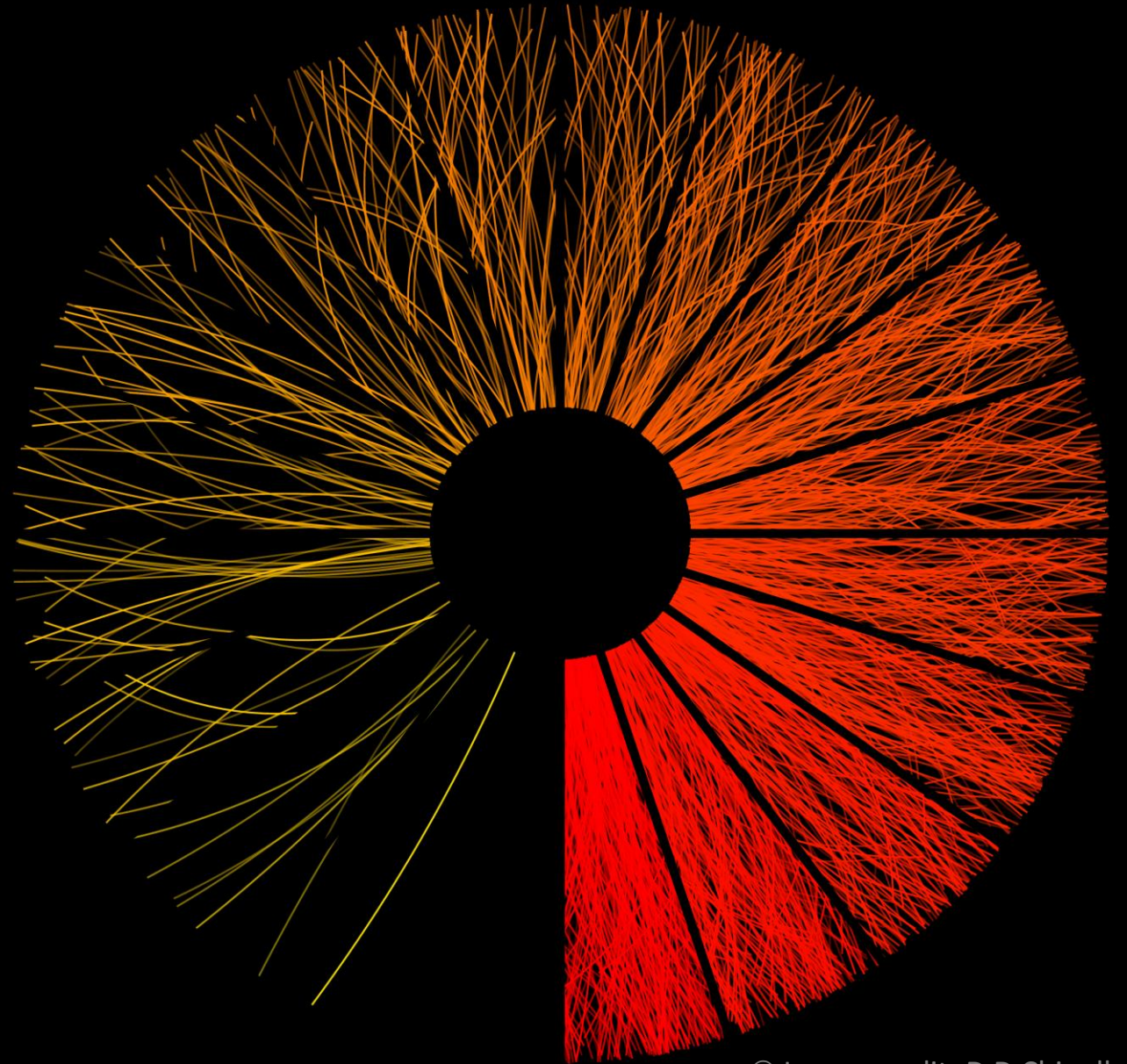




Small Systems



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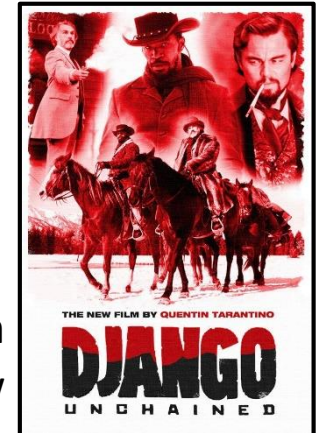
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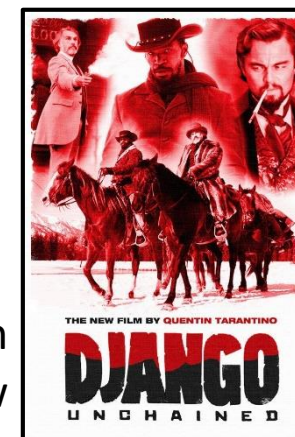
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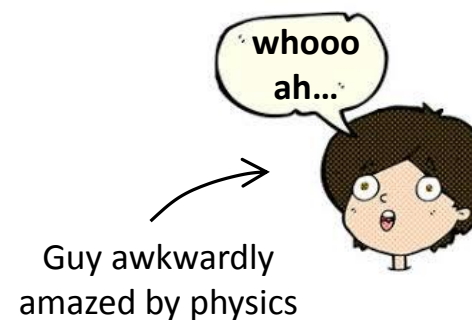
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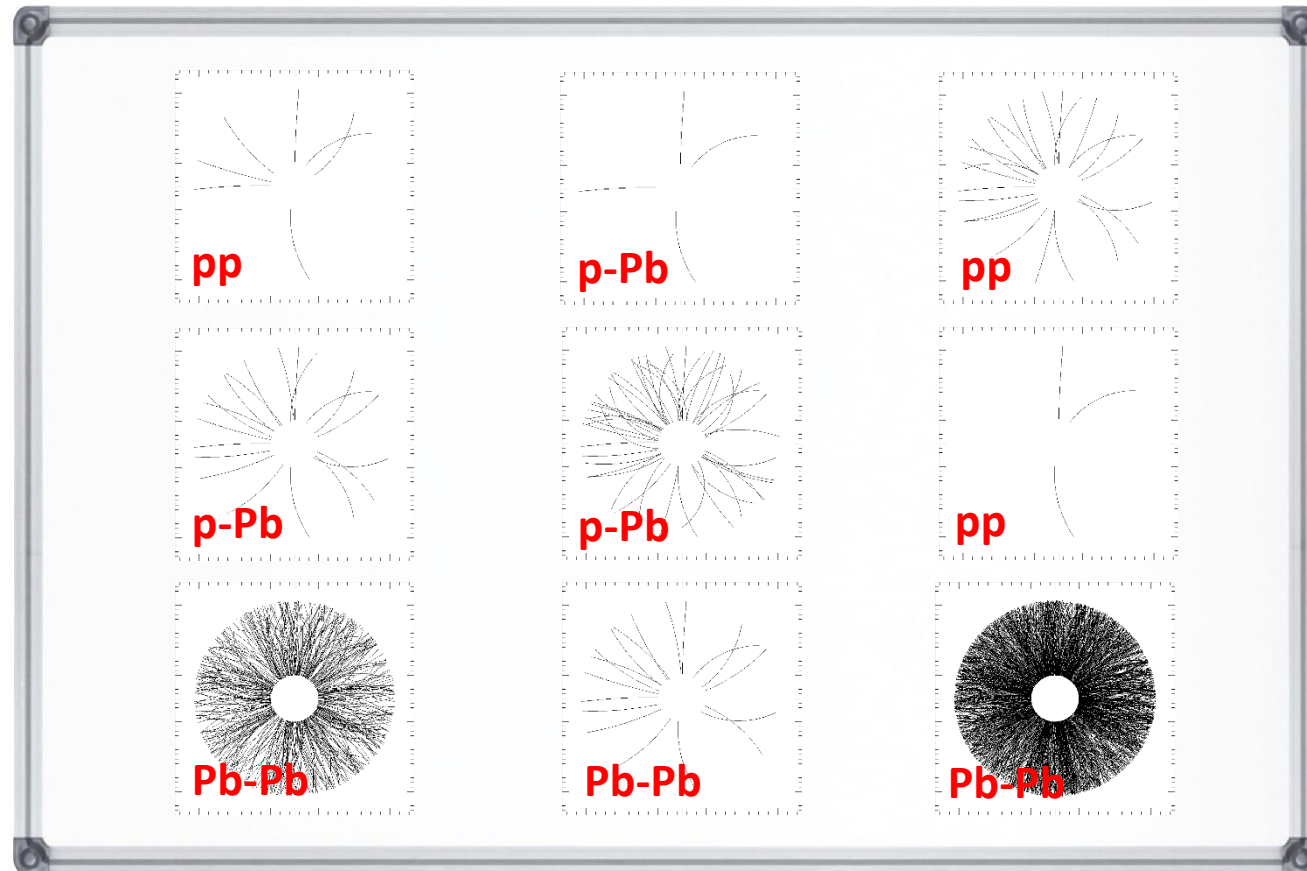
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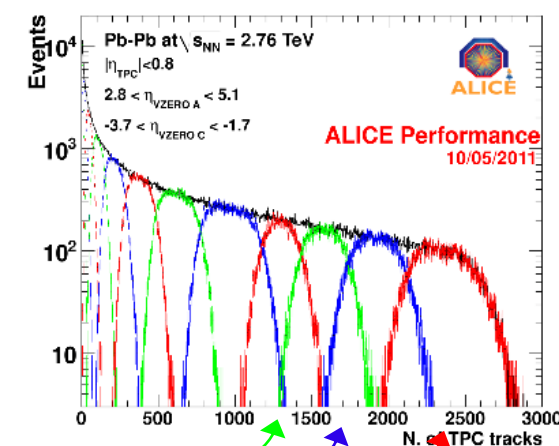
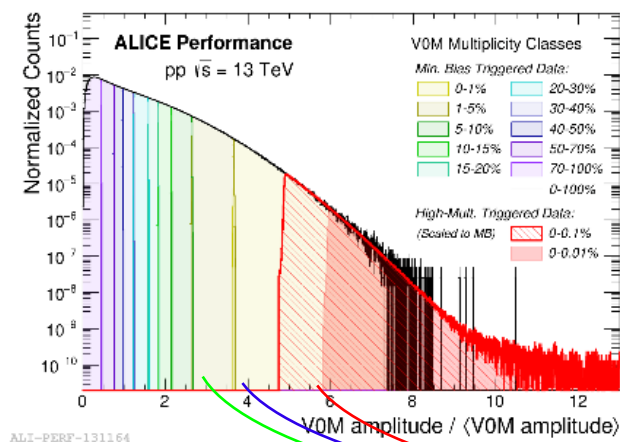
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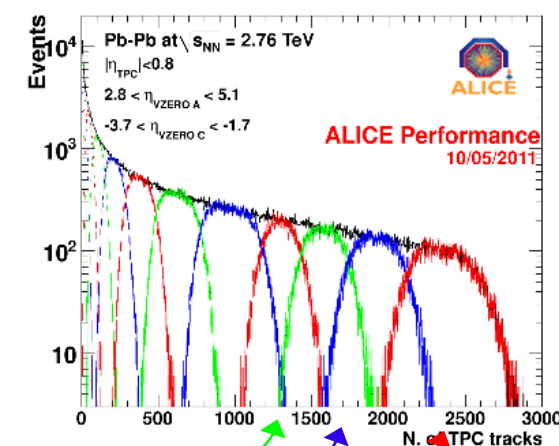
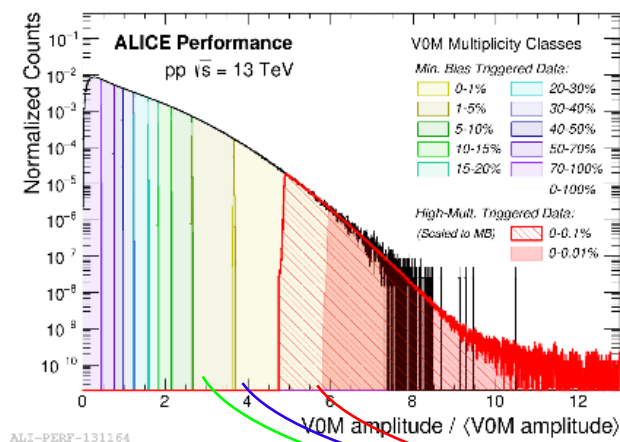
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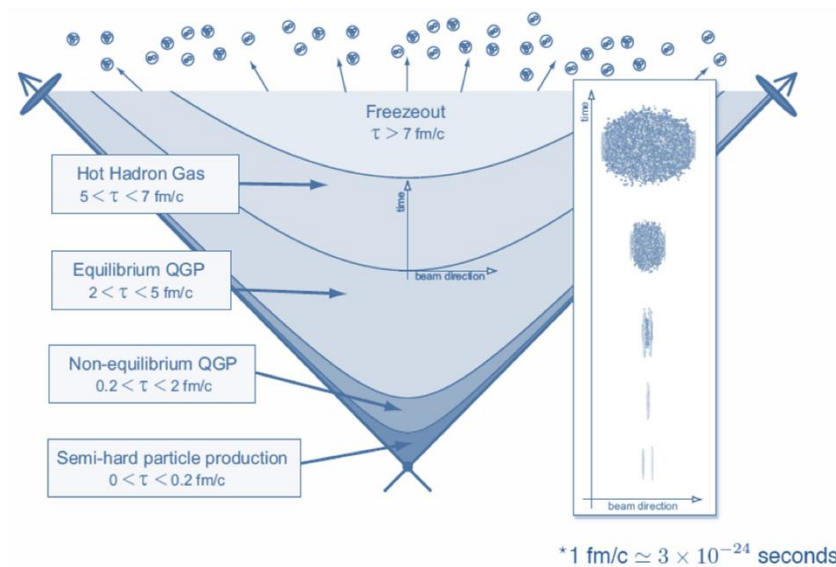
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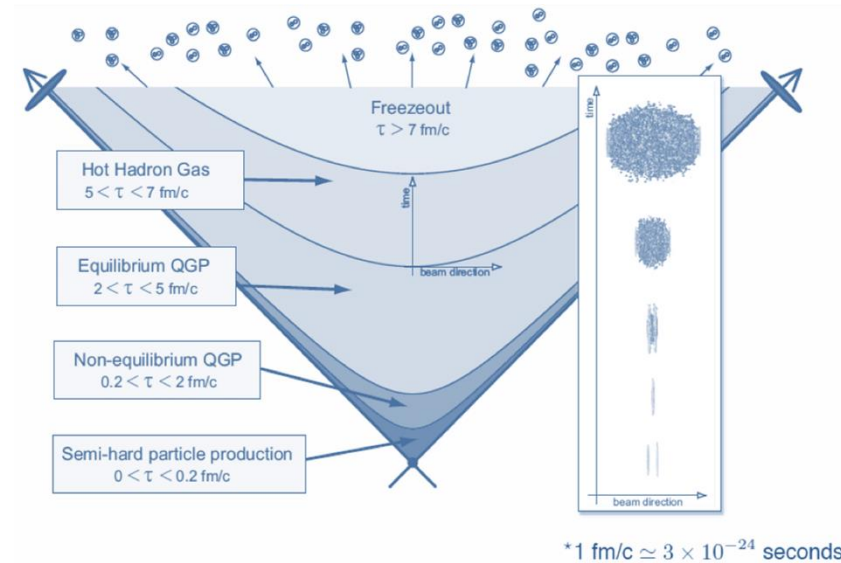


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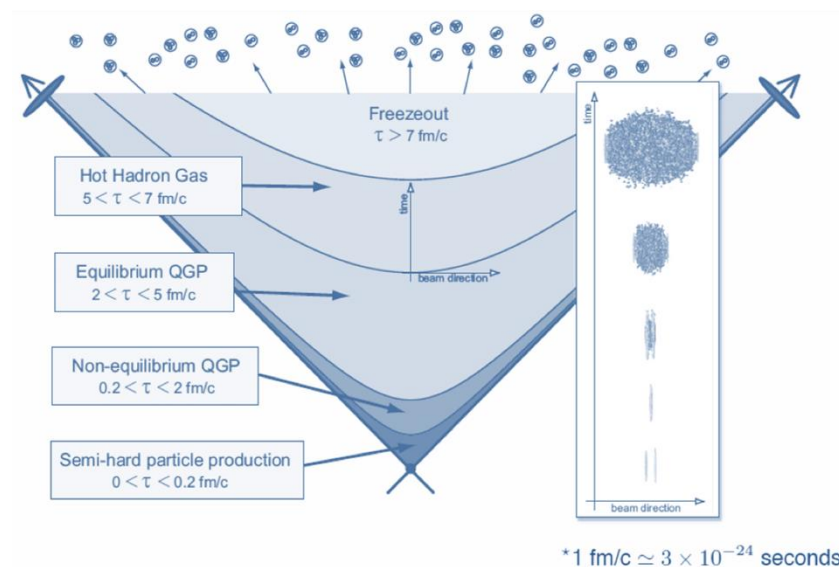


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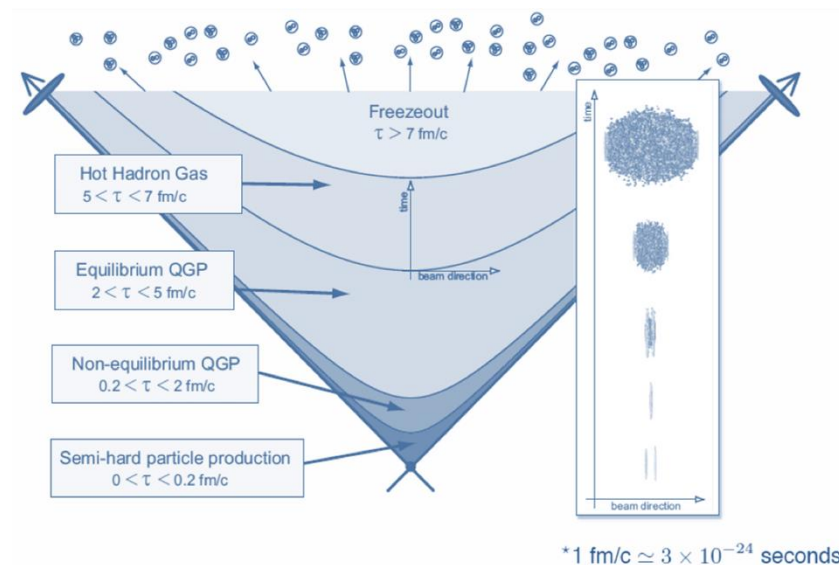


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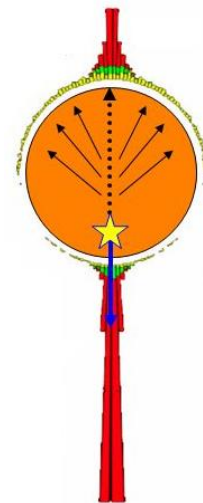
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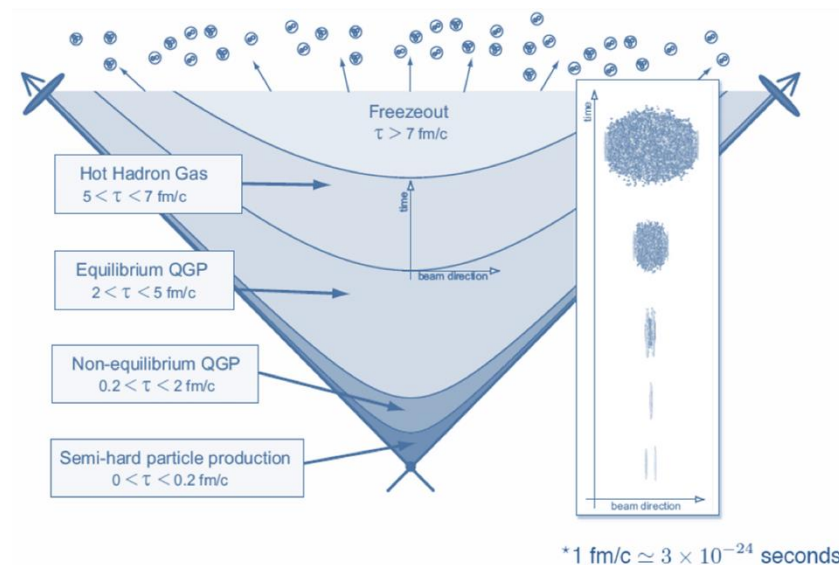
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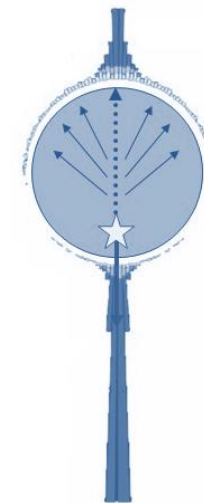


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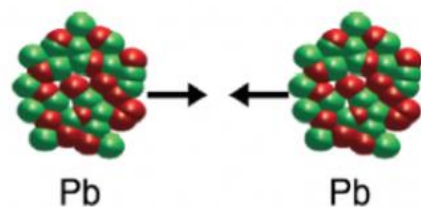


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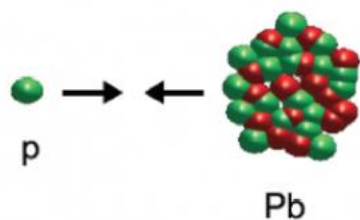
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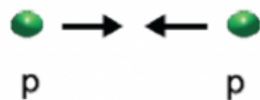
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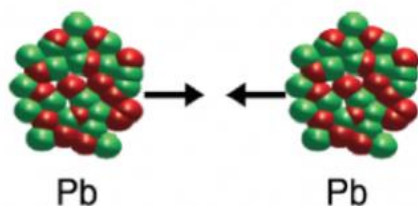
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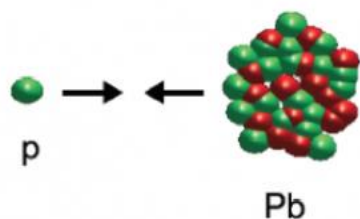
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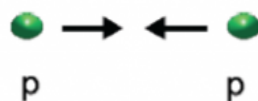
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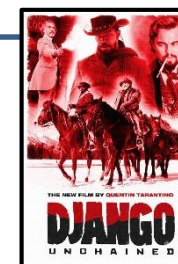
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Change of perspective:

QGP production in small systems?

We are searching for:

- **Collectivity**
(flow, common freeze-out)
- **Chemical properties**
(hadronic abundancies compatible with a QGP phase before hadronization)
- **Physical properties**
(jet quenching, high- p_T particles - or quarkonia - suppression, ecc..)

