

Probing the hottest droplet of fluid through collectivity

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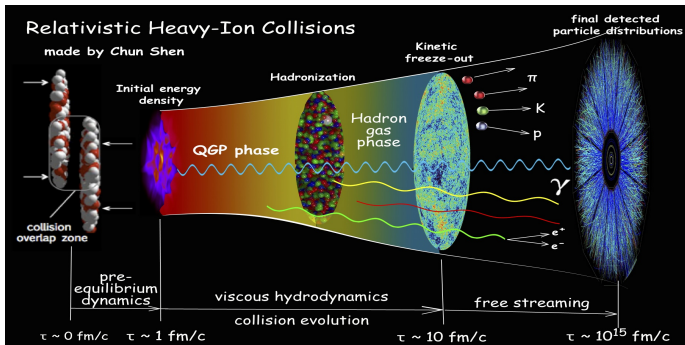


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High energy heavy-ion(HI) collision: “The Little Bang”



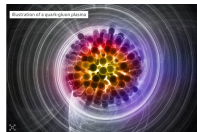
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Boiling water : 10^2 K



Core of the Sun : 10^7 K

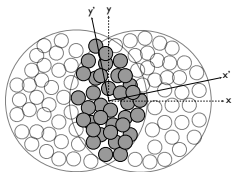


QGP $\sim 212 \text{ MeV} \equiv 10^{12} \text{ K} !!$

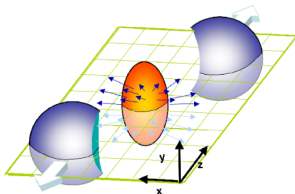
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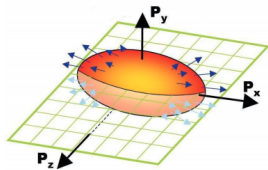
Classical probe of collectivity : **Anisotropic flow**



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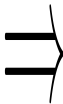


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Asymmetry in
source
distribution



Collective
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Momentum
anisotropy

Modeling momentum anisotropy as fourier expansion

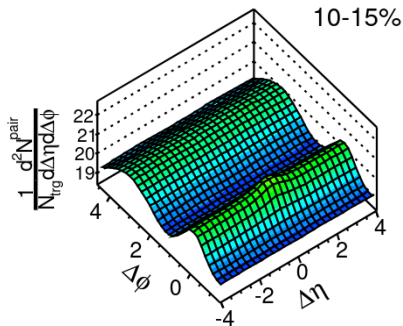
$$\frac{dN}{dp_T d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos [2(\phi - \Psi_2)] + 3v_3 \cos [3(\phi - \Psi_3)] + \dots$$

elliptic flow

triangular flow

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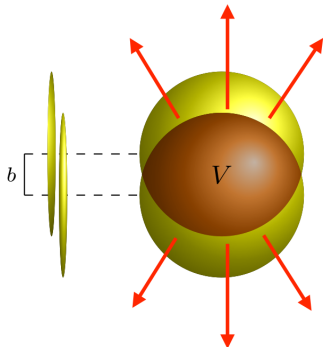
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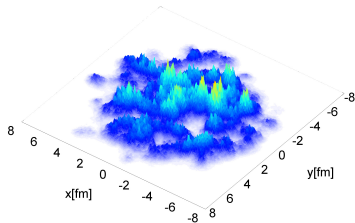
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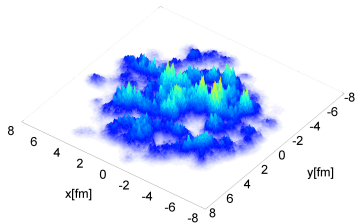


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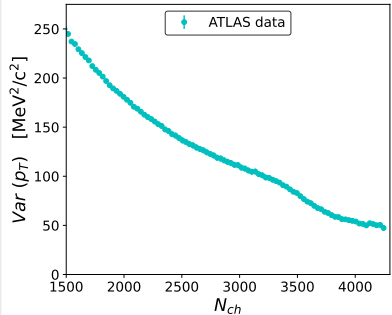


