#### Event selection and centrality bias in pA collisions (\*)

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> (\*) based on talk by A.Morsch at IS2014 and ALICE paper arXiv:1412.6828 on pPb centrality

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# 2 Basic procedure

- Impact parameter not observable
  - And for small systems only weakly correlated to number of participants (N<sub>part</sub>)
- Classify events in terms of event activity (or centrality estimator E)
  - E should vary monotonously with number of participants
  - Multiplicity, energy, slow neutron energy
  - Order as percentile of cross section
- Establish relation to Glauber model parameters (N<sub>part</sub>, N<sub>coll</sub>) via particle production model



- 3 Essential requirements
- Demonstrate correlation of measurement to collision geometry
  - Via correlation of observables that are causally disconnected after collision
- Demonstrate completeness
  - Are there other relevant geometry parameters that are biased by the selection wrt minimum bias?
  - What are their possible influence on centrality dependent measurements?
    - Importance for p(d)A: small dynamic range leads to large fluctuations



#### 4 Example large system: ALICE Pb+Pb

Miller et al., Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci 57 (2007) 205 ALICE, Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 044909

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ZDC vs V0 Performance, Nov 2010 Forward neutrons Correlate particle yields from 10% 5% 20% 5000 disconnected parts of phase 4000 3000 space 2000 Correlation arises from 1000 common dependence on 5000 10000 15000 collision impact parameter Events ALICE Performance Pb-Pb at\s<sub>NN</sub> = 2.76 TeV Data 102 Glauber fit 10<sup>2</sup> NBD x [f N<sub>part</sub> + (1-f)N<sub>coll</sub>] Z<sup>400</sup> Glauber-MC Glauber-MC ultiplicit f=0.806, u=29.003, x=1.202 Pb-Pb Vs<sub>NN</sub> = 2.76 TeV Pb-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ 10 1000 500 15000 300 10000 200 40-50% 30-40% 50-60% 20-30% 0-20% 5-10% 0-5% 10<sup>-1</sup> 5000 100 5000 10000 15000 0 20000 100 200 300 400 VZERO Amplitude (a.u.) 10 15 Npart b (fm) Charged hadrons  $\eta \sim 3$ 

# 5 Example small system: PHENIX d+Au

• Probability for Ncoll binary collisions  $\pi(N_{coll})$  from Glauber





- Charge distribution for one collision (Negative Binomial)  $P_{\text{NBD}}(n; \mu, k) = \frac{\Gamma(n+k)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(k)} \frac{(\frac{\mu}{k})^n}{(\frac{\mu}{k+1})^{n+k}}$
- For N<sub>coll</sub> collisions, assume <BBC>~<Ncoll><sub>10<sup>1</sup></sub>  $P(BBC|N_{coll}) = P_{NBD}(BBC; N_{coll} \times \mu, N_{coll} \times k)$
- Fit to measured distribution  $P_{\text{BBC}}(BBC) = \Sigma_1^{N_{\text{coll}}^{\max}} \pi(N_{\text{coll}}) P(BBC|N_{\text{coll}})$
- For fixed k and  $\mu$  $P(N_{\text{coll}}|BBC) = P(BBC|N_{\text{coll}})\pi(N_{\text{coll}})/P(BBC)$



PHENIX, PRC 90 (2014) 034902

#### 6 High- $p_{T}$ bias factor correction





- Presence of high p<sub>T</sub> particle at central rapidity increases BBC charge
- Quantify bias using pp data coupled with the Glauber model
  - And check with HIJING

Centrality (%)	Glauber + NBD	$\texttt{HIJING } 1 \leqslant p_T < 5$
0-20	$0.94 \pm 0.01$	$0.951 \pm 0.001$
20-40	$1.00 \pm 0.01$	$0.996 \pm 0.001$
40-60	$1.03 \pm 0.02$	$1.010\pm0.001$
60-88	$1.03 \pm 0.06$	$1.030\pm0.001$

#### 7 Correlation with d-dissociation



Raw FTPC-Au Nch

#### 8 Remarks

- Need Glauber fit with specific particle production model because of defining centrality and determining N<sub>coll</sub> from the same estimator
- Biases can be consequence of
  - Correlations of collision parameters other than N<sub>part</sub>
  - Correlations induced after collision (eg. jet fragmentation in the example of PHENIX)
- Bias corrections are not necessarily corrections of N<sub>coll</sub>
  - Physics origin has to be understood

Look at non-trival extensions of the Glauber model

# 9 Glauber extensions

- Glauber-Gribov color fluctuations
  - Size of proton varies e-by-e
  - Configuration frozen for a single p-A collision
  - Parameter Ω equals width of Gaussian fluctuations
- HIJING Glauber
  - Mean number of hard scatterings (n<sub>hard</sub>) depends on NN overlap
  - No fluctuations of spatial distribution
    - Only Poisson fluctuations of n<sub>hard</sub>
- Flickering of the interaction strength
  - Generalized gluon distribution and fluctuations

