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Heavy quark baryon and meson production in pp and AA at RHIC and LHC within a coalescence plus fragmentation model

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Outline

□ Hadronization:

- Fragmentation
- Coalescence model

□ Results:

- Λ_c and D mesons spectra for RHIC and LHC energies
- Λ_c/D^0 ratio
- Bottom
- pp

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

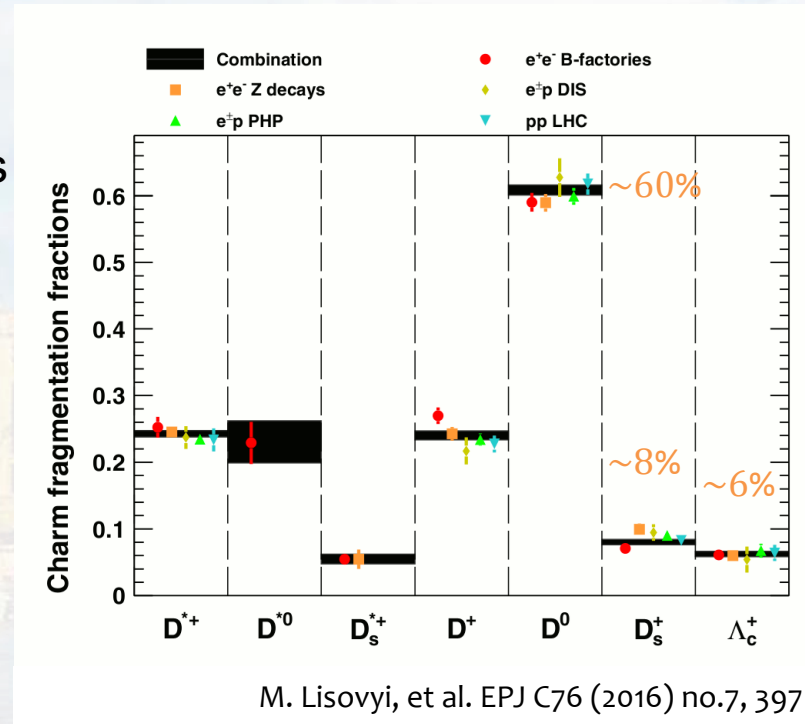
C. Peterson, D. Schaller, I. Schmitt, P.M. Zerwas PRD 27 (1983) 105

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

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

Charm Fragmentation Fraction (c into h)

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



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

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

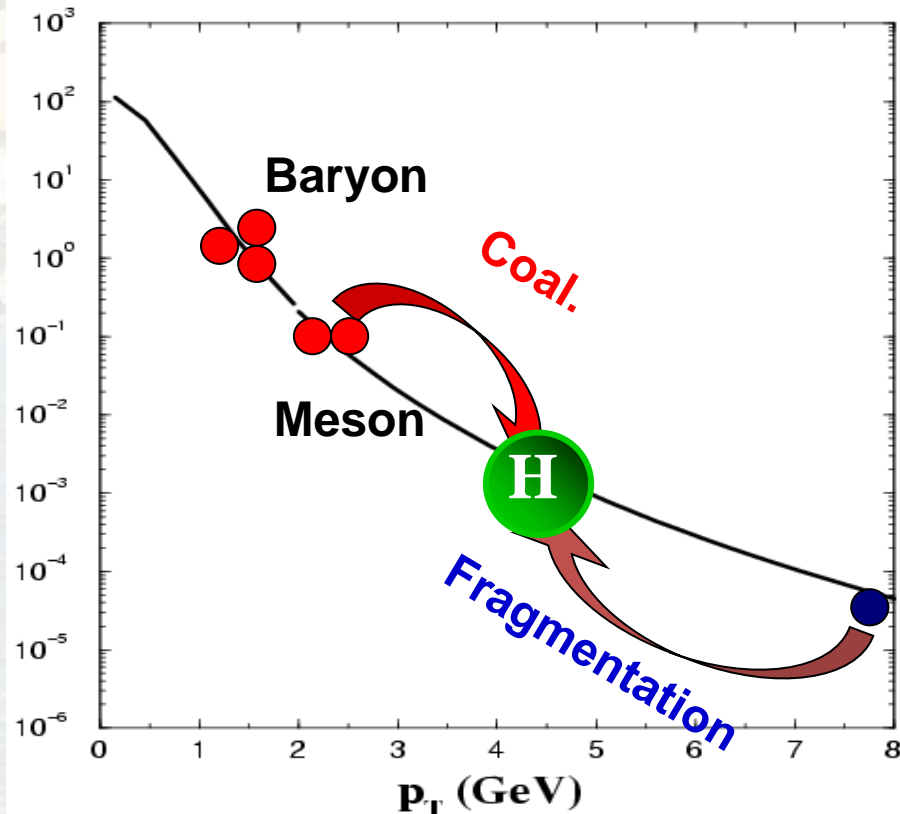
Hadronization: Coalescence

Statistical factor
colour-spin-isospin

Parton Distribution
function

Hadron Wigner
function

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



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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Hadron Wigner
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charm distribution function at mid-rapidity from parton simulations solving relativistic Boltzmann transport equation

Coalescence simulation in a fireball with radial flow for light quarks → dimension set by exp. constraints

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

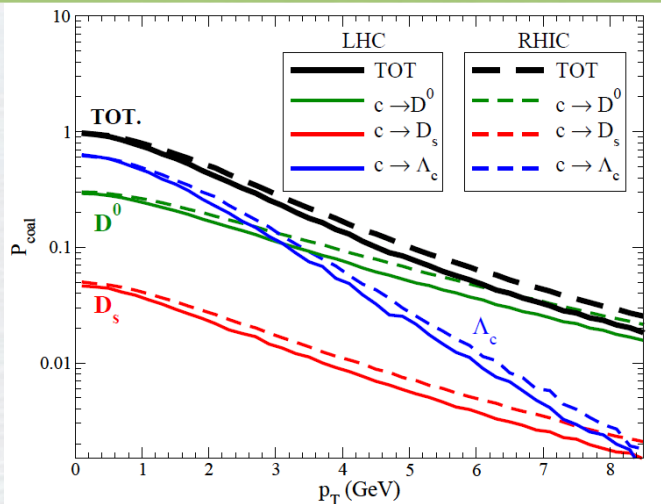
C.-W. Hwang, EPJ C23, 585 (2002).

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

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

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

• 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 Λ_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

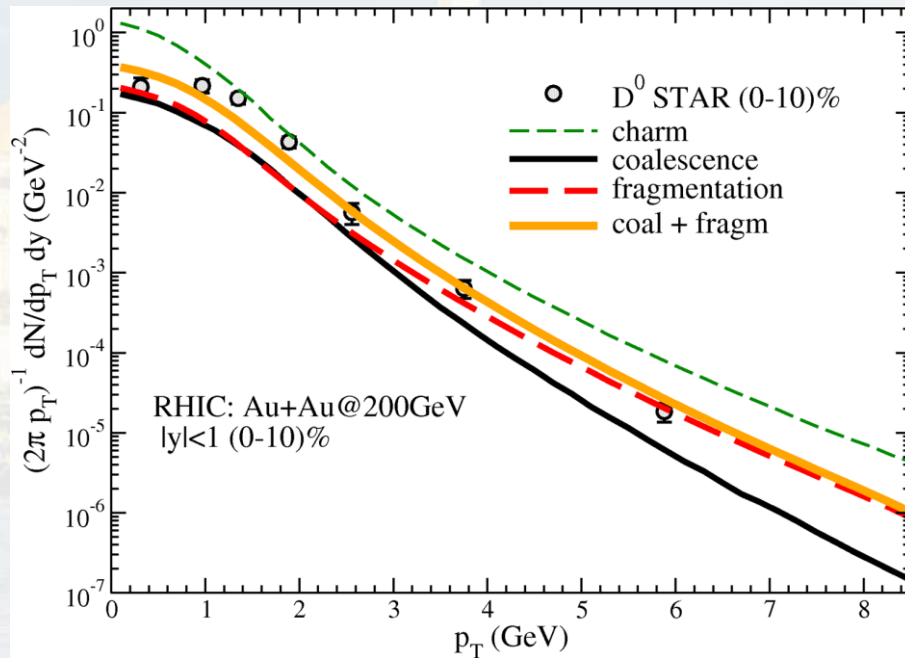
- Λ_c^+ ($l=0, J=1/2$)

