

# Centrality determination in the BM@N experiment

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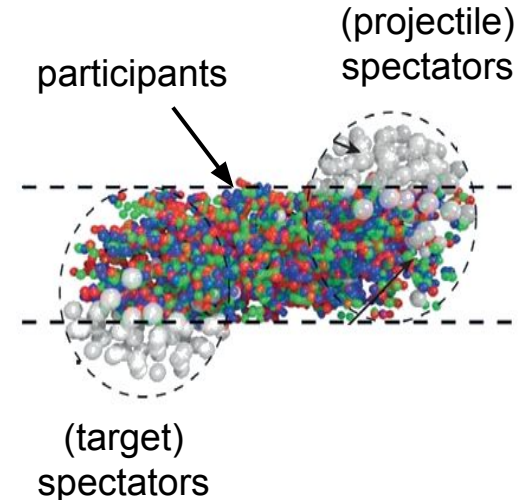
# Motivation for centrality determination

- 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)

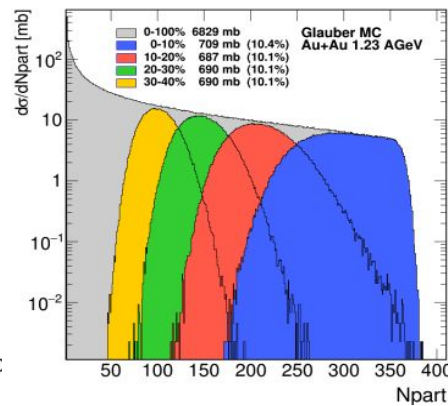
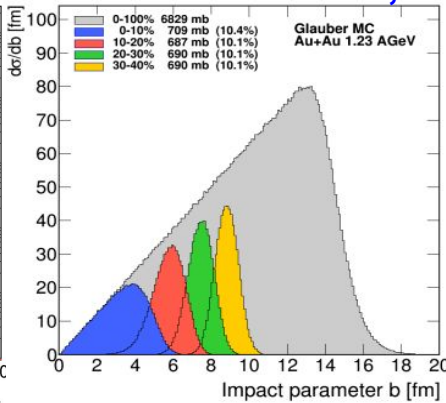
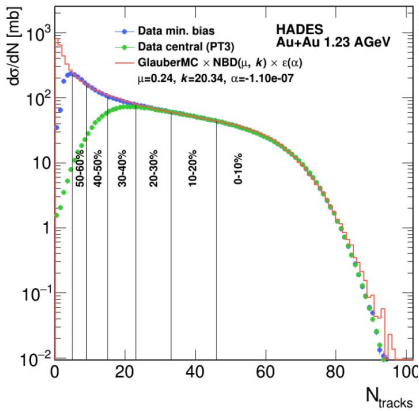
- Centrality class  $S_1$ - $S_2$ : group of events corresponding to a given fraction (in %) of the total cross section:

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



# Centrality determination

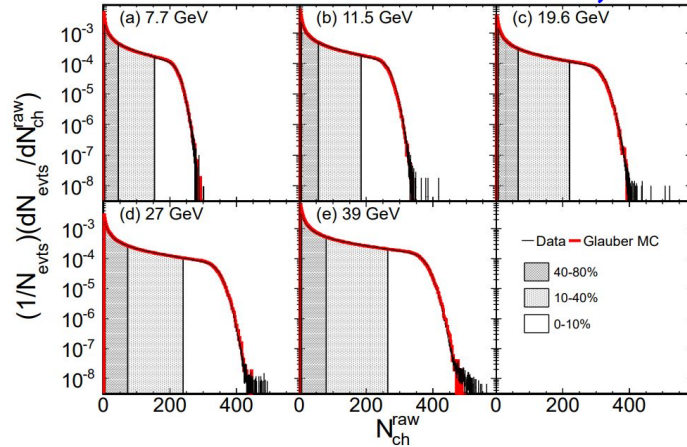
## HADES, Au+Au 1.23A GeV



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Centrality Classes	$b_{\min}$	$b_{\max}$	$\langle b \rangle$
0 – 5 %	0.00	3.30	2.20
5 – 10 %	3.30	4.70	4.04
10 – 15 %	4.70	5.70	5.22
15 – 20 %	5.70	6.60	6.16
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
40 – 45 %	9.30	9.90	9.60
45 – 50 %	9.90	10.40	10.15
50 – 55 %	10.40	10.90	10.65
55 – 60 %	10.90	11.40	11.15

## STAR, Au+Au, BES



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Centrality (%)	$\langle N_{part} \rangle$	$\langle N_{coll} \rangle$
0-5%	$337 \pm 2$	$774 \pm 28$
5-10%	$290 \pm 6$	$629 \pm 20$
10-20%	$226 \pm 8$	$450 \pm 22$
20-30%	$160 \pm 10$	$283 \pm 24$
30-40%	$110 \pm 11$	$171 \pm 23$
40-50%	$72 \pm 10$	$96 \pm 19$
50-60%	$45 \pm 9$	$52 \pm 13$
60-70%	$26 \pm 7$	$25 \pm 9$
70-80%	$14 \pm 4$	$12 \pm 5$

Centrality determination based on multiplicity provides with:

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

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

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

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

Get  $(b, N_{\text{part}}, N_{\text{coll}})$  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 ( $\mu, \mathbf{k}$ )

Multiplicities from two collision events are randomly  
superimposed with the probability  $\mathbf{p}$  (pileup events)

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

MC-Glauber  
distribution

Full Monte-Carlo (real  
data) distribution

Evaluate  $\chi^2$   
between  $N/dN_{\text{MC/data}}$  and  $N/dN_{\text{GI}}$

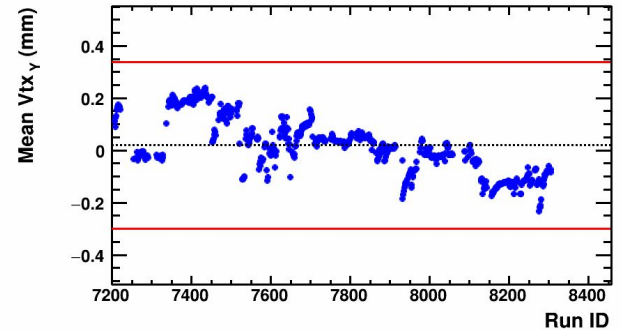
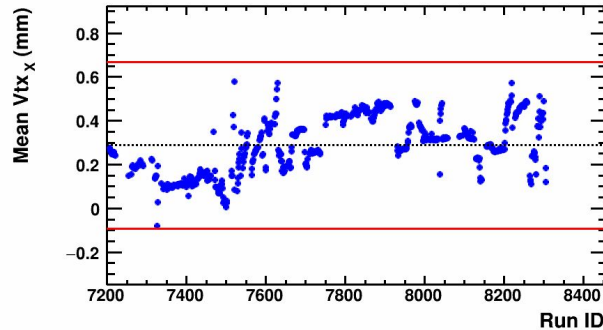
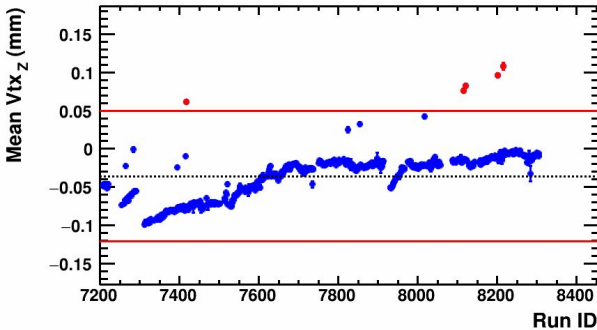
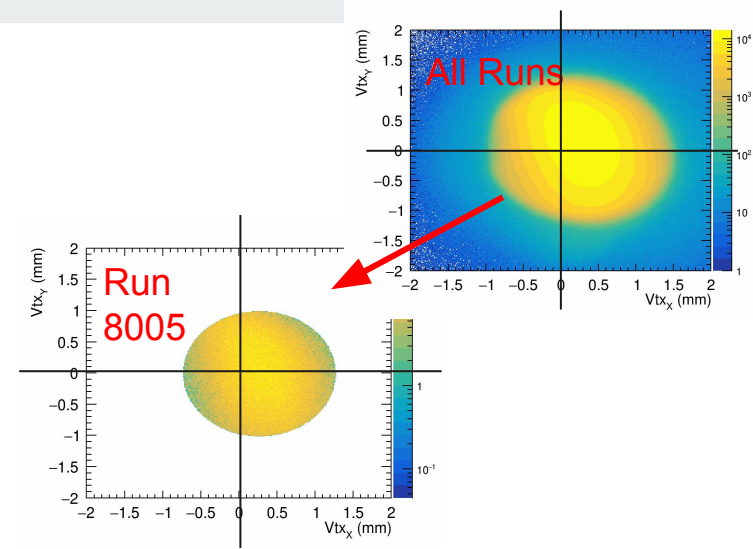
Scan phase space of parameters  
to find their values for minimum of  $\chi^2$

