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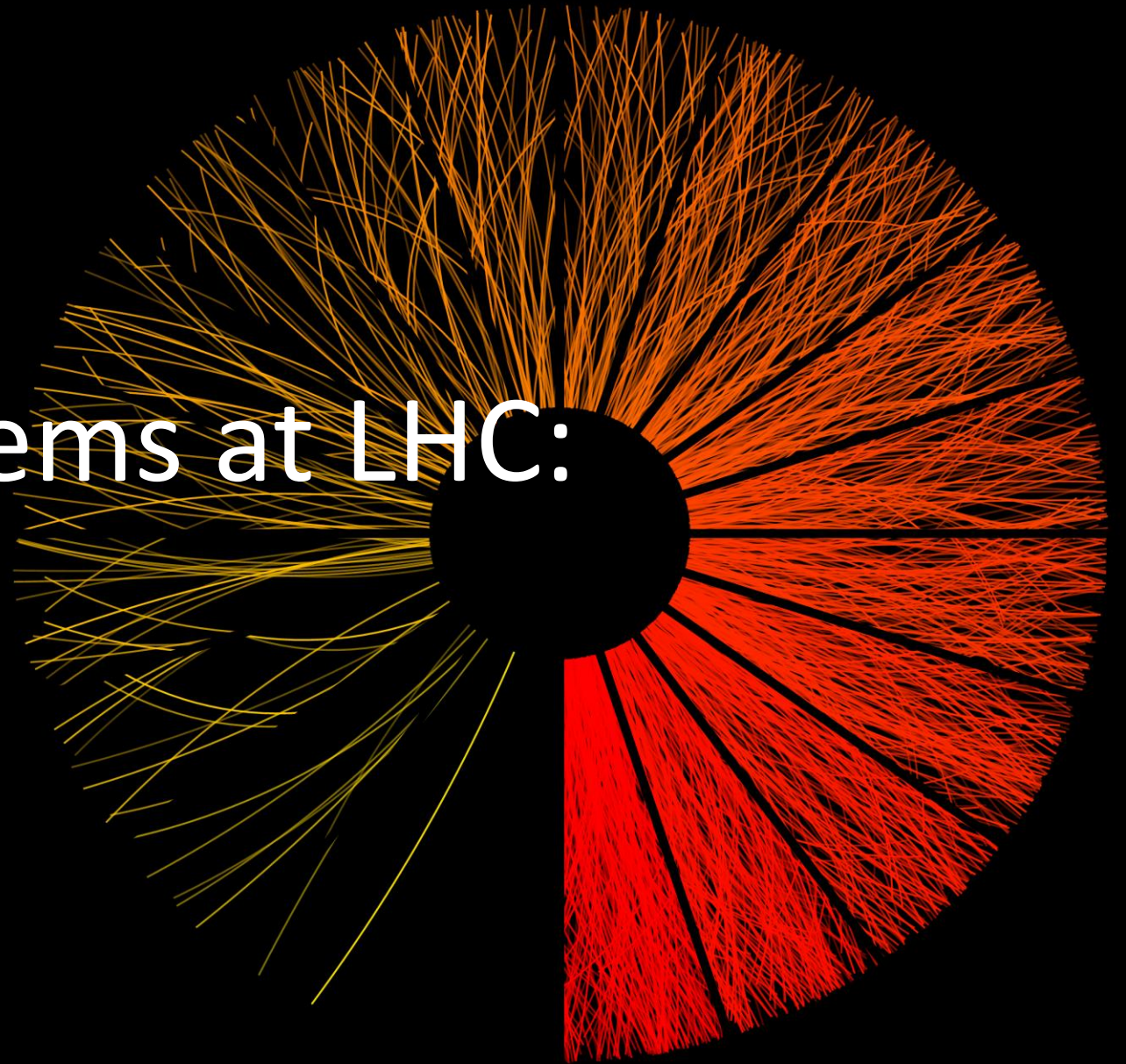
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# QGP in small systems at LHC: overview

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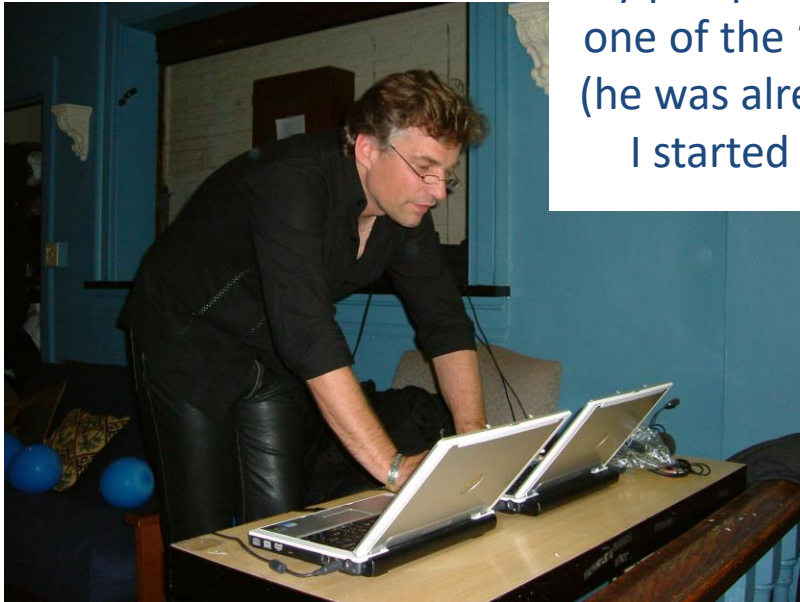
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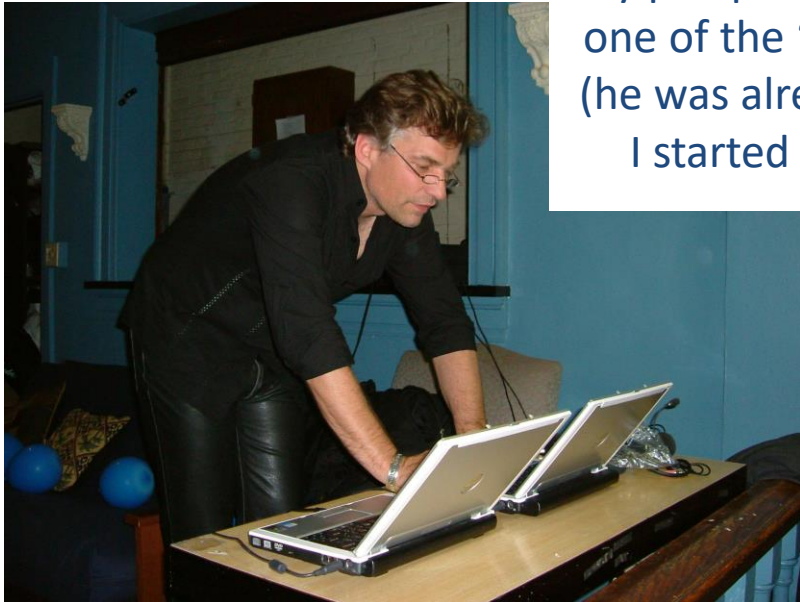


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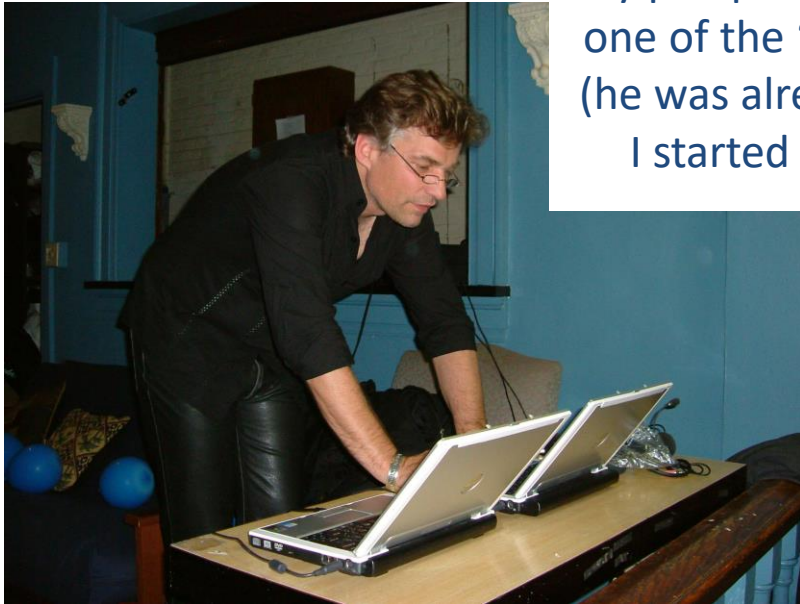
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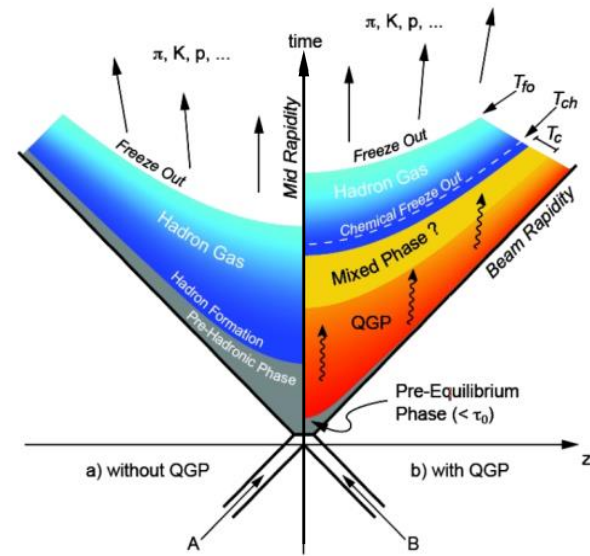


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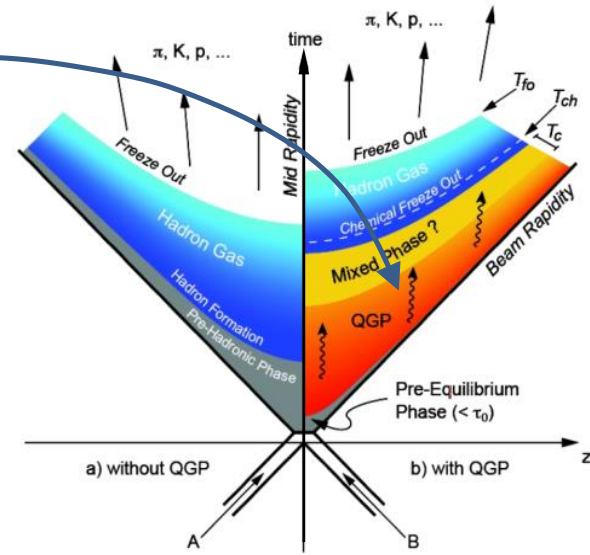
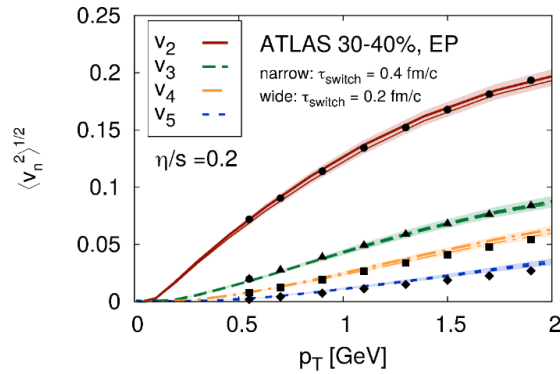
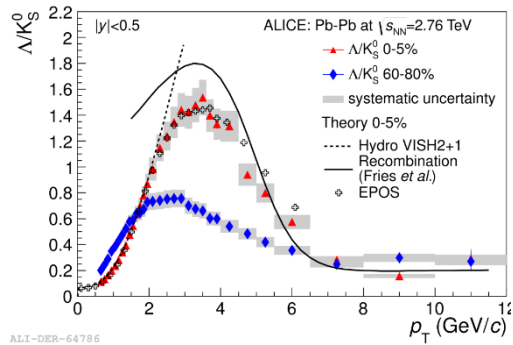




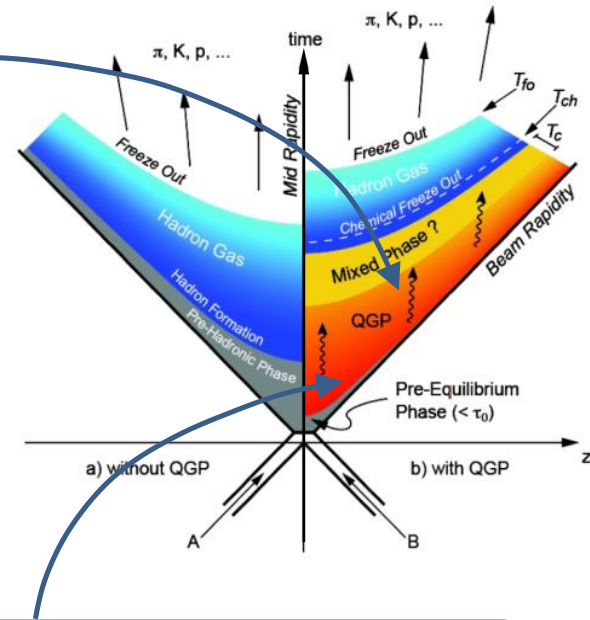
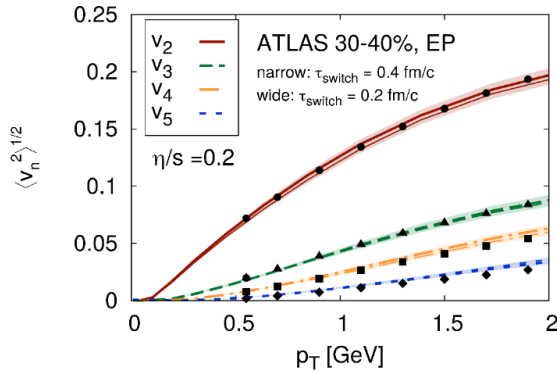
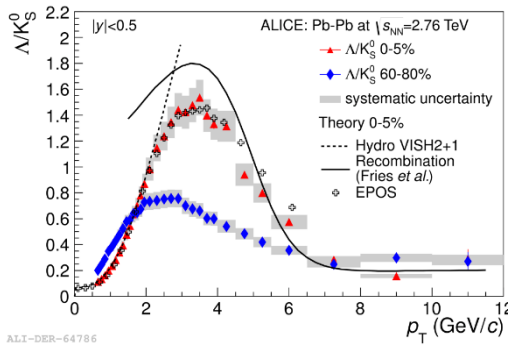
# Assumption-1: QGP is formed in Heavy-ion collisions



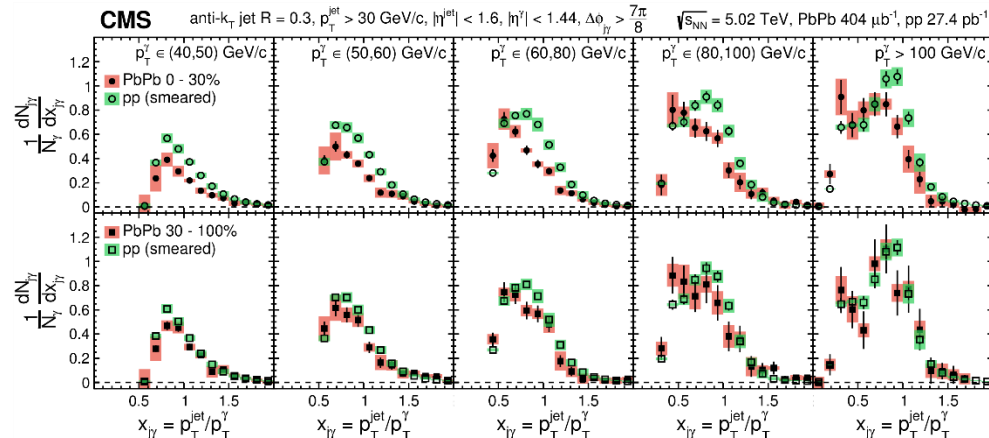
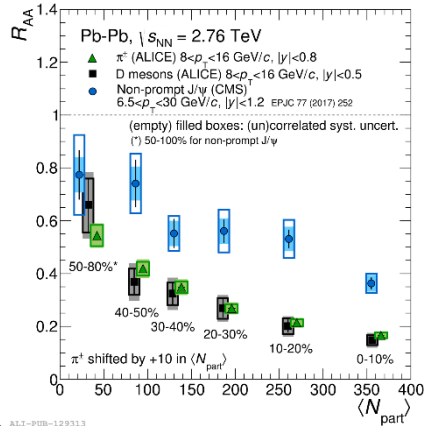
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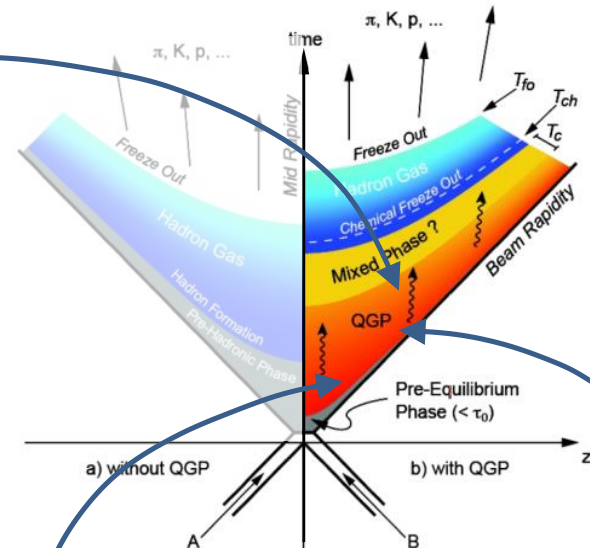
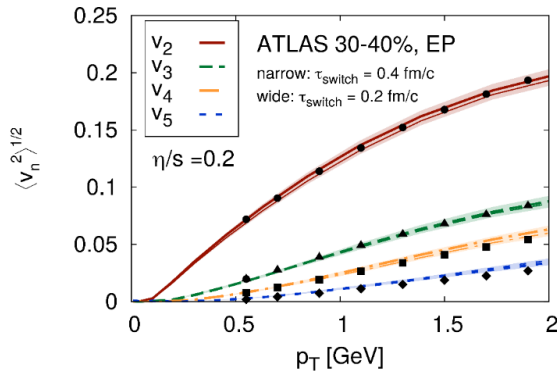
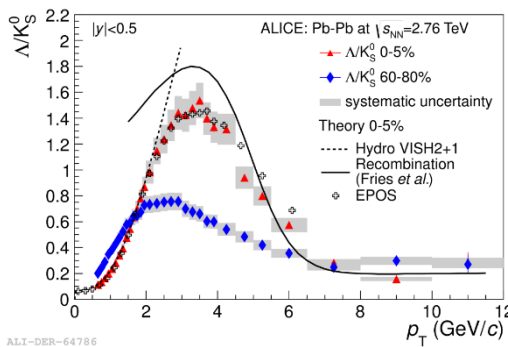


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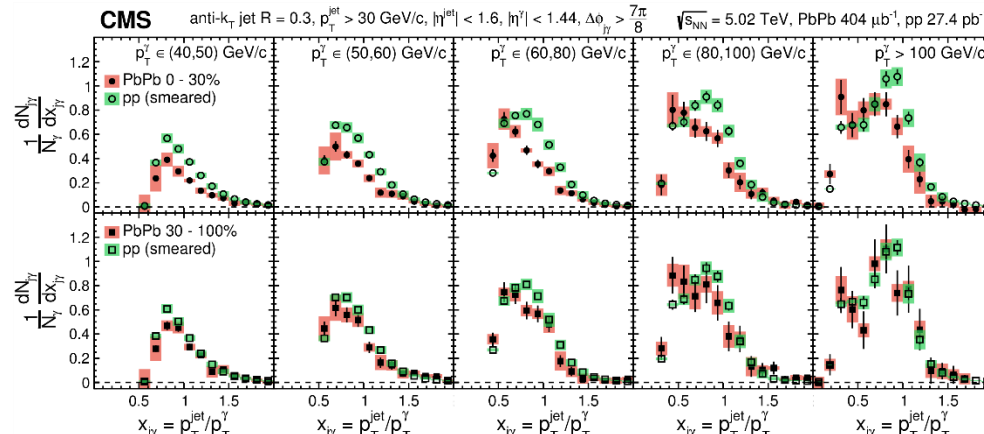
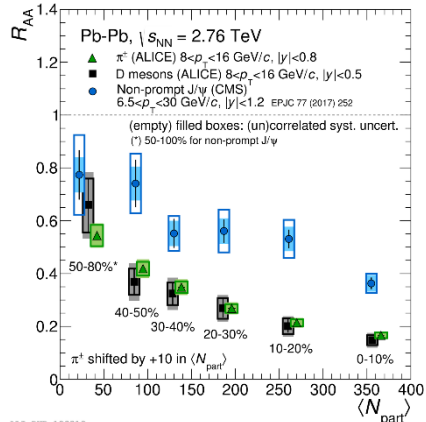
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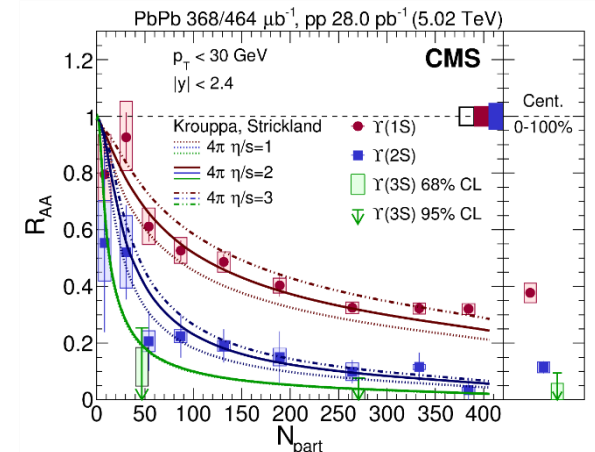
Compelling evidence of QGP formation putting together SPS, RHIC and LHC results

QGP studies @LHC are entering the quantitative era

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**Quarkonium suppression:** first full exploitation of bottomonium thermometer at the LHC



+ SEVERAL OTHER (LESS CLEAN) OBSERVATIONS POINTING TO THE SAME CONCLUSION



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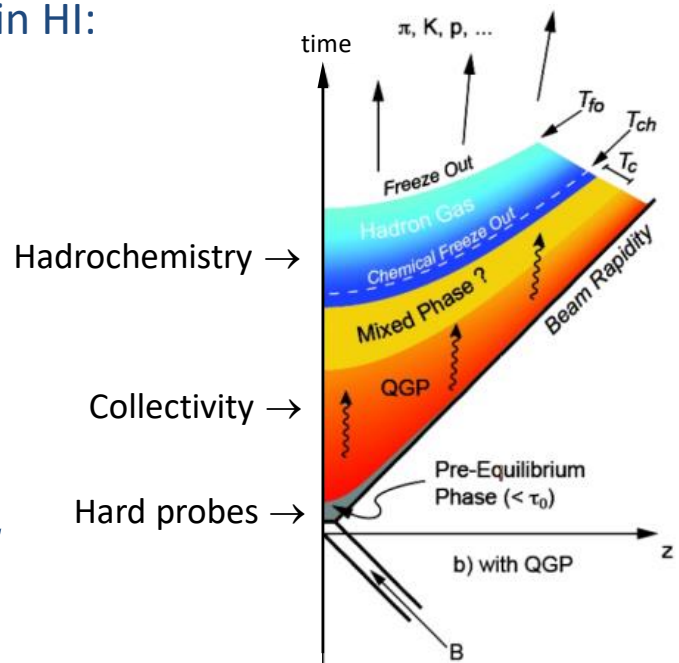
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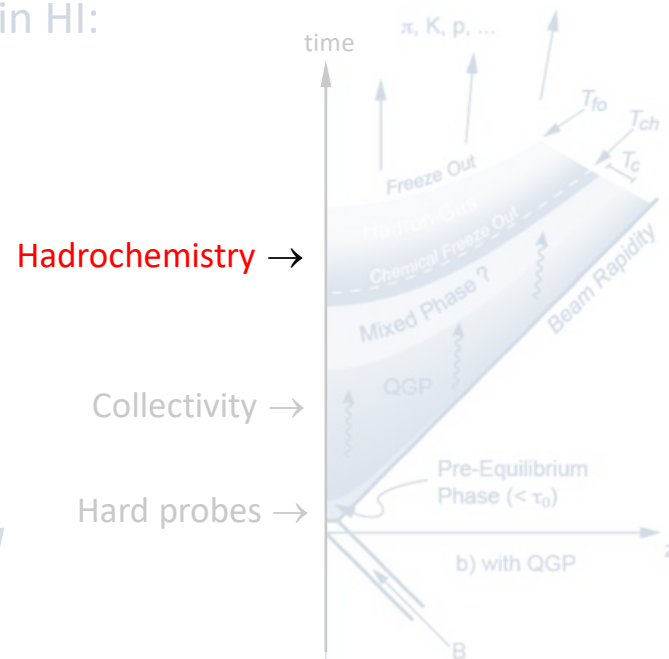
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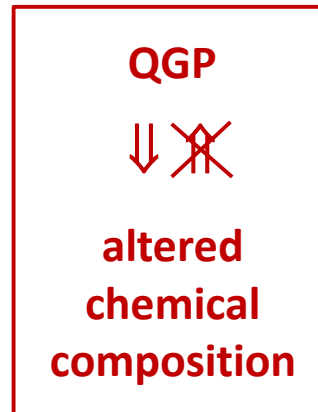
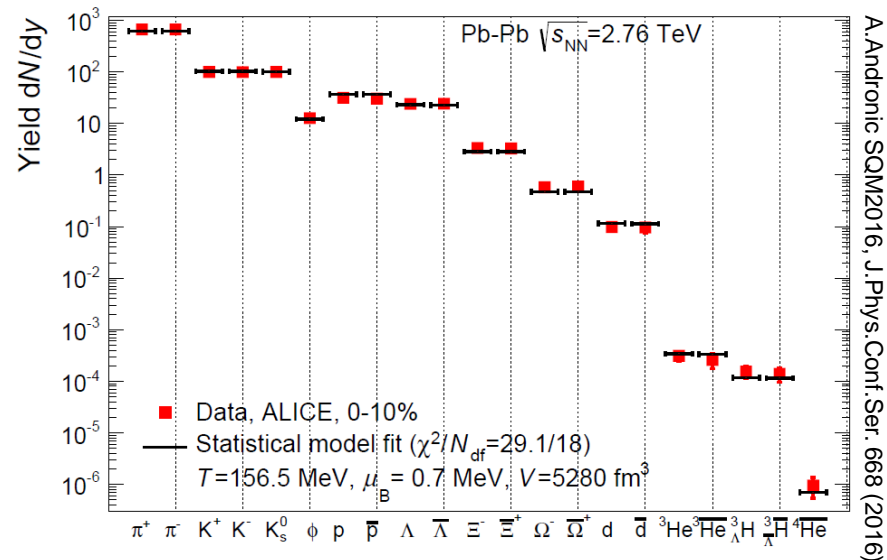


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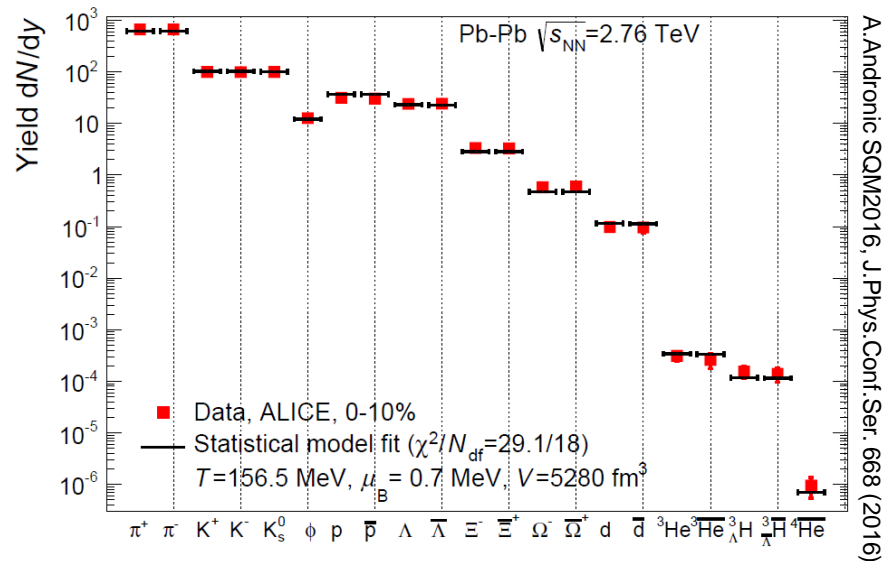


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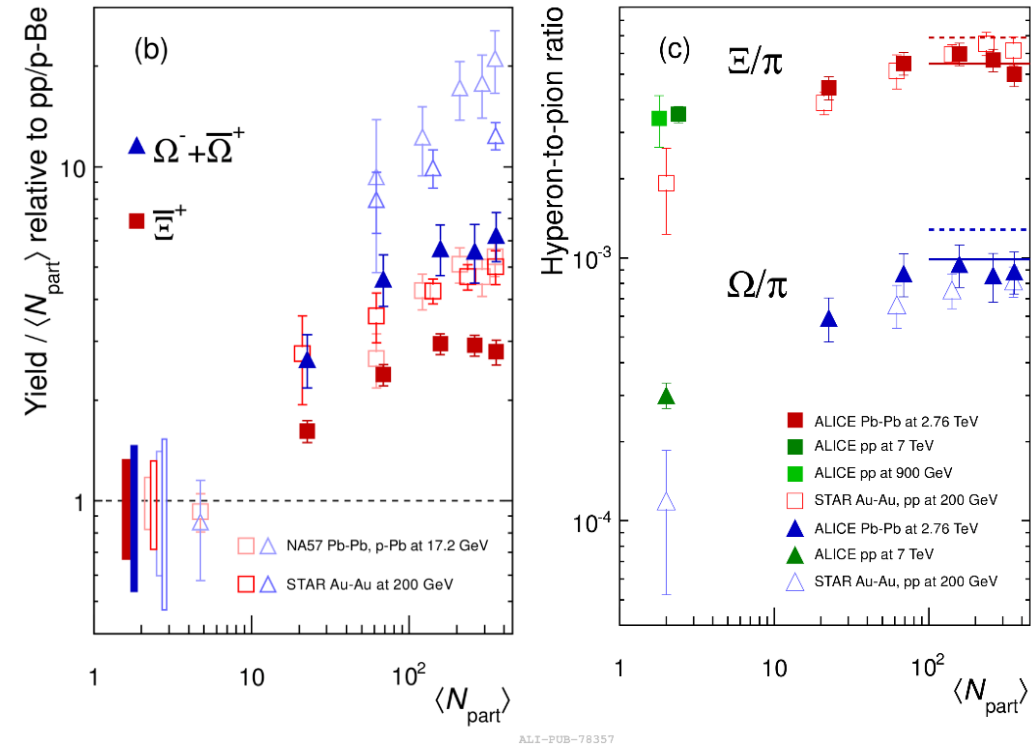
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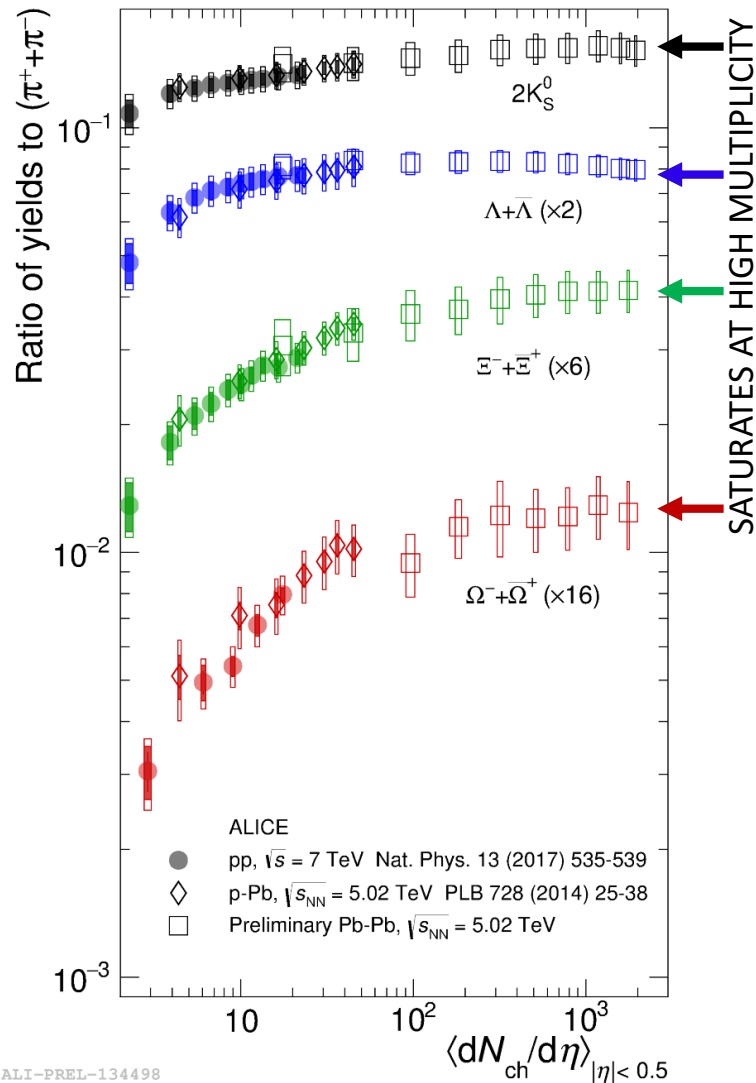
Experimental evidence: strange hadrons more abundant in HI than in pp(p-Be)

MIND THE REFERENCE: strangeness production depends on  $\sqrt{s}$  in small systems!

