

# Photon-induced processes in PYTHIA 8.3

WORKSHOP ON THE MODELLING OF PHOTON-INDUCED PROCESSES

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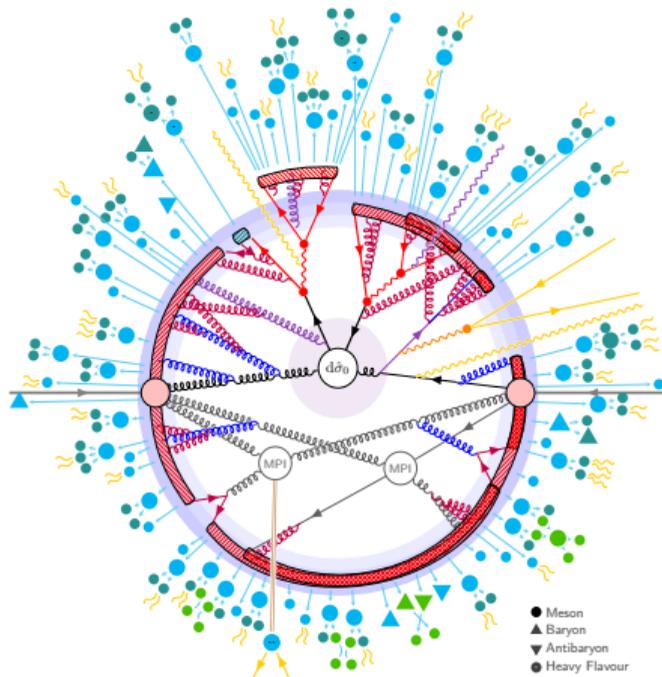
# Outline

## PYTHIA 8: A general purpose event generator

- Latest release 8.309 (Feb 2023)
- A new physics manual for 8.3  
[SciPost Phys. Codebases 8-r8.3 (2022)]

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1. Pythia basics
2. DIS and photoproduction in e+p
3. Photon-induced processes in LHC
  - Photon fluxes
  - Elastic vs dissociative
  - Photon-ion collisions
4. Summary & Outlook

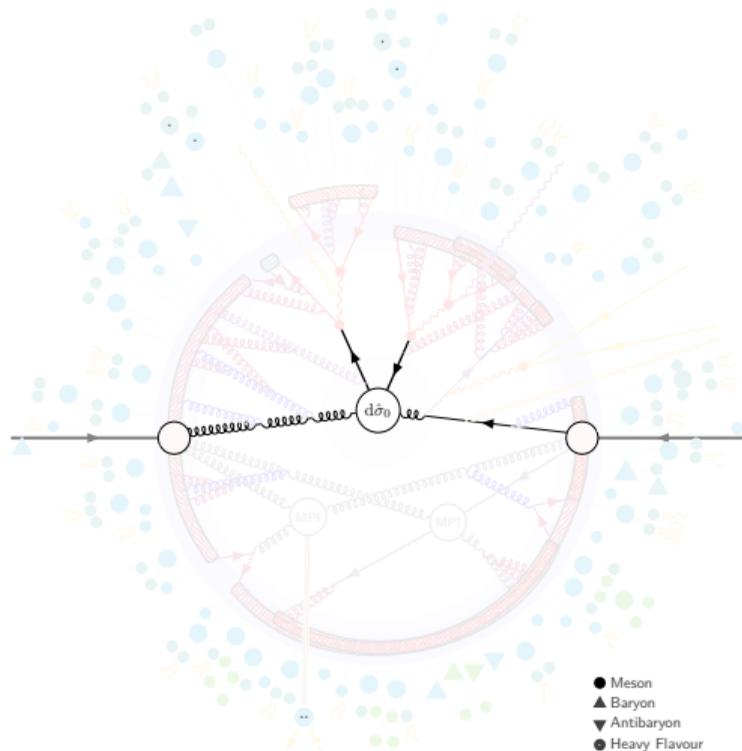


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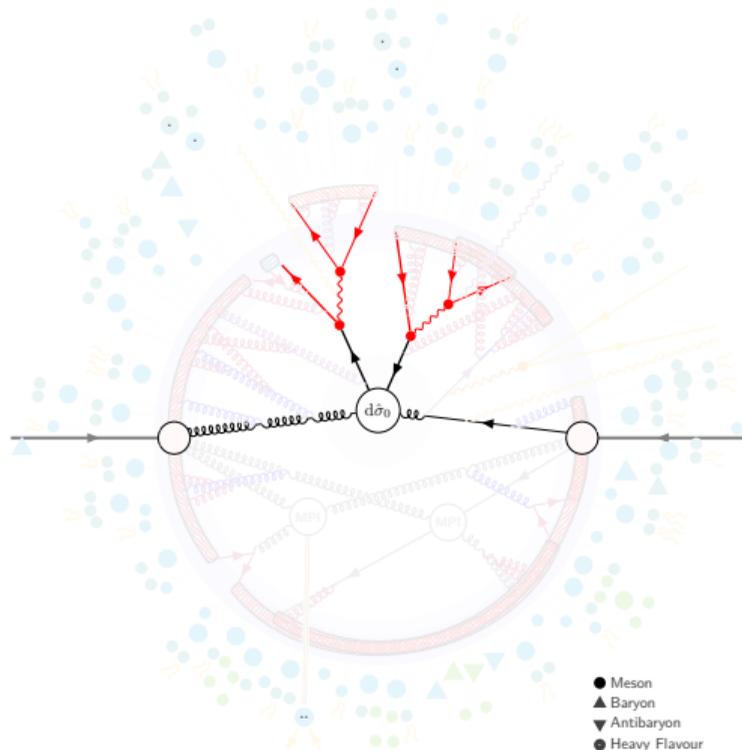
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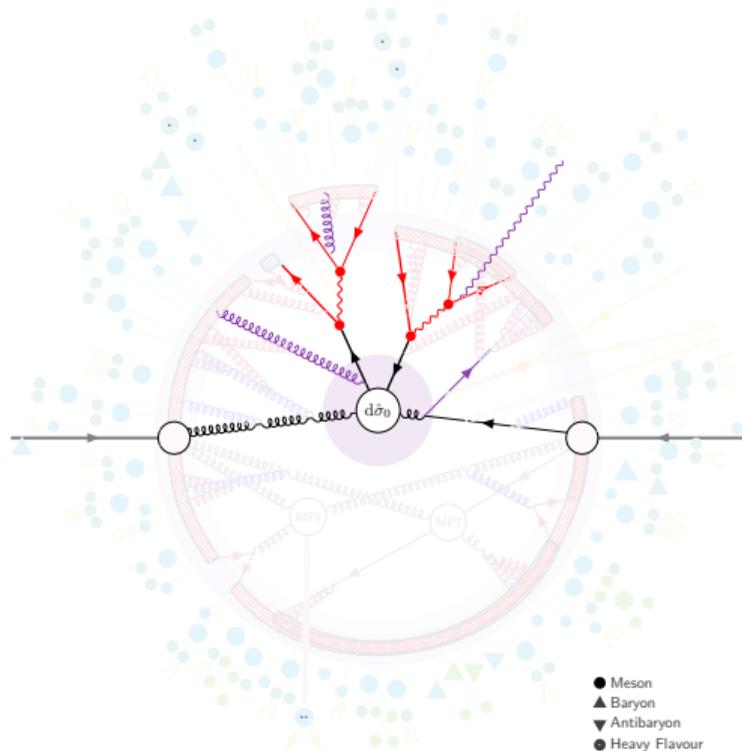
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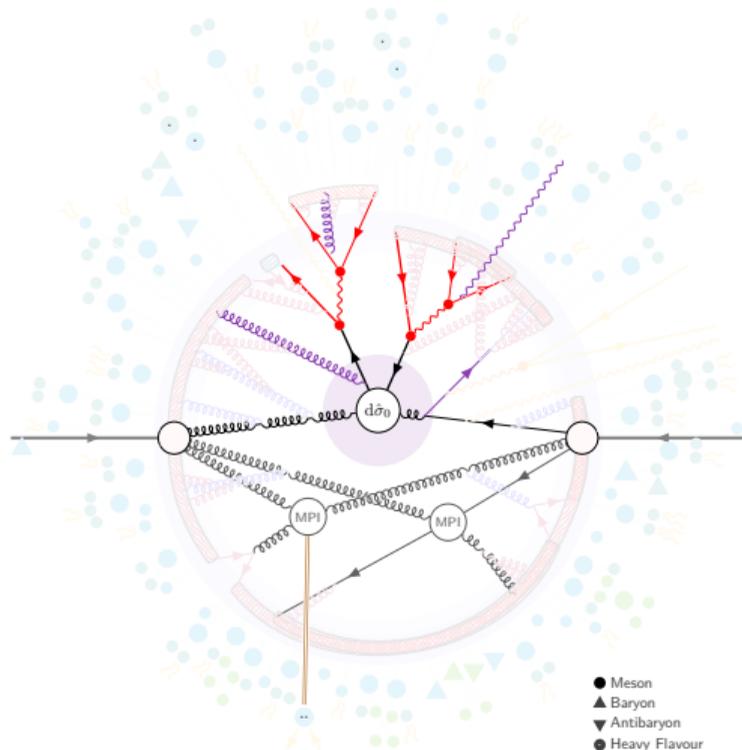
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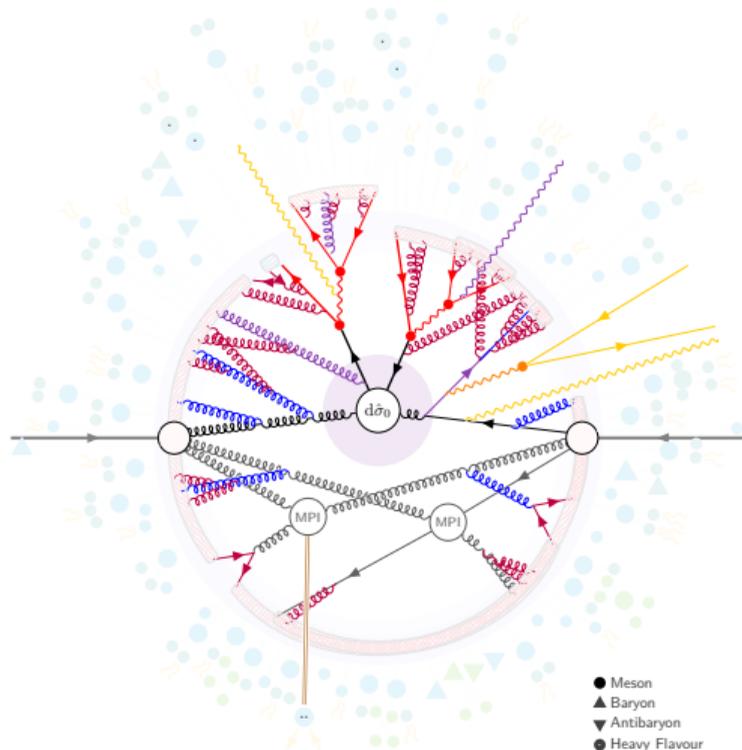


