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# WG5 Summary

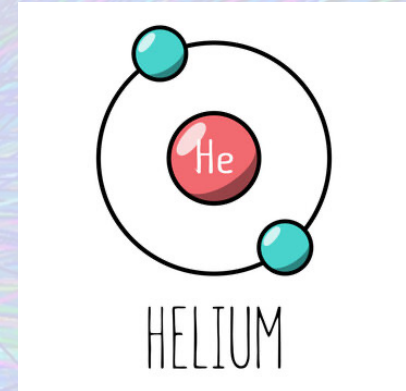
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MPI@LHC 2023

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Also... my comfort talking about these topics

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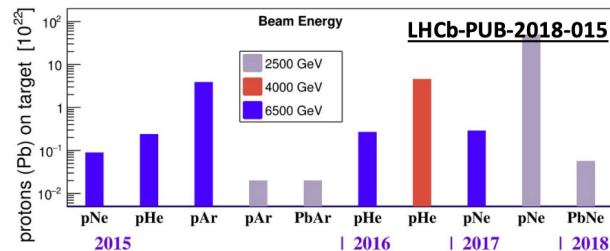
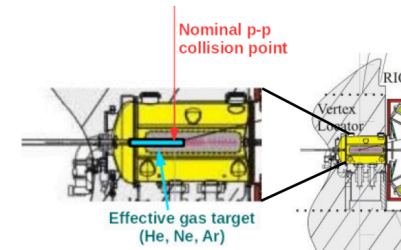
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I will give some comments and observations at the end.

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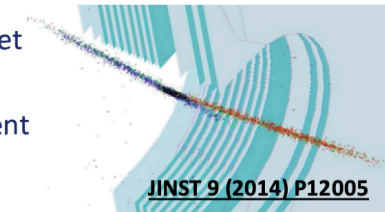
## LHCb fixed-target programme

- The *System for Measuring Overlap with Gas (SMOG)* can inject gas in LHC beam pipe around ( $\pm 20$  m) the LHCb IP.
- Originally conceived for precise luminosity measurements through **Beam-Gas Imaging**.
- For machine safety, **only noble gases** with a maximum pressure of  $2 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar ( $\times 100$  nominal LHC vacuum) can be injected  $\rightarrow$  Luminosity:  $\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$ .



Since 2015, exploited for LHCb fixed-target physics programme

$\rightarrow$  Collected physics samples with different targets and different centre of mass energies.



Unique opportunities at the LHC:

- Collisions with **targets of mass number A intermediate** between p and Pb  $\rightarrow$  **Reproduce CR interactions ( $pp$ ,  $pHe$ )**
- **Energy range**  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \in [30, 115]$  GeV for beam energy in  $[0.45, 7]$  TeV  $\rightarrow$  **Unexplored gap** between SpS and LHC/RHIC.

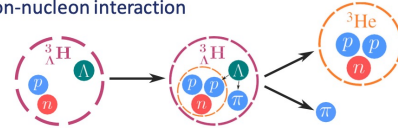
# Helium fixed target at LHCb

## Application: Hypertriton

- Hypertriton life-time and binding energy gives access to hyperon-nucleon interaction

→ Constrains on maximum mass of neutron stars

Search for 2-body decay into He:



### Results:

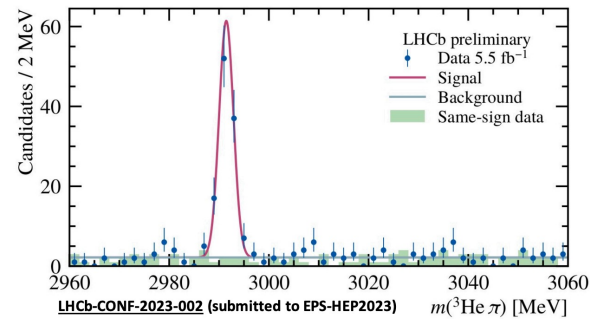
(Run2  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV)

#### Yields:

- 61 ± 8 Hypertriton
- 46 ± 7 anti-Hypertriton
- Statistical mass precision: 0.16 MeV

#### Under investigation:

- Systematic corrections on mass scale:
  - Charge-sign dependent energy-loss
  - Tracking corrections for Z=2
- Efficiency and acceptance corrections



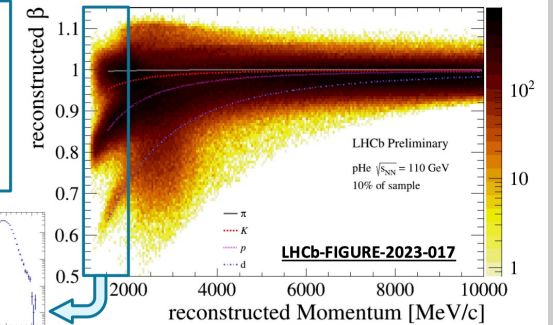
LHCb-CONF-2023-002 (submitted to EPS-HEP2023)

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## (Anti-)deuteron identification

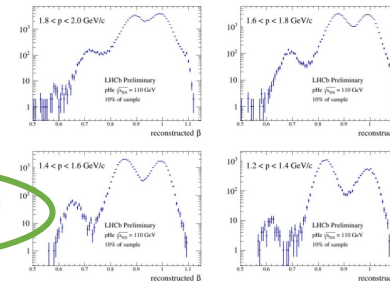
Reconstructed tracks refitted to determine  $\beta$  → Iterative procedure rerunning Kalman fit with different  $\beta$  hypotheses

- At least 15 OT hits required on each track
- Change  $\beta$  following  $\chi^2_{\text{fit}}$  decrease (gradient descent) without outliers removal →  $\chi^2_{\text{fit}} = \chi^2_{\text{track}} + [(t_{M1} - \langle M1 \rangle) / \sigma_{M1}]^2$
- Fit around minimum to estimate  $\beta_{\text{fit}}$  and its uncertainty
- If fit at minimum has outliers, removed and reiterate procedure



- ~10% of SMOG pHe ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 110$  GeV) dataset
- Background suppression:  $\sigma(\beta) < 0.02$ ,  $\chi^2_{\text{Othits}} / \text{ndf} < 2$

First deuteron candidates observed in pHe data!



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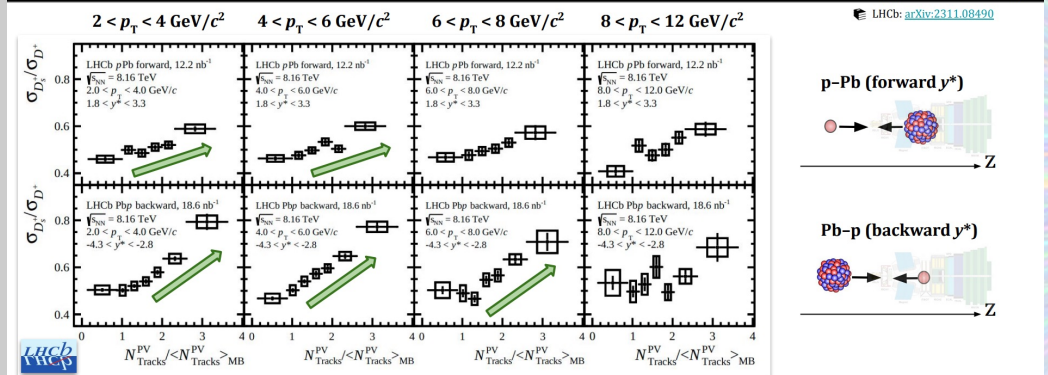
#### Under investigation:

