

# Charged-Particle Multiplicity in Proton-Proton Collisions at Collider Energies

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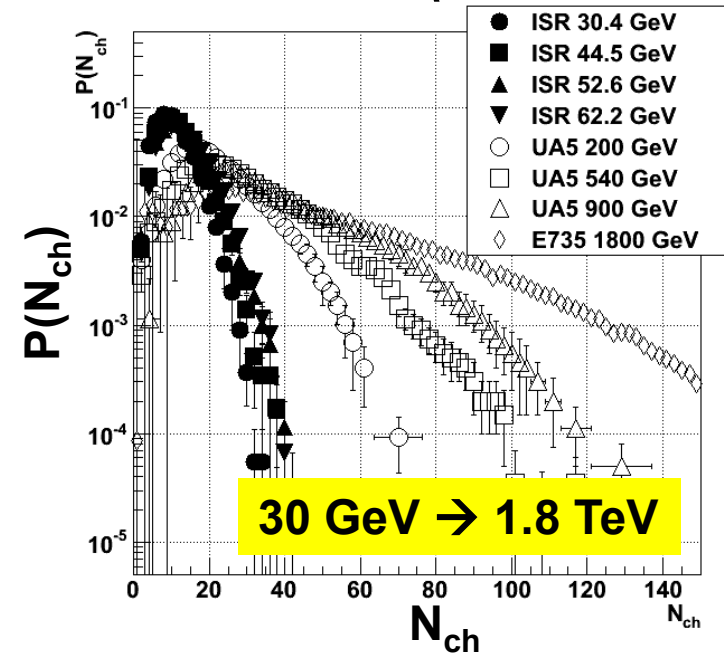
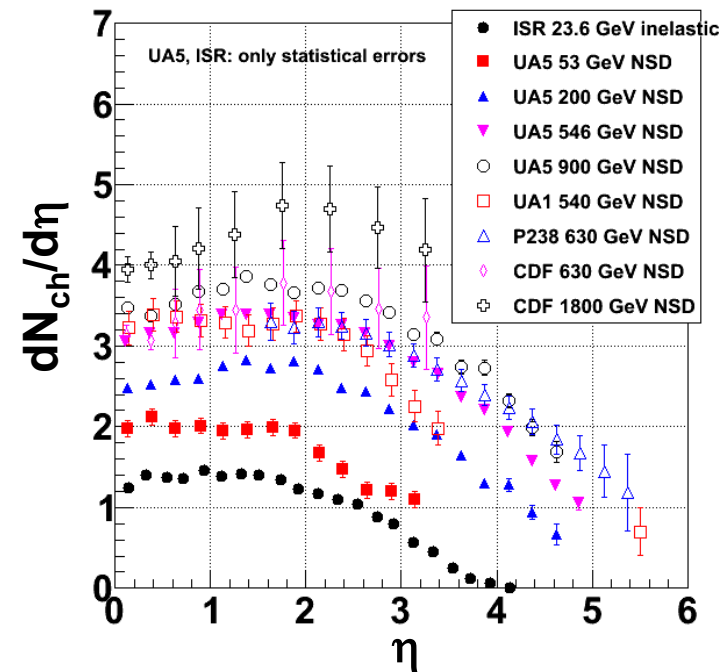


# Content

- The topical review “Charged-Particle Multiplicity in Proton-Proton Collisions” aims at given an introduction to the field of multiplicity measurements
- Basic theoretical concepts and their applicability to data
- Overview of the experimental results (from colliders)
  - Critical assessment of correction method
  - Open questions
- Similarity between pp and  $e^+e^-$  collisions
- Predictions for the LHC energy regime
  - Today these predictions will be confronted with the early LHC results
- Overview of LHC results

# Charged-Particle Multiplicity

- Simple observable in collisions of hadrons
  - Soft physics
  - No pQCD
- Important ingredient for the understanding of multi-particle production
  - LHC is in an energy realm where multiple parton interactions are in the bulk of the events
- Constrain, reject and improve models
- Independent particle emission
  - Poisson distribution
  - Any departure indicates correlations



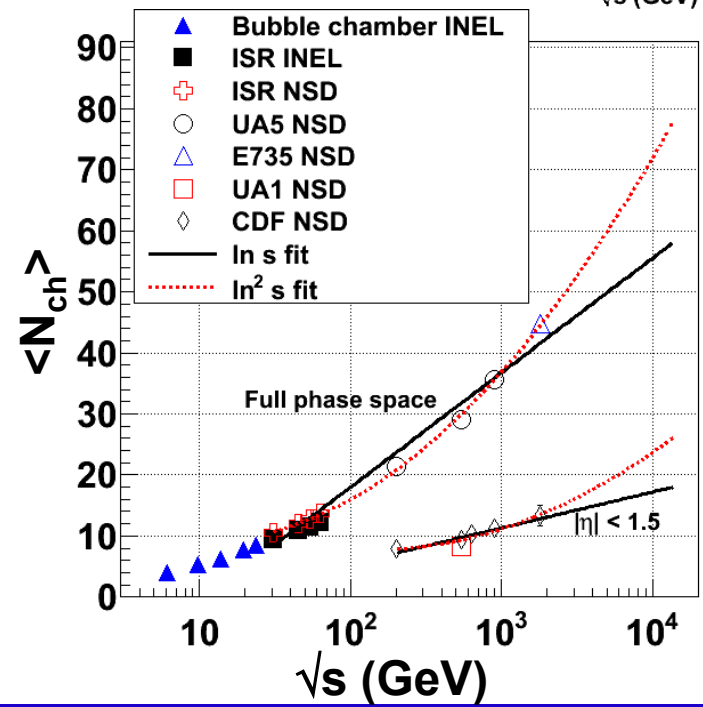
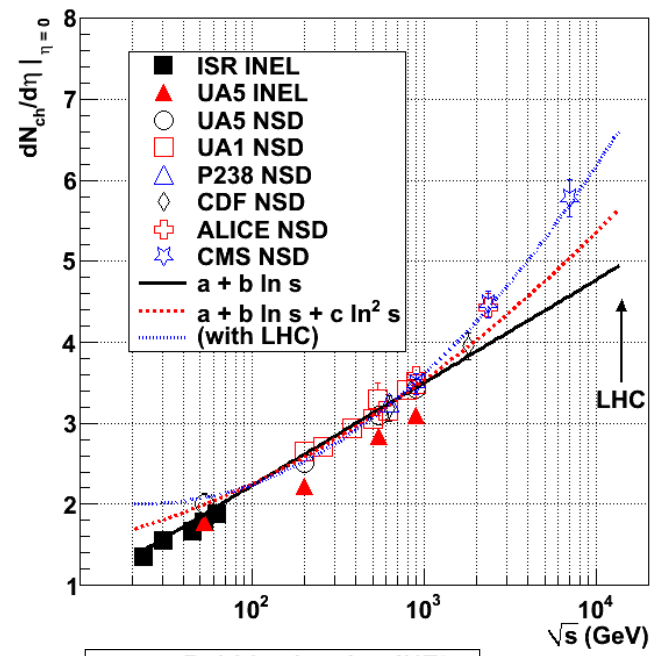
# Data Sample

- The review gives an overview of available data from 23.6 – 1800 GeV
- Detector description
- Event sample
- Assessment of correction procedure including critical remarks if needed

Experiment	Ref.	Energy	$dN_{ch}/d\eta$	Mult.
SFM	[8]	30.4, 44.5, 52.6, 62.2 GeV (INEL, NSD)		X
Streamer Chambers Detector	[11]	23.6, 30.8, 45.2, 53.2, 62.8 GeV (INEL)	X	X
UA1	[73] [74]	200, 500, 900 GeV (NSD) 540 GeV (NSD)	X	X
UA5	[75] [76] [77] [78] [33] [34] [13]	53 GeV (INEL) 53, 200, 546, 900 GeV (INEL, NSD) 546 GeV (INEL, NSD) 540 GeV (NSD) 540 GeV (NSD) 200, 900 GeV (NSD) 200, 900 GeV (NSD)	X X X	X X X X X X
P238	[79]	630 GeV (NSD)	X	
CDF	[80] [14]	0.63, 1.8 TeV (NSD) 1.8 TeV (NSD)	X	X
E735	[49] [81] [82]	0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 1.8 TeV (NSD) 0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 1.8 TeV (NSD) 1.8 TeV (NSD)		X X X

# Data Sample (2)

- $dN_{ch}/d\eta |_{\eta=0}$  and  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$  as function of  $\sqrt{s}$
- Fit with  $\ln$  and  $\ln^2$  term
  - LHC data points change fit results significantly (increases  $\chi^2$  by a factor 2)
    - Slope increase at LHC energies
- Full phase space results probably not measurable at LHC without significant extrapolations



# Feynman Scaling

- Phenomenological arguments about the exchange of quantum numbers
- Feynman-x:  $x = 2p_z/\sqrt{s}$
- Feynman scaling function  $f(p_T, x)$  independent of cms energy (for large energies)
- Average  $N_{ch}$  increases with  $\ln s$
- $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  approx. constant

