

# Overview of Heavy Ion Physics at ATLAS

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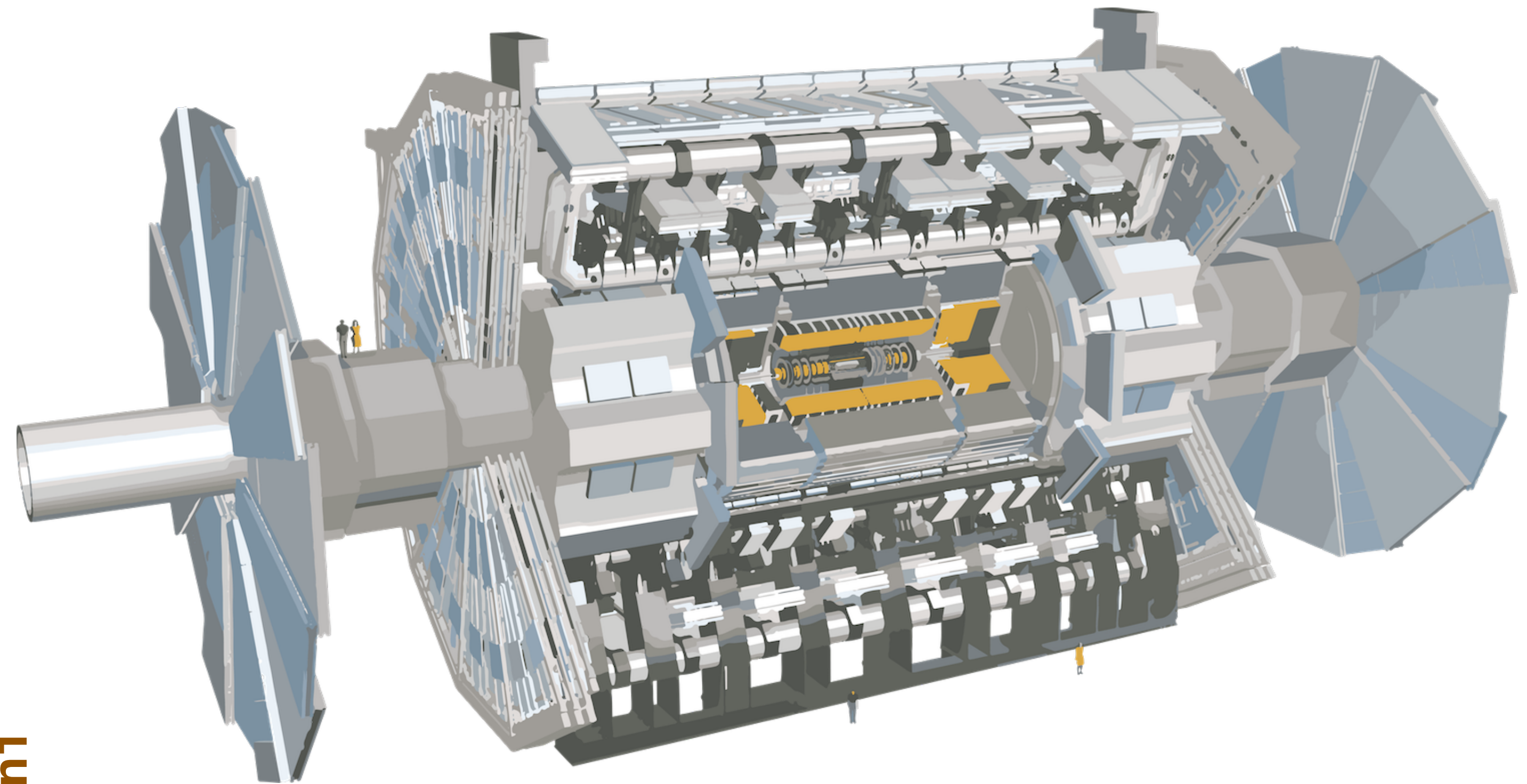


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## ATLAS Heavy Ion Data Summary

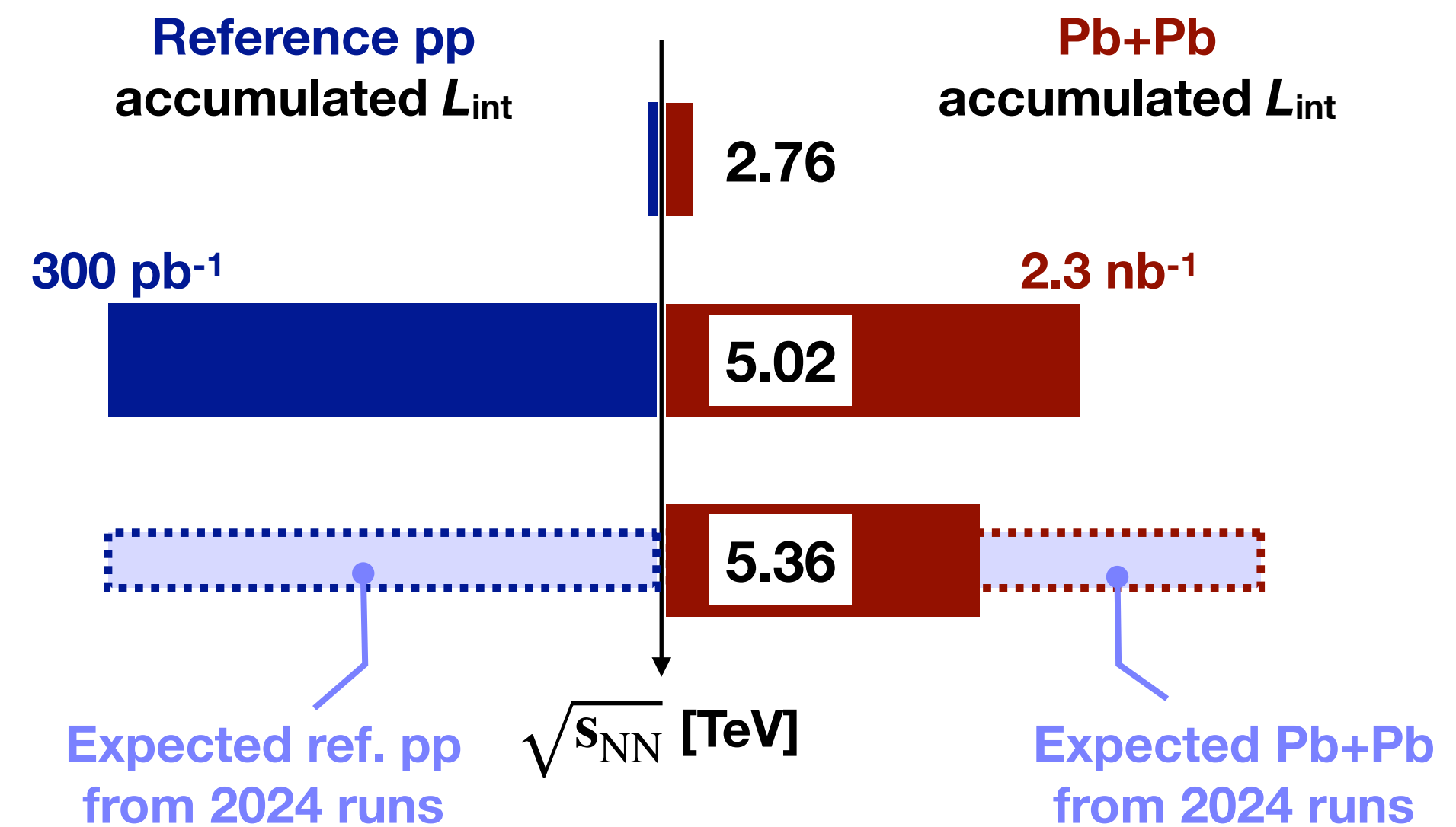
System	Year	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [TeV]	$L_{int}$
Pb+Pb	2010	2.76	7 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2011	2.76	0.14 $\text{nb}^{-1}$
pp	2013	2.76	4 $\text{pb}^{-1}$
p+Pb	2013	5.02	29 $\text{nb}^{-1}$
pp	2015	5.02	28 $\text{pb}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2015	5.02	0.49 $\text{nb}^{-1}$
p+Pb	2016	5.02	0.5 $\text{nb}^{-1}$
p+Pb	2016	8.16	0.16 $\text{pb}^{-1}$
Xe+Xe	2017	5.44	3 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$
pp	2017	5.02	270 $\text{pb}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2018	5.02	1.76 $\text{nb}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2023	5.36	1.71 $\text{nb}^{-1}$



Run1

Run2

Run3



## Probing QGP with penetrating particles

- Jet modification and medium response
- Heavy flavors
- Hard-soft correlation

## Understand the initial state

- Role of fluctuating geometry
- Color fluctuation in nucleons
- Nuclear modification of PDF

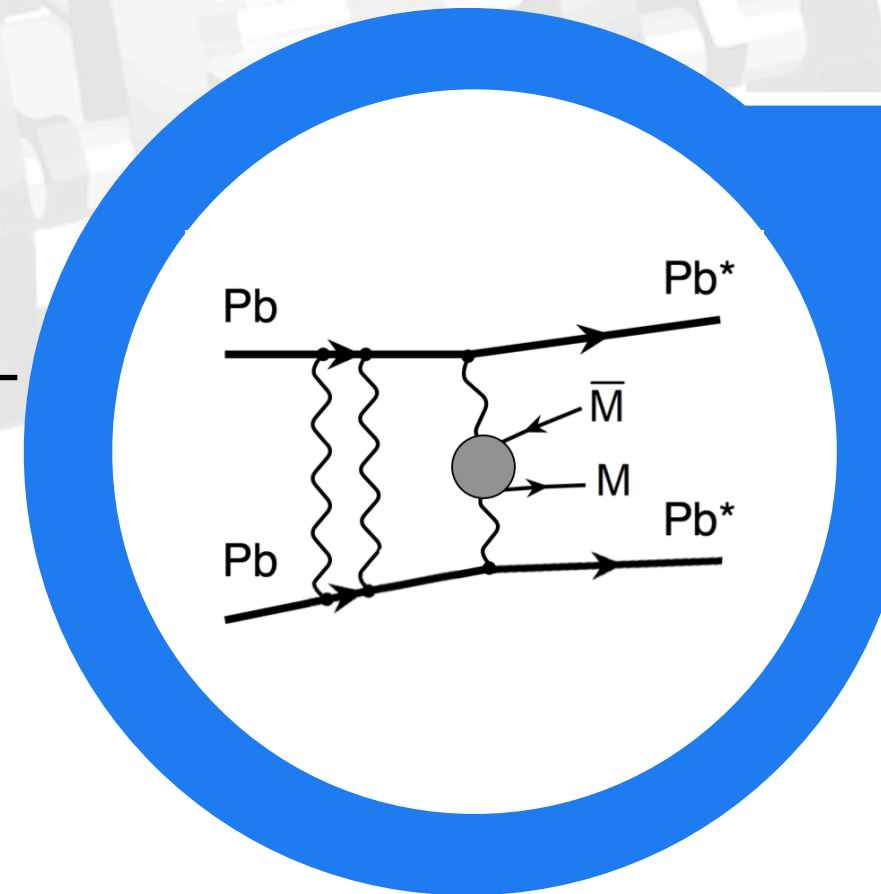
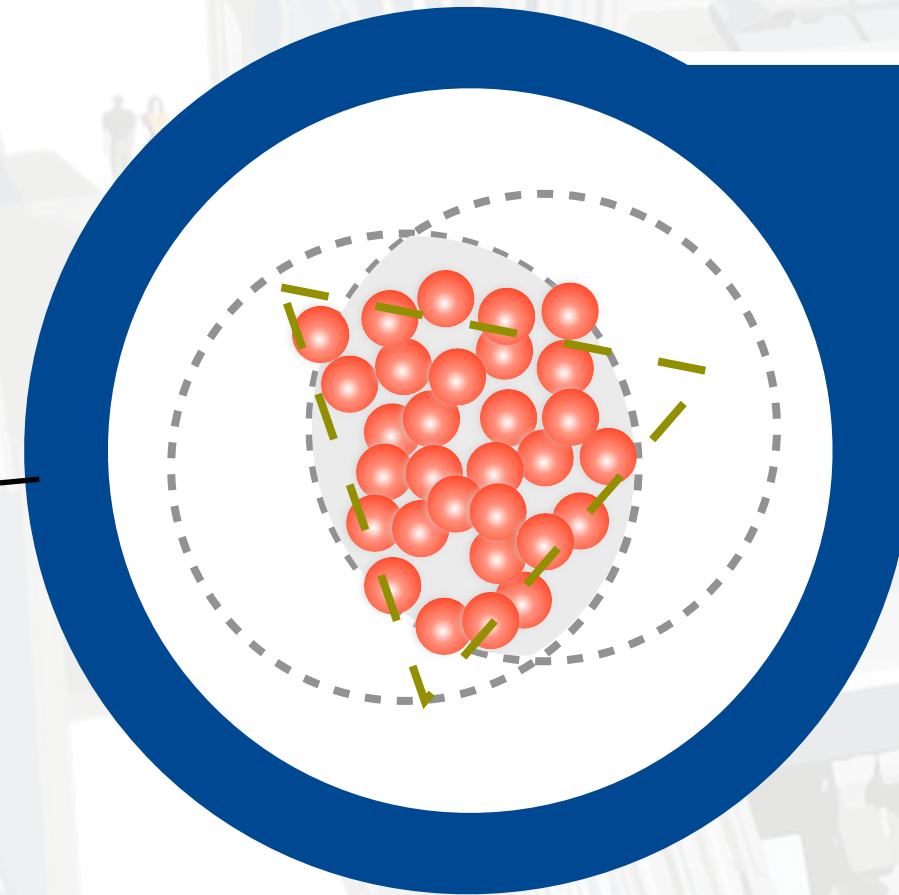
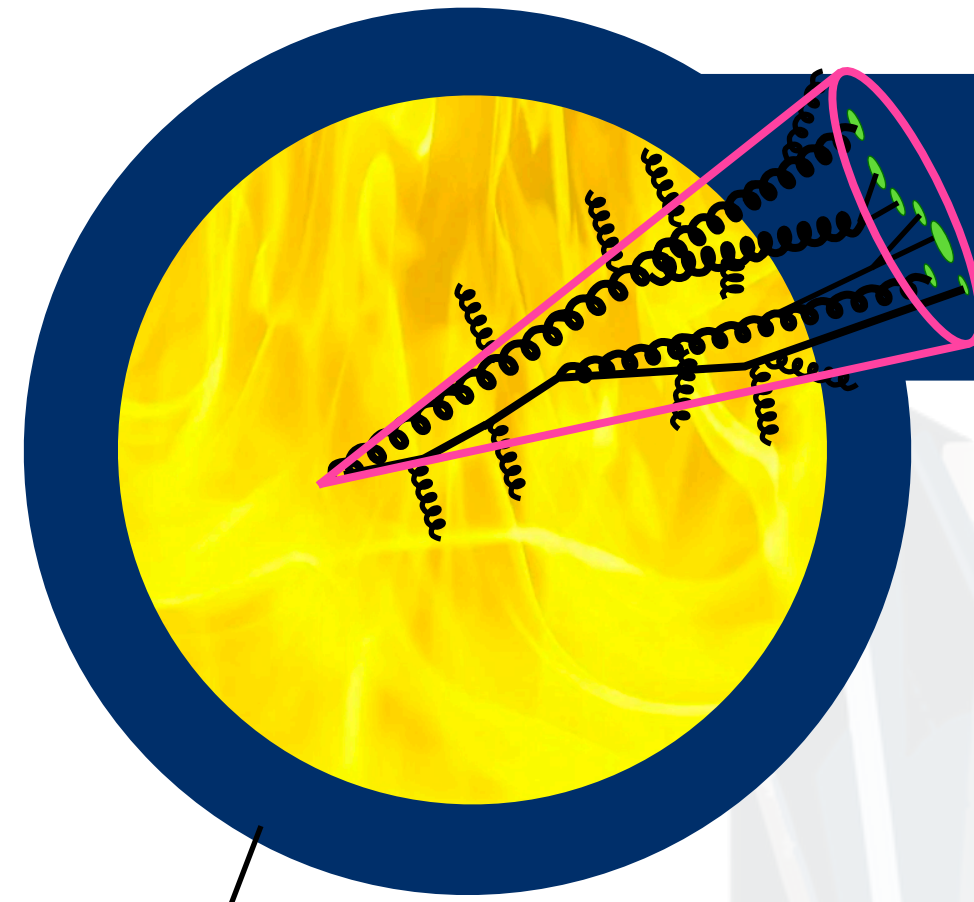
## Exploring novel physics in UPCs

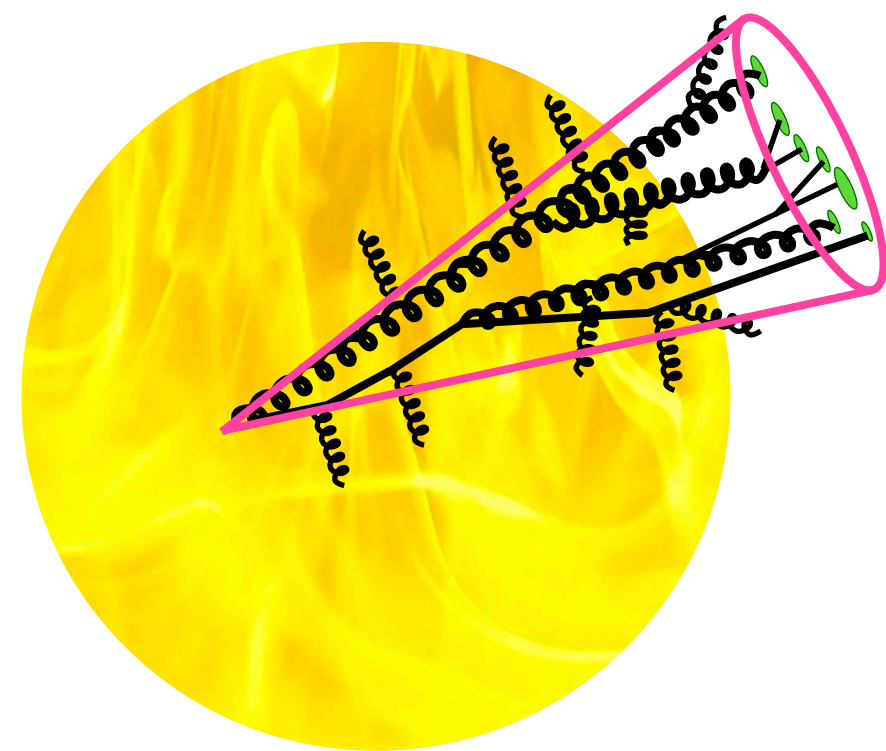
- Collectivity in UPC
- Tau  $g-2$
- Magnetic Monopole

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Hard Probes**

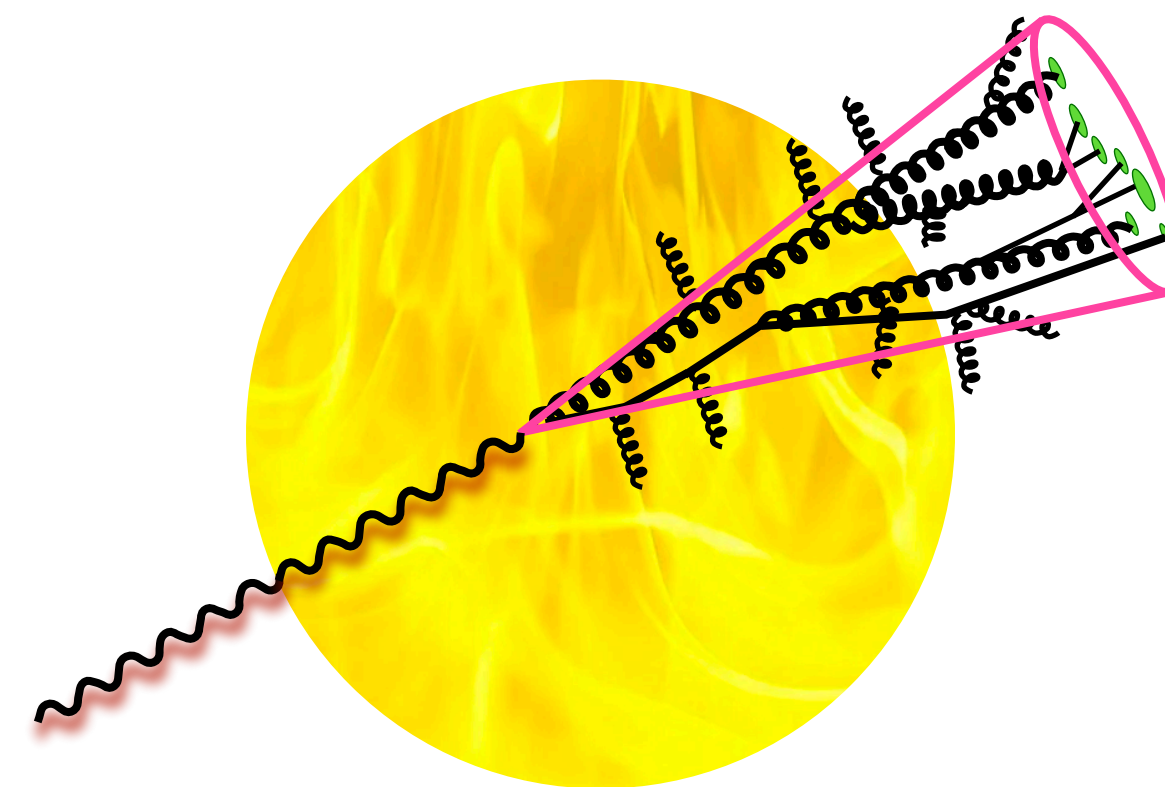


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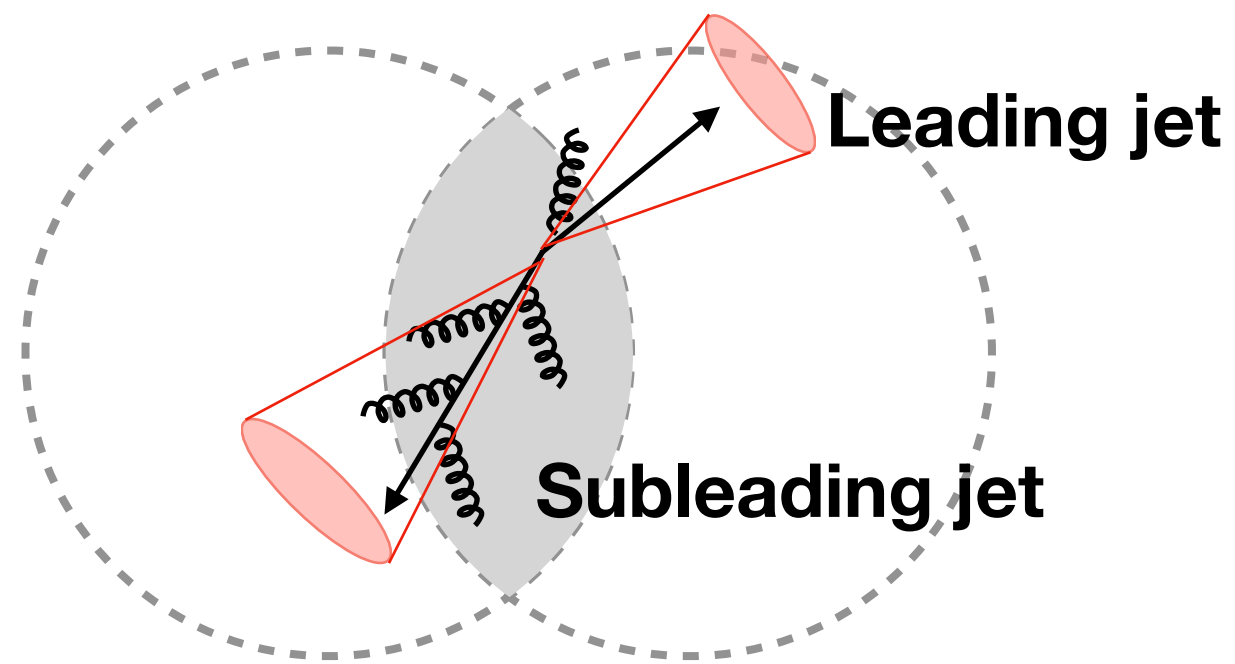


# Penetrating probes of QGP

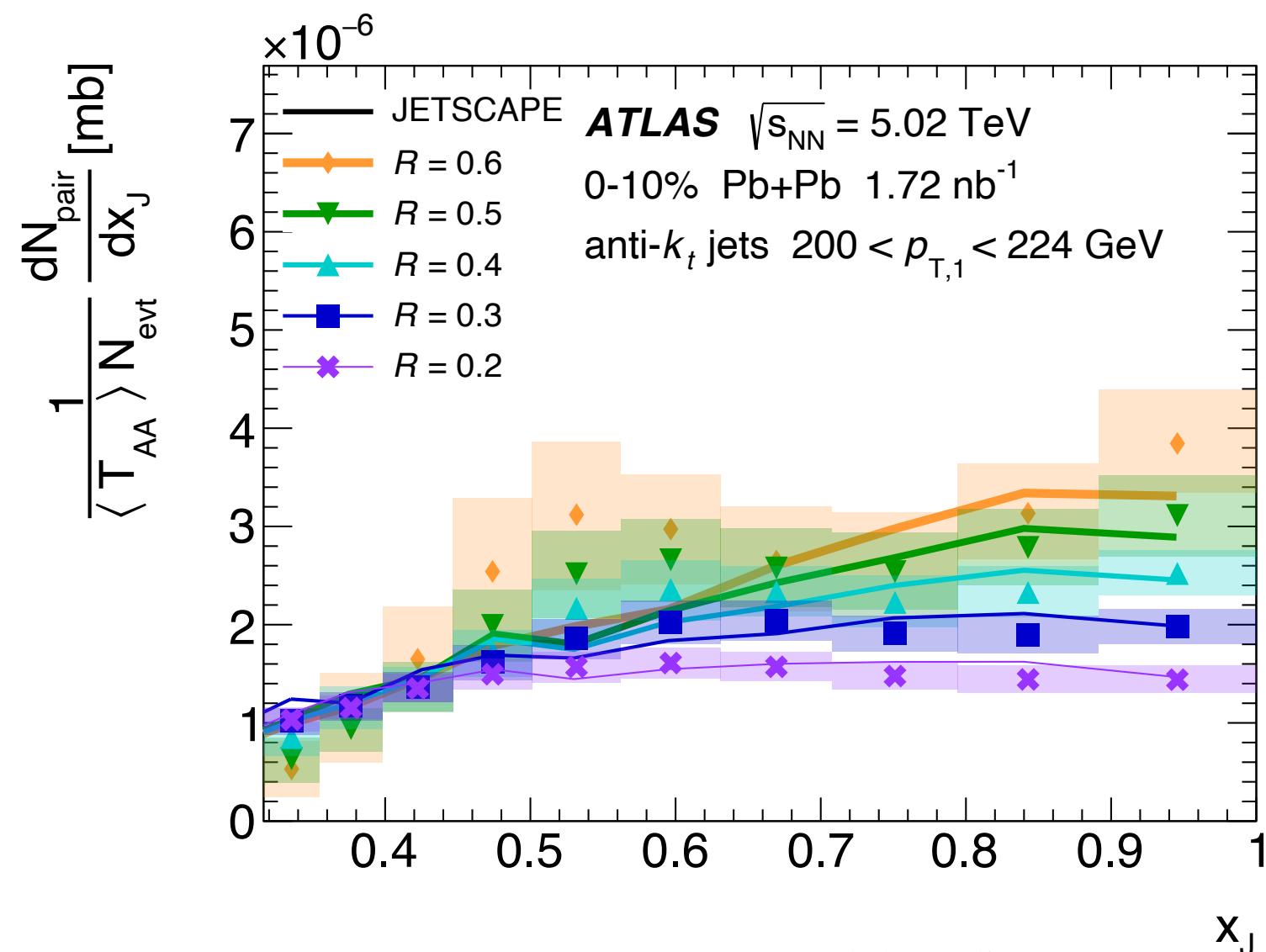


# R-dependence of dijet asymmetry

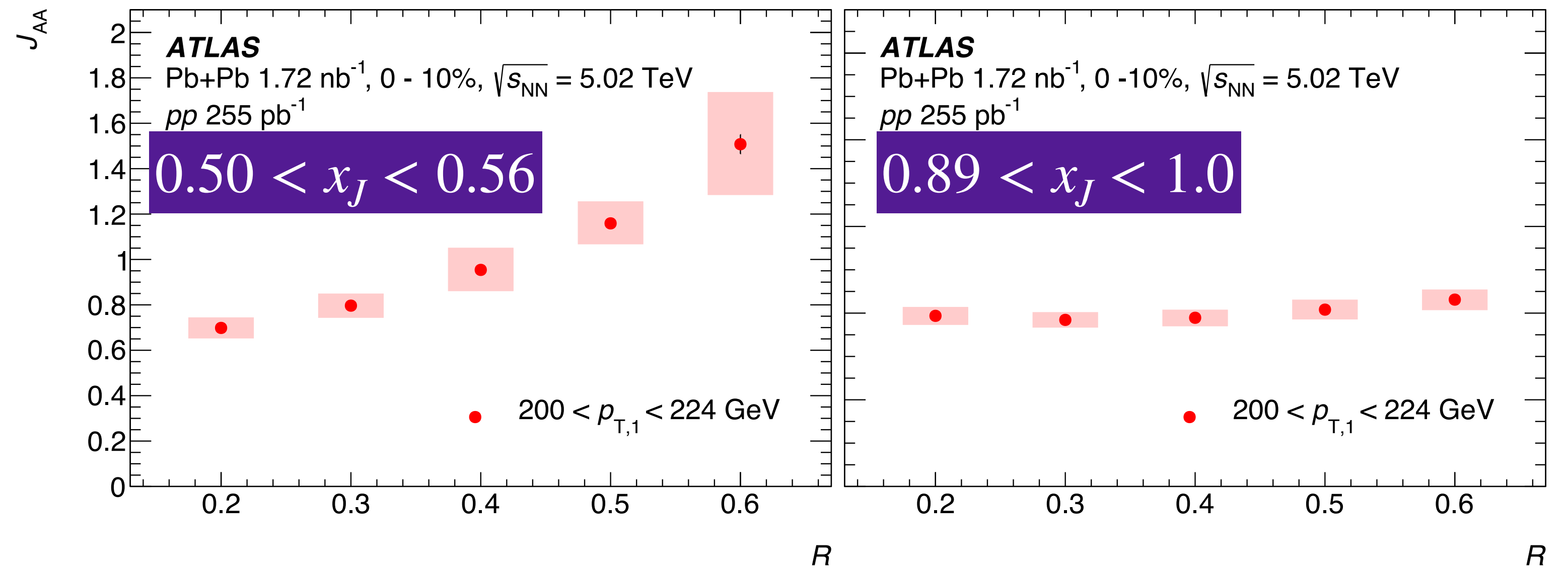
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$$J_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle N_{\text{evt}}^{AA}} \frac{dN_{\text{pair}}^{AA}}{dx_J} / \frac{dN_{\text{pair}}^{pp}}{L_{pp} dx_J}$$



$$x_J = \frac{p_T^{\text{subleading}}}{p_T^{\text{leading}}}$$

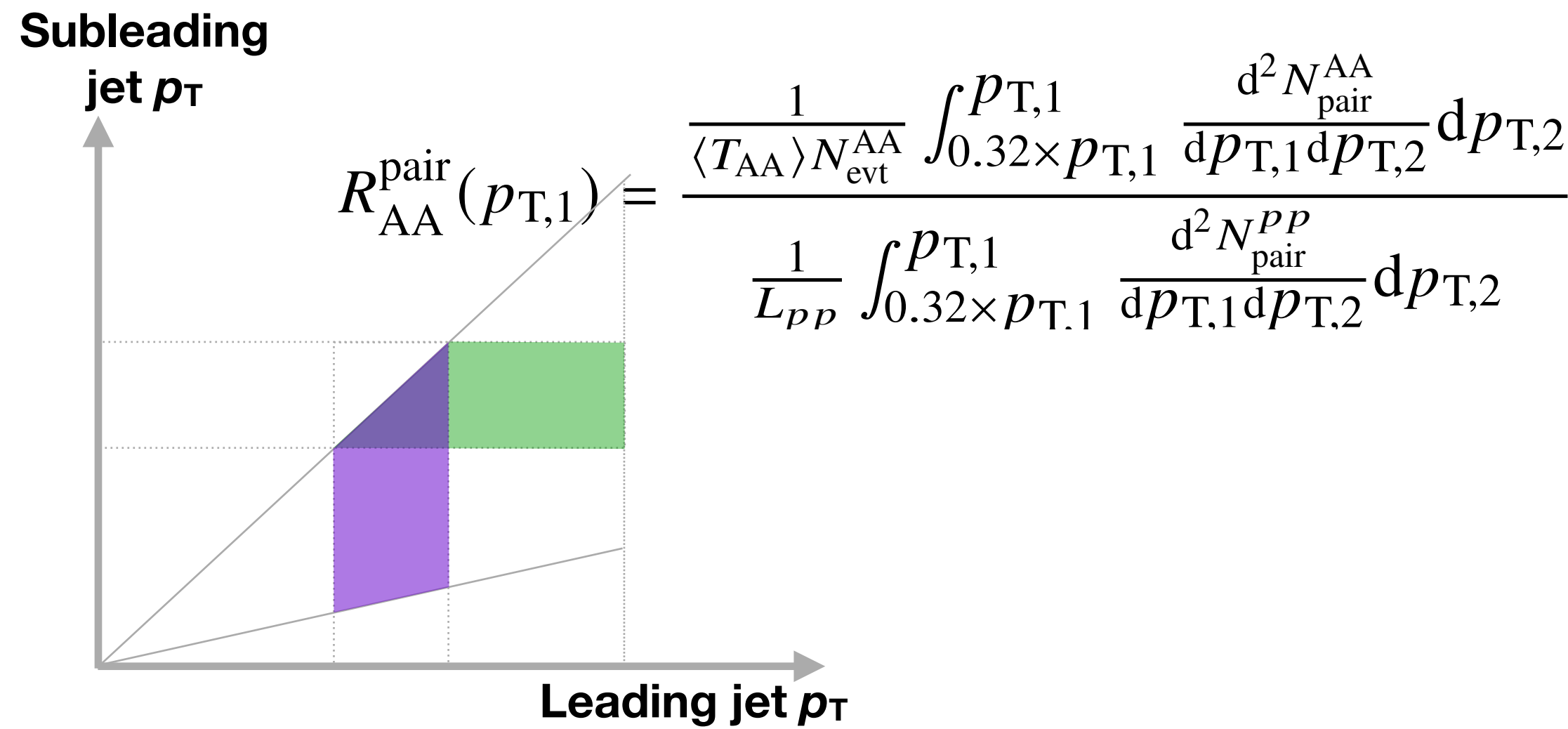


- Strong  $R$ -dependence for imbalanced dijets
- Smaller- $R$  dijets are more suppressed

