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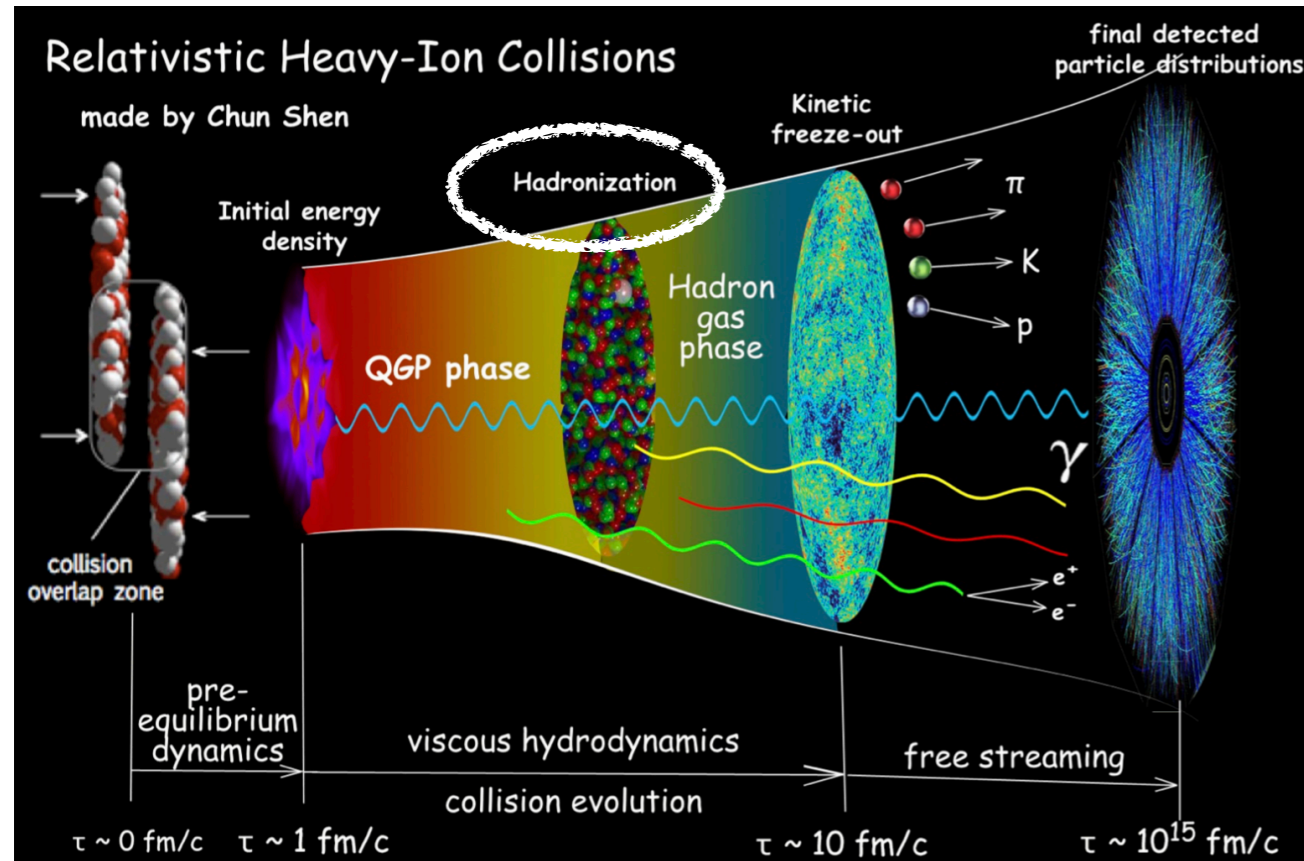
Comparison of Heavy quark Hadronization Models in heavy ion collisions

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Catania, Duke, LBT, Los Alamos, PHSD, TAMU, Turin*

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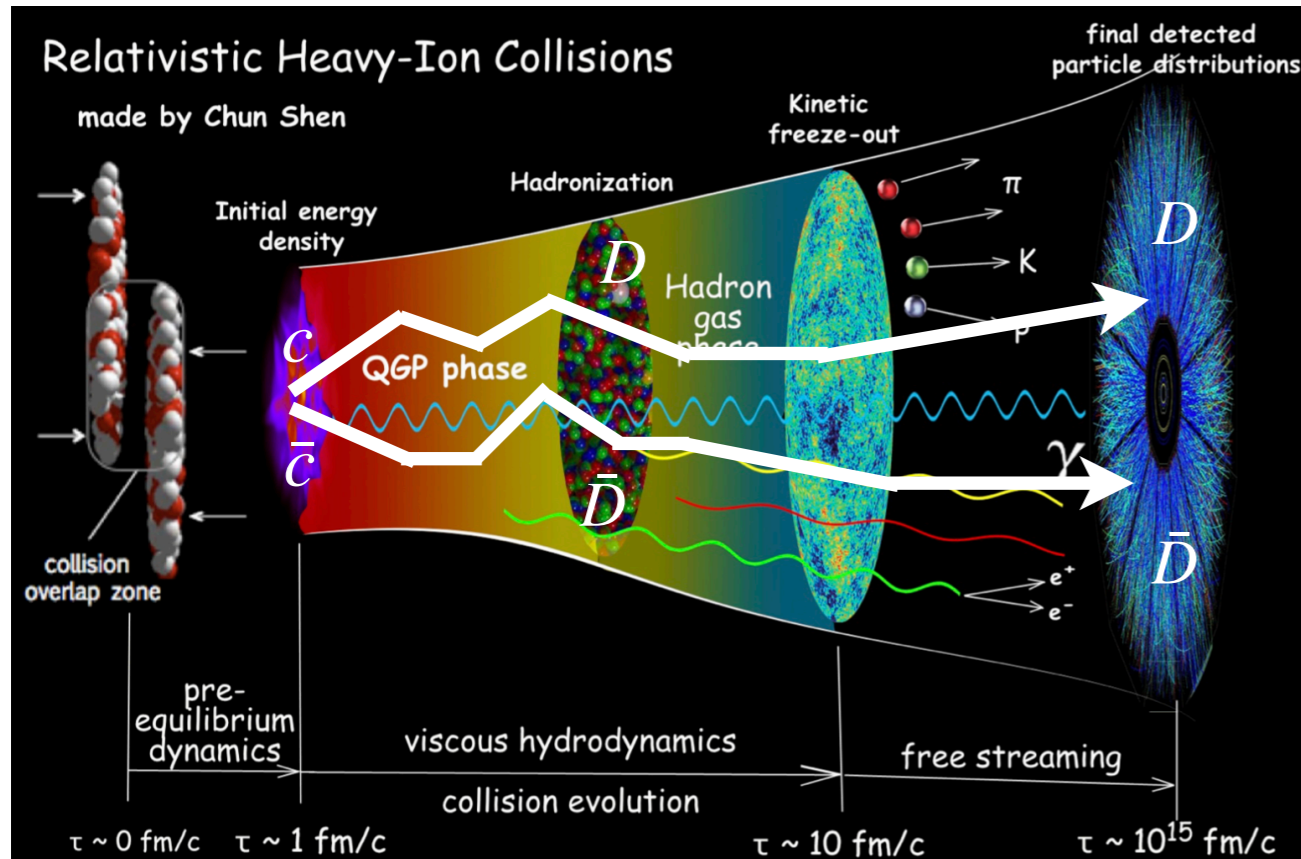


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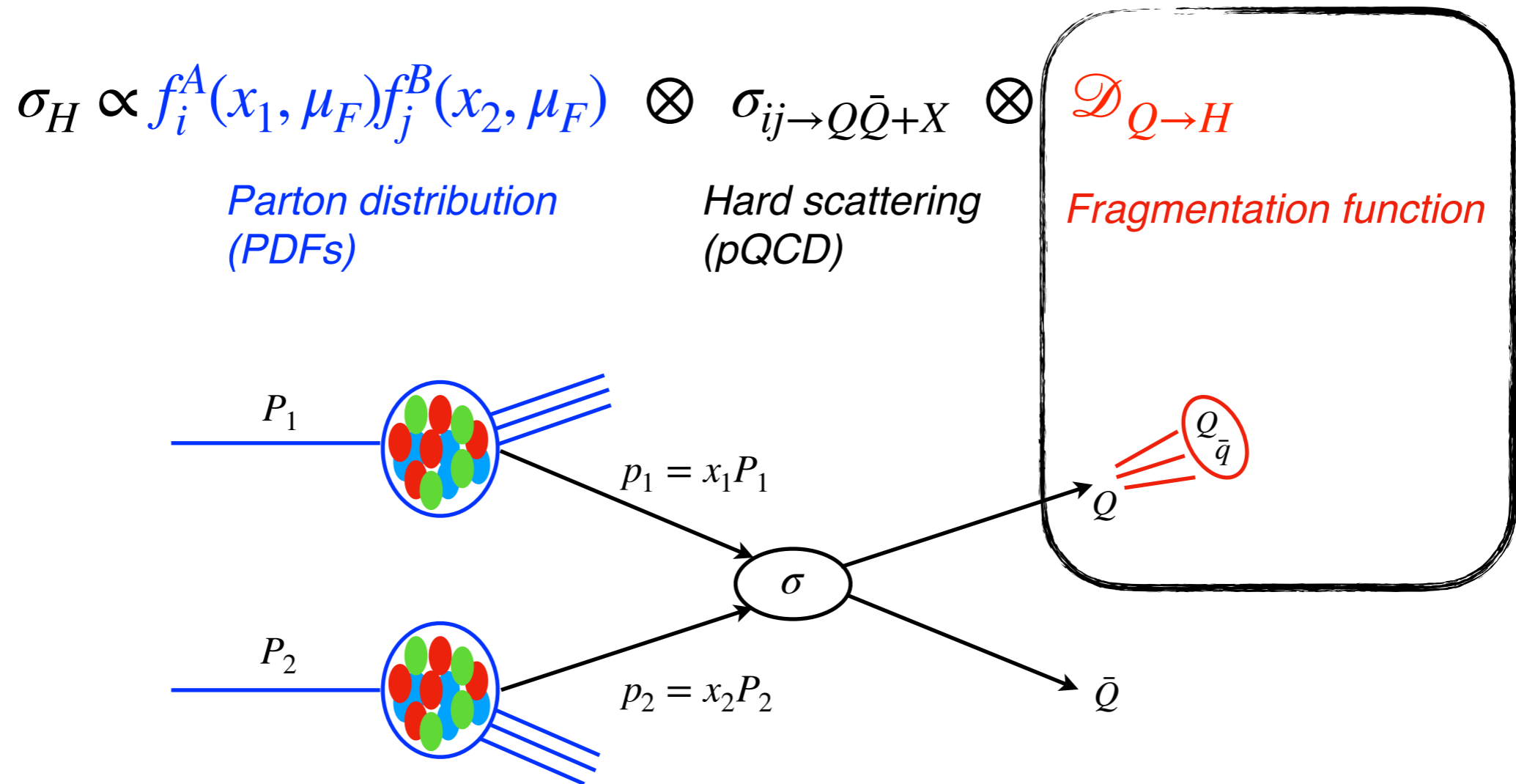
Heavy flavor can be a nice probe:

- ◆ $M_c, M_b \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$, produced by hard scattering, described by pQCD.
- ◆ Number is conserved during the evolution.
- ◆ Evolution (energy loss/gain) in the QGP is well studied.
- ◆ Hadronization probability can be managed partly based on heavy flavor effective theory.
- ◆ Few excited states compared to light hadrons.
- ◆ The Direct and Feed-down contributions can be well separated in experiments.

Hadronization mechanisms are different in a vacuum and the hot QCD medium.

Hadronization mechanism in vacuum

❖ Fragmentation:

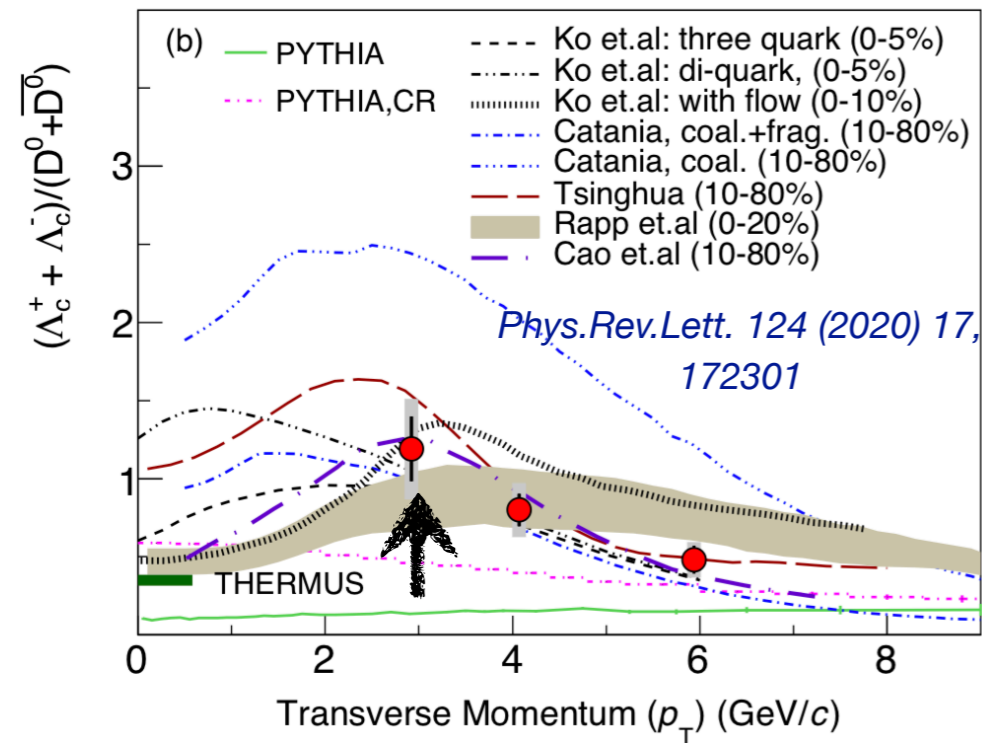


Fragmentation functions can be determined by the experimental data (e^+e^- , pp , ...)

