

Hadronization summary Heavy Quark Edition

We would like to charge each speaker to share their thoughts on the hadronization problem, both for small and large collisions systems, based on their personal expertise and preferences.

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QCD challenges from pp to AA

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(plus ad hoc contributions)**

Identification of **four main challenges** across talks and models

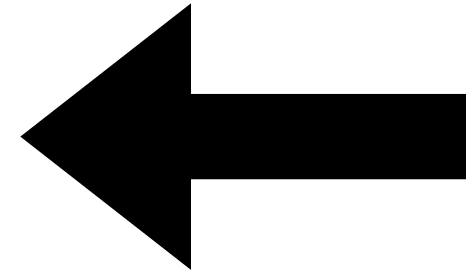
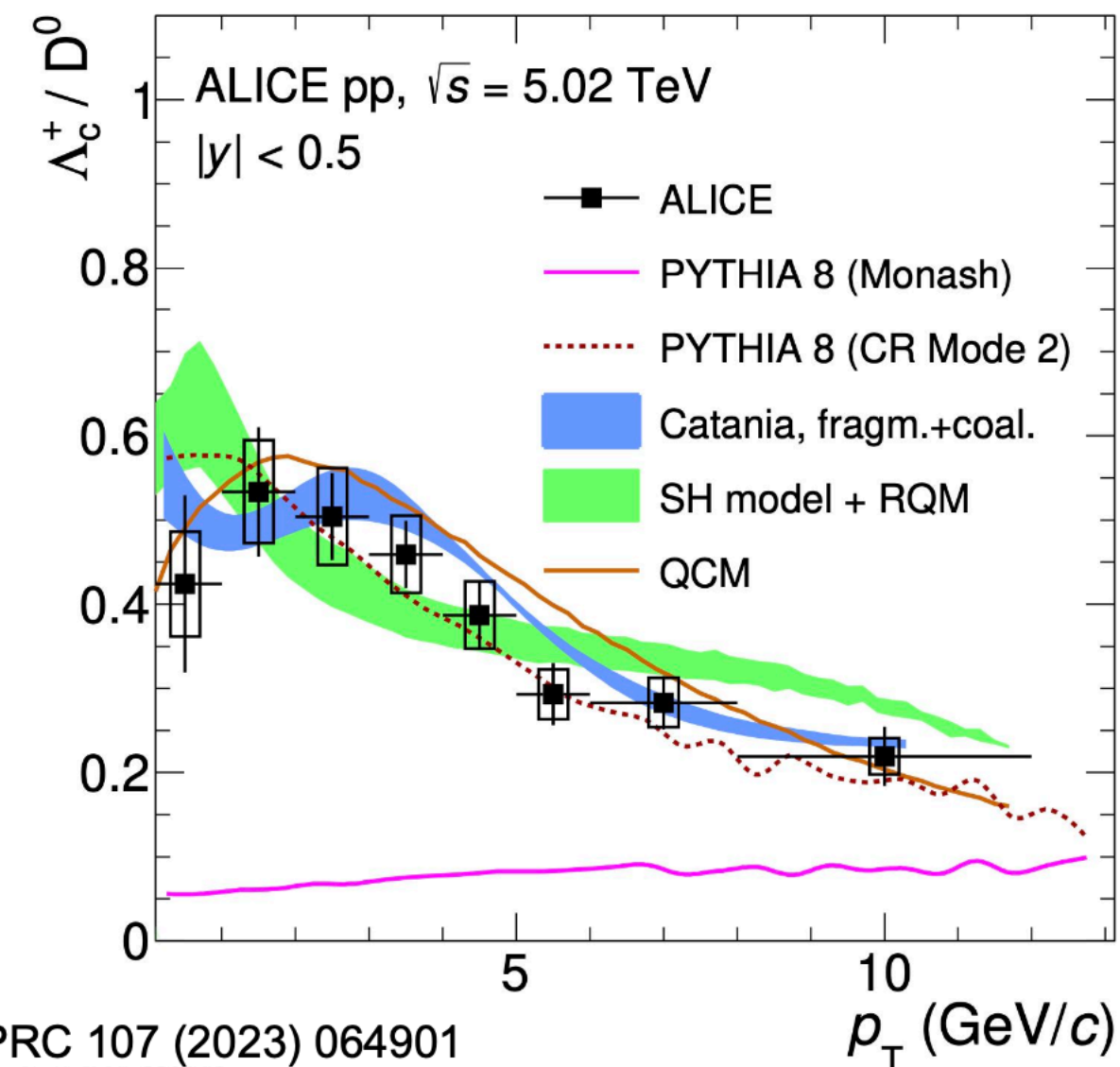
1. The Ξ_c problem - why does the coalescence model work so well?
2. The heavy quark potential - is it screened or not?
3. Model validity - can we find common limiting cases? What are the “describe or bust” datasets?
4. Rapidity/multiplicity dependence of baryon production

Bonus: Wealth of data. See beautiful overview resources by Jing:

<https://boundino.github.io/hinHFplot/> (plot data) <https://boundino.github.io/hinHFplot/datasets/publication.html> (pub. Overview)

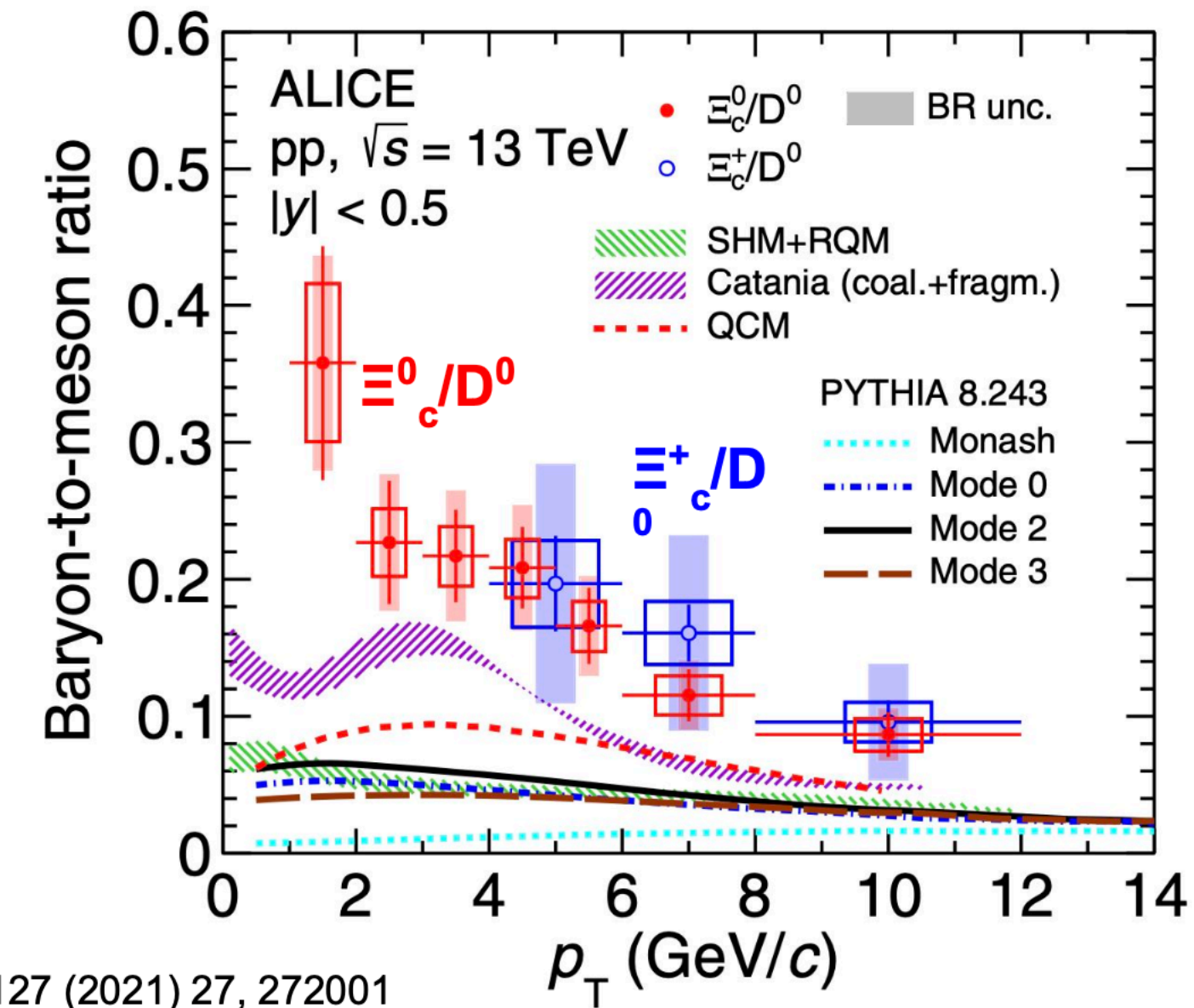
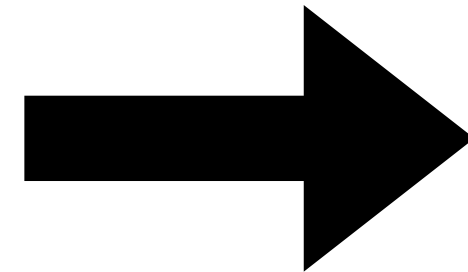
The Ξ_c problem

Why is coalescence so successful?



