

Hadronization of Heavy Flavor in pp & Pb-Pb collisions

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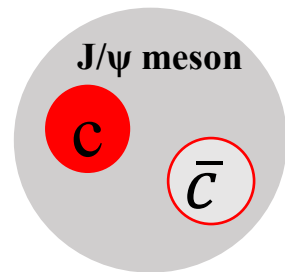


Heavy quarks & heavy hadrons

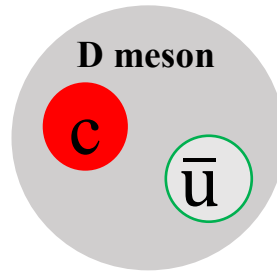
- Heavy quark $m_c \sim 1.5$, $m_b \sim 4.5$ GeV $\gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 $\rightarrow$ produced in early hard process $\tau \sim 1/2 m_Q$

QUARKS	mass $\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ charge $2/3$ spin $1/2$ u up	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ charge $2/3$ spin $1/2$ C charm	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ charge $2/3$ spin $1/2$ t top
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ charge $-1/3$ spin $1/2$ d down	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ charge $-1/3$ spin $1/2$ S strange	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ charge $-1/3$ spin $1/2$ b bottom

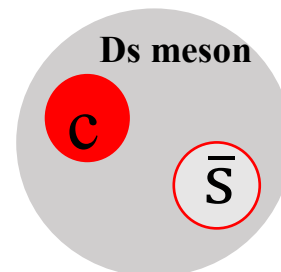
- Hadronization $\rightarrow$ well separated from production



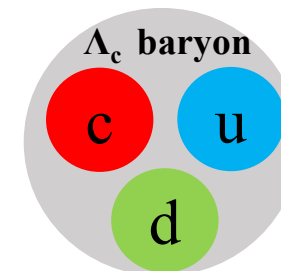
Charmonium
hidden charm



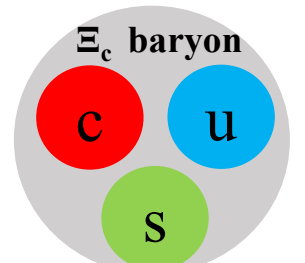
D mesons



D_s mesons



Λ_c -baryons



Ξ_c -baryons

open charm-hadrons

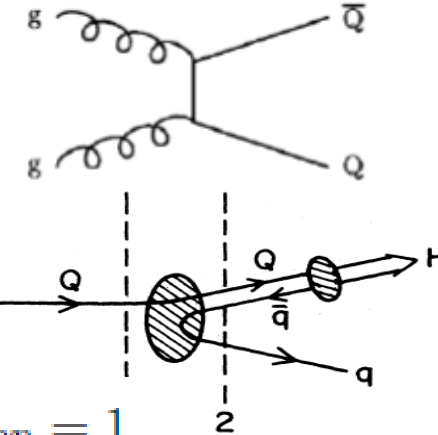
Part I: Heavy quark hadronization in pp

- Heavy flavor **hadro-chemistry**: non-universal
- **Statistical hadronization**: grand-canonical $\rightarrow$ canonical
- Providing **baseline** heavy-hadron p_T -spectra for Pb-Pb

Heavy quark hadronization in pp collisions

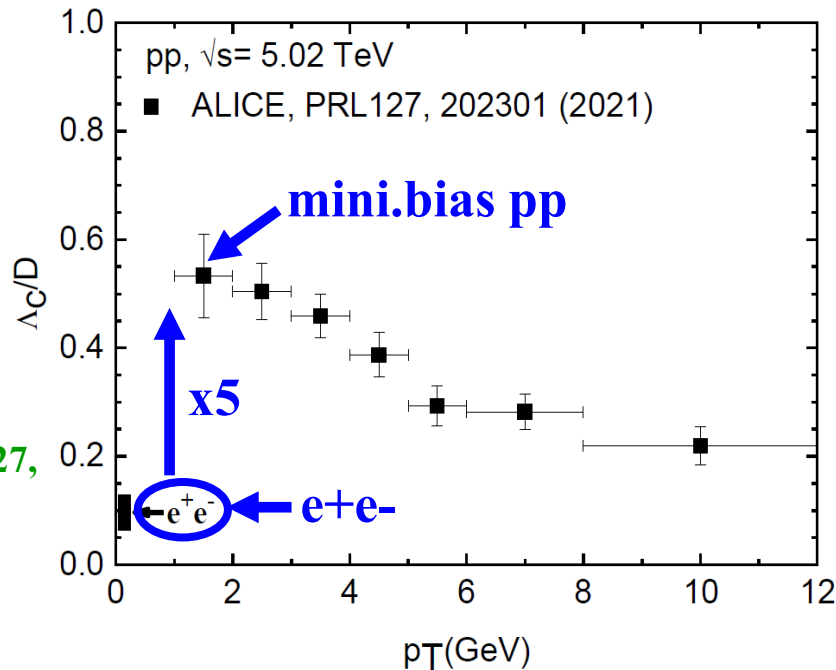
- Heavy hadron production cross section: **factorization**

$$\frac{d\sigma^{H_c}}{dp_T^{H_c}}(p_T; \mu_F, \mu_R) = \underbrace{\text{PDF}(x_1, \mu_F) \cdot \text{PDF}(x_2, \mu_F)}_{\text{Parton distribution functions (PDFs)}} \otimes \underbrace{\frac{d\sigma^c}{dp_T^c}(x_1, x_2, \mu_R, \mu_F)}_{\text{Hard scattering cross section (pQCD)}} \otimes \underbrace{D_{c \rightarrow H_c}(z = p_{H_c}/p_c, \mu_F)}_{\text{Fragmentation function (hadronization)}}$$

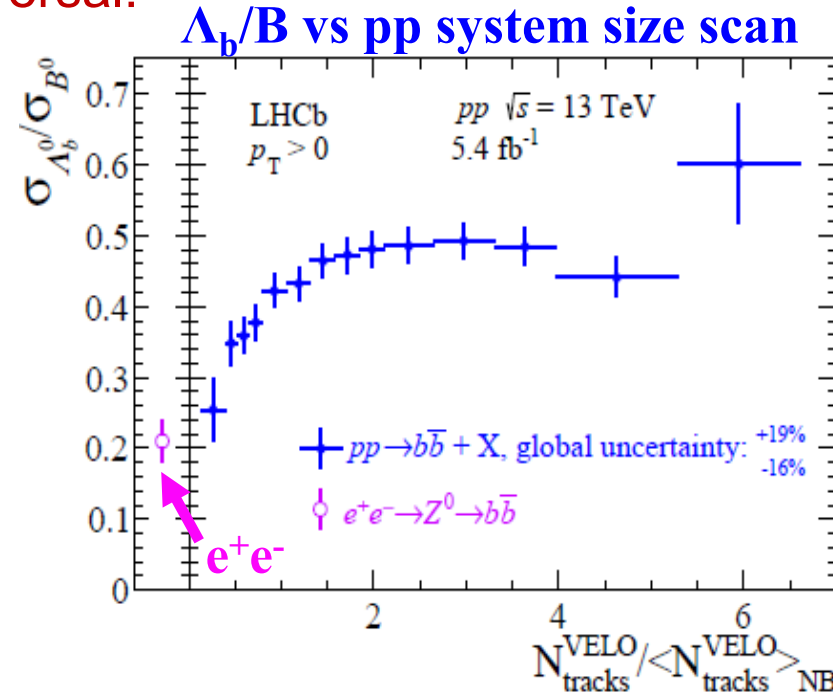


- Hadronization: heavy quark conservation $f_u + f_d + f_s + f_{baryon} = 1$

- hadro-chemistry: universal? $\rightarrow$ non-universal!



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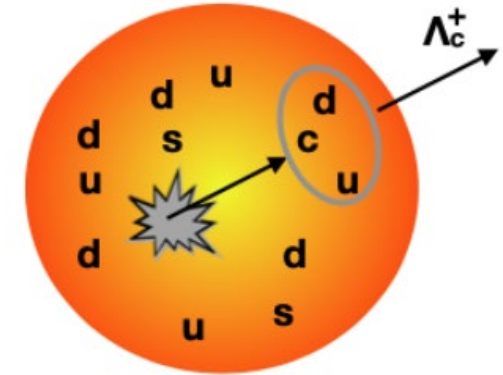
Difference e^+e^- vs $pp \rightarrow$ statistical hadronization

- e^+e^- = heavy Q-Qbar produced as two back-to-back jets
 - heavy quark vacuum fragmentation: costly to excite a diquark-antidiquark pair
 - not conducive to Λ_c baryon production

- High-energy pp collisions = light-quark-rich environment

→ Coalescence of c/b with surrounding q

→ Enhancing heavy-baryon production: $n_{\Lambda_c} \propto n_q^2$ vs $n_D \propto n_q$



- Stochastic/statistical coalescence = Statistical Hadronization Model (SHM)

{ Relative chemical equilibrium between different heavy-hadron species
Heavy-hadron primary production yields $N_i \propto$ thermal densities n_i

Mini. bias pp: Grand-canonical SHM

- Grand-canonical thermal density for primary heavy-hadrons

$$n_i^{\text{primary}} = \frac{d_i}{2\pi^2} \gamma_s^{N_s^i} m_i^2 T_H K_2\left(\frac{m_i}{T_H}\right) \begin{cases} \gamma_s=0.6 - \text{strangeness suppression factor} \\ T_H=170 \text{ MeV} - \text{'universal' hadronization temperature} \end{cases}$$

- Heavy-hadron mass spectrum: 'missing' c/b-baryons

PDG: 5 B, 4 B_s,
5 Λ_b , 2 Σ_b , 4 Ξ_b , 1 Ω_b

RQM: 25 B, 20 B_s, **Ebert et al., PRD 84 (2011) 014025**
30 Λ_b , 46 Σ_b , 75 Ξ_b , 42 Ω_b

Λ_b^0

$$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$$

$I(J^P)$ not yet measured; $0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$ is the quark model prediction.
Mass $m = 5619.60 \pm 0.17 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_{\Lambda_b^0} - m_{B^0} = 339.2 \pm 1.4 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_{\Lambda_b^0} - m_{B^+} = 339.72 \pm 0.28 \text{ MeV}$
Mean life $\tau = (1.471 \pm 0.009) \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$
 $c\tau = 441.0 \mu\text{m}$

$\Lambda_b(5912)^0$

$$J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$$

Mass $m = 5912.20 \pm 0.21 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma < 0.66 \text{ MeV}$, CL = 90%

$\Lambda_b(5920)^0$

$$J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-$$

Mass $m = 5919.92 \pm 0.19 \text{ MeV}$ (S = 1.1)
Full width $\Gamma < 0.63 \text{ MeV}$, CL = 90%

$\Lambda_b(6146)^0$

$$J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+$$

Mass $m = 6146.2 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma = 2.9 \pm 1.3 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma = 526.55 \pm 0.34 \text{ MeV}$

$\Lambda_b(6152)^0$

$$J^P = \frac{5}{2}^+$$

Mass $m = 6152.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma = 2.1 \pm 0.9 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma = 532.89 \pm 0.28 \text{ MeV}$
Full width $\Gamma = 6.34 \pm 0.32 \text{ MeV}$

TABLE II. Masses of the Λ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons (in MeV).

$I(J^P)$	Qd state	M	$Q = c$ $M^{\text{exp}} [1]$	M	$Q = b$ $M^{\text{exp}} [1]$
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	1S	2286	2286.46(14)	5620	5620.2(1.6)
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2S	2769	2766.6(2.4)?	6089	
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	3S	3130	6455		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	4S	3437	6756		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5S	3715	7015		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	6S	3973	7256		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	1P	2598	2595.4(6)	5930	
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	2P	2983	2939.3(1.4)?	6326	
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	3P	3303	6645		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	4P	3588	6917		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	5P	3852	7157		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	1P	2627	2628.1(6)	5942	
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	2P	3005	6333		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	3P	3322	6651		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	4P	3606	6922		
$0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	5P	3869	7171		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	1D	2874	6190		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2D	3189	6526		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	3D	3480	6811		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	4D	3747	7060		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	1D	2880	2881.53(35)	6196	
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2D	3209	6531		
$0(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	3D	3500	6814		

TABLE III. Masses of the Σ_Q ($Q = c, b$) heavy baryons (in MeV).

$I(J^P)$	Qd state	M	$Q = c$ $M^{\text{exp}} [1]$	M	$Q = b$ $M^{\text{exp}} [1]$
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	1S	2443	2453.76(18)	5808	5807.8(2.7)
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	2S	2901		6213	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	3S	3271		6575	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	4S	3581		6869	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^+)$	5S	3861		7124	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	1S	2519	2518.0(5)	5834	5829.0(3.4)
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	2S	2936	2939.3(1.3)?	6226	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	3S	3293		6583	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	4S	3598		6876	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^+)$	5S	3873		7129	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	1P	2799	2802(4)	6101	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	2P	3172		6440	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	3P	3488		6756	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	4P	3770		7024	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	1P	2713		6095	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	2P	3125		6430	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	3P	3455		6742	
$1(\frac{1}{2}^-)$	4P	3743		7008	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	1P	2798	2802(4)	6096	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	2P	3172		6430	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	3P	3486		6742	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	4P	3768		7009	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	1P	2773	2766.6(2.4)?	6087	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	2P	3151		6423	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	3P	3469		6736	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	4P	3753		7003	
$1(\frac{3}{2}^-)$	1P	2789		6084	

