

# Multiplicity distributions and combinants in multi-pomeron exchange model

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# Multiplicity distribution and combinants

- Generating function for multiplicity distribution:

$$G(t) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} P(N) t^N$$

- Generating function for combinants:

$$F(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C^*(j) t^j, \quad \text{where} \quad F(t) = \ln G(t)$$

- Recurrence relation for combinants:

$$N P(N) = \sum_{j=1}^N j C^*(j) P(N - j)$$

# Modified combinants

$$C(j) \equiv \frac{j+1}{\langle N \rangle} C^*(j+1), \quad \text{where} \quad \langle N \rangle = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} N P(N)$$

- Recurrence relation for modified combinants:

$$(N+1)P(N+1) = \langle N \rangle \sum_{j=0}^N C(j)P(N-j)$$

Relationships of this type or even simpler ones:

$(N+1)P(N+1) = g(N)P(N)$ , where  $g(N)$  is a linear function, are found in many models (clans, cascade models).

See e.g. formula (32) in

**M.A. Braun, C. Pajares, V.V. Vechernin, Physics Letters B 493 (2000) 54–64, “On the forward–backward correlations in a two-stage scenario”.**

$$X(j) \equiv \langle N \rangle C(j) = (j+1)C^*(j+1)$$

## Using the recurrence relation to calculate combinants

$$X(N) = (N + 1) \frac{P(N + 1)}{P(0)} - \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} X(j) \frac{P(N - j)}{P(0)}$$

Explicit solution for the first few  $X(j) \equiv \langle N \rangle C(j) =$

$$\bar{P}(N) \equiv \frac{P(N)}{P(0)} = (j + 1) C^*(j + 1)$$

$$X(0) = \bar{P}(1) = \frac{P(1)}{P(0)}$$

$$X(1) = 2\bar{P}(2) - \bar{P}^2(1) = 2 \frac{P(2)}{P(0)} - \left( \frac{P(1)}{P(0)} \right)^2$$

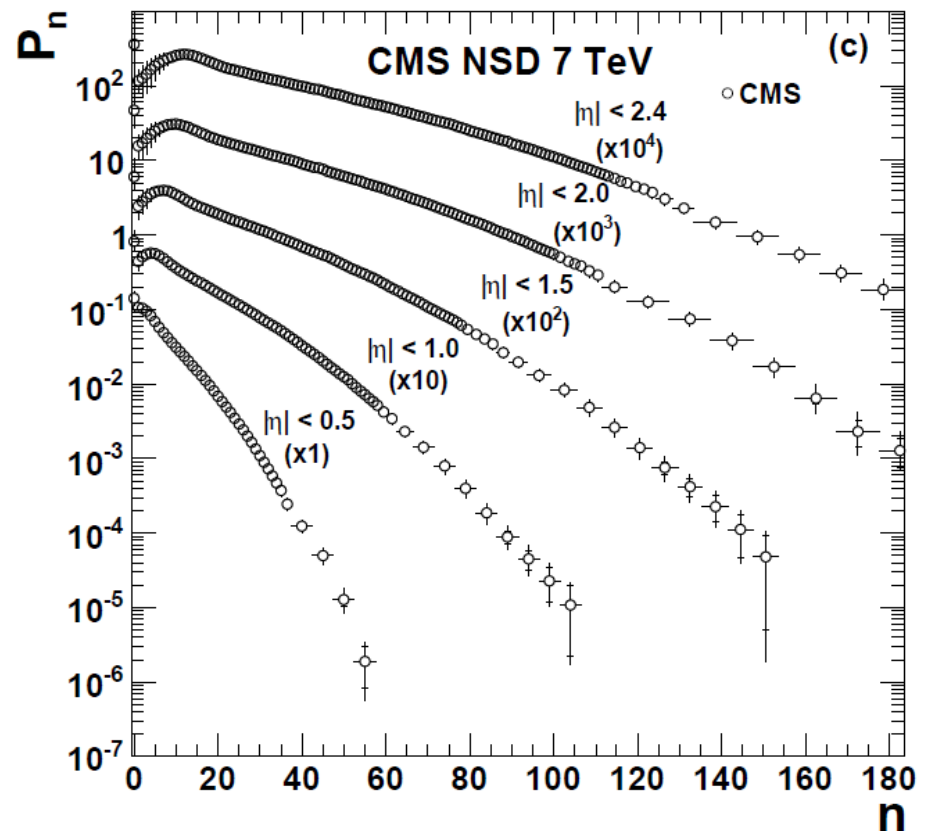
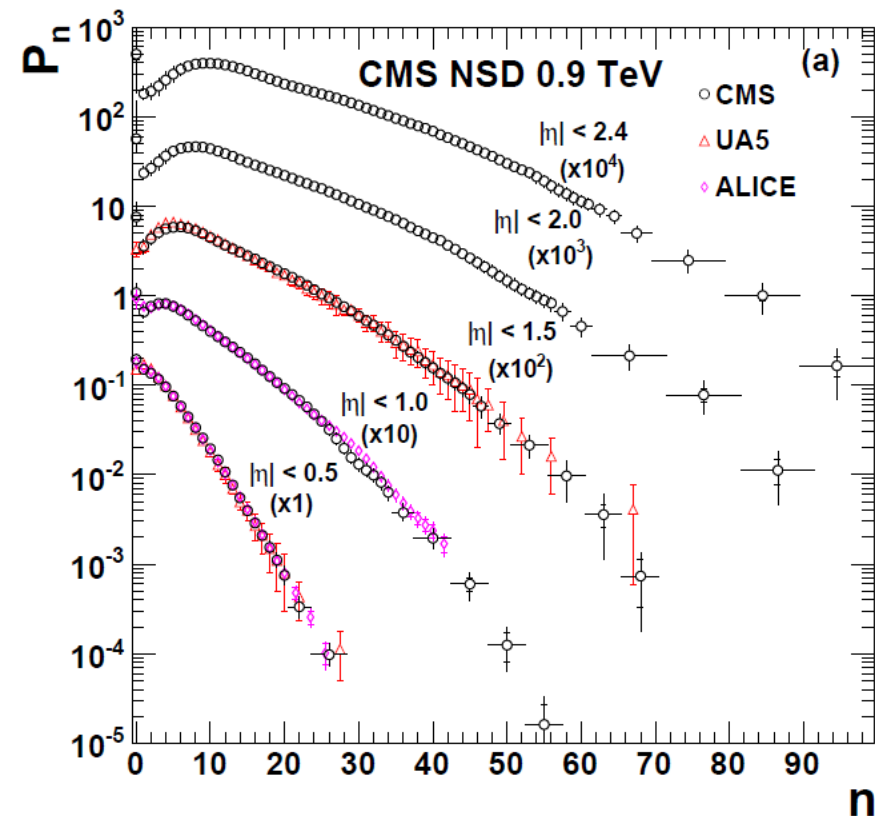
$$X(2) = 3\bar{P}(3) - 3\bar{P}(1)\bar{P}(2) + \bar{P}^3(1)$$

$$X(3) = 4\bar{P}(4) - 4\bar{P}(1)\bar{P}(3) - 2\bar{P}^2(2) + 4\bar{P}^2(1)\bar{P}(2) - \bar{P}^4(1)$$

# Why combinants?

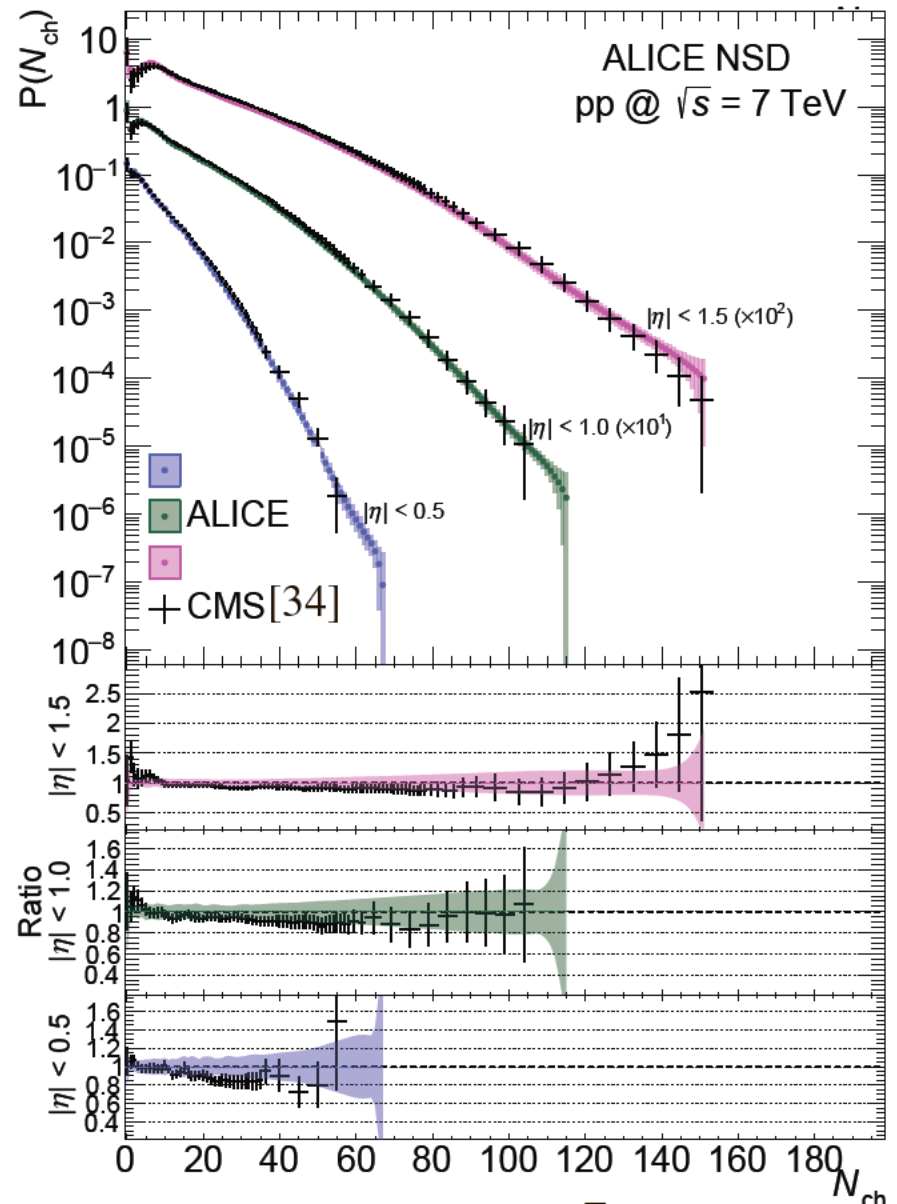
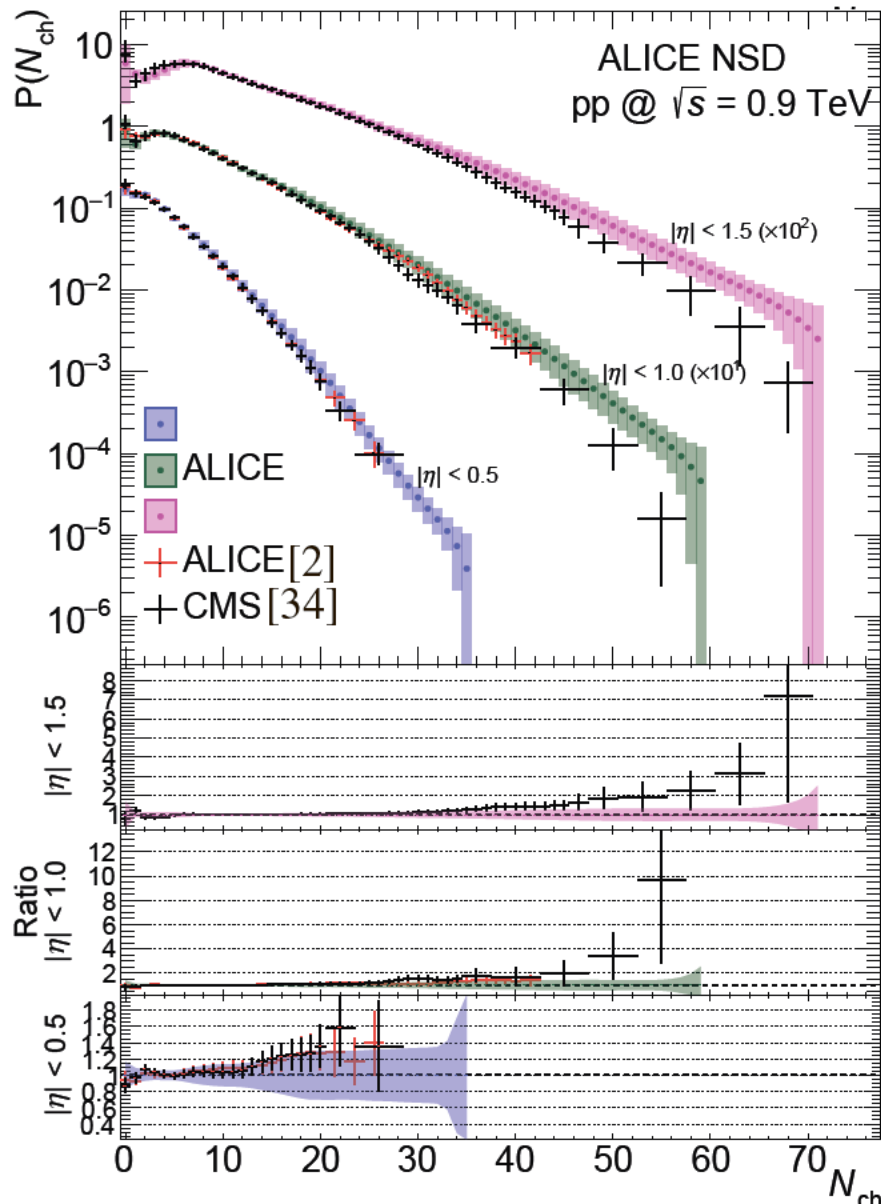
## Multiplicity distributions in pp collisions at LHC energies

