

Baryon correlations in Pythia

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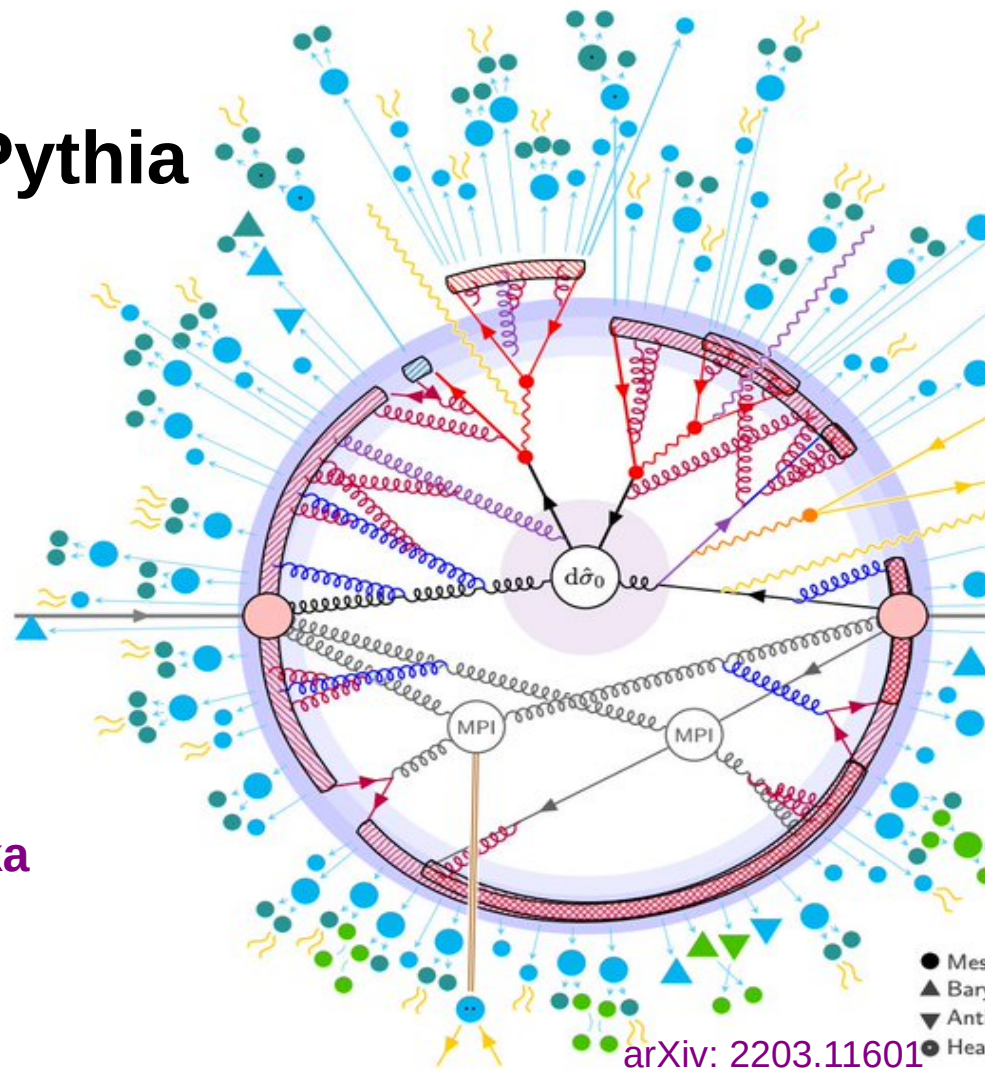
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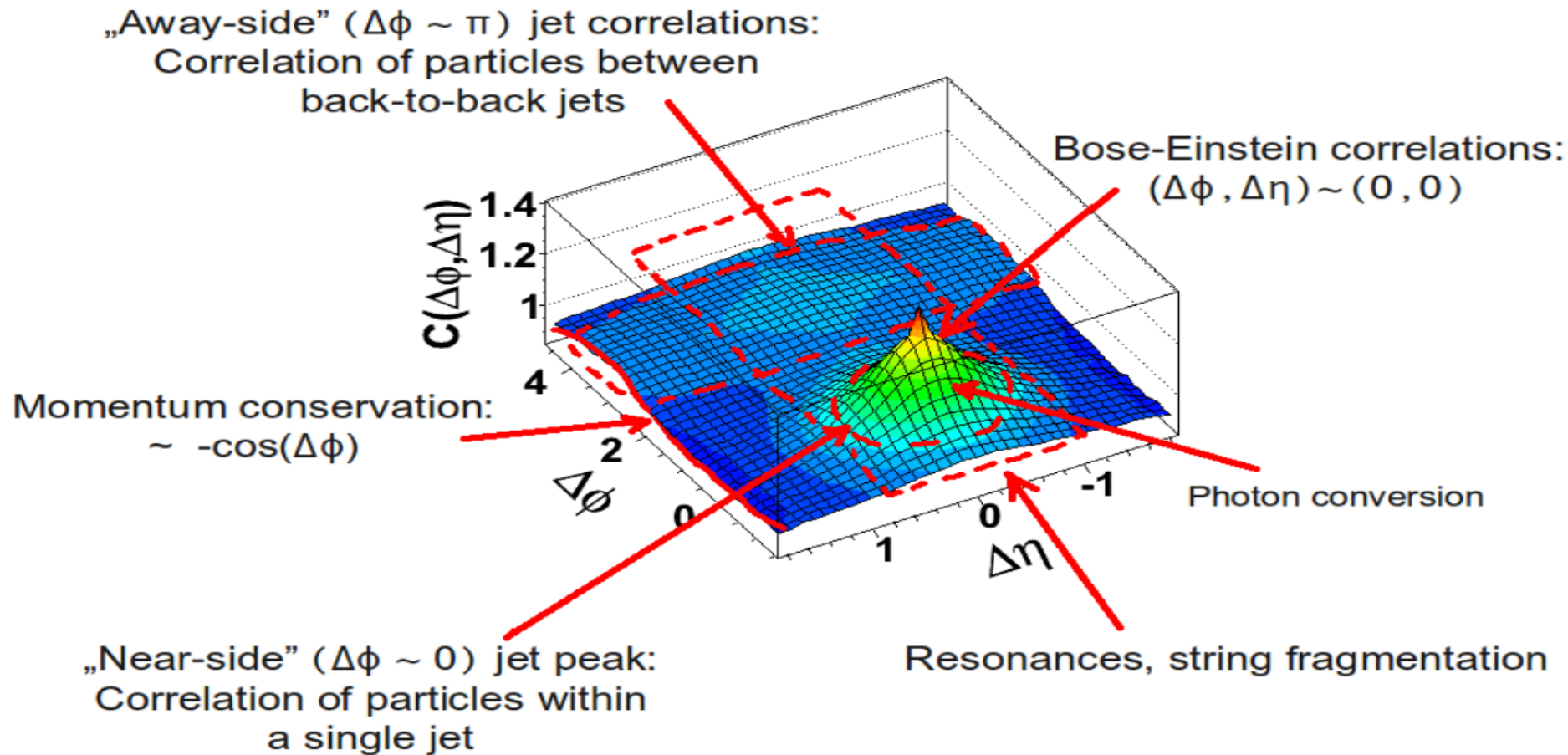
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Two-particle correlations in pp @ 7 TeV collisions, ALICE



Study of baryon correlations in e+e- annihilation @ 29-GeV

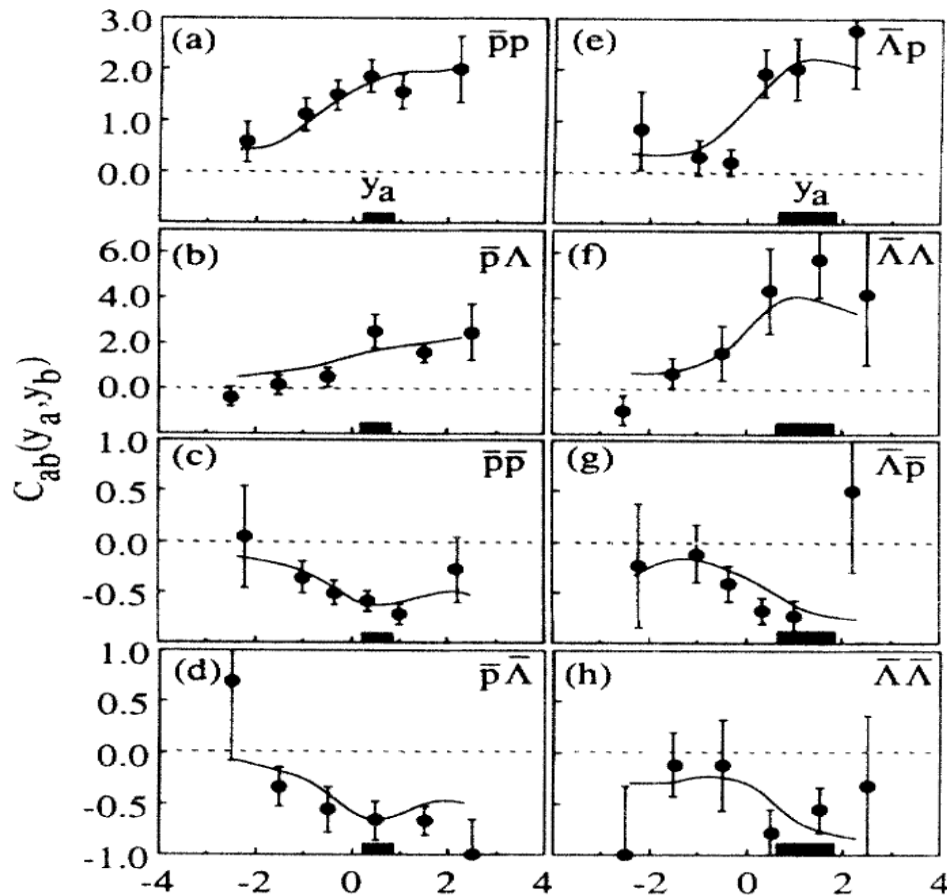
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As a measurement for the correlation between two baryons a and b , we define the correlation function C_{ab} :

