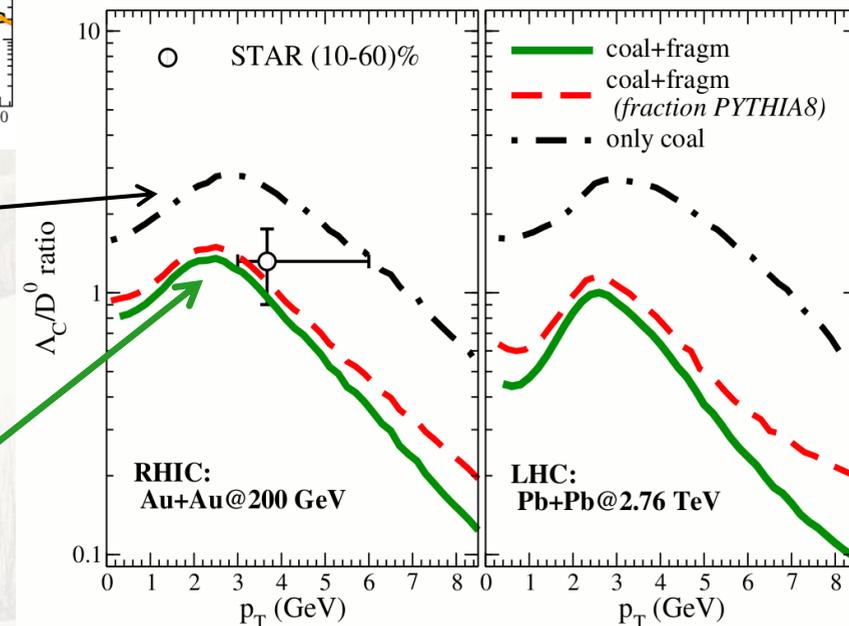
Coalescence lower than at RHIC  $\rightarrow$  main contribution from Fragmentation

Only Coalescence ratio is similar at both energies.

Fragmentation  $\sim 0.09$  at both energies.

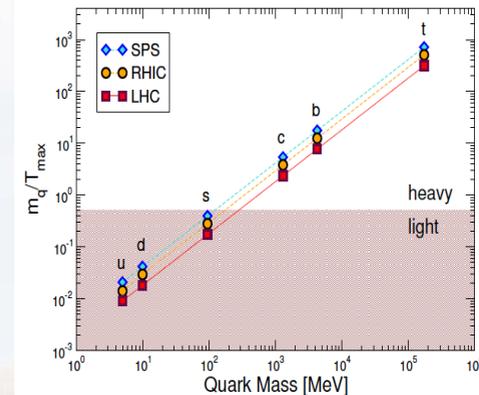
the **combined ratio is different** because the coalescence over fragmentation ratio at LHC is smaller than at RHIC

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



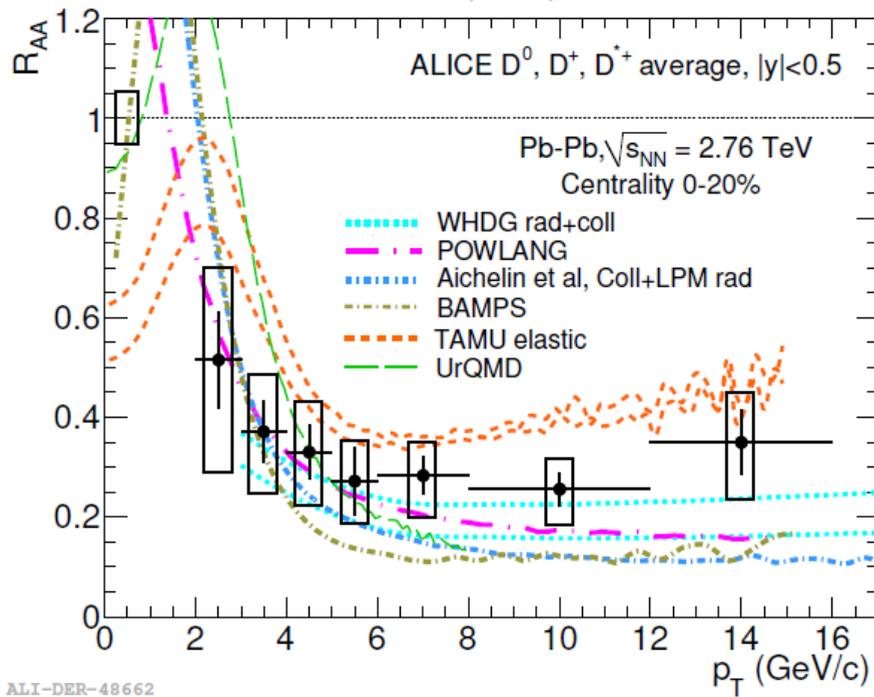
# Specific of Heavy Quarks

- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  produced by pQCD process (out of equilibrium)
- $m_{c,b} \gg T_0$  no thermal production
- $\tau_0 \ll \tau_{\text{QGP}}$  probes all the QGP life time



