

Medium modification of HF hadronization: different implementations of recombination

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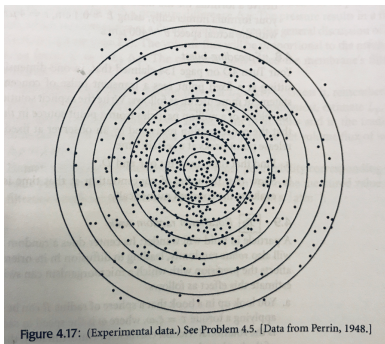
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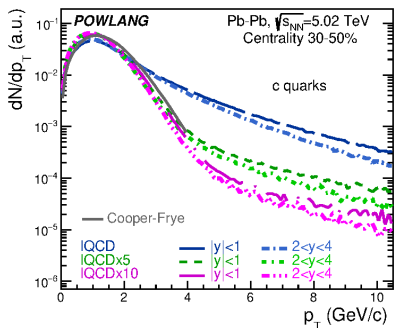
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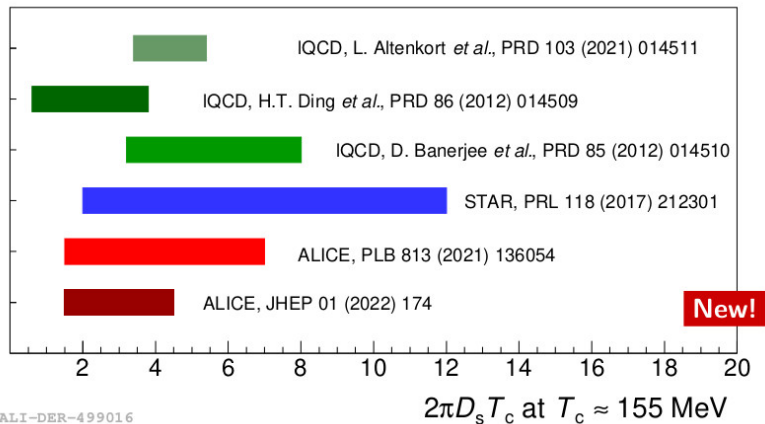
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- 100 years later: getting an estimate of similar accuracy of some transport coefficients, like e.g. the **momentum broadening**

$$\kappa = \frac{2T^2}{D_s}$$

Where do we stand?



Still far from accuracy and precision of Perrin result for \mathcal{N}_A ...

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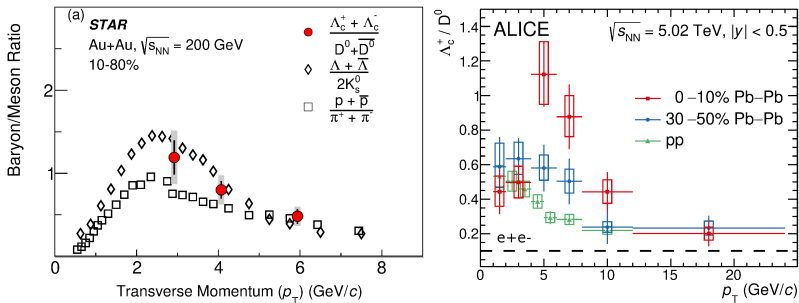
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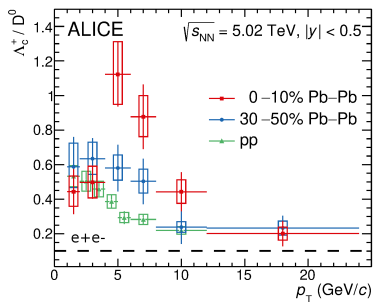
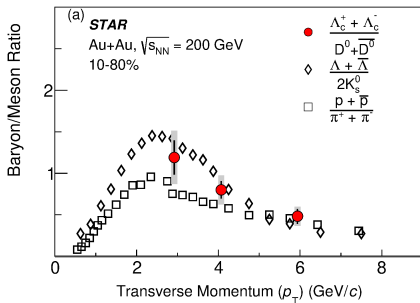
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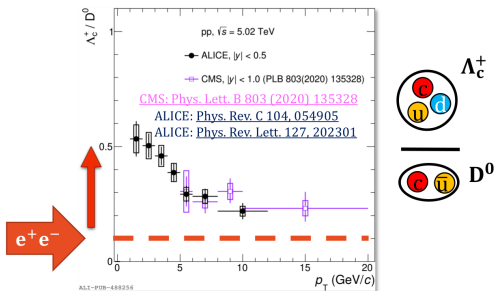
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- baryon **enhancement observed also in pp collisions**: is a dense medium formed also there? **Breaking of factorization** description in pp collisions

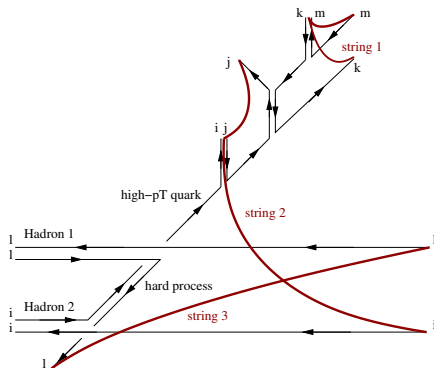
$$d\sigma_h \neq \sum_{a,b,X} f_a(x_1) f_b(x_2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow c\bar{c}X} \otimes D_{c \rightarrow h_c}(z)$$

