

# Event-by-event fluctuation analyses in view of the ALICE TPC upgrade

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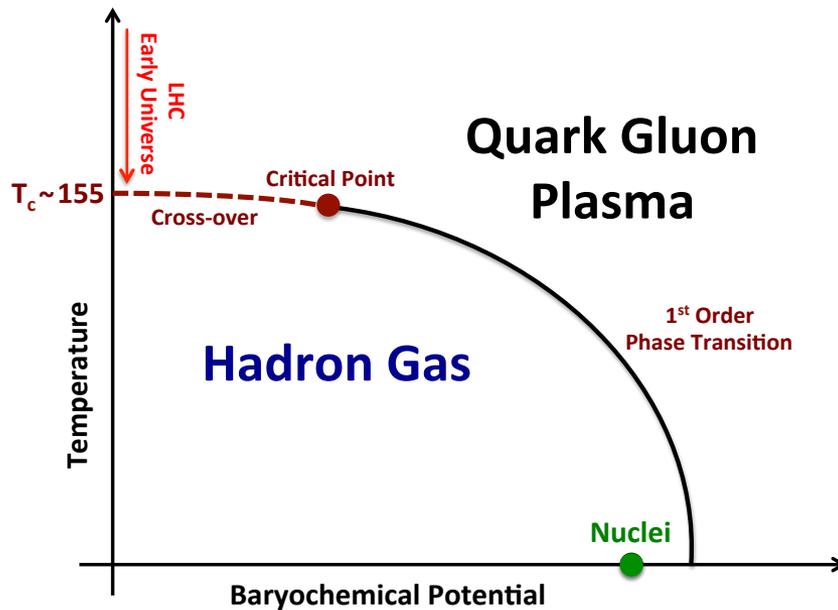
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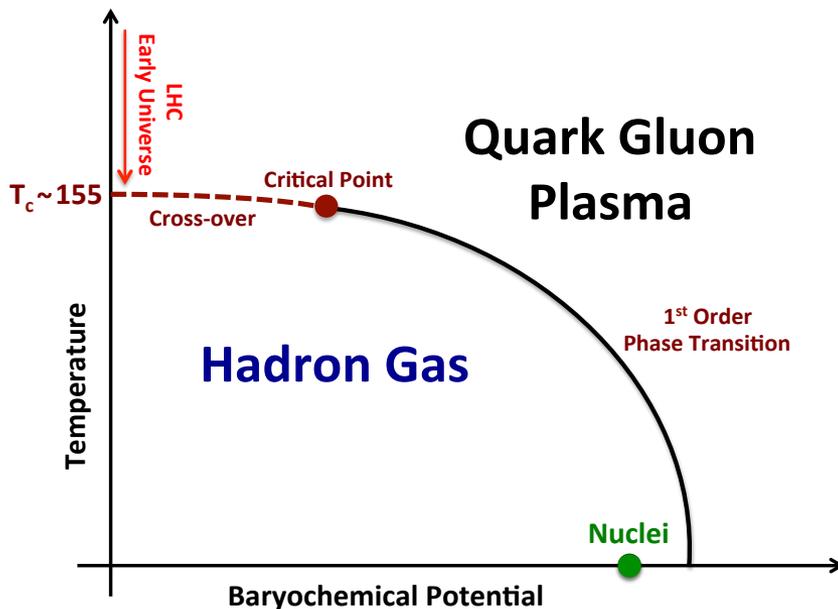
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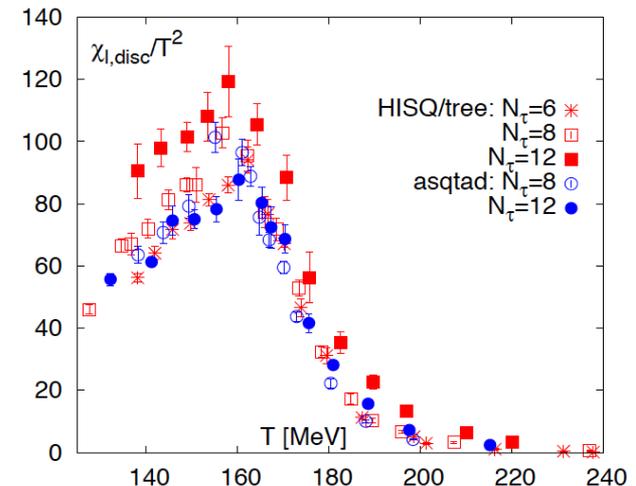
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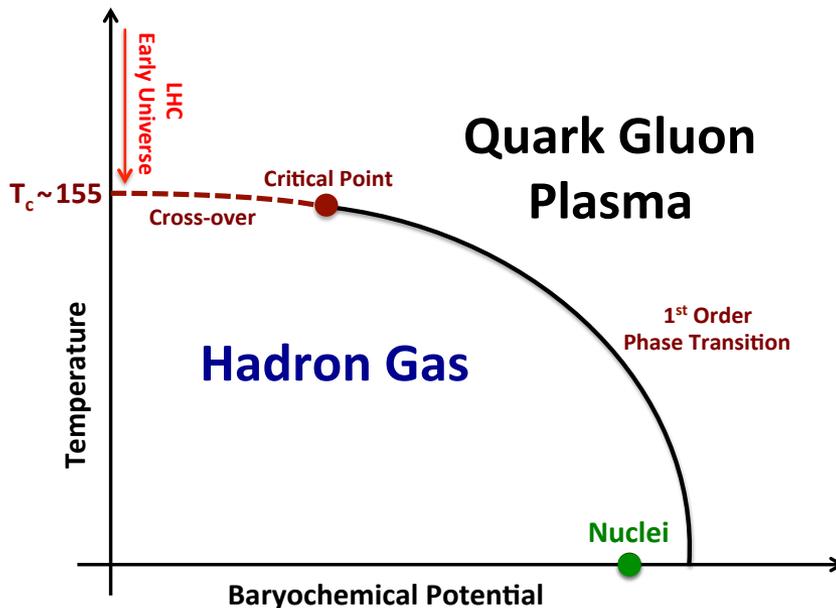
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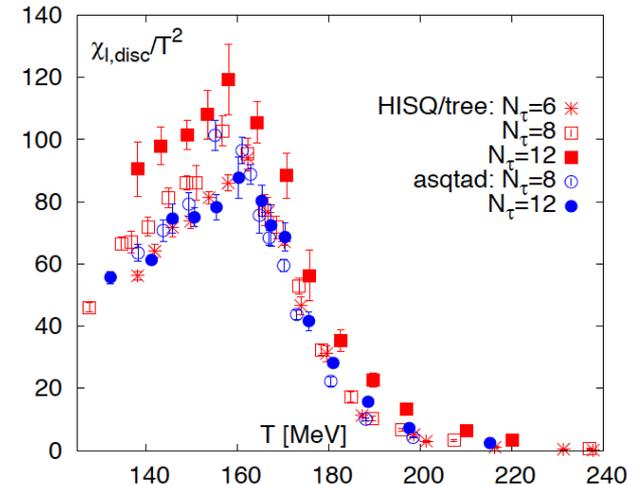
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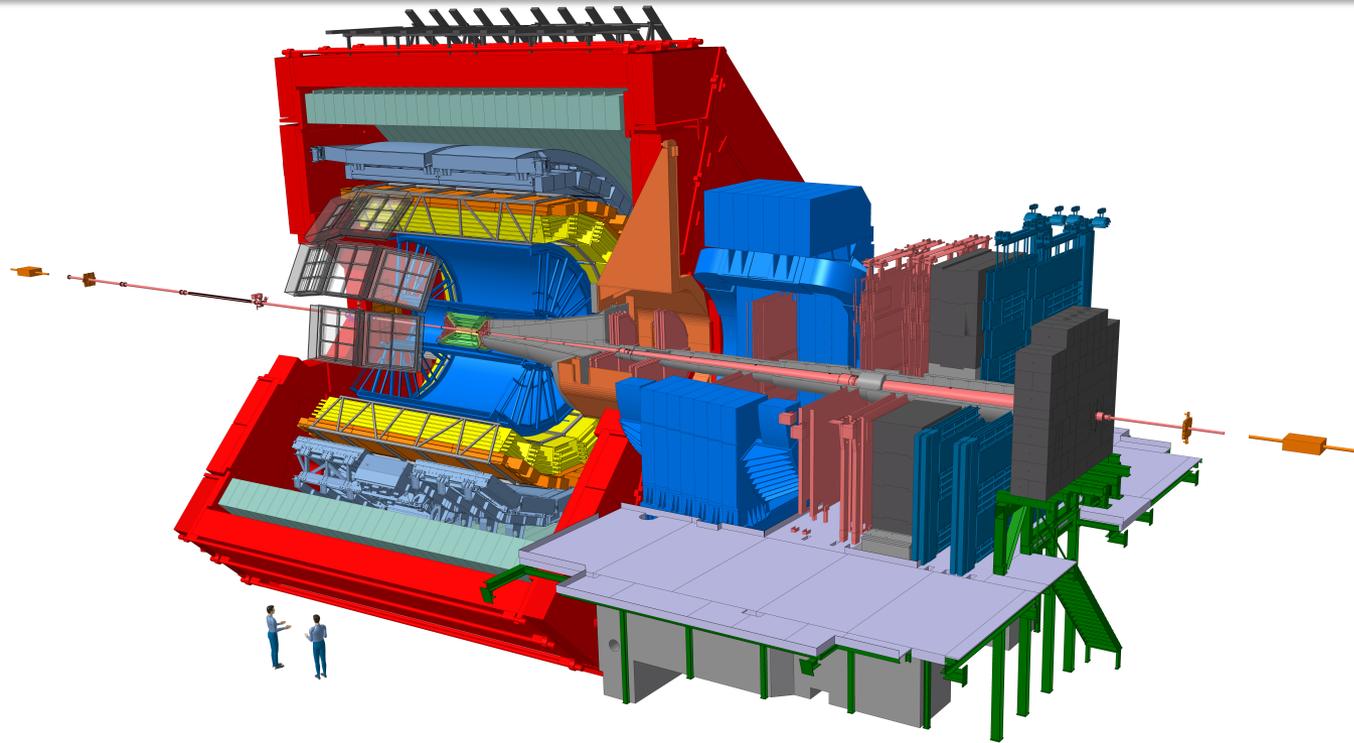
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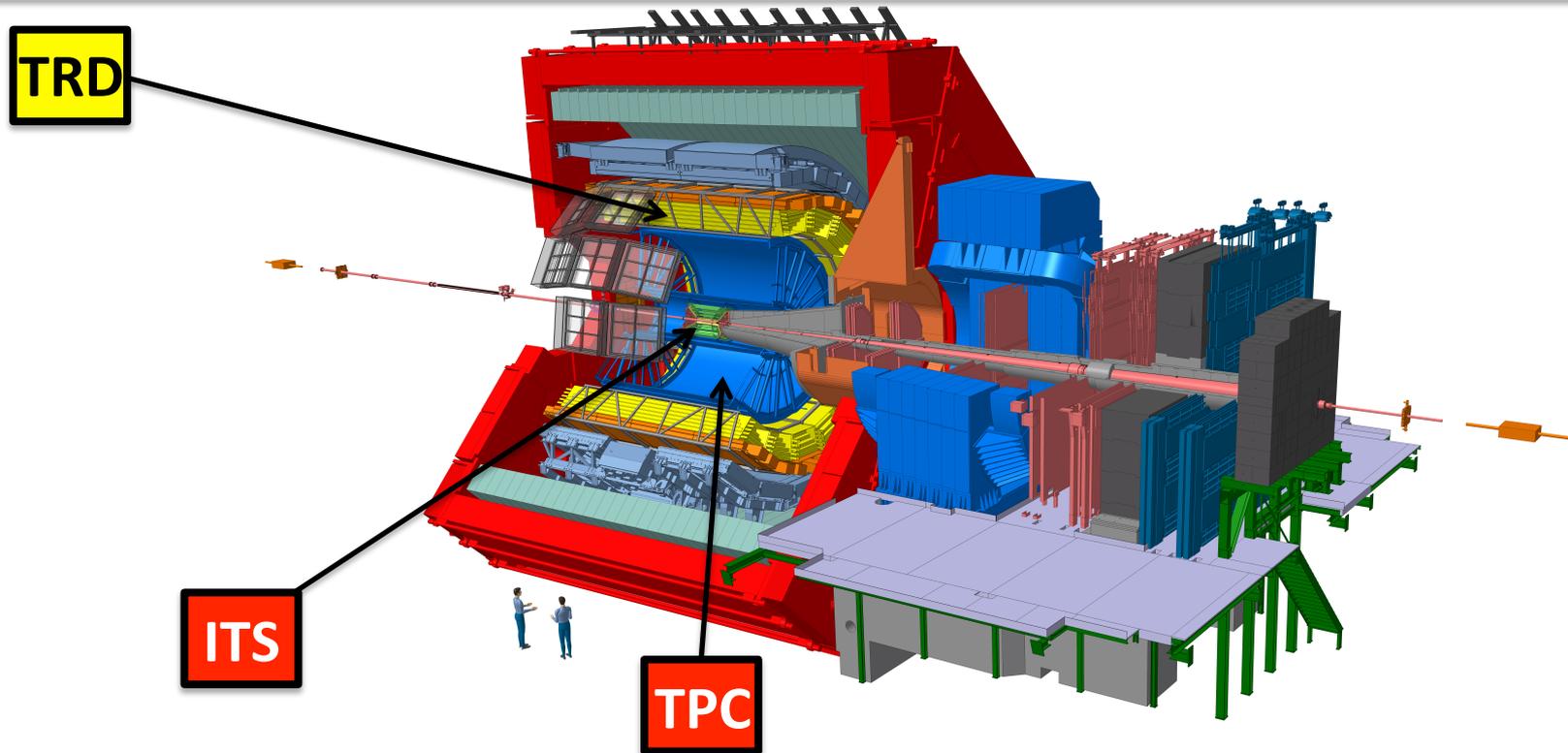
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Mean  $p_T$ , Multiplicity, Net-charge, **Net proton number, Identified particle ratios ...**

