

Modelling the source for coalescence in small systems

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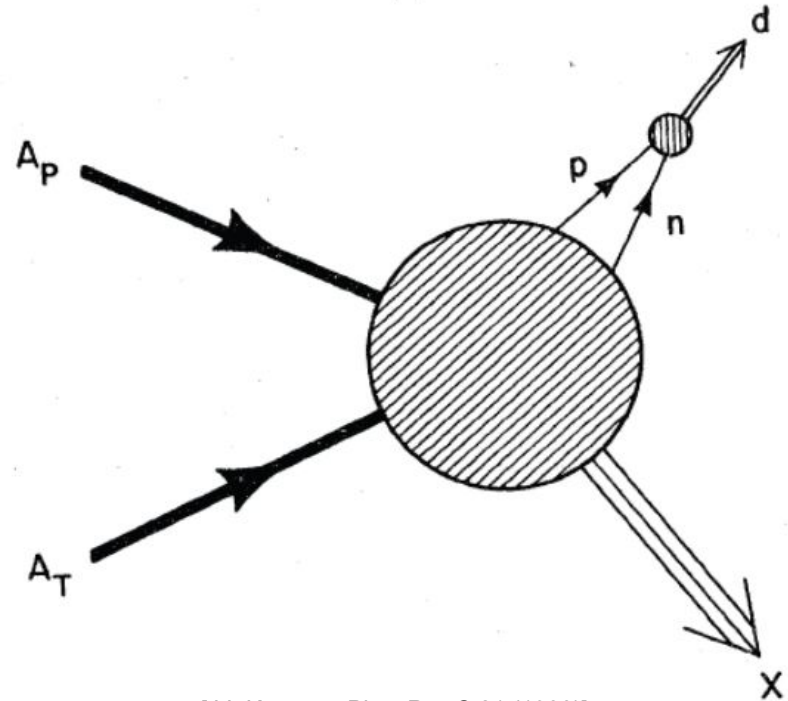
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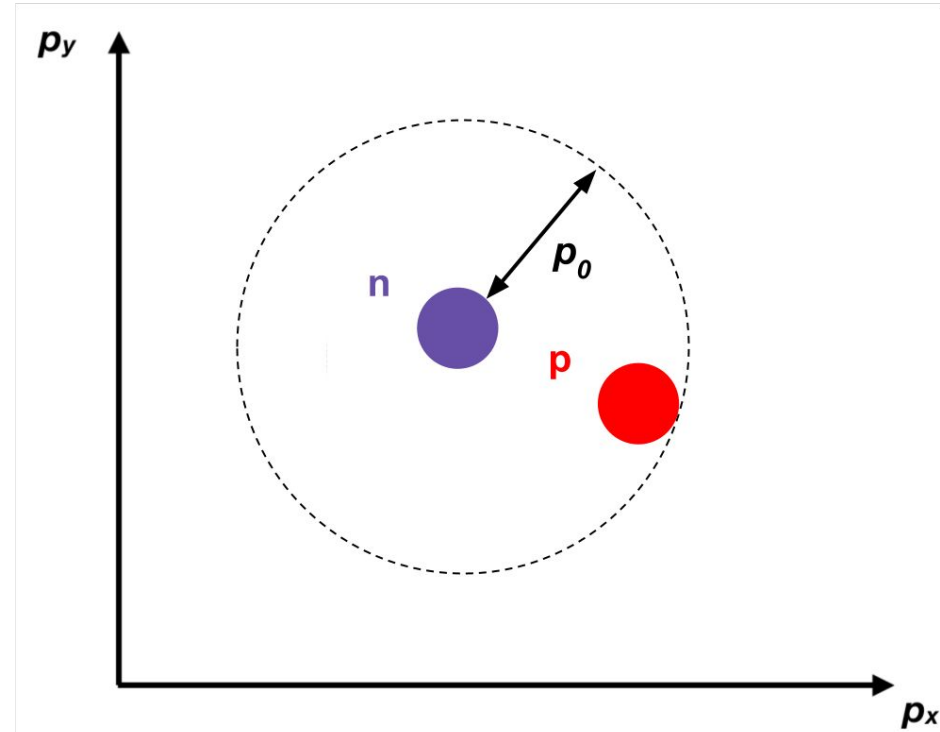


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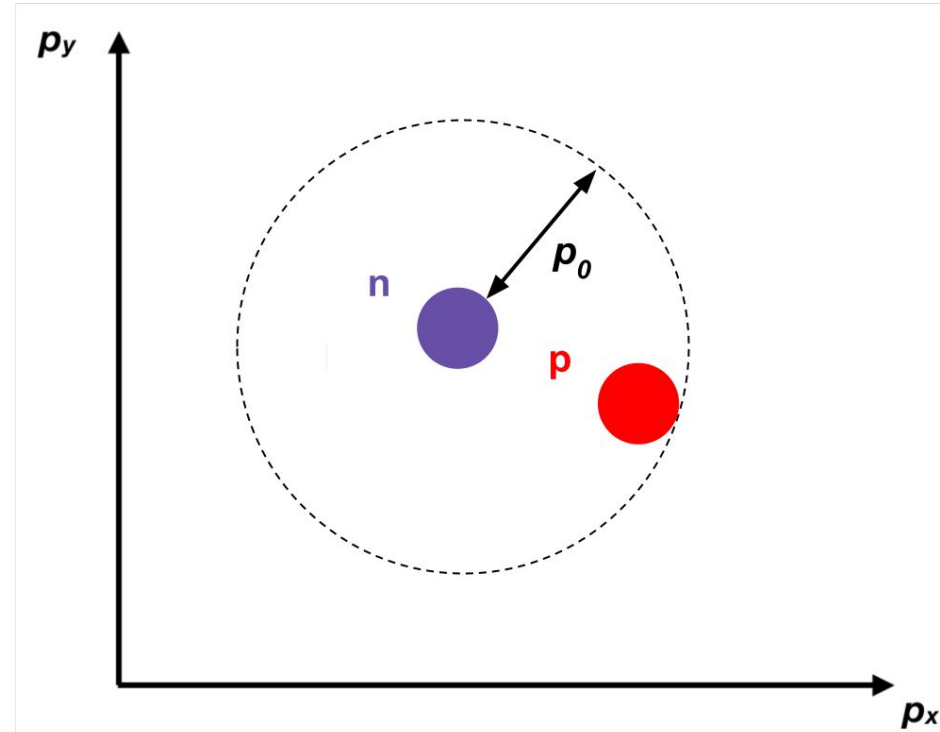
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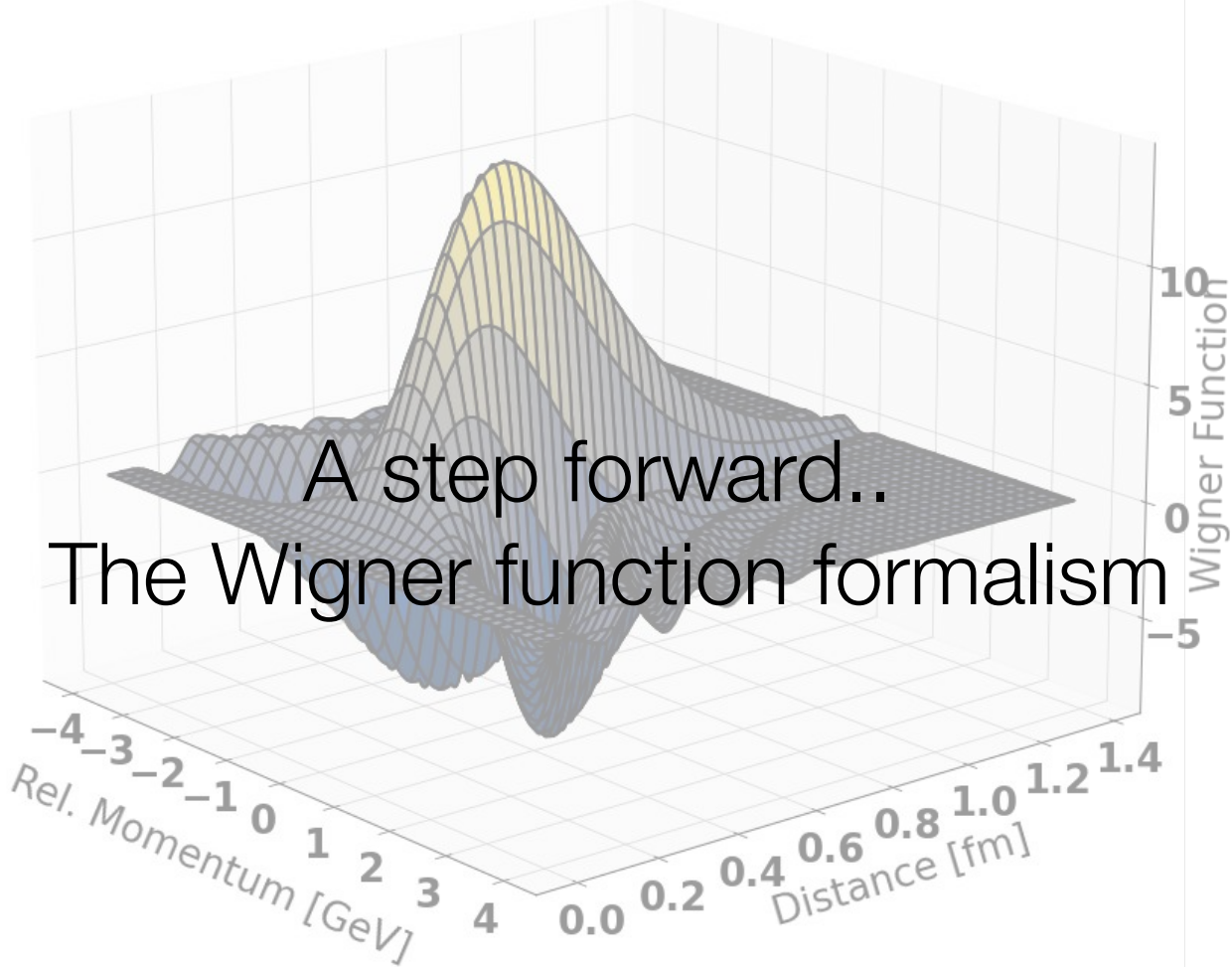
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- Problem: spatial distances and QM Effects are not taken into account
- No Predictive power!!





