

# Exotic hadrons from relativistic heavy ion collisions

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- Charmed tetraquark mesons and pentaquark baryons
- Charm production in HIC
- Thermal vs coalescence production
- $D_{sJ}(2317)$ : diquark or tetraquark
- Diomega  $(\Omega\Omega)_{0+}$
- $\Lambda_c$  from sQGP

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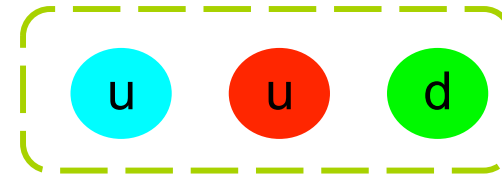
# Quark color-spin interaction and hadron masses

Lee, Yasui, Liu, and Ko, EJPC 54, 259 (2008)

## ■ Baryon mass differences

Mass Difference	$M_{\Delta} - M_N$	$M_{\Sigma} - M_{\Lambda}$	$M_{\Sigma_c} - M_{\Lambda_c}$
Formula	$\frac{3C_B}{2m_c^2}$	$\frac{C_B}{m_u^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_u}{m_s}\right)$	$\frac{C_B}{m_u^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_u}{m_c}\right)$
Fit	290 MeV	77 MeV	154 MeV
Experiment	290 MeV	75 MeV	170 MeV

$$\text{Diquark} \quad \sum \frac{C_B}{m_i m_j} [s_i \cdot s_j]$$

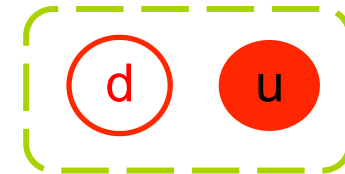


$$m_u = m_d = 300 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_s = 500 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_c = 1500 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_b = 4700 \text{ MeV}$$

## ■ Meson mass differences

Mass Difference	$M_{\rho} - M_{\pi}$	$M_{K^*} - M_K$	$M_{D^*} - M_D$	$M_{B^*} - M_B$
Formula	$\frac{C_M}{m_u^2}$	$\frac{C_M}{m_u m_s}$	$\frac{C_M}{m_u m_c}$	$\frac{C_M}{m_u m_b}$
Fit	635 MeV	381 MeV	127 MeV	41 MeV
Experiment	635 MeV	397 MeV	137 MeV	46 MeV

$$\text{Quark-antiquark} \quad \sum \frac{C_M}{m_i m_j} [s_i \cdot s_j]$$



Works very well with  $3 \times C_B = C_M = 635 m_u^2$

# Tetraquark mesons

**Table 3.** Tetraquark mesons  $T_{q_1 q_2} (ud\bar{q}_1\bar{q}_2)$  with spin  $S = 1$  for  $q_1 = q_2$ , where  $q_1, q_2 = s, c$  and  $b$ . Units are in MeV

$T_{q_1 q_2} (S = 1)$ $-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_u^2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_{q_1}^2}$	$u\bar{q}_1 (S = 1)$ $\frac{1}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_{q_1}}$	$d\bar{q}_2 (S = 0)$ $-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_{q_1}}$	$T_{q_1 q_2}$ $-u\bar{q}_1 - u\bar{q}_2$
$T_{ss}$ -127	$K^*$ 92	$K$ -285	63
$T_{cc}$ -143	$D^*$ 31	$D$ -95	-79
$T_{bb}$ -145	$B^*$ 10	$B$ -30	-124

**Table 4.** Tetraquark mesons  $T_{q_1 q_2} (ud\bar{q}_1\bar{q}_2)$  with spin  $S = 0$  for  $q_1 \neq q_2$ .  $q_1, q_2 = s, c$  and  $b$ . Units are in MeV

$T_{q_1 q_2} (S = 0)$ $-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_u^2} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_{q_1} m_{q_2}}$	$u\bar{q}_1 (S = 0)$ $-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_{q_1}}$	$d\bar{q}_2 (S = 0)$ $-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_{q_2}}$	$T_{q_1 q_2}$ $-u\bar{q}_1 - u\bar{q}_2$
$T_{sc}$ -162	$K$ -285	$D$ -95	218
$T_{sb}$ -150	$K$ -285	$B$ -30	165
$T_{cb}$ -146	$D$ -95	$B$ -30	-21

# Pentaquark baryons

**Table 7.** Charm- and bottom-strange pentaquark baryons  $\Theta_{qs}(udus\bar{q})$  ( $q = c$  and  $b$ ) with spin  $S = 1/2$ . Units are in MeV

$\Theta_{qs}$	$N$	$s\bar{q}$	$\Theta_{qs} - N - s\bar{q}$
	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u^2}$	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_q}$	
	$\Sigma$	$d\bar{q}$	$\Theta_{qs} - \Sigma - d\bar{q}$
	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_u^2} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_u m_s}$	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_q}$	
$\Theta_{cs}$	$\Lambda$	$u\bar{q}$	$\Theta_{qs} - \Lambda - u\bar{q}$
	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_B}{m_u^2}$	$-\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_M}{m_u m_q}$	
	$N$	$D_s$	$\Theta_{cs} - N - D_s$
	-145	-57	-30
$\Theta_{bs}$	$\Sigma$	$D$	$\Theta_{cs} - \Sigma - D$
	-67	-95	-69
	$\Lambda$	$D$	$\Theta_{cs} - \Lambda - D$
	-145	-95	8
$\Theta_{bs}$	$N$	$B_s$	$\Theta_{bs} - N - B_s$
	-145	-18	-68
	$\Sigma$	$B$	$\Theta_{bs} - \Sigma - B$
	-67	-30	-133
$\Theta_{bs}$	$\Lambda$	$B$	$\Theta_{bs} - \Lambda - B$
	-145	-30	-56

# Diquark in sQGP and $\Lambda_c$ enhancement

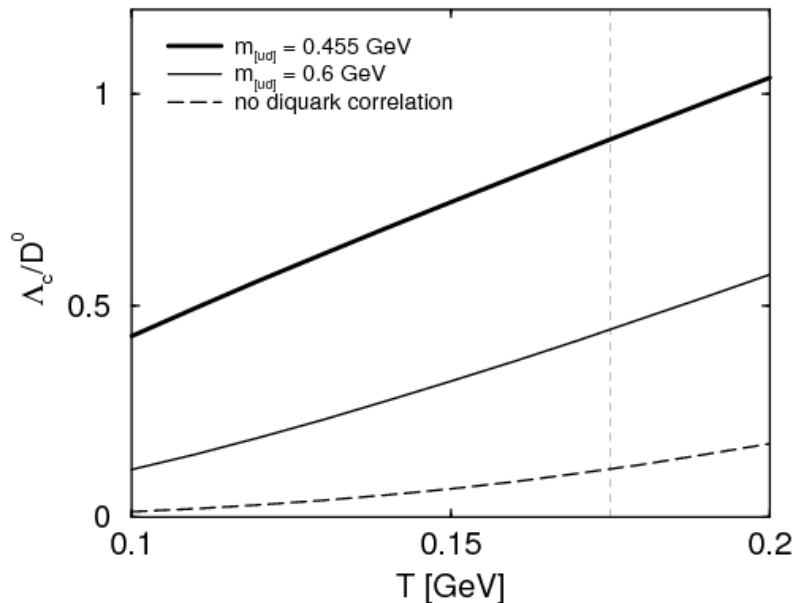
Lee, Yasui, Ohnishi, Yoo  
& Ko, PRL 100, 222301 (08)

Diquark mass due to color-spin interaction:

$$m_{[ud]} \approx m_u + m_d - C \vec{s}_u \cdot \vec{s}_d \frac{1}{m_u m_d} \approx 450 \text{ MeV}$$

for  $m_u = m_d = 300 \text{ MeV}$  and  $C/m_u^2 \sim 195 \text{ Me V}$  from  $m_\Delta - m_N$