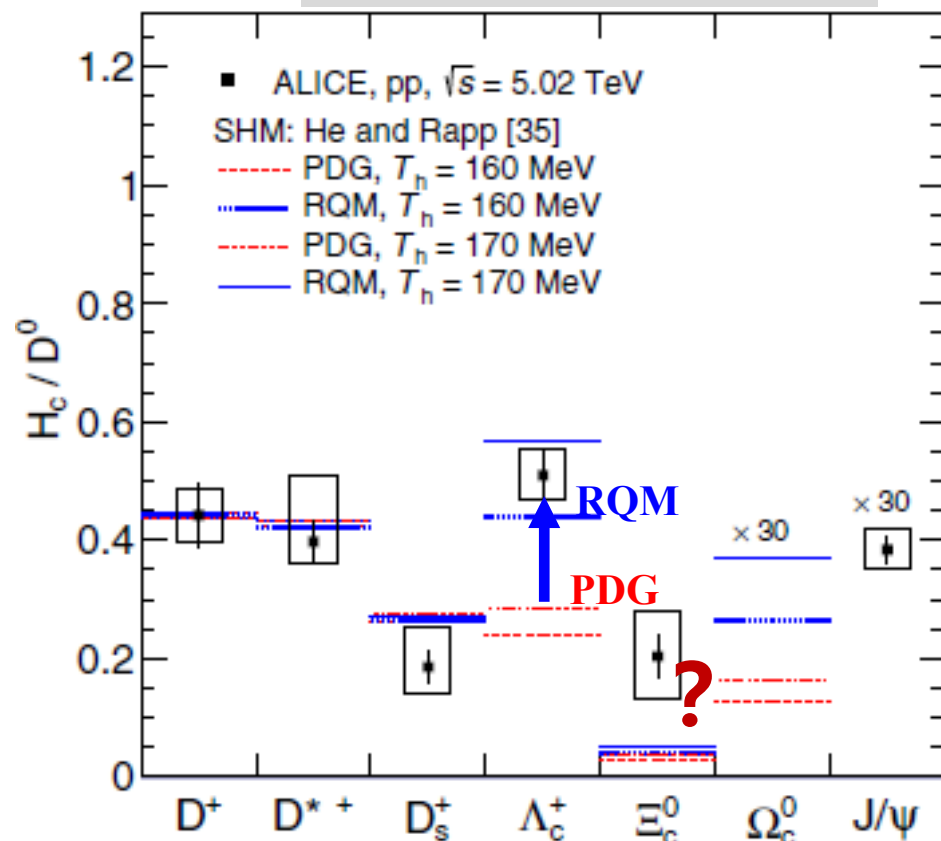


Ground-state c/b-hadron ratios

- Ground-state heavy-hadron total density = primary + feed-downs

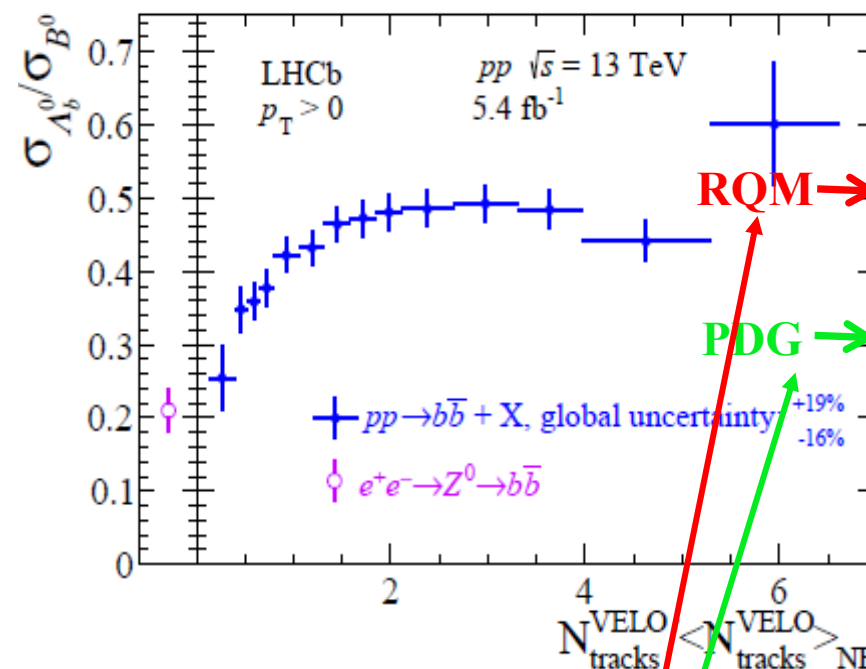
$$n_{\alpha} = n_{\alpha}^{\text{primary}} + \sum_i n_i^{\text{primary}} \cdot BR(i \rightarrow \alpha)$$

H_c/D^0 mini.bias pp



ALICE, PRD 105 (2022) L011103; MH & Rapp '19

Λ_b/B vs system-size



MH & Rapp '23

r_{α}	$\bar{B}^0/B^-$	$\bar{B}_s^0/B^-$	Λ_b^0/B^-	$\Xi_b^{0,-}/B^-$
PDG	0.9995	0.2904	0.3129	0.1000
RQM	0.9994	0.2699	0.5122	0.1623



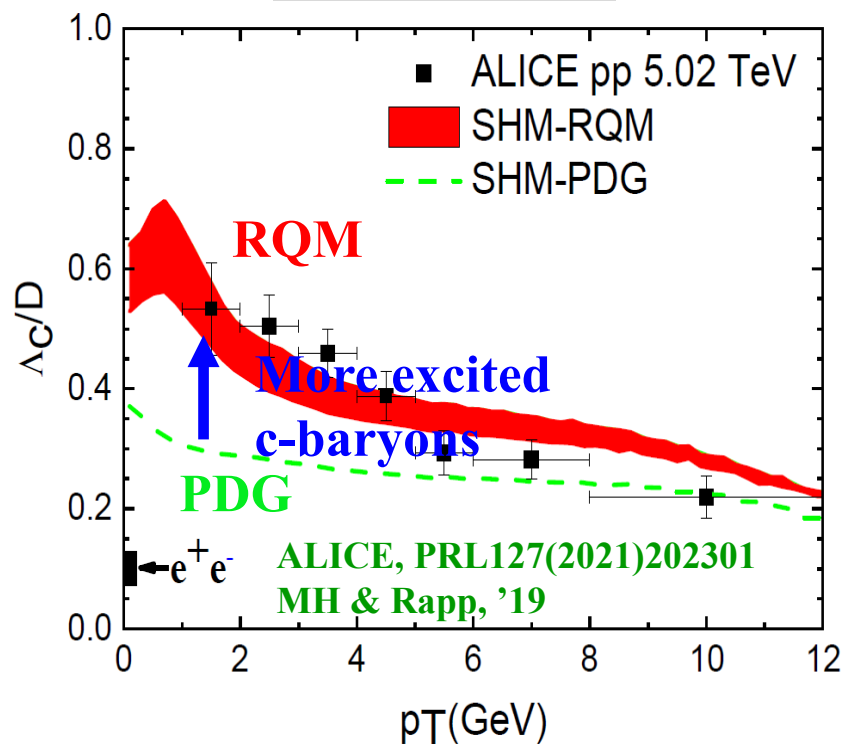
p_T -dependence: fragmentation + decay simulation

- FONLL c/b-quark p_t -spectrum + fragmentation into **all primary** states + decay simulations

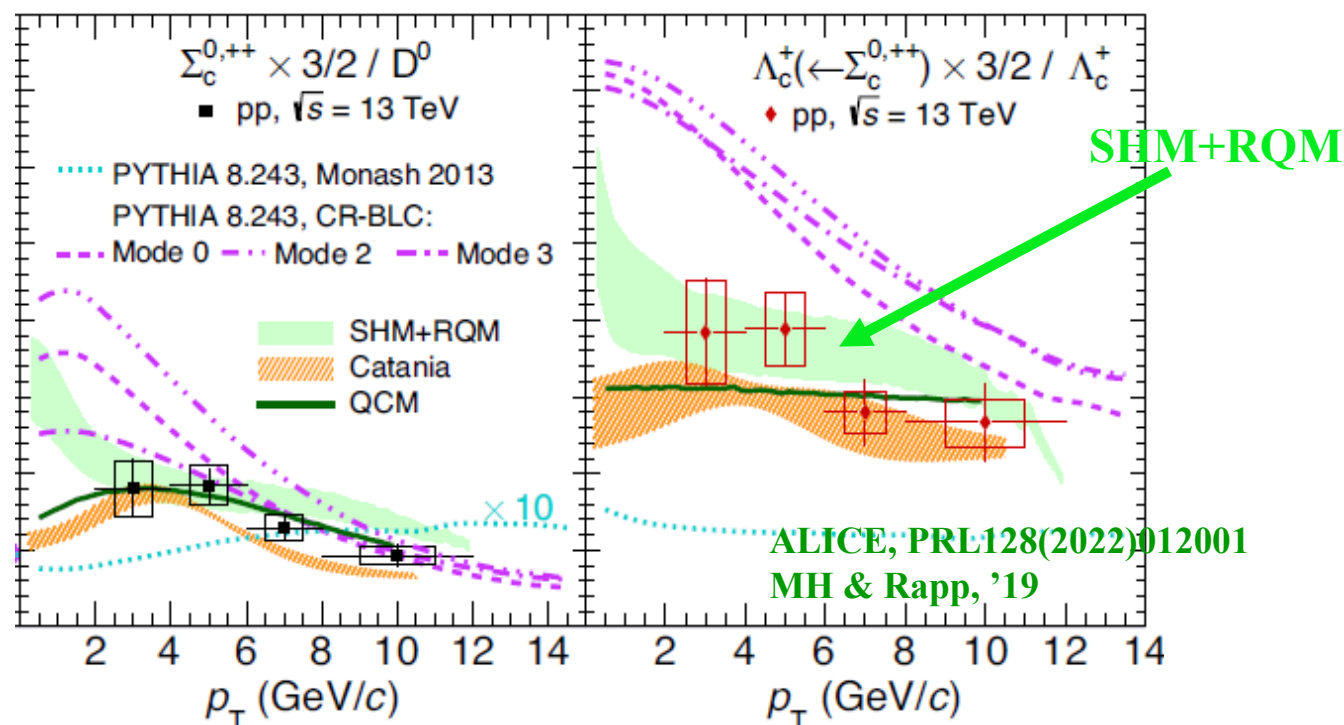
→ ground-state b-hadrons p_T -spectra: $z = p_T/p_t$

$$D_{b \rightarrow H_b}(z) \propto z^\alpha (1-z), \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{weight} \propto \text{primary density (relative chemical equilibrium)} \\ \alpha \text{ tuned to fit the slope of known spectra} \end{array} \right.$$

Λ_c/D^0 vs p_T

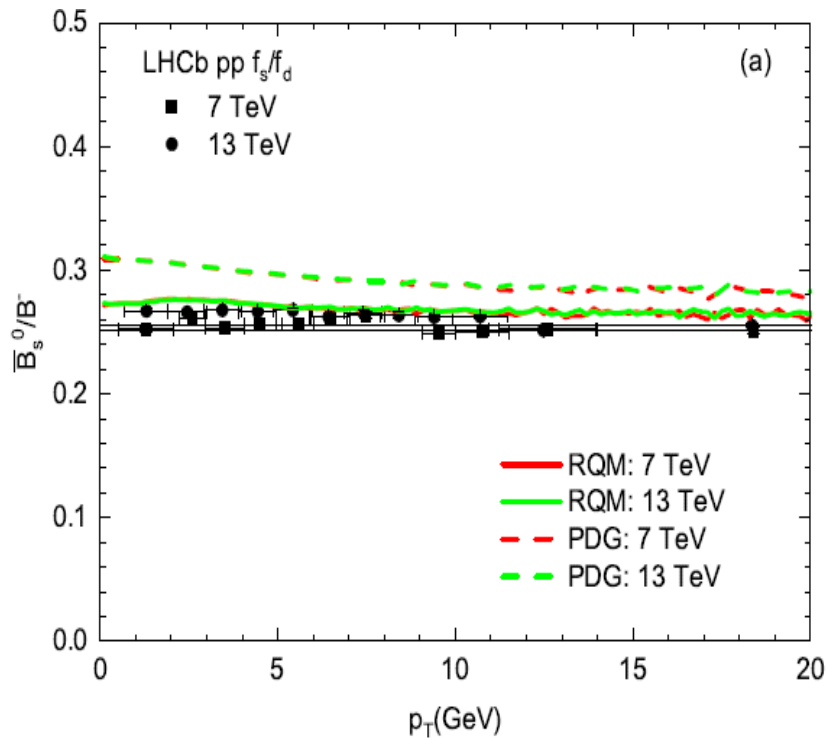


$\Sigma_c(2455)/D^0$ vs p_T

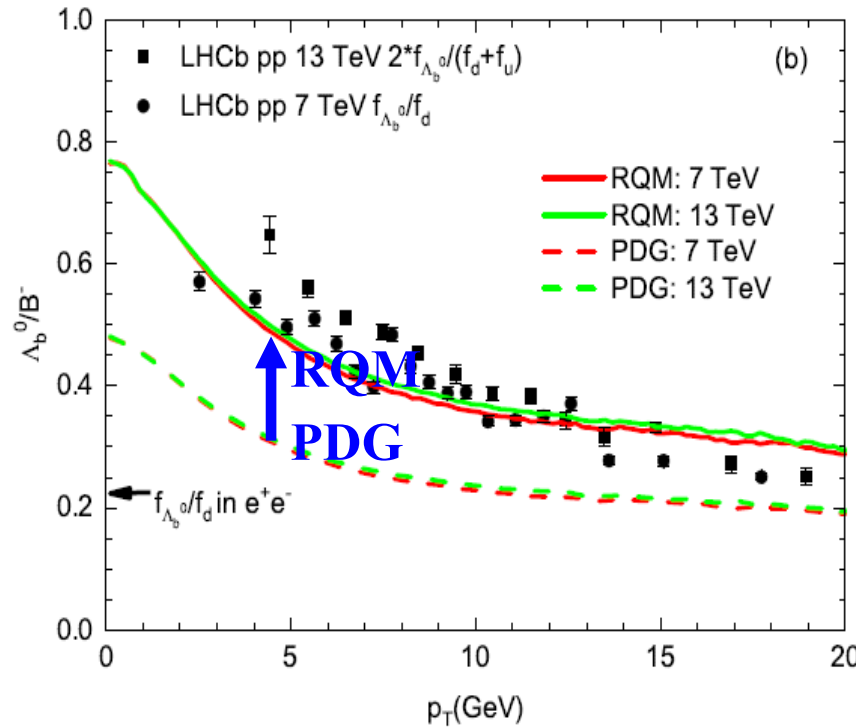


p_T -dependence: b-hadron ratios in mini. bias pp

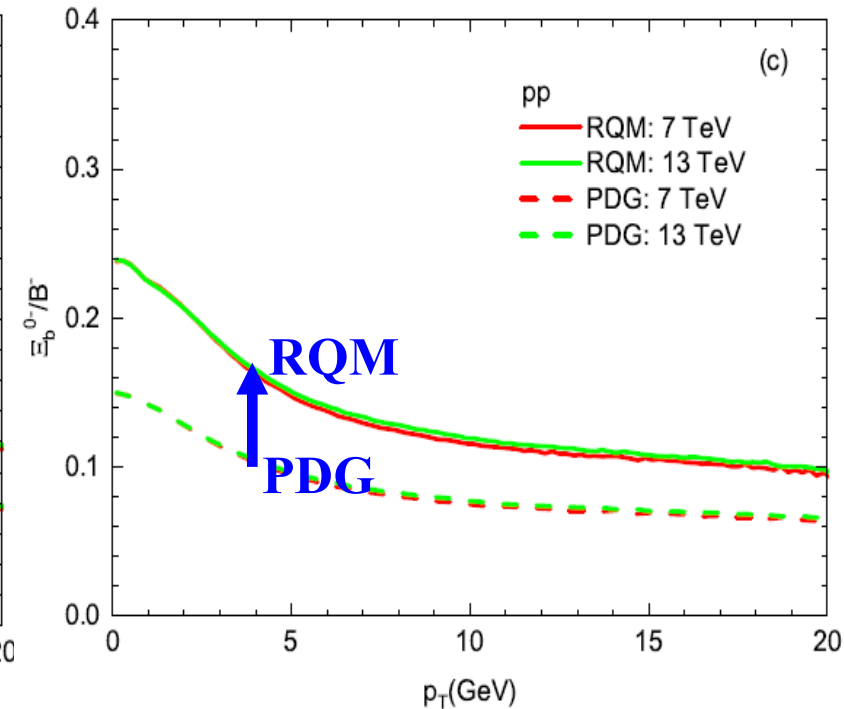
B_s/B



Λ_b/B



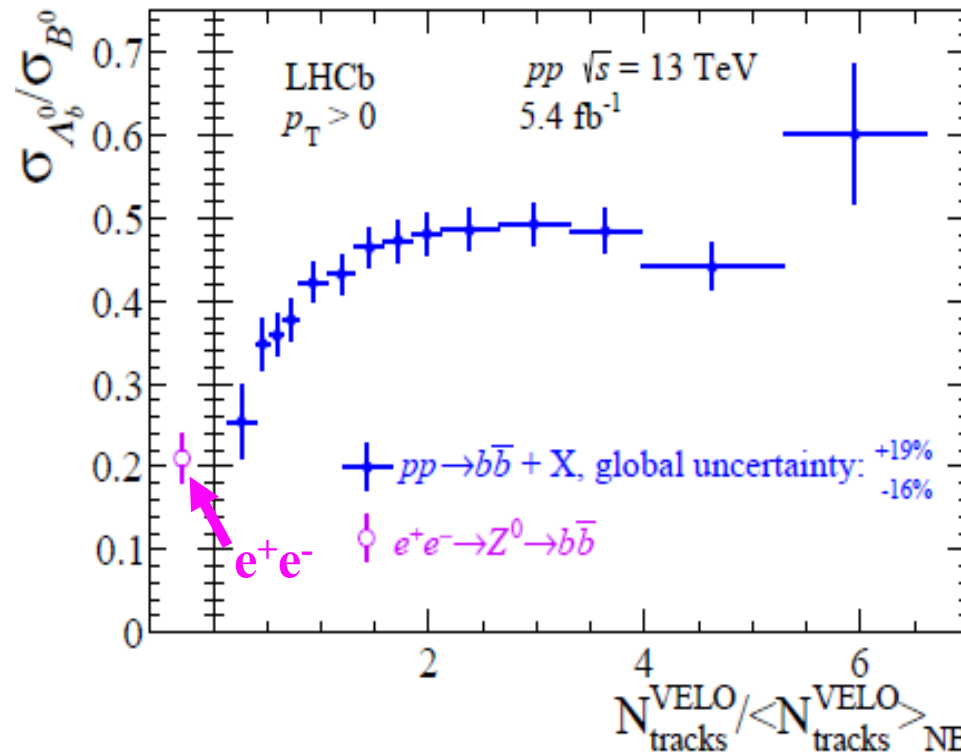
Ξ_b/B



- PDG $\rightarrow$ RQM: feeddown of more “missing” excited baryons $\rightarrow$ enhancing the ground-state Λ_b & Ξ_b to B ratio MH & Rapp, '23

But still why Λ_b/B falls with system size?