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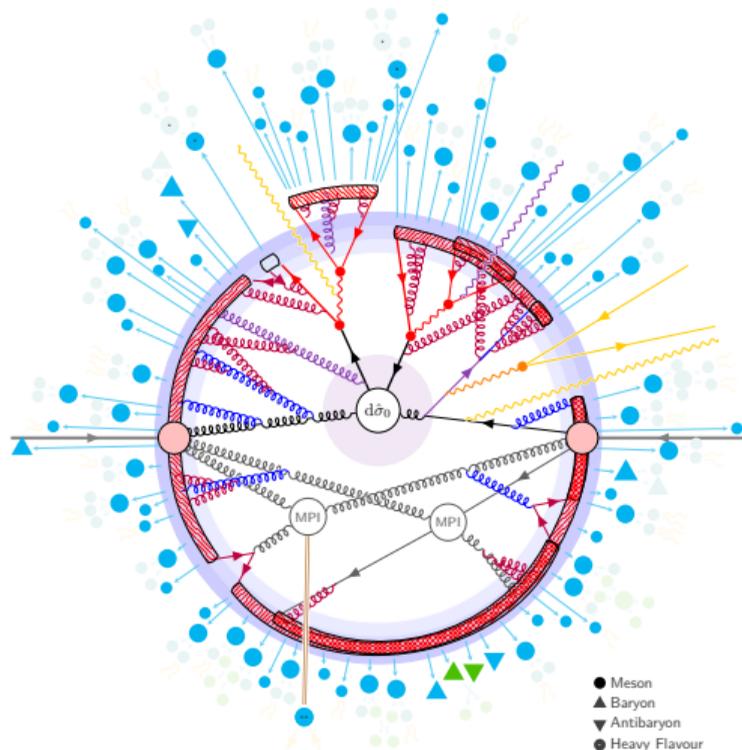
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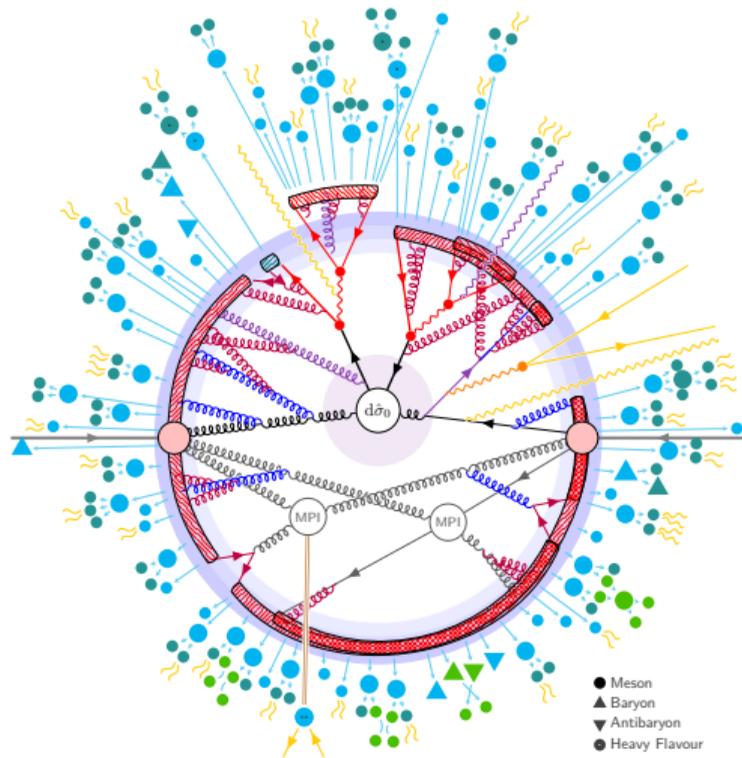


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# DIS and Photoproduction in $e+p$

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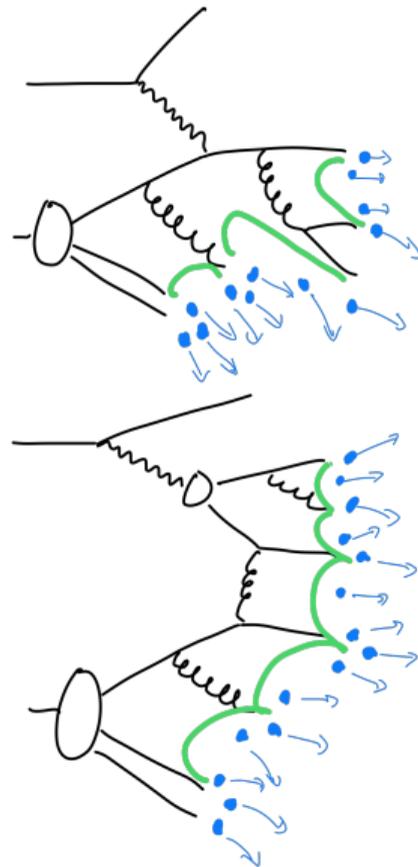
Classified in terms photon virtuality  $Q^2$

## 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 (PhP)

- Low virtuality,  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Hard scale  $\mu$  provided by the final state
- Also soft QCD process are possible
- Resolved contribution gives rise to MPIs





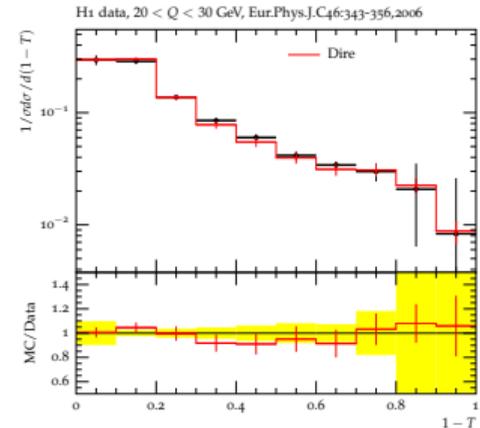
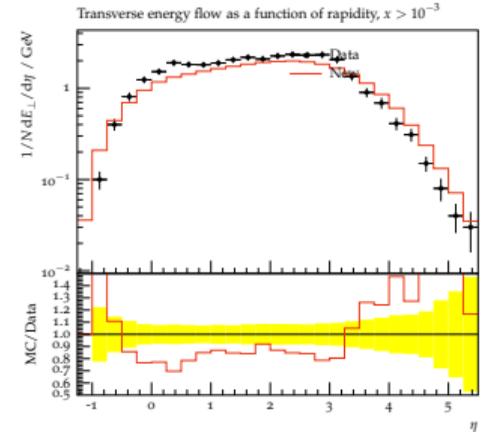
## dipoleRecoil alternative in Simple Shower

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

- Replaces two independent DGLAP evolutions of IF/FI dipoles by a coherent dipole evolution
- No PS recoil for the scattered lepton
- Based on tune with the default global-recoil shower without any DIS data

## New showers in 8.3

- DIRE [S. Höche, S. Prestel, EPJC 75 (2015) no.9, 461]
- VINCIA [H. Brooks, C. Preuss, P. Skands, JHEP 07 (2020) 032]
- Both applicable to do DIS though tests sparse



# Vector boson fusion (VBF)

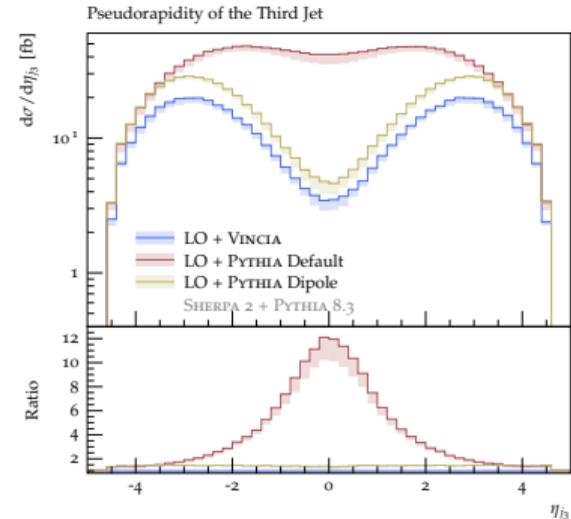
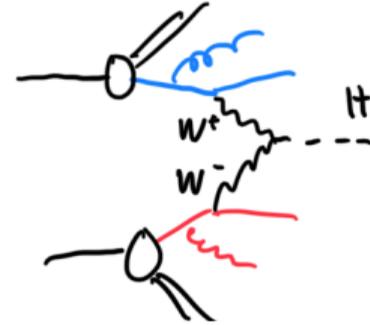
## “Double-DIS” process

- Two detached colour flows
- No radiation allowed in between

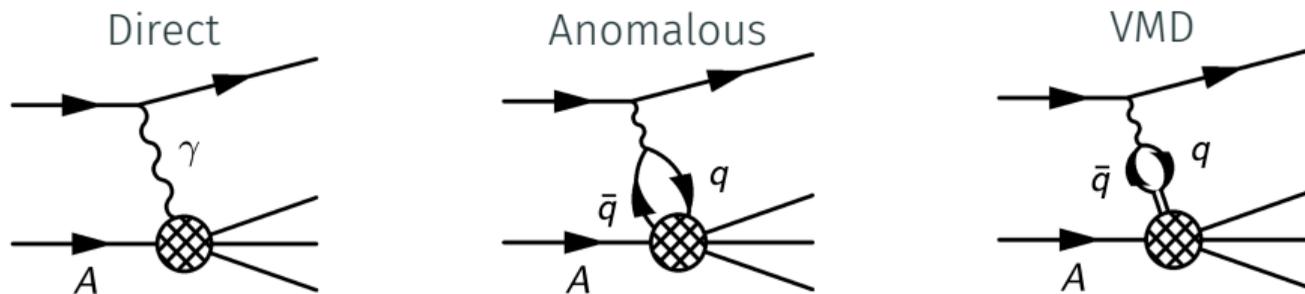
## Comparison of different PYTHIA showers

[S. Höche, S. Mrenna, S. Payne, C. T. Preuss, P. Skands, SciPost Phys. 12 (2022) 1, 010]

- At LO third jet from the shower only
- PYTHIA default shower produce radiation also at mid-rapidity
- VINCIA and DIPOLERECOIL show a gap at mid-rapidity, shapes agree well



# Photon structure at $Q^2 \approx 0 \text{ GeV}^2$



Partonic structure of resolved (anom. + VMD) photon encoded in photon PDFs

$$f_i^\gamma(x_\gamma, \mu^2) = f_i^{\gamma, \text{dir}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2) + f_i^{\gamma, \text{anom}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2) + f_i^{\gamma, \text{VMD}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2)$$