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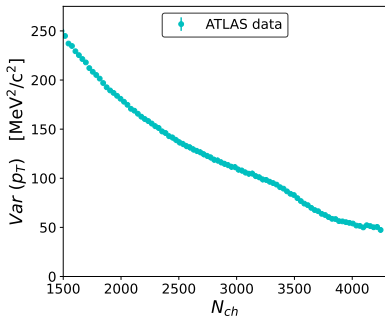
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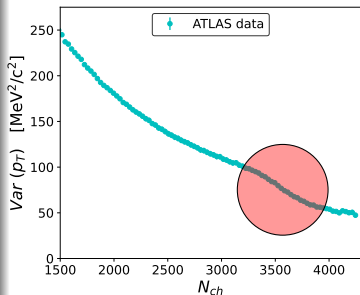
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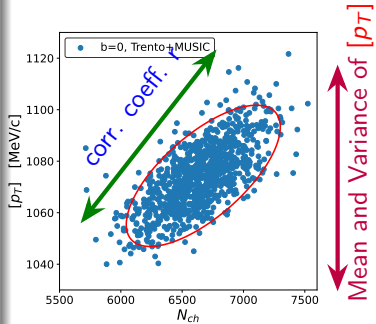
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Mean and Variance of N_{ch}
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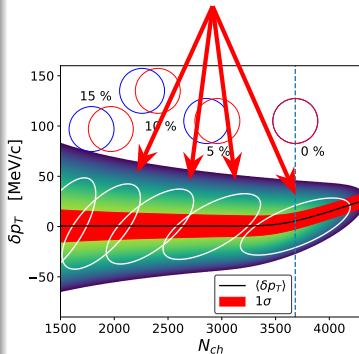
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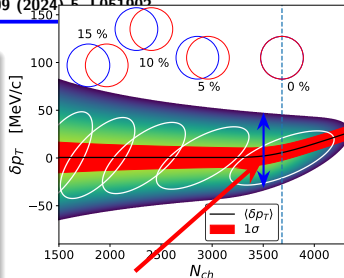
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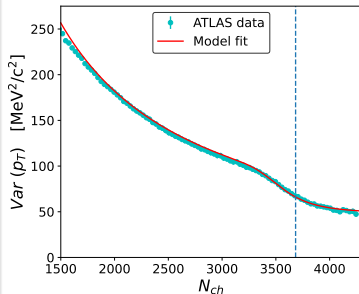
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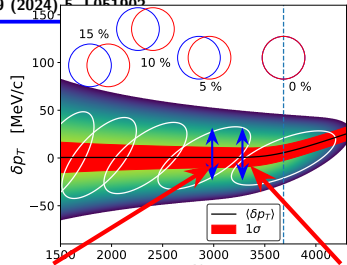
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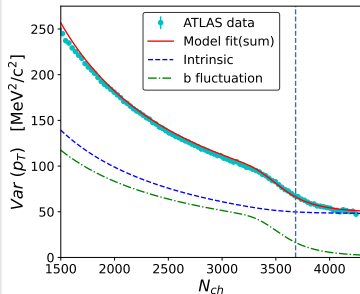
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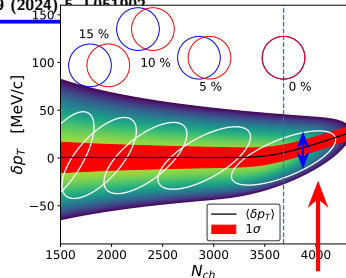
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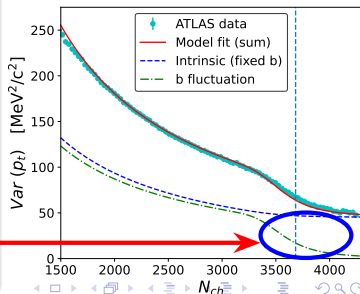
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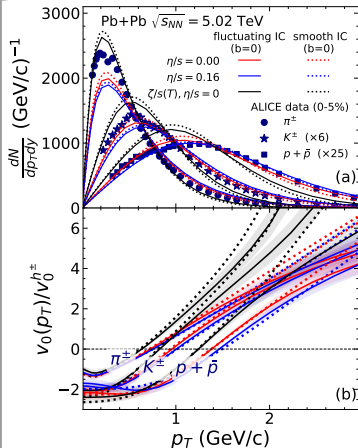
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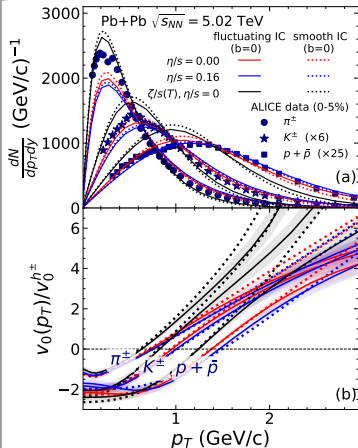


