

Medium modification of hadronization: different implementations of recombination

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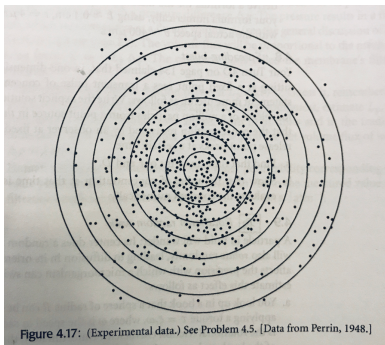


Figure 4.17: (Experimental data.) See Problem 4.5. [Data from Perrin, 1948.]

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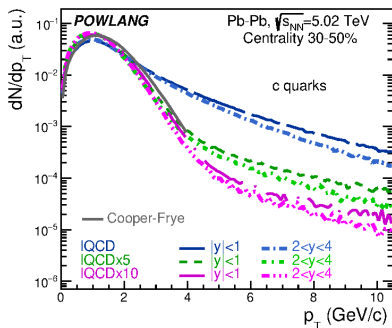
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- 100 years later: getting an estimate of similar accuracy of some transport coefficients, like e.g. the **momentum broadening**

$$\kappa = \frac{2T^2}{D_s}$$



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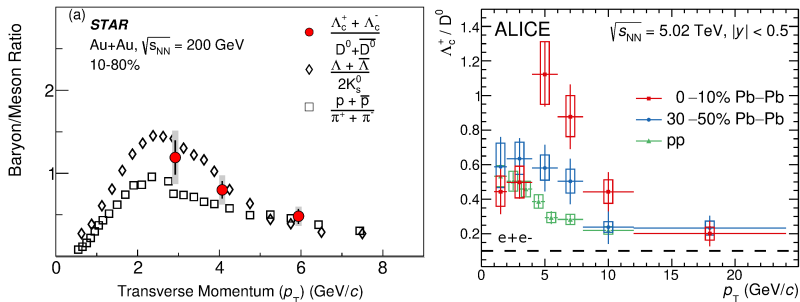
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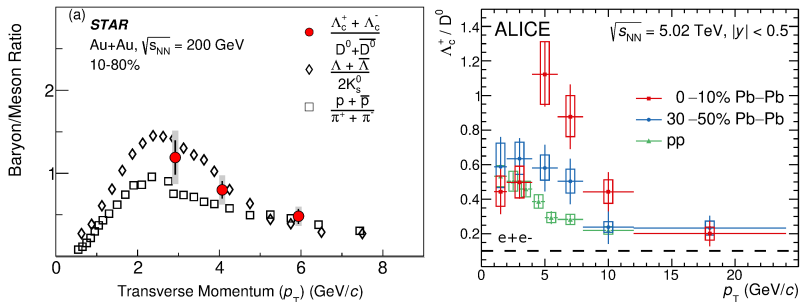
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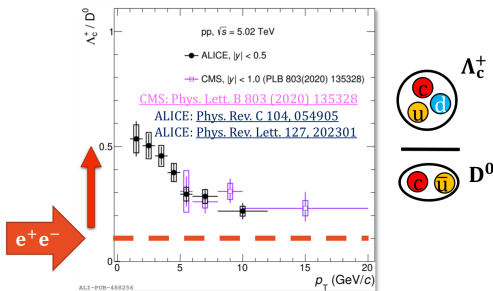