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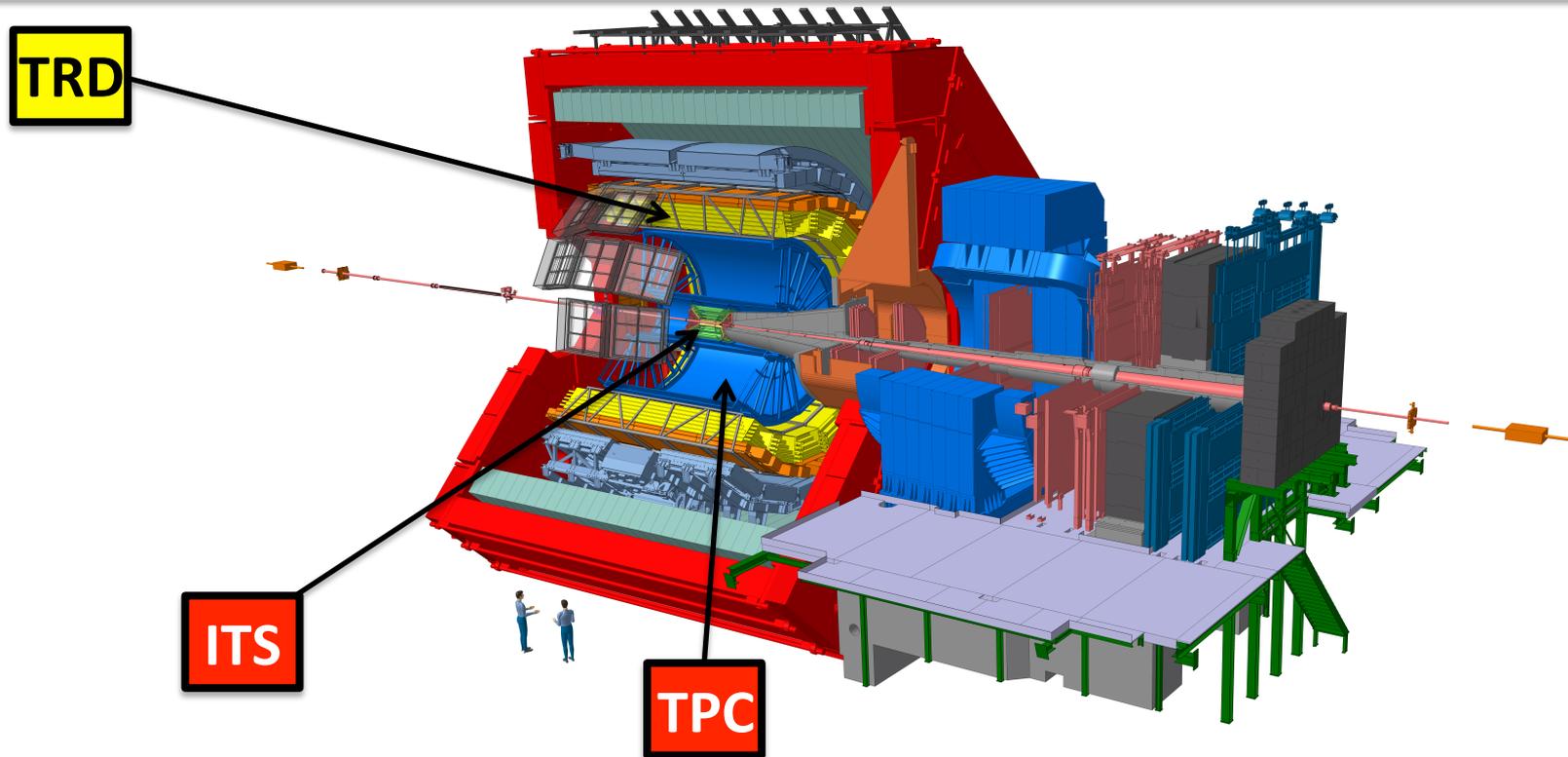
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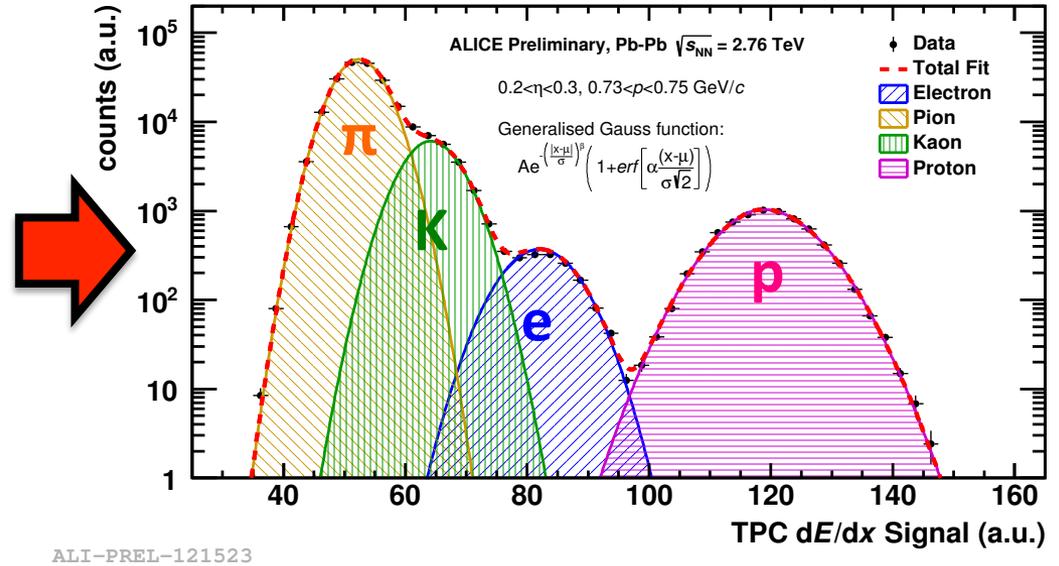
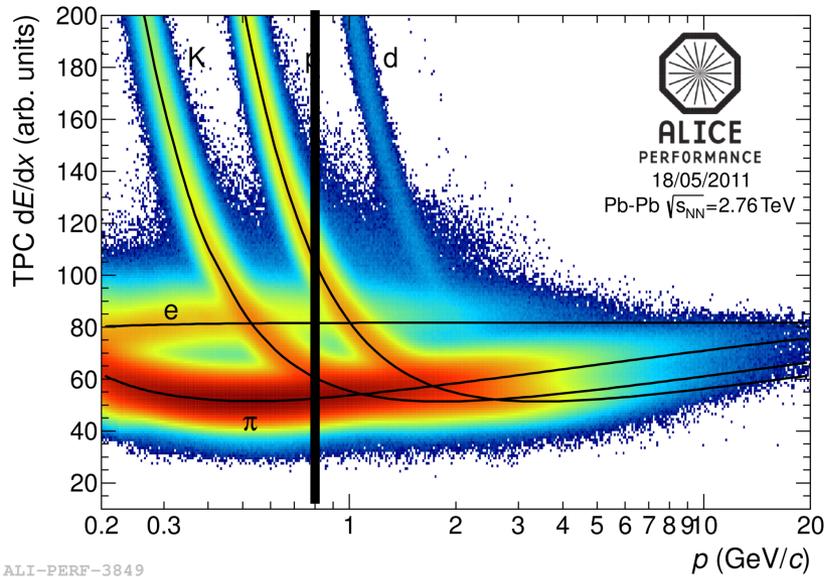
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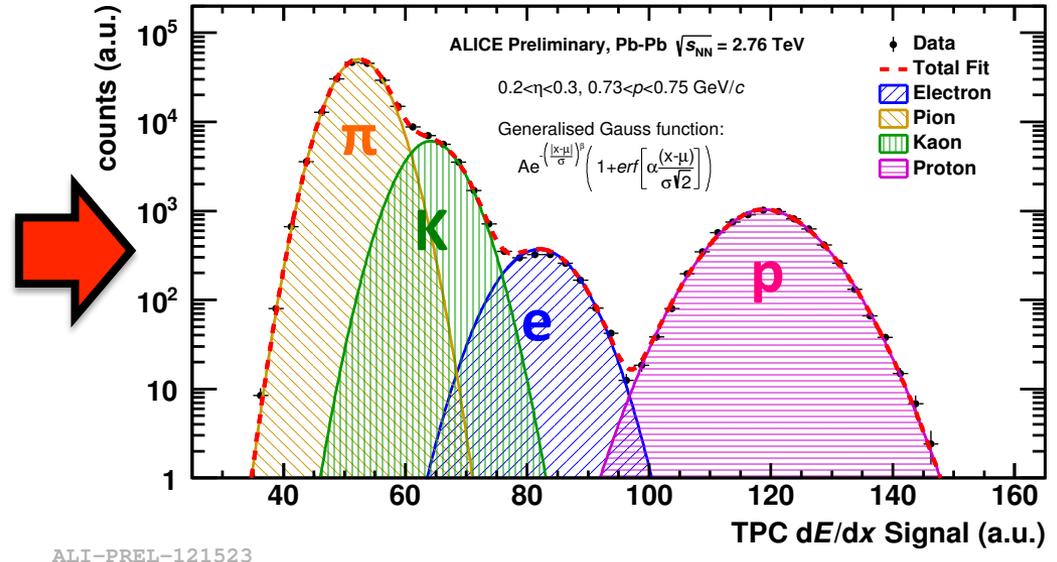
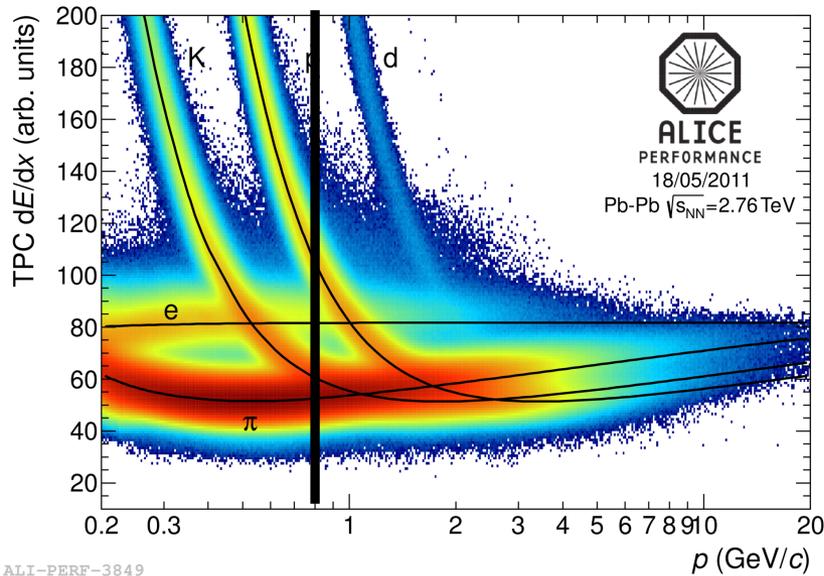
## Data Set:

- Pb-Pb Collisions (RUN1, 2010)
  - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV, 13 M events
- Acceptance:
  - $|\eta| < 0.8$ ,  $0.2 (0.5) < p < 1.5$  GeV/c

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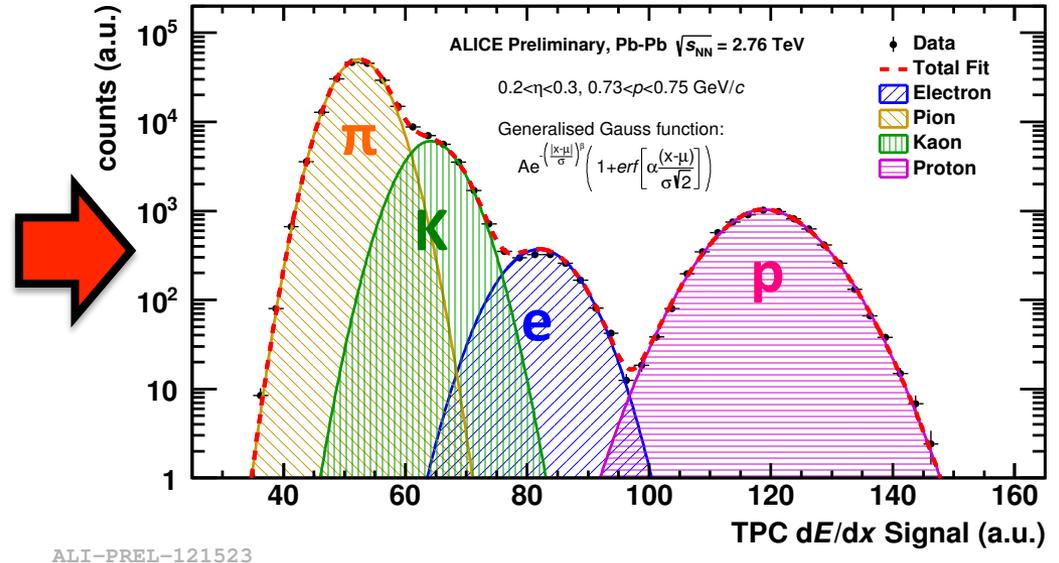
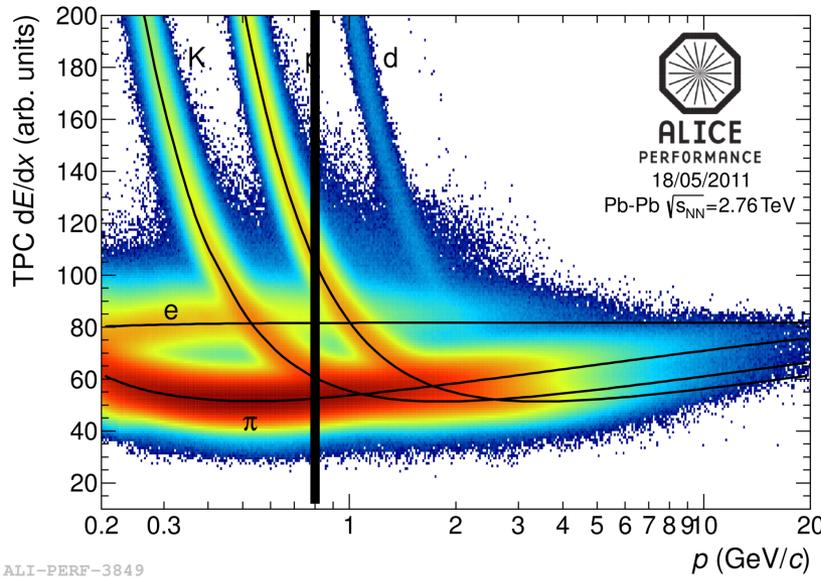


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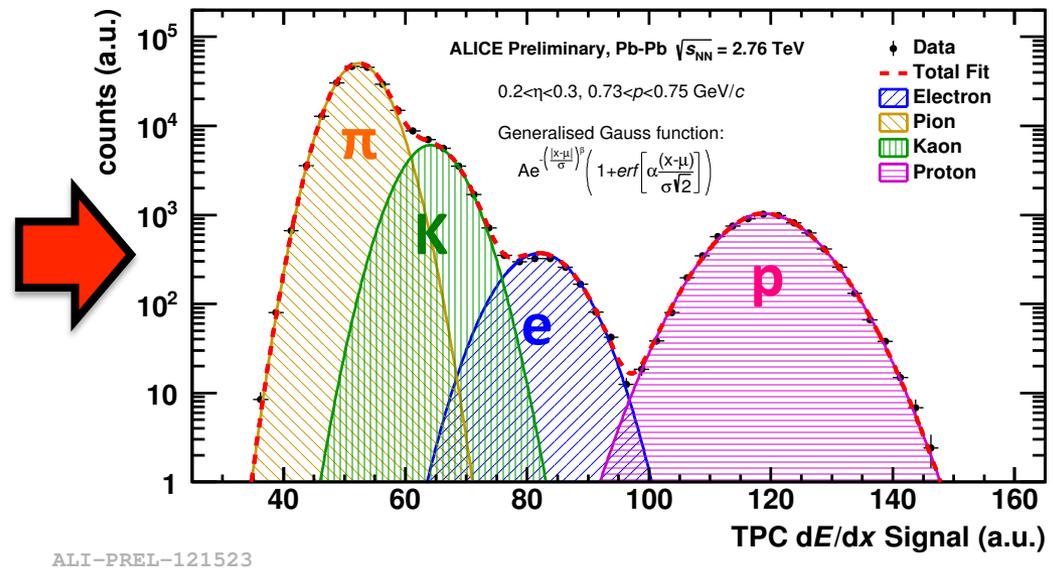
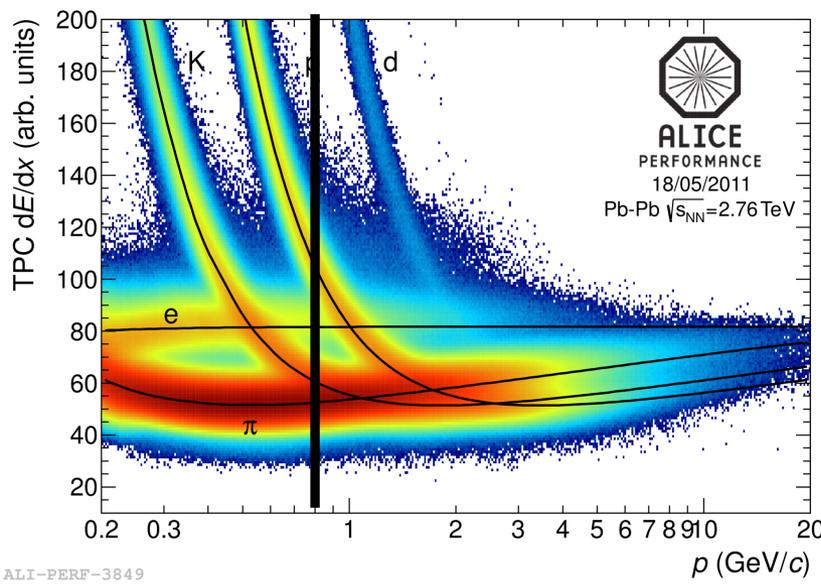


