

Theoretical modeling of Pb+Pb minimum bias data

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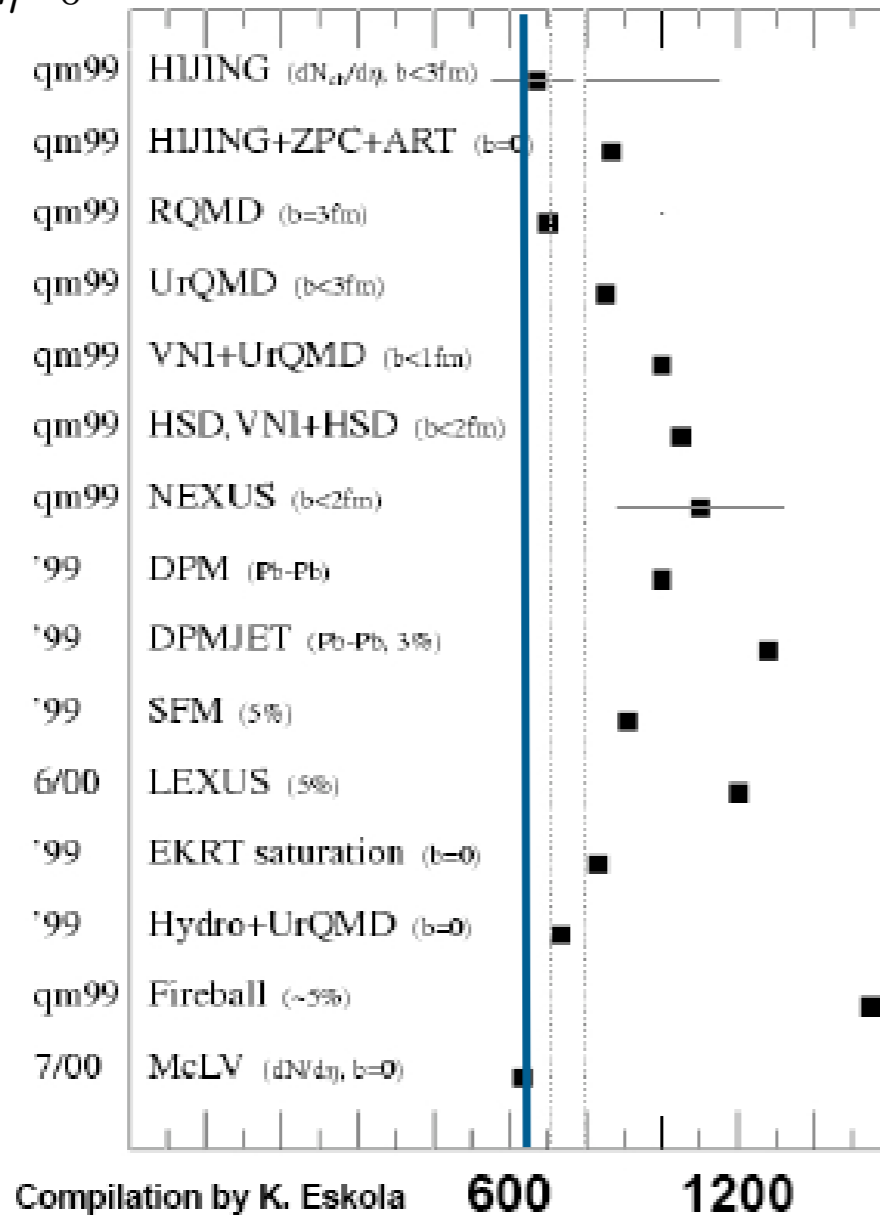
- A look at RHIC and LHC data on multiplicities
- Color Glass Condensate vs MC event generator approaches
- Recent advances in the CGC: rcBK Monte Carlo (in coll. with Adrian Dumitru)
- Outlook

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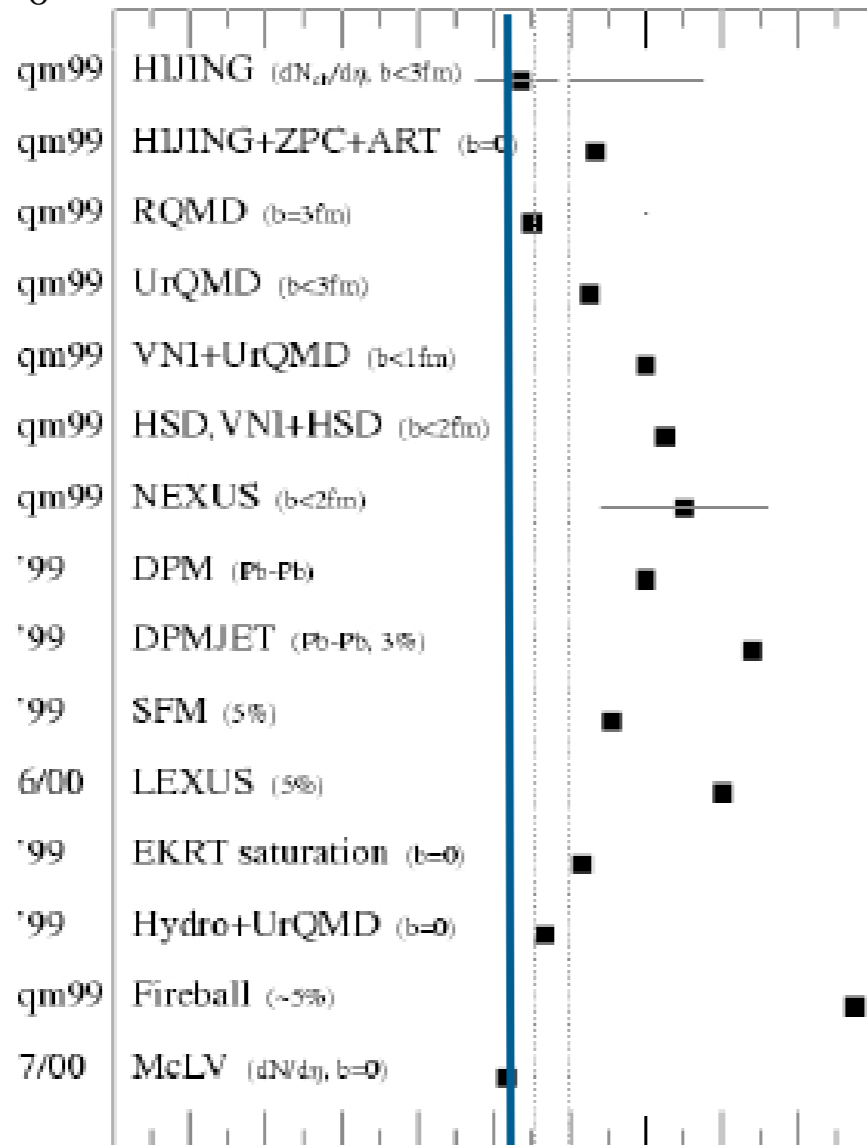


