

# ATLAS Highlights

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Advances, Innovations, and Prospects in High-Energy Nuclear Physics

高能核物理进展、创新与展望

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## 进展

## Advances

- Jet modification and
- Medium response

## 创新

## Innovations

- Dijet for studying centrality bias and nuclear break up
- Improved understanding of photonuclear interactions
- New testing ground for particle physics

## 展望

## Future Perspectives

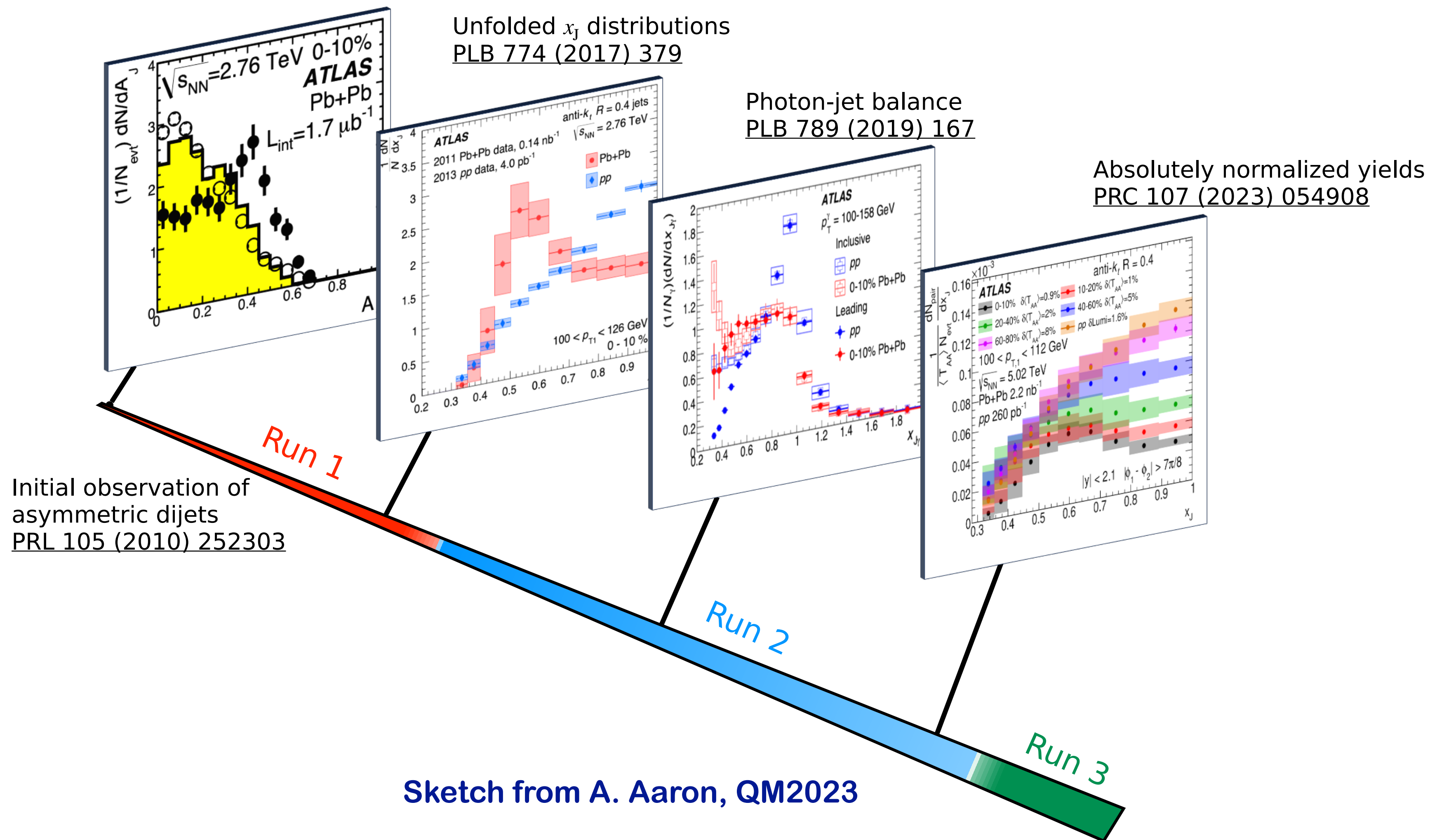
- New track trigger in Run3
- Exciting heavy ion runs in 2024/2025
- New detector planned for Run4



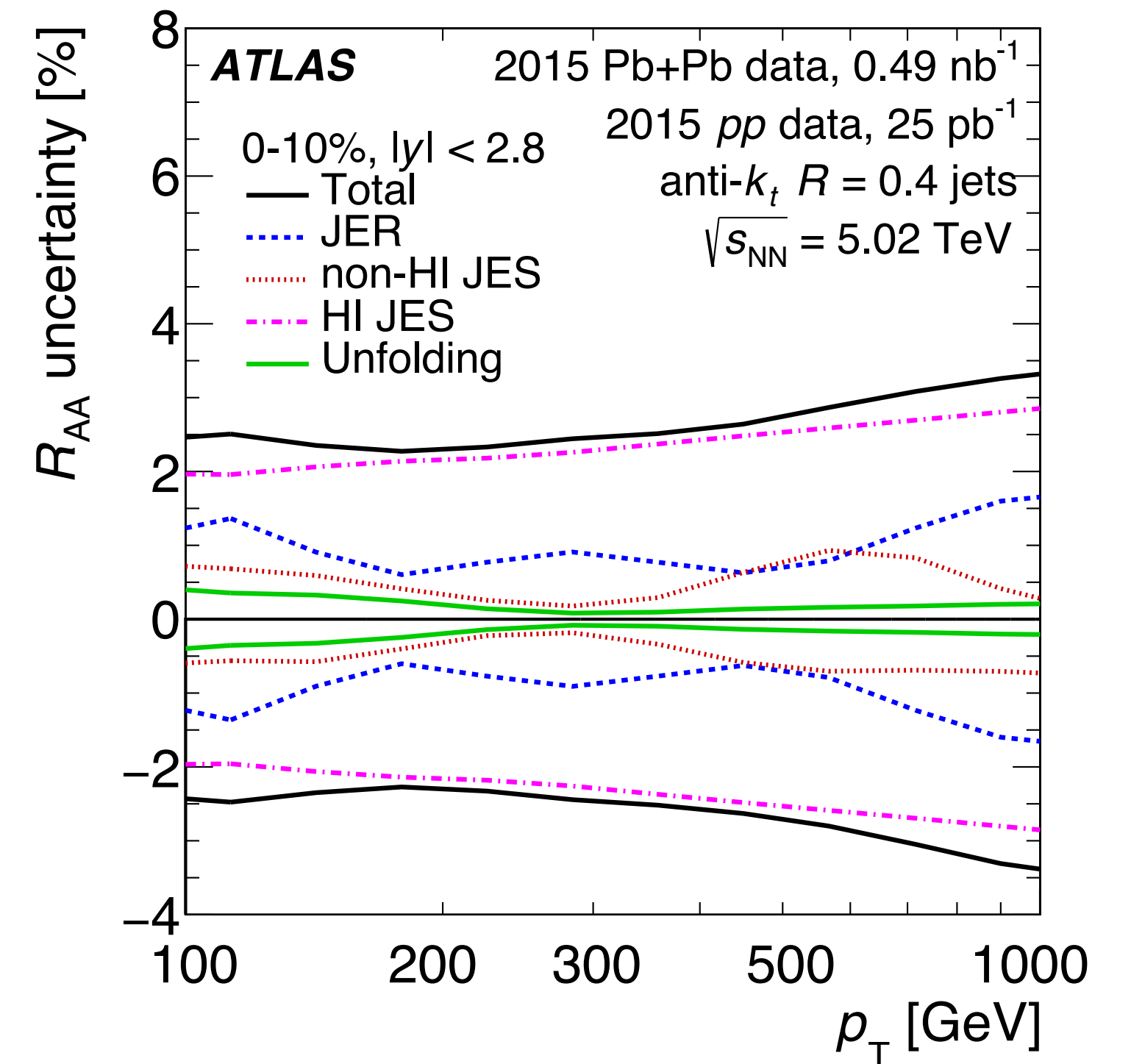
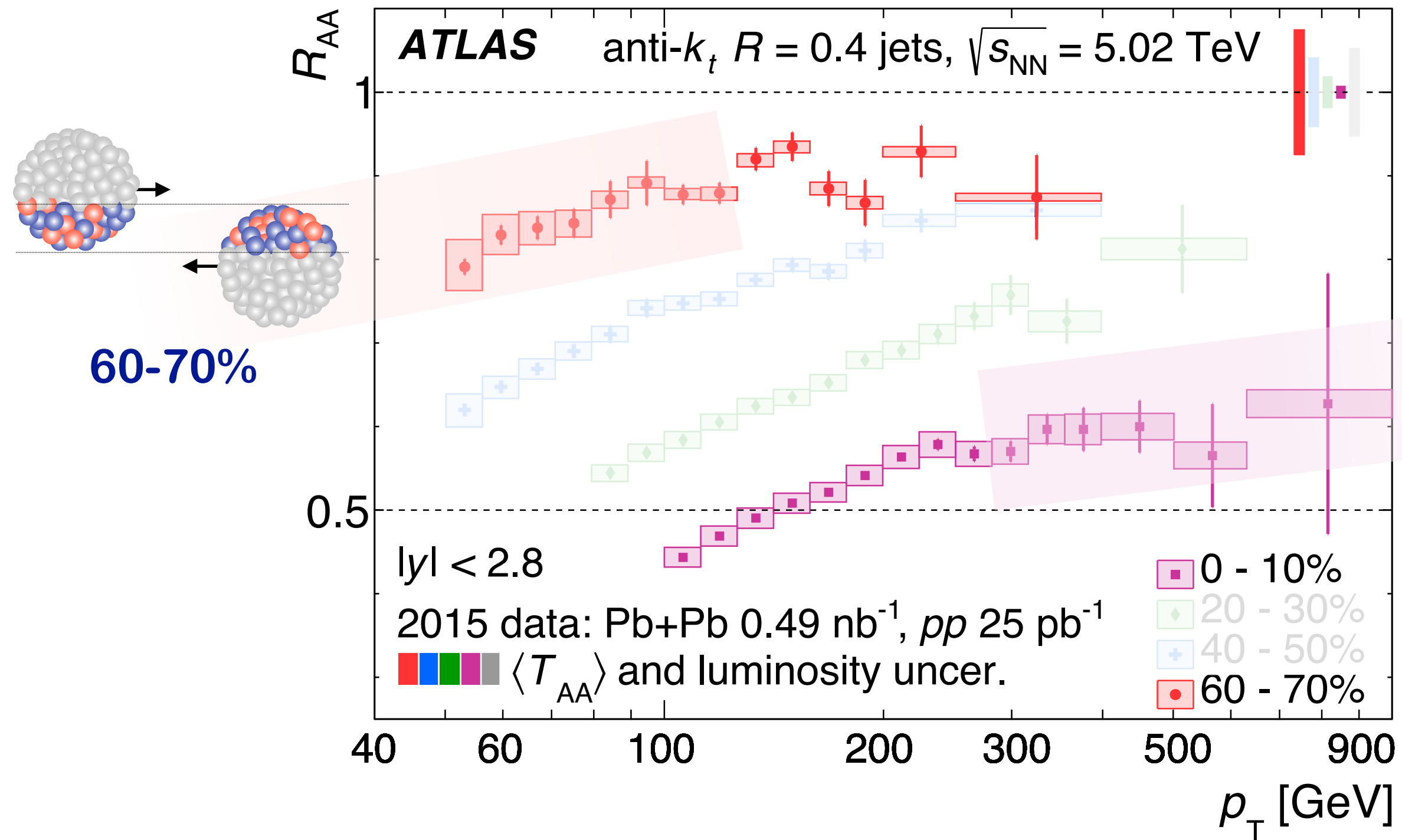
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# Advances



# Single inclusive jet $R_{AA}$

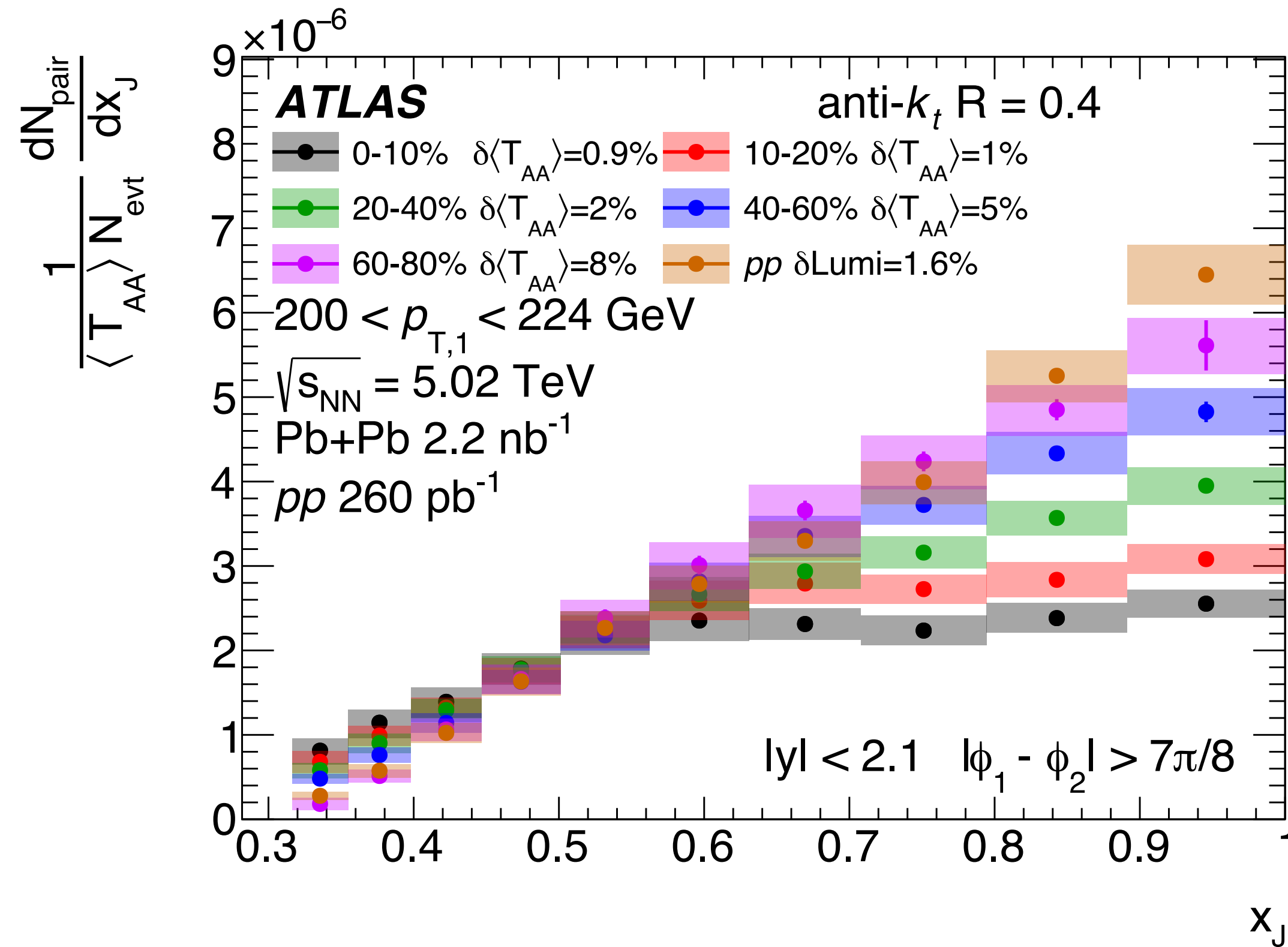


- ATLAS has successfully controlled the single jet  $R_{AA}$  systematics to the few-percent level with 2015 data
- Widely used in constraining quenching models

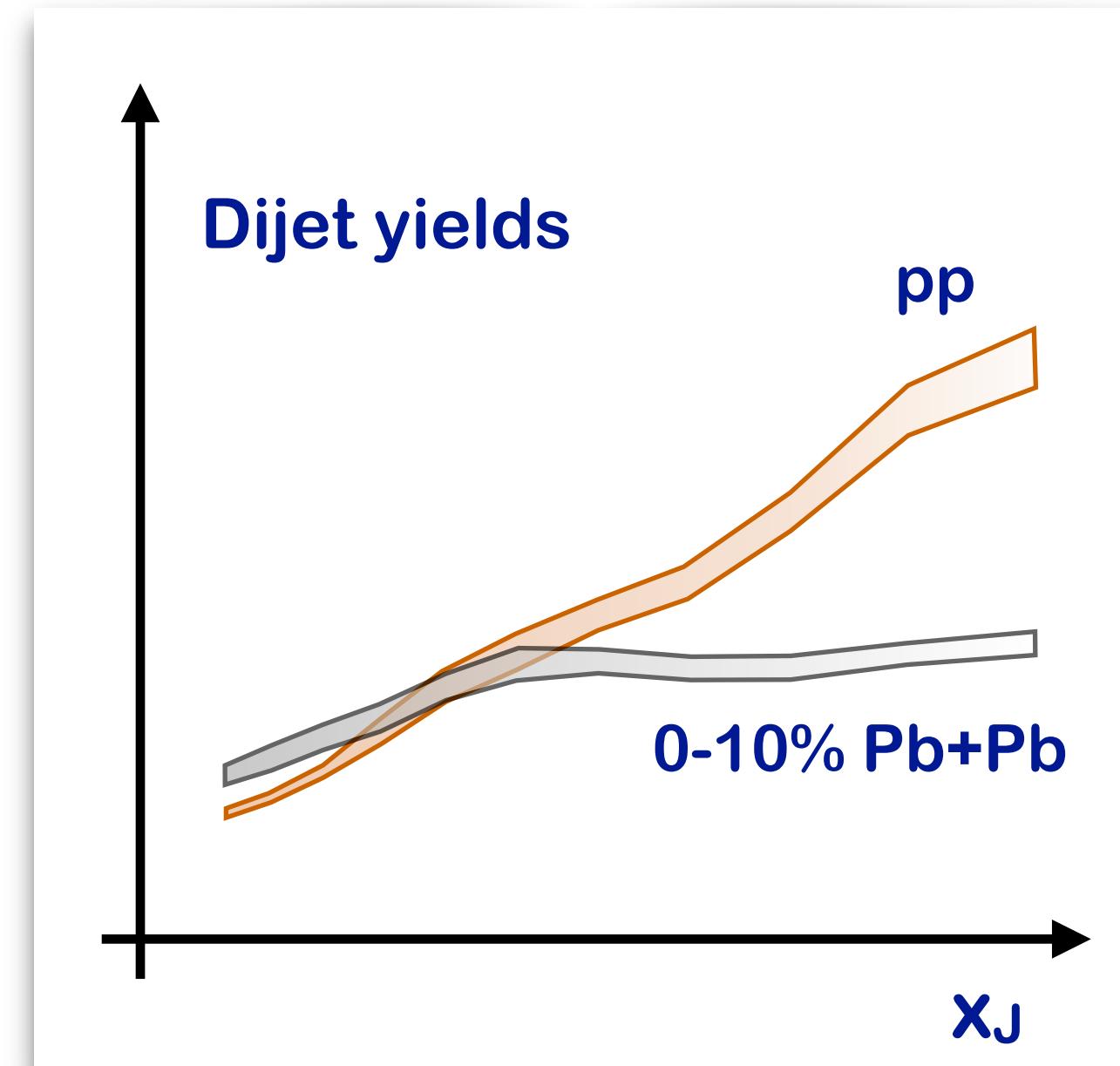
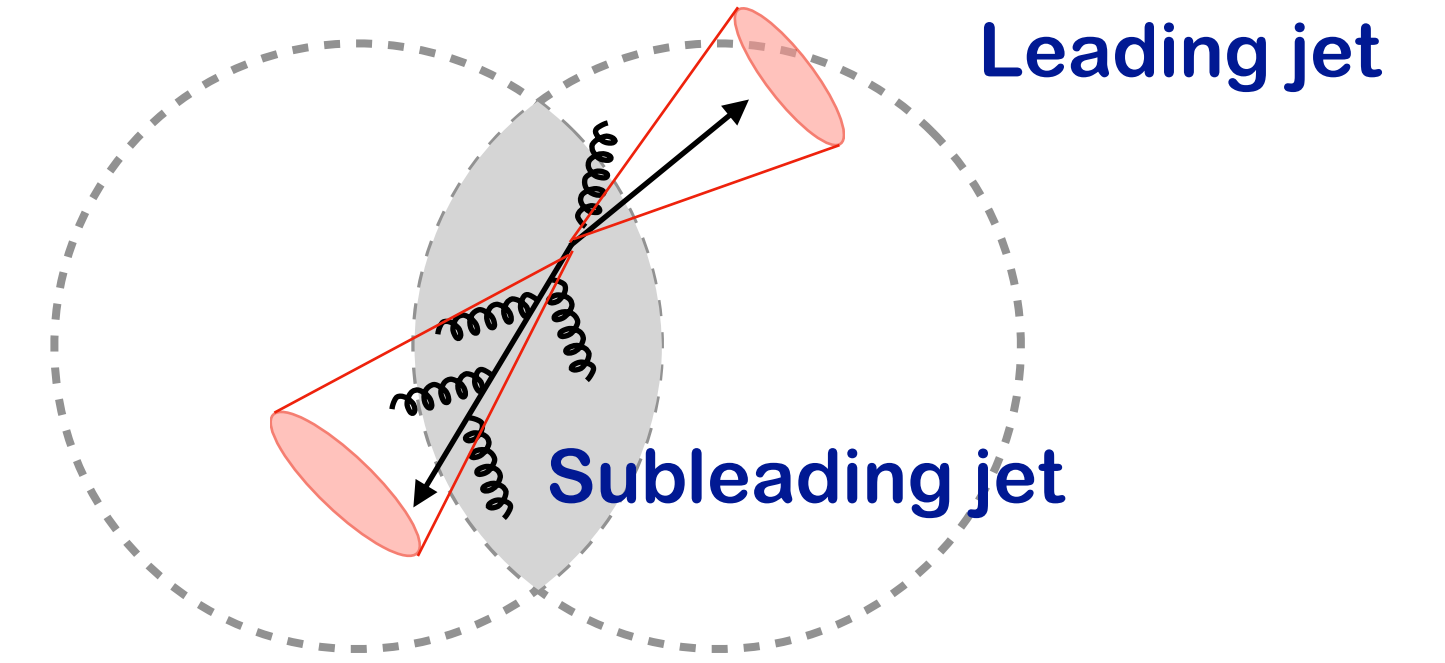




# Dijet asymmetry



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

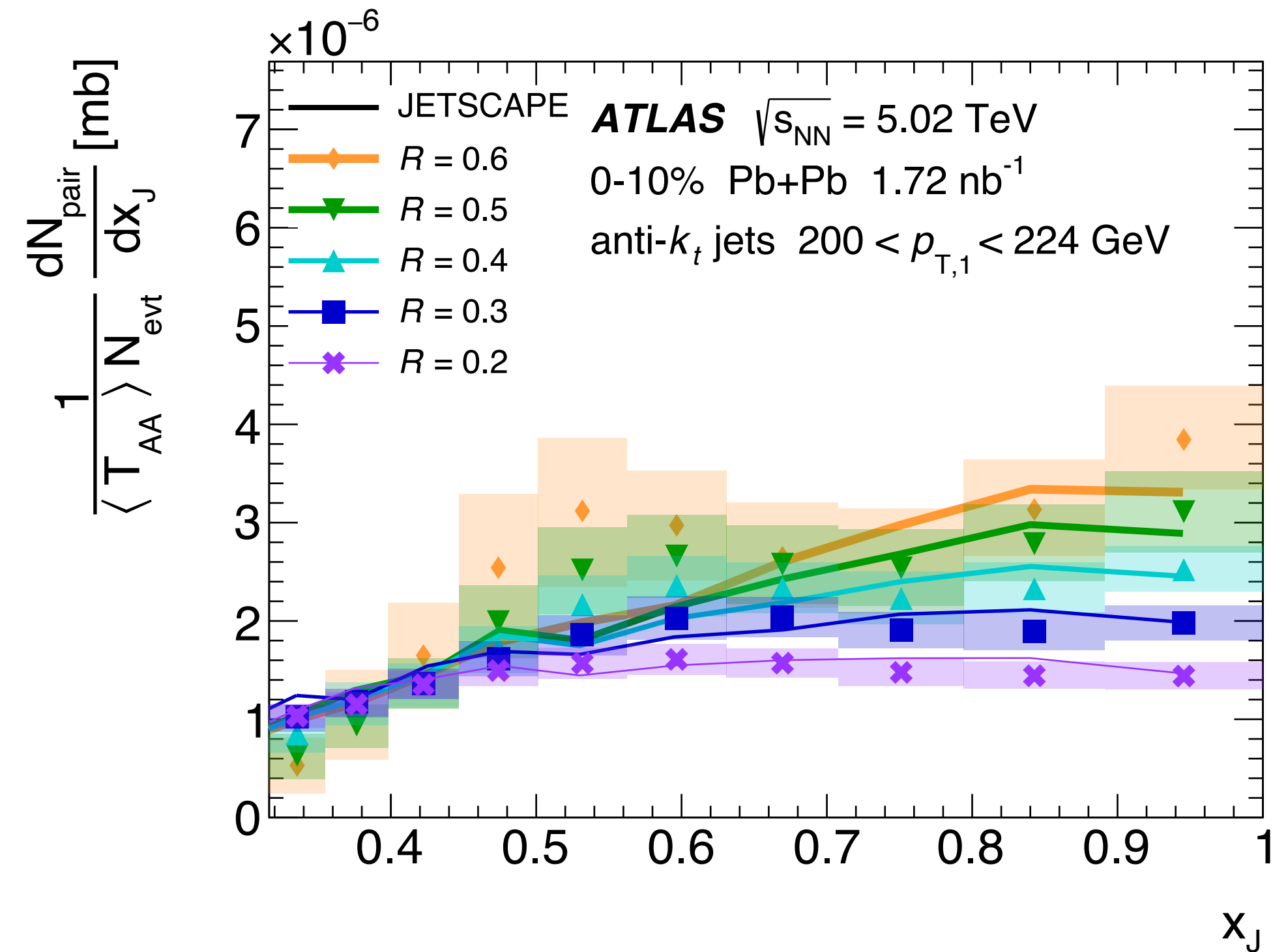


Absolute dijet yield suppression

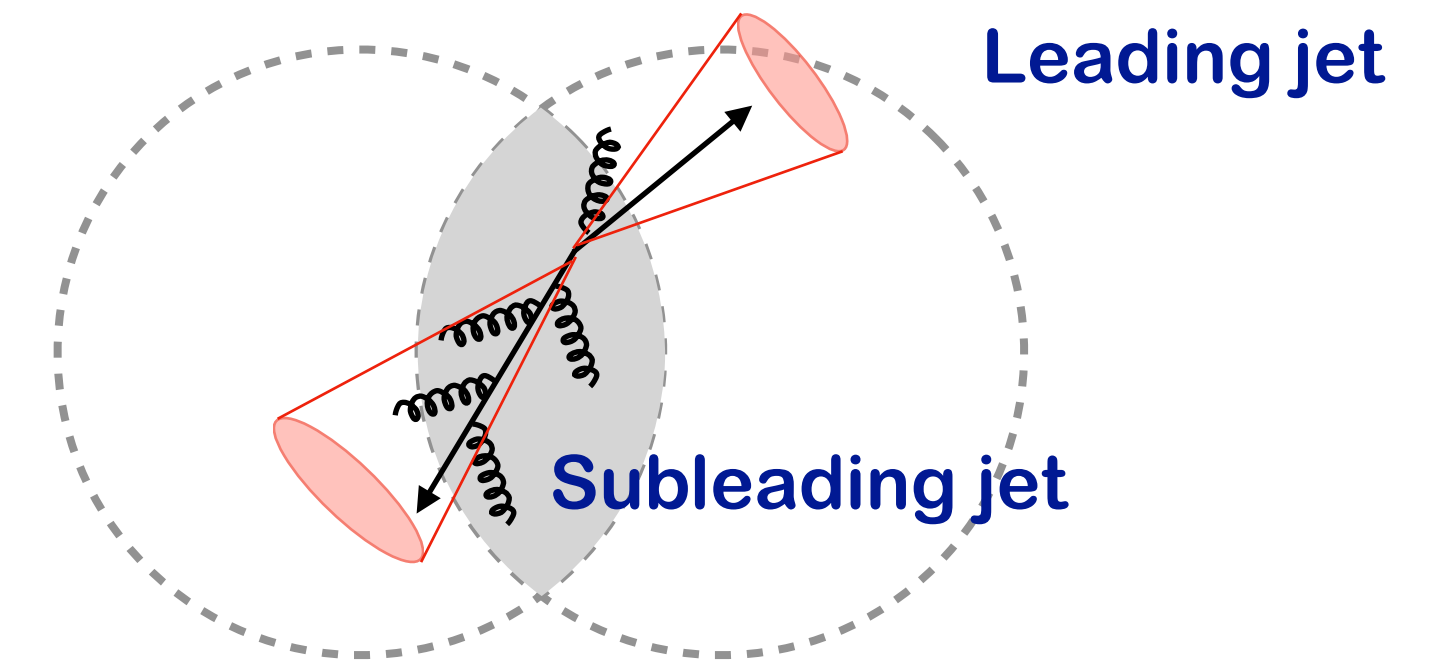
Relative suppression between leading and sub-leading jets