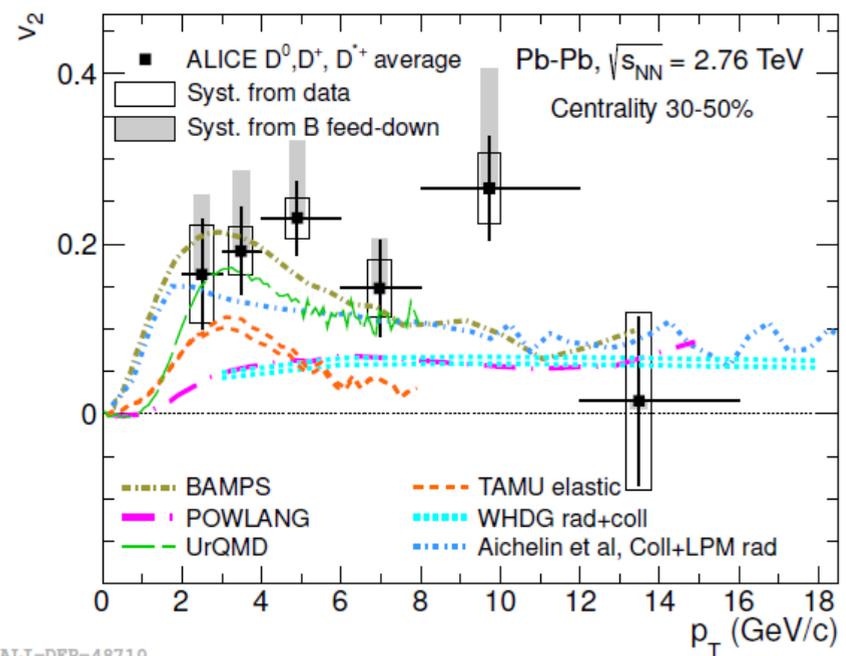
Simultaneous description of  $R_{\text{AA}}$  and  $v_2$  is a tough challenge for all models

JHEP 1209 (2012) 112



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arXiv:1305.2707



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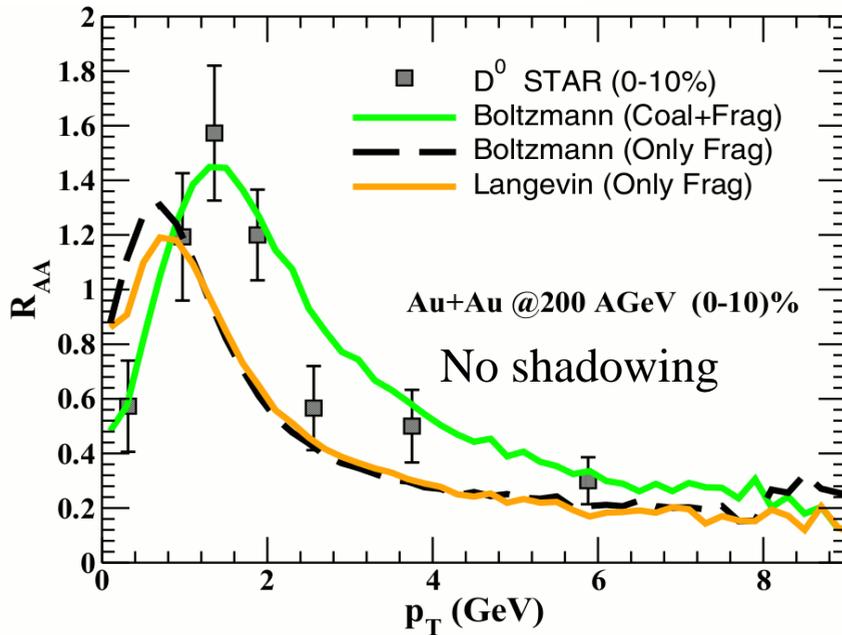
# BEFORE THE STUDY OF $\Lambda_c / D^0$ (early 2017)