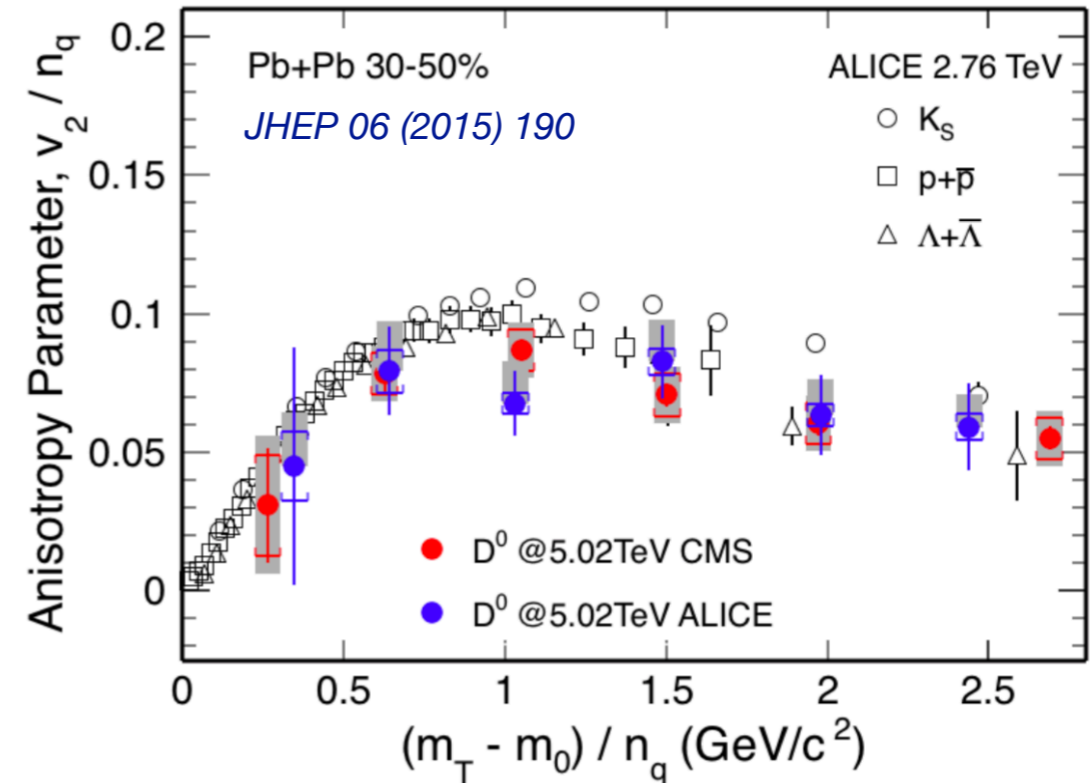
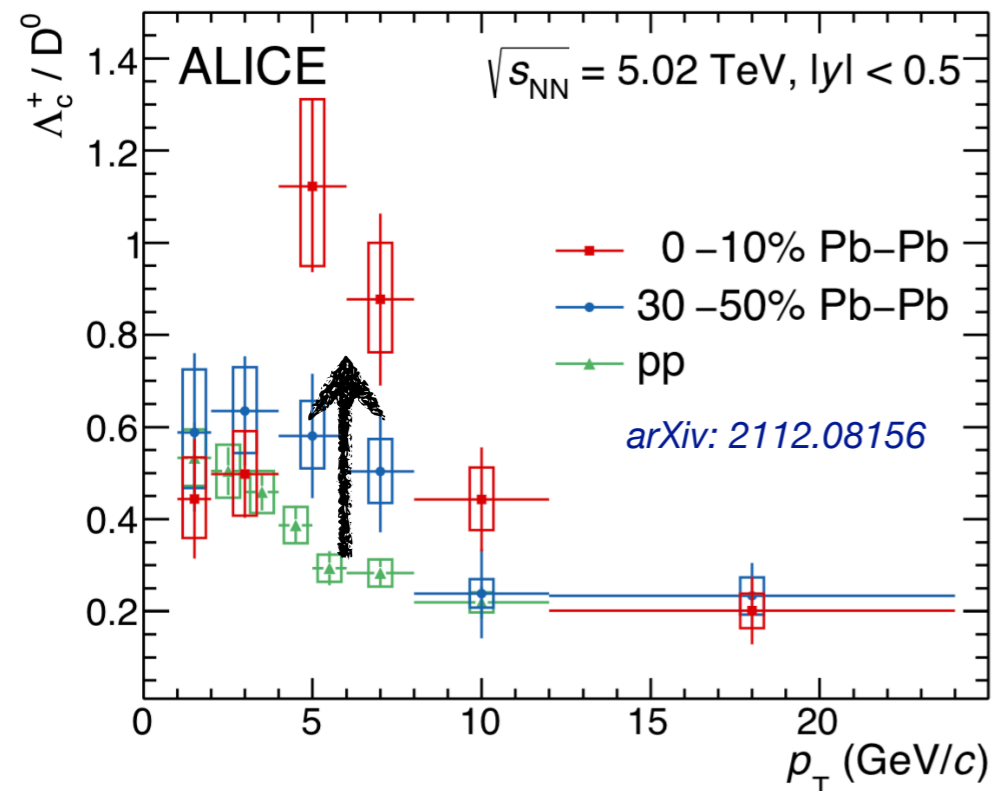
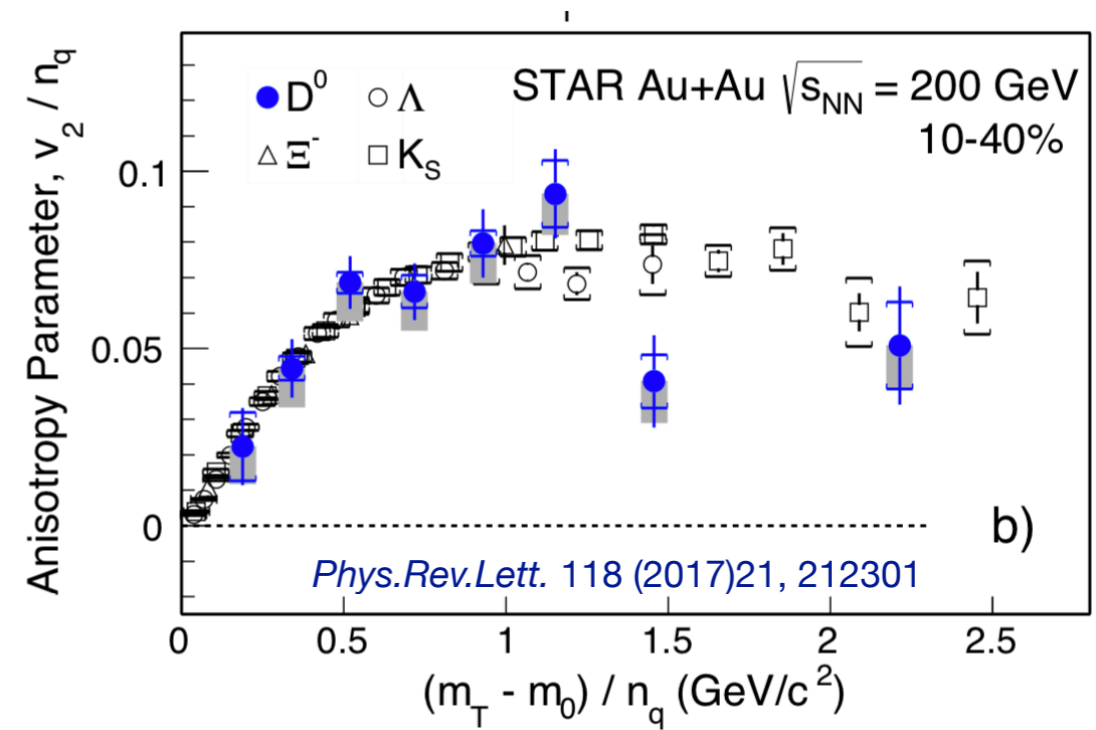
Hadronization in the hot QCD medium shows a huge difference compared to the vacuum case.

Hadronization mechanism in hot medium

- Enhancement of Baryon / Meson Ratio

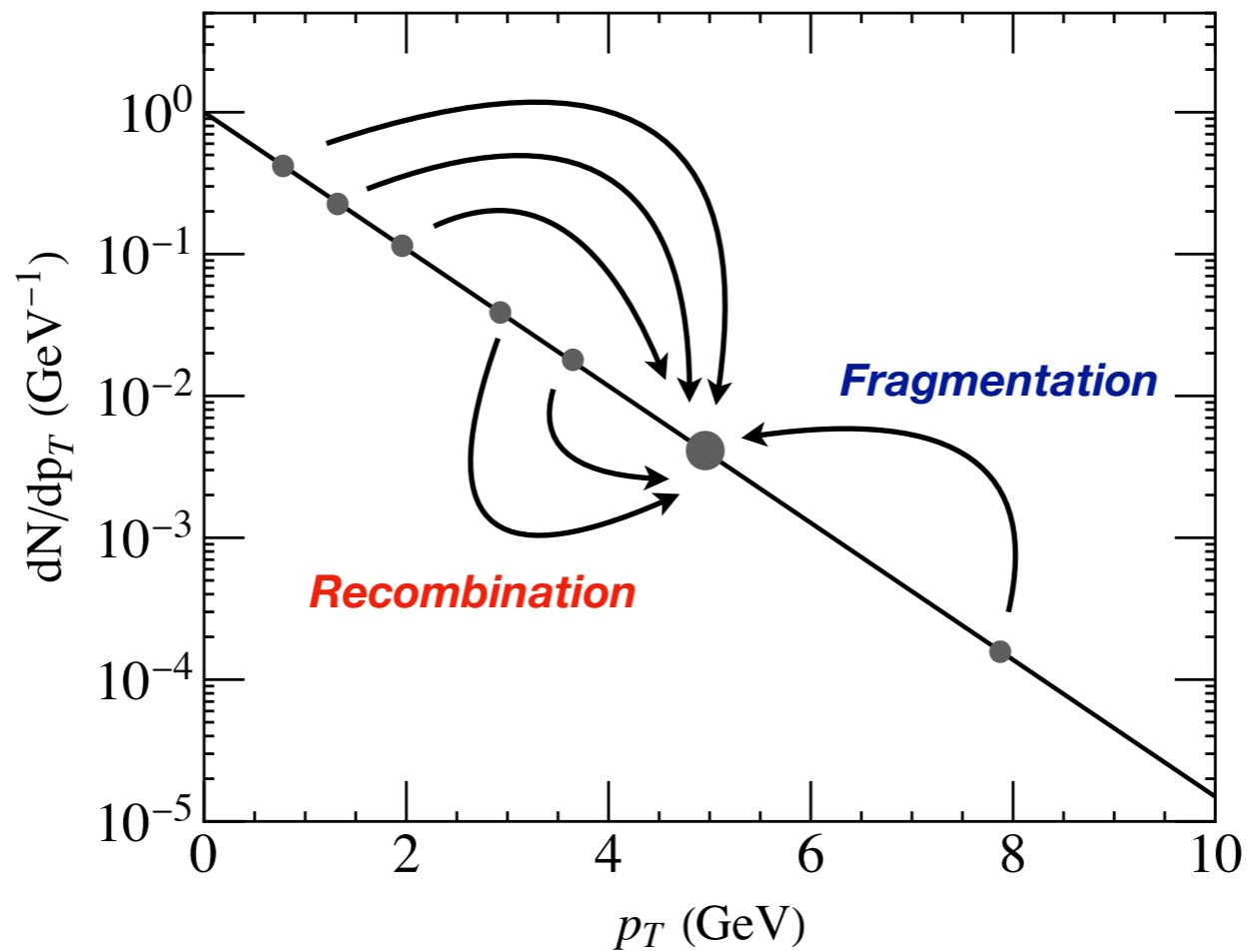


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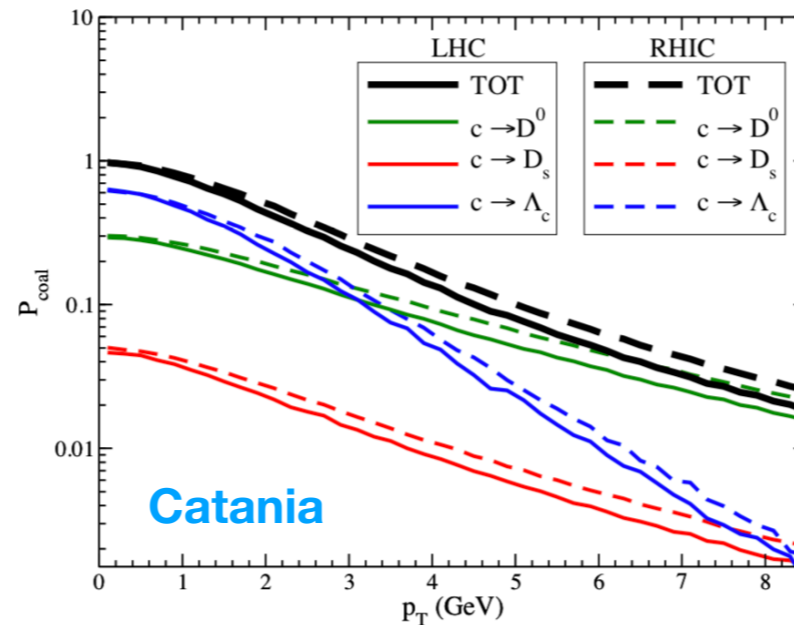
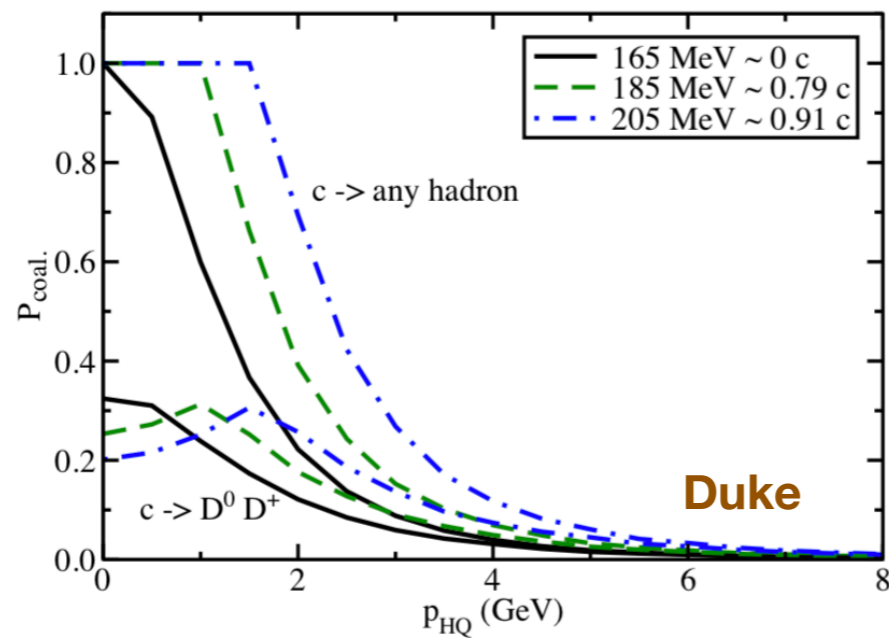
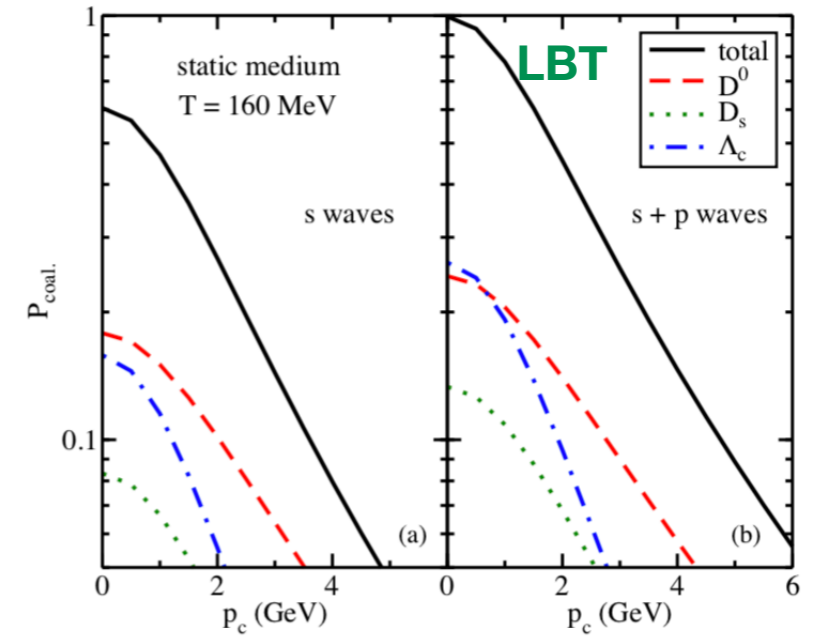
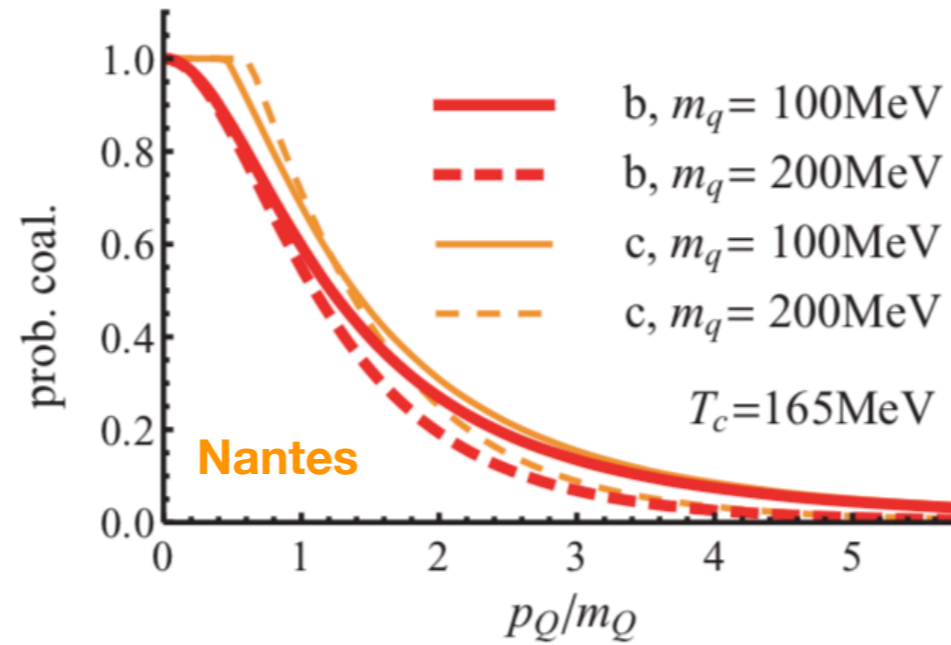
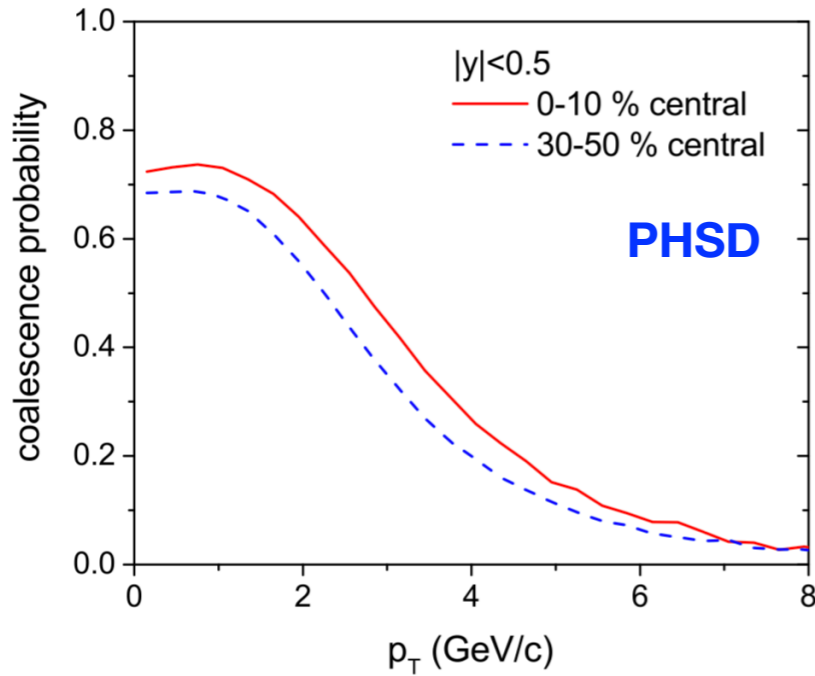
❖ *Recombination:*



