

Parton energy loss in small systems?

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The FOCAL proposal and small-x physics at the LHC

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# Part I:

## Parton energy loss in small systems?

- Motivation
- What did we learn from pA about particle production at  $x \ll 0.1$
- Applying concepts in pA to peripheral AA
- What's next

# Summary of typical HI observables (LHC)

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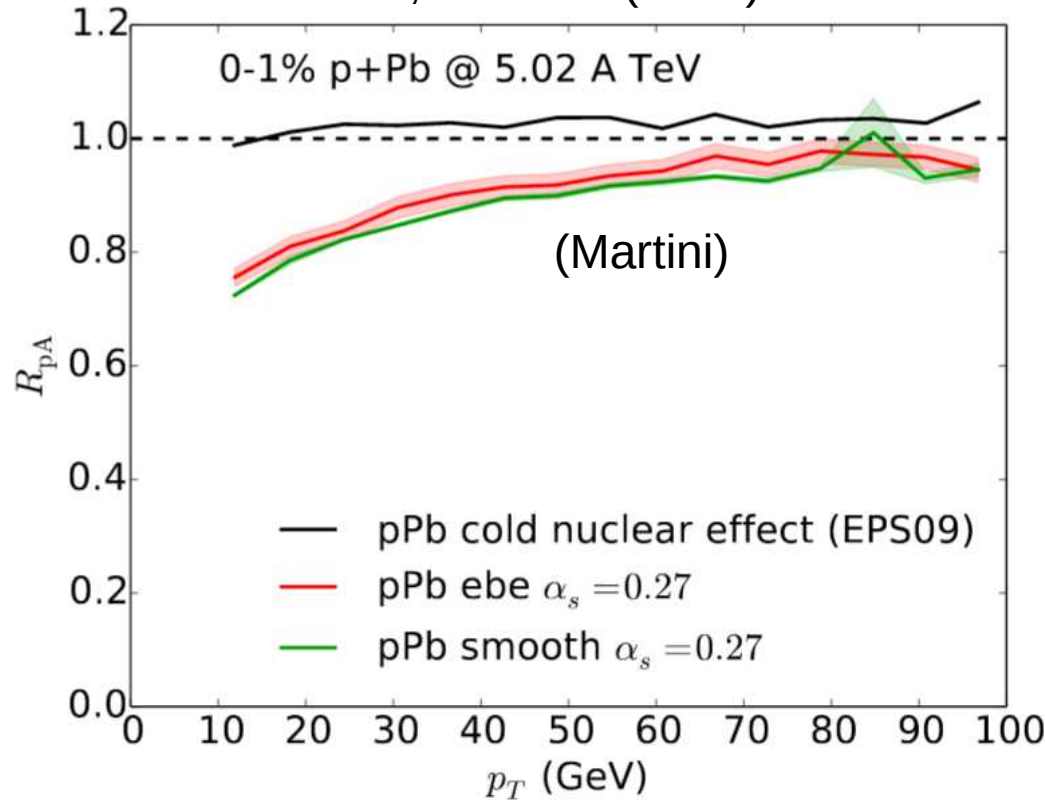
Observable or effect	PbPb	pPb (at high mult.)	pp (at high mult.)	Refs.
Low $p_T$ spectra (“radial flow”)	yes	yes	yes	[37–42]
Intermed. $p_T$ (“recombination”)	yes	yes	yes	[41–47]
Particle ratios Statistical model	GC level $\gamma_s^{\text{GC}} = 1, 10\text{--}30\%$	GC level except $\Omega$ $\gamma_s^{\text{GC}} \approx 1, 20\text{--}40\%$	GC level except $\Omega$ $\gamma_s^{\text{C}} < 1, 20\text{--}40\%$ <sup>2</sup>	[48–51] [52]
HBT radii ( $R(k_T), R(\sqrt[3]{N_{\text{ch}}})$ )	$R_{\text{out}}/R_{\text{side}} \approx 1$ <sup>3</sup>	$R_{\text{out}}/R_{\text{side}} \lesssim 1$	$R_{\text{out}}/R_{\text{side}} \lesssim 1$	[53–59]
Azimuthal anisotropy ( $v_n$ ) (from two part. correlations)	$v_1 - v_7$	$v_1 - v_5$	$v_2, v_3$	[25–27] [60–67]
Characteristic mass dependence	$v_2, v_3$ <sup>4</sup>	$v_2, v_3$	$v_2$	[67–73]
Directed flow (from spectators)	yes	no	no	[74]
Higher order cumulants (mainly $v_2\{n\}, n \geq 4$ )	“ $4 \approx 6 \approx 8 \approx \text{LYZ}$ ” +higher harmonics	“ $4 \approx 6 \approx 8 \approx \text{LYZ}$ ” +higher harmonics	“ $4 \approx 6$ ” <sup>5</sup>	[28,29,67] [75–83]
Weak $\eta$ dependence	yes	yes	not measured	[83–90]
Factorization breaking	yes ( $n = 2, 3$ )	yes ( $n = 2, 3$ )	not measured	[91]
Event-by-event $v_n$ distributions	$n = 2 - 4$	not measured	not measured	[92]
Event plane and $v_n$ correlations	yes	not measured	not measured	[93–95]
Direct photons at low $p_T$	yes	not measured	not measured <sup>6</sup>	[96]
Jet quenching	yes	not observed <sup>7</sup>	not measured <sup>8</sup>	[97–105]
Heavy flavor anisotropy	yes	hint <sup>9</sup>	not measured	[106–109]
Quarkonia	$J/\psi \uparrow, \Upsilon \downarrow$	suppressed	not measured <sup>8</sup>	[110–116]

- Observations qualitatively similar across systems for similar mult
- Postulate sQGP even in high mult pA/pp collisions?
- But, no direct evidence for parton energy loss, even not in pA

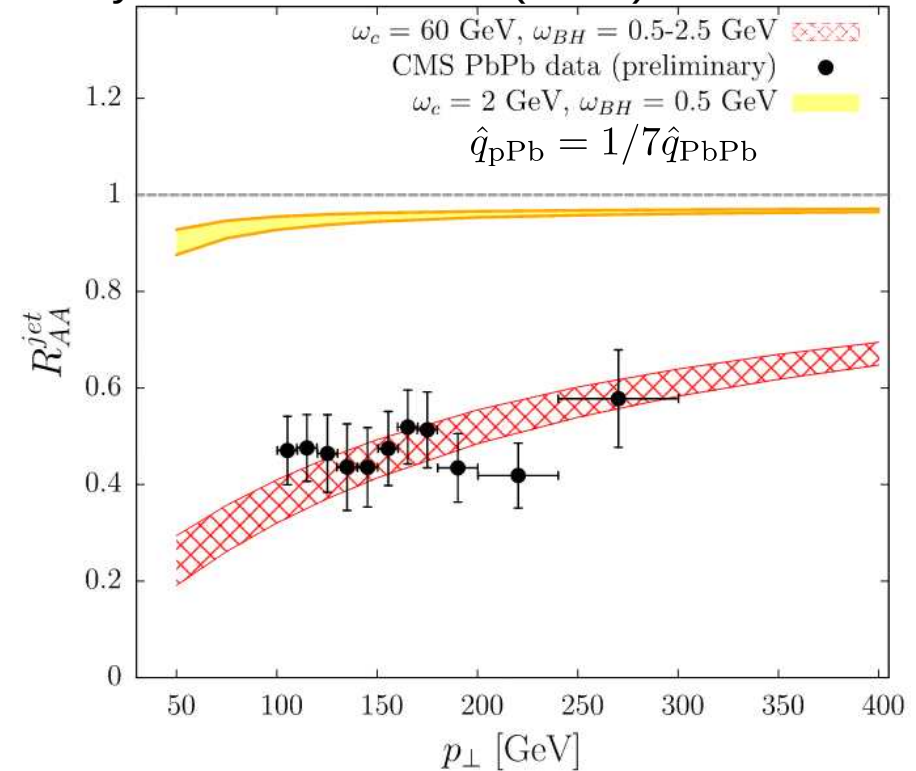
# Predictions from models

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C. Shen et al., NPA956 (2016) 741

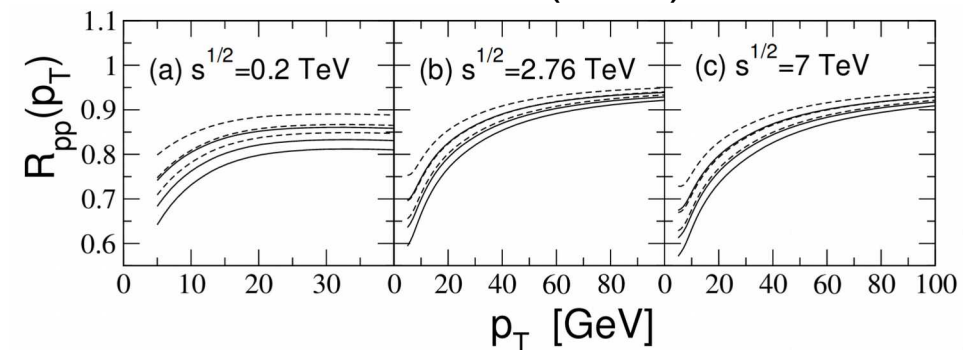


K. Tywoniuk, NPA 926 (2014) 85



Calculations expect sizable (10-20%)  
 suppression for “central” pPb and pp

B. Zakharov, JPG41 (2014) 075008



# No modification (at low $p_T$ , ie. $x \ll 0.1$ )

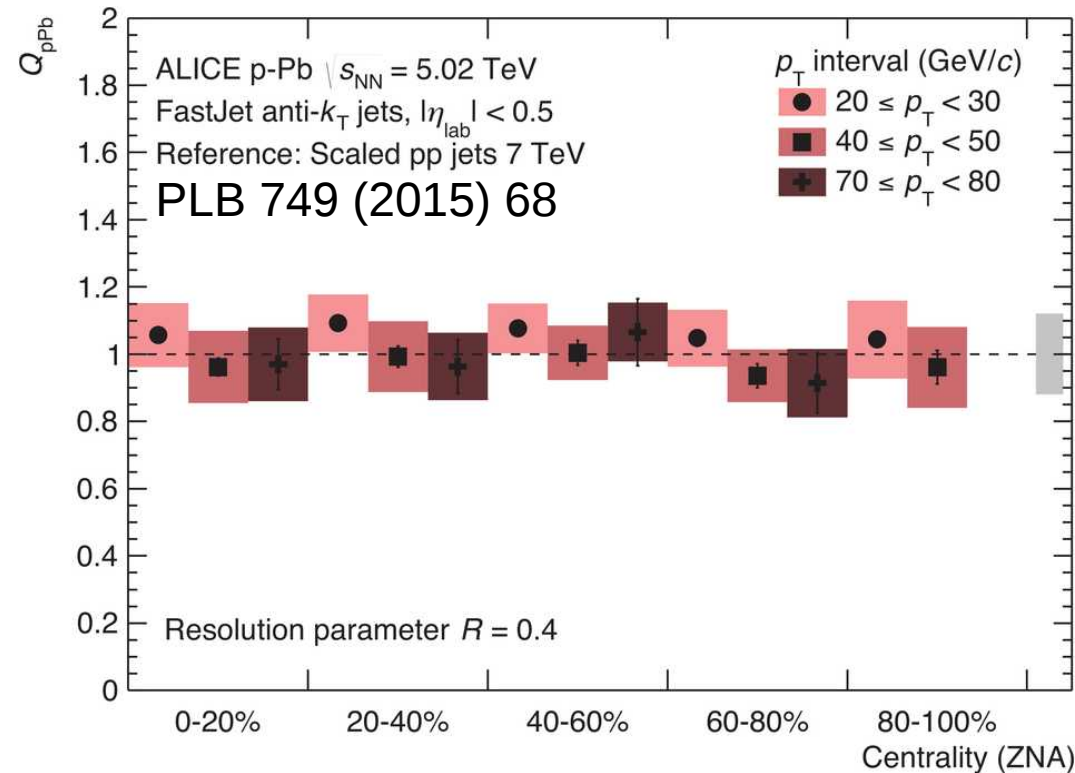
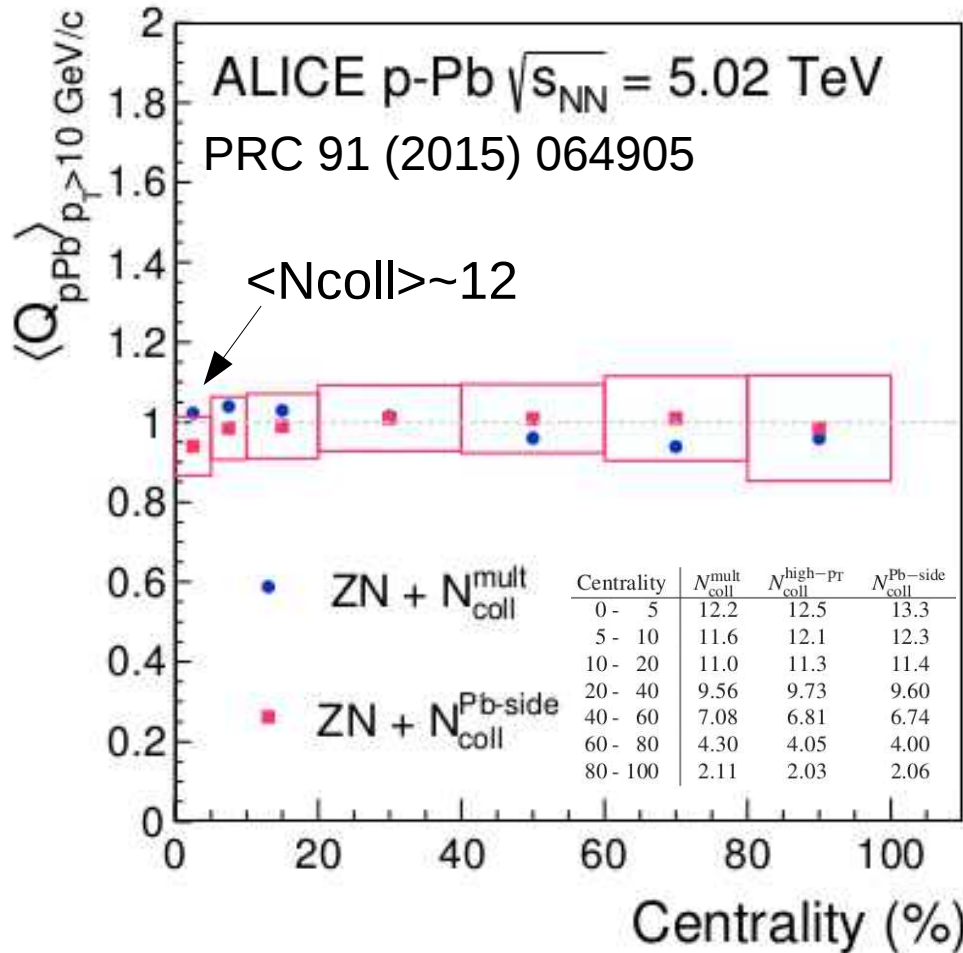
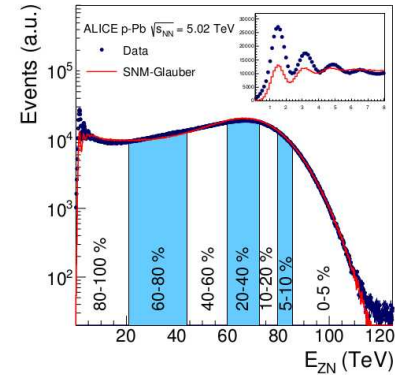
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ZN on Pb-side

$$Q_{pPb}^{ZN} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}} \frac{dN_{pPb}/dp_T}{dN/dp_T}$$

(with selection on neutron ZDC on the Pb-side and  $N_{coll}$  from multiplicity assuming the wounded nucleon model)



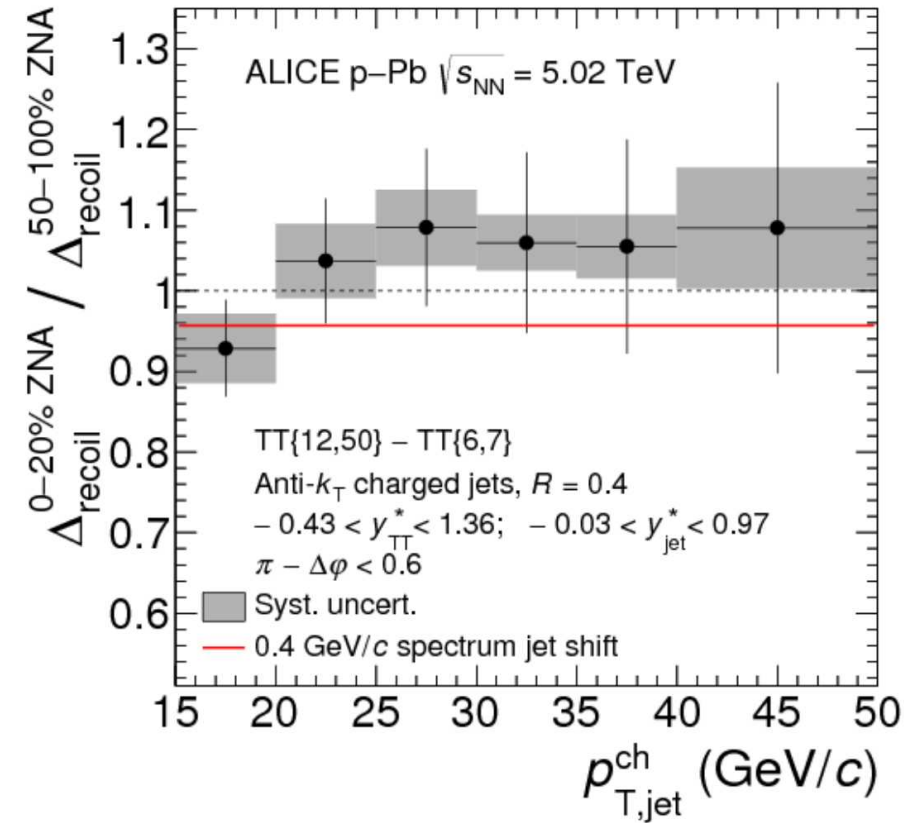
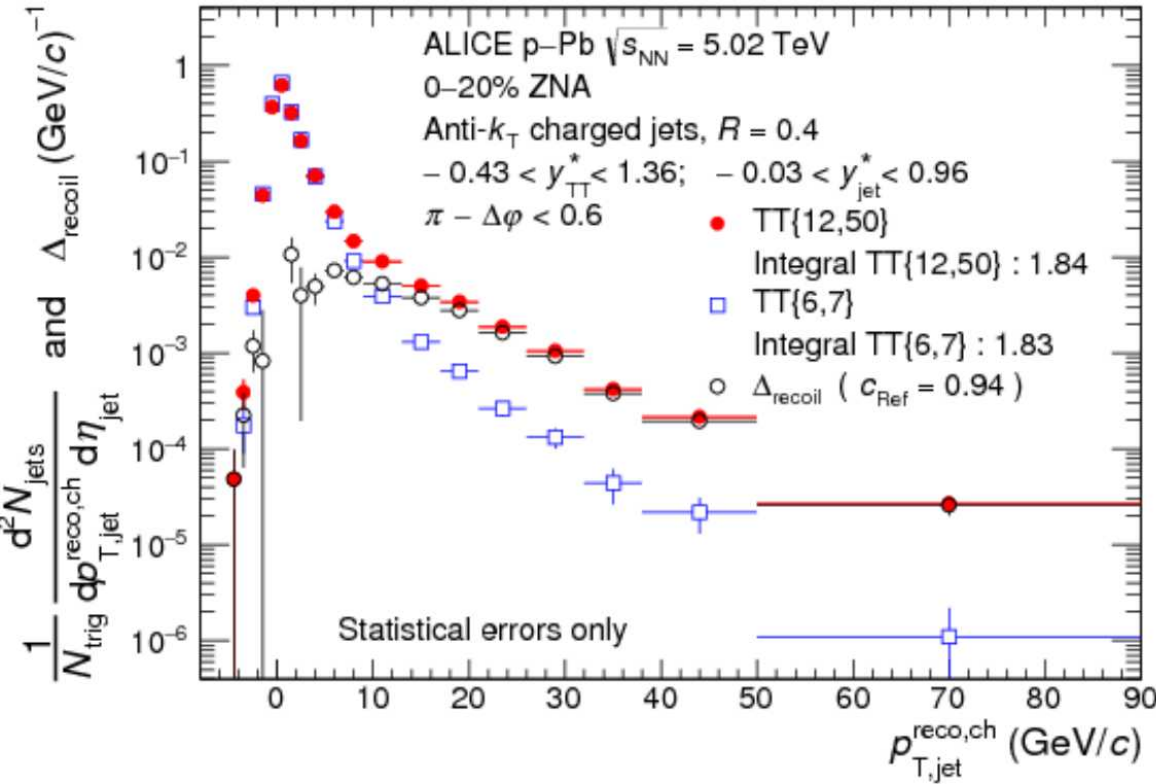
No suppression observed



# Hadron-jet coincidence measurement

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ALICE, PLB 783 (2018) 95



$$\Delta_{recoil} = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N_{jet}}{dp_{T,jet}^{ch} d\eta} \Big|_{p_{T,trig} \in TT\{12,50\}} - c_{Ref} \cdot \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N_{jet}}{dp_{T,jet}^{ch} d\eta} \Big|_{p_{T,trig} \in TT\{6,7\}}$$