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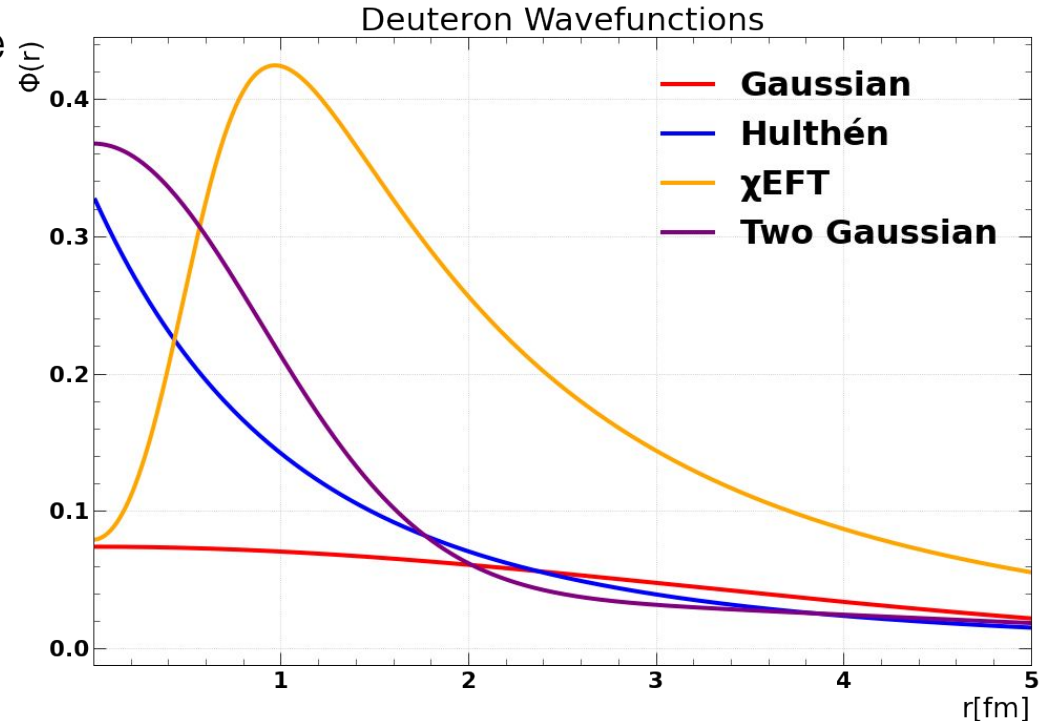
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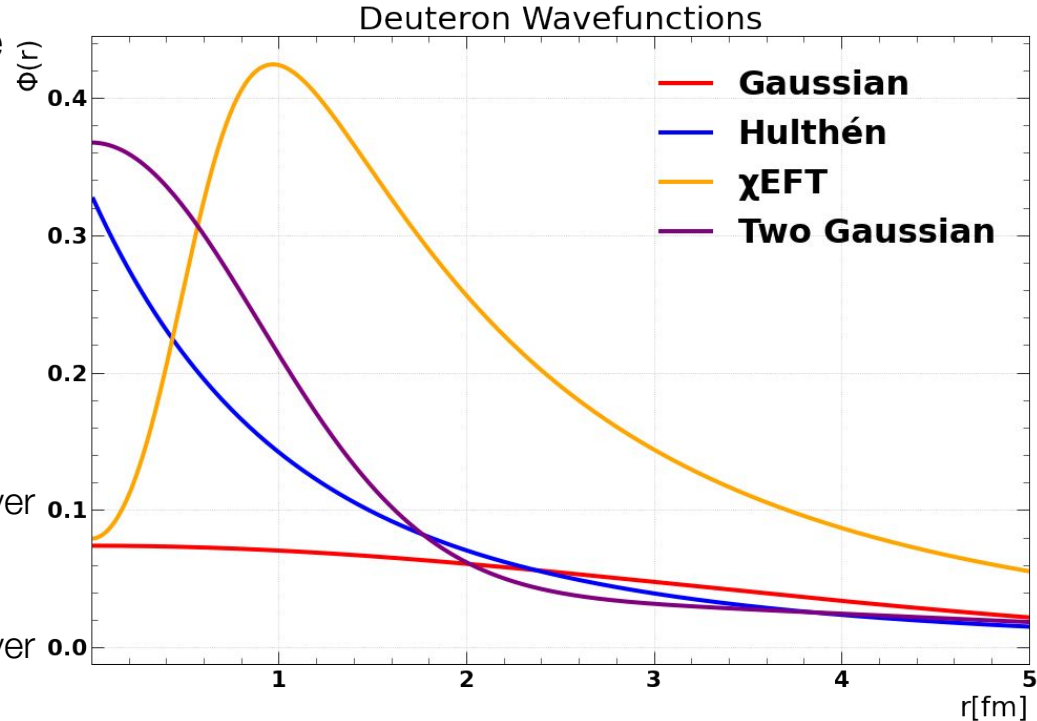
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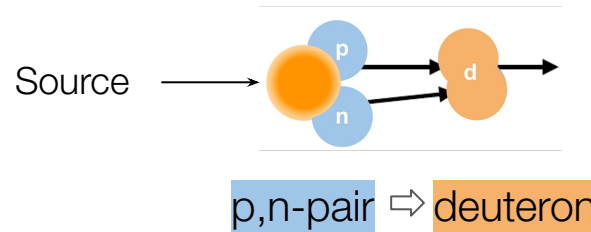


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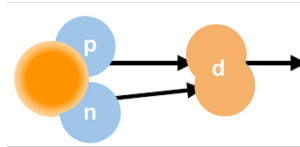


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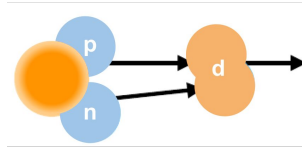
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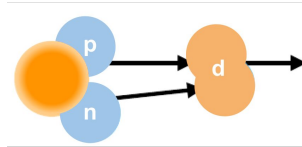
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Spin-Isospin statistics factor
($=\frac{3}{8}$ for deuterons)

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Assume no
space-momentum
correlations!

Assume uncorrelated
emission of protons
and neutrons!

- We can decompose $W_{np} = G_{np}(p_p, p_n) H_{np}(r_n, r_p) = G_{np}(p_p, p_n) h(r_n) h(r_p)$
- If we assume a Gaussian source $h(r)$ we can calculate a coalescence probability

$$d^3N/dP^3 = \int d^3r_p \int d^3r_n W(q,r) h(r_n) h(r_p) = 3\zeta \exp(-q^2 d^2) \quad \zeta = (d^2 / (d^2 + r^2))^{3/2}$$

Gaussian wave function!

depending on the rel. momentum q , the source size r and deuteron size $d=3.2\text{fm}$

The coalescence afterburner in EPOS 3

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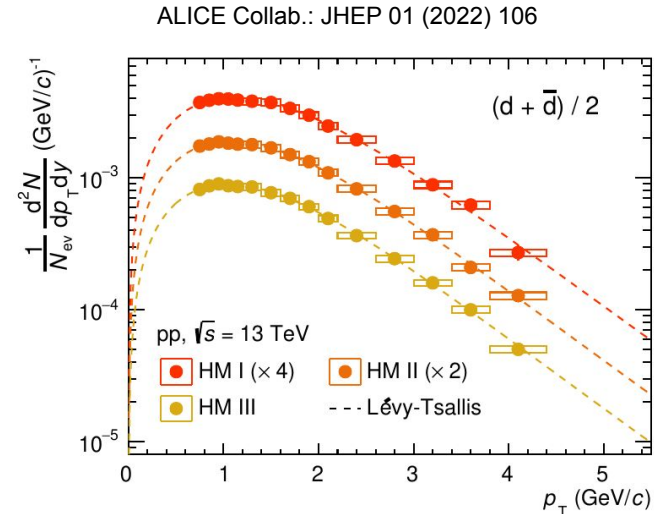
Deuteron data

- Light nuclei are not produced in event generators
- Use p,n pairs produced in the generator and apply Wigner function formalism to predict deuteron yields

Important quantities for coalescence:

- Charged-particle multiplicity
- Spatial distribution
- Momentum distribution

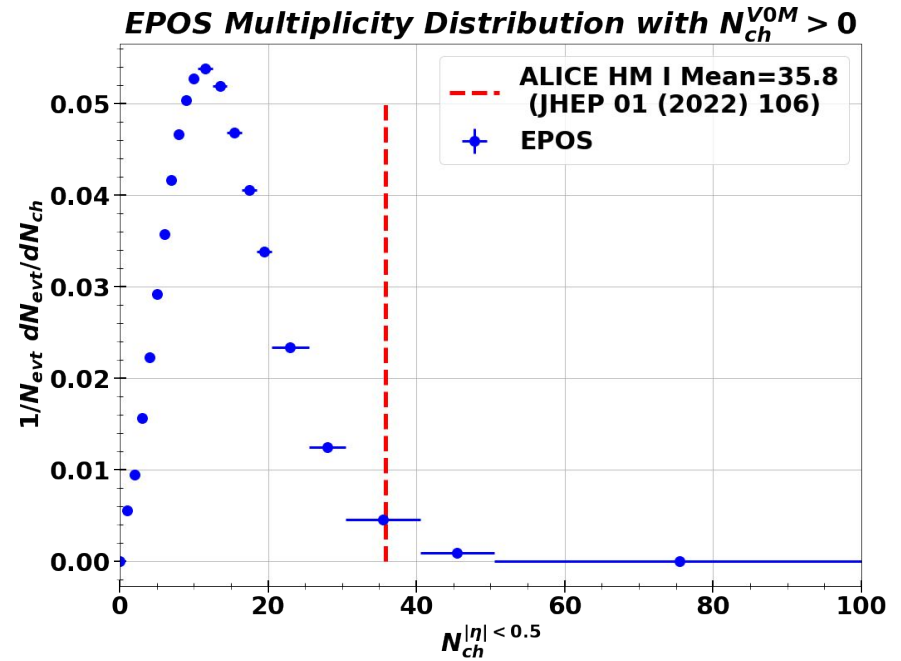
➔ All of these quantities were measured by ALICE for pp @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with high-multiplicity (HM) trigger including d and p spectra



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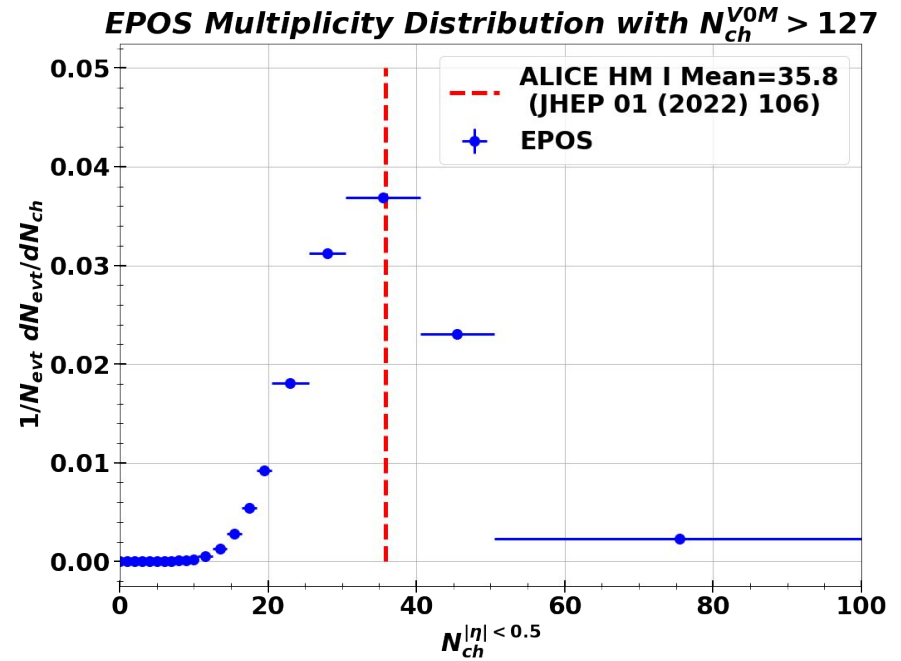
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- Tuning is done by triggering on forward and backward rapidity multiplicities

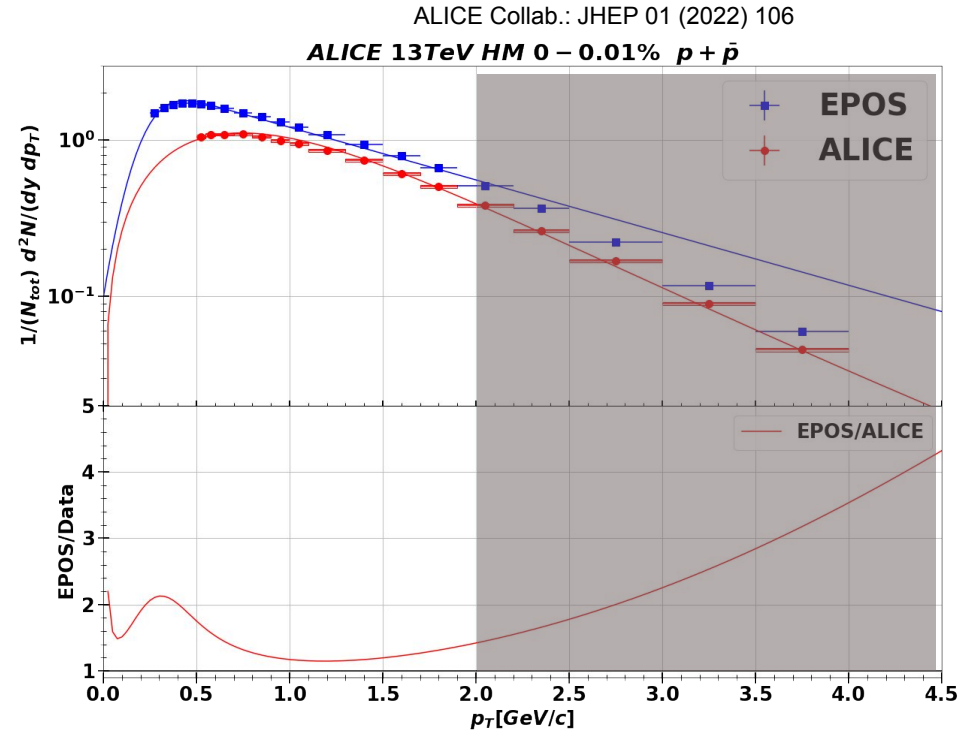


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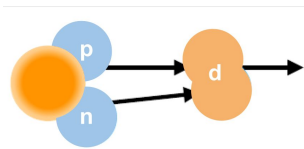
Correct momentum distribution