Charmed hadrons production given by D mesons

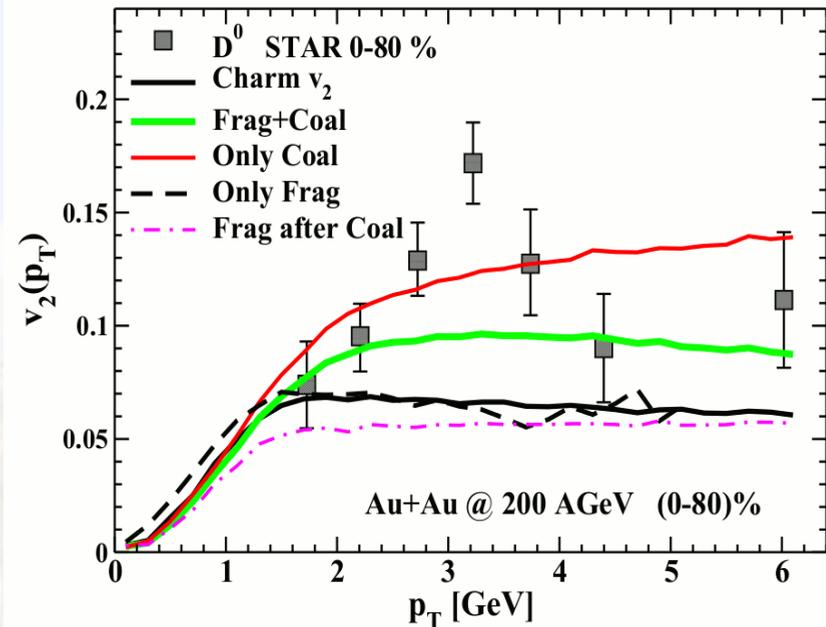
*F. Scardina, S. K. Das, V. Minissale, S. Plumari, V. Greco, PRC96 (2017) no.4, 044905*

# RHIC results: $R_{AA} - v_2$

## Without $\Lambda_c$ production



Data from STAR Coll. PRL 118, 212301 (2017)

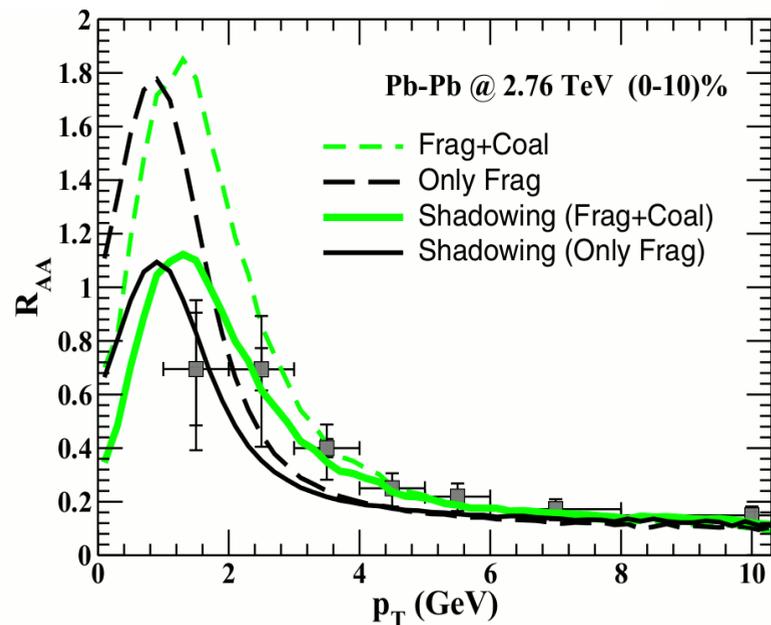


- In 0-10% coalescence implies an increase of the  $R_{AA}$  for  $p_T > 1$  GeV.
- The impact of coalescence decreases with  $p_T$  and fragmentation is dominant at high  $p_T$ .
- In 0-80% the  $v_2(p_T)$  due to only coalescence increase a factor 2 compared to the  $v_2(p_T)$  charm.
- In 0-80% coalescence+fragmentation give a good description of exp. data

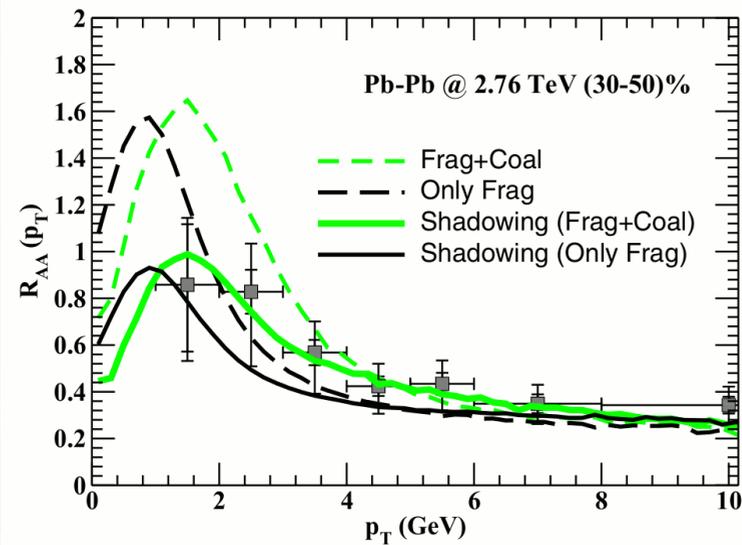
**Opposite to energy loss Coalescence brings up both  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$**