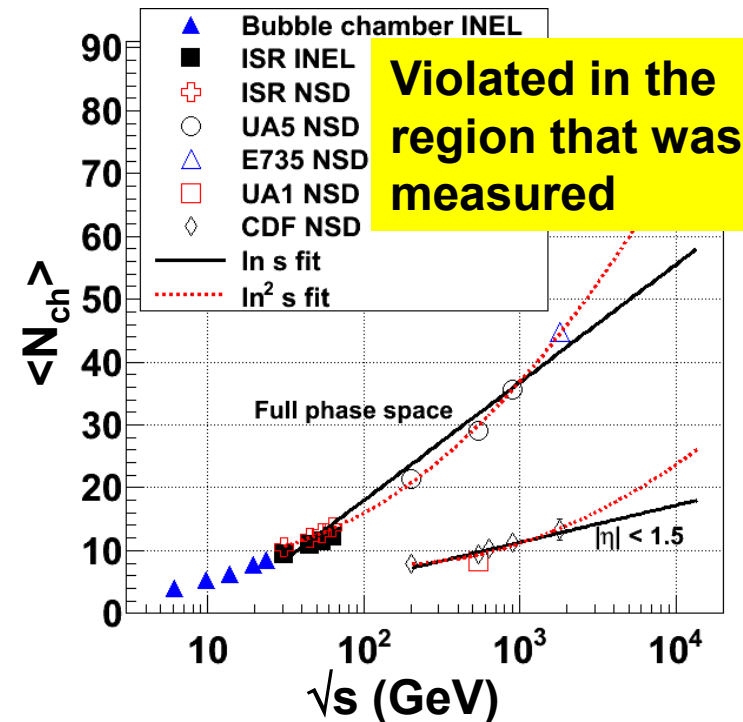
VERY HIGH-ENERGY COLLISIONS OF HADRONS

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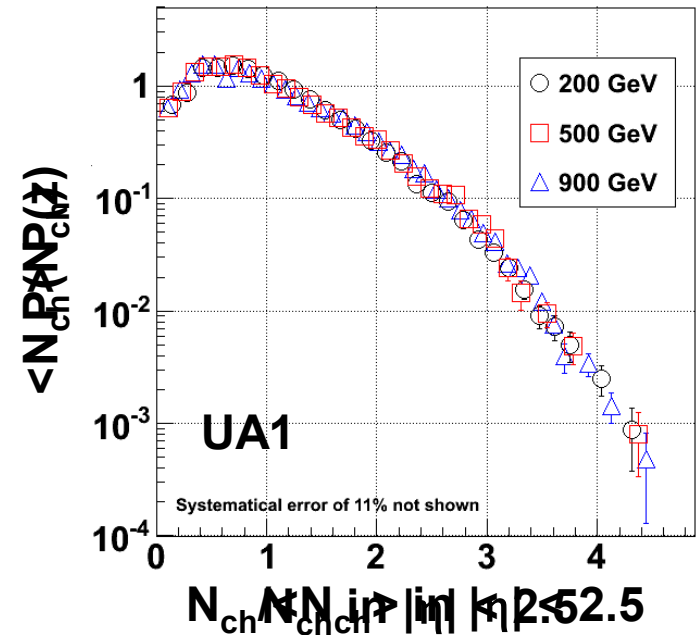
# KNO Scaling

- **K**oba, **N**ielsen, **O**lesen (1972)
- Based on Feynman scaling
- Scaling variable  

$$z = N_{ch} / \langle N_{ch} \rangle$$
- Express  $P(N_{ch})$  as  

$$P(z) * \langle N_{ch} \rangle$$
- Multiplicity distributions measured at different energies fall onto universal curve

Nucl. Phys. B40 317 (1972)



**Successful for NSD events**

- up to 60 GeV for full phase space (ISR)
- up to 900 GeV in central region (UA1, UA5)
- remains only valid in  $|\eta| < 1$  for soft events at 1.8 TeV (CDF),  $|\eta| < 0.5$  up to 7 TeV (CMS)

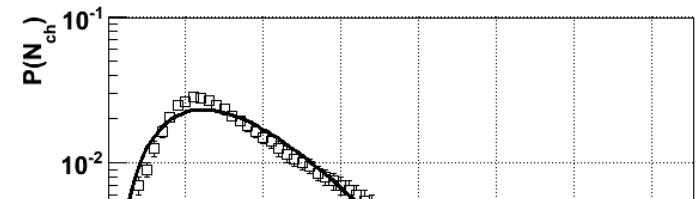
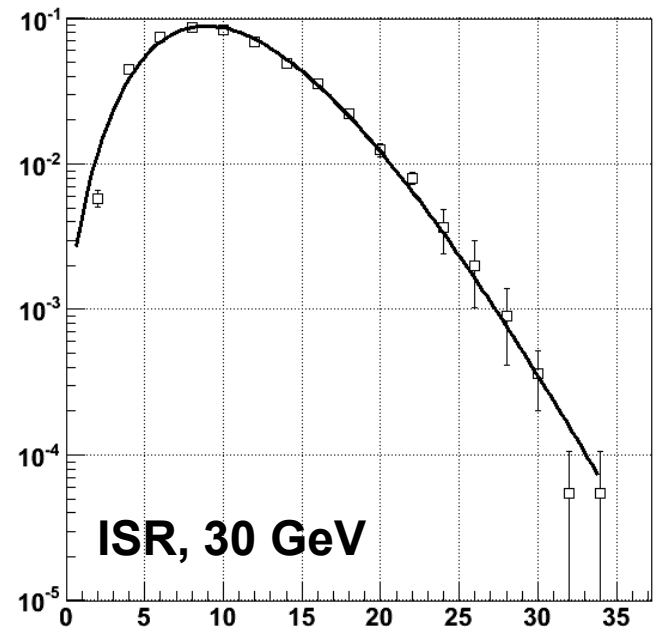
# Negative Binomial Distributions

- Bernoulli experiment
  - Probability for  $n$  failures and  $k$  successes in any order, but the last trial is a success

$$P_{p,k}^{NBD}(n) = \binom{n+k-1}{n} (1-p)^n p^k$$

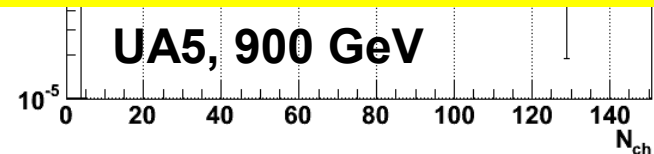
$$p^{-1} = 1 + \frac{\langle n \rangle}{k}$$

- Physical interpretation
  - Cascade production (clan model, Giovannini, Z. Phys. C30 391 (1986))
    - Ancestor particles are produced independently (Poisson)
    - Existing particles can produce additional ones with some probability  $p$



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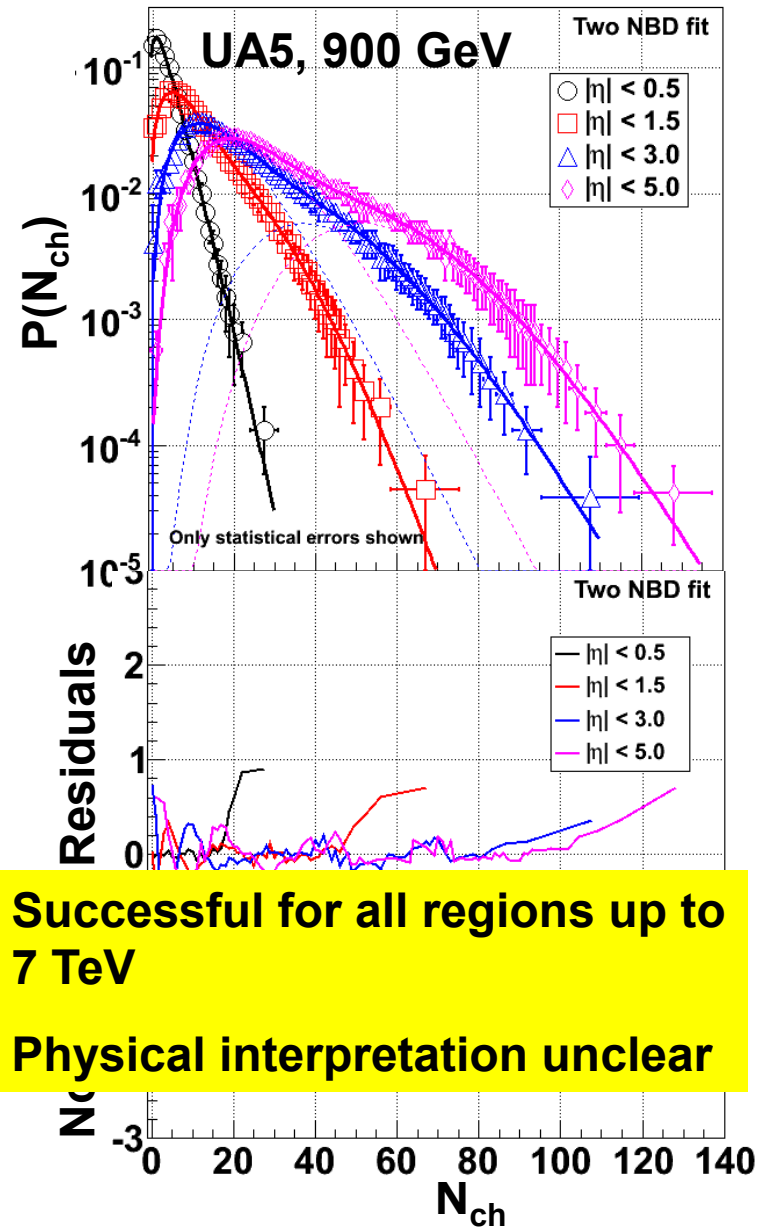
- up to 540 GeV in full phase space (ISR, UA5)
- central intervals up to 7 TeV (UA5, CDF, ALICE)