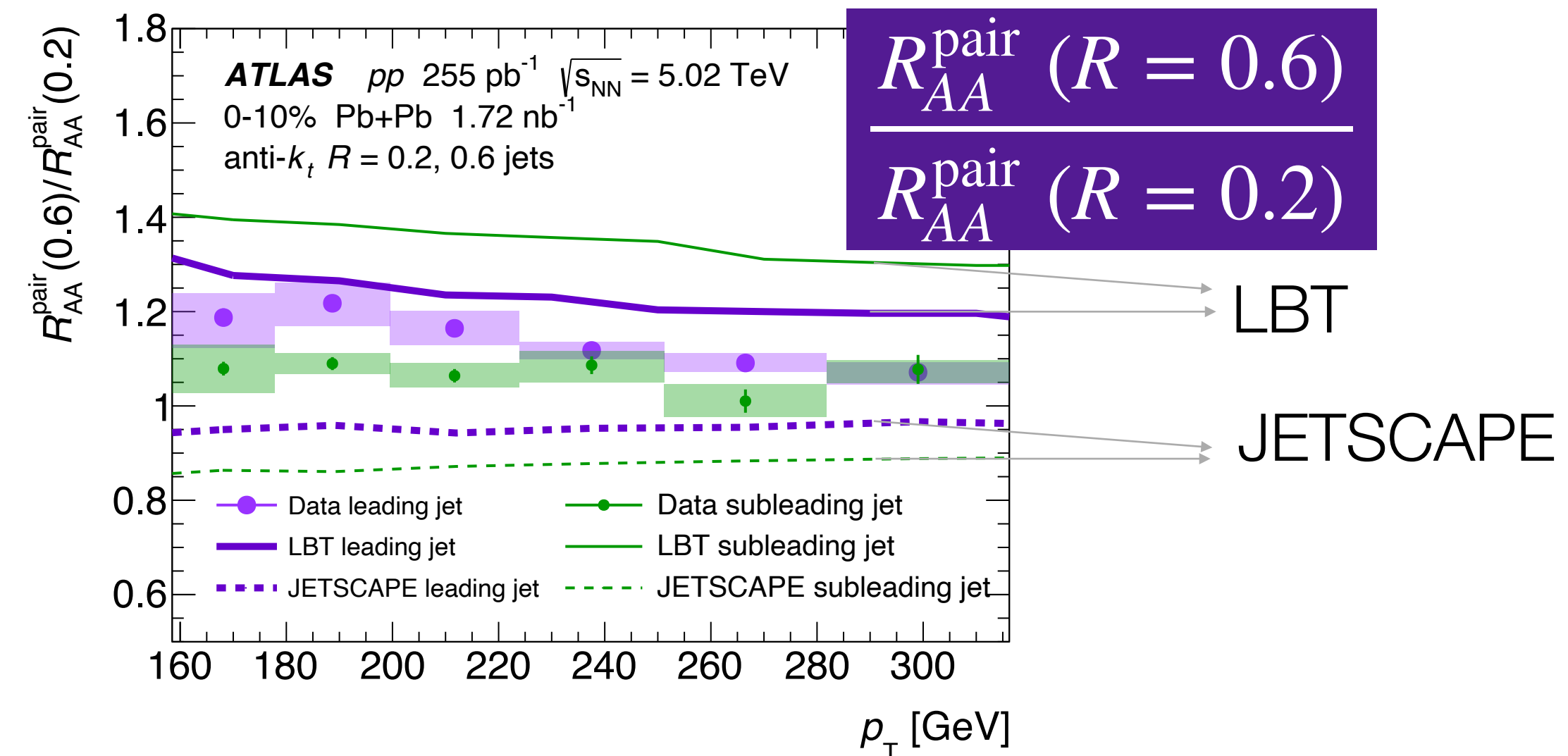
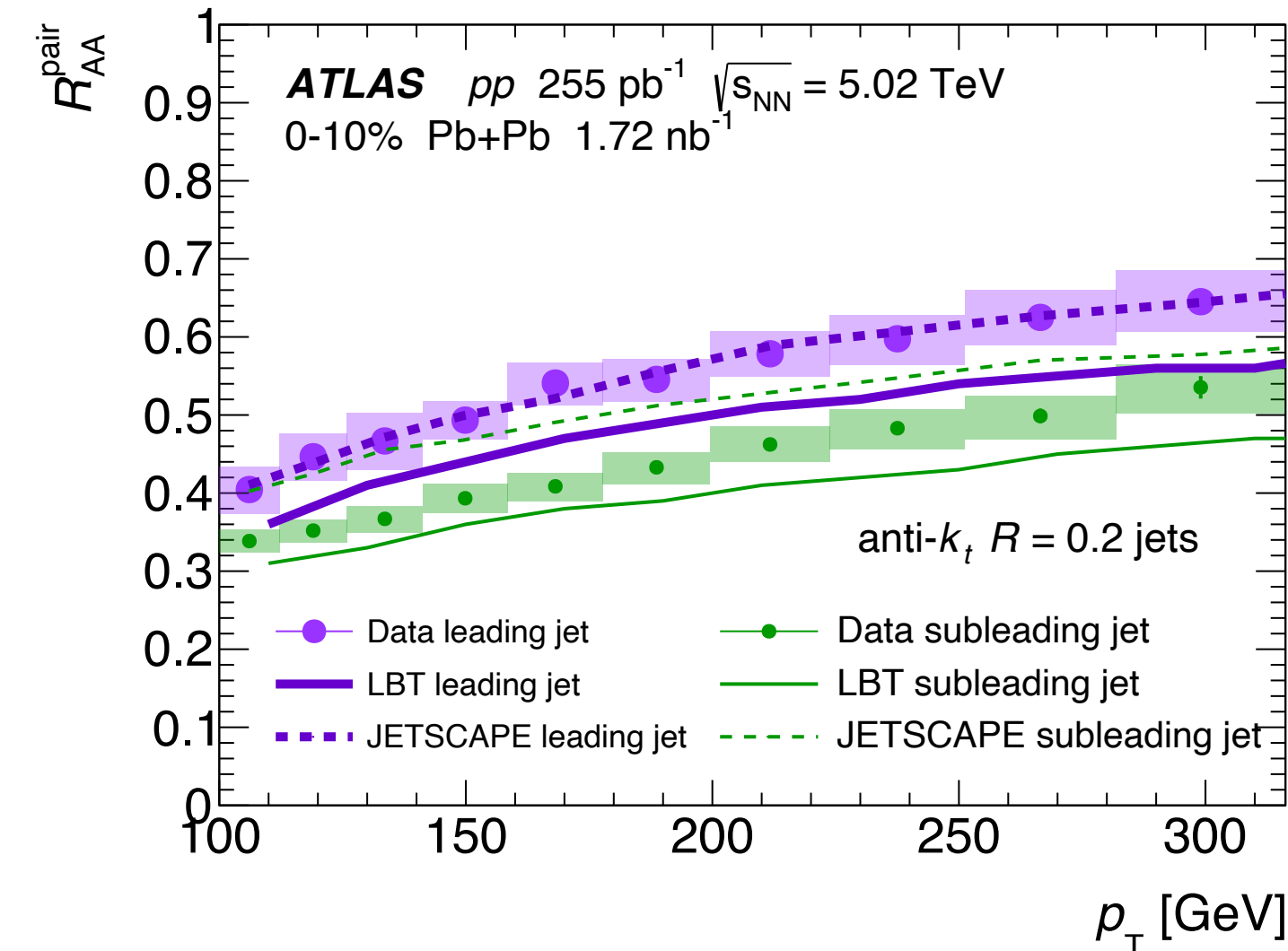


# R-dependence of dijet quenching

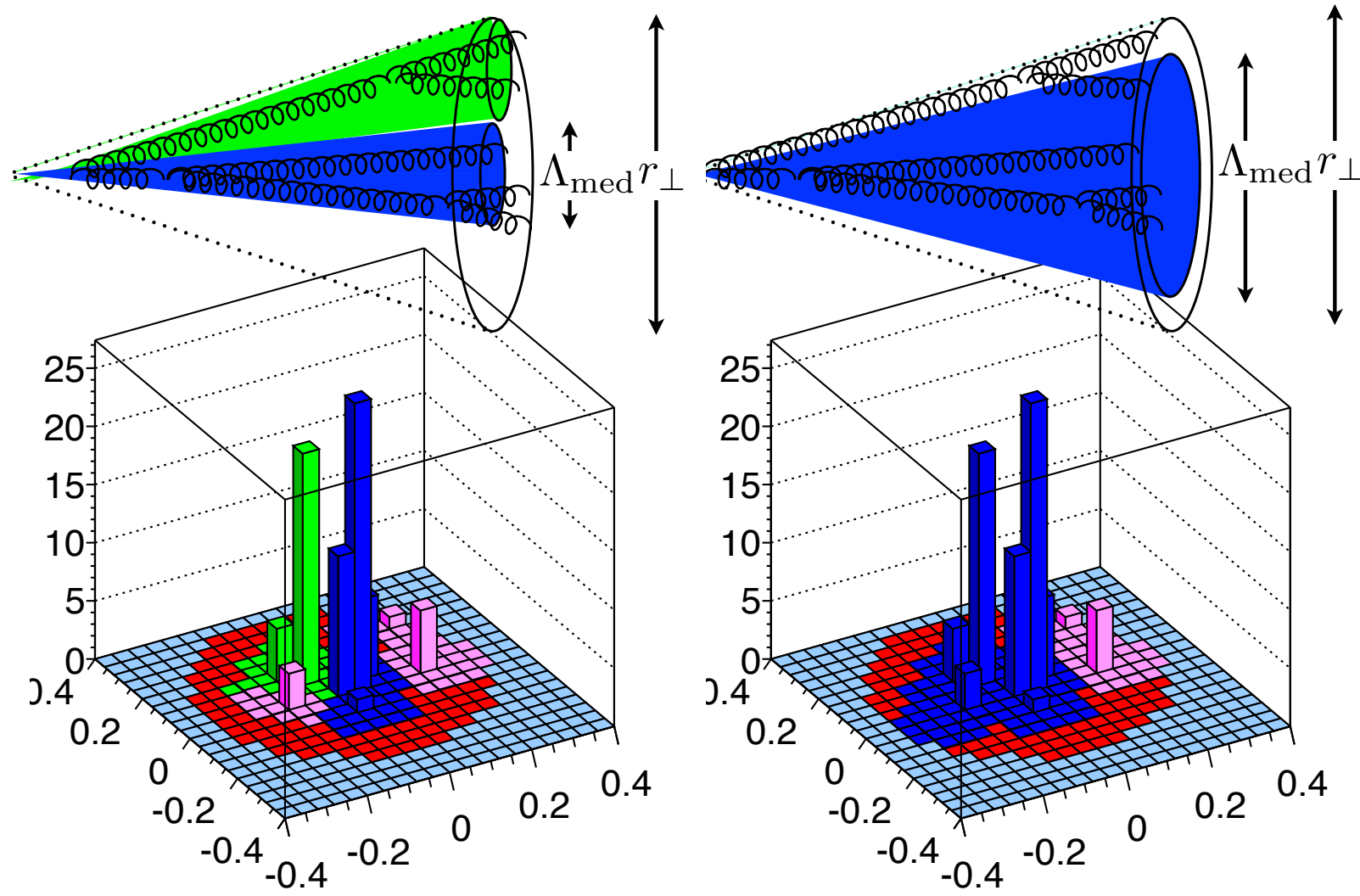
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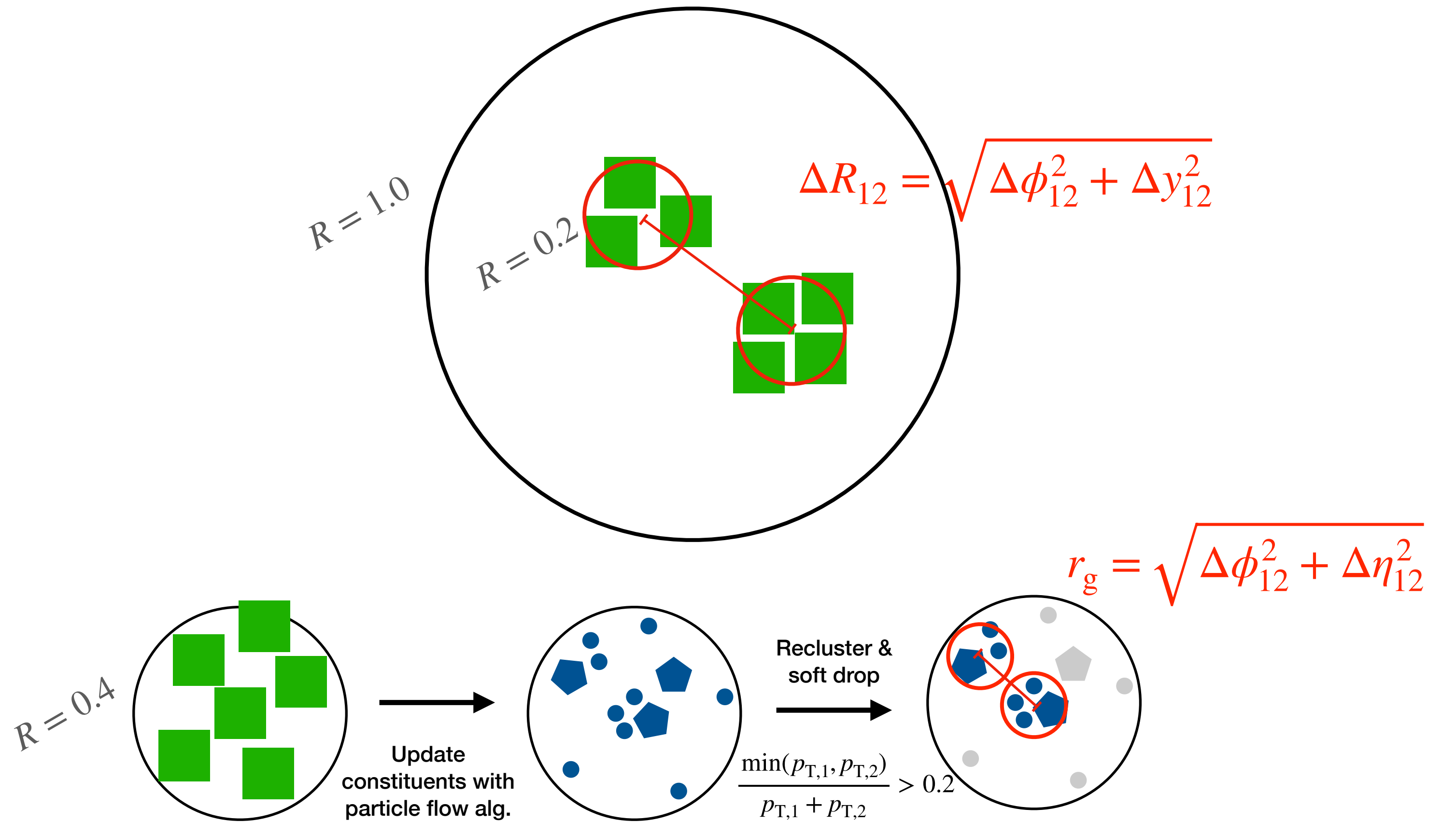
- Leading and subleading jet  $R_{AA}^{\text{pair}}$  are probing different population of dijet events, useful differential information to improve modeling
- Smaller- $R$  dijets are more suppressed



# Jet substructure

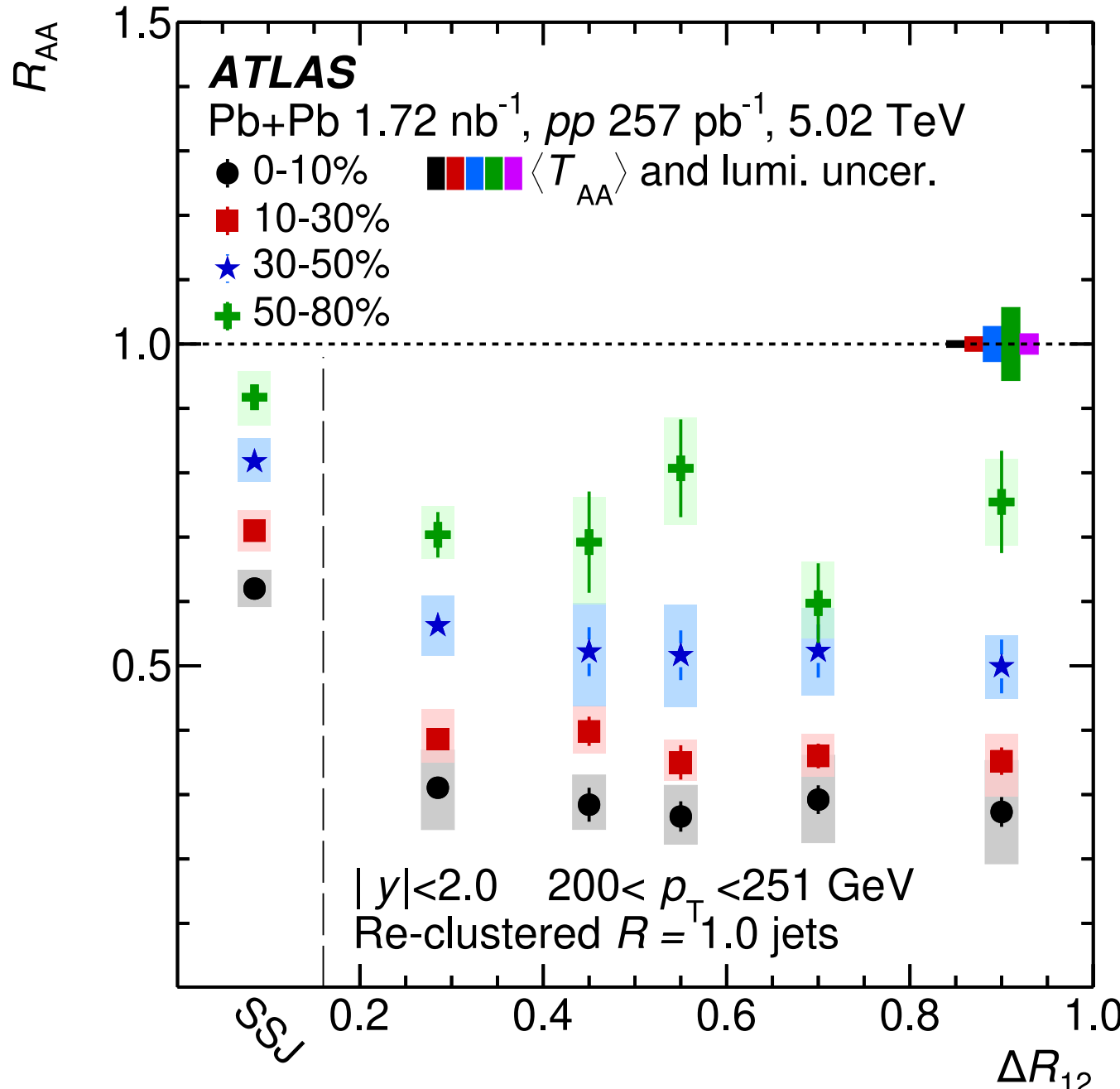
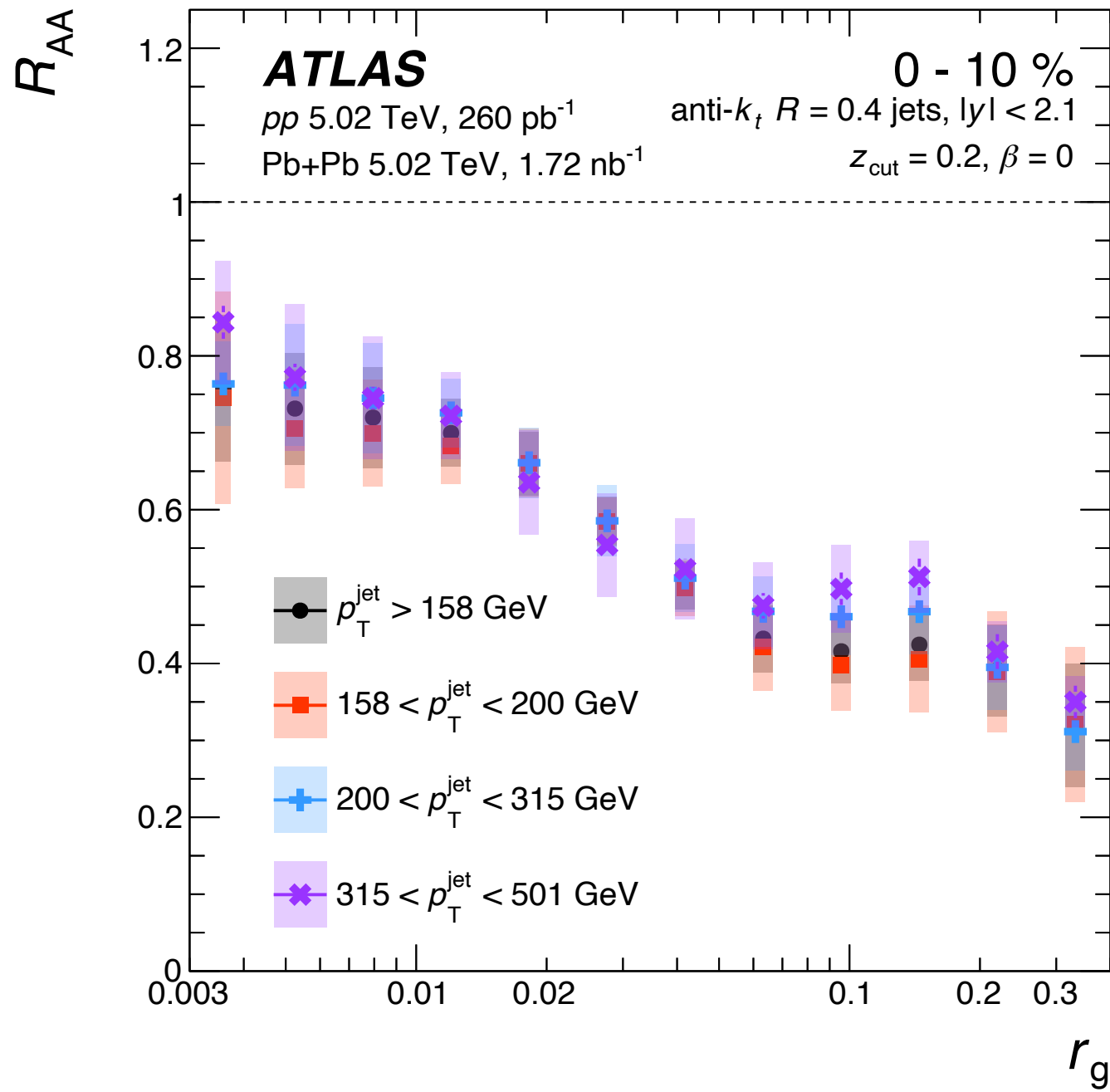


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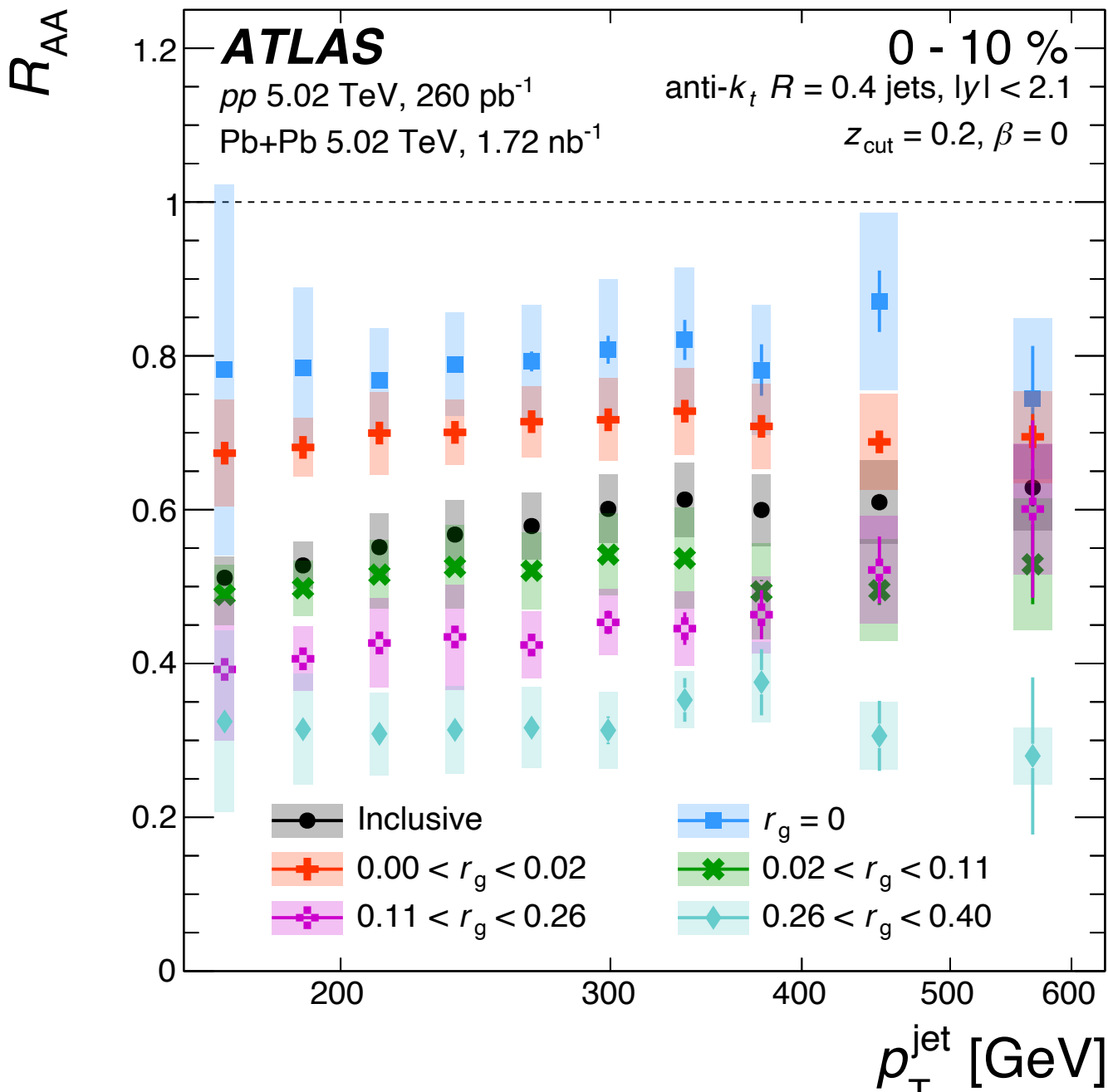


- Color decoherence can be study via hard splitting angle dependence of jet quenching
- Two measurements extracting opening angles between hard splittings in jets at complementing values