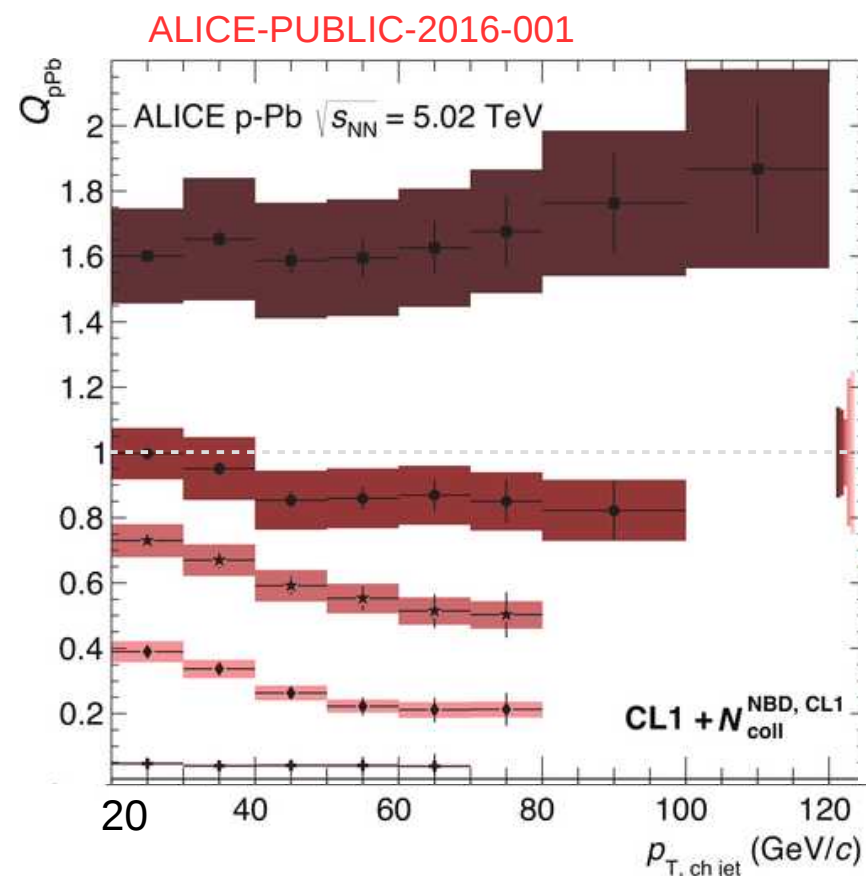
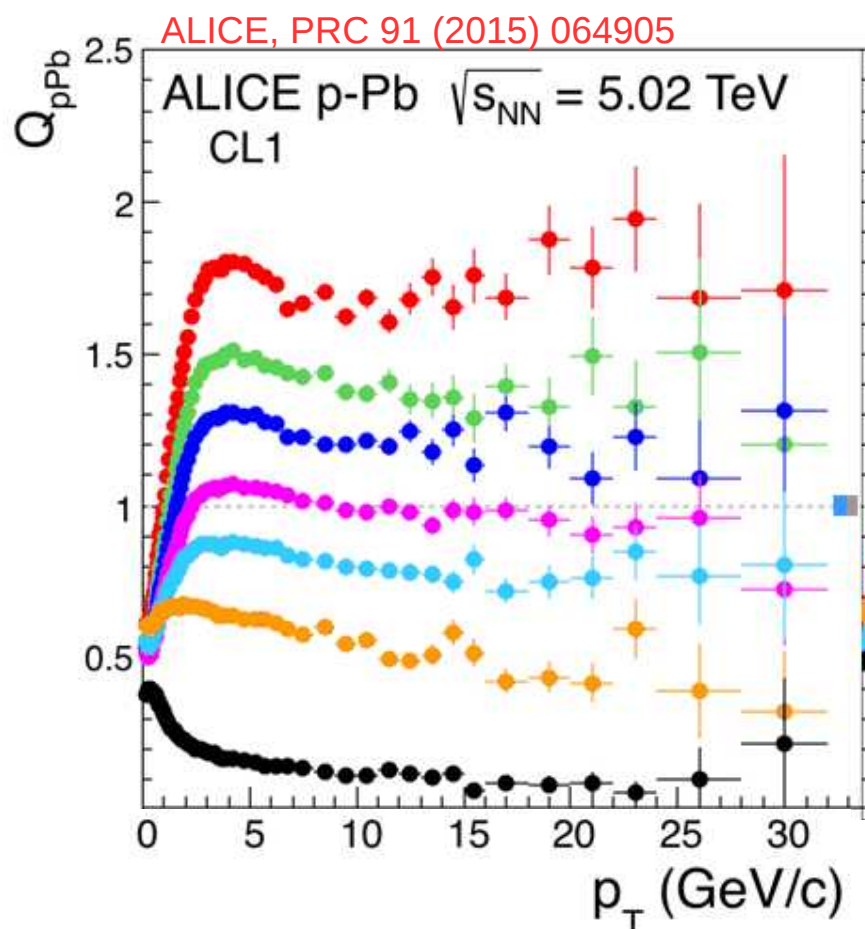
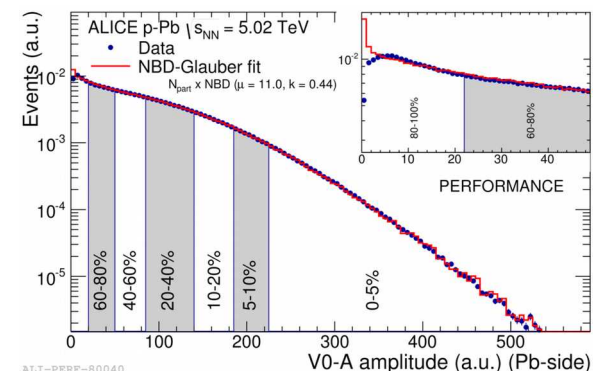
No suppression (precision expected to improve with large 2015 pPb data!)

# Multiplicity based selection

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$$Q_{pPb} = \frac{1}{N_{coll}^{fit}} \frac{dN_{pPb}/dp_T}{dN/dp_T}$$

(with selection on  
multiplicity and  
Ncoll from Glauber fit)



Huge effect

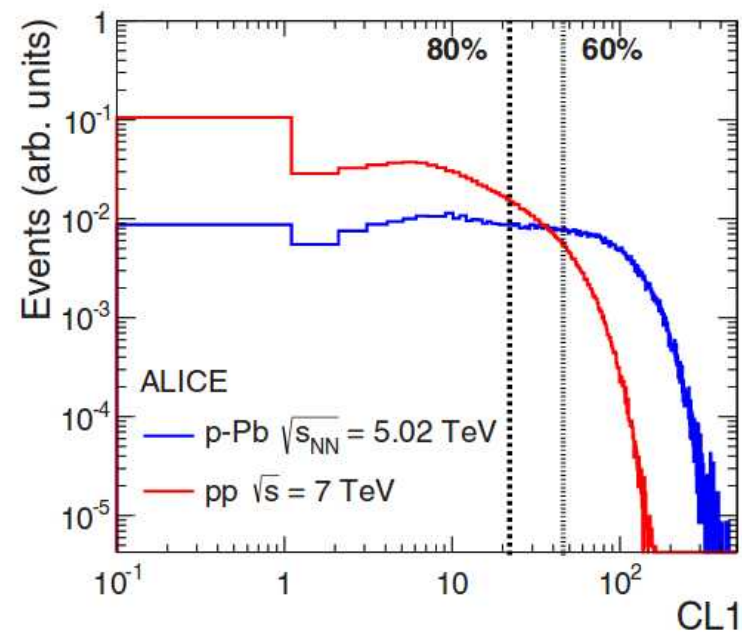
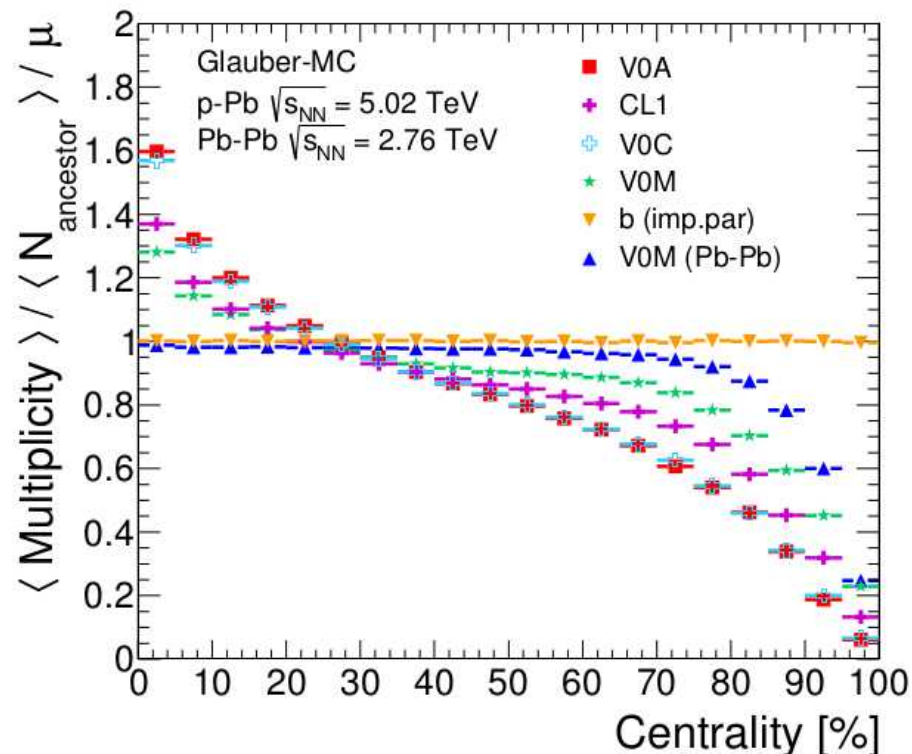
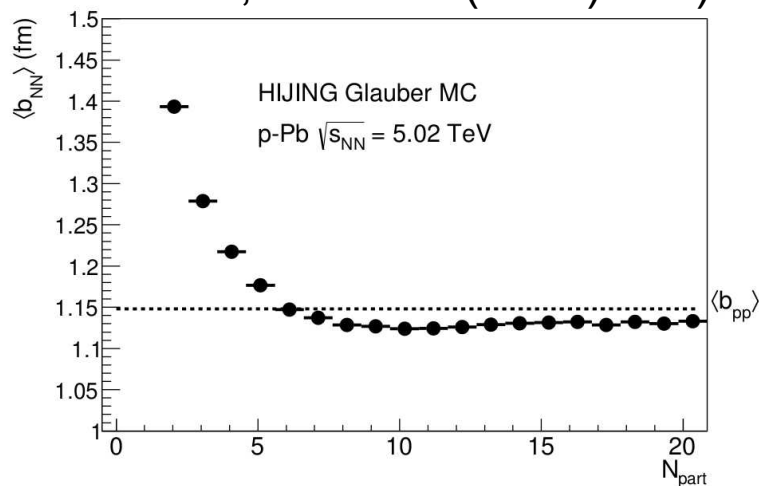
(but  $Q_{pPb}$  not necessarily one in absence of nuclear modification!)

# Multiplicity based selection (2)

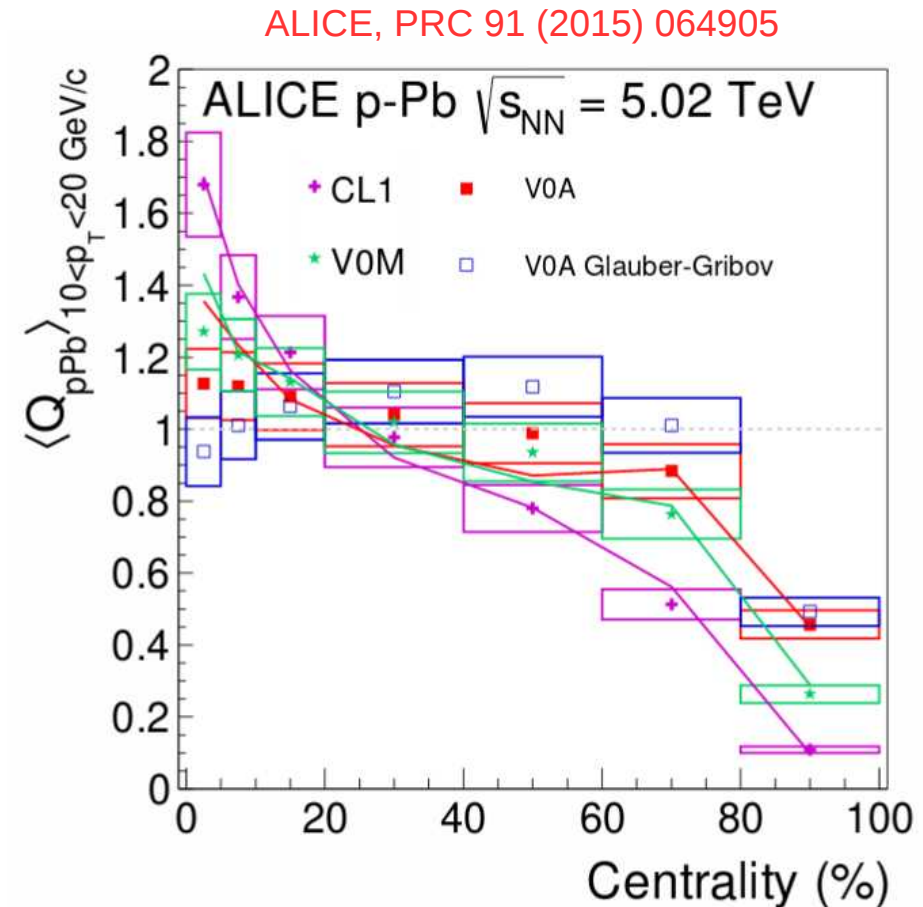
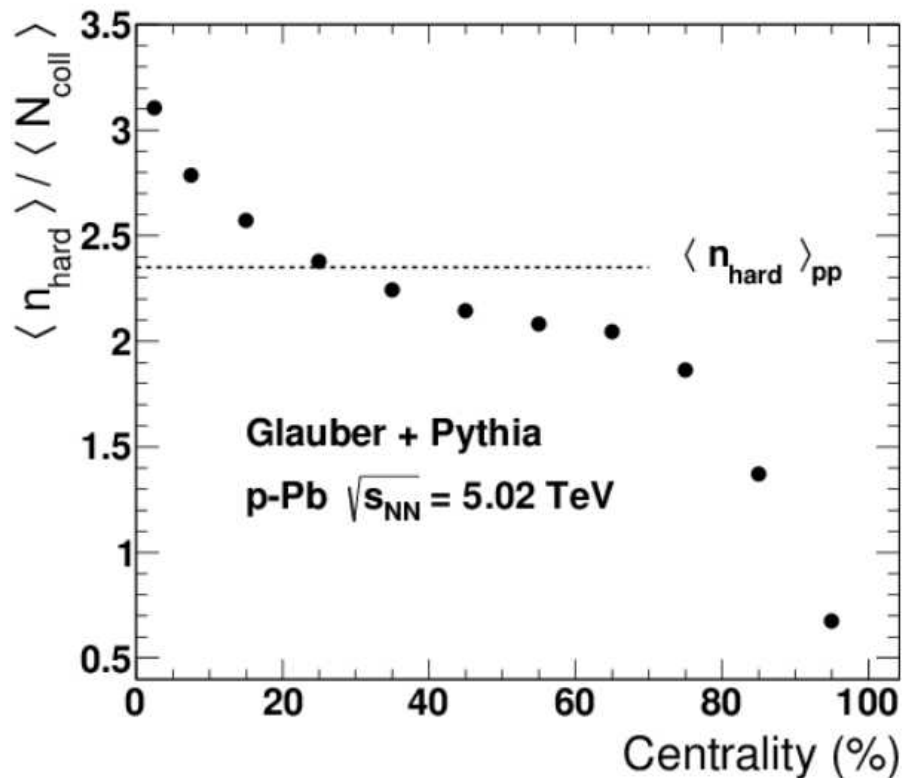
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- Several biases are relevant
  - Multiplicity bias
    - Bias on the sources contributing to particle production
  - Jet veto bias
    - Auto-correlation between high  $p_T$  particle and soft multiplicity
  - Geometrical bias
    - Average NN impact parameter increases for peripheral collisions (explicitly discussed in J.Jia, PLB 681 (2009) 320)







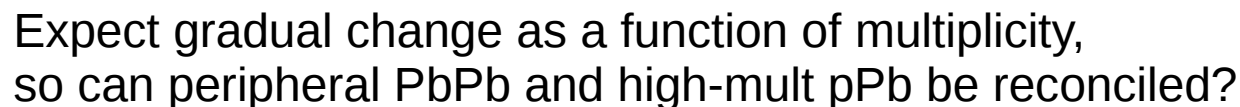
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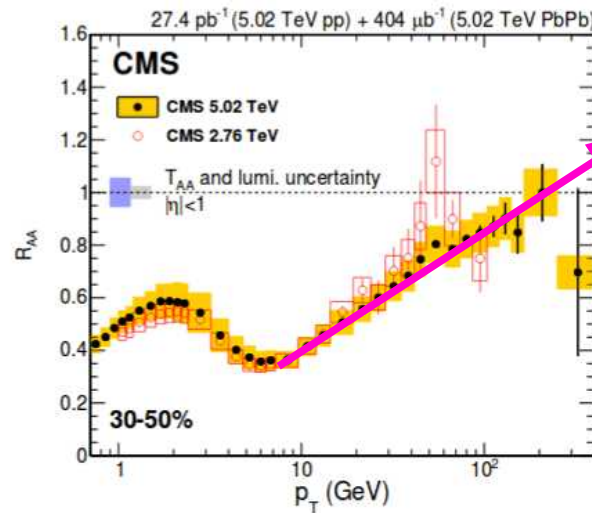
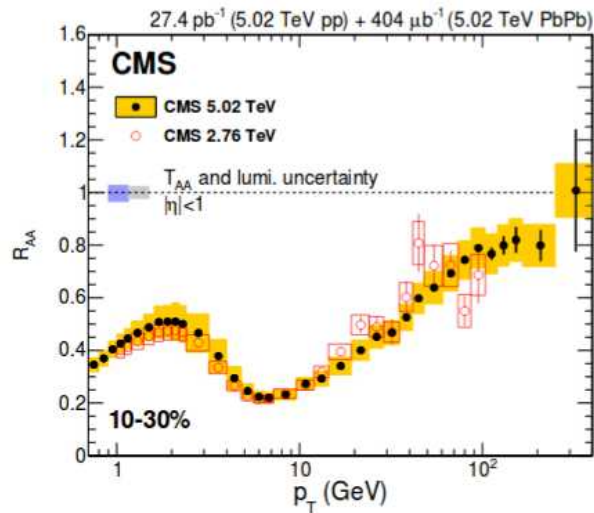
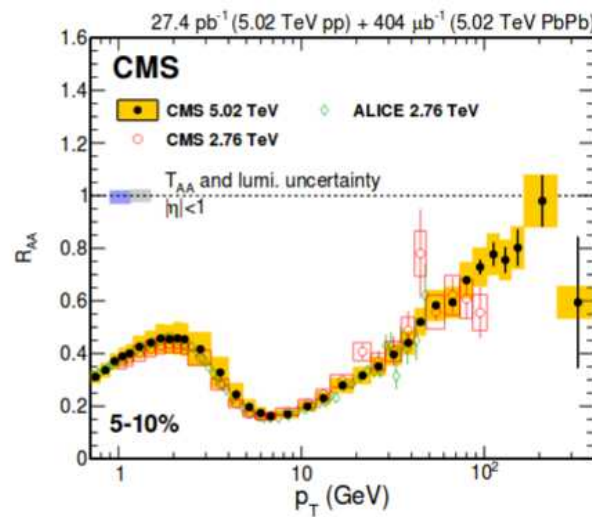
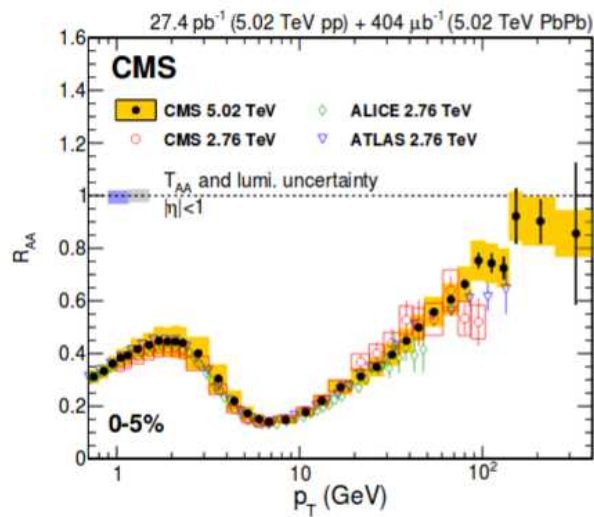
- 1 For a given Glauber event, simulate  $N_{\text{coll}}$  many PYTHIA pp events
- 2 Order events according to resulting total multiplicity (in given phase space)

Suggests, at high  $p_T$

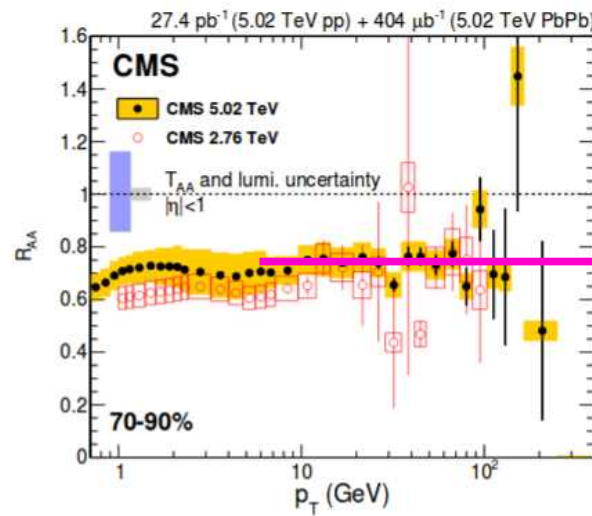
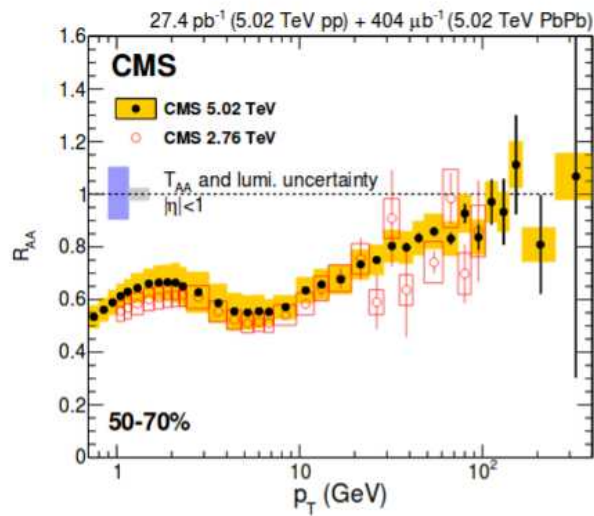
$$\langle Q_{\text{pPb}} \rangle \propto \frac{N_{\text{hard}}}{N_{\text{coll}} \langle N_{\text{hard}}^{\text{pp}} \rangle}$$

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Rising and  
approaching  
 $R \sim 1$ !



