

# Open heavy flavor from lattice studies

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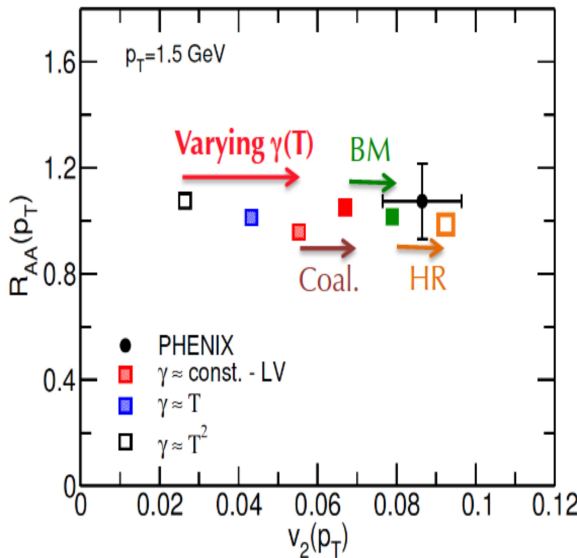
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# Open heavy flavors: challenges

- Heavy quarks are created in the initial stages of heavy-ion collisions.
- Exchange energy and momenta with the medium  $\rightarrow R_{AA}$  quantifies the suppression of high  $p_T$  heavy hadrons due to the interaction.
- $v_2$  generated due to interactions.
- Tension between  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ . Can be understood for RHIC energies but still unresolved for LHC energies? [Courtesy, V. Greco, QM 2017]



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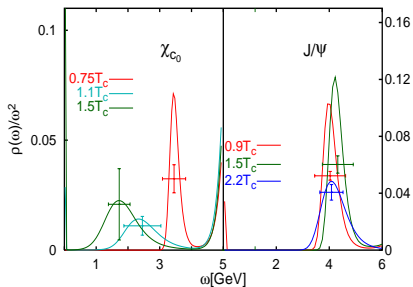
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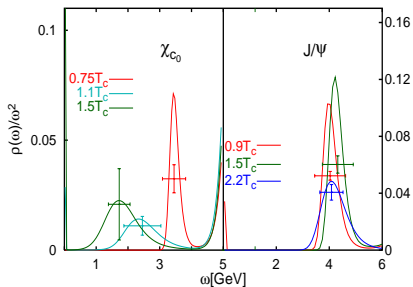
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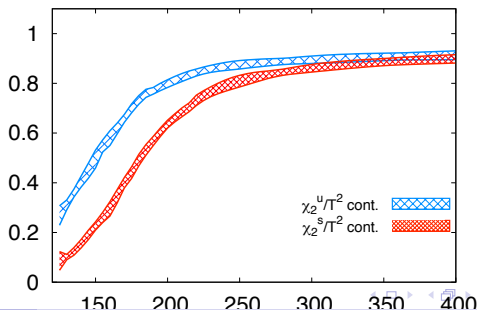
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- Bottomonium states [H. Ohno, et. al. 13,14, Swansea 14] show sequential melting above  $T_c$ .



# Is there really a flavor hierarchy?

- Deconfinement : Releasing of colored degrees of freedom
- Pure gauge theory: phase transition due to deconfinement has an order parameter Polyakov loop  $L_{ren}$
- In QCD with physical masses: no exact order parameter
- Looking at the fluctuations of  $s$  and  $u$  quark numbers in the thermal medium gives an apparent impression of different  $T_d$  [C. Ratti et. al, 12, Bellweid, 12]
- Important to look at good “order parameters” that clearly separates the deconfined phase.