Extract relation between geometry  
parameters and centrality estimator

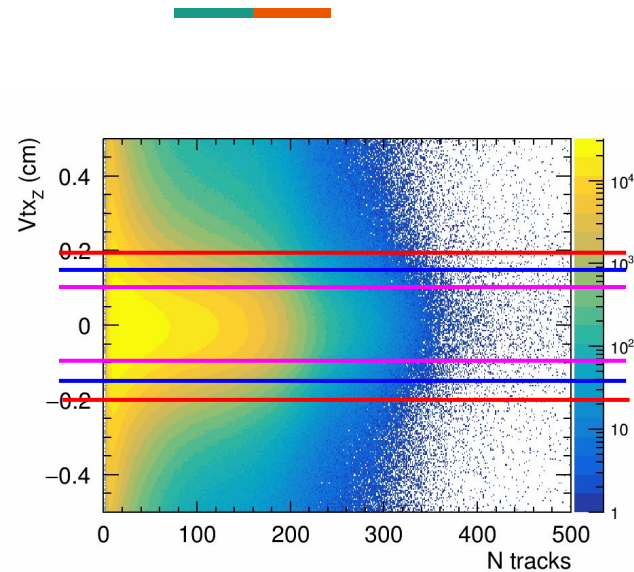


# Event selection

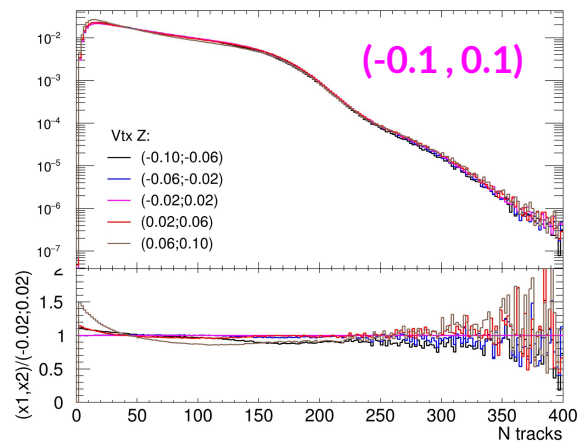
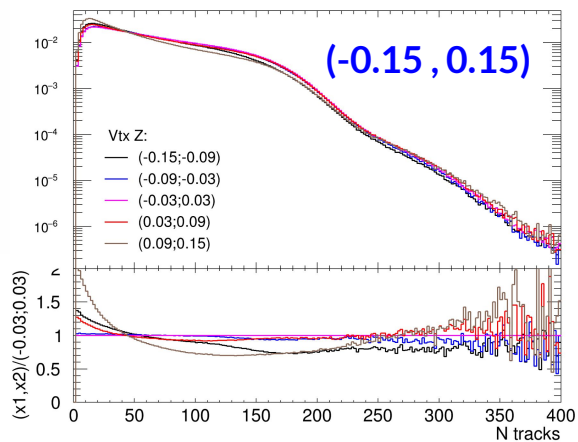
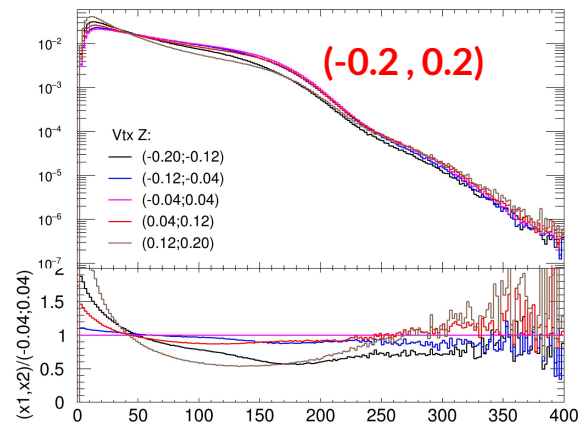
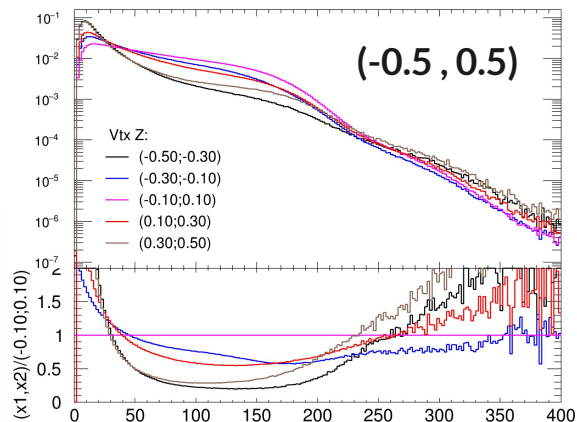
- Xe+Cs 3.8 GeV
- Production= last
- Triggers: CCT2
- Remove BadRuns
- Corrected on  $\langle VtxX \rangle$ ,  $\langle VtxY \rangle$ ,  $\langle VtxZ \rangle$  for each RunId
- Event selection:
  - Physical runs
  - More than 1 track in vertex reconstruction
  - $VtxR < 1.0$  cm ( $\sqrt{VtxY_{corr}^2 + VtxX_{corr}^2} < 1$  cm )
  - $VtxZ < 0.2$  cm (  $< 0.2$  cm,  $< 0.5$  cm,  $< 1.0$  cm )
  - Apply graphics cuts to remove pileup



# Vertex Z



Use  $VtxZ < 0.2$



# Main problem with centrality based on MC-Glauber at low energies

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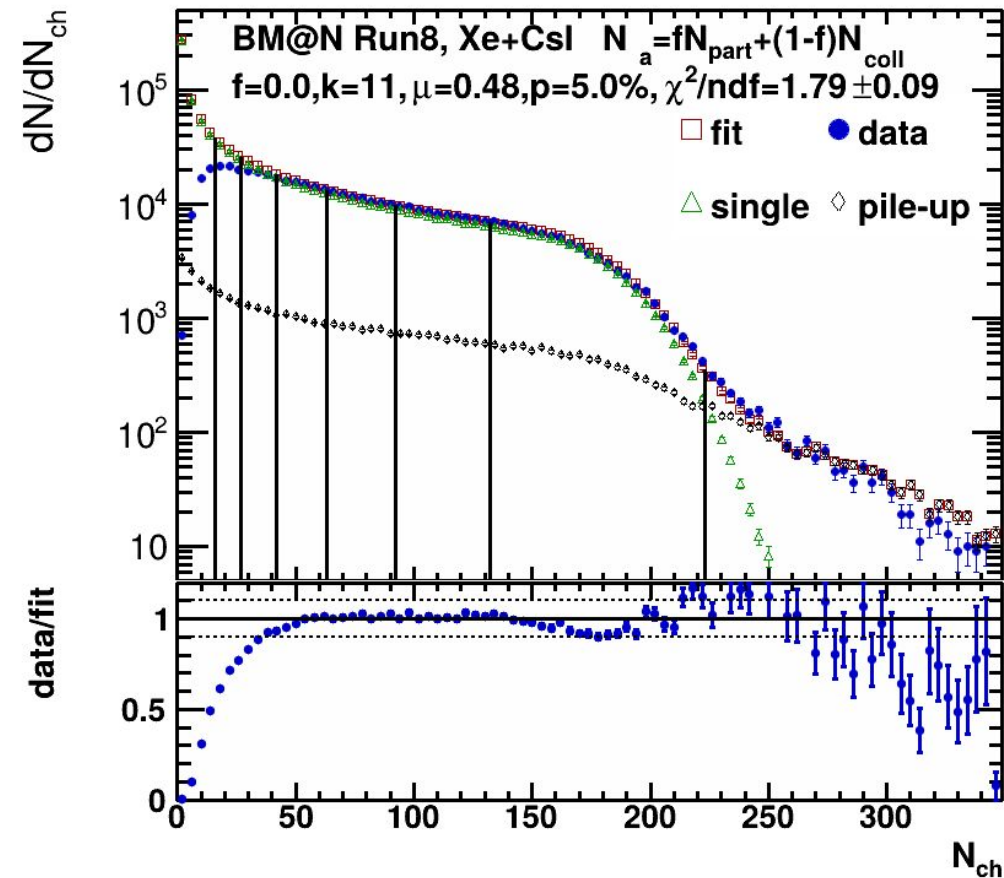
Multiplicity Cuts:

- CCT2
- $N_{\text{vtxTr}} > 1$
- (Sts digi vs  $N_{\text{tr}}$ ) cut
- $V_r < 1$  mm
- $V_z < 0.2$  mm

Fit suggests unphysical results

- $f=0$  - means that hard processes are dominating
- hard to fit pion multiplicity (or small systems)

Maybe our parametrization of multiplicity is not working at low energies?



# Multiplicity in pp/nn/np collisions

Generally NBD is used to define multiplicity  $N_{ch}$  in such collisions:

$$P(n; \mu, k) = \frac{\Gamma(n+k)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(k)} \frac{\left(\frac{\mu}{k}\right)^n}{\left(\frac{\mu}{k} + 1\right)^{n+k}}$$

$(\mu+k)$

Mean:  $\mu$

Variance:  $\mu/k$

It works at high energies where  $\mu > 1, k > 1$ .

However at lower energies we likely have situation where  $\mu < 1, k < 1$ . NBD cannot be applicable in that case. We have to use generalized function - gamma distribution (GD):

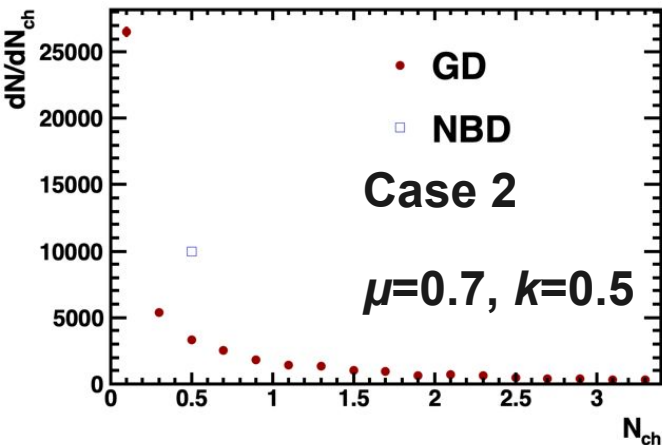
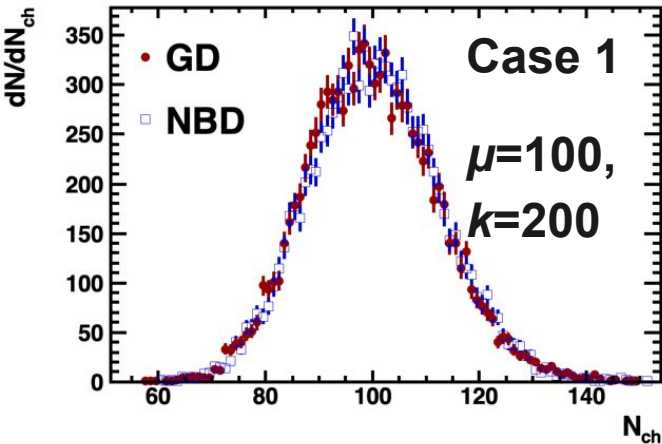
$$P(x; \mu, k) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} x^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)}, \alpha = \frac{\mu k}{\mu + k}, \beta = \frac{\mu}{k} + 1$$

$(\mu+k)$

Mean:  $\mu$

Variance:  $\mu/k$

# Multiplicity in pp/nn/np collisions



**Case 1:**  $k > 1, \mu \sim \sigma^2 = \mu/k \cdot (\mu + k)$ . The mean multiplicity is generally on the same level as its variation.