# Two Component Approaches

- Combination of 2 NBDs representing soft and semihard part of the collision (with and without minijets) (Giovannini, PRD59 094020 (1999))
  - Two classes of events, not two production mechanisms in the *same* event
- Other data-driven approach identifies several KNO components (Alexopoulos, Phys. Lett. B435 453 (1998))
- IPPI model: MD is superposition of NBDs (each for a definite number of parton-parton scatterings) (Dremin, Phys. Rev. D70 034005 (2004))

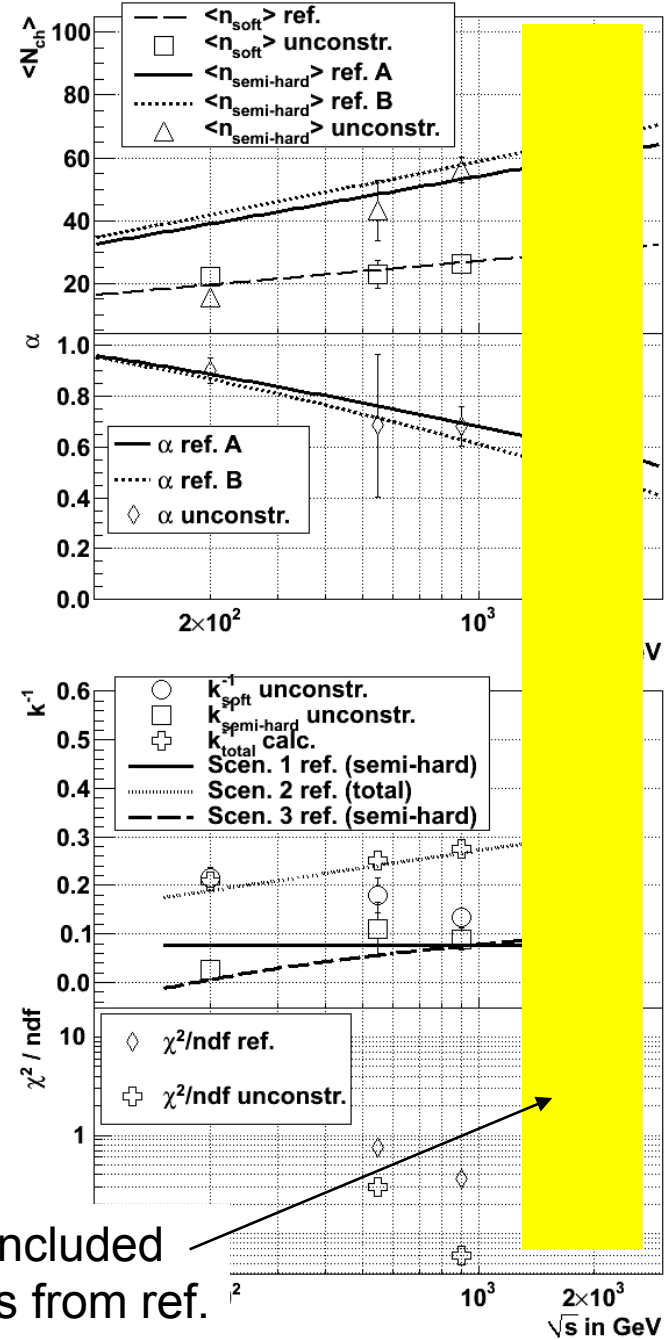


# Fitting 2 NBDs

- Multiplicity distributions can be fit very well a combination of two NBDs
  - Can one identify trends? → difficult

$$\alpha P_{\langle n \rangle_{soft}, k_{soft}}^{soft}(n) + (1 - \alpha) P_{\langle n \rangle_{semihard}, k_{semihard}}^{semihard}(n)$$

- Giovannini et al used a “guided” approach (with data up to 900 GeV)
  - Fit  $\langle n \rangle_{soft}$  for  $\sqrt{s} < 60$  GeV with  $\ln$
  - $\langle n \rangle_{total}$  for all  $\sqrt{s}$  with  $\ln + \ln^2$
  - $\langle n \rangle_{semihard} \sim 2 \langle n \rangle_{soft}$  (from UA1 minijet analysis)
  - Extract  $\alpha$ , fit  $k_{soft}$  and  $k_{semihard}$
- Unconstrained fits
  - Yield partly different results
  - Large uncertainties
  - Very low  $\chi^2/ndf$



# Moments

- Convenient way to study shape as function of  $\sqrt{s}$ 
  - Moments at all orders contain information from full distribution
  - In practice only lower order moments can be calculated due to uncertainties

- Reduced C-moments

$$C_q = \frac{\langle n^q \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^q}$$

- Normalized factorial F-moments

$$F_q = \frac{\langle n(n-1)\dots(n-q+1) \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^q}$$

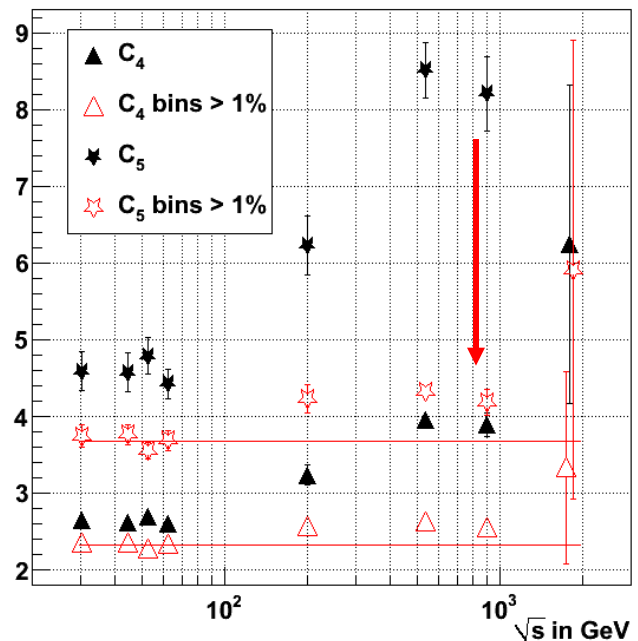
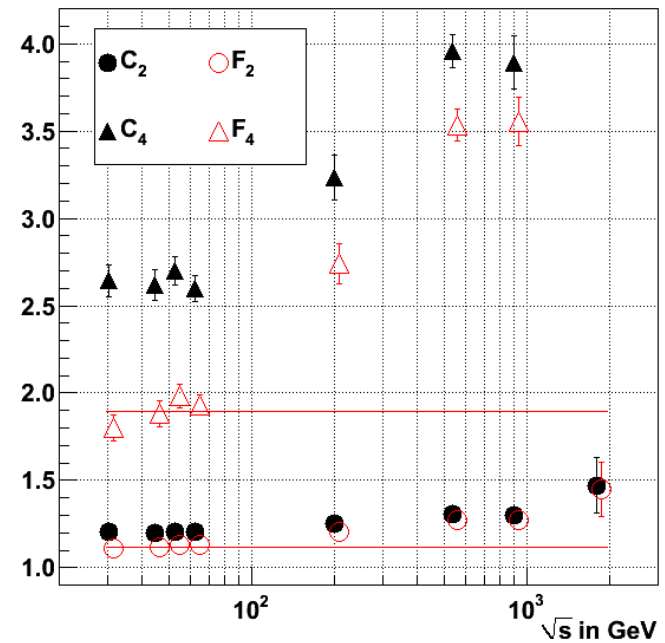
- D-moments

- Dispersion  $D = D_2$

$$D_q = \left\langle (n - \langle n \rangle)^q \right\rangle^{1/q}$$

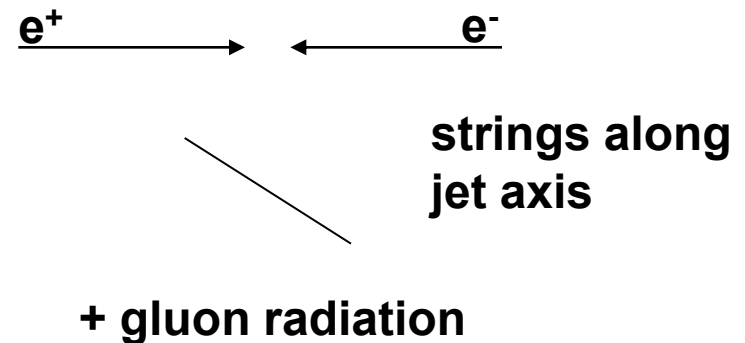
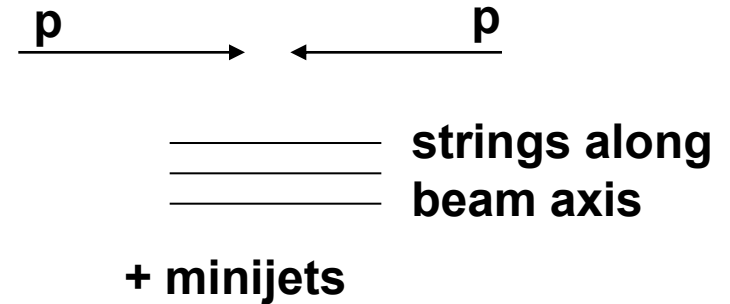
# Moments (2)

