

Nucleon configurations for heavy-ion initial-state and applications

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OUTLINE

1. Monte Carlo Glauber (MCG) approach for pA and AA
 - 1.a Nuclear configurations for MCG. Including:
 - 1.b nucleon-nucleon (NN) correlations
 - 1.c neutron skin
 - 1.d nuclear deformations

2. Beyond the Glauber approach
 - 2.a Fluctuations of NN interaction strength
 - 2.b Processes with hard trigger: pA
 - 2.c Processes with hard trigger: dA
 - 2.d Processes with double hard trigger: DPS

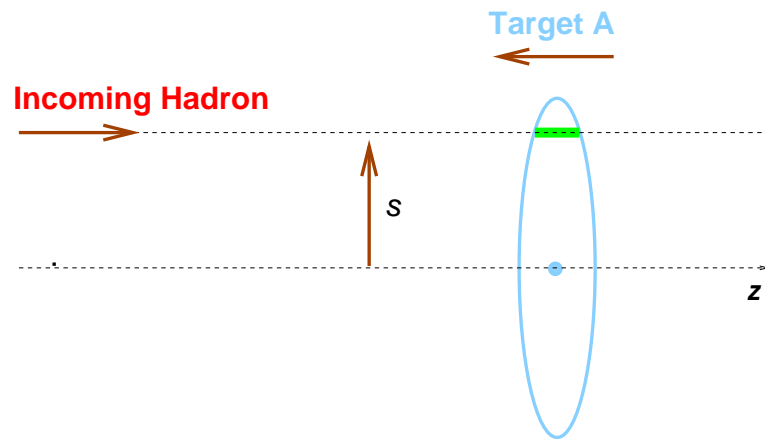
3. Energy loss and evidence for an EMC effect for antiquarks

Part I

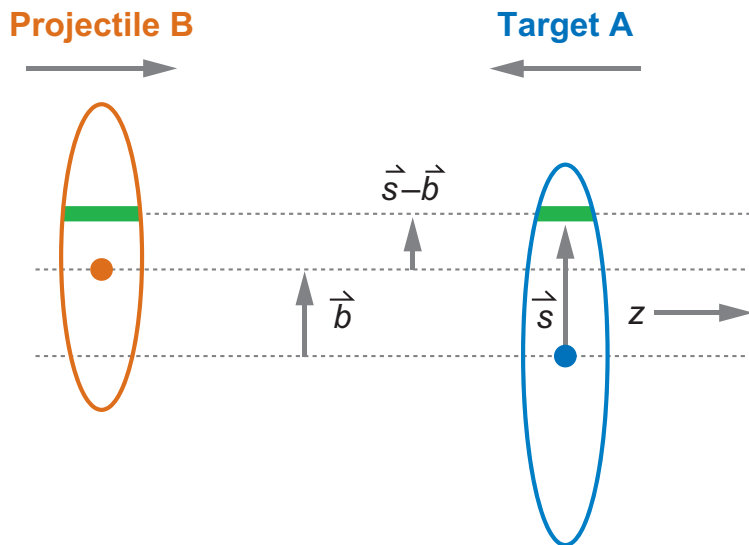
Nucleon-nucleon correlations in Monte Carlo Glauber models

1.a - Glauber multiple scattering pA and AA scattering

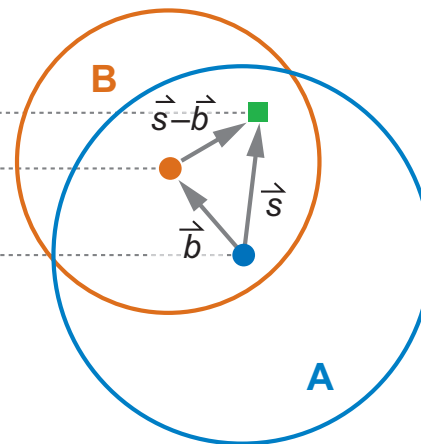
Glauber approach: quantum mechanics of high-energy many-body scattering \implies frozen approximation; straight line trajectories



Side view



Beam-line view



Inputs:

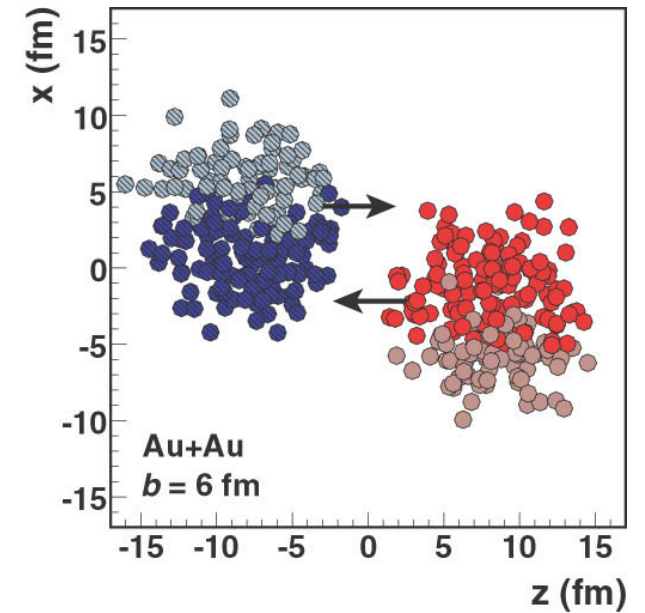
- ★ (charge) densities of nuclei
- ★ energy-dependent Nucleon-Nucleon (NN) cross sections

for given energy and AA impact parameter \mathbf{b} :

- \longrightarrow *interacting*
- \longrightarrow *spectators*
- \longrightarrow *elastically scattered*

1.a - Monte Carlo Glauber (MCG) description

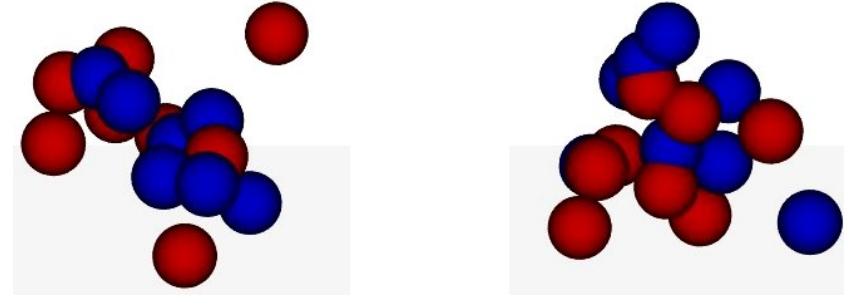
- **Event-by-event** simulation. Details of density distributions by randomly generated *nucleons positions*: in average give the nuclear density.
- MCG introduces N_{part} and N_{coll} , not directly measurable, but contain a lot of information about the fluctuating *collision geometry* and allows increased precision in preparing the *initial state* of colliding nuclei.
- Charged particle multiplicity scales with N_{part} , $N_{coll} \Leftrightarrow$ *centrality*
- MCG is a starting point for models that require *production points* for individual subprocesses (HIJING, SMASH, GLISSANDO, Angantyr ..)



1.b - A Monte Carlo generator for nucleon configurations

- Nuclear configurations generated using $|\Psi|^2$ as a **probability density**:

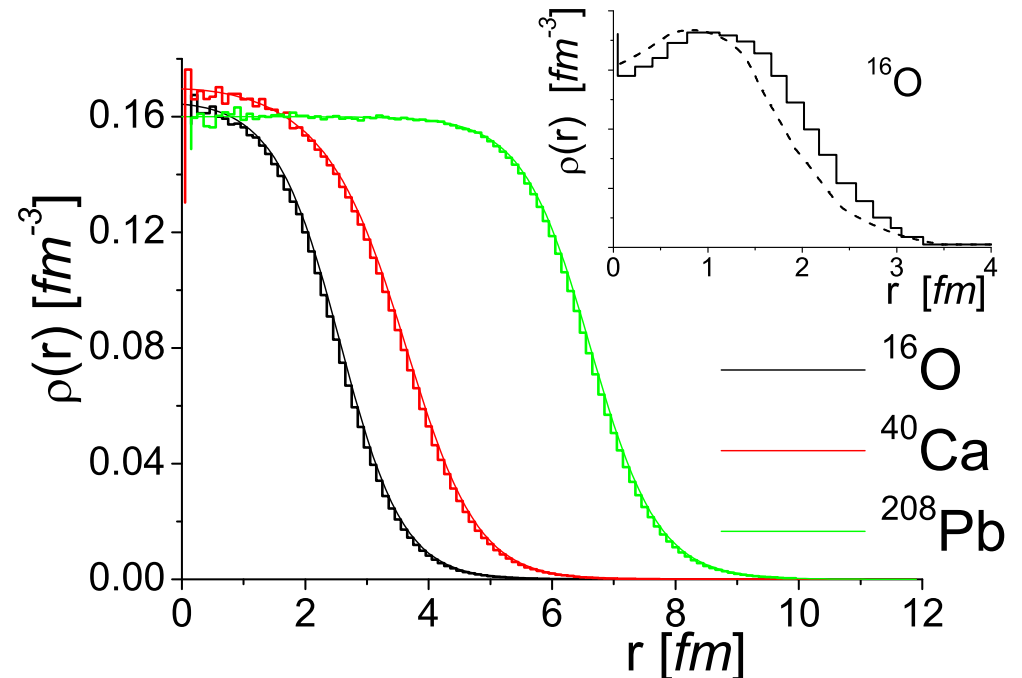
$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A) = \prod_{i < j}^A \hat{f}(r_{ij}) \Phi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A)$$



- **Spin-isospin** correlation operators from variational calculations:

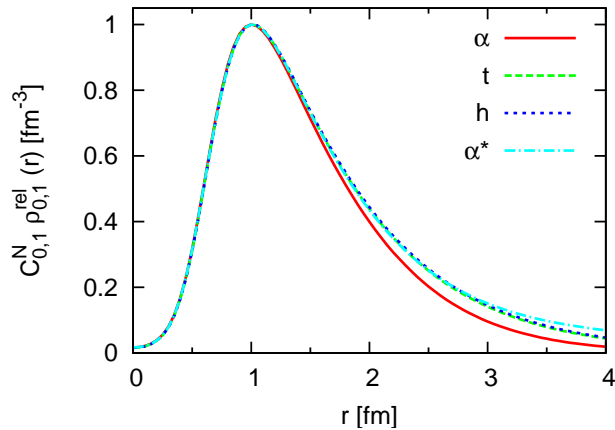
$$\hat{f}(r_{ij}) = \sum_{n=(\mathbf{1}, \sigma, \mathbf{S}) \otimes \mathbf{1}, \tau} \hat{f}^{(n)}(r_{ij})$$

- Reproduces **any nuclear profile** (one-body density)
- Two-body density also reproduced

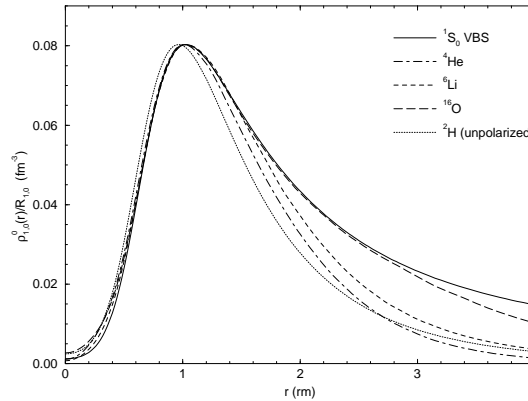


1.b - Correlations signatures in two-body densities

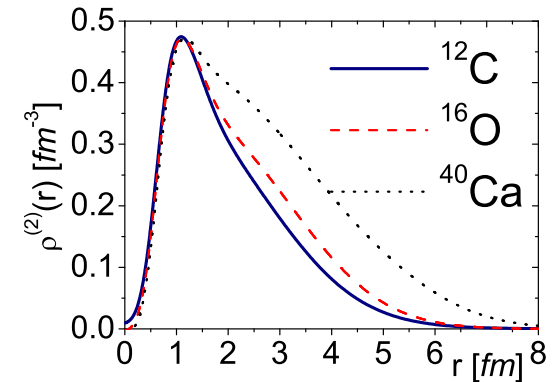
- *Ab-initio* two-body densities: $\rho(r) = \int d\mathbf{R} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2)/2)$



Feldmeier *et al*,
Phys. Rev. **C84**, 054003 (2011)