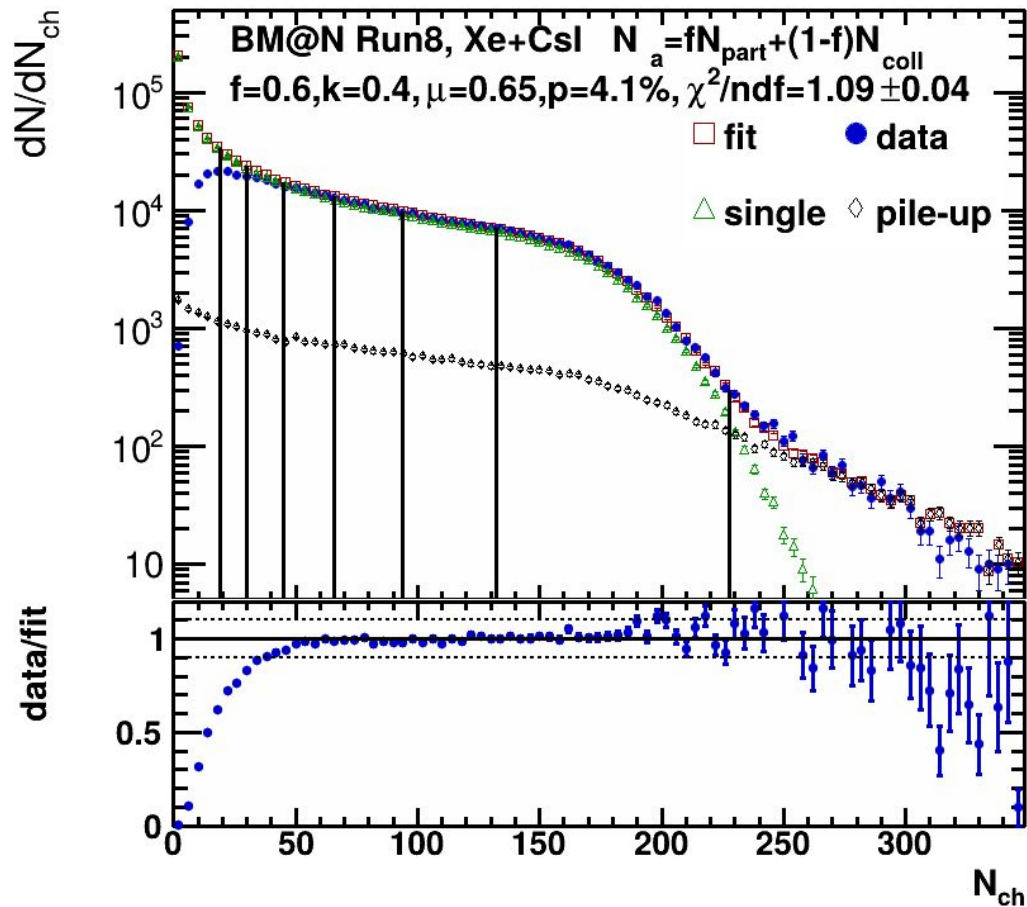
**Case 2:**  $k < 1, \mu < \sigma^2 = \mu/k \cdot (\mu + k)$ . The mean multiplicity might be smaller than its variation.

**Case 1** can be defined with both NBD and GD.  
**Case 2** can be defined with GD only!

Case 2 can be more feasible at lower energies, where we have smaller multiplicities and relation between  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  might vary greatly

**What do we get if we implement it into our centrality procedure?**

# Multiplicity fit & centrality classes: $h^\pm$

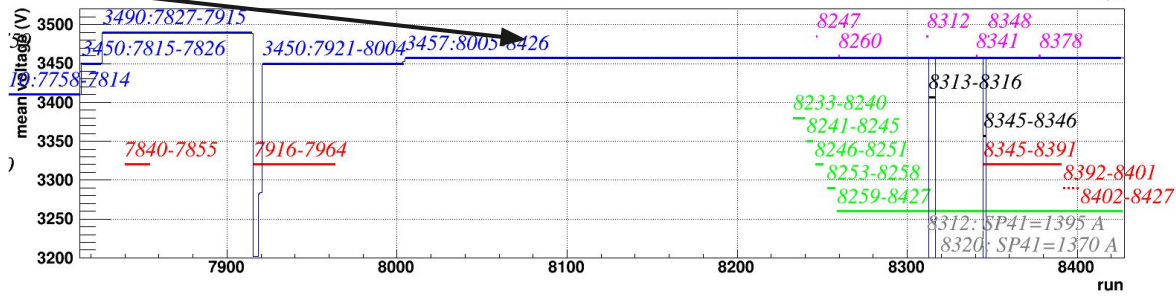
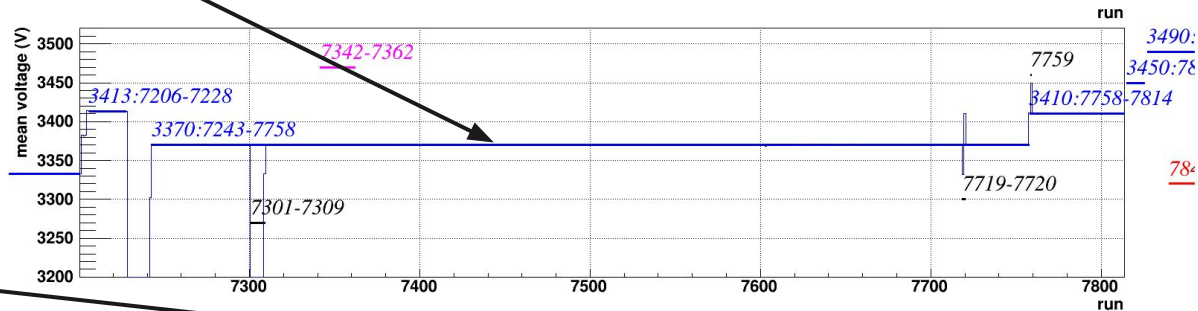
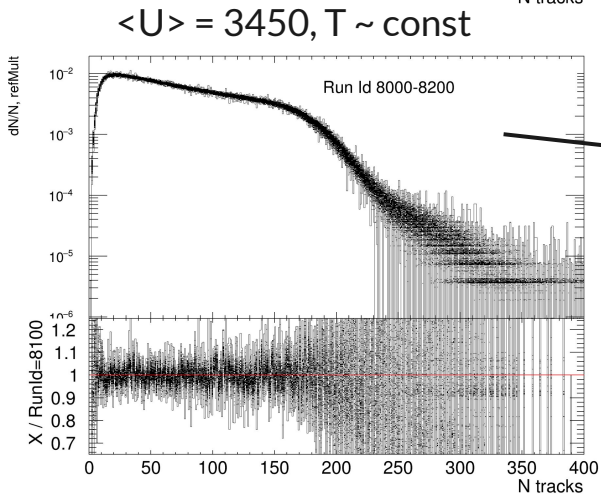
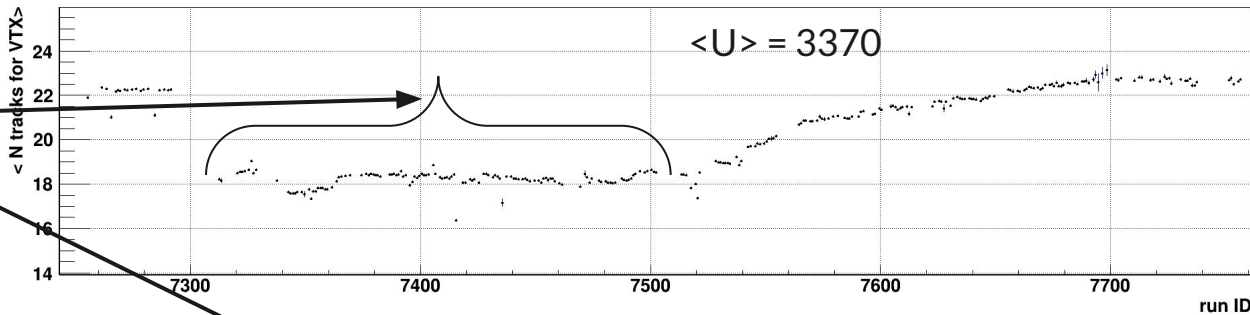
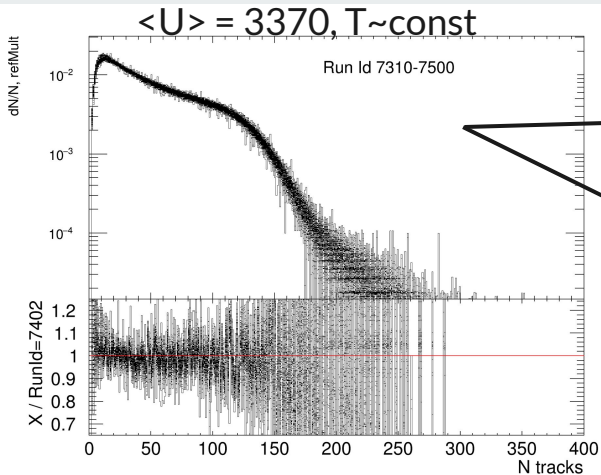