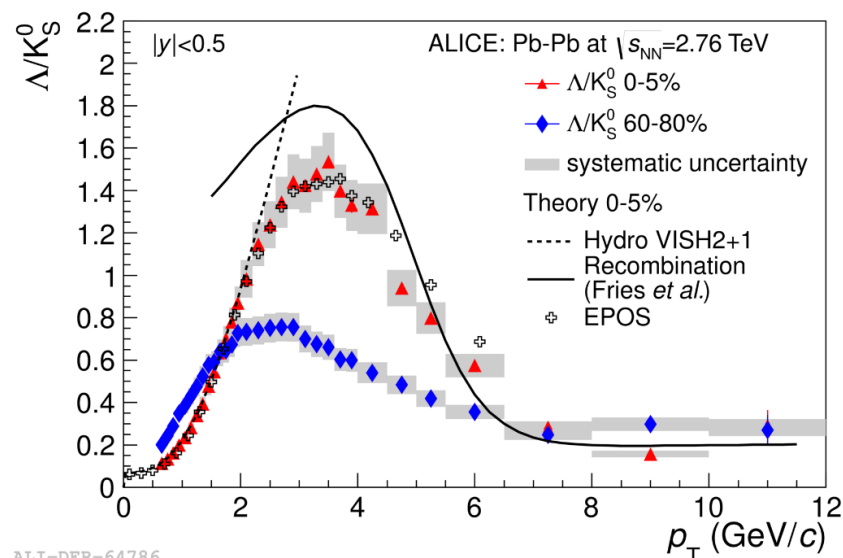




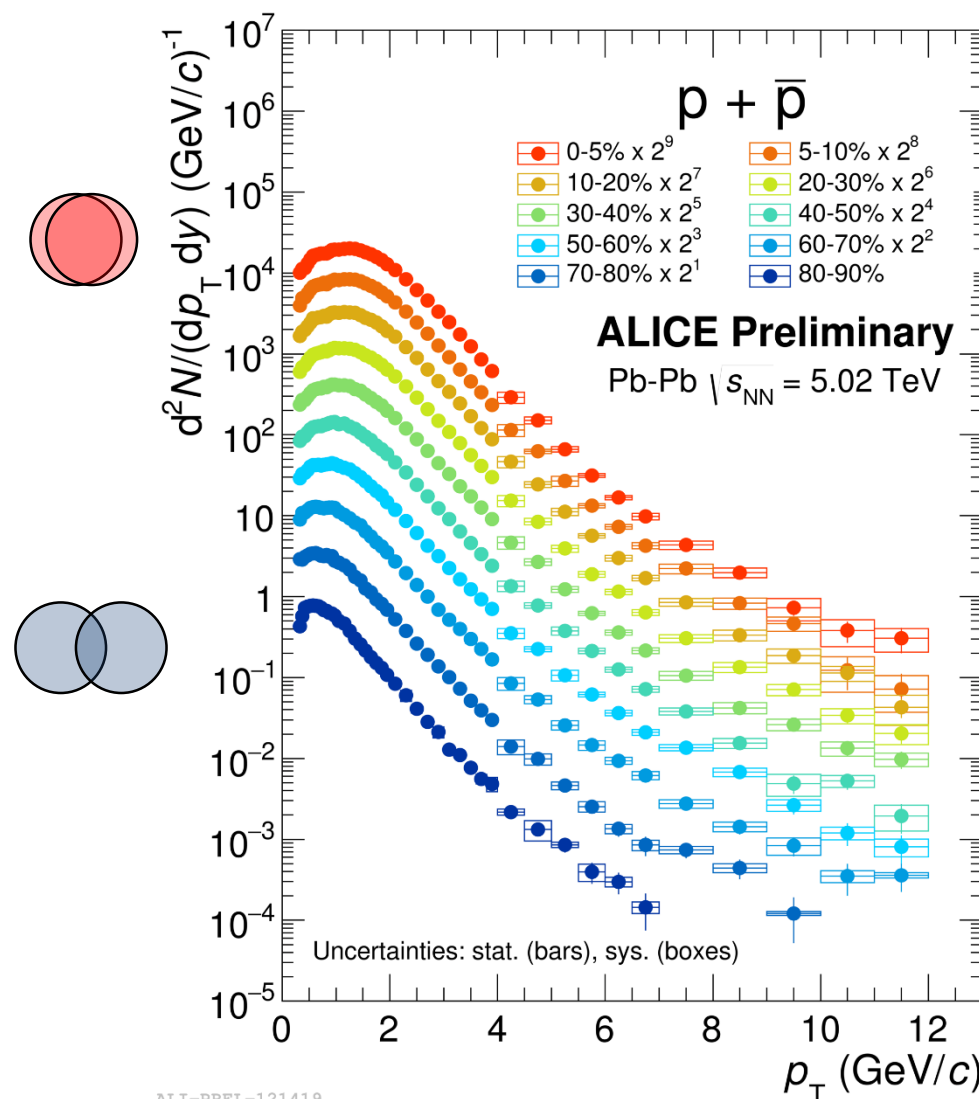
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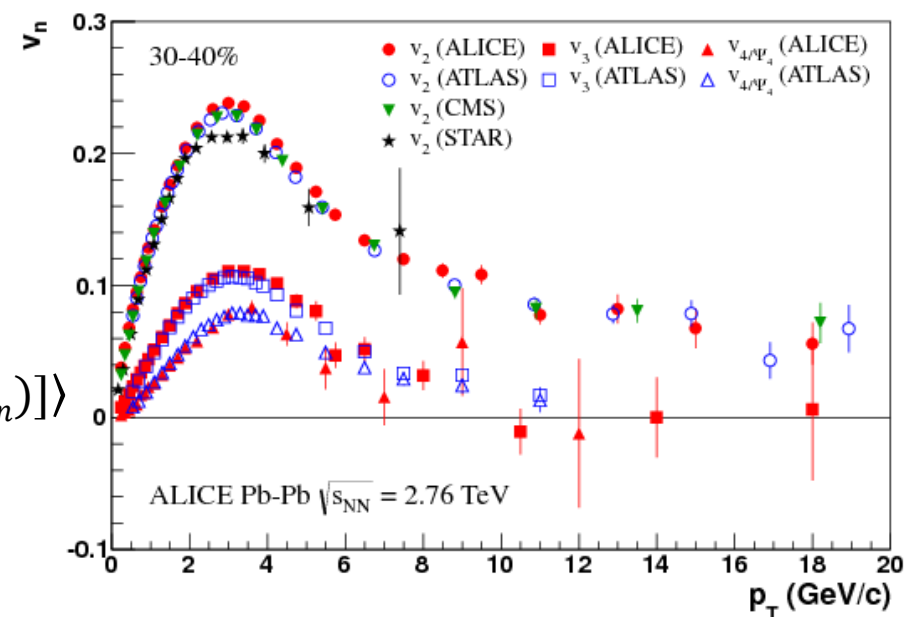
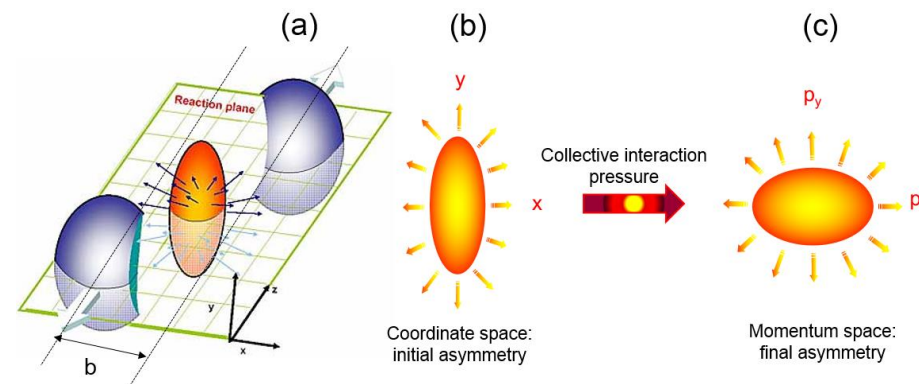
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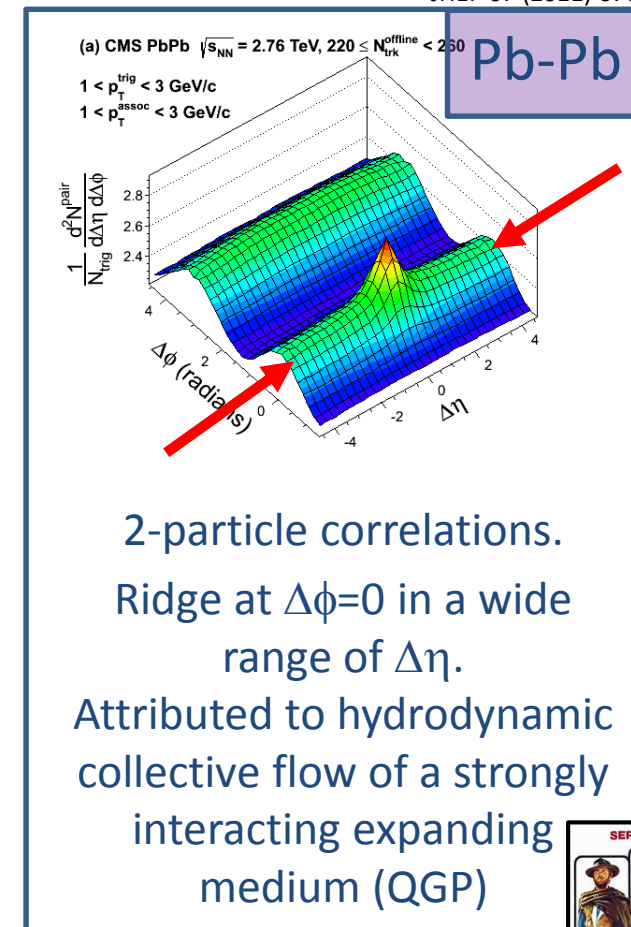
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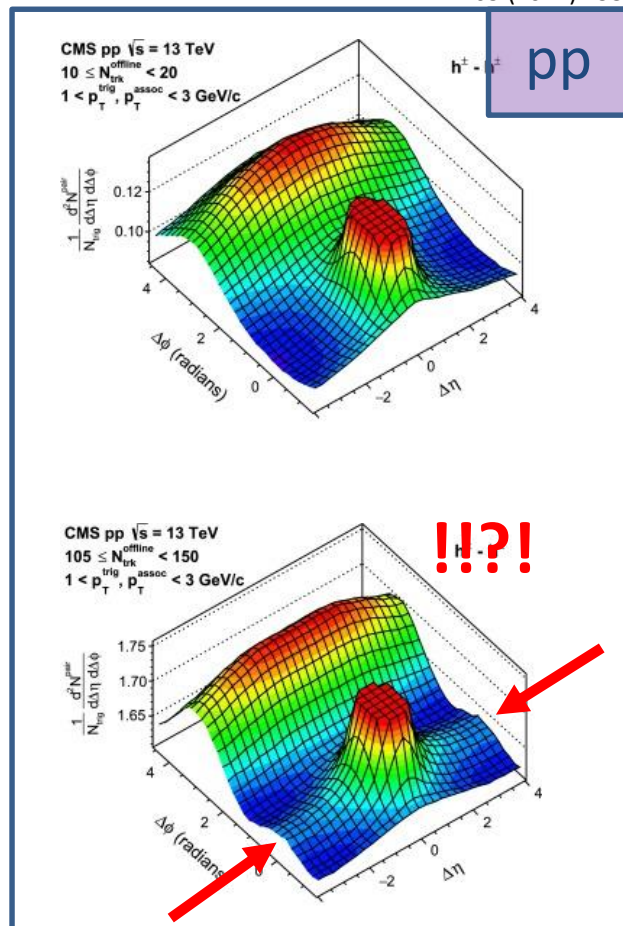
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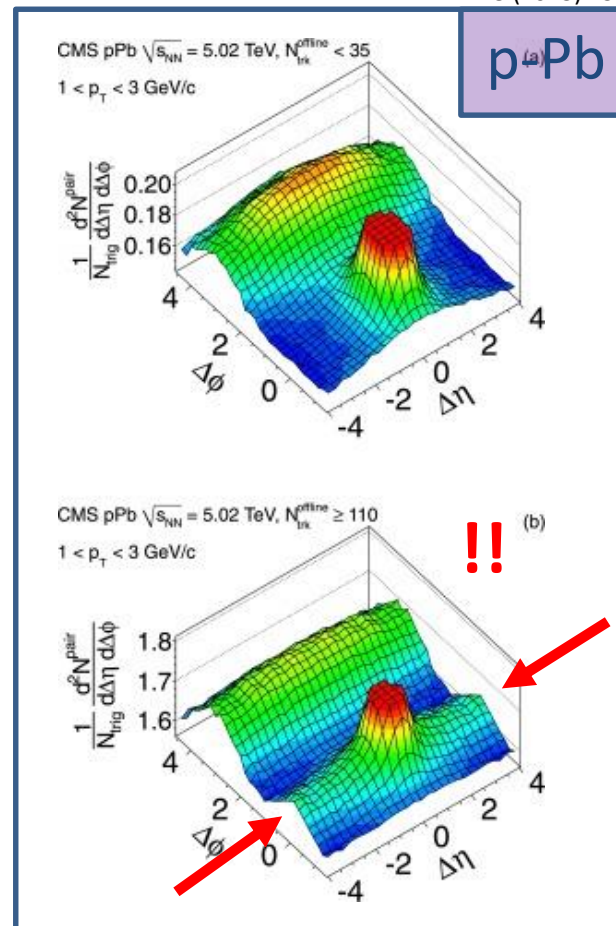
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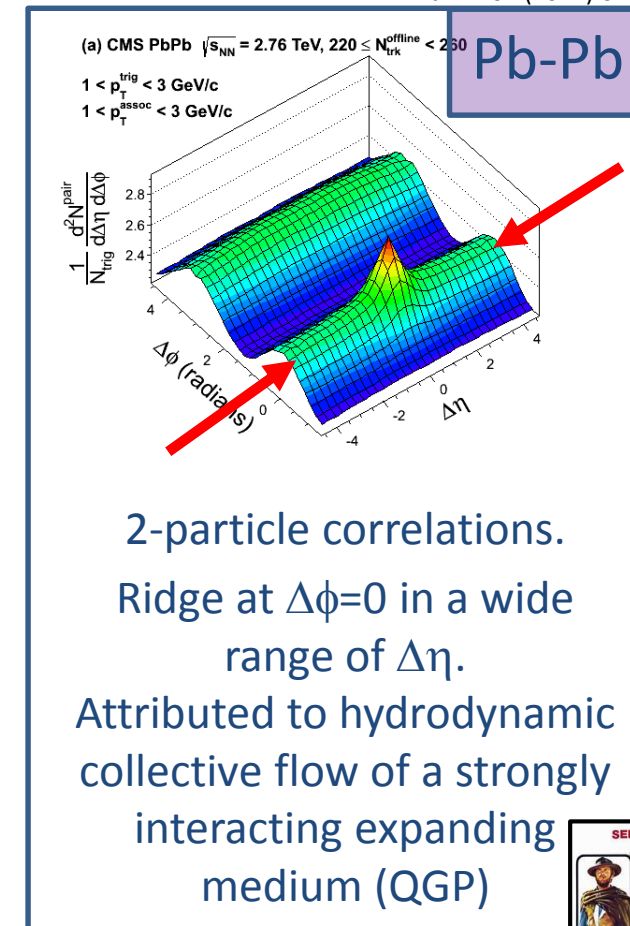
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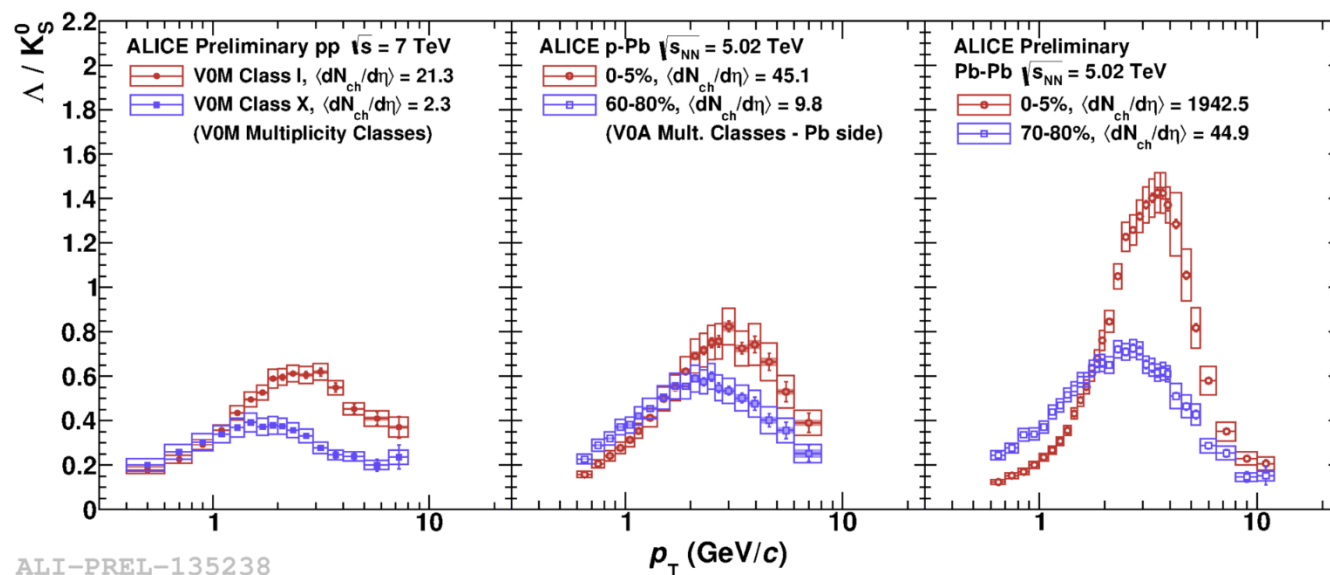
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What is the reason for observing a ridge structure in small systems? QGP? Strong initial state momentum correlations?

Need to be more quantitative and study radial and anisotropic flow in small systems!



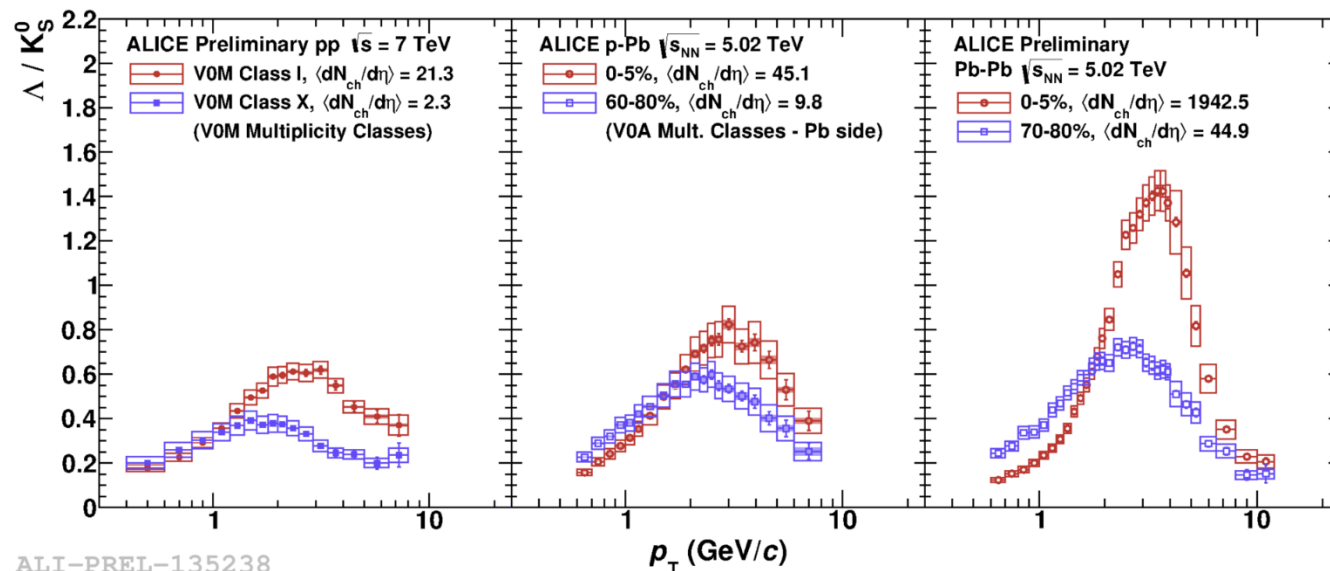


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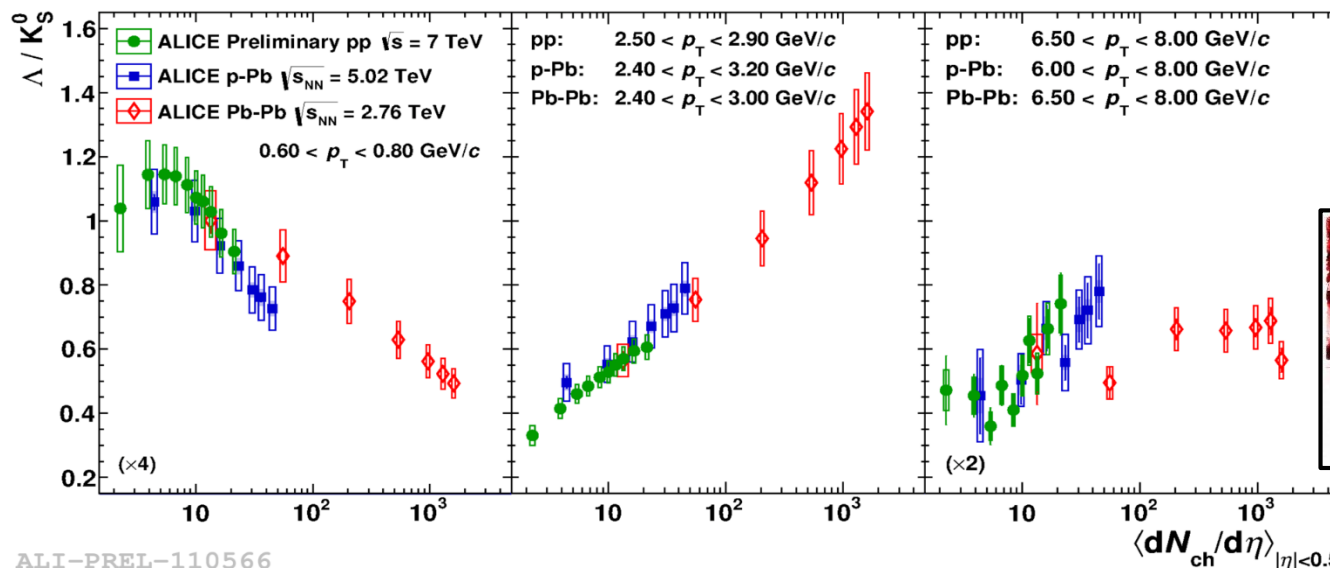
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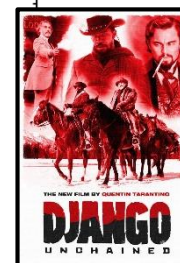
Clear continuity among different systems!

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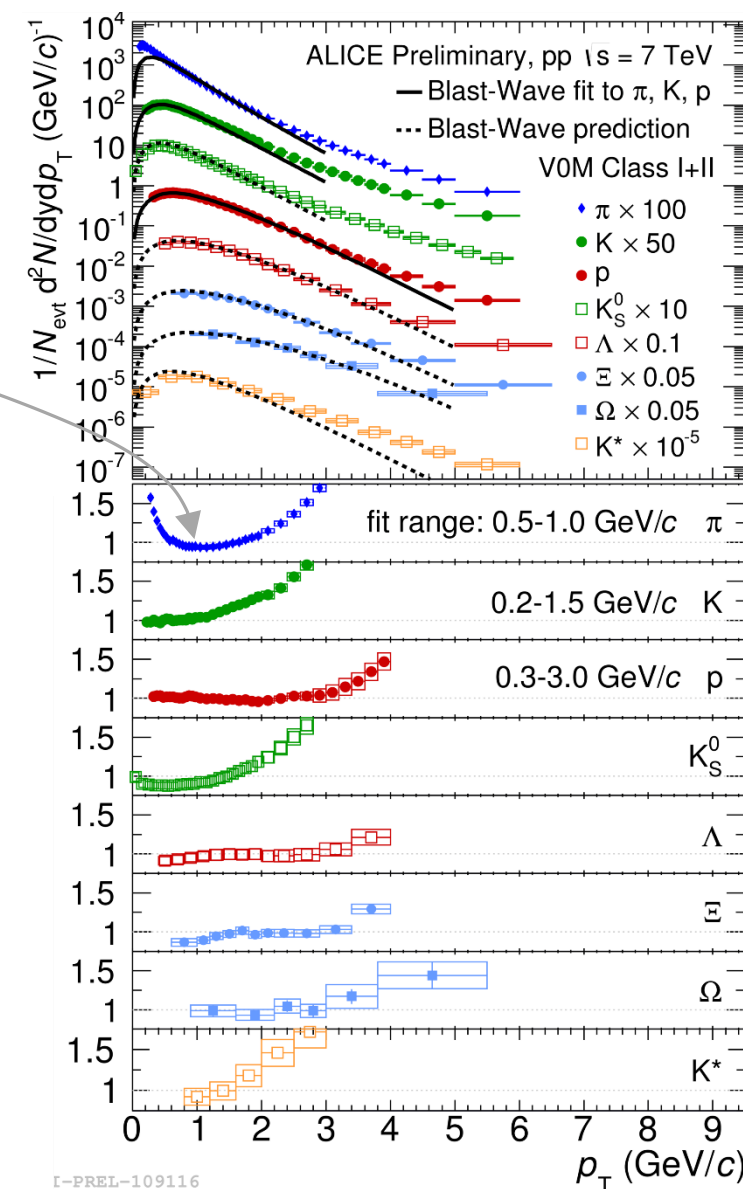
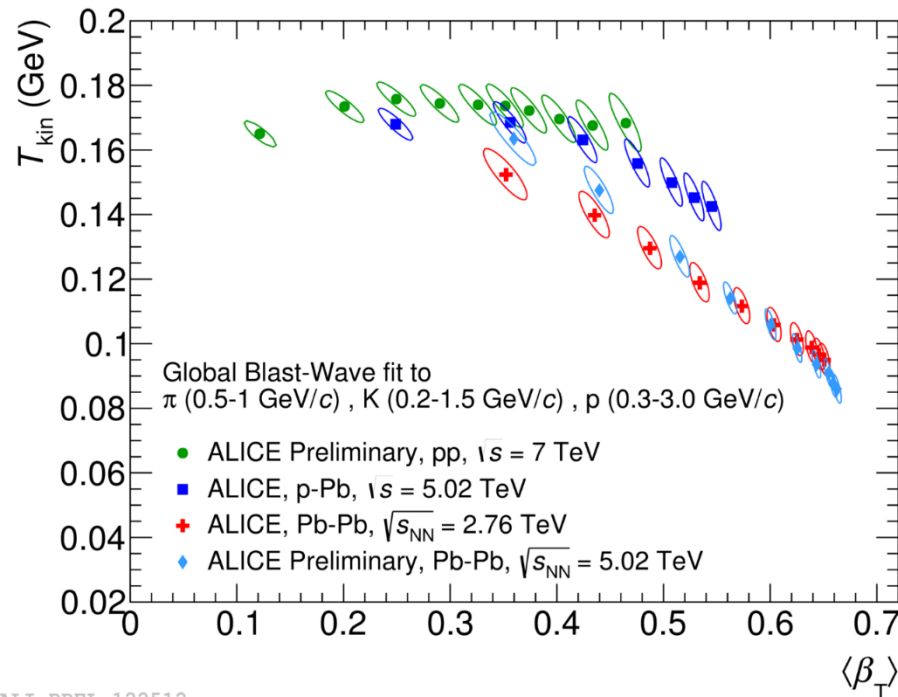
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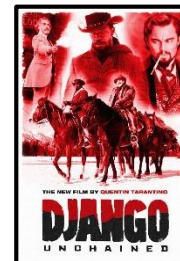
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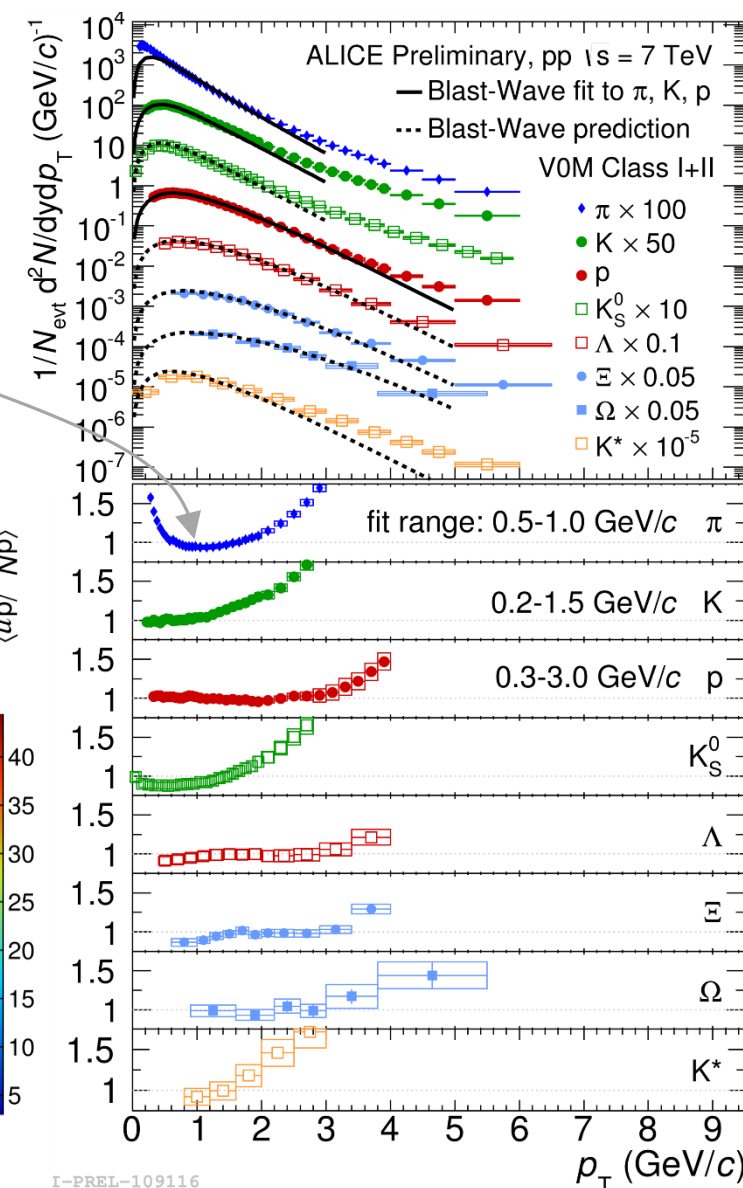
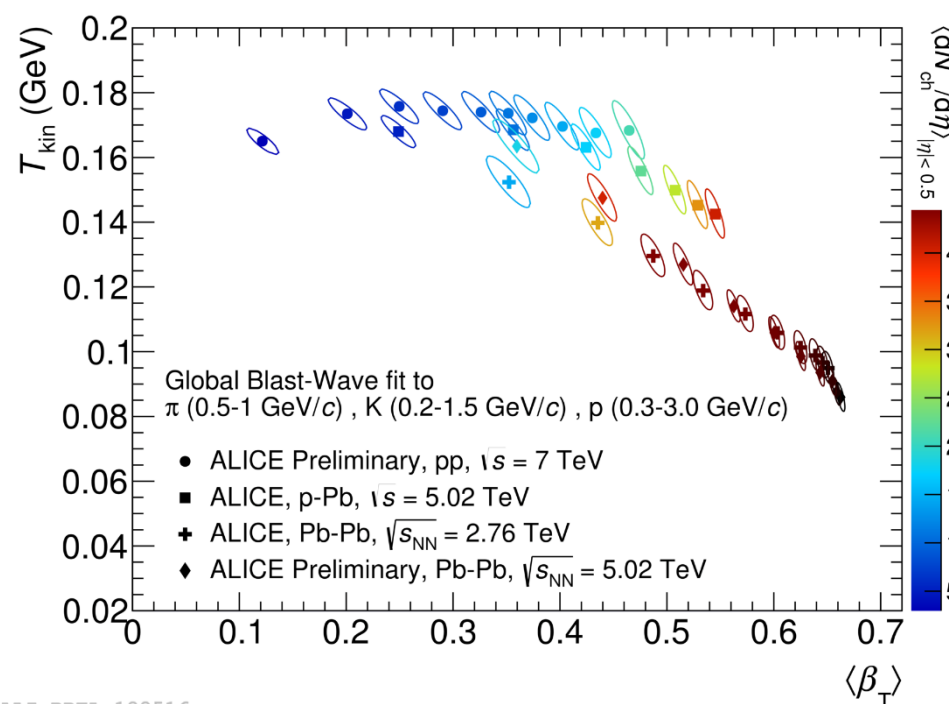
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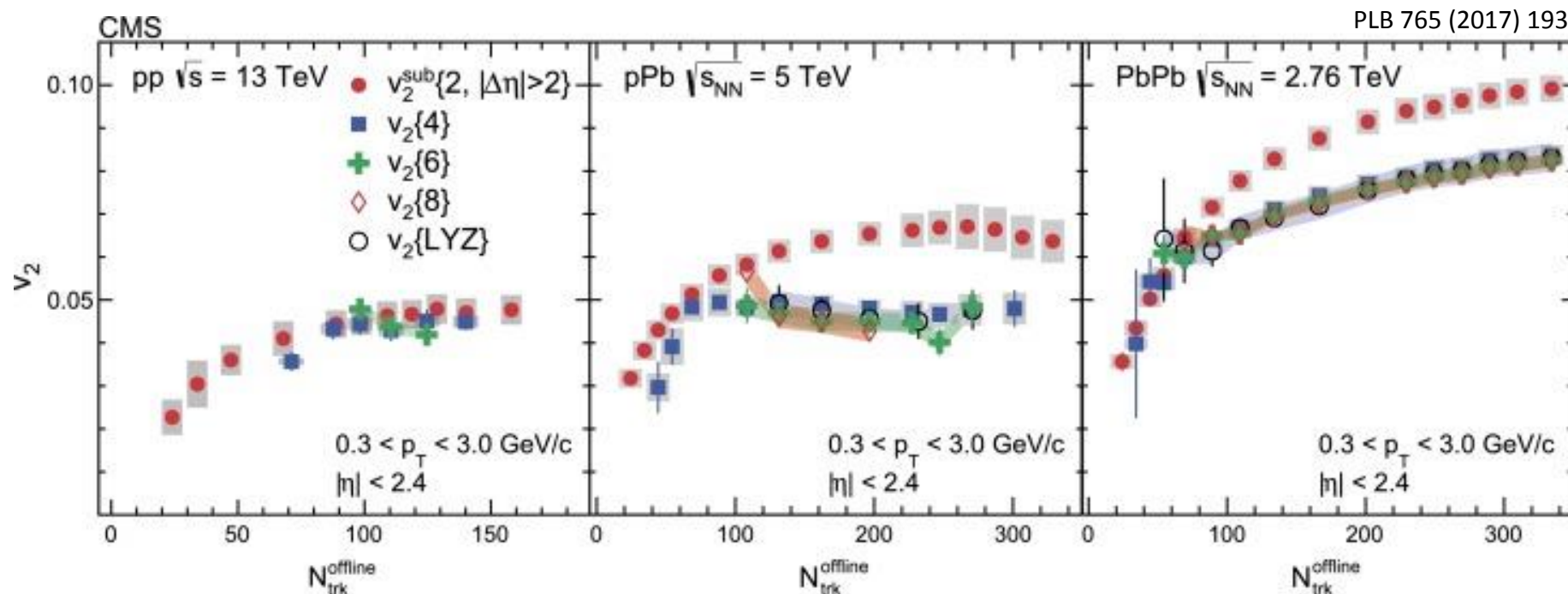