Old news:
 PYTHIA8+junctions,
 Catania coalescence and
 SH+extra states from
 RQM all describe this.

Problem:
 2/3 of above models have
 a hard time with this

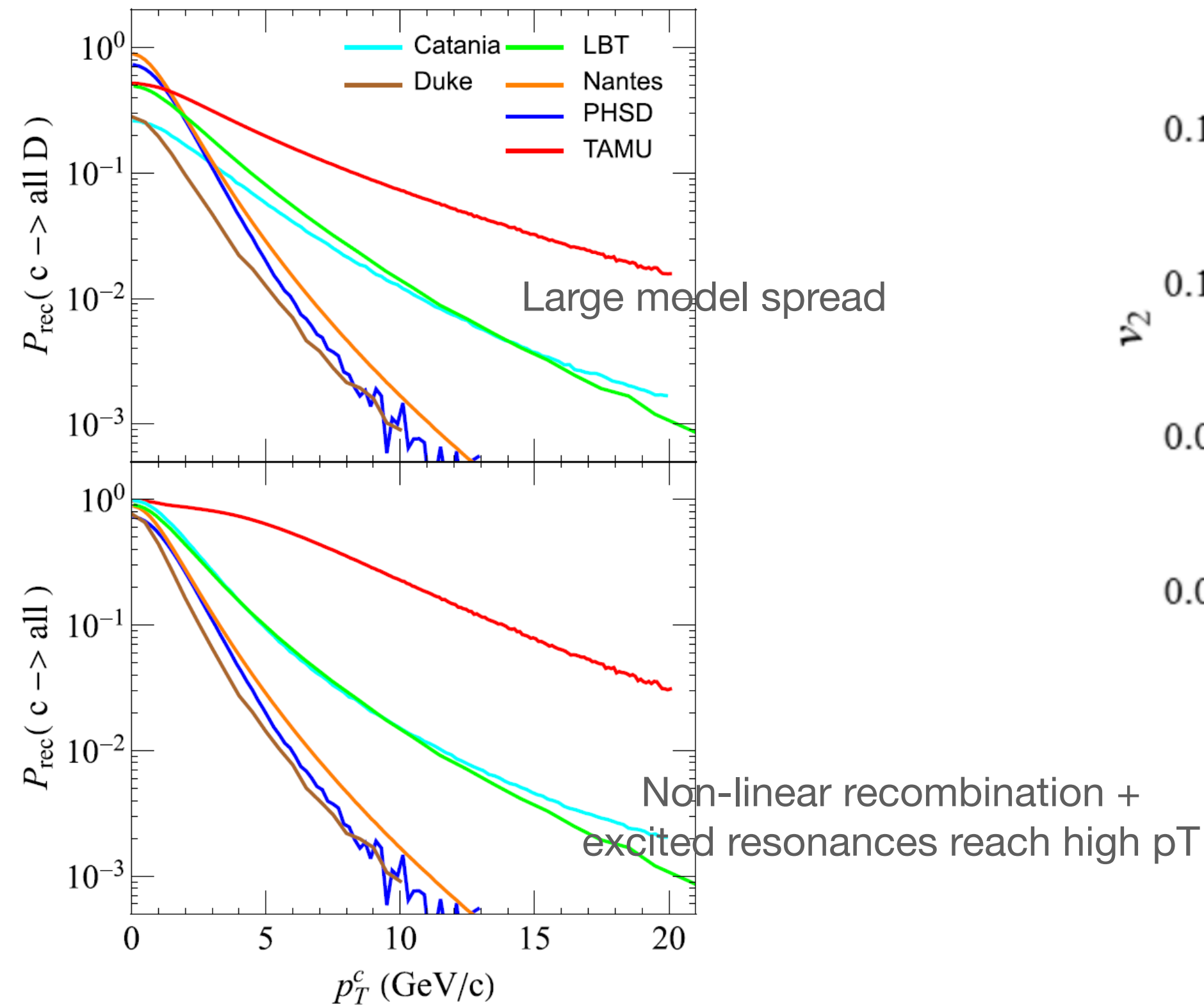


As models, coalescence is a “middle ground” between the other two
 Is there a physics mechanism responsible?

Homework: Can we make a model comparison with identical feed-down?

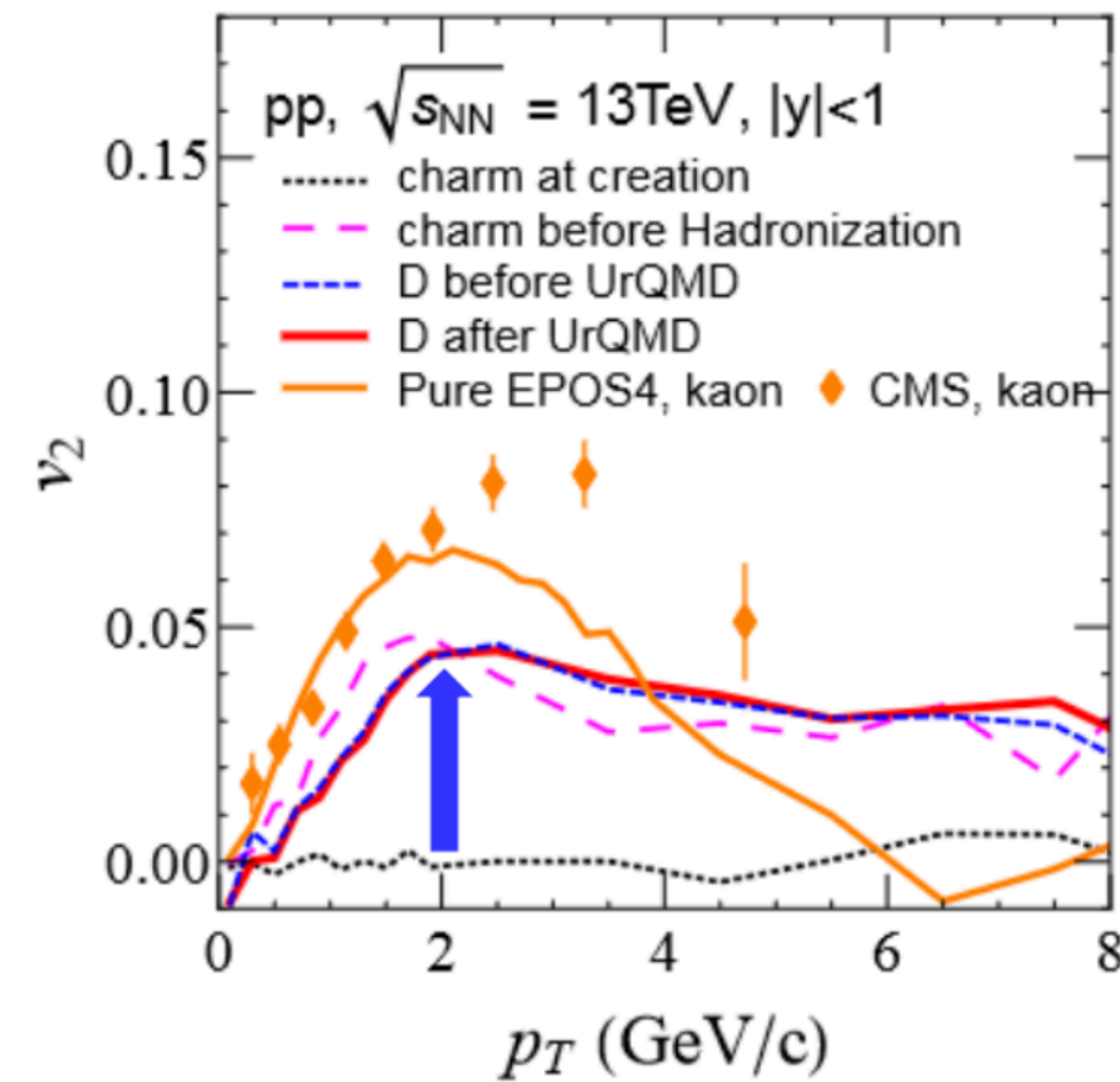
Coalescence tension, or?