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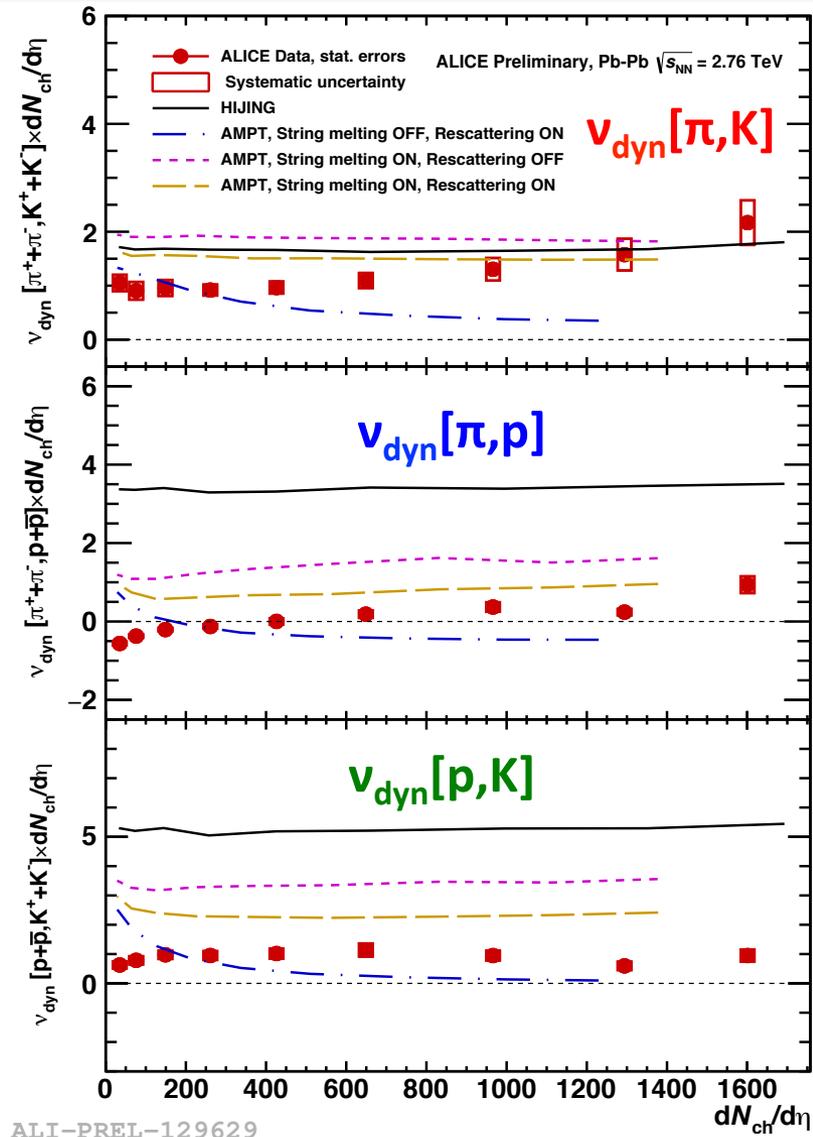
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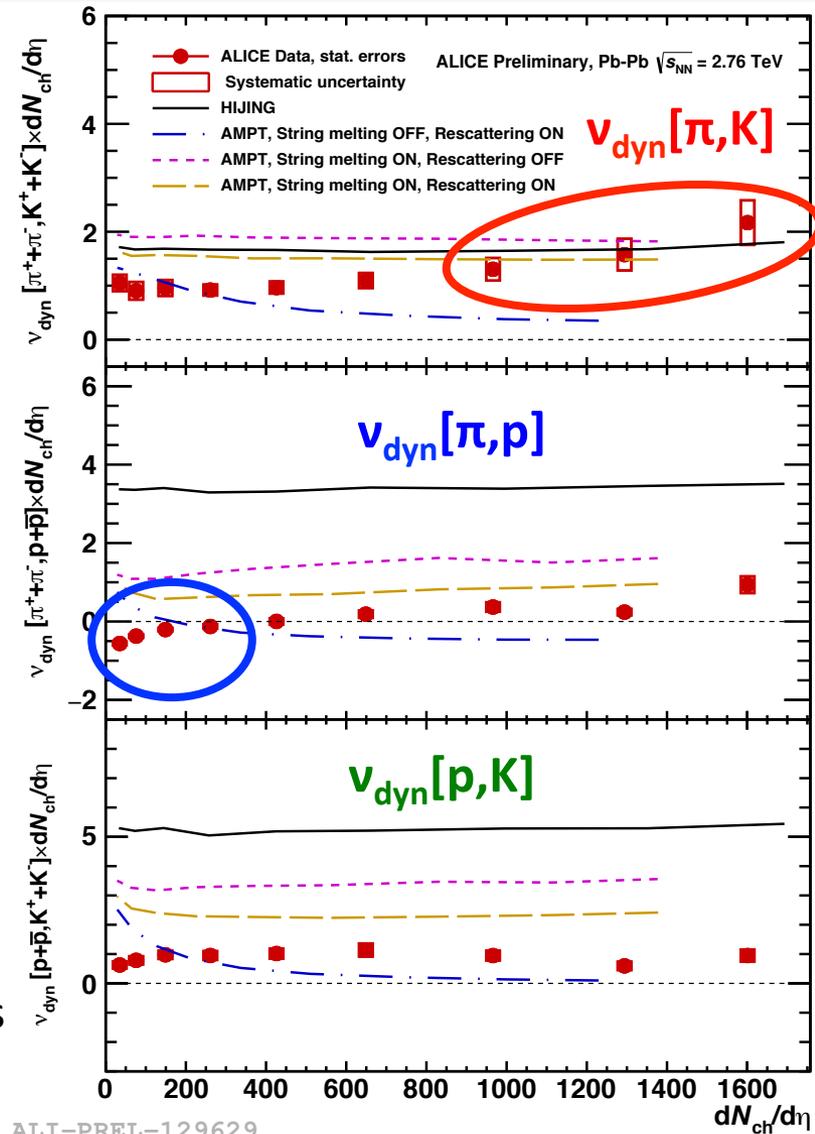
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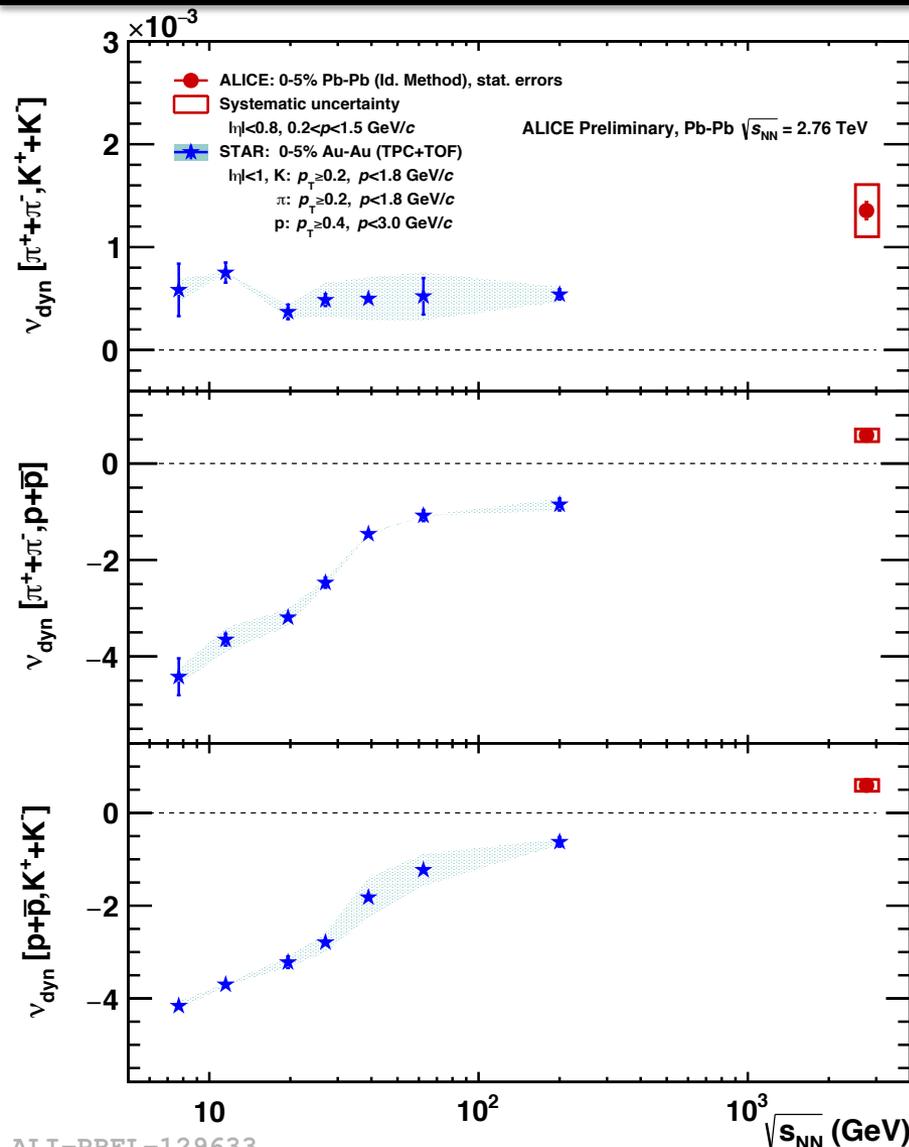
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# Particle-ratio fluct.: Energy dependence



- ALICE data has larger values for all three cases and exhibits a **sign change** for  $v_{\text{dyn}}[\pi, p]$  and  $v_{\text{dyn}}[p, K]$ 
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**Usage of ITS:** Rejection of secondaries

Different kinematic ranges

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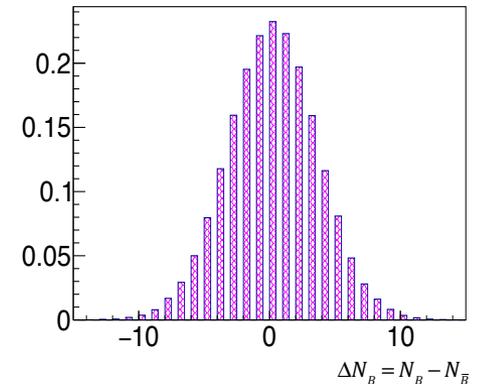
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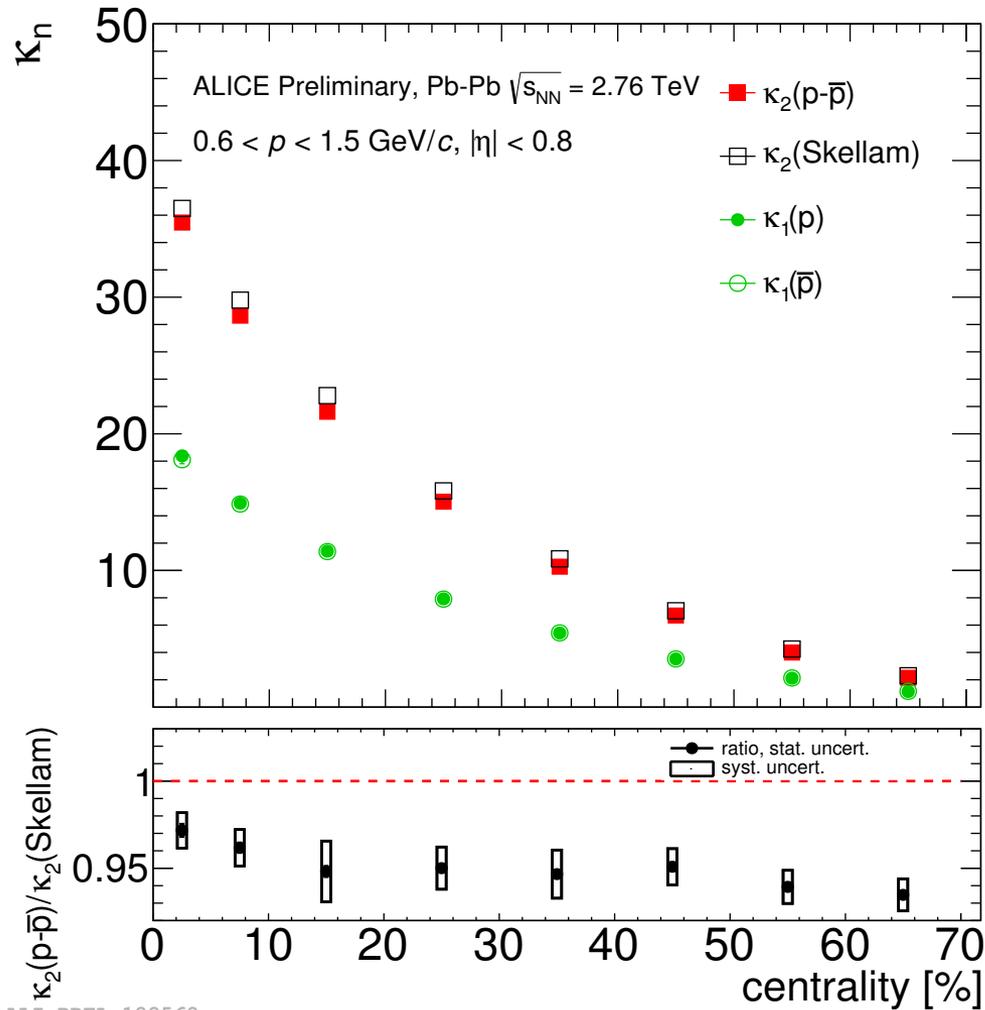
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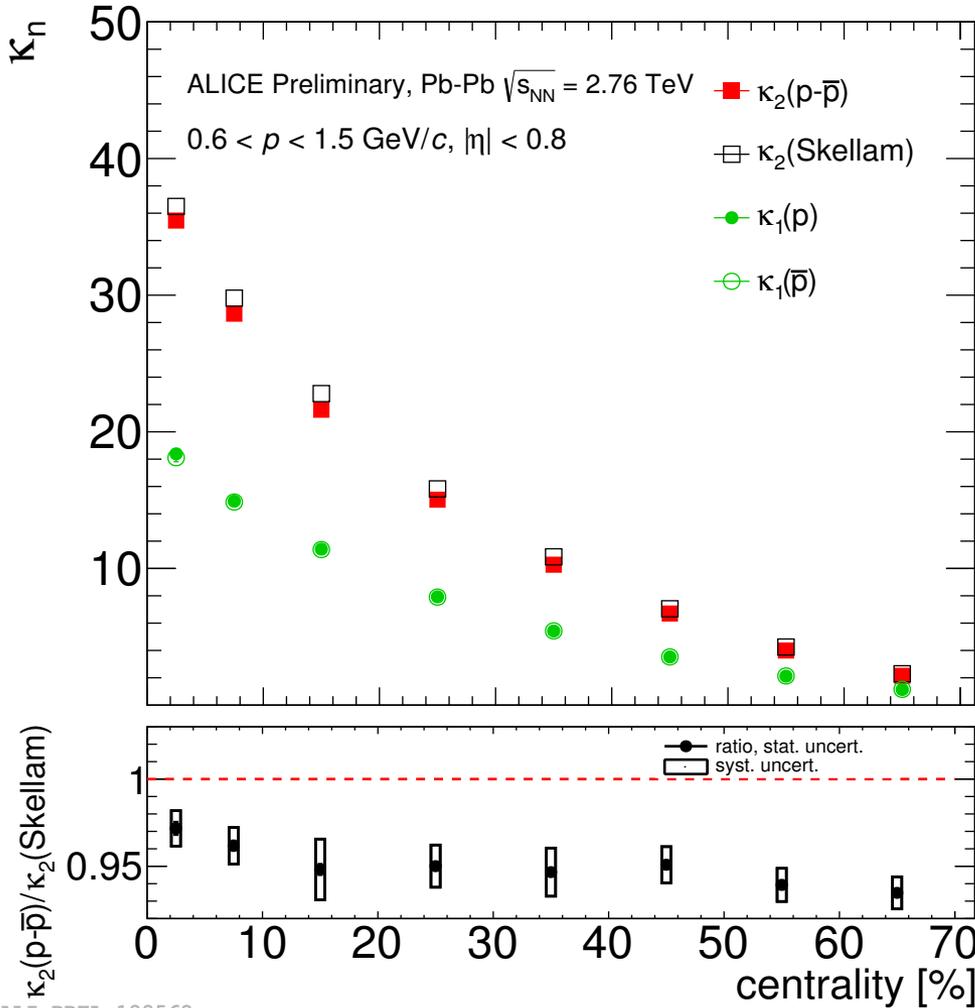
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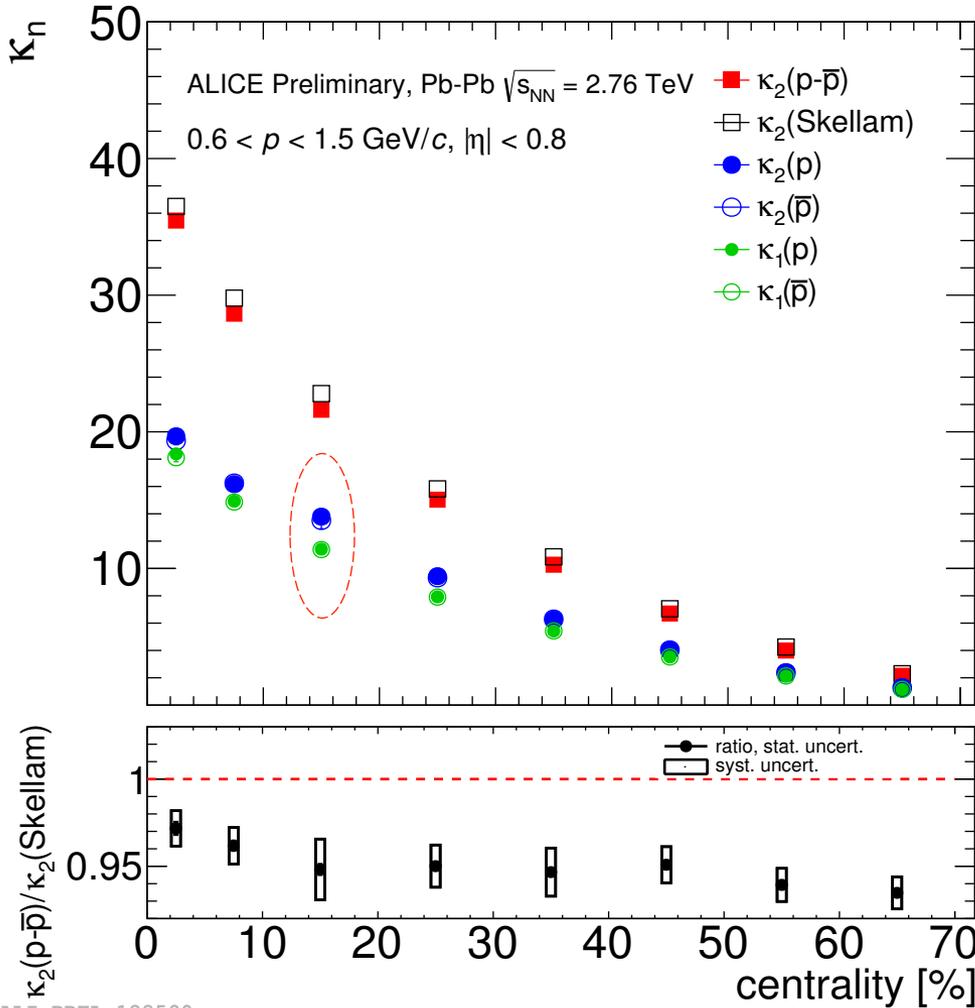
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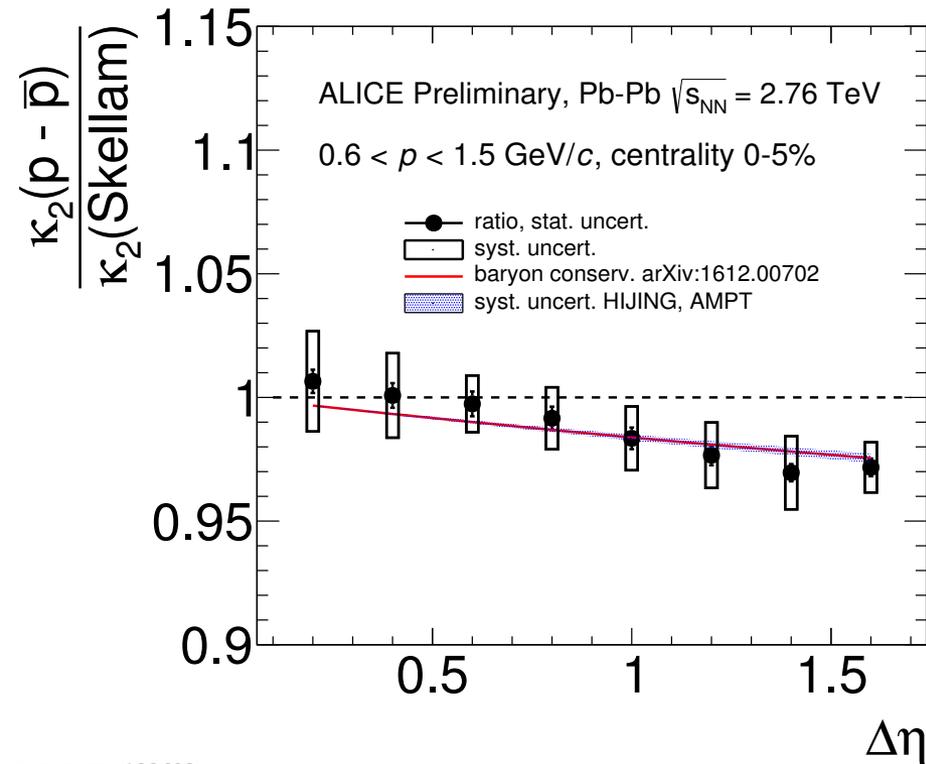
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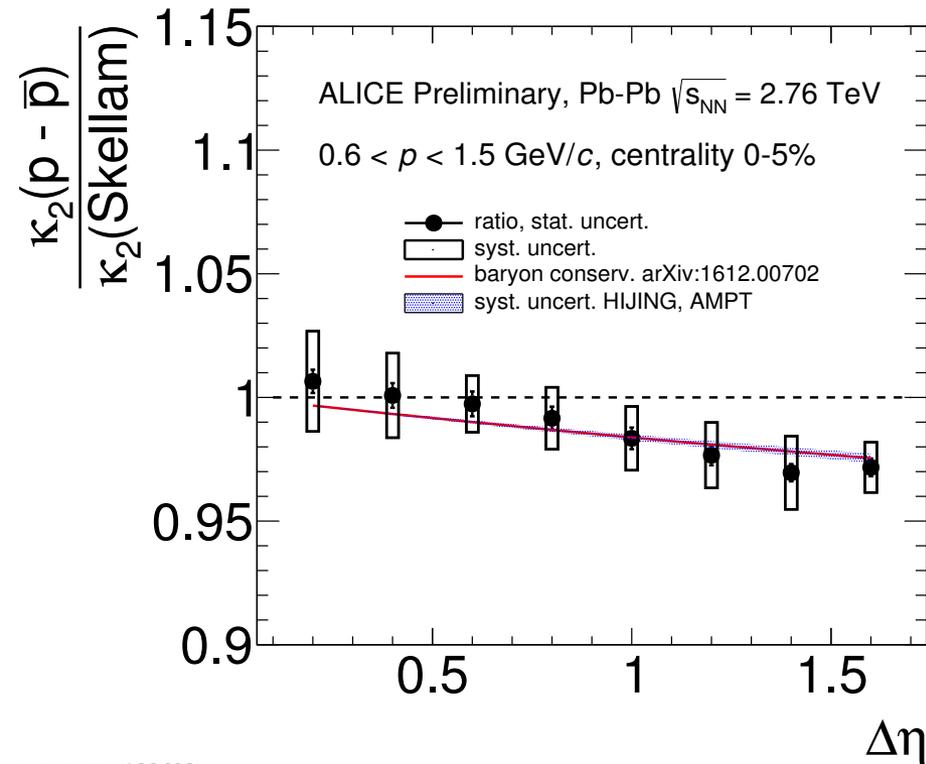
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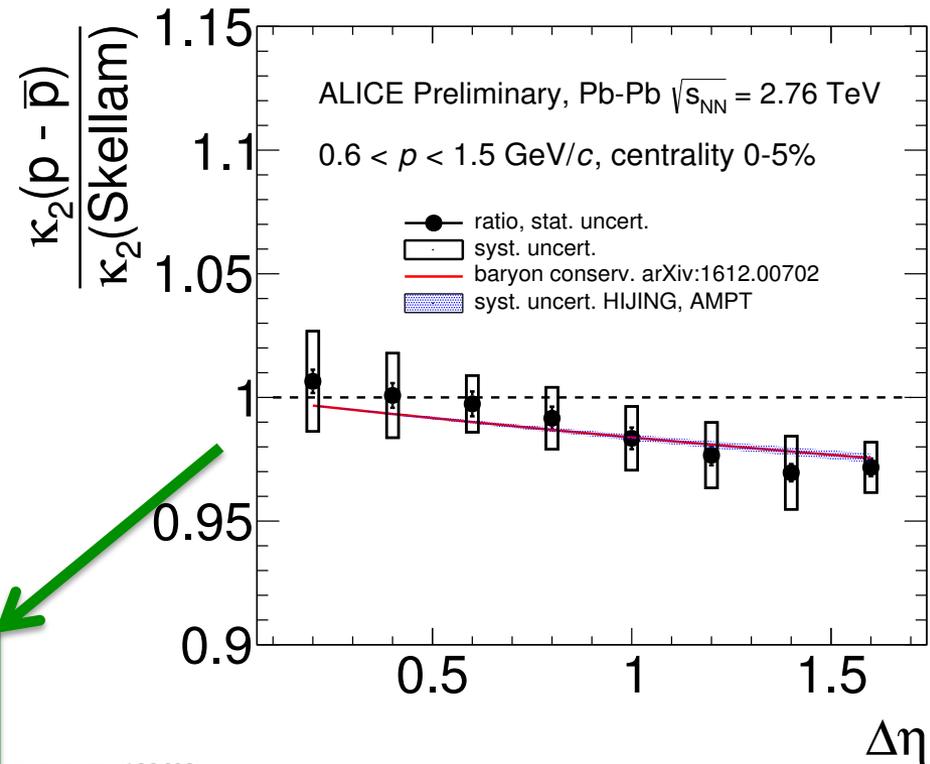
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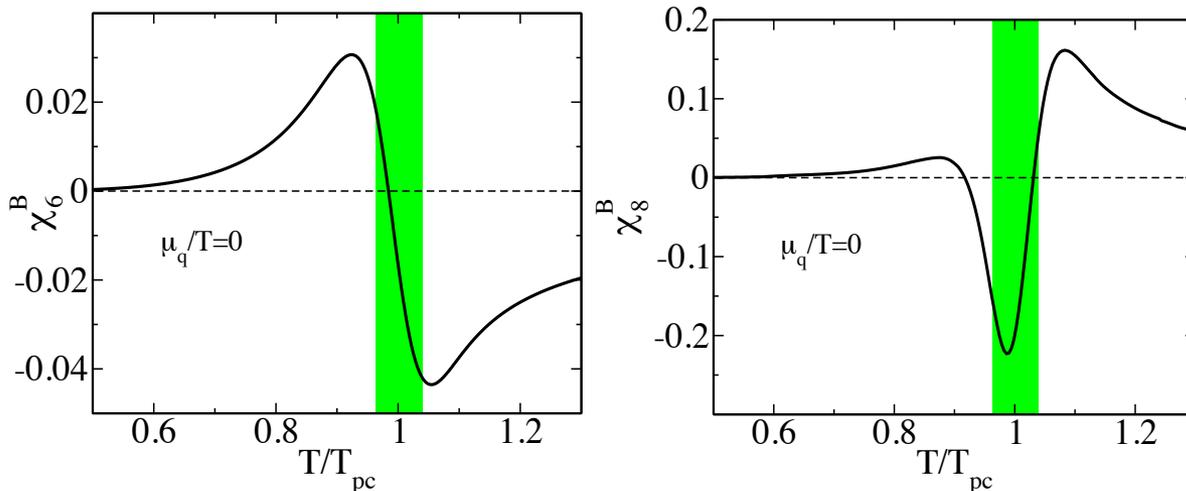
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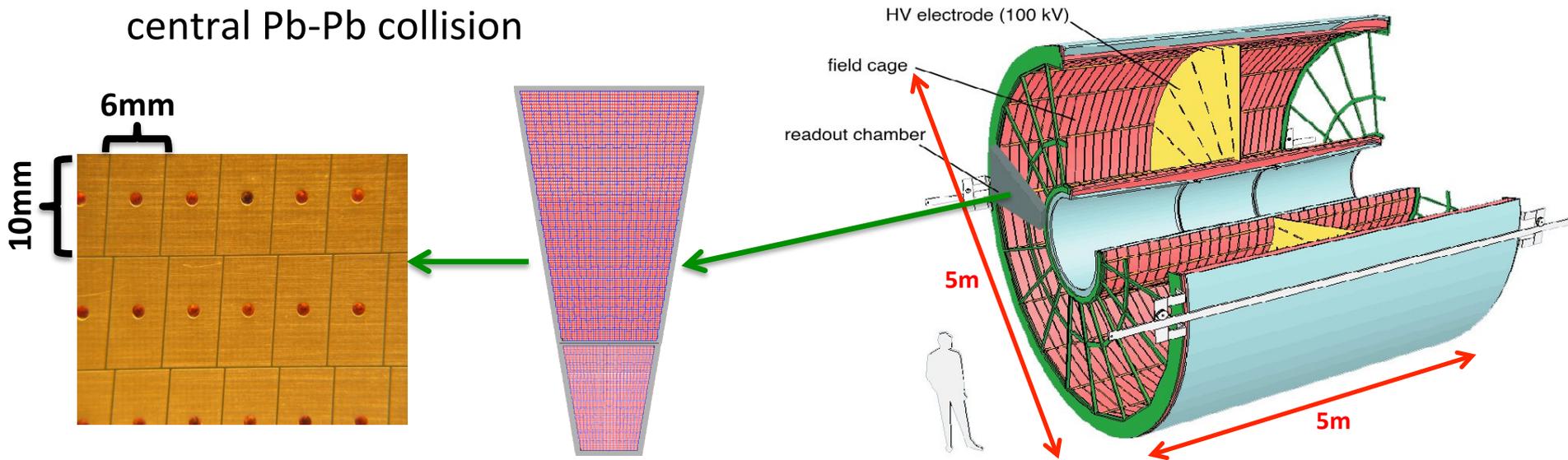
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**RUN1:** 2<sup>nd</sup> order (~13M events)  
**RUN2:** 4<sup>th</sup> order (~150M events)  
**RUN3: ?**