Resonances

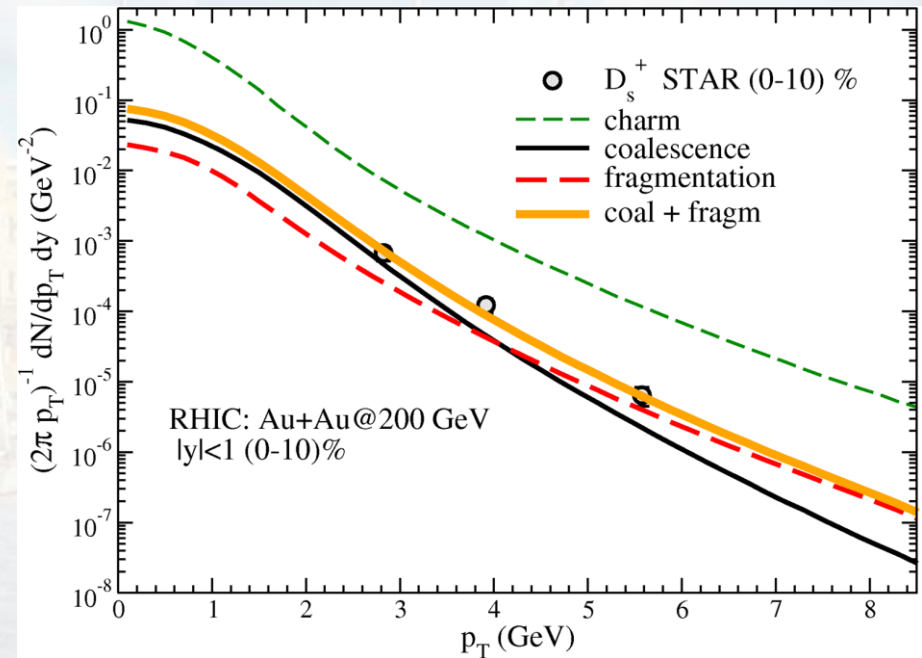
- $\Lambda_c^+(2595)$ ($l=0, J=1/2$) $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ B.R. 100%
- $\Lambda_c^+(2625)$ ($l=0, J=3/2$) $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+$ B.R. 100%
- $\Sigma_c^+(2455)$ ($l=1, J=1/2$) $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi$ B.R. 100%
- $\Sigma_c^+(2520)$ ($l=1, J=3/2$) $\rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi$ B.R. 100%

RHIC: results

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



Data from STAR Coll., arXiv:1704.04364 [nucl-ex].

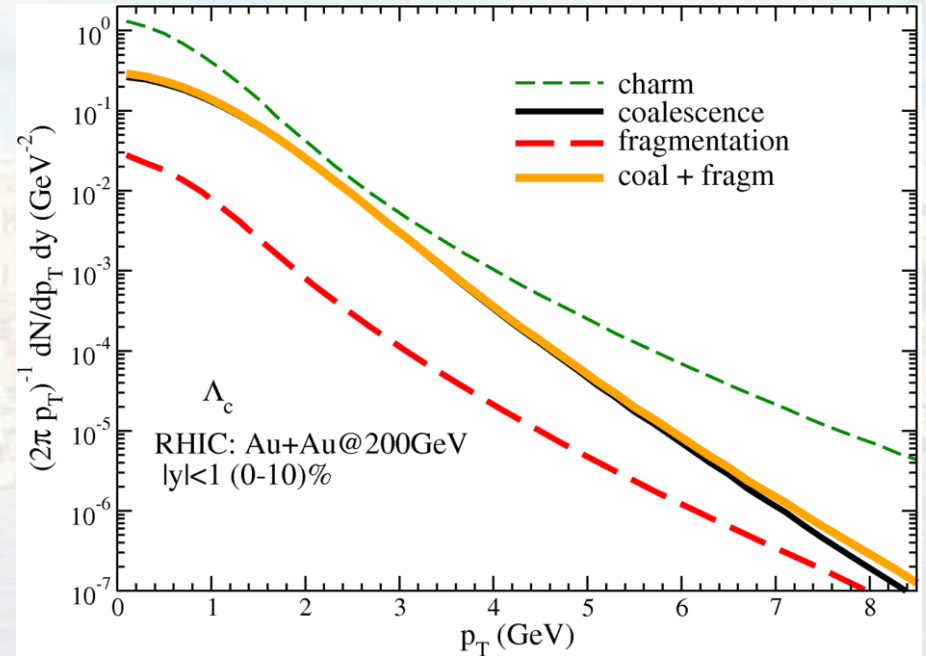
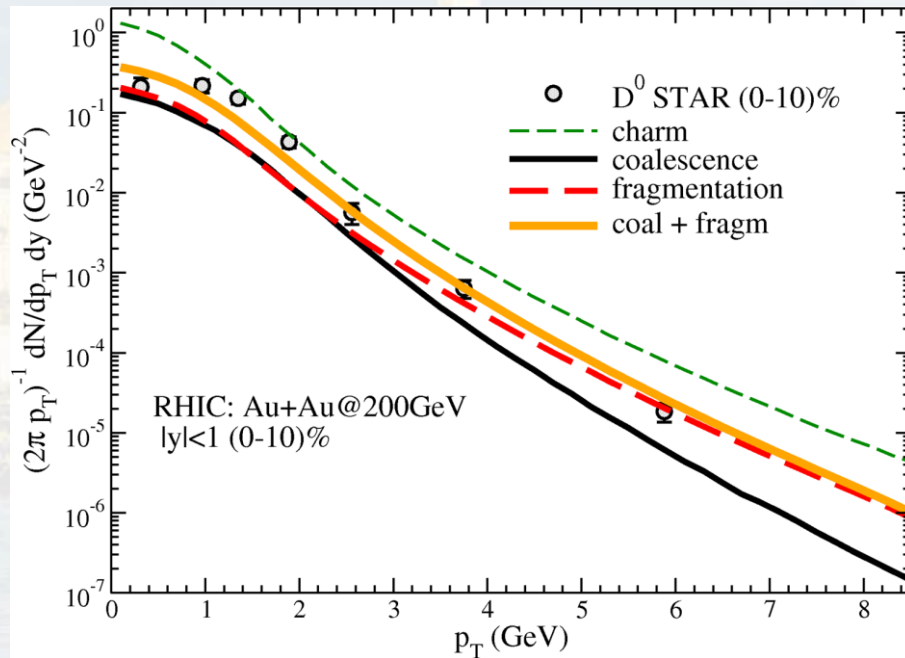


S. Plumari, V. Minissale et al., Eur. Phys. J. C78 no. 4, (2018) 348

- 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

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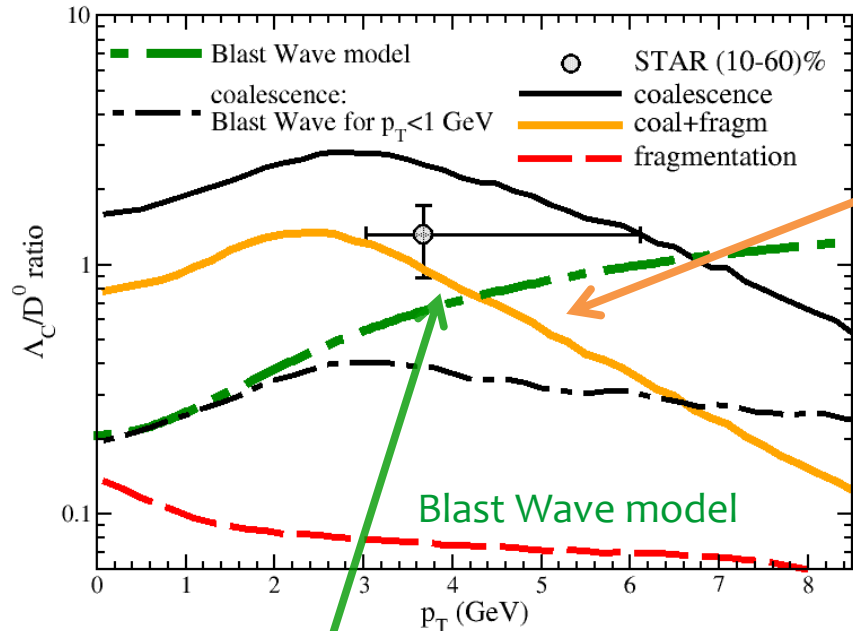


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- For D^0 coalescence and fragmentation comparable at 2 GeV
- Λ_c^+ fragmentation is even more smaller, coalescence gives the dominant contribution

RHIC: Baryon/meson

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



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

• Similar to the one predicted in

Y. Oh, C.M. Ko, S.H. Lee, S. Yasui PRC 79,044905 (2009)

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 τ 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