## substructure opening angle dependence



## Jet *p<sub>T</sub>* dependence

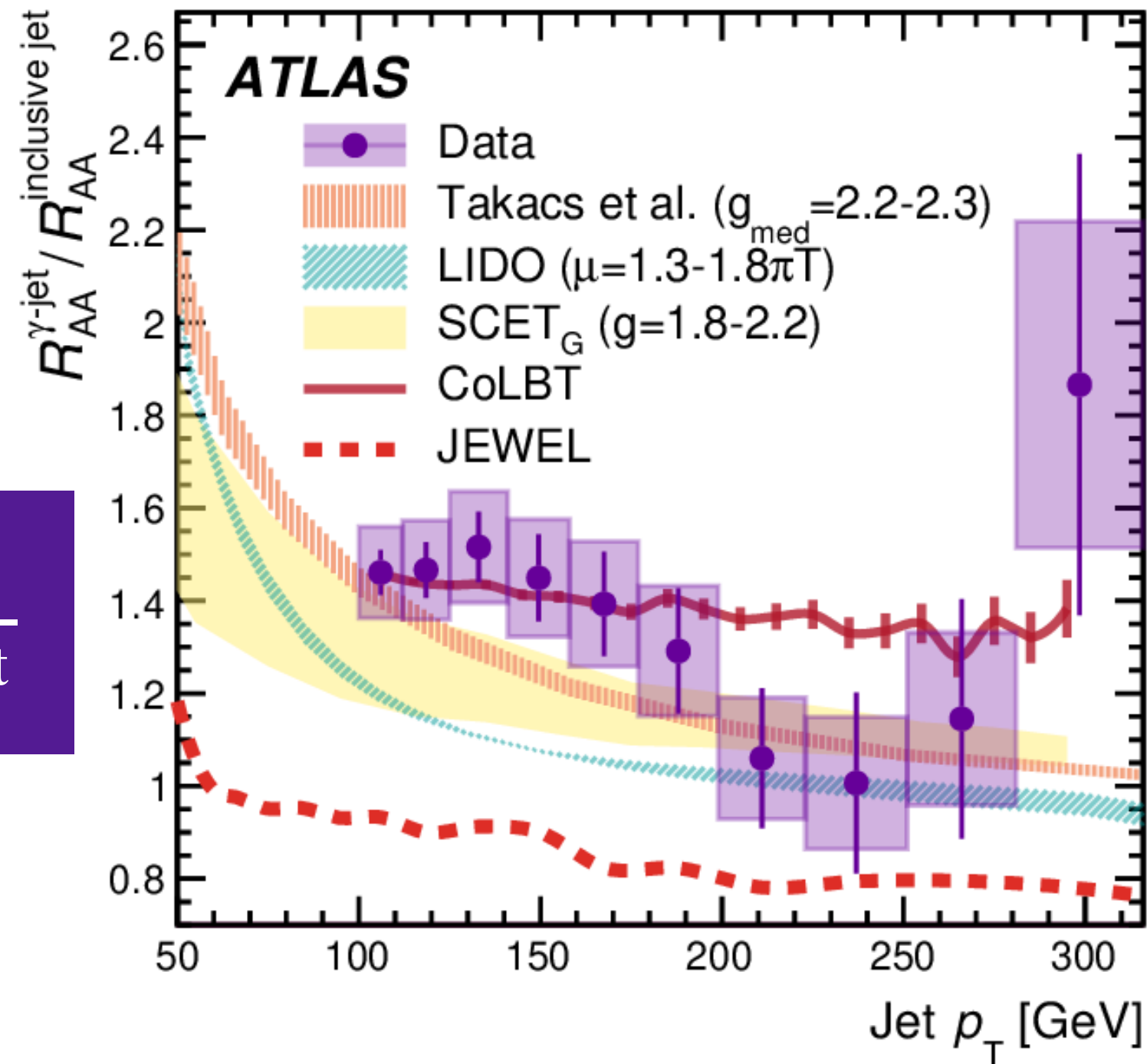
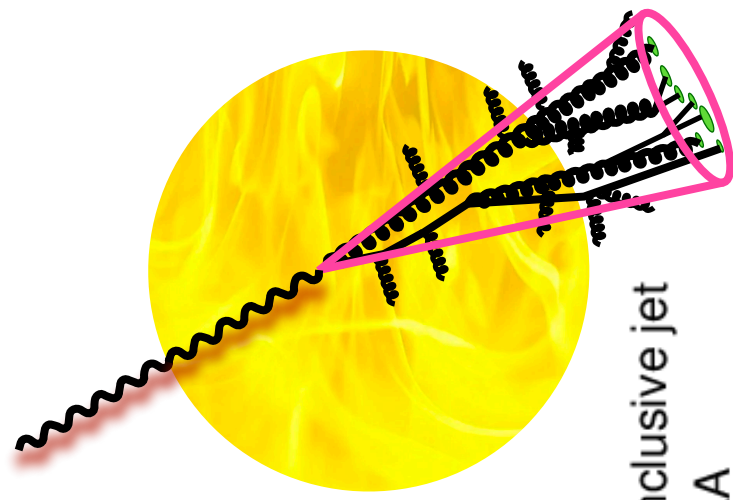


- Decoherence angular scale (**0.1 ~ 0.2**) observed in both large-*R* jets and groomed *R*=0.4 jets: significant larger energy loss above the scale
- Jet energy loss is most directly correlated with the jet substructure not jet *p<sub>T</sub>*



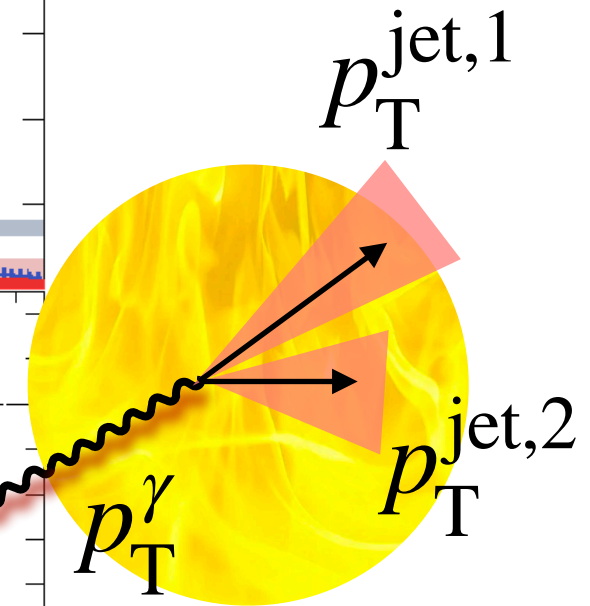
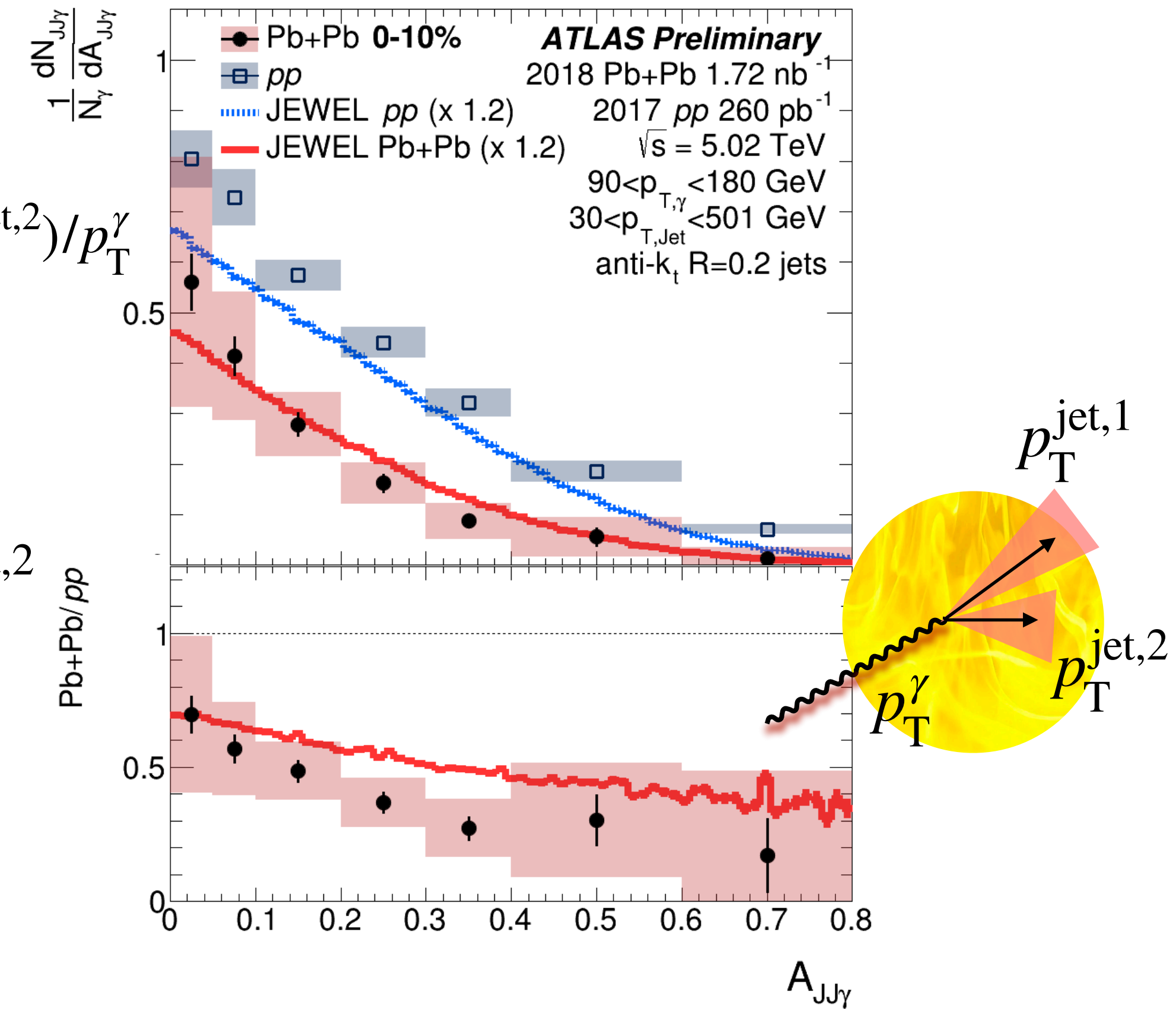
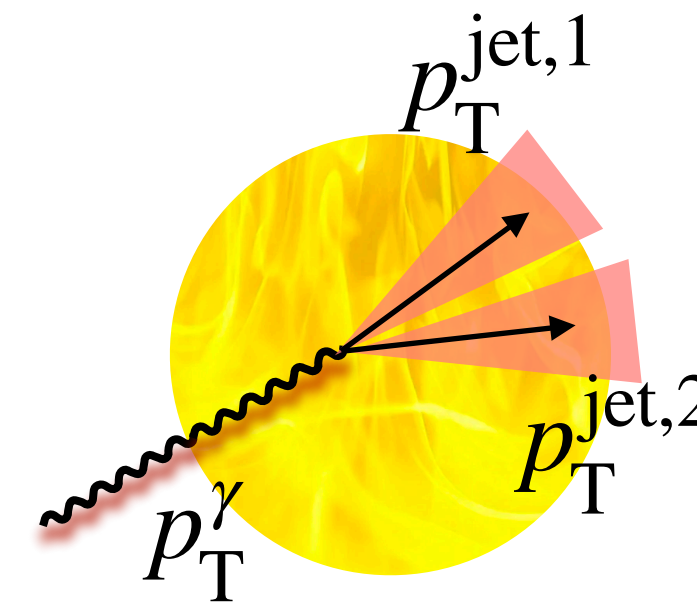


# Photon-tagged jet



$$\frac{R_{AA}^{\gamma\text{-jet}}}{R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}}}$$

$$A_{JJ\gamma} = (p_T^{\text{jet},1} - p_T^{\text{jet},2}) / p_T^\gamma$$



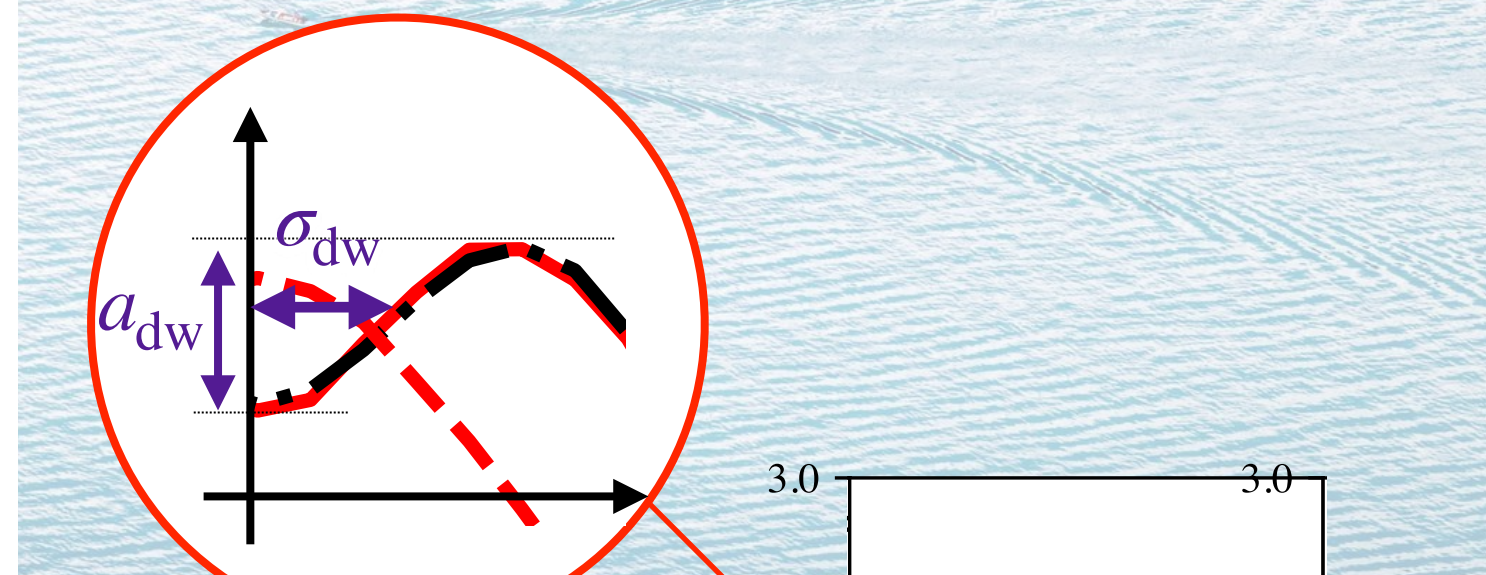
- Photon-tagged jets: avoiding jet selection bias and enhancing quark jet fraction;  $R_{AA}^{\gamma\text{-jet}} / R_{AA}^{\text{inclusive jet}}$  provides an important constraint for various models
- Photon-tagged multi-jet: complementing the previously shown dijet and jet substructure studies

# Jet-induced diffusion wake

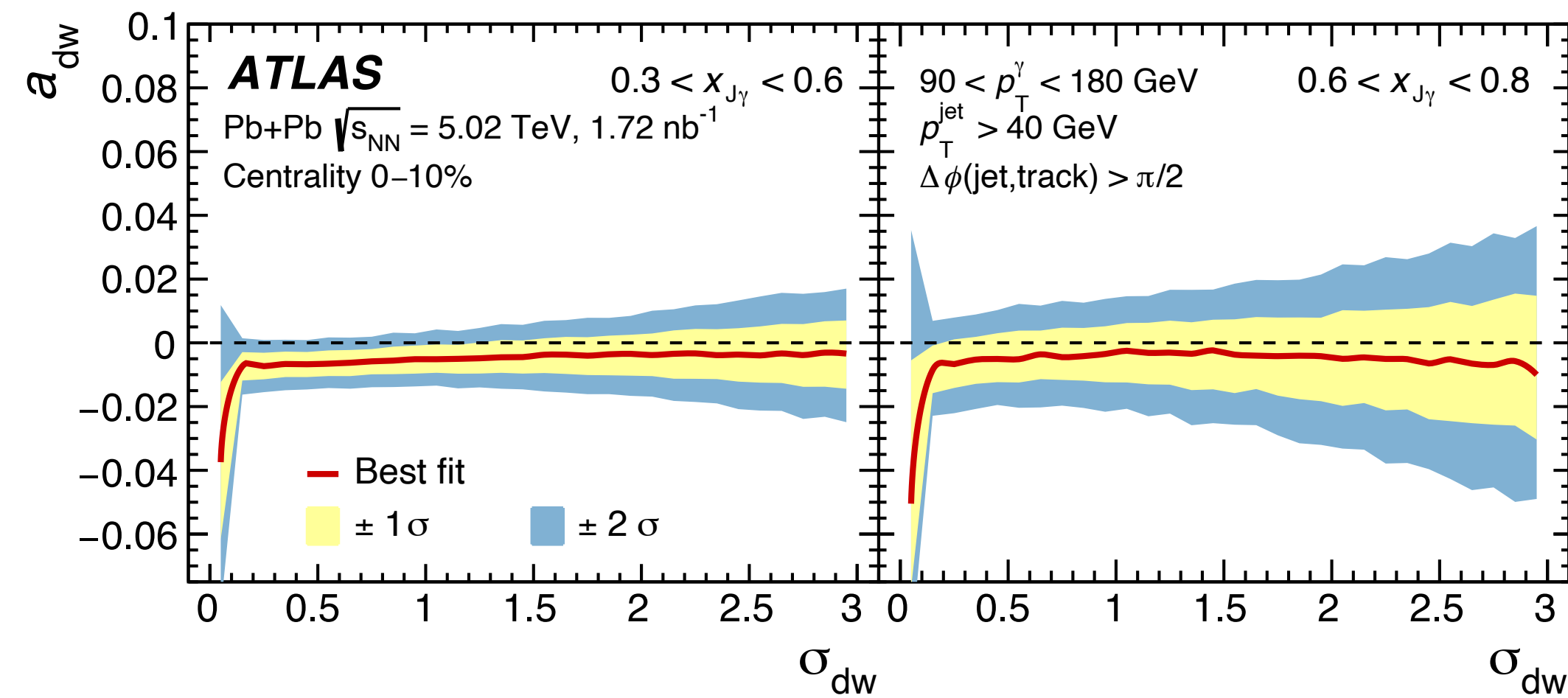
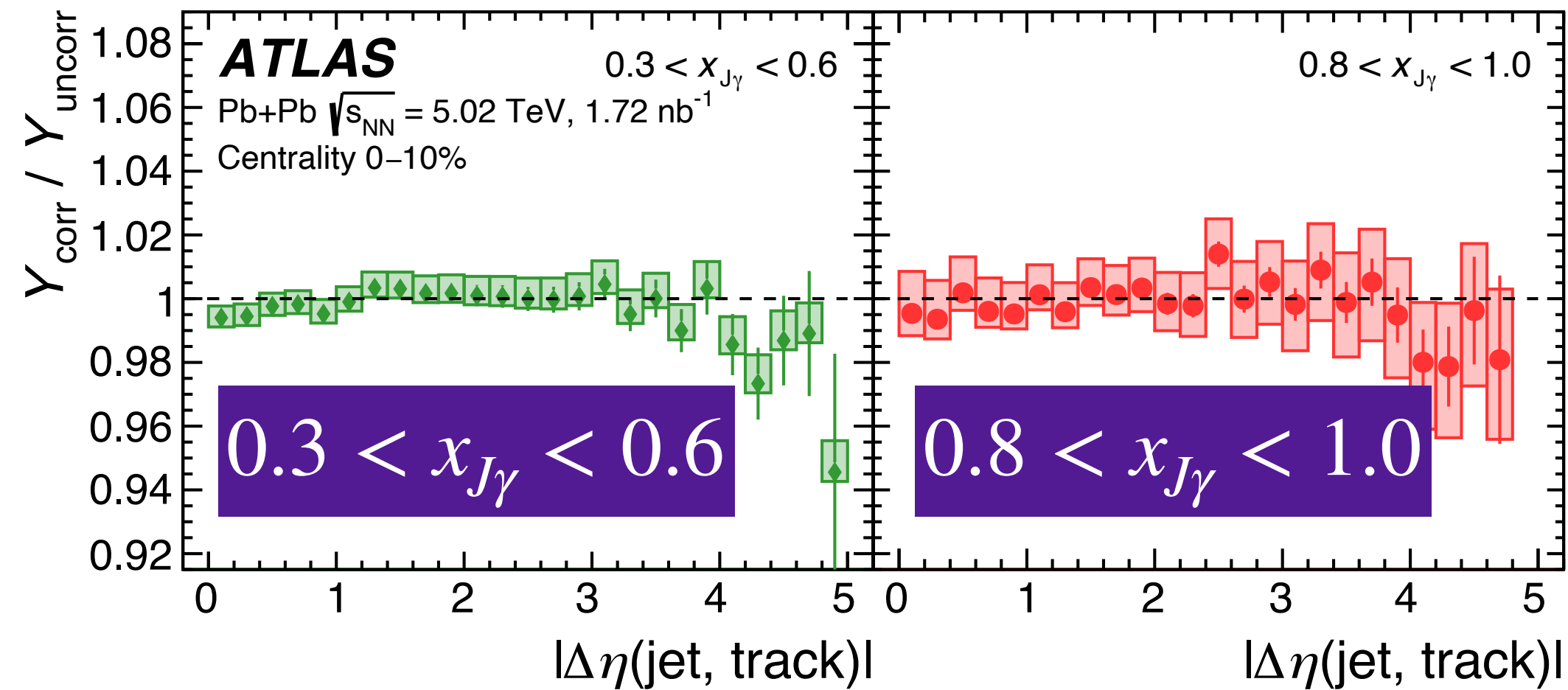
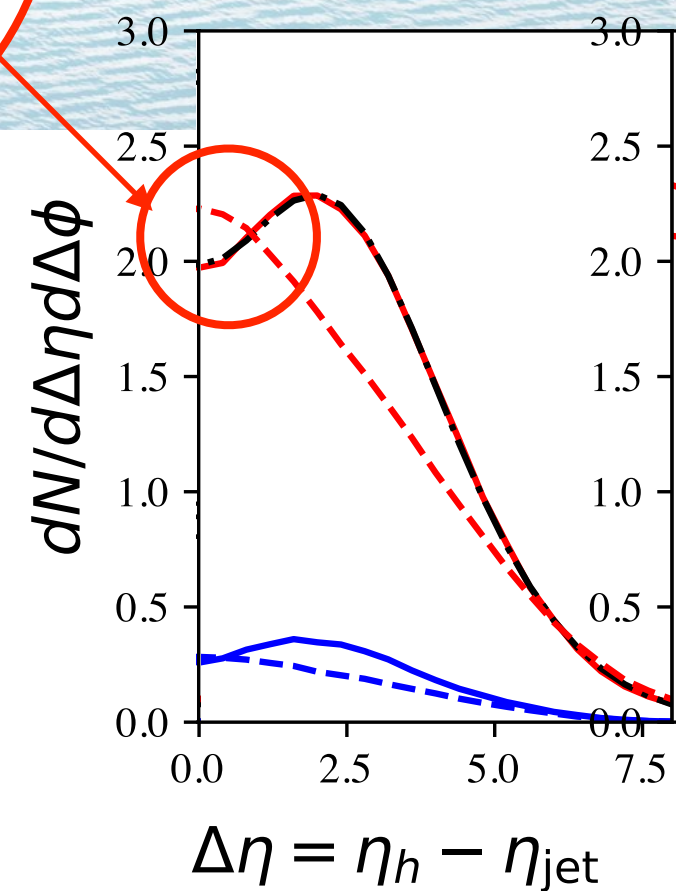
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Lost energy  $\rightarrow$  hydrodynamic evolution diffusion wake

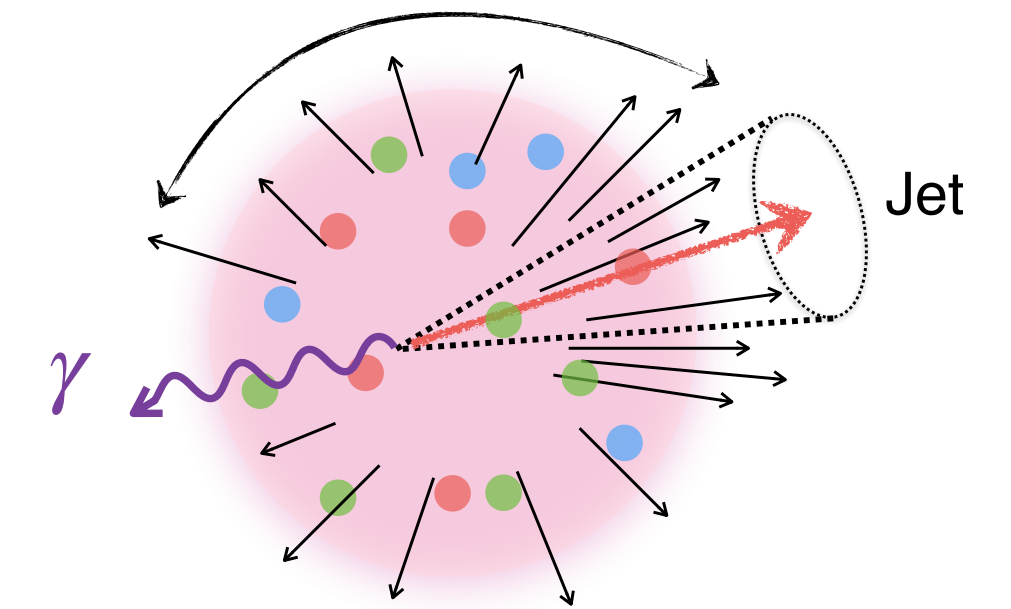
Follow proposal of **CoLBT PRL 130 (2023) 052301** look at photon-jet: depletion in charged particle production perpendicular to the jet



- 0-10% Pb+Pb 0-2 GeV/c
- - - p+p 0-2 GeV/c
- 0-10% Pb+Pb 1-2 GeV/c
- - - p+p 1-2 GeV/c
- - - Gaussian fit



$\Delta\phi(h, \text{jet}), \Delta\eta(h, \text{jet})$

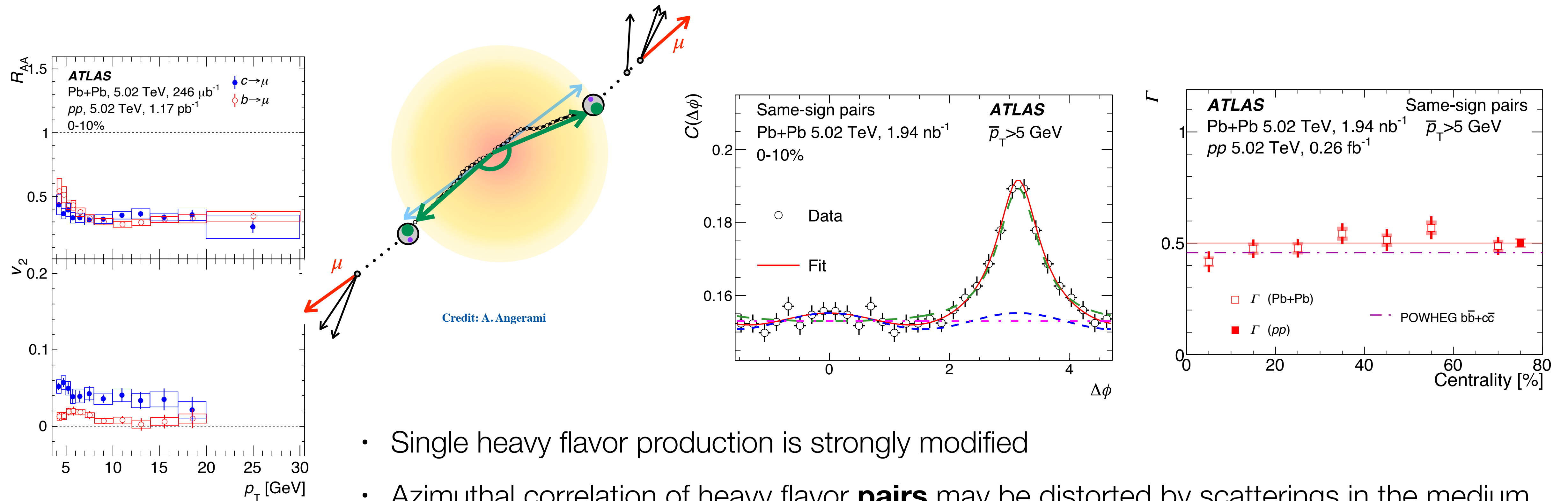


- No significant diffusion wake within the present uncertainties.
- Difference between different  $x_{J\gamma}$  are consistent with CoLBT