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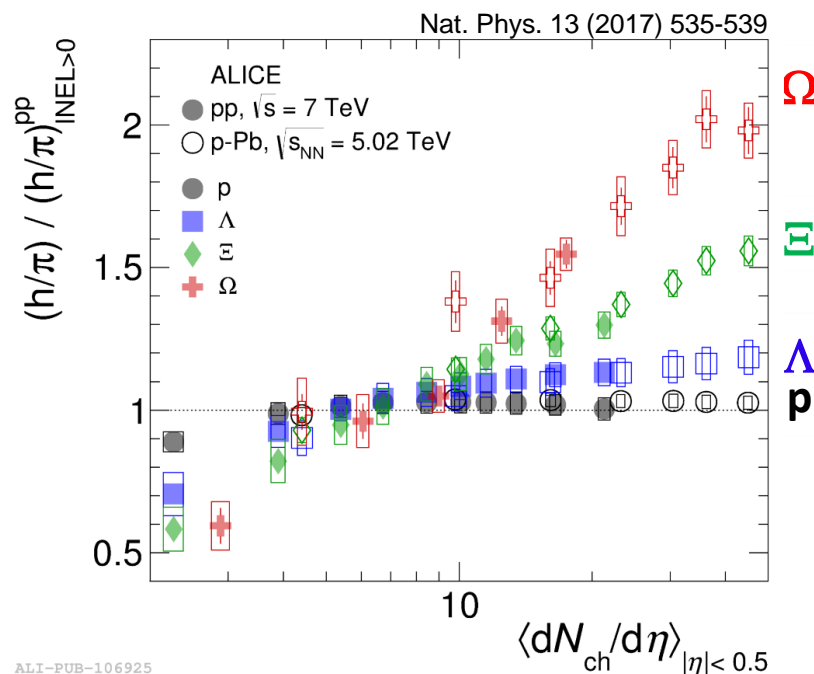
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Strangeness enhancement in small collision systems (pp and p-Pb)

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### A tiny droplet of the early universe?

04/24/17 | By Sarah Charley

Particles seen by the ALICE experiment hint at the formation of quark-gluon plasma during proton-proton collisions.

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"Many people think that protons are too light to produce this extremely hot and dense plasma," says Livio Bianchi, a postdoc at the University of Houston who worked on this analysis. "But these new results are making us question this assumption."

Scientists at the LHC and at the US Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, or RHIC, have previously created quark-gluon plasma in gold-gold and lead-lead collisions.

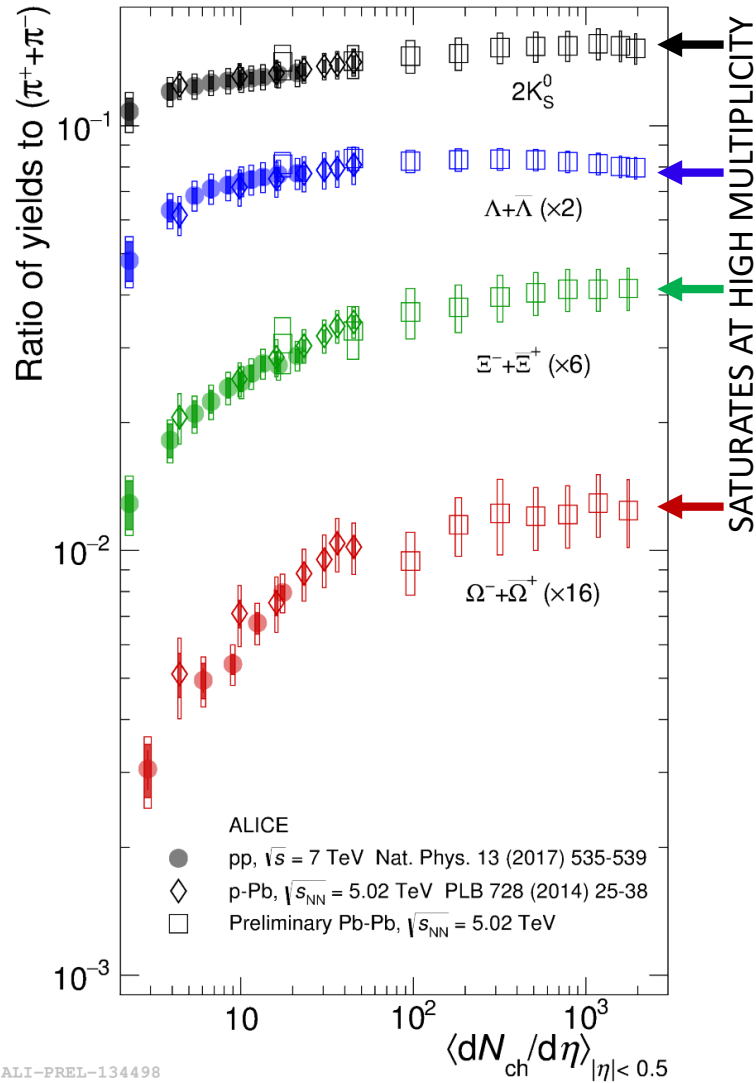
In the quark gluon plasma, mid-sized quarks—such as strange quarks—freely roam and eventually bond into bigger, composite particles (similar to the way quartz crystals grow within molten granite rocks as they slowly cool). These hadrons are ejected as the plasma fizzles out and serve as a telltale signature of their soupy origin. ALICE researchers noticed numerous proton-proton collisions emitting strange hadrons at an elevated rate.

"In proton collisions that produced many particles, we saw more hadrons containing strange quarks than predicted," says Rene Bellwied, professor at the University of Houston. "And interestingly, we saw an even bigger gap between the predicted number and our experimental results when we examined particles containing two or three strange quarks."

From a theoretical perspective, a proliferation of strange hadrons is not enough to definitively confirm the existence of quark-gluon plasma.

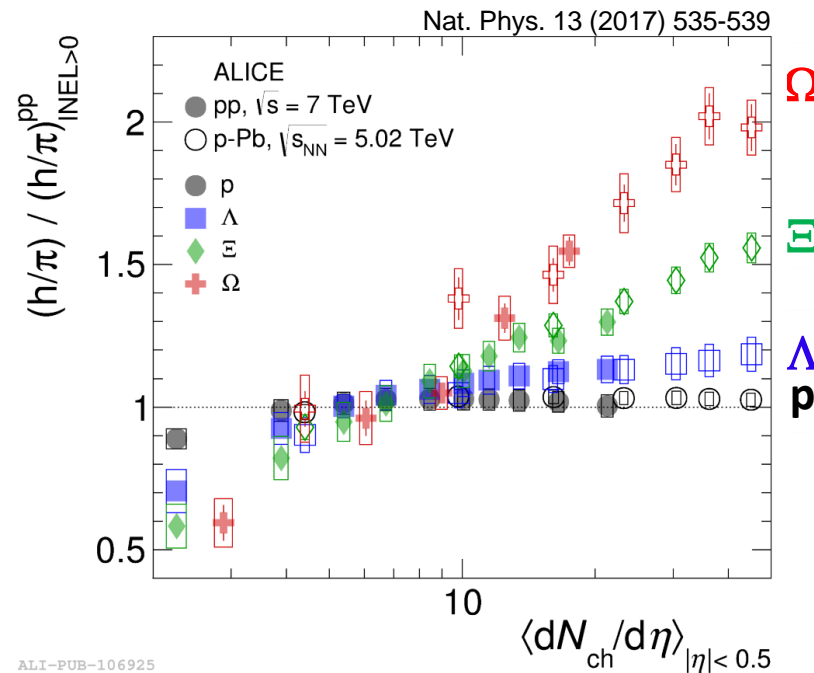




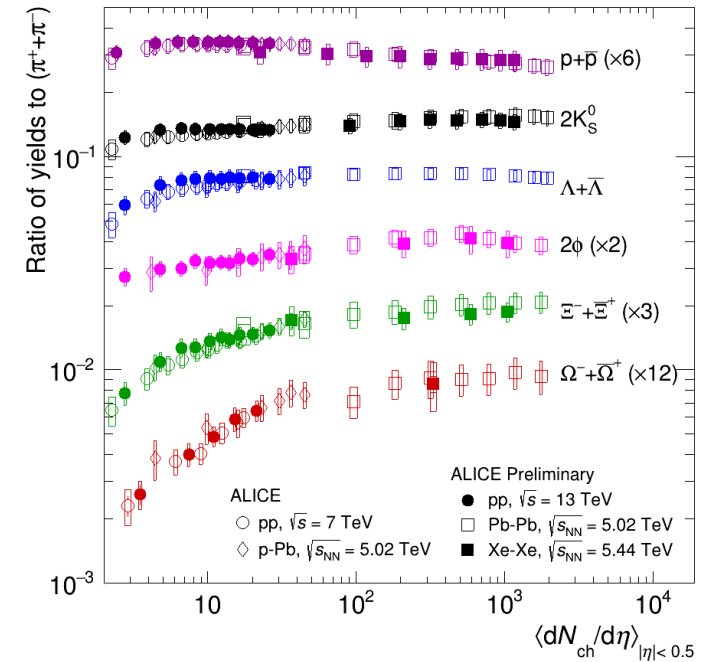


Strangeness enhancement in small collision systems (pp and p-Pb)

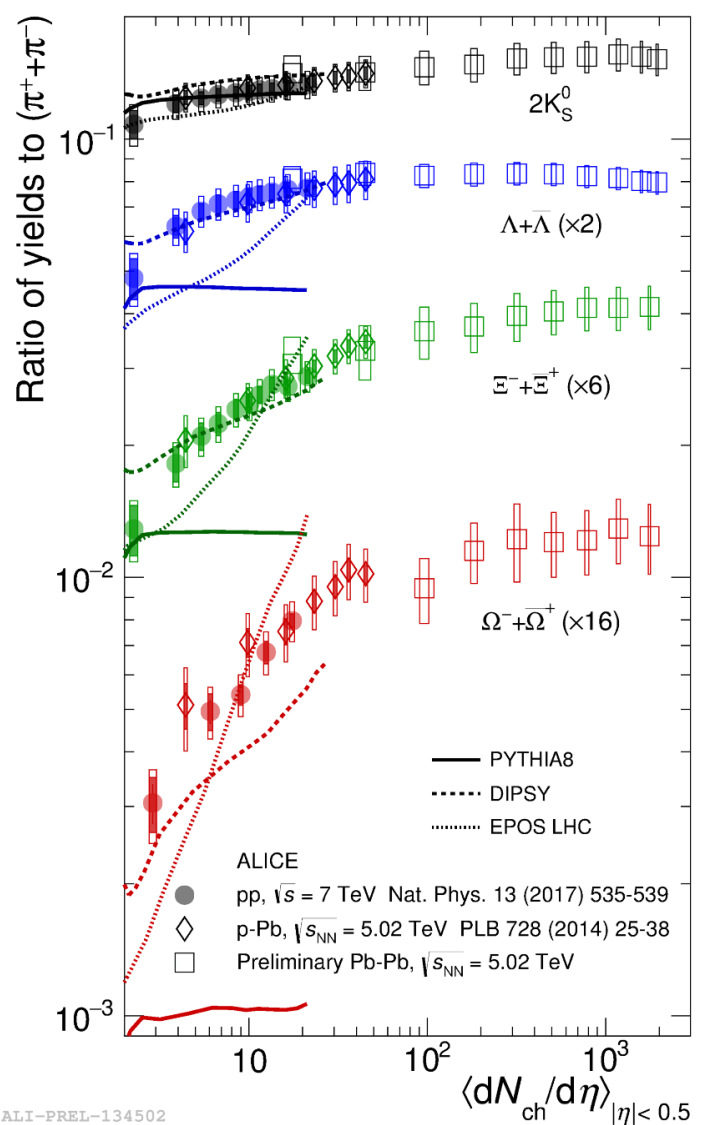
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Multiplicity drives strangeness enhancement across different collision systems/energies



...and this is true for all "soft" particles



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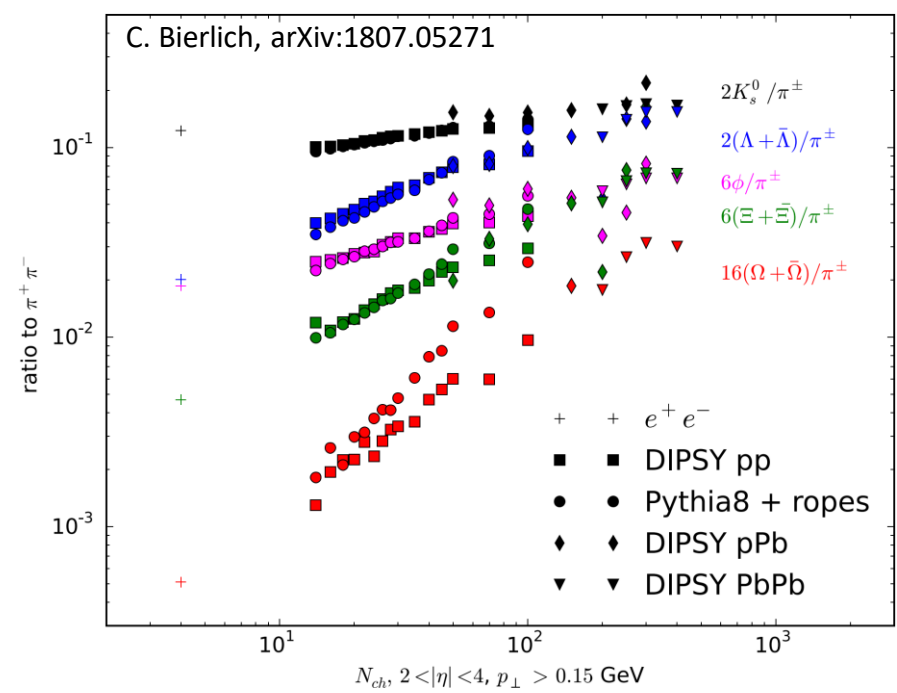
- Hadrons come from string ( $\kappa = 1$  GeV/fm) breaking. s/u fit on data
- At high energies need MPI to describe multiplicity and re-connection of colour strings to describe  $\langle p_T \rangle$  VS multiplicity

dramatically fails

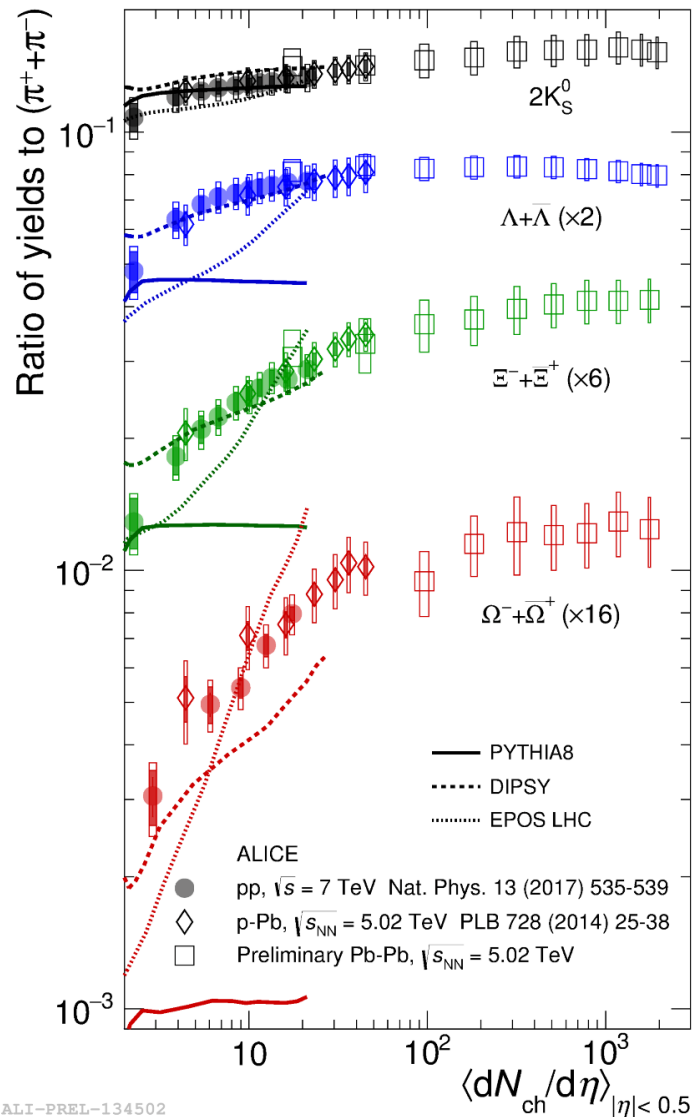
- Recently introduced:
  - Colour **ropes**: packing of strings increase  $\kappa$
  - p-A and A-A environments

- **DIPSY** (Dipole evolution in Impact Parameter Space and rapidity)

- Evolution of initial state and collision described in impact parameter space.
- Strings which overlap in impact parameter space form **ropes**



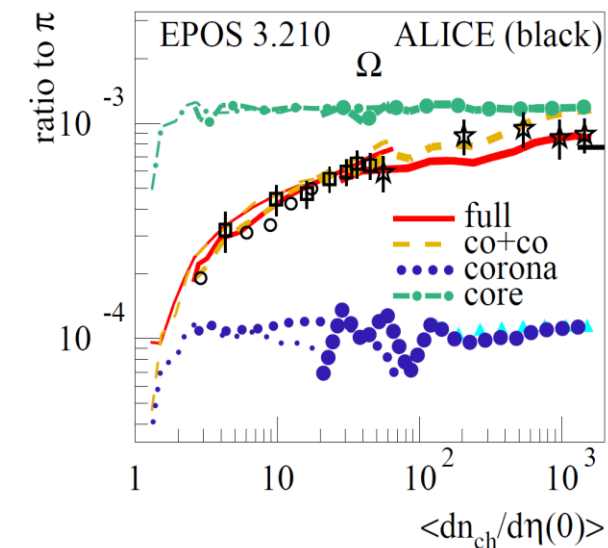
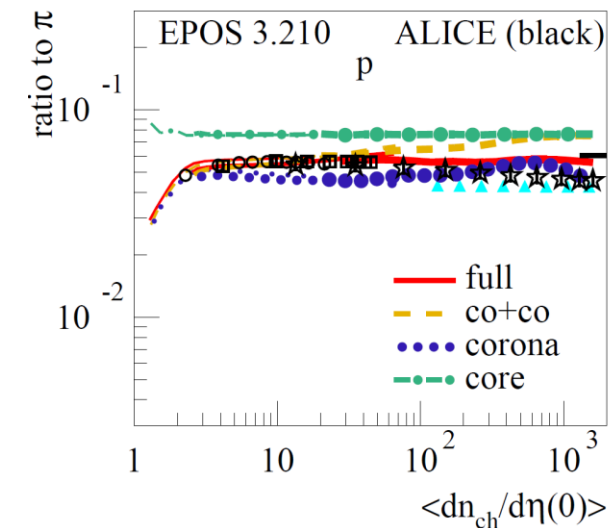
**CAVEAT: ropes favor baryons wrt mesons. No flavour preference!**

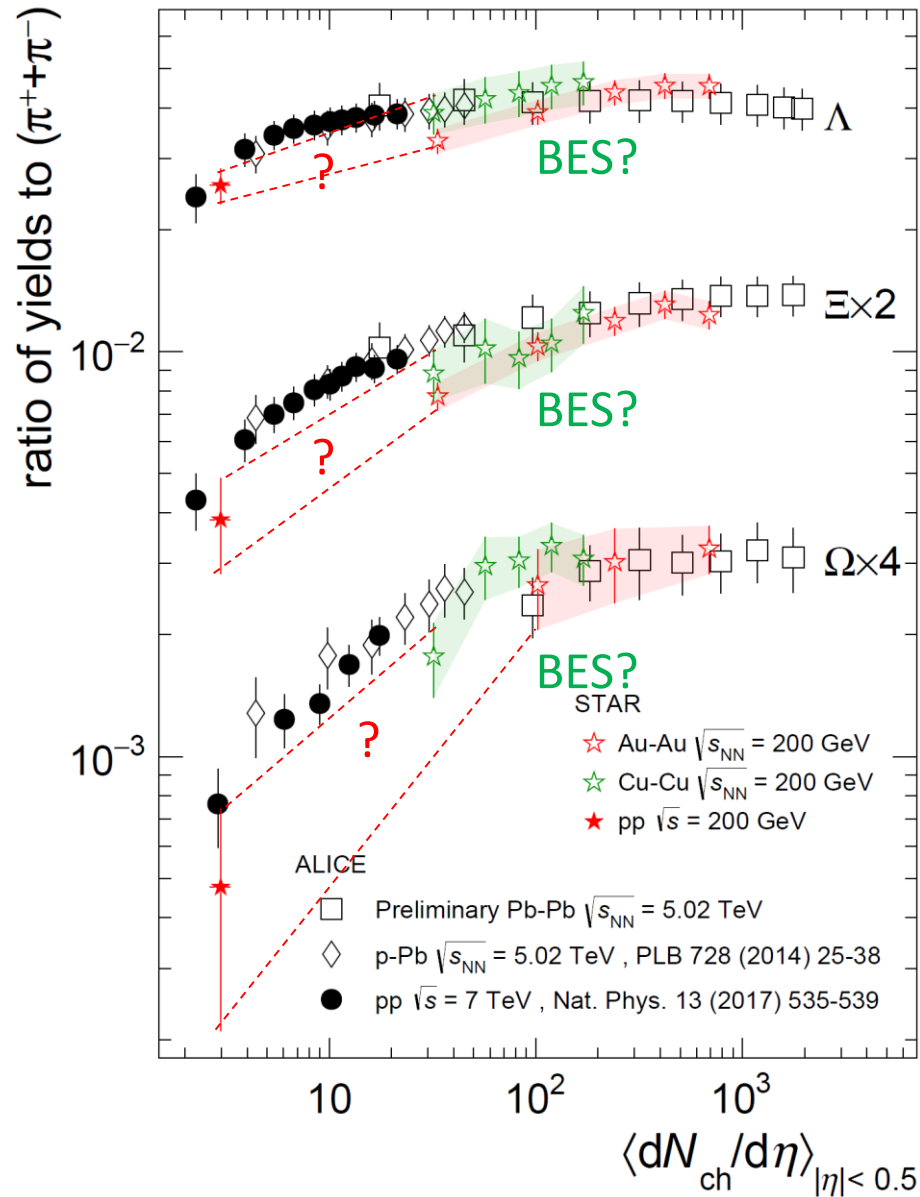


## EPOS:

- Hard scattering: parton “ladders” + CGC-inspired saturation scale
- At time  $\tau_0$  (before hadronization) strings divided into fluid (CORE) and escaping (CORONA) according to momenta and local density
  - **CORONA**: strings can hadronize as in the Lund approach
  - **CORE**: from time  $\tau_0$  evolves as a viscous hydrodynamic system. Hadronization happens statistically at a common  $T_H$
- After hadronization → afterburner (e.g. UrQMD)

Good job with version 3 of the generator! Hints to the need of “core” part in pp collisions?





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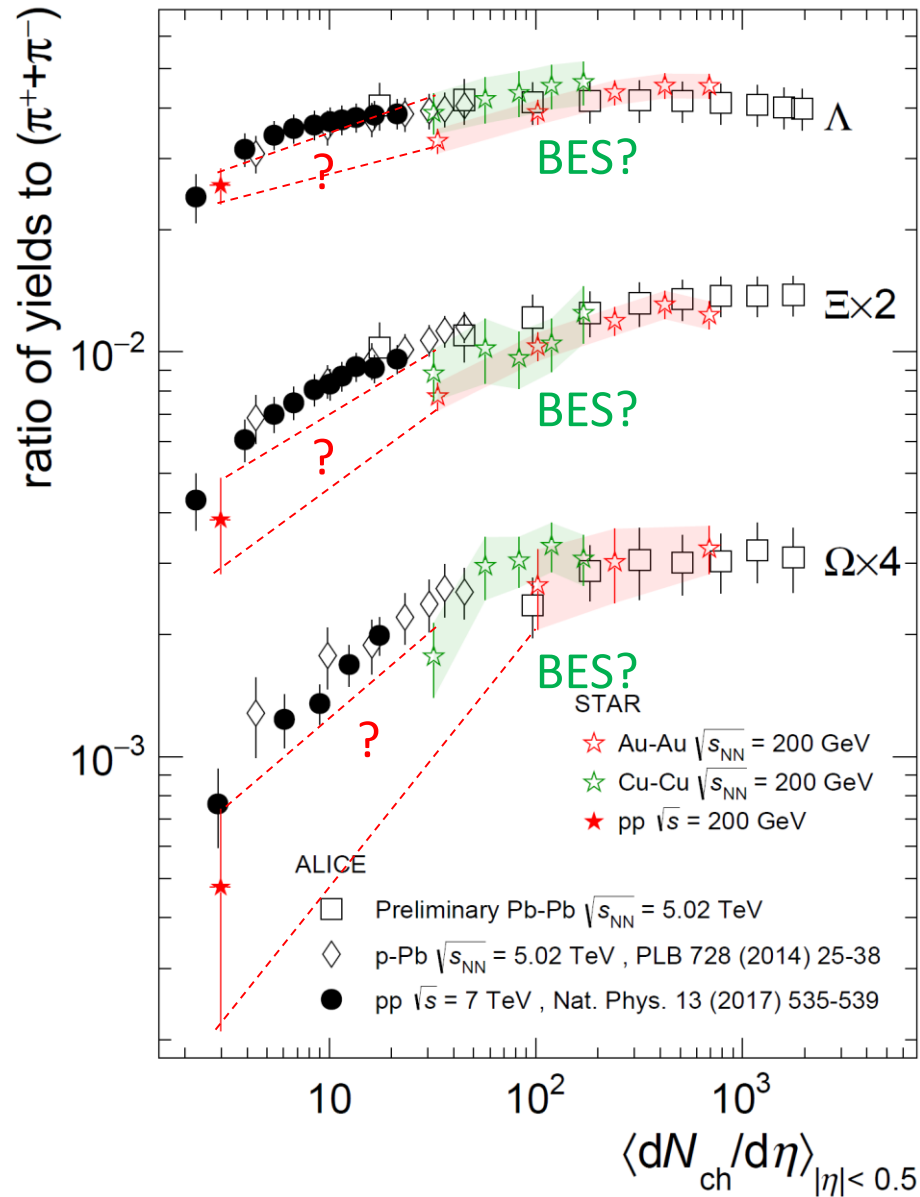
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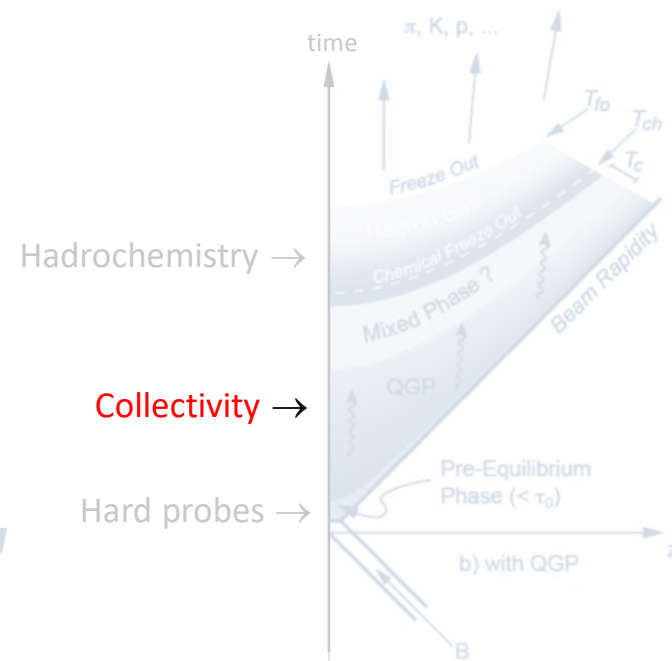
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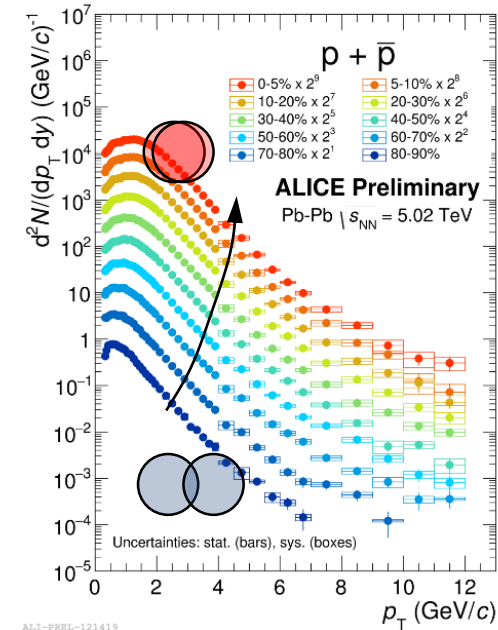
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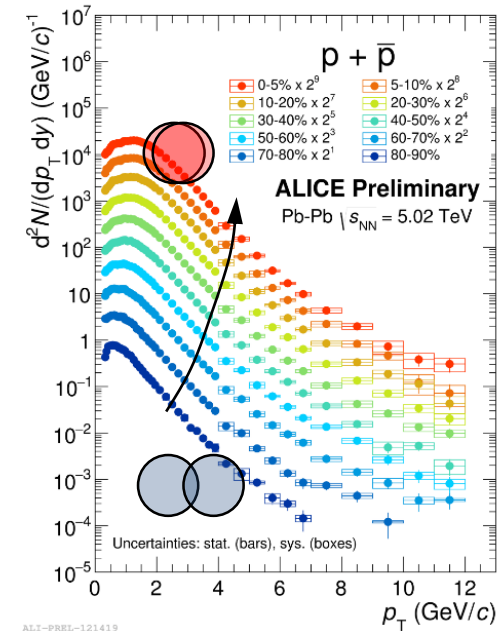