- Some DATA/MC discrepancies in OT response
- Efficiencies and systematics studies
- Improve background suppression to expand momentum range where clean identification achievable

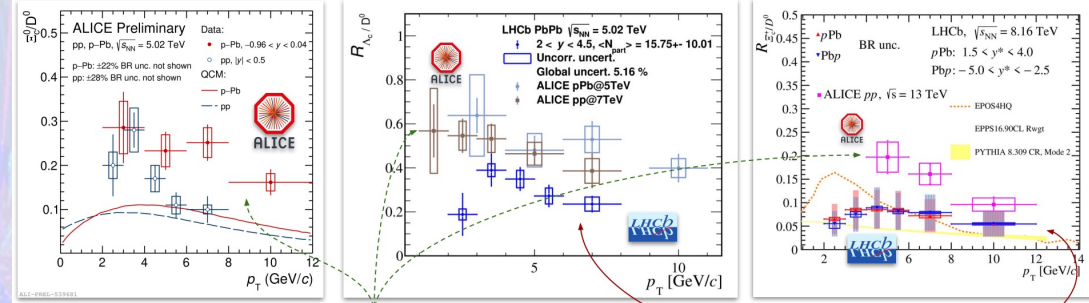
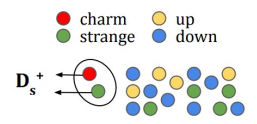
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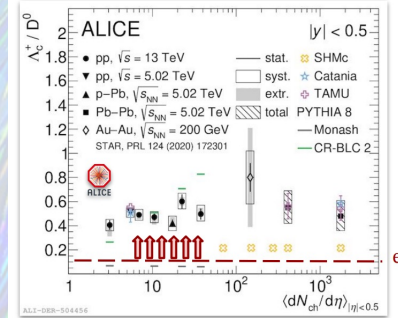


- Significant increase vs. multiplicity of prompt  $D_s^+ / D^+$  ratio in p-Pb collisions
  - more pronounced for backward collisions
- In line with a scenario including hadronization via **coalescence** and **strangeness enhancement** in high-multiplicity p-Pb collisions



- Baryon-to-meson ratio at midrapidity compatible in pp and p-Pb collisions
  - hint of larger  $\Xi_c^0 / D^0$  in p-Pb collisions at  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c
- Baryon-to-meson ratio at forward rapidity systematically lower than those at midrapidity across collision systems
  - influence of different parton and/or heavy-flavour quark densities in different rapidity ranges?

## Charm-baryon production at the LHC - open points (2/2)



Charm baryon-to-meson ratio

$e^+e^-: 0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$

- No significant dependence vs. multiplicity of the  $p_T$ -integrated  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio at mid-y across collision systems
- Ratio described by Catania (fragmentation + coalescence) and TAMU (SHM+RQM + 4-momentum conserving coalescence in Pb-Pb)
- PYTHIA 8 CR-BLC prediction does not reproduce the trend vs. multiplicity in pp collisions

→ Is the  $p_T$ -differential  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  enhancement just a consequence of radial flow and recombination?

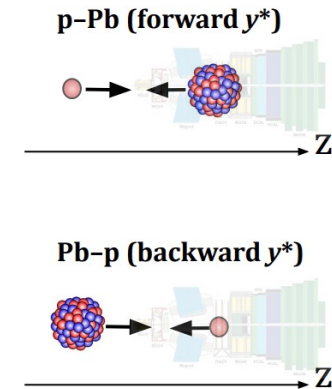
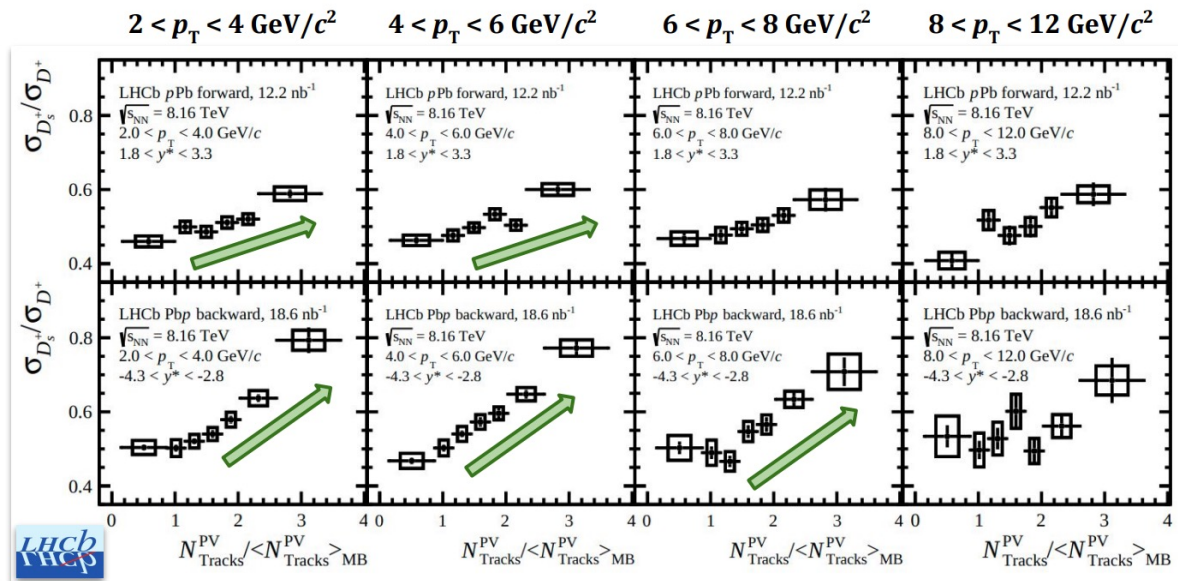


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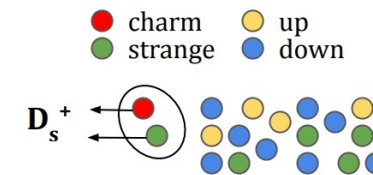
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LHCb: [arXiv:2311.08490](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.08490)



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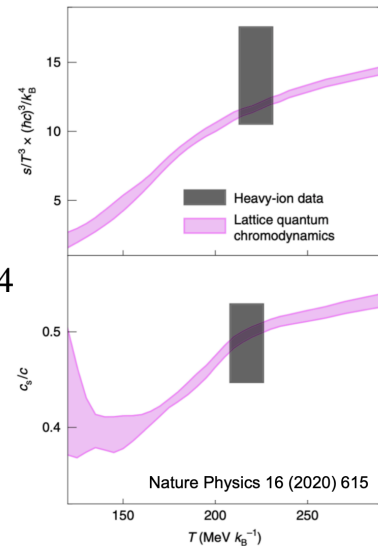
# Collectivity in Pb-Pb

## Previous Extractions of $c_s$

- Extraction of  $c_s$  using ALICE data
- Comparison of 0-5% 2.76 and 5.02 TeV data
- Changing energy density at fixed volume

$$c_s^2(T_{eff}) = \frac{dP}{d\epsilon} = \frac{sdT}{Tds} \Big|_{T_{eff}} = \frac{d \ln \langle p_T \rangle}{d \ln(dN_{ch}/d\eta)} = 0.24 \pm 0.04$$

- Uncertainties limited by only having 2 energies
- Used available published ALICE data
- Energy dependence of  $p_T$ ,  $N_{ch}$  not unique to AA