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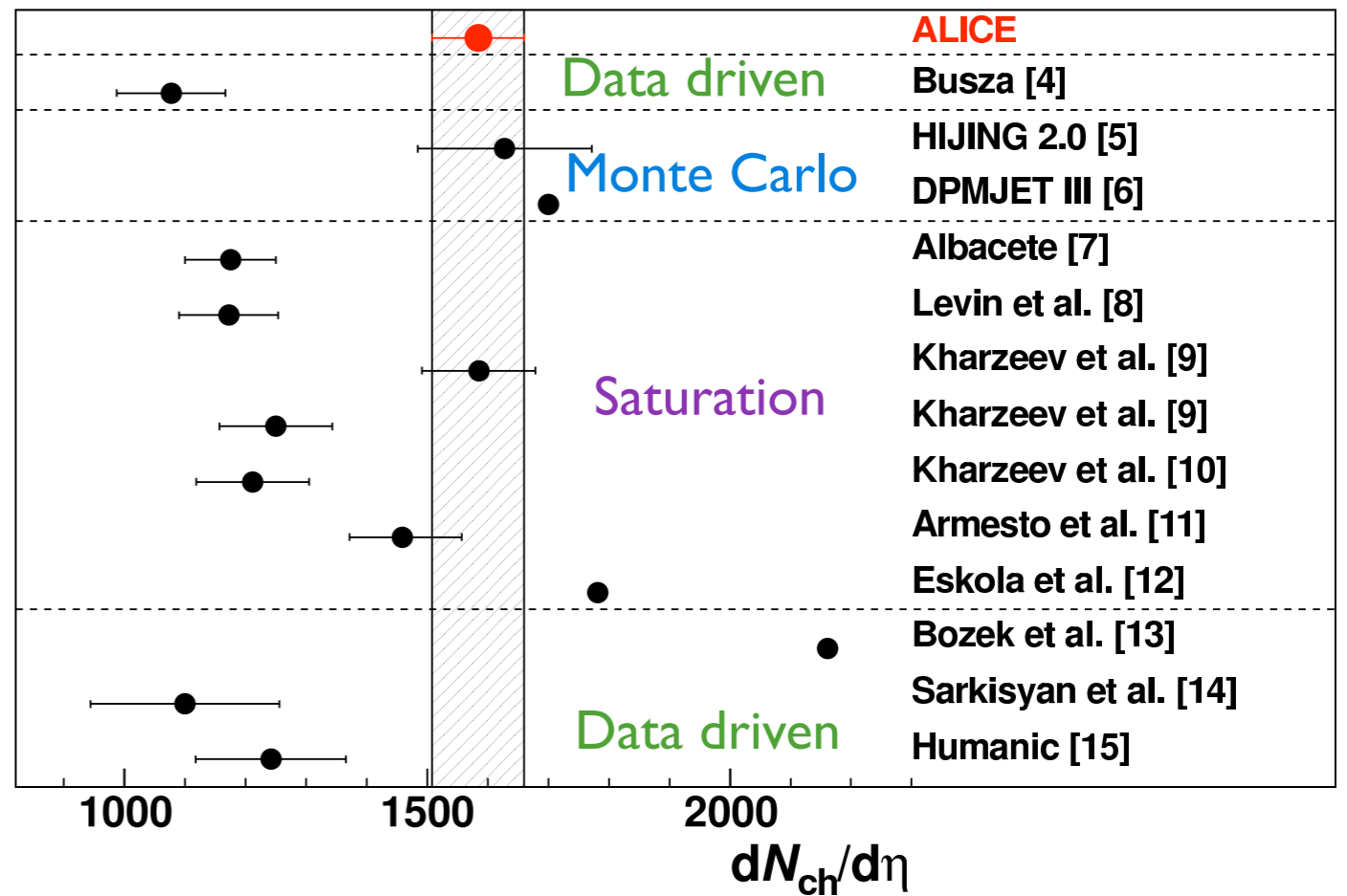
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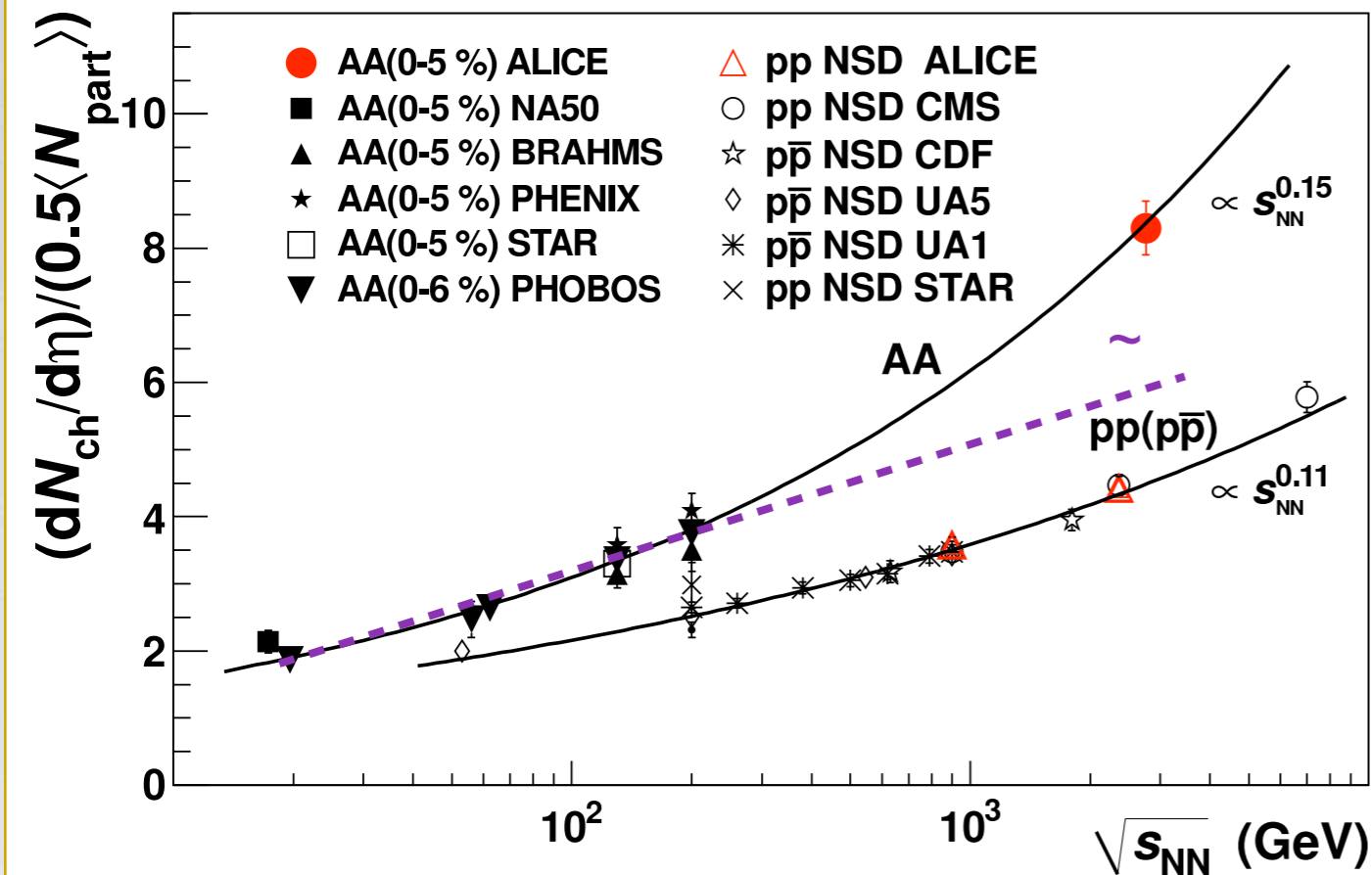
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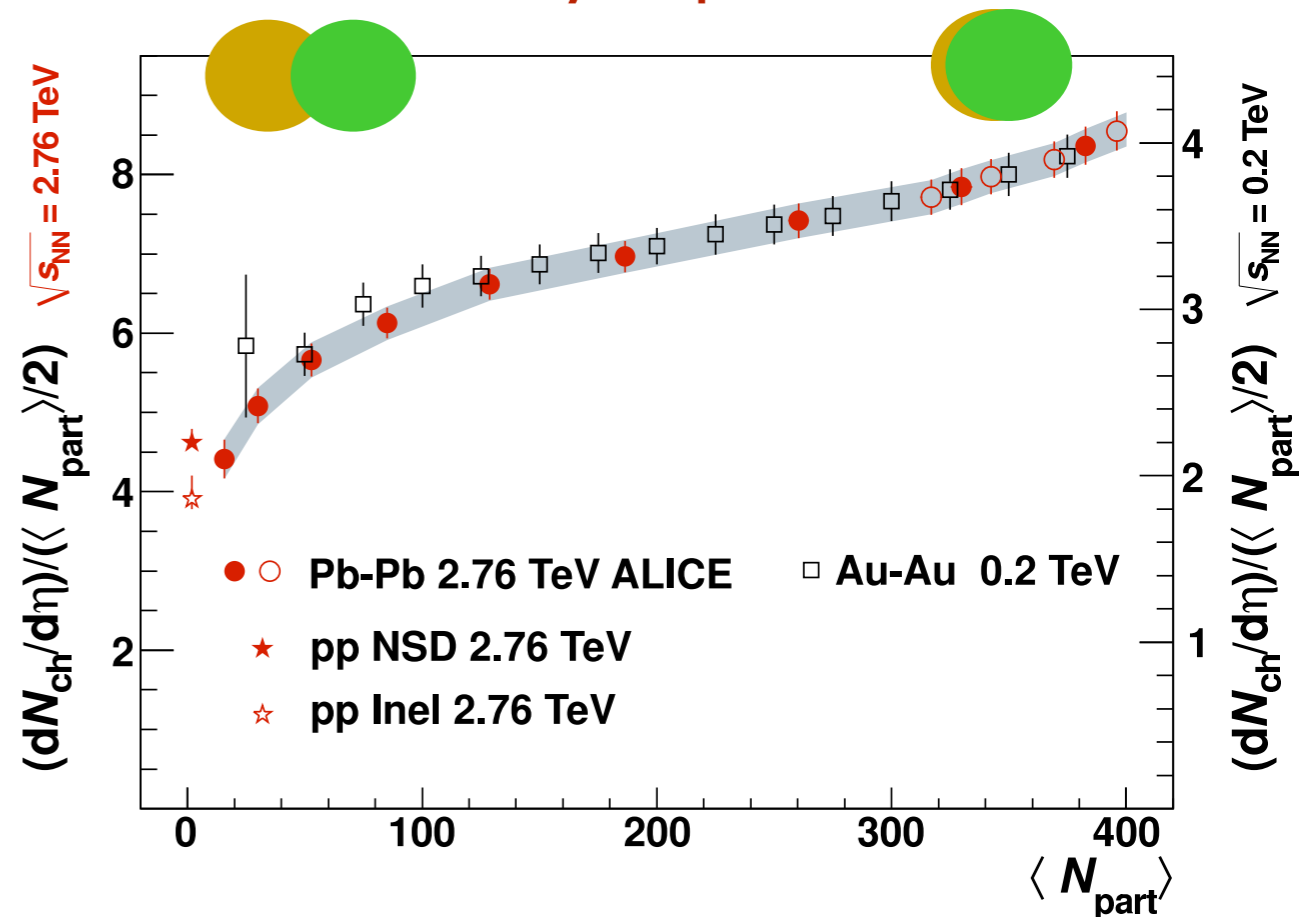