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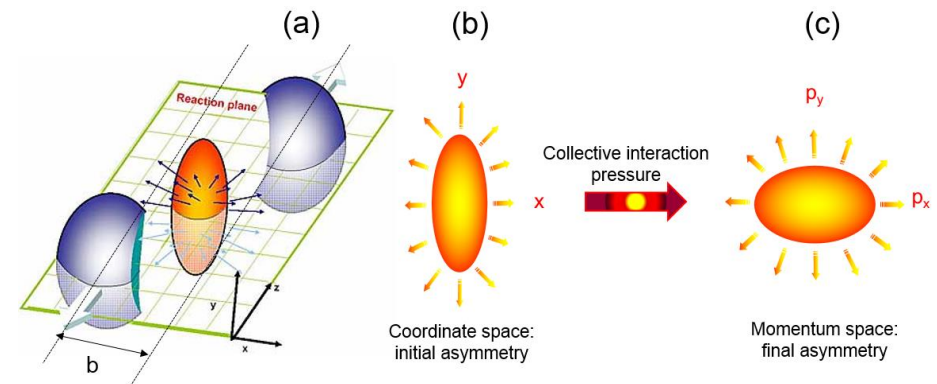
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  - Measured through angular anisotropies in the momentum distribution



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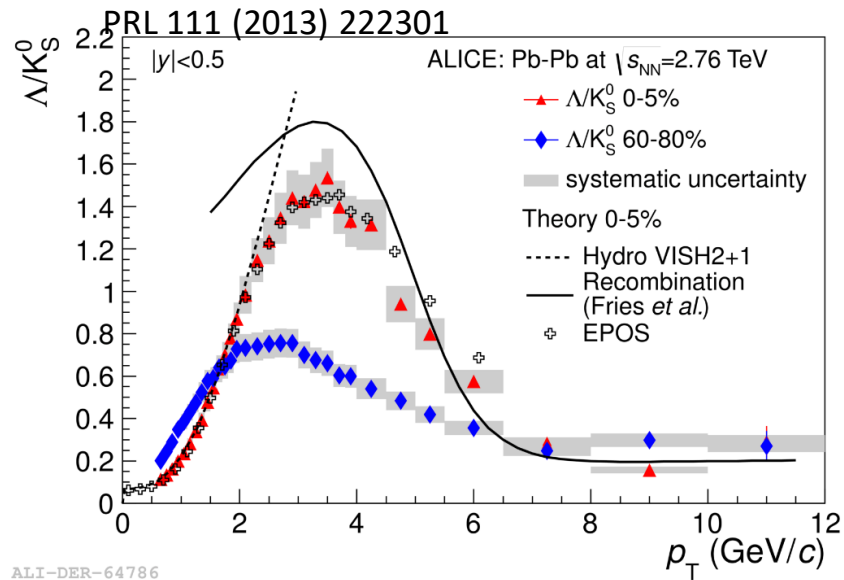
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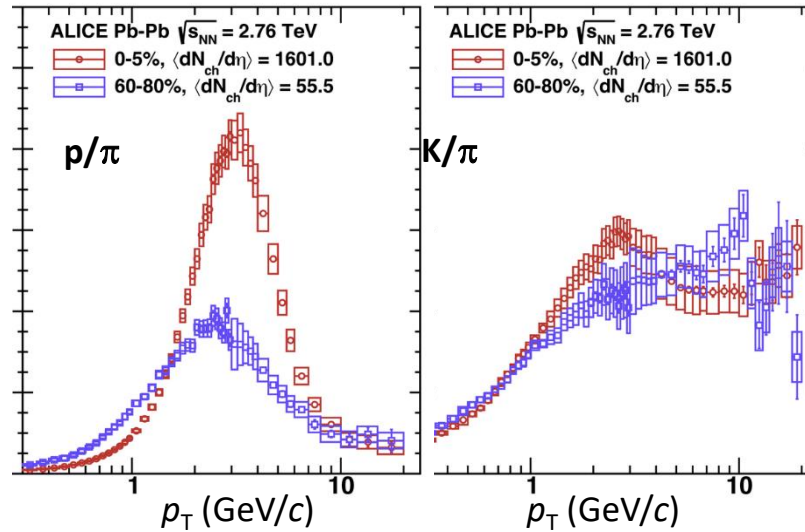
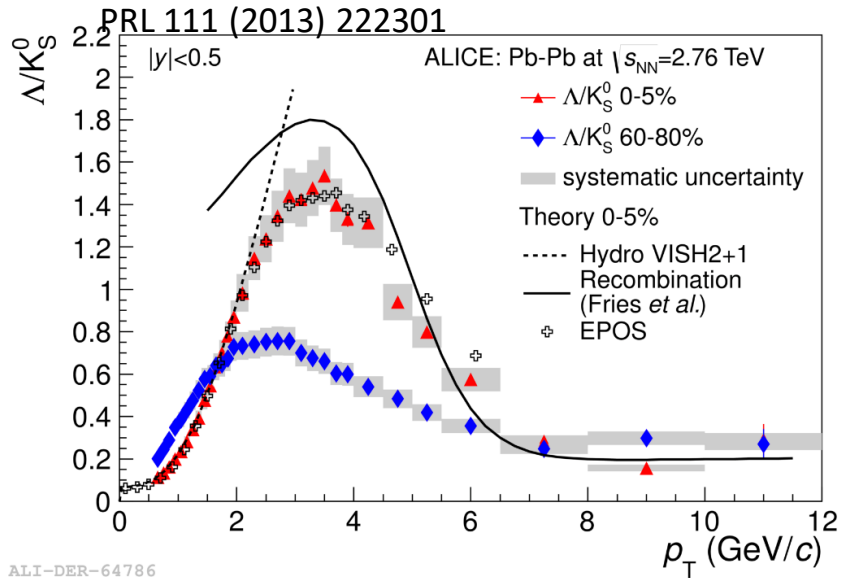




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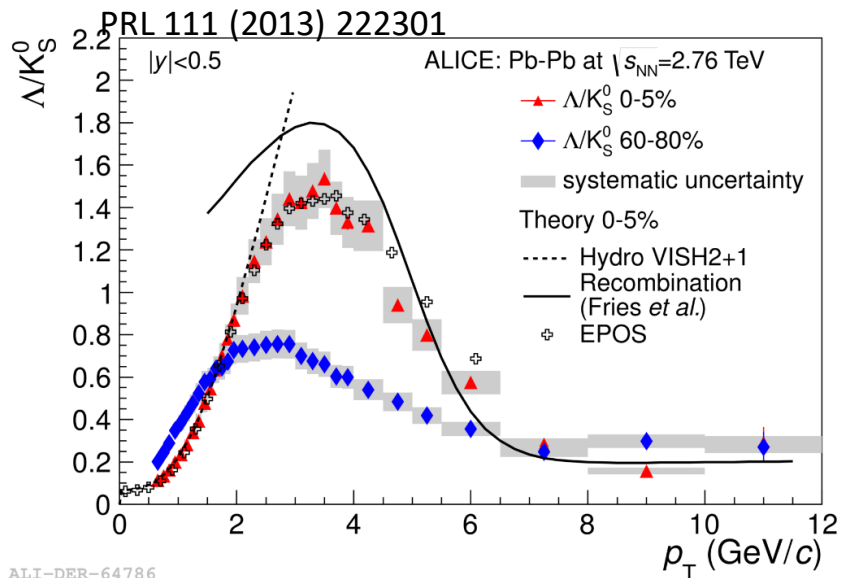
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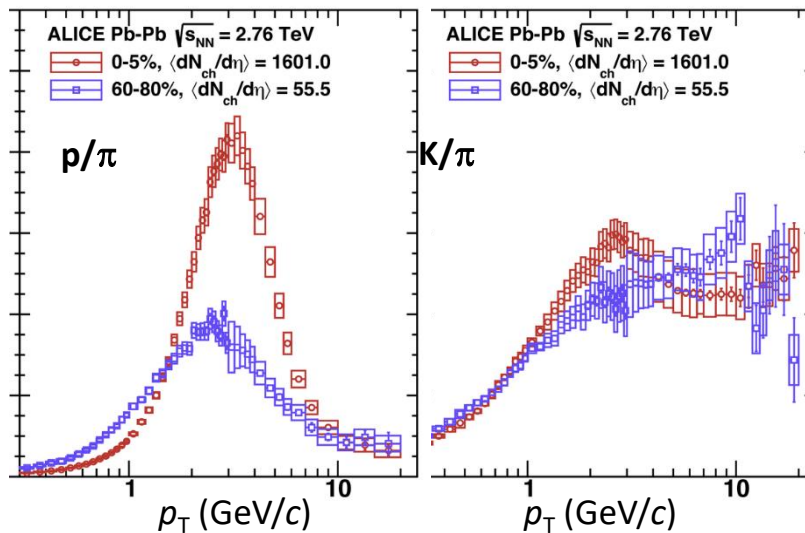


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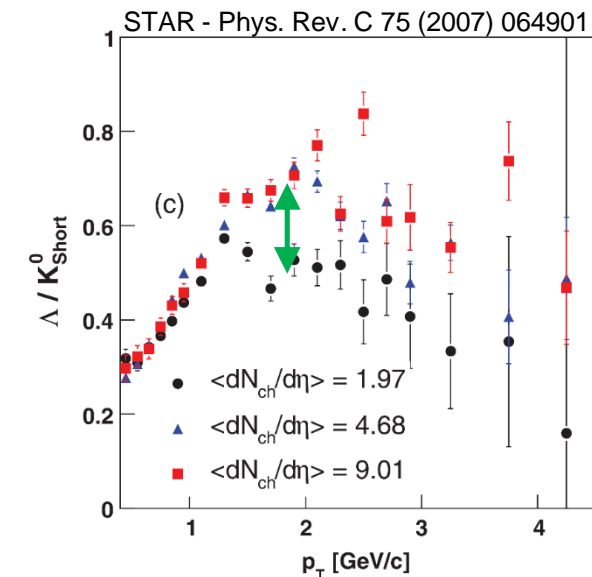
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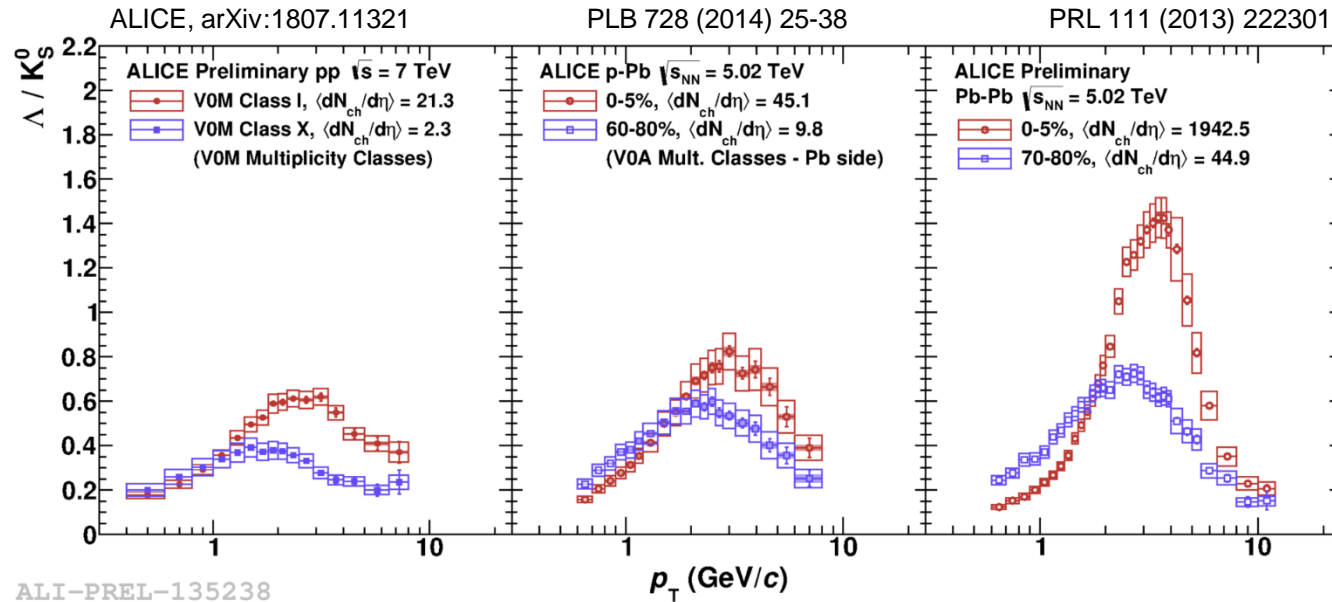
Hint for a similar evolution in pp from STAR?

Extensively studied in small systems at the LHC:

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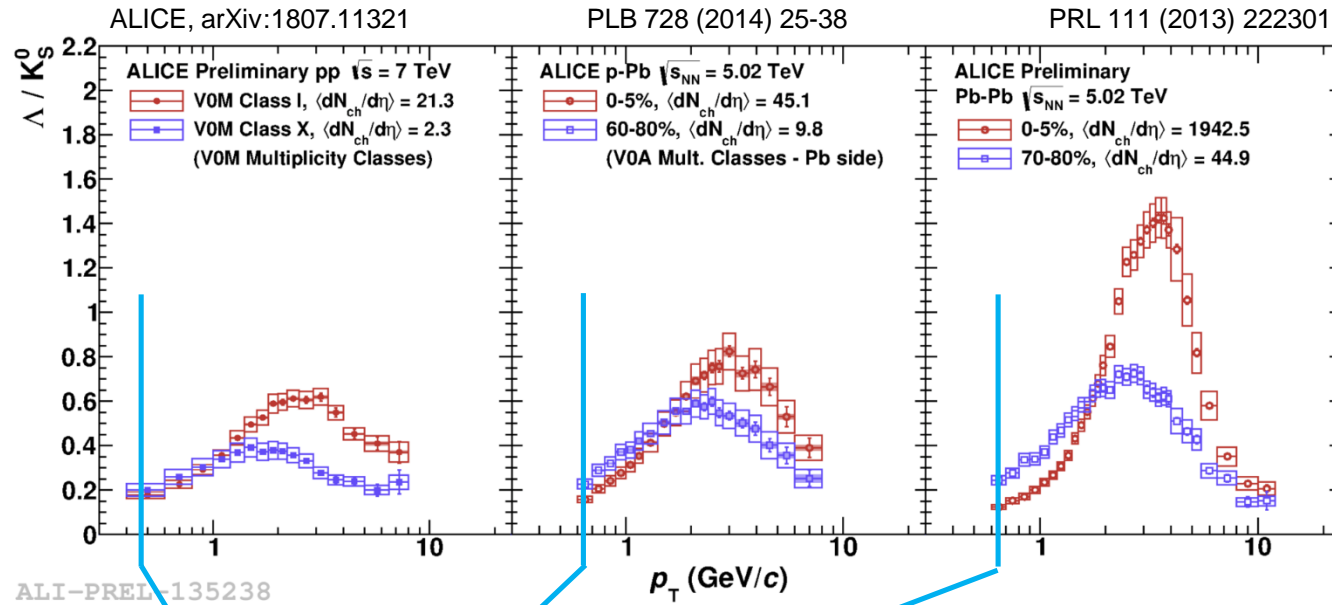
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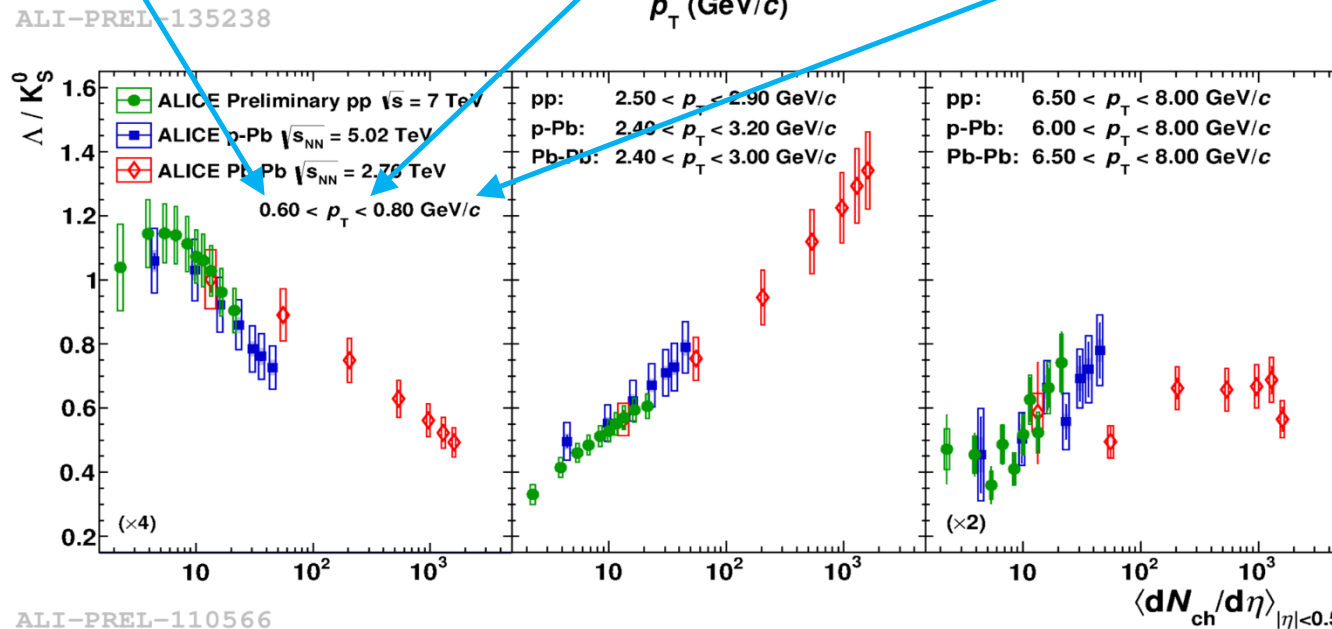


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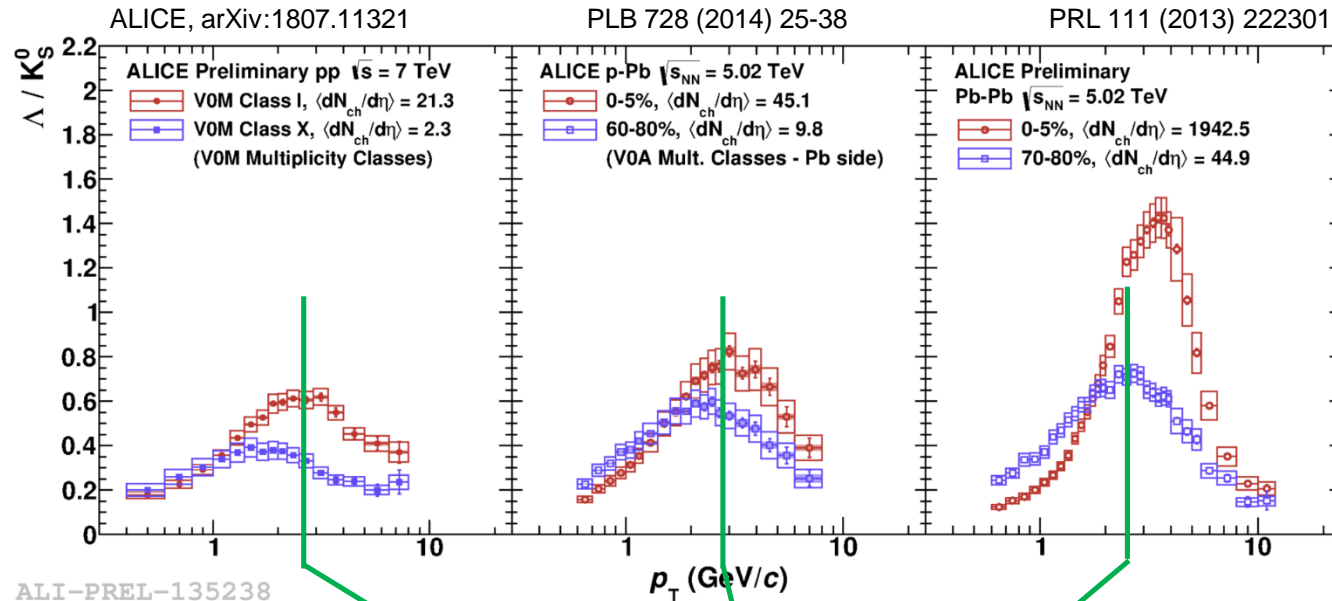
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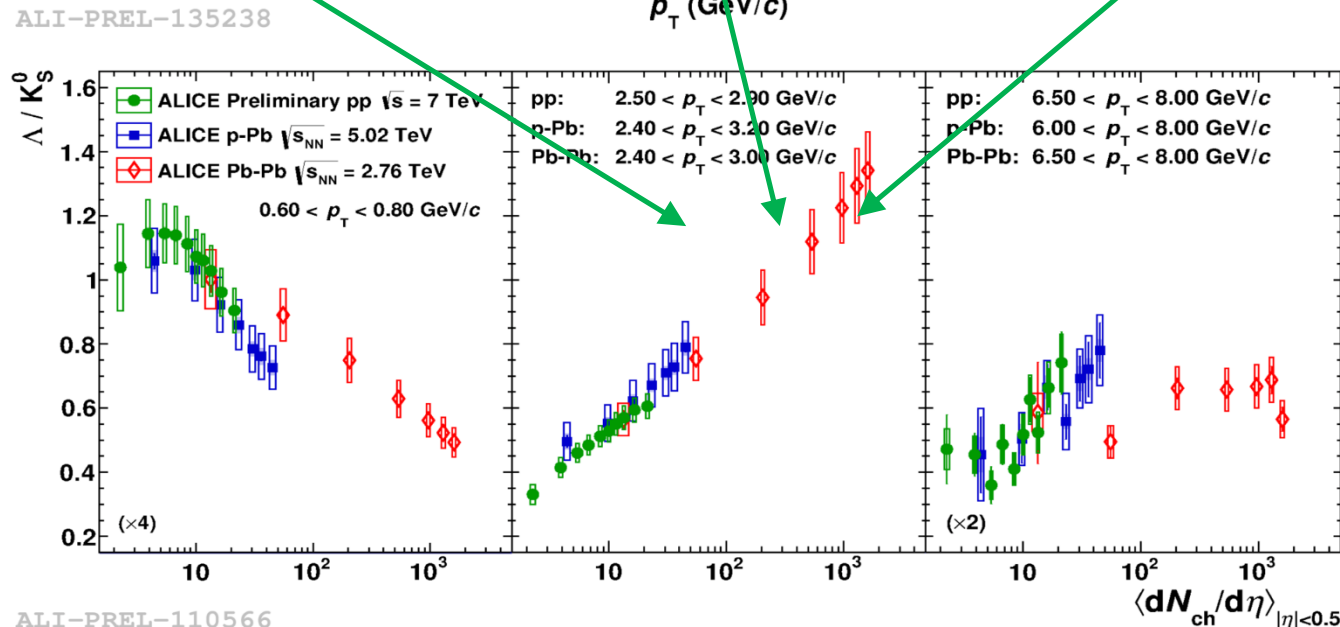


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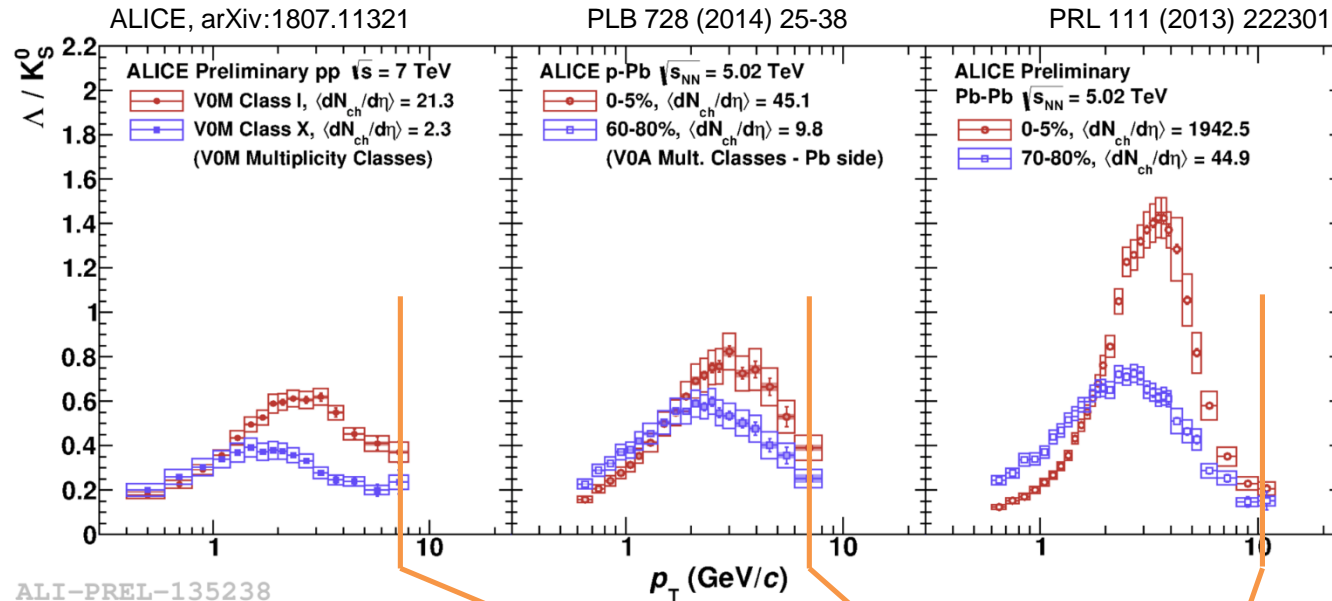
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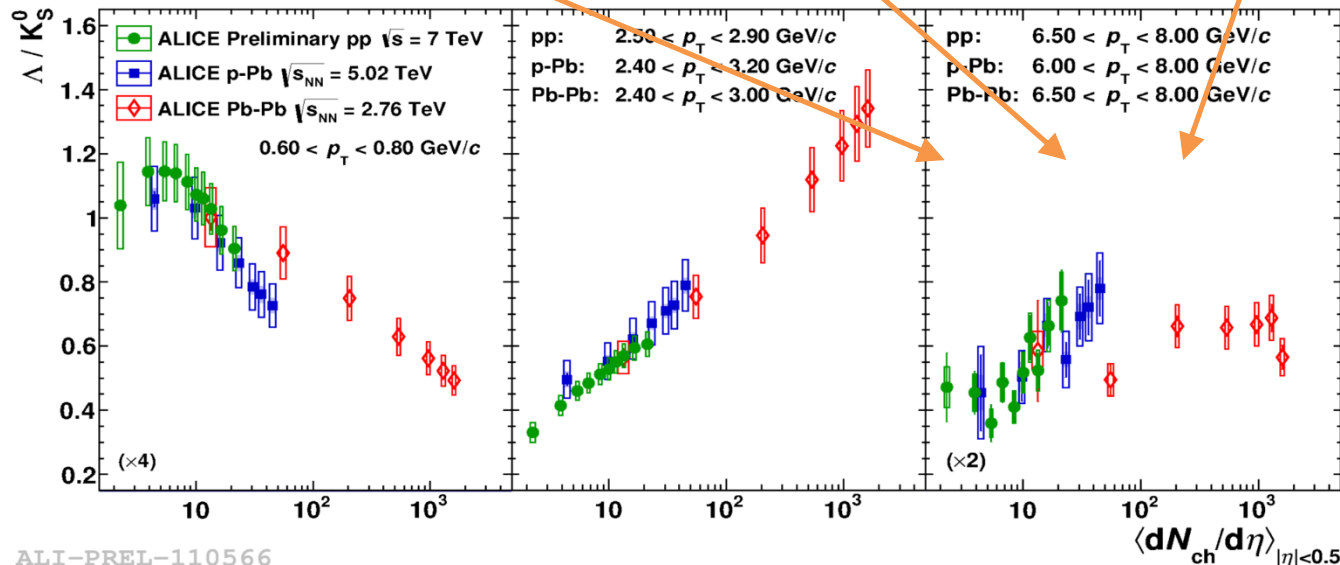
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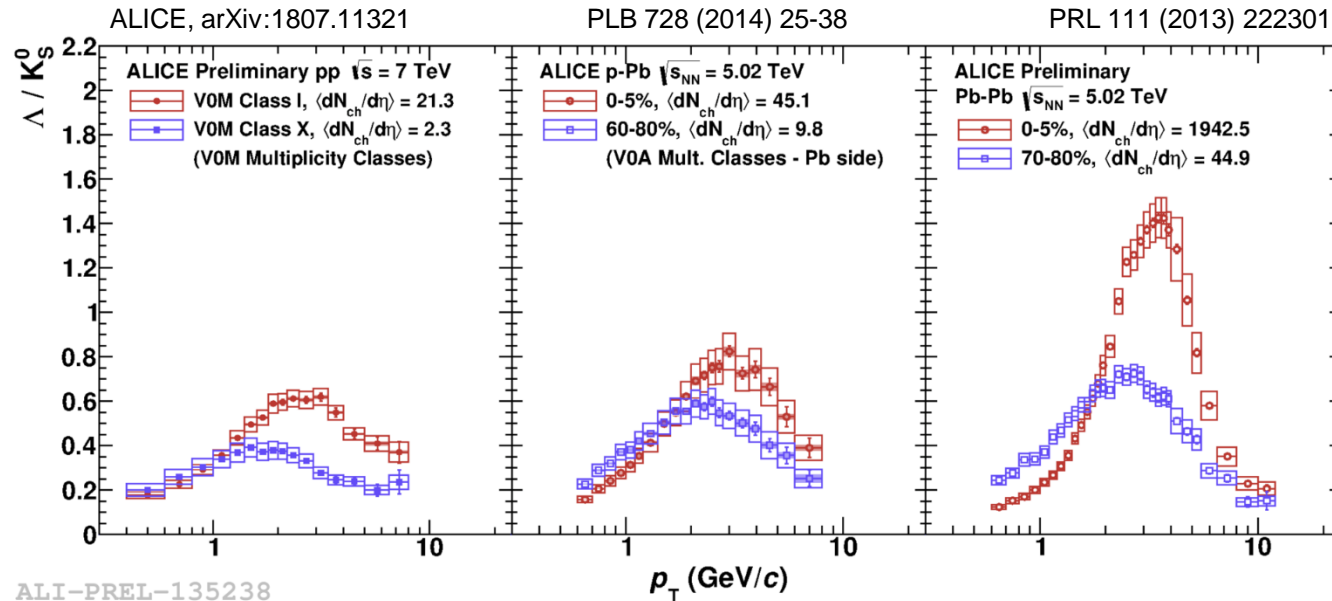
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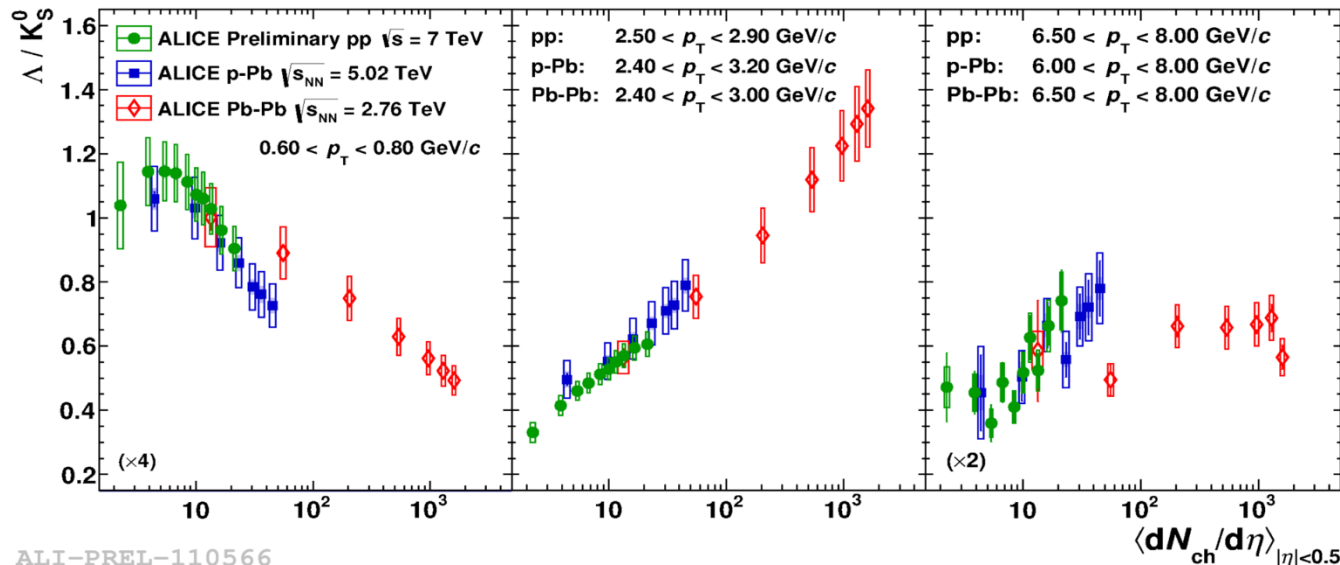
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**Clear continuity among different systems!**

Is the underlying mechanism the same here?

