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(nee HonexComb,
Heavy Ion Experimental Combination)

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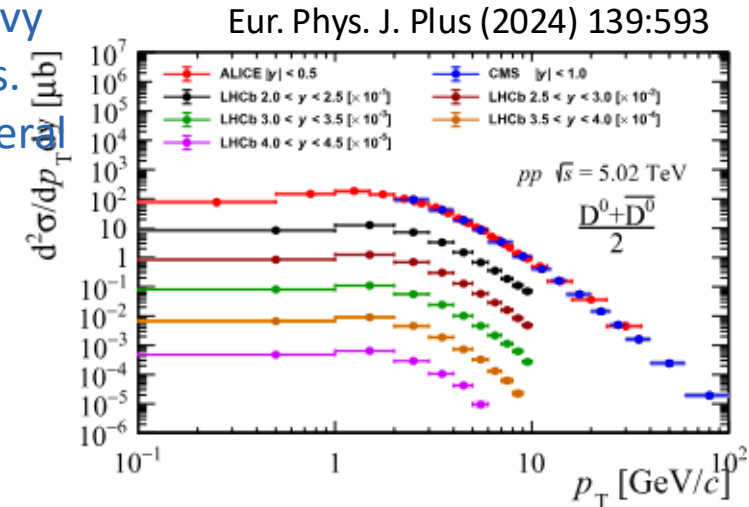
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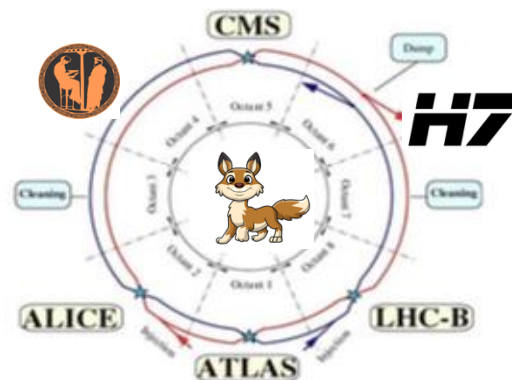
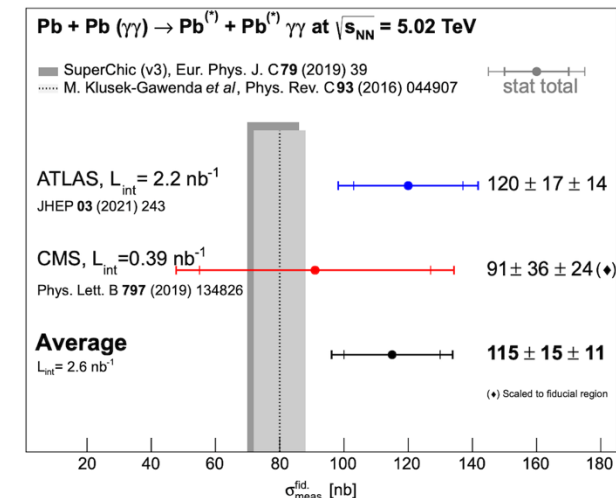
The basic idea



- **Honexcomb** was a platform part of the [Strong2020](#) project born to combine experimental results in the field of Heavy Ion Physics and establish cross-collaboration discussions. The project was quite successful (2 papers, 1 poster, several activities)
- We would like to propose a similar scheme but strengthened by the previous experience
- **BASIC IDEA:**
 - To combine results from the main four LHC experiments, *mainly* in the field of Heavy Ions
 - Four co-chairs, one per experiment, plus two chairs from theory
 - To setup a common platform to present and discuss the results