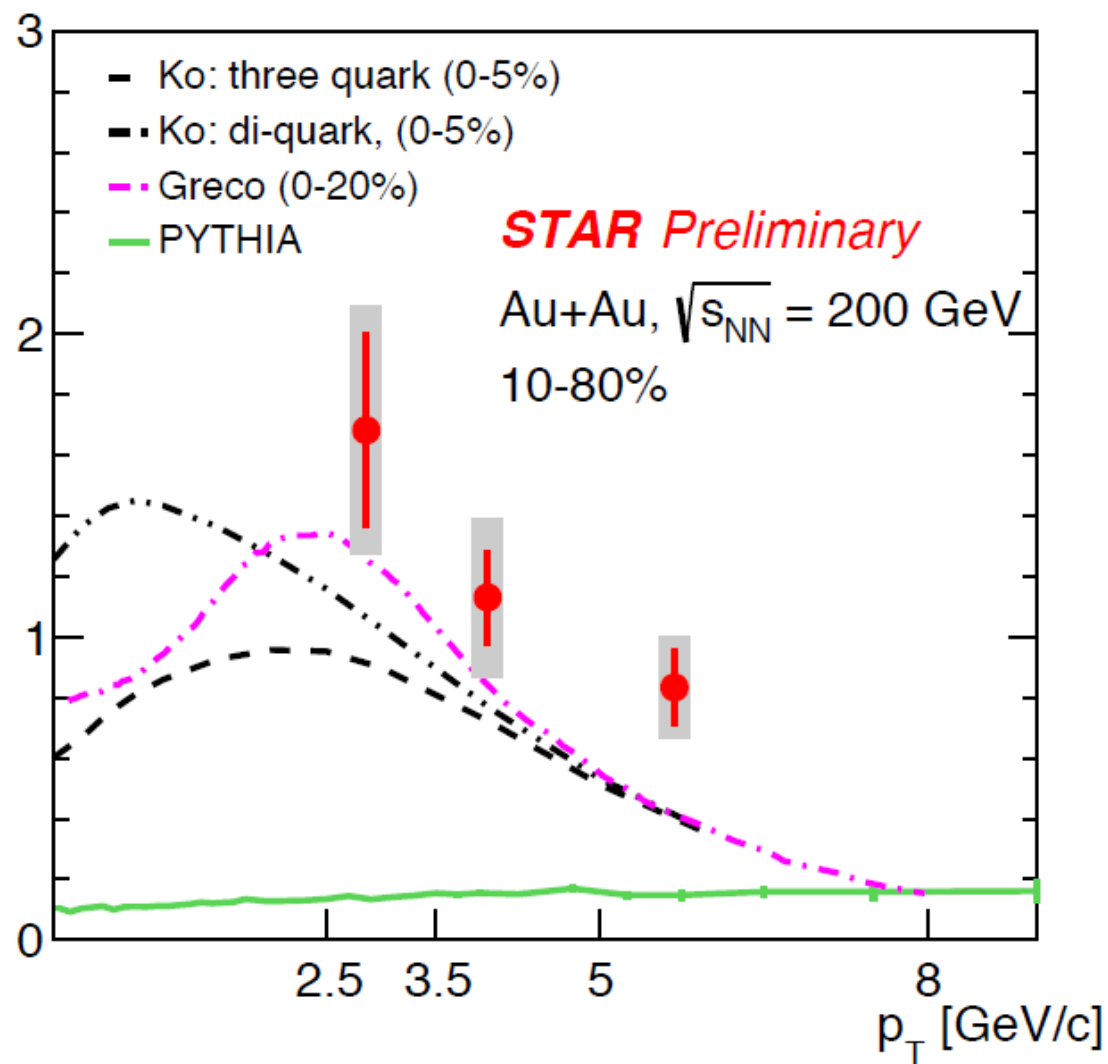
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Blast Wave model:

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

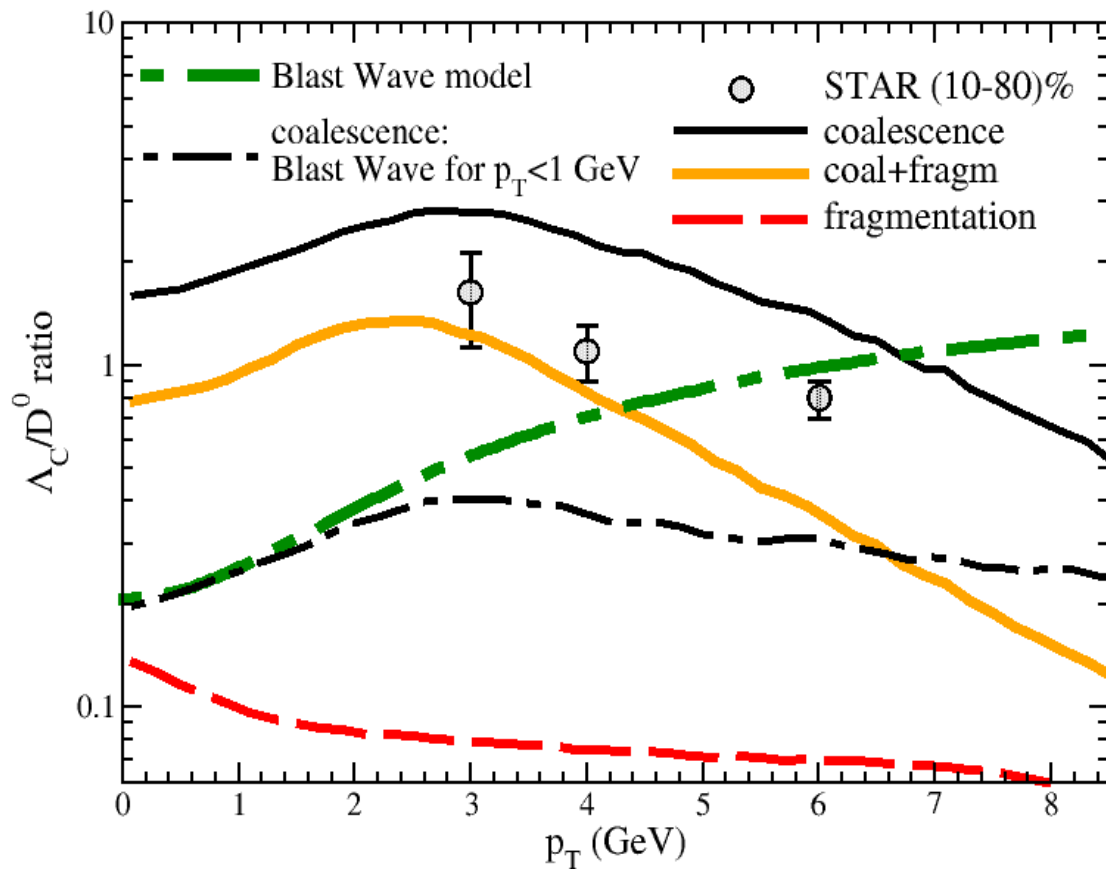
$$\text{for } p_T \ll m \quad \approx \frac{g_\Lambda}{g_D} \left(\frac{m_T^\Lambda}{m_T^D} \right)^{1/2} e^{-(m^\Lambda - m^D)/T_c} \approx 0.17$$

RHIC: Baryon/meson



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)

Recent paper:

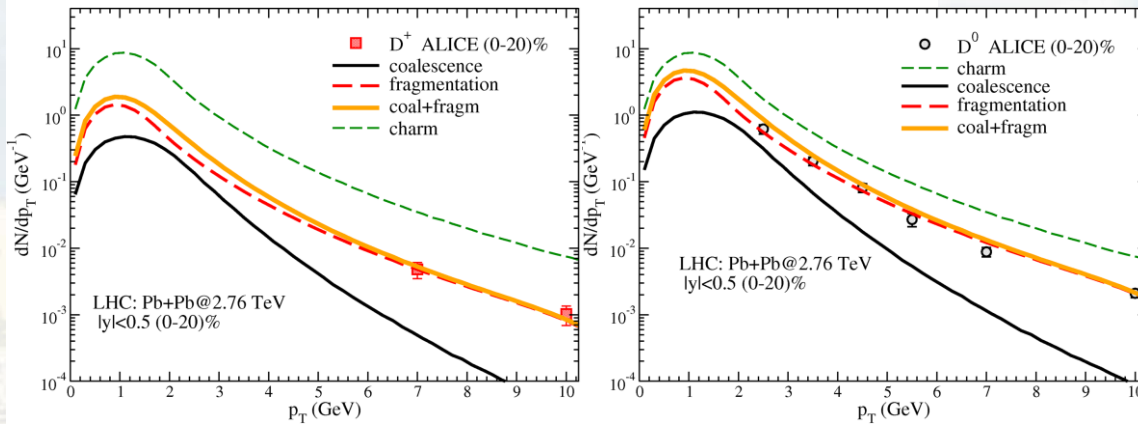
Cho, Sun, Ko et al., [arXiv:1905.09774](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.09774)