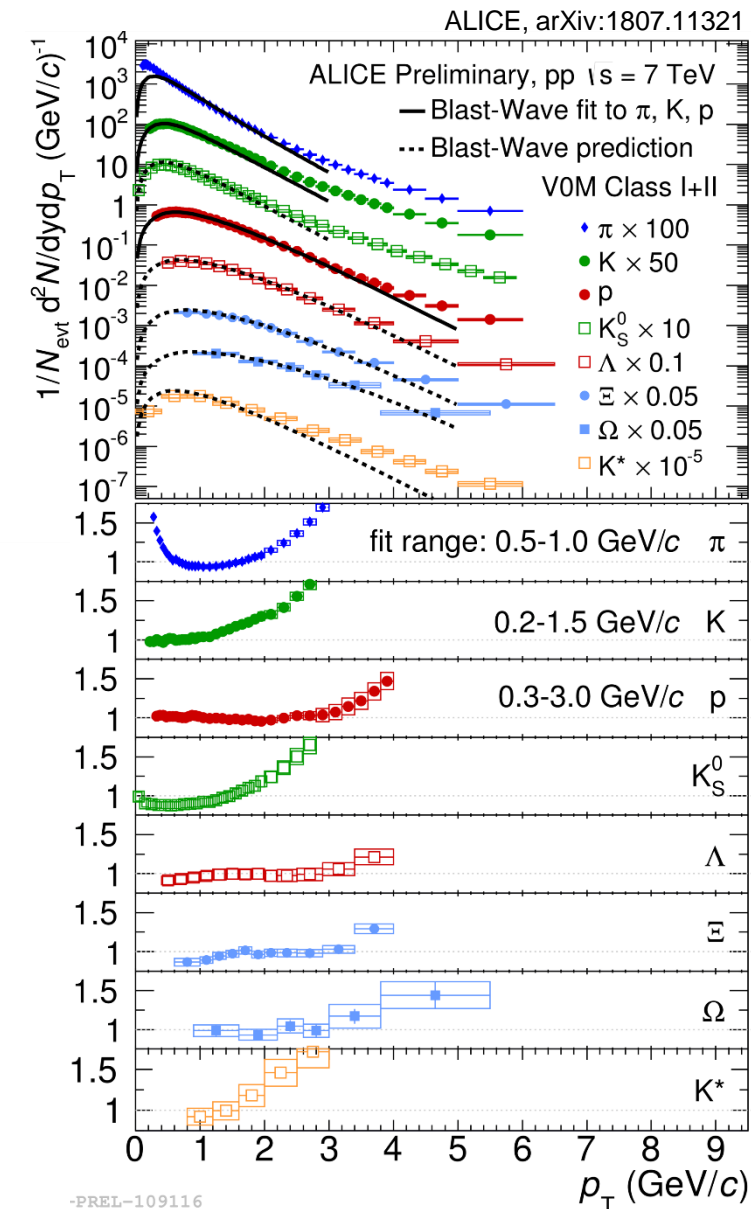
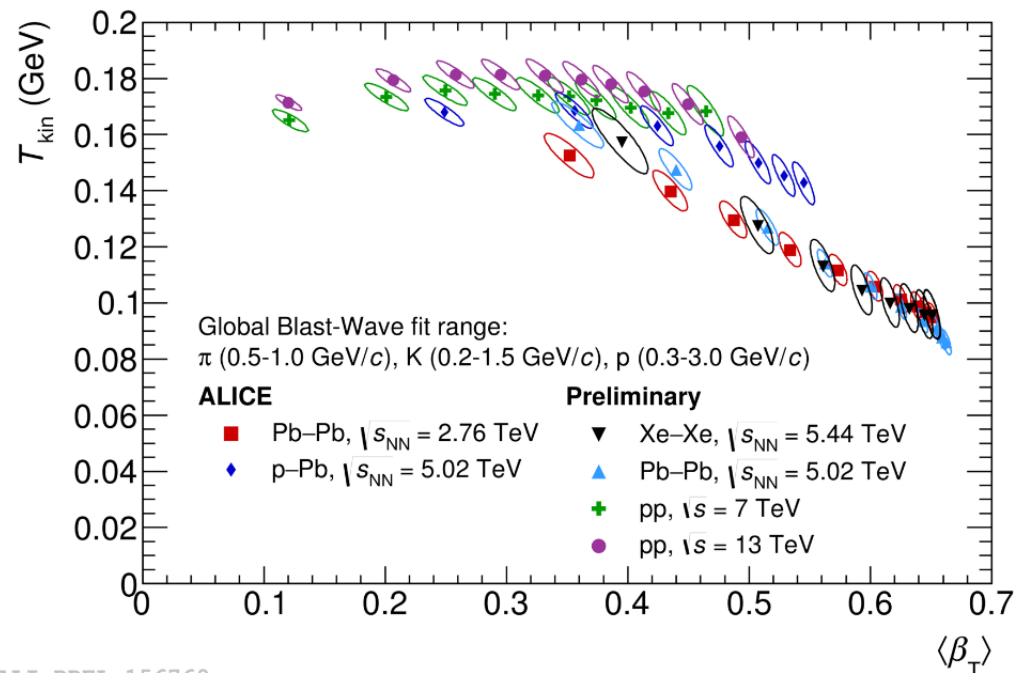
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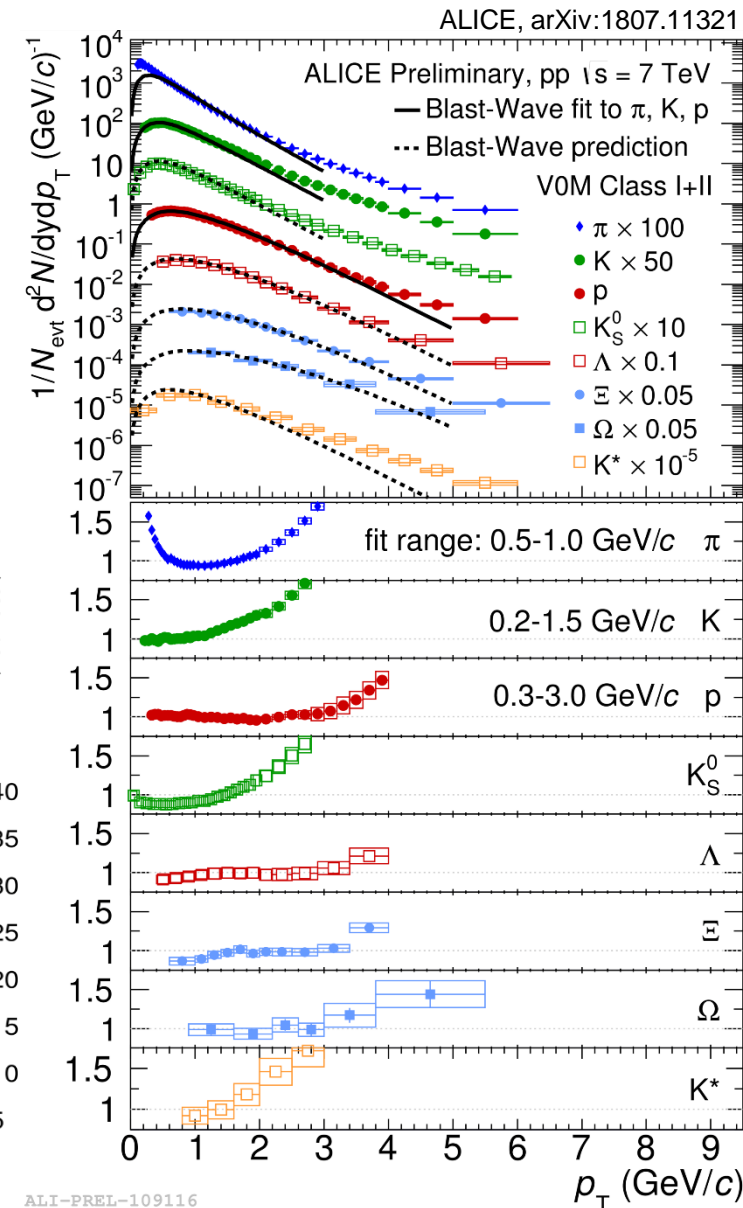
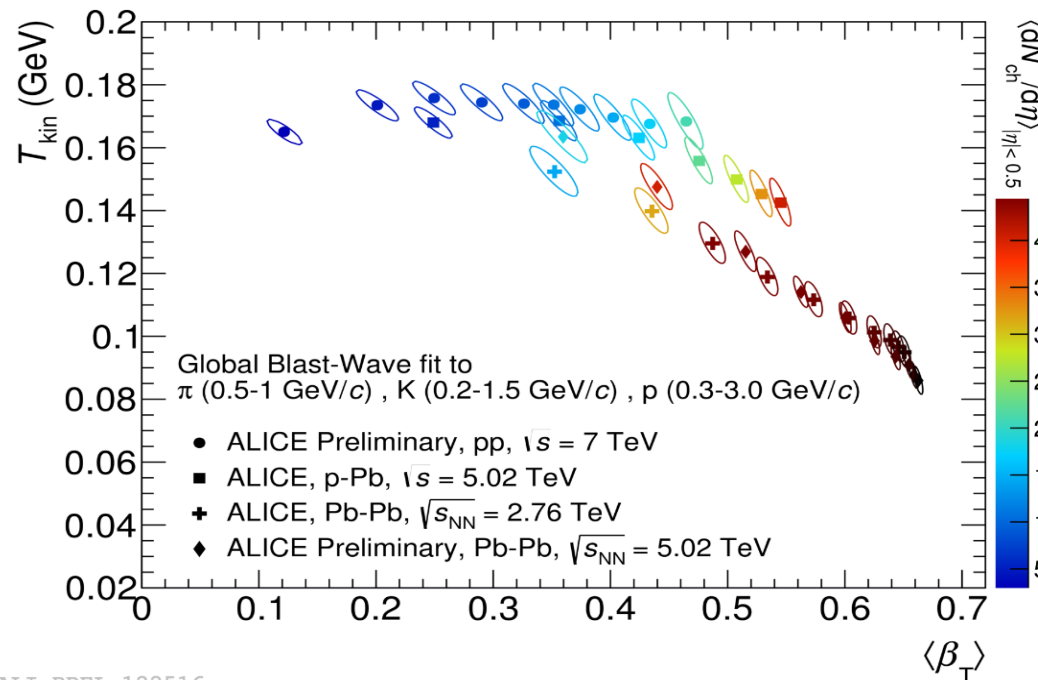
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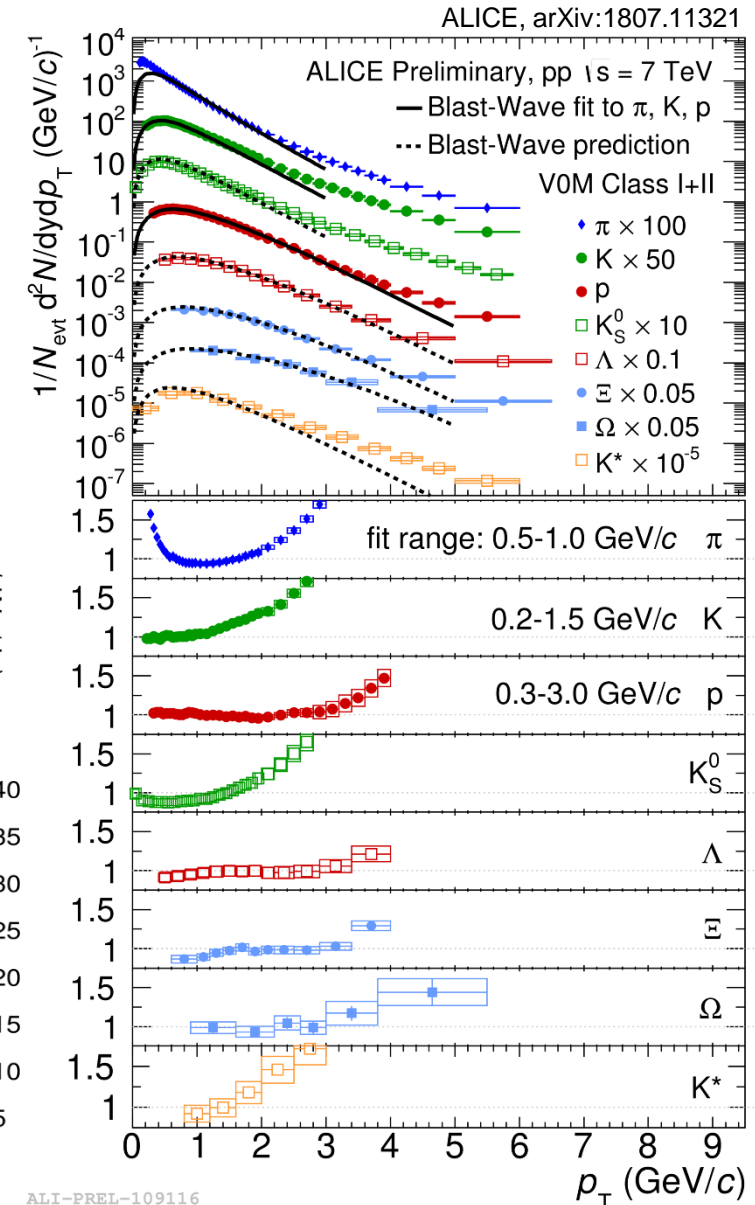
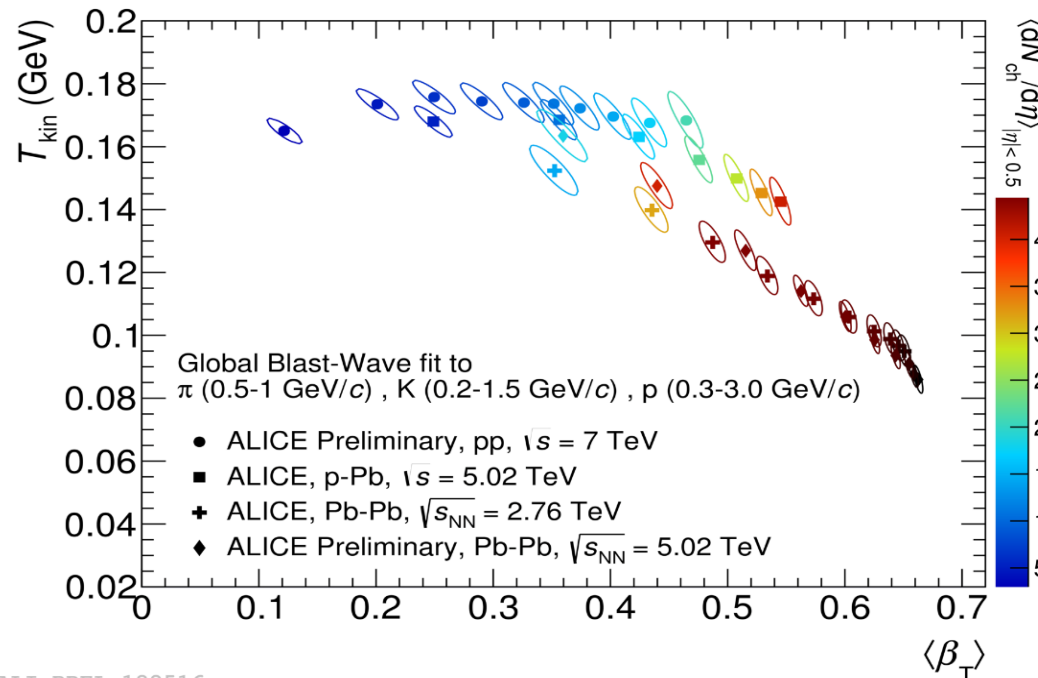


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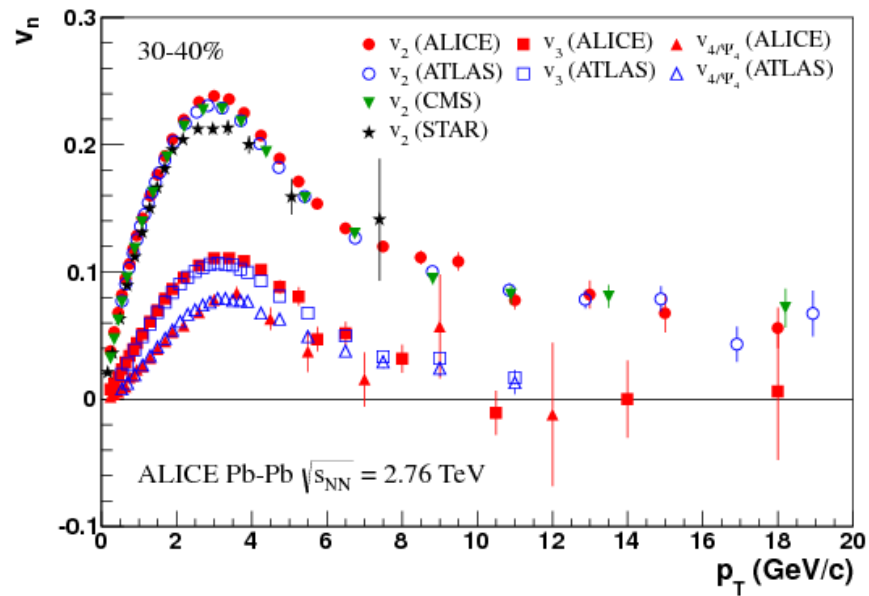
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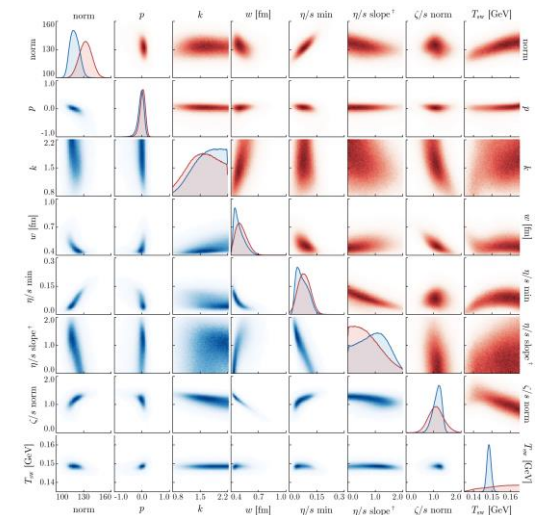
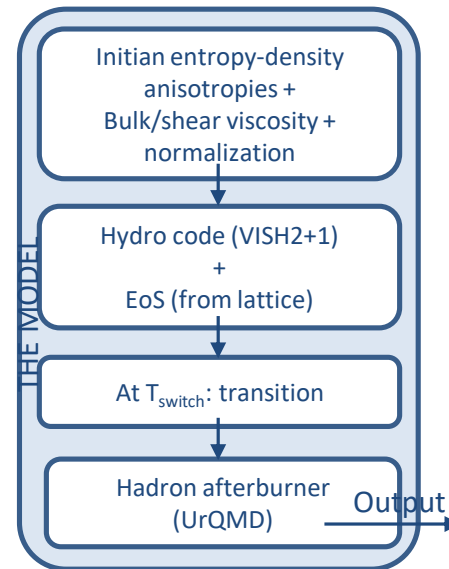
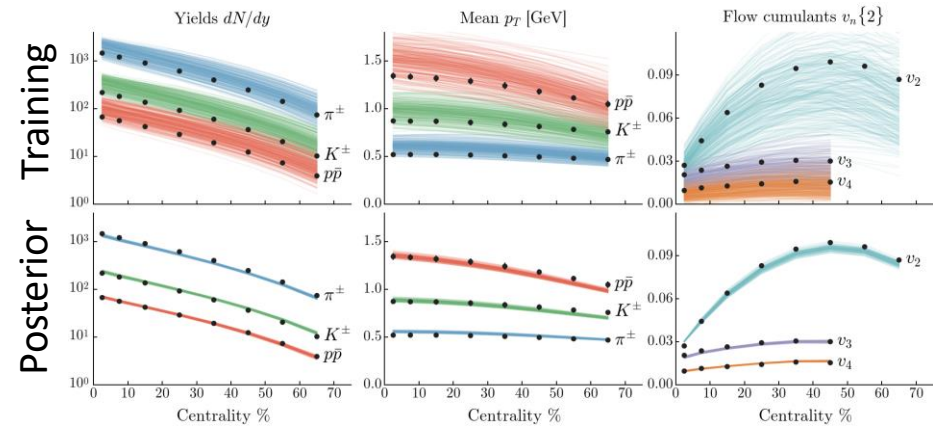
$v_n \neq 0$  observed in HI at RHIC and LHC



What about small collision systems?



Global hydro fits to several bulk observables start appearing:



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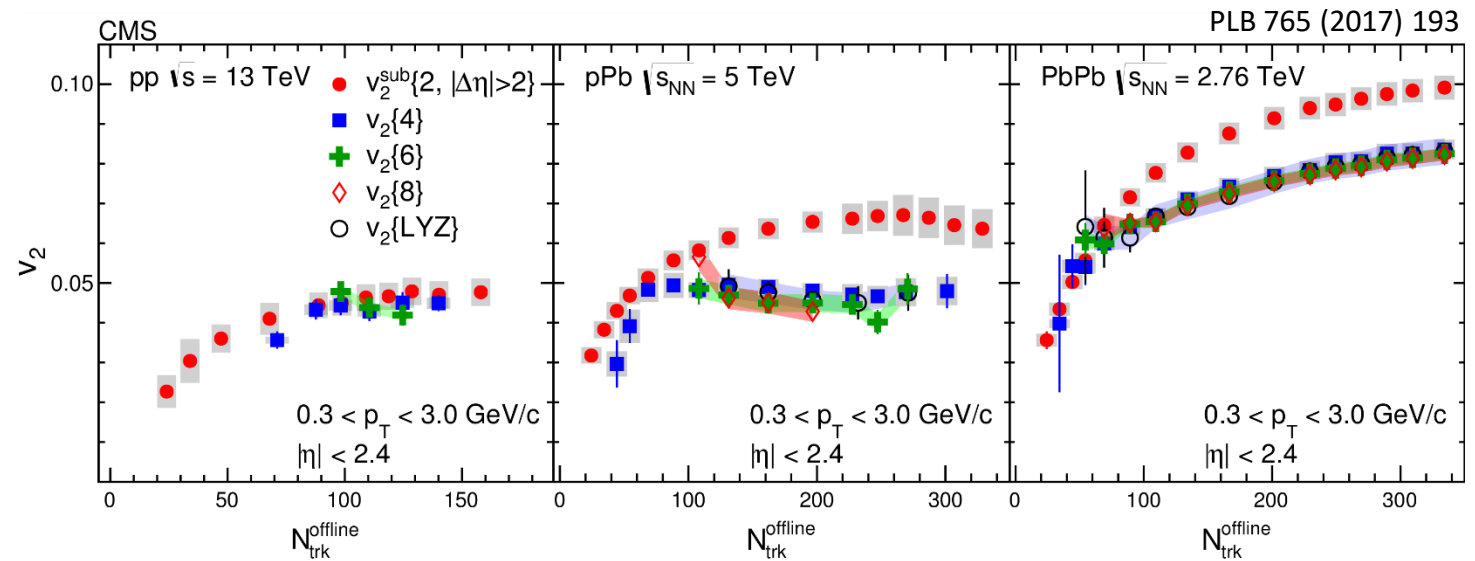
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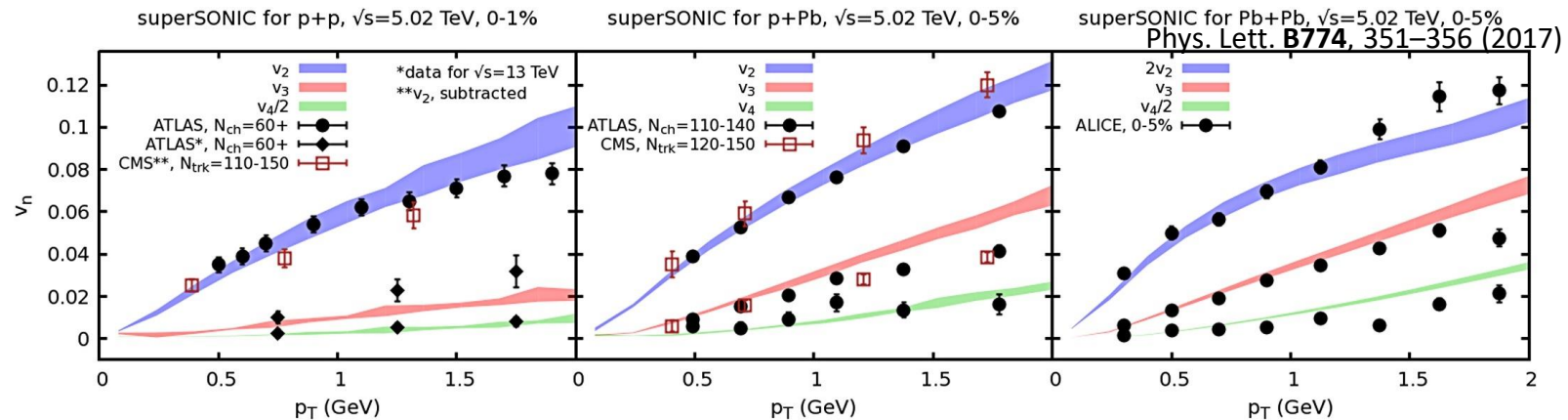
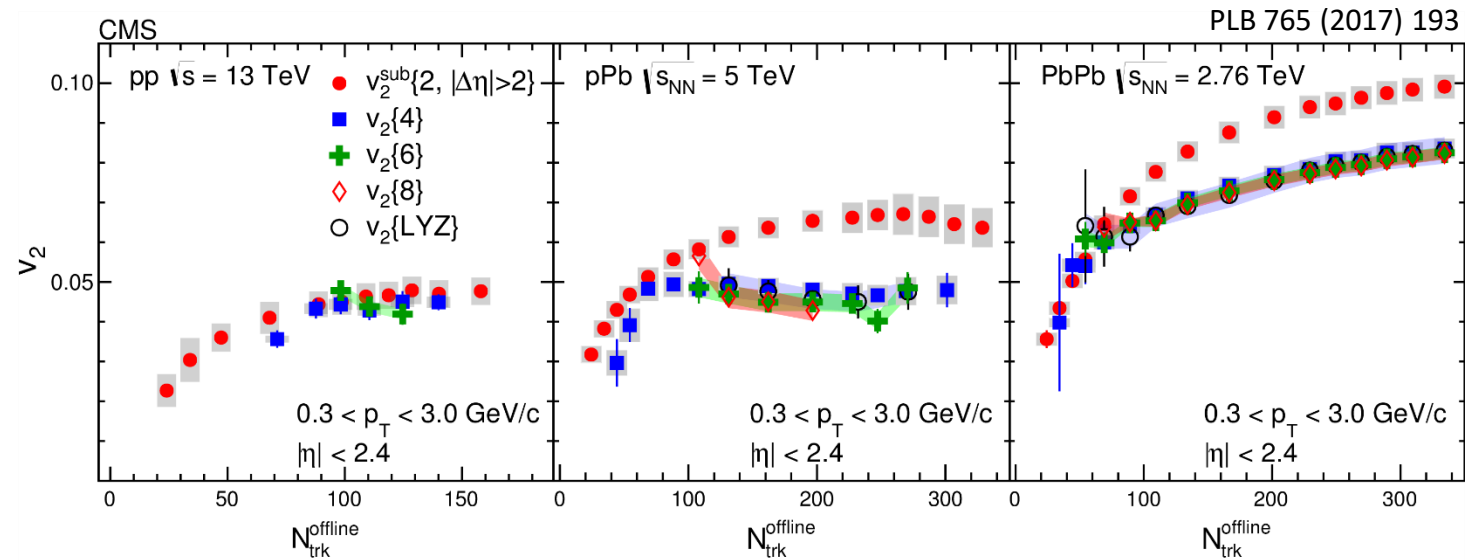
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Too restrictive: hydro can be applied far from thermalization!