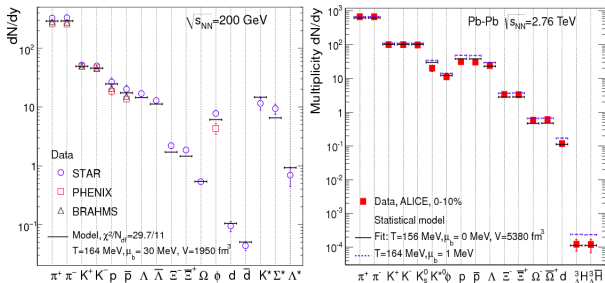


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# Characterization of freezeout surface

- If a thermalized medium is formed  $\Rightarrow$  characterized by  $T, \mu_B, V$
- Compare the ratio of particle yields from theory and experiments and perform a  $\chi^2$  minimization in the  $T - \mu_B$  plane.
- Obtain  $T^f$  and  $\mu_B^f$  corresponding to the collision energy
- Issues about acceptance cut, low momentum particles left out



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- HRG a good approximation if resonances very near to two particle threshold.

[Prakash & Venugopalan, 92]



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- Residual interactions  $\propto n_i n_j \sim e^{-(m_i+m_j)/T}$  suppressed for heavy quarks  $\rightarrow$  HRG is a better approximation of QCD medium near freezeout for heavy hadrons.

# Why charm?

- The heavy charm quarks produced before QGP is formed.
- Maximum  $T \sim 500$  MeV at the LHC
- $m_c > T$ : charm is not thermally generated in the hot medium
- Have a near thermal distribution of momenta [S.Gupta & R. Sharma, 14]
- At LHC energies charm abundances are quite high  $\rightarrow$  statistical hadronization similar to the light quarks? [Braun-Munzinger, Redlich, Stachel, 06]
- Hadronization would imply existence of deconfined medium

# Our Setup

- We want to understand where heavy quarks deconfine from properties of **heavy-light hadrons**.  $c\bar{c}$  states not considered.
- The analysis of bound states through the study of spectral functions difficult on the lattice.
- If the charm hadron ensemble near the freezeout well described as a **hadron resonance gas** characterized by  $T, \mu_B, \mu_C$ ,

$$P(\hat{\mu}_C, \hat{\mu}_B) = P_M \cosh(\hat{\mu}_C) + P_{B,C=1} \cosh(\hat{\mu}_B + \hat{\mu}_C) \\ + P_{B,C=2} \cosh(\hat{\mu}_B + 2\hat{\mu}_C) + P_{B,C=3} \cosh(\hat{\mu}_B + 3\hat{\mu}_C) .$$

- The ground state  $m_{C=2} - m_{C=1} = 1$  GeV : effect on thermodynamics of  $C = 2, 3$  baryons is negligible.

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- It is comparatively easy to calculate the fluctuations + correlations of  $B, C$

$$\chi_{ij}^{BC} = \frac{\partial^{i+j}}{\partial \hat{\mu}_i^B \partial \hat{\mu}_j^C} P_{tot} / T^4$$

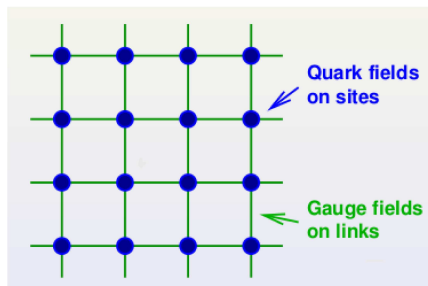
- The partial pressures can be constructed out of 6 fourth order susceptibilities:

$$\chi_2^C, \chi_{11}^{BC} \text{ and } \chi_4^C, \chi_{31}^{BC}, \chi_{22}^{BC}, \chi_{13}^{BC} \cdot \text{ [ Bielefeld-BNL collaboration, 13]}$$