# LHC results: $R_{AA} - v_2$

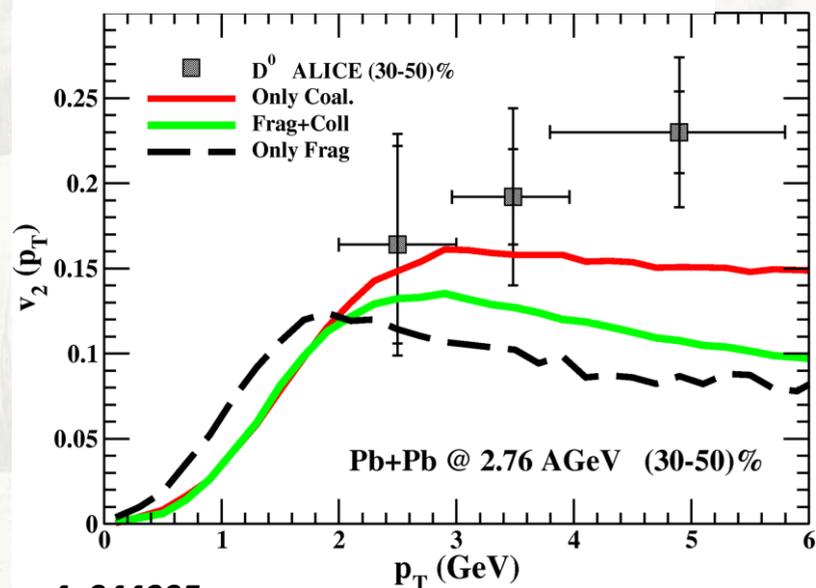
Data from ALICE Coll. JHEP 03 (2016) 081



- At LHC the coalescence implies an increasing of the  $R_{AA}$  for  $p_T > 1$  GeV similar to RHIC energies.
- At LHC the effect of coalescence is less significant than RHIC energy.
- Due to hadronization D meson  $v_2(p_T)$  get an enhancement of about 20% respect to charm  $v_2(p_T)$ .
- Hadronic rescattering can increase by 15%  $v_2$



Data from ALICE Coll. PRC 90, 034904 (2014)



## AFTER THE STUDY OF $\Lambda_c / D^0$ (late 2017)

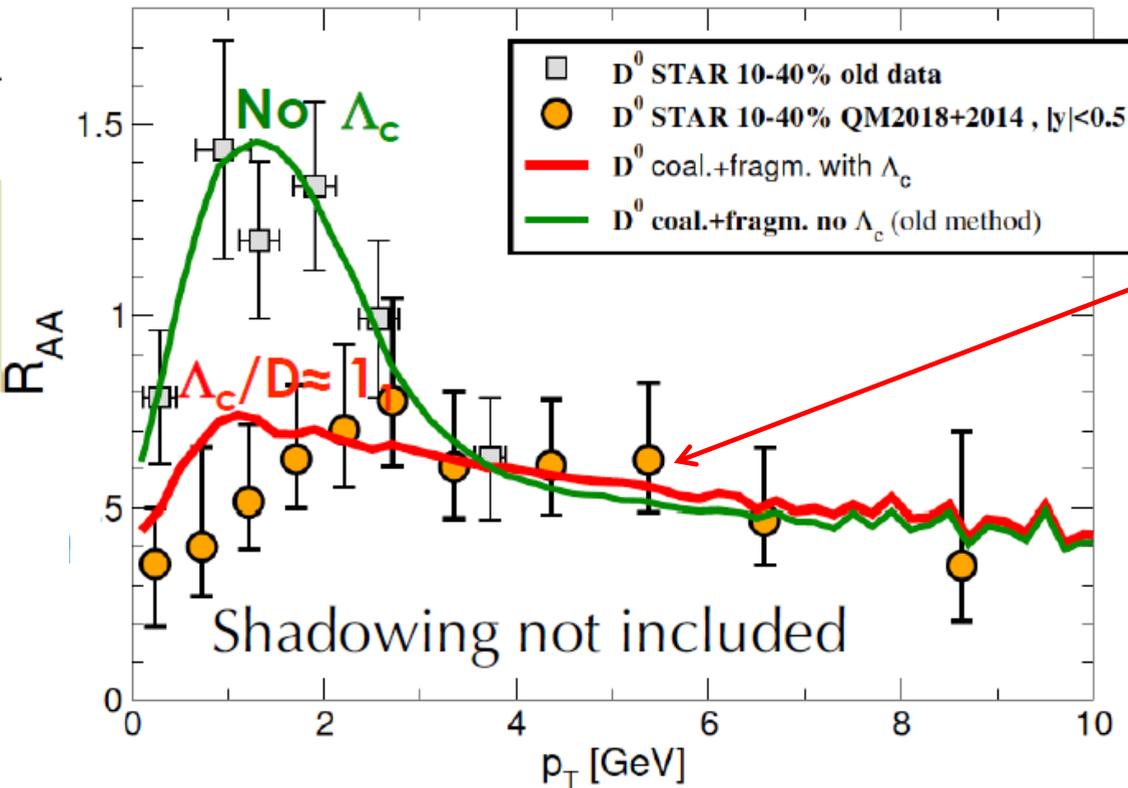
*Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.4, 348*