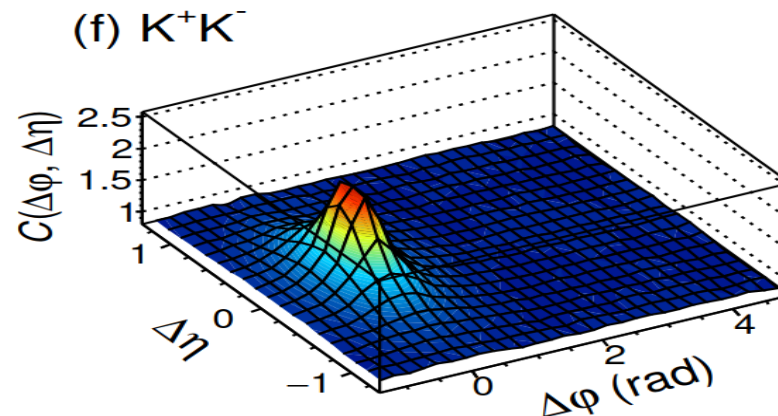
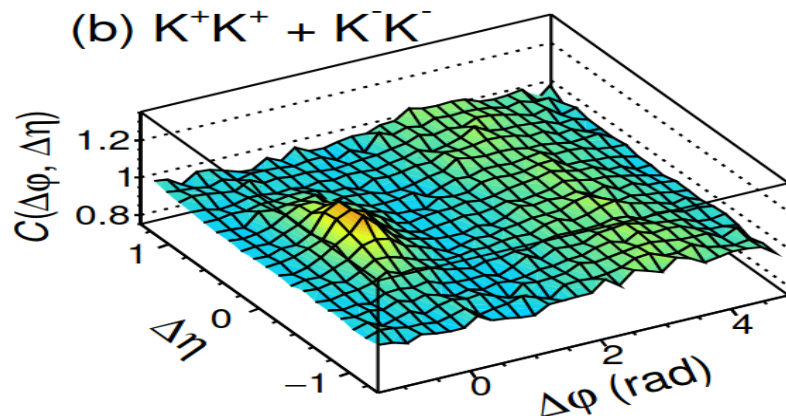
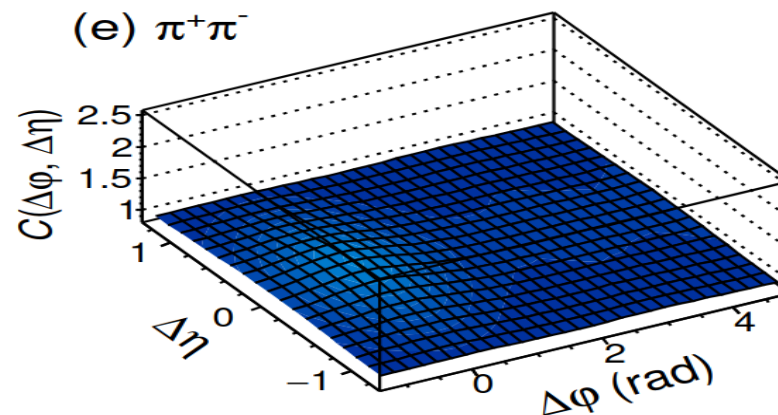
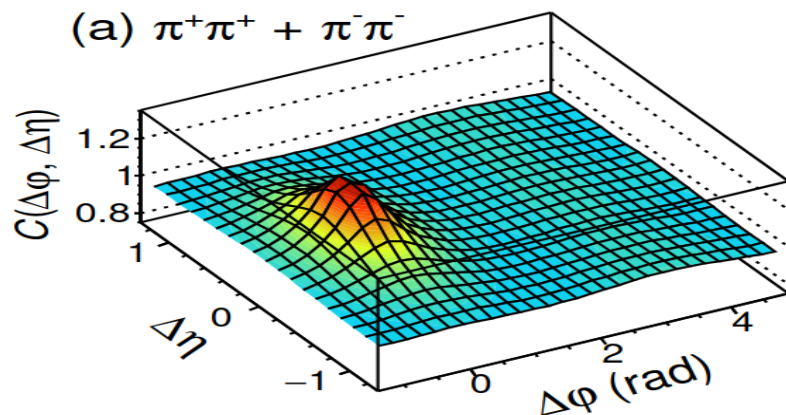
$$C_{ab}(y_a, y_b) = \rho_{ab}(y_a, y_b) / \rho_a(y_a) \rho_b(y_b) - 1 \quad (1)$$

Solid curves → Lund hadronisation model

FIG. 1. (a)–(d) Correlation function $C_{ab}(y_a, y_b)$ for a $\bar{p}$ in the rapidity interval $0 < y_a < 1.25$ and an additional baryon b at rapidity y_b , for (a) p , (b) Λ , (c) $\bar{p}$, (d) $\bar{\Lambda}$. The rms width of the rapidity distribution of the $\bar{p}$ a is indicated by the black bar. (e)–(h) The corresponding correlation functions for a $\bar{\Lambda}$ in the rapidity range $y_a > 0$ as particle a . Curves indicate predictions by the Lund hadronization model (Ref. 7).

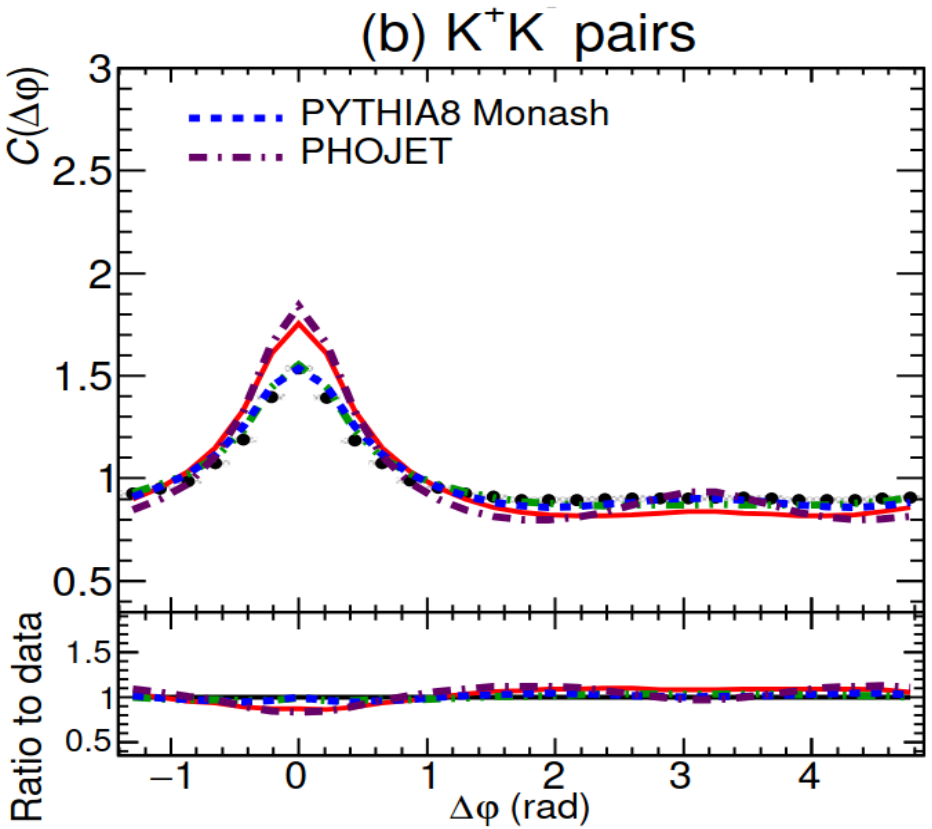
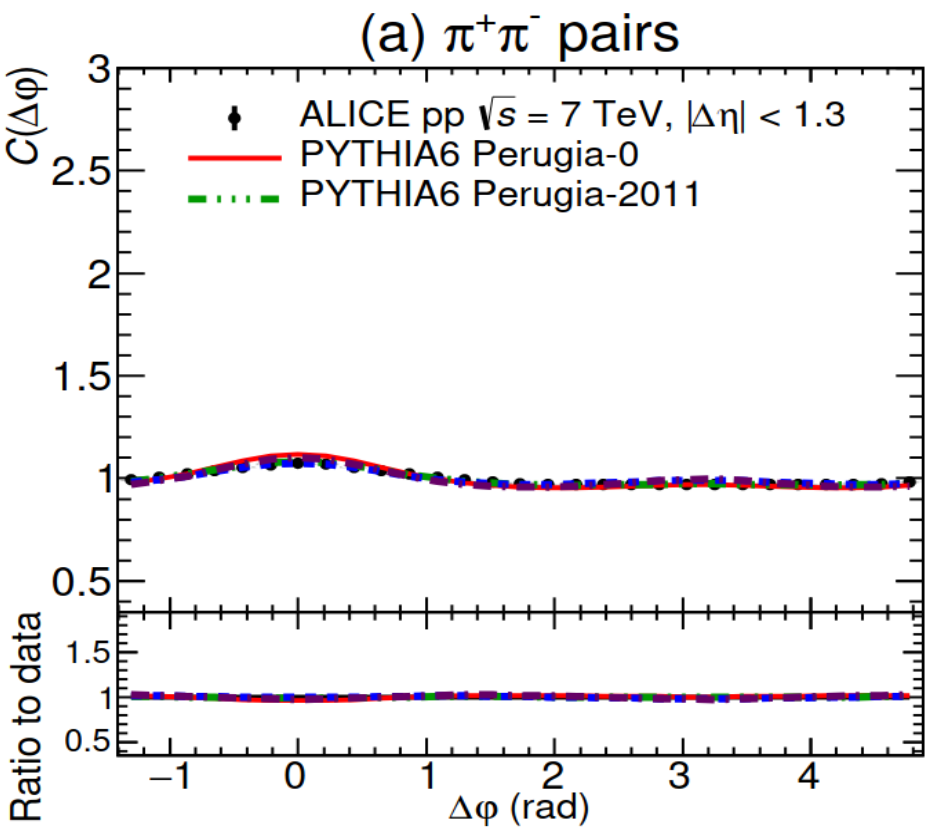