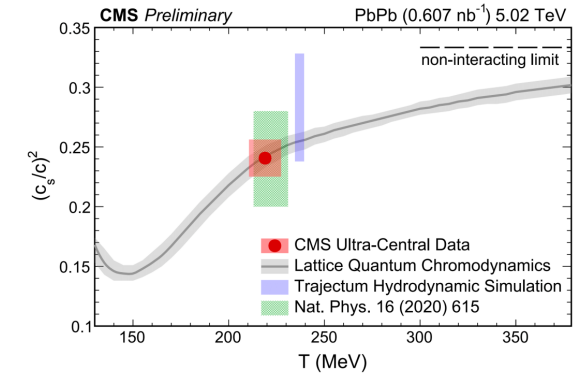
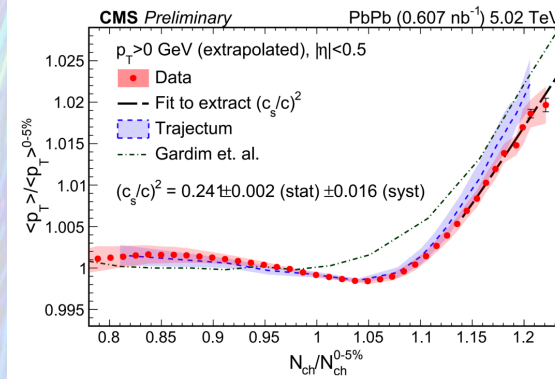
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## Summary

- First measurement of the speed of sound in QGP using UCC collisions
- Good agreement with lattice QCD (2+1 flavors)
  - Constrains equation of state - interesting to look at lower T (at RHIC?)
  - Confirms deconfined d.o.f.
- Origin of 'dip' still not understood - fluctuations?

More documentation at:  
**CMS PAS HIN-23-003**



# Enhancements between system sizes



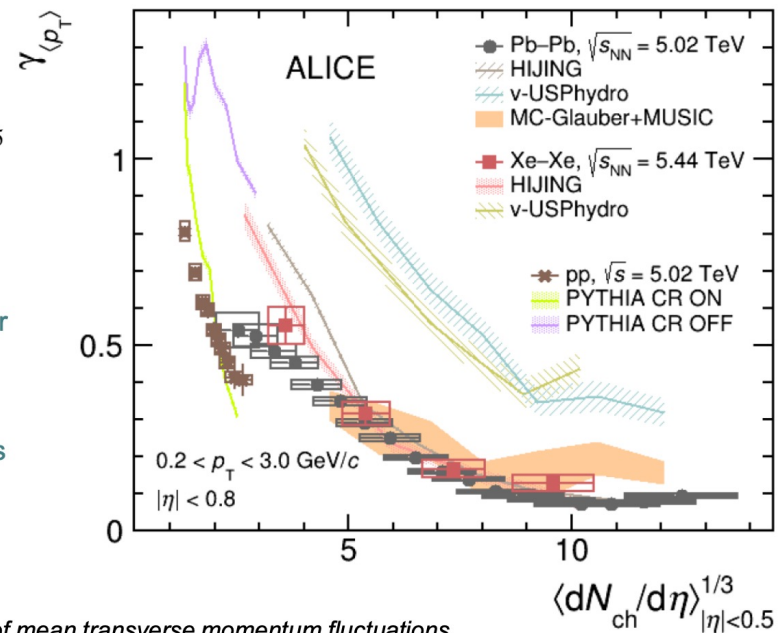
ALICE

## Skewness and kurtosis of $\langle p_T \rangle$ fluctuations



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- Measurements performed in three different collision systems: Pb–Pb, Xe–Xe and pp.
- Common proxy for system size:  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle_{|\eta|<0.5}^{1/3}$
- Main results for standardized skewness:
  - Positive standardized skewness of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations in Pb–Pb, Xe–Xe and pp collisions – an essential consequence of hydrodynamic evolution;
  - However, positive skewness of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations also for small system size – difficult to reconcile with hydro;
  - Hydro model MUSIC with Monte Carlo Glauber initial conditions qualitatively describes skewness;
  - PYTHIA captures qualitatively the same measurements in pp collisions (colour reconnection (CR) mechanism plays a pivotal role).



ALICE Collaboration, "Skewness and kurtosis of mean transverse momentum fluctuations at the LHC energies", Submitted to PLB, [2308.16217](#)



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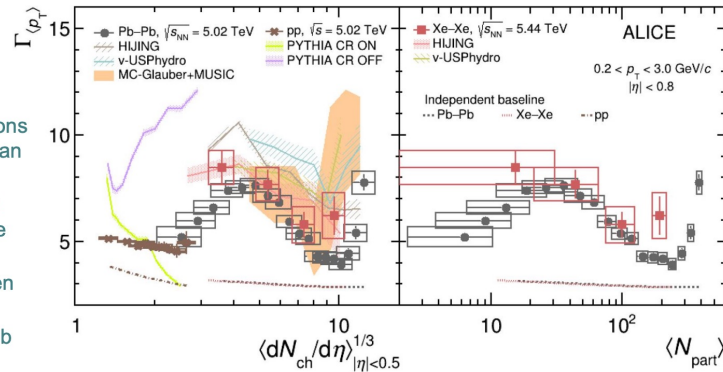
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## Skewness and kurtosis of $\langle p_T \rangle$ fluctuations

- Intensive skewness, as a function of system size and  $N_{part}$ .
- Main results:
  - Positive intensive skewness of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations in Pb–Pb, Xe–Xe and pp collisions, larger than the independent baseline;
  - Neither version of PYTHIA (with and without color reconnection mechanism) can describe pp data;
  - Only hydro-based models capture the sudden rise in most central collisions;
  - Non-trivial system size dependence in Pb–Pb and Xe–Xe, monotonic decrease in pp.



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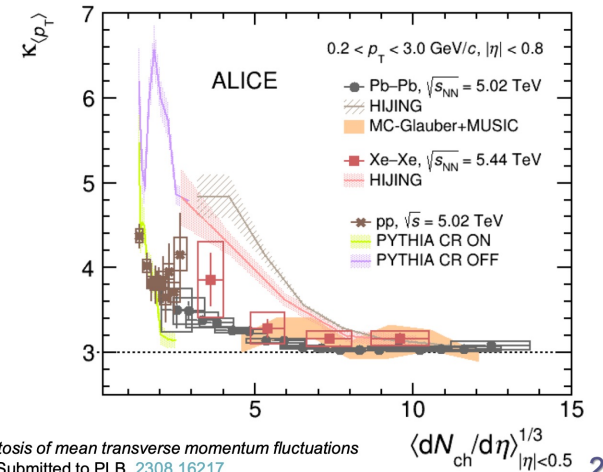
Accessing higher point correlators appears as a strong discriminator between models.

This is perhaps expected, they push models beyond their design.



## Skewness and kurtosis of $\langle p_T \rangle$ fluctuations

- Kurtosis as a function of system size
- Main results:
  - Kurtosis of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations in Pb–Pb, Xe–Xe and pp collisions decreases as system size increases;
  - Kurtosis approaches independent Gaussian baseline only in most central collisions;
  - Only PYTHIA with color reconnection can qualitatively describe pp data;
  - MC-Glauber+MUSIC captures Pb–Pb data in most central collisions;
  - HIJING overestimates the data.



