

Higher moments of net-particle fluctuations in Pb-Pb collisions from ALICE

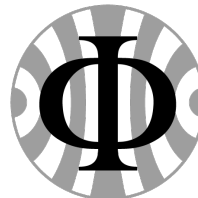
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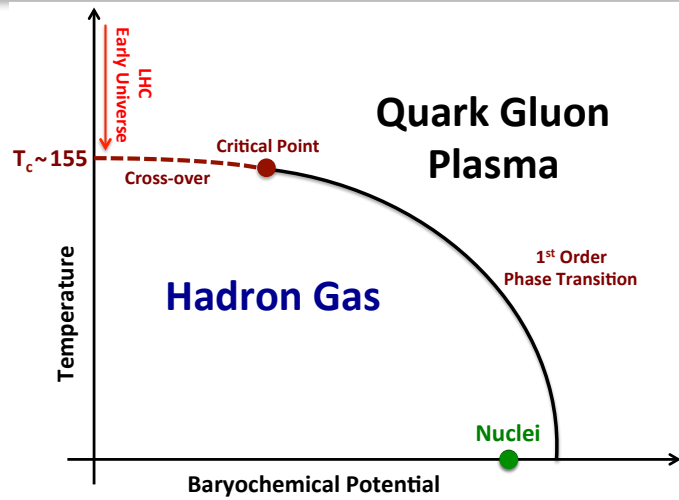
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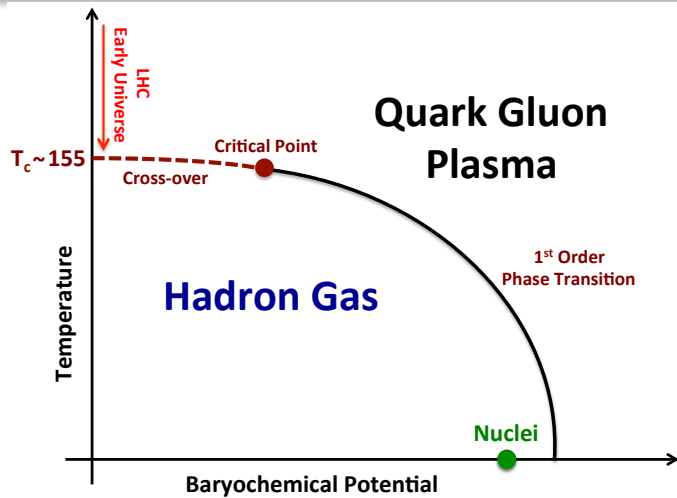


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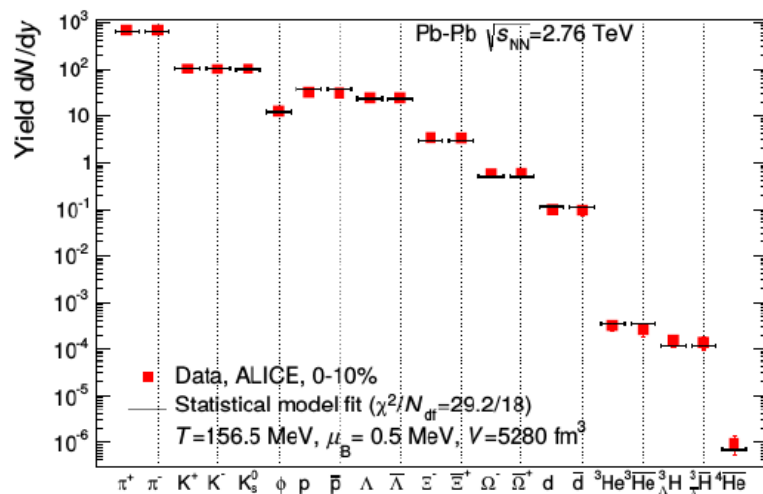


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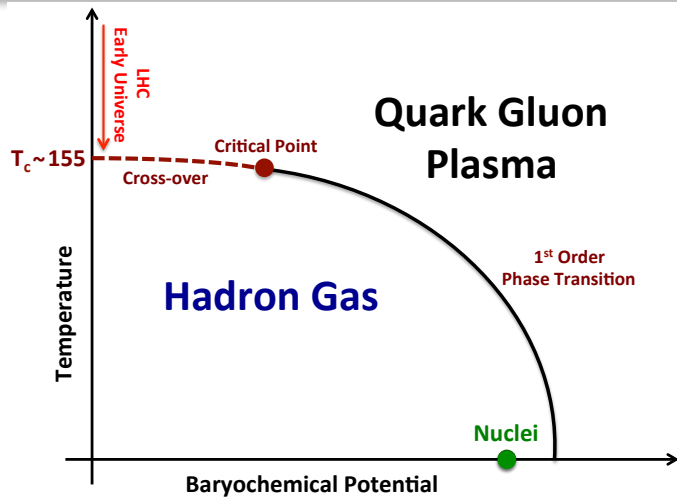
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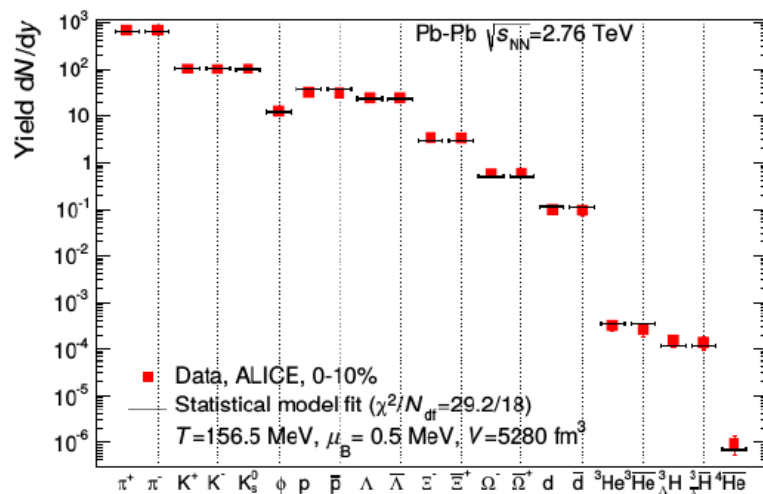
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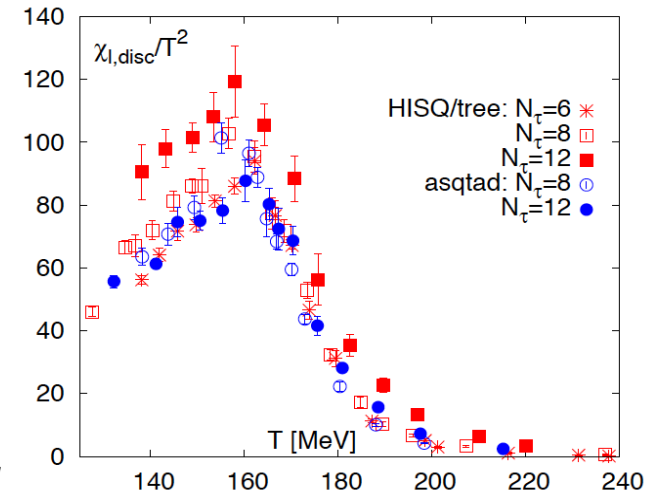
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HotQCD Collaboration
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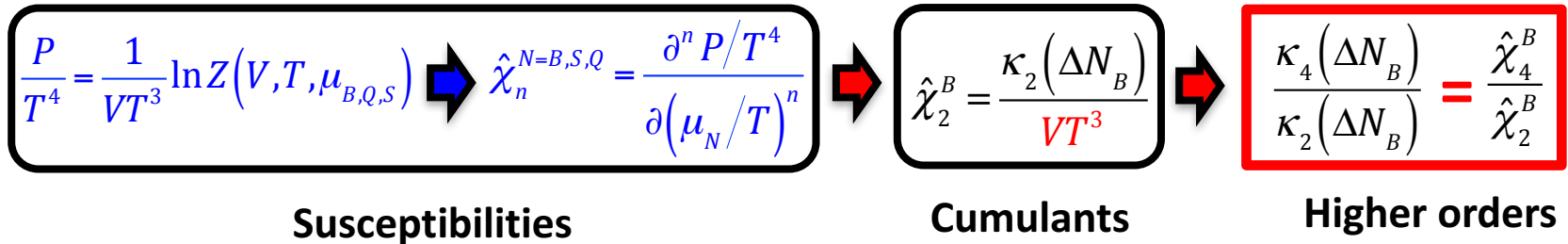
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Susceptibilities

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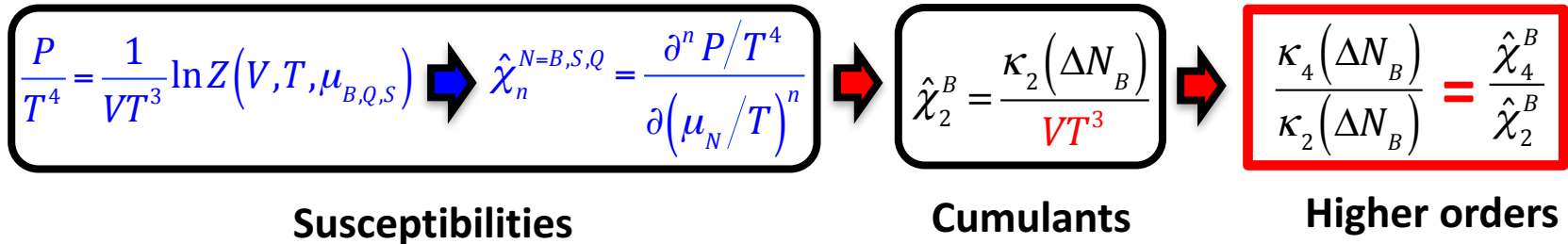
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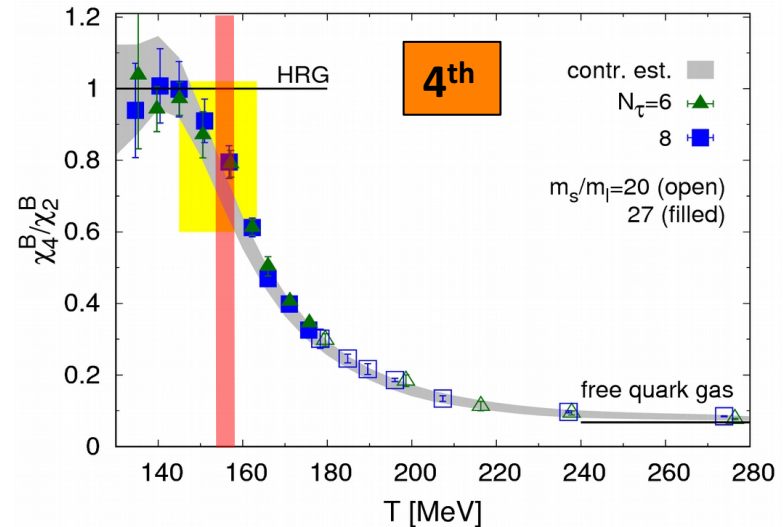
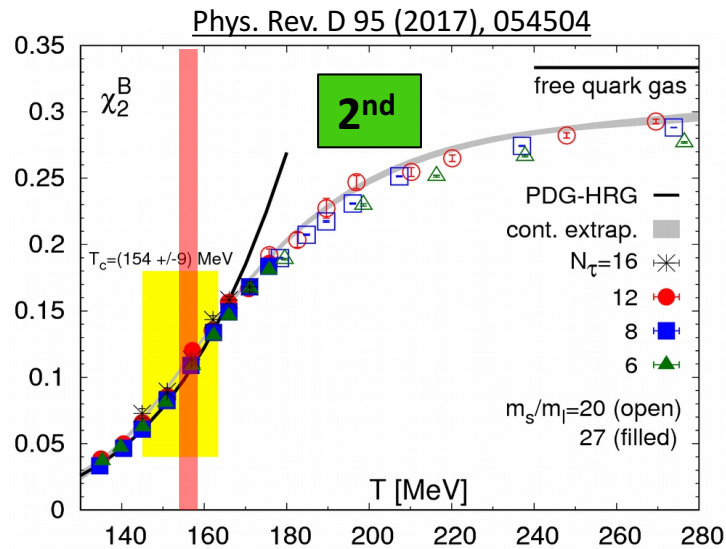
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➤ **At 4th order** LQCD shows a **deviation** from Hadron Resonance Gas (HRG)

Interpretation of net-baryon fluctuations

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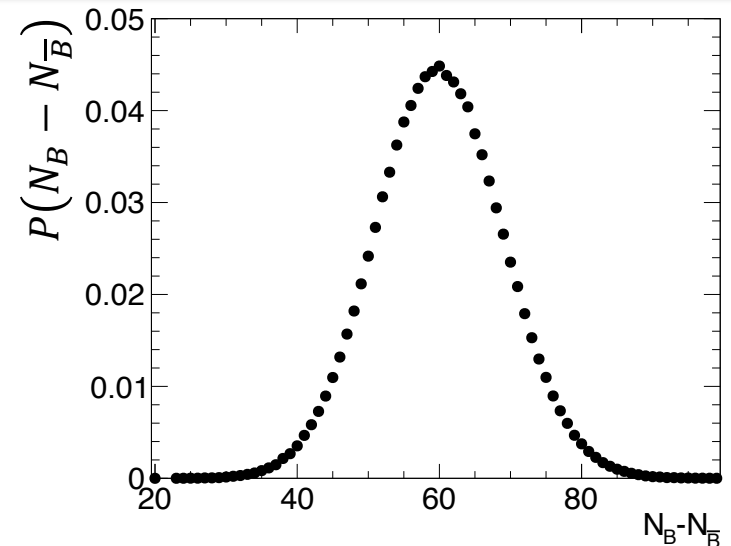
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➤ Uncorrelated Poisson limit:

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Difference between two independent Poissonian distributions

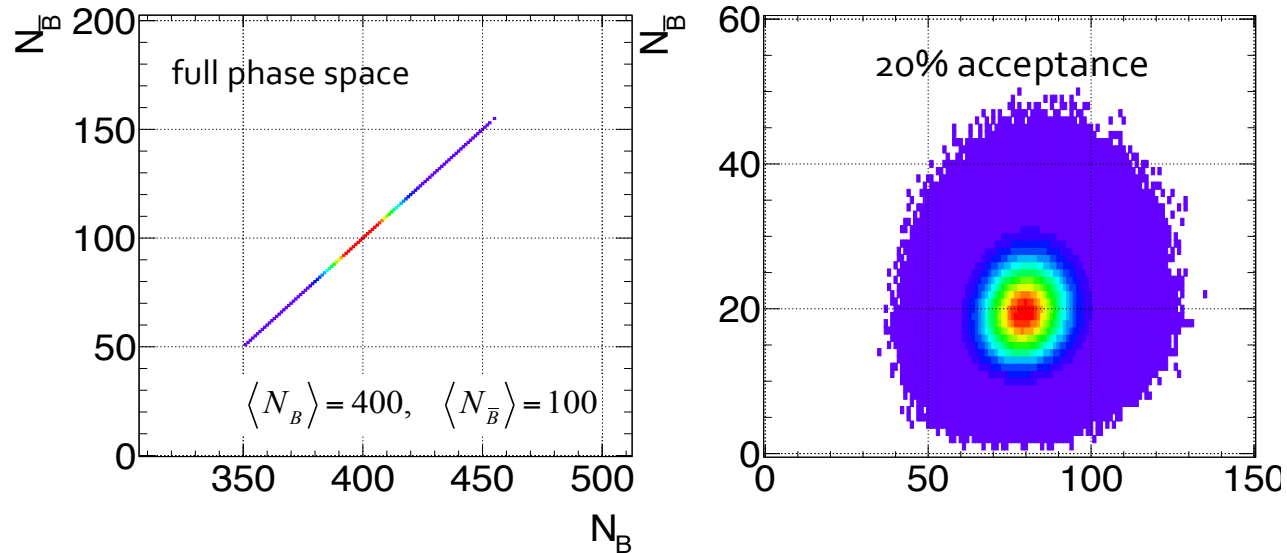
$$\kappa_n = \langle N_B \rangle + (-1)^n \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle$$



$$\frac{\kappa_{2n+1}}{\kappa_{2k}} = \frac{\langle n_B \rangle - \langle n_{\bar{B}} \rangle}{\langle n_B \rangle + \langle n_{\bar{B}} \rangle}$$