Λ_b/B vs pp system size scan



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- Coalescence viewpoint: $n_{\Lambda_b} \propto n_q^2$ vs $n_B \propto n_q \Rightarrow \Lambda_b/B \propto n_q^2/n_q = n_q$ falling toward smaller system
- Statistical hadronization viewpoint: switch to **canonical ensemble** for smaller system

Canonical ensemble (CE) SHM

- Canonical ensemble partition function: **strict conservation** of quantum charges

$$Z(\vec{Q}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^5\phi}{(2\pi)^5} e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{\phi}} \exp\left[\sum_j \gamma_s^{N_{sj}} \gamma_c^{N_{cj}} \gamma_b^{N_{bj}} e^{-i\vec{q}_j\cdot\vec{\phi}} z_j\right] \quad \vec{Q} = (Q, N, S, C, B)$$

$$z_j = (2J_j + 1) \frac{V T_H}{2\pi^2} m_j^2 K_2\left(\frac{m_j}{T_H}\right)$$

correlation volume ~ system size

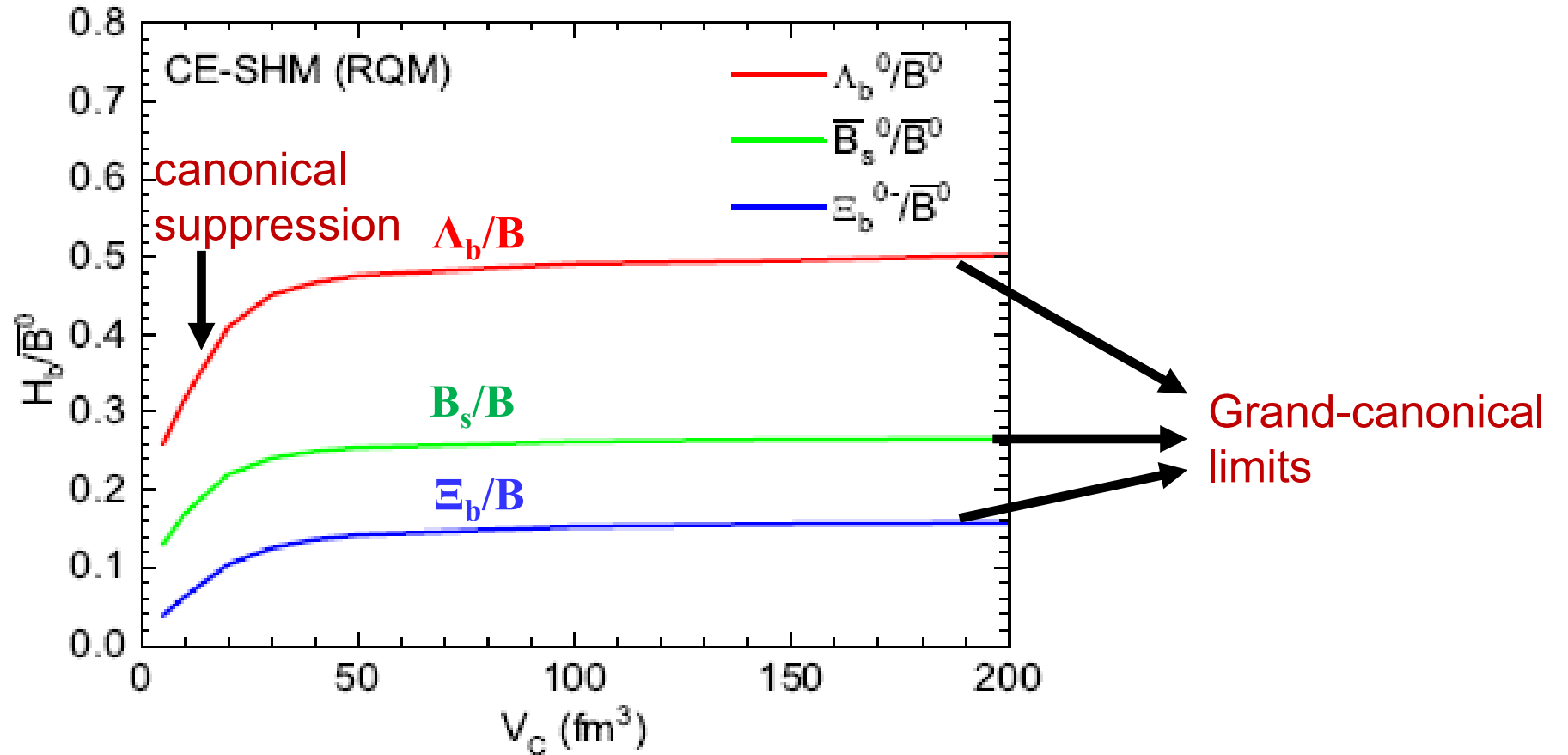
- Primary hadron yield: CE vs GCE

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N_j \rangle^{CE} &= \gamma_s^{N_{sj}} \gamma_c^{N_{cj}} \gamma_b^{N_{bj}} z_j \frac{Z(\vec{Q} - \vec{q}_j)}{Z(\vec{Q})} \\ &= \langle N_j \rangle^{GCE} \frac{Z(\vec{Q} - \vec{q}_j)}{Z(\vec{Q})} \end{aligned}$$

chemical factor < 1:
canonical suppression for
charged hadron with $\vec{q}_j \neq 0$

- E.g. **exact baryon-number conservation** requires: simultaneous creation of a pair of baryon and antibaryon $\rightarrow$ energy-expensive $\exp(-2m_N/T_H)$
 $\rightarrow$ **canonical suppression** for baryon production

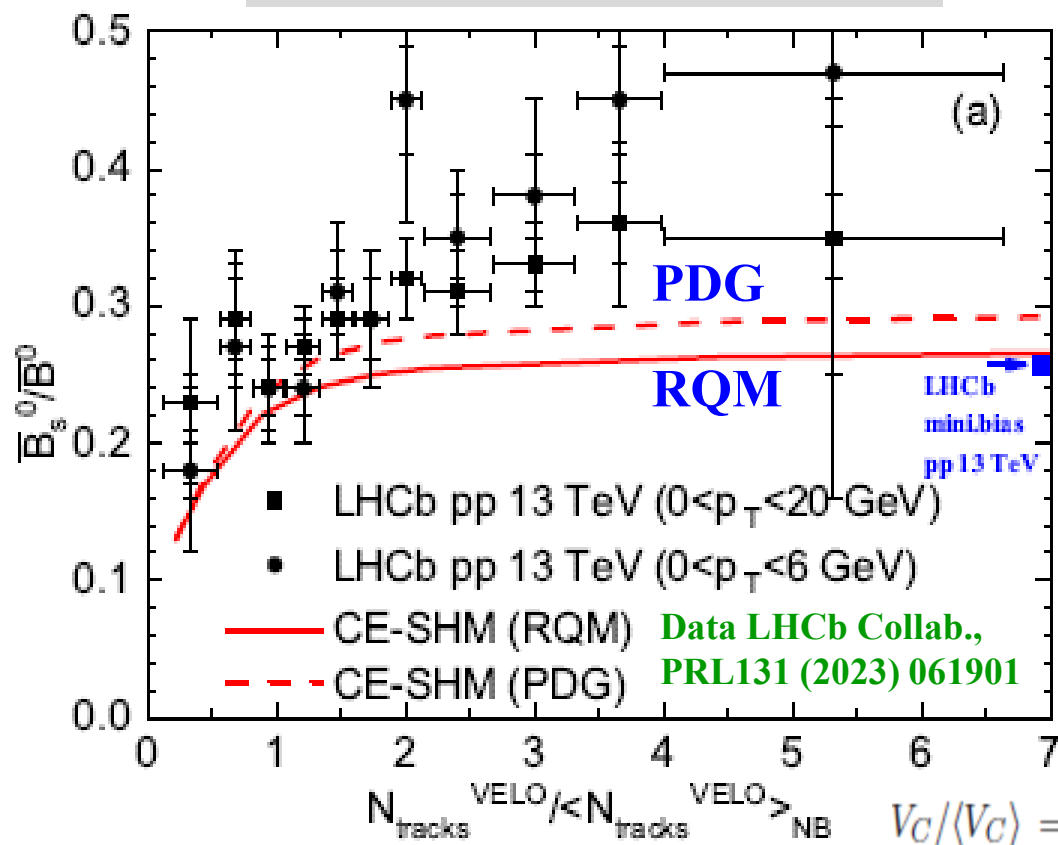
Ground-state b-hadron ratios vs Volume



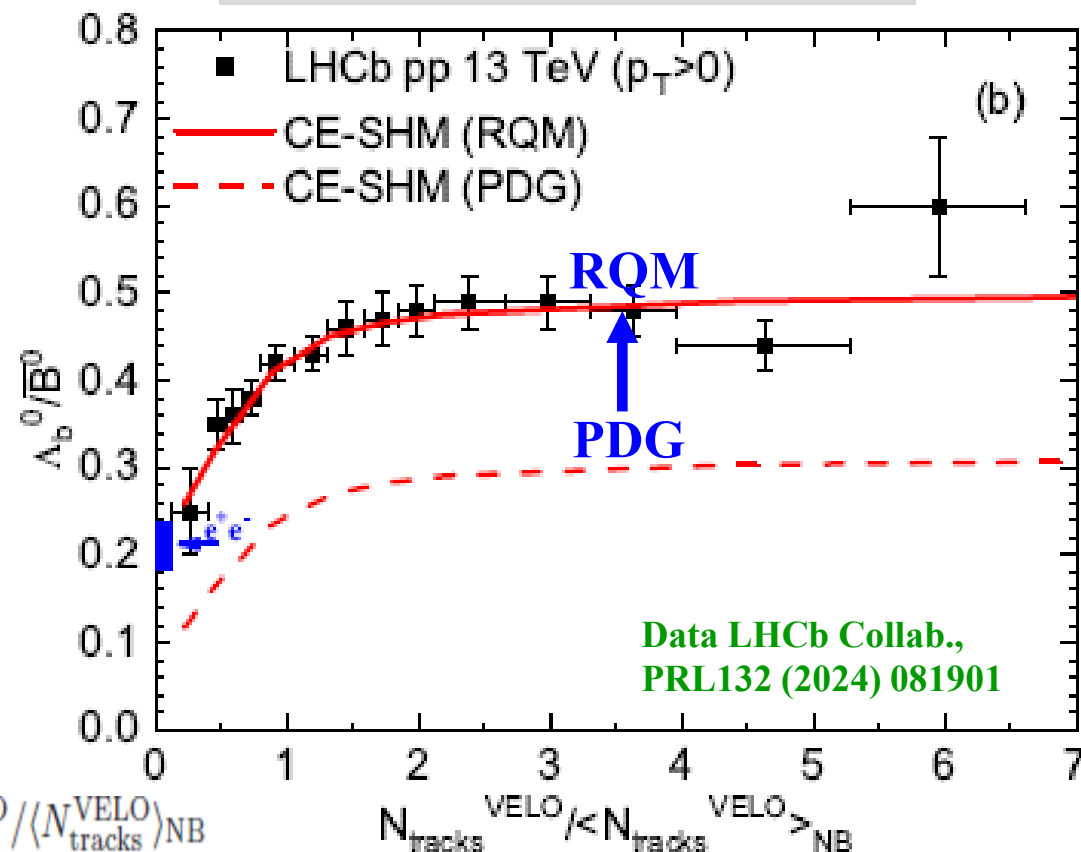
- As volume/system size reduces, canonical suppression due to strangeness/baryon number conservation $\rightarrow B_s/B, \Lambda_b/B, \Xi_b/B$ suppressed by a factor 2 or more
- All ratios tend to the corresponding GCE-SHM values at large system size

Ground-state b-hadron production ratios

B_s^0/B vs system-size



Λ_b^0/B vs system-size



$$V_C / \langle V_C \rangle = N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{VELO}} / \langle N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{VELO}} \rangle_{\text{NB}}$$

$$\langle V_C \rangle = 22.6 \text{ fm}^3 \quad \text{Dai \& MH, '24}$$

- Λ_b^0/B GCE saturation limit $\rightarrow$ e^+e^- vacuum fragmentation limit
- RQM strongly favored by data



Outline of Part II

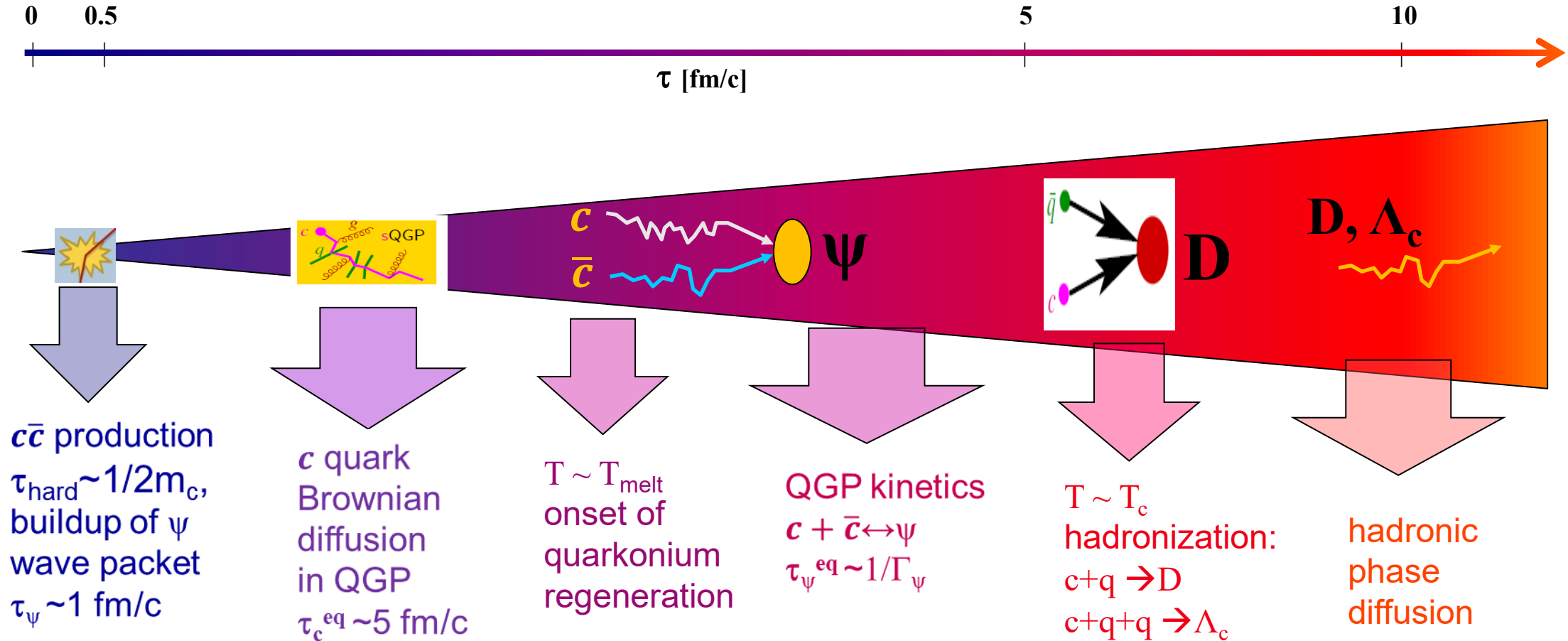
Hadro-chemistry & p_T spectra computed above in minimum bias pp collisions
= a controlled reference for studying modifications in heavy-ion collisions →

