

Event-by-event fluctuation analyses in ALICE and long-term perspectives

- ✓ Why fluctuations?
- ✓ Fluctuation analyses in ALICE
 - ❖ Conserved charge fluctuations
 - ❖ Experimental Challenges
- ✓ Future plans

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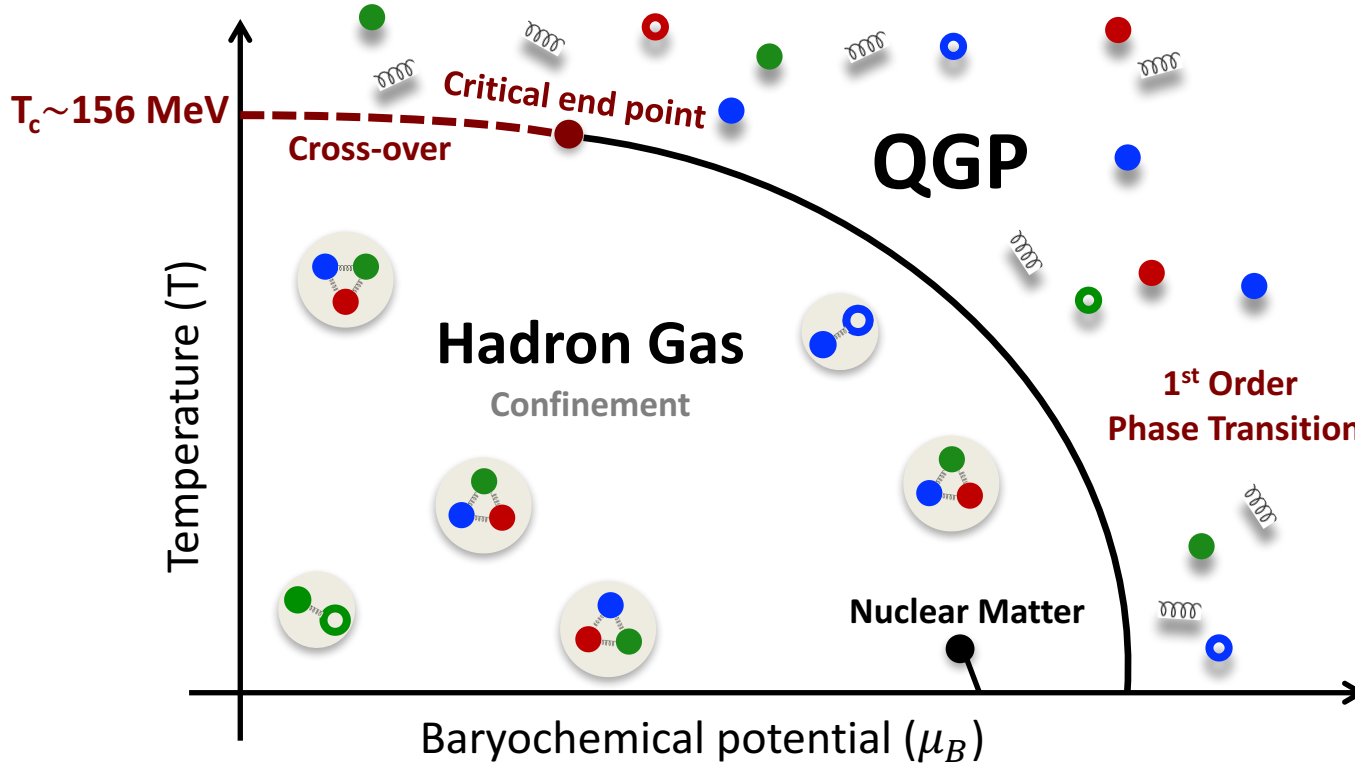
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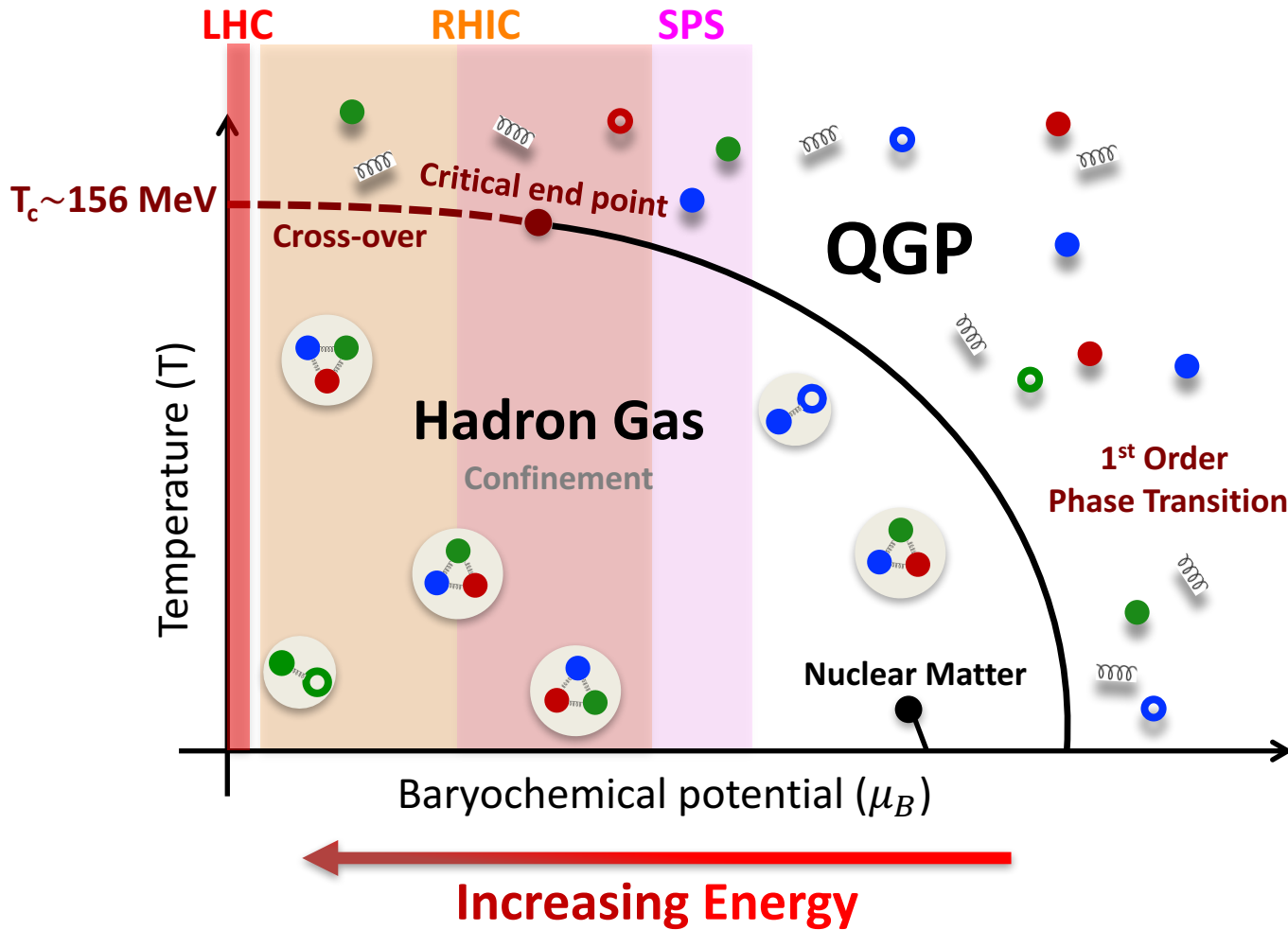
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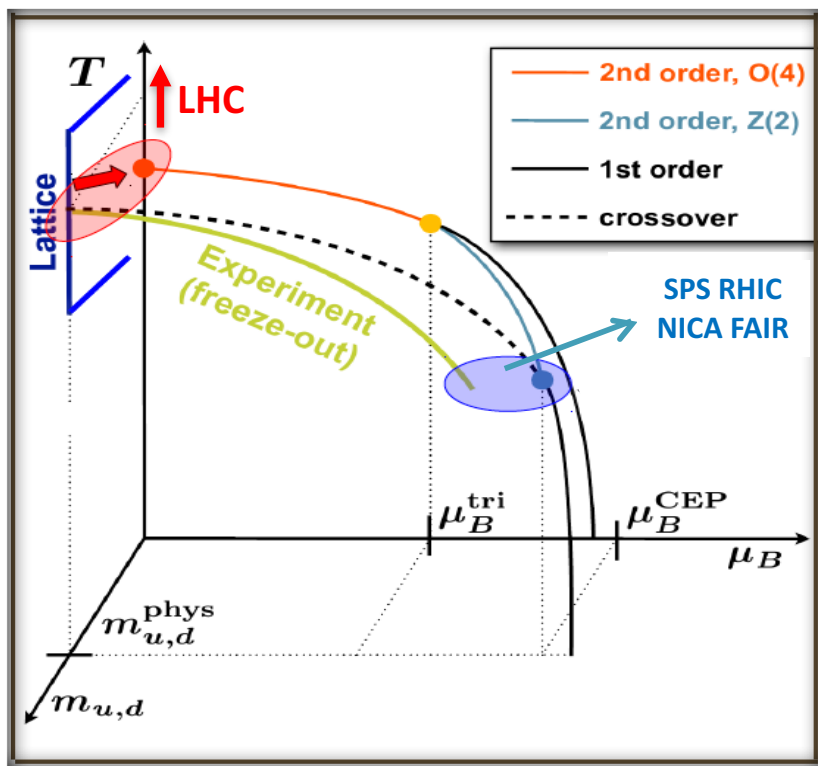
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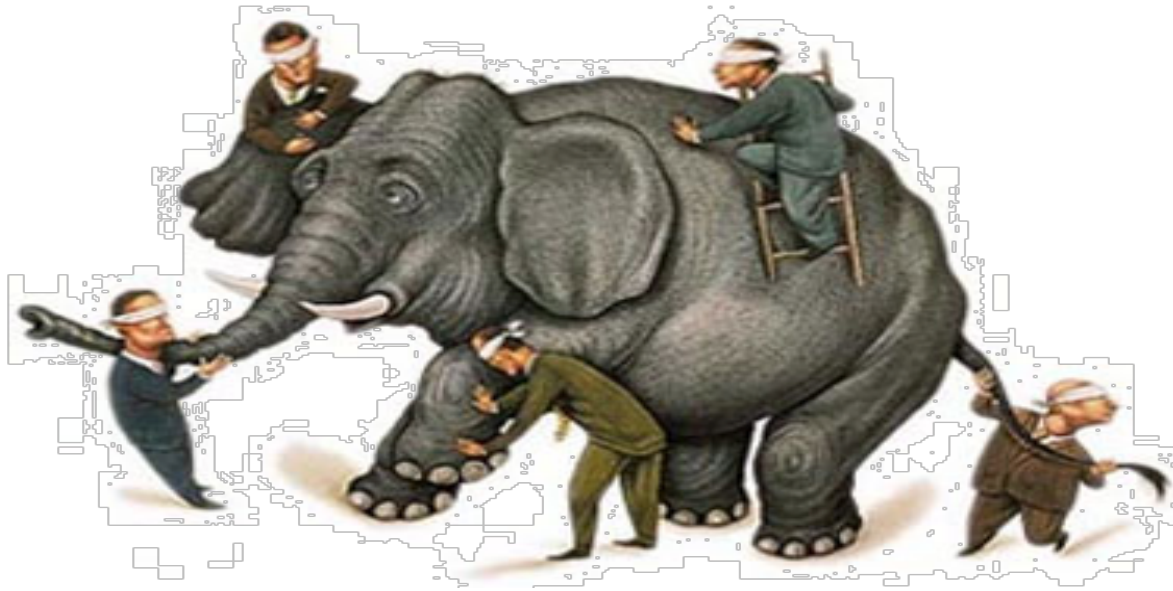
Closer look at QCD Phase diagram: Nature of chiral phase transition



F. Karsch, Schleching 2016

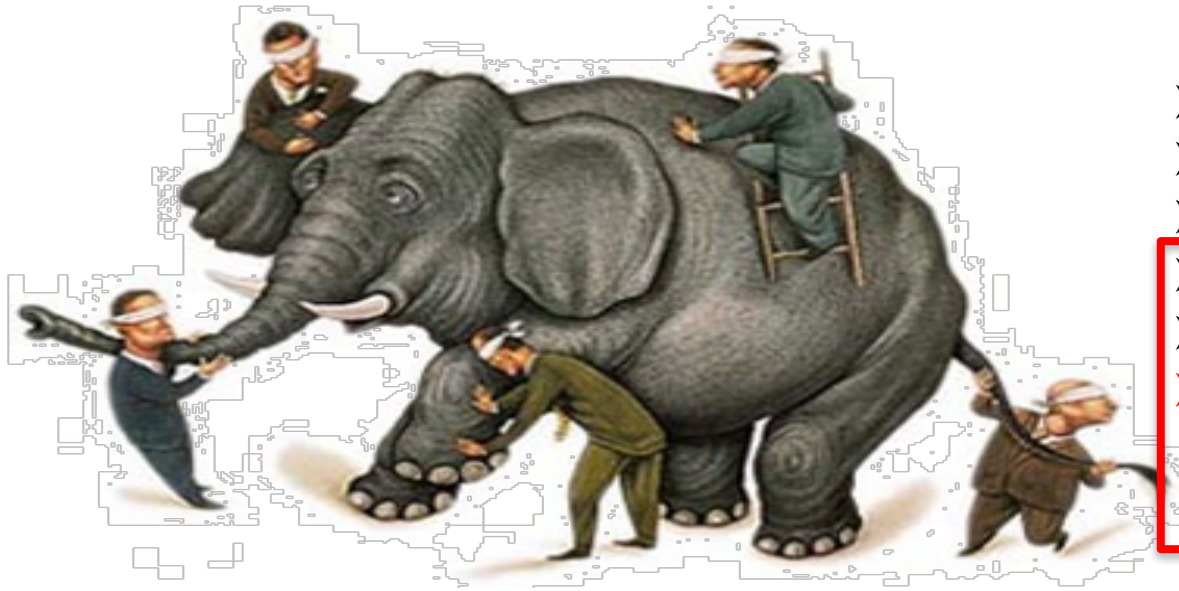
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vicinity to 2nd order $O(4)$ criticality
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Keywords: Correlations, Criticality, Link to Lattice QCD

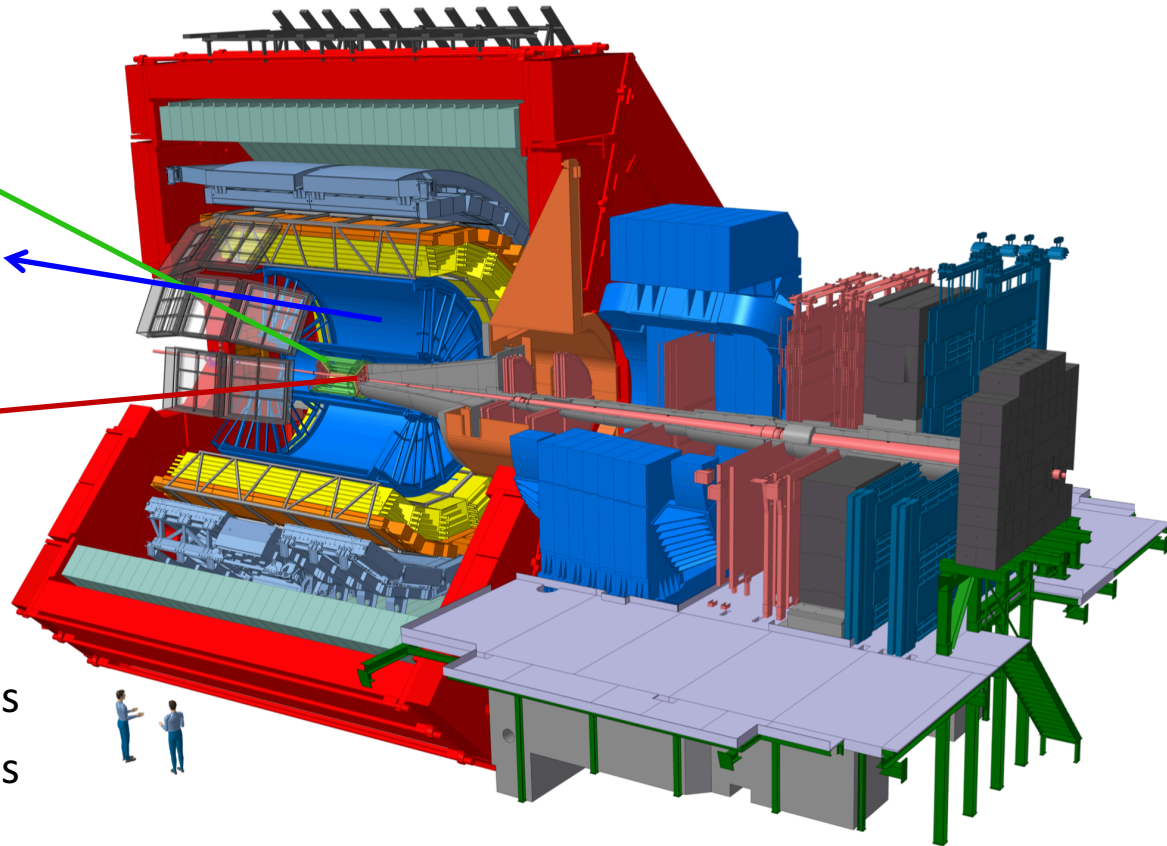
A Large Ion Collider Experiment

Main detectors used:

- **Inner Tracking System (ITS)**
→ Tracking and vertexing
- **Time Projection Chamber (TPC)**
→ Tracking and Particle Identification (PID)
- **Vertex 0 (V0)**
→ Centrality determination

Data Set:

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$, $\sim 78 \text{ M events}$
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$, $\sim 12 \text{ M events}$



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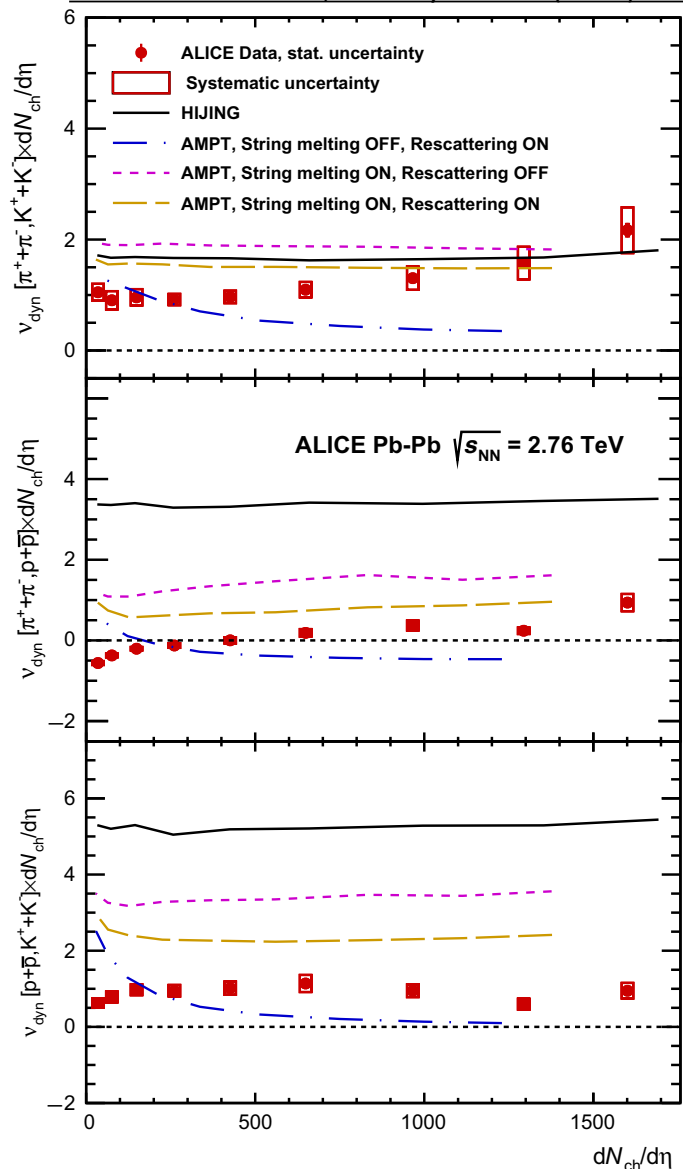
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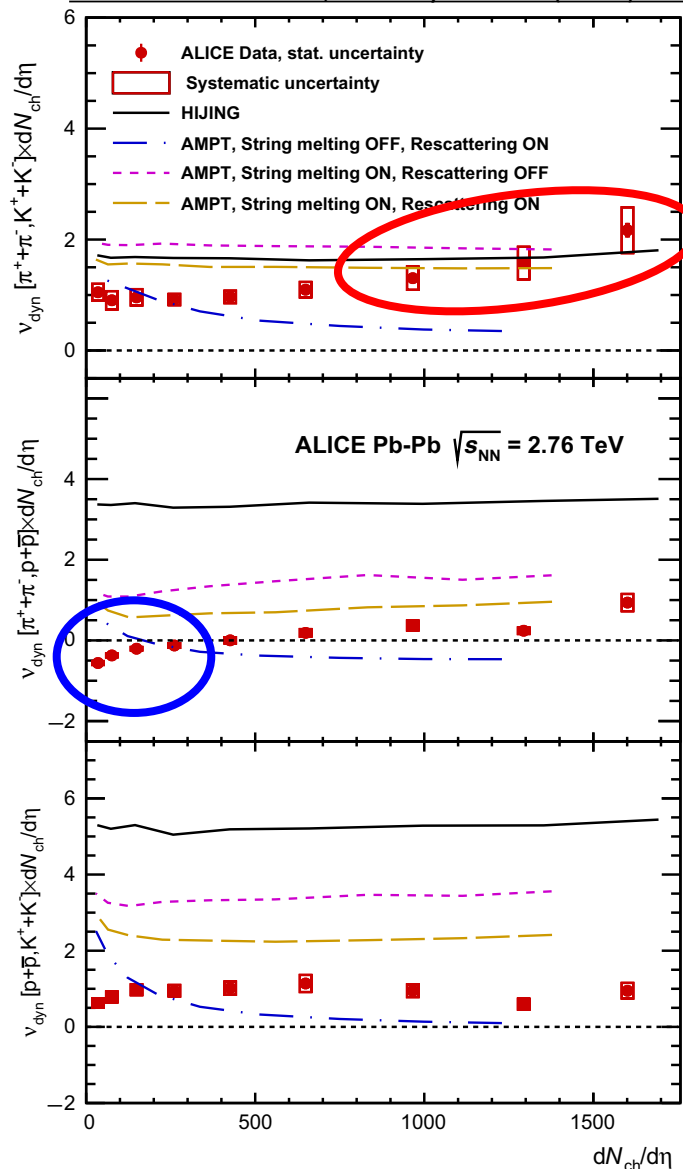
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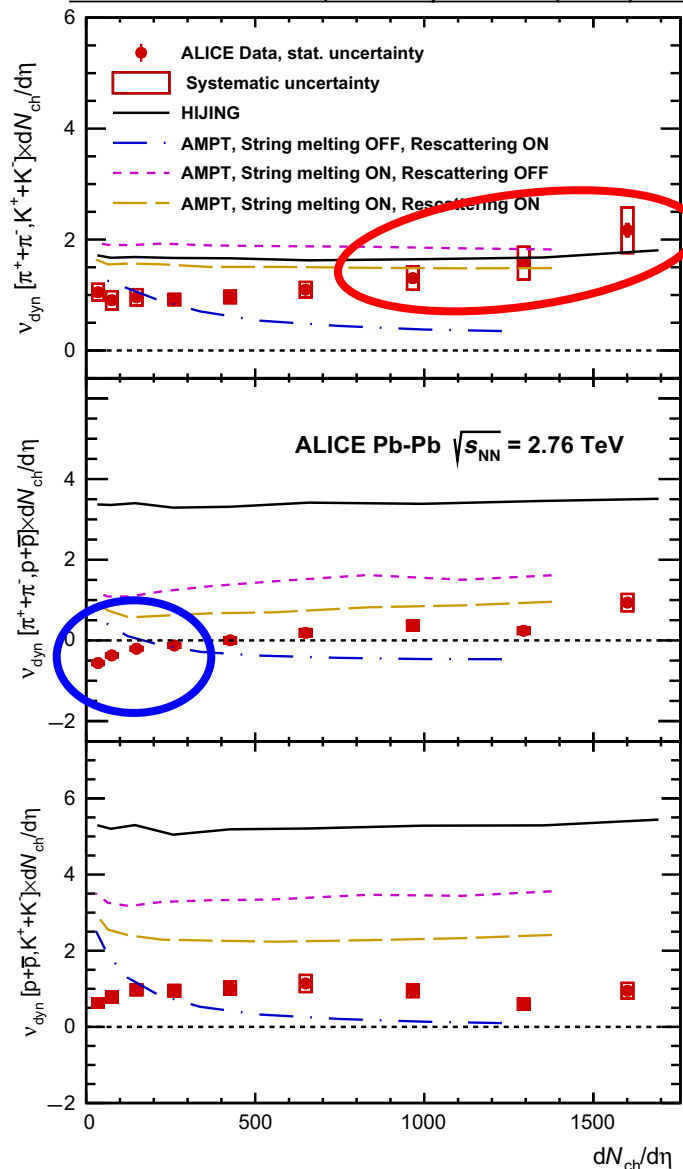
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- **HIJING**: no centrality dependence
- **Hadronic rescattering** increases correlations while **String melting** reduces