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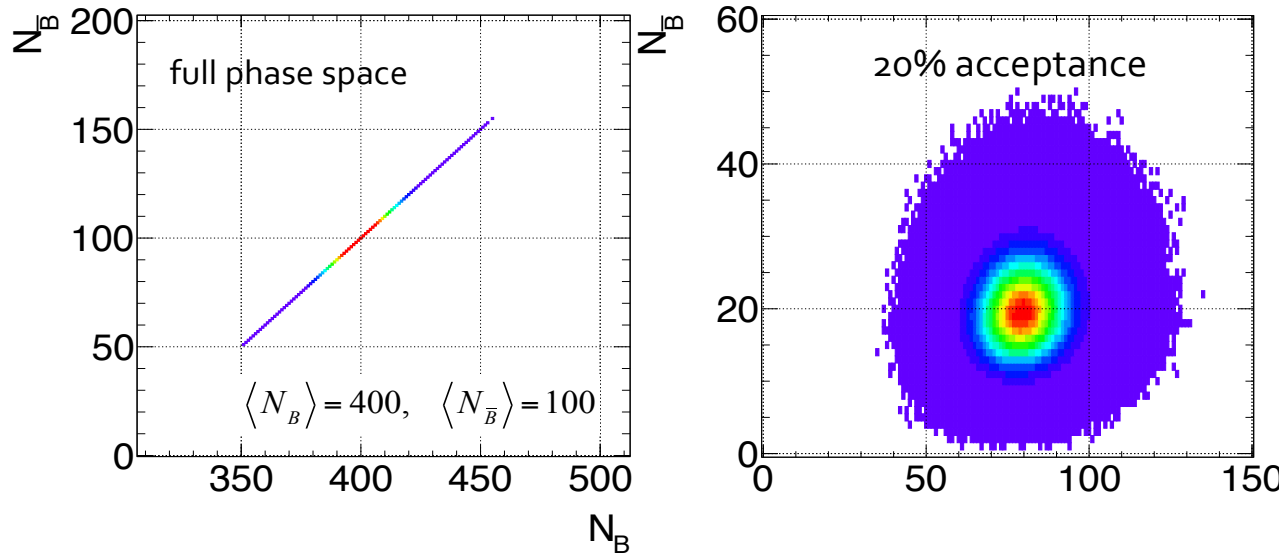
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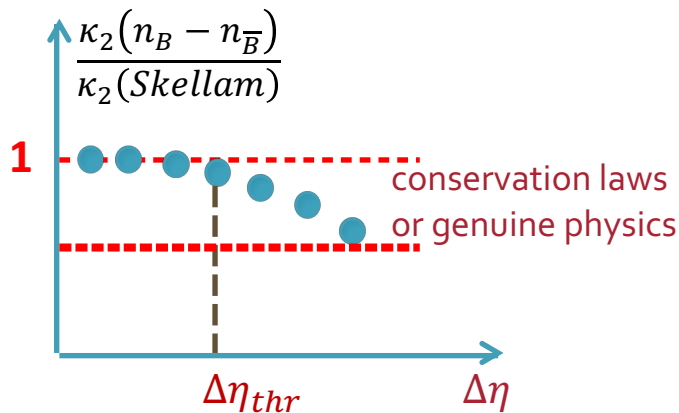
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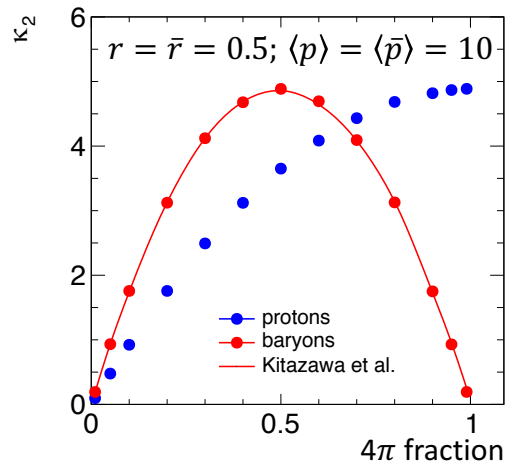
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- **Limit of very small acceptance**
 - vanishing or invisible dynamical fluctuations
- **Acceptance has to be large enough**

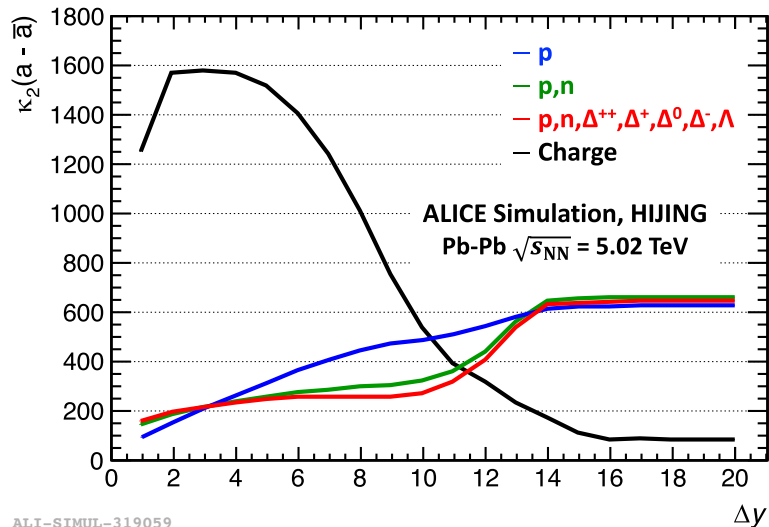
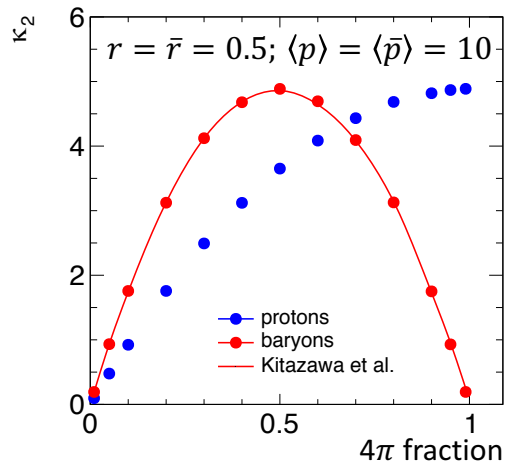
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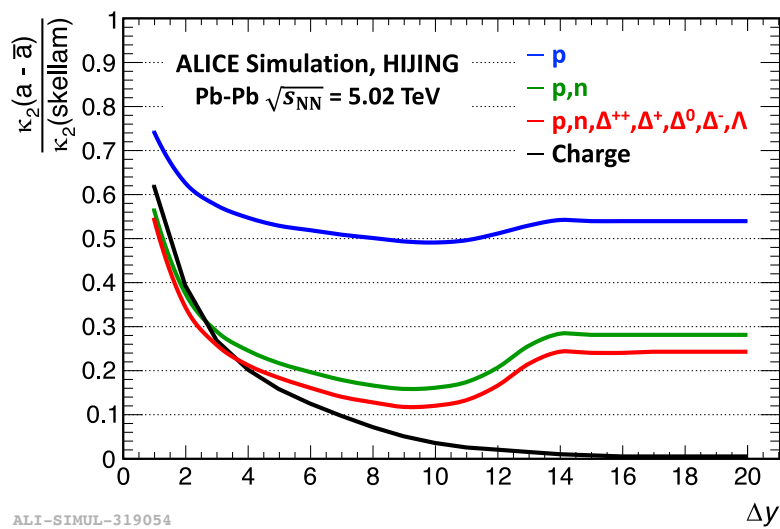
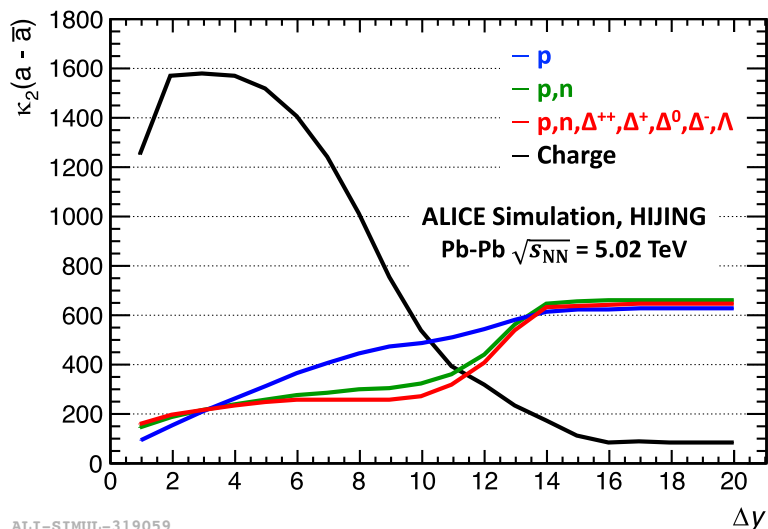
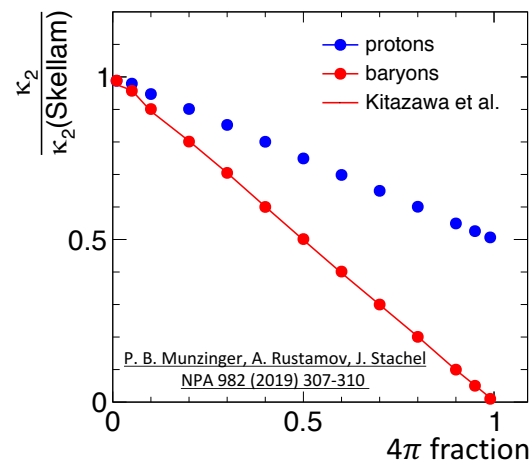
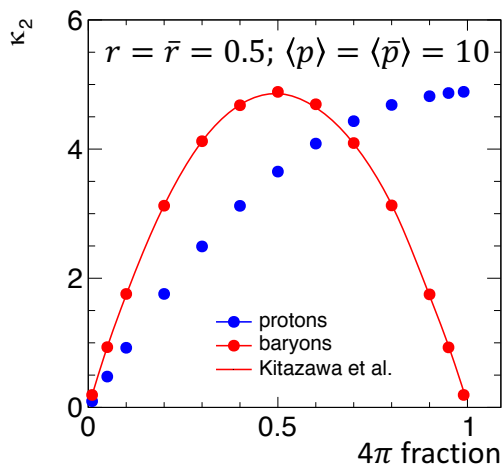
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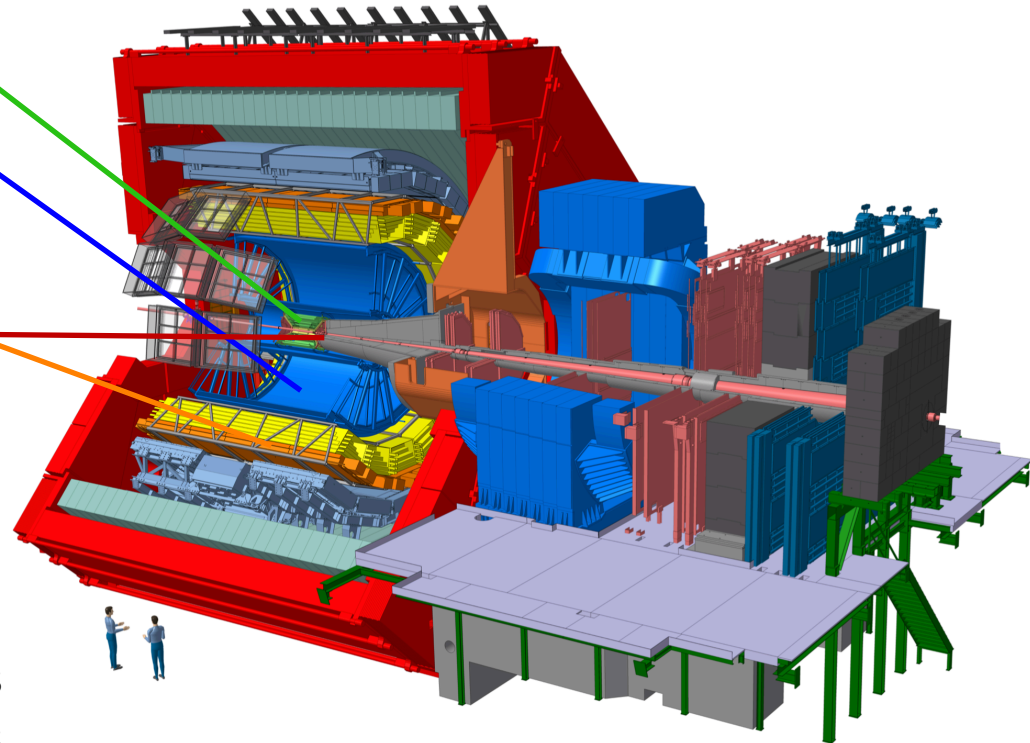
Effect of **baryon number conservation** has to be taken into account

RESULTS

A Large Ion Collider Experiment

Main detectors used:

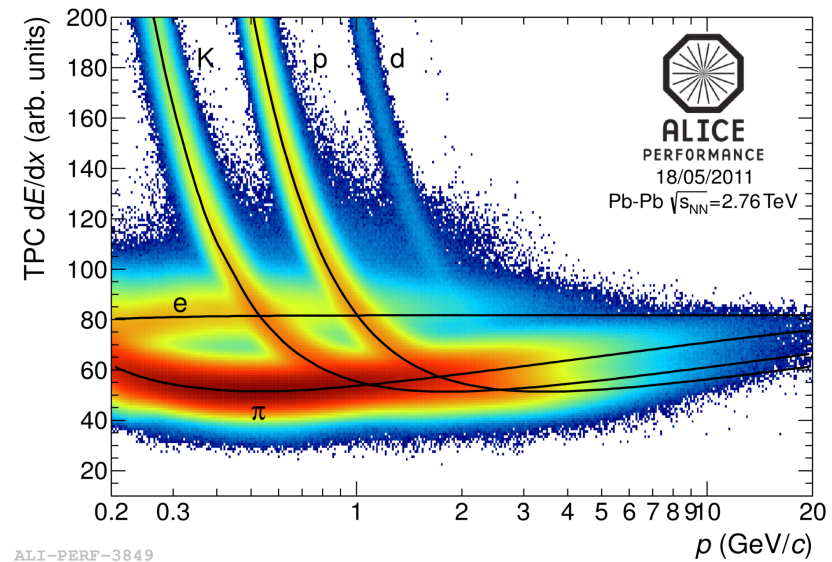
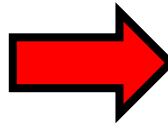
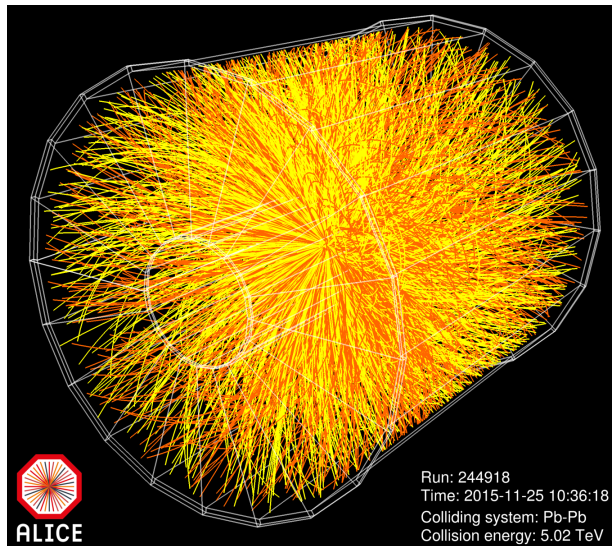
- Inner Tracking System (ITS)←
 - Tracking and vertexing
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC)←
 - Tracking and Particle identification (PID)
- Time Of Flight (TOF)←
 - PID
- Vertex 0 (V0)←
 - Centrality determination