Part II: Open heavy-flavor transport in Pb-Pb

- Interaction of HF with medium: T-matrix approach
- Heavy quark diffusion & hadronization in QGP
- Collective flow & p_T -dependent modifications of hadro-chemistry



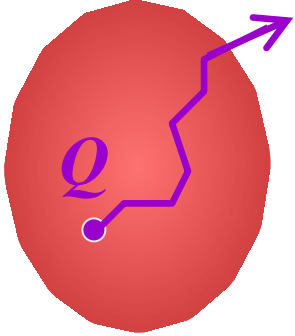
Heavy flavor transport as probes of QGP



- $m_Q \gg T \rightarrow$ number conserved through diffusion/hadronization: **tagged & traceable probes**
- $\tau_Q^{\text{eq}} \geq \tau_{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow$ carrying a memory of interaction history: **quantitative gauge of coupling strength**

HQ interaction & diffusion in QGP

- Heavy quark Brownian motion: Fokker-Planck/Langevin equation



$$q_0 \sim q^2/2m_Q \ll q \sim T \ll m_Q$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_Q(t, p) = \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{thermal relaxation rate}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} [p_i f_Q(t, p)] + \underbrace{D_p}_{\text{momentum diffusion coeff.}} \Delta_{\vec{p}} f_Q(t, p)$$

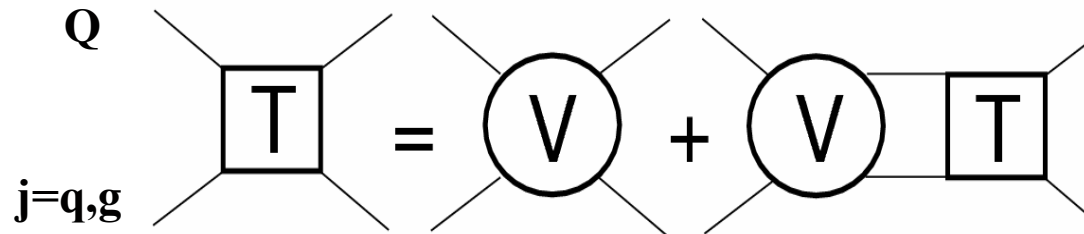
thermal relaxation rate

$$\gamma \sim \int |\mathbf{T}_{Qj}|^2 (1 - \cos\theta) f^j$$

momentum diffusion coeff.
Einstein relation $D_p = \gamma m_Q T$

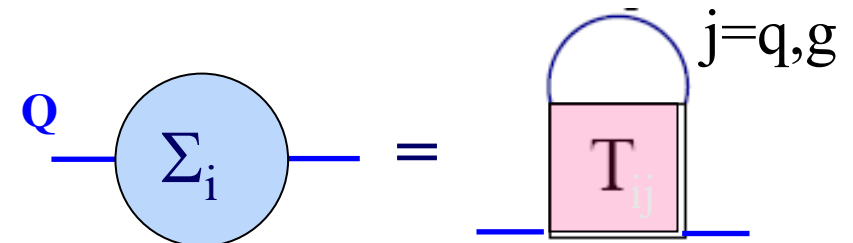
- Q-q/g soft scatterings: T-matrix resummation of in-medium HQ potential

2-body scattering amplitude



$$T_{Qj} = V_{Qj} + \int V_{Qj} D_Q D_j T_{Qj}$$

1-body HQ propagator



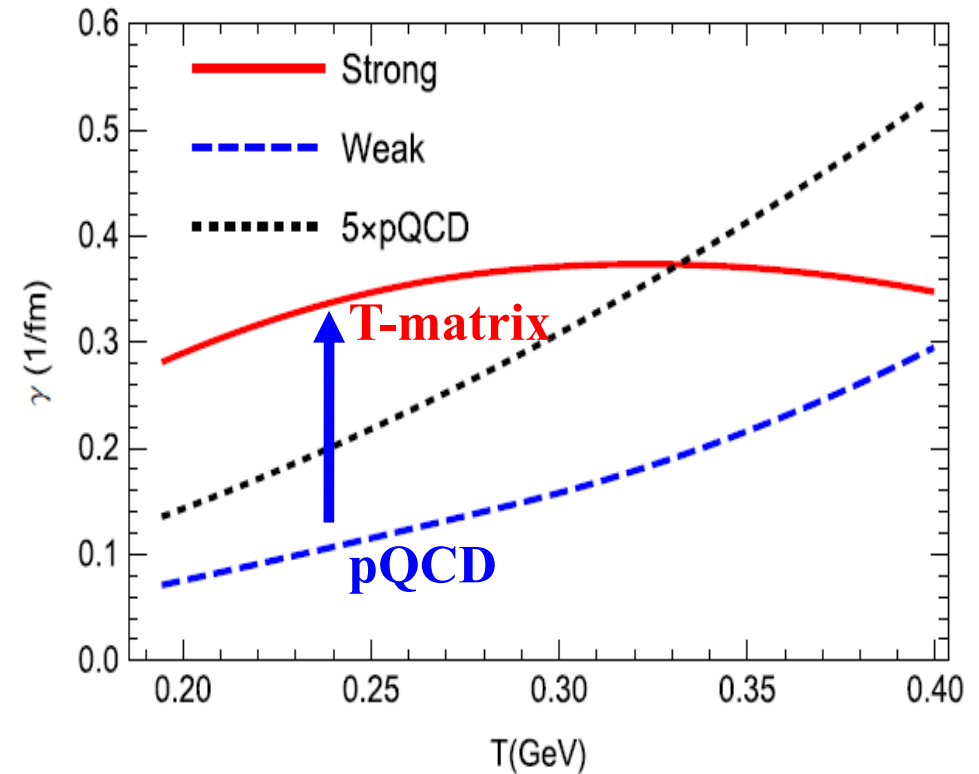
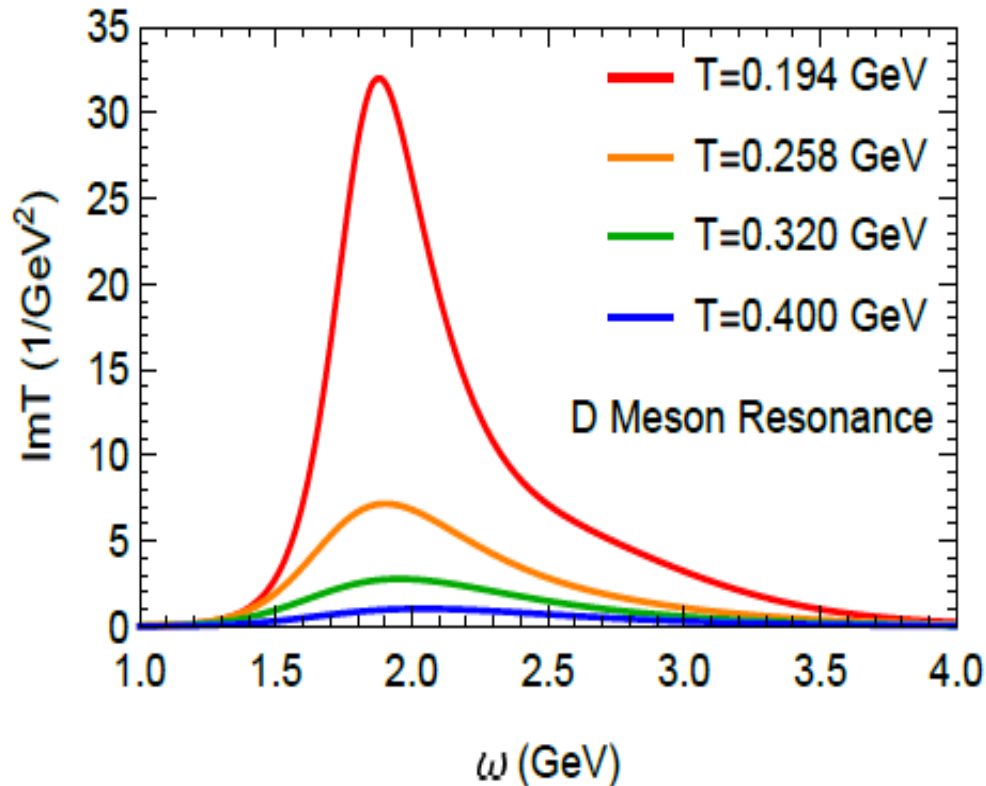
$$D = 1 / [\omega - \omega_k - \Sigma(\omega, k)]$$

Riek & Rapp '10; Liu, MH & Rapp '19; Review: MH, van Hees & Rapp '23

Charm quark thermal relaxation rate in QGP

$$\gamma = A \sim \int |T_{Qj}|^2 (1 - \cos\theta) f^j$$

T-matrix w/ U-potential $\longrightarrow$ Resonance formation near $T_c \longrightarrow$ Accelerating charm thermalization



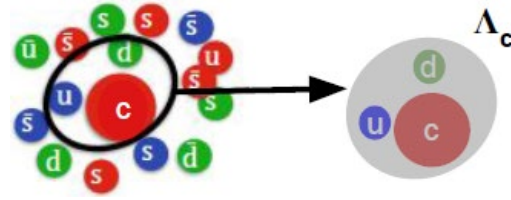
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- Non-perturbative enhancement at low p & T ; approaching pQCD at high p & T
- x K-factor=1.6 for mimicking spin-dependent force/radiative contributions $\rightarrow$ Tang & Rapp '23

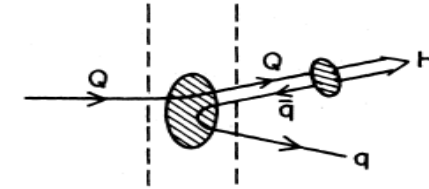


Hadronization: resonance recombination

Recombination:



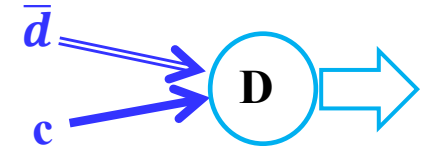
vs. Fragmentation:



- 2→1 Resonance Recombination via Boltzmann equilibrium limit

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_M(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) = -m\Gamma f_M(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) + p^0 \beta(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$$

$$f_M(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) = \frac{\gamma_M(p)}{\Gamma_M} \int \frac{d^3\vec{p}_1 d^3\vec{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} f_q(\vec{x}, \vec{p}_1) f_{\bar{q}}(\vec{x}, \vec{p}_2) \underline{\sigma_M(s)} v_{\text{rel}}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) \delta^3(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2)$$



Ravagli & Rapp '07; MH, Fries & Rapp '12

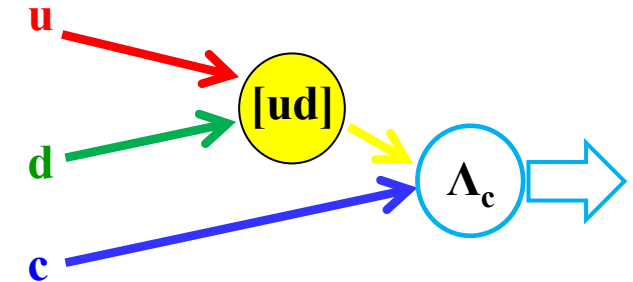
- **energy-conservation** via finite width $\Gamma_M \leftarrow$ T-matrix $c\bar{q}$ resonance

- 3→1 RRM: **diquark correlations** in heavy-baryons

diquark type	mass (MeV)	wave func.	charm-baryon
Scalar [u,d]	710	$\bar{3}_{\text{color}} \bar{3}_{\text{flavor}} 0_{\text{spin}}^+$	$\Lambda_c: c[\text{ud}]$
Axialvector {u,d}	909	$\bar{3}_{\text{color}} 6_{\text{flavor}} 1_{\text{spin}}^+$	$\Sigma_c: c\{\text{ud}\}$

$$f_B(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) = \frac{E_B(\vec{p})}{\Gamma_B m_B} \int \frac{d^3p_1 d^3p_2 d^3p_3}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{E_d(\vec{p}_{12})}{\Gamma_d m_d} f_1(\vec{x}, \vec{p}_1) f_2(\vec{x}, \vec{p}_2) f_3(\vec{x}, \vec{p}_3)$$

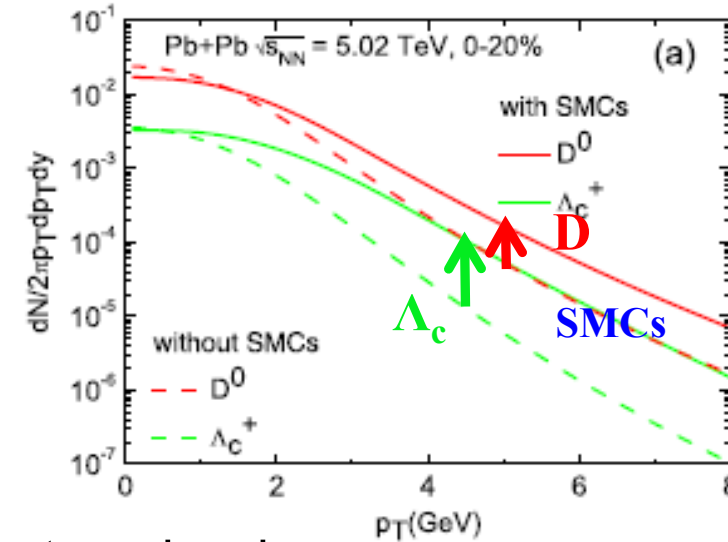
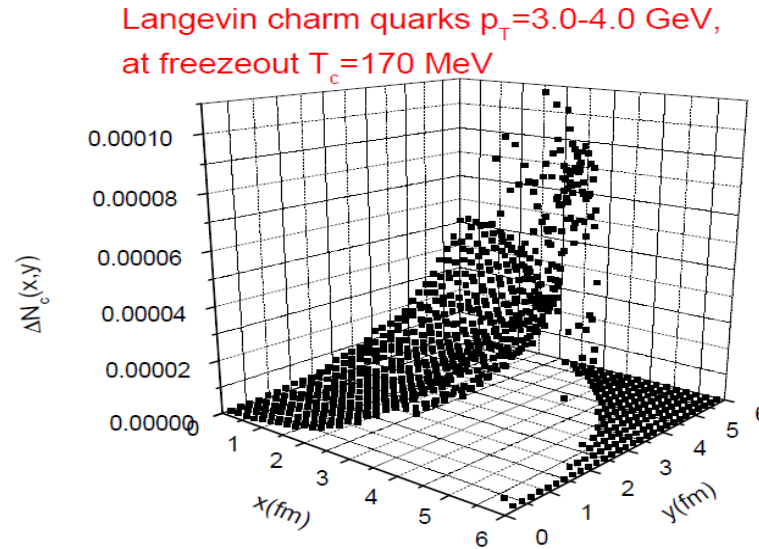
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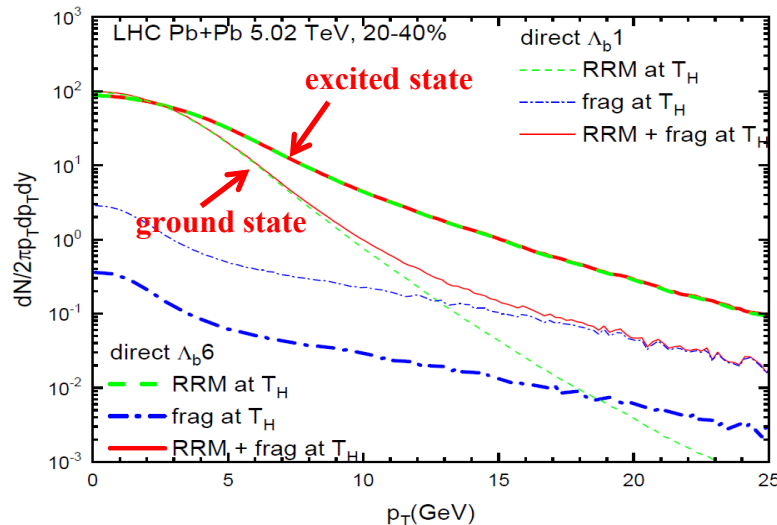
MH & Rapp '20

