

# Baryon stopping in high energy collisions

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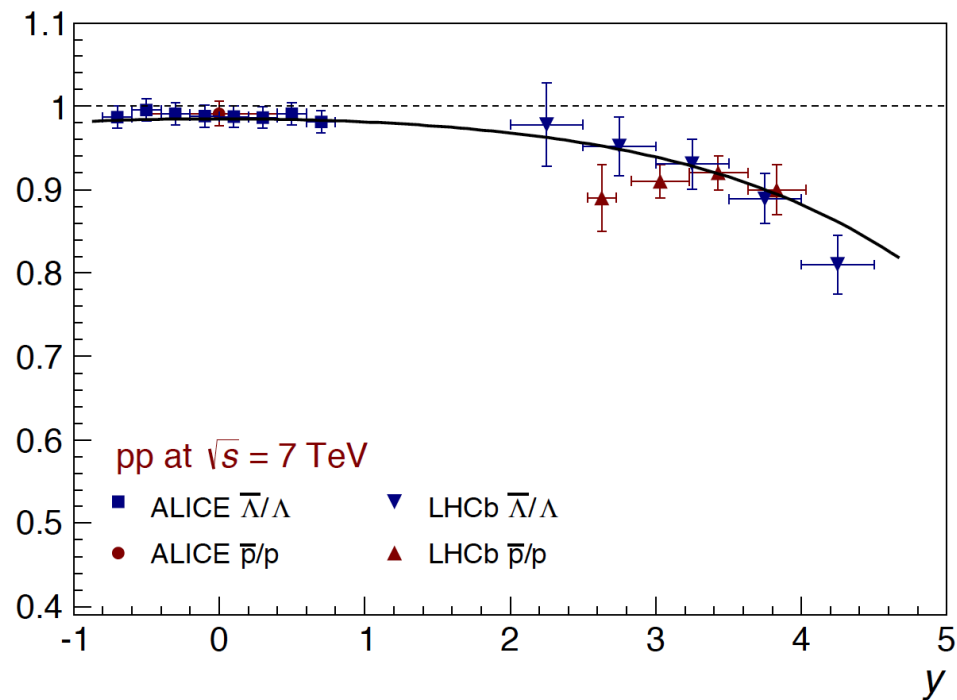
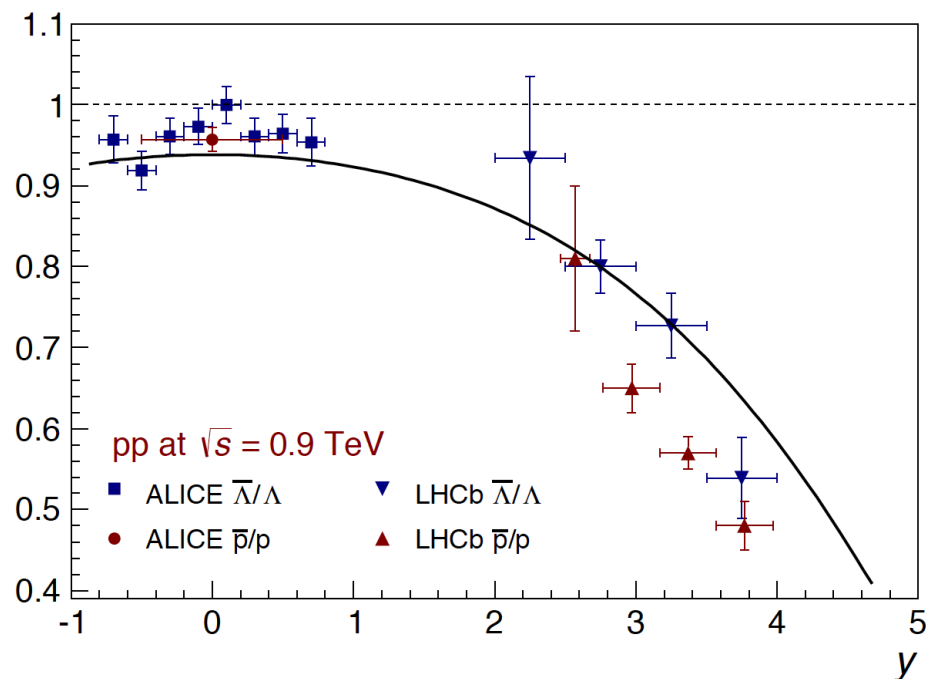
Leading Baryons  
and  
Stopping in p p Collisions

Central region:

$$N_{\text{protons}} \simeq N_{\text{antiprotons}}$$

$$N_p - N_{\bar{p}} = \text{"Net protons"} \simeq 0$$

Protons from sea quarks  
and gluons



ALICE, arXiv:1305.1562

Forward region:

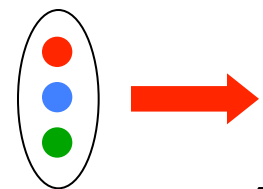
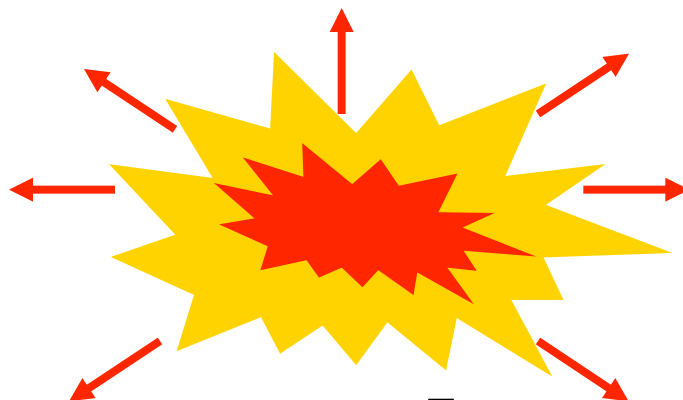
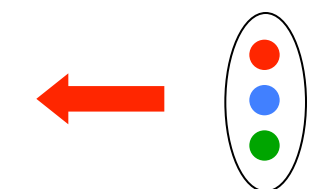
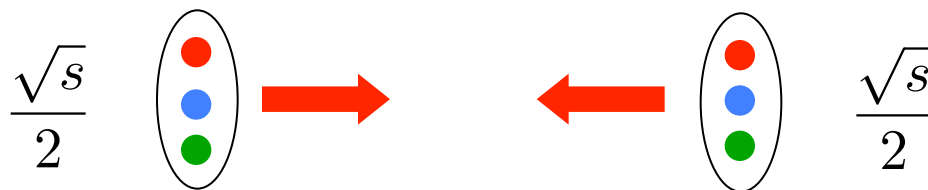
$$N_{\text{protons}} > N_{\text{antiprotons}}$$

$$N_p - N_{\bar{p}} = \text{"Net protons"} > 0$$

Protons from valence quarks

# Leading proton production

$$\sqrt{s} = 10 - 60 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\frac{\sqrt{s}}{4}$$

$$x_F \simeq 0.5$$

$$M \simeq \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{s}}{4}$$

$$x_F \simeq 0.5$$

Feynman  $x$

$$x_F = x_L = \frac{p_{\text{baryon}}}{p_{\text{beam}}}$$

inelasticity

$$K = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} \simeq 0.5$$

stopping

$$x_F < 1$$

How does it happen microscopically ?

Is there a simple QCD understanding ?

What happens at higher energies ?

Some qualitative ideas...

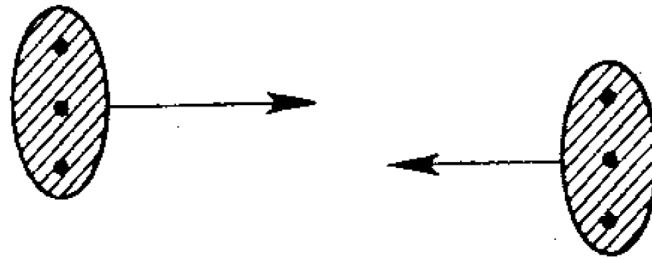
# "Gluon stripping" and valence quark recombination