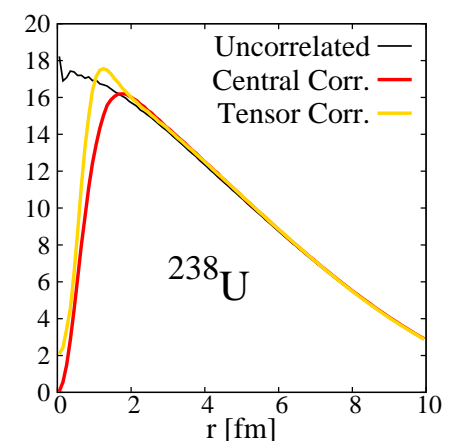
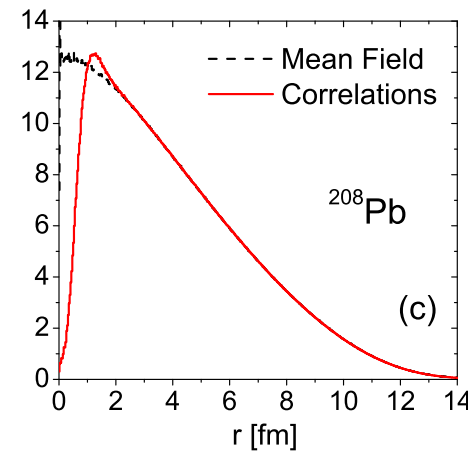
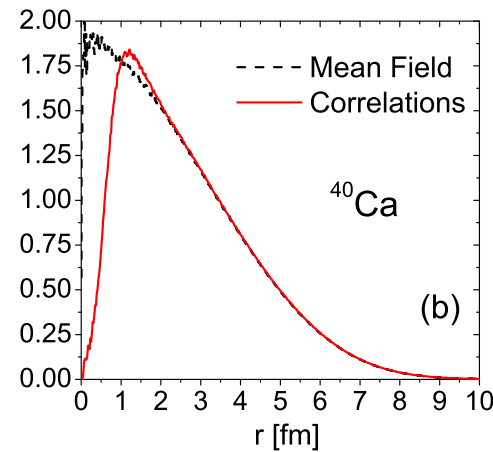
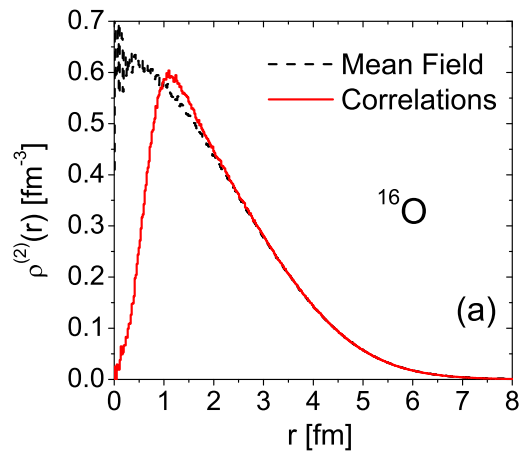


Forest *et al*,
Phys. Rev. **C54** (1996) 646-667



Alvioli *et al*, Phys. Rev. **C72**;
Phys. Rev. Lett. **100** (2008)

- *MC algorithm*



M. Alvioli, H.-J. Drescher, M. Strikman, Phys. Lett. **B680** (2009) 225

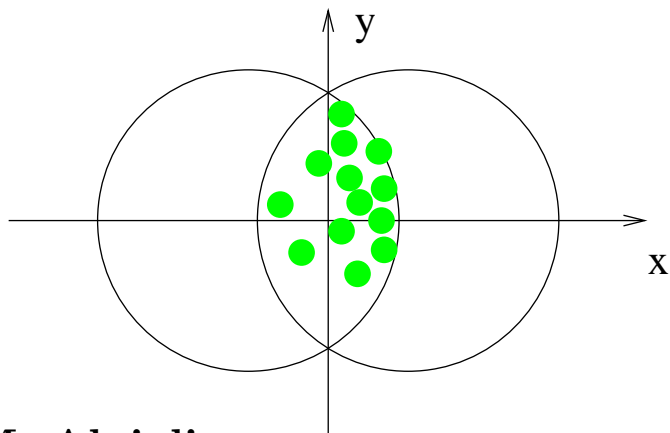
1.b - Correlations and fluctuations of participant matter in AA

- **Spectator** nucleons ●● relevant for zero degree calorimeter measurement (beam remnant): *Alvioli, Strikman, PRC83 (2011)*
- **Participant** matter distribution relevant for hydrodynamic evolution:

$$\epsilon_n = - \frac{\langle w(r) \cos n(\phi - \psi_n) \rangle}{\langle w(r) \rangle}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon_n = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (\epsilon_n^i - \langle \epsilon_i \rangle)^2}{N}}$$

*Alvioli, Holopainen, Eskola, Strikman
Phys. Rev. C85 (2012)*



→ participant nucleons ● in transverse plane

1.c - Configurations with neutron skin

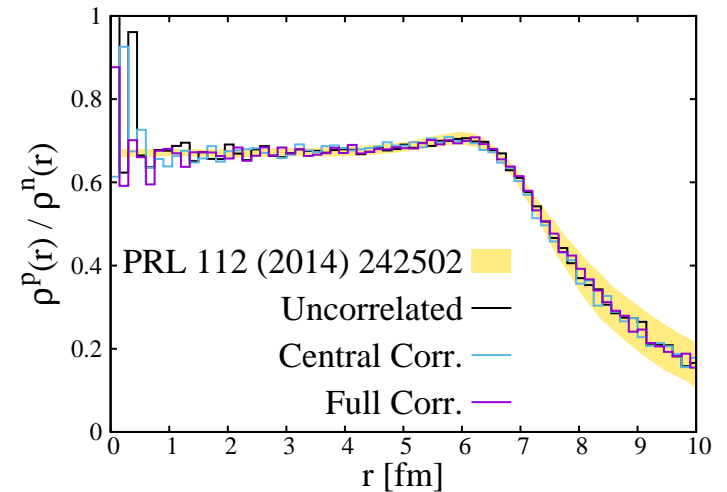
- *Neutron skin* – p/n profiles for ^{208}Pb :

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0^{(p,n)} / \left(1 + e^{(r-R_0^{p,n})/a^{p,n}} \right)$$

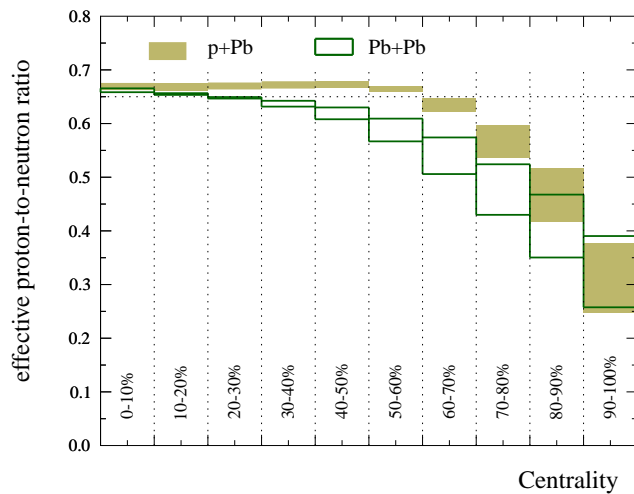
$$(\rho_0^p, R_0^p, a_0^p) = ({}^{\prime}82^{\prime\prime}, 6.680\text{fm}, 0.447\text{fm})$$

$$(\rho_0^n, R_0^n, a_0^n) = ({}^{\prime}126^{\prime\prime}, 6.700\text{fm}, 0.550\text{fm})$$

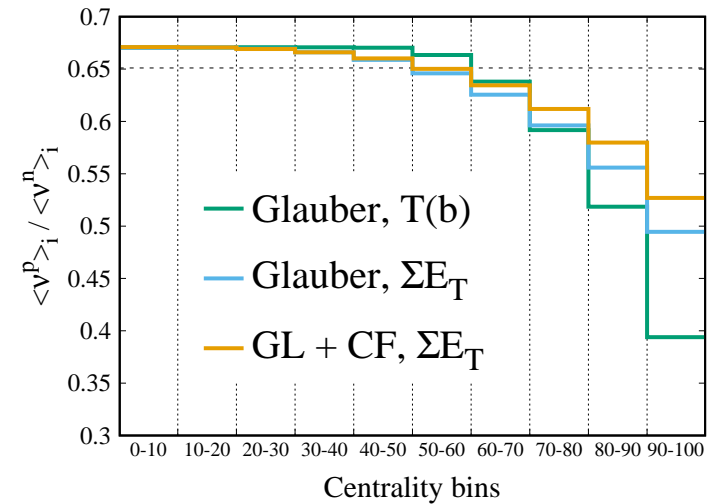
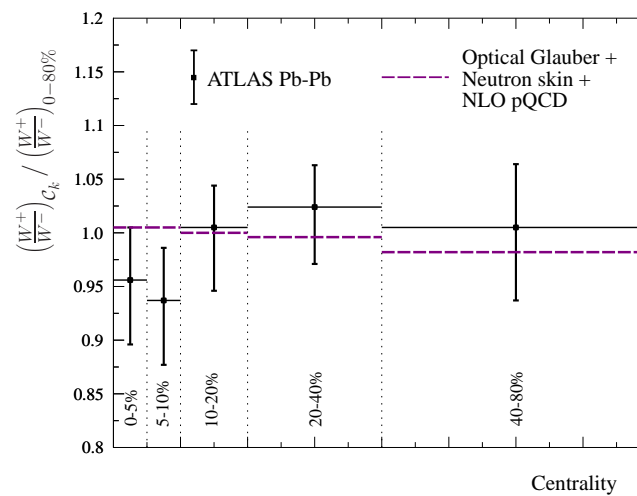
(*C.M. Tarbert et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014)*)



- Suggested as additional tool for determination of centrality:



H. Paukkunen, PLB745 (2015)



Alvioli, Strikman (PRC 100, 2019)

- Smearing of impact parameter (CF) \implies increase p/n effective ratio

1.d - Configurations of deformed nuclei

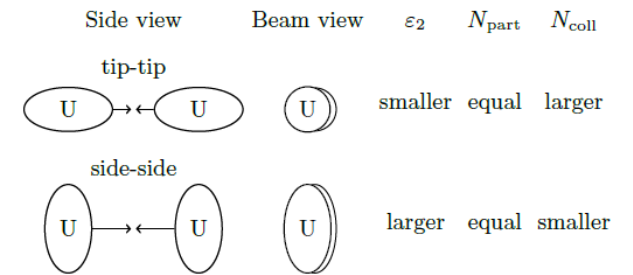
- *Nucleus deformation* – modified nuclear profile:

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-R_0)/a}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \rho(r, \theta) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-R_0 - R_0\beta_2 Y_{20}(\theta) - R_0\beta_4 Y_{40}(\theta))/a}}$$

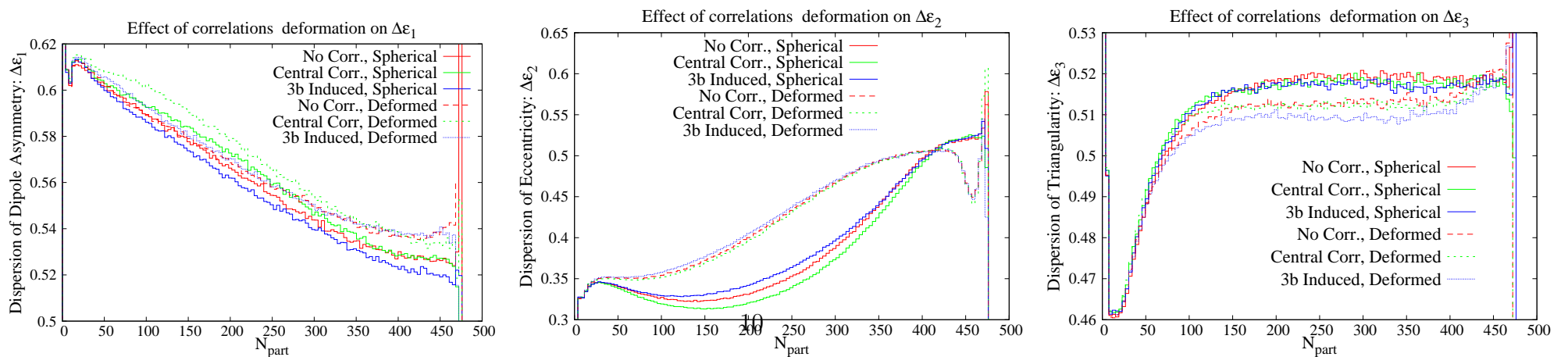
(P. Filip, R. Lednicky, H. Masui, N. Xu Phys. Lett. **C80** (2009))

$$Y_{20}(\theta) = \frac{1}{4r^2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} (2z^2 - x^2 - y^2)$$

$$Y_{40}(\theta) = \frac{1}{16r^4} \sqrt{\frac{9}{\pi}} (35z^4 - 30z^2r^2 + 3r^4)$$