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# Event generators for A-A

## Guilherme Milhano's 5 lessons

### lesson #1

vacuum like jet fragmentation very important driver of how much and how a jet ends up modified

# learning about jet quenching from MC requires careful analysis #

### lesson #2

QGP sees and interacts with constituents of evolving shower  
substructure modifications are a powerful tool to understand shower/QGP interaction

# learning about jet quenching from MC requires careful analysis #

### lesson #3

QGP response to traversal by partons is an important component of jets in HI collisions

contribution extremely important for jet substructure

# MC essential to identify the physical mechanisms involved in jet quenching #

### lesson #4

not all observed modifications of HI wrt pp  
can be attributed to jet quenching

# MC essential to decide what is quenching and what is not #

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lesson #1

lesson #2

vacuum

lesson #5

# learning

sis #

MC essential to learn about the QGP with jets

QGP res

# learning from scrutiny, not from MC/data agreement #

# MC e

questioning

It is essential to decide what to question and what to not

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## Concurrent Mini-jet+Hydro Evolution

Elements of the framework:

$\tau = 0$

- Initial state from IP-Glasma.
- Finite mini-jet production probability at each binary collision.

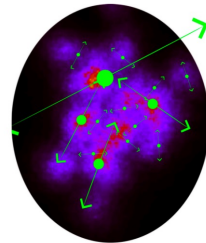
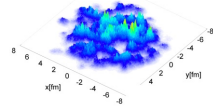
$\tau = 0.4 \text{ fm}/c$

- Hydro. energy-momentum from IP-Glasma.
- Mini-jets lose energy to the QGP (Hybrid Model) above  $T_c$ :
  - Gaussian source into hydro. e.o.m.

$T_{\text{freeze-out}}$

- Cooper-Frye bulk.
- Hadronize non-stopped partons through Lund string model:
  - If parton close to hypersurface, sample thermal partons to build colourless string.
  - If not, construct single colourless string with all such "corona" partons.
- Everything evolves with UrQMD.

Schenke, Tribedy & Venugopalan - PRL '12



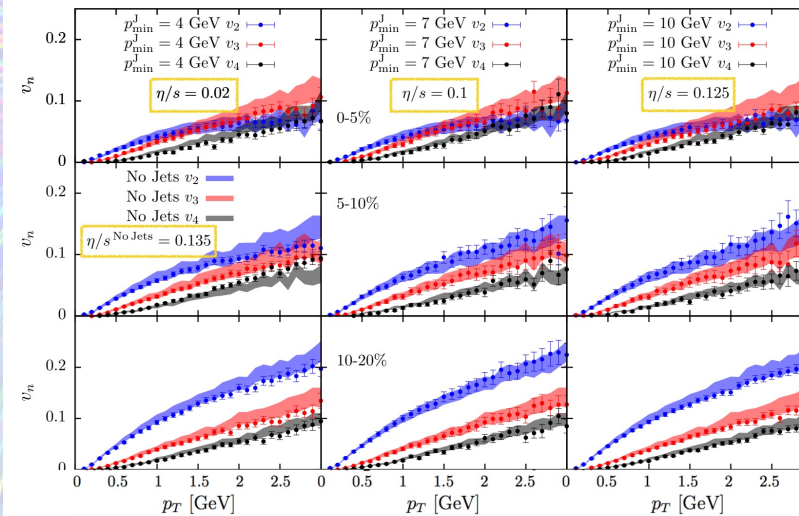
DP, Singh, Gale, Jeon - 2202.03414

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## Impact on $\eta/s$ extraction



- Quite different viscosities needed to get the same flow strength depending on mini-jets abundance.

- Single rescaling of viscosity absorbs differences in differential  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  and  $v_4$ .

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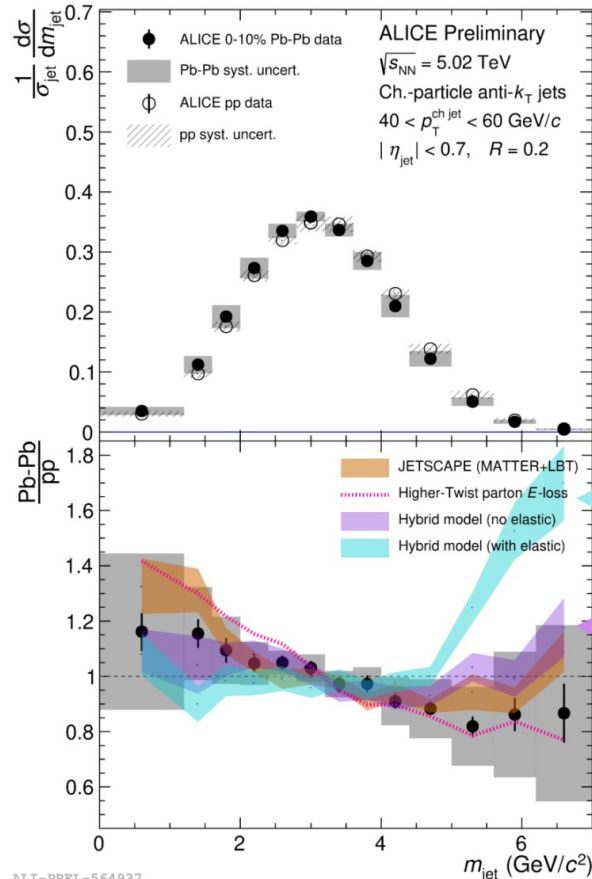
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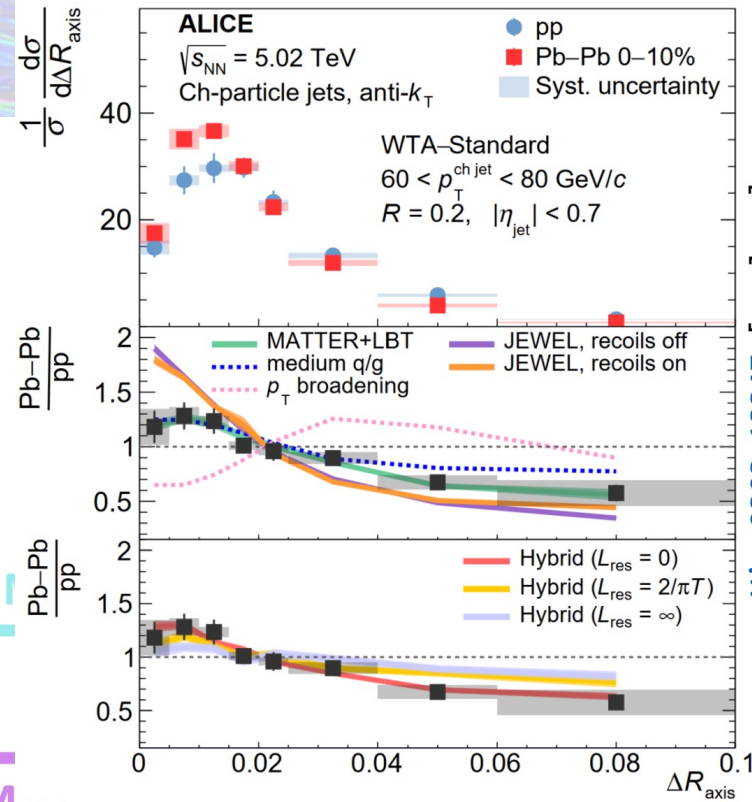
An example of complicating phenomena in the shower models, mini-jets...