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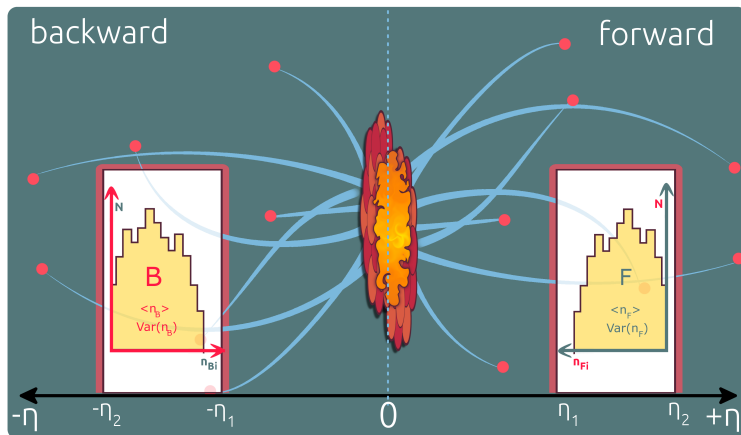
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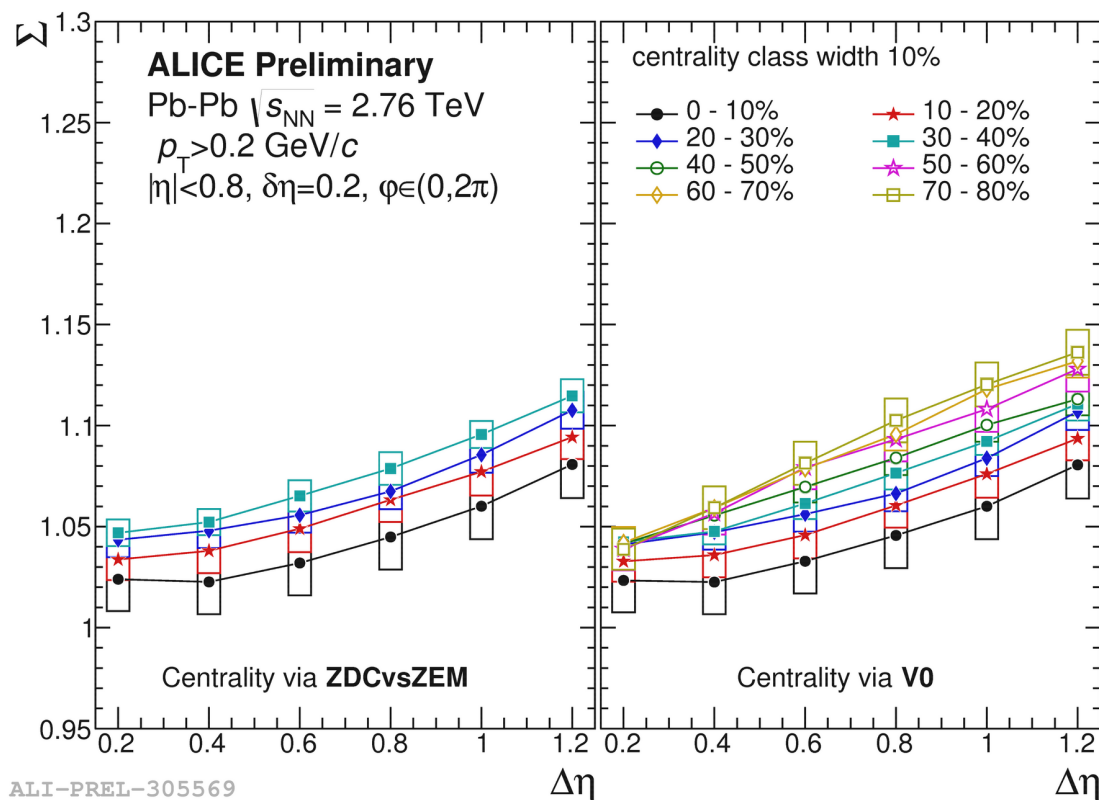
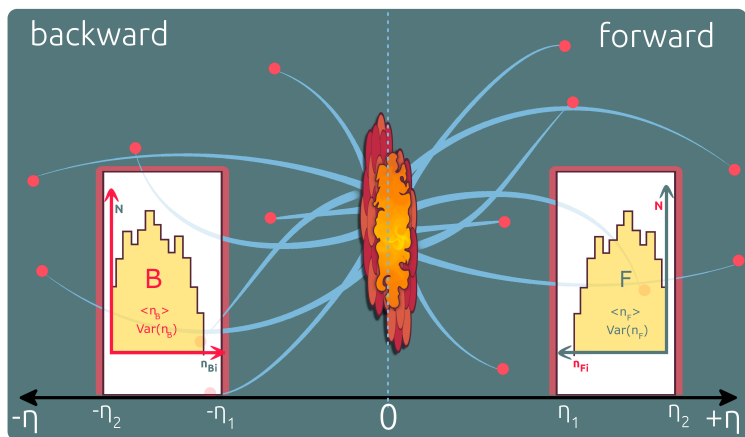


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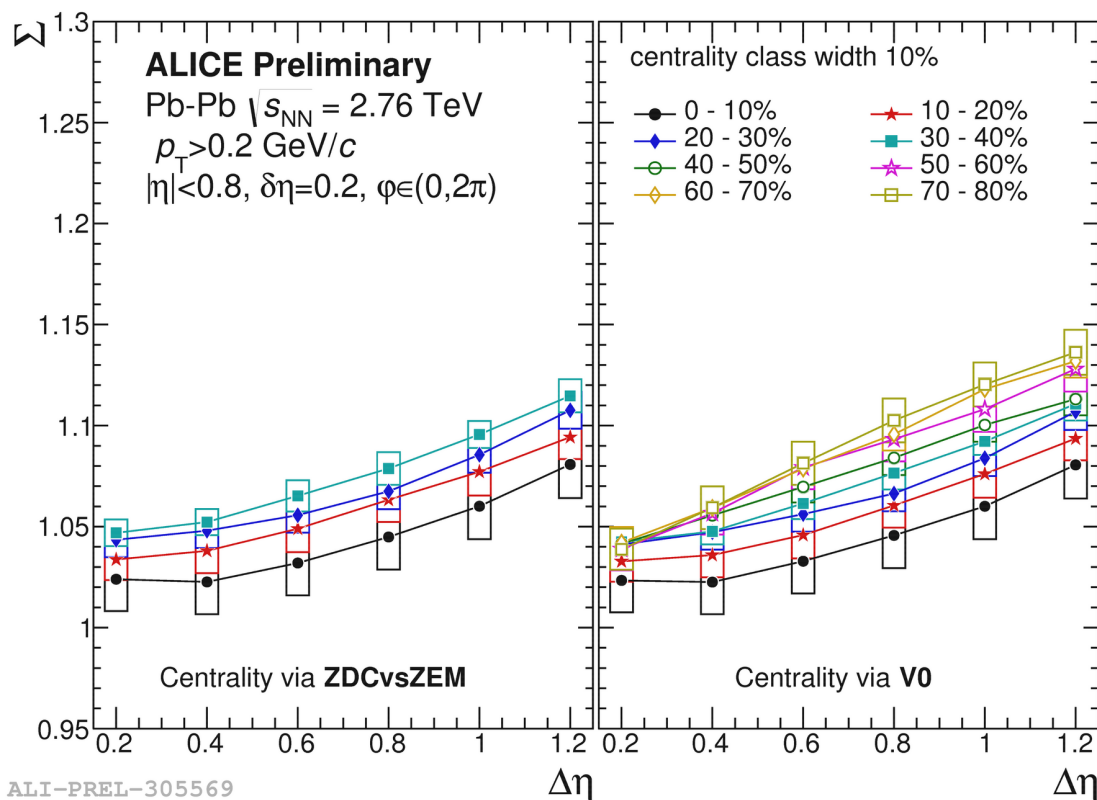
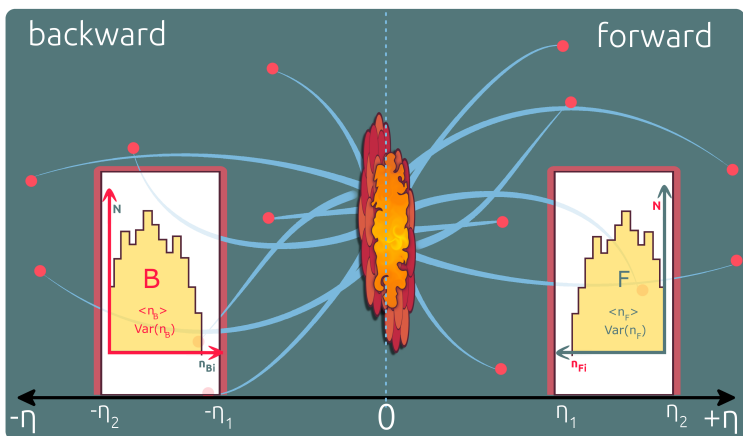


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- Increasing short range correlations towards central events
- A more differential study including particle identification is needed

Link experiment to LQCD

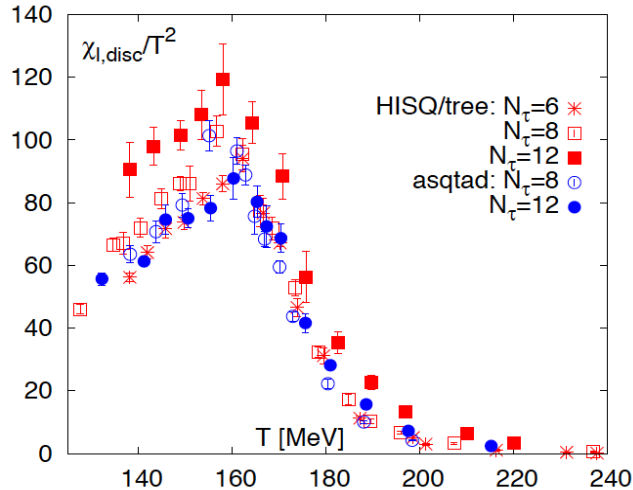


Conserved-charge fluctuations

Criticality & Link to Lattice QCD

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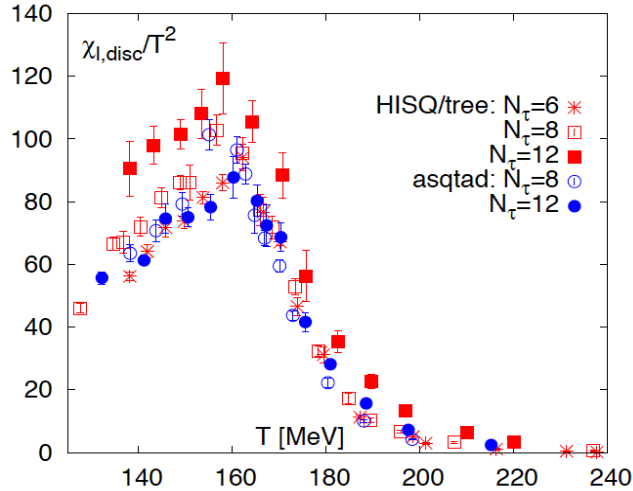
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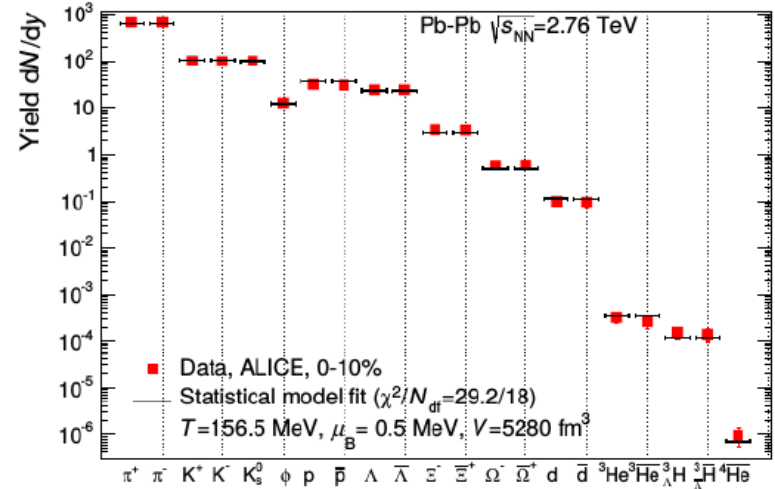
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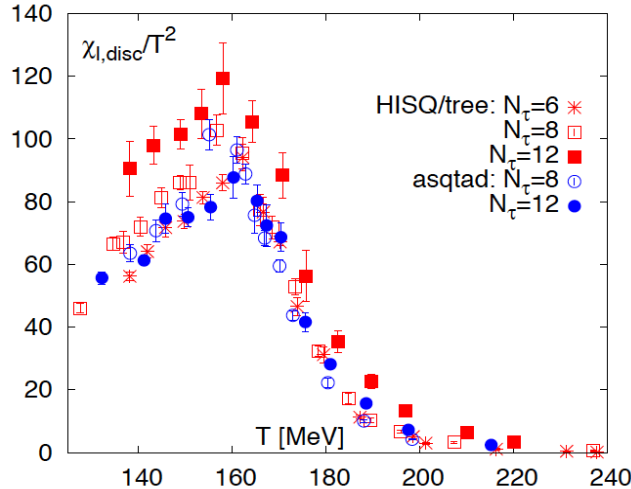
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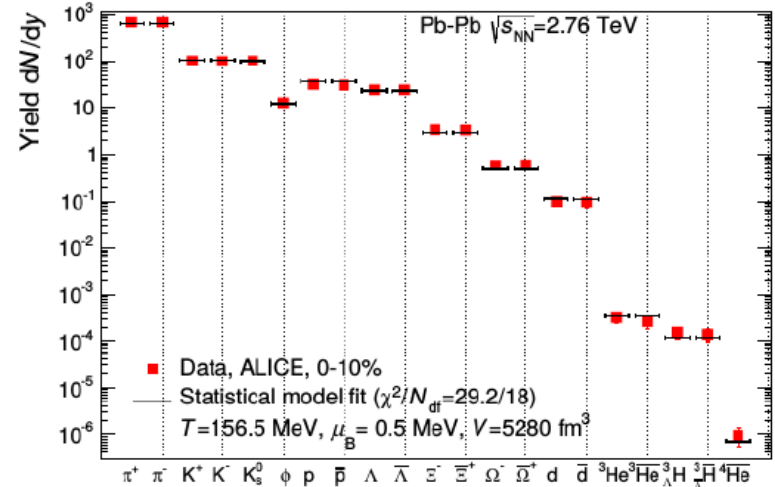
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Chemical freeze-out near T_{pc} → motivation to look for higher order moments

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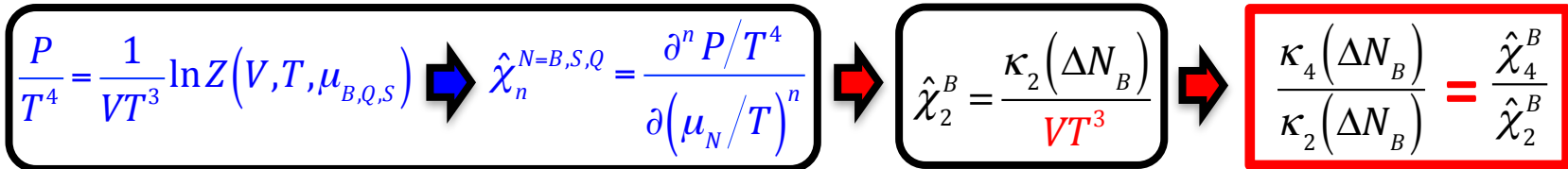
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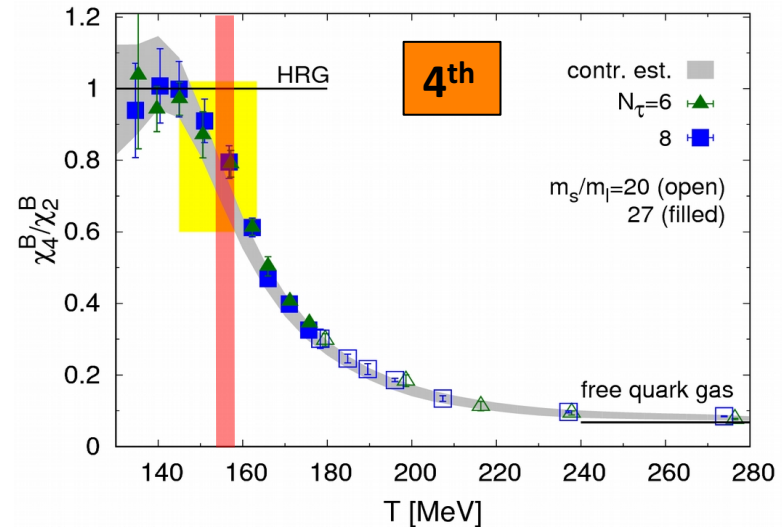
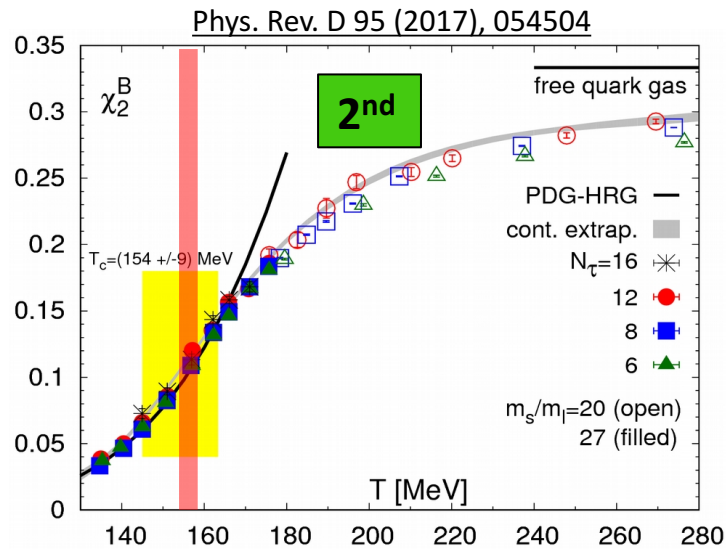


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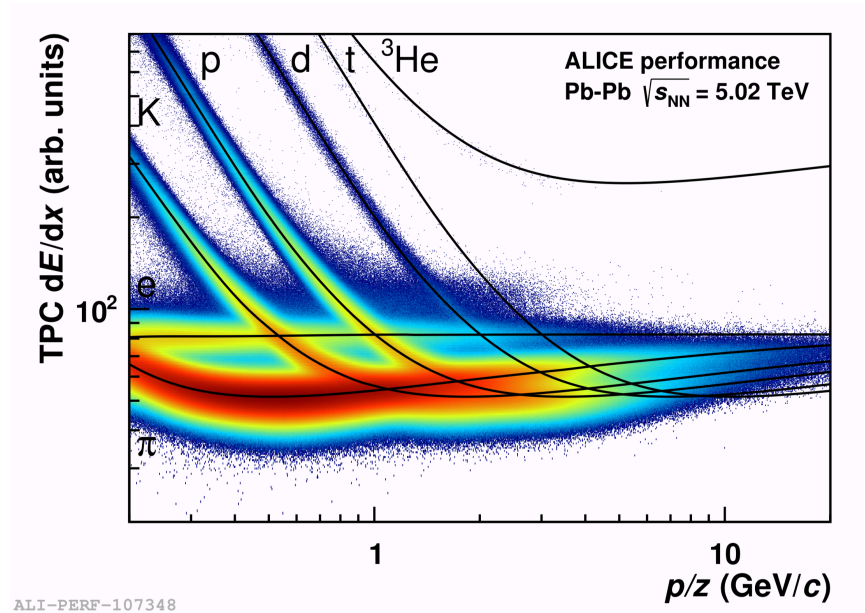
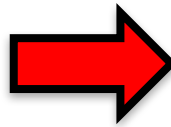
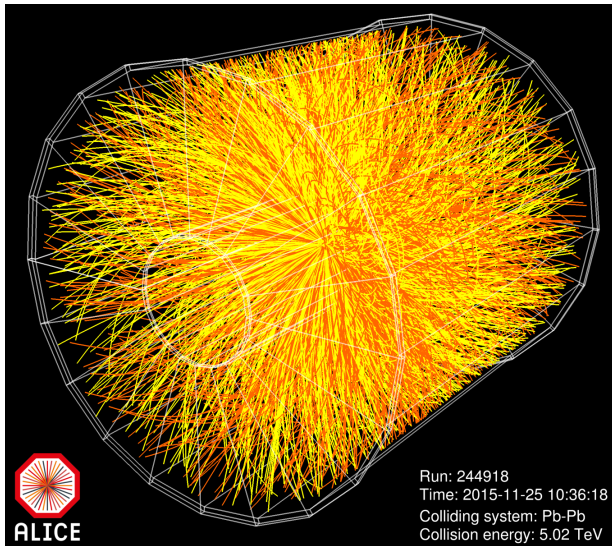


At 4th order LQCD shows a deviation (**~25% from unity**) from Hadron Resonance Gas (HRG)

Experimental Challenges

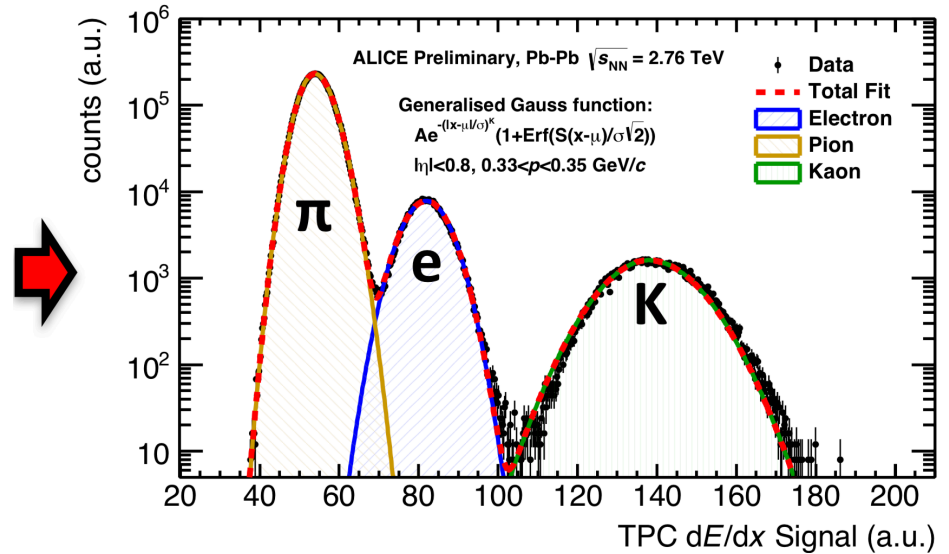
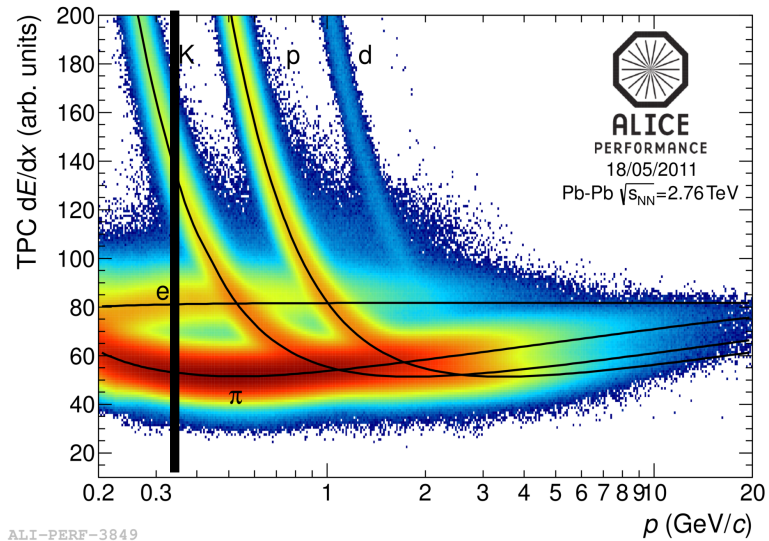
Particle Identification?