- Probe the absolute dijet yield suppression and relative suppression between leading and sub-leading jets at the same time





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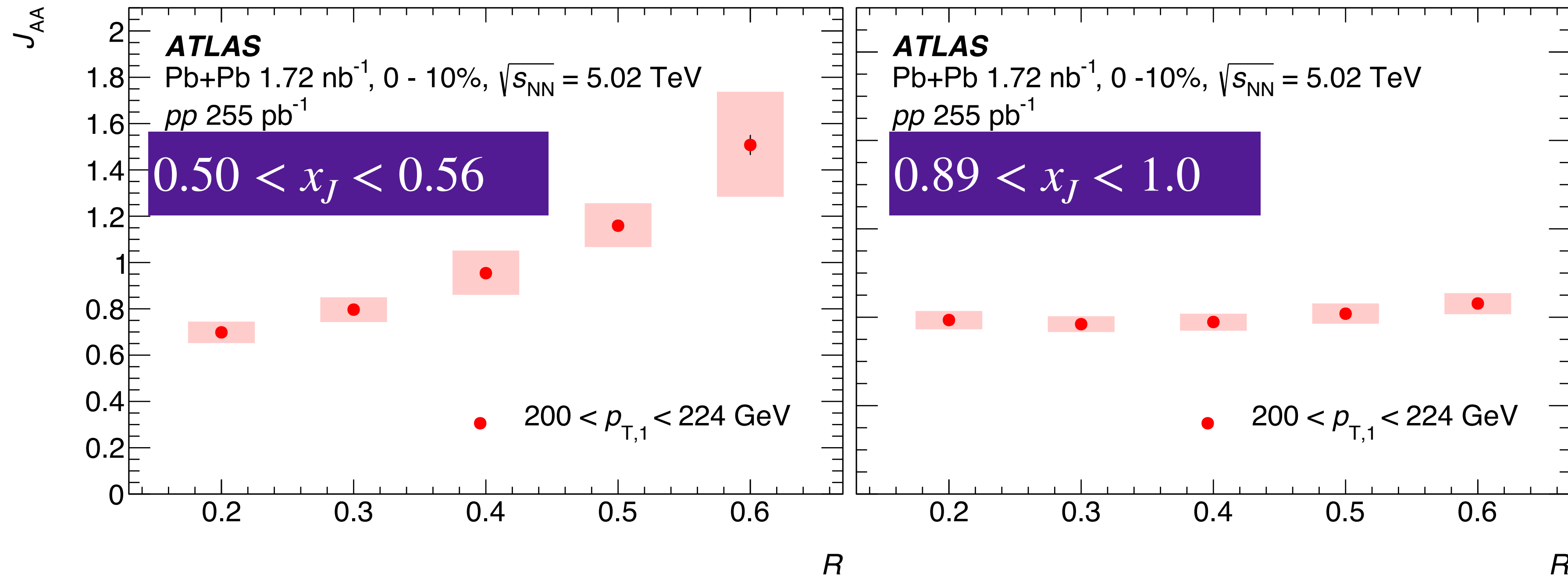


- New ATLAS dijet measurements reveal the R-dependence of absolute dijet asymmetry
- While JETSCAPE successfully describes the R-dependence for symmetric dijets, it fails to do so for asymmetric dijets





# R-dependence of Dijet asymmetry — cont.



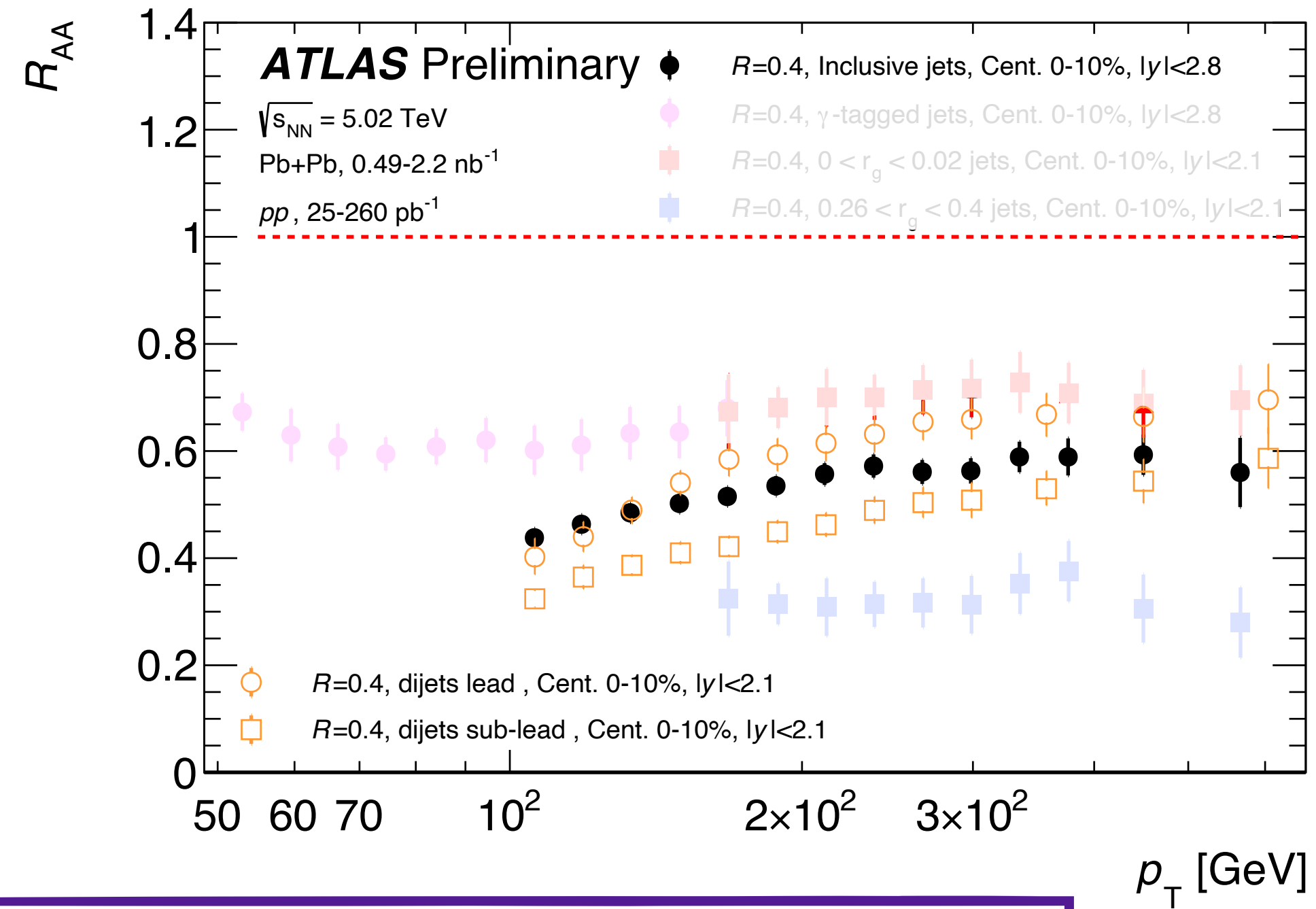
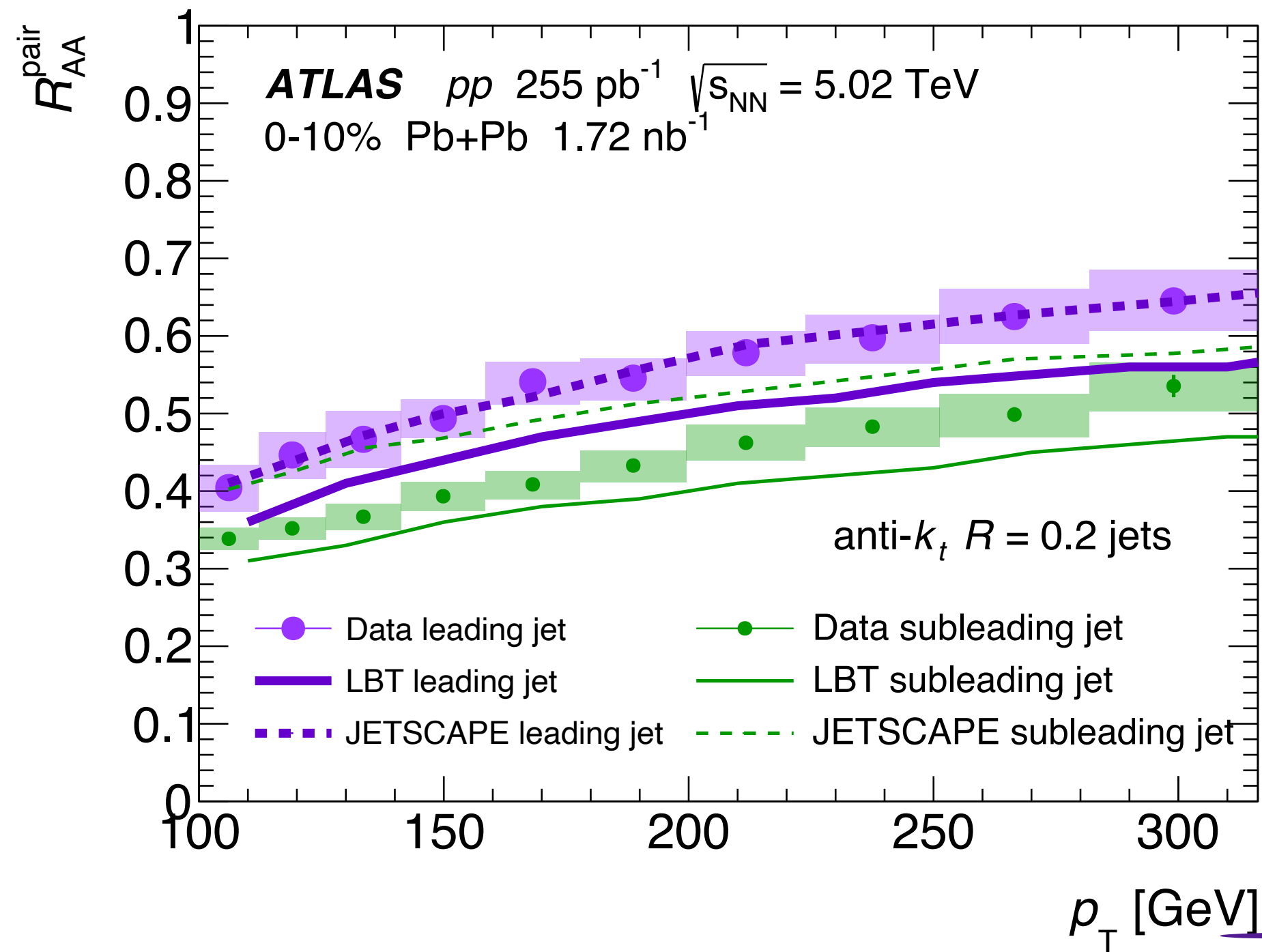
- Strong  $R$ -dependence for imbalanced dijets
- Smaller- $R$  dijets are more suppressed

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

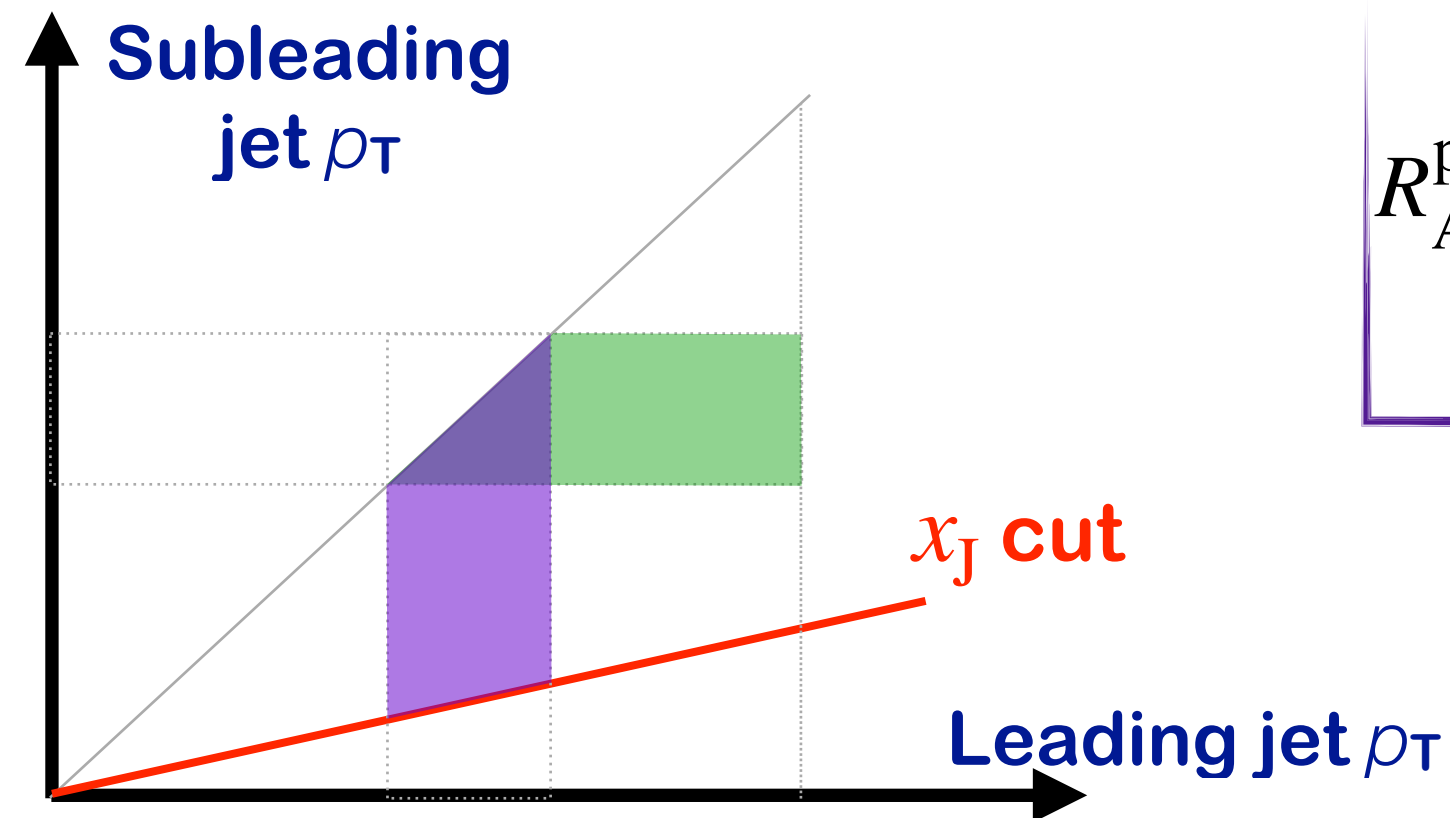




# Dijet quenching



**Dijet: leading**  
**Single inclusive**  
**Dijet: sub-leading**

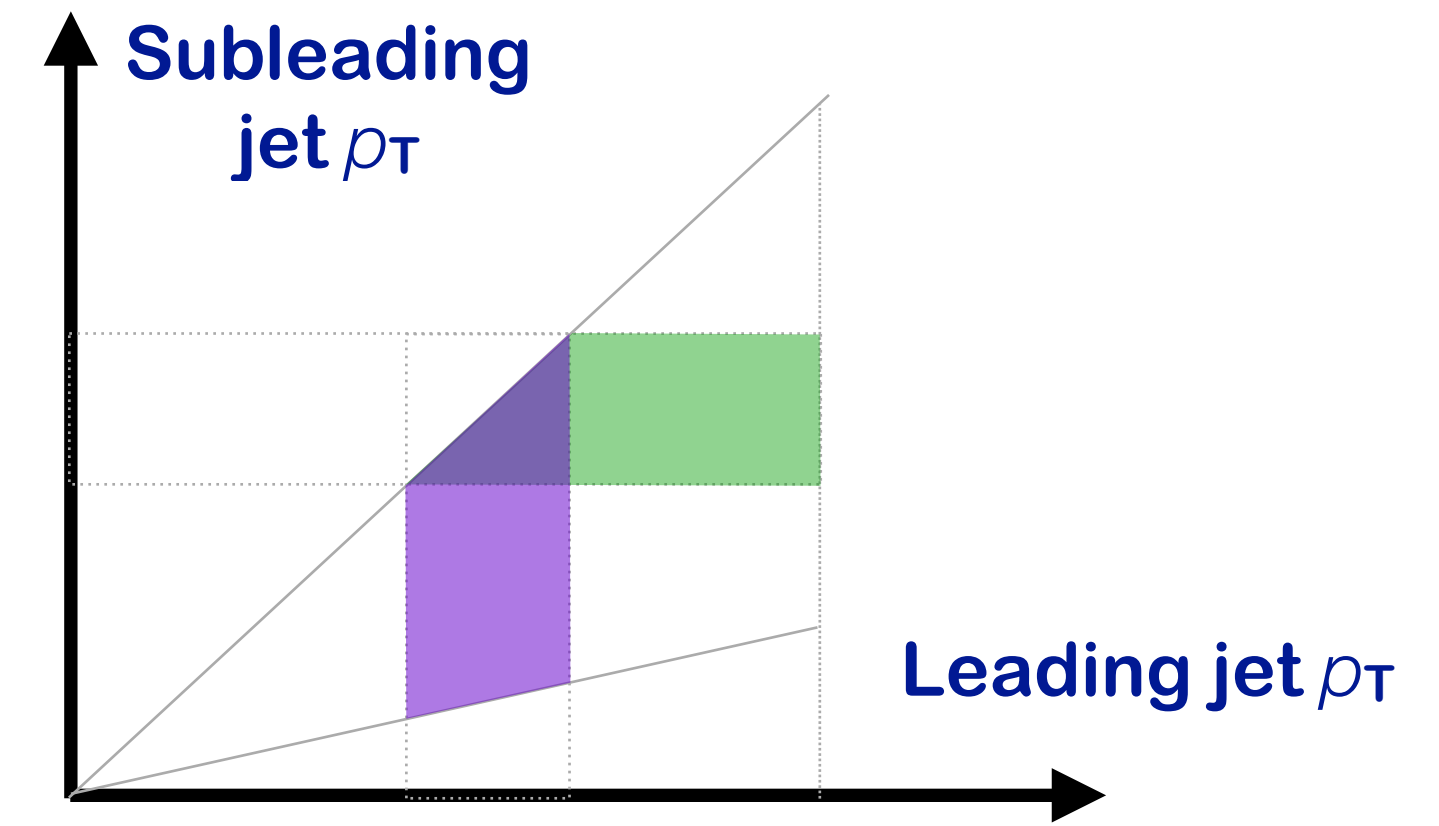
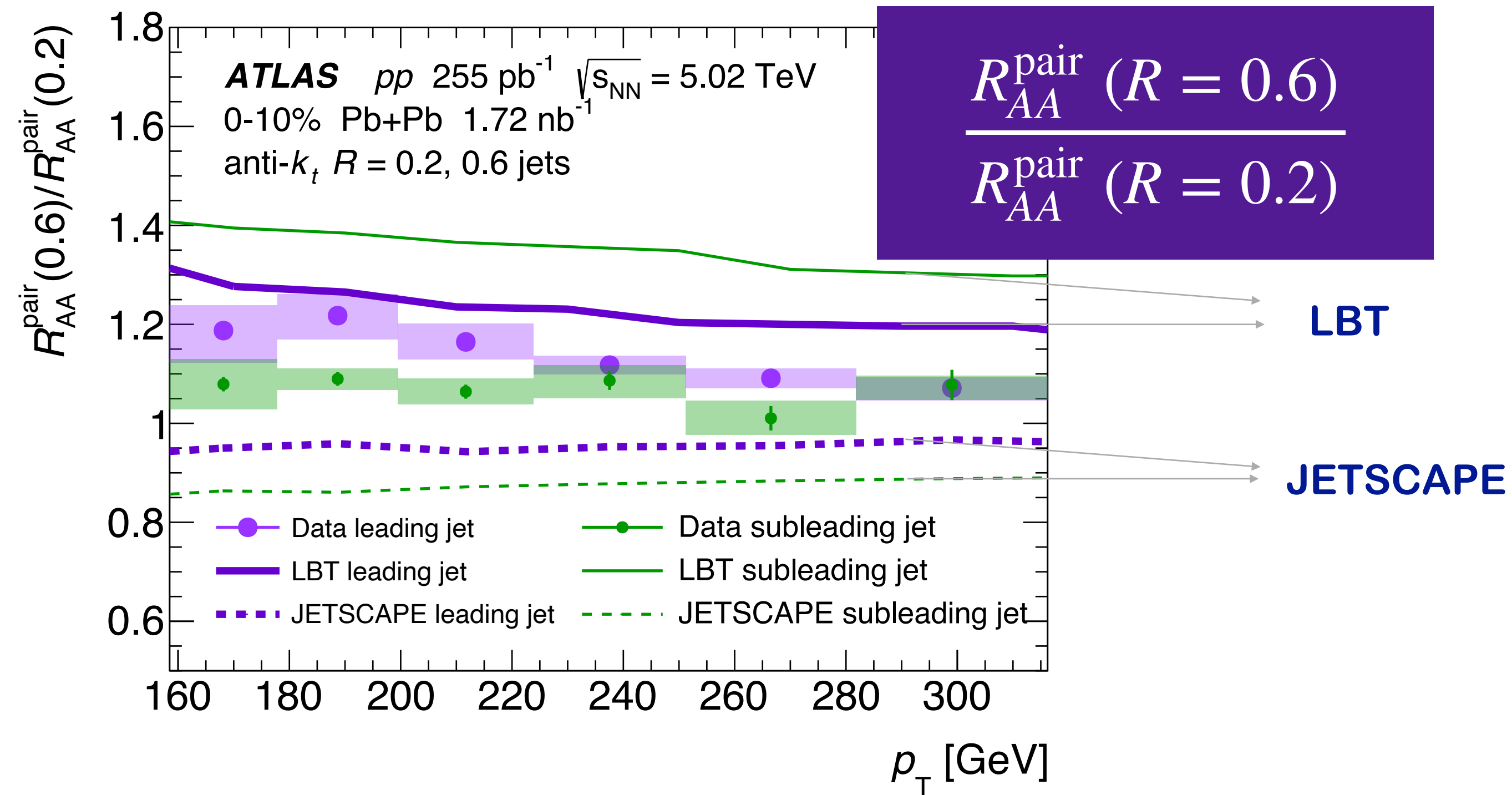


$$R_{AA}^{\text{pair}}(p_{T,1}) = \frac{\frac{1}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle N_{\text{evt}}^{AA}} \int_{0.32 \times p_{T,1}}^{p_{T,1}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{pair}}^{AA}}{dp_{T,1} dp_{T,2}} dp_{T,2}}{\frac{1}{L_{pp}} \int_{0.32 \times p_{T,1}}^{p_{T,1}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{pair}}^{pp}}{dp_{T,1} dp_{T,2}} dp_{T,2}}$$

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



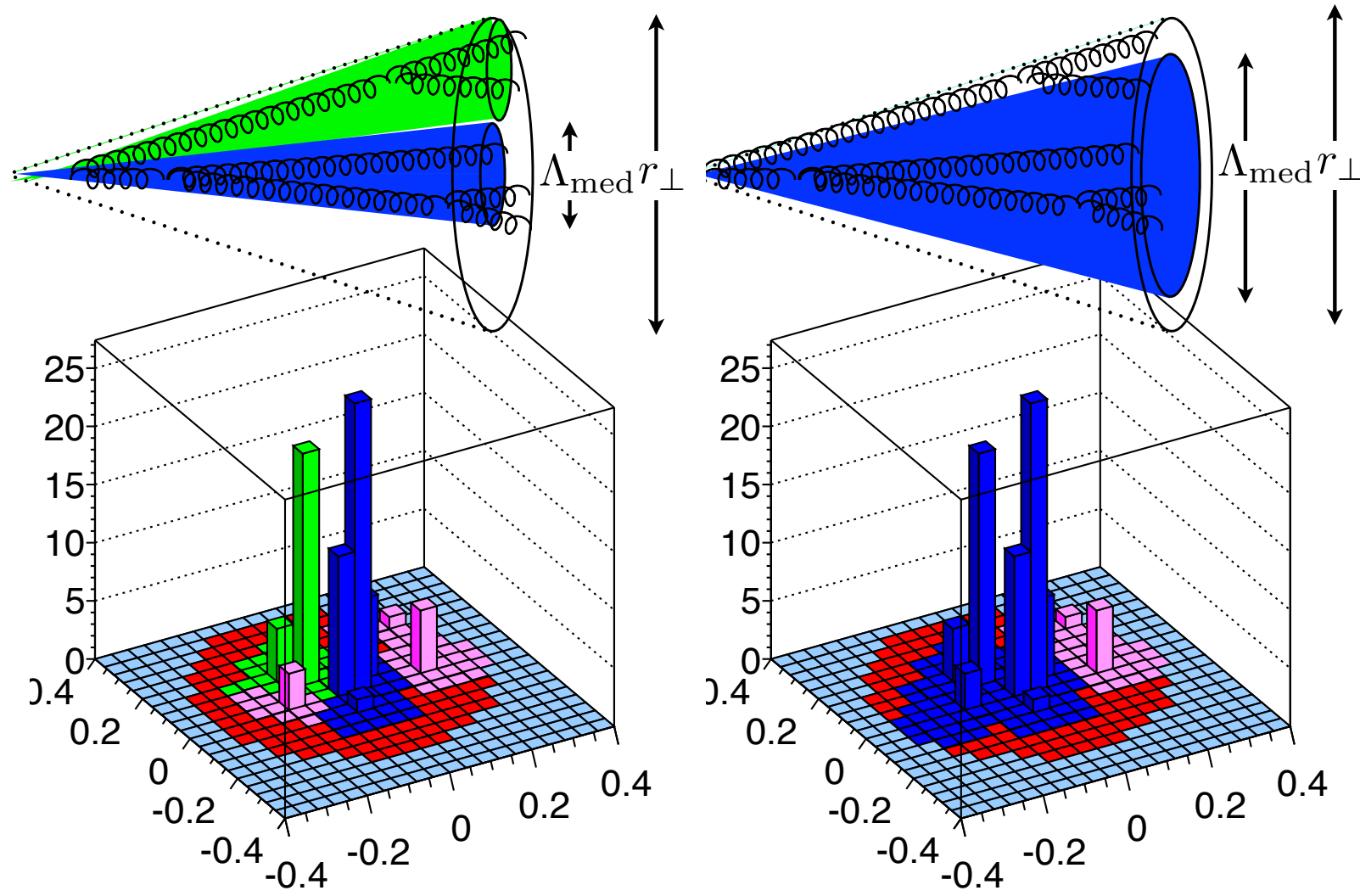
# R-dependence of dijet quenching



- Smaller R dijets are more suppressed in both regions, bigger difference in leading jet projection
- LBT and JETSCAPE cannot describe the data