- KNO scaling postulates constant F-moments
  - Often C-moments are analyzed (only an approximation!)
  - However, similar conclusions
- Bins at large multiplicity have large influence (especially on higher moments)
  - Care needed when comparing low and high statistics measurements
  - Uncertainties? → Bin with 0 entry does not contribute



# Similarity of $e^+e^-$ and pp collisions

- In pp collisions (without hard scattering) and  $e^+e^-$  collisions, particle production results from fragmentation of colour-connected partons
  - pp: along beam axis
  - $e^+e^-$ : along jet axis
- Hard processes different
  - pp: minijet production
  - $e^+e^-$ : gluon radiation
- Phenomenological, but no sound theory arguments for universality of pp and  $e^+e^-$ 
  - Let's try anyway 😊



# Similarity of $e^+e^-$ and pp collisions (2)

- $e^+e^-$  and pp become similar when pp is plotted at  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{s}$

- Effective energy

$$E_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{s} - E_{\text{lead},1} - E_{\text{lead},2}$$

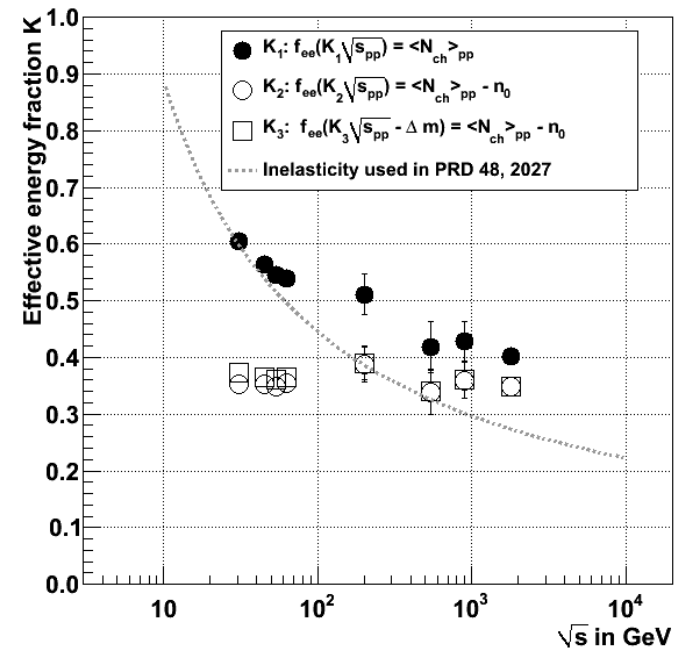
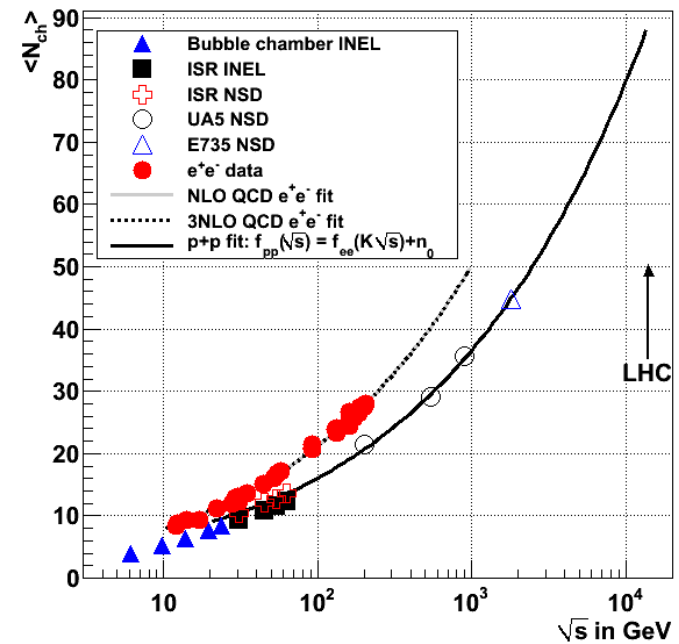
- Inelasticity  $K = E_{\text{eff}}/\sqrt{s}$

- Analytical QCD expression to describe  $e^+e^-$

$$f_{pp}(\sqrt{s}) = f_{ee}(K\sqrt{s}) + n_0$$

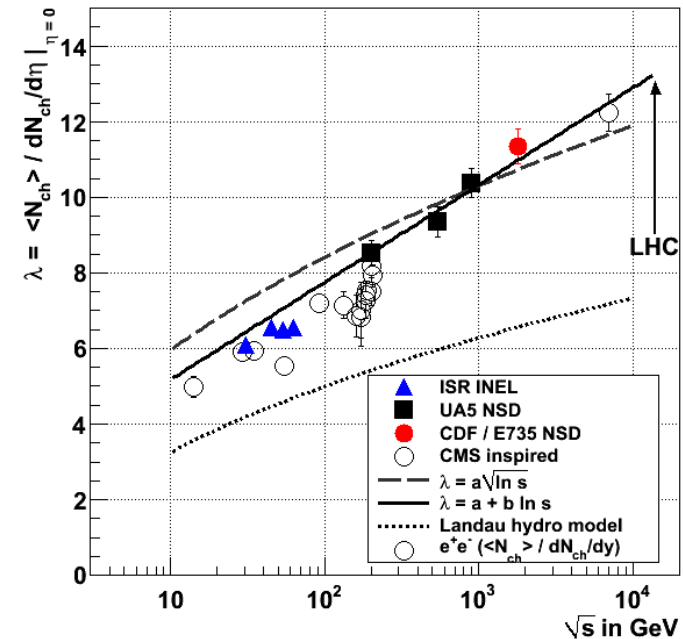
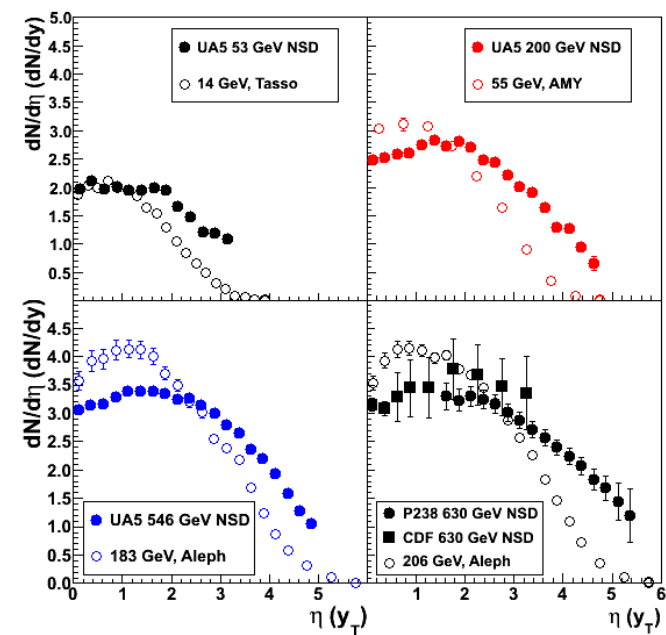
- $n_0$  contribution of leading protons
- Fit yields  $K = 0.35$  and  $n_0 = 2.2$
- Does  $K \sim 1/3$  mean that only 1 valence quark is part of the collision?

- Calculate  $K$  for  $n_0 = 0$ ,  $n_0 = 2.2$



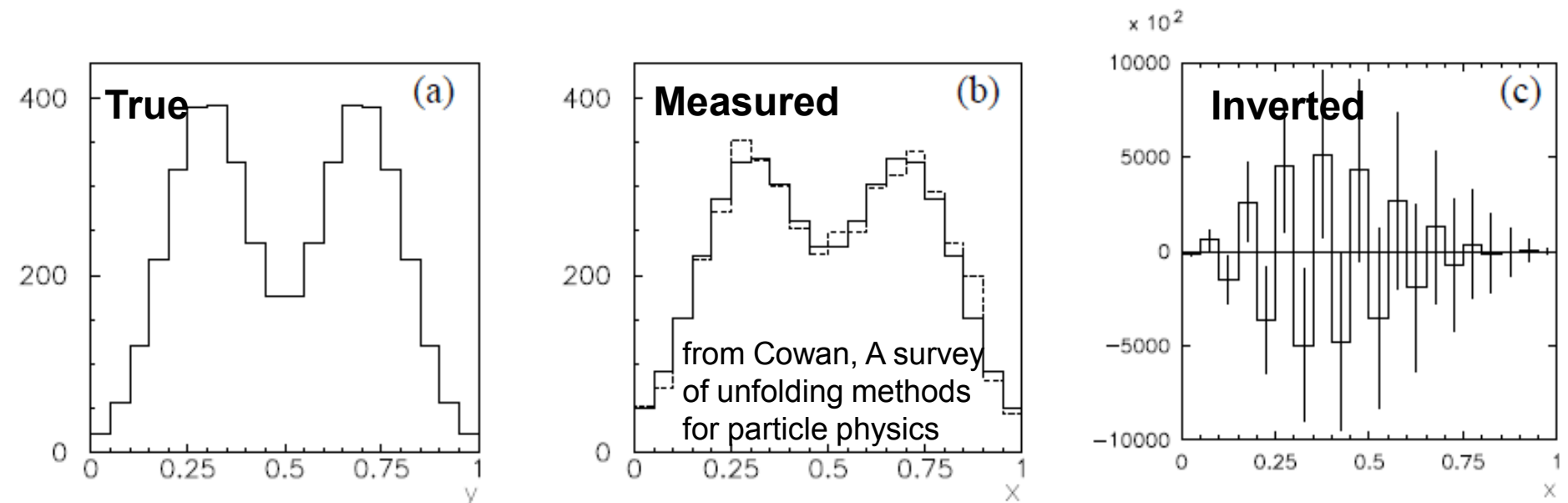
# Similarity of $e^+e^-$ and pp collisions (3)