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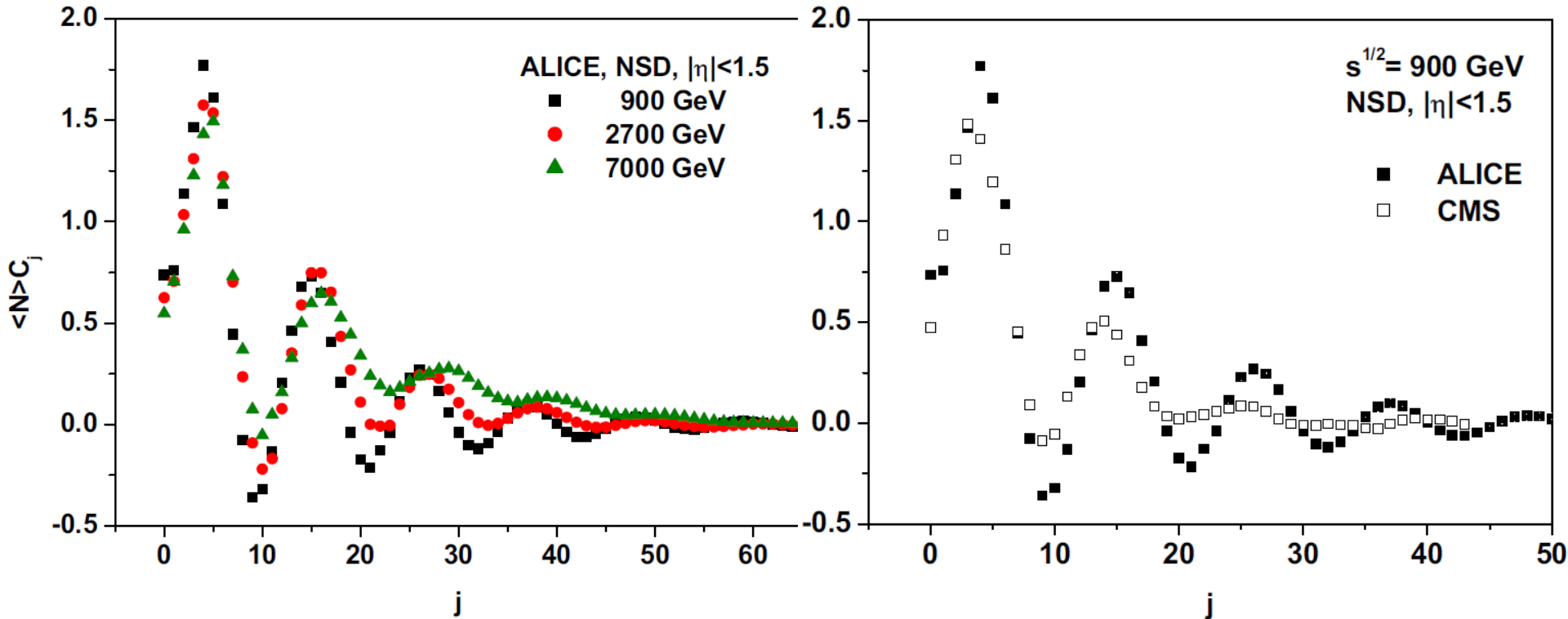
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# Combinants extracted from the experimental data

*G. Wilk, Z. Włodarczyk, J. Phys. G 44, 015002 (2017).*



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# Multi-Pomeron Exchange Model

*N. Armesto, D.A. Derkach, G.A. Feofilov, Phys. Atom. Nucl. 71, 2087 (2008),  
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$$P(N) = C(z) \sum_{N_{pom}} \frac{1}{z \cdot N_{pom}} \left( 1 - e^{-z} \sum_{l=0}^{N_{pom}-1} \frac{z^l}{l!} \right) \cdot P_{N_{pom}}(N)$$

$$z = \frac{2C\gamma s^\Delta}{R^2 + \alpha' \log(s)}, \Delta = 0.139, \alpha' = 0.21 \text{ GeV}^{-2}, \gamma = 1.77 \text{ GeV}^{-2}, R_0^2 = 3.18 \text{ GeV}^{-2}, C = 1.5$$

$P_{N_{pom}}(N)$  was taken to be Poisson distribution with mean  $2 \cdot N_{pom} \cdot \delta\eta \cdot k(\sqrt{s})$  where  $k = 0.255 + 0.0653 \cdot \ln\sqrt{s}$

**Regge parameters are taken from:**

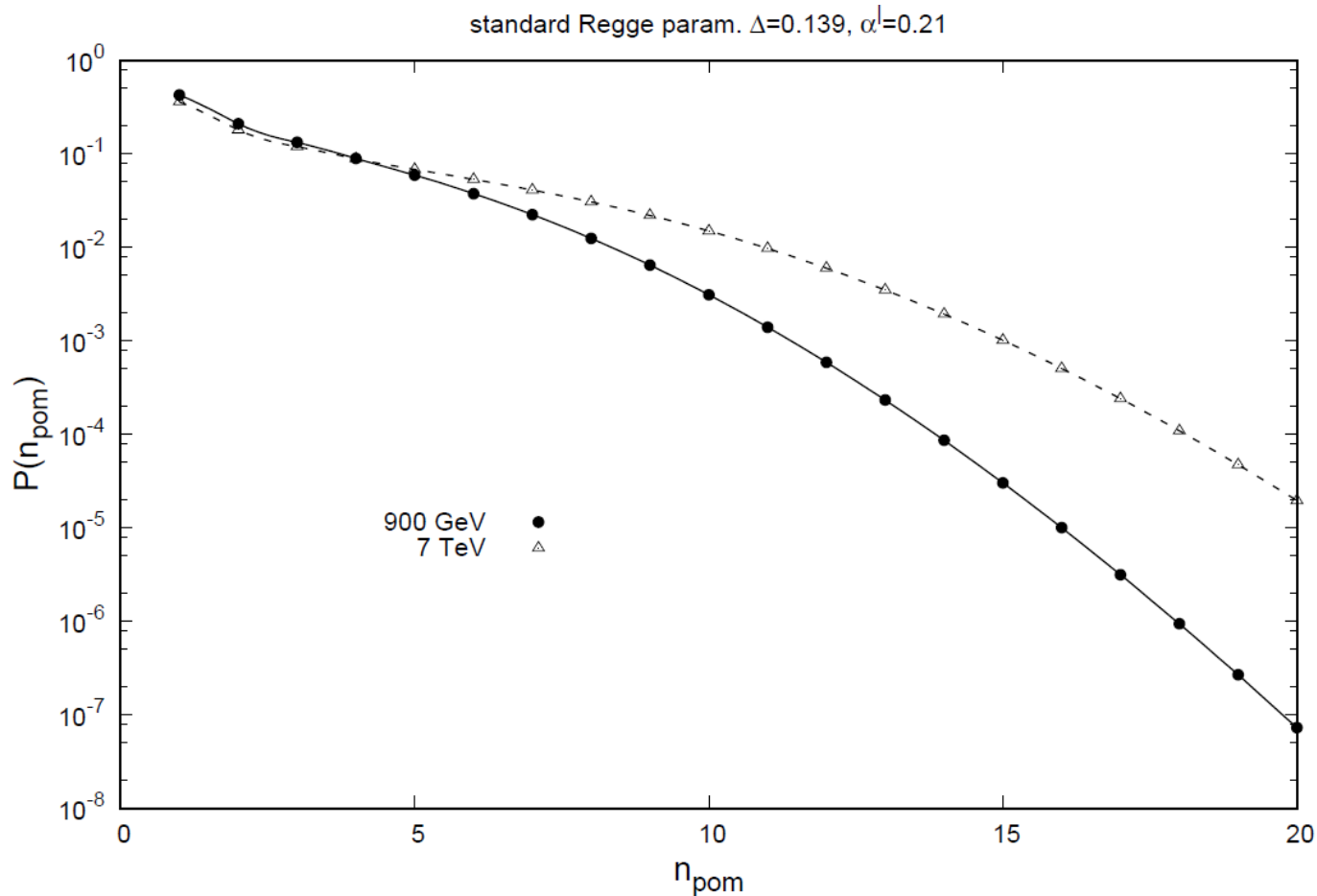
*G. H. Arakelyan, A. Capella, A. B. Kaidalov, Yu. M. Shabelski, EPJC 26, 81 (2002).*

**Each cut pomeron corresponds to a pair of quark-gluon strings.**

An increase in the multiplicity density with energy is explained by an increase in the mean number of cut pomerons and a growth of the average multiplicity from a single string.



# Distribution in number of cut pomerons



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# Modeling a particle distribution from $n$ cut pomerons

$$P(N) = \sum_{N_{pom}=1}^{\infty} P(N_{pom}) P_{N_{pom}}(N) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(n) P_n(N), \quad n \equiv N_{pom}$$

$$\langle N \rangle_n = 2n \delta\eta k(s) = 2n \langle N \rangle_{str} \equiv 2n \mu_{str}$$

## Poisson Distribution

$$P_n(N) = e^{-\langle N \rangle_n} \frac{\langle N \rangle_n^N}{N!}, \quad P_{str}(N) = e^{-\mu_{str}} \frac{\mu_{str}^N}{N!}$$

## Negative Binomial Distribution

$$P_n(N) = \frac{p^N}{q^{N+\kappa}} \frac{\Gamma(N+\kappa)}{\Gamma(\kappa) N!}, \quad g_{NBD}(t) = (q - pt)^{-\kappa}$$

$$q = \omega \equiv \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle_n - \langle N \rangle_n^2}{\langle N \rangle_n} = \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle_{str} - \langle N \rangle_{str}^2}{\langle N \rangle_{str}} \equiv \omega_{str} \Rightarrow \text{true also for merged, but identical strings}$$

$$p = q - 1 = \omega_{str} - 1, \quad \kappa = \frac{\langle N \rangle_n}{p} = 2n \frac{\mu_{str}}{\omega_{str} - 1}$$

# Fluctuation in the number of particles from one string

V. Vechernin, *Nucl.Phys.A* 939, 21 (2015)

In the presence of correlations between particles, there can be no Poisson distribution from the source.

$$\frac{\langle N^2 \rangle_{str} - \langle N \rangle_{str}^2}{\langle N \rangle_{str}} \equiv \omega_{str} = 1 + \mu_{str} J, \quad J \equiv \frac{1}{\delta\eta^2} \int_{\delta\eta} d\eta_1 \int_{\delta\eta} d\eta_2 \Lambda(\eta_1 - \eta_2)$$

The pair correlation function of a single string:

$$\Lambda(\eta_1, \eta_2) \equiv \frac{\lambda_2(\eta_1, \eta_2)}{\lambda(\eta_1)\lambda(\eta_2)} - 1 = \frac{\lambda_2(\eta_1 - \eta_2)}{\mu_0^2} - 1 = \Lambda(\eta_1 - \eta_2)$$

The one- and two-particle rapidity distributions of particles from one string decay:

$$\lambda(\eta) \equiv \frac{dN}{d\eta} = \frac{\mu_{str}}{\delta\eta} = \mu_0 = k(s), \quad \lambda_2(\eta_1, \eta_2) \equiv \frac{d^2N}{d\eta_1 d\eta_2} = \lambda_2(\eta_1 - \eta_2)$$

The parametrization for the pair correlation function of a single string  $\Lambda(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$  using the data from [ALICE Collaboration, JHEP 05, 097 \(2015\)](#), [Forward-backward multiplicity correlations in pp collisions at 0.9, 2.76 and 7 TeV](#)

Then integrating over azimuth we find :

$$\Lambda(\Delta\eta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \Lambda(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) d\Delta\phi \quad \text{well approximated by} \quad \Lambda(\Delta\eta) = \Lambda_0 e^{-\frac{|\Delta\eta|}{\eta_{corr}}}$$

V. Vechernin, *EPJ Web Conf.* 191, 04011 (2018),

E. Andronov, V. Vechernin, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 55, 14 (2019).

# Fluctuation in the number of particles from one string

For the exponential pair correlation function, the integral can be calculated explicitly:

*S. Belokurova, Phys. Part. Nucl. 53, 154 (2022)*

$$\omega_{str} = 1 + \mu_{str} J, \quad J = \frac{2\Lambda_0 \eta_{corr}}{(\delta\eta)^2} \left[ \delta\eta - \eta_{corr} \left( 1 - e^{-\delta\eta/\eta_{corr}} \right) \right]$$

Then we find:

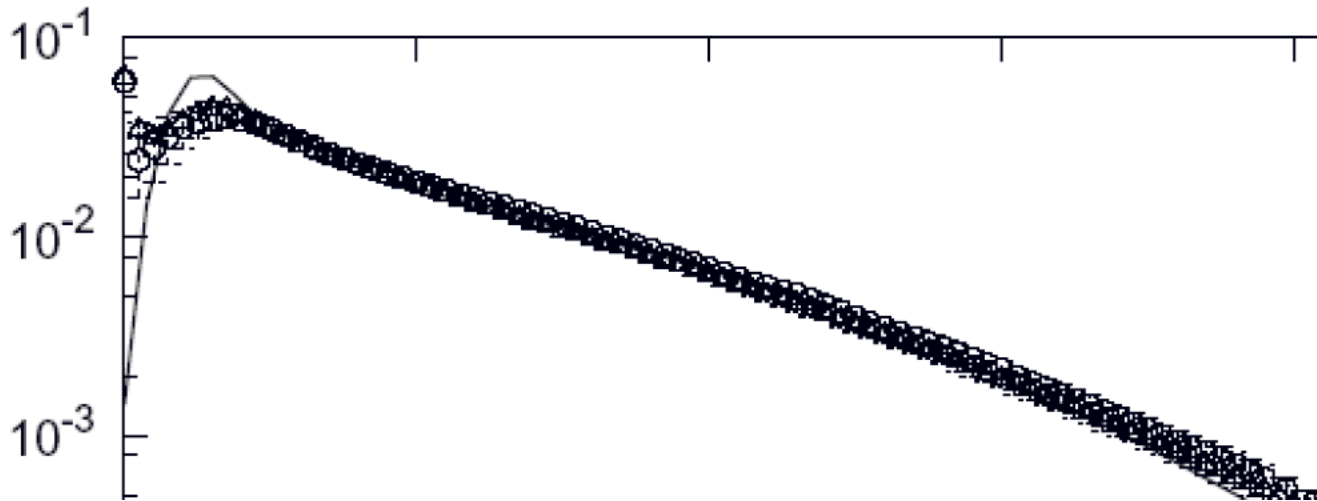
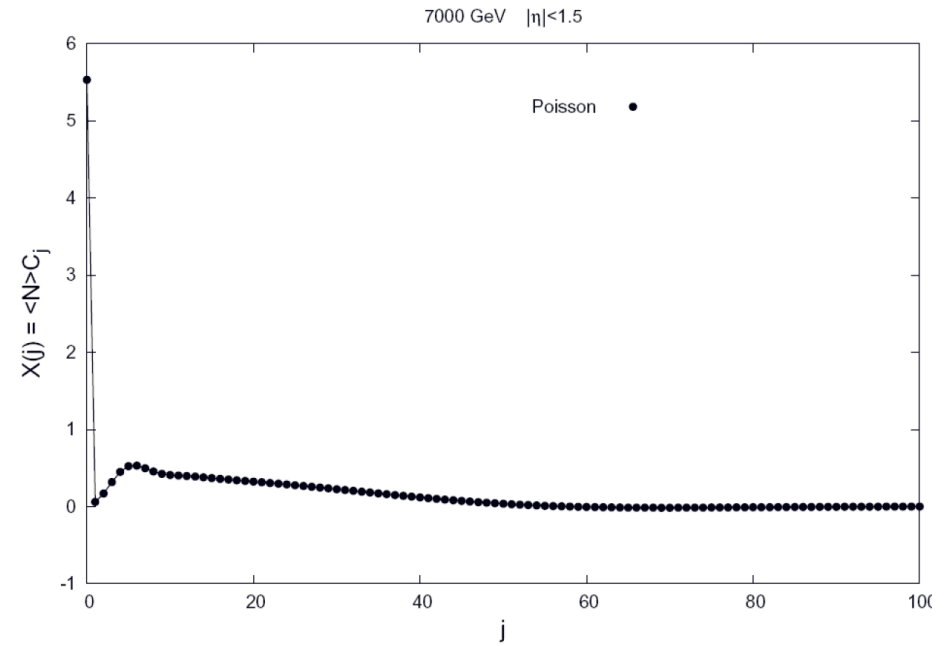
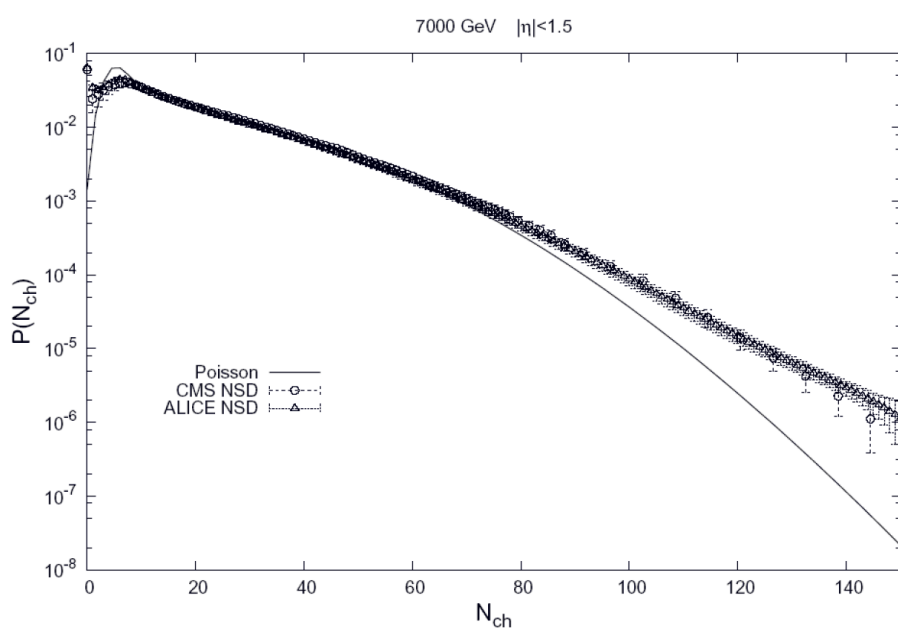
$$\frac{\langle N^2 \rangle_{str} - \langle N \rangle_{str}^2}{\langle N \rangle_{str}} \equiv \omega_{str}$$

$\sqrt{s}$ , TeV	0.9	7.0
$\delta\eta = 3$	3.1	3.5
$\delta\eta = 4.8$	3.6	4.0

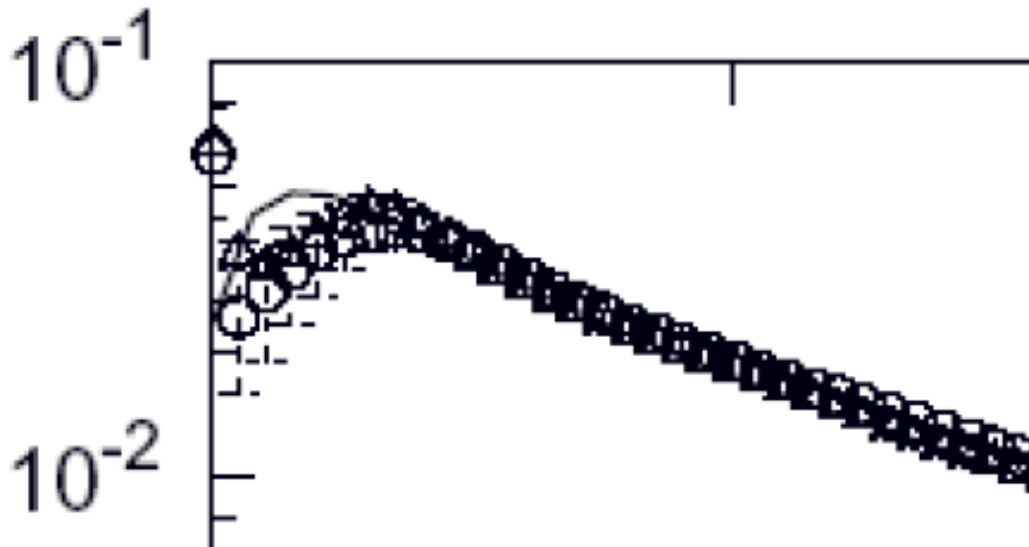
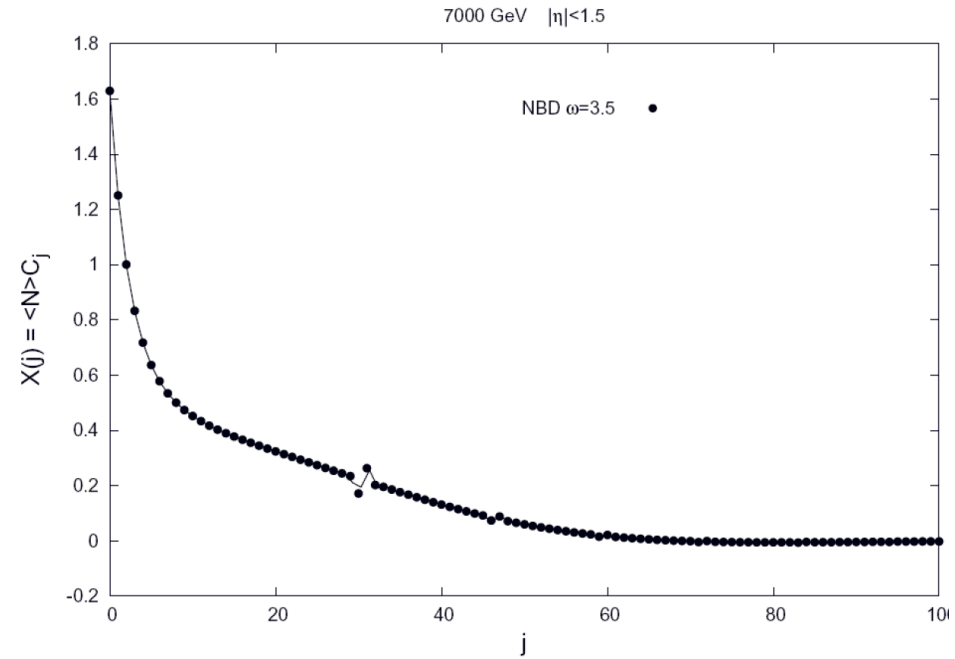
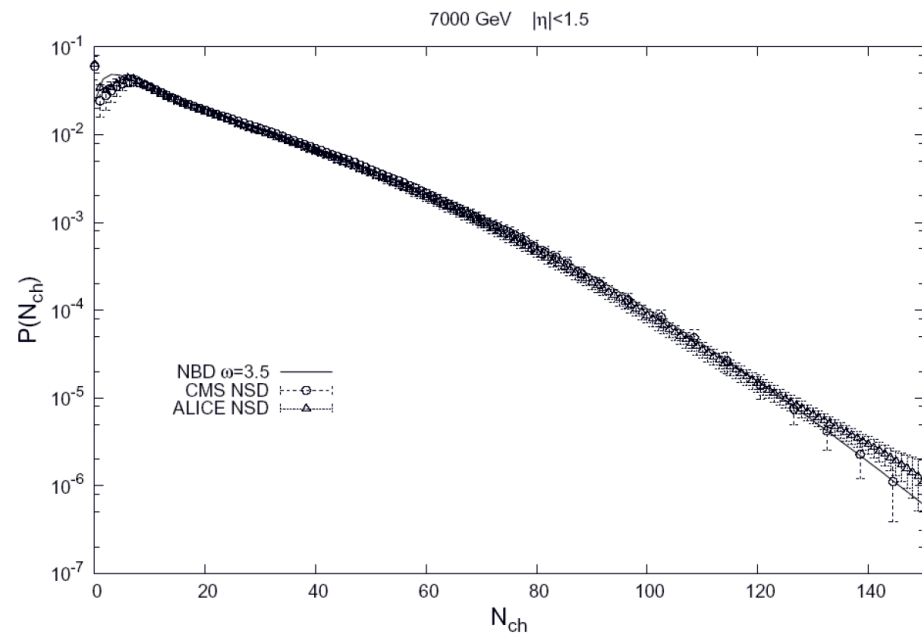
Recall that in the multipomeron exchange model:

$$\mu_{str} = k(s) \delta\eta$$

# Assuming a Poisson distribution of particles from one string



# Assuming a Negative Binomial distribution from one string



## Assuming a Gaussian distribution for $P_n(N)$

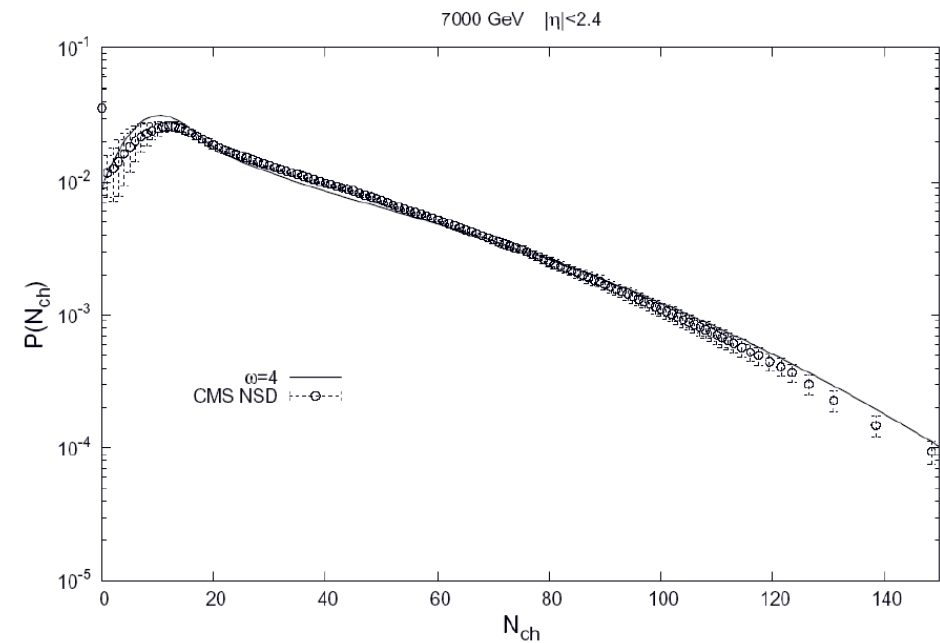
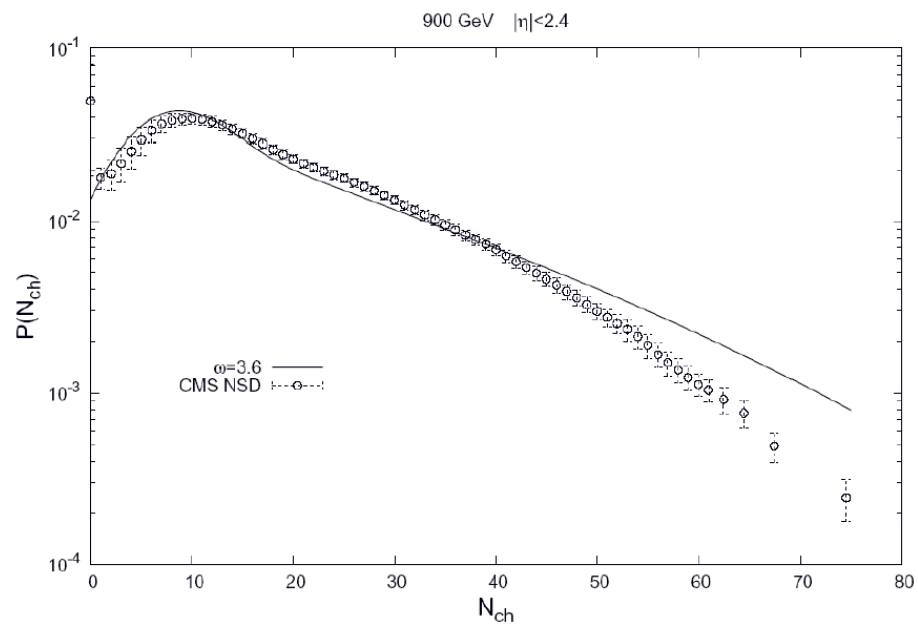
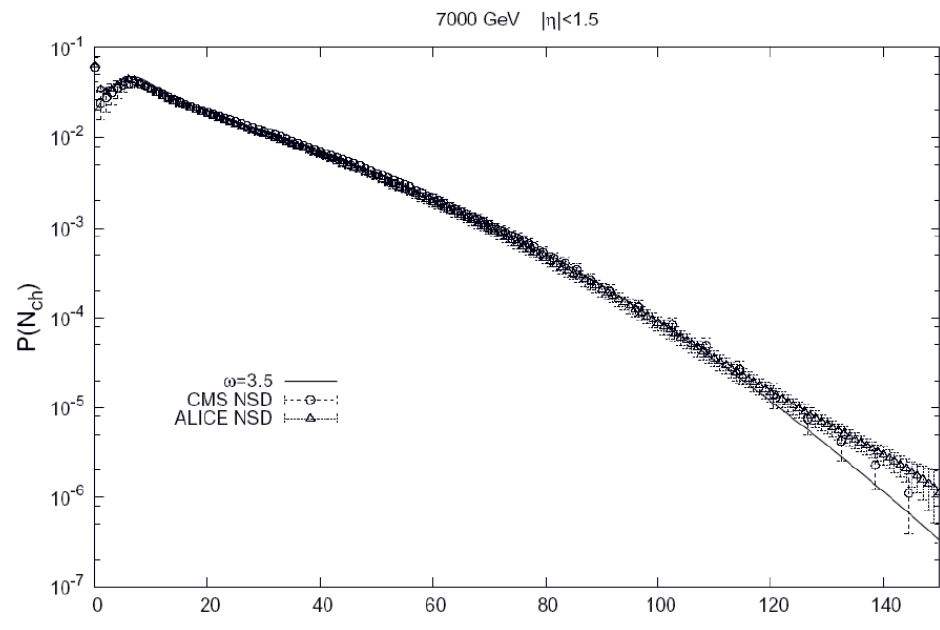
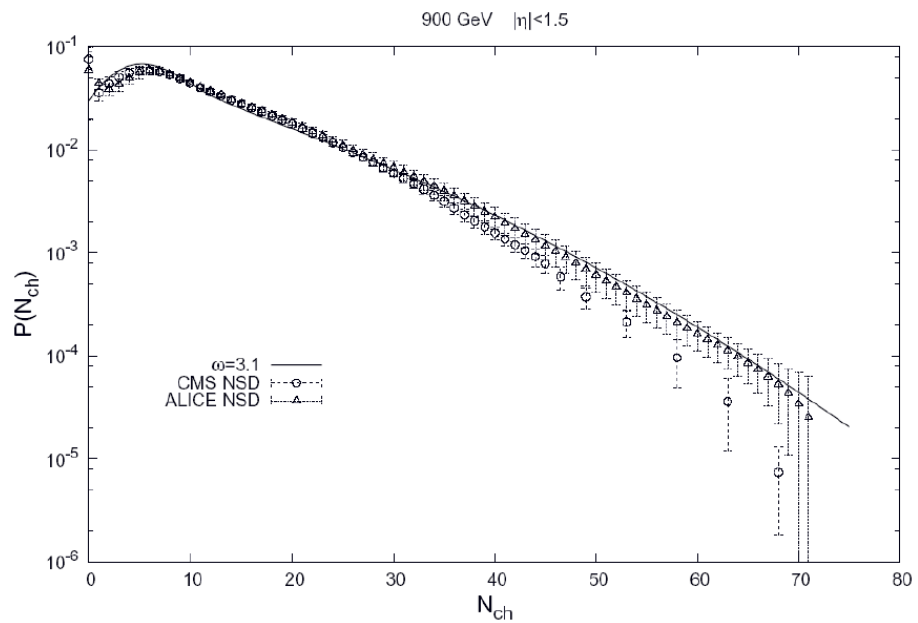
$$P_n(N) = C \exp \left[ -\frac{(N - 2n\mu_{str})^2}{2\omega_{str} 2n\mu_{str}} \right], \quad \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} P_n(N) = 1$$

$$C^{-1} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \exp \left[ -\frac{(N - 2n\mu_{str})^2}{2\omega_{str} 2n\mu_{str}} \right]$$

For  $2n\mu_{str} \gg 1$  we have

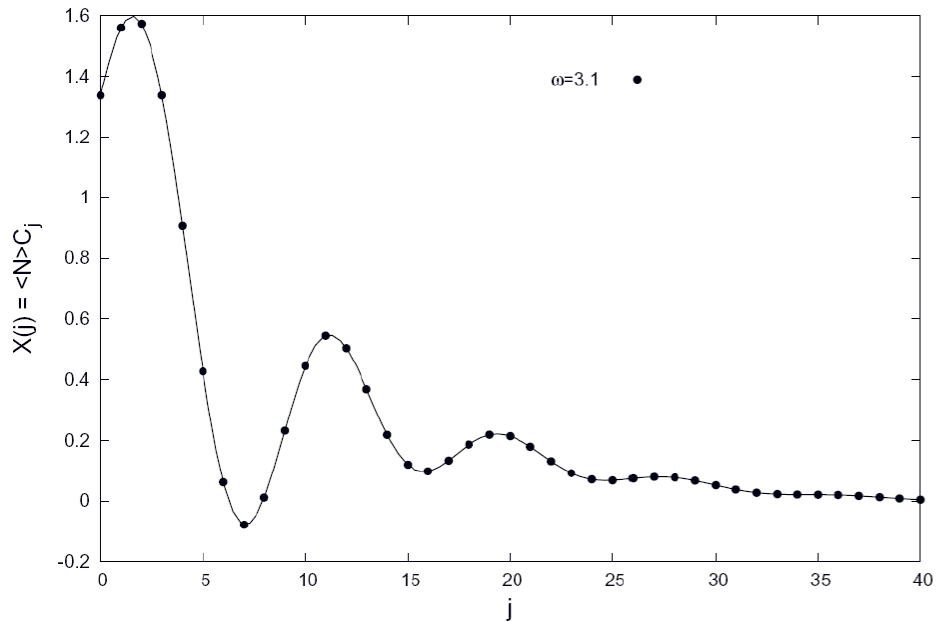
$$\langle N \rangle_n \equiv \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} N P_n(N) \rightarrow 2n\mu_{str}$$

$$\omega_n[N] \equiv \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle_n - \langle N \rangle_n^2}{\langle N \rangle_n} \rightarrow \omega_{str}$$

