

# Методы определения центральности в эксперименте $BM@N$

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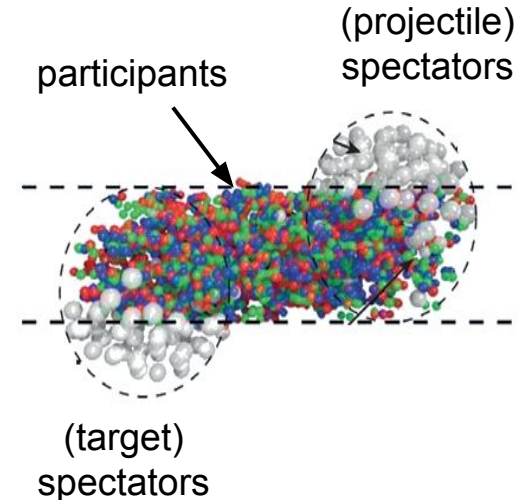
# Motivation for centrality determination

- Evolution of matter produced in heavy-ion collisions depends on its initial geometry

- **Goal of centrality determination:**  
map (on average) the collision geometry parameters  
to experimental observables (centrality estimators)

- Centrality class  $S_1$ - $S_2$ : group of events corresponding to a given fraction (in %) of the total cross section:

$$C_S = \frac{1}{\sigma_{inel}^{AA}} \int_{S_1}^{S_2} \frac{d\sigma}{dS} dS$$



# MC Glauber model

MC Glauber model provides a description of the initial state of a heavy-ion collision

- Independent straight line trajectories of the nucleons
- A-A collision is treated as a sequence of independent binary NN collisions
- Monte-Carlo sampling of nucleons position for individual collisions

## Main model parameters

- Colliding nuclei

- Inelastic nucleon-nucleon cross section ( $\sigma^{\text{NN inel}}$ )  
(depends on collision energy)

- Nuclear charge densities (Wood-Saxon distribution)

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \cdot \frac{1 + w(r/R)^2}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-R}{a}\right)}$$

## Geometry parameters

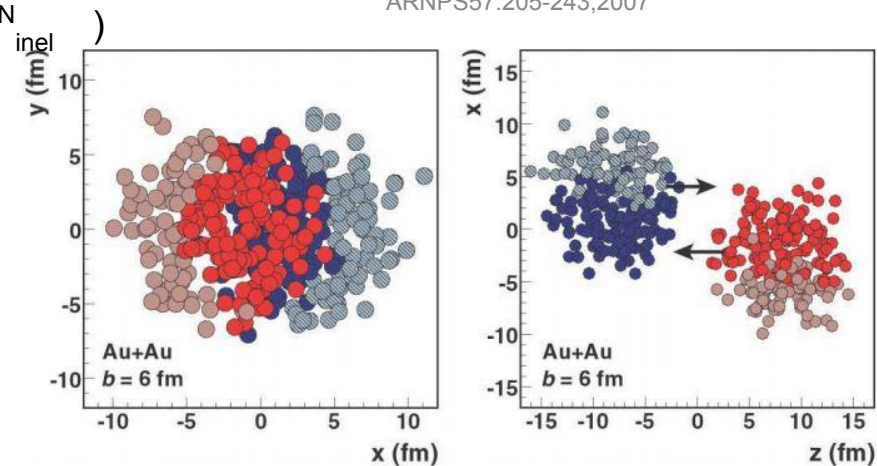
$b$  – impact parameter

$N_{\text{part}}$  – number of nucleons participating in the collision

$N_{\text{spec}}$  – number of spectator nucleons in the collision

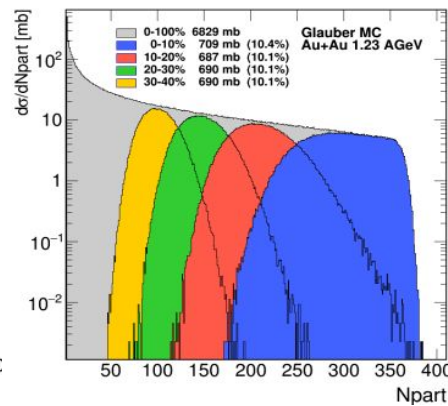
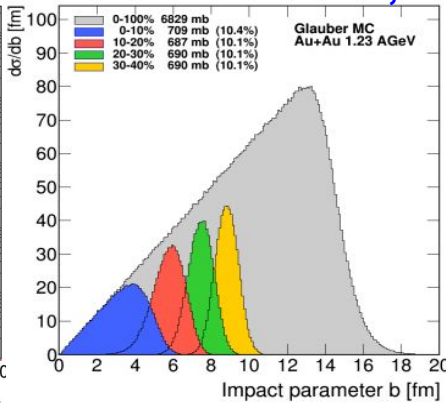
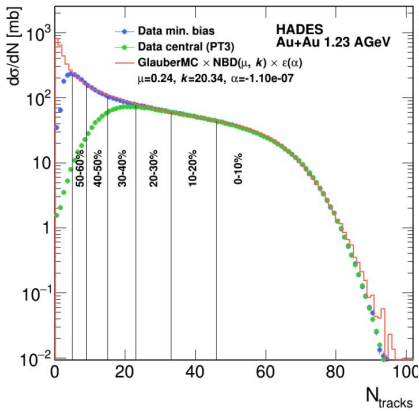
$N_{\text{coll}}$  – number of binary NN collisions

Glauber Modeling in High Energy Nuclear Collisions:  
ARNPS57:205-243,2007



# Centrality determination

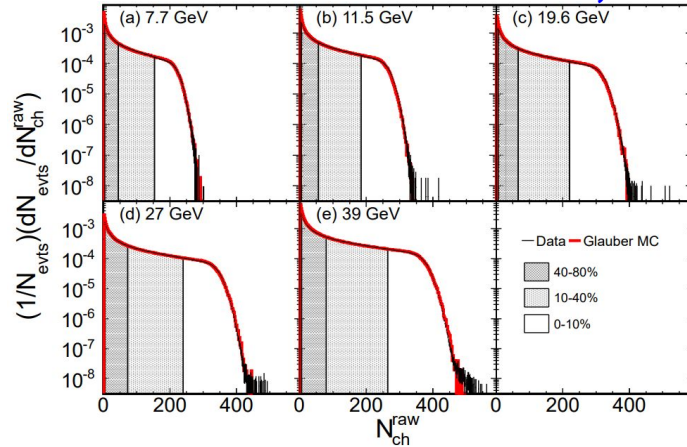
## HADES, Au+Au 1.23A GeV



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Centrality Classes	$b_{\min}$	$b_{\max}$	$\langle b \rangle$
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5 – 10 %	3.30	4.70	4.04
10 – 15 %	4.70	5.70	5.22
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20 – 25 %	6.60	7.40	7.01
25 – 30 %	7.40	8.10	7.75
30 – 35 %	8.10	8.70	8.40
35 – 40 %	8.70	9.30	9.00
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Centrality determination based on multiplicity provides with:

- impact parameter ( $b$ )
- number of participating nucleons ( $N_{\text{part}}$ )

Similar centrality estimator is needed for comparisons with STAR, HADES, etc.

# Model dependence of $b$ , $N_{part}$

The MC Glauber non-realistic  $N_{part}$  simulations at low energies:

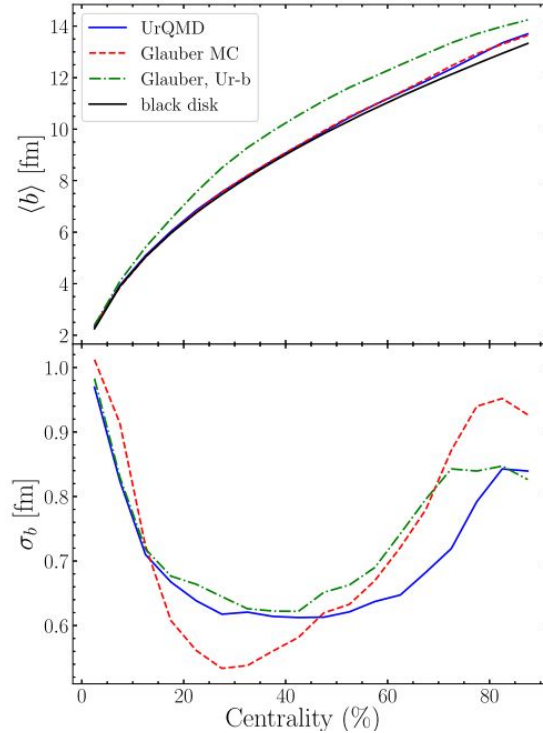
- elastic scatterings



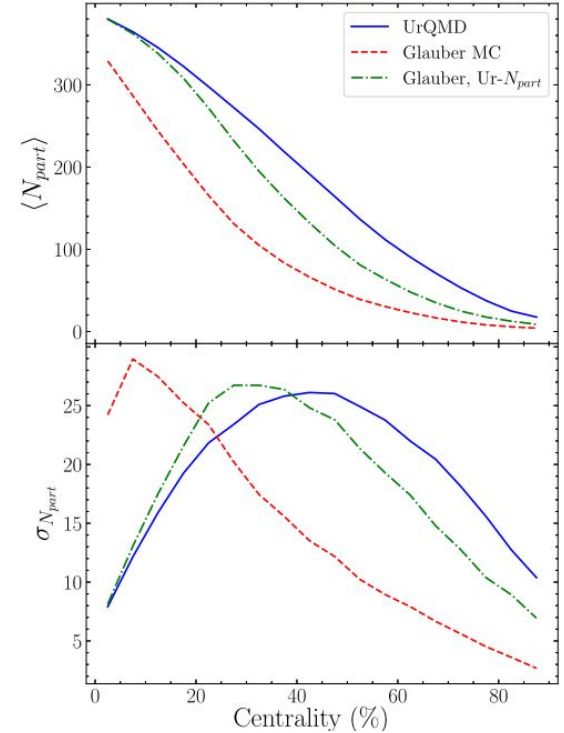
Differences in of number of participant nucleons ( $N_{part}$ ) distributions from UrQMD and MC

The impact parameter ( $b$ ) - model independent centrality estimator

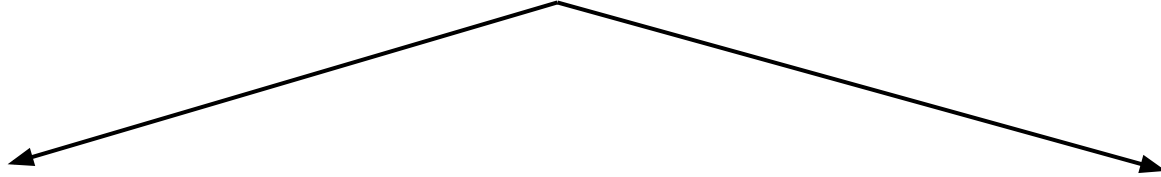
Use MC Glauber for centrality determination



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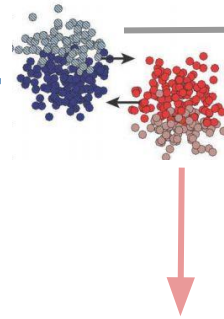
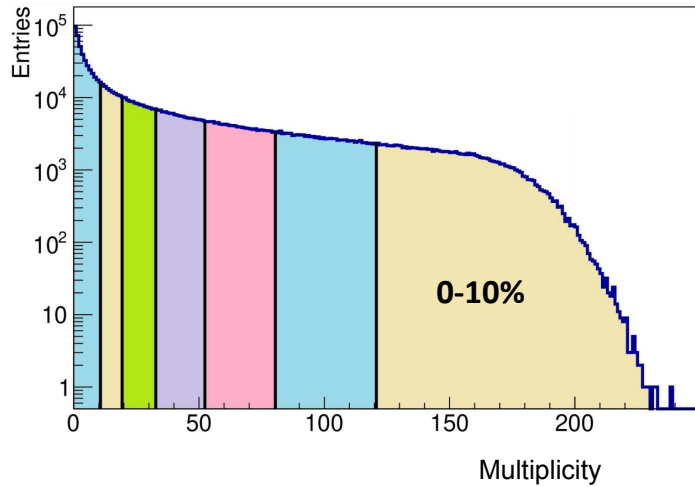


# Types of centrality estimators

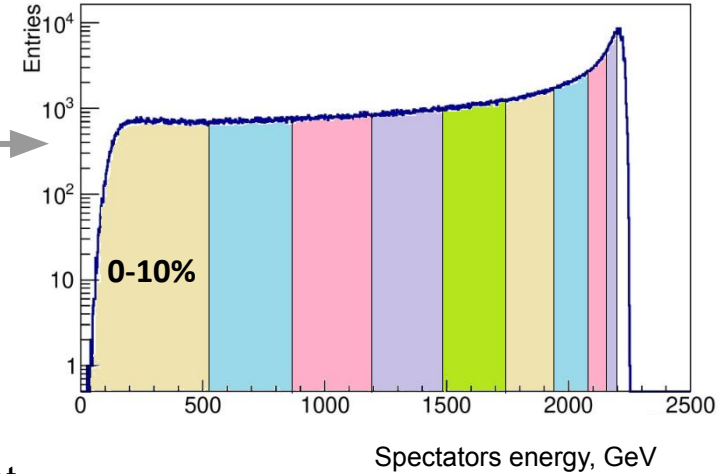


Produced charged particles

Spectators



(Target spectators not measured for fixed-target)