Heavy quark recombination probabilities

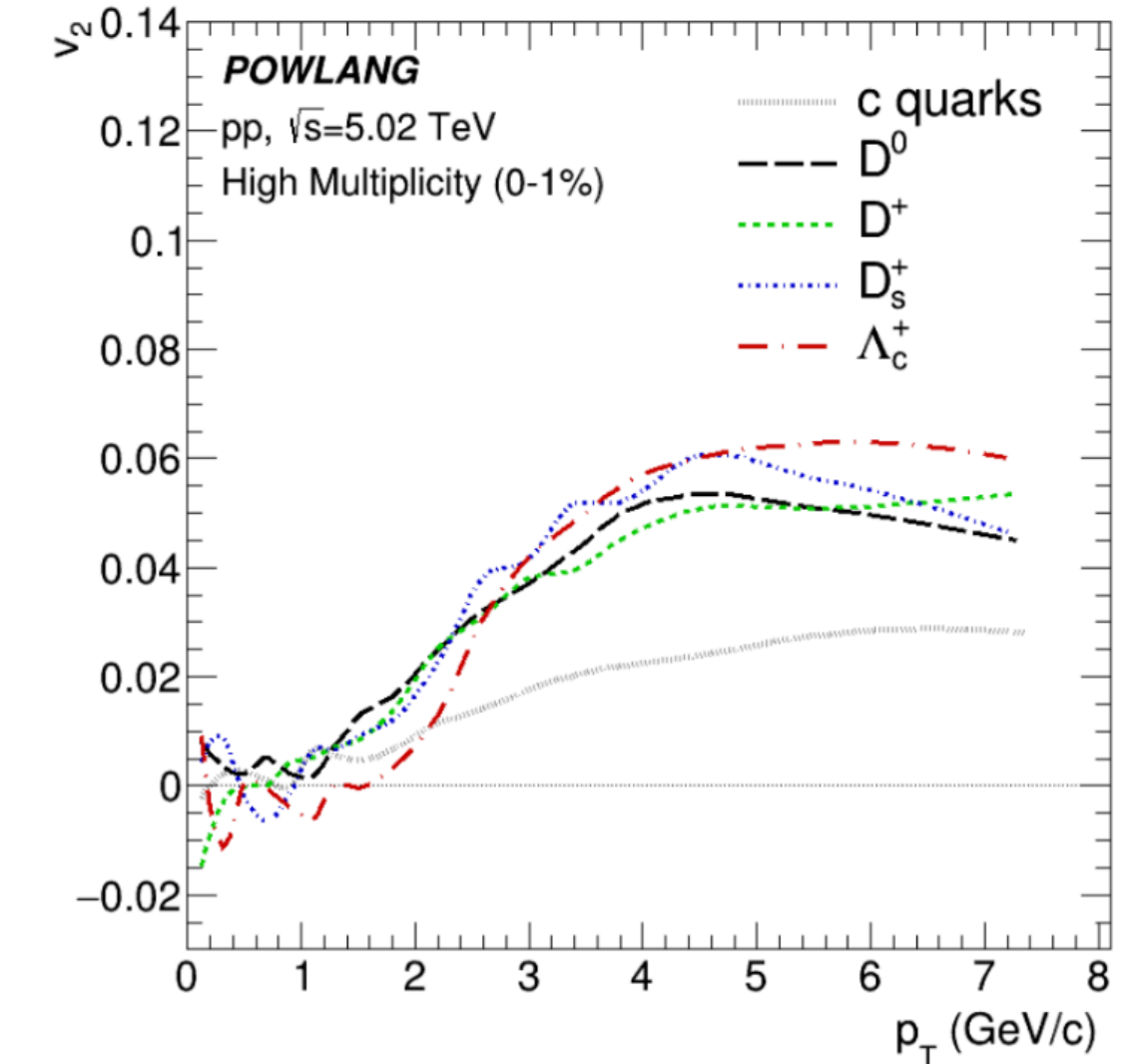


Different coalescence models provide different results for charm and charm hadrons v_2 in pp collisions

EPOS4@HQ



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Advantages of implementing coal. in **EPOS4**:

- Full dynamical realistic dynamics from ep, pp to AA

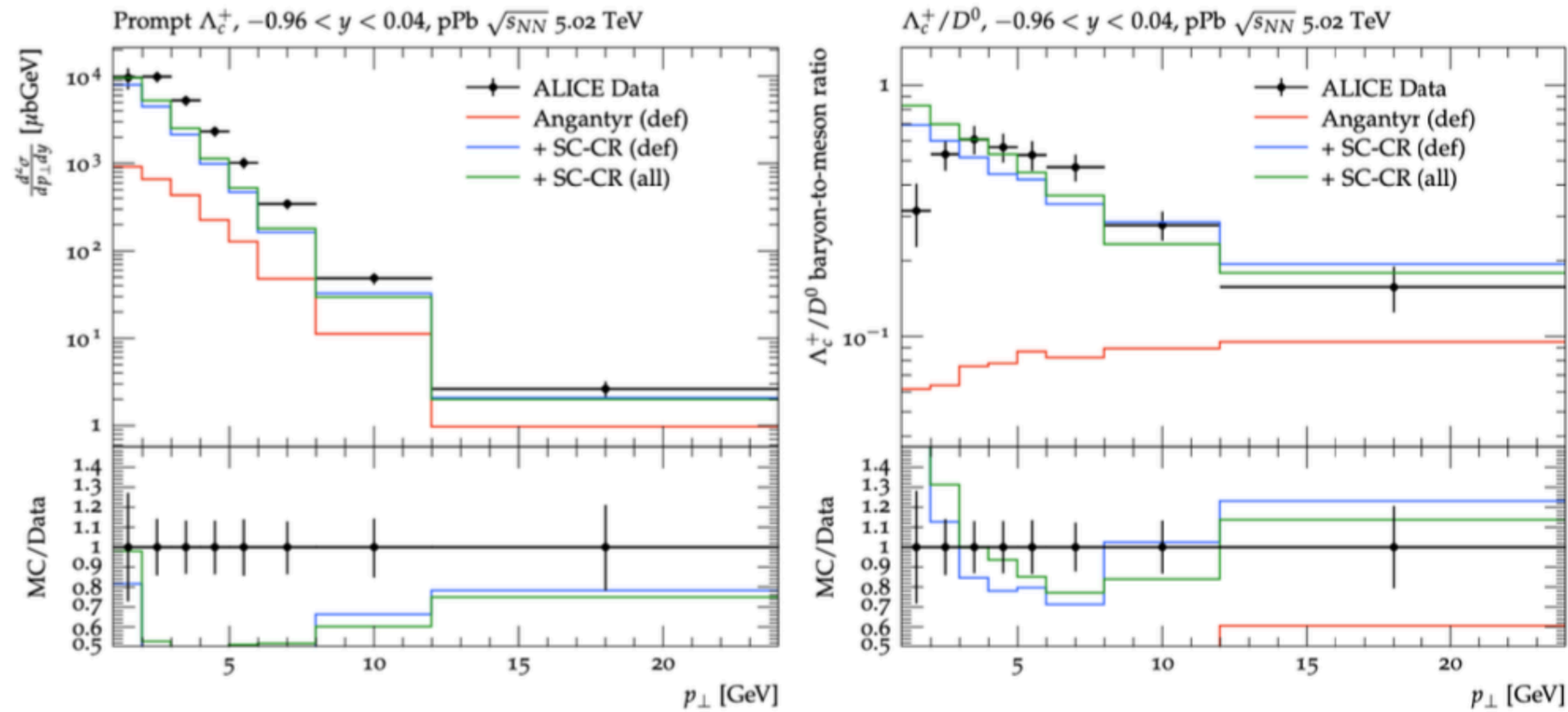
J. Zhao et al., PRD 109, no.5, 054011 (2024)