via specific energy loss as function of momentum in the TPC



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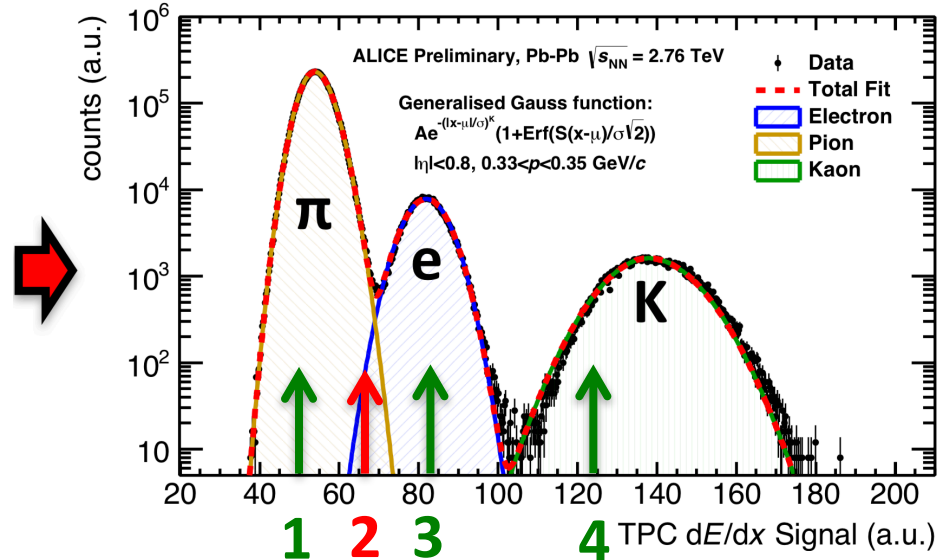
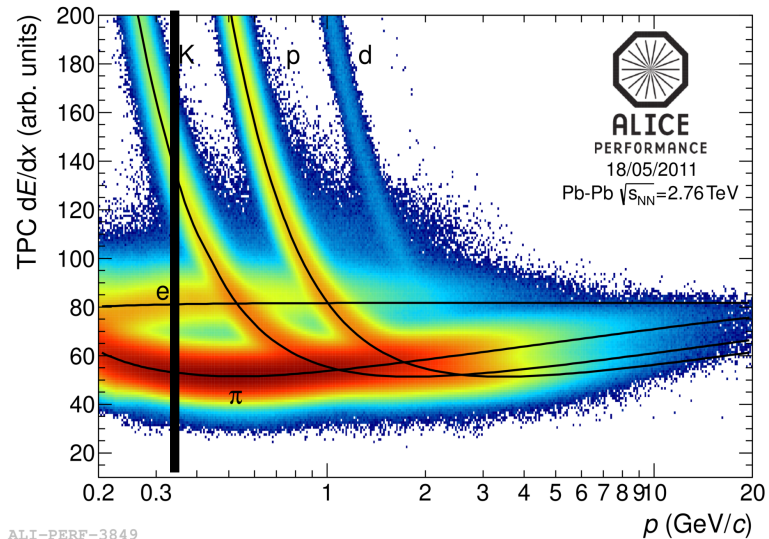
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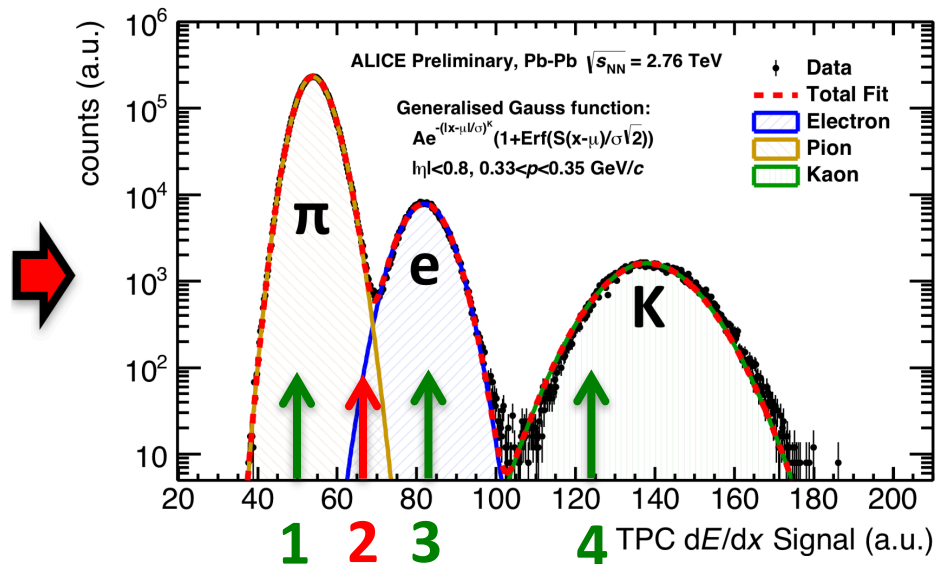
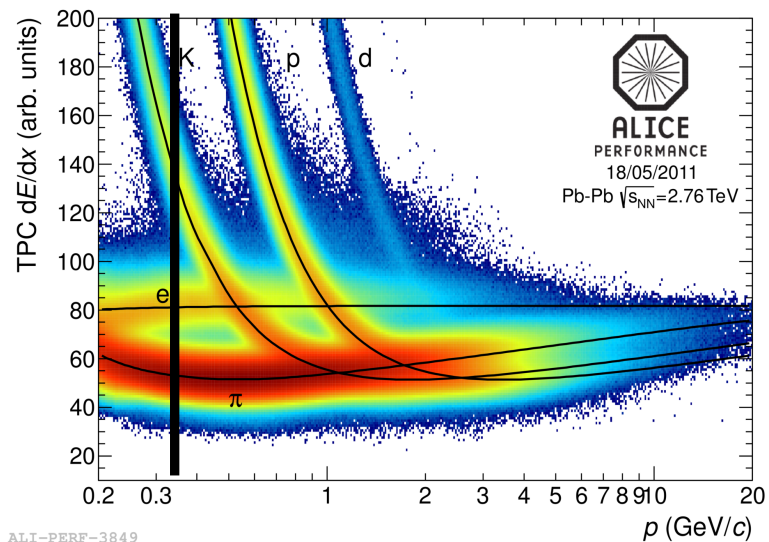
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$$\Rightarrow W_{\pi} = 1.6 \neq N_{\pi}$$

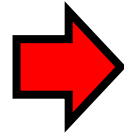
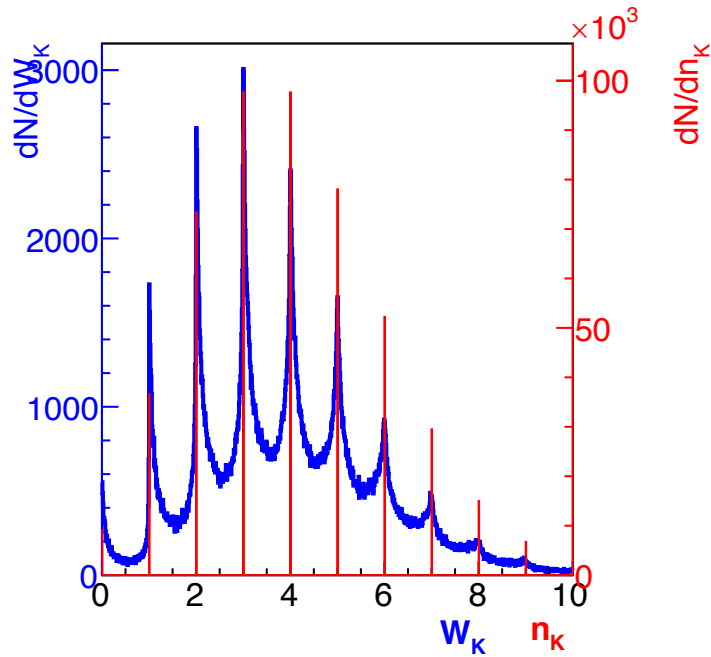


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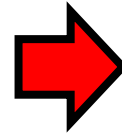
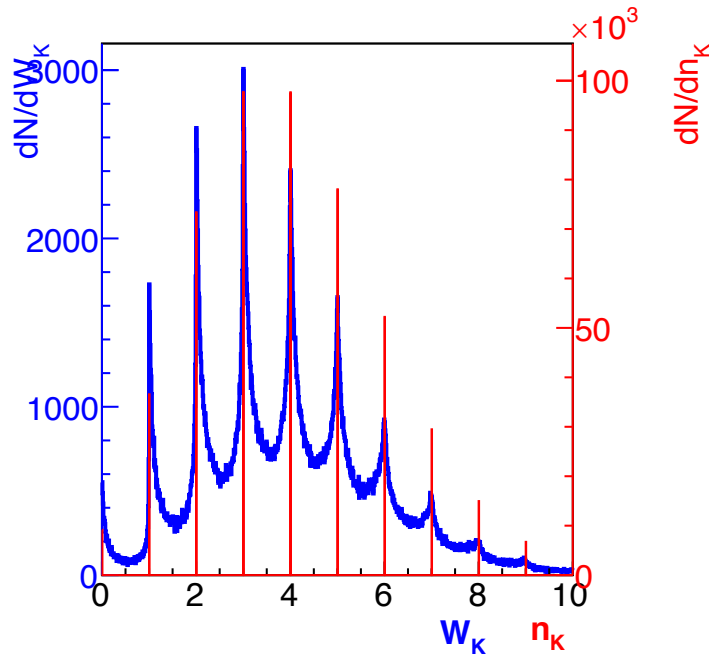
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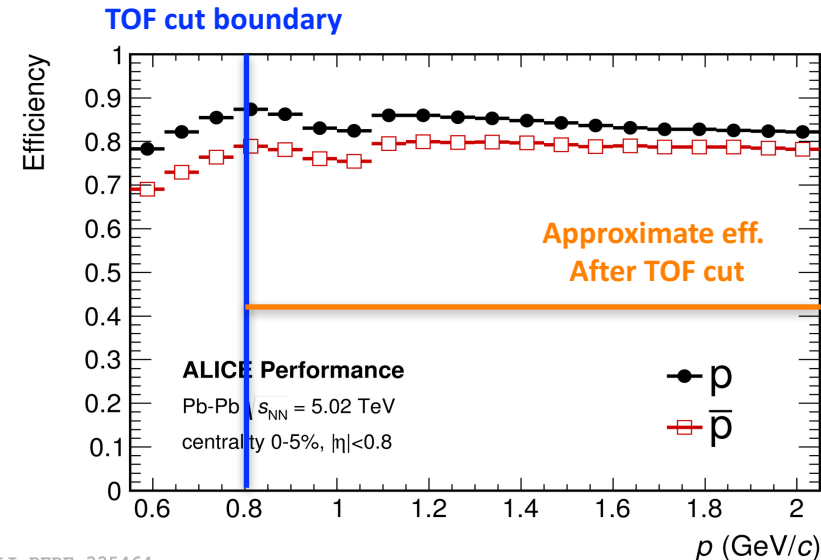
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➤ Cut based approach

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

➤ Identity Method

- Gives folded multiplicity distribution
- Easier to correct inefficiencies
- Ideal approach for low momentum ($p < 2$ GeV/c)



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Recent results on conserved-charge fluctuations

Baseline: Skellam distribution

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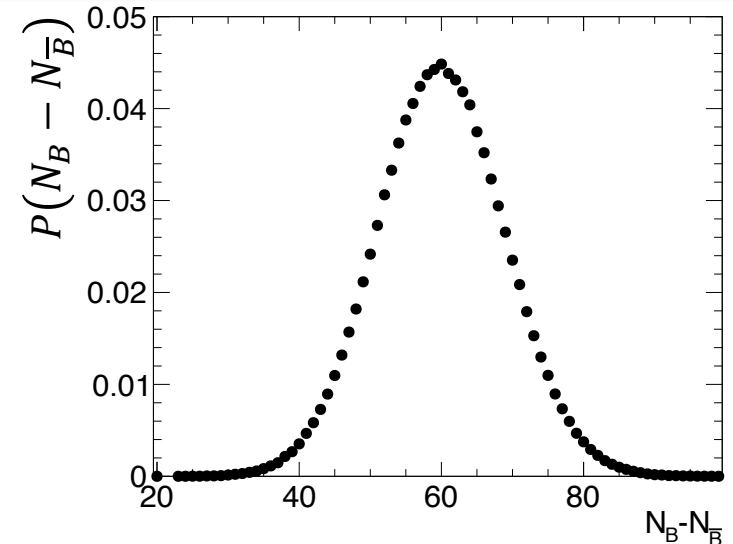
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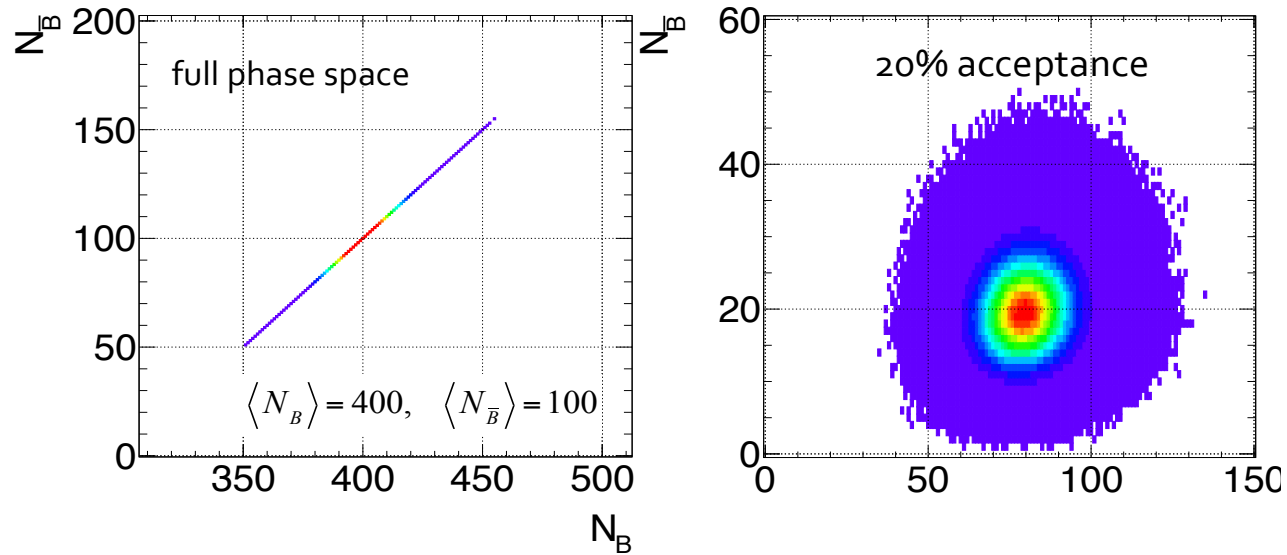
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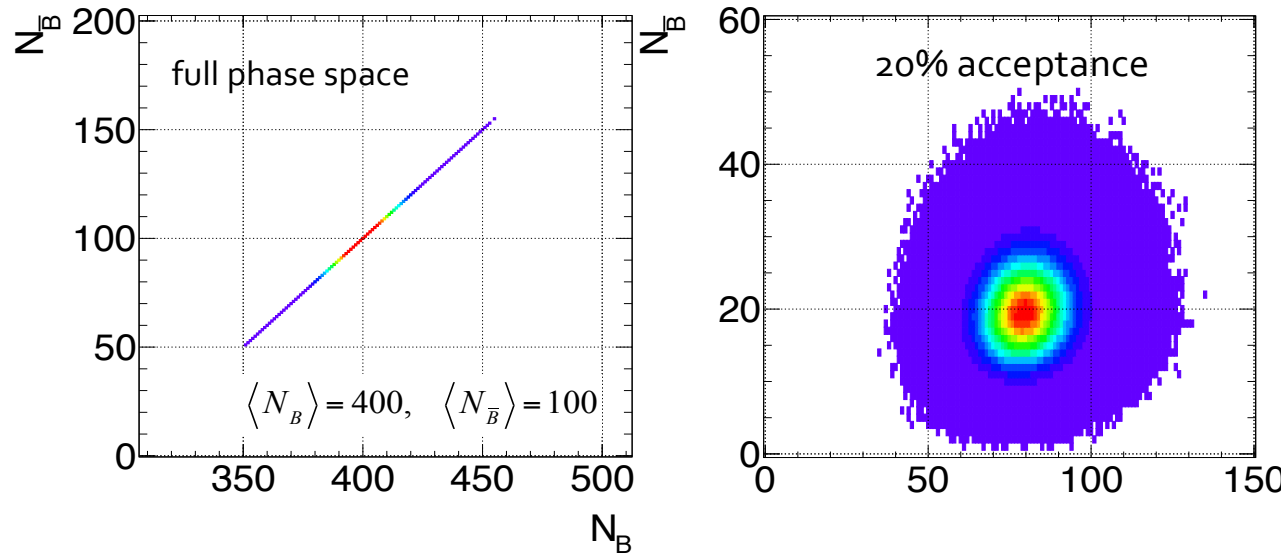
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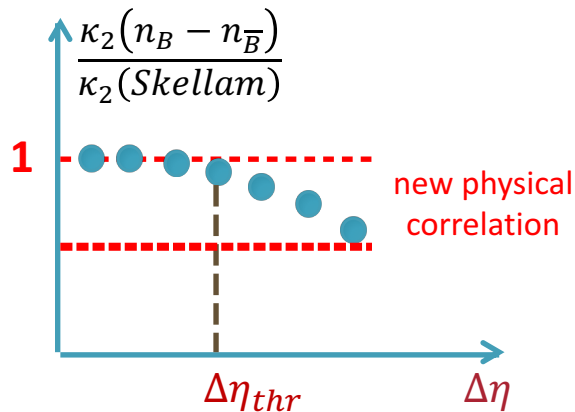
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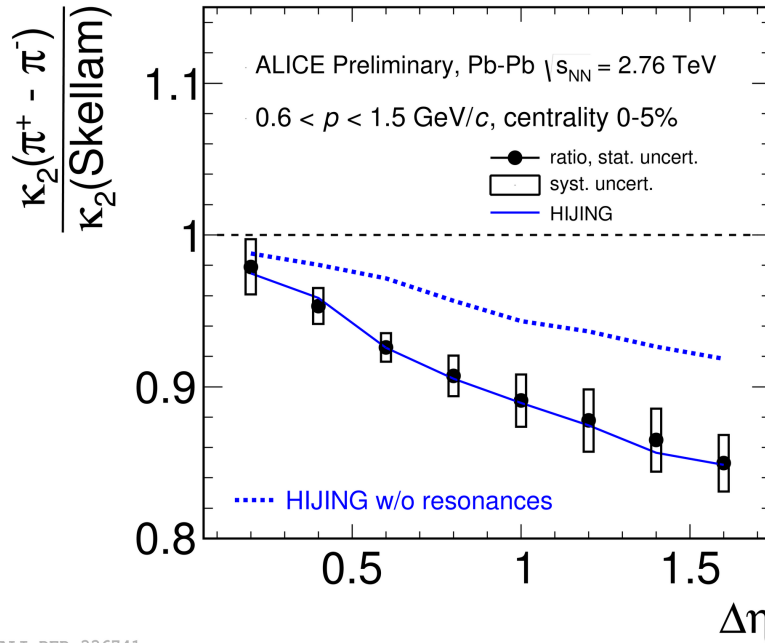


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- **In the limit of very small acceptance**
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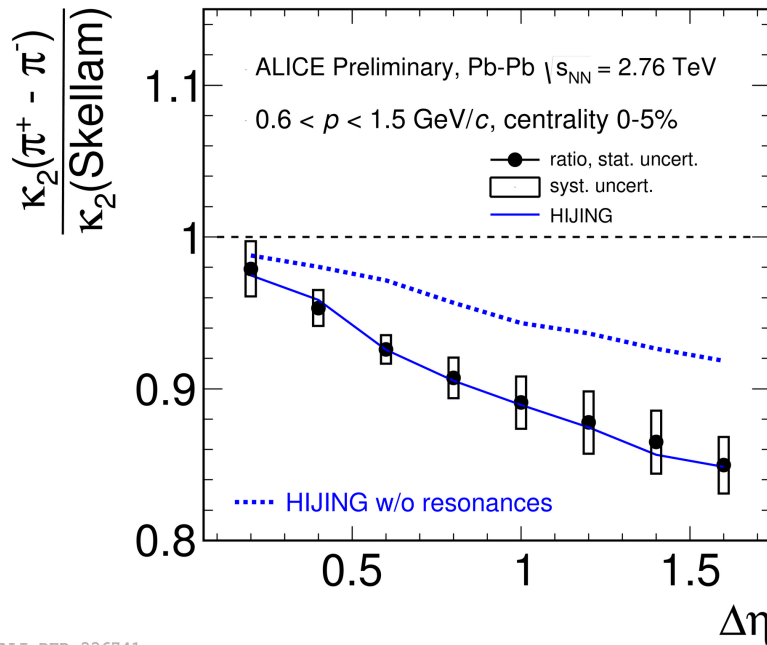
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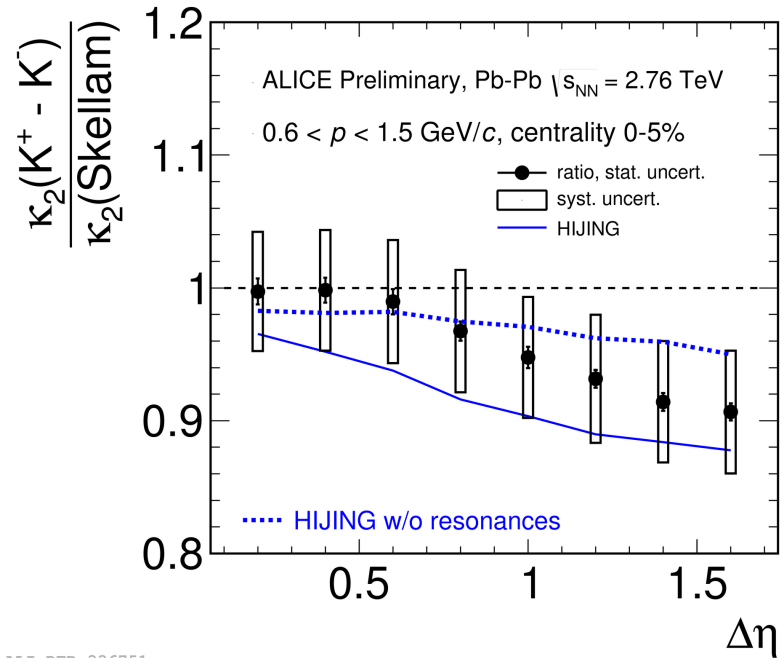
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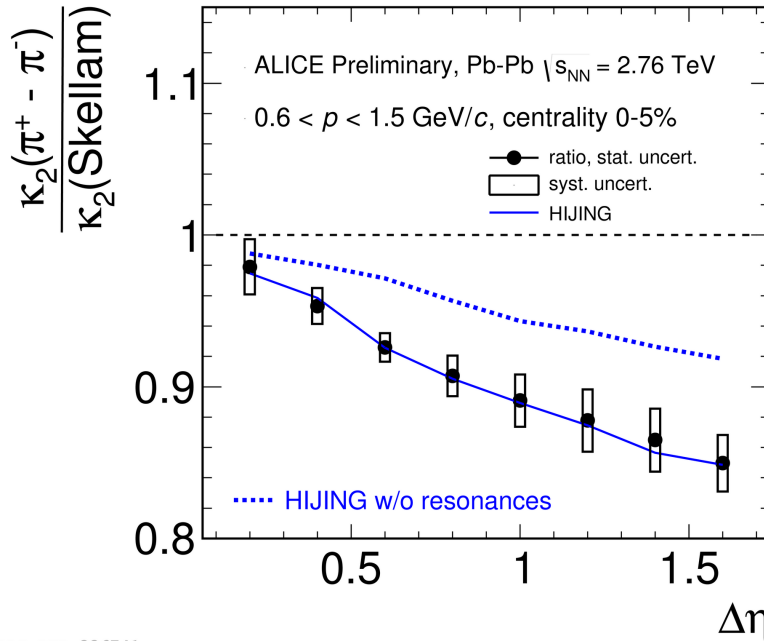
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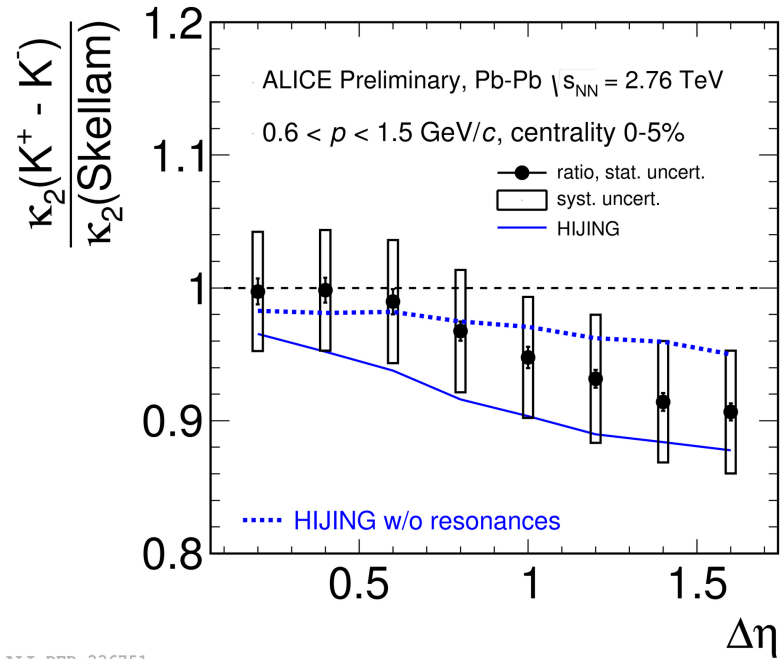
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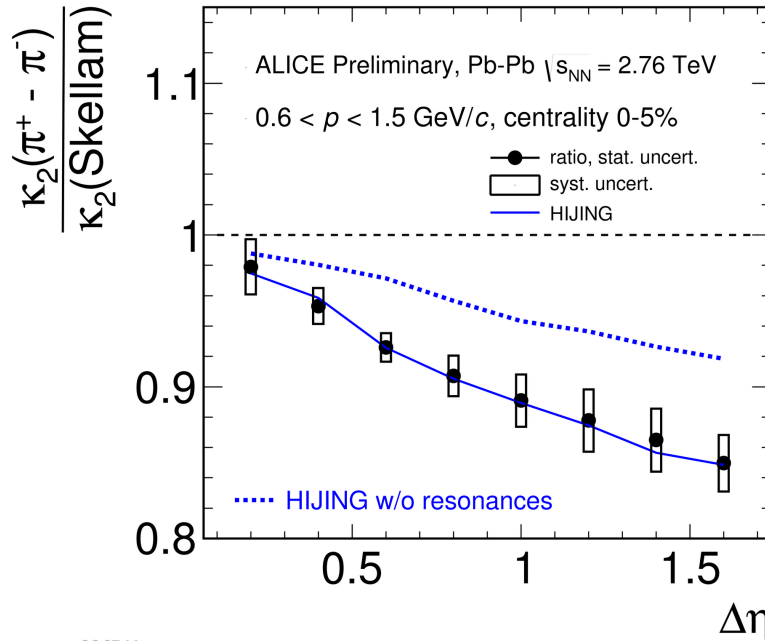
➤ **Net-baryon:**