Coalescence model



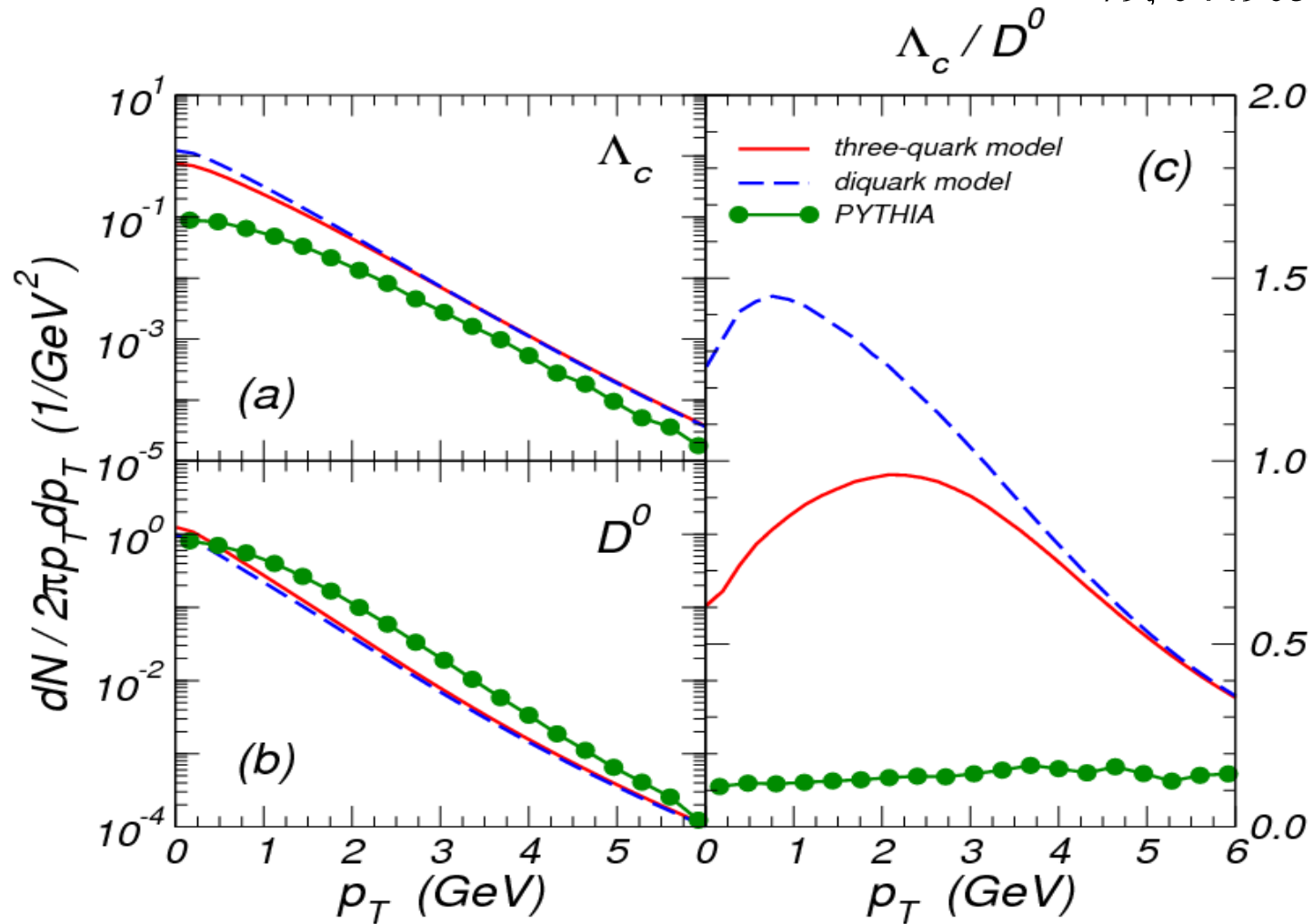
Statistical model

$$\frac{\Lambda_c}{D_0} \approx 2 \left( \frac{m_{\Lambda_c}}{m_{D_0}} \right)^{3/2} e^{-(m_{\Lambda_c} - m_{D_0}) T_c} \approx 0.24$$

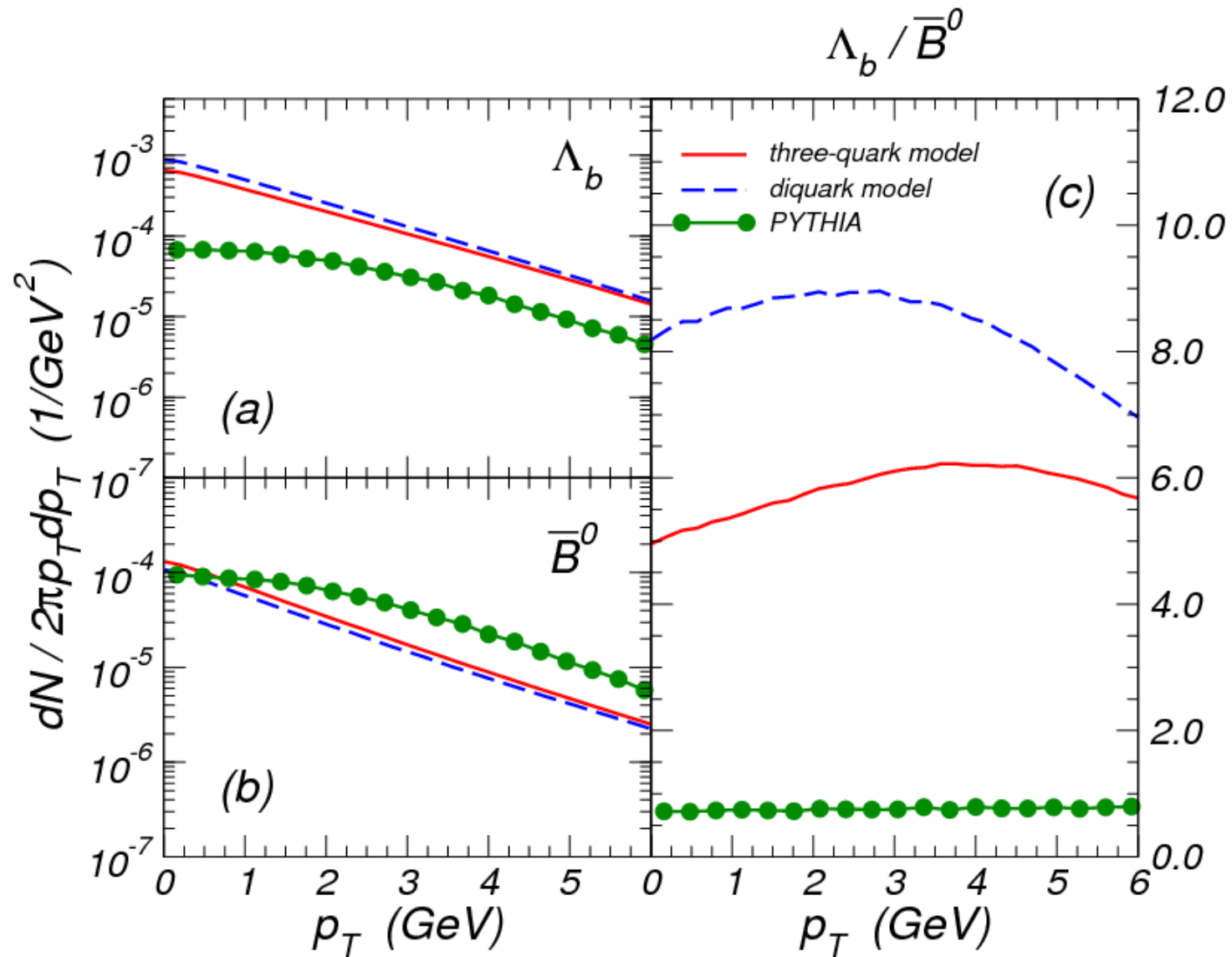
- Enhanced by a factor of 4-8
- Similar for  $\Lambda_B/B_0$

## Inclusion of resonances and fragmentation

Oh et al., PRC  
79, 044905 (09)