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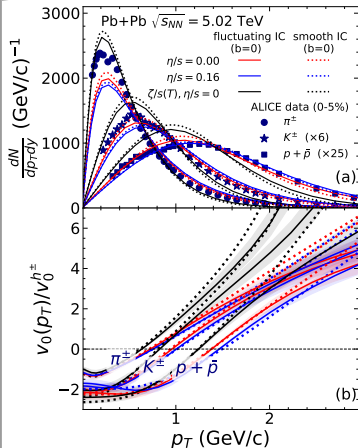
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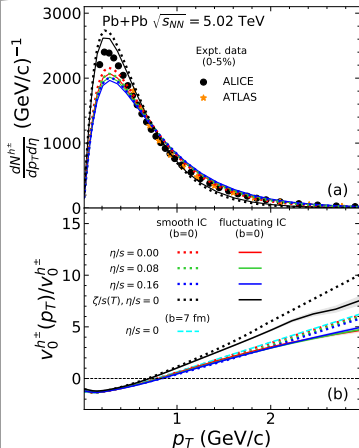
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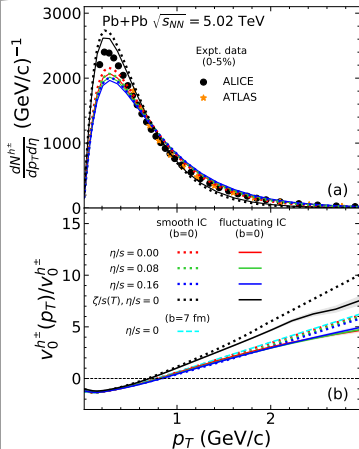
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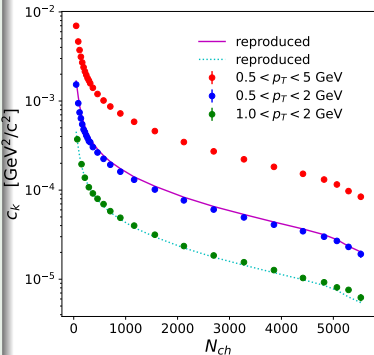
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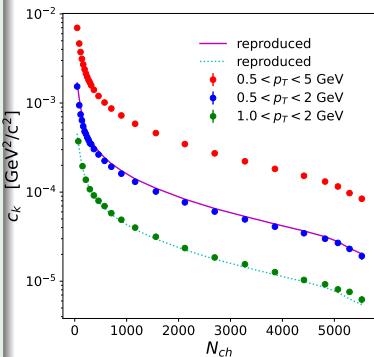
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$$v_{0,A} = C_A \times v_0$$