Recombination: space-momentum correlations

- Inhomogeneous distribution: **SMCs** $\rightarrow$ enhancing Λ_c/D at intermediate p_T



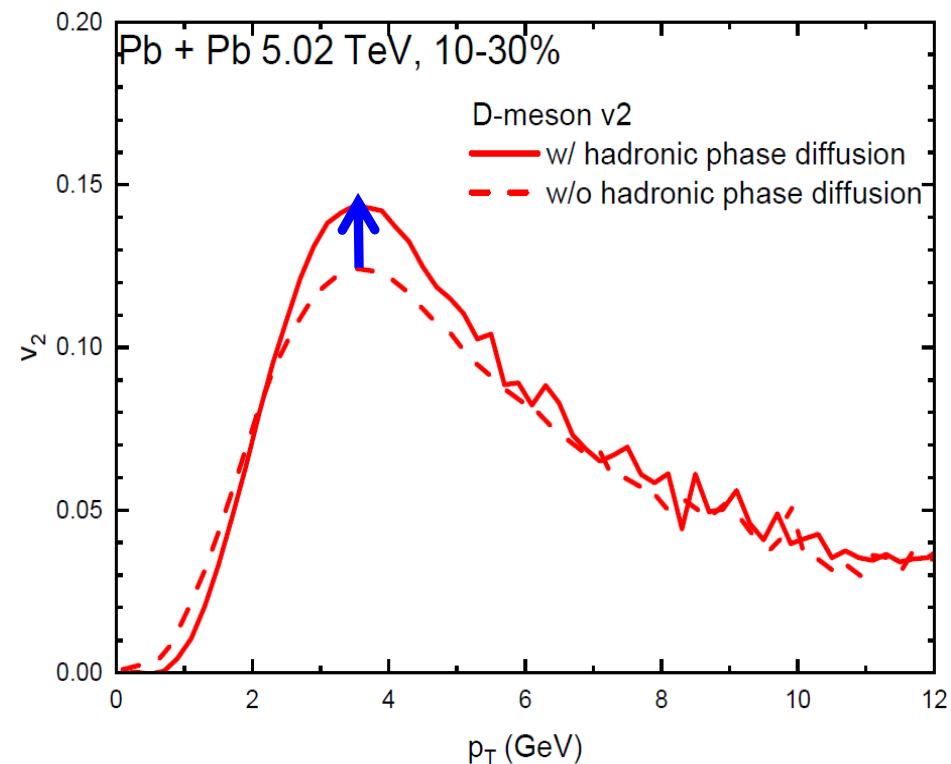
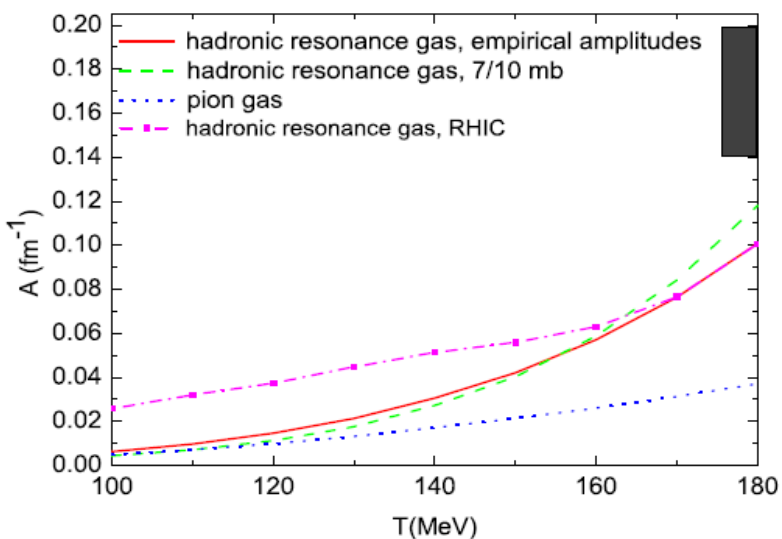
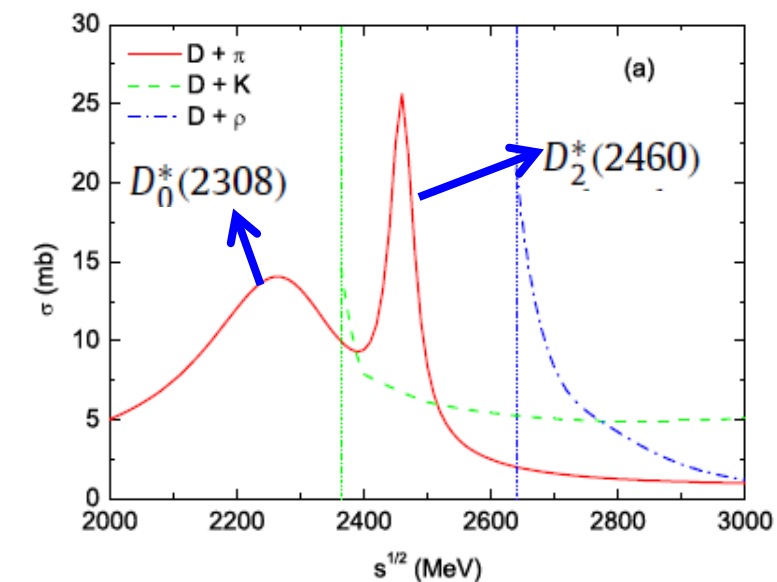
- Capturing full flow $\rightarrow$ Heavier particle's p_T -spectrum harder



- Excited state** more massive: **recombination spectrum harder** than ground state (SMCs/flow)
- SMCs** extends recombination to higher $p_T \rightarrow$ increasing total v_2

Hadronic phase diffusion

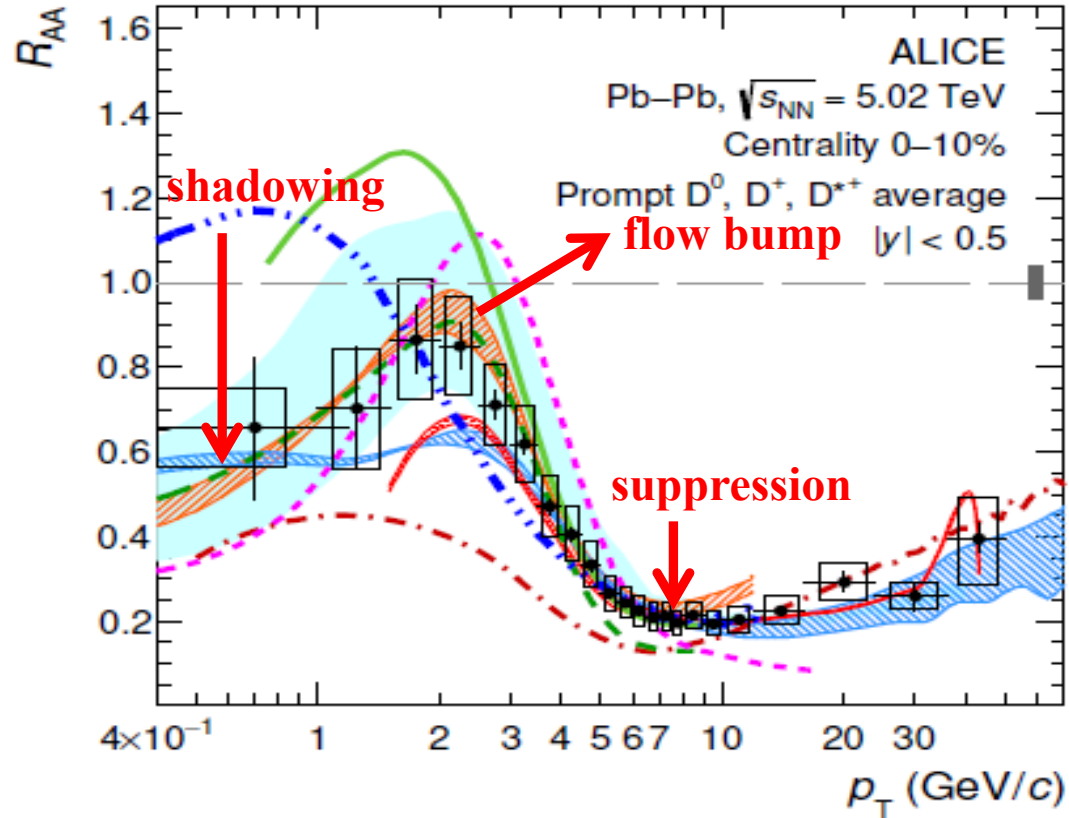
- D + light mesons/baryons: mostly empirical resonant scattering amplitudes MH, Fries & Rapp '11



- $A_D(p=0) \sim 0.1$ fm/c near $T_c \rightarrow$ to be updated
- D-meson v_2 increased by $\sim 15\%$ at intermediate $p_T \sim 3-4$ GeV

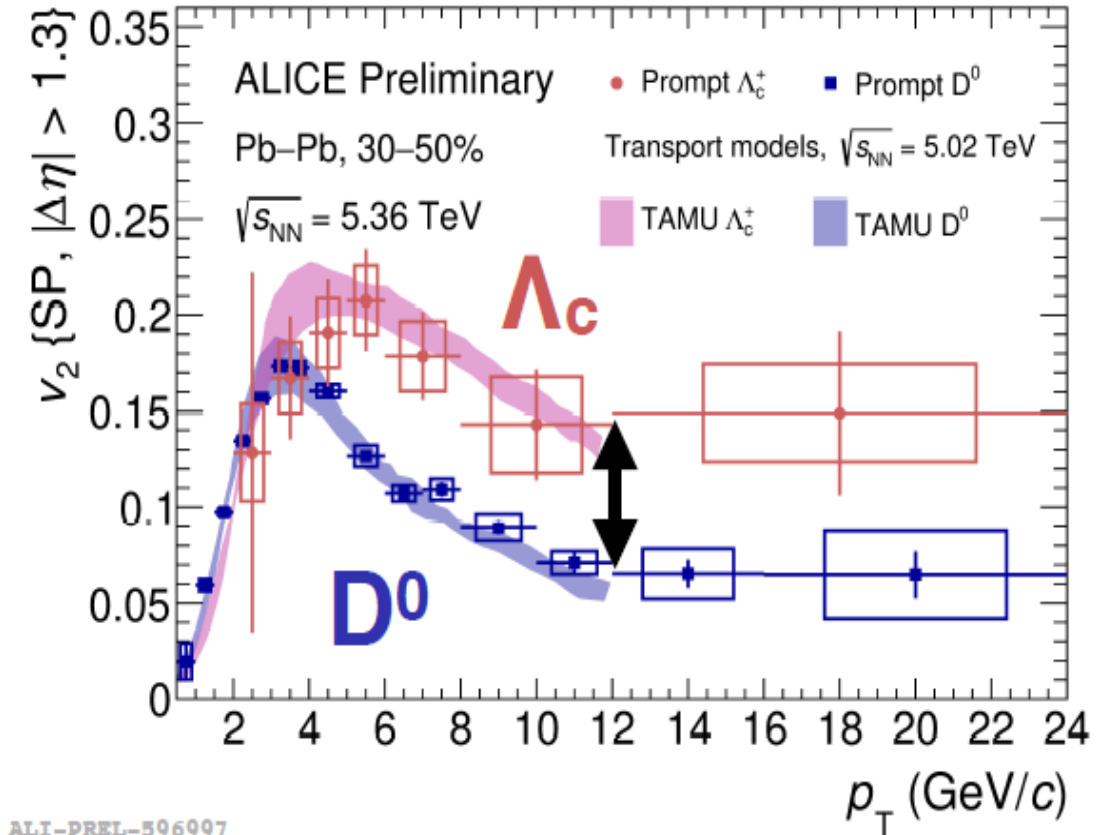
D-meson & Λ_c -baryon's flow @ 5 TeV Pb-Pb

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- Brown curve taken from our model calculation in MH & Rapp '20
- Simultaneous description of D's R_{AA} & v_2