- Setting  $\mu = 0$  one can rewrite the partial pressures in terms of these quantities like

$$P_M = \chi_2^C - \chi_{22}^{BC}, P_{B,C=1} \sim \chi_{mn}^{BC}, m+n=4$$

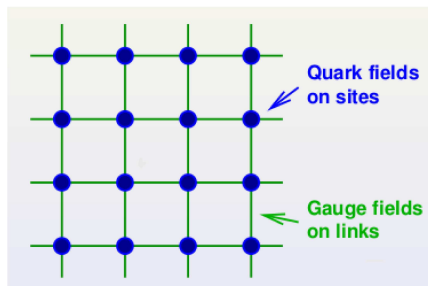
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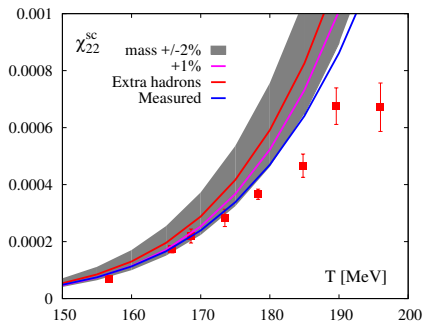
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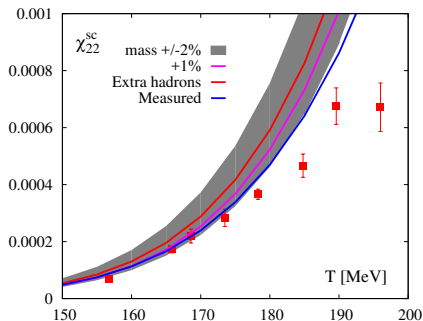
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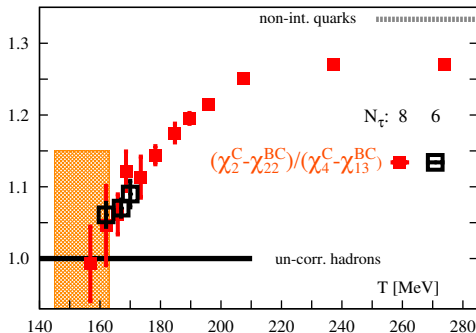
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- For heavy quarks the mass dependent cut-off effects are severe → need to make our order parameter free from such effects.



# Open charm mesons at freezeout

- We consider two equivalent definitions of  $P_M = \chi_2^C - \chi_{22}^{BC} = \chi_4^C - \chi_{13}^{BC}$
- Ratio is like an **order parameter**
- Insensitive to lattice cut-off, mass effects
- Diagonal fluctuations dominated by mesons  $\rightarrow$  **not a good observable.**



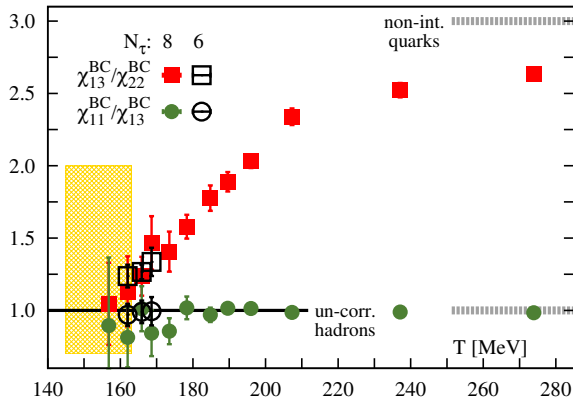
- Open charm mesons melt at  $T_c$  independent of the details of the hadron spectrum [ Bielefeld-BNL collaboration, PLB, 14]