# BM@N subsystems for centrality determination

## Simulation:

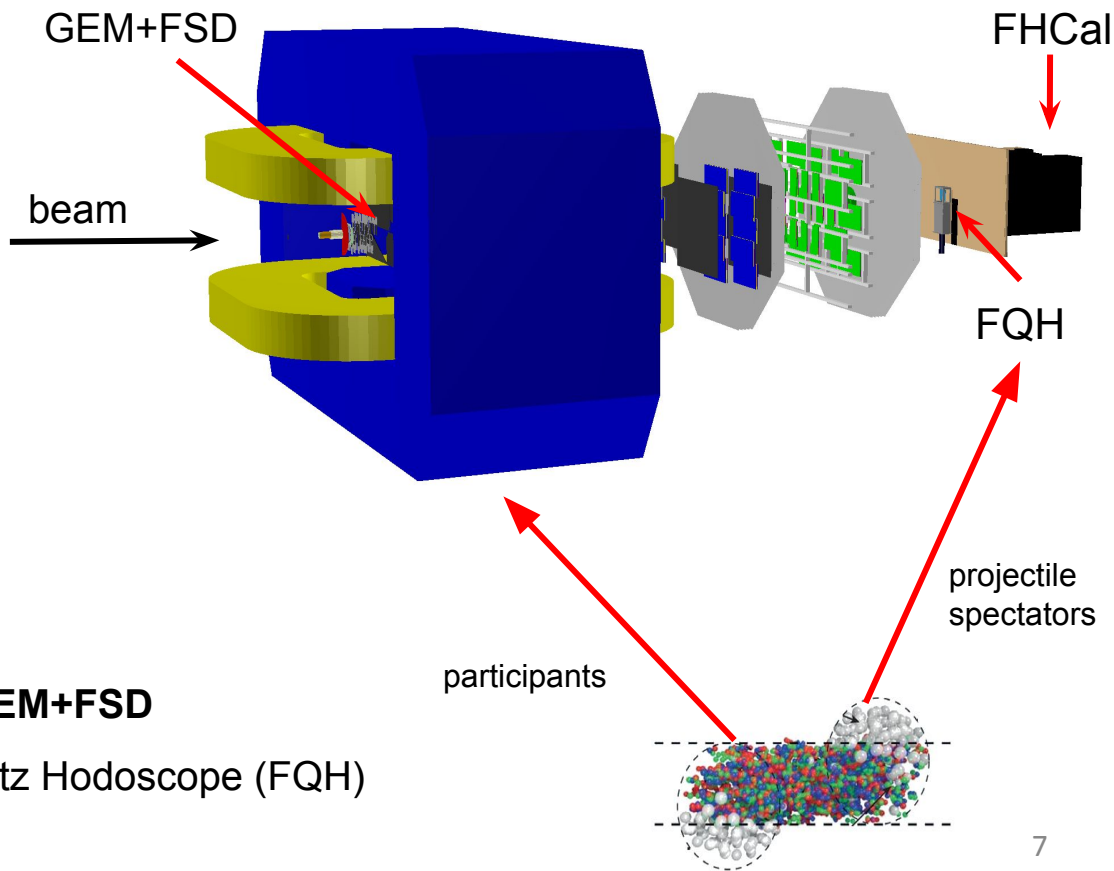
- Xe-Cs @4.0A GeV
- GEANT4 transport

## Data:

- run8 Xe-Csl @3.8A GeV
- Pile-up cut
- More than 1 track in vertex reconstruction

## Subsystems

- Participants: **Tracking system GEM+FSD**
- Spectators: FHCaI, Forward Quartz Hodoscope (FQH)



# Centrality determination based on Monte-Carlo sampling of produced particles

For **multiplicity of produced particles**  
used in HADES, CBM, NA61/SHINE

Get  $(N_{\text{part}}, N_{\text{coll}})$  from MC-Glauber

Evaluate number of ancestors  
(sources of produced particles)

$$N_a = fN_{\text{part}} + (1-f)N_{\text{coll}}$$

Sample multiplicity of produced particles ( $S_i$ )  $N_a$  times  
from NBD ( $\mu, k$ )

Result: total  $S_{\text{tot}}$

MC-Glauber  
distribution

Full Monte-Carlo (real  
data) distribution

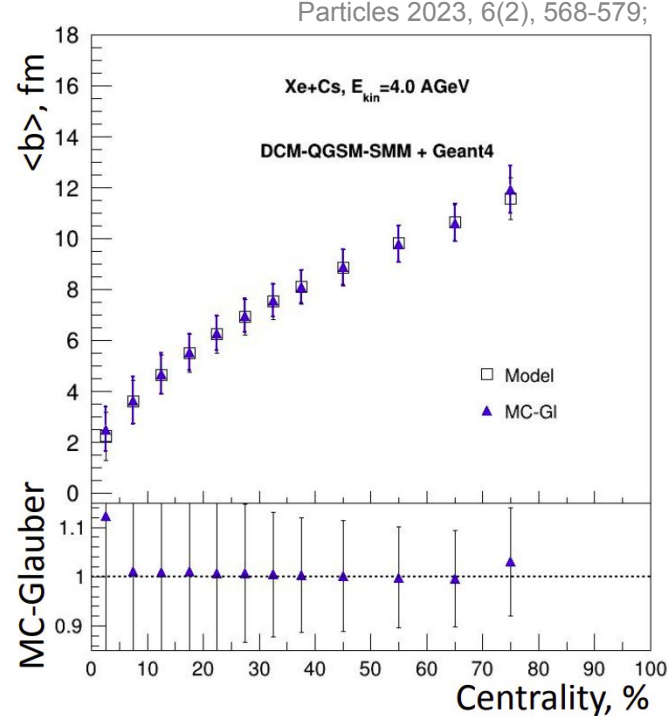
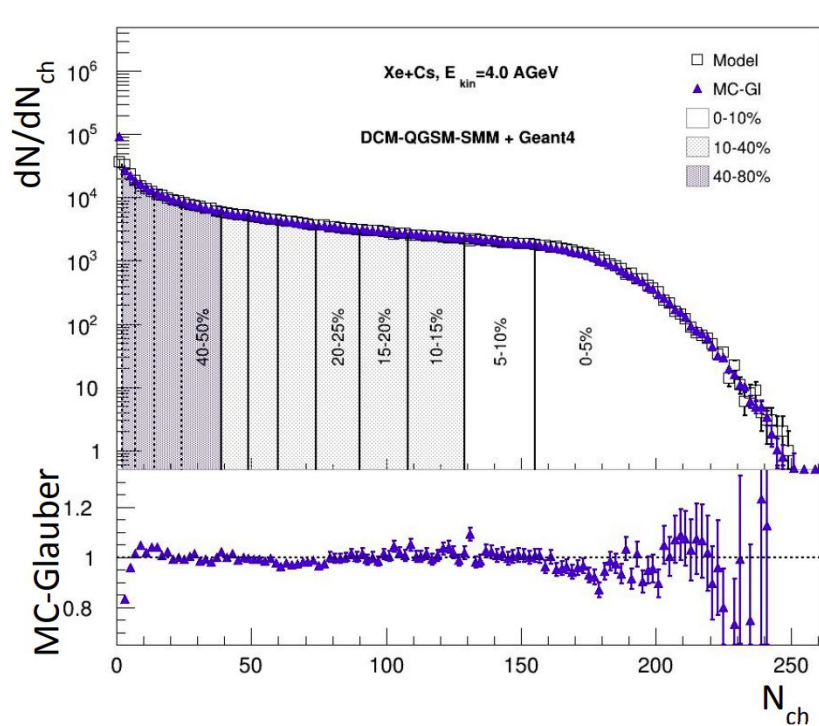
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Scan phase space of parameters  
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Extract relation between geometry  
parameters and centrality estimator



# MC-Glauber fit result Xe-Cs @ 4.0 AGeV



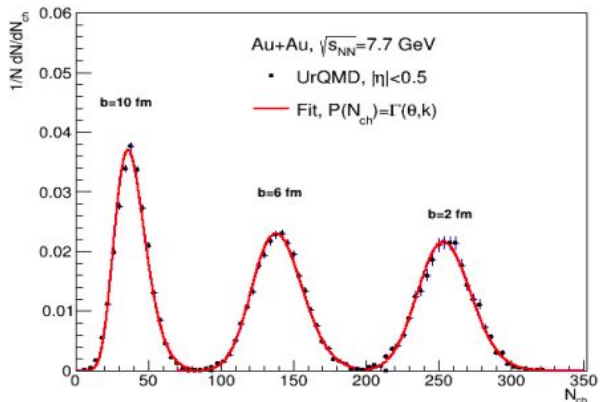
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# The Bayesian inversion method ( $\Gamma$ -fit): main assumptions

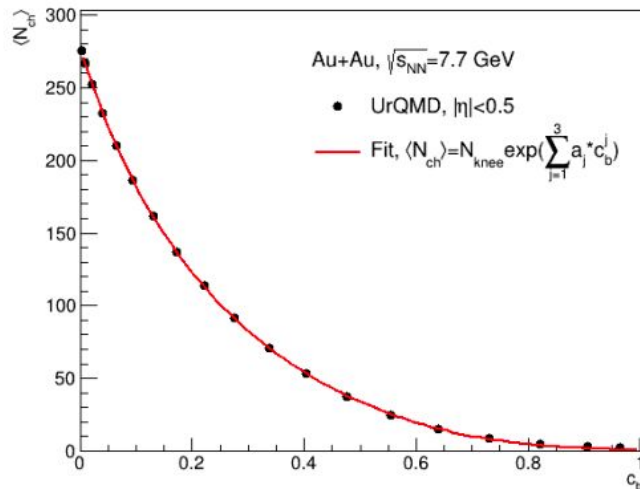
• Relation between multiplicity  $N_{ch}$  and impact parameter  $b$  is defined by the fluctuation kernel:

$$P(N_{ch}|c_b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k(c_b))\theta^k} N_{ch}^{k(c_b)-1} e^{-N_{ch}/\theta}$$

$$c_b = \int_0^b P(b') db' \simeq \frac{\pi b^2}{\sigma_{inel}} \quad \text{– centrality based on impact parameter}$$



The results of fitting the multiplicity distribution for a fixed impact parameter



The dependence of the average value of multiplicity on centrality and the results of its fit

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\langle N_{ch} \rangle} = \theta \simeq const$$

$$\langle N_{ch} \rangle = N_{knee} \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^3 a_j c_b^j\right), \quad k = \frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle}{\theta}$$

Five fit parameters

$N_{knee}, \theta, a_j$

# Reconstruction of $b$

- Normalized multiplicity distribution  $P(N_{ch})$

$$P(N_{ch}) = \int_0^1 P(N_{ch}|c_b)dc_b$$

- Find probability of  $b$  for fixed range of  $N_{ch}$  using Bayes' theorem:

$$P(b|n_1 < N_{ch} < n_2) = P(b) \frac{\int_{n_1}^{n_2} P(N_{ch}|b)dN_{ch}}{\int_{n_1}^{n_2} P(N_{ch})dN_{ch}}$$

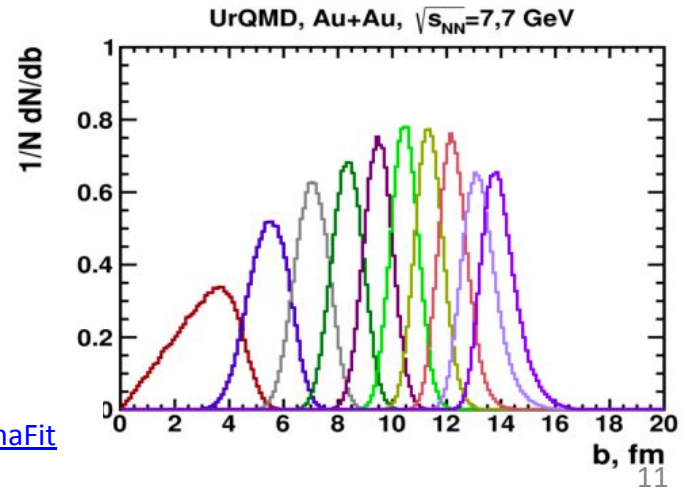
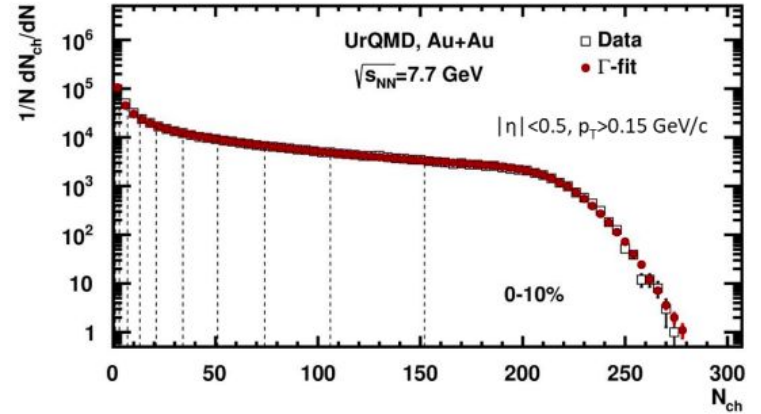
- The Bayesian inversion method consists of 2 steps:**