# ALICE TPC in RUN3

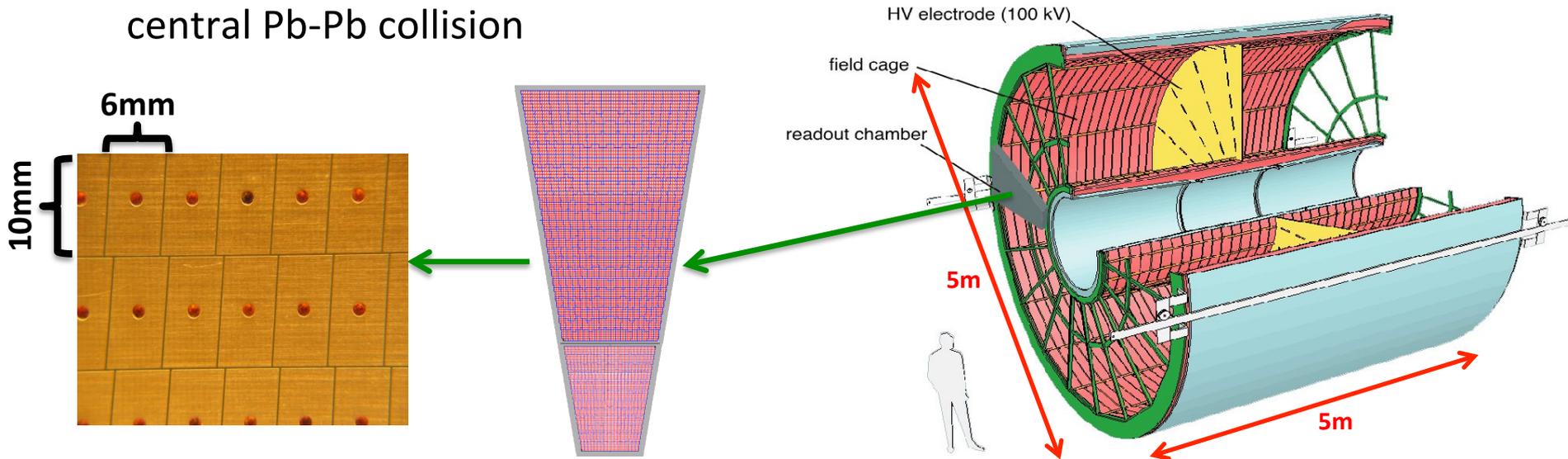
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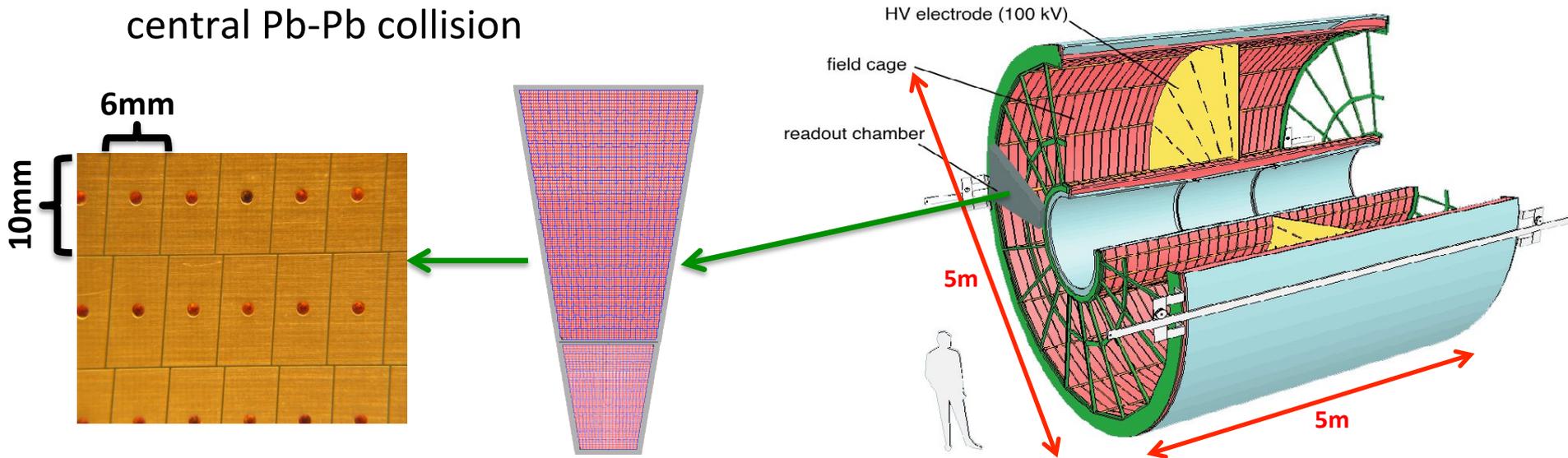
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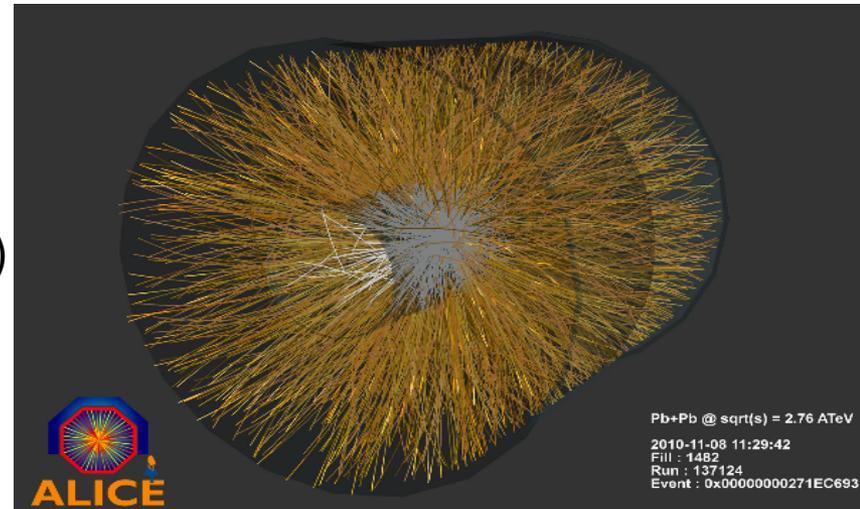
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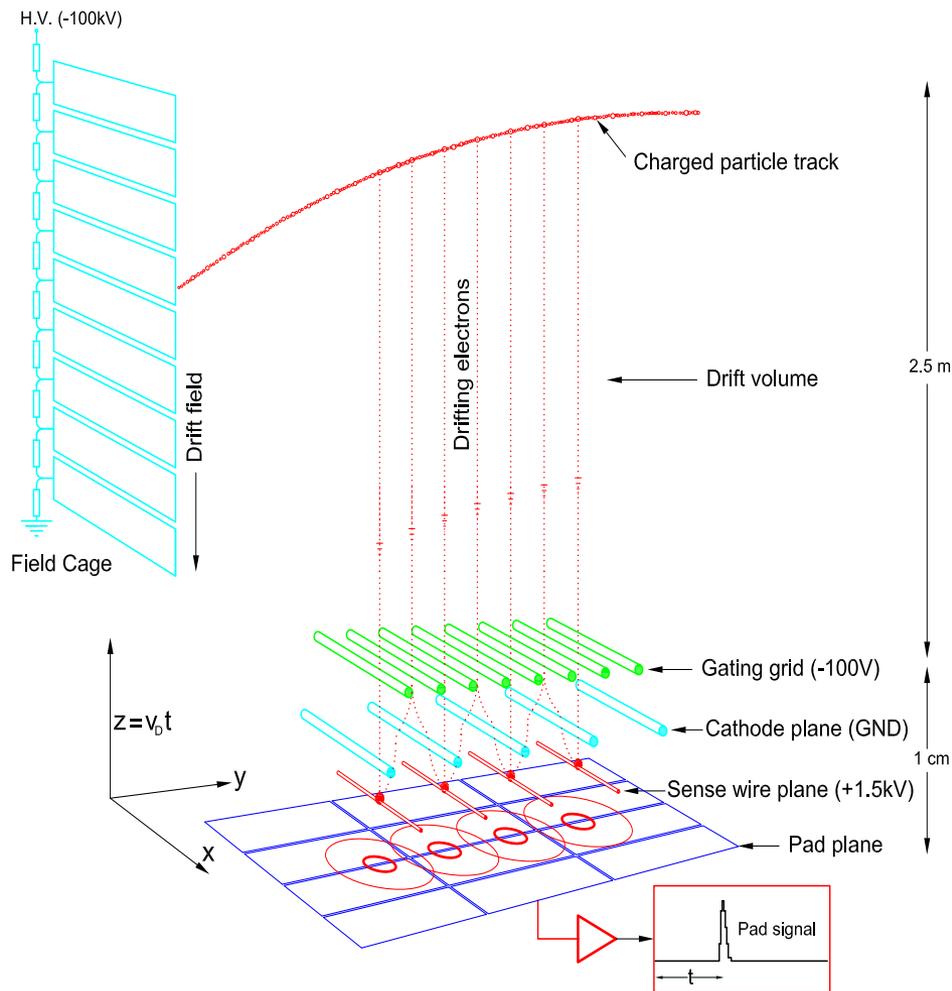
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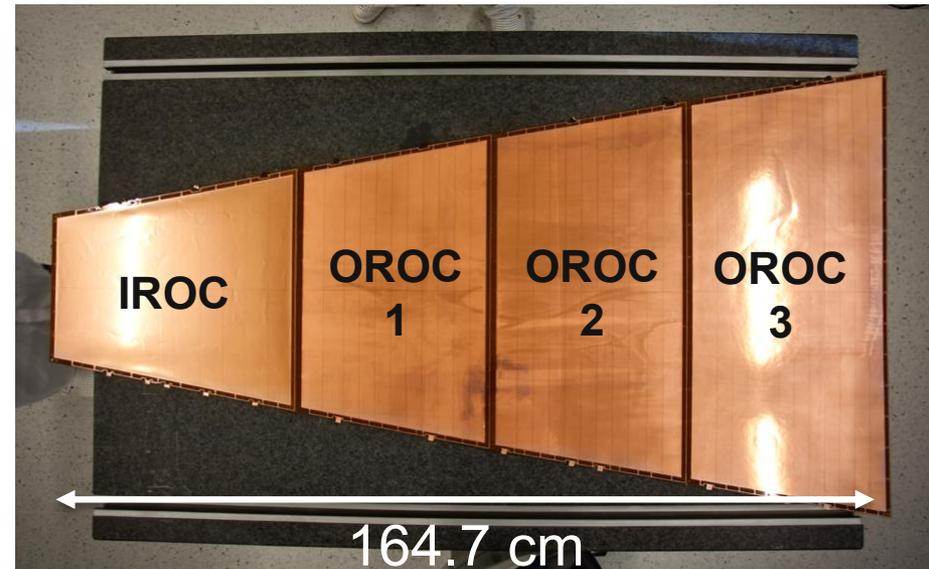
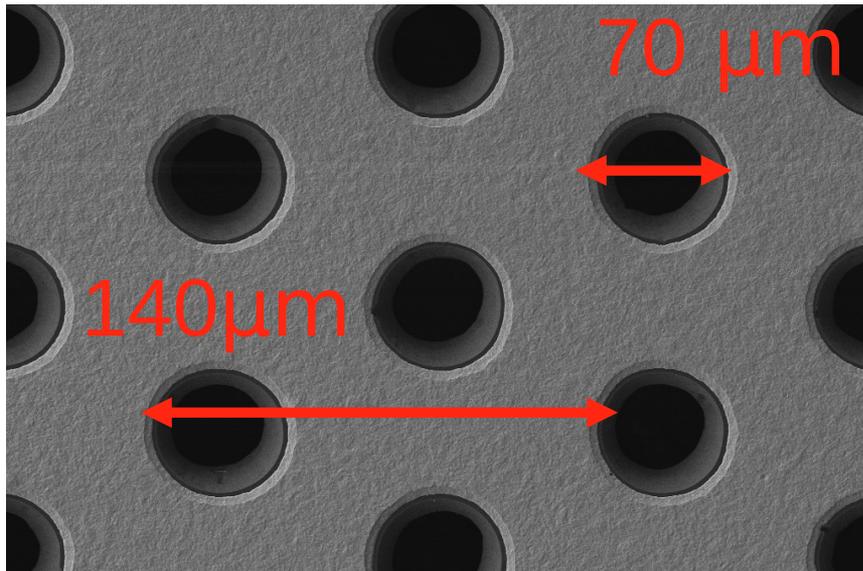
MWPC (Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber) or GEM

