

# Electron-ion collisions in Pythia 8

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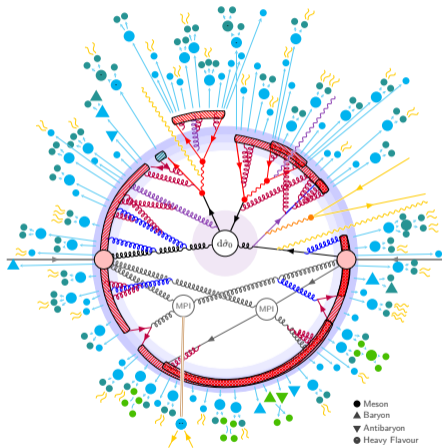
# Outline

## Pythia 8: A general purpose event generator

- Latest release 8.312 (May 2024)
- A new physics manual for 8.3  
[SciPost Phys. Codebases 8-r8.3 (2022)]

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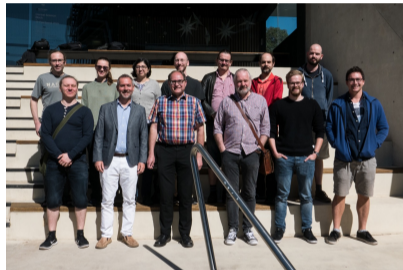
1. Pythia 8 basics
2. Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)
3. Photoproduction in e+p
4. Ultraperipheral heavy-ion collision collisions (UPCs)
5. Summary & Outlook



[figure by P. Skands]

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[Pythia meeting in Monash 2019]

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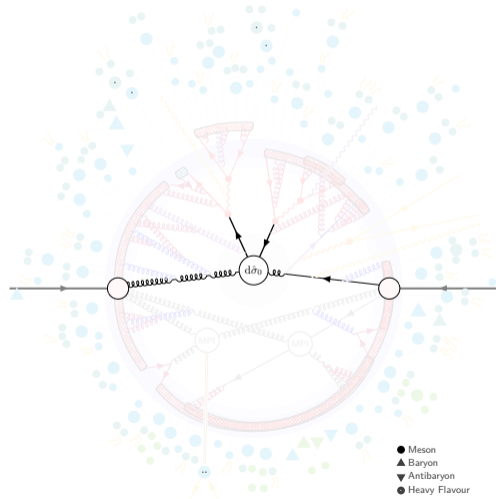
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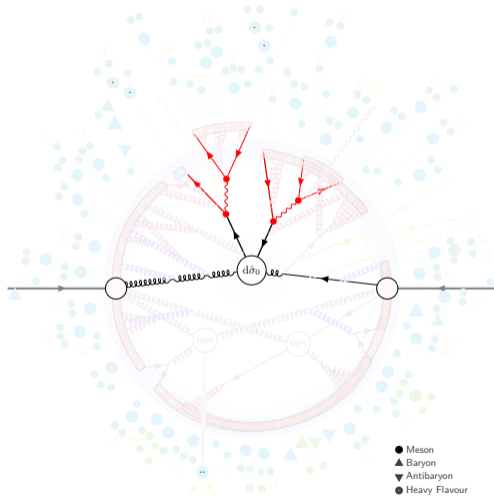




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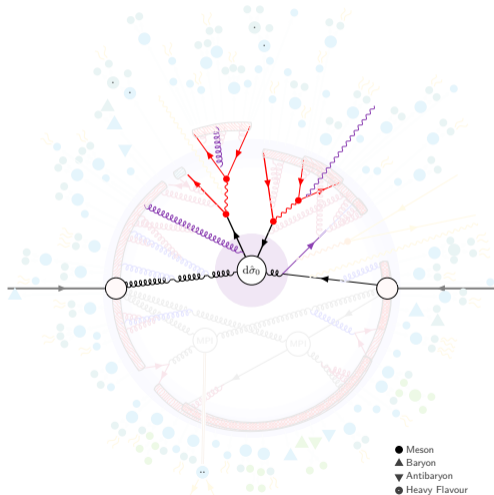


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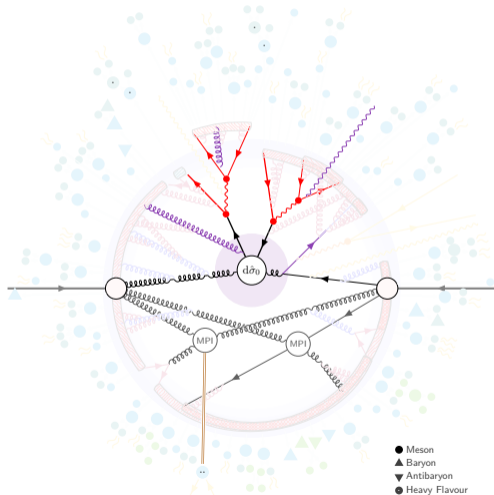


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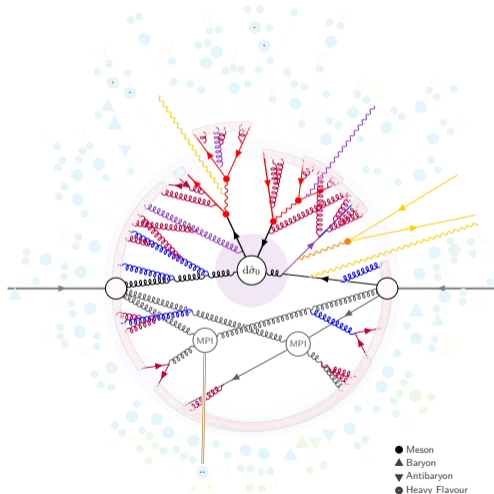


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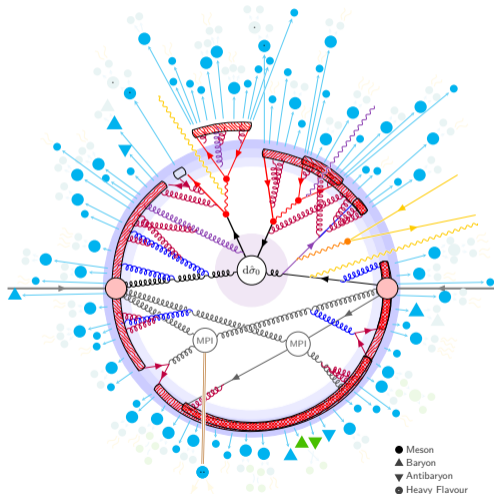


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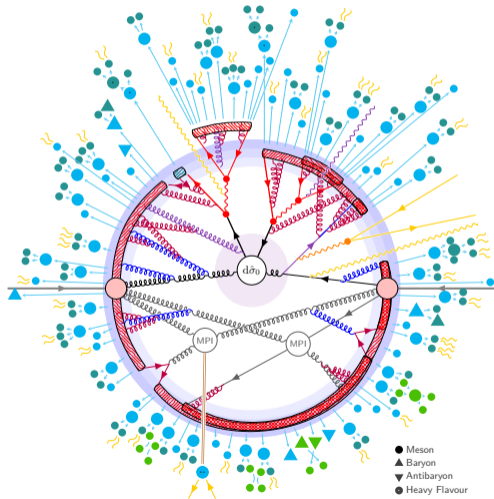


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# Multiparton interactions (MPIs)

- MPIs from  $2 \rightarrow 2$  QCD cross sections

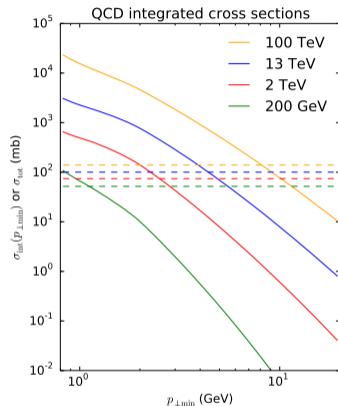
$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}}}{dp_T^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{nd}}(\sqrt{s})} \frac{d\sigma^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2}$$