W. Li, arXiv: 1704.03576

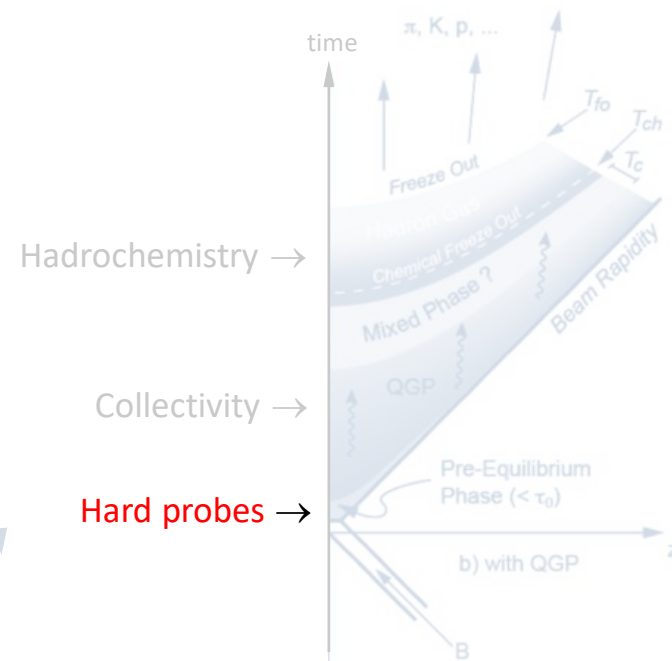


First theoretical calculations involving hydro expansion of a single fluid in all collisional systems start appearing.



# Selected results

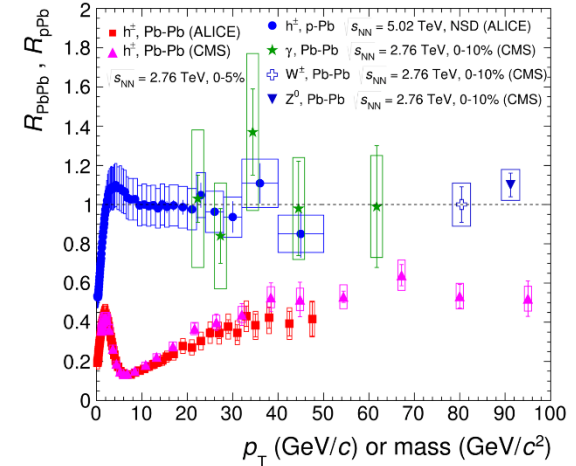
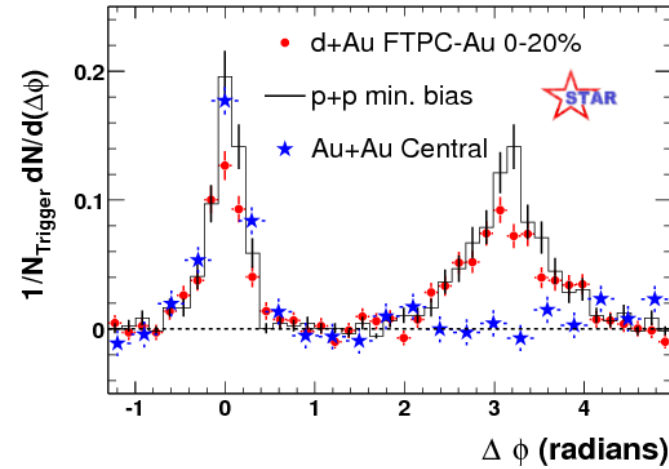
...from latest to earlier stages of the evolution:



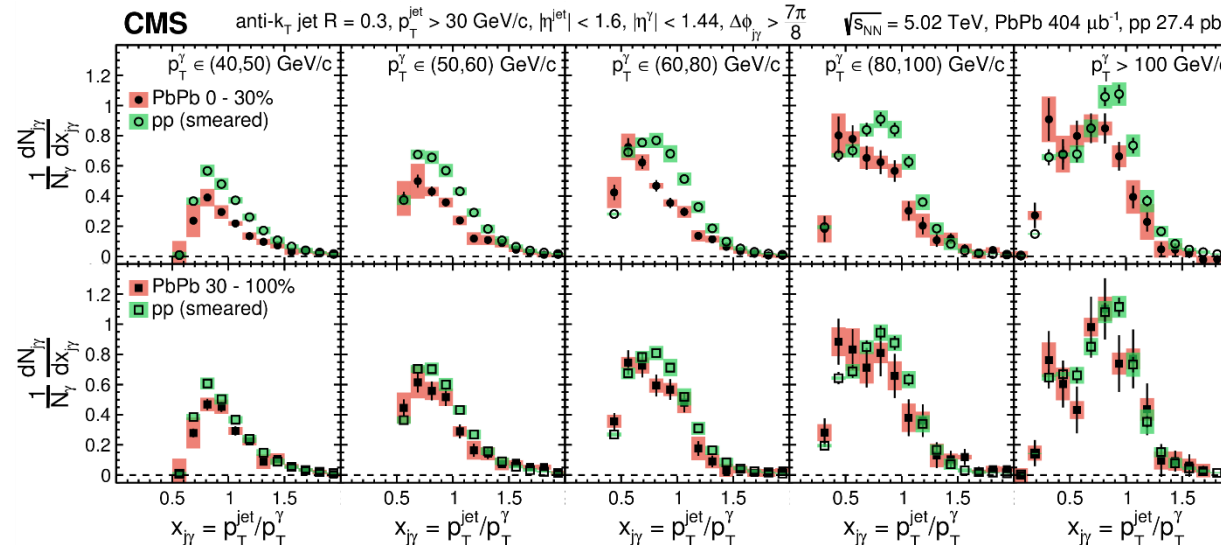
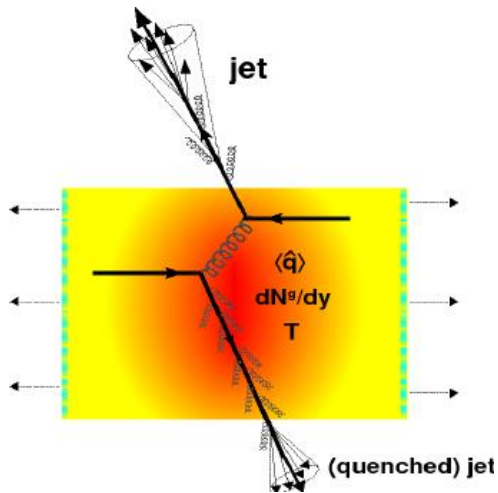
- High- $p_T$  partons produced in the early stages of the collisions ( $\tau \ll 1\text{fm}$ )
- Loose energy in the medium through:
  - elastic scattering
  - Induced gluon radiation (dominant at high- $p_T$ )
- Simple prediction (dead-cone effect):

$$\Delta E_g > \Delta E_{\text{light-quark}} > \Delta E_{\text{heavy-quark}}$$

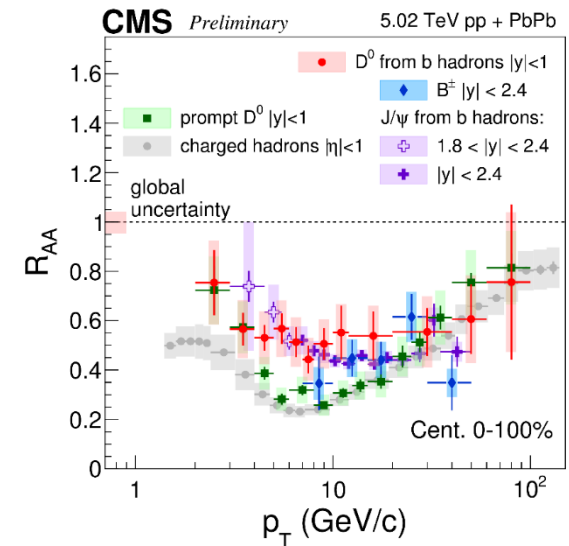
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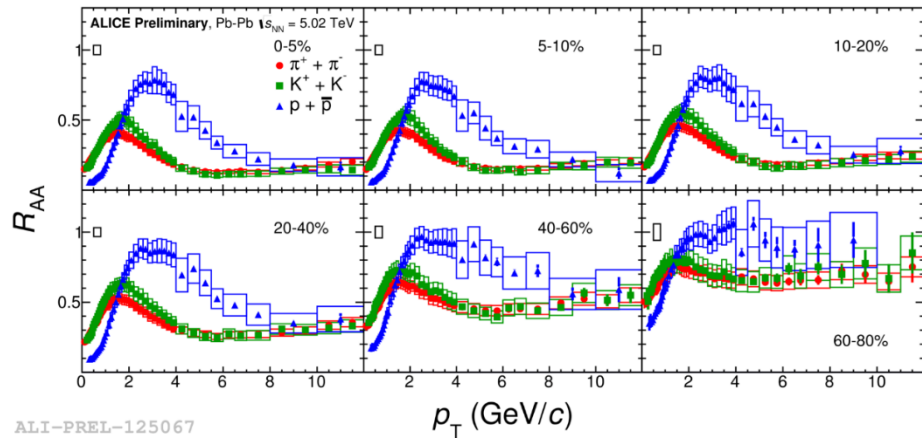
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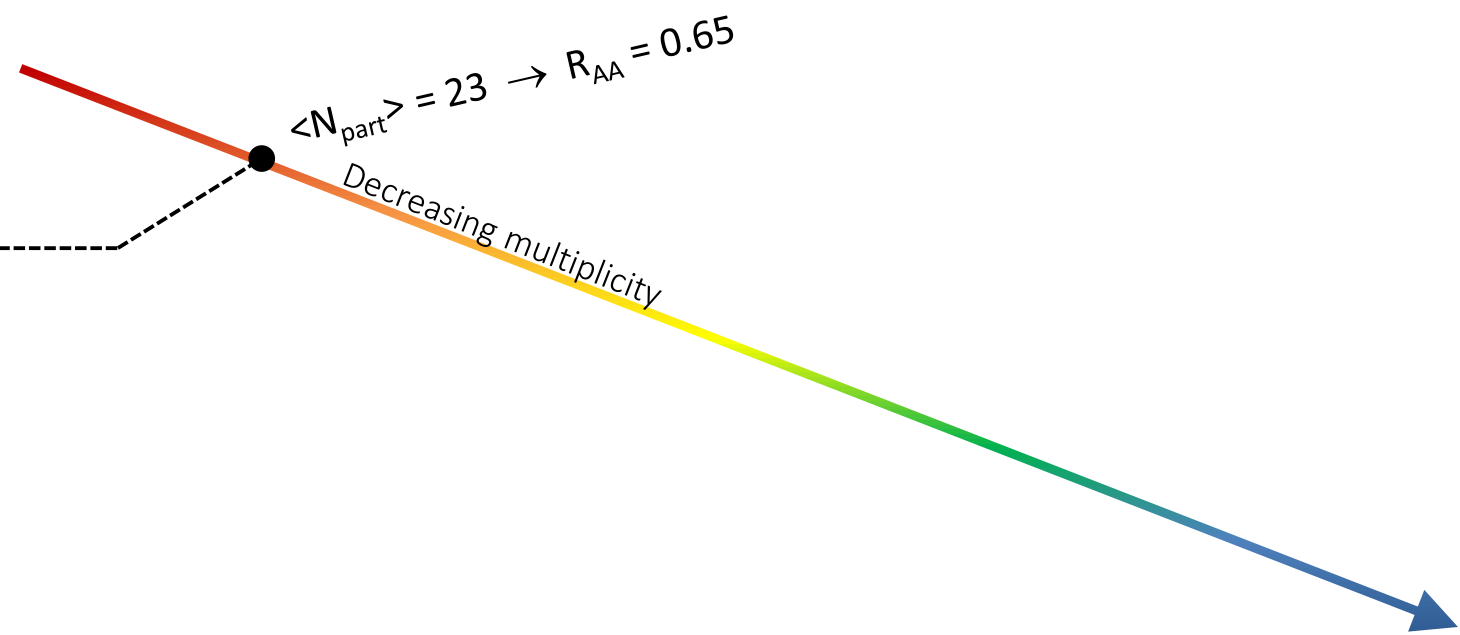




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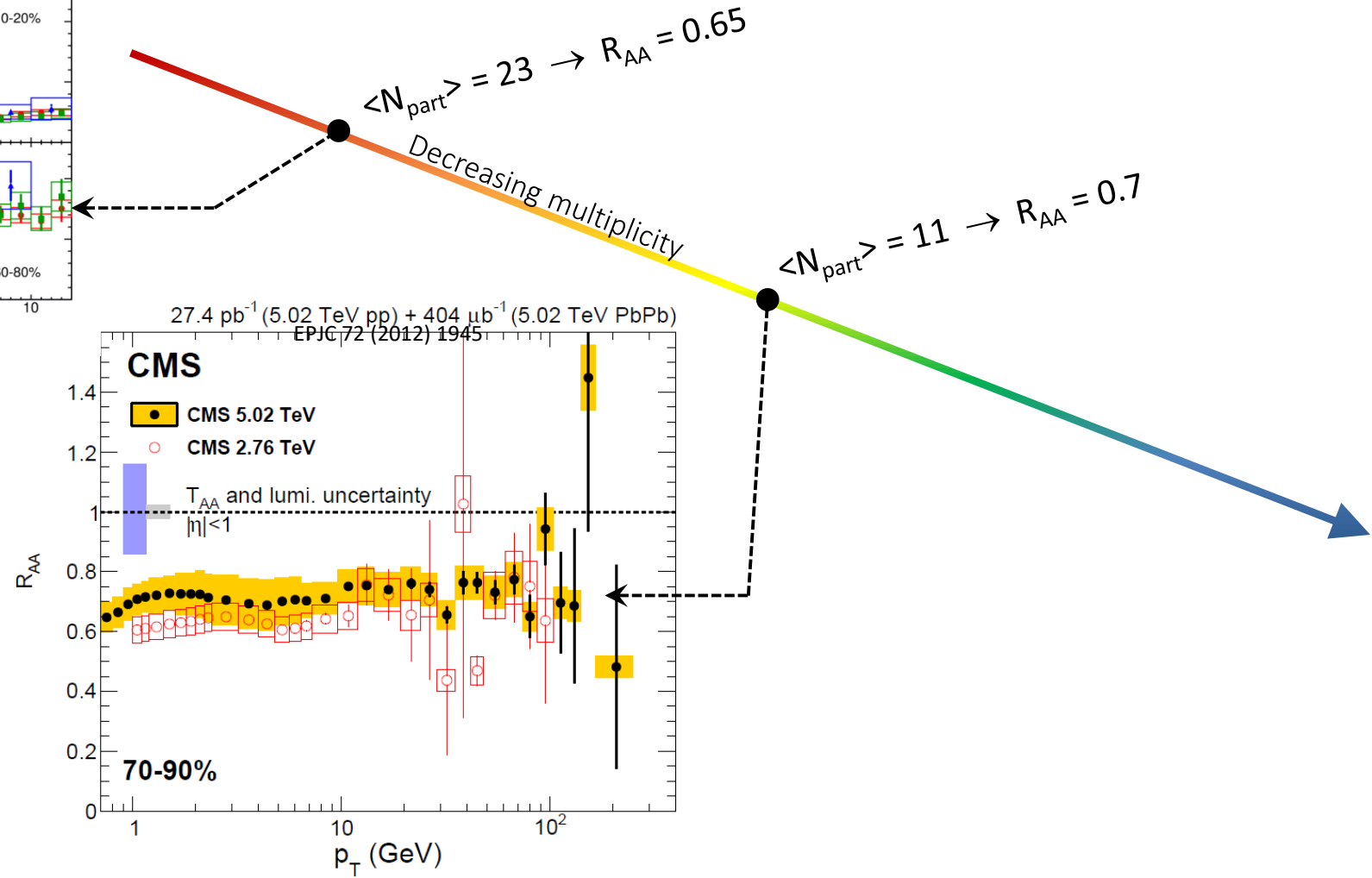
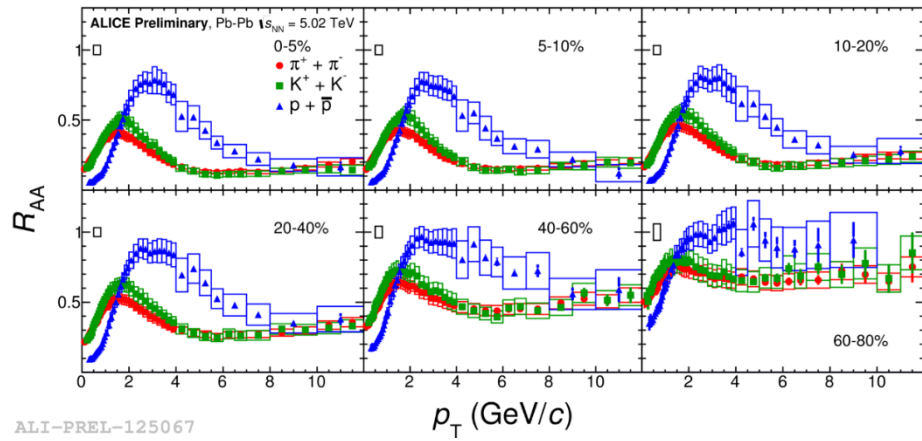


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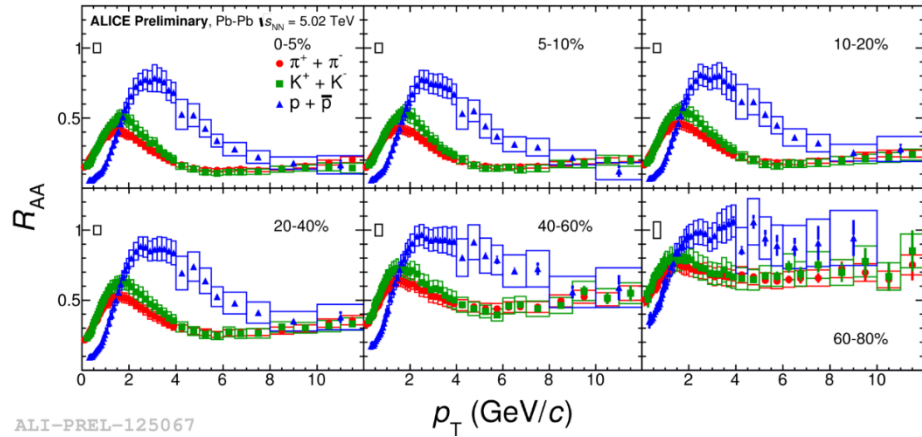


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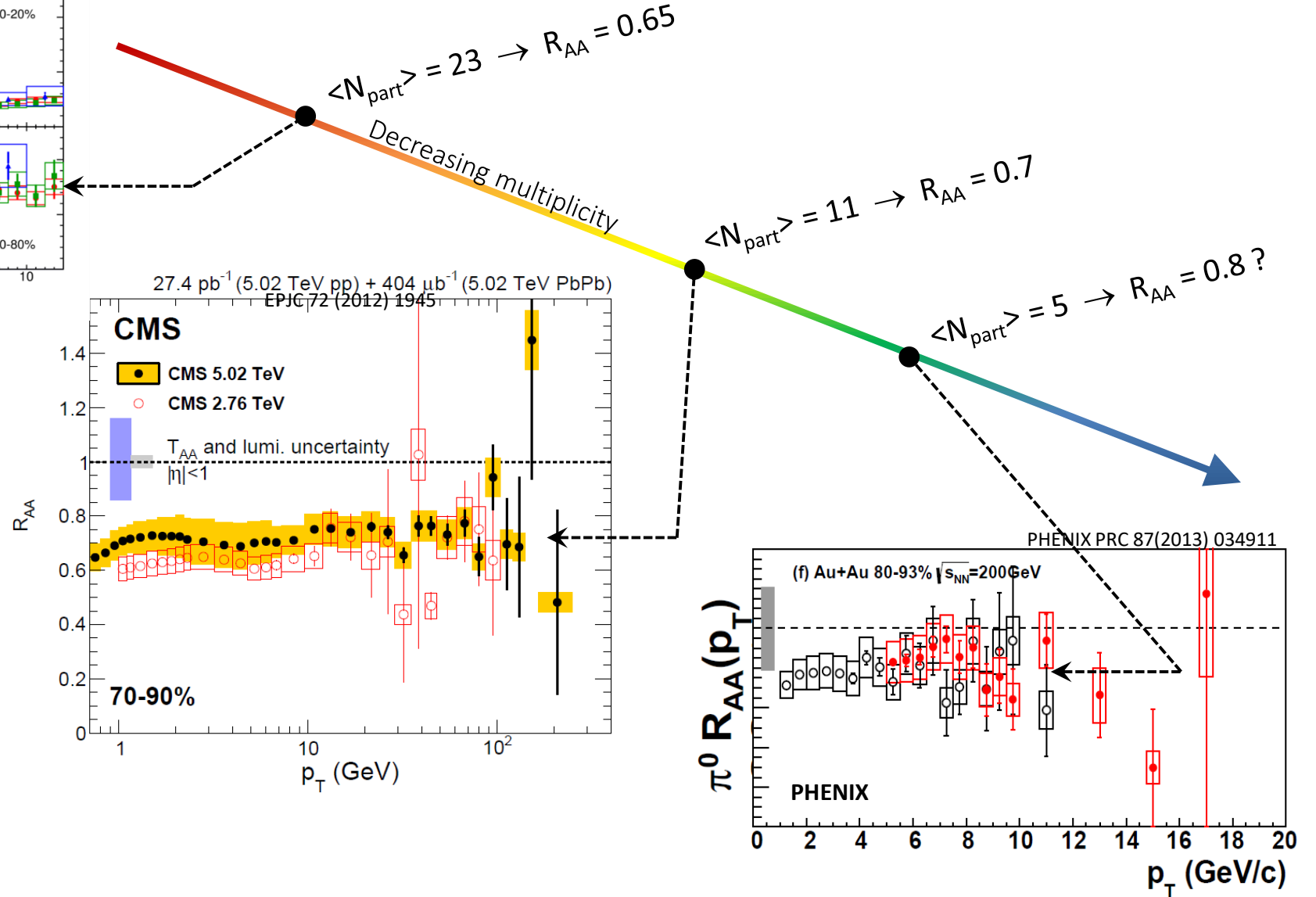
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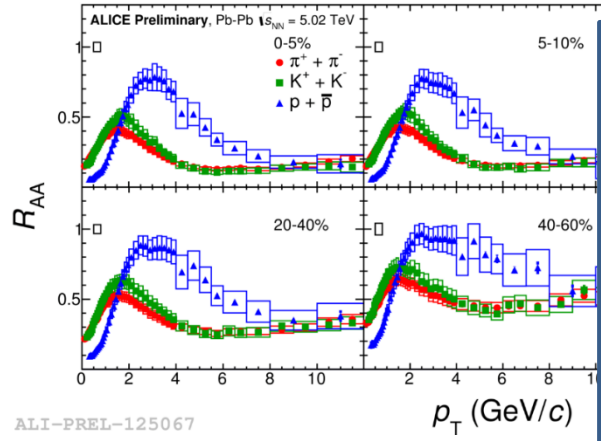
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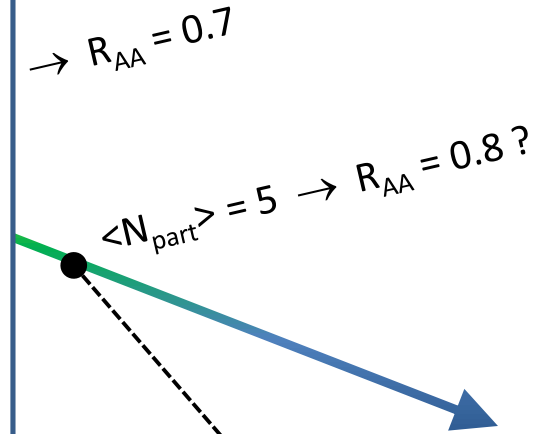
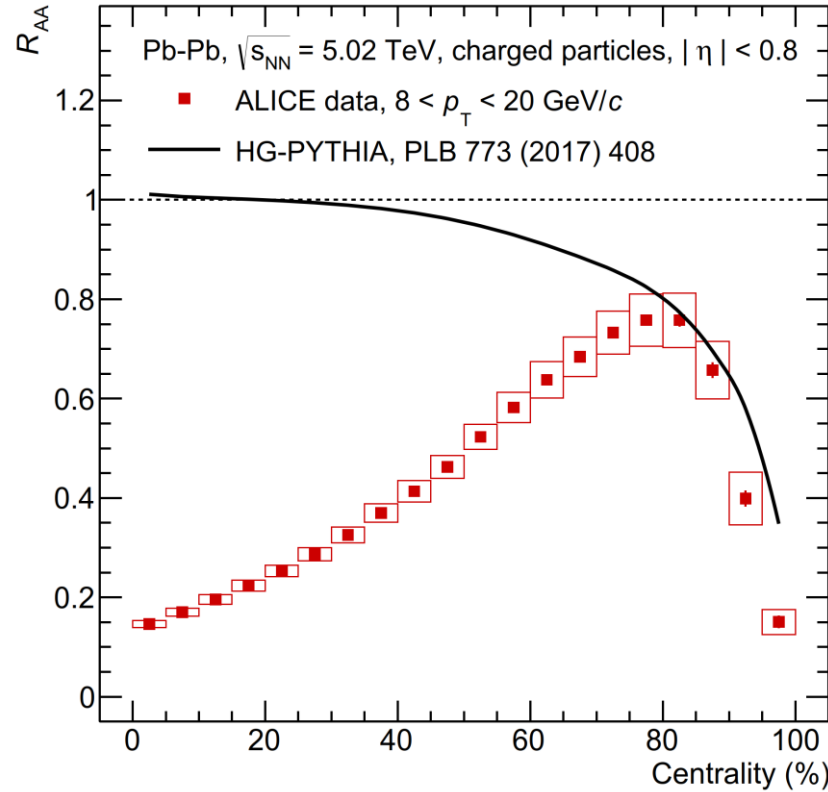




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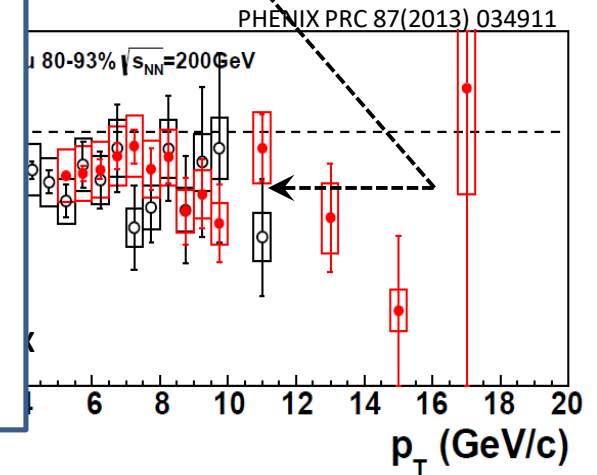
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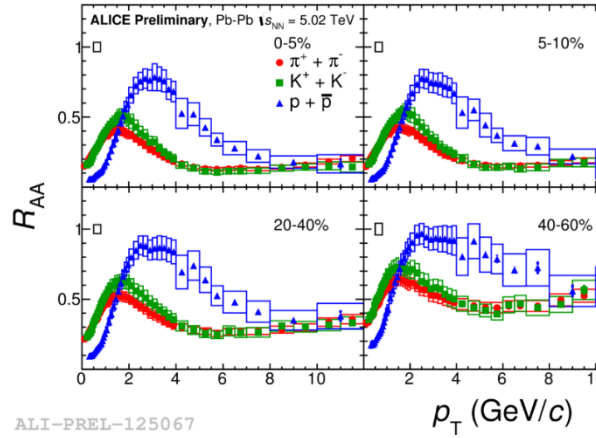
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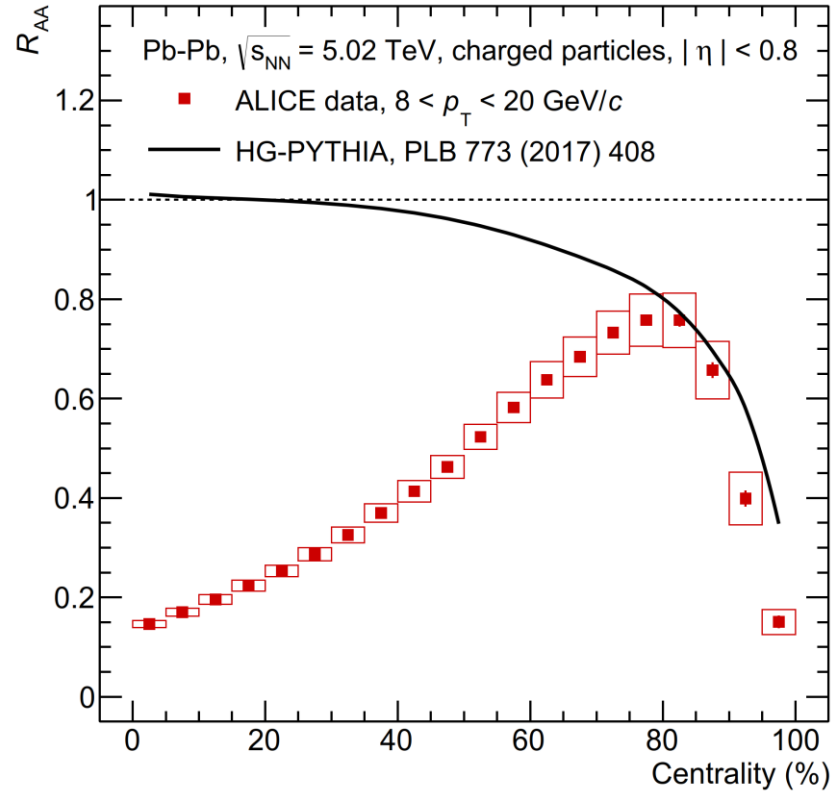




