

# Influence of different centrality methods on multiplicity fluctuations MPD case



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# Problem

I want to estimate how different ways of defining centrality influence multiplicity fluctuations, which are, probably, the most sensitive observables.

I consider:

- 4 centrality methods (more information is on the next slides):
  - Impact parameter – ideal, unrealistic case
  - Number of nucleon participants – realistic, but currently unreachable
  - FHCall pyramid algorithm
  - Multiplicity in a separate rapidity window
- a bunch of fluctuations quantities:
  - First 4 moments of multiplicity distributions
  - Strongly intensive  $\Delta[Pt, N], \Sigma[Pt, N]$
  - First 4 factorial moments of net charge distributions

# Data set

90k events DCM-CMM min.bias Au+Au 11A GeV produced by INR  
Only FHCAL was simulated (GEANT 4)

No reconstruction was done not to interfere with centrality effects.

Therefore measured multiplicity is a pure one from MC:

$\pi^{+/-}$ ,  $p^{+/-}$ ,  $K^{+/-}$   $|\eta| < 0.8$ ,  $0.15 < p_t < 2$

# Impact parameter (b) and multiplicity (Nc) based centrality

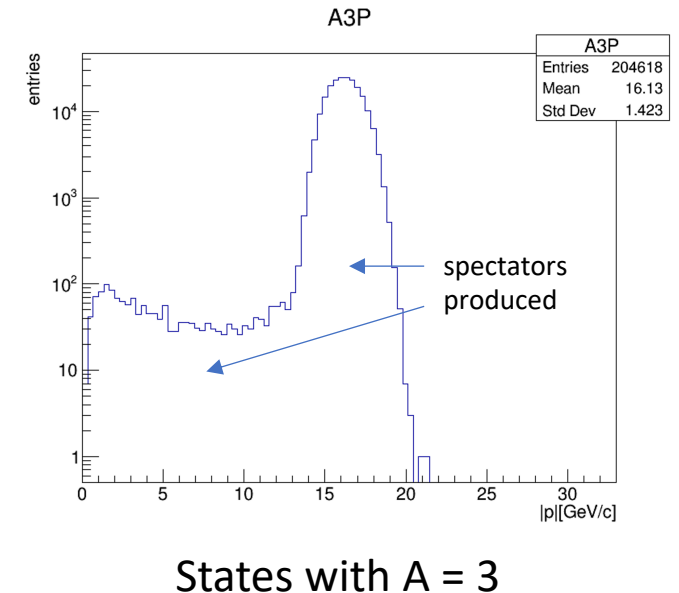
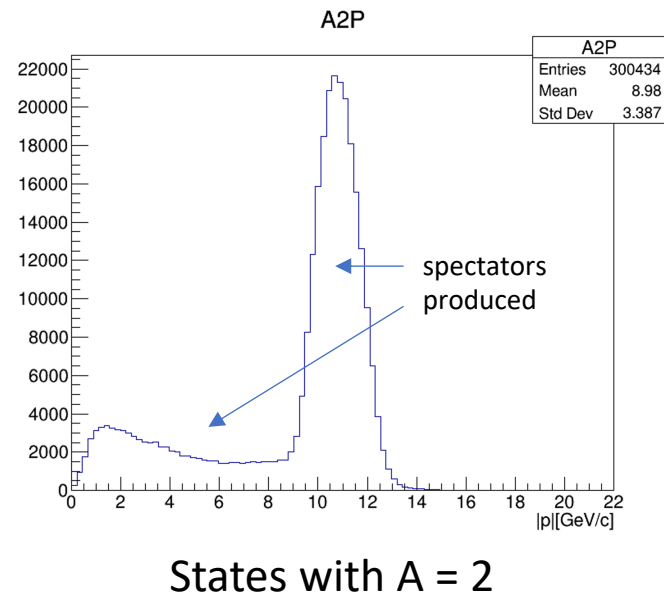
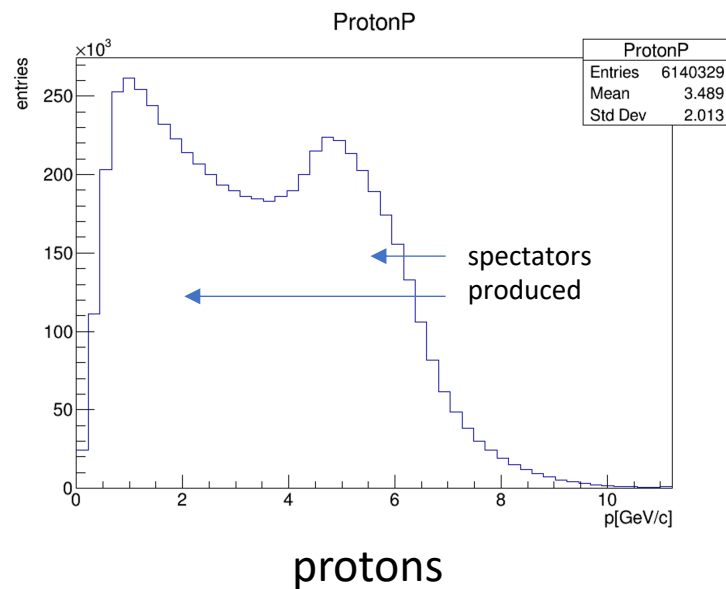
- b is taken from the generator
- Nc is a sum of all charged particles ( $\pi^{+/-}$ ,  $p^{+/-}$ ,  $K^{+/-}$ ,  $e^{+/-}$ ,  $\mu^{+/-}$ ) in  $0.8 < |\eta| < 1.2$  with  $p_t > 0.15$ . A particle detection efficiency = 75% was introduced too.
- I consider two types of centrality intervals: 0-X% and X $\pm$ 2.5% (5% width). 0-X% means that these are X% of events with lower b (higher Nc)  
X $\pm$ 2.5%: take 0-(X+2.5%) and exclude 0-(X-2.5%)

# Number of nucleon participants (Npart)

**N.B. Npart is an unmeasurable quantity!** *contrary to a common believe*

The reason is that in HI collisions a lot of nucleons are produced which are undistinguishable from spectators.

