

Pythia/Angantyr: A Journey of a Microscopic Event Generator from e^+e^- to heavy-ion Collisions

Harsh Shah

IFJ-PAN

Krakow, Poland

Contact: harsh.shah@ifj.edu.pl

Particle and Astro-particle Physics

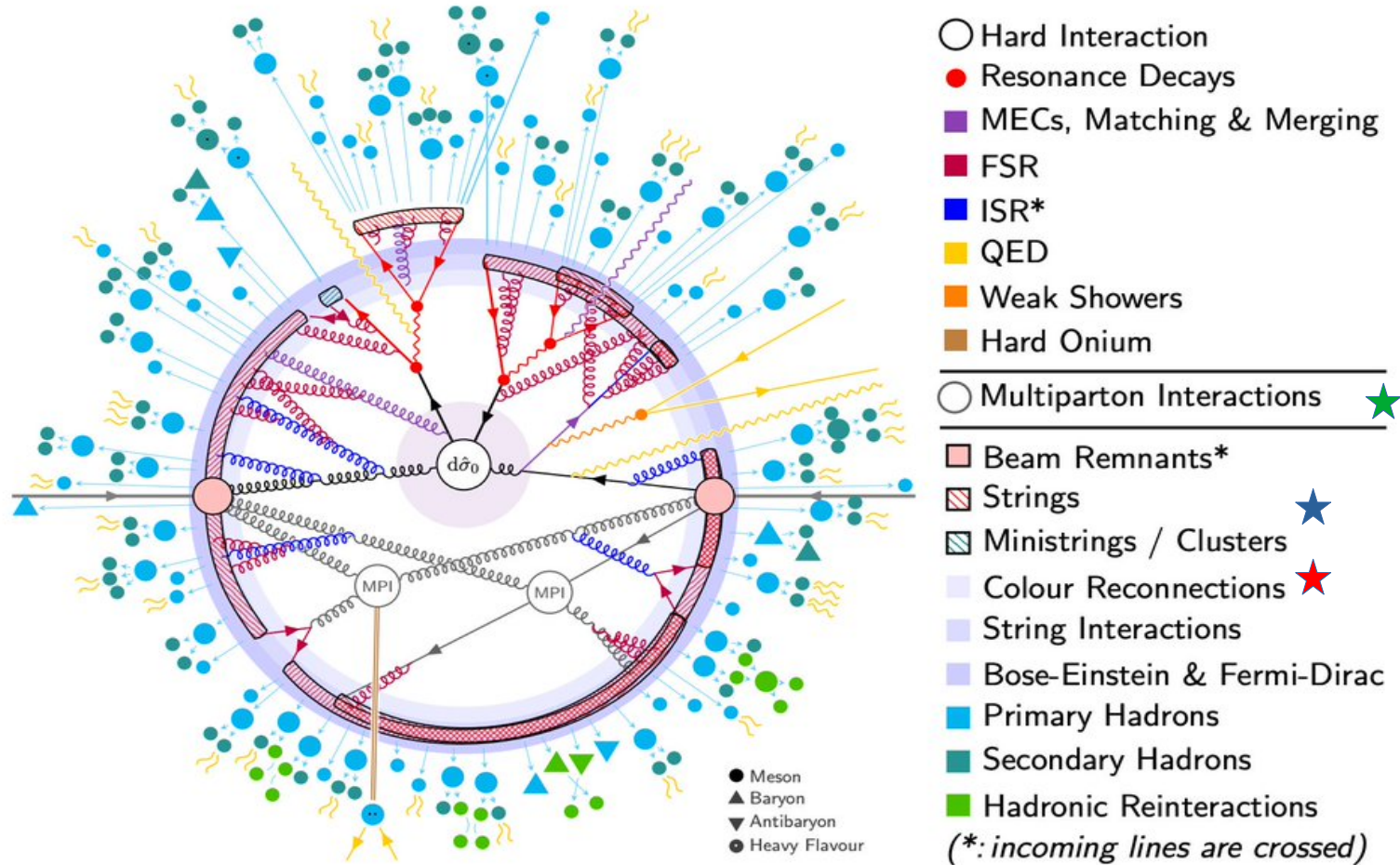
Division seminar

February 25, 2024



Pythia event-simulation

arXiv: 2203.11601

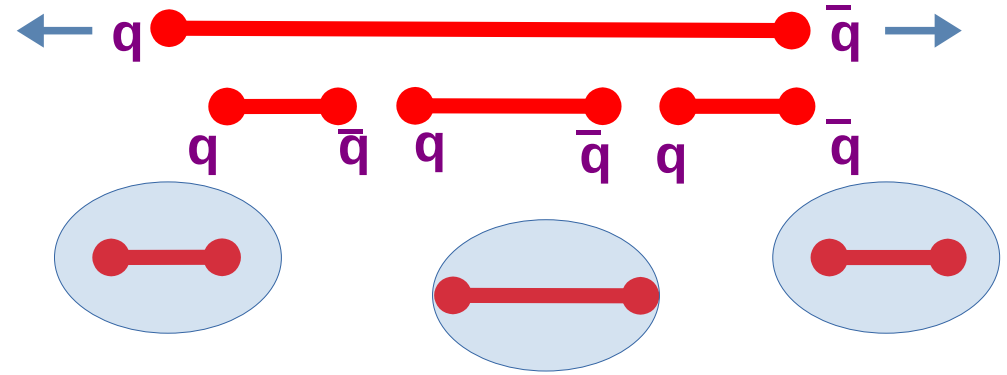


The Lund Colour String

The colour confinement field is modelled as a 1D string

The hadronisation ($m_{\text{string}} \geq 1 \text{ GeV}$):

- Pick a random string end,
- Select the string break flavour,
- Apply suppression according to spin,
- Break the string,
- Pick the transverse momentum,
- Pick a “z” and construct the over all hadron momentum,
- **If** (no energy/momentum with remaining string piece) break; **else** repeat.



No c or b quarks

$$\mathcal{P} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\pi m_{\perp}^2}{\kappa}\right)$$

κ : string tension; $\sim 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$
 m_{\perp} : transverse mass of the quark
 $m_{\perp h}$: hadron's transverse mass

$$f(z) = \frac{(1-z)^a}{z} \exp\left(-\frac{bm_{\perp h}^2}{z}\right)$$


a & b parameters are fixed by fit to the data

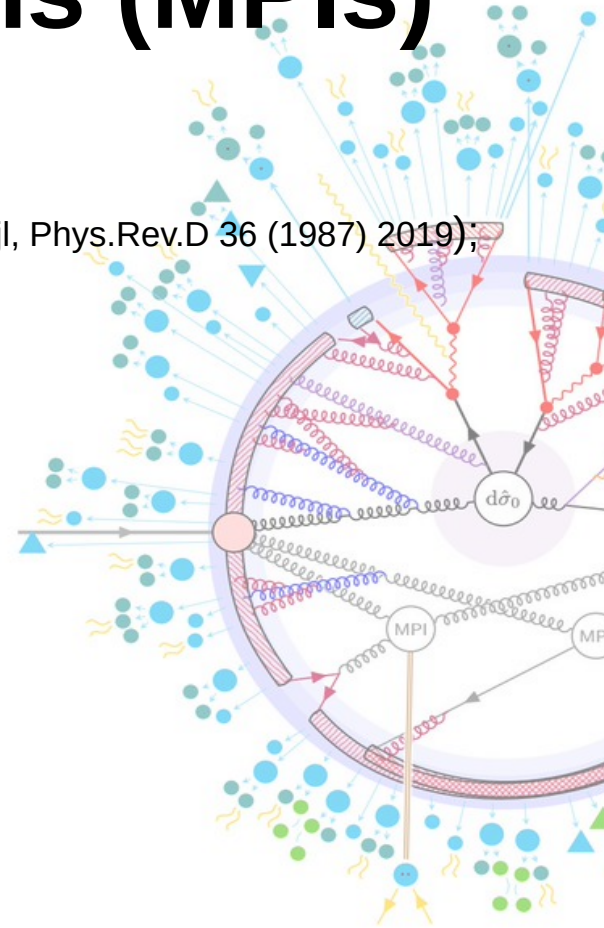
z is a fraction of the quark momentum taken by the hadron

For the other cases try to produce one or two hadrons

The Multiparton Interactions (MPIs)

A proton beam = A beam of partons.

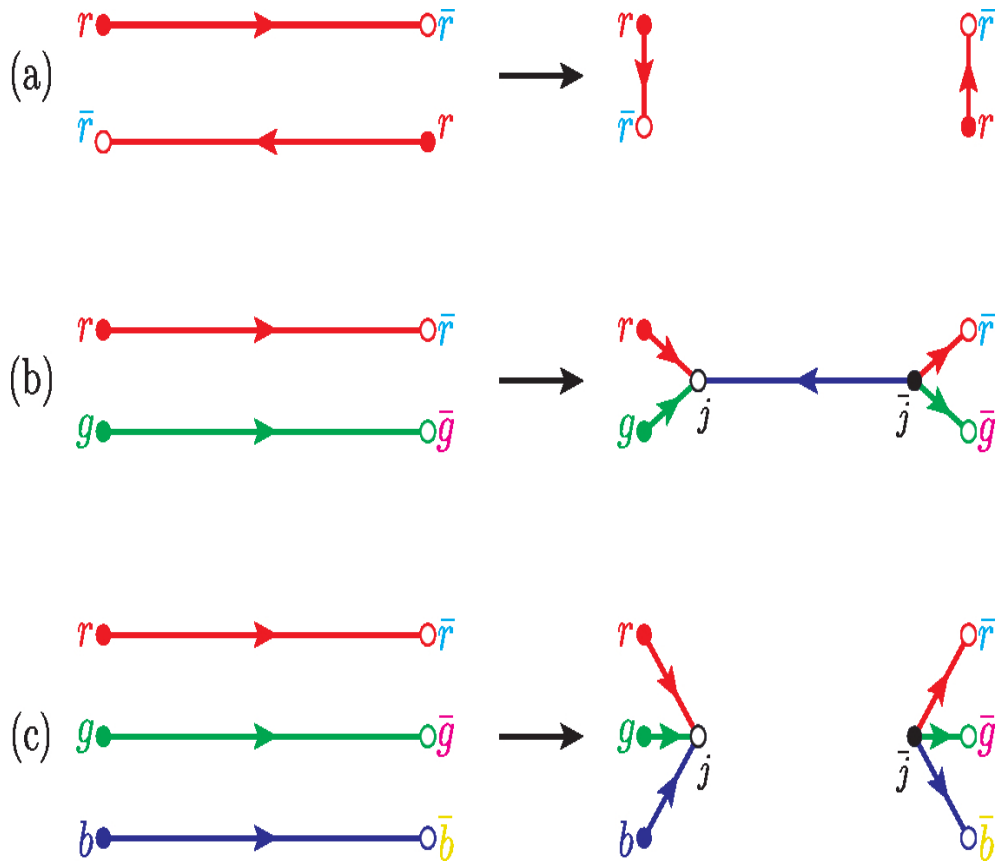
- Already 1987 it was realised and introduced in Pythia (Sjöstrand & van Zijl, Phys.Rev.D 36 (1987) 2019);
 - MPIs implemented with **Sudakov style** constraints on p_t ,
 - Along with **impact parameter dependence**.
- MPIs are crucial to explain “underlying events”,
- MPIs  **lots** of colour partons are produced in the final state
- The low- p_t **divergence** is constrained by a minimum $p_{\perp 0}$.

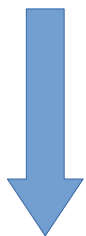
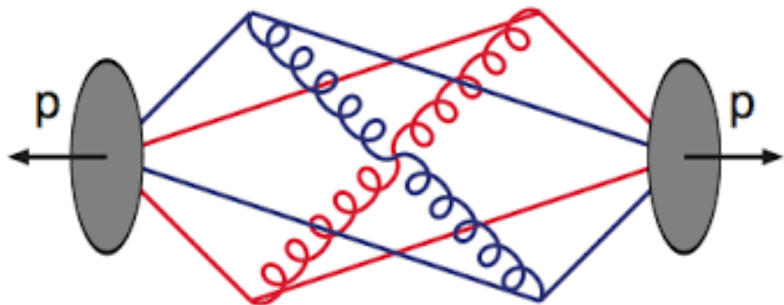


Colour Reconnection (CR)

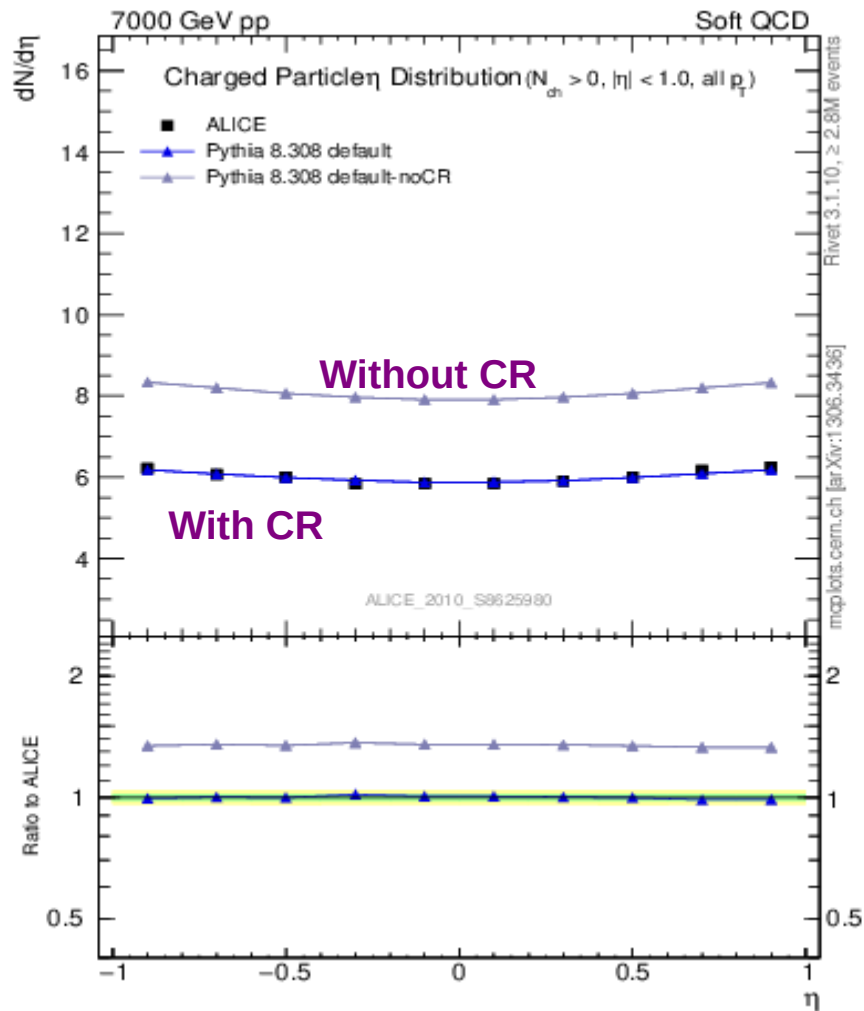
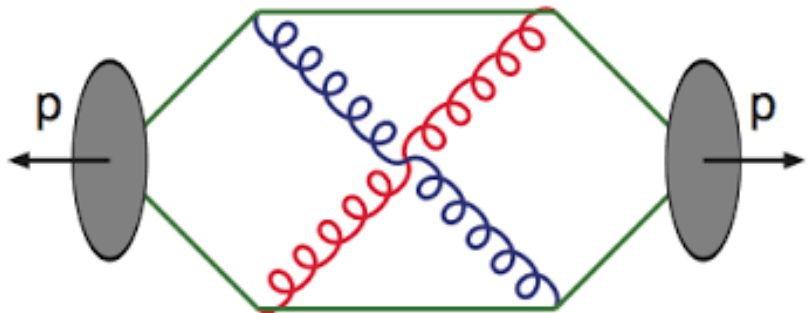
ArXiv: 2404.12040, 2309.12452, 1505.01681

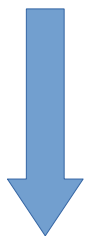
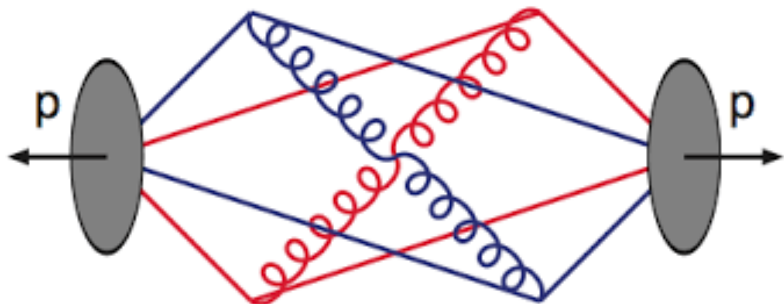
- In Pythia, **partons** produced in perturbative scatterings are colour connected;
- Assuming that the nature prefers minimization of the net string length, the colour dipoles **interact** with each other **at colour reconnection** stage;
- At this stage configuration like (a) occurs in the default set-up of the Pythia model, where colour dipoles rearranges to shorter dipoles with a probability of $1/9$;
- Configurations like (b) and (c) are allowed in a QCD colour algebra based CR and they have **additional contributions to baryon production and exclusive contributions to low- p_{\perp} heavy baryon production**.