➔ Electrons with **~1000 larger drift velocity**

➔ Original charge is multiplied by a factor of **several thousands**

➔ Signal Generation

# Future TPC: (Gas Electron Multipliers, GEMs)



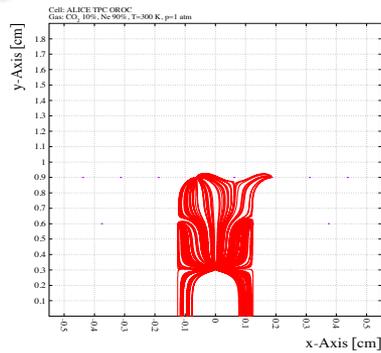
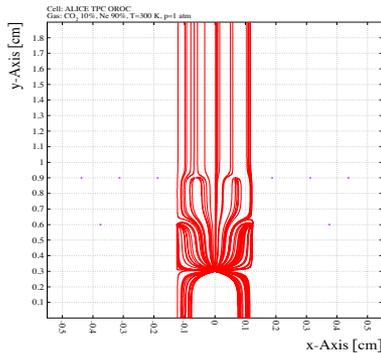
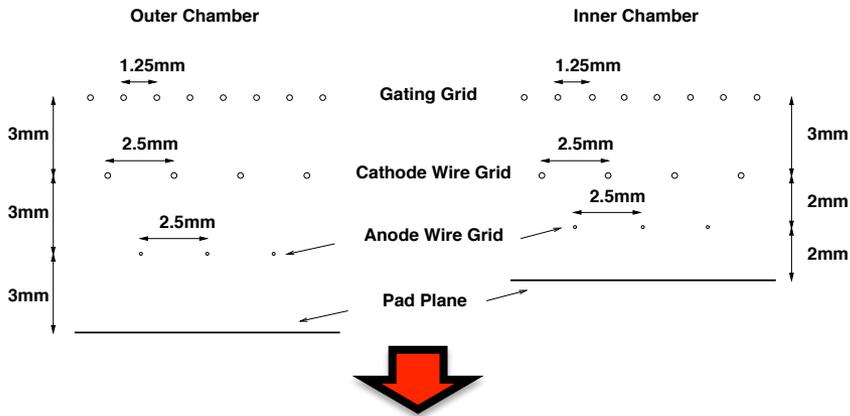
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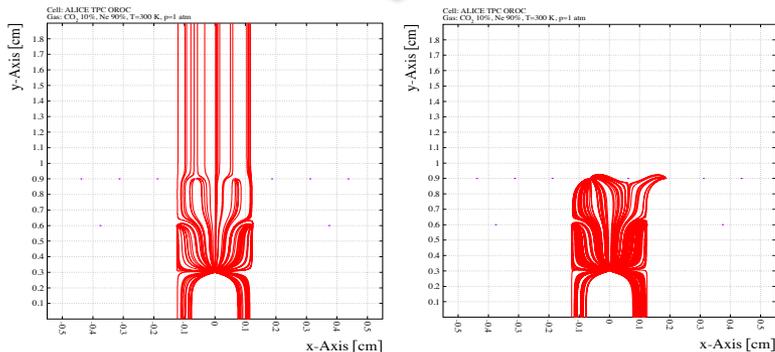
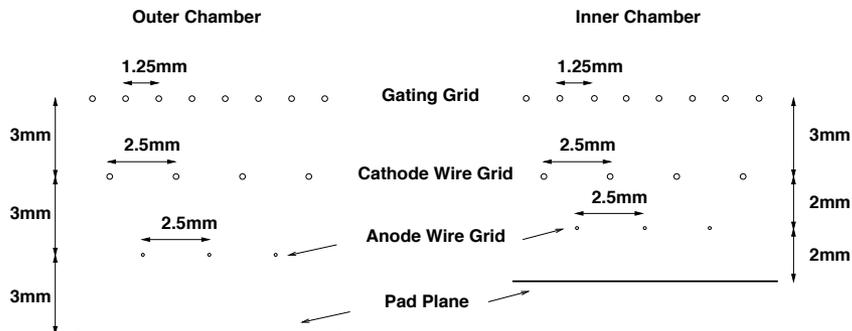


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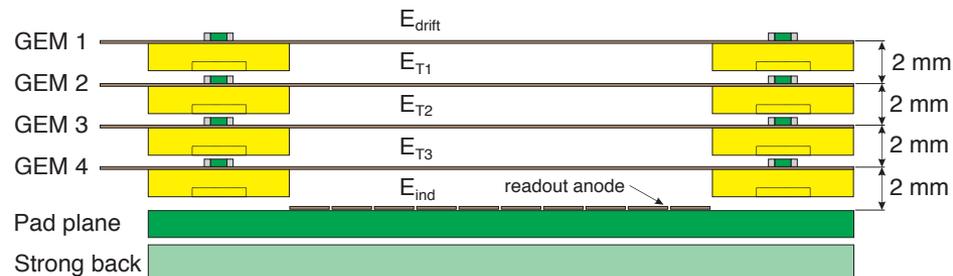
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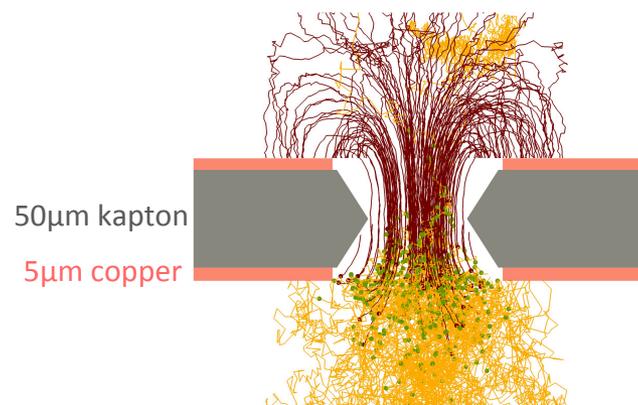
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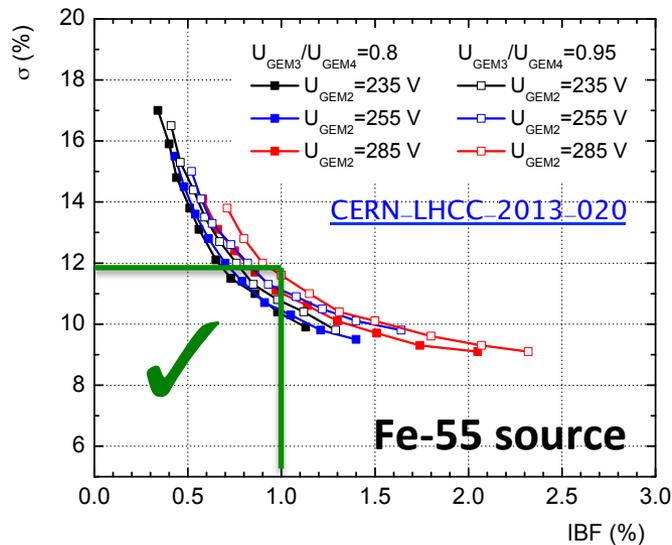
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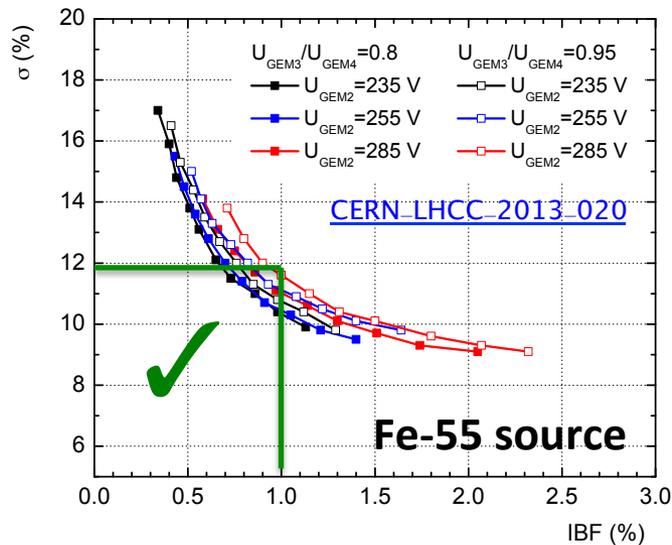
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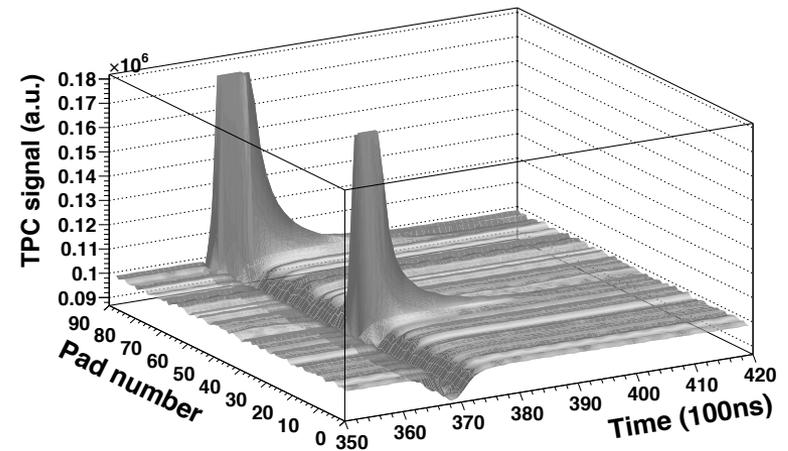
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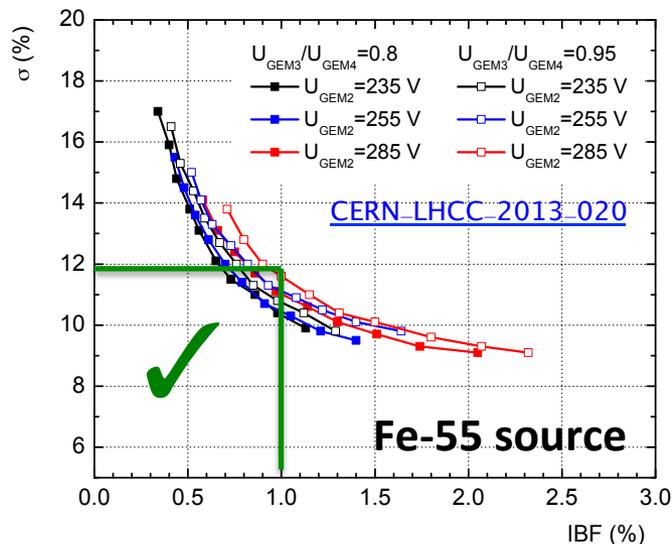
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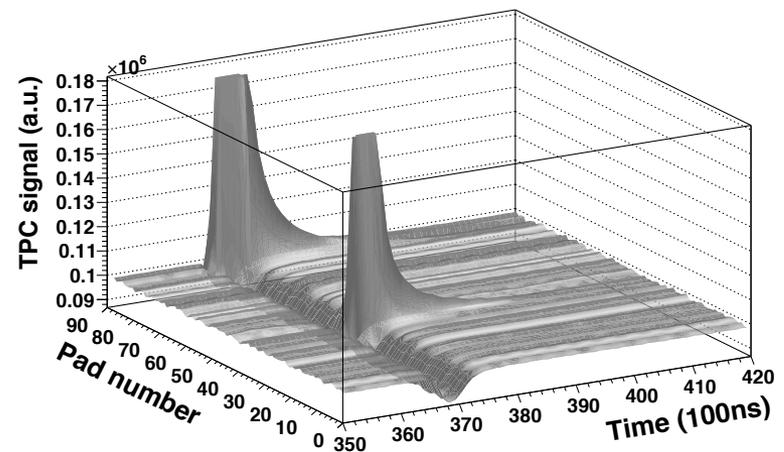
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3) Discharge probability  $< 10^{-10}$  (measured with alpha particles)

$< (6.4 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-12}$  (measured with a close-to-MIP beam)