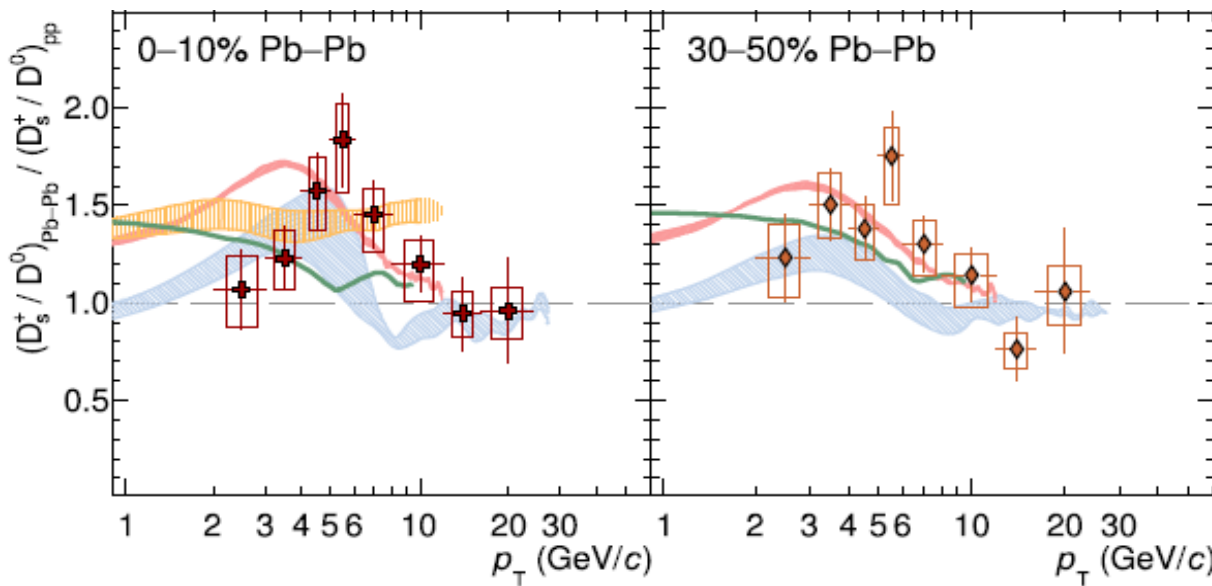
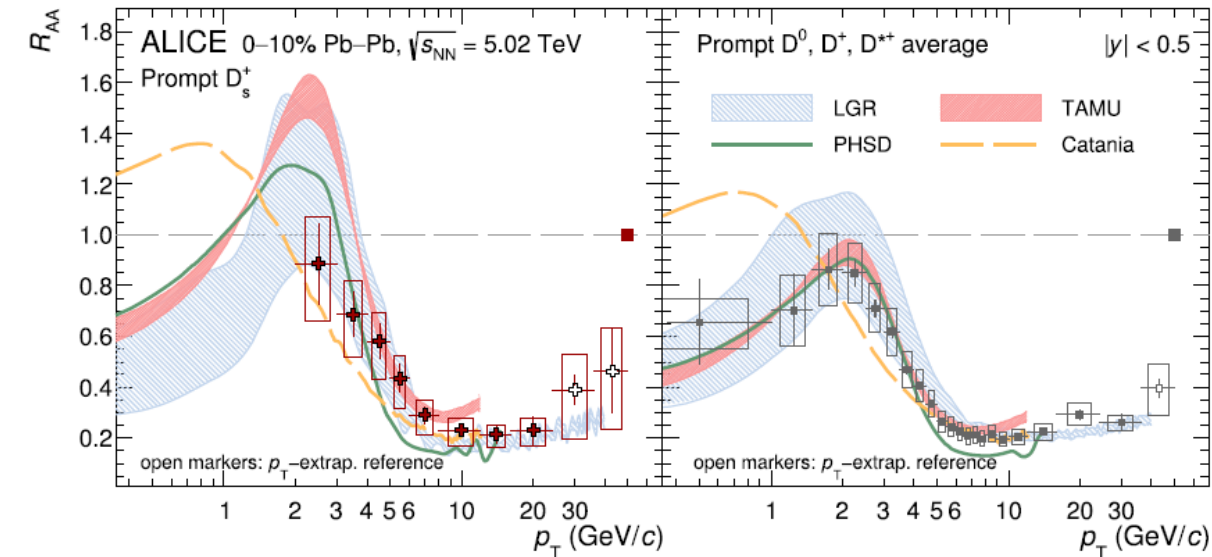
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- Λ_c 's v_2 significantly larger than D^0 , predictions from RRM in MH & Rapp '20
- v_2 at low p_T : gauge of coupling strength

D_s enhancement over D^0



- In pp, strangeness is under-saturated $\gamma_s=0.6$ in Pb-Pb, strangeness equilibrated $\gamma_s=1$

- Equilibrated strangeness coupled to c-quark via recombination $\rightarrow$

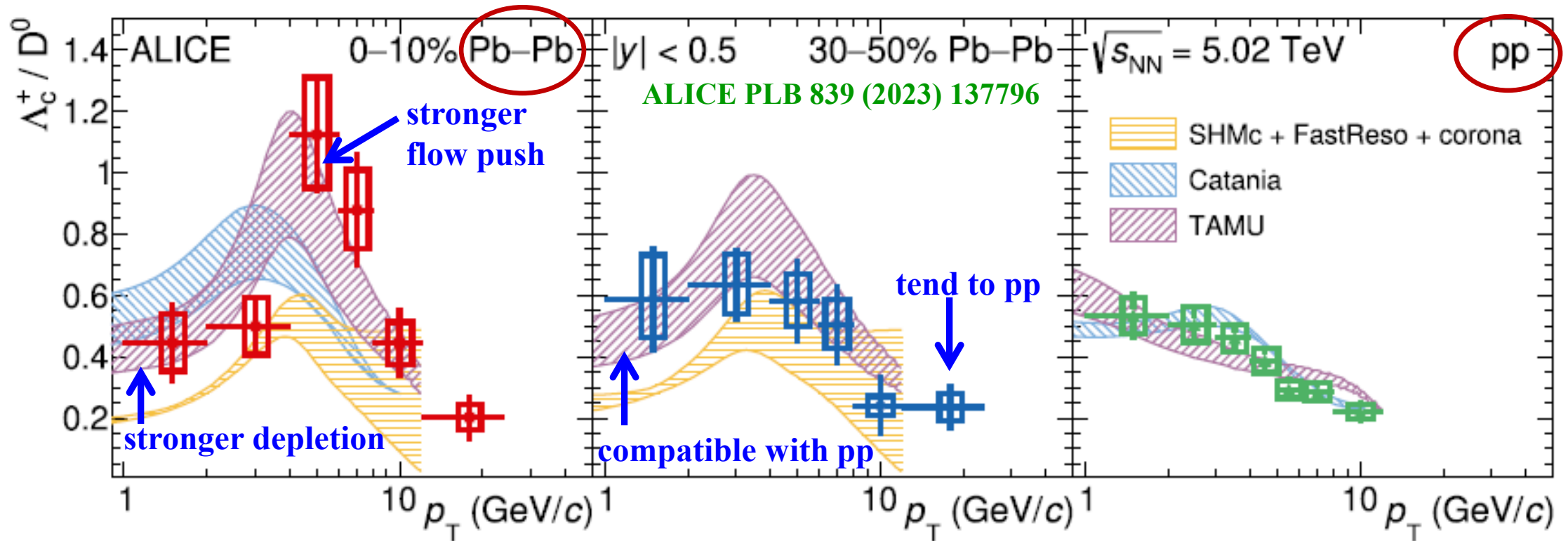
$$R_{AA}[D_s] > R_{AA}[D^0] \text{ at low } p_T$$

D_s/D^0 enhanced in PbPb vs pp

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MH, Fries & Rapp '13; MH & Rapp '20

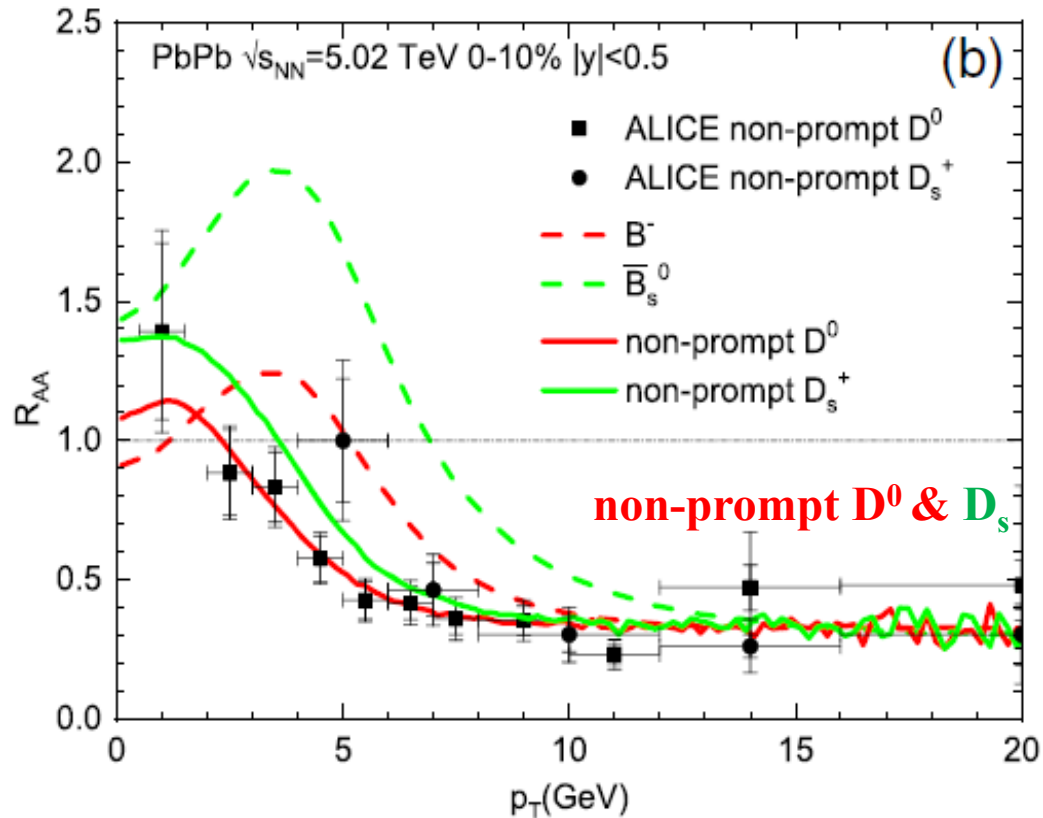
Charm hadro-chemistry Λ_c/D : $pp \rightarrow Pb-Pb$

purple curves taken from our model predictions in MH & Rapp '20 & MH & Rapp '19

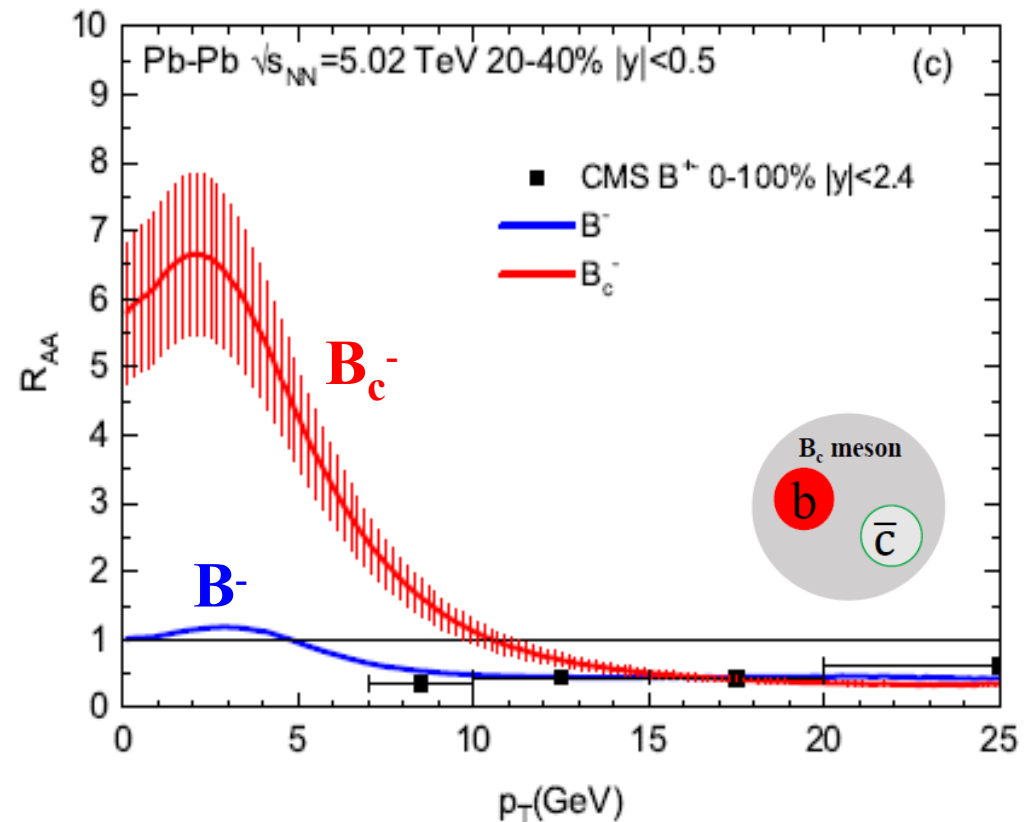


- Same RQM charm-hadron spectra (in particular baryons) in Pb-Pb & pp
- RRM with SMCs capturing full flow effects $\rightarrow$ enhancing Λ_c/D at intermediate p_T
- RRM satisfying correct relative chemical equilibrium limit $\rightarrow$ same integrated Λ_c/D as in pp

Bottom-hadron nuclear modification factors



MH & Rapp '23

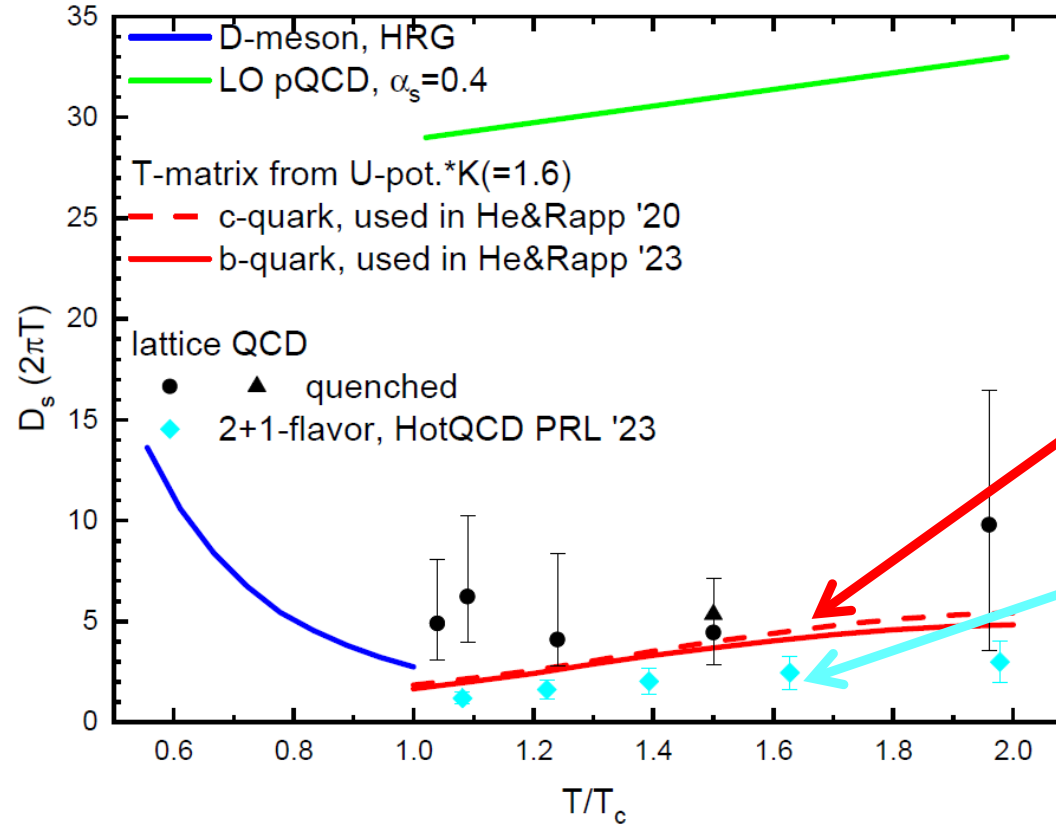


Zhao & MH, '25

- Enhanced strangeness coupled to b-quark via RRM $\rightarrow$ larger R_{AA} for non-prompt D_s
- Statistical recombination of b-quark with plenty of near-thermalized c-quarks $\rightarrow$ x5-6 enhancement of B_c at low p_T