- $f_i^{\gamma, \text{dir}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2) = \delta_{i\gamma} \delta(1 - x_\gamma)$
- $f_i^{\gamma, \text{anom}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2)$ : Perturbatively calculable
- $f_i^{\gamma, \text{VMD}}(x_\gamma, \mu^2)$ : Non-perturbative, fitted or vector-meson dominance (VMD)

Factorized cross section

$$d\sigma^{bp \rightarrow kl+X} = f_\gamma^b(x) \otimes f_j^\gamma(x_\gamma, \mu^2) \otimes f_i^p(x_p, \mu^2) \otimes d\sigma^{ij \rightarrow kl}$$

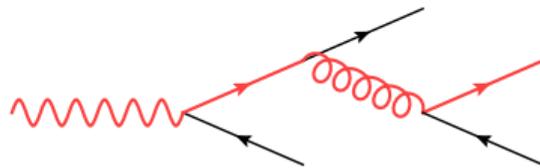
# Evolution equation and ISR for resolved photons

## ISR probability based on DGLAP evolution

- Add a term corresponding to  $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  to (conditional) ISR probability

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a\leftarrow b} = \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{x' f_a^\gamma(x', Q^2)}{x f_b^\gamma(x, Q^2)} P_{a\rightarrow bc}(z) dz + \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \frac{e_b^2 P_{\gamma\rightarrow bc}(x)}{f_b^\gamma(x, Q^2)}$$

- Corresponds to ending up to the beam photon during evolution
  - $\Rightarrow$  Parton originated from the point-like (anomalous) part of the PDFs
  - No further ISR or MPIs below the scale of the splitting
  - Implemented only for Simple Shower in PYTHIA



# Comparison to HERA dijet photoproduction data

## ZEUS dijet measurement

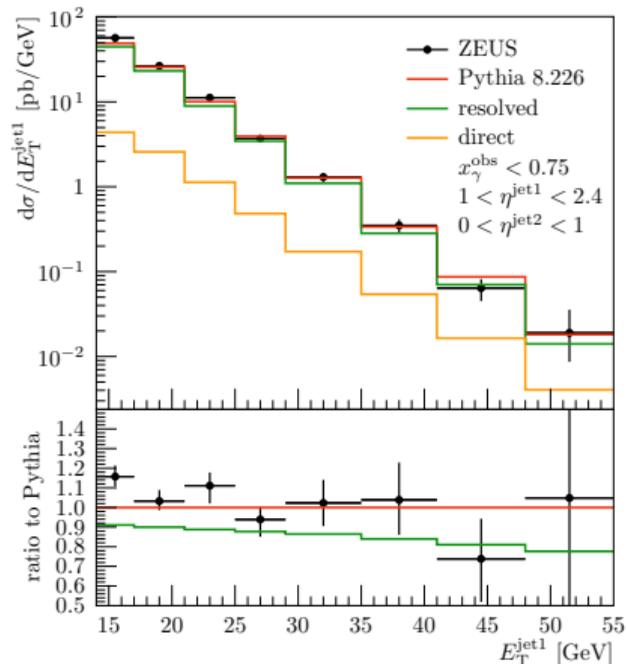
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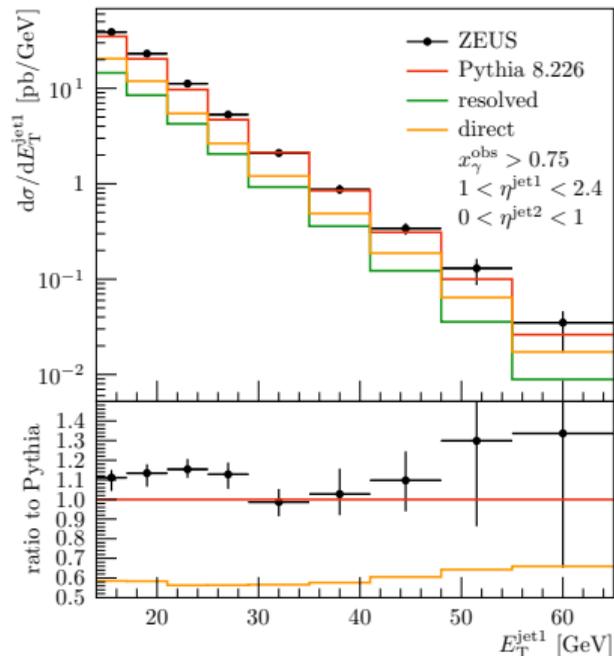
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- At high- $x_\gamma^{\text{obs}}$  direct processes dominate

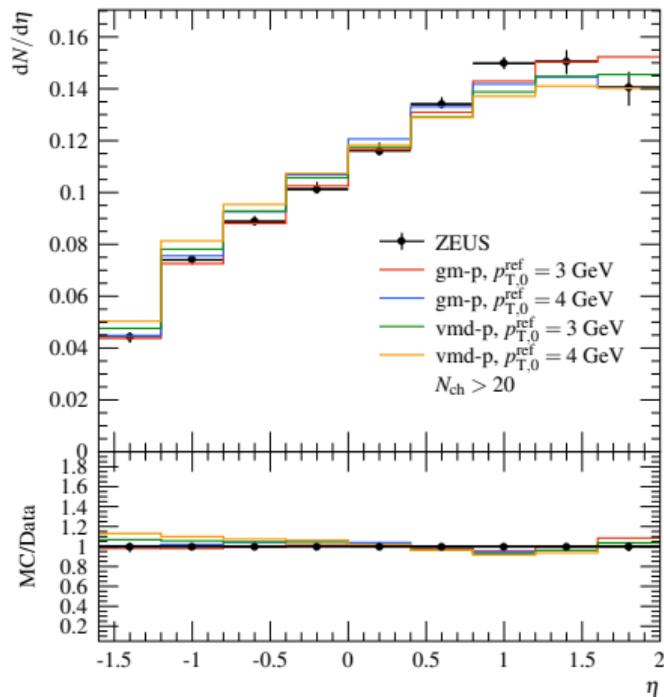


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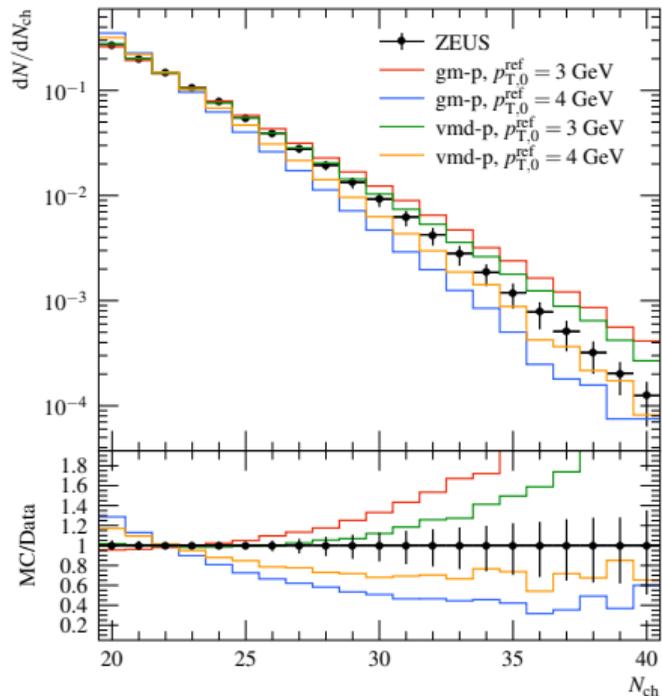
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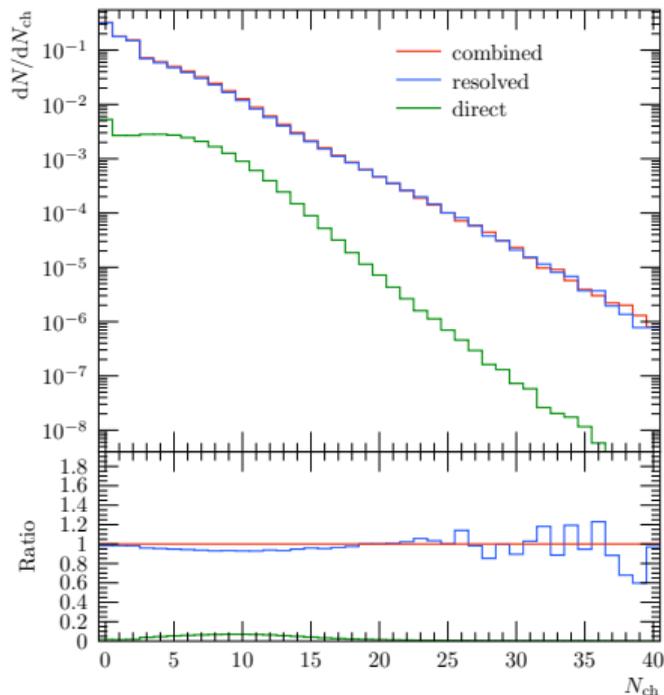
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# Photon-induced processes at the LHC

## 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

# 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);  
    }  
};
```

- Create and pass a pointer for this object 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);
```

## Kinematically allowed region

- Consider  $1 \rightarrow 2$  splitting
  - $x_{\min}$  from  $W_{\min}$ ,  $x_{\max} \approx 1$
  - $Q_{\min}^2(x) \approx \frac{x^2 m^2}{(1-x)}$

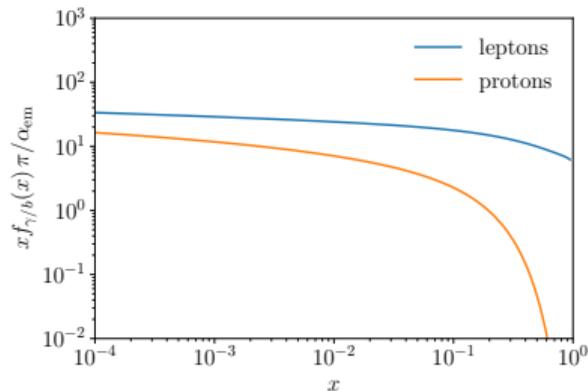
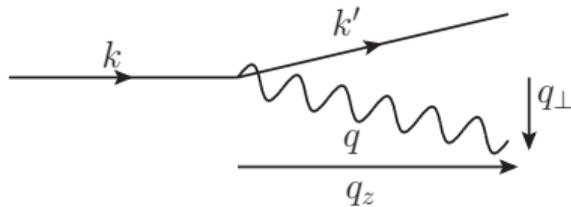
⇒ Photons from protons larger  $Q^2$

## Kinematics derived from $x$ and $Q^2$

- Finite transverse momentum for photons
$$q_{\perp}^2 \propto Q^2$$

⇒ Generate  $p_{\perp}$  also to final state

- How to interface with ME generators?