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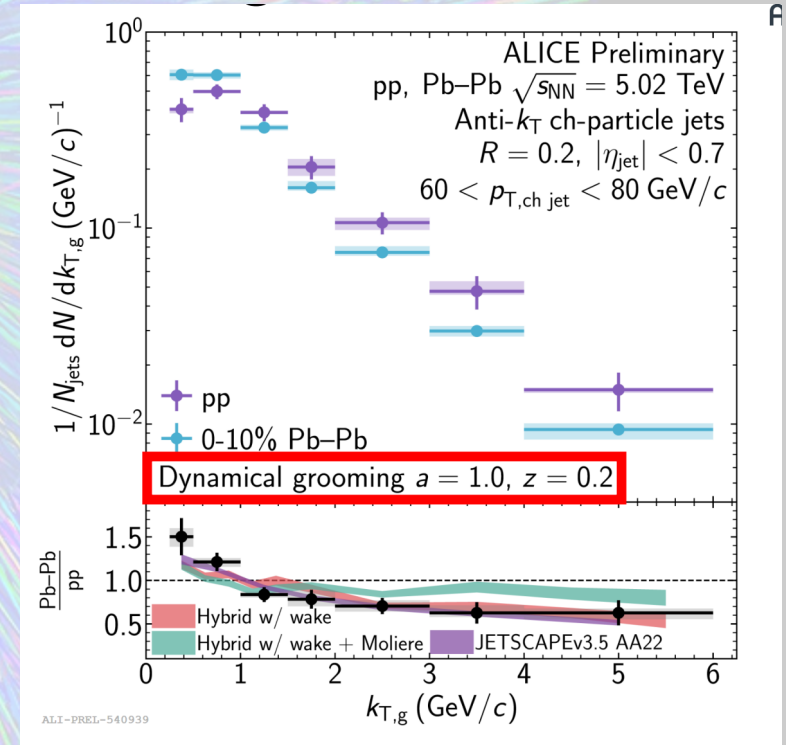
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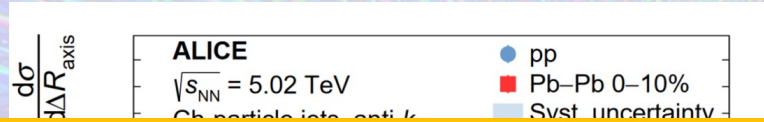
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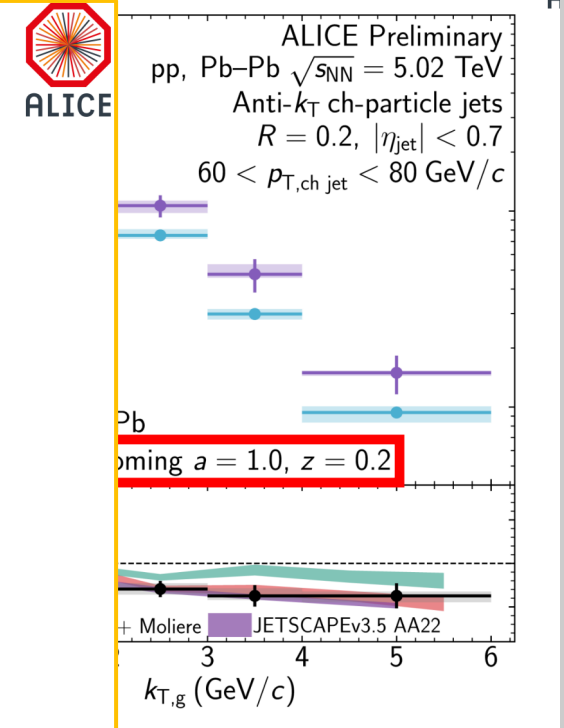
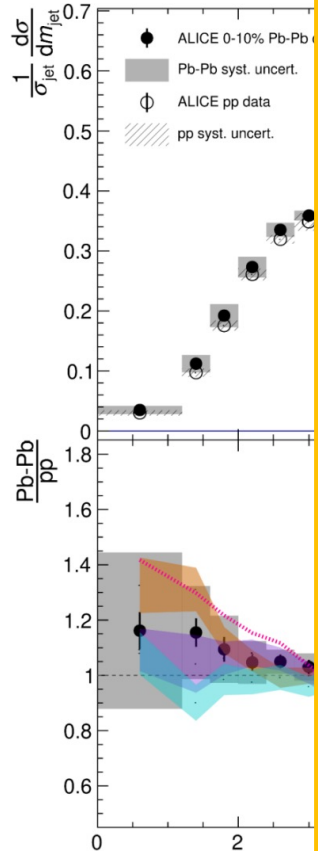
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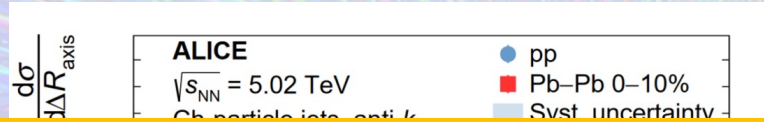
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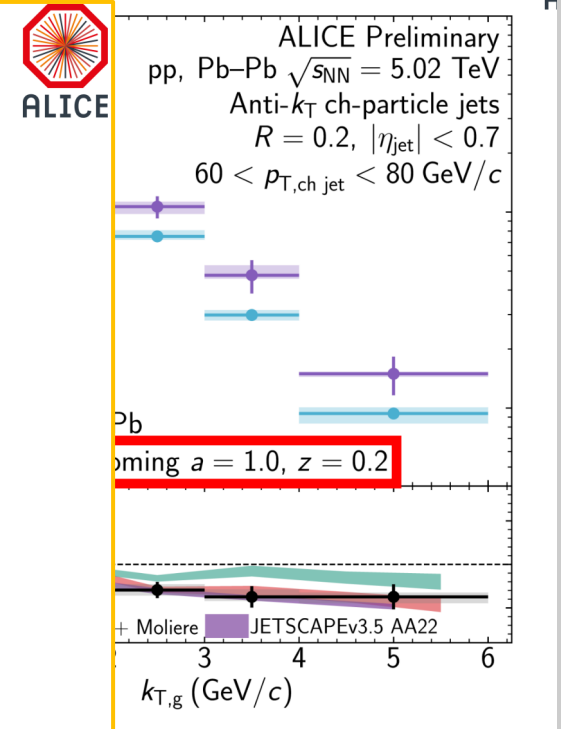
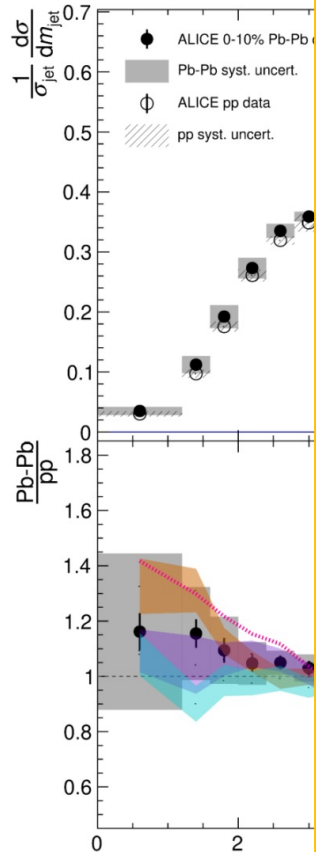
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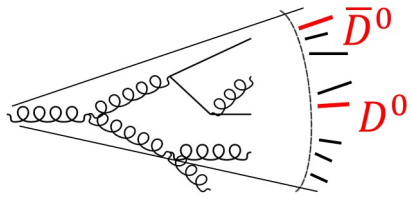