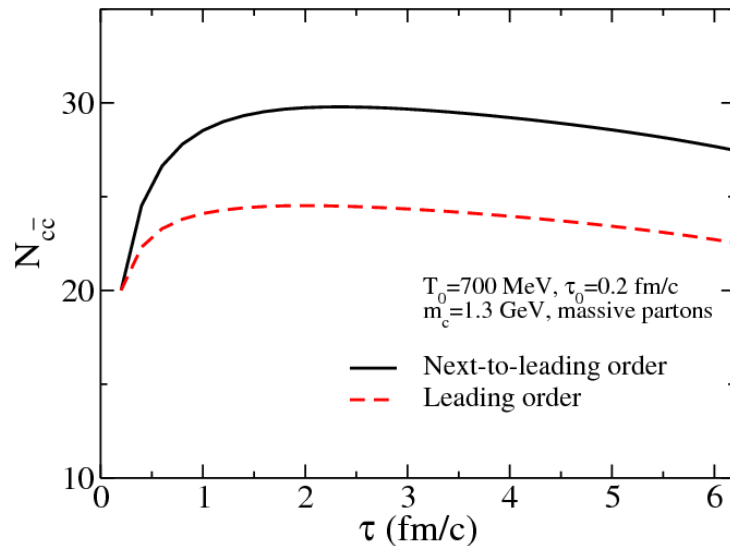
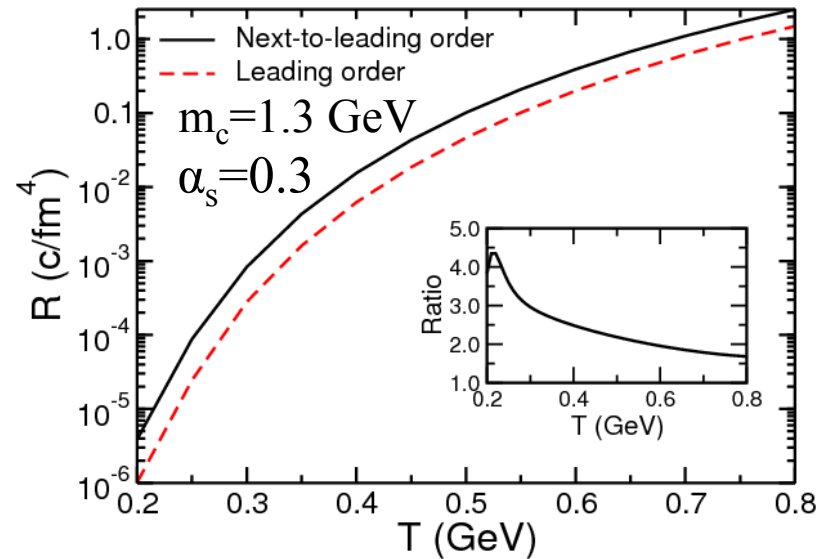
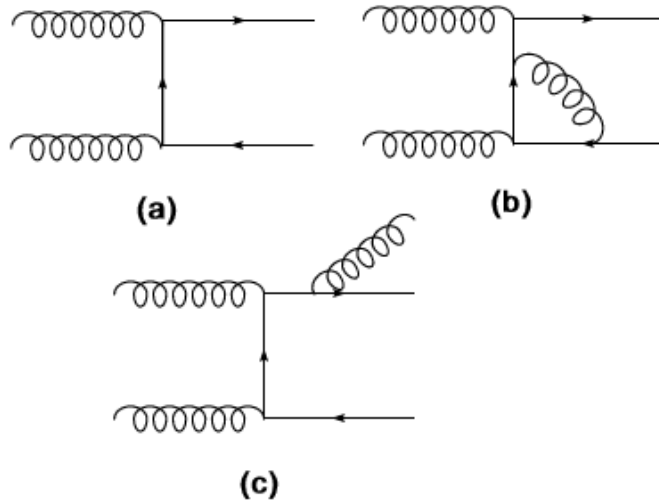
Including coalescence contribution enhances  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  ratio, which is further enhanced by the presence of diquarks in QGP



As for  $\Lambda_c/D^0$ , including coalescence contribution enhances  $\Lambda_b/B^0$  ratio, and it is further enhanced by the presence of diquarks in QGP

# Thermal charm production in QGP

Zhang, Liu & Ko,  
PRC 77, 024901 (08)



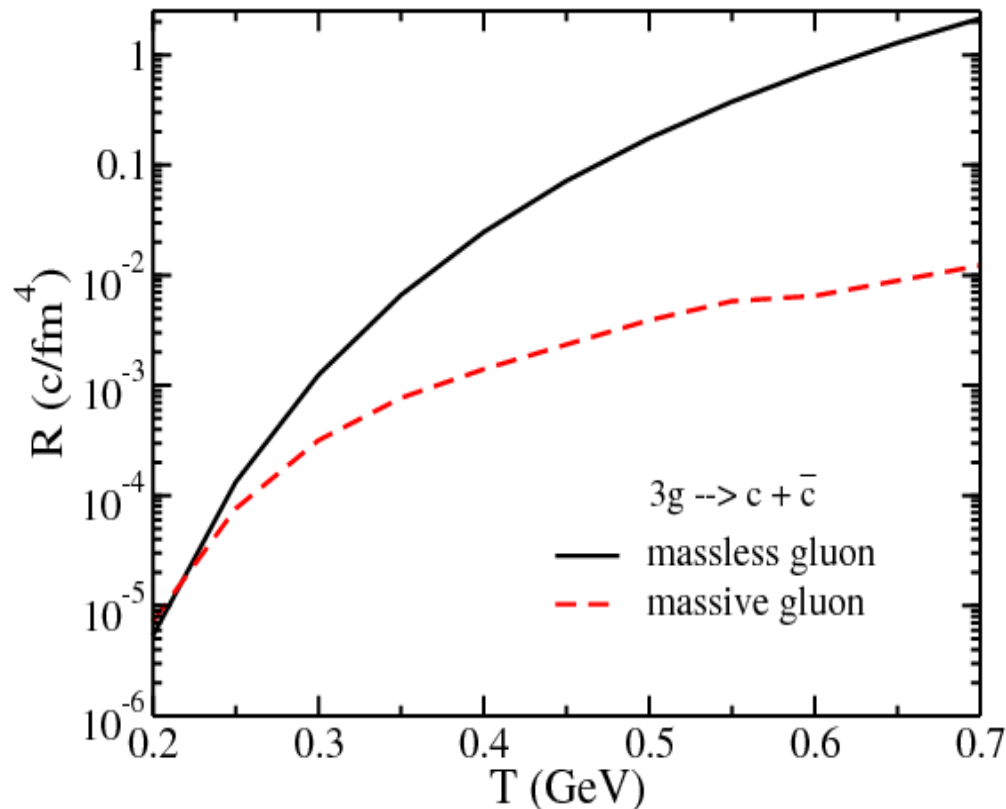
- Thermal production at LHC non-negligible
- Next-leading order and leading order contributions are comparable
- Insensitive to gluon masses
- Effect increases by about 2 for initial temperature  $T_0 = 750 \text{ MeV}$  but decreases by  $\sim 2$  for  $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$



## Charm production from three-gluon interaction $ggg \rightarrow c\bar{c}$

Determine rate for  $ggg \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  from  $c\bar{c} \rightarrow ggg$  via detailed balance

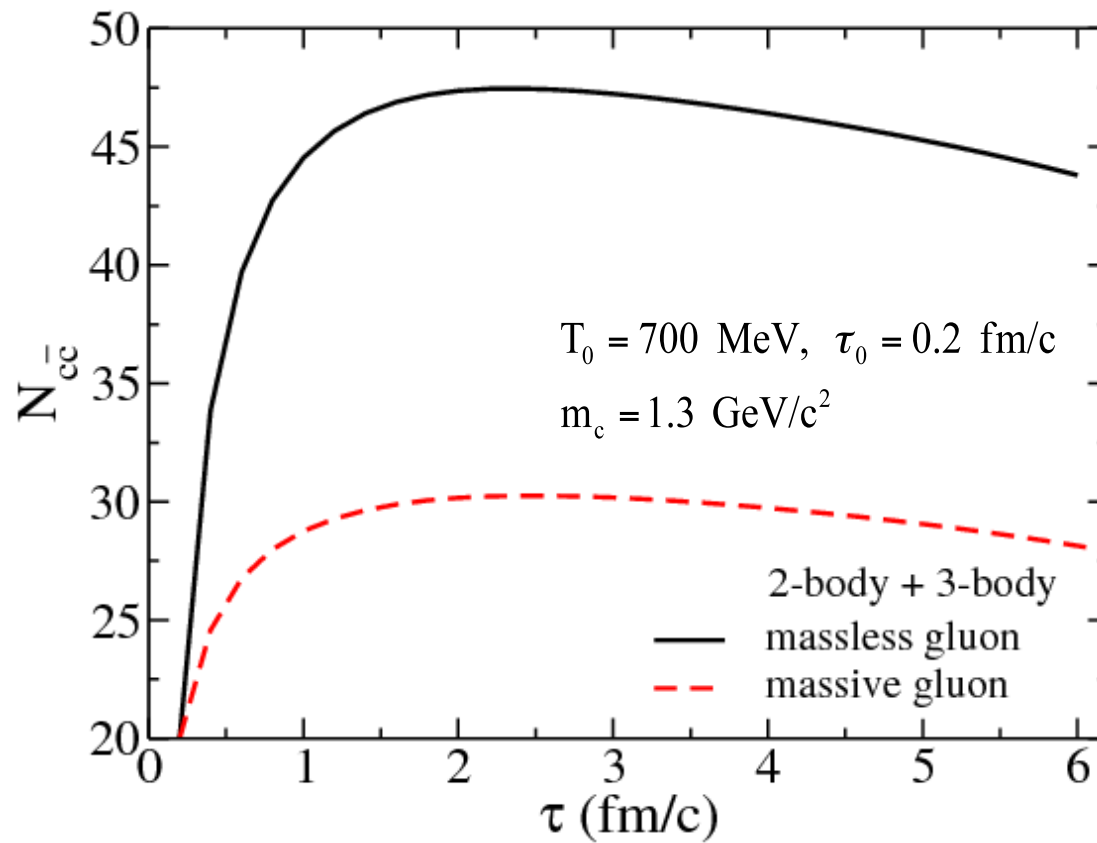
$$R \propto \frac{1}{3} \int \prod_{i=1}^5 d^3 p_i f_i(p_i) |M_{ggg \rightarrow c\bar{c}}|^2 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 - p_4 - p_5) \propto \langle \sigma_{c\bar{c} \rightarrow ggg} v \rangle n_c^{\text{eq}} n_{\bar{c}}^{\text{eq}}$$