Alvioli et al., PRC 90 (2014) 034914





# 10 Glauber extensions

- Glauber-Gribov color fluctuations
  - Changes π(N<sub>coll</sub>)

- HIJING Glauber
  - Does not change  $\pi(N_{coll})$
  - Provides a correlation between hard and soft particle production
  - Long range correlation via  $b_{NN}$
  - Note: Large n<sub>hard</sub> values suppressed by energy conservation

Geometric bias / Jia, PLB 681 (2009) 320





#### 11 Glauber-Gribov





- Glauber-Gribov fits slightly worse
- However, extracted parameters closer to WN expectation

### 12 Centrality dependent dN/dη



• Presence of bias open question

#### 13 Centrality dependent measurements



- Rich phenomenology if one trusts the measurement of  $N_{\mbox{\scriptsize coll}}$
- However, systematics of centrality determination itself has to be discussed first in the context of particle production models

#### 14 Kinematic bias on centrality from jets



Taking into account energy-momentum conservation in the proton in a toy simulation of pp (hard) PYTHIA plus pPb (UE) HIJING events describes main features of data

#### 15 Multiple parton interactions (MPI) Skands, arXiv:1207.2389

- Naive factorization  $\langle n_{2\to 2} \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{2\to 2}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} >1$  at pert. scale  $P_n = \frac{\langle n_{2\to 2} \rangle^n}{n!} exp(-\langle n_{2\to 2} \rangle)$
- In reality
  - 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  $n_{\rm hard}(b) = \sigma_{\rm hard} T_{\rm p}(b)$ 
    - Leads to a correlation between hard and soft as in AA



#### 16 Scaling of hard probes with multiplicity



#### 17 Nucleon-nucleon impact parameter studies Morsch, IS2014



(obtained from slicing superposition of  $N_{coll}$  pp collisions in 2.8< $\eta$ <5.1)

Leads to long range ( $\eta$ ) correlations. How much of this effect survives in pPb?

#### 18 Energy and species dependence

Morsch, IS2014



Bias on  $n_{hard}$  O(30%) at the LHC, and only O(5%) at RHIC

Bias on  $n_{hard}$  O(30%) at the LHC, And decreases with projectile size

Deviation from binary scaling:  $\left. \frac{dN}{p_{\rm T}} \right|_{\rm pA} = N_{\rm coll} F \left. \frac{dN}{p_{\rm T}} \right|_{\rm pp}$ 



- Correlation between hard and soft qualitatively reproduced with GPythia
- Modification approaches unity as  $\eta$  separation between centrality and  $p_T$



# -3.7< $\eta$ <-1.7&&2.8< $\eta$ <5.1 Charged particles $|\eta| < 0.3$ VOM Syst. on $\langle T_{pA} \rangle$ Syst. on normalization $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$

- Correlation between harc and soft qualitatively reproduced with GPythia <sup>0.5</sup> <sup>2.5</sup>
- Not a bias on N<sub>coll</sub>
- Modification approaches unity as η separation between centrality and pincreases

ALICE, arXiv:1412.6828

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#### 21 Forward neutron energy vs multiplicity



Correlation between forward neutron energy and multiplicity?

#### 22 Correlation between ZNA and VOA



Centrality (%)

### 23 Scaling of particle production



Correlation between causally disconnected observables (slow neutrons vs multiplicity) → connection to geometry

### 24 Centrality from Hybrid method



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

Resulting values within at most 10%



25 QpPb factors with hybrid method



Hybrid method

- Charged particle  $Q_{_{DPh}}$  consistent with unity at high  $p_{_{T}}$
- Cronin peak develops with multiplicity

26 Average QpPb



#### 27 dN/dη measurements



#### 28 Wrt discussion of this morning



#### 29 Conclusions

- Question of "bias vs no-bias" in general has no definite answer
- Systematics of centrality measurement and interpretation of data must be done in the same framework
- Using the hybrid approach avoids the bias (but at expense of limited dynamical range)

#### 30 Extra

#### 31 Centrality dependent nuclear modification



How to perform a centrality dependent measurement?  $R_{pA}^{cent}(p_{T}) = \frac{d N^{pA}/d p_{T}}{\langle T_{pA}^{cent} \rangle d \sigma^{pp}/d p_{T}} = \frac{d N^{pA}/d p_{T}}{\langle N_{coll}^{cent} \rangle d N^{pp}/d p_{T}}$ 

#### 32 Multiplicity bias



#### 33 Geometry bias



#### 34 Multiplicity scaled by different Npart



#### 35 Cronin and high- $p_T$ region vs Nch



#### ALICE, arXiv:1412.6828



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#### 37 RpPb measurement

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# 38 J/ $\Psi$ and $\Psi$ (2S) suppression



- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : Multiplicity dependent suppression in p-going direction, and no suppression in Pb-going direction
  - Consistent with shadowing
- $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : Multiplicity dependent suppression in both directions
  - Needs additional effect (Final state?)