Charmed hadrons production given by D mesons  
and  $\Lambda_c$

Consequences:  $D^0$   $R_{AA}$  dumped at low  $p_T$

# RHIC results: $R_{AA}$

RHIC Au-Au @200 GeV ,  $b=7.5$  fm



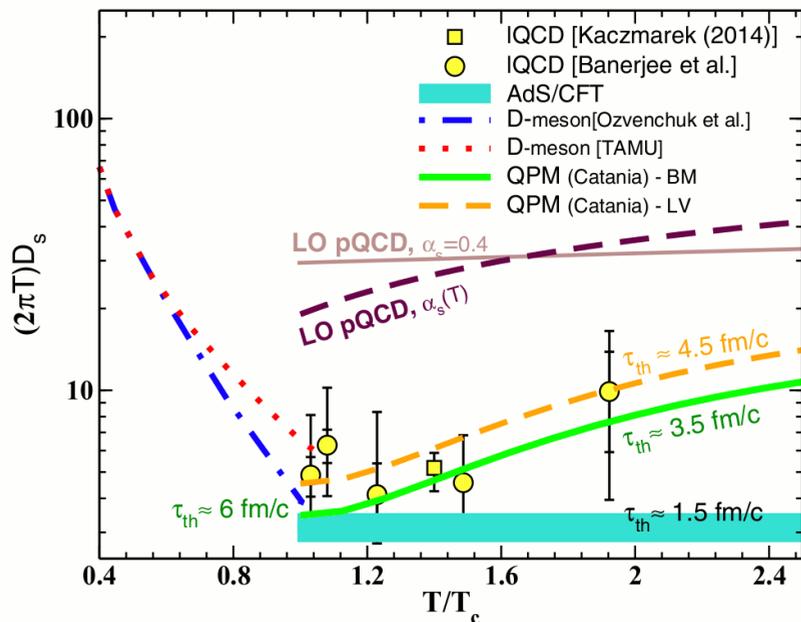
**New STAR data in QM2018**

- Big effect at RHIC where coalescence dominates
- Smaller but still significant also at LHC

$R_{AA}$  of  $D^0$  decreases because part of charm quark makes coalescence in charmed Lambdas, while in  $pp$  charm quarks fragment mainly in  $D$  mesons

# Bottomed hadrons

F. Scardina, S. K. Das, V. Minissale, S. Plumari, V. Greco, PRC96 (2017) no.4, 044905.



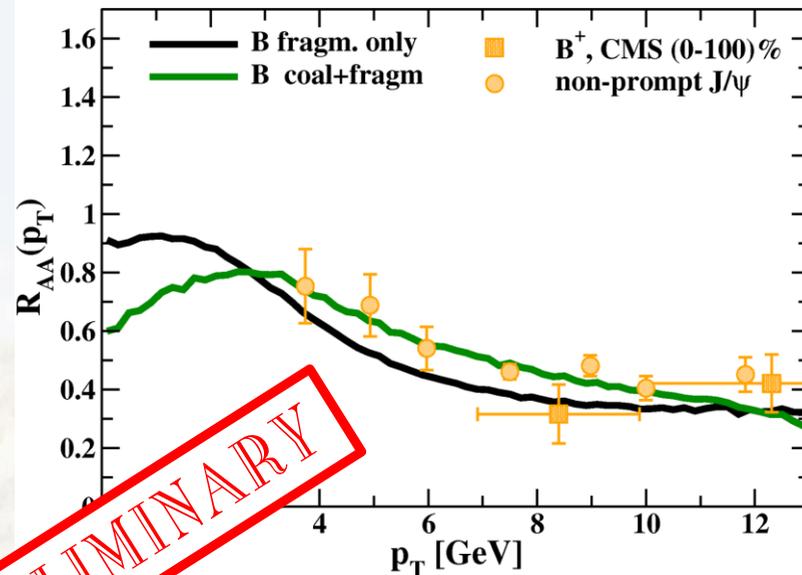
**Extended to study B quarks:**

Within current uncertainties B and D can be explained with the same underlying model which imply also a very similar  $D_s$