J. Zhao et al., PRC 110, no.2, 024909 (2024)

difference in coal. wrt Catania: Assume RQM states like in RRM and SHM

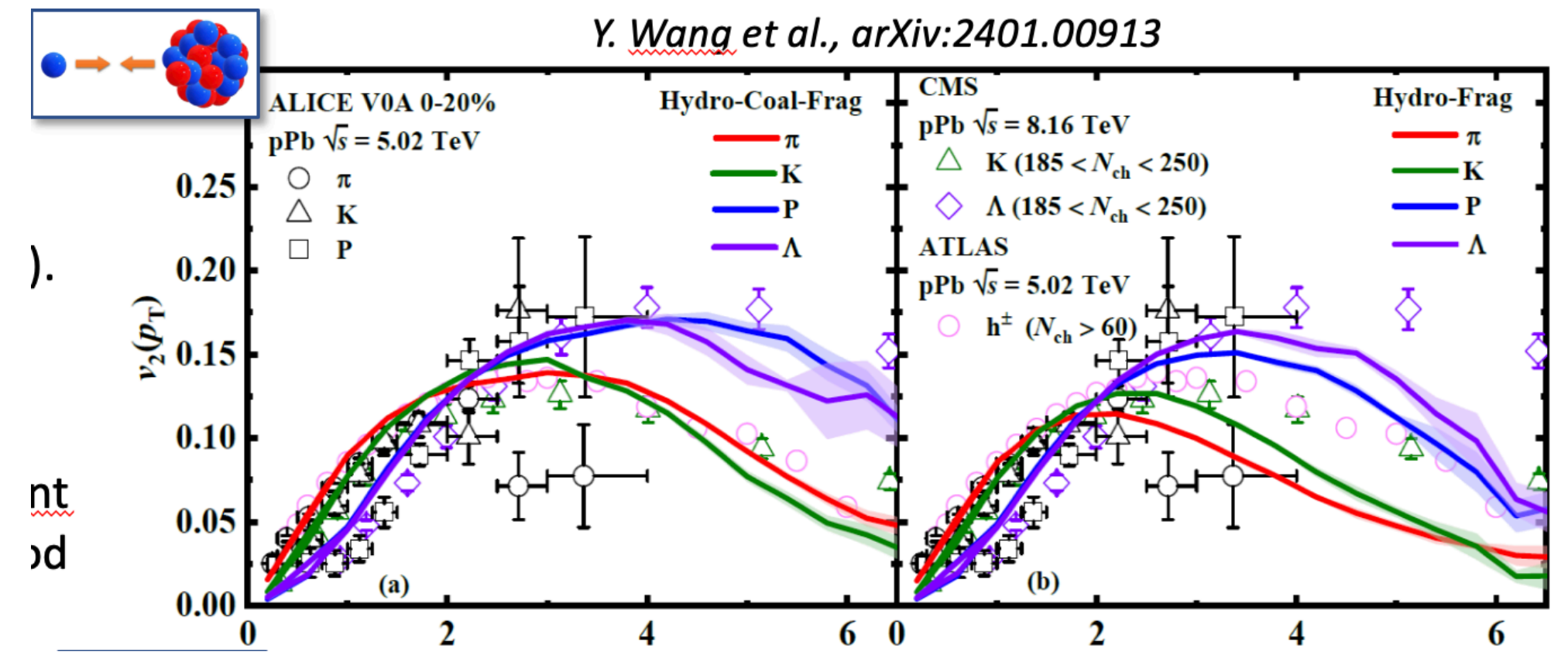
**Homework: Can we talk about “coalescence” as a single thing?
How implementation/model dependent are predictions?**

New: Descriptions of pPb data



PYTHIA junctions in pPb for the first time. But a long way to describe elliptic flow

TRENTo + (2+1) viscous hydro VISH2+1
 Initial hard partons from PYTHIA8
 interaction between hard partons and bulk modeled by linear Boltzmann transport model
 hadronic evolution with UrQMD

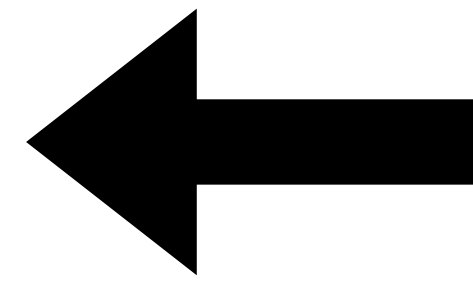
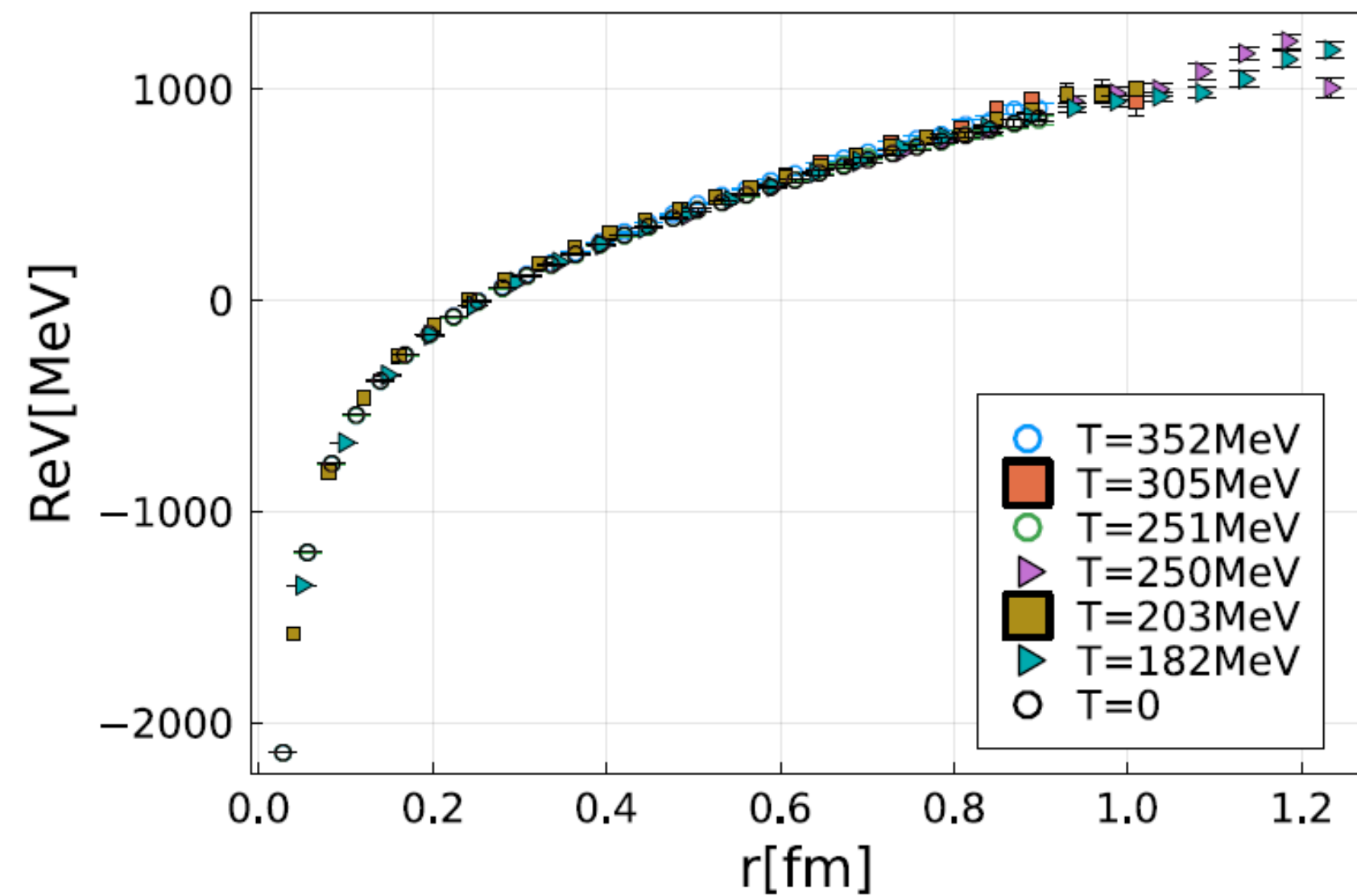


Very competitive description - highly hybrid calculation.