RunId: 8120-8170

Multiplicity Cuts:

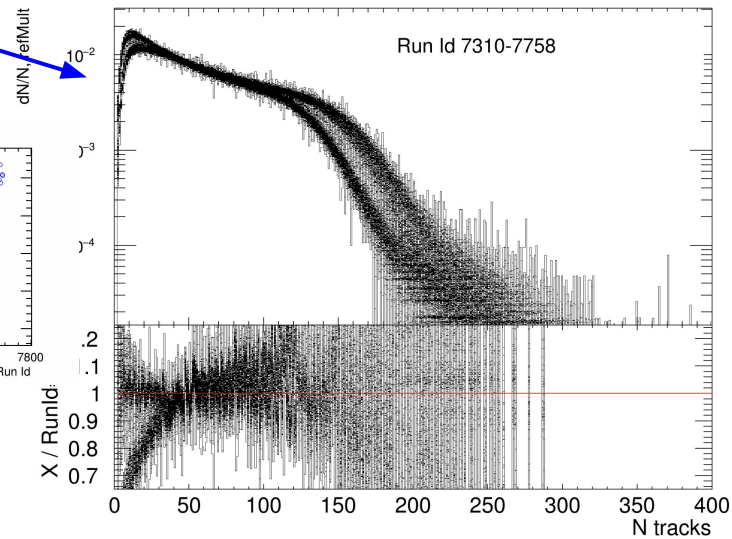
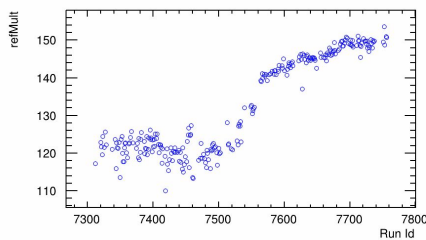
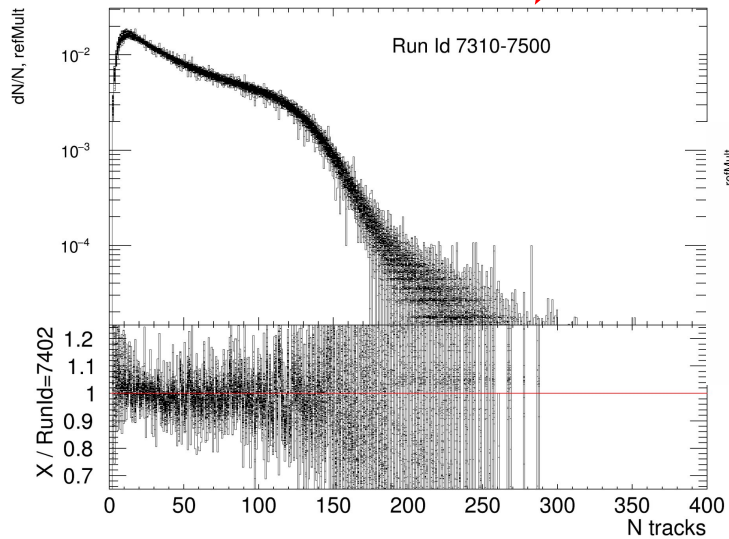
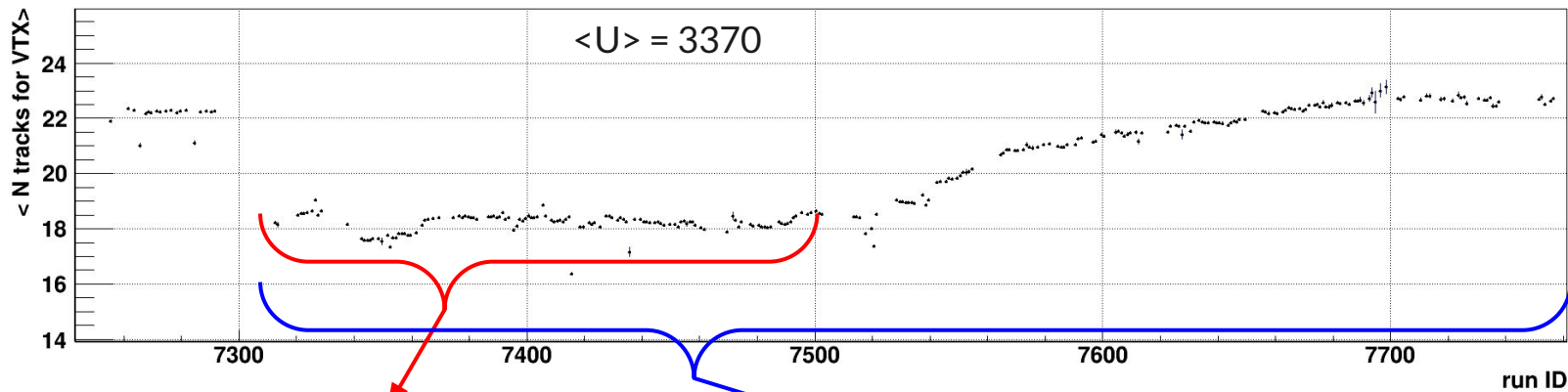
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# Multiplicity & RunID: Effect of voltage





# Multiplicity & RunID: Effect of temperature





# Multiplicity corrections: shift

Procedure:

- RunId<sub>ref</sub>: 8120-8170
- Extract the high-end point of refMult distribution in each RunId via fitting the refMult tail by the function:

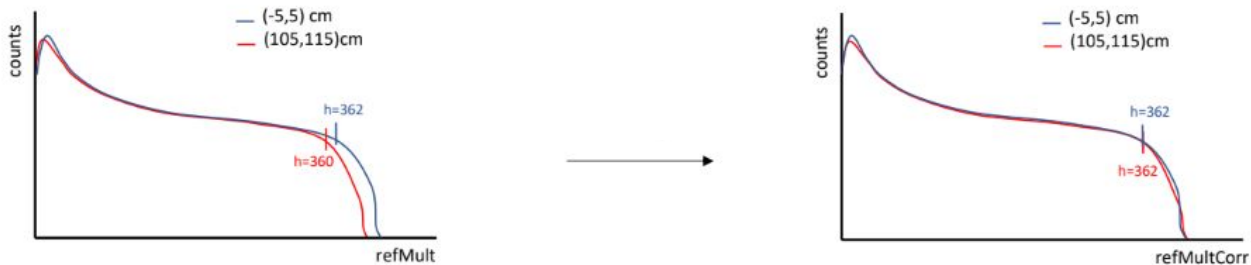
$$f(\text{refMult}) = A * \text{Erf}(-\sigma * (\text{refMult} - h)) + A$$

- refMult can then be corrected by:

$$\text{RunId\_CorrFactor}(\text{RunId}) = h_{\text{ref}} / h(\text{RunId})$$

$$\text{refMultCorr} = \text{refMult} * \text{RunId\_CorrFactor}$$

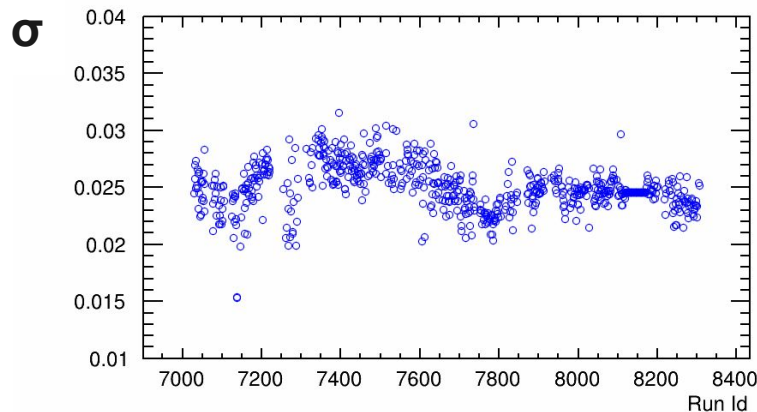
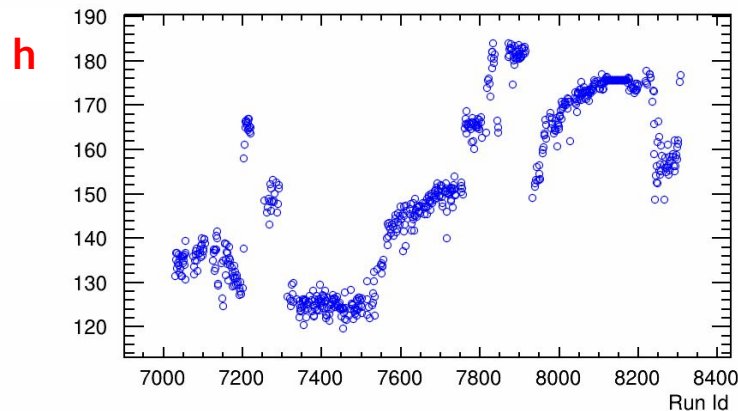
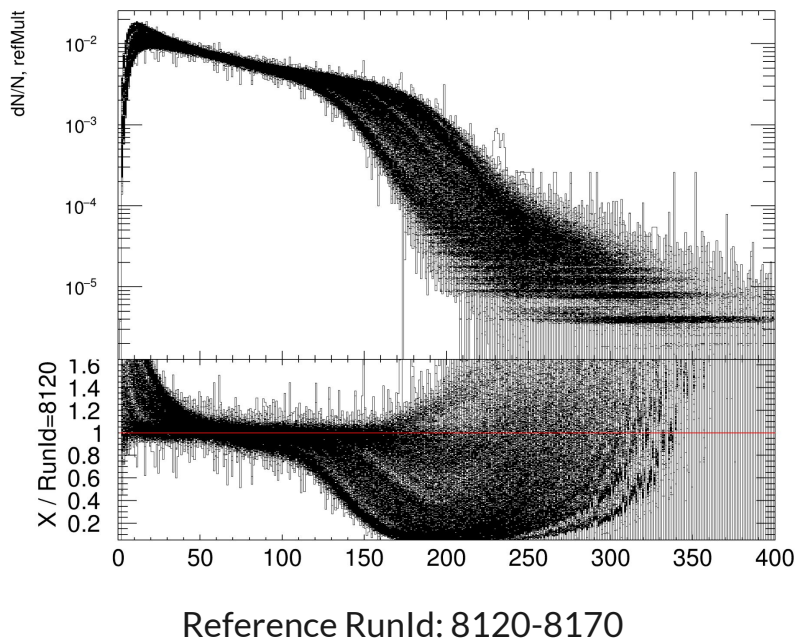
Example