Data Set:

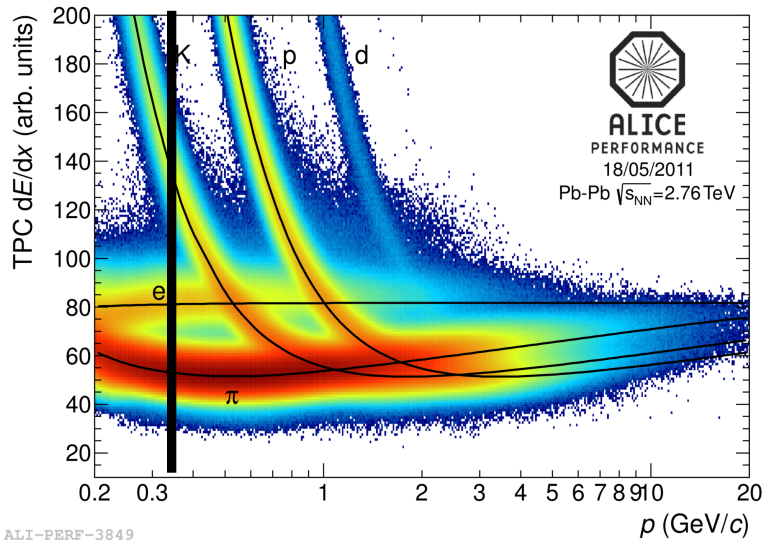
- Pb-Pb collisions
 - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, ~60 M events
 - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV, ~12 M events
- Model
 - HIJING, ~6 M events

Particle Identification

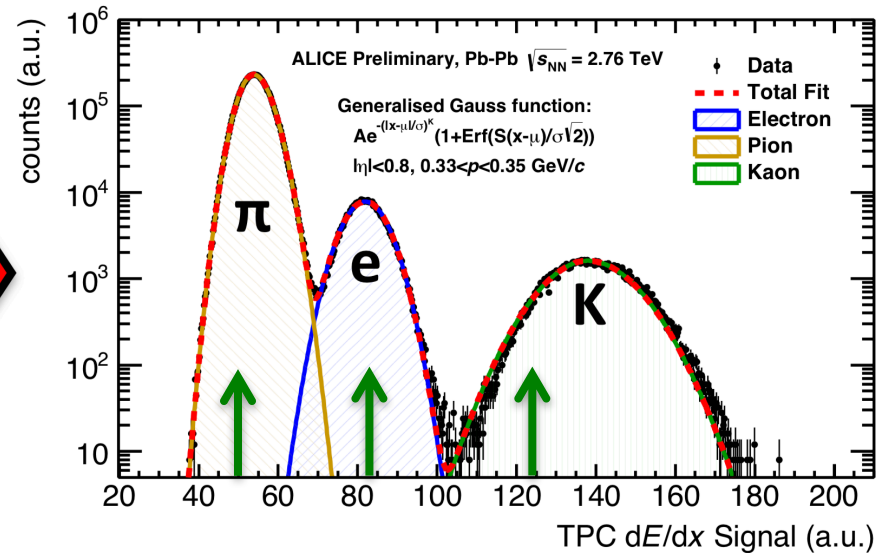


Cut-based vs Identity method

Cut-based approach: count tracks of a given particle type



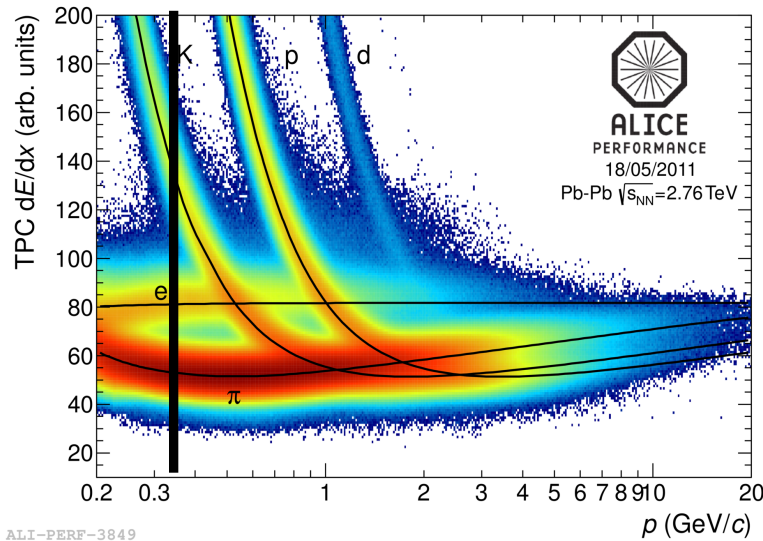
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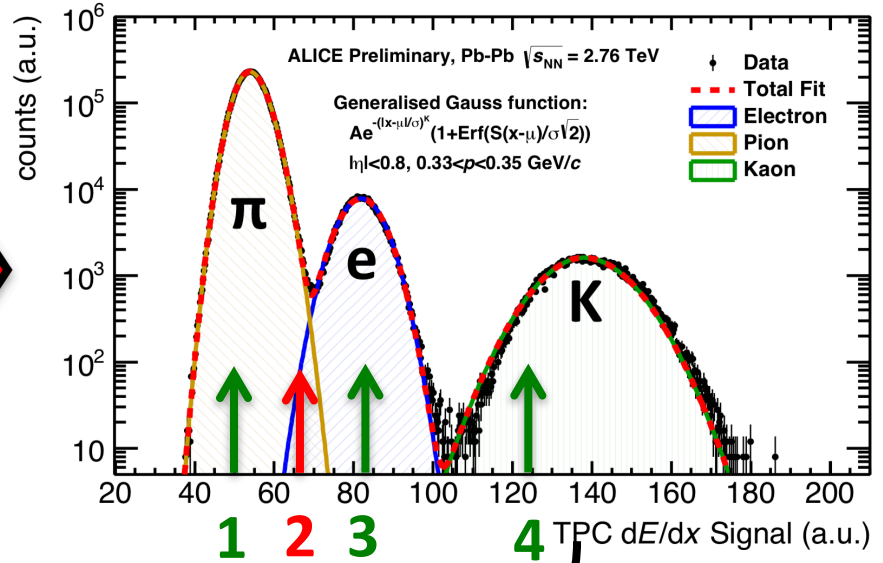
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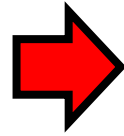
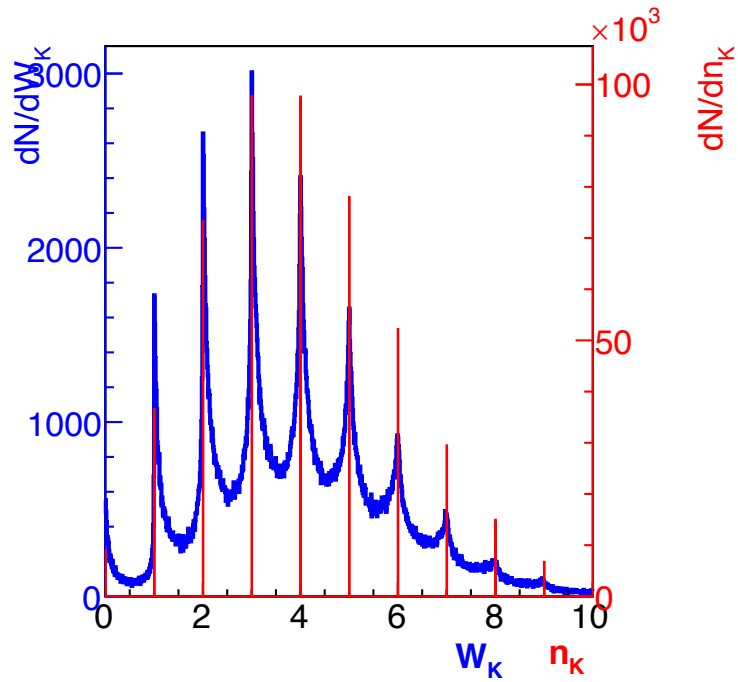


$$\omega_{\pi}^{(1)} = 1, \quad \omega_{\pi}^{(2)} \cong 0.6, \quad \omega_{\pi}^{(3)} = 0, \quad \omega_{\pi}^{(4)} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad W_{\pi} = 1.6 \neq N_{\pi}$$

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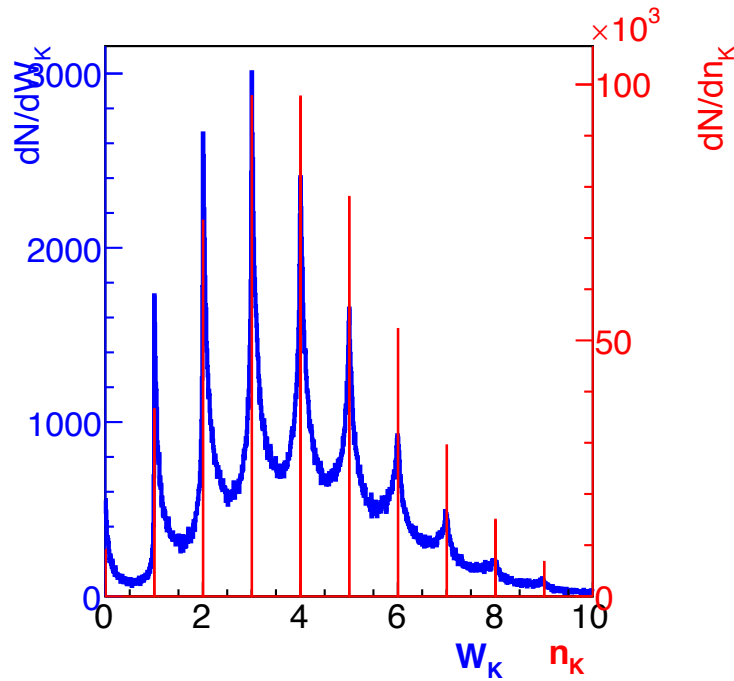
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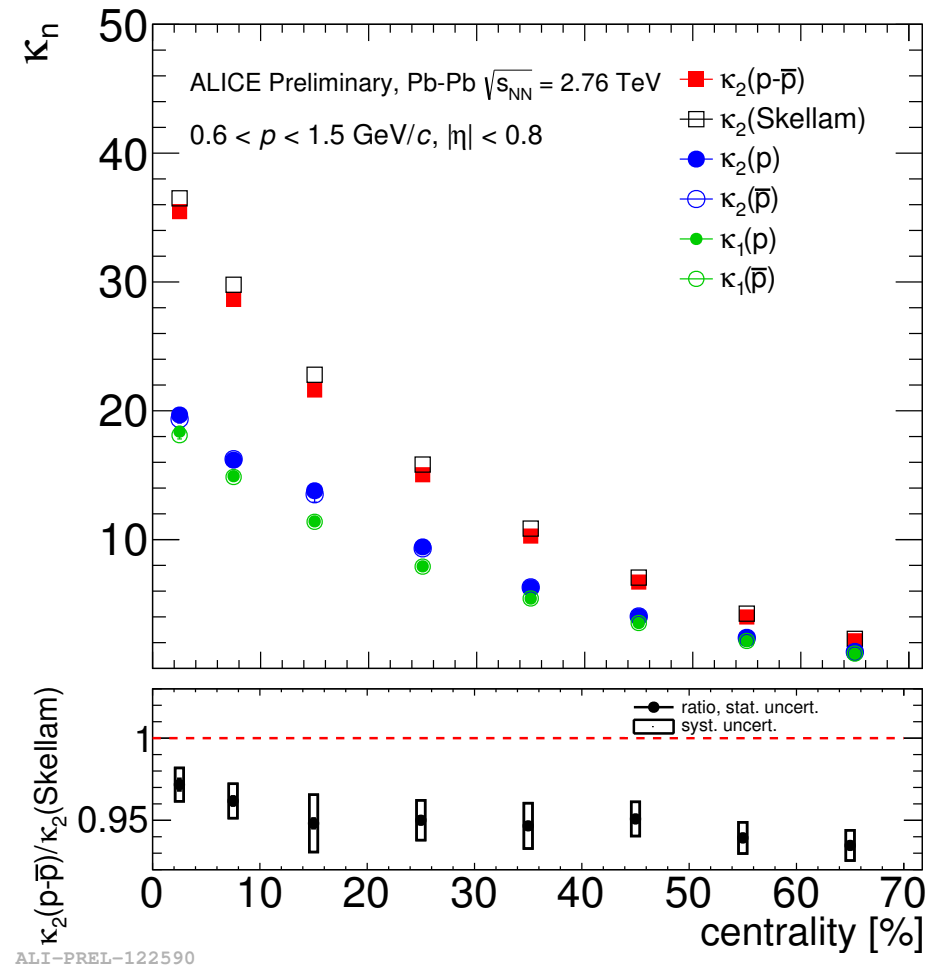
➤ Cut-based approach

- Uses additional detector information or reject a given phase space bin
- Challenge: efficiency correction and contamination