What can pPb tell us that pp/AA cannot? Fertile ground for coalescence and CR viz. unique geometry

Heavy quark potential

Conflicting lattice interpretation of same simulation

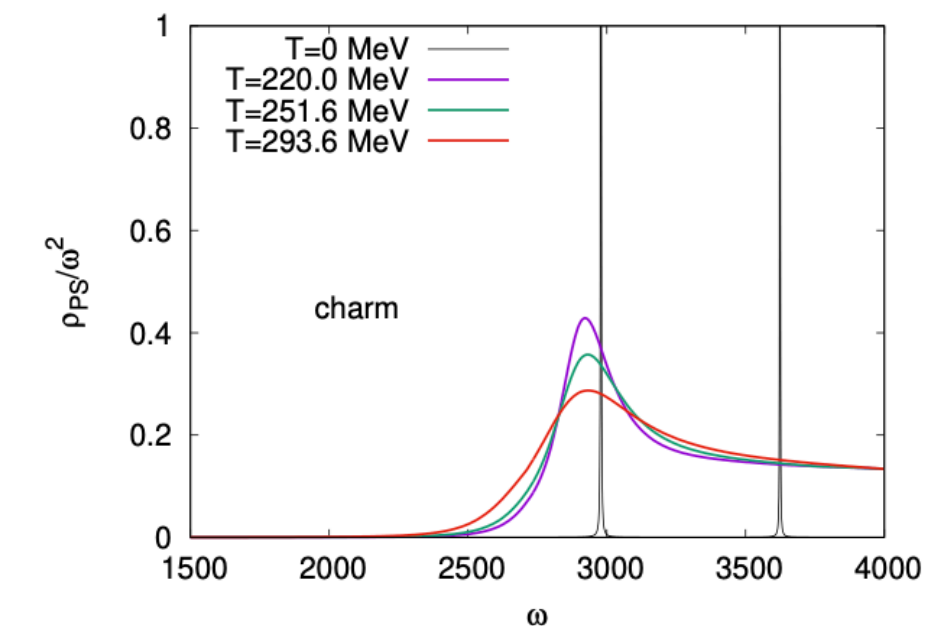
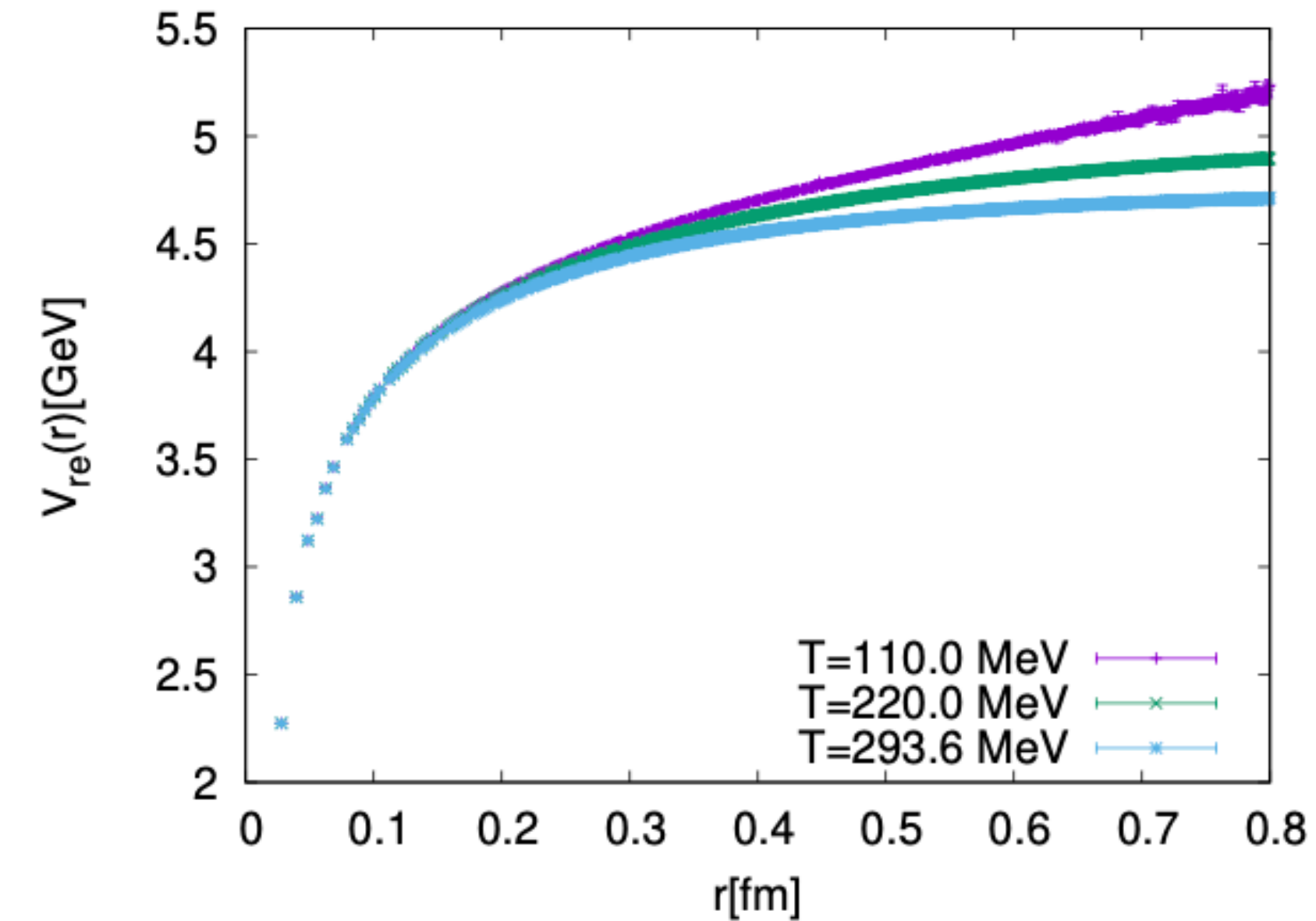
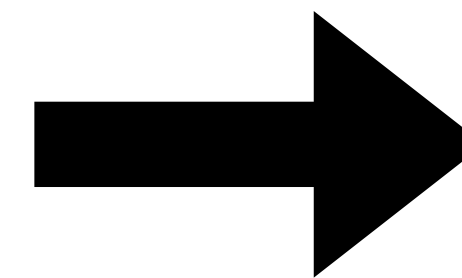


Bazavov et al
(2308.16587):

Real part of potential is
not screened at short
time scales $\sim 1/T$

Bala et al:

Wrong! This is due to
unphysical choice of
spectral functions!