- Compare EPOS with measured ALICE HM data
- HM trigger for EPOS included
- Use their ratio as a correction function on an event-by-event basis
- Region $p_T > 2$ GeV not interesting for data comparison



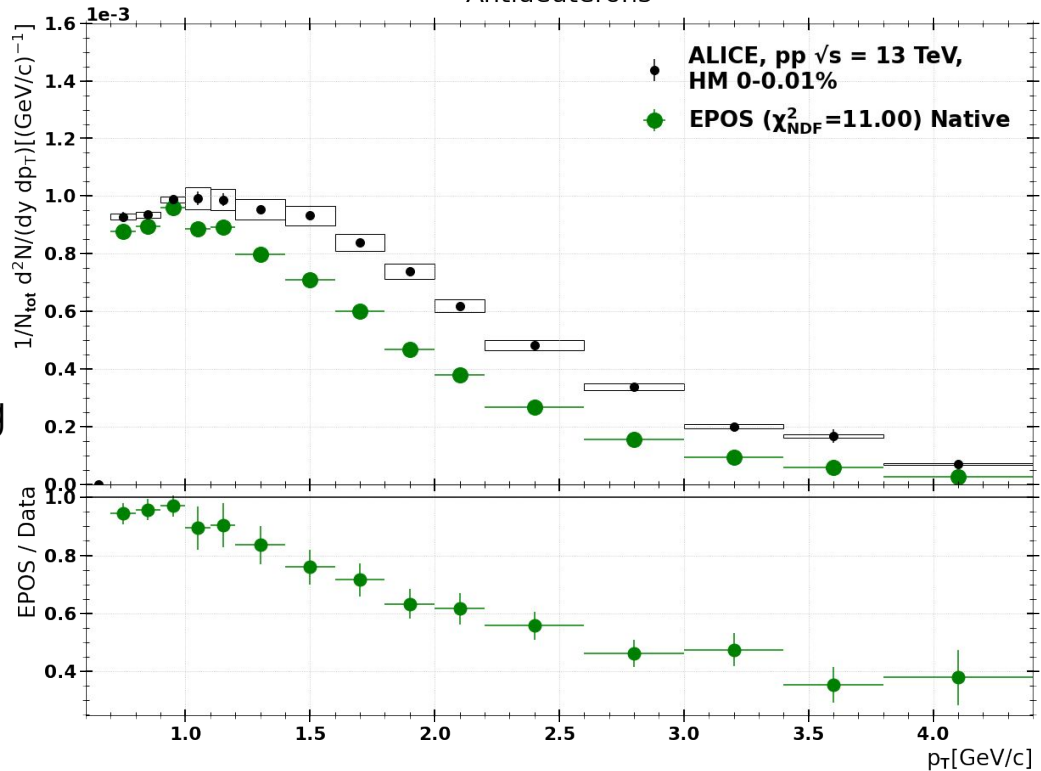
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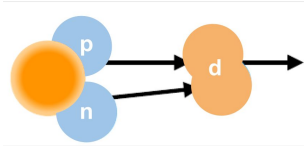
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ALICE Collab.: JHEP 01 (2022) 106
Antideuterons

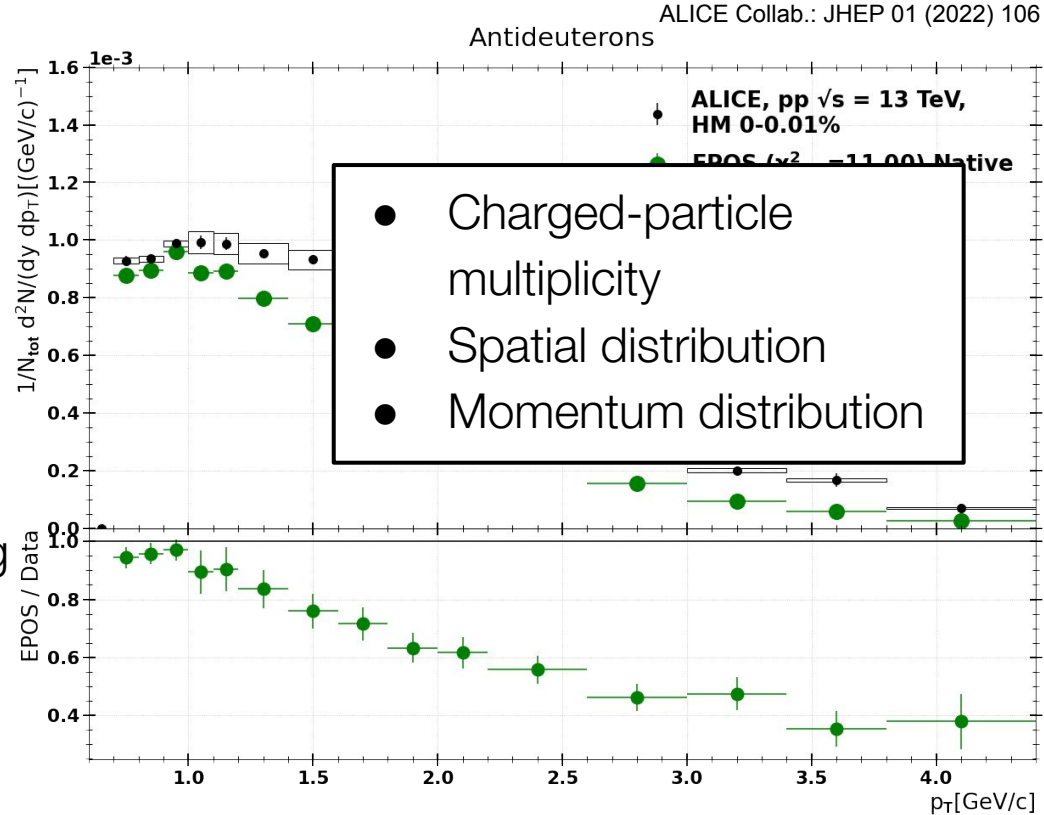


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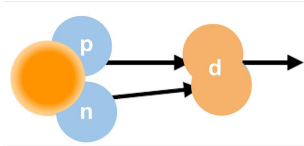


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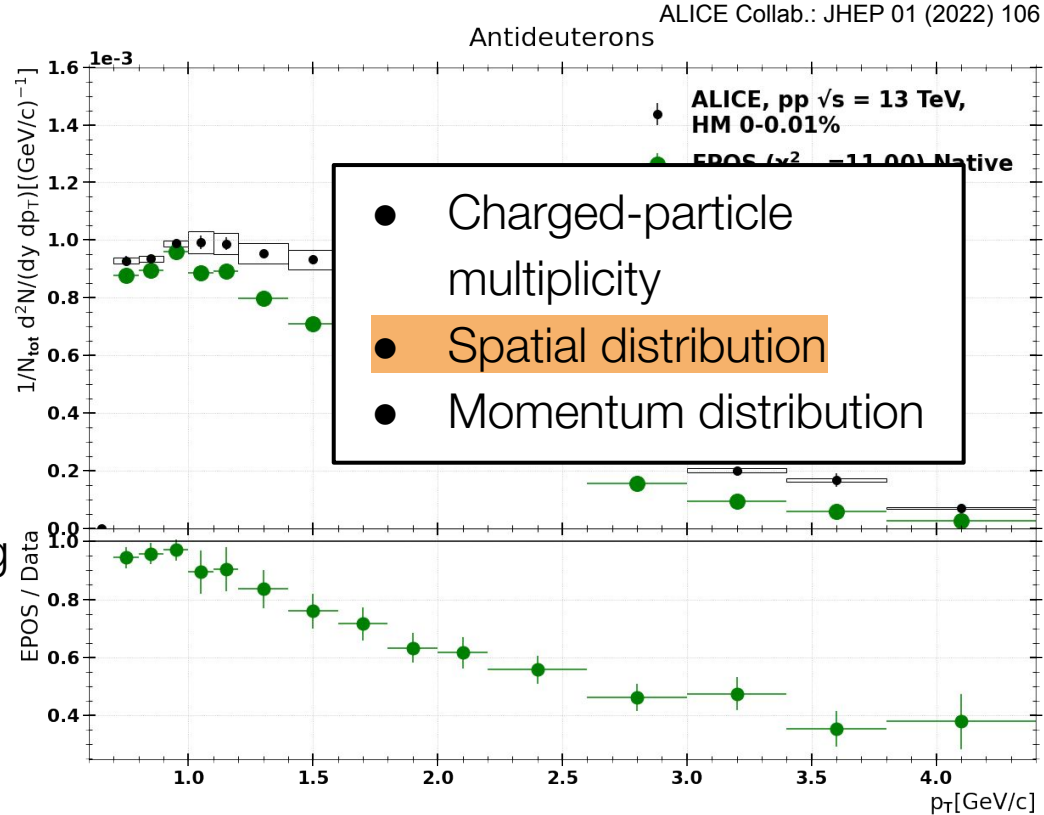


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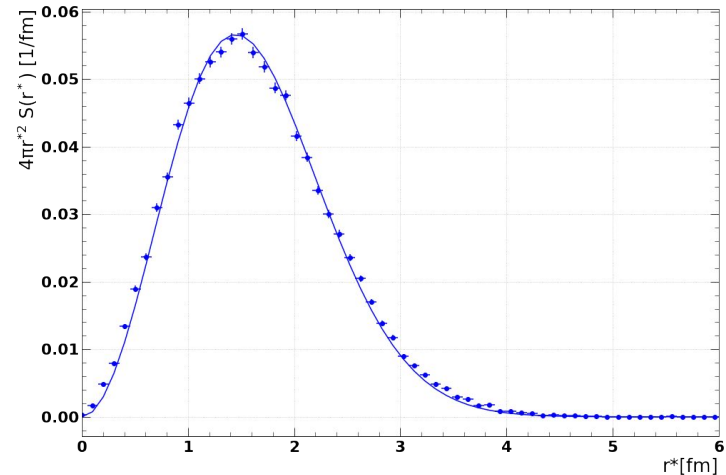
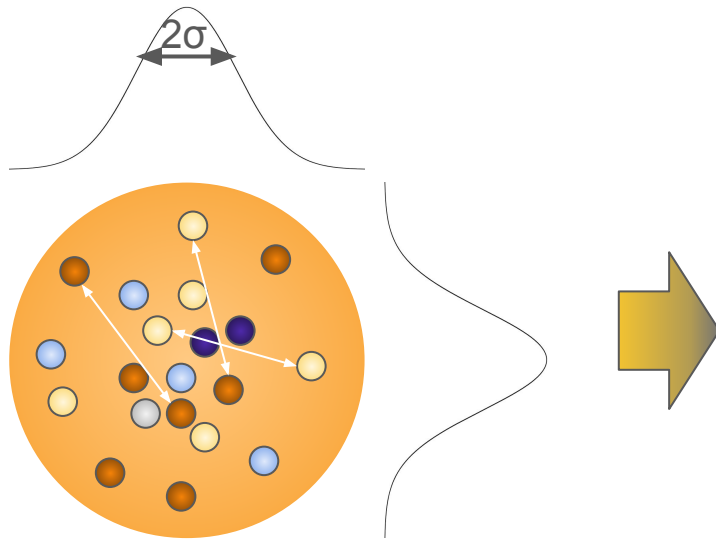


Modelling the source

The emission source

Basics

- The source size is defined by the distance between particle pair
- We assume a gaussian source distribution:



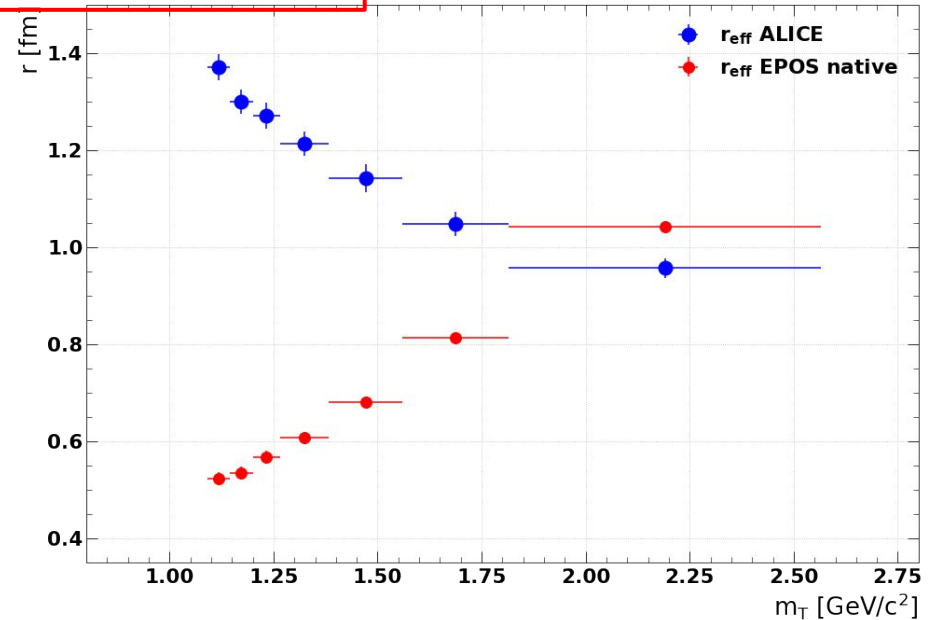
Fit using:
$$\frac{4\pi r^{*2}}{(4\pi\sigma^2)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^{*2}}{4\sigma^2}\right)$$

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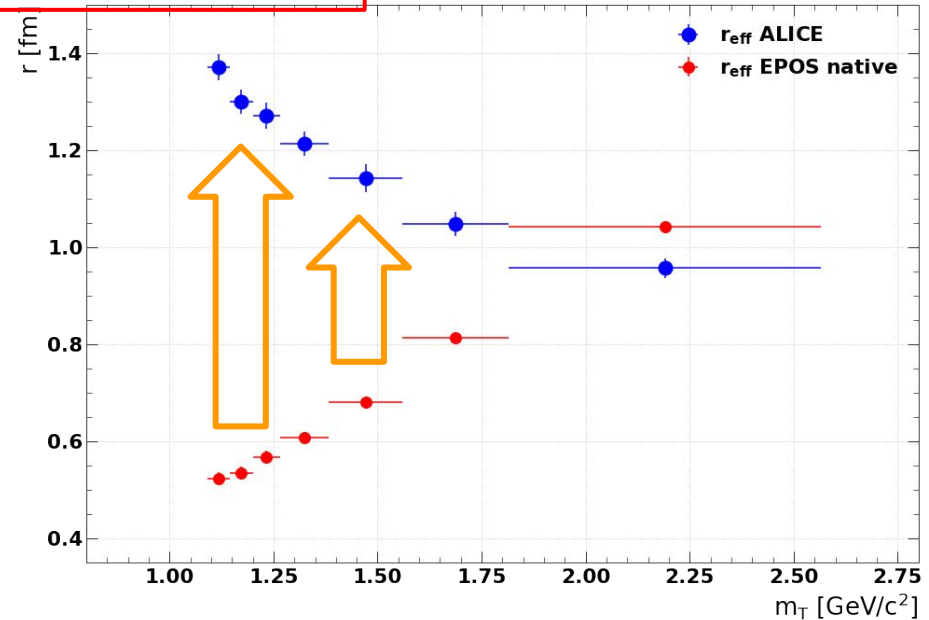


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4. **Advanced approach**: Scale the source and propagate particles in EPOS to reproduce the measurement

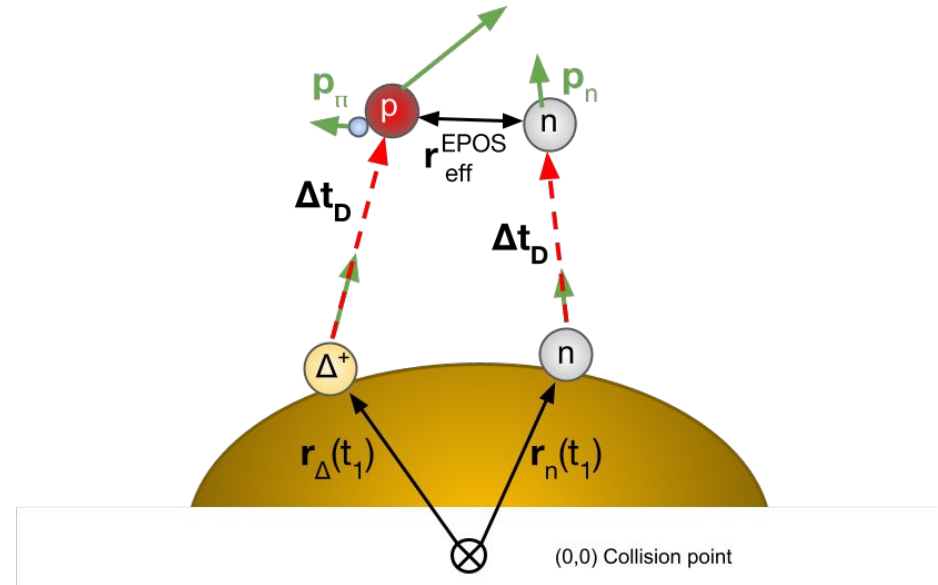
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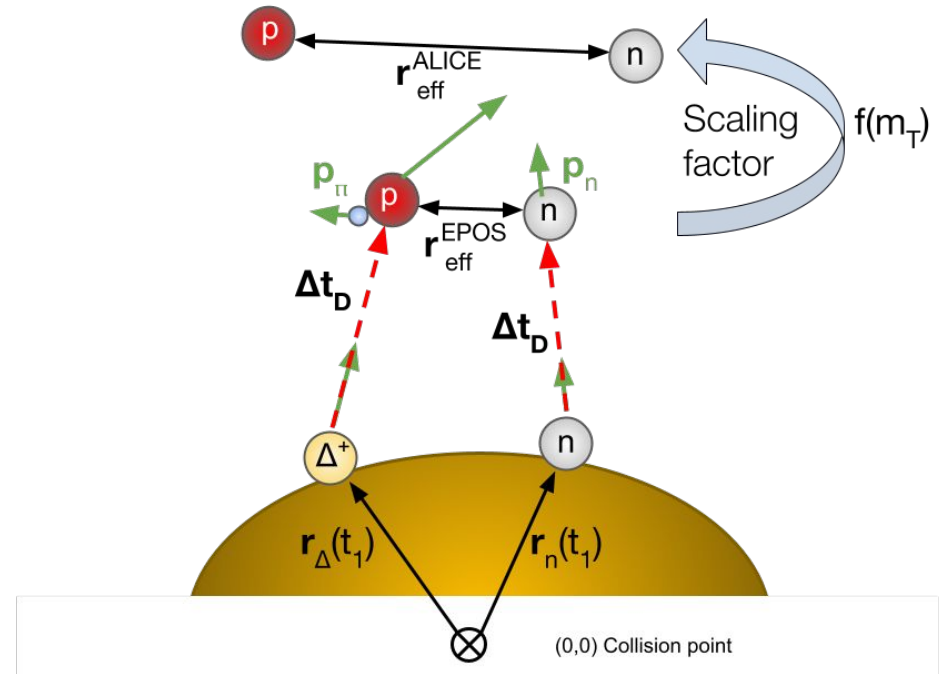


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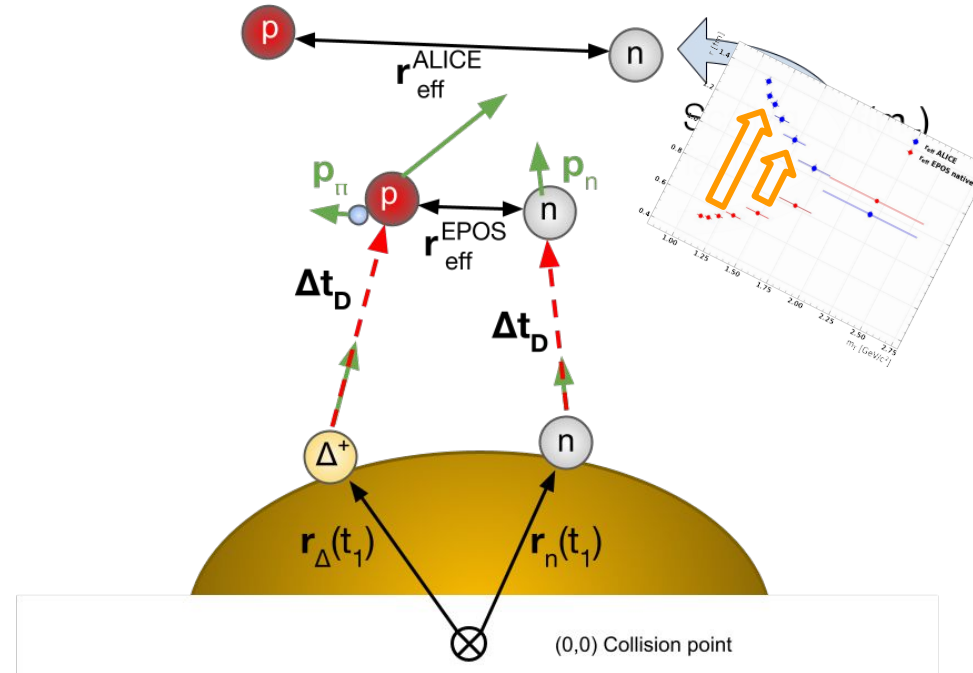


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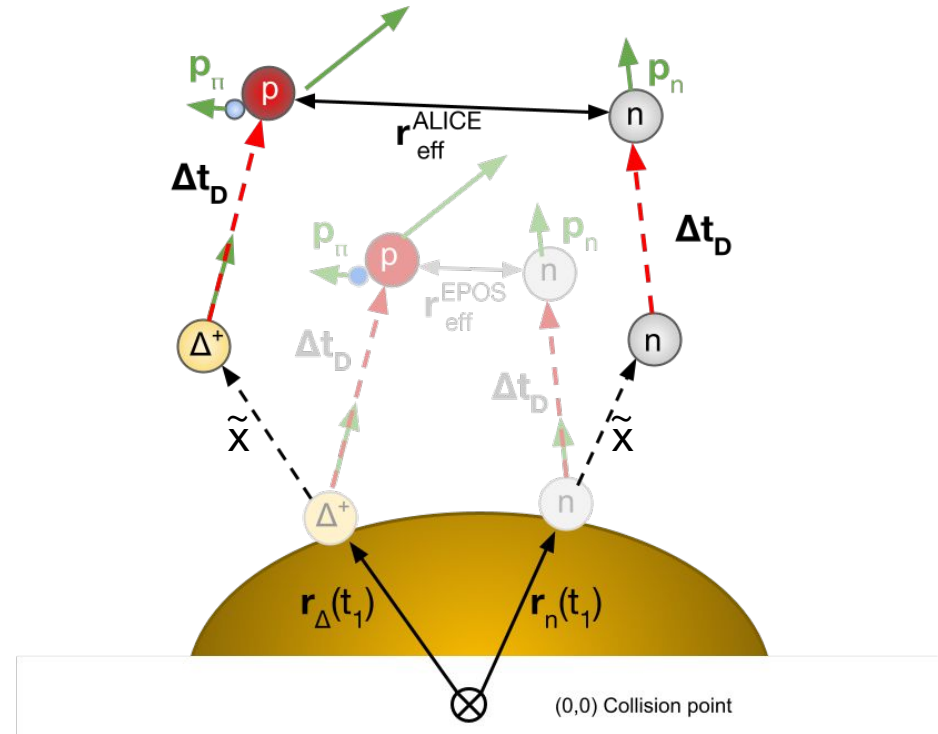