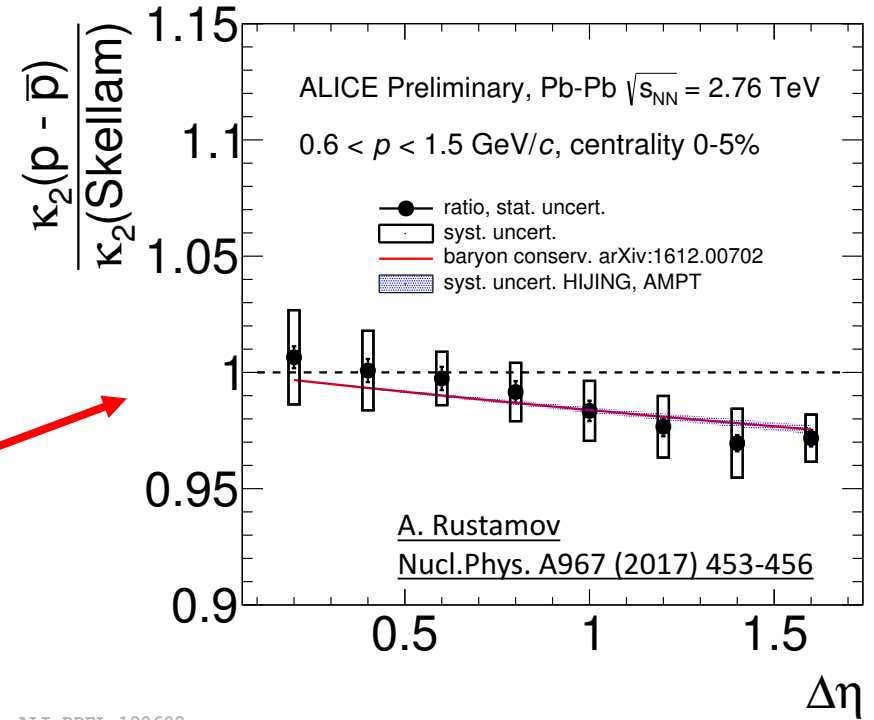
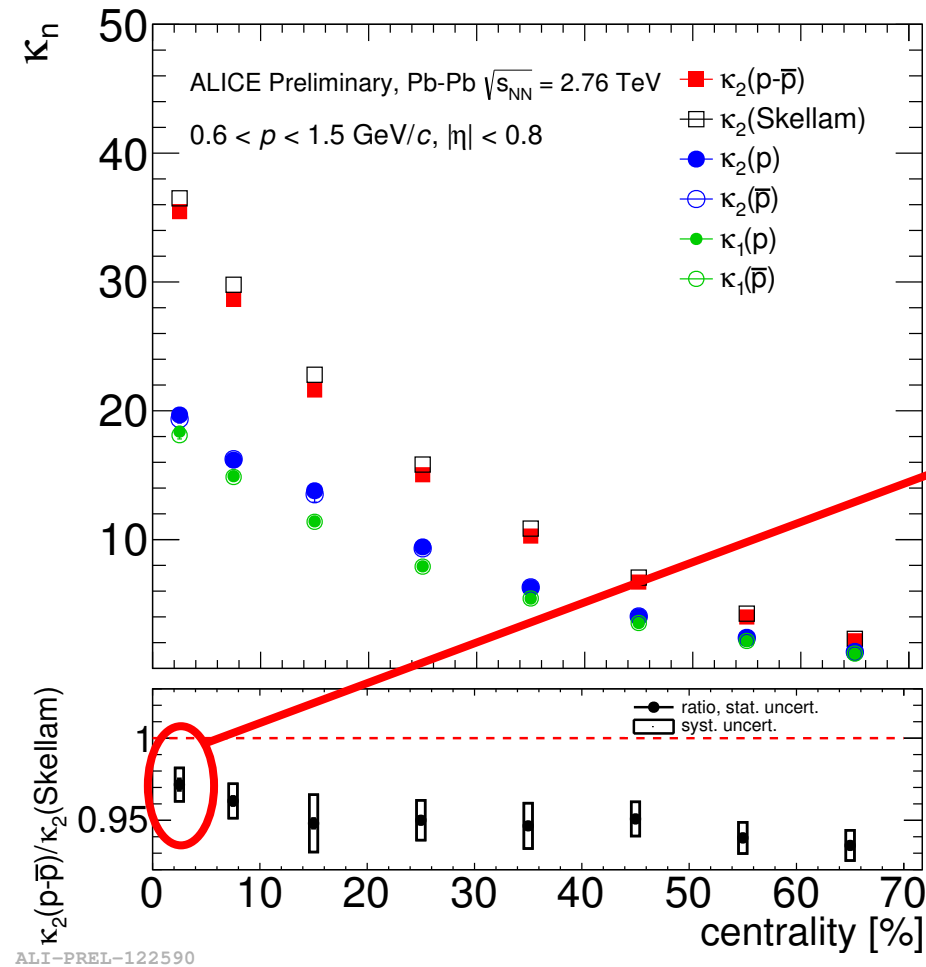
➤ Identity Method

- Gives folded multiplicity distribution
- Allows for larger efficiencies \rightarrow smaller correction needed
- Ideal approach for low momentum ($p < 2$ GeV/c)

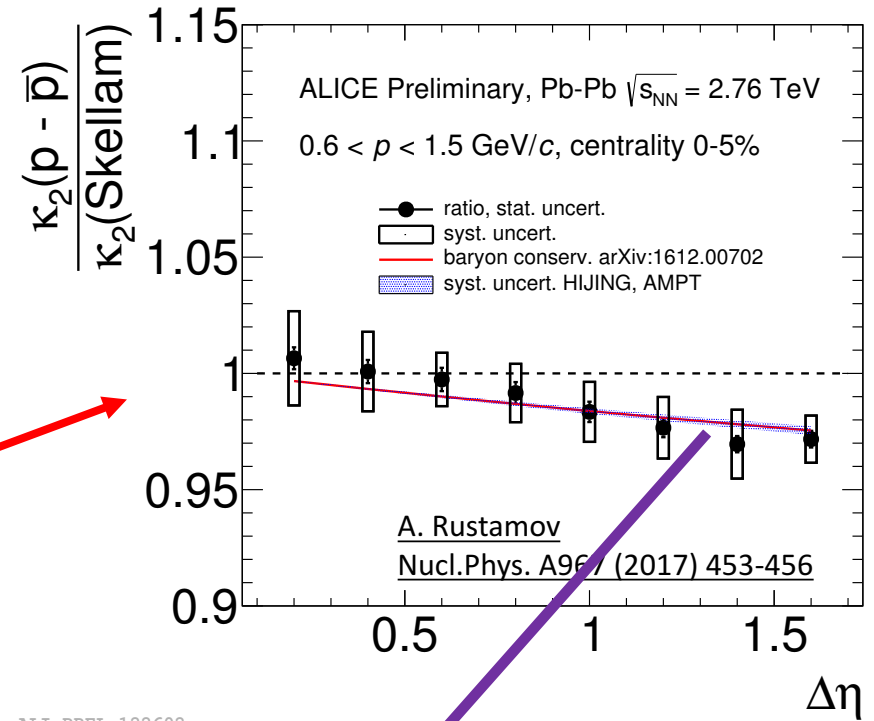
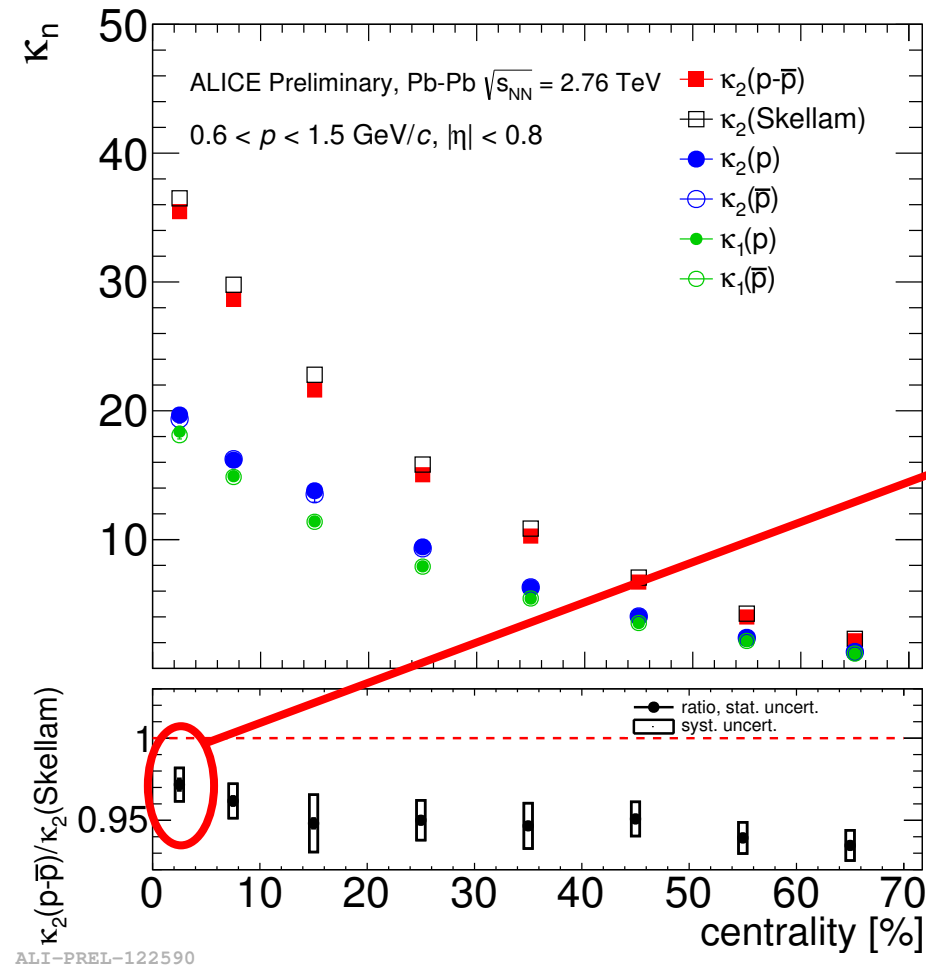
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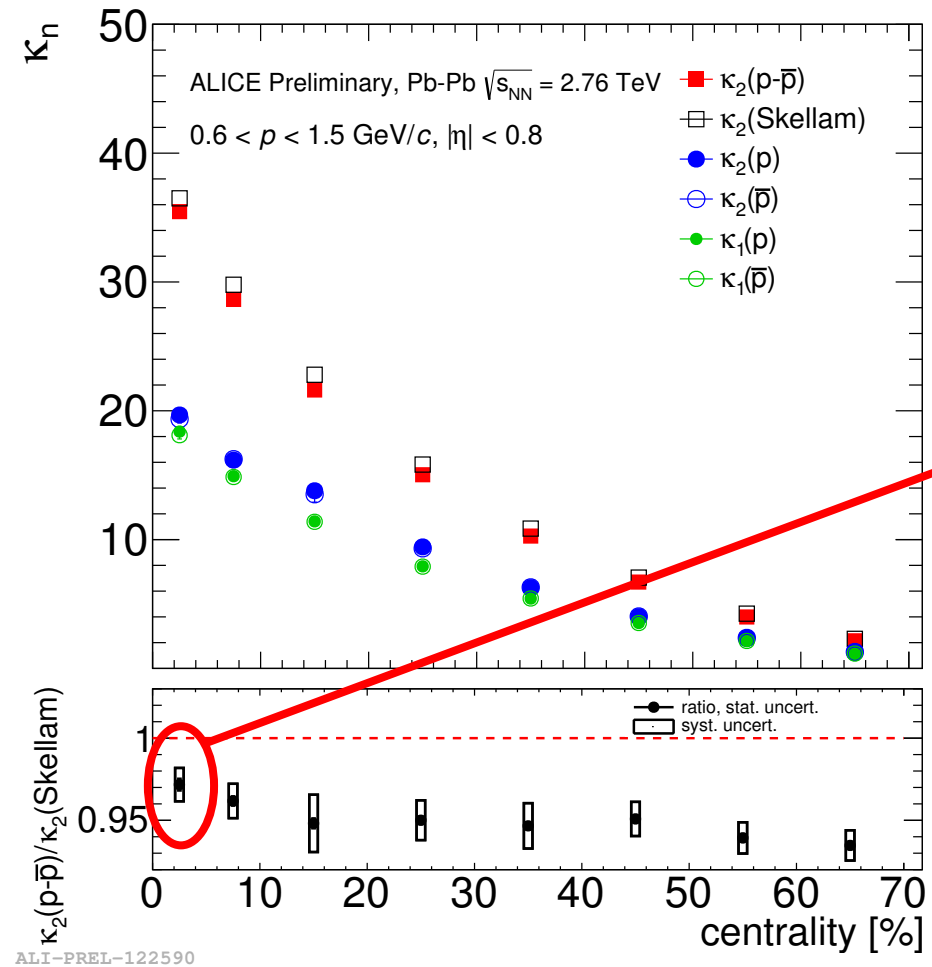


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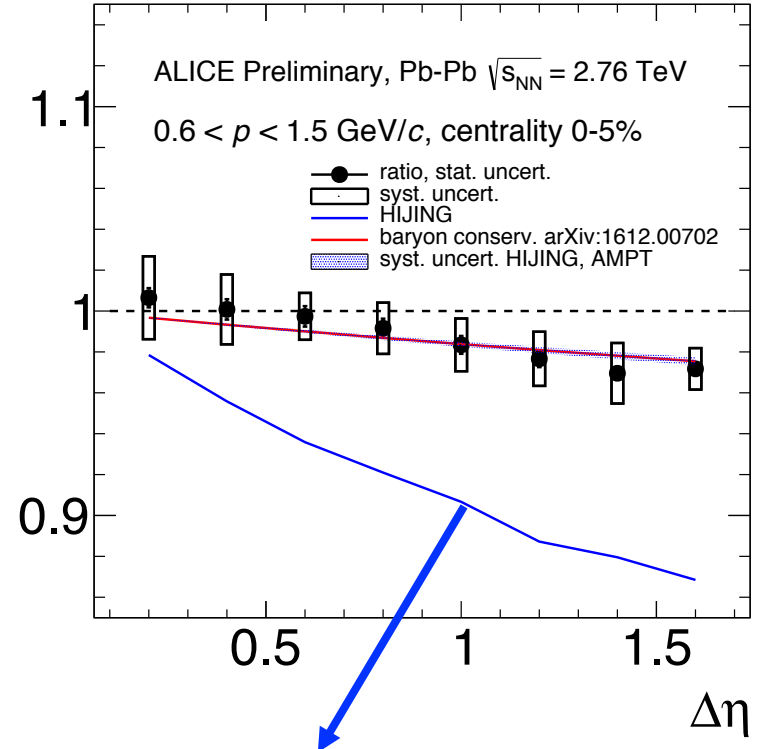