- Fit normalized multiplicity distribution with  $P(N_{ch})$
- Construct  $P(b|N_{ch})$  using Bayes' theorem with parameters from the fit

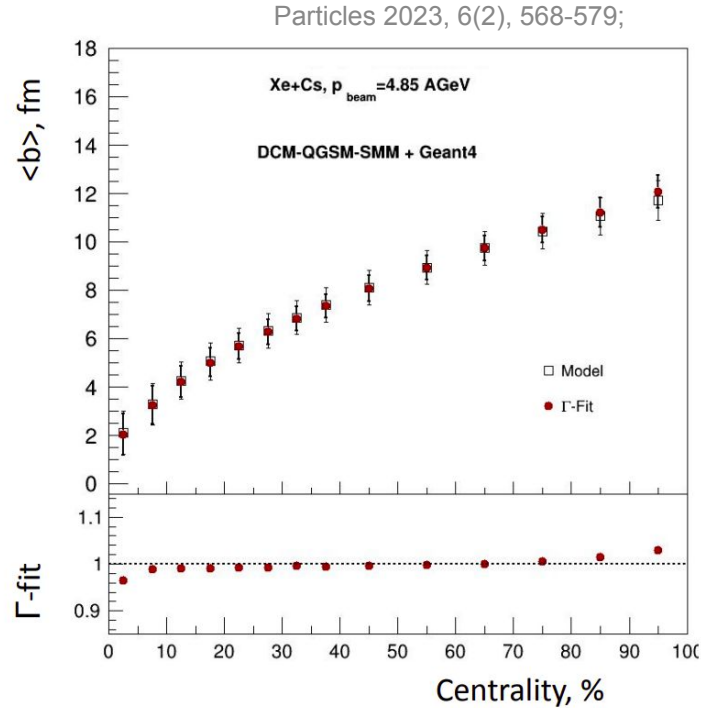
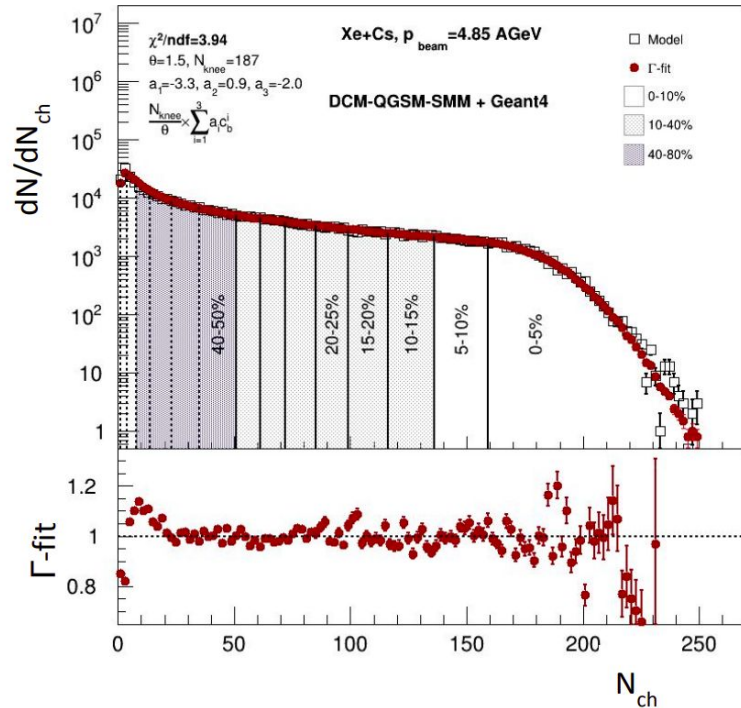
R. Rogly, G. Giacalone and J. Y. Ollitrault, Phys.Rev. C98 (2018) no.2, 024902

Implementation for MPD and BM@N by D. Idrisov: <https://github.com/Dim23/GammaFit>

Example of application in MPD: P. Parfenov et al., Particles 4 (2021) 2, 275-287

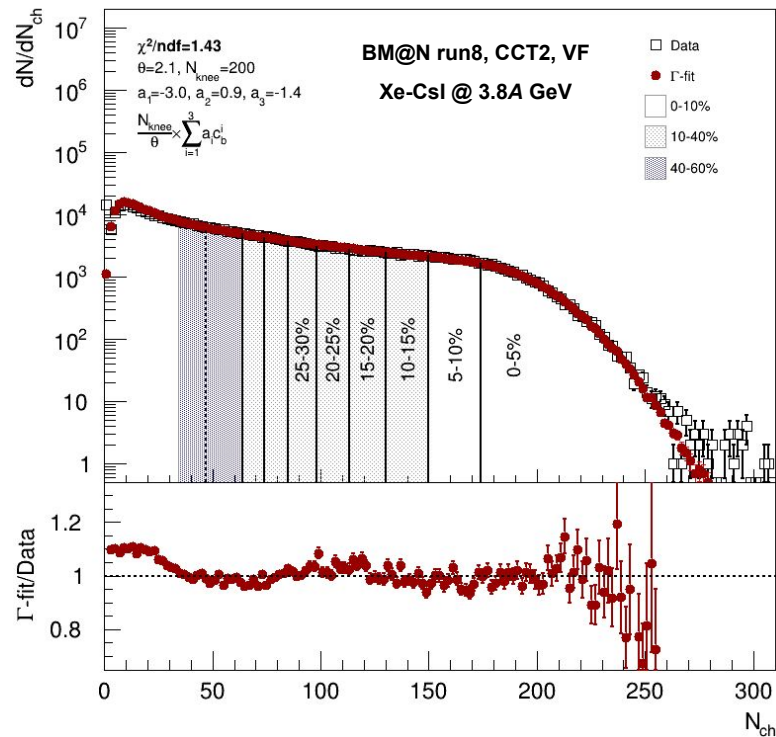
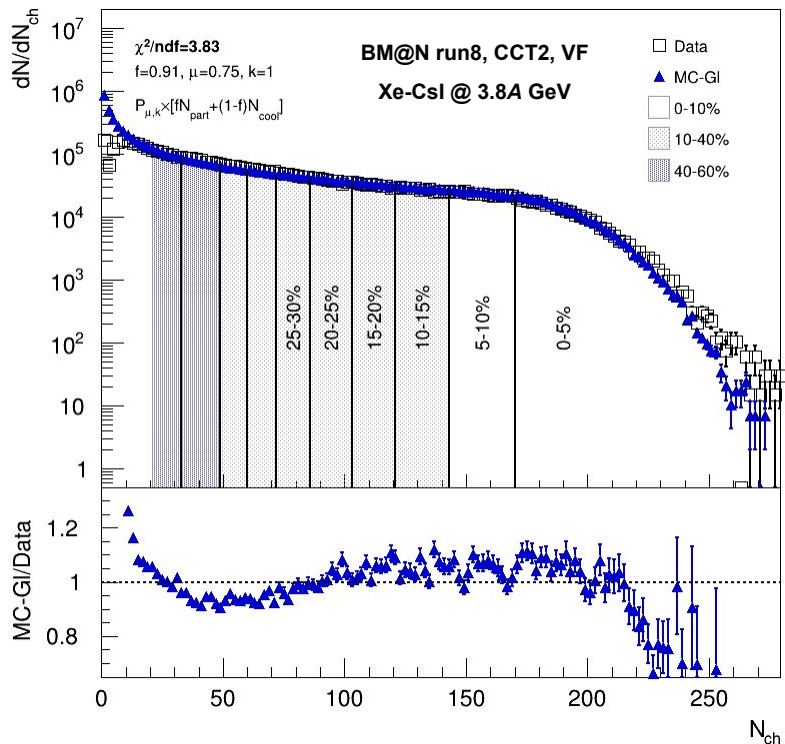


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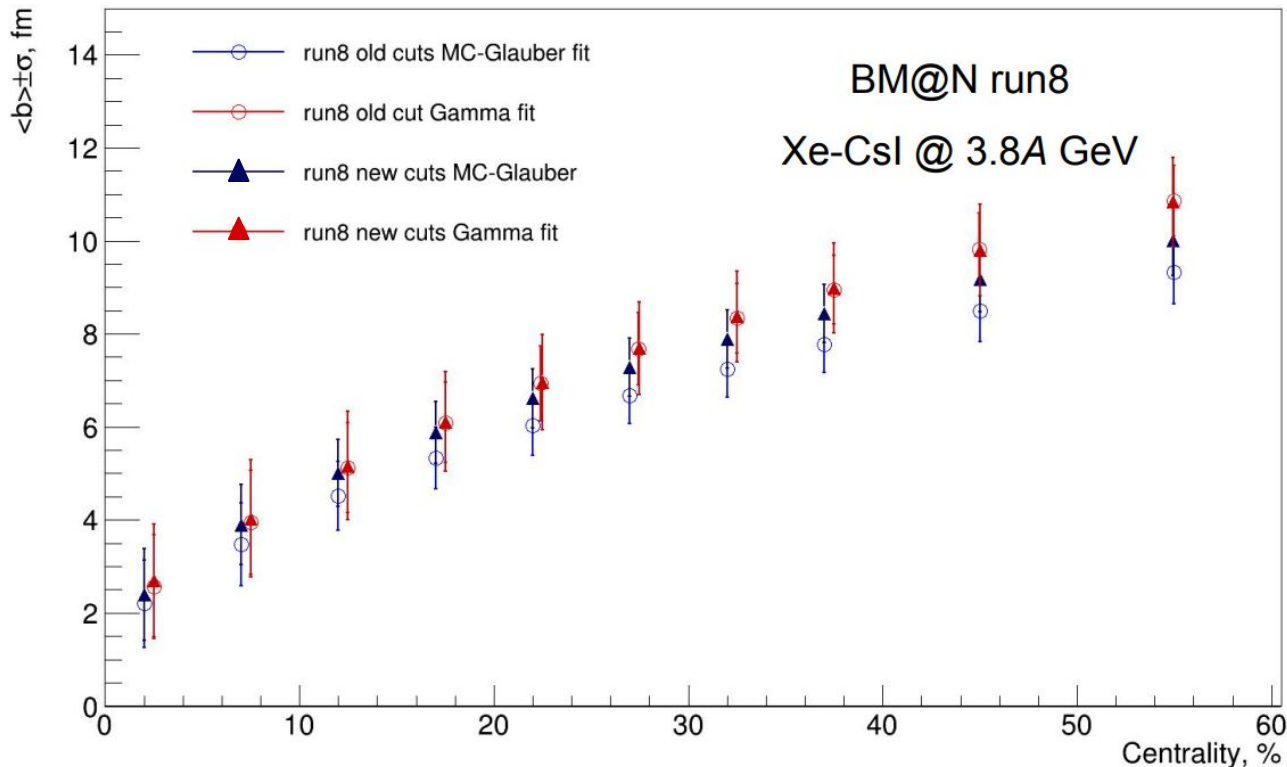
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# Result of centrality determination at Xe-CsI @ 3.8 AGeV



- Centrality determination methods were applied on experimental Xe-CsI data
- Good agreement between data and fit for both methods
- New centrality classes is used in analysis (see talk by M.Mamaev)