4) Average pileup of 5 events at 50kHz

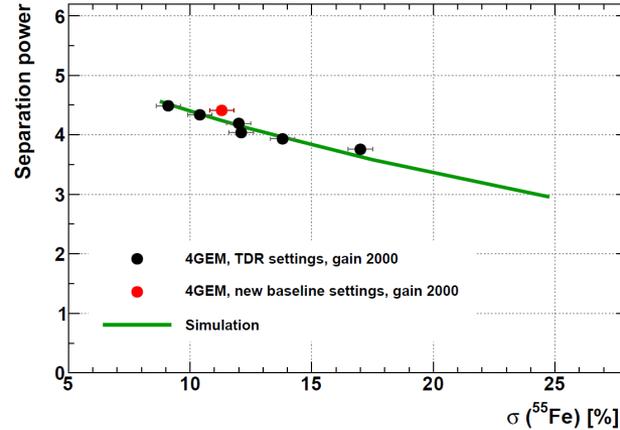
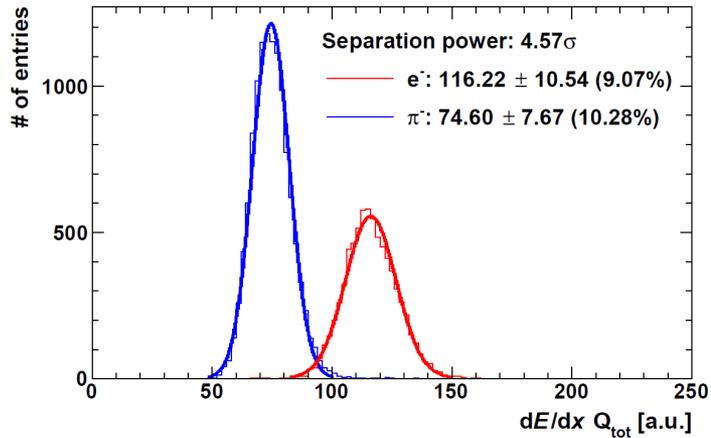
5) Space charge distortions up to 20cm: Reduction down to 200 $\mu$ m using ITS and TRD matching

6) Data processing: New electronics (SAMPA)

Online reconstruction and data compression by a factor of 20

# GEM: Performance

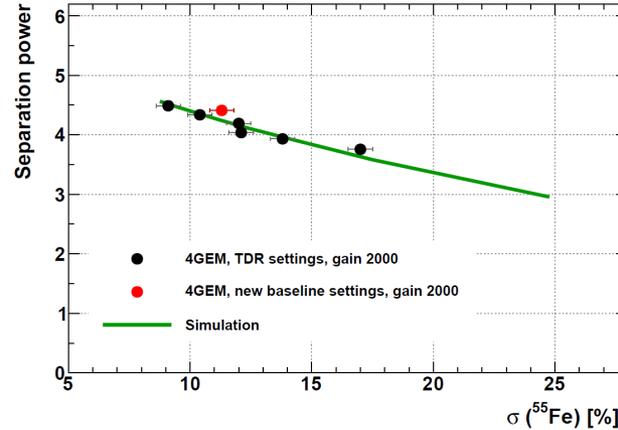
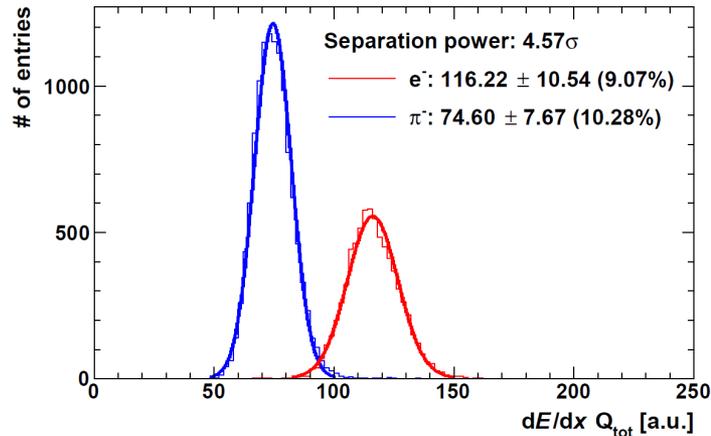
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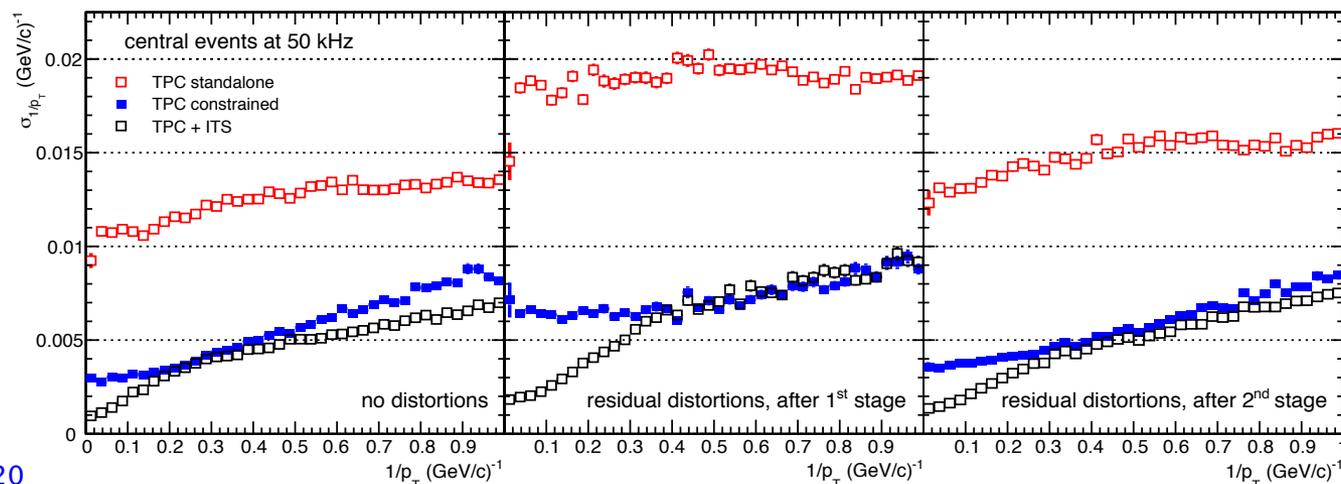
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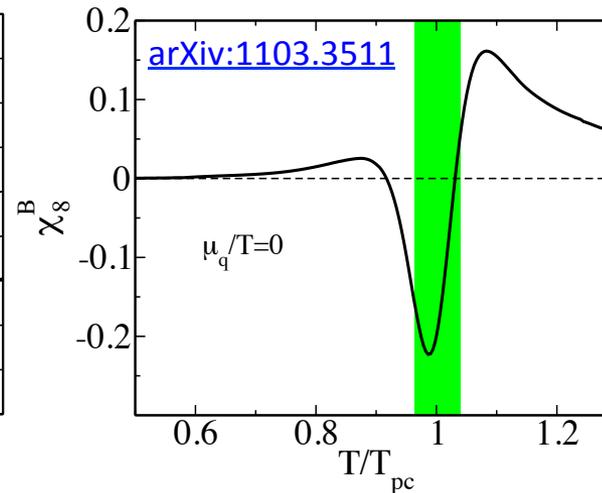
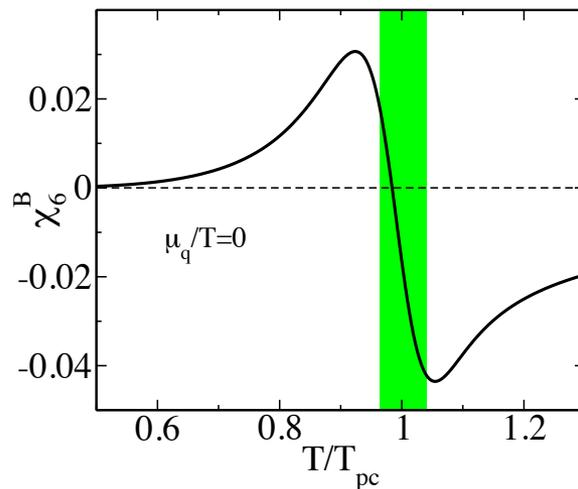
Simulation studies show that calibrations will **restore momentum resolution**



# Summary & Outlook

## What will TPC upgrade bring us ?

- ✓ Excellent  $dE/dx$  performance as in MWPC-based readout.
- ✓ Operational stability against electrical discharges
- ✓ A factor 100 more statistics
  - Moments of particle multiplicities up to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> order.



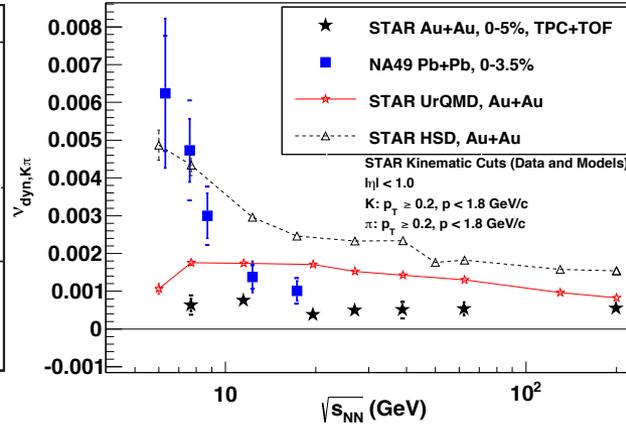
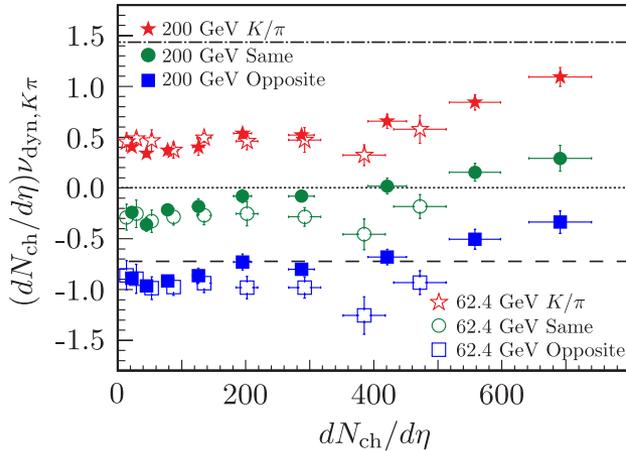
## And more :

- Low mass dielectrons and heavy flavor hadrons
- Production of quarkonia
- Production of (anti) nuclei and hyper-nuclei as well as exotic hadronic states
- ...

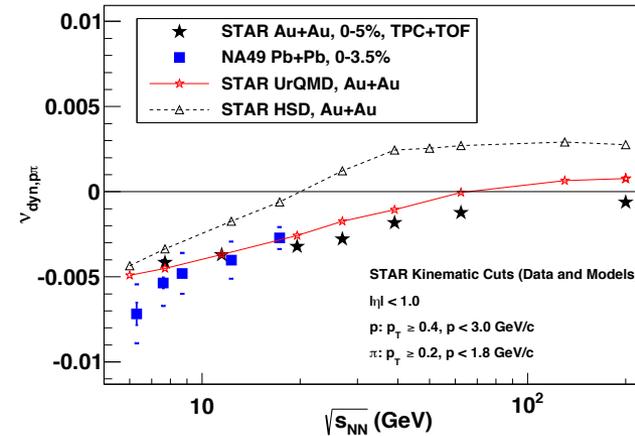
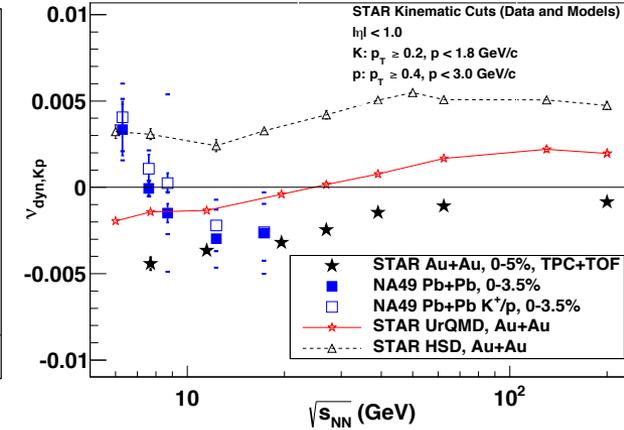
**BACKUP**

# $V_{\text{dyn}}$ : STAR vs NA49

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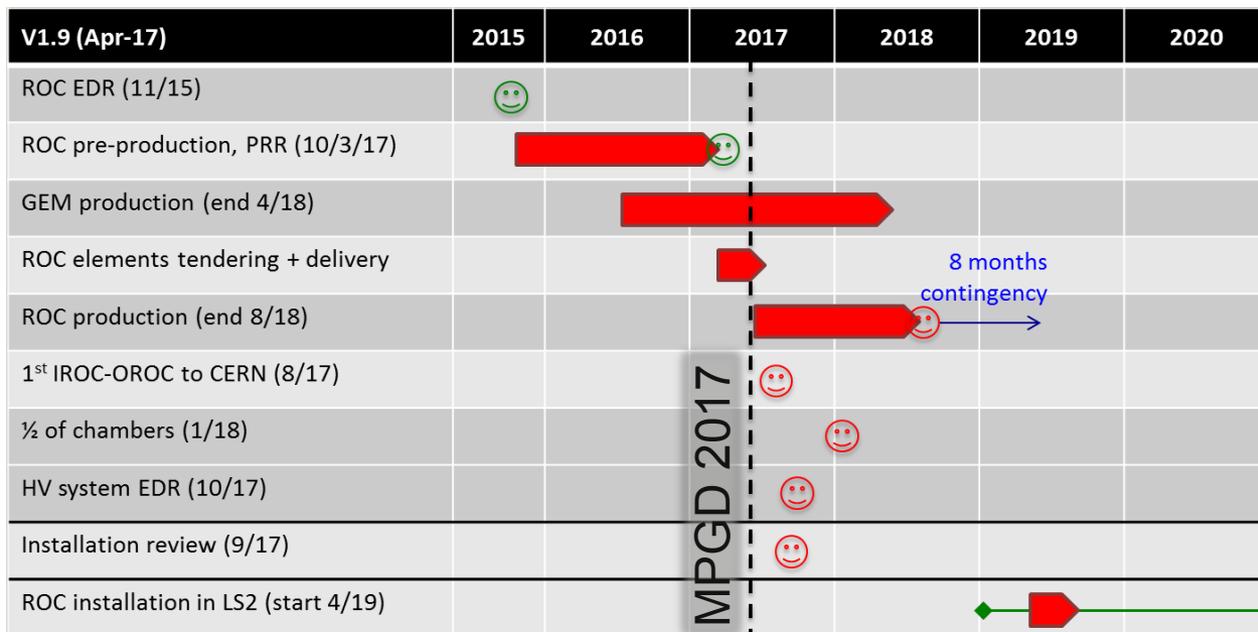
**HIJING:** independent superposition of p-p interactions

**AMPT:** HIJING + collectivity

- ✧ **String melting:** Quark coalescence
- ✧ **Hadronic rescattering:** Additional resonances

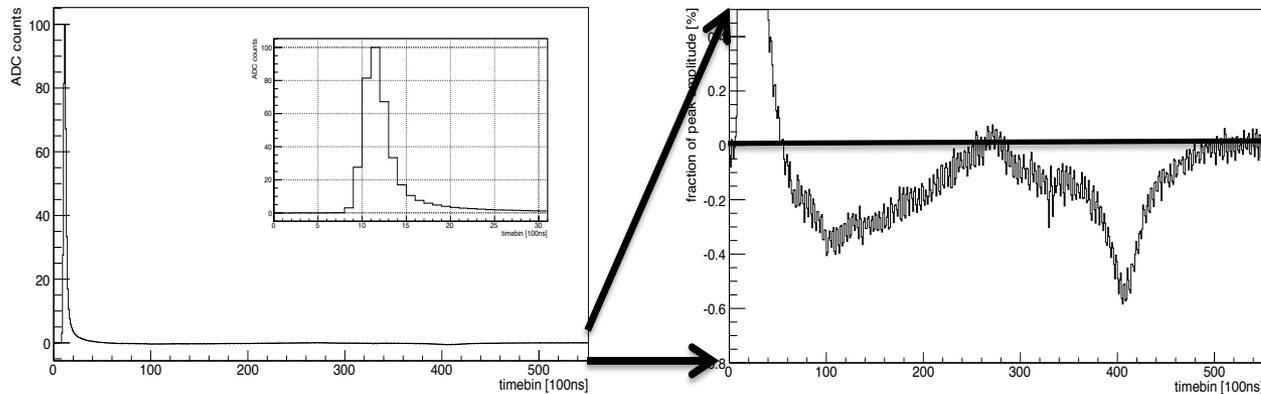
**UrQMD:** strings  $\rightarrow$  heavy baryonic and mesonic resonances  $\rightarrow$  light hadrons such as  $K, \pi$

**HSD:** strings  $\rightarrow$  decay directly to 'light' hadrons (from the pseudoscalar meson octet) or the vector mesons  $\rho, \omega$  and  $K^*$  (or the baryon octet and decouplet in case of baryon number  $\pm 1$ )



Gas	Drift velocity	Diffusion coeff.		$\omega\tau$	Eff. ionization energy $W_i$ (eV)	Number of electrons per MIP	
	$v_d$ (cm/ $\mu$ s)	$D_L$ ( $\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ )	$D_T$ ( $\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ )			$N_p$ (primary) (e/cm)	$N_t$ (total) (e/cm)
Ne-CO <sub>2</sub> -N <sub>2</sub> (90-10-5)	2.58	0.0221	0.0209	0.32	37.3	14.0	36.1
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Ar-CO <sub>2</sub> (90-10)	3.31	0.0262	0.0221	0.43	28.8	26.4	74.8
Ne-CF <sub>4</sub> (80-20)	8.41	0.0131	0.0111	1.84	37.3	20.5	54.1