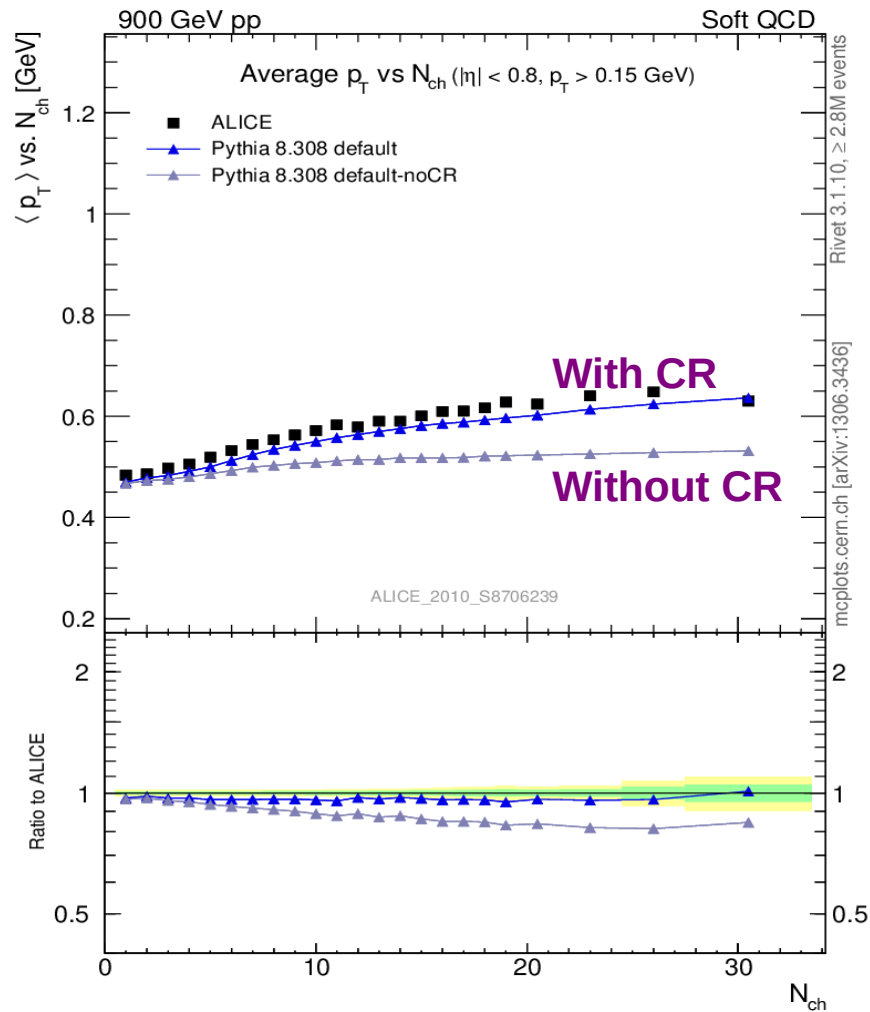
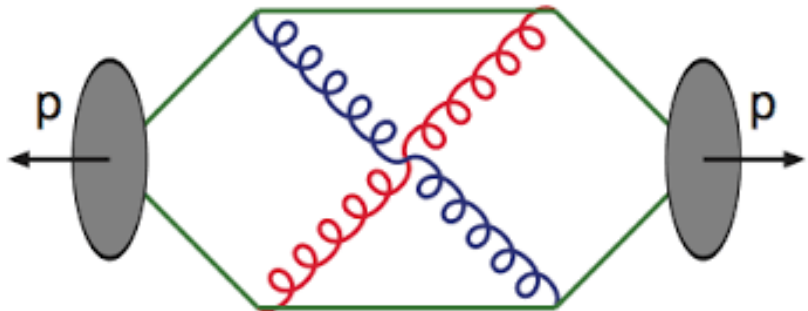


CR rearranges the dipole connections & reduces net-string length

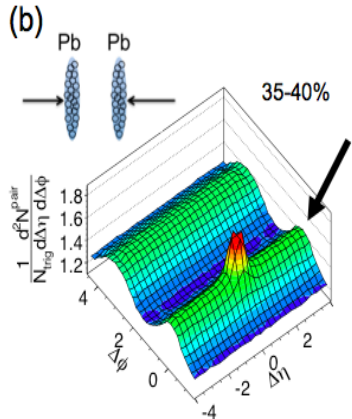
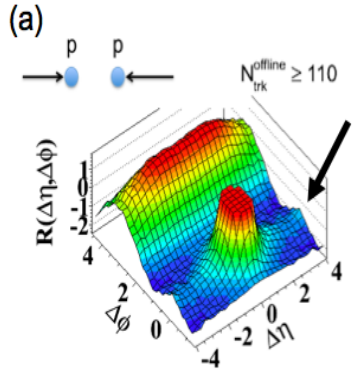




CR rearranges the dipole connections & reduces net-string length

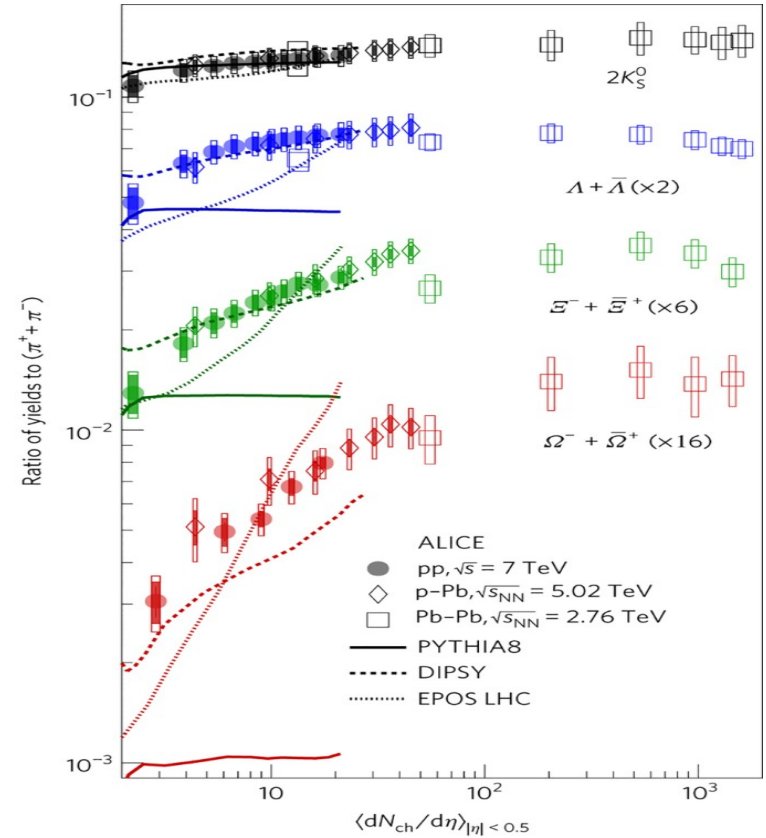
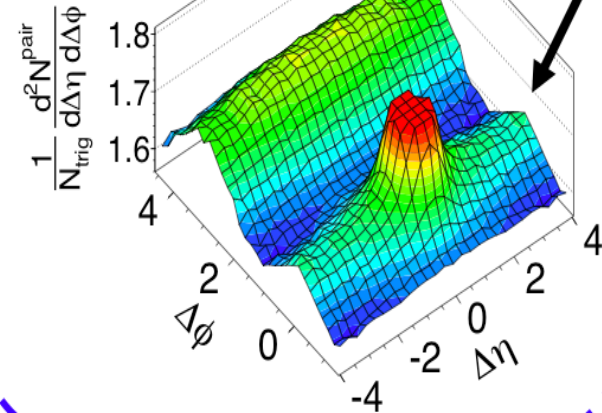


Surprising results in pp collision experiments at LHC



(c)

CMS pPb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $N_{trk}^{offline} \geq 110$
 $1 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c



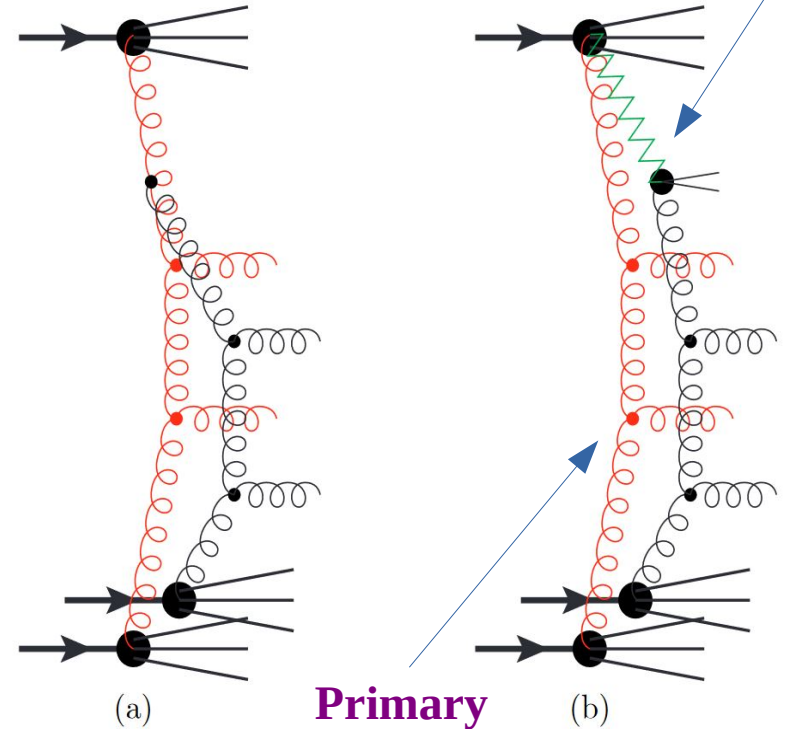
CMS: arXiv:1009.4122

ALICE: arXiv:1606.07424

The Angantyr model

arXiv: 2303.11747, 1806.10820, 1607.04434

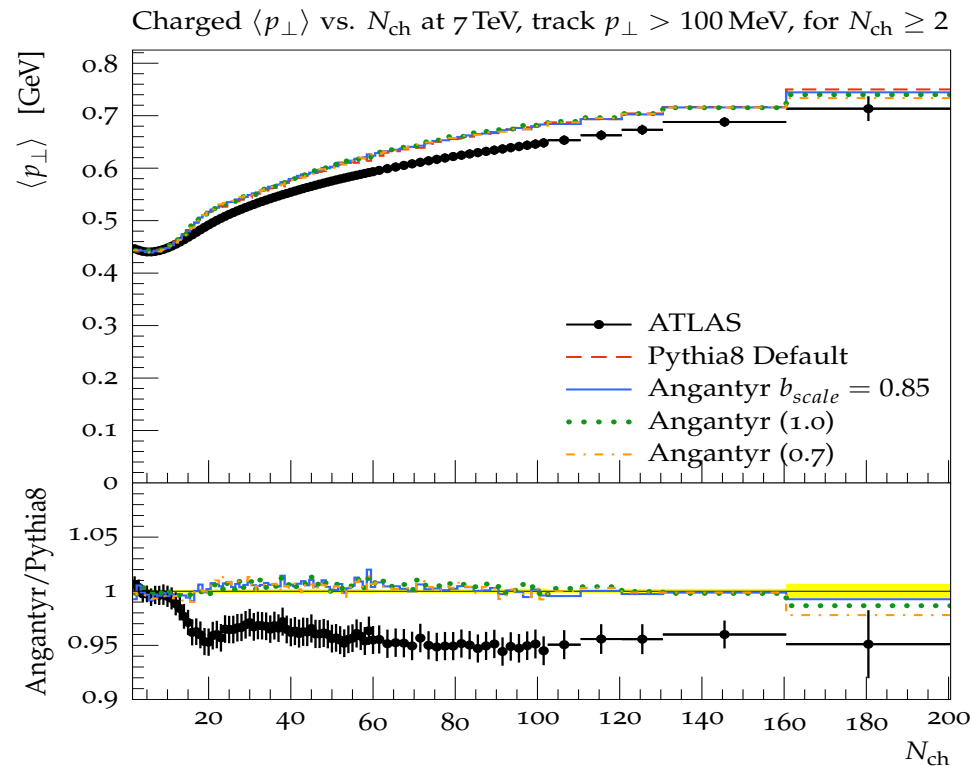
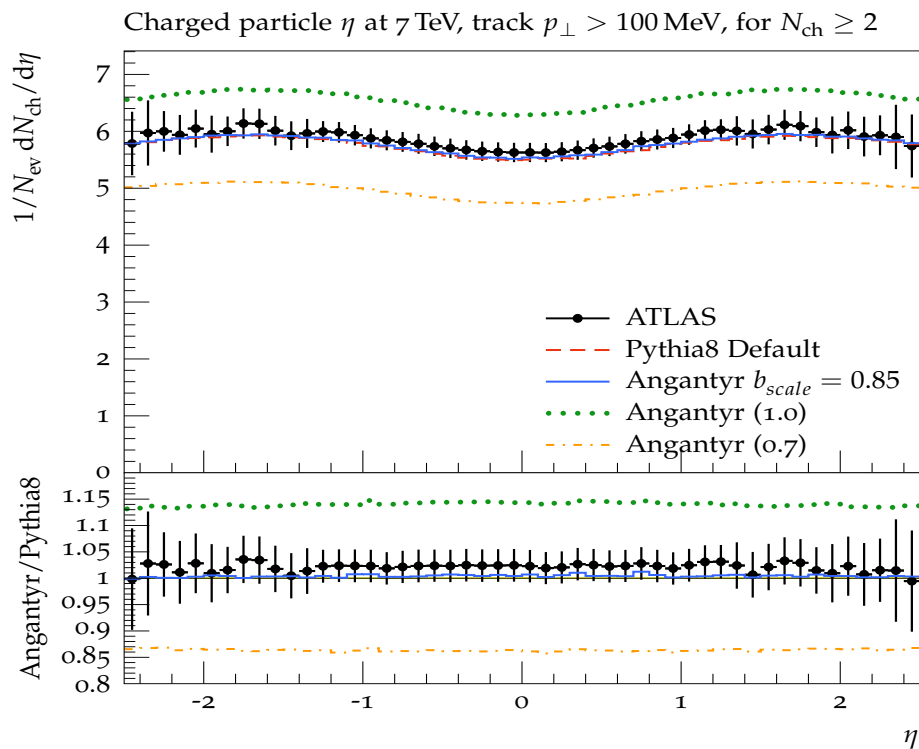
- 'Wounded' nucleons are tagged with the types of nucleon-nucleon collisions;
- Pythia machinery is used to generate multiple nucleon-nucleon sub-collisions;
- A scenario like Figure (a) is not possible to simulate with Pythia;
- Pythia's single diffraction machinery is modified and the scenario like Figure (a) is generated as two pp events stacked together like Figure (b);
- The model is tuned with pp collisions;
- The secondary non-diffractive is tuned with pPb collisions;
- **No** tuning with PbPb (or AA) collisions.