- Studies of isobars/neutron skin effect at RHIC – Phys. Rev. **C101** (2020)
- Effects on *dispersion of moments* in U-U (*unpublished*) within MGC:



1.(c+d) - Parameters for ^{96}Ru and ^{96}Zr isobars

- We include both deformation and neutron skin, using WS profiles:

$$\rho(r, \theta) = \rho_0 / \left(1 + e^{(r - R_0^{p,n} - R_0^{p,n} \beta_2 Y_{20}(\theta)) / a_{p,n}} \right)$$

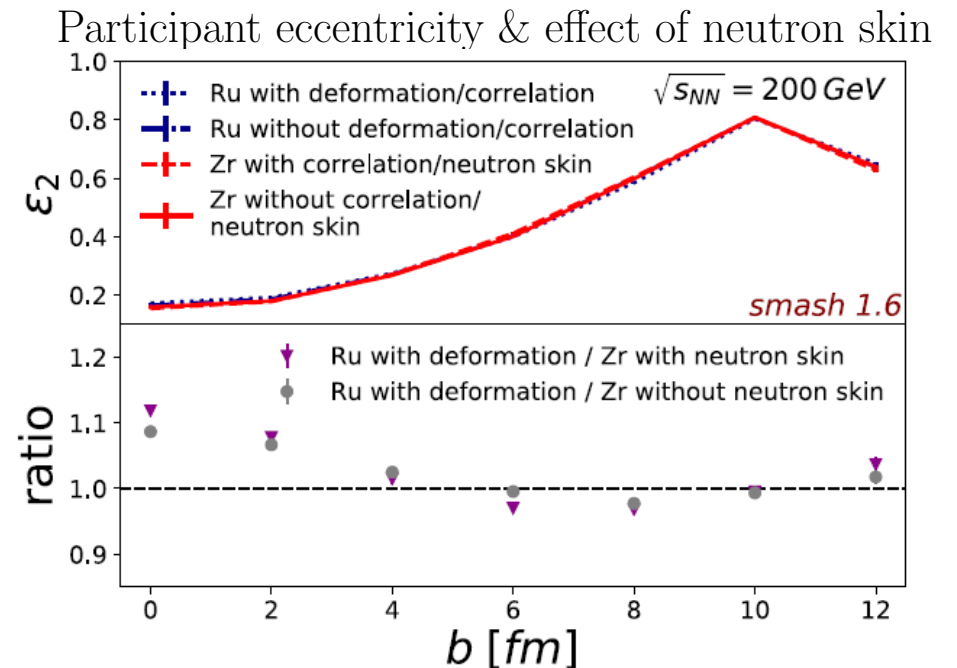
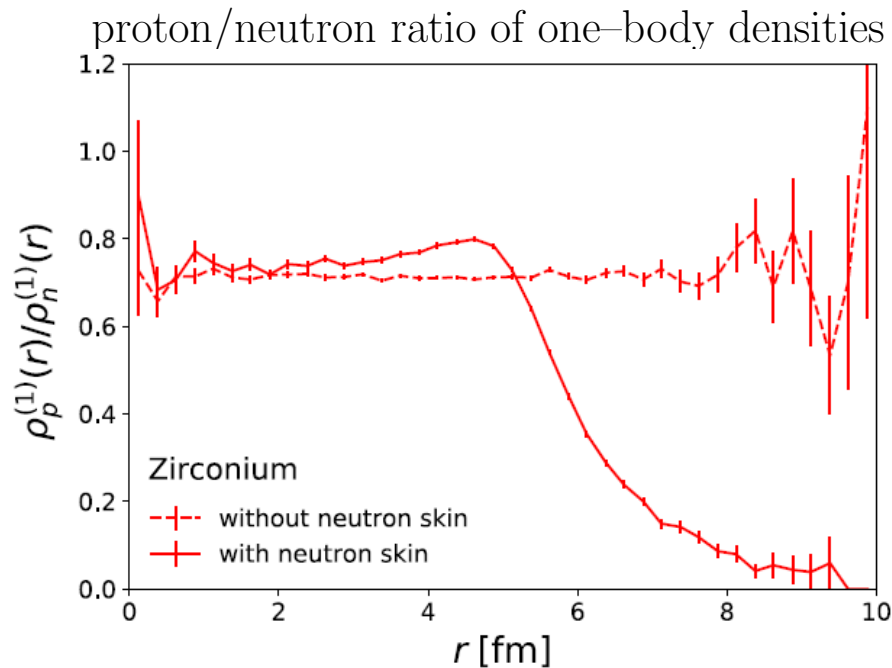
Nucleus	A	Z	N	N/Z	Skin	DEF
^{96}Ru	96	44	52	1.18	×	✓
^{96}Zr	96	40	56	1.40	✓	×
^{197}Au	197	79	118	1.49	✓	✓
^{208}Pb	208	82	126	1.54	✓	×
^{238}U	238	92	146	1.59	✓	✓

- Charge distribution unfolded for proton size [NPA 717 235 \(2003\)](#)
- We consider ^{96}Zr as a halo-like nucleus: $R_n \simeq R_p$; $a_n > a_p$
- Parameters without neutron skin from [PRC99 044908 \(2019\)](#)

1.(c+d) - Parameters for ^{96}Ru and ^{96}Zr isobars

- Final parameters (Ru deformed; Zr with/without neutron skin):

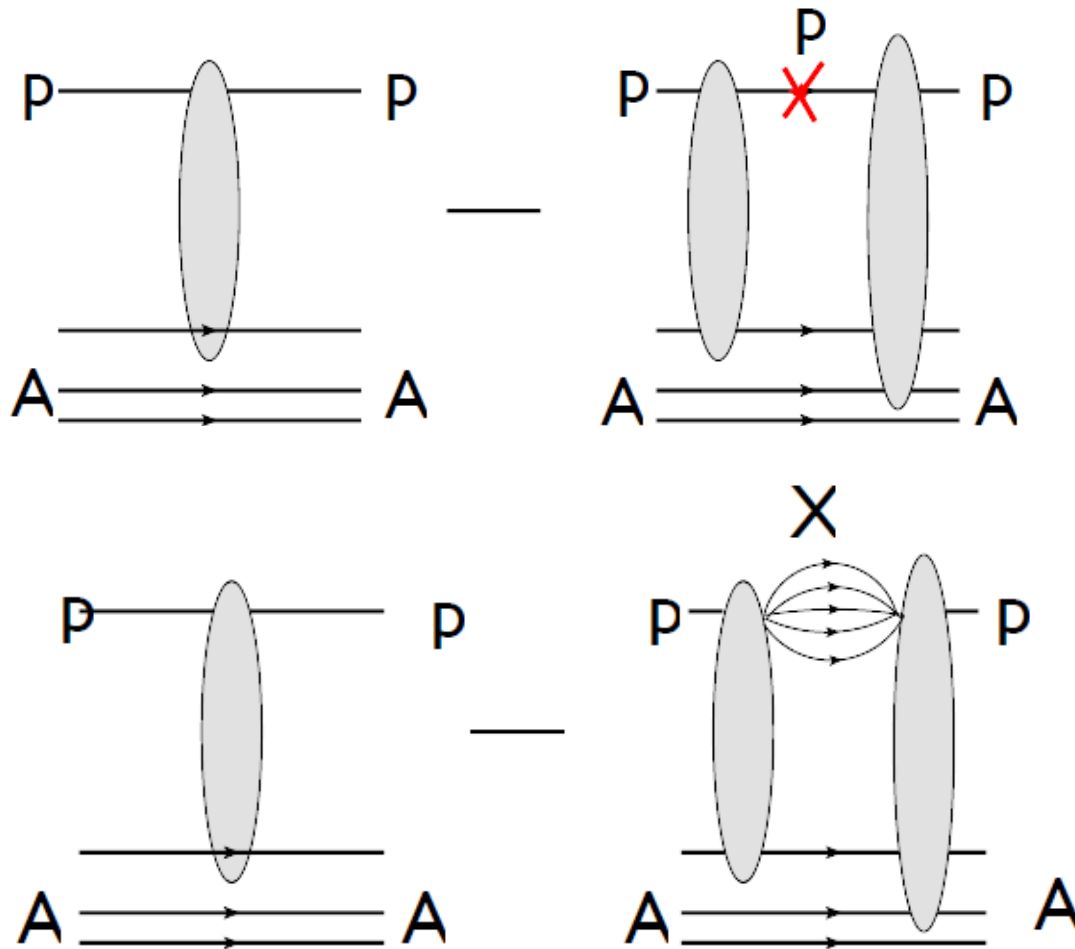
Nucleus	Skin	DEF	R_0^p [fm]	a_p [fm]	R_0^n [fm]	a_n [fm]	β_2
^{96}Ru	×	✓	5.085	0.46	5.02	0.46	0.158
^{96}Zr	×	×	5.020	0.46	5.020	0.46	0
^{96}Zr	✓	×	5.08	0.34	5.08	0.46	0



Part II

Effects of color fluctuations and modeling of hard triggers in MGC

2 - Beyond Glauber approach



→ Glauber model: in rescattering diagrams the proton cannot propagate in intermediate states

→ Gribov-Glauber model: the proton can access a set of intermediate state as in pN diffraction; relevant at high energies ($E_{inc} \gg 10 \text{ GeV}$)

X is a set of intermediate states that stay frozen during pA interaction

2.a - NN interaction with frozen configurations

- at sufficiently high energy, i.e. when the relation

$$2R < 2p_{lab}/(M^2 - m^2)$$

holds, intermediate states are frozen during the pA interaction

2.a - Fluctuations of NN interaction

- structure of the proton \longrightarrow fluctuations into intermediate states
- different internal configurations \longrightarrow different cross sections
- relation with **color transparency/opacity phenomena**

2.a - Color Fluctuations in Monte Carlo Glauber

- Gribov-Glauber dynamics: effective cross-section sampled event-by-event from a **distribution** $P(\sigma)$

$$P(\sigma) = \gamma \frac{\sigma}{\sigma + \sigma_0} e^{-\frac{\sigma/(\sigma_0-1)^2}{\Omega^2}},$$
$$\int d\sigma P(\sigma) = 1$$
$$\int d\sigma \sigma P(\sigma) = \sigma_{tot}$$
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}^2} \int d\sigma (\sigma - \sigma_{tot})^2 P(\sigma) = \omega_\sigma$$

proposed by *V. Guzey, M. Strikman, Phys. Lett. **B633** (2006)*

used **in MCG**: *M. Alvioli, M. Strikman, Phys. Lett. **B722** (2013);*

*M. Alvioli, V. Guzey, L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, **PRC90** (2014);*

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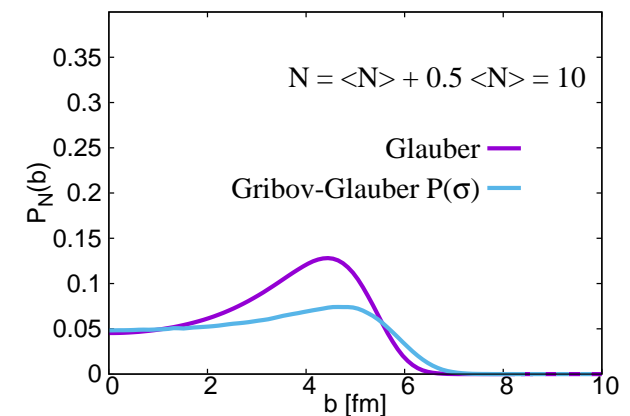
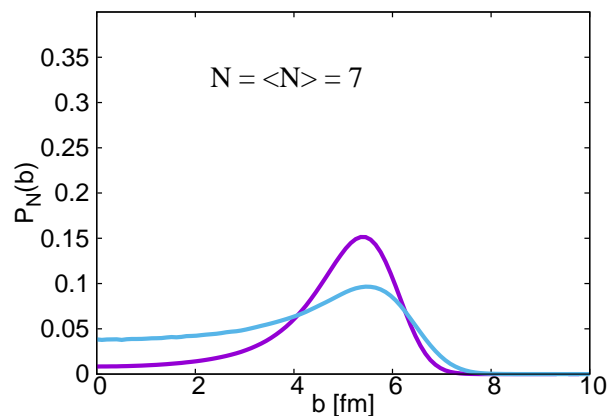
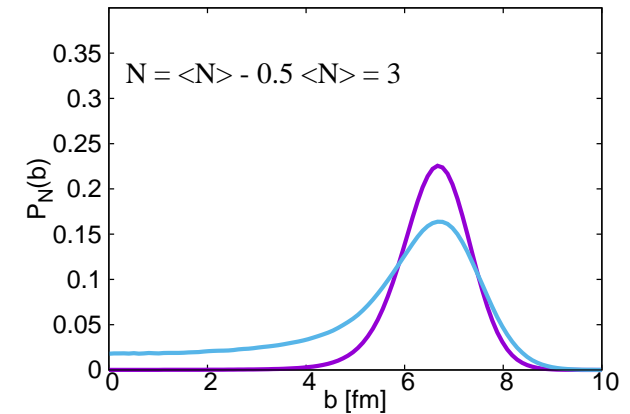
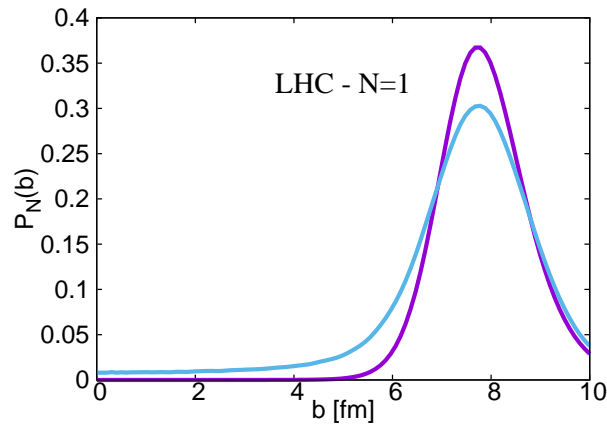
*M. Alvioli, L. Frankfurt, D. Perepelitsa, M. Strikman, **PRD98** (2018);*