$\sigma_{\text{nd}}(\sqrt{s})$  is the non-diffractive cross section

- Partonic cross section diverges at  $p_T \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Introduce a screening parameter  $p_{T0}$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{2 \rightarrow 2}}{dp_T^2} \propto \frac{\alpha_s(p_T^2)}{p_T^4} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s(p_{T0}^2 + p_T^2)}{(p_{T0}^2 + p_T^2)^2}$$

- Energy-dependent parametrization:  
 $p_{T0}(\sqrt{s}) = p_{T0}^{\text{ref}}(\sqrt{s}/\sqrt{s_{\text{ref}}})^\alpha$
- Number of interactions:  $\langle n \rangle = \sigma_{\text{int}}(p_{T0})/\sigma_{\text{nd}}$



- $\sigma_{\text{int}}(p_{T,\text{min}})$  exceeds  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Several interactions

# Parton-level evolution

## Common evolution scale ( $p_T$ ) for FSR, ISR and MPIs

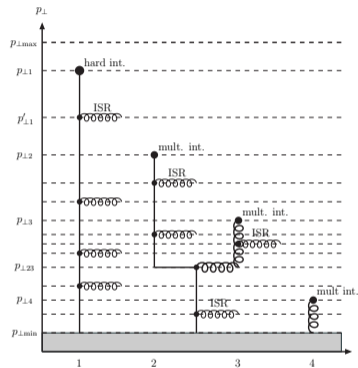
- Probability for something to happen at given  $p_T$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dp_T} = \left( \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}}}{dp_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{FSR}}}{dp_T} \right) \times \exp \left[ - \int_{p_T}^{p_T^{\text{max}}} dp'_T \left( \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}}}{dp'_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}}}{dp'_T} + \sum \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{FSR}}}{dp'_T} \right) \right]$$

where  $\exp[. . .]$  is a Sudakov factor (probability that nothing else has happened before  $p_T$ )

## Simultaneous partonic evolution

1. Start the evolution from the hard-process scale
2. Sample  $p_T$  for each  $\mathcal{P}_i$ , pick one with highest  $p_T$
3. Continue until  $p_{T\text{min}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  reached



[T. Sjöstrand, P. Skands:  
EPJC 39 (2005) 129-154]



# Available beam configurations in Pythia 8

## Hadronic collisions

- p-p: hard, soft and low-energy processes
- h-p, where  $h = \pi^{\pm,0}, K^{\pm,0}, \phi^0, \dots$

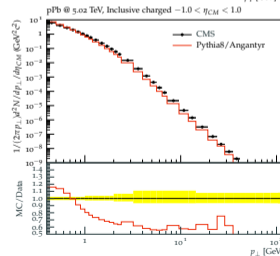
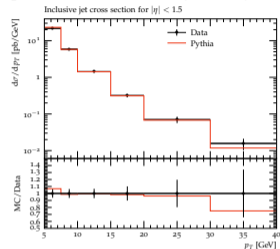
## Collisions with leptons

- $e^+e^-$ , including  $\gamma\gamma$  (also in p-p)
- e-p: (neutrino) DIS, photoproduction with soft and hard QCD processes

## Heavy-ion collisions with Angantyr

- A-A, p-A and h-A
- UPCs with proton target, also VMD-A
- Some cosmic-ray related processes

[OPAL: PLB 658 (2008) 185-192]



# Electron-proton collisions

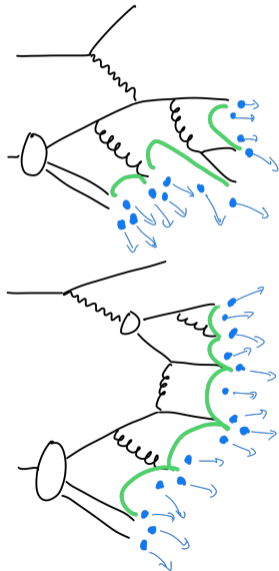
Classified in terms photon virtuality  $Q^2$

## Deep inelastic scattering (DIS)

- High virtuality,  $Q^2 > \text{a few GeV}^2$
- Lepton scatters off from a parton by exchanging a highly virtual photon

## Photoproduction

- Low virtuality,  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ GeV}^2$   
⇒ Direct and resolved contributions
- Factorize  $\gamma$  flux, evolve  $\gamma p$  system
- Hard scale provided by the final state
- Also soft QCD processes, diffraction



# Deep inelastic scattering

# Event generation in DIS with Pythia 8

## Hard scattering

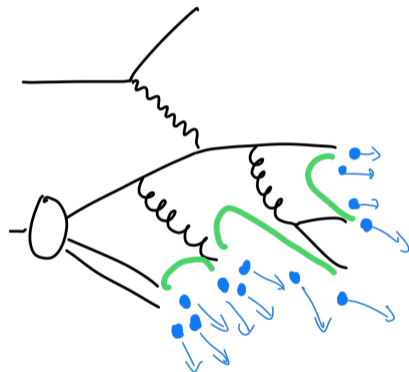
- Convolution between PDFs and matrix element (ME) for partonic scattering

## Parton shower

- Final state radiation (FSR)
- Initial state radiation (ISR) for hadron
- QED emissions from leptons (omitted)

## Hadronization

- String hadronization with colour reconnections
- Decays to stable hadrons

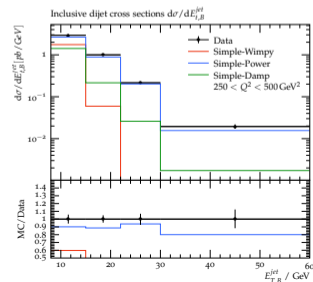
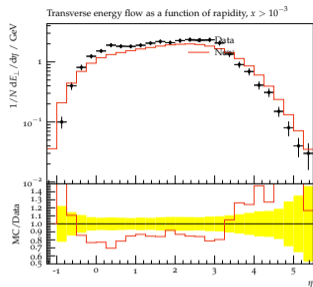


# Parton shower options for DIS in Pythia I

## The default shower with `dipoleRecoil` option

[B. Cabouat, T. Sjöstrand, EPJC 78 (2018 no.3, 226)]

- No PS recoil for the scattered lepton
- Emissions from initial-final dipole
- No shower-specific tuning done
- **Event shapes**
  - Reasonable description of single-particle properties, such as transverse energy flow
  - Differences for energy-energy correlators
- **Jet production**
  - First emission match with matrix element
  - Can use “power shower” to fill the phase space
  - Good description of high- $Q^2$  dijets [See Joni’s talk]



# Parton shower options for DIS in Pythia II

**Vincia antenna shower** `PartonShowers:model = 2`  
 [H. Brooks, C. T. Preuss, P. Skands, JHEP 07 (2020) 032]

- QCD, QED, EW, interleaved with MPIs
- Efficient multi-jet merging with sectors

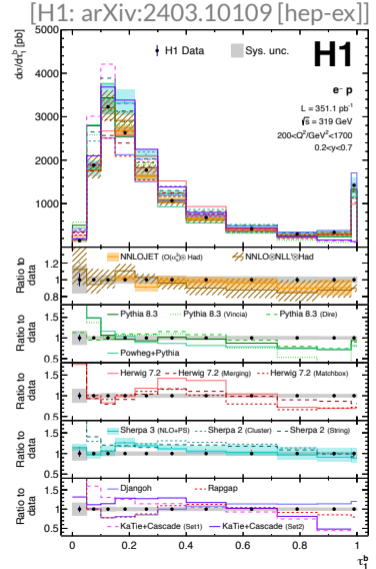
**Dire in Pythia** `PartonShowers:model = 3`  
 [S. Höche, S. Prestel, EPJC 75 (2015) no.9, 461]