# Ion-tail Effect

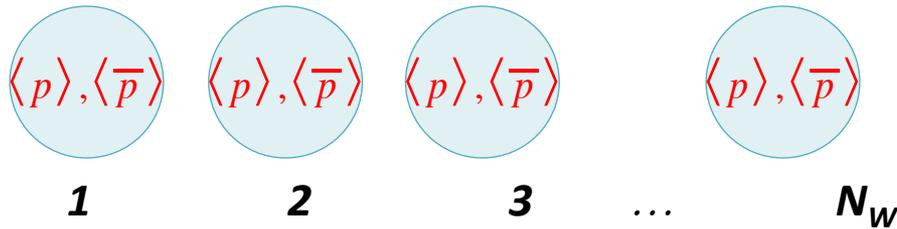


→ Zero suppression

**Ion-tail**  
**Along time direction**

**Worsening of  $dE/dx$  resolution and cluster loss**

# Modeling Participant Fluctuations



- $N_W$  fluctuates with MC Glauber initial conditions

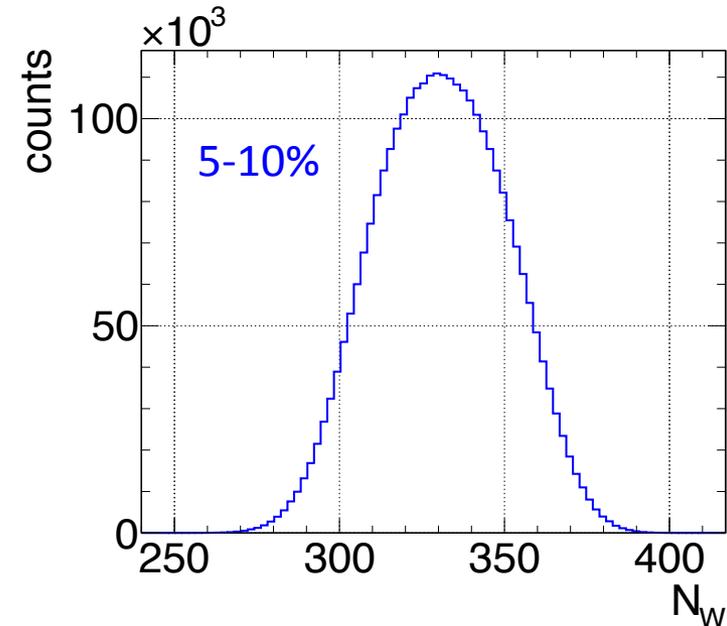
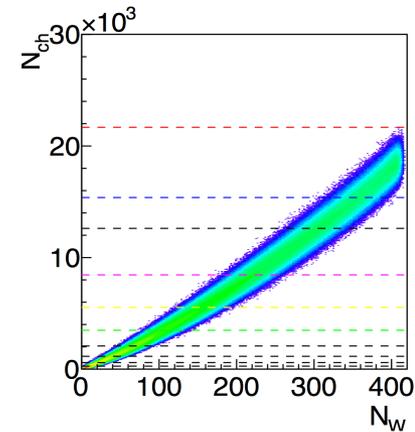
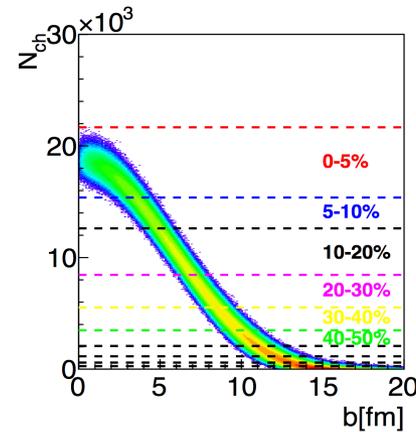
- Each source is treated Grand Canonically

- Mean proton multiplicities  $\langle p \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{p} \rangle$  from real data

- Centrality selection like in experimental data

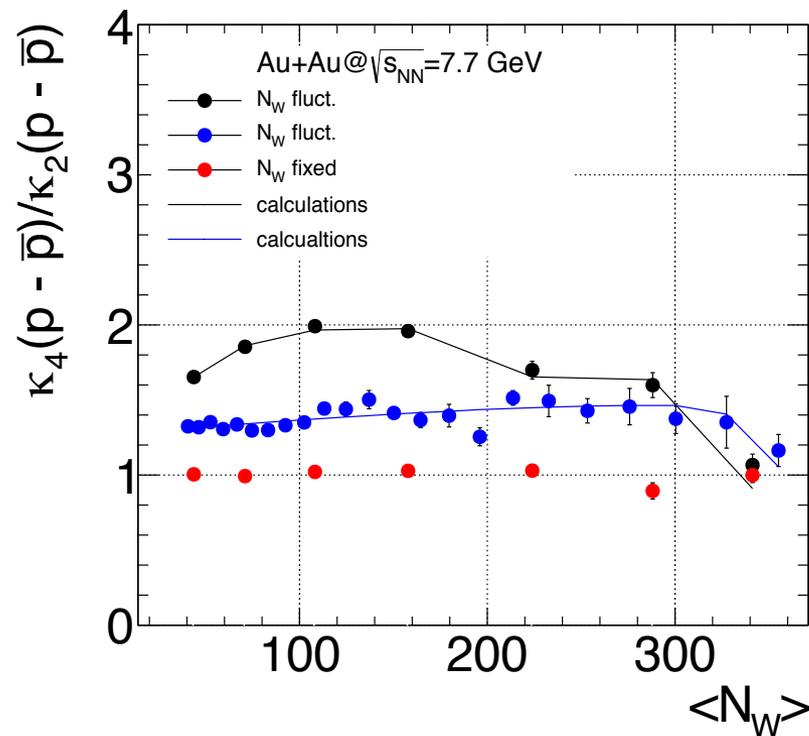
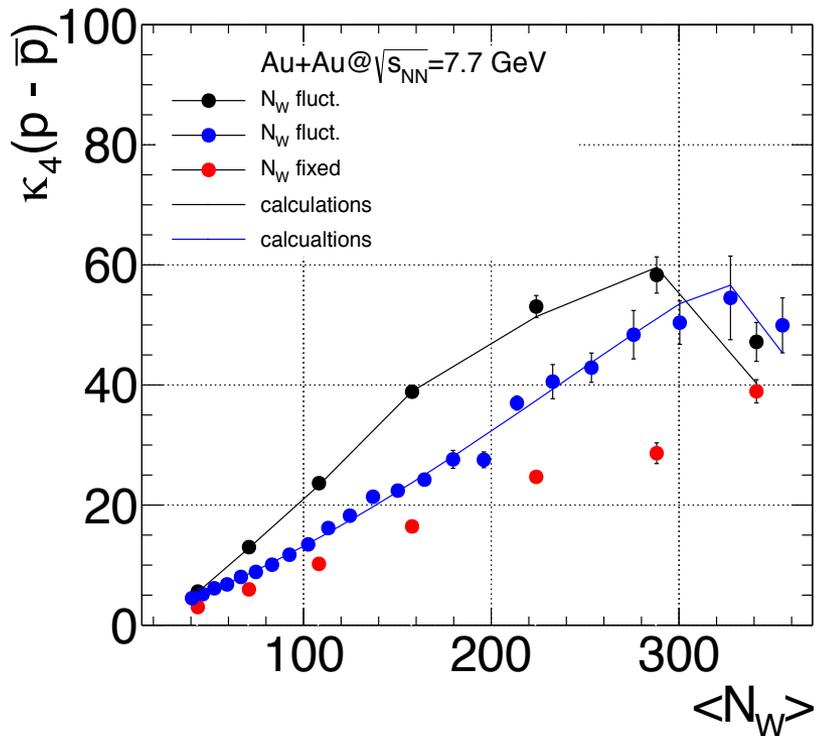
- Expected results **without volume fluctuations**:

- Particles:  $k_n = N_w \langle n \rangle = \langle p \rangle = \langle \bar{p} \rangle$
- net-particles:  $k_n = \langle p \rangle + (-1)^n \langle \bar{p} \rangle$



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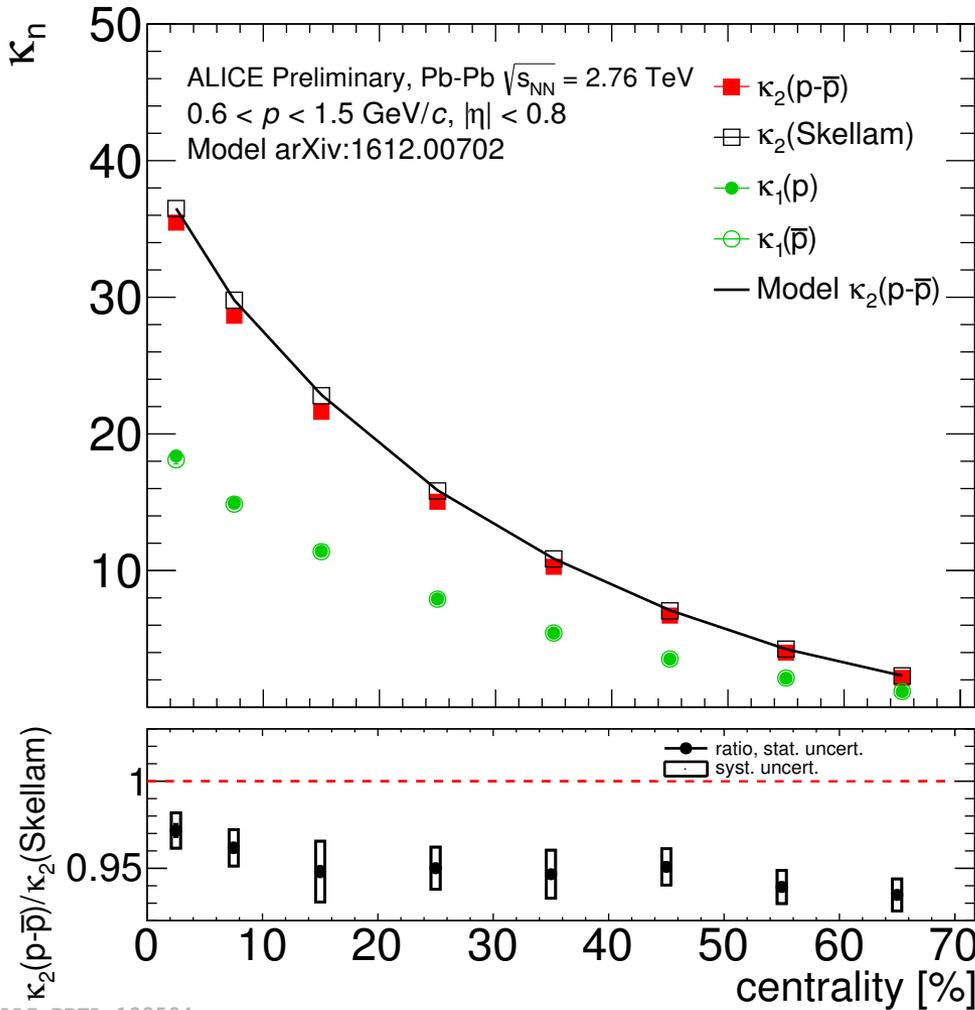
# RHIC Energies



## ✧ Solution for volume fluct. : **Centrality bin width correction ???**

- Subdividing a given centrality bin into smaller ones and then merging them together **incoherently**.
- Incoherent addition of data from intervals with very small centrality bin width will **eliminate true dynamical fluctuations**.

# 'Model' vs ALICE data



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centrality selection procedure

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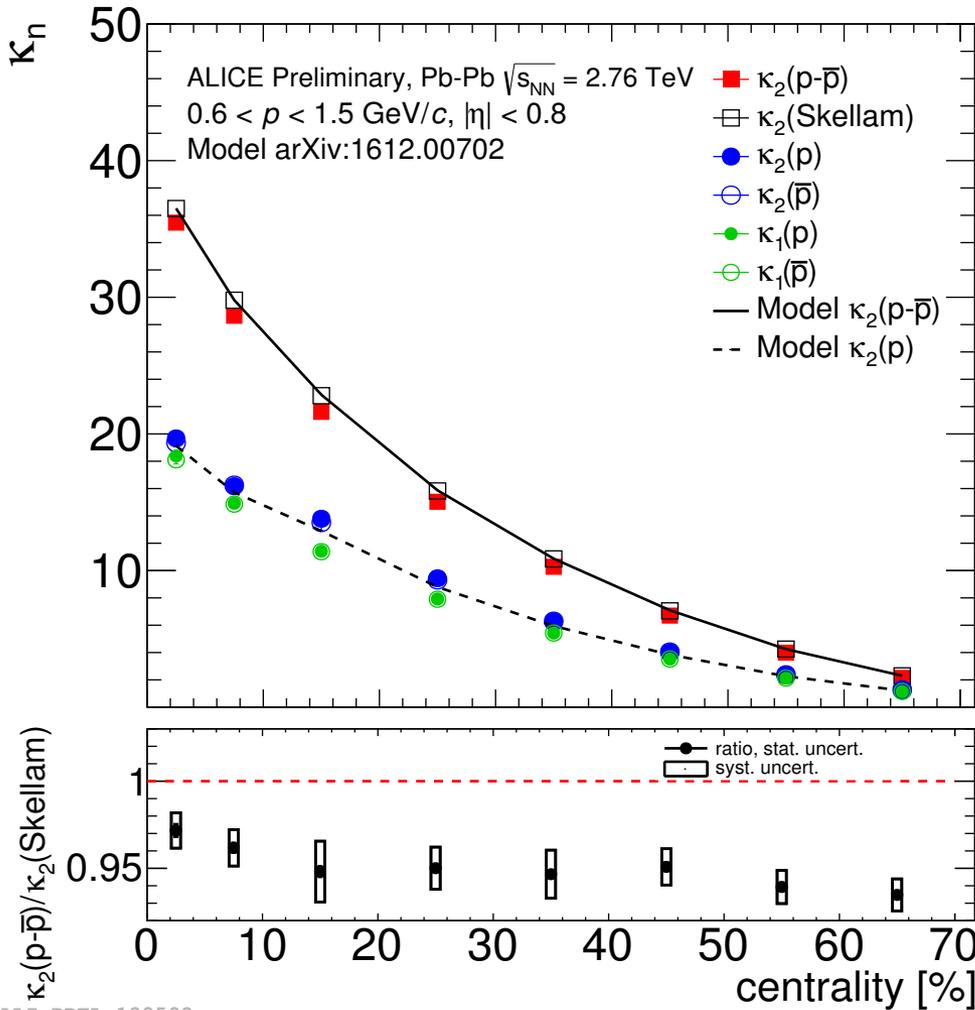
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$$\kappa_2(N_B - N_{\bar{B}}) = \langle N_W \rangle \kappa_2(n_B - n_{\bar{B}}) + \langle n_B - n_{\bar{B}} \rangle^2 \kappa_2(N_W)$$

↓ from single participant

**Second cumulants of net-particles  
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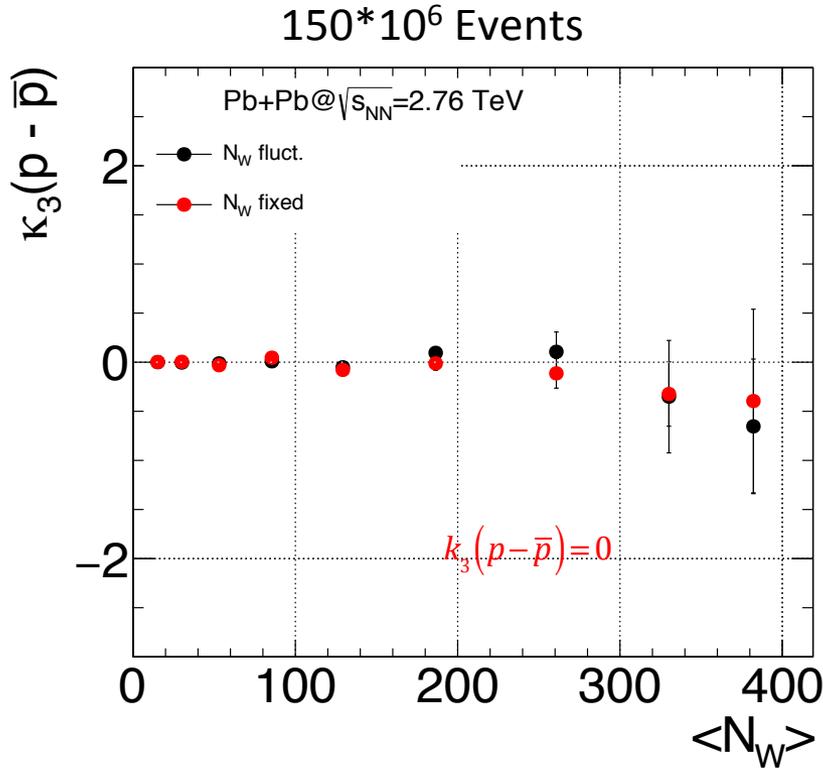
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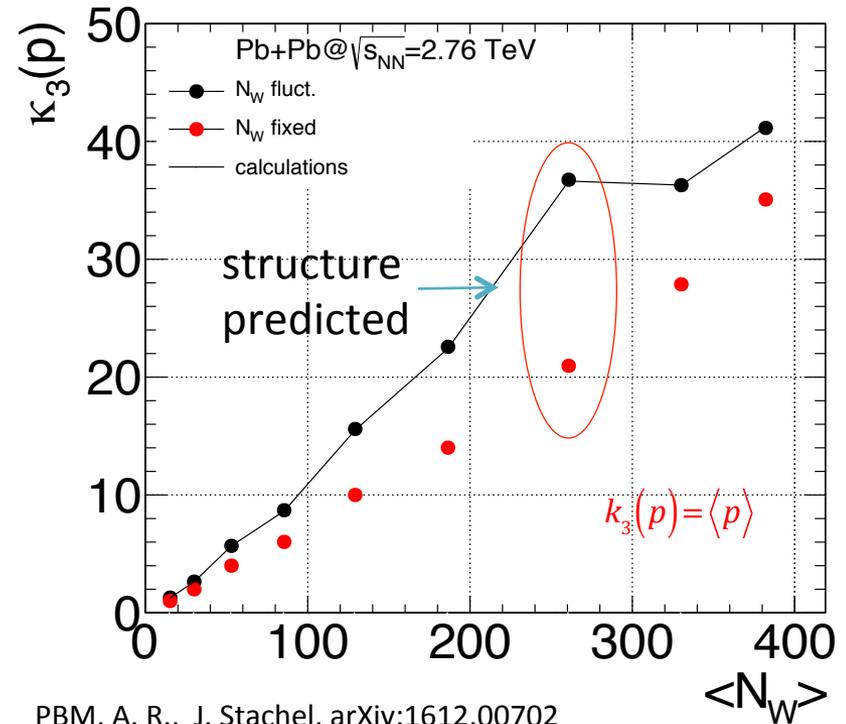