Summary: transport coefficient $\mathcal{D}_s(2\pi T)$

- HQ spatial diffusion coefficient: $\mathcal{D}_s = T/m_Q A(p=0) = T/m_Q \gamma \rightarrow \langle x^2 \rangle \sim \mathcal{D}_s t$



c/b quark $\mathcal{D}_s$ used in our transport in addressing c/b-hadron phenomenology

latest full lattice QCD result

- Models & lattice $\mathcal{D}_s(2\pi T) \sim 1-3$ near T_c , x10 smaller than pQCD $\rightarrow$ collisional rate $\Gamma_{\text{coll}} \sim 3/\mathcal{D}_s \sim 1 \text{ GeV} > M_{q,g} \rightarrow$ thermal partons melted, Brownian markers/HQs survive
- Minimum $\mathcal{D}_s(2\pi T)$ near $T_c \rightarrow$ maximum coupling strength of strongly coupled QGP

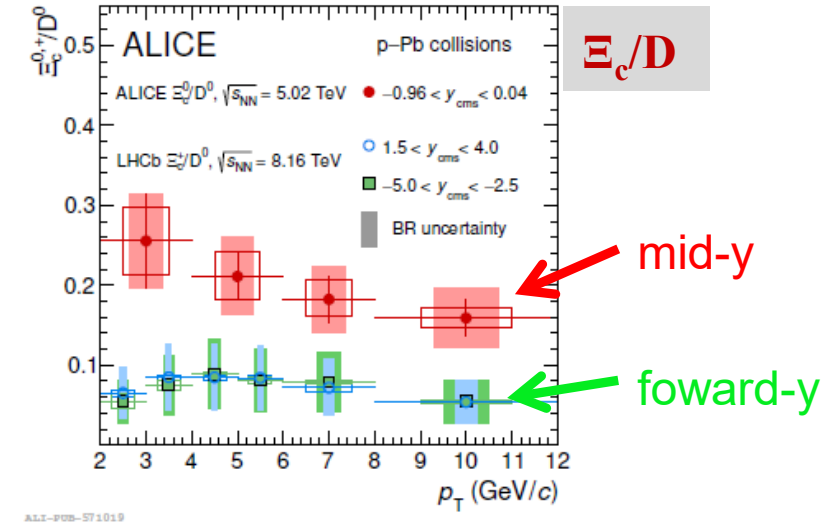
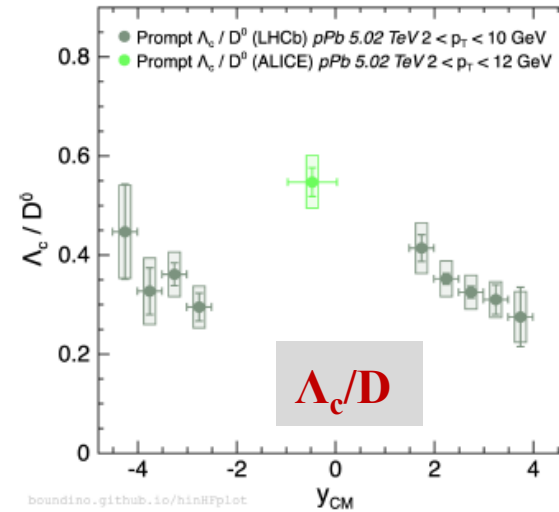
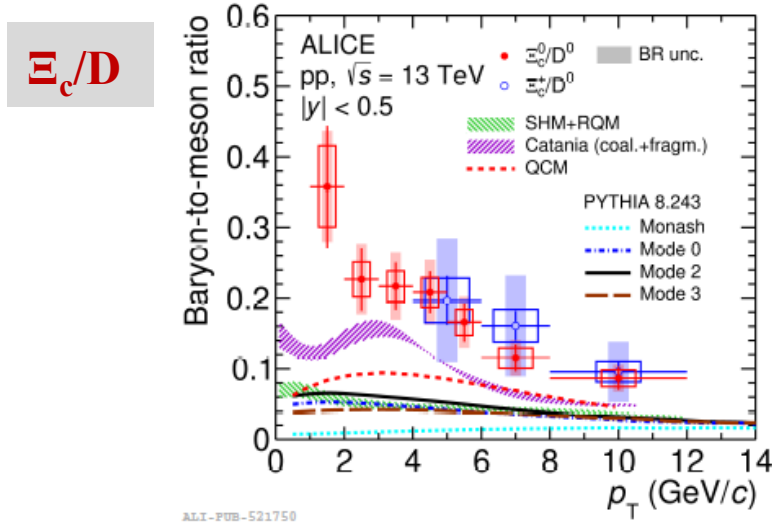
Summary: hadronization & sQGP

- Heavy flavor **hadro-chemistry: non-universal** but **environment-dependent**
 - Large enough system: mini.bias pp $\rightarrow$ PbPb, grand-canonical ensemble SHM saturation
 - e^+e^- : vacuum fragmentation limit; In between, canonical suppression important for Λ_c/D
 - “Missing” baryons essential via SHM
- HQ probing the inner working of sQGP
 - Small $\mathcal{D}_s$ close to quantum limit $\rightarrow$ large collisional rate: sQGP = quantum liquid
 - Likely supported by **residual confining force** (small screening of HQ potential) **Liu & Rapp, '15**
HotQCD Colla. '24
 - Same force responsible for color-neutralization = hadronization $\sim$ recombination
 - Recombination $\rightarrow$ flow pattern + **p_T -dependent modifications of hadro-chemistry**
(but only kinematic redistribution in p_T with integrated Λ_c/D unchanged)



Outlook

- Open problems: Ξ_c/D & y -dependence of Λ_c/D in pp/pA



- Outlook for charm at finite μ_B
 - Adapting our transport model:
 - c-quark interaction in μ_B -QGP $\rightarrow A(p, T, \mu_B)$
 - D-meson interaction in μ_B -HRG $\rightarrow$ hadronic phase more important
 - finite μ_B EoS & hydro
 - Recombination in a quark excessive QGP still pivotal
 - $D^-/D^+ > 1 \rightarrow$ p-dependence via recombination
 - Λ_c/D^0 [cud/c-ubar] may be more pronounced wrt LHC

The following are back-up slides

Canonical suppression: chemical factors

CF	$V_C=5 \text{ fm}^3$	10	20	30	50	100	200
$\bar{B}^0$	0.0097194	0.023927	0.058660	0.094845	0.16493	0.32591	0.56988
B^-	0.0078259	0.021863	0.056893	0.093168	0.16331	0.32438	0.56858
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$\Lambda_b^0/\bar{B}^0$	0.50749	0.62039	0.80643	0.89003	0.94427	0.97474	0.98793
$\Xi_b^{0-}/\bar{B}^0$	0.22494	0.37250	0.63648	0.77493	0.87776	0.94259	0.97217

At a small volume/system size,

- CF of $\mathbf{B}_s$ & $\mathbf{\Lambda}_b < \mathbf{B}$, canonical strangeness & baryon suppression
- CF of $\mathbf{\Omega}_b < \mathbf{\Xi}_b < \mathbf{\Lambda}_b$, increasing strangeness content despite common baryon

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As volume/system size increases,

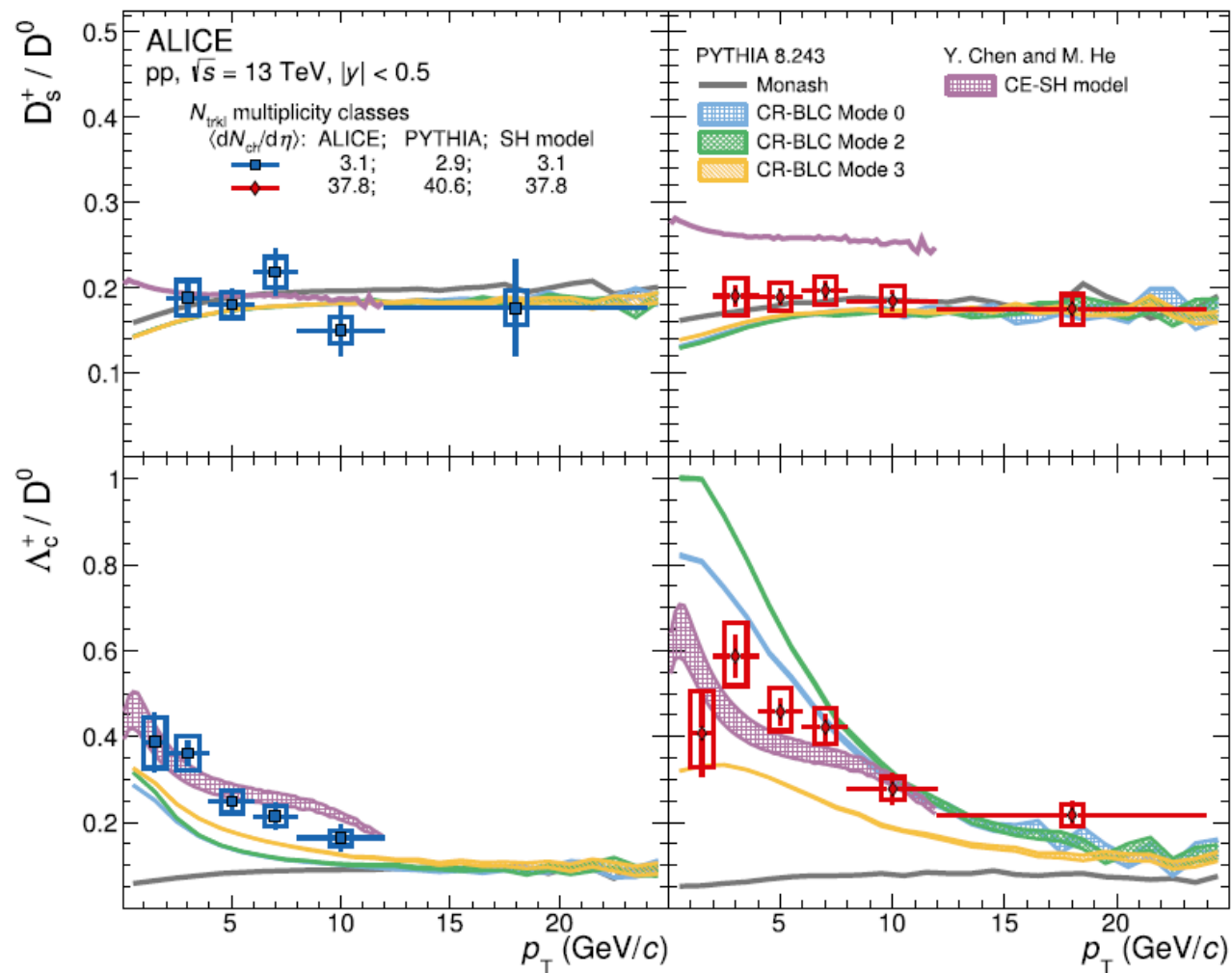
- canonical strangeness & baryon suppression attenuates
- same residual CF at large V: common canonical bottom number suppression

Ground-state b-hadron densities with feeddowns

$n_\alpha (\cdot 10^{-5} \text{ fm}^{-3})$	$V_C=5 \text{ fm}^3$	10	20	30	50	100	200	GCE
$\bar{B}^0$	1.1220	2.7920	6.9508	11.313	19.759	39.148	68.534	120.41
B^-	0.96934	2.6261	6.8105	11.181	19.635	39.038	68.452	120.45
$\bar{B}_s^0$	0.14641	0.47267	1.5299	2.7242	5.0273	10.285	18.263	32.513
Λ_b^0	0.29886	0.90201	2.8845	5.1551	9.5210	19.435	34.453	61.702
Ξ_b^{0-}	0.043883	0.17479	0.72393	1.4247	2.8132	5.9882	10.818	19.548
Ω_b^-	0.00028060	0.0018164	0.011755	0.028549	0.067730	0.16437	0.31548	0.63204
$\bar{B}_s^0/\bar{B}^0$	0.13049	0.16929	0.22010	0.24080	0.25443	0.26273	0.26648	0.27002
$\Lambda_b^0/\bar{B}^0$	0.26635	0.32307	0.41499	0.45568	0.48186	0.49644	0.50271	0.51243
$\Xi_b^{0-}/\bar{B}^0$	0.039110	0.062602	0.10415	0.12594	0.14238	0.15296	0.15785	0.16235

- As volume/system size reduces, $\bar{B}_s/\bar{B}$, $\Lambda_b/\bar{B}$ suppressed by a factor 2; $\Xi_b/\bar{B}$ suppression stronger, two-fold role of baryon + strangeness
- All ratios tend to the corresponding GCE-SHM values at large system size

Ds/D & Lc/D vs $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

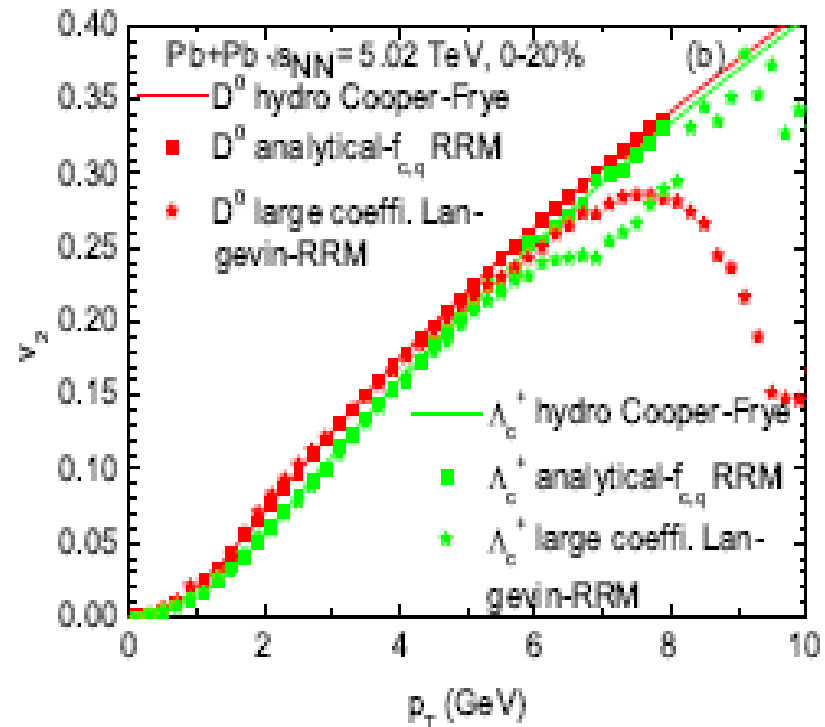
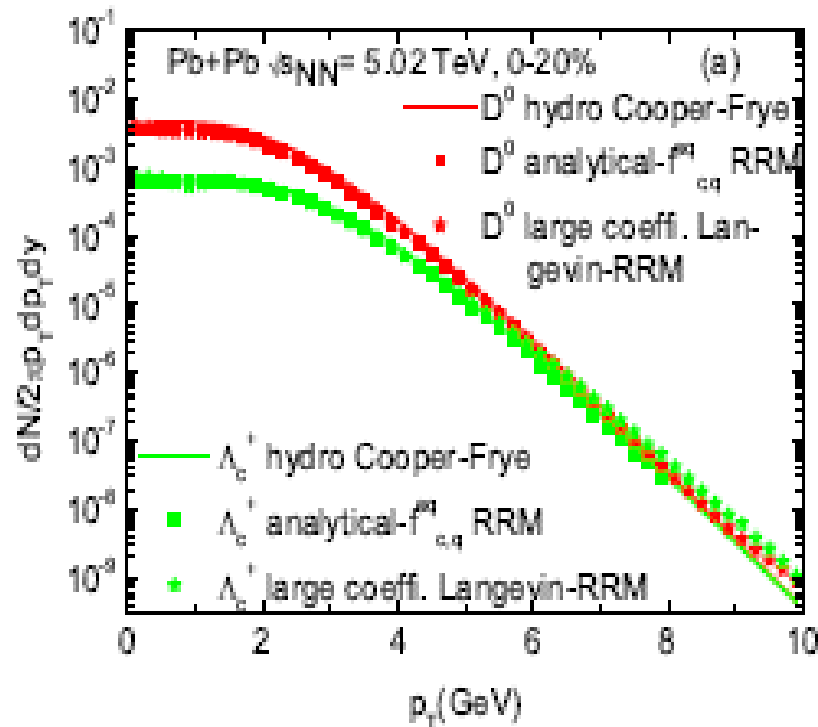


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Chen & MH, '21

RRM equilibrium mapping: check out

- Event-by-event Langevin-RRM simulation with **very large trans. coeffi.** & with **SMCs** properly incorporated

➔ kinetic & chemical equil. mapping



➔ Observables come out as RRM predictions with realistic T-matrix coeffi.