Pokorski, Van Hove, NPB 86 (1975) 243

Carruthers, Duong-Van, PRD 28 (1983) 130

Gluons carry half of the momentum of the proton

Gluon interactions are stronger  $\sigma_{gg} > \sigma_{qg} > \sigma_{qq}$



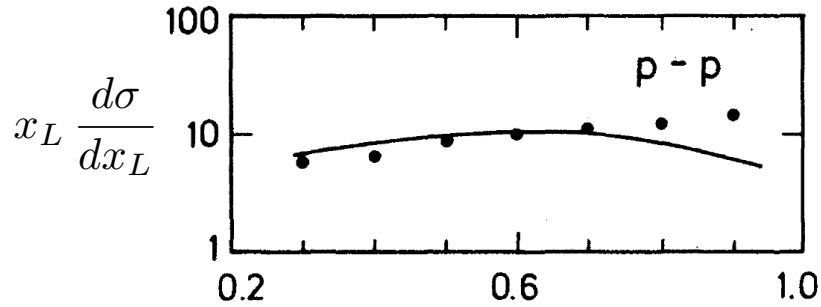
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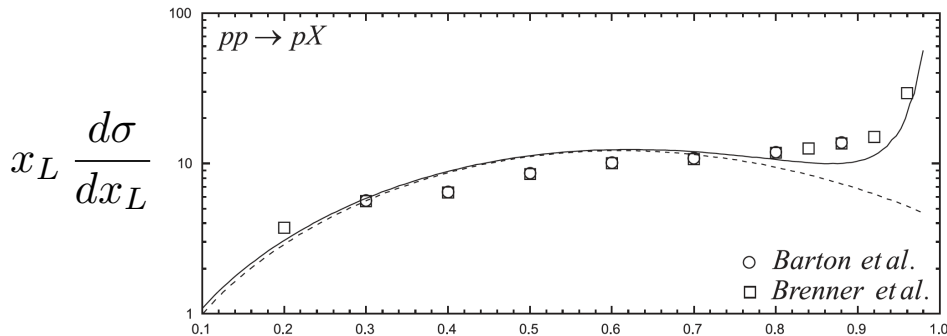
$$M \simeq \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}$$

# "Gluon stripping" and valence quark recombination

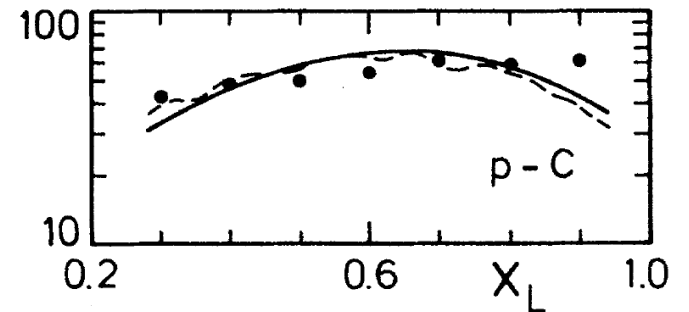
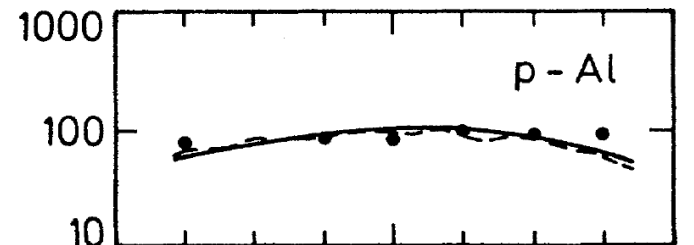
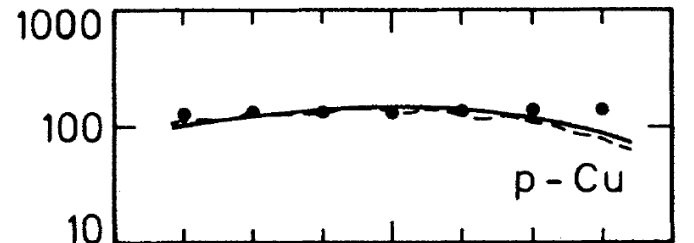
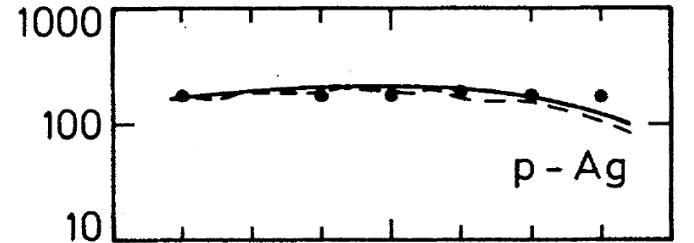
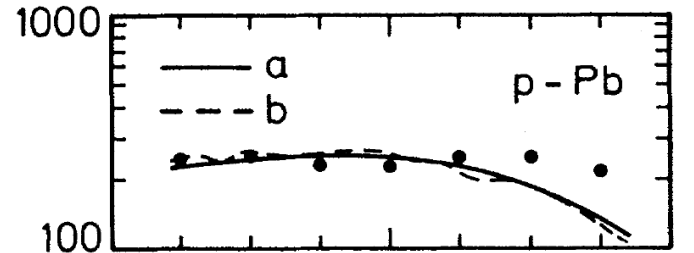
Duraes, FSN, Wilk, hep-ph/0412293



Barton et al., PRD (1983)  $x_L$

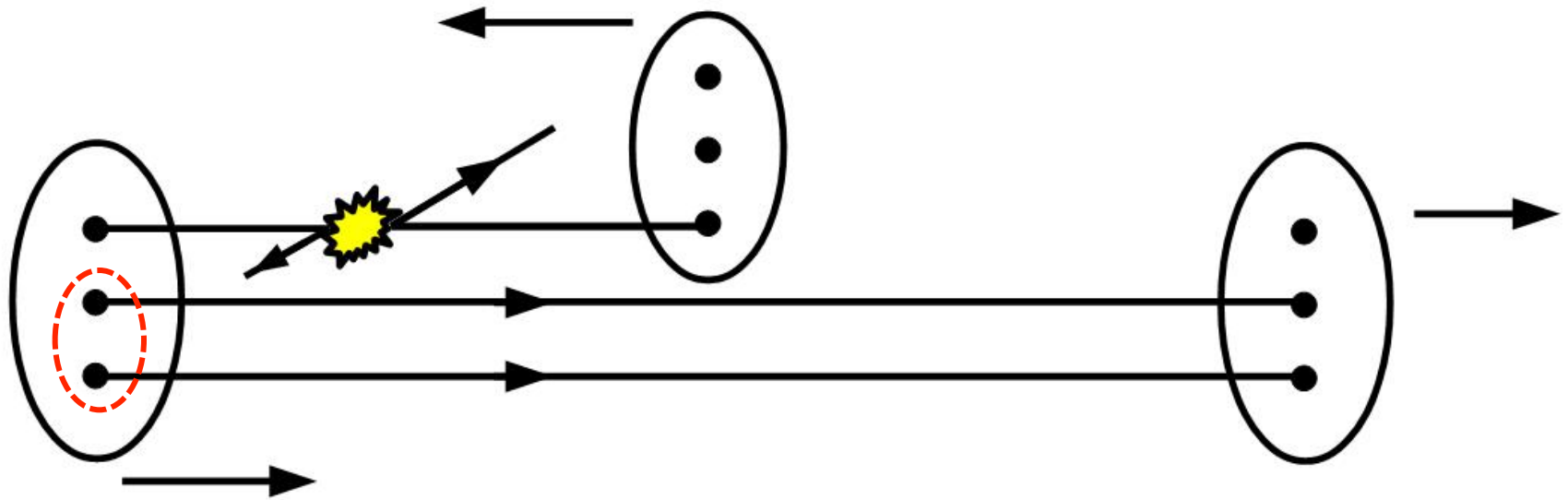


Brenner et al., PRD (1982)



# Valence diquark fragmentation

Strikman et al., hep-ph/9604299



$$x_F \simeq 0.33$$

$$\langle x_{gluons} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\langle x_{quark} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\langle x_{di} \rangle \simeq \frac{2}{6}$$