Meson correlations in pp @ 7 TeV, ALICE



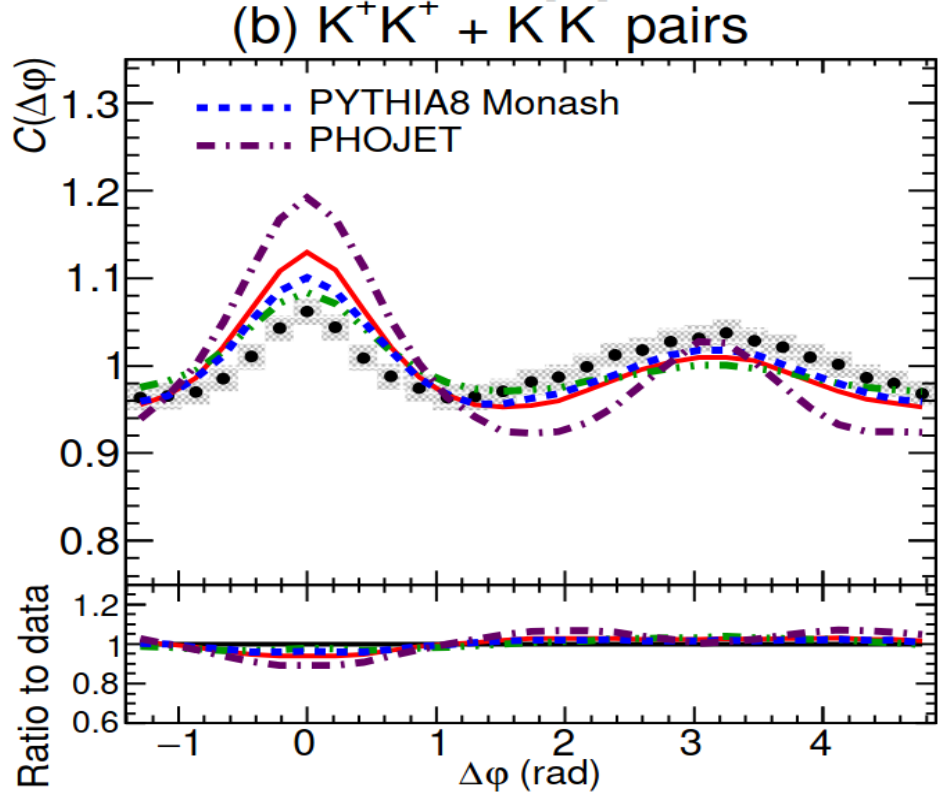
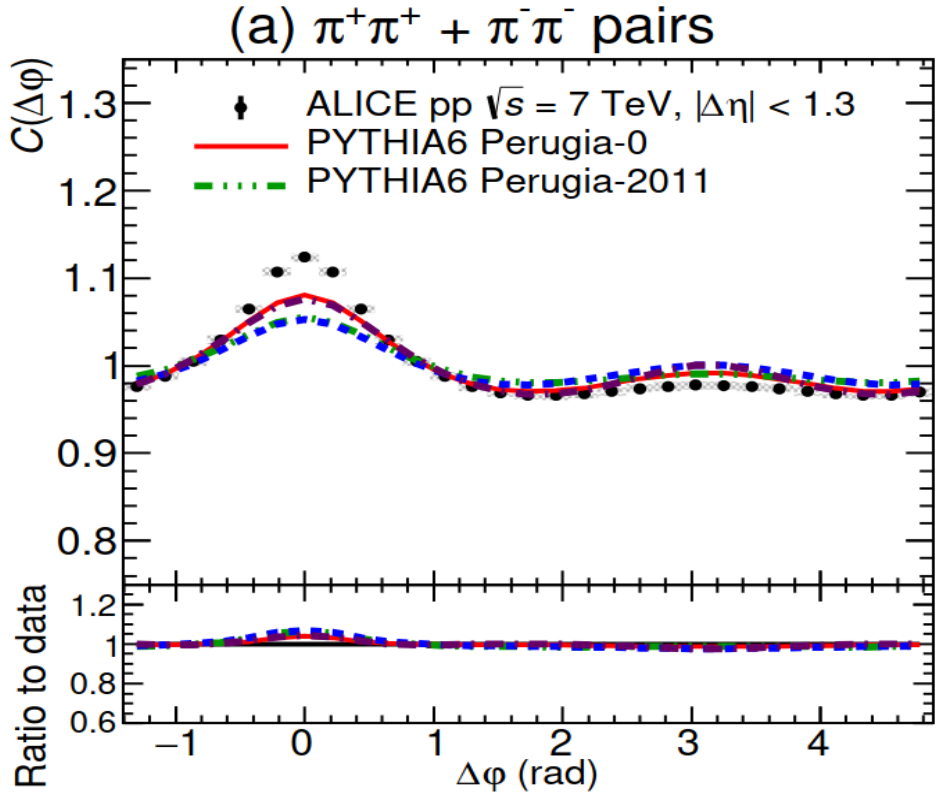
Opposite-sign meson pairs correlations in Pythia

reproduces meson correlations

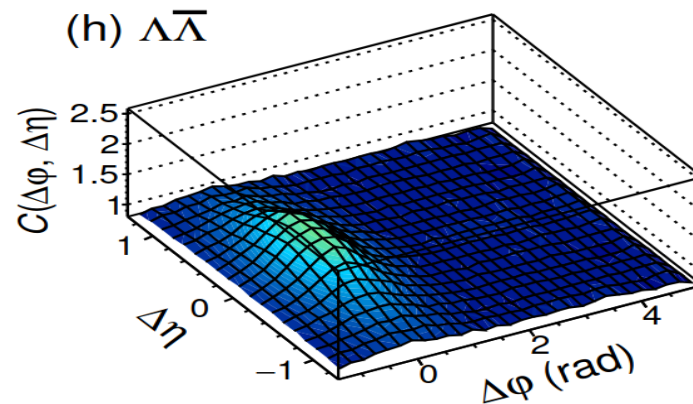
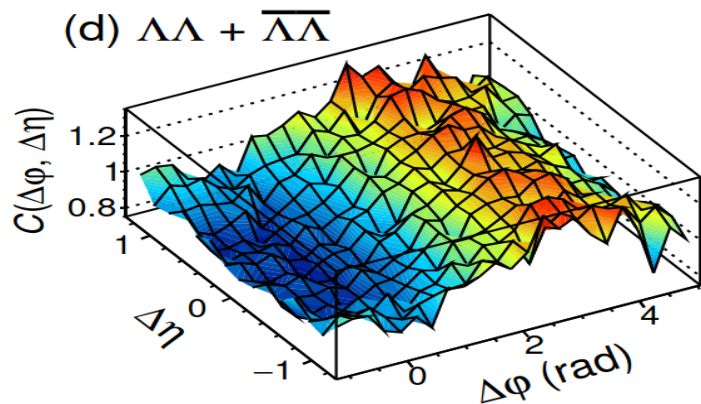
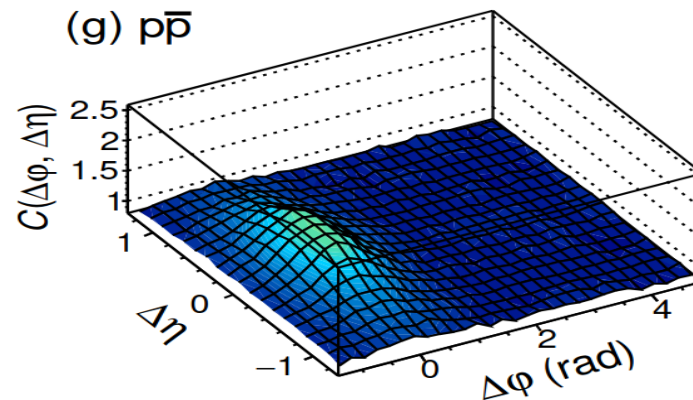
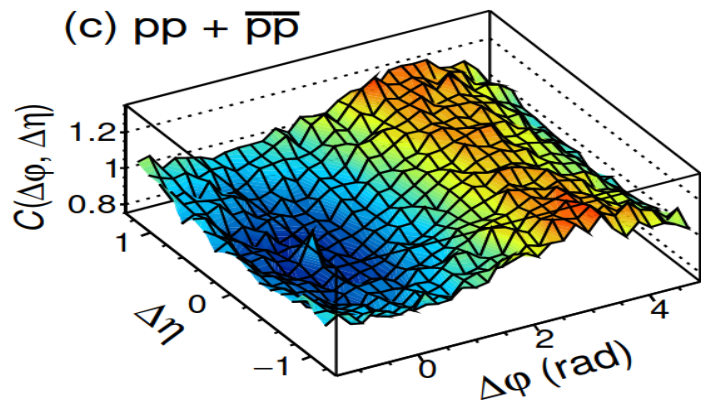


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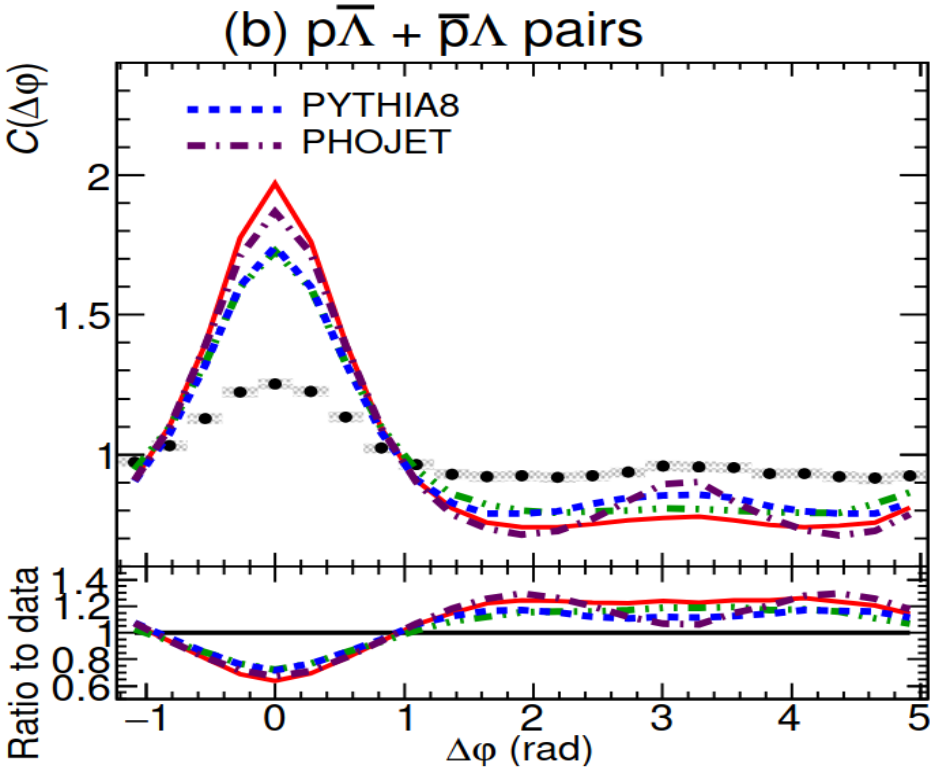
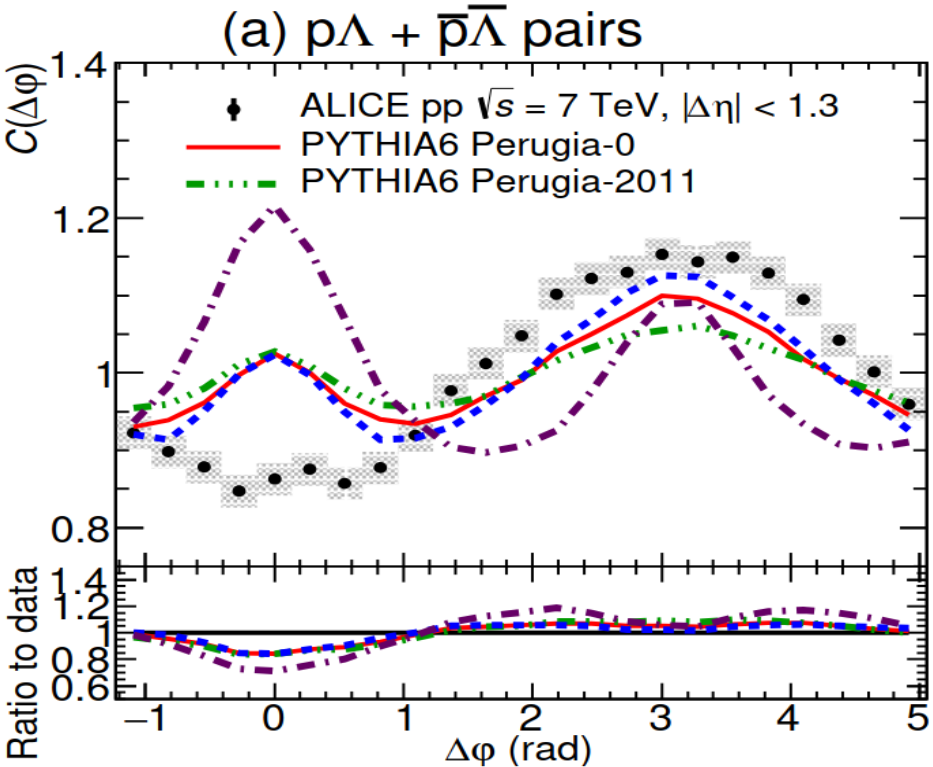