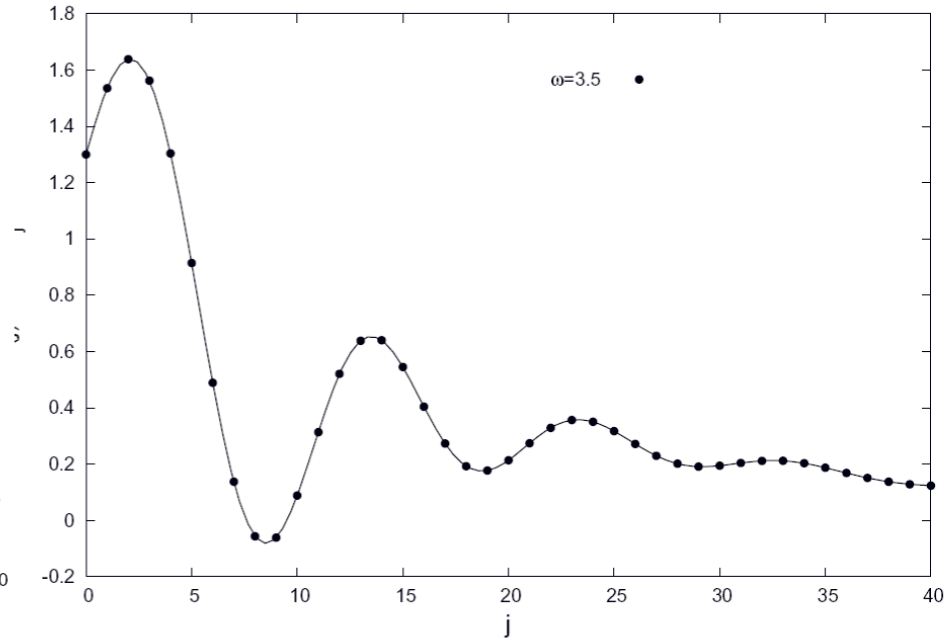




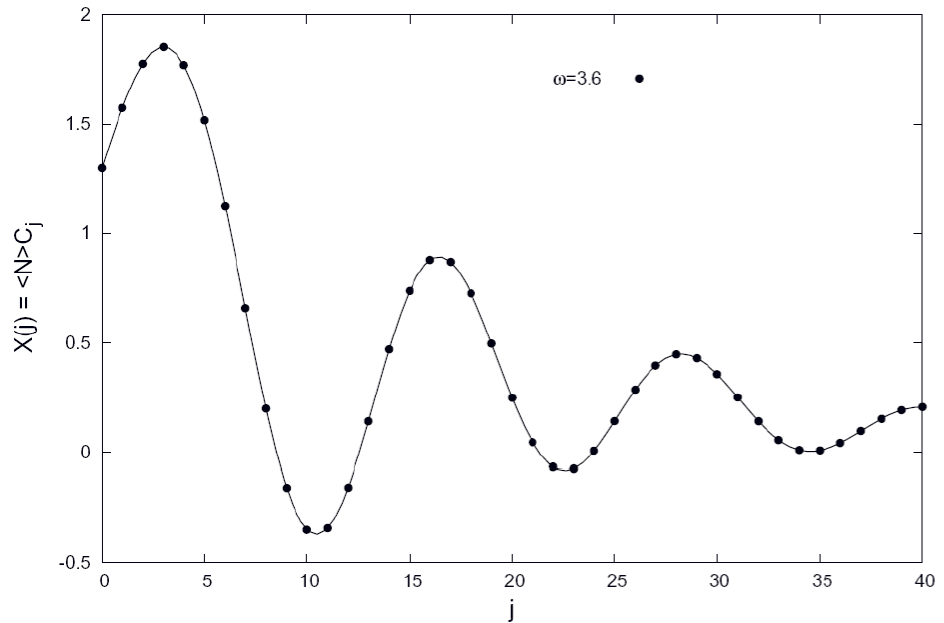
900 GeV  $|\eta|<1.5$



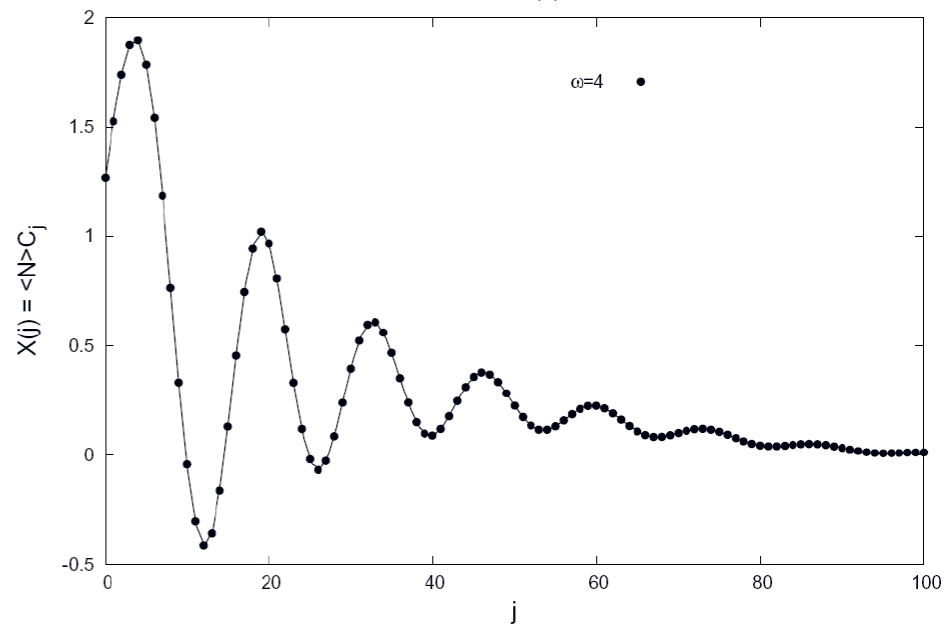
7000 GeV  $|\eta|<1.5$



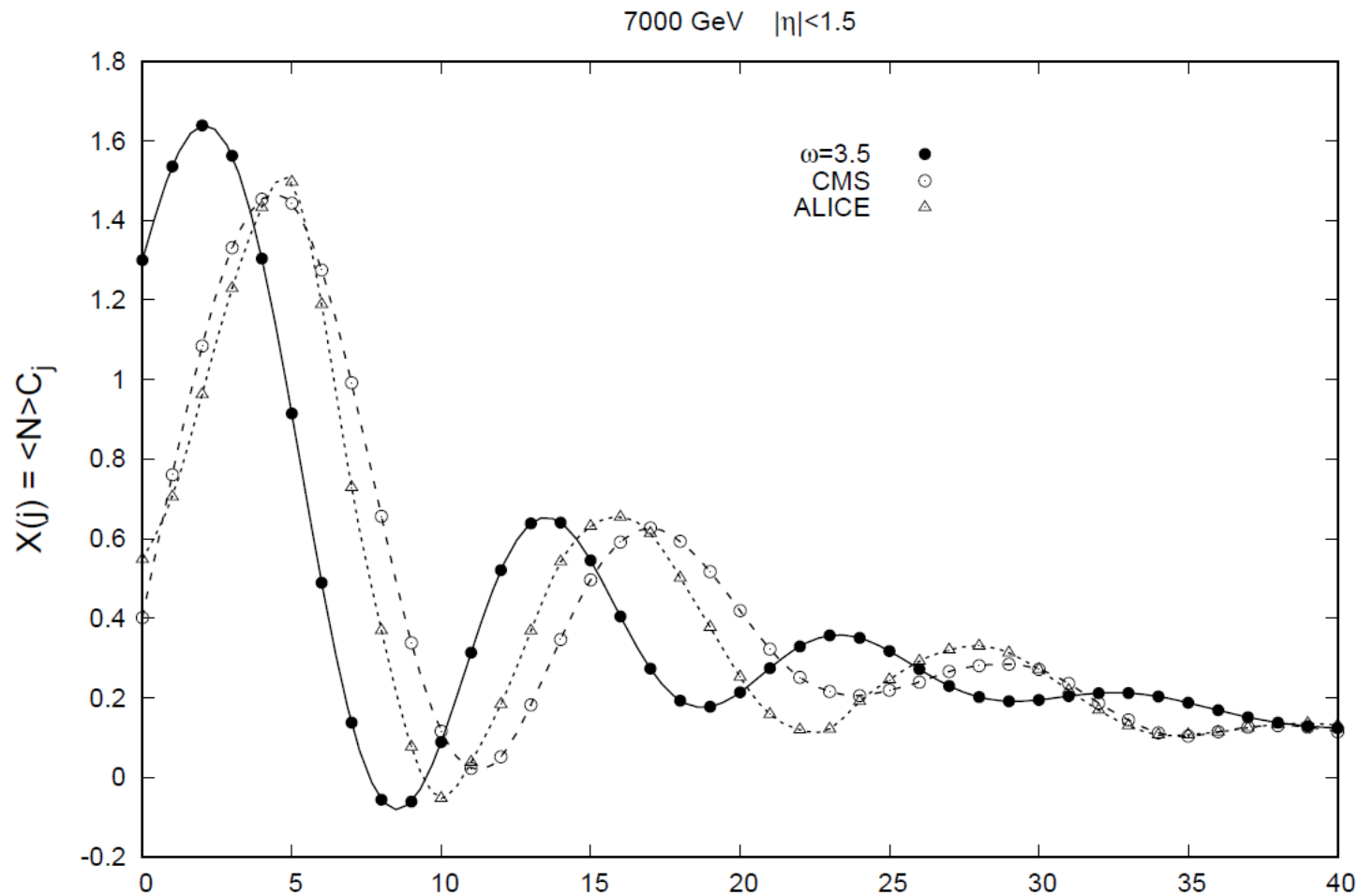
900 GeV  $|\eta|<2.4$



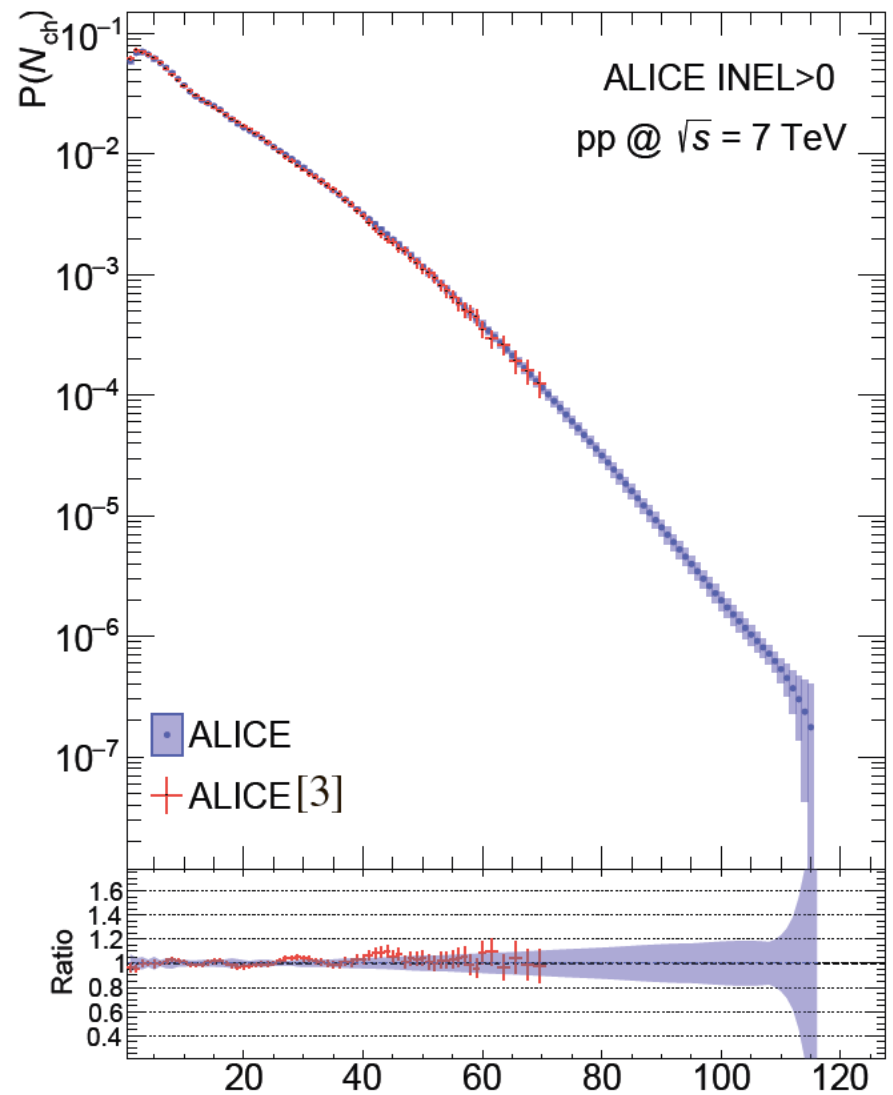
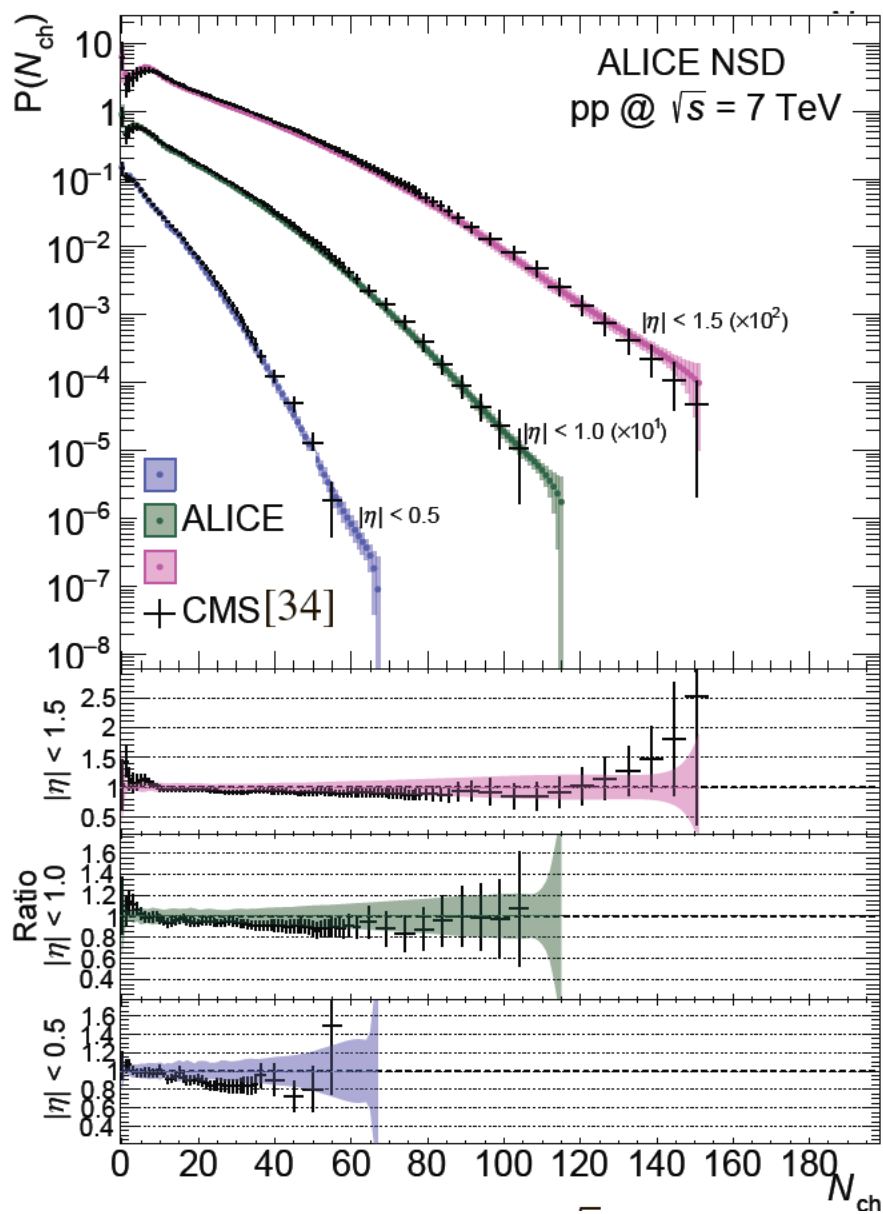
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# Comparison to the pp experimental data