**Primary
non-diffractive**

Angantyr Results: pp collision

arXiv:1806.10820

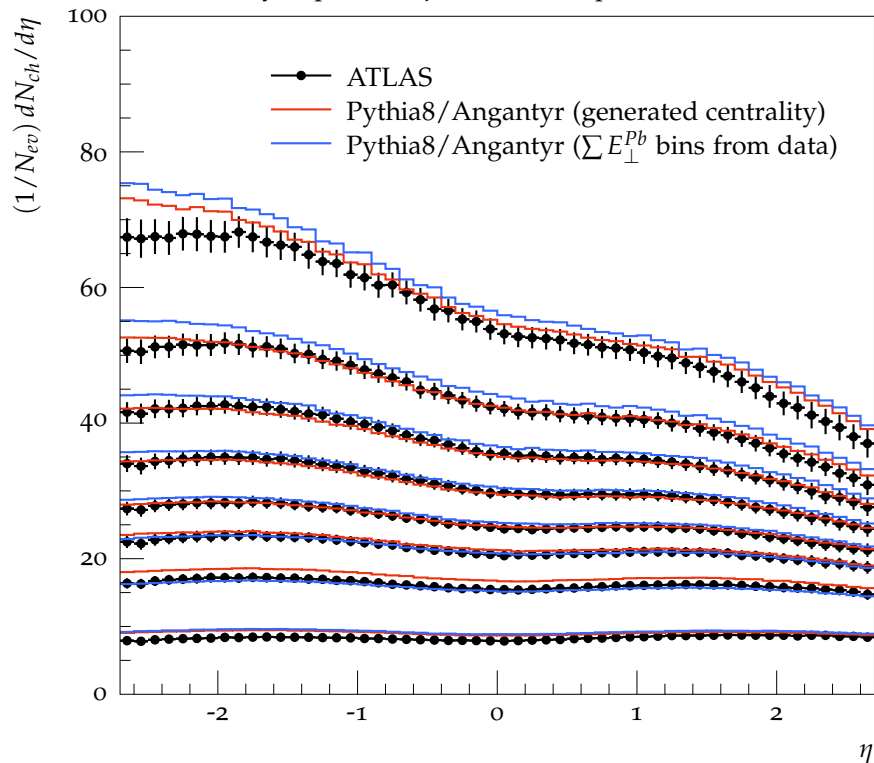


Results: Event multiplicity as a function of centrality in heavy-ion collisions

arXiv:1806.10820

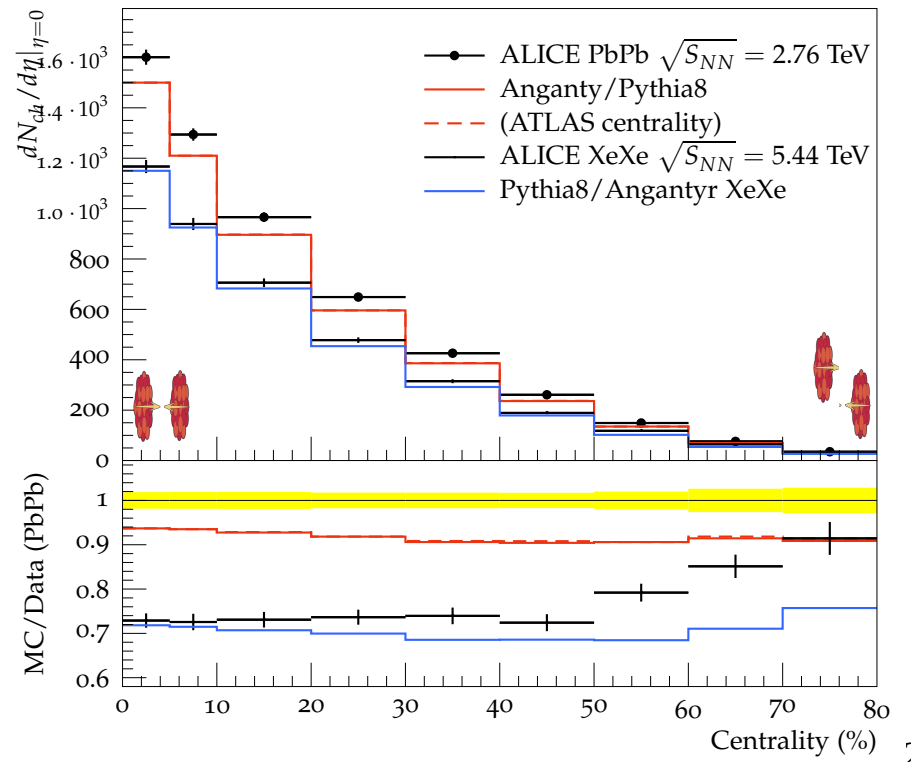
pPb collisions

(a) Centrality-dependent η distribution, pPb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$ TeV.



PbPb and XeXe collisions

(a) Central Multiplicity



Ar + Sc collisions

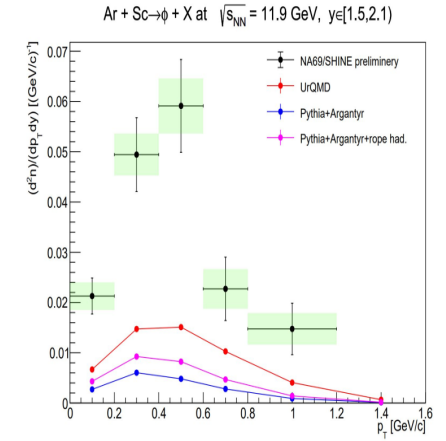
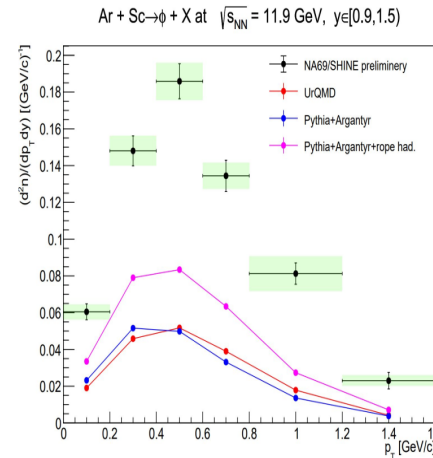
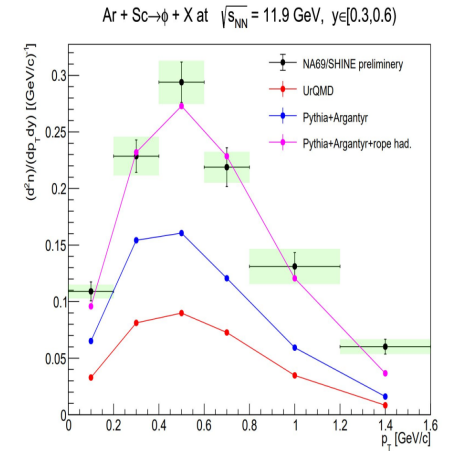
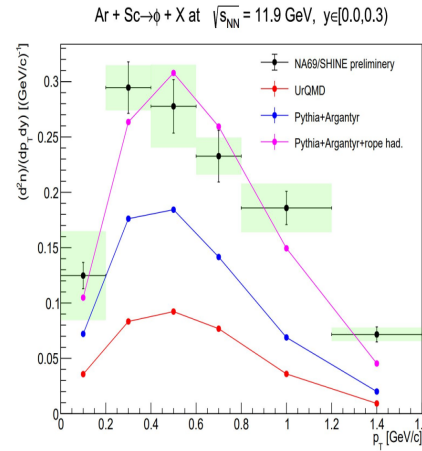
- Φ - meson production is studied,
- Results are generated for different rapidity ranges,
- The Angantyr model and its preliminary modifications fails to reproduce the Φ -meson yield in the forward rapidity.

Preliminary results with NA61 data

Purple lines: Angantyr + strings modification

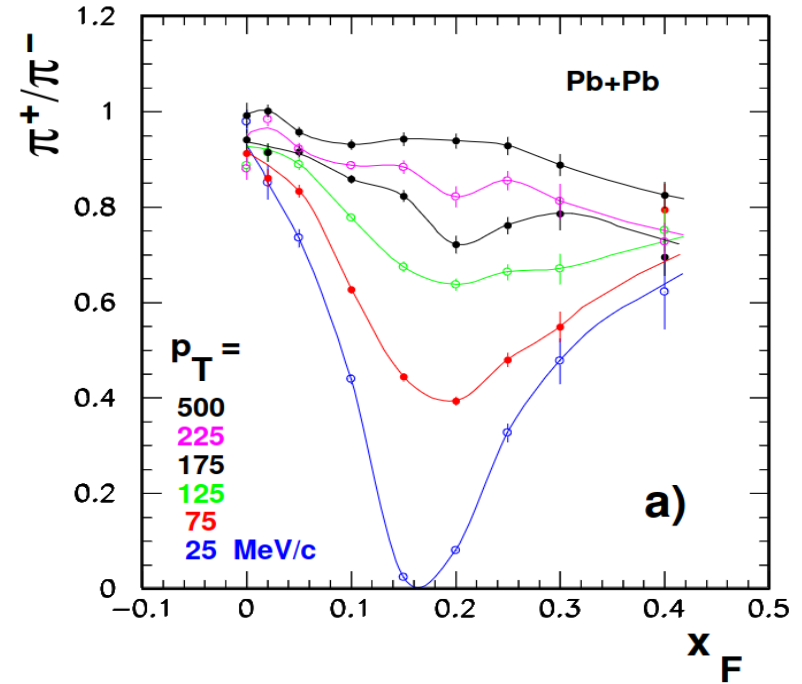
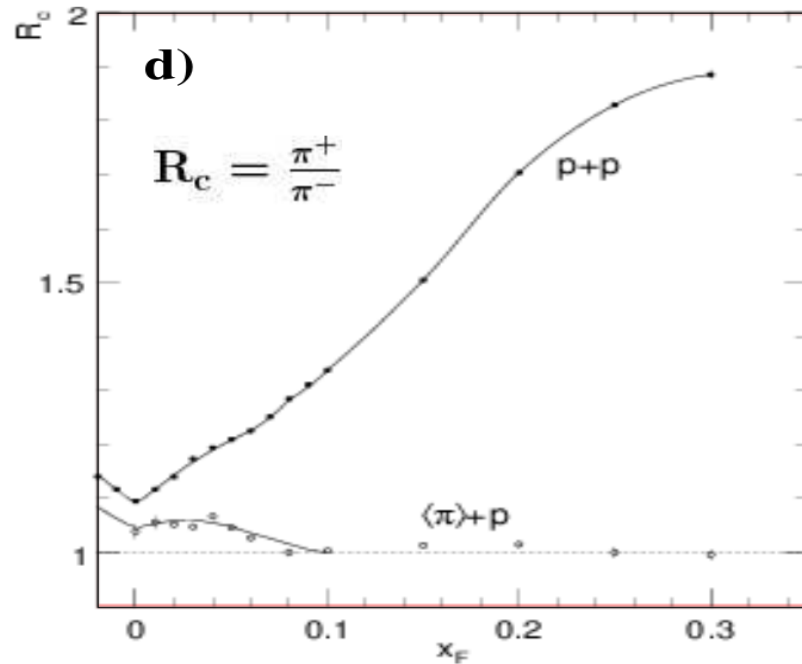
Blue lines: Angantyr model

Red lines: URQMD model



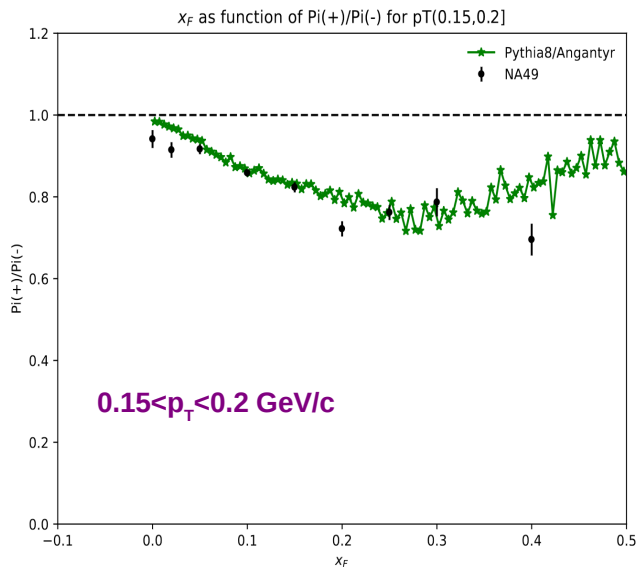
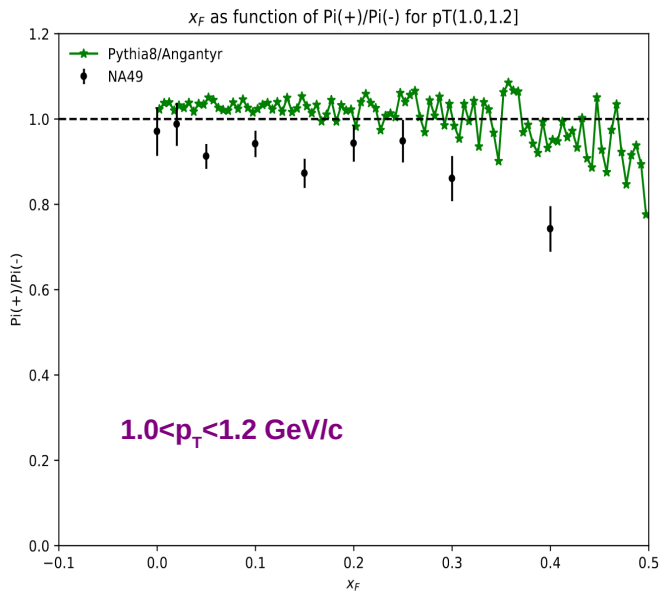
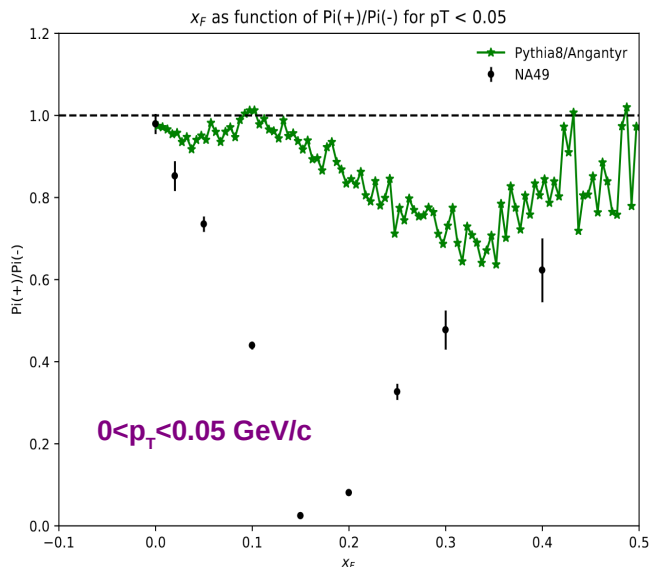
Electromagnetic effects on the pion ratio in PbPb collisions

Feynman variable $x_F = 2p_L / \sqrt{s_{NN}}$,



G. Barr (A. Rybicki) et al., Eur. Phys. J. C49 (2007) 919-945
 A. Rybicki [NA49 Collab.], PoS EPS-HEP2009 (2009), 031

Results: Charged pion ratio in PbPb collisions NA49 data vs Angantyr model



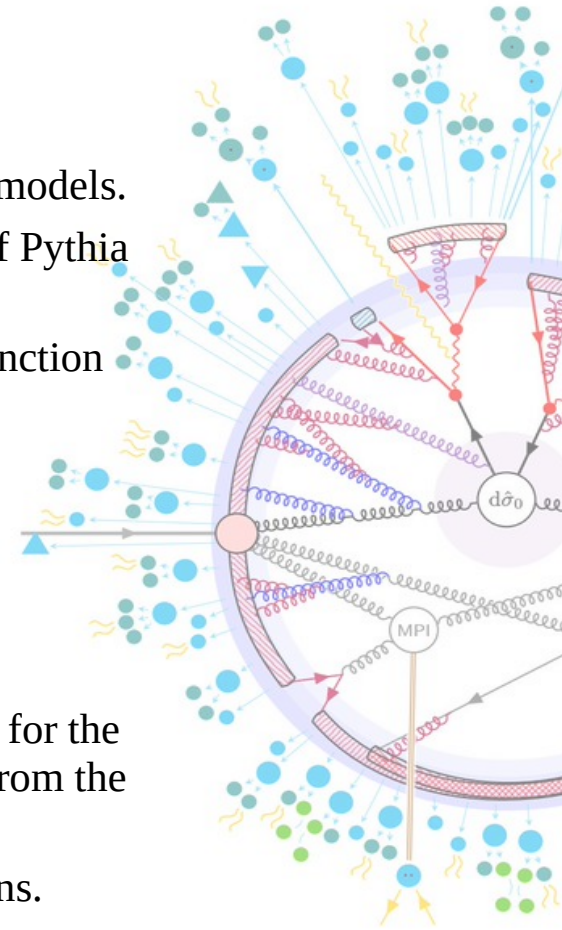
- This is the first-ever comparison of Angantyr with experimental data in such a large range of x_F ,
- The model evidently **does not** contain spectator-induced electromagnetic effects.
- Qualitatively, the model reproduces the decrease of π^+/π^- with x_F (valence quarks!), but fails on the quantitative level,
- This shows the **importance** of SPS (NA61/SHINE) experimental data for any future modeling of nucleus-nucleus collisions.

Concluding remarks

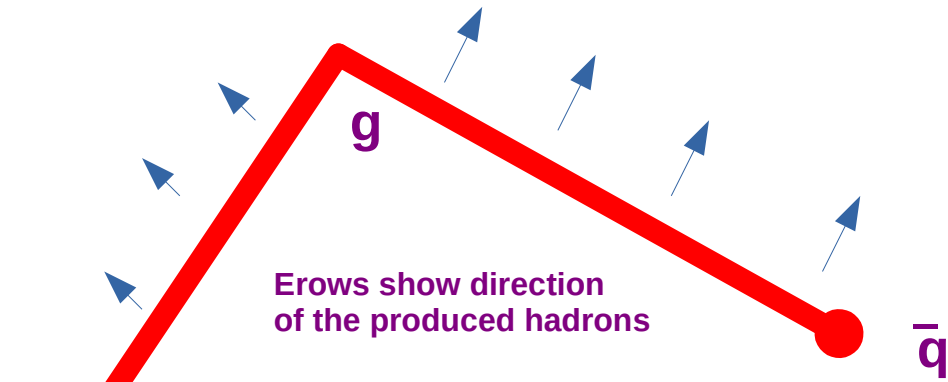
- Pythia is a widely used event-generator with continuous development in its physics models.
- We have **developed the Angantyr model** for heavy-ion collisions as an extension of Pythia and without any assumption of a thermalised medium creation.
- There are many **improvements** required and work in progress especially with the junction type string fragmentation, forward physics at LHC, and collisions at SPS energy.
- I omitted discussions about many recent developments.