# Mult vs RunId: Shift(1)

fit:  $A \cdot \text{Erf}(-\sigma \cdot (\text{refMult} - h)) + A$

$h, \sigma \rightarrow$  right picture

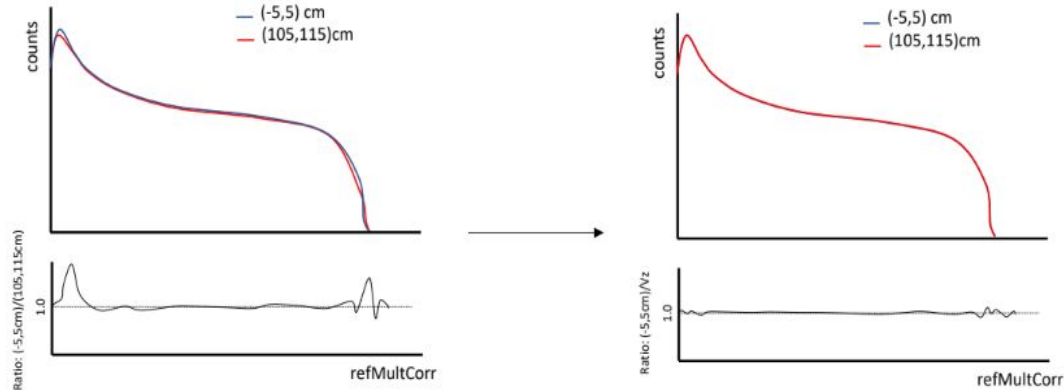


# Multiplicity corrections: reweight

Procedure:

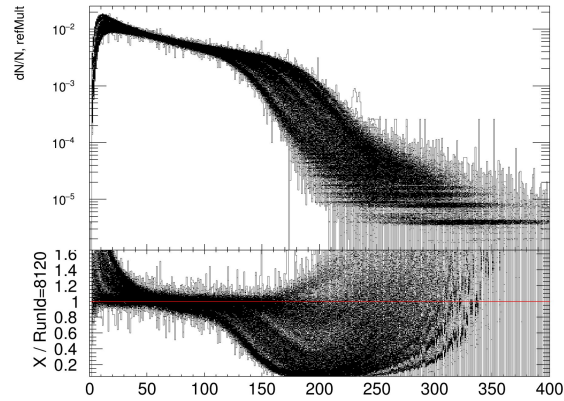
- RunId<sub>ref</sub>: 8120-8170
- refMult bin by refMult bin - weight each event by the ratio of normalized refMultCorr for RunId<sub>ref</sub> to refMultCorr for this RunId
- This gives the refMultCorr distributions at each RunId value the same shape

Example

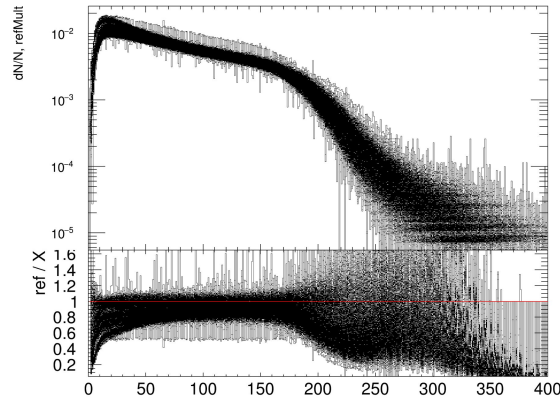


# Mult vs RunId: Shift and re-weight

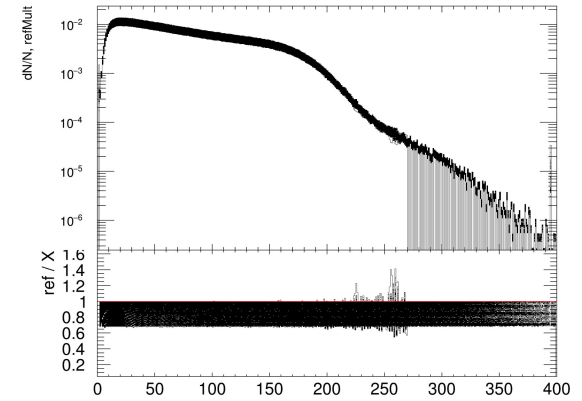
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After shift



After re-weight



Multiplicity after corrections:

- will be added in bmnroot
- used to centrality determination

# Summary and outlook

- A new approach to accounting for pileup is considered
- The MC-Glauber method reproduce charged particle multiplicity for fixed-target experiment at BM@N
- Corrections for vertex and RunId was proposed
- Optimization of selection criteria:
  - reduction the pileup effect
- Adding centrality and refMult in bmnroot

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

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

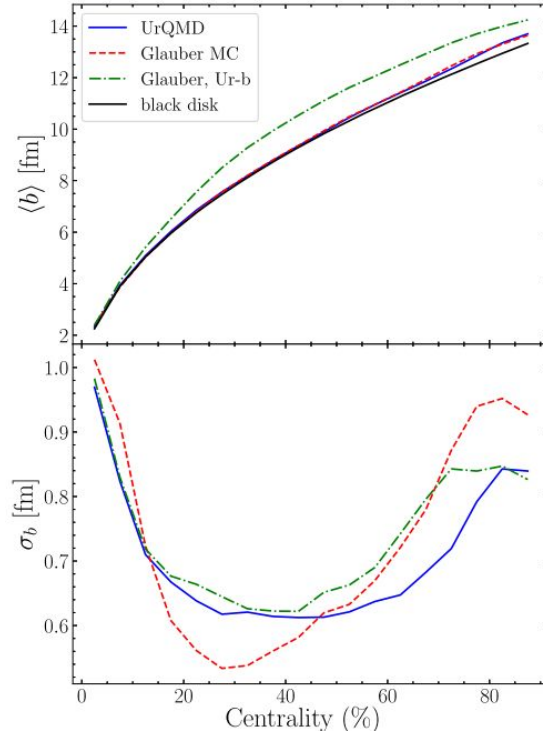
- elastic scatterings



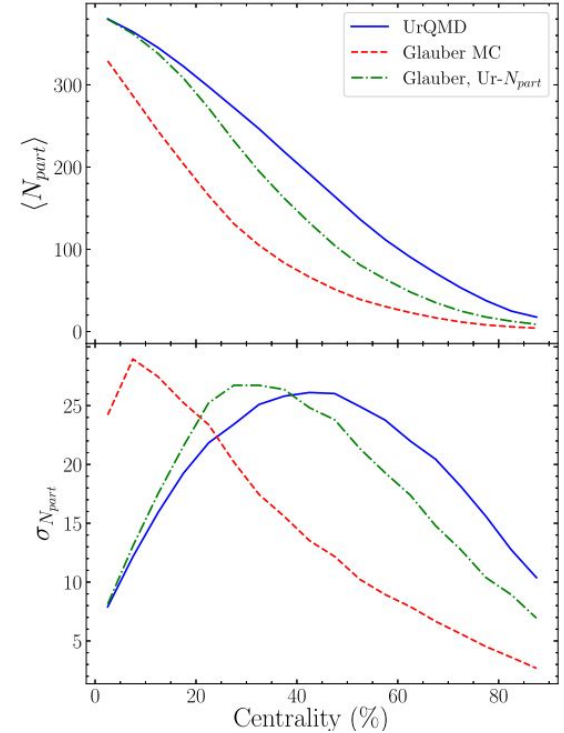
Differences in of number of participant nucleons ( $N_{part}$ ) distributions from UrQMD and MC