*M. Alvioli, M. Azarkin, B. Blok, M. Strikman, **EPJC79** (2019);*

*M. Alvioli, M. Strikman, **PRC100** (2019)*

2.a - Color Fluctuations: probability of N interactions at b

- fluctuations of the number of wounded nucleons N_{coll} for given impact parameter $\mathbf{b} \implies$ **smearing of centrality**

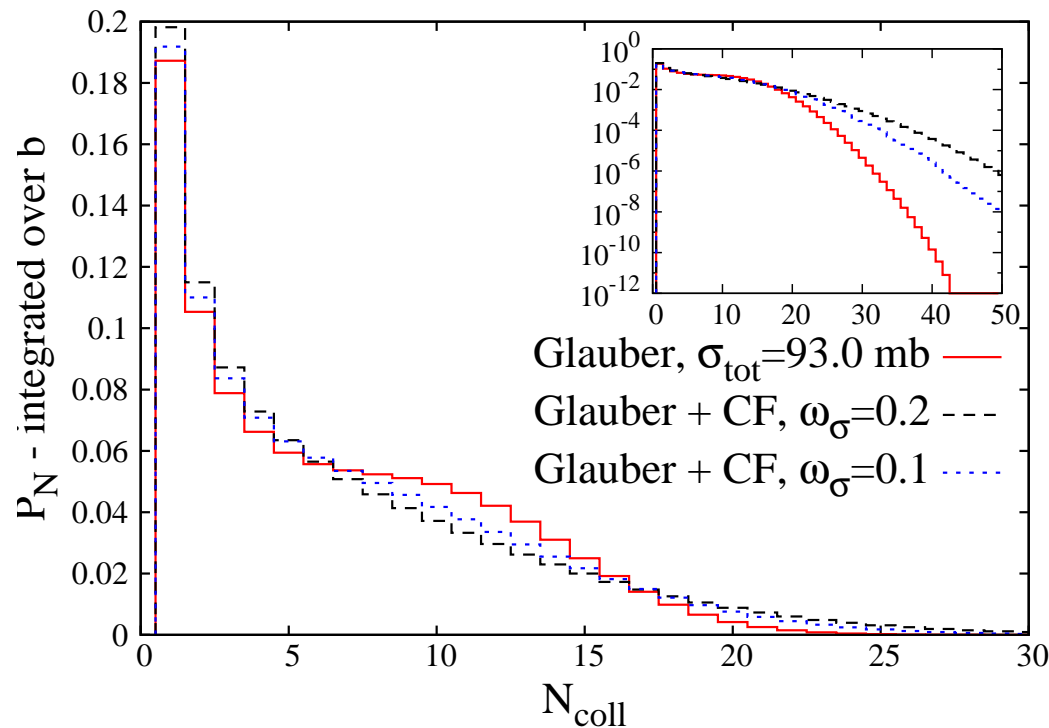


M. Alvioli, M. Strikman, Phys. Lett. B722 (2013)

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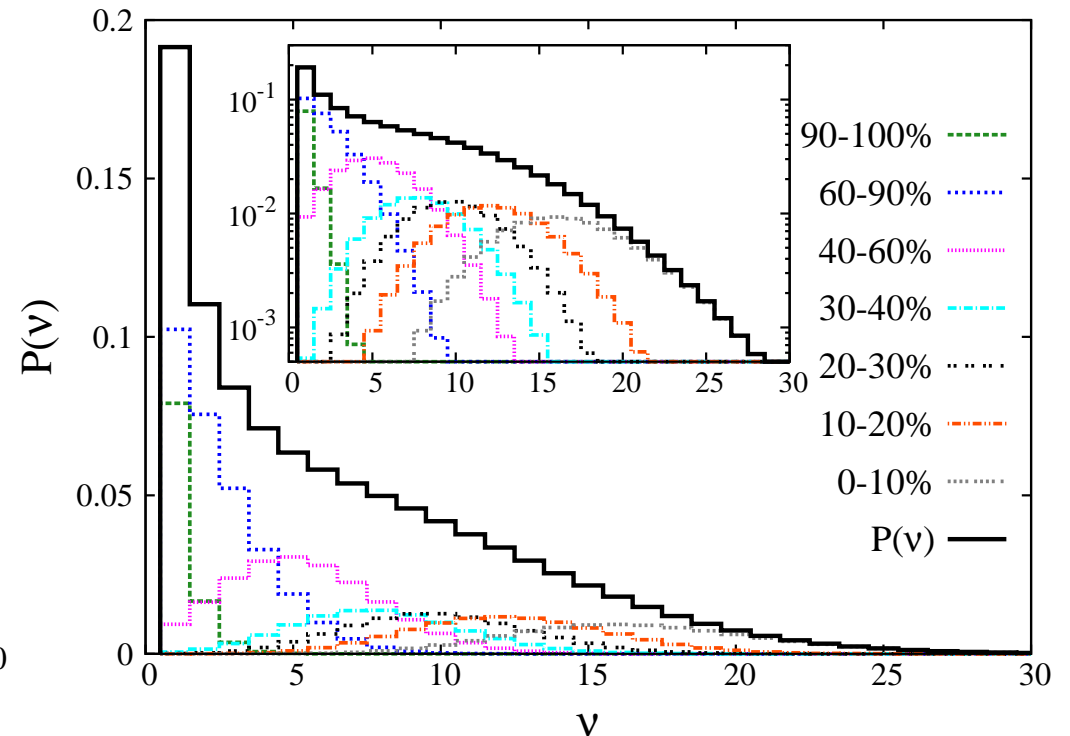
$$P_N = \int d\mathbf{b} P_N(b) \quad , \quad N = N_{coll} = \nu$$

- Probability of events with **large N_{coll} enhanced**



Phys. Lett. B722 (2013)
Phys. Rev. C90 (2014)

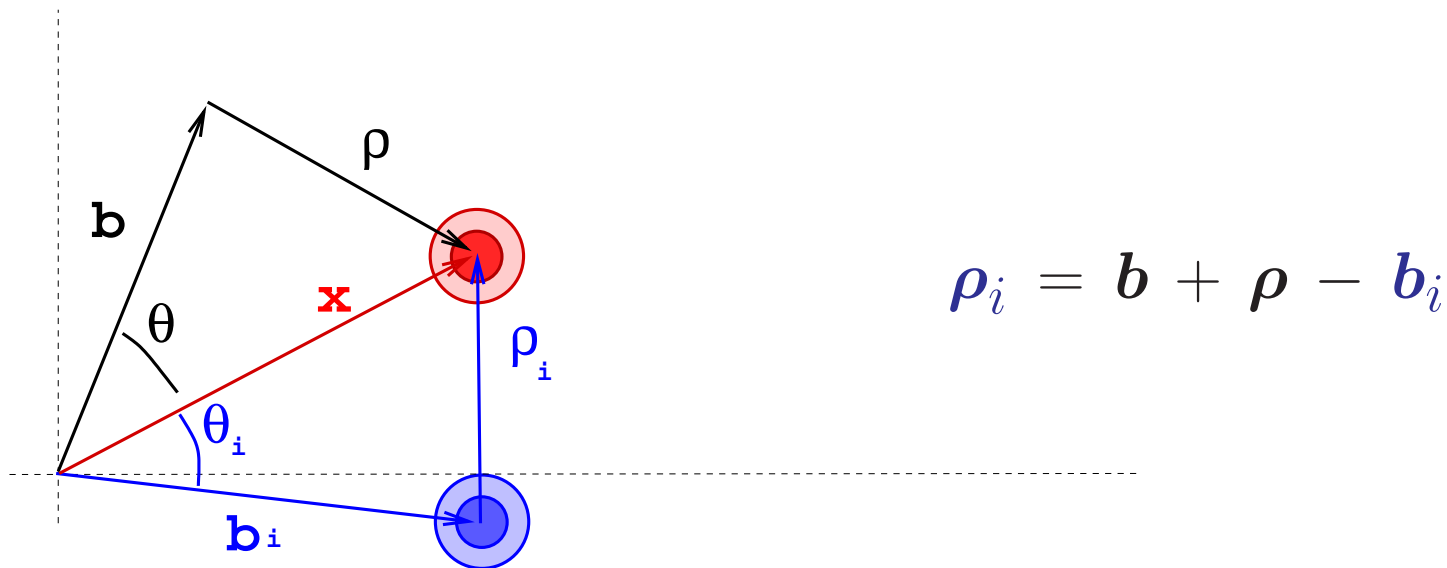
- Experimental centrality classes $\leftrightarrow N_{coll}$ distributions



Phys. Rev. C93 (2016)
Phys. Rev. D98 (2018)

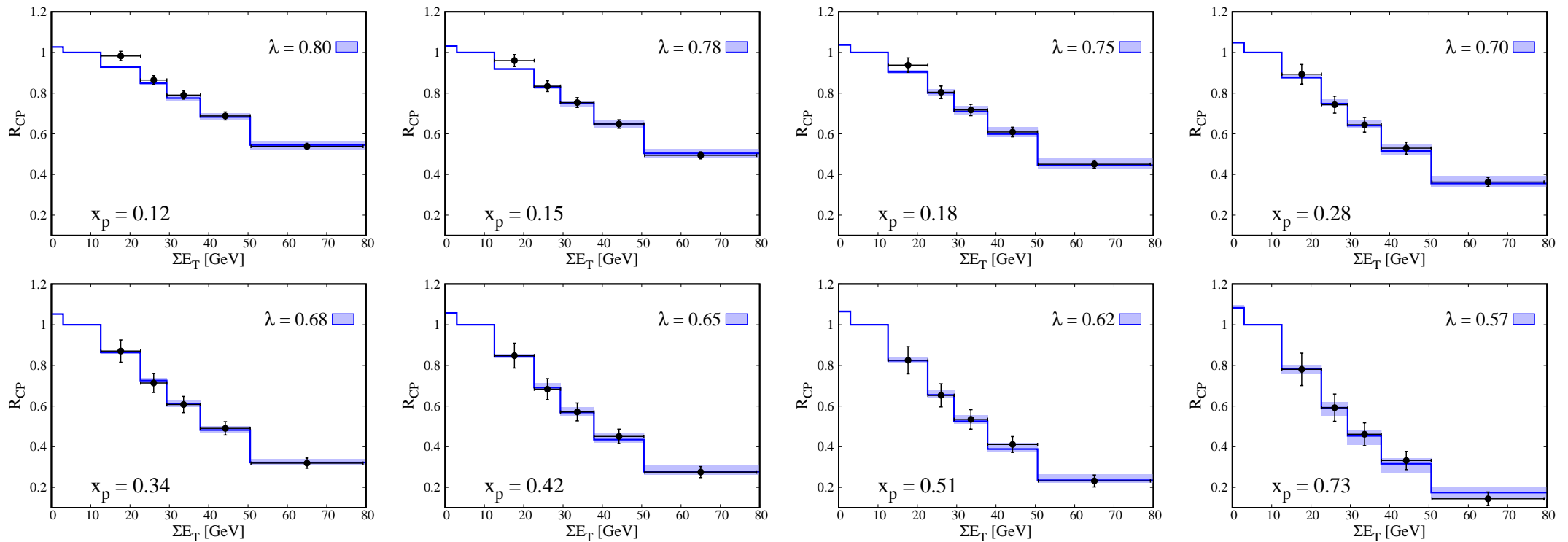
2.b - Geometry & hard trigger in pA processes