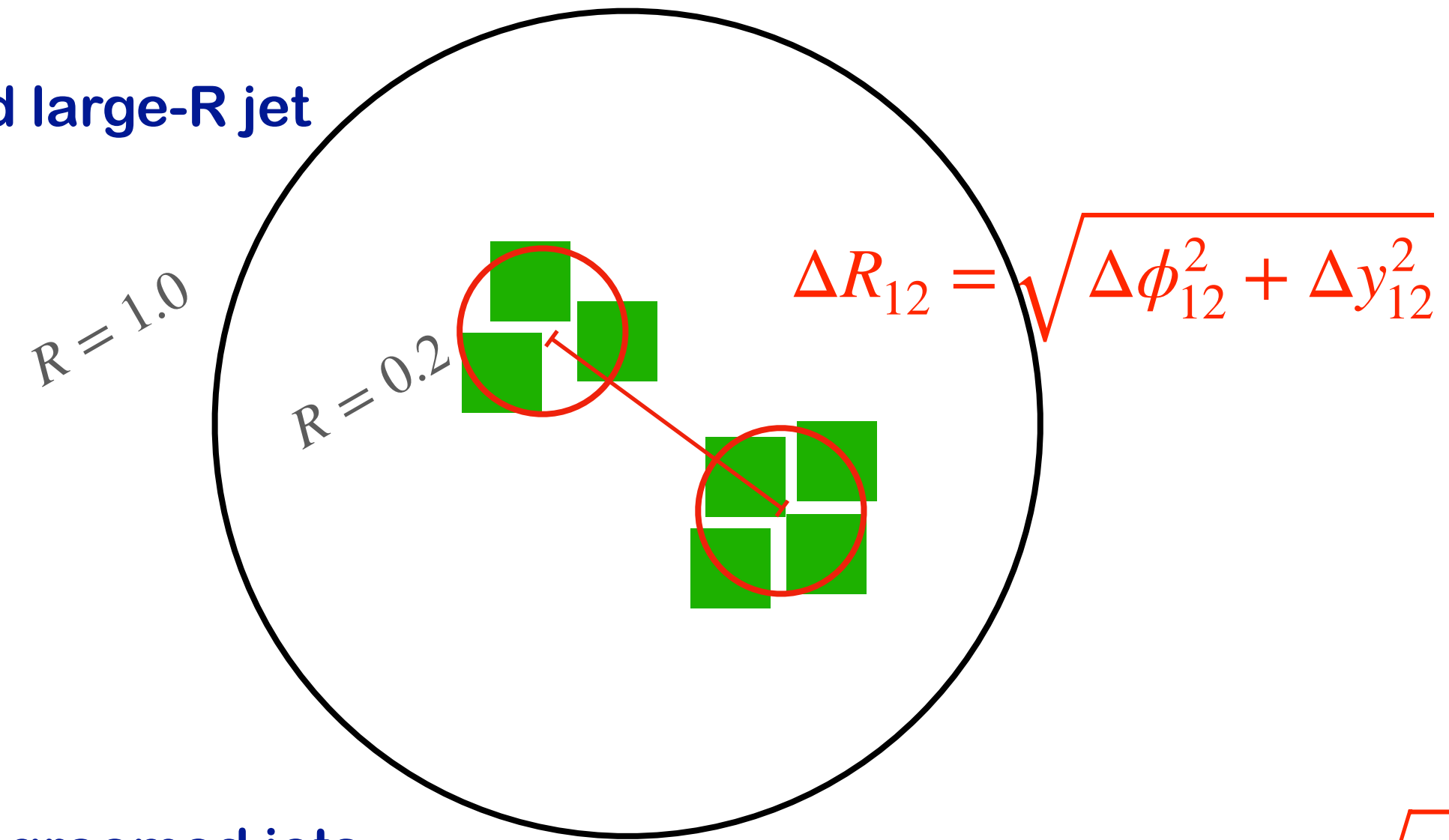




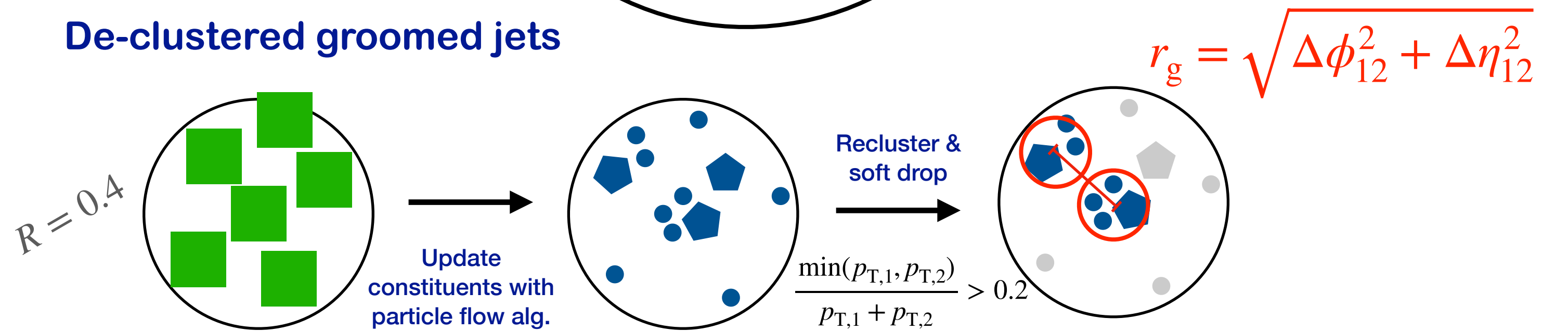


Casalderrey-Solana et al.  
[PLB 725 \(2013\) 357](#)

## Re-clustered large-R jet



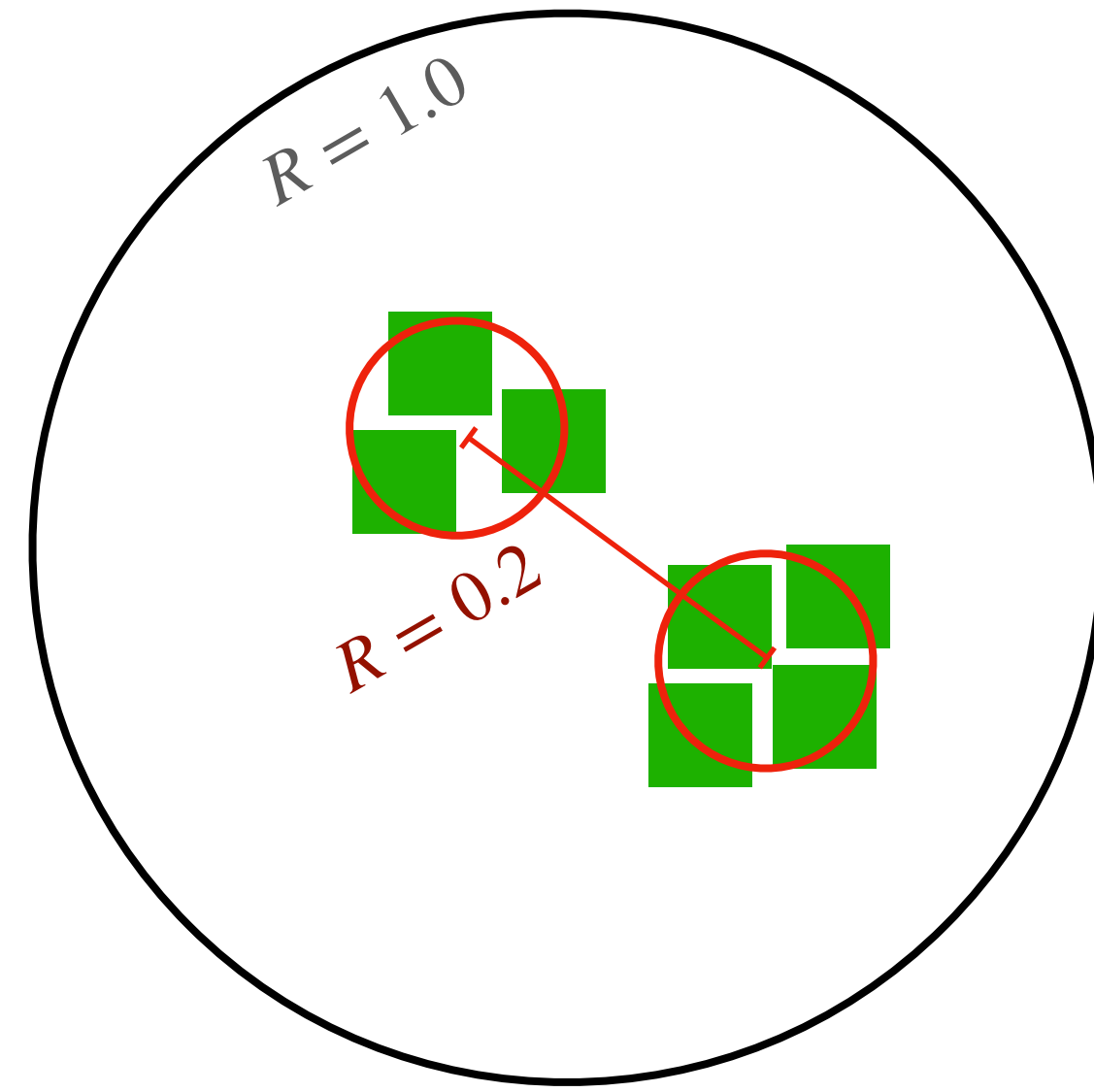
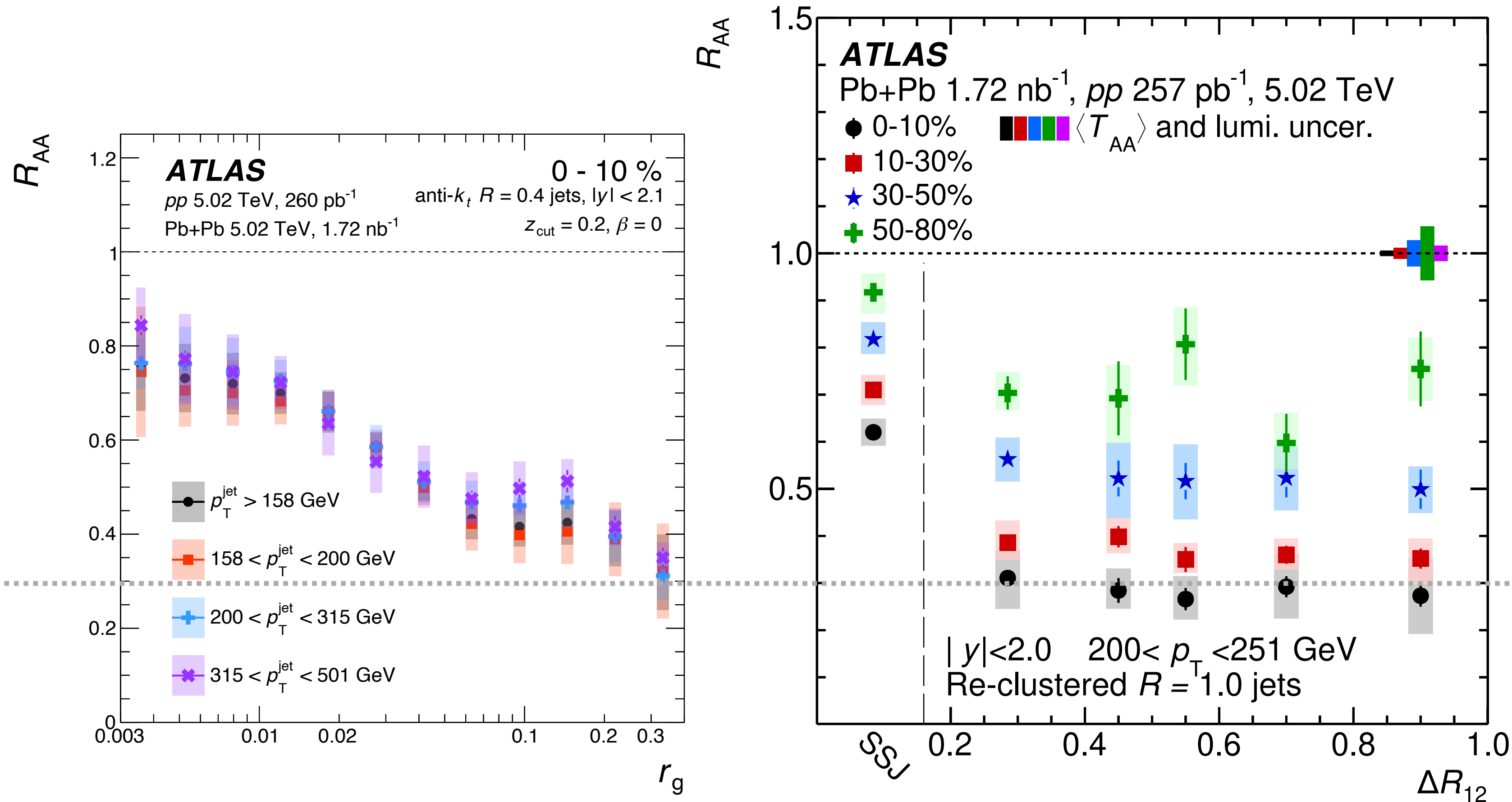
## De-clustered groomed jets



- 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

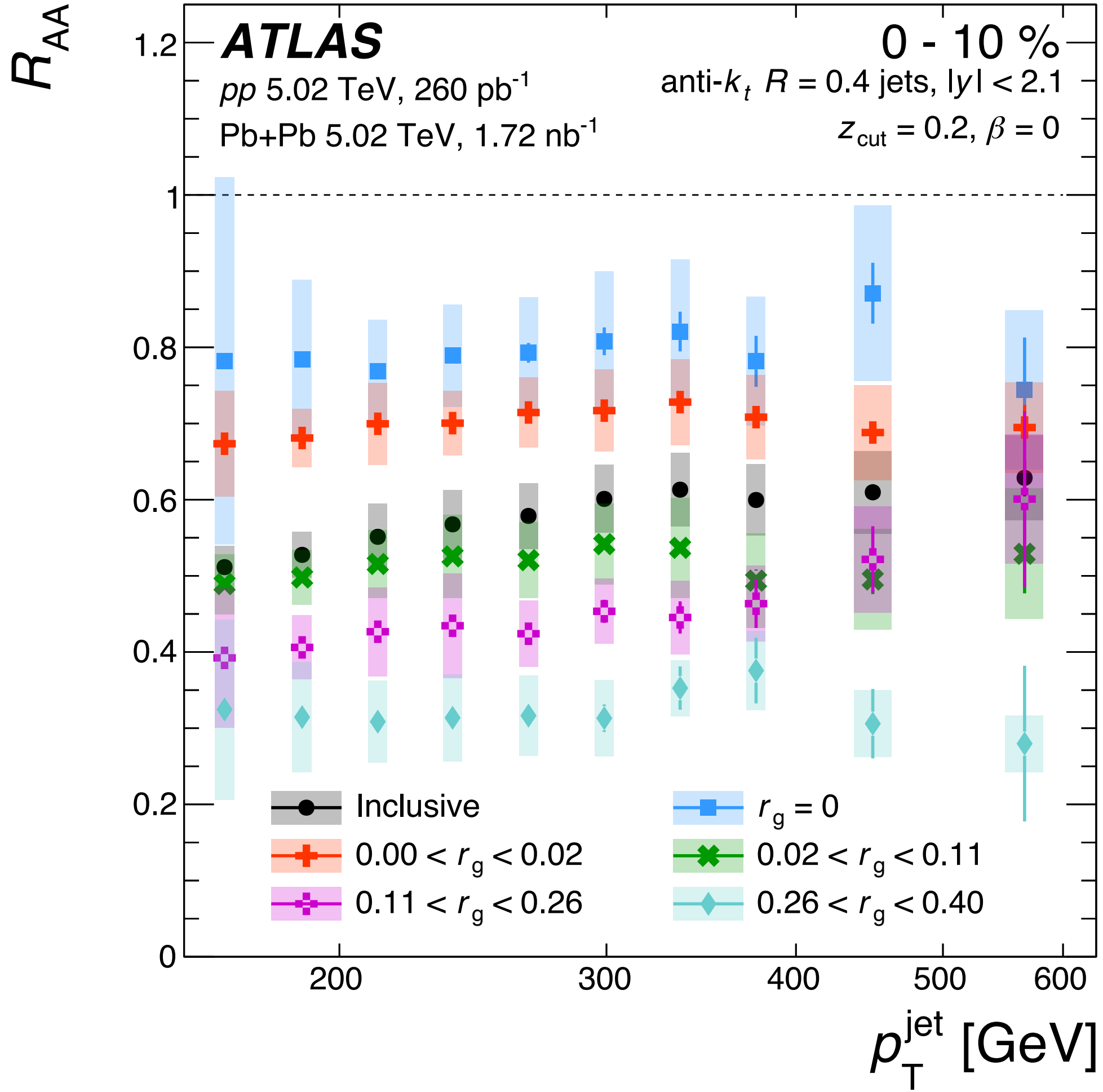


# Jet substructure — cont.



- Decoherence angular scale (**0.1 ~ 0.2**) observed in both de-clustered groomed jets and re-clustered large-R jets: significant larger energy loss above the scale

# Jet substructure — cont.

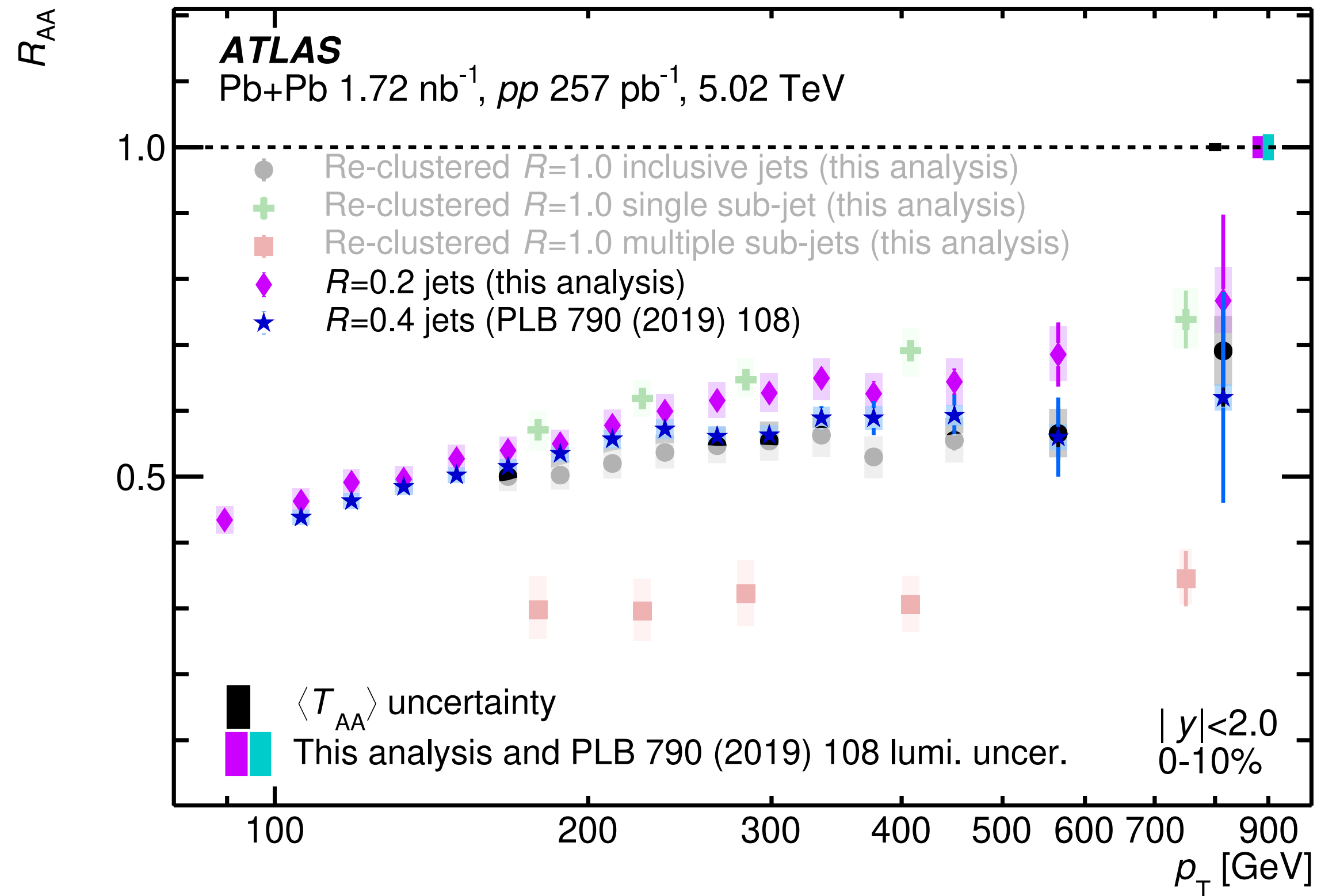


- Jet energy loss is most directly correlated with the jet substructure not jet  $p_T$