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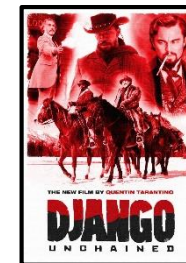
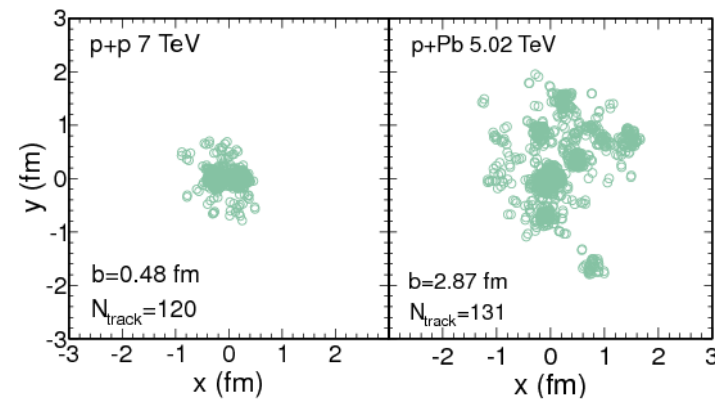
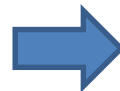
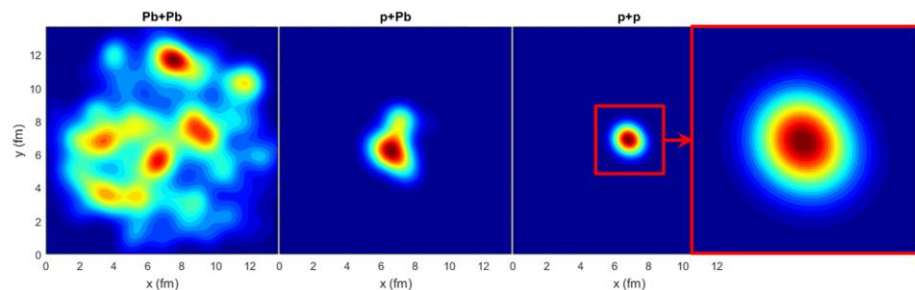


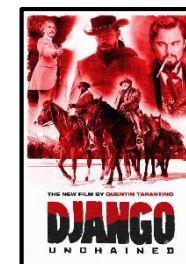
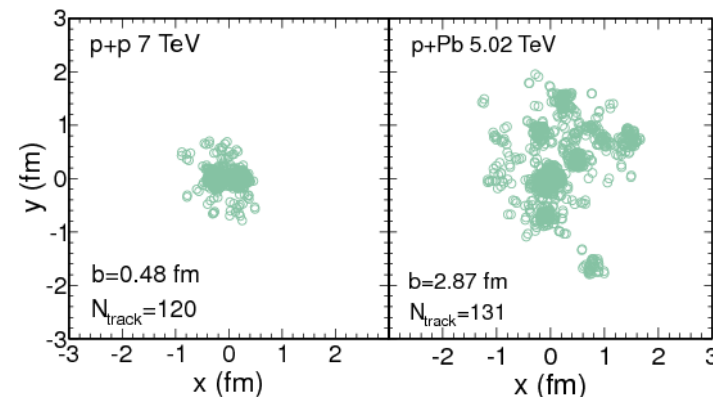
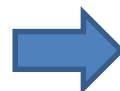
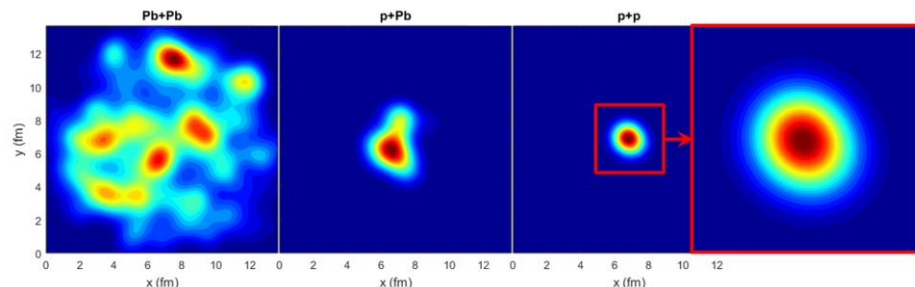
v_2 different from zero observed in all collision systems



NOTE: contribution of non-flow not easy to estimate in pp (and p-Pb)

...but does this make sense at all? Can hydro develop in so small systems? Moreover.. starting from which spatial asymmetry?





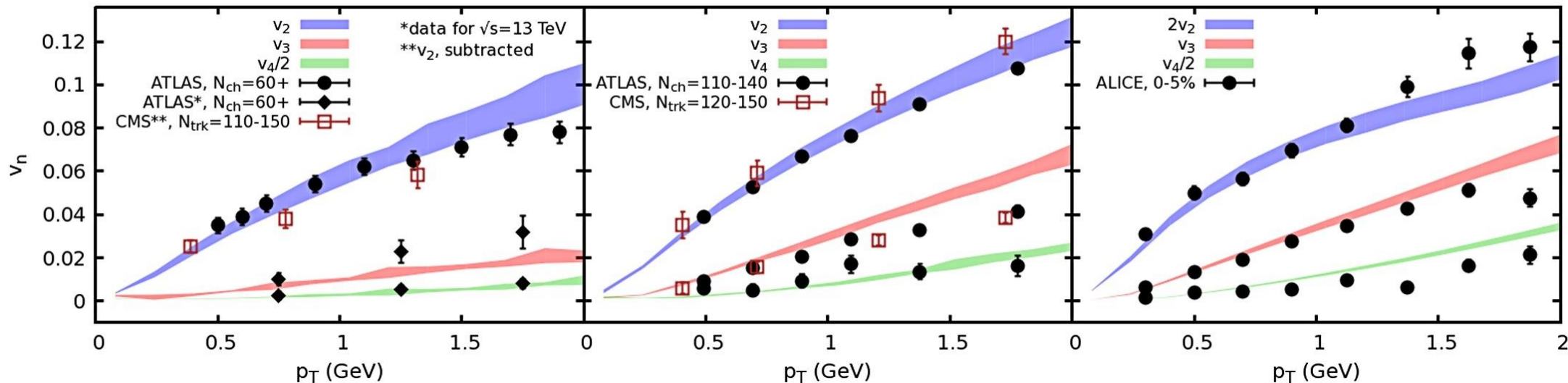
One fluid to rule them all: viscous hydrodynamic description of event-by-event central p+p, p+Pb and Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV

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We obey one fluid only...



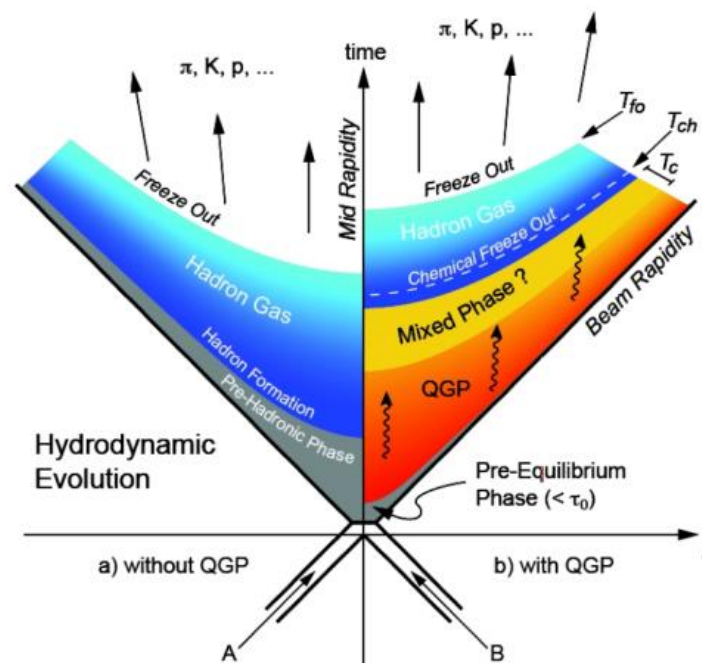


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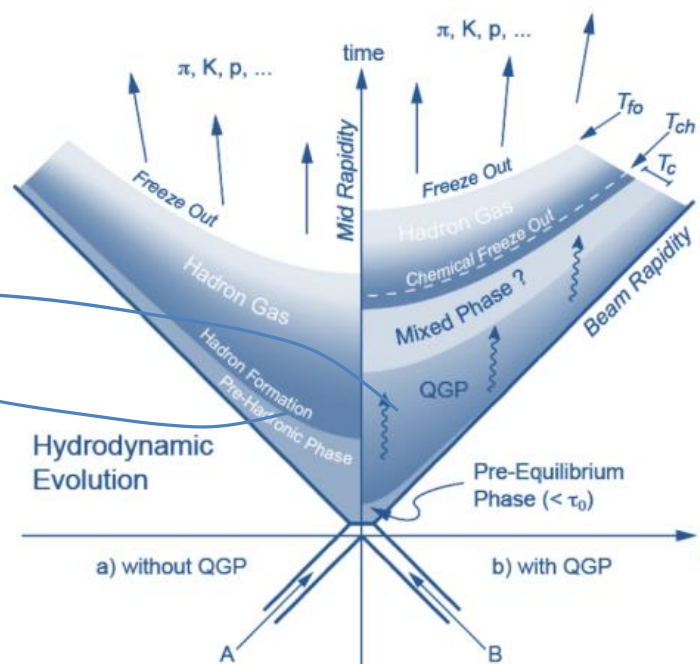
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Statistical Hadronization Model (SHM): all hadrons formed from an excited state following pure statistical laws. **Strangeness enhancement** can come from:

- **Canonical suppression** in pp
- **Incomplete equilibration** of strangeness
- ??



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Strangeness Production in the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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(Received 11 January 1982)

Rates are calculated for the processes $gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ and $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ in highly excited quark-gluon plasma. For temperature $T \geq 160$ MeV the strangeness abundance saturates during the lifetime ($\sim 10^{-23}$ sec) of the plasma created in high-energy nuclear collisions. The chemical equilibration time for gluons and light quarks is found to be less than 10^{-23} sec.

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Given the present knowledge about the interactions between constituents (quarks and gluons), it appears almost unavoidable that, at sufficiently high energy density caused by compression and/or excitation, the individual hadrons dissolve in a new phase consisting of almost-free quarks and gluons.¹ This quark-gluon plasma is a highly excited state of hadronic matter that occupies a volume large as compared with all characteristic length scales. Within this volume individual color charges exist and propagate in the same manner as they do inside elementary particles as described, e.g., within the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) bag model.²

It is generally agreed that the best way to create a quark-gluon plasma in the laboratory is with collisions of heavy nuclei at sufficiently high energy. We investigate the abundance of strangeness as function of the lifetime and excitation of the plasma state. This investigation was motivated by the observation that significant changes in relative and absolute abundance of strange particles, such as Λ_c^+ , could serve as a probe for quark-gluon plasma formation. Another interesting signature may be the possible creation of exotic

multi-strange hadrons.³ After identifying the strangeness-producing mechanisms we compute the relevant rates as functions of the energy density ("temperature") of the plasma state and compare them with those for light u and d quarks.

In lowest order in perturbative QCD $s\bar{s}$ -quark pairs can be created by annihilation of light quark-antiquark pairs [Fig. 1(a)] and in collisions of two gluons [Fig. 1(b)]. The averaged total cross sections for these processes were calculated by

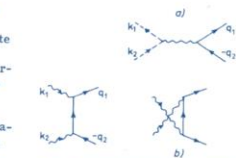
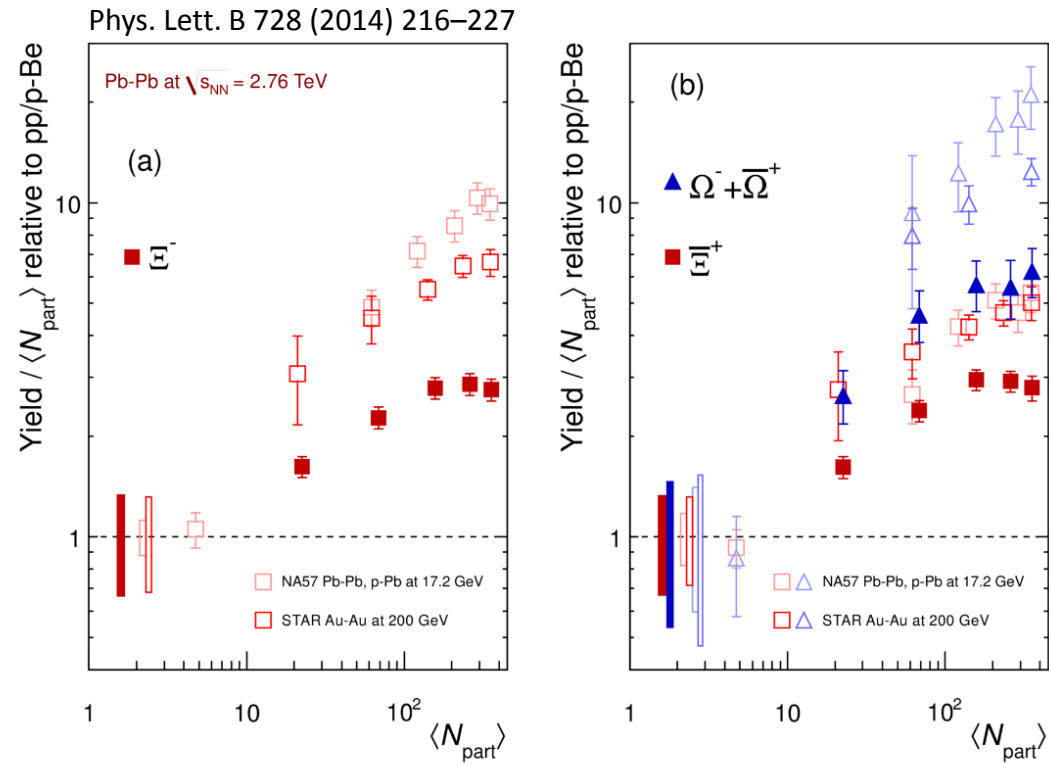


FIG. 1. Lowest-order QCD diagrams for strangeness production: (a) $q\bar{q} \rightarrow s\bar{s}$, (b) $gg \rightarrow s\bar{s}$.



1982 (Rafelski, Muller): Strangeness enhancement relative to elementary collisions proposed as smoking gun for **QGP formation**:

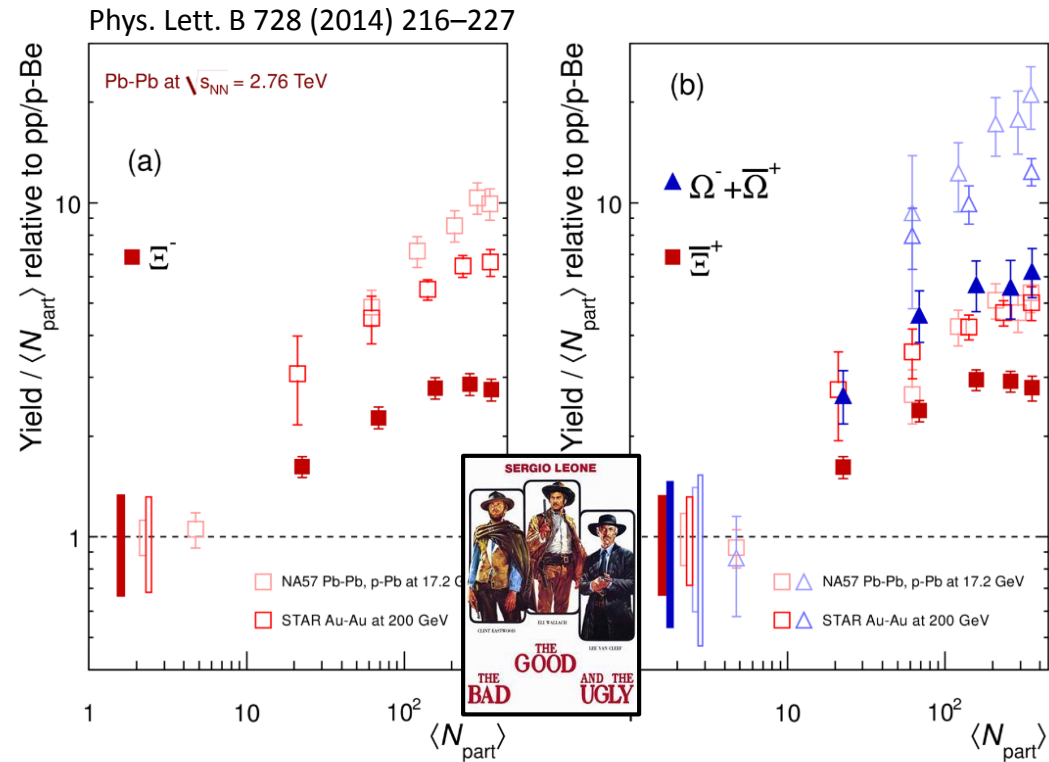
- Lower Q-value for $s\bar{s}$ relative to $H_s H_{\bar{s}}$ formation
- Faster equilibration in partonic medium



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Strangeness production **enhanced** in large systems with respect to small ones. Enhancement more important for particles with higher strangeness content...

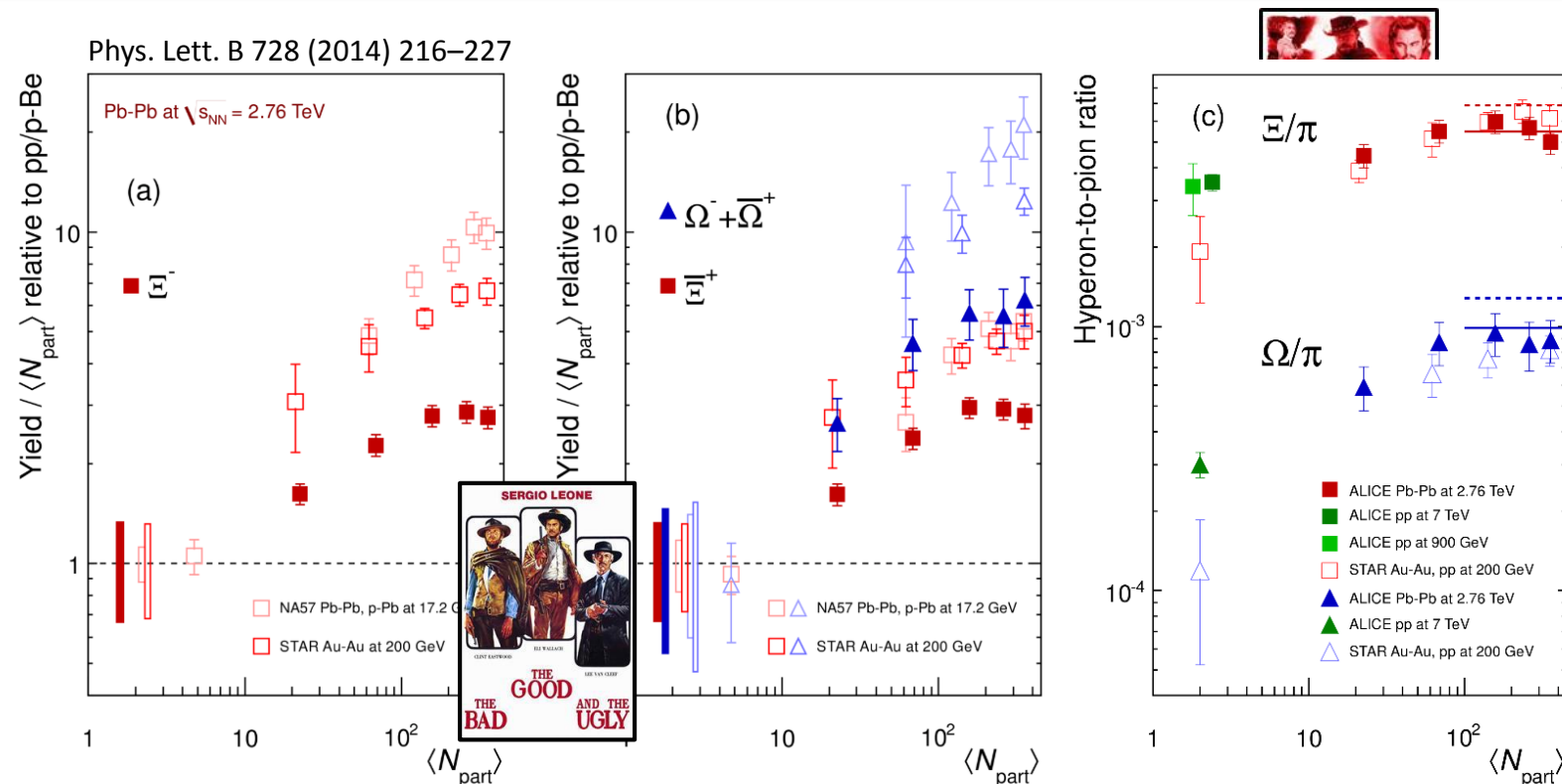
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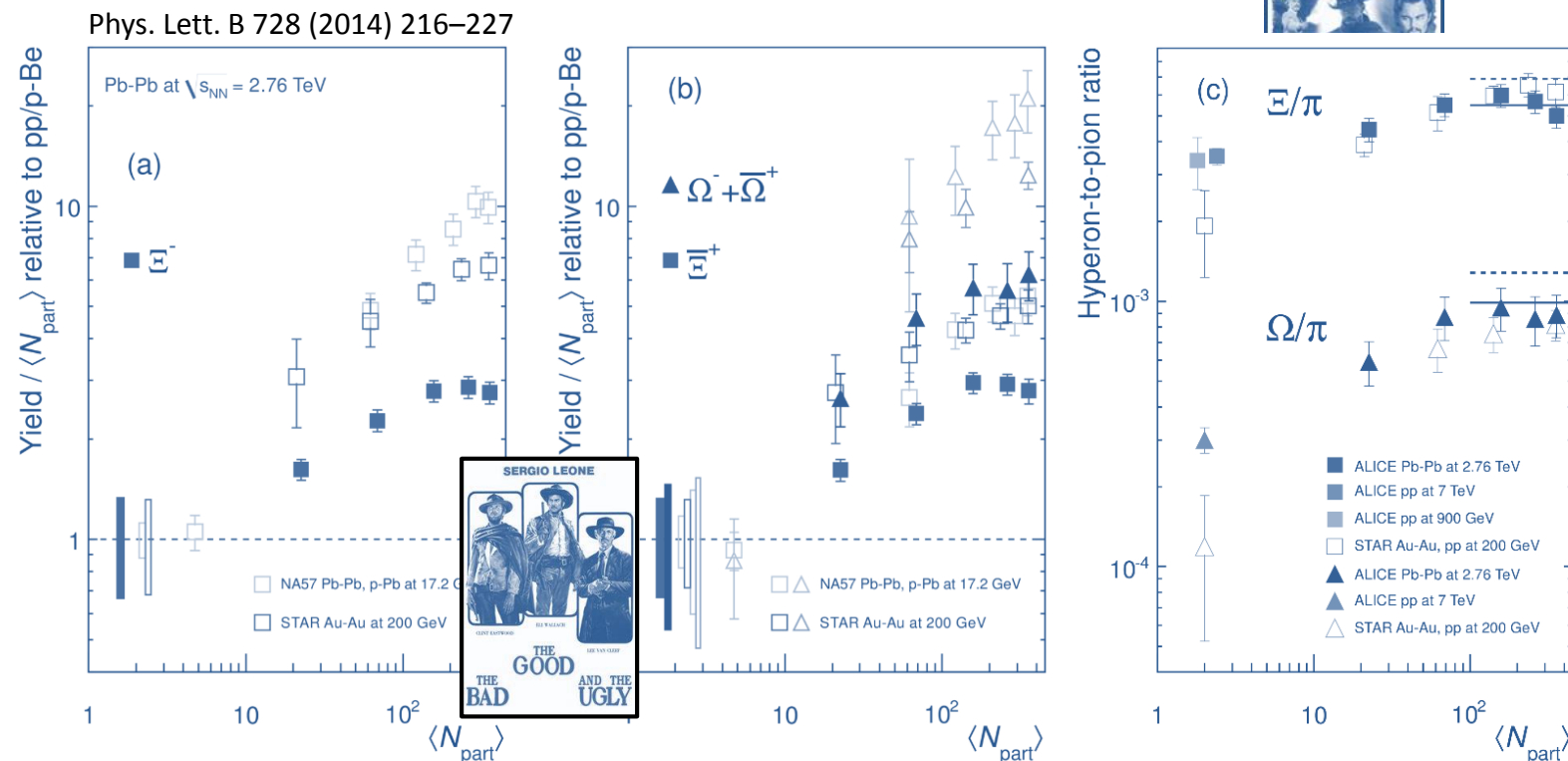
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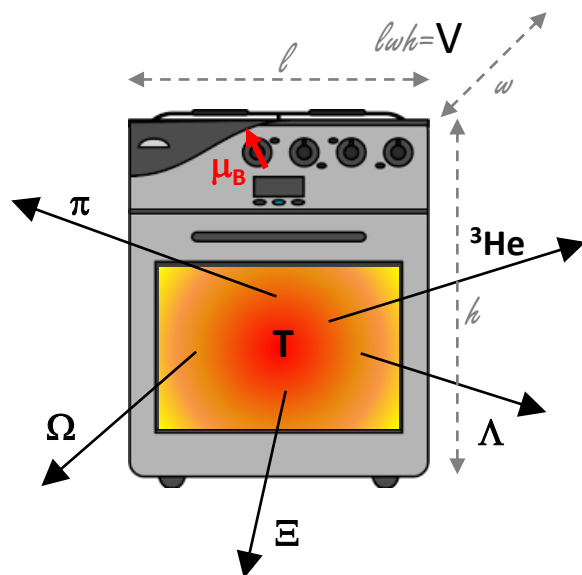
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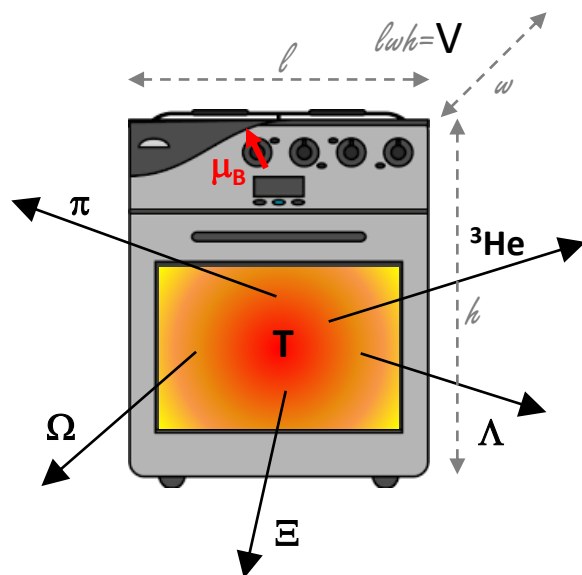
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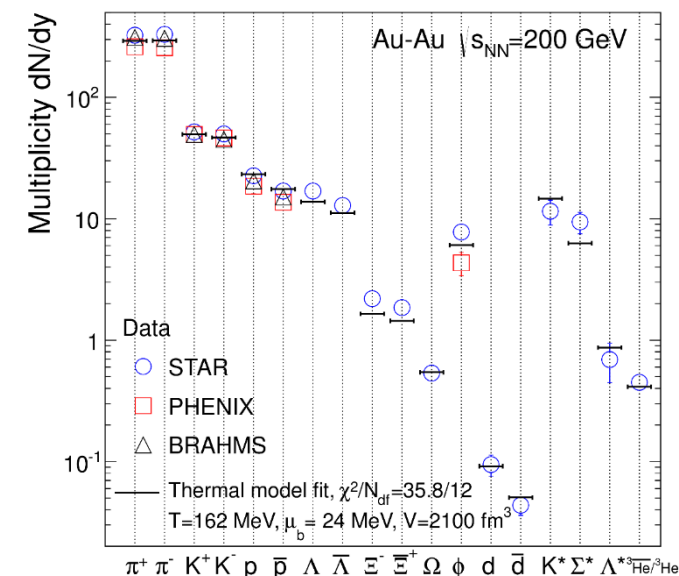
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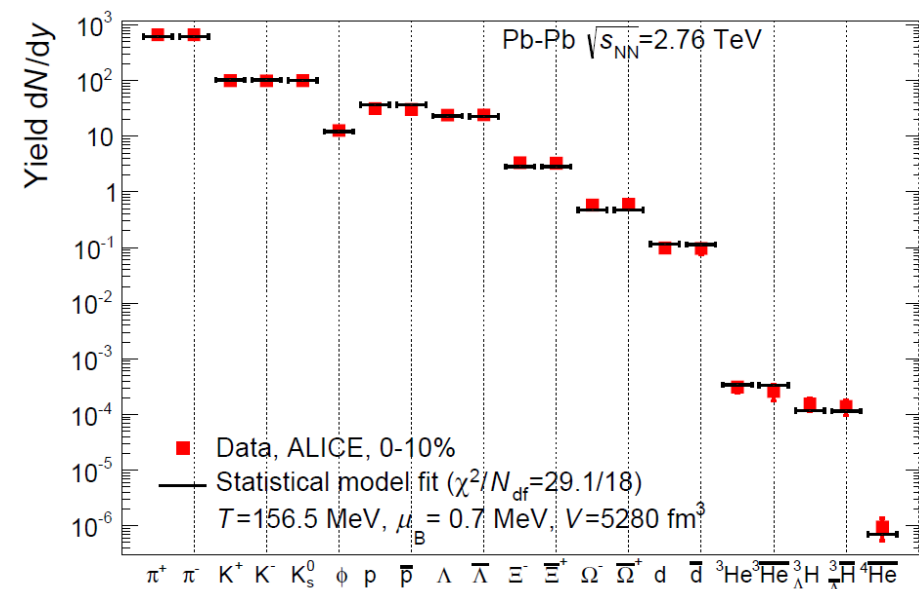