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

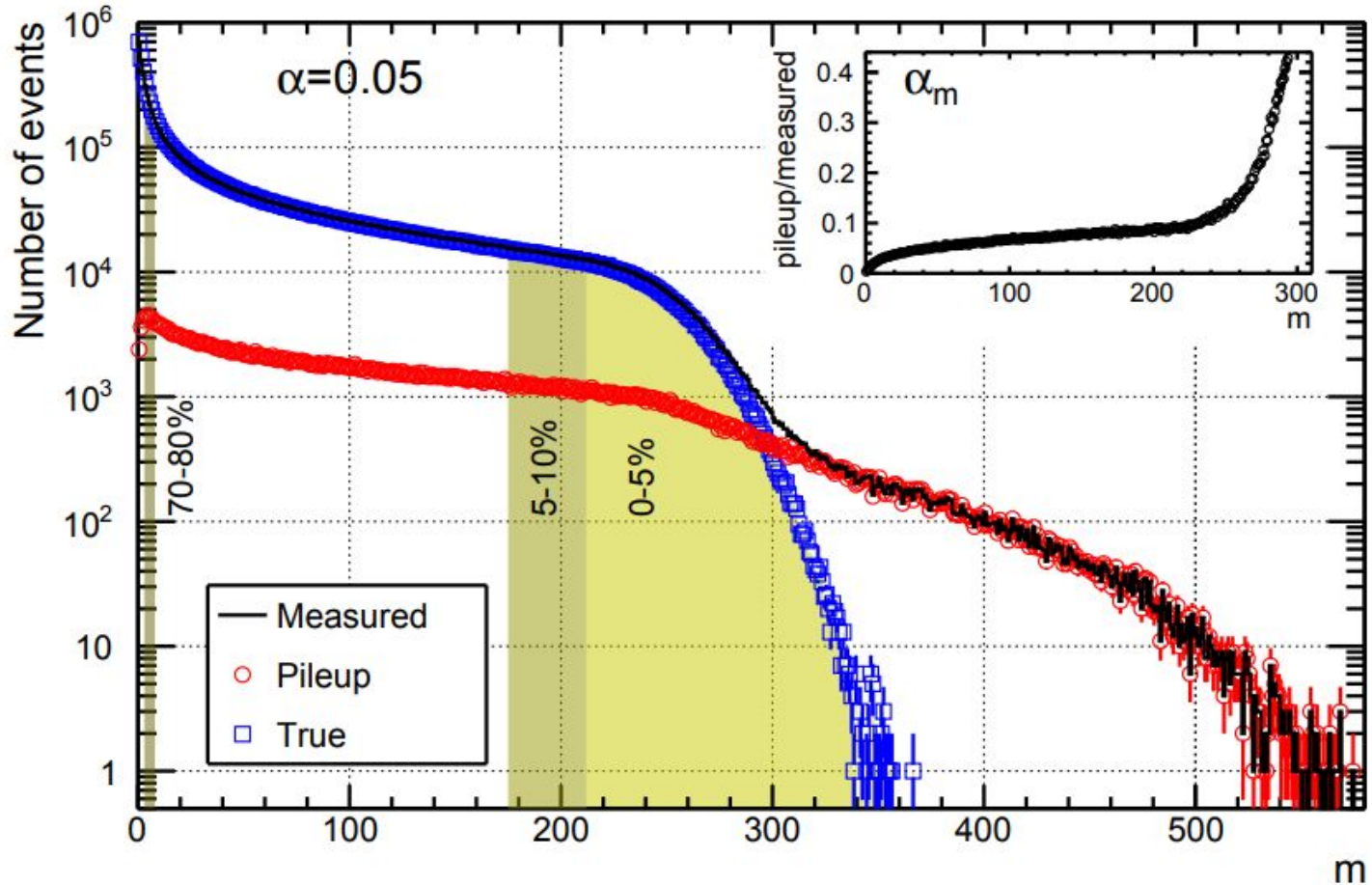
Use MC Glauber for centrality determination



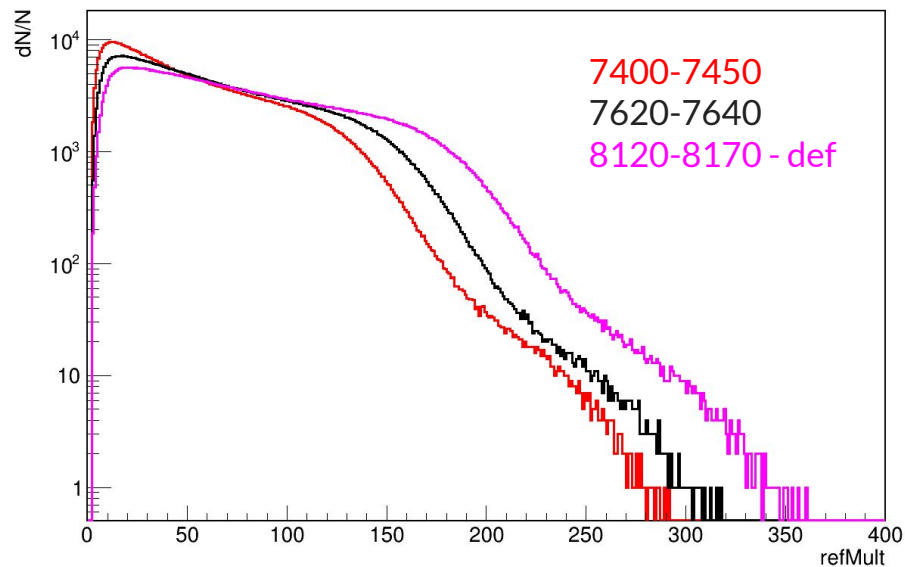
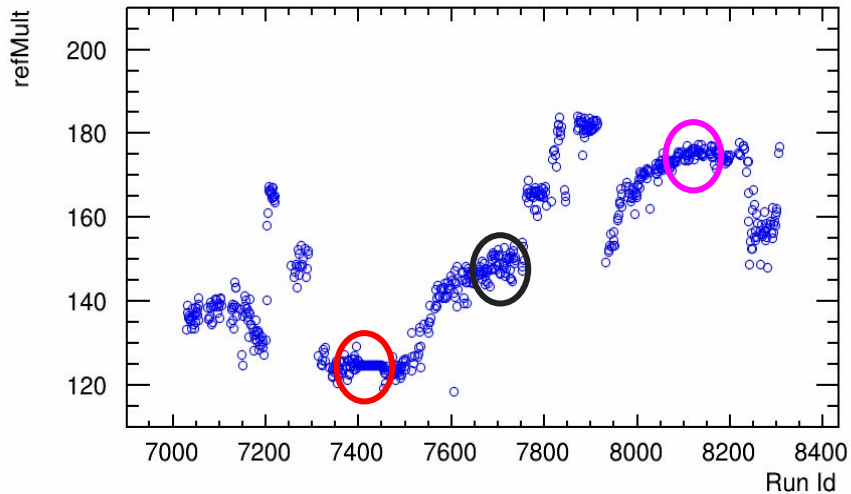
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# The multiplicity distribution generated from the Glauber