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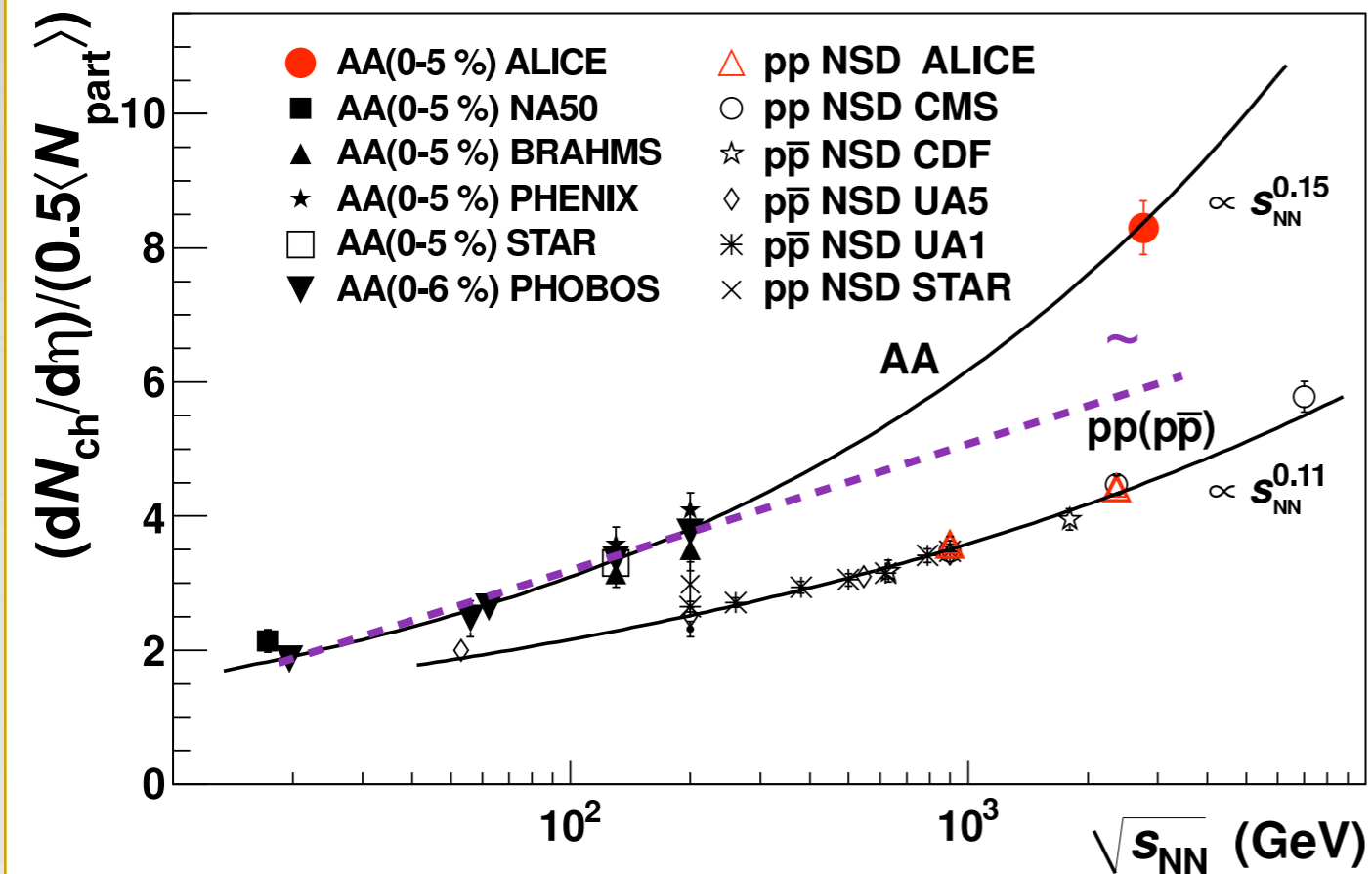
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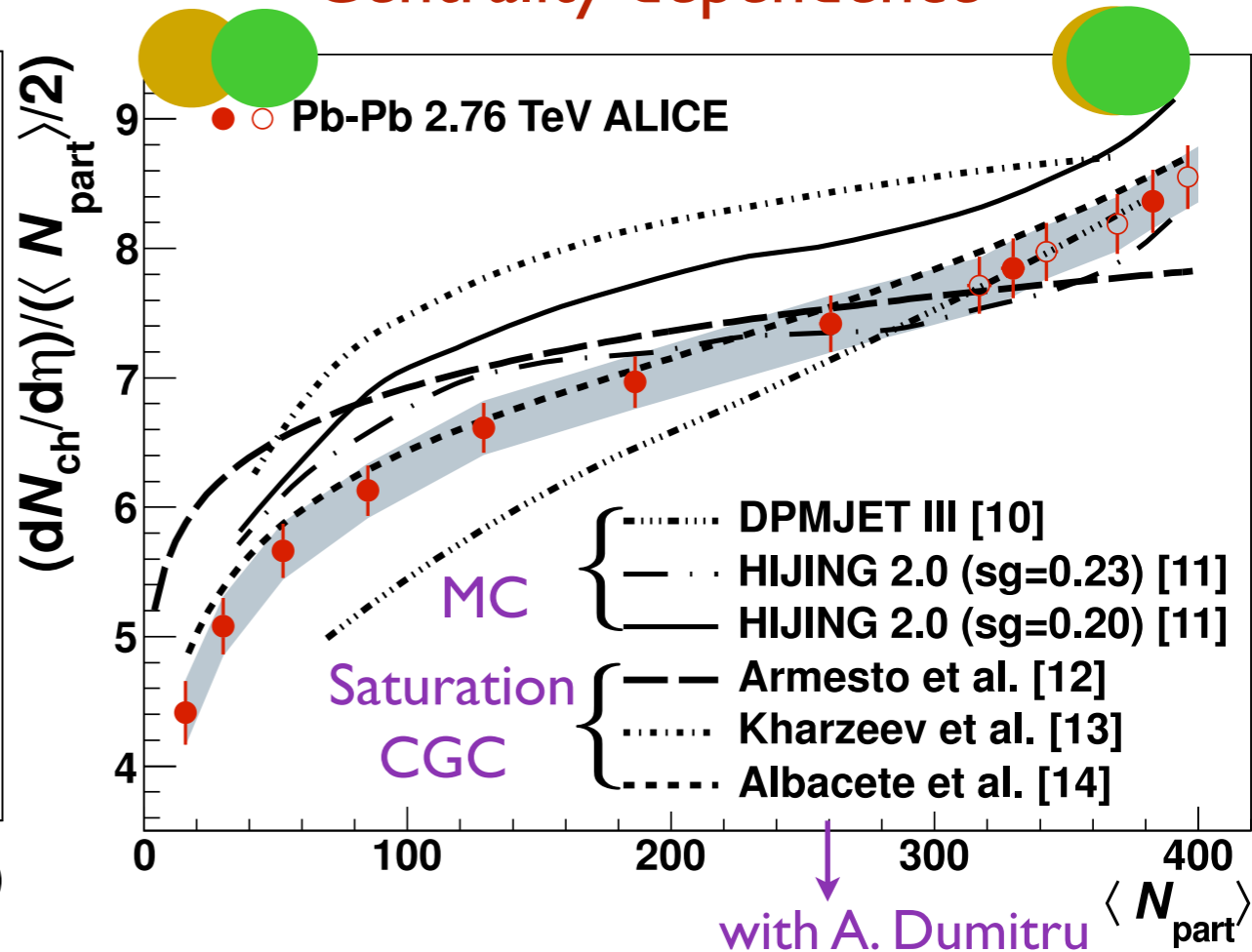
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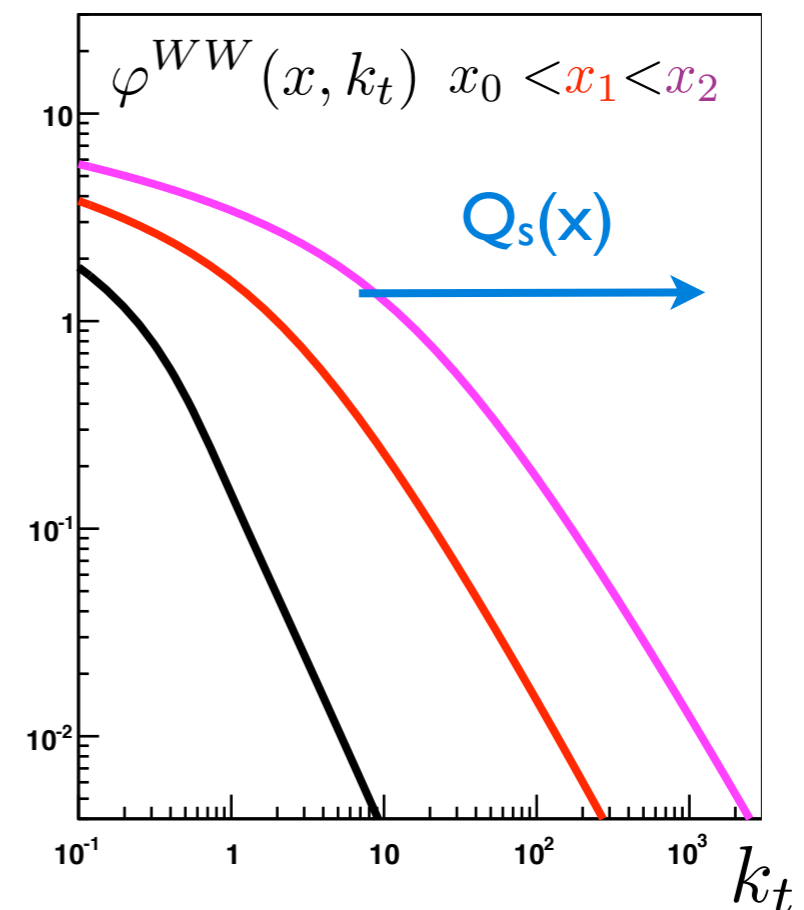
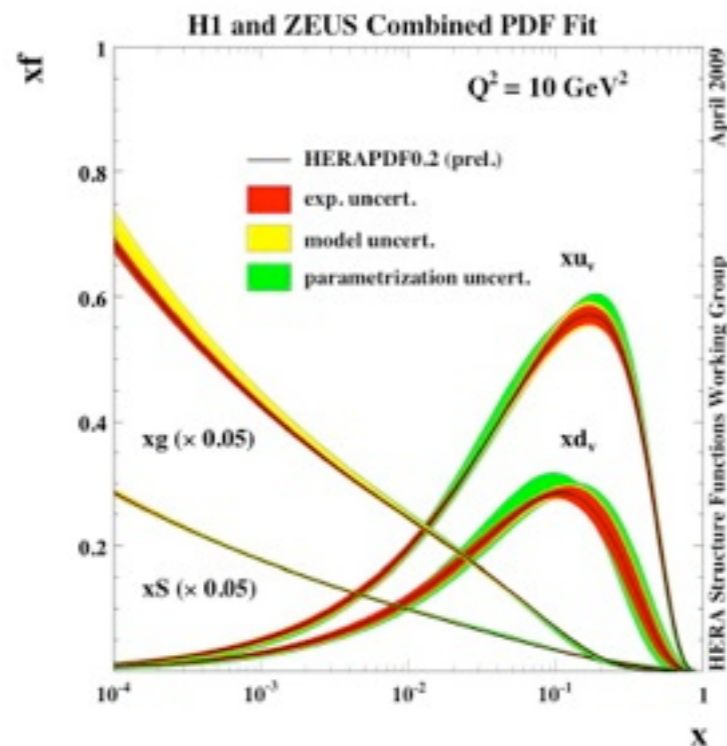
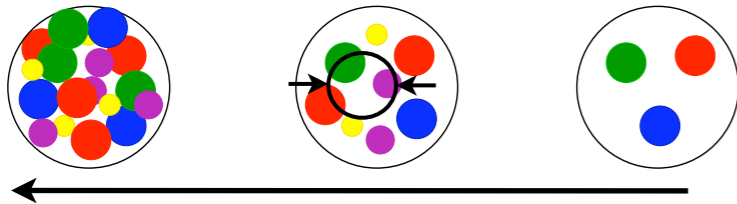
Saturation / Color Glass Condensate modeling of multiplicities

1. Semiclassical methods to approach hadron wavefunctions at small- x from first principles: **MV model**
2. Quantum corrections: Nonlinear renormalization group equations towards small- x : **BK-JIMWLK**
3. Calculation of production processes in dense partonic environments

“BK-JIMWLK”:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_t)}{\partial \ln(x_0/x)} \approx \mathcal{K} \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_t) - \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_t)^2 \\ xG(x, Q^2) \sim \int^{Q^2} d^2 k_t \varphi^{WW}(x, k_t) \end{array} \right.$$

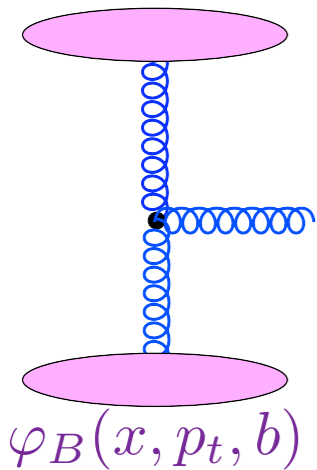
$$\ln \frac{1}{x} \sim \ln s \sim Y$$



Saturation / Color Glass Condensate modeling of multiplicities

- Most of particles produced in the collision originate from **small-x gluons** in the saturation domain
- **Other sources** (genuinely soft processes, contribution from valence quarks etc) **neglected**
- Initial gluon production is calculated via **kt-factorization** and then mapped to final hadron spectra assuming **local parton-hadron duality**

$\varphi_A(x, p_t, b)$



$$\frac{d\sigma^{A+B \rightarrow g}}{dy d^2p_t d^2R} = \kappa \frac{2}{C_F} \frac{1}{p_t^2} \int^{p_t} \frac{d^2k_t}{4} \int d^2b \alpha_s(Q) \varphi\left(\frac{|p_t + k_t|}{2}, x_1; b\right) \varphi\left(\frac{|p_t - k_t|}{2}, x_2; R - b\right)$$

$$x_{1(2)} = (p_t / \sqrt{s_{NN}}) \exp(\pm y)$$

← → unintegrated gluon distributions

“Leading order”: N_{part} scaling

$$\left. \frac{dN_{AA}}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \propto Q_{sA}^2(\sqrt{s}, b) \sim \sqrt{s}^\lambda N_{part} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda \sim 0.2 \div 0.3$$