- Needed data at low p_T

LHC: results

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

Data from ALICE Coll. JHEP 1209 (2012) 112



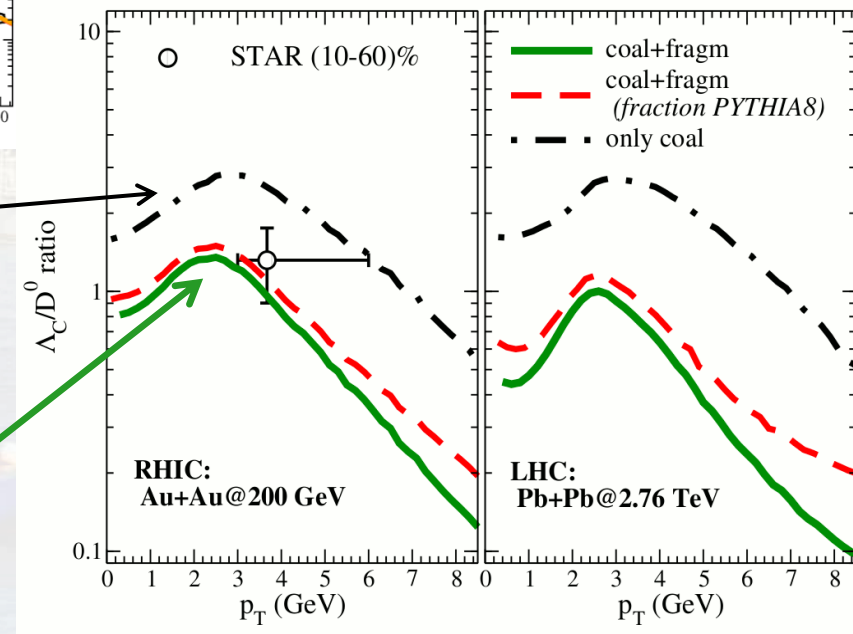
Coalescence lower than at RHIC \rightarrow main contribution from Fragmentation

Only Coalescence ratio is similar at both energies.

Fragmentation ~ 0.1 at both energies.

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

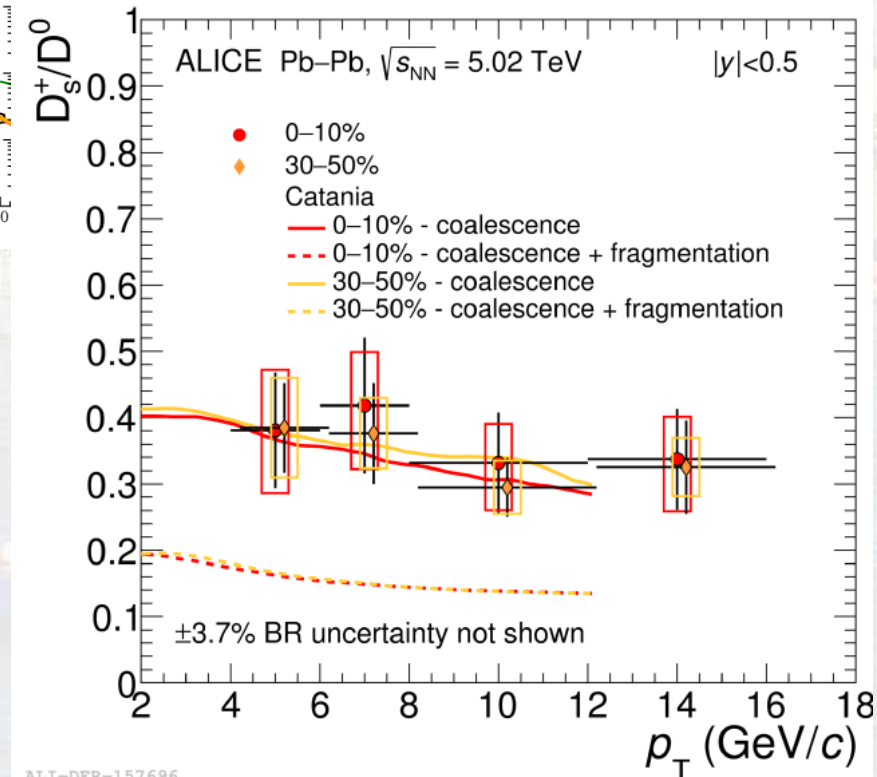
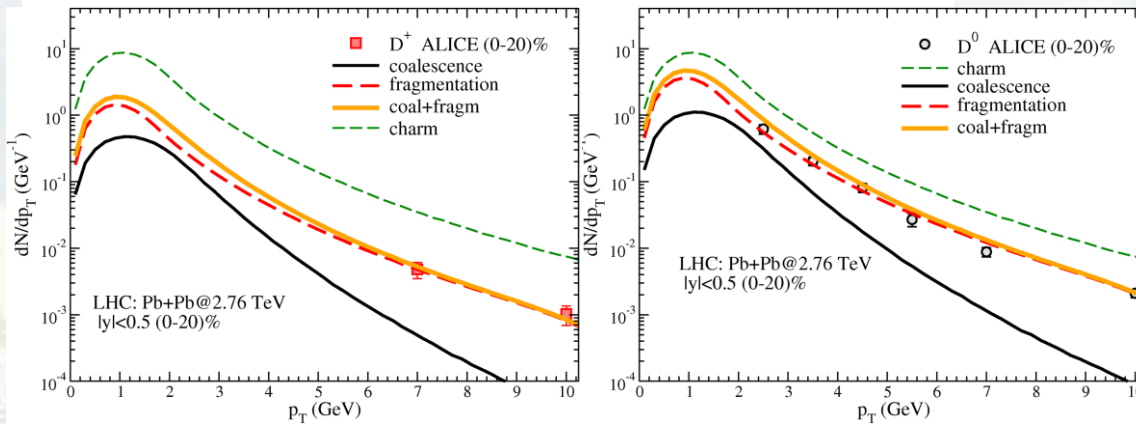
Therefore at LHC the larger contribution in particle production from fragmentation leads to a final ratio that is smaller than at RHIC.



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Xinye Peng, ALICE, Nucl.Phys. A982 (2019) 667-670

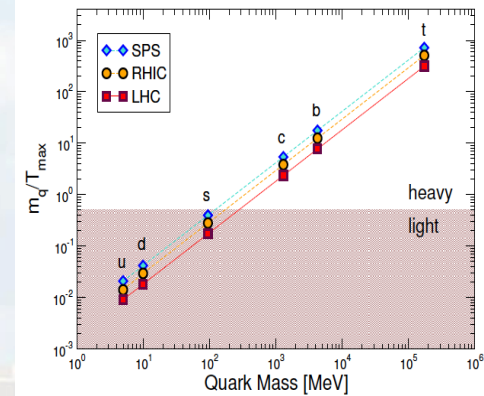
D_s/D^0 ratio

- larger ratio respect to only fragmentation
- does not change with centrality with simple coalescence
- Possible strangeness enhancement?

Specific of Heavy Quarks

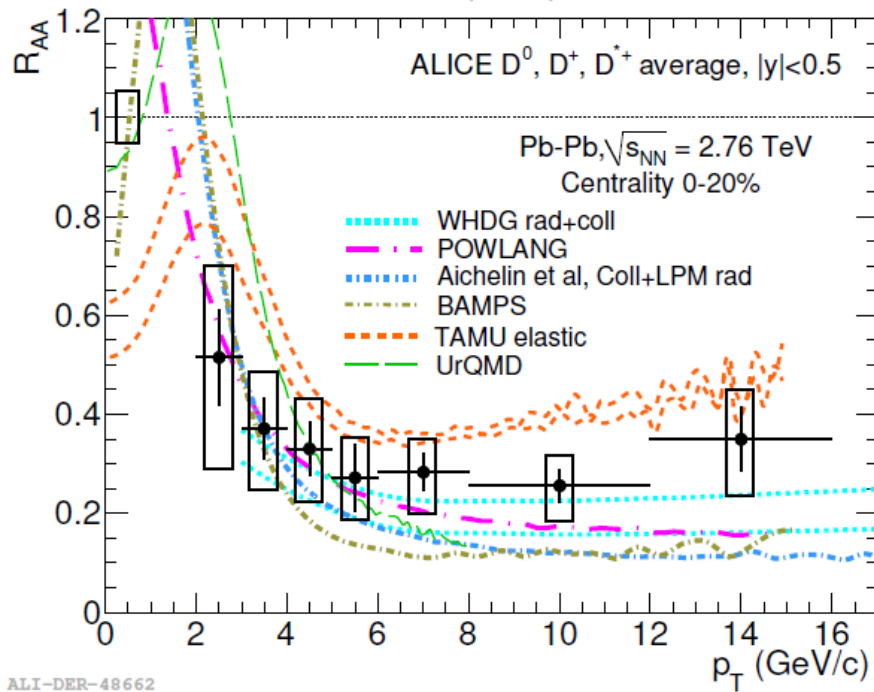
- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ produced by pQCD process (out of equilibrium)
- $m_{c,b} \gg T_0$ no thermal production
- $\tau_0 \ll \tau_{\text{QGP}}$ probes all the QGP life time