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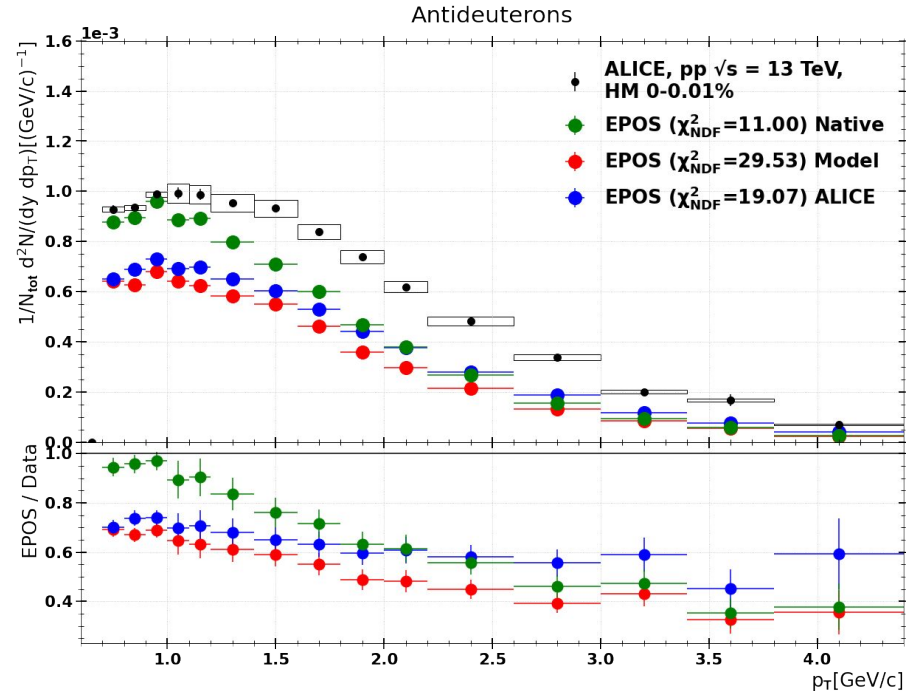


Deuteron spectra with different source models using the Wigner function formalism

Deuteron spectra

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- **“ALICE”**: Source model sampling from the measurement
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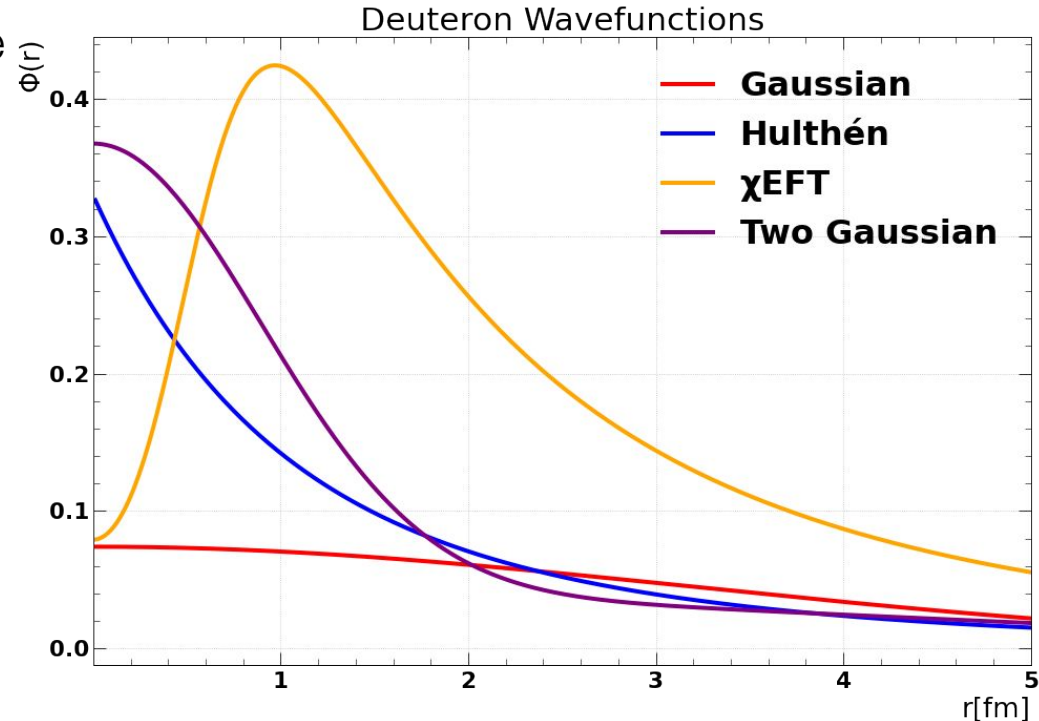


Improving the coalescence results

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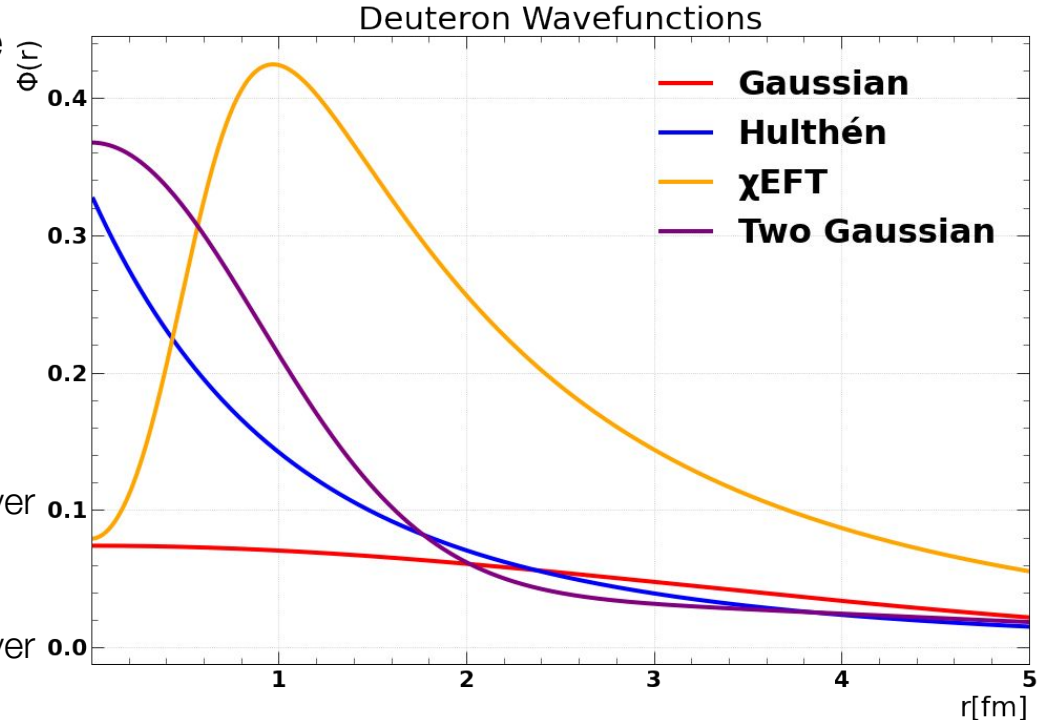
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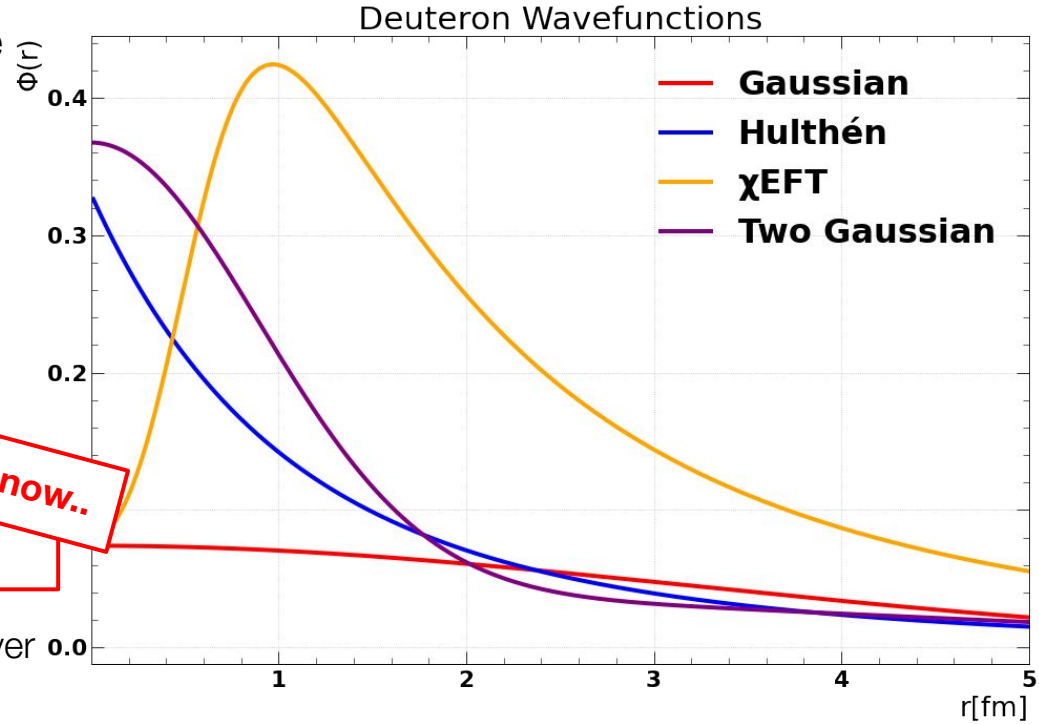


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Until now..



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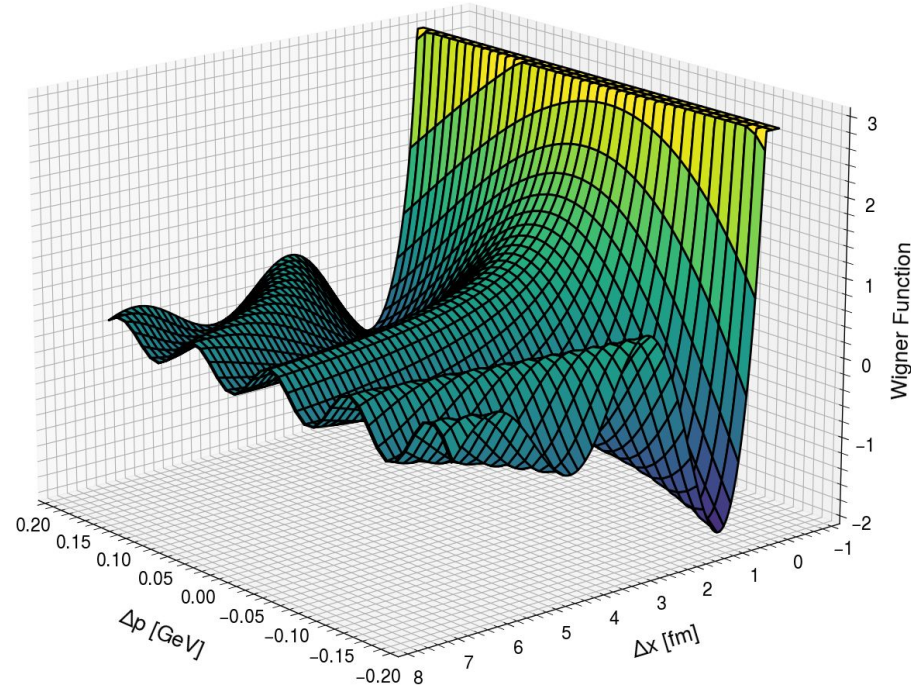
- Hulthén wave function comes from a Yukawa-like potential

$$\varphi_d(r) = \sqrt{\frac{ab(a+b)}{2\pi(a-b)^2}} \frac{e^{-ar} - e^{-br}}{r}$$

- Wigner function has a (*surprisingly*) simple form

$$\frac{ab(a+b)}{2\pi(a-b)^2} 16\pi^2 \frac{\cosh(r(a-b))}{q} \cos(2qr) \exp(-r(a+b))$$

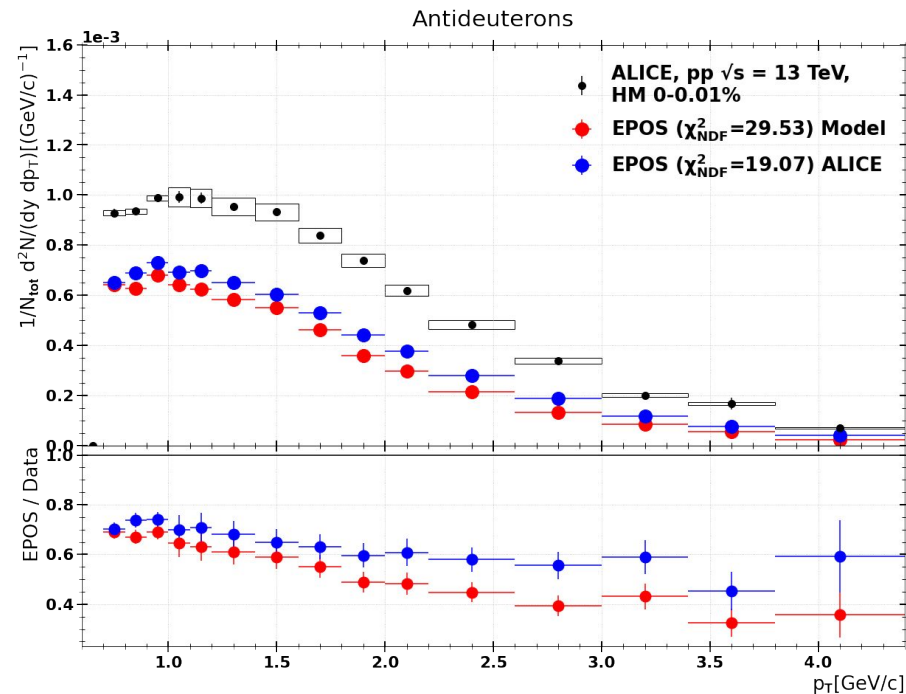
- Calculate probability (so far only numerical integration)