→ Due to **isospin randomization**, at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 10$ GeV **net-baryon** fluctuations can be obtained from corresponding **net-proton** measurements (M. Kitazawa, and M. Asakawa, Phys. Rev. C 86, 024904 (2012))

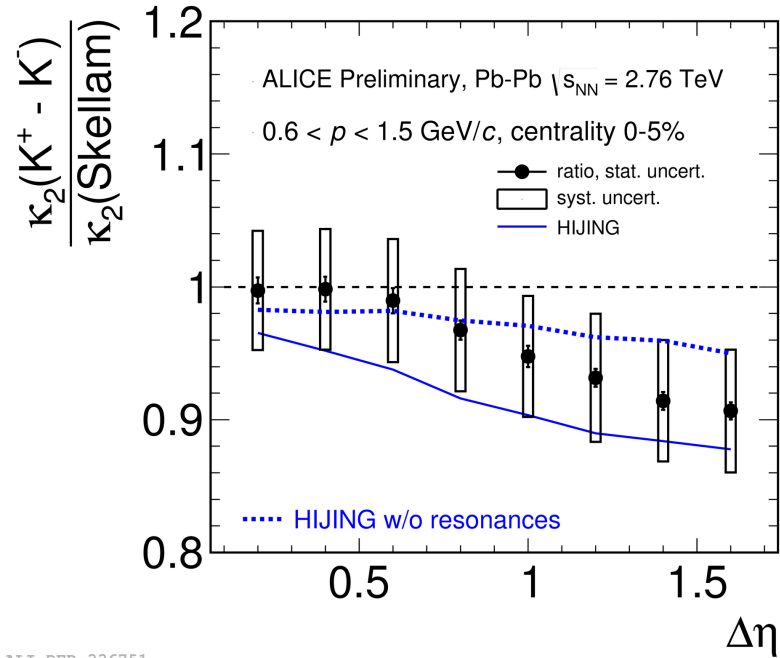
→ No resonance feeding $p + \bar{p}$

→ **Best candidate for measuring charge susceptibilities**

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➤ **Net-electric-charge:** → Strongly dominated by **resonance contributions**

➤ **Net-strangeness:** → Kaons are dominated by **ϕ -decay**

➤ **Net-baryon:**

→ Due to **isospin randomization**, at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 10$ GeV **net-baryon** fluctuations can be obtained from corresponding **net-proton** measurements (M. Kitazawa, and M. Asakawa, Phys. Rev. C 86, 024904 (2012))

→ No resonance feeding $p + \bar{p}$

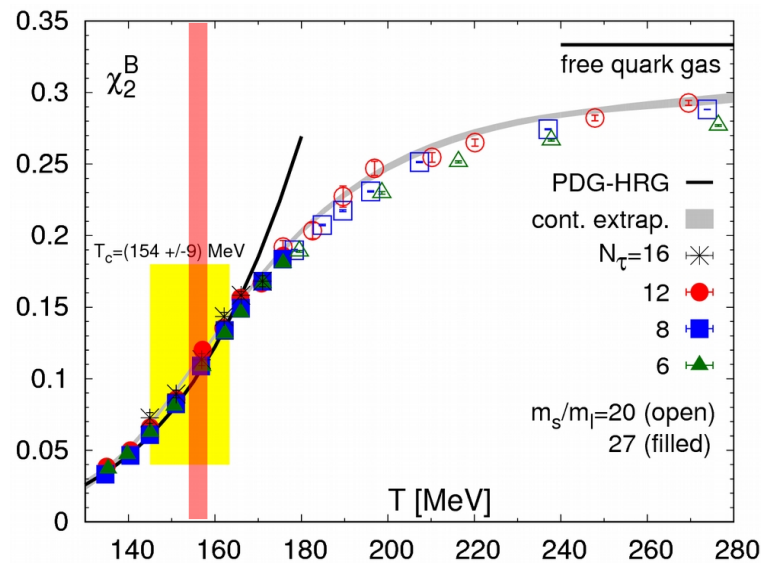
→ **Best candidate for measuring charge susceptibilities**

❖ **Net- Λ :** provides additional information on net-baryon and net-strangeness fluctuations

1st and 2nd order cumulants

LQCD expectations:

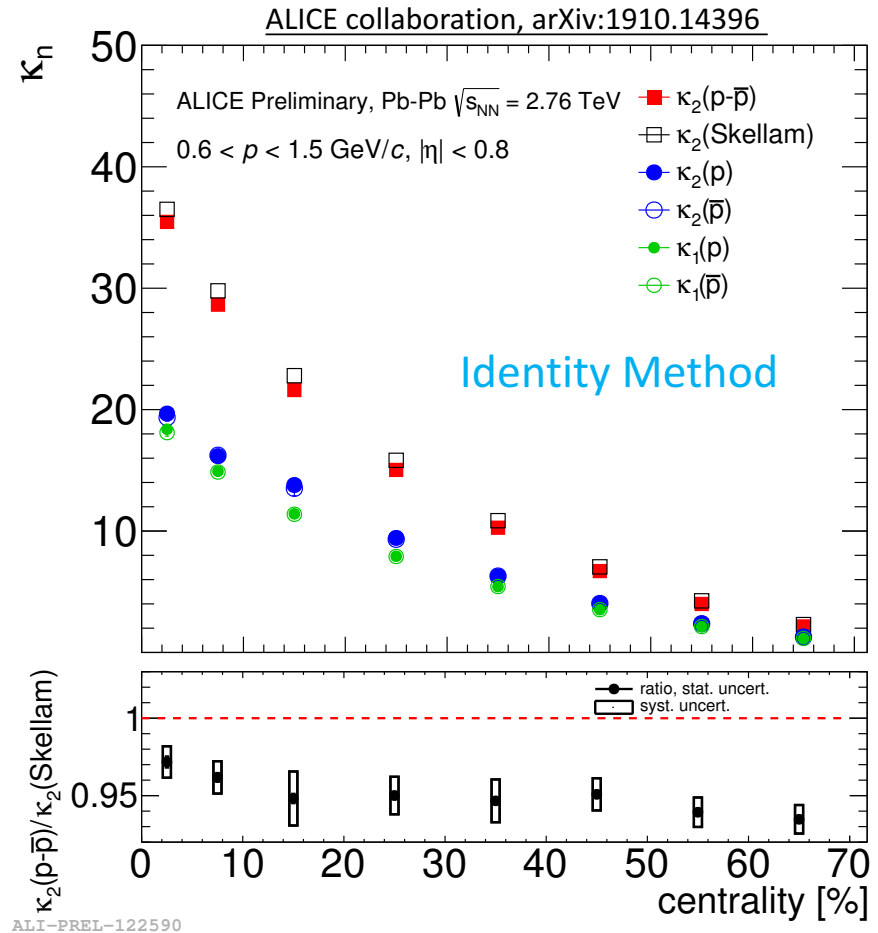
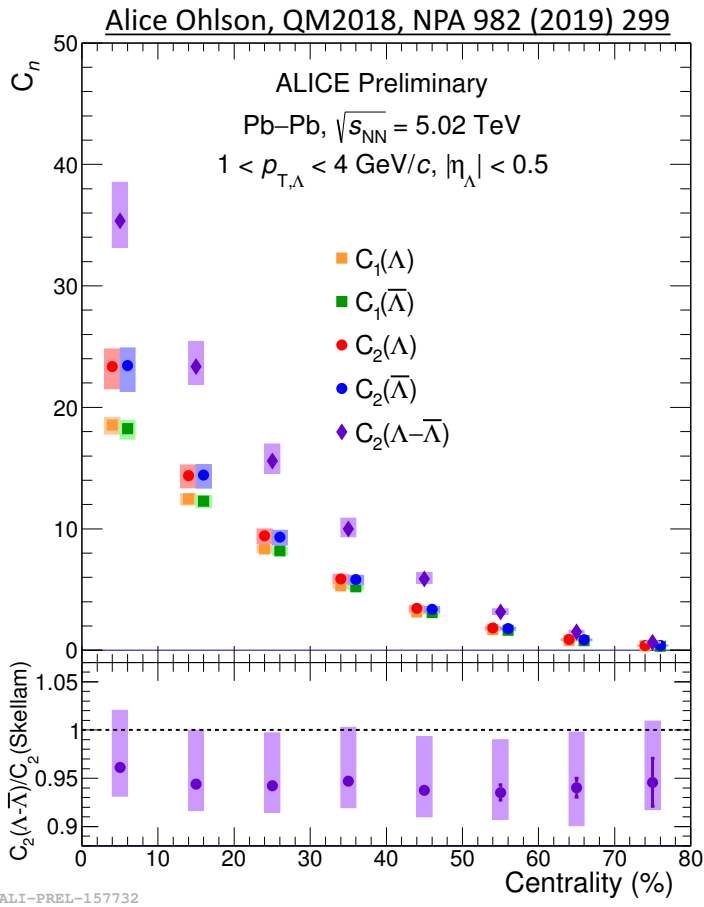
- ✓ 1st moments $\rightarrow T_{pc} = T_{\text{freeze-out}} \approx 156 \text{ MeV}$
- ✓ 2nd moments \rightarrow No deviation from HRG at T_{pc}



2nd order cumulants: Net- Λ , net-p

$$\kappa_2(\text{Skellam}) = \kappa_1(p) + \kappa_1(\bar{p})$$

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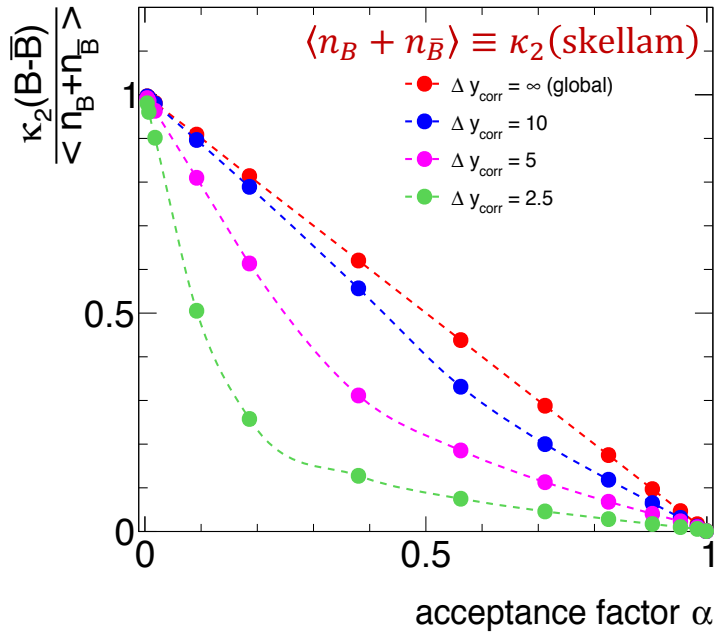


What is the source of deviation/correlation?

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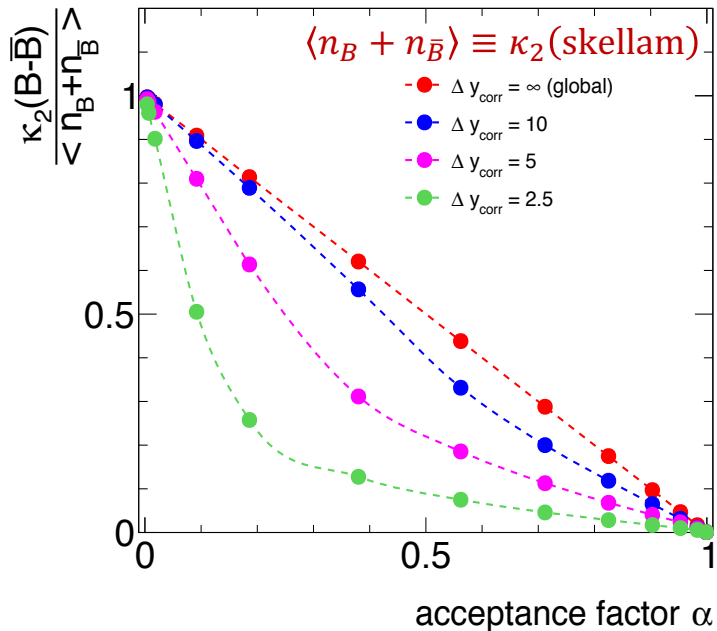


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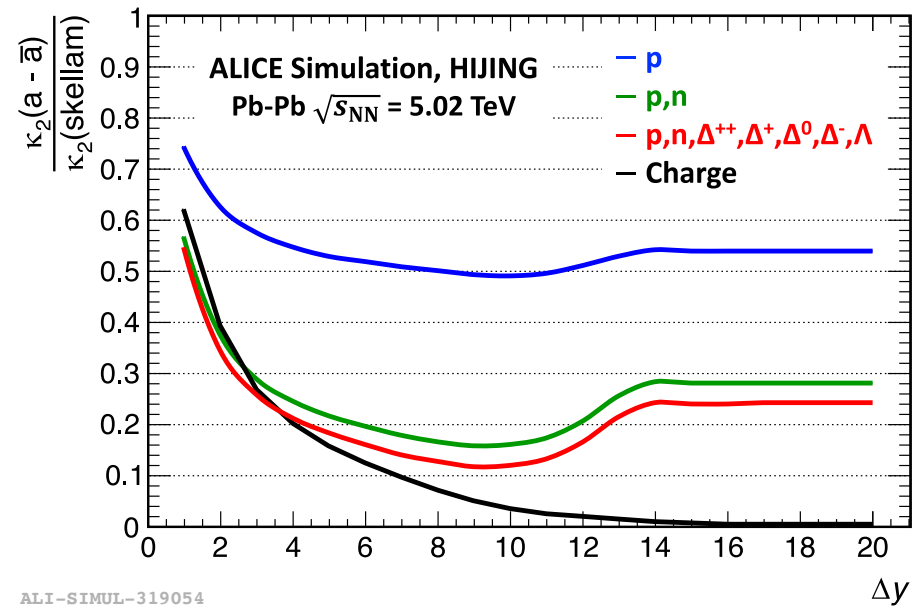
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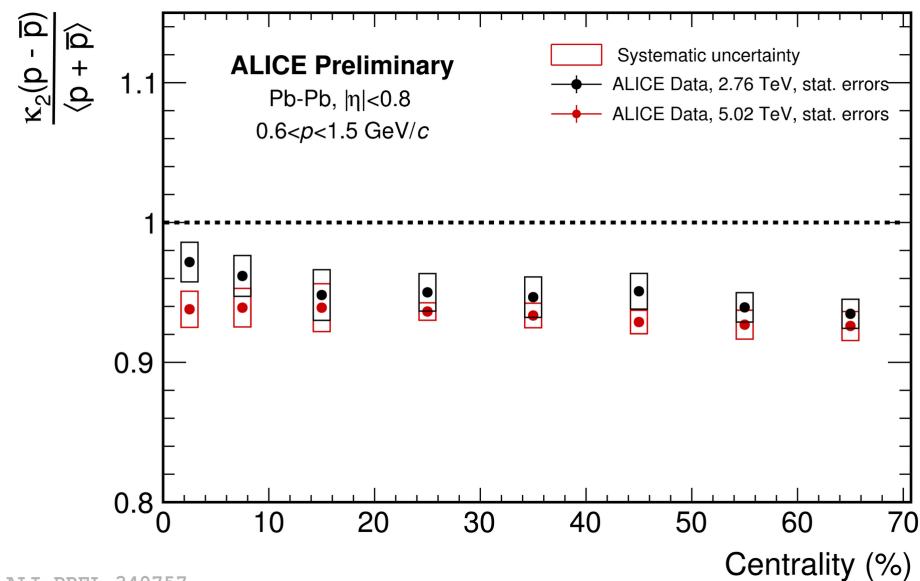


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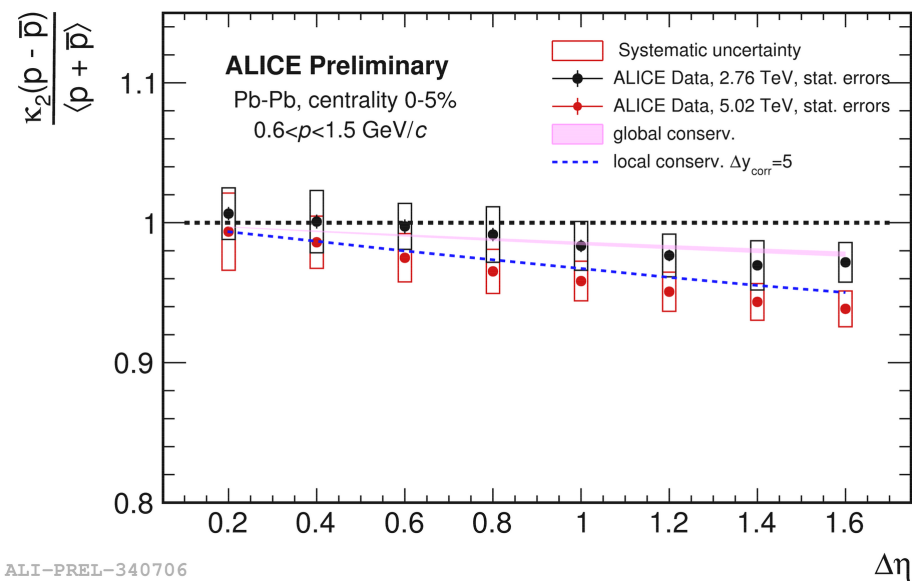