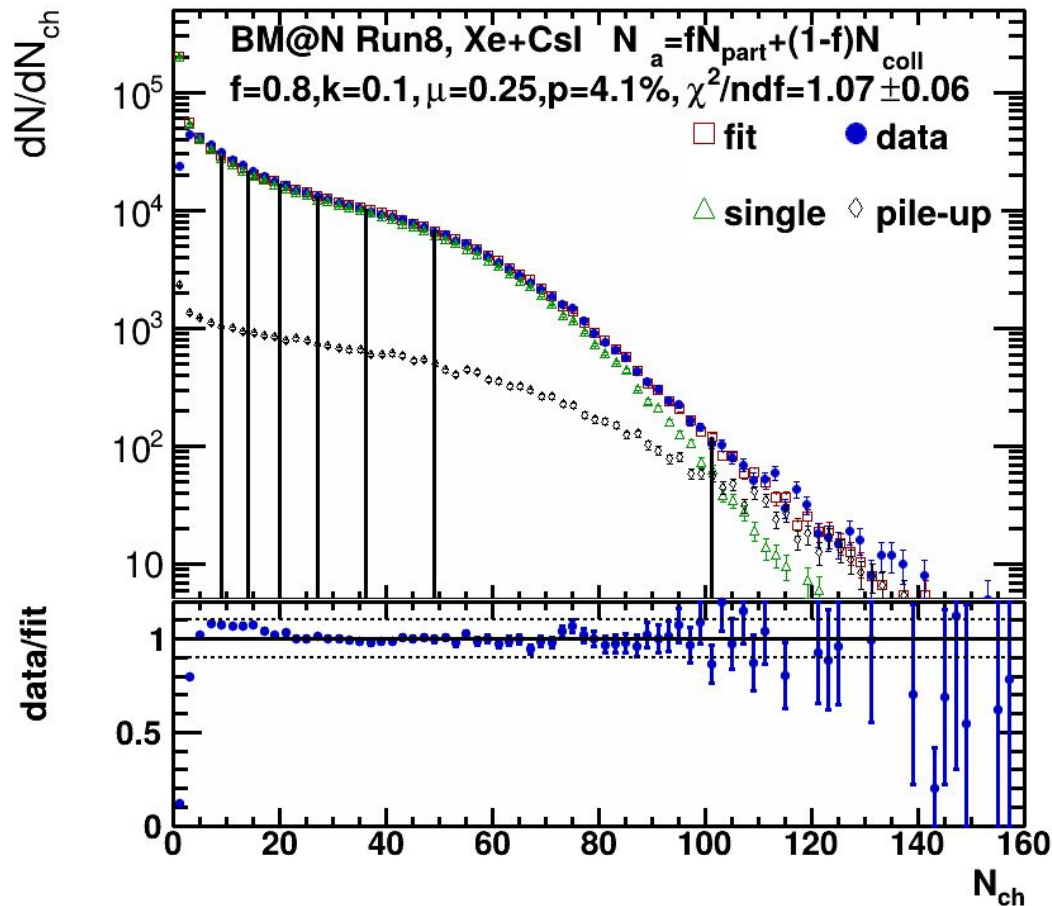


# Mult vs RunId: different reference ranges





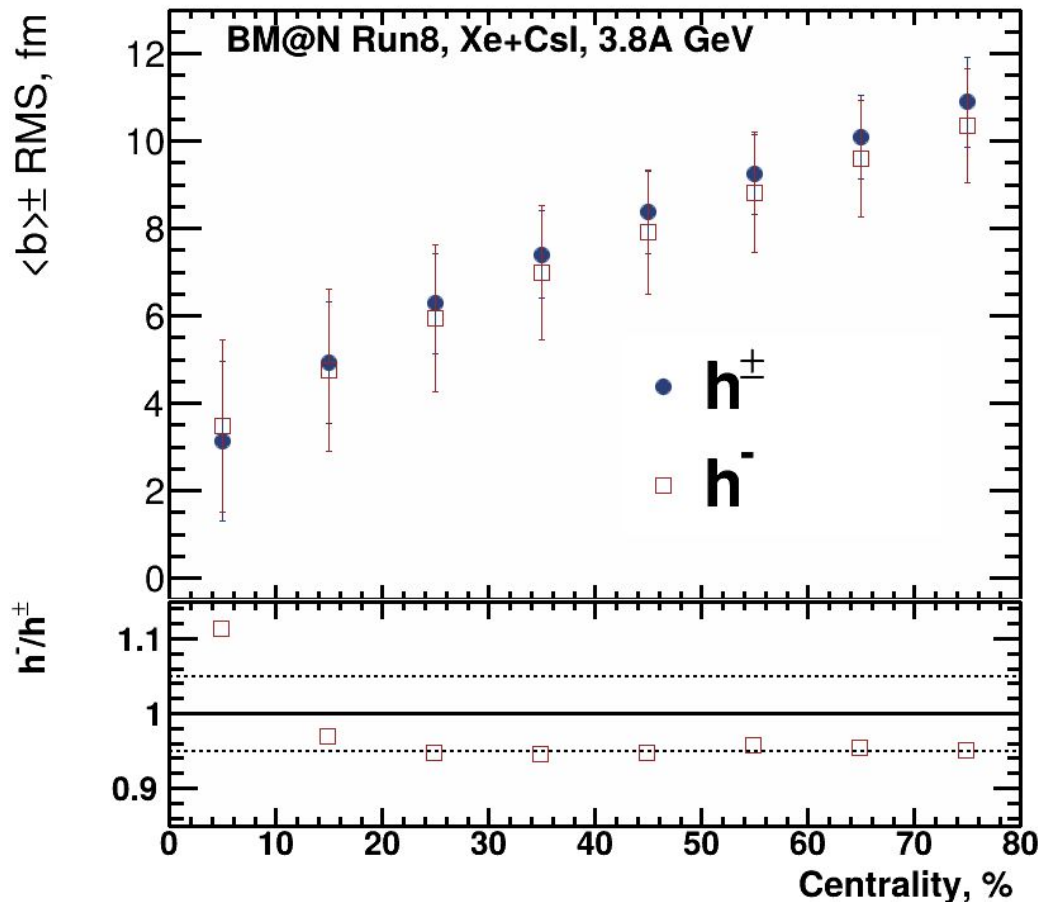
# Multiplicity fit & centrality classes: $h^-$



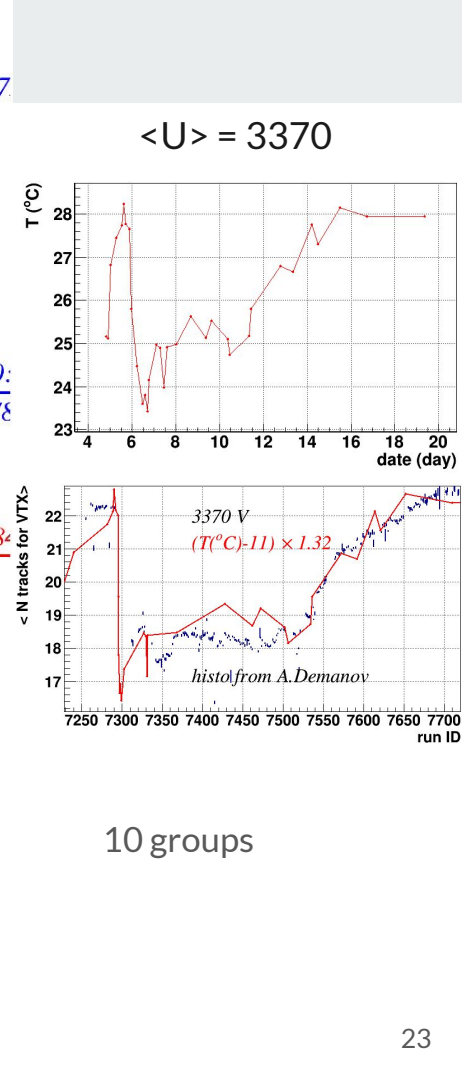
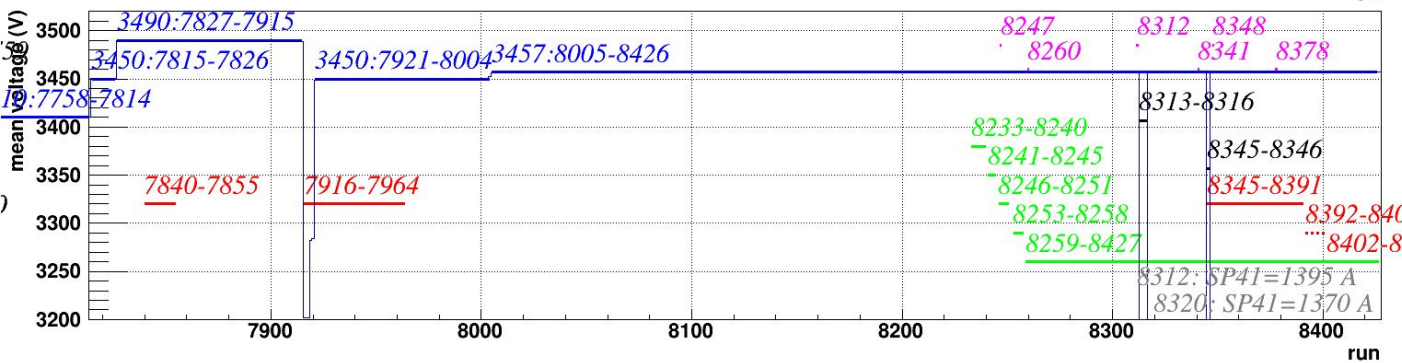
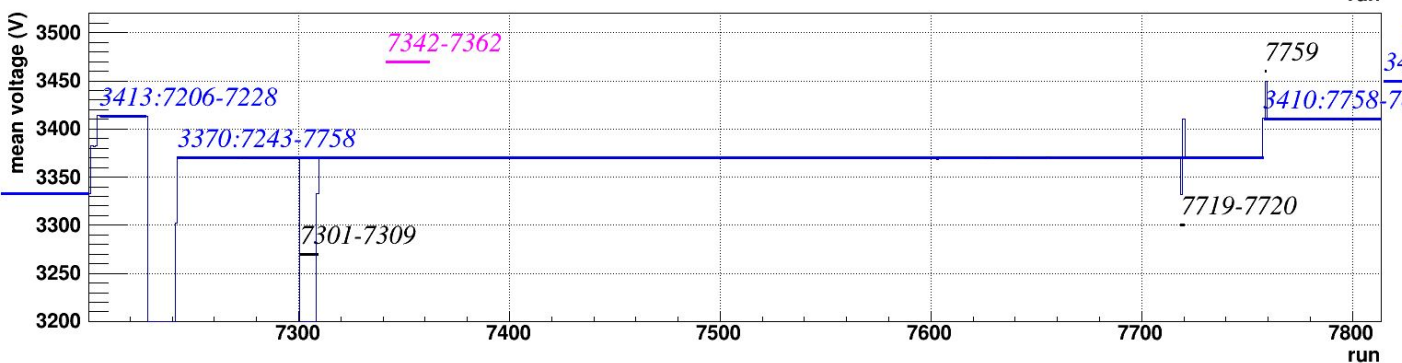
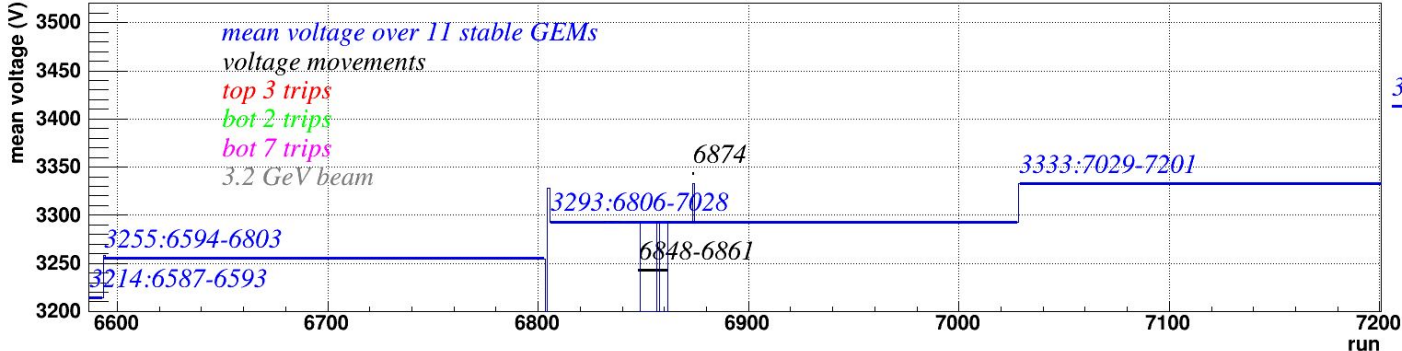
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- $q < 1$

## $\langle b \rangle$ vs Centrality: comparison



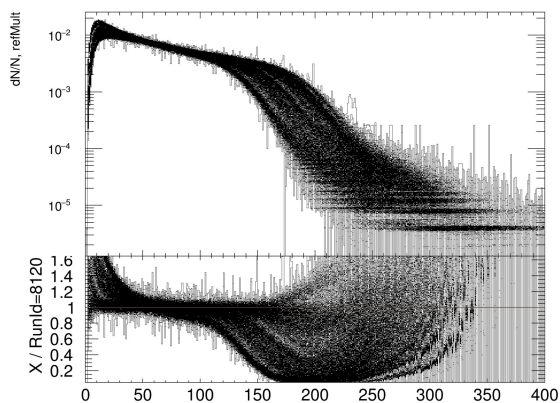
- Difference in the most central class is due to pile-up:
  - Cut on maximum multiplicity differs a little in cases of  $h^+$  and  $h^-$
- The difference in the mid-central region is within 5%
  - The possible effect from spectators in the case of  $h^+$  multiplicity seems to be small