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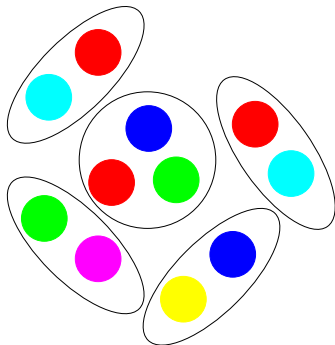
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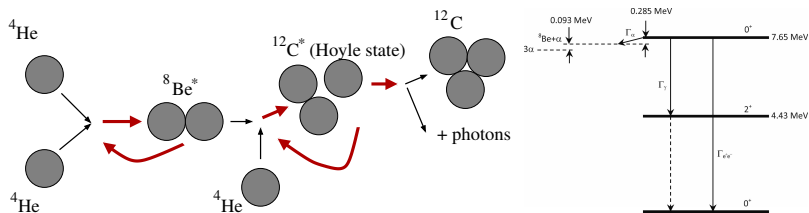
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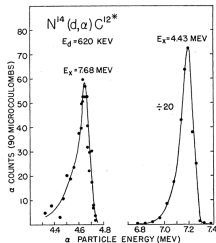
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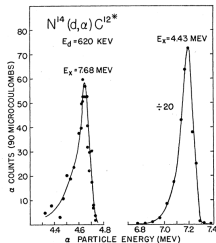
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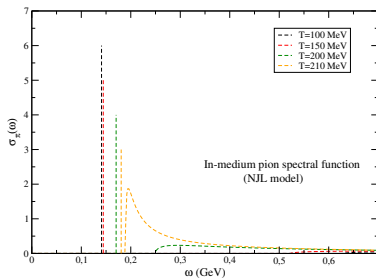
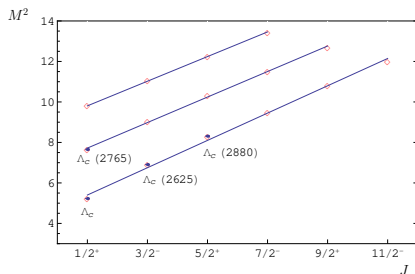
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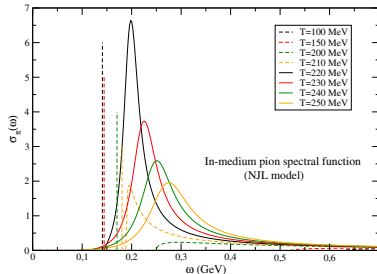
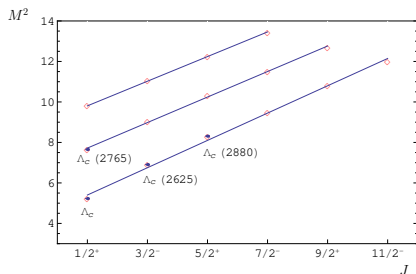
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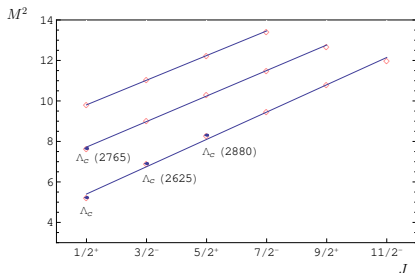
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RRM (M. He and R. Rapp)



$Q > 0$, $\Gamma_n \approx 100 \text{ MeV} \gg \Gamma_{\text{exp}}$

\rightarrow dynamical equilibrium on hadronization hypersurface

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Disclaimer

In the following I will start from a specific *minimal* model of hadronization, based on a *local* color neutralization mechanism, just to illustrate **common features and challenges to all approaches**¹