- Correct soft-gluon interference at lowest order
- Inclusive NLO corrections to collinear splittings

## H1 measurement 1-jettiness

$$\tau_1^b = \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_{i \in HFS} \min[xP \cdot p_i, (q + xP) \cdot p_i]$$

- Sensitive to parton shower details



# Photoproduction in $e+p$

# Photoproduction in electron-proton collisions

## Direct processes

- Convolute photon flux  $f_\gamma$  with proton PDFs  $f_i^p$  and  $d\hat{\sigma}$

$$d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow kl+X} = f_\gamma^e(x, Q^2) \otimes f_j^p(x_p, \mu^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{\gamma j \rightarrow kl}$$

- Generate FSR and ISR for proton side

## Resolved processes

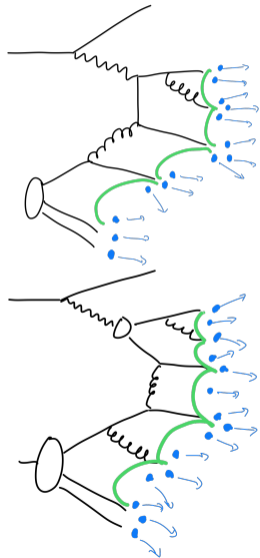
- Convolute also with photon PDFs

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- Sample  $x$  and  $Q^2$ , setup  $\gamma p$  sub-system with  $W_{\gamma p}$
- Evolve  $\gamma p$  as any hadronic collision (including MPIs)

## Photon flux from EPA

$$f_\gamma^e(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{(1 + (1-x)^2)}{x}$$





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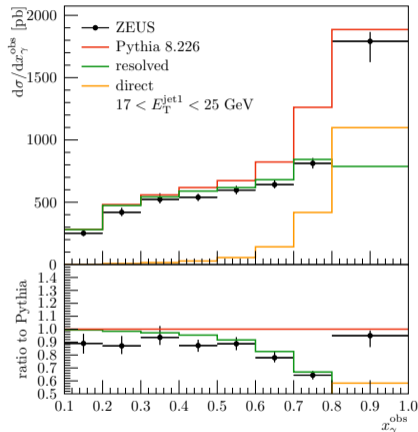
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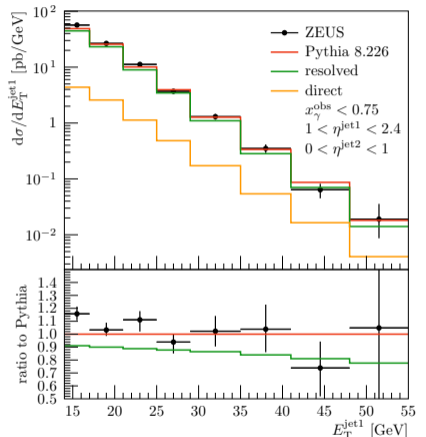
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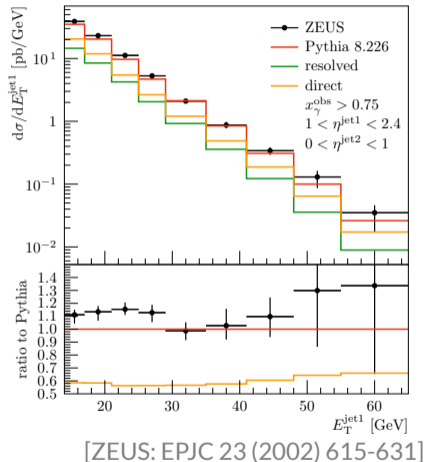
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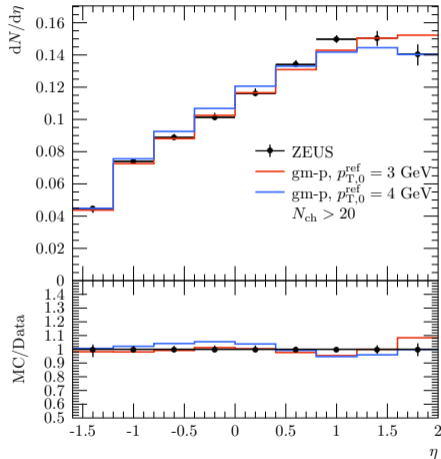
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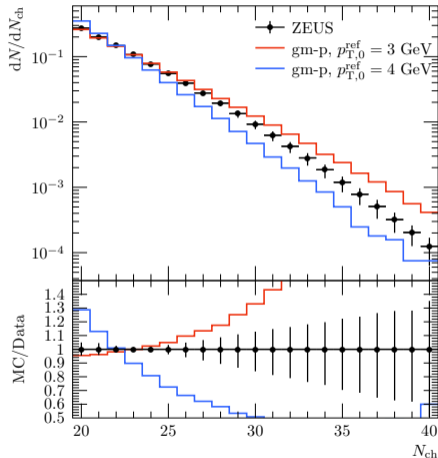
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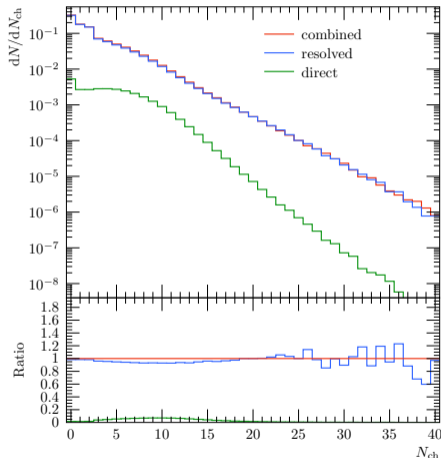
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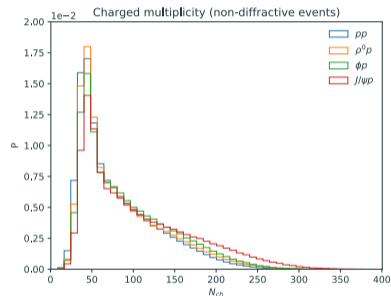
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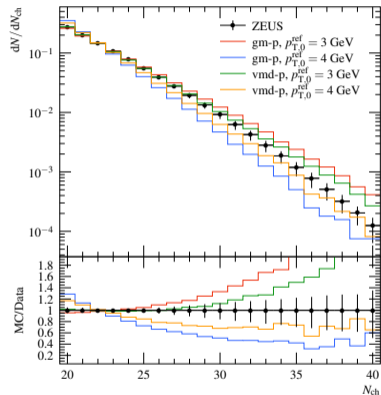