# Heavy flavor probe of QGP

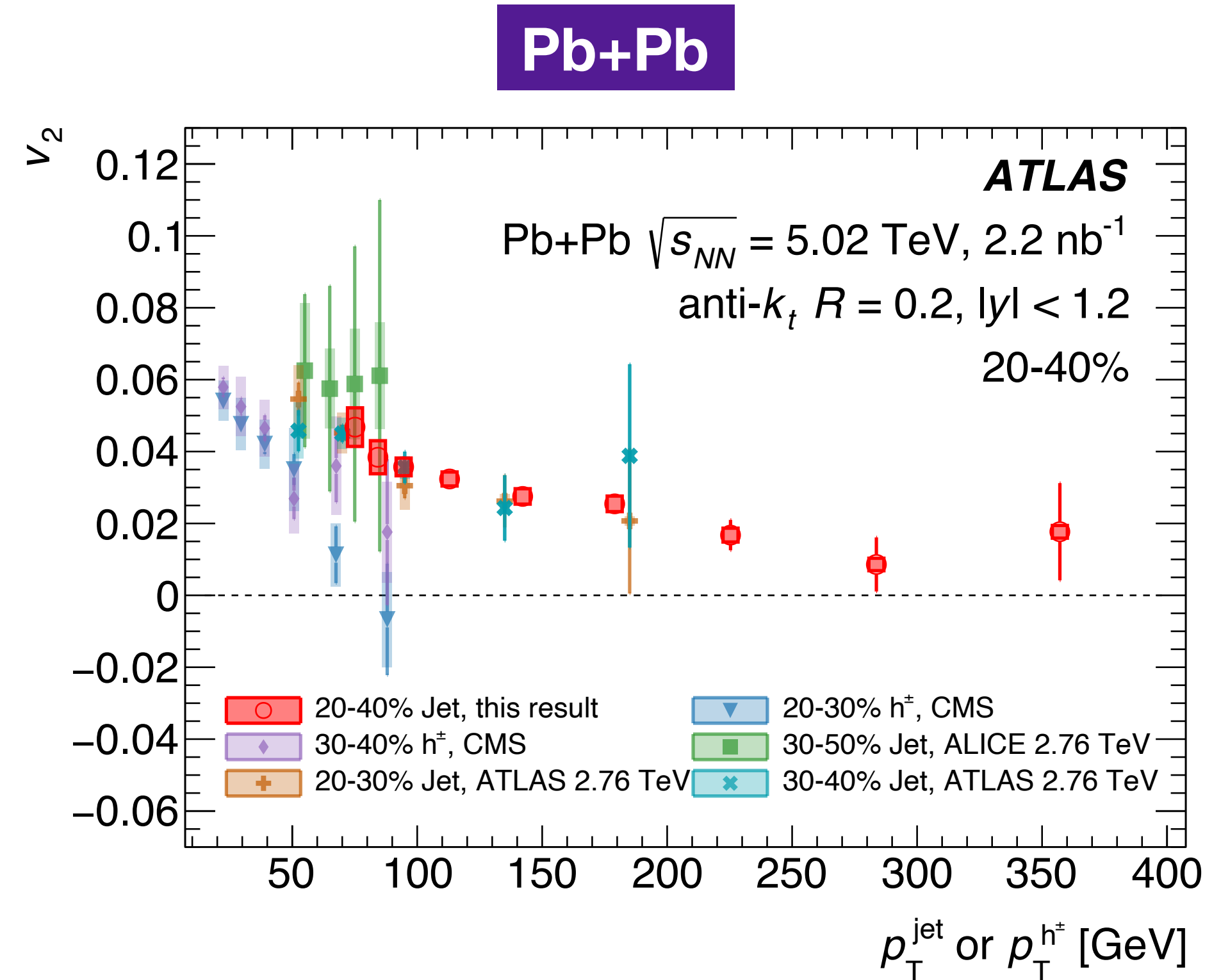
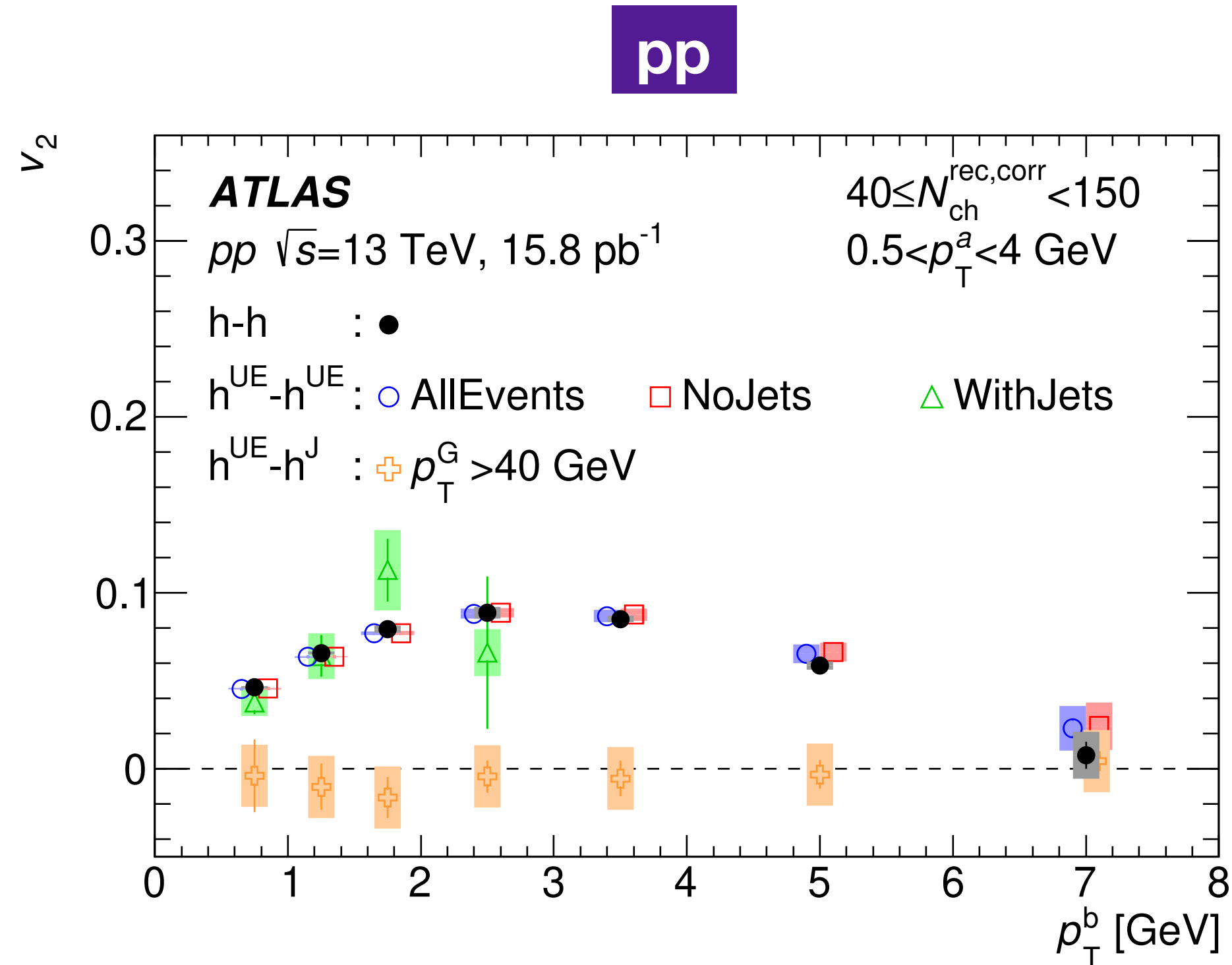
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- Single heavy flavor production is strongly modified
- Azimuthal correlation of heavy flavor **pairs** may be distorted by scatterings in the medium, characterized by centrality dependence of away-side width
- No significant broadening compared to pp collisions and NLO generator without QGP



# Jet-UE correlation



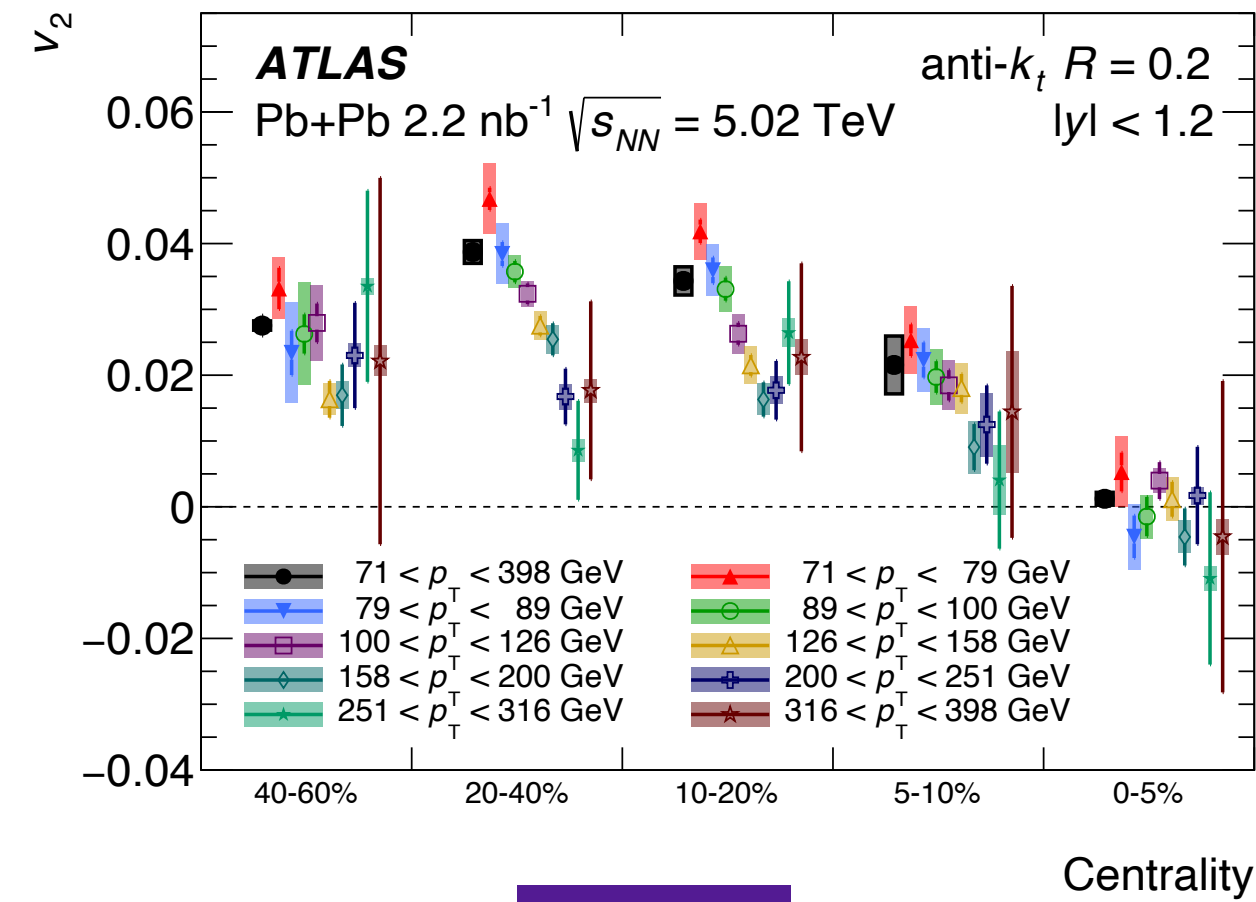
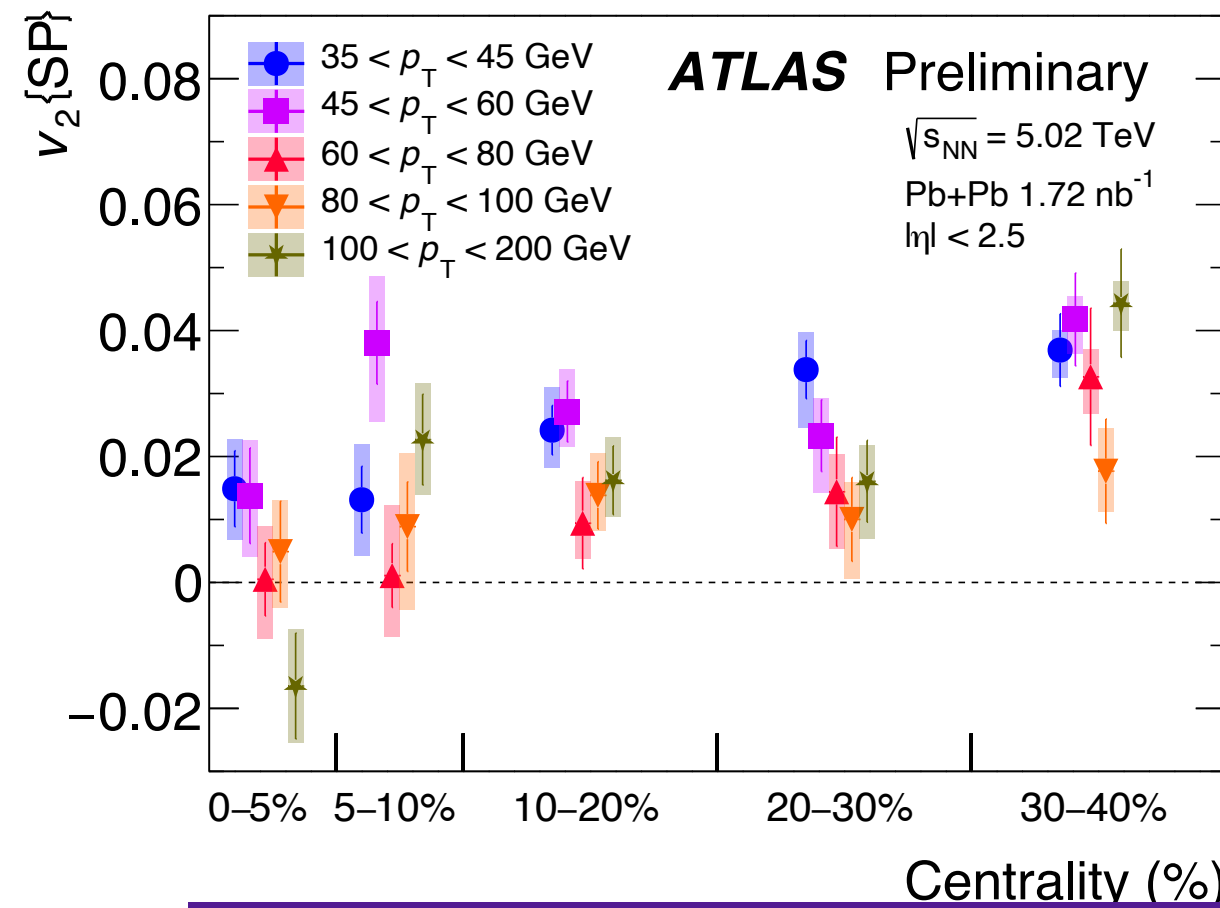
In pp collisions:

- Jets do not affect UE collectivity
- Jet-fragment particles do not exhibit collective behavior

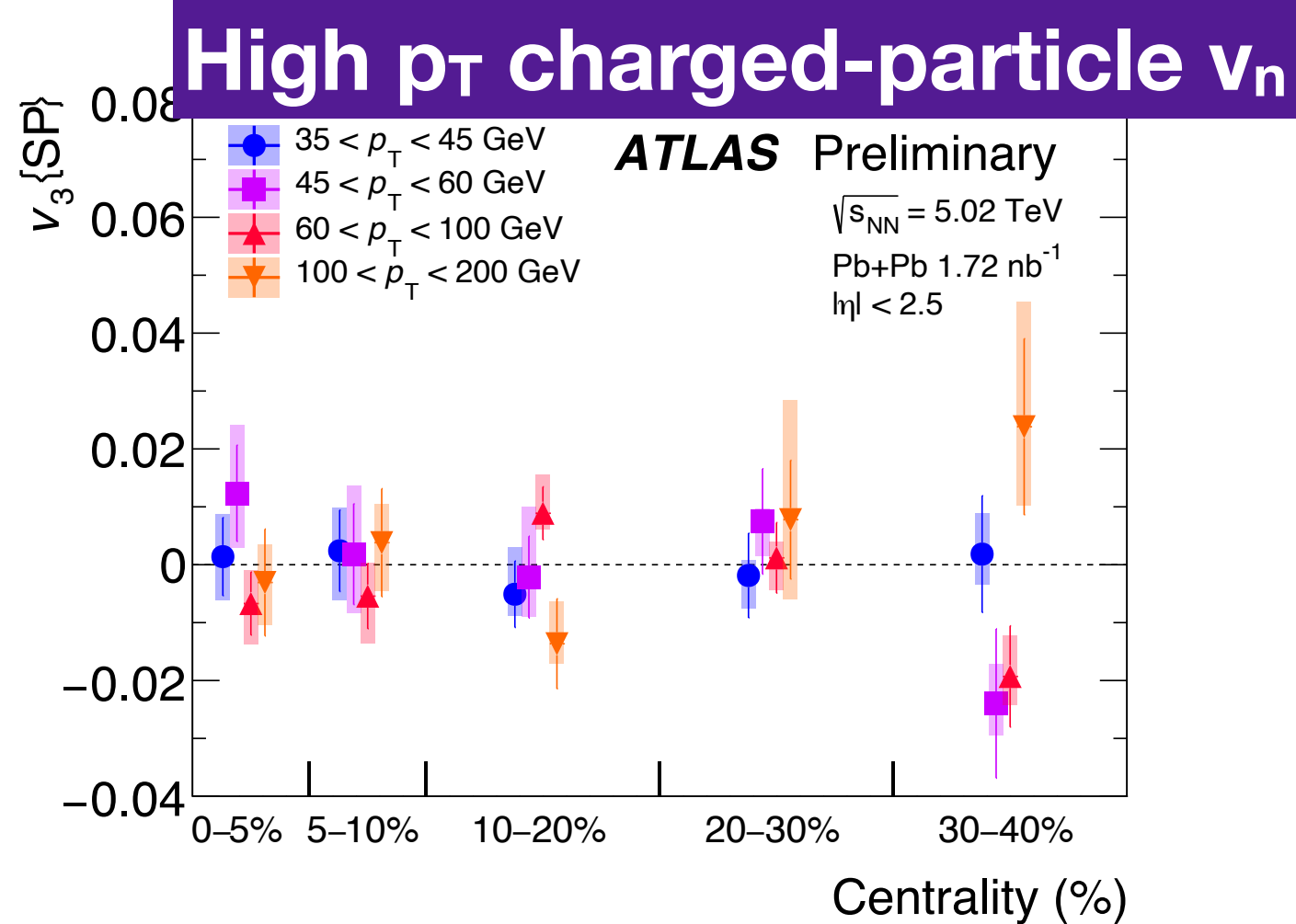
In Pb+Pb collisions: jets have significant elliptic flow from path-length dependence of energy loss

# Jet and Jet-particle $v_n$ in Pb+Pb

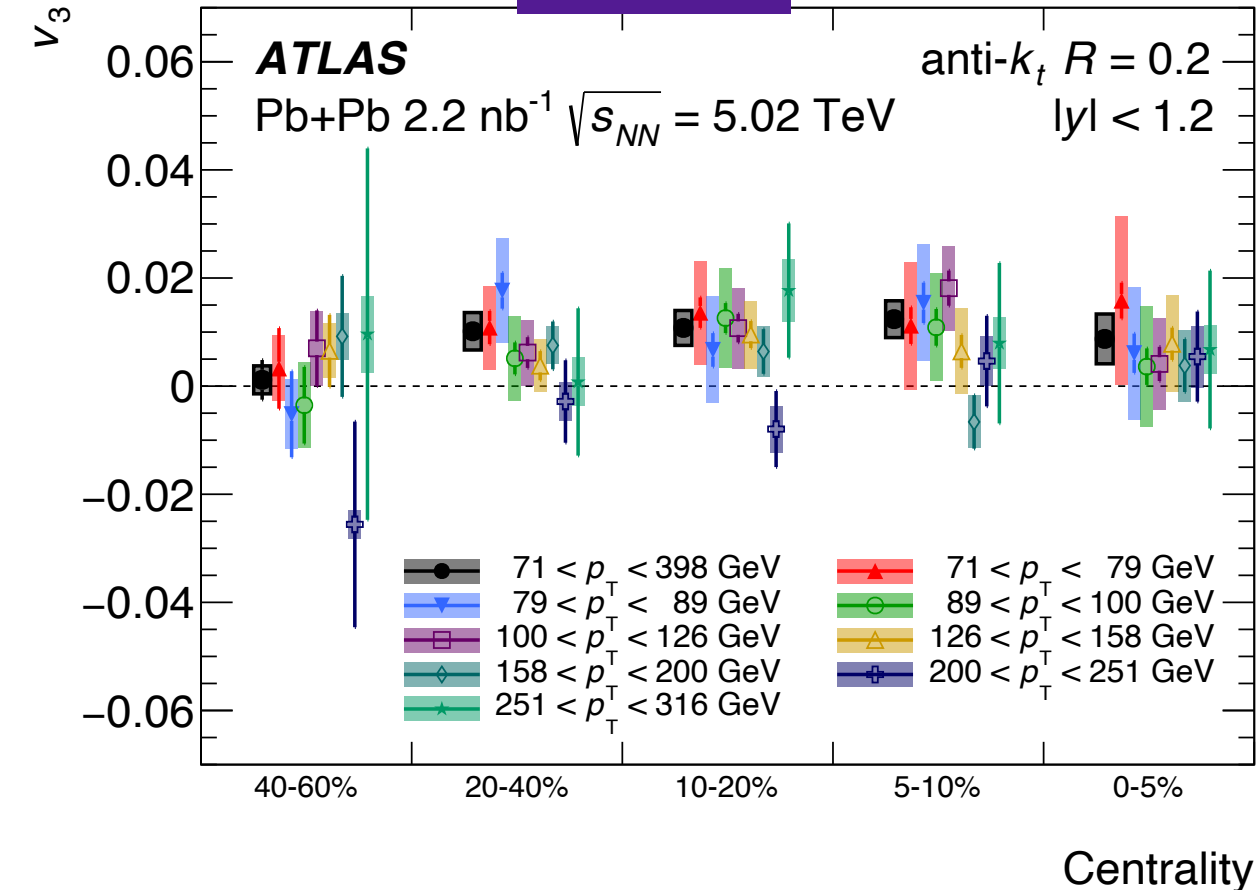
**V2**



**V3**

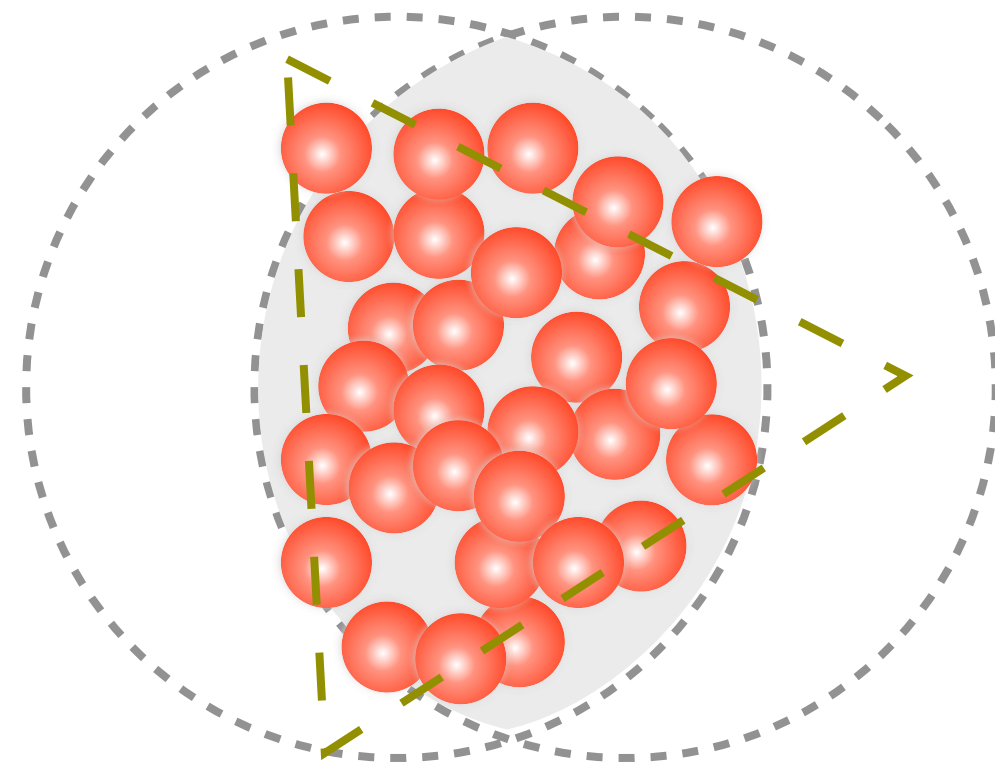


**Jet  $v_n$**

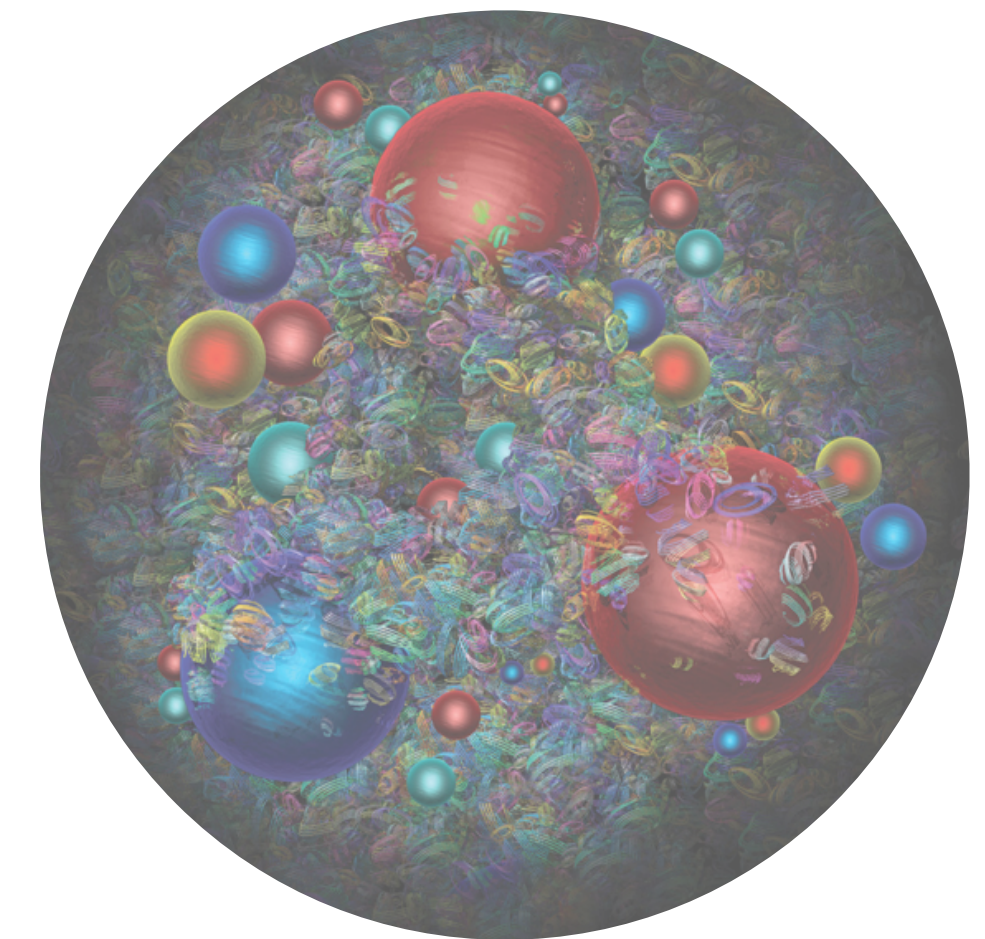


- Similar  $p_T$  and centrality dependence of jet and charged-particle  $v_2$
- Jet  $v_3 > 0$ , while high  $p_T$  charged-particle  $v_3 \sim 0$



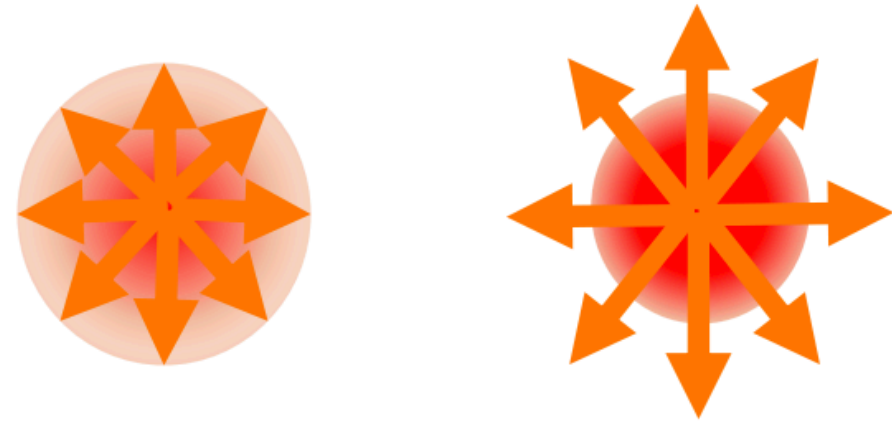


# Understand the initial state

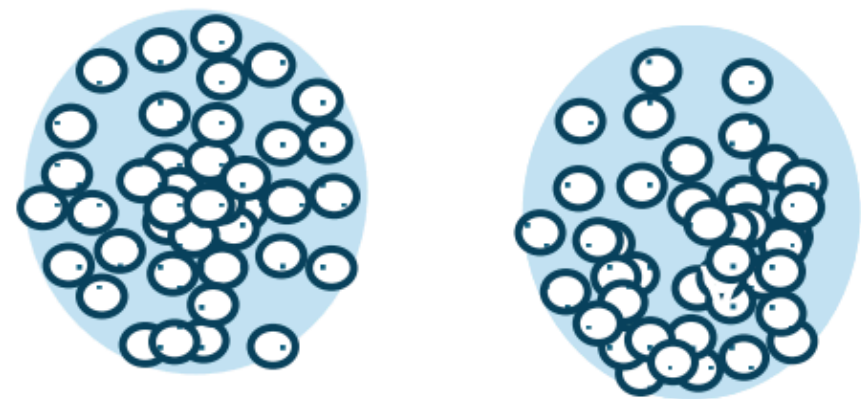


# Disentangling sources of initial fluctuations

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“Geometric Component”



“Intrinsic Component”

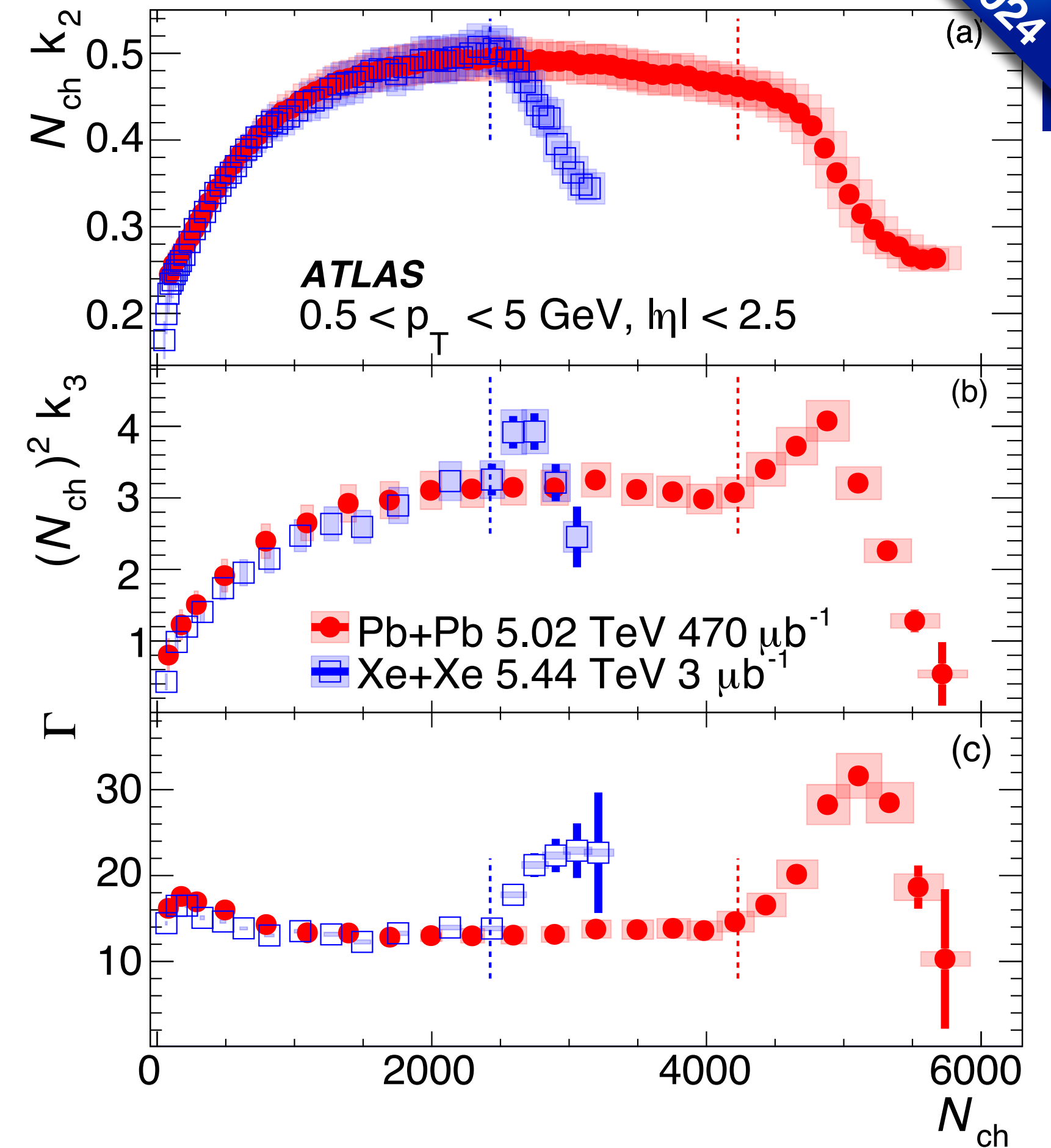
Understand roles of fluctuations in initial conditions:

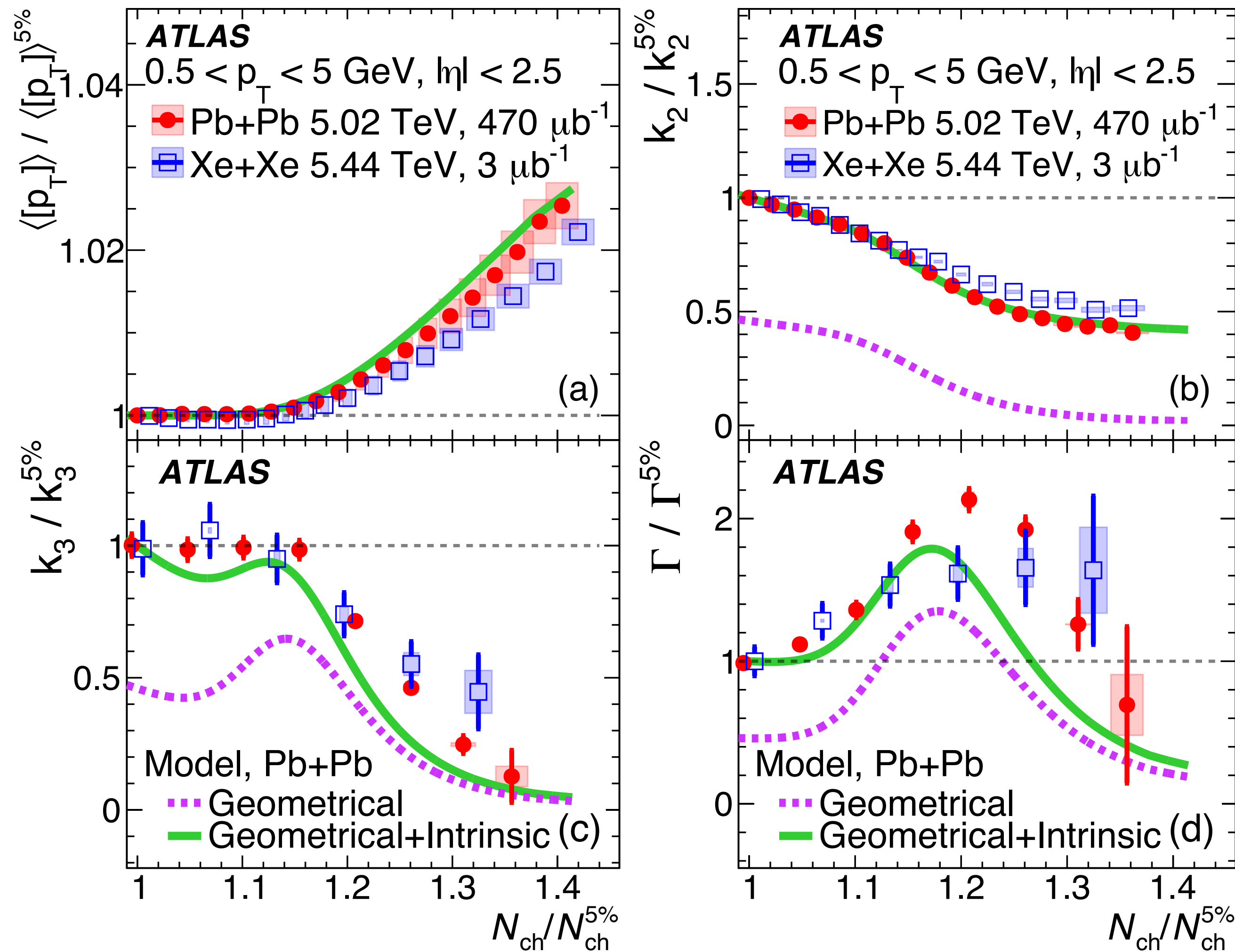
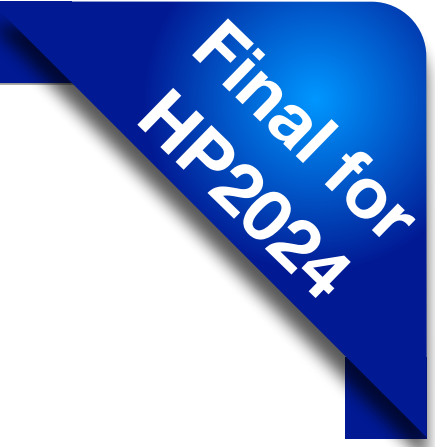
- Geometric fluctuations
- Intrinsic fluctuations

Moments of event-wise average  $p_T$  distribution in **ultra-central** Pb+Pb and Xe+Xe via n-particle momentum correlators:

$$c_n = \frac{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} w_{i_1} \dots w_{i_n} (p_{T,i_1} - \langle [p_T] \rangle) \dots (p_{T,i_n} - \langle [p_T] \rangle)}{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} w_{i_1} \dots w_{i_n}}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\langle c_2 \rangle}{\langle [p_T] \rangle^2}, \quad k_3 = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle}{\langle [p_T] \rangle^3}, \quad \gamma = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle}{\langle c_2 \rangle^{3/2}}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{\langle c_3 \rangle \langle [p_T] \rangle}{\langle c_2 \rangle^2}.$$

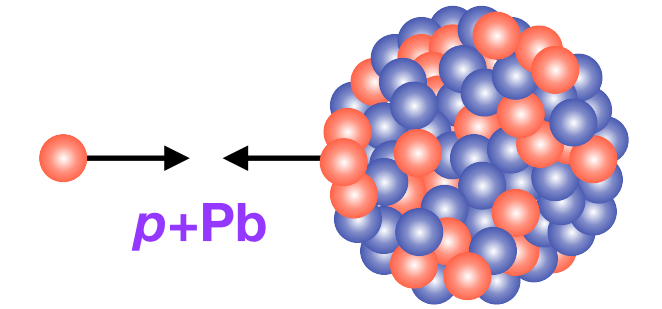
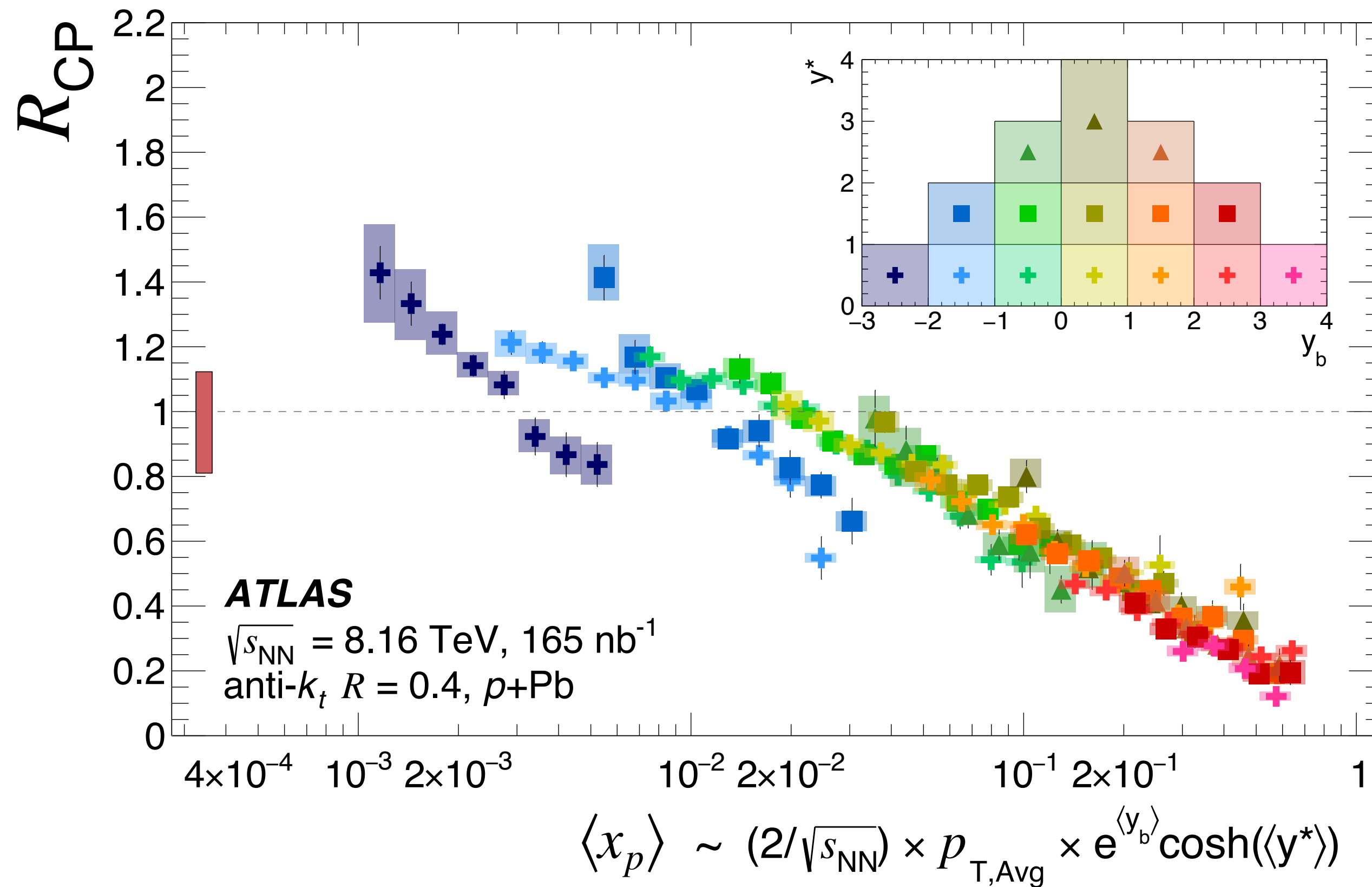




- A phenomenological 2D Gaussian fluctuations predicts the trends well (R. Samanta et al. Phys. Rev. C 109 (2024) L051902)







Dijet events in 8.16 TeV p+Pb data

$$p_{T,Avg} = \frac{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}{2}, \quad y_b = \frac{y_1^{c.m.} + y_2^{c.m.}}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad y^* = \frac{|y_1^{c.m.} - y_2^{c.m.}|}{2}$$

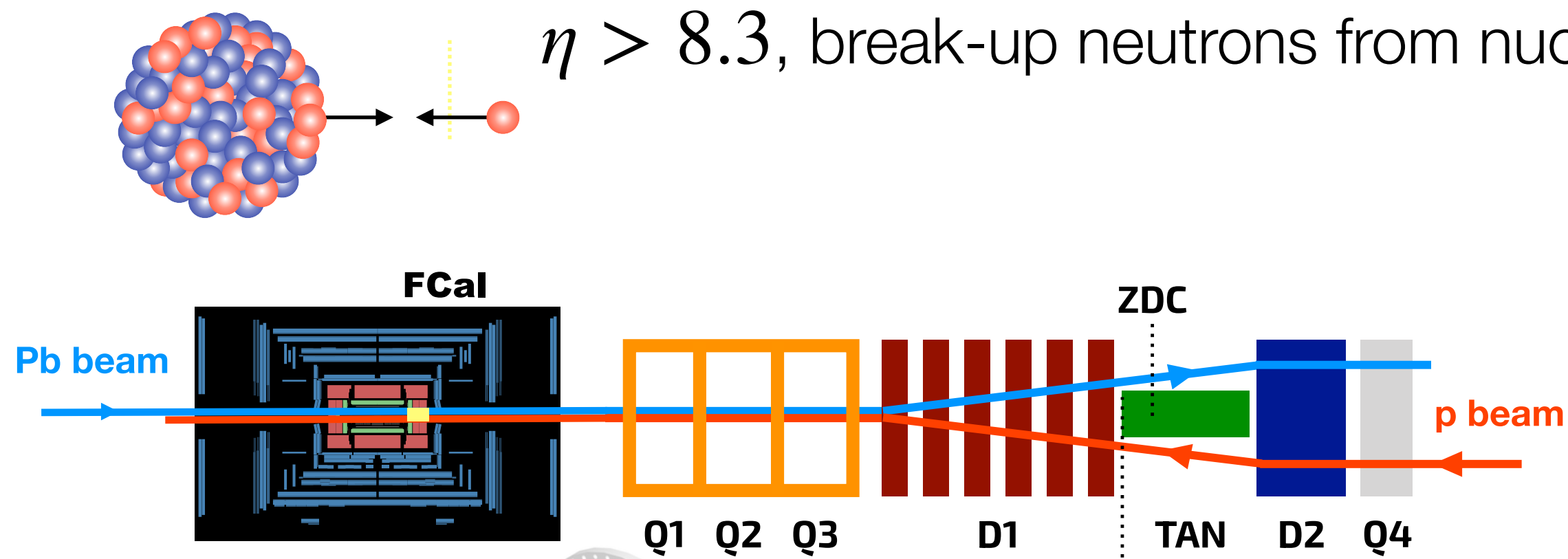
- $R_{CP}(x_p)$  is qualitatively described by the color fluctuations: smaller than average interaction strength at large  $x_p$
- Centrality dependences of jet  $p_T$ - and rapidity-yields in p+Pb collisions were observed in Run1 are directly correlated with  $x_p$  biases



$$x_p = \frac{p_{T,1}e^{y_1^{c.m.}} + p_{T,2}e^{y_2^{c.m.}}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \simeq \frac{2p_{T,Avg}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{y_b} \cosh(y^*)$$

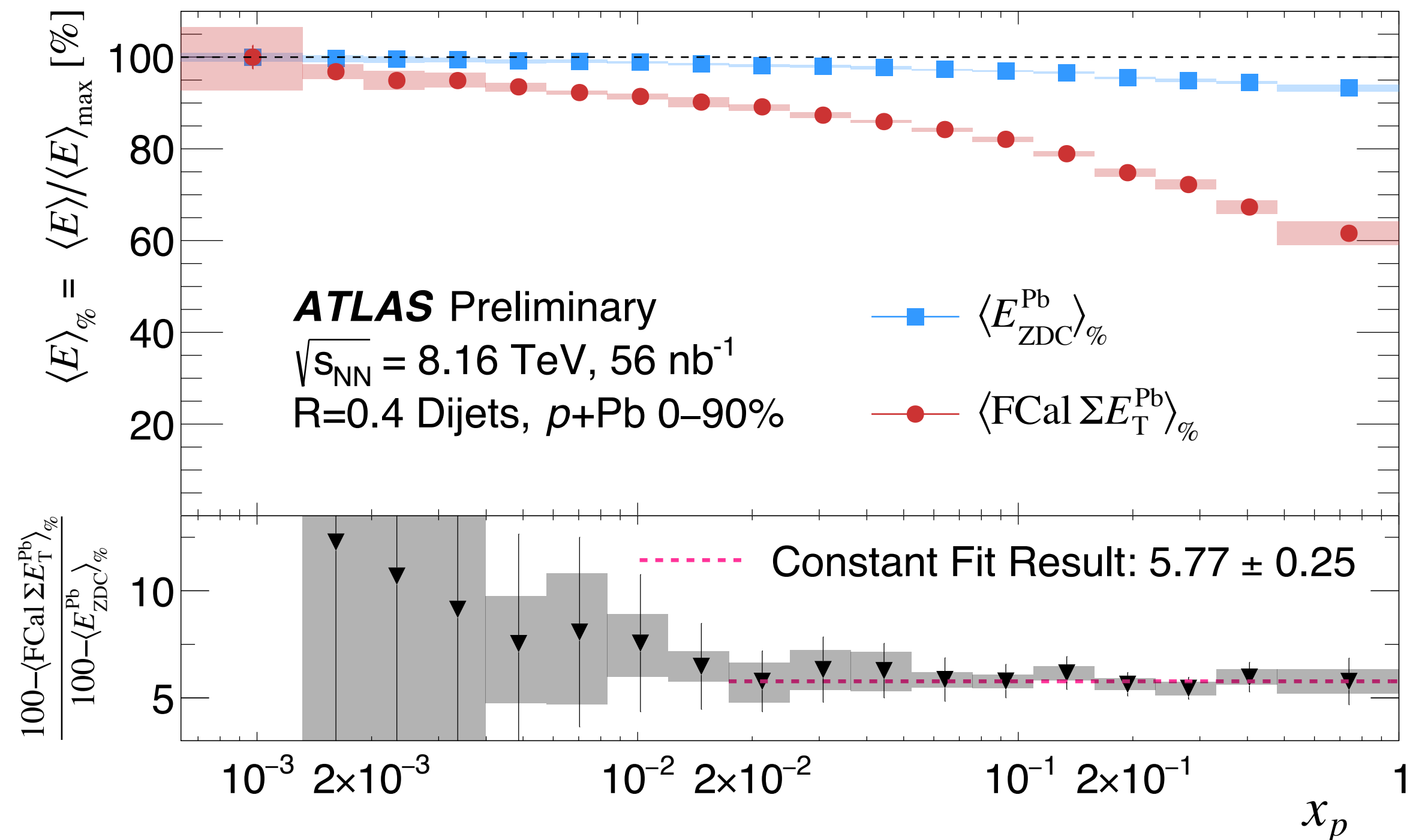
## Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

$\eta > 8.3$ , break-up neutrons from nucleus



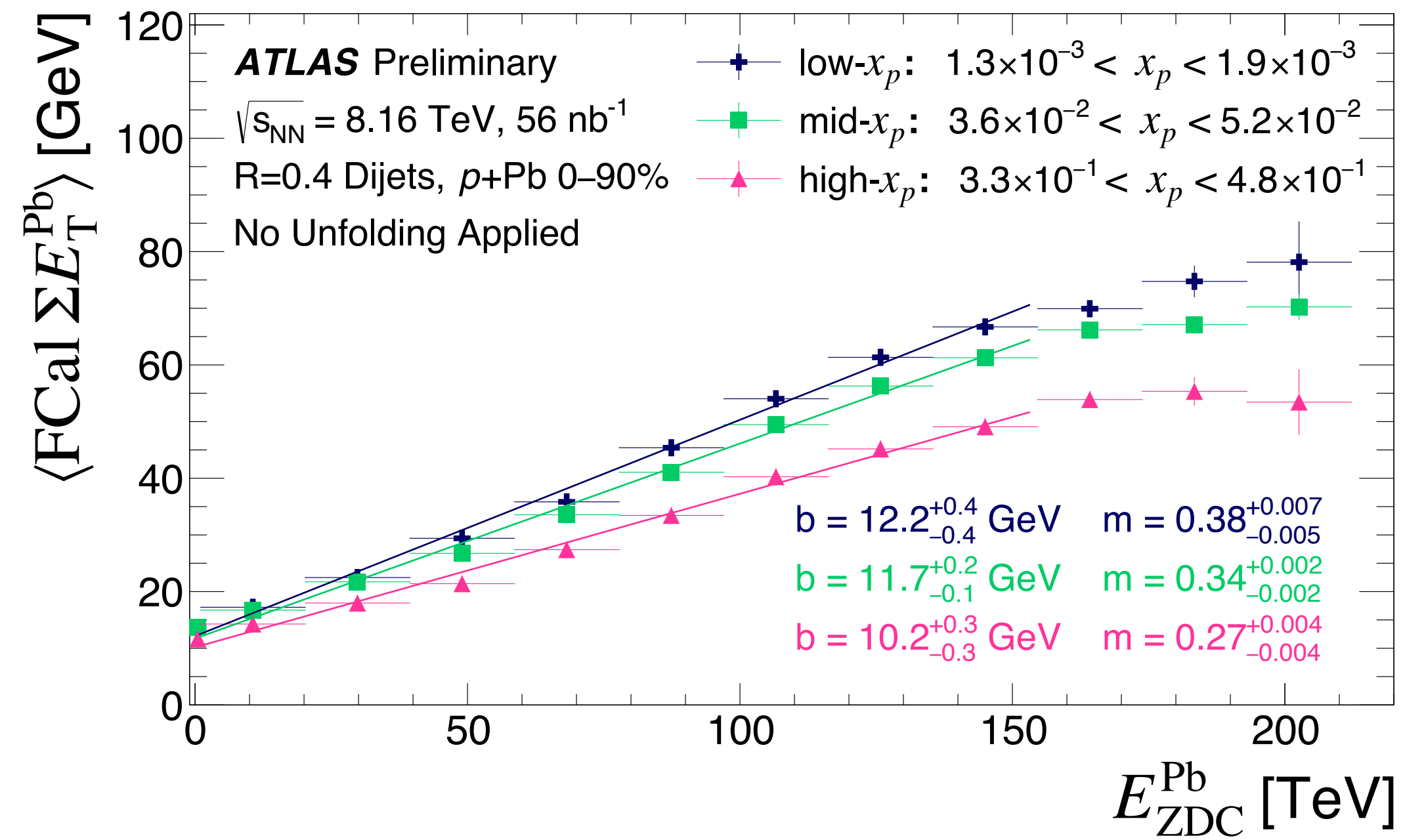
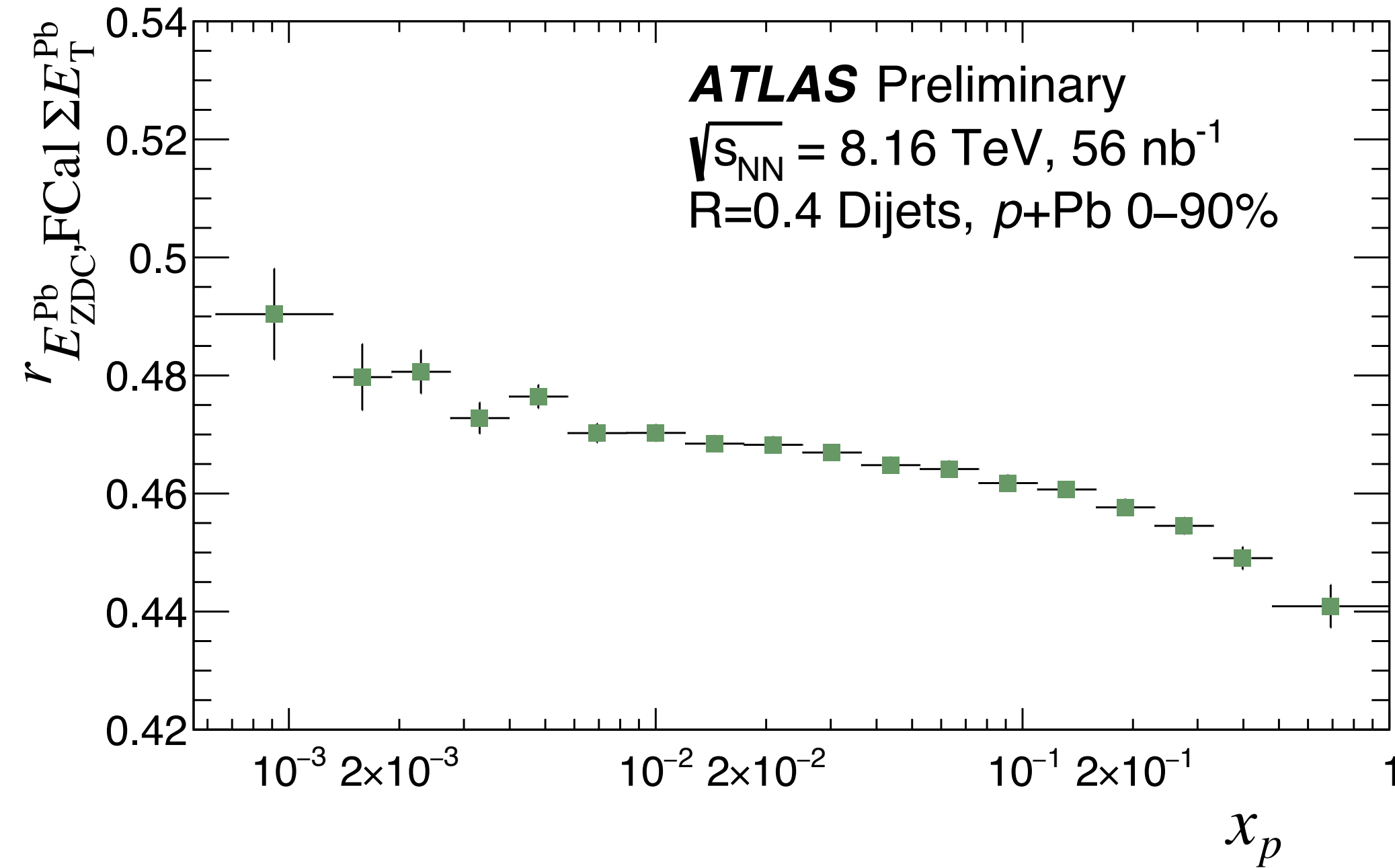
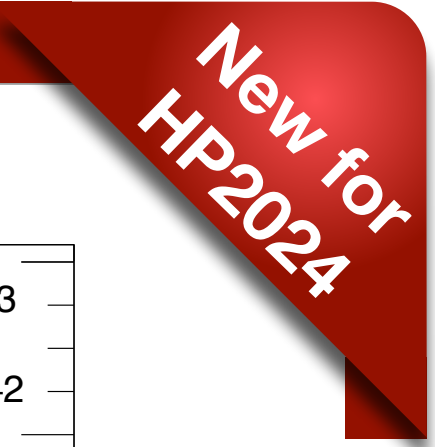
## Forward Calorimeter (FCal)

$3.2 < \eta < 4.9$ , underlying events activity



- Decreasing UE energy and break-up neutrons with increasing  $x_p$
- UE is more sensitive to the change in  $x_p$

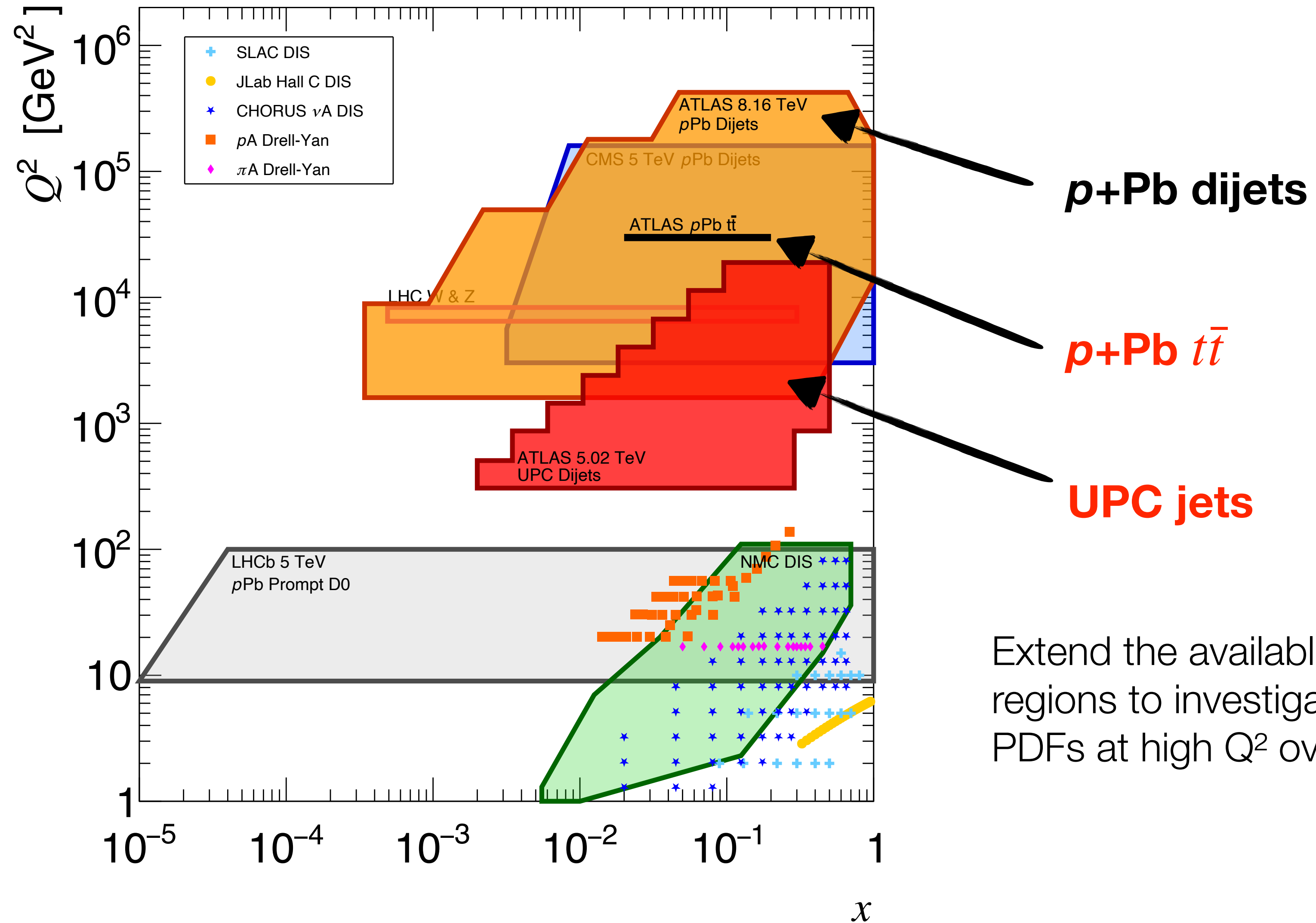




- Correlation between UE energy and break-up neutrons becomes weaker with increasing  $x_p$
- Scaling of UE energy and break-up neutrons at low ZDC energy, fluctuation of break-ups when UE energy saturated
- Offer a new approach to exploring hard-scattering biases in UE based centrality classifications and biases in modeling nuclear break-ups