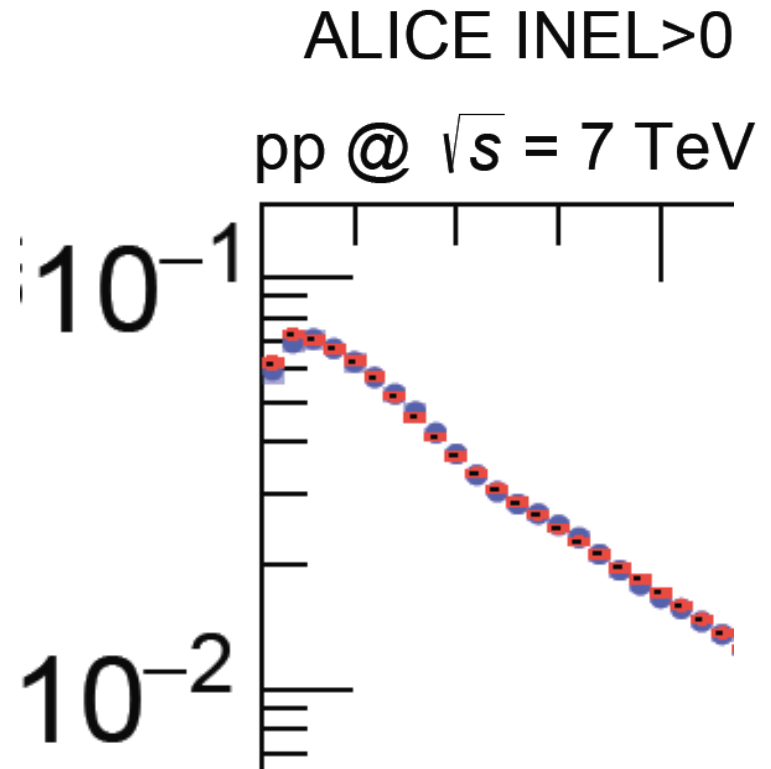
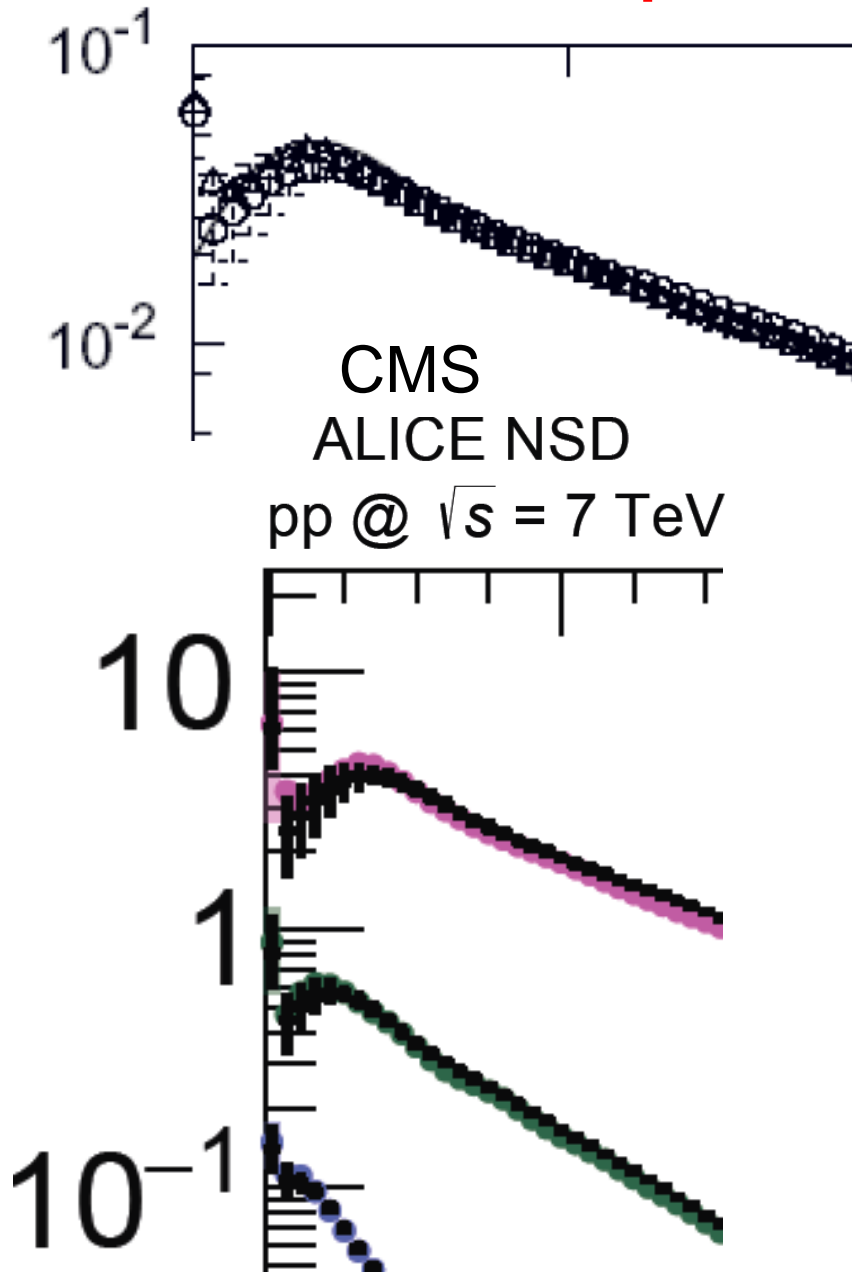
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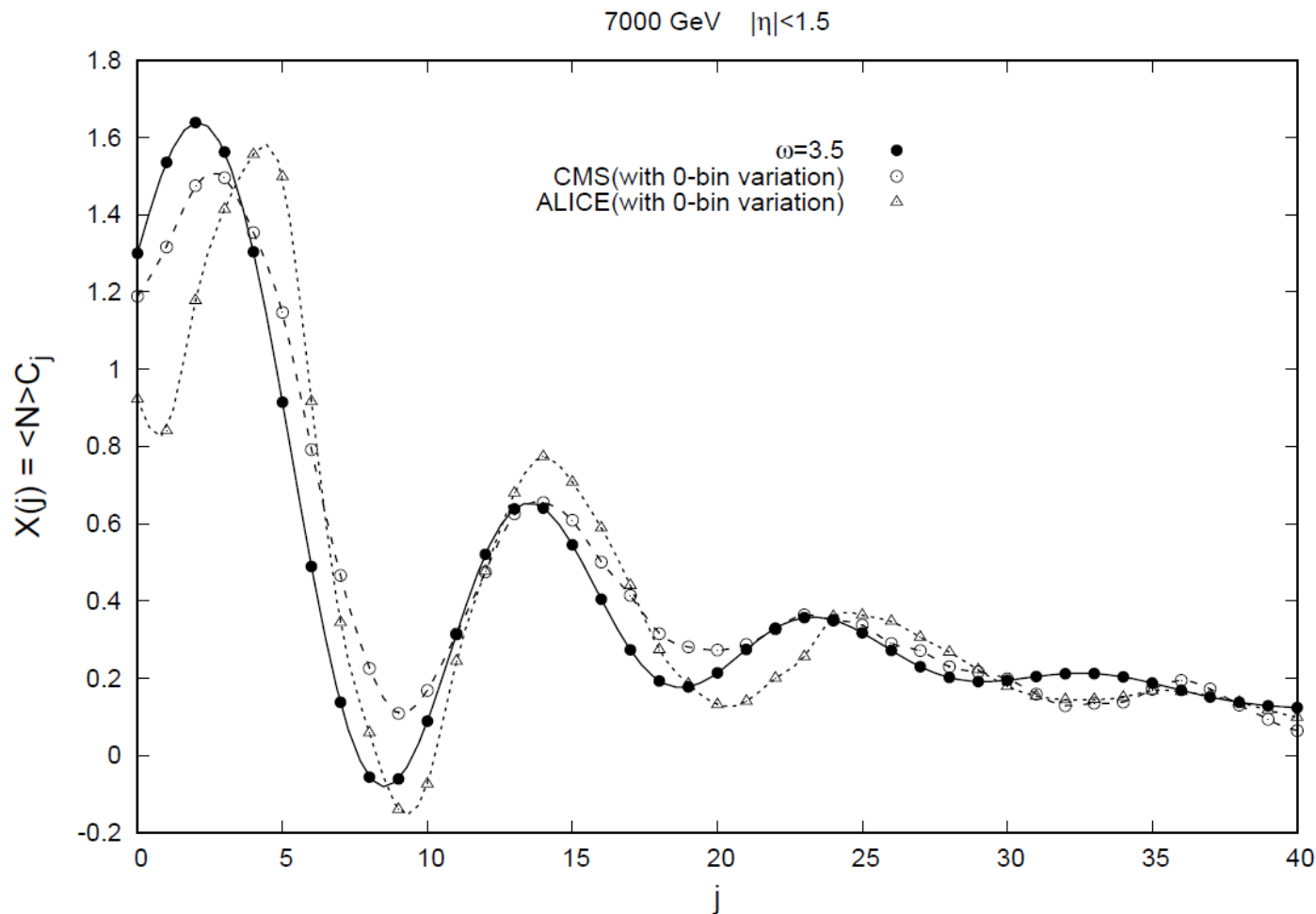
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## The problem of $N=0$ bin

At least one cut pomeron,  
 $n > 0 \Rightarrow$   
this excludes also the DD



# Comparison to the pp experimental data with modified 0-bin



**CMS Collaboration, JHEP 01, 079 (2011),**  
**ALICE Collaboration, Eur.Phys.J.C77, 33 (2017)**

# Concluding remarks

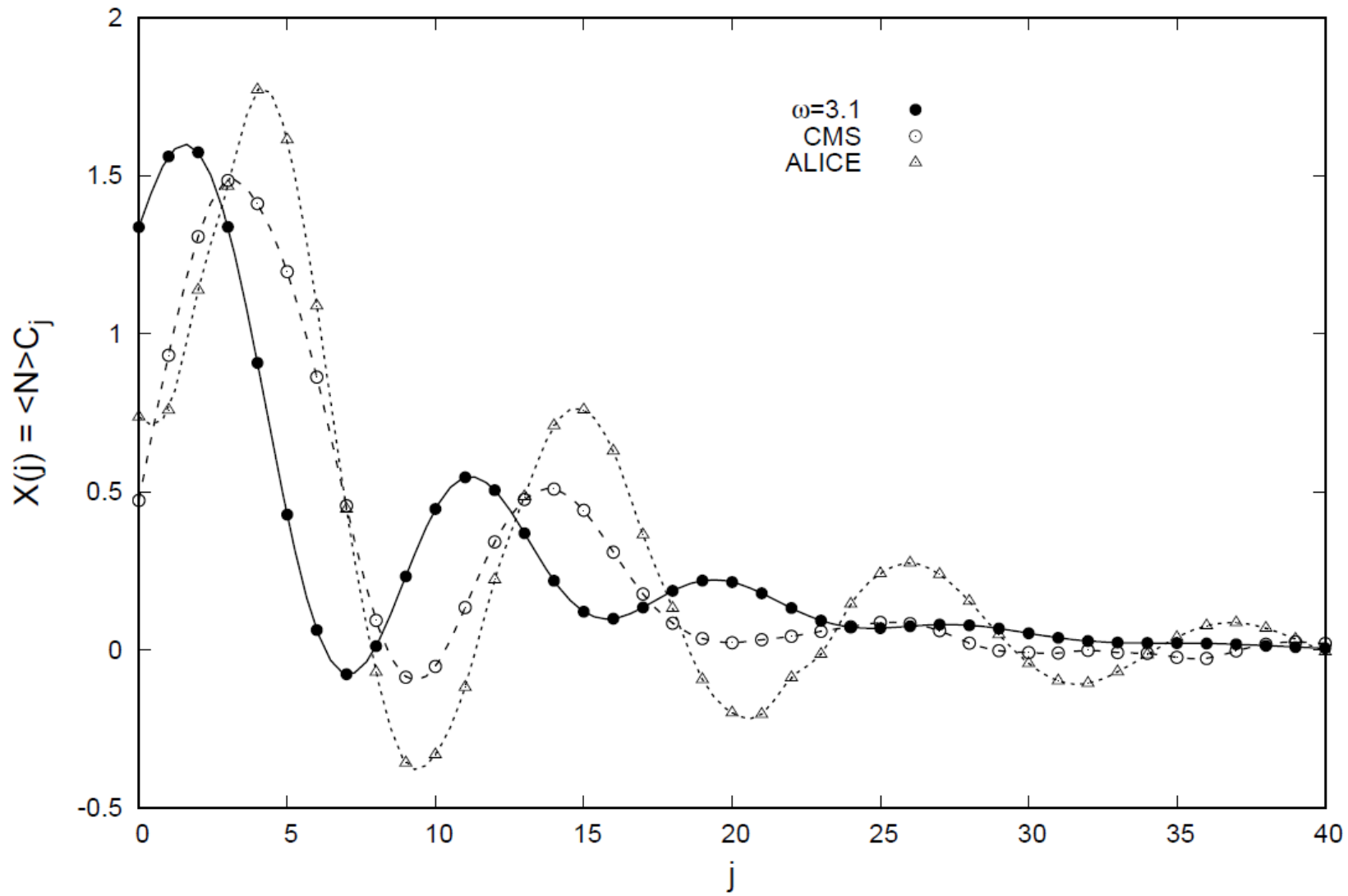
- The behavior of **combinants** proves to be a **very sensitive tool** in the analysis of **particle multiplicity distribution**. Even minor deviations of the ALICE and CMS data, within the error, lead to considerable changes in combinants.
- It is shown that within the framework of the **multipomeron exchange model** with **Poisson or NBD** distribution of particles from one source (quark-gluon string), it is **not possible to explain** the experimentally observed **oscillations of combinants** with increase of their number.
- **Oscillations of combinants** with increasing number **can be explained** if we assume a **Gaussian form of particle multiplicity distribution at a fixed number of pomerons**.
- The reason for the occurrence of these **oscillations is the interplay between the contributions of 1, 2, 3, etc. cut pomerons**.