Outlook

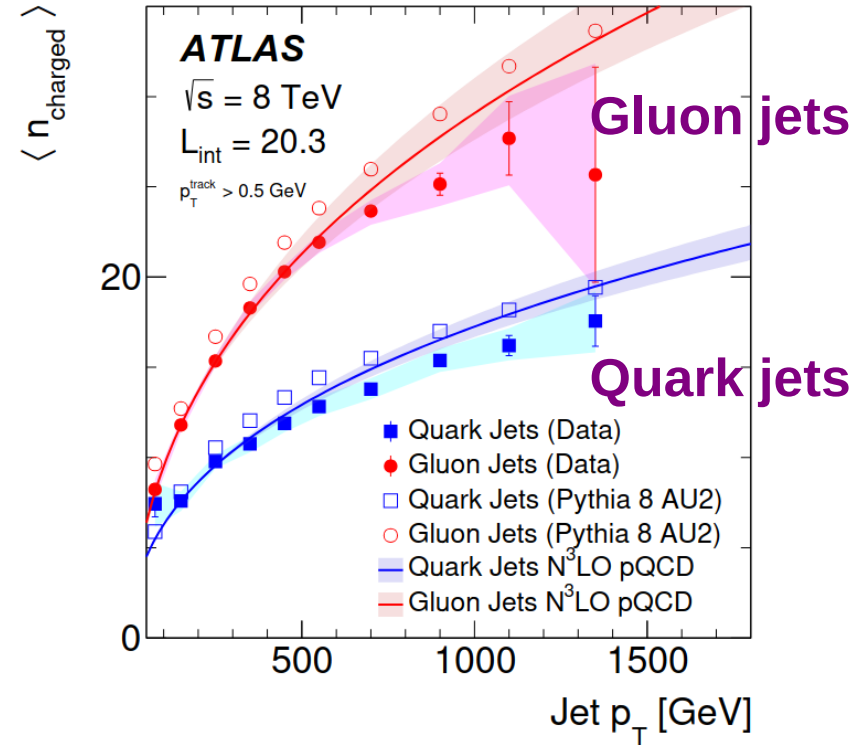
- Next step is to analyse ArSc collision data from NA61/SHINE experiment primarily for the electromagnetic effects study for pion ratio (especially to understand contributions from the beam remnants using the Angantyr model).
- Continue the Φ - meson production study in the forward rapidity in the ArSc collisions.
- Upon successful conclusions, one of the possible profits will be **improvements in the Angantyr model** to reproduce these important experimental data.



Additional slides

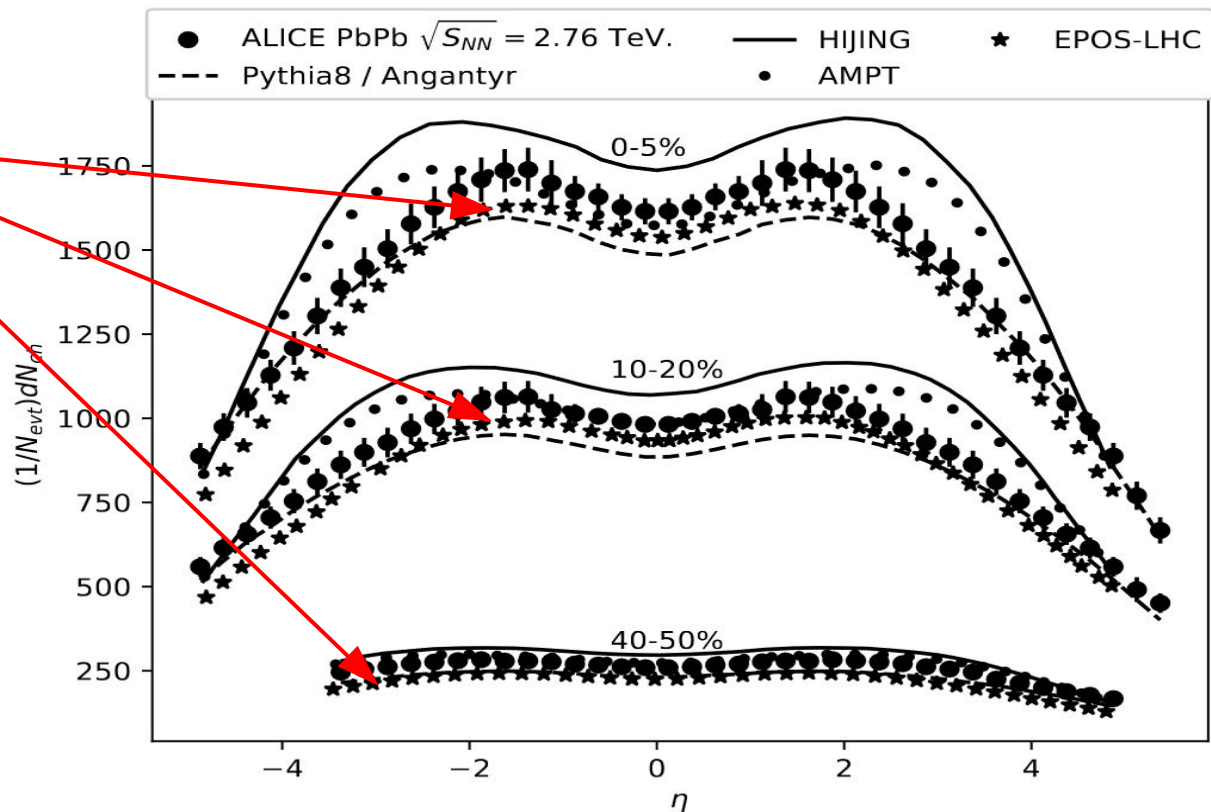


- Gluons are transverse kink on the Lund strings,
- Hadrons produced along the colour connections,
- Average twice more hadrons produced around gluons compared to quarks due to their colour charge.



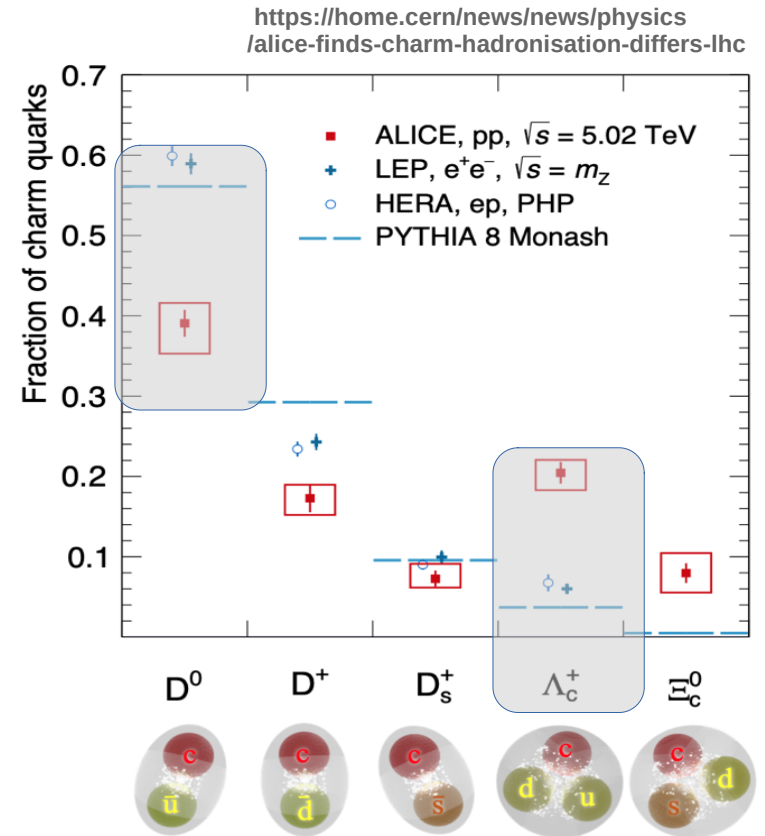
Event multiplicity distribution compared to other heavy-ion collision event generators

Angantyr is producing competing results.



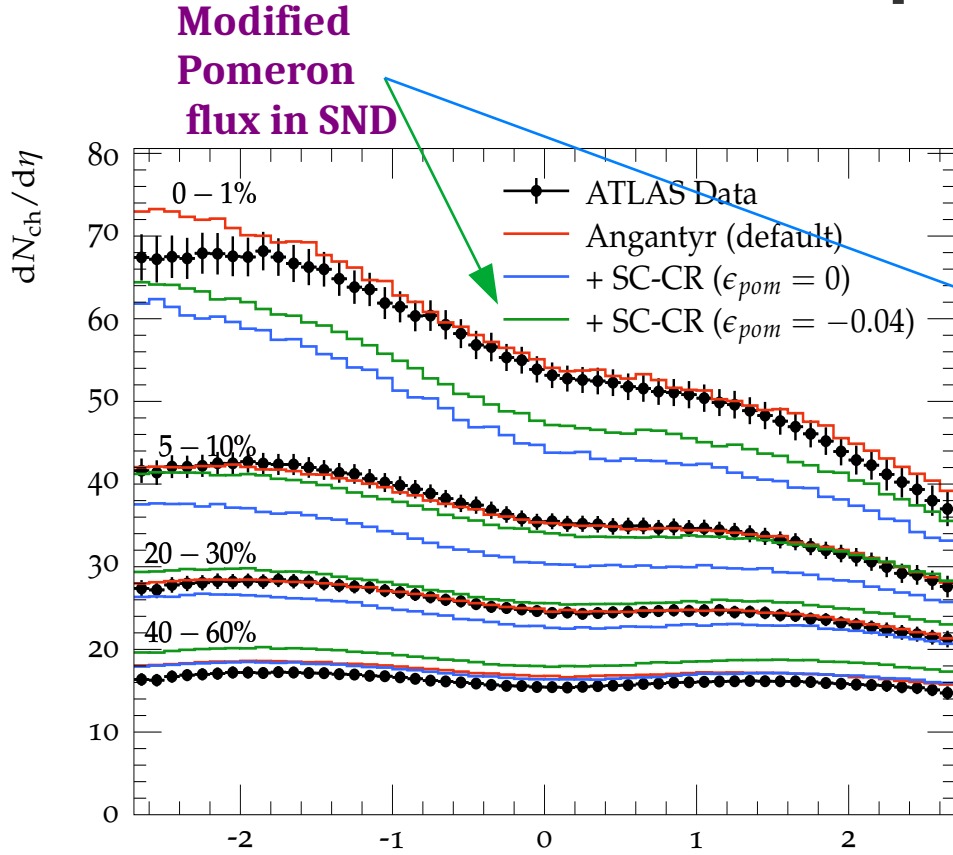
The fraction of charm quarks in different colliding systems

- The charm quarks are produced **only** in perturbative interactions in Pythia;
- There are more charm **baryons** in pp collisions than in ep and e⁺e⁻ collisions;
- We **modified** junction formation and fragmentation to enhance the probability of a heavy quark forming a baryon.

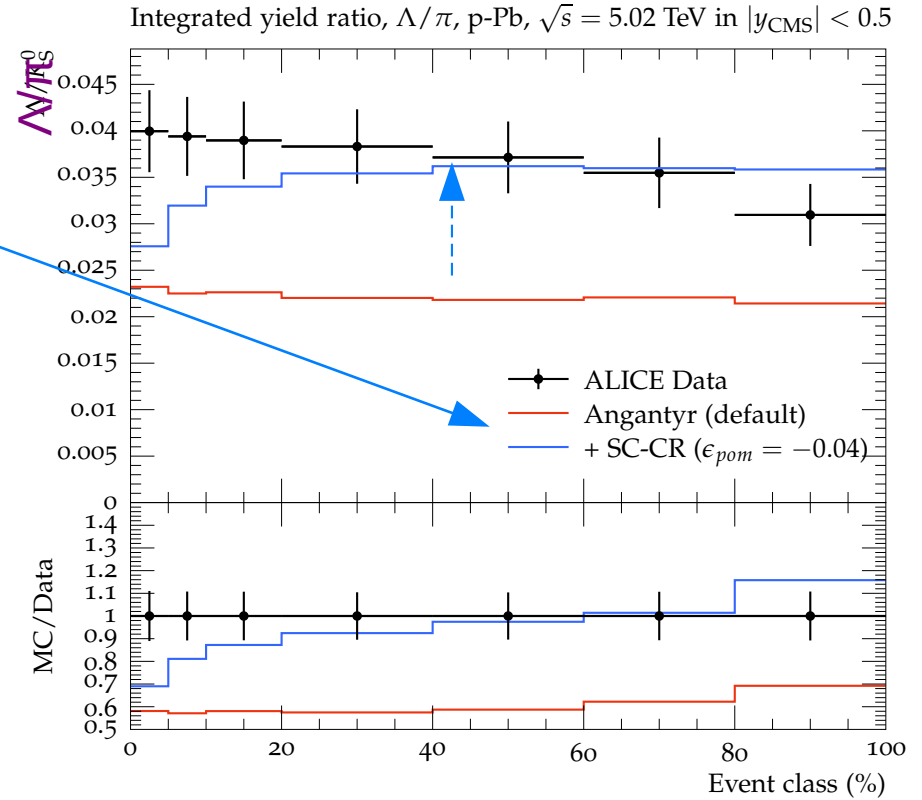


Results: pPb collisions

arXiv:2303.11747

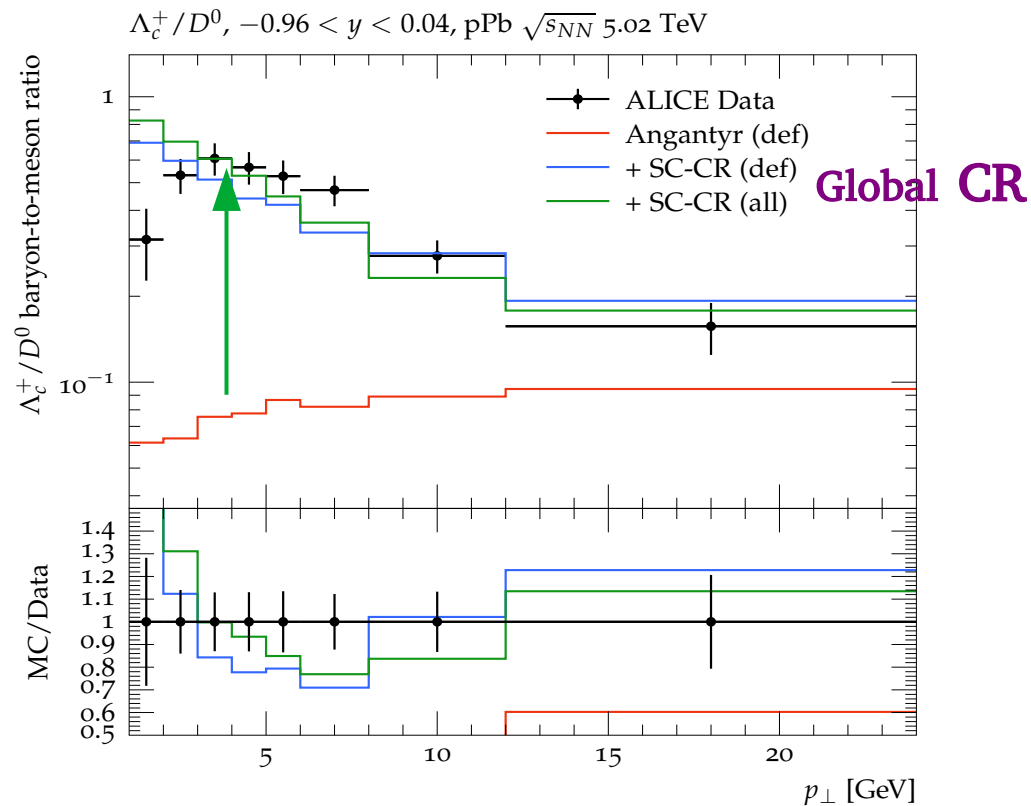
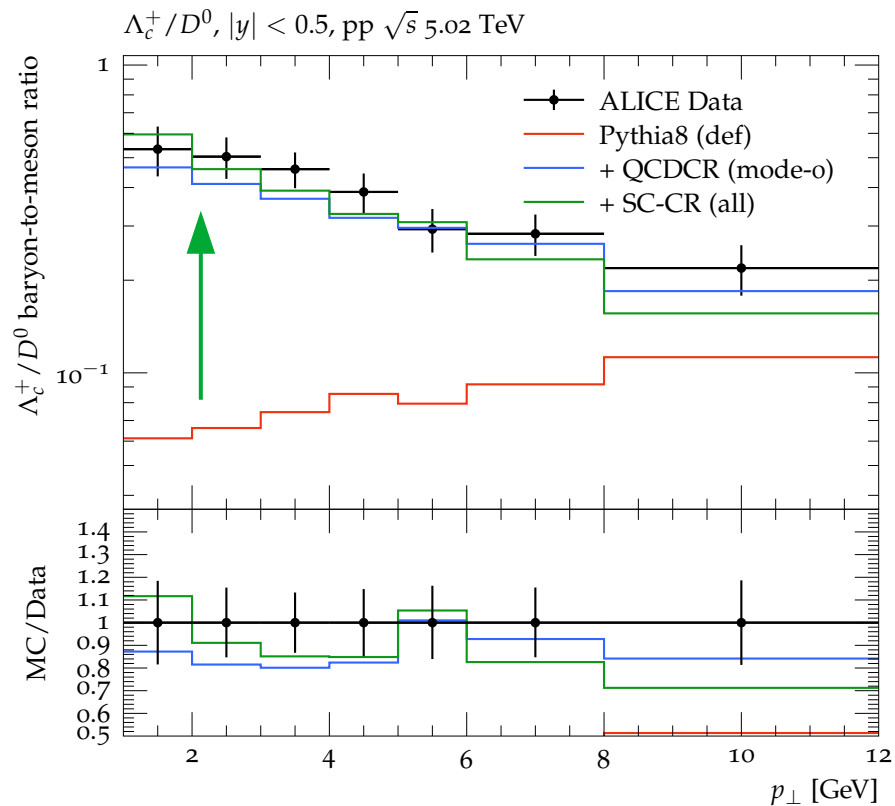