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- baryon **enhancement observed also in pp collisions**: is a dense medium formed also there? **Breaking of factorization** description in pp collisions

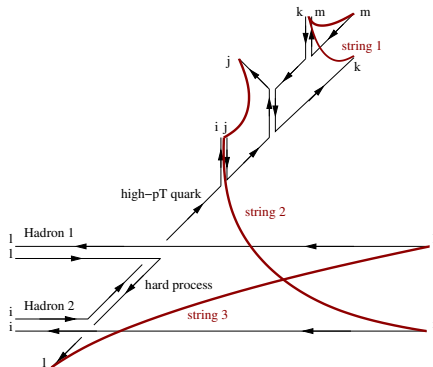
$$d\sigma_h \neq \sum_{a,b,X} f_a(x_1) f_b(x_2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow c\bar{c}X} \otimes D_{c \rightarrow h_c}(z)$$

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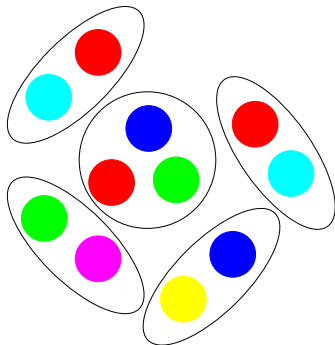
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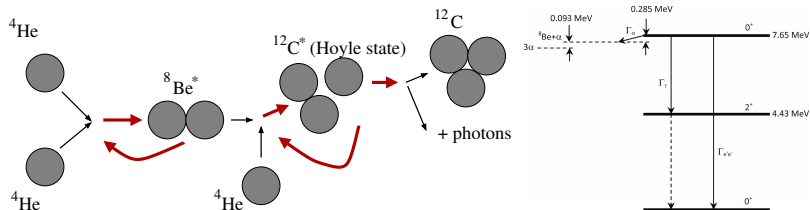
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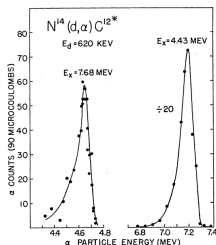
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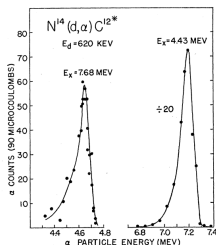