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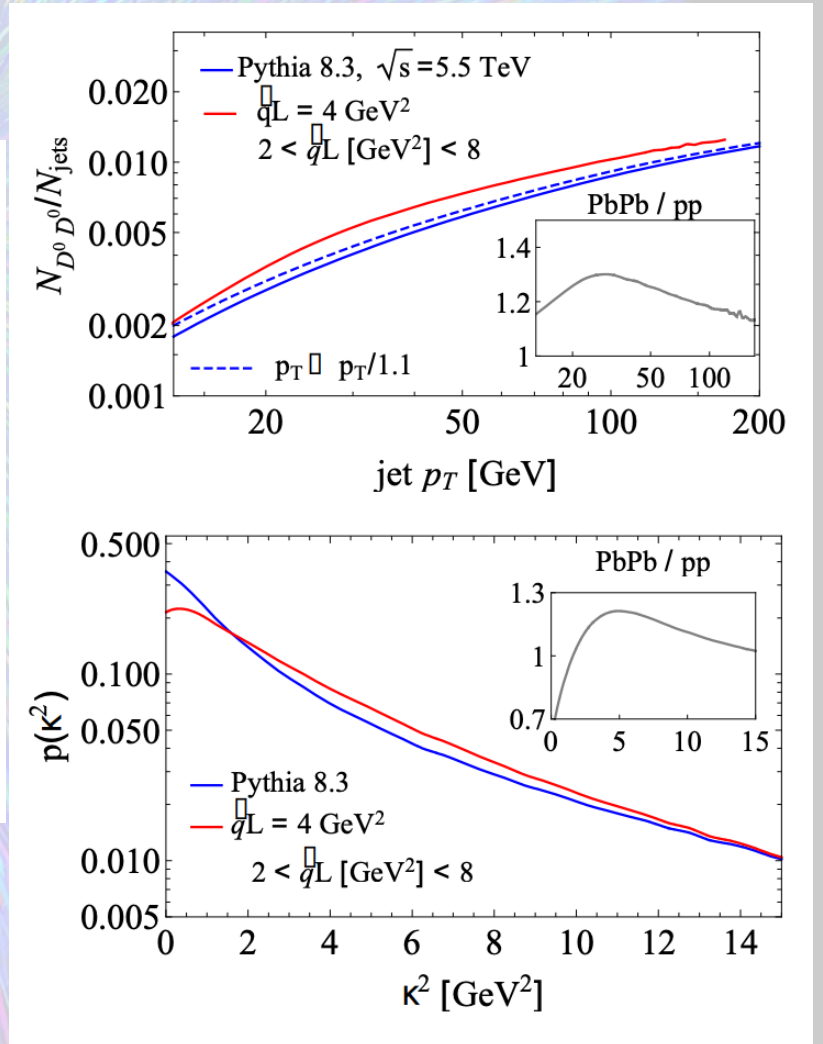
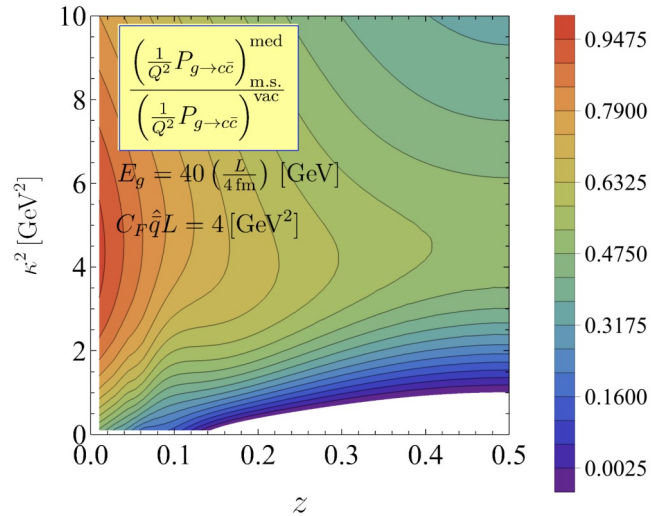
# Jet Quenching – new observables



Get kinematics of  $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$

Reweight each splitting by

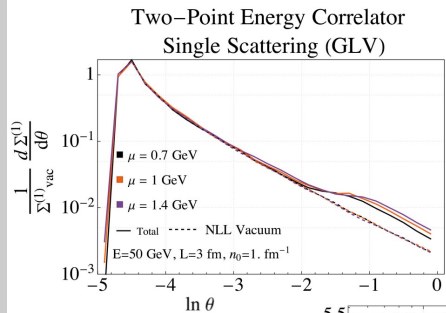
$$w_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{med}(E_g, k_c^2, z) = 1 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}\right)^{med}(E_g, k_c^2, z)}{\left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}\right)^{vac}(k_c^2, z)}$$



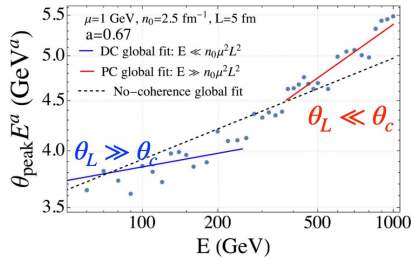
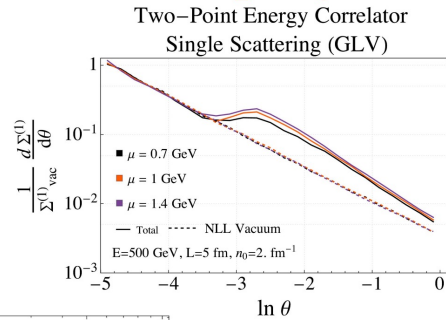
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## Results GLV

$$\theta_L \gg \theta_c$$



$$\theta_L \ll \theta_c$$

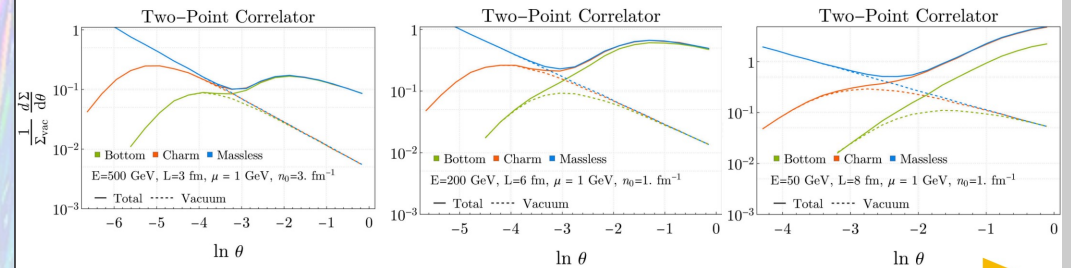


Coherence transition not as clearly observed as in the **multiple scattering case**

GLV calculation from:  
Ovanessian, Vitev,  
[1109.5619](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.5619)

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## HF jets: filling the dead-cone