more on Plumari's Talk



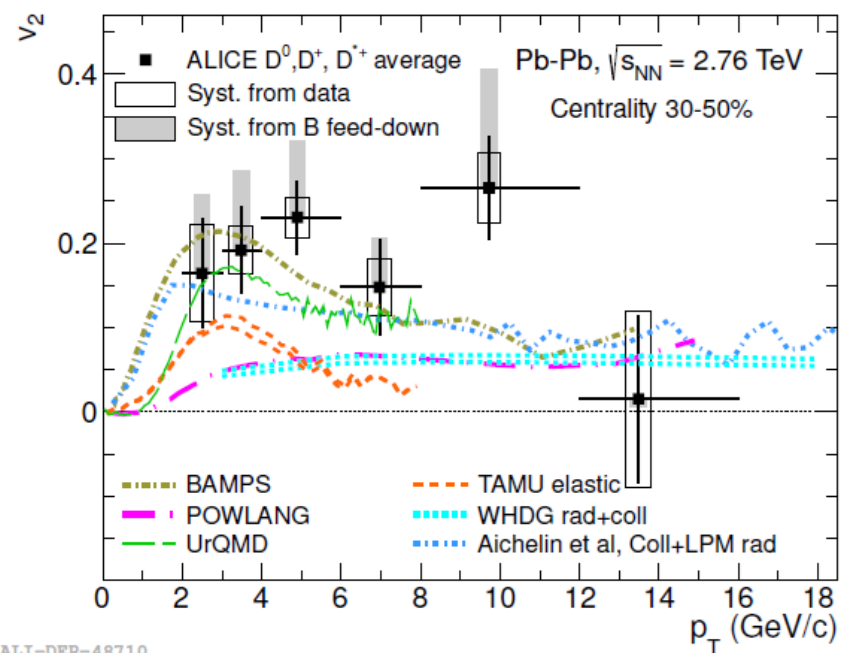
Simultaneous description of R_{AA} and v_2 is a tough challenge for all models

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arXiv:1305.2707

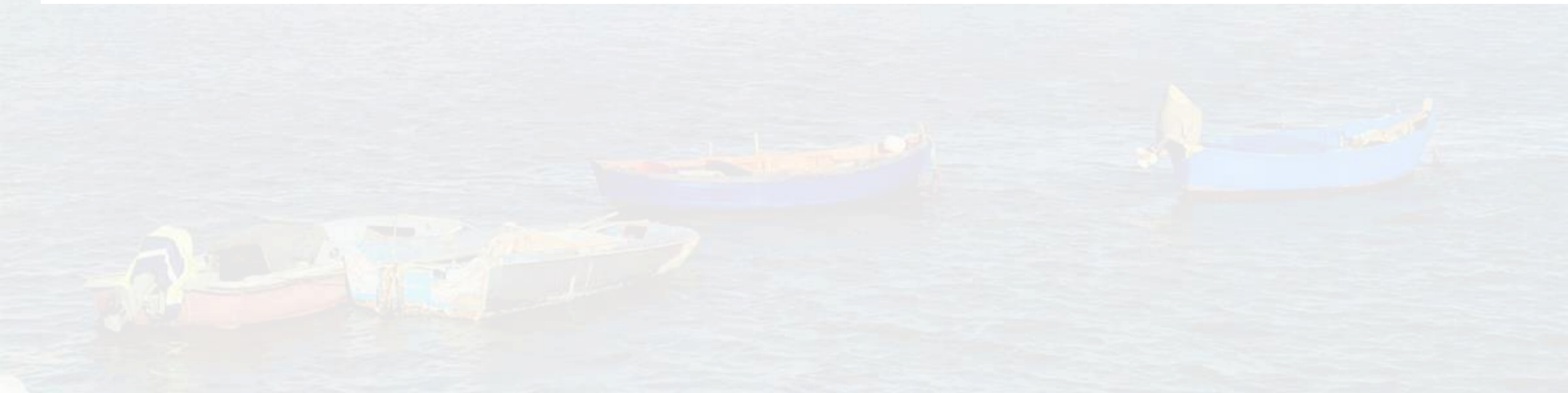


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BEFORE THE STUDY OF Λ_c / D^0 (early 2017)

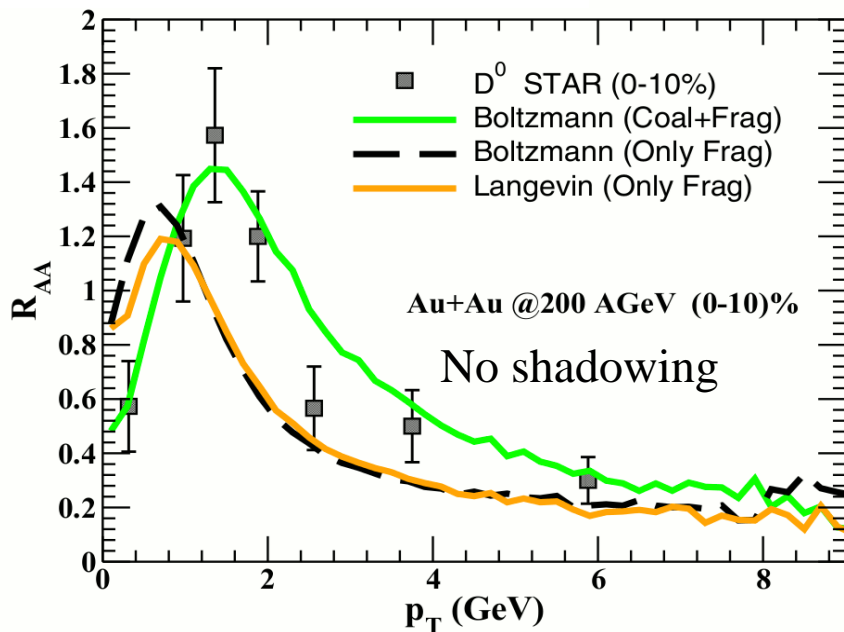
Charmed hadrons production given by D mesons

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

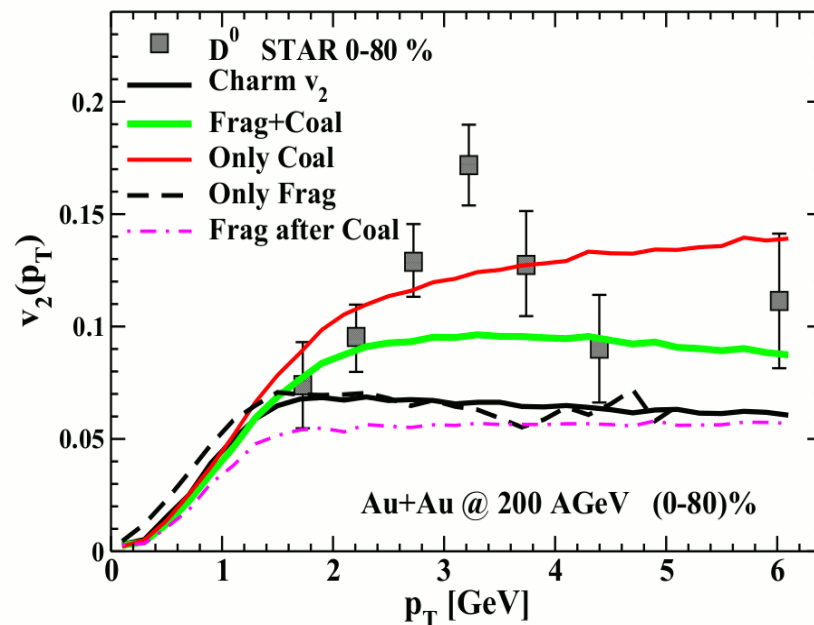


RHIC results: $R_{AA} - v_2$

Without Λ_c production



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

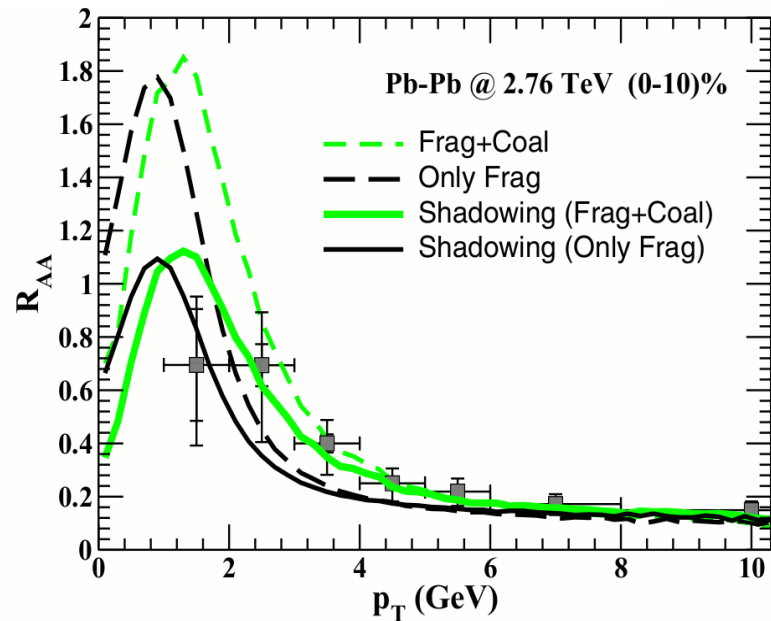


- In 0-10% coalescence implies an increase of the R_{AA} for $p_T > 1$ GeV.
- The impact of coalescence decreases with p_T and fragmentation is dominant at high p_T .
- In 0-80% the $v_2(p_T)$ due to only coalescence increase a factor 2 compared to the $v_2(p_T)$ charm.
- In 0-80% coalescence+fragmentation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