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vanishes for ALICE

$n, \bar{n}$  from single wounded nucleon



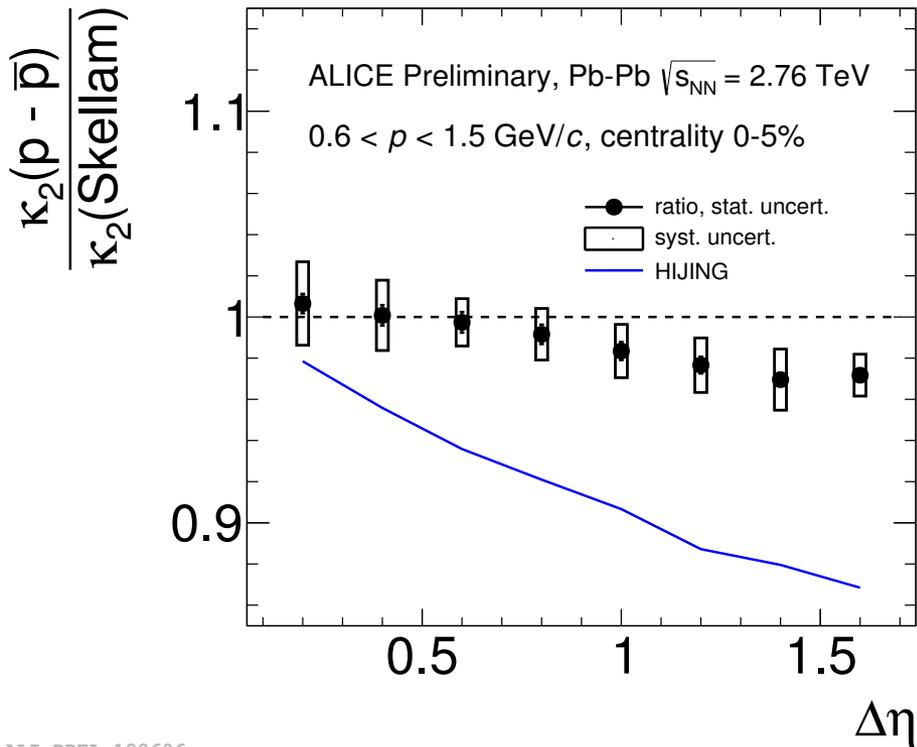
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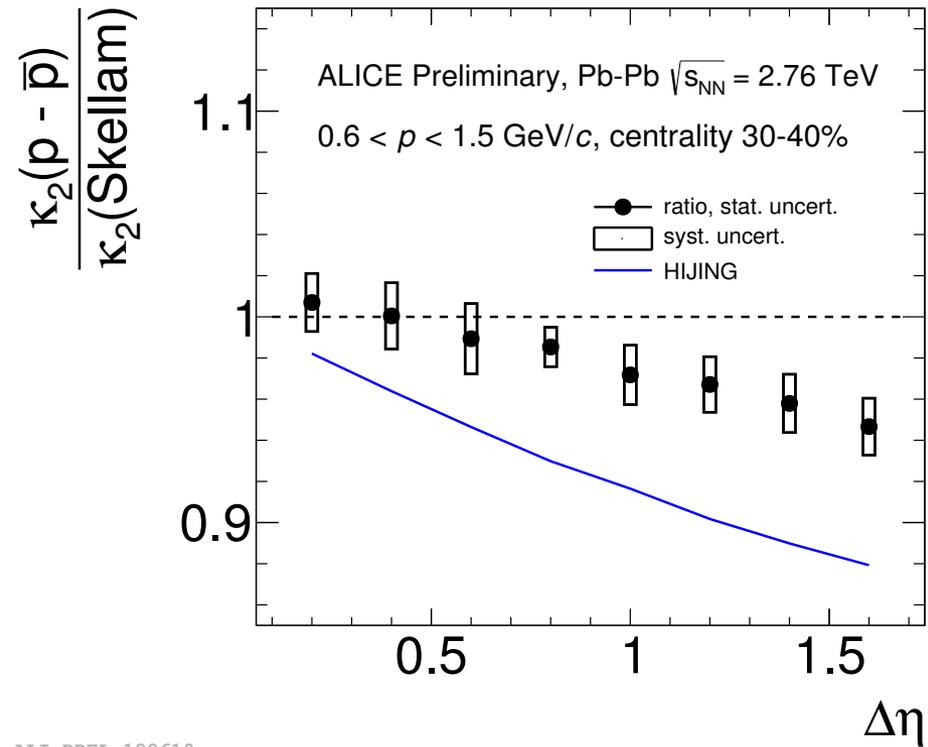


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# Acceptance and centrality dependence



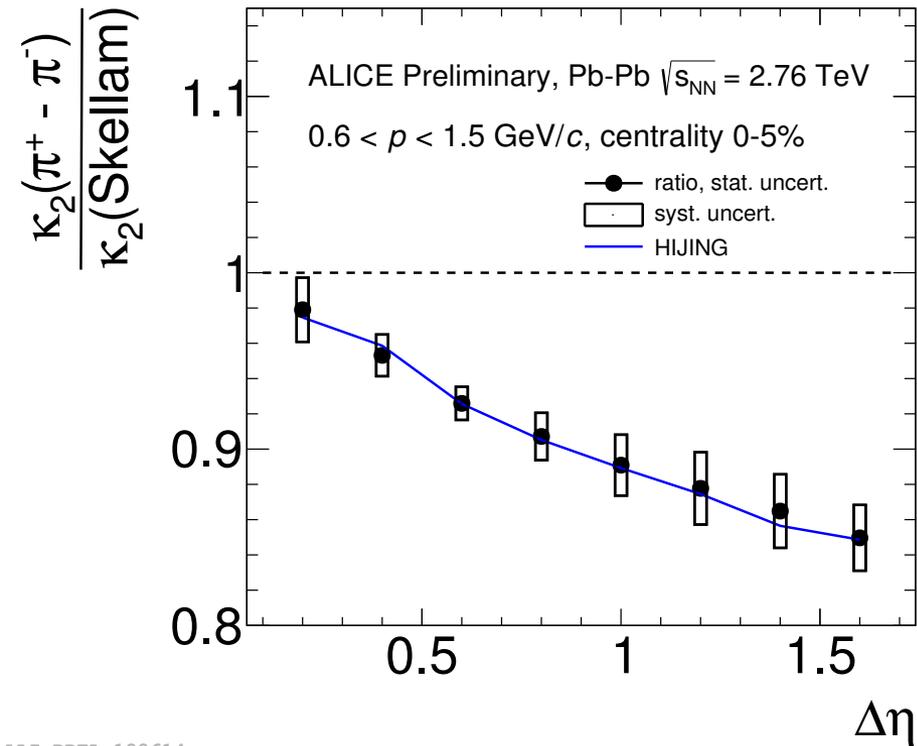
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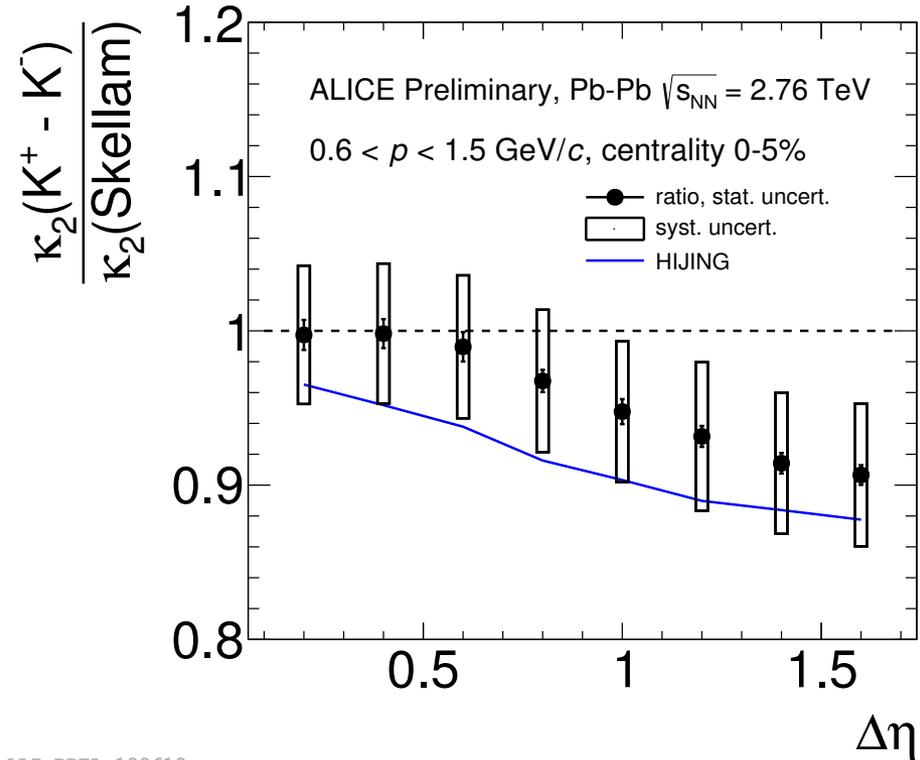
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**Effect of global baryon number conservation is more significant  
in peripheral collisions**

# Net-pions and Net-kaons



perfect agreement with HIJING



reasonable agreement with HIJING

**resonance pion and kaon production is likely to explain the measured trend**

**Warning: Skellam is not a proper baseline for net-pions and net-kaons**

# Efficiency Correction

$$\kappa_2(n - \bar{n})_v \nu_{dyn} = \nu_{dyn} [N_+, N_-]^* \langle N \rangle^2 + 2 \langle N \rangle$$

$$\langle N_+ \rangle \approx \langle N_- \rangle = \langle N \rangle = \frac{\langle N_+ \rangle + \langle N_- \rangle}{2}$$

$\nu_{dyn}$  is robust against efficiency losses  
only mean multiplicities will be corrected

# ITS Upgrade: Low mass dielectrons

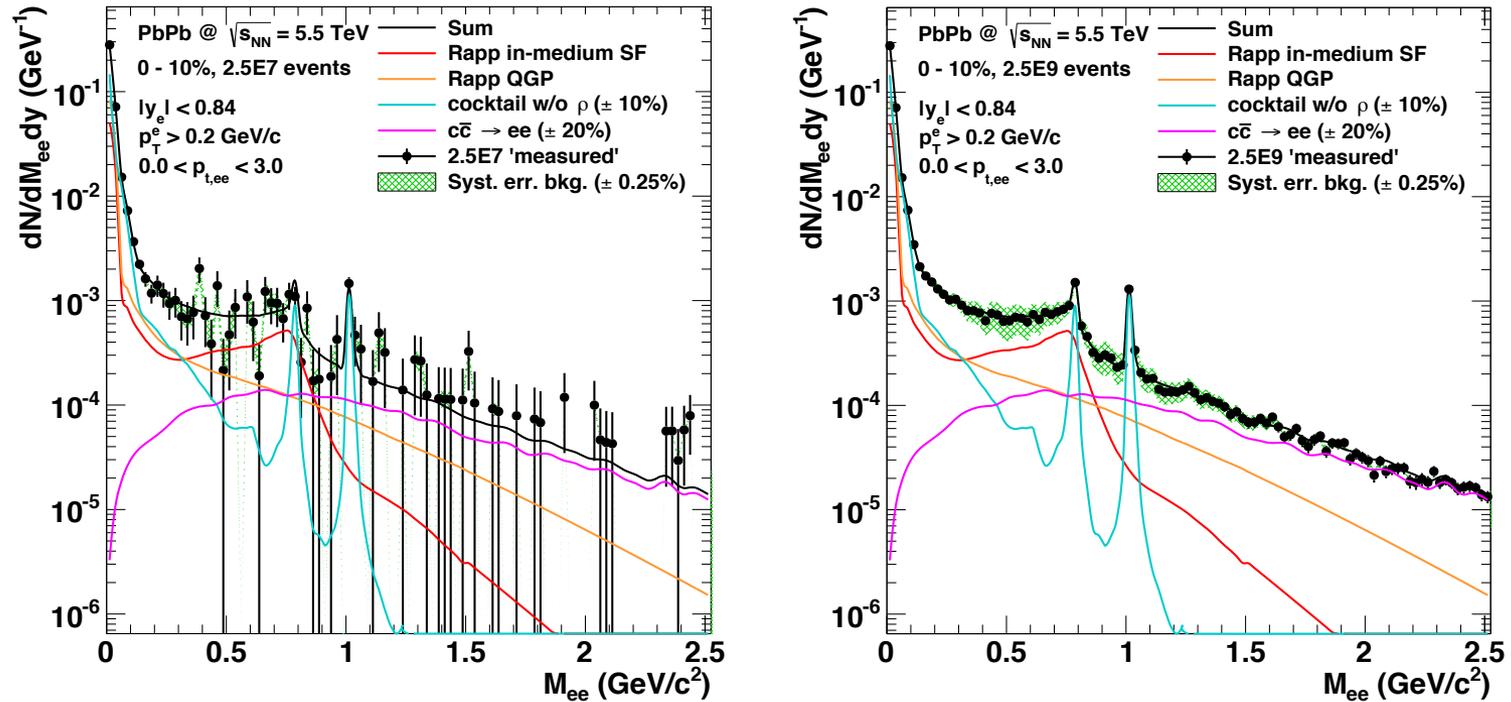
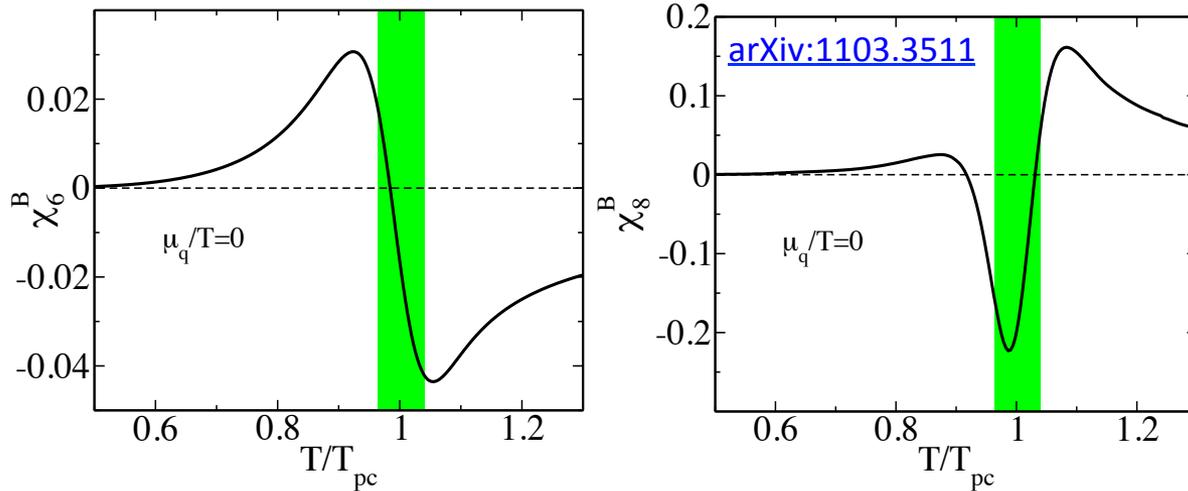


Figure 1.1: Inclusive  $e^+e^-$  invariant mass spectrum for 0–10% most central Pb–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$  TeV, assuming  $2.5 \cdot 10^7$  events (left panel) and  $2.5 \cdot 10^9$  events (right panel). The spectra include a set of tight primary track cuts based on the new ITS system to suppress leptons from charm decays. Also shown are curves that represent the contributions from light hadrons (blue), charm (magenta) and thermal radiation from a hadronic gas (red) and a QGP (orange). The figures are from [2].



freeze-out conditions	$\chi_4^B/\chi_2^B$	$\chi_6^B/\chi_2^B$	$\chi_4^Q/\chi_2^Q$	$\chi_6^Q/\chi_2^Q$
HRG	1	1	$\sim 2$	$\sim 10$
QCD: $T^{\text{freeze}}/T_{pc} \lesssim 0.9$	$\gtrsim 1$	$\gtrsim 1$	$\sim 2$	$\sim 10$
QCD: $T^{\text{freeze}}/T_{pc} \simeq 1$	$\sim 0.5$	$< 0$	$\sim 1$	$< 0$

Table 1: Values for ratios of cumulants of net baryon number (B) and electric charge (Q) fluctuations for the case that freeze-out appears well in the hadronic phase (third row) or in the vicinity of the chiral crossover temperature (fourth row). We give results based on current lattice calculations [20, 33] and on the calculations presented here. In the second row we give results of a HRG model calculation [33]. We also note that unlike the cumulants of net baryon number fluctuations the ratios of cumulants of electric charge fluctuations vary somewhat as a function of the baryon chemical potential along the freeze-out line.