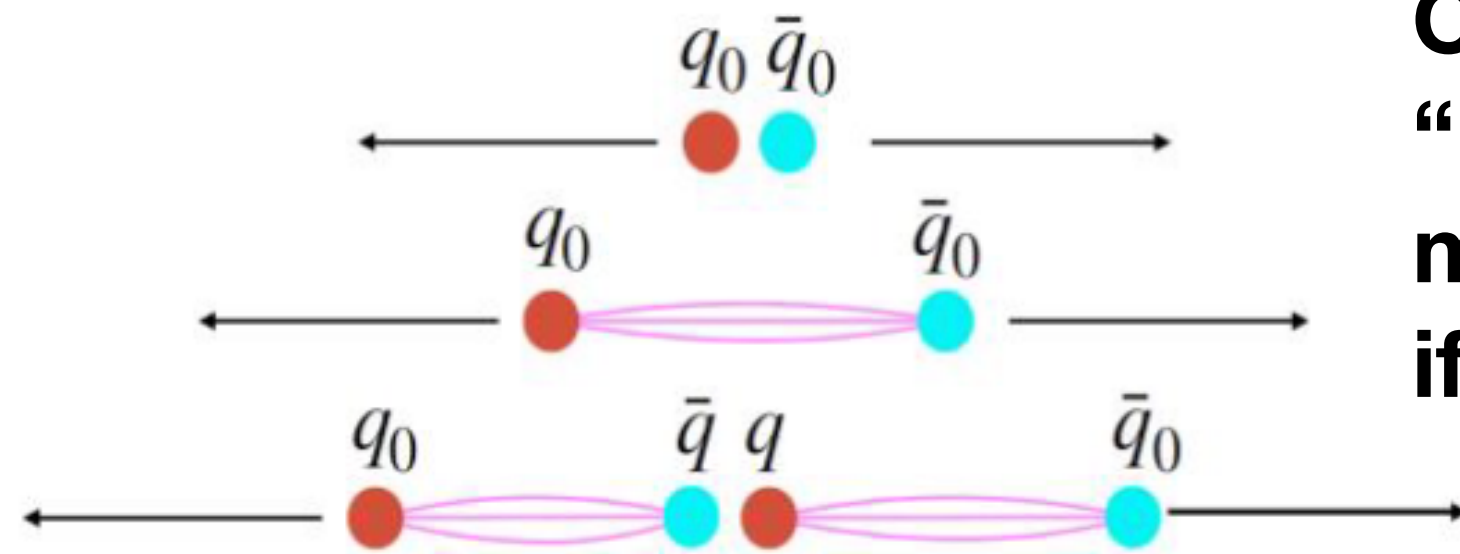


Clearly of large importance for HQ physics (as well as for strings)
Can these results be understood dynamically?

Homework: Can these results be reconciled or will one have to give in?

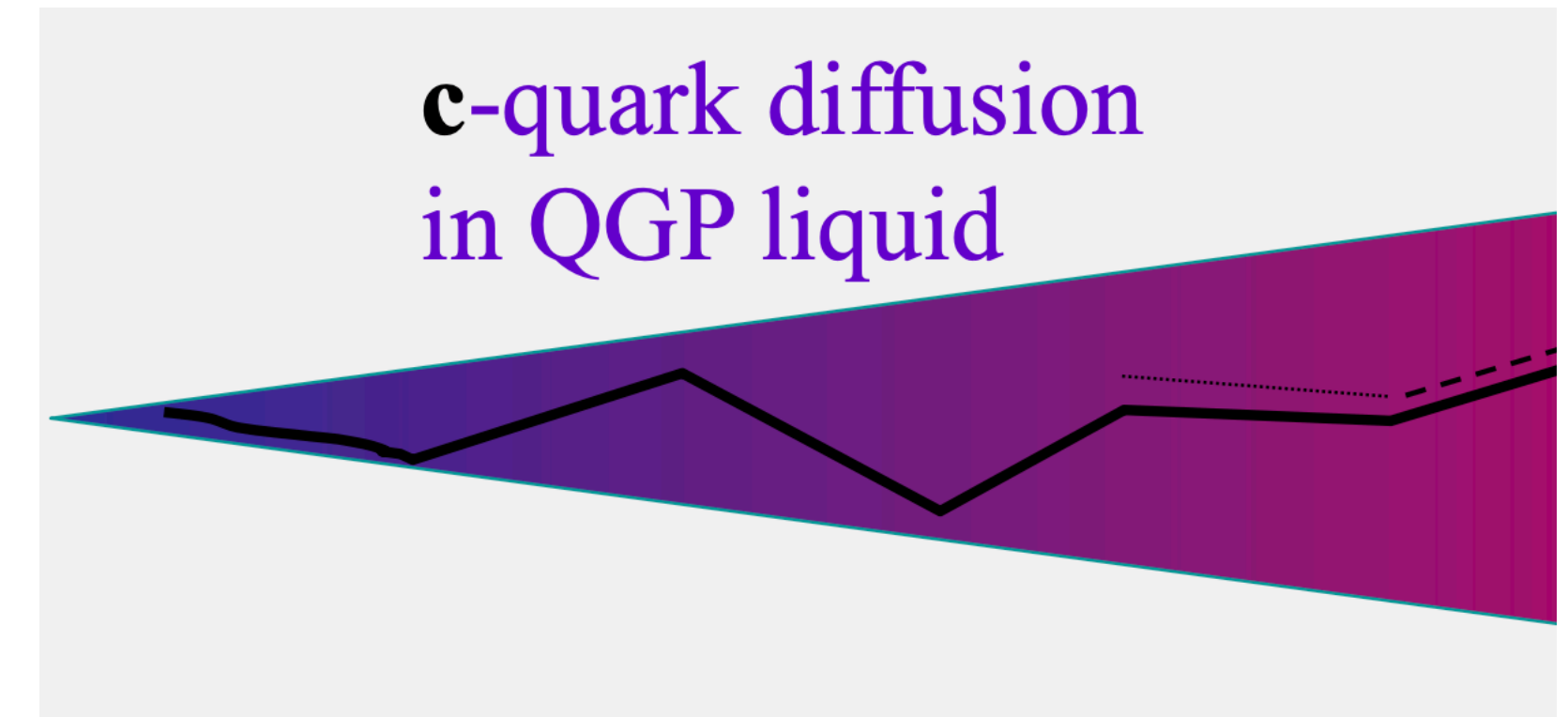
Model validity

Models are built from fundamentally different starting points



Strings: start from vacuum and extrapolate up

C&C models are the only “interpolators”. Correlation measurements to determine if they are successful or not!



SHM: Start from equilibrium and extrapolate down

Agreement: We need to challenge the models away from their comfort zones!