Coalescence brings up both R_{AA} and v_2

LHC results: $R_{AA} - v_2$

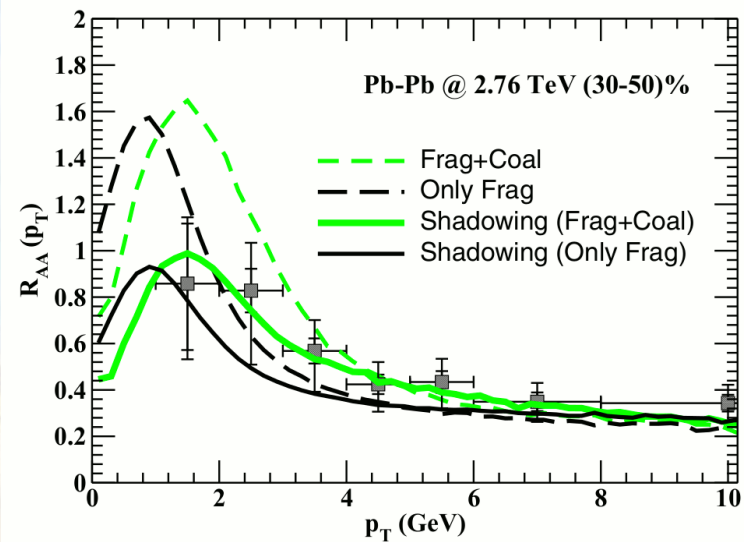
Data from ALICE Coll. JHEP 03 (2016) 081



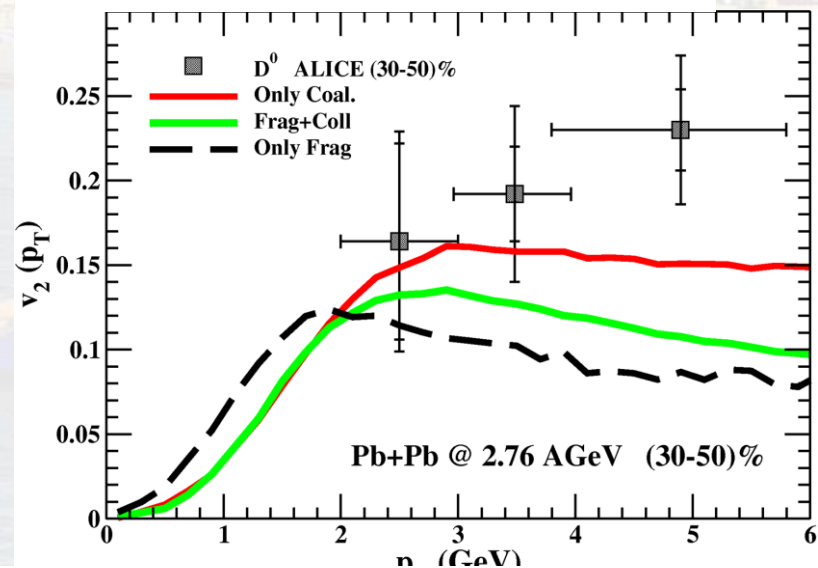
• At LHC the coalescence implies an increasing of the R_{AA} for $p_T > 1$ GeV similar to RHIC energies.

• 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 $v_2(p_T)$.



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



AFTER THE STUDY OF Λ_c / D^0 (late 2017)

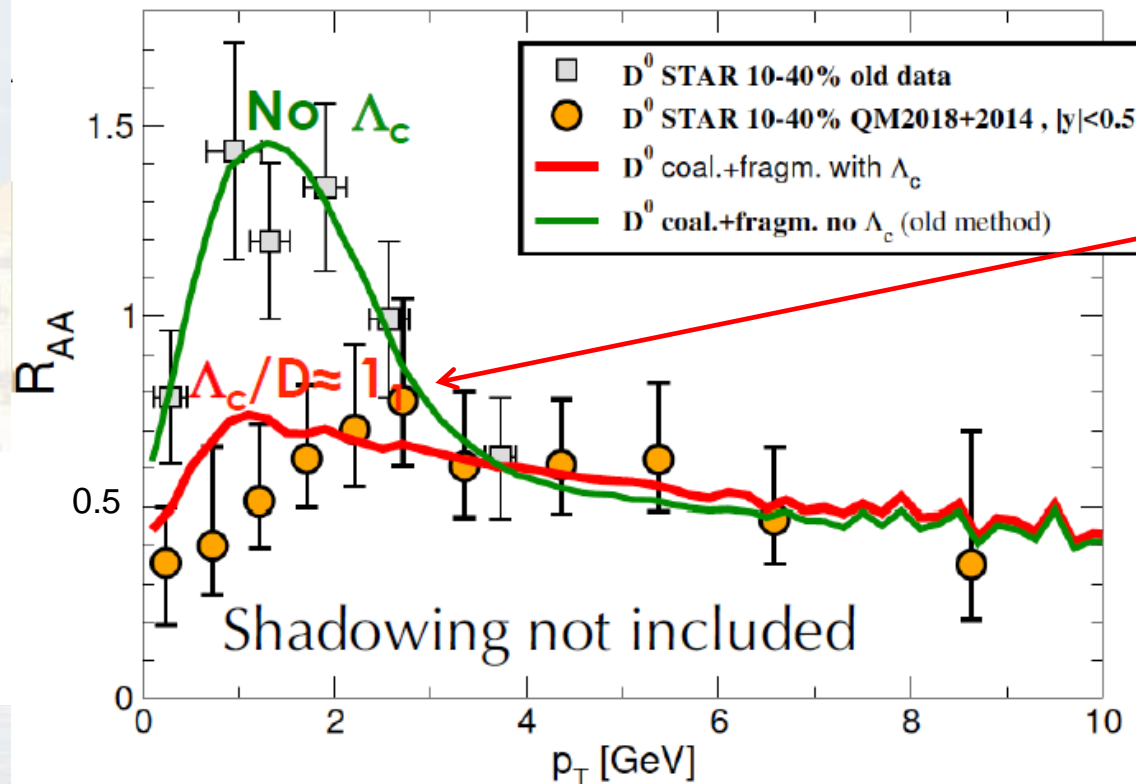
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Charmed hadrons production given by D mesons
and Λ_c