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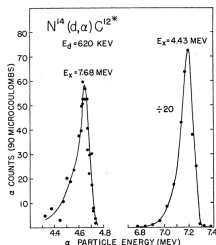
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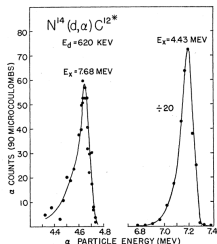
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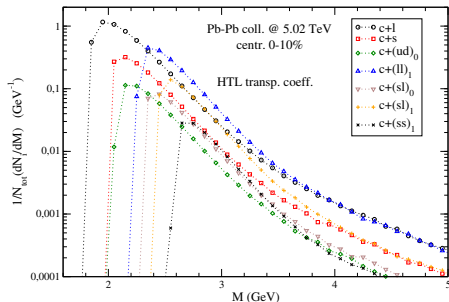
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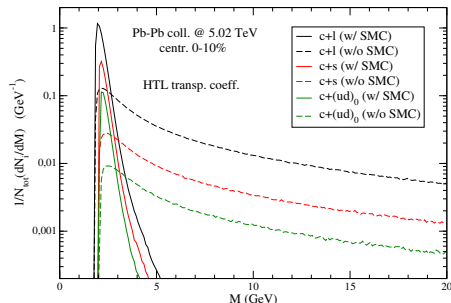


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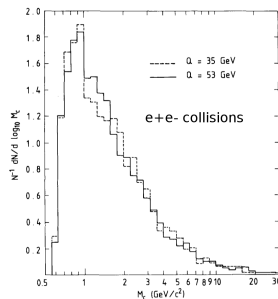
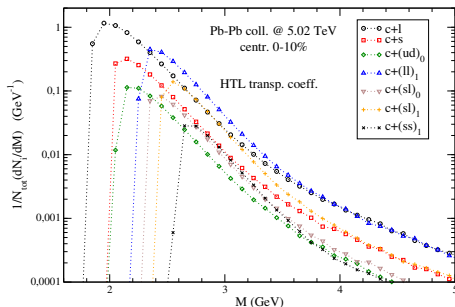
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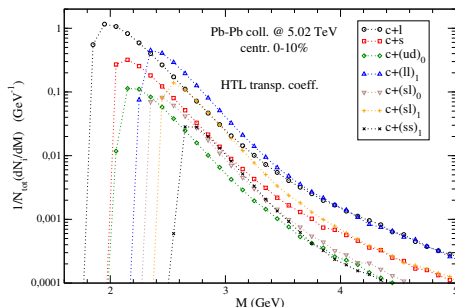
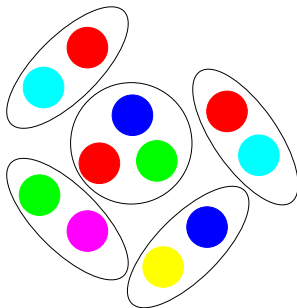
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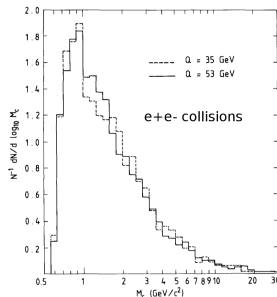
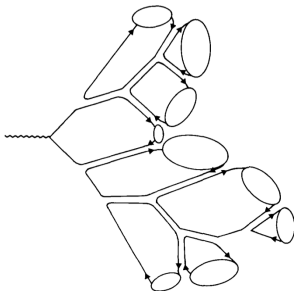
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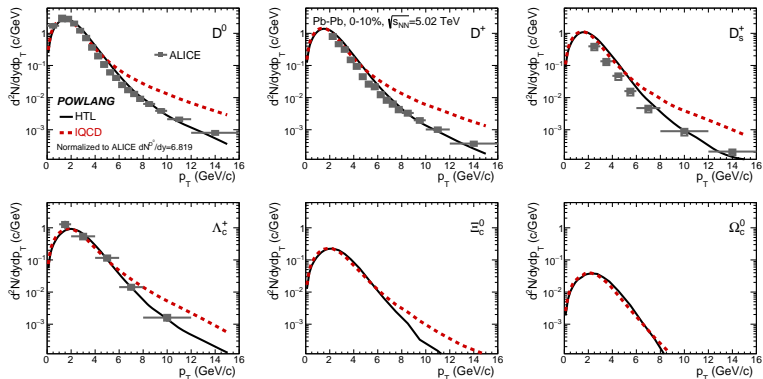