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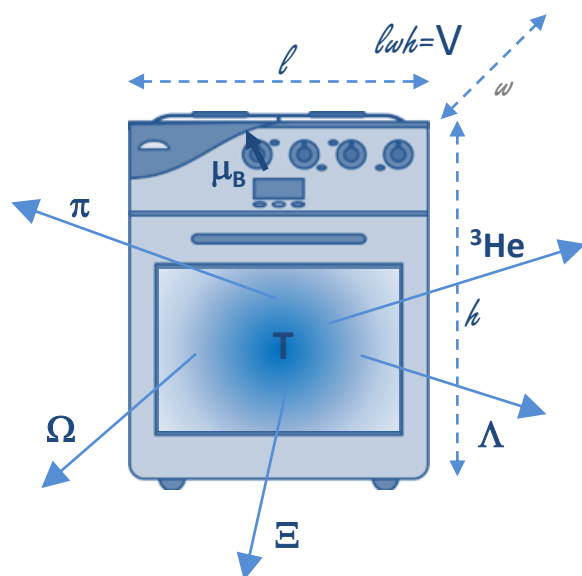


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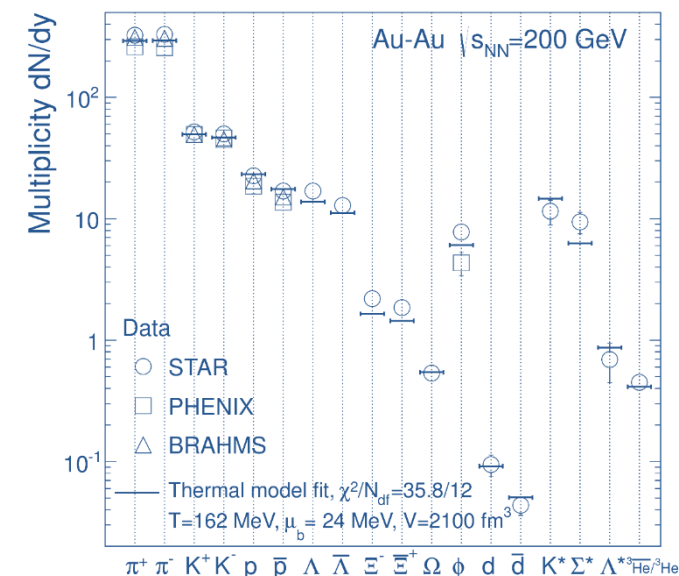


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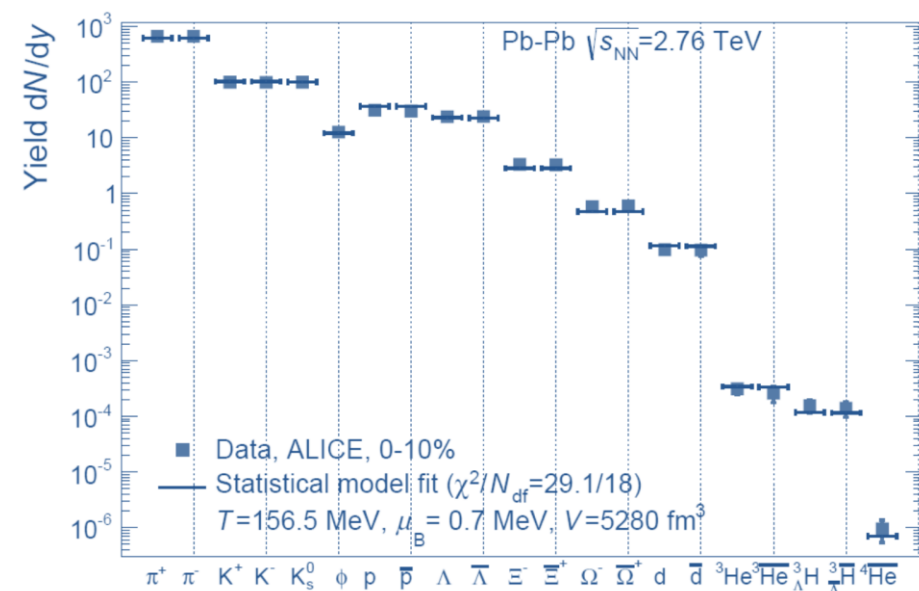
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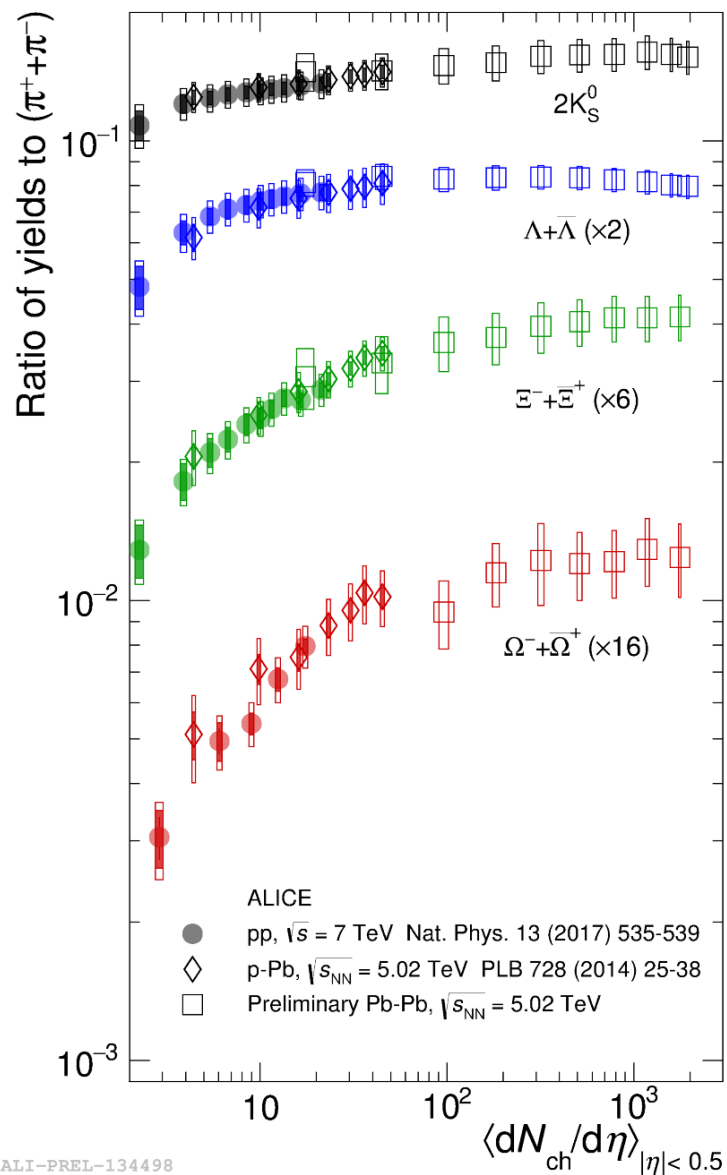
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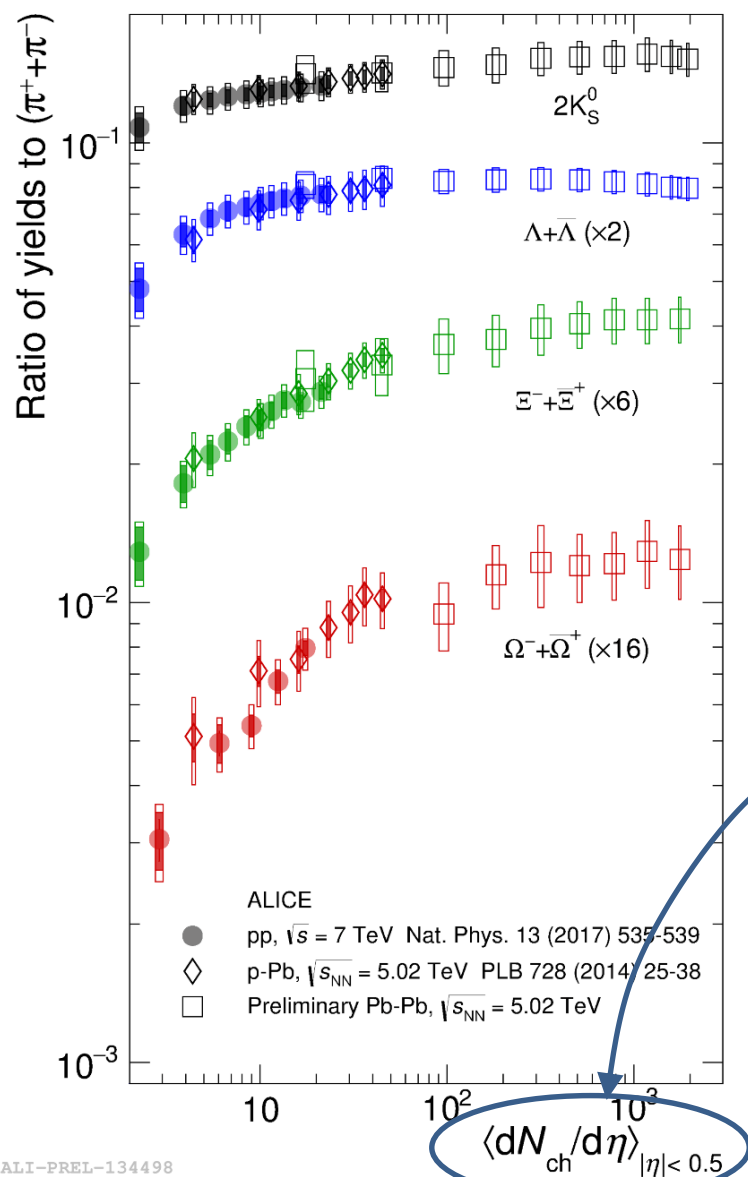


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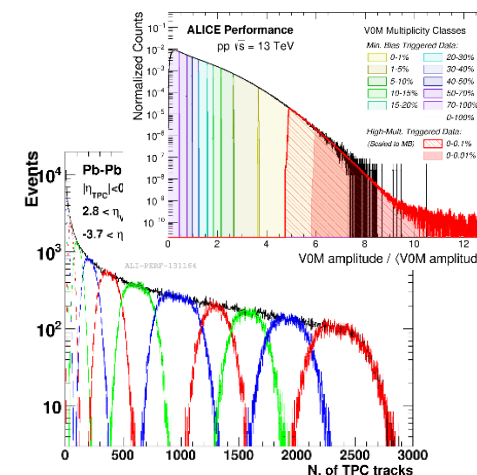
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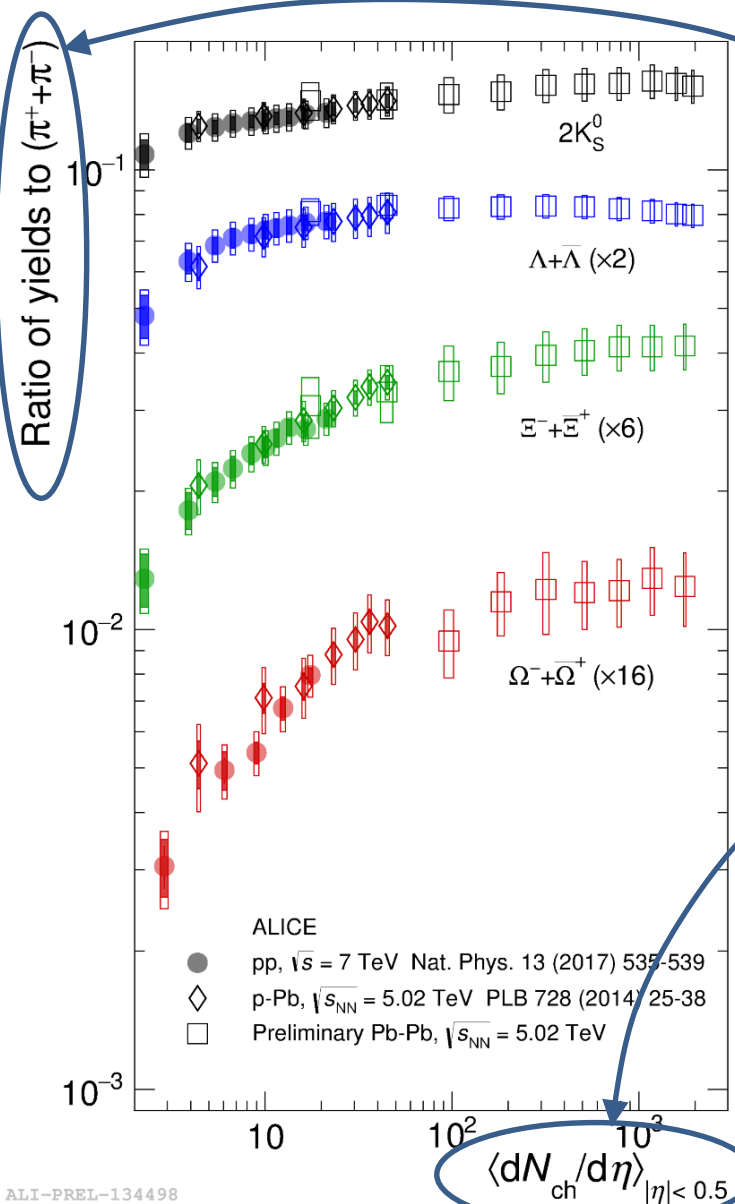




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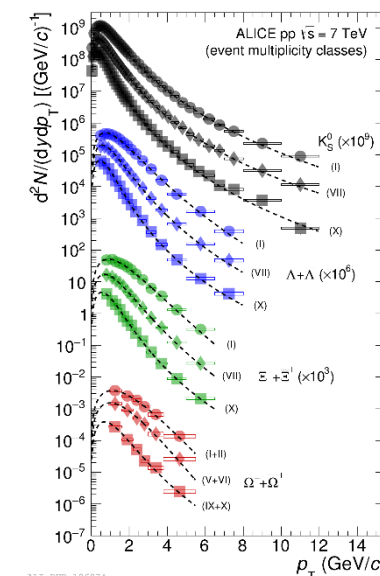
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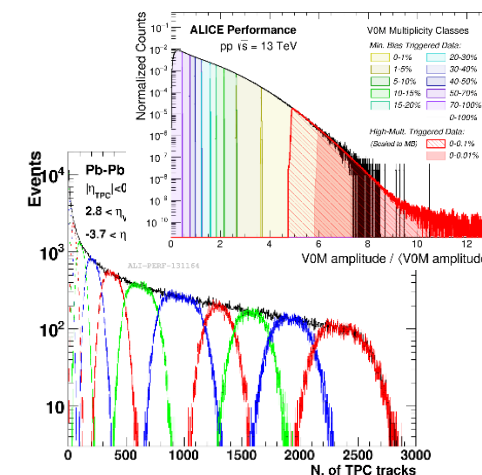
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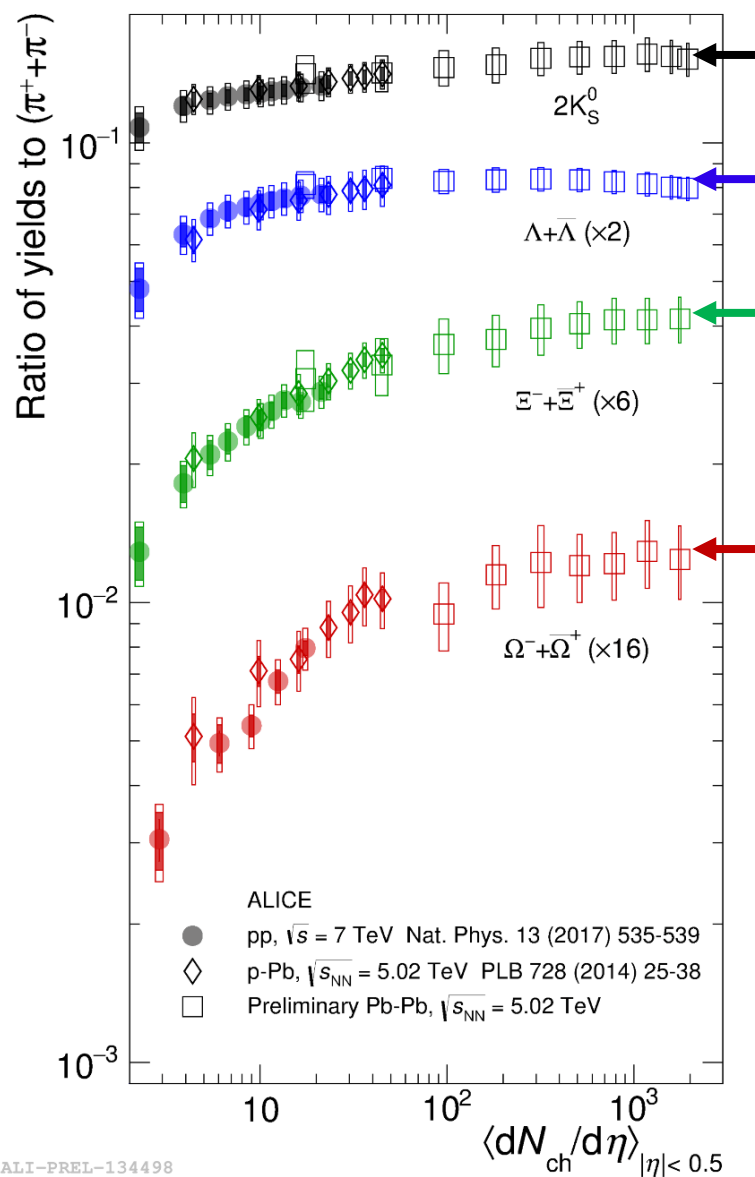
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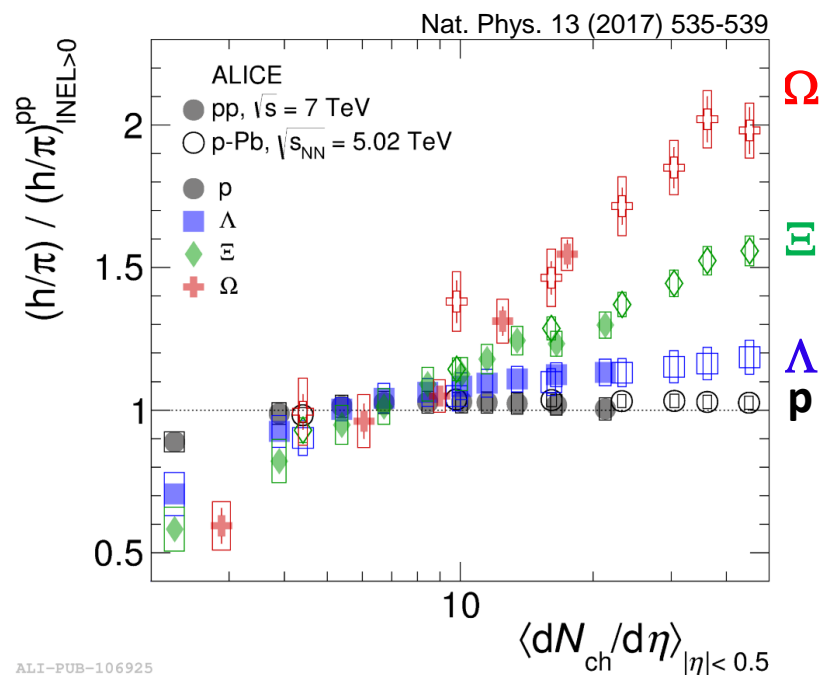