DCM-CMM min.bias Au+Au 11A GeV



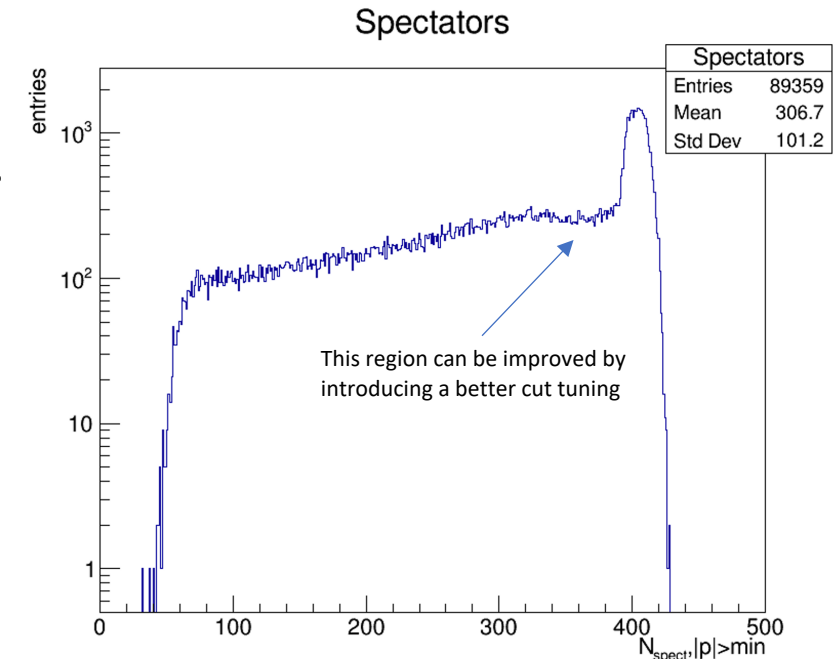
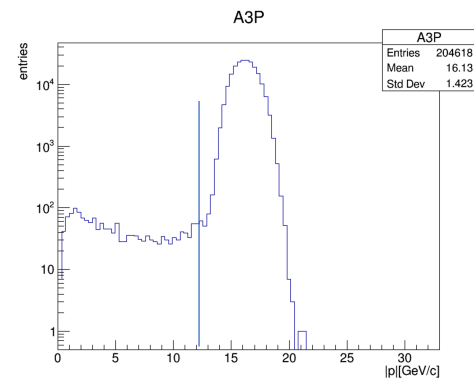
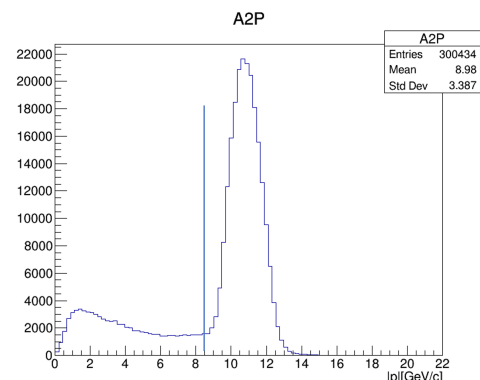
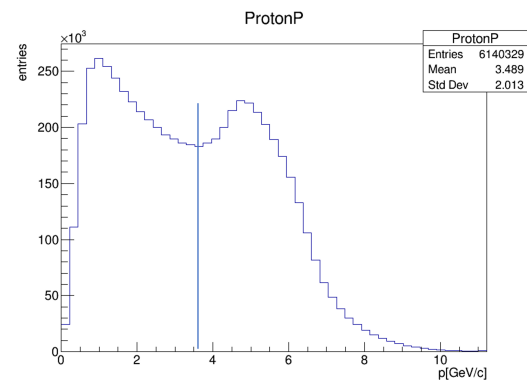
# Number of nucleon participants (Npart)

To measure something similar to Npart a set of momentum cuts has to be introduced.

Henceforth I will call a particle a spectator if it is:

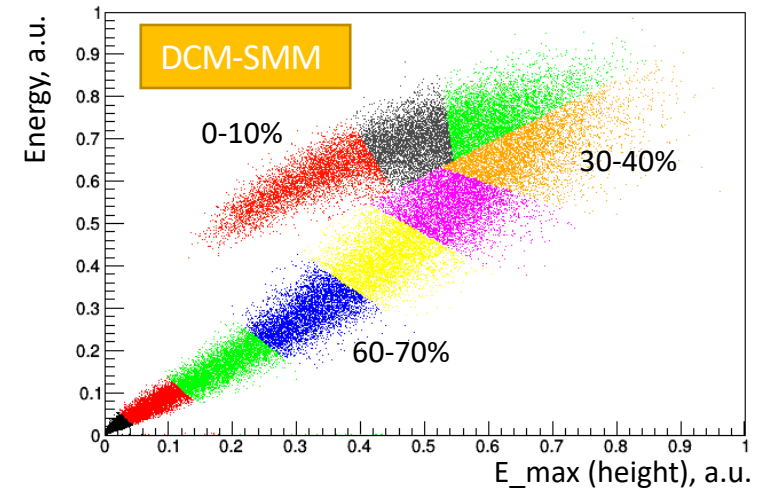
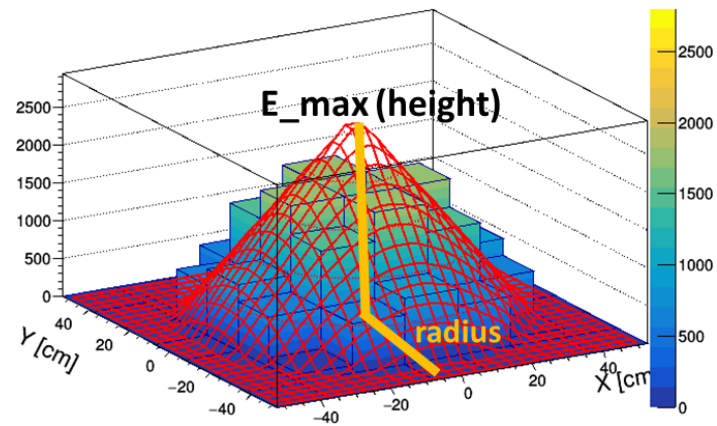
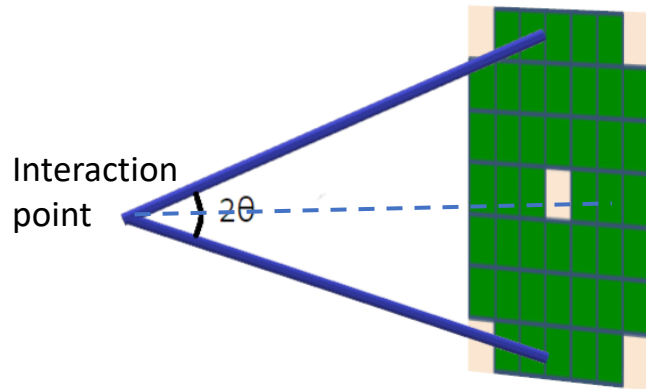
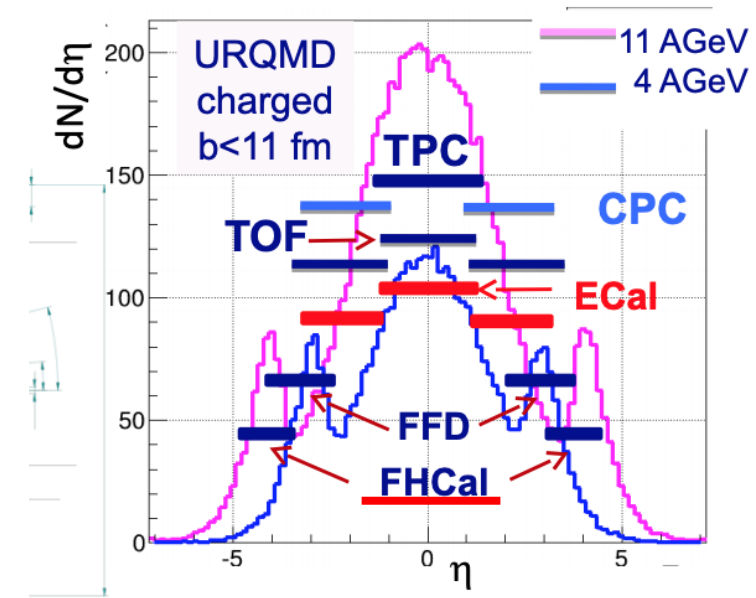
- A nucleon with  $p > 3.6$  GeV/c
- A=2 states with  $p > 8.5$  GeV/c
- A=3 states with  $p > 12.6$  GeV/c
- A > 3 states