- A model to characterize the probability of events with **one hard scattering** and the $(N_{coll}-1)$ **soft scatterings**, as a function of N_{coll}
- Hard event triggered in a probabilistic way, using the gluon distributions in the transverse plane $F_g(\rho) = \exp(-\rho^2/B^2)/\pi B^2$
- We have coupled the MCG average $\langle \dots \rangle$ for the $N_{coll}-1$ soft interactions with 2-d integral over the (random) position of hard scattering



*M. Alvioli, L. Frankfurt, V. Guzey, M. Strikman, Phys. Rev. **C90** (2014)*

2.b - X-dependent Color Fluctuations in pA



- The proton has **smaller-than-average cross section**: $\lambda = \langle \sigma(x) \rangle / \langle \sigma_{pN} \rangle$

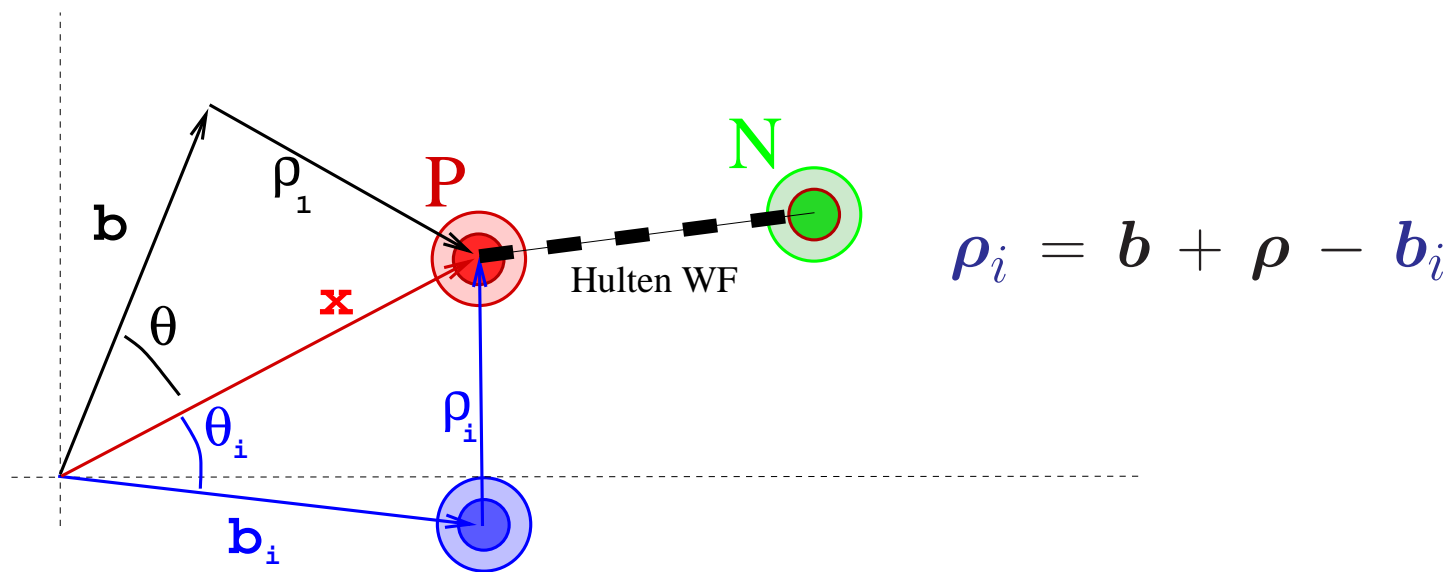
Alvioli, Cole, Frankfurt, Perepelitsa, Strikman, Phys. Rev. C93 (2016)

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Data: *Aad et al. - ATLAS collaboration - Phys. Lett. B748 (2015)*

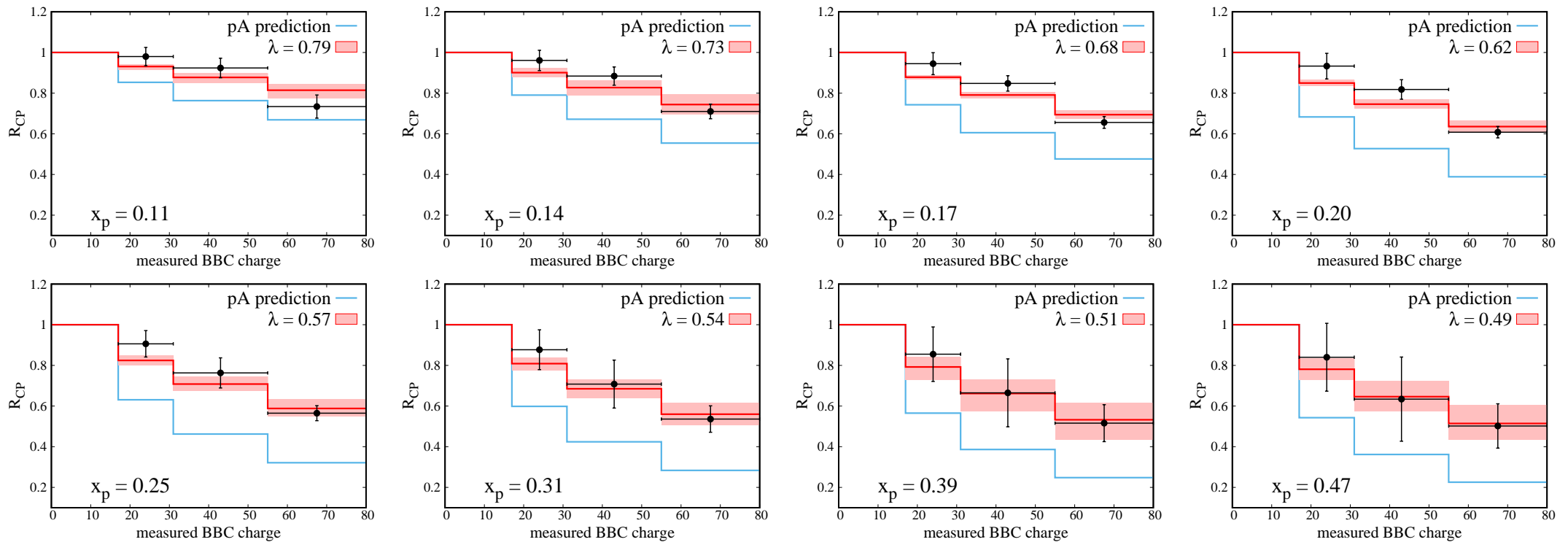
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- The hard event triggered in a probabilistic way
- We have coupled the MCG average $\langle \dots \rangle$ for the $N_{coll}-1$ soft interactions with 2-d integral over the (random) position of the hard scattering of one of the nucleons - in the figure, the proton



*Alvioli, Frankfurt, Perepelitsa, Strikman, Phys. Rev. **D98** (2018)*

2.c - X-dependent Color Fluctuations in dA



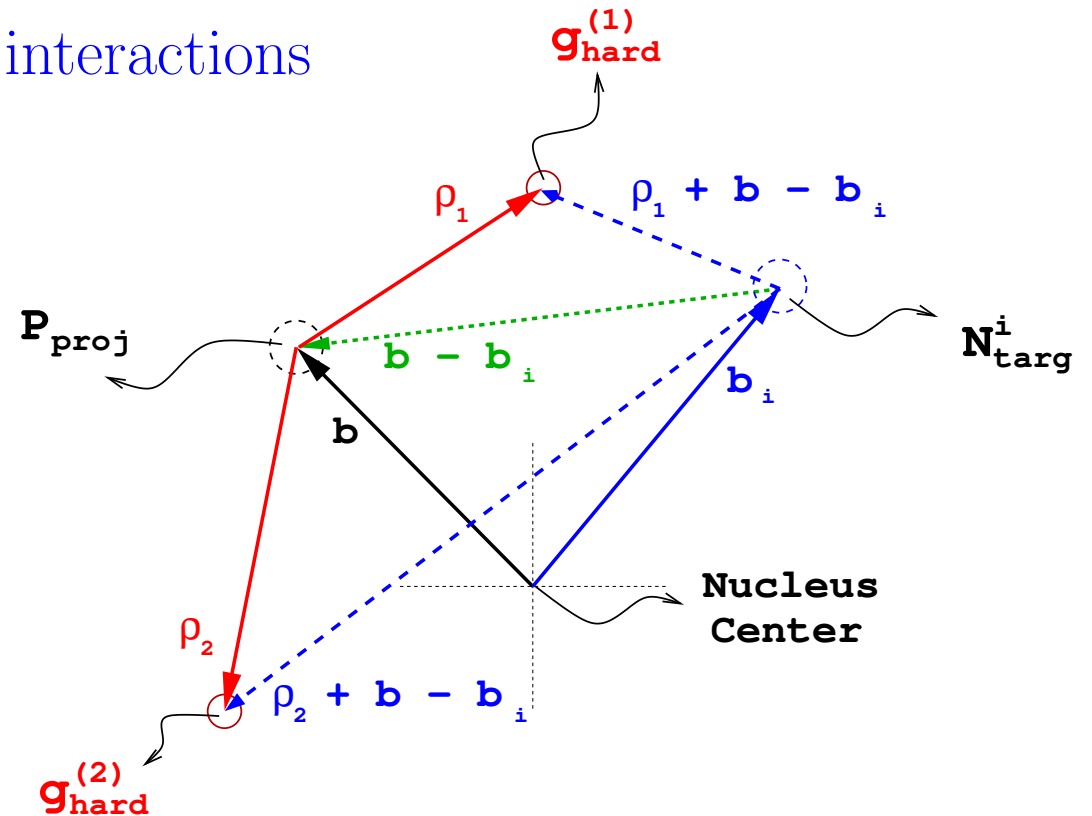
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Alvioli, Frankfurt, Perepelitsa, Strikman, Phys. Rev. D98 (2018)

Data: *Adare et al. - PHENIX collaboration - Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016)*

2.d - Modeling Double Partonic Interactions

- Extension of the hard-trigger formalism to **double-hard trigger** + $(N-2)$ soft interactions
- Integration of two hard-scattering point on the transverse plane, event-by-event
- Full impact parameter dependence of single and double dijet events



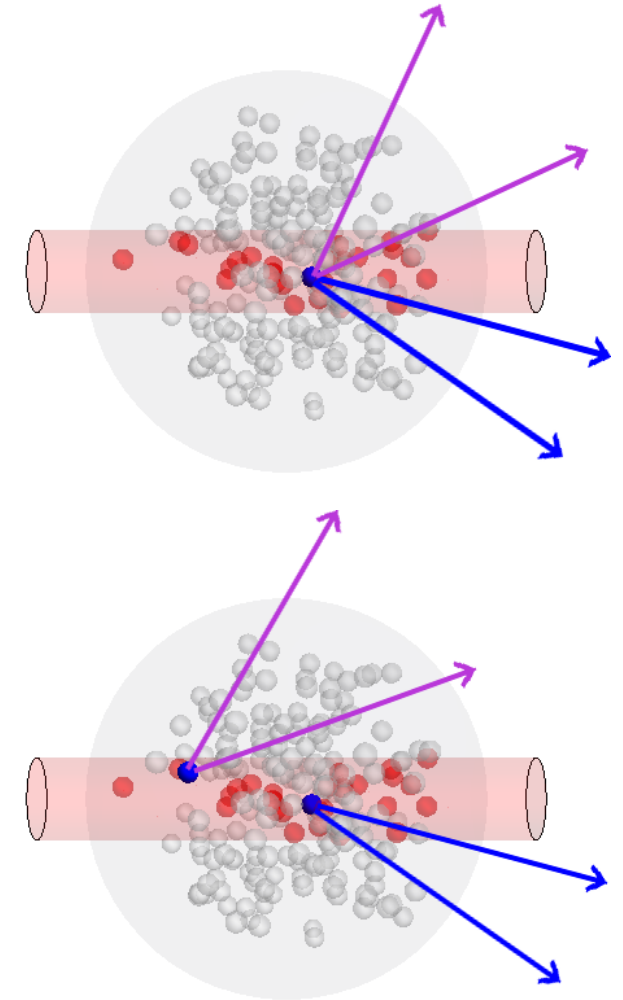
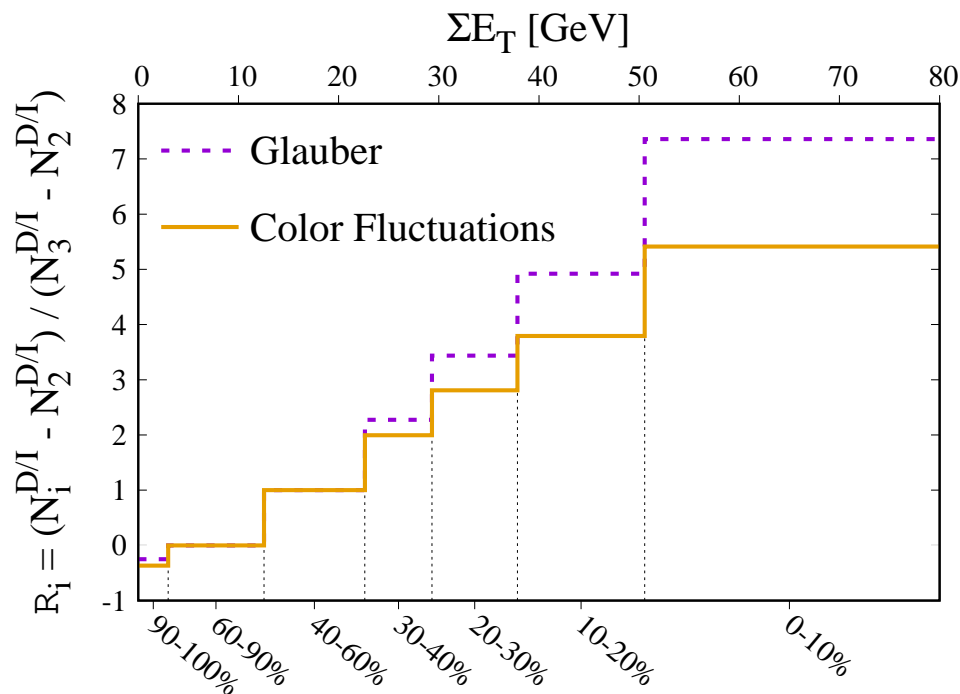
M. Strikman, D. Treleani, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88 (2002)