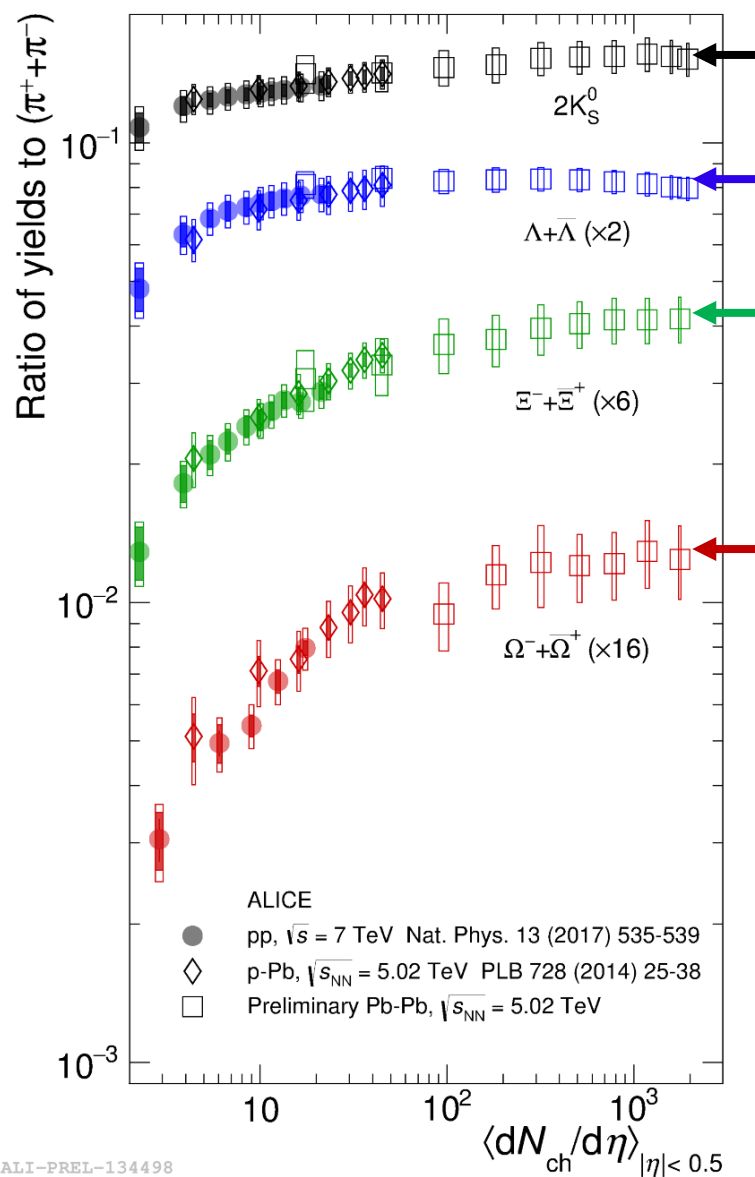


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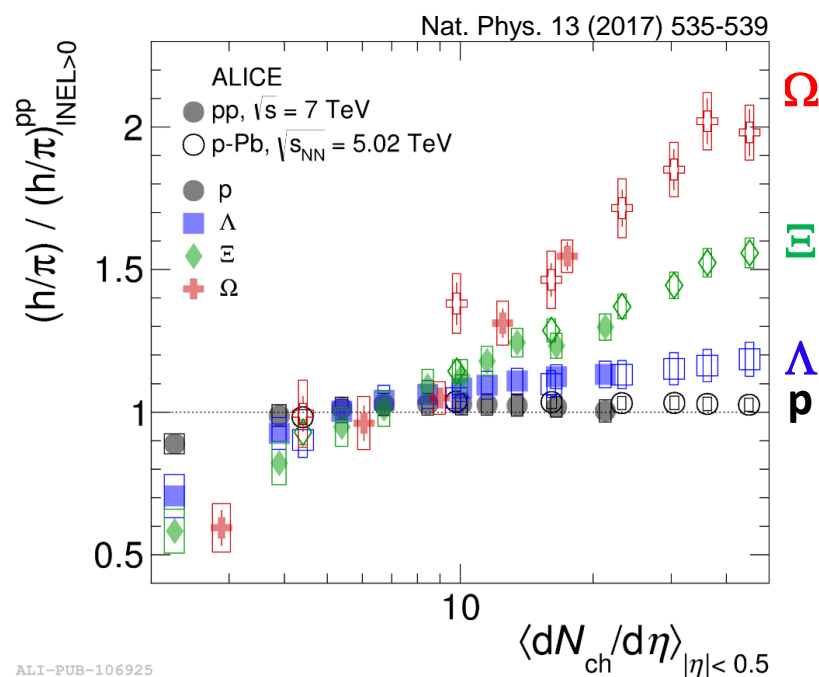
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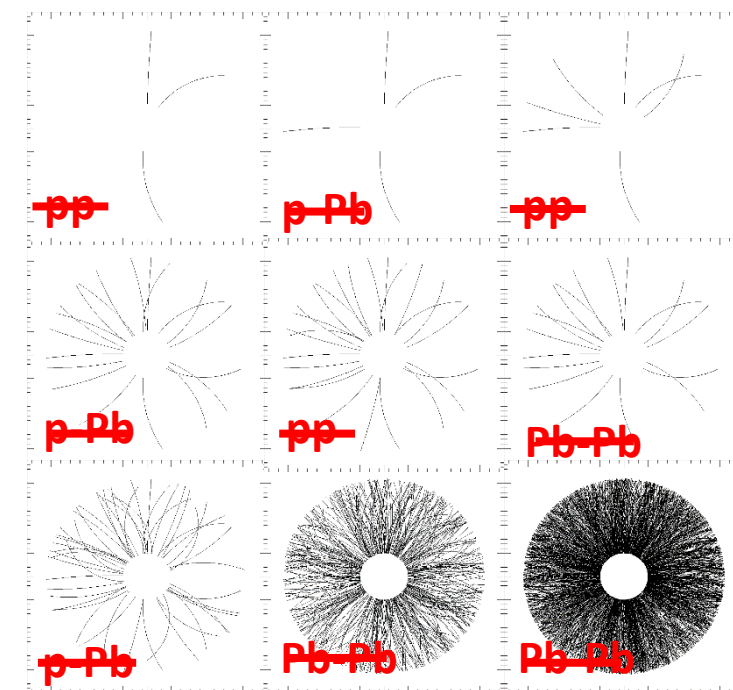
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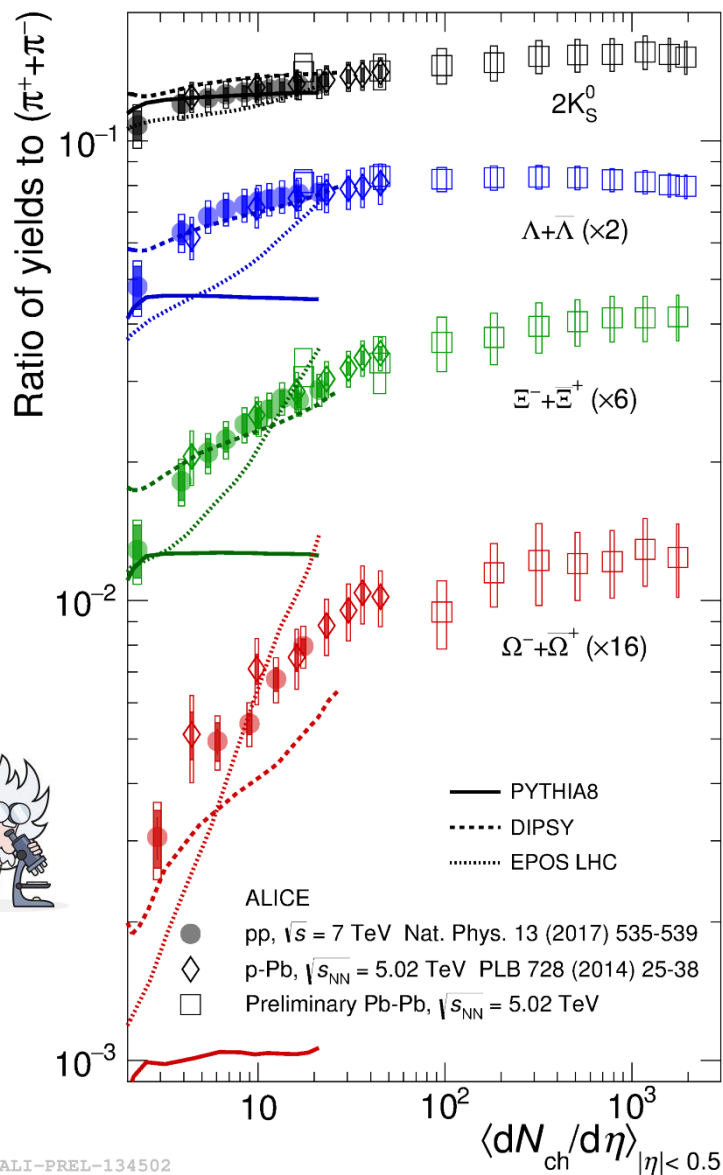
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No matter what the system/energy is!
Tell me the multiplicity of the event and I'll tell you how many strange hadrons will be produced

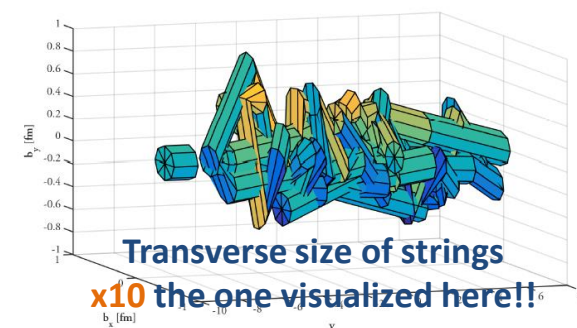
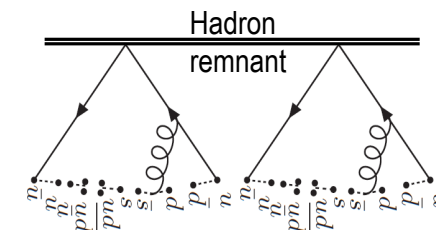
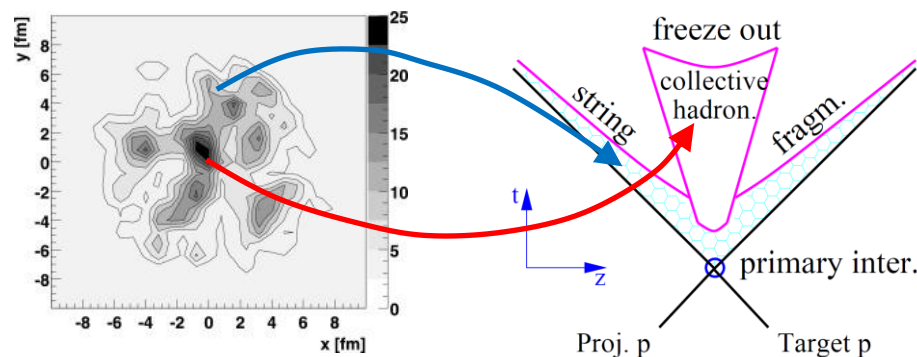




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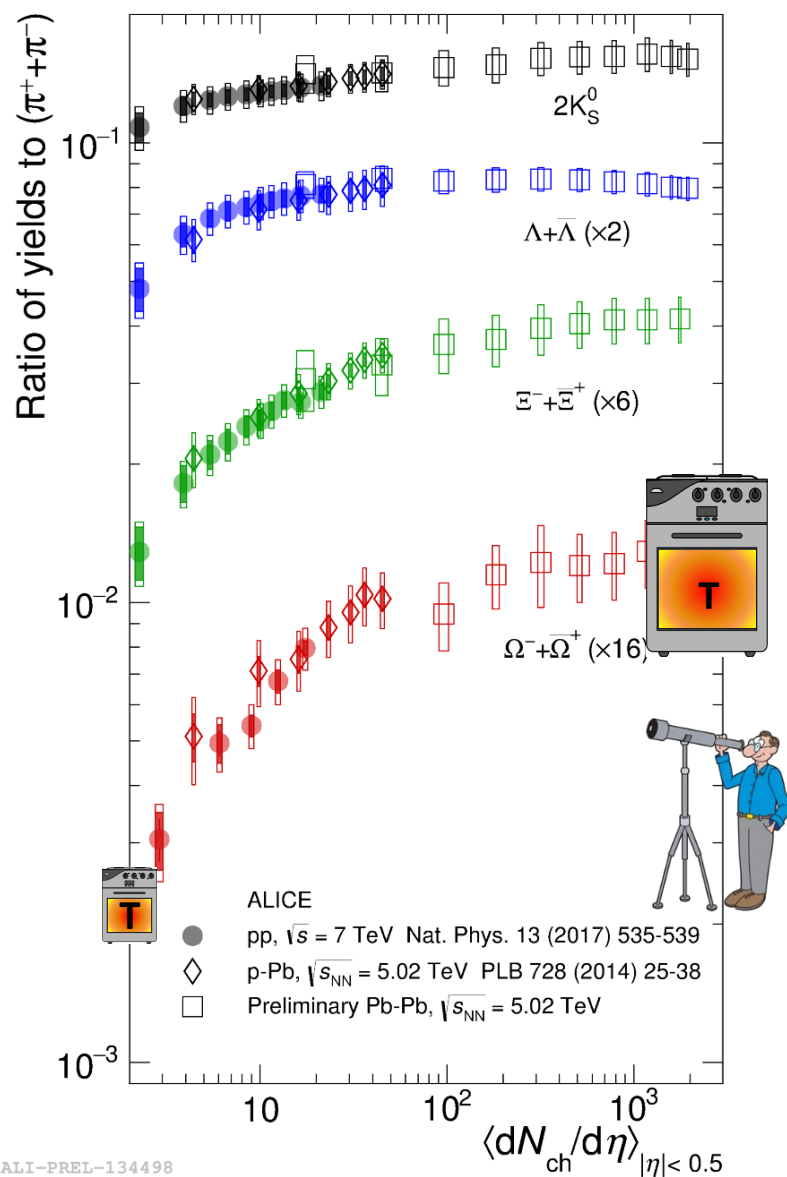
None (by now) is able to reproduce the increasing trend:

- PYTHIA (Lund string model) dramatically fails. Colour Reconnection does not help.
- DIPSY (including color ropes) qualitatively describes the increase
- EPOS (hard-soft interaction + hydro + core-corona + ...) qualitatively ok



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Microscopic models need more tuning and (possibly) new mechanisms to describe data

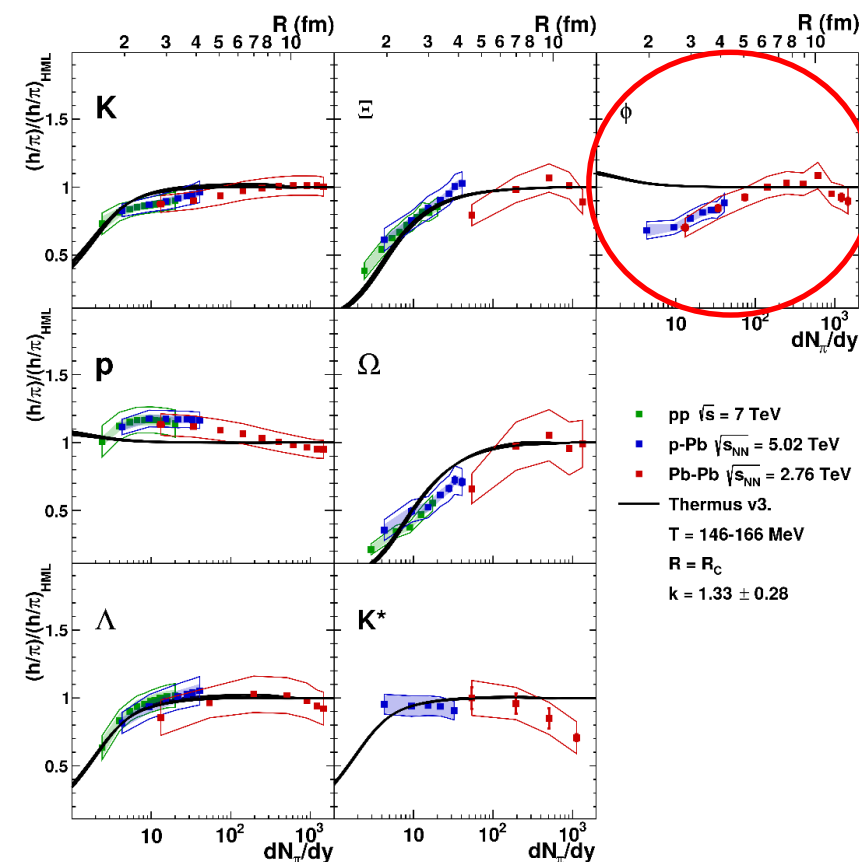


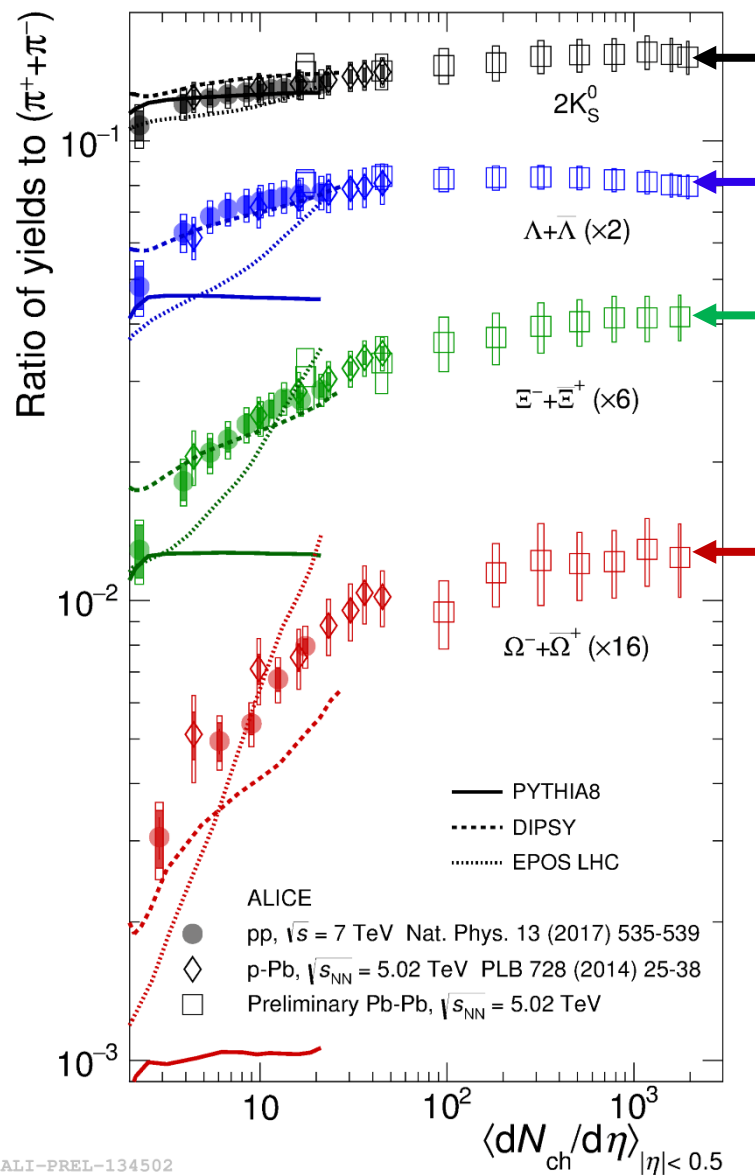
Macroscopic models:

- In the thermal model picture strangeness enhancement can come from
 - Canonical suppression (volume evolution of the source)
 - Non-full equilibration in small systems
- Increasing trend qualitatively in agreement with progressive release of canonical suppression
- But the ϕ meson is a weak point!

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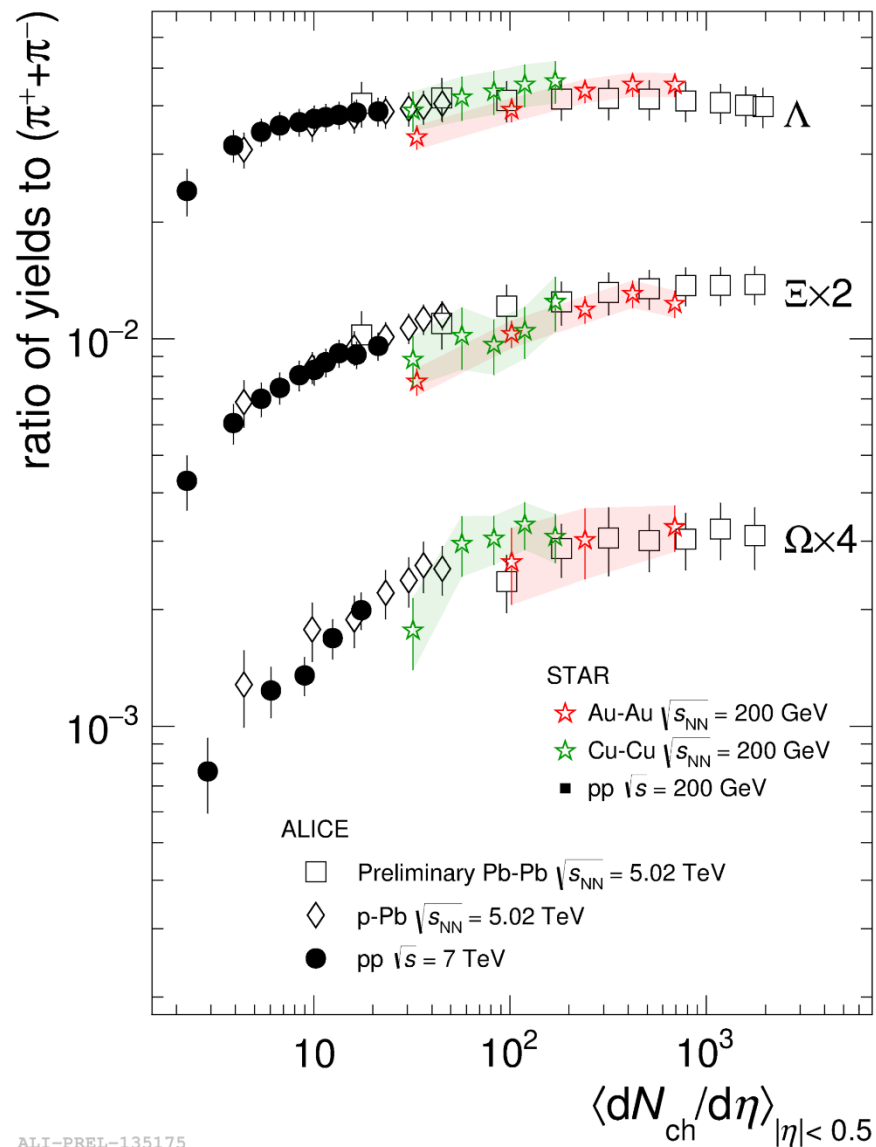
Thermal models with variable volume describe the data.
Pure canonical suppression scenario problem





These data warrant a synergic attempt for their description from theorists belonging to different communities



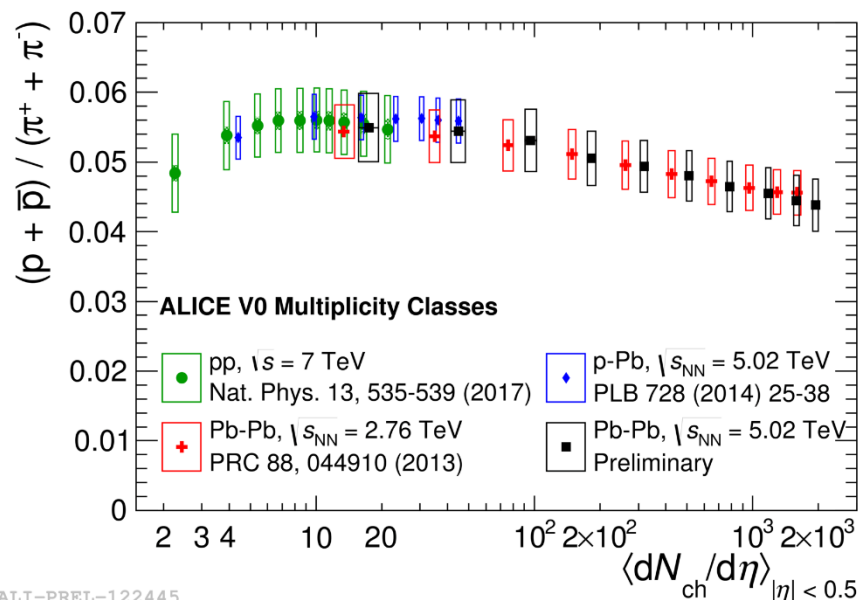


Data from STAR in heavy ions nicely pile-up to the saturation lines measured at the LHC

RHIC data from BES?

Other energies?

d-Au?



Same study performed for protons, charged kaons, deuteron, resonances (e.g. K^*)

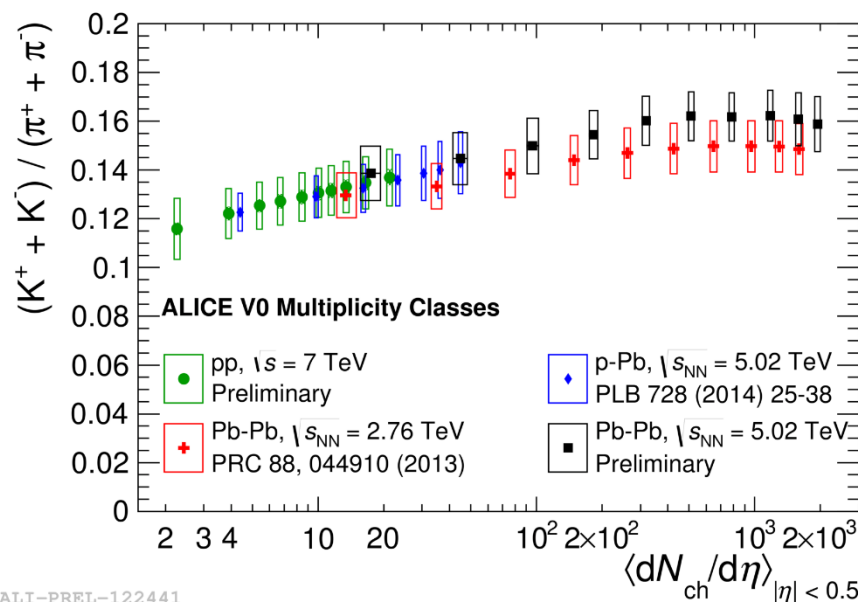
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Multiplicity connects different collision systems for all “light” particles

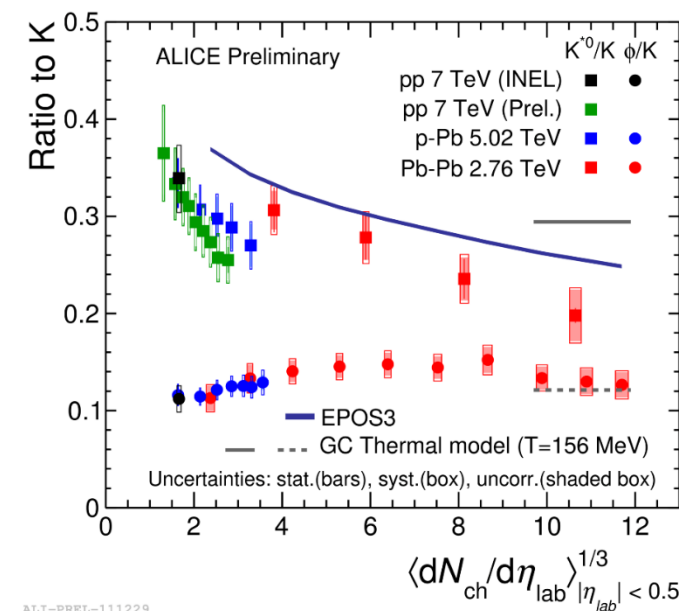
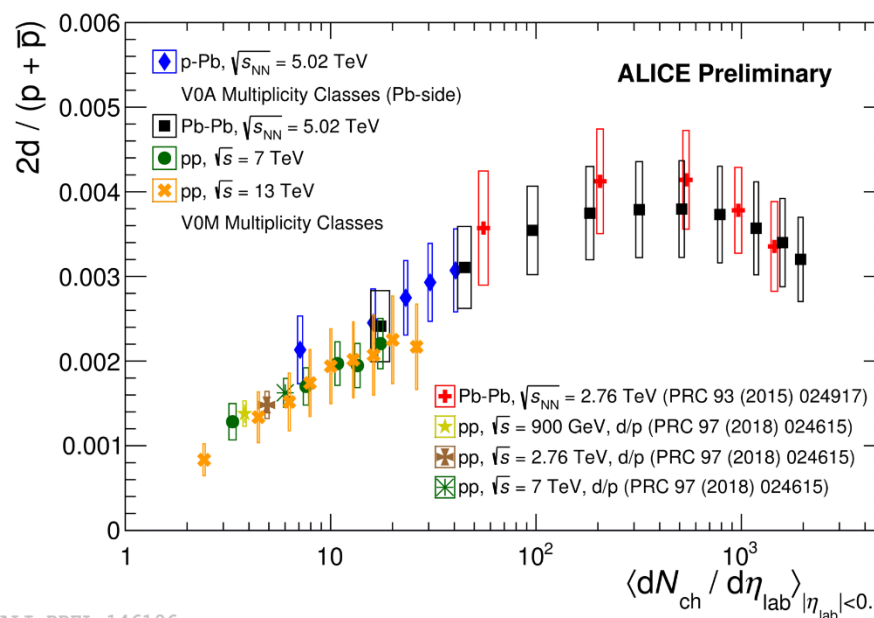
If curious to know what's going on with K^* , ask and check the backup ;)



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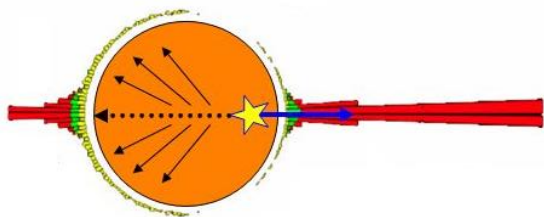
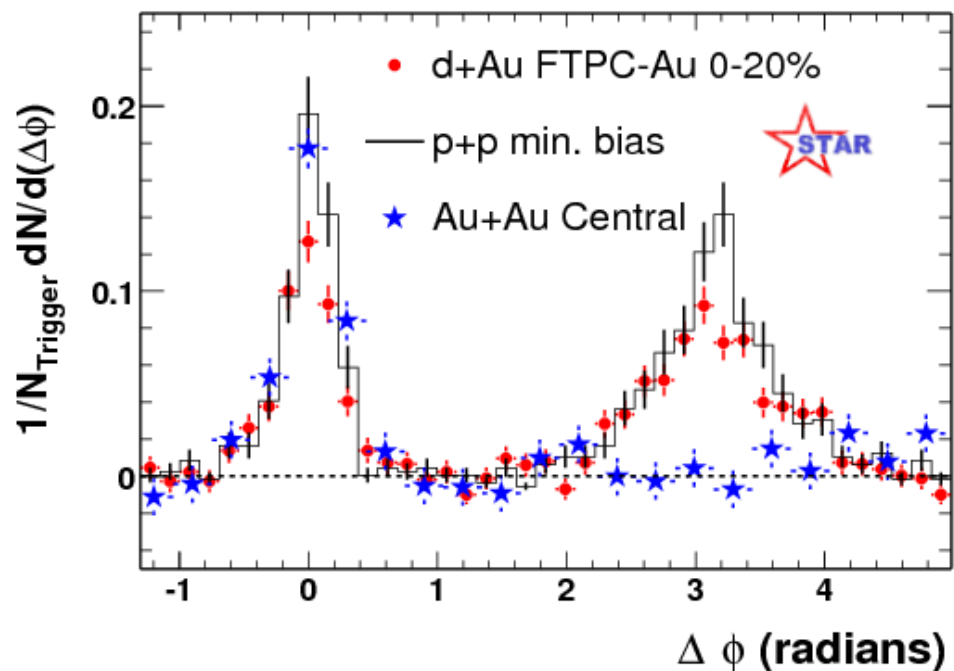
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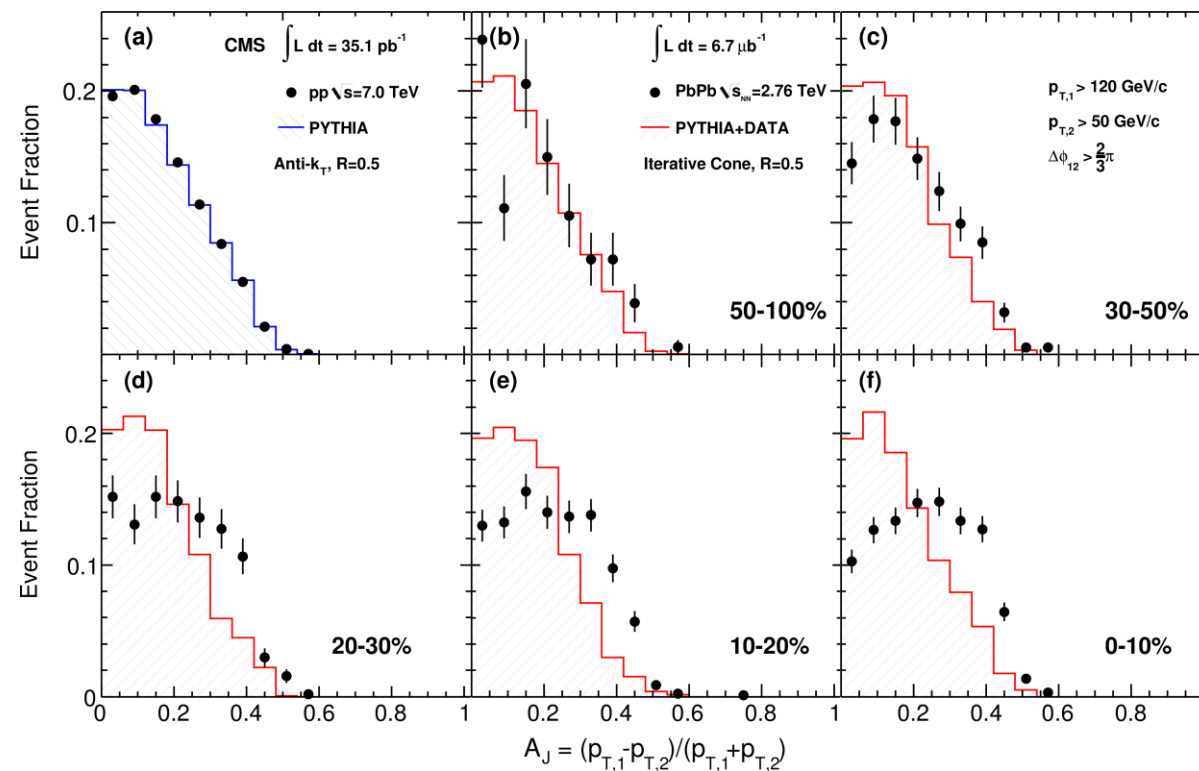
Hard Probes

Recoiling jet suppressed by energy loss inside the medium

Clearly observed by STAR at RHIC...