\Rightarrow

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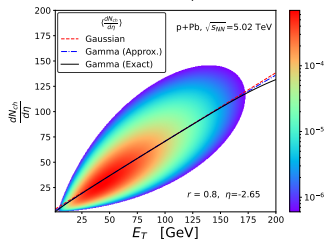
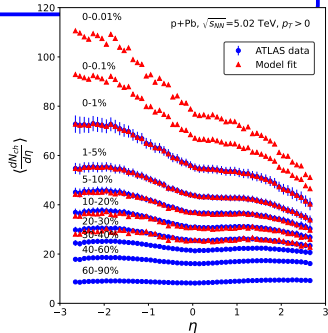


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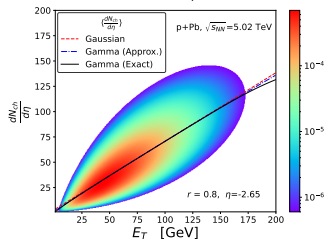
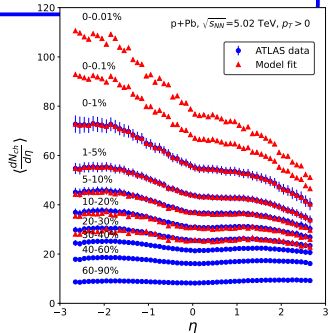
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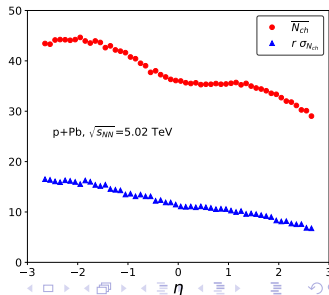
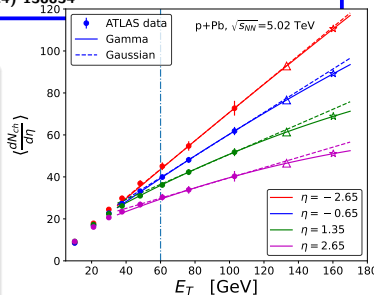
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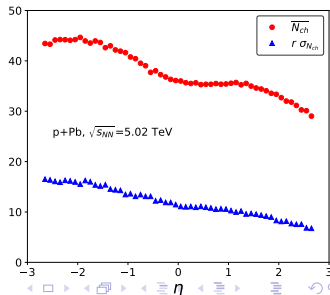
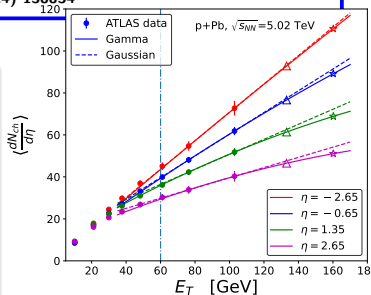
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Outlook

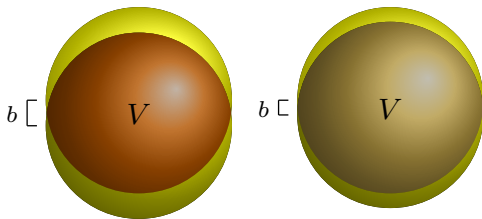
- **30 years of collectivity** → first measurement in 2001 !
- **Proposing new probes** → **better understanding of the QGP medium properties and dynamics**
- Moving towards smaller systems :
 - ① **$[p_T]$ -fluctuation in p+Pb collision**
 - ② **Collectivity in O+O collision** : recent surging interests, arXiv: 2103.03345, 2308.06078, 2404.08385, 2404.09780, 2407.15065 → **probing its α -clustered structure.**
- **Big questions that need to be answered** :
 - ① **How does flow generate in small systems ? Can we describe collectivity in Pb+Pb, p+Pb and p+p system in a consistent way ? Is QGP formed in all of these systems ?** Christiansen and Mechelen, arXiv:2412.02672, ALICE Collaboration, arXiv:2411.09323 (see S. Tripathy @ Tue, 11:10)
 - ② **Can we apply hydrodynamics in those systems ? ...**

Thank you !

