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# Flavor hierarchy of jet quenching in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

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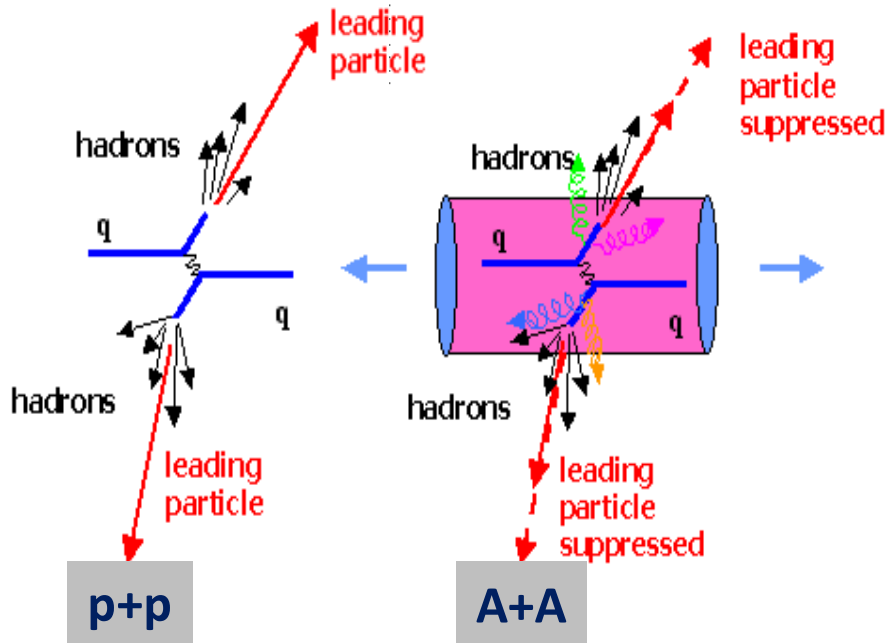
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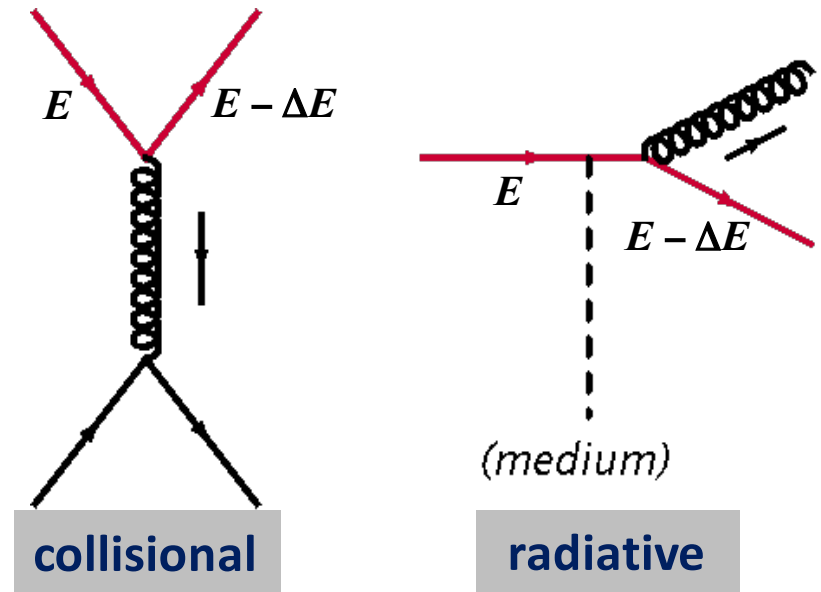
- **Introduction**
- **A next-to-leading-order (NLO) perturbative QCD framework for heavy and light flavor jet and high  $p_T$  hadron production**
- **A Linear Boltzmann Transport (LBT) model for heavy and light flavor jet evolution in QGP**
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- **Summary**

# Jet quenching in heavy-ion collisions

## jet quenching in quark-gluon plasma



## parton-medium interaction

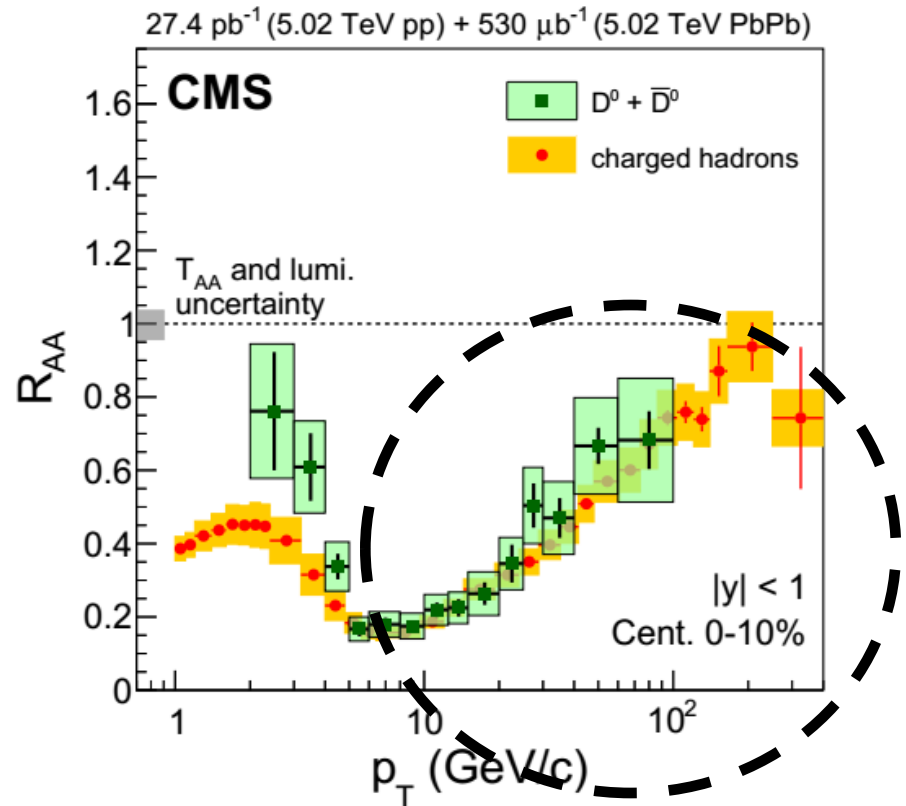
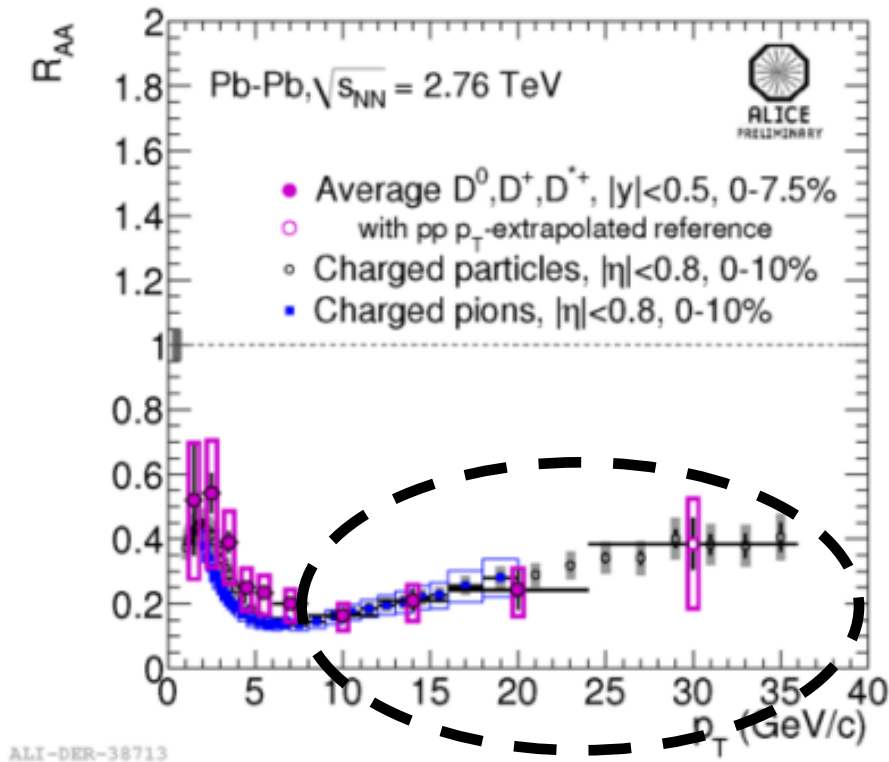