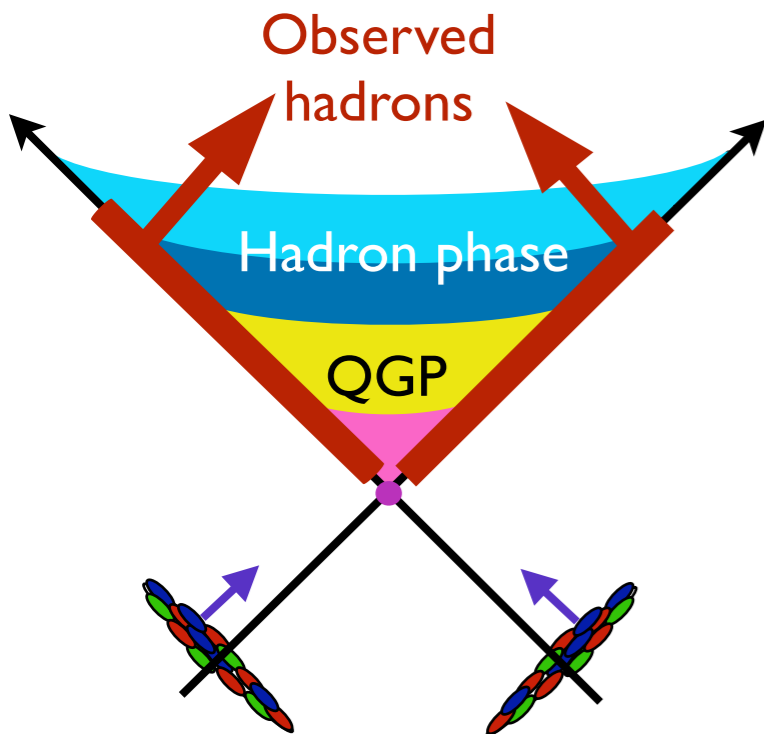
Phenomenological models:

$$\frac{1}{N_{part}} \left. \frac{dN_{AB}^g}{d^2b d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{s}^\lambda \ln(\sqrt{s}^\lambda N_{part}) \\ \sqrt{s}^\lambda N_{part}^{\frac{1-\delta}{3\delta}} \end{cases}$$

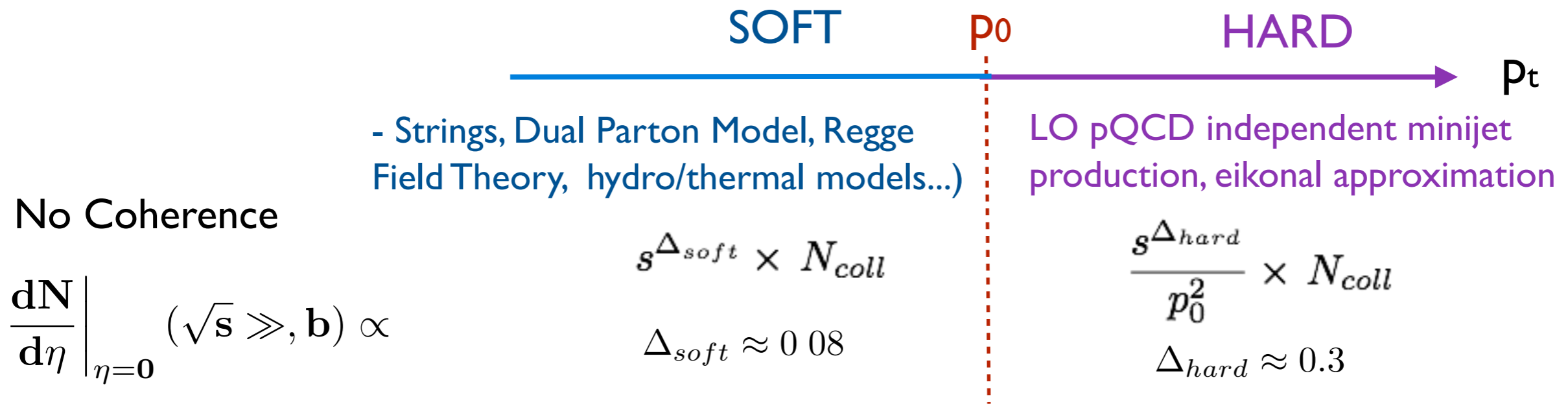
- Scaling violations from running coupling, **KLN model** (Kharzeev-Levin-Nardi, NPA 747 609)

$$Q_{sA}^2(x) = A^{1/(3\delta)} Q_{sp}^2(x)$$

- **Data driven ASW model**
ASW (Armesto-Salgado-Wiedemann PRL94 022002)



A+A MC event generators (HIJING, DPMJET, HYDJET, PACIAE, EPOS...)



At high energies independent particle production (soft and hard) leads to N_{coll} scaling
 At high energies the hard dominates

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break-down of independent minijet production (also in p+p)

SOFT

$p_0(s) \rightarrow$

HARD

p_t

Coherence
Mechanisms

- Strings, Dual Parton Model, Regge
Field Theory, hydro/thermal models...

LO pQCD independent minijet
production, eikonal approximation

$$\left. \frac{dN}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} (\sqrt{s} \gg b) \propto$$

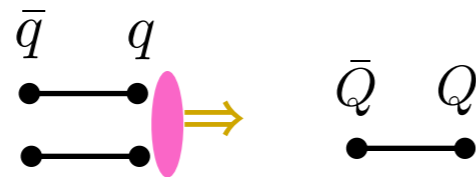
$$s^{\Delta_{soft}} \times \cancel{N_{coll}}$$

$$\Delta_{soft} \approx 0.08$$

$$\frac{s^{\Delta_{hard}}}{p_0^2(s)} \times \cancel{N_{coll}}$$

$$\Delta_{hard} \approx 0.3$$

String fusion - percolation

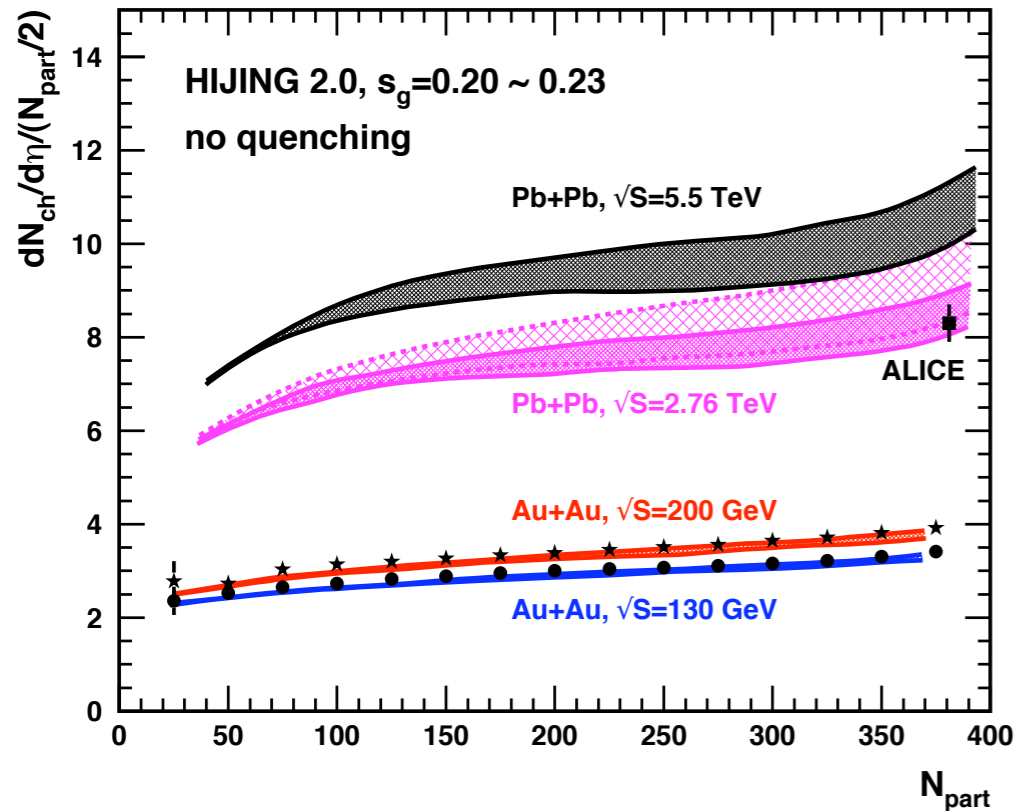
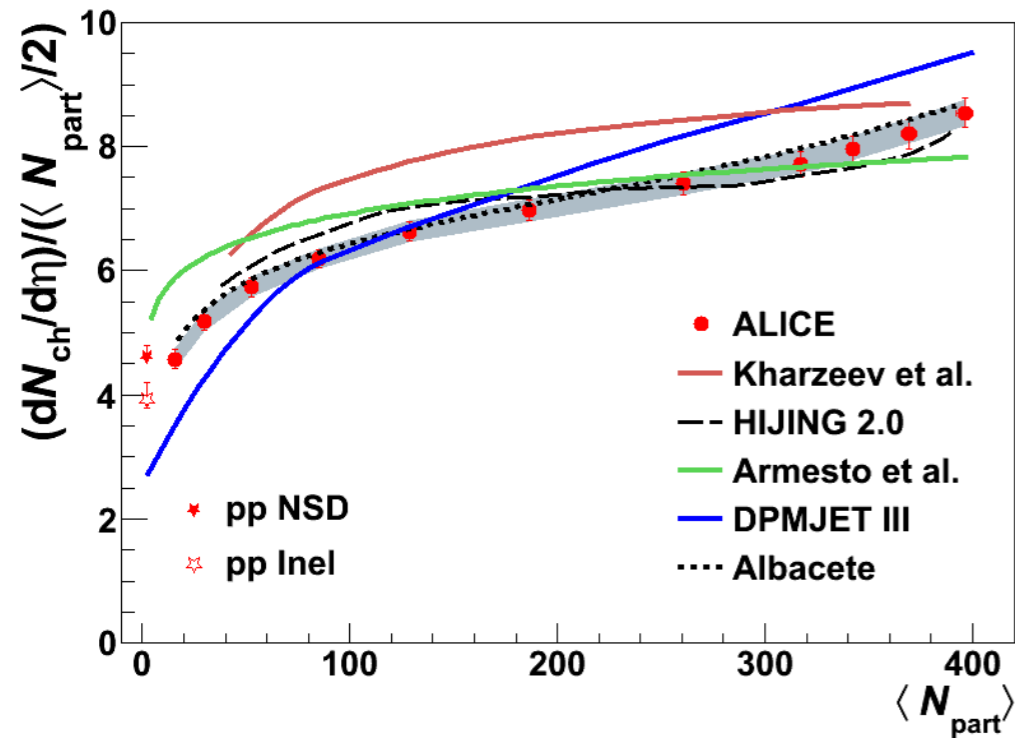


Nuclear Shadowing

$$f_{i/A}(x, Q^2, b) = A R_{i/A}(x, Q^2, b) f_{i/N}(x, Q^2)$$

$$R_{i/A}(x \lesssim 0.01, Q^2) < 1$$

HIJING 2.0 and DPMJET III



- HIJING 2.0: Tuned to LHC p+p data and Pb+Pb 5% central data. Energy dependent cutoff:

$$p_0 = 2.62 - 1.084 \log(\sqrt{s}) + 0.299 \log^2(\sqrt{s}) - 0.0292 \log^3(\sqrt{s}) + 0.00151 \log^4(\sqrt{s}),$$

- Strong b-dependent, Q^2 -independent gluon shadowing adjusted to RHIC data

$$R_g^A(x, b) = 1.0 + 1.19 \log^{1/6} A (x^3 - 1.2x^2 + 0.21x) - s_g(b) (A^{1/3} - 1)^{0.6} (1 - 1.5x^{0.35}) \times \exp(-x^2/0.004),$$

$$s_a(b) = s_a \frac{5}{3} (1 - b^2/R_A^2),$$

- **DPMJET** uses standard Wood-Saxons profiles $T_A(b)$, yielding a much stronger centrality dependence