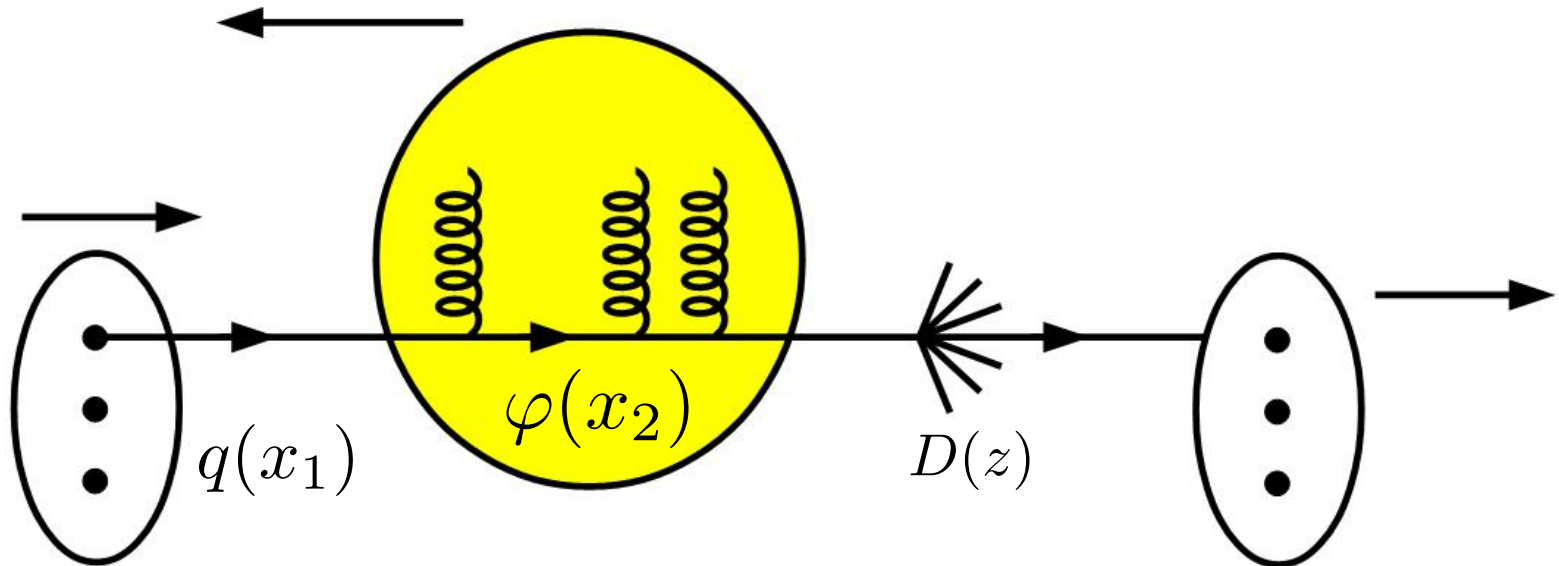


# Valence quark independent fragmentation: color glass condensate

Dumitru, Jalilian-Marian, hep-ph/0111357

Dumitru, Gerland, Strikman, hep-ph/0211342

Albacete, Kovchegov, hep-ph/0605053



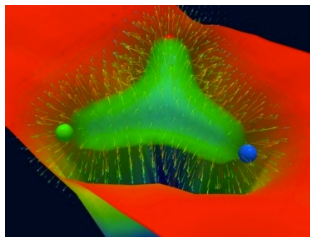
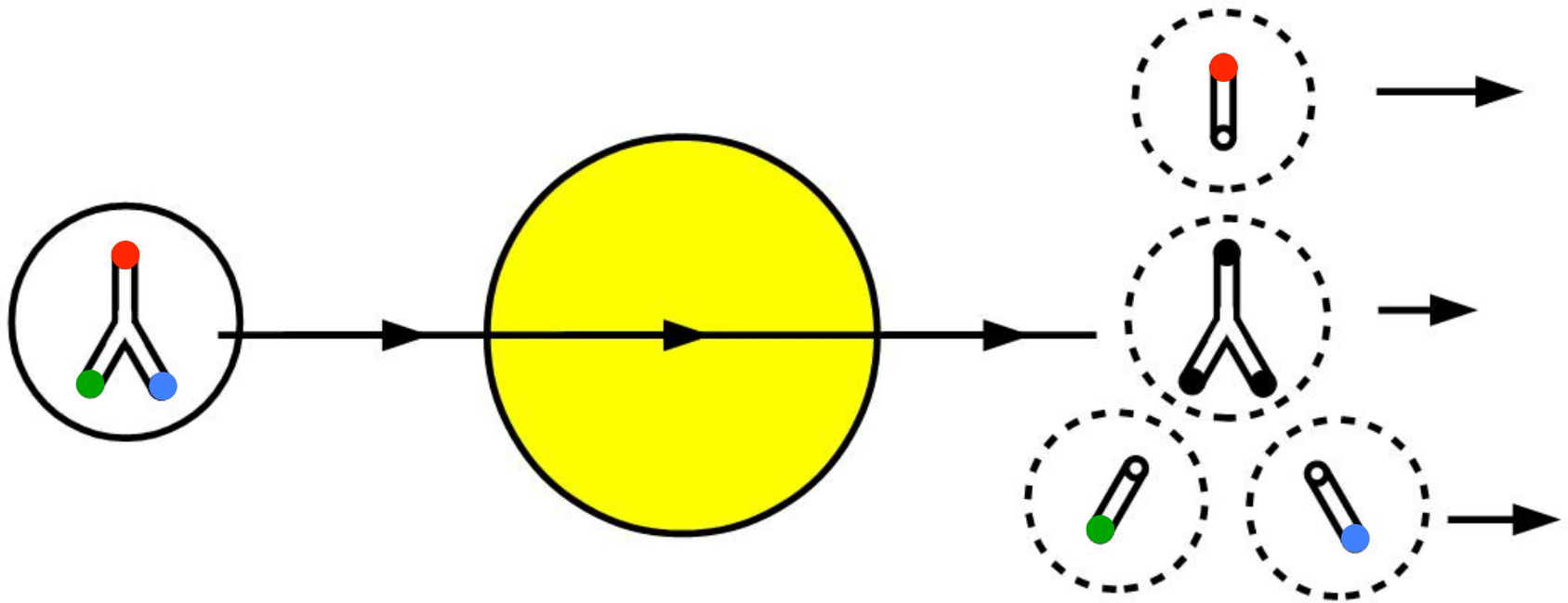
$$\langle x_{quark} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{6}$$

$$D(z) \simeq \frac{1}{z}$$

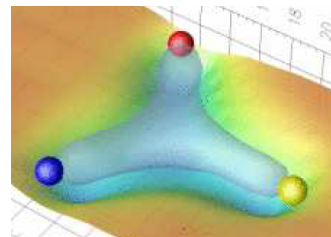
$$z = \frac{E_{baryon}}{E_{quark}} \simeq \frac{x_L}{x_1}$$

# Baryon junction excitation

Kharzeev, PLB (1996)

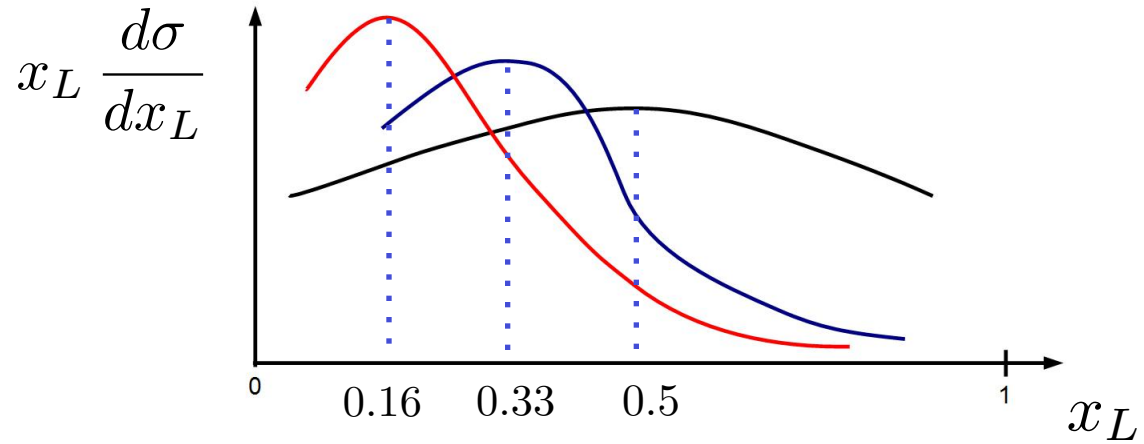


Suganuma et. al  
hep-lat/0006005  
hep-lat/0204011



Leinweber et al.  
hep-lat/0606016]

Quark fragmentation ← Diquark fragmentation ← Recombination



All this may happen at the same time...

Higher energies

more gluons

low  $x$  gluons in the target

$\langle p_T \rangle$  grows

Transverse "kick" destroys projectile coherence

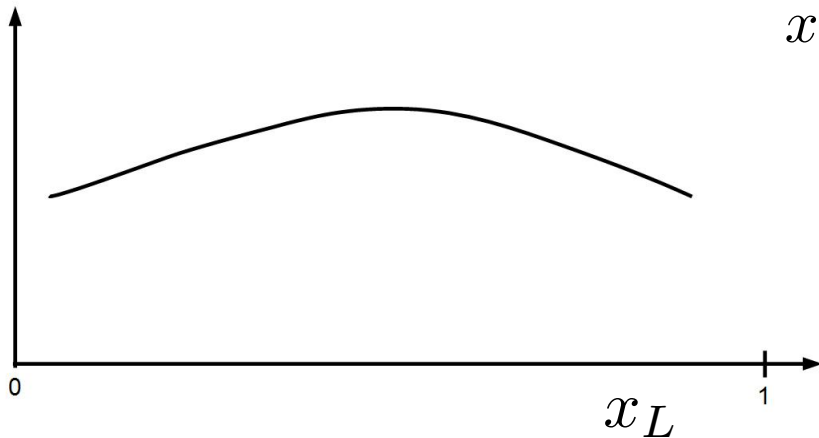
no recombination !

CGC:  
onset at  $Q_{\text{sat}}$  !