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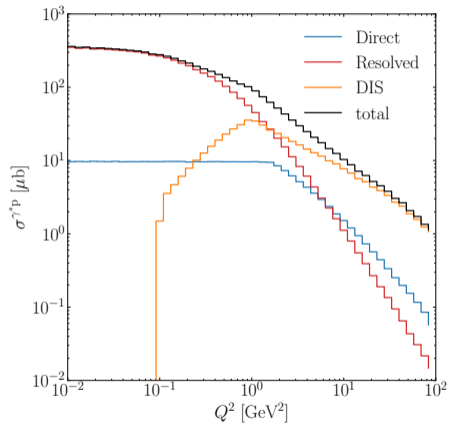
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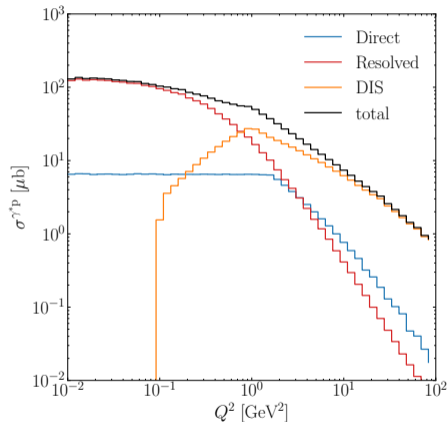
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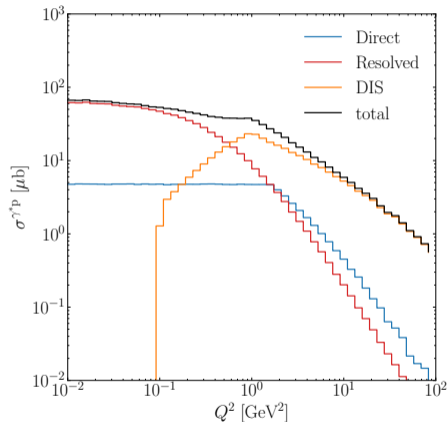
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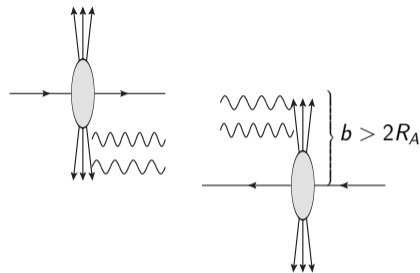
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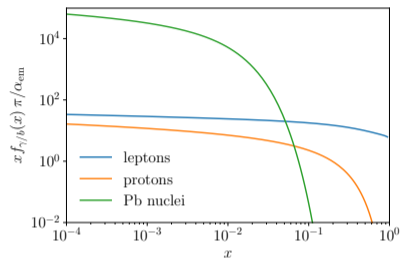
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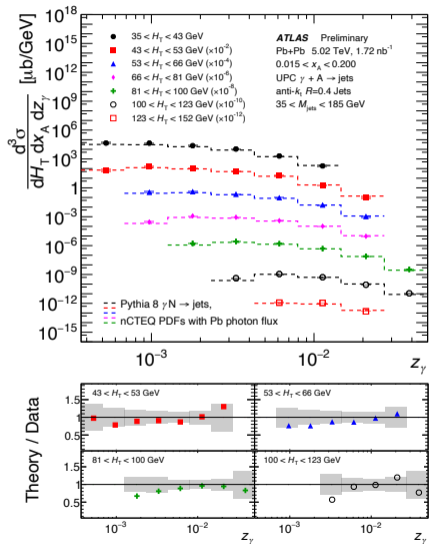
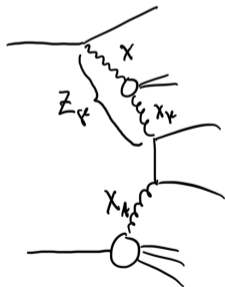
# Dijets in ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions in XnOn

- Good agreement out of the box when accounting both direct and resolved
- EM nuclear break-up significant
- Pythia setup with nucleon target only  
 $\Rightarrow$  Is such a setup enough for  $\gamma+A$ ?

$$H_T = \sum_i p_{T,i}$$

$$z_\gamma = \frac{M_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{+y_{\text{jets}}}$$

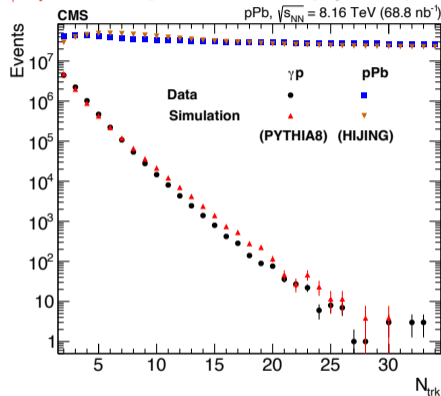
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# Multiplicity distributions in UPCs

$\gamma+p$ :

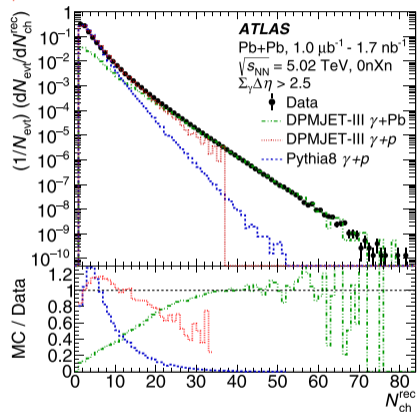
[CMS: Murillo Quijada, QM2022]



- Multiplicity distribution well reproduced in  $\gamma+p$  interactions

$\gamma+Pb$ :

[ATLAS: PRC 104, 014903 (2021)]



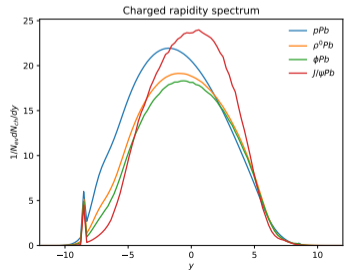
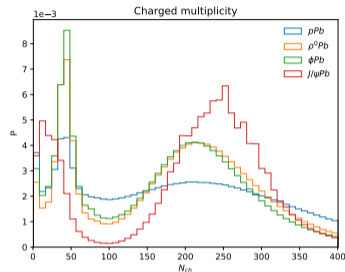
- High multiplicities missed with  $\gamma+p$   
⇒ Multi-nucleon interactions



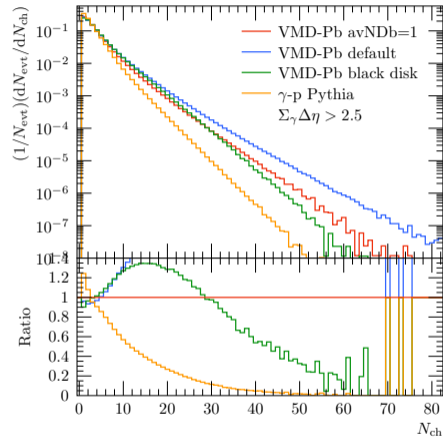
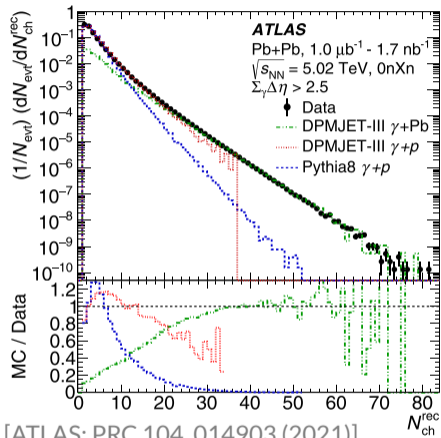
## Angantyr model for heavy ions in Pythia

[Bierlich, Gustafson, Lönnblad, Shah; JHEP 10 (2018) 134]

- Monte Carlo Glauber to sample nucleon configurations
  - Cross section fluctuations, fitted to partial nucleon-nucleon cross sections
  - Secondary (wounded) collisions as diffractive excitations
  - Can now handle generic hadron-ion and varying energy [I.H., Uthheim; in progress]
- ⇒ VMD-nucleus scatterings