- What about other distributions?
  - Compared at  $\sqrt{s}_{pp} = 2-3 \sqrt{s}_{ee}$
  - (Pseudo-)rapidity distributions are different
    - Contribution from beam particle fragmentation?
- Extrapolation
  - Width of distribution  
 $\lambda = \langle N_{ch} \rangle / dN_{ch}/d\eta |_{\eta=0}$
  - Extrapolated with  $a+b \ln s$
  - Together with  $e^+e^-$  fit (for total multiplicity extrapolation) yielded 5.5 for 7 TeV
    - CMS measured  $5.8 \pm 0.23$
    - (Obviously) fit can also be done with CMS result (using  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$  from extrapolation)



# Experimental Challenges

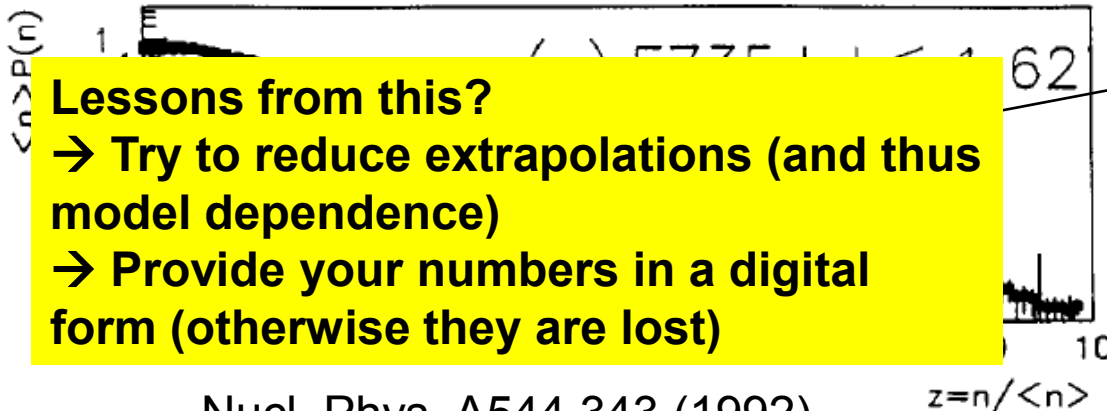
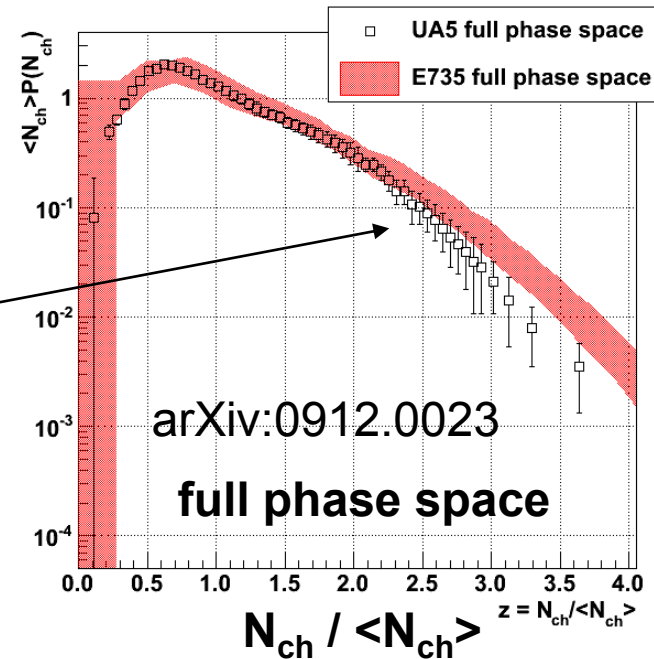
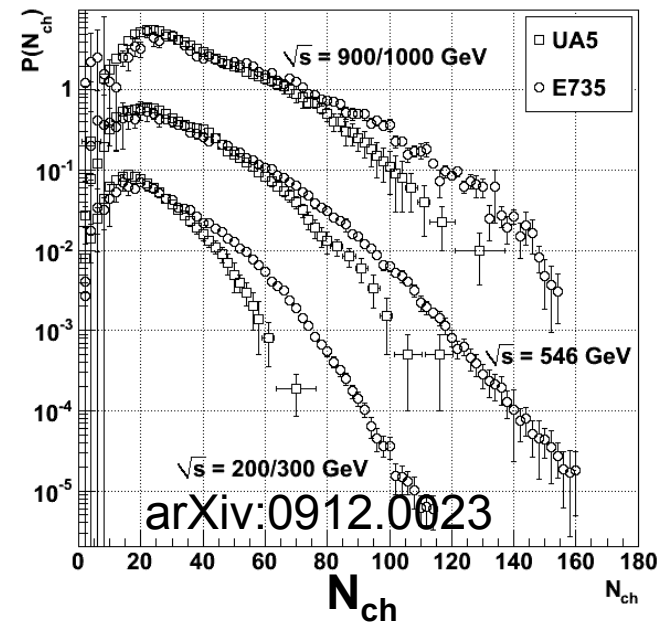
- Multiplicity distributions (usually) need to be unfolded
  - Detector efficiency  $< 1 \rightarrow$  bin migration + steeply falling spectrum
- Unfolding an ill-posed problem
  - Requires regularization
- Slight misestimation of tracking efficiency result in significant uncertainties in the tail of the distribution
  - I.e. 1-2% result in 30-40% at multiplicity 70 (e.g. for 7 TeV in  $|\eta| < 1$ )





# Open Experimental Issues

- Discrepancy of multiplicity distributions of UA5 and E735 in full phase space
  - Extrapolated from  $|\eta| < 5$  (UA5) and  $|\eta| < 3.25$  (E735)
- Restricted phase space?
  - Data points not in electronic format
  - Go to the publication: plot quality?



**Lessons from this?**

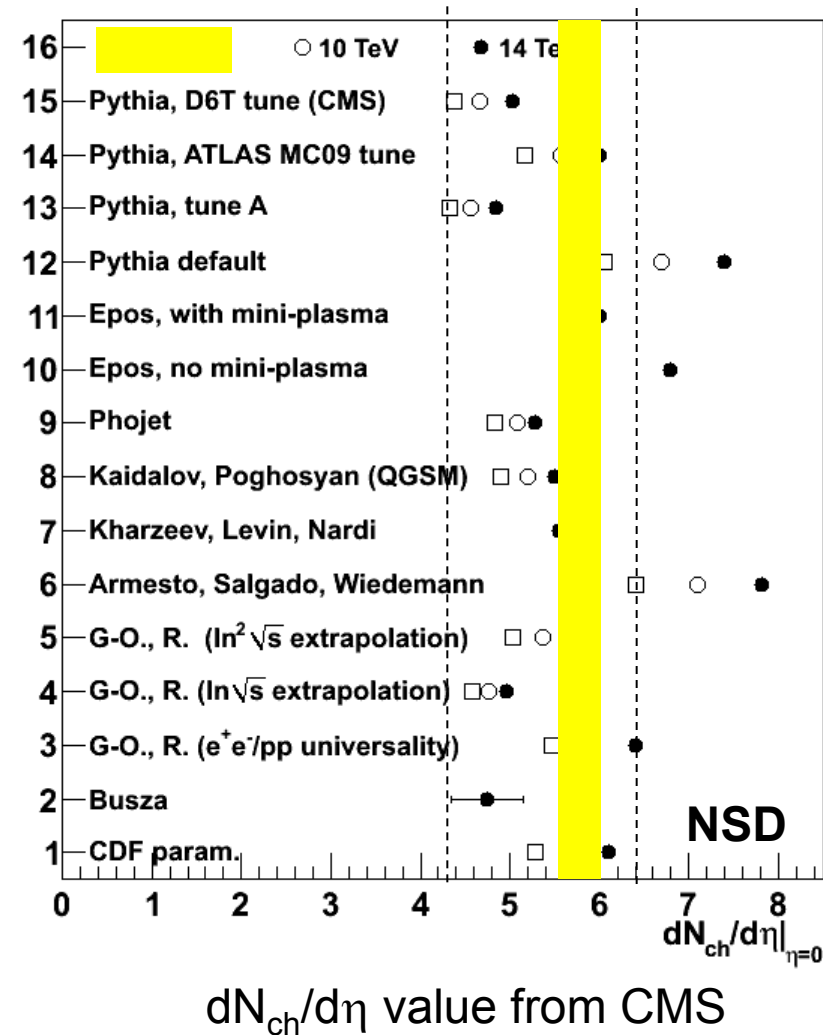
**→ Try to reduce extrapolations (and thus model dependence)**