# Possible contributions in p+p

## $\gamma\gamma$ with direct (elastic) photons (EE)

- Both photons coherently emitted
- Final state with small (but finite!)  $p_T$

## Single-dissociative processes (SD)

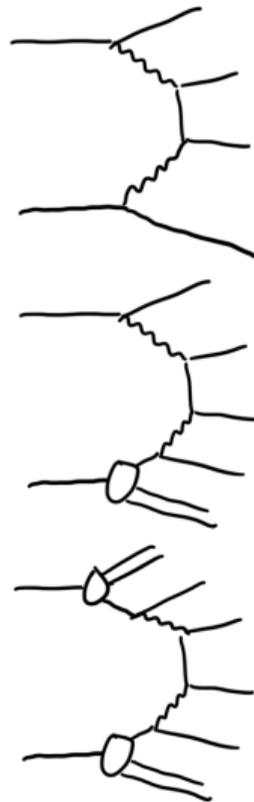
- An elastic photon scatter with a parton
- Parton maybe a large- $Q^2$  photon in PDFs
- Other proton breaks up, PS and remnants

## Double-dissociative processes (DD)

- Both photons with large  $Q^2$  from PDFs
- As QCD (PS, MPIs) but no colour connection

## Resolved photons

- Any QCD process possible

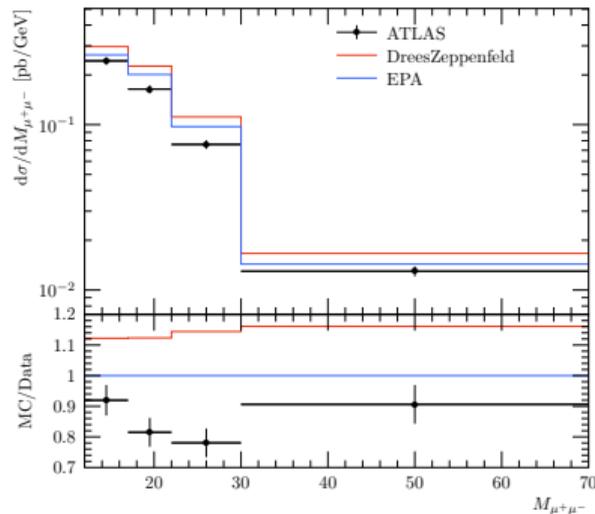


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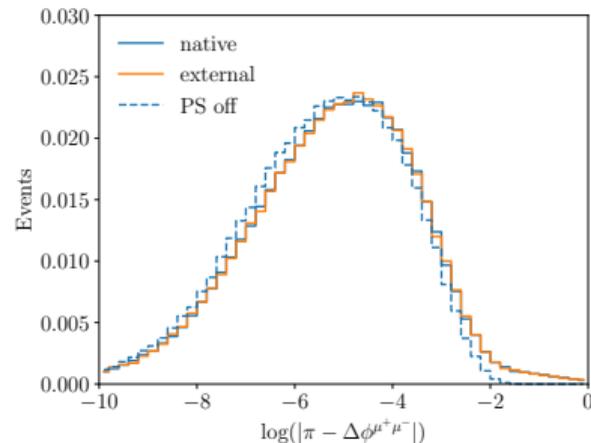
[ATLAS: PLB 777 (2018) 303-323]

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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
- Now (next release) can use  $Q^2$  dependence of the flux

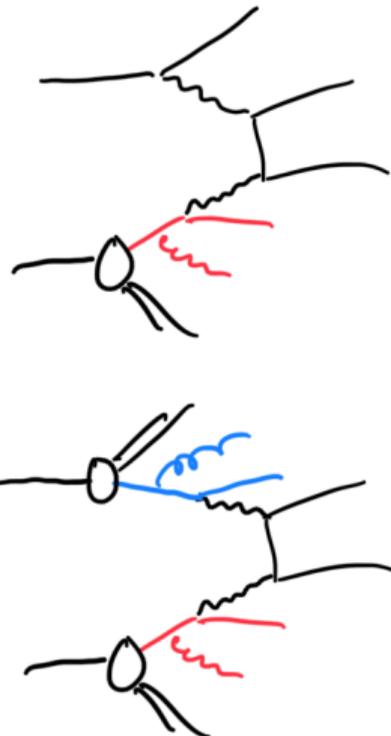
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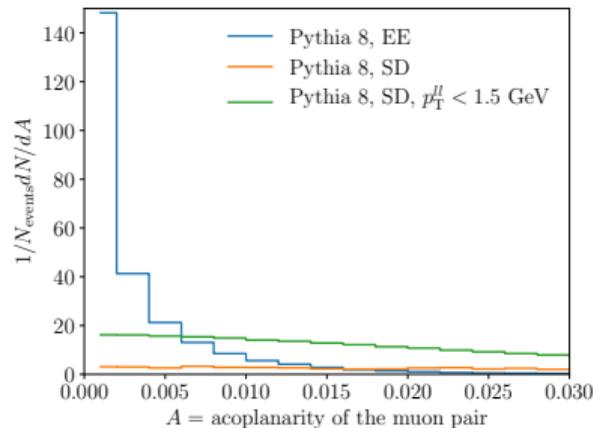
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- `main78.cc` provides recommended settings for each of the contributions

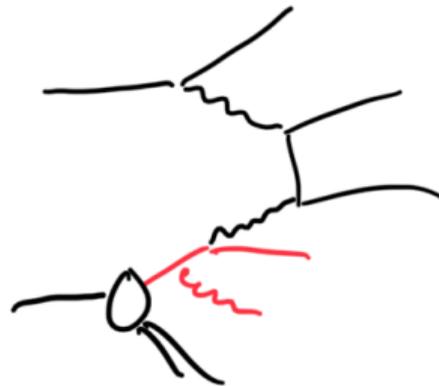
## Parton shower

- Need `dipoleRecoil` with Simple shower
  - But no specific tuning has been done
  - Tune with `dipoleRecoil` to DIS data?
- How about other PYTHIA showers DIRE and VINCIA?

```
PartonShowers:model = 1,2,3
```

## Photon fluxes

- Ideally use the same photon flux in ME events and PYTHIA for  $Q^2$  sampling
- In addition to flux, one should account for the finite size of protons
  - Hadronic interactions should be removed [Talk by L. Harland-Lang tomorrow]
  - Could also define the flux in the impact-parameter space  $b$



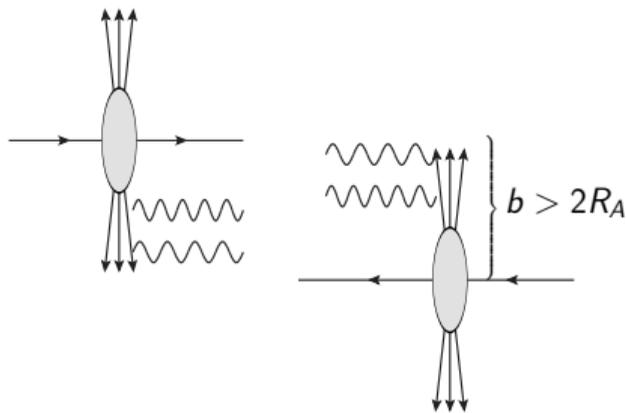
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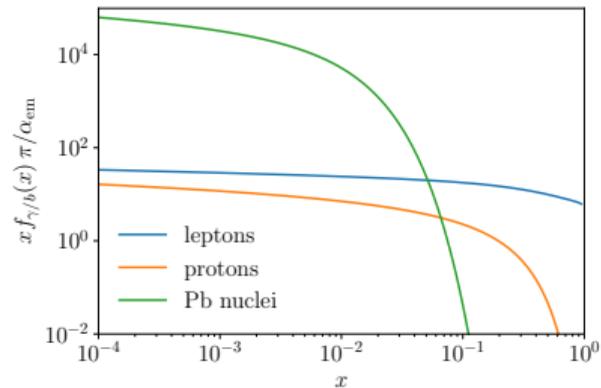
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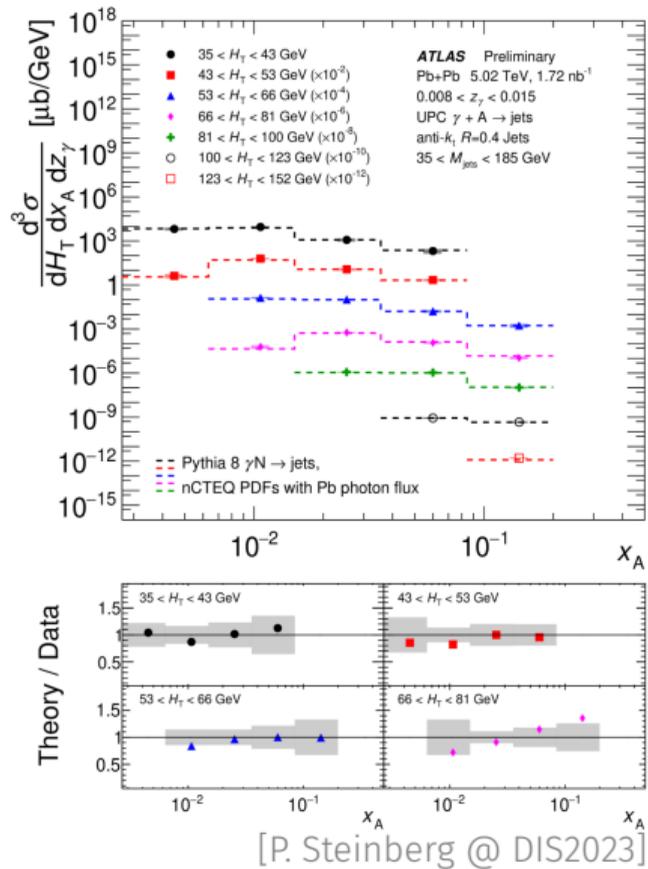
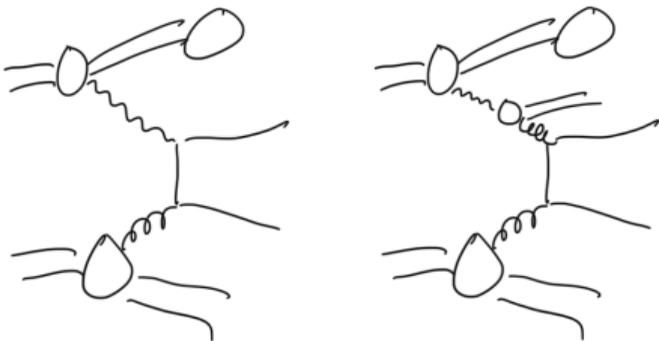
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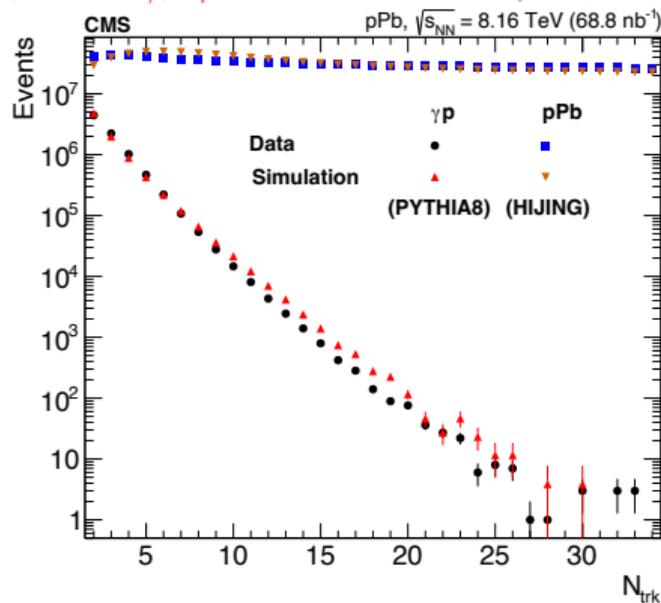
# Dijets in ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions

- Pythia setup with nucleon target only  
 $\Rightarrow$  Not a realistic background for jet reconstruction
- Good agreement out of the box when accounting both direct and resolved
- Also EM nuclear break-up significant



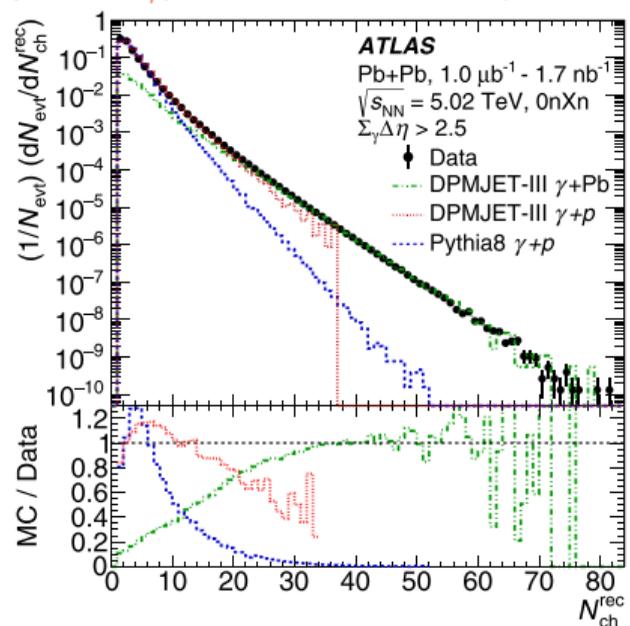
# Multiplicity distributions in UPCs

$(\text{Pb} \rightarrow \gamma)+p$ : [CMS: Murillo Quijada, QM2022]



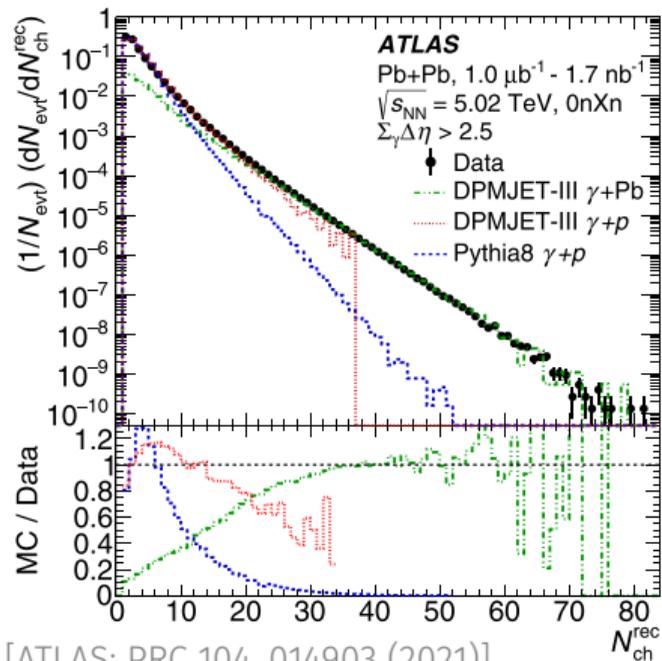
- Multiplicity distribution well reproduced in  $\gamma p$  interactions

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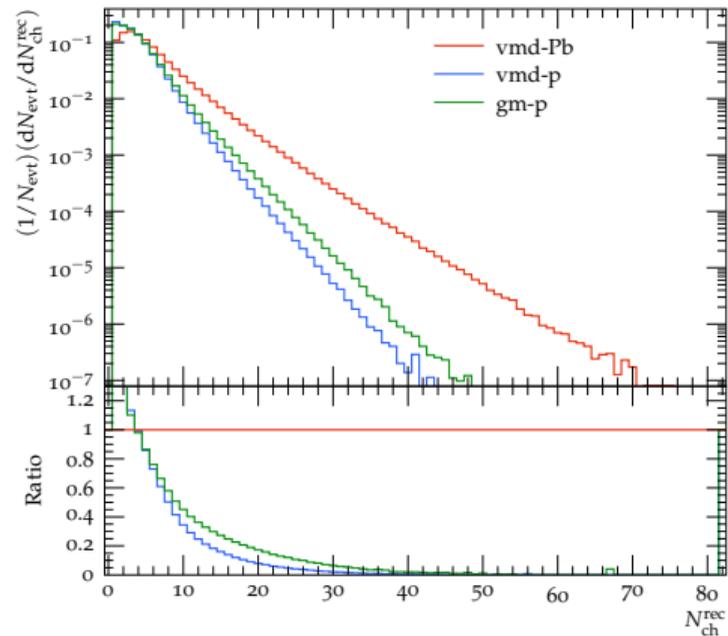
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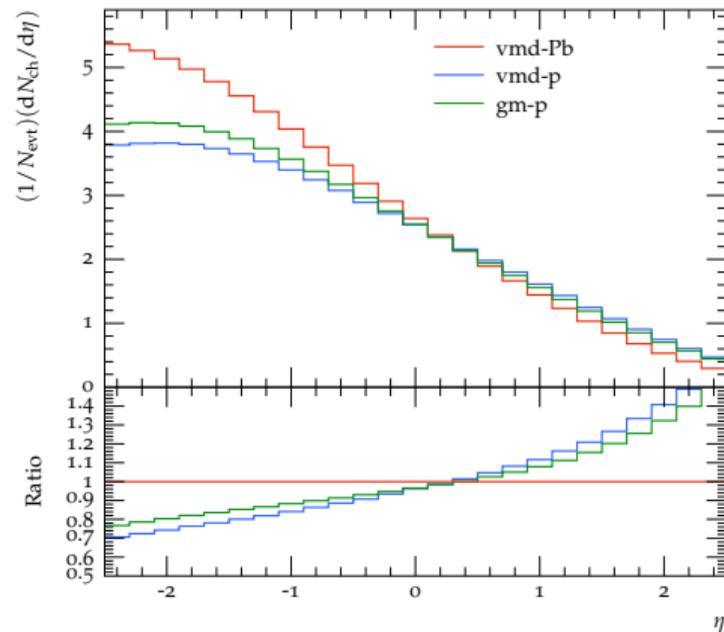
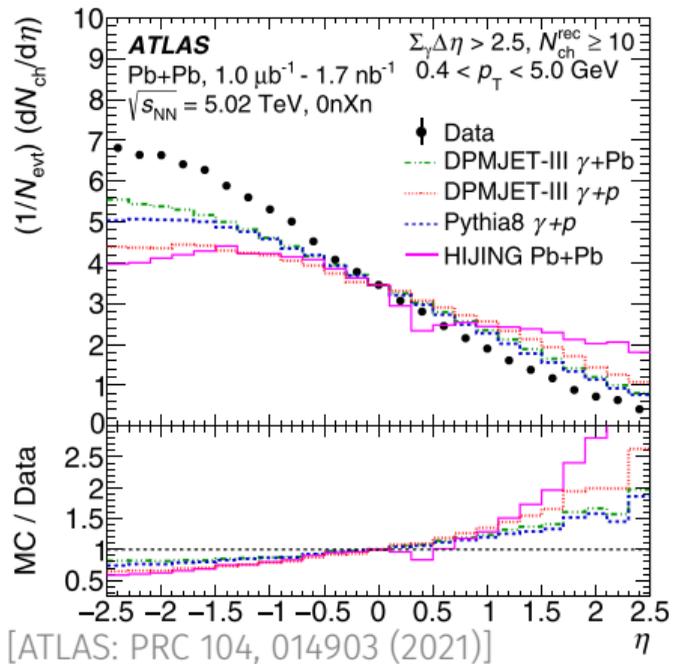


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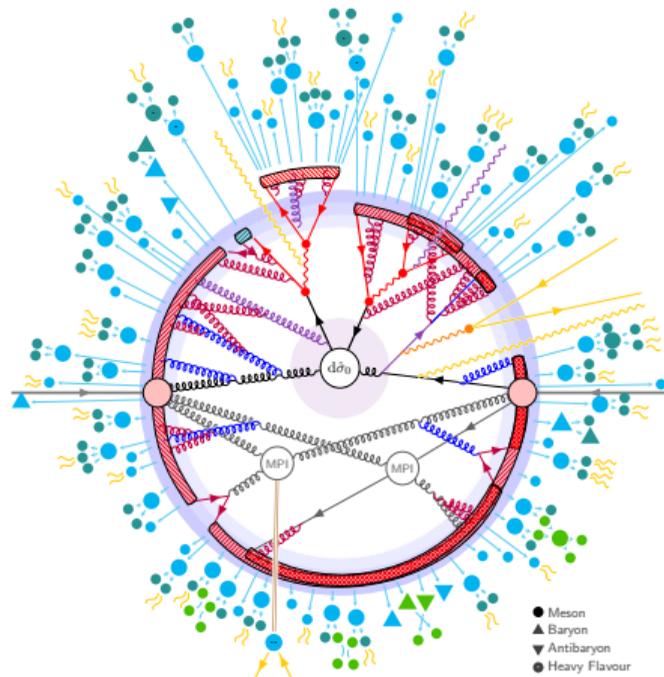
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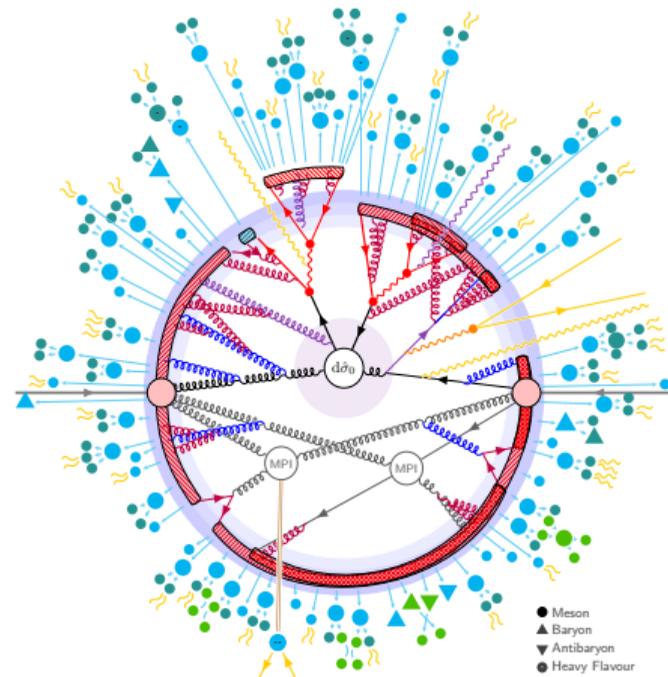
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What else?