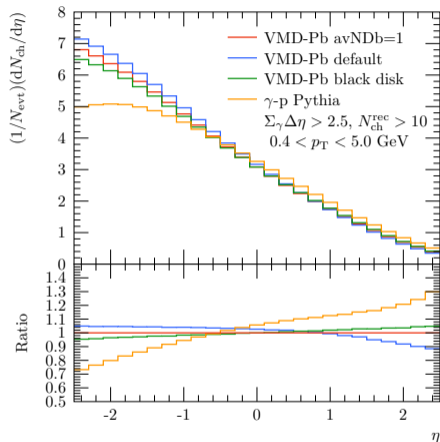
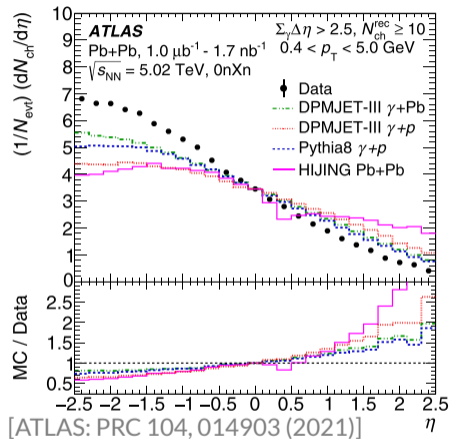
# Comparison with data for $\gamma+A$



[ATLAS: PRC 104, 014903 (2021)]

- ATLAS data not corrected for efficiency, estimated with  $N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{rec}} \approx 0.8 \cdot N_{\text{ch}}$
- Relative increase in multiplicity well in line with the VMD-Pb setup

# Comparison with data for $\gamma+A$



- Multiplicity cut adjusted according to the limited efficiency
- Good description of the measured rapidity distribution with the VMD-Pb setup

# Summary & Outlook

## Deep inelastic scattering

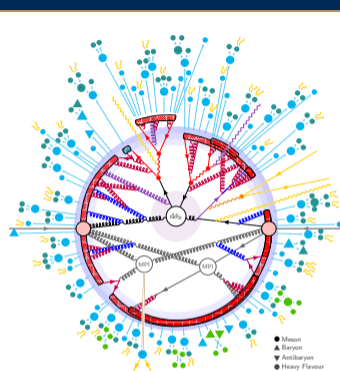
- Several parton showers available
- ⇒ No specific tuning, sparse validation

## Photoproduction

- Soft and hard QCD processes included
- Validated against some HERA data
- ⇒ More global MPI tuning
- ⇒ Model transition from photoproduction to DIS

## Nuclear target

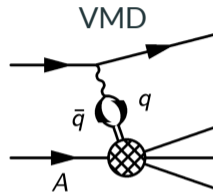
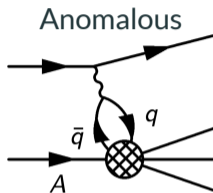
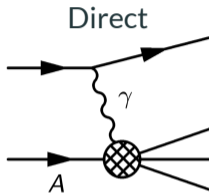
- First steps with VMD+A in 8.311, applied to UPCs at the LHC
- In line with single-particle observables analyzed by ATLAS
- ⇒ Further modelling to include complete structure of real photons



[figure by P. Skands]

**Backup slides**

# Vector meson dominance (VMD)



Linear combination of three components

$$|\gamma\rangle = c_{\text{dir}}|\gamma_{\text{dir}}\rangle + \sum_q c_q|q\bar{q}\rangle + \sum_V c_V|V\rangle$$

where the last term includes a linear combination of vector meson states up to  $J/\psi$

$$c_V = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{f_V^2}$$

V	$f_V^2/(4\pi)$
$\rho^0$	2.20
$\omega$	23.6
$\phi$	18.4
$J/\psi$	11.5

## Photon fluxes from Equivalent Photon Approximation (EPA)

- In case of a point-like lepton we have (neglecting electron mass)

$$f_{\gamma}^l(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{(1 + (1-x)^2)}{x}$$

- For protons need to include form factors, using dipole form factor

$$f_{\gamma}^p(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \frac{x}{Q^2} \frac{1}{(1 + Q^2/Q_0^2)^4} \left[ \frac{2(1 + \mu_p \tau)}{1 + \tau} \left( \frac{1-x}{x^2} - \frac{M_p^2}{Q^2} \right) + \mu_p^2 \right]$$

where  $\tau = Q^2/4M_p^2$ ,  $\mu_p = 2.79$ ,  $Q_0^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$

- Drees-Zeppenfeld approximation ( $M_p = 0$ ,  $\mu_p = 1$ )

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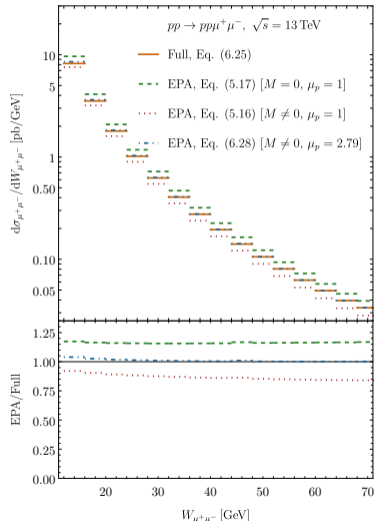
⇒ Large  $Q^2$  suppressed wrt. leptons ⇒ photoproduction

- In ME generators (such as MG5) integrated over  $Q^2$  and assumed collinear

# Equivalent photon approximation

## Compare to full calculation

- Example process  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- Different approximations (e.g.) by Drees and Zeppenfeld  $\sim 20\%$  difference to full calculation
- Keeping finite mass and correct magnetic moment provides  $\sim$  few percent accuracy
- Not checked for other observables, such as acoplanarity



[S. Yrjänheikki, MSc thesis]



# Define your own photon flux for Pythia 8

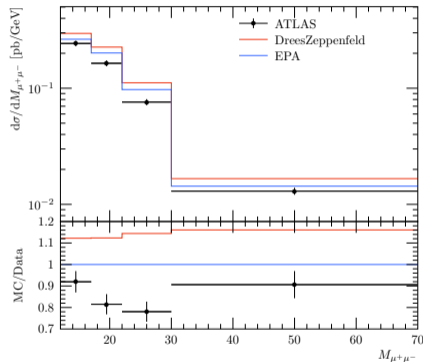
- Derive a new object from PDF class

```
class Proton2gammaEPA : public PDF {  
public:  
    // Constructor.  
    Proton2gammaEPA(int idBeamIn) : PDF(idBeamIn) {}  
  
    // Update the photon flux.  
    void xfUpdate(int , double x, double Q2) {  
  
        double m2proton = pow2(0.938);  
        double mup2 = pow2(2.79);  
        double Q20 = 0.71;  
        double FQ4 = 1. / pow4( 1 + Q2 / Q20 );  
        double coupling = 0.5 * 0.007297353080 / M_PI * FQ4;  
        double tau = Q2 / (4. * m2proton);  
        xgamma = coupling * ( pow2(x) / Q2 ) * ( 2. * (1. + mup2*tau) / (1. + tau)  
            * ( (1 - x)/pow2(x) - m2proton / Q2 ) + mup2);  
    }  
};
```

- Pass as a pointer to Pythia

```
pythia.readString("PDF:beamA2gamma = on");  
pythia.readString("PDF:beamB2gamma = on");  
pythia.readString("PDF:proton2gammaSet = 0");  
PDFPtr photonFluxA = make_shared<Proton2gammaEPA>(2212);  
PDFPtr photonFluxB = make_shared<Proton2gammaEPA>(2212);  
pythia.setPhotonFluxPtr(photonFluxA, photonFluxB);
```

Example in p-p:  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



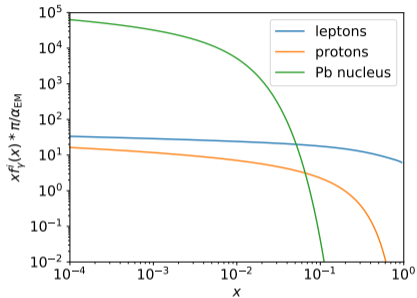
[ATLAS: PLB 777 (2018) 303-323]