- *Enhancement of Baryon / Meson Ratio* ✓
- *Quark Number Scaling of Elliptic flow* ✓

Hadronization mechanism in hot medium

❖ Recombination + Fragmentation:



$$P_{\text{frag.}}(p_T) = 1 - P_{\text{recomb.}}(p_T)$$

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Low p_T heavy flavor hadronizes via recombination, while high p_T through the fragmentation!

Each model with a recombination part can give a nice explanation of the experimental data!

Model comparison

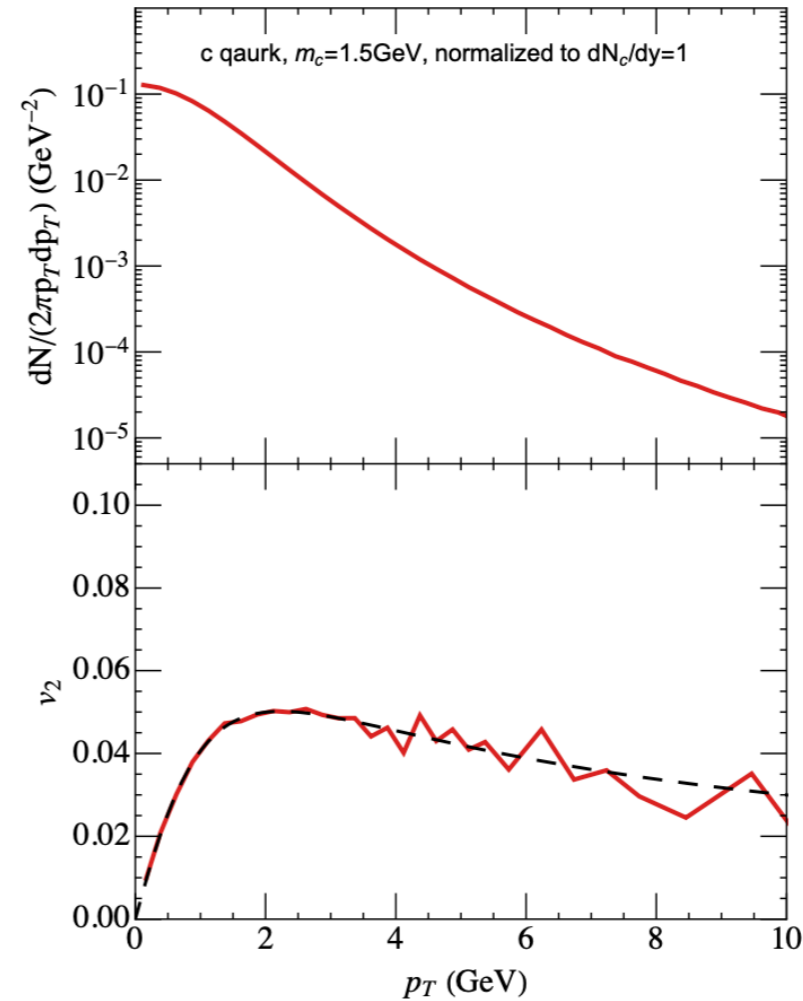
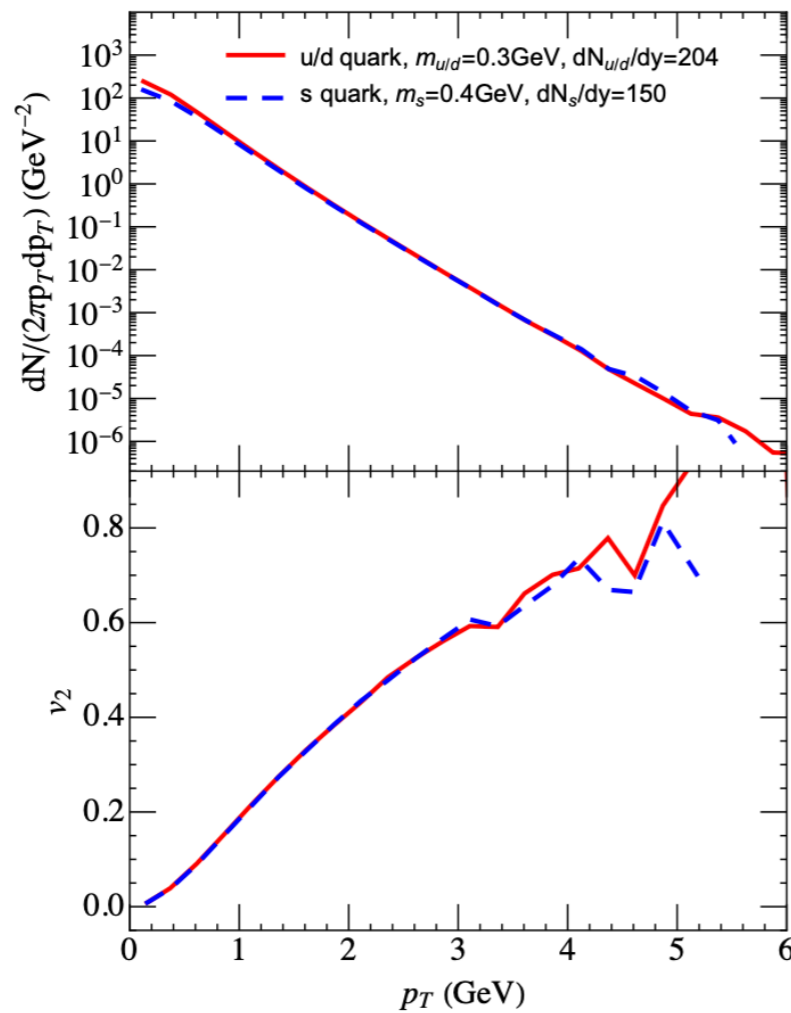
Systematic studies of the parameter dependence in the various hadronization models should fix the *Hadronization hypersurface* and *charm distribution* at hadronization hypersurface.

- Given by the Fireball model for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ Pb+Pb with $b=7 \text{ fm}$ and $T_{fo}=180 \text{ MeV}$.

H. van Hees, V. Greco, and R. Rapp, Phys. Rev. C 73, 034913 (2006)

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- Uniform distribution in the coordinate space and momentum space is given by EMMI RRTF. (No Space-Momentum Correlation)



Catania, Duke, LBT, Los Alamos, Nantes, PHSD, TAMU, Turin groups/models

Model comparison

We prepared several tasks: (2021.04-2022.10)

1. **Final yield** H_{AA} of D ($D^+ + D^0$), D_s and Λ_c .

$$H_{AA} = \frac{dN_D/dp_T}{dN_c/dp_T}$$

2. **Elliptic flow** v_2 of the D , D_s , Λ_c without the charm quark flow.
3. **Elliptic flow** v_2 of the D , D_s , Λ_c with the charm quark flow.
 - **For pure fragmentation (assuming all c quarks proceed through fragmentation)**
 - **For pure recombination (assuming all c quarks proceed through recombination)**
 - **For mixed hadronization model (genuine process in each model)**

New tasks: (2022.10-now)

Fix the parameters: $m_c = 1.5\text{GeV}$, $m_{u/d} = 0.3\text{GeV}$, $m_s = 0.4\text{GeV}$, For all codes, which use the Wigner function choose $\sigma = 0.5\text{ fm}$ for charmed mesons; $\sigma_\rho = \sigma_\lambda = 0.5\text{ fm}$ for charmed baryons.

4. **Final yield** H_{AA} and **elliptic flow** v_2 of direct D^0 , D_s and Λ_c (no feed down contribution).
5. **$dN(D^0)/dp_T$** and v_2 of direct D^0 meson produced by a c -quark with $p_T = 3\text{GeV}$ and 10GeV .

Model comparison — model description

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Model comparison — Fragmentation function

There are mainly three kinds of fragmentation function used in these models

❖ Peterson fragmentation:

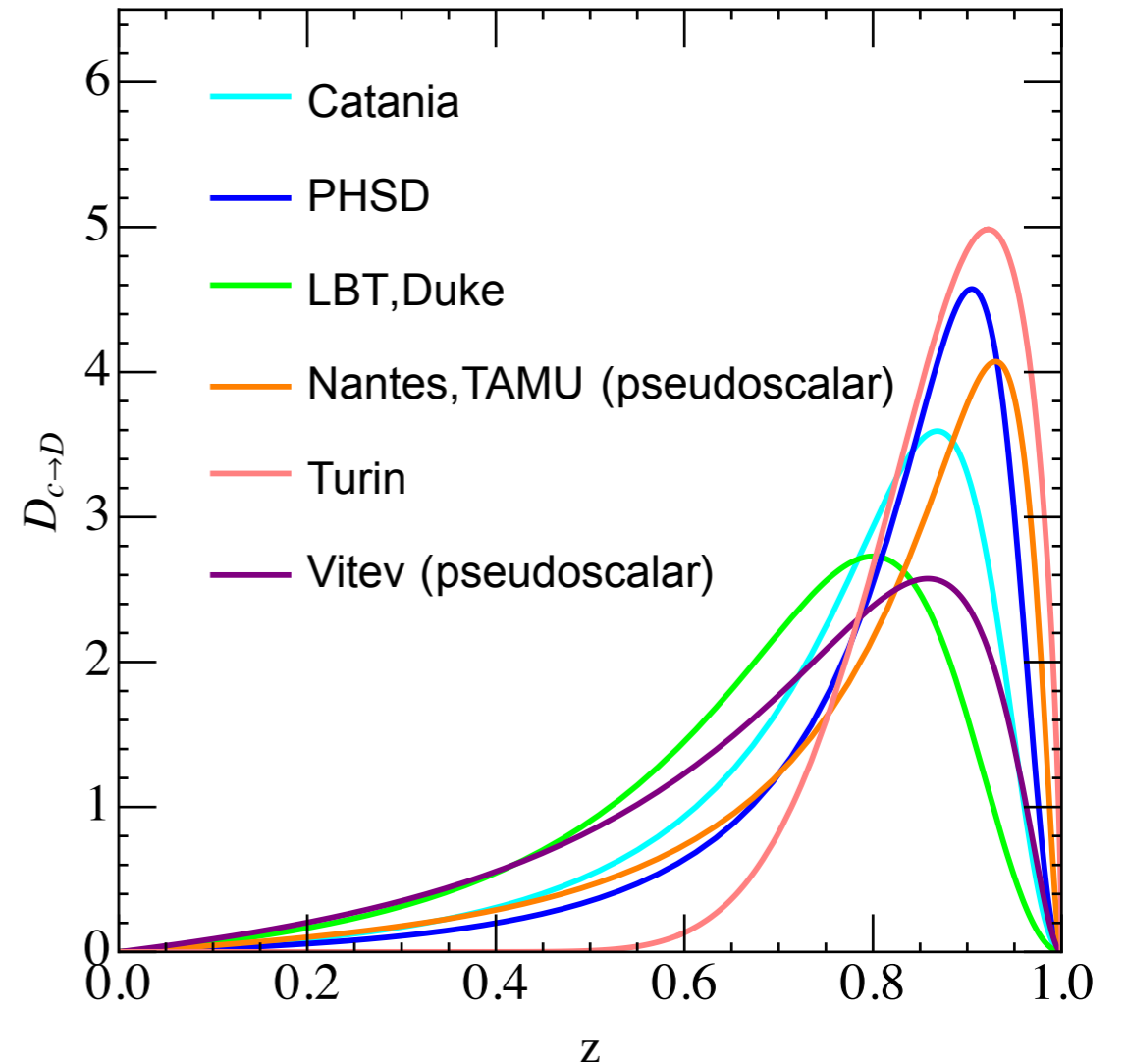
$$\mathcal{D}_{c \rightarrow H} \propto \frac{1}{z \left[1 - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{\epsilon}{1-z} \right]^2}$$

$\epsilon = 0.02, 0.05, 0.01$
in Catania, LBT(Duke), and PHSD model.

❖ String fragmentation in PYTHIA:

$$\mathcal{D}_{c \rightarrow H} \propto \frac{1}{z^{1+rbm_Q^2}} z^{\alpha} \left(\frac{1-z}{z} \right)^{a_\beta} \exp \left(-\frac{bm_T^2}{z} \right)$$

$r = 1.32, b = 0.98, \alpha = 0.68. m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}, p_T = 3 \text{ GeV}$



❖ HQET fragmentation function (for the pseudoscalar and vector meson):

$$\mathcal{D}_{c \rightarrow P} \propto \frac{rz(1-z)^2}{[1 - (1-r)z]^6} \left[6 - 18(1-2r)z + (21 - 74r + 68r^2)z^2 - 2(1-r)(6 - 19r + 18r^2)z^3 + 3(1-r)^2(1-2r + 2r^2)z^4 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{c \rightarrow V} \propto \frac{rz(1-z)^2}{[1 - (1-r)z]^6} \left[2 - 2(3-2r)z + 3(3-2r+4r^2)z^2 - 2(1-r)(4-r+2r^2)z^3 + 3(1-r)^2(3-2r+2r^2)z^4 \right]$$

$r = 0.1$ in Nantes and TAMU models; $r = 0.2$ in Los Alamos model.

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Model comparison — Recombination probability

There are mainly two kinds of recombination processes:

❖ *Phase space criterion:*

Catania, Nantes, and PHSD model, phase-space Wigner function.

❖ *Momentum space criterion:*

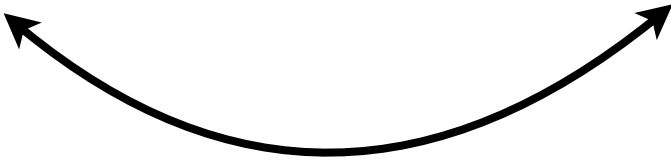
(Charm and light quark are at same point)

Duke and LBT model, momentum-space Wigner function.