Backup slides

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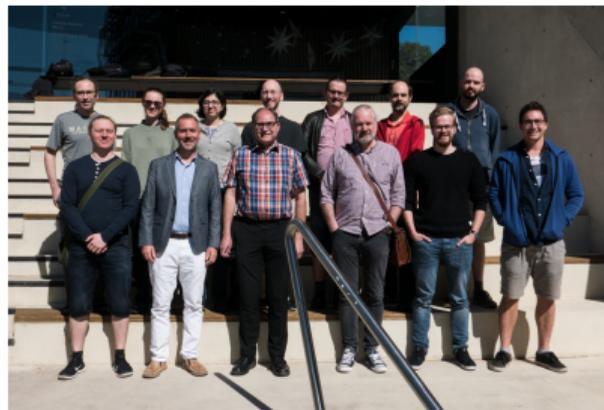
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# Evolution equation and PDFs for resolved photons

## DGLAP equation for photons

- Additional term due to  $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  splittings

$$\frac{\partial f_i^\gamma(x, Q^2)}{\partial \log(Q^2)} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2\pi} e_i^2 P_{i\gamma}(x) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{ij}(z) f_j(x/z, Q^2)$$

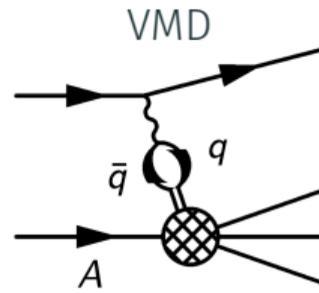
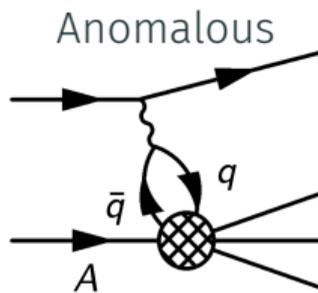
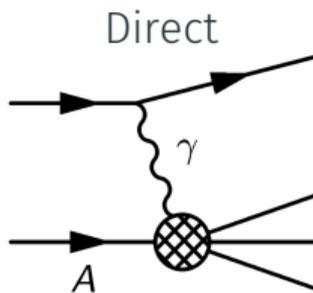
where  $P_{i\gamma}(x) = 3(x^2 + (1-x)^2)$  for quarks, 0 for gluons (LO)

- Resulting PDFs has **point-like** (or anomalous) and **hadron-like** components

$$f_i^\gamma(x, Q^2) = f_i^{\gamma, \text{pl}}(x, Q^2) + f_i^{\gamma, \text{had}}(x, Q^2)$$

- $f_i^{\gamma, \text{pl}}$  : Calculable from perturbative QCD
- $f_i^{\gamma, \text{had}}$  : Requires non-perturbative input fixed in a global analysis

# Photon structure at $Q^2 \sim 0 \text{ GeV}^2$



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  $J/\psi$

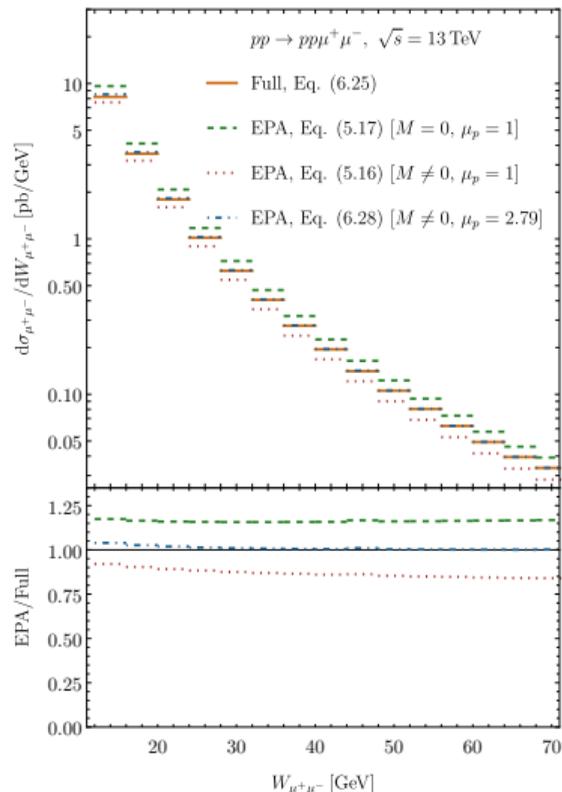
$$c_V = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{f_V^2}$$

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

# 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

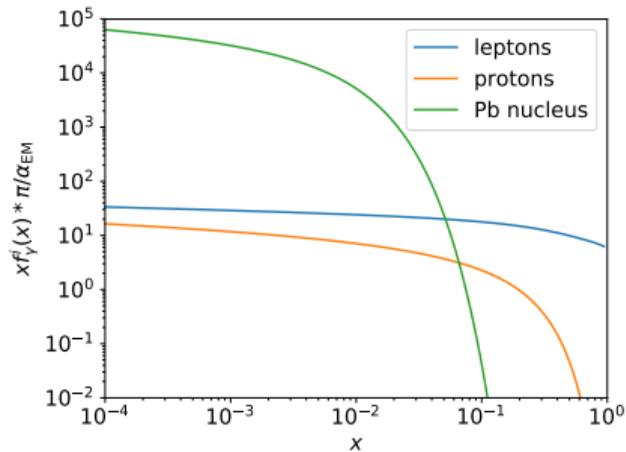


[S. Yrjänheikki, MSc thesis]

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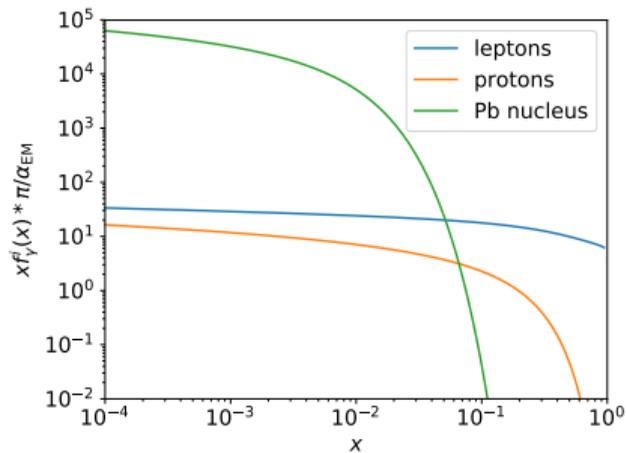
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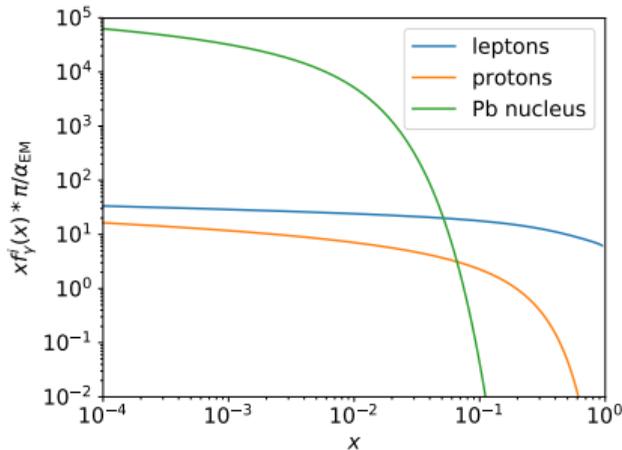
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pythia.readString("PDF:beamA2gamma = on");  
pythia.readString("PDF:proton2gammaSet = 0");  
pythia.readString("PDF:beam2gammaApprox = 2");  
pythia.readString("Photon:sampleQ2 = off");  
PDFPtr photonFlux = make_shared<Nucleus2gamma>(2212);  
pythia.setPhotonFluxPtr(photonFlux, 0);
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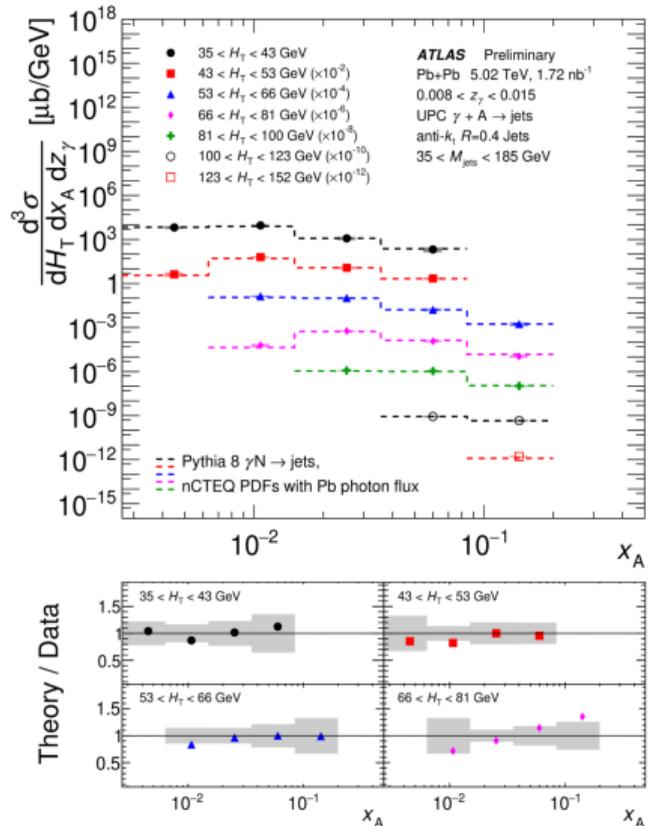
For more examples see  
[main68.cc](#), [main69.cc](#),  
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in examples directory