¹For a quantitative comparison see talk by Jiaying Zhao

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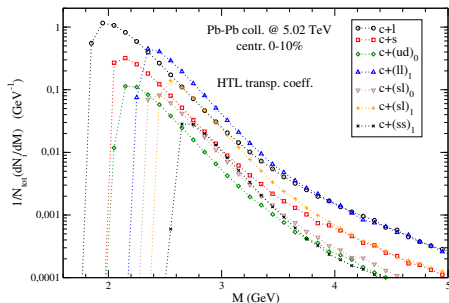
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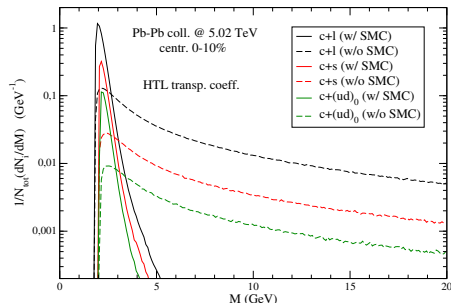
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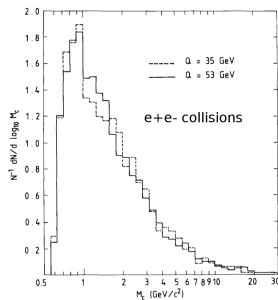
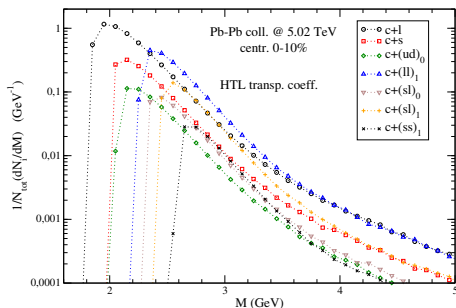
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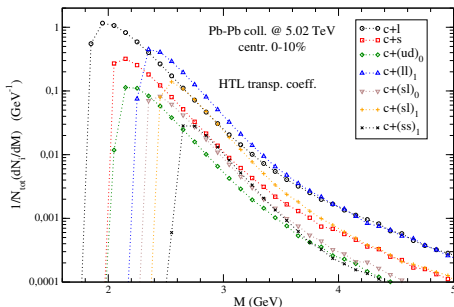
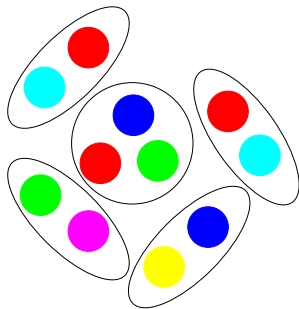
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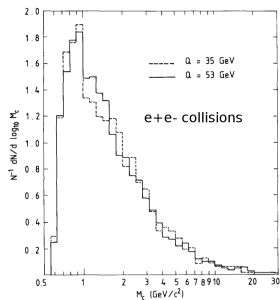
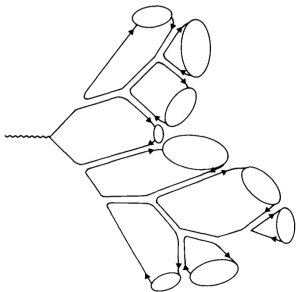
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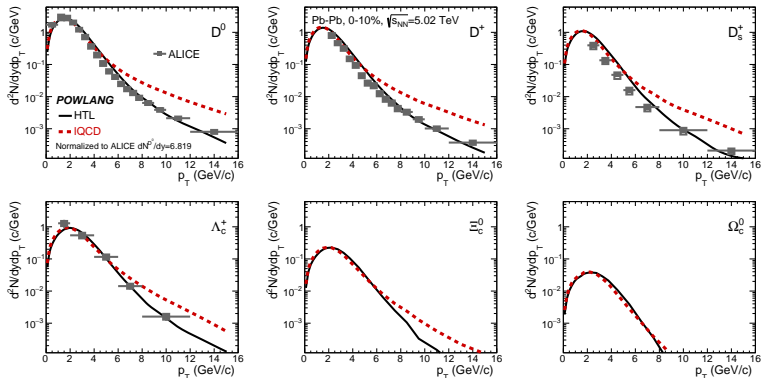
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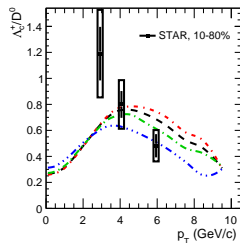
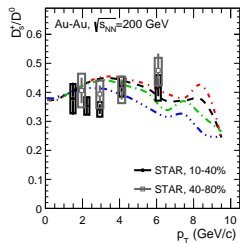
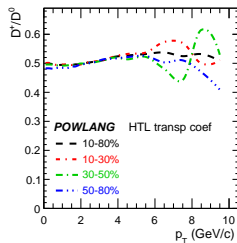
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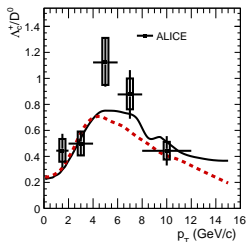