Consequence: D^0 meson R_{AA} dumped at low p_T

RHIC results: R_{AA}

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



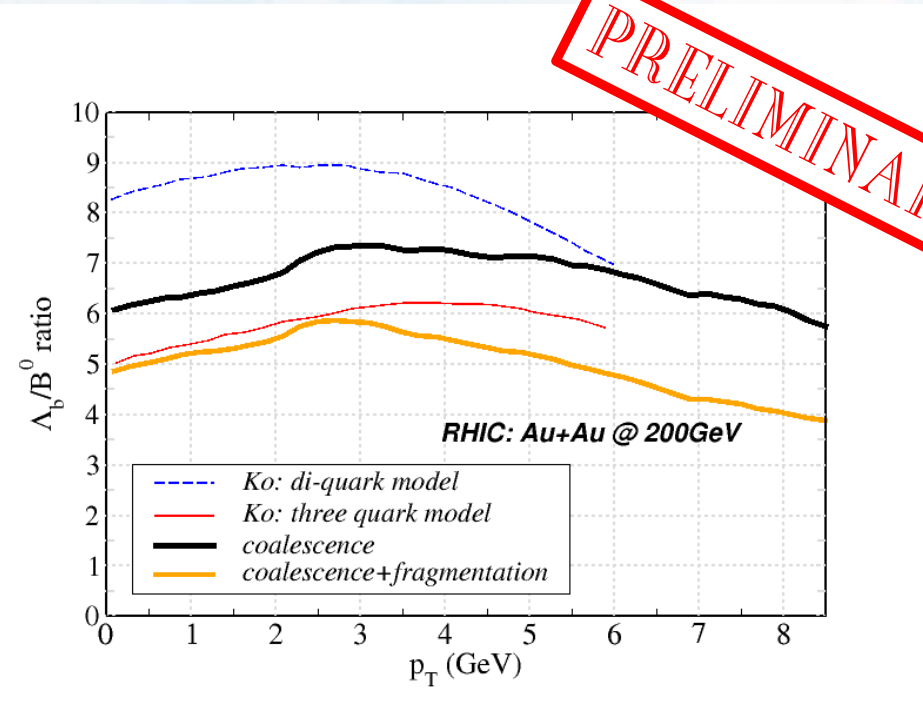
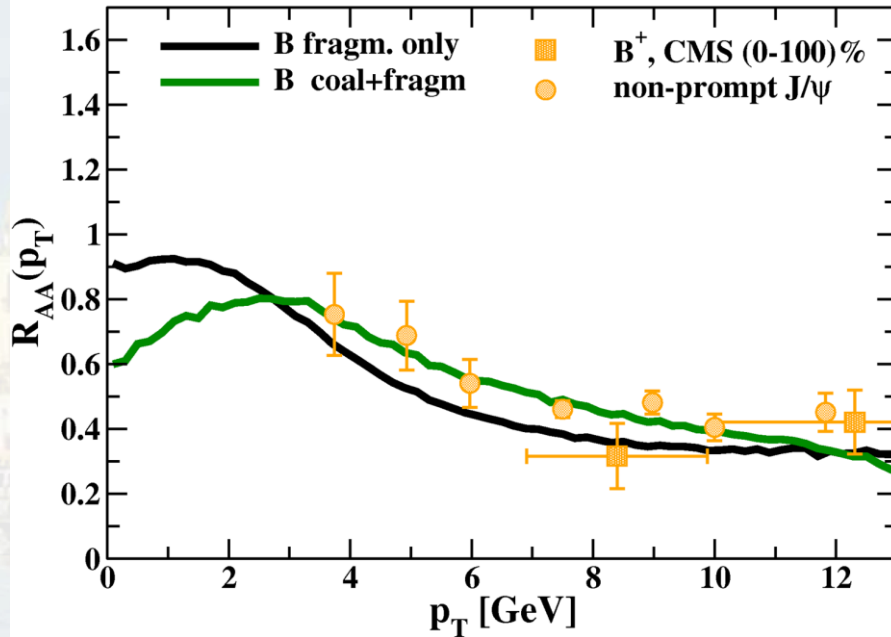
New STAR data in QM2018

- 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

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



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

Λ_b/B^0 including Σ_b resonances as in *Oh, Ko et al., Phys.Rev. C 79, 044905 (2009)*

ATTENTION: sensible to the presence of other possible resonances

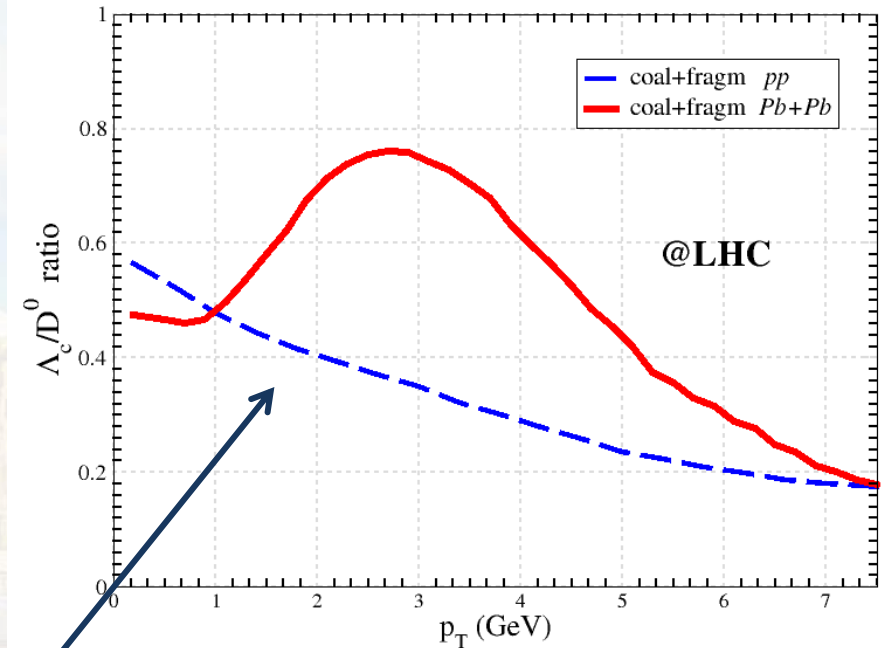
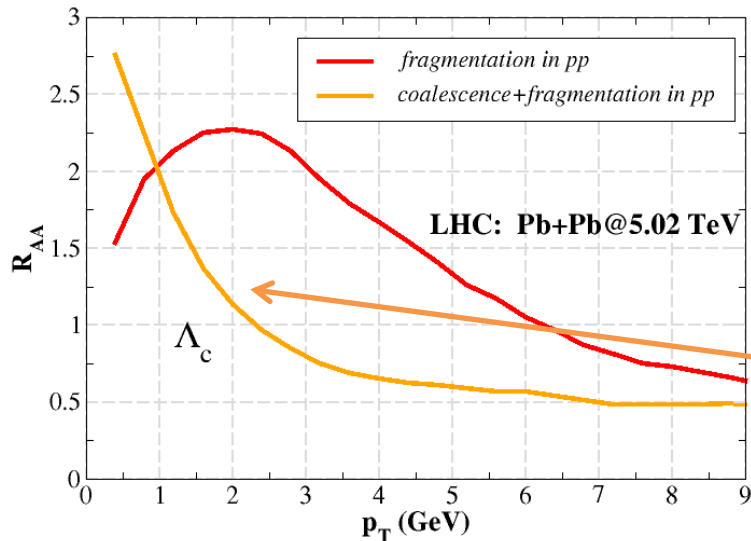
Coalescence in pp?

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 Λ_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
- Λ_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 Λ_c production on $D^0 R_{AA}$
- Extension to study Λ_b and B^0 spectra and their ratio
- Extension to pp



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A scenic view of a harbor with a town in the background and several boats in the water. The town features a prominent yellow dome and a tall bell tower. The water is calm, and the sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there are several small boats, including a blue one and a white one with a yellow canopy.

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

Assumption

coalescence brings to

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

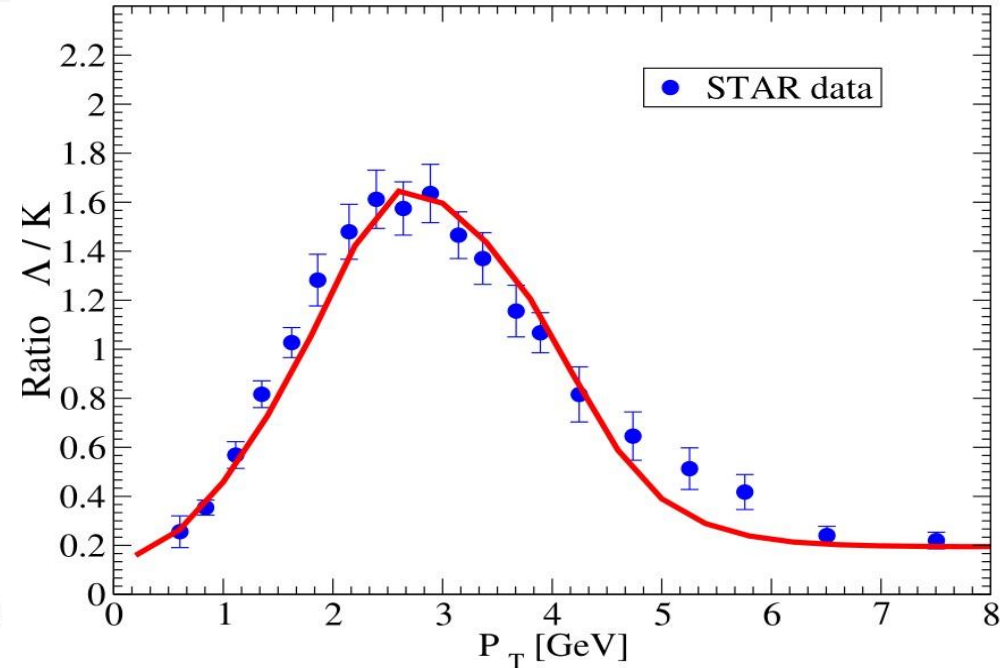
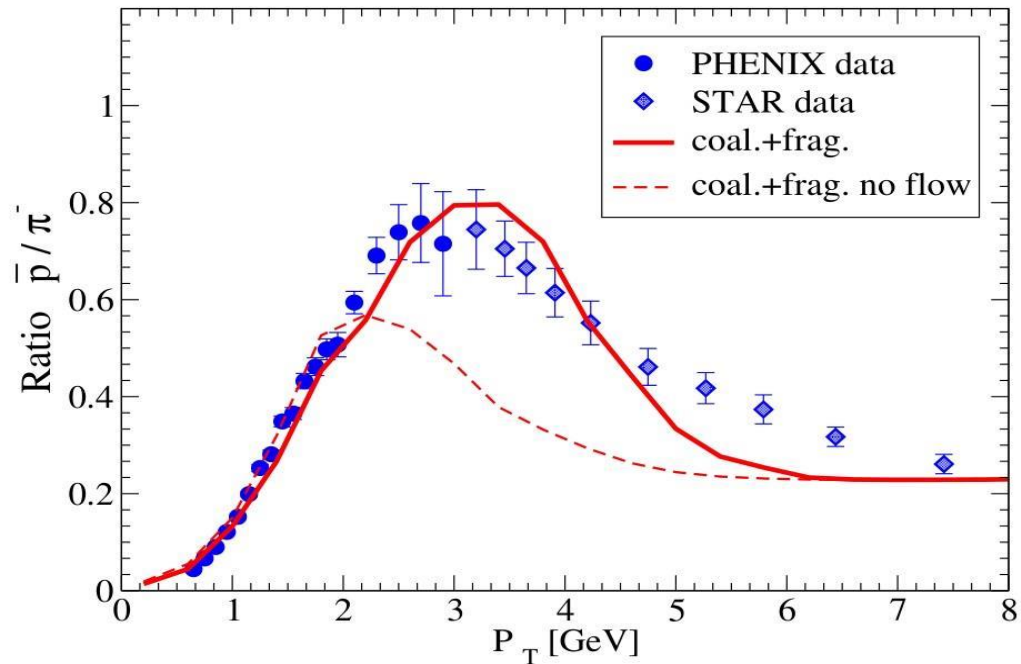
$$v_{2,B}(p_T) \approx 3v_{2,q}(p_T/3)$$