- Short range correlations

2nd order cumulants



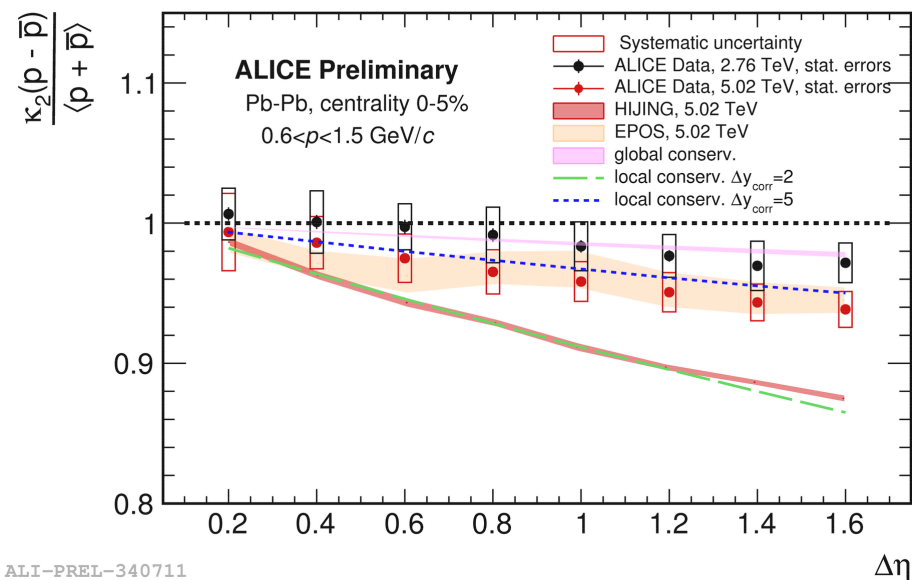
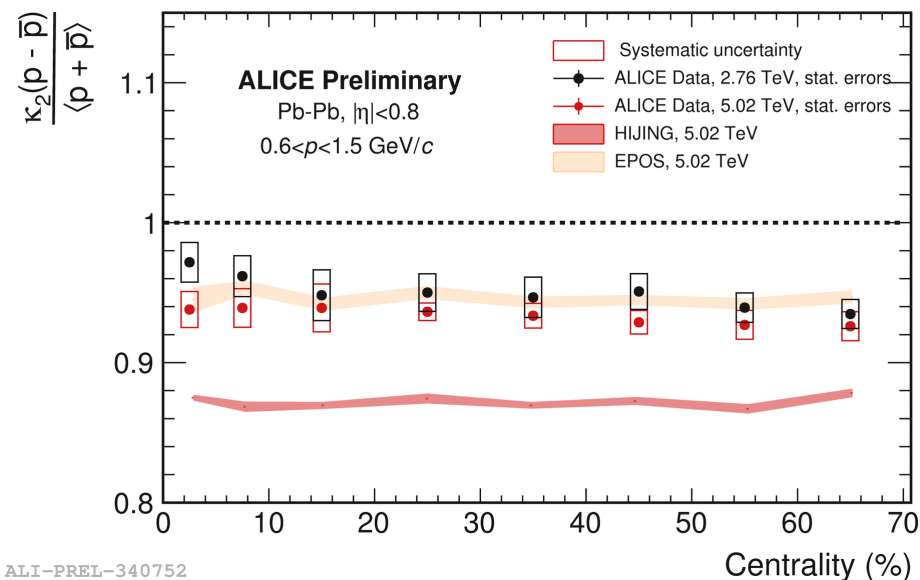
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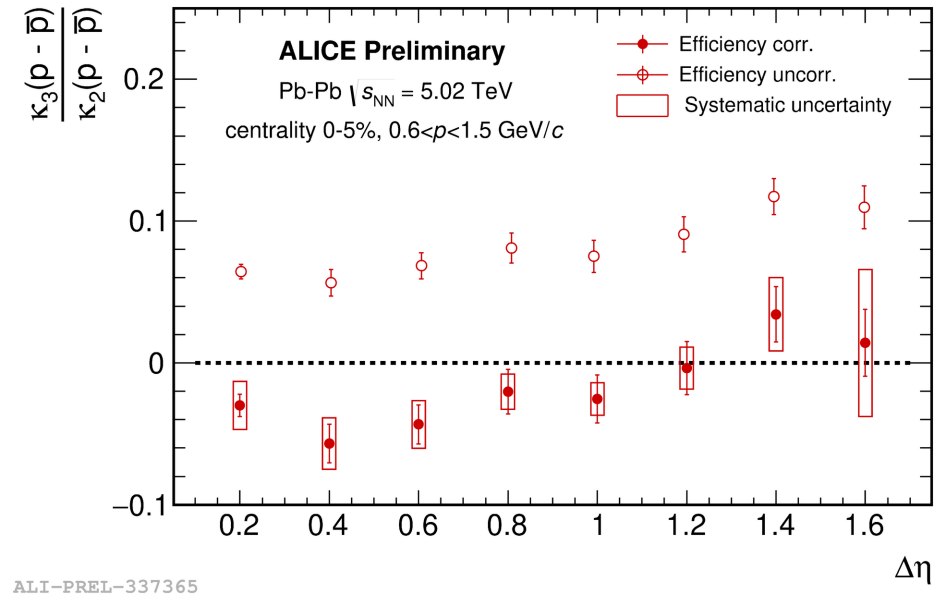
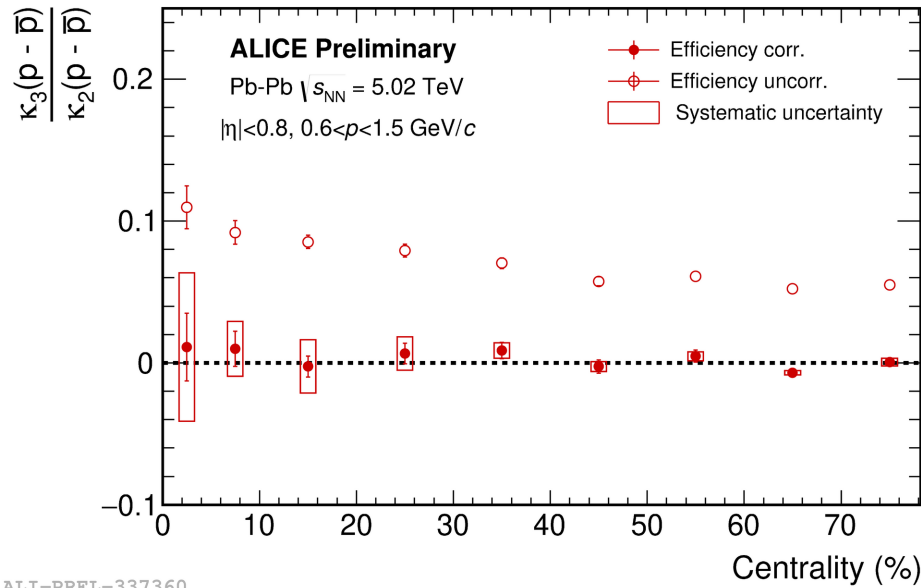
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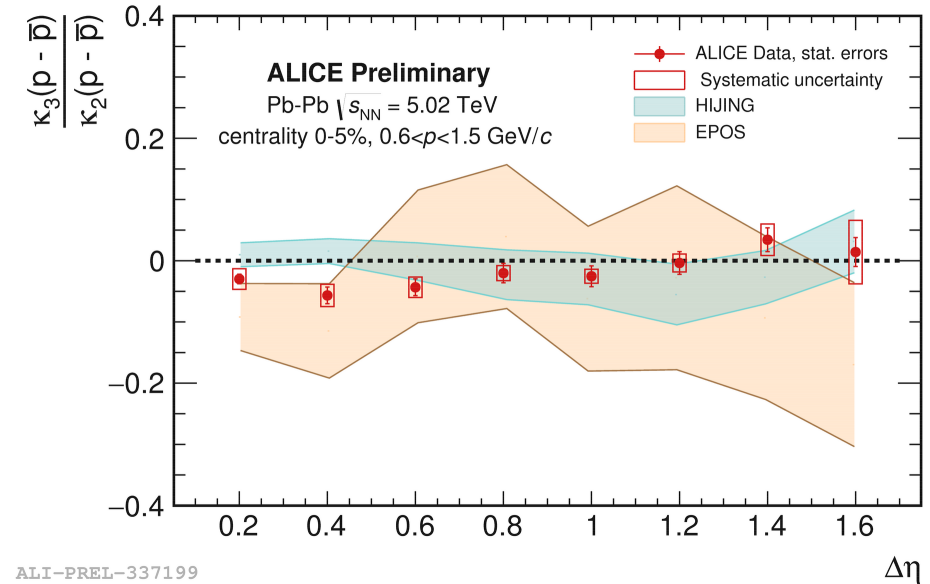
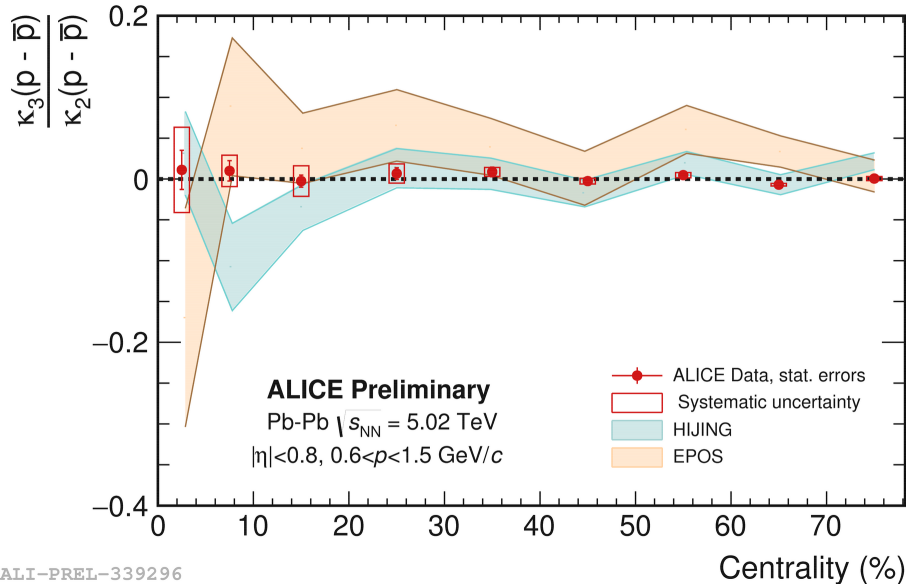
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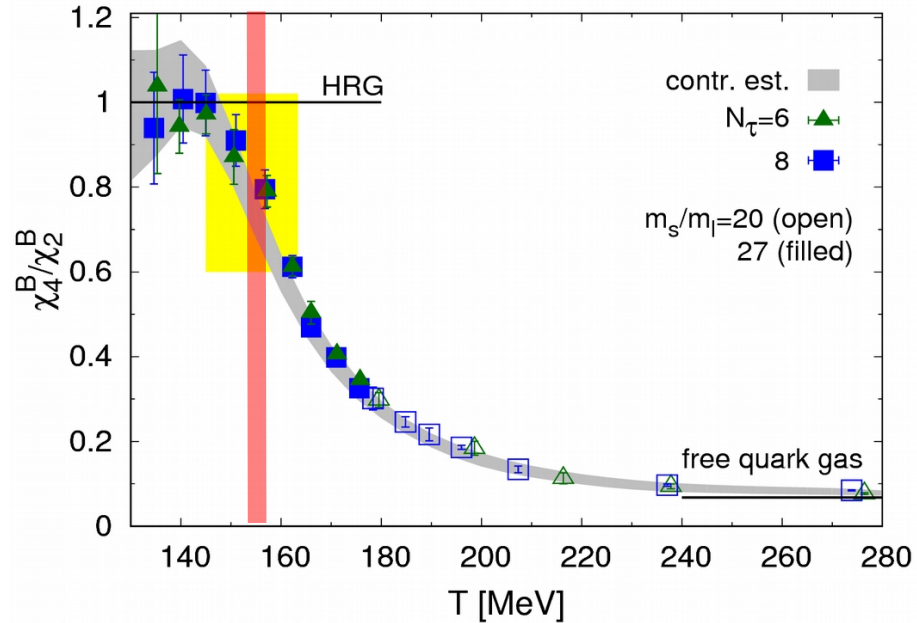
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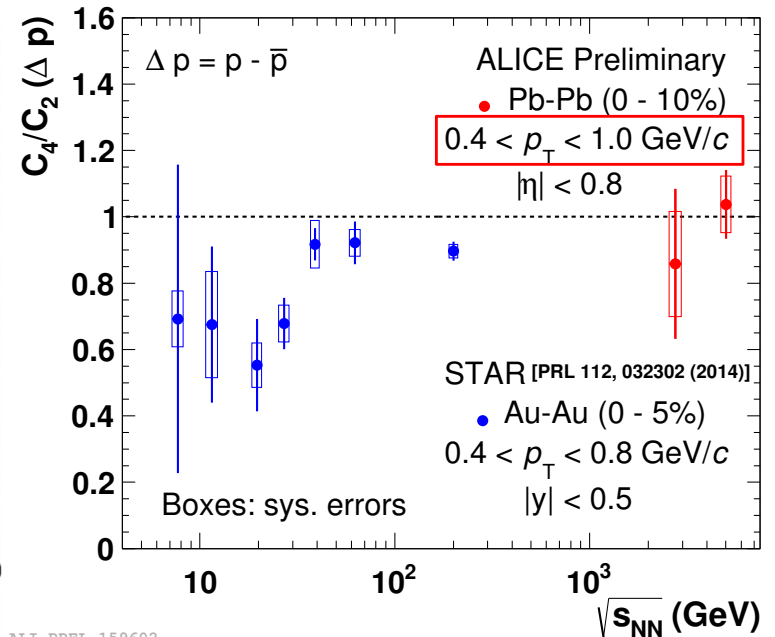
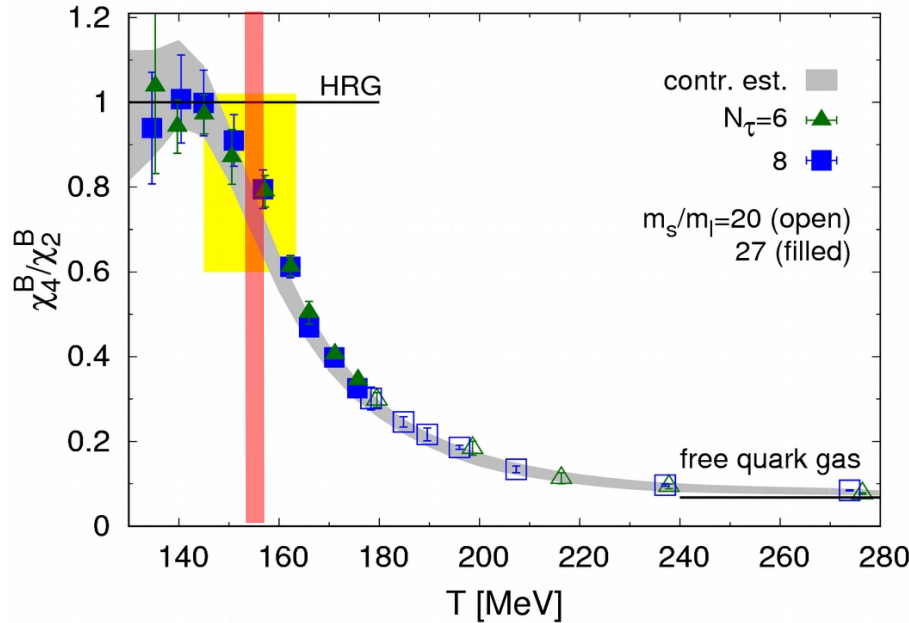
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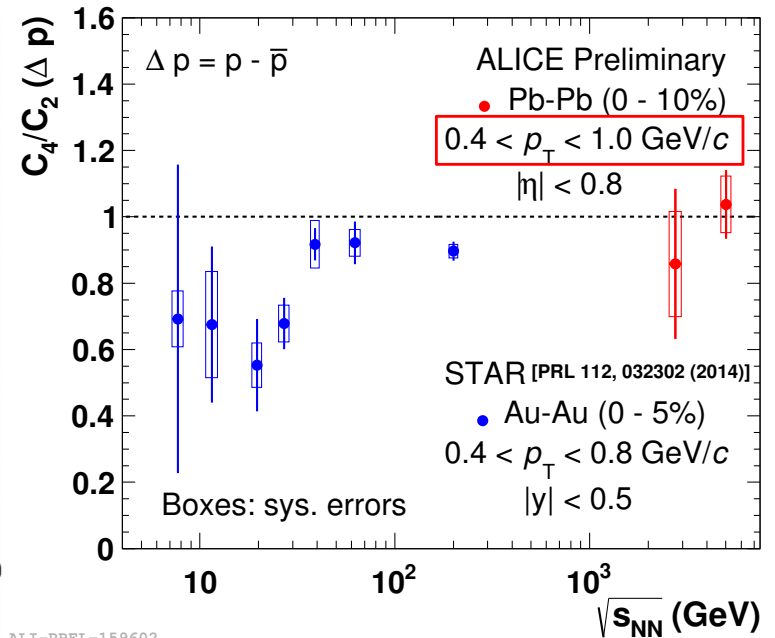
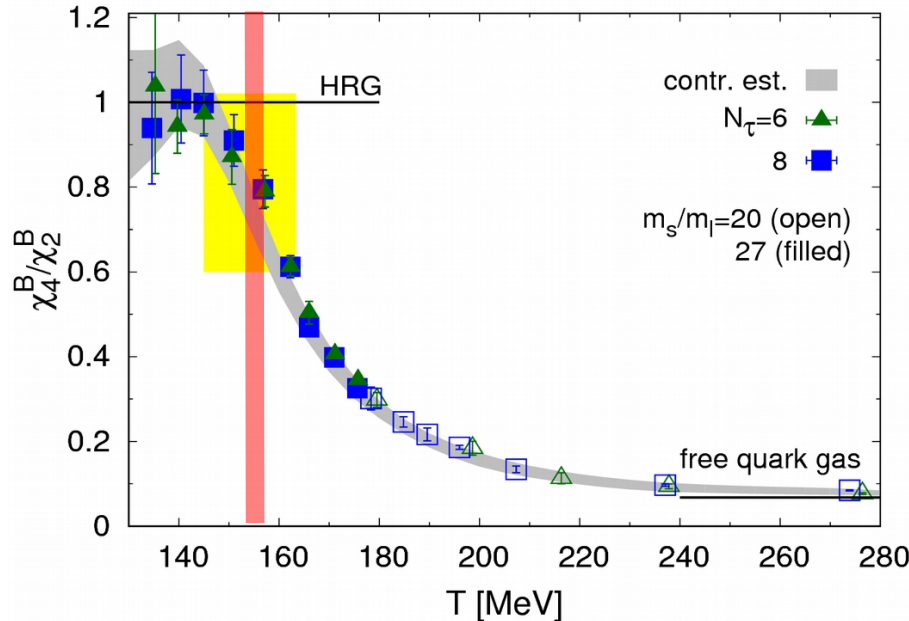
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Analysis within a larger kinematic acceptance using
Identity Method is in progress

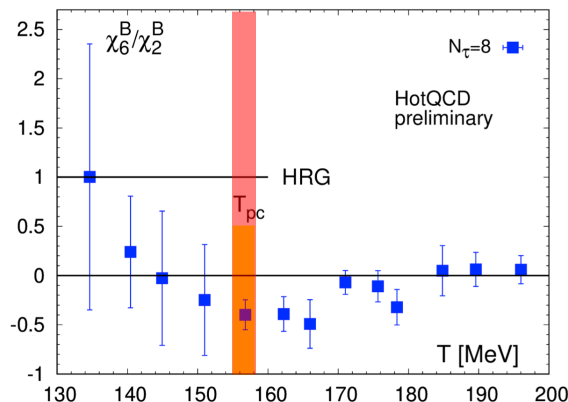
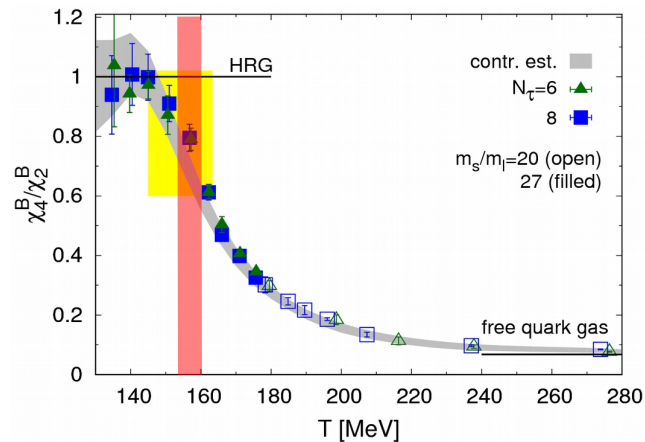
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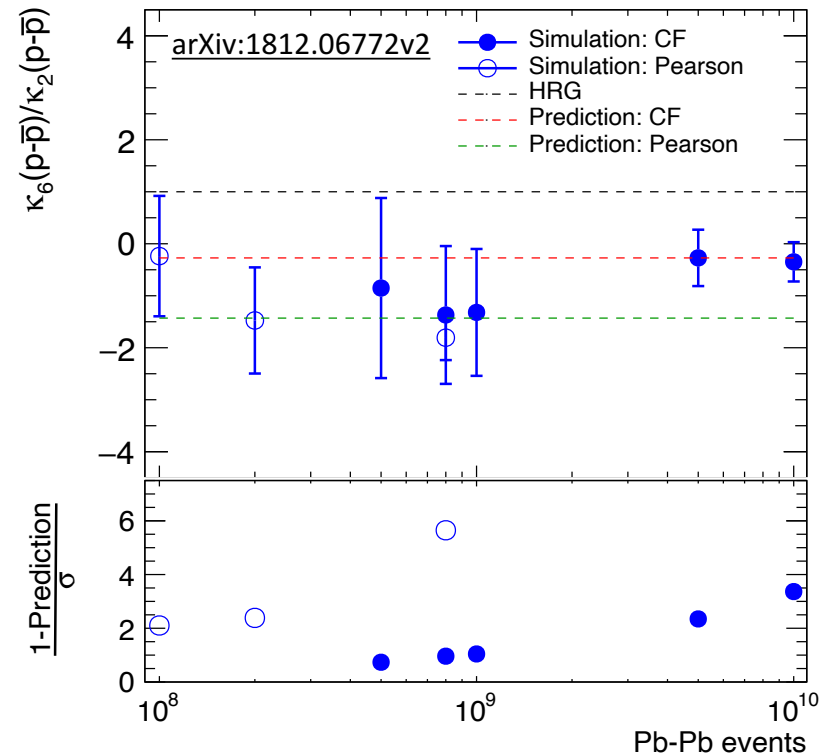
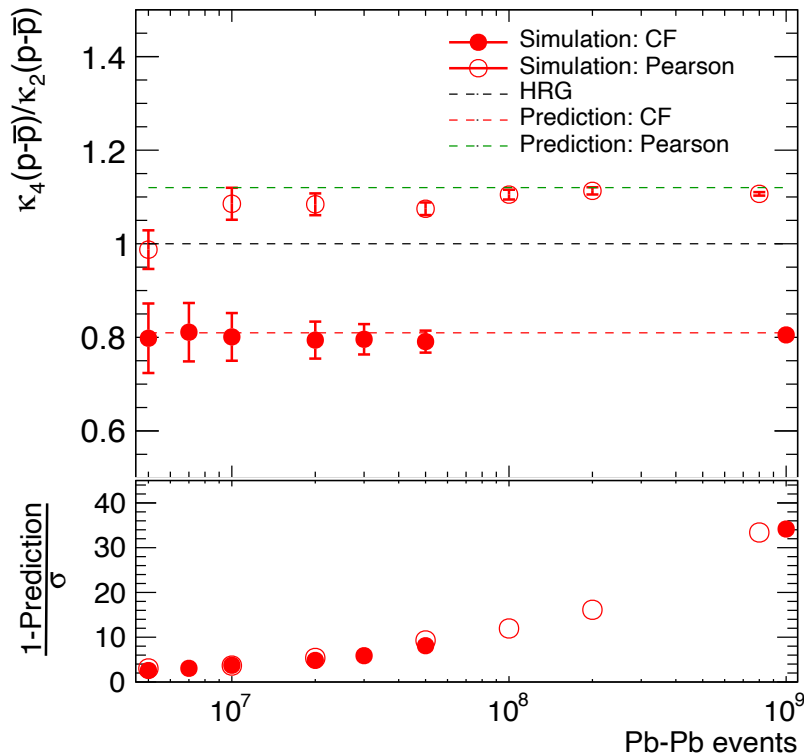
- RUN1:** 2nd order (~13M min. bias events)
- RUN2:** 4th order (~150M central events)
- RUN3:** 6th ... (>1000M central events)

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BACKUP

Open Questions

Experiment

- Efficiency correction
→ realistic detector simulations
- Volume fluctuations
→ centrality resolution
- Effect of resonances
- Measurement at low energies
- Systematic uncertainties
- ...

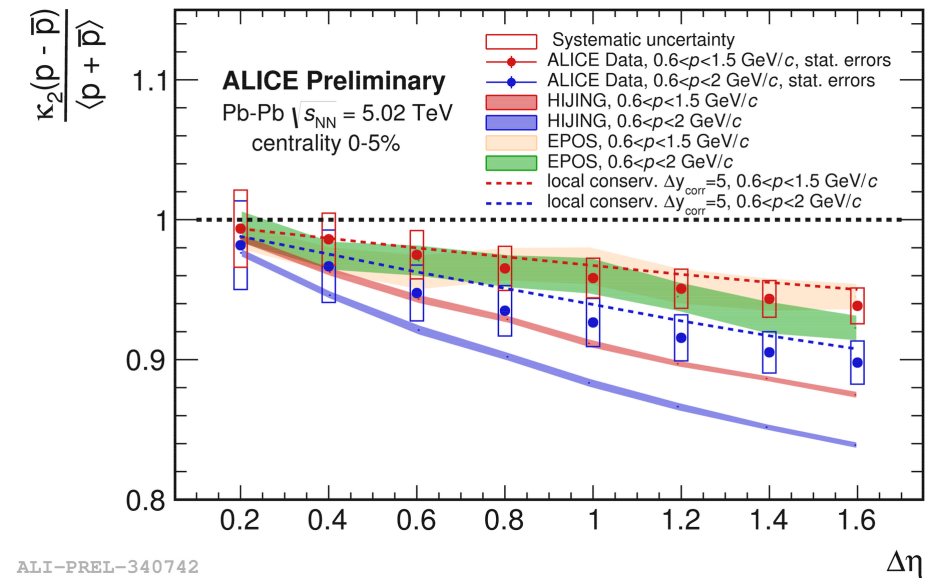
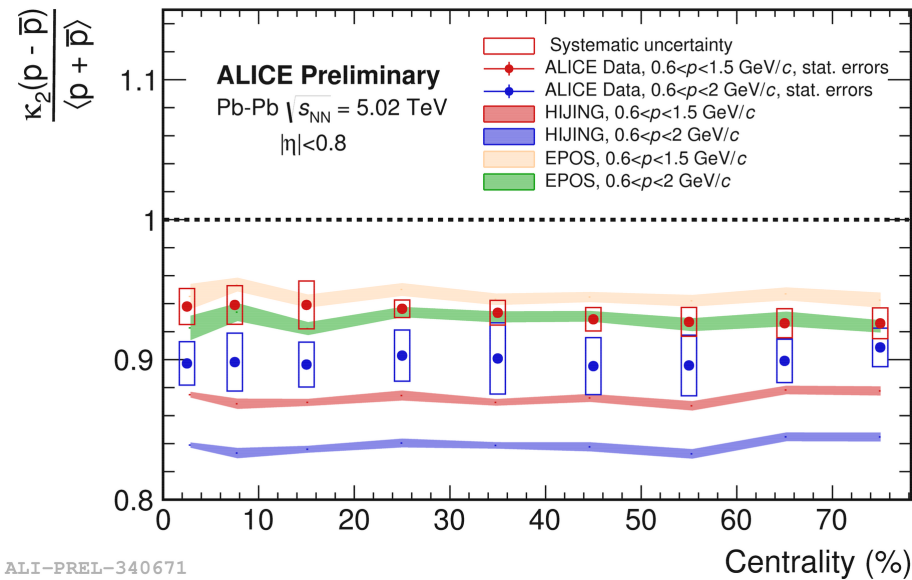
Theory

- Efficiency correction
→ unfolding or ...
- Volume fluctuations
- Effect of resonances
- Measurement at low energies
→ baryon stopping, deuteron formation ...
- Effect of hydrodynamic evolution
- ...

• [Adam Bzdak et. al., arXiv:1906.00936](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.00936)

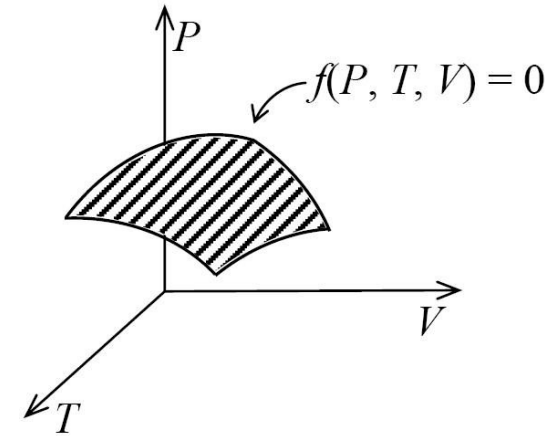
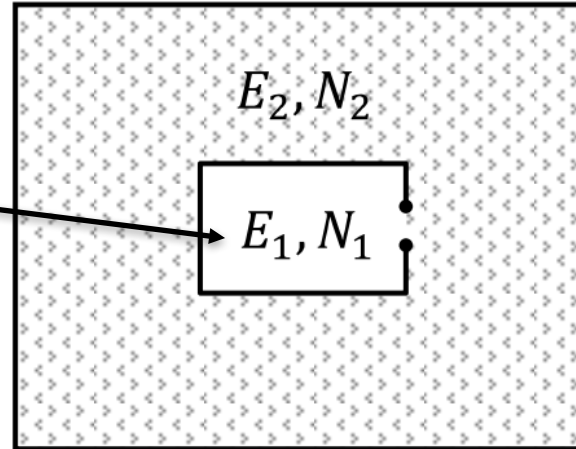
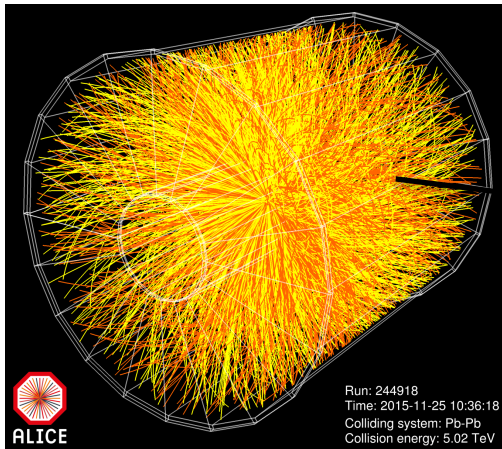
• [Probing the Phase Structure of Strongly Interacting Matter: Theory and Experiment, https://indico.gsi.de/event/7994/overview](https://indico.gsi.de/event/7994/overview)

2nd order cumulants of net-p: Acceptance dependence



- Consistent with the baryon number conservation picture
 - Increase in fraction of accepted p, \bar{p} -> stronger constraint of fluctuations due to baryon number conservation
- EPOS & HIJING show this drop qualitatively

What kind of a system we are talking about?