- No finite-size effects accounted

# Photon fluxes in Pythia 8

- Enable  $\gamma+p$  in e+p

```
pythia.readString("Beams:idA = -11");  
pythia.readString("Beams:idB = 2212");  
pythia.readString("PDF:beamA2gamma = on");
```



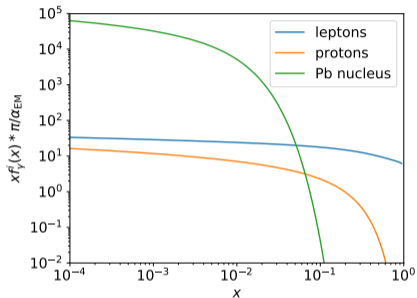
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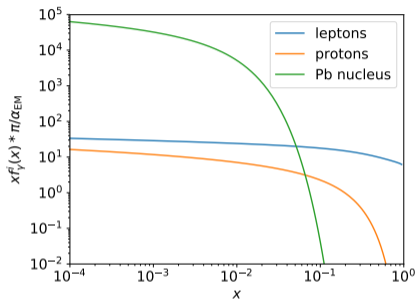
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pythia.readString("Beams:idA = 2212");  
pythia.readString("Beams:idB = 2212");  
pythia.readString("PDF:beamA2gamma = on");  
pythia.readString("PDF:proton2gammaSet = 0");  
pythia.readString("PDF:beam2gammaApprox = 2");  
pythia.readString("Photon:sampleQ2 = off");  
PDFPtr photonFlux = make_shared<Nucleus2gamma>(2212);  
pythia.setPhotonFluxPtr(photonFlux, 0);
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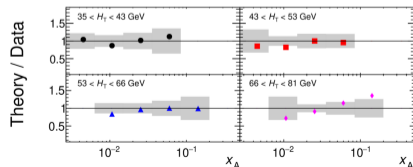
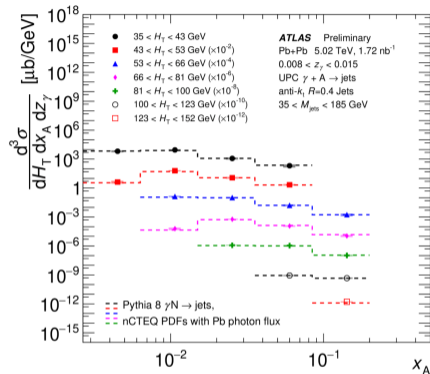


For more examples see  
[main68.cc](#), [main69.cc](#),  
[main70.cc](#), [main78.cc](#)  
in examples directory

# Photon fluxes in Pythia 8

- Not enough? Define your own flux

```
class Nucleus2gamma2 : public PDF {  
  
public:  
  
    // Constructor.  
    Nucleus2gamma2(int idBeamIn) : PDF(idBeamIn) {}  
  
    // Update the photon flux.  
    void xfUpdate(int , double x, double ) {  
  
        // Minimum impact parameter (~2*radius) [fm].  
        double bmin = 2 * 6.636;  
  
        // Charge of the nucleus.  
        double z = 82. ;  
  
        // Per-nucleon mass for lead.  
        double m2 = pow2(0.9314);  
        double alphaEM = 0.007297353080;  
        double hbarc = 0.197;  
        double xi = x * sqrt(m2) * bmin / hbarc;  
        double bK0 = besselK0(xi);  
        double bK1 = besselK1(xi);  
        double intB = xi * bK1 * bK0 - 0.5 * pow2(xi) * ( pow2(bK1) - pow2(bK0) );  
        xgamma = 2. * alphaEM * pow2(z) / M_PI * intB;  
    }  
  
};
```



[from main70.cc]

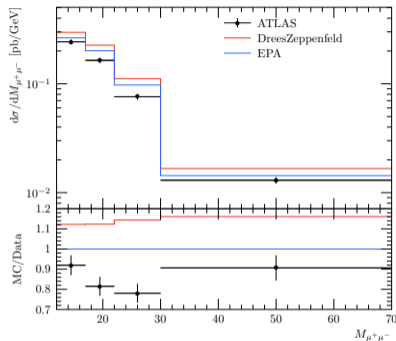
[P. Steinberg @ DIS2023]

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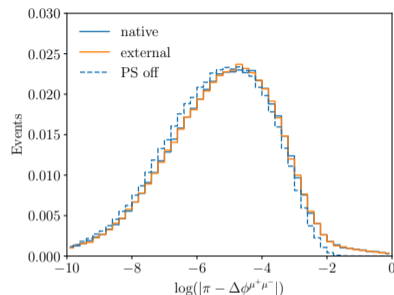
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- Not quite back-to-back due to
  - $p_T$  generated by non-collinear photons
  - QED radiation in the final state
- Acoplanarity  $|\pi - \Delta\phi|$  quantify the effect



- Needed to tune Pythia primordial  $k_T$  parameters for external events
- Can use (user-defined) flux for  $Q^2$  sampling

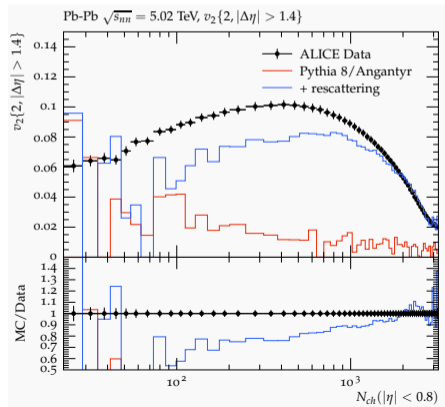
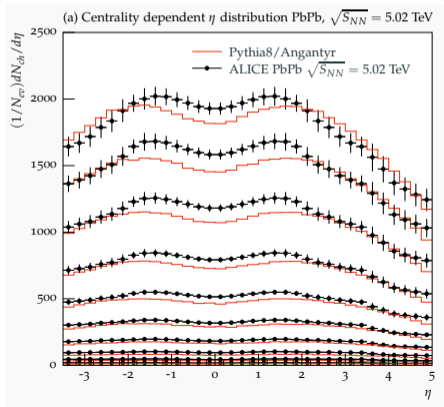
# Heavy-ion collisions

- Angantyr in Pythia provides a full heavy-ion collisions framework

[Bierlich, Gustafson, Lönnblad & Shah: 1806.10820]

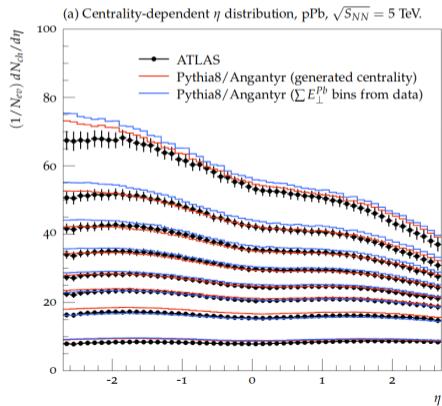
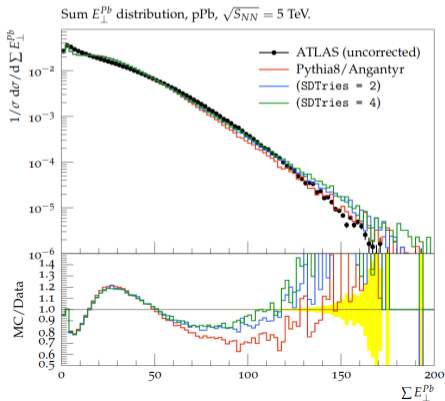
- Hadronic rescattering can be included as well, enhances collective effects