η



Results: pp and pPb collisions at 5.02 TeV

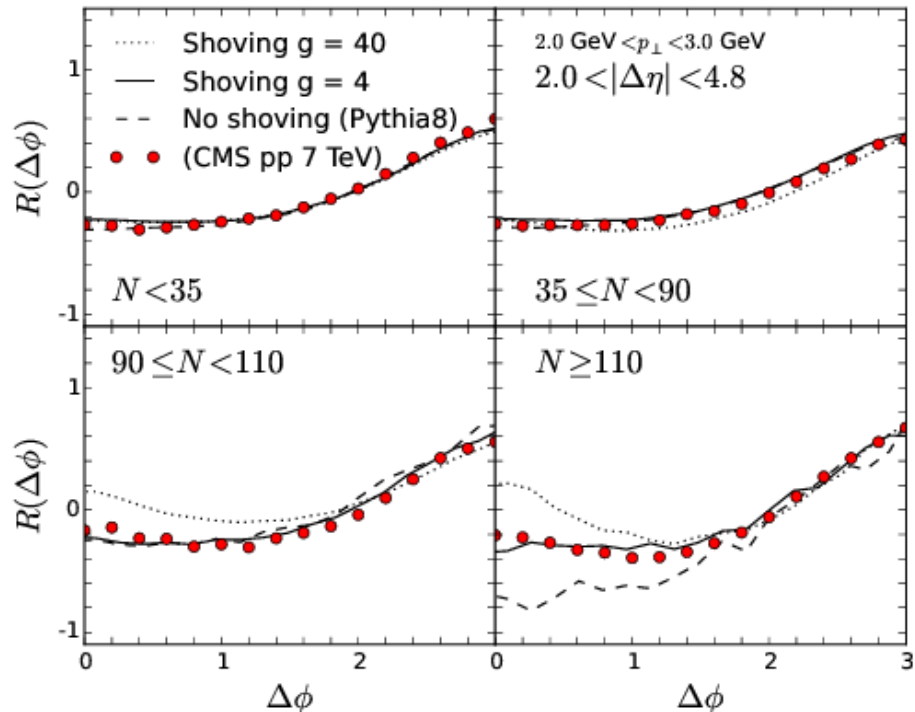
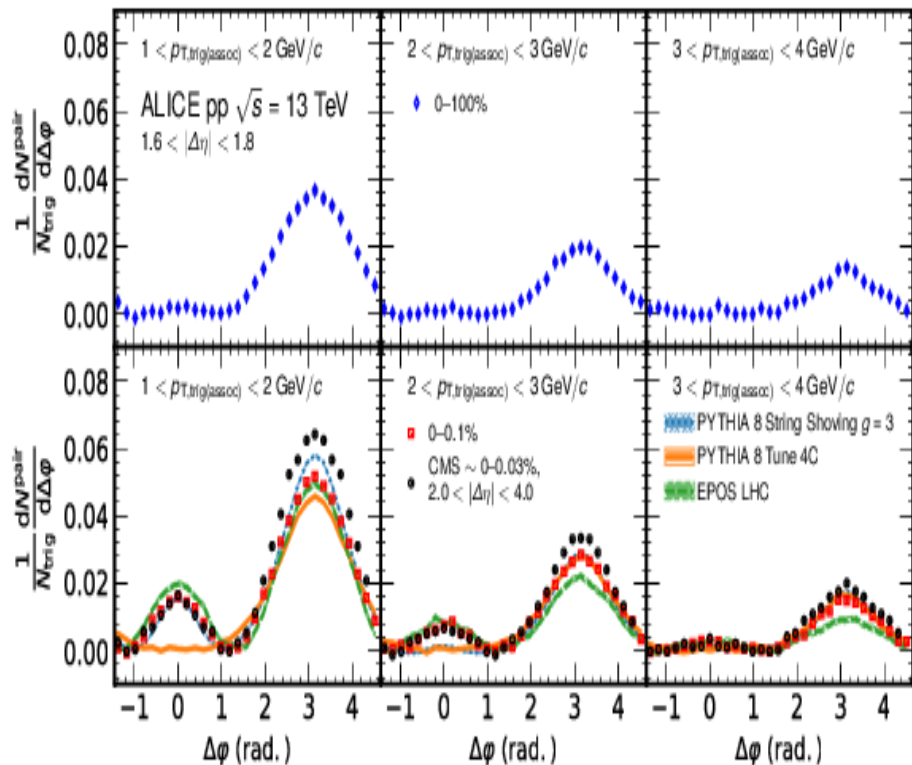
arXiv:2309.12452



Results: string shoving and inclusive flow

ArXiv:2101.03110 [nucl-ex]

ArXiv: 1710.09725 [hep-ph]



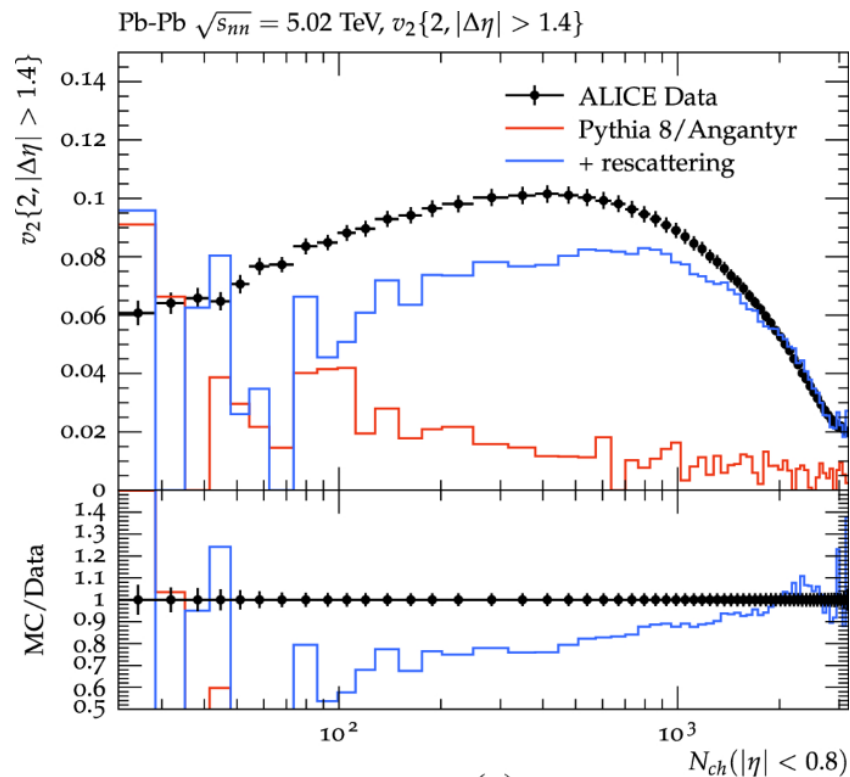
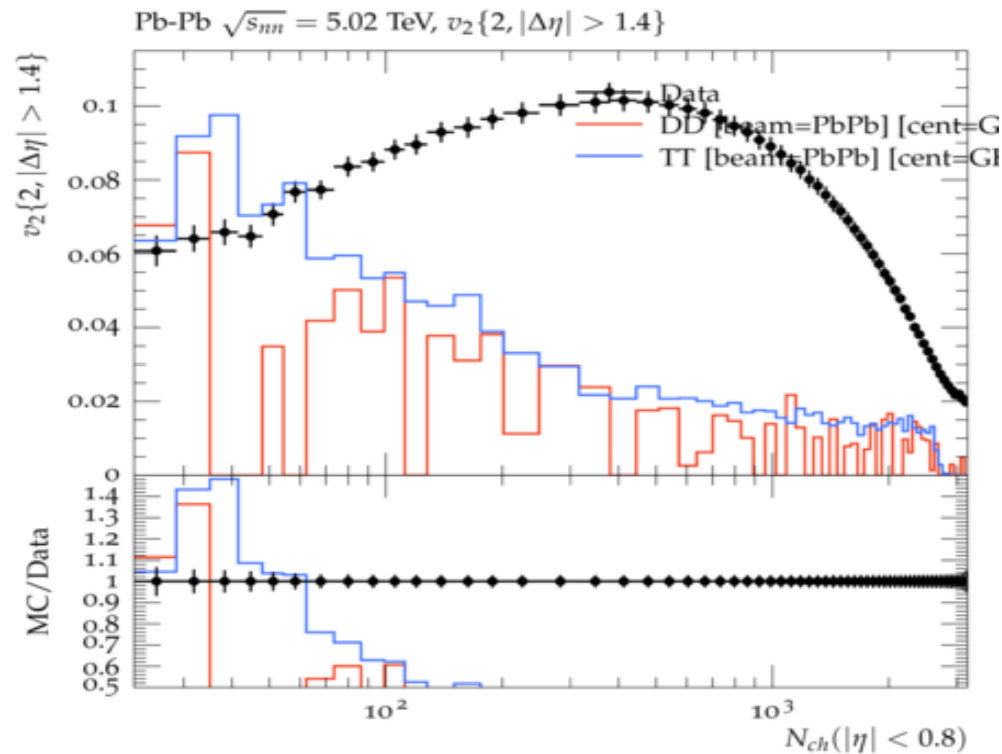
Results: flow Global CR and hadronic rescattering

Unpublished preliminary results:

DD: Angantyr default

TT: Global CR

Hadronic rescattering

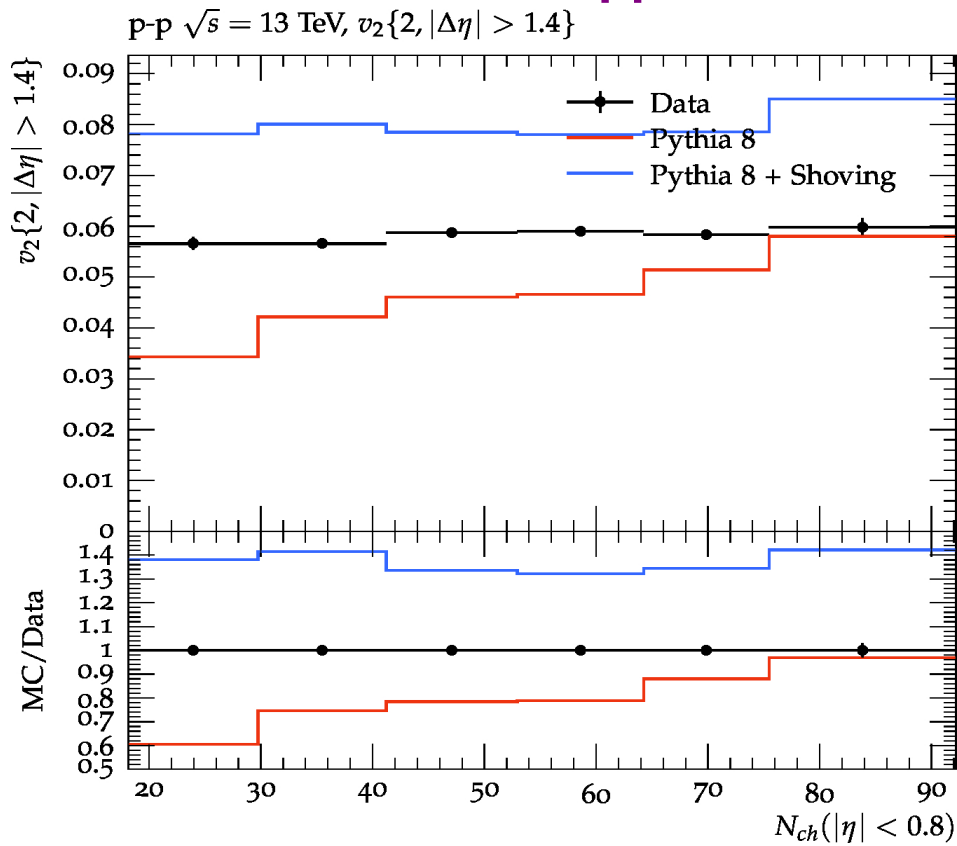
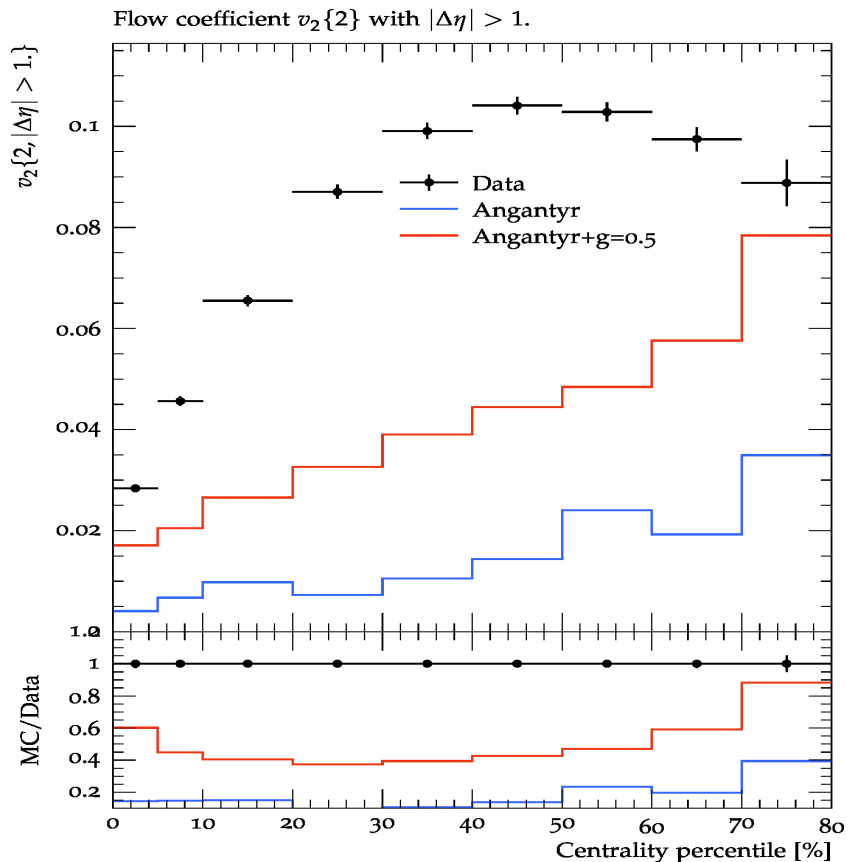


(a)