Baryon correlations in pp @ 7 TeV, ALICE



Baryon correlations in Pythia

fails to reproduce baryon correlations



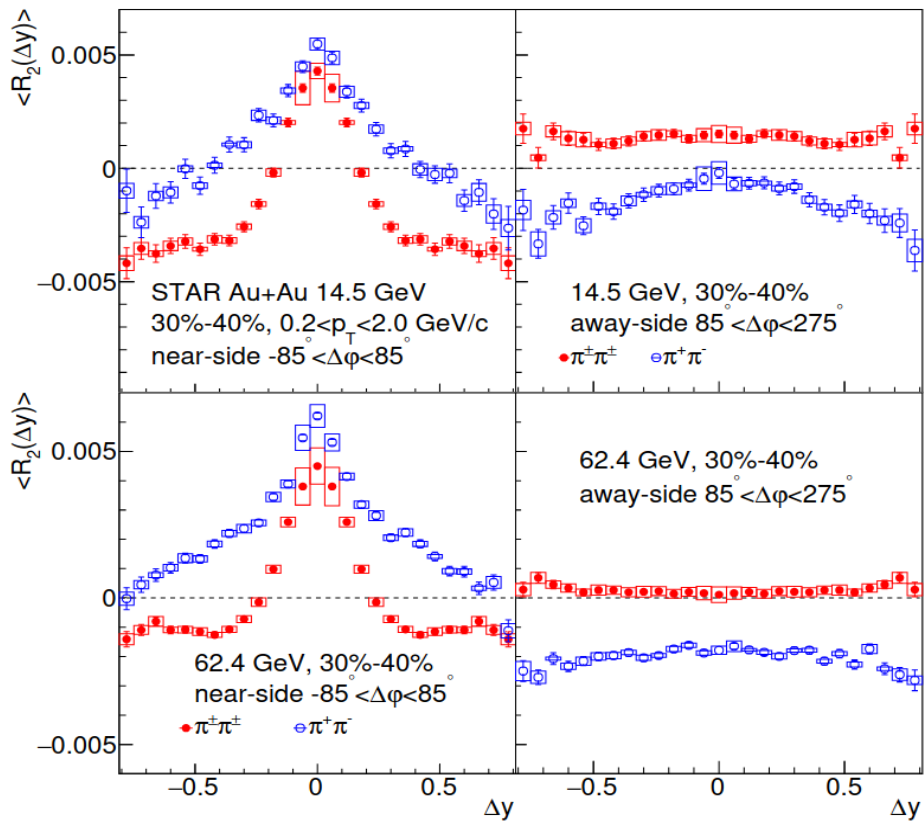
The different types of baryons' pair anti-correlation observation forces us to **reject** the Fermi-Dirac statistics and repulsion of the same-sign baryons hypothesis.

Surprising results in AuAu collision experiments at STAR

pions

STAR: arXiv:1906.09204v2

protons

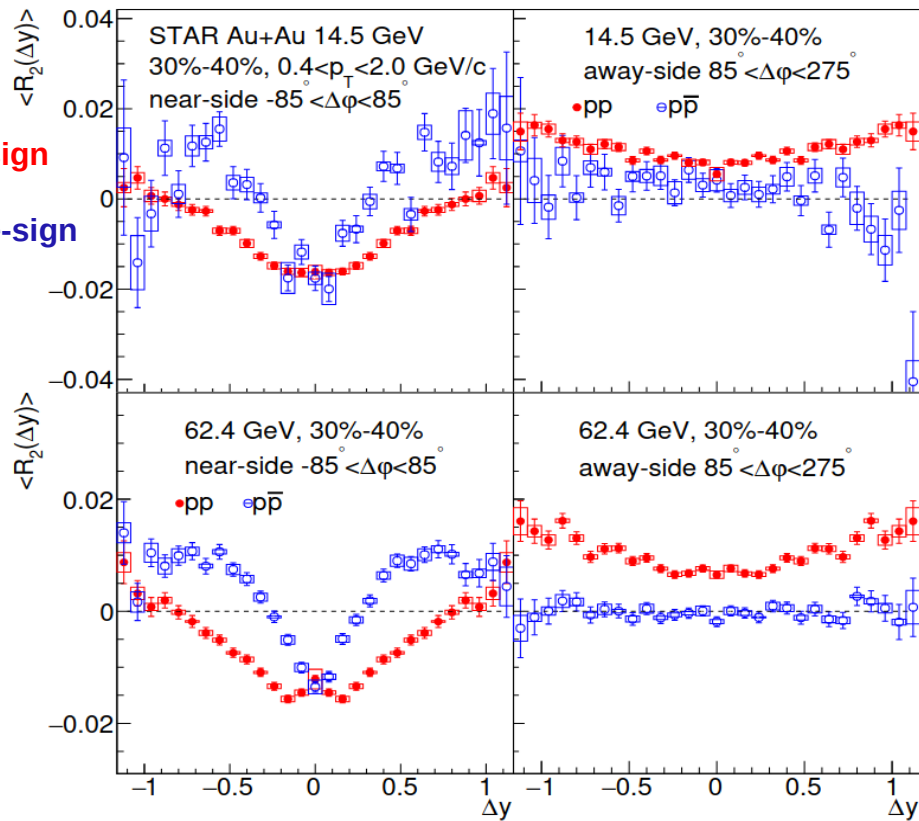


(a) pions

$\Phi \rightarrow 0$

$\Phi \rightarrow \pi$

same-sign
opposite-sign



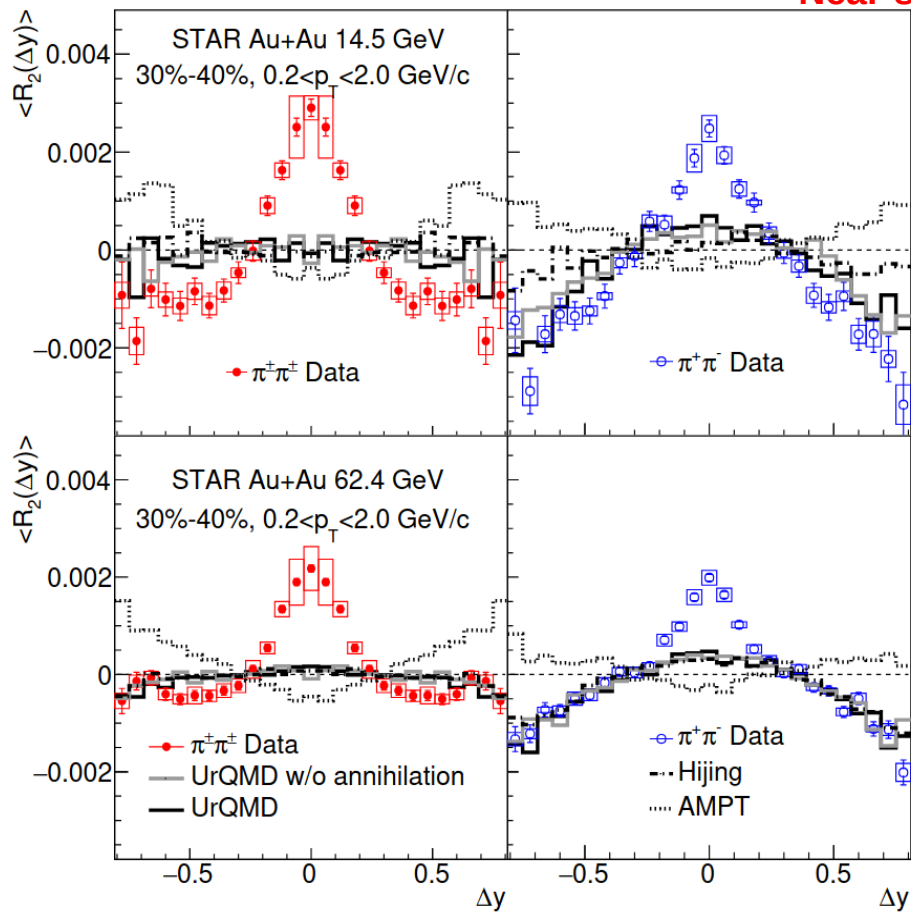
(b) protons

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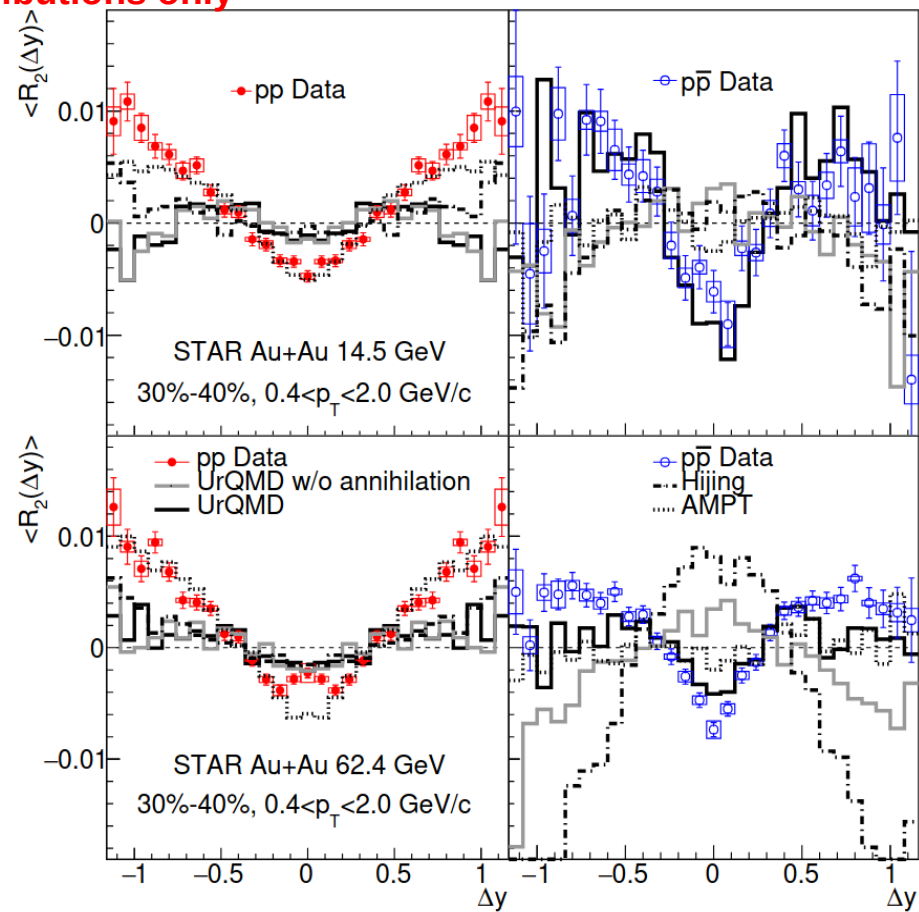
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Surprising results in AuAu collision experiments at STAR