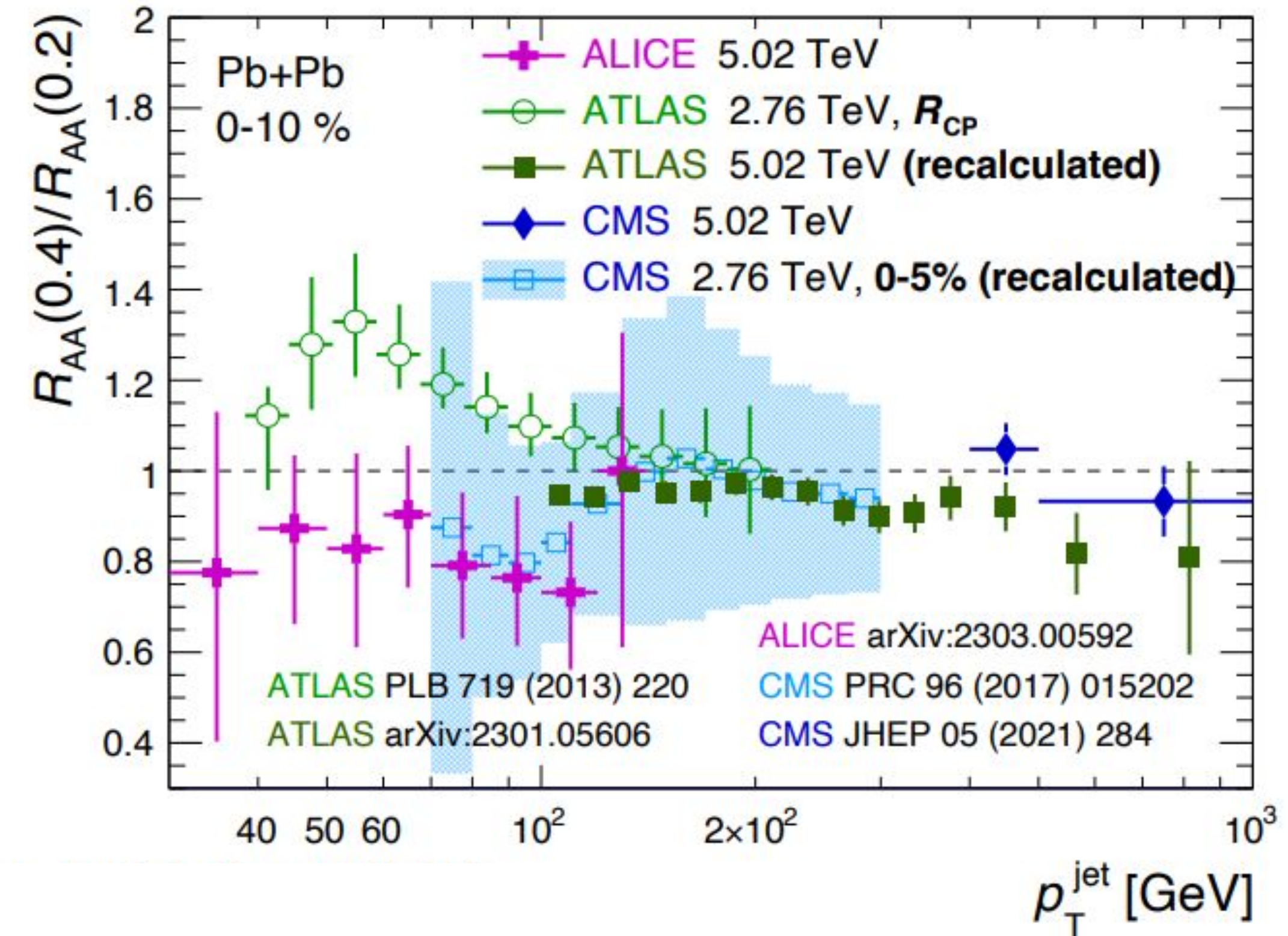


# R-dependence of inclusive jet $R_{AA}$



$R = 0.2$

$R = 0.4$

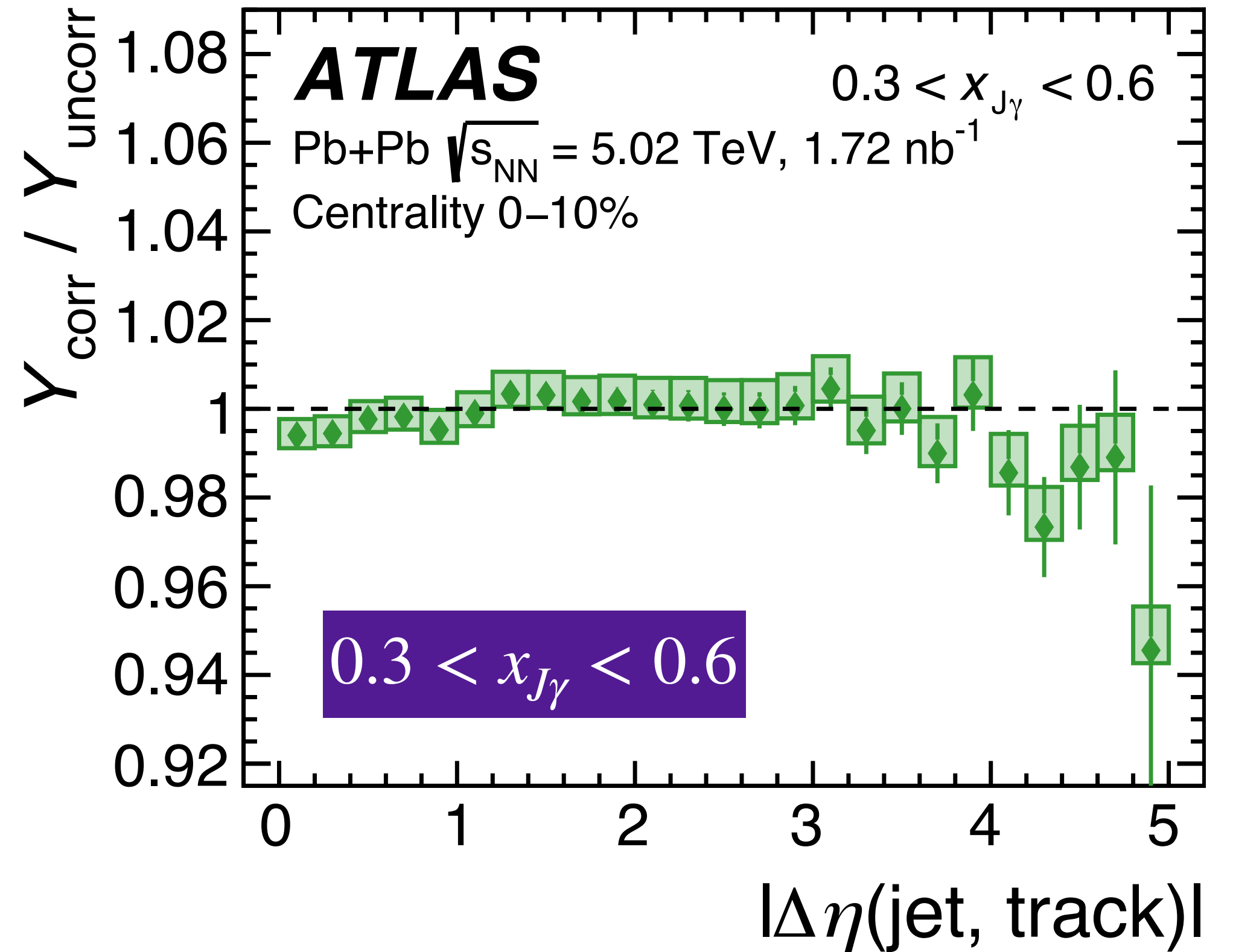
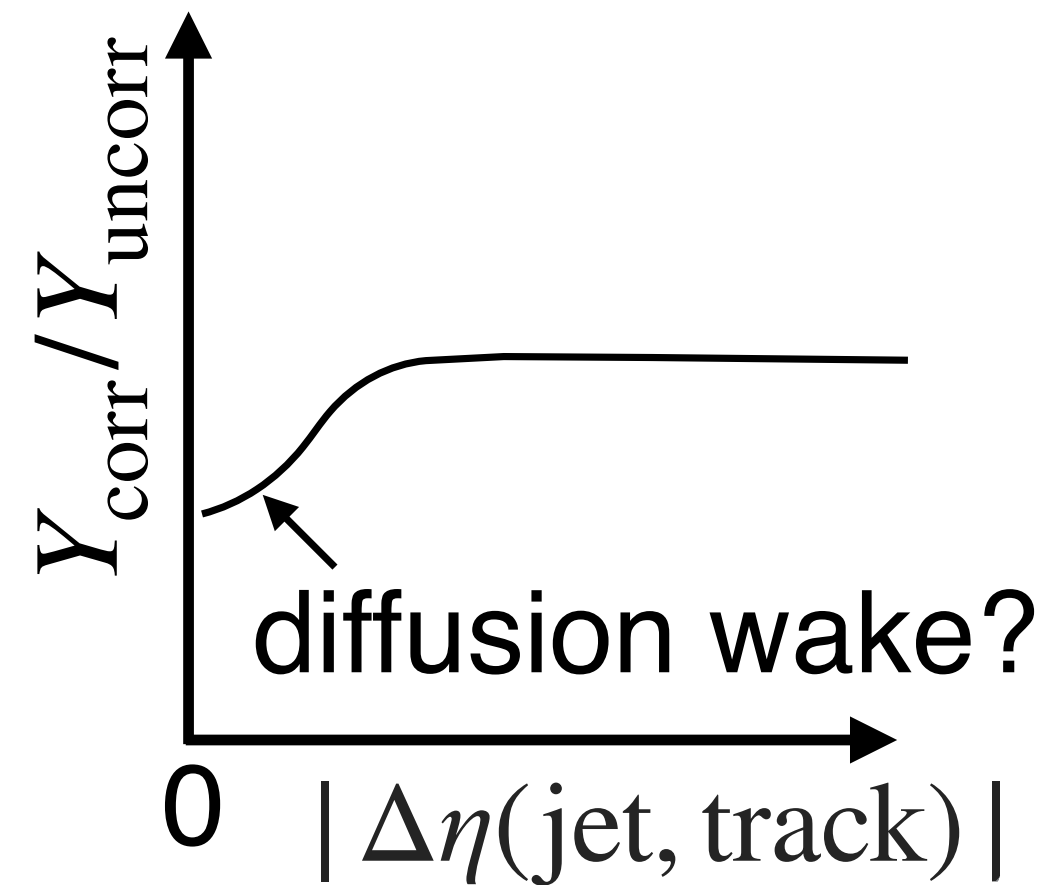
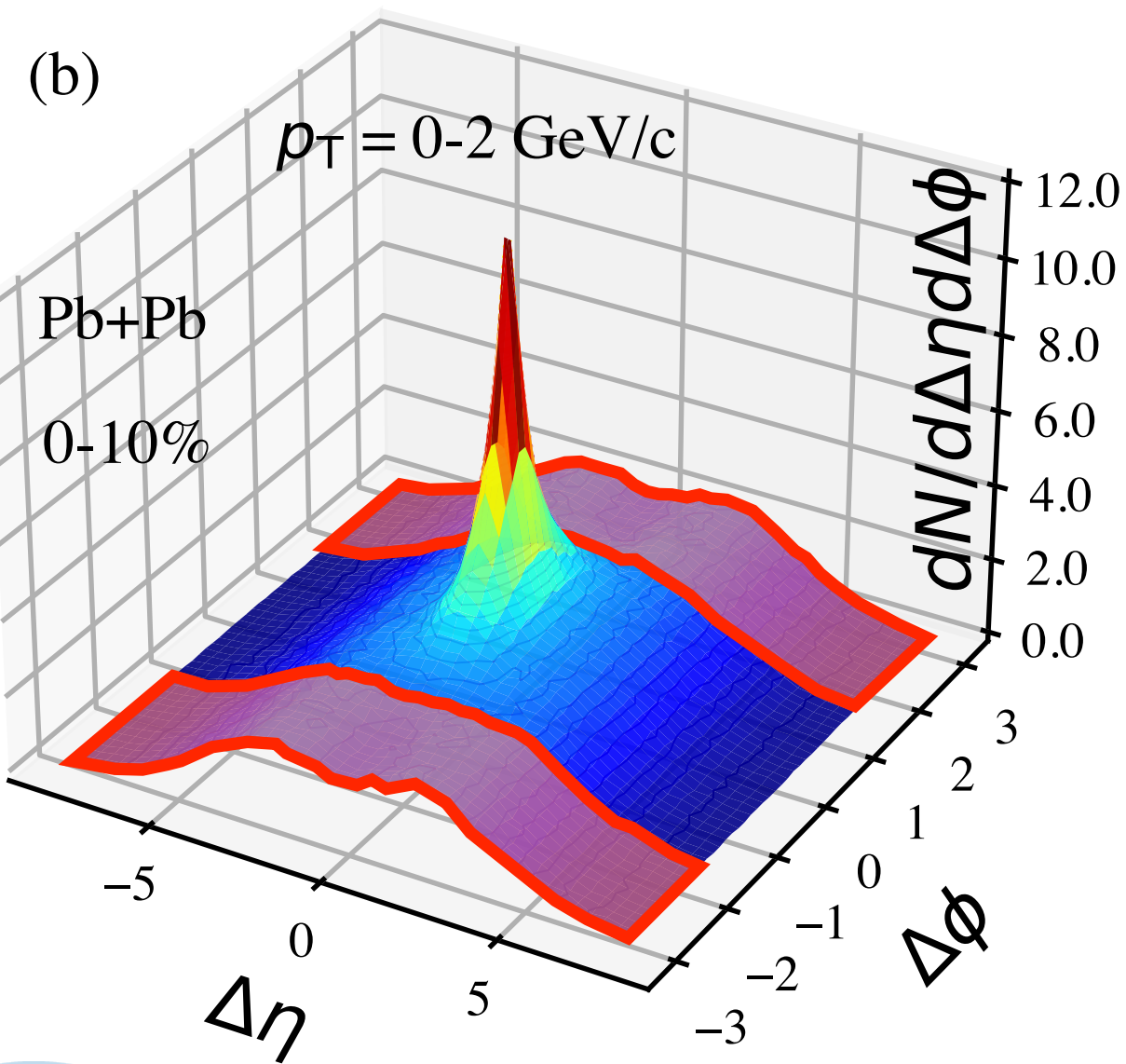
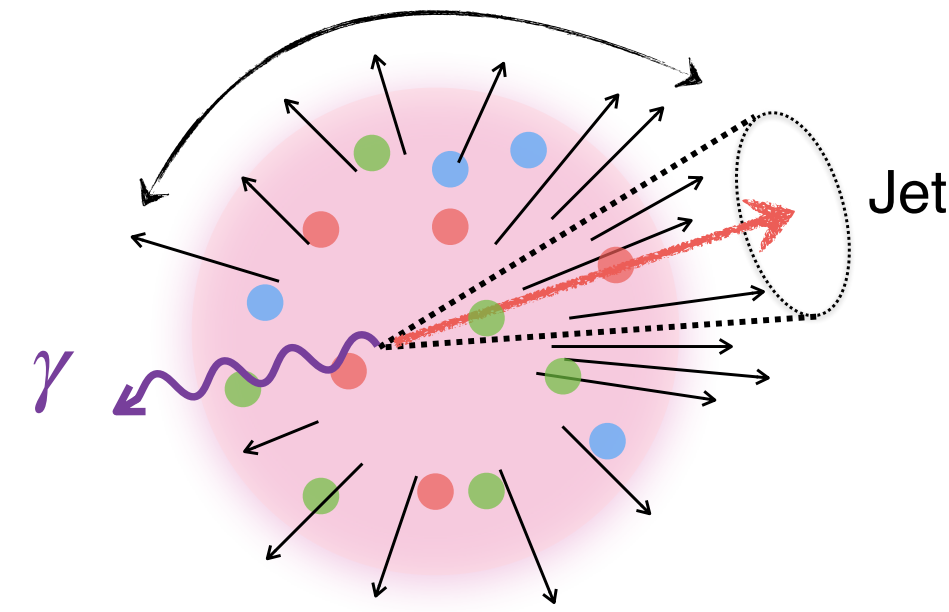


- At  $p_T > 100$  GeV,  $R = 0.4$  jets are slightly more suppressed than  $R = 0.2$  jets, consistency between ATLAS and CMS
- Tension between ATLAS and ALICE at low  $p_T$



# Jet-induced diffusion wake

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

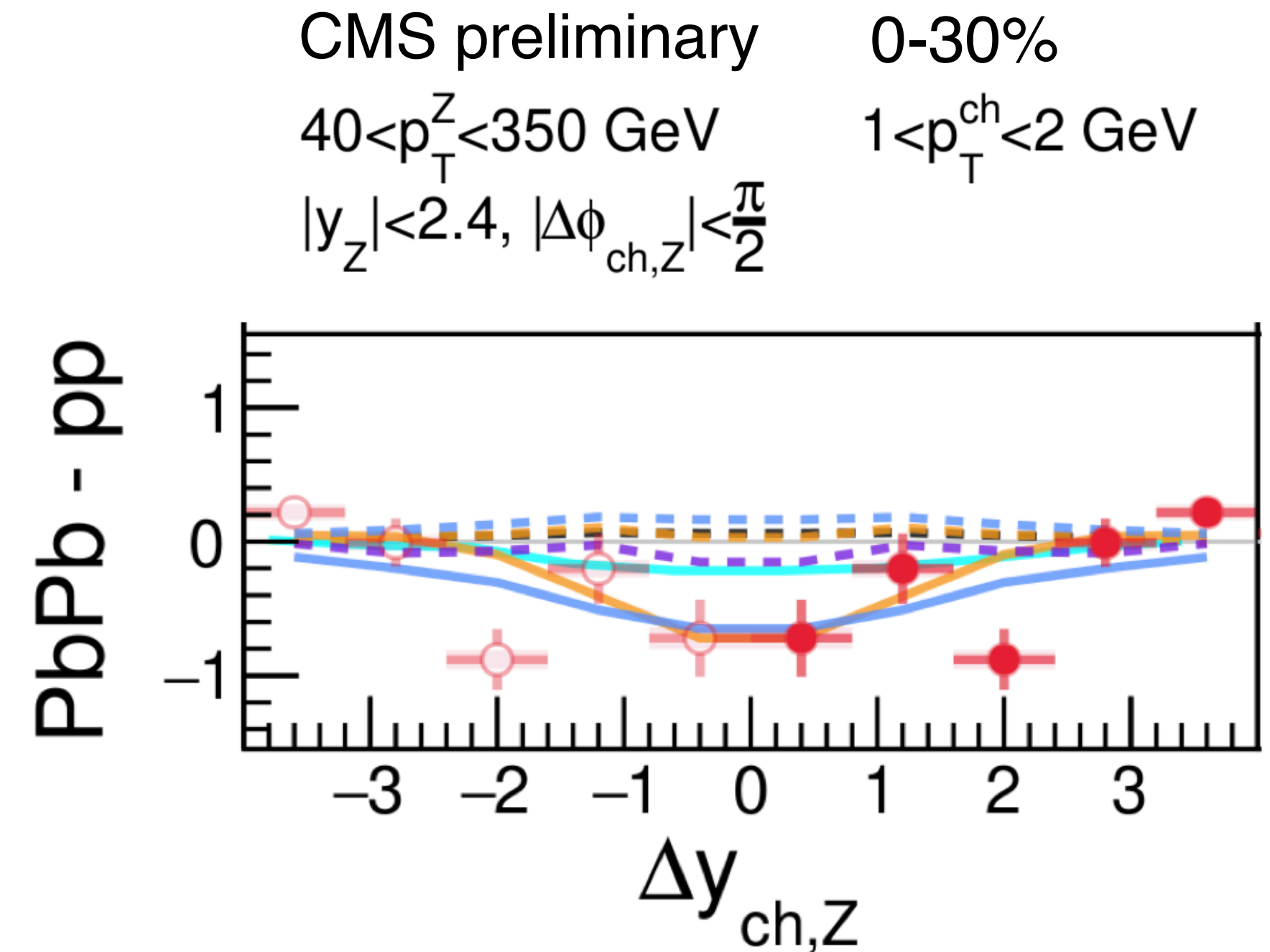
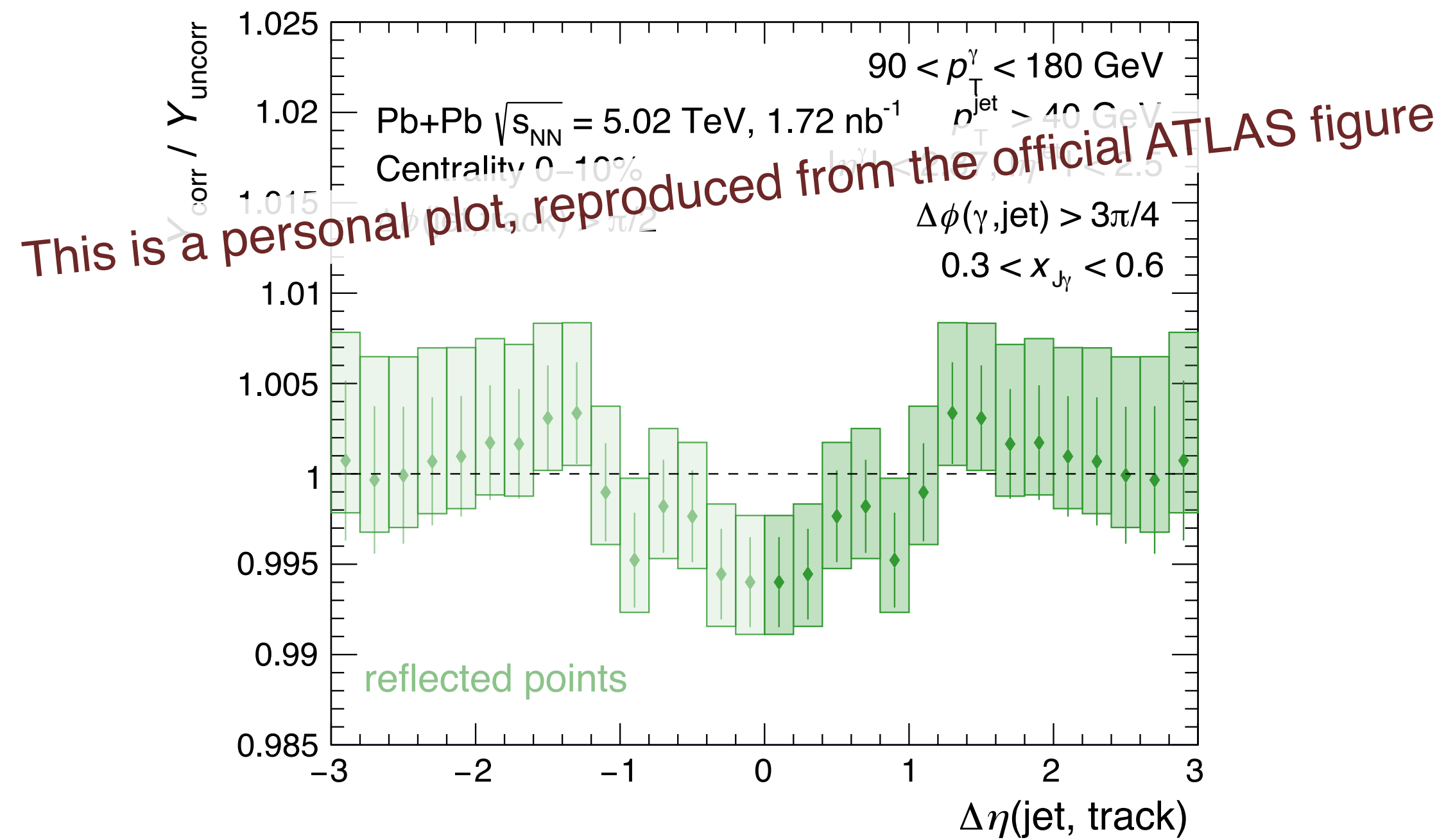


- No significant diffusion wake within the present uncertainties.





# Jet-induced diffusion wake — Cont.



- Central value indicates  $\sim 0.5\%$  depletion  $\sim$  **0.5 particle per unit** reduction due to wake;
- $\gamma$ +jet sample contains  $\sim 20\%$  fragmentation  $\gamma$
- No obvious inconsistency with CMS Z+jet results







# Innovations

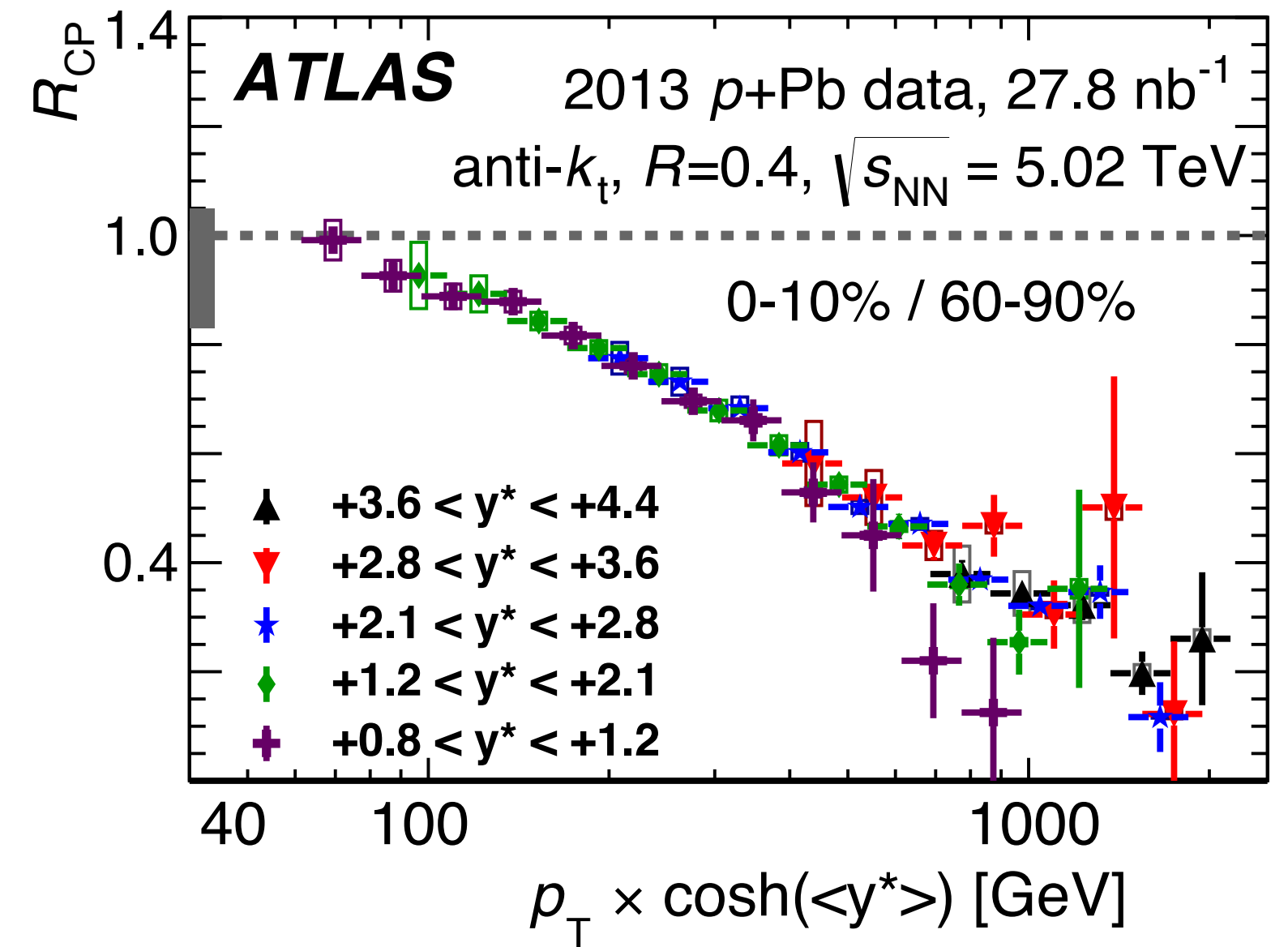
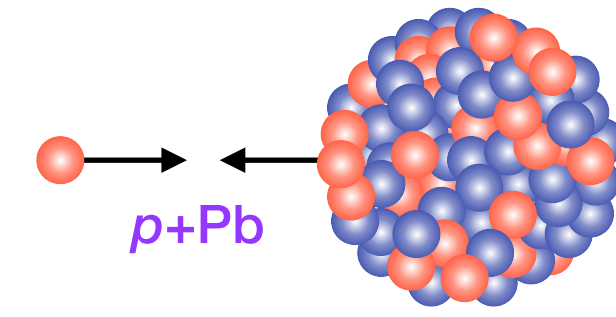
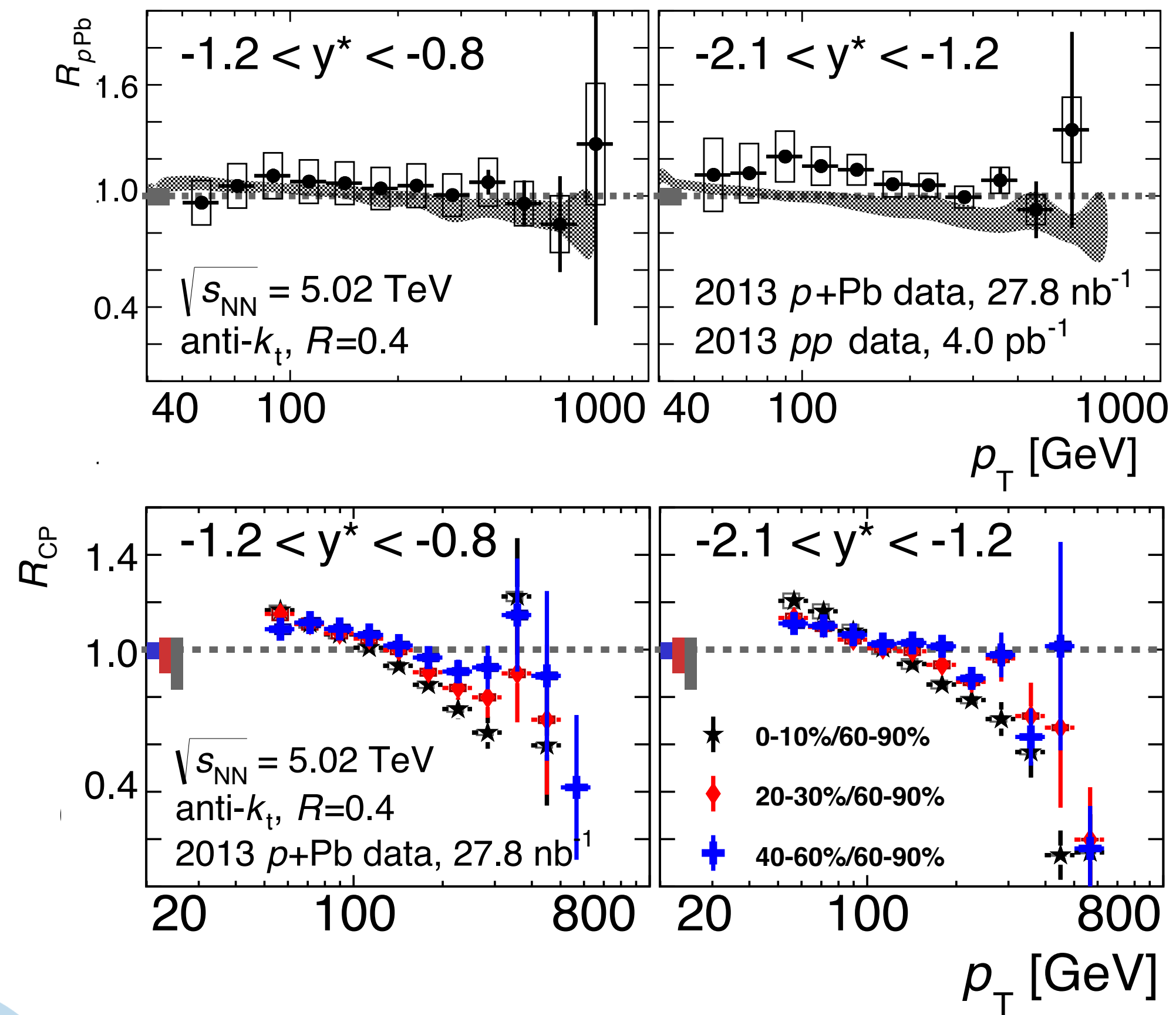
Innovation emerges through dedication and perseverance

- Enlarge the impact of delivering physics
- Open doors for more sophisticated studies



**Little parade float by my daughter at age of 3, after seeing Disney Parade**

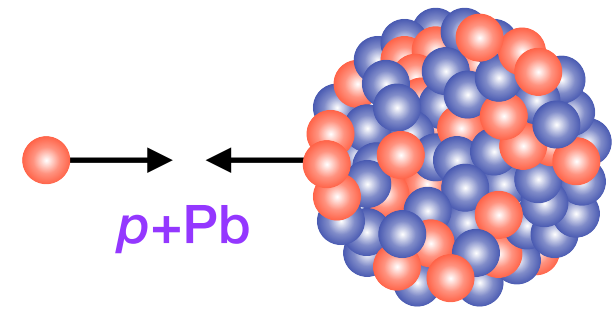




- Run1 ATLAS p+Pb measurements show jet  $R_{pPb}$  consistent with unity, while jet  $R_{CP}$  decreases with increasing jet  $p_T$  and varies with jet rapidity
- Scale with jet energy in proton-going direction indicate the parton kinematics play a key role

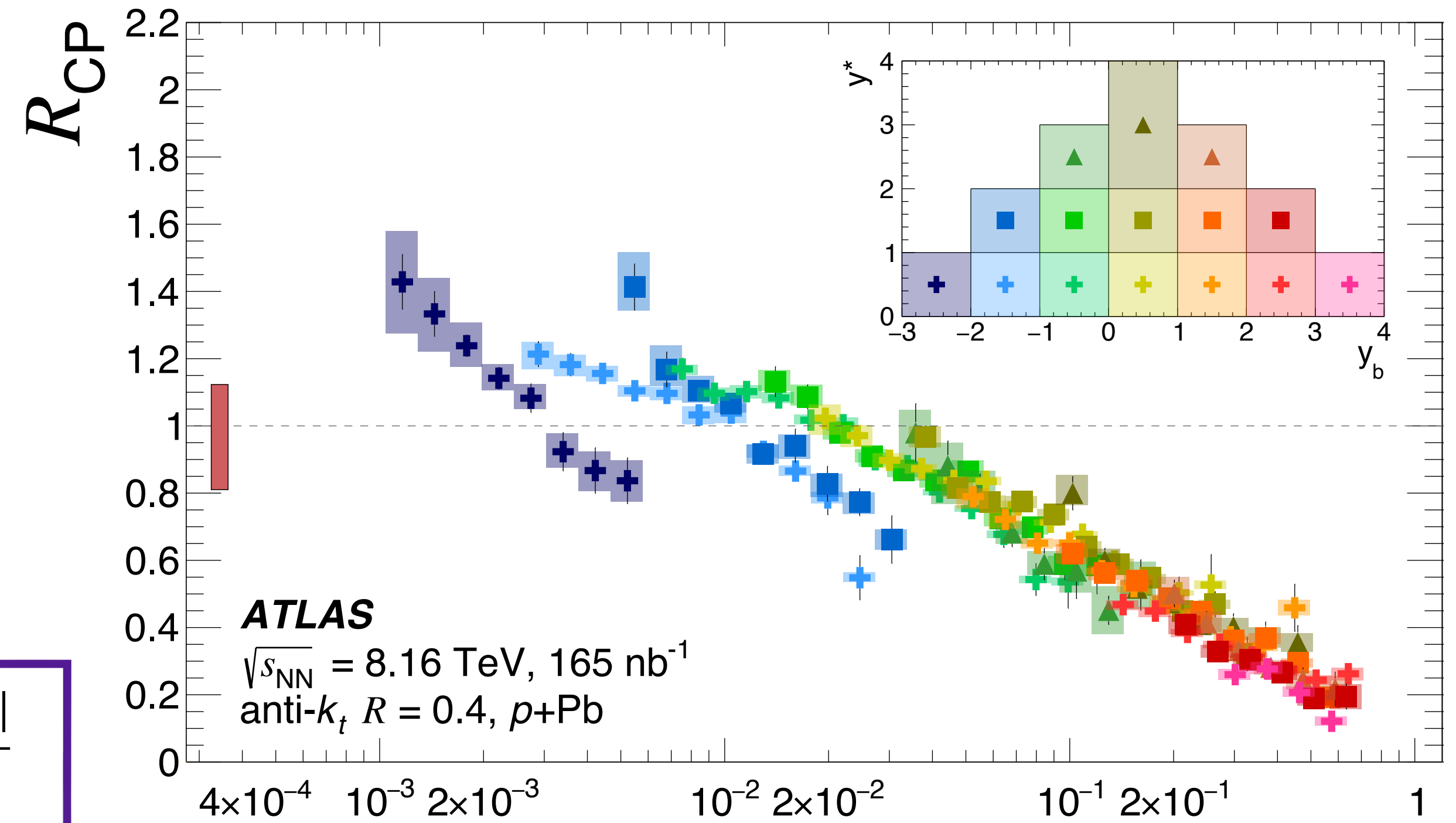


# Dijet in p+Pb



Dijet events in 8.16 TeV p+Pb data: combined over 20 jet triggers to maximize the kinematic coverage, and performed meticulous jet calibration for improved precision

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



$$\langle x_p \rangle \sim (2/\sqrt{s_{NN}}) \times p_{T,Avg} \times e^{\langle y_b \rangle} \cosh(\langle y^* \rangle)$$