I didn't really tune it, as I don't think it's important for my current goal.

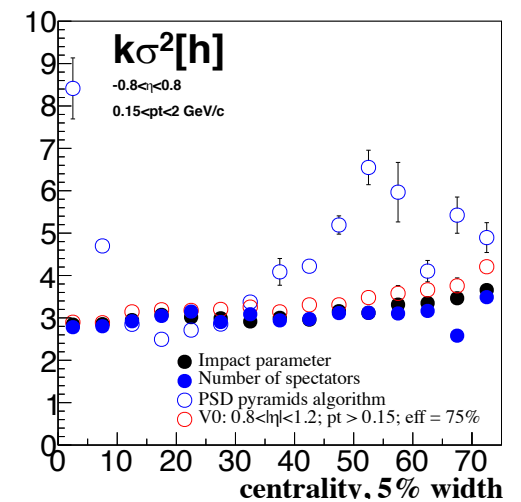
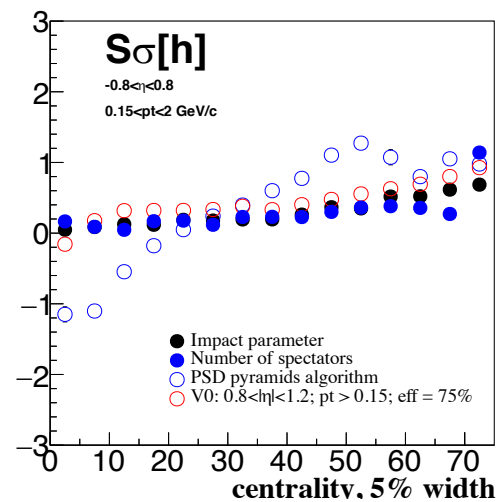
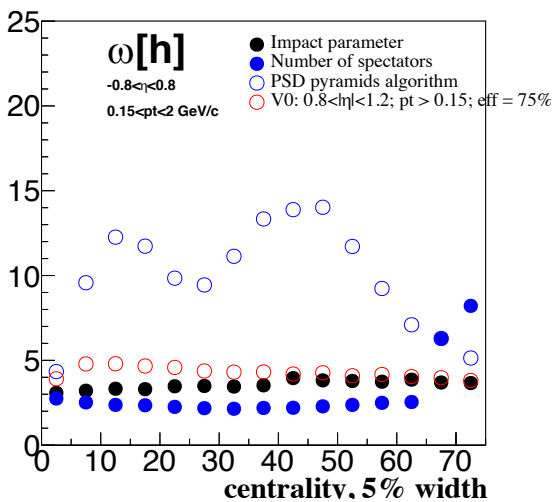
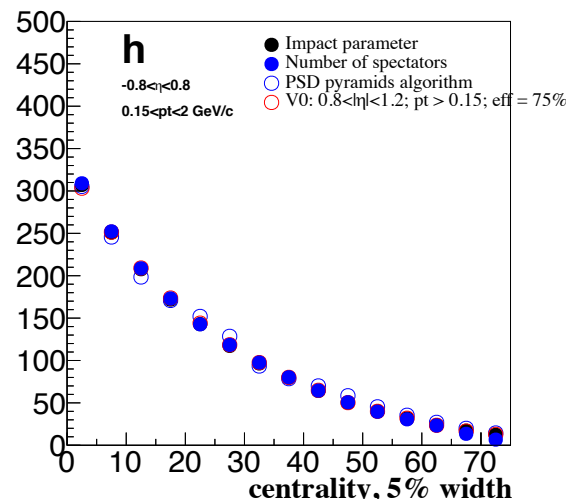
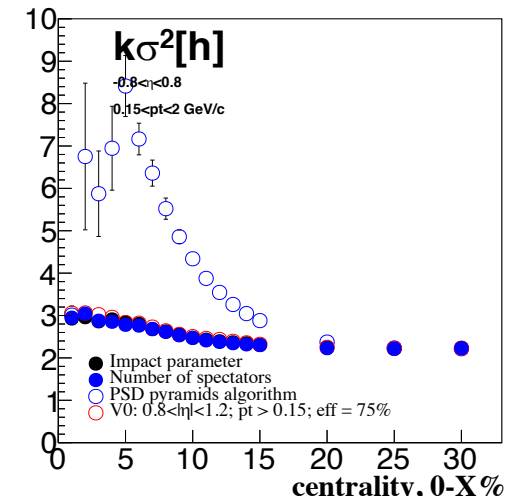
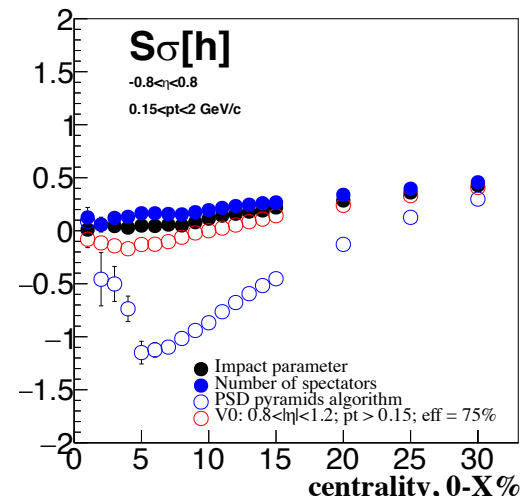
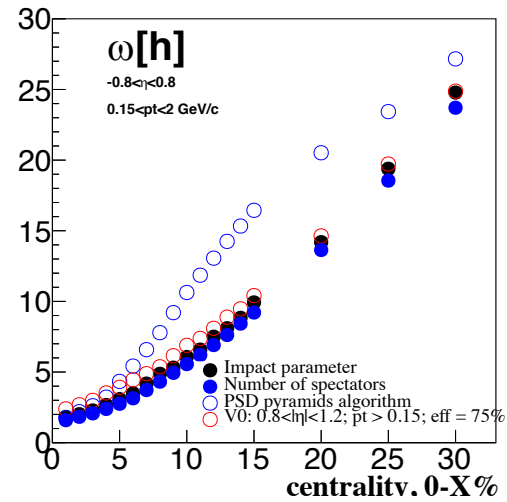
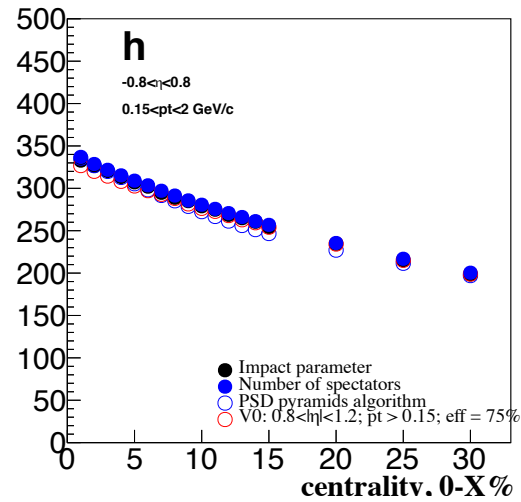