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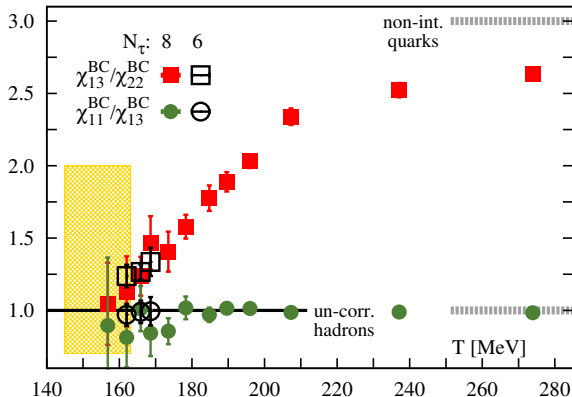
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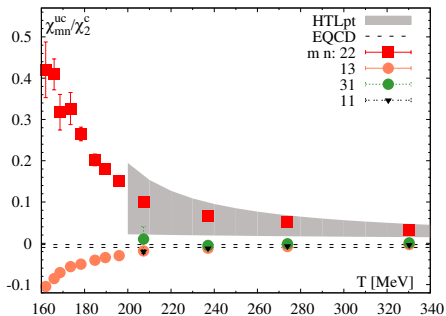
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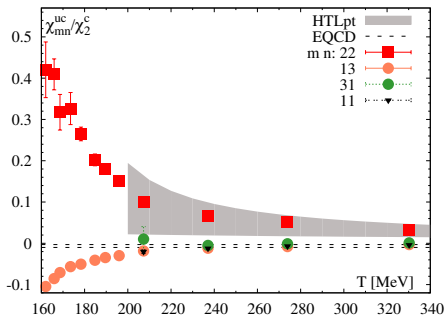
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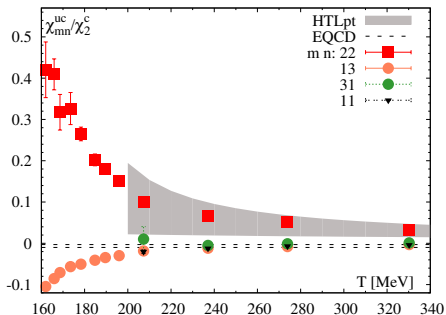
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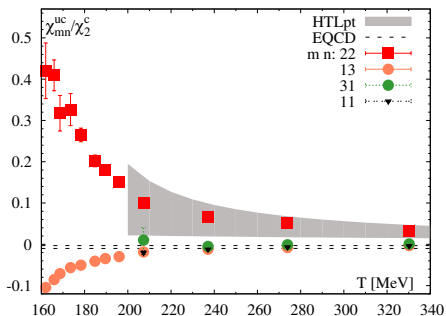
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- Charm may also exist as a broad resonance with asymmetric peak in spectral function → not a good quasi-particle.

# Charm d.o.f at deconfinement

- Considering charm mesons+baryon+quark-like excitations

$$p_C(T, \mu_B, \mu_C) = p_M(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C}{T}\right) + p_{B,C=1}(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C + \mu_B}{T}\right) + p_q(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C + \mu_B/3}{T}\right).$$

- Considering fluctuations upto 4th order we have 2 trivial constraints

$$\chi_4^C = \chi_2^C, \quad \chi_{11}^{BC} = \chi_{13}^{BC}.$$

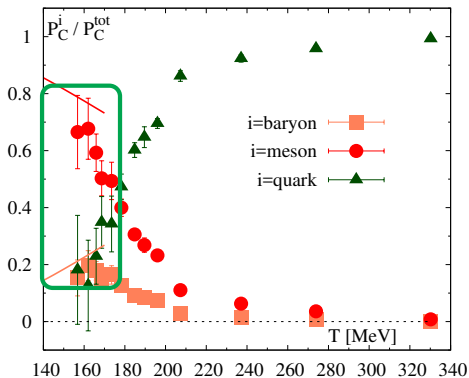
- A more non-trivial constraint:

$$c_1 \equiv \chi_{13}^{BC} - 4\chi_{22}^{BC} + 3\chi_{31}^{BC} = 0.$$

[Mukherjee, Petreczky, SS, PRD 2015]



# Charm d.o.f at deconfinement



- Meson and baryon like excitations survive upto  $1.2T_c$ .
- Quark-quasiparticles start dominating the pressure beyond  $T \gtrsim 200$  MeV  $\Rightarrow$  hints of strongly coupled QGP [Mukherjee, Petreczky, SS, PRD 2015]

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- We look specifically at the sector of strange and charm hadrons.
- Upto 4th order derivatives additionally one has 3 more measurements