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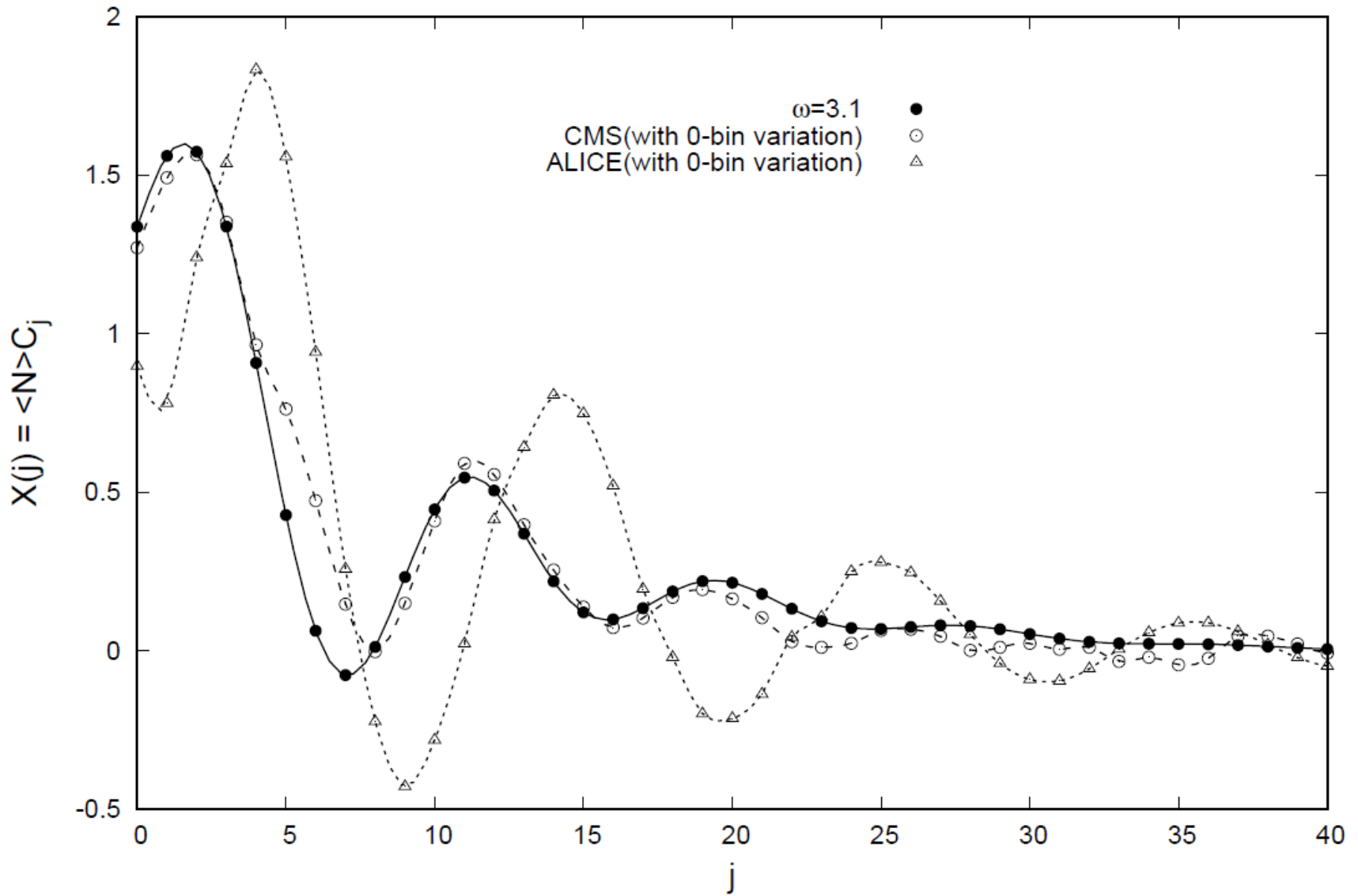
# Backup slides