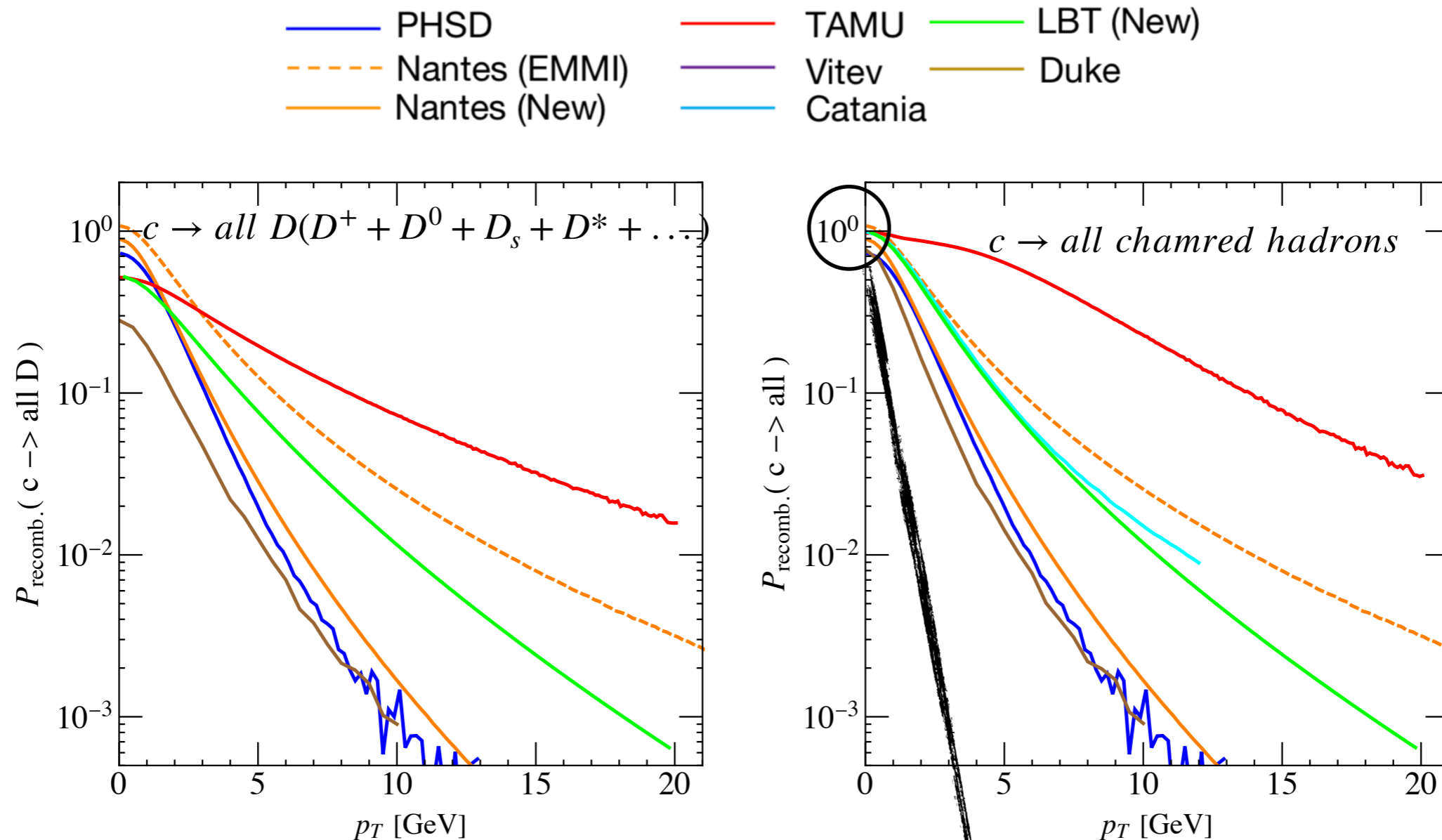
TAMU model, Resonance amplitude, which is only related to the momentum of heavy and light quarks

Turin model, invariant mass, which is only related to the momentum of heavy and light quarks

$$W(r, p) = 8e^{-\frac{r^2}{\sigma^2} - p^2\sigma^2} \quad W(p) = \frac{(2\sqrt{\pi}\sigma)^3}{V} e^{-p^2\sigma^2} \quad \text{for LBT and Duke}$$


$$\begin{aligned} W_{1S}(p) &= \int 8e^{-\frac{r^2}{\sigma^2} - p^2\sigma^2} r^2 dr, \\ &= (2\sqrt{\pi}\sigma)^3 e^{-p^2\sigma^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Model comparison — Recombination probability



- Total recombination probability ~ 1.0 at zero p_T required by all charm quarks hadronize via recombination at $p_T \sim 0$.
- Huge difference when $p_T > 3$ GeV;
Phase space criterion give a steep recombination probability ?

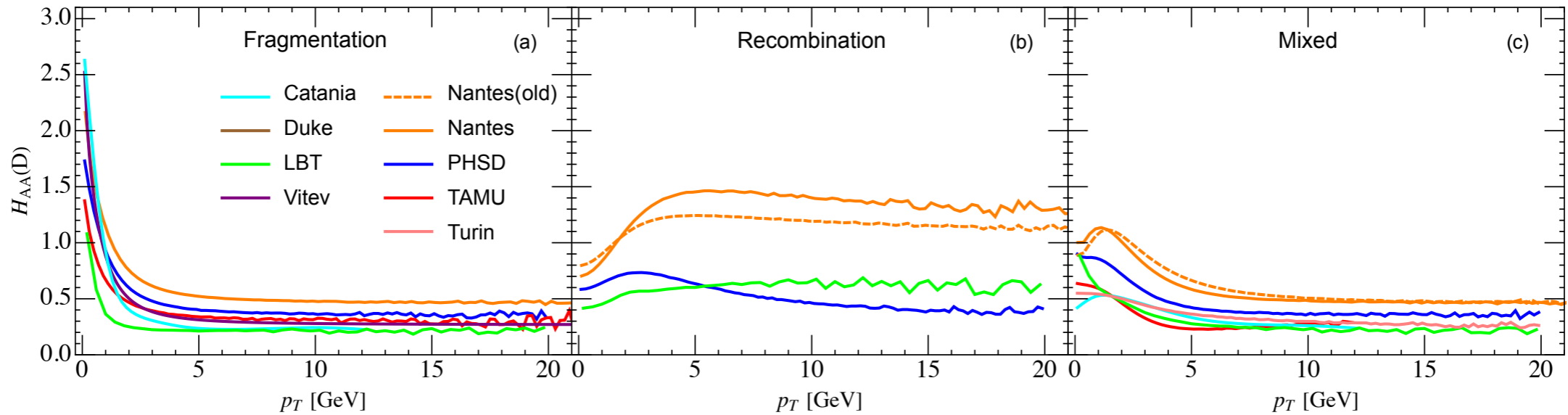
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Model comparison — H_{AA}

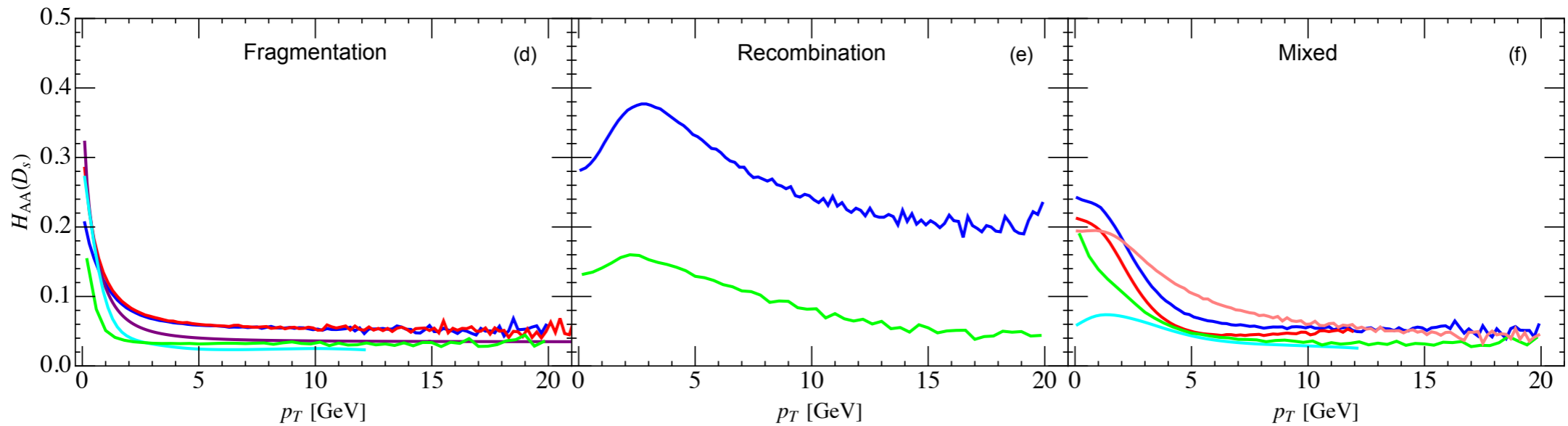


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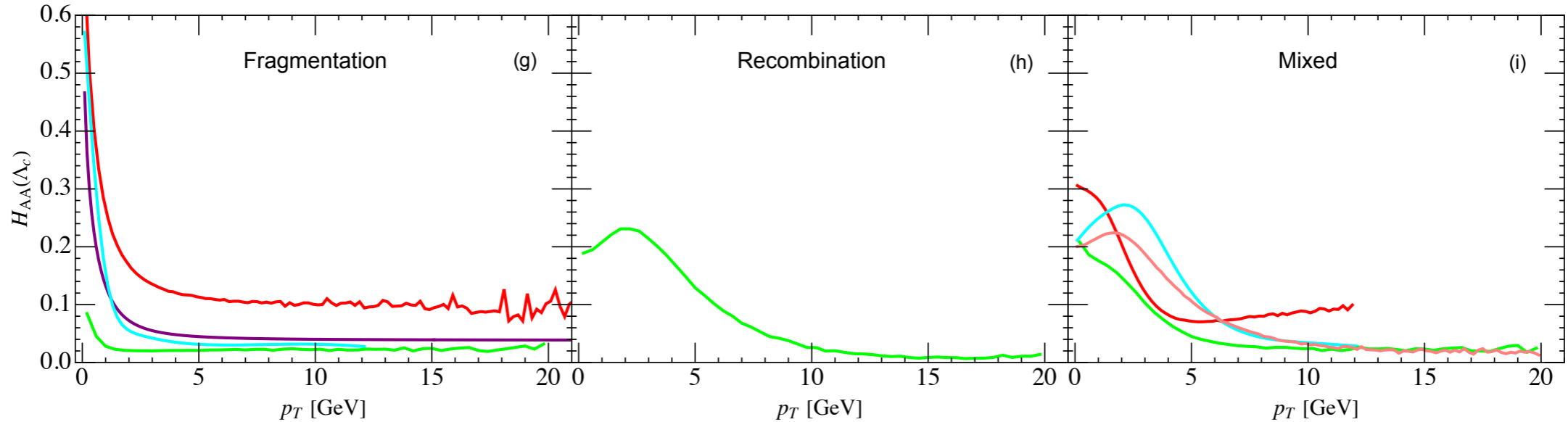
D



D_s



Λ_c



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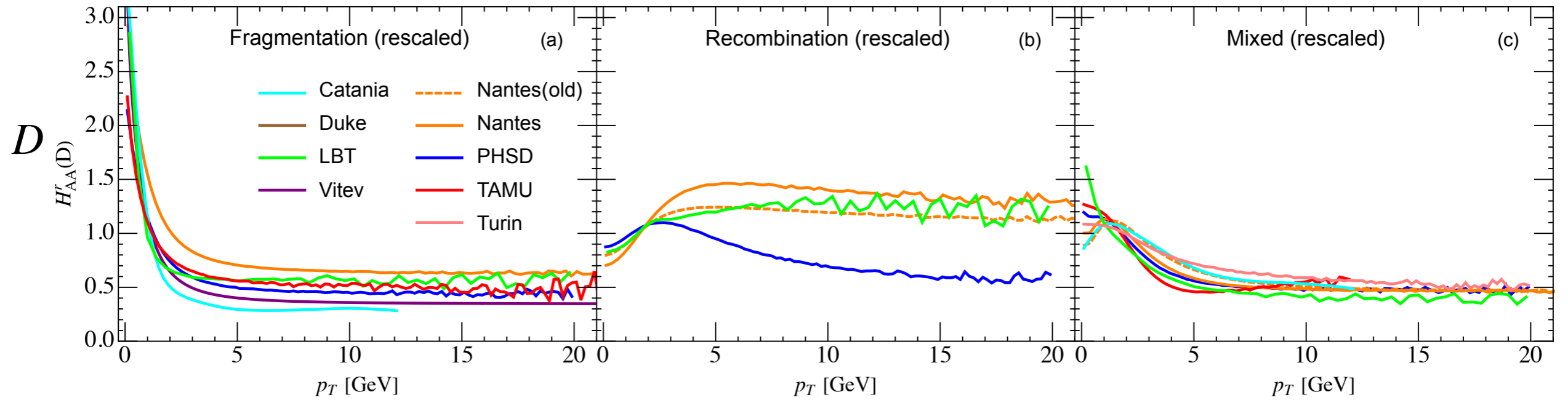
The large difference may come from the branching ratios between various charmed-hadrons

$$R = \frac{\int dN_c/dp_T \times H_{AA} dp_T}{\int dN_c/dp_T dp_T} \quad H_{AA}^r \equiv \frac{dN_H/dp_T}{R dN_c/dp_T}$$

| R | Fragmentation | | | Recombination | | | Mixed | | |
|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | D | D_s | Λ_c | D | D_s | Λ_c | D | D_s | Λ_c |
| Catania | 78.3% | 8.0% | 13.7% | - | - | - | 48.8% | 6.8% | 24.3% |
| Duke | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - |
| LBT | 37.8% | 5.4% | 3% | 50.3% | 14.6% | 20.8% | 54.7% | 12.1% | 15.3% |
| Nantes | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - |
| Nantes(new) | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - | 100% | - | - |
| PHSD | 81% | 10% | - | 67% | 33% | - | 75% | 20% | - |
| TAMU | 60.7% | 11.5% | 24.1% | - | - | - | 50.2% | 16.2% | 22.8% |
| Turin | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50.6% | 17.9% | 20.4% |
| Vitev | 77.8% | 10% | 11.9% | - | - | - | - | - | - |

