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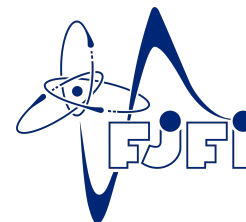
# Heavy-flavour projections for pA and flow decorrelation predictions for PbA with ALICE-FT setup

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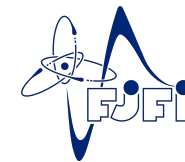
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# Fixed-target experiment at LHC



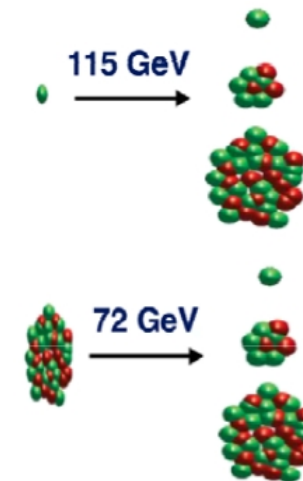
## → Energy range

7 TeV proton beam on a fixed target

<b>c.m.s. energy:</b> $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2m_N E_p} \approx 115 \text{ GeV}$	<b>Rapidity shift:</b> $y_{c.m.s.} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.8$
<b>Boost:</b> $\gamma = \sqrt{s} / (2m_N) \approx 60$	

2.76 TeV Pb beam on a fixed target

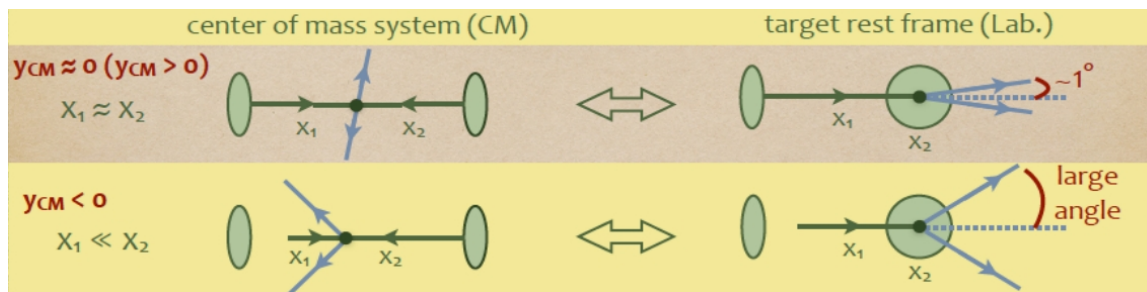
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<b>Boost:</b> $\gamma \approx 40$	



- $\sqrt{s}$  in-between SPS and top RHIC

## → Effect of boost

- Entire forward hemisphere,  $y_{c.m.s.} > 0$ , within 1 degree
- Easy access to (very) large backward rapidity range,  $y_{c.m.s.} < 0$
- And large parton momentum fraction  $x_2 \rightarrow 1$  ( $x_F \rightarrow -1$ )



$$[|x_F| \equiv \frac{|p_z|}{p_{z \max}} \rightarrow 1]$$

# ALICE-FT setup



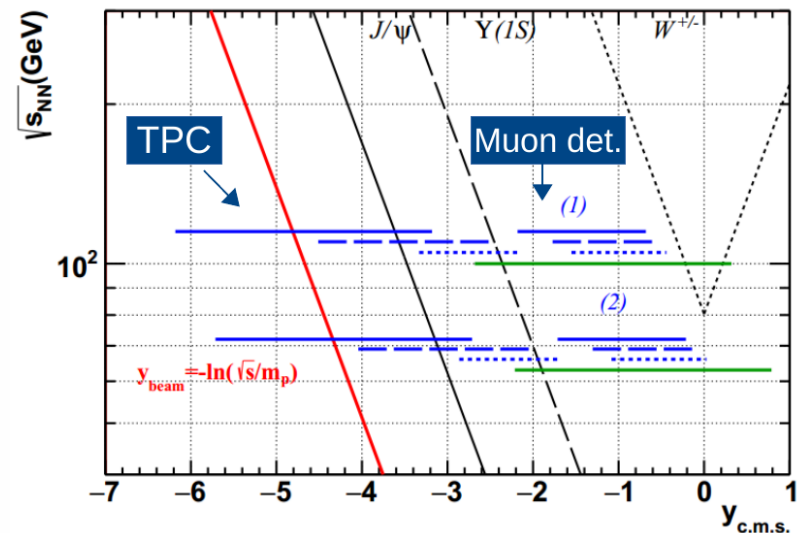
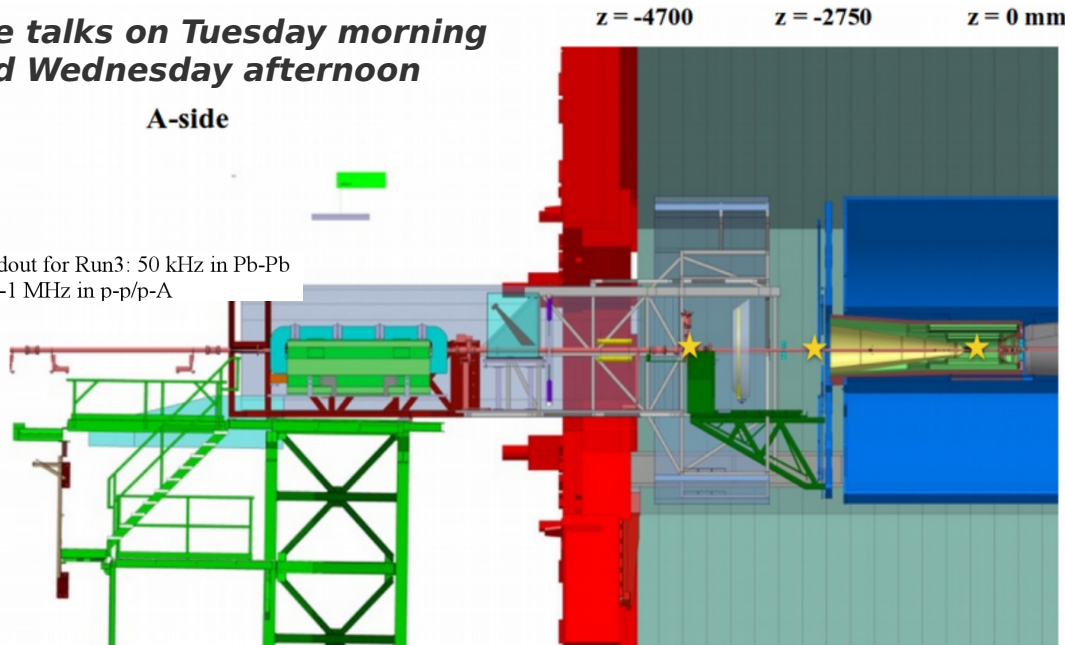
## → Beam splitting with bent crystal + internal target

- Crystal installed prior of the IP2, deviates the beam halo onto a target
- Target position:  $\sim 4.8$  m from the IP on A-side
- Various target type: from Be to W
- Target length from  $\sim 100\mu\text{m}$  to 1 cm
- **Feasibility studies ongoing**

See talks on Tuesday morning  
and Wednesday afternoon

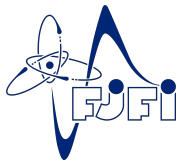
A-side

ALICE Readout for Run3: 50 kHz in Pb-Pb  
and 200kHz-1 MHz in p-p/p-A

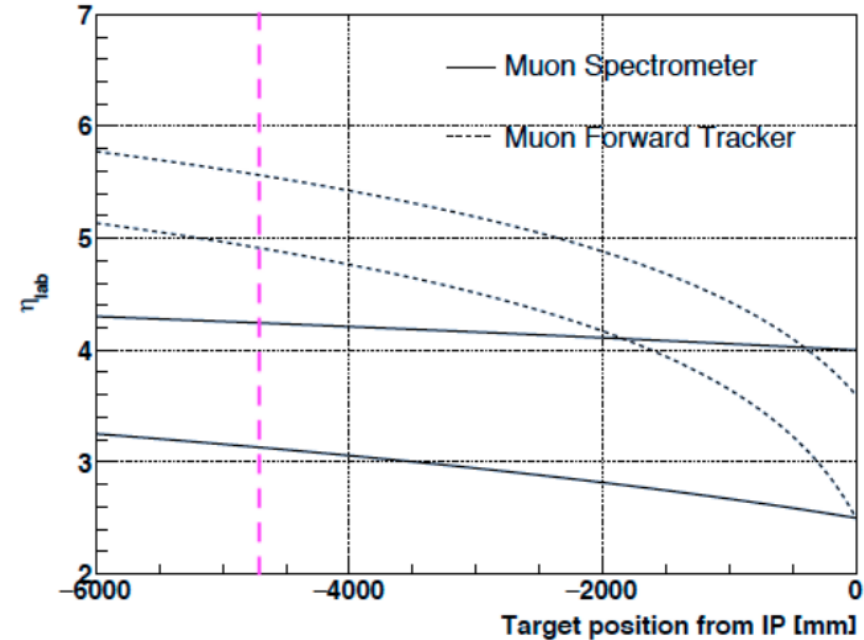
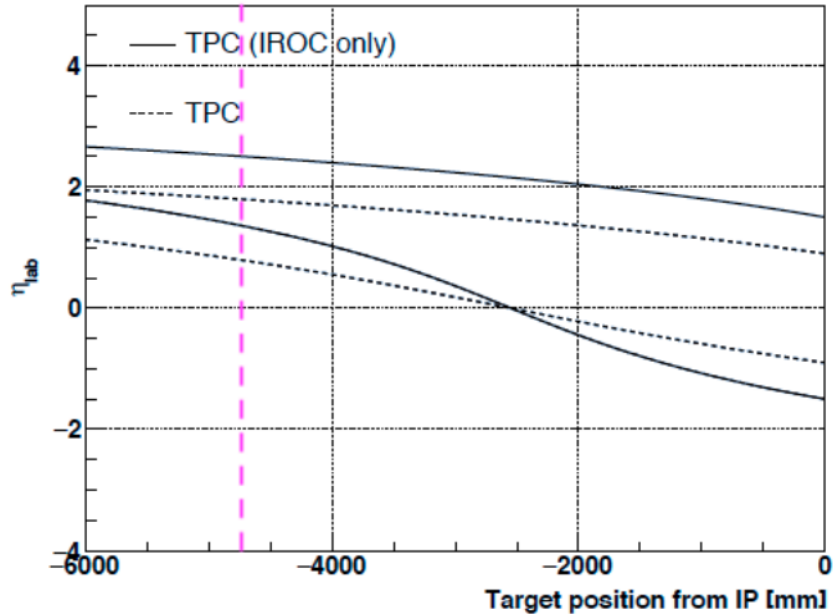