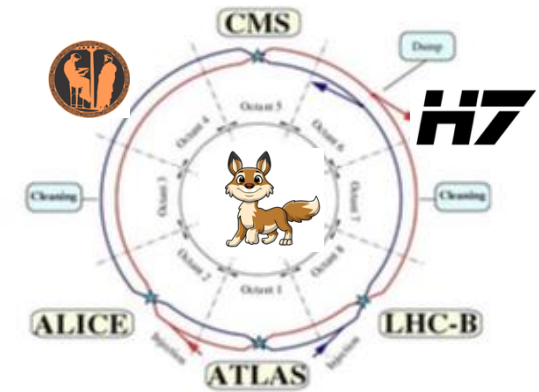
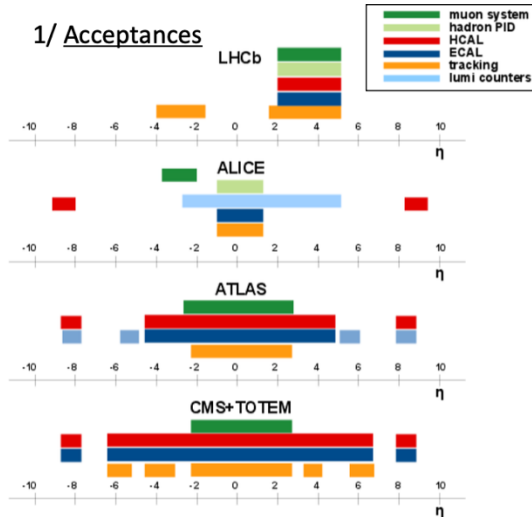
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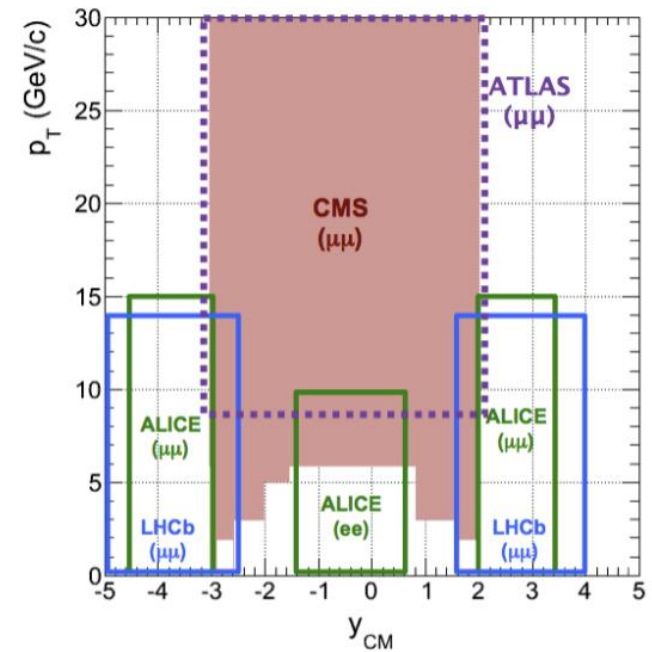
Complementarity



- Acceptance
 - The experiments cover complementary regions of rapidities and p_T



- Performances
 - Some better equipped for precise hadron PID (LHCb, ALICE)
- Bandwidth and triggering
- Synergy with the theorists involved in MC generators essential

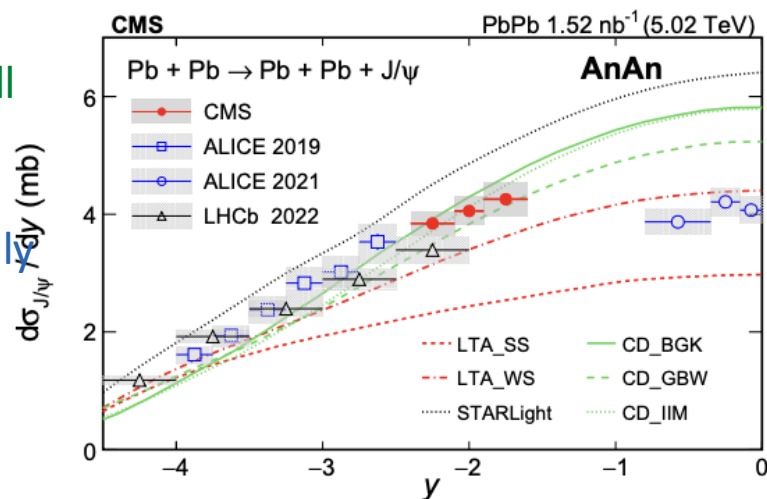


What did we learn and what there is still to do

- There is a lot of interest in the subject
- It is possible to work together concentrating on each other's strong points
- We learn from each other
- We miss combination or even comparison papers
- Having the right simulation and tuning is crucial
- Sometimes it is hard to find theory predictions

TO DO: a lot!

- Identify common observable to measure, and/or to measure against
- Define Monte Carlo tunes which are valid for all experiments, for each collision system so they can be shared
- Setup statistical tools for combination, especially analyses with low statistics
- Better and common pp references