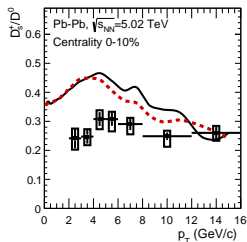
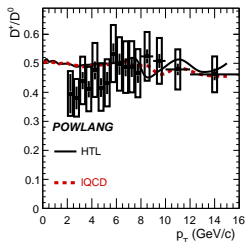
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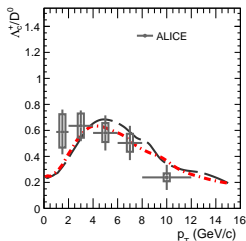
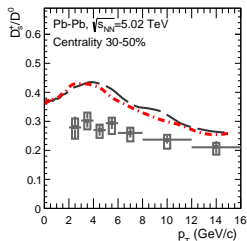
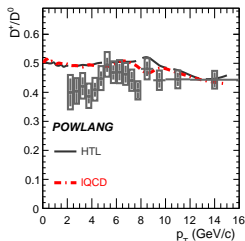
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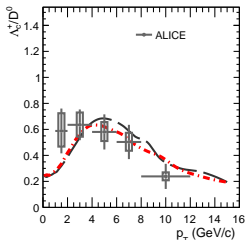
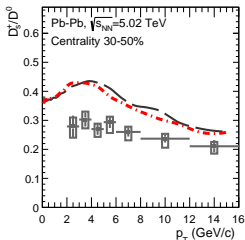
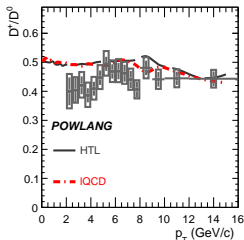
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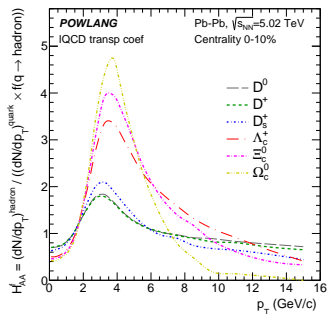
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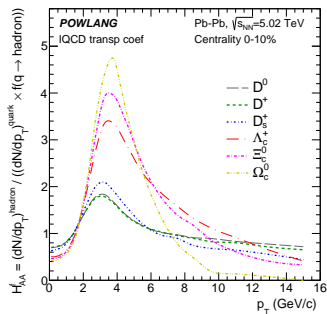
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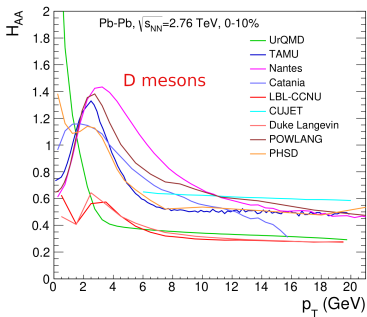
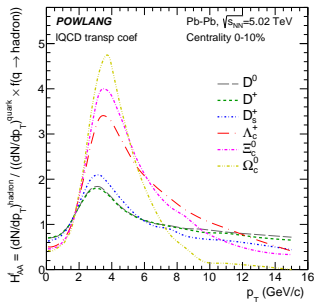
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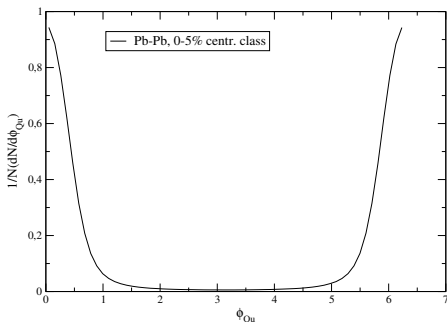
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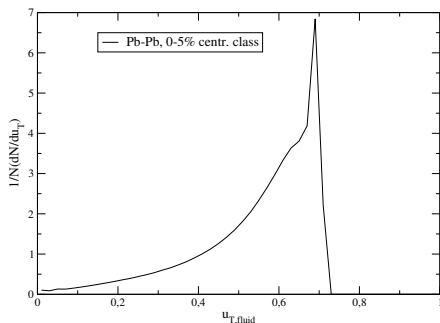