Results: effects of string shoving on collectivity

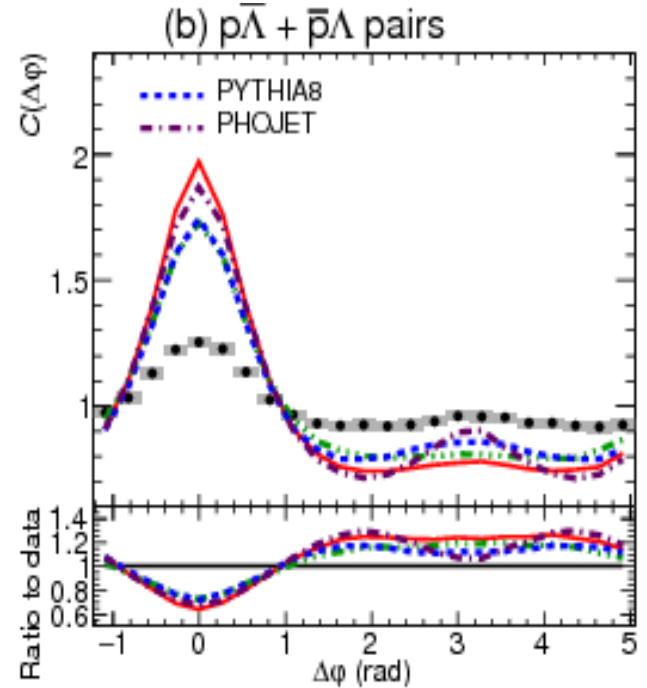
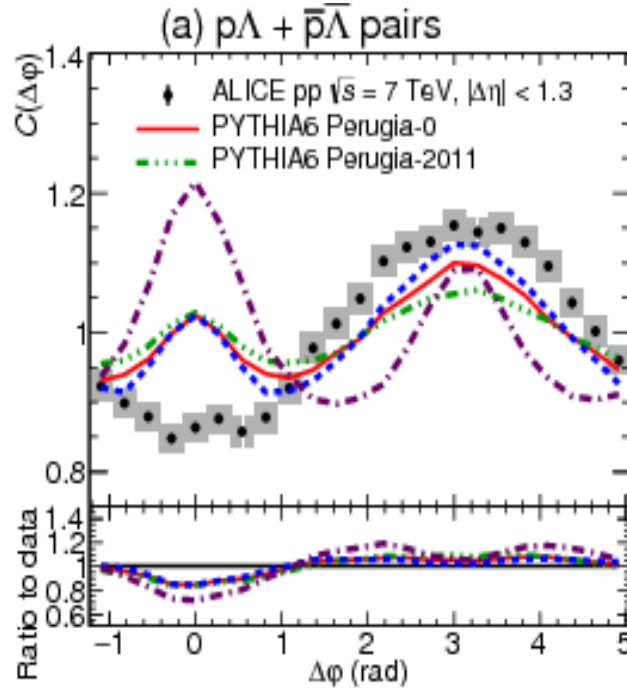
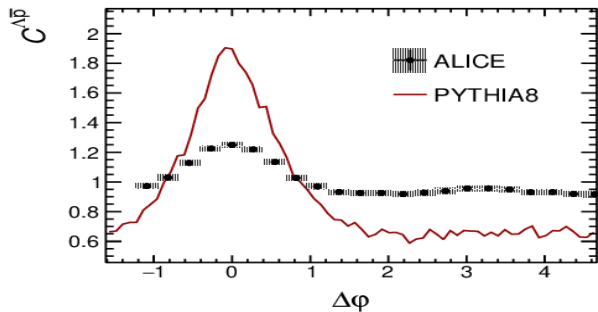
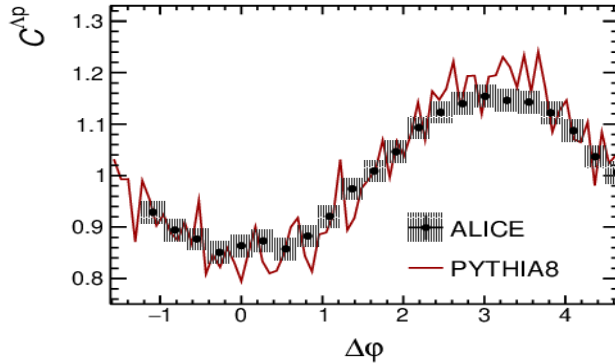
PbPb collisions

pp collisions



Baryon Correlations in Pythia

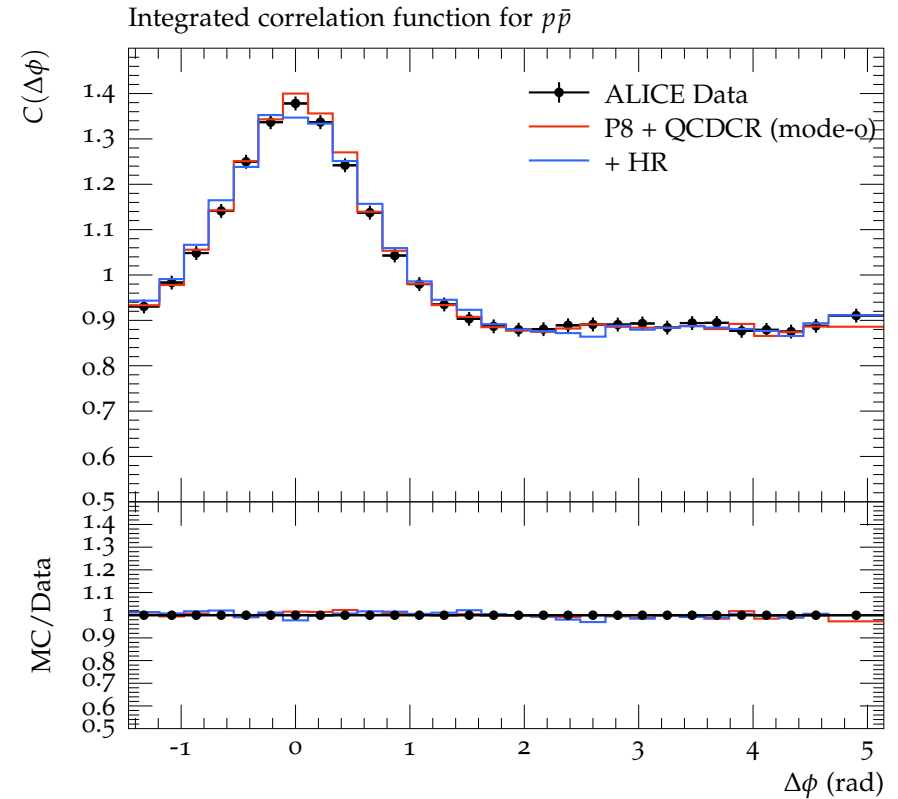
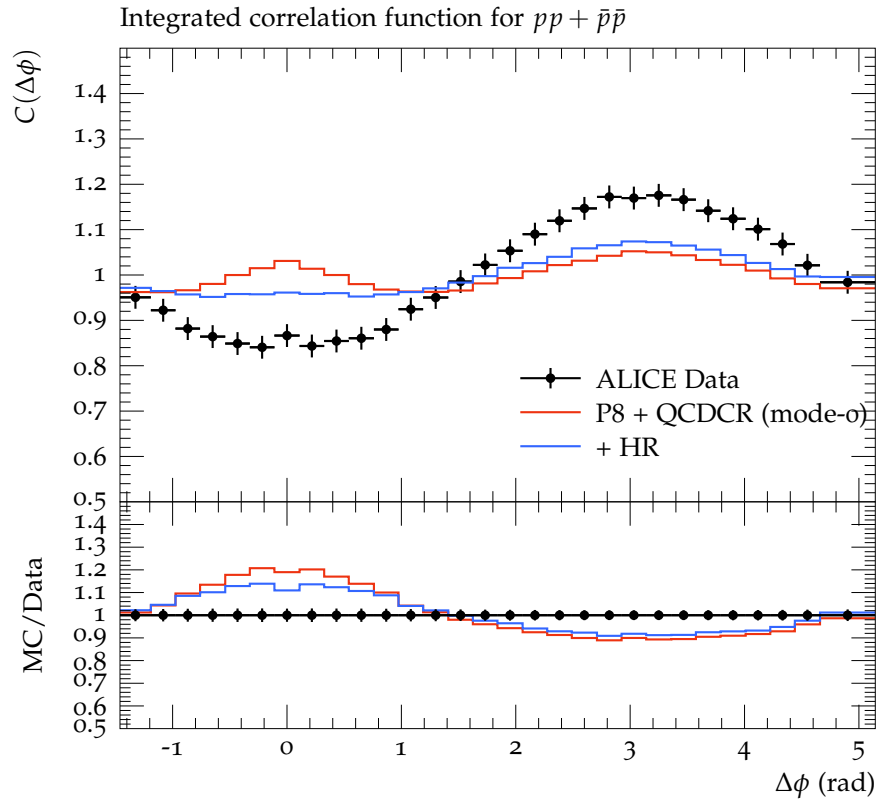
Brute Force: N. Demazure et al.,
Few Body Syst. 64 (2023) 3, 57



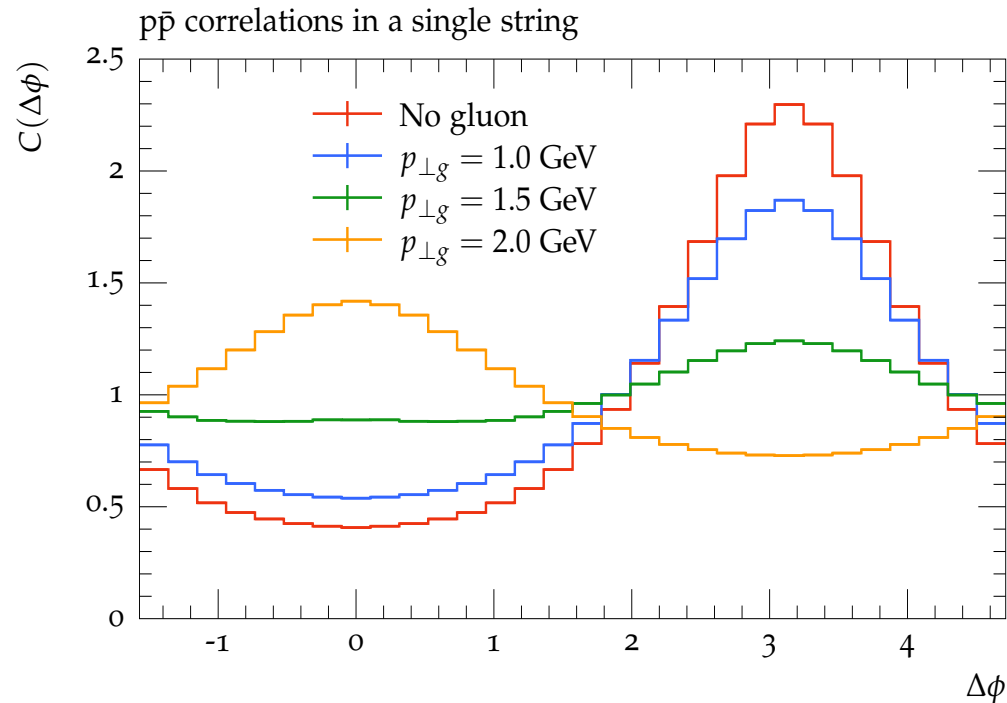
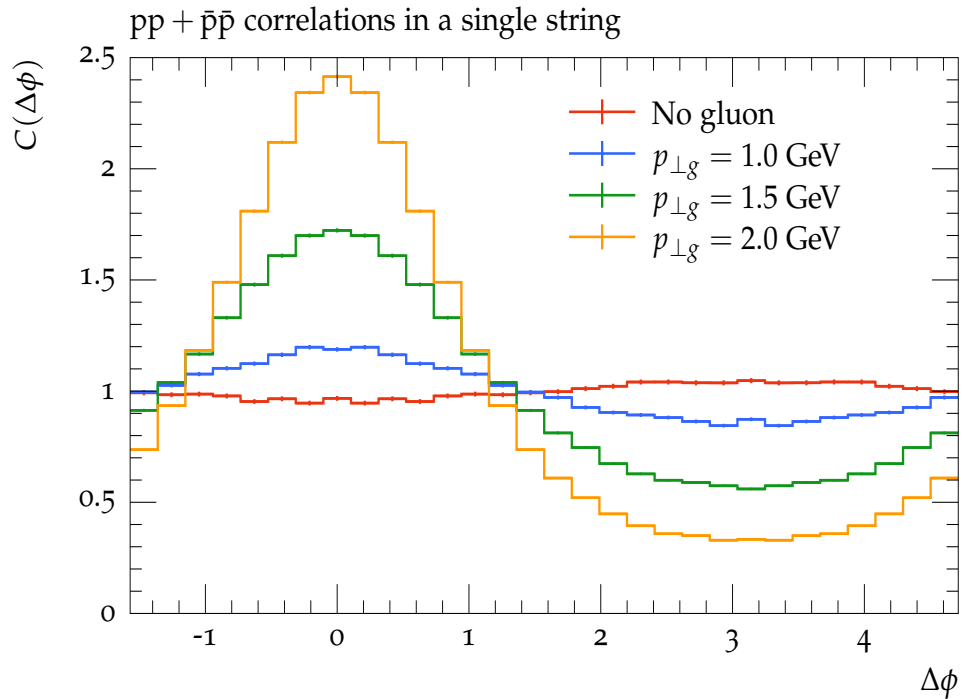
ALICE results: ALICE Collab., Eur. Phys. J. C77 (2017) 569

Pythia fails to reproduce baryon correlations.

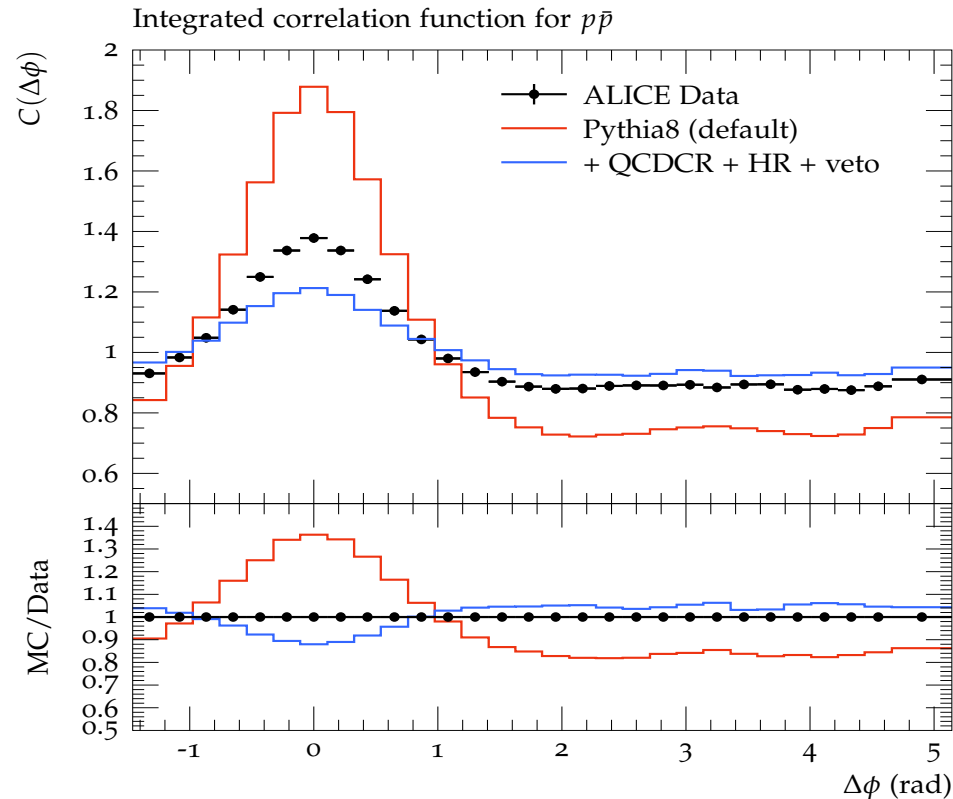
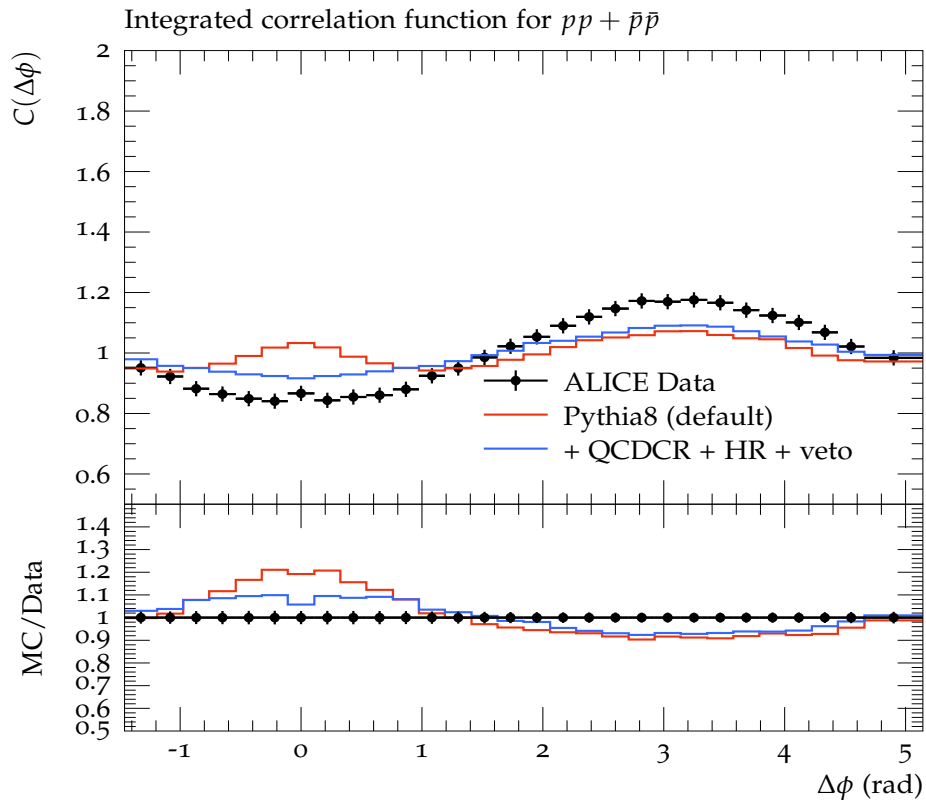
Results: Pythia with QCD colour reconnection and hadronic rescattering