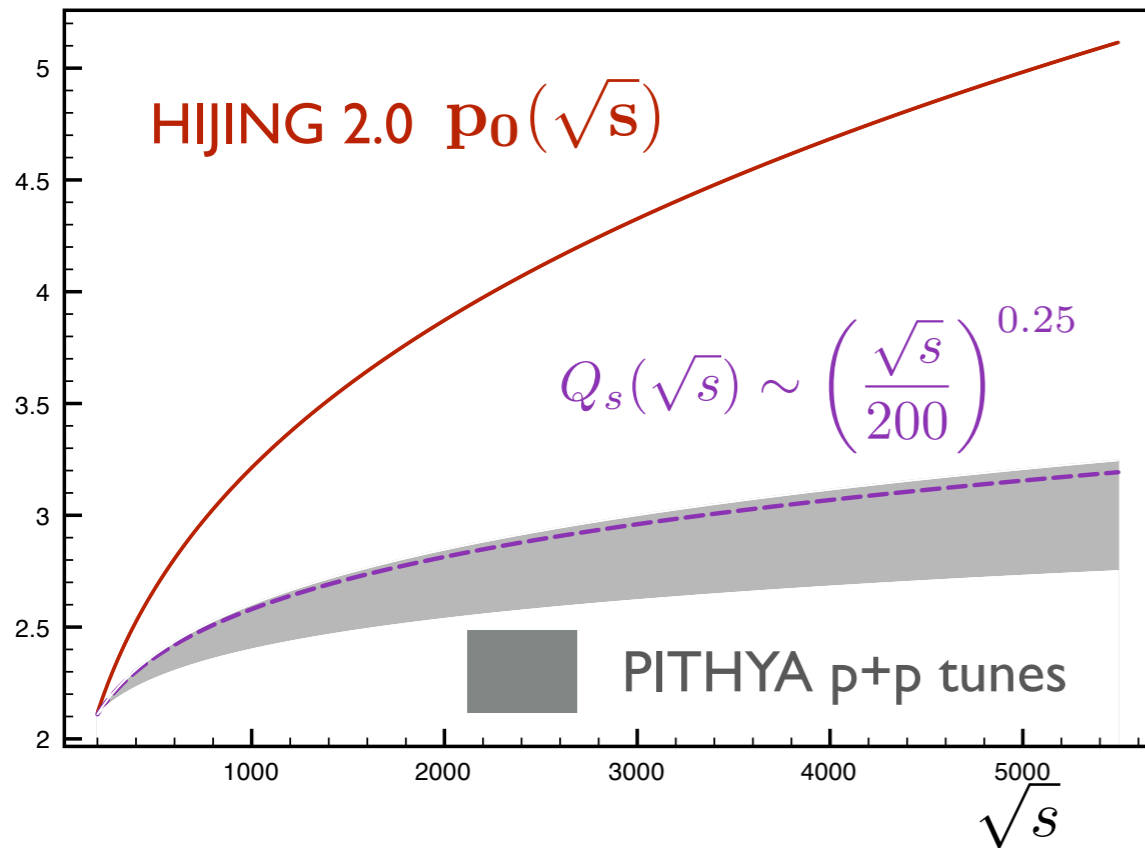
- My impression: At high energies the hard part dominates over the soft one, leading to N_{coll} scaling of the multiplicities

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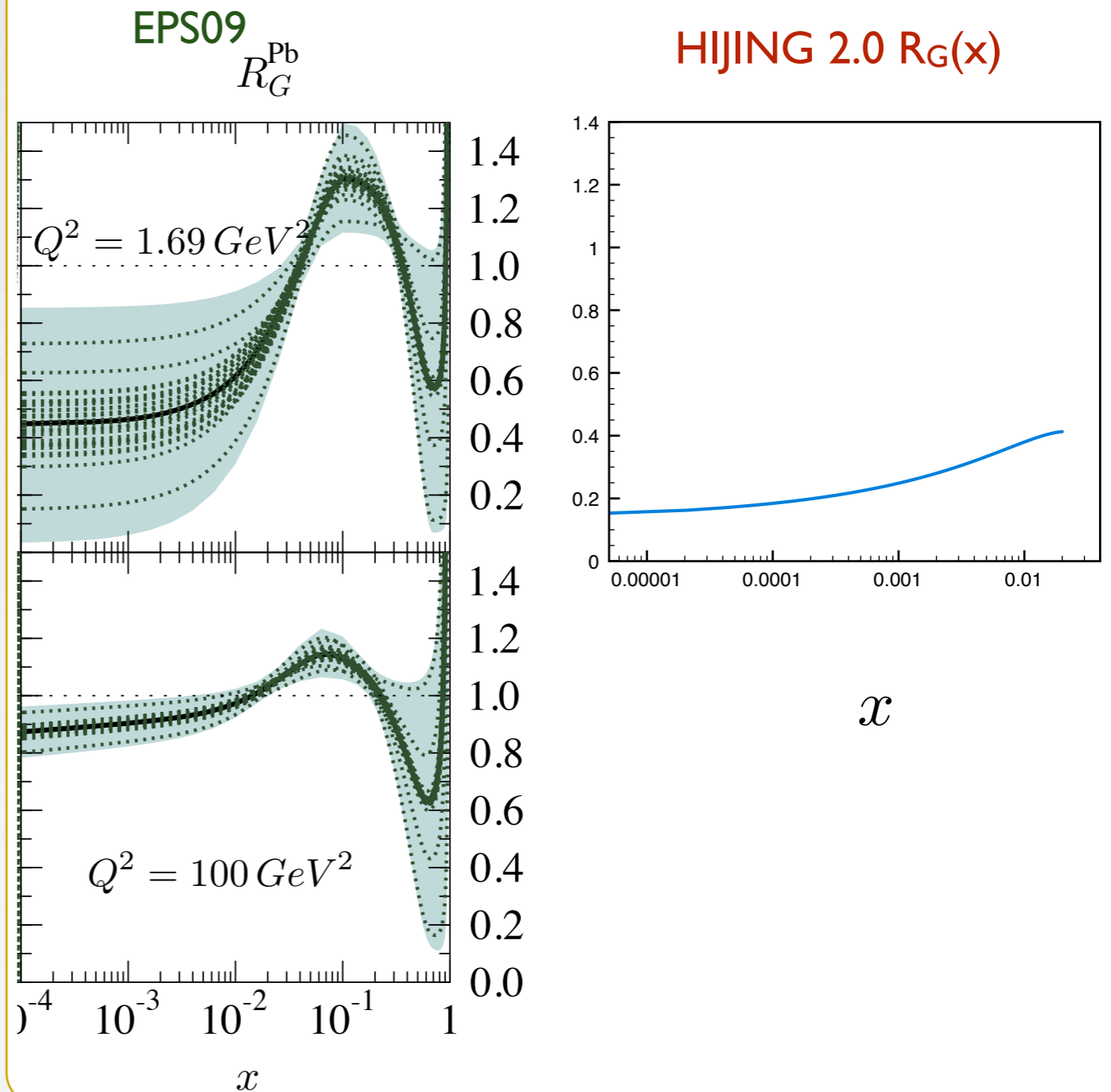
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• Strong b-dependent gluon shadowing



The assumption of independent pQCD minijet production has to be strongly corrected through coherence mechanisms in order to agree with data

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BK eqn:
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{N}(r, x)}{\partial \ln(x_0/x)} = \int d^2 r_1 K(r, r_1, r_2) [\mathcal{N}(r_1, x) + \mathcal{N}(r_2, x) - \mathcal{N}(r, x) - \mathcal{N}(r_1, x)\mathcal{N}(r_2, x)]$$

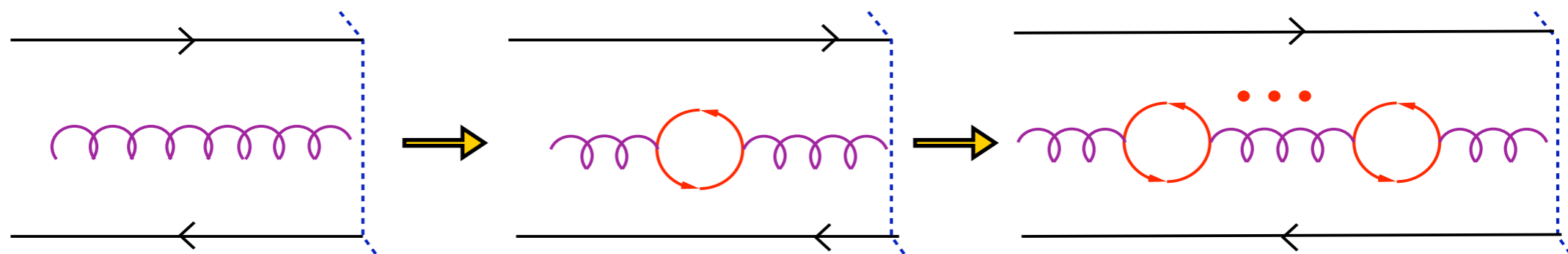
Running coupling kernel:

Balitsky-Chirilli;
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Gardi et al).

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small-x gluon emission

“NLO”: $\alpha_s N_f$
Quark loops resummed to all orders



Gluon contribution: $N_f \rightarrow -6\pi\beta_2$

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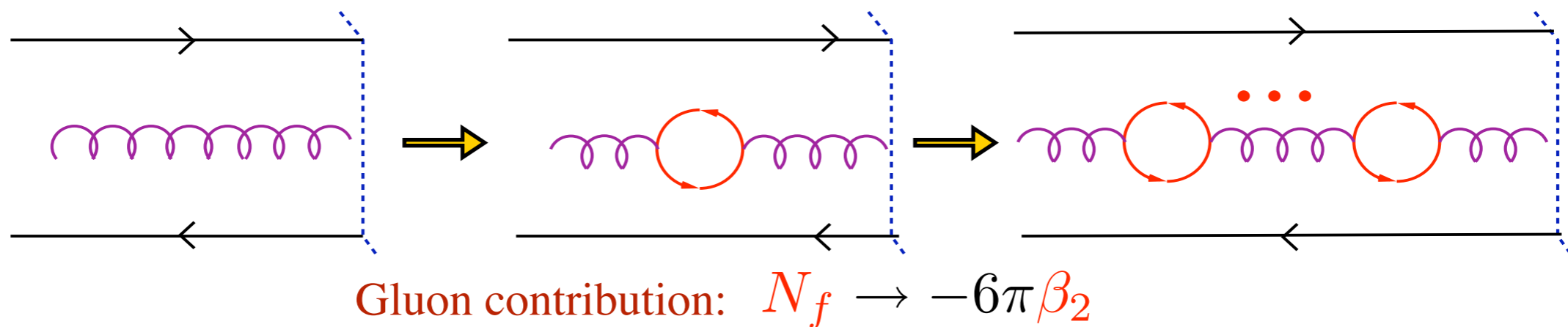
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✓ The only freedom comes from the choice of initial conditions for the evolution:

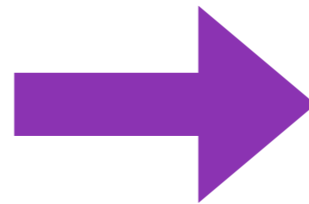
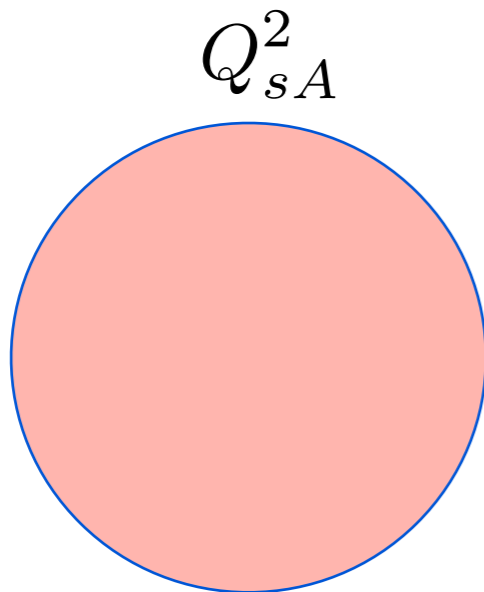
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Nuclear geometry in rcBK approaches

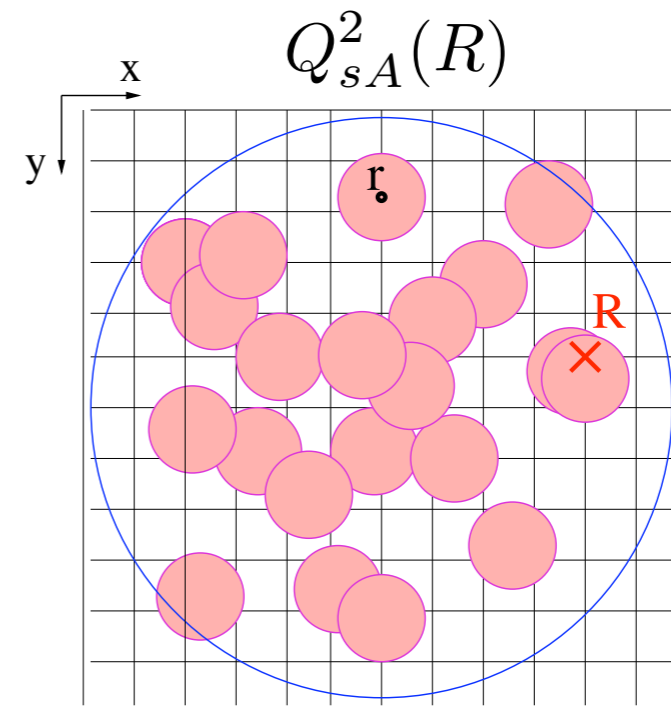
JLA 2007

Homogeneous “disk” nucleus characterized by a single initial saturation scale, $Q_s^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, adjusted to reproduce RHIC most central data



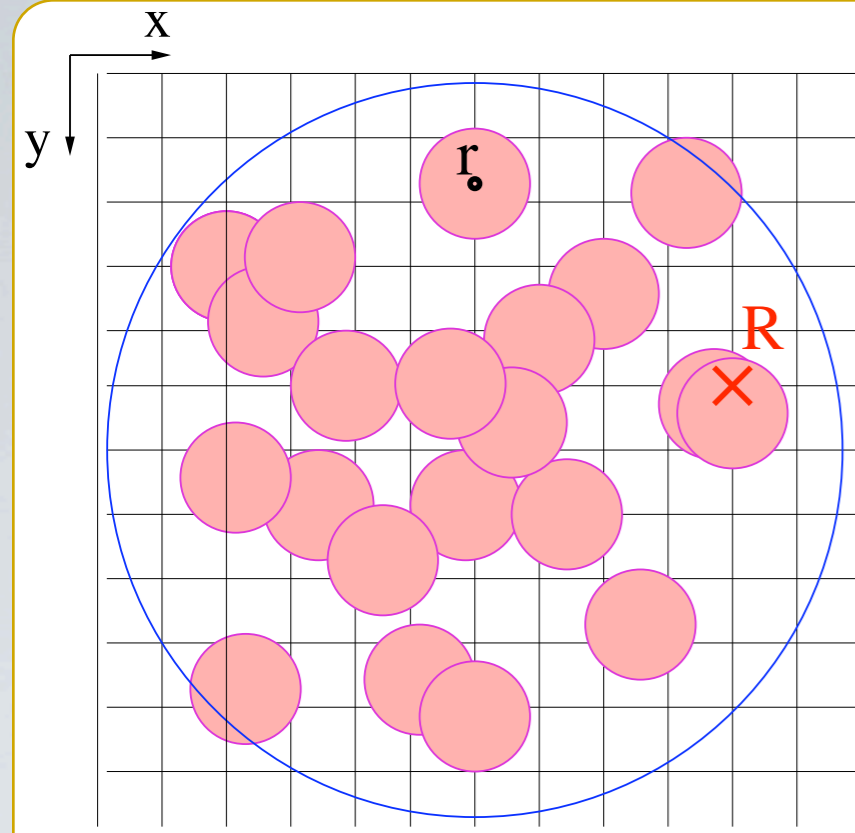
JLA & Dumitru 2010

Monte Carlo treatment of nuclear geometry



This approach underestimates data

rcBK Monte Carlo (JLA & Dumitru 2010)



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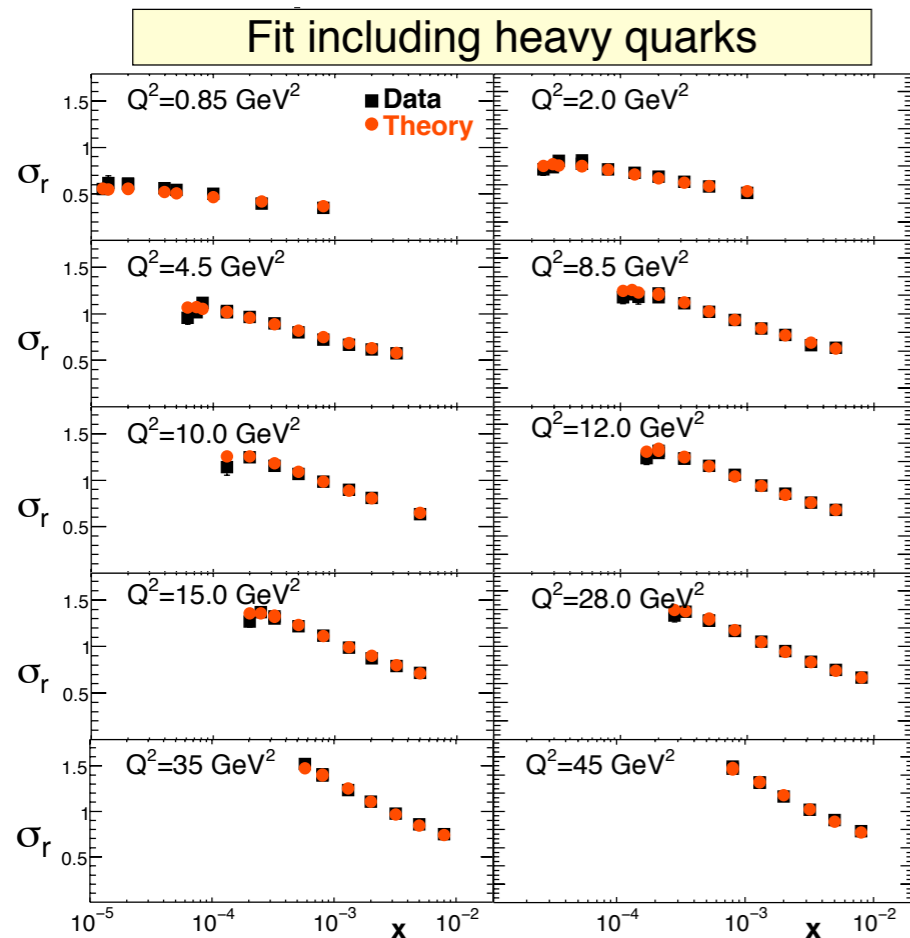
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$$\varphi(x_0 = 0.01, k_t, \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{\text{rcBK equation}} \varphi(x, k_t, \mathbf{R})$$

The proton u.g.d is constrained by analysis of e+p and p+p data using a similar running coupling BK approach

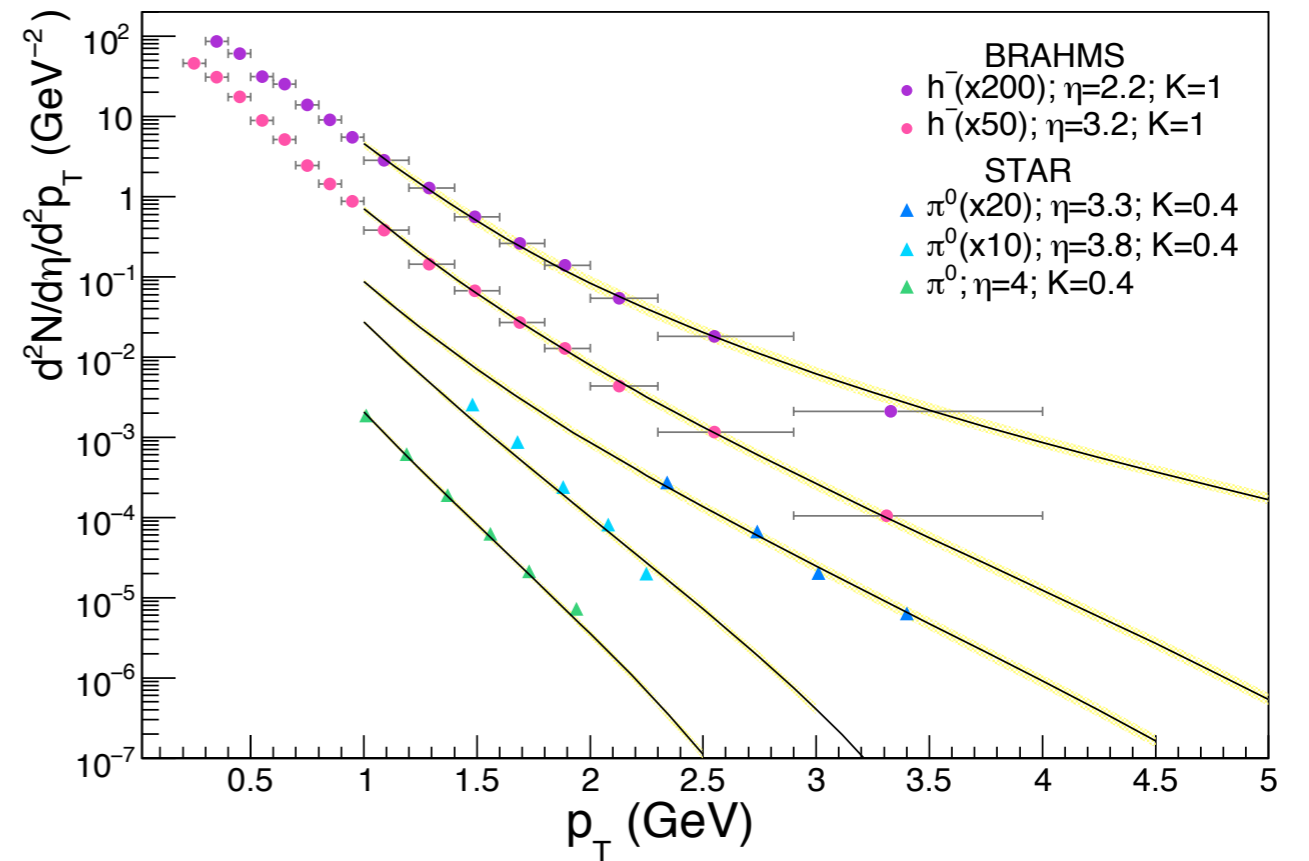
Fits to reduced cross sections in e+p
HERA collisions
(JLA-Armesto-Milhano-Quiroga-Salgado)