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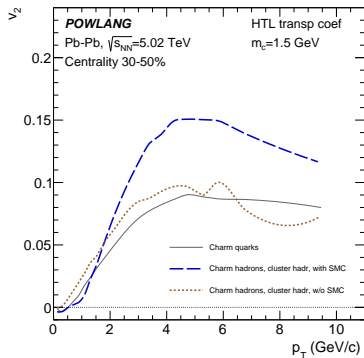
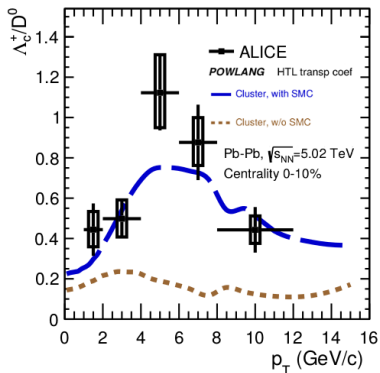


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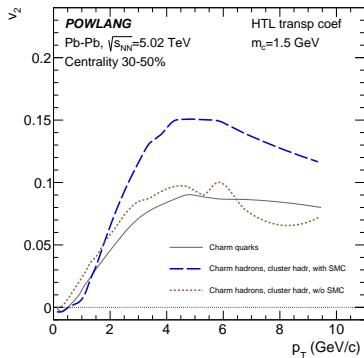
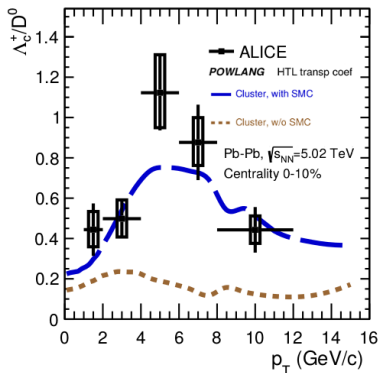
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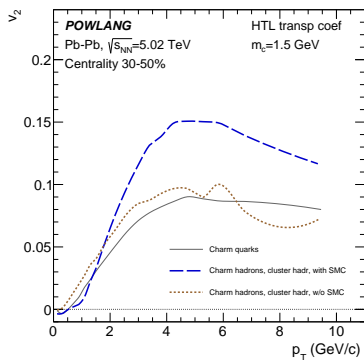
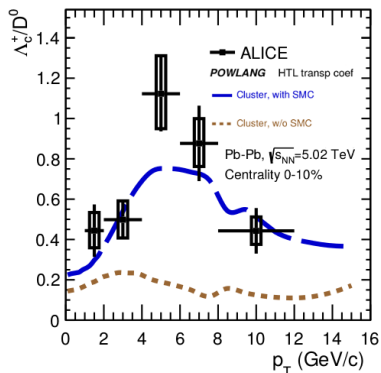
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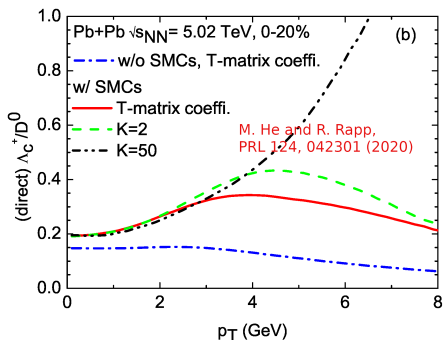
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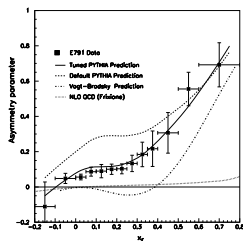
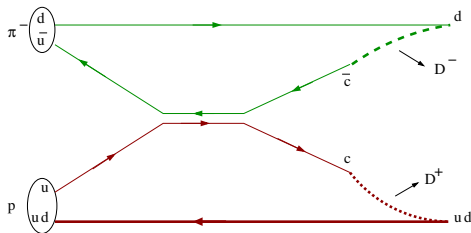
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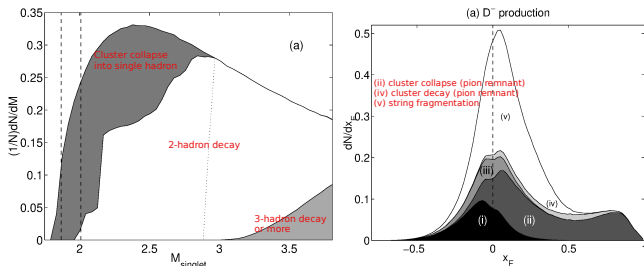