Deuteron spectra with Hulthén wave function and 2 different source models

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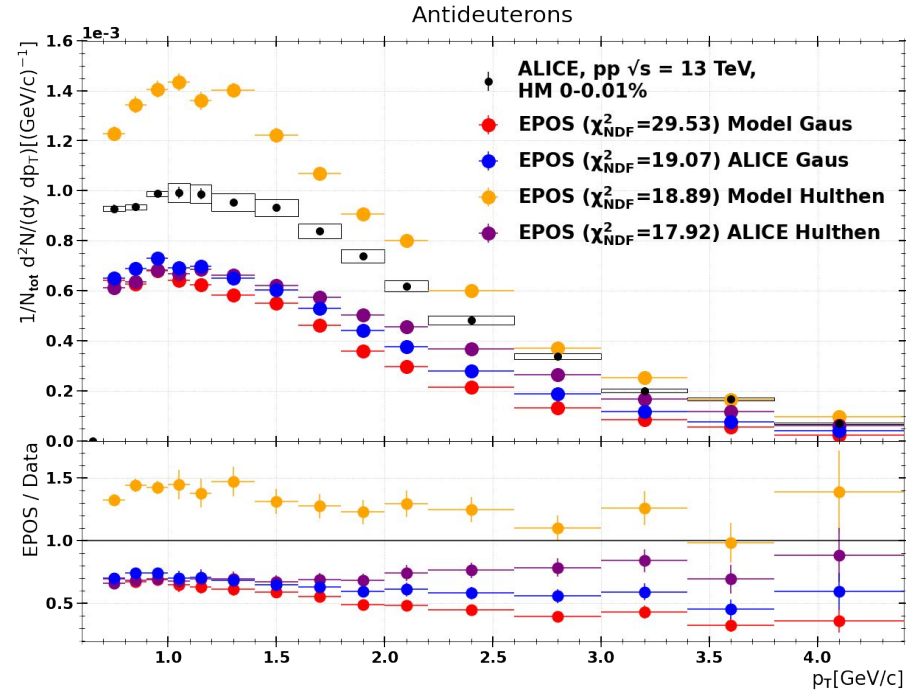


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- “Model”: ~45% too high yield
- “ALICE”: ~25% too little yield
- Big difference when breaking correlations! (from sampling random distances)

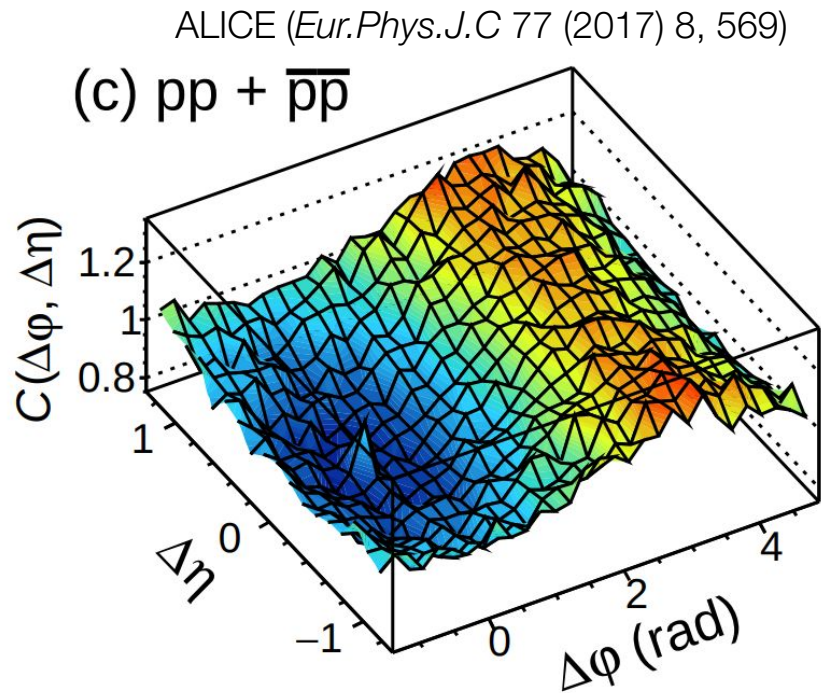
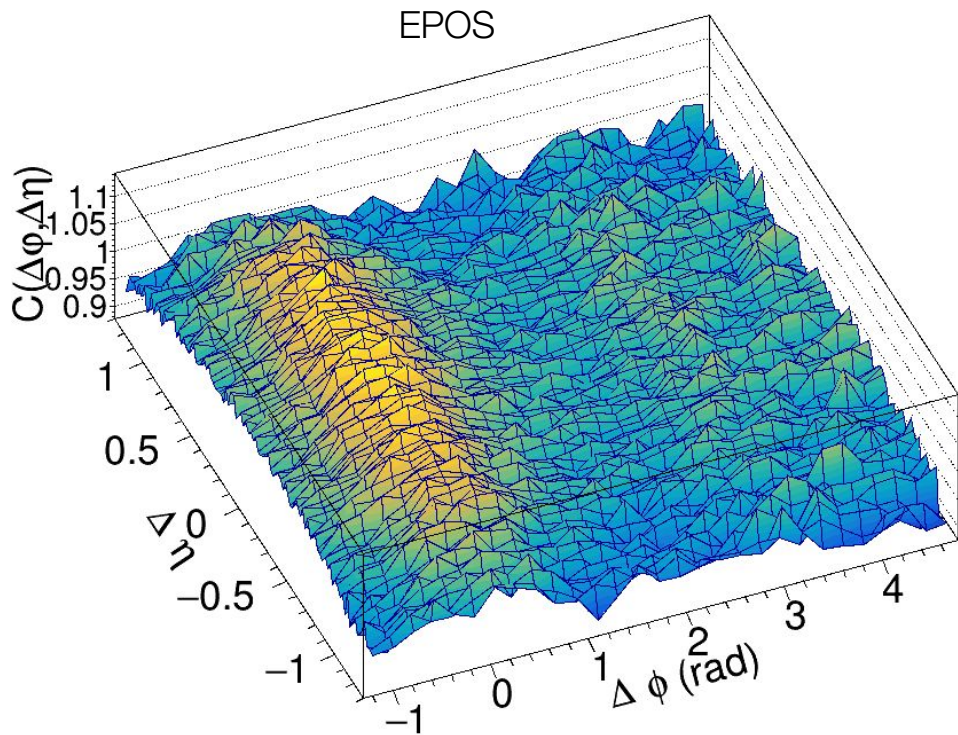
➔ Further study correlations!



Correcting angular correlations

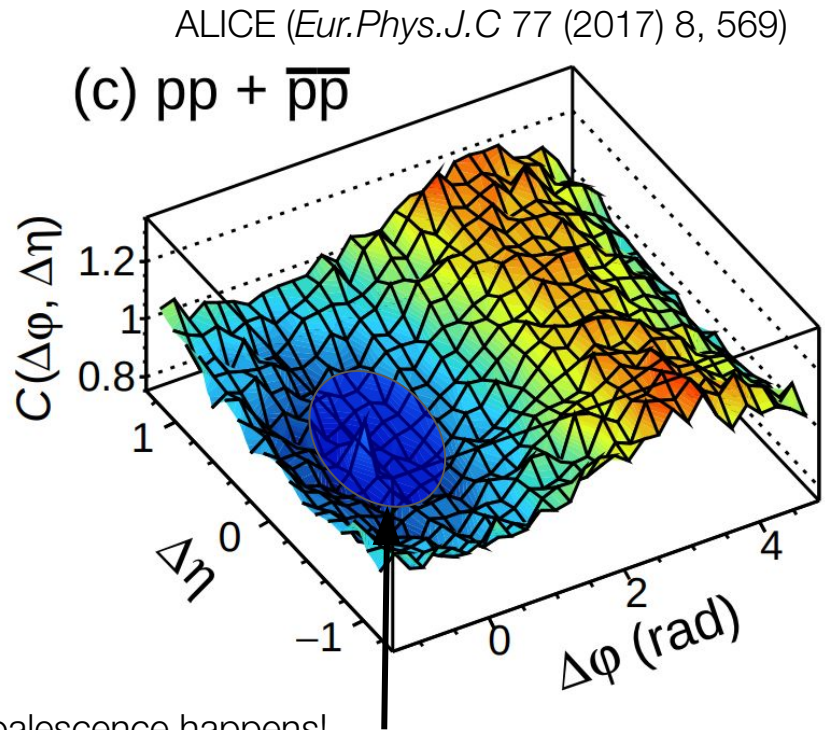
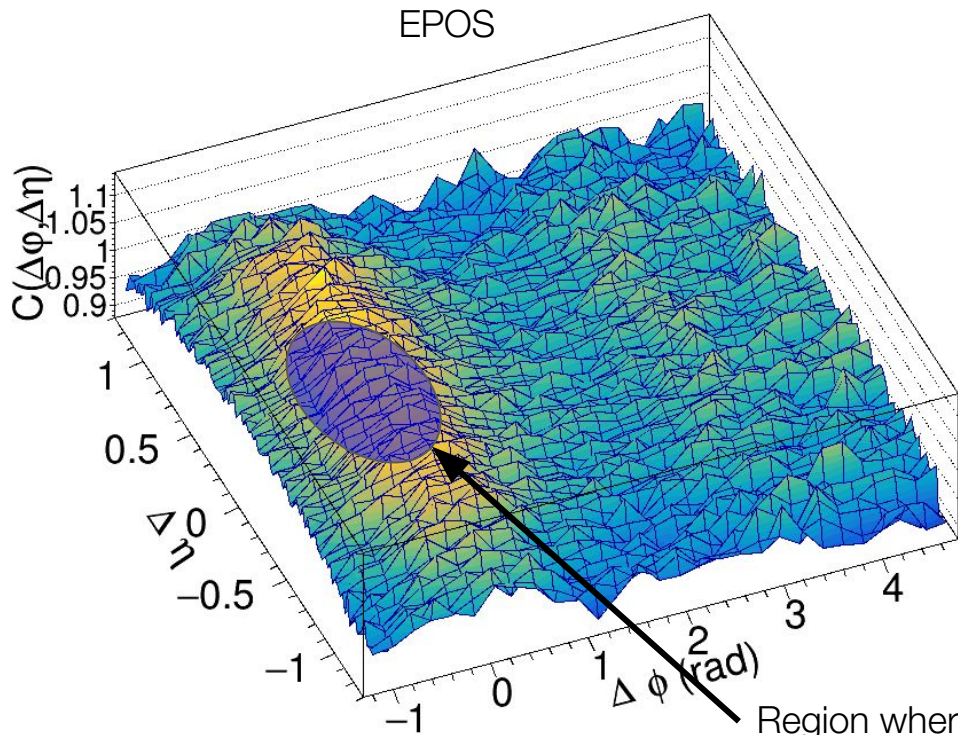
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$\Delta\eta$ - $\Delta\phi$ Correlation function