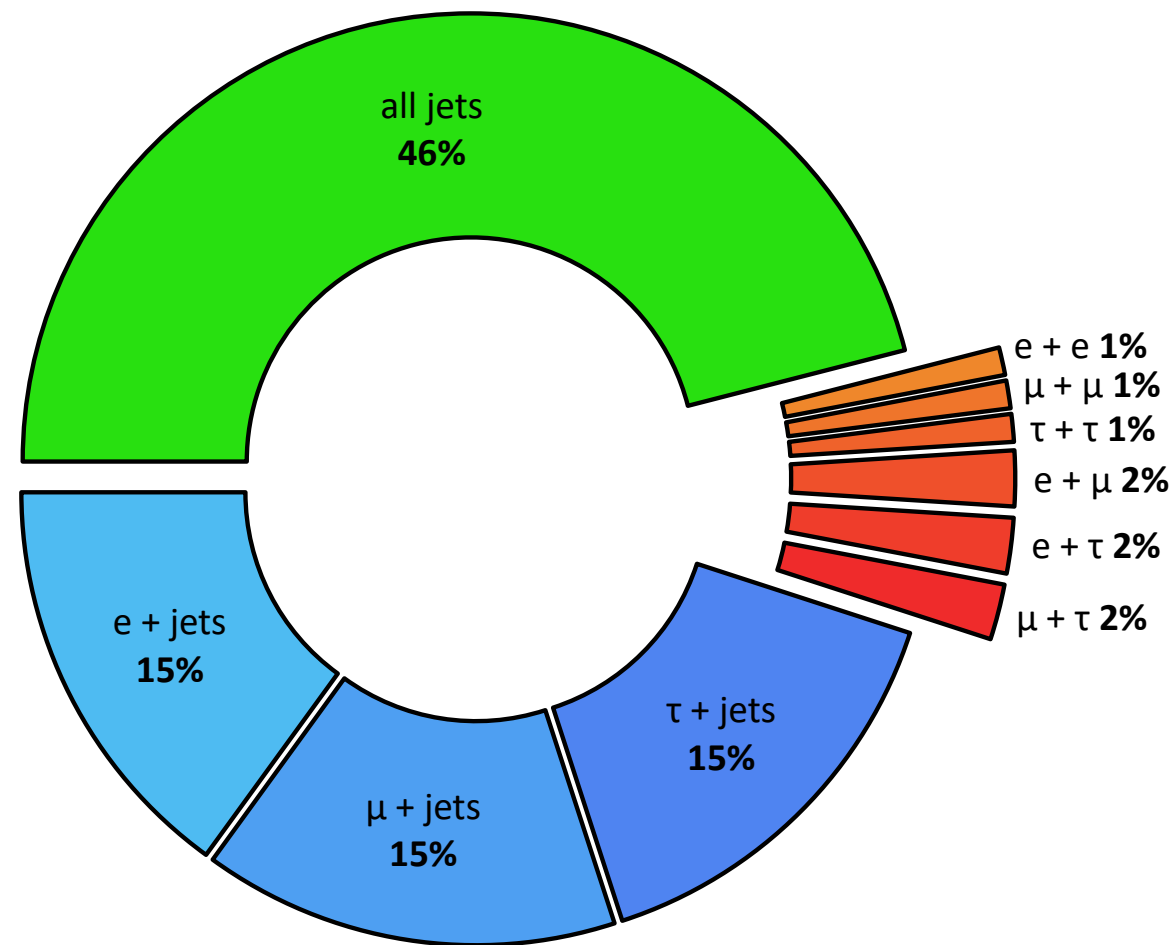


# Nuclear modification of parton distribution function



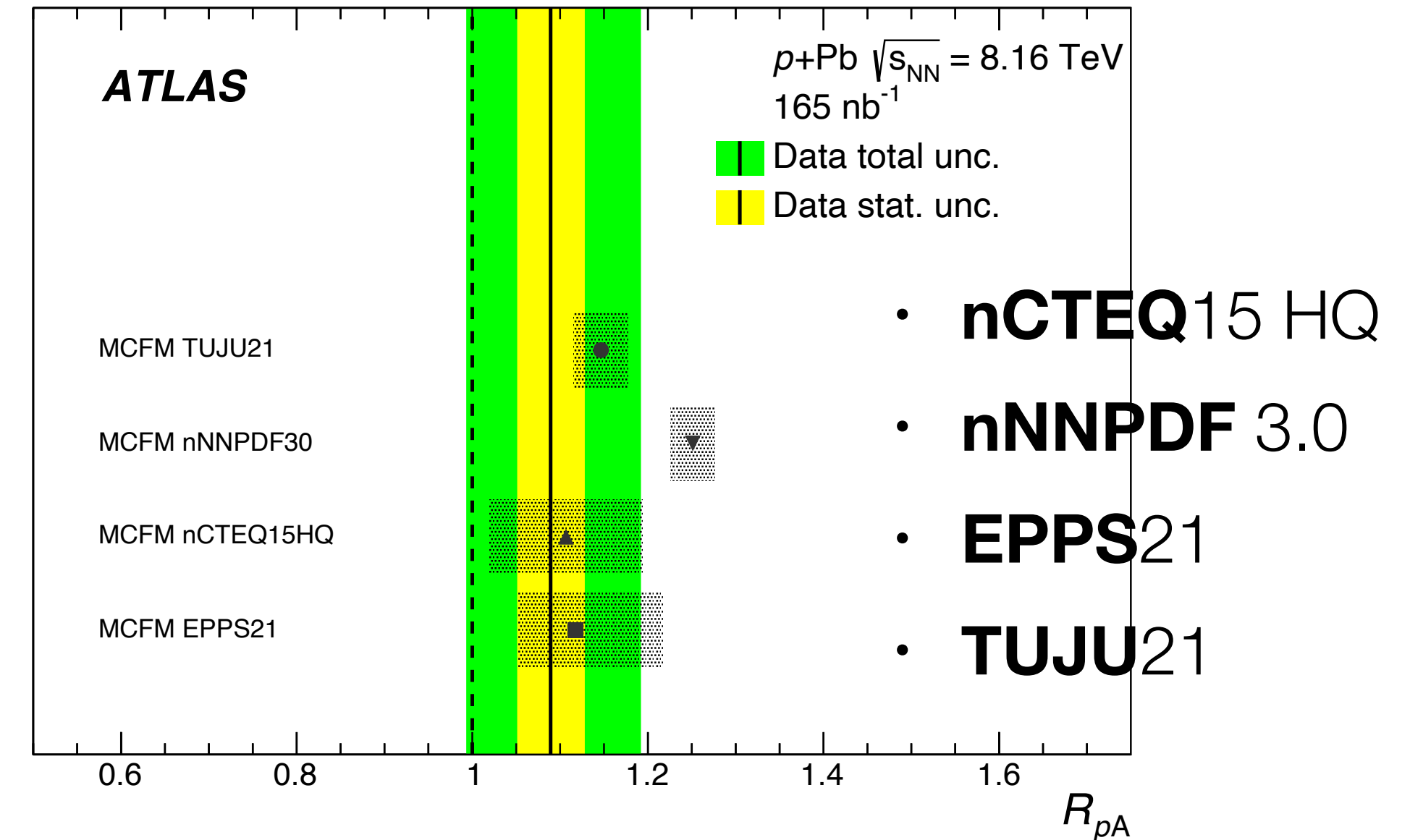
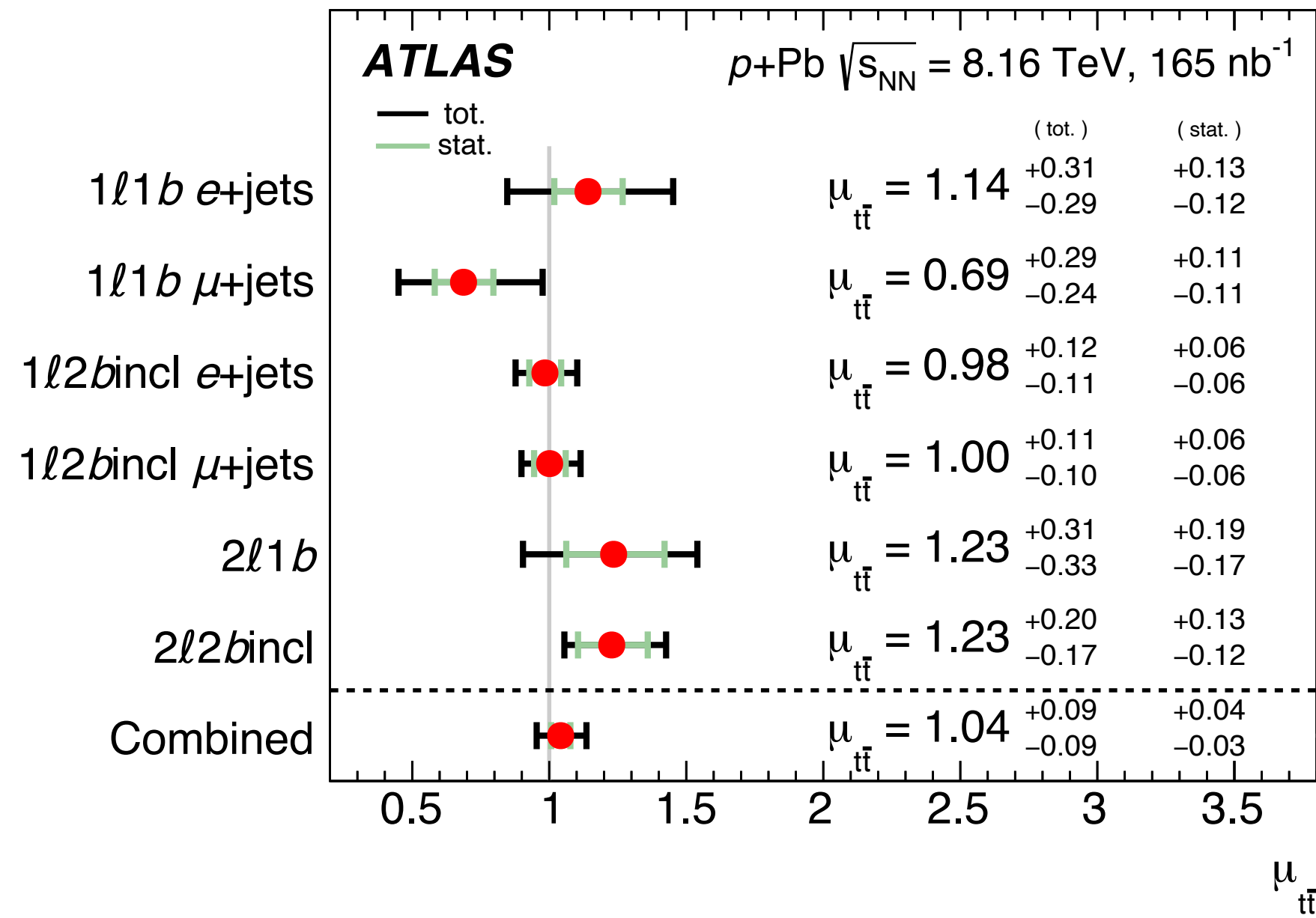
Extend the available data into unexplored regions to investigate nuclear effects on PDFs at high  $Q^2$  over wide  $x$ -range

# Top pair in p+Pb



$l + \text{jets} : t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow l\nu_e b q \bar{q}' \bar{b}$

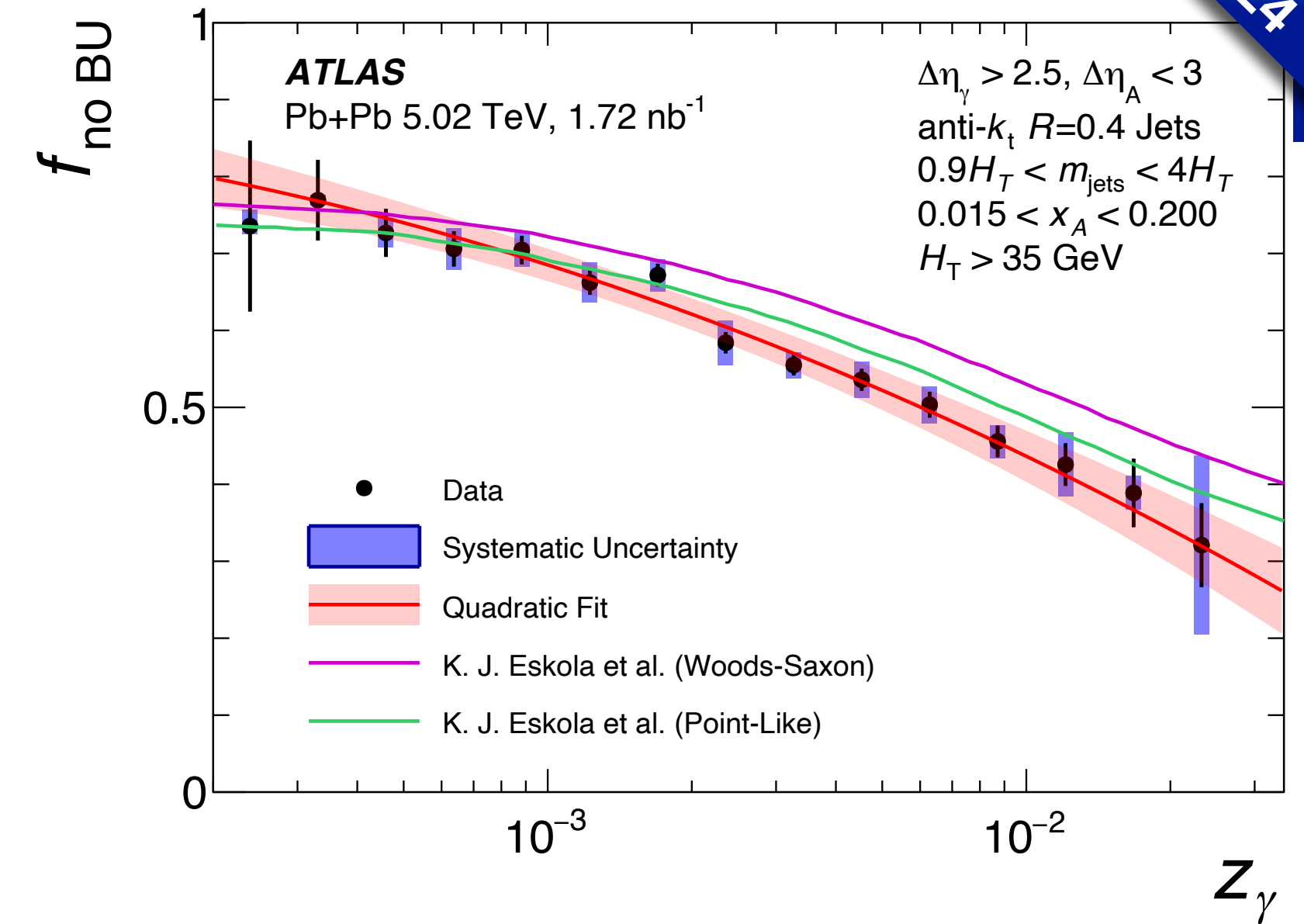
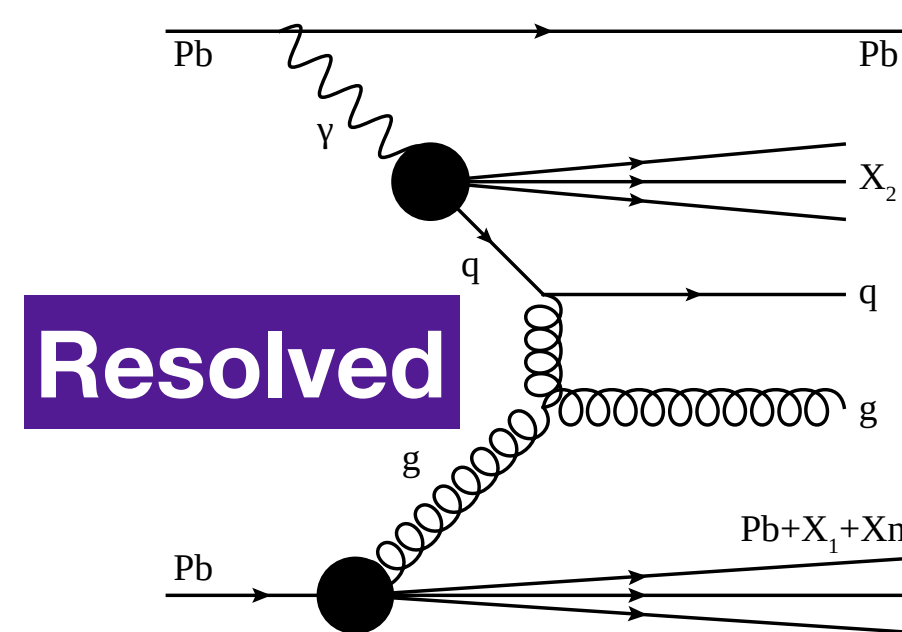
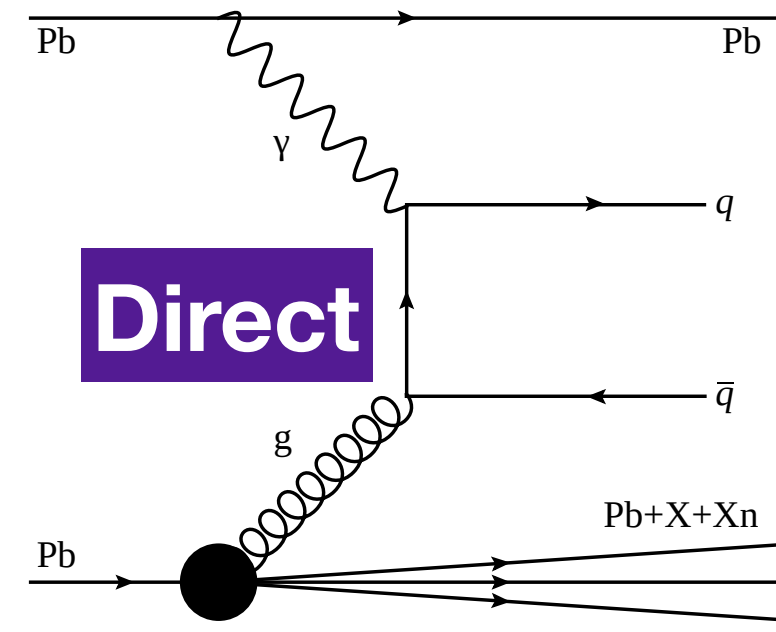
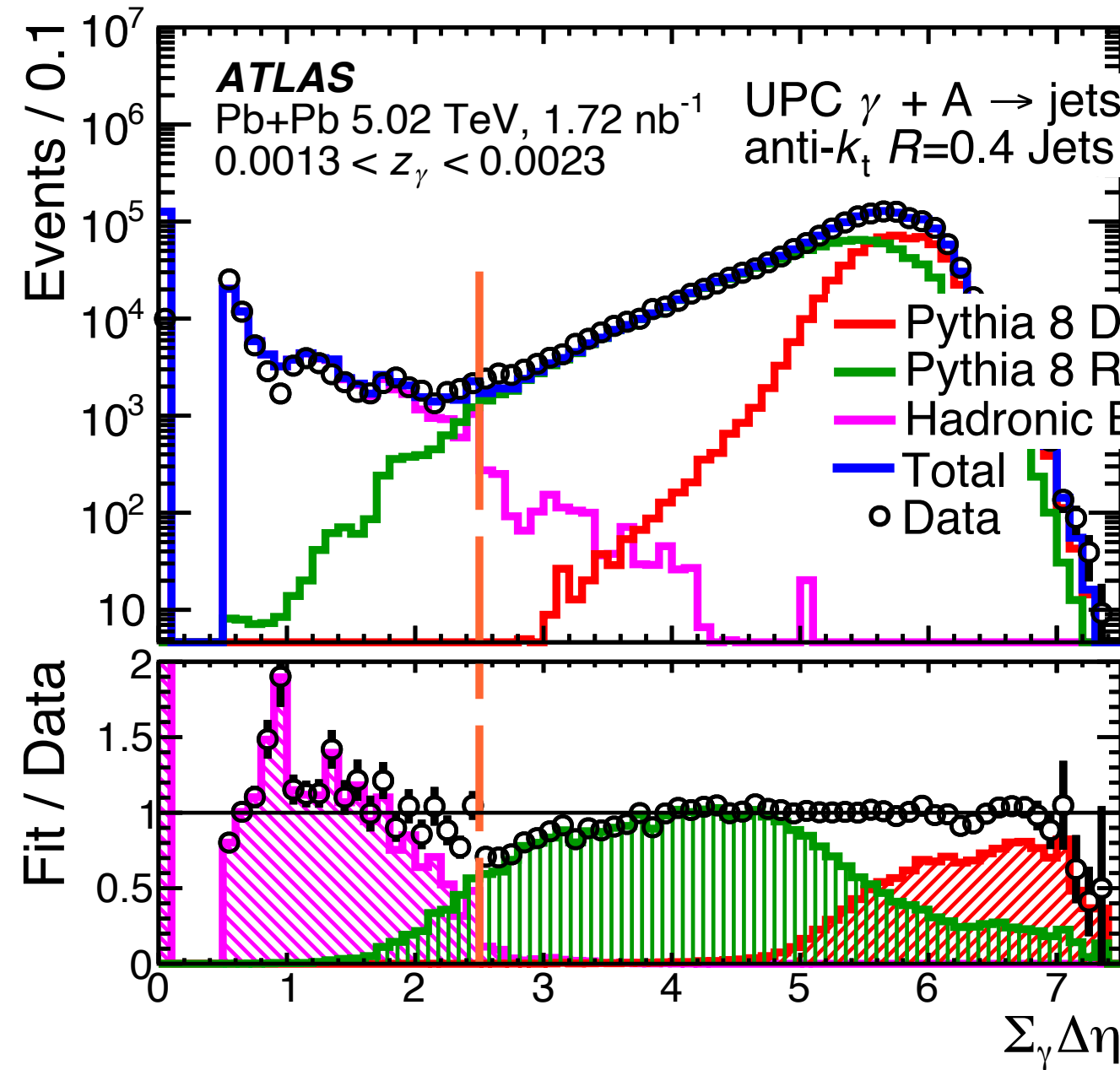
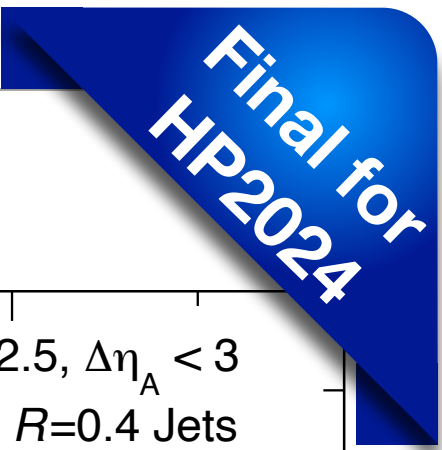
**dilepton** :  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow l\nu_e b l \bar{\nu}_e \bar{b}$



- The  $t\bar{t}$  cross section is measured to be  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 58.1 \pm 2.0^{+4.8}_{-4.4}$  nb
- Extrapolated  $R_{p+Pb}$  is consistent with unity; nNNPDF overestimates of  $t\bar{t}$   $R_{p+Pb}$



# Jets in photonuclear UPC

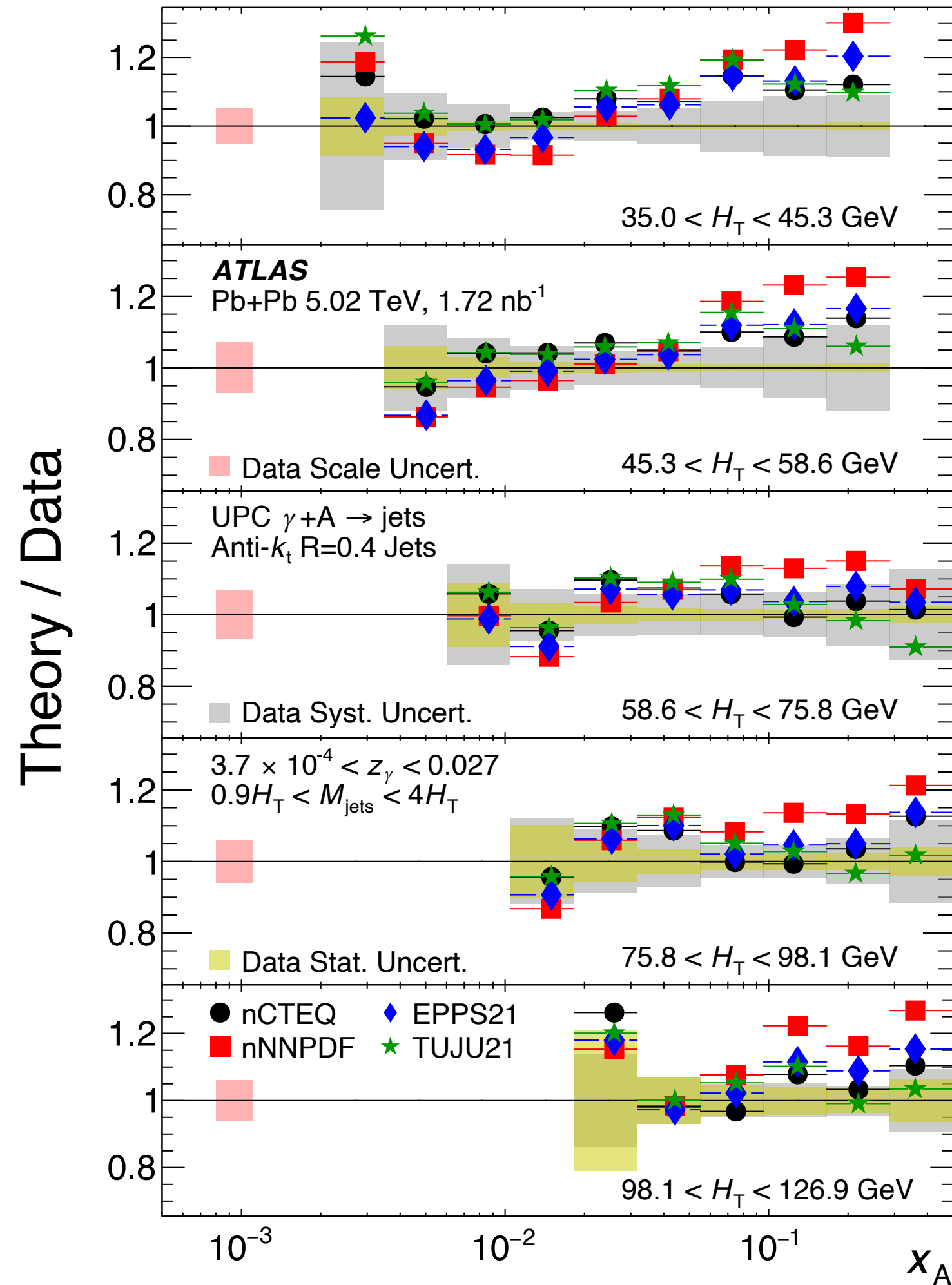
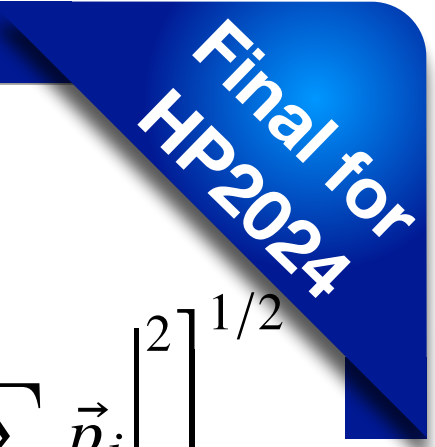


After years of detailed studies, we now confidently understand the basic properties of photonuclear UPCs with jets:

- Achieved well-modeled rapidity gaps that allows us to separate direct from resolved
- Measured break-up corrections to enable direct model comparison
- Extended jet  $p_T$  down to 15 GeV while keep control over systematic



# Jets in photonuclear UPC — cont.



$$H_T \equiv \sum_i p_{Ti} \quad x_A \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{-y_{\text{jets}}} \quad z_\gamma \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{+y_{\text{jets}}}$$

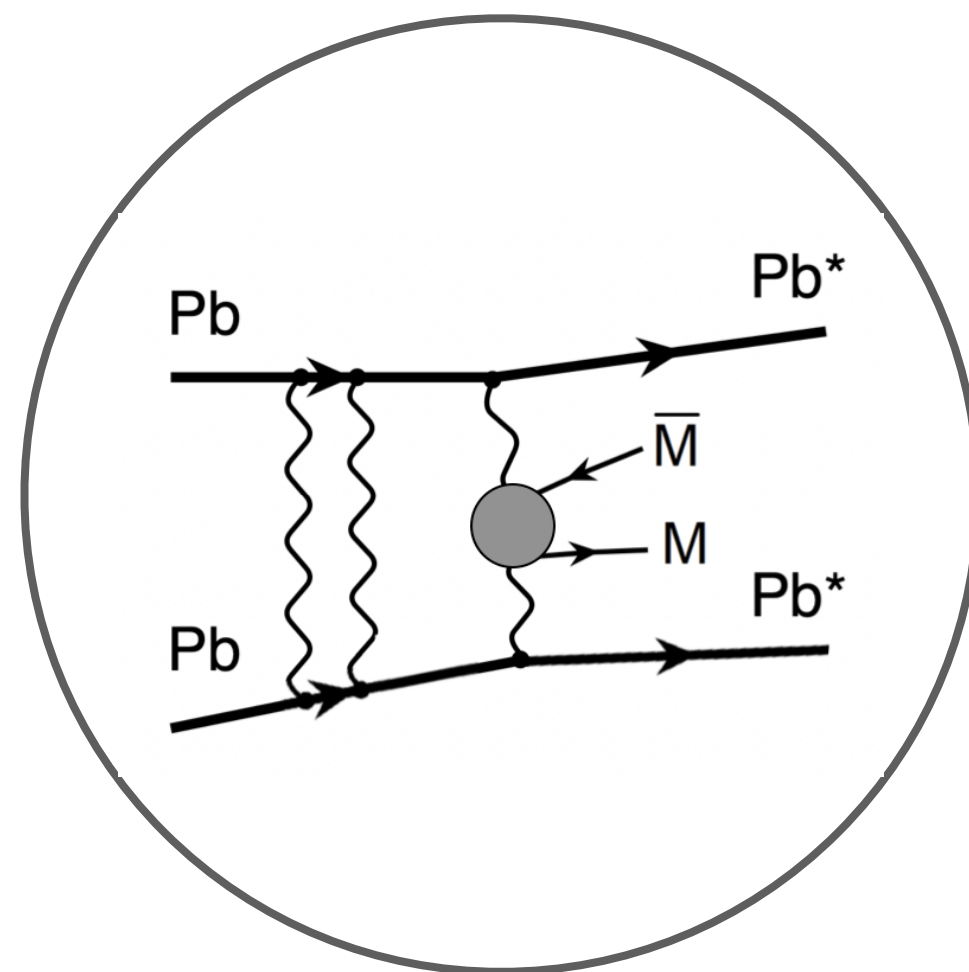
$$m_{\text{jets}} \equiv \left[ \left( \sum_i E_i \right)^2 - \left| \sum_i \vec{p}_i \right|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$y_{\text{jets}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\sum_i E_i + \sum_i p_{zi}^*}{\sum_i E_i - \sum_i p_{zi}^*} \right)$$

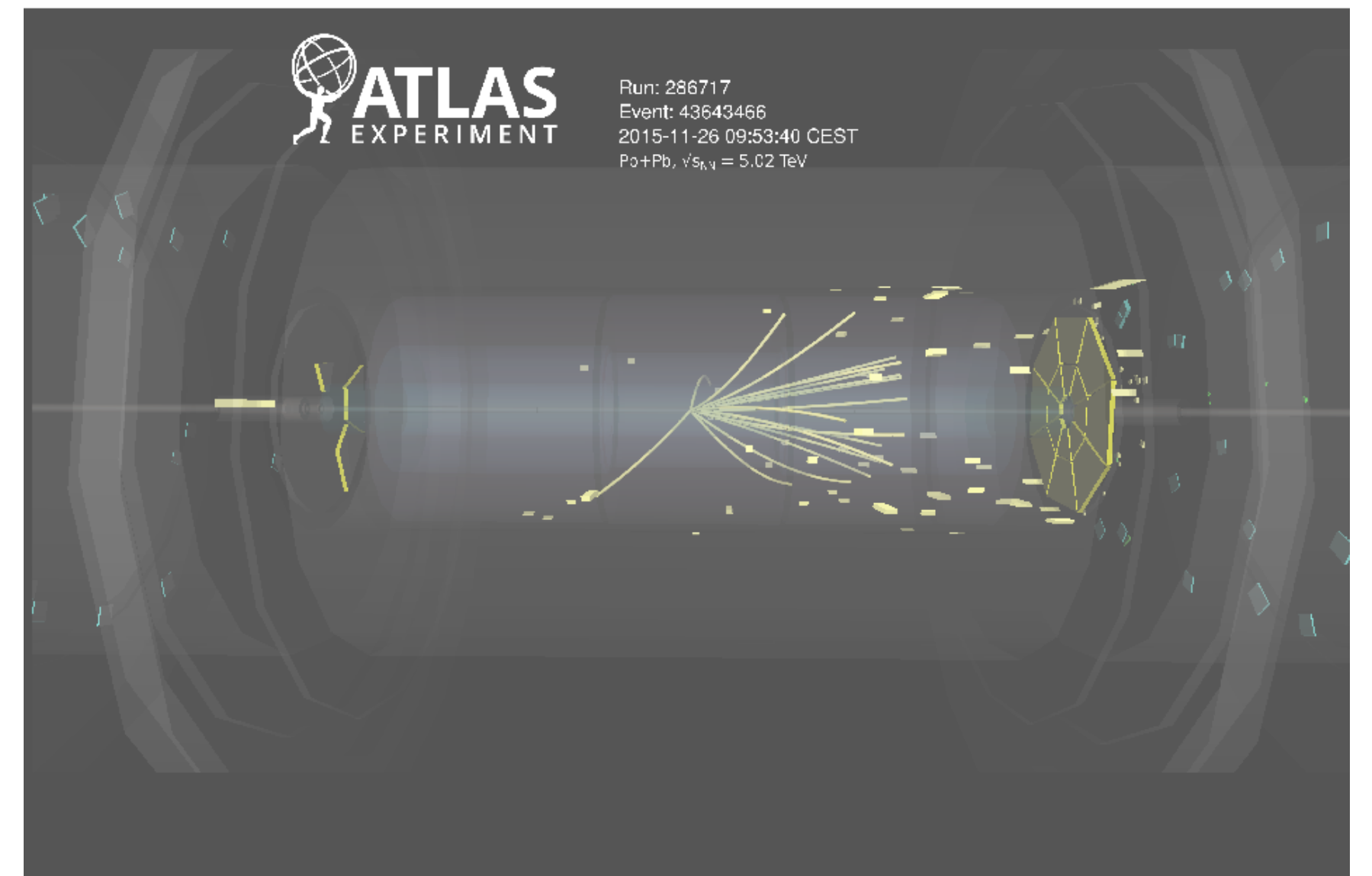
Ratio between measured precise 3D cross-sections and predictions with different nPDF fits, while uncertainties of the photon flux not included:

- **nCTEQ15** WZ+SIH
  - **nNNPDF3.0**
  - **EPPS21**
  - **TUJU21**
- nCTEQ results typically agree best. At higher  $H_T$ , the data typically agree well with TUJU
  - nNNPDF overpredicts the cross sections at high  $H_T$  and  $x_A$



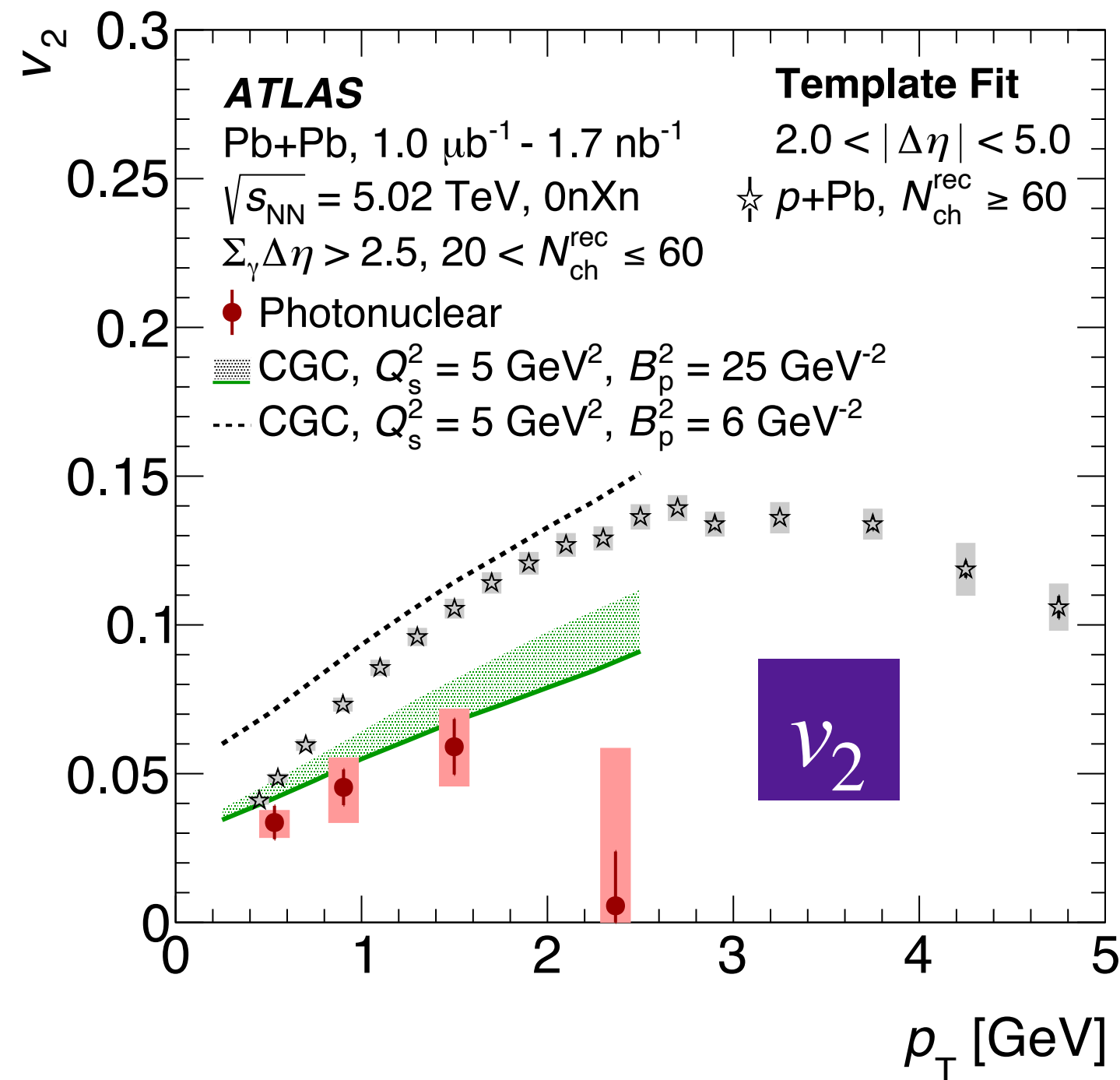


# Exploring novel physics in UPCs

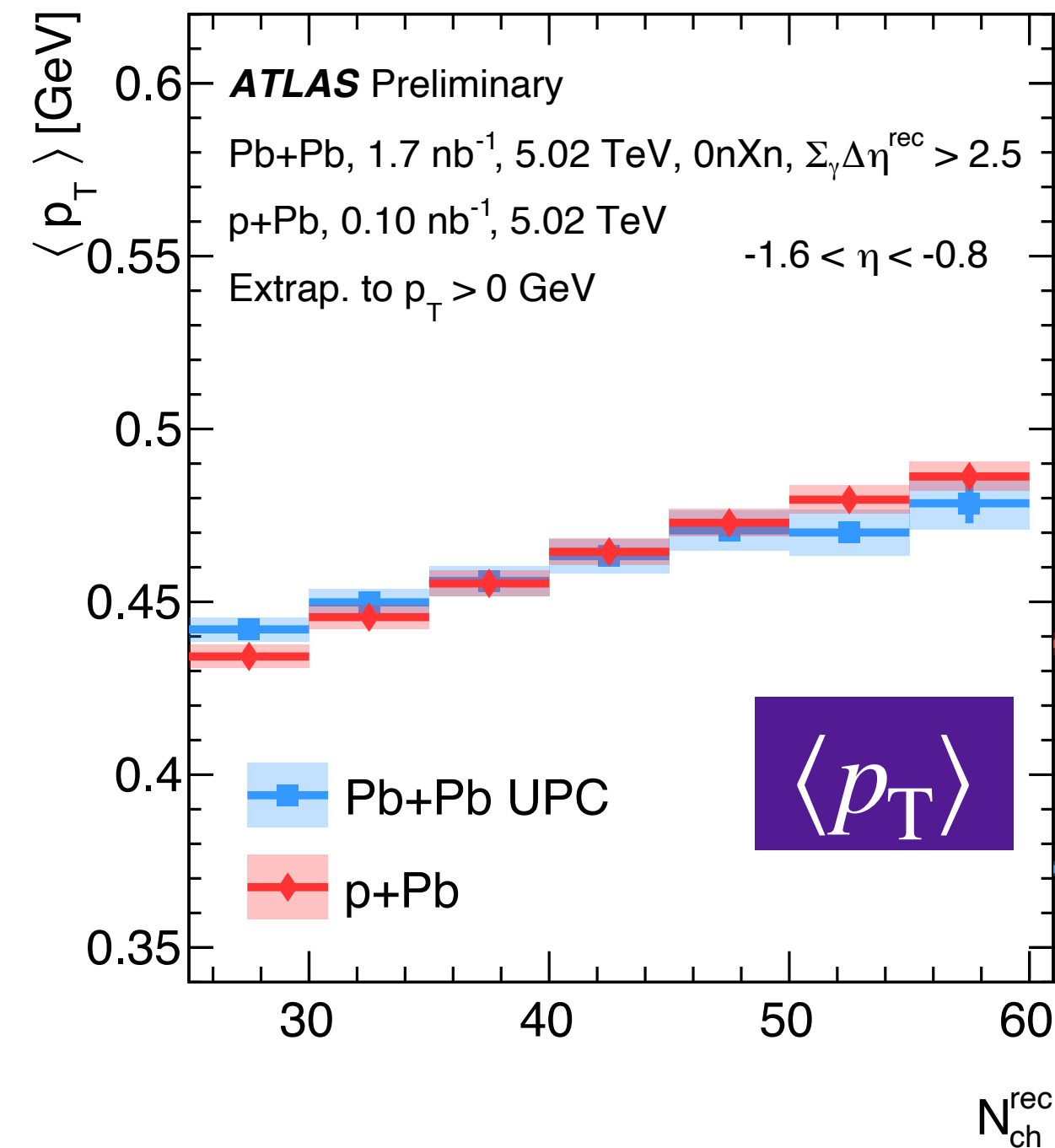




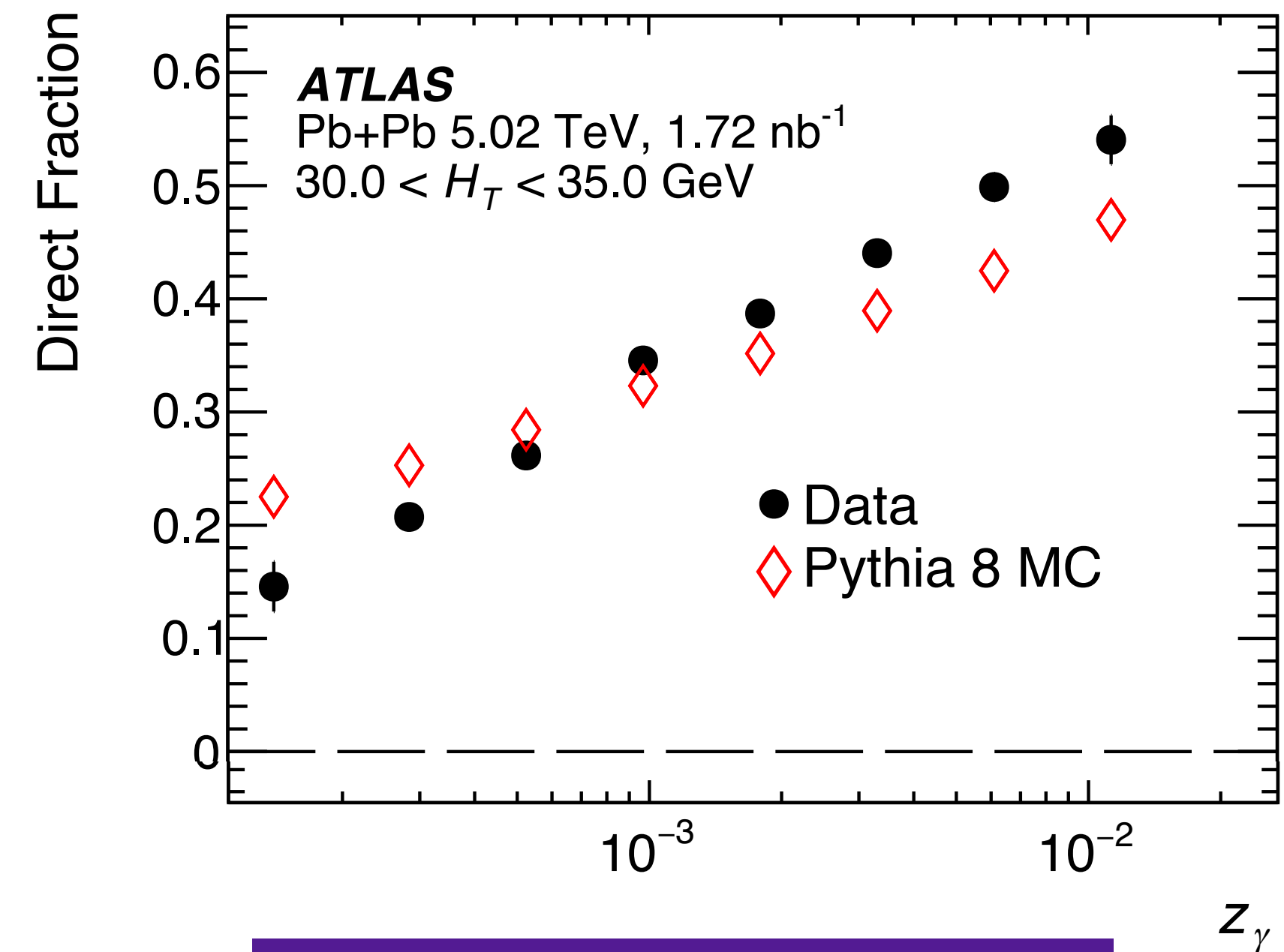
# $v_2$ and $\langle p_T \rangle$ in photonuclear interactions



$$v_2 (p + \text{Pb}) > v_2 (\gamma + \text{Pb})$$

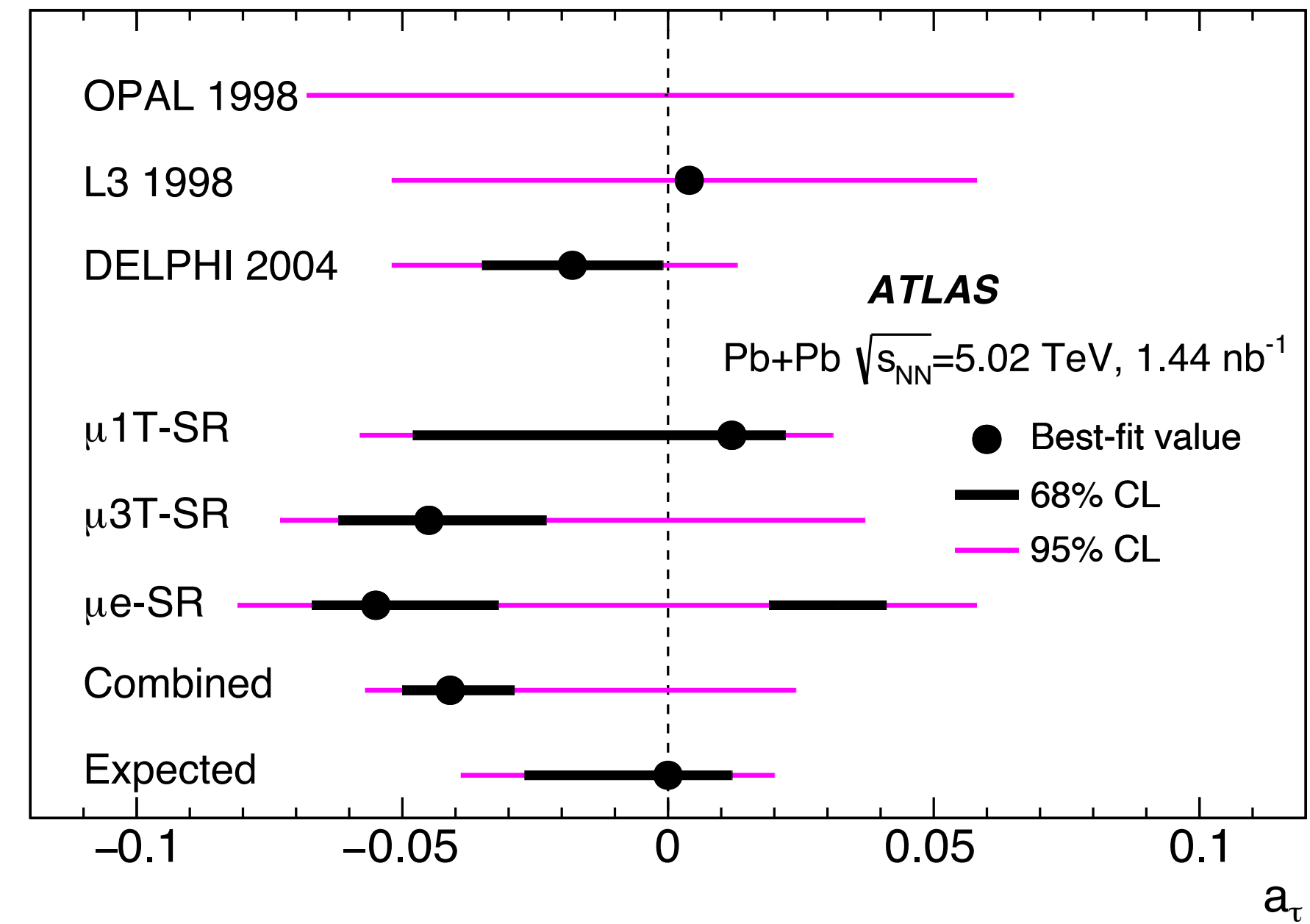
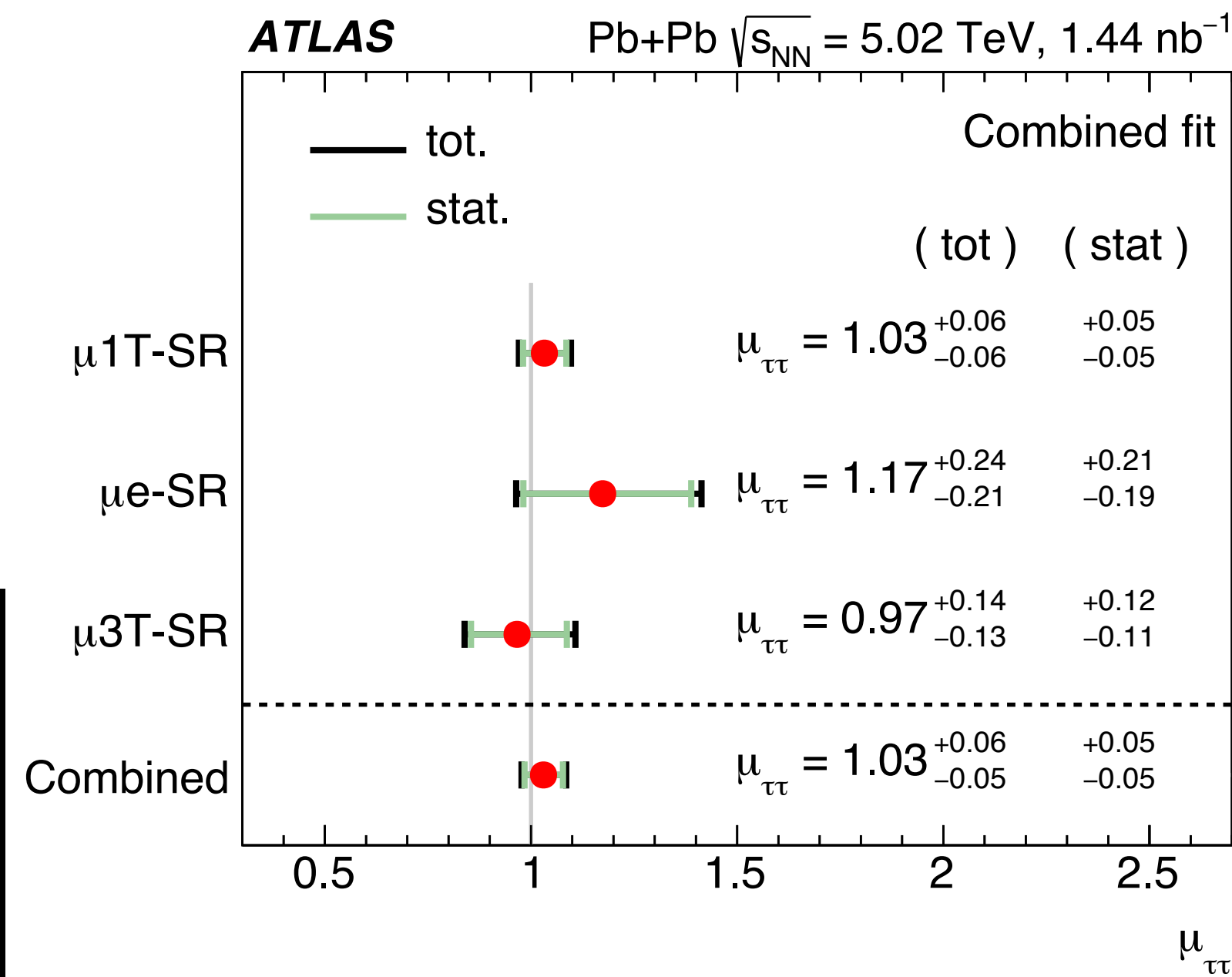
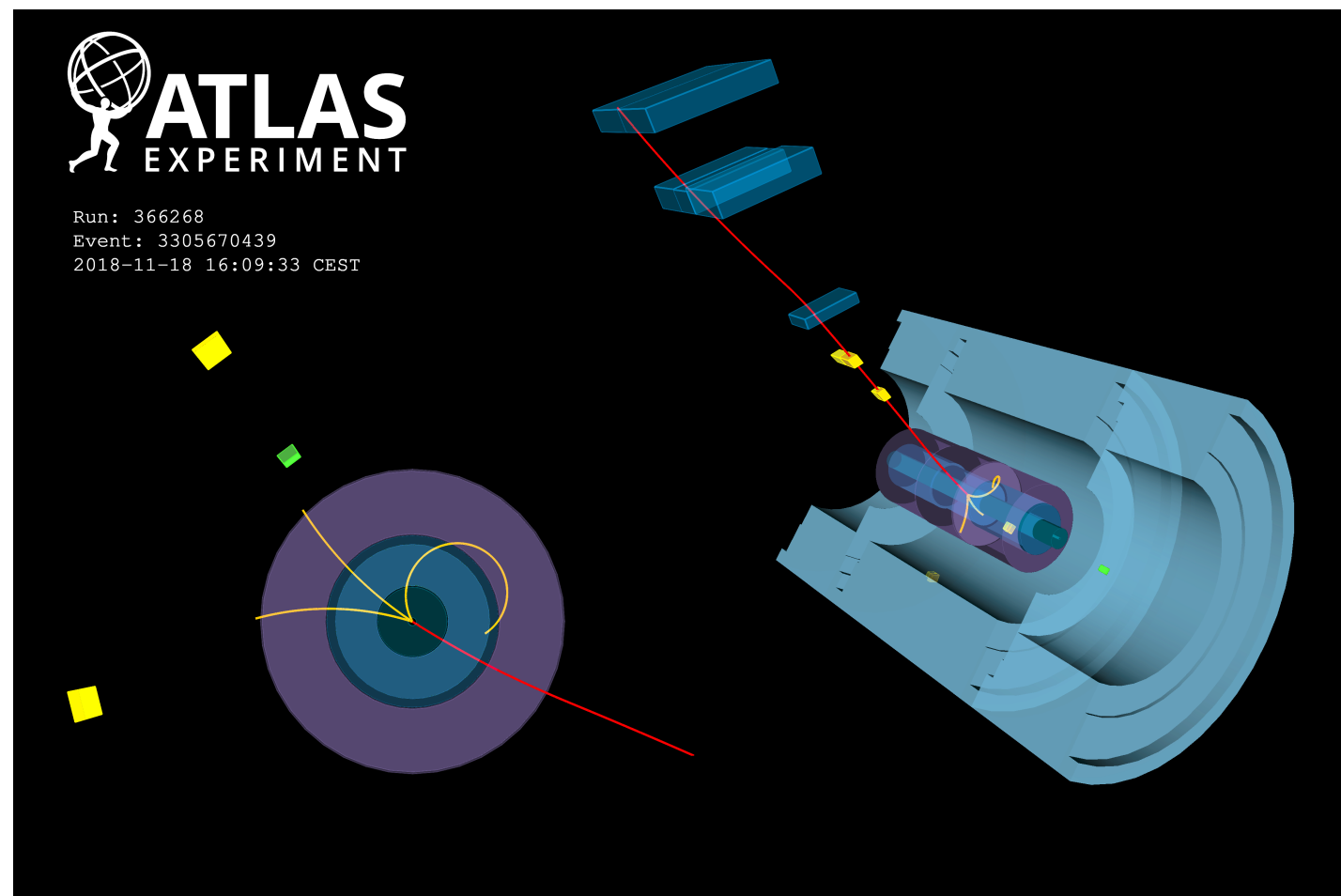
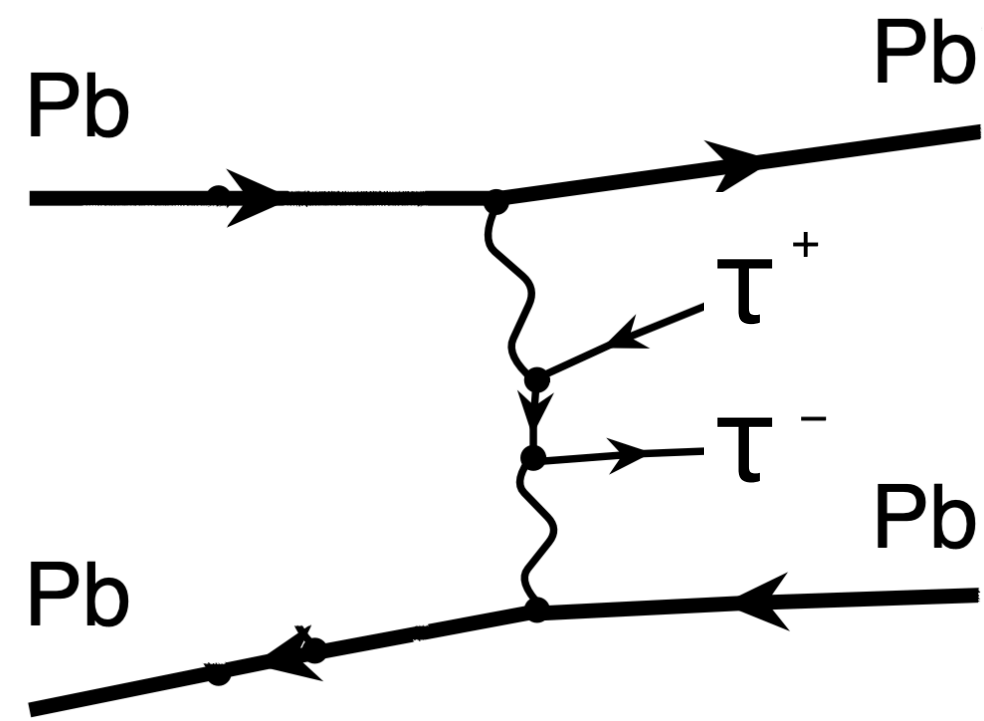


$$\langle p_T \rangle (\gamma + \text{Pb}) \approx \langle p_T \rangle (p + \text{Pb})$$



- Could be understood as different longitudinal decorrelation and similar radial flow in the hydro picture (Zhao et al PRL 129 (2022) 252302)
- However, direct and resolved processes should be studied separately and it becomes possible