- Jet quenching (jet-medium interaction) provides valuable tools to probe QGP properties: parton energy loss.
- Jet-medium interaction depends on QGP properties and jet properties (color, mass and energy).
- Jet suppression — the spectra of high  $p_T$  hadrons will be modified, quantified with nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN^{AA} / d^2 p_T dy}{N_{coll} dN^{pp} / d^2 p_T dy}$$

# Flavor hierarchy puzzle of jet quenching

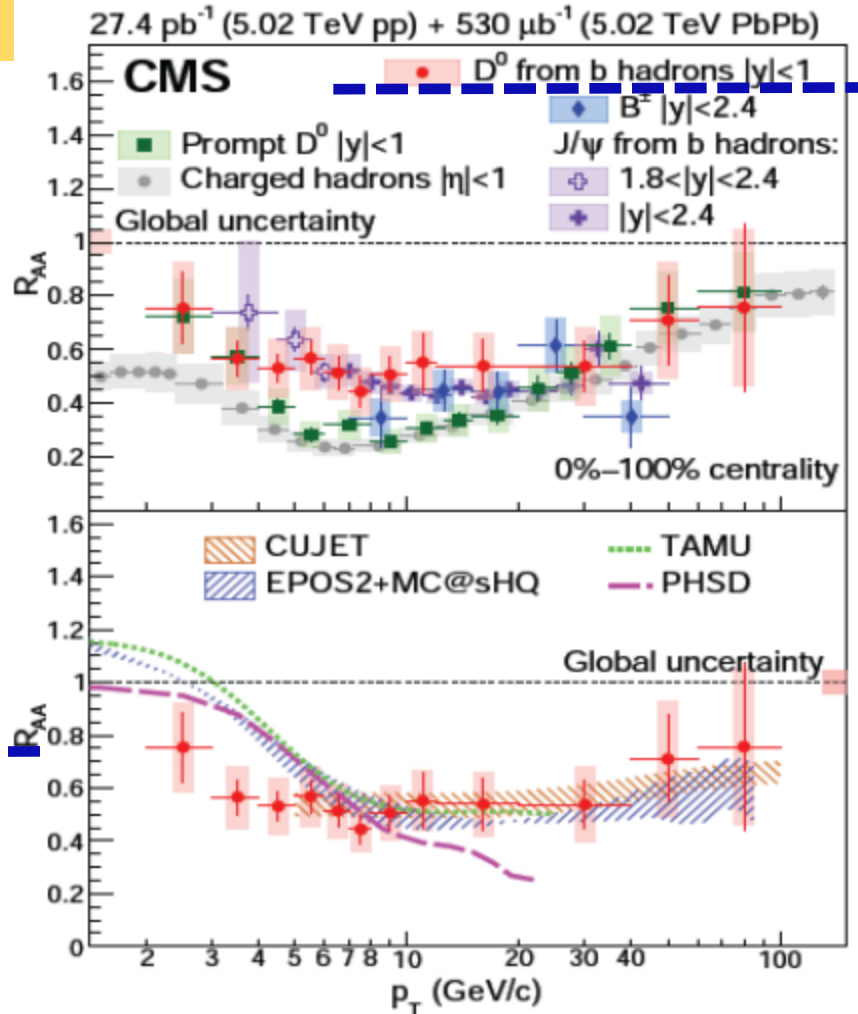
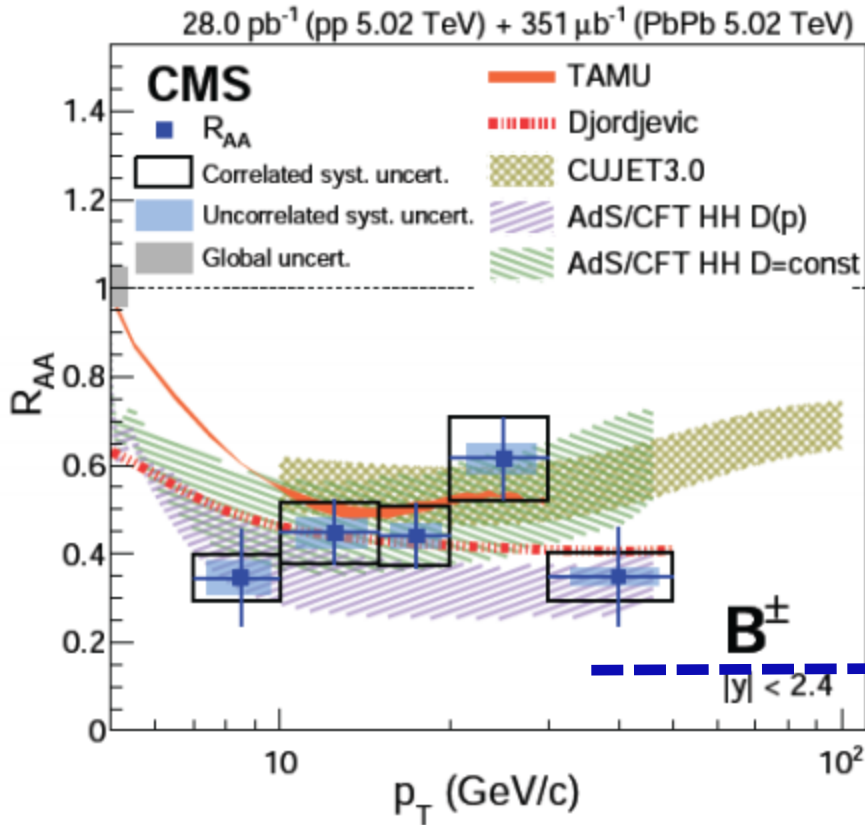
- **Color & flavor dependences of parton energy loss:**  $\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{u,d} > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$
- Expect heavy flavor hadrons exhibit less quenching effects than light charged hadrons.