# MPD FHCaI

FHCaI measures only a fraction of nucleon spectators, peripheral and central events may deposit the same energy in the calorimeter. Therefore an algorithm to determine centrality based on a FHCaI signal shape was introduced by INR group. More information can be found here: <https://indico.jinr.ru/event/1570/>

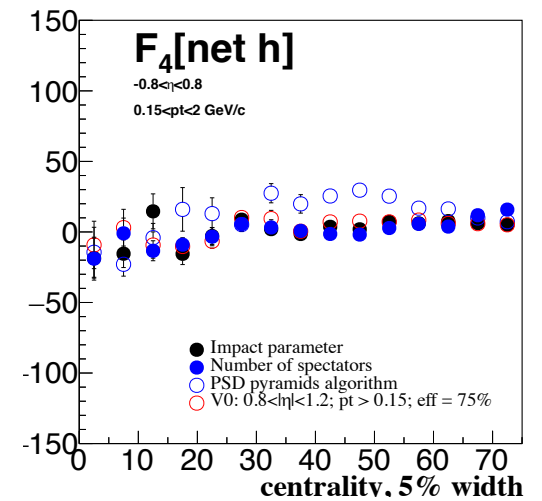
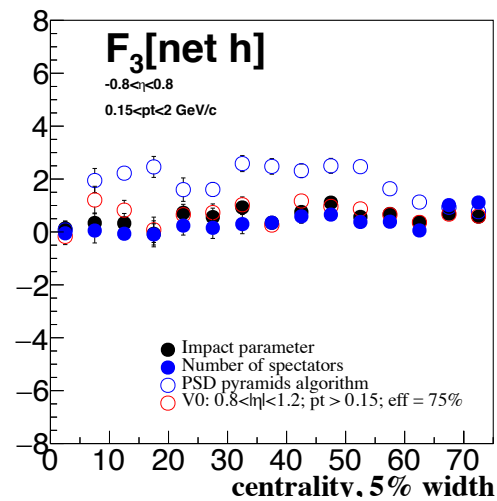