**→ Provide your numbers in a digital form (otherwise they are lost)**

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# $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in pp (7 TeV)

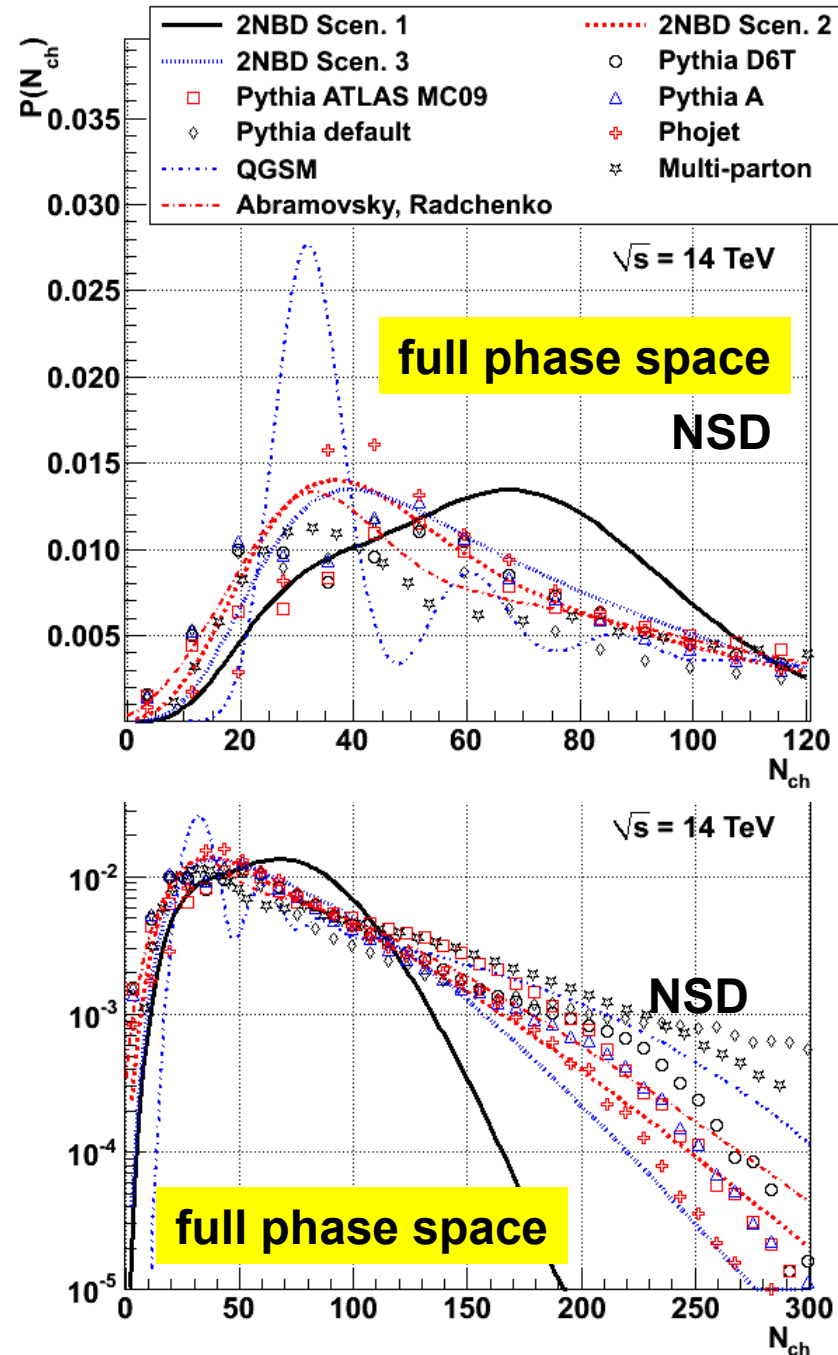
- Extrapolations of trends at lower  $\sqrt{s}$ 
  - Just for average multiplicities **too low**
  - For the multiplicity distribution **too low**
- Gluon saturation models (Armesto et al, Kharzeev et al) **too low** **too high**
- Dual Parton Model / Quark-Gluon String Model **too low**
- Monte Carlo generators
  - Pythia (pQCD soft phenomenology) with all its tunes **some too low**
  - Phojet (based on DPM/QGSM) **some ok**
  - Epos (allows mini-plasma in p+p)





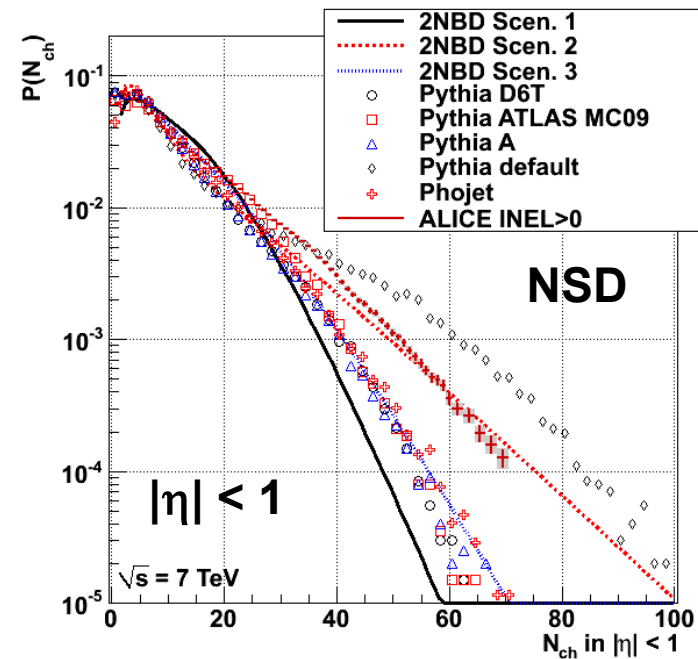
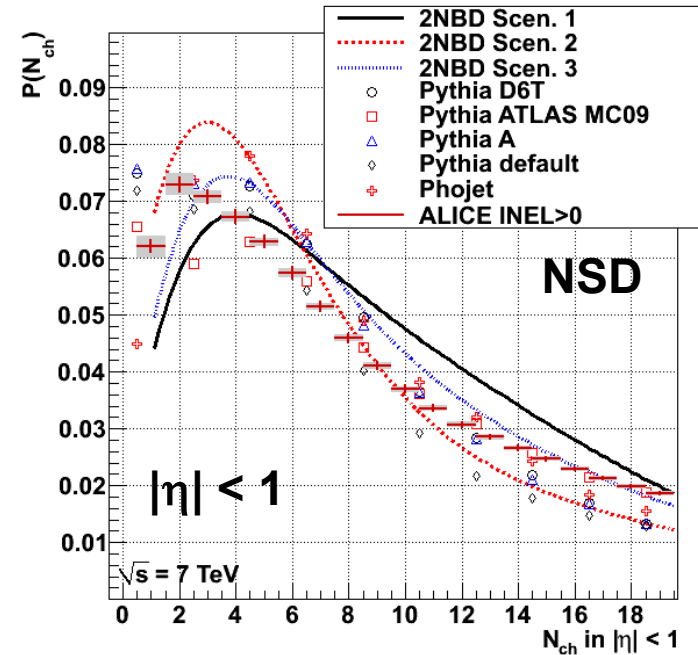
# Multiplicity Distributions Predictions

- Most predictions available for 14 TeV
- Multiplicity distributions differ by a factor 2 up to an order of magnitude
- Full phase space not accessible at LHC