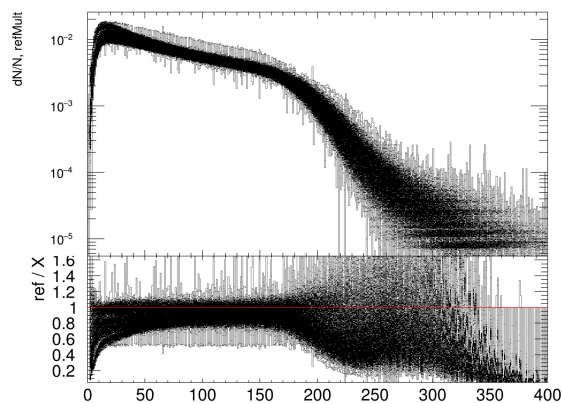
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# Mult vs RunId: Shift and re-weight (zero bins eval)

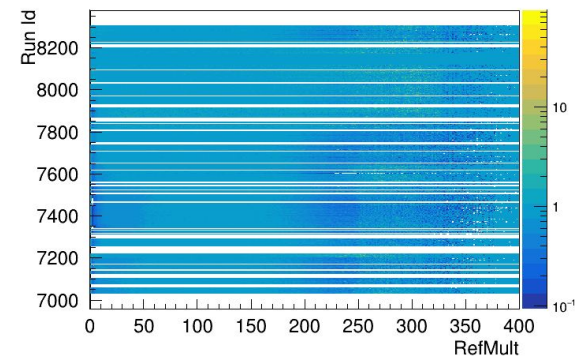
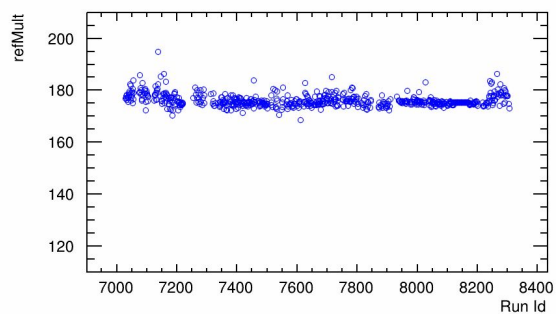
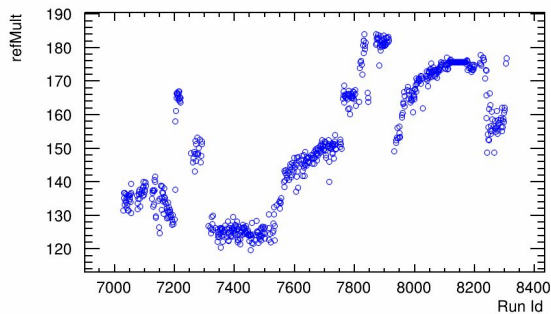
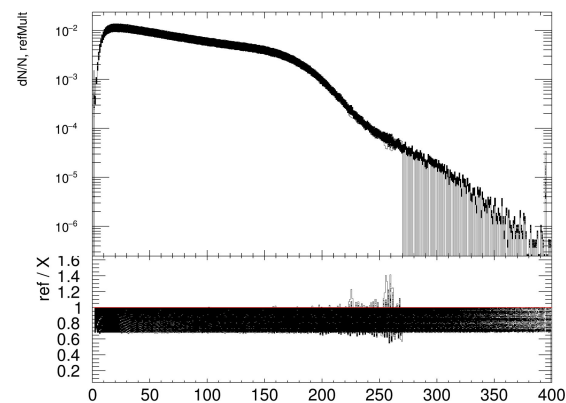
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After shift



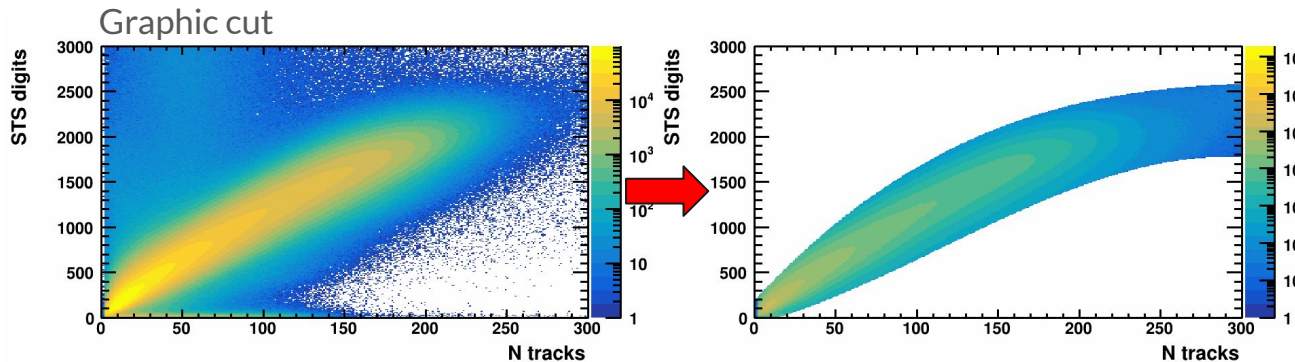
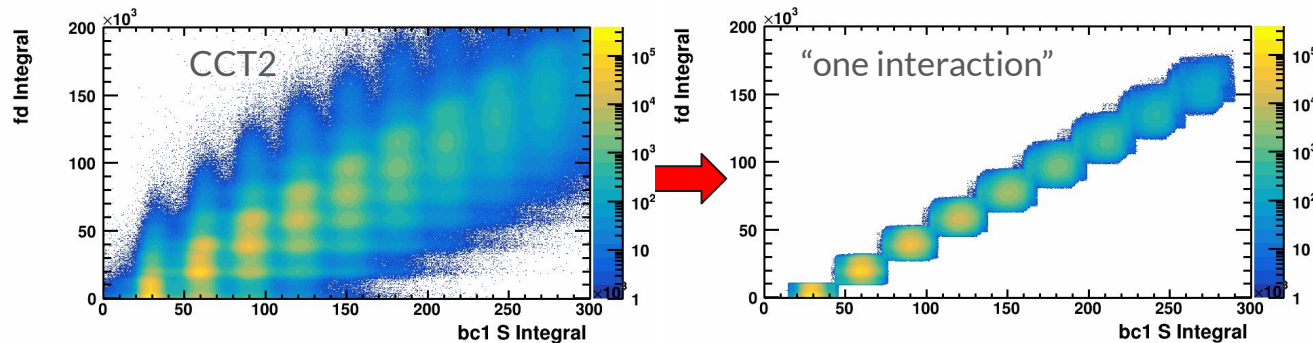
After re-weight



# Pileup

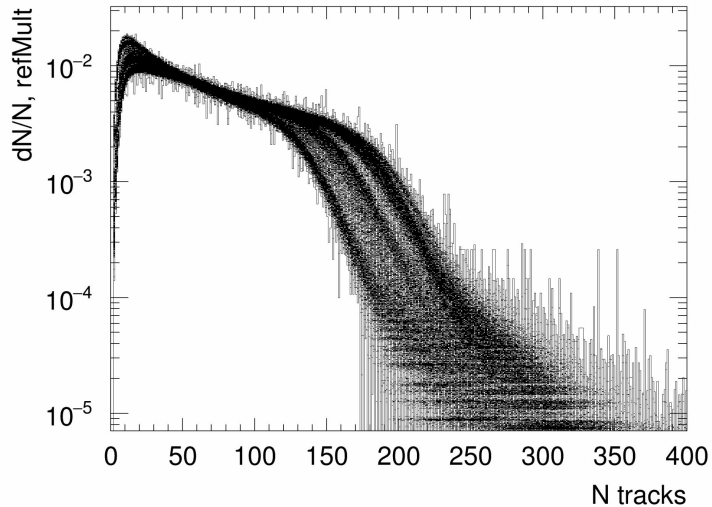
## Pileup:

1. Select events with CCT2
2. Select events with “one interaction” (next slide):
  - a. Fit of each run ID with Gaus (bc1s,fd)
  - b. Scale
  - c. Select events with “one interaction”
3. Graphic cut:
  - a. Fill StsDigits vs nTracks
  - b. Fit of each nTracks bin with Gaus
  - c. fun(nTracks,StsDigit)

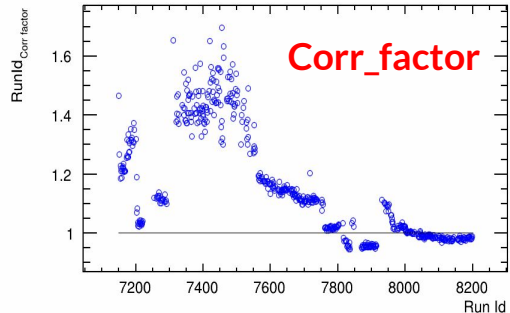
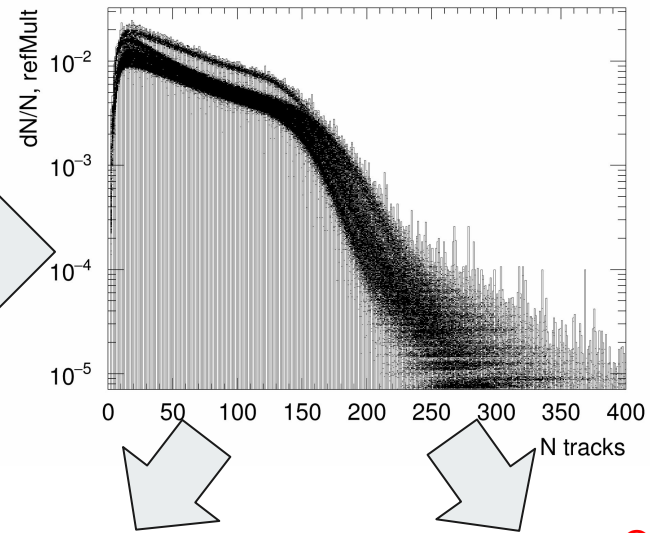


Vtx > 1





After  
"Step 1"



For STAR:

- $r_{corr} < 1.0014\dots$
- $r_{corr} > 0.990\dots$