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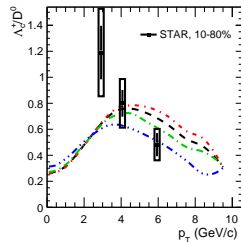
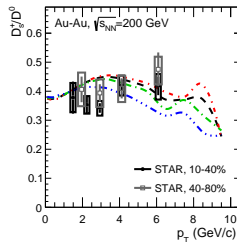
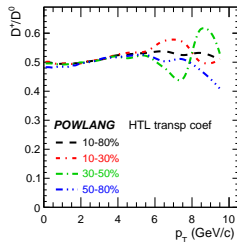
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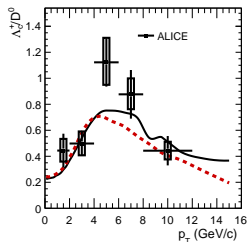
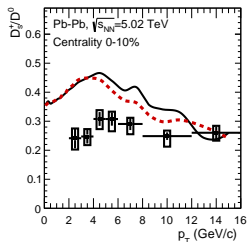
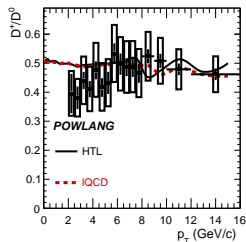
Charmed hadron p_T -spectra normalized to integrated D^0 -yield per event. At high p_T better agreement with experimental data for curves including momentum dependence of the transport coefficients (HTL curves)

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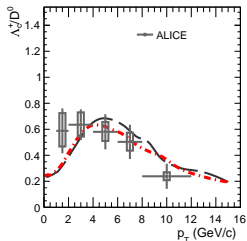
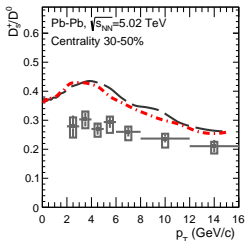
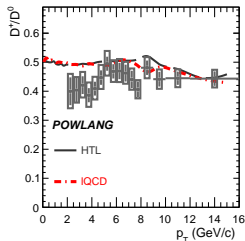