# 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]

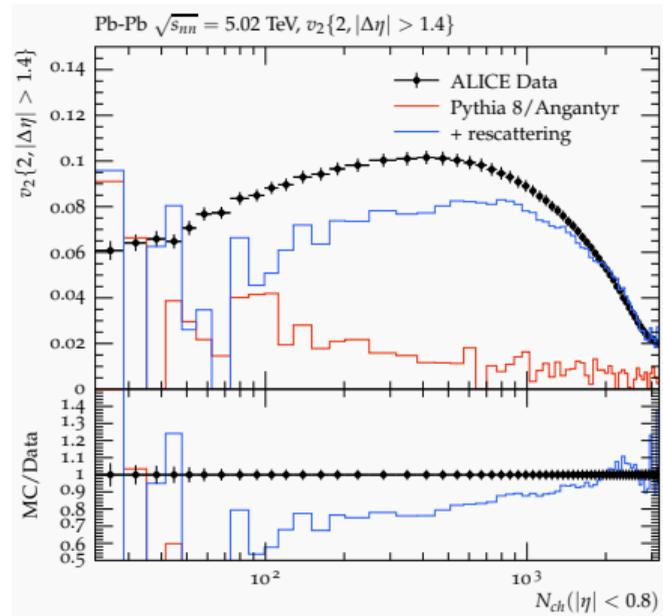
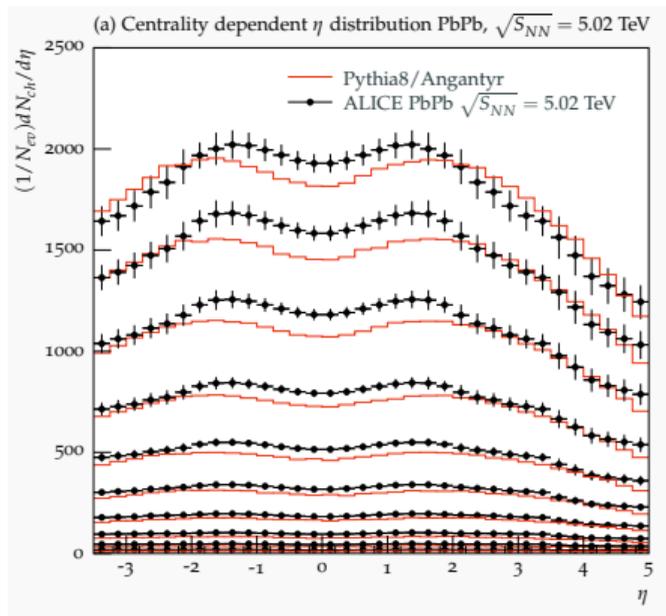
# Heavy-ion collisions

- 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

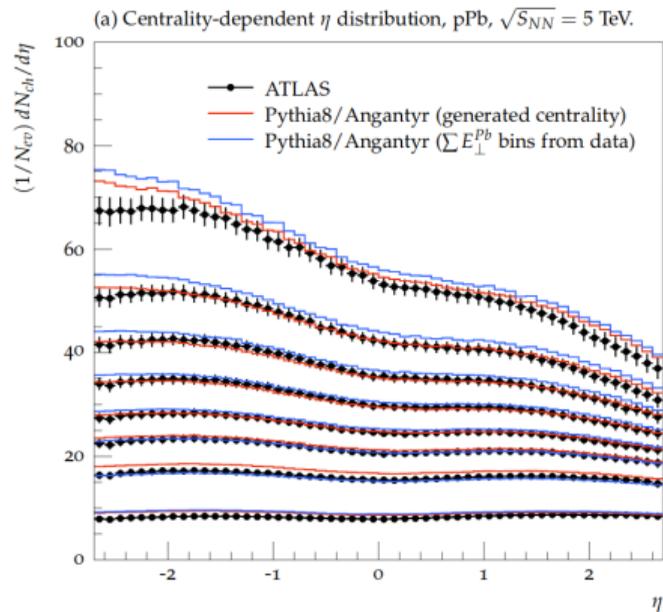
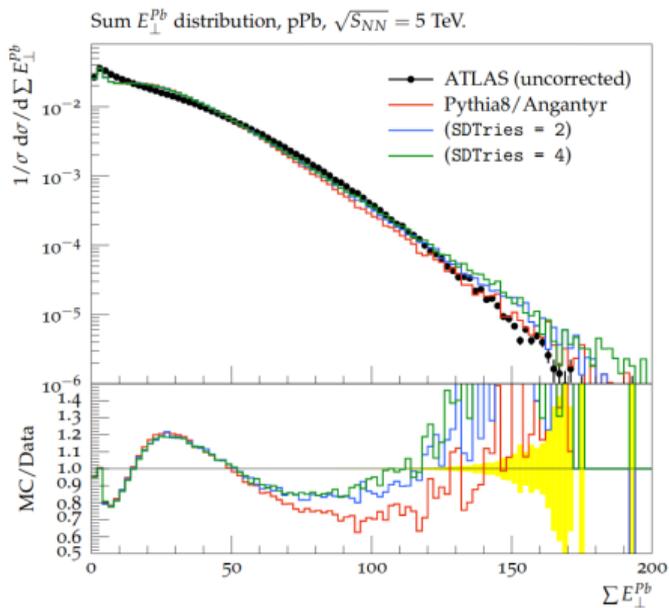
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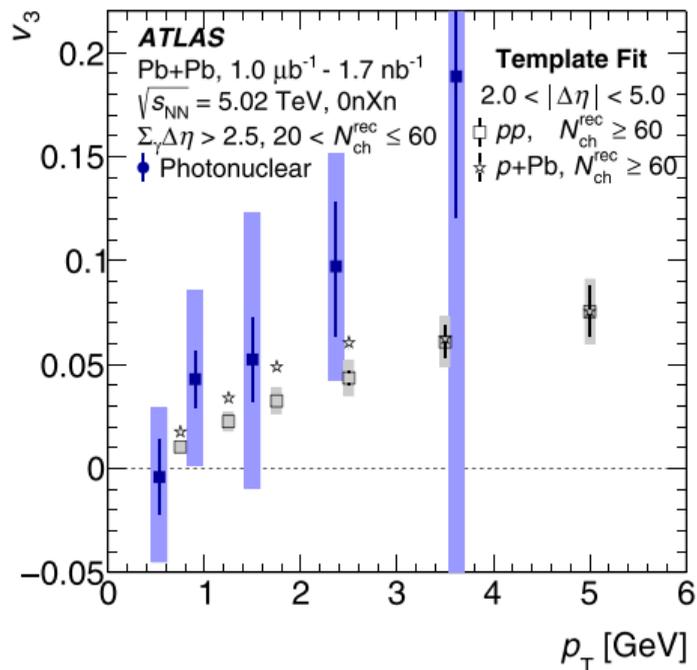
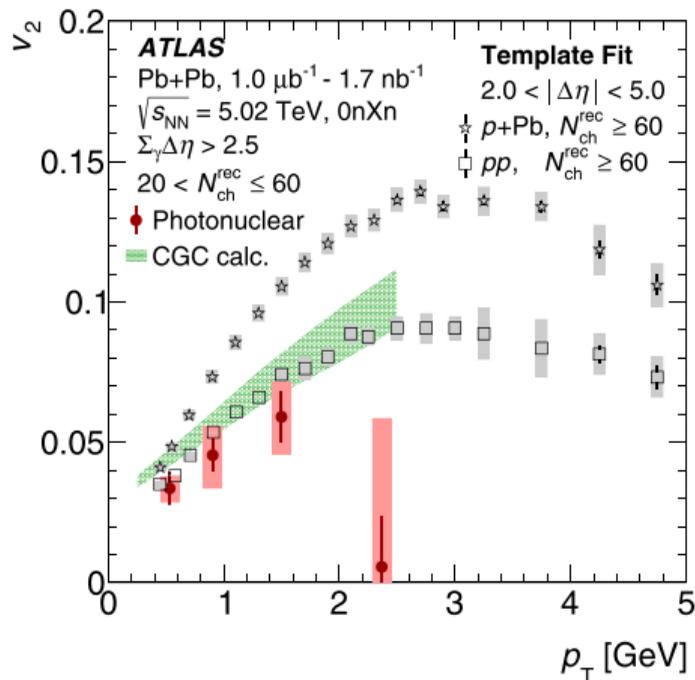
# p+A collisions

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



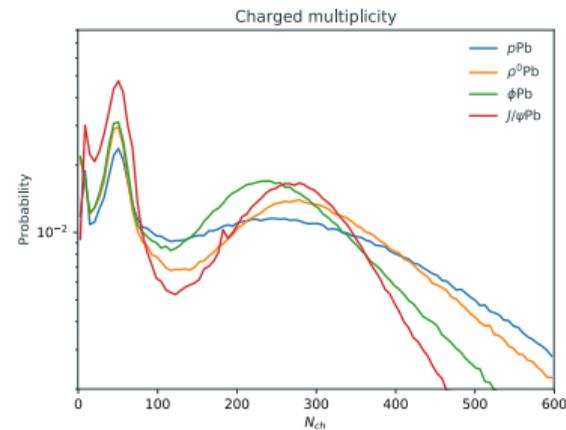
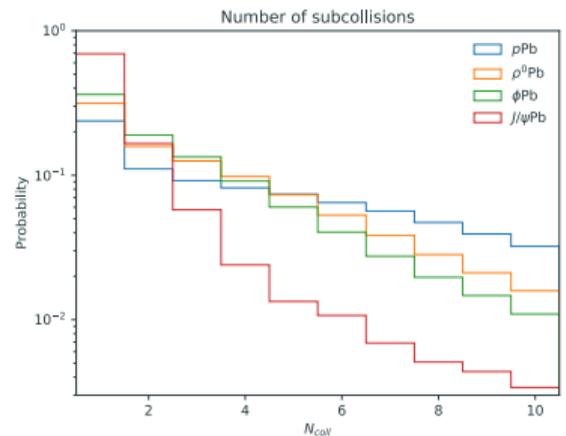
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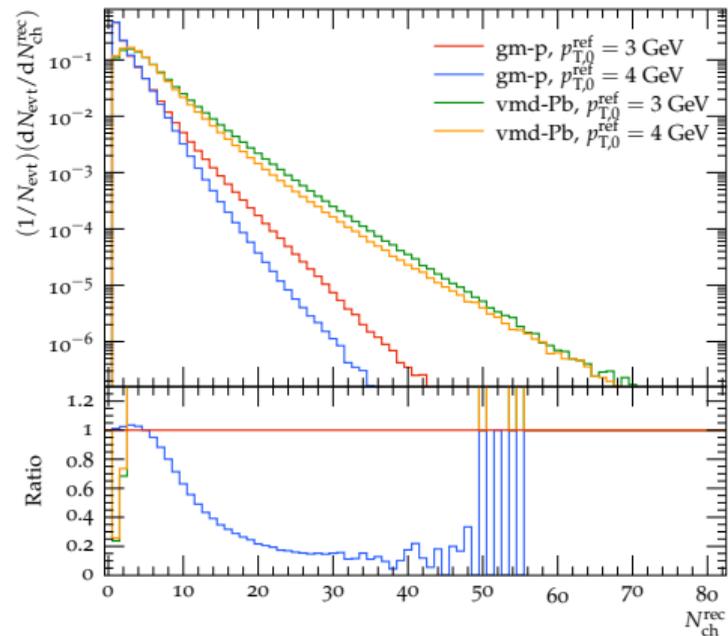
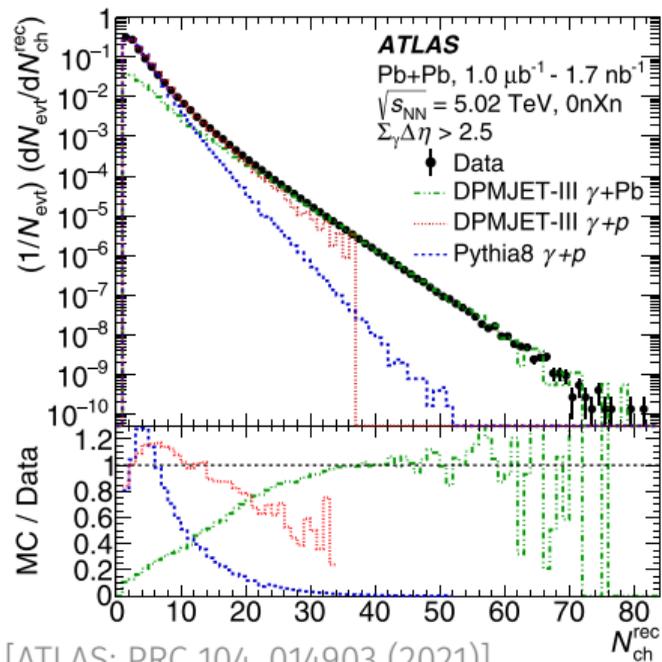
- Non-zero flow coefficients also for  $\gamma$ +Pb
- Expected baseline from MC simulations?