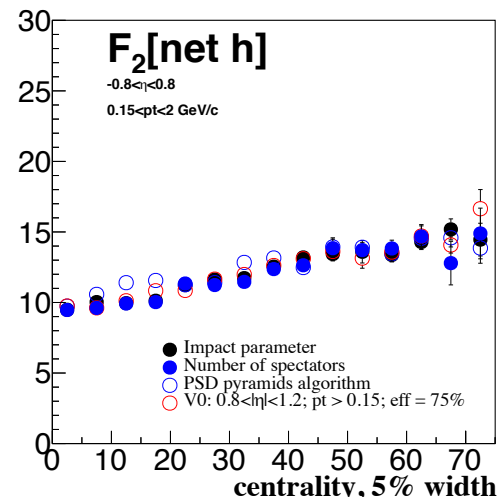
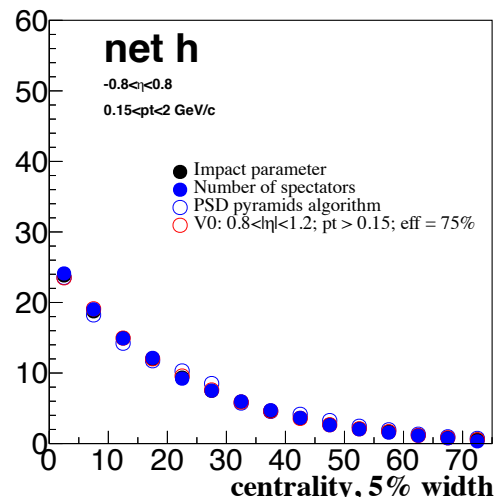
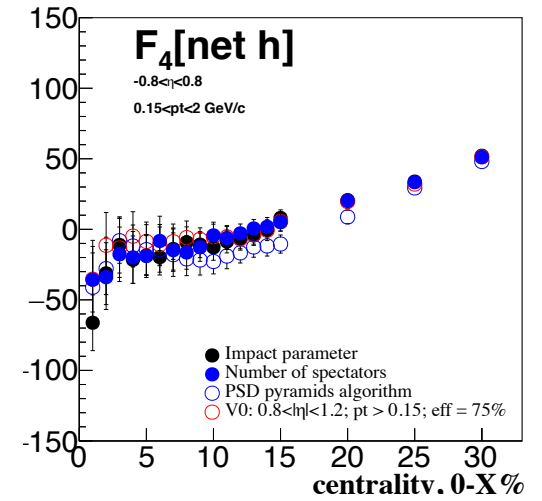
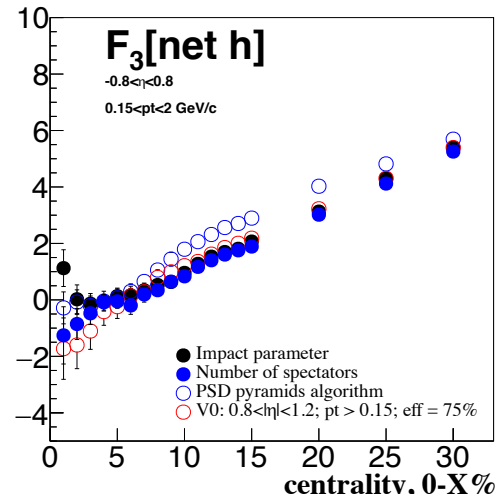
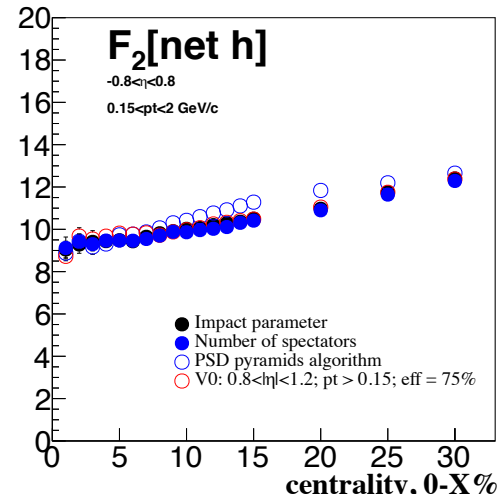
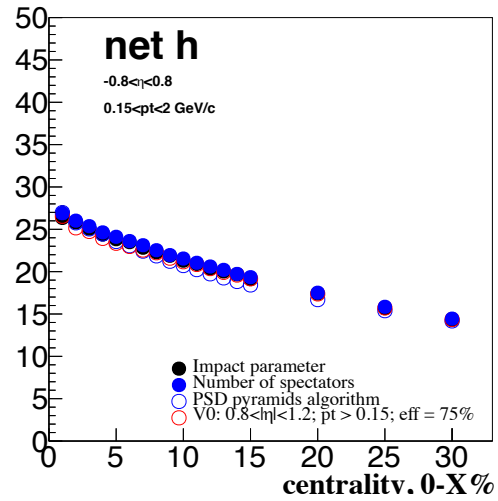


# Multiplicity moments

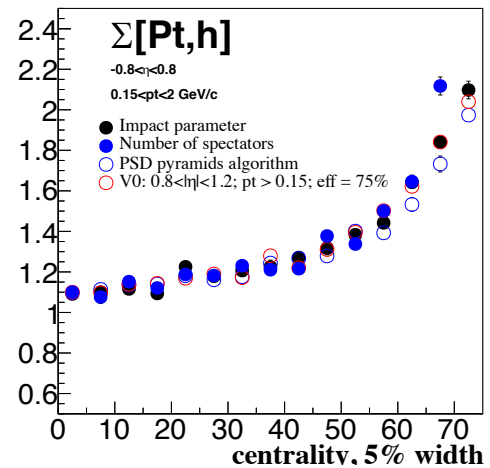
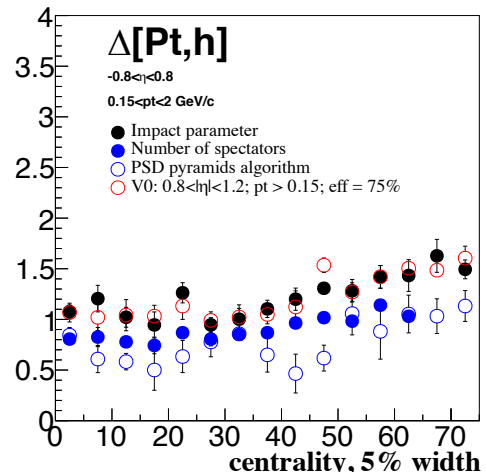
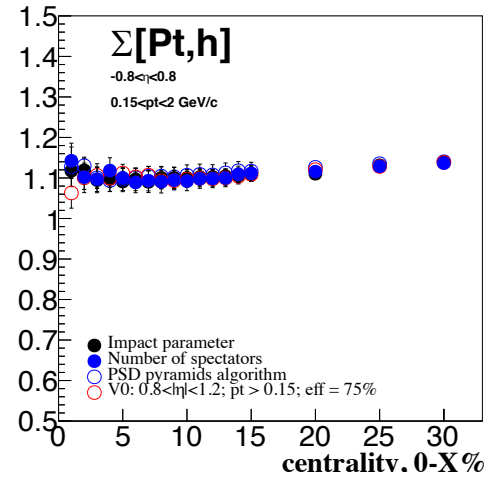
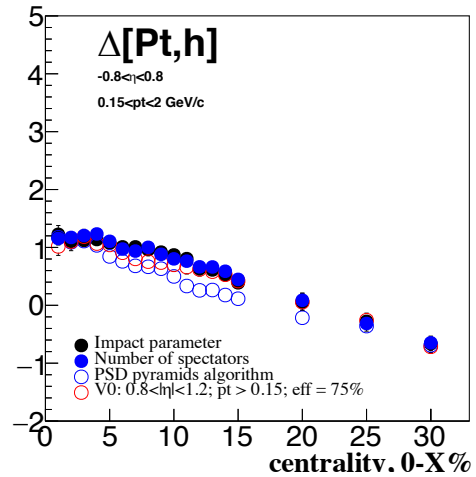