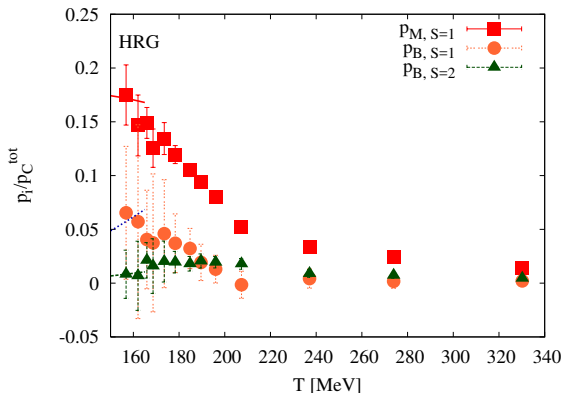
$\chi_{[112]}^{BSC}$

$$p_{SC}(T, \mu_B, \mu_C) = \sum_{j=0}^1 p_{B,S=j}(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C + \mu_B - j\mu_S}{T}\right) + p_M(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C + \mu_S}{T}\right) + p_D(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_C + \mu_B/3 - \mu_S}{T}\right).$$

- Di-quarks carry color quantum number...should disappear when quark d.o.f start dominating around 200 MeV.

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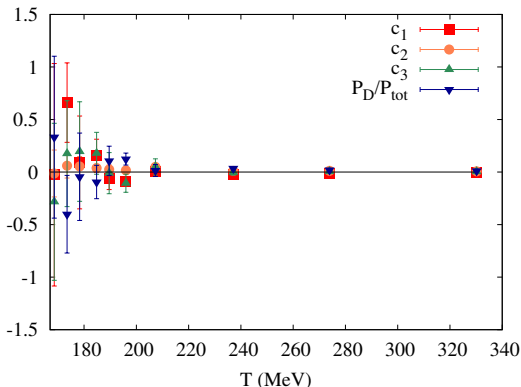
- $p_D = \chi_{[211]}^{BSC} - \chi_{[112]}^{BSC} = 0$  for our data.



- Strange baryon-like excitations suppressed than meson-like excitations.
- These studies consistent with screening mass of  $sc$ -mesons [Y. Maezawa et al., PRD 2015] and also from recent spectral function study [I Kelly, J.I. Skullerud, 2017]

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- For these calculations to be valid one should satisfy constraint relations  $\rightarrow$  smoothly connect to HRG and free gas at low and high T.



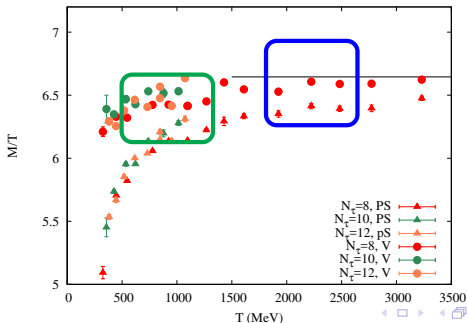
- LQCD data agree with the constraints imposed by our proposed model.

# How perturbative is the QGP medium

- Screening masses can show how perturbative is the medium  $\rightarrow$  less IR sensitive, more perturbative than gluonic observables.

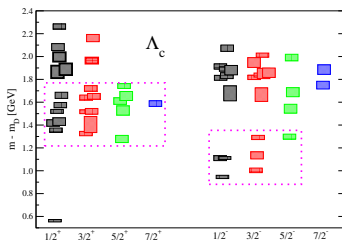
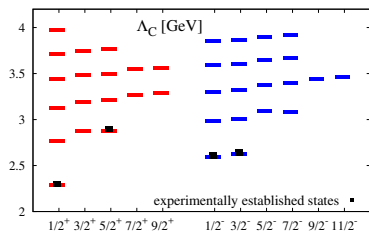
$$C(z) = \int_0^{1/T} d\tau dx dy \langle \mathcal{O}^\dagger(x, y, z, \tau) \mathcal{O}(0, 0, 0, 0) \rangle \sim e^{-m_0 z}, z \rightarrow \infty,$$

- Vector like excitations  $\mathcal{O} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi$  reach the perturbative estimate quickly than pseudo-scalar excitations  $M/T = 2\pi + \frac{g^2 C_F}{2\pi} (E_0 + 1/2)$  [Bi-BNL collaboration, preliminary].