Is it a multiplicity bias?

Seemingly  
constant at  
around  $R \sim 0.8$

# Model comparison

## Hijing:

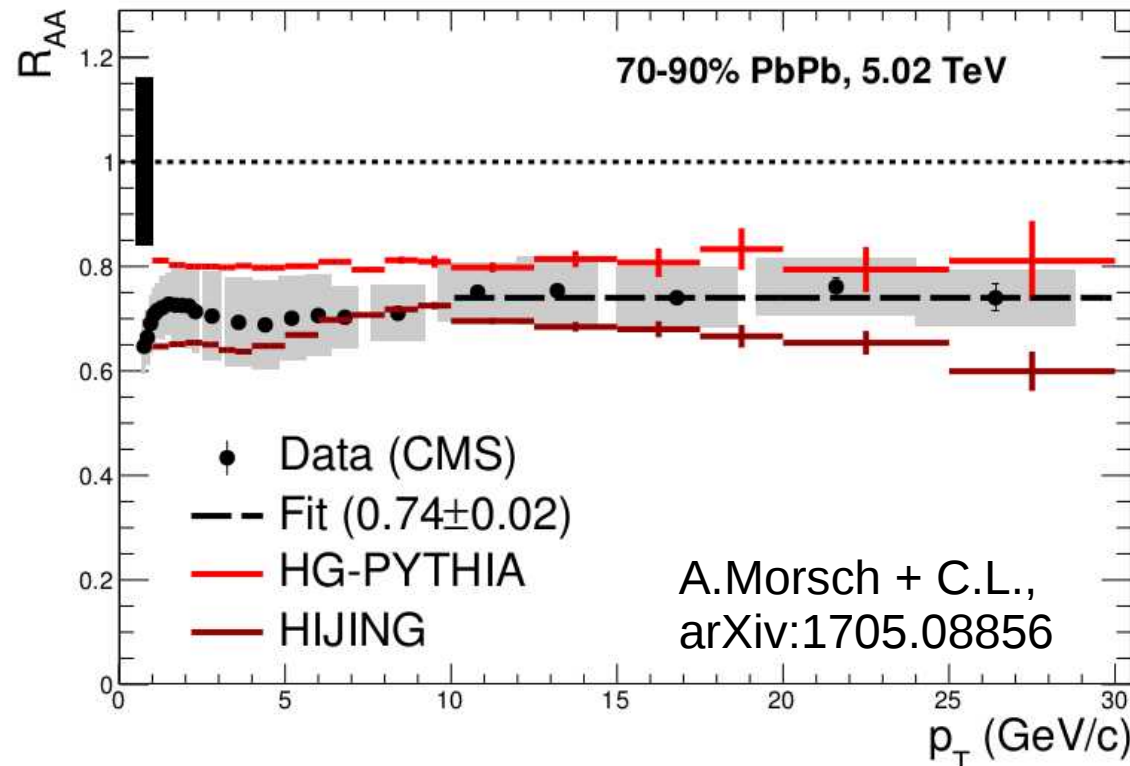
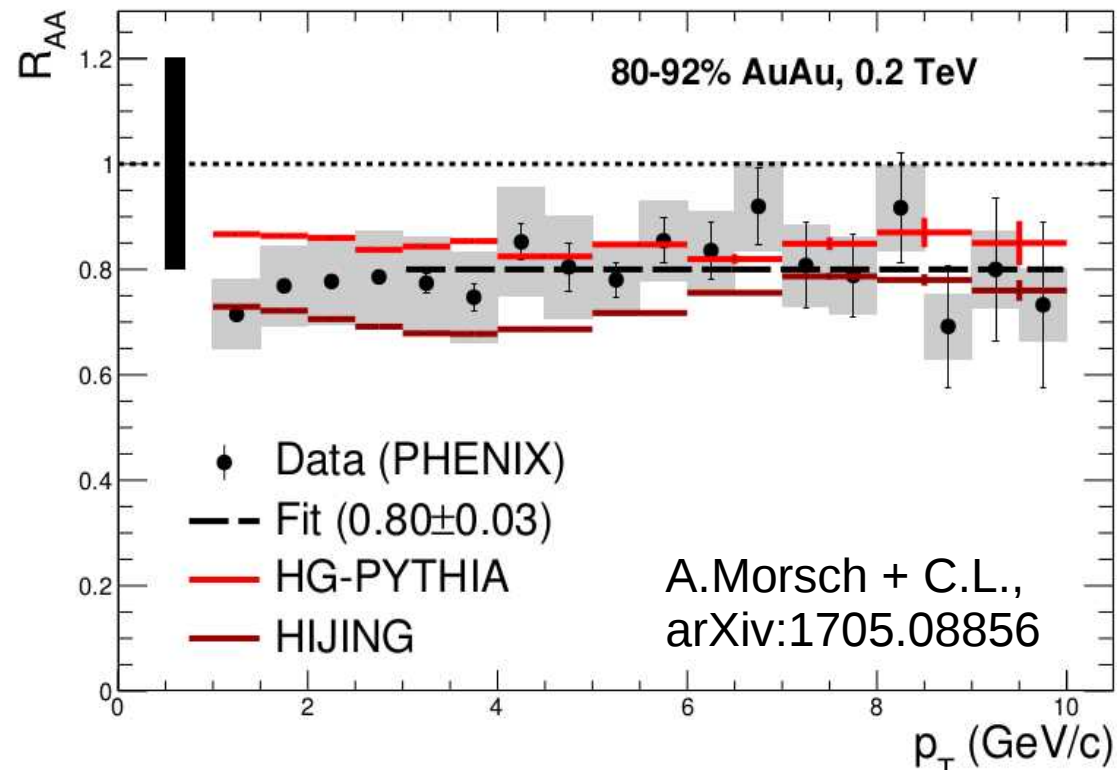
- No quenching, no shadowing, but ad-hoc momentum conservation and multiple scattering
- Does not give  $R_{AA} \rightarrow 1$  at high  $p_T$  for central collisions

## HG-Pythia:

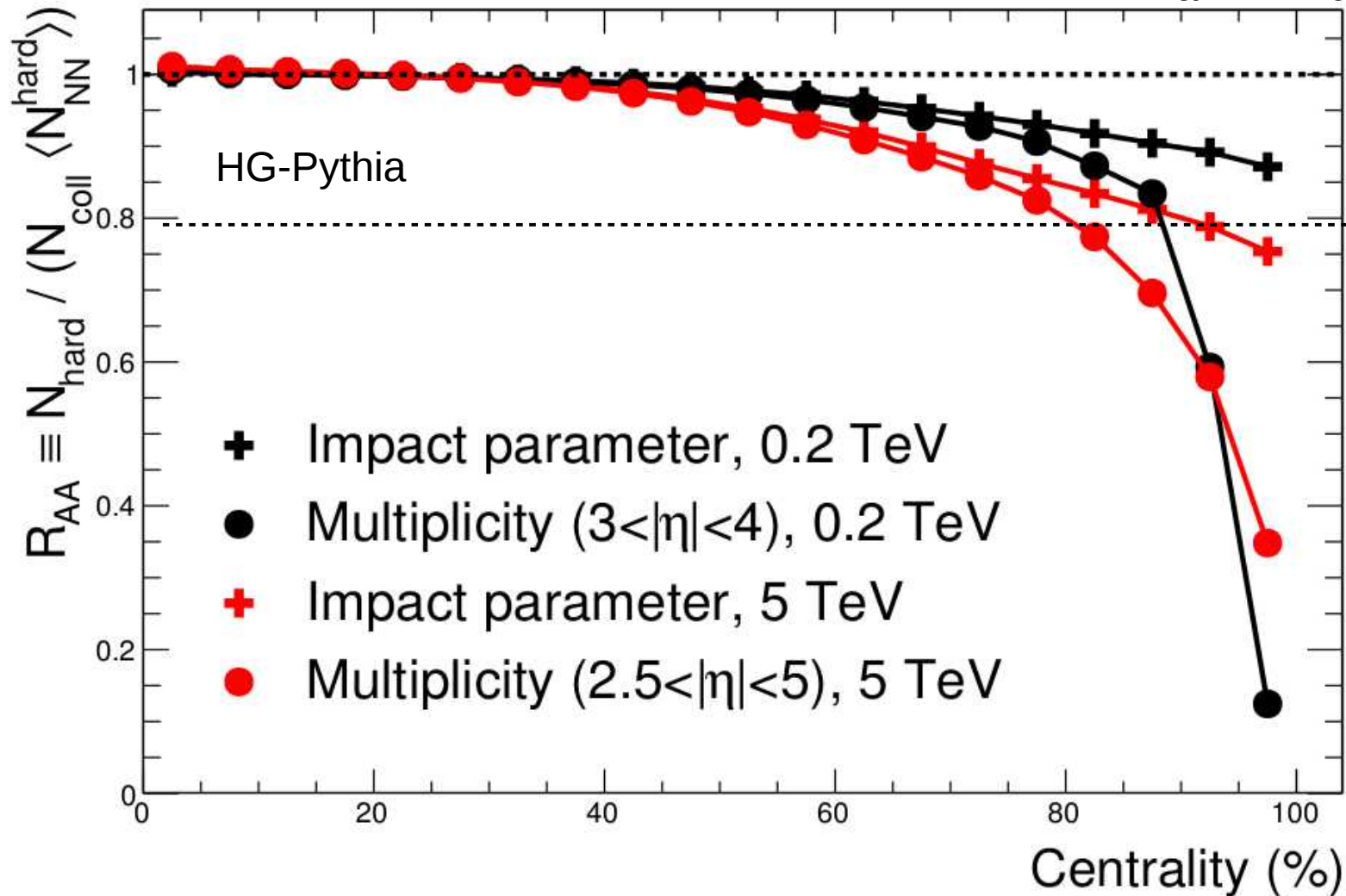
- Use as HIJING nhard distribution (with Eikonal ansatz) as input to superimpose PYTHIA (Perugia 2011) events
- Does not reproduce multiplicity

Results obtained using event ordering (slicing) for forward multiplicity as was done for the data

Multiplicity bias can cause the apparent suppression!



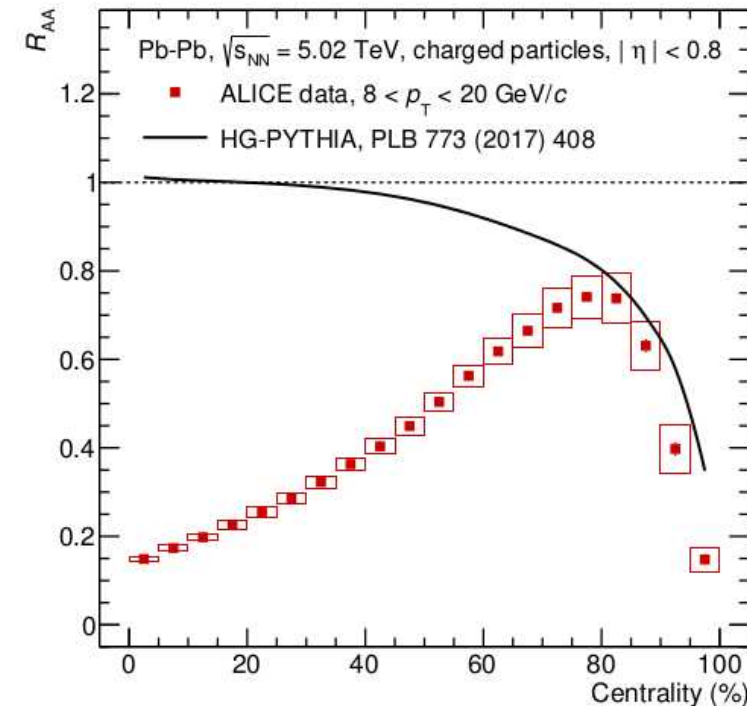
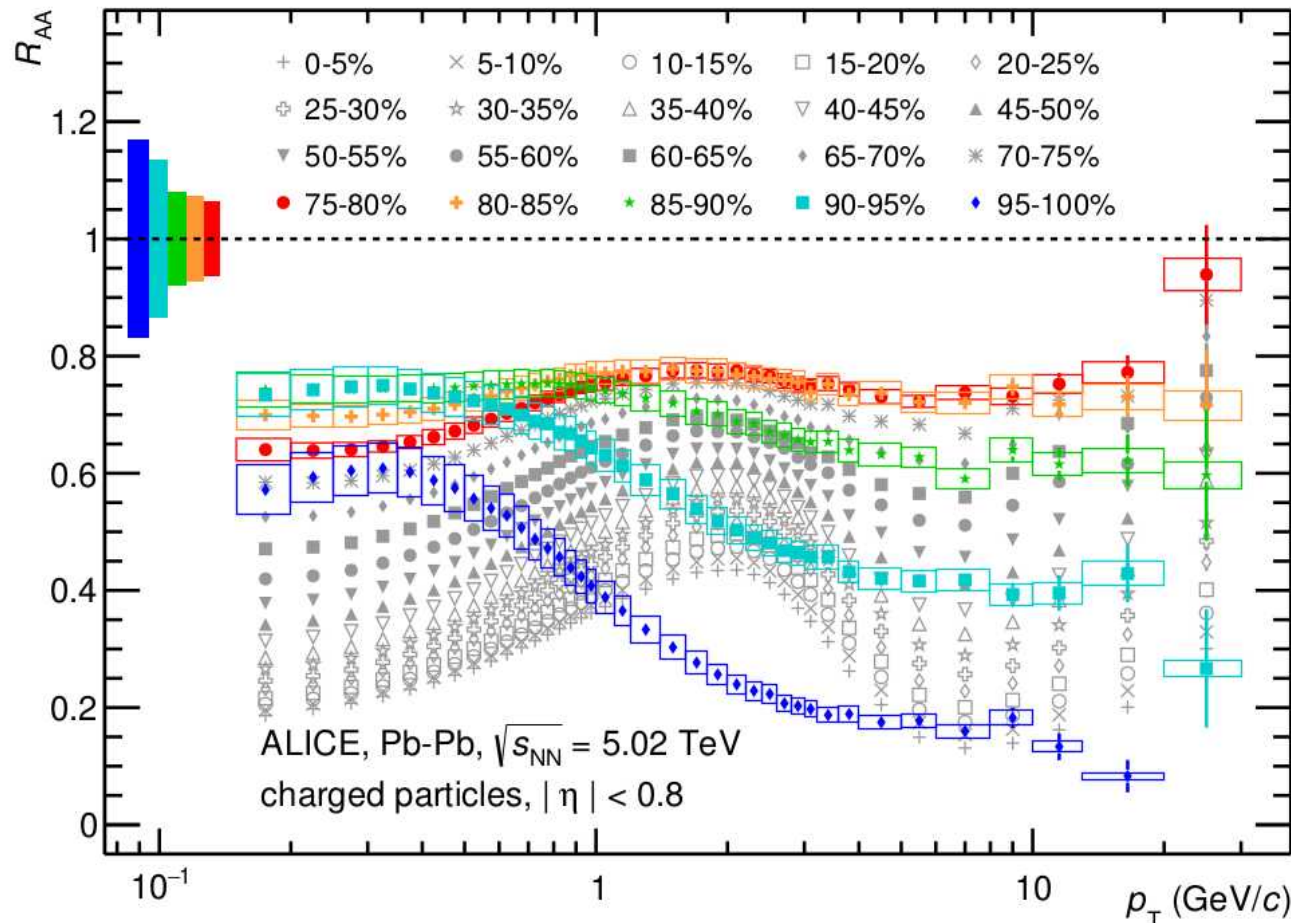




Peripheral collisions strongly affected by multiplicity bias



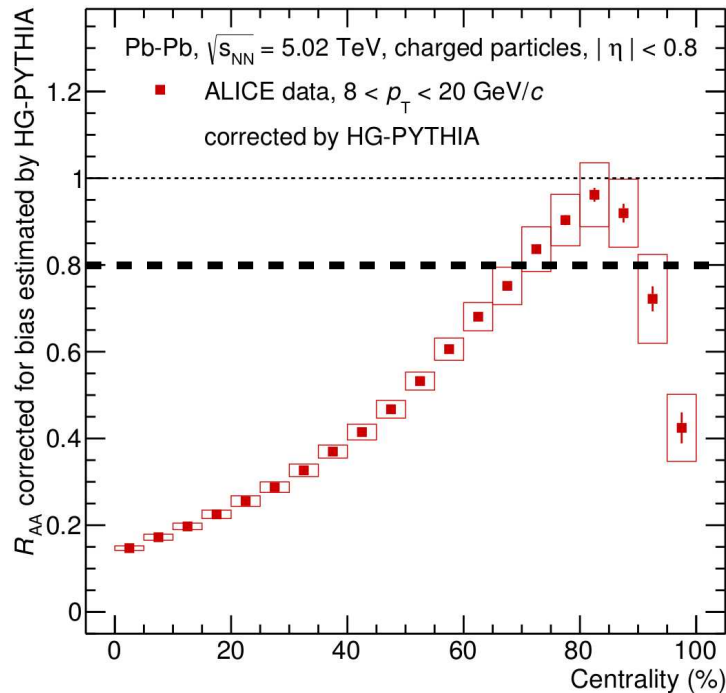
ALICE, arXiv:1805.05212



- Rigorous attempt to measure  $R_{AA}$  in 5% centrality bins
  - Most peripheral bin quite challenging (diffraction, EM interactions)
  - Consistent treatment:  $N_{coll}(b) \rightarrow N_{coll}(V0M)$ ; relevant  $> 75\%$  peripheral
- Observed spectra in peripheral bins exhibit similar bias as seen in pPb
- Integrated high  $p_T$   $R_{AA}$  consistent with expectation from HG-PYTHIA

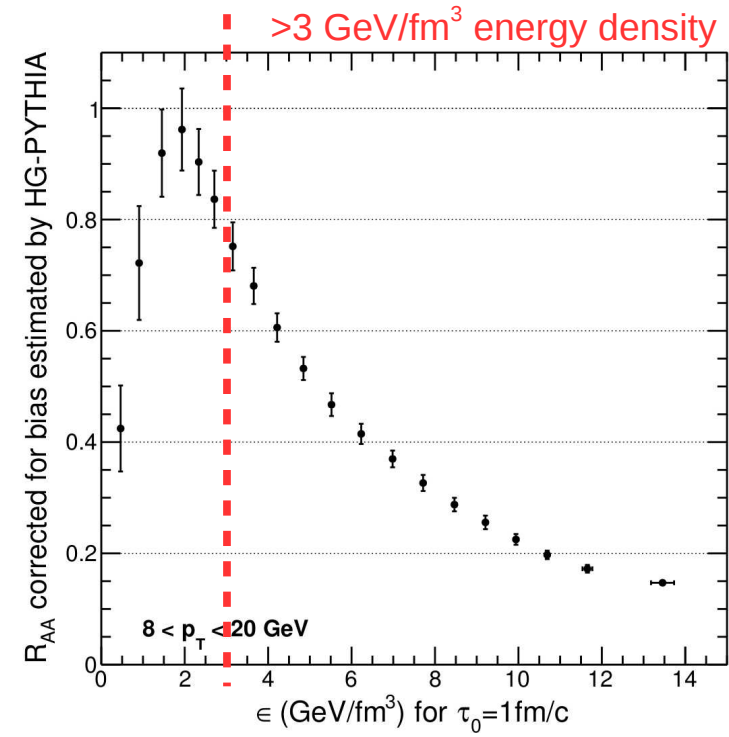
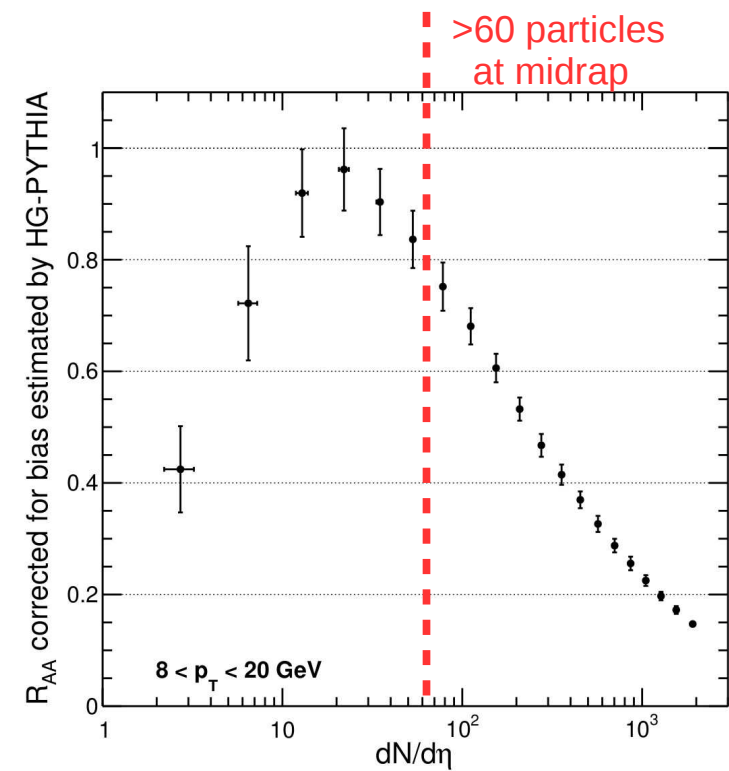
# $R_{AA}$ “corrected” by bias