Deviation from Skellam is due to the global **baryon number conservation**

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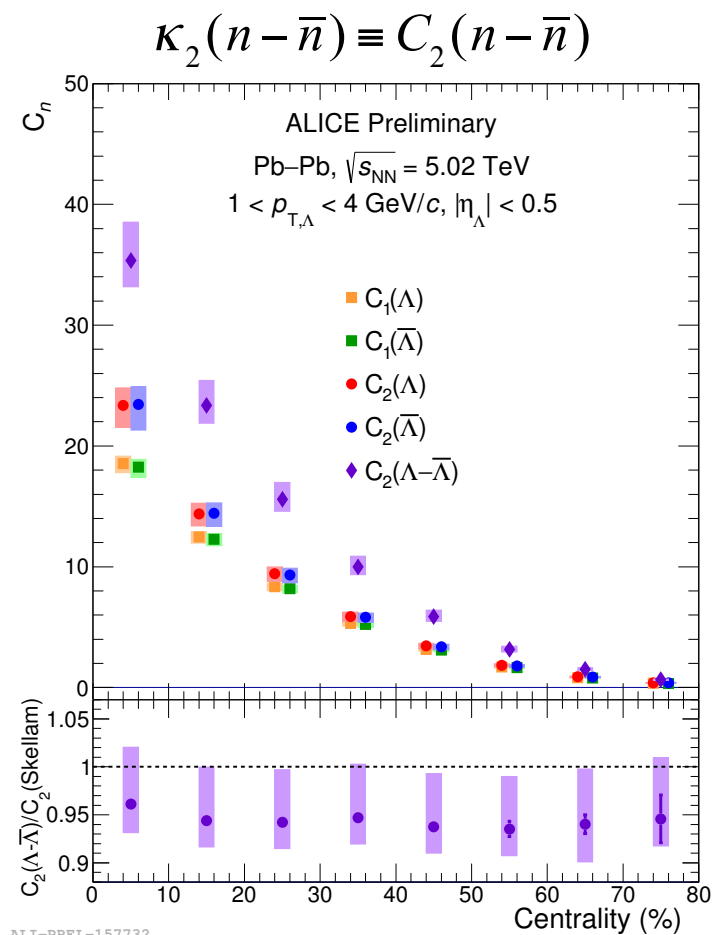


$$\frac{\kappa_2(p - \bar{p})}{\kappa_2(\text{Skellam})}$$



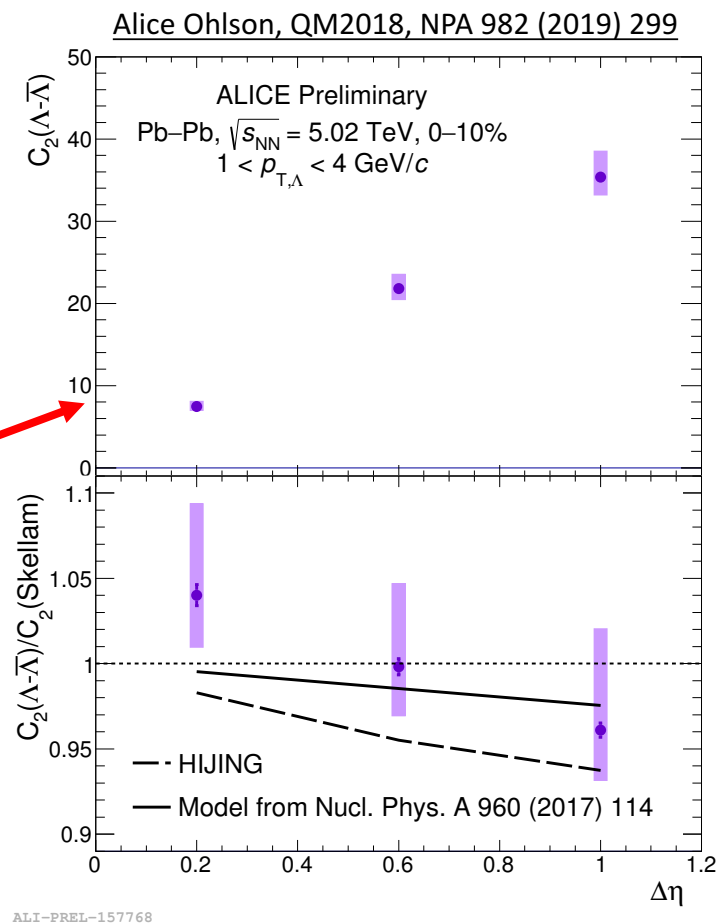
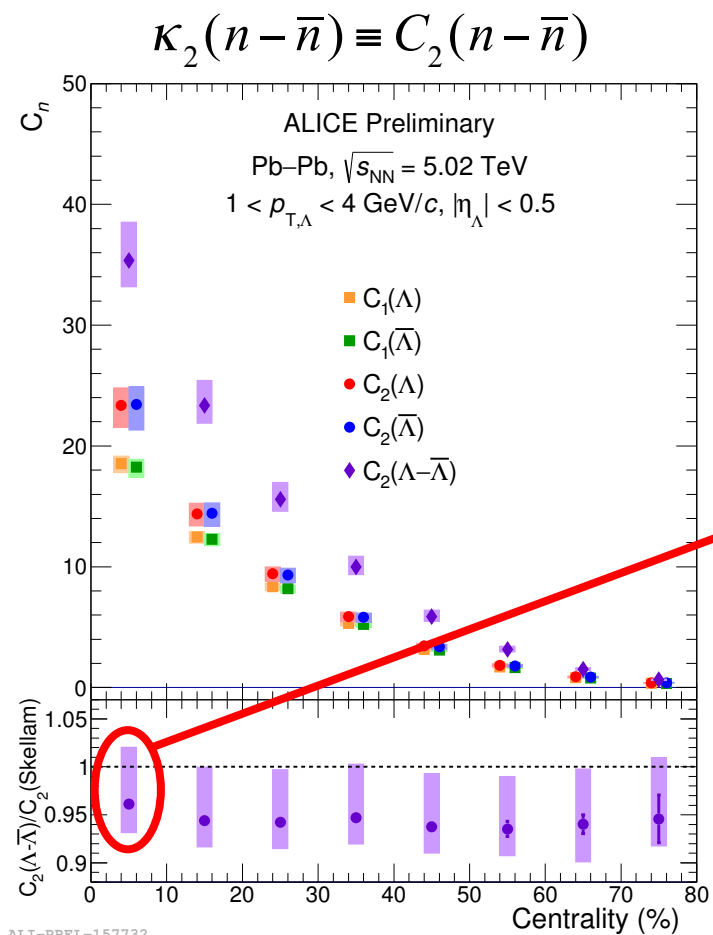
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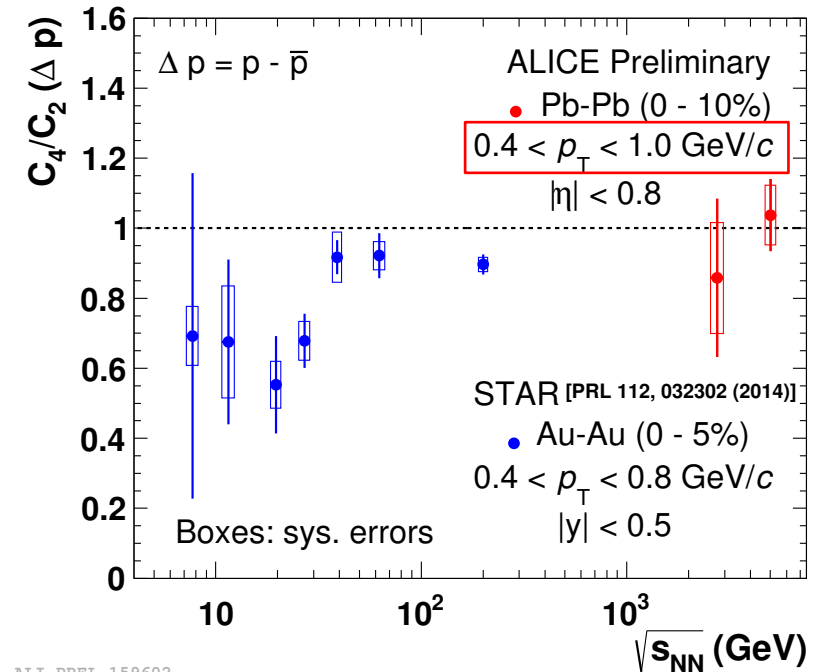
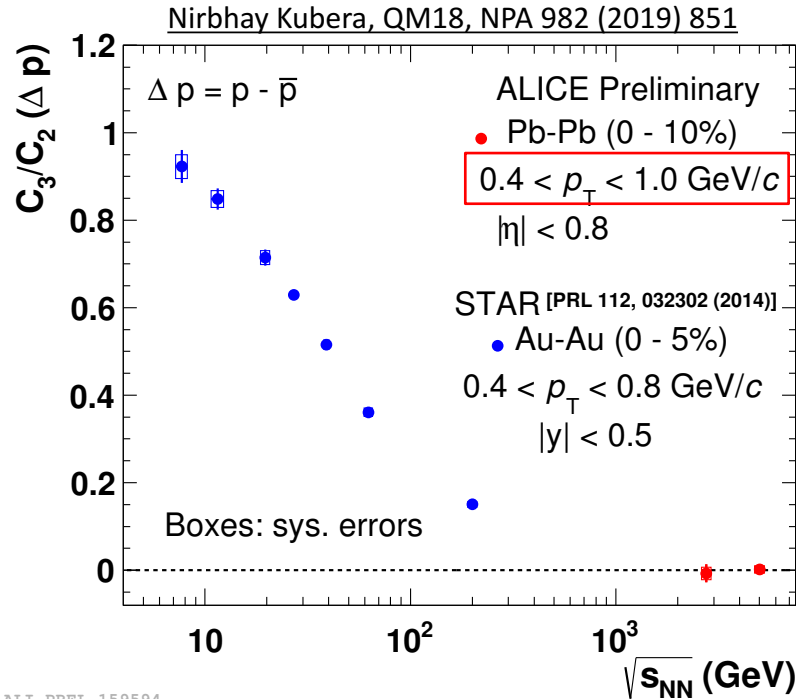
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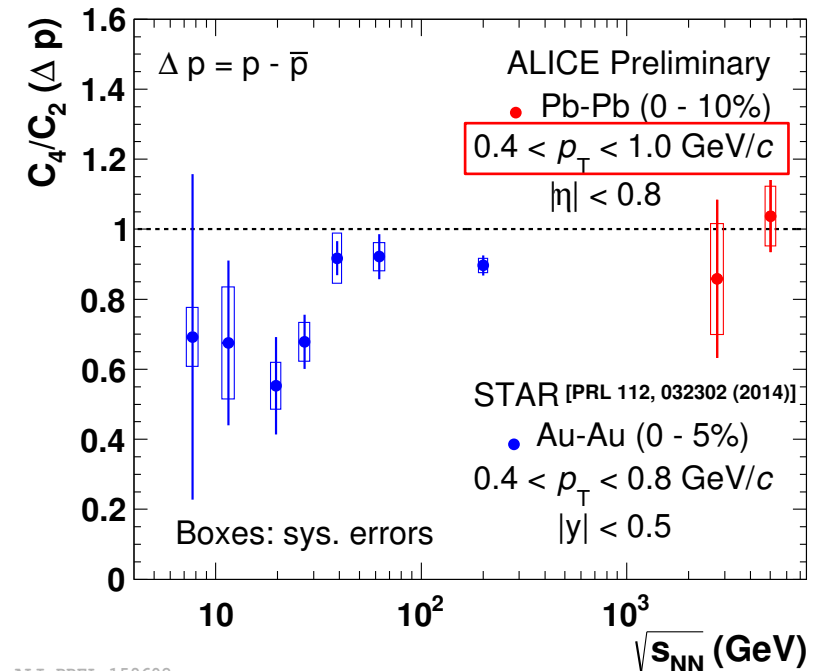
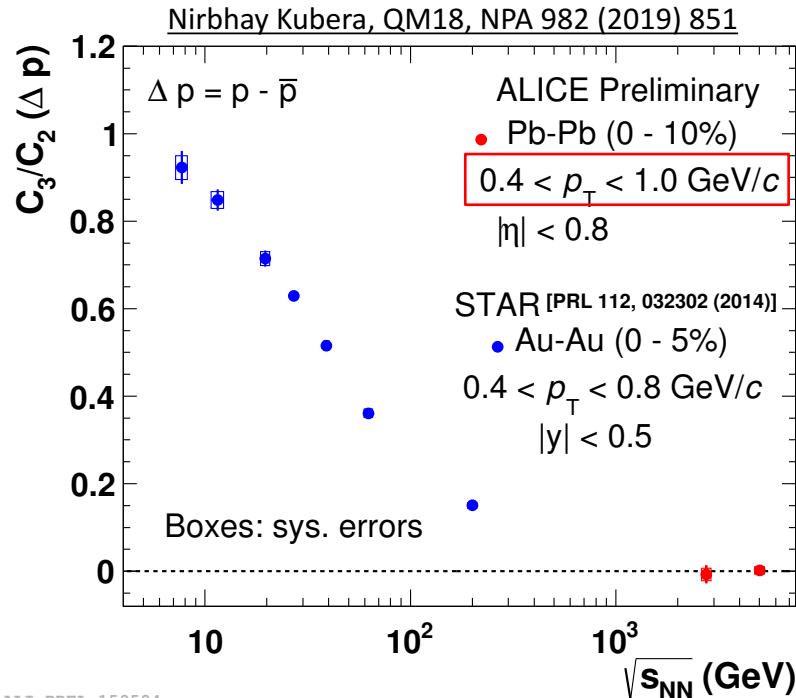
- Similar trend as for **net-p**
- Better precision is needed to disentangle global vs local conservation laws

3rd and 4th order net-p



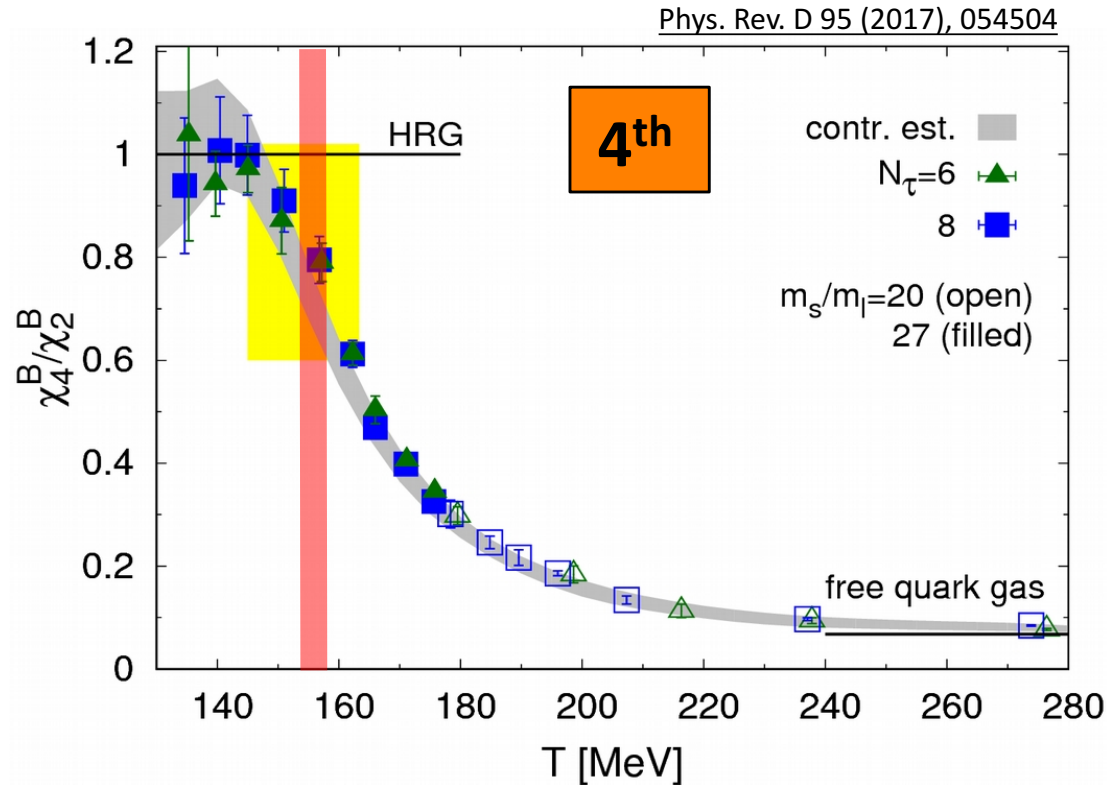
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- **C_3/C_2 and C_4/C_2 at LHC** within uncertainties are consistent with Skellam?