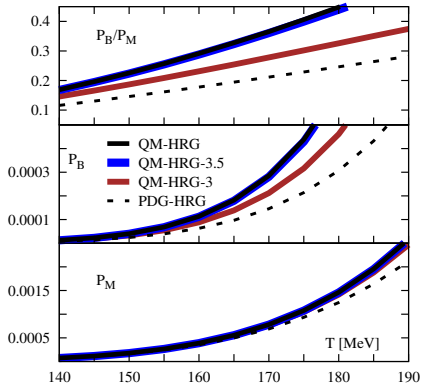
# Charm hadron spectrum...story about missing states

- The charm meson sector is measured experimentally to high precision.
- Many charm baryons states not measured yet predicted from lattice and quark models [ Ebert et. al, 10, Padmanath et. al., 13]
- Even spin-parity of ground state  $\Lambda_c$  not measured!



# Relevance for QCD thermodynamics

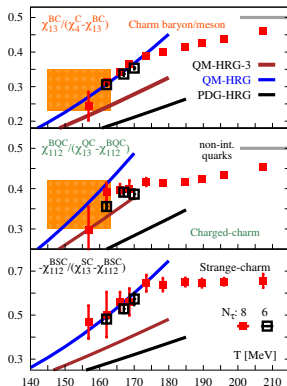
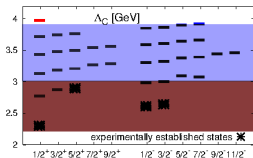
- We construct hadron resonance gas model with **experimentally known states: PDG-HRG**
- Compare with HRG with experimental+additional states: **QM-HRG**
- The partial pressure of mesons are similar
- In the baryon sector the difference starts showing up [ [Bielefeld-BNL collaboration, 14](#) ]



# Our results

- Our methodology allows us to look at charm baryon sector exclusively
- Also look into the specific quantum number channels

- all hadrons:  $\frac{\chi_{13}^{BC}}{\chi_4^C - \chi_{13}^{BC}}$
- S=1,2 hadrons:  $\frac{\chi_{112}^{BSC}}{\chi_{13}^{SC} - \chi_{112}^{BSC}}$
- Q=1,2 hadrons:  $\frac{\chi_{112}^{BQC}}{\chi_{13}^{QC} - \chi_{112}^{BQC}}$



Our data from QCD seems to support the existence of these additional baryon states!

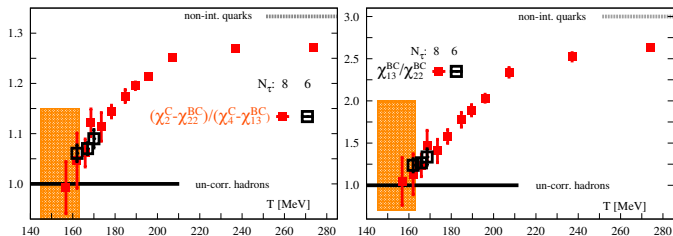


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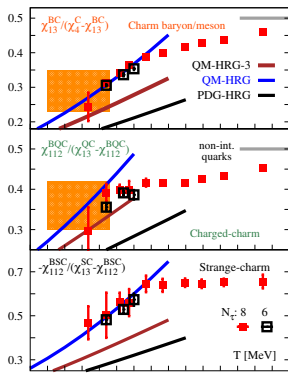
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- We could for the first time distinctly investigate the baryon and the meson sectors for heavy-light systems
- The charm mesons and baryons melt near  $T_c \rightarrow$  similar to the light quarks.



# Many more charm baryons at freezeout?

- Interpret experiments to theory it is crucial to account for hadron abundances correctly
- Found evidence for the thermodynamic imprint of yet to be measured charm baryons
- These resonances should be taken into account for feed-down corrections.



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