$$\frac{\theta_L}{\theta_0} \rightarrow 1: \text{Filling the dead-cone}$$

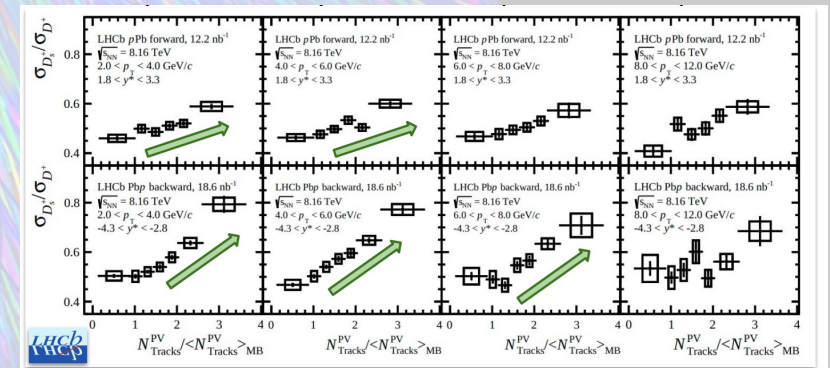
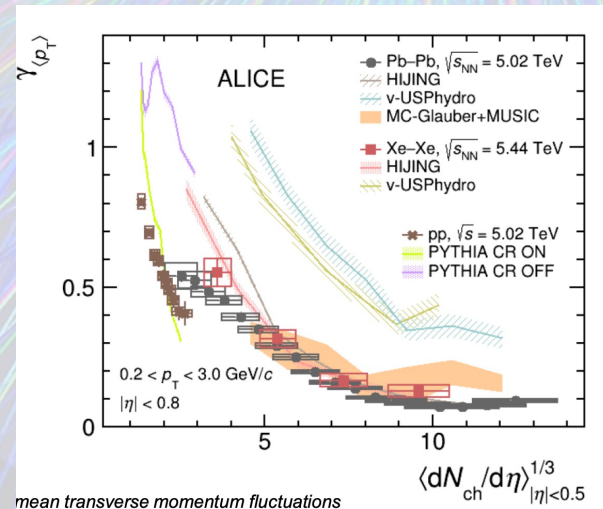
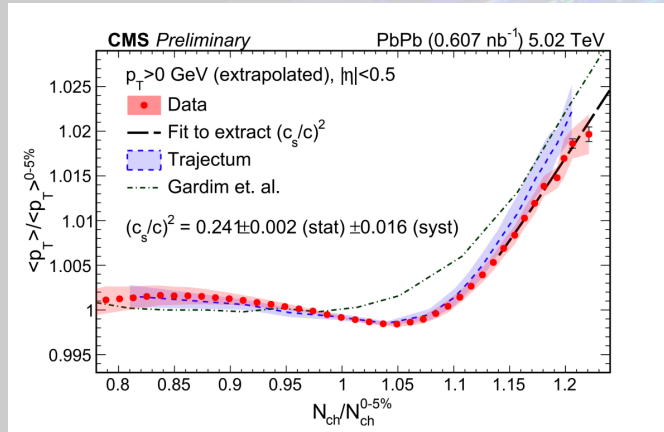
Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann,  
[arXiv: hep-ph/0312106](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0312106)

EEC sensitive to the **dead-cone and its medium modifications**

CA, Dominguez, Holguin, Marquet, I. Moutl, [2307.15110](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.15110)

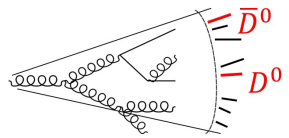
# Overall observations

- We now have extensive lists of measured observables in nucleon collisions. Some give insight, some are overwhelmingly inclusive...
  - Successful observables are typically simple in at least either analysis or theoretical motivation.
  - Successful observables often give trivial 'null' results in pp.
  - For these simple observables, careful ratios are our friends.