3rd and 4th order net-p



- **~30% difference** between LQCD and HRG
- **Identity Method (in progress)** will increase acceptance leading to be a better sensitivity of these differences

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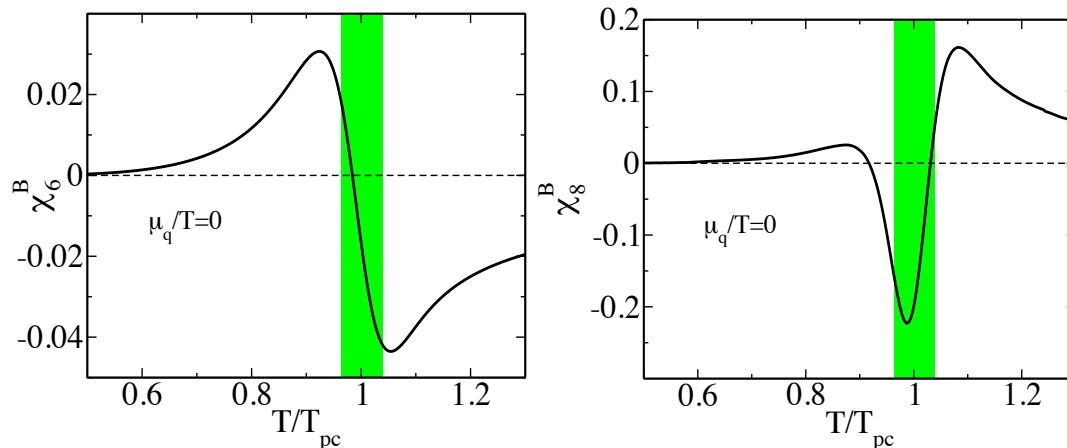
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Holy grail: see critical behavior in 6th and higher order cumulants



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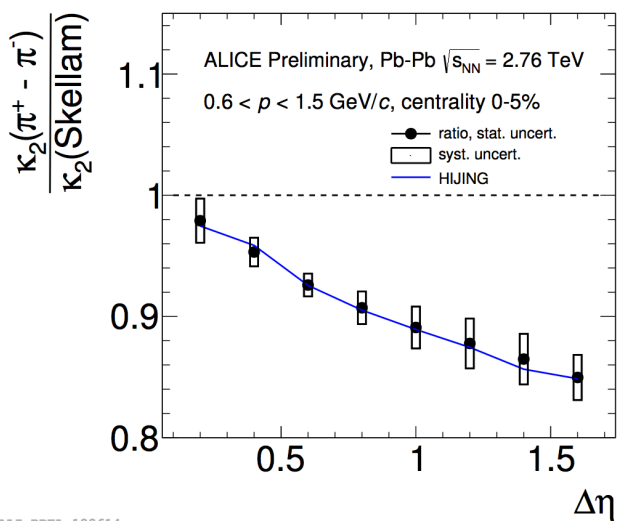
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RUN2: 4th order (~150M central events)

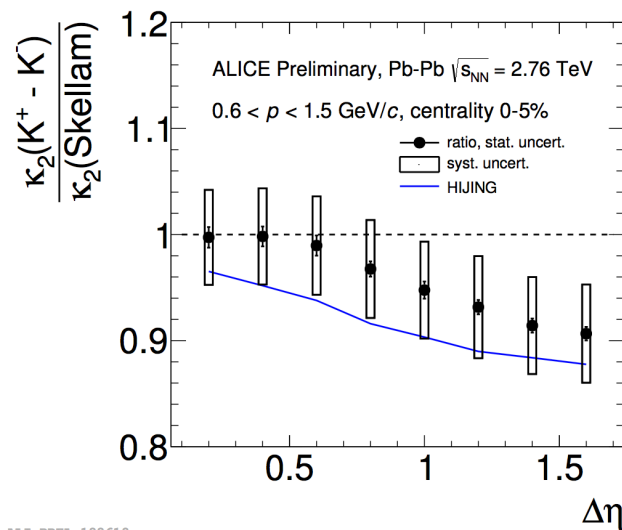
RUN3: 6th ... (>1000M central events)

BACKUP

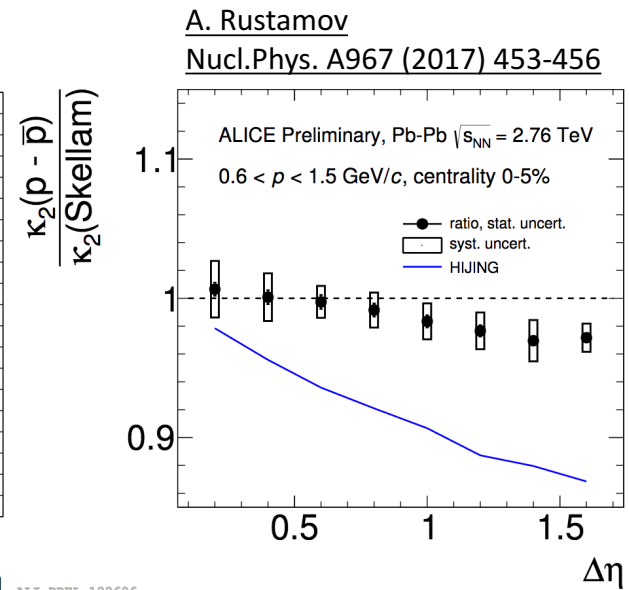
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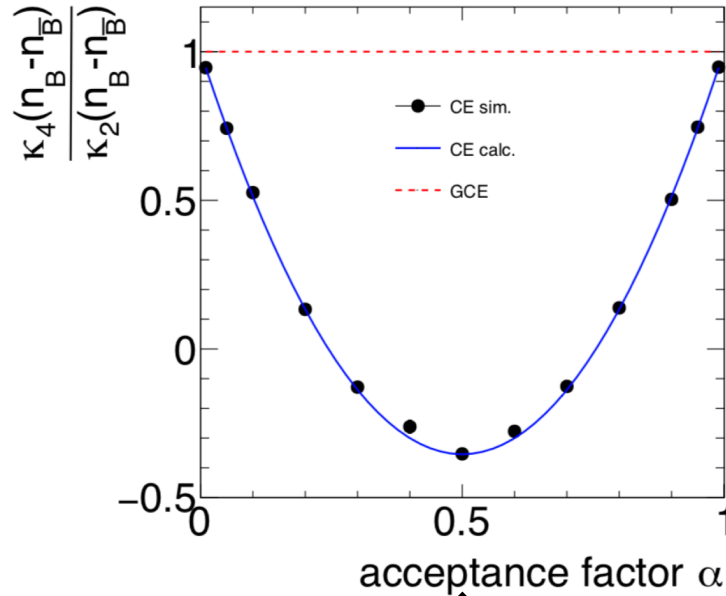
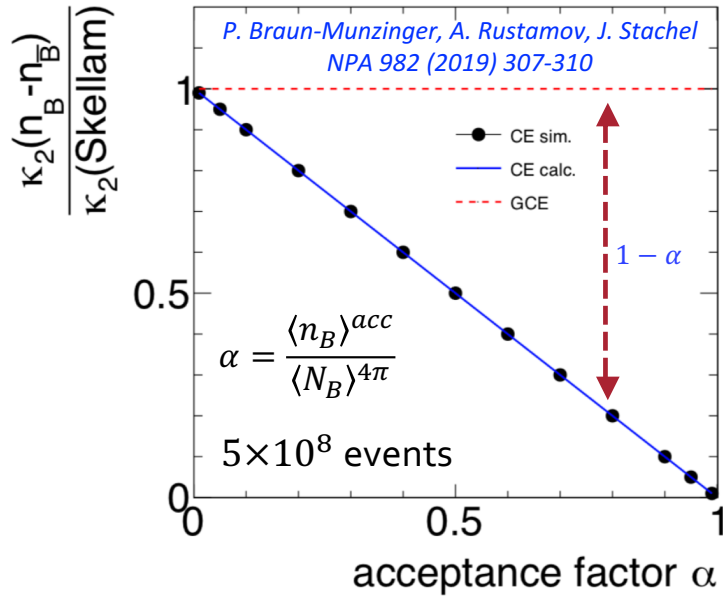


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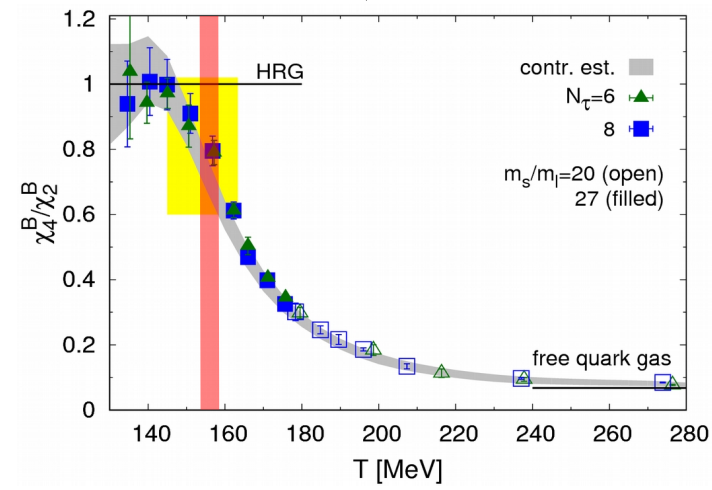


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Effects from conservation laws



**Deviations from unity
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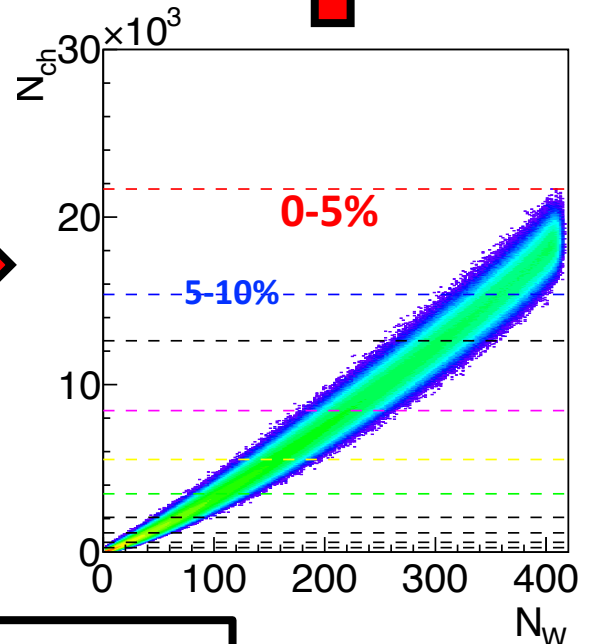
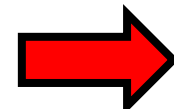
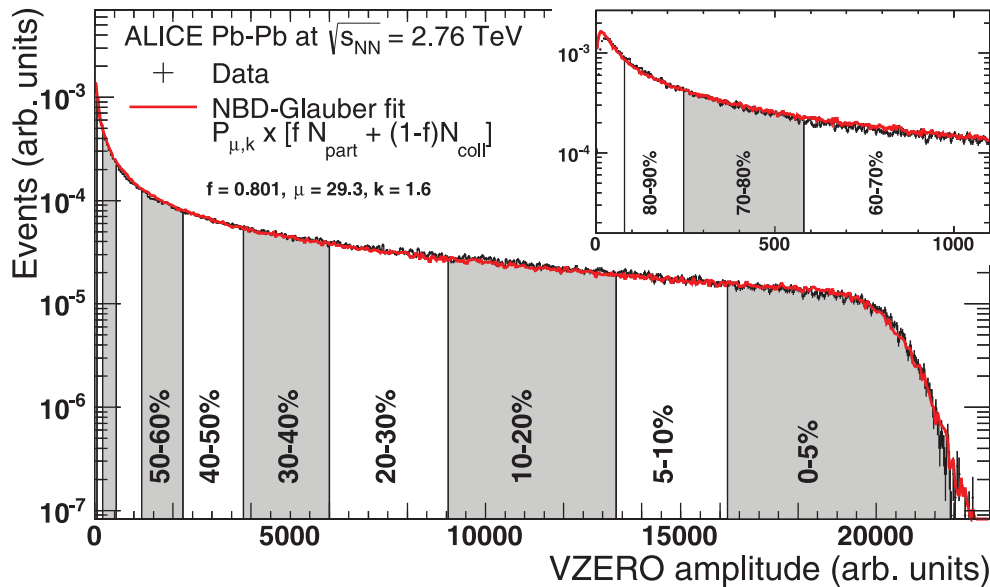
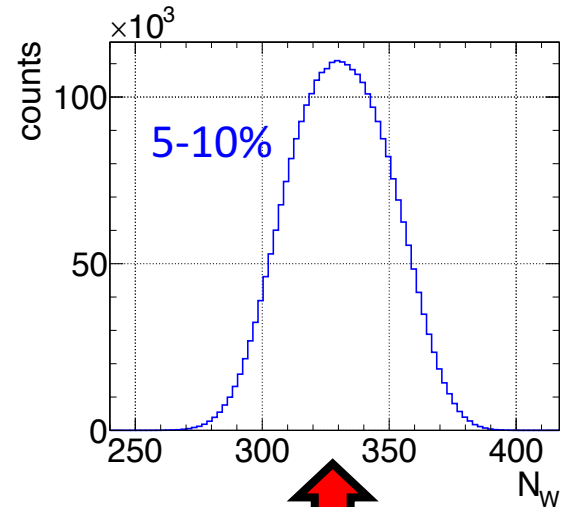
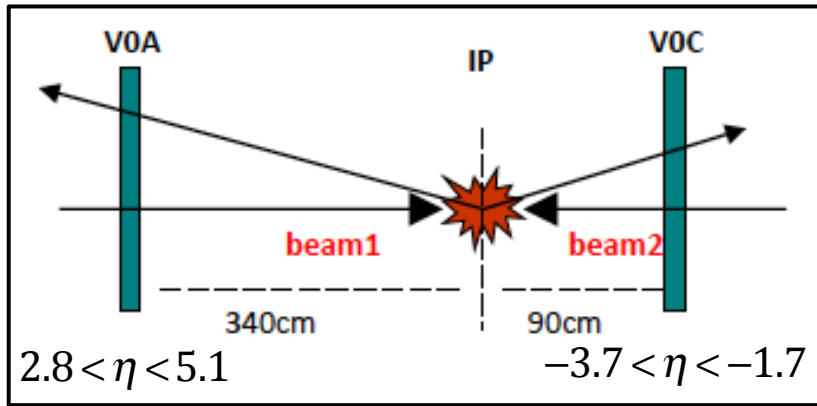


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Volume Fluctuations

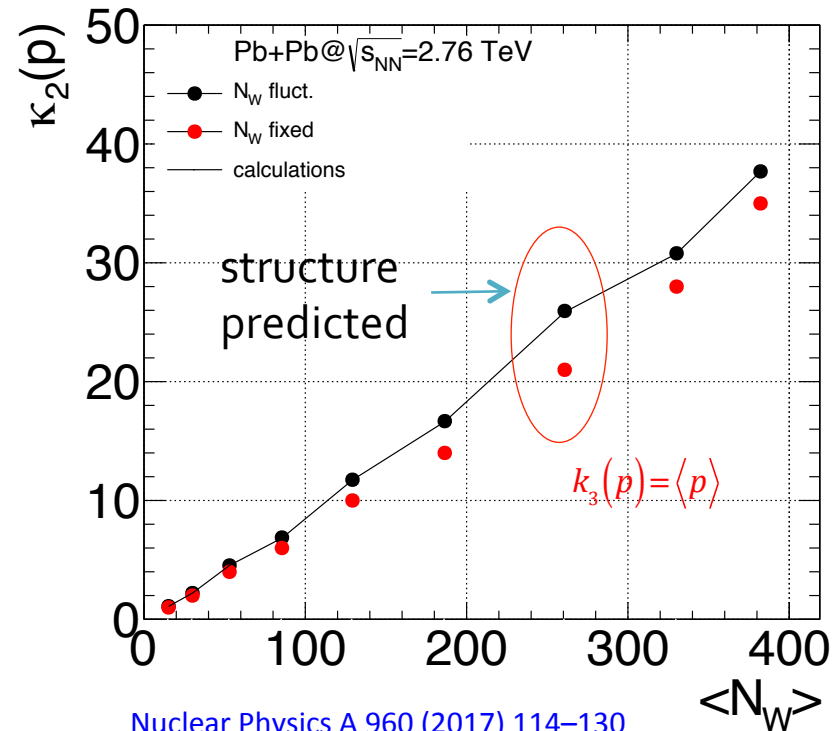
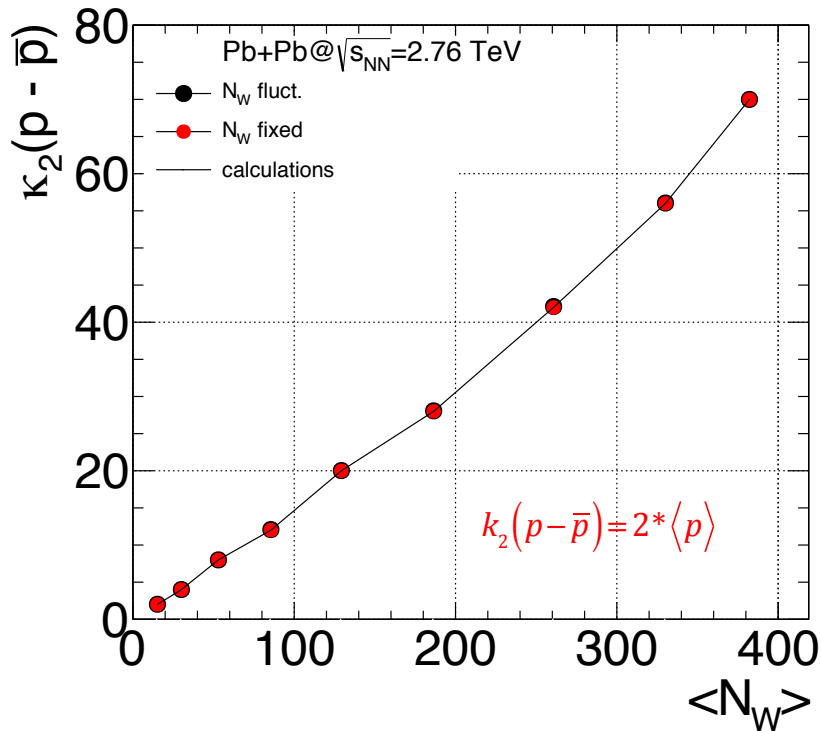
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Volume Fluct.: 2nd order