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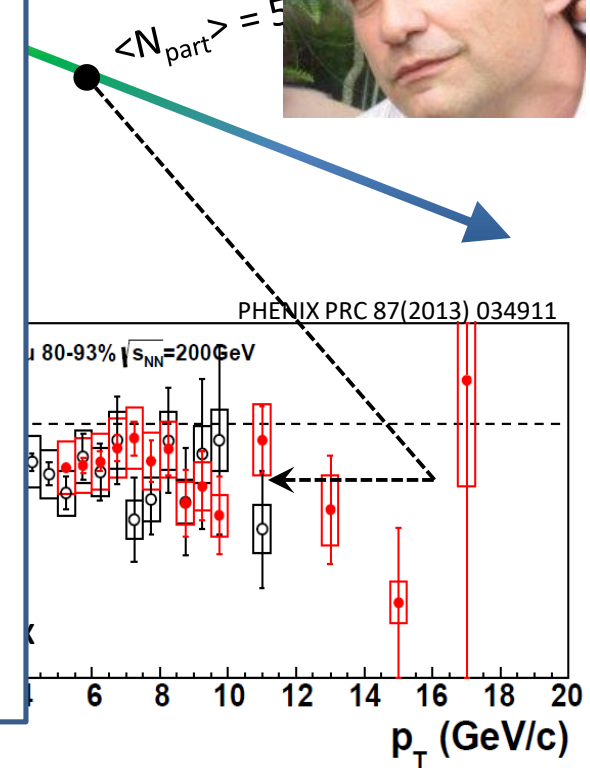
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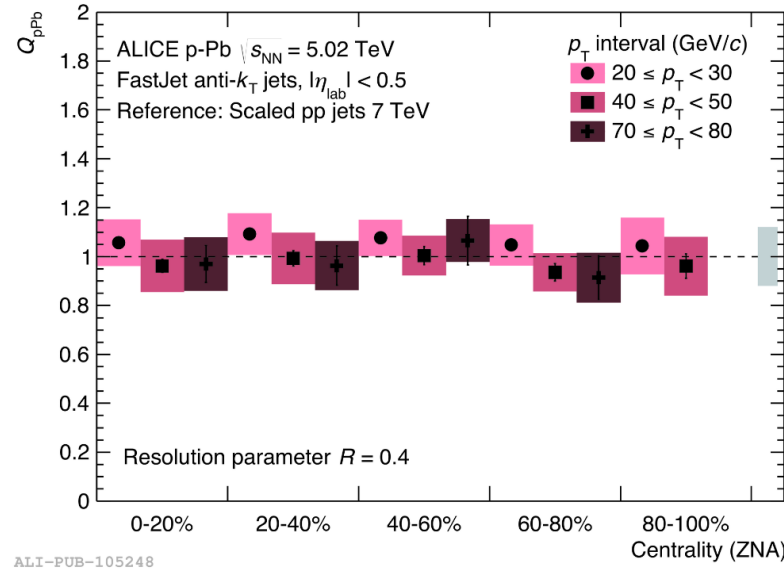
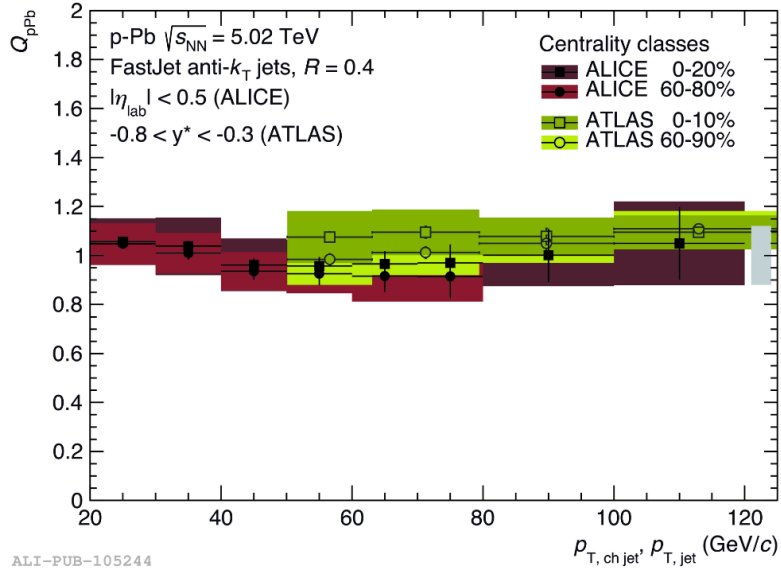
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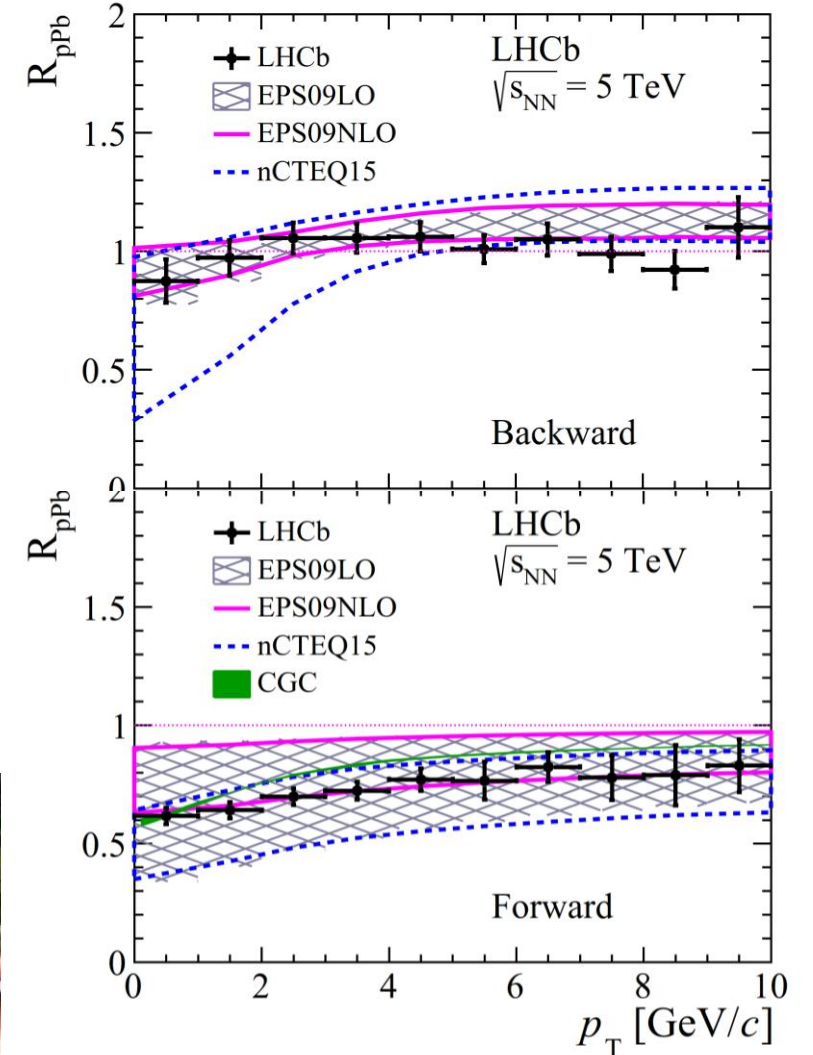
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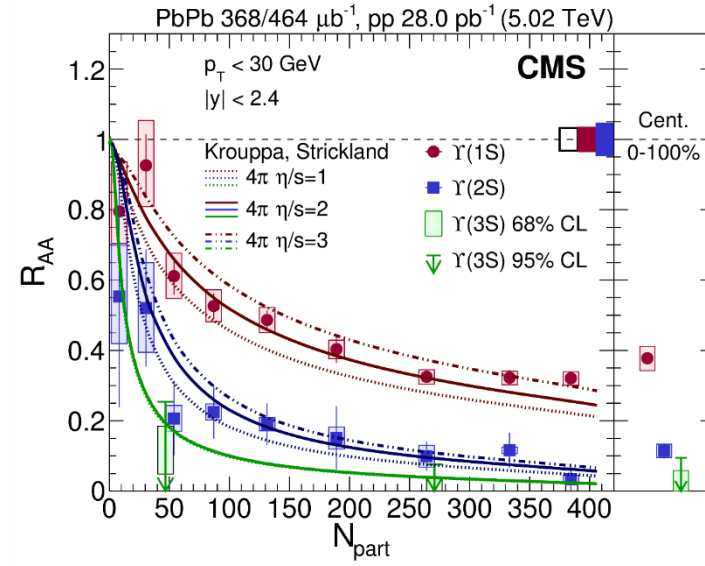
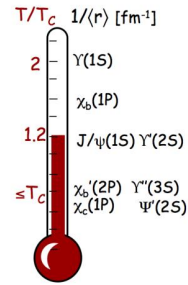


**No evidence of jet quenching in  $p$ -Pb collisions at the LHC**  
 High- $p_T$  hadrons do also not show any suppression



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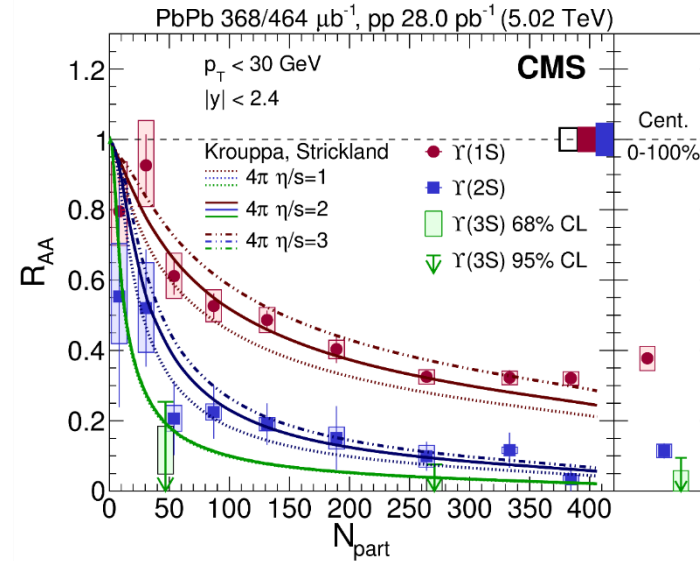
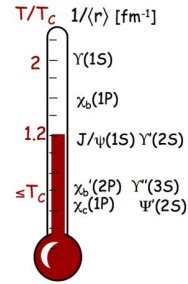


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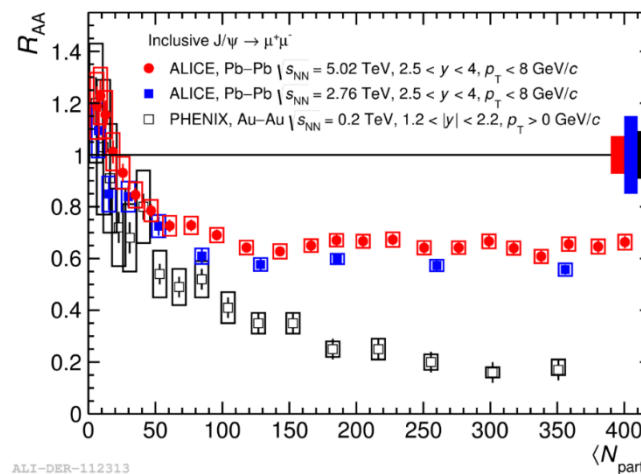
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- (re)combination  
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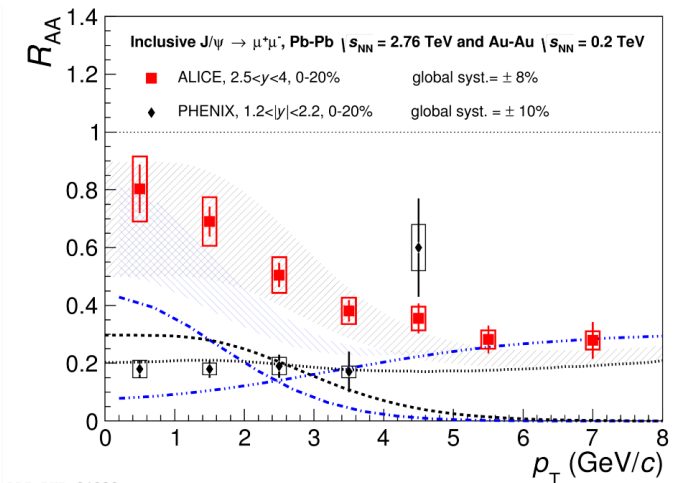
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P. Braun-Muzinger, J. Stachel, PLB 490(2000) 196

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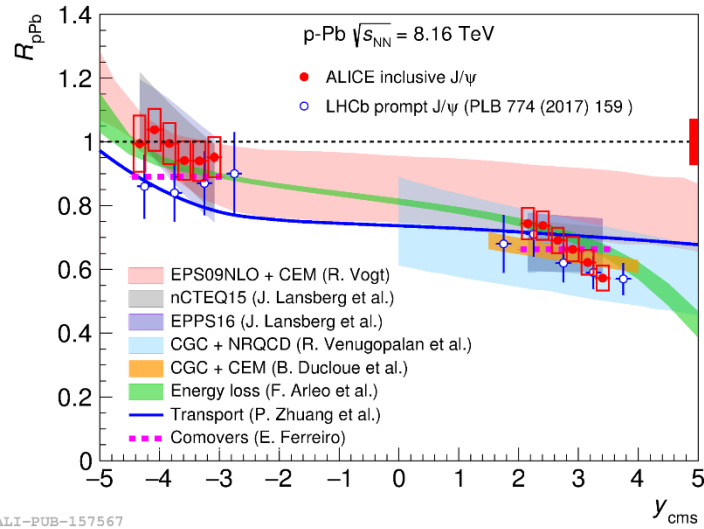


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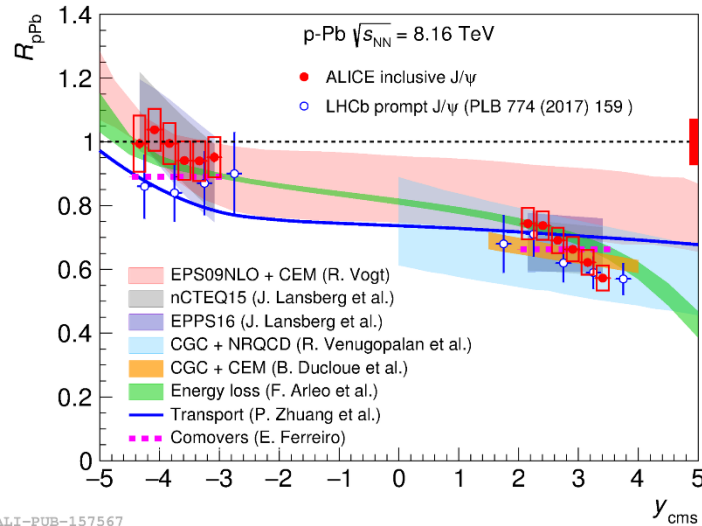




# Quarkonia melting in small systems?



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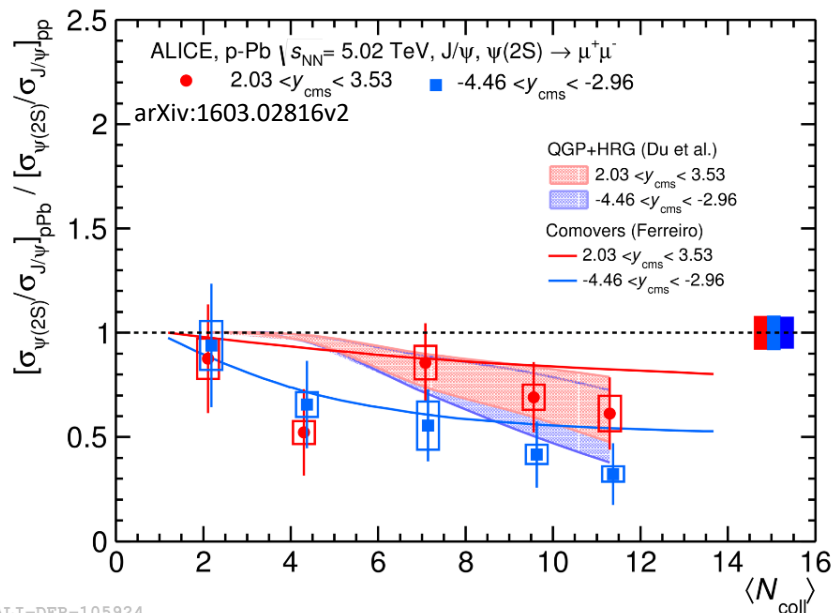
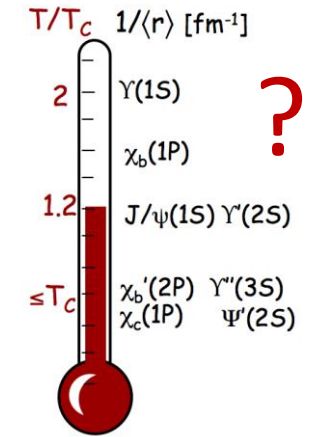


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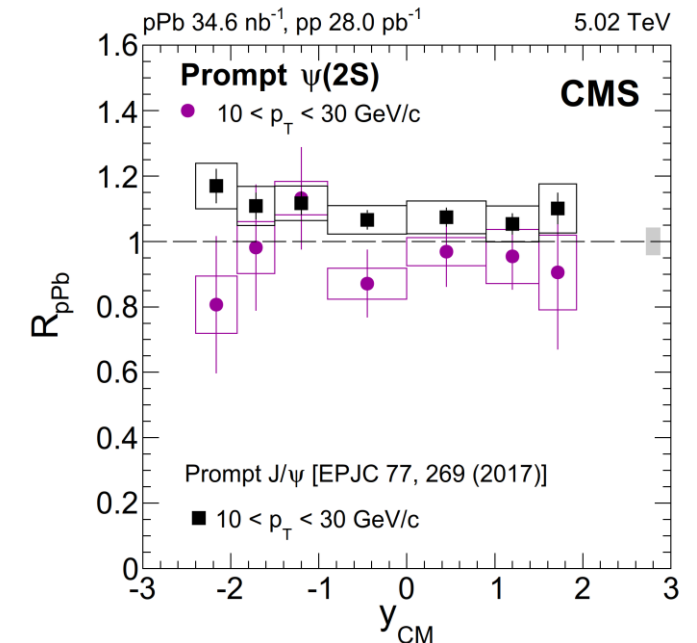
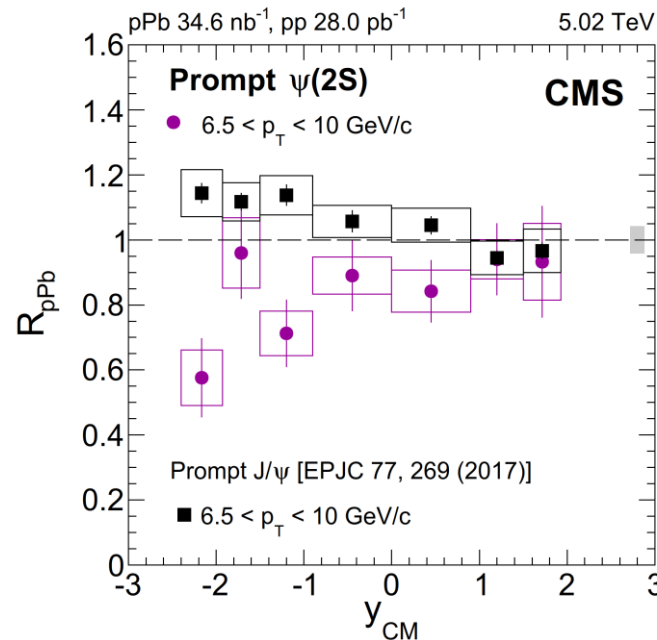
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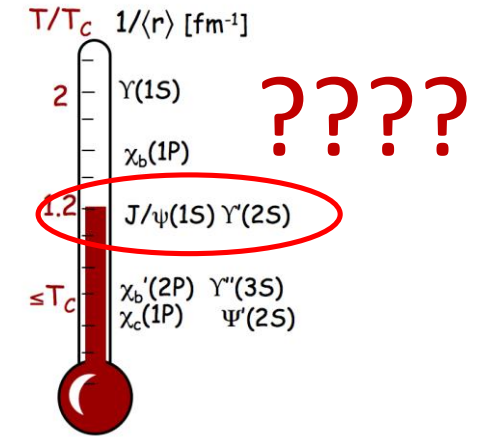
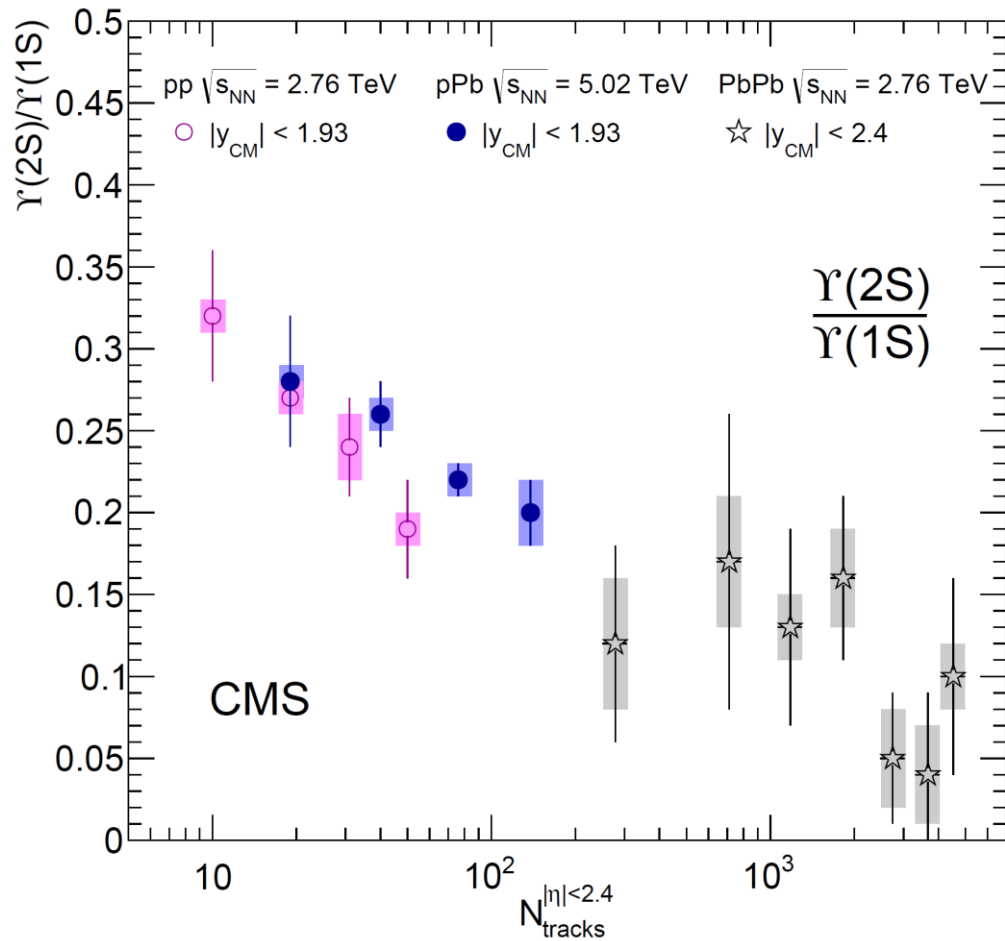
...but ratio  $\psi(2S)/J/\psi$  significantly lower than 1 at large  $N_{coll}$ !!

Makes sense in the “sequential suppression scenario”:  $\psi(2S)$  should dissociate at lower  $T$



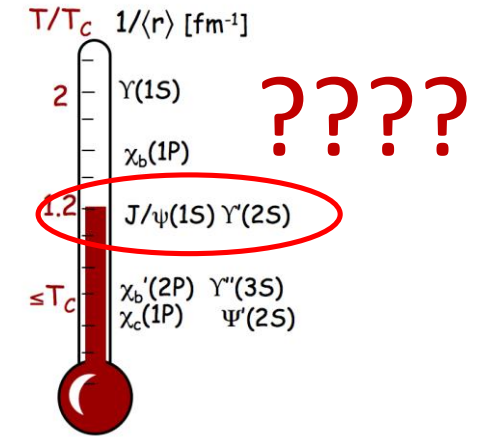
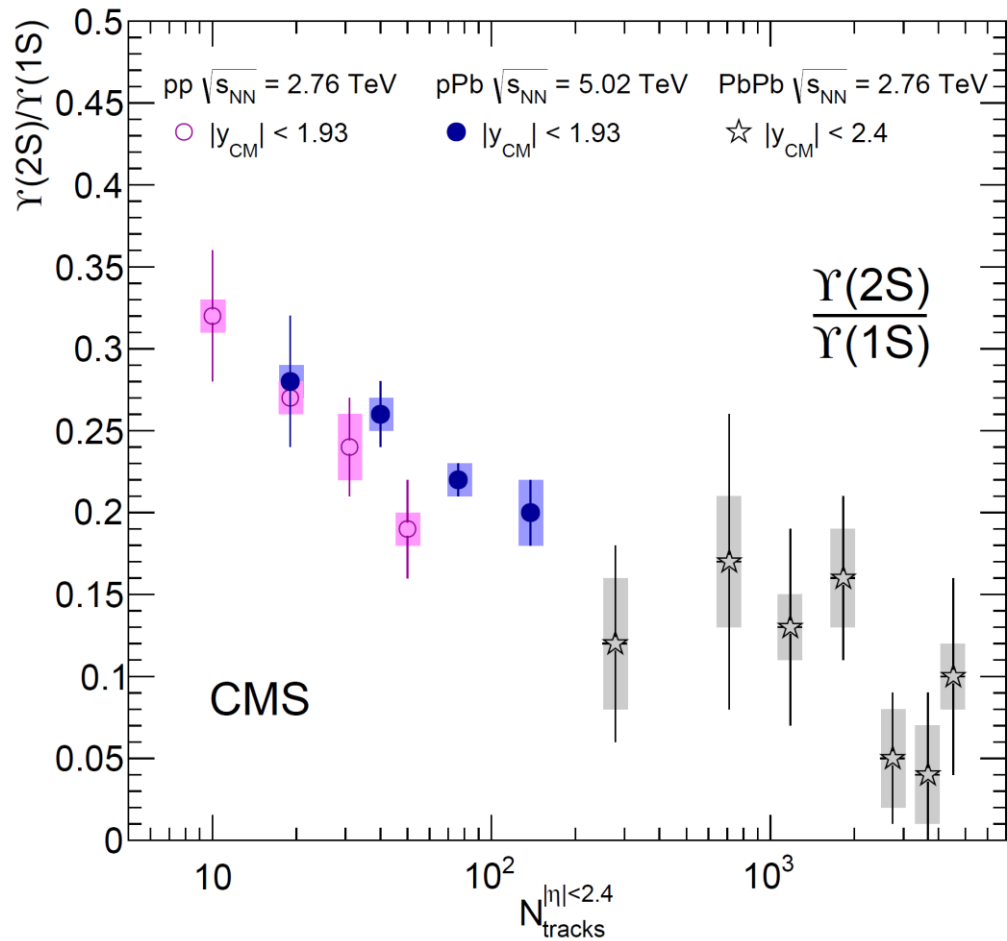
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# Conclusions





## “small systems” path the way to a possibly deeper (microscopic) understanding of QGP phenomena :

- Final state multiplicity drives light flavours observables across systems and energies.
- Strangeness enhancement in pp collisions. In highest multiplicity, hadrochemistry  $\approx$  to the one in the QGP
- $v_2 \neq 0$  in pp and p-Pb collisions at the LHC.
- No parton energy loss observed in pp and p-A
- Intriguing (and unclear) results on quarkonium suppression in p-A (and pp!) collisions

*Thank  
you*



# My experience in an US research group

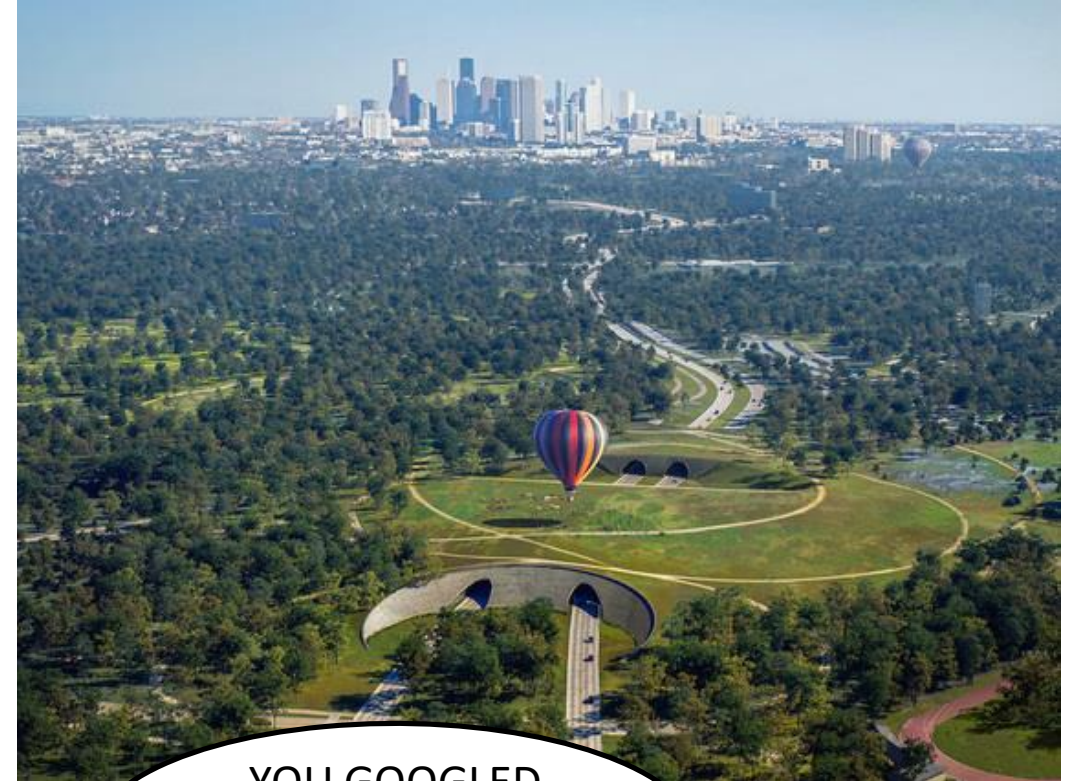
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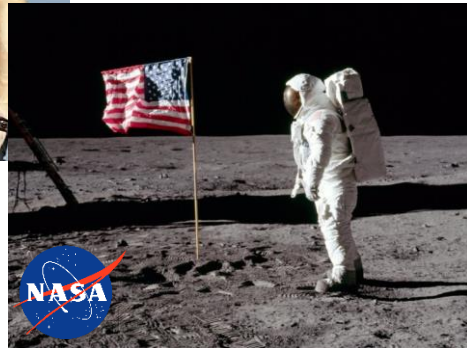
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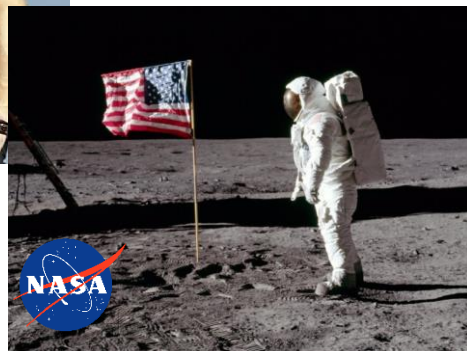
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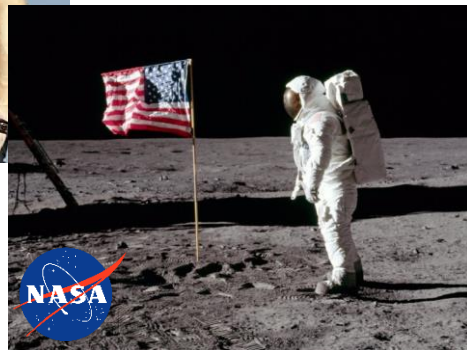