Gluon density  $\sim 0.5/\text{fm}^3$  at  $T_C$   
and much larger initially

- Negligible rate for massive gluons as the threshold becomes larger than the charm pair mass
- With massless gluons, the rate is comparable to that of two-body processes

## Charm production at LHC



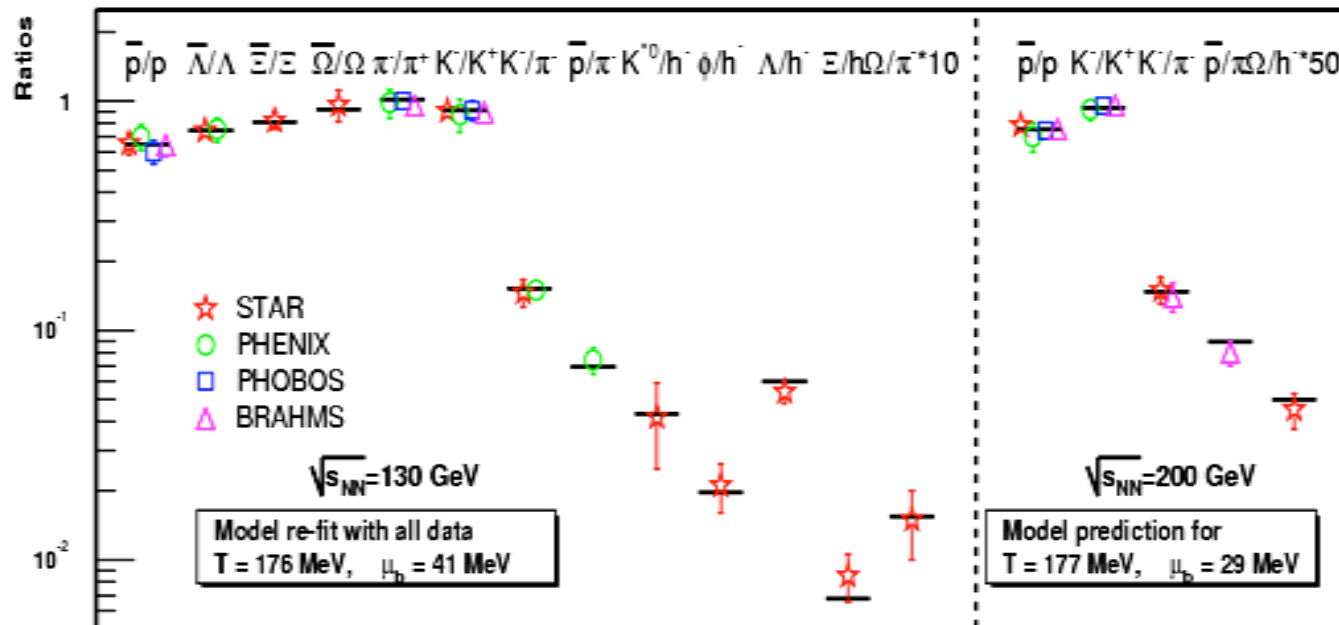
Significant thermal production of charms from QGP of massless gluons

## Statistical model

Assume thermally and chemically equilibrated system of non-interacting hadrons and resonances with density

$$n_i = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{e^{(E_i(p) - \mu_i)/T} \pm 1}, \quad E_i = \sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2}$$

Determine chemical freeze out temperature  $T_{\text{ch}}$  and baryon chemical potential  $\mu_B$  by fitting experimental data after inclusion of feed down from short-lived particles and resonances decay.



$T_{\text{ch}} \sim T_c$

## Coalescence model

Greco, Ko & Levai, PRL 90, 202102 (2003);  
PRC 68, 034904 (2003)

Number of hadrons with n quarks and/or antiquarks

$$N_n = g \int \prod_{i=1}^n p_i d\sigma_i \frac{dp_i}{(2\pi)^3 E_i} f_{q,i}(x_i, p_i) f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

Spin-color  
statistical factor

$g_M$

e.g.  $g_\pi = g_K = 1/36$     $g_\rho = g_{K^*} = 1/12$   
 $g_p = g_{\bar{p}} = 1/108$ ,    $g_\Delta = g_{\bar{\Delta}} = 1/54$

Quark distribution  
function

$f_q(x, p)$

$$\int p \cdot d\sigma \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 E} f_q(x, p) = N_q$$