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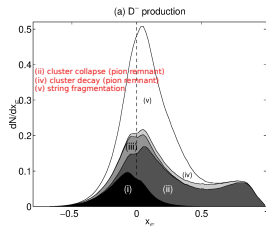
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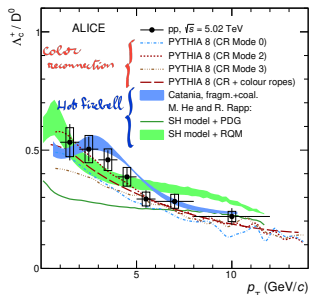
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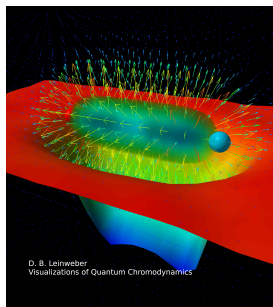
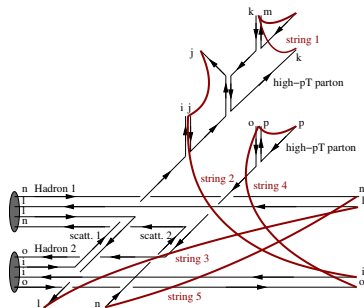
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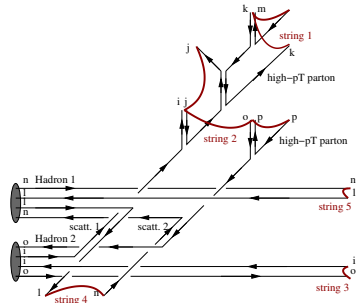
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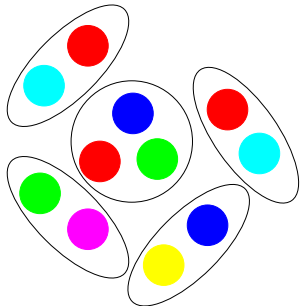
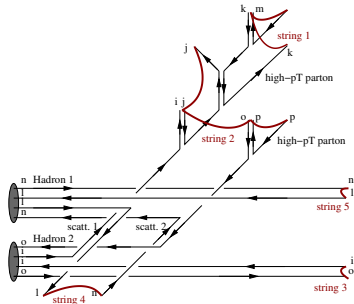
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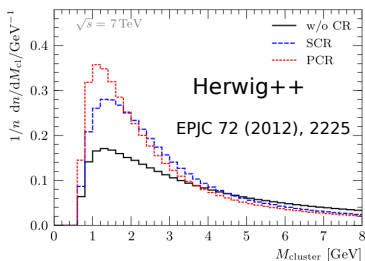
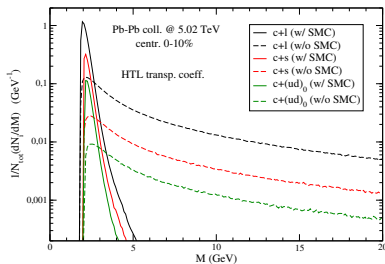
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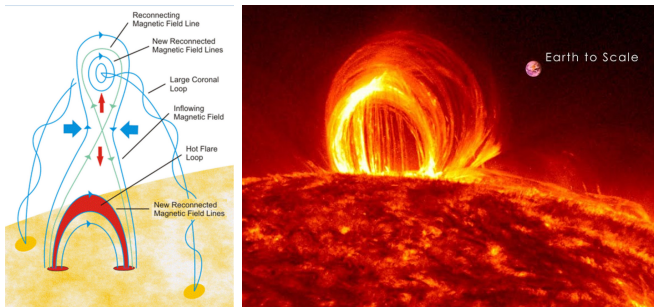
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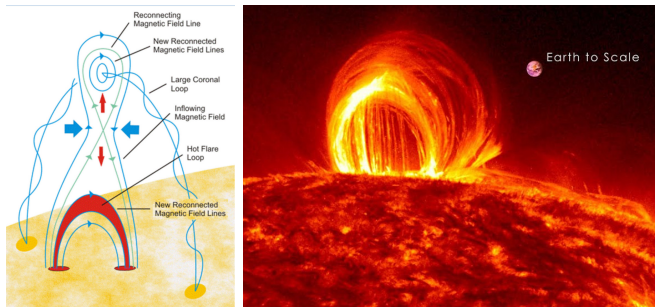
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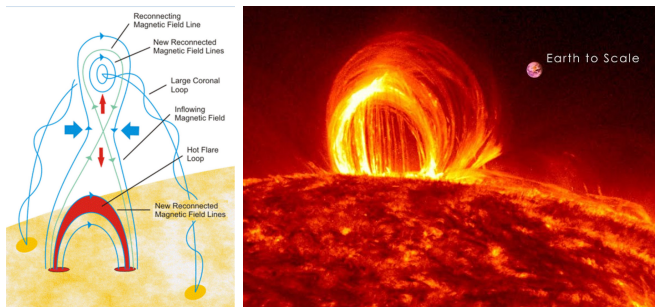