Near-side distributions only



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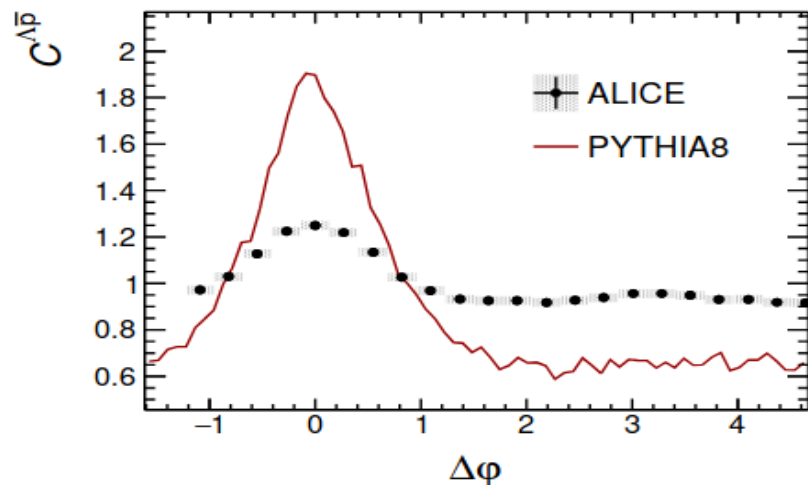
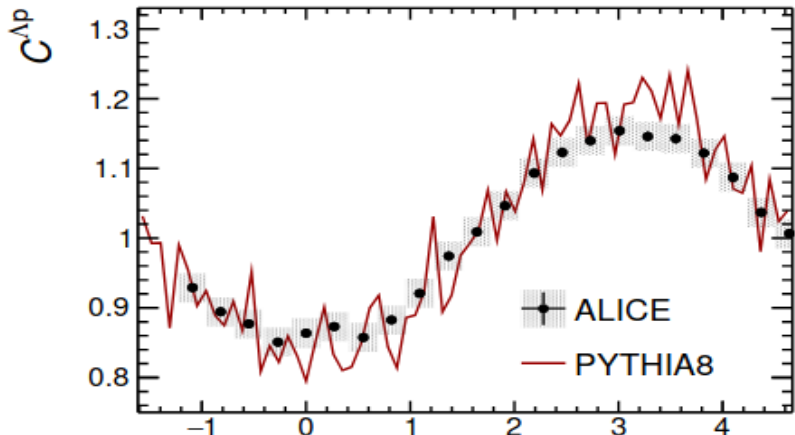


(b) protons

Brute Forced: Baryon Correlations in Pythia

N. Demazure et al., Few Body Syst. 64 (2023) 3, 57

We propose two ad-hoc alterations of the fragmentation code, a “**one-baryon**” and an “**always-baryon**” policies that qualitatively reproduce the data behaviour, i.e anticorrelation,



One baryon or zero baryon

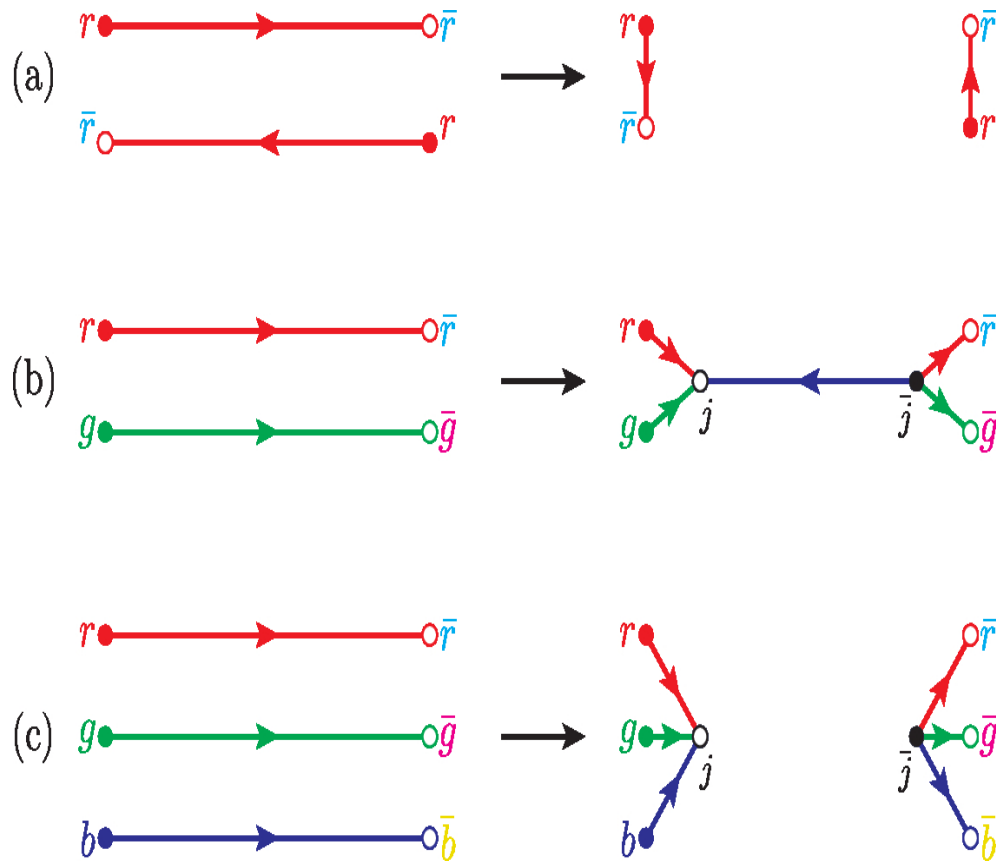
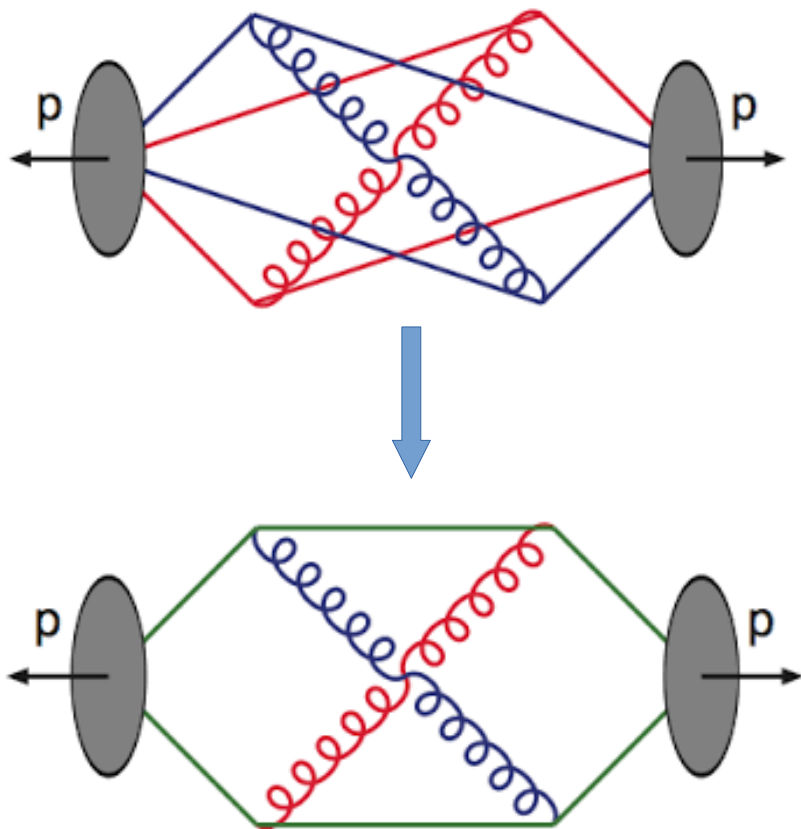
Always one baryon

Baryons produced (10^6)	p	pp	p $\bar{p}$
Uncorrected PYTHIA	5.44	1.52	2.61
One-baryon policy	1.55	0.14	0.44
Always-baryon policy	5.20	1.32	2.28

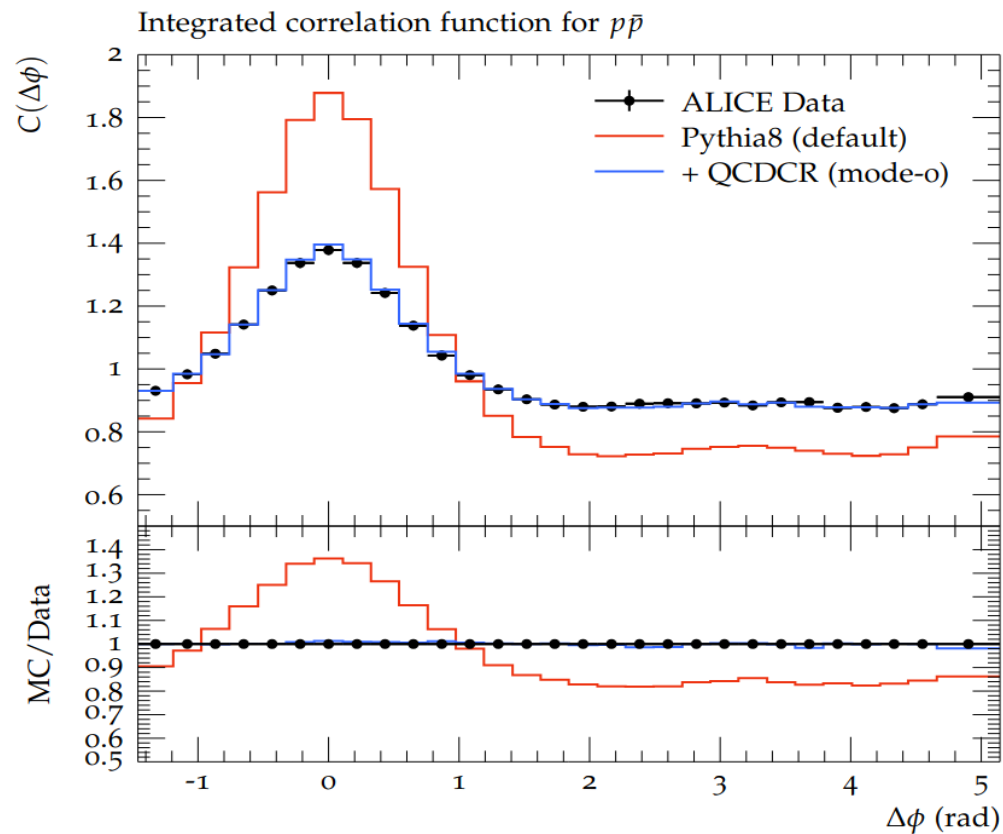
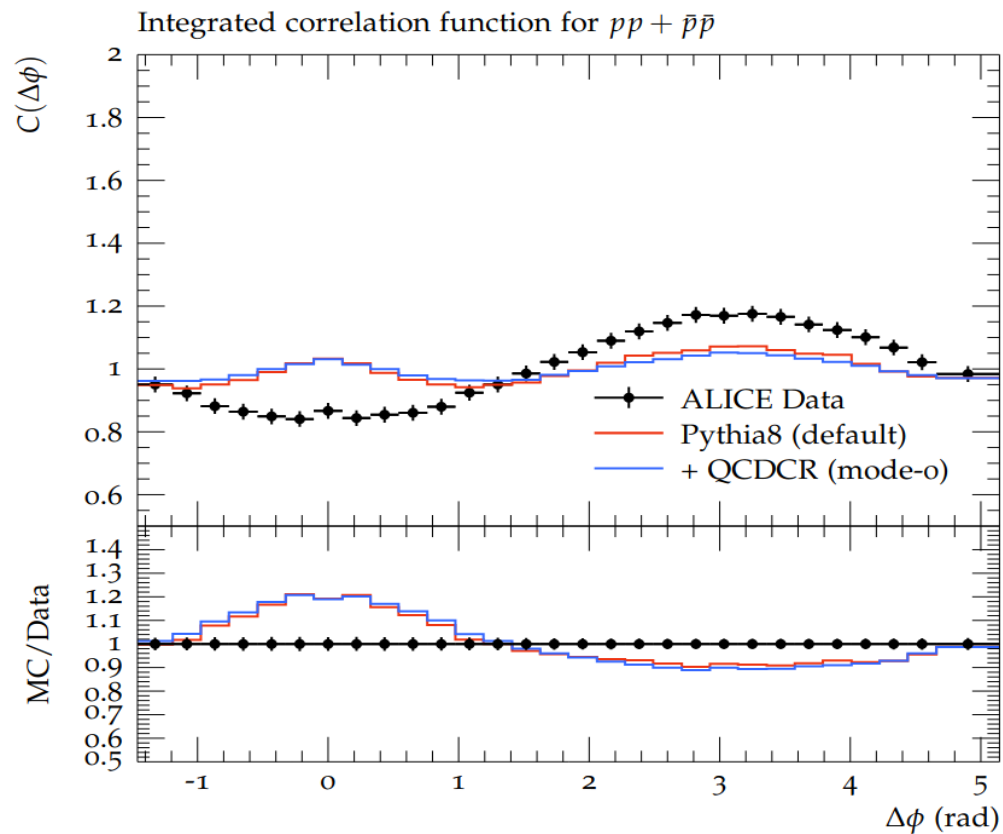
3rd and 4th columns : number of same-event pairs.
Less pairs entail a noisier figure.