Backup

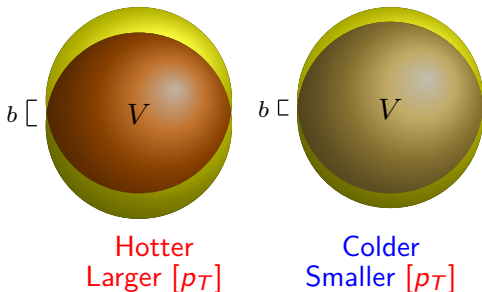
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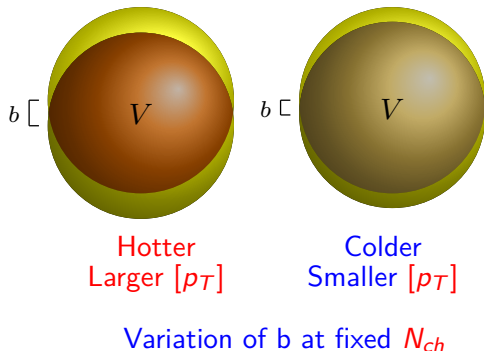
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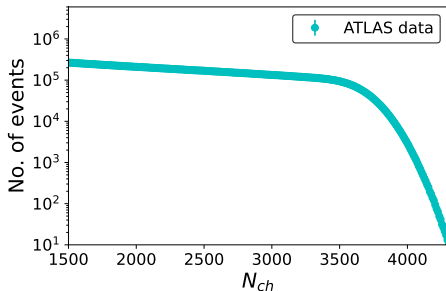
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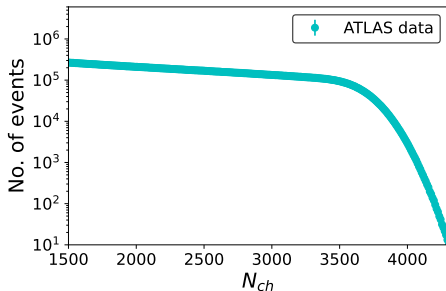
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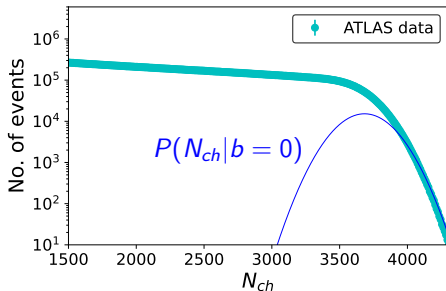
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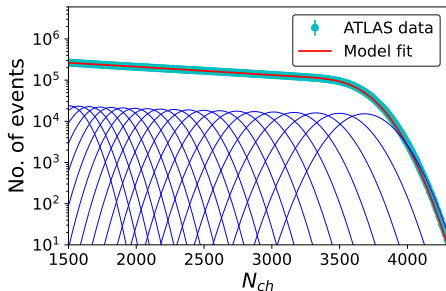
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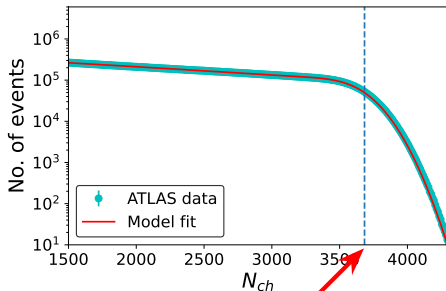