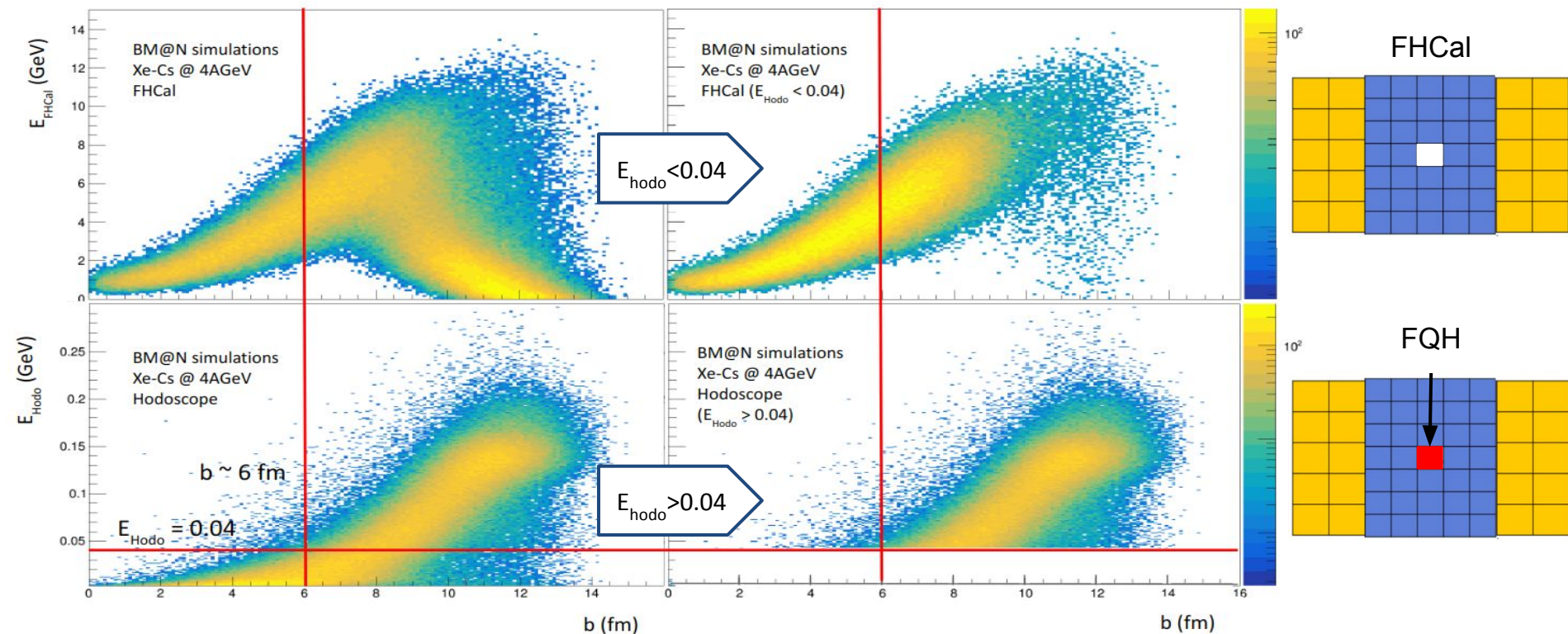
# Comparison between impact parameter distributions



$\Gamma$ -fit and MC-Glauber are good agreement

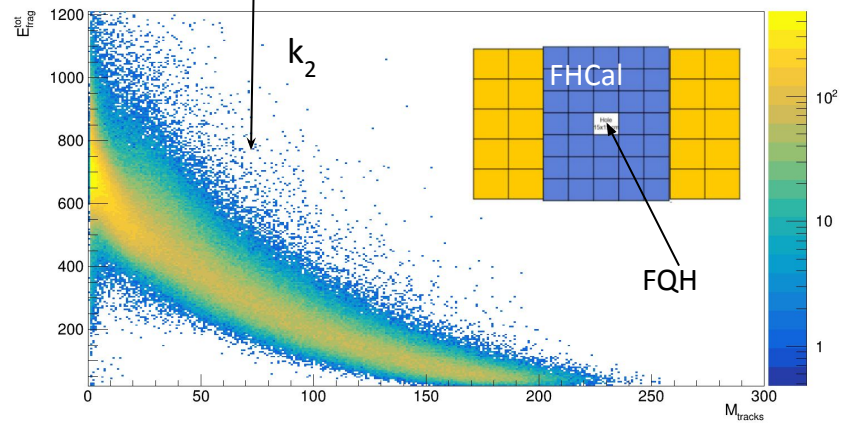
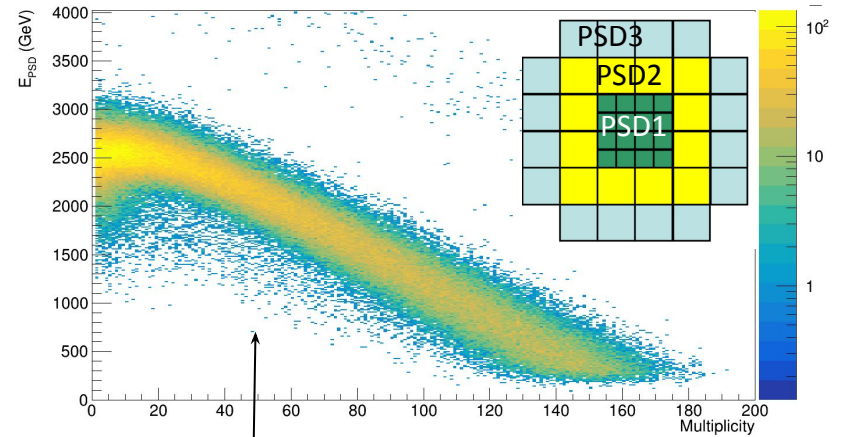
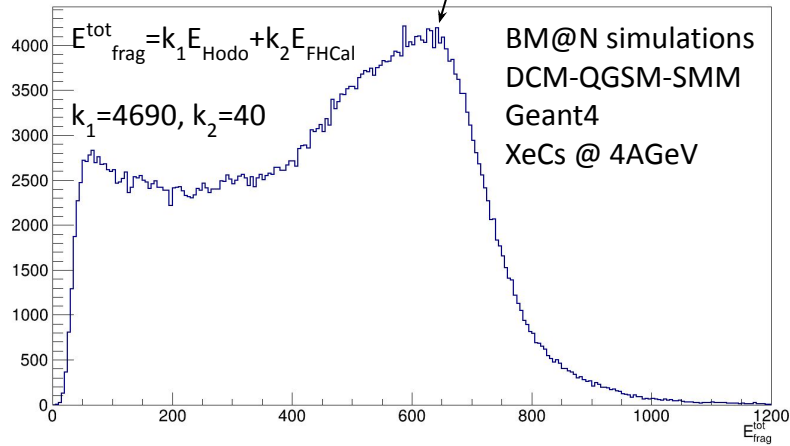
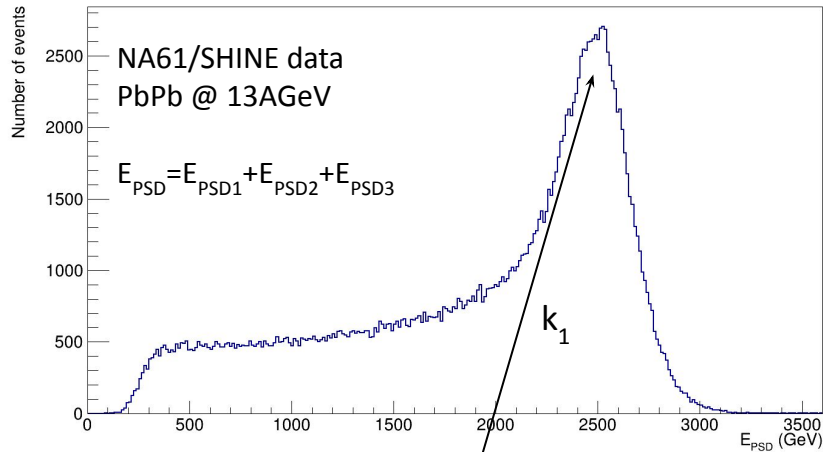


# Possibilities of spectators fragments as estimators



- Physical threshold of switching between estimators could be Hodoscope signal  $E_{\text{Hodo}} = 0.04$  (corresponding to  $b \sim 6$  fm)
- FHCal energy distribution improved and has more linear correlation with impact parameter (for range  $E_{\text{Hodo}} < 0.04$ )
- There is good correlation between Hodoscope charge and impact parameter (for range  $E_{\text{Hodo}} > 0.04$ )

# Possibilities of spectators fragments as estimators



Use FHCaI and quartz hodoscope (FQH) as two parts of one detector.



# Summary

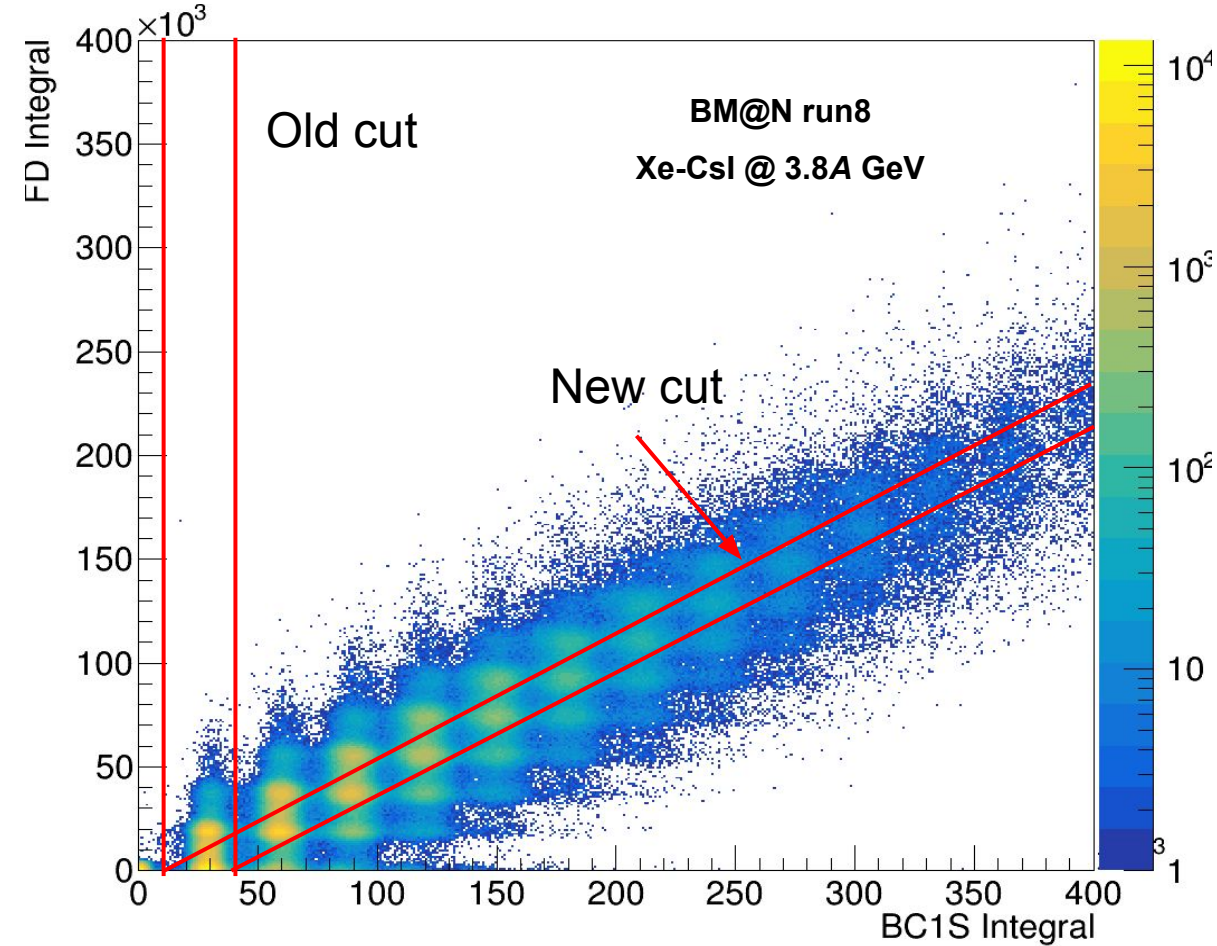
- Methods of centrality determination are presented:
  - MC Glauber for multiplicity of produced particles
  - The Bayesian inversion method for multiplicity
- Relation between impact parameter and centrality classes is extracted
- Possibilities of using of forward detectors for centrality determination was studied

Work in progress:

- Combination of forward detectors can be used to avoid effects due to the beam hole in FHCaI