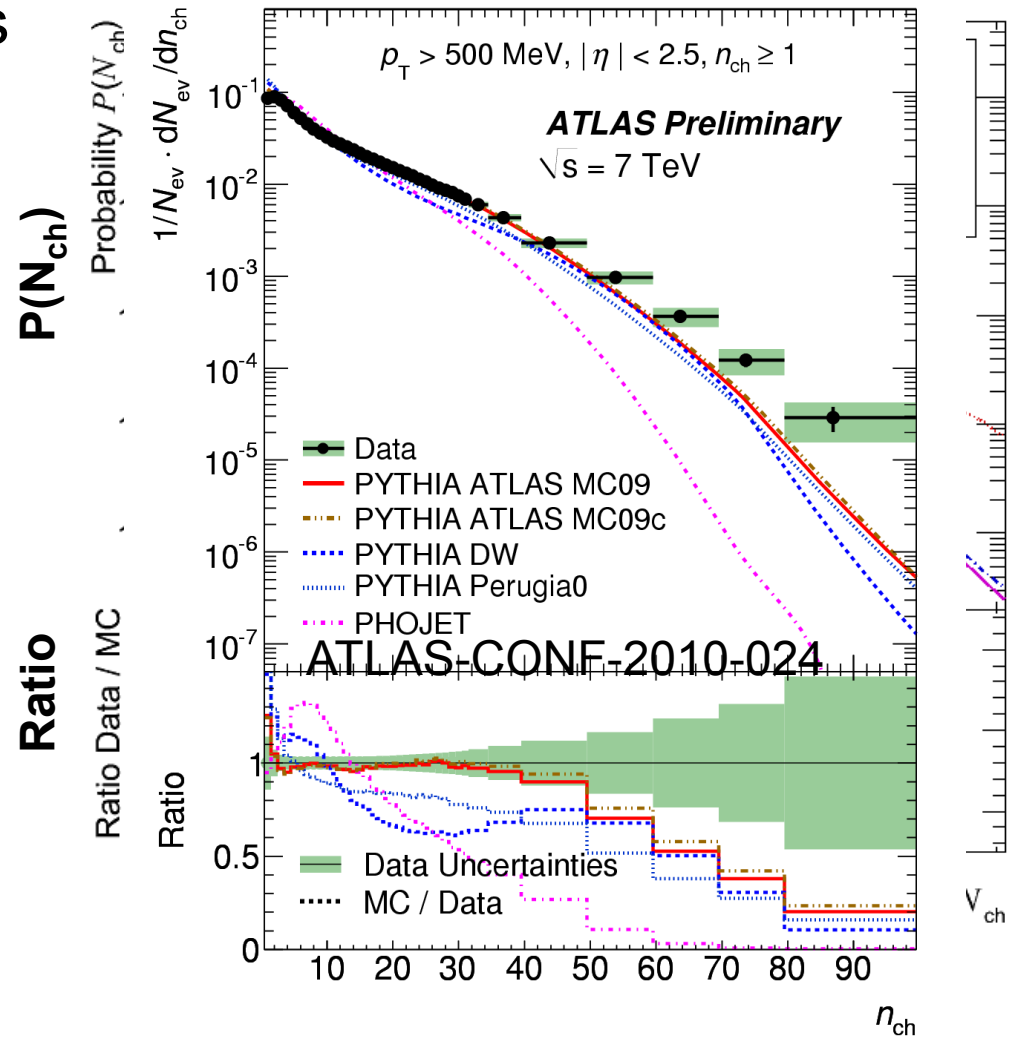
# Multiplicity Distributions Predictions vs. LHC

- Limited phase space predictions ( $|\eta| < 1$ ) for NSD at 7 TeV
- Overlaid with INEL>0 measurement of ALICE (CMS has a NSD measurement but does not give out the data points before the publication ☹)
  - Scaling arbitrary and with an uncertainty of at least 20%



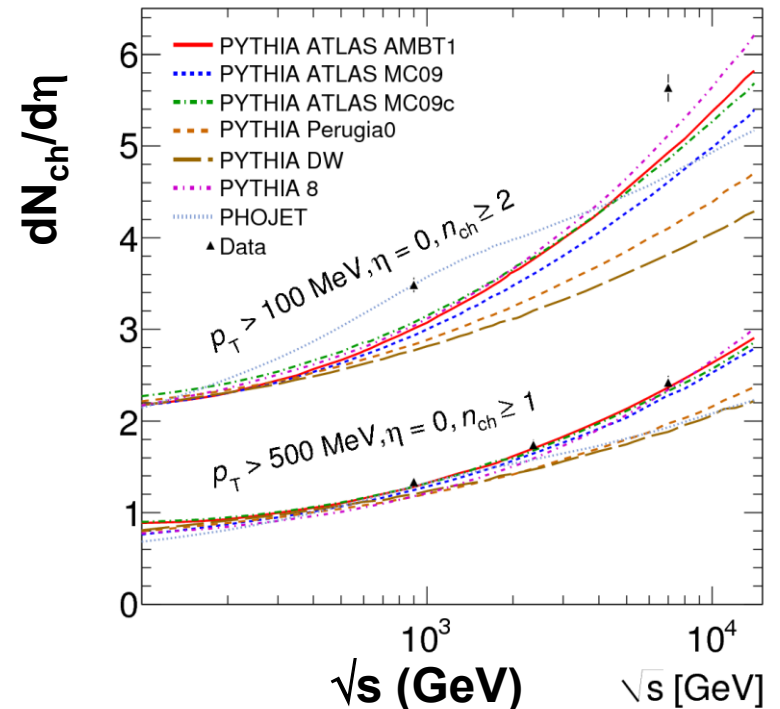
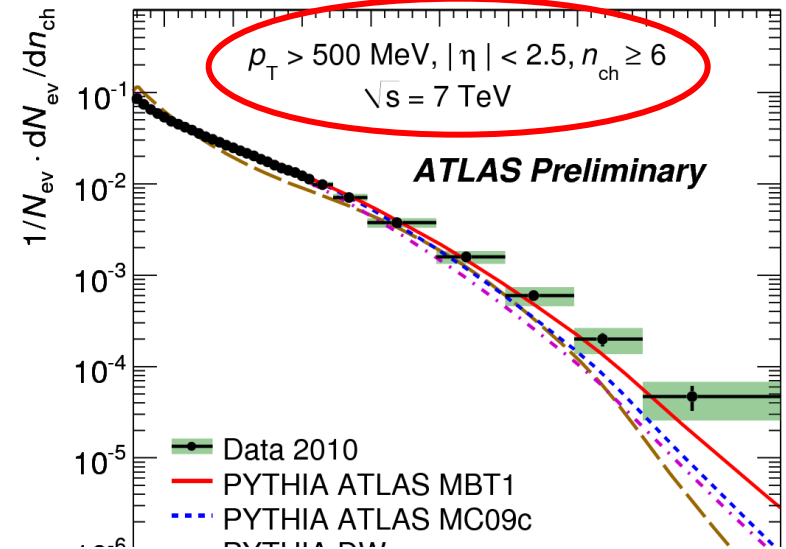
# Multiplicity Distributions Predictions vs LHC (2)

- LHC results in  $\eta$ -intervals up to 2.5
  - No  $p_T$  cut (ALICE, CMS)
  - $p_T > 500$  MeV/c (ATLAS)
  - $INEL > 0$  (ATLAS, ALICE)
  - NSD (CMS)
- Much wider tail than expected by MCs
- Better agreement for  $p_T > 500$  MeV/c



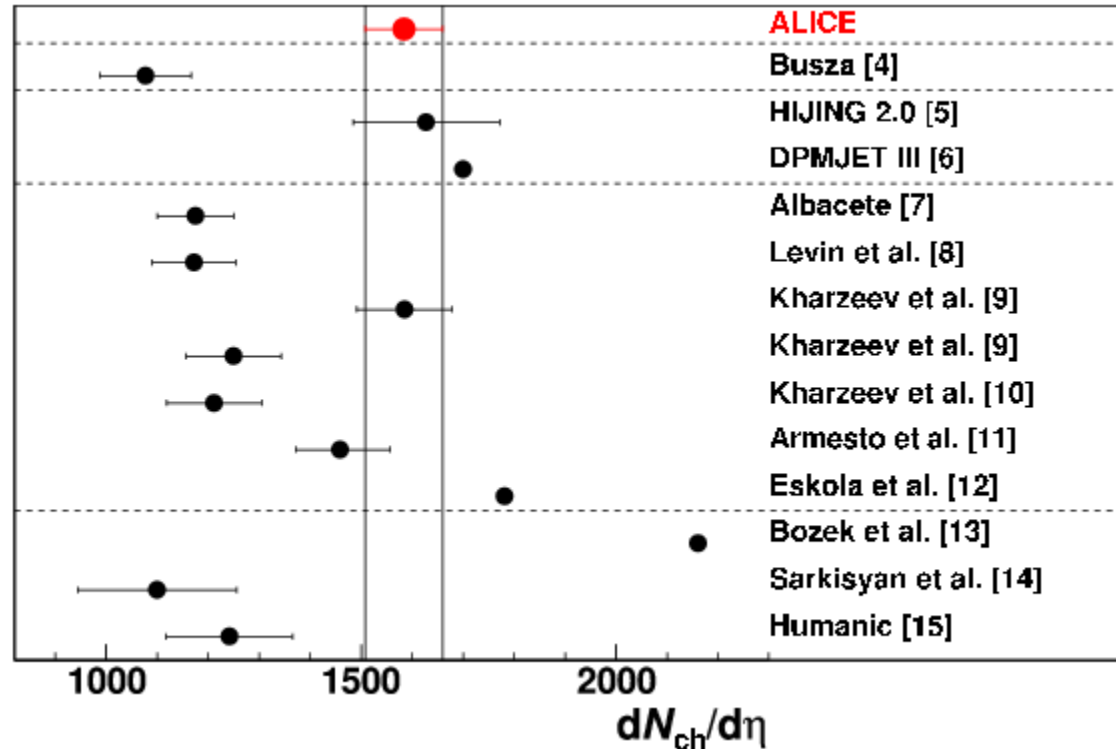
# MC Tuning

- ATLAS (ATLAS-CONF-2010-031) and CMS (Rick Field, HCP2010) already presented some updated Pythia6 tunes
  - Both essentially change the parameters governing multiple parton interactions
    - $p_{T,\min}$  and its energy evolution
    - Proton matter distribution
- Improves consistency with data in considered region
  - Low  $p_T$  region + diffractive region difficult