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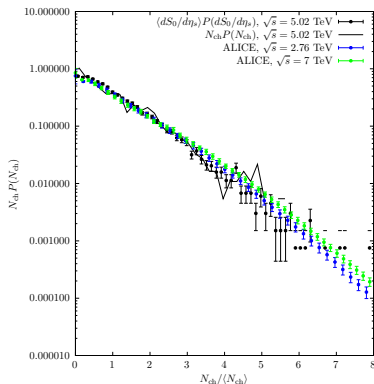
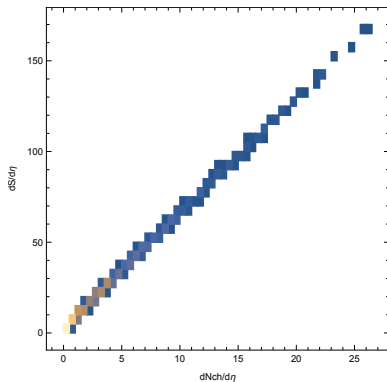
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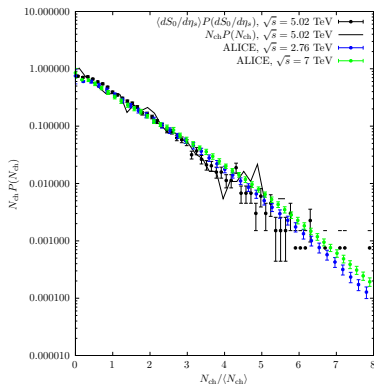
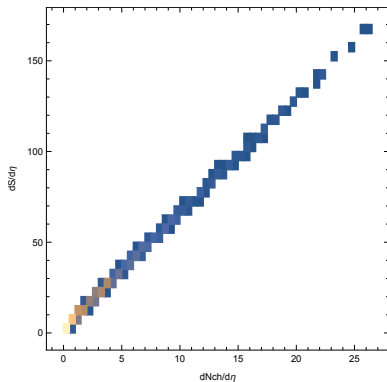
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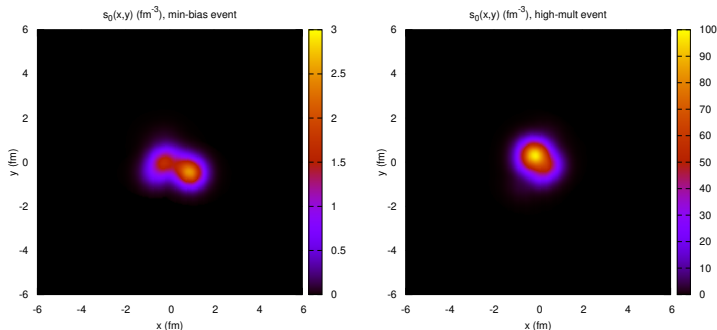
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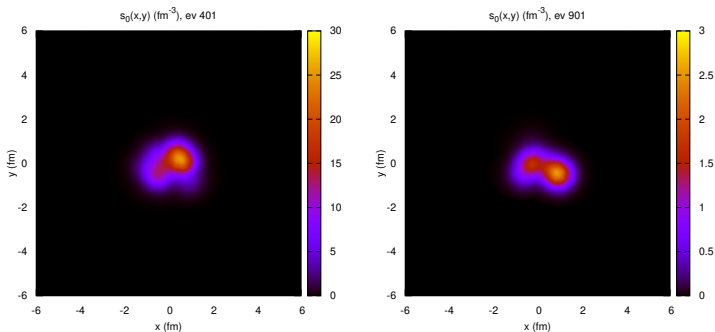
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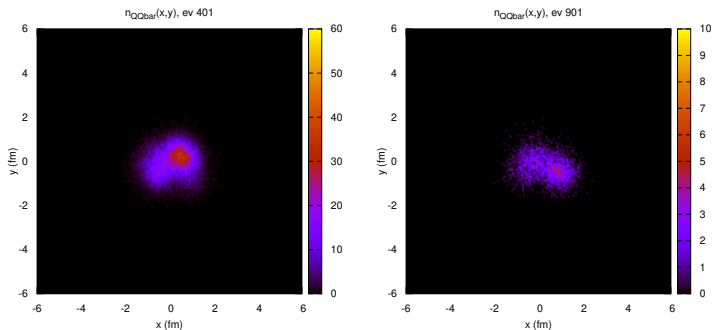
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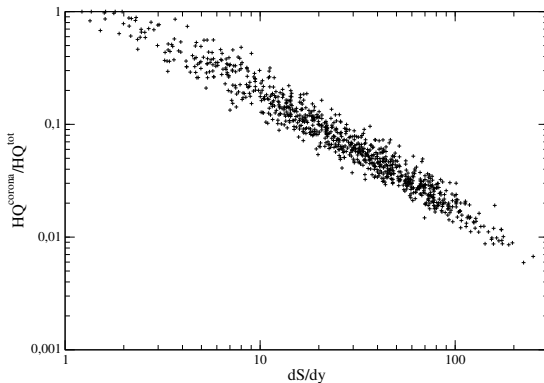
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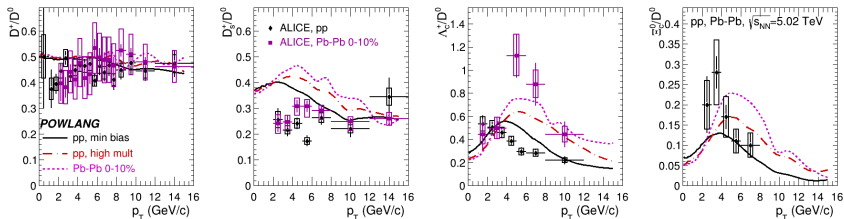
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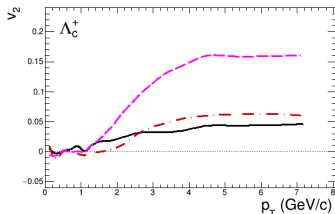
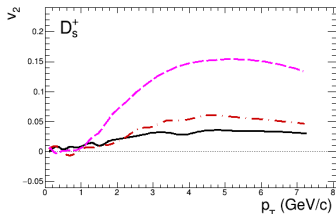
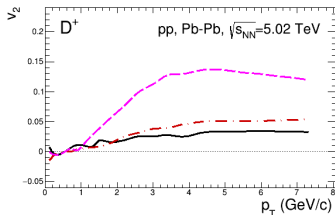
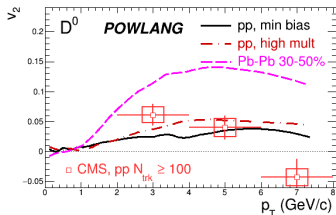