# Backup

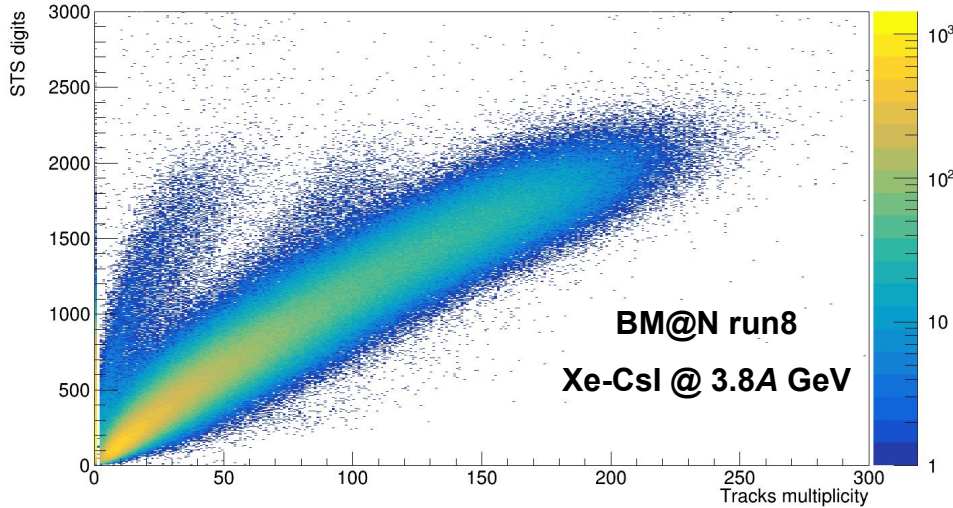
# BC1 Integral cut improvement



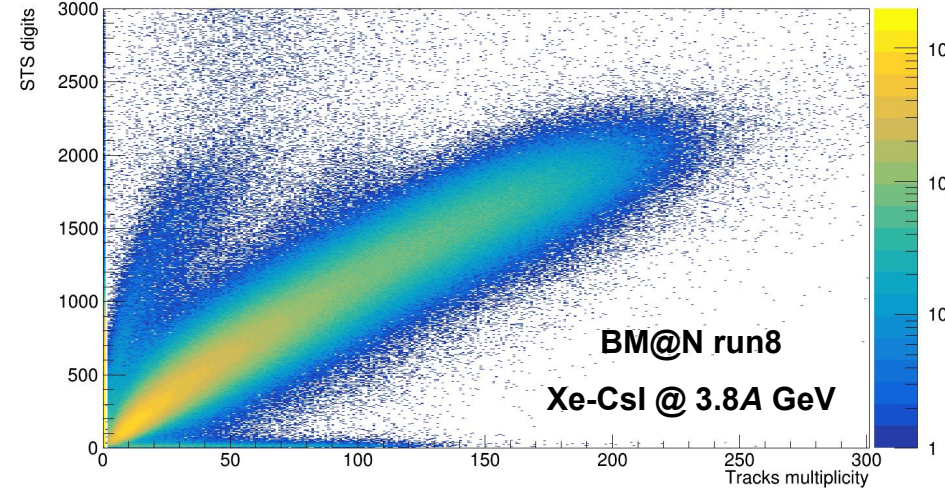
- Suggestions by S.Sedykh:
- New cut saves all events where only one collision occurs
- Difference: 23%  $\longrightarrow$  43% of all events

# Additional graphic cut

BC1 old cut

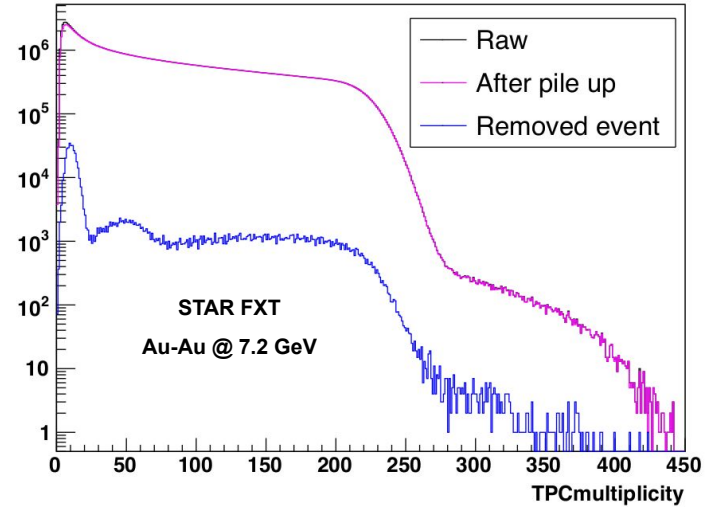
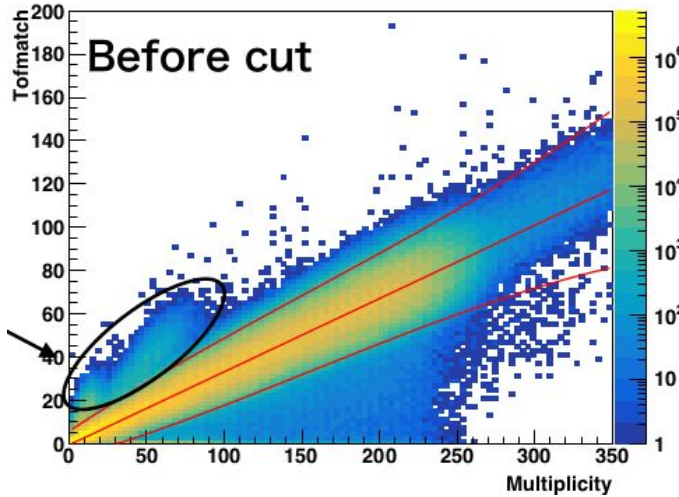


BC1 new cut



- There are some additional structures of events with unusual behaviour which may affect physical results
- Those events can be declined using graphic cut

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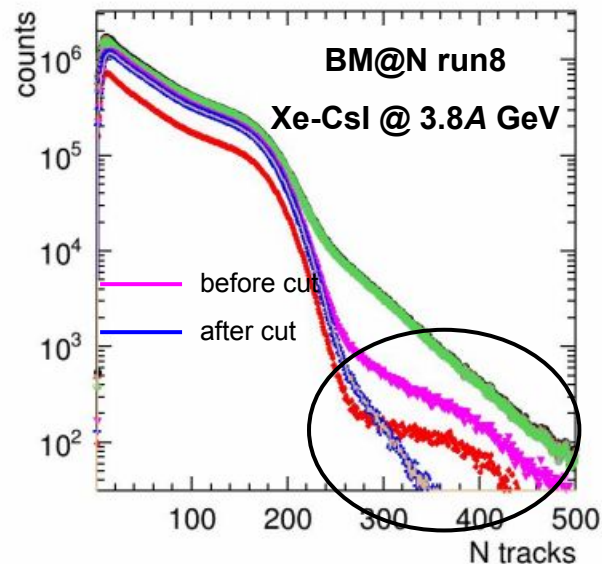
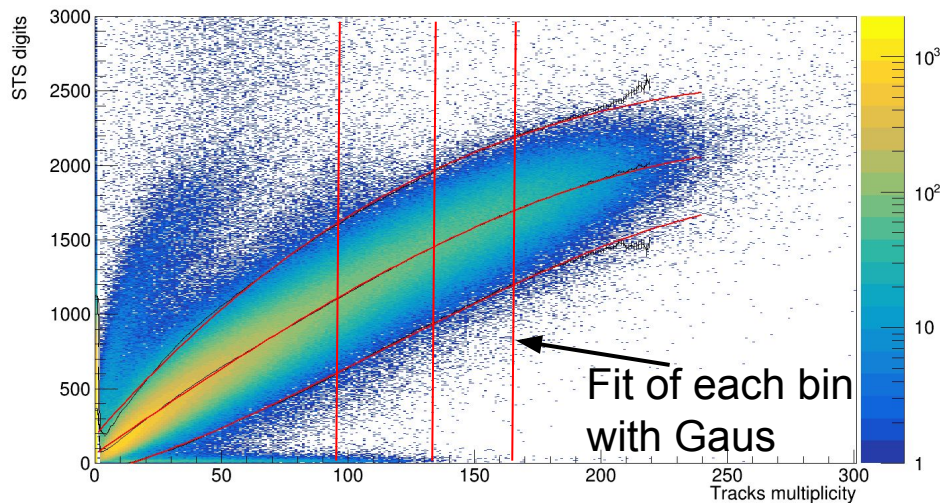


results from STAR by K.Okubo

- In the STAR's case number of tracks matched with TOF were used to reject events with unusual behaviour

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see talk by A.Demanov

- Graphic cut was performed to throw out all events with unusual behaviour:

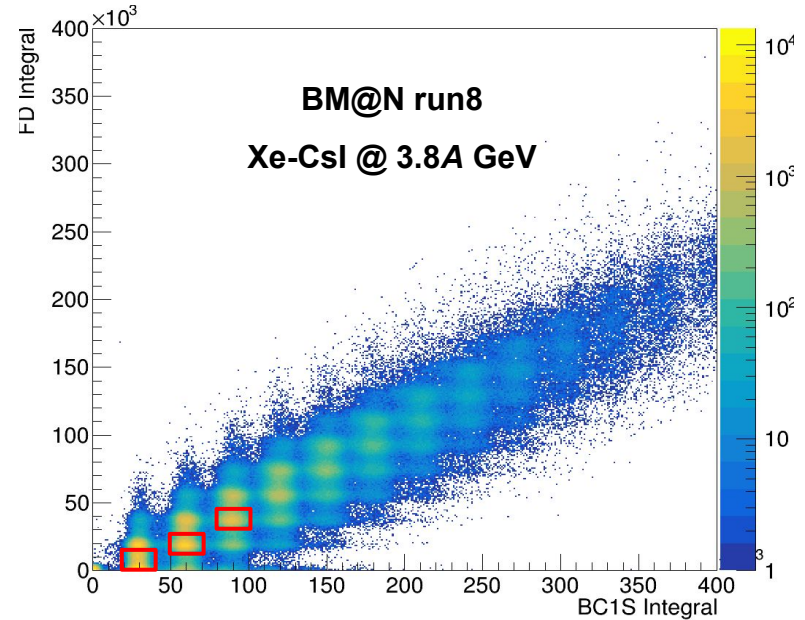
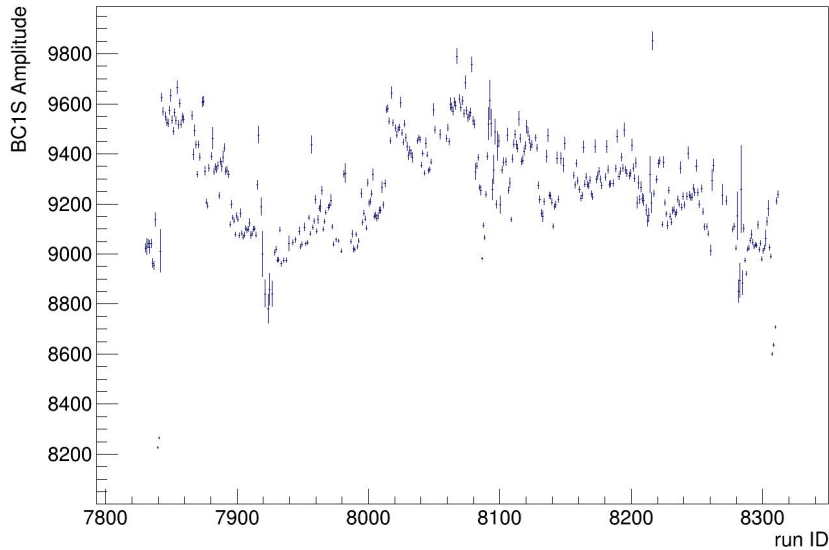
$$STS_{\max}(N_{\text{tracks}}) = 4.6e-05 * N^3 - 0.052 * N^2 + 19.4 * N + 188 \quad (\text{mean} + 3\sigma)$$

$$STS_{\min}(N_{\text{tracks}}) = -9.6e-05 * N^3 + 0.033 * N^2 + 4.8 * N - 74 \quad (\text{mean} - 3\sigma)$$

- Difference: 23%  $\longrightarrow$  41% of all events



# Future improvements



- Calibrate BC1 Amplitude over all runs to improve FD vs BC1 Integrals correlation
- Use areas of each peak instead of line on this correlation
- Finally, we should adjust before/after protection window for physics analysis

# Centrality determination

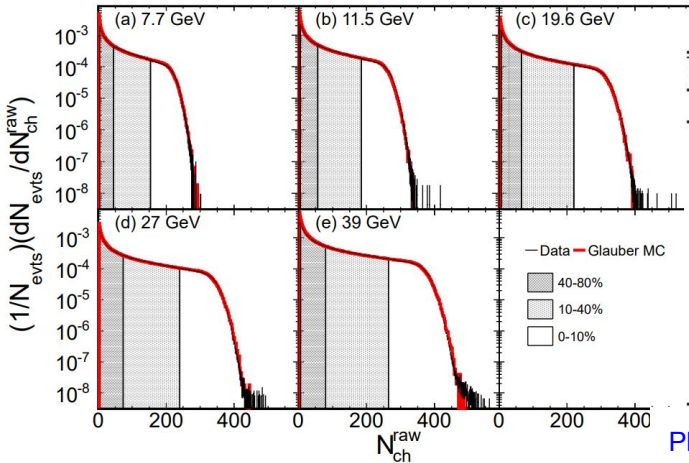
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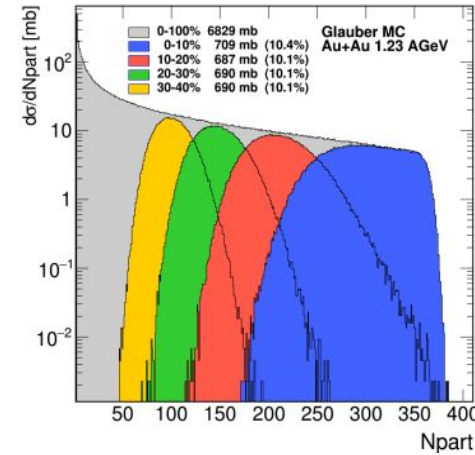
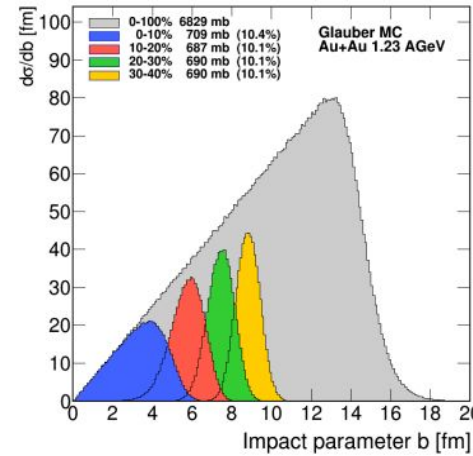
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15-20%	5.70	6.60	6.16	195.5	13.0
20-25%	6.60	7.40	7.01	163.3	12.2
25-30%	7.40	8.10	7.75	135.8	11.4
30-35%	8.10	8.70	8.40	113.2	10.6
35-40%	8.70	9.30	9.00	93.7	10.5
40-45%	9.30	9.90	9.60	75.5	10.1
45-50%	9.90	10.40	10.15	60.4	9.4
50-55%	10.40	10.90	10.65	48.0	8.9
55-60%	10.90	11.40	11.15	36.9	8.3