Sum of Gaussians at fixed \mathbf{b}

Das, Giacalone, Monard, Ollitrault
arXiv:1708.00081

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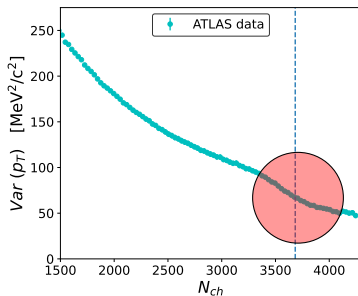
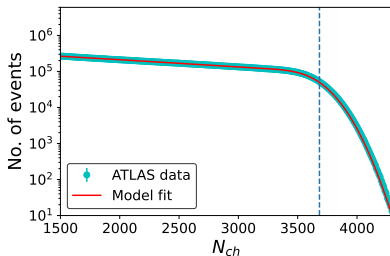
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b-dependence of the fit parameters

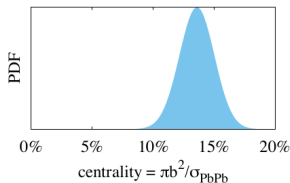
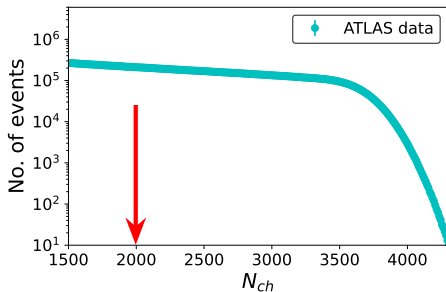
- We assume mean $\langle p_T \rangle$ to be independent of b
- We assume $\text{Var}(\langle p_T \rangle)$ is a smooth function of mean multiplicity :

$$\sigma_{p_T}^2 \left(\frac{\langle N_{ch}(0) \rangle}{\langle N_{ch}(b) \rangle} \right)$$

- We also assume r to be independent of b for simplicity

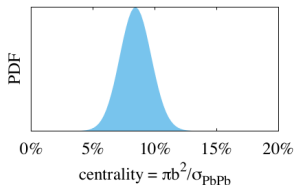
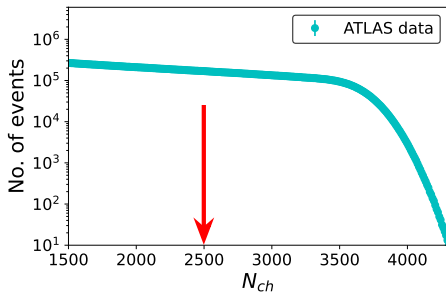
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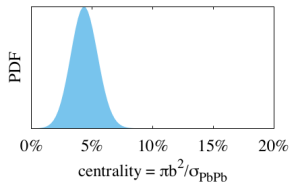
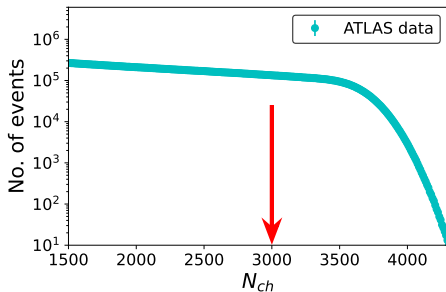
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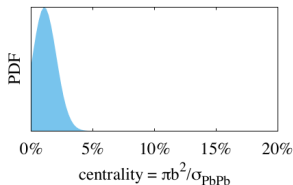
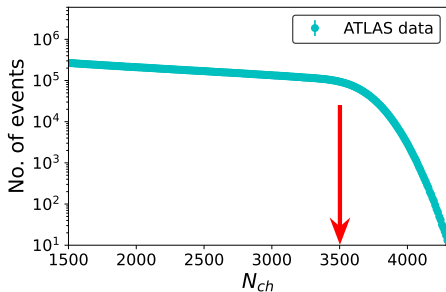
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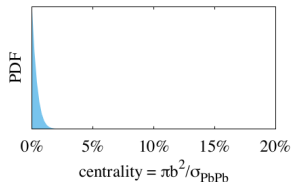
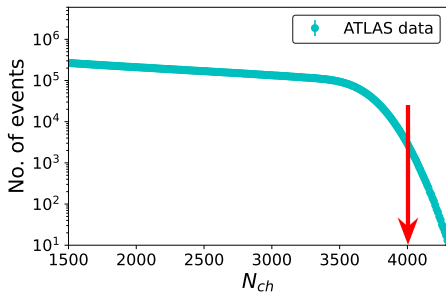
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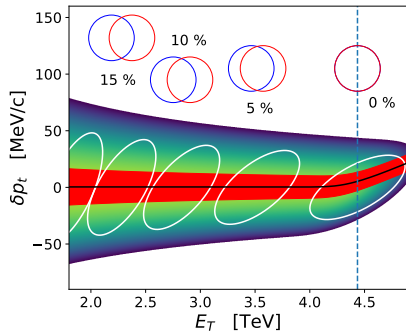
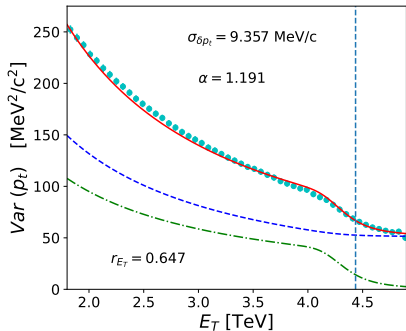