- Striking log-linear dependence of jet  $R_{CP}$  on  $x_p$
- $R_{CP}(x_p)$  is qualitatively described by the color fluctuations: smaller than average interaction strength at large  $x_p$

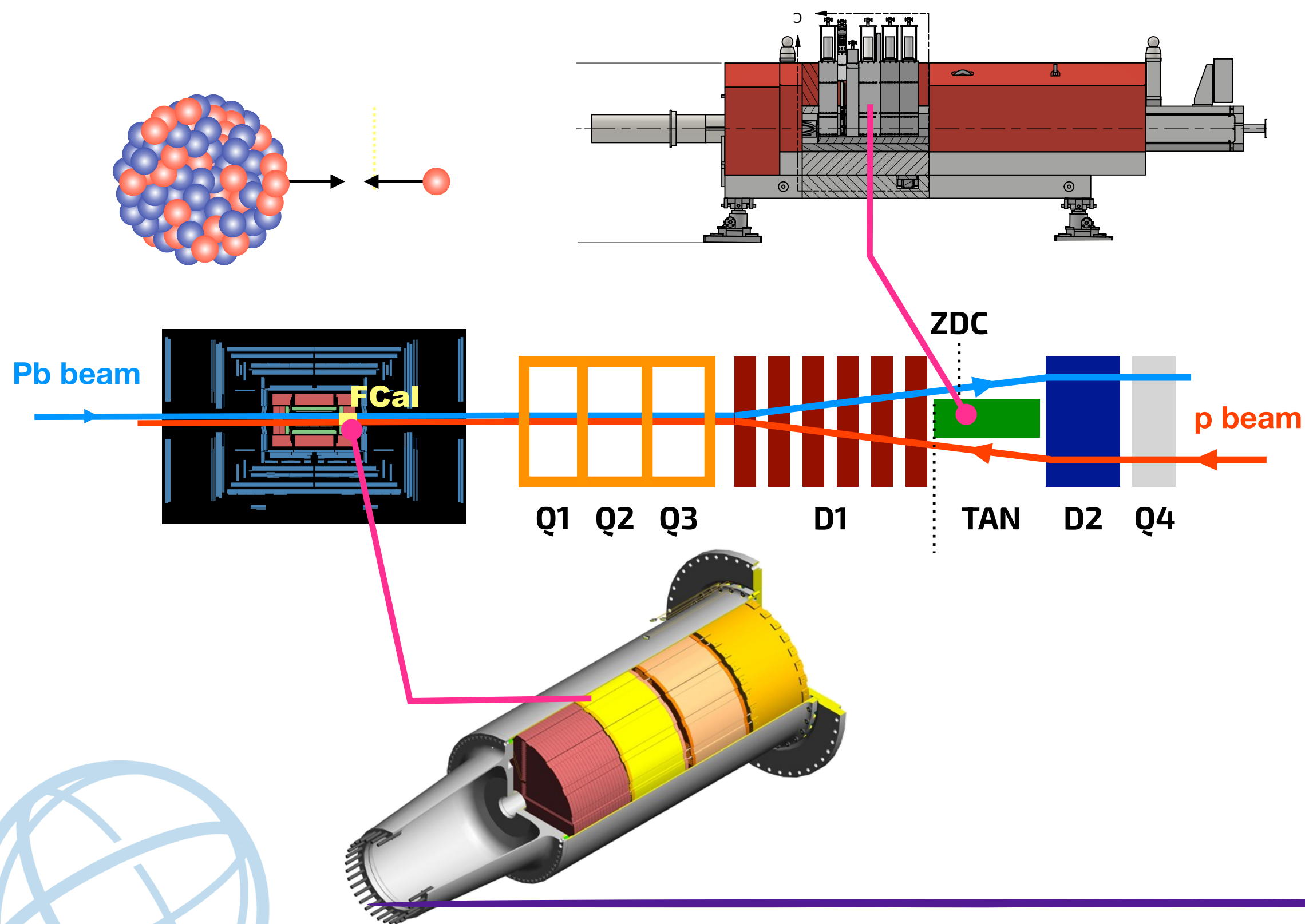




# UE vs. nuclear break-ups in p+Pb

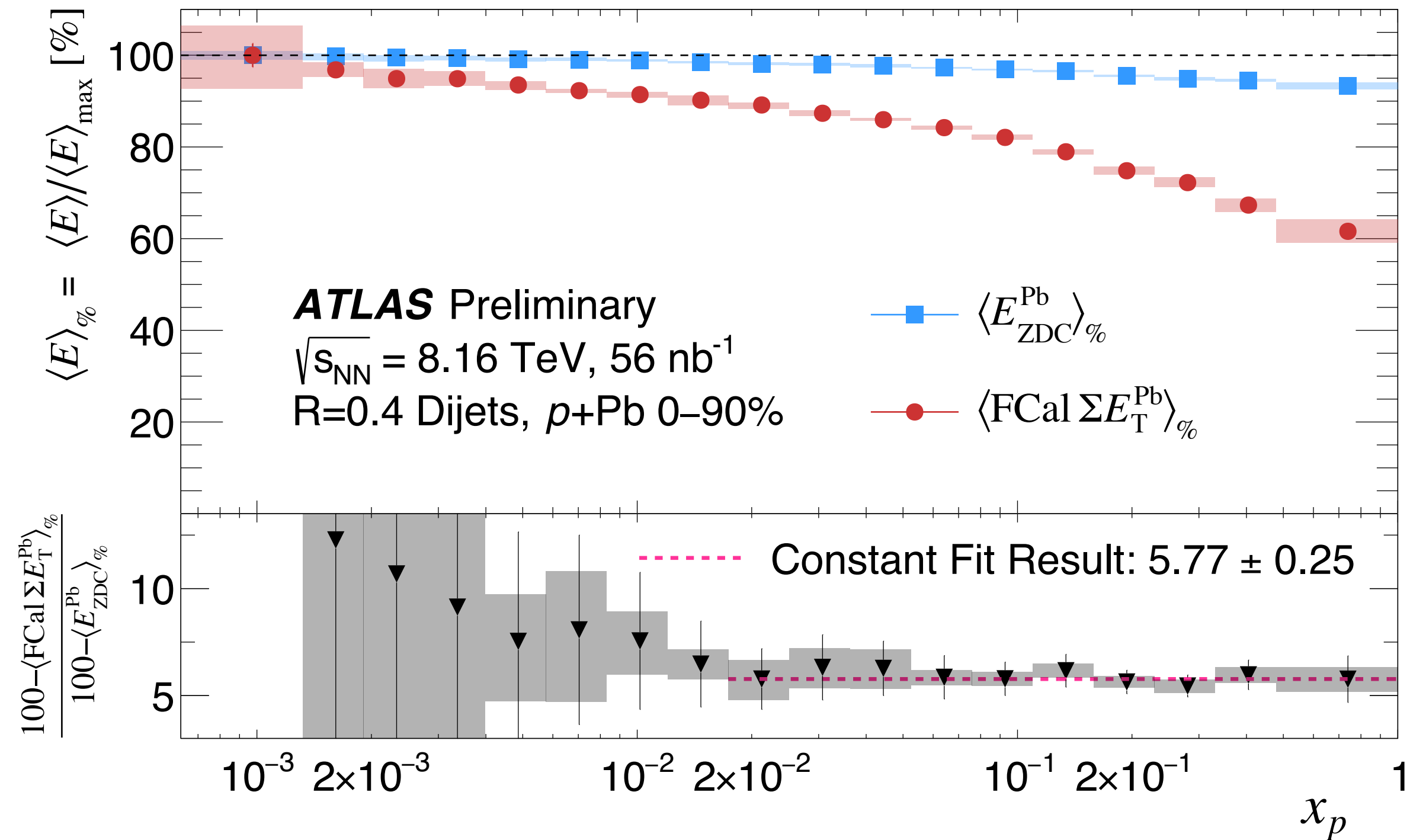
## Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

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

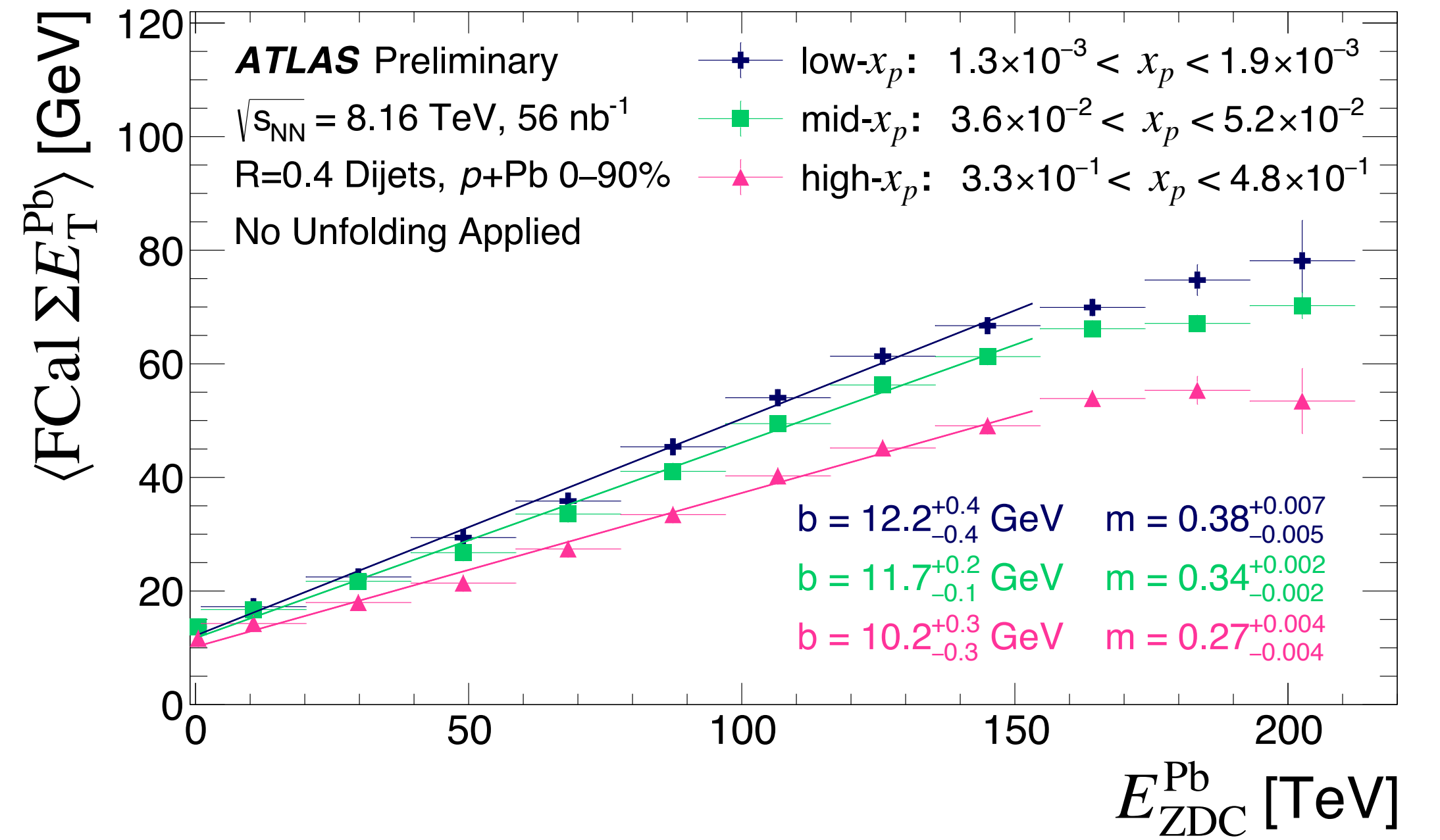
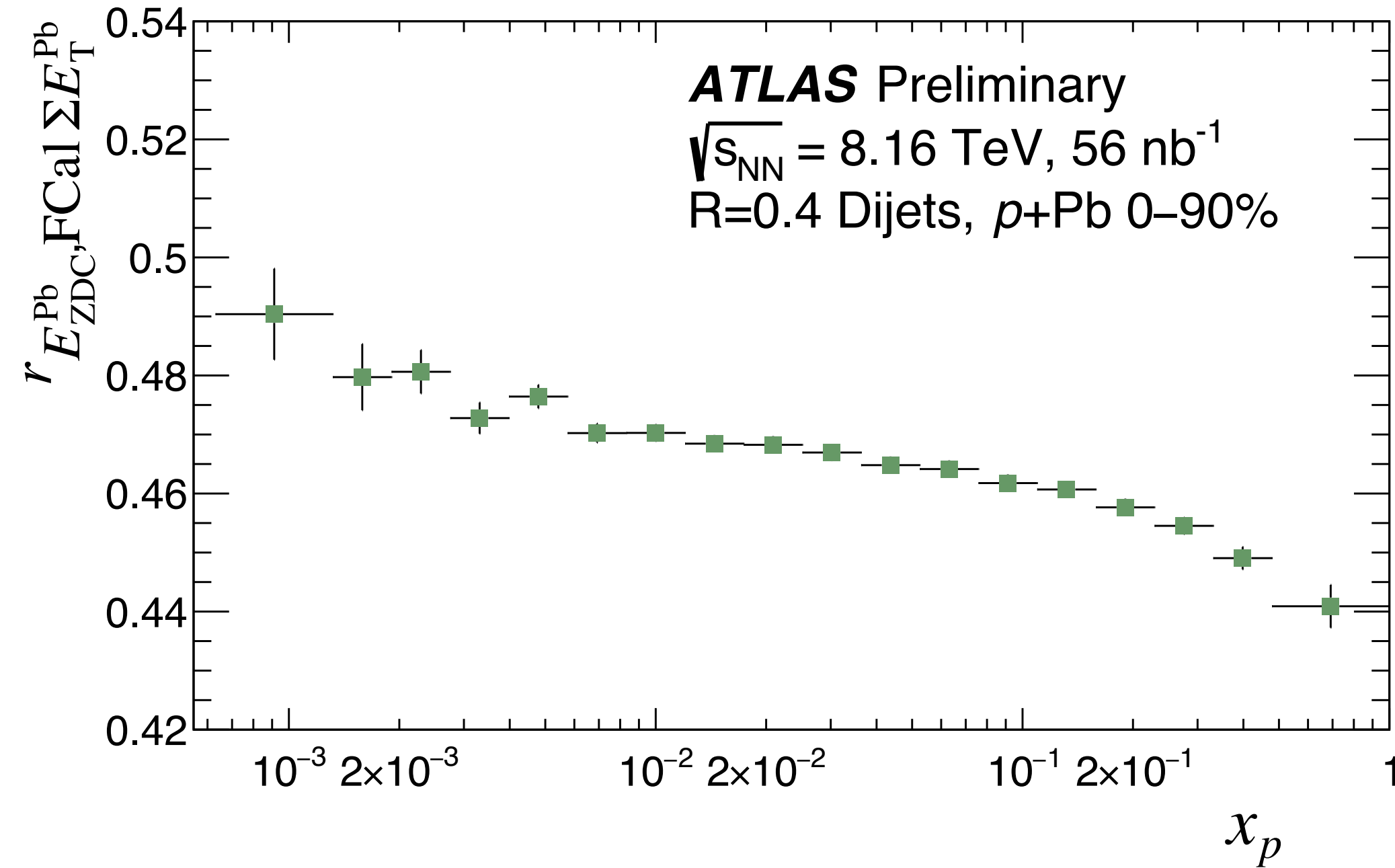


## Forward Calorimeter (FCal)

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



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

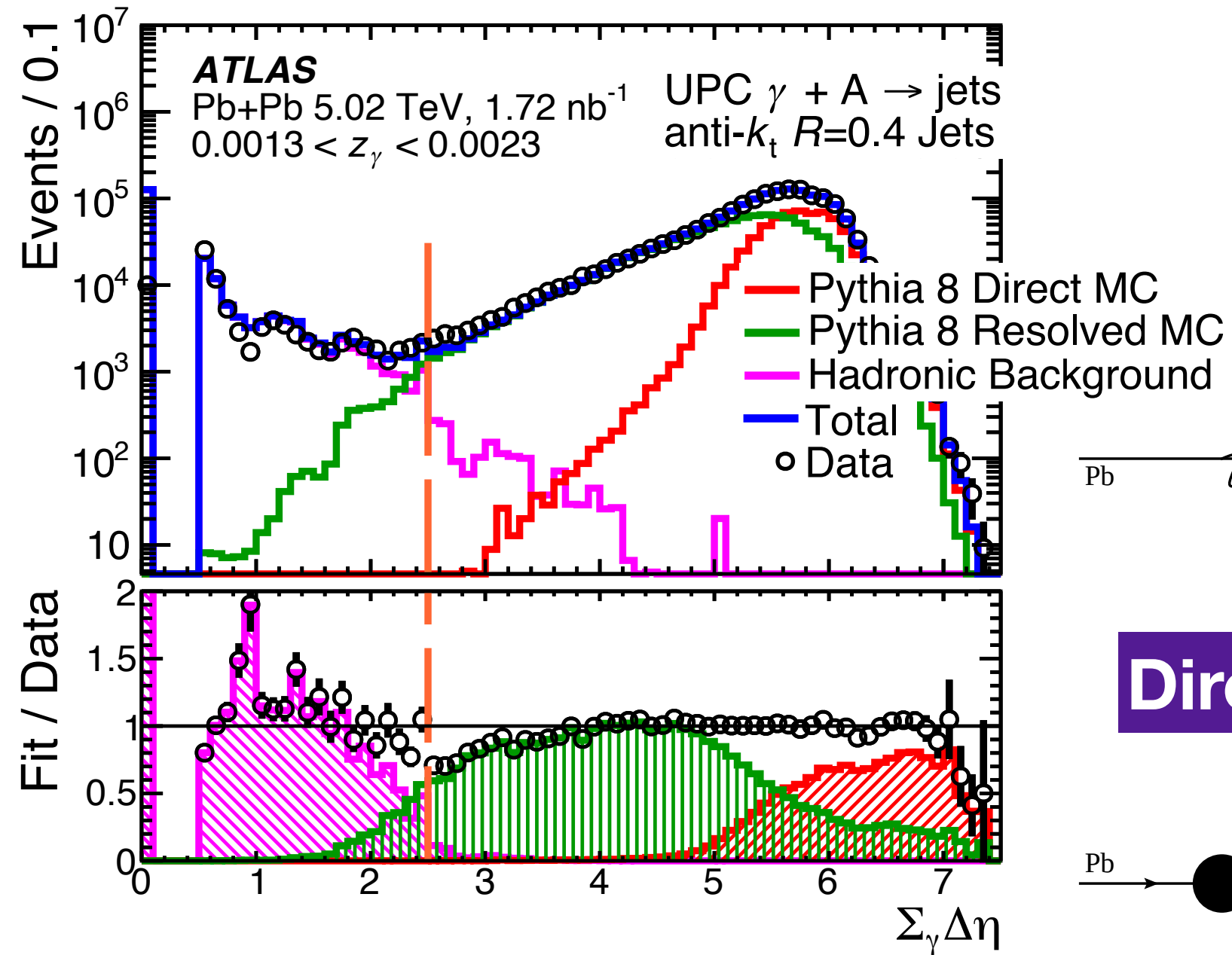


- Correlation between UE energy and break-up neutrons becomes weaker with increasing  $x_p$
- Scaling of UE energy and break-up neutrons at low ZDC energy, fluctuation of break-ups when UE energy saturated
- Offer a new approach to exploring hard-scattering biases in UE based centrality classifications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



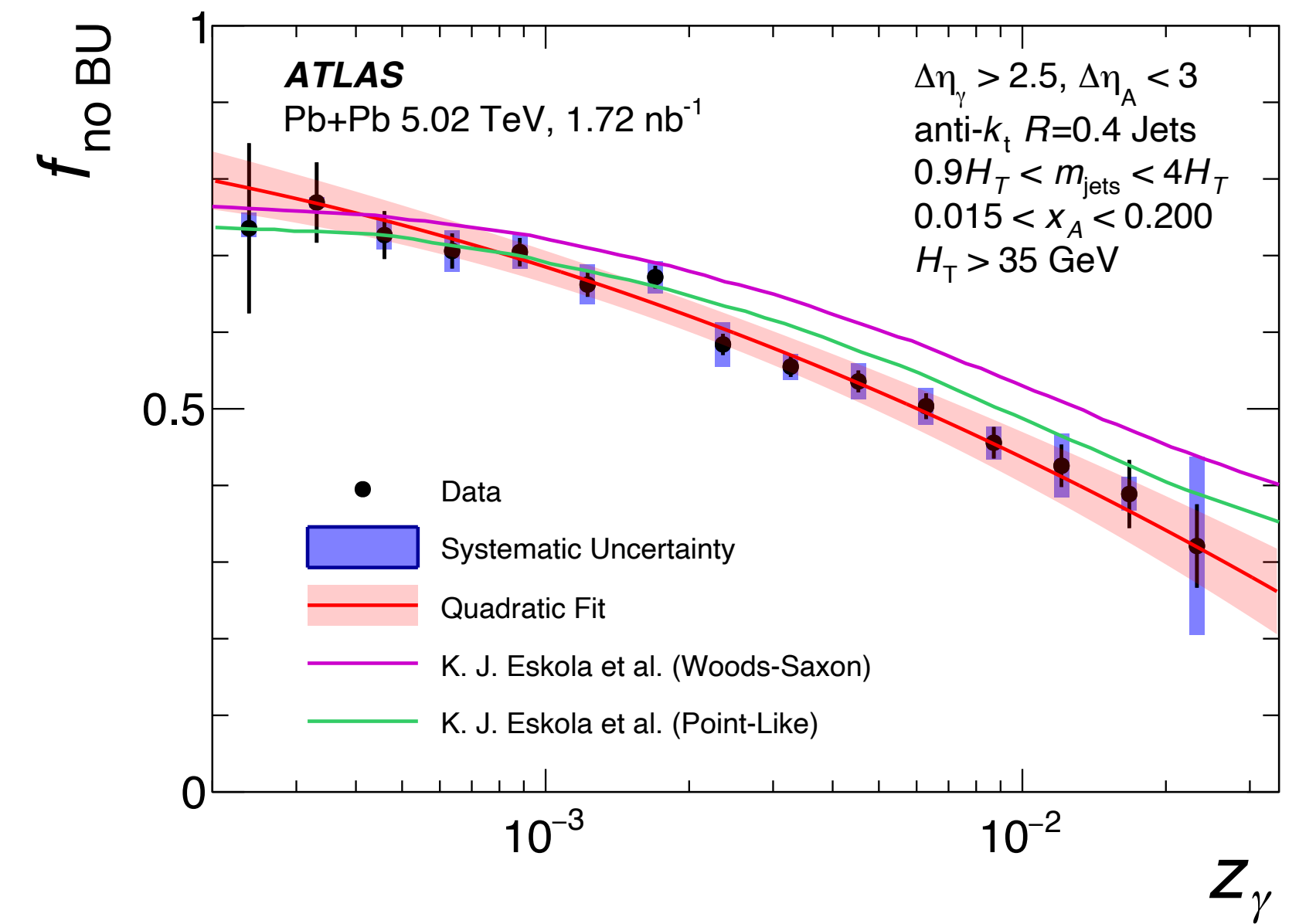
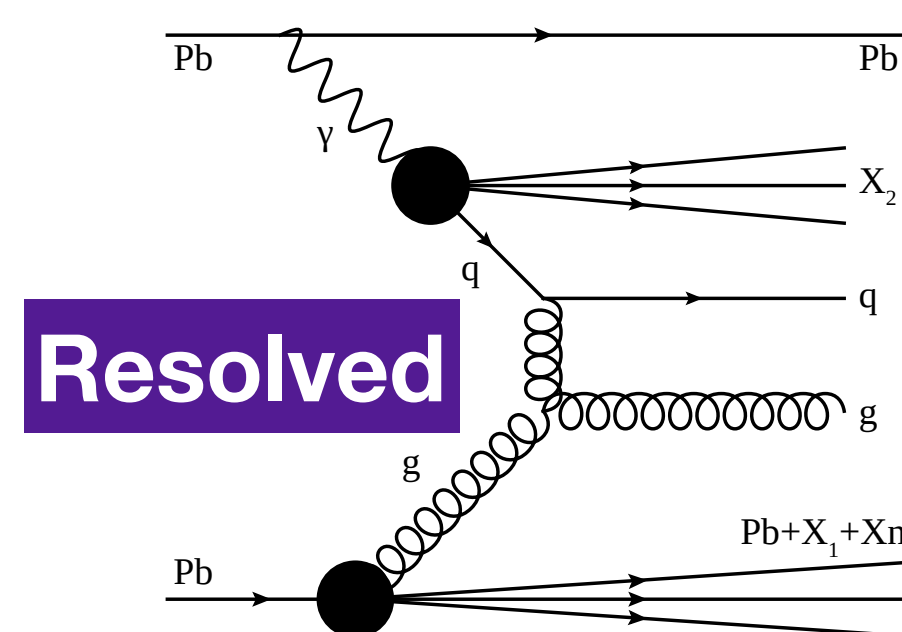
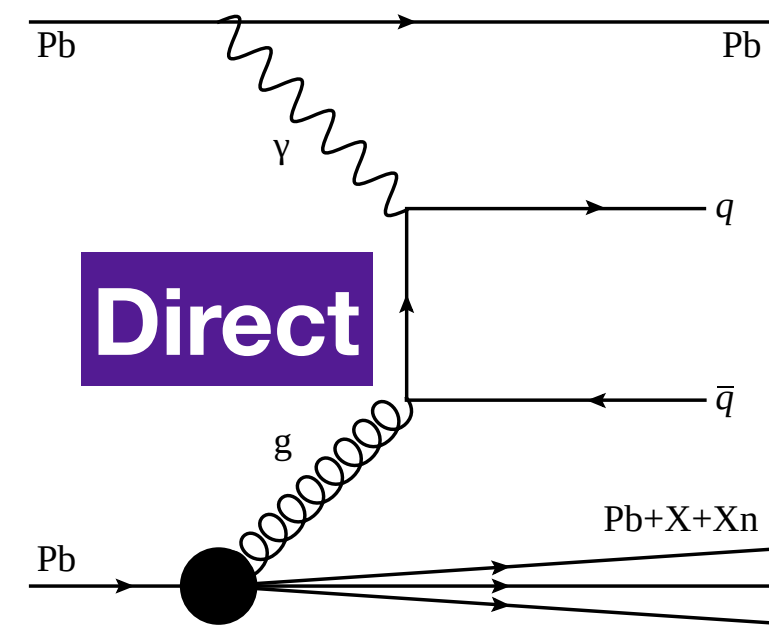


# Photonuclear jets



Collected photonuclear events:

- Direct  $\gamma$ +Pb
- Resolved  $\gamma$ +Pb
- Peripheral Pb+Pb

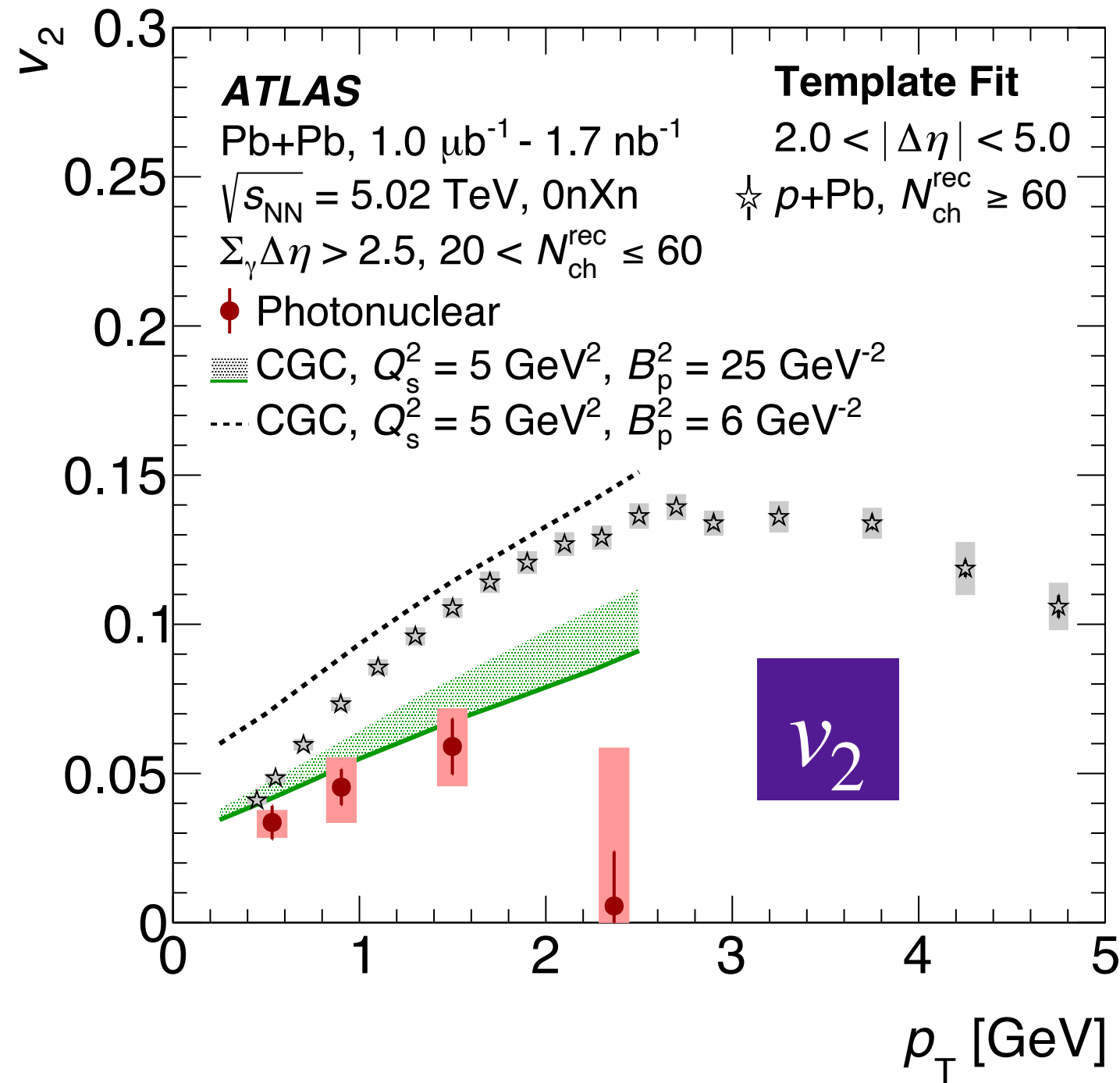


After years of dedicated efforts, we have a better understanding of photonuclear UPCs with jets:

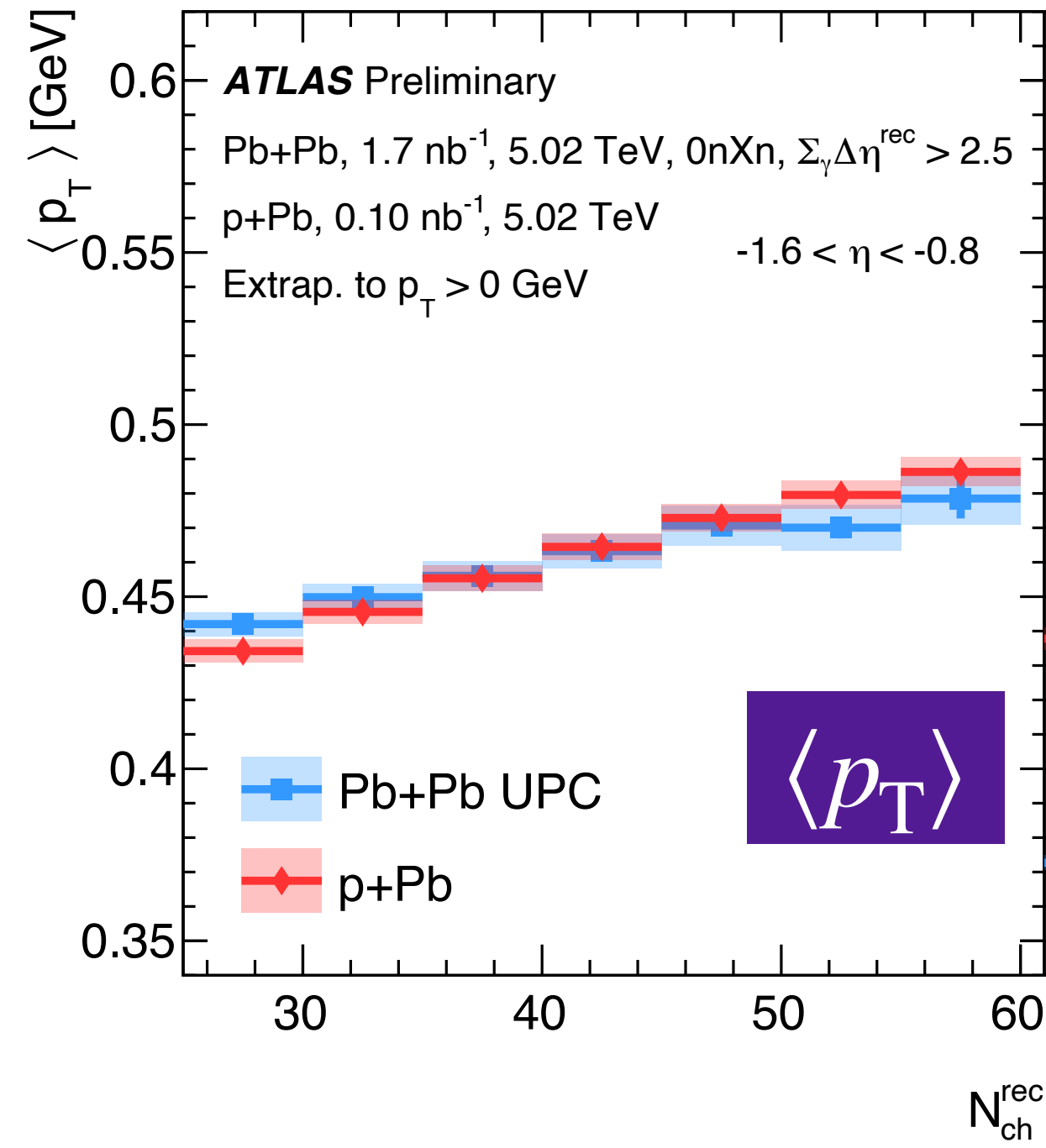
- Achieved well-modeled rapidity gaps that allows us to separate direct from resolved
- Measured break-up corrections to enable direct model comparison
- Extended p-flow jet  $p_T$  down to 15 GeV while keep control over systematic



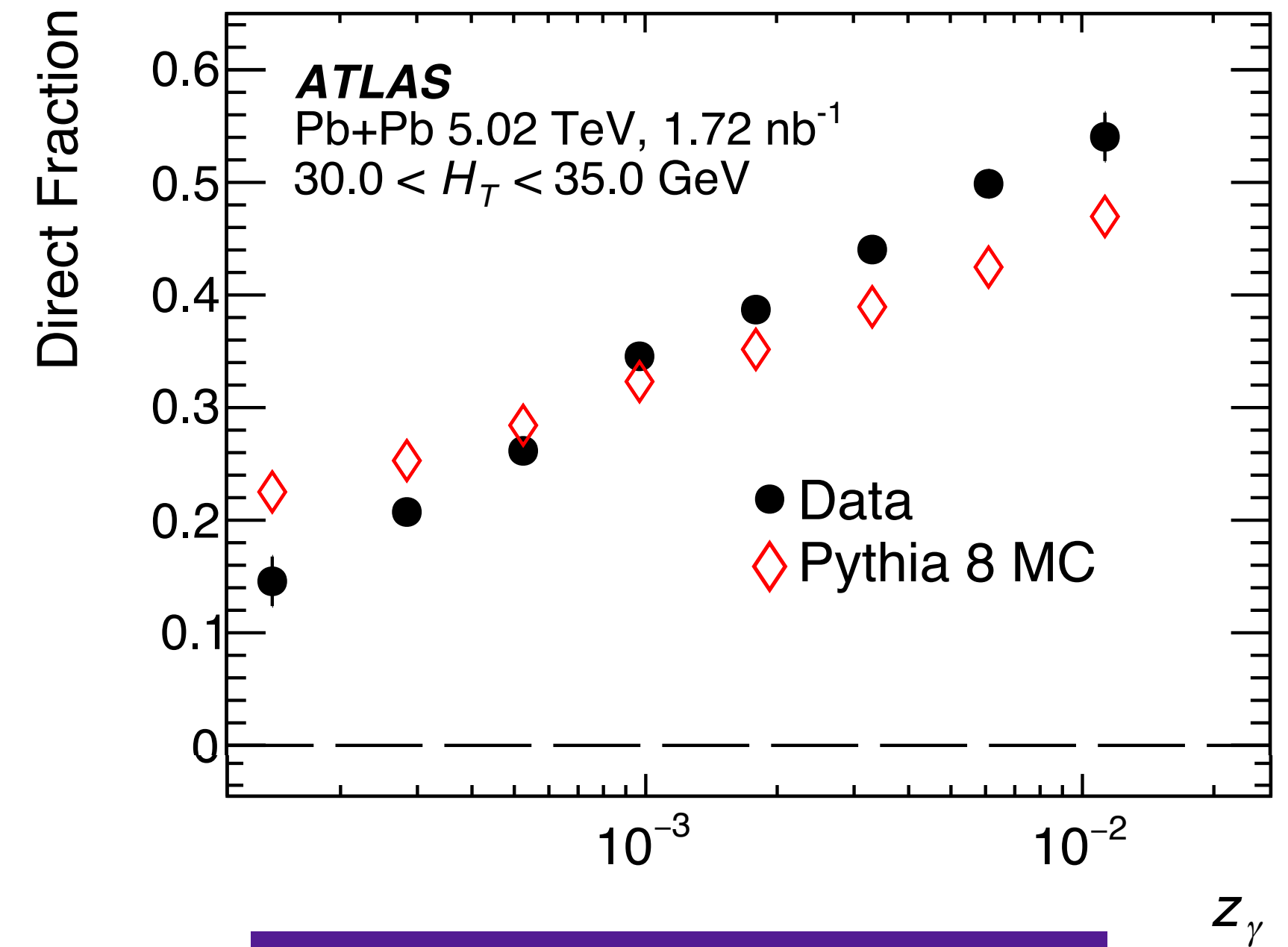
# Photonuclear jets - isolate direct $\gamma$ +Pb



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



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



Direct fraction from the photonuclear jet analysis

- 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





# Photonuclear jets - constrain nPDF effects

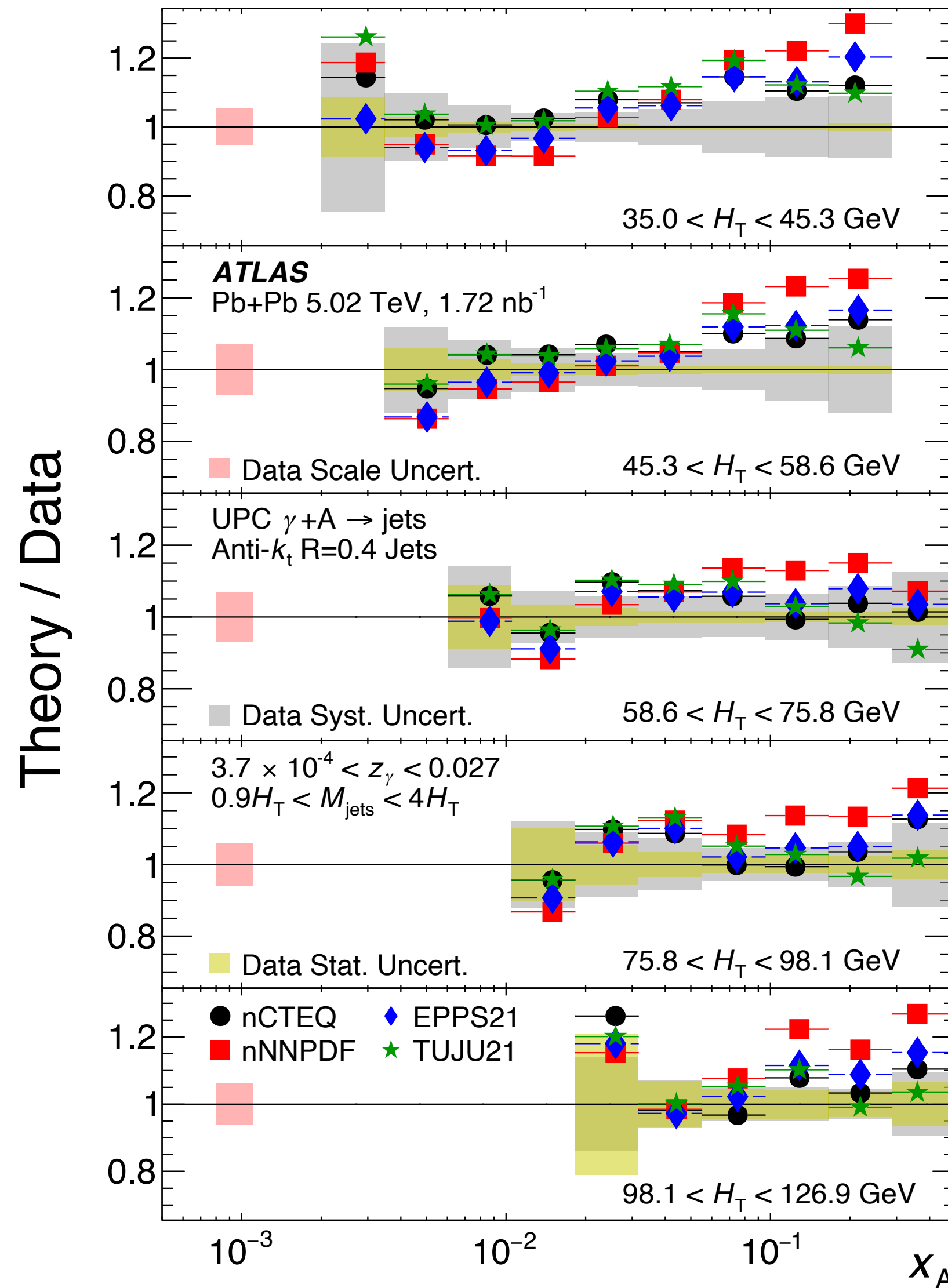
$$H_T \equiv \sum_i p_{Ti}$$

$$x_A \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{-y_{\text{jets}}}$$

$$z_\gamma \equiv \frac{m_{\text{jets}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{+y_{\text{jets}}}$$

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

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

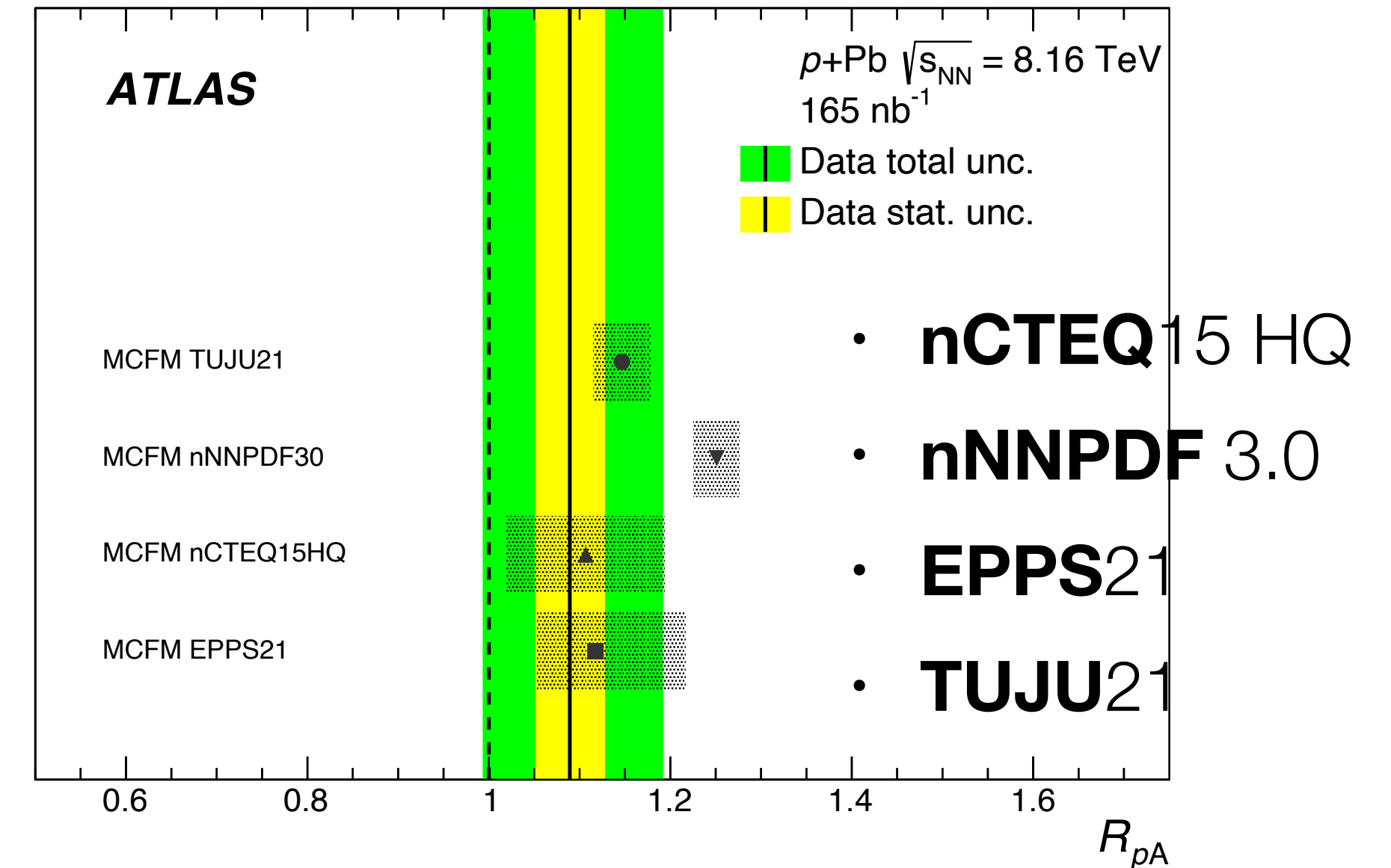
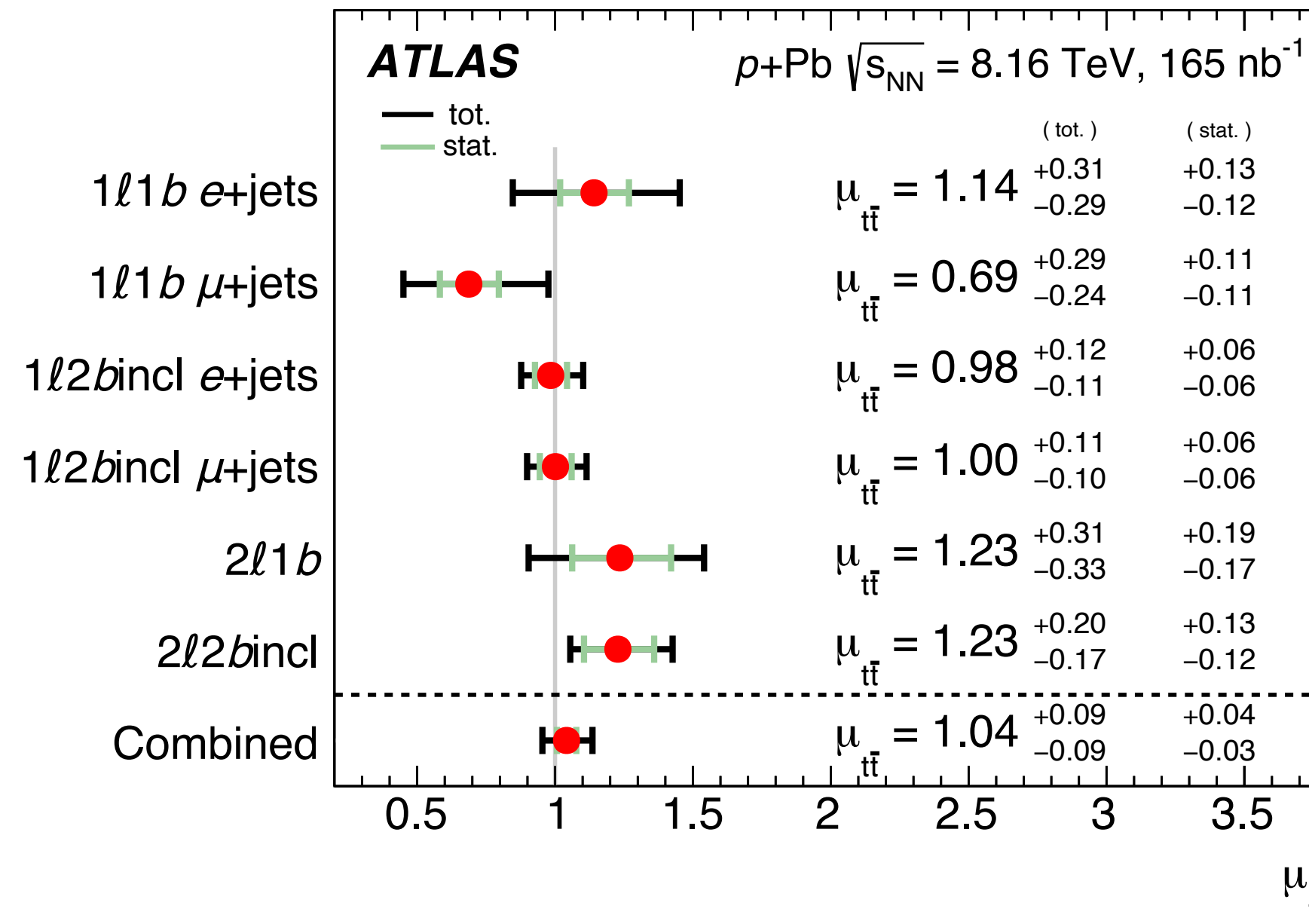
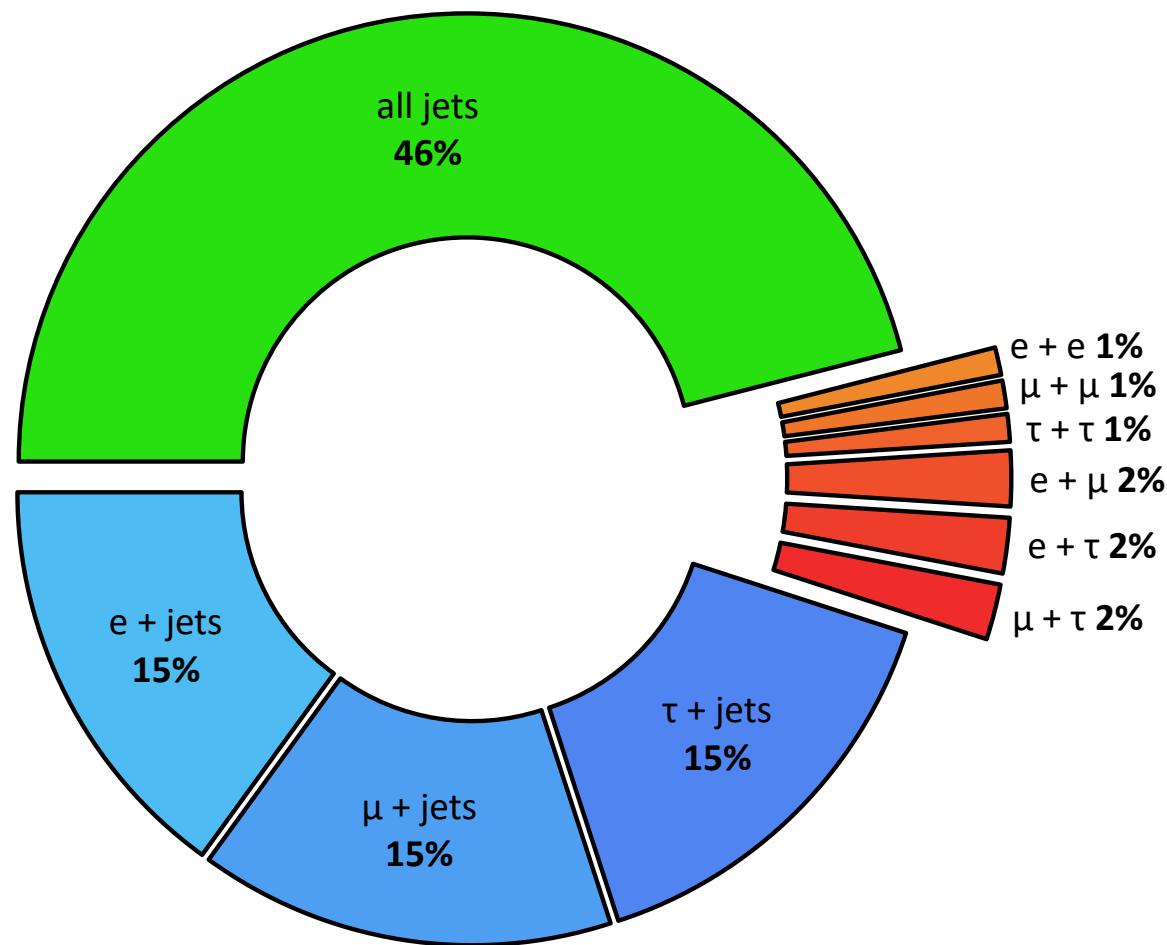


Ratio between measured precise 3D cross-sections and predictions with different nPDF fits, while uncertainties of the photon flux not included:

- **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  $x_A$



# Top pair in p+Pb



$\ell + \text{jets} : t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell b q \bar{q}' \bar{b}$

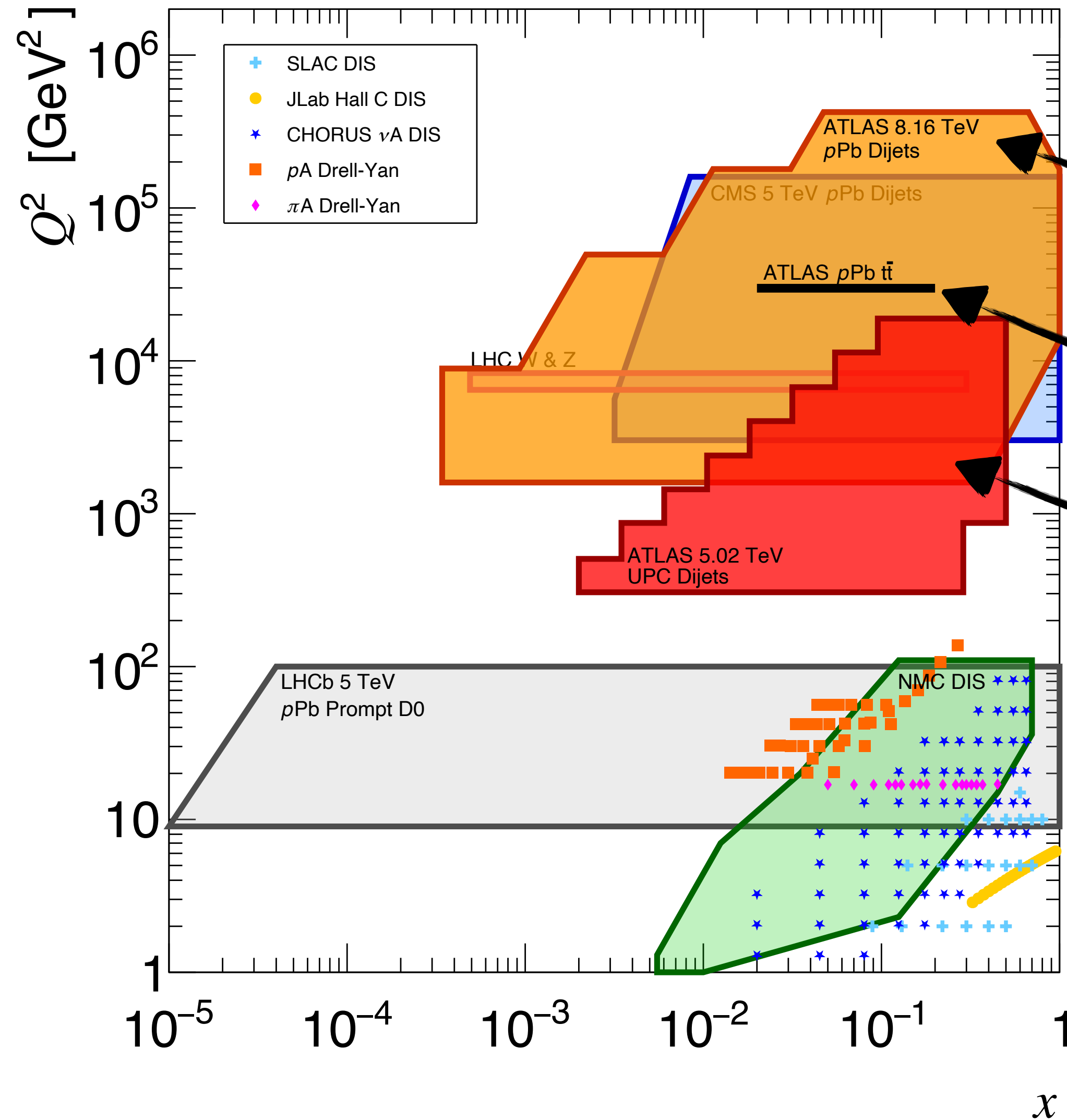
**dilepton** :  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbW\bar{b} \rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell b l \bar{\nu}_\ell \bar{b}$