- Target  $z = 0$
- - - Target  $z = -2.75$  m
- ⋯ Target  $z = -4.7$  m
- LHCb, target  $z = 0$

# Acceptance vs target position

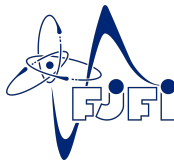


→ Acceptance vs target position for ALICE muon and TPC detectors



# **Open heavy-flavour projections**

# ALICE-FT Simulation setup



- Pythia 8 simulations, Monash 2013 tune, HardQCD, pp at 115 GeV
- Total  $c\bar{c}$  cross-section:  $2.29 \times 10^{-1}$  mb (HELAConia)
- Target at  $z = -4.7$  m from the nominal interaction point
- 1 cm long solid targets, C, Ti, W, with a vertex detector close to the target
- Rapidity coverage for D mesons in the ALICE central barrel:  $-3.5 < y_{\text{CMS}} < -2.3$
- $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$ , BR = 3.89%
- Efficiency x acceptance: 2%
- Event plane  $\Psi_2$  resolution for  $v_2$  studies  $\text{Res}(\Psi_2) = 0.2$
- Expected yearly integrated luminosities:

$$\text{p-C: } \int L_{\text{p-C}} = 1.12 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

$$\text{p-Ti: } \int L_{\text{p-Ti}} = 0.56 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

$$\text{p-W: } \int L_{\text{p-W}} = 0.64 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

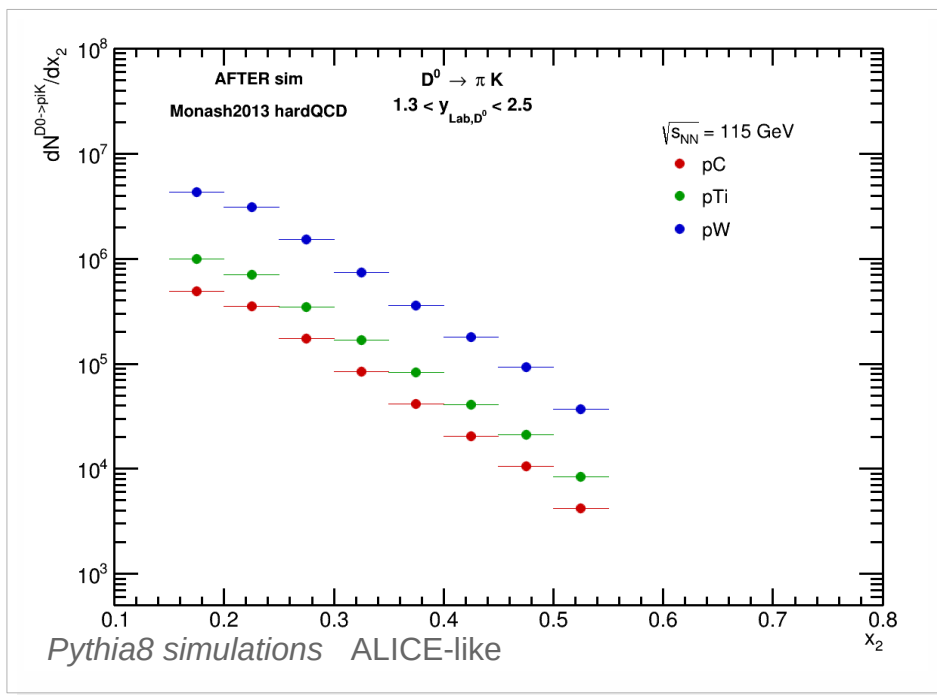
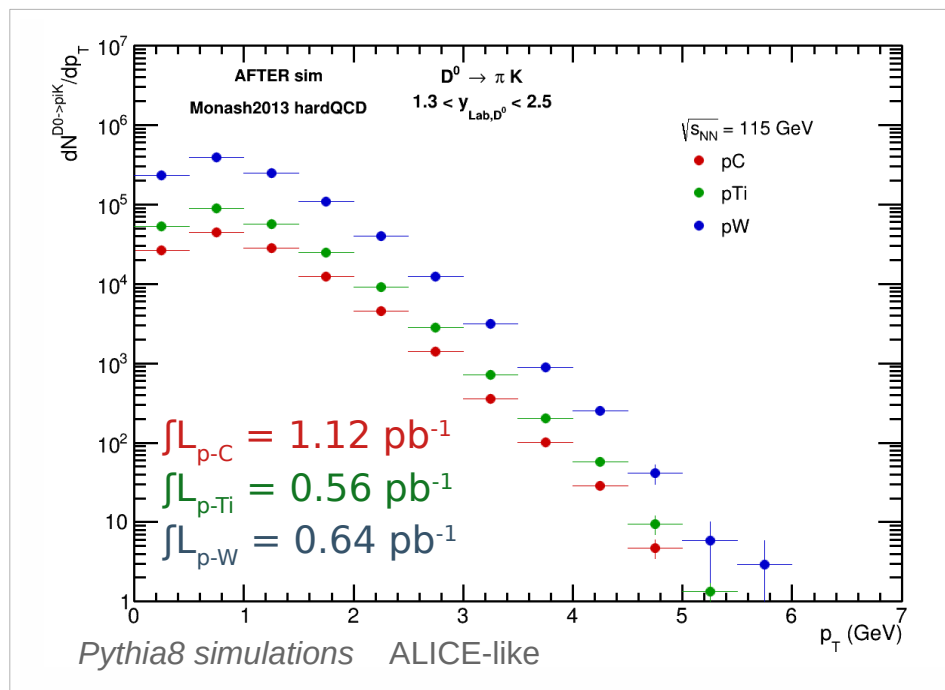
- Potential of measuring HF  $\mu$  with ALICE muon arms closer to mid-rapidity

# D<sup>0</sup> meson yields in pA

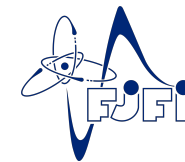


→ Gluon PDFs and nuclear PDFs now well known at large  $x > 0.1$

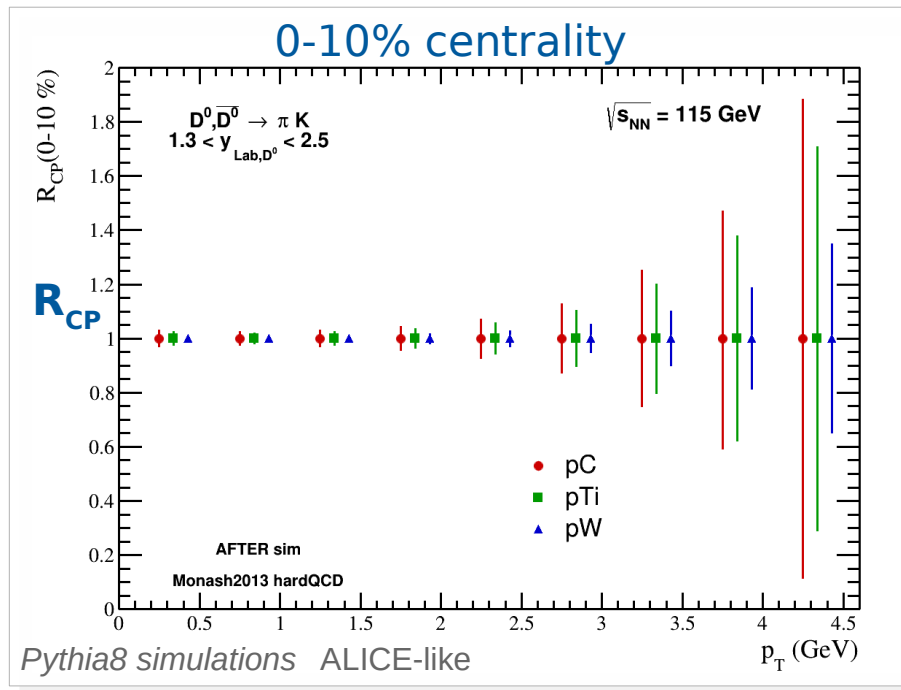
- Expected yearly yields for  $\underline{D}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$  in pA collisions at 115 GeV
- Precise measurements from  $p_T = 0$  up to  $\sim 5$  GeV/c
- $x_2$  coverage: 0.15 - 0.55



# D<sup>0</sup> meson R<sub>AA</sub> in pA



- pA collisions: Cold Nuclear Matter effects, possible collectivity in small systems
- Simultaneous measurements of D R<sub>AA</sub> and v<sub>2</sub> in different systems



- D<sup>0</sup> → π<sup>+</sup> K<sup>-</sup> and c.c. in p-A collisions at 115 GeV
- Nuclear modification factor,  $R_{CP} = N_{raw}^{central}/N_{raw}^{per}$
- Peripheral bin: 60-100%

$$N_{raw}^{D,cent} = \langle T_{pA} \rangle^{cent} \times \sigma_{pp}^D \times N_{evt}^{cent}$$

Per 10%-wide centrality bin:

25\*10<sup>9</sup> events

30\*10<sup>9</sup> events

80\*10<sup>9</sup> events

For 0-10% centrality

∫L<sub>p-C</sub> ≈ 92 nb<sup>-1</sup>

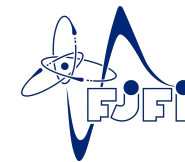
∫L<sub>p-Ti</sub> ≈ 43 nb<sup>-1</sup>

∫L<sub>p-W</sub> ≈ 47 nb<sup>-1</sup>

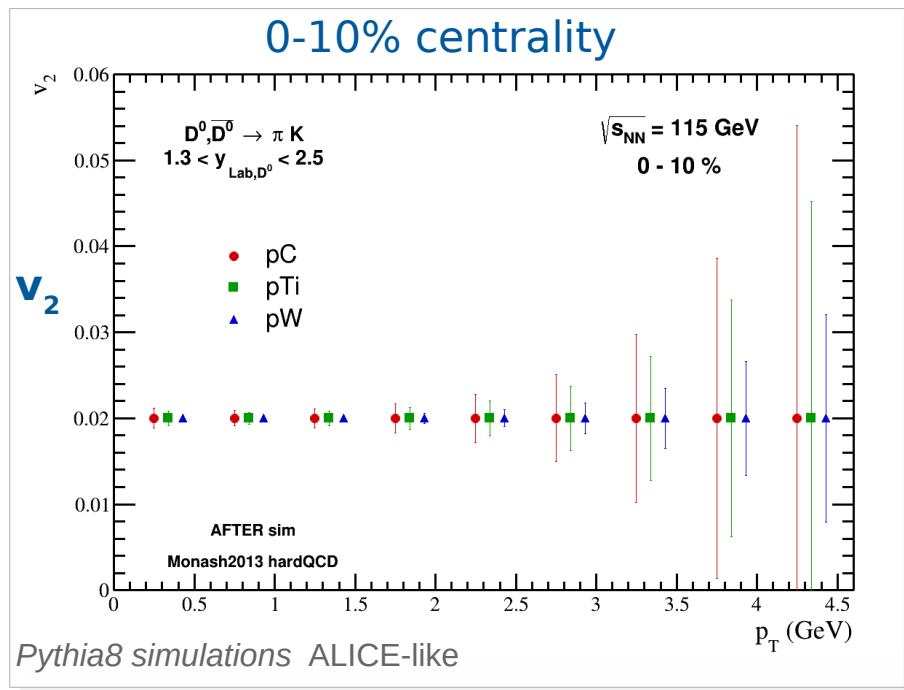
- Similar precision expected in 10-20, 20-40% centrality intervals



# D<sup>0</sup> meson v<sub>2</sub> in pA – 0-10%



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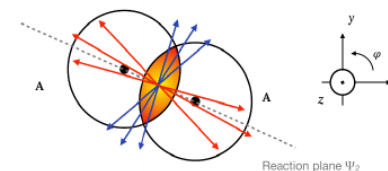
Azimuthal momentum space anisotropy of particle emission

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})) \right)$$

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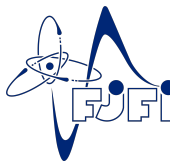
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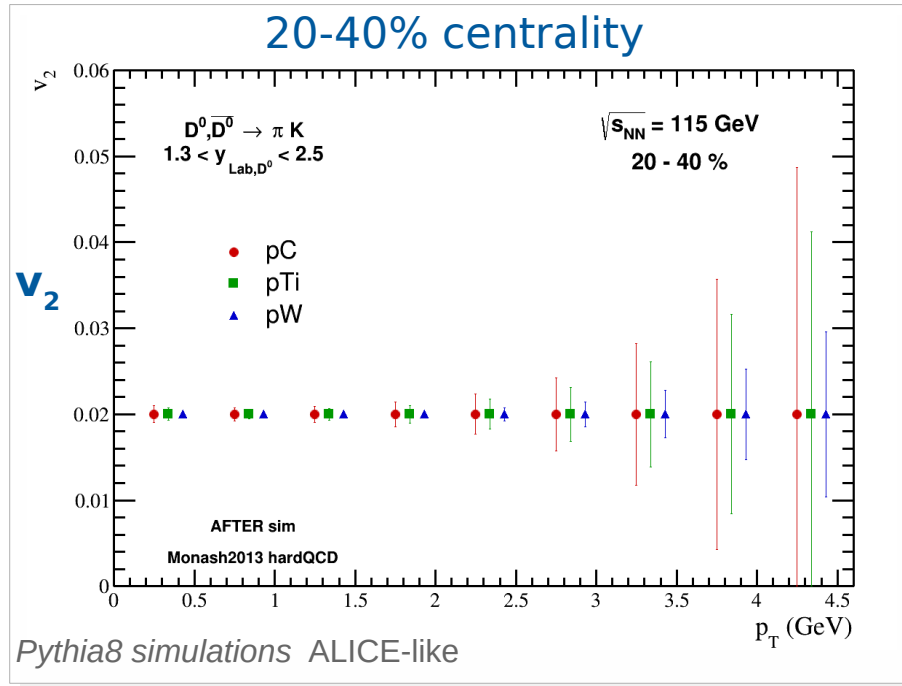
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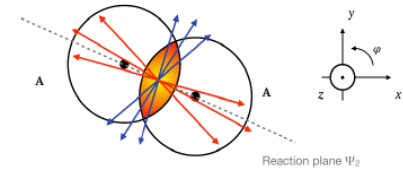
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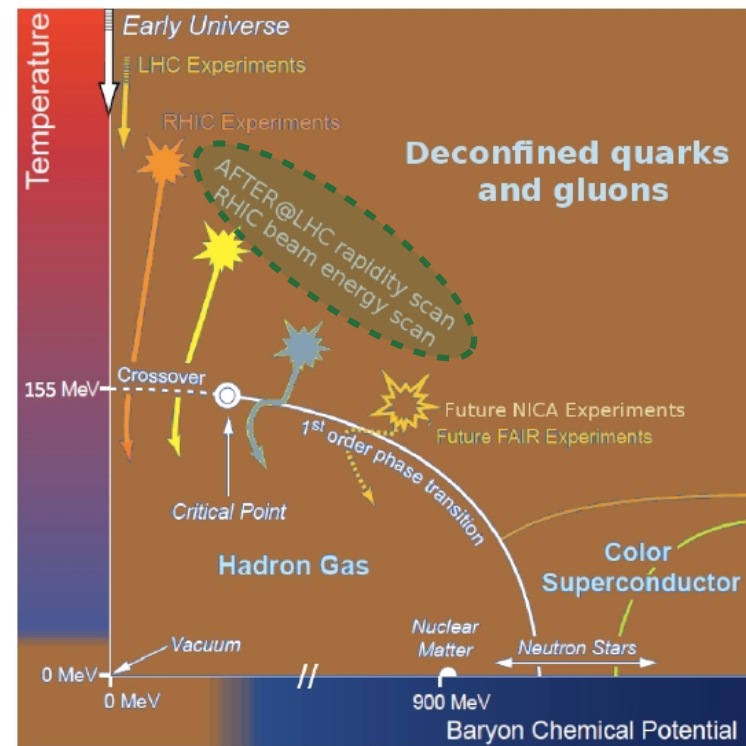
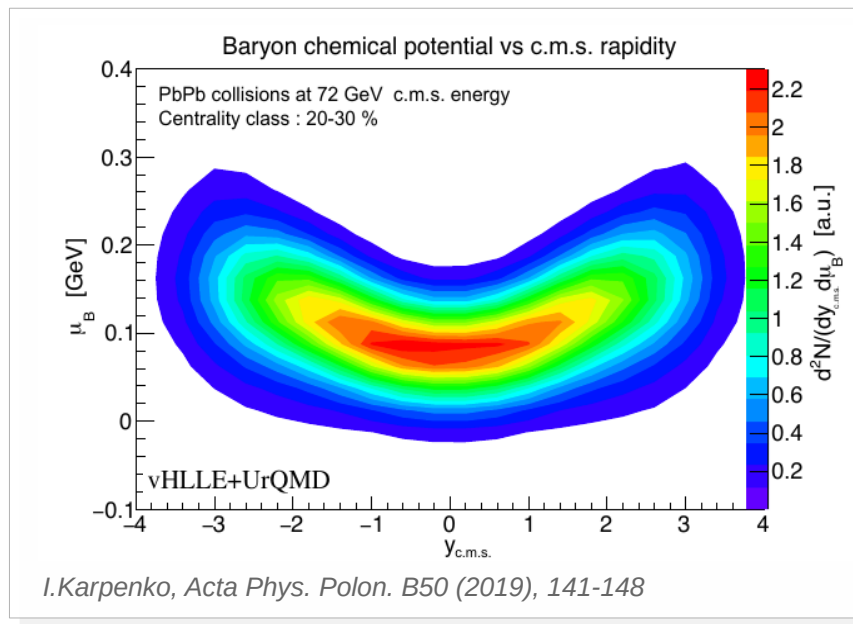
# Anisotropic flow decorrelation

**Jakub Cimerman**, Iurii Karpenko, Boris Tomasik, BT  
*arXiv: 2104.08022*

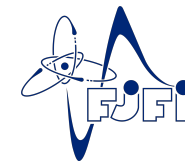
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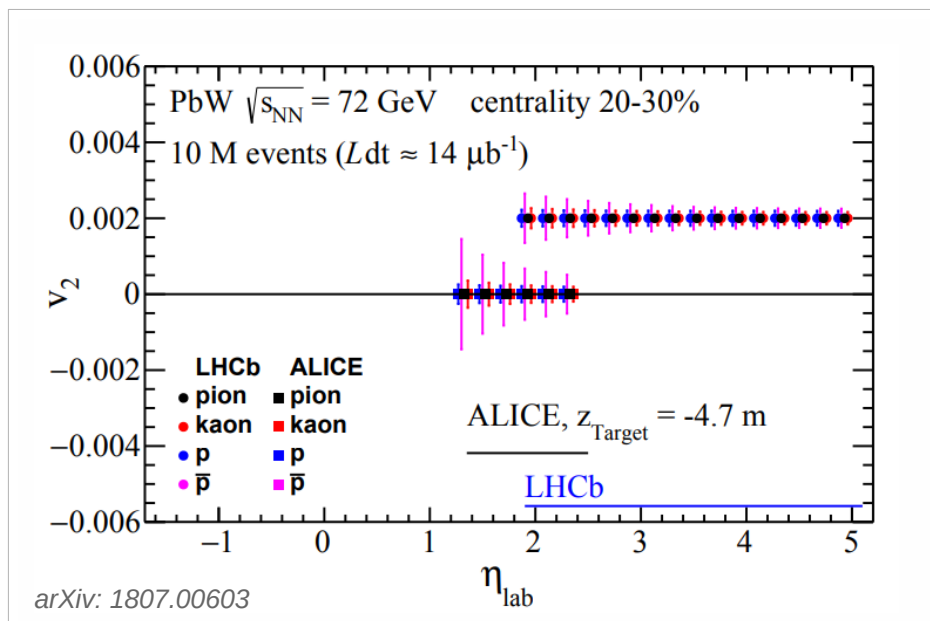
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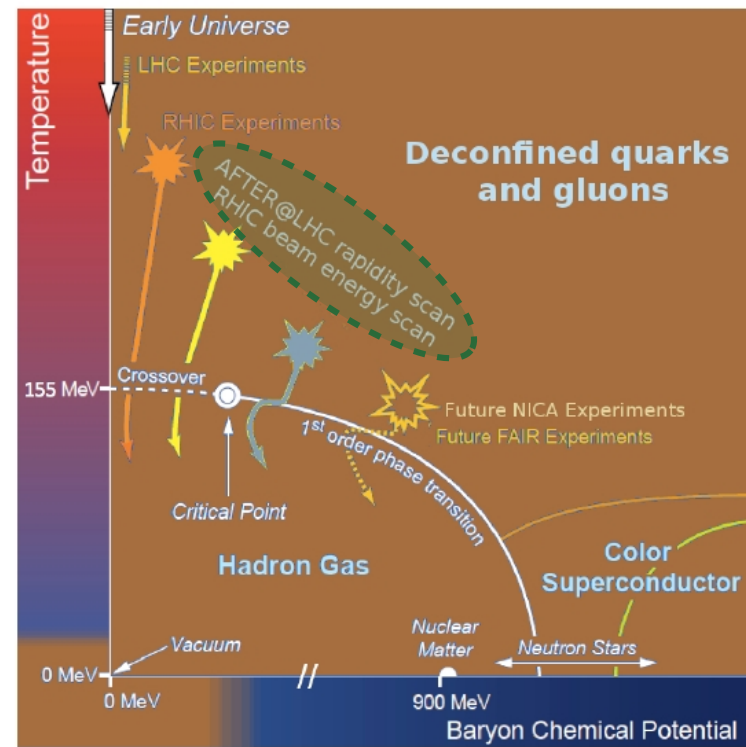
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→  $v_n$  vs  $y$  → determination of  $\eta/s$  temperature dependence