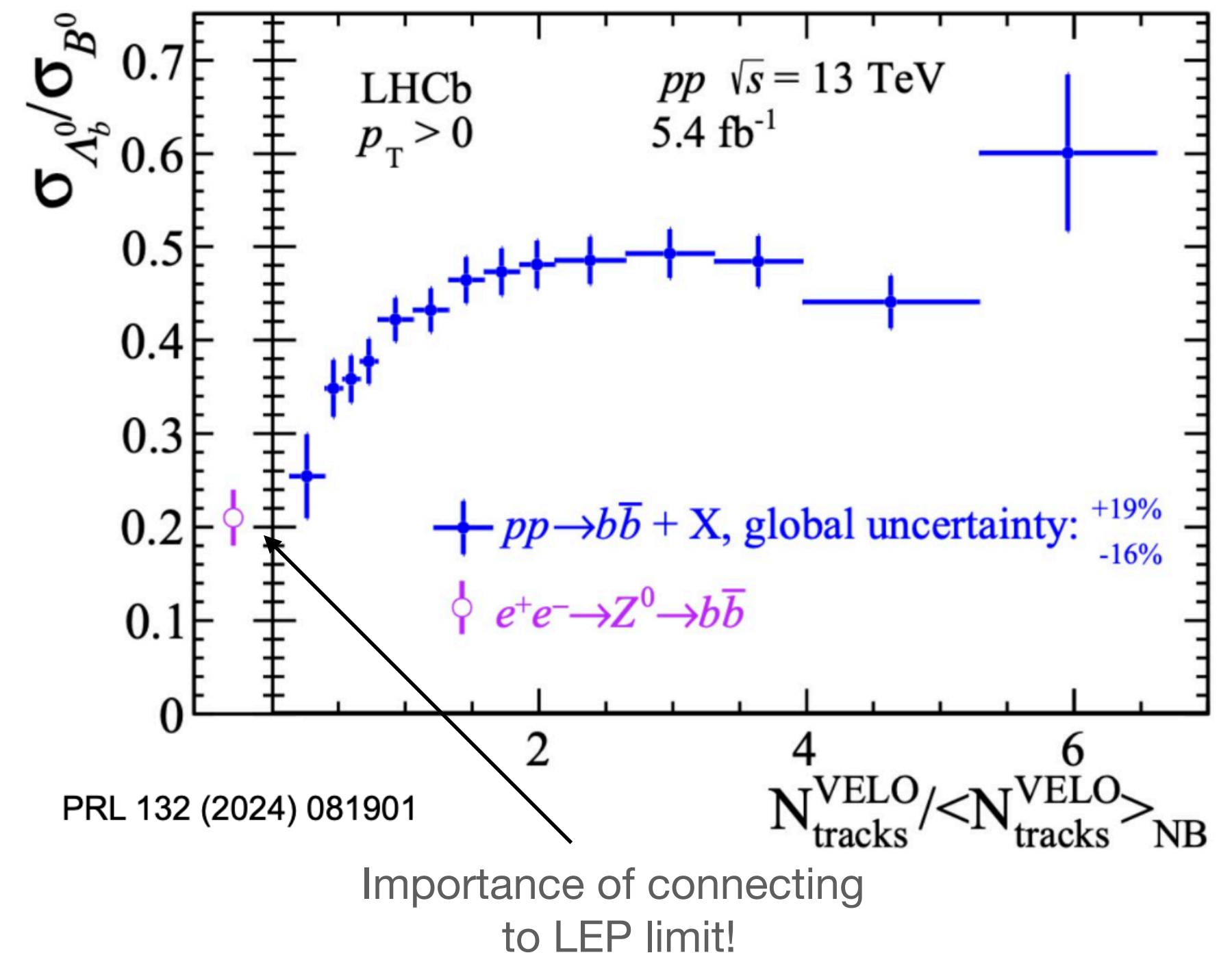
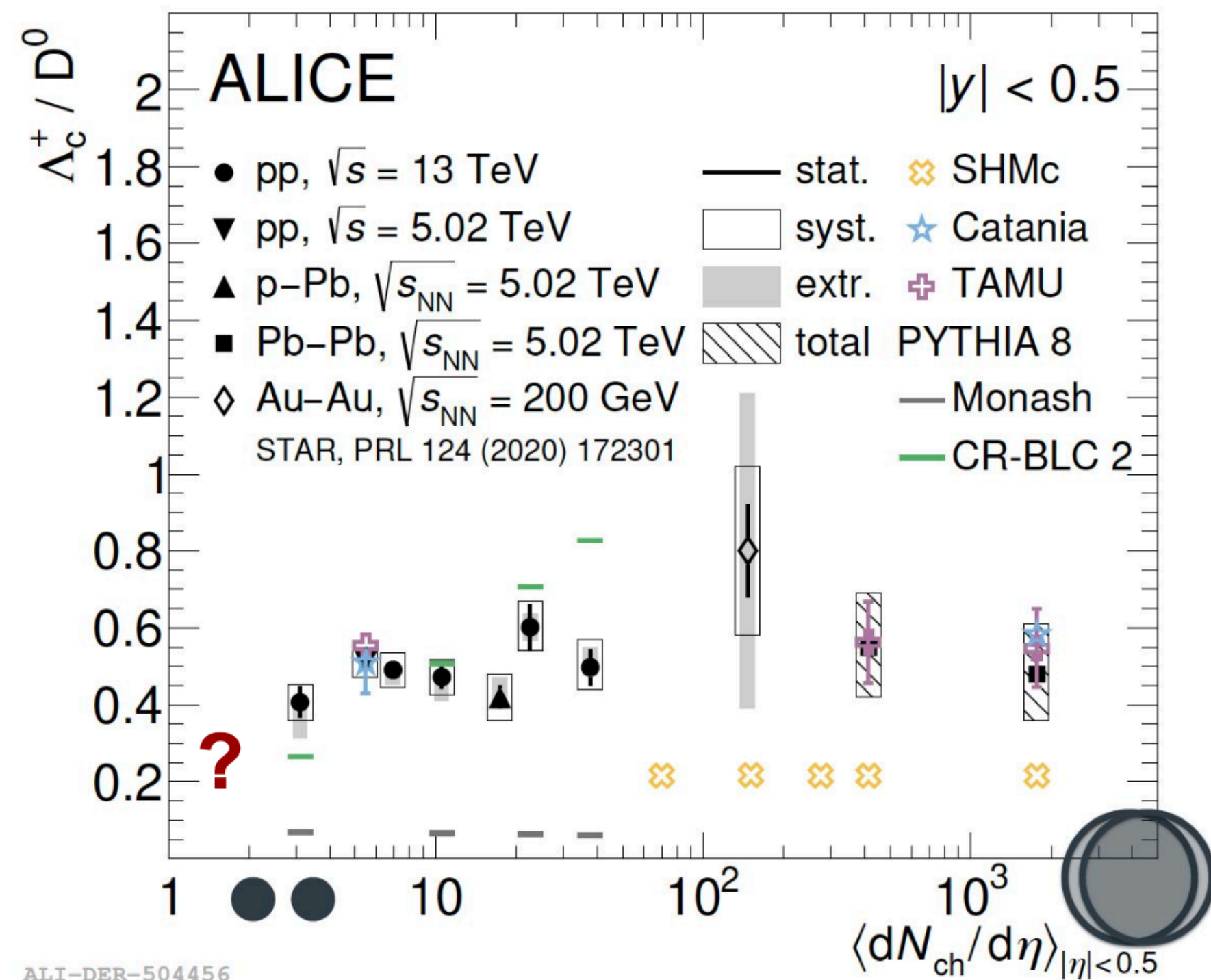
For strings: clearly going to central AA or to theoretically find an equilibrium

For SHM more unclear. Corona components will necessarily capture vacuum yields.

Correlations/Balance functions more promising (see Peter C)

Model validity/multiplicity dependence

Multiplicity dependence of yield ratios promising testing ground



To be repeated for charm? What about SHM?