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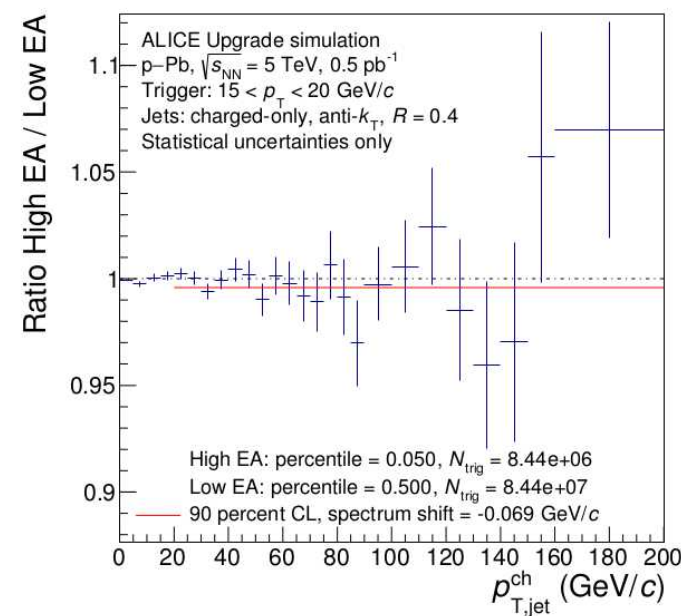
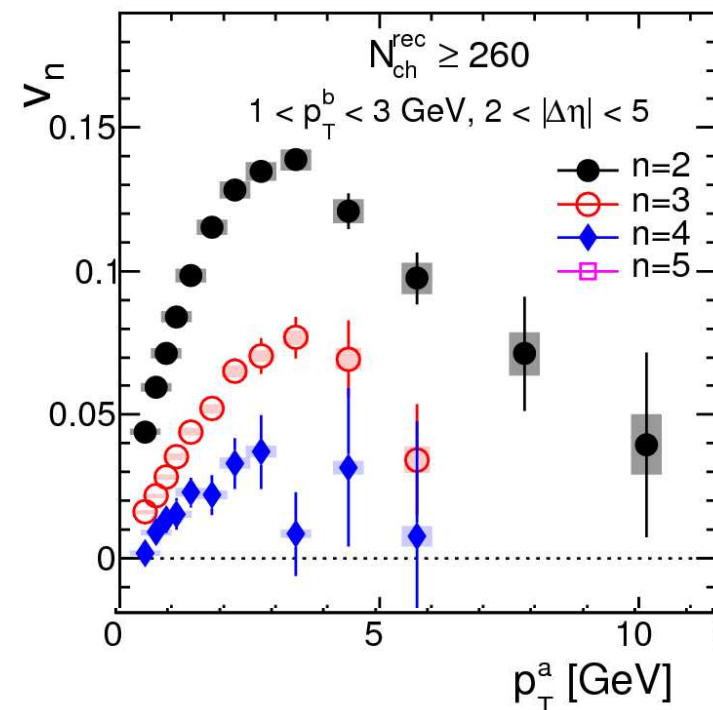


65-70% centrality  
 ~20% suppression

- PbPb collision exhibit 20% suppression at 65-70% centrality
  - Higher than 0-5% pPb mult interval usually explored by ALICE
  - Corresponds roughly to Ntrack ~200 region of ATLAS/CMS (~0.5%)
- For spectra measurements in pPb would need to compare to particle production model



- Particle production (and geometry model) independent measurements
  - Measure  $v_N$  in pPb (and peripheral PbPb) with high precision to high  $p_T$ 
    - Would be good to get predictions at  $\sim 10$ -20 GeV from parton energy loss
  - Semi-inclusive measurements
    - TAB cancels
  - Candle (cross section) measurements in pA and peripheral AA
    - Statistics limited (needs photon or Z as candle)

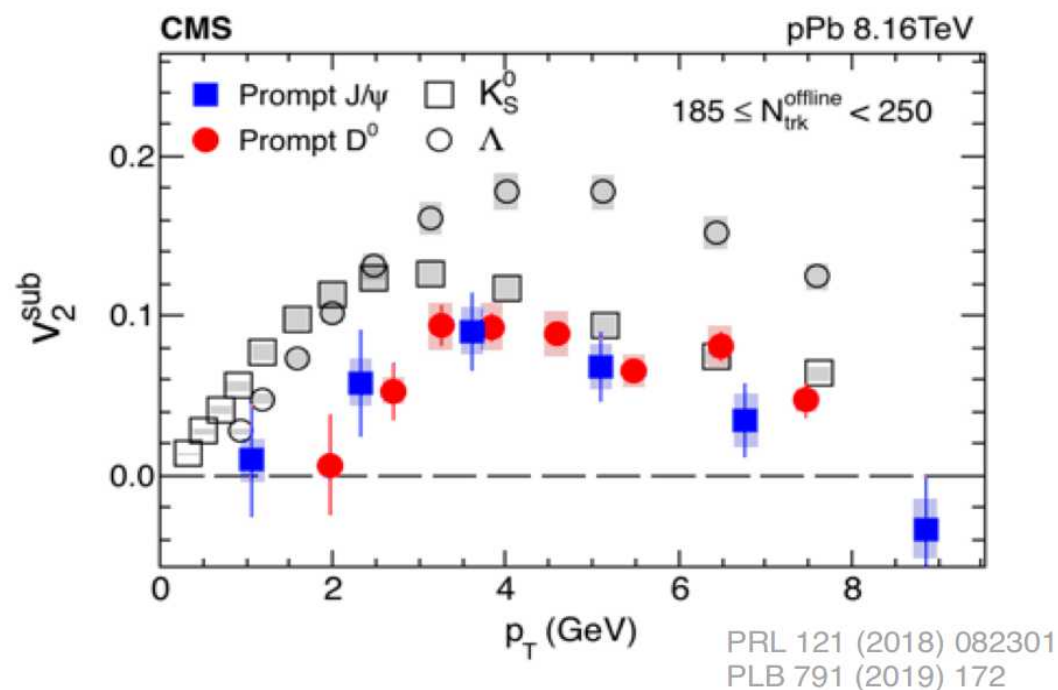
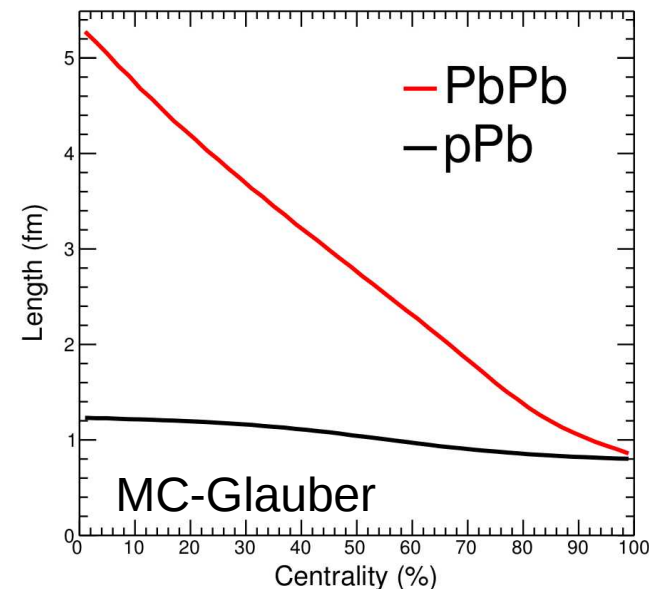


For run3/4 projections  
 see [arXiv:1812.06772](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.06772)

# What if no parton energy loss?

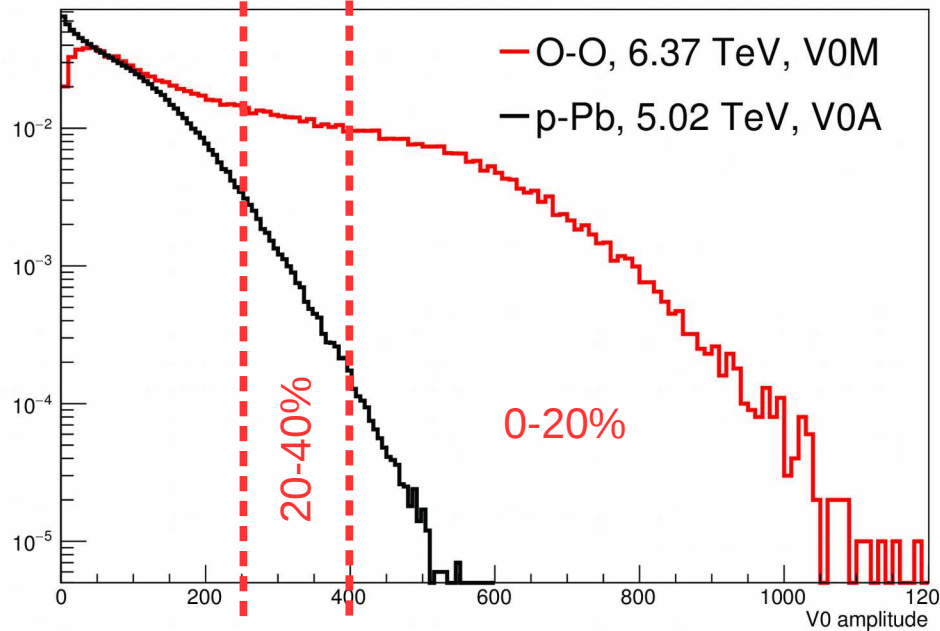
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- Small system, hard probe does not “probe the medium”?
  - Path lengths in MC Glauber for pPb <50% than in 65-70% PbPb
- How does the heavy flavor  $v_2$  fit this picture?
  - In PbPb the idea is that HQ are dragged with the matter
  - In pPb there is quite large HQ anisotropy, so despite small system enough time to drag the HQ?
    - But still no parton energy loss? Puzzle

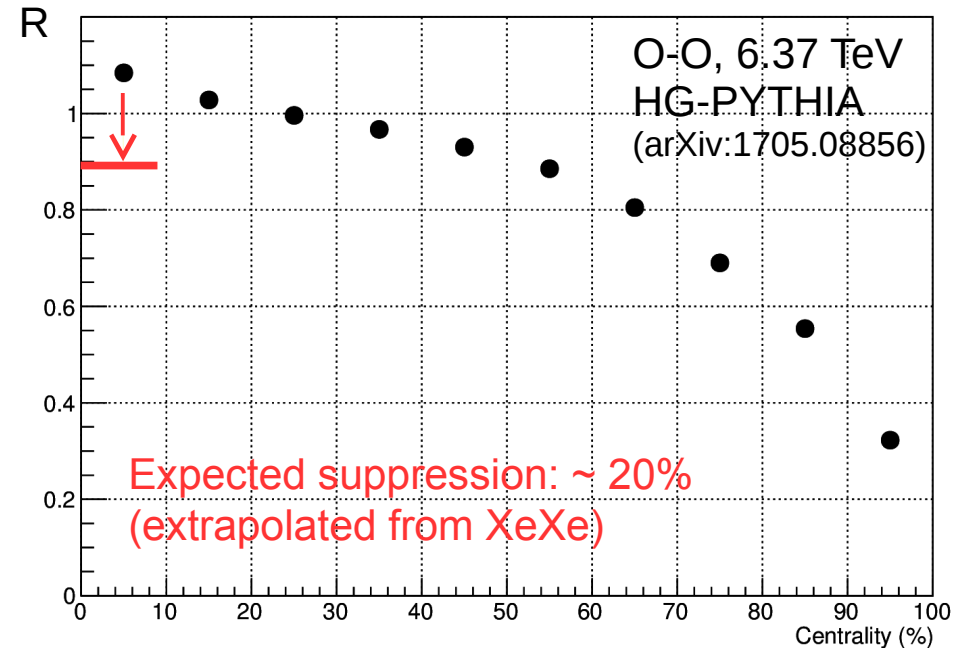


# Small nuclei to study onset of jet quenching 18

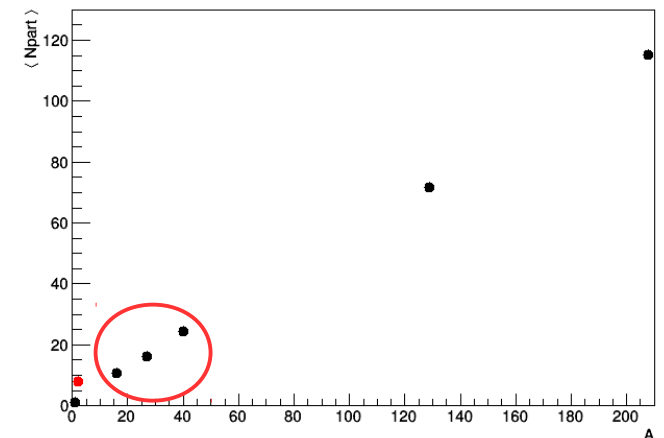
Expected centrality plateau



Expected centrality bias on  $R_{AA}$



- Centrality shoulder allowing selection of geometry ( $N_{coll}$  and  $\varepsilon_2$ )
  - Clear advantage over asymmetric system (pA, or others)
- System just large enough to exhibit jet quenching
  - Measure also minbias OO,  $N_{coll} \sim 13$
- System scan (OO, AlAl, ArAr)
  - Only OO feasible at LHC, but maybe scan at RHIC?
  - For LHC, integrated luminosity  $\sim 500/\mu b$  enough for low  $p_T$  charm and photons





## Part II:

The FOCAL proposal and small-x physics at the LHC

# The FOCAL proposal

(under discussion within ALICE and DOE)

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Acceptance  $\sim 3 < \eta < \sim 6$

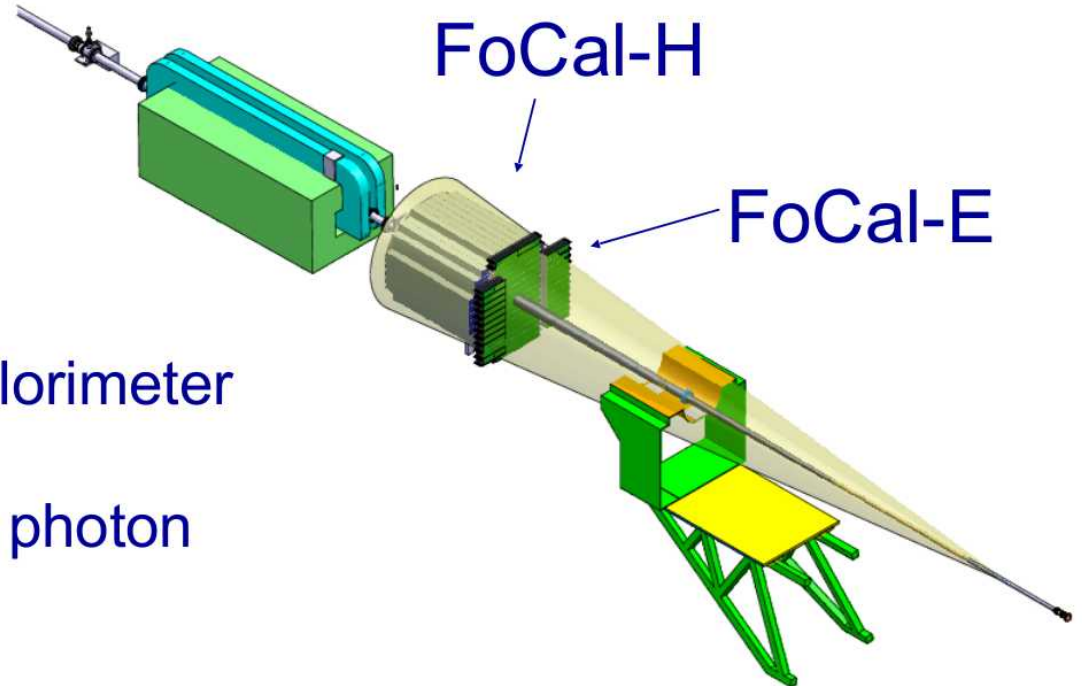
**FoCal-E:** high-granularity Si-W calorimeter for photons and  $\pi^0$

**FoCal-H:** hadronic calorimeter for photon isolation and jets

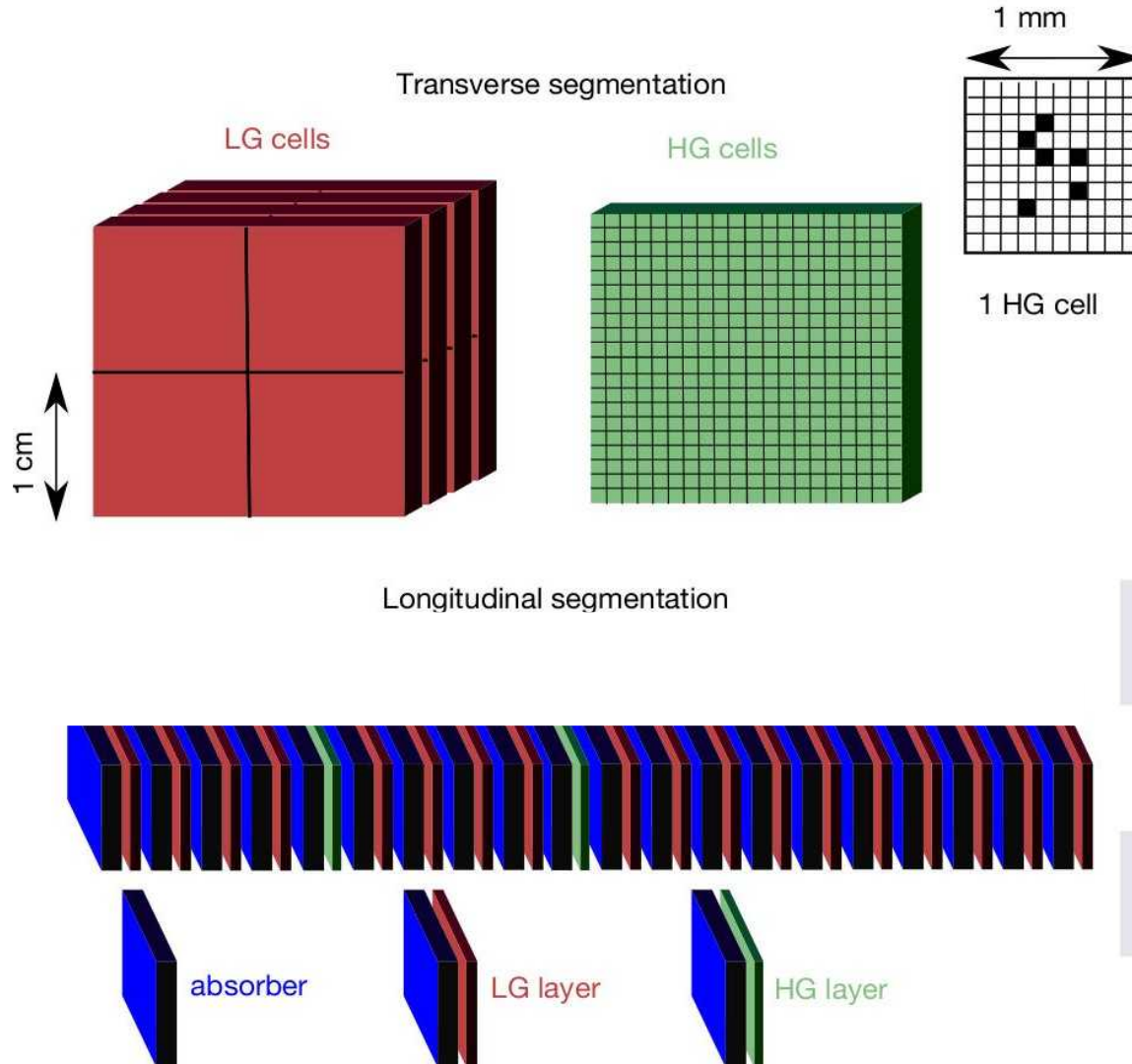
Observables:

- $\pi^0$
- Direct (isolated) photons
- $J/\psi$  (in UPC)
- Jets

Advantage in ALICE:  
forward region not instrumented;  
'unobstructed' view of interaction point



Main challenge: Two-photon separation from neutral pion decays ( $\sim 2\text{mm}$  at 10 GeV,  $y=4.5$ )



studied in performance simulations:

20 layers: W ( $3.5\text{mm} \approx 1 X_0$ ) +  
Si-sensors (2 types)  
low granularity (LG), Si-pads  
high granularity (HG), pixels  
(e.g. CMOS-MAPS)