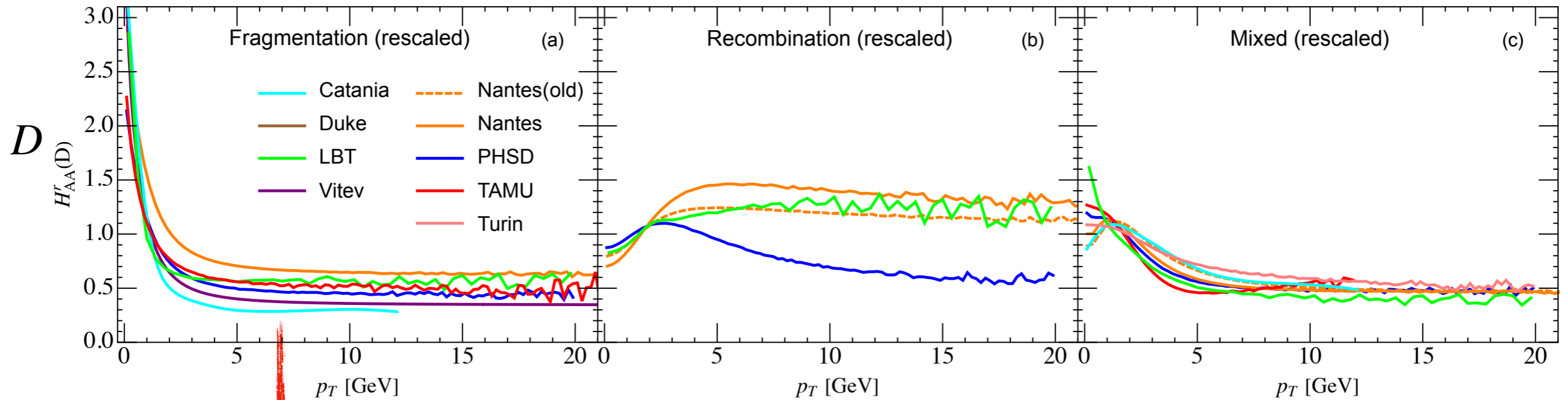
Model comparison — H_{AA}^r

Rescale the various H_{AA} by their weights

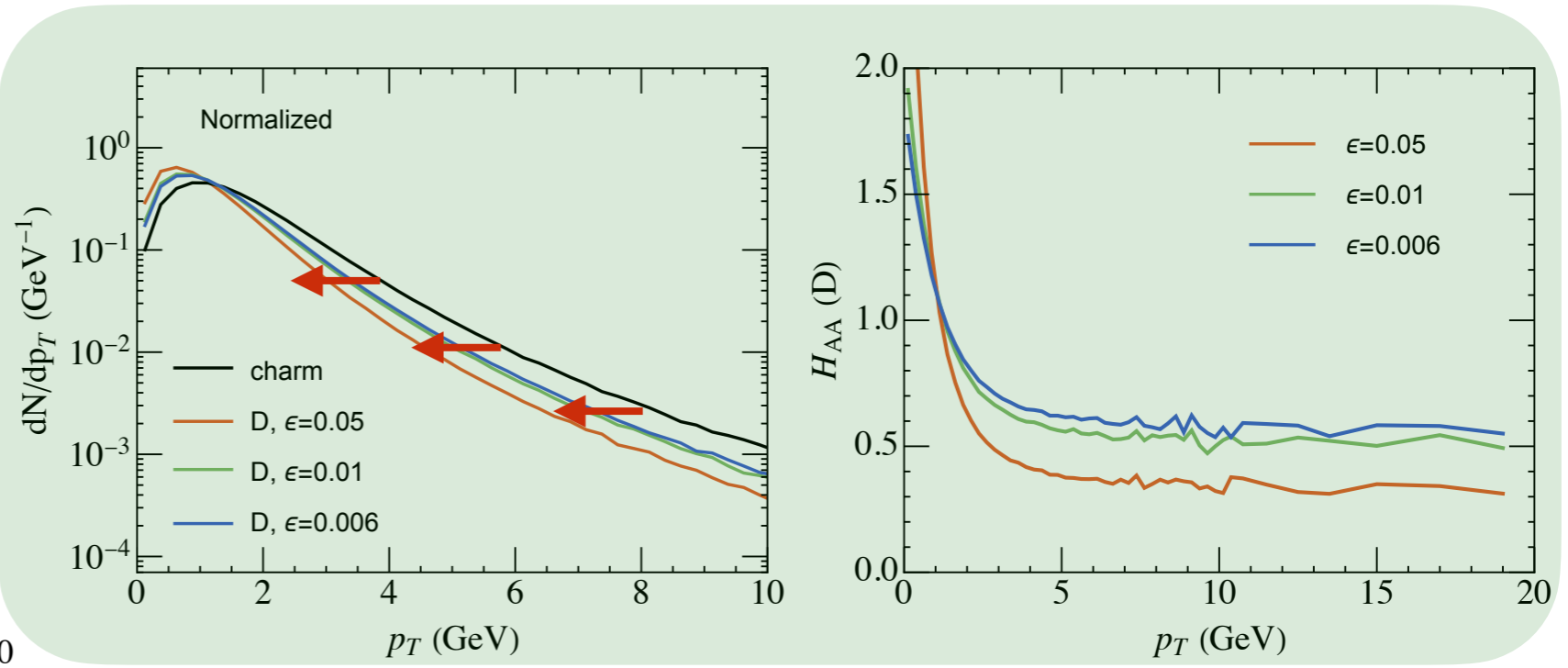
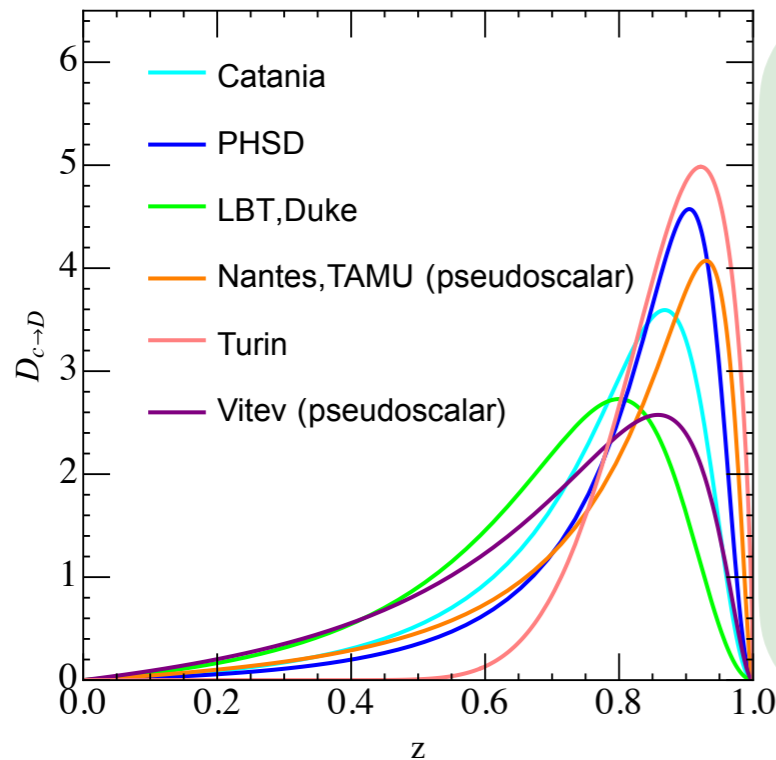


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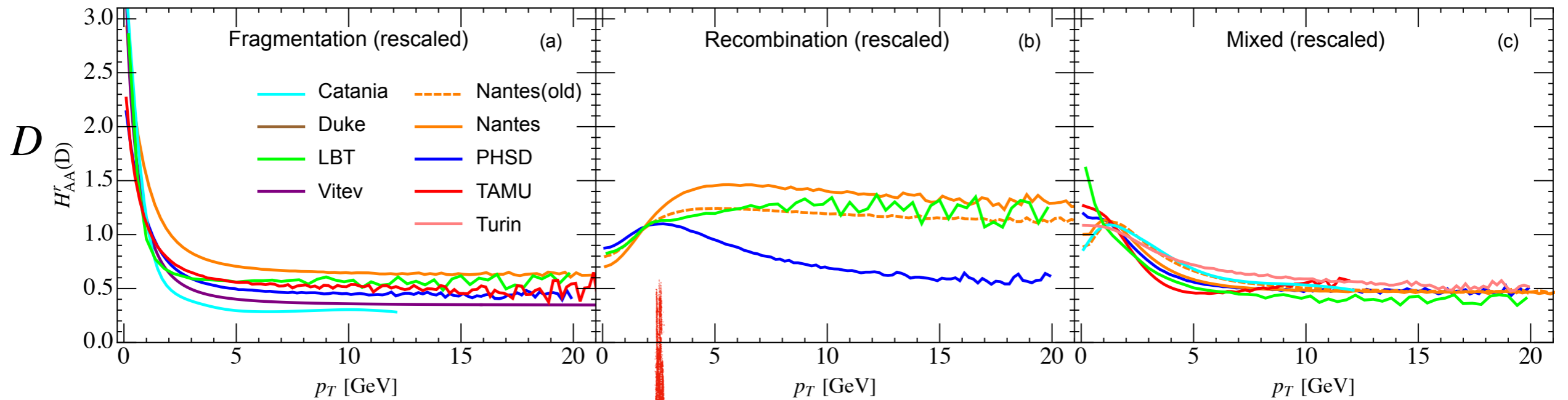


$H_{AA} > 1$ at very low p_T and $H_{AA} < 1$ at a higher p_T
Almost consistent with the fragmentation function



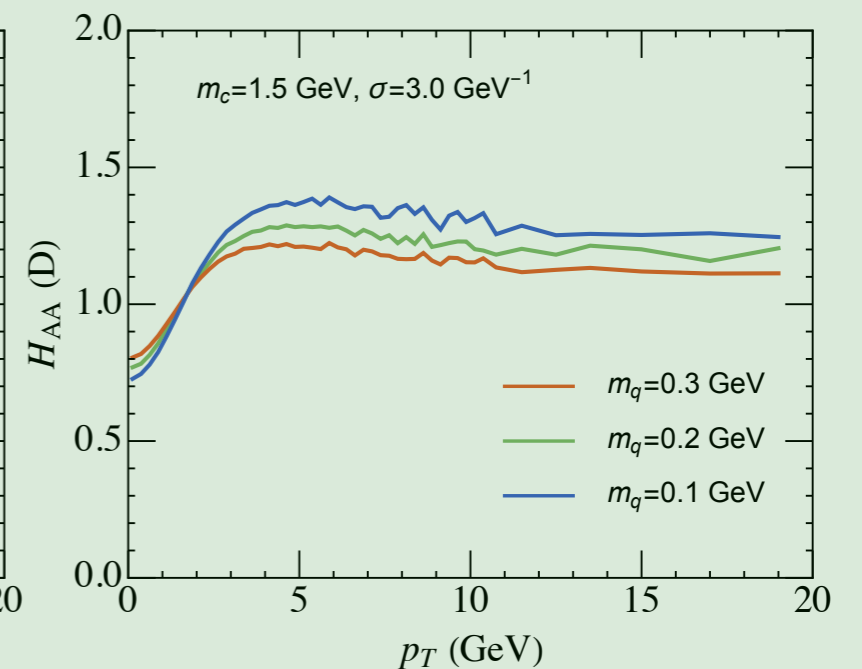
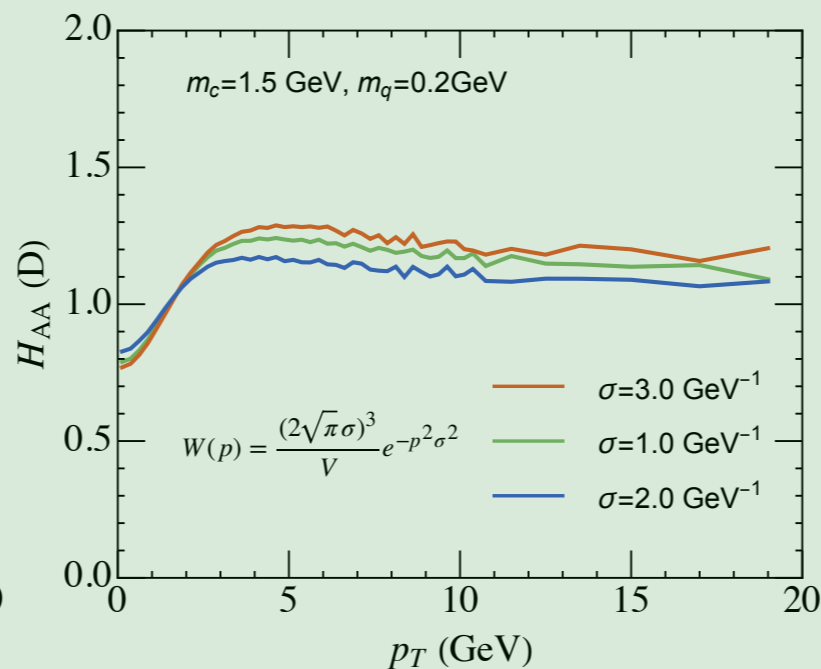
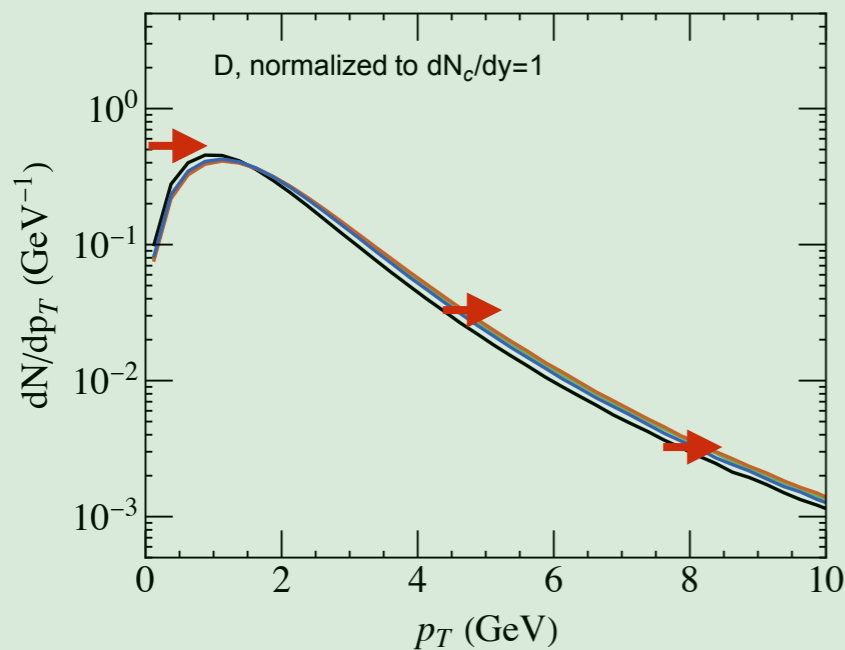
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$H_{AA} < 1$ at very low p_T and $H_{AA} > 1$ at a higher p_T

A large σ in Wigner density (small average relative momentum) and small light quark mass will give a large H_{AA}

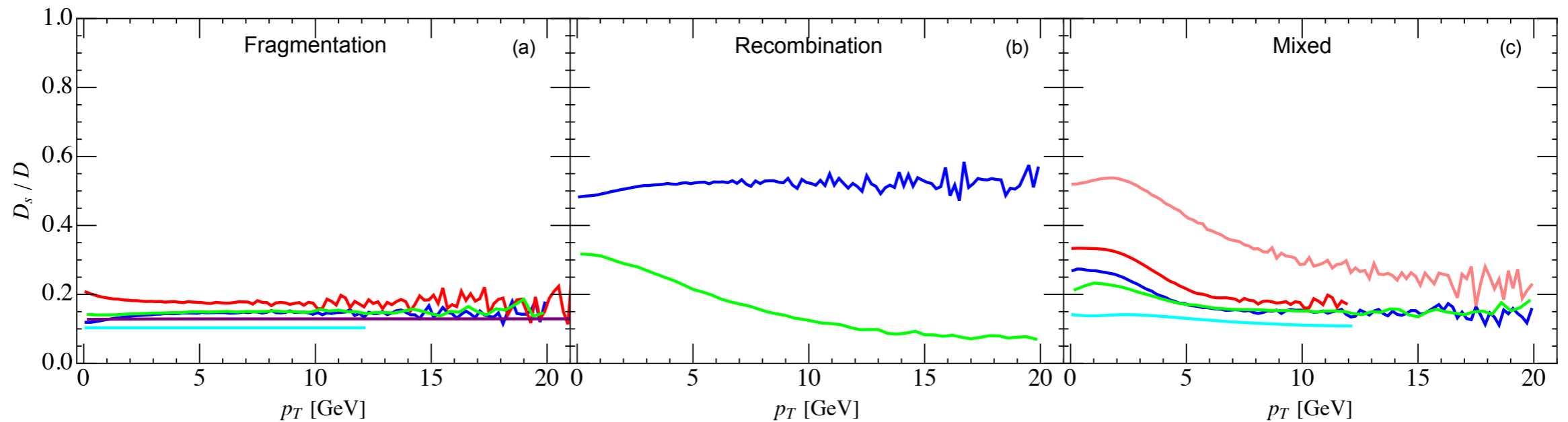


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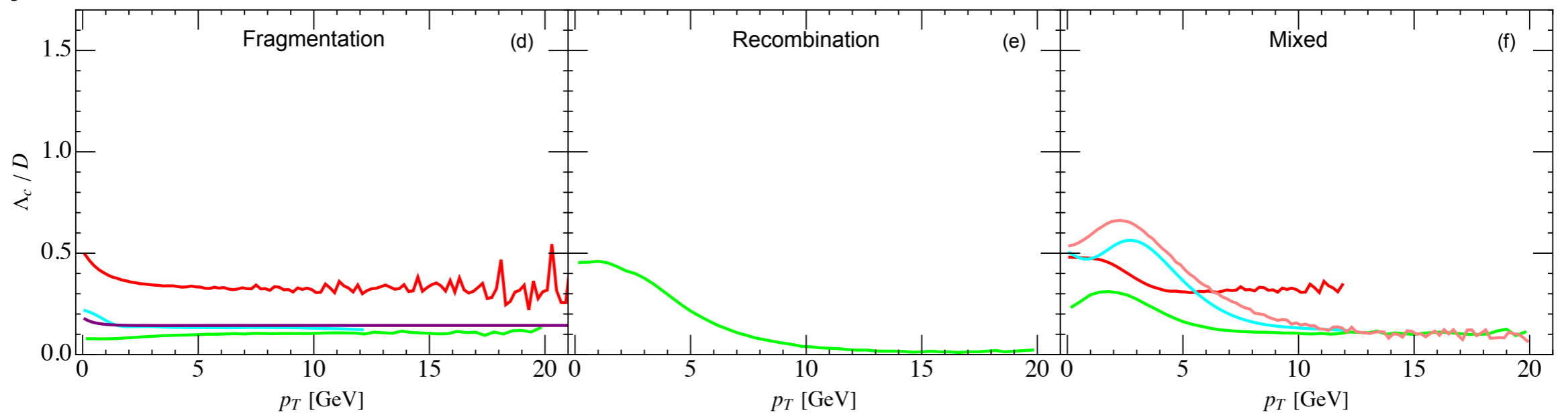
Model comparison — Yield Ratio



D_s/D



Λ_c/D



TAMU model gives a larger Λ_c/D^0 ratio than others; may be caused by “missing” baryons

Reflects the number of charmed meson and baryons involved!