[CB, Ferreres-Solé, Sjöstrand & Uthmeim: 1808.04619, 2005.05658, 2103.09665]





- Angantyr can be applied also to asymmetric p+A collisions
- The centrality measure well reproduced
- Similarly centrality-dependent multiplicities



# Experimental heavy-ion UPC classification

- Event selection typically relies on Zero-degree calorimeters ( $X > 0$ )

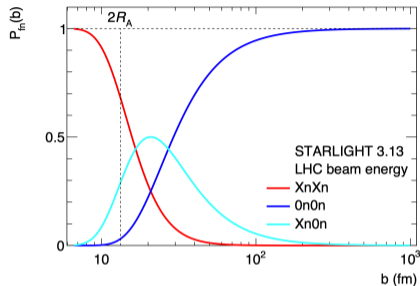
**XnXn:** At least one neutron on both sides  
⇒ A+A (hadronic interaction)

**Xn0n:** At least one neutron only on one side  
⇒  $\gamma$ +A

**0n0n:** No neutrons on either side  
⇒  $\gamma$ + $\gamma$

## Possible caveats

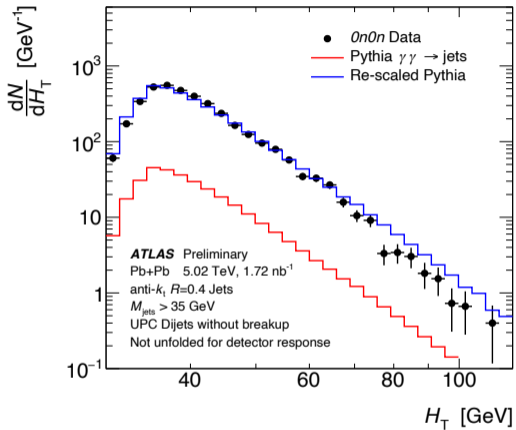
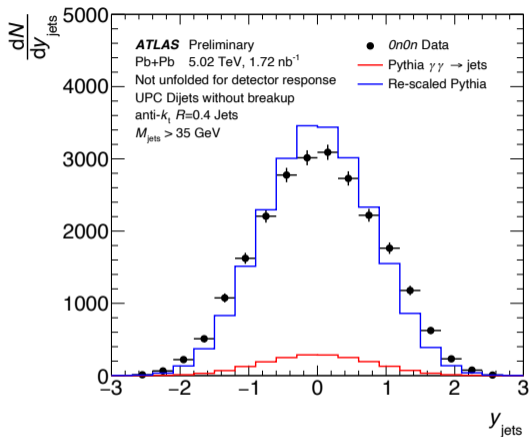
- Additional EM interactions may break up the nuclei in “near-encounter” events
- Also diffractive processes will keep nuclei intact  
⇒ Xn0n condition will remove diffractive contribution to  $\gamma$ +A



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See e.g. [Guzey, Klasen; PRD 104 (2021) 11 114013]

# Dijets in ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions in 0n0n

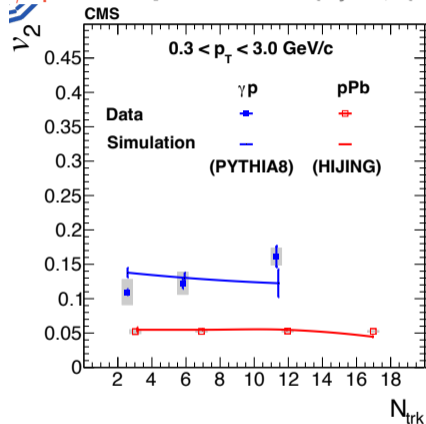


- Per-event yield underestimated by a factor of ten!
- Shape in a reasonable agreement
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  ok so likely a QCD effect  $\Rightarrow$  Contribution from diffractive events?

[ATLAS-CONF-2022-021]

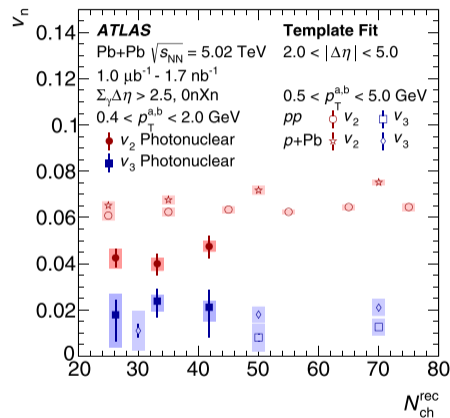
# Collectivity in UPCs at the LHC

$\gamma+p$  [CMS: Murillo Quijada, QM2022]



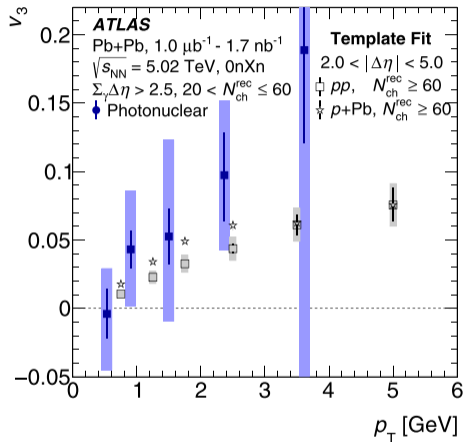
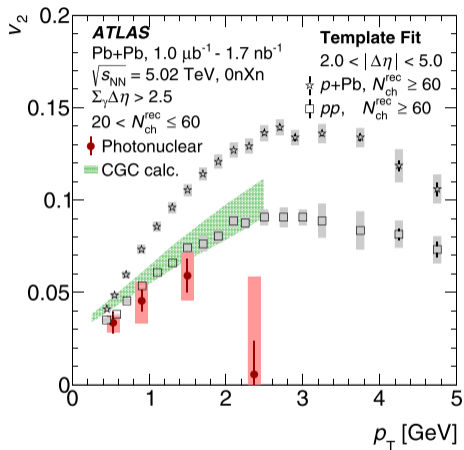
- Finite  $v_2$  for  $\gamma+p$ , in line with Pythia  
 $\Rightarrow$  Jet-like correlations?

$\gamma+Pb$  [ATLAS: PRC 104, 014903 (2021)]



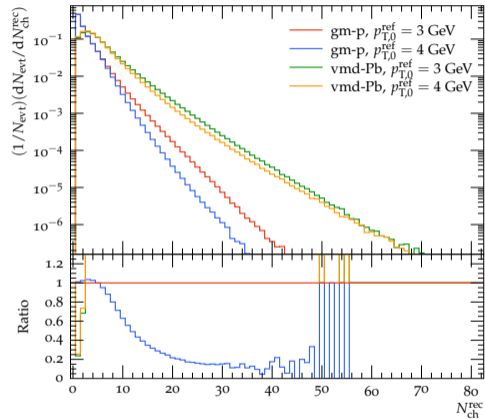
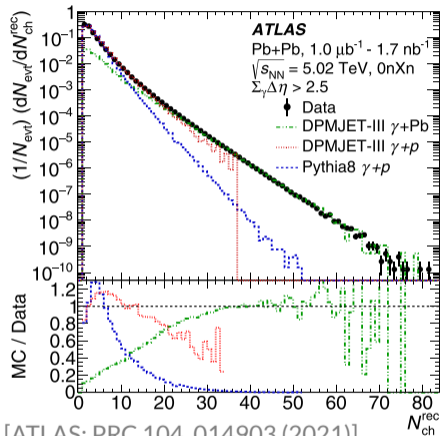
- Finite  $v_n$  also after Template fit  
 subtracting “non-flow”

# ATLAS data for $v_n$ in $\gamma$ +Pb



- Non-zero flow coefficients also for  $\gamma$ +Pb
- Expected baseline from MC simulations?