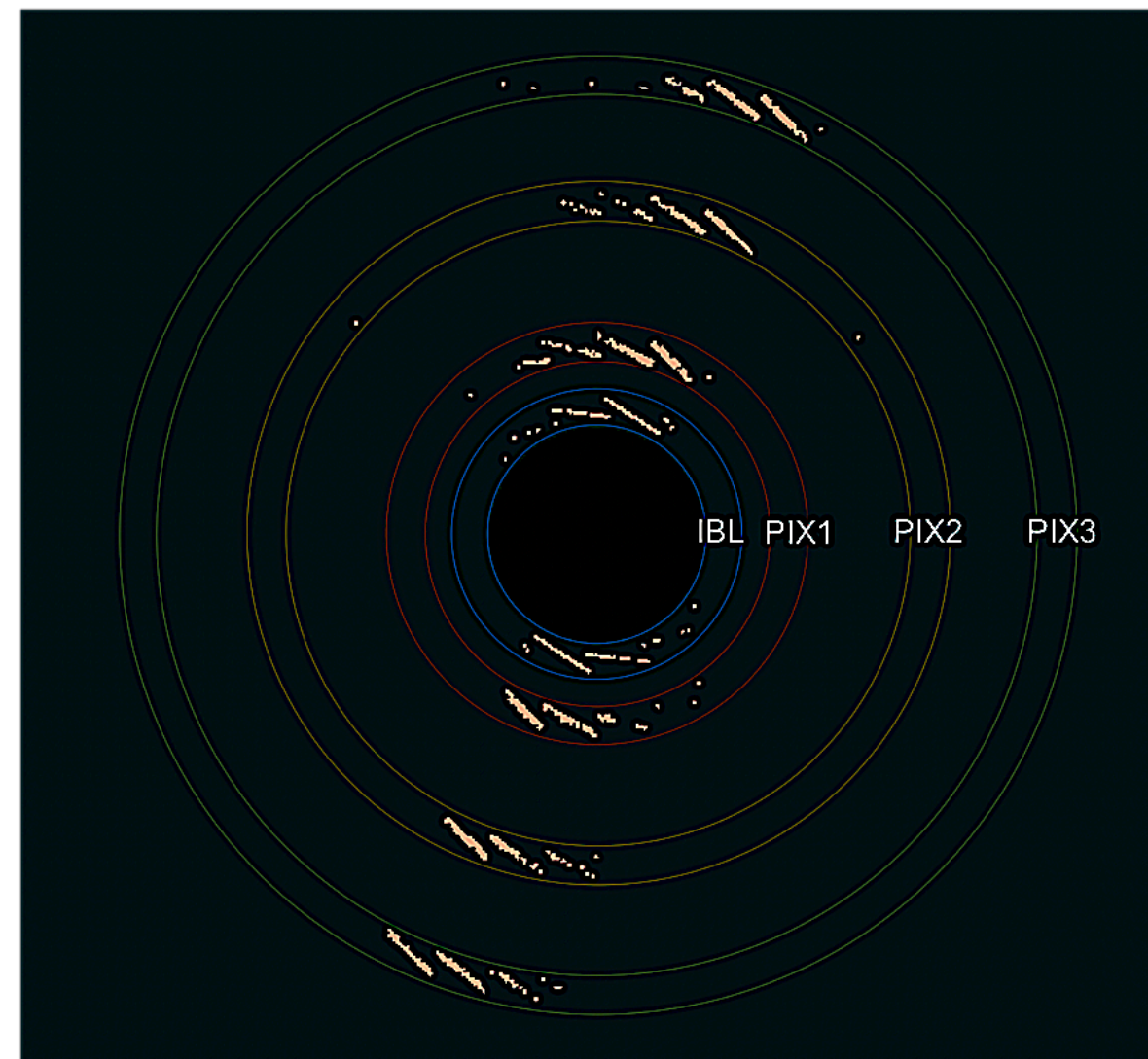
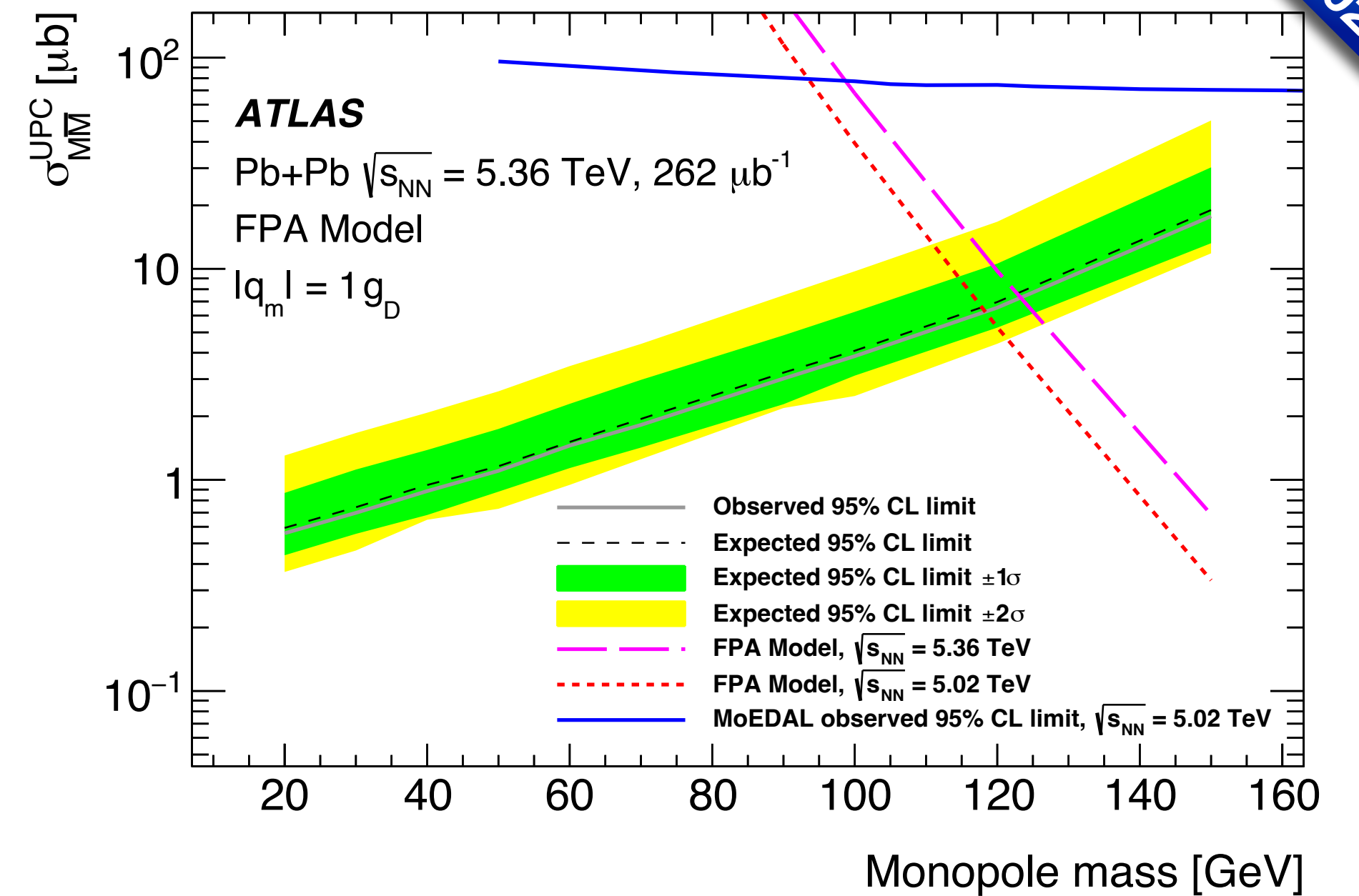
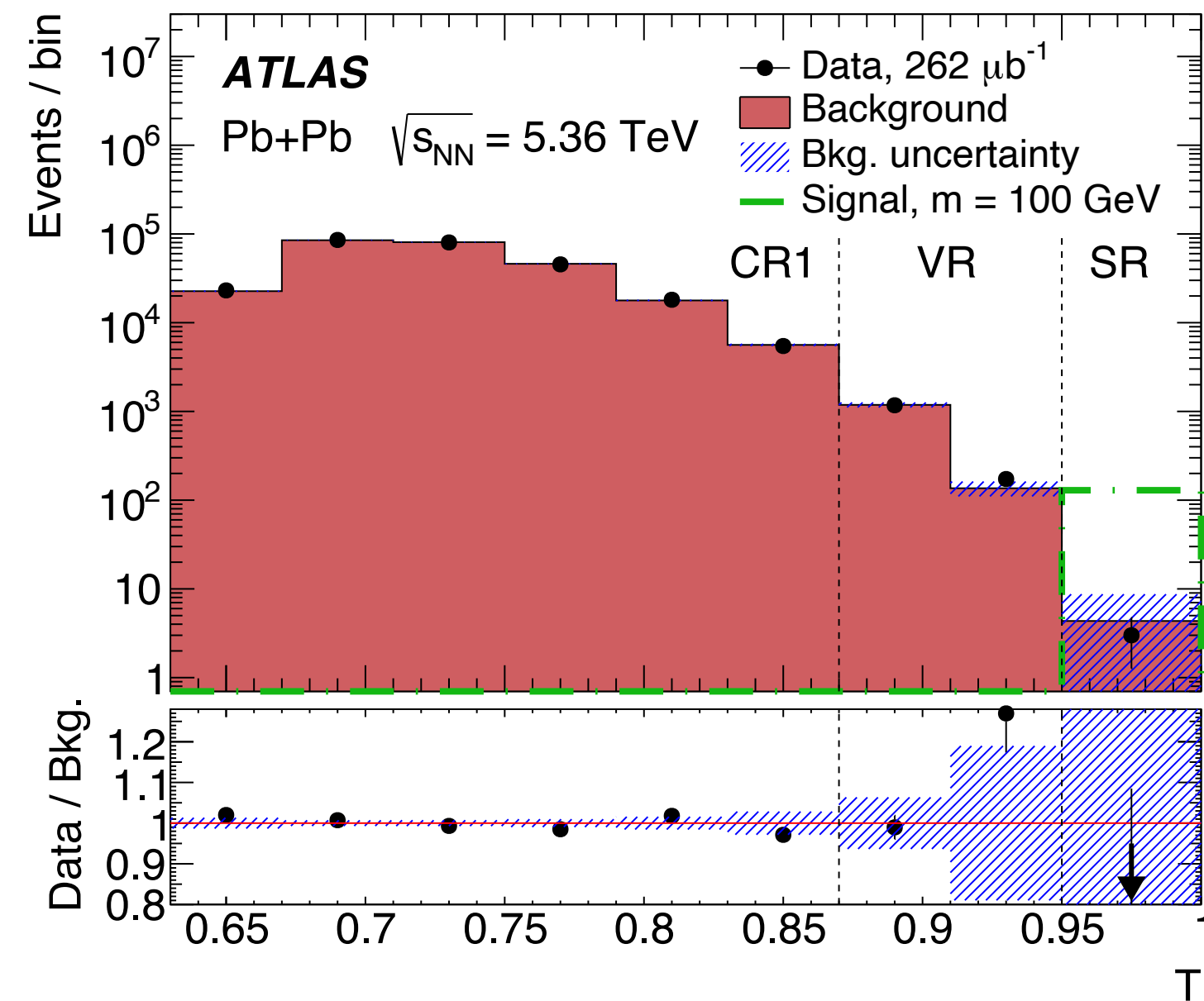
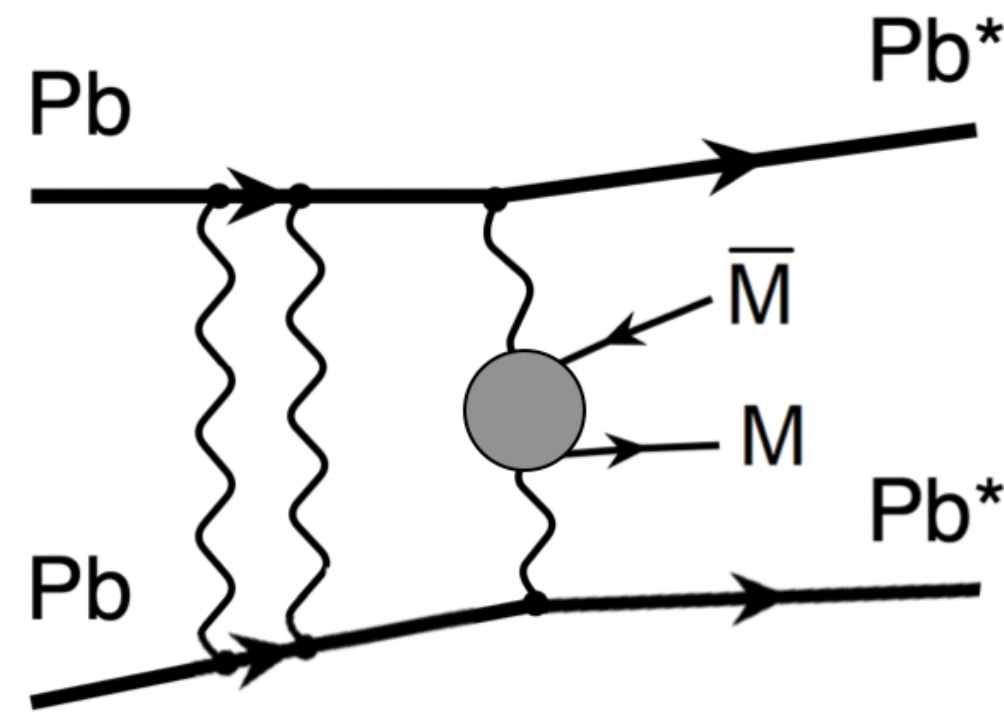
# $\tau$ anomalous magnetic moment via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- Study (low-energy) taus for the first time in nuclear collisions
- No nuclear breakup required using ZDC to suppress hadronic background
- Constraints on  $a_\tau$  extracted from the interaction strength is competitive with those observed at LEP (DELPHI)

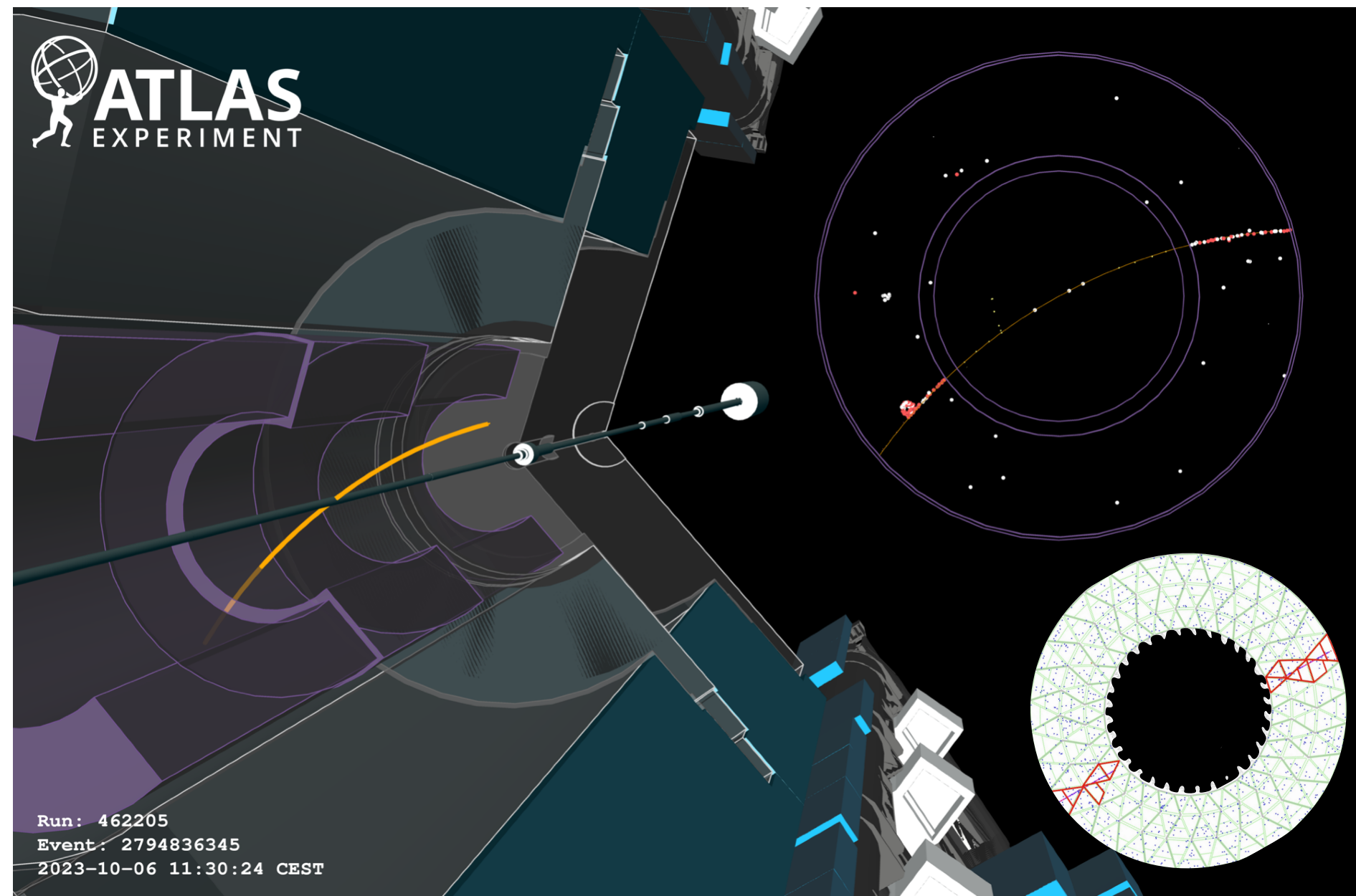
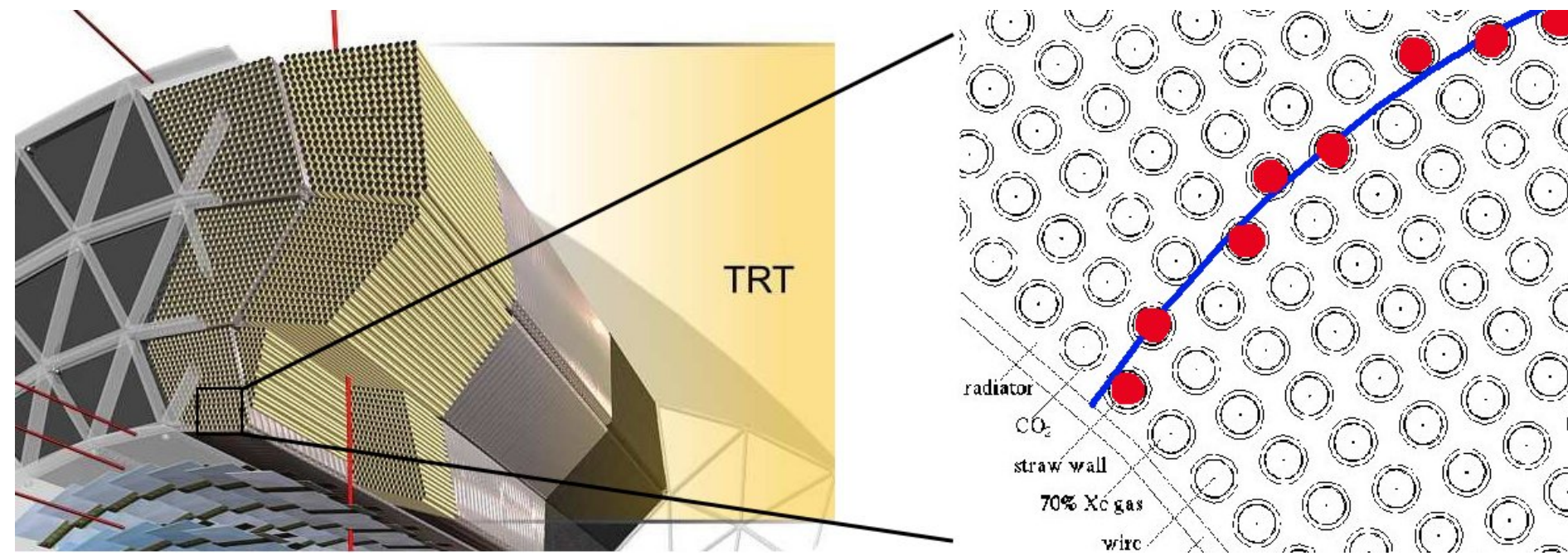
# Magnetic monopoles via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow M\bar{M}$

Final for HP2024

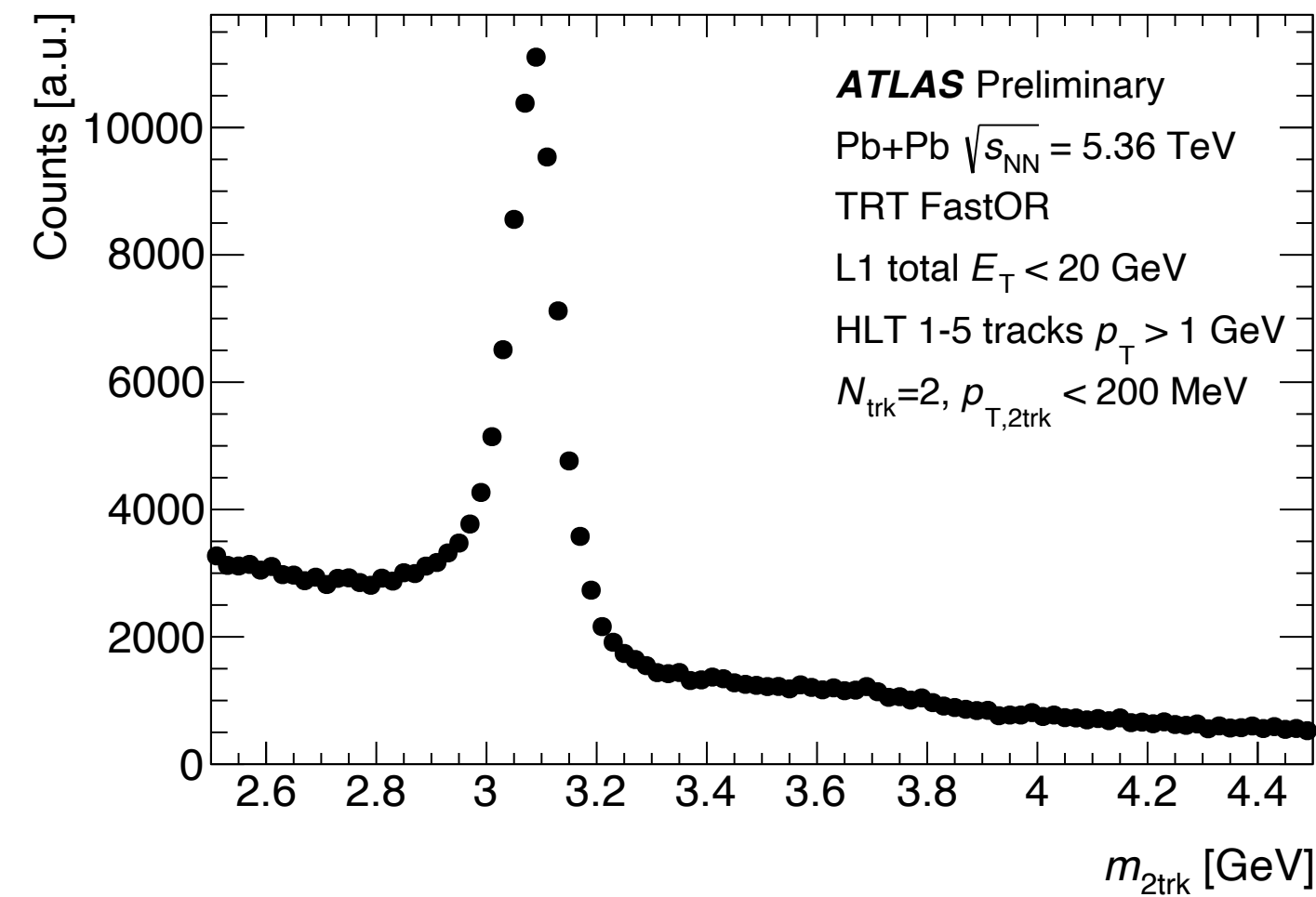


- Magnetic monopoles via the Schwinger mechanism in UPCs. First ATLAS analysis using Run3 heavy ion data
- 3 events in SR, consistent with background estimate ( $4 \pm 4$ )
- Better limits compared to dedicated MoEDAL experiment ([Nature 602 \(2022\) 63](#)), achieve up to x8 improvement at masses below 120 GeV

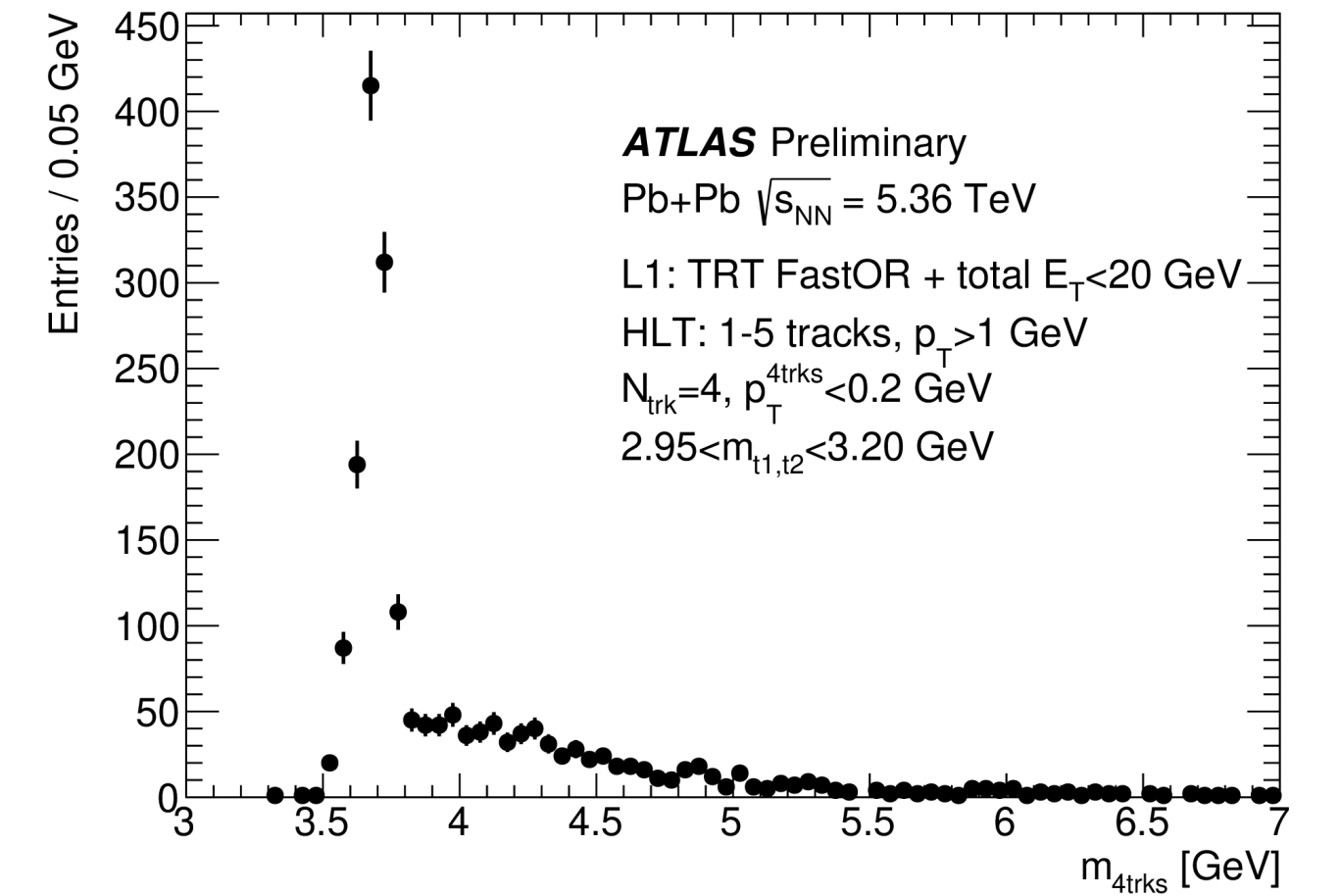
# Run3 new L1 track trigger



**Two tracks**



**Four tracks**



- Newly commissioned TRT trigger (L1 track trigger running at MHz level!)
- Let us accumulate large UPC sample with various track multiplicities for exclusive  $J/\psi$  and other hadron spectroscopy researches

# Where we are heading



## Probing QGP with penetrating particles

Precision and differential results to constrain model in order to extract underlying physics



## Understand the initial state

New observables to test different effects/models



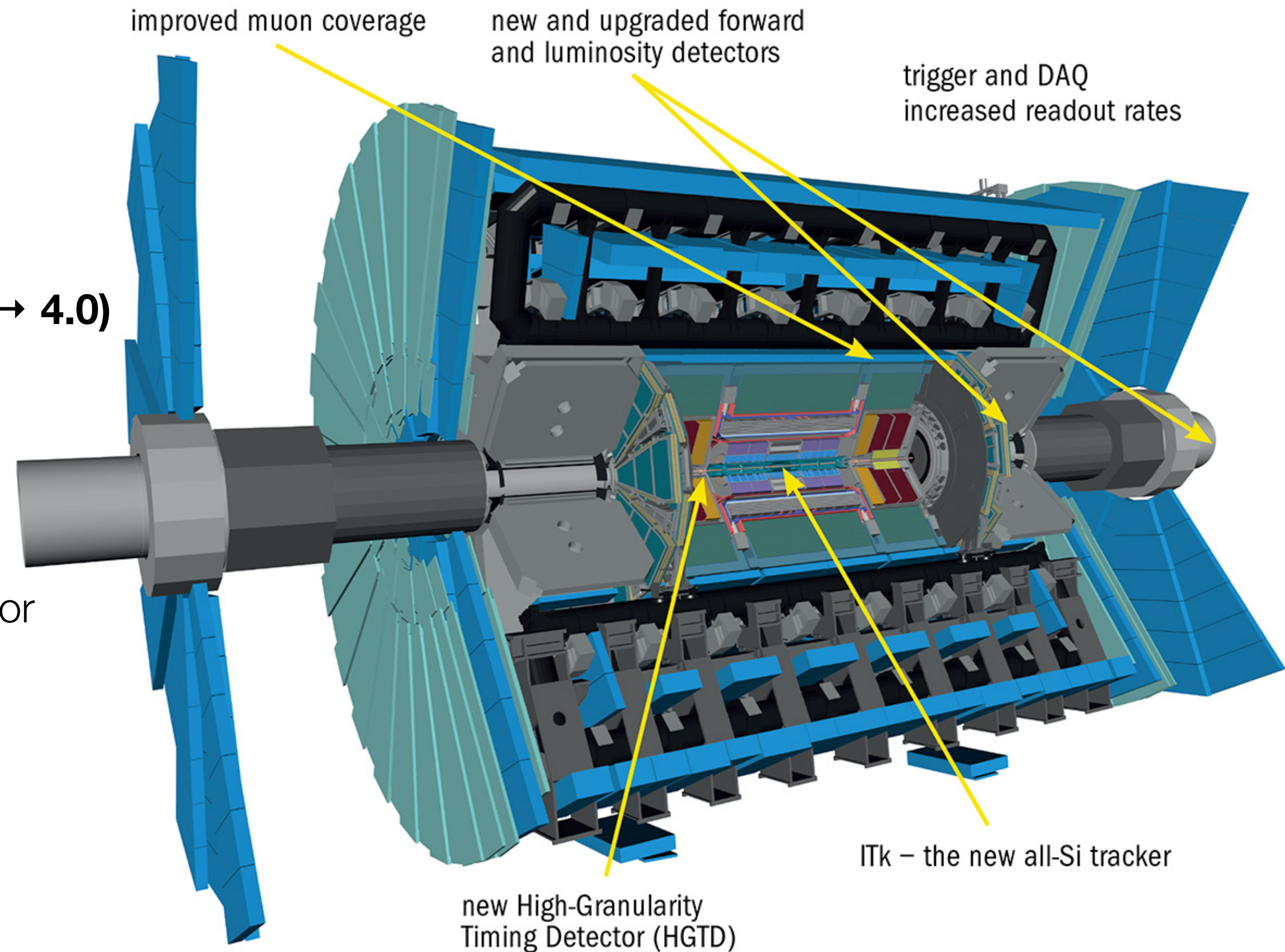
## Exploring novel physics in UPCs

Expand the scope of the physics program and foster strong collaboration with the broader community

# Phase-II ATLAS

## An upgraded ATLAS (> 2030s)

- **High-granularity, high-coverage tracker (2.5 → 4.0)**
- **New ZDC (same as CMS Phase-II ZDC)**
- High-granularity timing detector
- Replaced muon chambers
- New and upgraded forward and luminosity detector
- Improved trigger, high-performance software & computing, deeply embedded machine learning



# ATLAS contributions at HP 2024

<b>Monday 2:00PM</b>	<i>Radius dependent jet quenching measurements from ATLAS</i>	<b>Anne Sickles</b>
<b>Monday 2:20PM</b>	<i>ATLAS measurements of soft-hard correlations and anisotropy decorrelations in pp collisions</i>	<b>Blair Seidlitz</b>
<b>Monday 2:20PM</b>	<i>Jet substructure measurements with small and large radius jets with ATLAS</i>	<b>Martin Rybar</b>
<b>Monday 2:20PM</b>	<i>Top quark pair production in Heavy Ion Collisions with the ATLAS experiment</i>	<b>Patrycja Potepa</b>
<b>Monday 4:50PM</b>	<i>Investigating initial state of heavy-ion and pp collisions using <math>[pT]</math> fluctuations and <math>v_n - [pT]</math> correlations in ATLAS</i>	<b>Tomasz Bold</b>
<b>Monday 5:10PM</b>	<i>Measurement of Azimuthal Anisotropy of High Transverse Momentum Charged Particles in Pb+Pb Collisions using Multi-particle Cumulants with the ATLAS Detector</i>	<b>Xiaoning Wang</b>
<b>Tuesday 2:00PM</b>	<i>Measurements of heavy-flavor azimuthal correlations and b-jet suppression in 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb collisions with ATLAS</i>	<b>Soumya Mohapatra</b>
<b>Wednesday 9:00AM</b>	<i>Jet quenching and medium response using photon+jet events in ATLAS</i>	<b>Dominik Derendarz</b>
<b>Wednesday 9:20AM</b>	<i>Searching for jet-induced diffusion wakes of quark gluon plasma via jet-track correlations in heavy ion collisions with the ATLAS detector</i>	<b>Yeonju Go</b>
<b>Wednesday 11:10AM</b>	<i>Results on photon-induced processes in ultra-peripheral Pb+Pb collisions with ATLAS</i>	<b>Mateusz Dyndal</b>
<b>Wednesday 12:10PM</b>	<i>Measurement of dijet production in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions with ATLAS</i>	<b>Benjamin Gilbert</b>

## Parallel Talks

<i>Observation of top-quark pair production in heavy-ion collisions in the ATLAS experiment</i>	<b>Patrycja Potepa</b>
<i>Jet radius dependence of dijet momentum balance and pair nuclear modification factor in Pb+Pb and pp collisions with the ATLAS detector</i>	<b>Anabel Romero</b>
<i>Probing initial state effects in nuclear collisions via dijet and spectator neutron measurements with the ATLAS detector</i>	<b>Matthew Hoppesch</b>

## Posters

**All ATLAS HI public results: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HeavyIonsPublicResults>**