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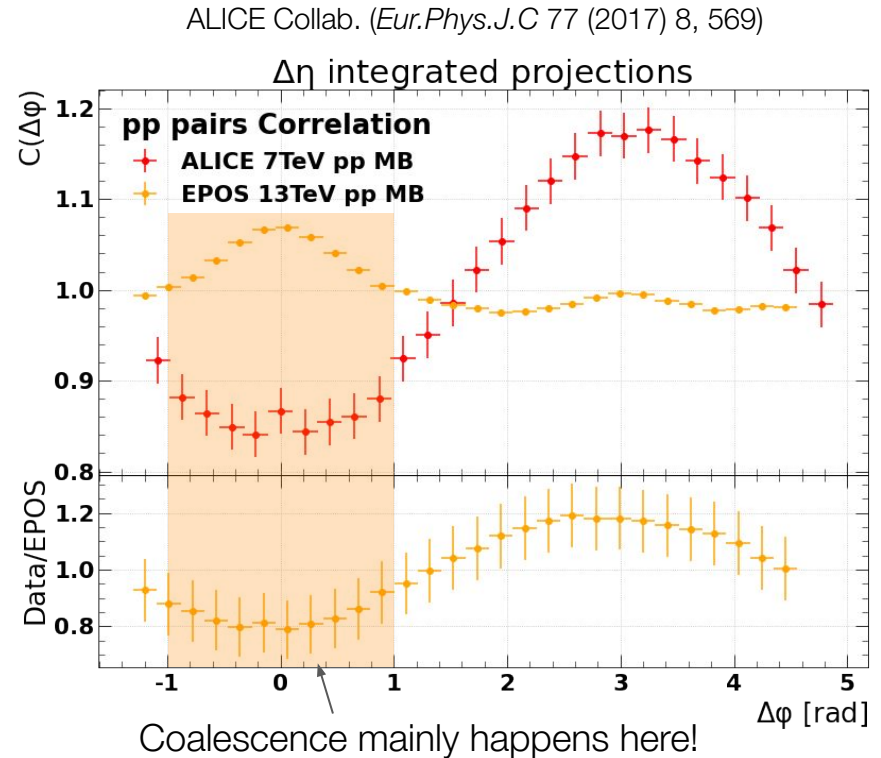
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Angular correlations

$\Delta\eta$ -integrated $\Delta\varphi$ Correlation function

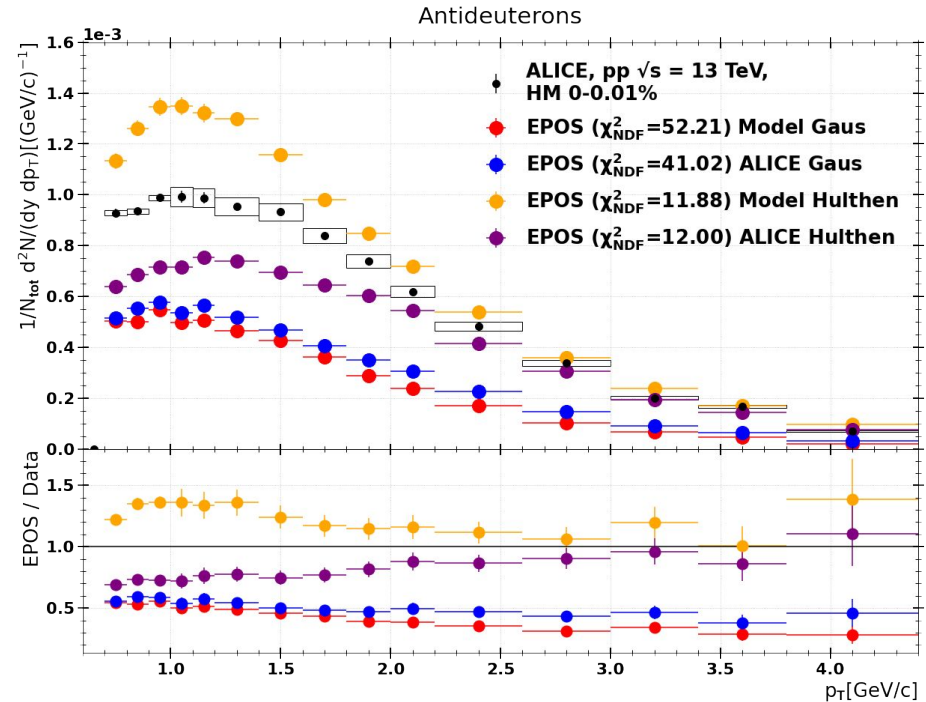
- Comparison between 7TeV MB pp by ALICE and 13 TeV MB in EPOS
- No 13 TeV HM data published
- Big differences in the region of interest!



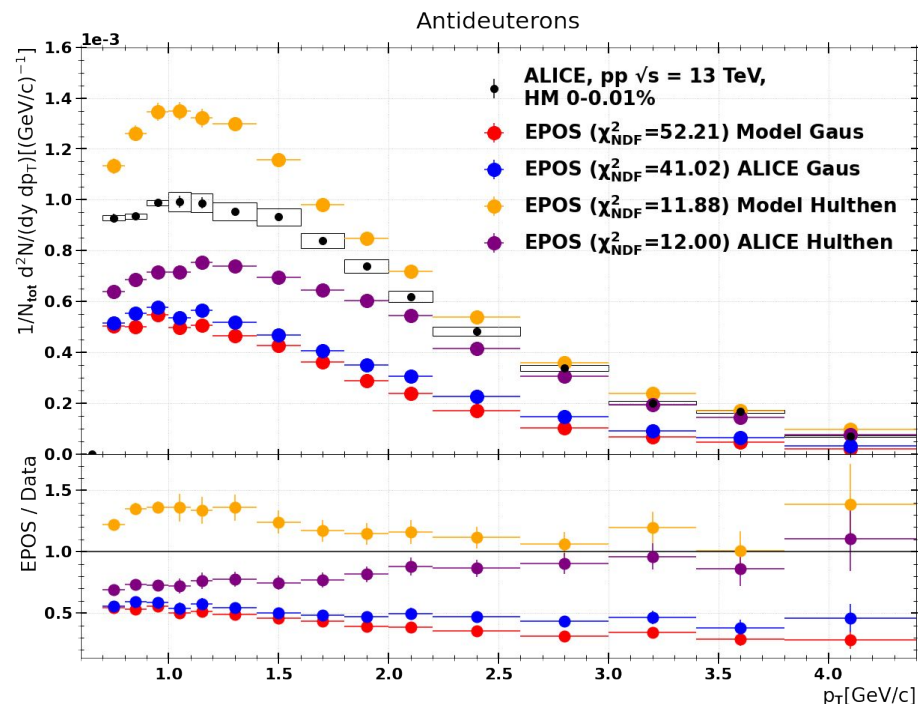
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$\Delta\varphi$ Reweighting

- Improvement of the **Hulthen + Model** (45% \rightarrow 30%)
- In future improvement with 2D $\Delta\eta$ - $\Delta\varphi$ correlation



- Event generators need to be tuned and improved a lot to get a realistic description
- Hulthén wave function working much better than Gaussian
- Two-particle correlations have a huge impact on coalescence predictions

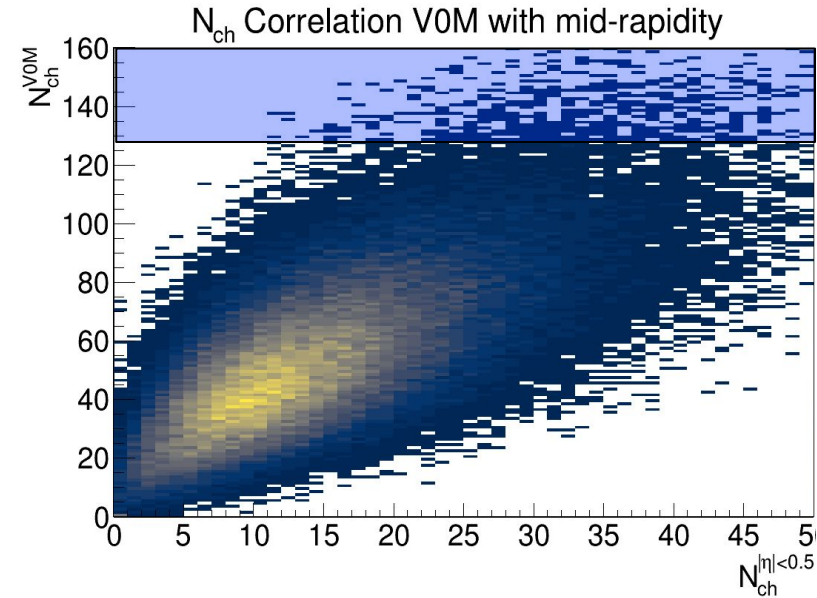




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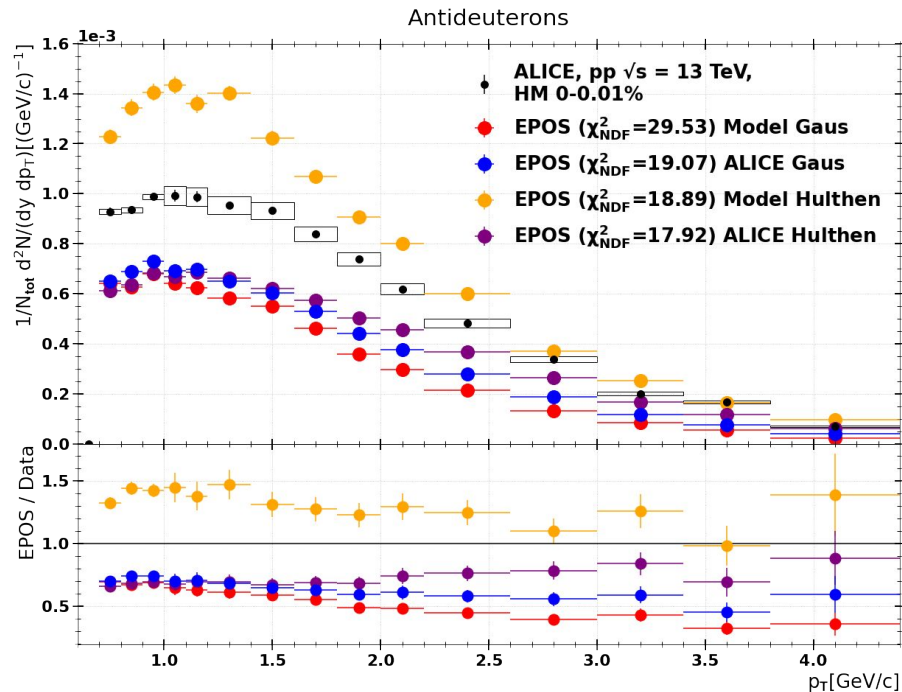
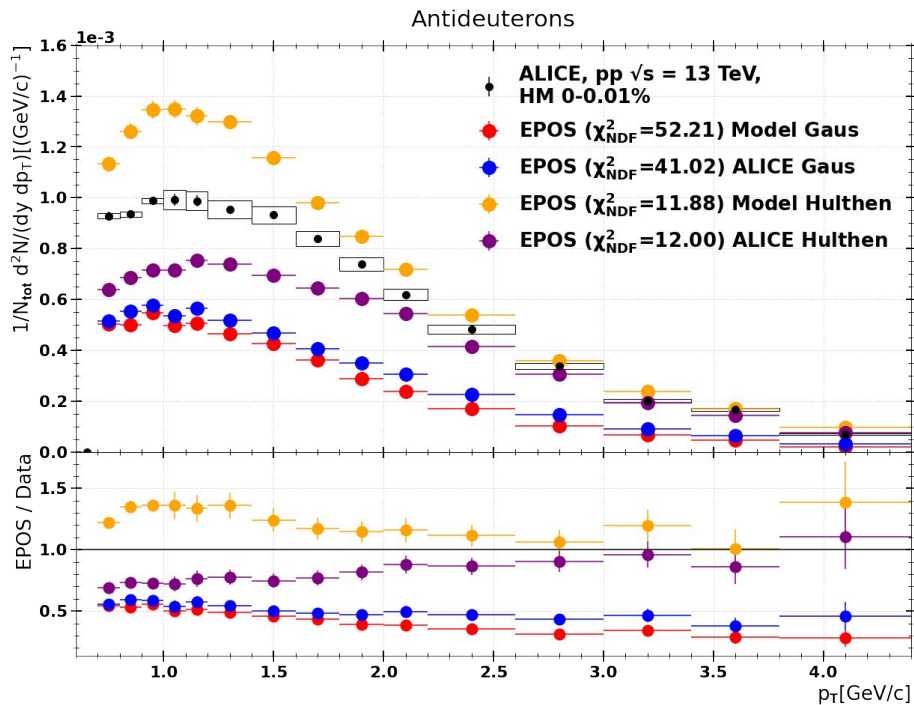
High multiplicity trigger in EPOS