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E_T -dependent $[p_T]$ -fluctuation



Impact parameter fluctuation is small !

$P(\delta p_T | N_{ch}, c_b)$ in terms of k_1 and k_2

$$P(\delta p_t | N_{ch}, c_b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\kappa_2(c_b)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\delta p_t - \kappa_1(c_b))^2}{2\kappa_2(c_b)}\right)$$

$$\kappa_1(c_b) = r \frac{\sigma_{p_t}(c_b)}{\sigma_{N_{ch}}(c_b)} (N_{ch} - \overline{N_{ch}}(c_b)),$$

$$\kappa_2(c_b) = (1 - r^2) \sigma_{p_t}^2(c_b).$$

Moments and cumulants of $[p_t]$ -fluctuation

$$\langle \delta p_t | c_b \rangle = \kappa_1,$$

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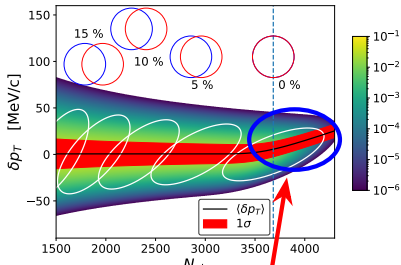
$$\text{Var}(p_t) = (\langle \kappa_1^2 \rangle - \langle \kappa_1 \rangle^2) + \langle \kappa_2 \rangle,$$

$$\text{Skew}(p_t) = \langle \kappa_1^3 \rangle - 3\langle \kappa_1^2 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle + 2\langle \kappa_1 \rangle^3 \\ + 3(\langle \kappa_2 \kappa_1 \rangle - \langle \kappa_2 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle),$$

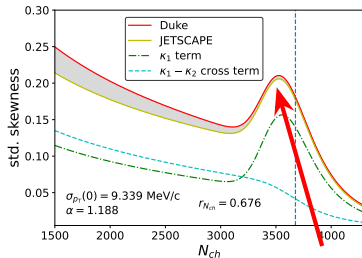
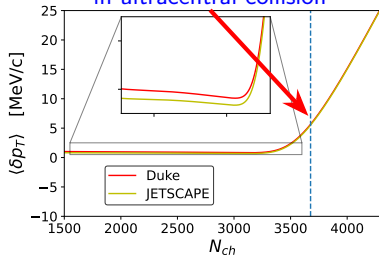
$$\text{Kurt}(p_t) = \langle \kappa_1^4 \rangle - 4\langle \kappa_1^3 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle + 6\langle \kappa_1^2 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle^2 - 3\langle \kappa_1 \rangle^4 \\ + 6(\langle \kappa_2 \kappa_1^2 \rangle - \langle \kappa_2 \rangle \langle \kappa_1^2 \rangle - 2\langle \kappa_2 \kappa_1 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle) \\ + 2\langle \kappa_2 \rangle \langle \kappa_1 \rangle^2 + 3(\langle \kappa_2^2 \rangle - \langle \kappa_2 \rangle^2),$$