Coalescence  
probability  
function

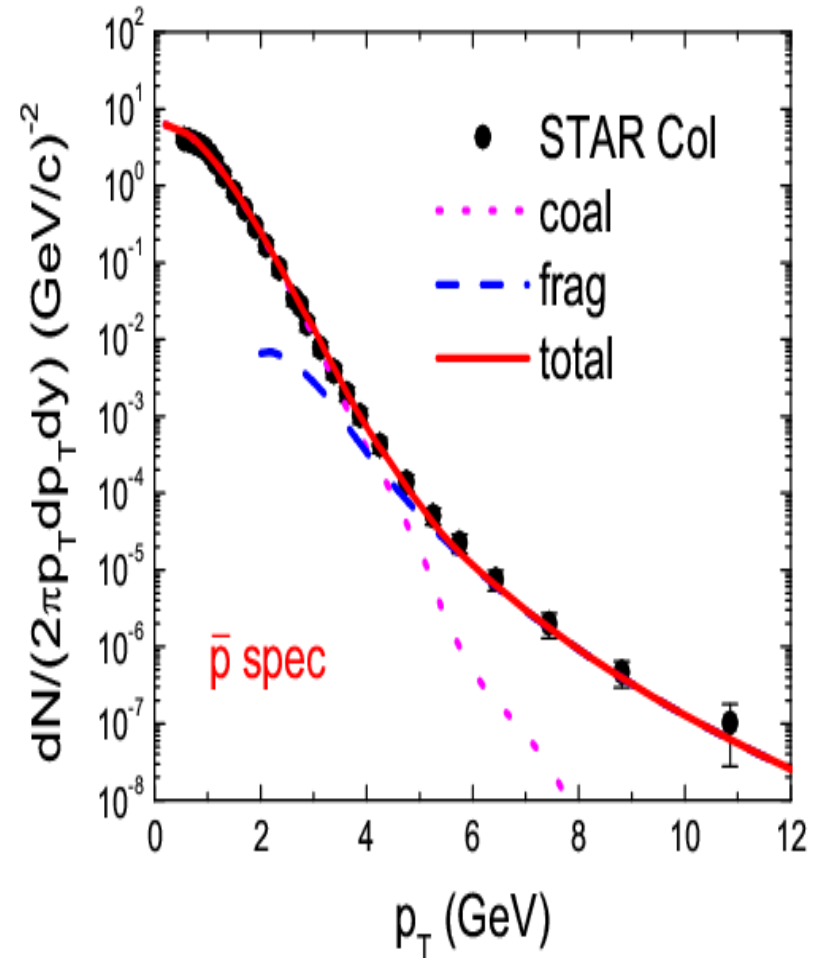
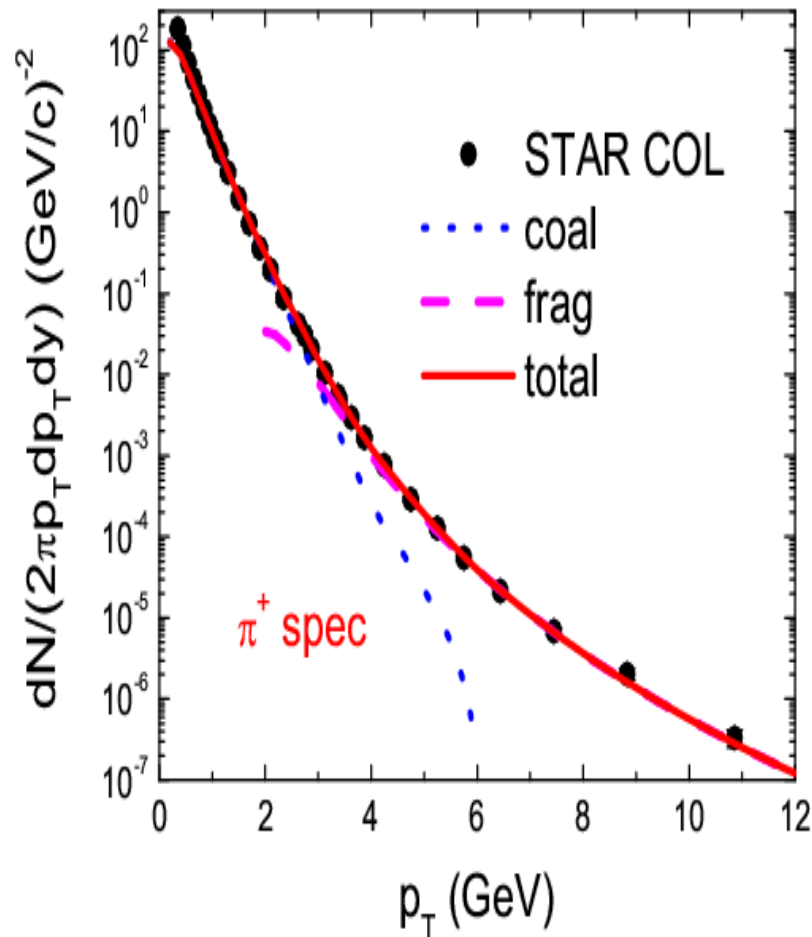
$$\Delta_x \cdot \Delta_p \geq \hbar$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_M(x_1, x_2; p_1, p_2) &= f_2(x_1 - x_2; p_1 - p_2) \\ &= \exp[(x_1 - x_2)^2 / 2\Delta_x^2] \\ &\quad \times \exp\{[(p_1 - p_2)^2 - (m_1 - m_2)^2] / 2\Delta_p^2\} \end{aligned}$$

For baryons, Jacobi coordinates for three-body system are used.

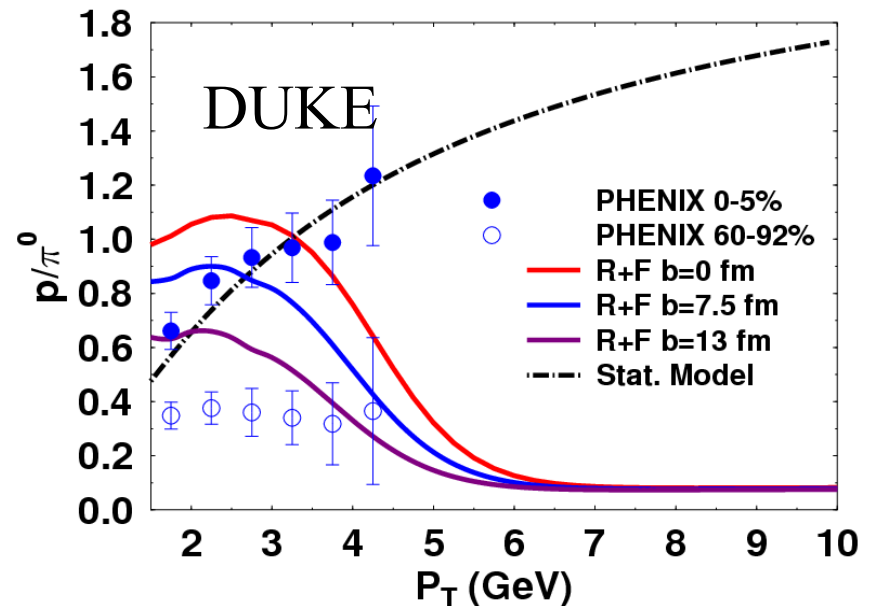
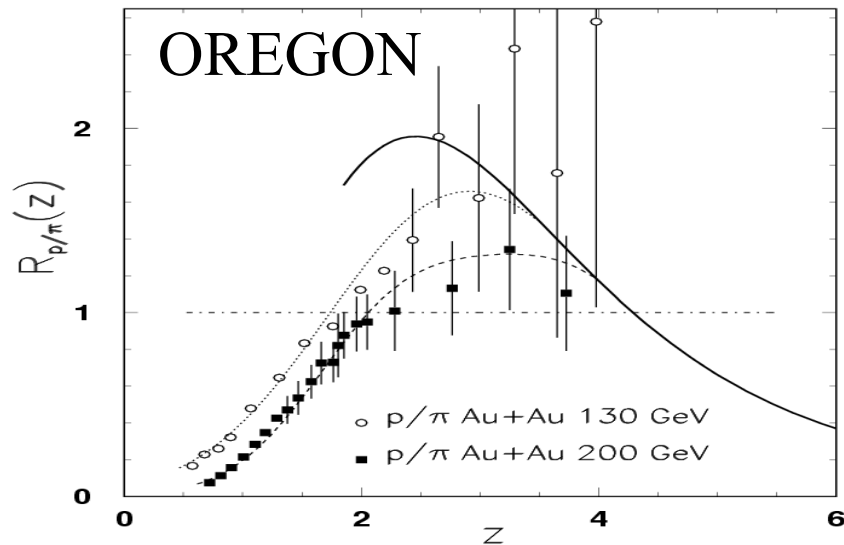
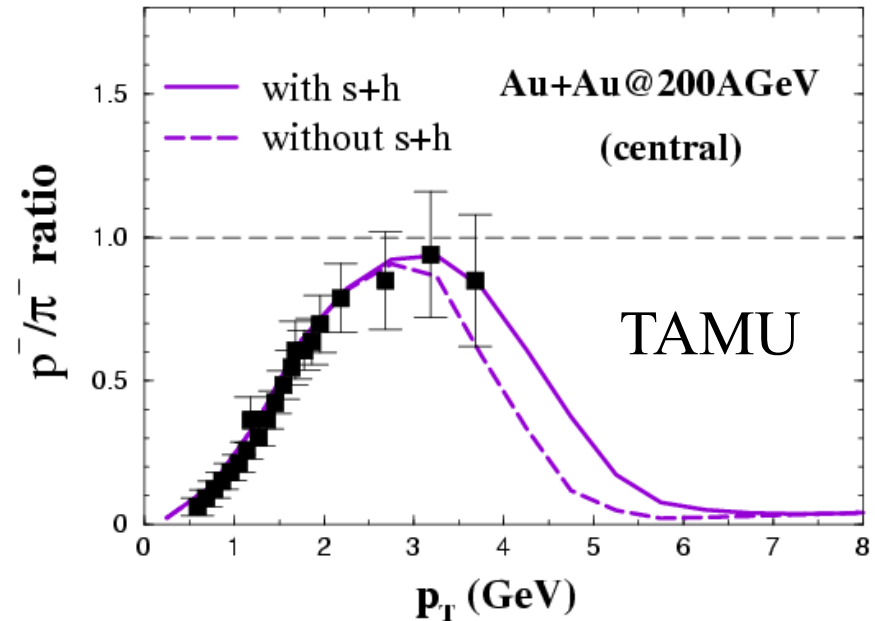
# Proton and pion transverse momentum spectra

Central Au+Au collisions at  $s^{1/2}=200$  GeV



# Large proton to pion ratio

Quark coalescence or recombination can explain the surprisingly large  $p/\pi$  ratio at intermediate transverse momentum observed in central Au+Au collisions.