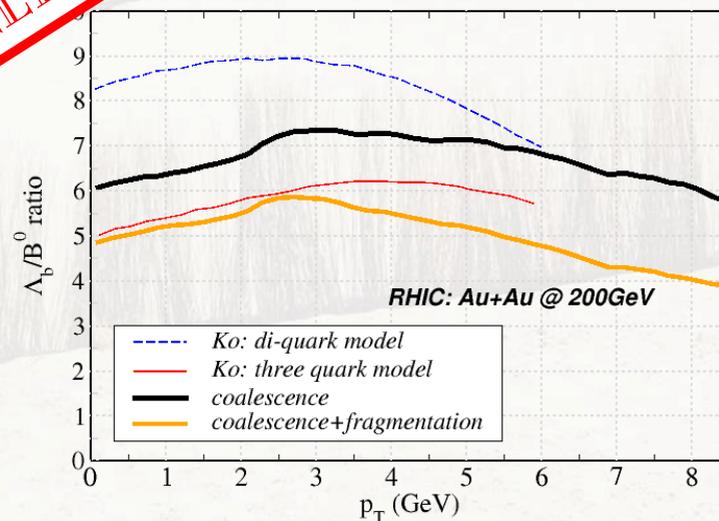
$\Lambda_b / B^0$  including  $\Sigma_b$  resonances as in Oh, Ko et al., Phys.Rev. C 79, 044905 (2009)

**ATTENTION:** sensible to the presence of other possible resonances

LHC Pb-Pb @2.76 TeV, (30-50)%



**PRELIMINARY**



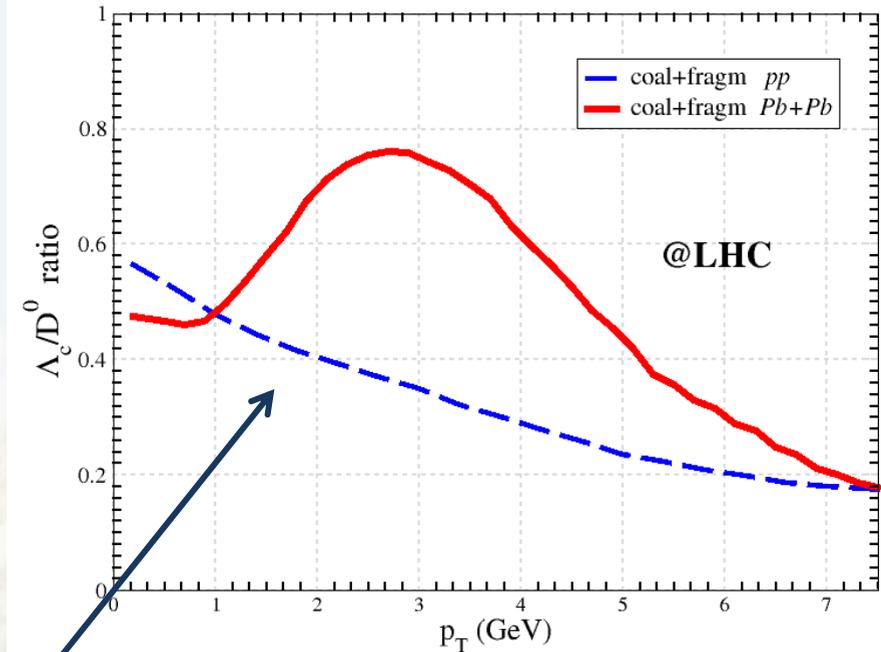
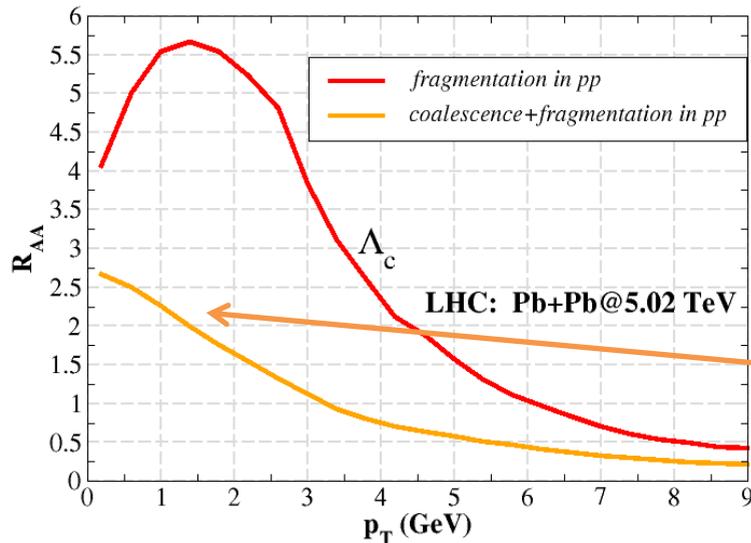
# A provocation?

Common consensus of *possible* presence of QGP in smaller system.

What if:

**Assuming QGP formation also in *pp* ?**

What *coalescence+fragmentation* predicts in this case?