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$$\gamma = 1.119 \quad Q_{s0,nucl}^2 = 0.168 \text{ GeV}^2$$

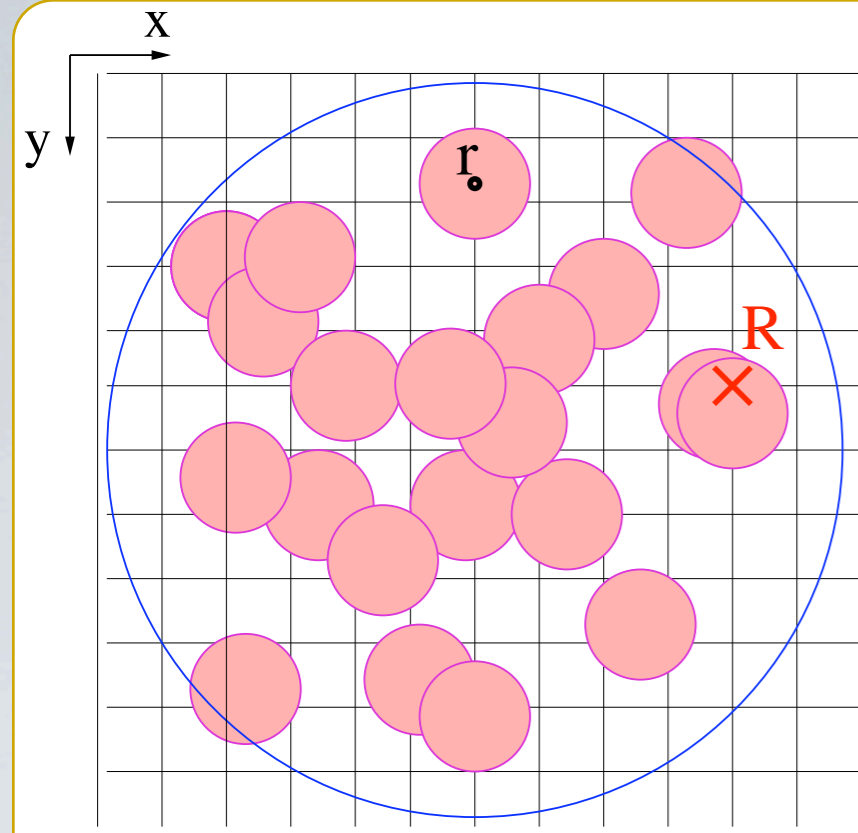
Forward single inclusive spectra in p+p collisions at
RHIC (JLA-Marquet)



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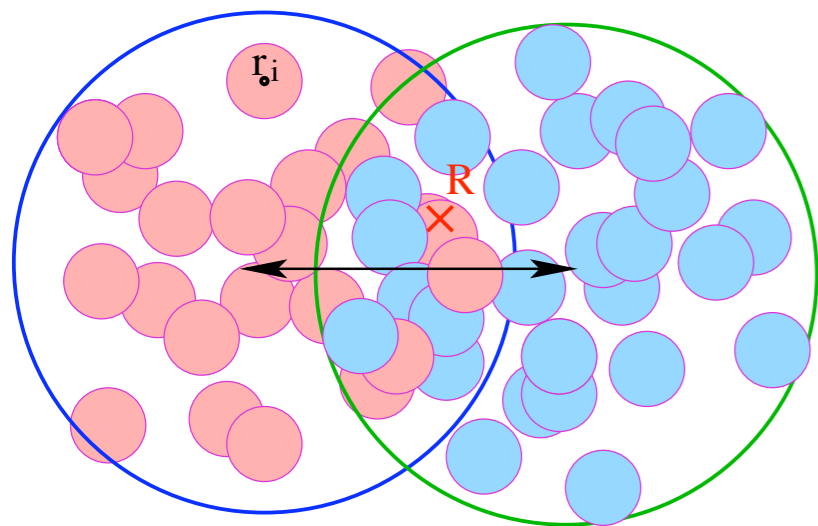
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4. Gluon production is calculated at each transverse point according to kt-factorization

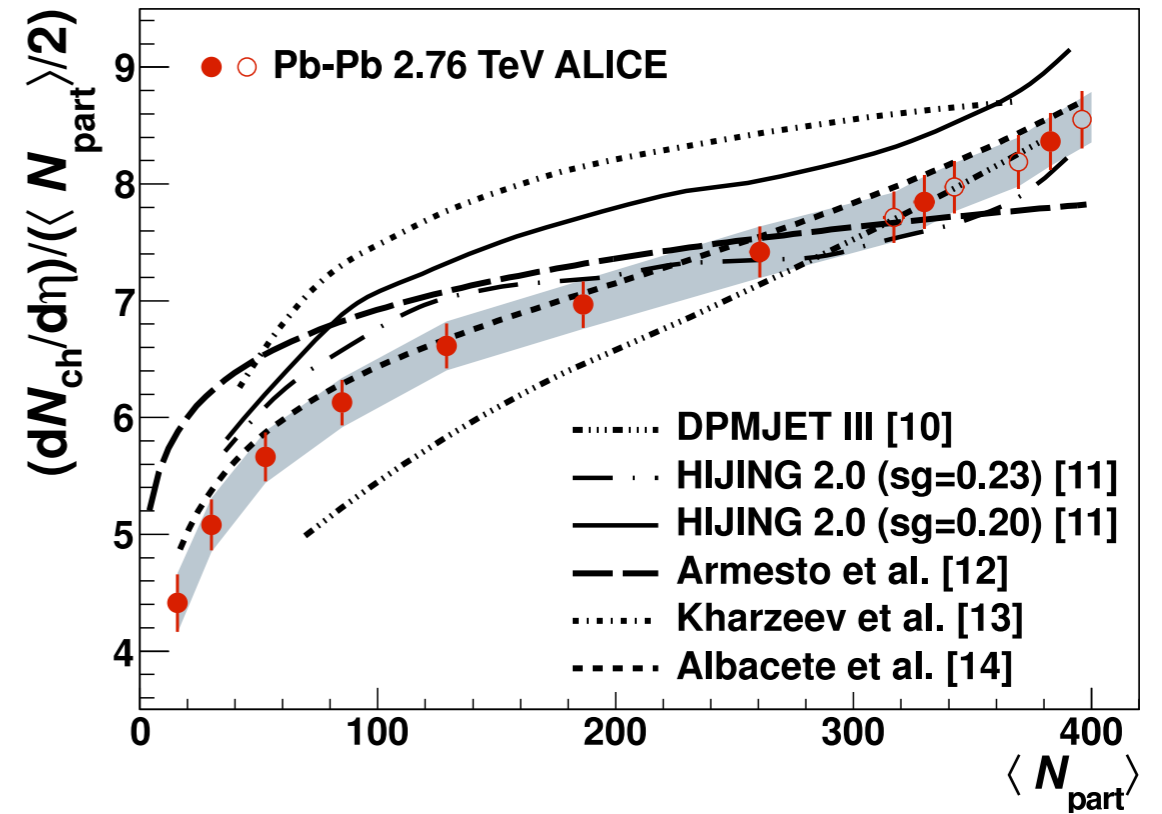
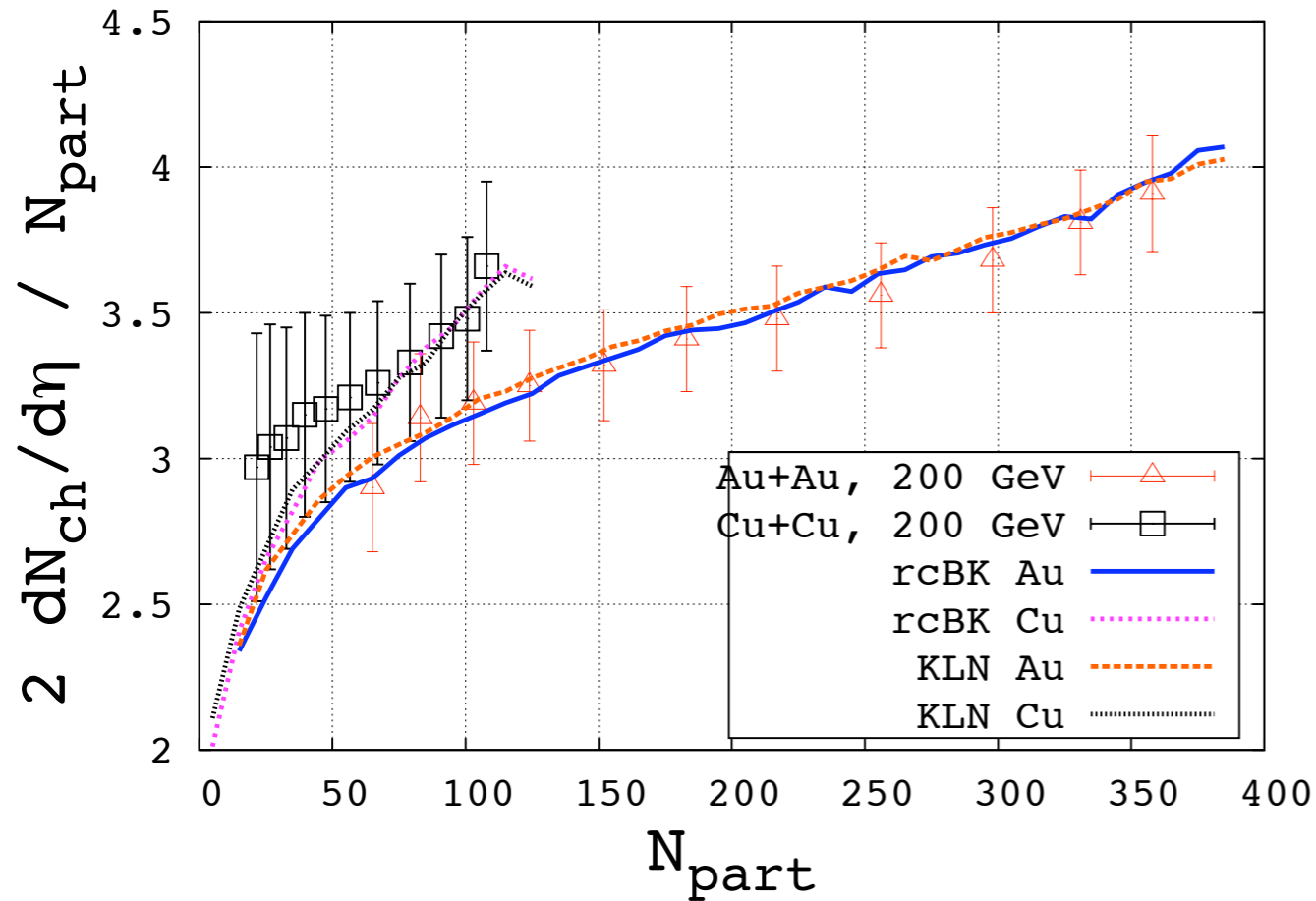