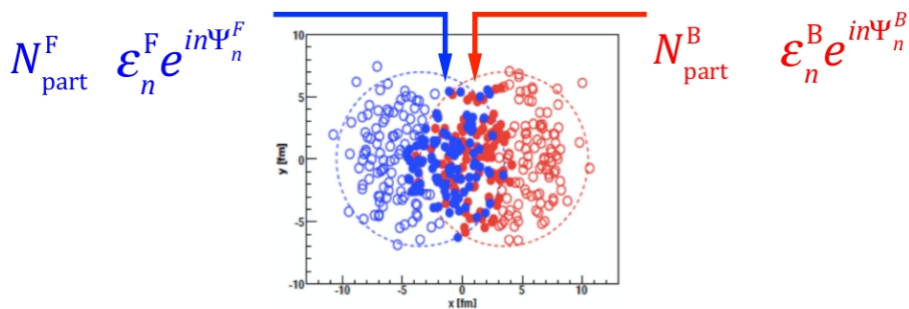


# Longitudinal flow decorrelation

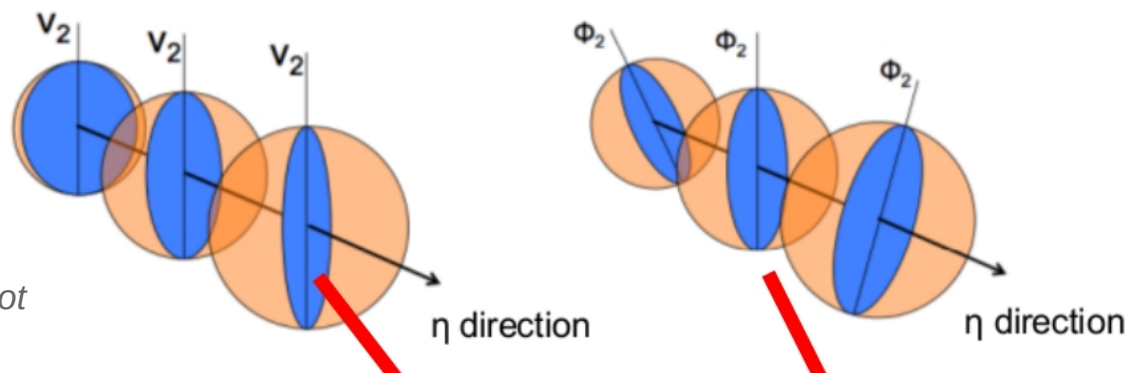


## → Longitudinal dynamics of heavy-ion collisions

- Modeling: full (3+1)D QGP evolution, source fluctuations
- Longitudinal fluctuations → EbE flow fluctuations in magnitude and direction
- Information about initial state
- Long. structure of flow → transport properties of QGP, *Phys.Rev. C 98, 024913 (2018)*



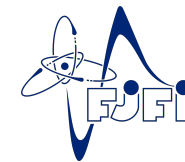
Forward & backward going participant distributions are not symmetric



Also, linear twist of the event-plane angle  $\Psi_n(\eta)$  in the longitudinal direction was suggested in CGC model

S.Mohapatra,  
QM17

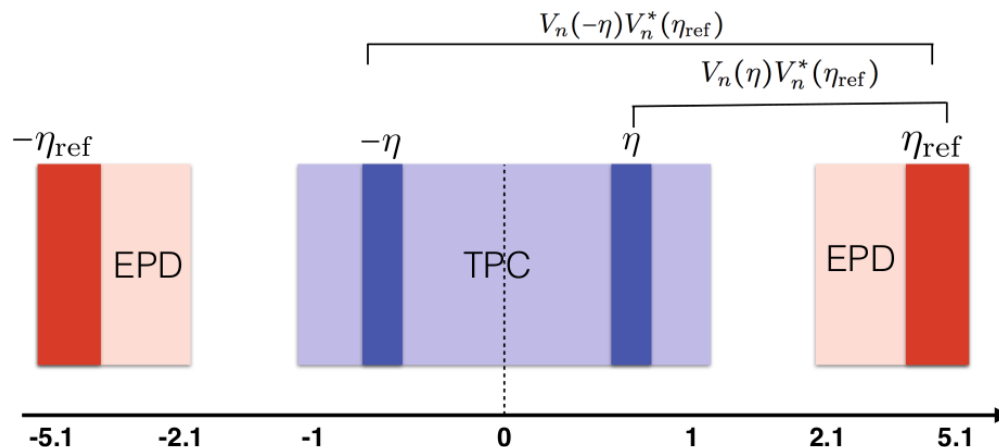
# Factorization ratio $r_n$



→ Factorization ratio  $r_n$  - measure of flow decorrelation

$$r_n(\eta) = \frac{\langle q_n(-\eta)q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}{\langle q_n(\eta)q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}$$

$$r_n(\eta) = \frac{\langle v_n(-\eta)v_n(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \cos[n(\Psi_n(-\eta) - \Psi_n(\eta_{\text{ref}}))] \rangle}{\langle v_n(\eta)v_n(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \cos[n(\Psi_n(\eta) - \Psi_n(\eta_{\text{ref}}))] \rangle}$$

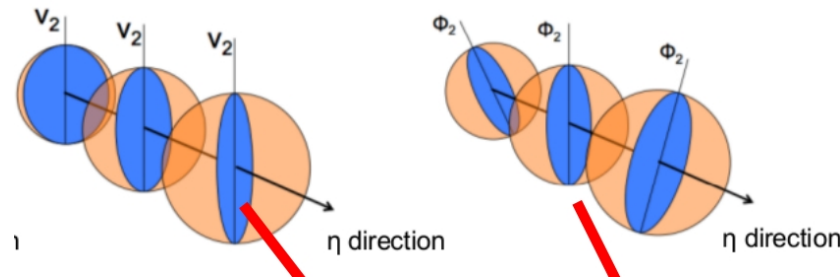


A large  $\eta$  gap is imposed to avoid short-range correlations.

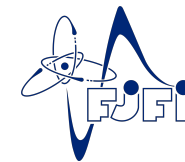
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→ Two effects:

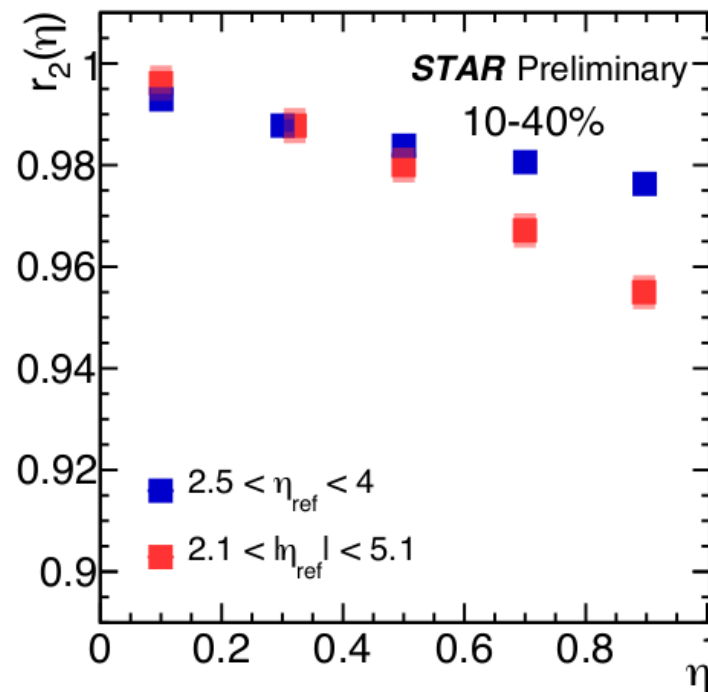
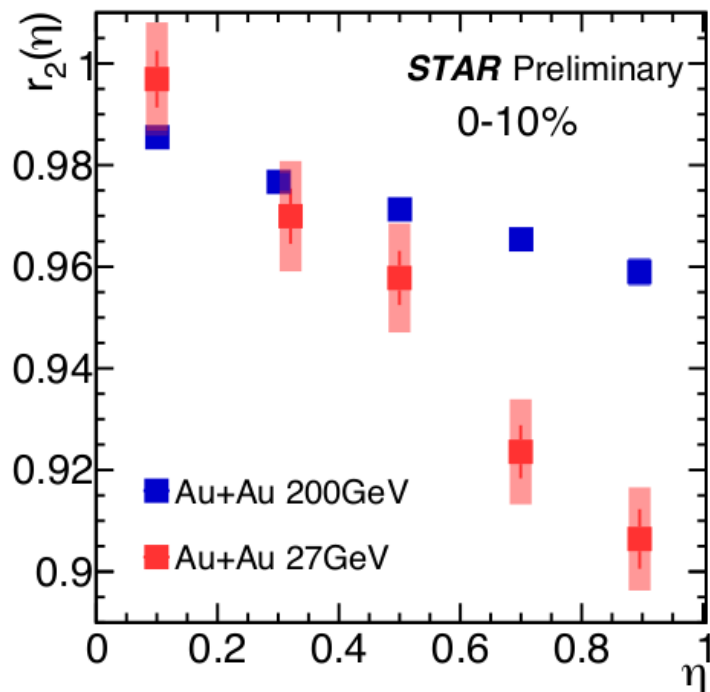
- flow magnitude decorrelation
- flow angle decorrelation