Partonic
elliptic flow

Hadronic
elliptic flow

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

Baryon to meson ratio at RHIC



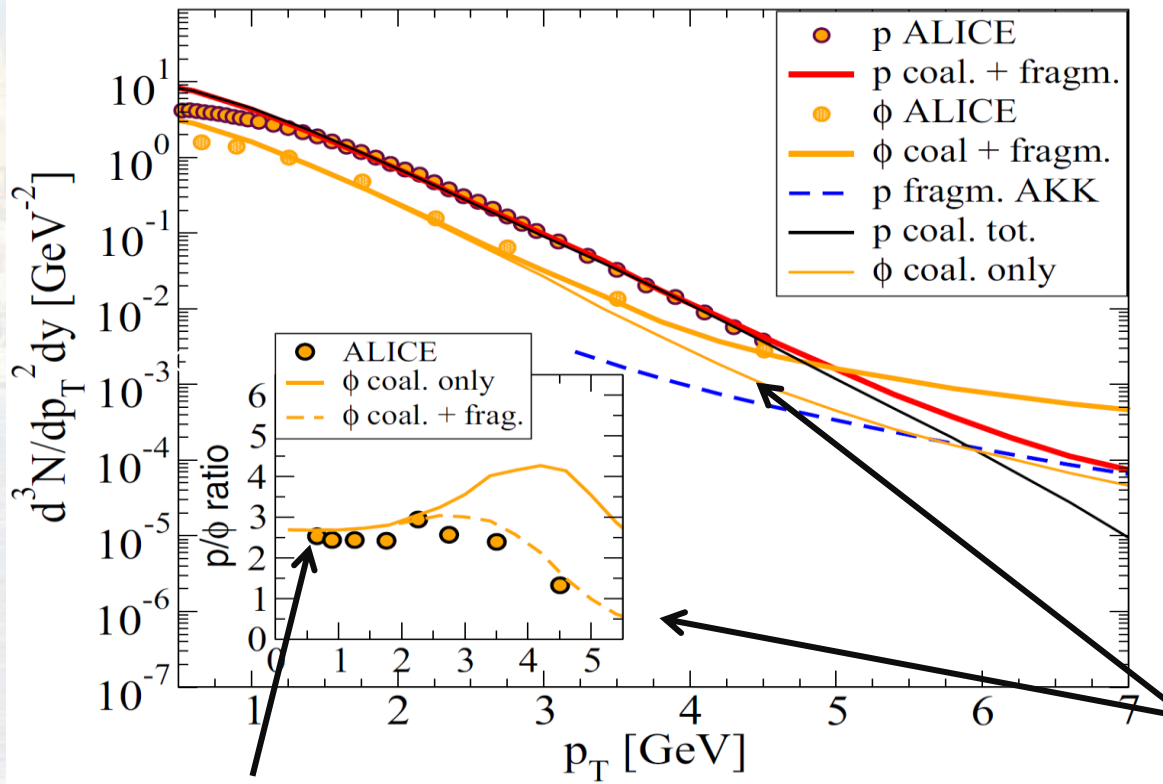
- ✓ coalescence naturally predict a baryon/meson enhancement in the region $p_T \approx 2-4\text{GeV}$ with respect to pp collisions
- ✓ Lack of baryon yield in the region $p_T \approx 5-7\text{GeV}$

LHC: ϕ meson

Discussed question for long time:

ϕ meson behaviour \rightarrow meson-like or mass effect

Coalescence predicts a similar slope for ϕ and p.



Proton is a combination of 3 quarks flowing each with a mass of about 330 MeV and ϕ 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

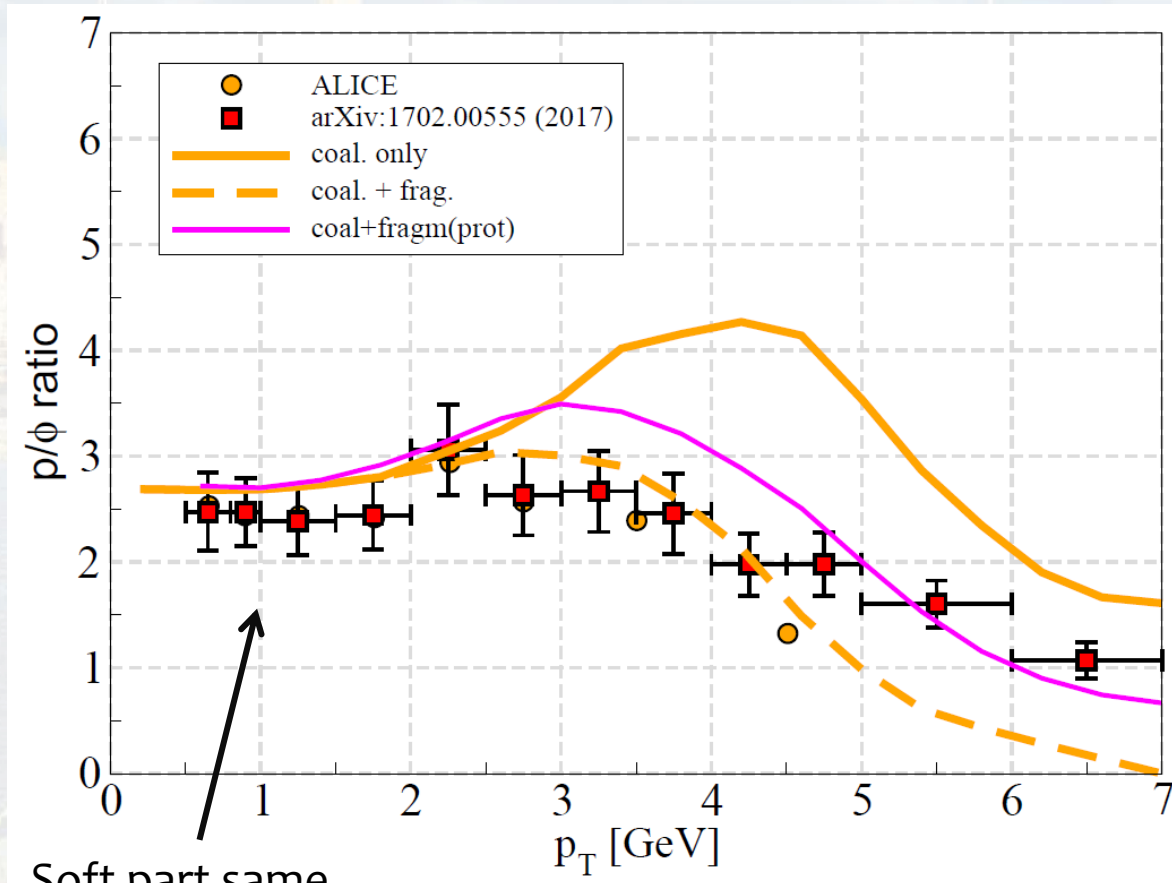
Soft part same
slope ϕ and p

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