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$$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} = \frac{\cosh \eta}{\sqrt{\cosh^2 \eta + m^2/P^2}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dy} \quad m = 350 \text{ MeV and } P = 400 \text{ MeV}$$

rcBK Monte Carlo

MV initial conditions: Good description of N_{part} dependence of RHIC Au+Au and Cu+Cu and LHC Pb+Pb multiplicities:



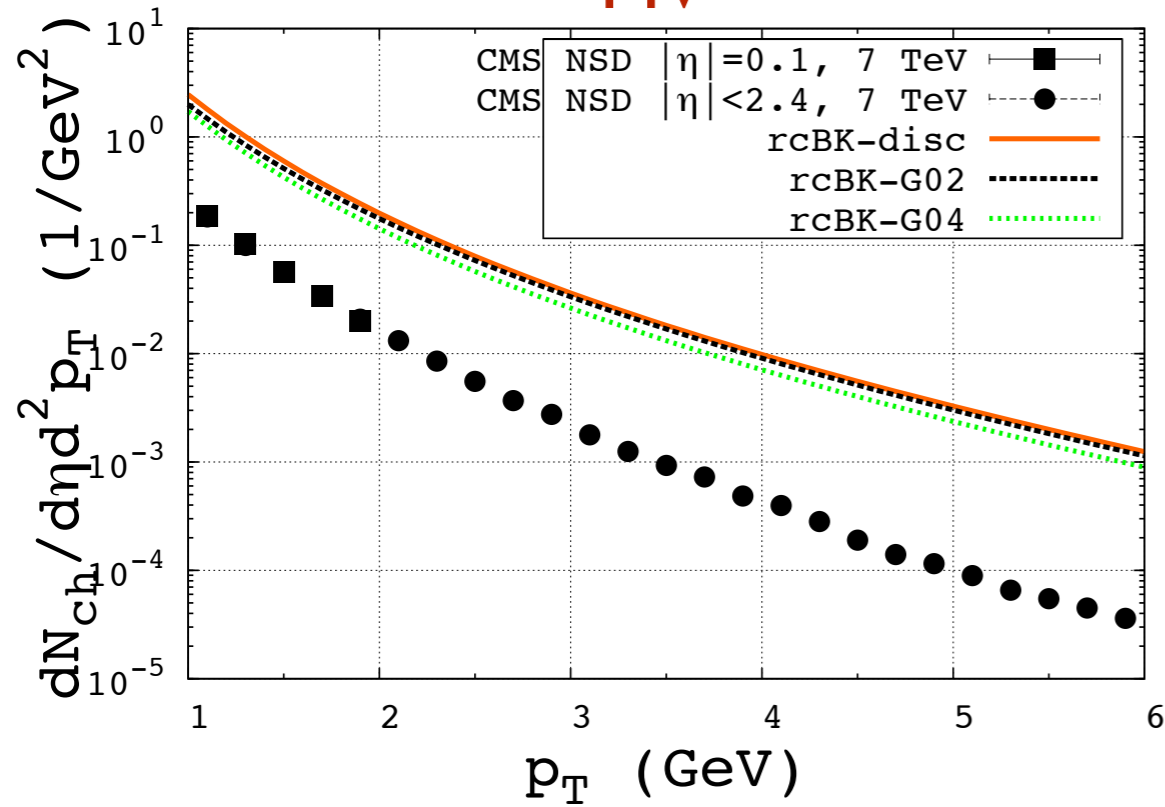
- Systematics: Changing the model parameters (average hadron mass, pt-cutoff ...) yield an equally good description of RHIC and LHC data by just adjusting the normalization (i.e the gluon to hadron ratio)

$$\kappa \approx 4.5 \div 7$$

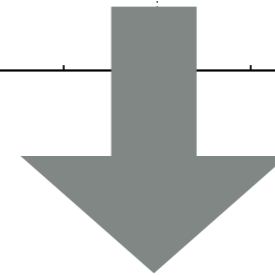
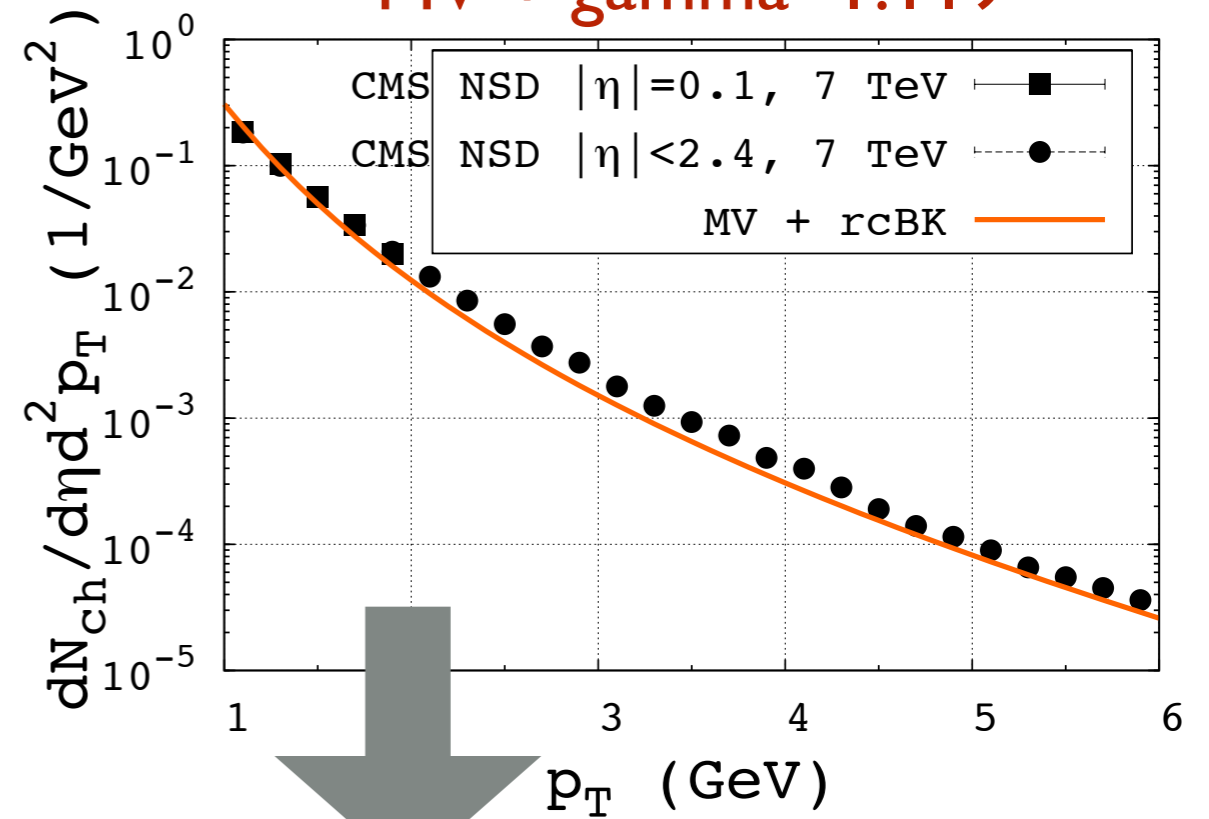
Constraining the initial conditions: p+p yields at the LHC

Steeper initial conditions than the MV model are needed to get a good description of p+p yields

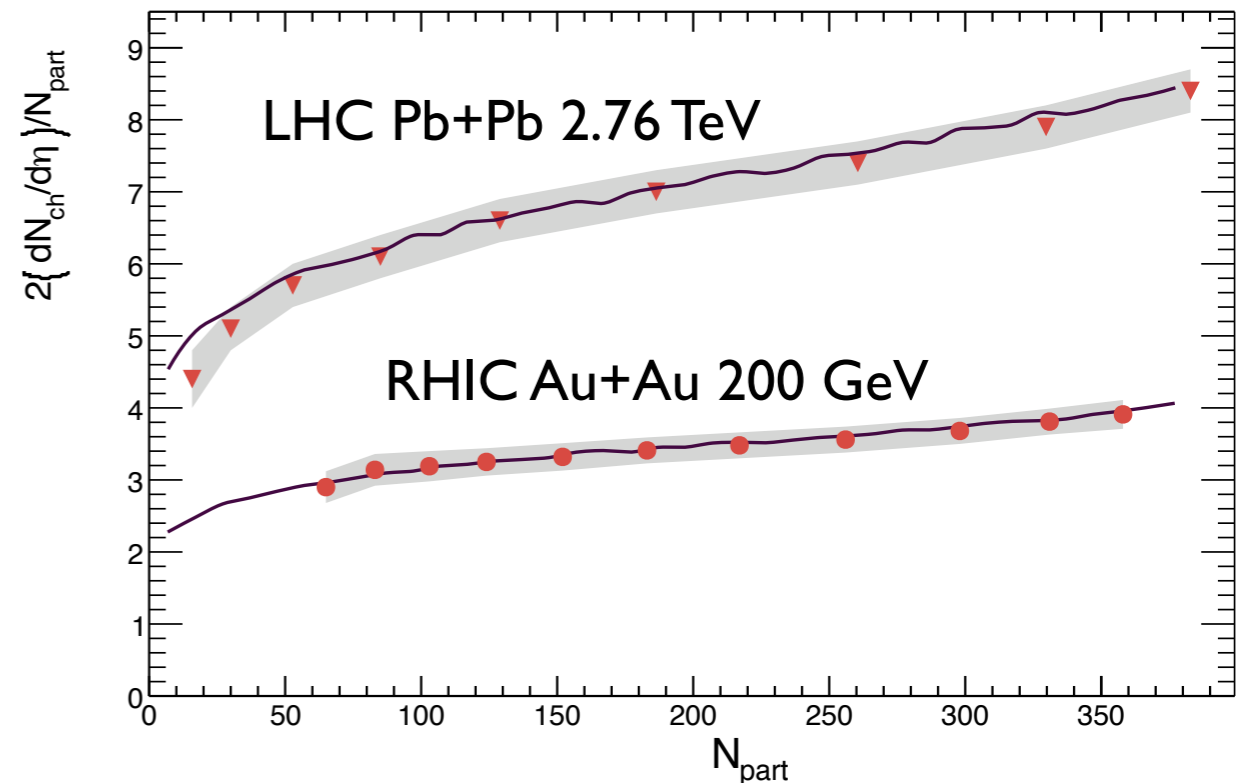
MV



MV + gamma=1.119



Steeper initial conditions also provide a good description of RHIC and LHC multiplicity data:



OUTLOOK

- CGC approaches and MC generators both provide a good description of the energy and centrality dependence of the charged hadron multiplicities measured at RHIC and the LHC
- They both include, albeit through rather different implementation, strong coherence effects

My to do list for the rcBK MC:

- Complete study of the systematics (model parameters and initial conditions)
- Take into account nucleon geometry and fluctuations
- Eventually, improve the description of particle production, maybe resorting to classical Yang-Mills calculations supplemented with information on the solutions of the evolution
- Use rcBK as initial condition for hydro simulations. Code available at:

http://physics.baruch.cuny.edu/node/people/adumitru/res_cgcs