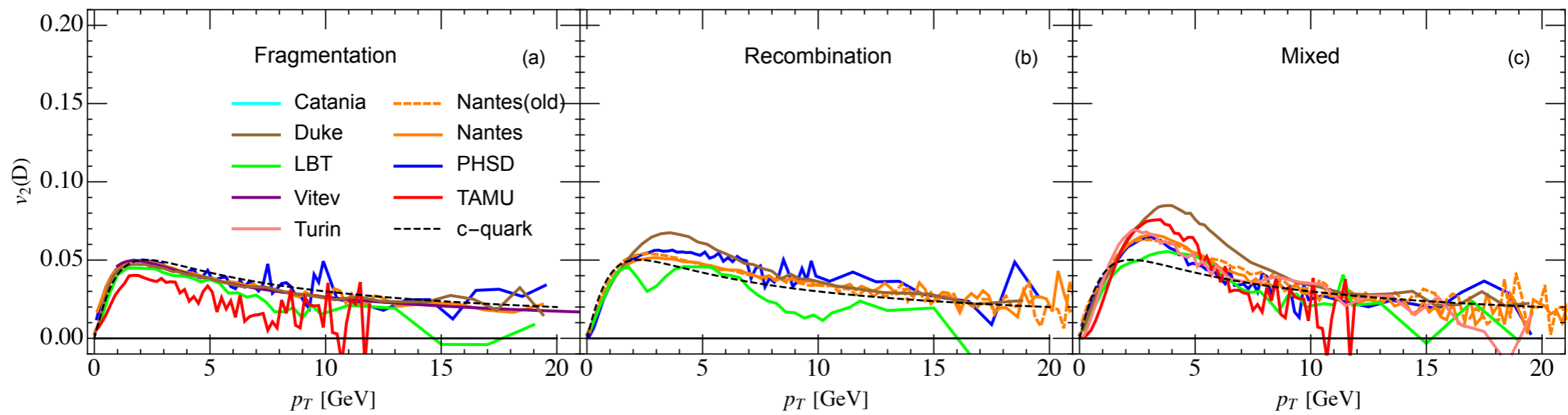
3. Elliptic flow v_2

Model comparison — v_2

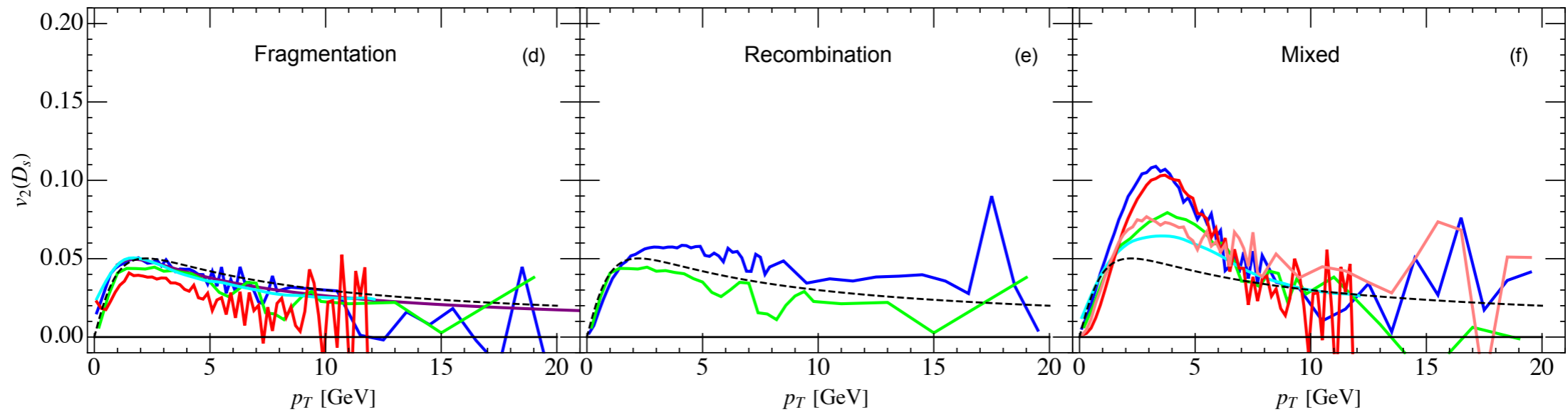


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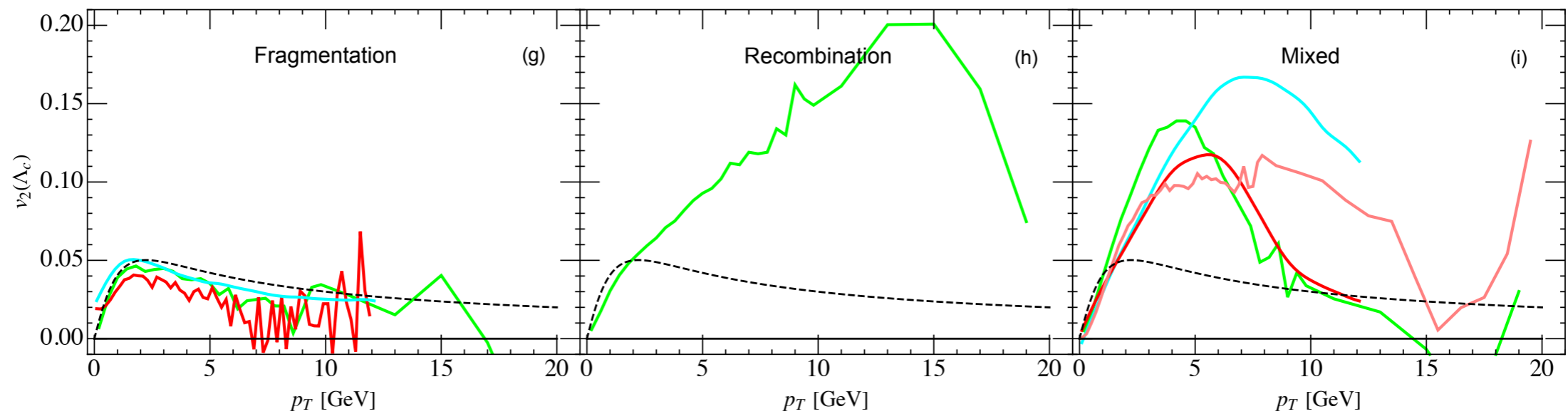
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D_s



Λ_c

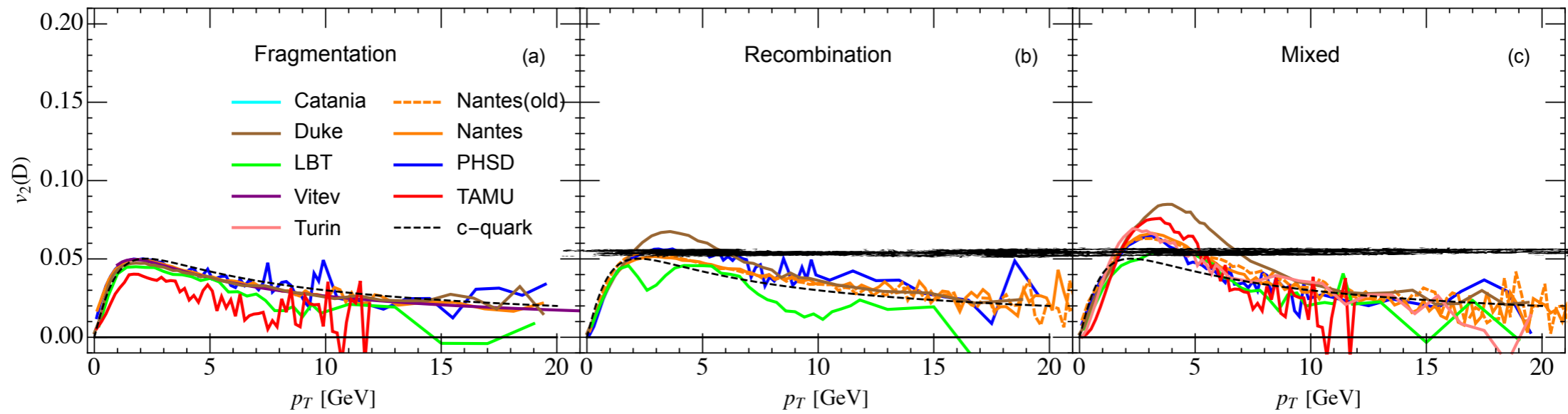


Model comparison — v2



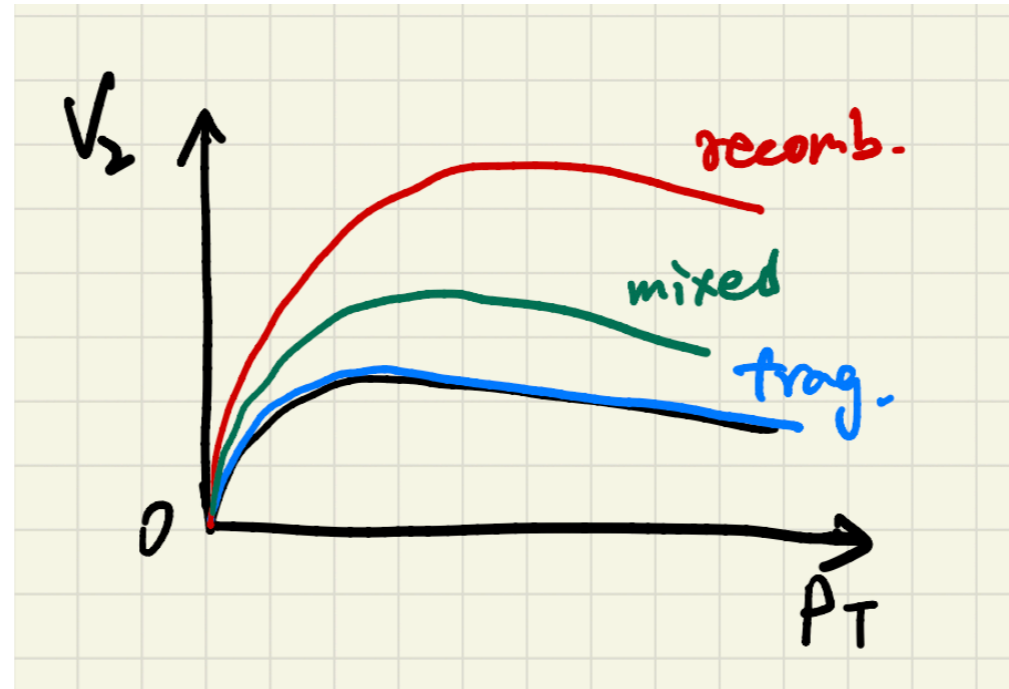
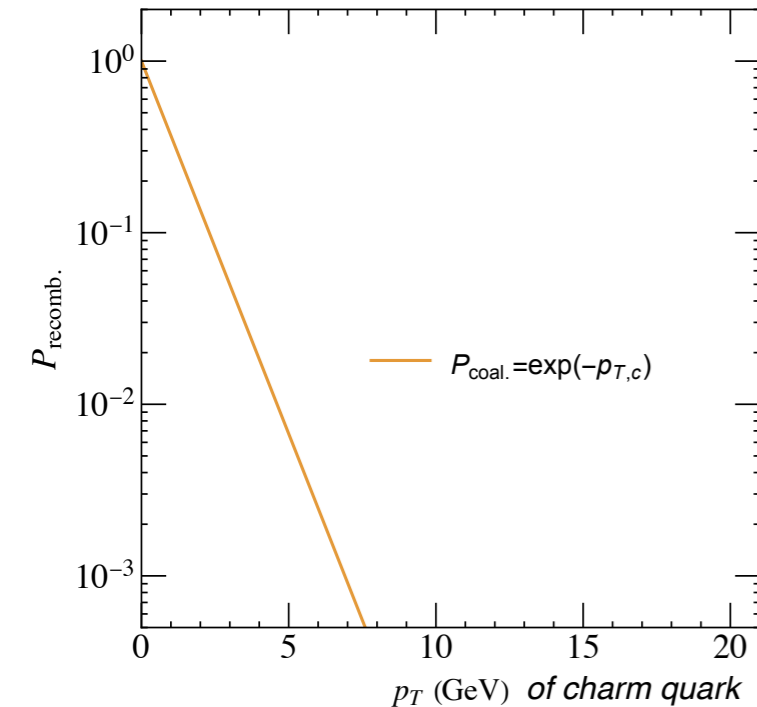
Include strong decays

D



- $v_2(\text{pure fragmentation}) \approx v_2(\text{charm})$
- $v_2(\text{mixed}) > v_2(\text{pure recombination})$ in each model !
- $v_2(\Lambda_c, \text{mixed}) > v_2(D_s, \text{mixed}) > v_2(D, \text{mixed})$

Model comparison — v_2



$$v_2(\text{mixed fragmentation}) \approx v_2(\text{charm}) < v_2(\text{mixed}) < v_2(\text{mixed recombination})$$

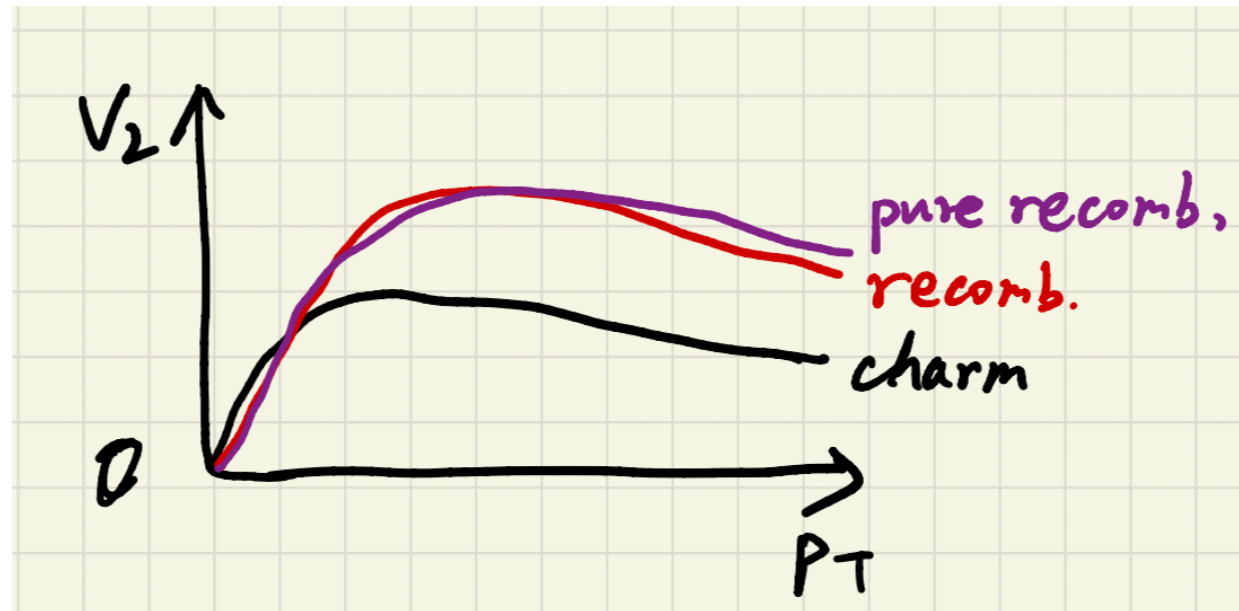
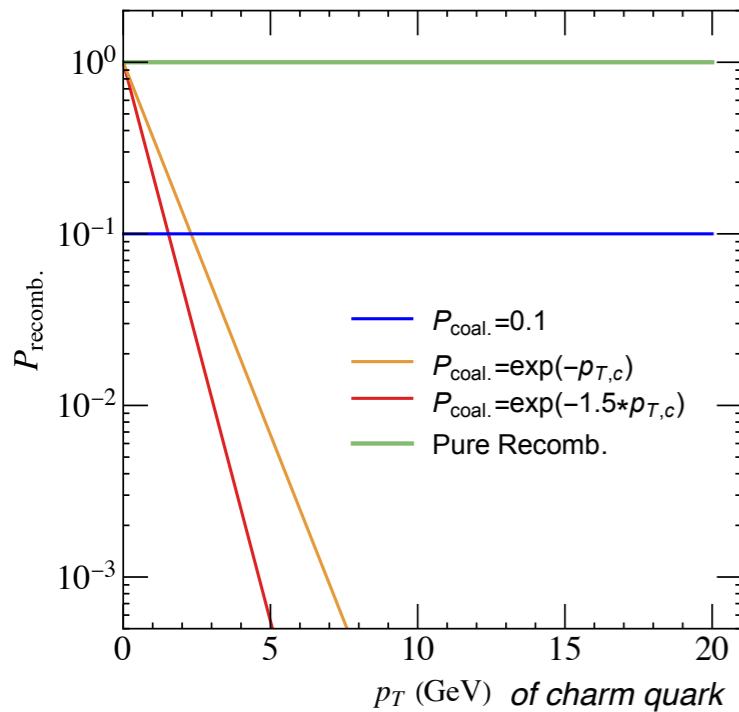
- For a steep recombination probability, the fragmentation dominates the hadronization at almost all p_T regions.