# Centrality determination based on Monte-Carlo sampling of spectators

For **spectators energy from hadron calorimeters** tested based on NA61/SHINE results

Get ( $N_{\text{spec}}$ ) from MC-Glauber

Calculate total mass of fragments  
 $A_{\text{tot}} = A^{1-f} N_{\text{spec}}$   
(based on the result of DCM-QGSM-SMM model)

Sample hadron calorimeter response ( $S_i$ )  $A_{\text{tot}}$  times from Gauss( $\mu, k$ )

Mixing of produced particles contribution based on Monte-Carlo events

Result: total  $S_{\text{tot}}$

MC-Glauber distribution

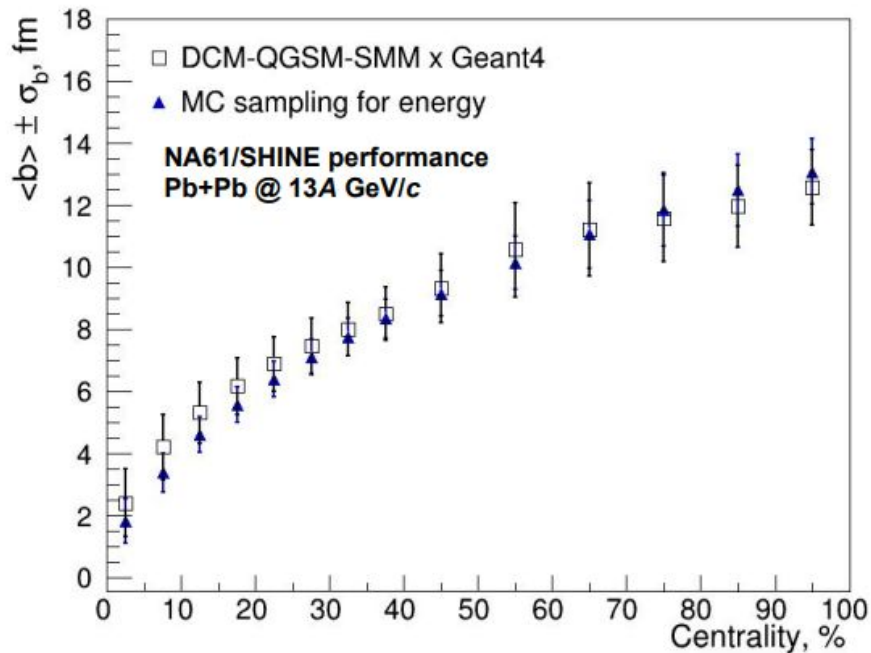
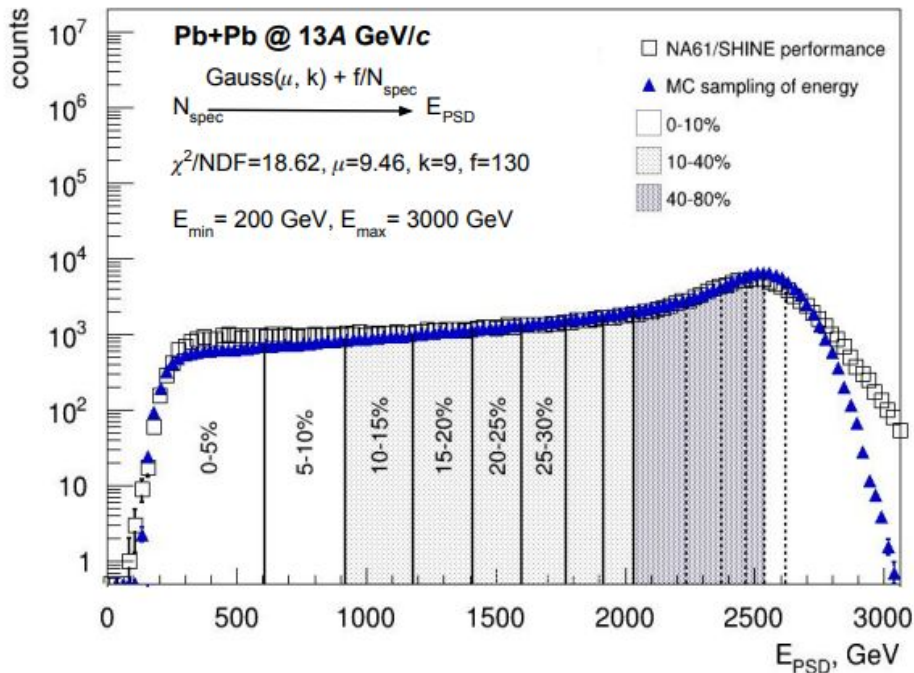
Full Monte-Carlo (real data) distribution

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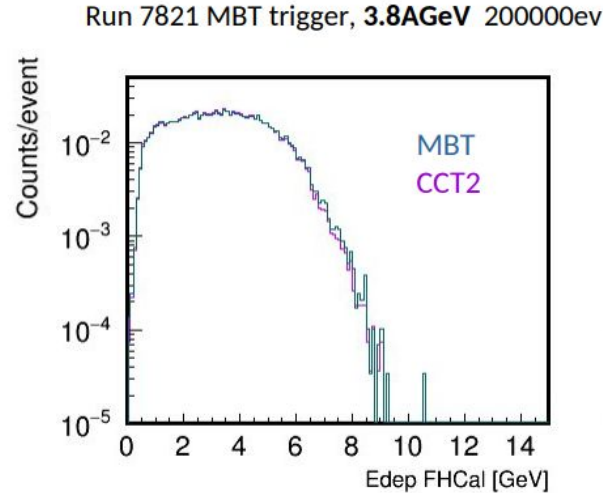
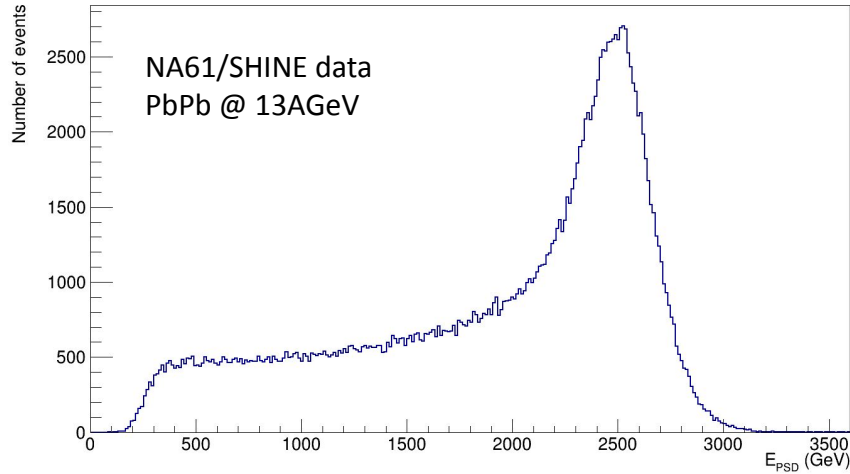
# Simplified MC sampling for hadron calorimeters



see for more details Segal I. Particles. 2023; 6(2):568-579.

- Gauss distribution can not reproduce energy distribution in the most central collisions
- Possible improvements are now under investigation

# How to reconstruct “real” energy of spectators?



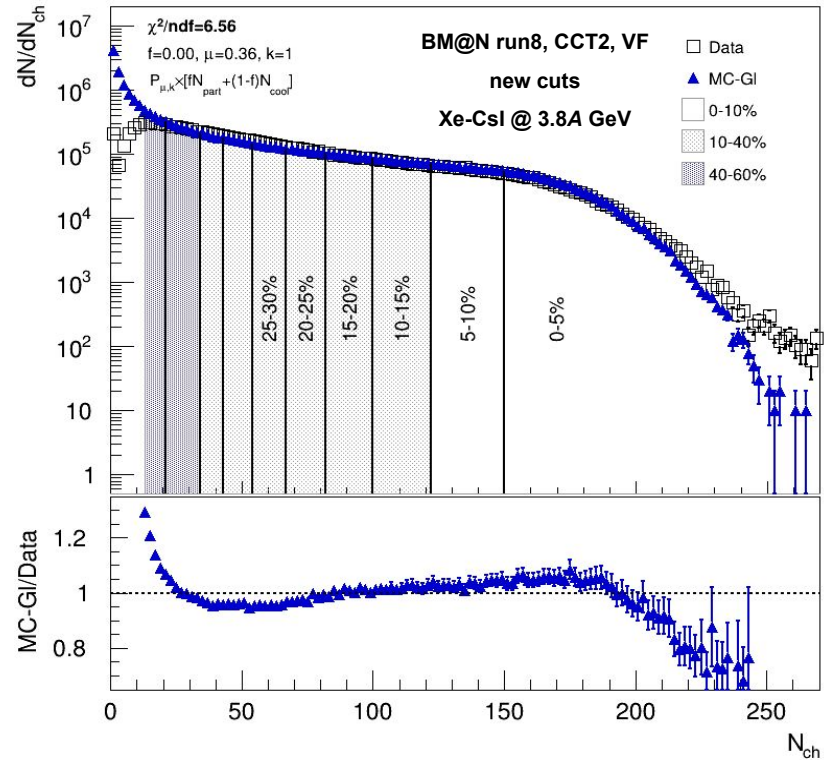
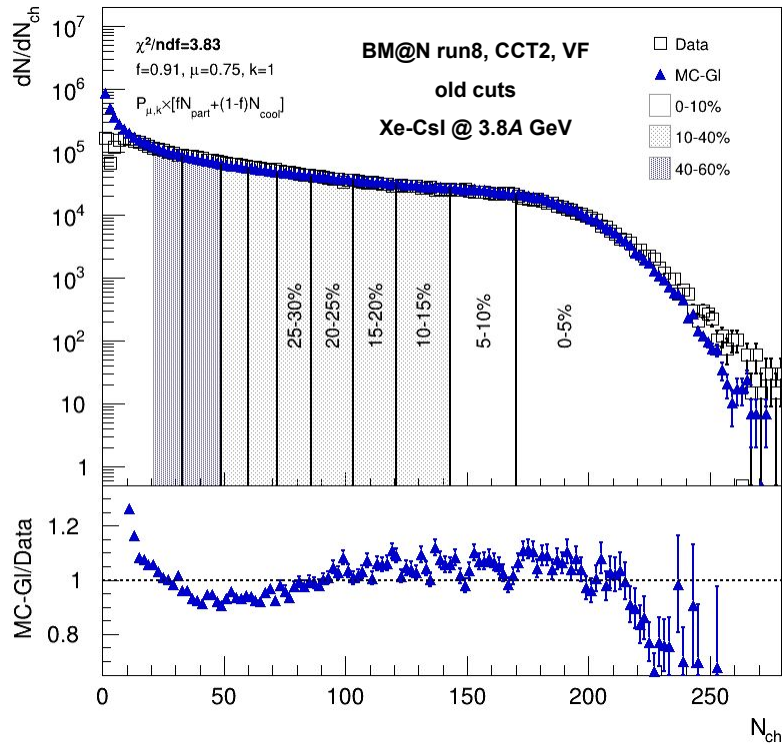
by N.Karpushkin  
at 10th BM@N CM

- In the NA61/SHINE experiment the peak of PSD energy distribution is located at  $E_{\text{beam}} * A_{\text{Pb}} \sim 2700$  GeV
- In our case we don't see range of energies in FHCAL corresponding to collision energy and colliding system
- Is it possible to reconstruct “real” energy of spectators using  $E_{\text{dep}}$ ?
- If so is there any way to do so for Hodoscope?