➤  $R_{AA}$  at high  $p_T$ : No significant flavor dependence observed.  $R_{AA}(D) \approx R_{AA}(h^\pm)$

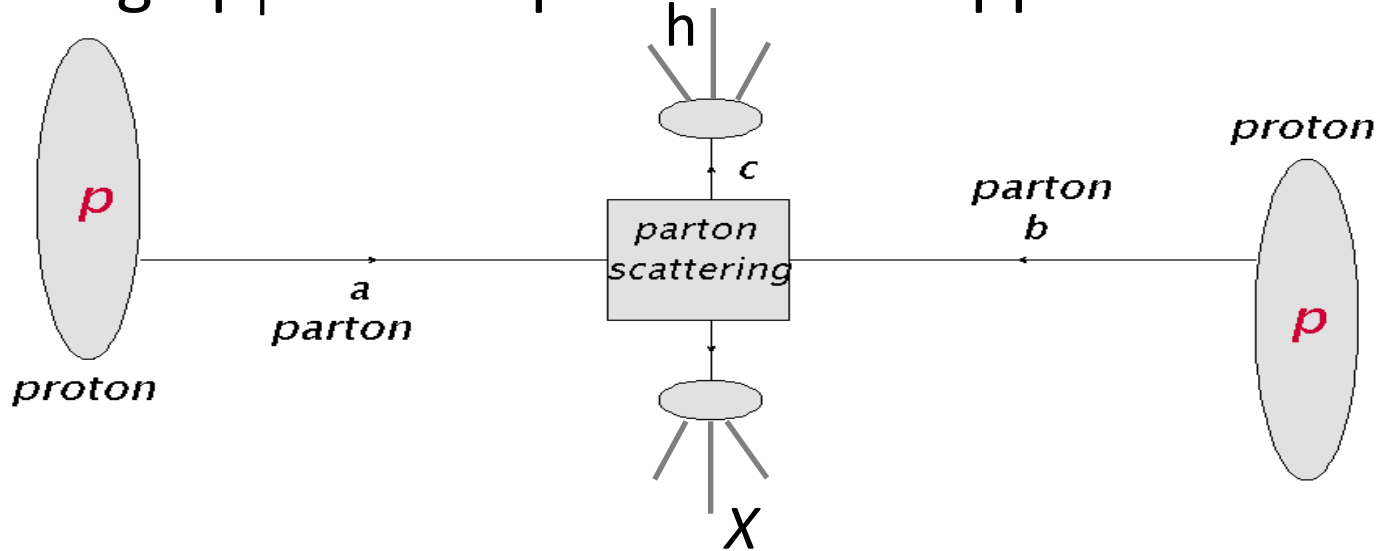
# Flavor hierarchy of jet quenching

## B mesons & B-decayed D mesons



This provides a unique opportunity to study the flavor hierarchy of jet quenching.

# High $p_T$ hadron production in pp collisions



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In the **next-to-leading-order (NLO)** framework

$$d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow hX} = \sum_{abc} \int dx_a \int dx_b \int dz_c f_a(x_a) f_b(x_b) d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow c} D_{h/c}(z_c)$$