Loano: the saddest sea place in Italy (sorry Claudia)



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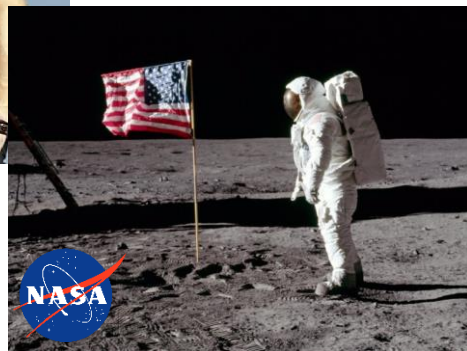
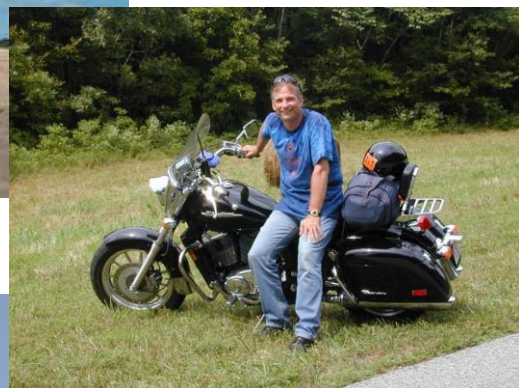
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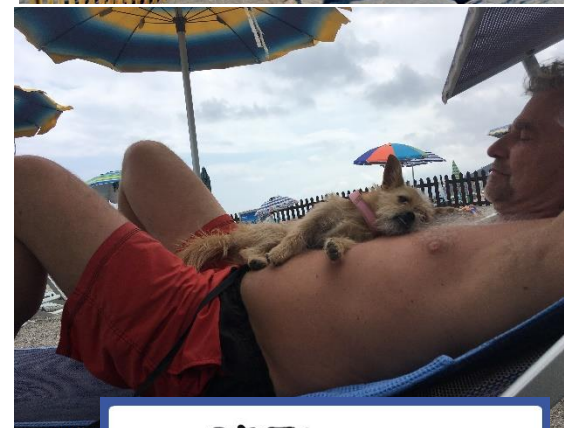


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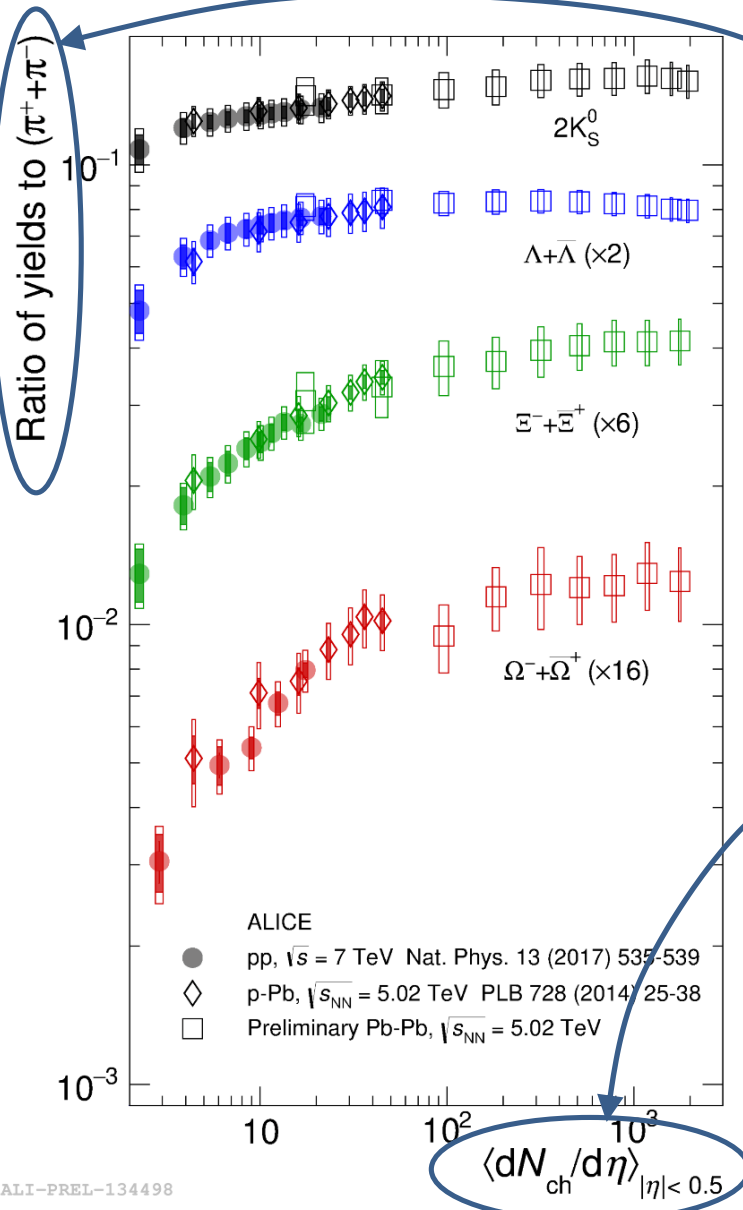
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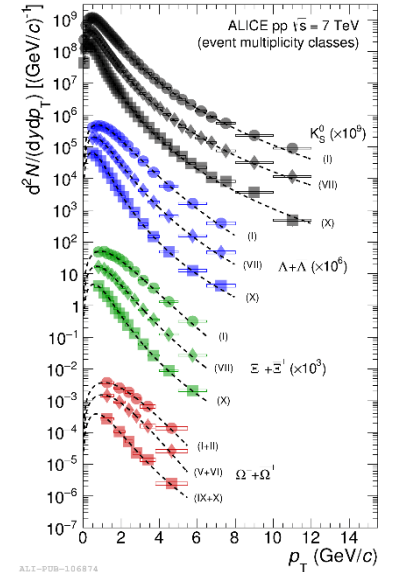
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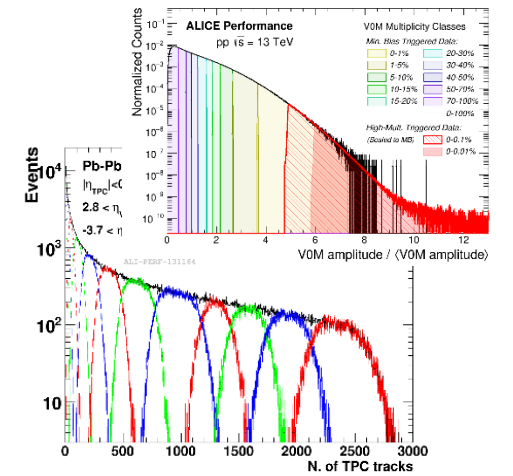
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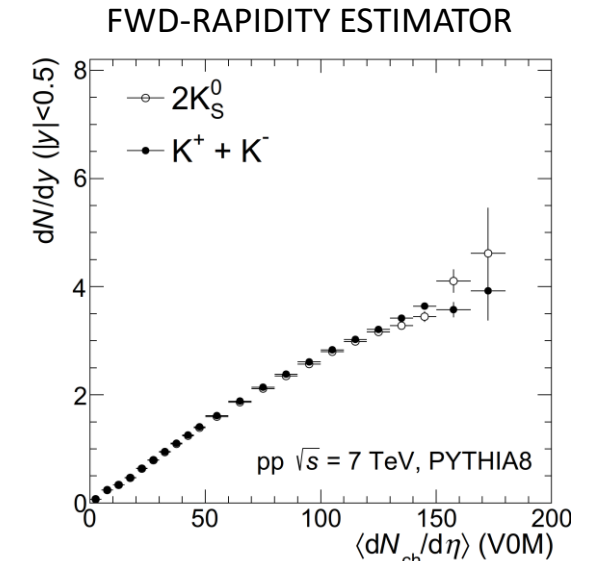
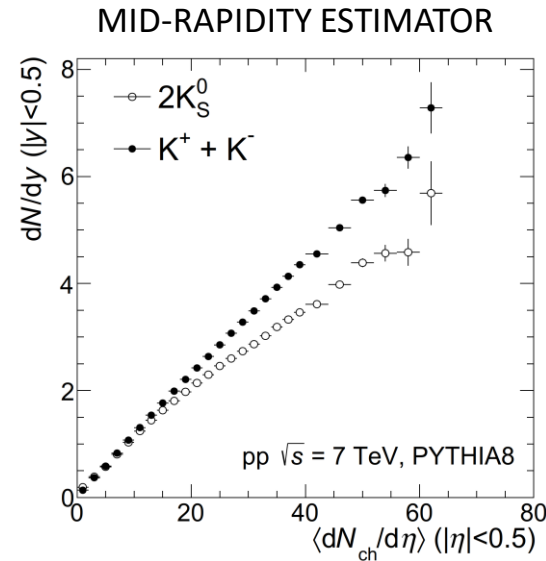
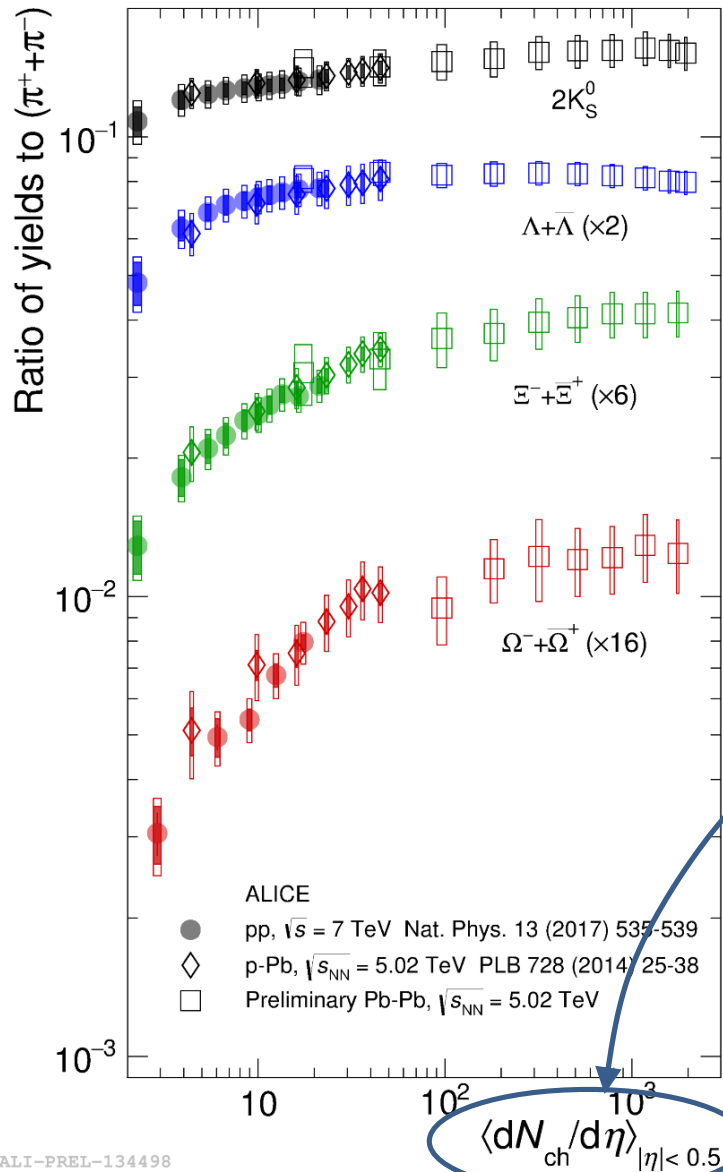
- Measure  $p_T$  spectra of strange particles and pions in pp events characterized by different multiplicities (fwd-rapidity estimator)
- Integrate spectra extrapolating at low and high  $p_T$  with suitable functions.
- Calculate  $Y^S/Y^\pi$



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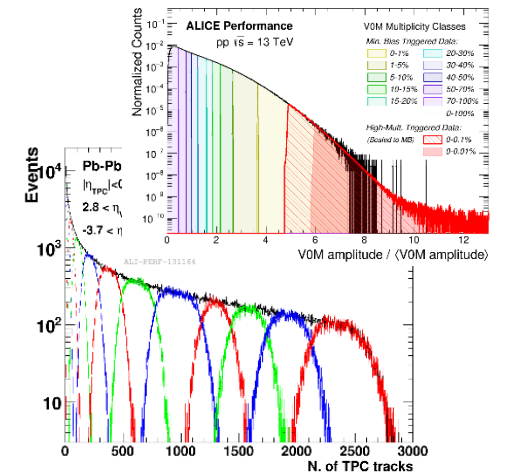
- $\nabla$  multiplicity class (fwd-rapidity estimator), count the number of primary charged particles at central rapidity and build-up  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  distribution
- Take statistical average of every distribution



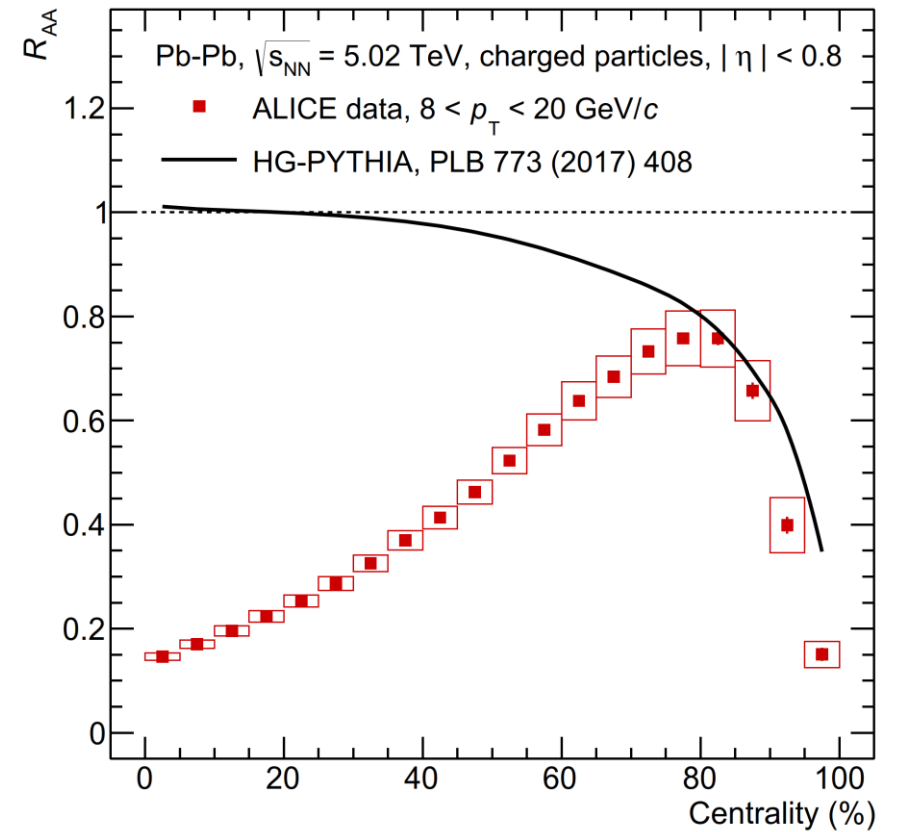
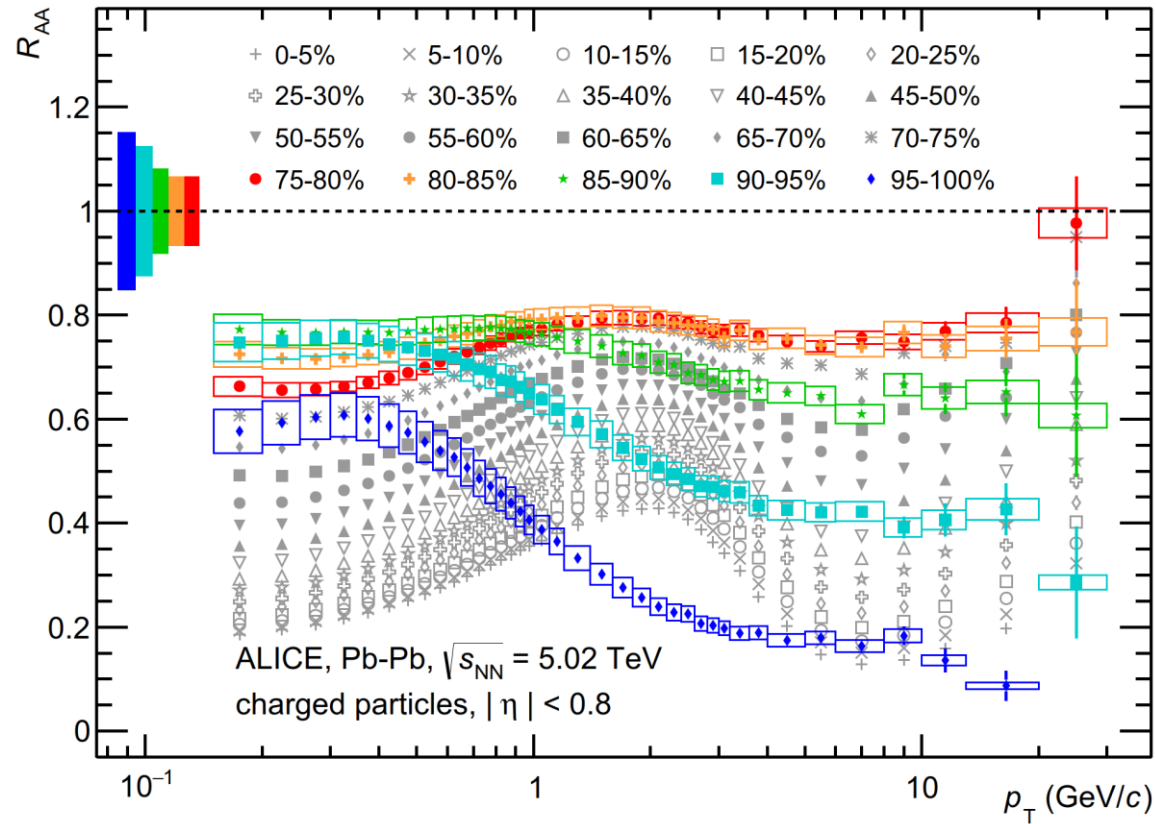


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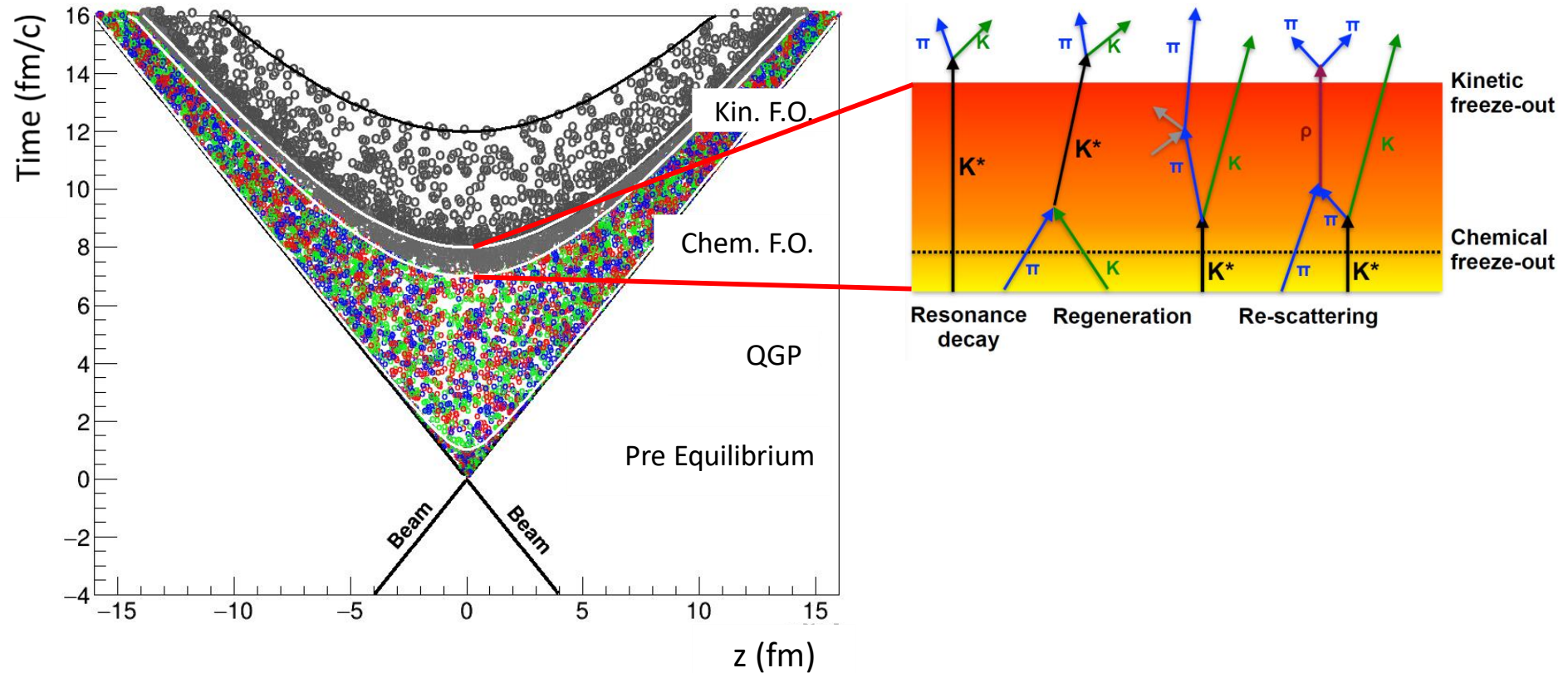
- $\nabla$  multiplicity class (fwd-rapidity estimator), count the number of primary charged particles at central rapidity and build-up  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  distribution
- Take statistical average of every distribution



# Selection bias and $R_{AA}$ in peripheral collisions at LHC

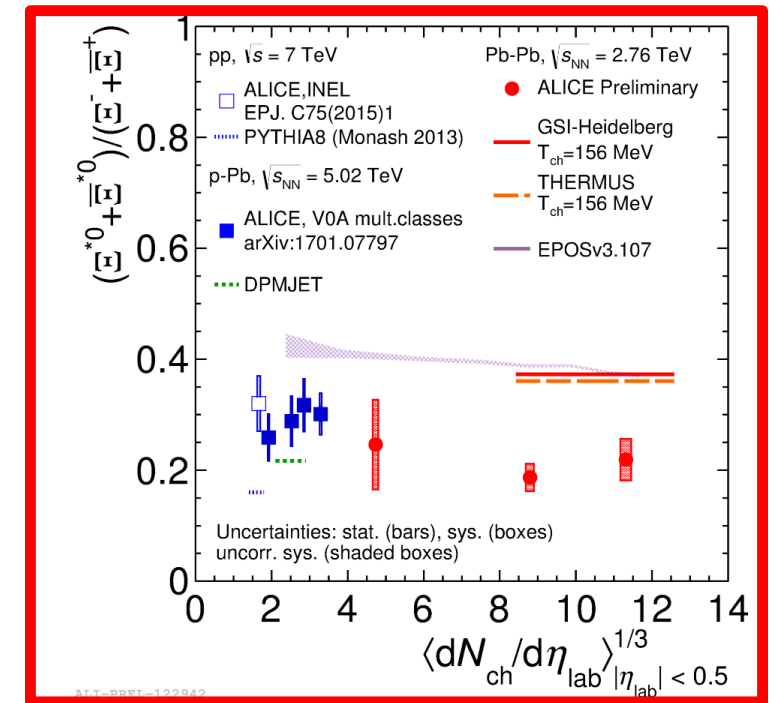
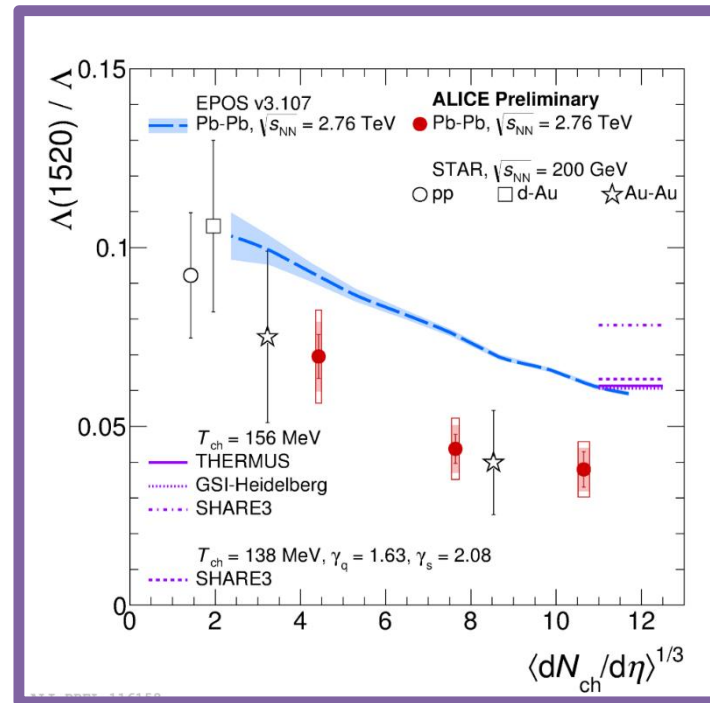
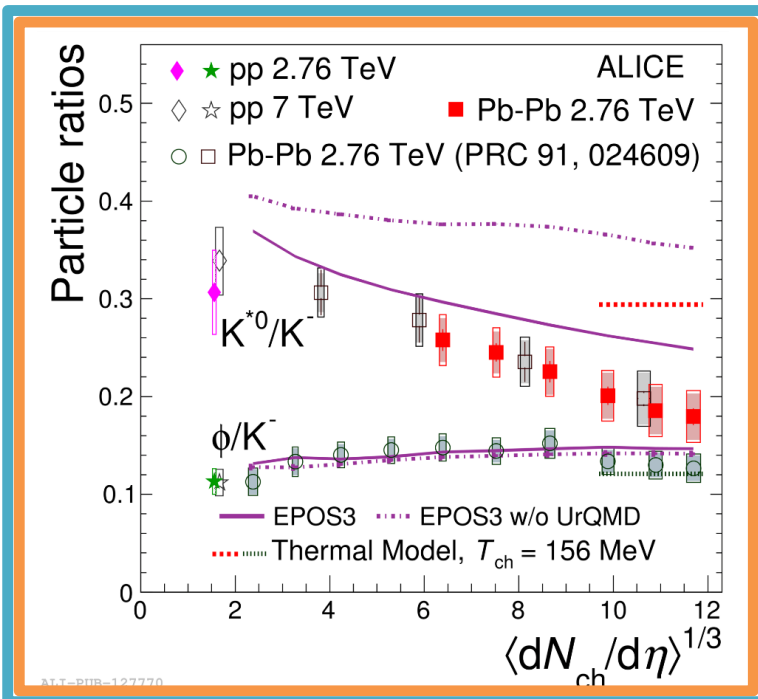
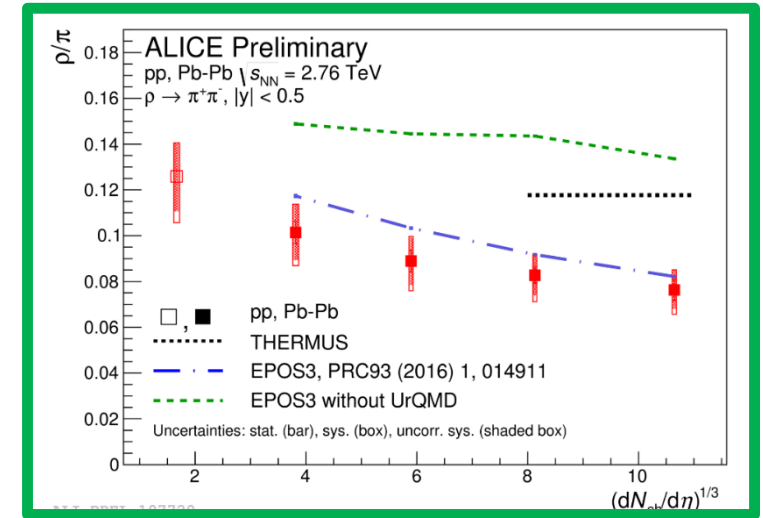


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Lifetime [fm/c] :  $\rho$  [1.3] <  $K^*$  [4.2] <  $\Lambda^*$  [12.6] <  $\Xi^{0*}$  [21.7] <  $\phi$  [46.2]

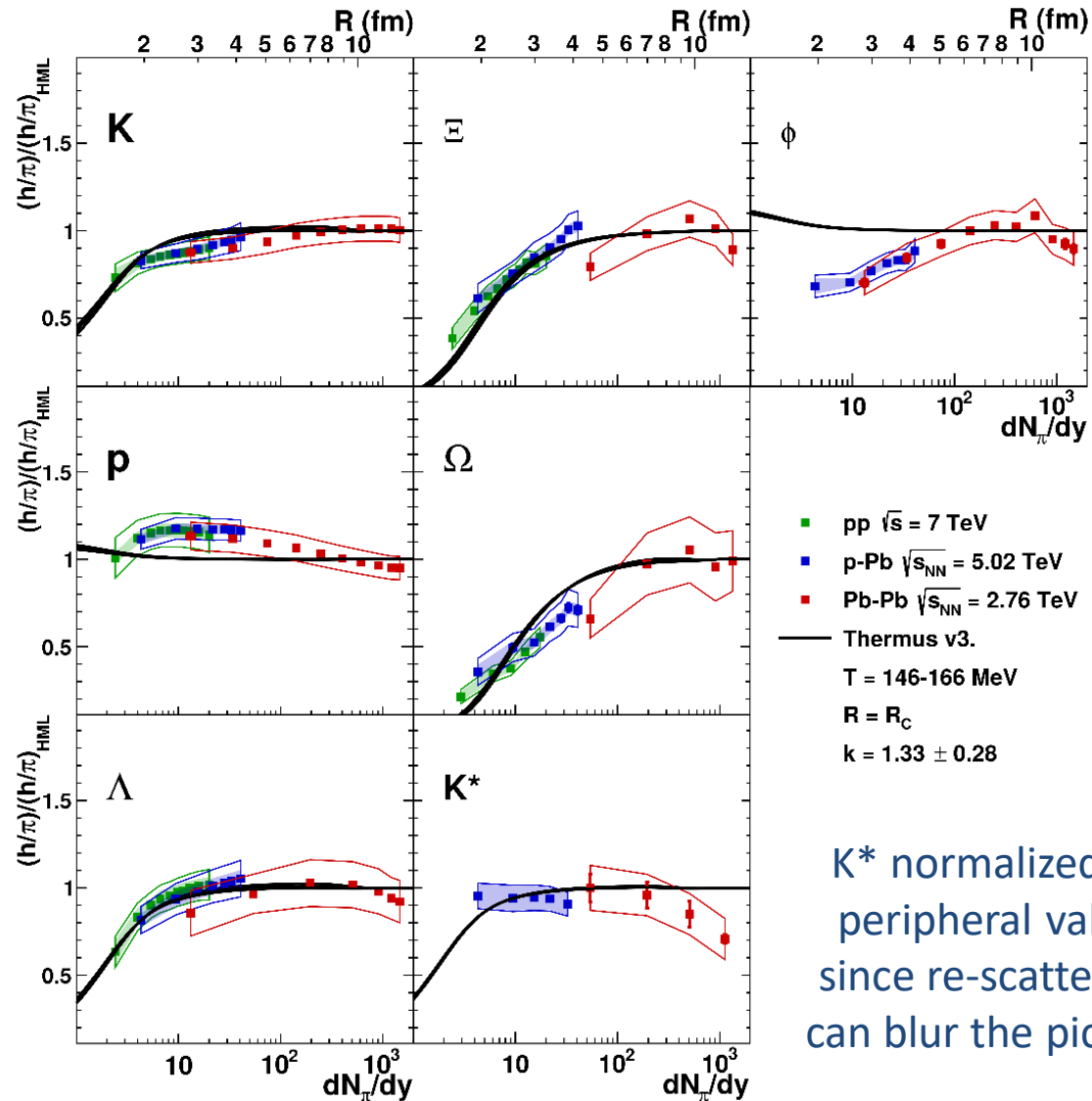






# Hadrochemistry: thermal emission in elementary collisions?

V. Vislavicius, A. Kalweit aXiv:1610.03001 [nucl-ex]



$K^*$  normalized to peripheral value since re-scattering can blur the picture

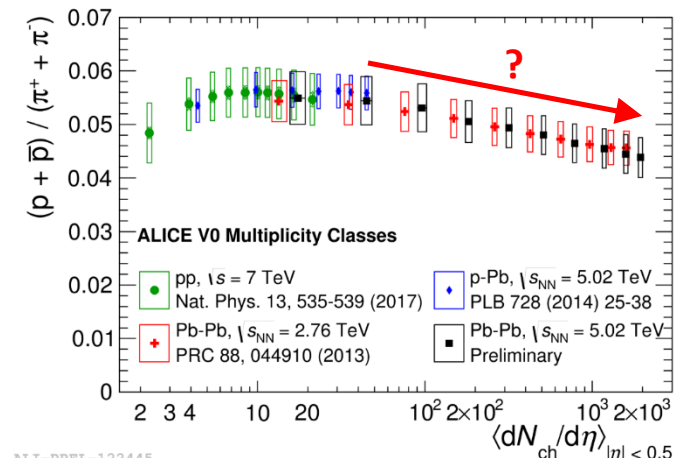
Fix yield's ratio to saturation limit. Check the evolution when decreasing the volume (multiplicity)

Qualitatively the thermal fit describes  $K, \Lambda, \Xi, \Omega$

Notable exception is the  $\phi$ !