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2.d - Centrality dependence of double parton scattering

- In **pA**, the DPS contribution grows with **centrality** much faster than the competing **LT**
- MCG distinguishes DPS from the **same nucleon** or **two different nucleons**

$$N = \frac{Mult_{DPS}}{Mult_{LT}}, \quad R_i = \frac{N_i - N_2}{N_3 - N_2}$$



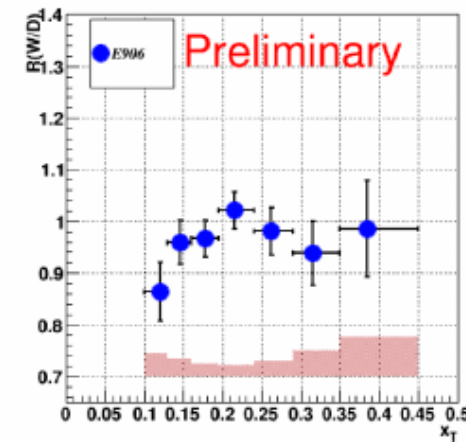
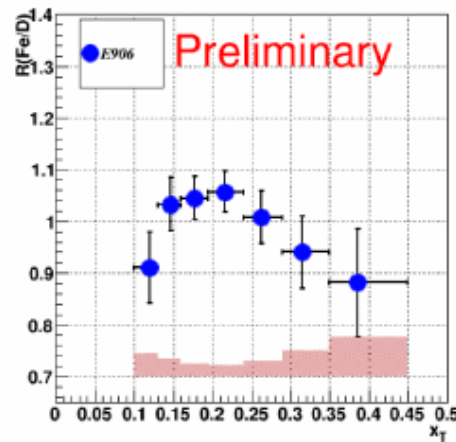
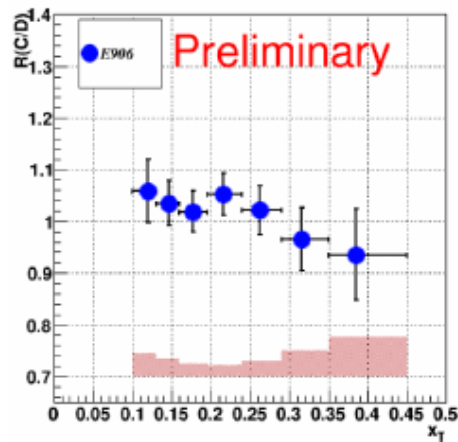
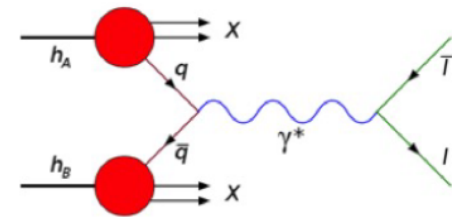
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Part III

Energy loss and evidence for an EMC effect for antiquarks

3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

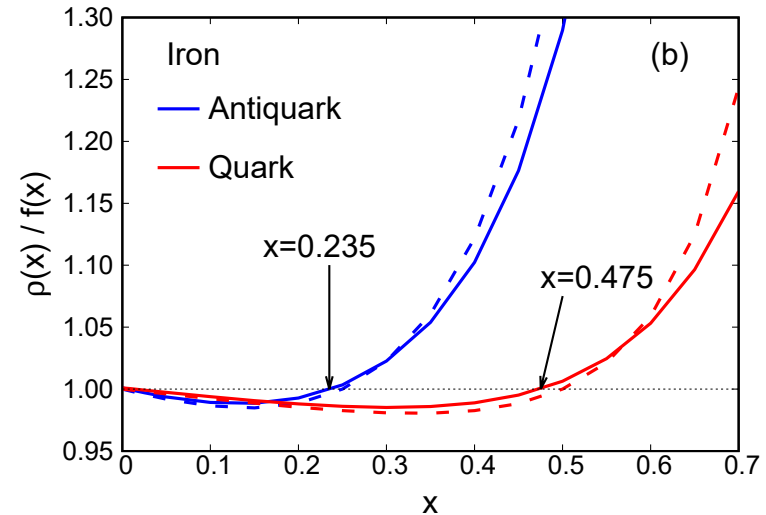
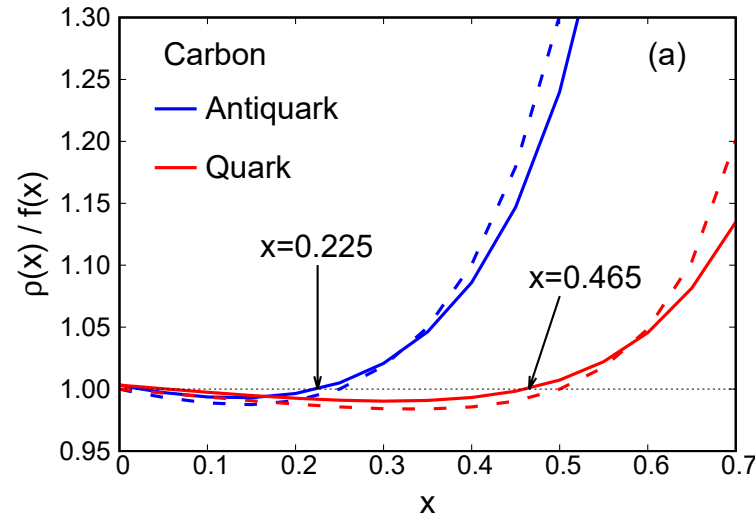
- We consider preliminary data from Fermilab E906/SeaQuest experiment
- Study of **anti-quark distributions** of nucleons and nuclei in DY
- 120 GeV proton beam on nuclear targets
- Probe $0.1 < x < 0.45$ for anti-quarks
- Cross section ratio $R_{pA} = 2\sigma_{pA}/A\sigma_{pD}$



Data from: *Arun Tadepalli, PhD Thesis*
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (2019)

3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

- Hunting for an EMC-like effect for antiquarks



$$\rho(x)/f_j(x) = \int d\mathbf{k} n(k) f_j(x/\alpha) / f_j(x), \quad \alpha = 1 + k_3 / \sqrt{m^2 + k^2}$$

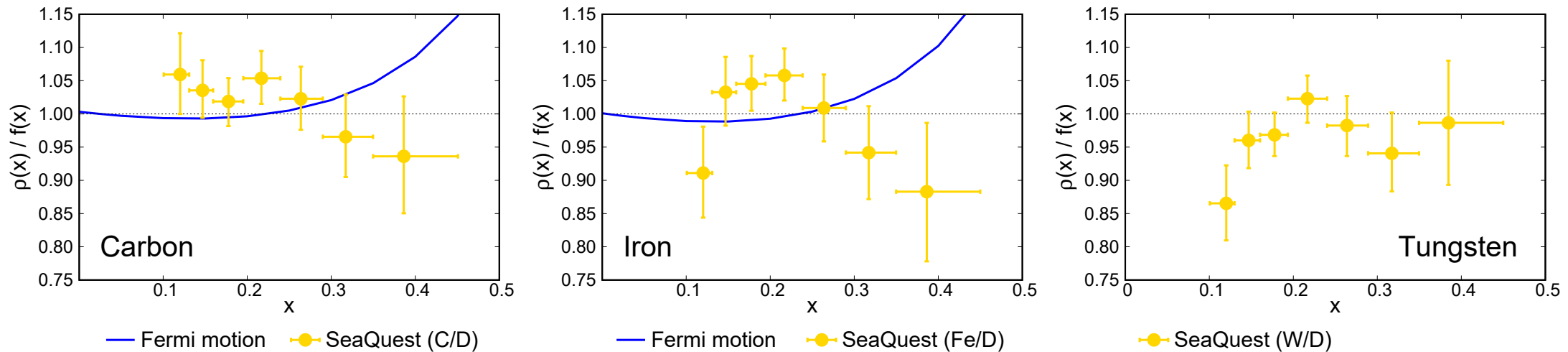
- Curves cross 1 at $x_{crossover} = 2/(n + 1)$; $n = 3$ for q , $n = 7$ for \bar{q}
- $x \sim 0.2 - 0.3$: **suppression of Fermi motion contribution** to \bar{q}_A/\bar{q}_N

M. Alvioli, M. Strikman - arXiv:2210.12597 [hep-ph]

*L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman - Phys. Rept. **160** 235 (1988)*

3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

- Compare with *preliminary* SeaQuest data



- $x \sim 0.2 - 0.3$: **suppression of Fermi motion contribution to \bar{q}_A/\bar{q}_N**
- **Data not compatible with predictions from Fermi motion**

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3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

- Energy loss of the quark travelling through the nuclear medium
- Would reduce the cross section for given x_p , mimick an EMC–like effect
- Effect proportional to the average gluon density a quark traveled through

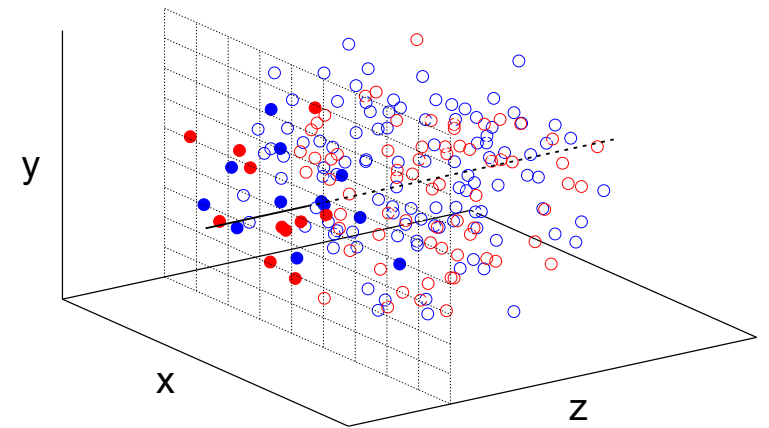
- MC code with nuclear configurations of: *PRC 100 024912 (2019)*
- Hard trigger of: *PRC 93 011902 (2016)*, *PRD 98 071502 (2018)*

3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

- Energy loss proportional to the gluon density a quark traveled through
- **Hard trigger** of: *PRC 93 011902 (2016)*, *PRD 98 071502 (2018)*

$$Z_h(b, \nu) = \int d\rho \sum_{j=1}^A \theta(\mathbf{z}_{\text{hard}} - z_j) \frac{1}{\pi B} e^{-(\mathbf{b} + \boldsymbol{\rho} - \mathbf{b}_j)^2 / B}$$