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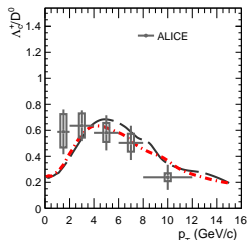
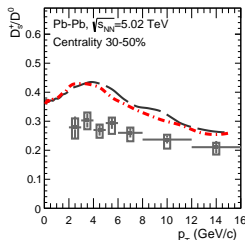
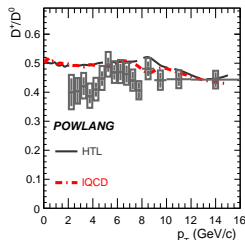
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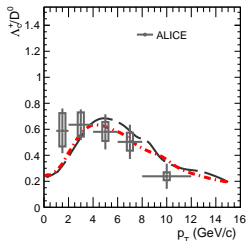
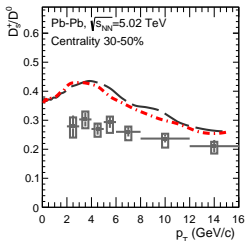
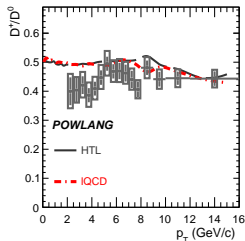
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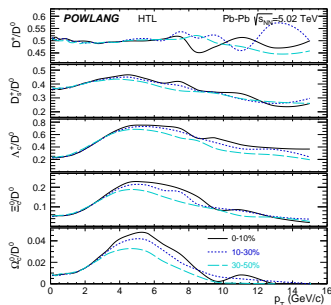
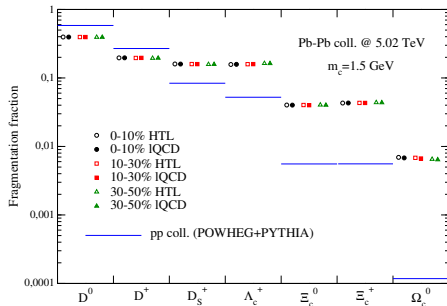
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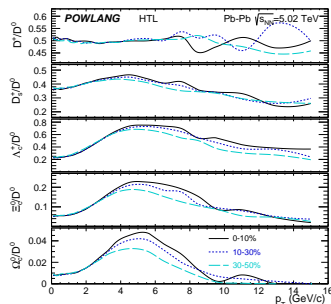
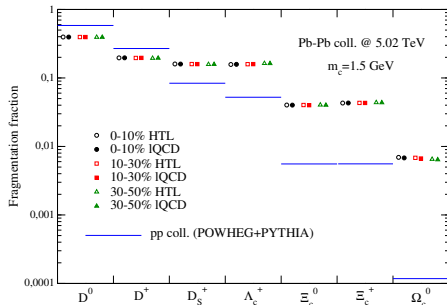
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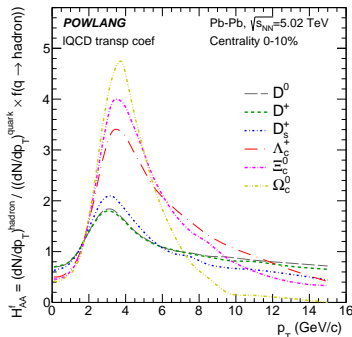
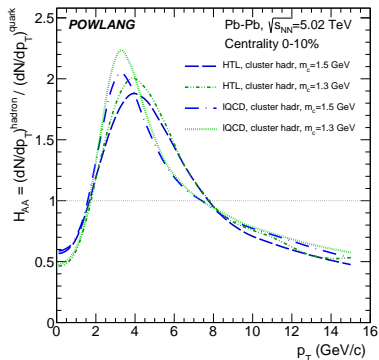
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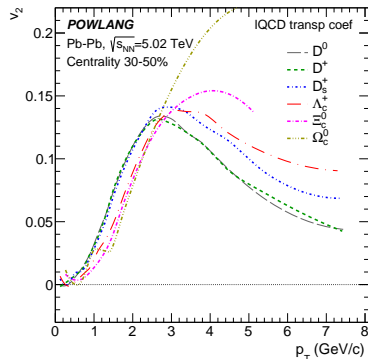