Colour Reconnection (CR)

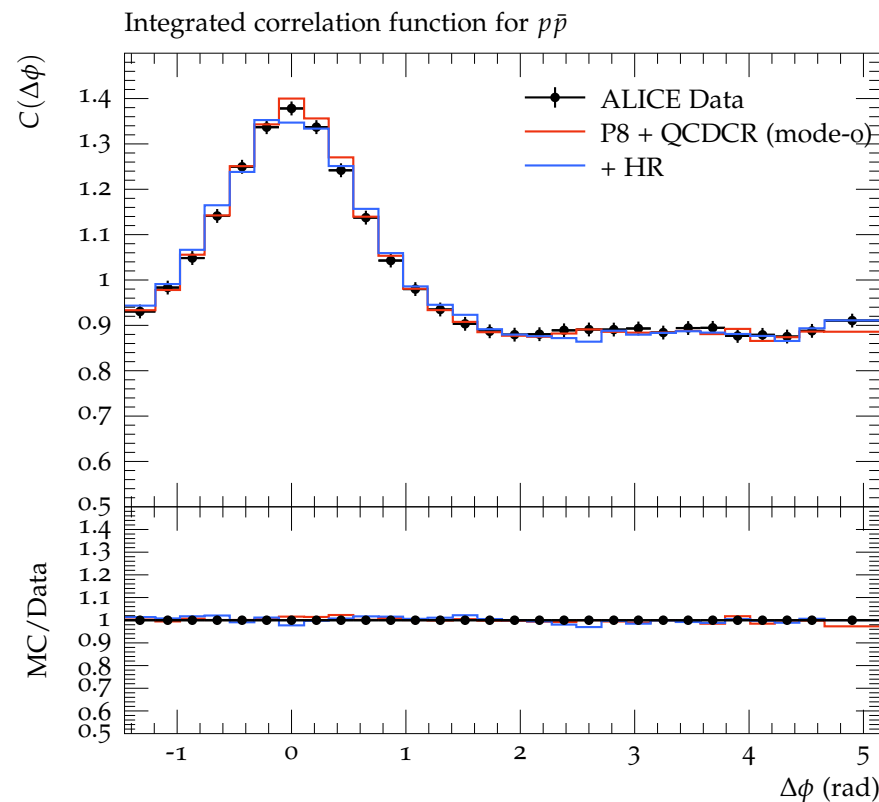
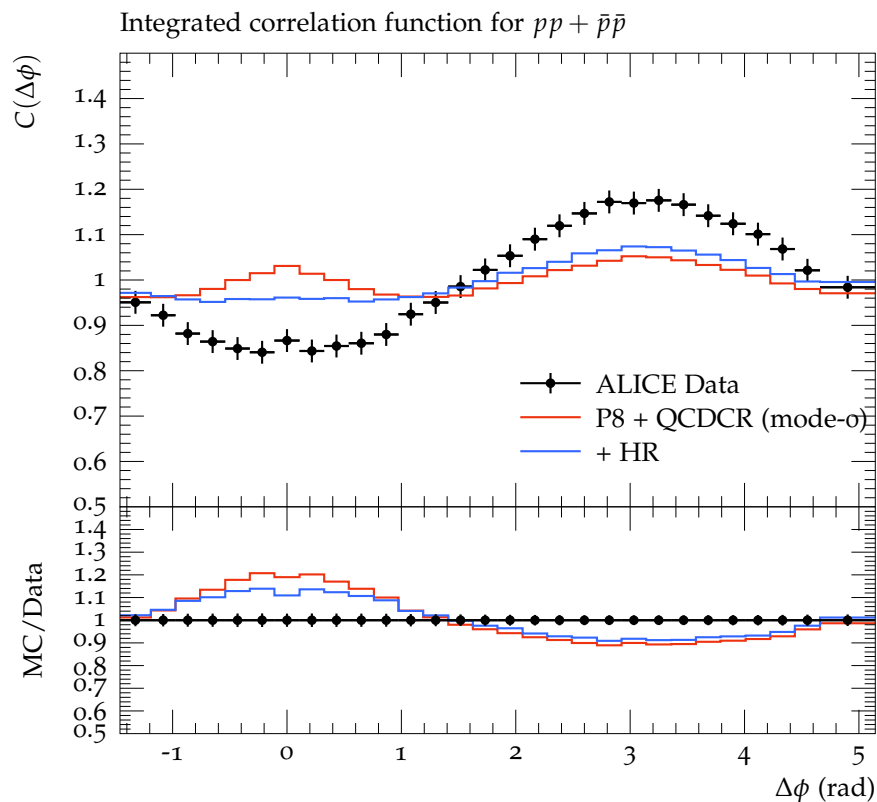
CR rearranges the dipole connections
& reduces net-string length