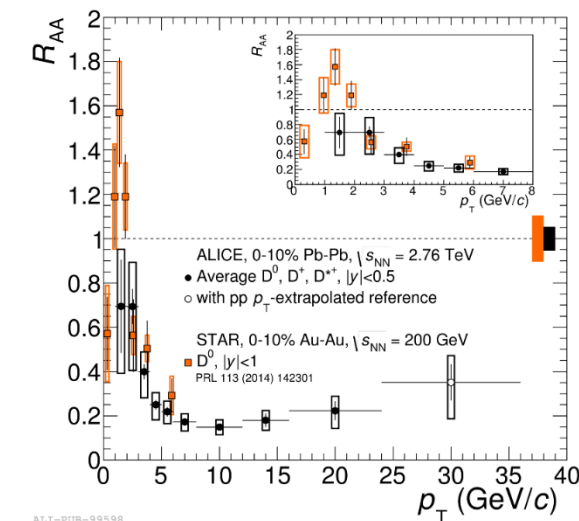
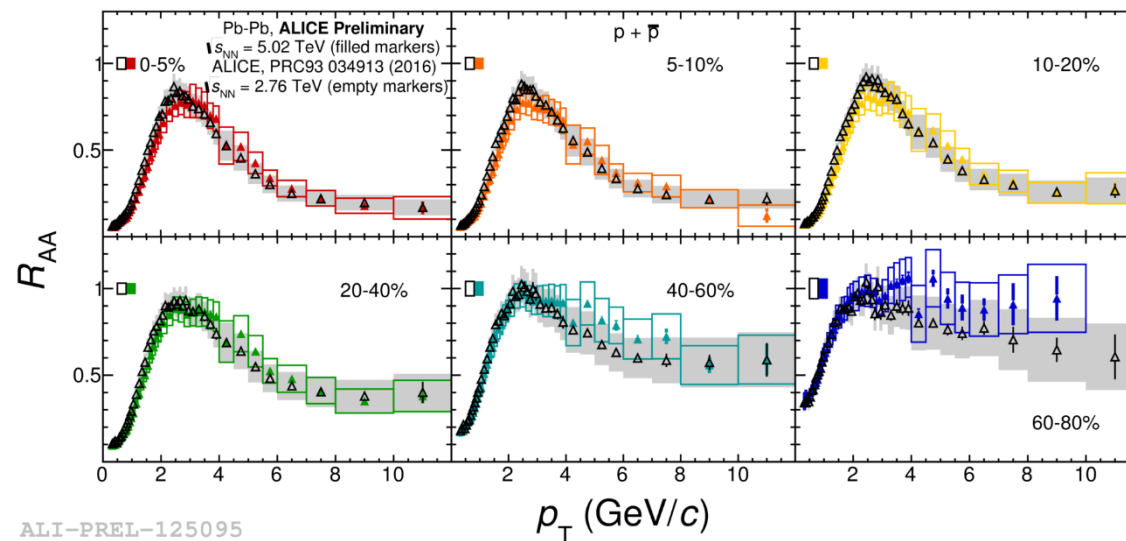


... and extensively studied at the LHC



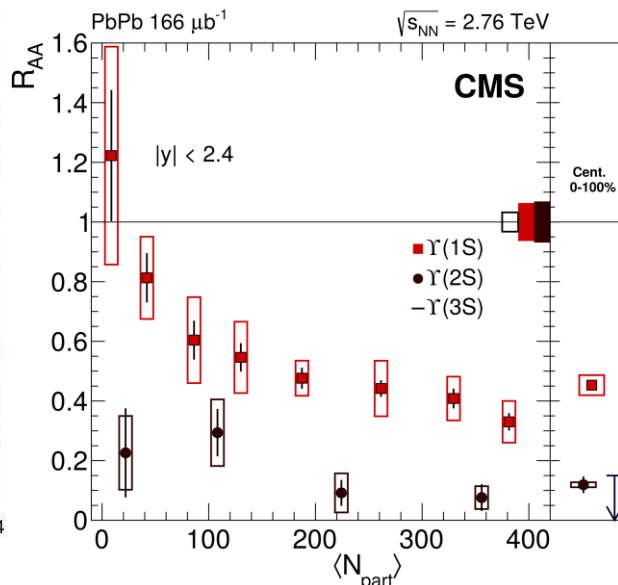
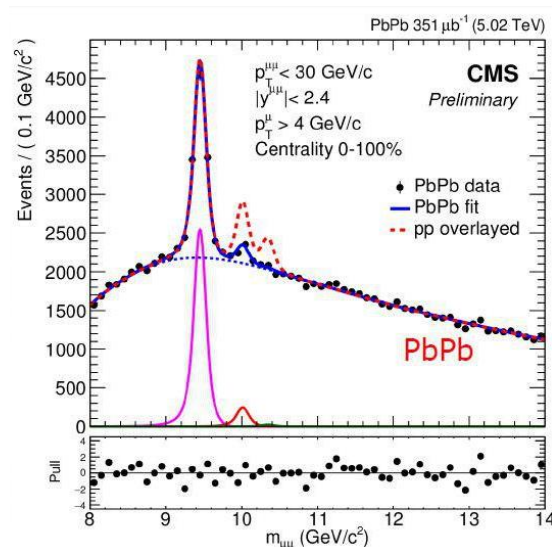
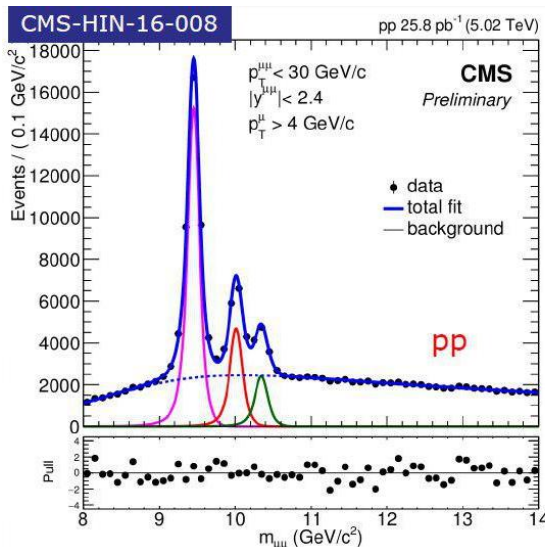
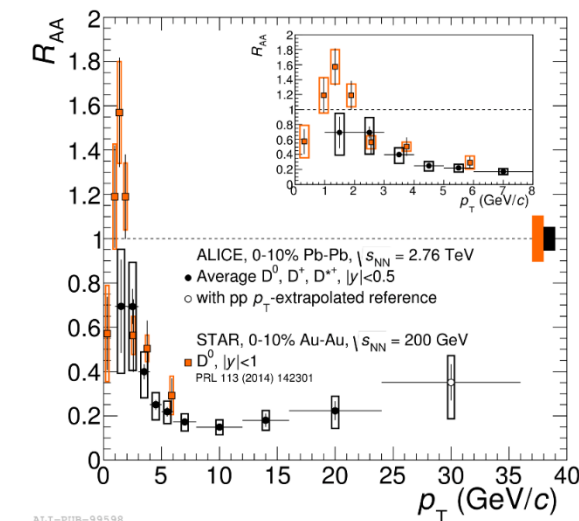
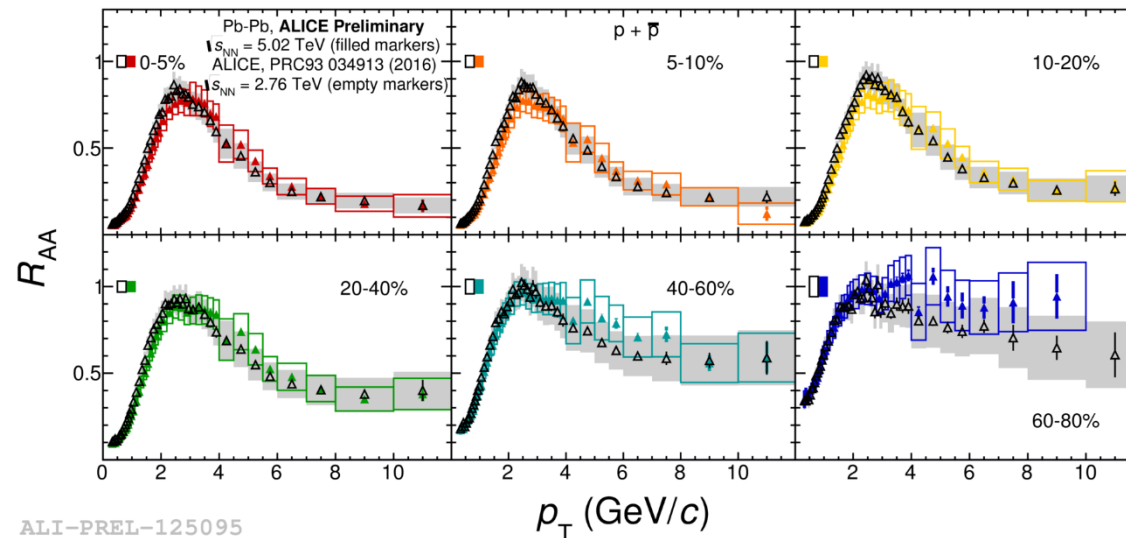
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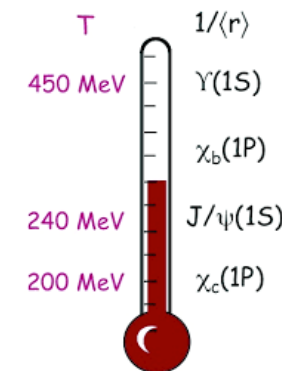


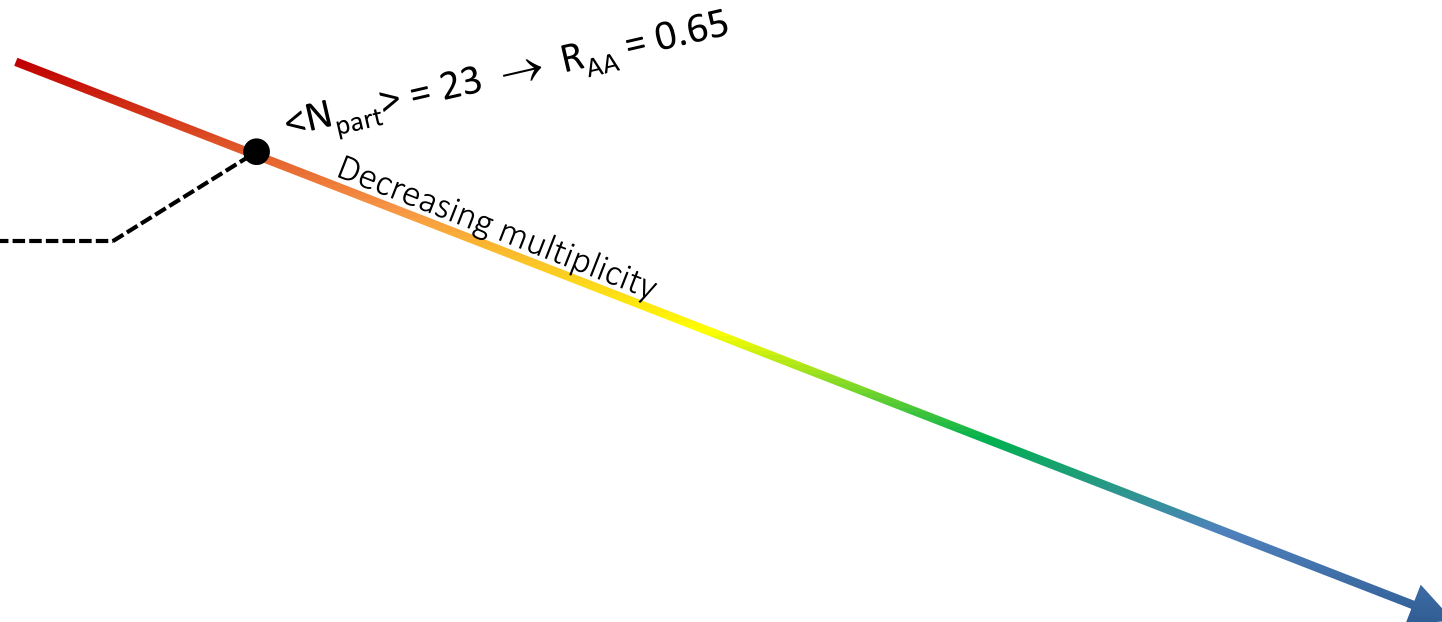
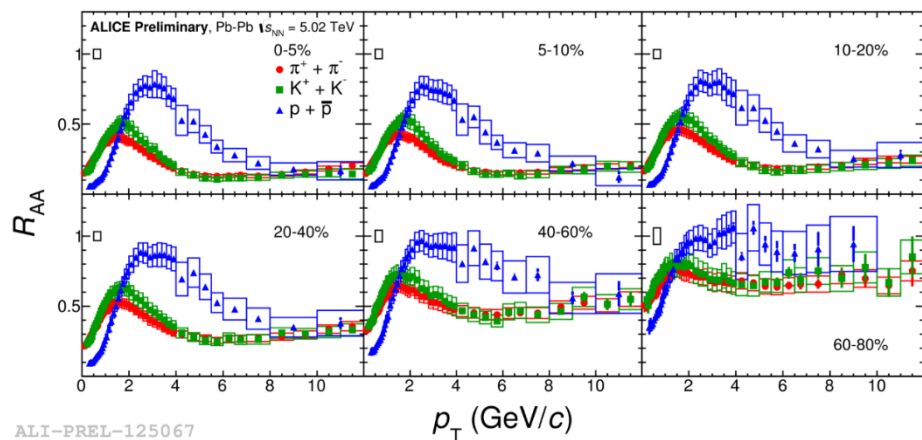
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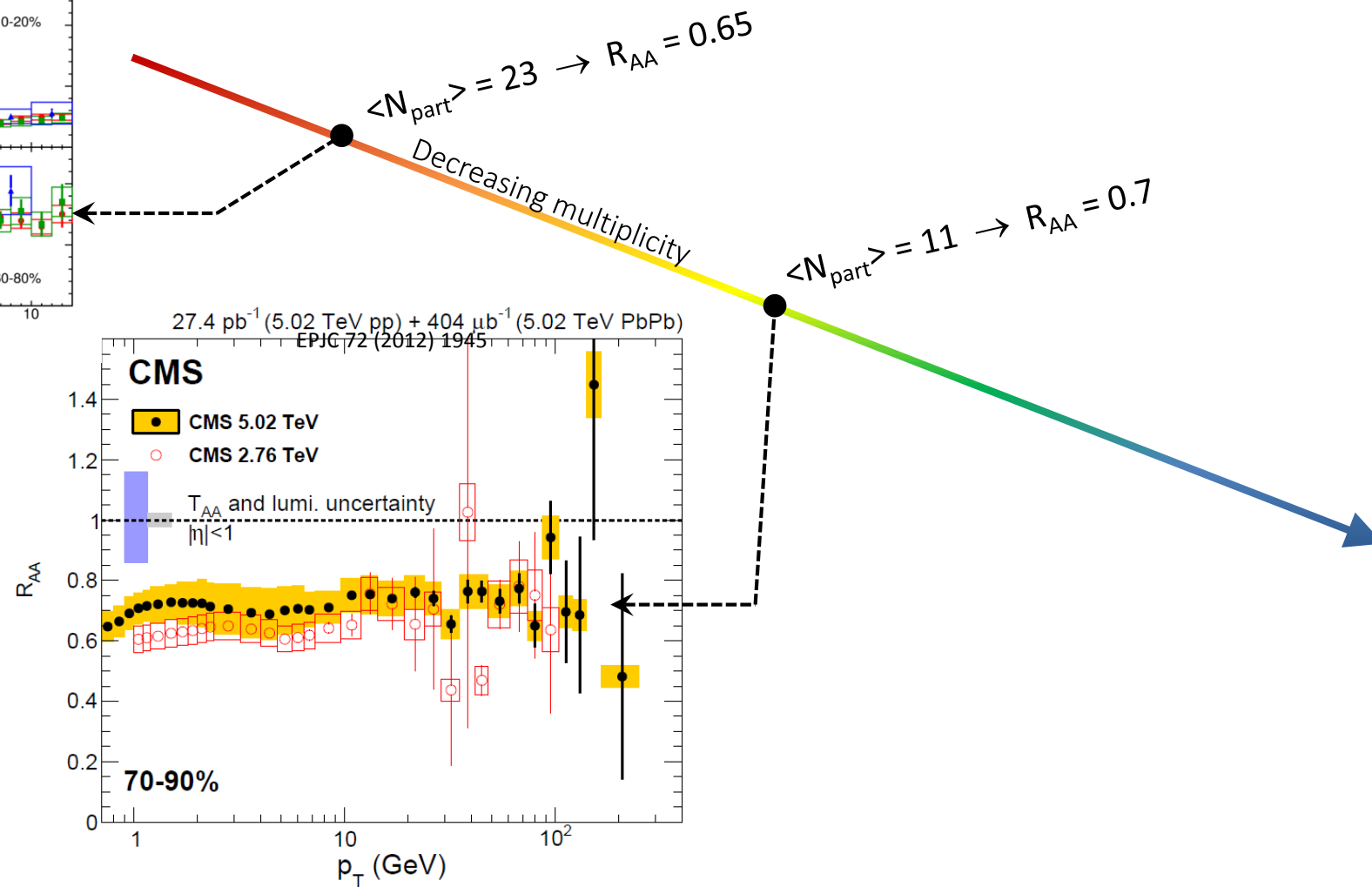
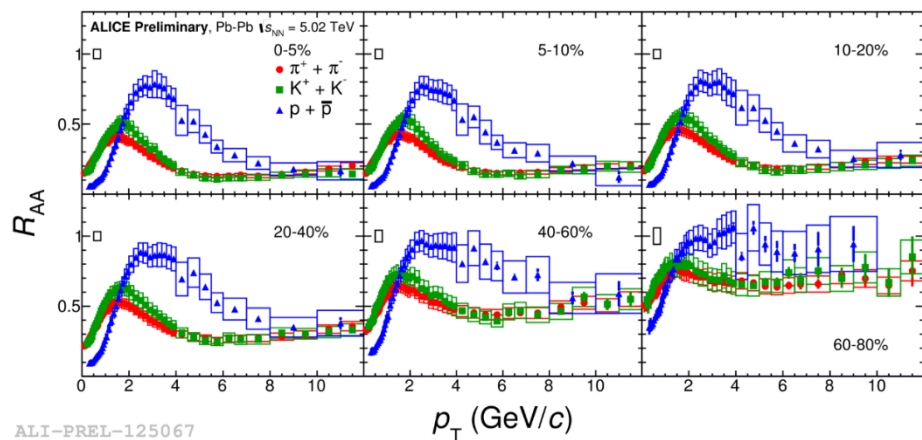
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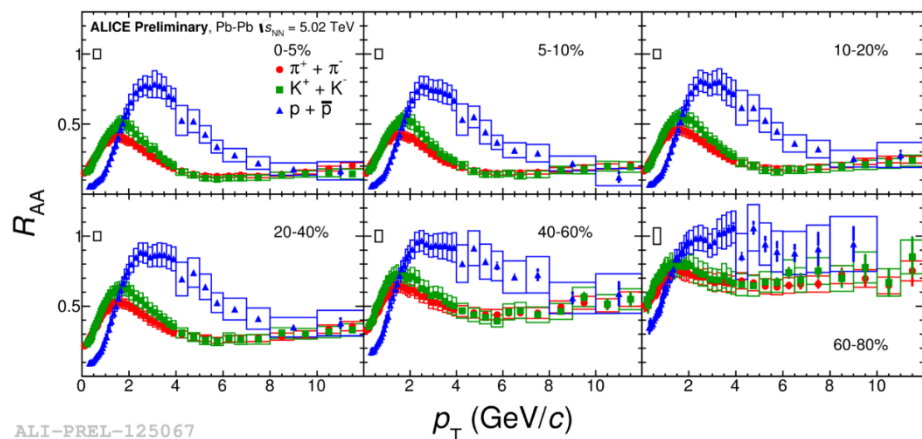


Quarkonia sequential suppression:
 less-bound states will survive less in a colored medium (Debye screening)







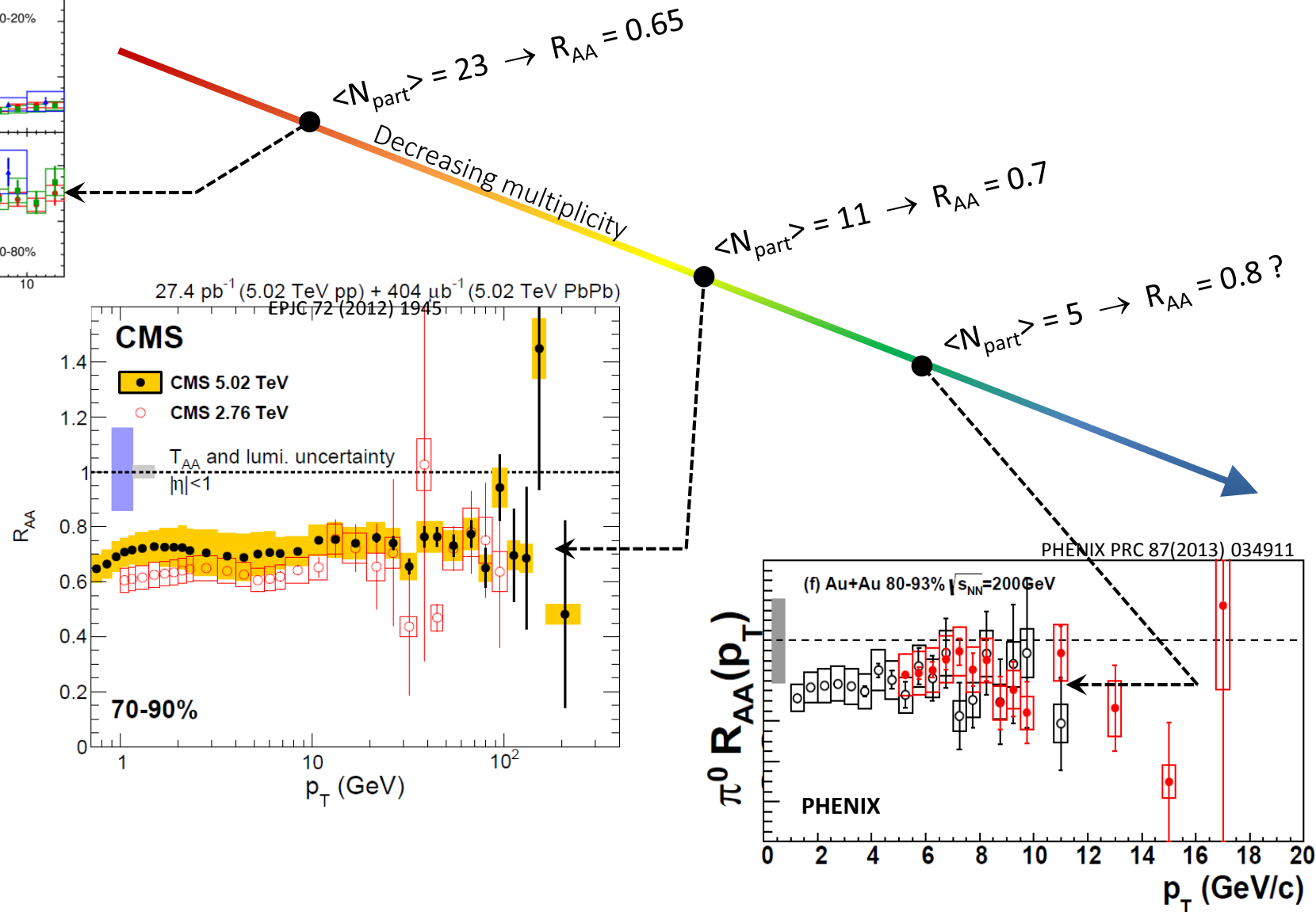


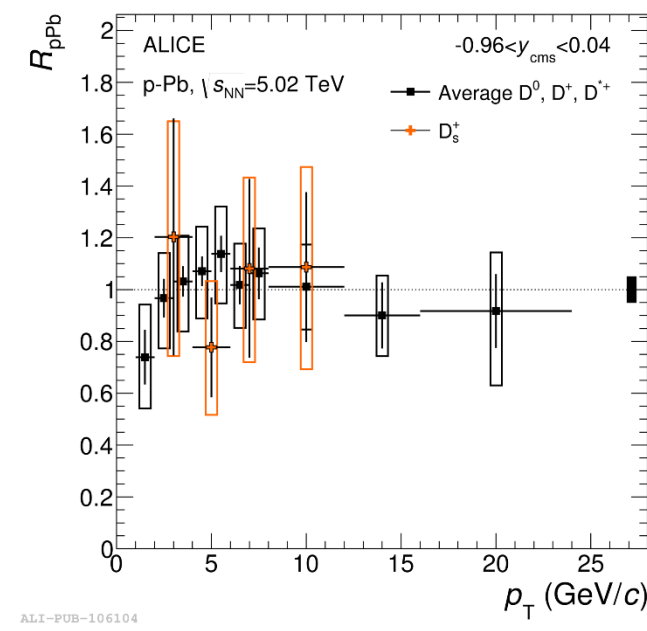
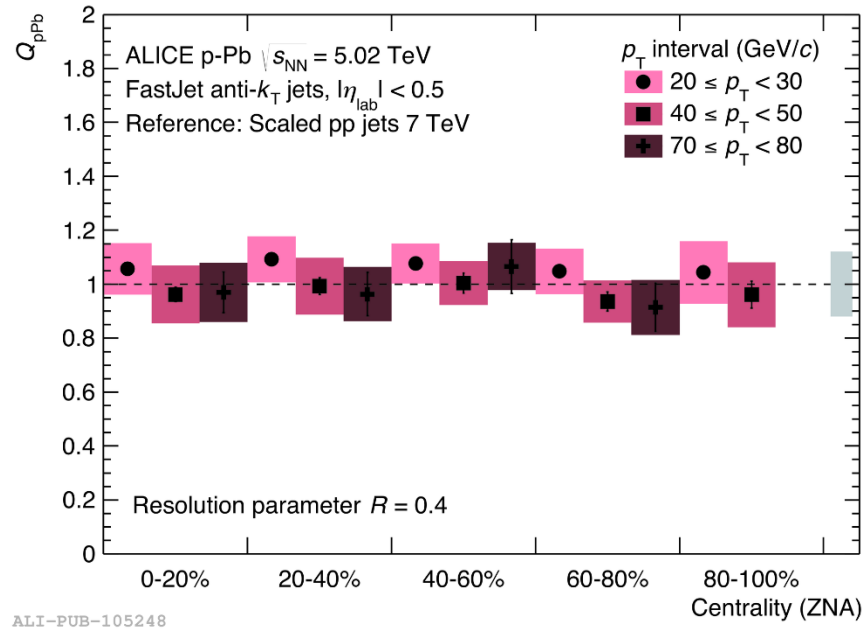
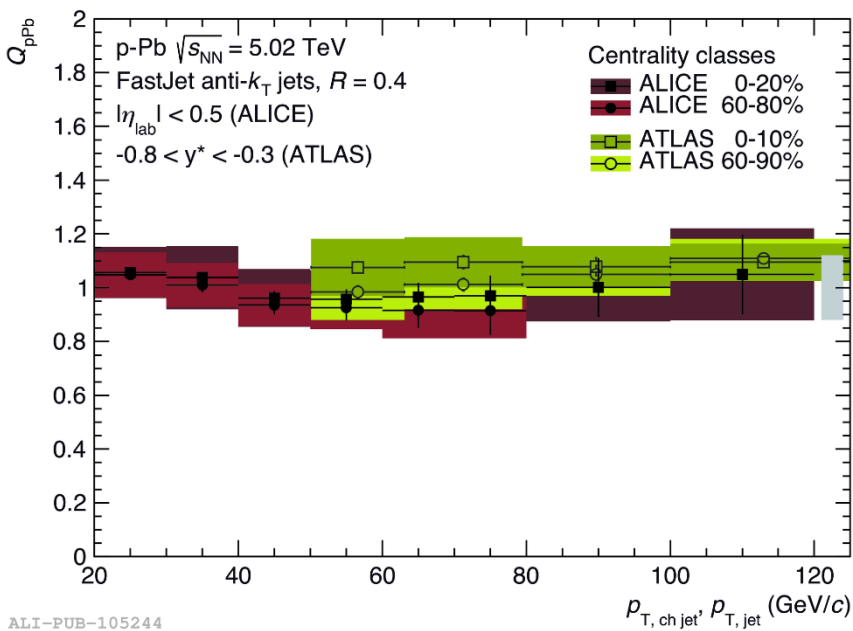
$R_{AA} \neq 1$ in A-A down to very low $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ (hence multiplicities)

But what happens in small collision systems?