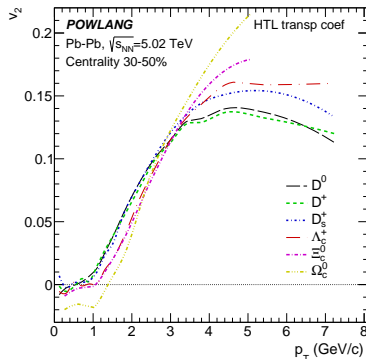
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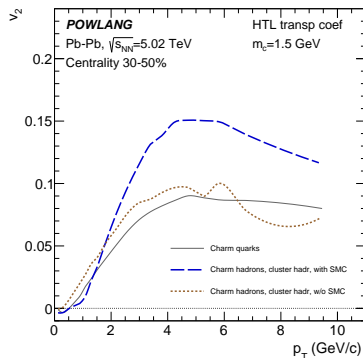
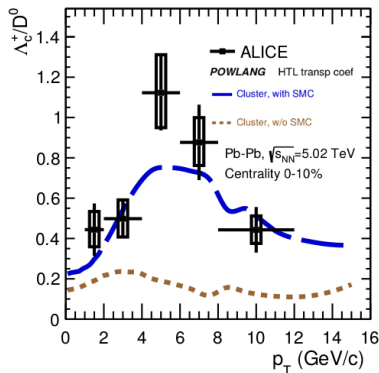
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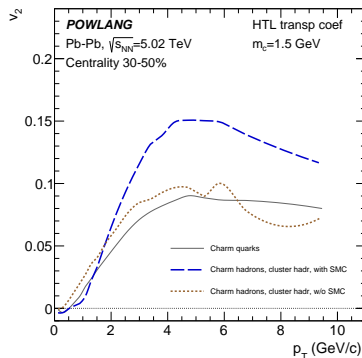
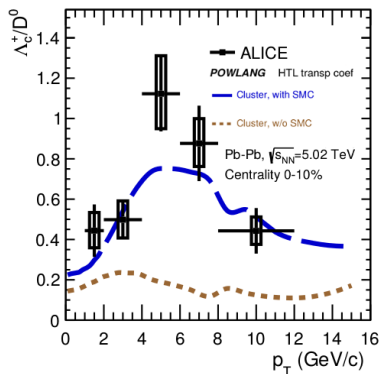
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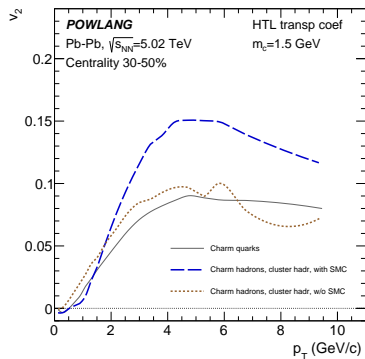
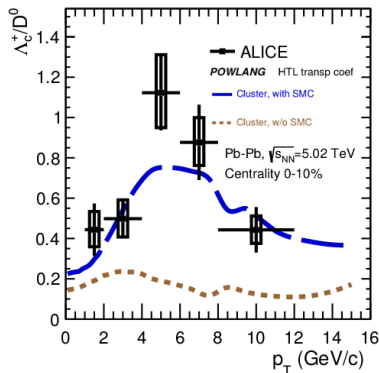
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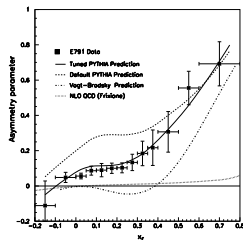
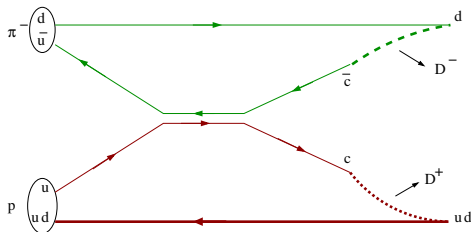
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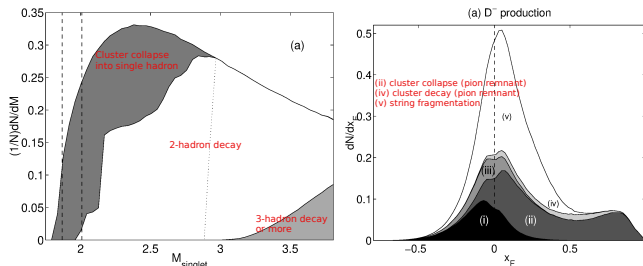


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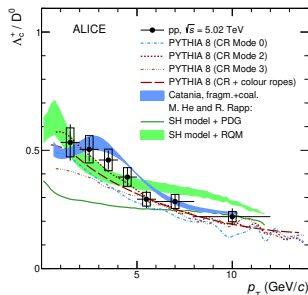


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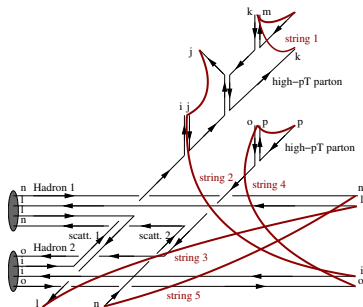