# Factorial moments

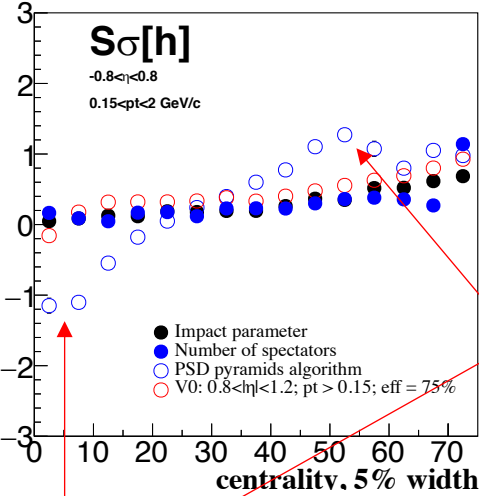


# Strongly intensive

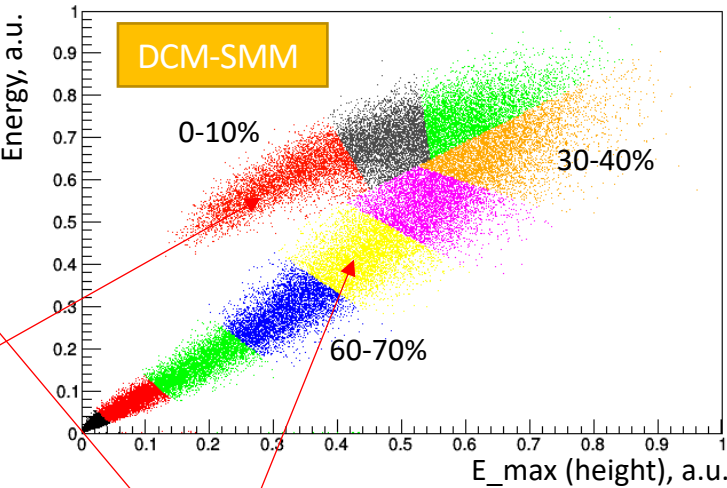


# Discussion

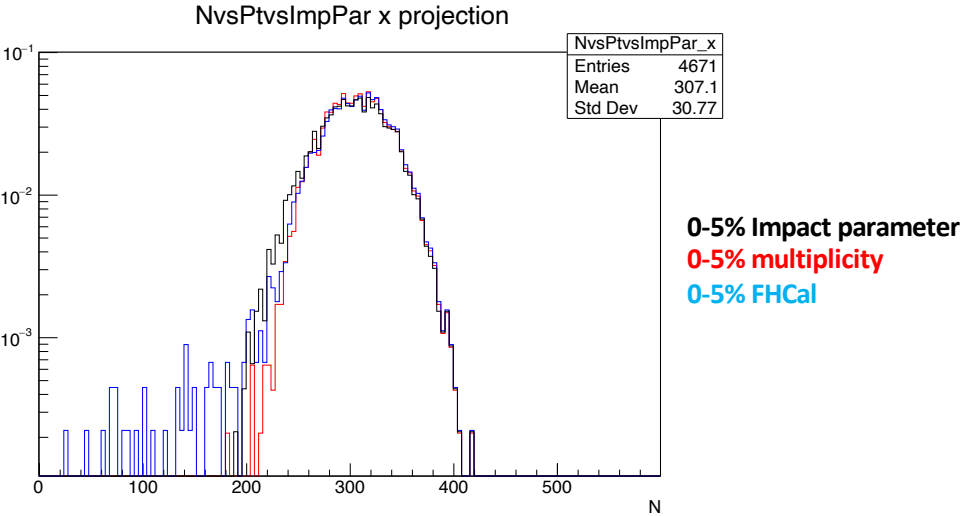
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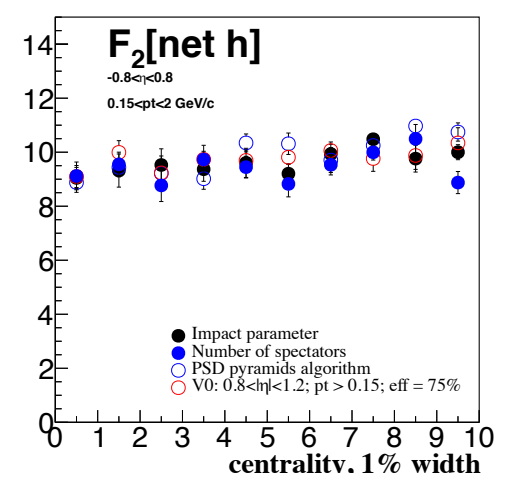
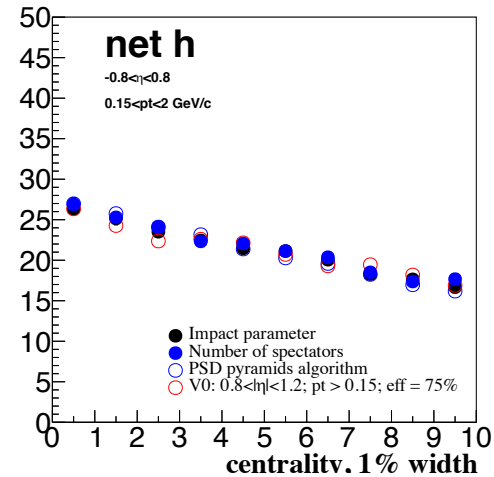
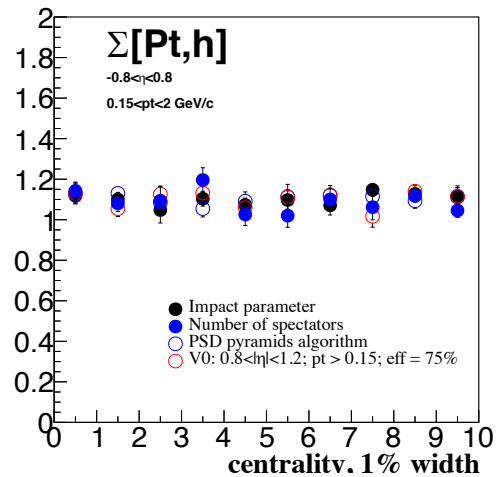
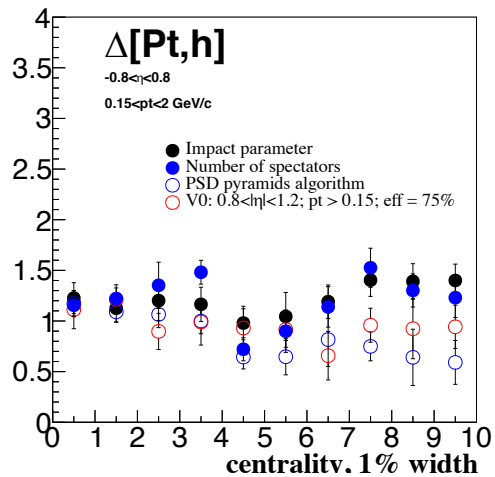