# Constituent quark number scaling of elliptic flow

For quarks with same momentum  
to coalesce, i.e.,  $\Delta p=0$

Quark transverse momentum distribution

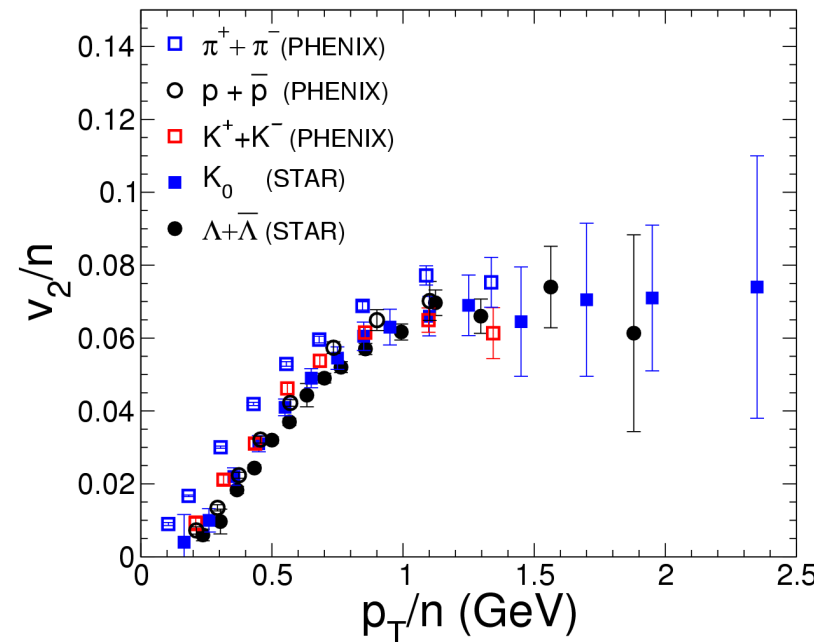
$$f_q(p_T) \propto 1 + 2v_{2,q}(p_T)\cos(2\phi)$$

Meson elliptic flow

$$v_{2,M}(p_T) = \frac{2v_{2,q}(p_T/2)}{1 + 2v_{2,q}^2(p_T/2)} \approx 2v_{2,q}(p_T/2)$$

Baryon elliptic flow

$$v_{2,B}(p_T) = \frac{3v_{2,q}(p_T/3)}{1 + 6v_{2,q}^2(p_T/3)} \approx 3v_{2,q}(p_T/3)$$

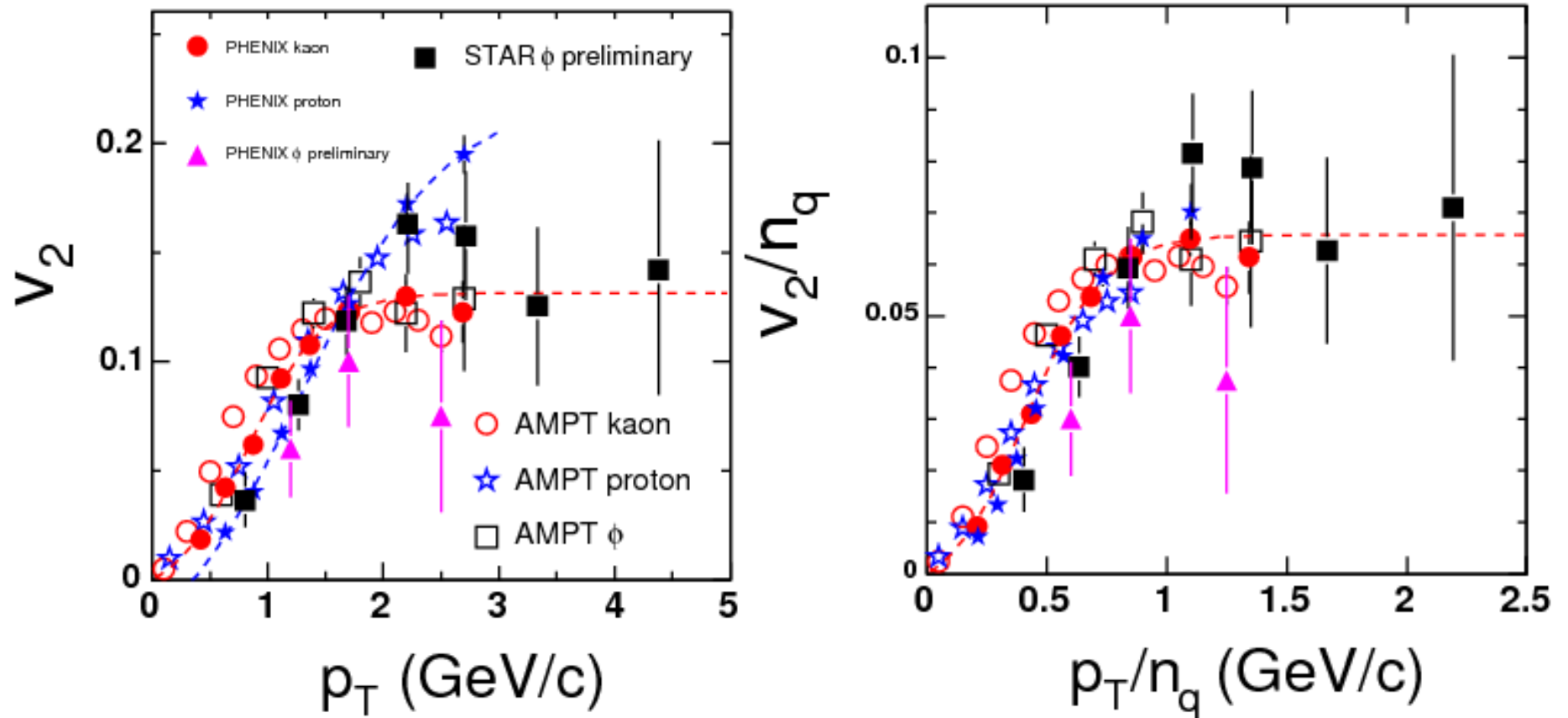


Quark number scaling  
of hadron  $v_2$  (except pions):

$$\frac{1}{n} v_2(p_T/n)$$

same for mesons and baryons

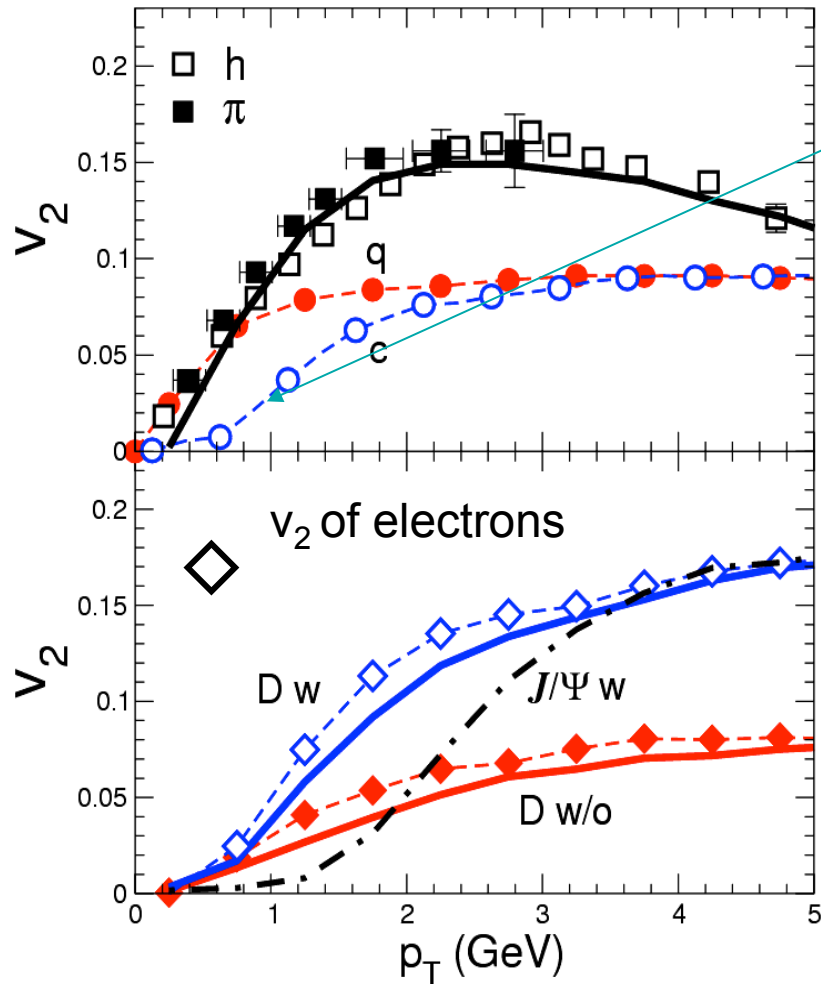
# Phi flow from AMPT J.H. Chen & Ma et al., PRC 74, 064902 (2006)