# $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in Pb+Pb (2.76 TeV)

- Empirical extrapolation **too low**
- pQCD-inspired MCs
  - HIJING + ... to 7 TeV pp, ... [5] **quite good**
  - DPMJET [6]
- Saturation
  - Initial ... **some too low**
  - Hydrodynamic ... **some ok**
  - Hydrodynamic ... saturation ... state phase ... of ... **a bit too high**
- Hydrodynamic ... **too low**
- Hadron ... scattering [15] **too high**



arXiv:1011.3916



# LHC Data References on Multiplicity

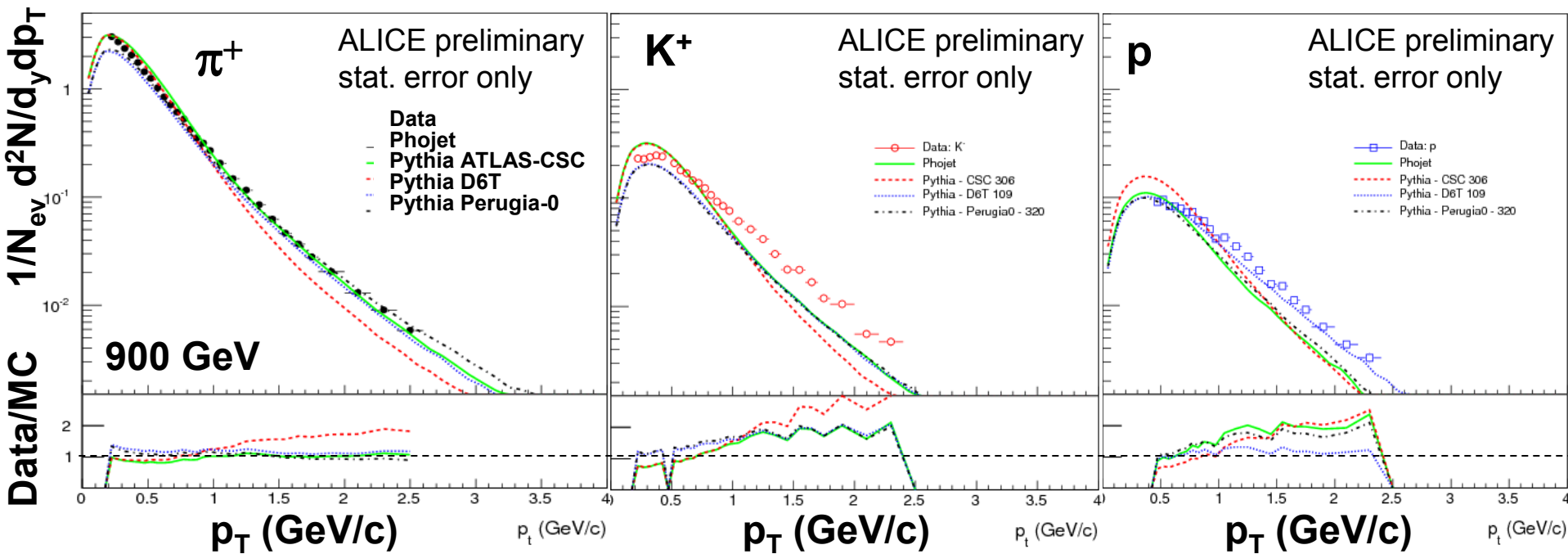
- ALICE
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  - arXiv: 1011.3916, 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb
- ATLAS
  - ATLAS-CONF-2010-024, 7 TeV,  $p_T > 0.5$  GeV/c, INEL>0
  - ATLAS-CONF-2010-031, 0.9 and 7 TeV, INEL>5 (“diffractive enhanced”)
  - ATLAS-CONF-2010-046, 0.9 and 7 TeV,  $p_T > 0.1$  GeV/c, INEL>1
  - ATLAS-CONF-2010-047, 2.36 TeV,  $p_T > 0.5$  GeV/c, INEL>0
- CMS
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# Hadron Yields

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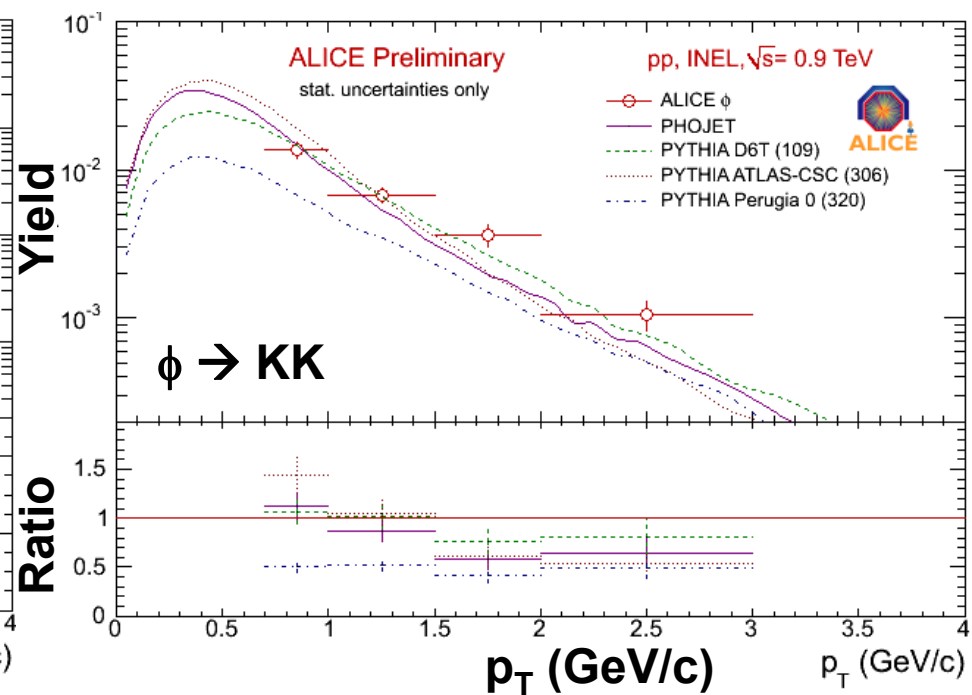
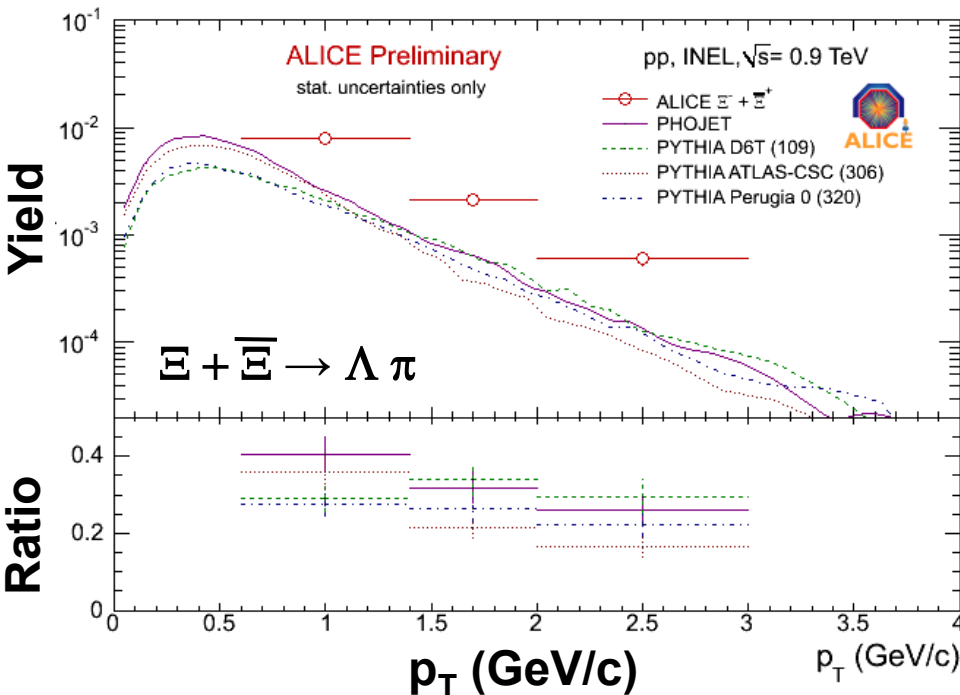
- Yields of  $\pi$ , K, p as function of  $p_T$  (here for pos. particles, similar for neg.)
- Pions reasonably described by Phojet, Pythia D6T, Perugia-0
- Kaon yield underestimated above  $p_T$  of 1 GeV/c
- Proton yield underestimated except by Pythia D6T



# Strange Particle Yields

Will be published soon...

- Yields of  $K_0^S$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$  as function of  $p_T$
- Pythia 6 (D6T, ATLAS-CSC, Perugia-0) and Phojet underestimate overall yields
- Larger discrepancy with increasing particle mass, strangeness and  $p_T$
- But the  $\phi$  is  $\sim$  ok within uncertainties



# Summary

- Charged-particle multiplicity is
  - a simple observable in collisions of hadrons
  - an important ingredient for the understanding of multi-particle production
  - very sensitive to multiple-parton interactions
- Models have difficulties describing especially the multiplicity distribution
- Steeper than expected increase of the average multiplicity observed at LHC

Phenomenological models		
Scorecard		
	Full phase space	$ \eta  < 0.5$
Feynman scaling	not fulfilled > 30 GeV	
KNO	$\leq 60$ GeV	Still valid at LHC
NBD	$\leq 540$ GeV	Still valid at LHC
2NBD	Still valid at LHC	