$$v_2(\text{mixed}) \approx v_2(\text{mixed fragmentation}) \approx v_2(\text{charm})$$

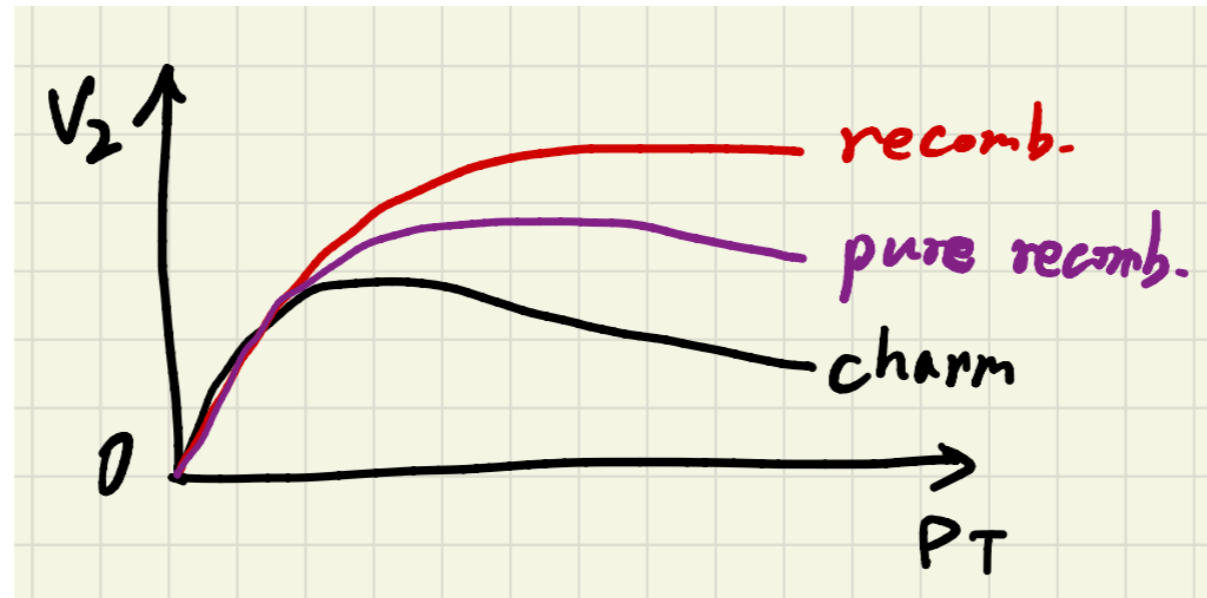
- For a given meson (such as many resonance states, D^* , D_s^* , ..., charmed baryons), the fragmentation part disappears or is very weak. Then:

$$v_2(\text{mixed}) \approx v_2(\text{mixed recombination})$$

Model comparison – v_2



➡ If the recombination probability is p_T -independent : $v_2(\text{mixed recombination}) \approx v_2(\text{pure recombination})$



➡ If the recombination probability is p_T -dependent: $v_2(\text{mixed recombination}) > v_2(\text{pure recombination})$

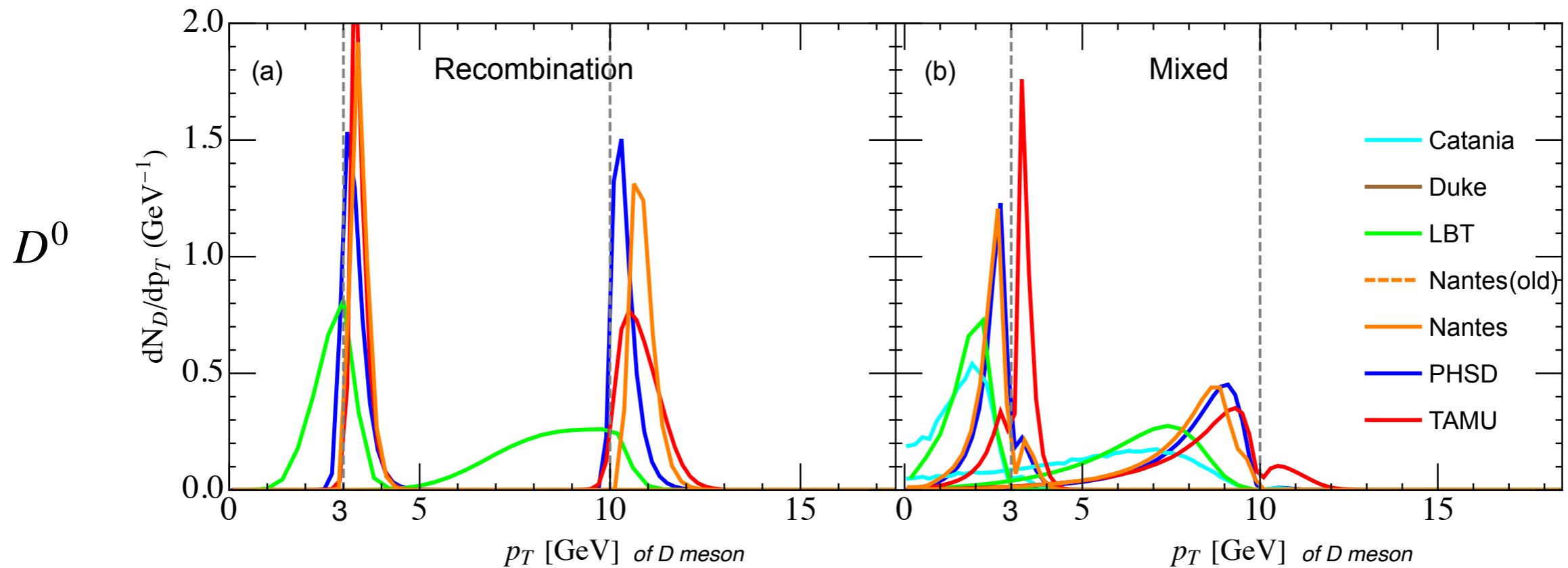
A given p_T of D meson mainly from a recombination of softer charm and harder light quark in the mixed process; light quarks carry large v_2 !

- $v_2(\text{mixed}) > v_2(\text{pure recombination})$

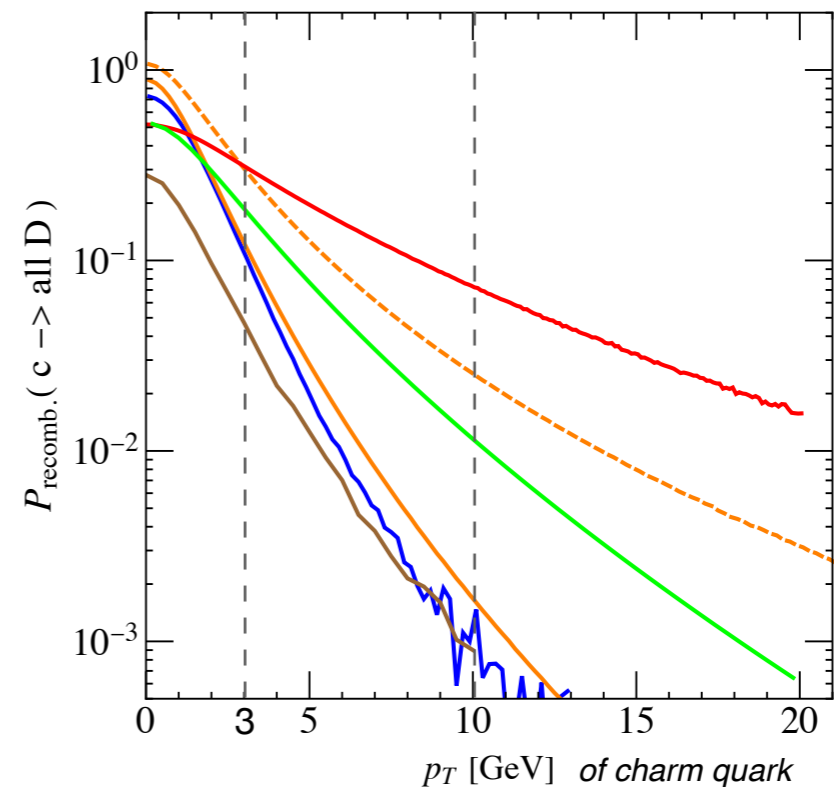
4. dN_D/dp_T of D meson

Model comparison $-dN_D/dp_T$

dN_D/dp_T of the direct D^0 meson produced by a c -quark with $p_T = 3\text{GeV}$ and 10GeV .



- 3GeV charm quark hadronizes via fragmentation and recombination, but 10GeV charm hadronizes almost via fragmentation.
- Peak is broadening around 10GeV than 3GeV



Summary

*Heavy flavor is a nice probe to study the hadronization mechanism in HIC!
Comparing different models is essential to understand the hadronization mechanism!*

The hadronization model used by several groups are reviewed.

We prepared several tasks for different groups with the same hadronization hypersurface and charm distribution functions at hadronization hypersurface. After preliminary comparison, we get the following take-home messages so far:

- Hadronization changes the p_T spectra substantially, $p_T^c \neq p_T^D$.*
- H_{AA} of charmed hadrons as a function of p_T strongly depends on both the fragmentation function and recombination probability.*
- The prompt yield ratio is sensitive to the number of resonances involved.*
- The magnitude of hadron v_2 comes from: charm quark v_2 , light quark v_2 , recombination probability, and also fragmentation ratio!
The p_T -dependent recombination probability has an important influence on v_2 !
The existence of v_2 sequence: $v_2(\Lambda_c) > v_2(D_s) > v_2(D)$.*

What next ?

- Finish the data collection and find more physics behind it.*
- Considering the SMC and energy conservation effect in each model.*

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Thanks for your attention!

Model comparison

So far, what we get:

| | Pure Frag. | Pure Recom. | Mixed | $D(D^0 + D^+)$ | D_s | Λ_c | New tasks |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| Catania | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Duke | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| LBT | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Nantes(new) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Nantes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| PHSD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| TAMU | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Turin | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Vitev | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | charm-baryons | ✓ |

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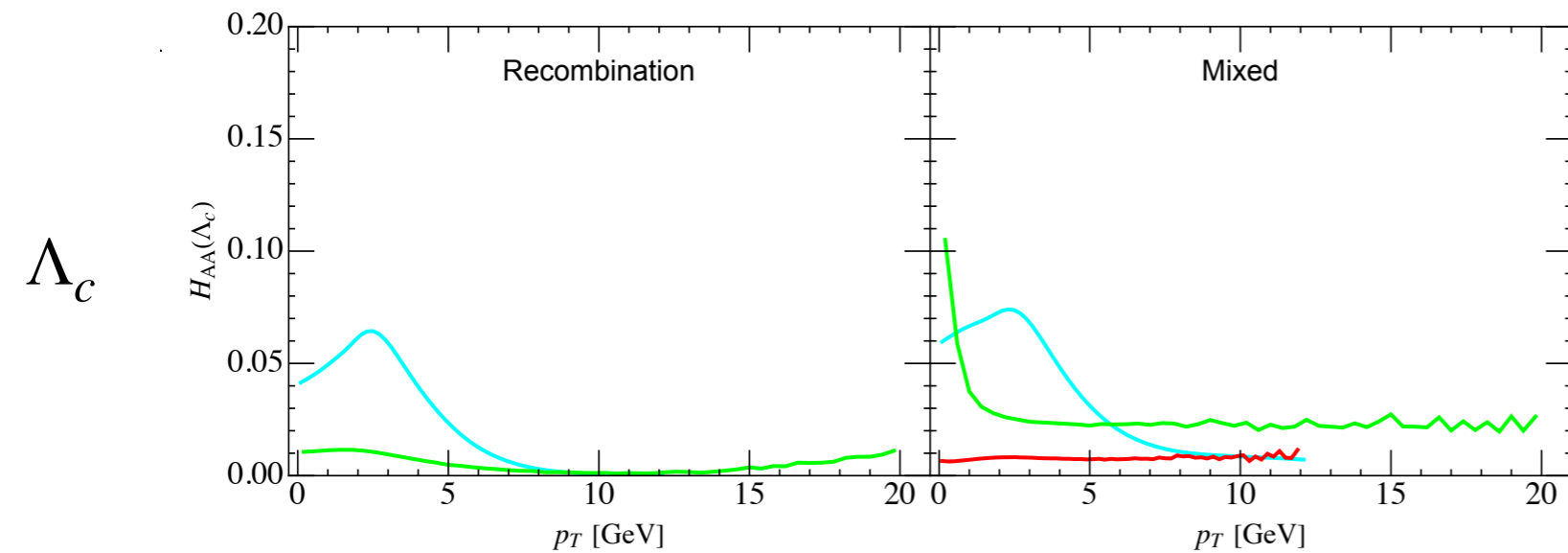
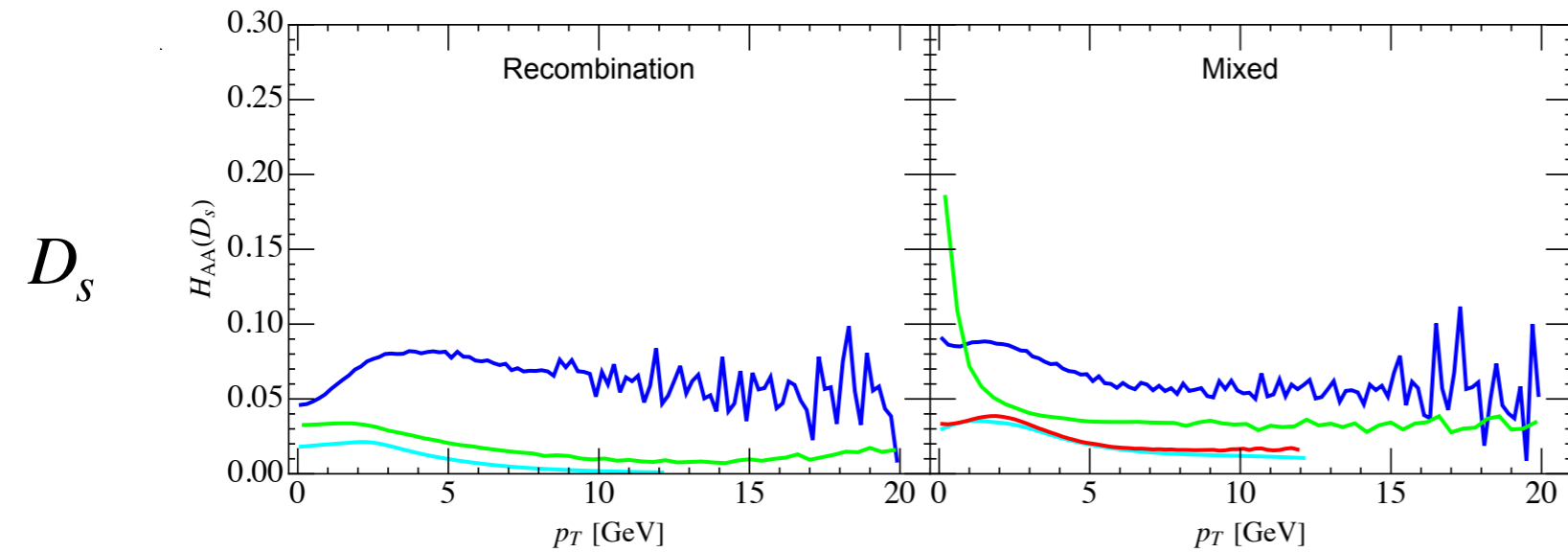
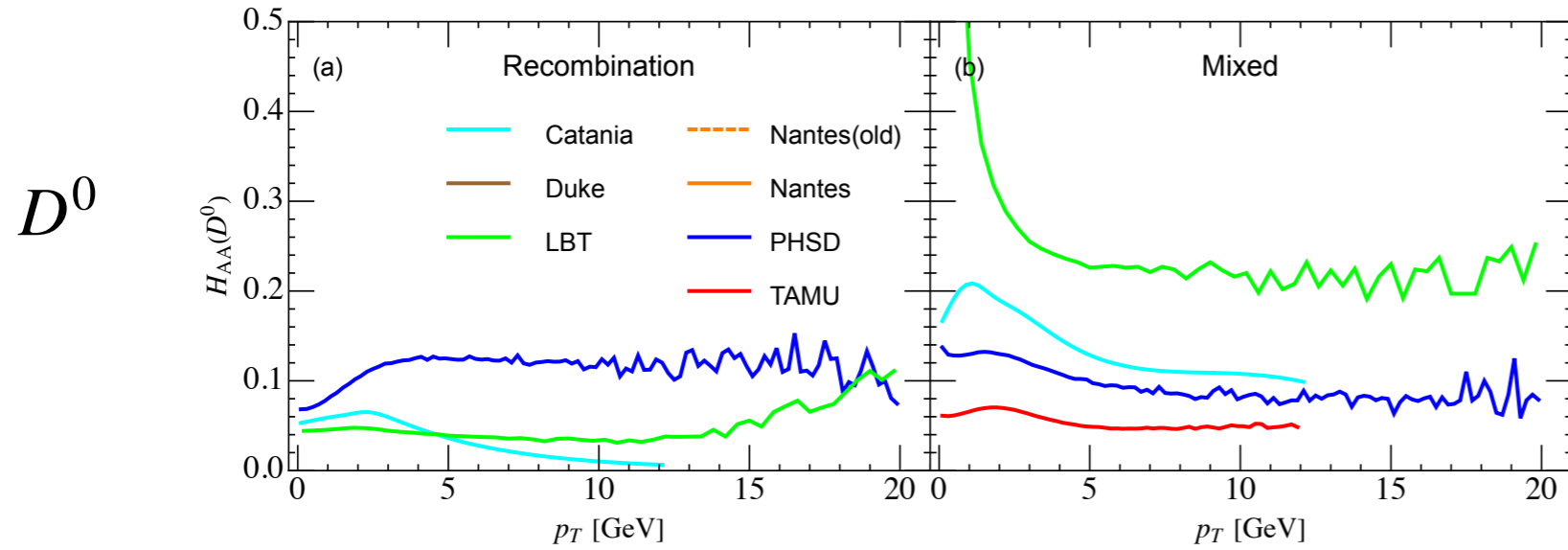
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Model comparison — H_{AA}