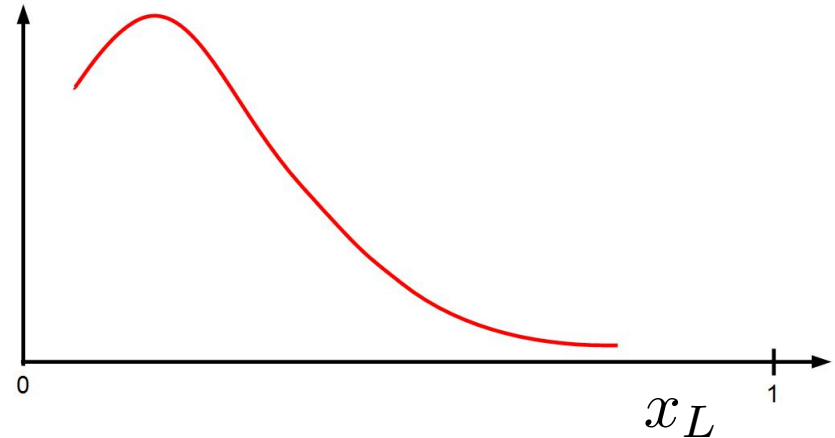
Recombination



Independent fragmentation

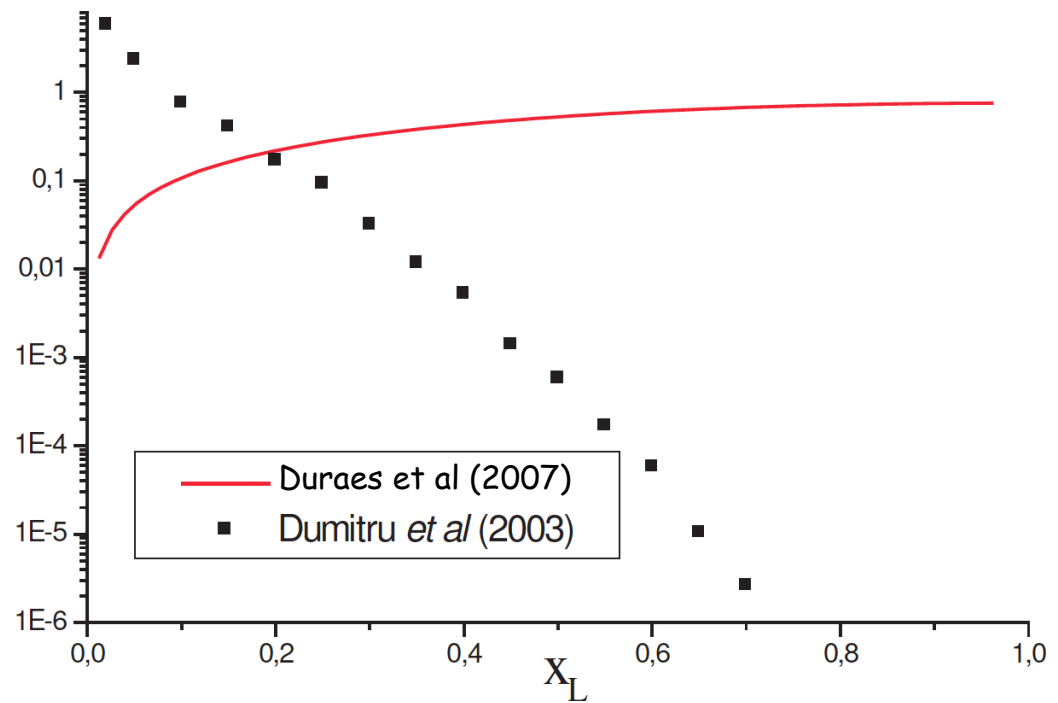
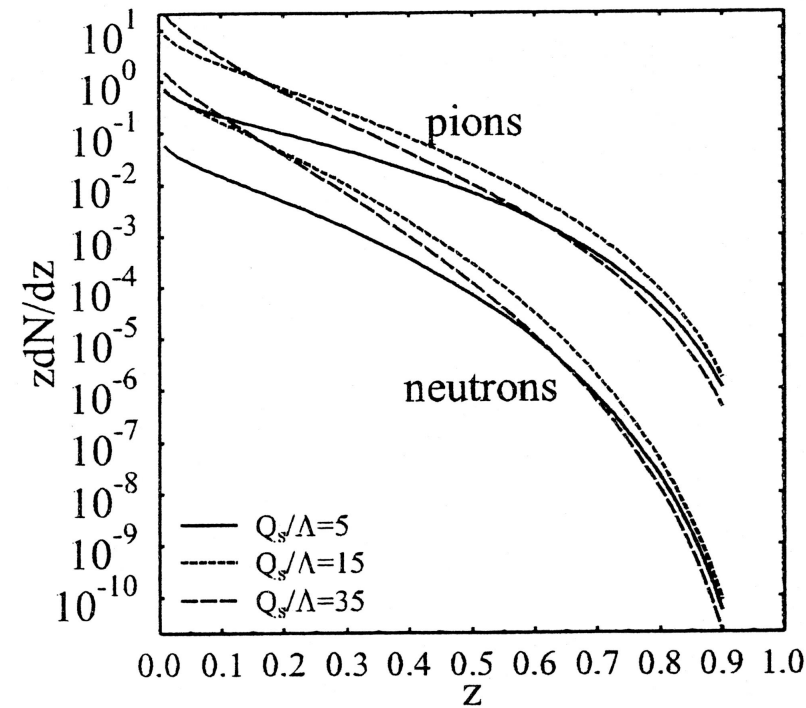


$$x_L \frac{d\sigma}{dx_L}$$



# Softening of the LP spectrum in cosmic rays

Dumitru, Gerland, Strikman, hep-ph/0211342



Large  $x_L$  : clear separation between recombination and independent fragmentation

When does the transition Rec  $\rightarrow$  Ind. Frag. occur?

Start with pp, increase the energy and use the LHCf

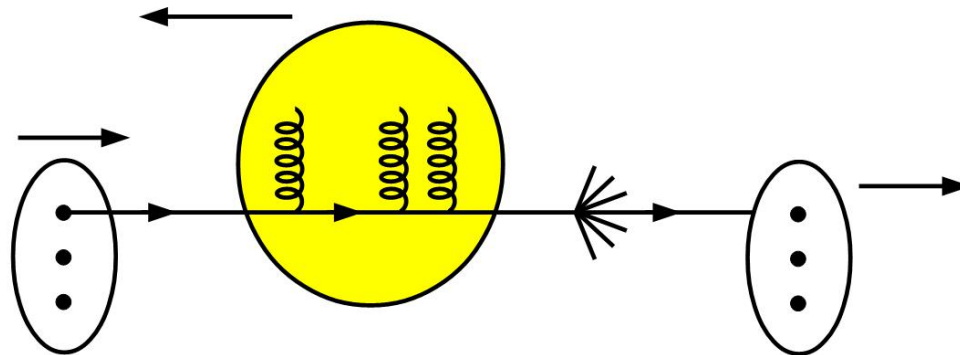
(with good particle identification)

Another way to follow the valence quarks:

Look for net-baryons in AA plus indep. frag.

# Baryon Stopping in Nuclear Collisions

CGC approach



Mehtar-Tani, Wolschin, [arXiv:1102.3134](https://arxiv.org/abs/1102.3134), [arXiv:1001.3617](https://arxiv.org/abs/1001.3617), [arXiv:0907.5444](https://arxiv.org/abs/0907.5444), [arXiv:0811.1721](https://arxiv.org/abs/0811.1721)  
Duraes, Goncalves, Giannini, FSN, [arXiv:1401.7888](https://arxiv.org/abs/1401.7888)

# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions

Valence quarks "go through"

Valence quarks are in the net baryon distribution:  $B - \bar{B}$

Not really forward production: "large  $y$ "  $\rightarrow$  medium to small  $x_F$

$$x_F = \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y = 4 \\ p_T = 4 \text{ GeV} \\ \sqrt{s} = 5000 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow x_F \simeq 0.04$$

CGC:  $k_T$  factorization : (hard valence quarks with no-recoil)

$$\frac{dN}{d^2p_T dy} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{x_F}^1 \frac{dz}{z^2} D(z) \frac{1}{q_T^2} x_1 q_v(x_1) \varphi(x_2, q_T) \quad \text{DJ}$$



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Valence quark distribution

$$x q_v^A(x, Q^2) = N_{\text{part}} x q_v^{\text{proton}}(x, Q^2) \quad (\text{MRST01-LO})$$

"Net baryon" fragmentation function

$$D(z) \equiv D_{\Delta B/q}(z) = D_{B/q}(z) - D_{\bar{B}/q}(z)$$

$$q_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}/z$$

Unintegrated gluon distribution

$$\varphi(x_2, q_T) = 2\pi q_T^2 \int r_T dr_T \mathcal{N}(x_2, r_T) J_0(r_T q_T)$$

$$x_1 = q_T e^y / \sqrt{s}$$

$$x_2 = q_T e^{-y} / \sqrt{s}$$

$$x_F = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2} e^y / \sqrt{s}$$

Dipole scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{N}(x_2, r_T)$

$$p_{T_{\text{max}}} = \sqrt{s} e^{-y}$$

## Dipole scattering amplitude

$$\mathcal{N}(x, r_T) = 1 - \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4} (r_T^2 Q_s^2) \gamma(x, r_T^2) \right]$$

Golec-Biernat - Wüsthoff (GBW):  $\gamma = 1$

$$\varphi(x_2, q_T) = 4\pi \frac{q_T^2}{Q_s^2(x_2)} \exp \left( -\frac{q_T^2}{Q_s^2(x_2)} \right)$$

$$Q_s^2 = Q_0^2 A^{1/3} \left( \frac{x_0}{x} \right)^\lambda$$

Boer - Utermann - Wessels (BUW):  $\gamma(x, r_T) = \gamma_s + (1 - \gamma_s) \frac{(\omega^a - 1)}{(\omega^a - 1) + b}$   
[arXiv:0711.4312](https://arxiv.org/abs/0711.4312)

$$\varphi(x_2, q_T) \propto \frac{1}{q_T^4}$$

Correct linear limit !