Grand canonical ensemble where particles are in a thermal equilibrium

- Energy (E) and number of particles (N) are **not conserved** in each microstate
- EOS can be represented **by a surface** in the state space spanned by P , V and T
- Conservation laws are applied **on average**
- Chemical potential (μ), Volume (V) and Temperature (T) are constant
- For a given state E_j and N_j **grand canonical partition function**

$$Z_{GCE}(T, V, \mu) = \sum_j \exp\left[-\frac{E_j - \mu N_j}{T}\right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle N \rangle = \sum_j N_j p_j = T \left. \frac{\partial \ln Z_{GCE}}{\partial \mu} \right|_V$$

Cross Cumulants

- Taylor expansion of the **QCD** pressure

$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln Z(T, V, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)$$

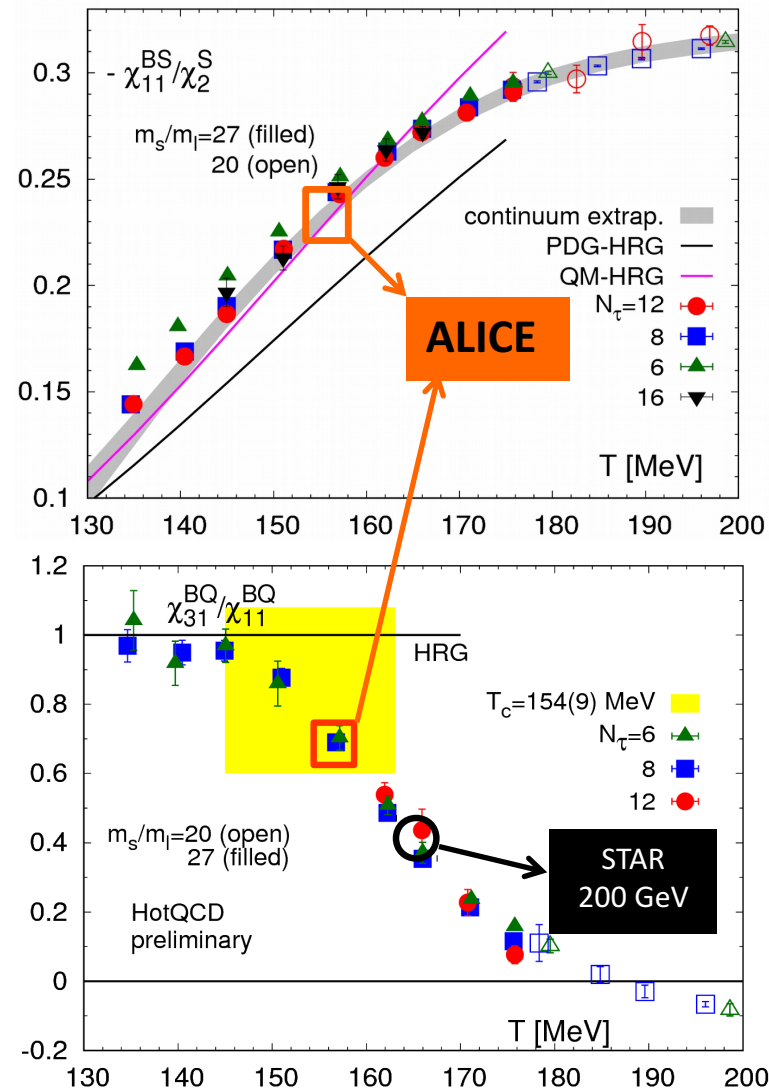


$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{BQS}(T) \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$



- Cumulants of **net-charge fluctuations and correlations**

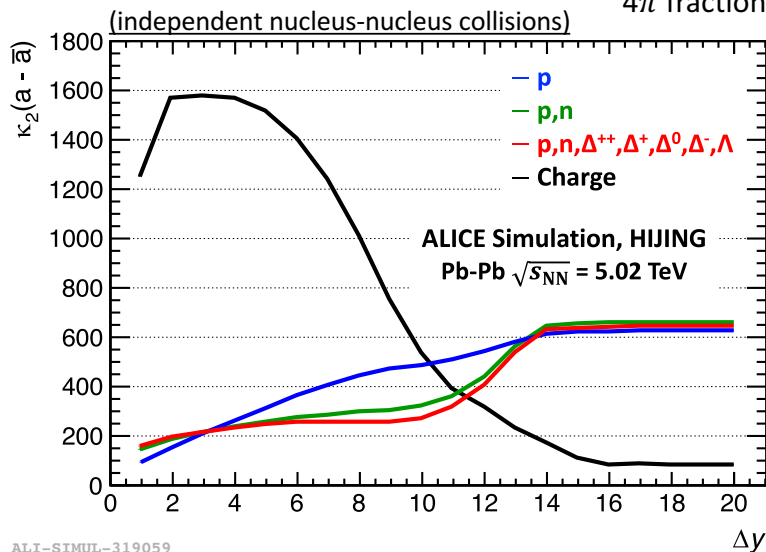
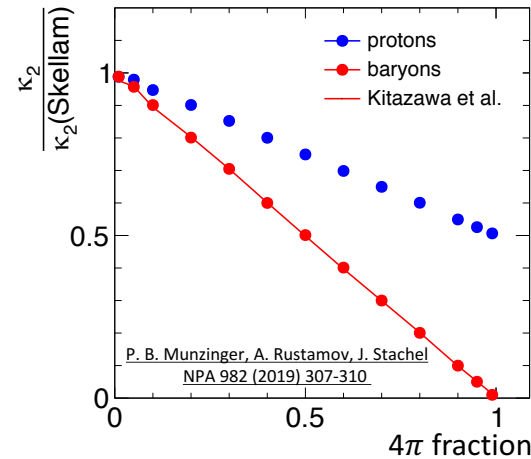
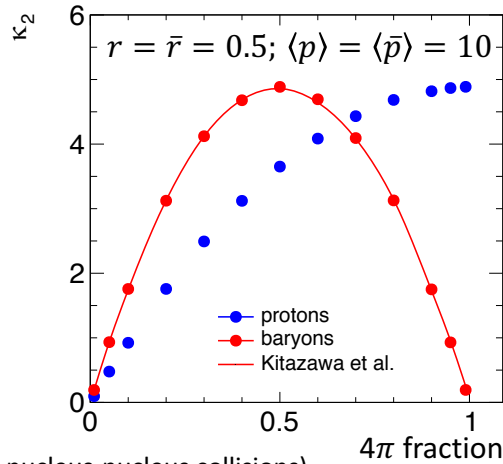
$$\chi_{ijk}^{BQS} = \left. \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} P/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^i \partial \hat{\mu}_Q^j \partial \hat{\mu}_S^k} \right|_{\mu_{B,Q,S}=0}, \quad \hat{\mu}_X \equiv \frac{\mu_X}{T}$$



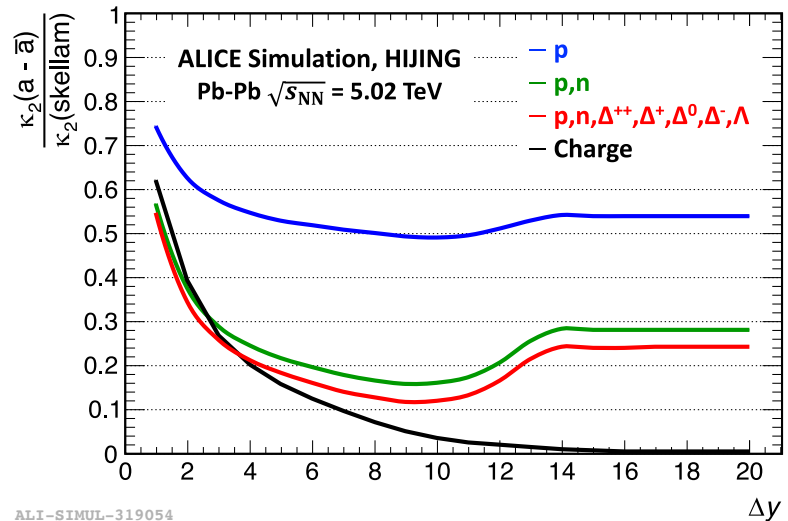
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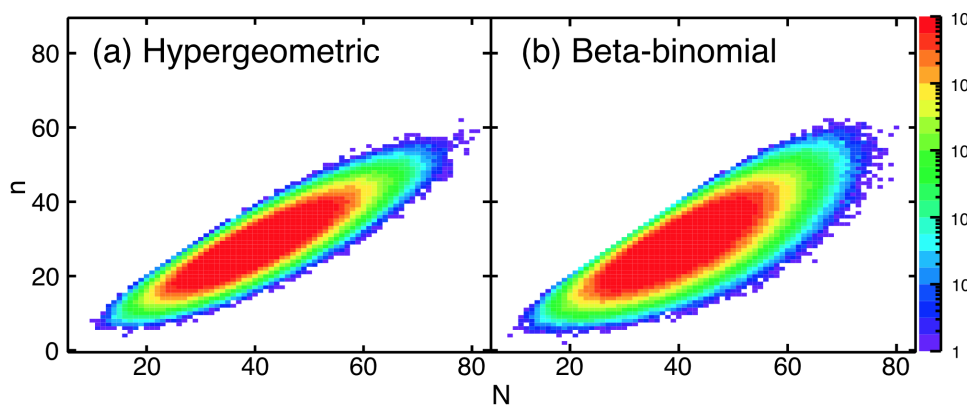
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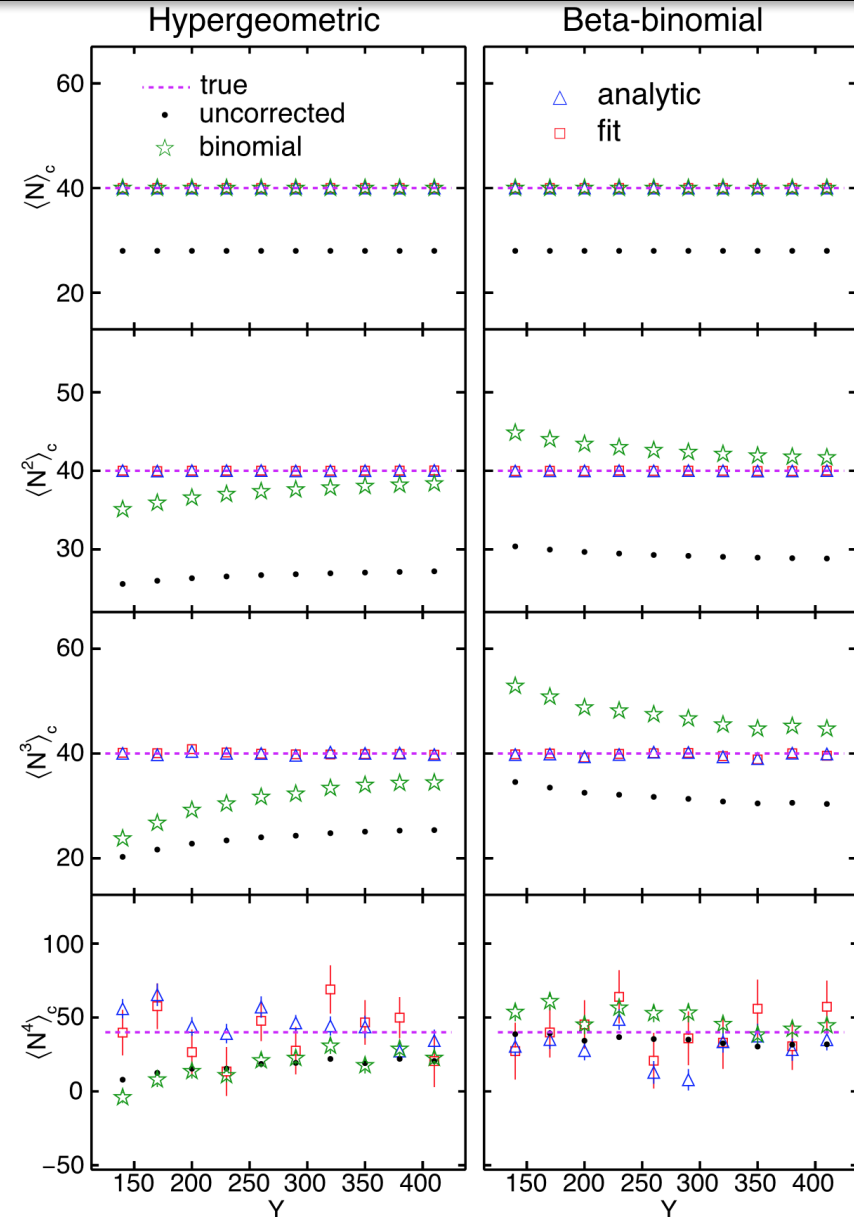
Efficiency correction

What if 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

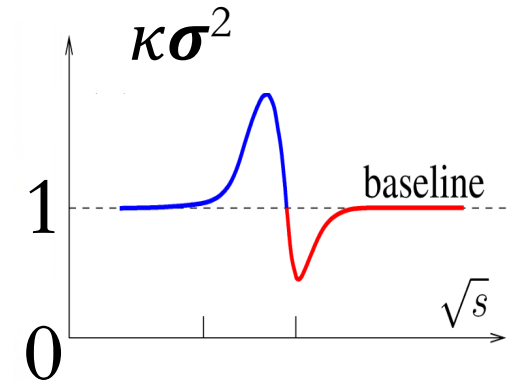


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Expectations for the 3rd and 4th order cumulants

At RHIC:

Non-monotonic behavior as a function of energy

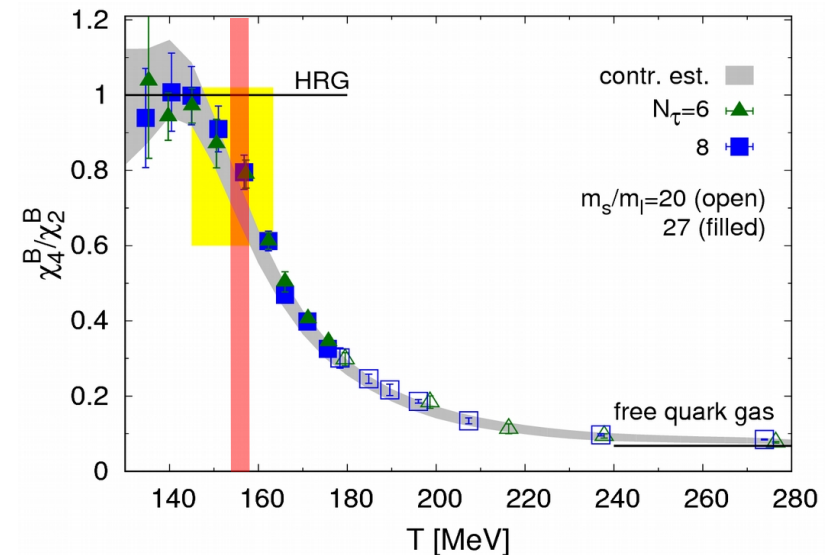


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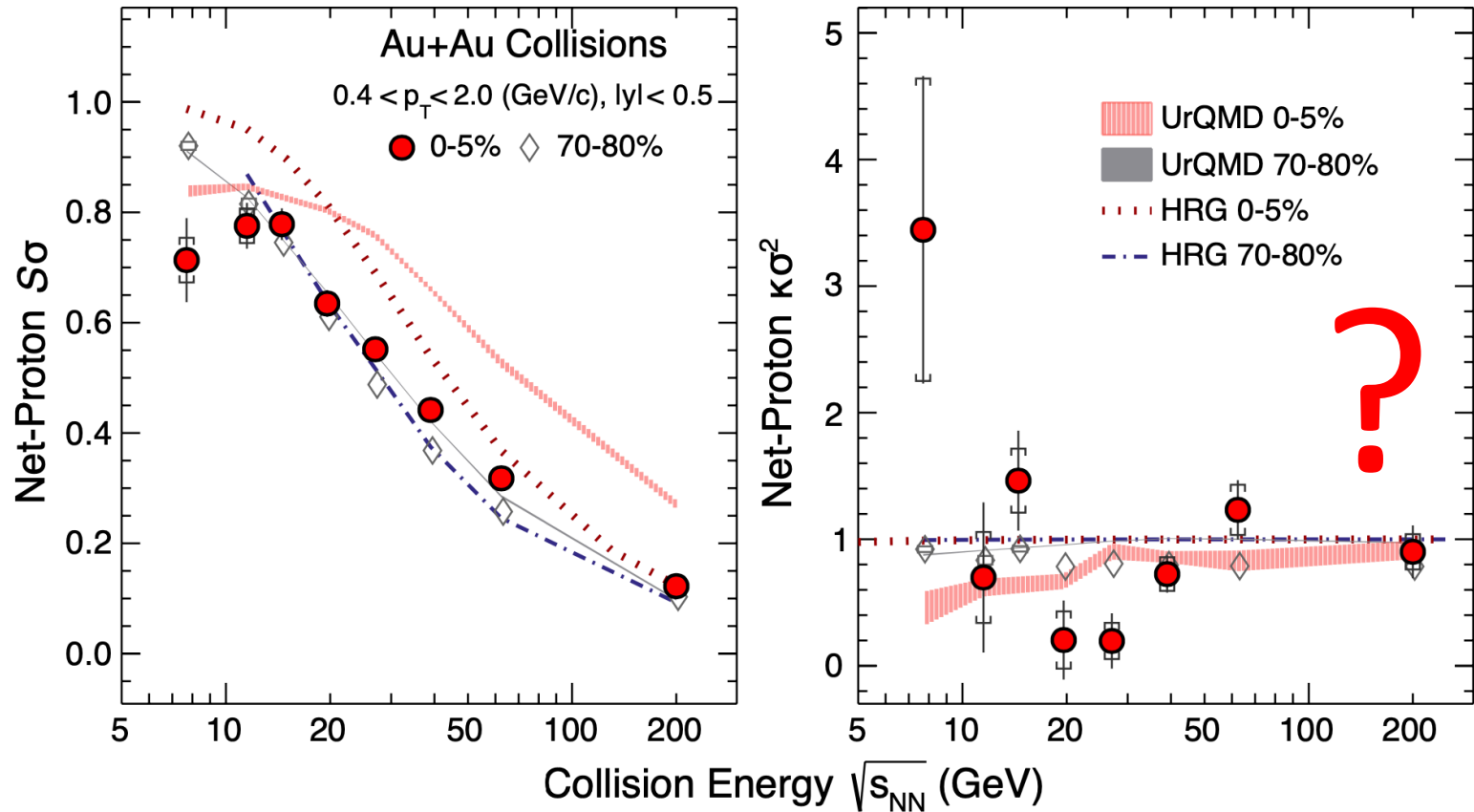
At LHC:

~ 25% difference between LQCD and HRG at T_{pc}



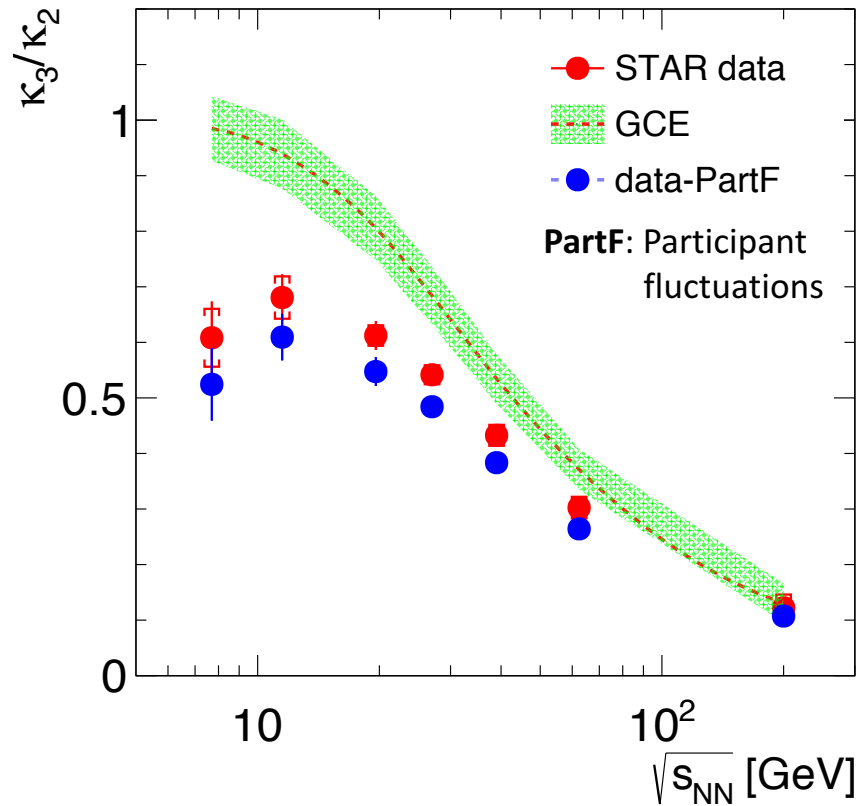
3rd and 4th order cumulants of net-p at RHIC

STAR Collaboration, arXiv:2001.02852

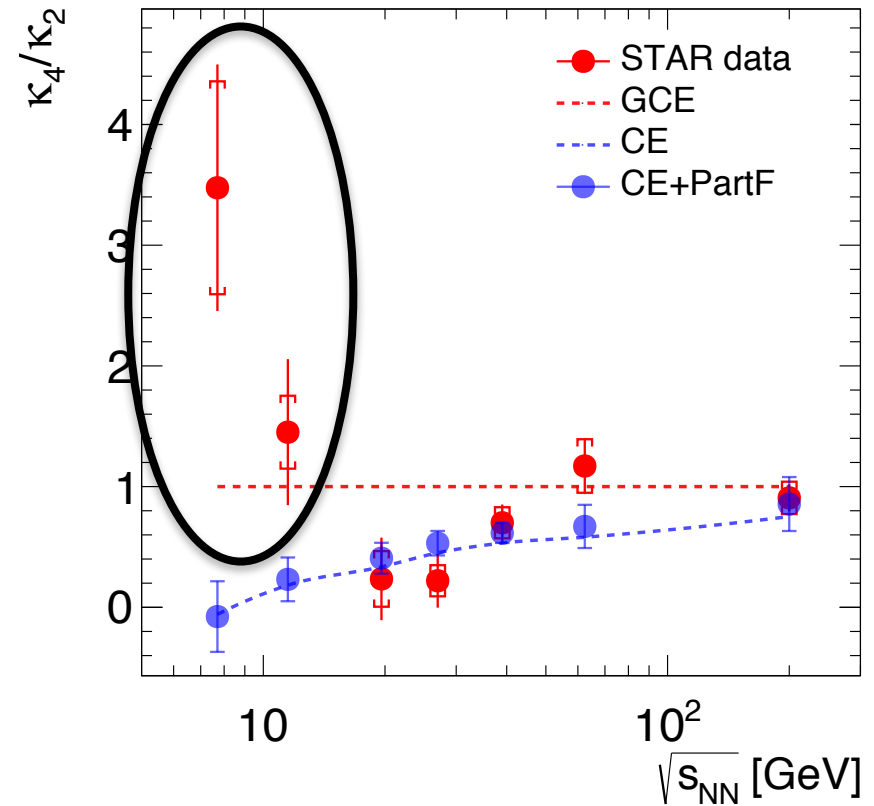


$$\frac{\kappa_4}{\kappa_2} = \kappa\sigma^2 \quad \frac{\kappa_3}{\kappa_2} = S\sigma$$