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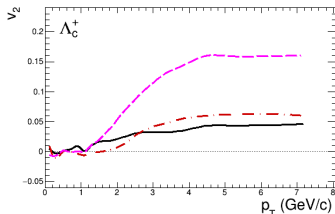
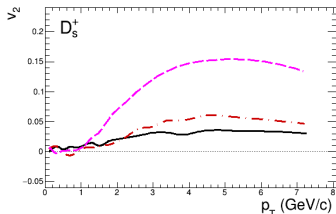
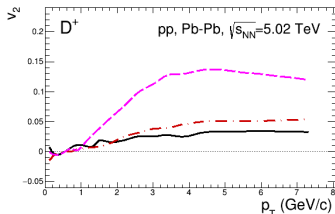
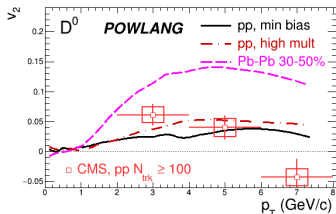
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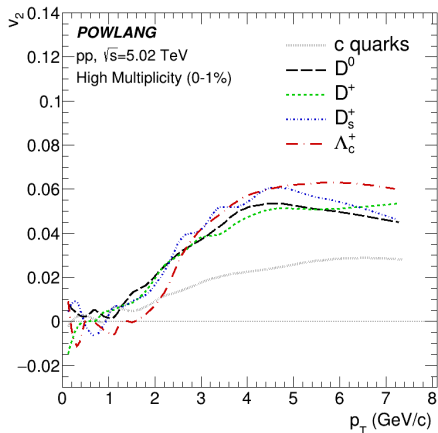
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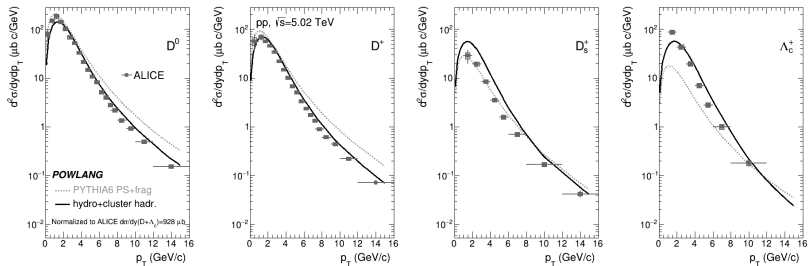
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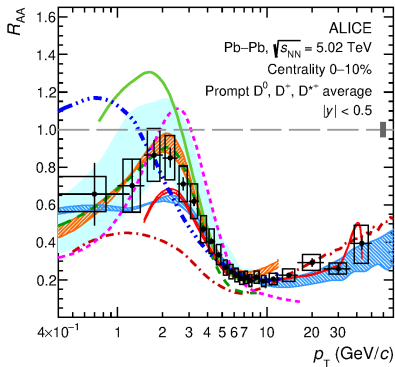
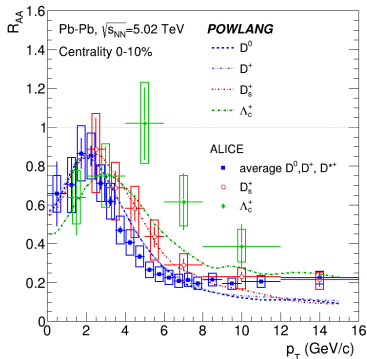
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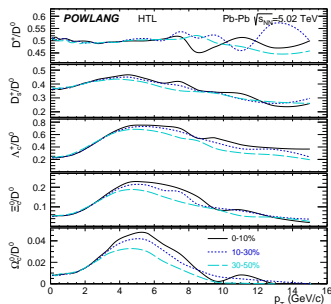
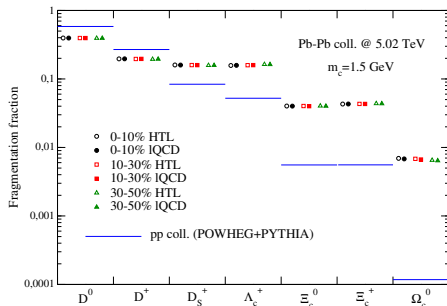
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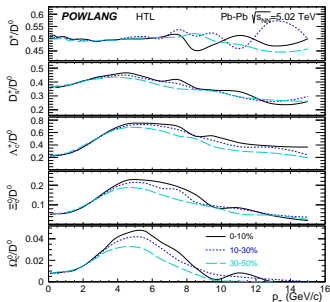
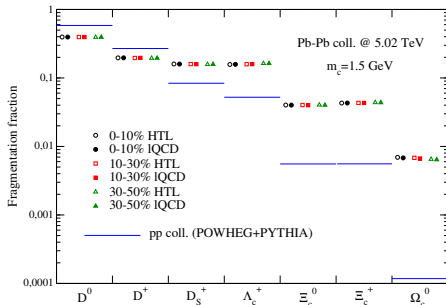
Back-up slides

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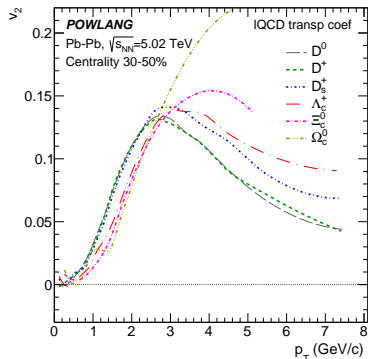
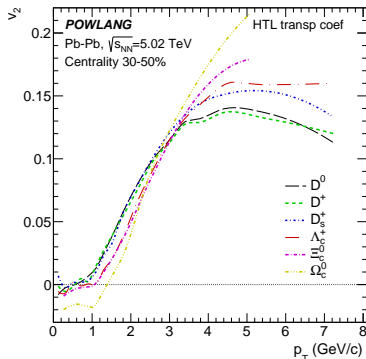
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NB Model predictions for pp collisions displayed in the following

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