$\omega \equiv 1/(r_T Q_s(x))$   
scaling variable

# Baryon stopping

I) Mehtar-Tani, Wolschin (MTW)

GBW dipole amplitude

AKN fragmentation functions

$$D_{p-\bar{p}}(z) = N z^a (1-z)^b$$

Albino, Kniehl, Kramer, arXiv:0803.2768

Put constraints on  $\varphi$

Determine  $\lambda$

$$Q_s^2 = Q_0^2 A^{1/3} \left( \frac{x_0}{x} \right)^\lambda$$

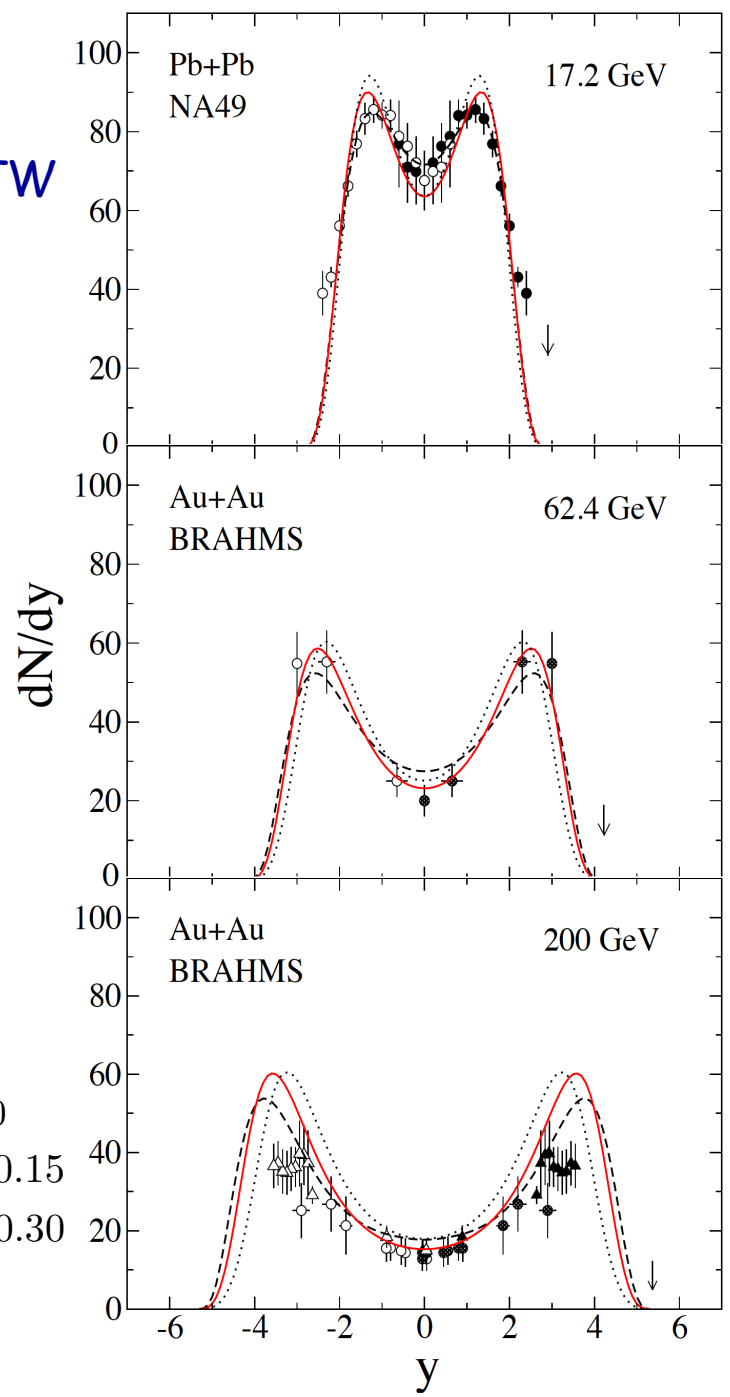
II) Duraes, Goncalves, Giannini, FSN (DGGN)