Difficult to define an R_{AA} in pp...!!!

Let's concentrate on p-Pb





No evidence of jet quenching in p-Pb collisions at the LHC
High-pT hadrons do also not show any suppression

...but multiplicity in 0-20% p-Pb is higher than in all cases discussed in the previous slide...!



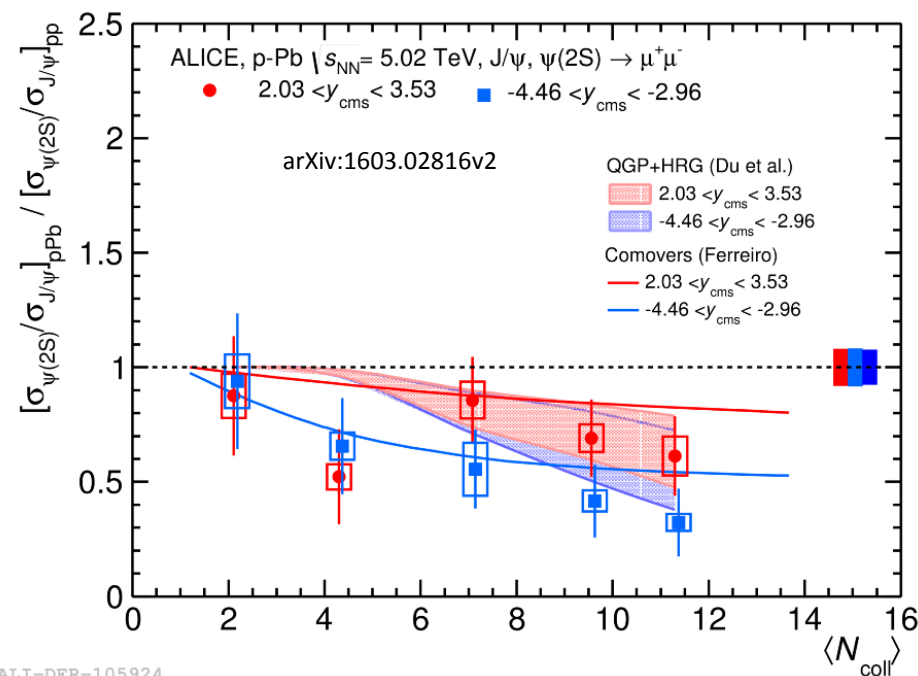
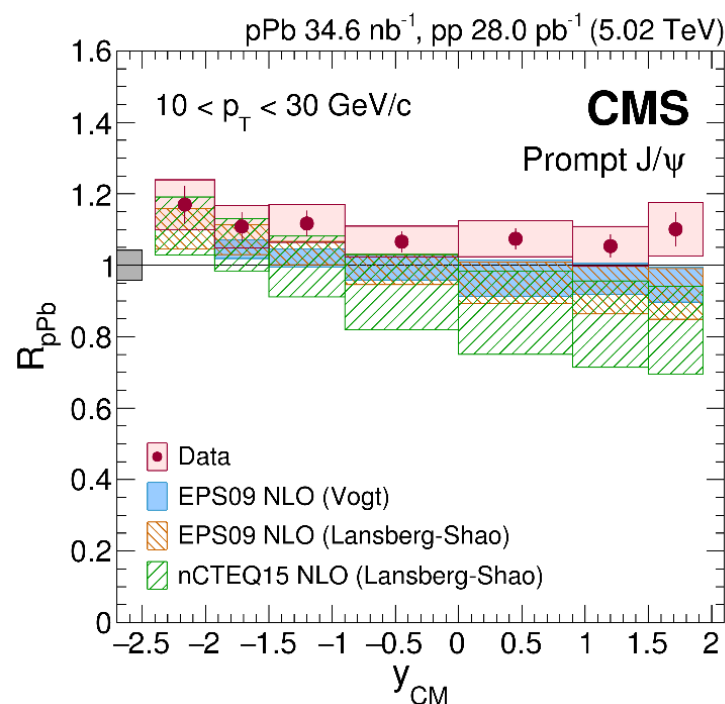
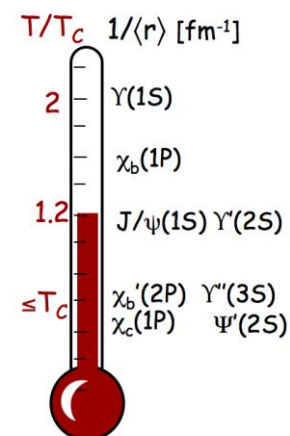
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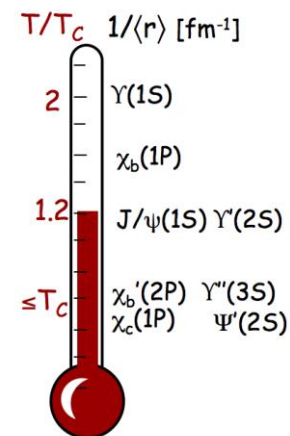
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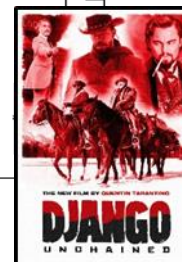
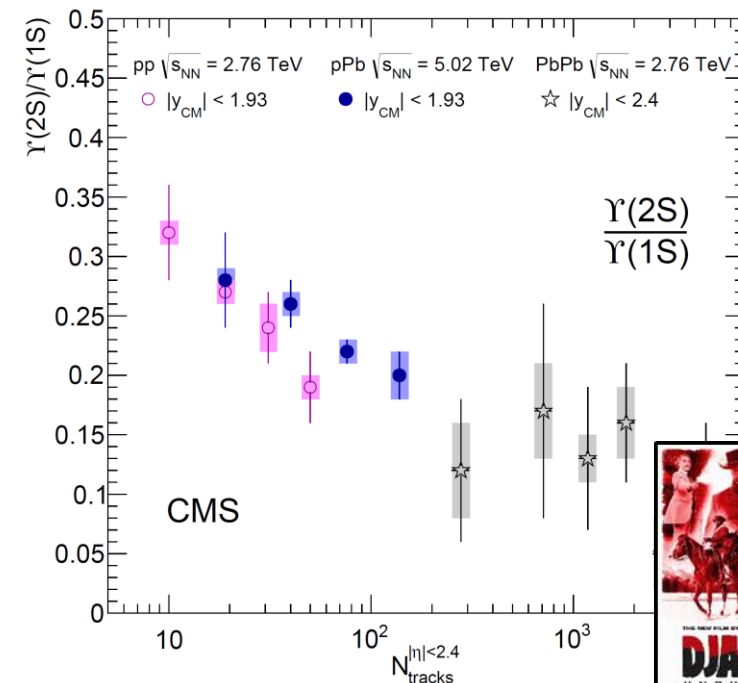
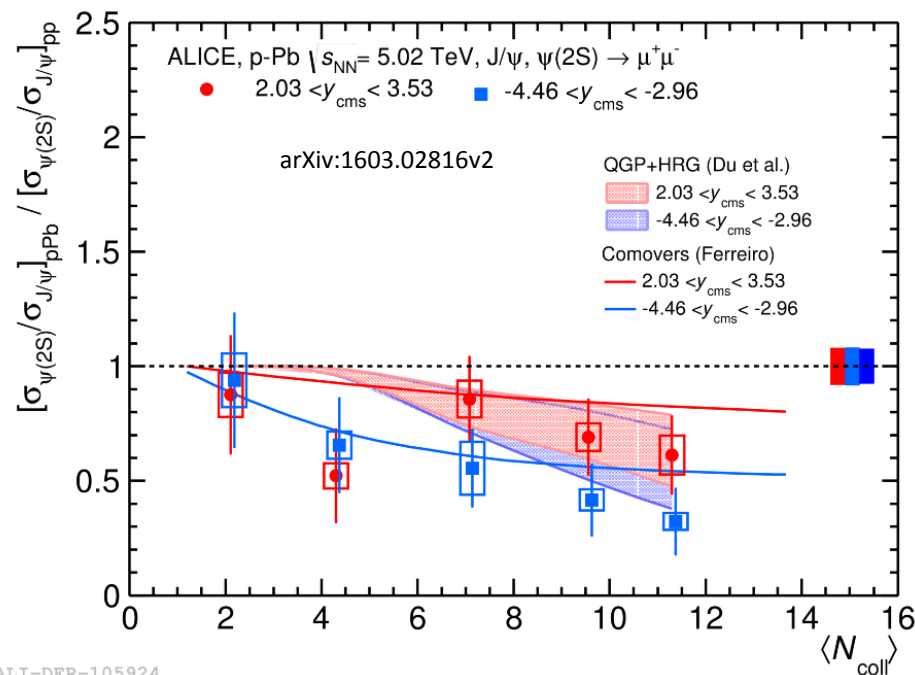
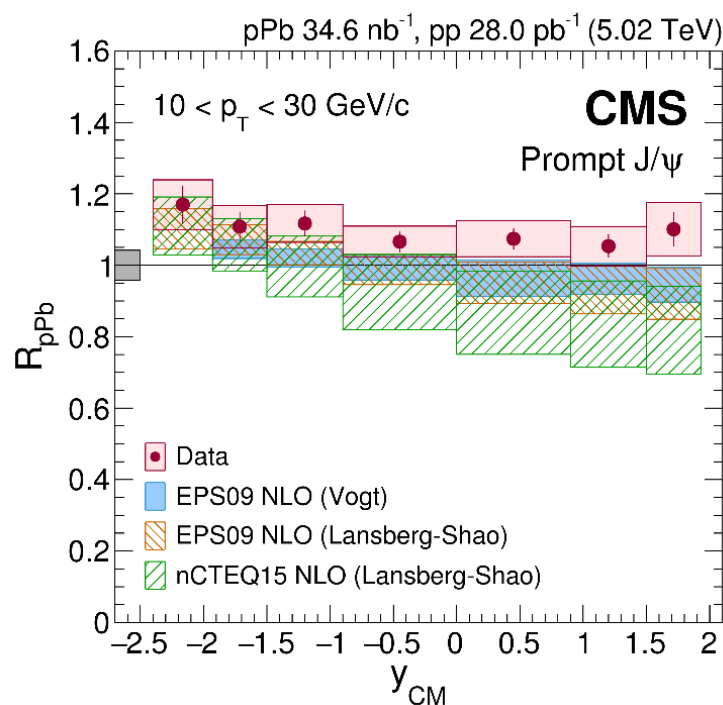
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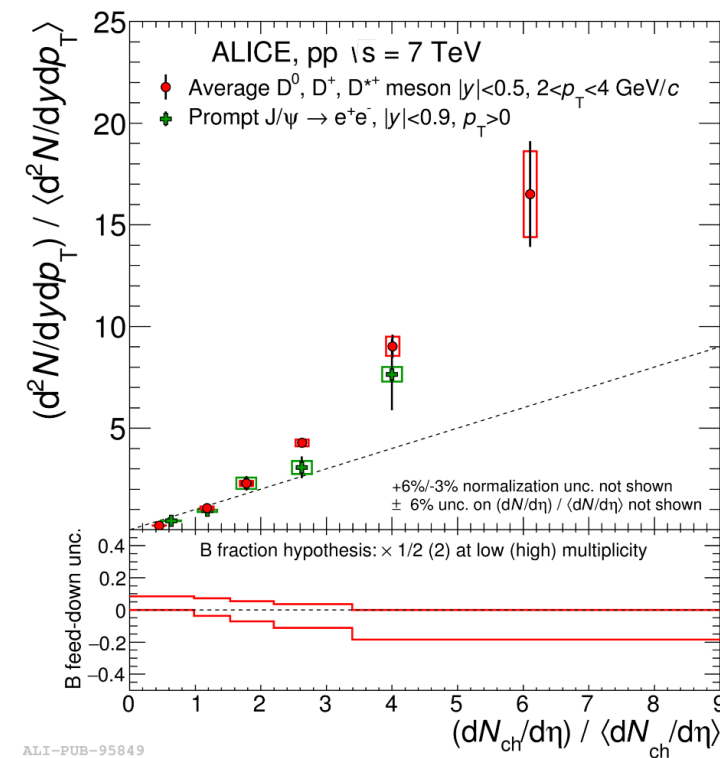
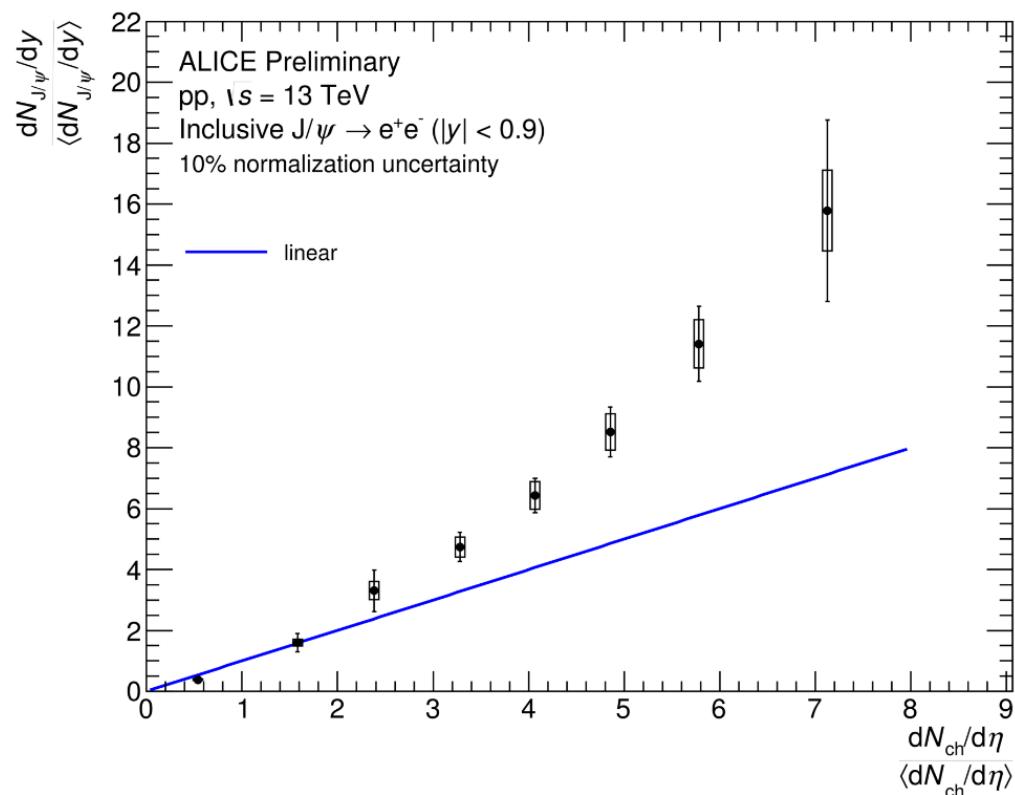
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(NOTE: comparison among systems may be biased by absence of η -gap estimator-measurement)

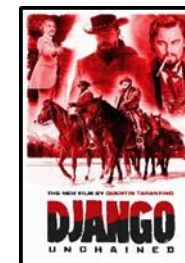


Heavy flavour and quarkonium production as a function of multiplicity in pp collisions.

More than linear increase

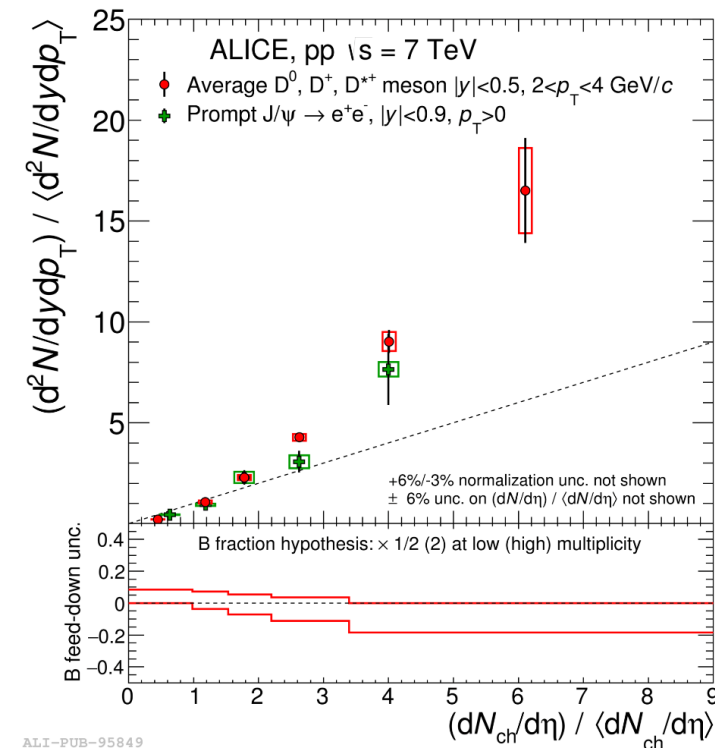
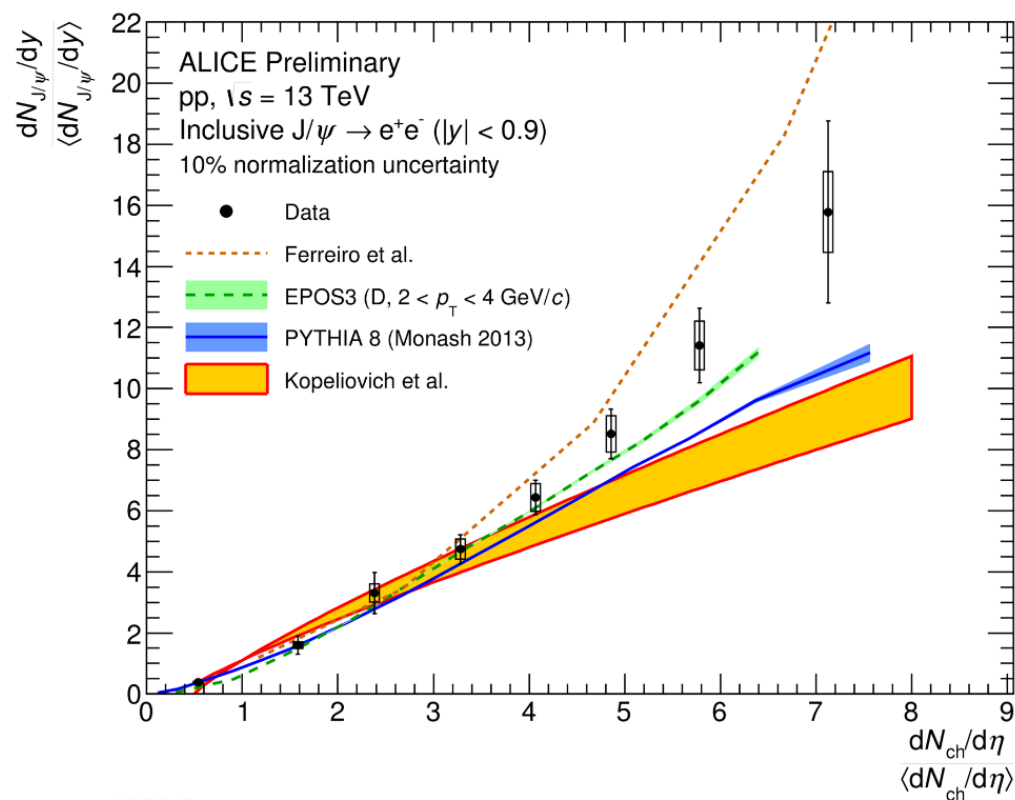


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Models implementing core-corona (EPOS) or some sort of gluon saturation (Ferreiro) qualitatively describe the data

Self-normalized yields (+ potential multiplicity estimator bias) make comparison among systems difficult

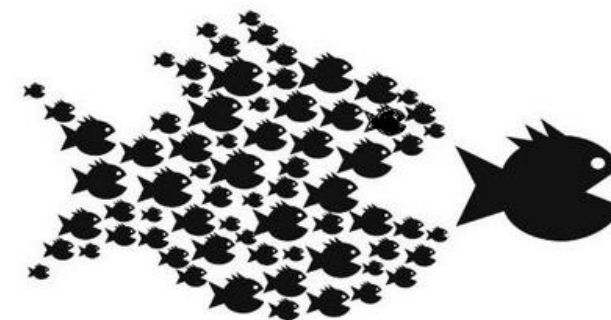


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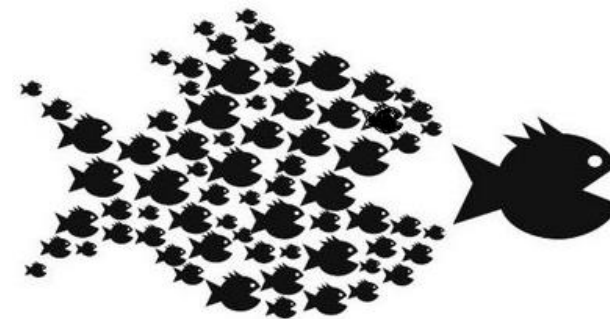
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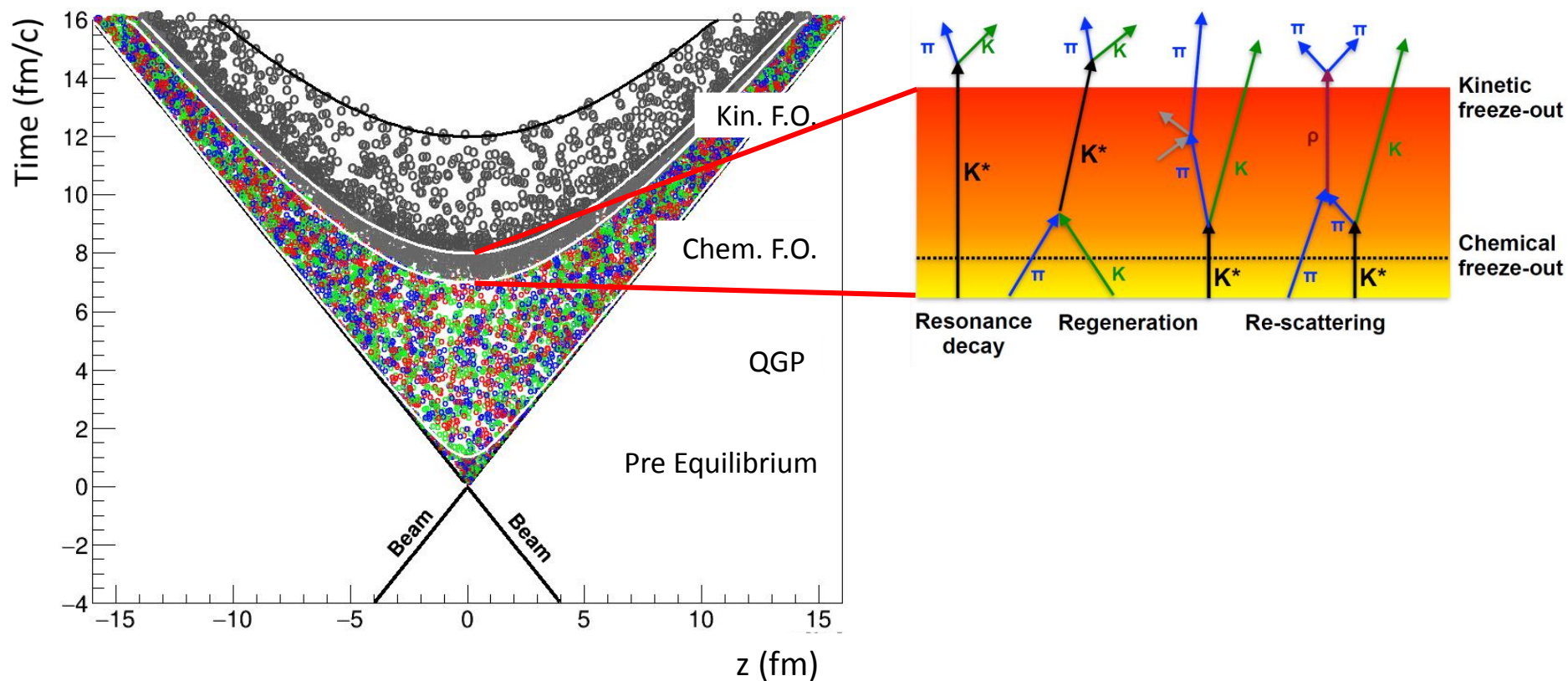
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- Need to understand “hard probes” peculiarity
- ...always being aware of multiplicity biases which can affect the comparison among systems!