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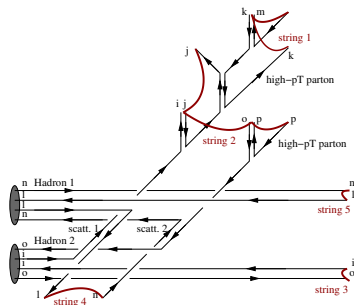
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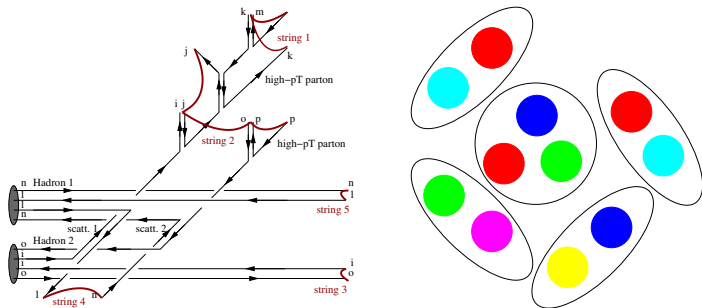
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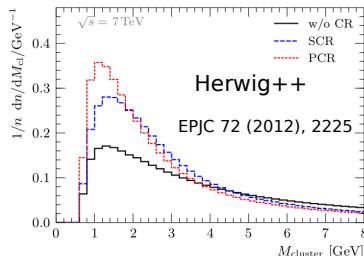
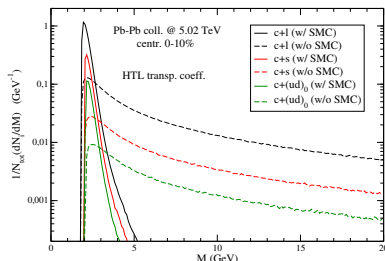
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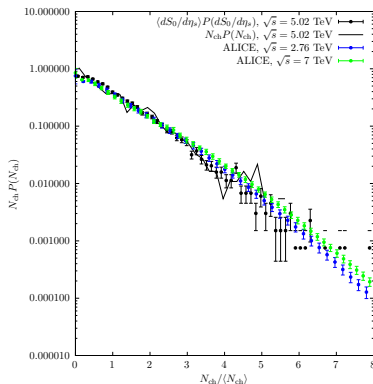
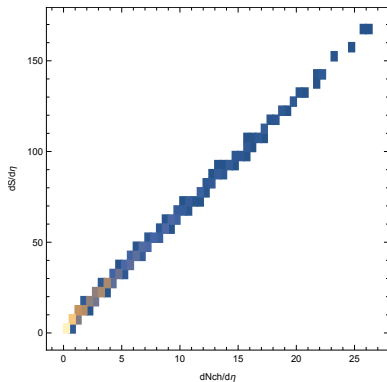
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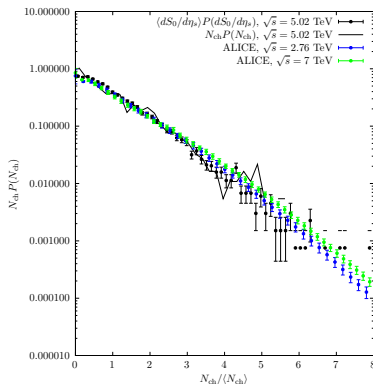
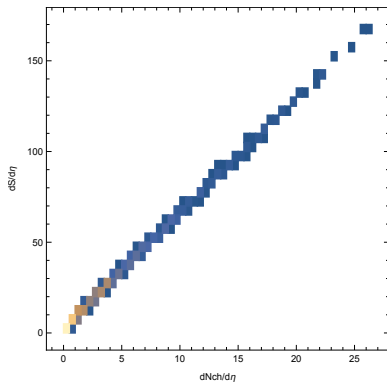
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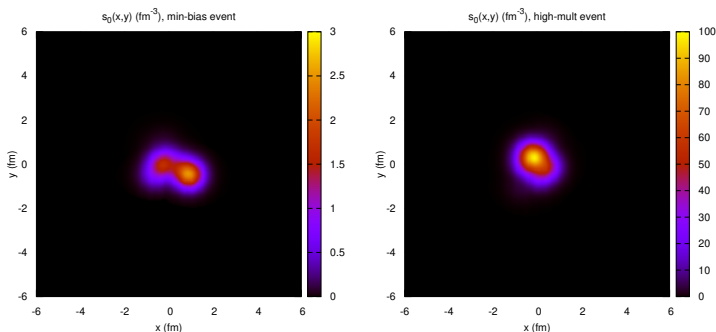
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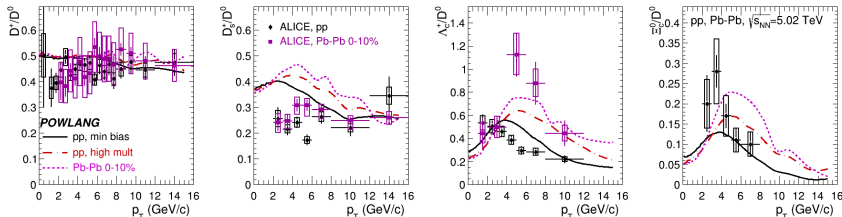