BUW dipole amplitude

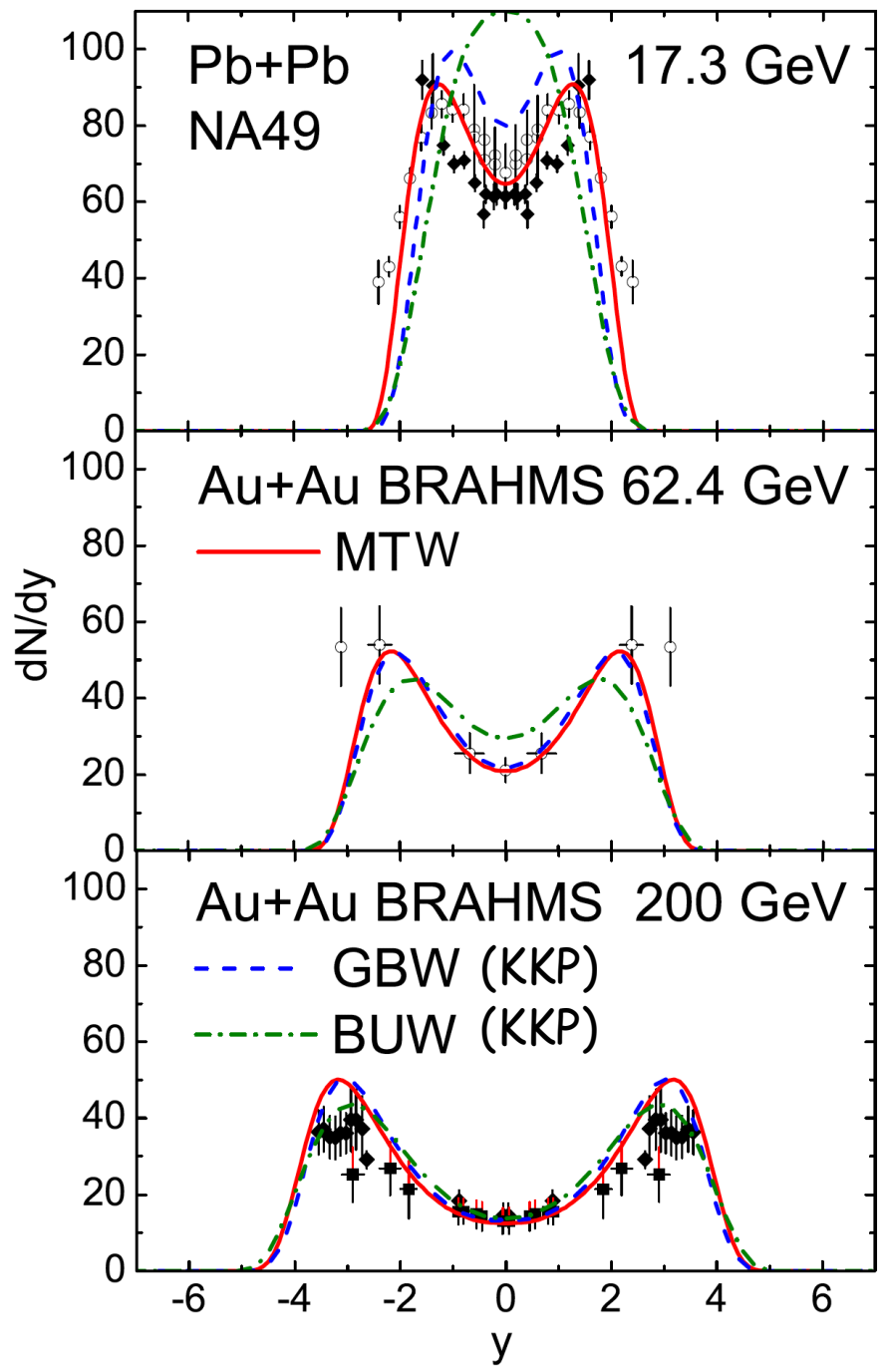
KKP fragmentation functions

# Rapidity Distributions

MTW



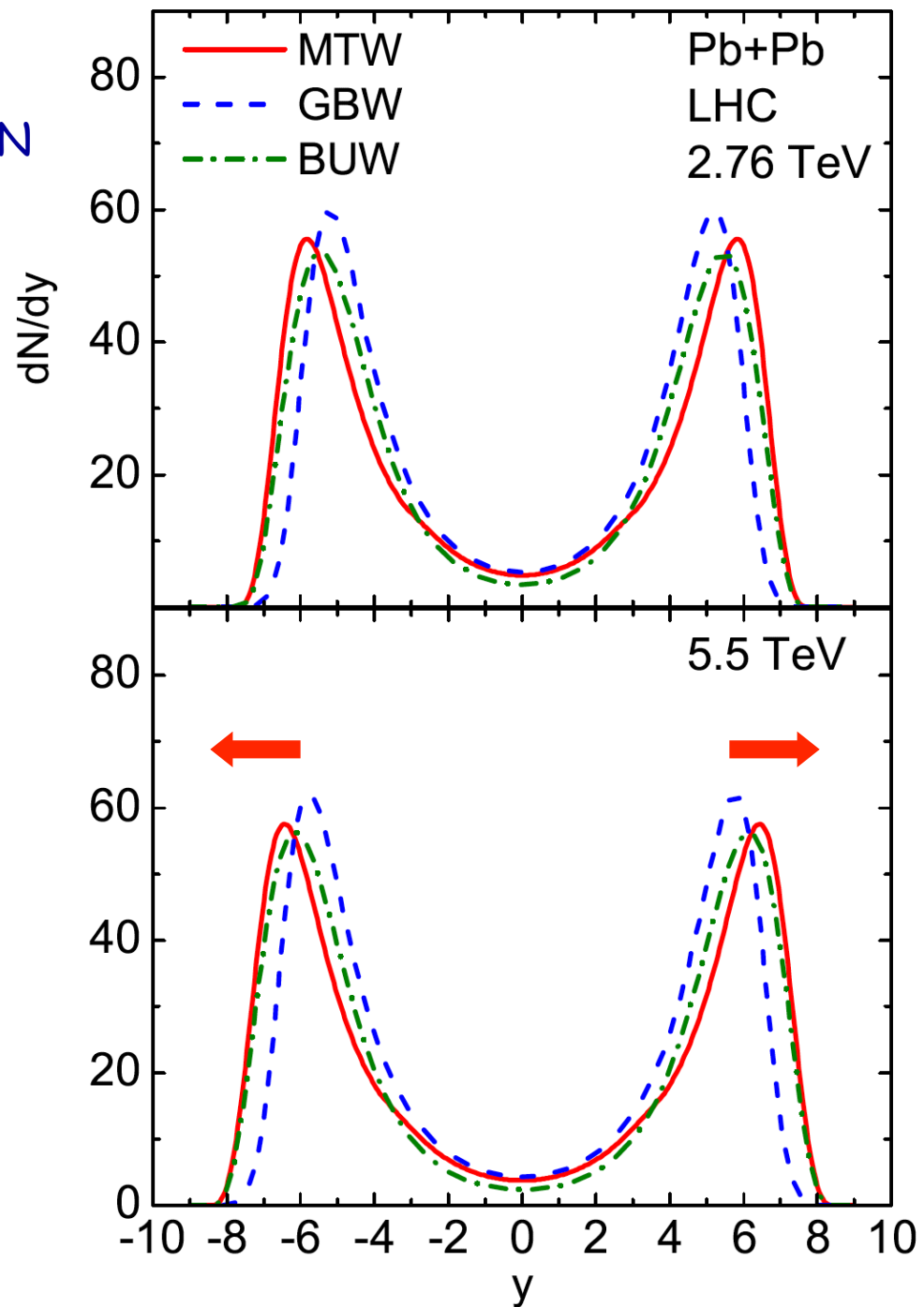
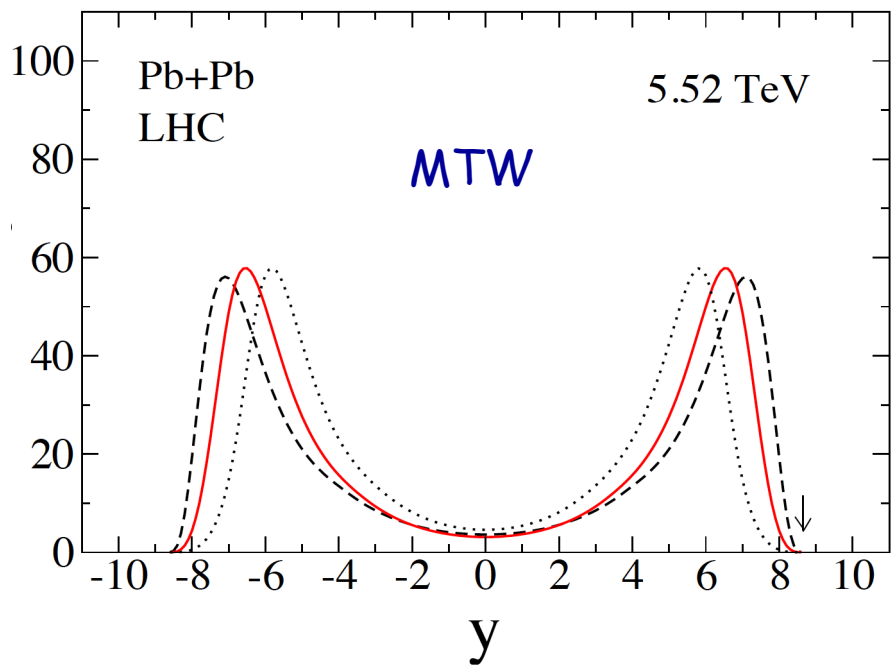
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Predictions

DGGN

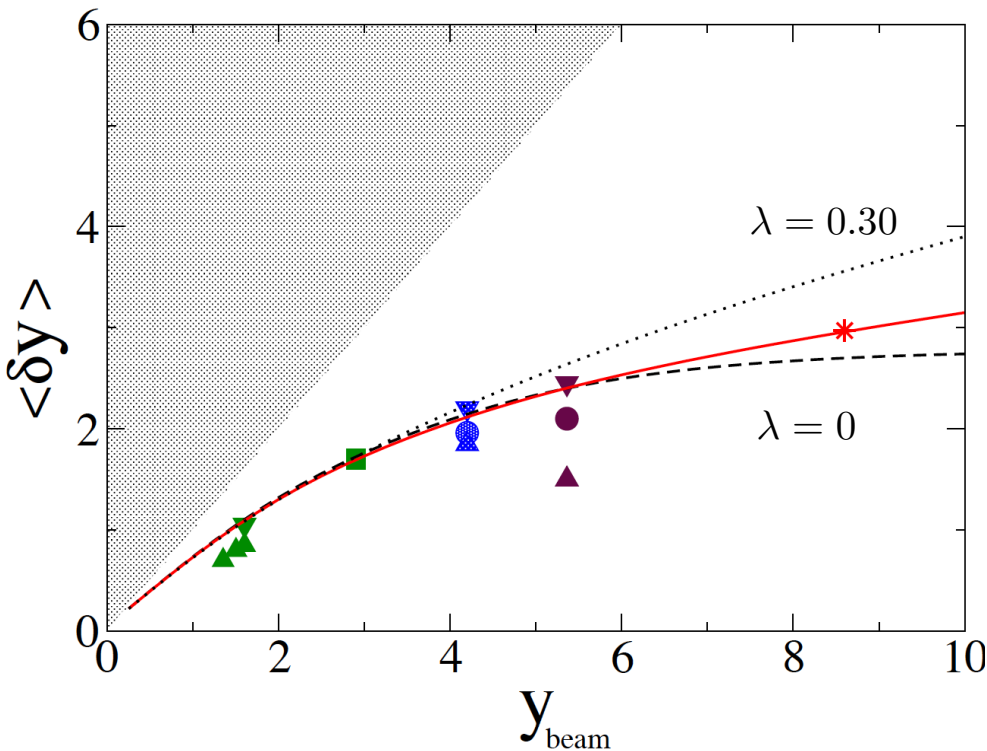
$$y_{\text{peak}} = \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \left( y_{\text{beam}} - \ln A^{1/6} \right) + \text{const}$$