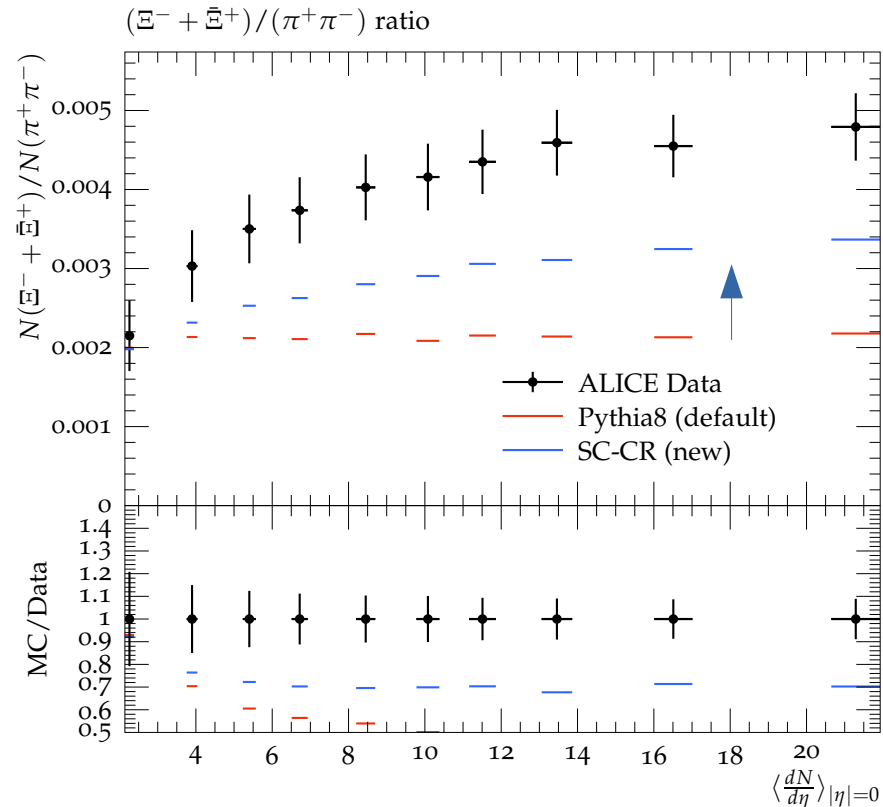
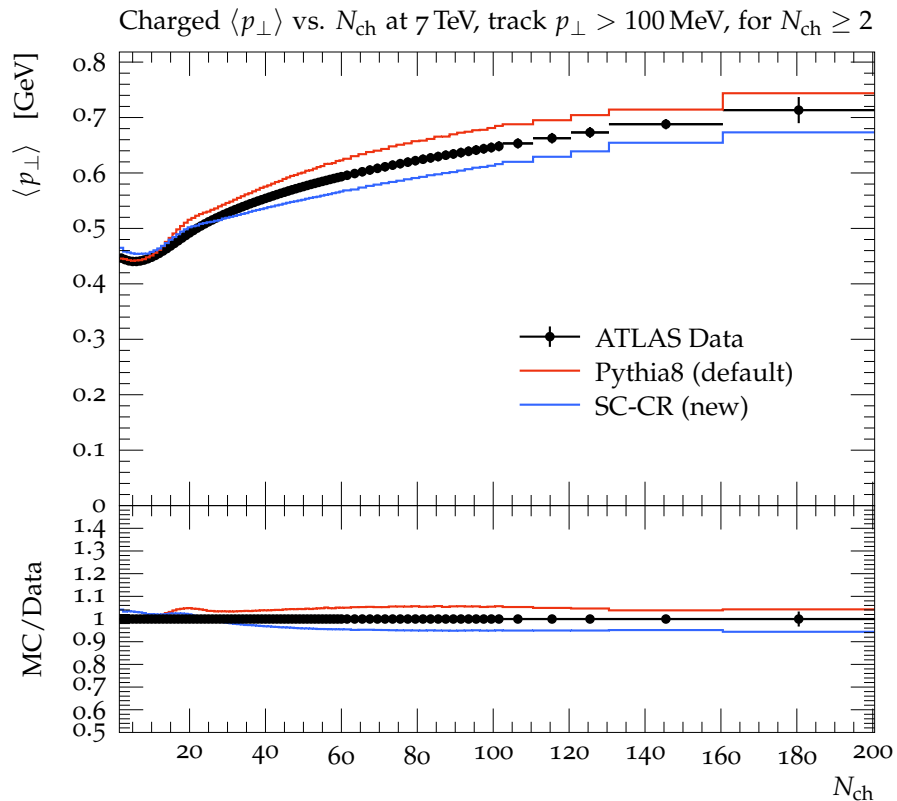
Role of gluons in baryon correlations



Results: Pythia with suppressed baryon production near gluon kinks



Results: Avg. Pt and baryon-to-meson ratio in pp collisions with spatially constrained CR



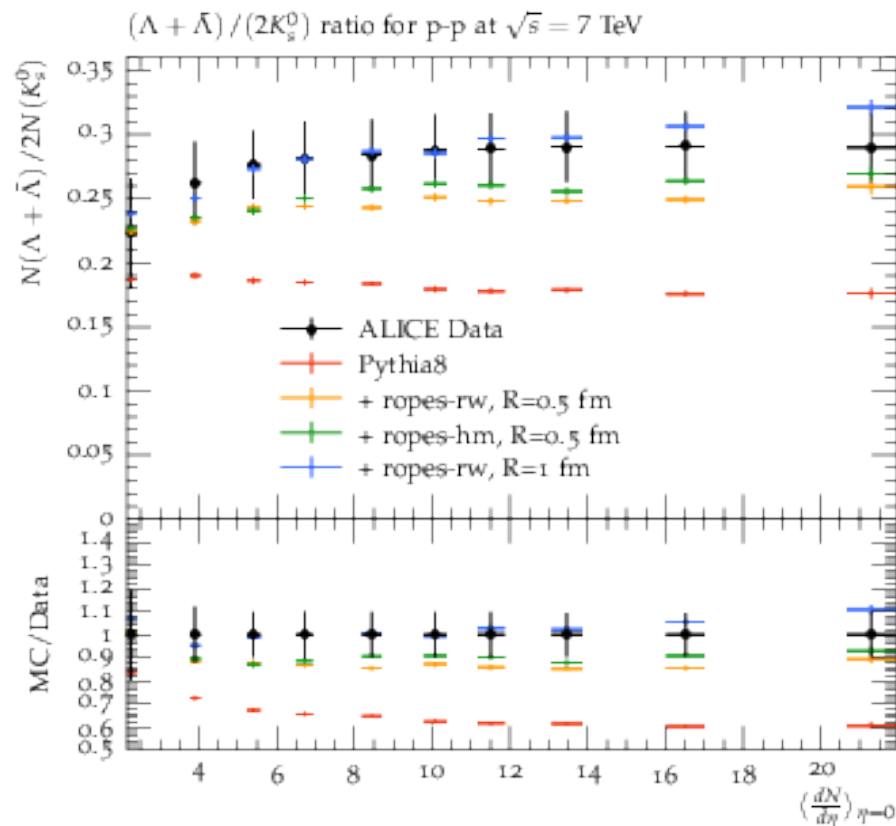
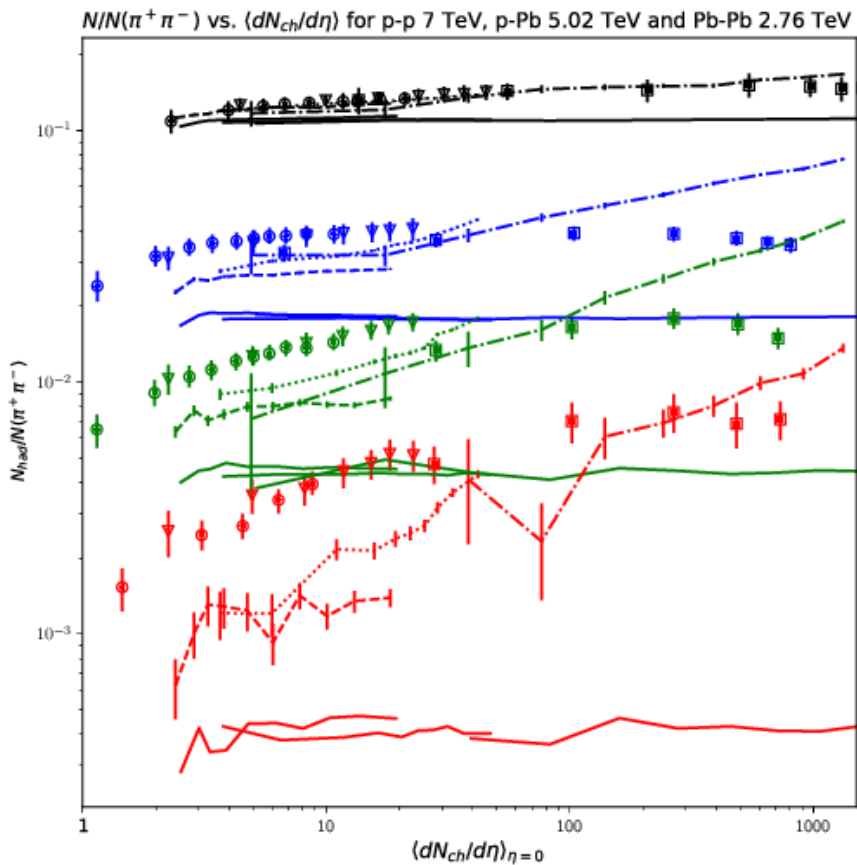
String Shoving and Rope Hadronization

arXiv:2010.07595, 1710.09725

arXiv:2205.11170

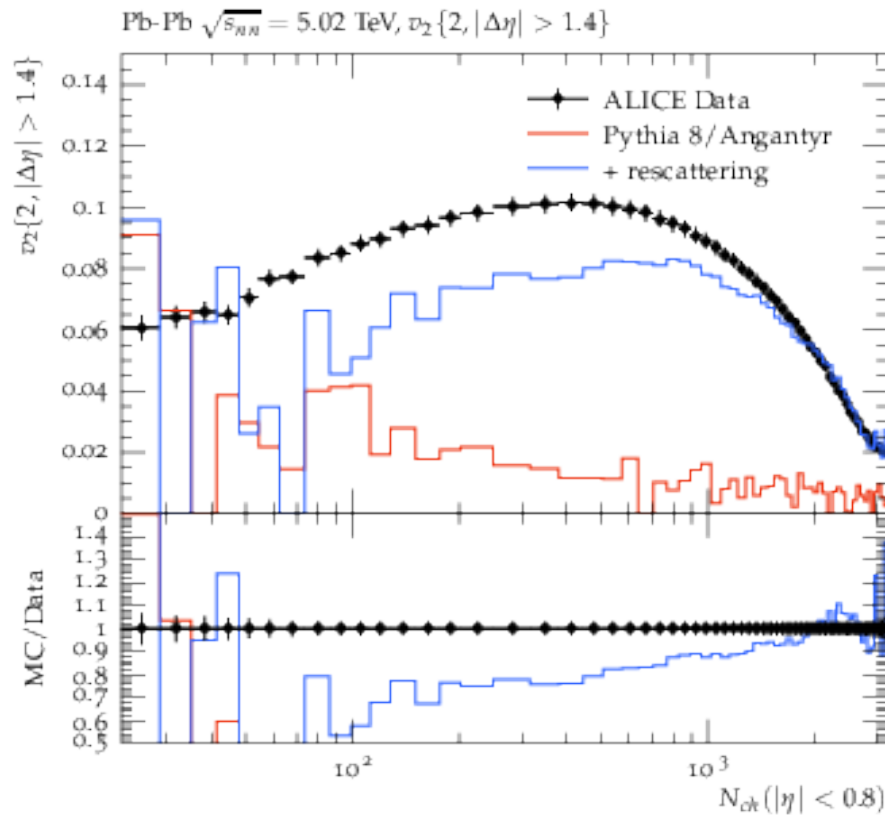
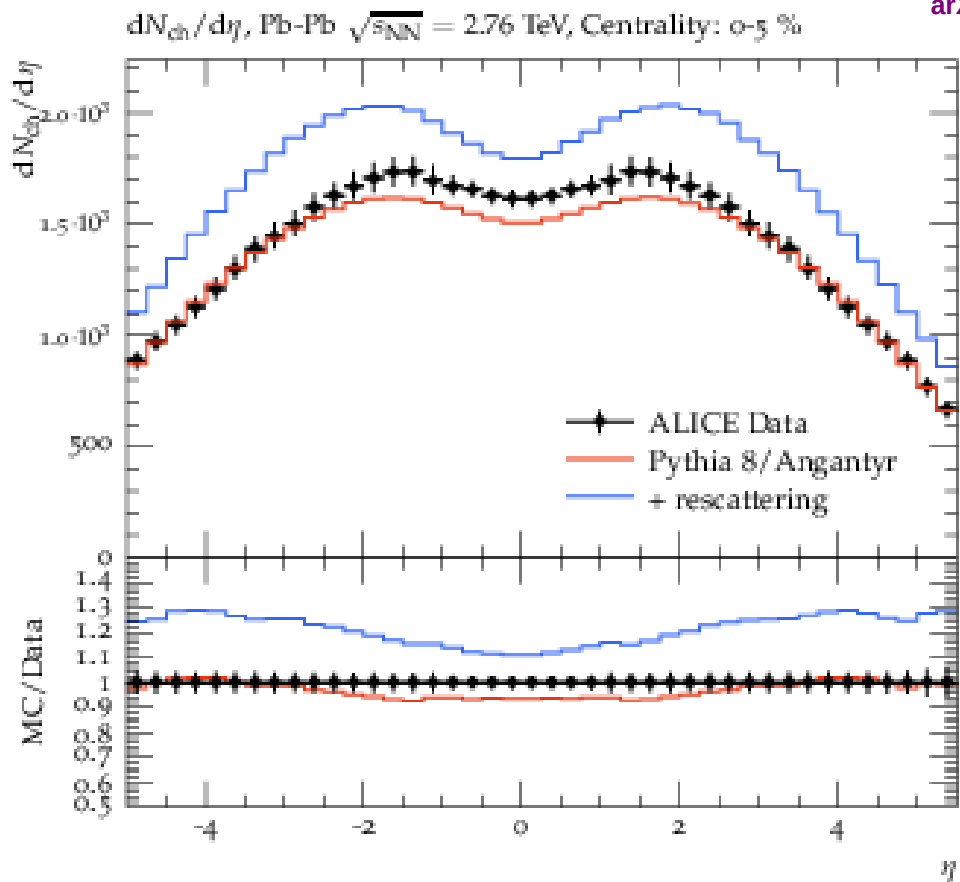
- The colour strings can push each other in the transverse direction;
- They can contribute to collective flow;
- The overlapping colour strings can also form a colour rope and increase the string tension;
- The increased string tension results into higher probability for heavier quarks production during the string fragmentation, namely strangeness enhancement.
- The string shoving is tested in pp collisions, and its full integration with the Angantyr model is a work in progress. See **backup slides** for some results from string shoving and collectivity in pp collisions.

Results: Strangeness enhancement due to Rope Hadronization [arXiv:2205.11170](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.11170)



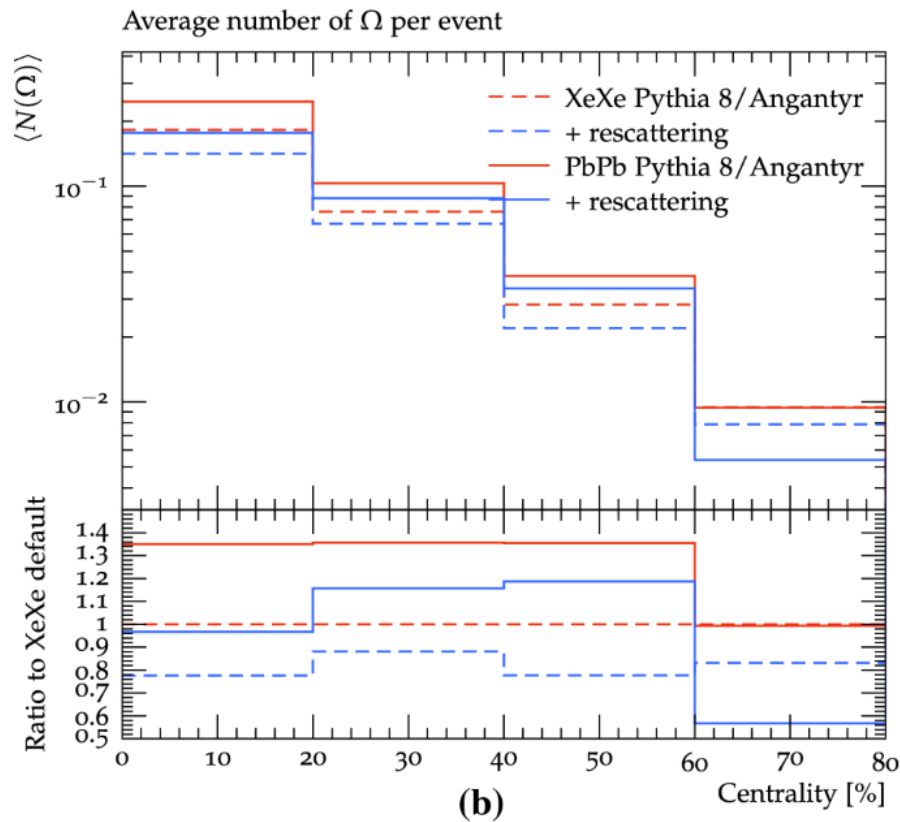
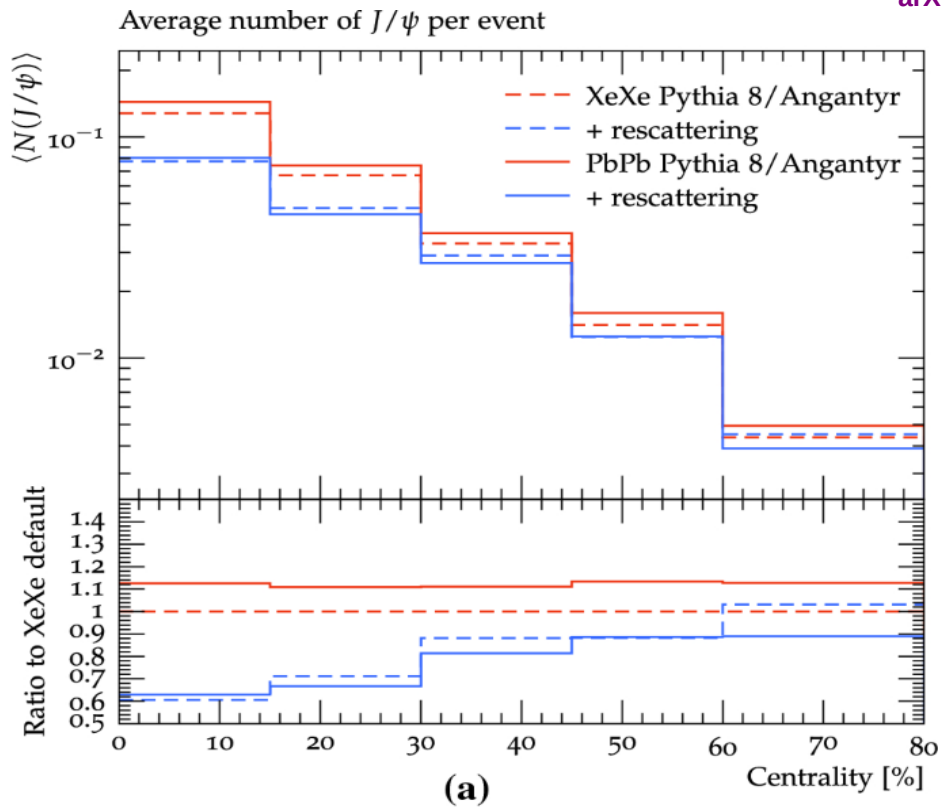
Results: Hadronic Rescattering

arXiv:2103.09665 [hep-ph]