	LG	HG
pixel/pad size	$\approx 1 \text{ cm}^2$	$\approx 30 \times 30 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$
total # pixels/pads	$\approx 2.5 \times 10^5$	$\approx 2.5 \times 10^9$
readout channels	$\approx 5 \times 10^4$	$\approx 2 \times 10^6$

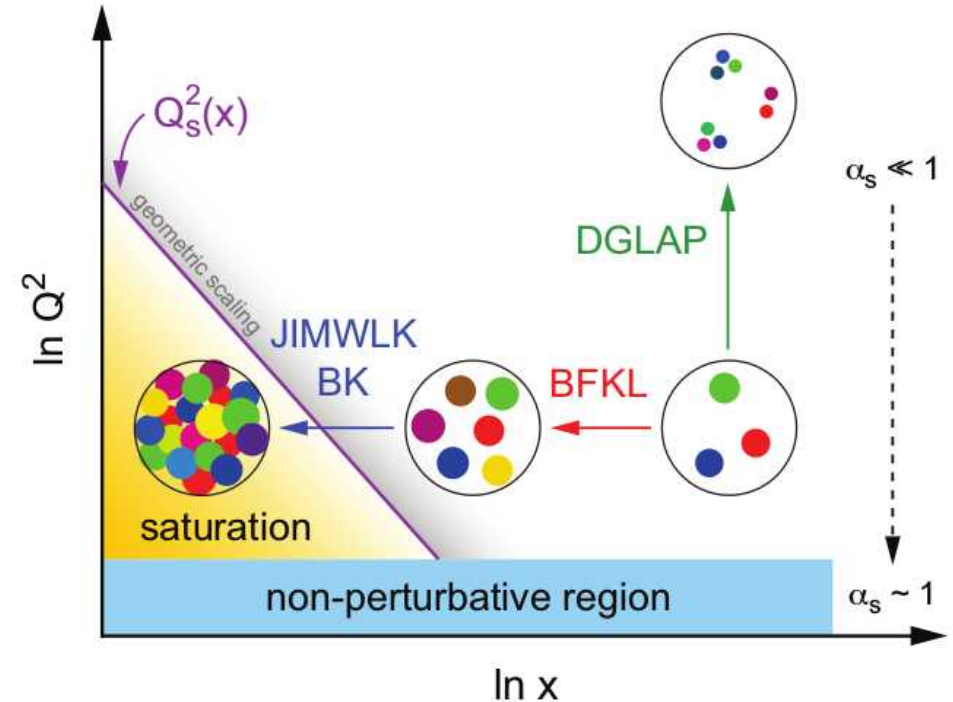
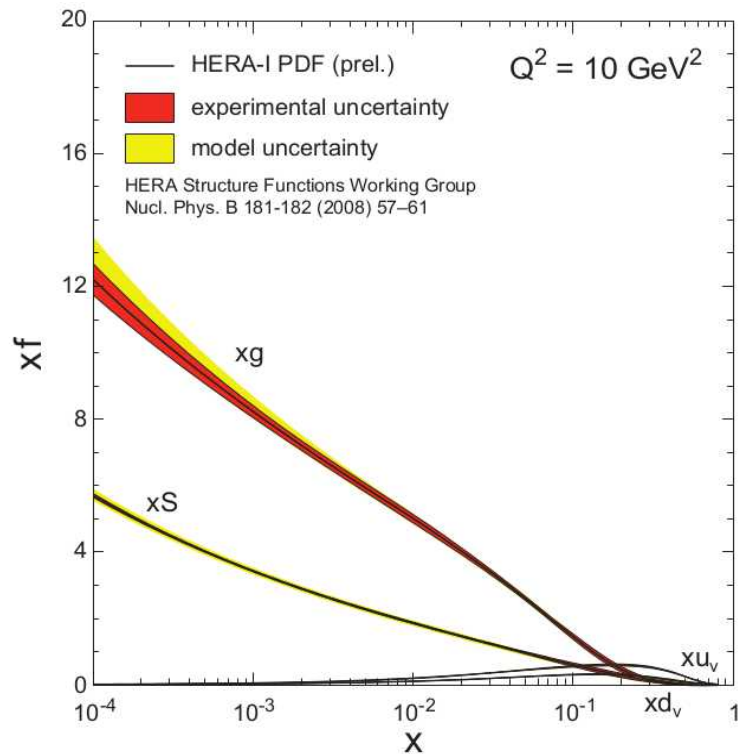
assuming  $\approx 1 \text{ m}^2$  detector surface

- Main design questions:

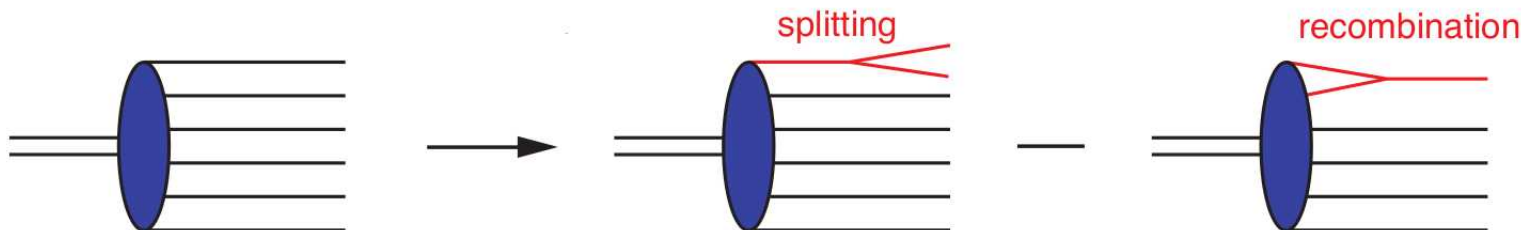
- What should be the distance between layers  $\rightarrow$  affects Moliere radius
- Sizes of pads and pixels (and layer locations)  $\rightarrow$  determines 2 photon shower discrimination

# Physics motivation: Gluon PDFs at low x

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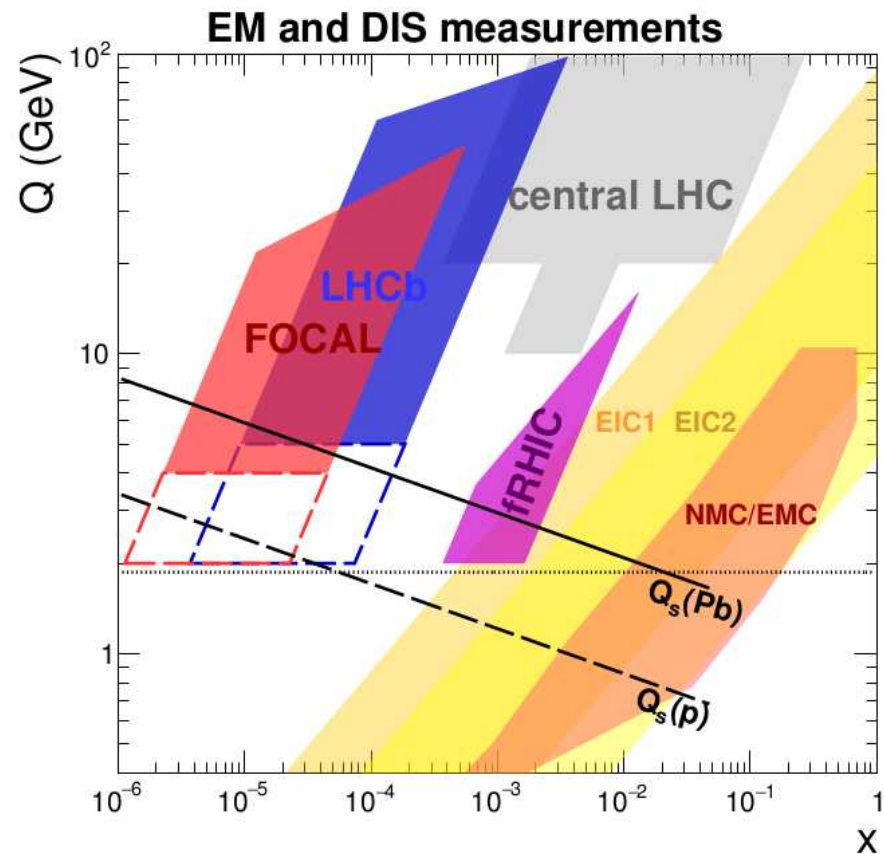
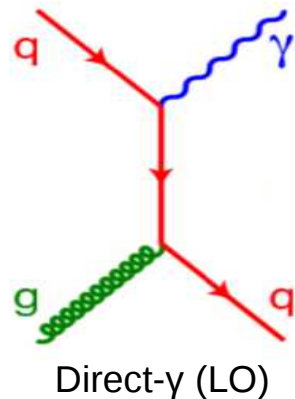
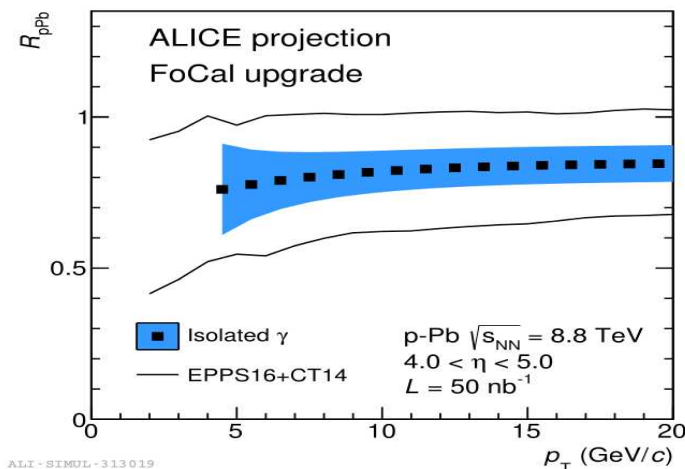


- Gluons dominate PDFs at small- $x$  ( $<0.1$ )
  - Rapid rise in gluons naturally described by linear pQCD evolution
  - The rise can not be forever due to limits on cross section (unitarity)
  - Non-linear pQCD evolution equations tame this growth, leading to saturation of gluons, characterized by the saturation scale,  $Q_s^2(x)$



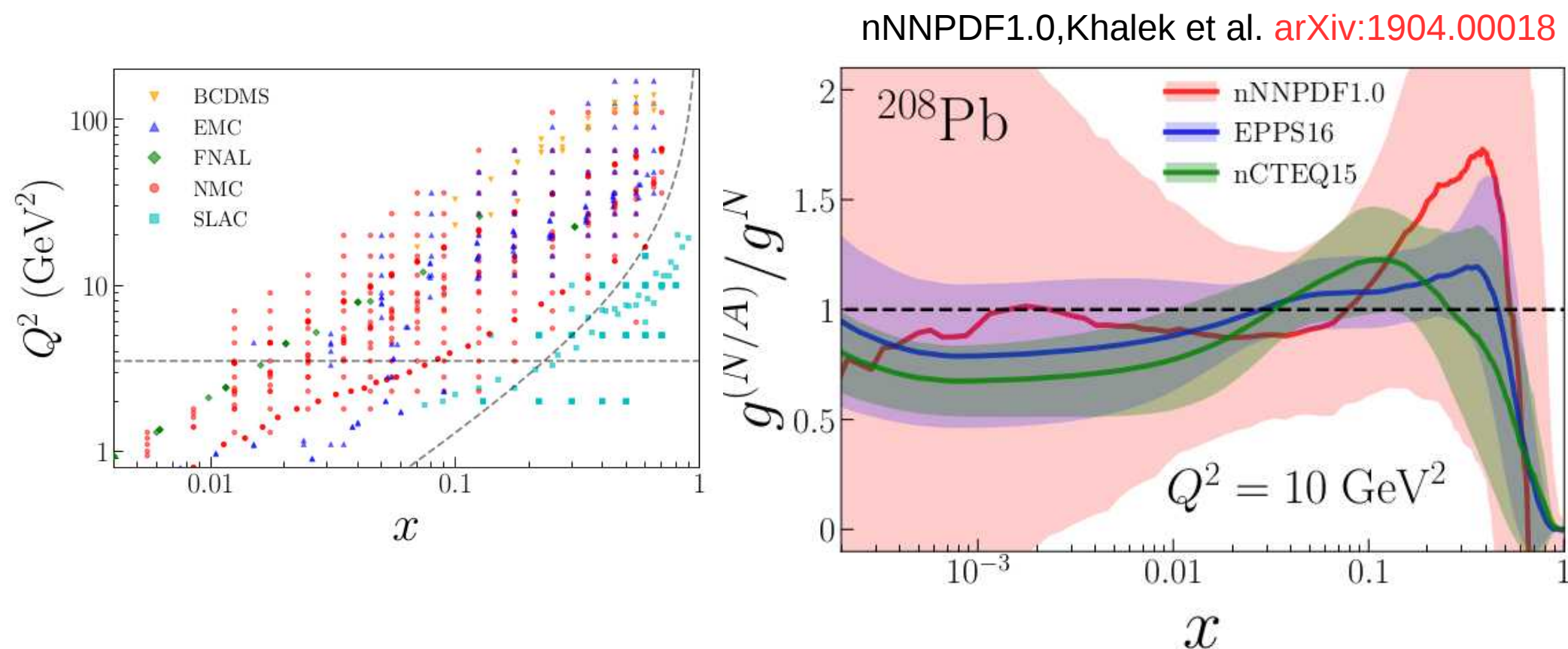
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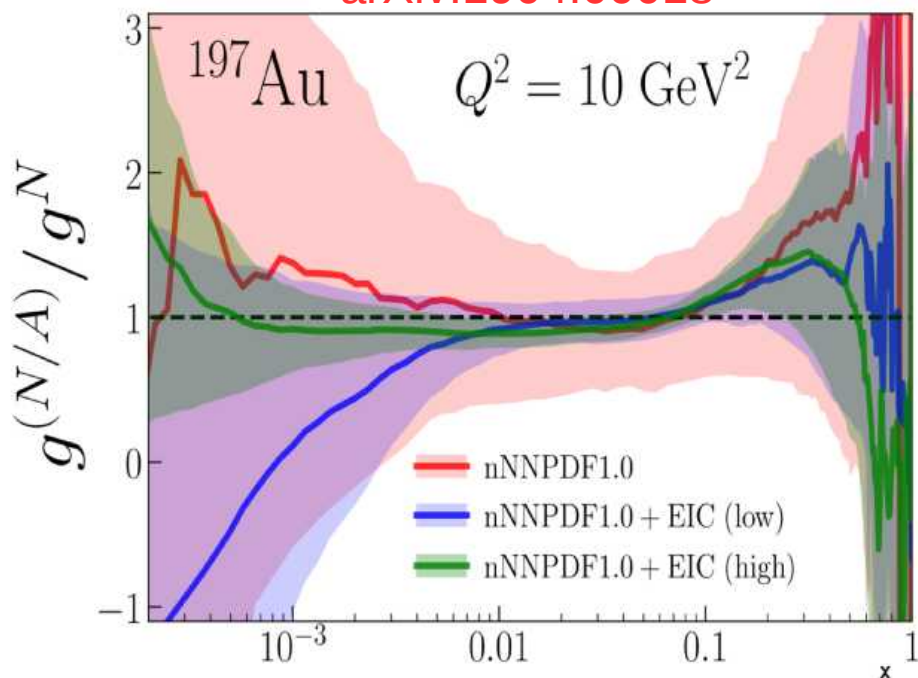
- Measure direct photons forward
  - At LO direct sensitivity to gluons
  - No final state effects or hadronization
  - Uniquely low-x coverage
- Access gluon saturation region to
  - 1) Prove or refute gluon saturation
  - 2) Explore non-linear QCD evolution at small-x
  - 3) Constrain nuclear PDFs at very small x



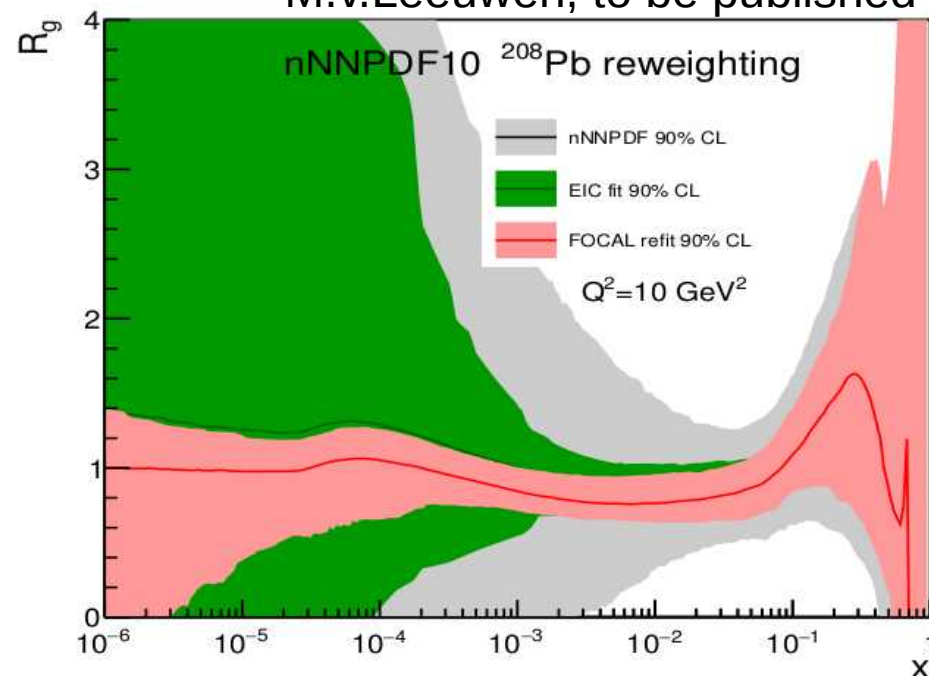


- Input to DIS from nucleus-lepton scattering
  - Additionally, EPPS16 and nCTEQ15 include W,Z,dijets and light hadron data from RHIC
- Limited datasets lead to large uncertainty at small  $x$  (and  $Q$ )
  - Smaller (but model dependent) uncertainty of EPPS16 since they assume the PDF to be constant at small  $x$