- First calibration and use p-flow jets with NN b-tagger in ATLAS heavy ion data
- 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  $t\bar{t} R_{p+Pb}$





# Nuclear modification of parton distribution function



**$\rho$ +Pb dijets**

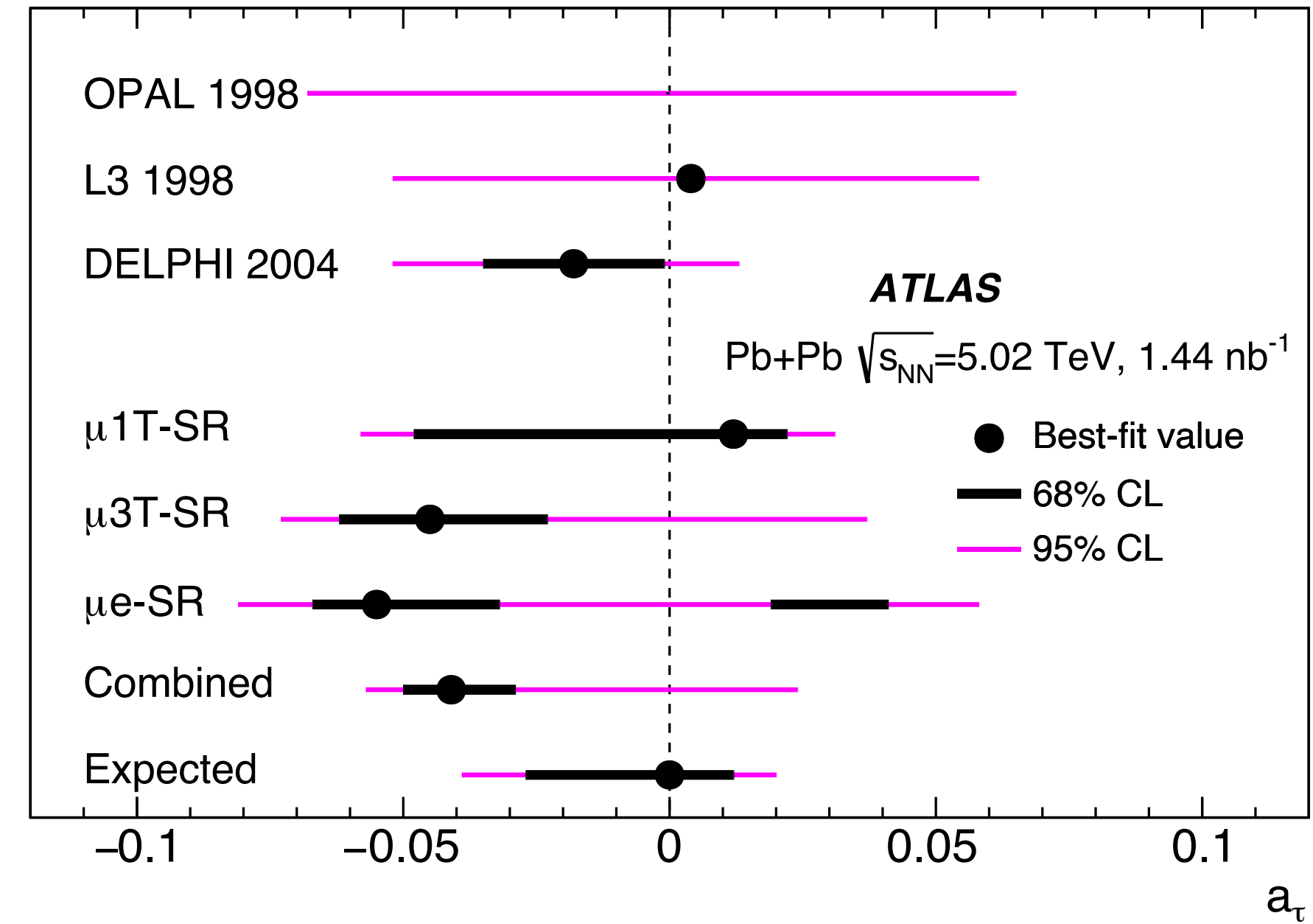
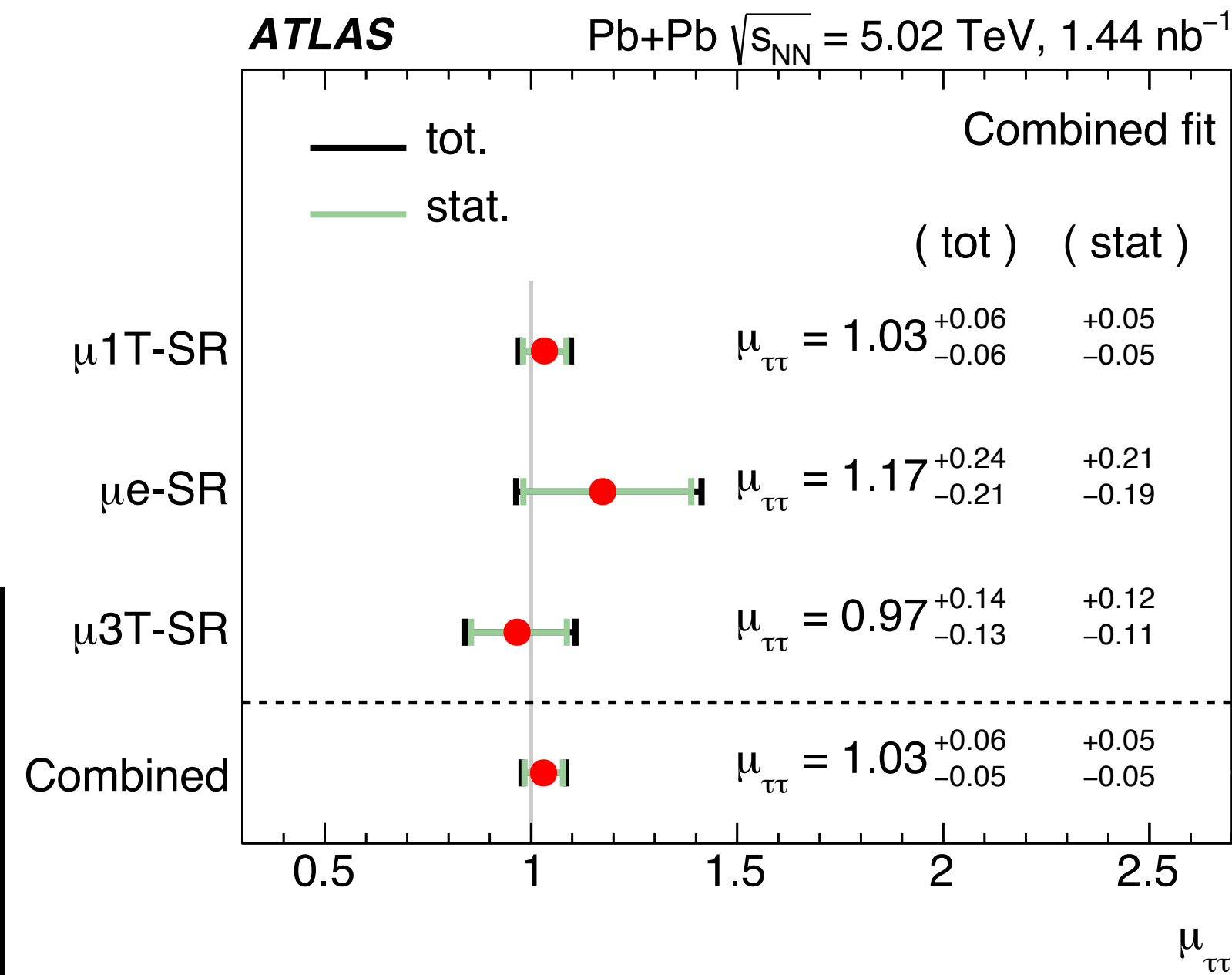
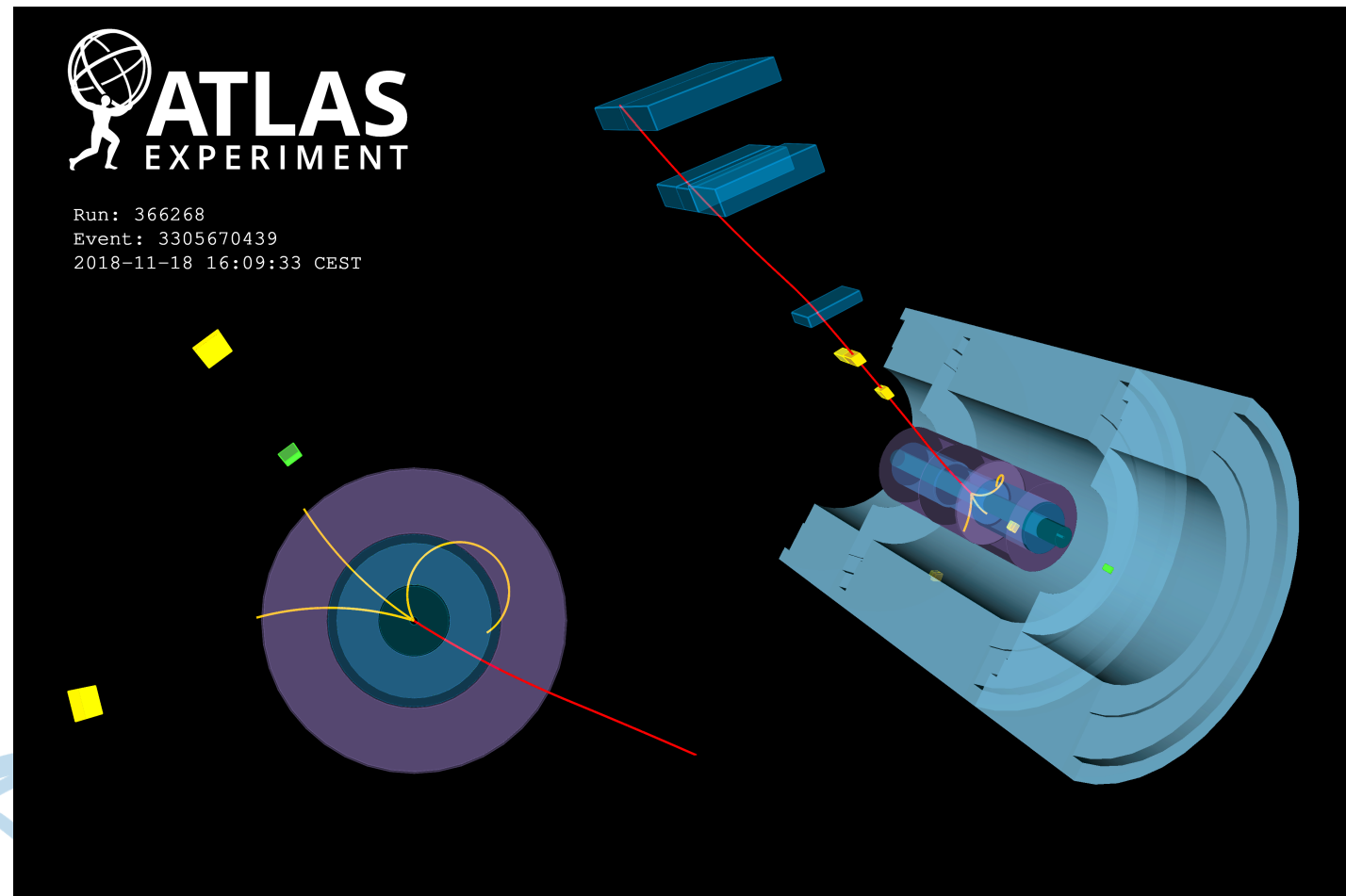
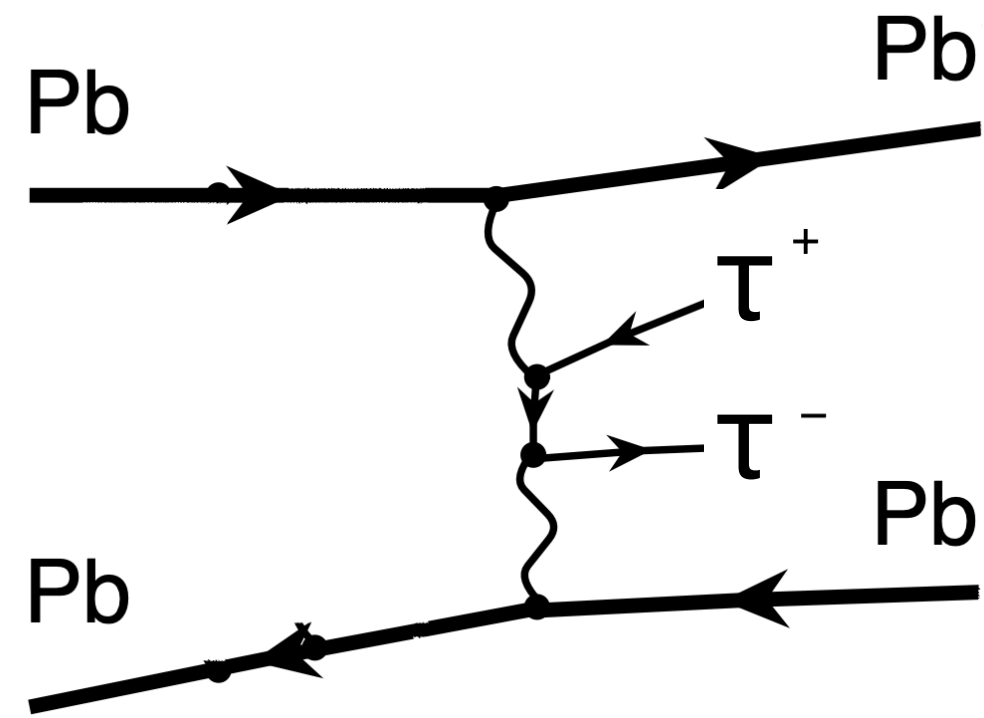
**$\rho$ +Pb  $t\bar{t}$**

**photonuclear jets**

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



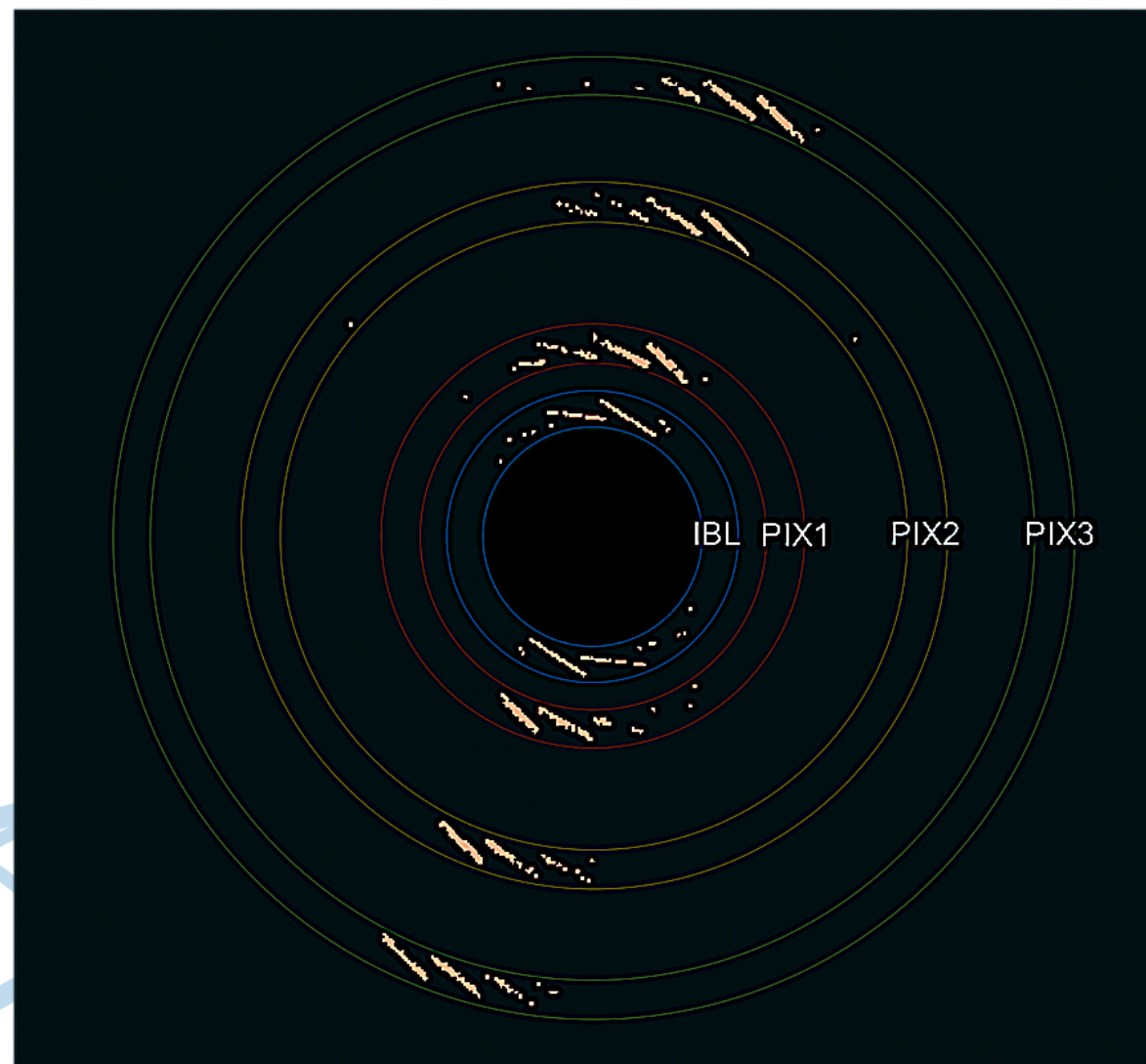
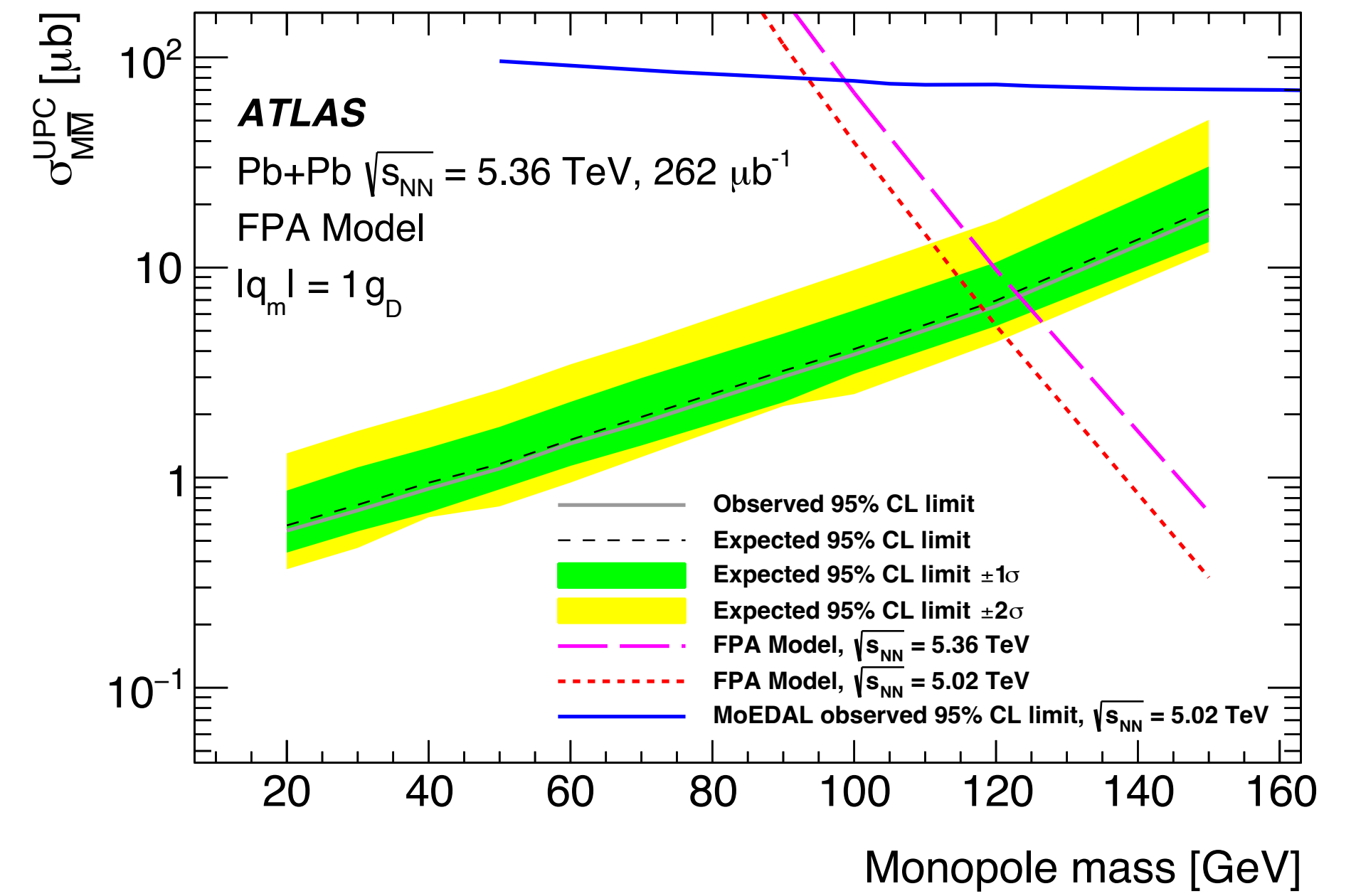
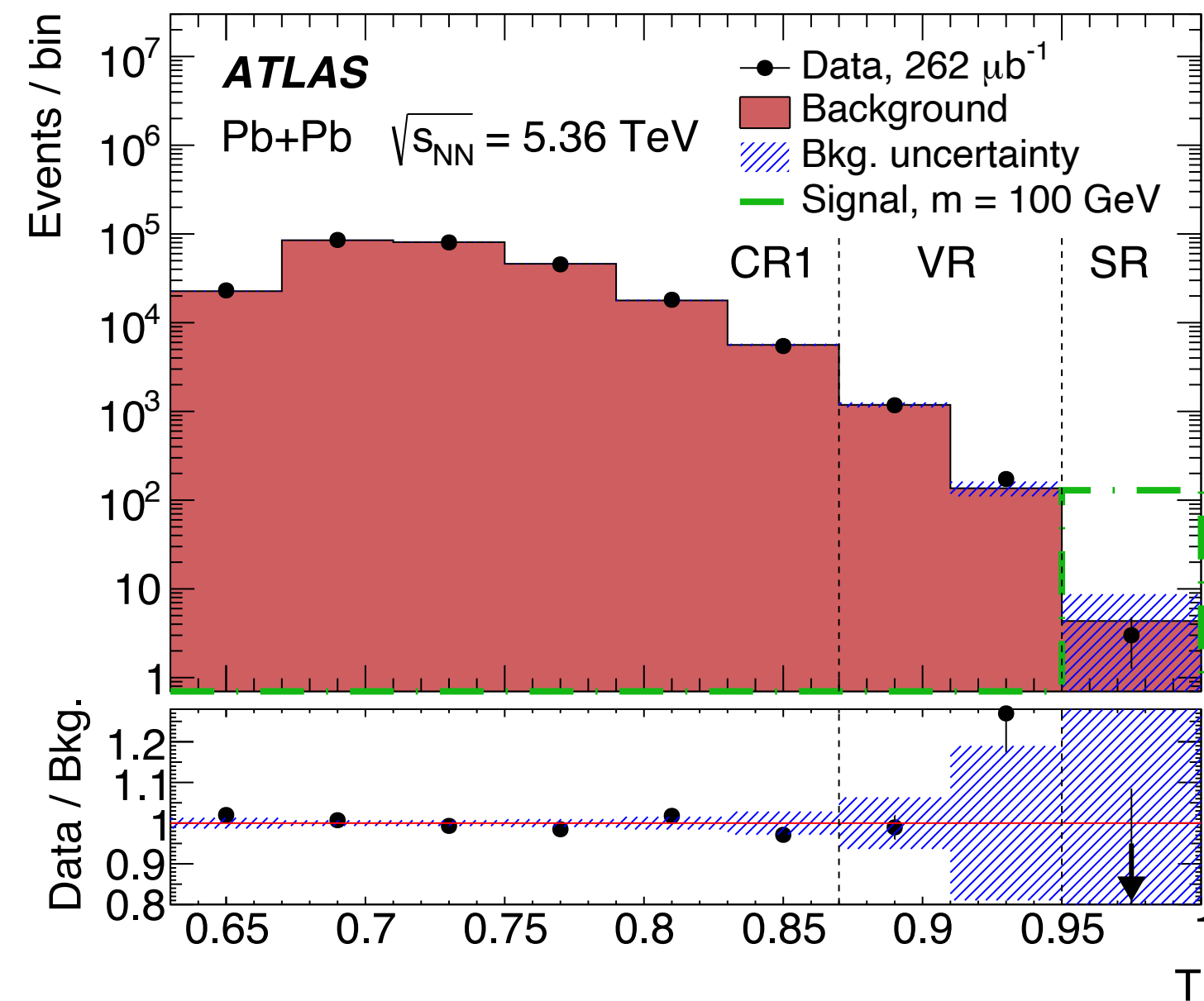
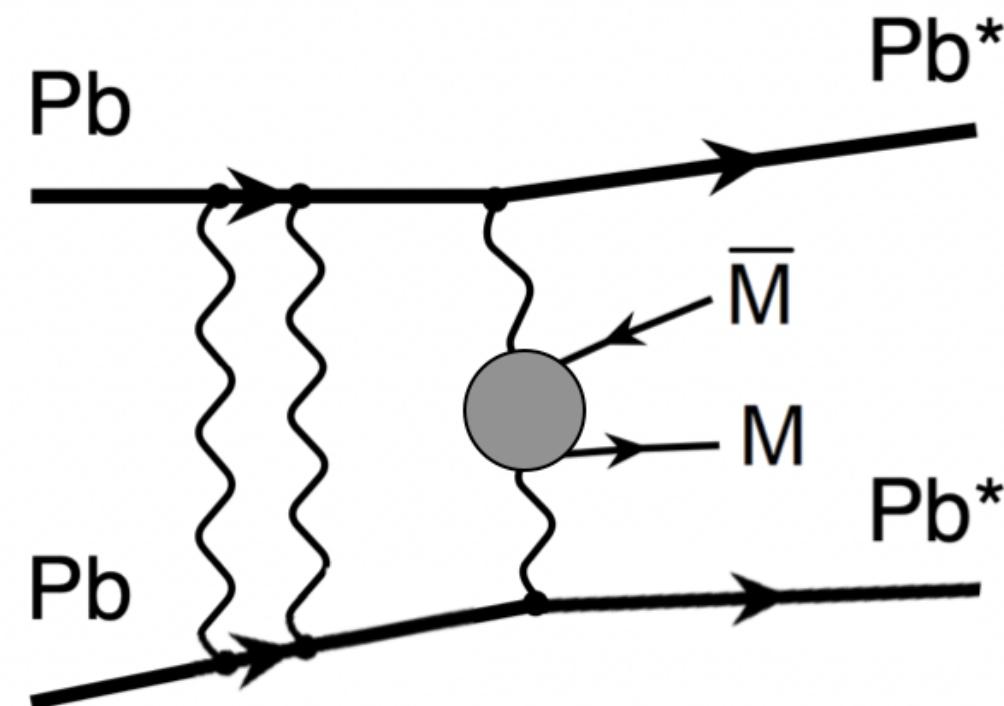
# $\tau$ anomalous magnetic moment via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- 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 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow M\bar{M}$