# Flow decorrelation factorization



- **STAR:**  $r_2, r_3$  measured at 200 and 27 GeV
  - Stronger decorrelation with decreasing energy



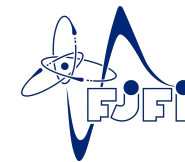
## → LHC:

- CMS: Phys. Rev. C92 (3) (2015) 034911, ATLAS: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:142

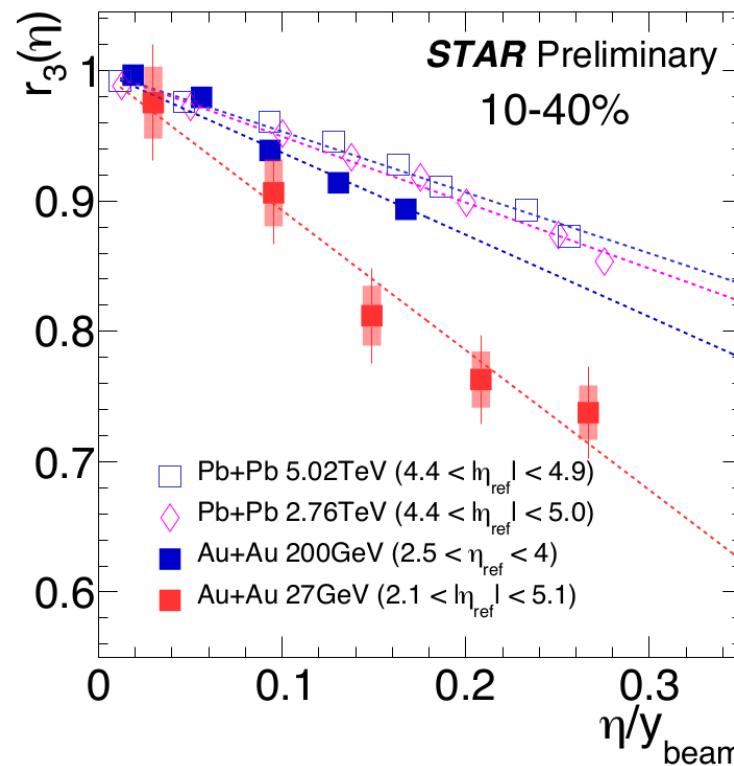
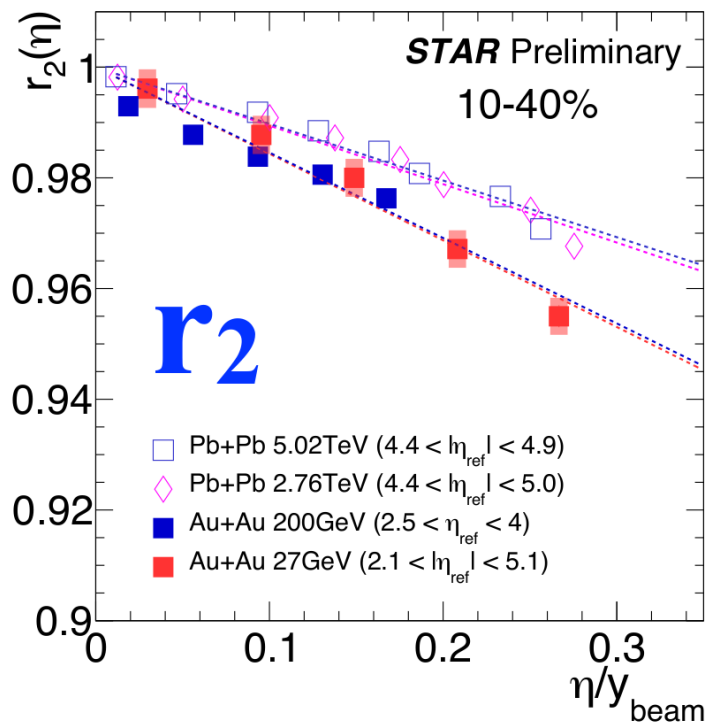
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# Flow decorrelation factorization(2)



- **STAR**:  $r_2, r_3$  measured at 200 and 27 GeV
- Scaling of  $r_2$  vs  $\eta/y_{\text{beam}}$  not understood



- **Energy and system size studies of interest**

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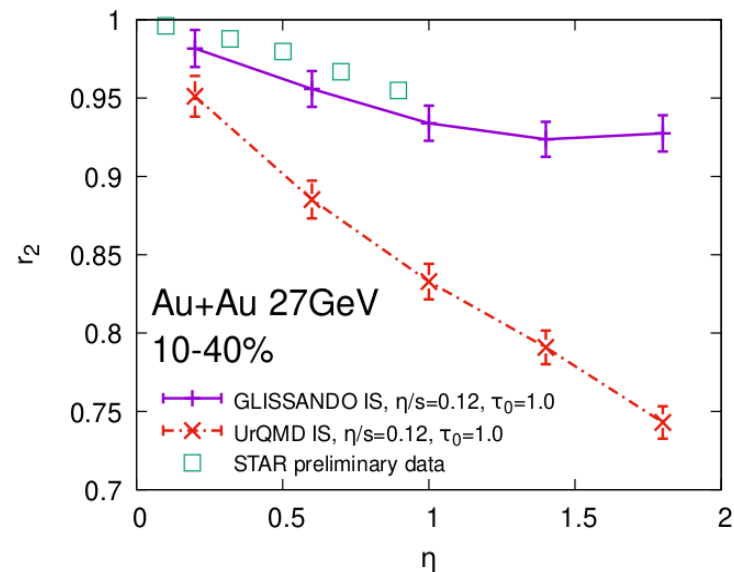
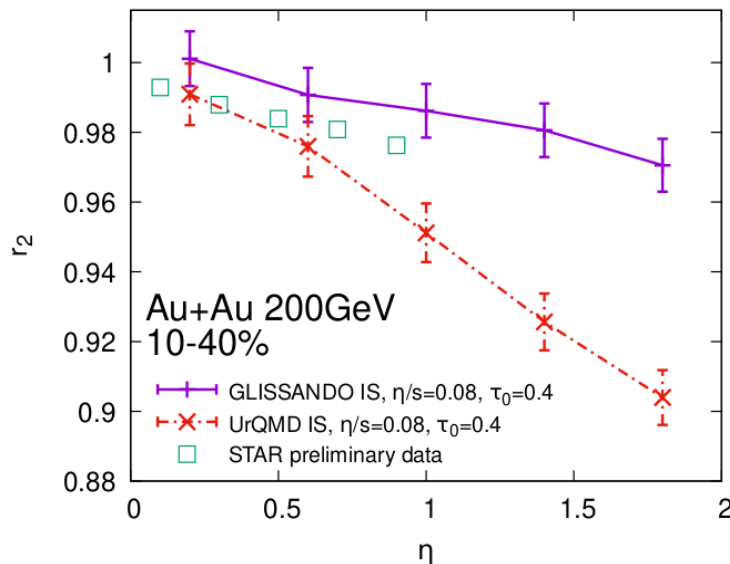
# Decorrelation with hydro model



## → Event-by-event viscous hydrodynamic model

- Initial states: UrQMD and 3D GLISSANDO 2, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 41, 255 (1998), *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 185, 1759 (2014), 1310.5475
- 3D viscous code: vHLLE, *Phys. Rev. C* 91, 064901 (2015), 1502.01978
- Hadronic rescatterings: UrQMD cascade
- Model tuned on basics observable from RHIC at 27 and 62 GeV and 200 GeV, *Phys. Rev. C* 103, 034902 (2021)

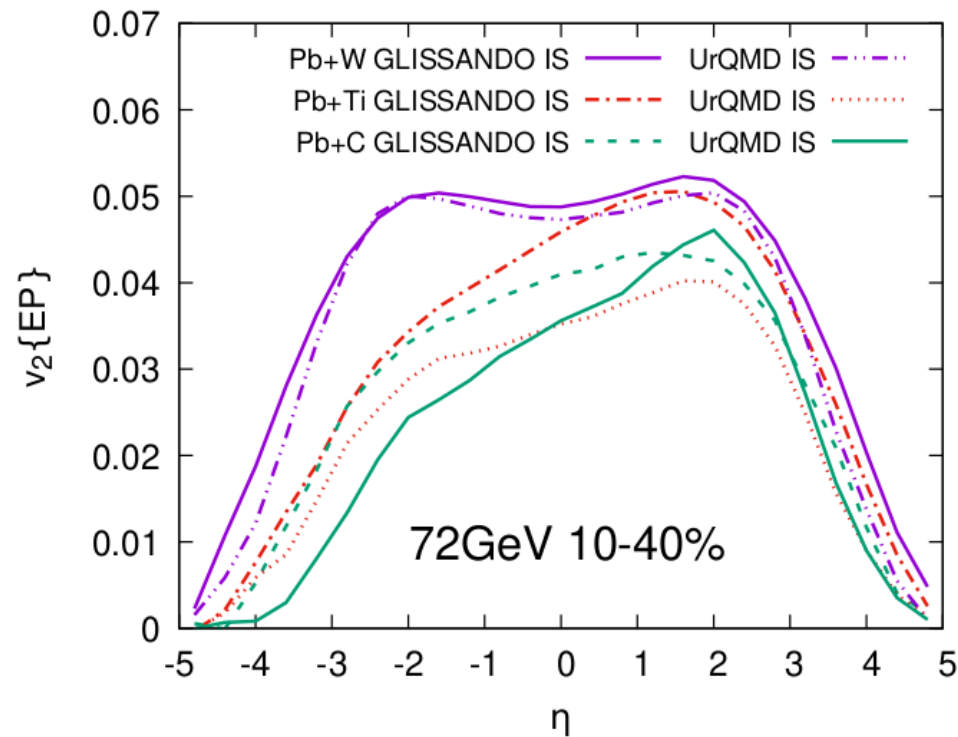
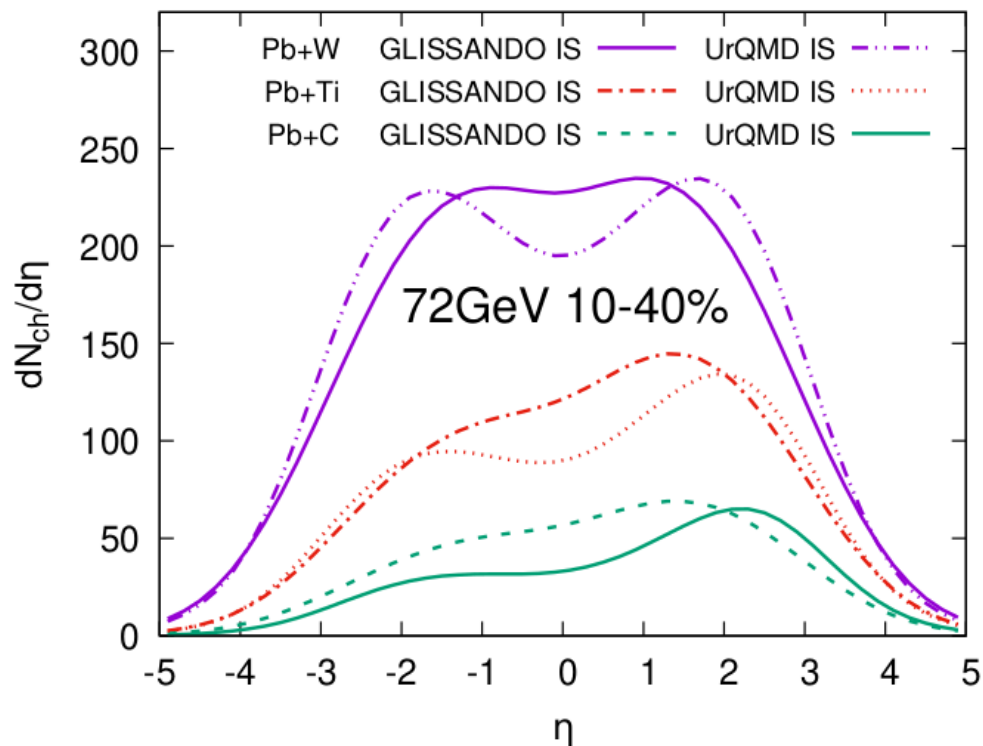
## → $r_2$ for STAR:



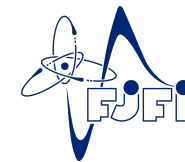
# Predictions for AFTER



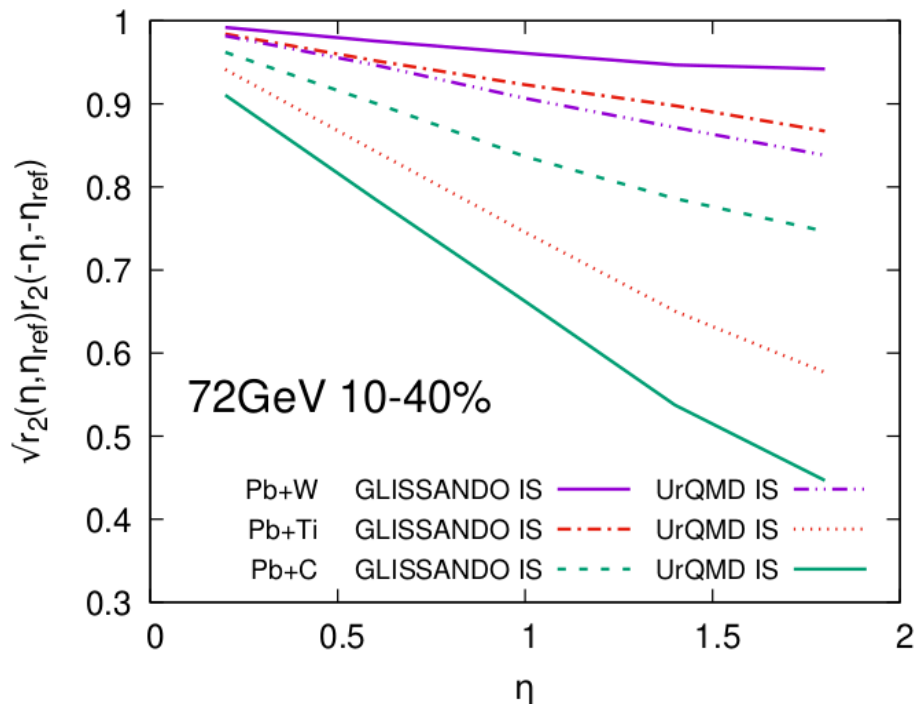
- Event-by-event viscous hydrodynamic model
- Pb-W, Pb-Ti, Pb-C at 72 GeV



# Decorrelation predictions FT



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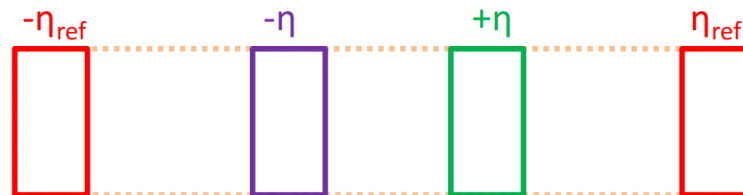


## → $r_n$ definition

- Asymmetric system

(CMS, Phys. Rev. C92 (3) (2015) 034911):

$$\sqrt{\frac{\langle q_n(-\eta)q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}{\langle q_n(\eta)q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle} \frac{\langle q_n(\eta)q_n^*(-\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}{\langle q_n(-\eta)q_n^*(-\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}}$$

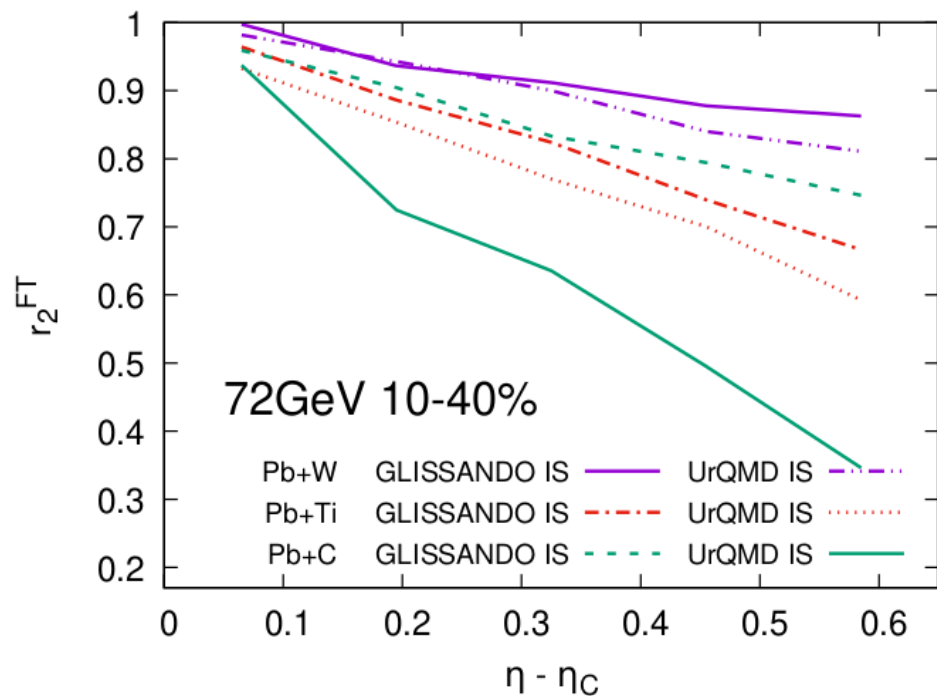


- Strong decorrelation, increasing with decreasing system size
- Significant differences between different IS models

# Decorrelation predictions FT (2)



- Event-by-event viscous hydrodynamic model
- Pb-W, Pb-Ti, Pb-C at 72 GeV, ALICE-like setup



## → r<sub>n</sub> definition

- Fixed-target with two acceptance windows

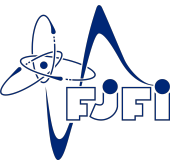
$$r_n^{\text{FT}}(\eta - \eta_C) = \frac{\langle q_n(-\eta + 2\eta_C) q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}{\langle q_n(\eta) q_n^*(\eta_{\text{ref}}) \rangle}$$

- TPC:  $-2.9 < \eta < -1.6$ ,
- Muon det:  $-1.0 < \eta_{\text{ref}} < -0.5$ .
- Decorrelation around the center of the pseudo-rapidity bin:

$$\eta_C = -2.25$$

- **Strong decorrelation, increasing with decreasing system size**
- **Significant differences between different IS models**

# Summary



- Good precision for  $D^0$  meson measurements in pA systems
  - Yield, nuclear modification factor,  $v_2$  – down to low  $p_T$
  - Statistical projections can be updated with more realistic ALICE detector performance figures – FT simulations within ALICE framework ongoing
- Longitudinal flow decorrelation
  - Great tool to discriminate between initial state models
  - Studies can be extended to pA systems (decorrelation measurements performed in p-Pb at LHC)
  - Doesn't required large statistics – feasibility studies to be performed with ALICE simulation framework