## Use Angantyr for interactions with heavy nuclei

- Full  $\gamma$ +A not in place
- But we have setup an explicit VMD model
  - Photon a linear combination of vector-mesons states up to  $J/\psi$
  - Rely on upcoming implementation of generic hadron - ion collisions
    - $\Rightarrow$  To be included in PYTHIA 8.310
- Cover bulk of the cross section
- Dominant contribution at high multiplicity



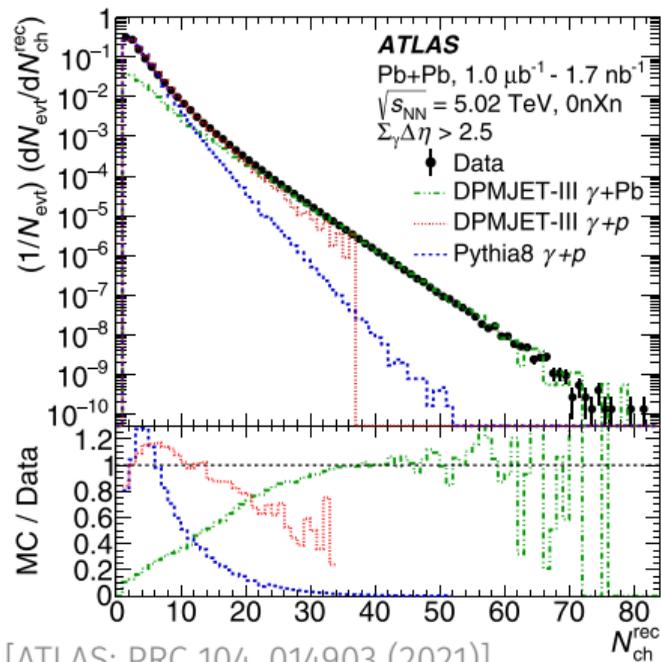
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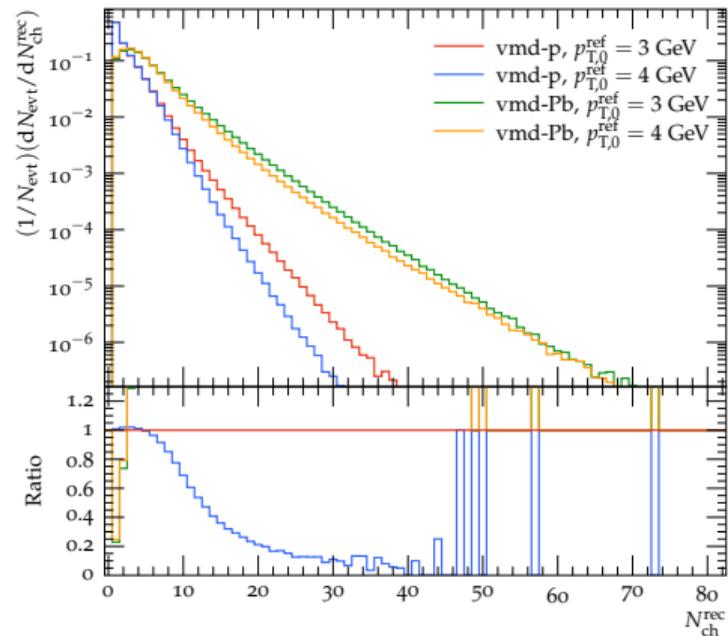
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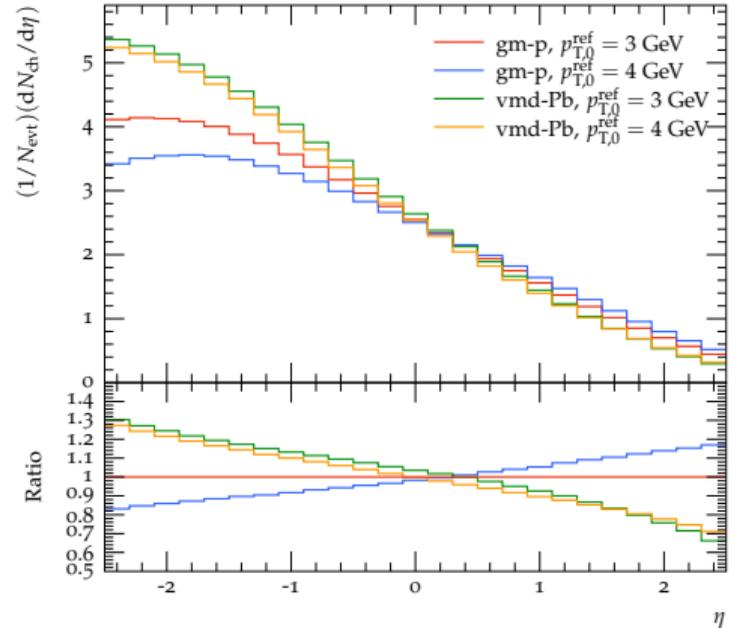
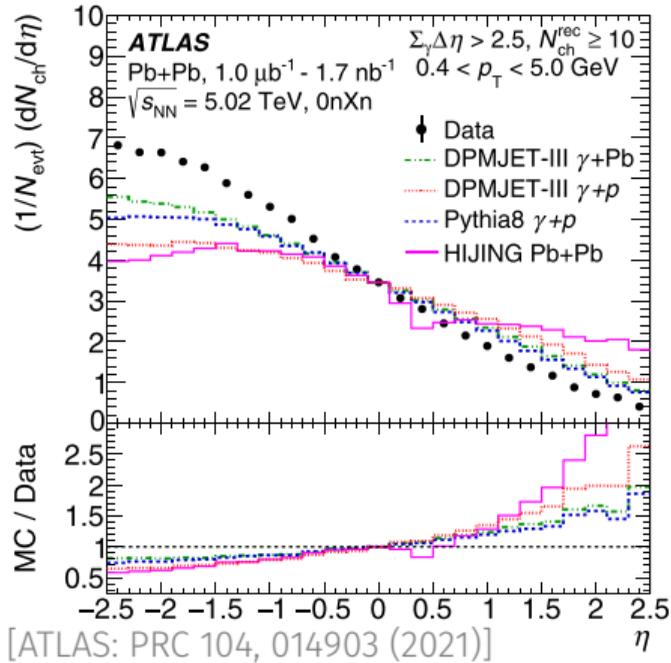


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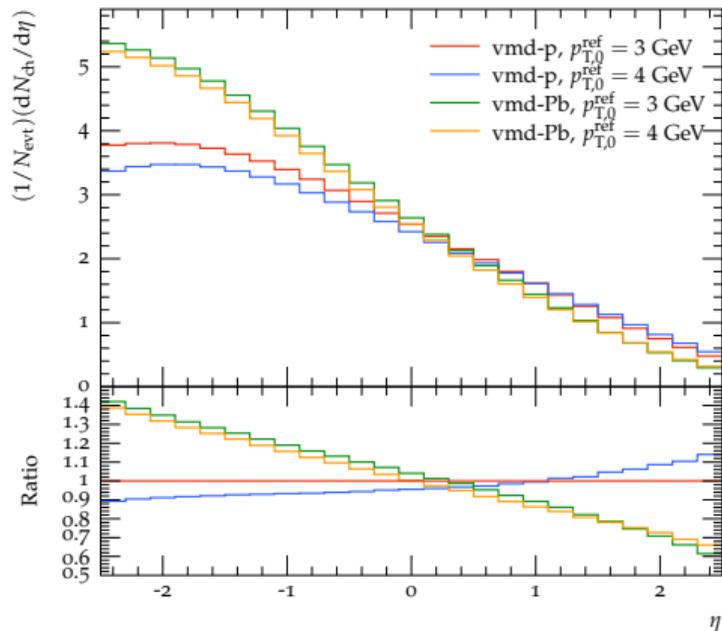
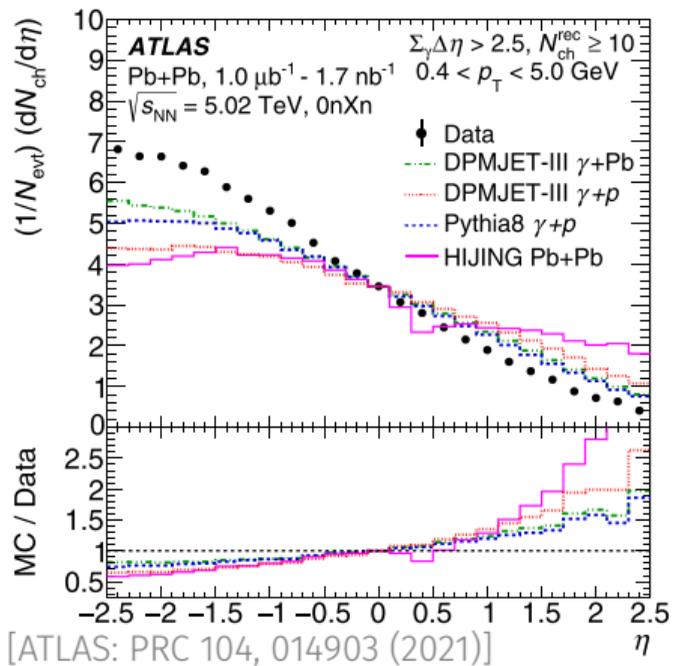
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