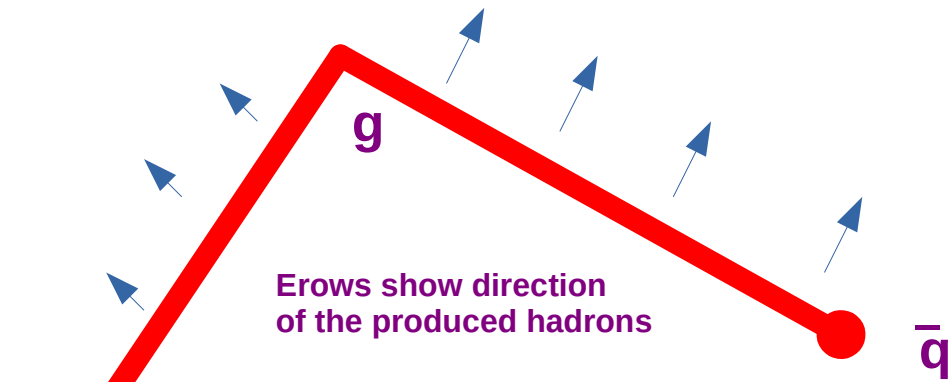


Results: Pythia default vs QCD-inspired colour reconnection



Results: Pythia with QCD colour reconnection and hadronic rescattering

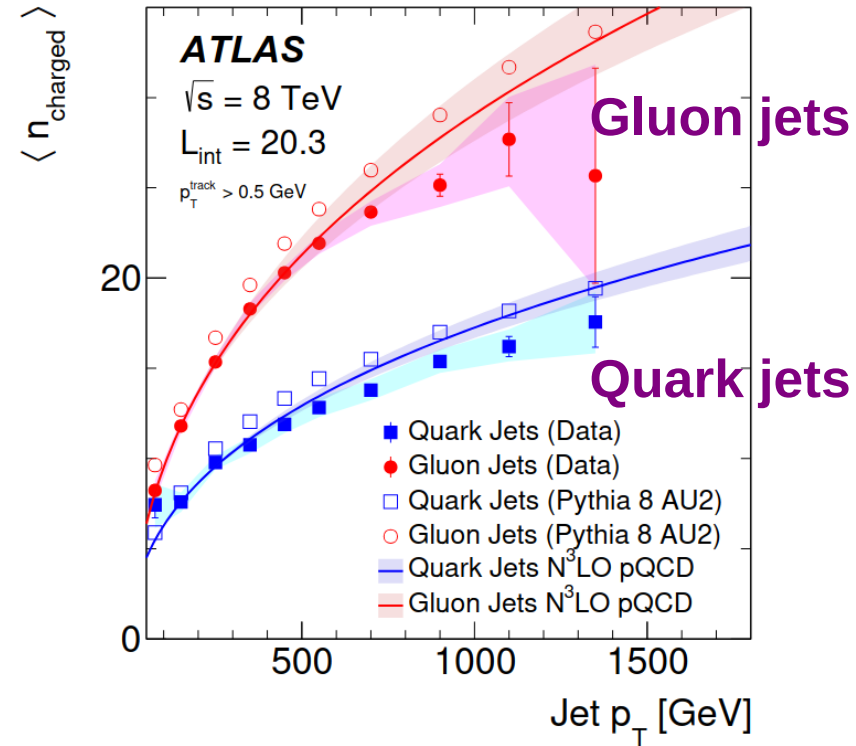




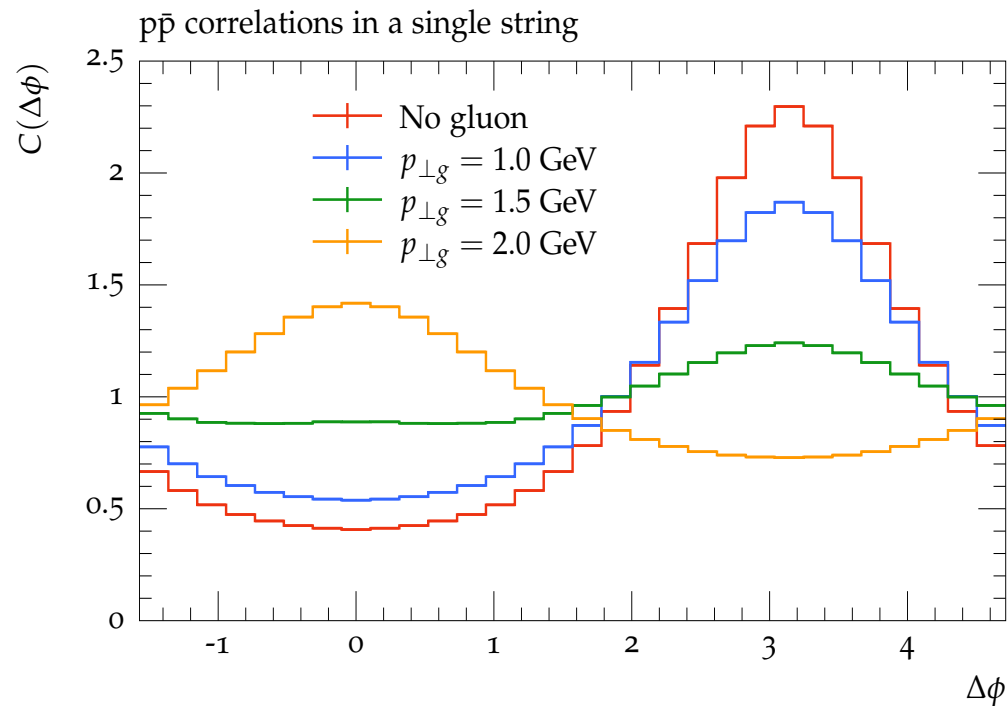
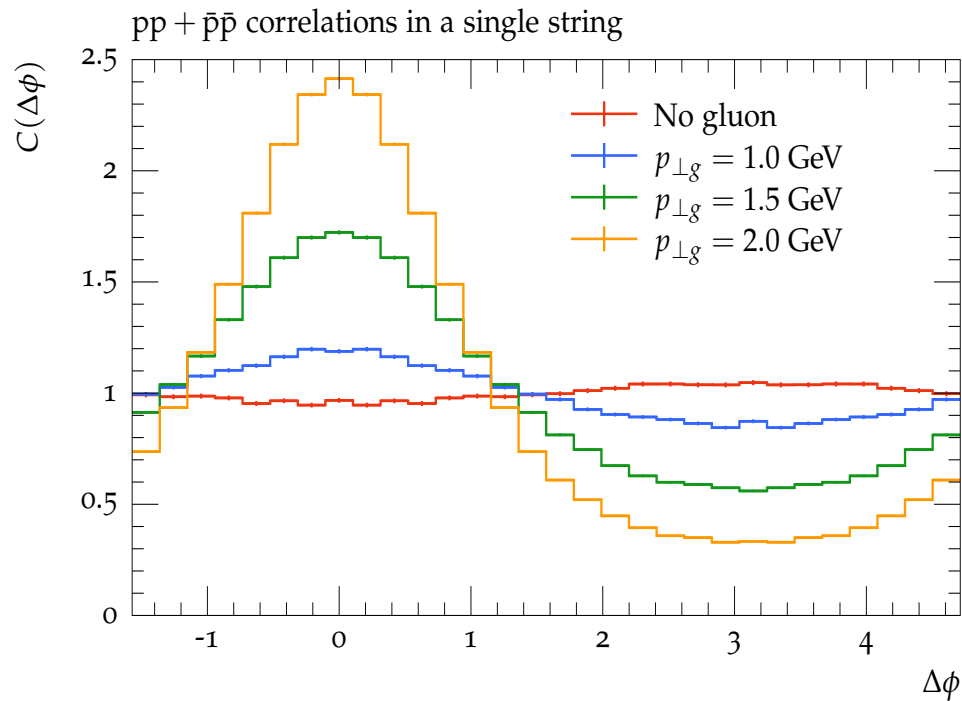
Arrows show direction of the produced hadrons

- Gluons are transverse kink on the Lund strings,
- Hadrons produced along the colour connections,
- On average twice more hadrons produced around gluons compared to quarks due to their colour charge.

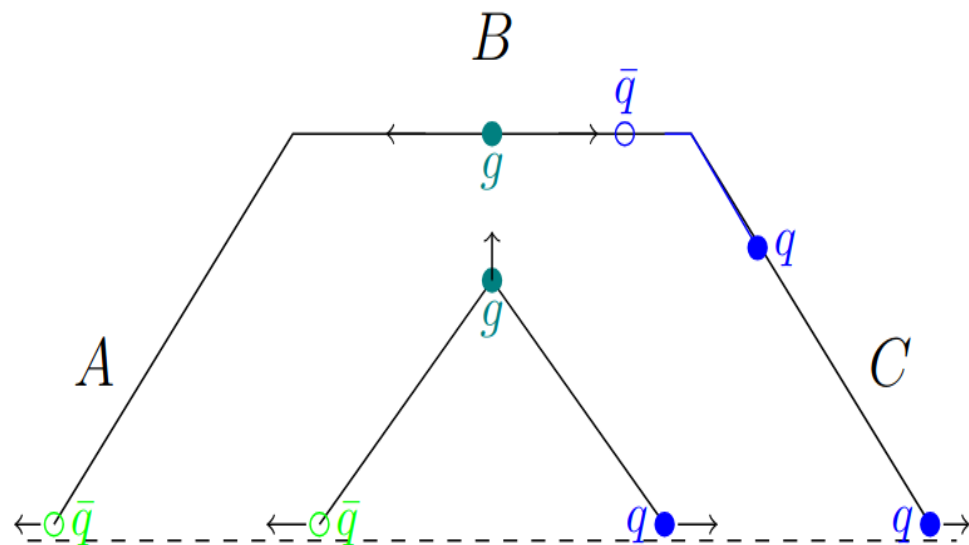
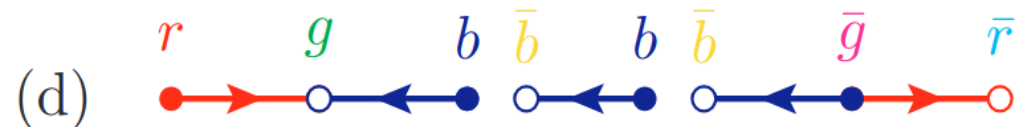
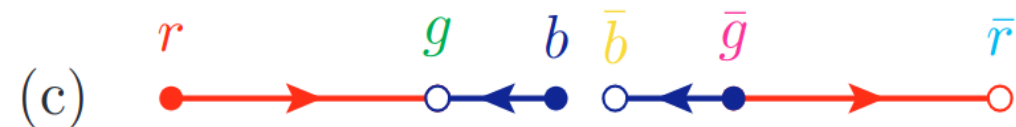
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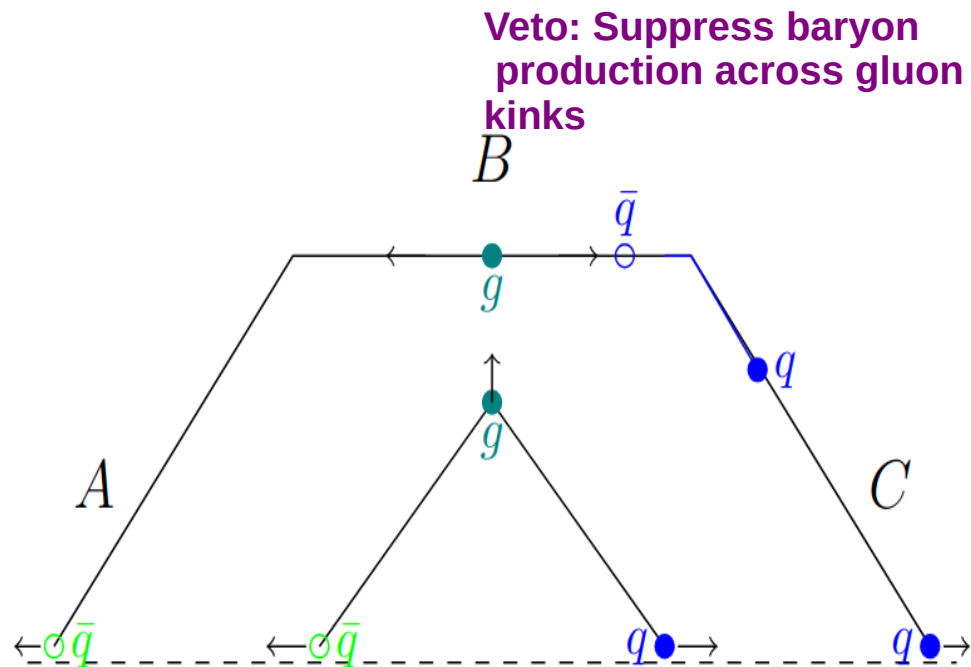
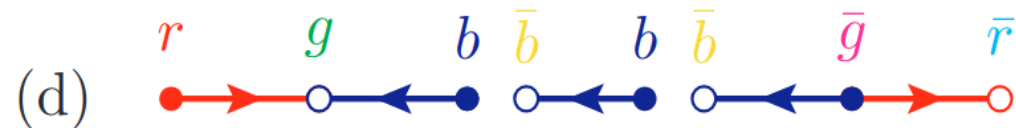
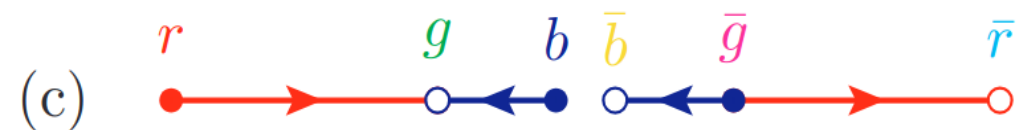
Role of gluons in baryon correlations