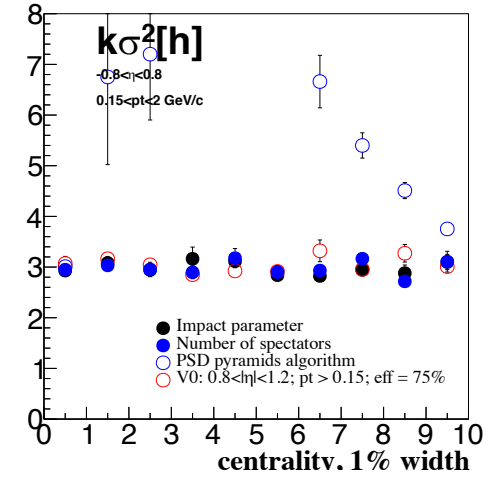
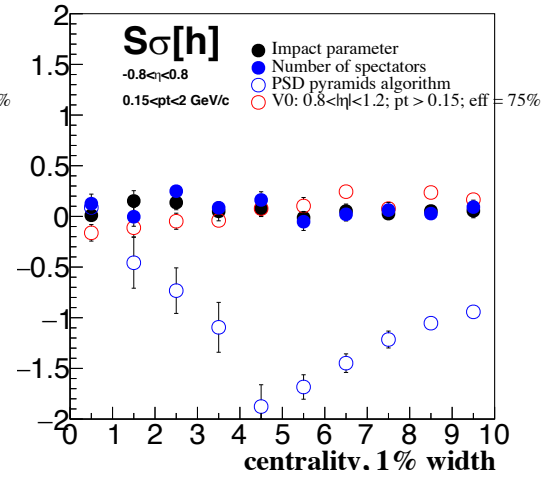
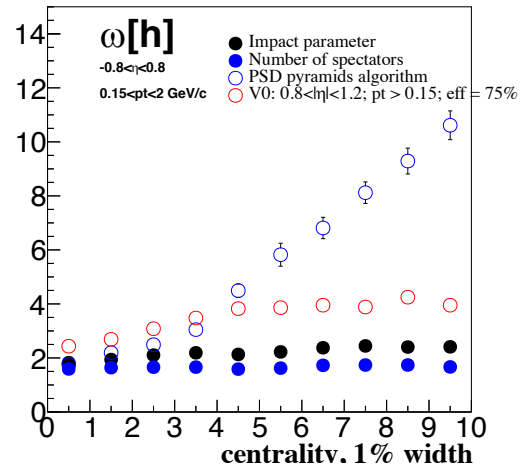
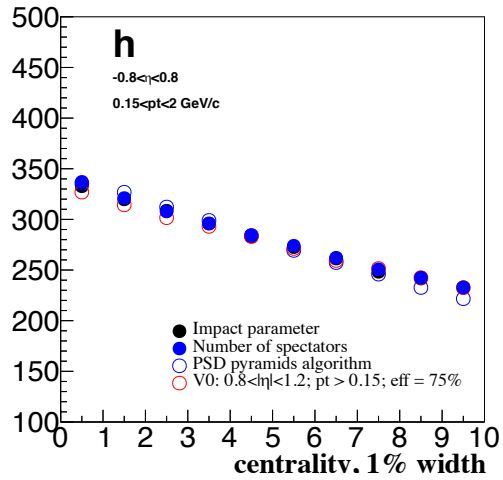
Central event with a small fraction of very peripheral



Peripheral events with a small fraction of very central

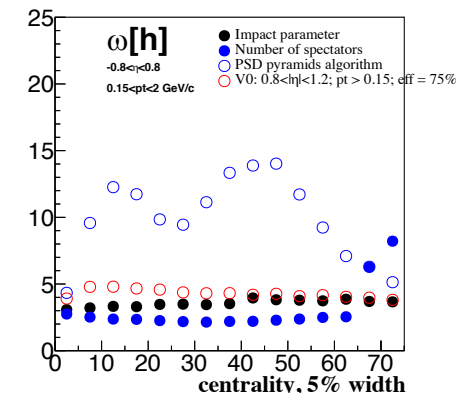
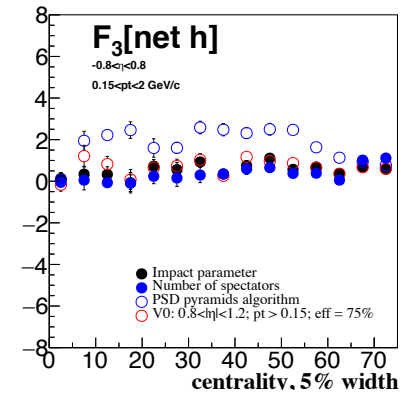
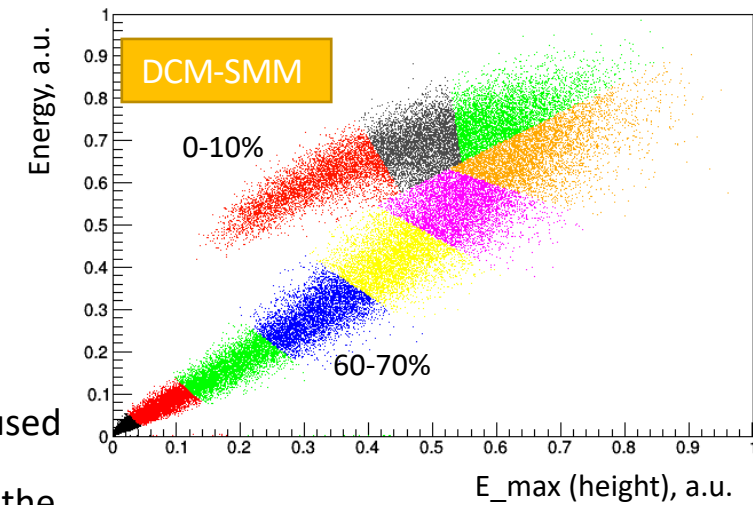