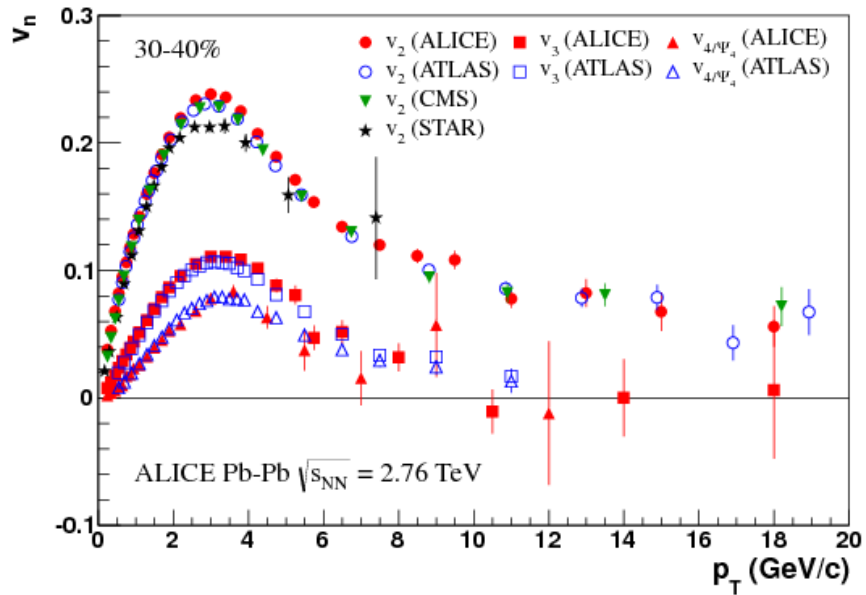
Slightly decreasing protons  
Hint for hadronic re-scattering?

Need to evaluate degree of correlation on systematics across multiplicity!



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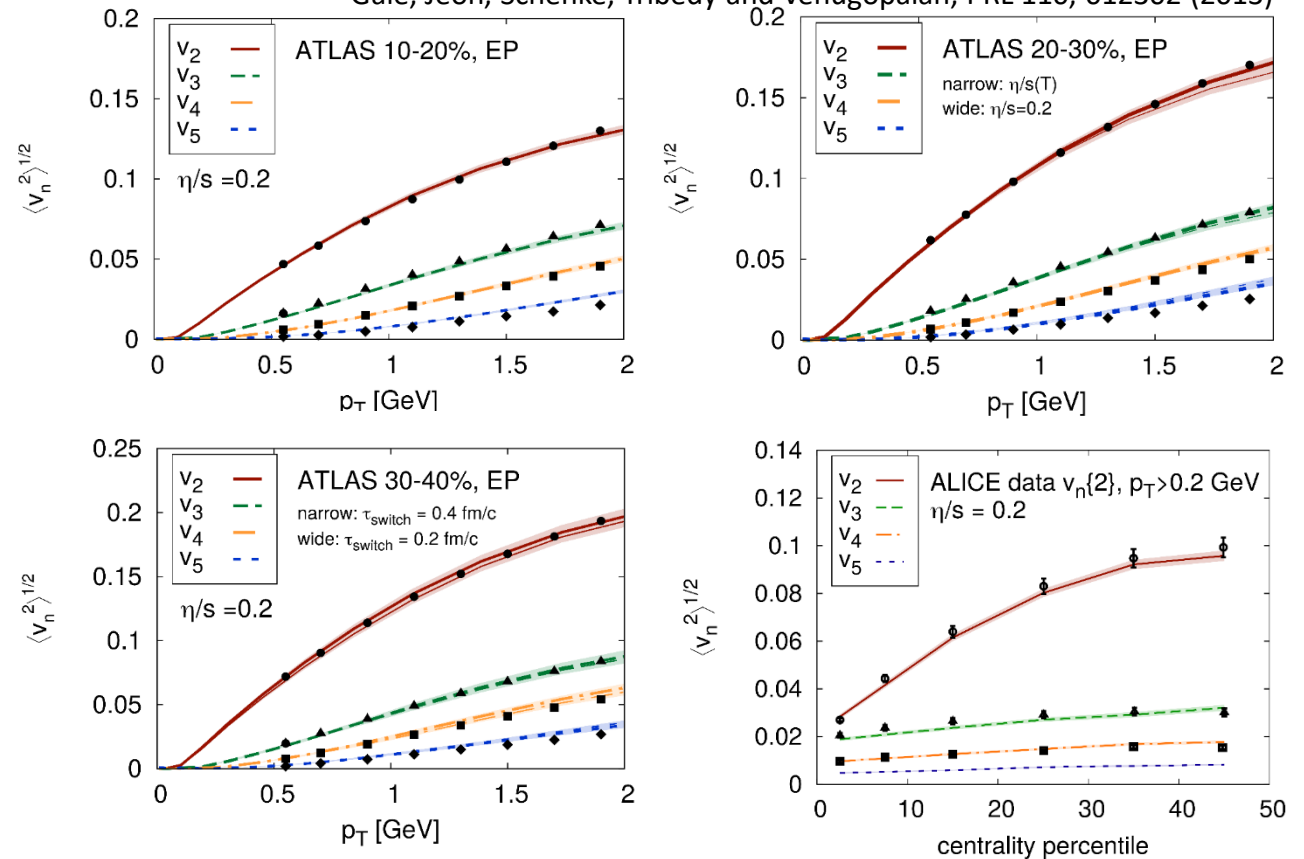
If interested in re-scattering in the hadronic phase, more in the backup!



$v_n \neq 0$  observed at RHIC and LHC:  
means that in semi-central collisions  
the  $p_T$  distribution of particles is  
anisotropic wrt the event plane...

does this mean we have flow?

Gale, Jeon, Schenke, Tribedy and Venugopalan, PRL 110, 012302 (2013)

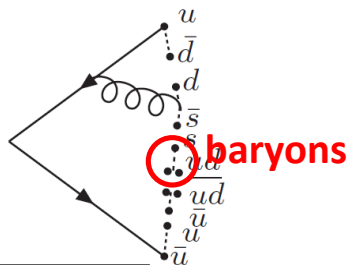
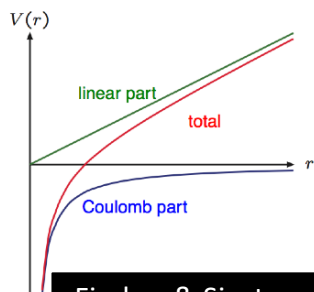


Hydrodynamic models reproduce  $v_n$  in all centralities by  
means of an “almost” perfect fluid:  $\eta/s=0.2$

- 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

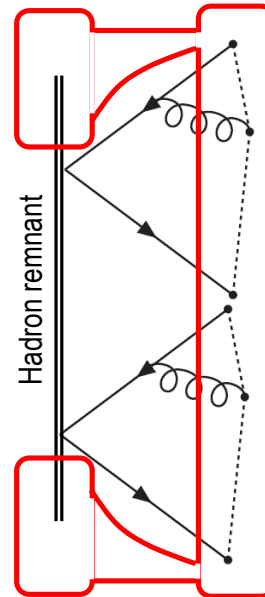
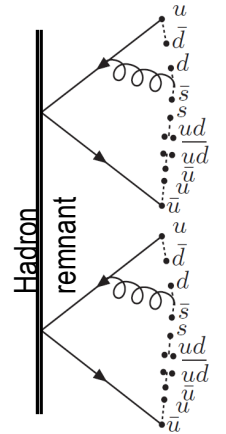
$$P \propto e^{-\frac{\pi m_T^2}{\kappa}} = e^{-\frac{\pi m_q^2}{\kappa}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\pi p_T^2 q}{\kappa}}$$

- 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)



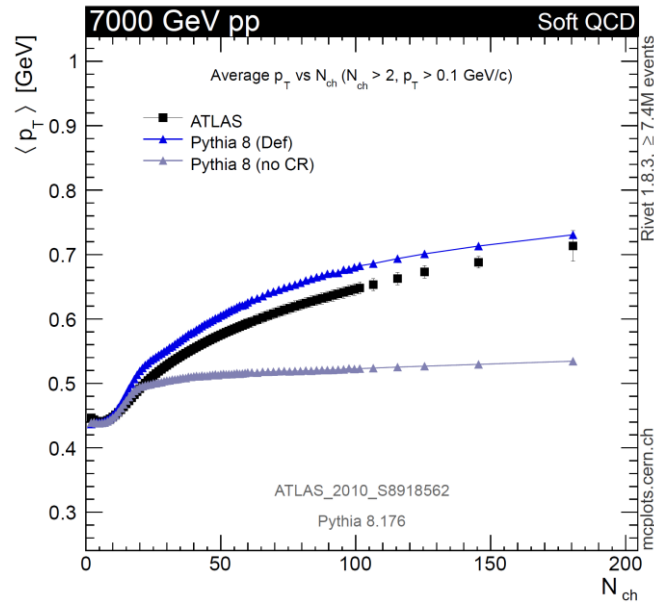
Fischer & Sjostrand, arXiv:1610.09818 (2017)

- In **hadronic collisions** multiple strings needed to describe multiplicity distribution (**MPI**)
- In the LC Lund model each string hadronizes 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 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 strings, hadronization takes place
- Correctly takes into account colour re-arrangement in remnant

Christiansen & Skands, arXiv:1505.01681 (2015)

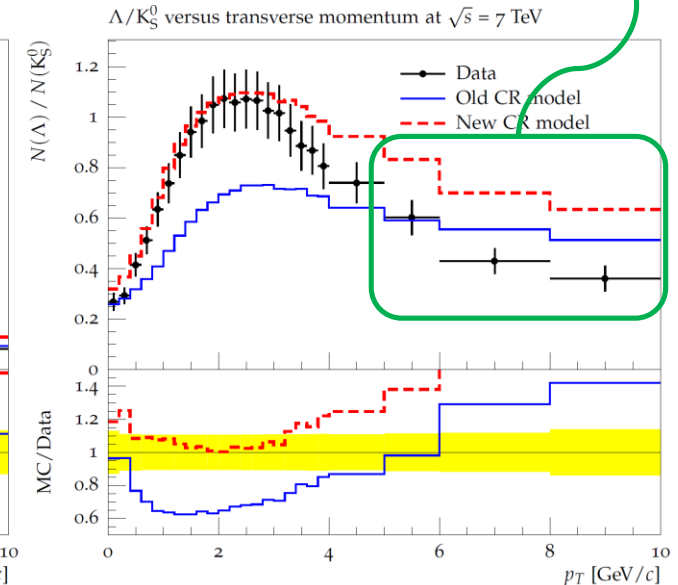
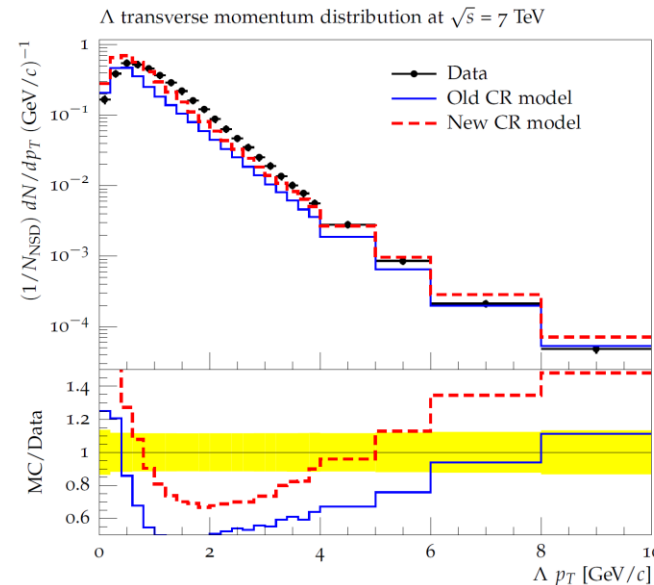


- 3 main parameters tuned on data:  $c_{\text{time}} (\langle p_T \rangle)$ ,  $c_j (\Lambda/K_S^0)$  and  $p_T^{\text{ref}} (dN_{ch}/d\eta)$ .
- The presence of **junctions increases baryon production** at intermediate  $p_T$ , but not sufficient to reproduce data
- $\Lambda/K_S^0$  shape (magnitude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

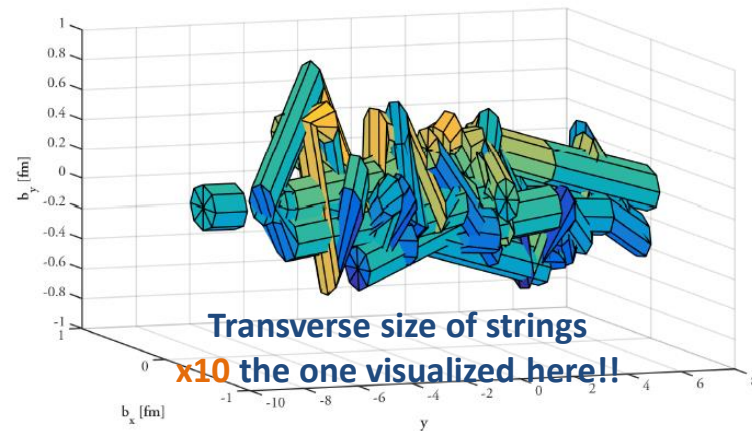
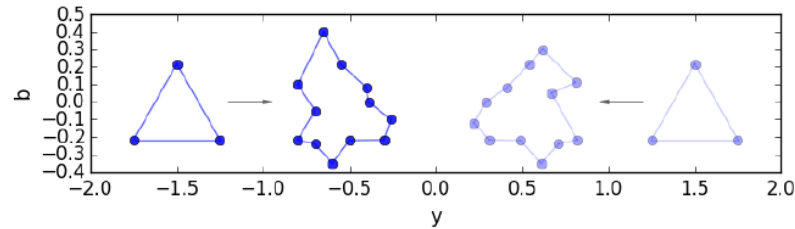
## TAKE HOME

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

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



- Partonic model in impact parameter space and rapidity (**D**ipole evolution in **I**mpact **P**arameter **S**pace and rapidity)
- 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**.

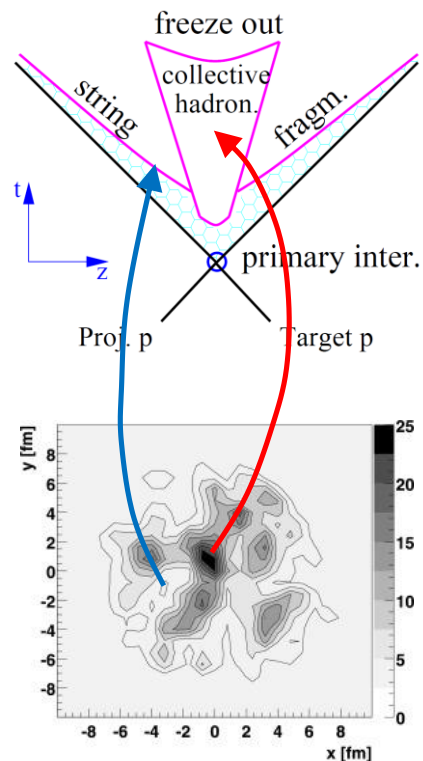
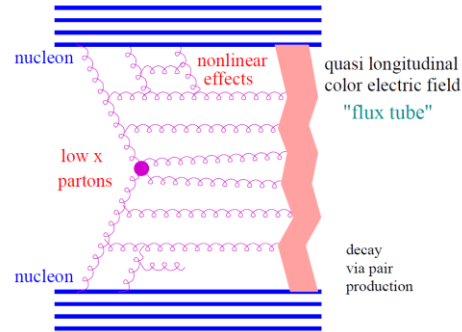
**Hadronizing a rope** means fragmenting string-by-string  
with an **effective string tension  $\kappa > \kappa_0$**

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)

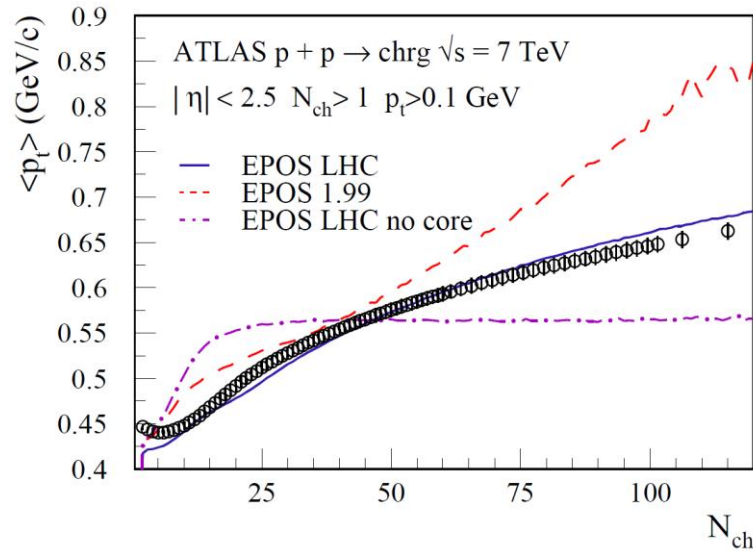
To the question “Which are the strings that can interact?” the DIPSY model answers following the evolution of colour strings during the whole parton shower

**How do strings interact?**

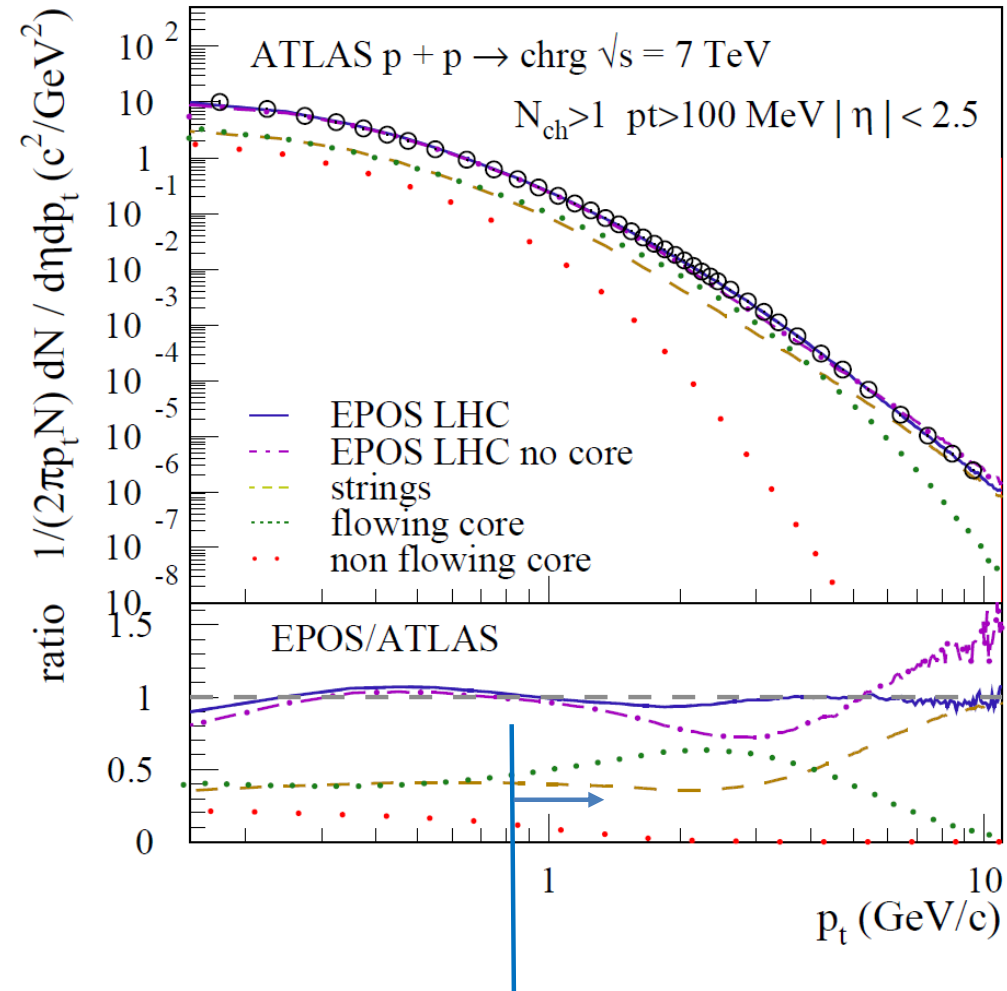


- Hard scattering treated with the addition of several DGLAP parton “ladders” (pomeron) + a CGC-inspired saturation scale
- Parton ladders are then considered as relativistic strings, conveniently treated in a string fragmentation approach (a-la Lund)
- At time  $\tau_0$  (well before hadronization) 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  $\tau_0$  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)

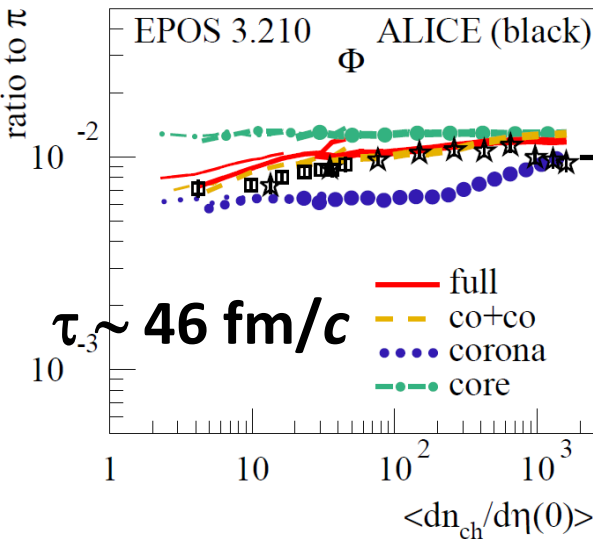
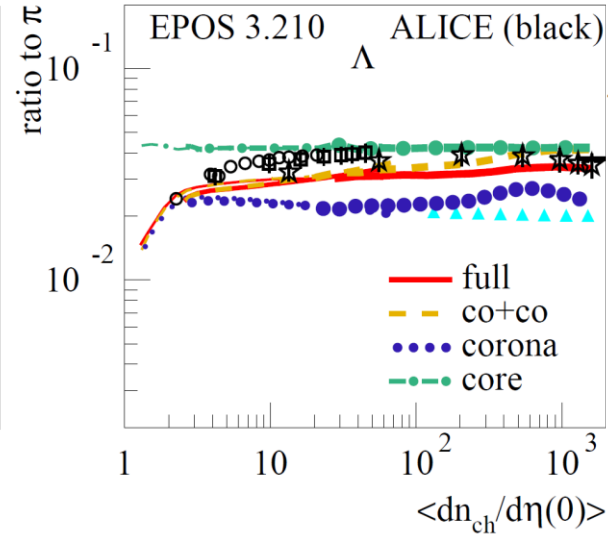
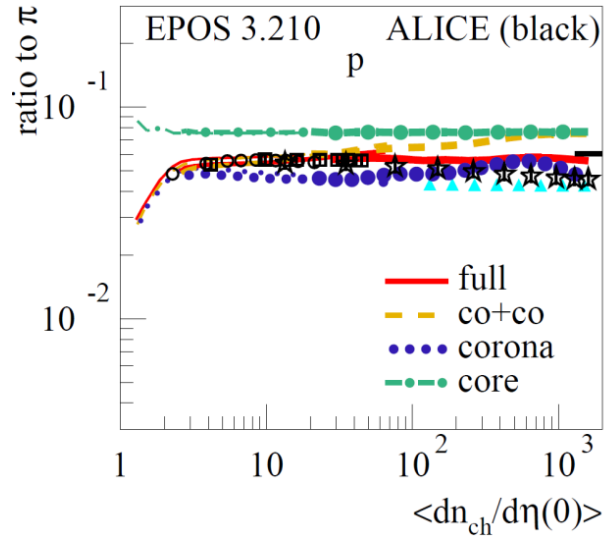
**NOTE:** parameters governing the core-only part are 6  
( $\tau_0, \rho_0, \varepsilon_{FO}, \gamma_{rad}, f_{ecc}, \gamma_s$ ), to be tuned on data!!



- $\langle p_T \rangle$  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



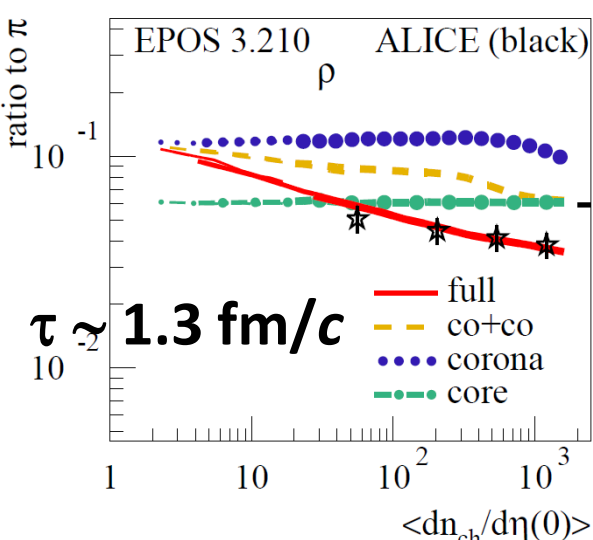
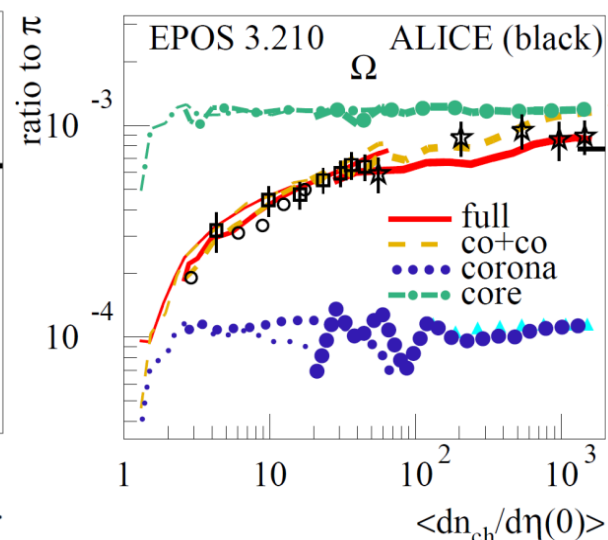
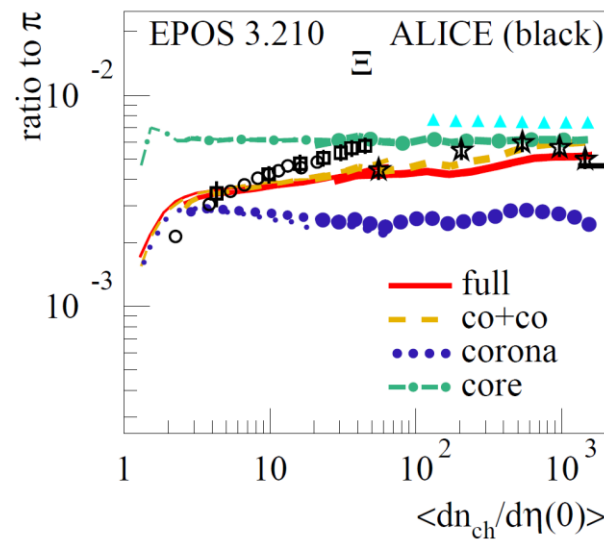
**NOTE:** the exact onset of the effect depends on tuning ( $p_T$  cut-off for escaping strings)



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

## TAKE HOME

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  $\Phi$  enhancement with multiplicity observed in EPOS