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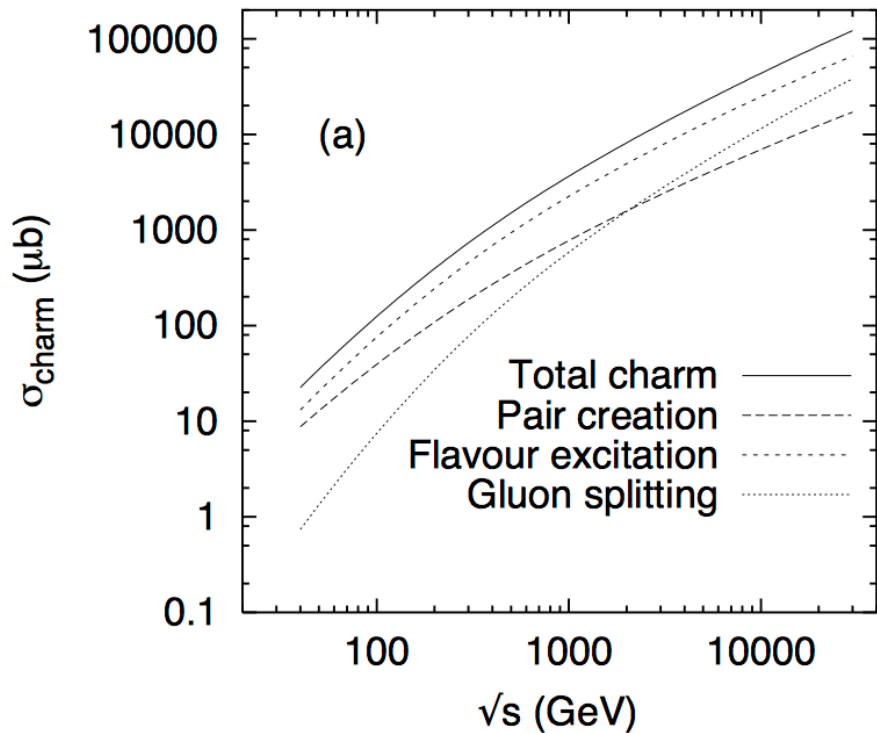
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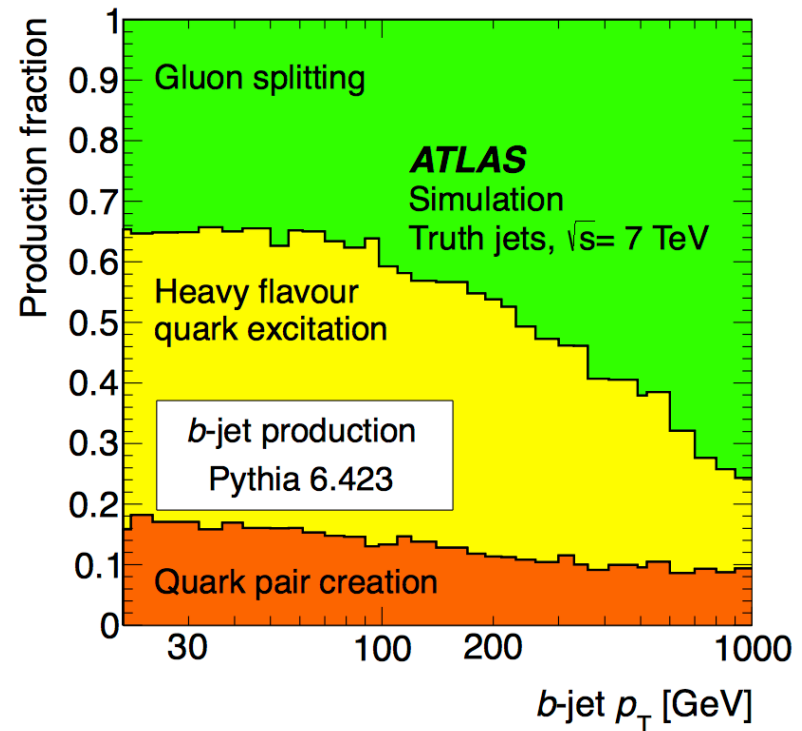
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# Gluon contribution to heavy quark jet production



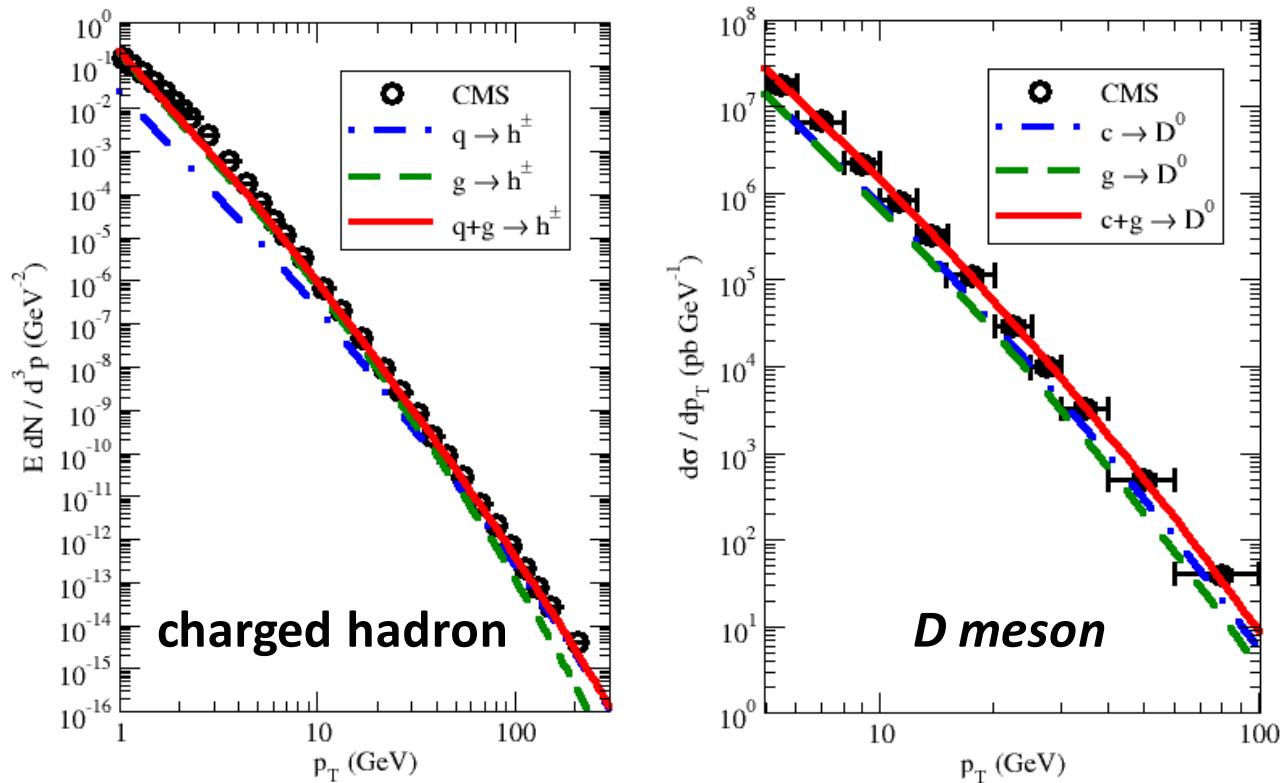
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- Gluon splitting contribution increases with energy  $\sqrt{s}$ .
- Gluon splitting contribution increases with heavy quark jet  $p_{\text{T}}$ .