Popcorn mechanism for baryon production

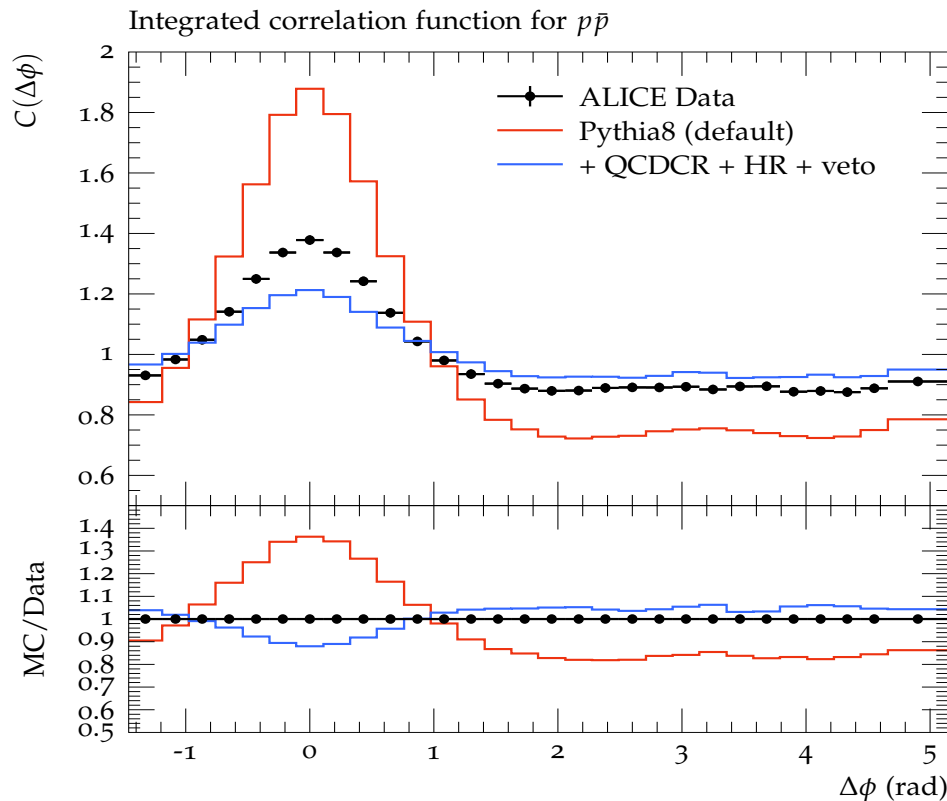
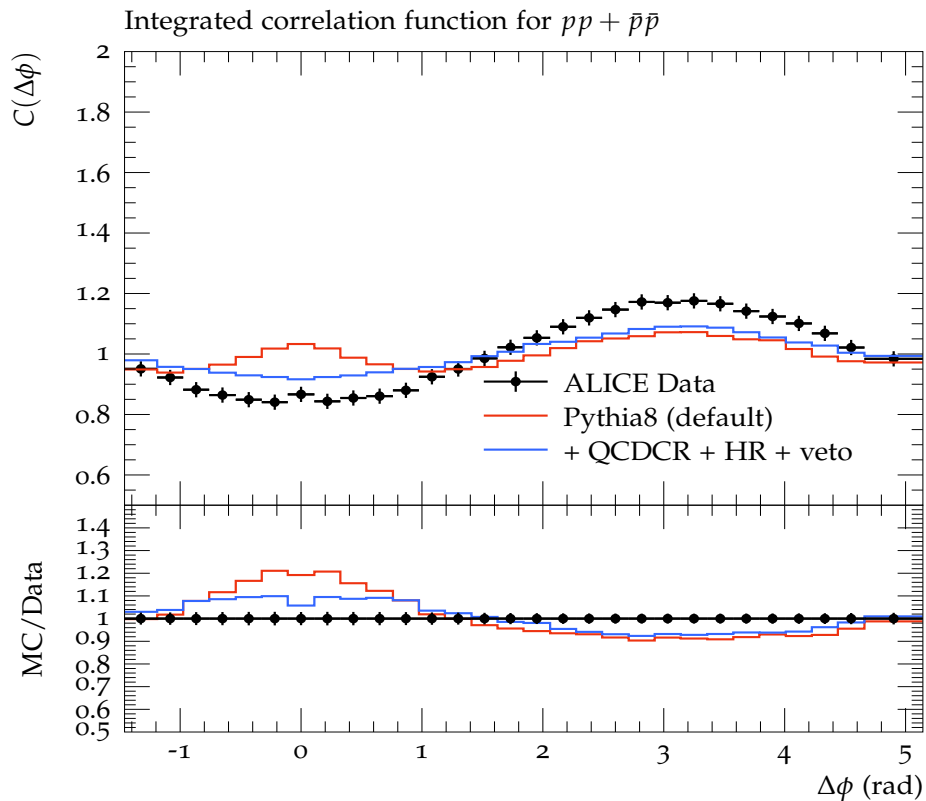


Popcorn mechanism for baryon production



Results: Pythia with suppressed baryon production near gluon kinks

Euro.Phys.J.C Volume 83, 1105, (2023); arXiv:2309.01557v2



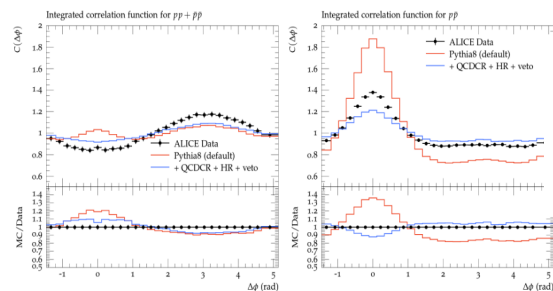
Real life anti-correlations in ALICE !!

Talk in 2023 @ Kielce from ALICE WUT group

Talk in 2025 @ Initial stages from ALICE WUT group



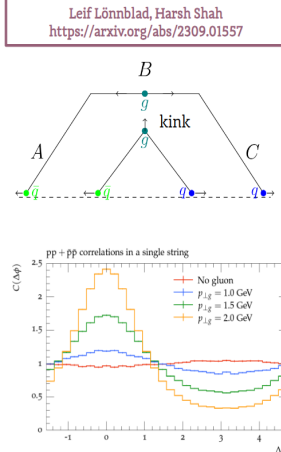
Modified PYTHIA (2)



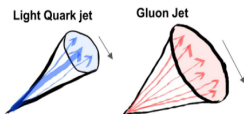
Effect of **gluons** on the baryon production mechanism in the Lund string fragmentation model.

Hypothesis for **suppressing baryons produced in gluon jets**.

Independent measurements that could verify the hypothesis of suppressed baryon production close to gluons. One obvious example is to compare the **baryon-to-meson ratio inside a gluon jet to that of a quark jet**, which could be done by comparing inclusive jets to jets produced together with hard photons.



Correlation along single string



Conclusion

- Anti-correlation persists in heavier baryon-baryon and anti-baryon-anti-baryon pairs
- New precision results indicate that
 - jet fragmentation may not be the dominant mechanism in baryon production
 - the mechanism(s) which would produce a peak dominated by effects associated with mini-jets are either not present or produce a very different correlation shape
 - Combination of energy and baryon-number conservation is not enough to explain this anti-correlation structure
- While some aspects of the experimental data are described quantitatively, no model can reproduce all features of the data
 - string melting version of a multi-phase transport (AMPT) model with improved quark coalescence [Phys. Rev. C 98, no.3, 034912 (2018), Phys. Lett. B 829, 137063 (2022)]

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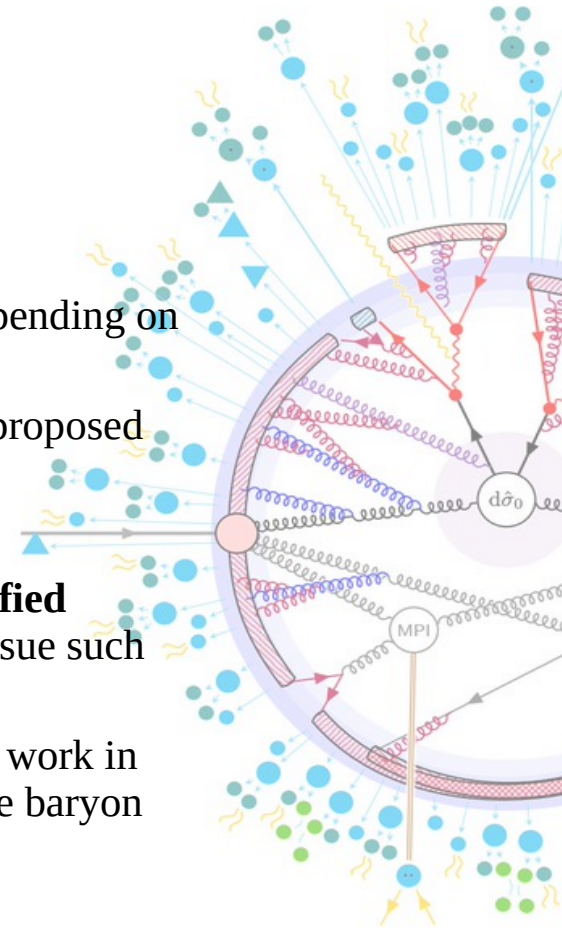
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Concluding remarks

- Two particle correlations in baryons are non-trivial observables whose shape varies depending on the colliding systems.
- We **attempted to improve** the Pythia model to reproduce the baryon correlations and proposed experimental input for baryon-to-meson ratio in **gluon jets vs quark jets**.
- Our hypothesis is that **baryons should be suppressed** in the gluon jets.
- We are **not aware of** any study where the **jet substructure** has been studied **for identified hadrons**, but we would certainly like to **encourage** our experimental colleagues to pursue such measurements at the LHC.
- There are yet many **improvements** required and **collaborations are welcomed** for the work in progress especially with the junction type string fragmentation and detailed study of the baryon production across gluon kinks as well as their pt dependence study, and then to test **Pythia/Angantyr** for the baryon correlations in **heavy-ion collisions**.



Publications for detailed information

The Angantyr Model:

Christian Bierlich, Gösta Gustafson, Leif Lönnblad, and Harsh Shah

arXiv:2303.11747, 1806.10820, 1607.04434

String Shoving and Rope Hadronization:

Christian Bierlich, Smita Chakraborty, Gösta Gustafson, and Leif Lönnblad, also ALICE publications

arXiv: 2205.11170, 2101.03110, 2010.07595, 1710.09725, 1412.6259

Hadronic Rescattering:

Christian Bierlich, Torbjörn Sjöstrand, and Marius Utheim

arXiv:2103.09665, 2005.05658, 2002.10236, 1808.04619

QCD Colour reconnection and Heavy Flavour in Pythia

Javira Altmann, Jesper Christiansen, Leif Lönnblad, Harsh Shah, and Peter Skands

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Pythia8 Manual:

arXiv: 2203.11601

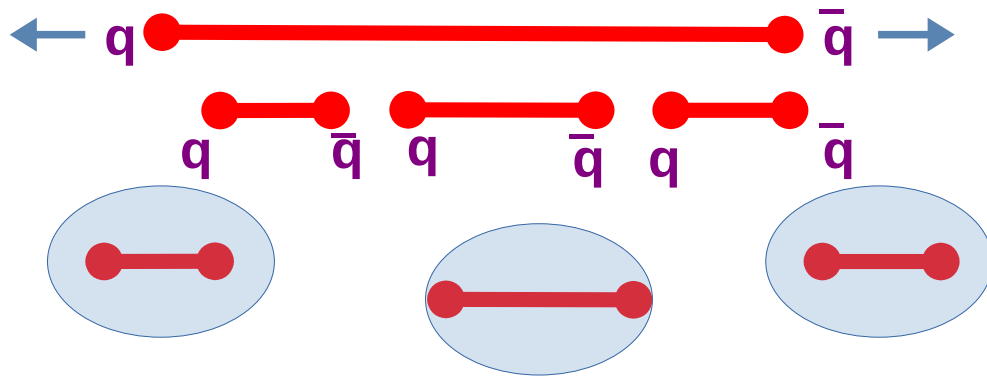
Referenses within these papers

The Lund Colour String

The colour confinement field is modelled as a 1D string

The hadronisation ($m_{\text{string}} \geq 1 \text{ GeV}$):

- Pick a random string end,
- Select the string break flavour,
- Apply suppression according to spin,
- Break the string,
- Pick the transverse momentum,
- Pick a “z” and construct the over all hadron momentum,
- **If** (no energy/momentum with remaining string piece) break; **else** repeat.



No c or b quarks

$$\mathcal{P} \propto \exp \left(-\frac{\pi m_{\perp}^2}{\kappa} \right)$$

κ : string tension; $\sim 1 \text{ GeV/fm}$
 $m_{\perp}$: transverse mass of the quark
 $m_{\perp h}$: hadron's transverse mass

$$f(z) = \frac{(1-z)^a}{z} \exp \left(-\frac{bm_{\perp h}^2}{z} \right)$$

For the other cases try to produce one or two hadrons

a & b parameters are fixed by fit to the data

z is a fraction of the quark momentum taken by the hadron

AMPT: L.Y. Zhang et al., Phys. Lett. B 829 (2022) 137063