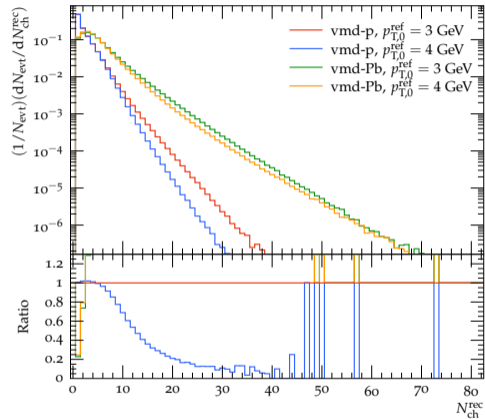
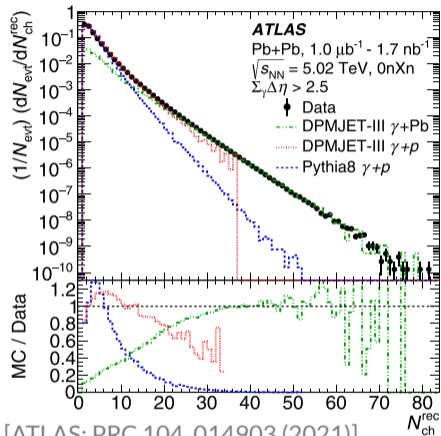
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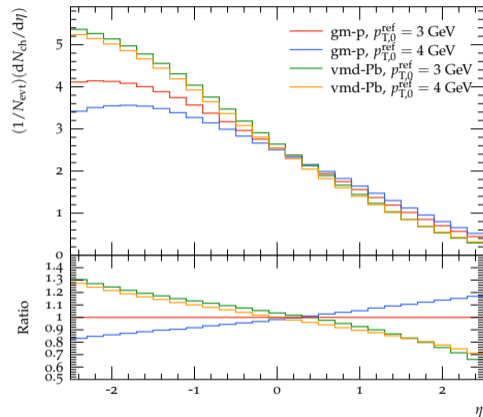
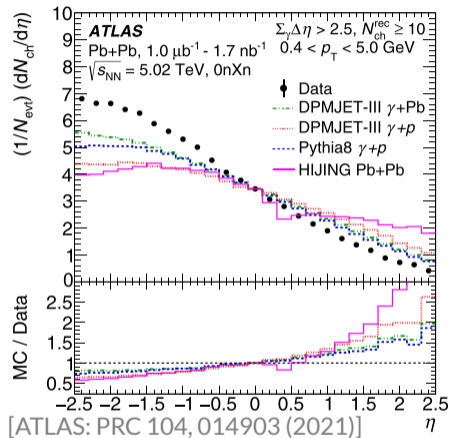
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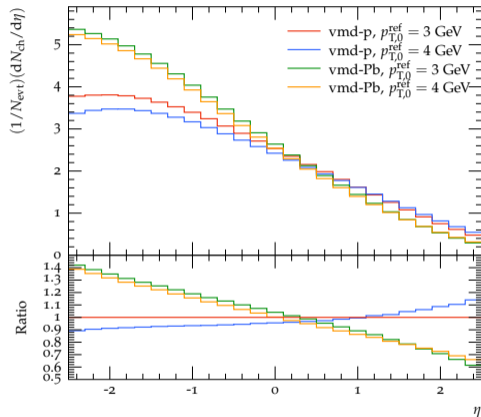
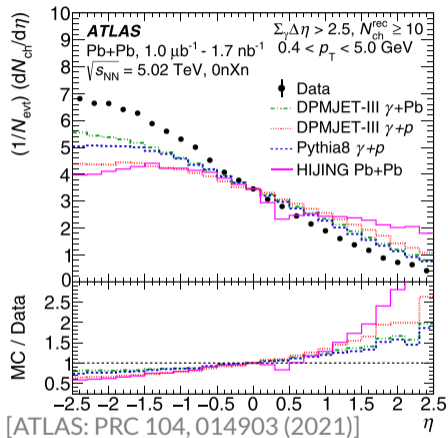
# Comparison with data for $\gamma+A$ (preliminary)



- Pythia8  $\gamma+p$  in ATLAS result should correspond to gm-p on right
- Relative shift in rapidity distribution in line with the VMD setup using Angantyr

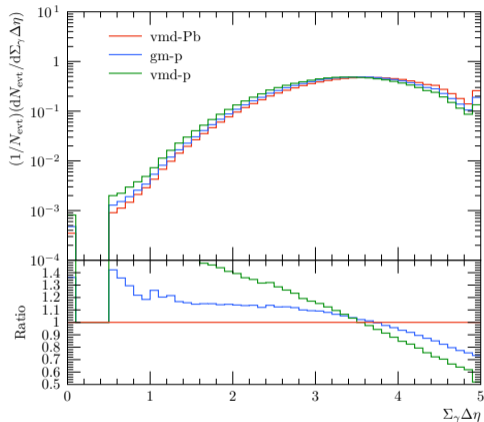
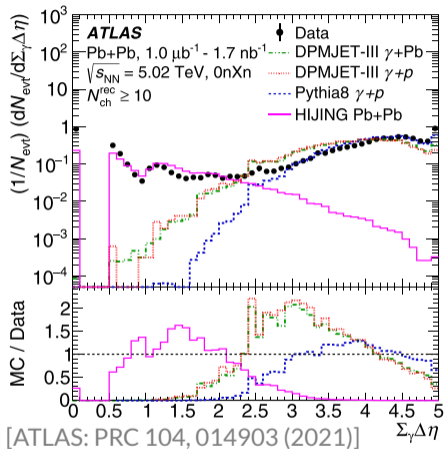


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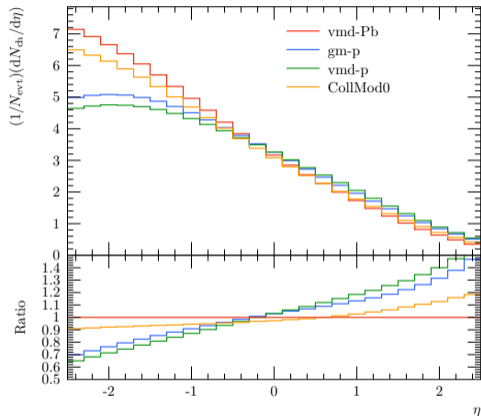
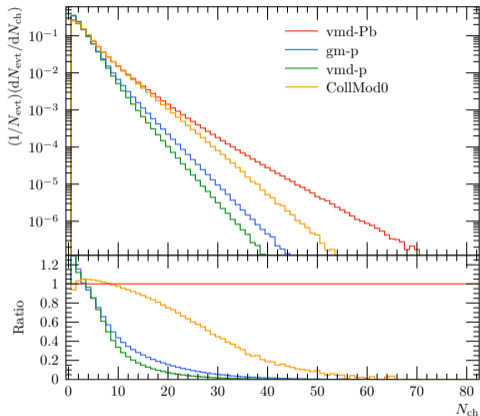
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# Comparison with data for $\gamma$ +A (preliminary)



- $\Sigma_{\gamma}\Delta\eta$ : Sum of rapidity gaps for which  $\Delta\eta > 0.5$
- Similar for  $\gamma$ -p and  $\gamma$ -Pb

# Role of cross section fluctuations



- High-multiplicity tail less pronounced with `Angantyr:CollisionModel = 0` with fixed nucleon radius, ATLAS data seem to favour fluctuations