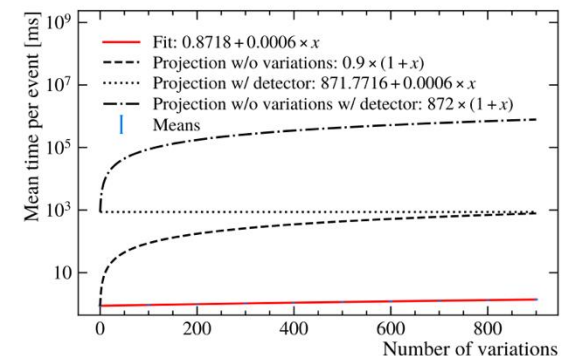
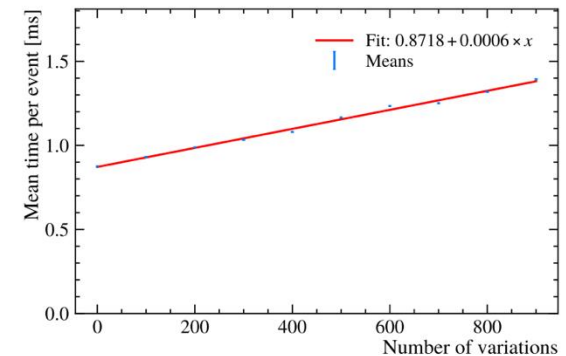


What did we learn and what there is still to do

- There is a lot of interest in the subject
- It is possible to work together concentrating on each other's strong points
- We learn from each other
- We miss combination or even comparison papers => lack of manpower
- Having the right simulation and tuning is crucial => MC also need people
- Sometimes it is hard to find theory predictions => improve communication

TO DO: a lot!

- Identify common observable to measure, and/or to measure against
- Define Monte Carlo tunes which are valid for all experiments, for each collision system so they can be shared
- Work on reducing the theory uncertainties
- Setup statistical tools for combination, especially analyses with low statistics
- Better and common pp references



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2505.00142>

What do we ask

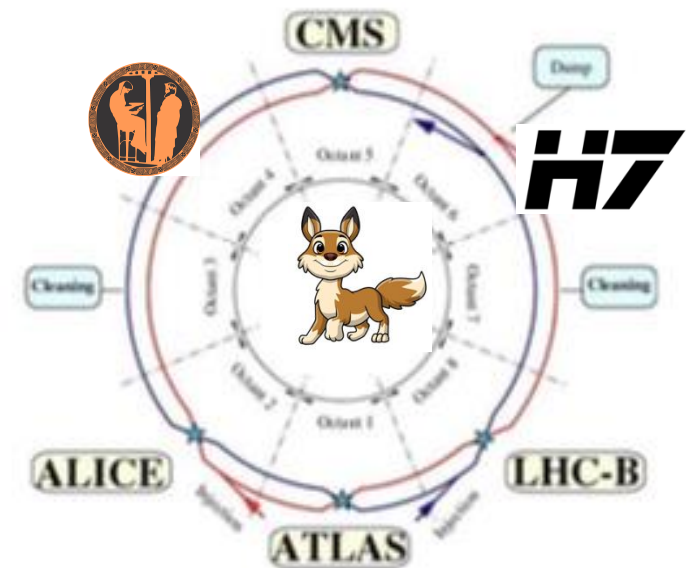


- One person per experiment/MC
 - Can be post-doc / PhD students
 - Possibly changing experiment, better if at CERN or going often
 - At least 4 of the 6 proponents involved in the hiring process
- A possible set of physics topics
 - Common multiplicity variables
 - Jets
 - Quarkonia and quarkonia feed-down
 - Benchmark measurement to perform and cross-check the tuning

=> Many interested people (do not list them all)

=> Good timing !!

- Use run 3 and prepare for run 4 data



Main activities



- Postdocs/students will meet once a month to discuss the basis and progress of common work
 - Comparison of methods, event selections, centrality/multiplicity, real time simulation/data comparison on the fly, definitions, beam requests, etc.
 - Perform comparative studies of physics results, combine them (with proper statistical tools), think of (new) common publications
 - Discussion of the next running strategies...
- Clear task assignments and timescale
 - => One publication per postdoc/1.5y would be a success
 - => Need for open forum to be discussed
- **Unique place of interactions with MC theorists**
 - N.B. we have on board members of the only two ML hadronisation groups, HADML and MLHAD, as well as authors of Pythia and Herwig.
- Think about the long-term idea of cross-collaboration analyses and data preservation (DPHEP initiative)
- Revitalise the LHC HI group => ONLY PUBLISHED RESULTS USED

Budget



- 5/4 postdocs + 1/2 PhD
 - Possible exploring co-funding, co-supervision
 - Travel can be minimal on own funds

| Year of contract | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Postdoc salary UniCA | 53 | 53 | - | - | 106 |
| Postdoc salary IFJPAN | 45 | 45 | - | - | 90 |
| Postdoc salary AGH | 45 | 45 | - | - | 90 |
| Postdoc salary EP | 53 | 53 | - | - | 106 |
| PhD salary UJ | 25 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 106 |
| PhD salary LU | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 340 |
| Total | 838 k€. | | | | |

Table 1: Funds requested in k€.

The End