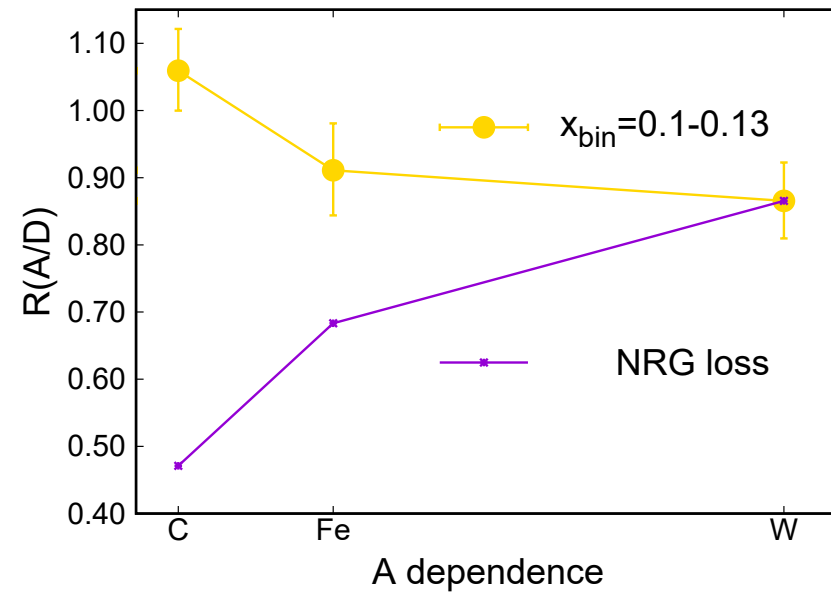
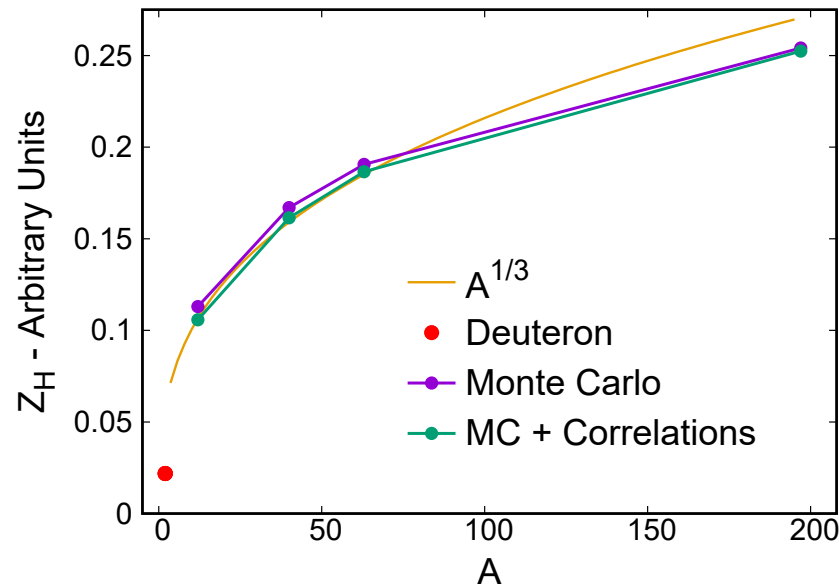
$$Z_H = \frac{\sum_{\nu=1}^A \nu \int d\mathbf{b} \langle Z_h(b, \nu) \rangle_{\text{conf}}}{\sum_{\nu=1}^A \int d\mathbf{b} \langle Z_h(b, \nu) \rangle_{\text{conf}}}$$



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3 - Energy loss vs. SeaQuest Drell–Yan data

- NRG loss maximum in the smallest- $x = x_A$ data bin
- We normalize to the experimental data point for tungsten



- A-dependence of NRG loss not compatible with preliminary data
- **First evidence for the EMC effect for antiquarks?!?**

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Summary

- We generate *nuclear configurations* including spin-isospin-dependent Nucleon-Nucleon correlations
 - Already used by many authors and for several *different purposes*
 - We can produce configurations for *any* $A=Z+N$
 - *Deformed* nuclei are implemented as well as *neutron skin*
- *Color fluctuations* implemented in MCG by *fluctuating* σ_{NN} , by means of a probability distribution $P(\sigma_{NN})$
 - Modified N_{coll} -*impact parameter* relationship
- *Selection of events with a hard-trigger* allows study of x -dependence of CF in pA , dA and centrality dependence of *double partonic interactions*
- We estimate NRG loss effect in SeaQuest DY data with the *hard-trigger* algorithm

Configurations available at: <http://sites.psu.edu/color>

Additional Slides

1.a - Glauber: semi-analytic description

- **Continuous density** distributions of nuclei, $\rho(\mathbf{r})$; $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{b}, z)$
- Probability of n binary collisions in AA using *binomial distribution* and **thickness functions** $T_A(\mathbf{b}) = \int dz \rho(\mathbf{b}, z)$, $T_{AA}(\mathbf{b}) = \int d\mathbf{s} T_A(\mathbf{s}) T_A(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{s})$:

$$P_n(\mathbf{b}) = \binom{A^2}{n} \left[T_{AA}(\mathbf{b}) \sigma_{NN}^{in} \right]^n \left[1 - T_{AA}(\mathbf{b}) \sigma_{NN}^{in} \right]^{A^2 - n}$$

- E.g., total AA inelastic cross section requires multidimensional integrations:

$$\sigma_{AA}^{in} = \int d\mathbf{b} \int \prod_i^{A \otimes A} d\mathbf{s}_i T_A(\mathbf{s}_i) \left\{ 1 - \prod_j^A \prod_k^A \sigma(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{s}_j + \mathbf{s}_k) \right\}$$

- **Optical limit**: assuming uncorrelated scattering centers, $A \otimes A$ integrations over transverse coordinates are reduced to one integration:

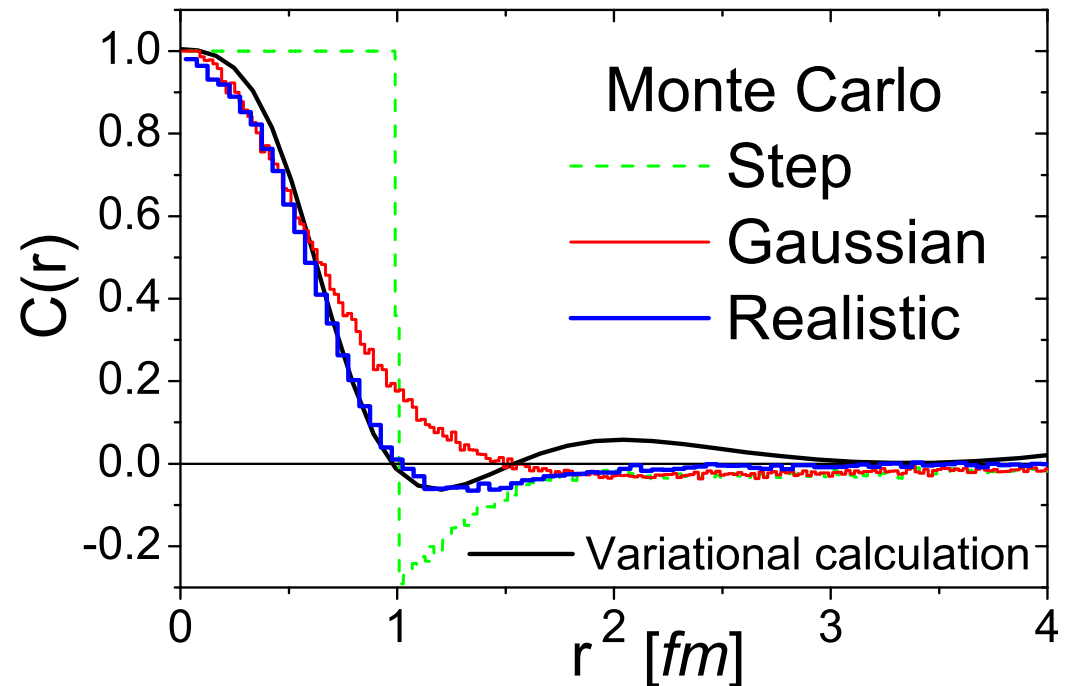
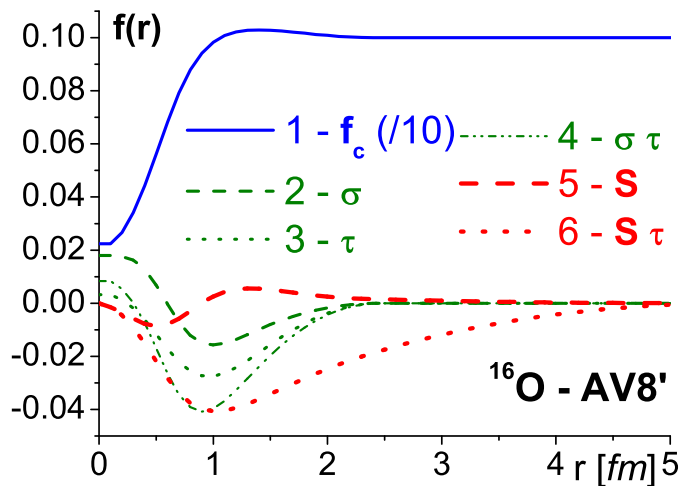
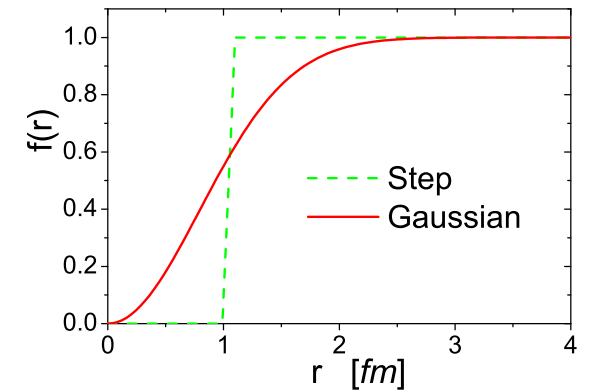
$$\sigma_{AA}^{in,opt} = \int d\mathbf{b} \left\{ 1 - \left[1 - \sigma_{NN}^{in} T_{AA}(\mathbf{b}) \right]^{A^2} \right\}$$

- **Details of density are lost.**
- **Difficult to estimate event-by-event *fluctuations***

- We used $|\Psi|^2$ as a Metropolis weight function

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A) = \prod_{i < j}^A \hat{f}(r_{ij}) \Phi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A)$$

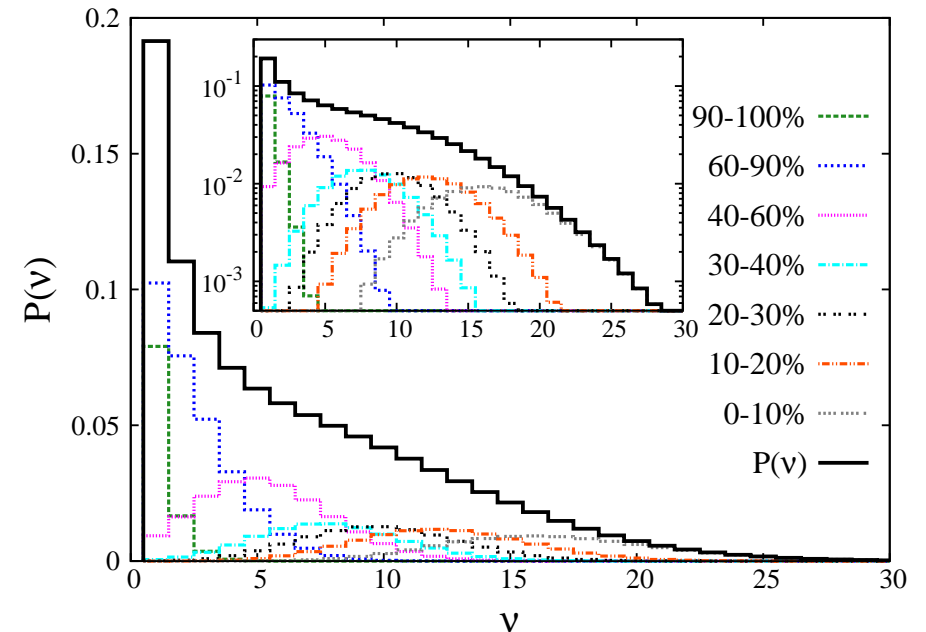
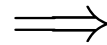
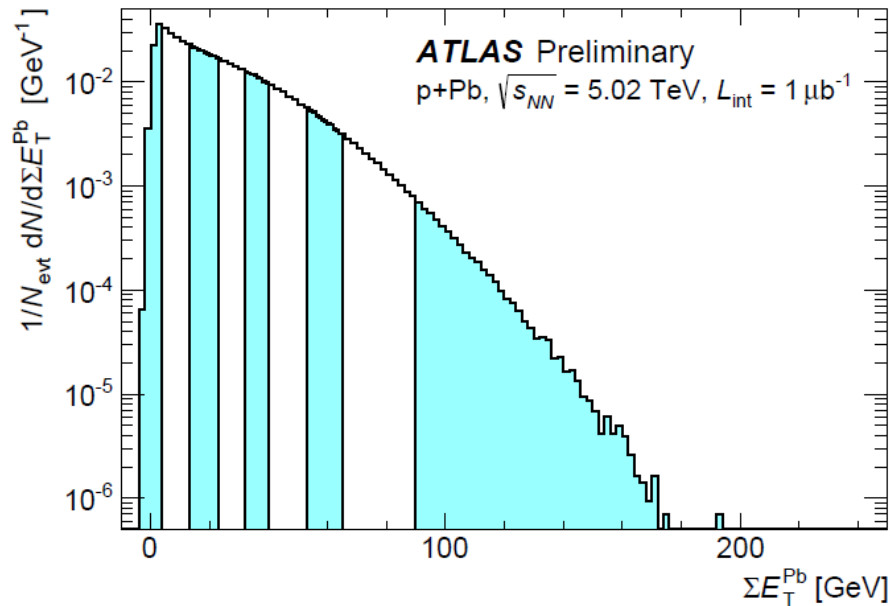
where Φ is given by the independent particle model.