- No peak in  $\Lambda_c / D^0$  ratio
- Big effect on  $\Lambda_c R_{AA}$  (sensible because of really small *pp* fragmentation production) → different behaviour especially at low momenta

# Conclusions

- Good agreement with experimental data of  $D^0$ ,  $D^+$  mesons spectra
- $\Lambda_c$  production at intermediate  $p_T$  dominant role of coalescence mechanism:  $\Lambda_c/D^0 \sim 1.5$  for  $p_T \sim 3$  GeV with Coal.+fragm. Model
- Effect of  $\Lambda_c$  production on  $D^0 R_{AA}$
- Extension to study  $\Lambda_b$  and  $B^0$  spectra and their ratio

THANK YOU



A background image showing a red lighthouse situated on a grassy dune. The lighthouse is partially obscured by the text box. The foreground is dominated by rows of tall, thin grasses growing on the dune. The sky is light blue with some white clouds.

# Backup Slides

# Elliptic Flow – Quark Number Scaling

Fourier expansion of the azimuthal distribution

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

n=2 Elliptic flow

momentum anisotropy in the transverse plane

coalescence brings to

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

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

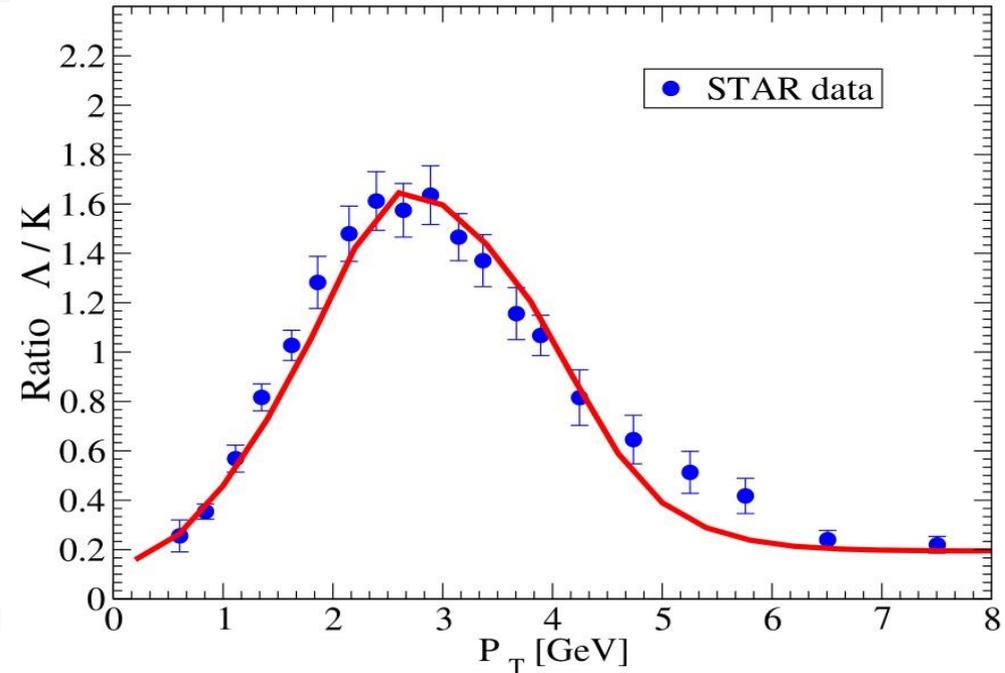
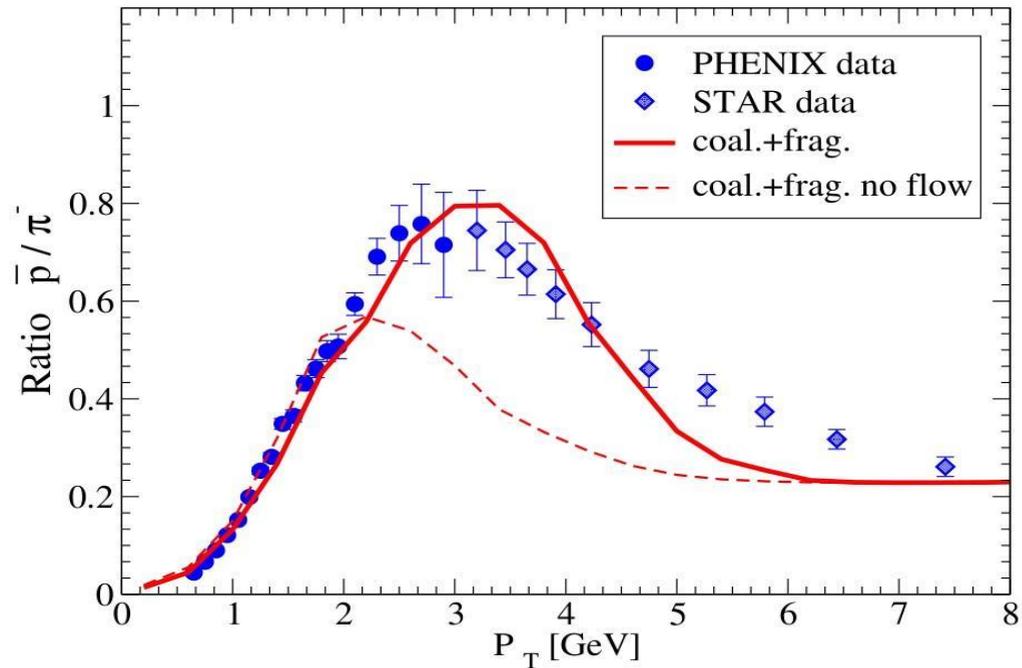
Partonic  
elliptic flow