**Thank you!**

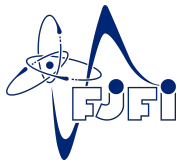
A Fixed-Target Programme at the LHC:  
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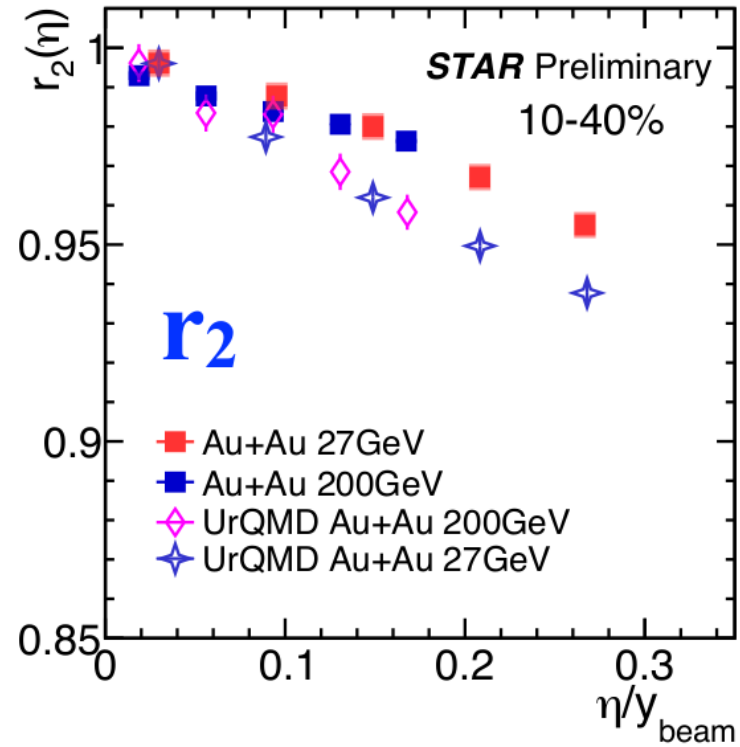
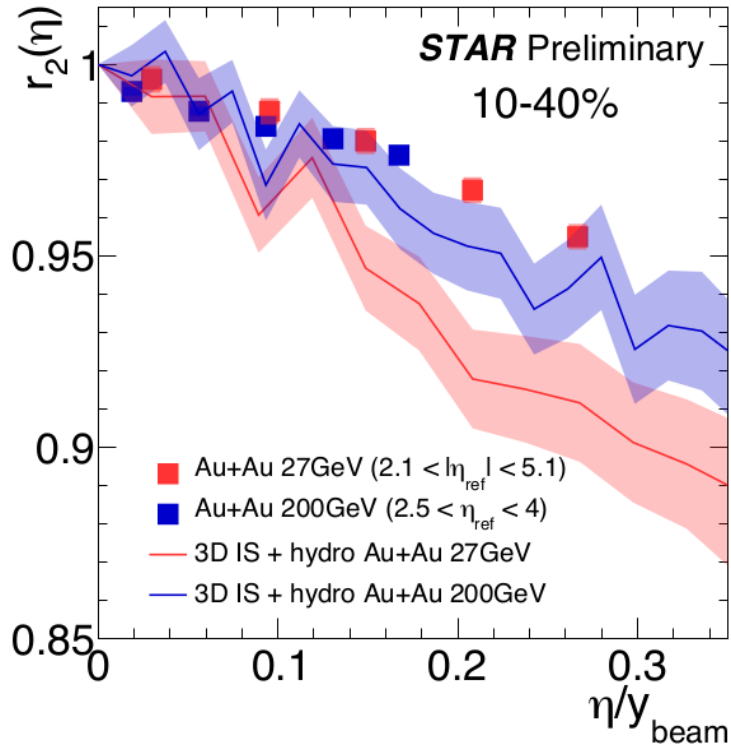


Backup

# STAR $r_2$ vs models



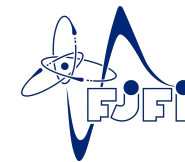
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# Acceptance in centre-of-mass $y$



→ With 7 TeV proton beam  
 $\Delta y = 4.8$

STAR

PHENIX

ALICE

LHCb

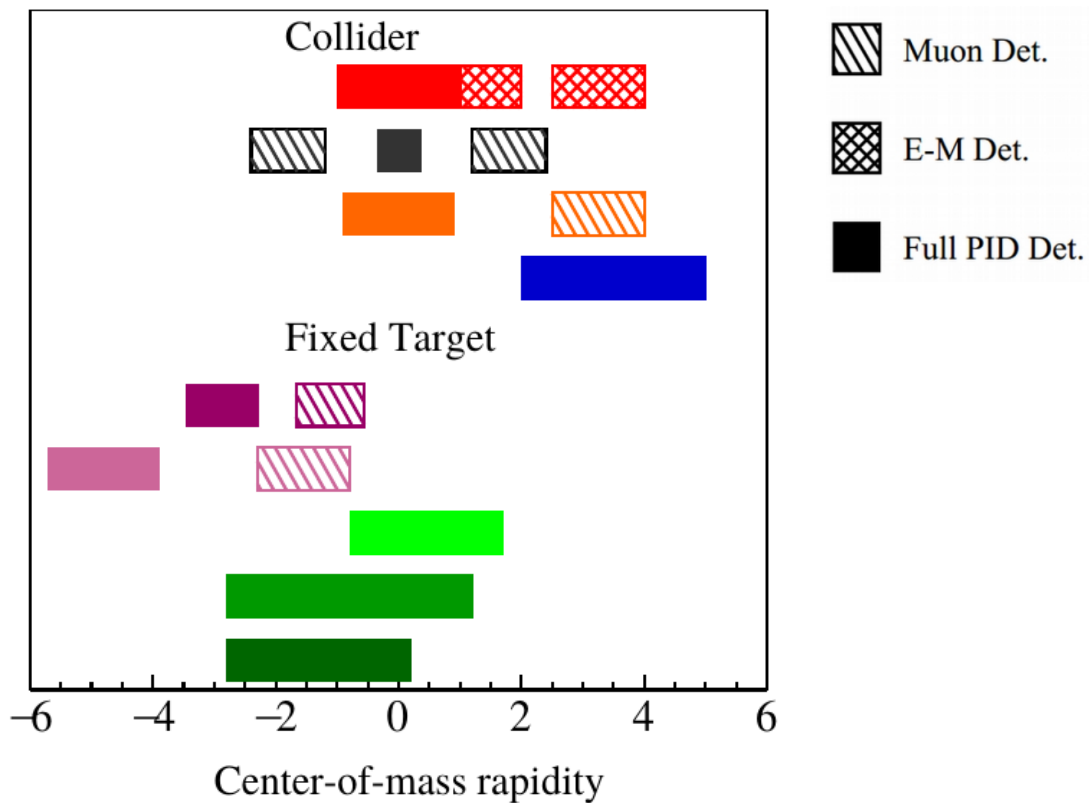
ALICE  $z_{\text{target}} = -4.7\text{m}$

ALICE  $z_{\text{target}} = 0$

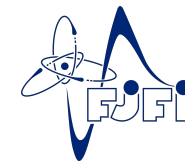
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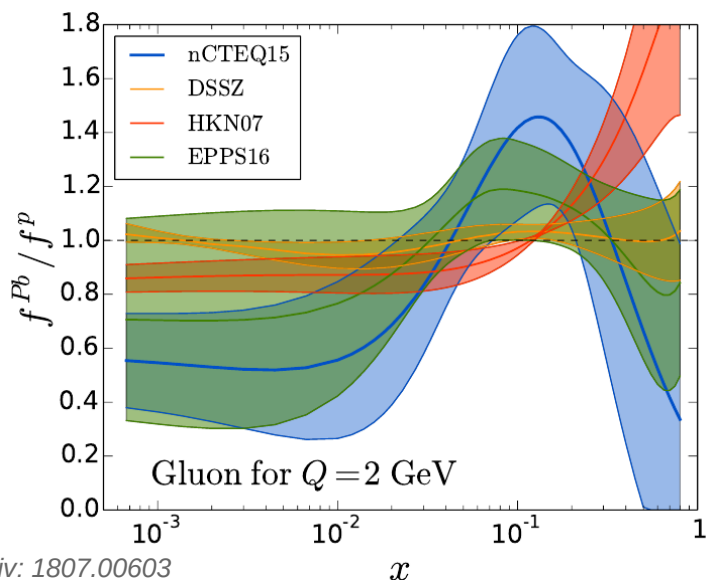
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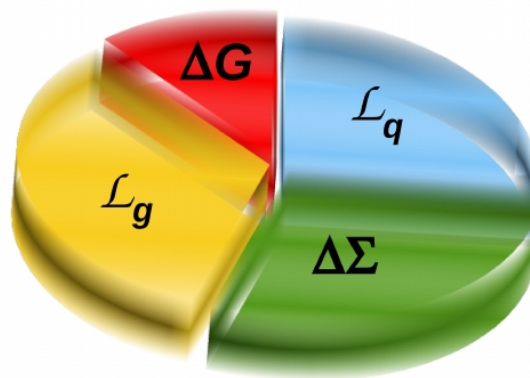
# Physics motivations



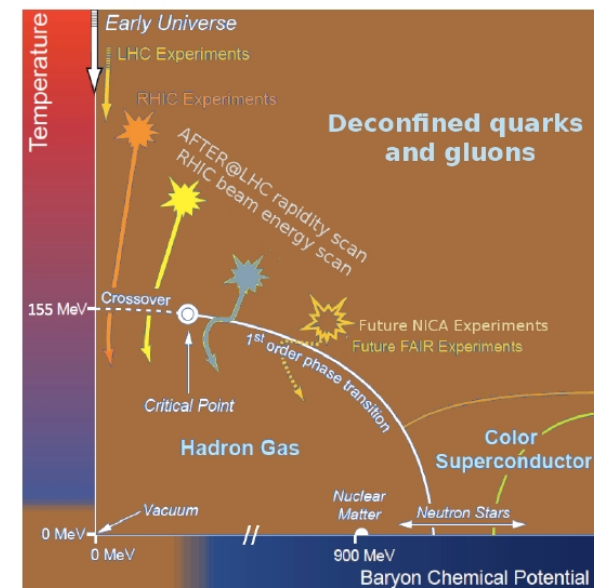
- Advance our understanding of the **high-x frontier in nucleons and nuclei** (gluon and heavy-quark content) **and its connection to astroparticle physics**
- Unravel the **spin of the nucleon**: dynamics and spin distributions of quarks and gluons inside (un)polarised nucleons
- Studies of the **quark-gluon plasma** in heavy-ion collisions at a new energy domain down to the target-rapidity region



■ Gluon Spin    ■ Gluon angular momentum  
■ Quark Spin    ■ Quark Angular Momentum



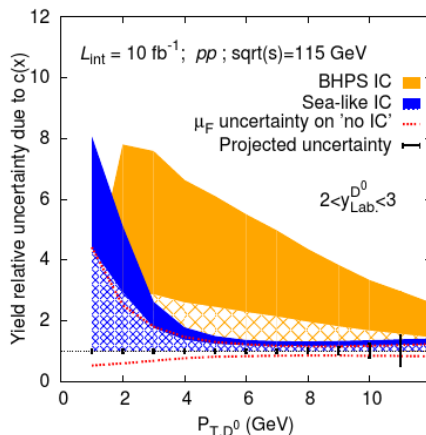
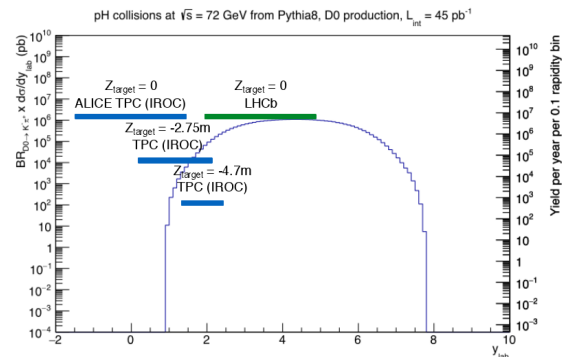
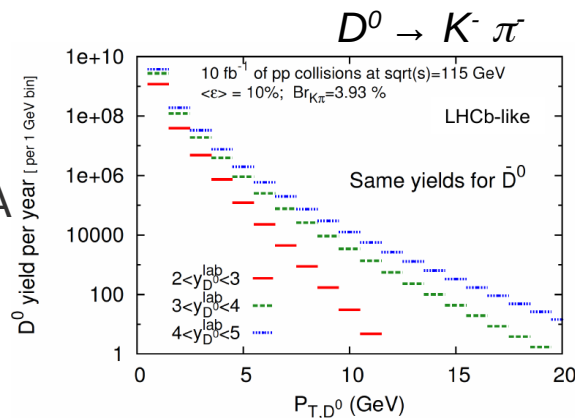
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + \Delta G + \mathcal{L}_g + \mathcal{L}_q$$