900 GeV  $|\eta| < 1.5$

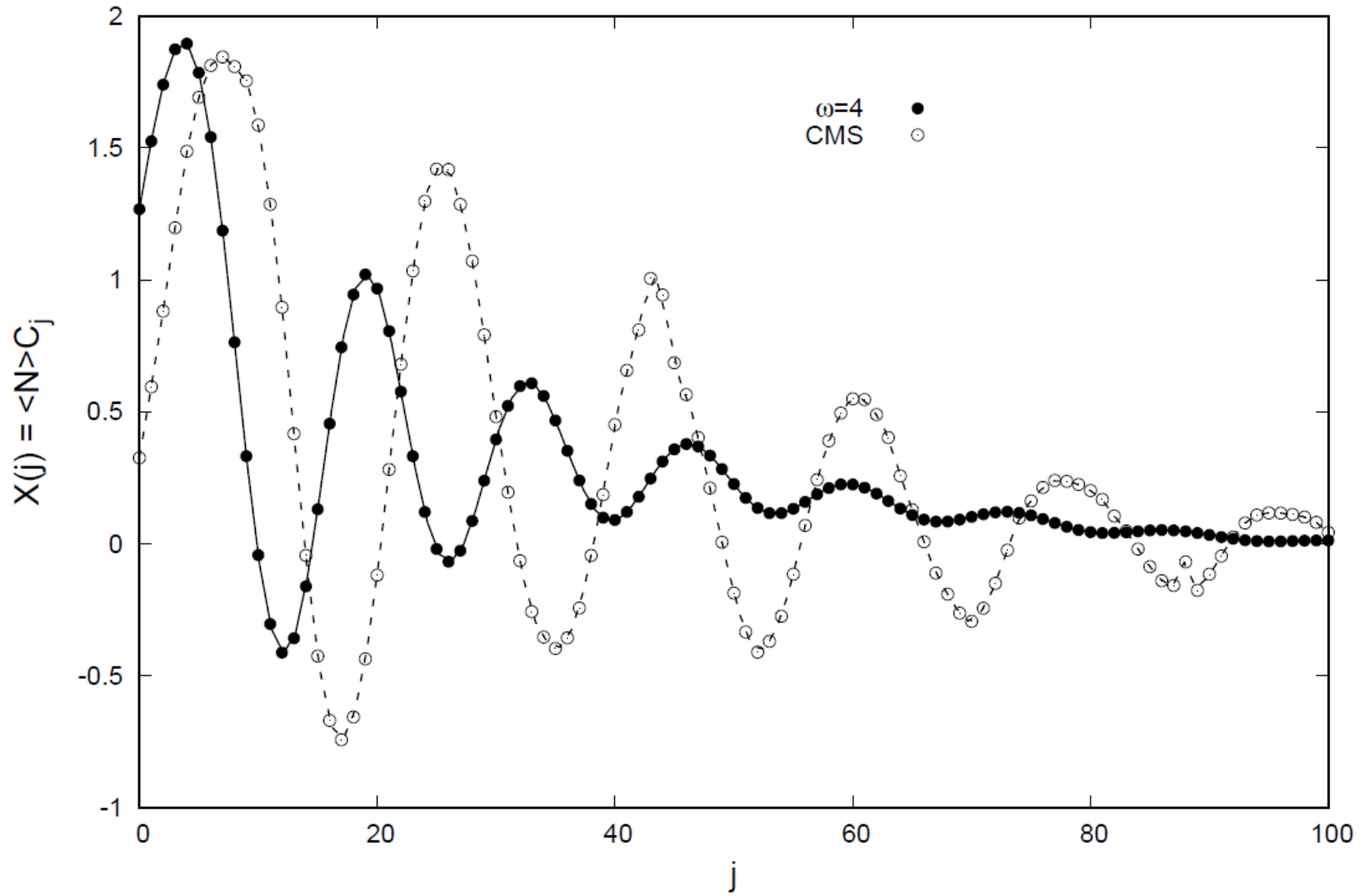




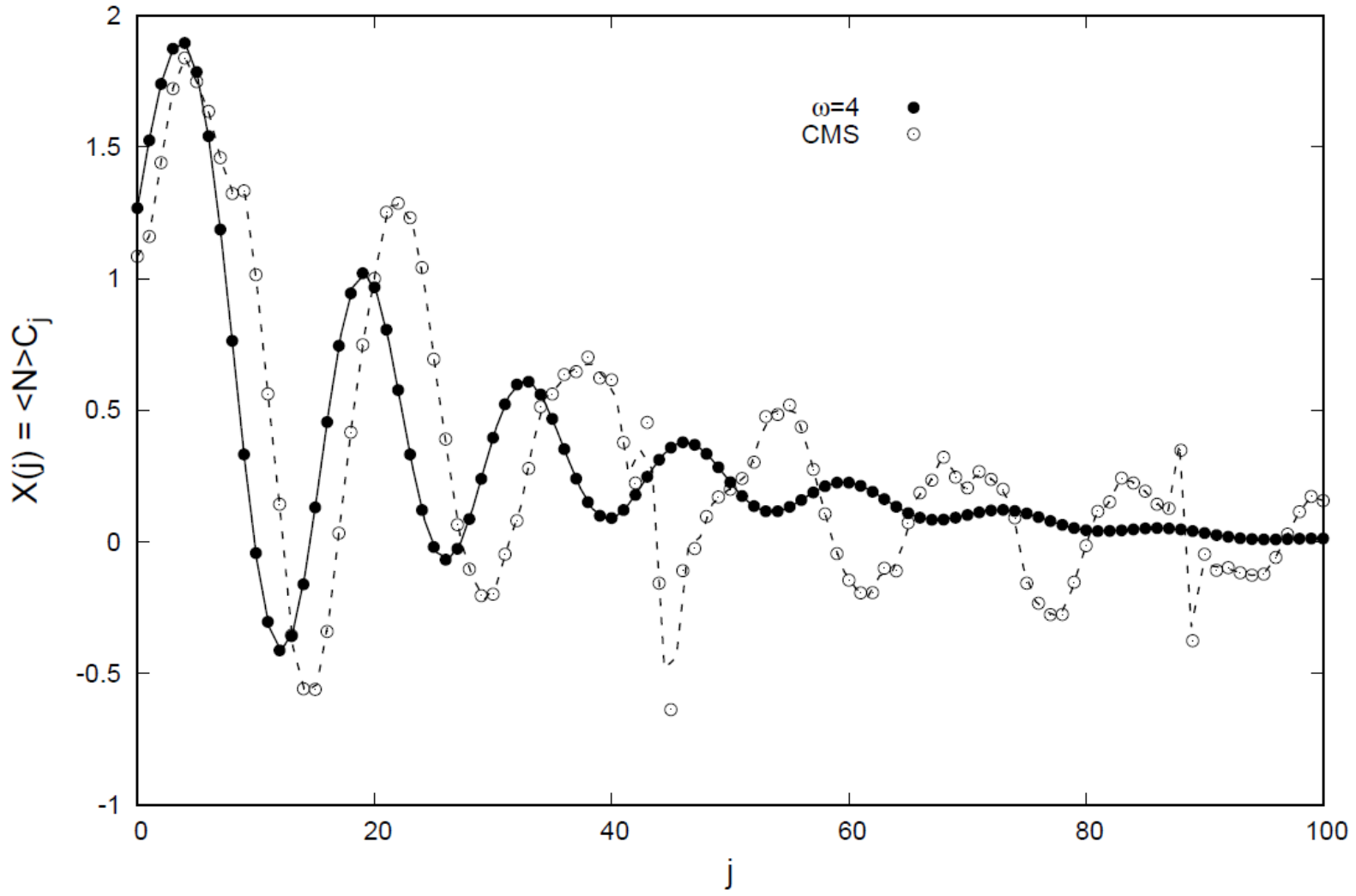
900 GeV  $|\eta| < 1.5$



7000 GeV  $|\eta| < 2.4$



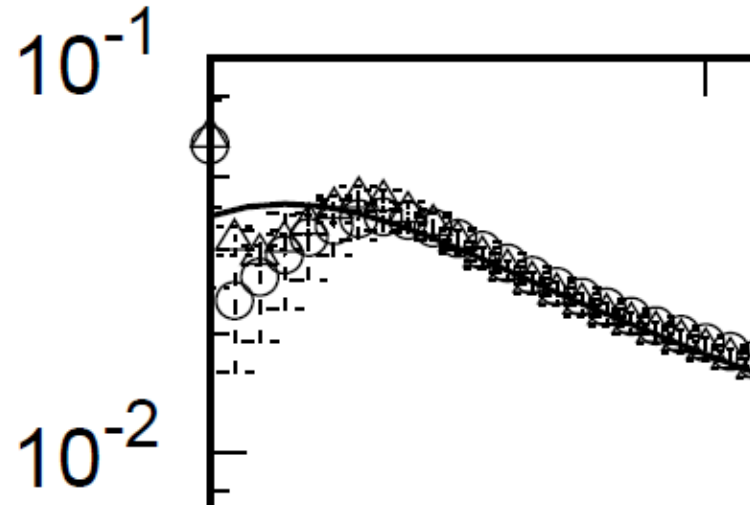
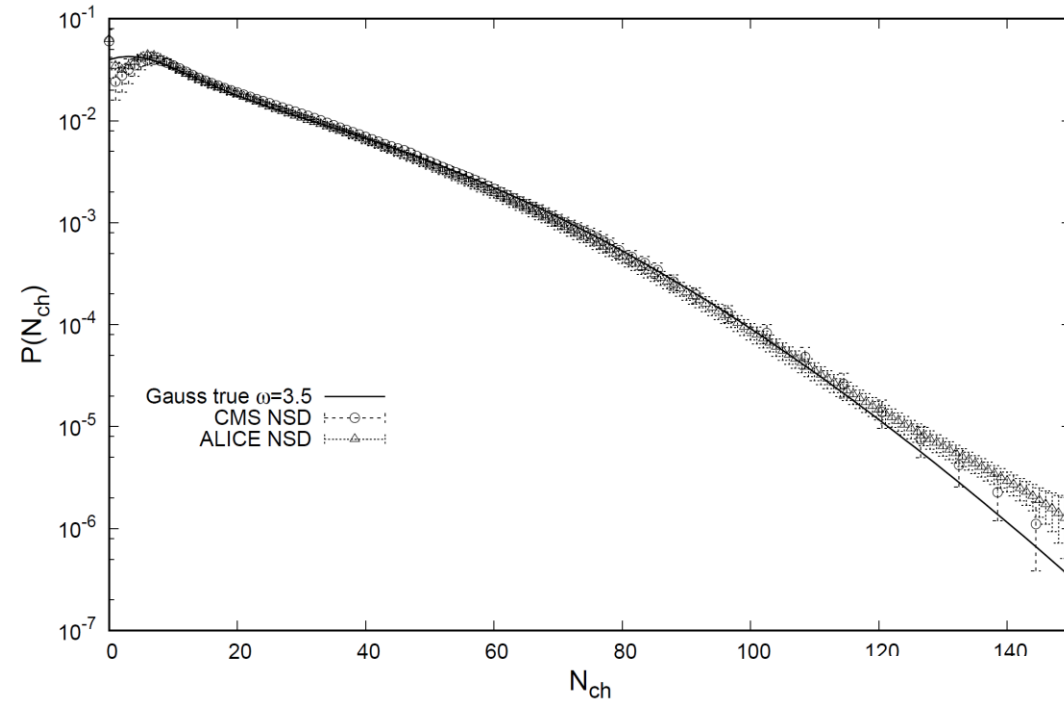
7000 GeV  $|\eta| < 2.4$



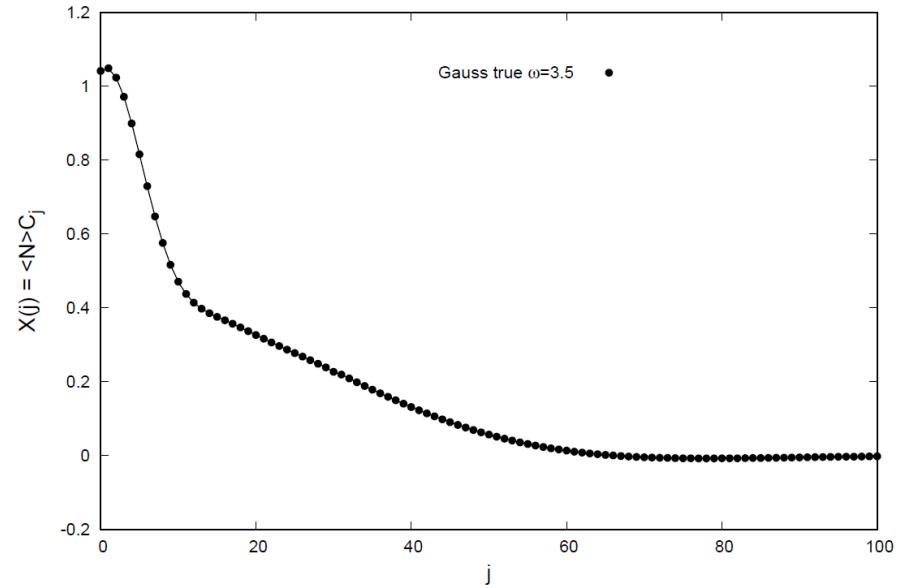
# Assuming a Gaussian distribution for $P_n(N)$ with fixed $\omega_n = \omega$

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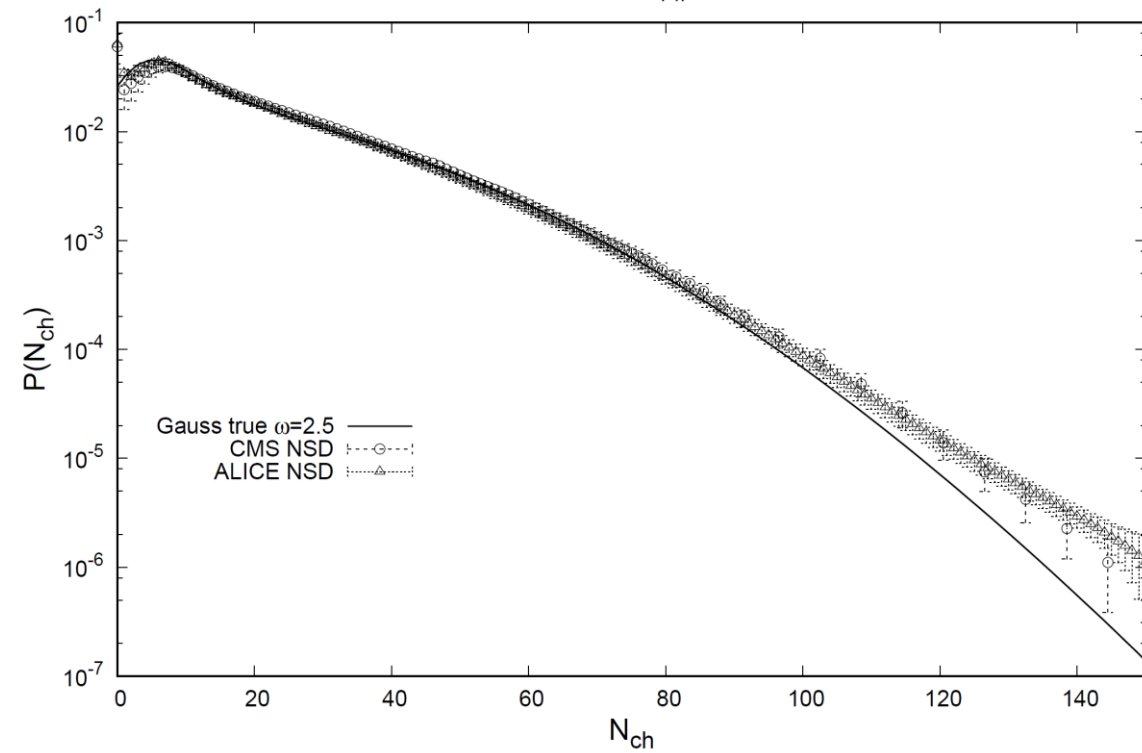
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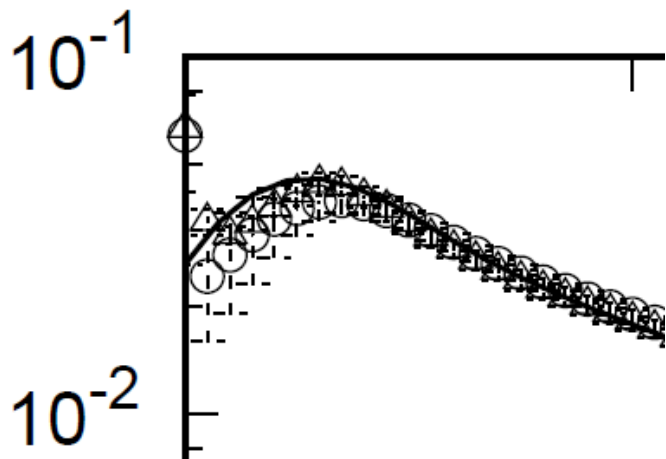
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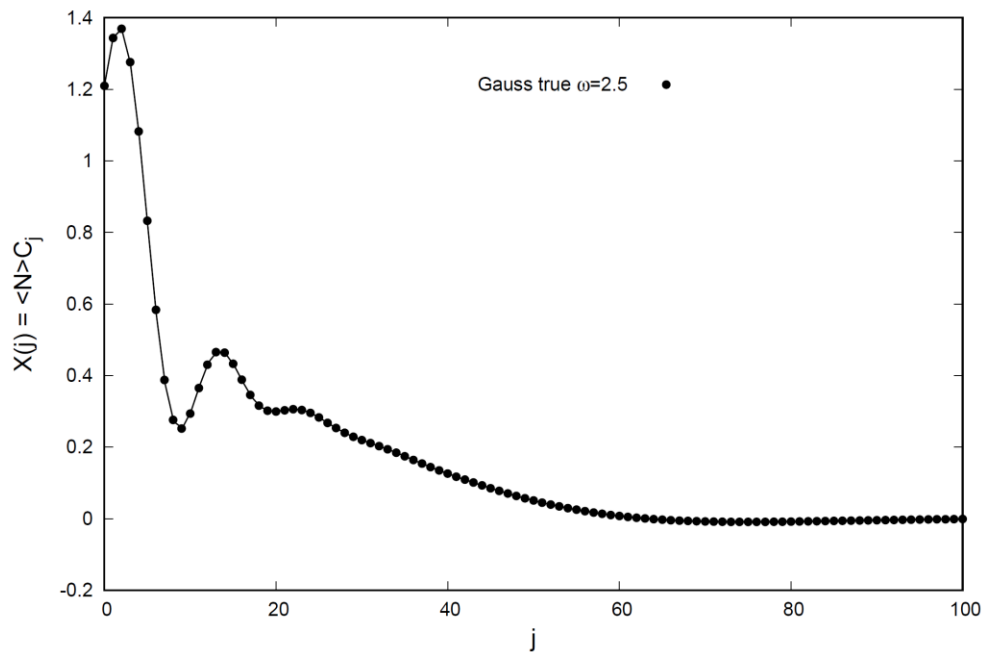
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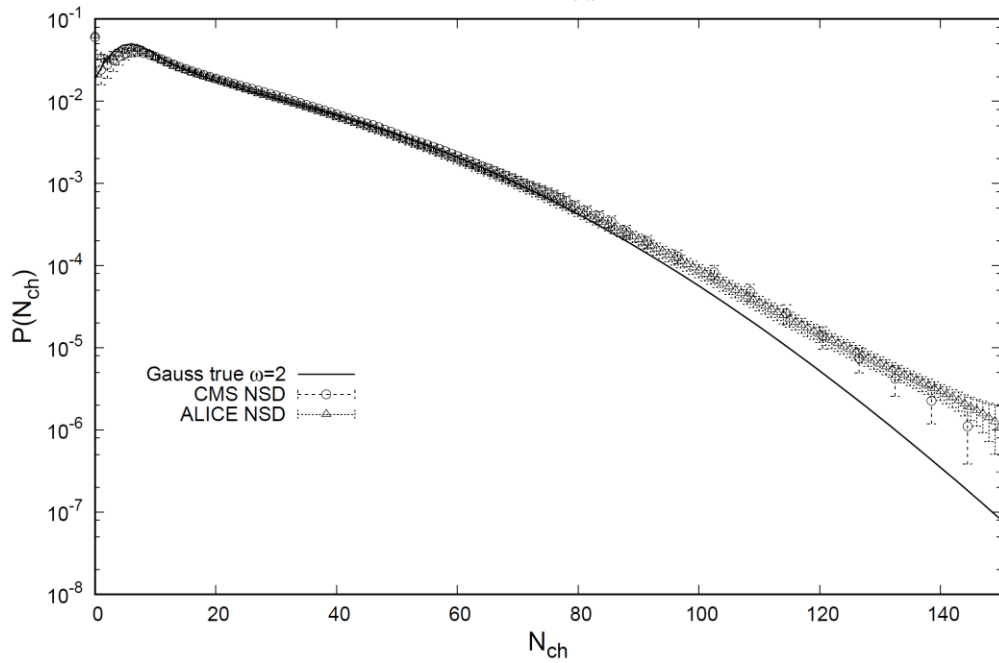
$$\omega_n = 2.5$$



7000 GeV  $|\eta| < 1.5$



7000 GeV  $|\eta| < 1.5$



$$\omega_n = 2$$

7000 GeV  $|\eta| < 1.5$