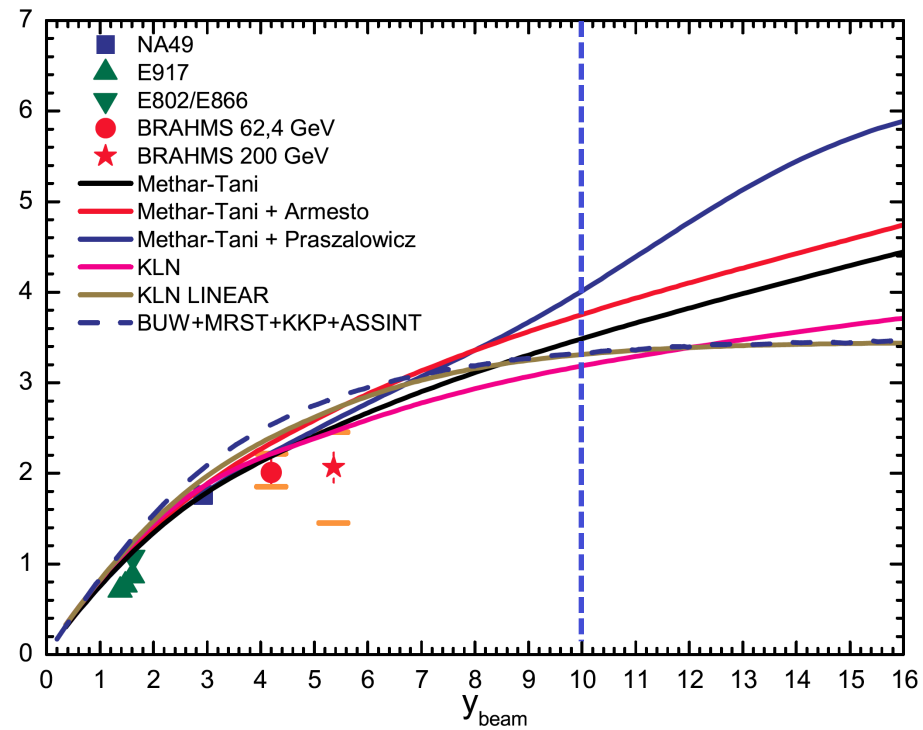
# Mean Rapidity Loss

$$\langle \delta y \rangle = y_{beam} - \frac{\int_0^{y_{beam}} dy y \frac{dN}{dy}}{\int_0^{y_{beam}} dy \frac{dN}{dy}}$$

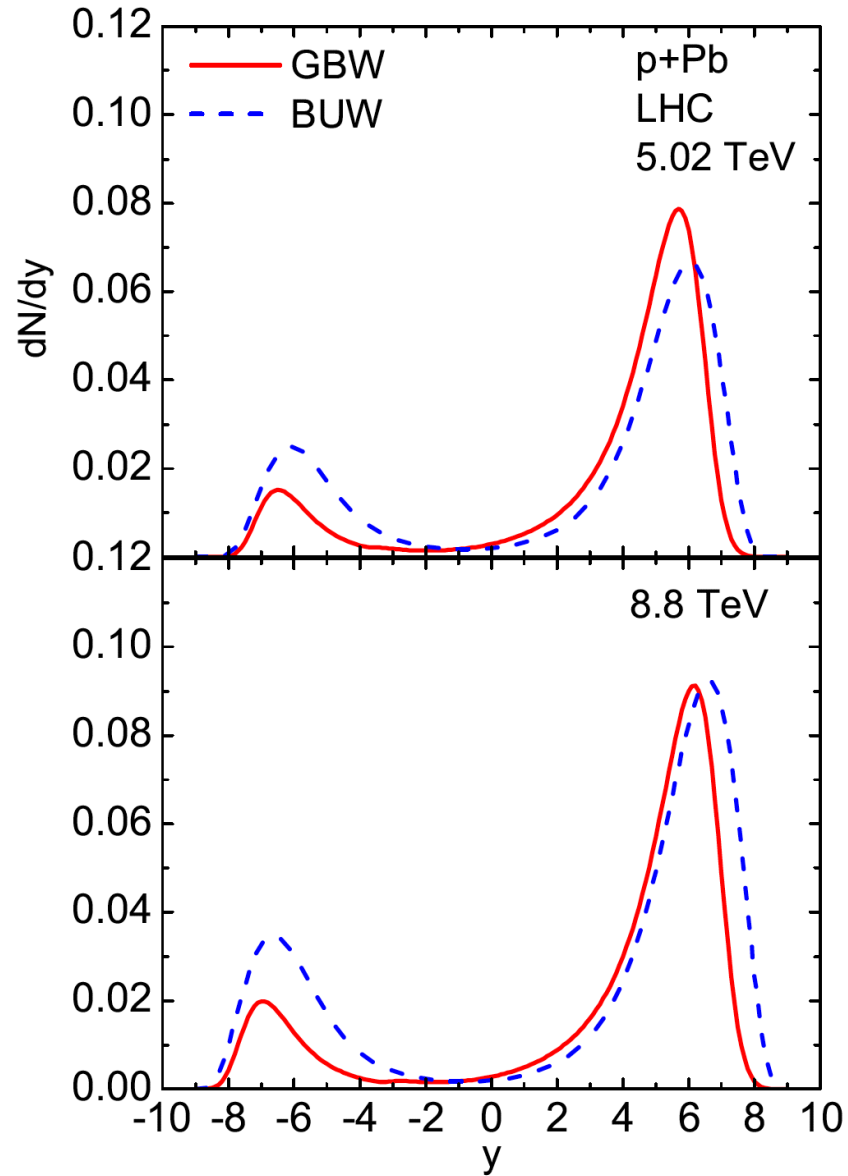
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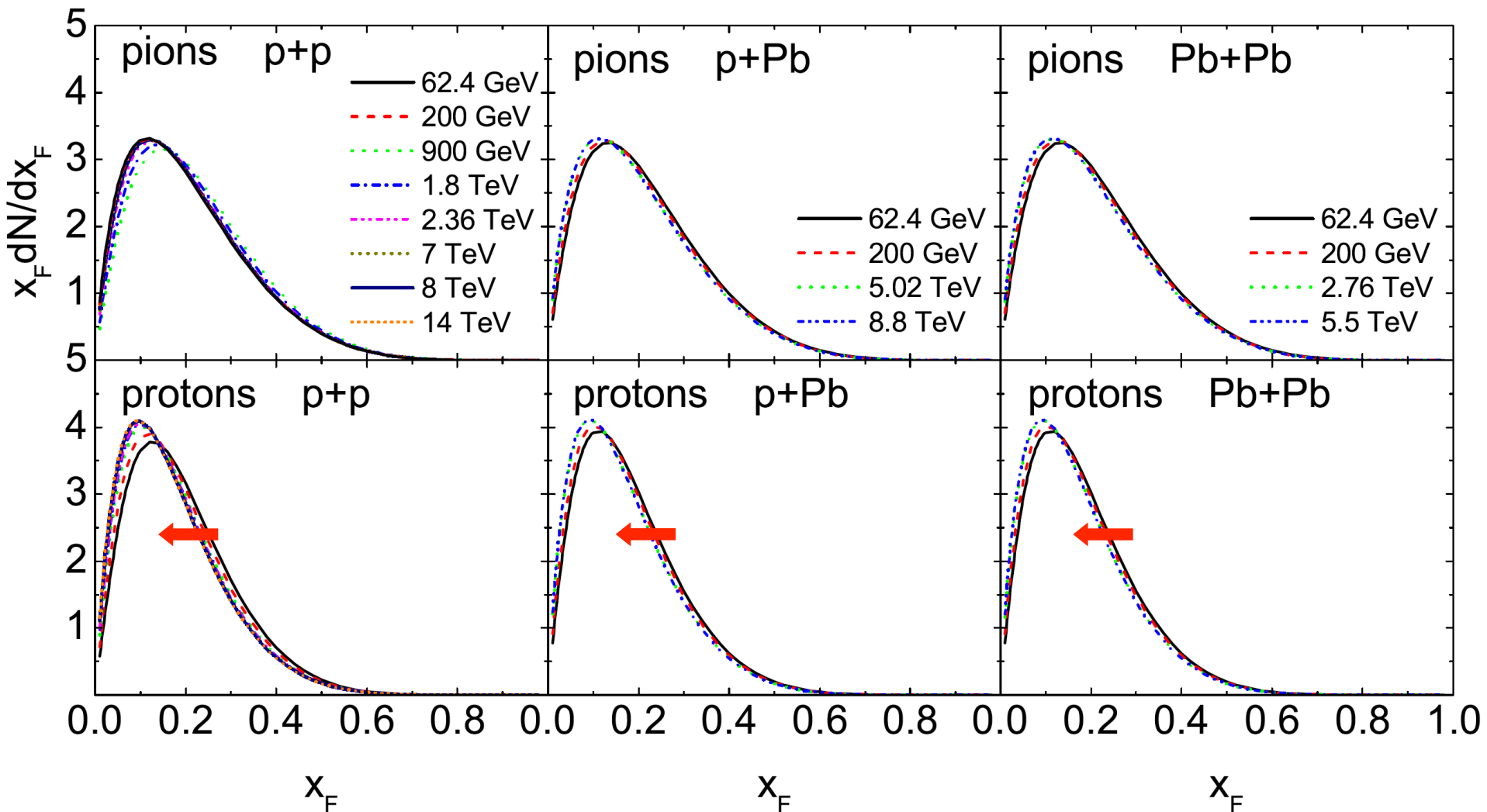
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# Proton-Nucleus