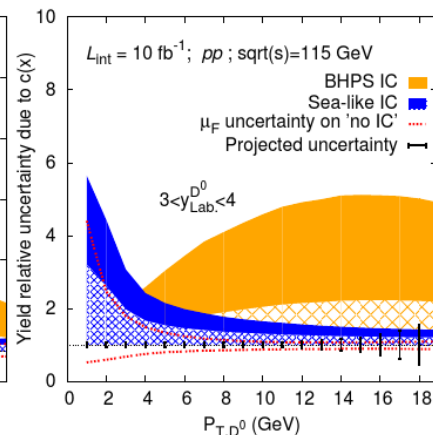
# charm PDF (IC) with D



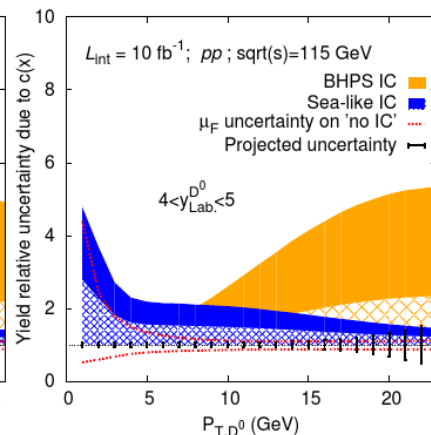
- Extremely good prospects for charm
  - Down to 0  $p_T \rightarrow$  total charm x-section
  - Wide rapidity coverage,  $x_F \rightarrow -1$
  - High statistical precision in pp, p-A, A-A
  - With LHCb background well under control
- Intrinsic charm modifies significantly D meson yields at large  $p_T$  or forward rapidity
- Large-x  $\rightarrow$  large charm PDF uncertainty
  - Perturbative via gluon splitting vs non-perturbative from intrinsic charm
- Impact on neutrino flux and cosmic-ray physics



(a)  $2 < y_{Lab} < 3$

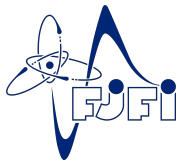


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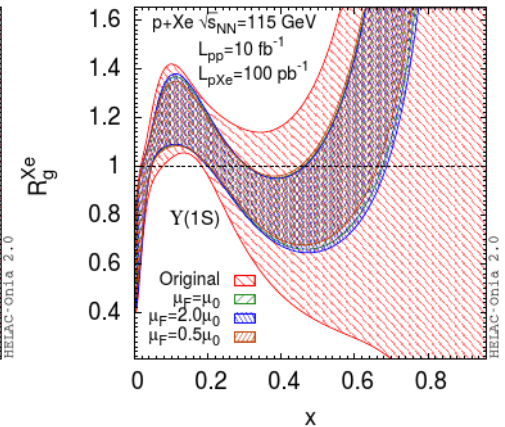
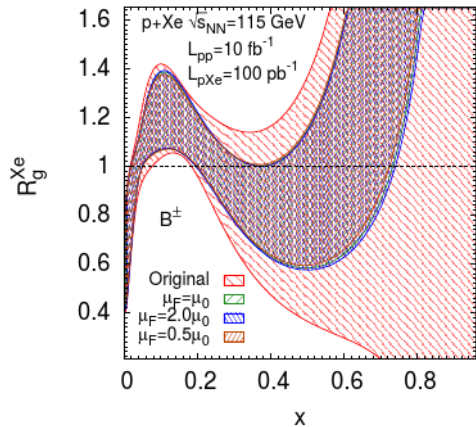
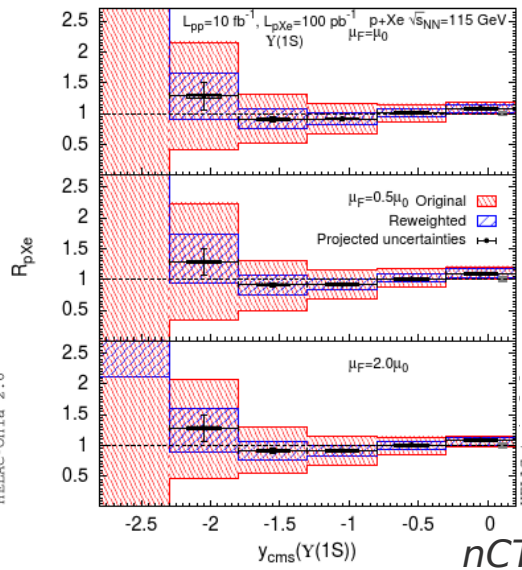
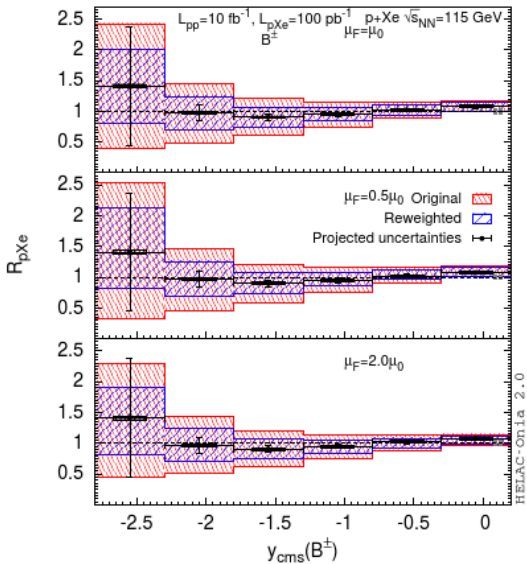


(c)  $4 < y_{Lab} < 5$

# gluon nPDF with heavy-flavour



- Constraining gluon nPDF with D, B and quarkonium measurements
- Almost unknown for  $x > 0.1$ ; anti-shadowing, EMC effect ?
  - Reweighting analysis with pseudo data on  $R_{pA}$
- Large reduction on the gluon nPDF uncertainty: unique constraints at large  $x$  and low scales
- Other nuclear effects in play: nuclear absorption, ...

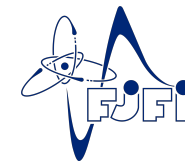


Impact on gluon nPDFs

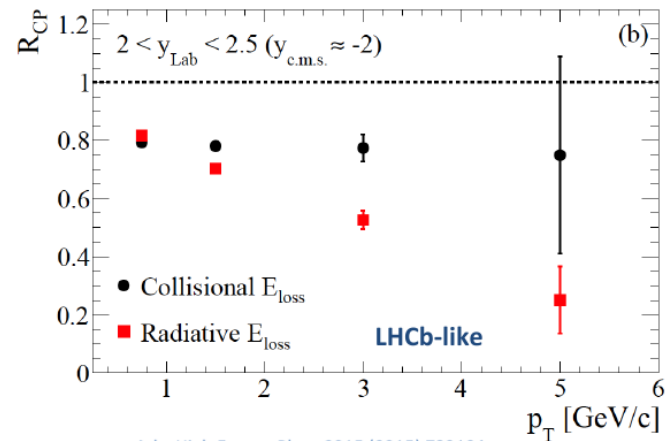
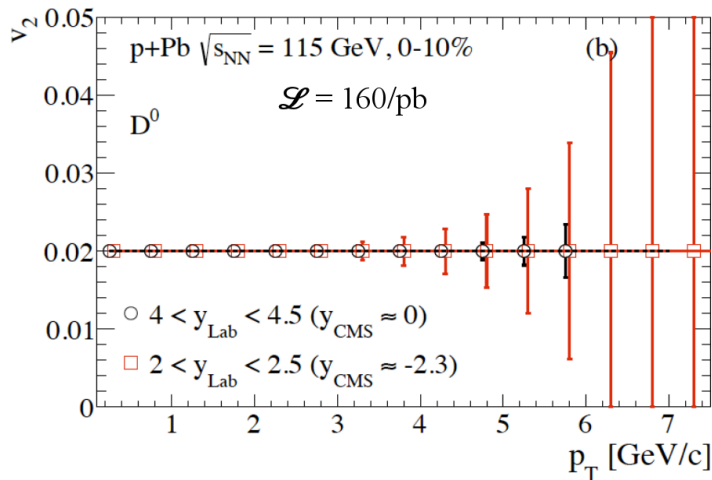
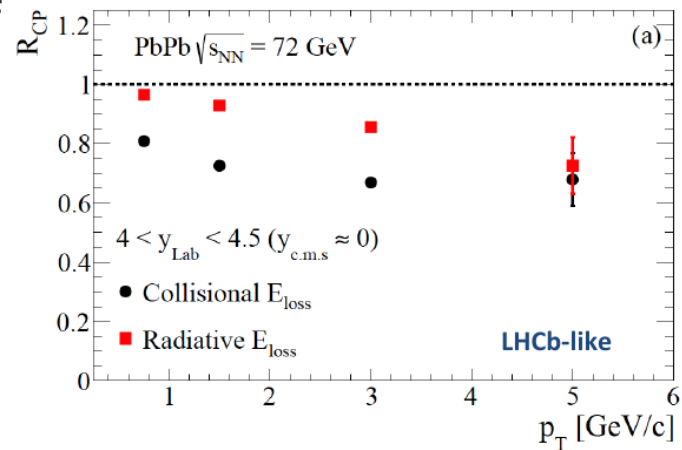
LHCb-like

arXiv: 1807.00603

# QGP: Open Heavy-Flavour



- Open heavy-flavour in A-A → heavy-quark energy loss in the medium
- Precise suppression measurements of charm and beauty vs rapidity and  $p_T$  → **medium transport coefficient**
- Useful reference for charmonium studies
- **p-A: study collective-like effects in small systems**
- Precise D meson  $v_2$  measurement
  - Studies with different target type



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