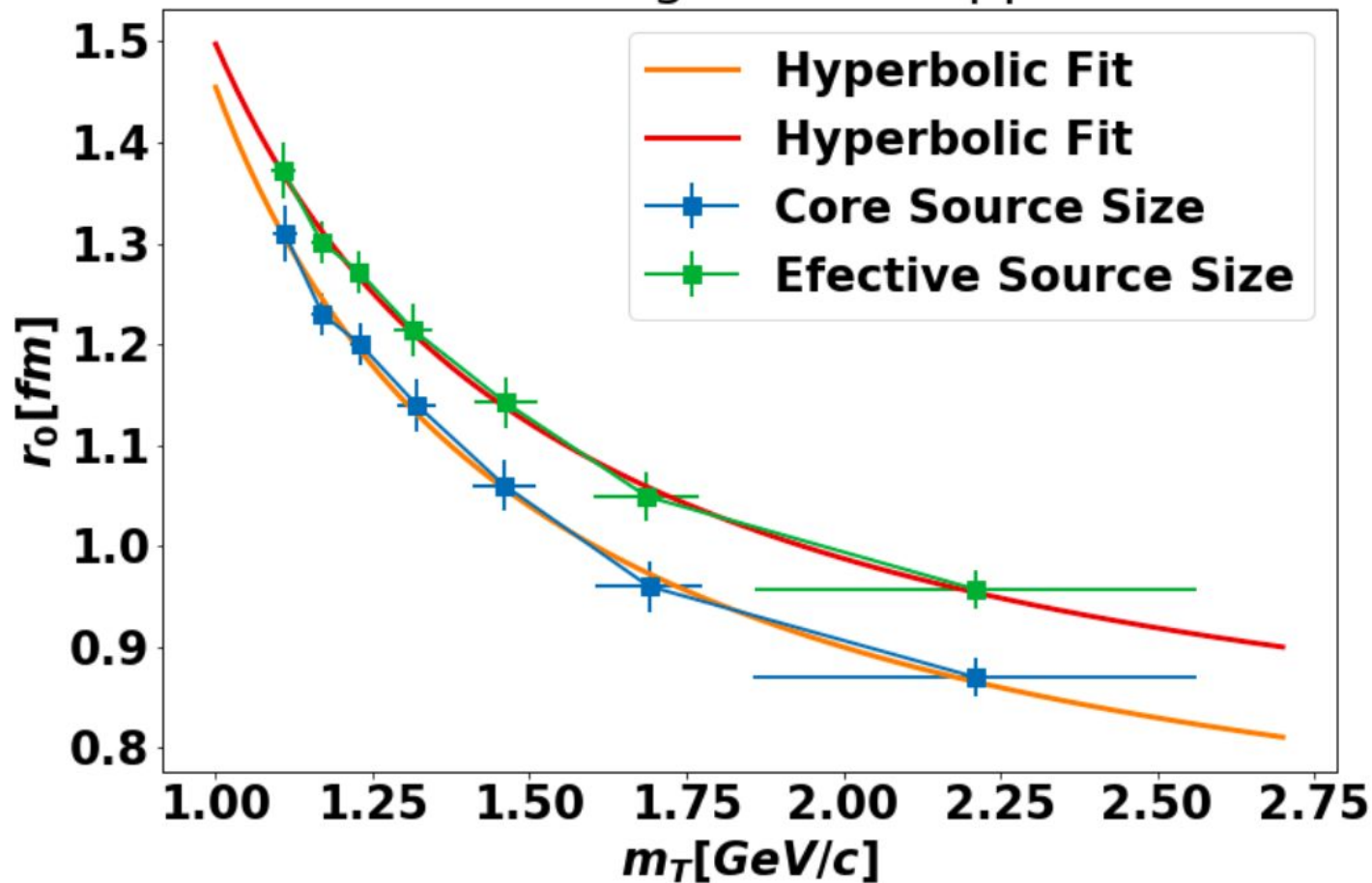
- Approach: follow ALICE method closely
- Correlate charged particle multiplicities in V0M region with mid-rapidity
- Trigger for different V0M multiplicities and compare mid-rapidity to ALICE measurement

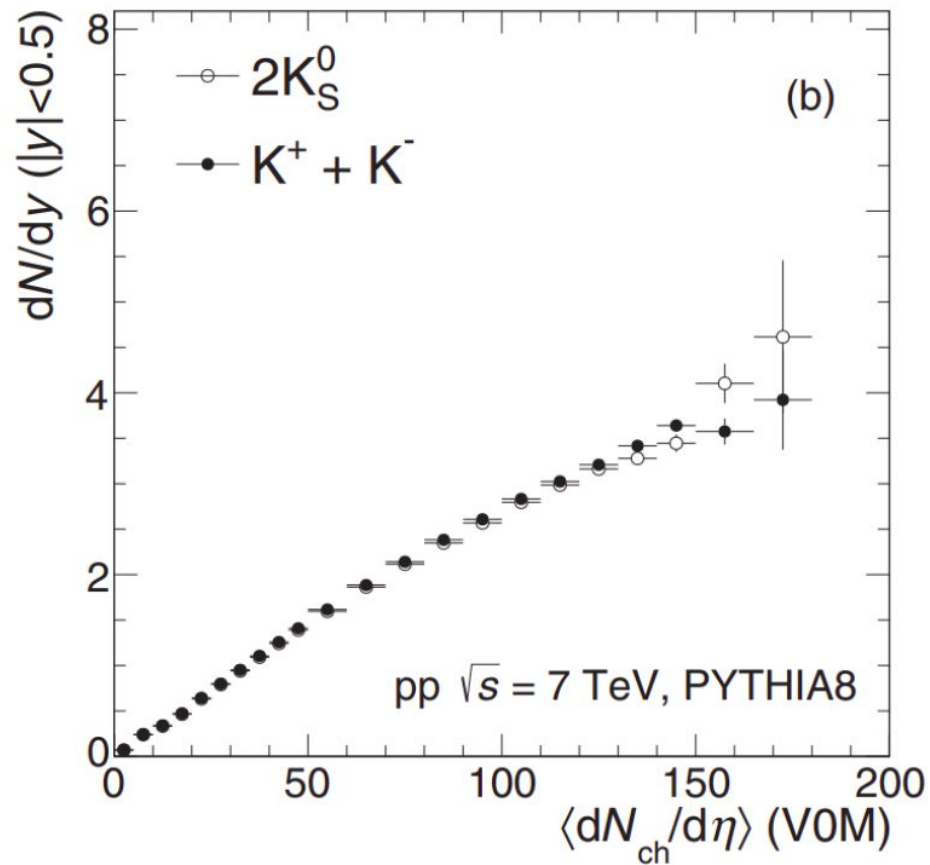
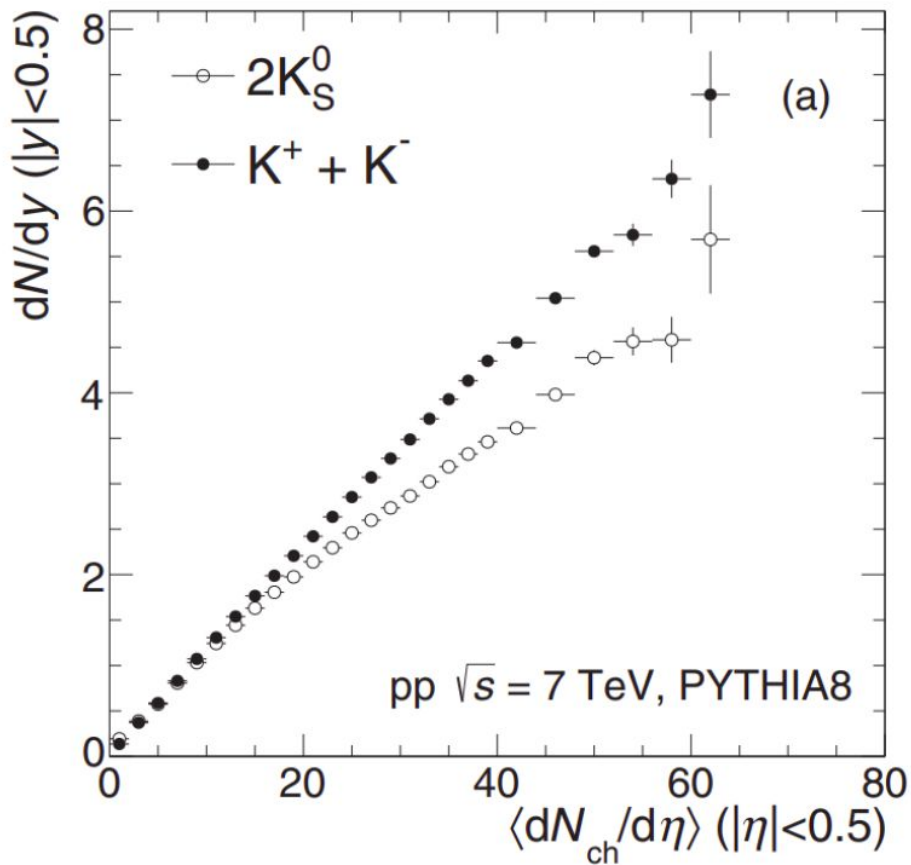


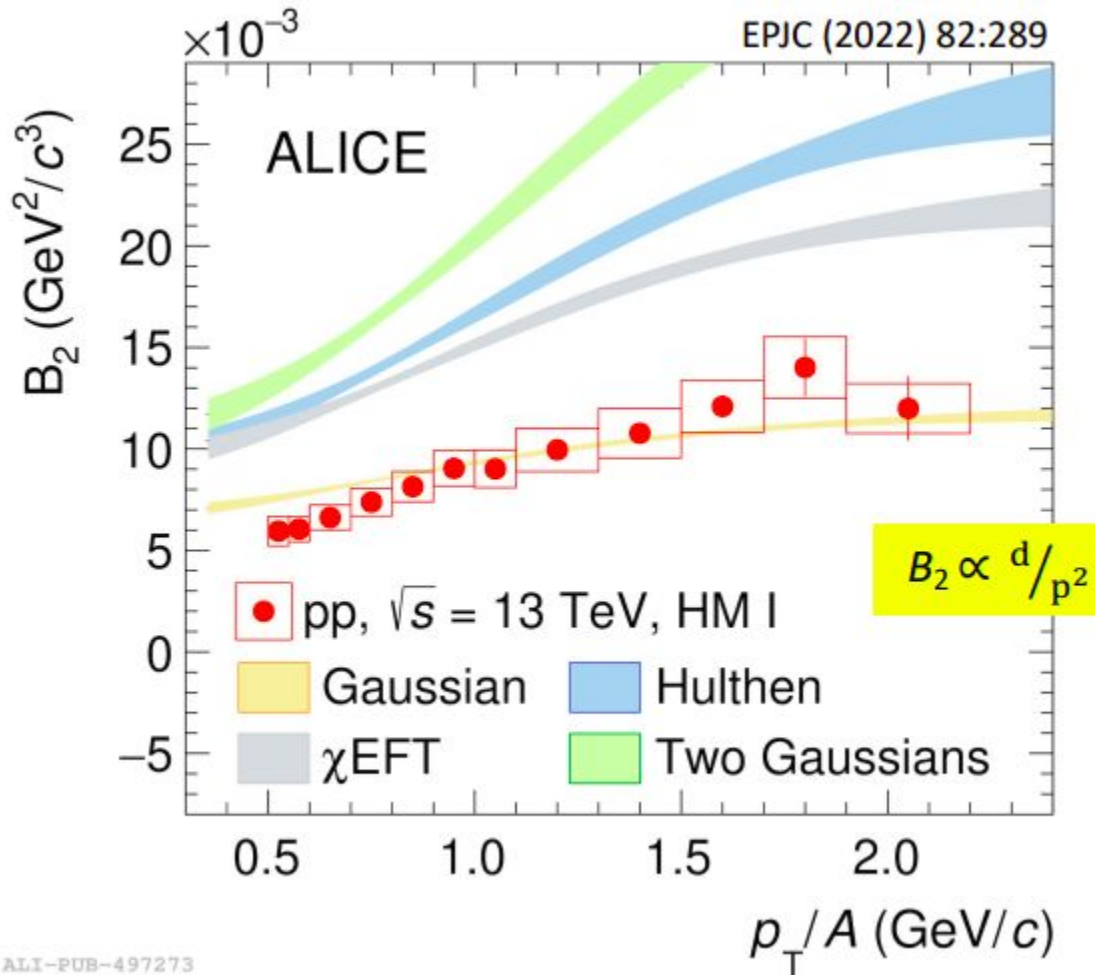
V0M: $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ and $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$
 mid-rapidity: $-0.5 < \eta < 0.5$

Comparison with and without $\Delta\eta$ - $\Delta\varphi$ Correlation



ALICE source size high-mult. in pp $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$ 





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