Further predictions : Mean, Skewness and kurtosis

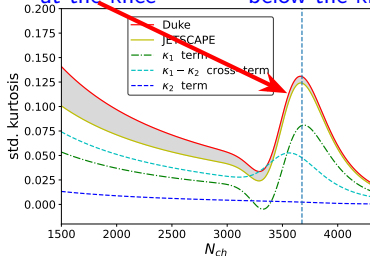
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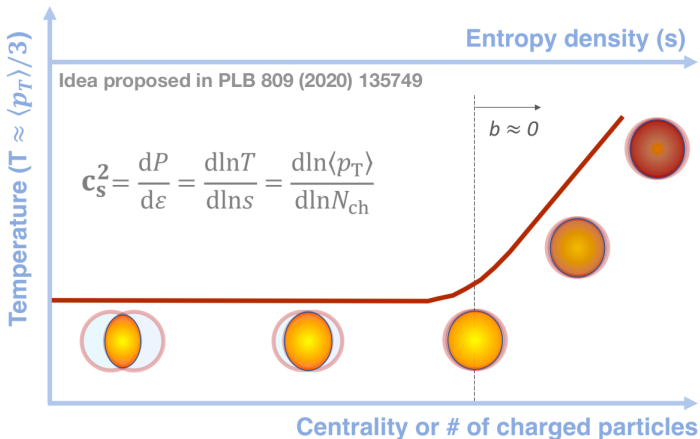
Slight increase of mean $[p_T]$
in ultracentral collision



Large kurtosis at the knee
Large skewness below the knee



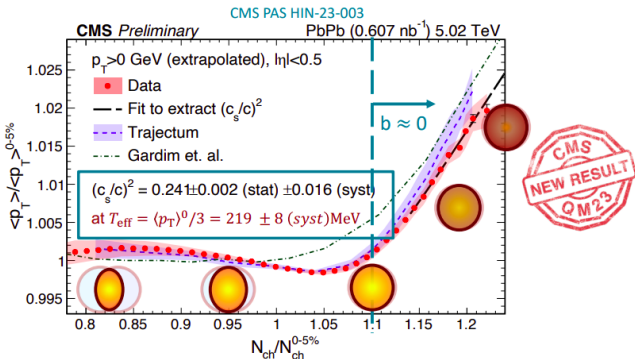
Application : Extraction of speed of sound in QGP from mean $\langle p_T \rangle$



CMS Result on mean $\langle p_T \rangle$!

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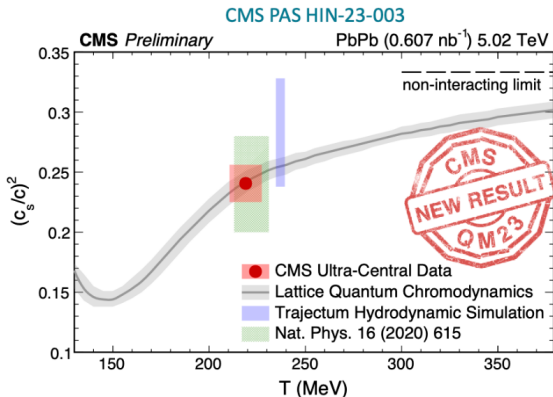
Significant increase of $\langle p_T \rangle$ toward UCC events as predicted by the simulations



Speed of sound extracted from the fit and T_{eff} from $\langle p_T \rangle^0$

How precise is the measurement ?

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Speed of sound in QGP is predicted and measured with great precision !!