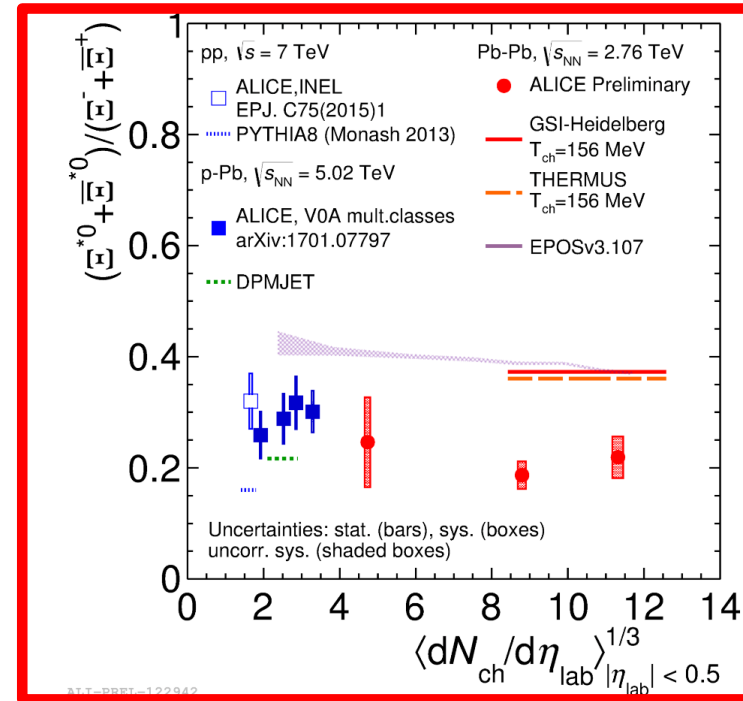
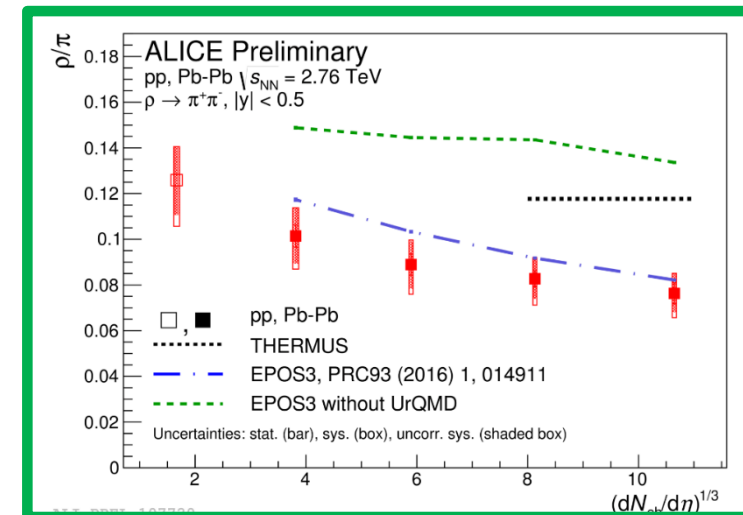
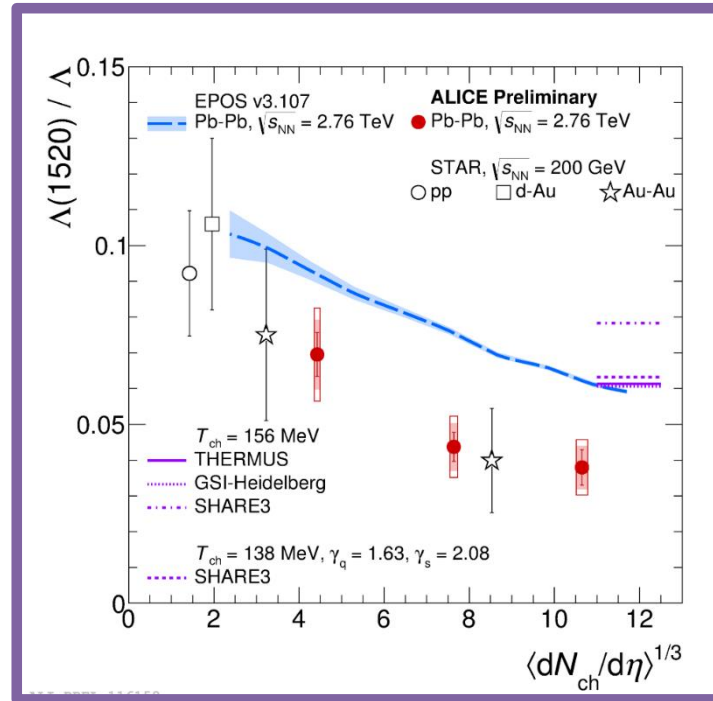
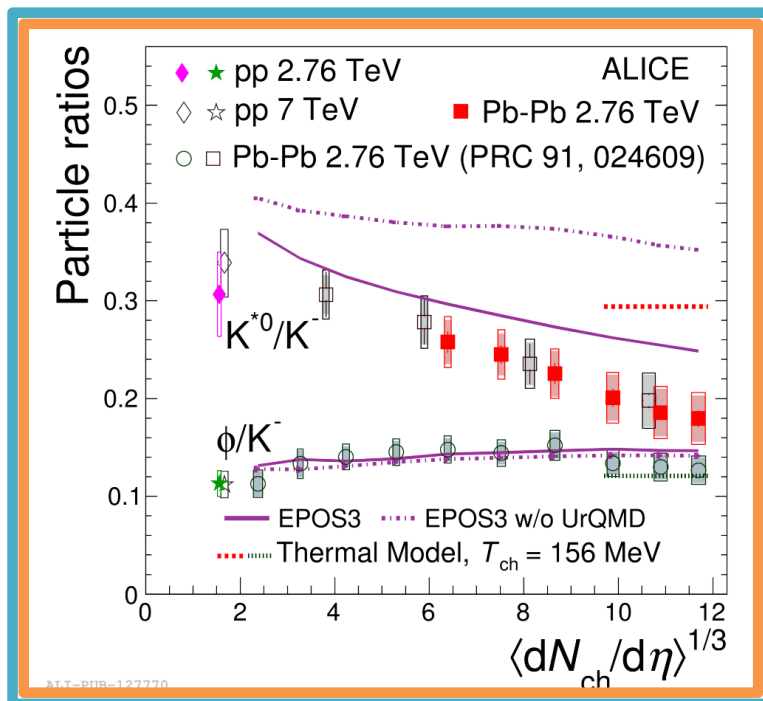
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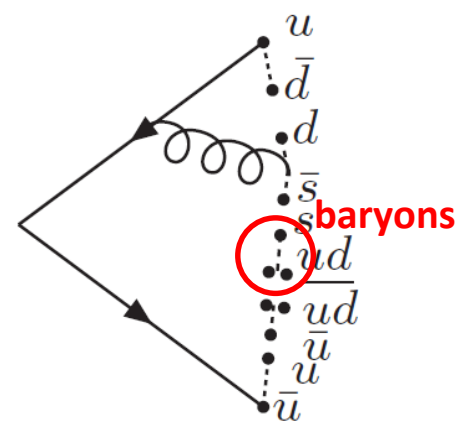
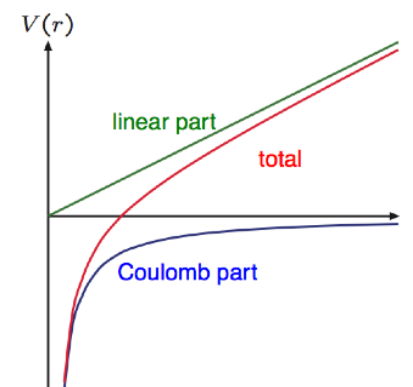
Lifetime [fm/c] : ρ [1.3] < K^* [4.2] < Λ^* [12.6] < Ξ^{0*} [21.7] < ϕ [46.2]



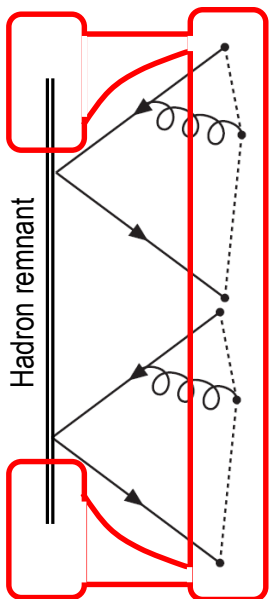
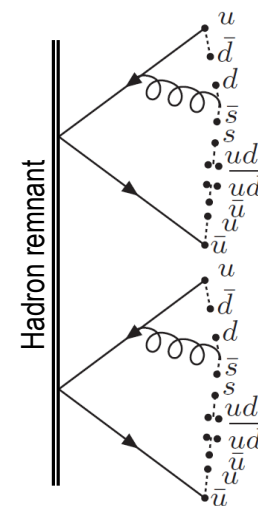
- Linear confinement potential for large distances (confirmed by lattice QCD). For short distances perturbation theory holds
- Confined colour fields described as strings with tension $\kappa = 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$
- Breaking of strings (tunneling) give hadrons

$$P \propto e^{-\frac{\pi m_T^2}{\kappa}} = e^{-\frac{\pi m_q^2}{\kappa}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\pi p_{Tq}^2}{\kappa}}$$

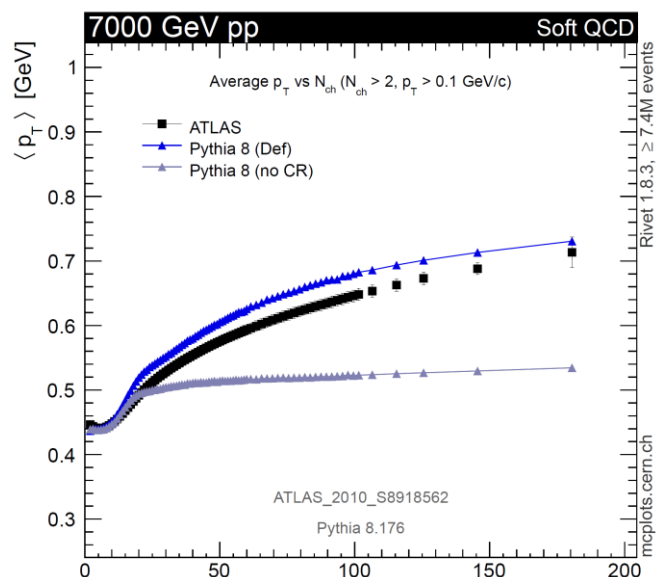
- Flavour of hadrons determined by the Gaussian mass suppression term (which mass to put? If current \rightarrow less s-suppression than observed. If constituent \rightarrow too much s-suppression. s/u empirical number to be tuned on data)



- In **hadronic collisions** multiple strings are needed to describe multiplicity distribution (**MPI**)
- In the LC Lund model each string is hadronizing separately with respect to the others
- The multiplicity increases, but not the $\langle p_T \rangle$ nor the relative flavor abundancies!



- Multiple strings are close in space-time. Dynamical interaction is not implemented in this model, but **colour re-arrangement** can happen: **Colour Reconnection** (CR)
- Takes place after parton shower and takes into account all SU(3) permitted configurations. **Selection parameter: minimum total string length**
- After re-arrangement of the strings, hadronization takes place
- Correctly takes into account the colour re-arrangement in the remnant

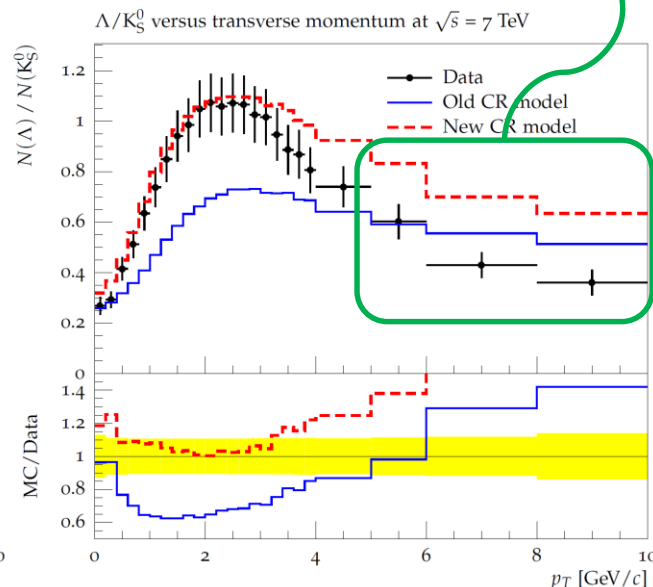
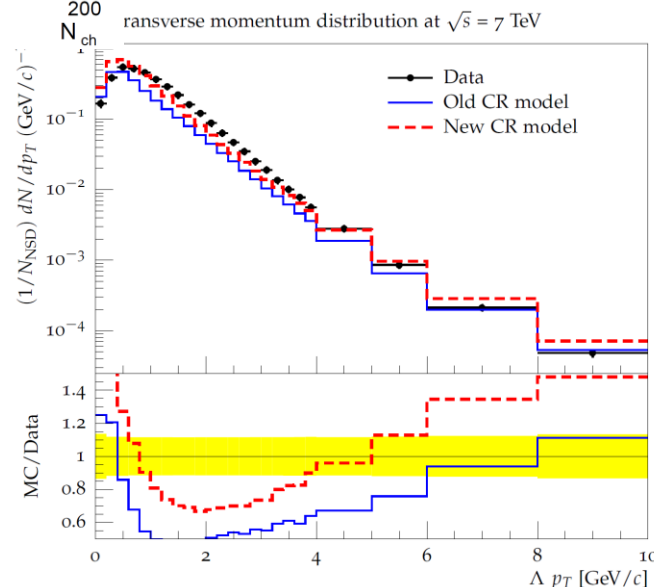


- 3 main parameters tuned on data: $c_{\text{time}} (\langle p_T \rangle)$, $c_j (\Lambda/K_S^0)$ and $p_T^{\text{ref}} (dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta)$.
- The presence of **junctions increases baryon production** at intermediate p_T , but not sufficient to reproduce data
- Λ/K_S^0 shape (magnitude is tuned!) reproduces data up to 3 GeV/c \rightarrow problem in spectra common to baryons and mesons?

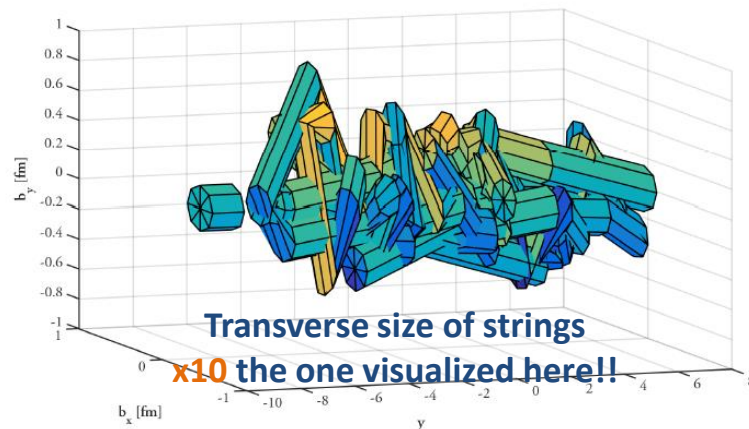
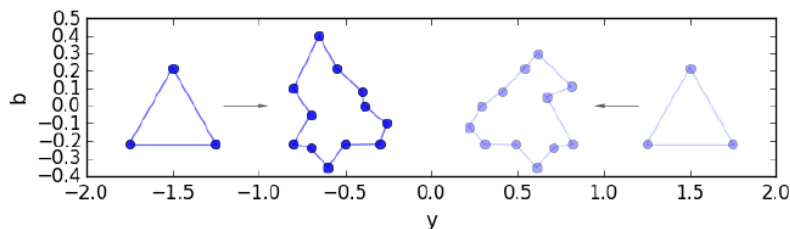
Leading Colour strings dominate:
can't be attributed to CR

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CR mimics features
that we traditionally
attribute to collective
flow, but something
more is needed.
Tuning?



- Partonic model in impact parameter space and rapidity (**D**ipole evolution in Impact **P**arameter **S**pace and rapidity**Y**)
- Mueller dipole model (LL-BFKL)
- Proton/Nucleus structure built up dynamically from dipole splittings
- Builds-up initial state + collision in impact parameter space. Naturally treats saturation and MPI



Stack of colour strings close in the IP-y space:

can form colour singlets or multiplets according to the summing rules of SU(3)
Singlets correspond to simple re-arrangement of single strings,
Multiplets correspond to **ROPES**.

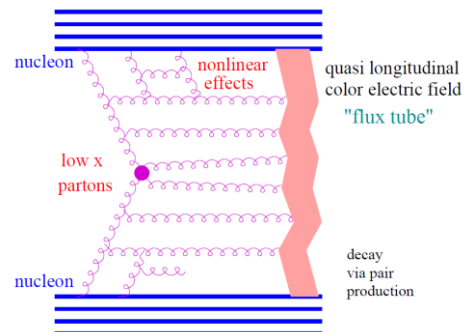
Hadronizing a rope means fragmenting string-by-string
with an **effective string tension $\kappa > \kappa_0$**

As we know from previous works,
higher string tension \Rightarrow more baryons and more flavours $\neq (u, d)$

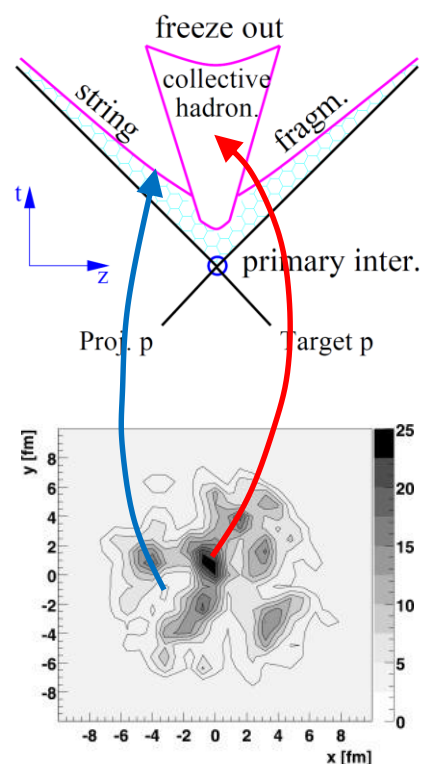
Before hadronizing a string
a “swing” mechanism further allow colour re-arrangements
(in analogy with colour re-connection)

How do strings interact?

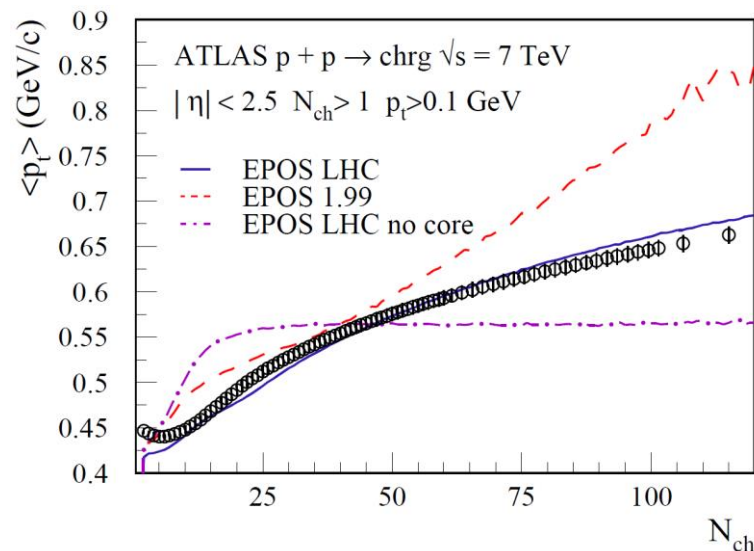
To the question “Which are the strings that can interact?” the DIPSY model answers following the evolution of colour strings during the whole parton shower



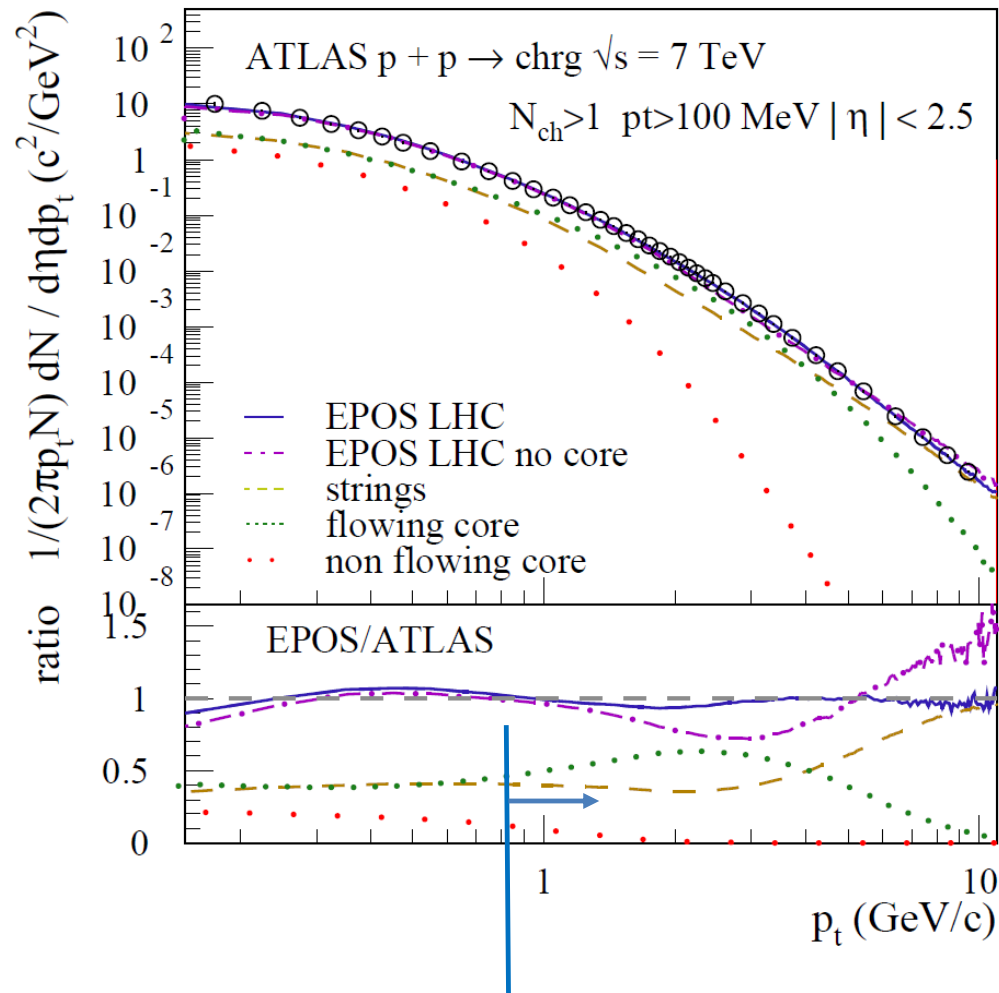
- Hard scattering treated with the addition of several DGLAP parton “ladders” (pomeron) + a CGC-inspired saturation scale
- Parton ladders are then considered as relativistic strings, conveniently treated in a string fragmentation approach (a-la Lund)
- At time τ_0 (well before hadronization) strings are divided into: fluid (CORE) and escaping (CORONA) according to their momenta and density of the string segments
 - ☐ **CORONA**: strings can hadronize as in the Lund approach
 - ☐ **CORE**: from the time τ_0 evolves as a viscous hydrodynamic system. Hadronization happens statistically at a common T_H
- After hadronization hadron-hadron rescattering can be considered, making use of an afterburner (e.g. UrQMD)



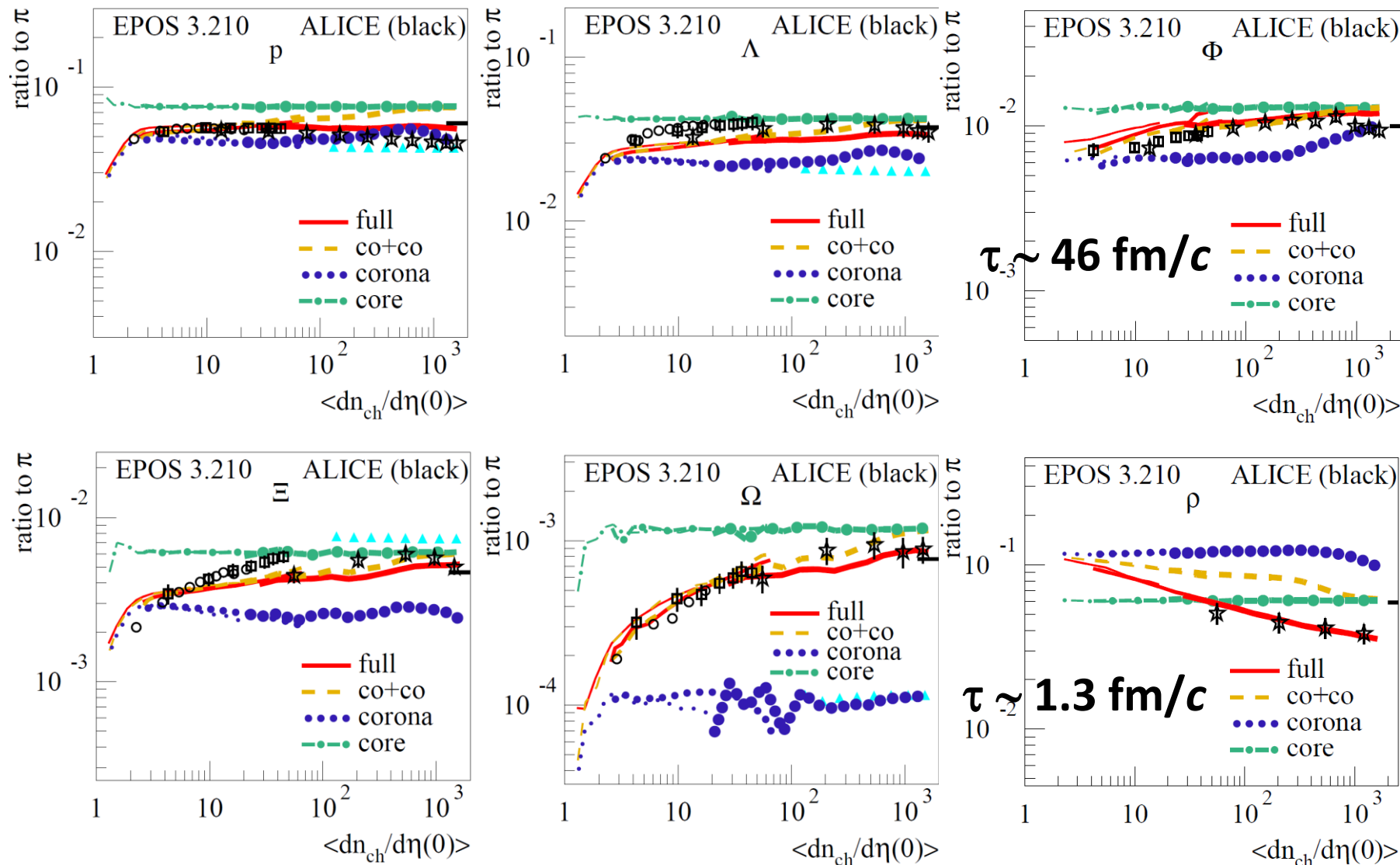
NOTE: parameters governing the core-only part are 6
($\tau_0, \rho_0, \varepsilon_{FO}, \gamma_{rad}, f_{ecc}, \gamma_s$), to be tuned on data!!



- $\langle p_T \rangle$ increases only when introducing a **flowing core**
- **Radial flow** of the core also **dominates** the **intermediate** region of the p_T spectrum
- High p_T is dominated by escaping fragmenting strings



NOTE: the exact onset of the effect depends on tuning (p_T cut-off for escaping strings)



Observed trends of relative particle yields **reproduced** thanks to **interplay** between **core** and **corona** (+ UrQMD)

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Spectra + yields described in EPOS through evolution with multiplicity of relative importance of CORE and CORONA

NOTE: Does this imply QGP in small systems? NO! May or may not be.

- Relative importance of CORE/CORONA in the yields for long and short living resonances is strikingly different
- Mild Φ enhancement with multiplicity observed in EPOS