Effect of baryon number conservation

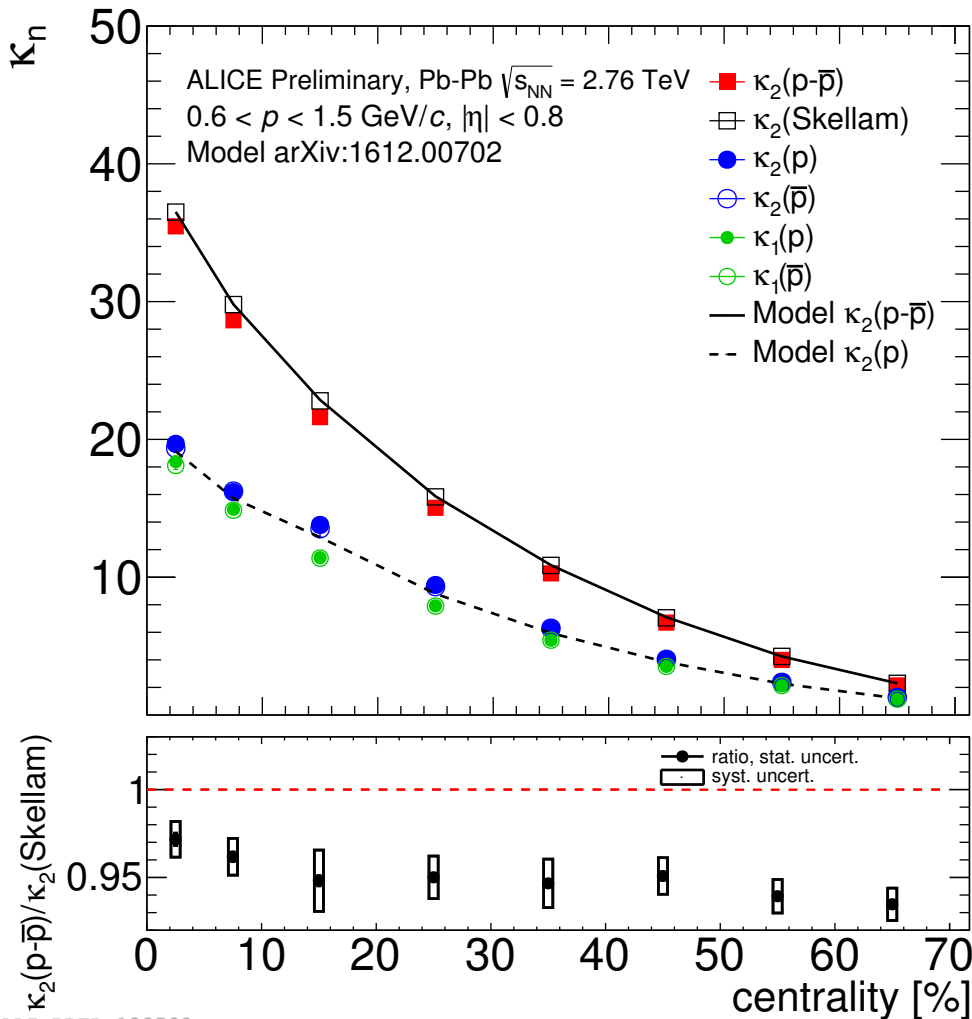


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➤ κ_3/κ_2 and κ_4/κ_2 cannot be simultaneously explained for the lowest two energies

“Model” vs ALICE Data



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Input to the Model

$$\kappa_1(p), \kappa_1(\bar{p})$$

centrality selection procedure

Predictions

$$\text{—} \quad \kappa_2(p-\bar{p})$$

$$\text{- - -} \quad \kappa_2(p)$$

participants

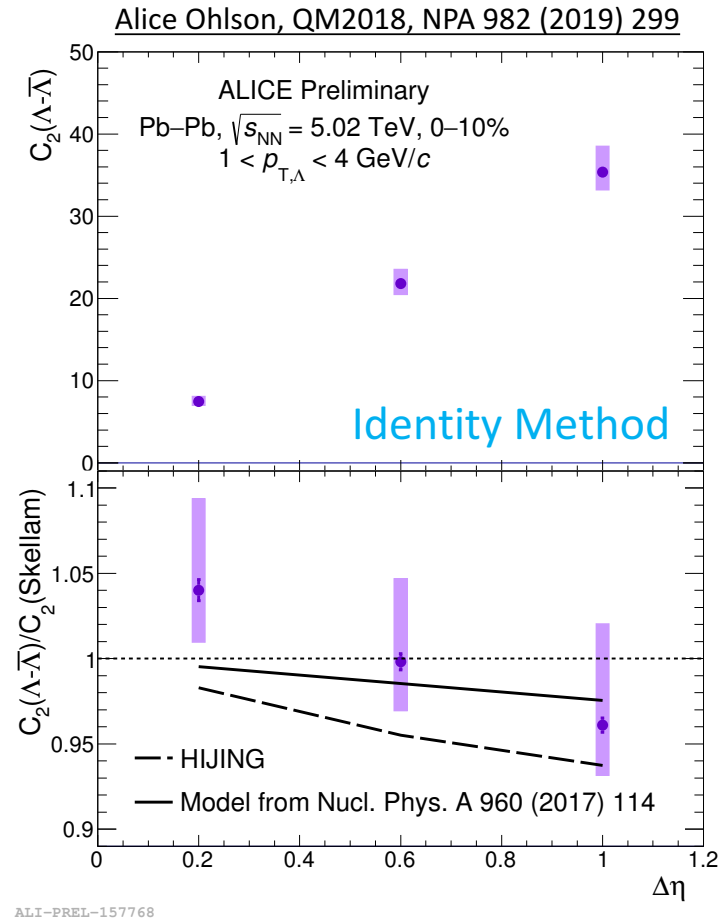
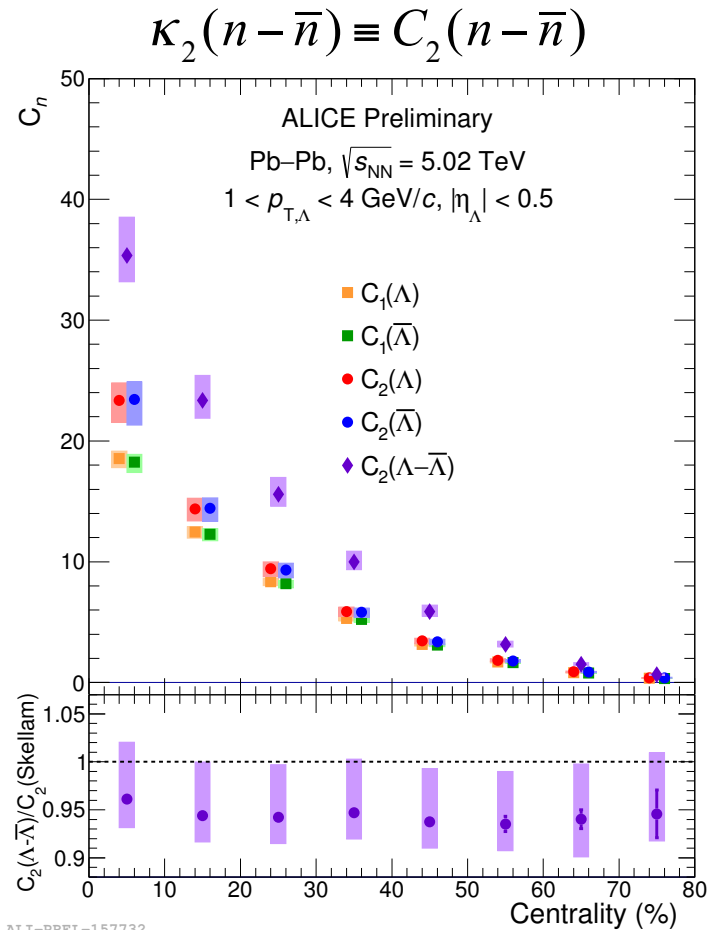
$$\kappa_2(N_B) = \langle N_W \rangle \kappa_2(n_B) + \langle n_B \rangle^2 \kappa_2(N_W)$$

from single participant

Consistent predictions for net-protons, protons and antiprotons

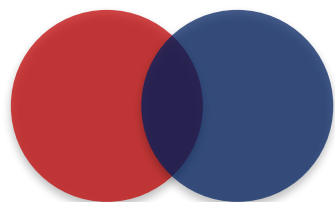
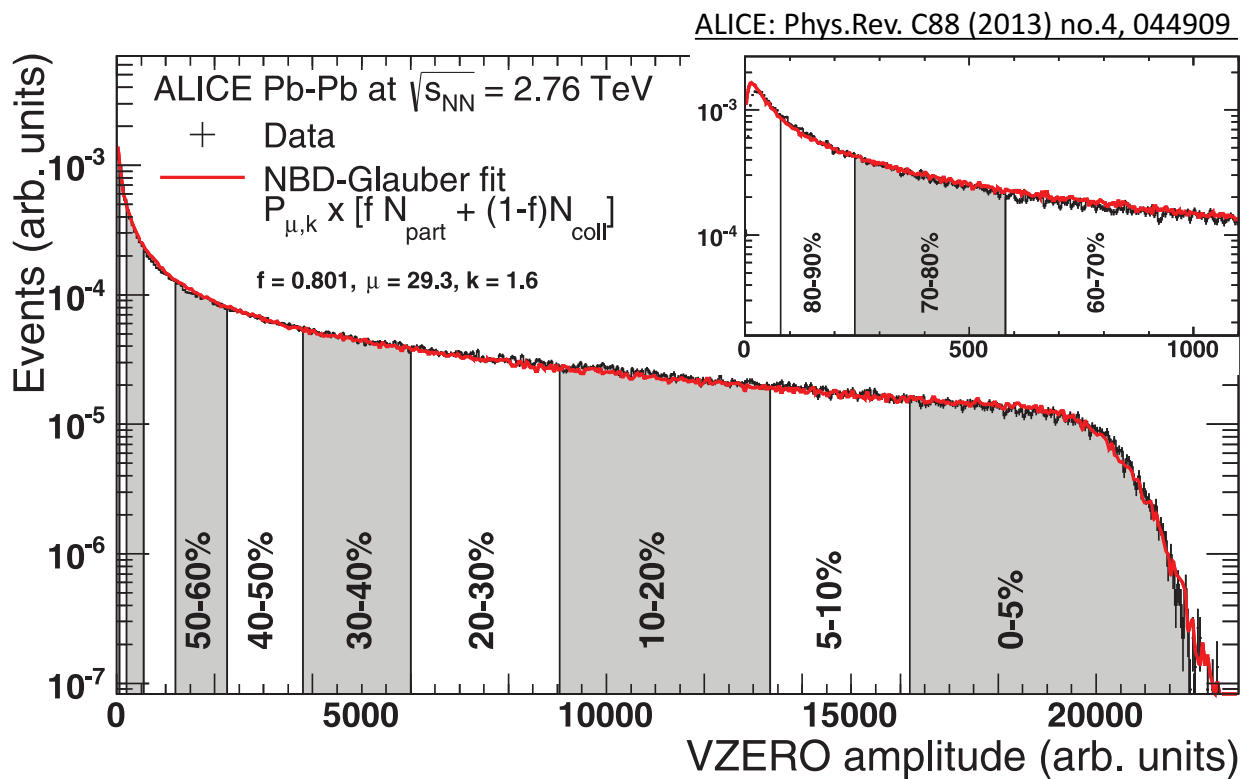
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2nd order cumulants of net- Λ at LHC

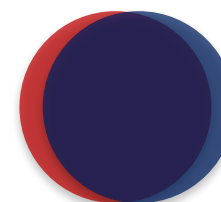


- Similar trend as for **net-p**
- **Better precision** is needed to see the impact of strangeness conservation

Volume in experiment? → “Centrality”

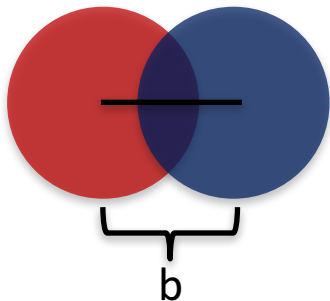
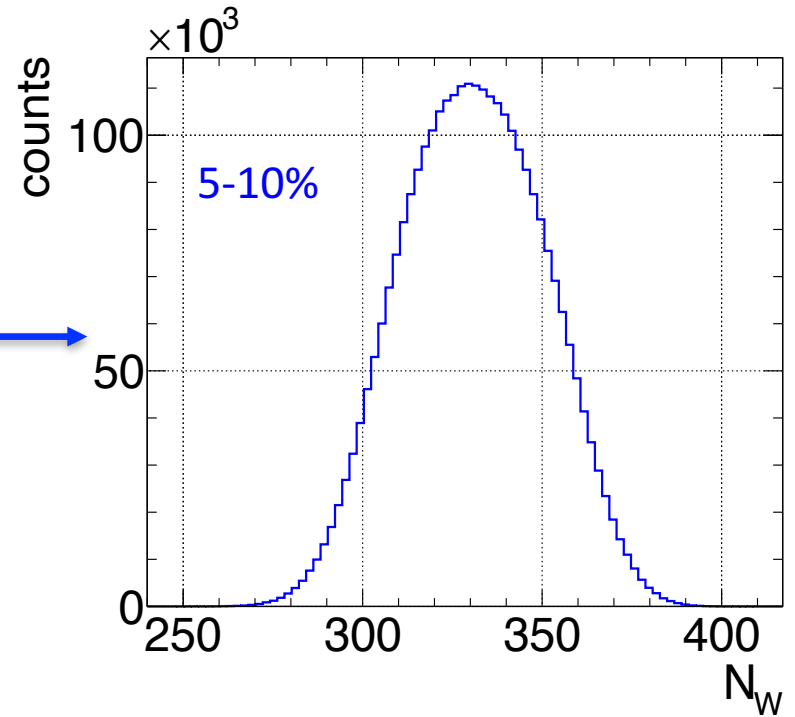
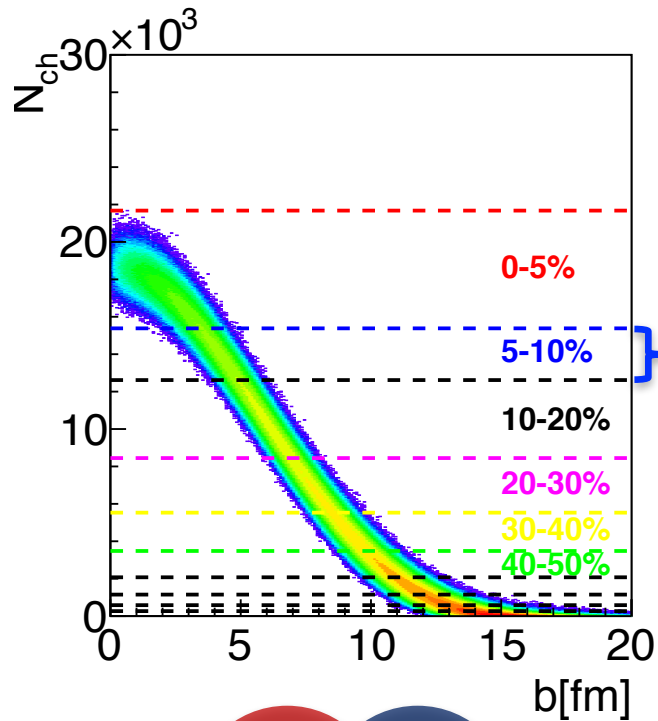


Peripheral collision



Central Collision

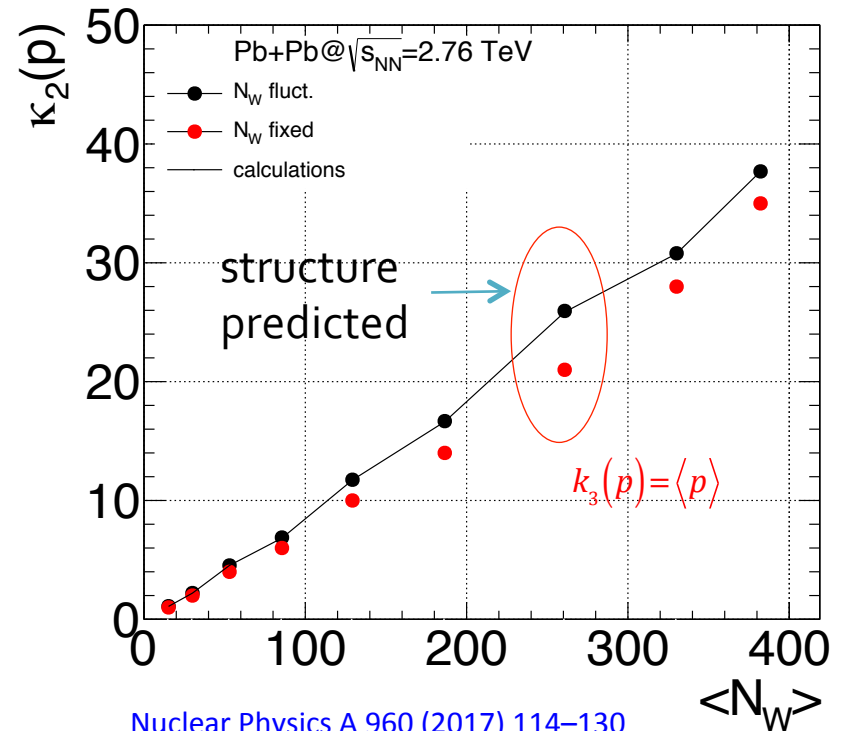
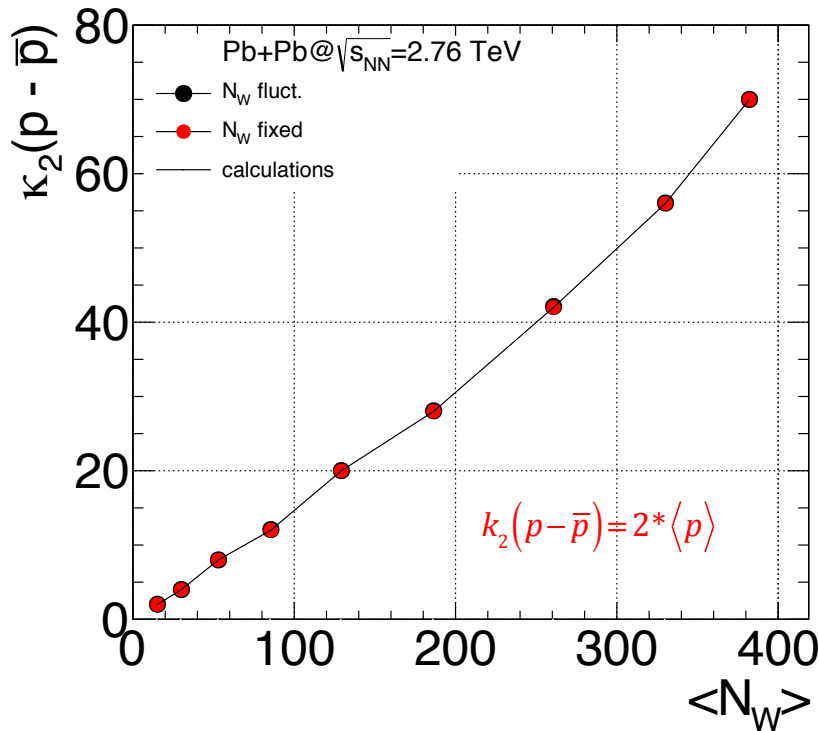
Volume Fluctuates



$$\frac{\kappa_4(\Delta N_B)}{\kappa_2(\Delta N_B)} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\hat{\chi}_4^B}{\hat{\chi}_2^B}$$

Volume Fluctuations: 2nd order

150*10⁶ Events



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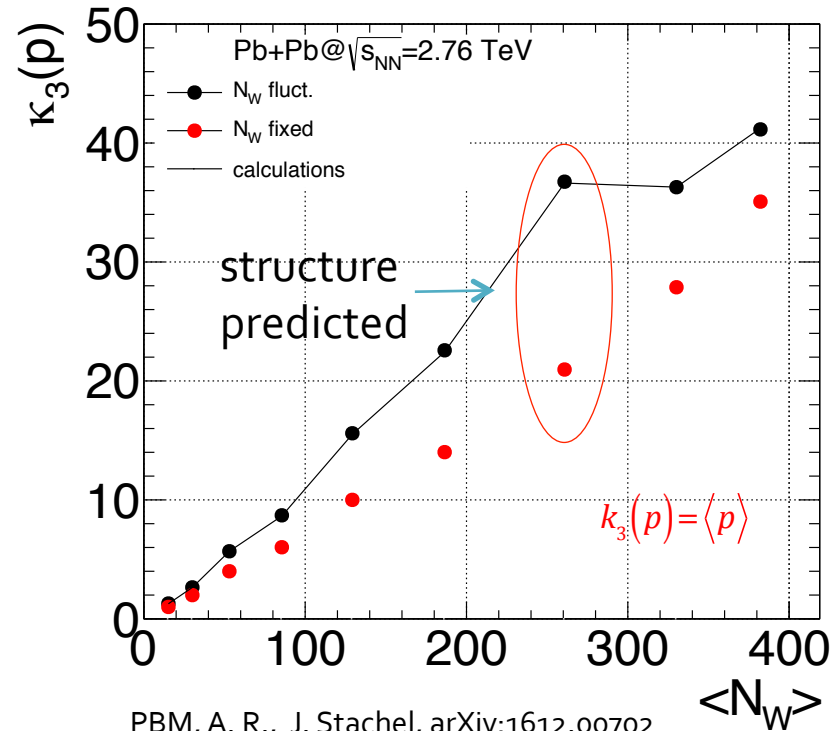
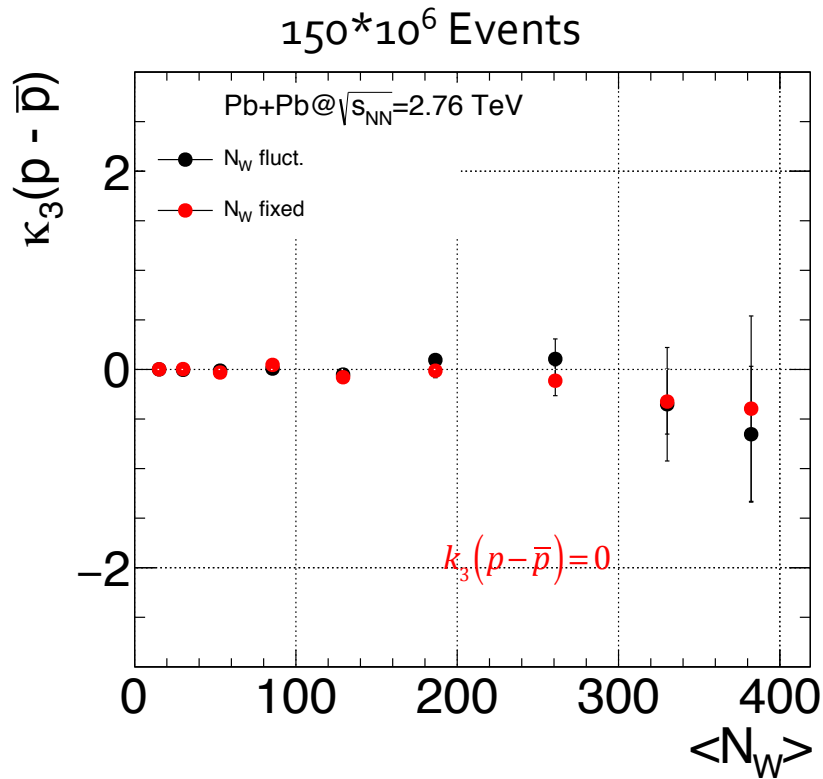
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Volume Fluctuations: 3rd order