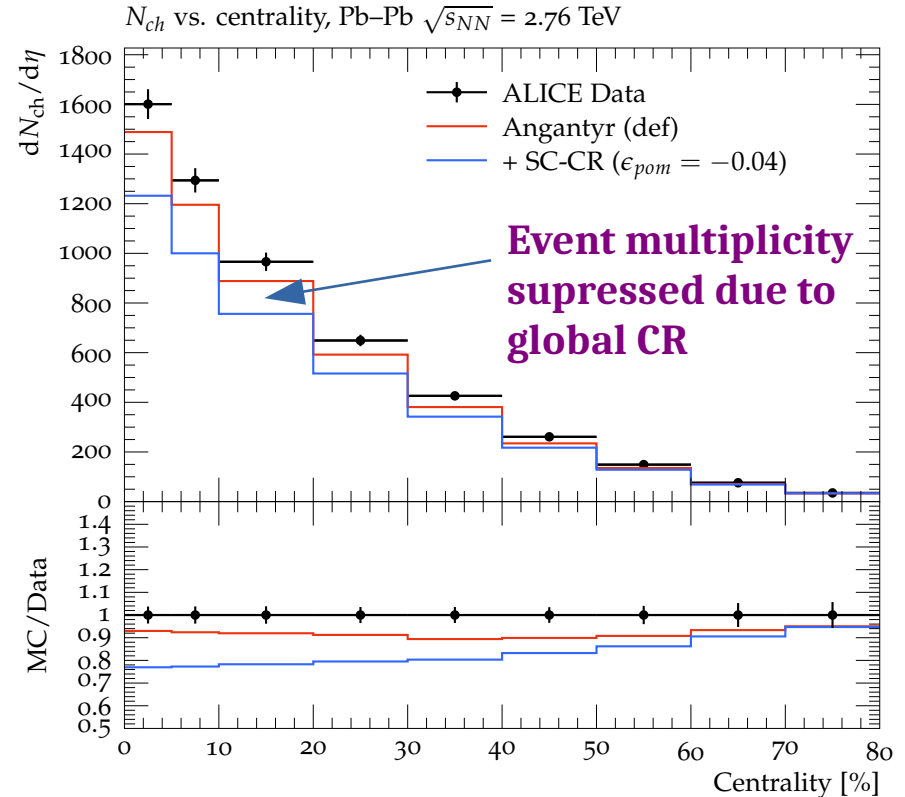
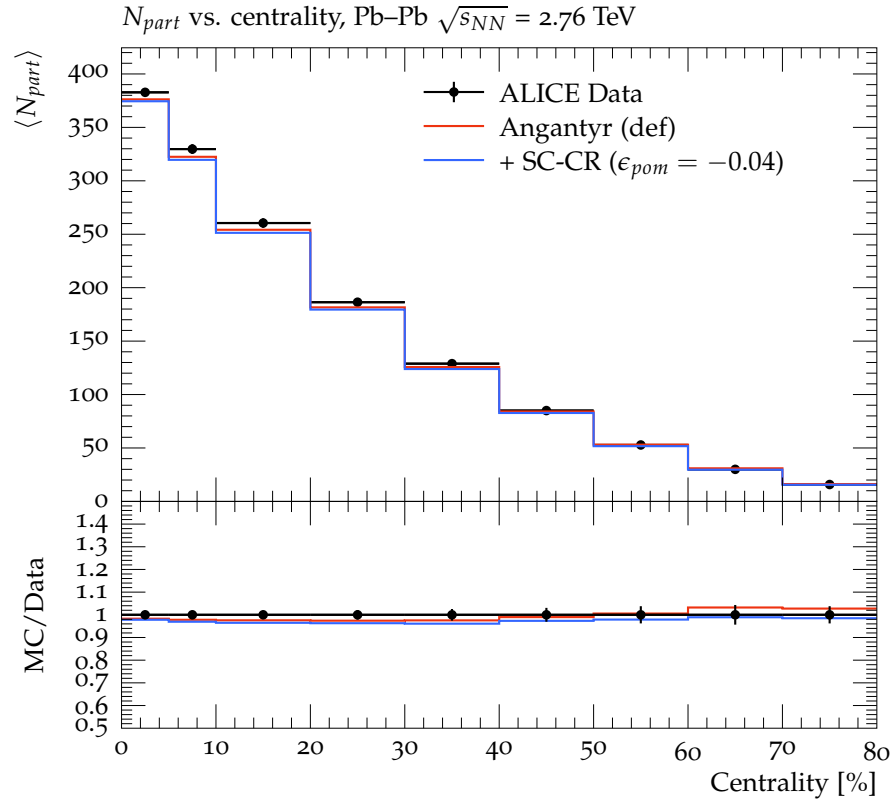


Results: Hadronic rescattering

arXiv:2103.09665 [hep-ph]

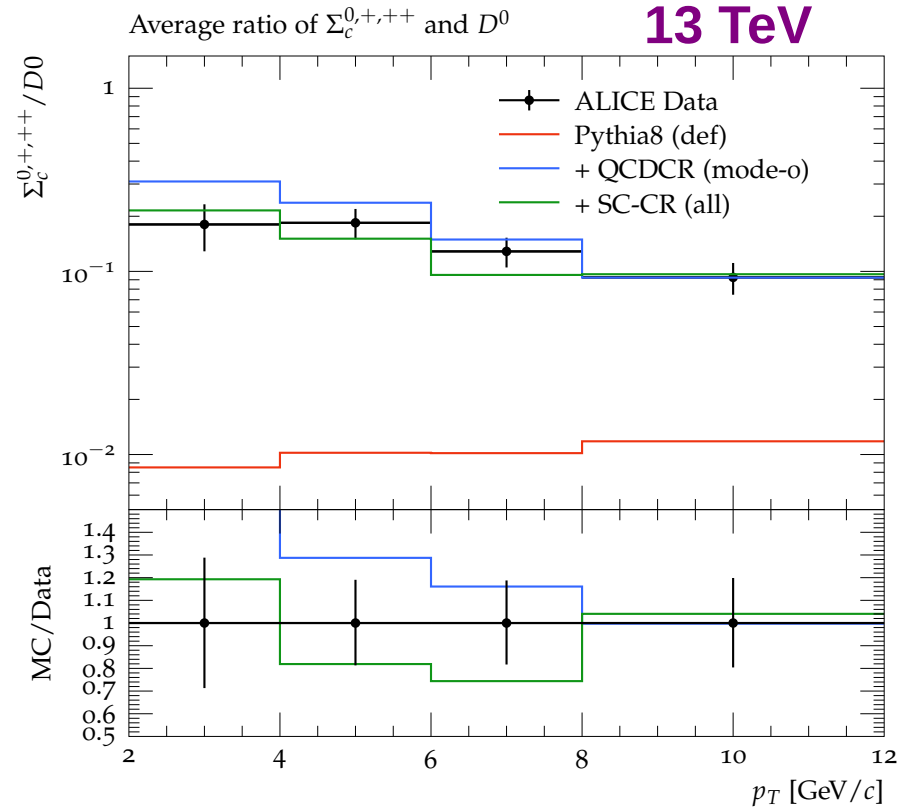
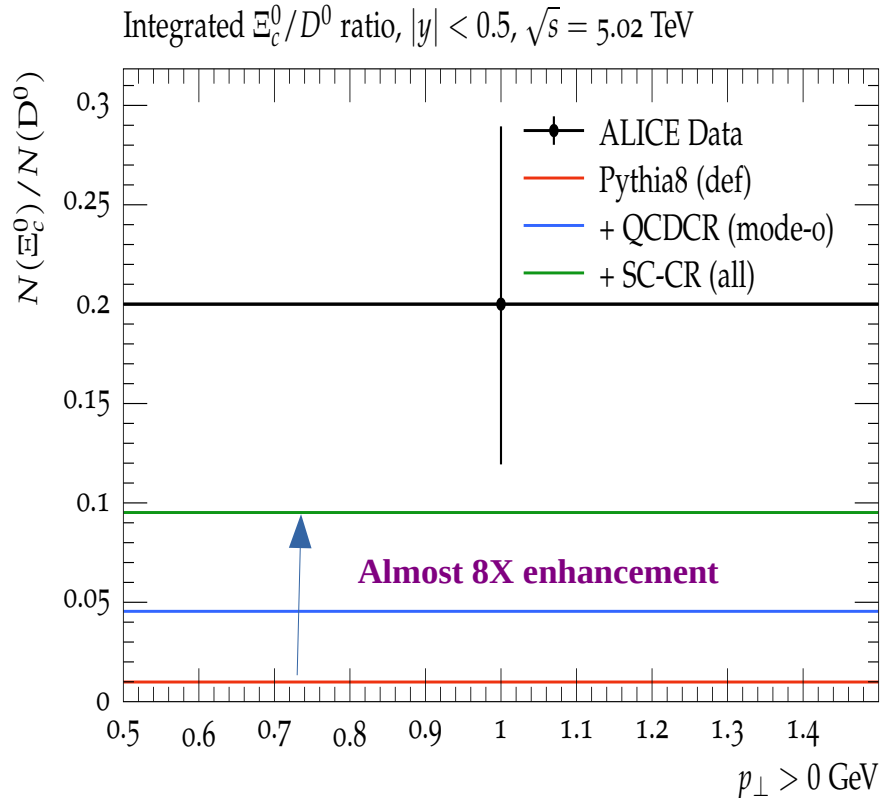


Results: Global CR effects in PbPb collisions

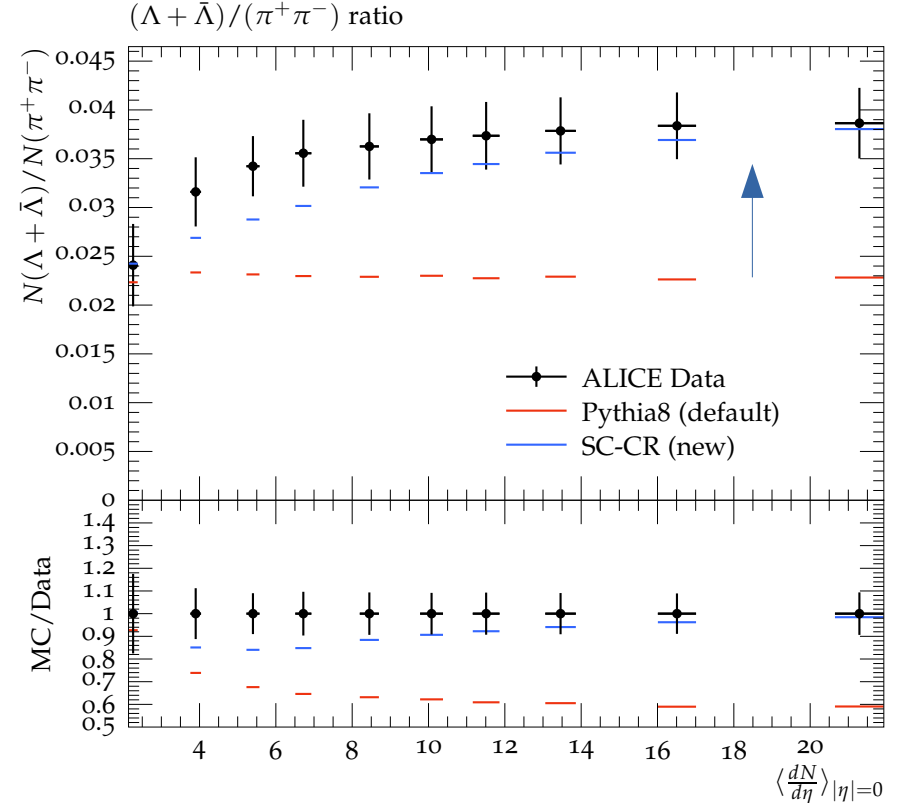
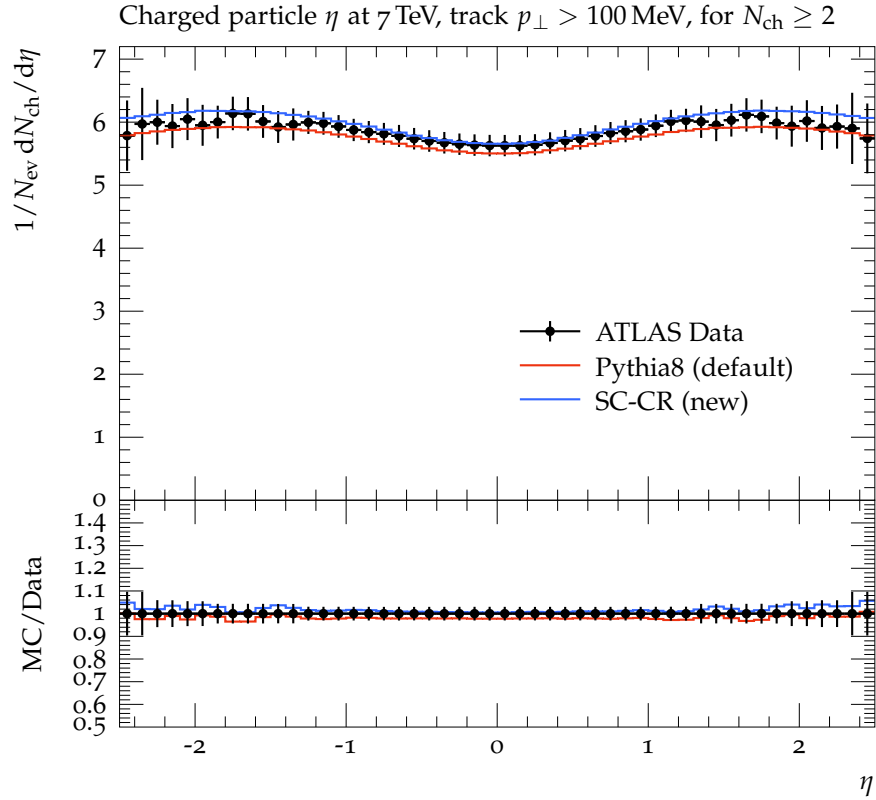


Results: Baryon-to-meson ratio in pp collisions

arXiv:2309.12452



Results: pp collisions



Publications for detailed information

The Angantyr Model:

Christian Bierlich, Gösta Gustafson, Leif Lönnblad, and Harsh Shah
arXiv:2303.11747, 1806.10820, 1607.04434

String Shoving and Rope Hadronization:

Christian Bierlich, Smita Chakraborty, Gösta Gustafson, and Leif Lönnblad, also ALICE publications
ArXiv: 2205.11170, 2101.03110, 2010.07595, 1710.09725, 1412.6259

Hadronic Rescattering:

Christian Bierlich, Torbjörn Sjöstrand, and Marius Uthm
ArXiv:2103.09665, 2005.05658, 2002.10236, 1808.04619

QCD Colour reconnection and Heavy Flavour in Pythia

Javir Altmann, Jesper Christiansen, Leif Lönnblad, Peter Skands, and Harsh Shah
arXiv:2404.12040, 2309.12452, 1505.01681

Pythia8 Manual:

arXiv: 2203.11601

References within these papers