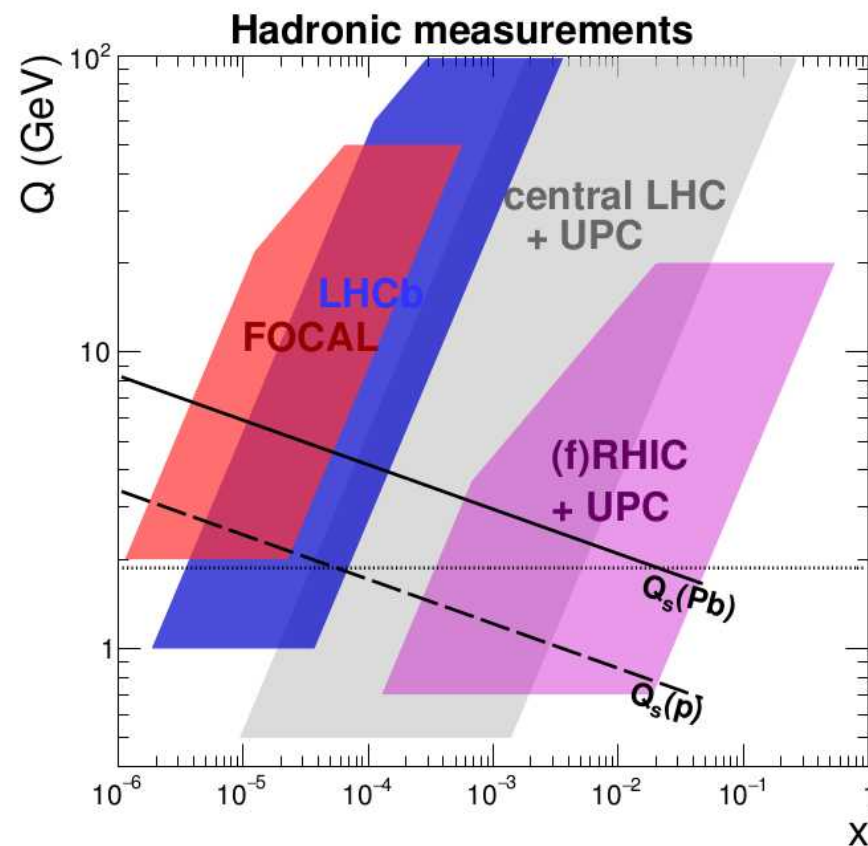
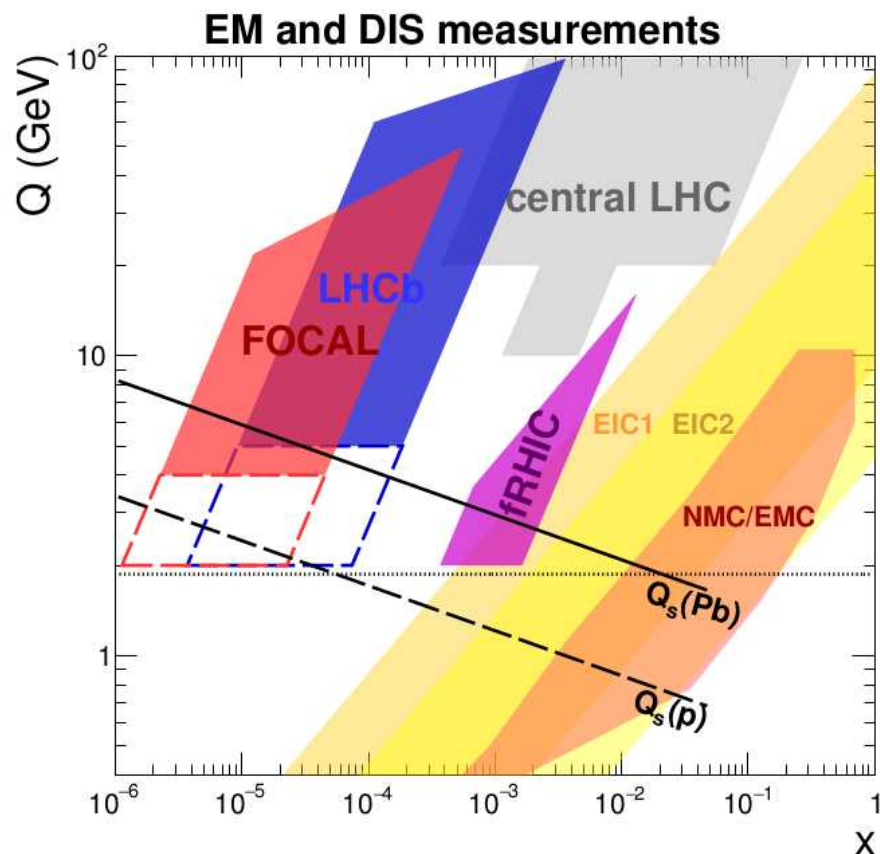
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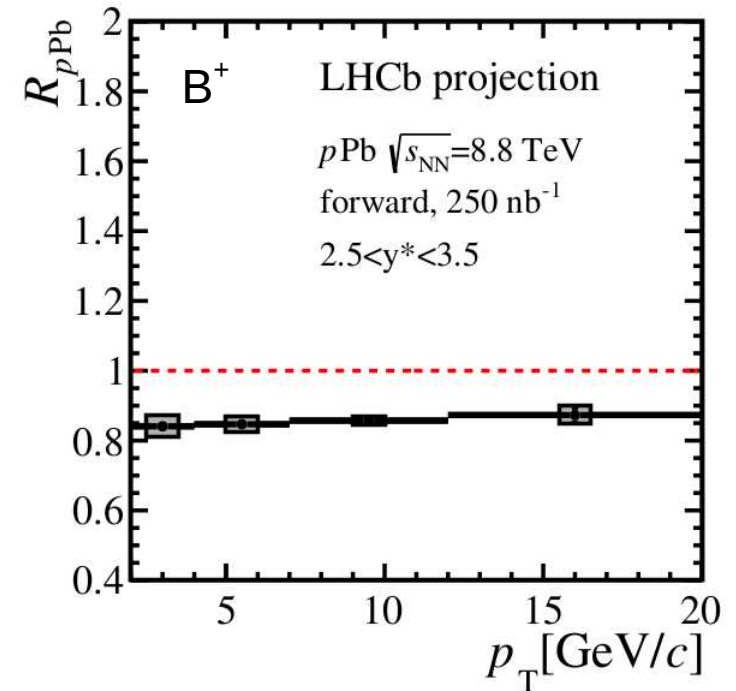
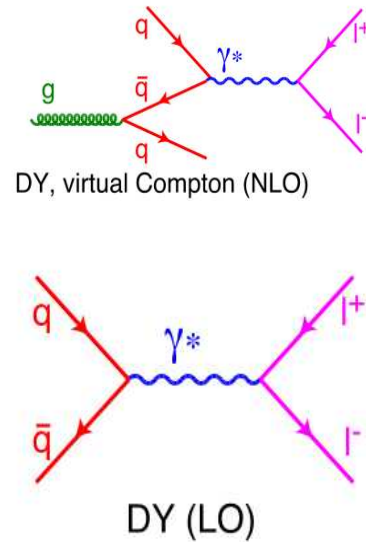
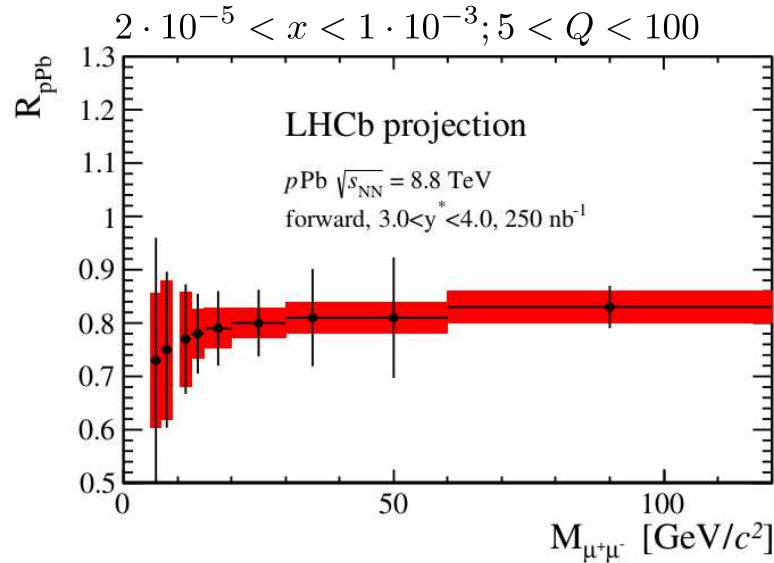


- Including EIC and FOCA pseudodata demonstrate the ability to significantly constrain nPDFs and reduce the uncertainty
  - For EIC in the region up to  $x \sim 0.005$  as expected
    - At EIC, in addition one will be able to study dependence vs A
  - For FOCA the lower region up to few  $10^{-5}$  will be constrained

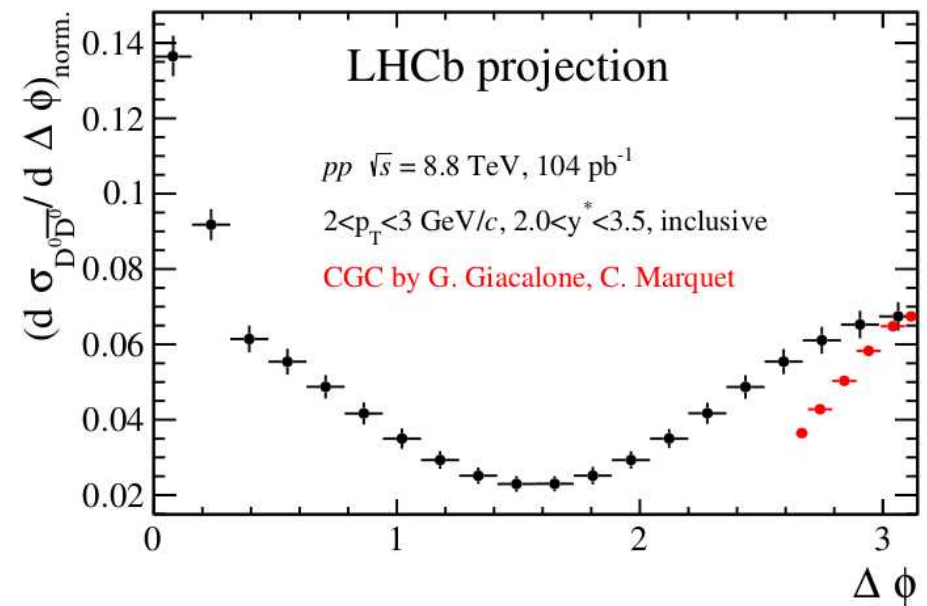


- Logarithmic dependence of QCD evolution on  $x$  and  $Q$
- Requires many measurements over largest possible range to find change from linear evolution
  - Forward LHC: FOCAL and MFT/ALICE (photons,  $\pi^0$ , DY), LHCb(photons, DY, charm, hadrons)
  - Forward RHIC (photons, DY, see [arXiv:1602.03922](#))
  - UPC (J/psi, dijets, see [arXiv:1812.06772](#))
  - EIC

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- DY forward (and backward)
  - Sensitive to gluons only at NLO
- In addition to  $D^0$  production, measure  $D^0 D^0$  correlations
- Precision measurements of  $B^+$ 
  - Advantage higher scale for calculation (but also higher x)





- Part I: Parton energy loss in small systems?
  - Similar fluctuations in particle production in pPb and peripheral PbPb qualitatively consistent with simple Glauber-based MPI model
  - Indicates little energy loss in both for >5% pPb and >70% PbPb
  - Self-normalized measurements in high multiplicity pPb (<5%) but lifetime/system size may be too small to exhibit parton energy loss
    - How does observed HQ  $v_2$  fit in the picture?
  - Small nuclei exhibit centrality plateau, which is more efficient to study onset of parton energy loss
- Part II: The FOCAL proposal and small-x physics at the LHC
  - Proposal to build a forward calorimeter (FOCAL) covering  $\sim 3 < \eta < \sim 6$  designed for isolated photon measurements
  - Together with LHCb, fRHIC and UPC at RHIC/LHC constitute a strong small-x program, well before the advent of the EIC
  - EIC will allow for controlled measurements in small-x region

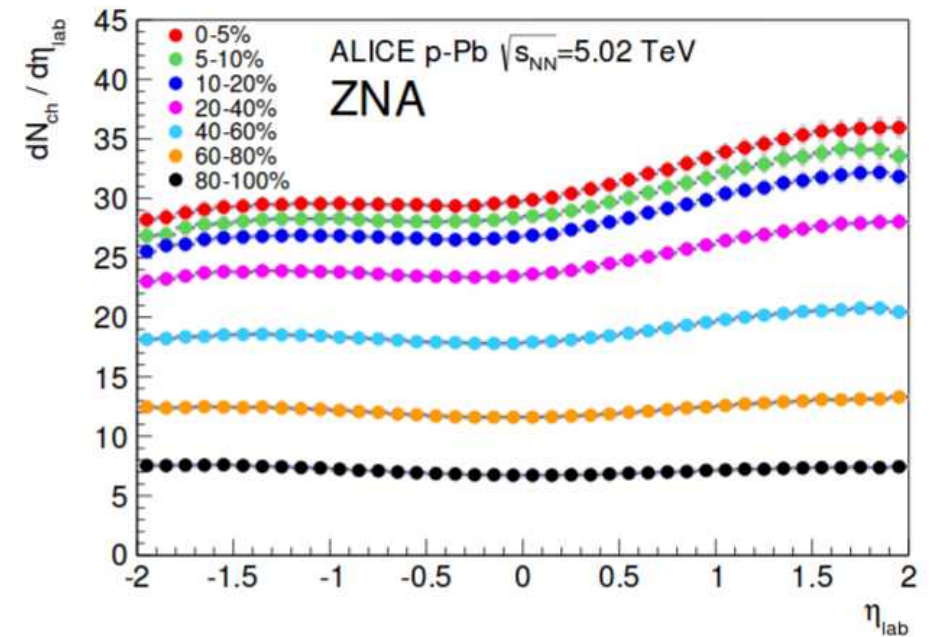
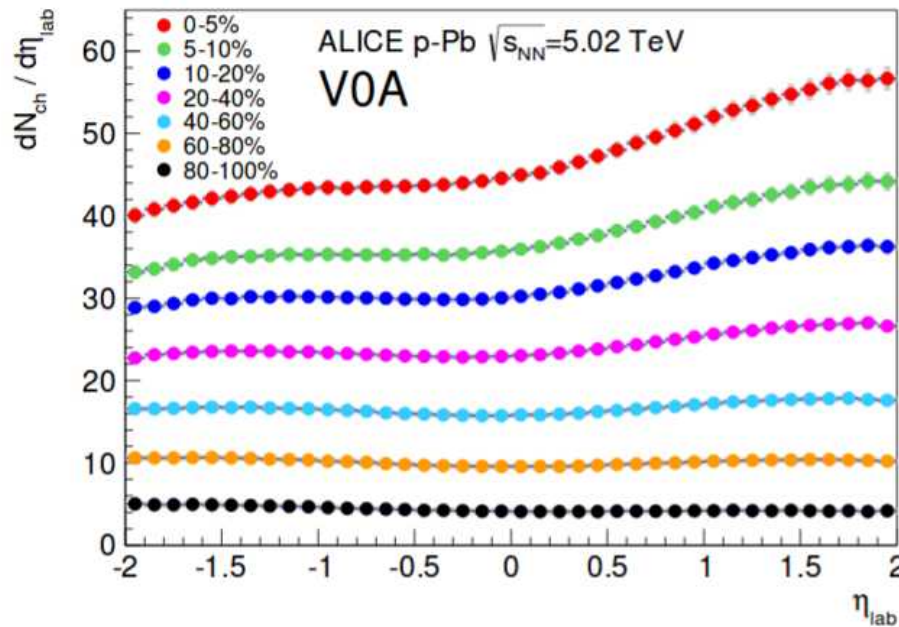
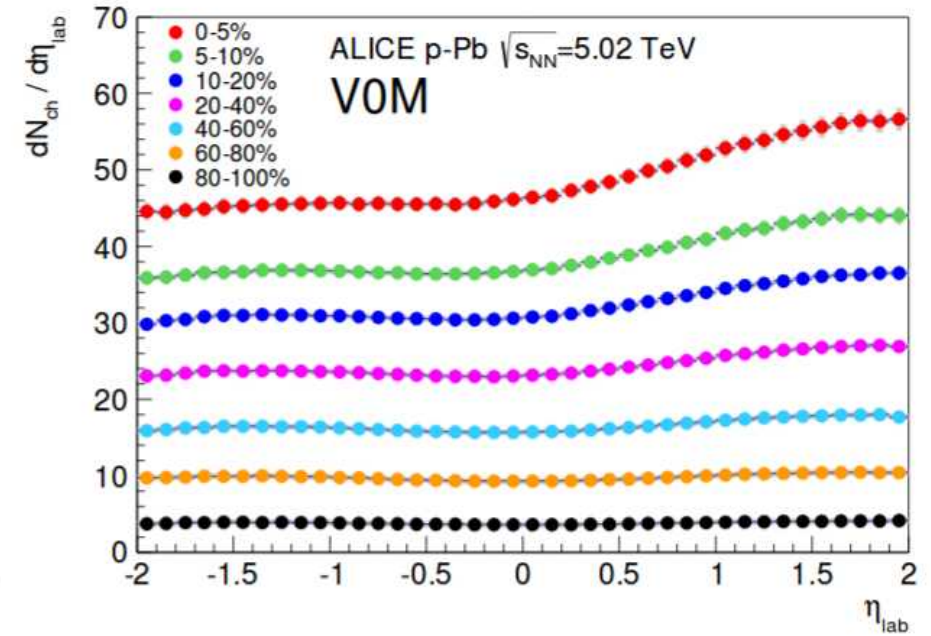
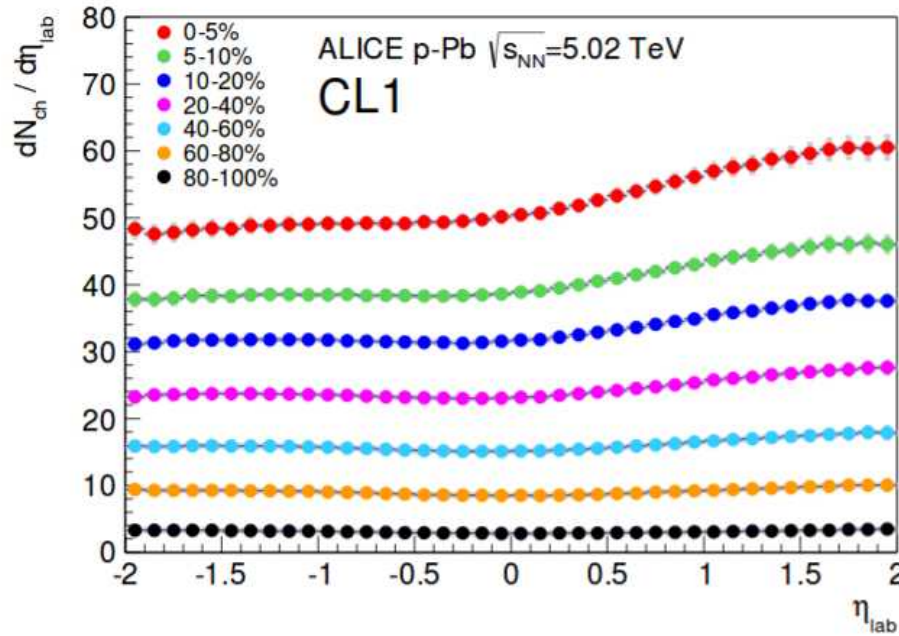


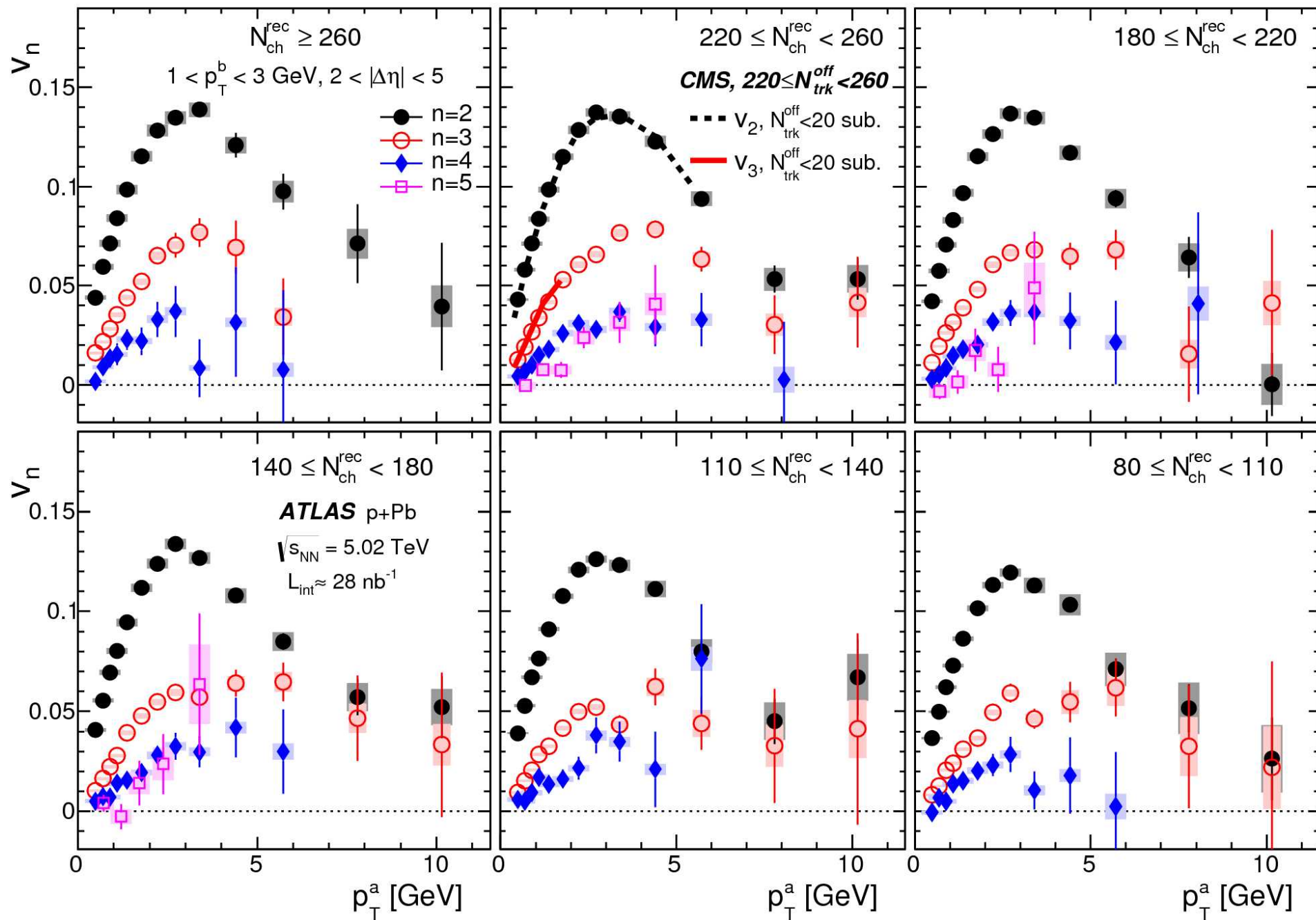


# Midrapidity density for different estimators

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# Multiple parton interactions (MPI)

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Skands, arXiv:1207.2389

- Naive factorization

$$\langle n_{2 \rightarrow 2} \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \quad > 1 \text{ at pert. scale}$$