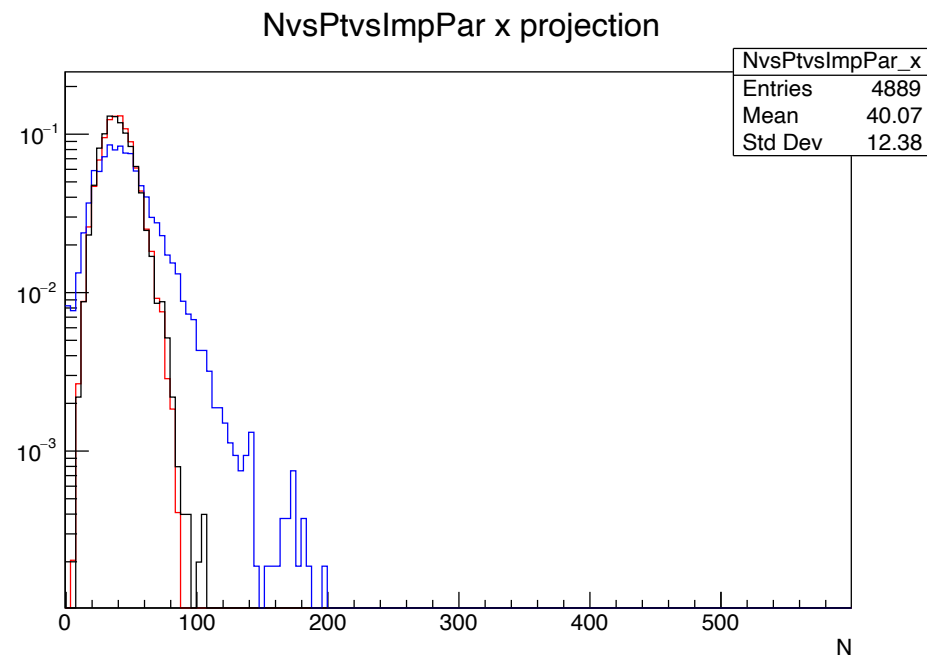
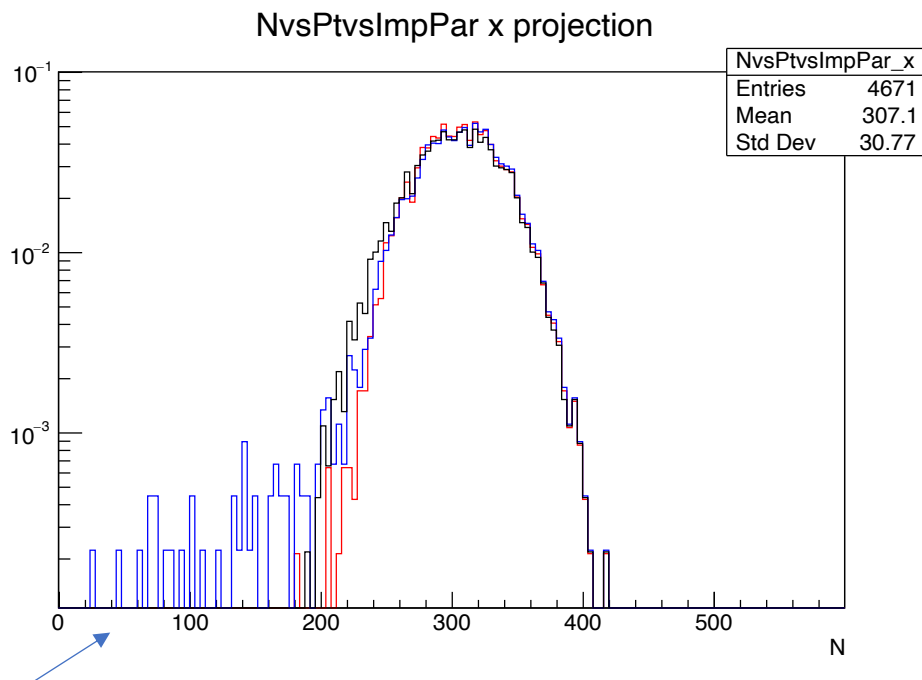
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# Conclusions

- The current state of the pyramid procedure:
  - Can't be reproduced in pure MC by people from outside the collaboration, so it may be used only as a proxy to Npart or b.
  - Doesn't restrict volume fluctuations enough to measure multiplicity fluctuations, except the most central point (0-1%). Although I would expect this region to become narrower with statistic and better calorimeter description (effects of electronics).
  - A further development is needed
    - Maybe a 3<sup>rd</sup> axis (multiplicity) has to be introduced to increase resolution capability between very central and very peripheral events.
    - A different fit instead of the pyramid?
  - We have to be very careful with this procedure as:
    - MC generators are usually having a much worse description of the forward region compare to the central rapidity
    - GEANT 4 description of FHCAL doesn't not include effects of electronic, which can be very significant (based on my experience of analyzing data from PSD at NA61/SHINE)
- Contrary to FHCAL, the multiplicity based procedure shows very close results to Npart and b and can be easily reproduced by people from outside MPD.
- Considering all of the above, I would not recommend using FHCAL for fluctuation measures till it shows significantly better results than the multiplicity based approach.





Причина взрыва  
3 и 4 моментов

5%	Impact parameter	45-50%
5%	multiplicity	45-50%
5%	FHCAL	45-50%