# Overview of centrality determination methods

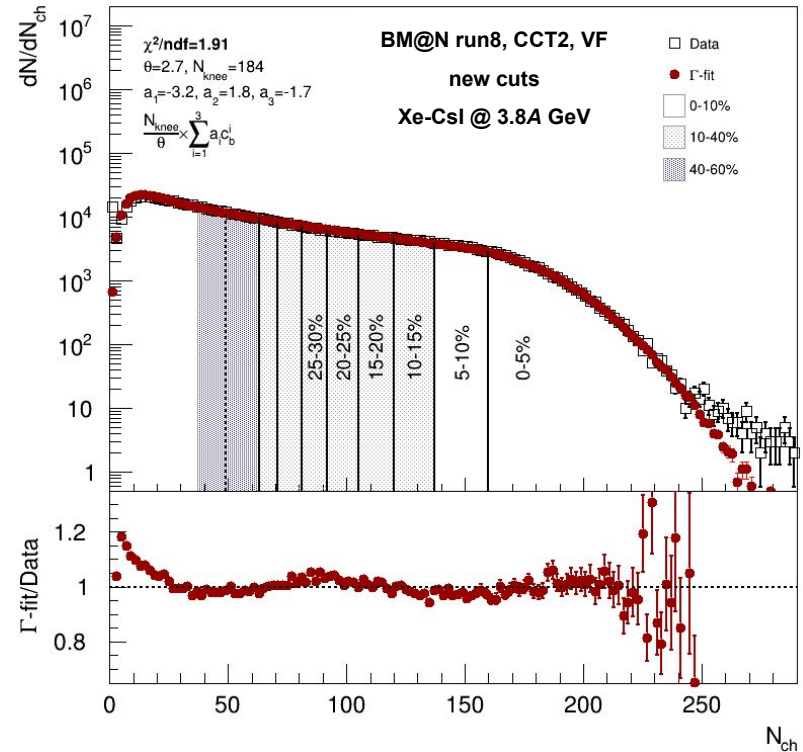
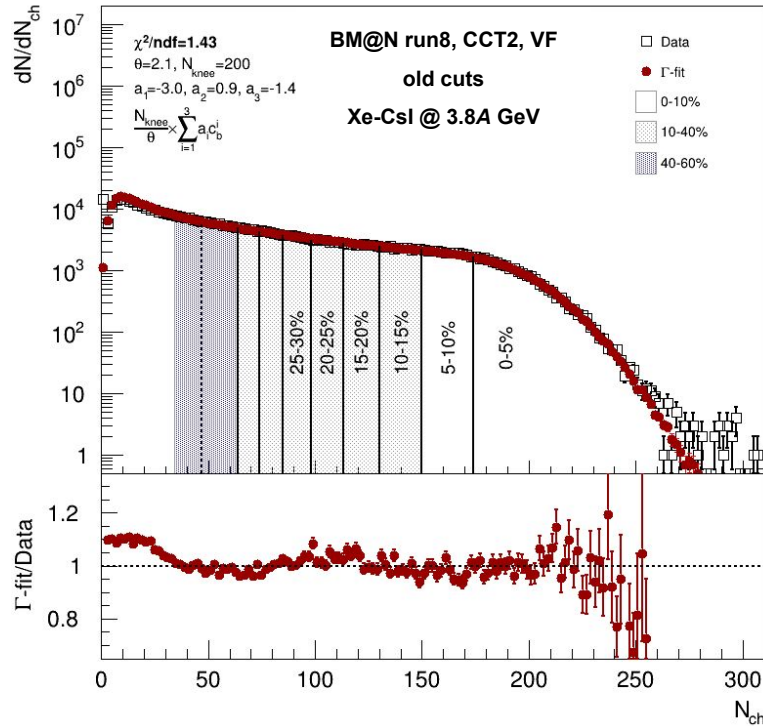
Method type	MC-Glauber based	Model independent (e.g. $\Gamma$ -fit method)	Based on ML
Used in	STAR, ALICE, HADES, CBM, MPD, etc.	ALICE, CMS, ATLAS <small>J. Y. Ollitrault et al. Phys.Rev. C 98 (2018) 024902</small>	Becoming popular <small>Fupeng L. et al. J.Phys.G 47 (2020) 11, 115104</small>
Advantages	Commonly used, well established procedure	Universality due to model independence	The most modern and fast methods
Disadvantages	MC-Glauber model provides non-realistic $N_{part}$ simulations at low energies <small>M. O. Kuttan et al. e-Print: 2303.07919 [hep-ph]</small>	In strong connection with $\sigma_{inel}$ which dependence on energy is not well studied at low energies (same problem for MC-Glauber based methods)	There no way to control the physicality of the methods

# Comparison with older results ( $E_{\text{kin}}=3.8 \text{ GeV}$ )



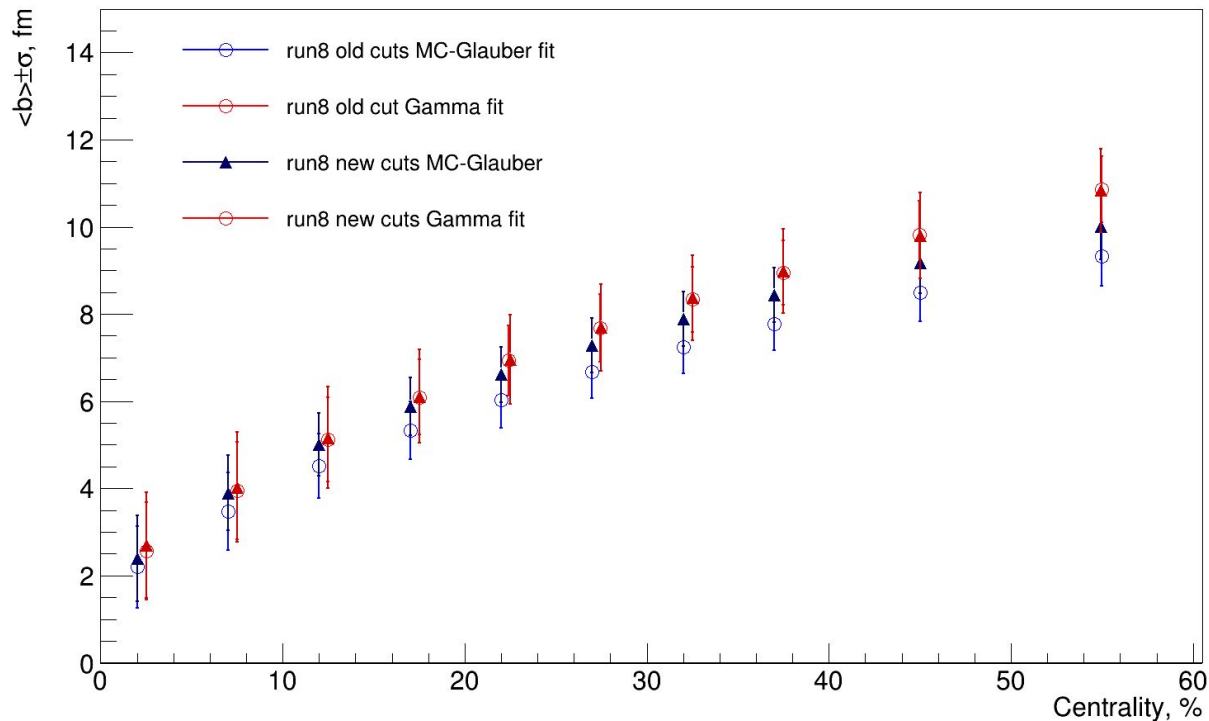
- Glauber fit improved in comparison with previous results
- CCT2 has good efficiency up to 60% centrality
- New centrality classes is used in analysis (see talk by M.Mamaev)

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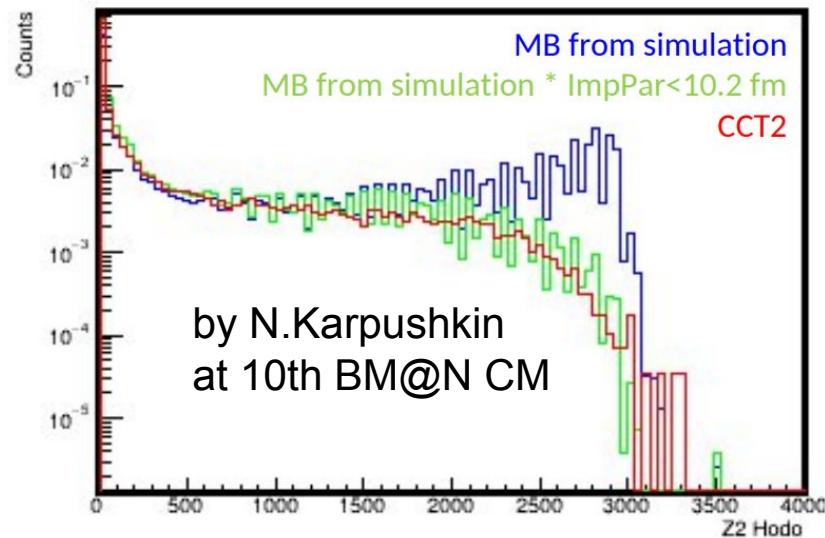
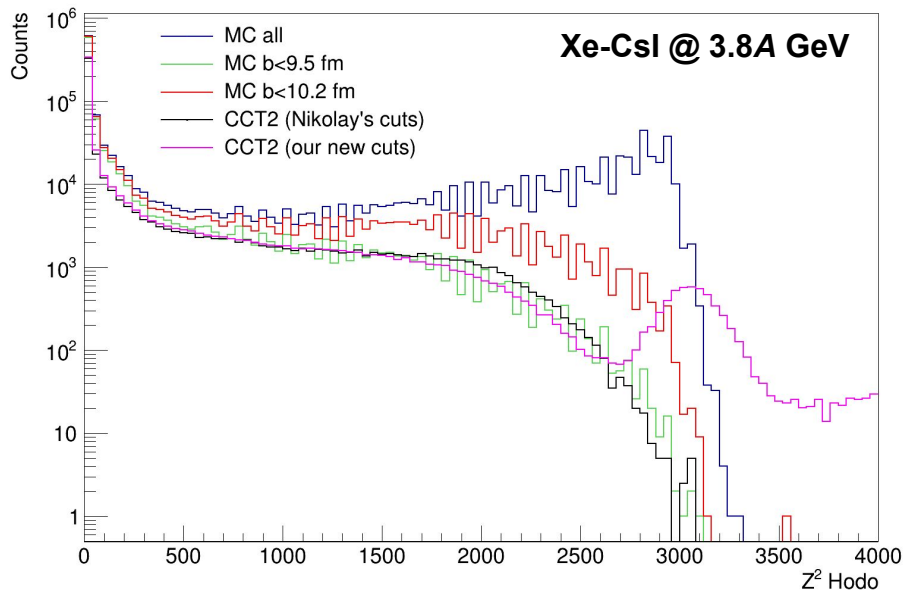
- For the new cuts fit also a little bit better
- These classes can be used during physics analysis
- Trigger efficiency at the peripheral events should be taken into account

# Comparison between impact parameter distributions



- For  $\Gamma$ -fit all centrality classes are comparable
- $\Gamma$ -fit and MC-Glauber fit are now in more agreement with each other

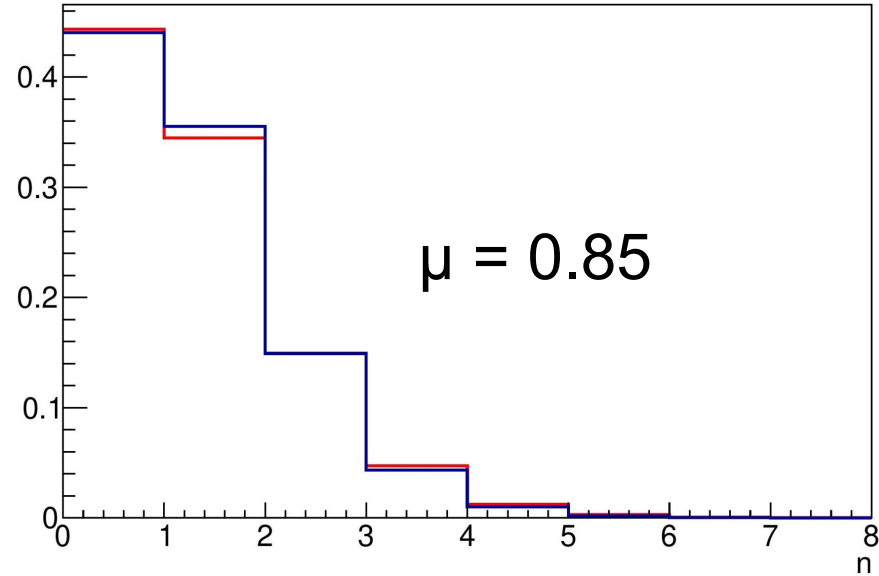
# Estimation of trigger efficiency



- Results do not agree with Nikolay's results from the last CM
- Looks like CCT2 trigger has good efficiency for the events with up to 60% centrality