150*10⁶ Events



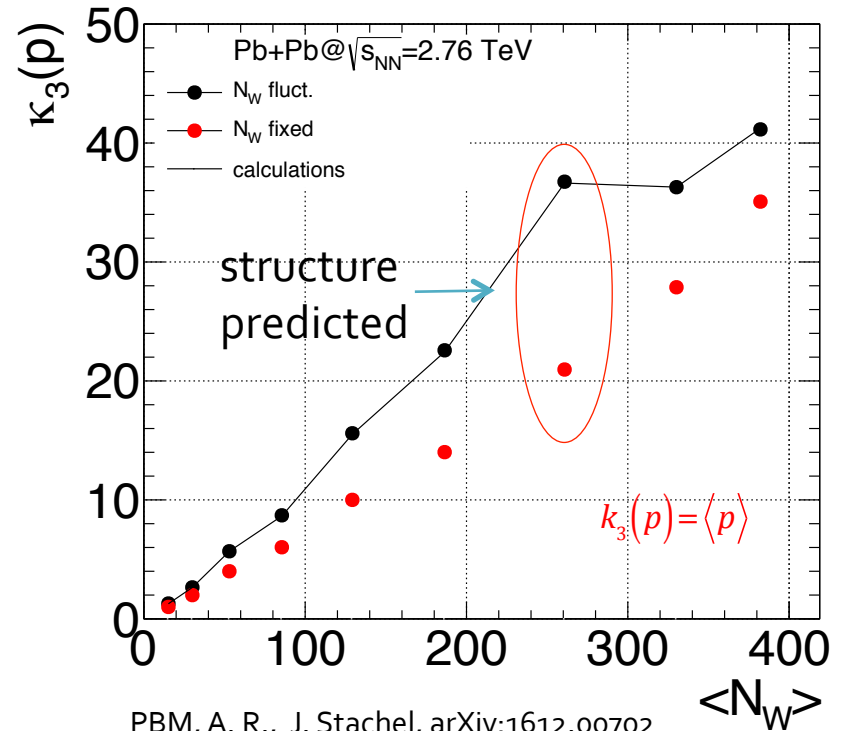
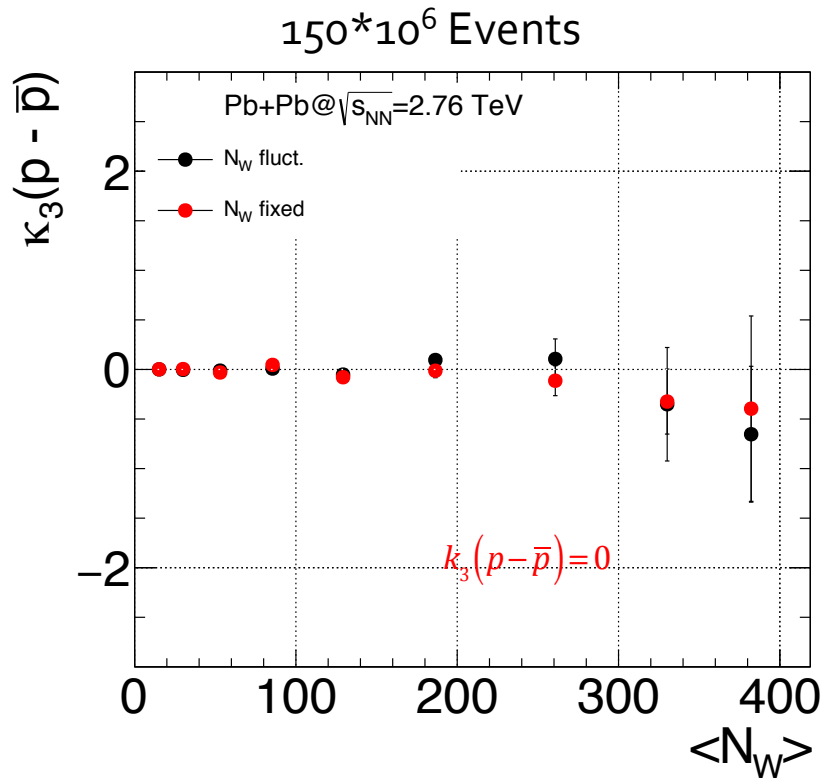
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$$k_2(p - \bar{p}) = \langle N_w \rangle k_2(n - \bar{n}) + \underbrace{\langle n - \bar{n} \rangle^2}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{vanishes for ALICE}}} k_2(N_w)$$

$$k_2(p) = \langle N_w \rangle k_2(n) + \underbrace{\langle n \rangle^2}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{does not vanish}}} k_2(N_w)$$

n, \bar{n} from single wounded nucleon

Volume Fluct.: 3rd order



PBM, A. R., J. Stachel, arXiv:1612.00702

$$k_3(p - \bar{p}) = \langle N_w \rangle k_3(n - \bar{n}) + \langle n - \bar{n} \rangle (\dots)$$



vanishes for ALICE

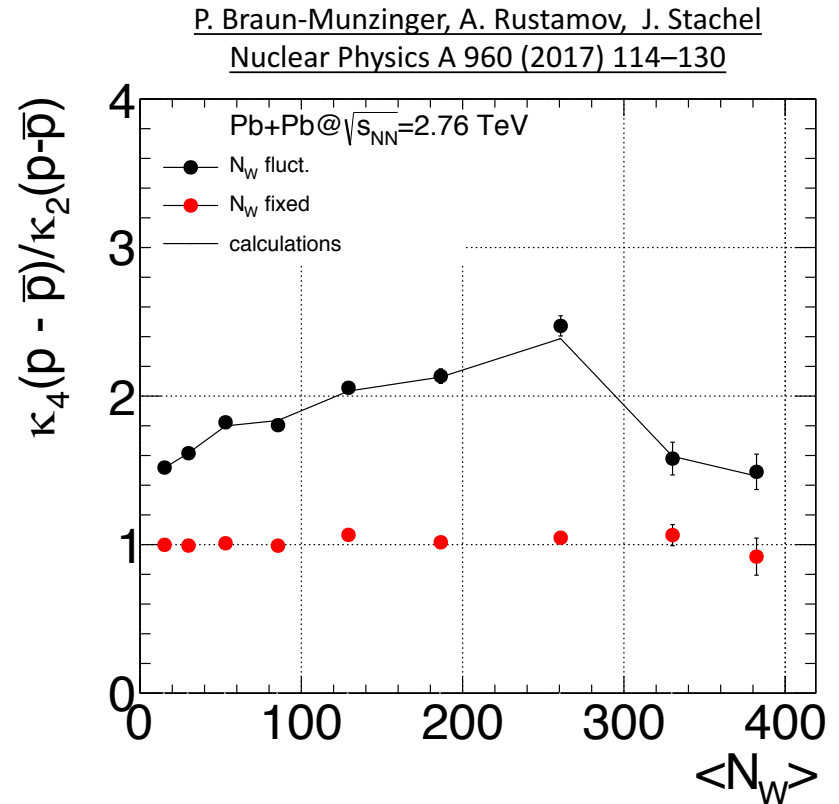
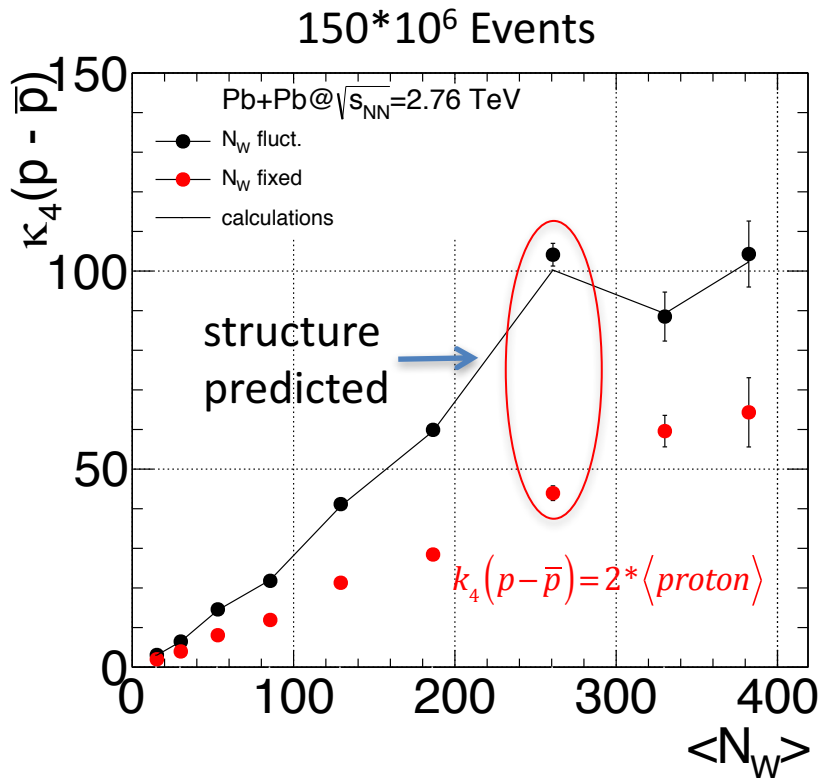
$$k_3(p) = \langle N_w \rangle k_3(n) + \langle n \rangle (\dots)$$



does not vanish

n, \bar{n} from single wounded nucleon

Volume Fluct.: 4th order



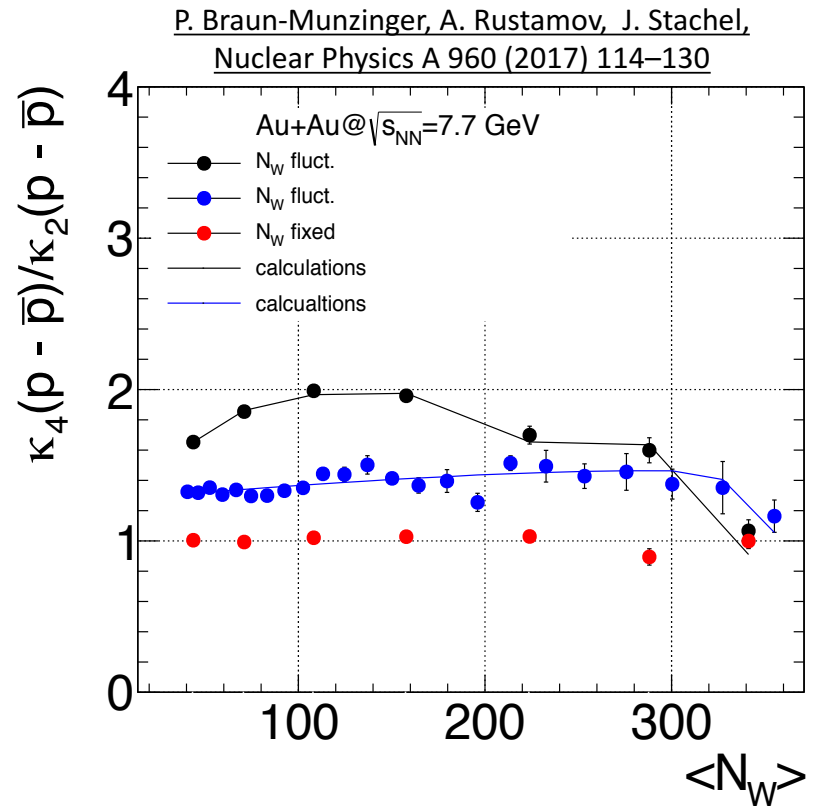
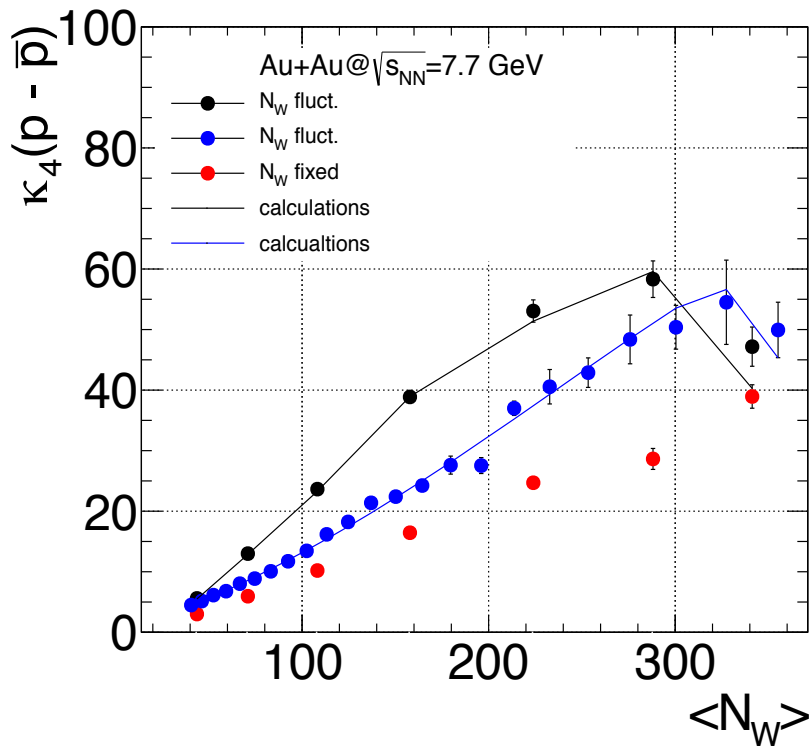
$$k_4(p-\bar{p}) = \langle N_w \rangle k_4(n-\bar{n}) + 3k_2(n-\bar{n})^2 k_2(N_w) + \langle n-\bar{n} \rangle (\dots)$$

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

↓
vanishes for ALICE

volume fluctuations has to be taken into account

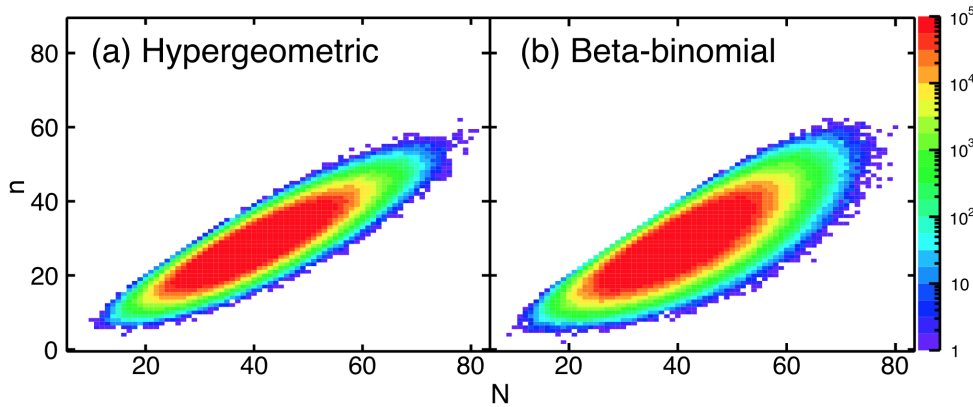
Solution for volume fluct : CBWC ???