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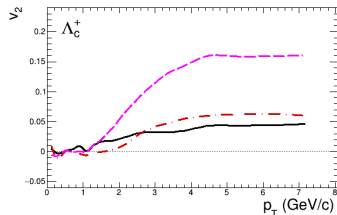
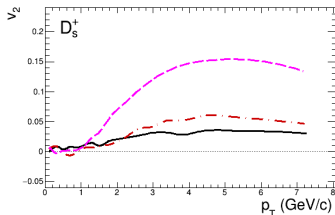
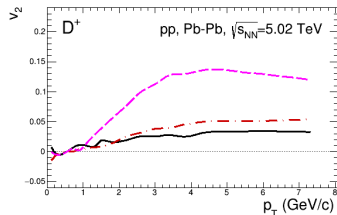
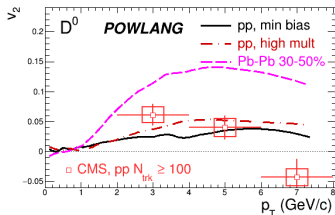
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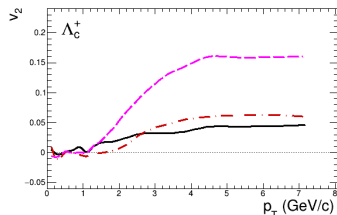
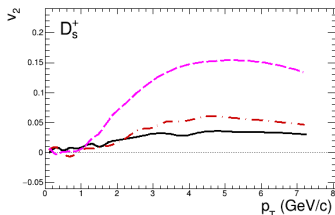
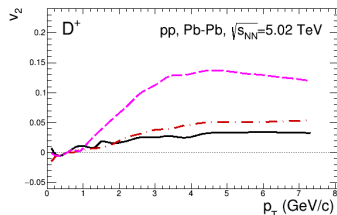
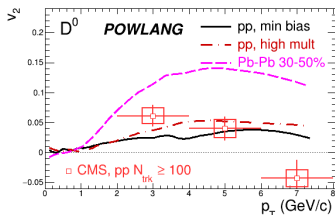
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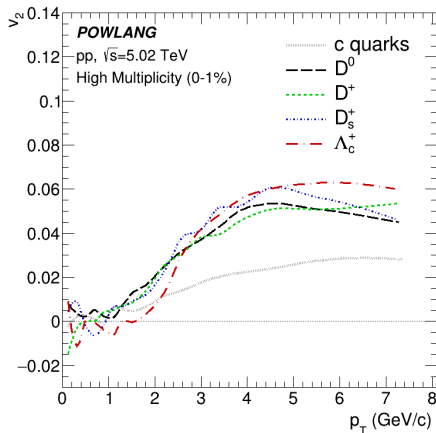
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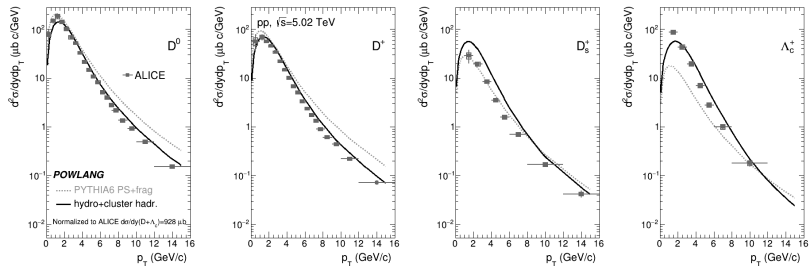
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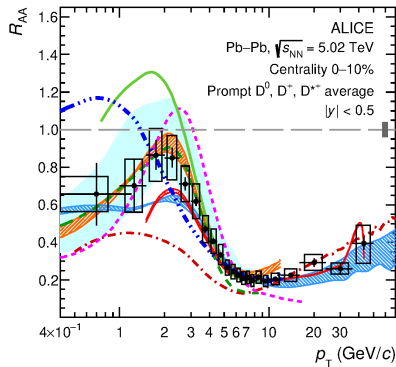
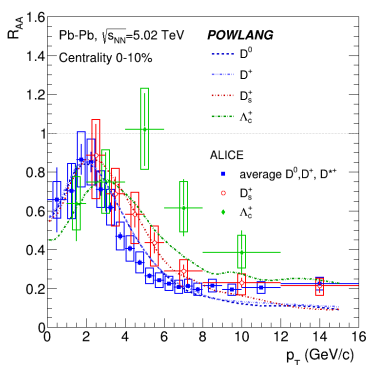
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