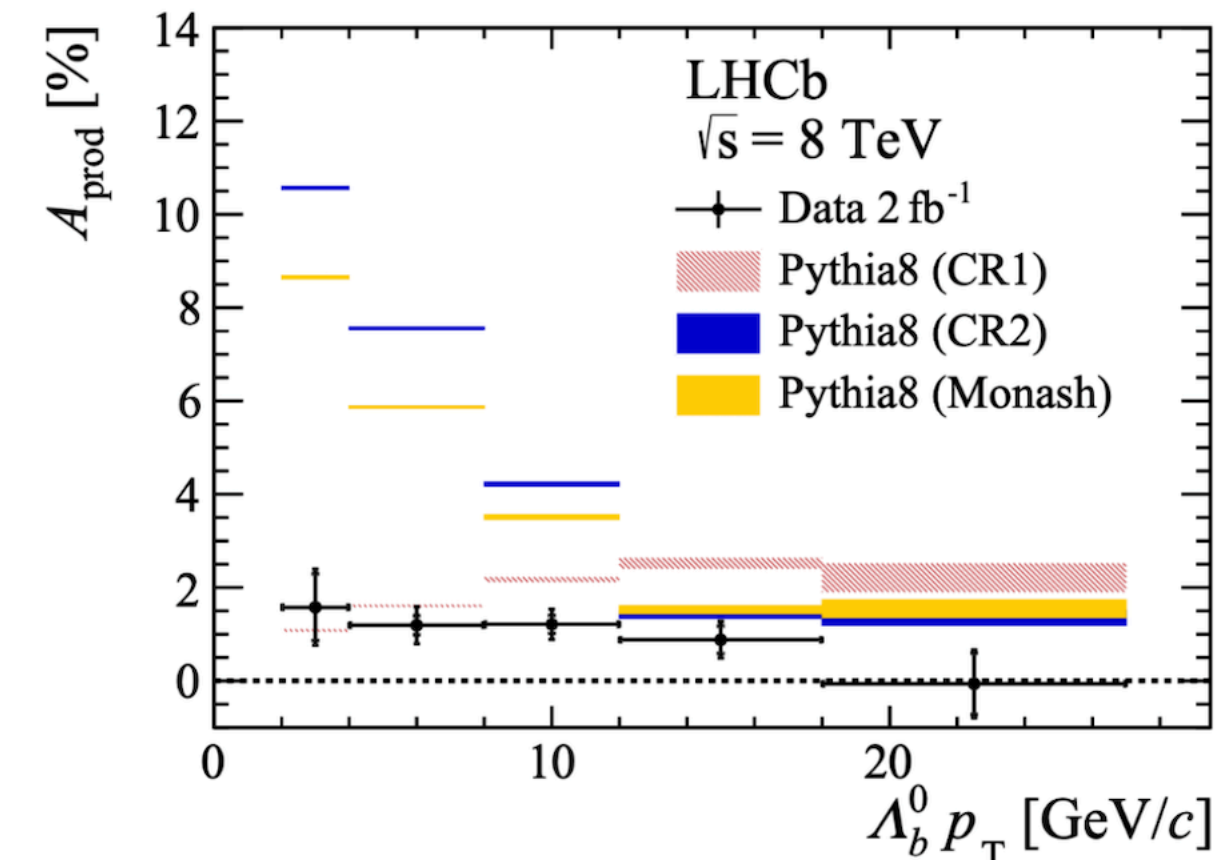
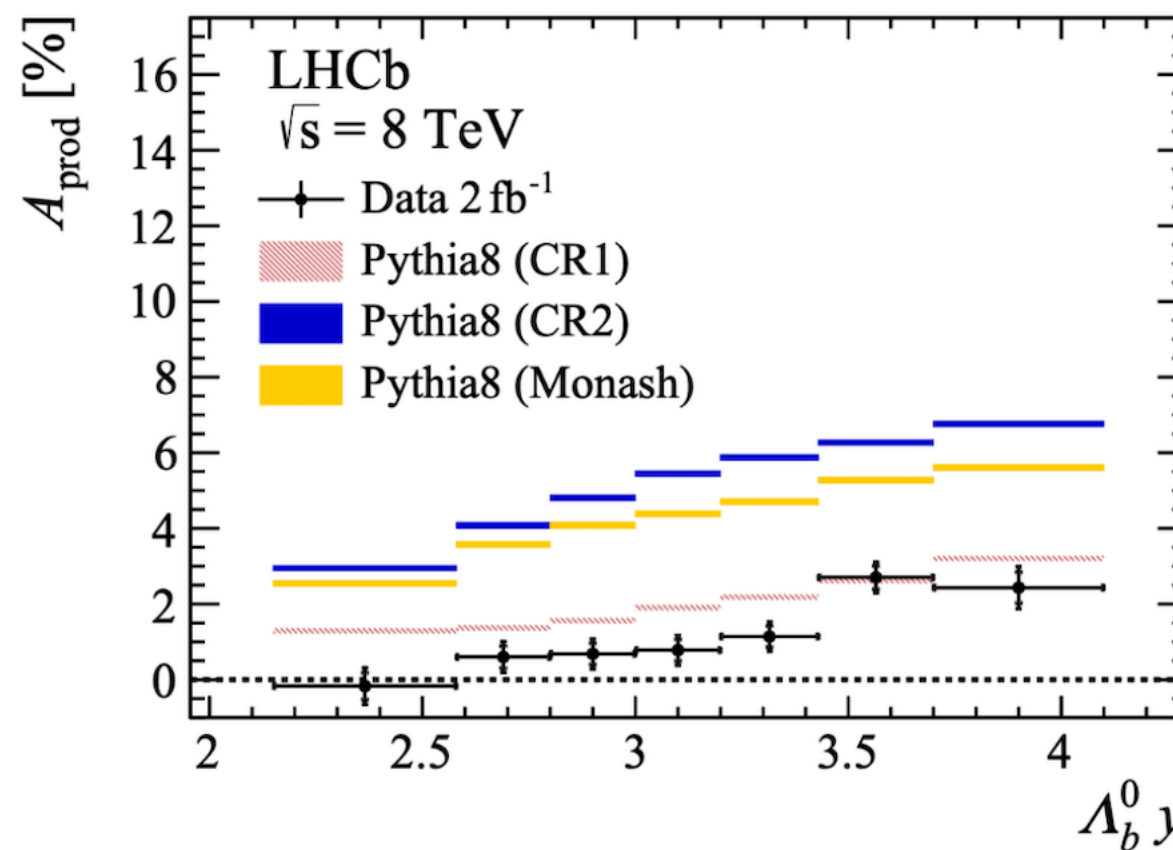
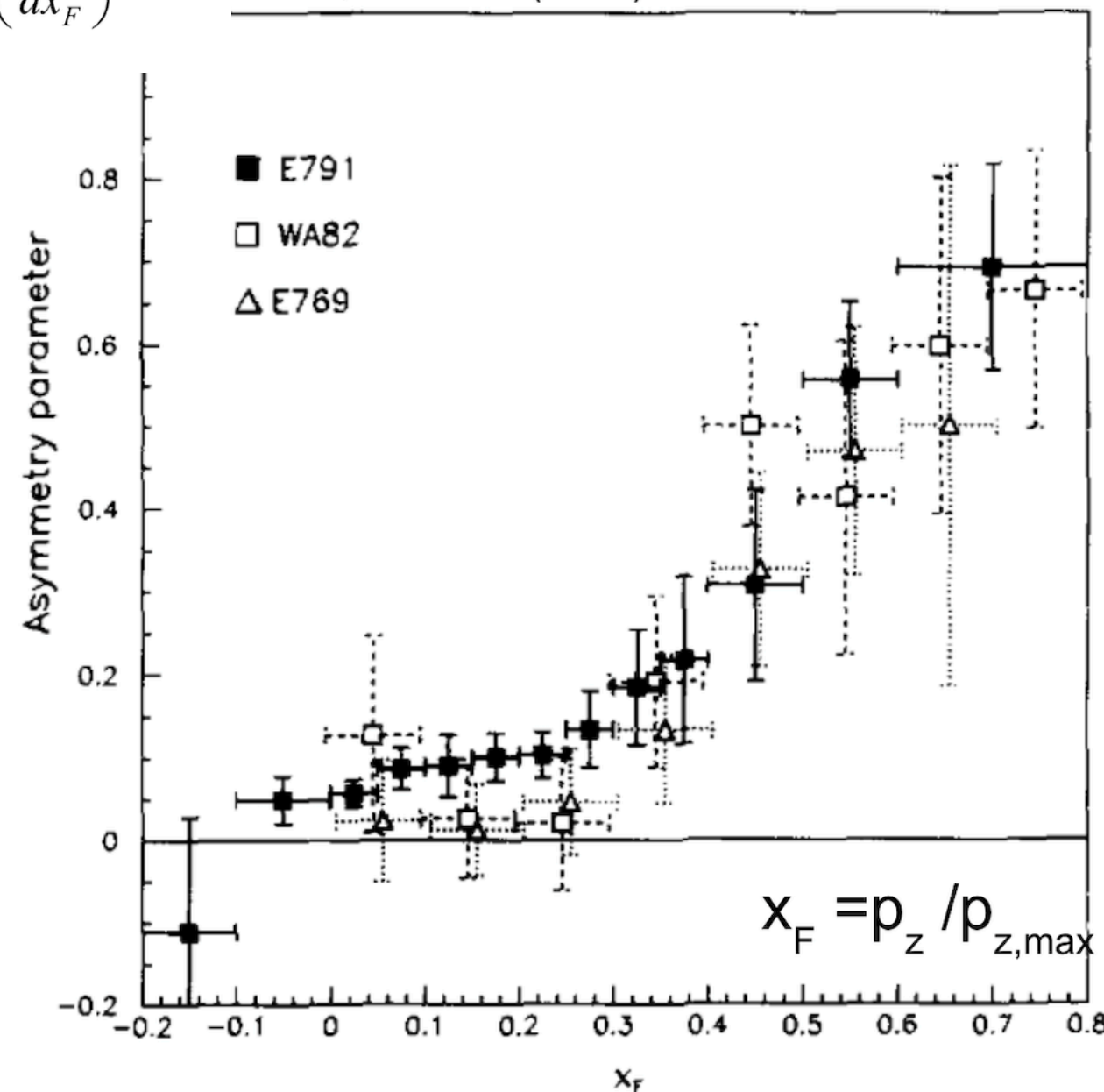
Homework: Can all models be made to saturate? Will strings always have B/M rising?

Rapidity dependence

A good proxy for multiplicity or too polluted by remnants?

$$A(x_F) = \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}\right)^{D^-} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}\right)^{D^+}}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}\right)^{D^-} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F}\right)^{D^+}}$$

WA82, PLB 305 (1993) 402
E791, PLB 371 (1996) 157



History repeat at LHCb

Well explained by Pythia junctions.
Fragmentation = dynamics!

At large x_F : favoured the production of hadrons sharing valence quarks with beam hadrons

Rapidity dependence is a dangerous game - also necessary (?)