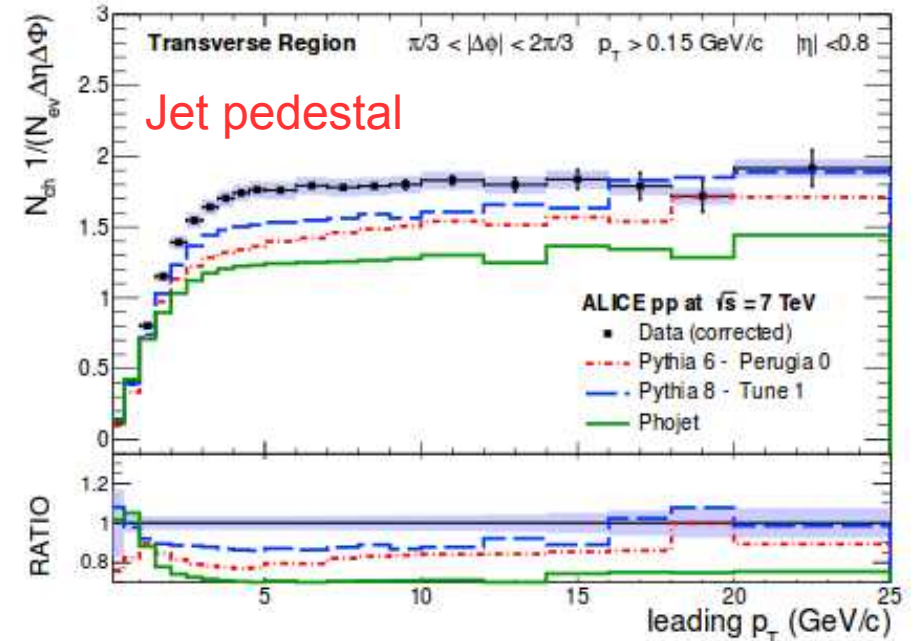
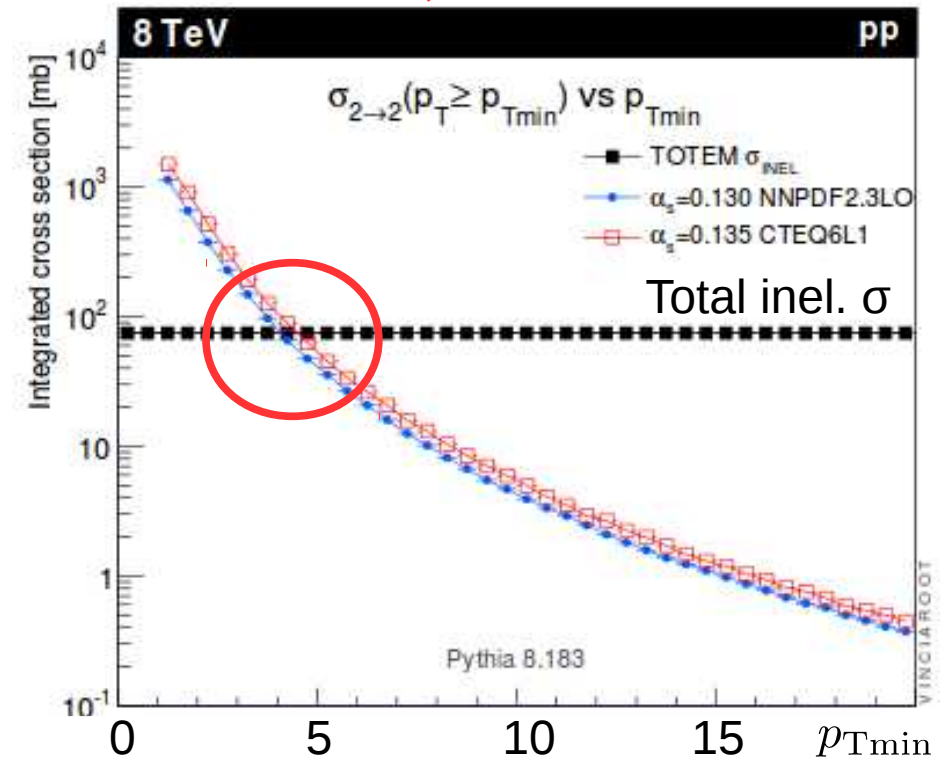
$$P_n = \frac{\langle n_{2 \rightarrow 2} \rangle^n}{n!} \exp(-\langle n_{2 \rightarrow 2} \rangle)$$

- Realistic models (eg. PYTHIA)

- Color screening to regularize hard cross section at low  $p_T$
- Cut-off at high  $n$  because of energy conservation
- Coherence between scatters
- Impact parameter dependence

$$n_{\text{hard}}(b) = \sigma_{\text{hard}} T_p(b)$$

- Leads to a correlation between hard and soft particles as in AA





# Guidance from HIJING

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Inelastic NN collision at  $b_{\text{NN}}$  given as

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} \propto 1 - e^{(\sigma_{\text{soft}} + \sigma_{\text{hard}})T_{\text{N}}(b_{\text{NN}})}$$

with nuclear overlap (Eikonal function)

$$T_{\text{N}} \propto (\xi\mu)^3 K_3(\xi\mu) \quad \text{with } \xi = b_{\text{NN}}/b_0$$

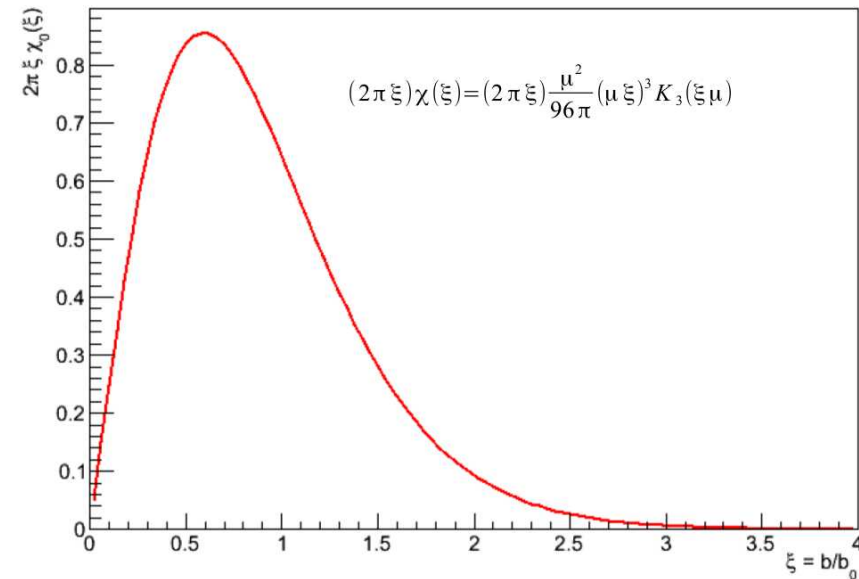
Number of hard (mpi) collisions given by

$$P(n_{\text{hard}}) = \frac{\langle n_{\text{hard}} \rangle^{n_{\text{hard}}}}{n_{\text{hard}}!} e^{-\langle n_{\text{hard}} \rangle}$$

with

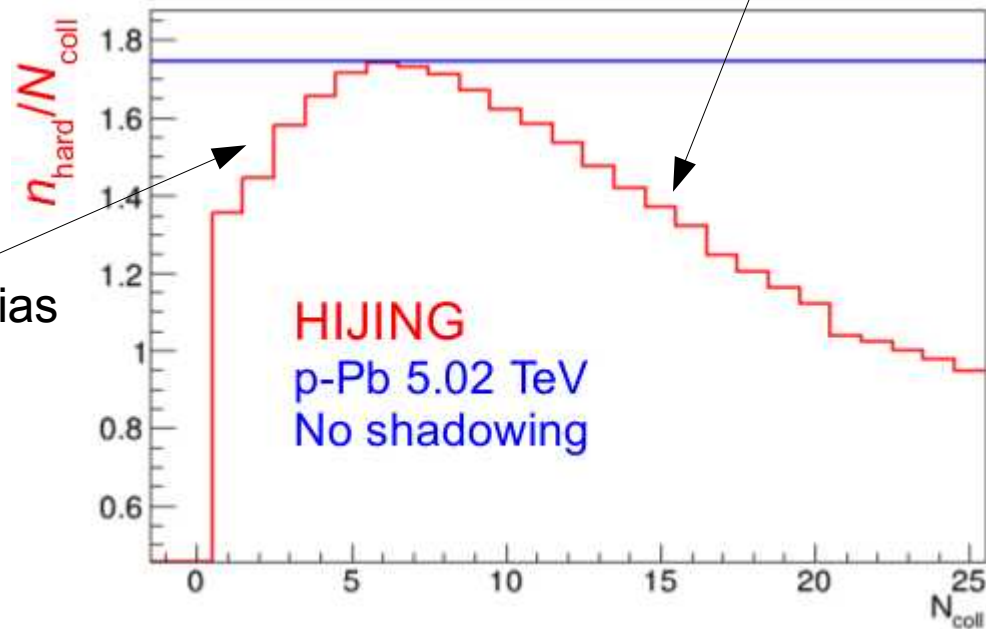
$$\langle n_{\text{hard}} \rangle = \sigma_{\text{hard}} T_{\text{N}}$$

Eikonal function



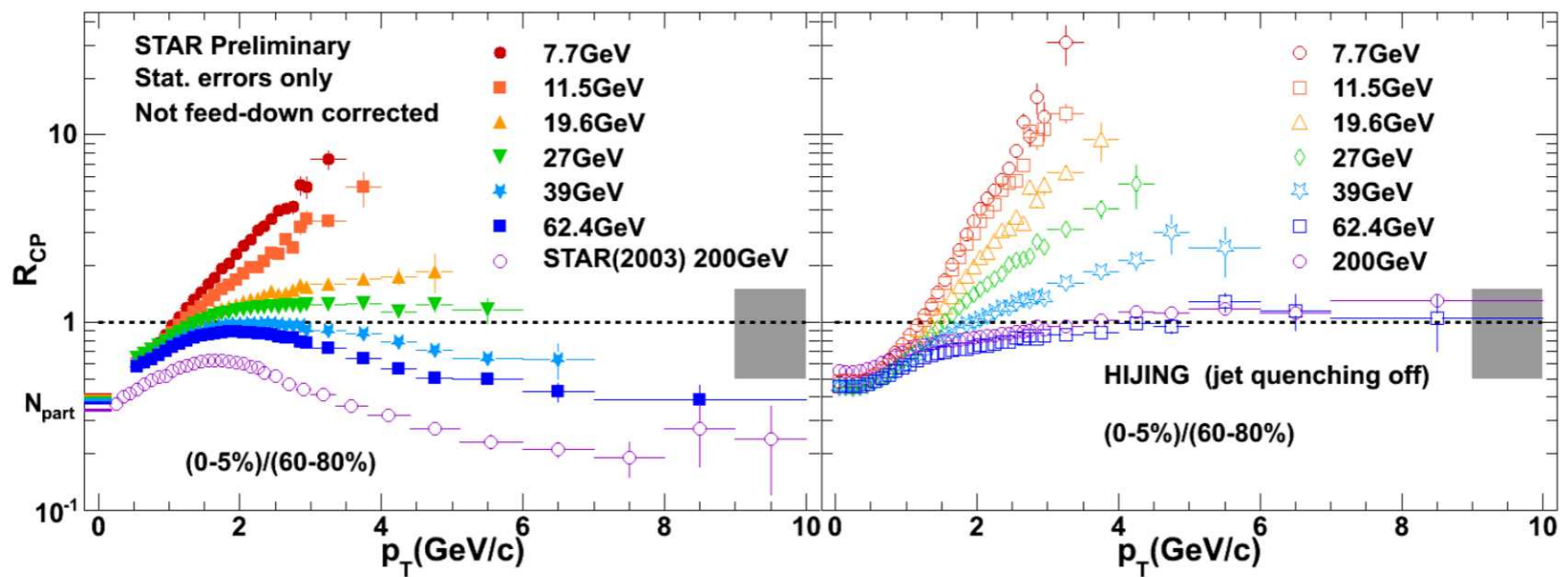
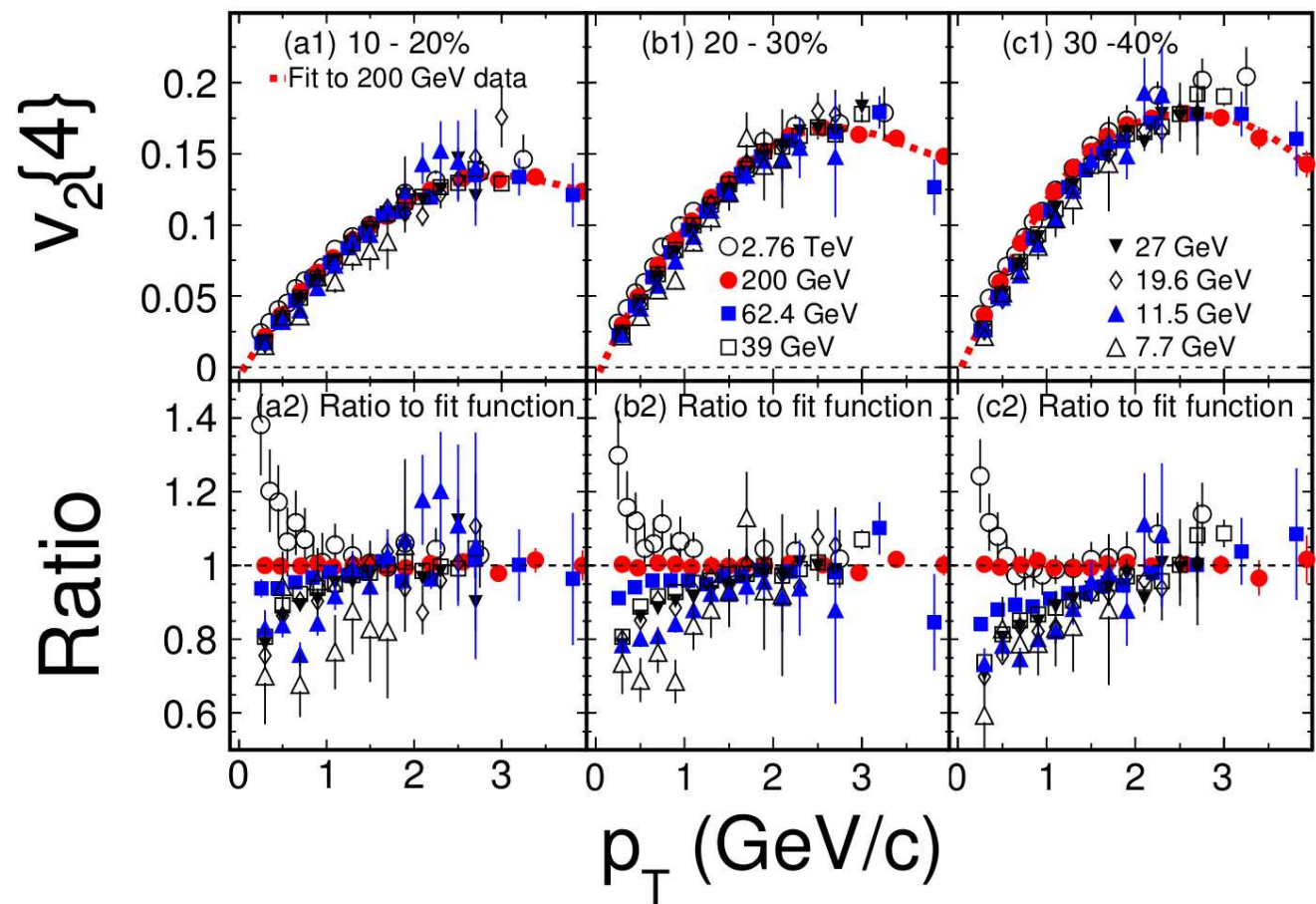
Energy-momentum conservation

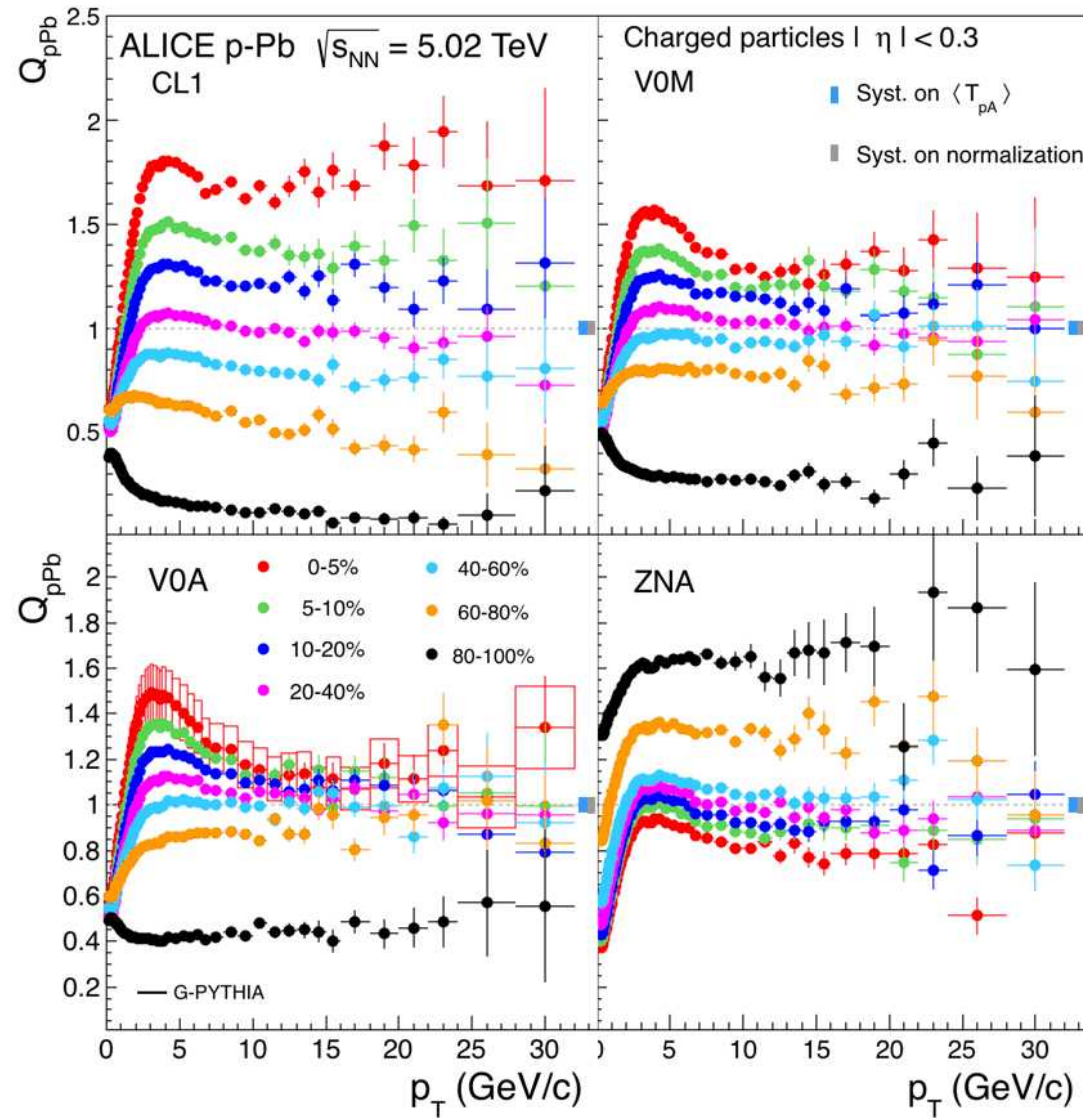
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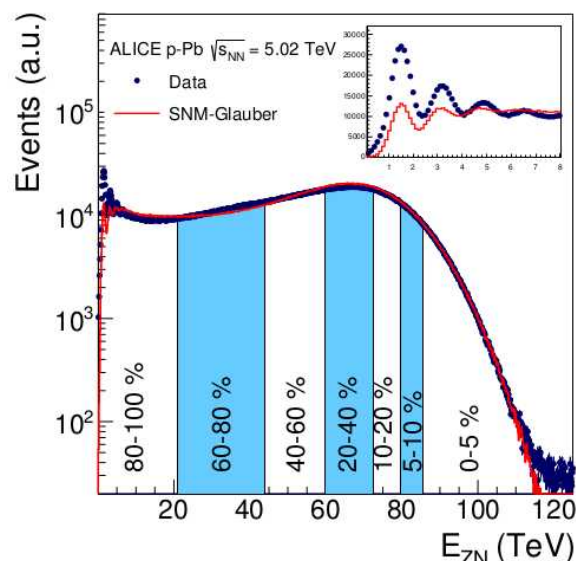




# Energy scan







- 1) Assume ZN is bias free + define centrality classes
- 2) Construct similar model as for the Glauber fits

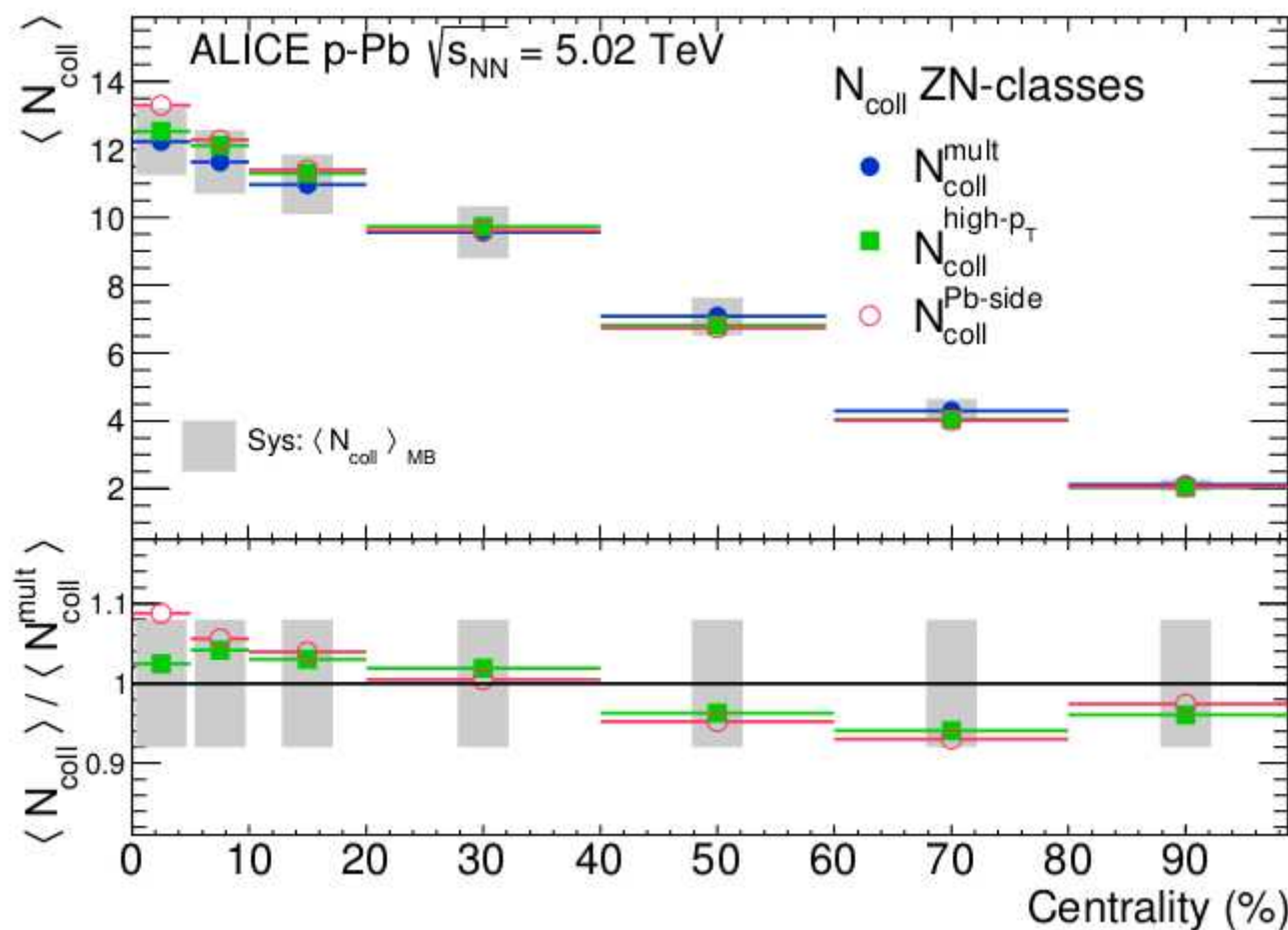
Resulting values  
within at most 10%

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$$\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_i^{\text{mult}} = \langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle_{\text{MB}} \frac{\langle dN/d\eta \rangle_i}{\langle dN/d\eta \rangle_{\text{MB}}} \Big|_{-1 < \eta < 0} - 1$$