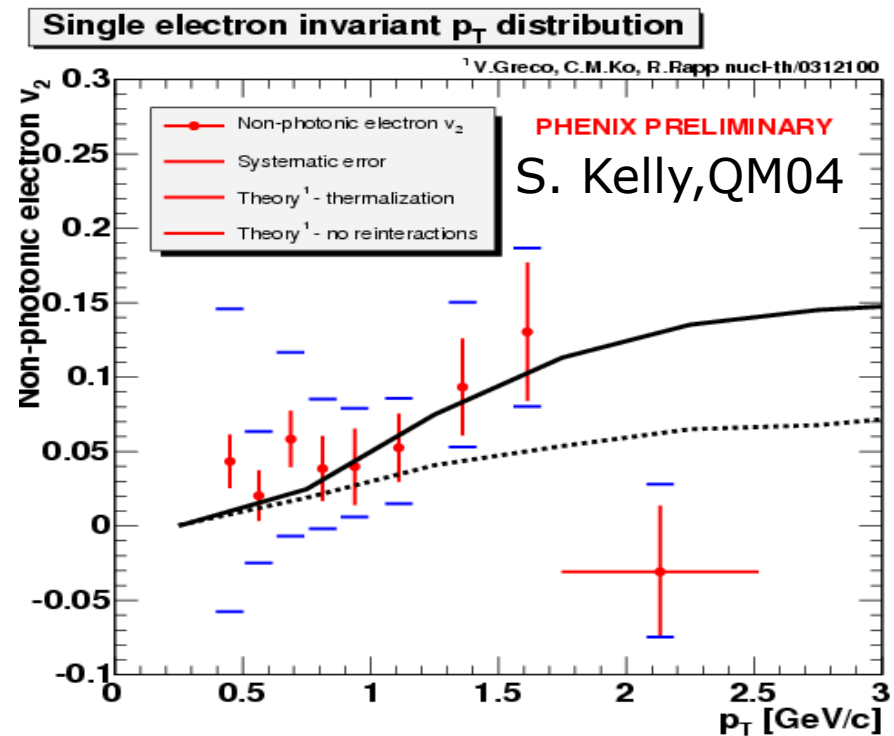
Phi meson  $v_2$  is similar to that of kaon  $\rightarrow$  quark number scaling



# Charmed meson elliptic flow



Smaller charm  $v_2$  than light quark  $v_2$  at low  $p_T$  due to mass effect



Data consistent with thermalized charm quark with same  $v_2$  as light quarks before boosted by radial flow<sup>7</sup>

Greco, Rapp, Ko, PLB595 (04) 202

## Charm exotics production in HIC

Lee, Yasui, Liu & Ko  
Eur. J. Phys. C 54, 259 (08)

- Charm tetraquark mesons
  - $T_{cc}(ud\bar{c}\bar{c})$  is  $\sim 80$  MeV below  $D+D^*$
  - Coalescence model predicts a yield of  $\sim 5.5 \times 10^{-6}$  in central Au+Au collisions at RHIC and  $\sim 9 \times 10^{-5}$  in central Pb+Pb collisions at LHC if total charm quark numbers at mid-rapidity are 3 and 20, respectively
  - Yields increase to  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $8.6 \times 10^{-3}$ , respectively, in the statistical model
  
- Charmed pentaquark baryons
  - $\Theta_{cs}(udus\bar{c})$  is  $\sim 70$  MeV below  $D+\Sigma$ ,  $\sim 30$  MeV below  $N+D_s$ , but  $\sim 8$  MeV above  $\Lambda+D$
  - Yield is  $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  at RHIC and  $\sim 7.9 \times 10^{-4}$  at LHC from the coalescence model for total charm quark numbers of 3 and 20, respectively
  - Statistical model predicts much larger yields of  $\sim 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$  at RHIC and  $\sim 2.7 \times 10^{-2}$  at LHC

## Decay modes of $T_{cc}$ and $\Theta_{cs}$

**Table 8.** Possible decay modes of  $T_{cc}$ . In the bottom row, we would observe the correlations  $(K^+\pi^-)(K^+\pi^-)\pi^-$  and  $(K^+\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-)(K^+\pi^-)\pi^-$  in the final states. See the text for details

Threshold	Decay mode	Lifetime
$M_{T_{cc}} > M_{D^*} + M_D$	$D^{*-} \bar{D}^0$	hadronic decay
$2M_D + M_\pi < M_{T_{cc}} < M_{D^*} + M_D$	$\bar{D}^0 \bar{D}^0 \pi^-$	hadronic decay
$M_{T_{cc}} < 2M_D + M_\pi$	$D^{*-} K^+ \pi^-, D^{*-} K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$0.41 \times 10^{-12}$ s