# Light charged hadron and $D$ meson production in pp collisions at 5.02 TeV



- **Charged hadrons:** gluon contribution dominates at low  $p_T$  and quark contribution becomes more important with increasing  $p_T$ .
- **$D$  mesons:** charm and gluon contribute almost equally at low  $p_T$ , then gluon contribution decreases with increasing  $p_T$ .
- **Both contributions from quarks and gluons have to be taken into account for high  $p_T$  hadron suppression in AA collisions.**



# A linear Boltzmann transport (LBT) model

Boltzmann equation for parton "1" evolution:

$$p_1 \cdot \partial f_1(x_1, p_1) = E_1 C[f_1]$$

The collision term is:

$$C[f_1] \equiv \int d^3 k \left[ \omega(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{k}, \vec{k}) f_1(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{k}) - \omega(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k}) f_1(\vec{p}_1) \right] \quad \text{Elastic (collisional)}$$

For elastic (2->2) process, the transition rate is related to microscopic cross section as:

$$\omega_{12 \rightarrow 34}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k}) = \gamma_2 \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3} f_2(\vec{p}_2) \left[ 1 \pm f_3(\vec{p}_1 - \vec{k}) \right] \left[ 1 \pm f_4(\vec{p}_1 - \vec{k}) \right] \\ \times v_{rel} d\sigma_{12 \rightarrow 34}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2 \rightarrow \vec{p}_1 - \vec{k}, \vec{p}_2 + \vec{k})$$

The elastic scattering rate for (2->2) process:

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$$\Gamma(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k}) = \int d^3 k \omega(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k})$$

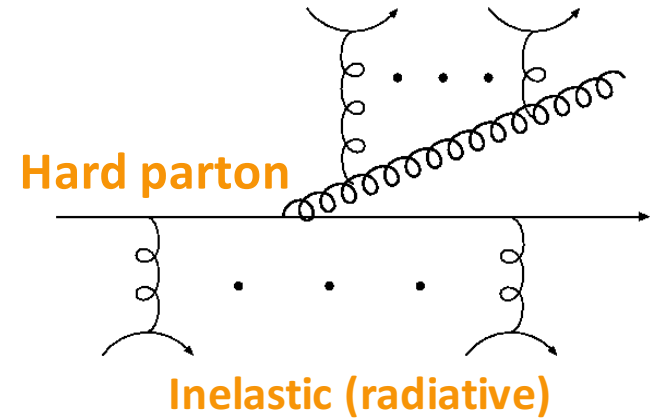
$$\omega(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k}) \equiv \sum_{2,3,4} \omega_{12 \rightarrow 34}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{k})$$

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# A linear Boltzmann transport (LBT) model

Include the inelastic process:

$$p_1 \cdot \partial f_1(x_1, p_1) = E_1 (C_{el} + C_{inel})$$



The inelastic scattering rate (average gluon number per unit time) is:

$$\Gamma^{inel} = \langle N_g \rangle (E, T, t, \Delta t) / \Delta t = \int dx dk_{\perp}^2 \frac{dN_g}{dx dk_{\perp}^2 dt}$$

The medium-induced gluon spectrum is:

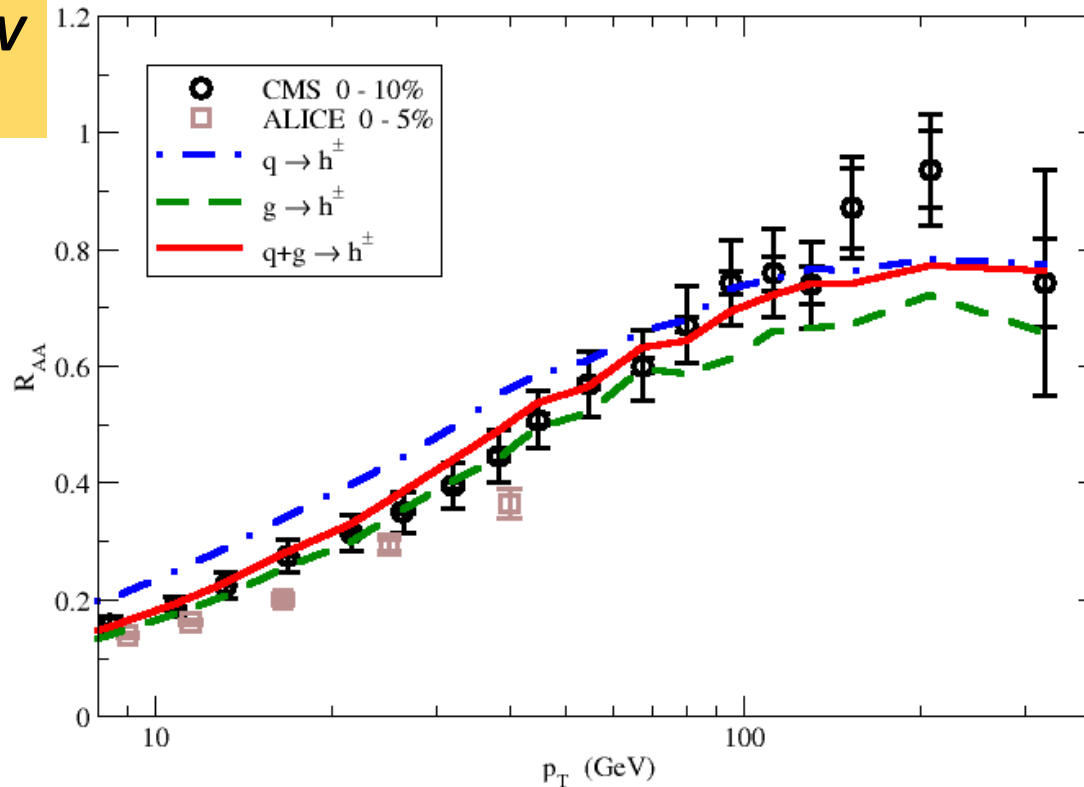
$$\frac{dN_g}{dx dk_{\perp}^2 dt} = \frac{2\alpha_s C_A P(x)}{\pi k_{\perp}^4} \hat{q} \left( \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2 + x^2 M^2} \right)^4 \sin^2 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{2\tau_f} \right)$$

$\hat{q}$ :  $dp_{\perp}^2 / dt$  is the momentum broadening due to (2->2) elastic process

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# Nuclear modifications of charged hadrons

**Pb-Pb @5.02 TeV**  
**0 - 10%**



- QGP fireball : a (3+1)-dimensional viscous hydrodynamics model CLVisc.