# Overall observations

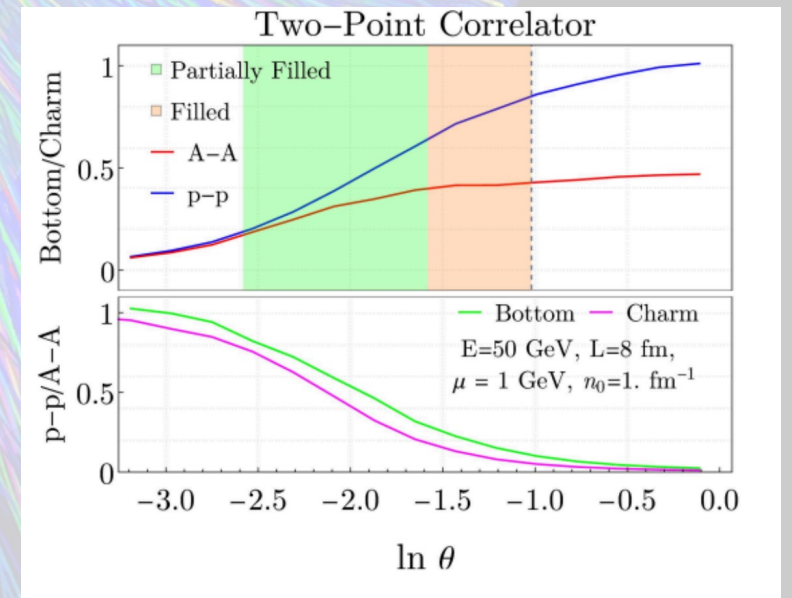
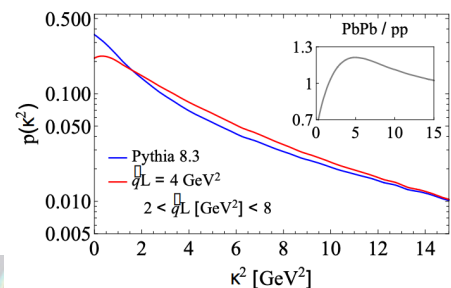
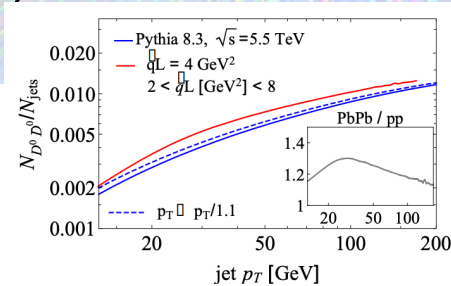
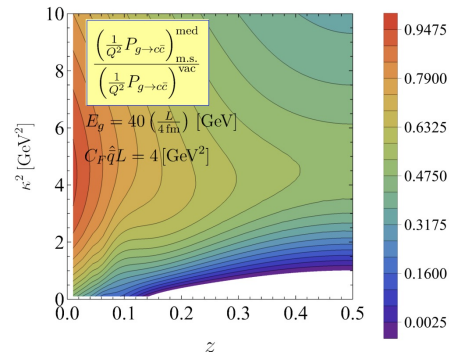
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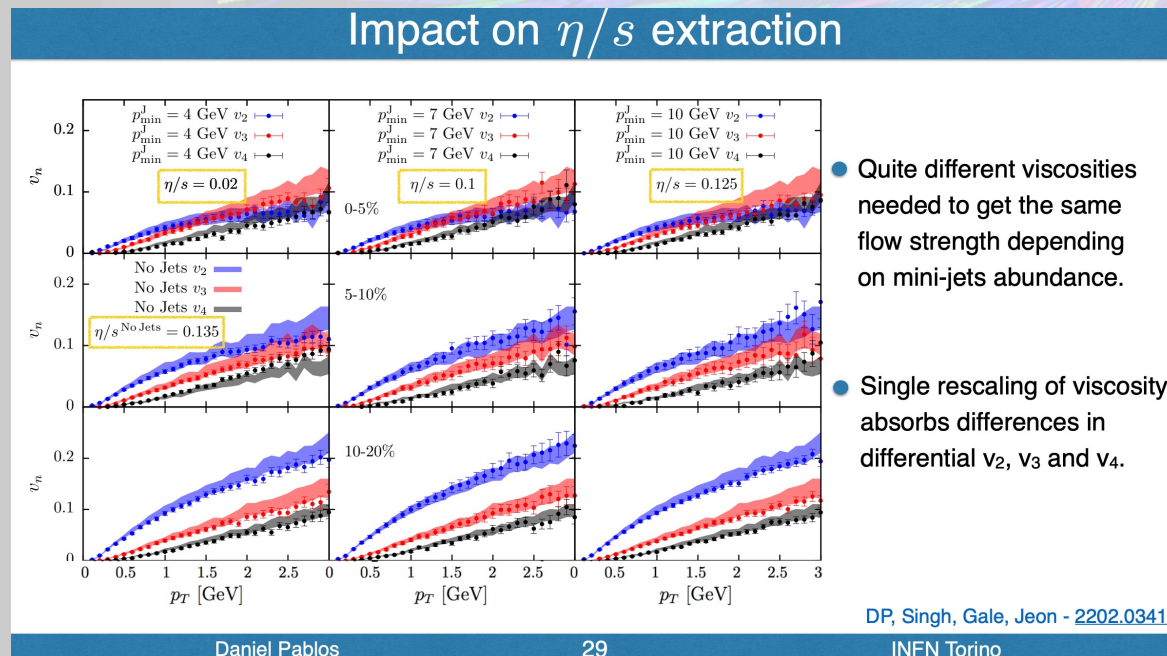
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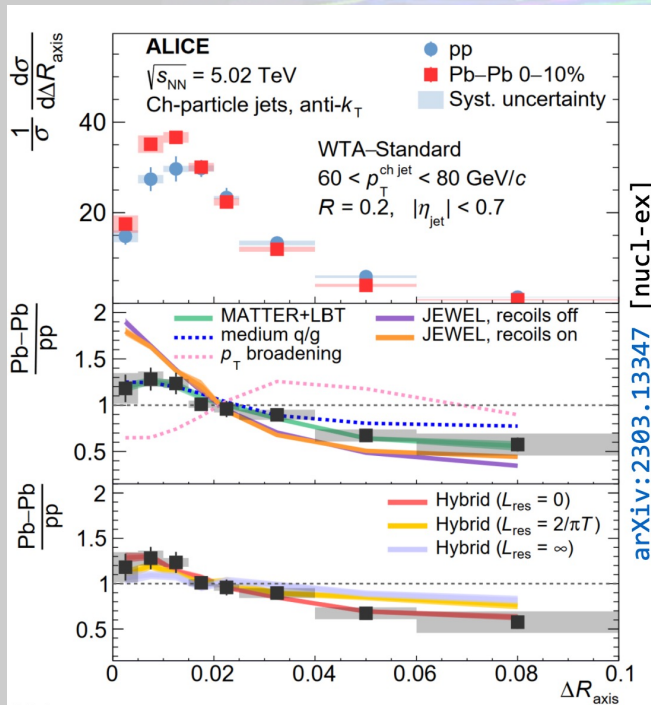
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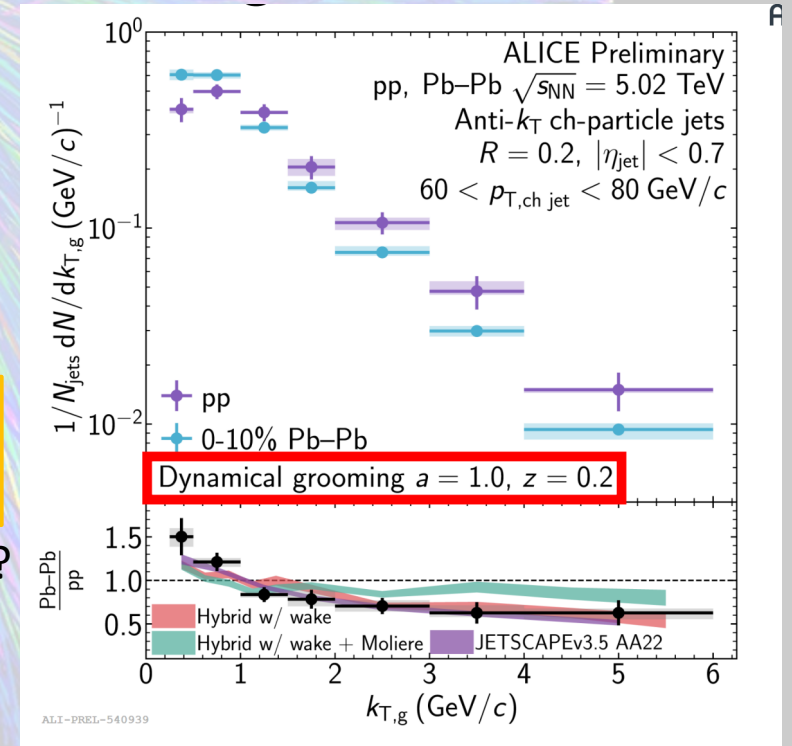
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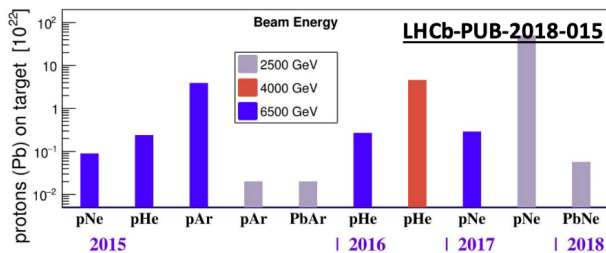
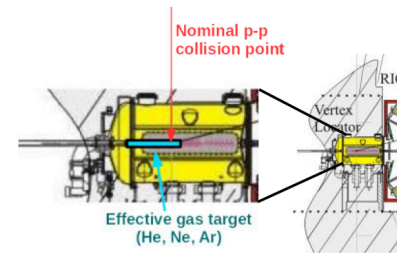


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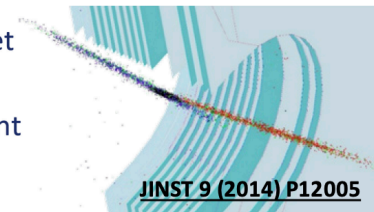
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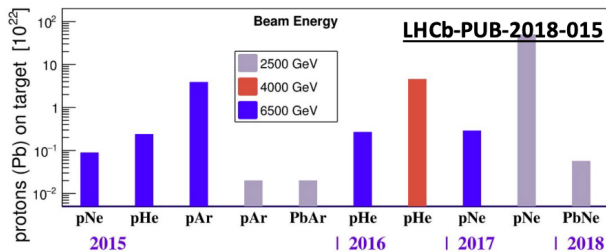
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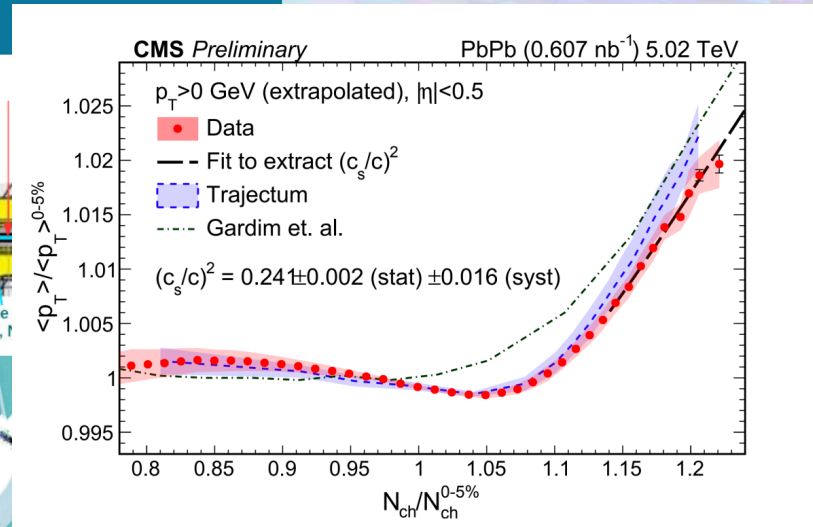


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# (Hard) Questions for the future

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- What do we need to do to meaningfully attribute observations to fundamental physics, rather than models?  
(Answer... sometimes maybe more than is currently possible?)
- Can we identify more observables in pp which could provide ideal baselines for pA or AA collisions?



# Final Questions and Discussion



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