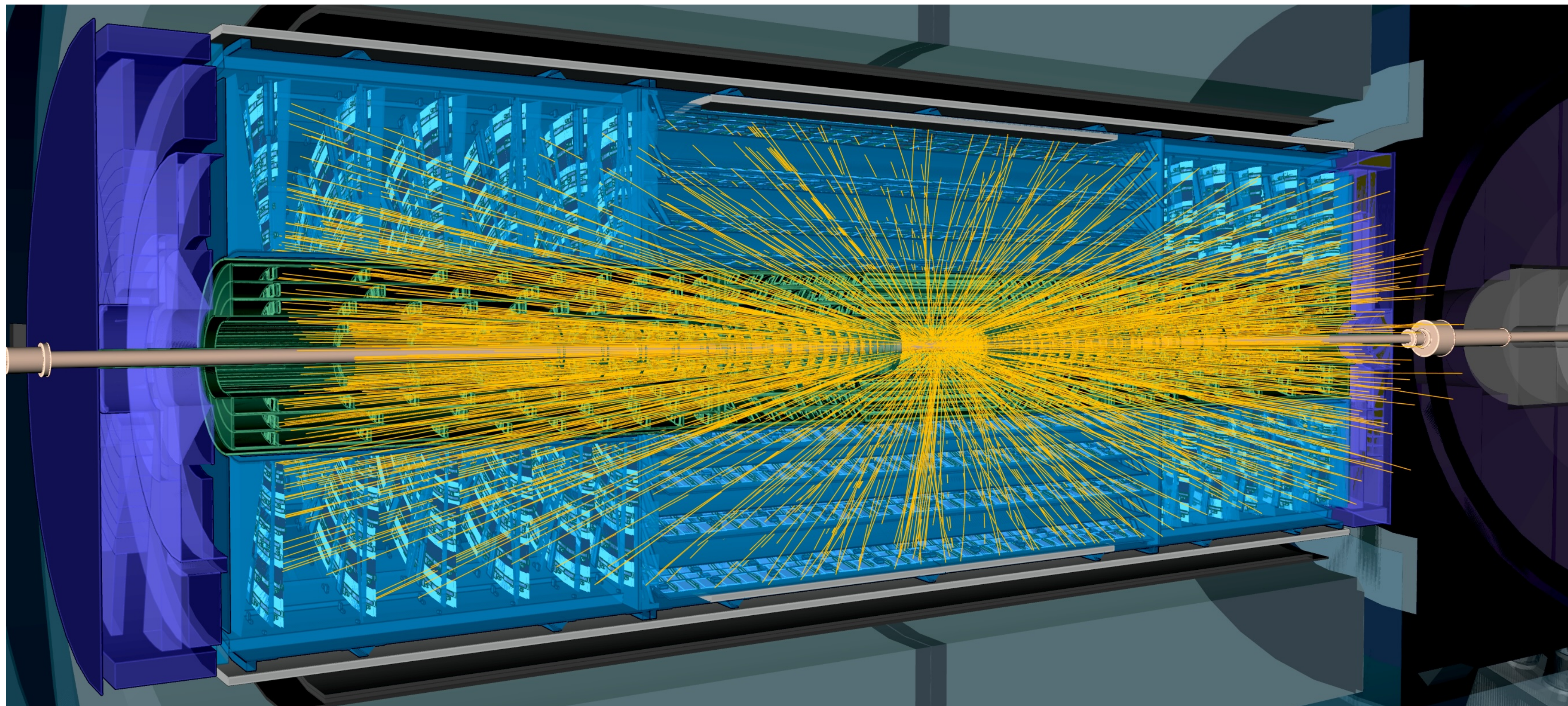


- Magnetic monopoles via the Schwinger mechanism in UPCs. First ATLAS analysis using Run3 heavy ion data
- 3 events in SR, consistent with background estimate ( $4 \pm 4$ )
- Better limits compared to dedicated MoEDAL experiment ([Nature 602 \(2022\) 63](#)), achieve up to x8 improvement at masses below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





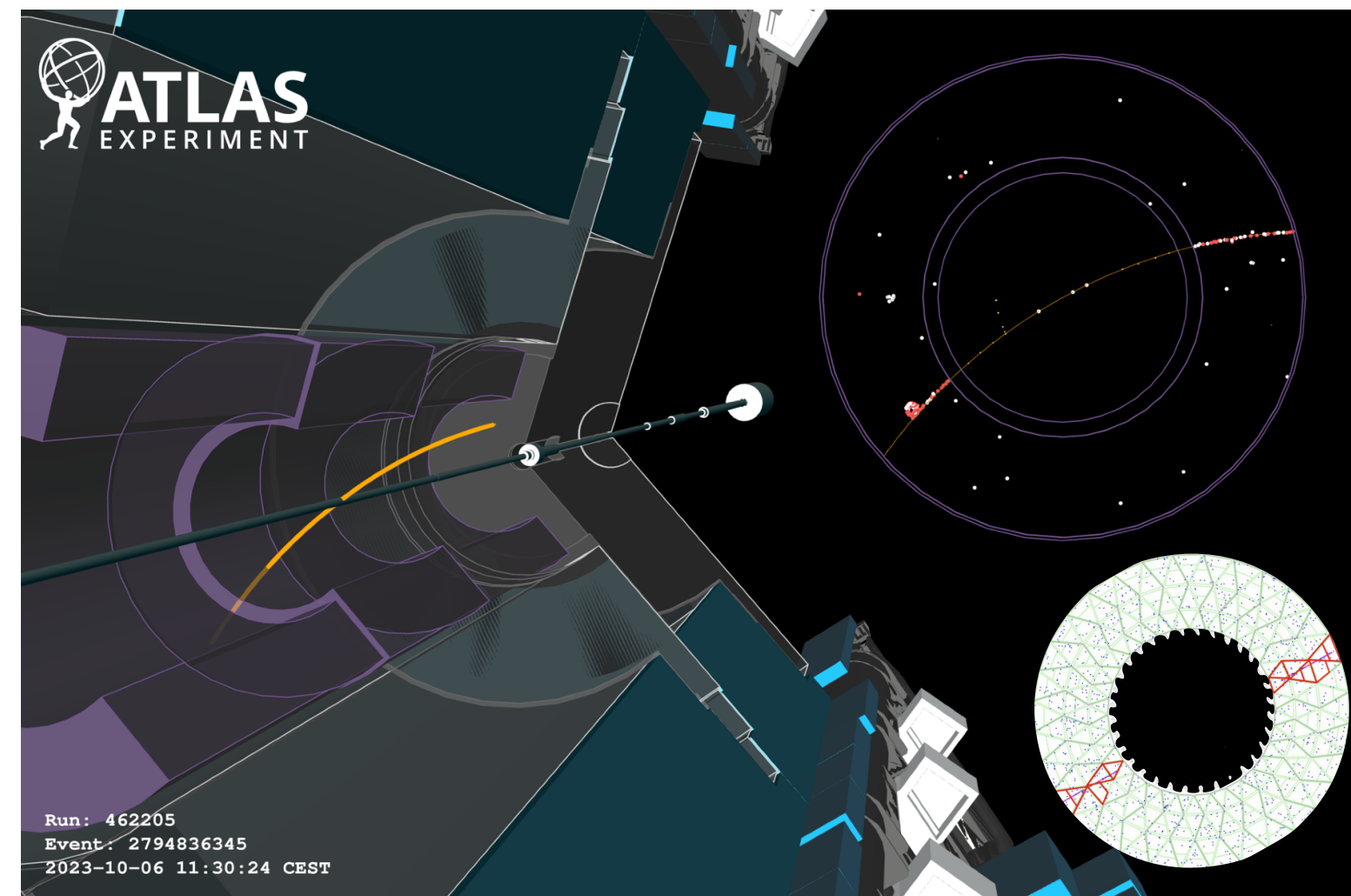
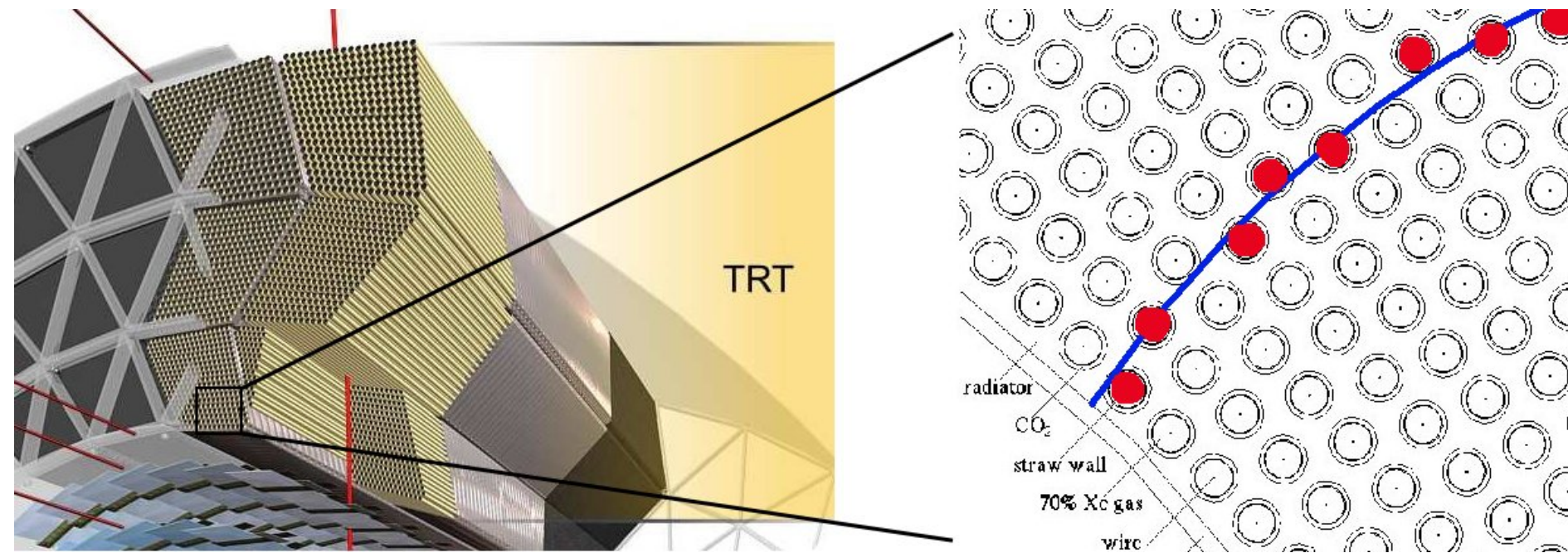
# Future Perspectives



The ATLAS ITk for Run 4: the new all-Si tracker

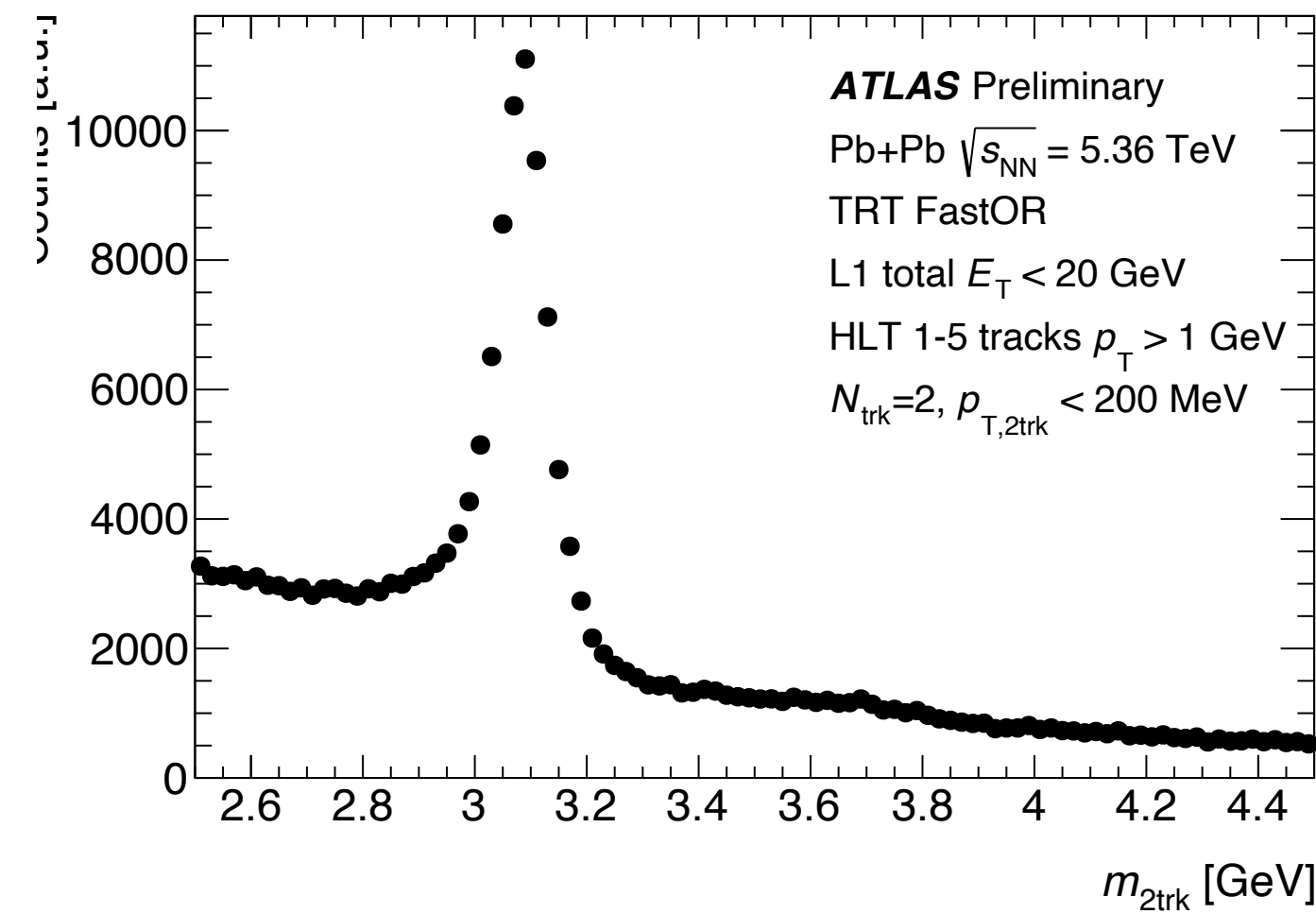


# Run3 new L1 track trigger

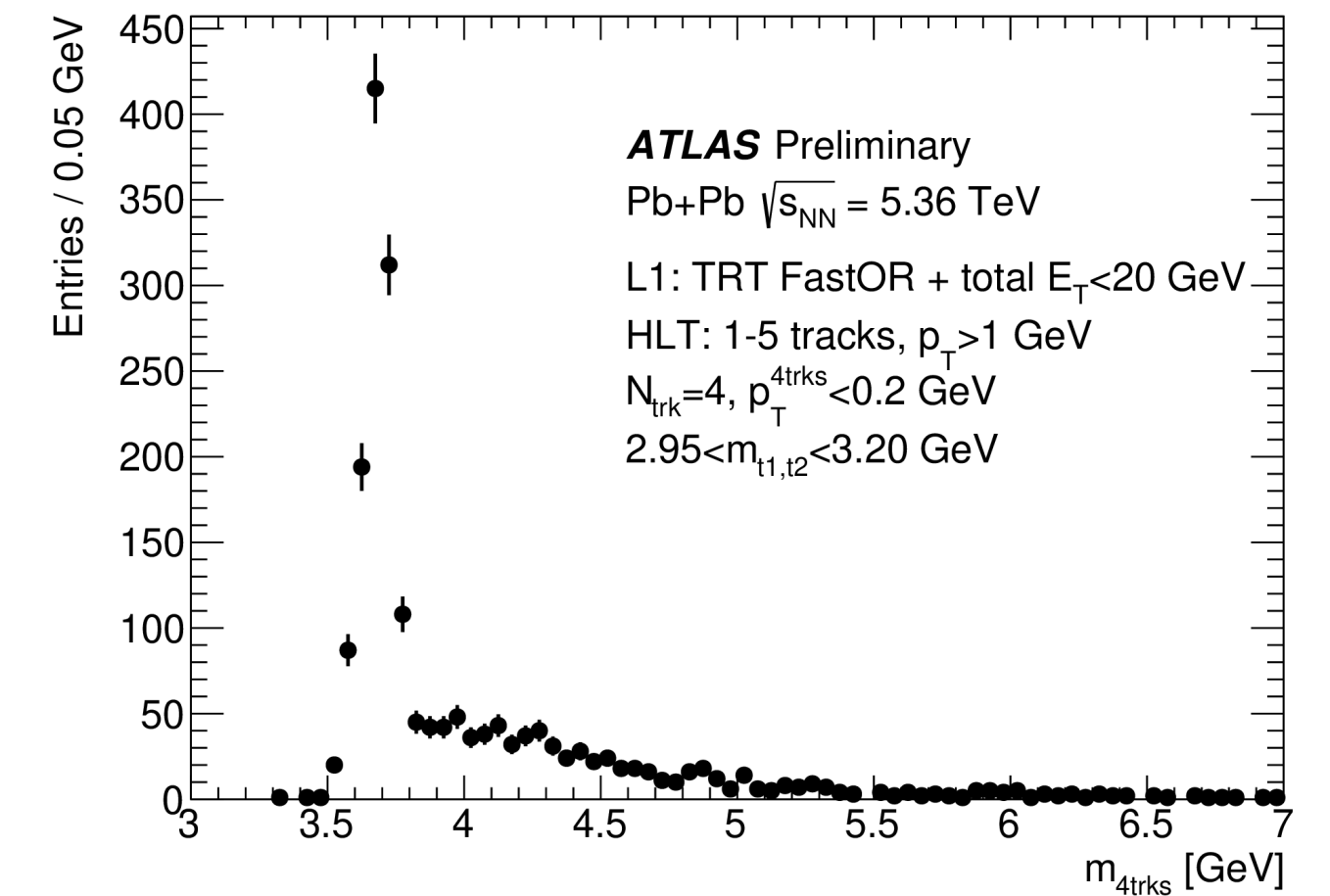


TRT triggered UPC event with two tracks

## Two tracks



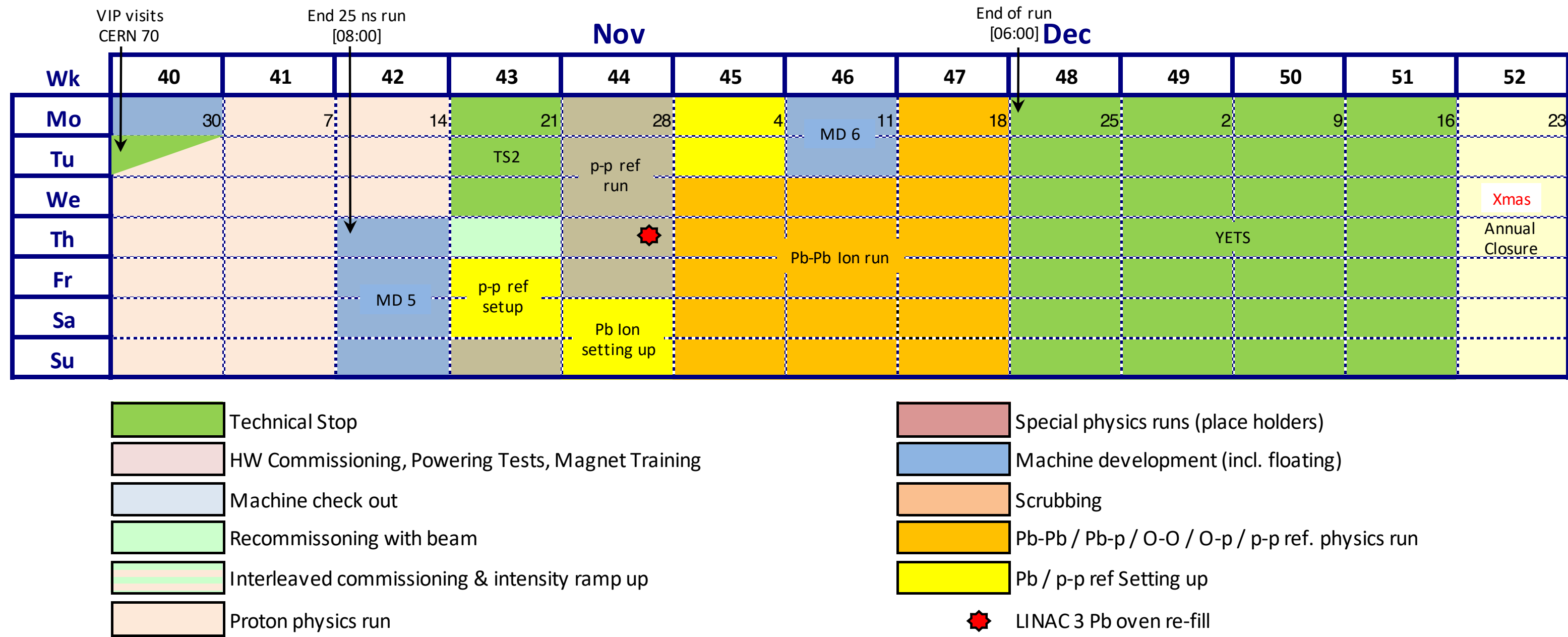
## Four tracks



- Newly commissioned TRT trigger (L1 track trigger running at MHz level!)
- In combination with ZDC and total energy triggers, it allow us accumulate large UPC samples with various track multiplicities for exclusive  $J/\psi$  and other hadron spectroscopy researches

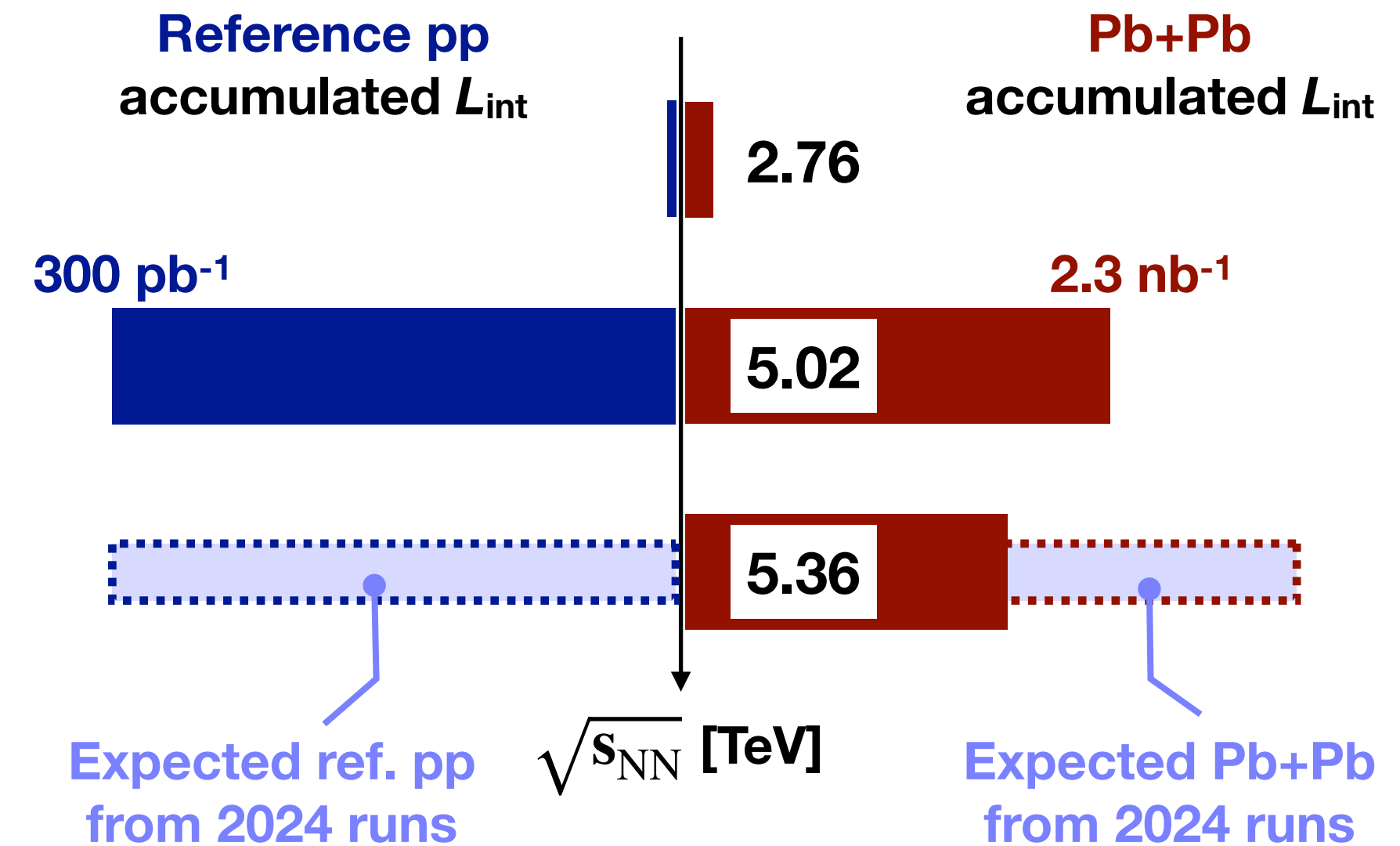


# Heavy ion operations in 2024 and beyond



## LHC 2024 schedule as of September 18

- 2024 target: pp reference > 300 pb<sup>-1</sup>, Pb+Pb > 1.5 nb<sup>-1</sup>
- If Run 3 gets extended, possible to collect 6 nb<sup>-1</sup> Pb+Pb data by the end of Run 3

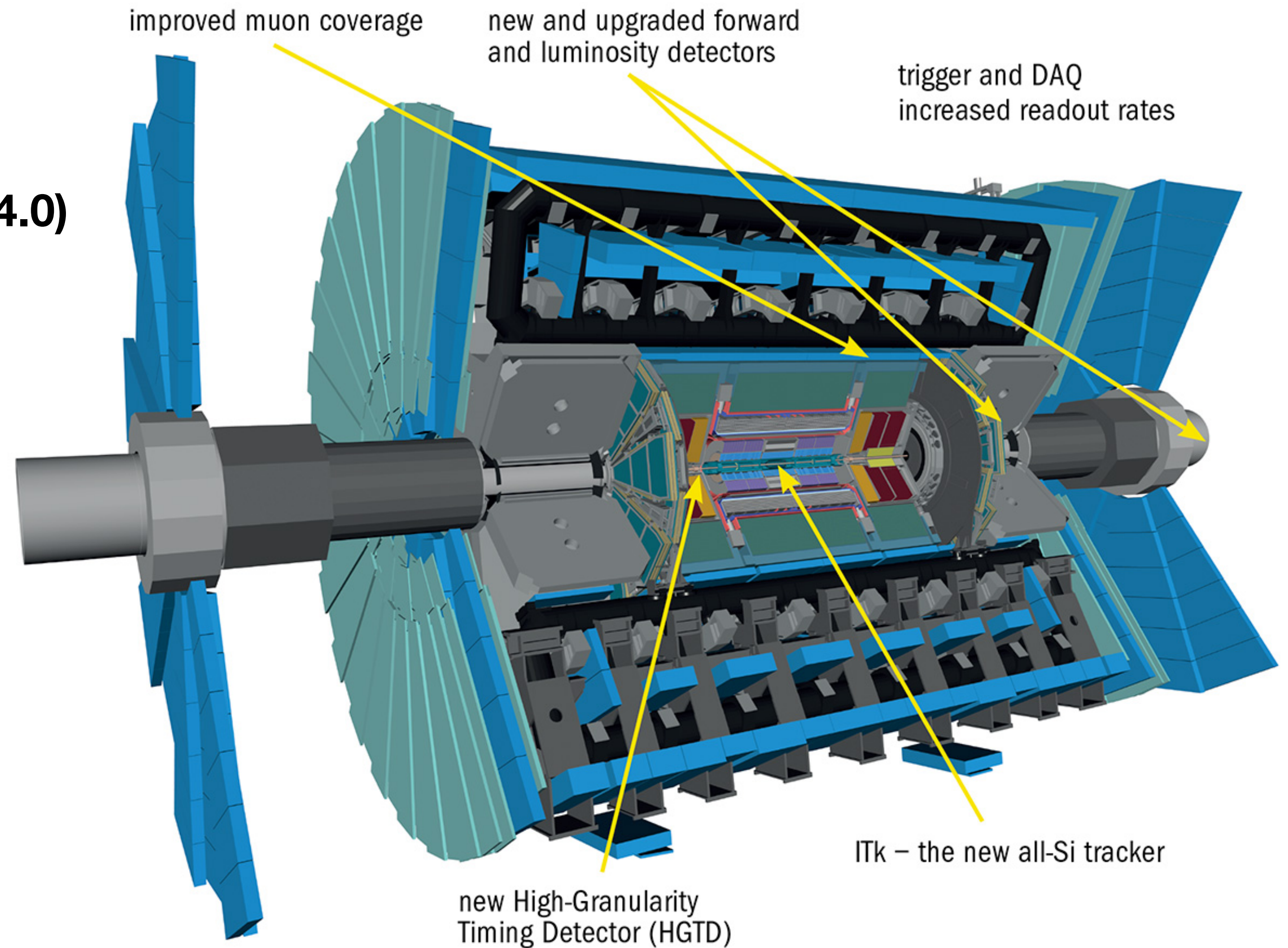




# Phase-II ATLAS

## 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



# Summary

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## Advances

- Advancement in several jet measurements:
  - Unveal physics phenomenon — color coherence
  - Challenged jet quenching models — differential dijet  $R_{AA}$

## Innovations

- Well-studied measurements — p+Pb dijet, photonuclear jets — paved the way for more sophisticated future studies
- Combining of heavy ion data with general SM studies strengthens collaboration with the broader particle physics community

## Future Perspectives

- New track trigger and exciting data taking in 2024/2025/2026
- New sub-detectors and various upgrades for HL-LHC
- Collaborative efforts across experiments to address open questions, such as the R-dependence of  $p_T$  jets ...