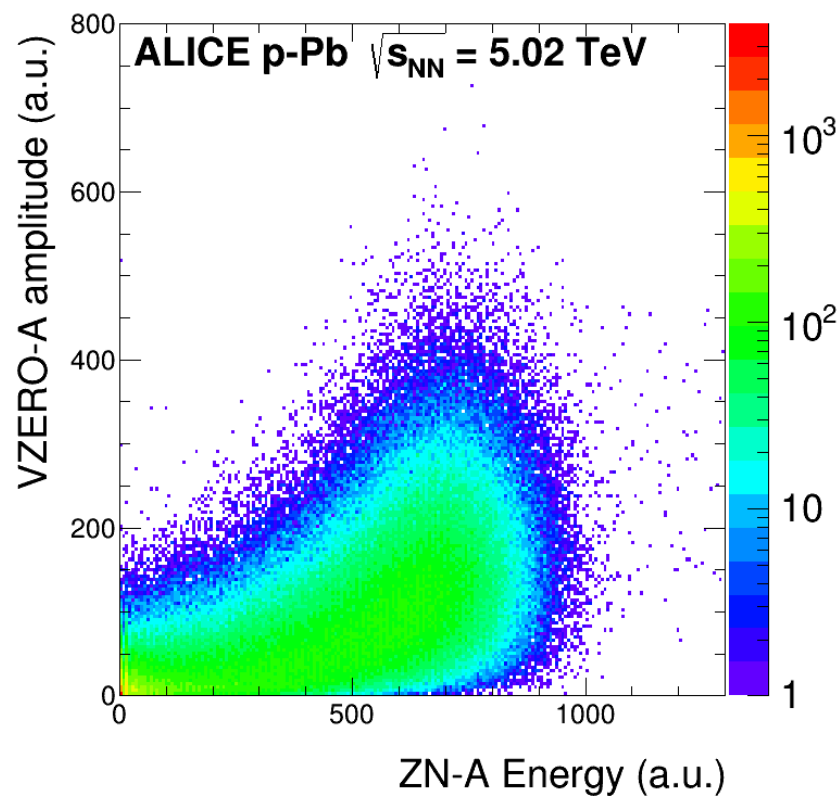
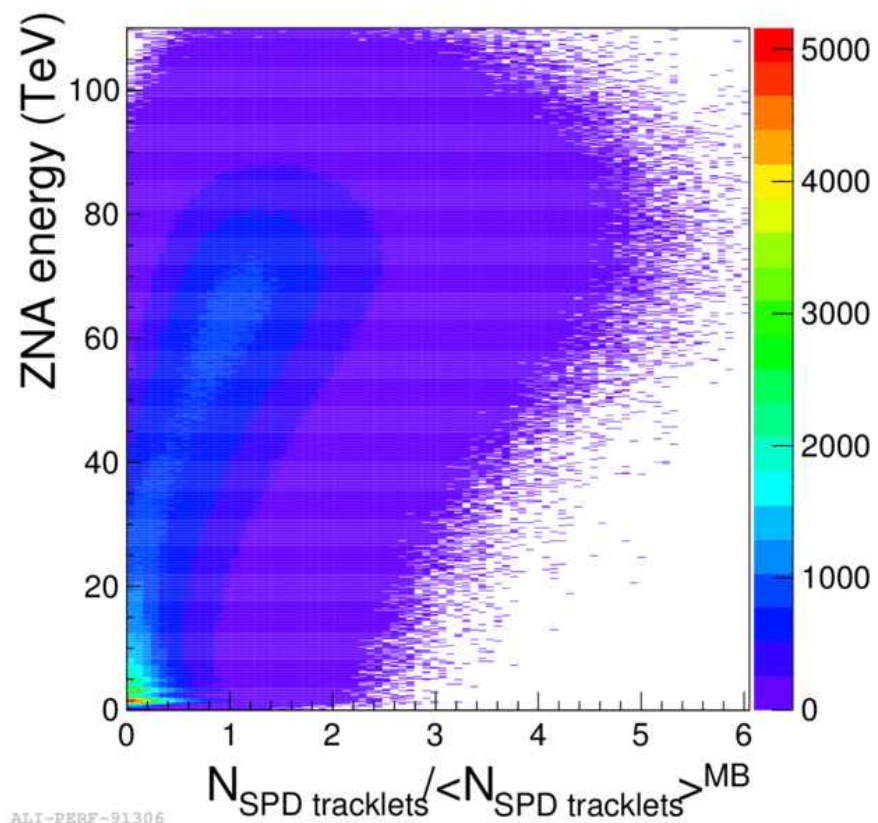
$$\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_i^{\text{high } p_T} = \langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_{\text{MB}} \frac{\langle Y_{10 < p_T < 20} \rangle_i}{\langle Y_{10 < p_T < 20} \rangle_{\text{MB}}}$$

$$\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_i^{\text{Pb side}} = \langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle_{\text{MB}} \frac{\langle S_{V0Ar1} \rangle_i}{\langle S_{V0Ar1} \rangle_{\text{MB}}}$$



# Correlation between ZNA and multiplicity

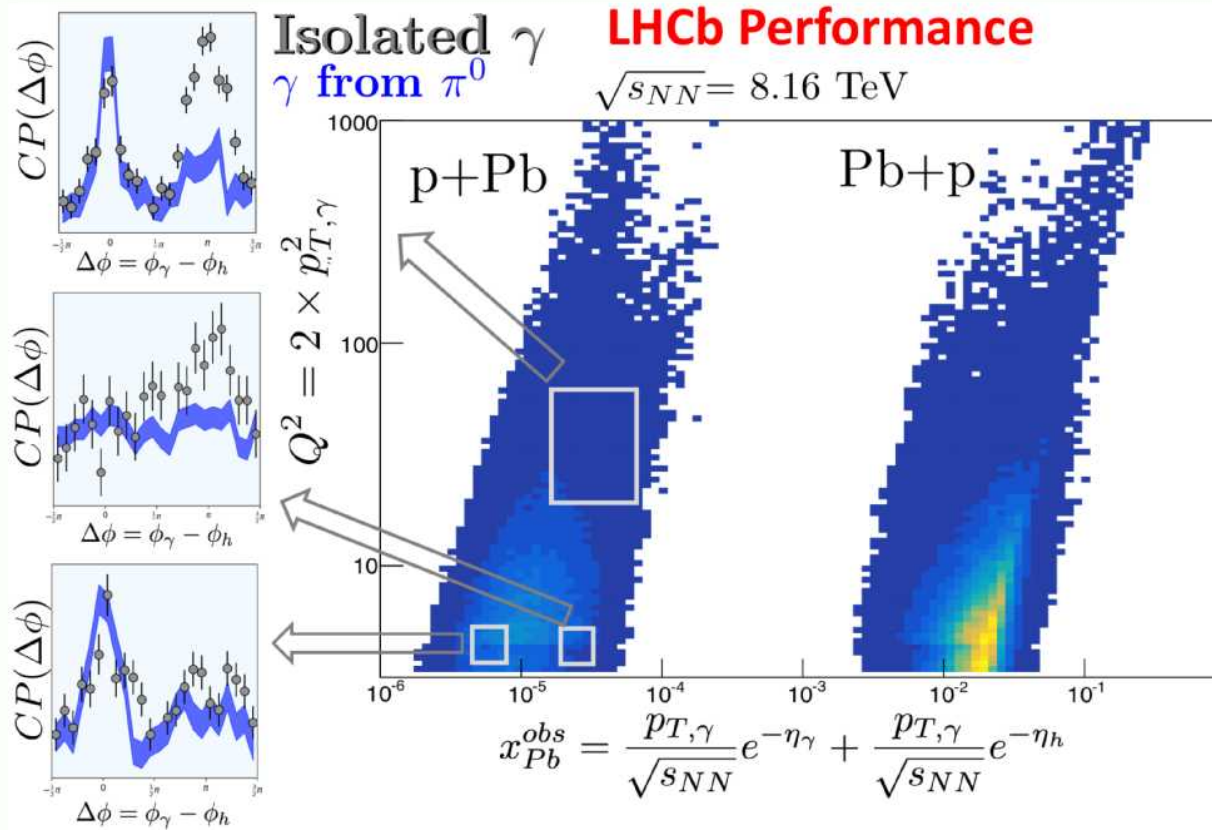
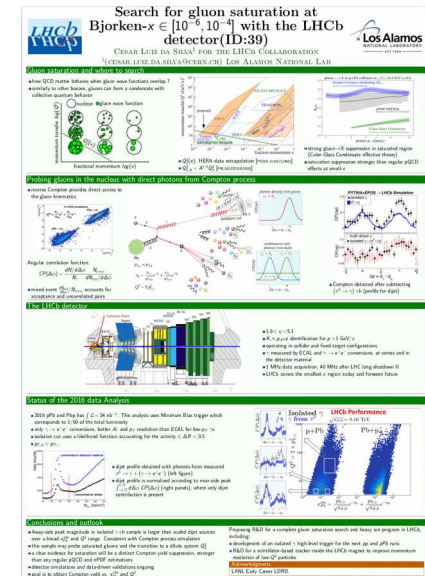
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Early Career Award (NSF/DOE)

- Analysis (isolated conversions)
- Develop dedicated high level trigger
- R&D for small tracking stations inside the LHCb magnet



Promising approach for gamma-hadron correlations

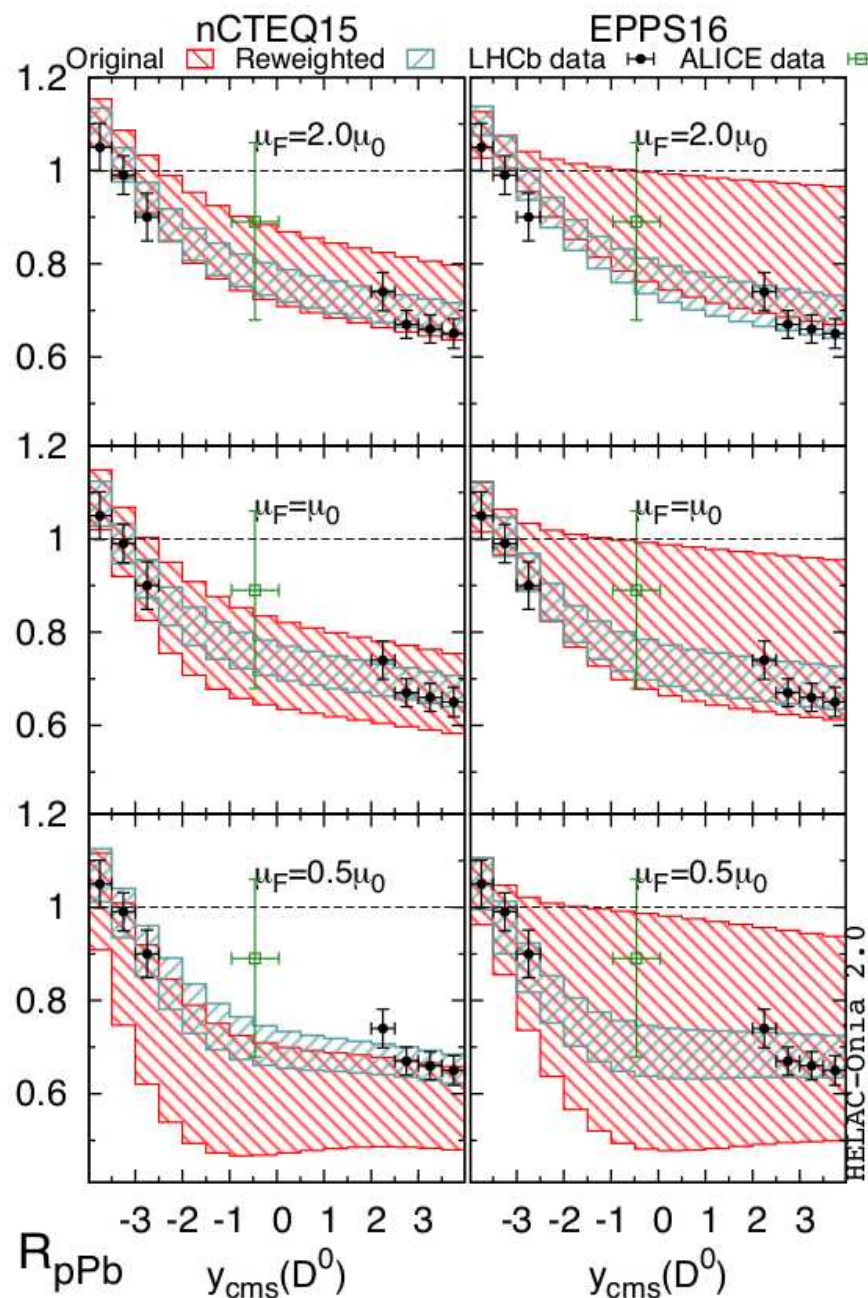


# LHCb run-1 open charm

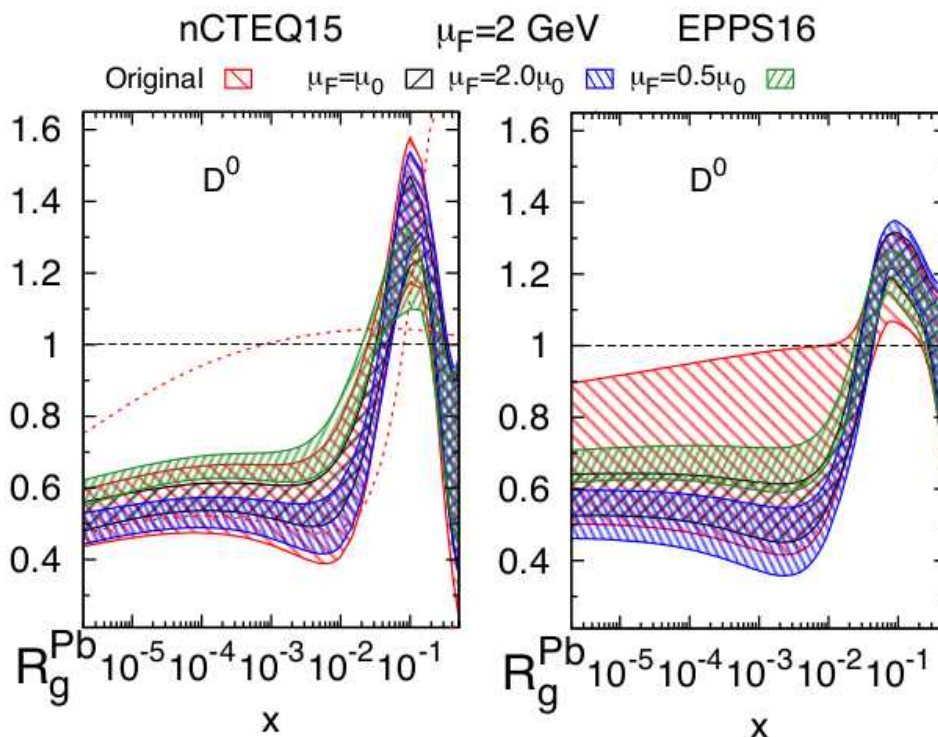
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PDF fits using charm arXiv:1712.07024

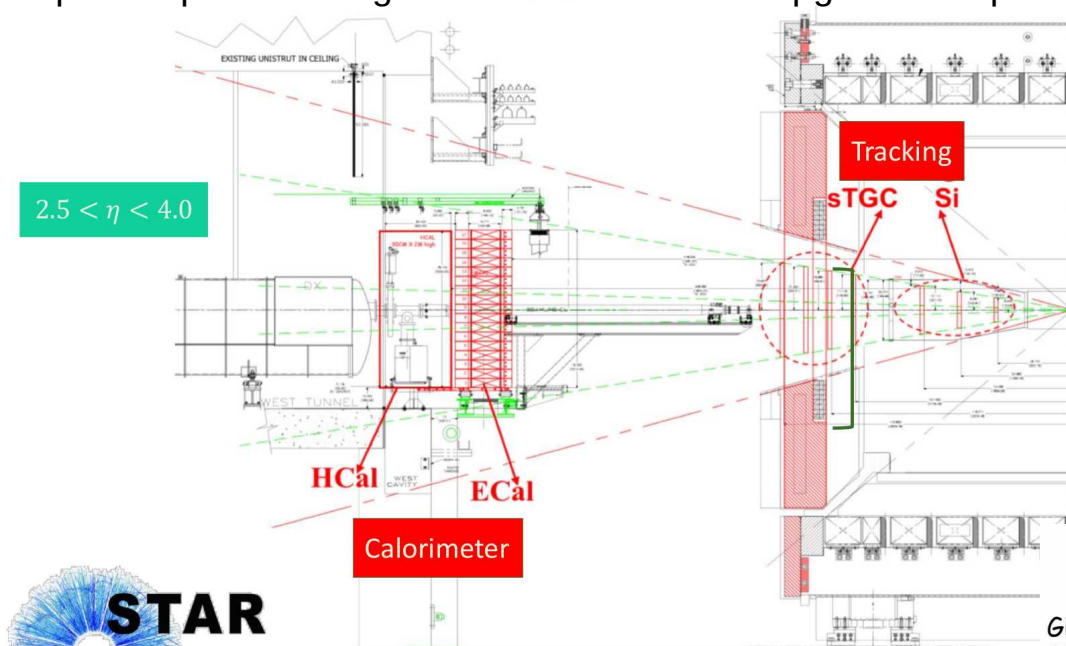
Caveat: "Final-state" effects observed in pPb



- open charm used in re-weighting
  - significant reduction of uncertainties
  - significant suppression – on the low side of current PDFs
  - significant pQCD uncertainties (scale, fragmentation)
- Fit predicts suppression at mid-rapidity; not observed

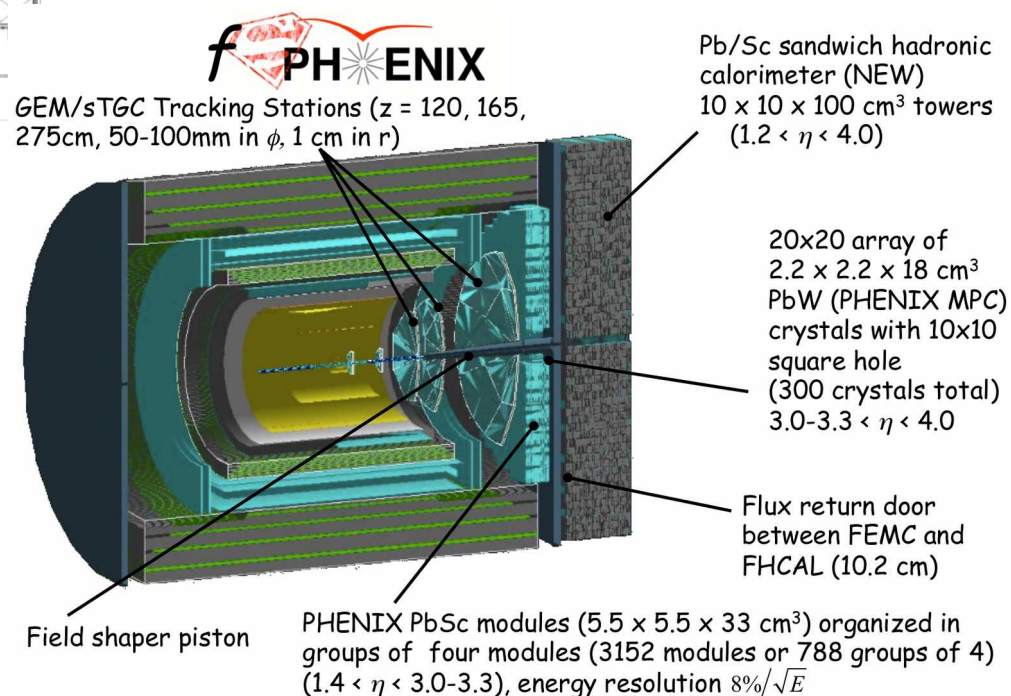


<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/files/ForwardUpgrade.v20.pdf>



Significant forward upgrade costs at RHIC (about 6M\$ each)

Physics: forward DY and direct photons



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