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

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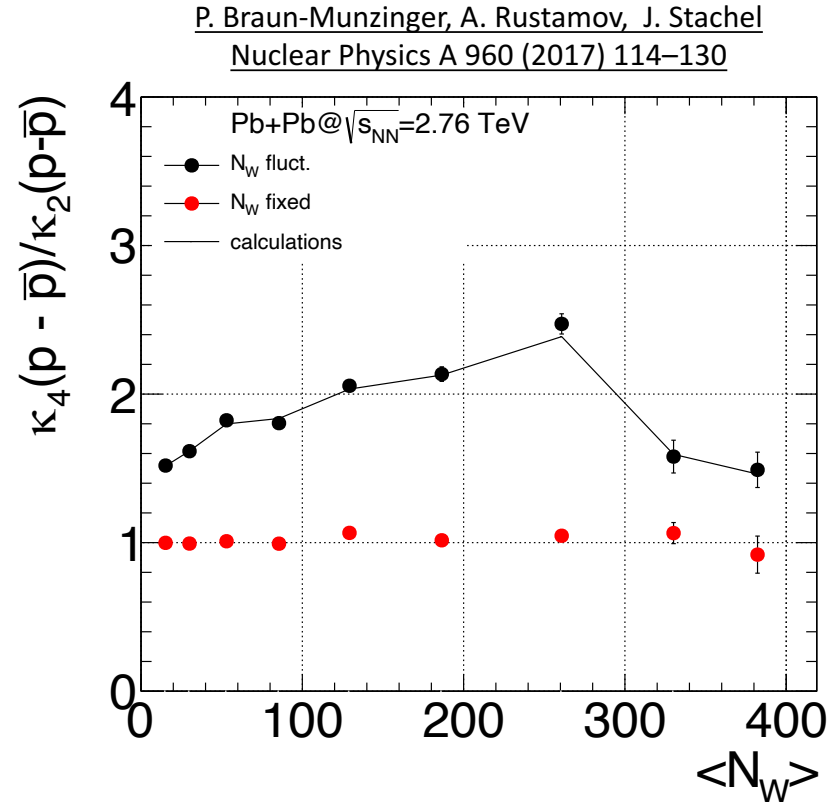
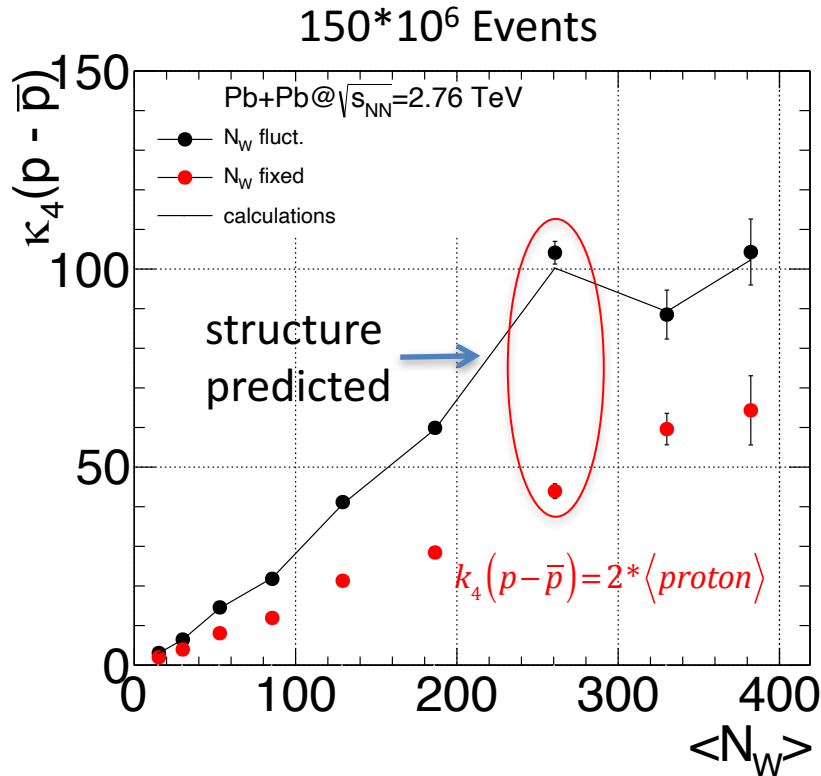
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Volume Fluctuations: 4th order

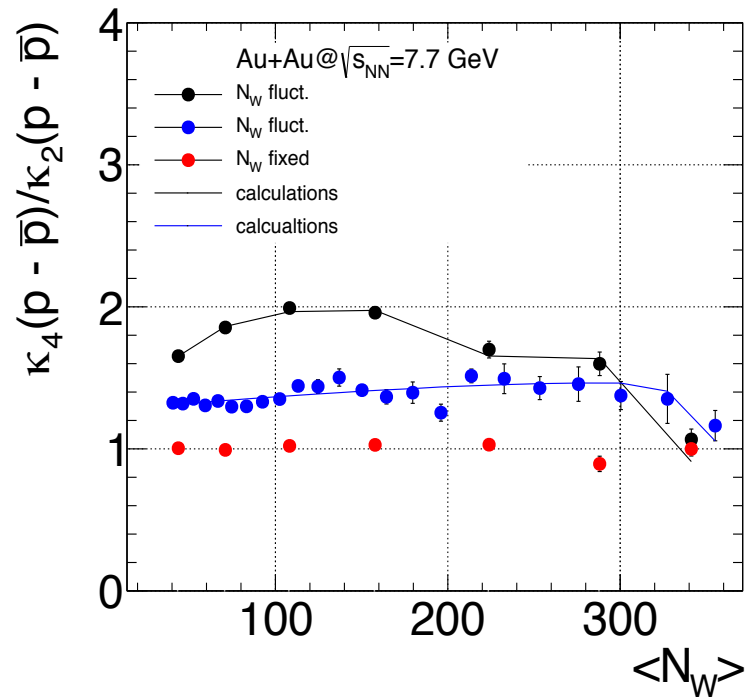
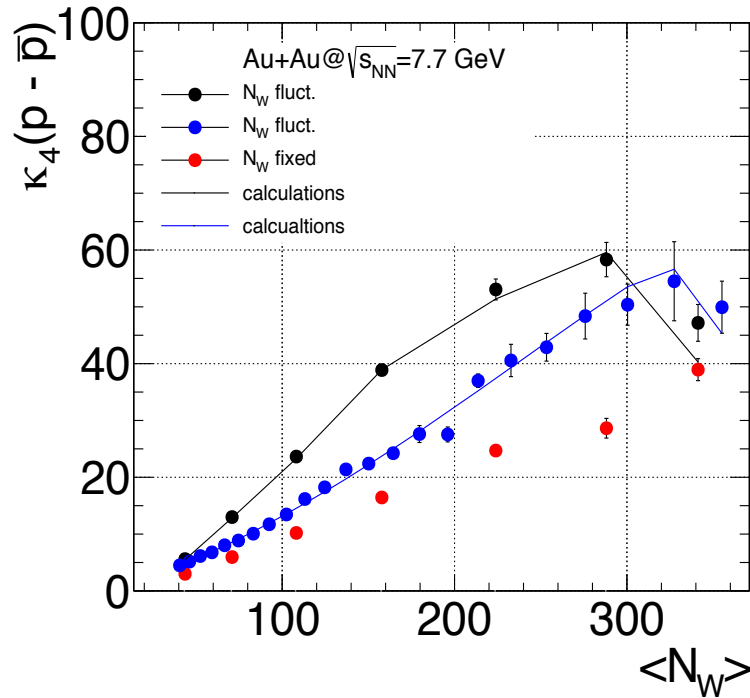


$$k_4(p-\bar{p}) = \langle N_w \rangle k_4(n-\bar{n}) + 3k_2(n-\bar{n})^2 k_2(N_w) + \langle n-\bar{n} \rangle (\dots)$$

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

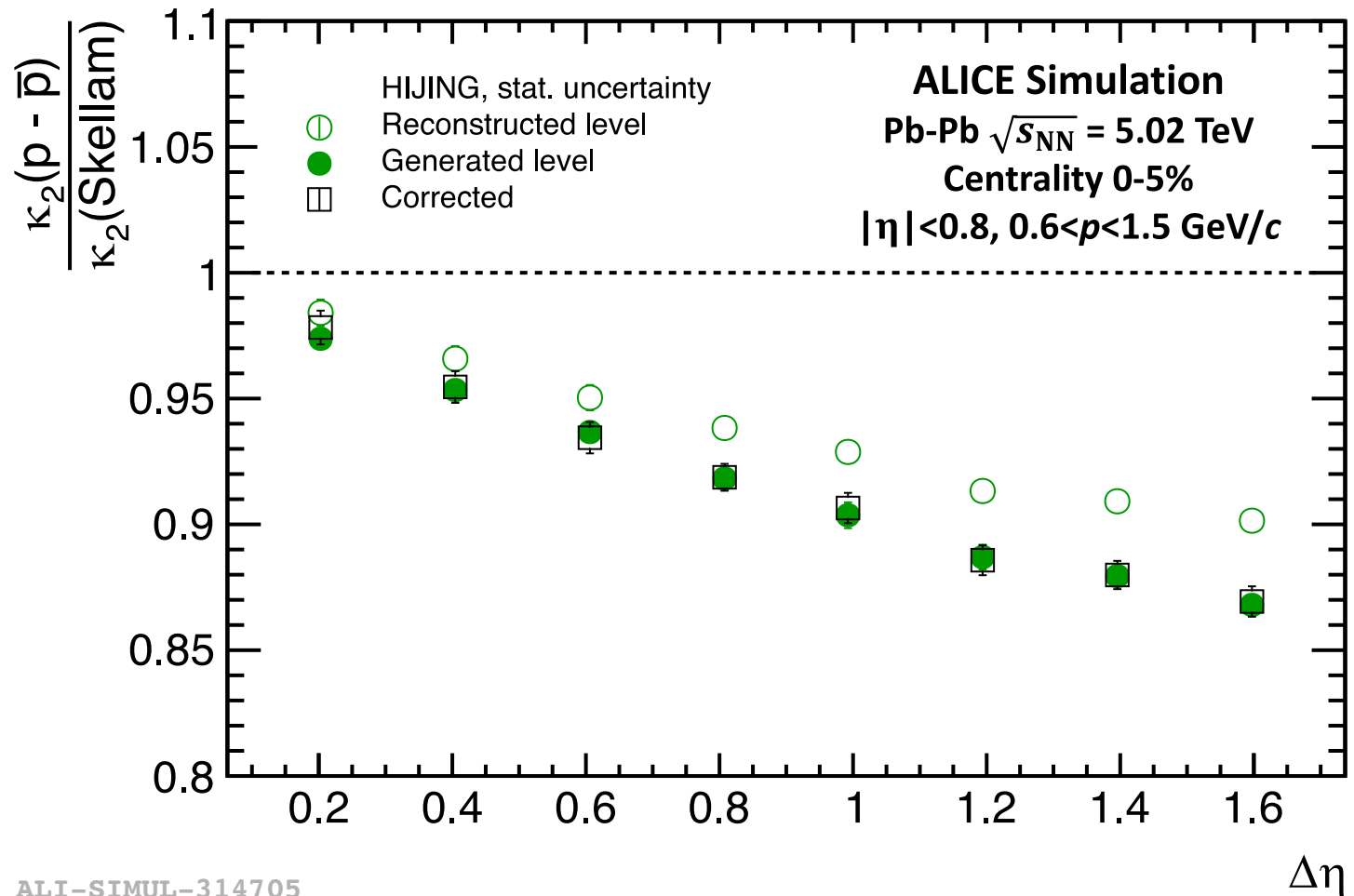
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Volume Fluctuations at RHIC energies



- Participant fluctuations will be present even in the **limit of very fine centrality bins**
- **Incoherent addition** of data from intervals with very small centrality bin width will eliminate true dynamical fluctuations.

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



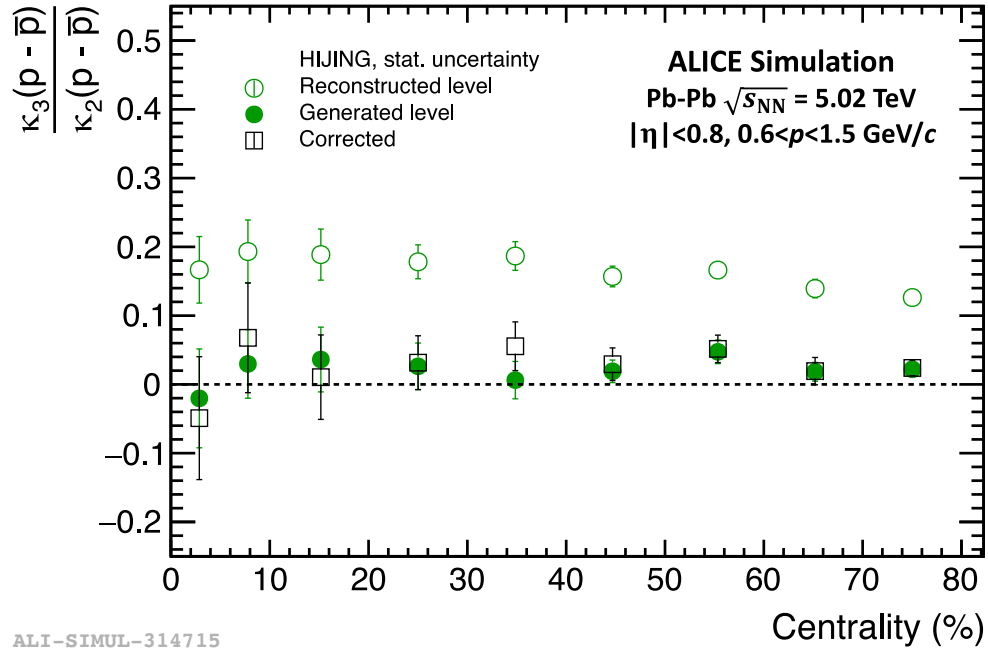
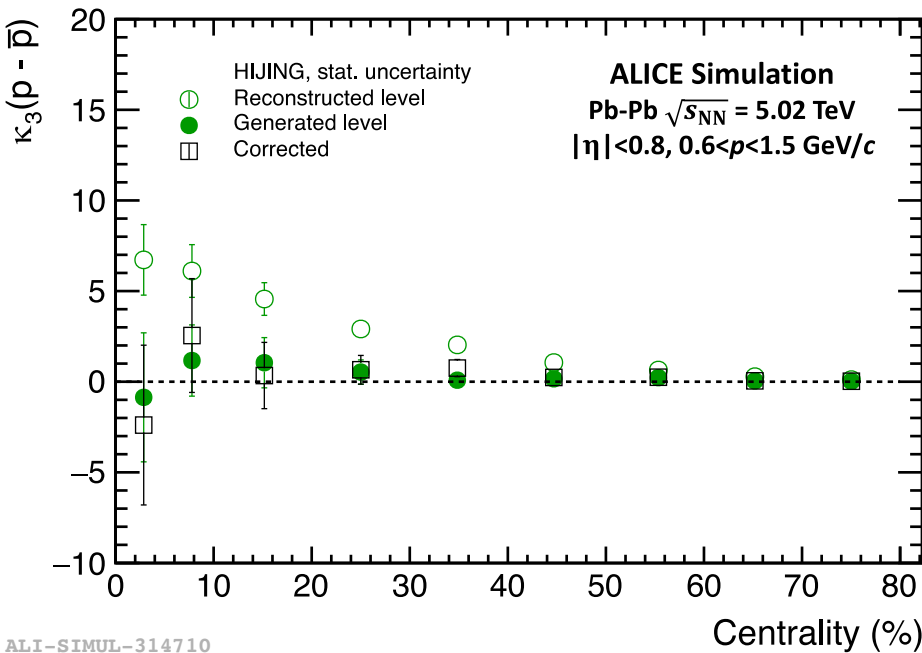
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Efficiency correction: $\kappa_3(p - \bar{p})/\kappa_2(p - \bar{p})$



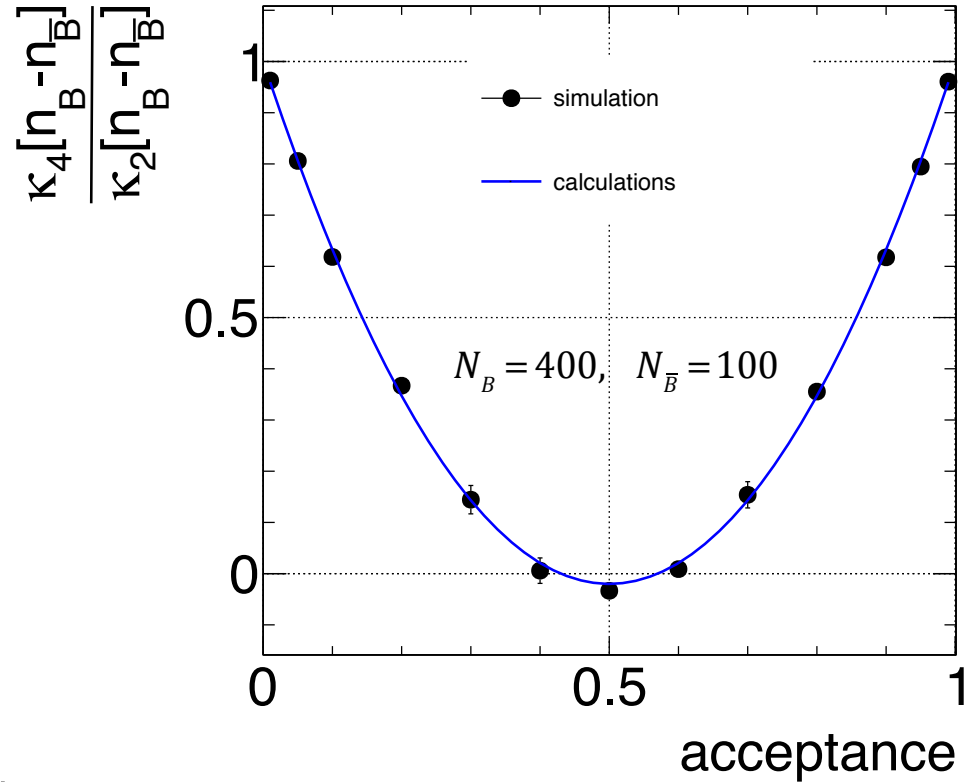
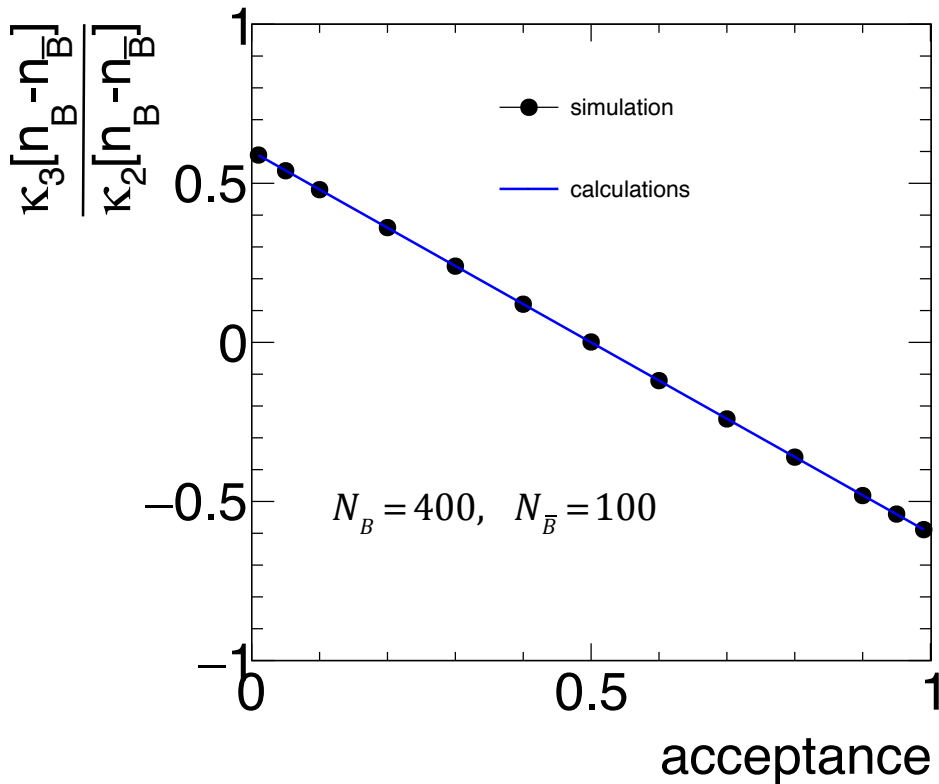
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3rd and 4th cumulants

$$\frac{\kappa_3}{\kappa_2} = \frac{\langle n_B - n_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{CE}}{\langle n_B + n_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{CE}} (1 - 2\alpha) \xrightarrow{\langle n_{\bar{B}} \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2\alpha)$$

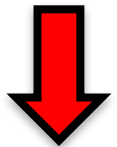


$$\frac{\kappa_4}{\kappa_2} = 1 - 6\alpha(1 - \alpha) \left(1 - \frac{2}{\langle n_B + n_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{CE}} \left[\langle n_B \rangle_{GCE} \langle n_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE} - \langle n_B \rangle_{CE} \langle n_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{CE} \right] \right)$$

Fluctuation observables

At LHC energies several fluctuation measurements become identical

$$\nu_{dyn} = \frac{\langle N_A(N_A - 1) \rangle}{\langle N_A \rangle^2} + \frac{\langle N_B(N_B - 1) \rangle}{\langle N_B \rangle^2} - 2 \frac{\langle N_A N_B \rangle}{\langle N_A \rangle \langle N_B \rangle}$$



Proper multiplicity scaling

$$\Sigma[a, b] - 1 = \frac{\nu_{dyn}[a, b]}{\frac{1}{\langle N_a \rangle} + \frac{1}{\langle N_b \rangle}}$$

Strongly intensive quantity

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$$\frac{\kappa_2(n_+ - n_-)}{\kappa_2(\text{Skellam})} = 1 + \nu_{dyn}^{Scaled}[n_+, n_-] = \Sigma^{n_+ n_-}$$

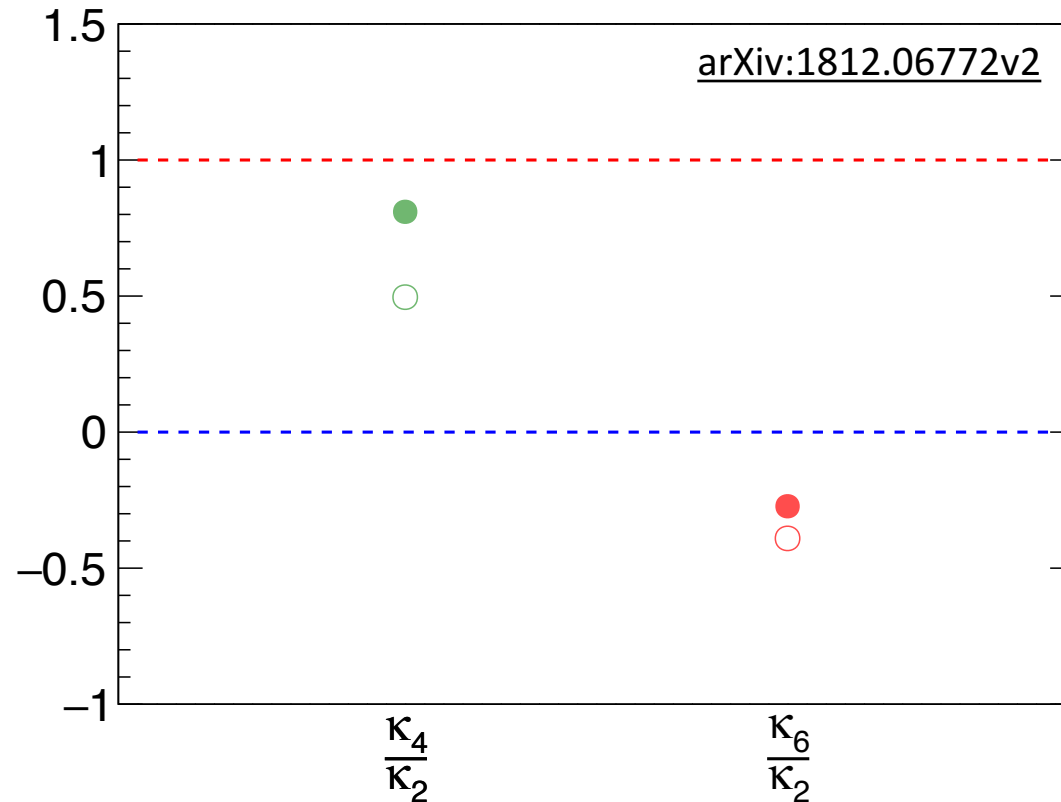


Charge conservation

$$\frac{\kappa_2(n_+ - n_-)}{\kappa_2(\text{Skellam})} = 1 - B(Y, Y) = 1 - \frac{\langle n \rangle}{\langle n \rangle_{4\pi}}$$

Integral of balance functions

Good to study correlations → Requires differential analysis



κ_4/κ_2 and κ_6/κ_2 as calculated within PQM model (open symbols).

After taking into account contributions from participant nucleon fluctuations and global baryon number conservation, the deviations from unity decrease (closed symbols).

MC implementation of canonical ensemble

Two baryon species with the baryon numbers +1 and -1 in the ideal Boltzmann gas

$$Z_{GCE}(V, T, \mu) = \sum_{N_B=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{\bar{B}}=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda_B z)^{N_B}}{N_B!} \frac{(\lambda_{\bar{B}} z)^{N_{\bar{B}}}}{N_{\bar{B}}!} = e^{2z \cosh(\mu/T)}, \quad \lambda_{B, \bar{B}} = e^{\pm \mu/T}$$

$$Z_{CE}(V, T, B) = \sum_{N_B=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N_{\bar{B}}=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda_B z)^{N_B}}{N_B!} \frac{(\lambda_{\bar{B}} z)^{N_{\bar{B}}}}{N_{\bar{B}}!} \delta(N_B - N_{\bar{B}} - B) = I_B(2z) \Big|_{\lambda_B = \lambda_{\bar{B}} = 1}$$

$$\langle N_{B, \bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE} = \lambda_{B, \bar{B}} \frac{\partial \ln Z_{GCE}}{\partial \lambda_{B, \bar{B}}} = e^{\pm \mu/T} z, \quad z = \sqrt{\langle N_B \rangle_{GCE} \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE}}$$

$$\langle N_{B, \bar{B}} \rangle_{CE} = \sqrt{\langle N_B \rangle_{GCE} \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE}} \frac{I_{B \mp 1} \left(2 \sqrt{\langle N_B \rangle_{GCE} \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE}} \right)}{I_B \left(2 \sqrt{\langle N_B \rangle_{GCE} \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle_{GCE}} \right)}$$

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