Direct (no resonance decay)

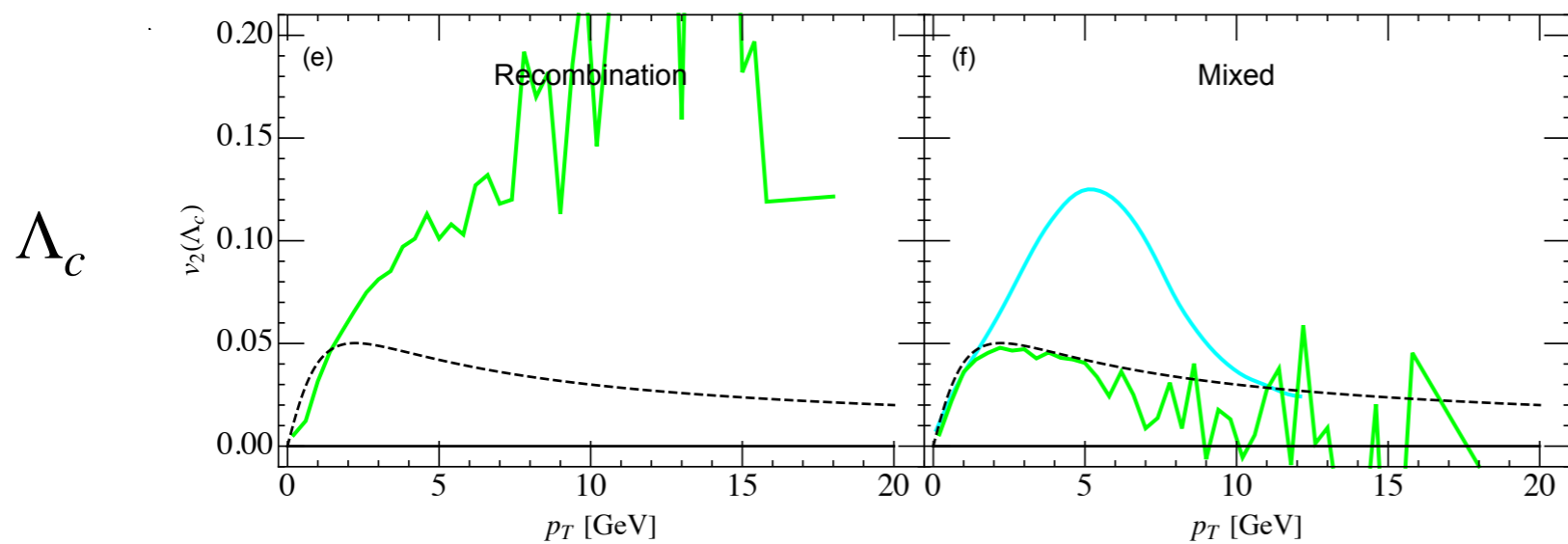
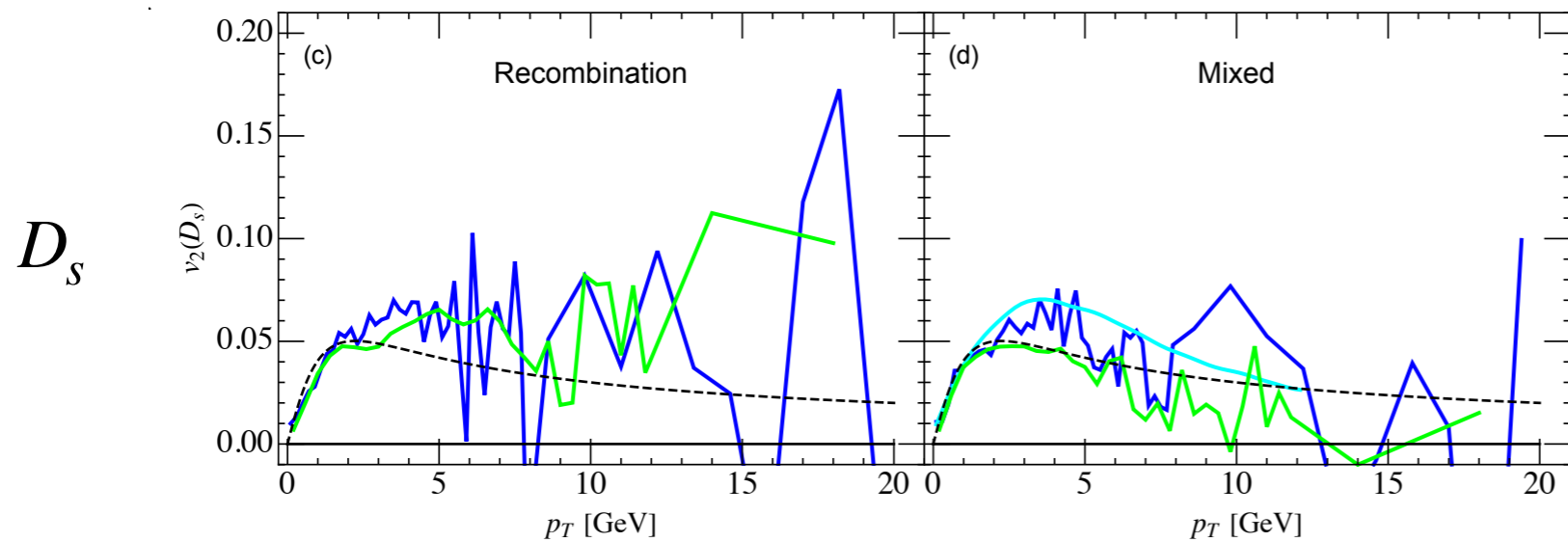
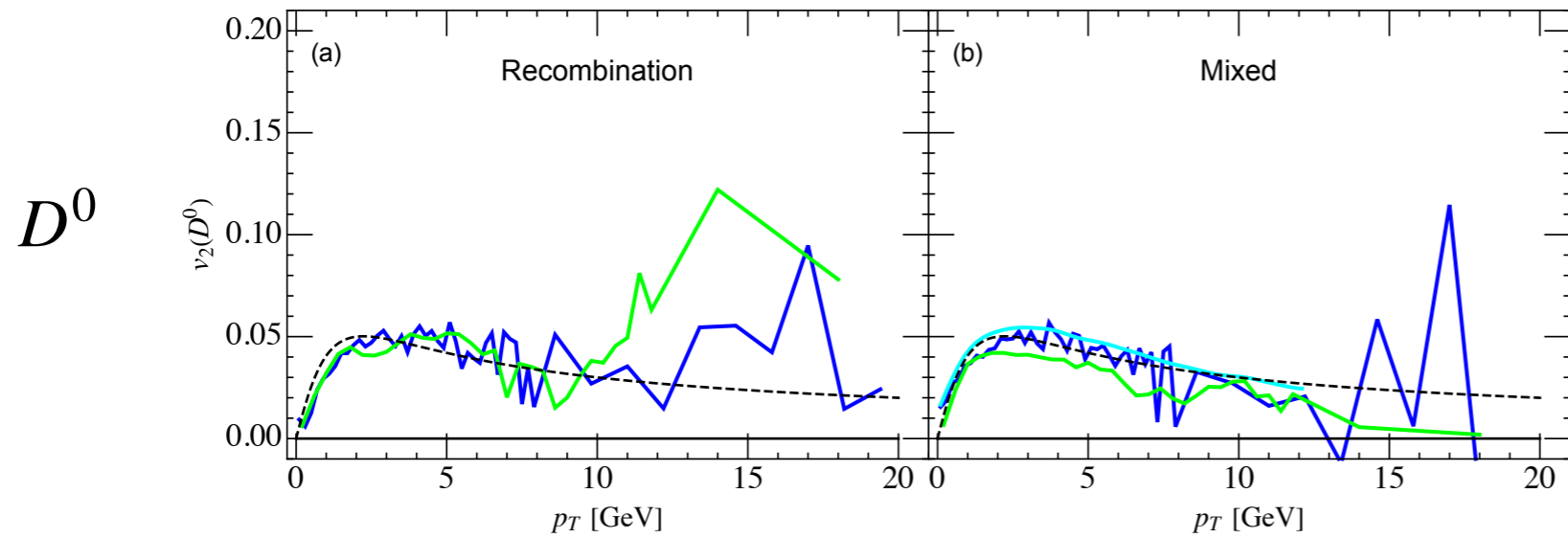


Model comparison — v2

— PHSD
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— Nantes (New)

— TAMU — LBT (New)
— Vitev — Duke
— Catania — Turin

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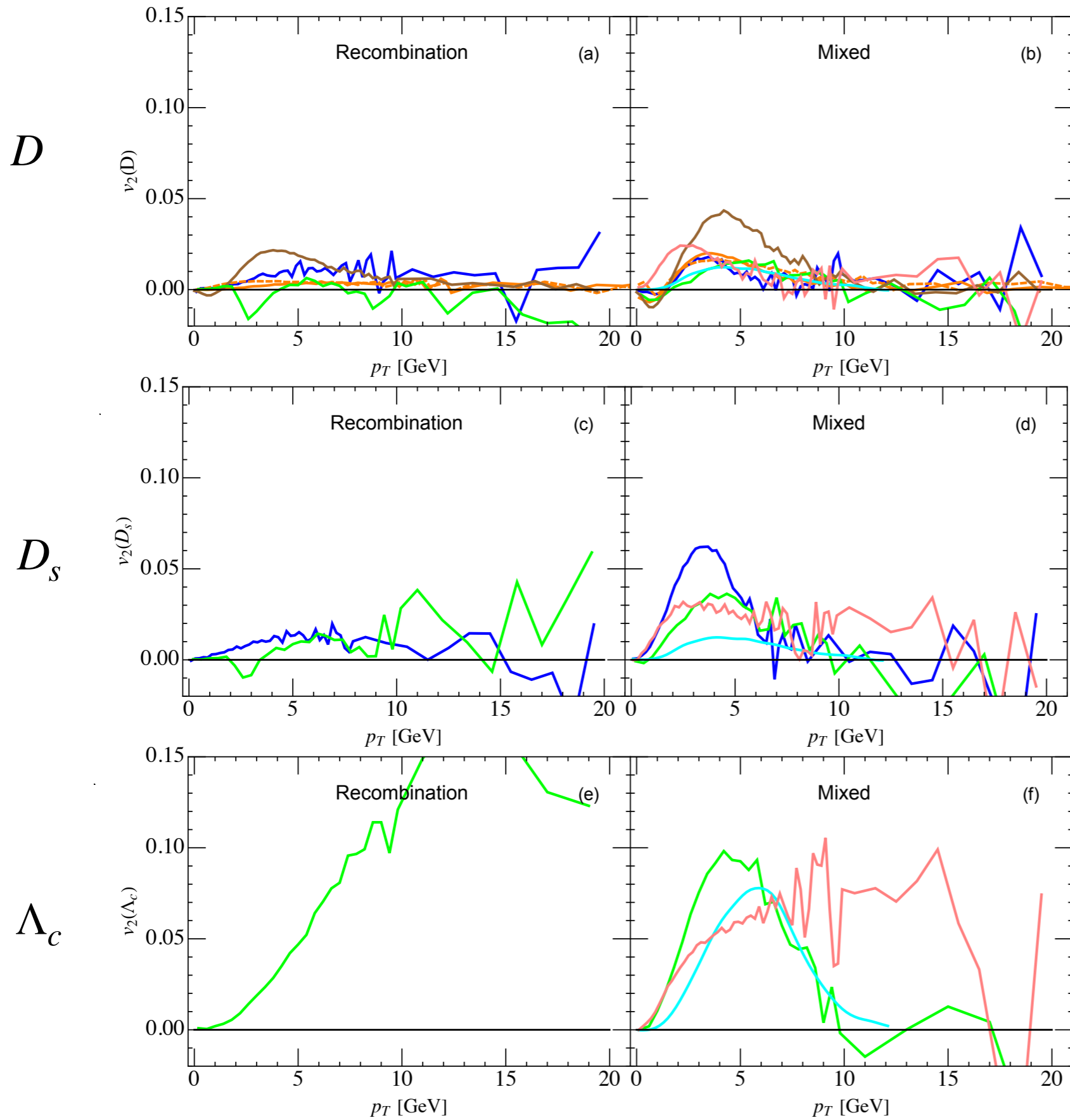


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Turn off the charm flow (isotropic charm quark)



Model comparison — v2