Hadronic  
elliptic flow

Assumption

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

# Baryon to meson ratio at RHIC



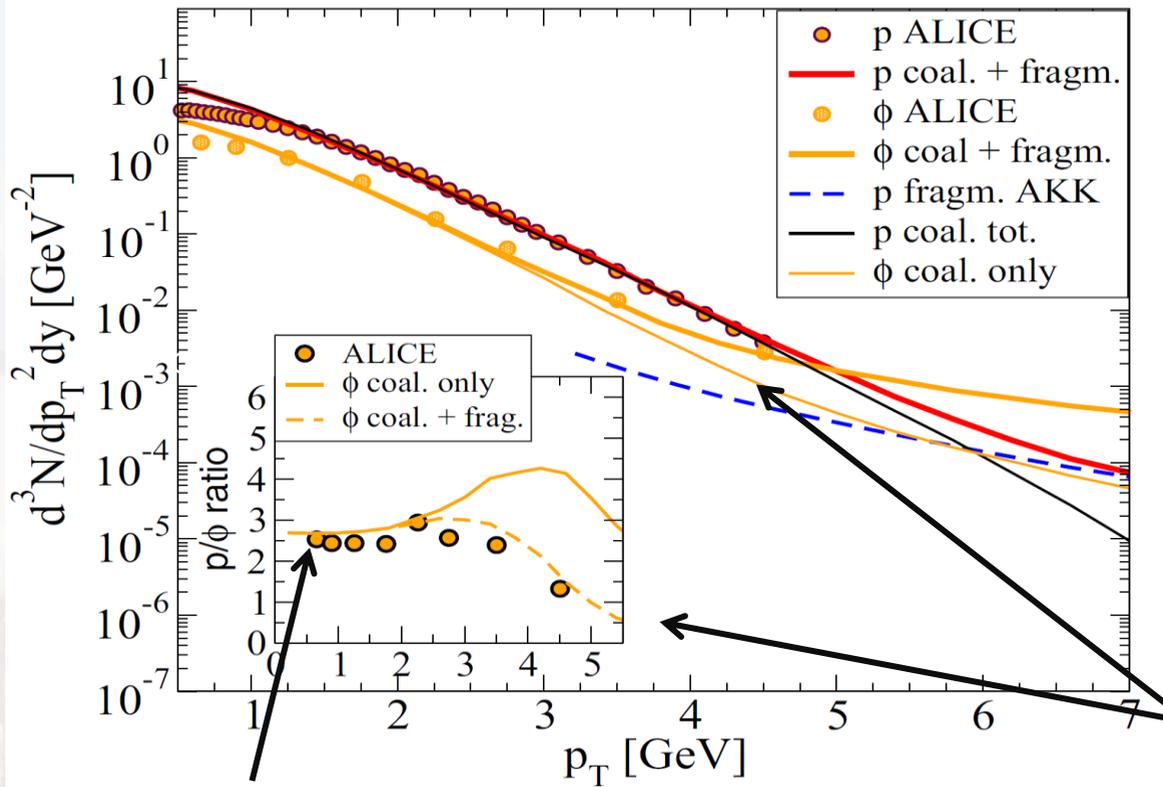
- ✓ coalescence naturally predict a baryon/meson enhancement in the region  $p_T \approx 2-4$  GeV with respect to  $pp$  collisions
- ✓ Lack of baryon yield in the region  $p_T \approx 5-7$  GeV

# LHC: $\phi$ meson

Discussed question for long time:

$\phi$  meson behaviour  $\rightarrow$  meson-like or mass effect

Coalescence predicts a similar slope for  $\phi$  and p.



**Proton** is a combination of 3 quarks flowing each with a mass of about 330 MeV and  $\phi$  is composed by 2 quarks flowing each with a mass of about 550 MeV

Missing fragmentation  
Contribution usually  
half of the yield at  $p_T \approx 4$  GeV

Soft part same  
slope  $\phi$  and p

# Summary on the build-up of $v_2$ at $\approx$ fixed RAA