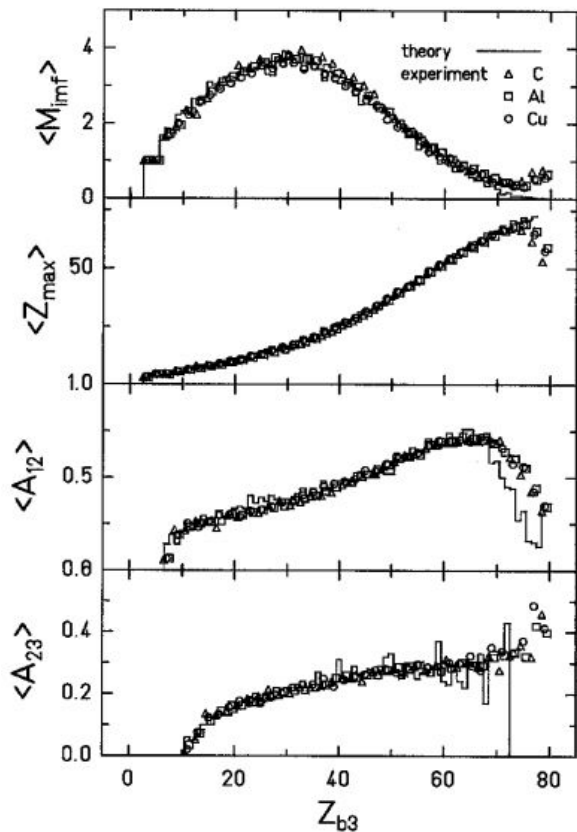


# NBD at different values of k

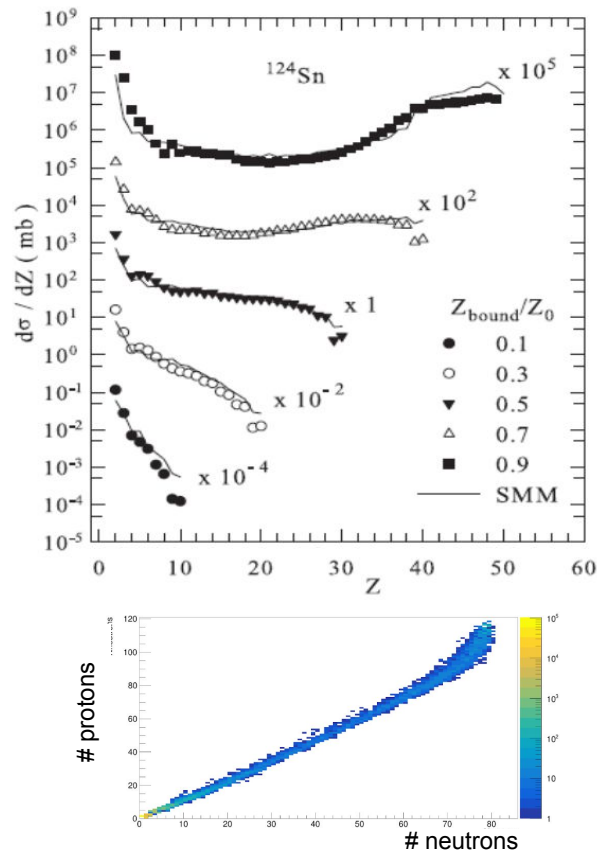


# SMM description of the ALADIN's fragmentation data

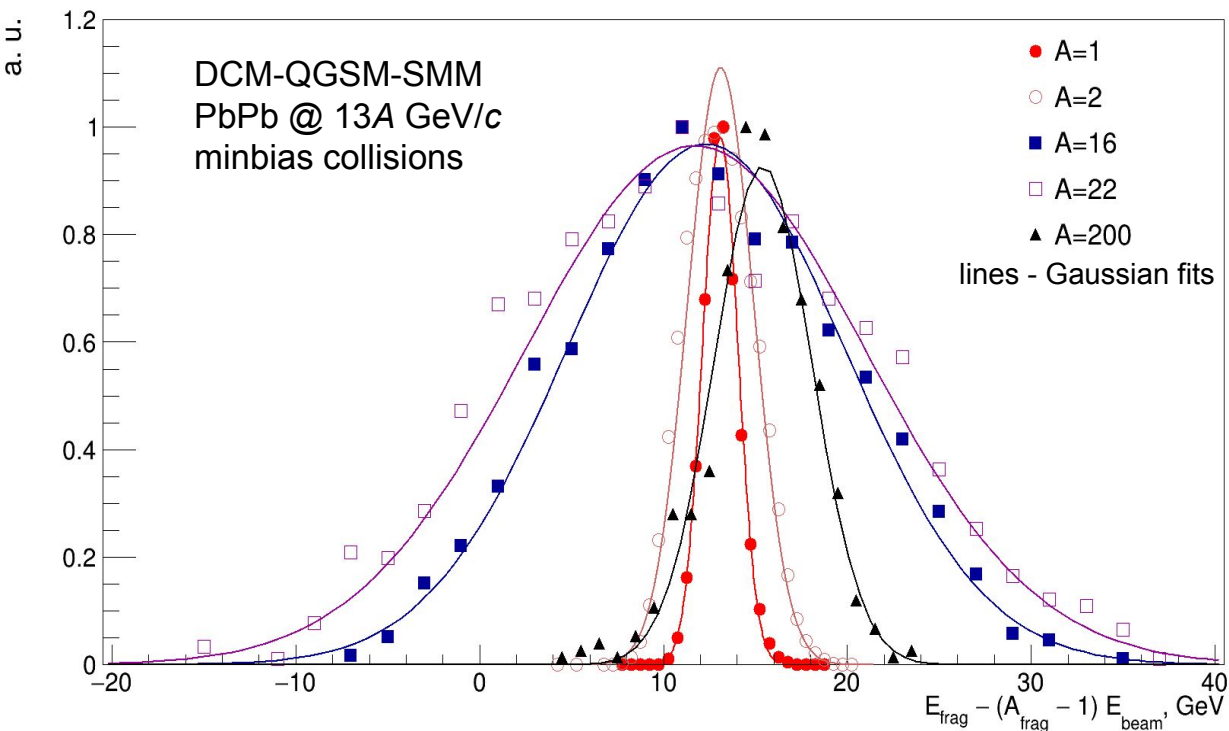
A.S. Botvina et al. NPA 584 (1995) 737



R.Ogul et al. PRC 83, 024608 (2011)



# Gaussian approximation for fragments energy

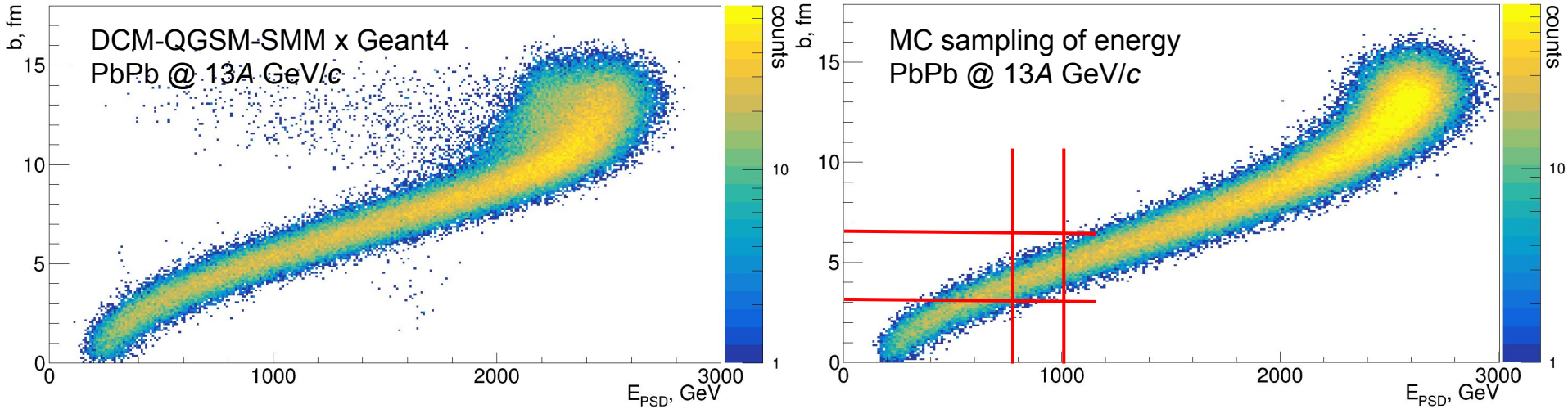


- Distribution of mass numbers of spectators fragments could be fitted by Gauss distribution
- Mean values equal to product of beam energy and fragment's mass
- Total spectators energy distribution is also Gauss:

$$P(E_{tot}; \mu_{tot}, k_{tot}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{N_{frag}} P(E_{frag}^i; \mu_{frag}^i, k_{frag}^i) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{N_{spec}} P(E_{spec}^j; \mu_{spec}^j, k_{spec}^j)$$

- Measured energy distribution follows convolution of two Gauss distributions (sum of fragments energy and detector response)

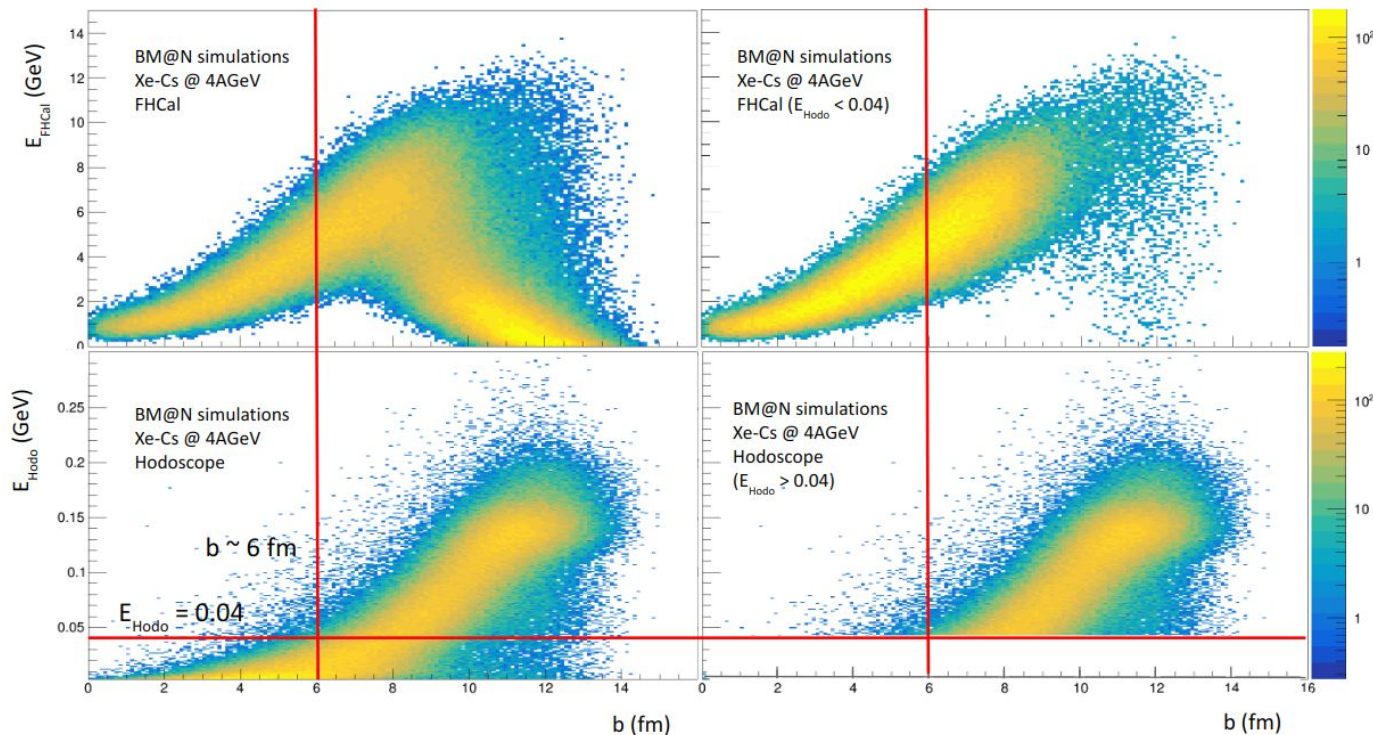
# Simplified MC sampling for hadron calorimeters



Segal I. Particles. 2023; 6(2):568-579.

- Shapes of energy and impact parameter distributions are similar
- Width of distribution for energy is larger than for multiplicity
- Possible decrease of width will be study

# Possibilities of spectators fragments as estimators



- Physical threshold of switching between estimators could be Hodoscope signal  $E_{\text{Hodoscope}} = 0.04$  (corresponding to  $b \sim 6$  fm)
- FHCal energy distribution improved and has more linear correlation with impact parameter (for range  $E_{\text{Hodoscope}} < 0.04$ )
- There is good correlation between Hodoscope charge and impact parameter (for range  $E_{\text{Hodoscope}} > 0.04$ )