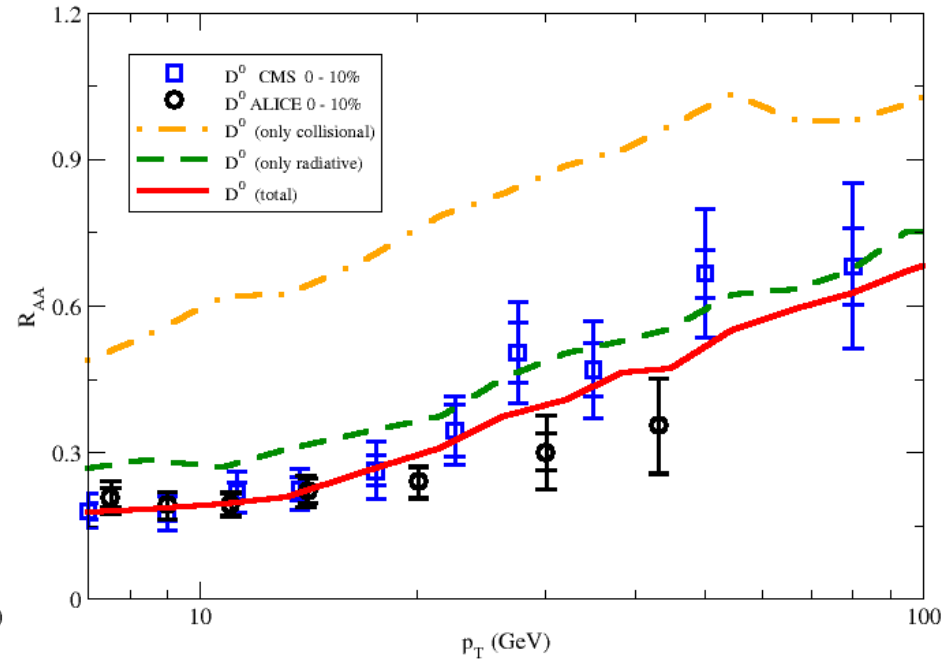
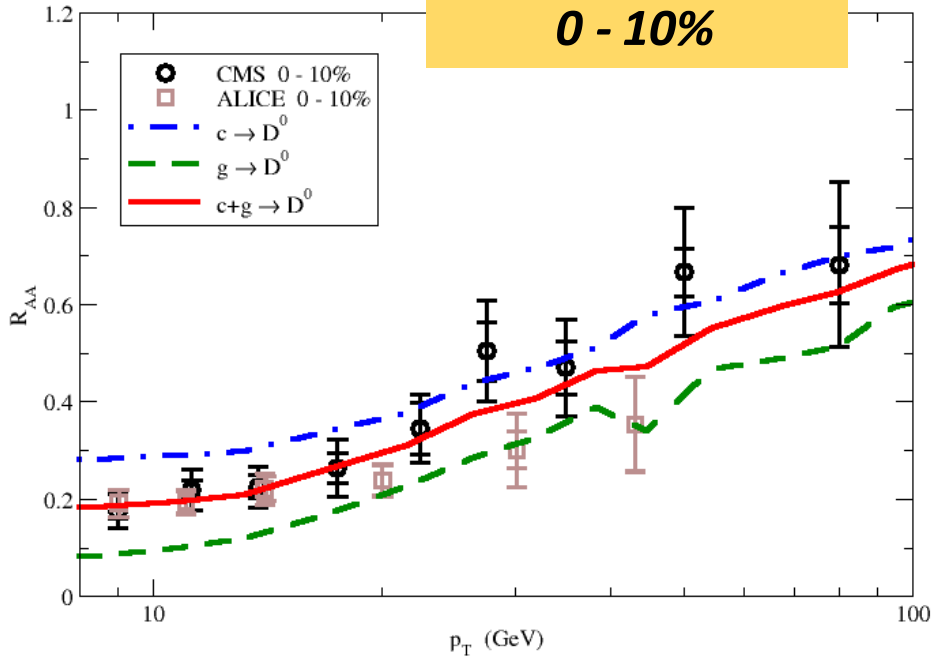
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- Due to color effect, quark-initiated hadrons exhibit less quenching effect than gluon-initiated hadrons.
- Combining both quark and gluon fragmentations to charged hadrons, we obtain a nice description of charged hadron  $R_{AA}$  over a wide range of  $p_T$ .

# Nuclear modifications of $D$ mesons

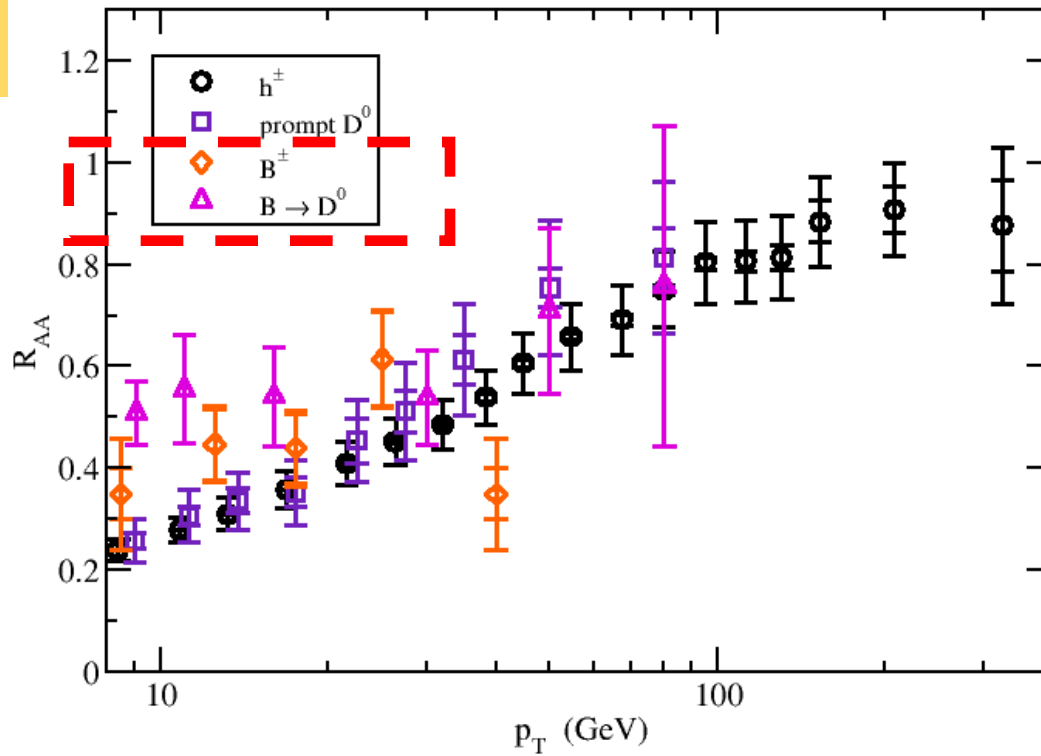
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- Combining both charm quark and gluon contributions, we obtain successful description of  $D$  meson  $R_{AA}$ .
- Collisional energy loss gives non-negligible contributions to  $R_{AA}$  at not-very high  $p_T$  regime and diminishes with increasing  $p_T$ .
- A natural solution to the flavor hierarchy puzzle of jet quenching.