- We use **realistic correlation functions** from variational calculation

2.a - Color Fluctuations: N_{coll} and b dependence

- We use ATLAS (*ATLAS-CONF-2013-096*) model for ΔE_T in pp collisions with a convolution to obtain the pA model

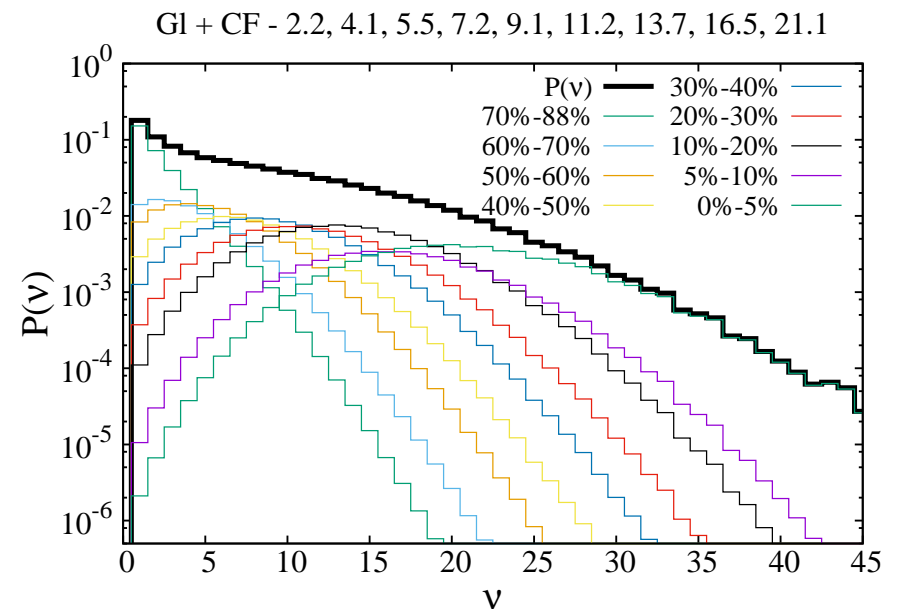
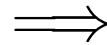
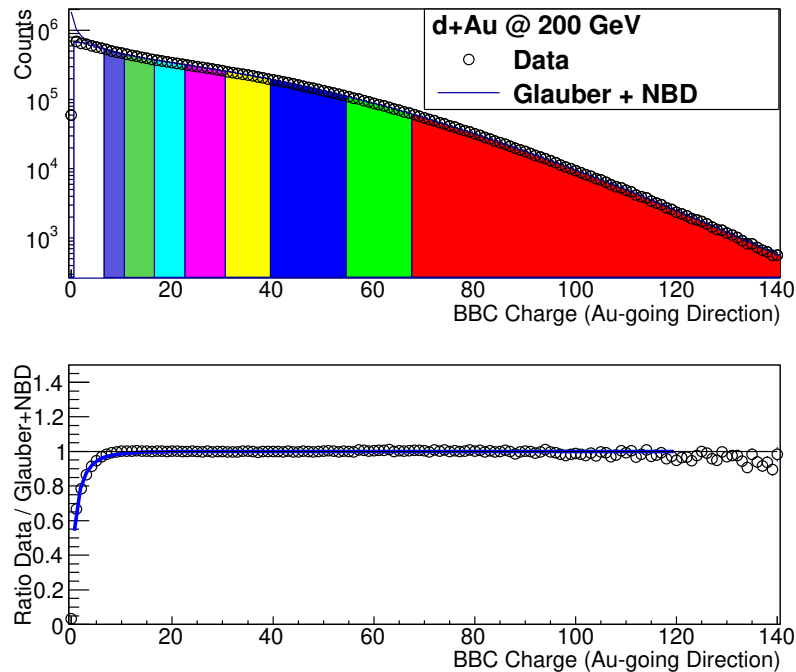


Alvioli, Cole, Frankfurt, Perepelitsa, Strikman, PRC93 (2016)

- ATLAS and CMS found deviations from the Glauber model (N_{coll} tail)
- we derive a non-trivial relation between bins in ΔE_T and N_{coll} and thus determine $P(N_{coll})$ dependence on centrality ($\nu = N_{coll}$)

2.c - Color Fluctuations: N_{coll} and b dependence

- We use PHENIX (*Adare et al., PRC90 (2014)*) model for multiplicity in the dA case

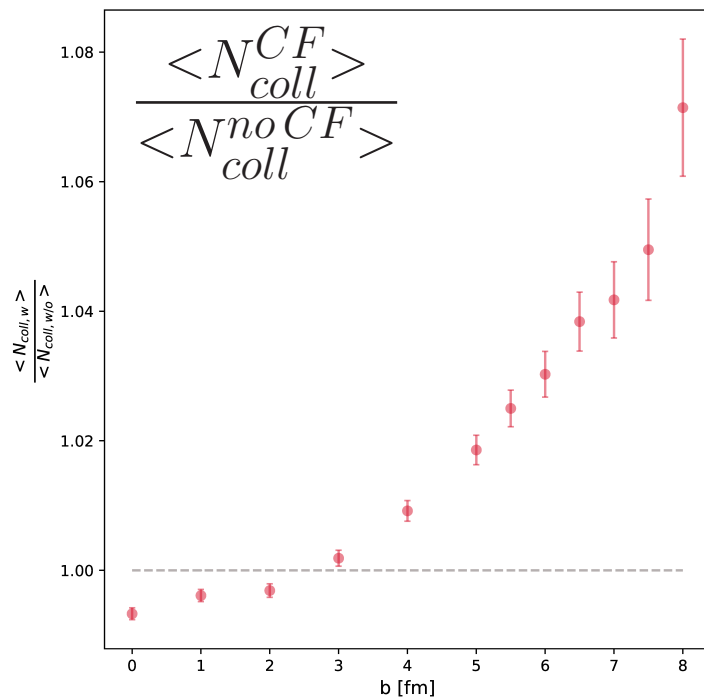


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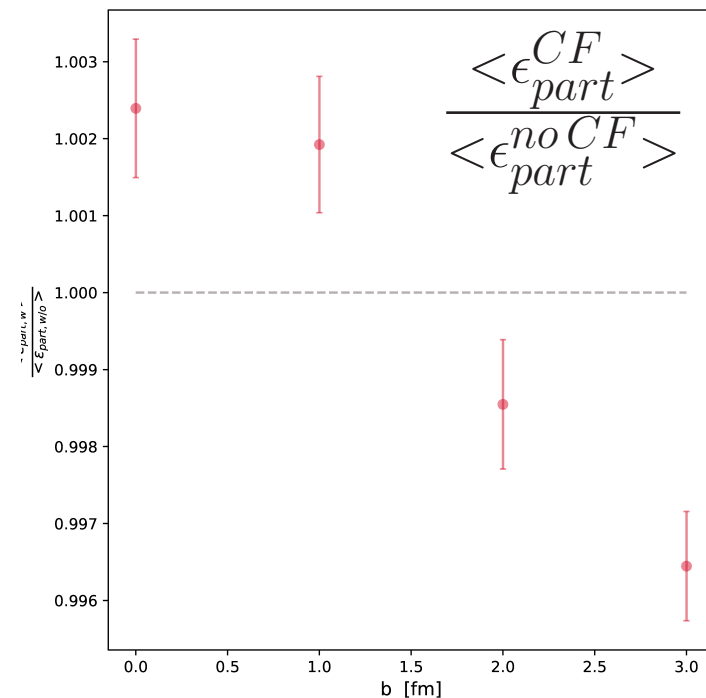
- same approach as in the pA case
- non-trivial relation between N_{coll} and centrality

2.a - Color fluctuations + SMASH model

- Dynamical transport model (*A. Bozic's Thesis*)
- Color fluctuation effects on N_{coll} and *eccentricity*: **O–O collisions**



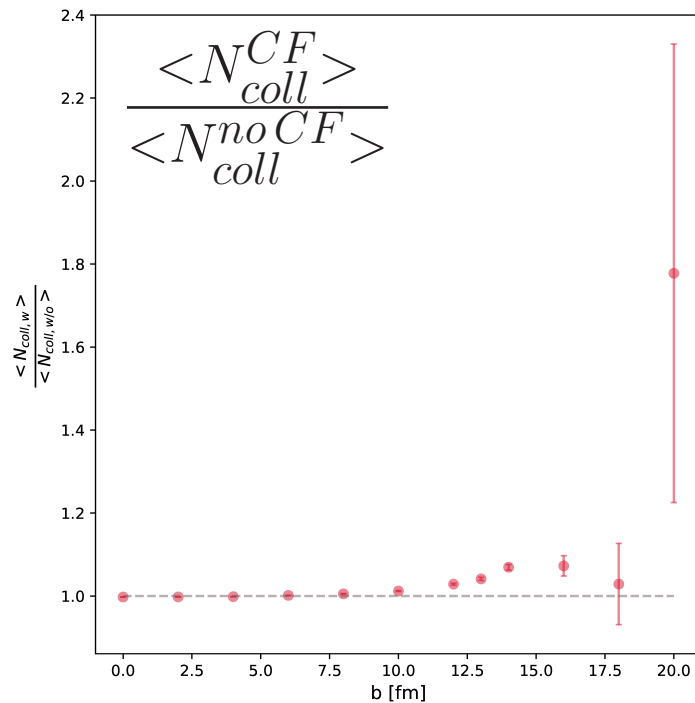
→ N_{coll} suppressed at small b and enhanced for peripheral collisions



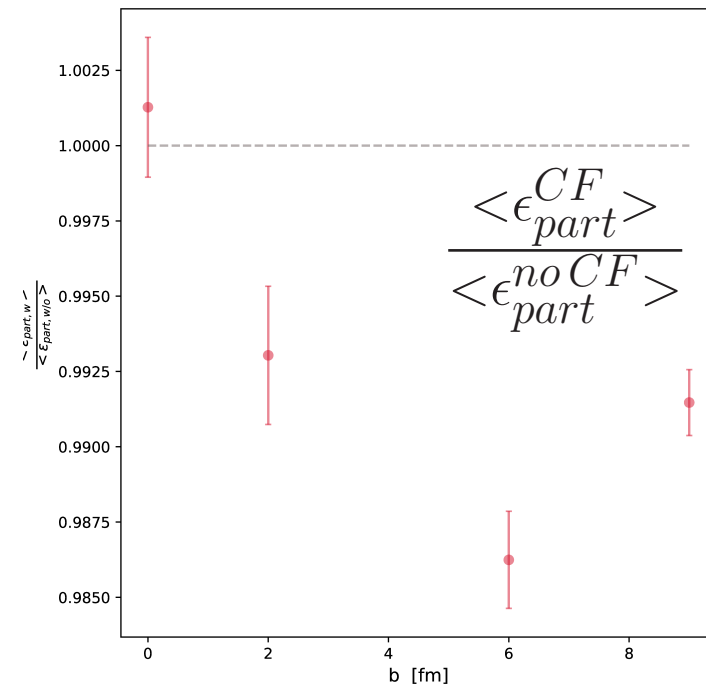
→ ϵ_{part} increased at small b and decreased at large b

2.a - Color fluctuations + SMASH model

- Dynamical transport model (*A.Bozic's Thesis*)
- Color fluctuation effects on N_{coll} and *eccentricity*: **Au–Au collisions**



→ Same N_{coll} at small b and enhanced for very peripheral collisions



→ ϵ_{part} decreased at medium and large b