- 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**.

Better publish uncorrected results

What if the efficiency loss is not binomial?

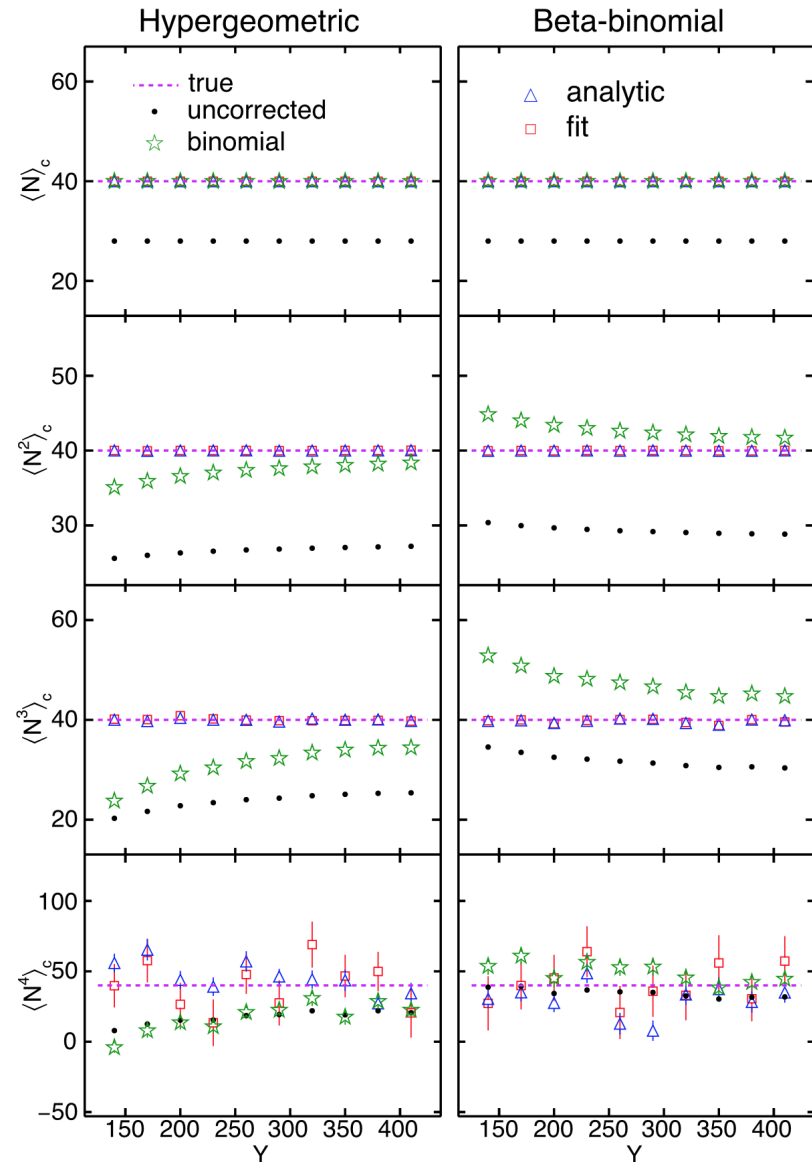


Draw N balls from the urn without returning balls to the urn

In each draw, when one draws a white ball, two white balls are returned to the urn

- Simulate efficiency loss
 - Correct with **Binomial assumption**
 - Correct with **"detector response"**

Efficiency loss shape has to be checked before

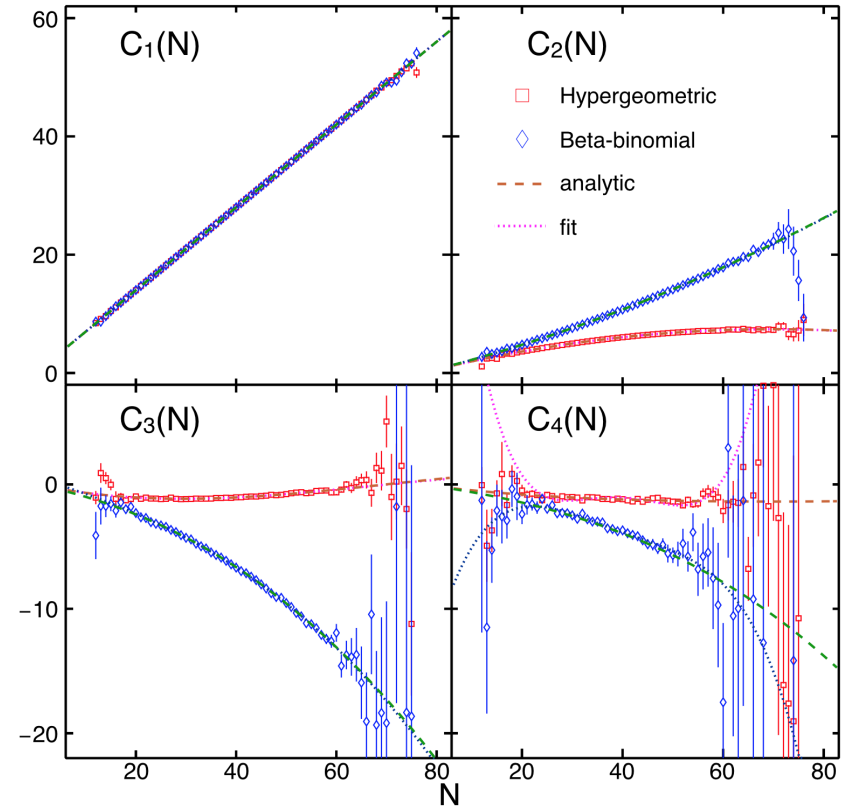


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How does it work?

- Produce sample events of N assuming the **Poisson distribution** (N =number of particles in a given event)
- **Model the efficiency loss with**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{HG}}(n; N) \text{ or } \mathcal{R}_{\beta}(n; N)$$



Measured moments

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle\langle n \rangle\rangle \\ \langle\langle n^2 \rangle\rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle\langle n^L \rangle\rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

=

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{10} \\ r_{20} \\ \vdots \\ r_{L0} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}$$

Real moments

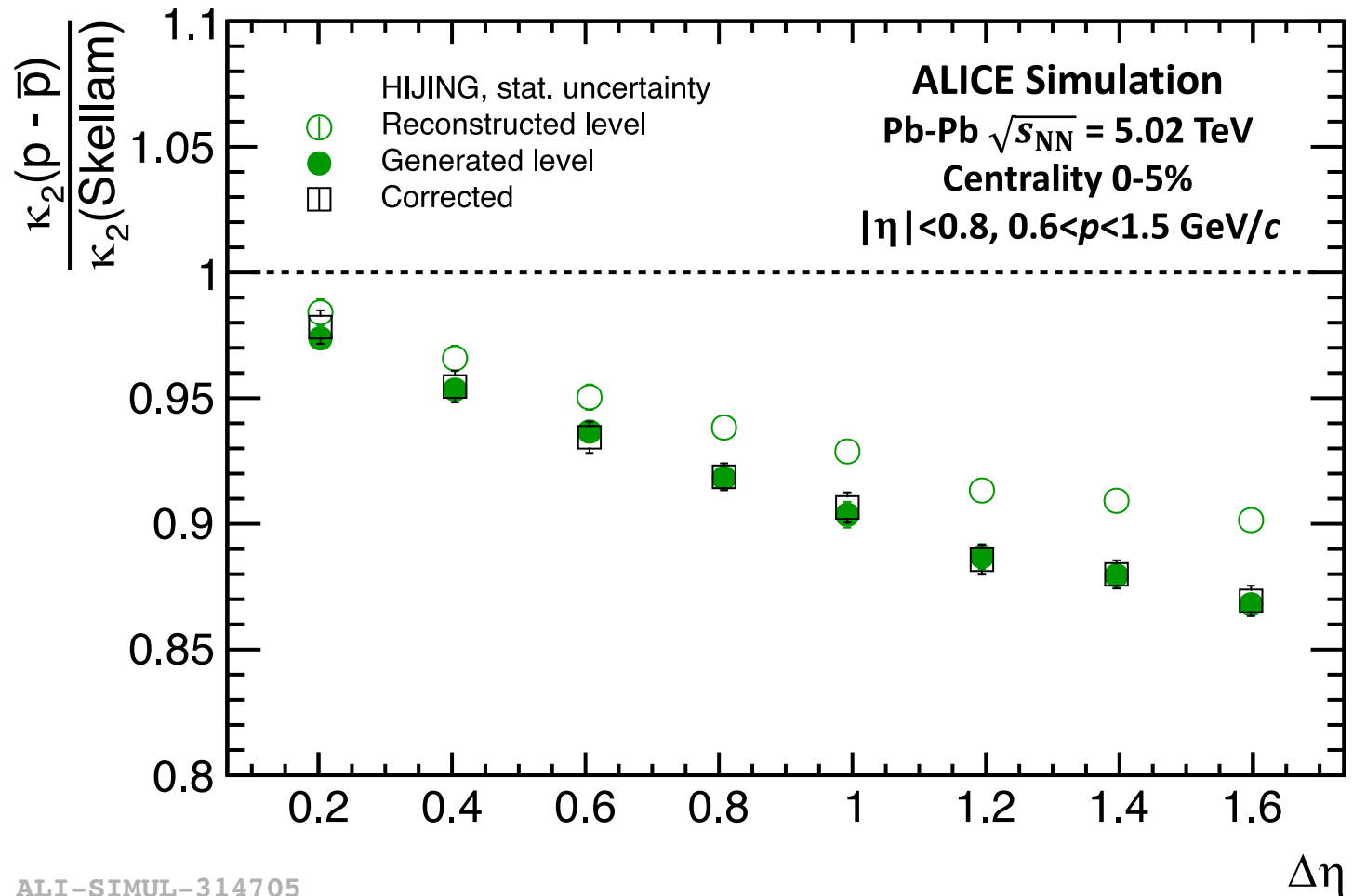
$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle N \rangle \\ \langle N^2 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle N^L \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$



Polynomial fit of the moments

$$R_m(N) = \sum_{j=0}^L r_{mj} N^j$$

Efficiency correction: $\kappa_2(p - \bar{p}) / \kappa_2(\text{Skellam})$



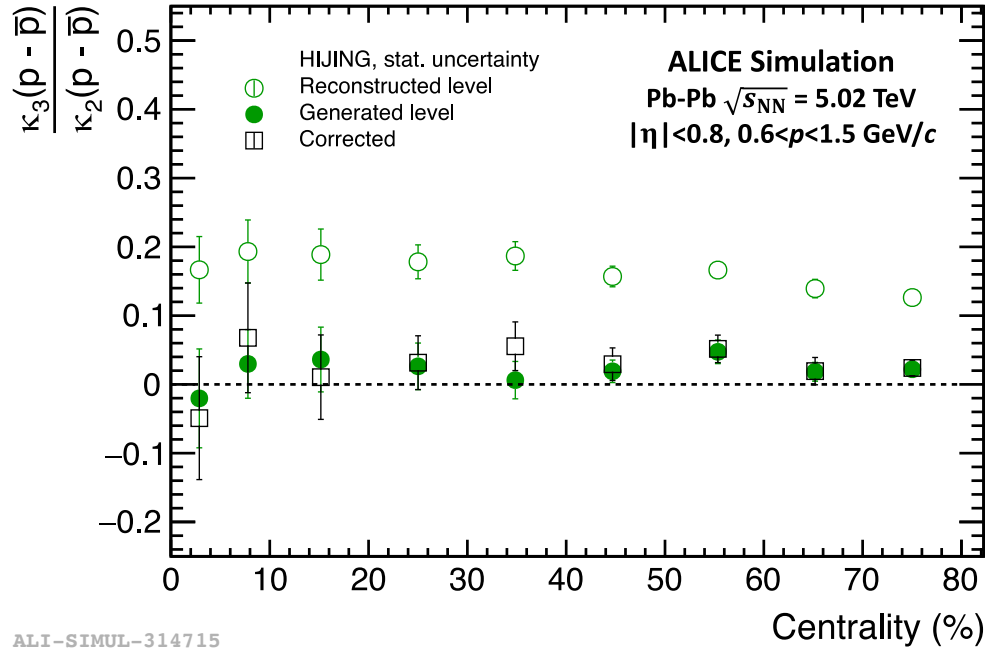
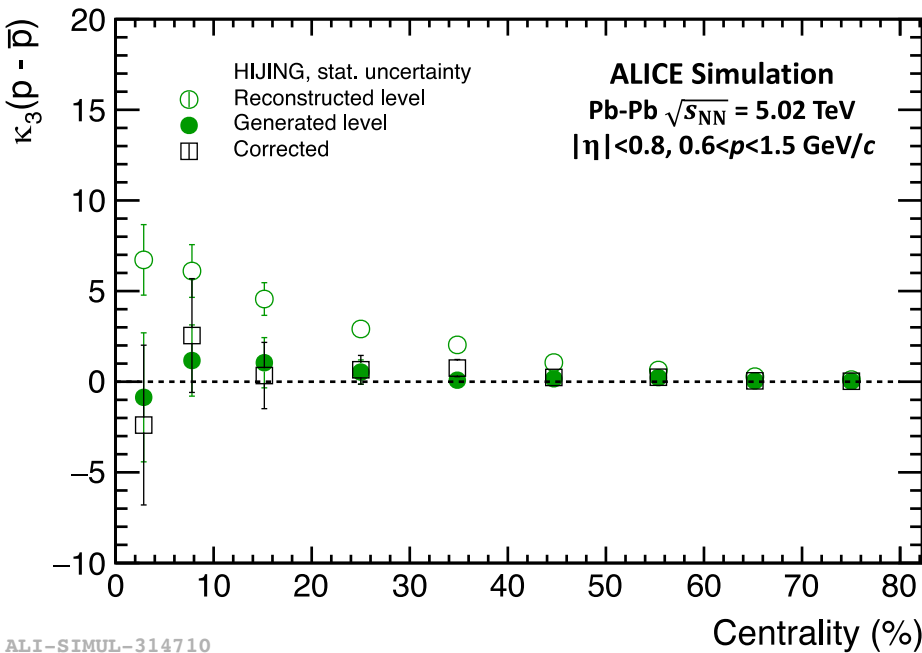
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Efficiency correction: $\kappa_3(p - \bar{p})/\kappa_2(p - \bar{p})$



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