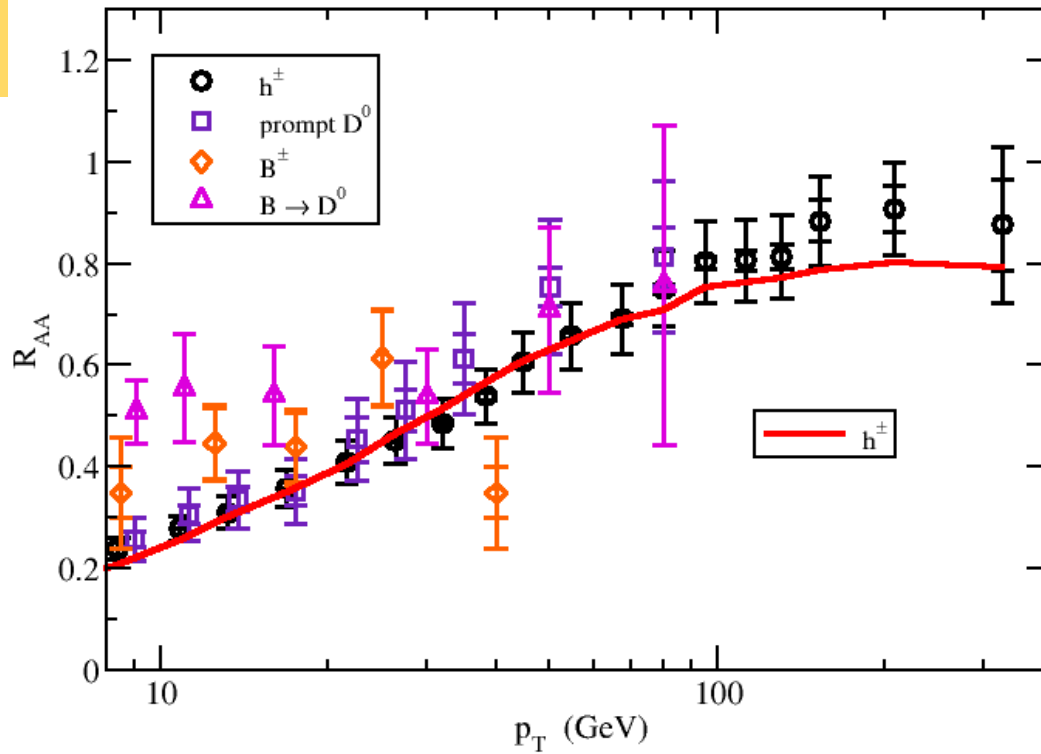
# Flavor hierarchy of jet quenching

**Pb-Pb @5.02 TeV**  
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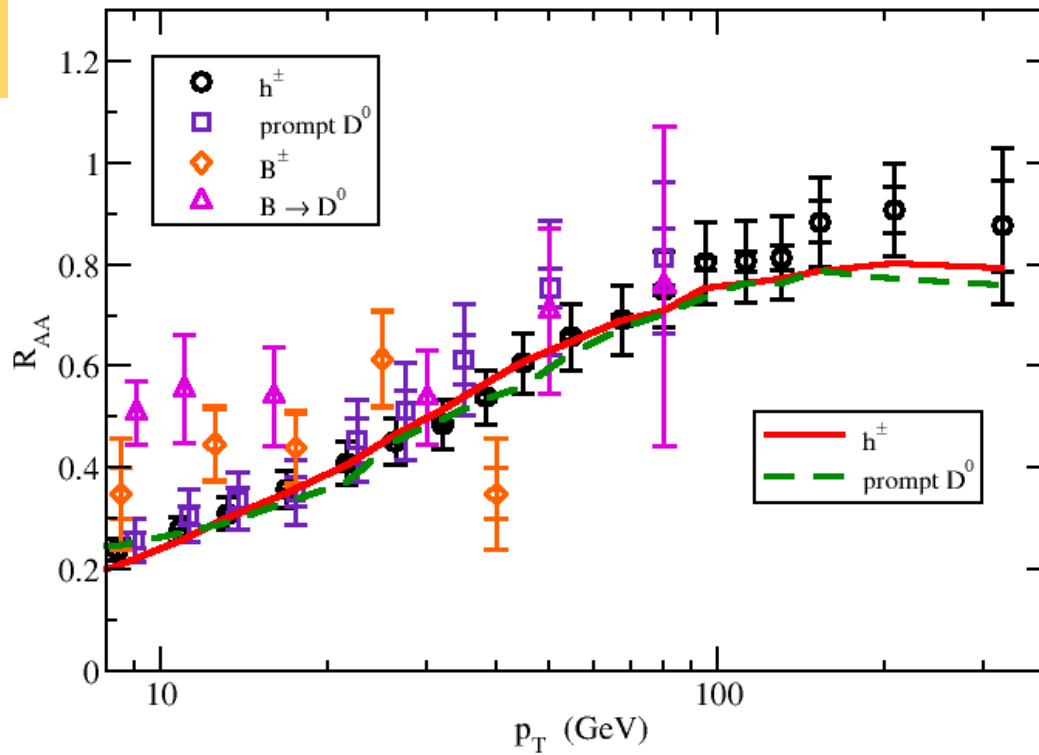
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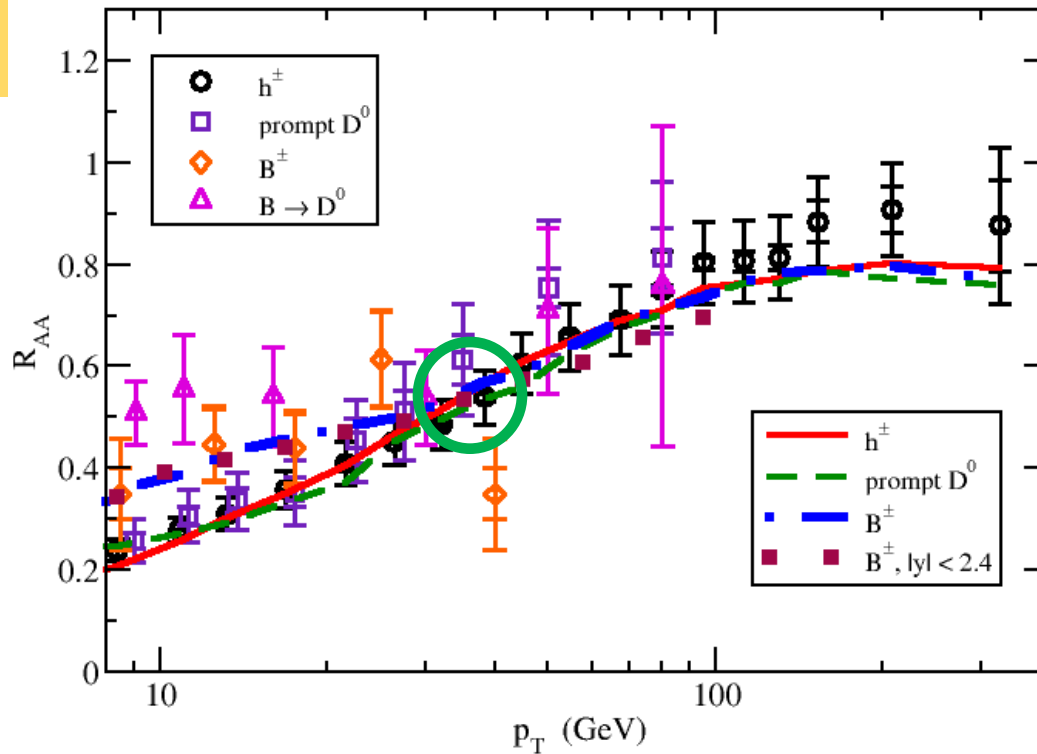
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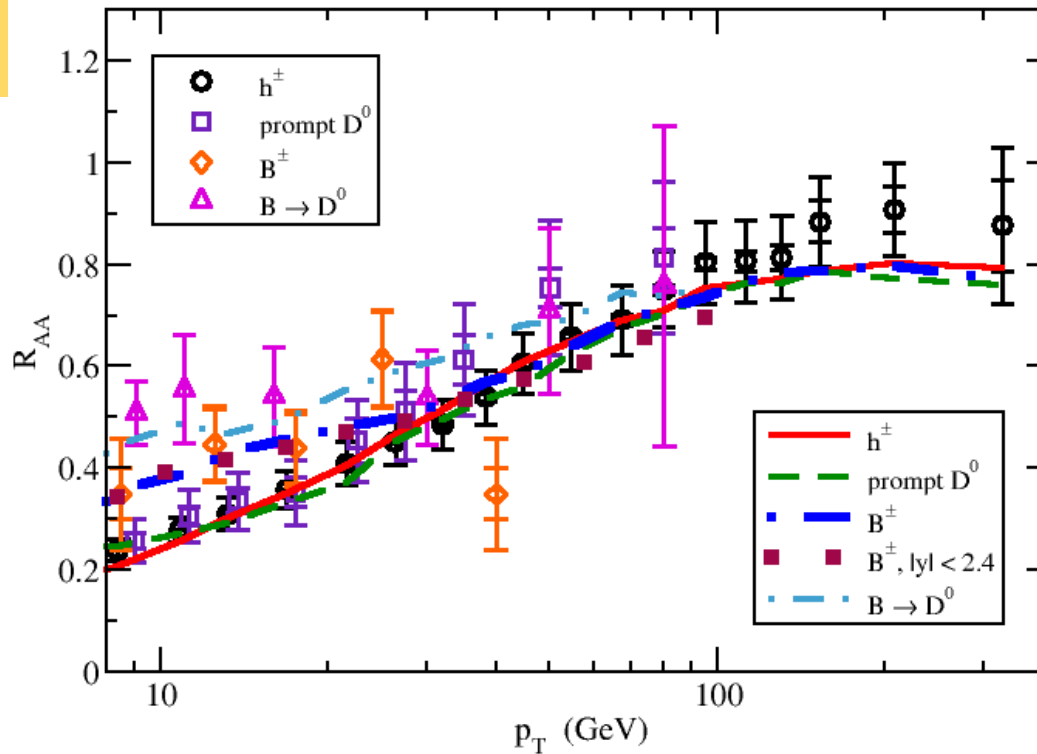


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- Above 30-40 GeV, our model predicts similar suppression effects for  $B$  mesons to charged hadrons and  $D$  mesons, which can be tested by future measurements.
- Our model can simultaneously describe the nuclear modifications of charged hadrons, prompt  $D$  mesons,  $B$  mesons and  $B$ -decayed  $D$  mesons.

# Summary

- **By incorporating all important ingredients in our pQCD-based jet quenching model, we obtain the first satisfactory description of  $R_{AA}$  for charged hadrons, prompt  $D$  mesons,  $B$  mesons and  $B$ -decayed  $D$  mesons for  $p_T=8-300$  GeV).**
- **A natural solution to the flavor hierarchy puzzle of jet quenching.**
- **At  $p_T > 30-40$  GeV,  $B$  mesons will exhibit similar suppression effects to charged hadrons and  $D$  mesons, which can be tested by future measurements.**
- **With a solid understanding on how jet-medium interaction depends on jet properties (color, mass and energy), we can now use jets to quantitatively probe the QGP properties.**

**Thank You !**