**Table 9.** Possible decay modes of  $\Theta_{cs}$

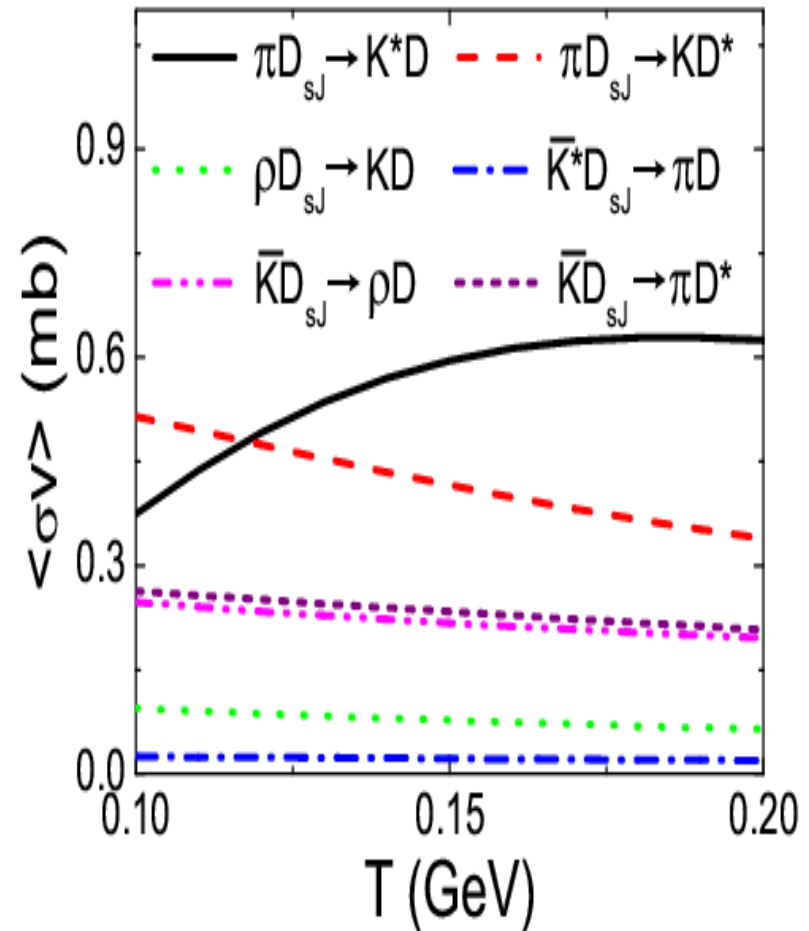
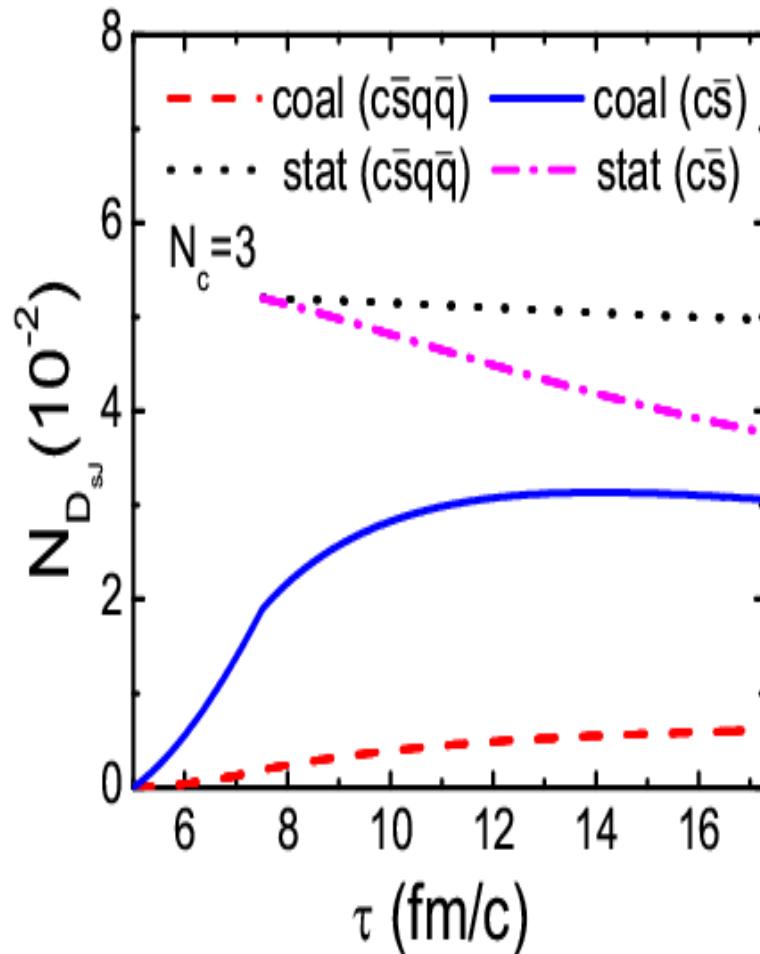
Threshold	Decay mode	Lifetime
$M_{\Theta_{cs}} > M_N + M_{D_s}$	$p D_s^-$	hadronic decay
$M_\Lambda + M_D < M_{\Theta_{cs}} < M_N + M_{D_s}$	$\Lambda \bar{D}^0$	hadronic decay
	$\Lambda D^-$	hadronic decay
$M_{\Theta_{cs}} < M_\Lambda + M_D$	$\Lambda K^+ \pi^-, \Lambda K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$0.41 \times 10^{-12}$ s
	$\Lambda K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ s

## $D_{sj}(2317): 0^+$

- Mass of 2317 MeV less than those predicted by quark model and QCD sum rule for two-quark state ( $c\bar{s}$ ) but comparable to those for four-quark state ( $c\bar{s}q\bar{q}$ )
- Width of a few (four-quark) to a few tens (two-quark) keV from decay to  $D_s\pi$ , empirically less than 4.6 MeV limited because of experimental resolution.
- Observed in elementary reactions:
  - BABAR: from  $D_s+\pi^0$  inclusive invariant mass distribution in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation (PRL 90, 242001 (03))
  - Belle: from B decay (PRL 91, 262002 (03))

## $D_{sJ}$ production at RHIC

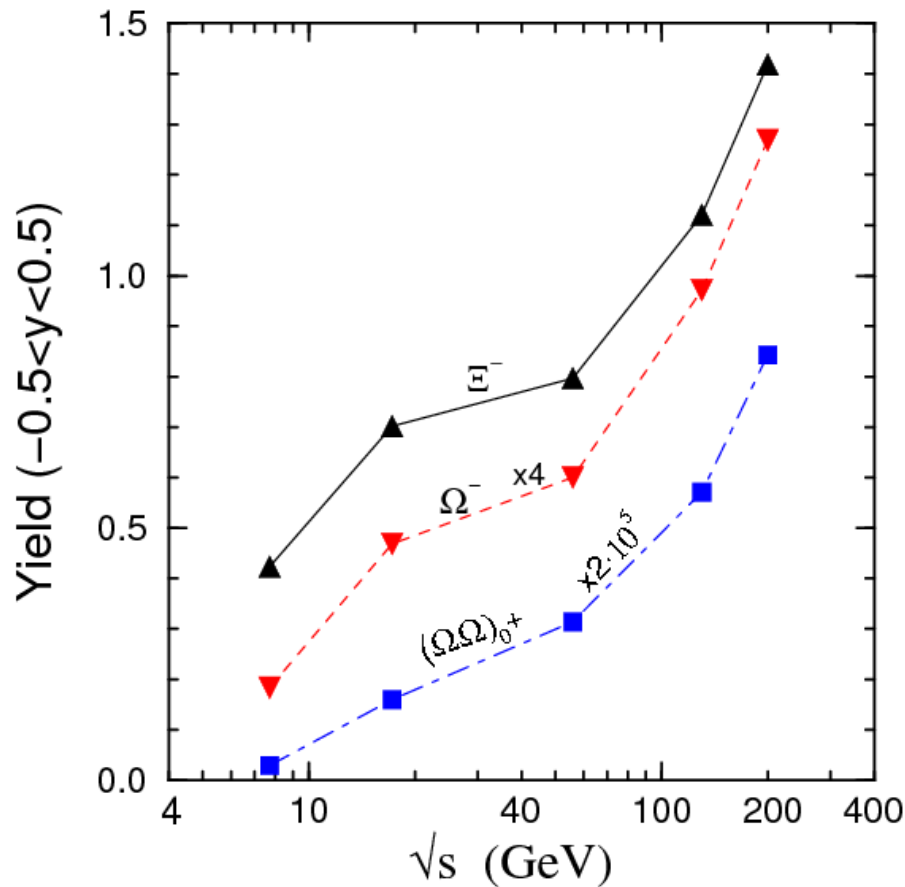
Chen, Liu, Nielsen & Ko, PRC 76, 064903 (2007))



- Cross sections shown are for four-quark state and are larger by  $\sim 9$  for two-quark state.
- Final yield is sensitive to the quark structure of  $D_{sJ}$

# Diomega

According to the chiral quark model of Zhang et al. (PRC 61, 065204 (2000)), diomega  $(\Omega\Omega)_{0+}$  is bound by  $\sim 116$  MeV with a root-mean-square radius  $\sim 0.84$  fm and lifetime  $\sim 10^{-10}$  sec.



Pal, Ko & Zhang, PLB 624, 210 (05)

No.	Channel
I	$\Omega + \Omega \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + \gamma$
II	$\Omega + \Omega \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + \eta$
III	$\Omega + \Omega \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + \eta'$
IV	$\Omega + \Omega \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + \phi$
V	$\Omega + \Xi \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + K$
VI	$\Omega + \Xi \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + K^*$
VII	$\Omega + N \rightarrow (\Omega N)_2 + \gamma$
VIII	$\Omega + N \rightarrow (\Omega N)_2 + \pi$
IX	$\Omega + (\Omega N)_2 \rightarrow (\Omega\Omega)_0 + N$

- Cross sections for I-VI are  $\sim 2$ - $25 \mu\text{b}$  and thus unimportant.
- Production is dominated by two-step processes through VII, VIII ( $\sim 50$ - $175 \mu\text{b}$ ) and IX ( $\sim 20$ - $50 \text{ mb}$ ).
- Yield is order of magnitude larger in statistical or coalescence model.

## Summary

- Possible existence of tetraquark meson  $T_{cc}(ud\bar{c}\bar{c})$  and pentaquark baryon  $\Theta_{cs}(udus\bar{c})$  due to attractive diquark spin-spin interaction
- Diquarks leads to enhanced  $\Lambda_c$  production in sQGP
- Enhanced charm production at LHC  $\rightarrow$  factory for studying charmed exotics
- Thermal vs quark coalescence production of hadrons
- Larger yield of exotic hadrons in thermal production than from quark coalescence
- Yield of  $D_{sJ}(2317)$  in HIC is sensitive to its quark structure
- HIC allows for the study of  $\Omega\Omega$  interaction and possible existence of  $(\Omega\Omega)_{0+}$