SMCs in hydro light quark distribution

- hydro: a manifestation of SMCs

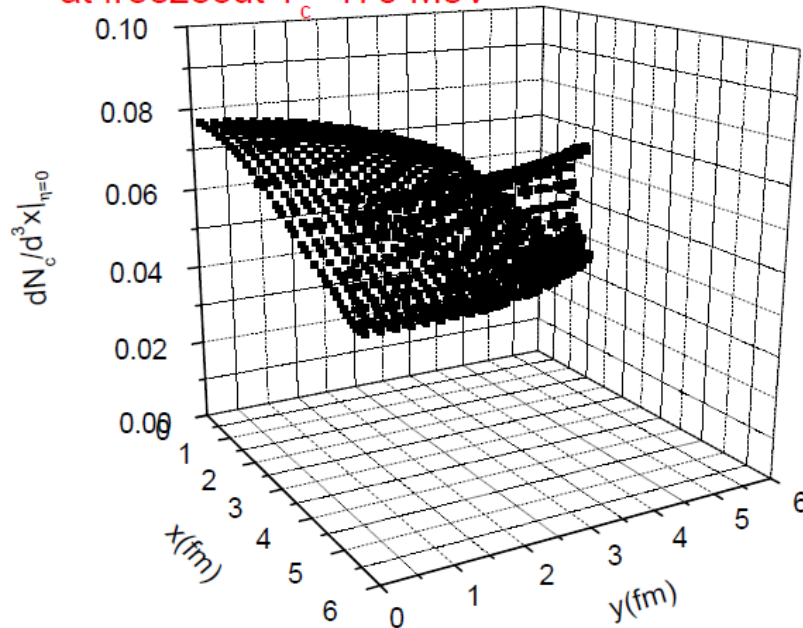
$$f_q^{eq}(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) = g_q e^{-p \cdot u(x)/T(x)} = g_q e^{-\gamma_T(x)[m_T \cosh(y-\eta) - \vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{v}_T(x)]/T(x)}$$

longitudinal boost invariance: $y - \eta$

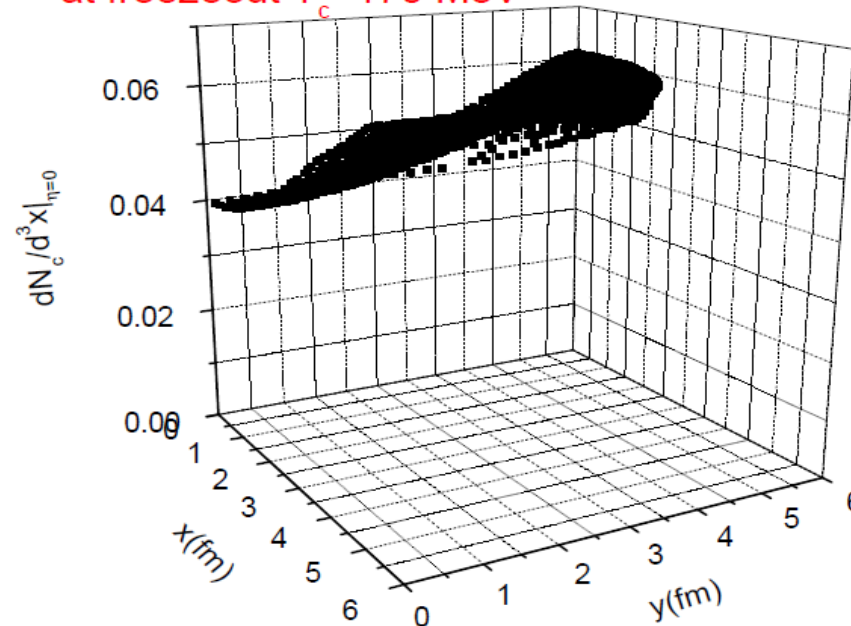
transverse SMCs $p_T \cdot v_T$

- hydro-q: low (high) p_T more concentrated in center (boundary)

hydro light quarks $p_T = 0.0 - 0.3$ GeV,
at freezeout $T_c = 170$ MeV



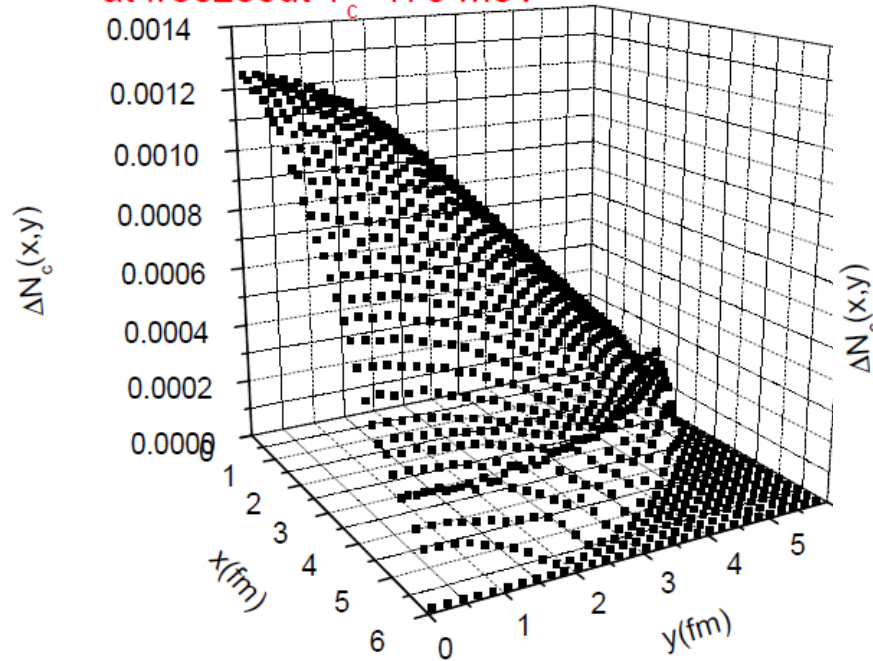
hydro light quarks $p_T = 0.6 - 0.9$ GeV,
at freezeout $T_c = 170$ MeV



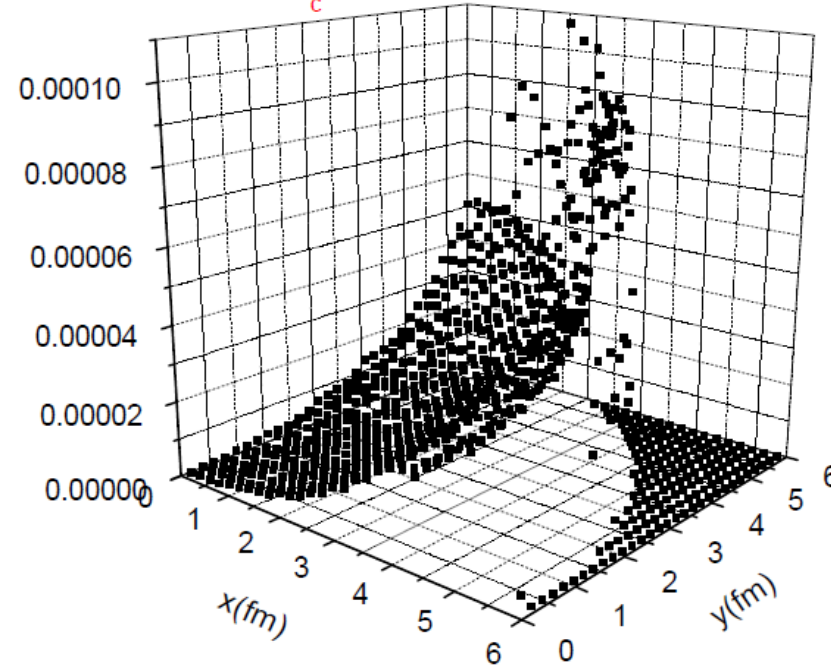
SMCs in Langevin-charm quark distribution

- Langevin-c: low (high) p_T more populated in central (outer)

Langevin charm quarks $p_T=0.0-1.0$ GeV,
at freezeout $T_c=170$ MeV



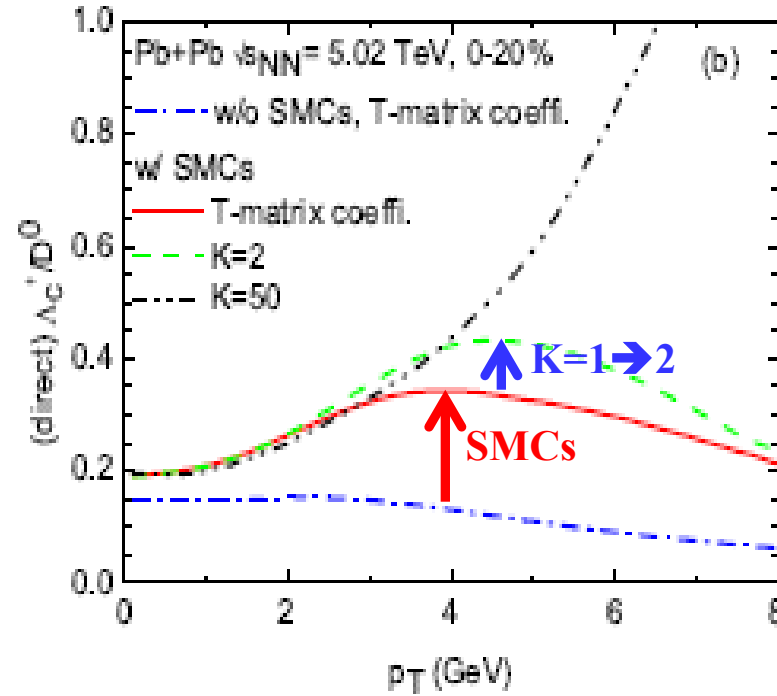
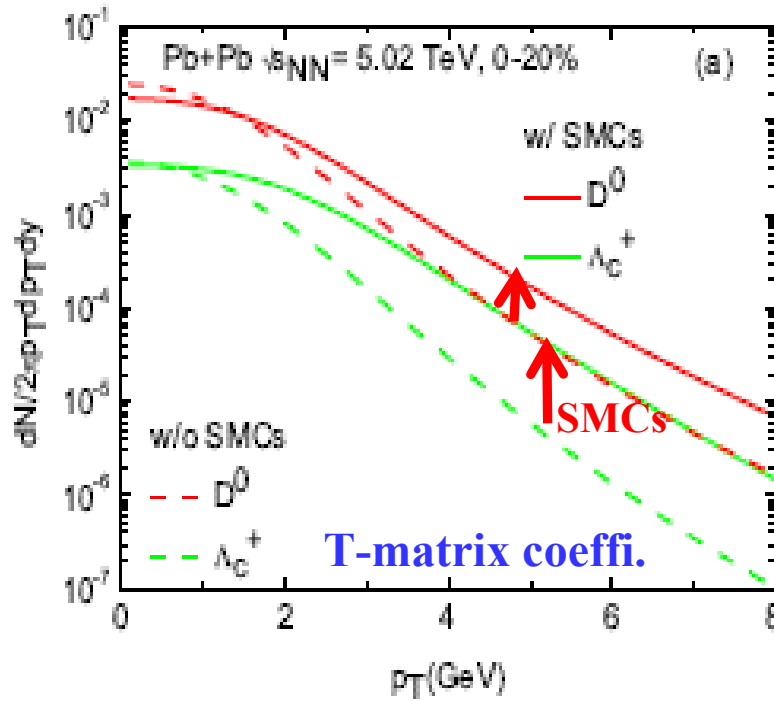
Langevin charm quarks $p_T=3.0-4.0$ GeV,
at freezeout $T_c=170$ MeV



$$f_{c,q}(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) = (2\pi)^3 \frac{dN_{c,q}}{d^3\vec{x}d^3\vec{p}} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{V E(\vec{p})} \frac{dN_{c,q}}{p_T dp_T d\phi_q dy}$$

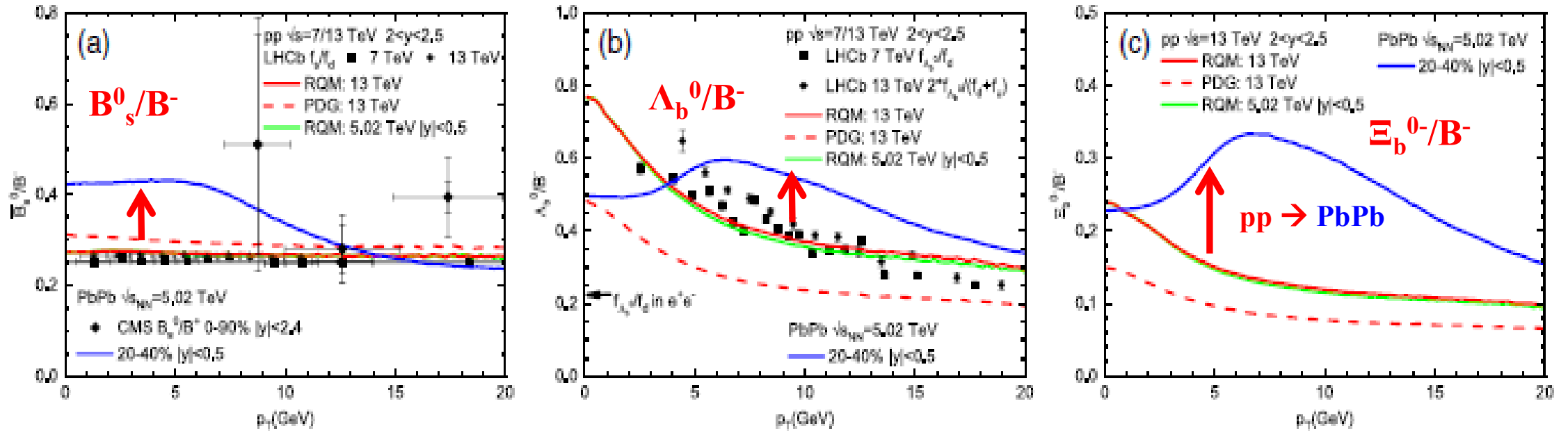
SMCs: enhancing Λ_c/D^0

- Including SMCs makes spectra **harder** & **enhances** the Λ_c/D^0



- Fast-moving c-quarks [$p_T \sim 3-4$ GeV] moving to outer part of fireball find higher-density of harder [$p_T \sim 0.6-0.9$ GeV] light quarks for recombination
- An effect entering **squared** for the recombination production of Λ_c^+
➔ larger enhancement for $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+/D^0$ ratio enhanced!

Modifications of bottom hadro-chemistry



- $pp \rightarrow PbPb$

- B_s/B^- – enhancement at low p_T : b coupled to equilibrated strangeness via recombination
- Λ_b/B^- – flow-bump at intermediate $p_T \sim 5-15$ GeV [significantly higher than c-sector]: stronger flow push on baryons, captured by 3-body RRM with SMCs
- Ξ_b/B^- – enhancement more pronounced: combining two-fold role of containing a s-quark & being a 3-body baryon