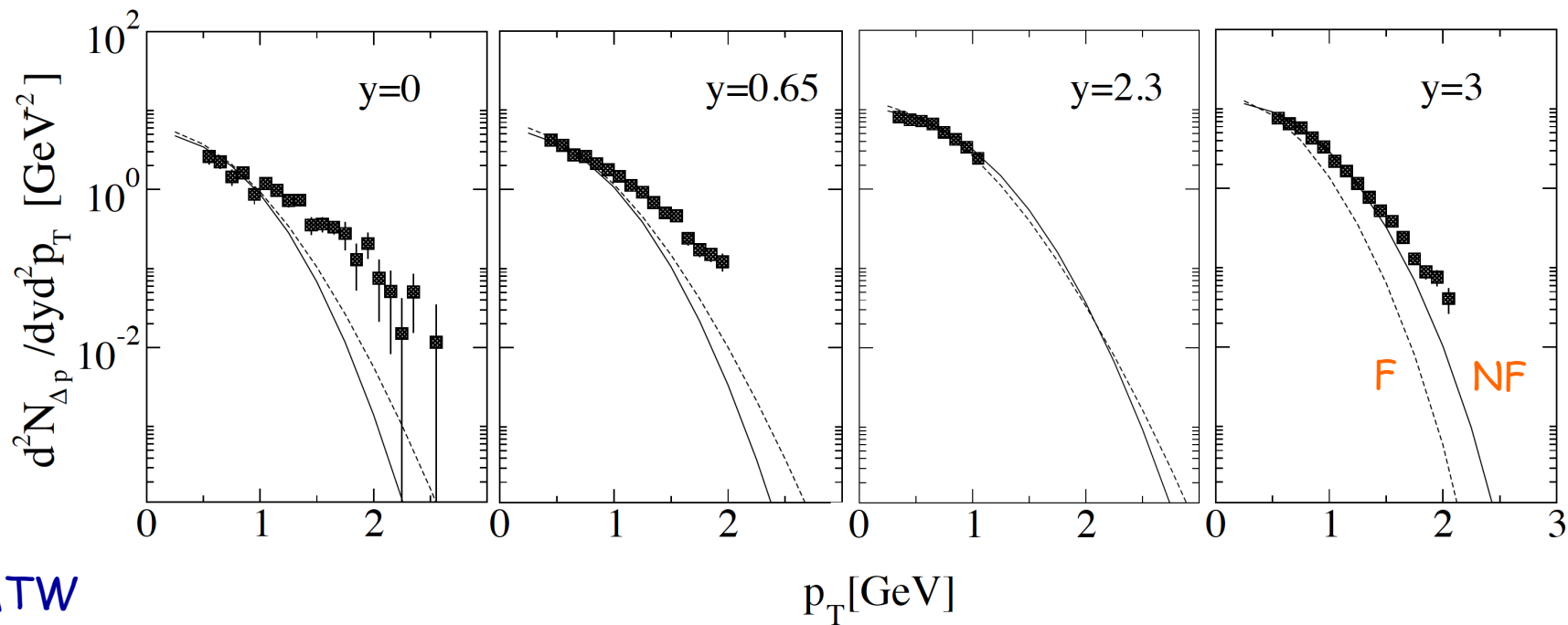




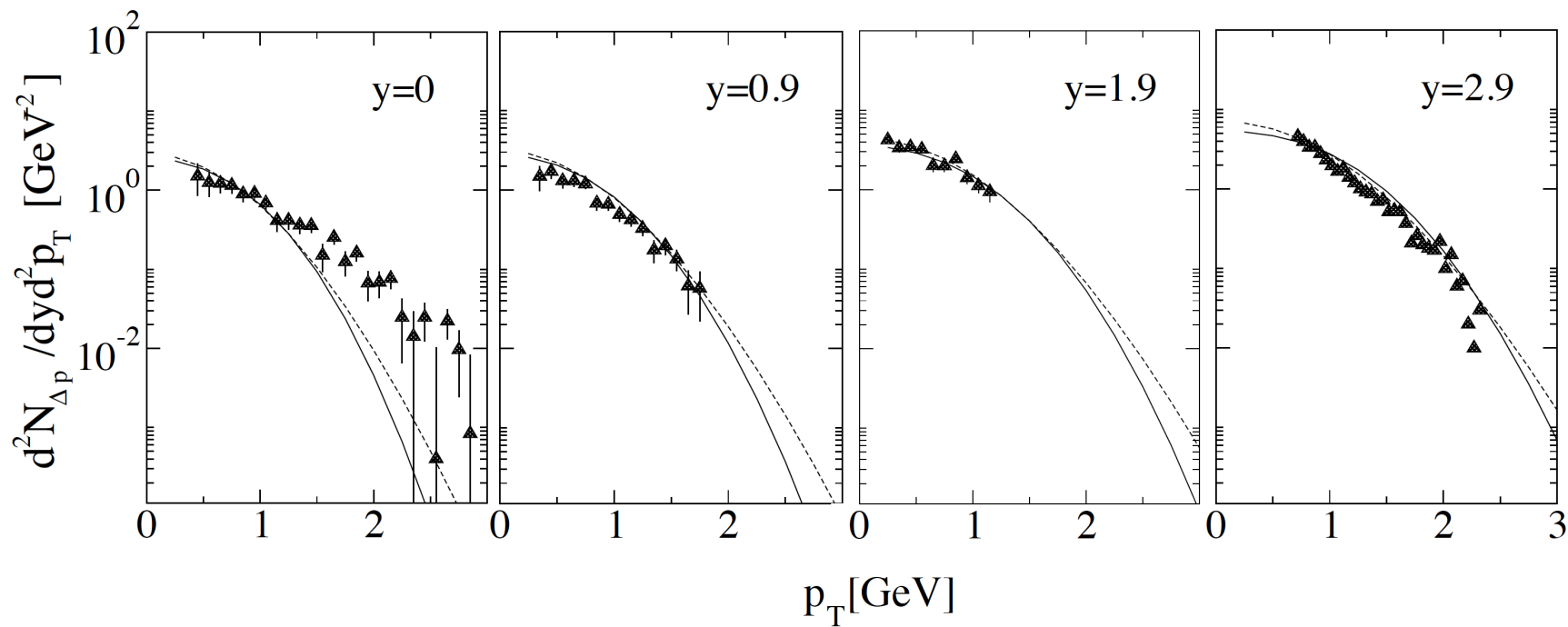


Feynman scaling ?

# Transverse Momentum Distributions



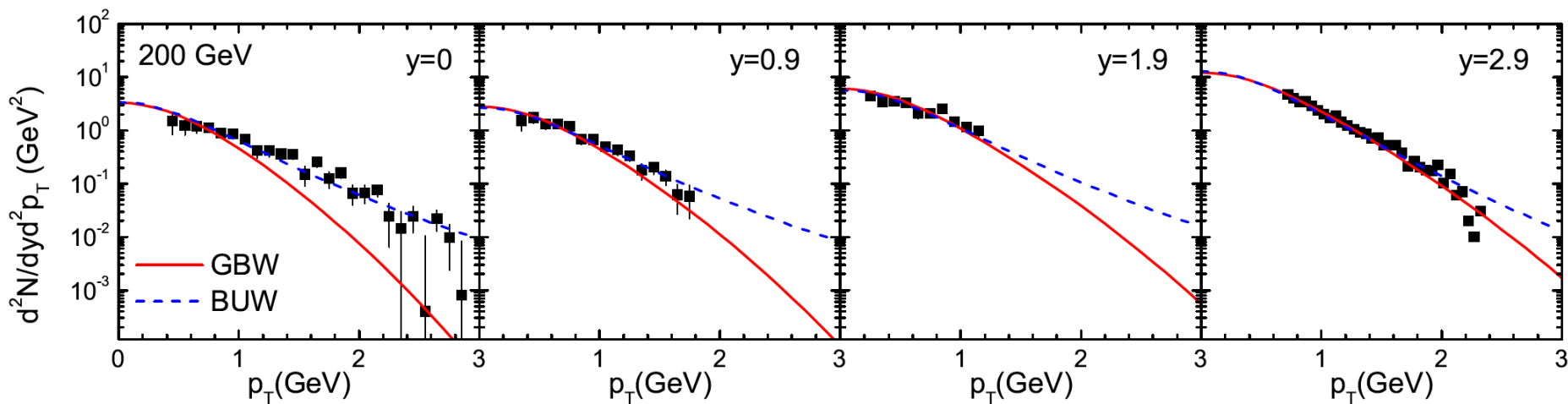
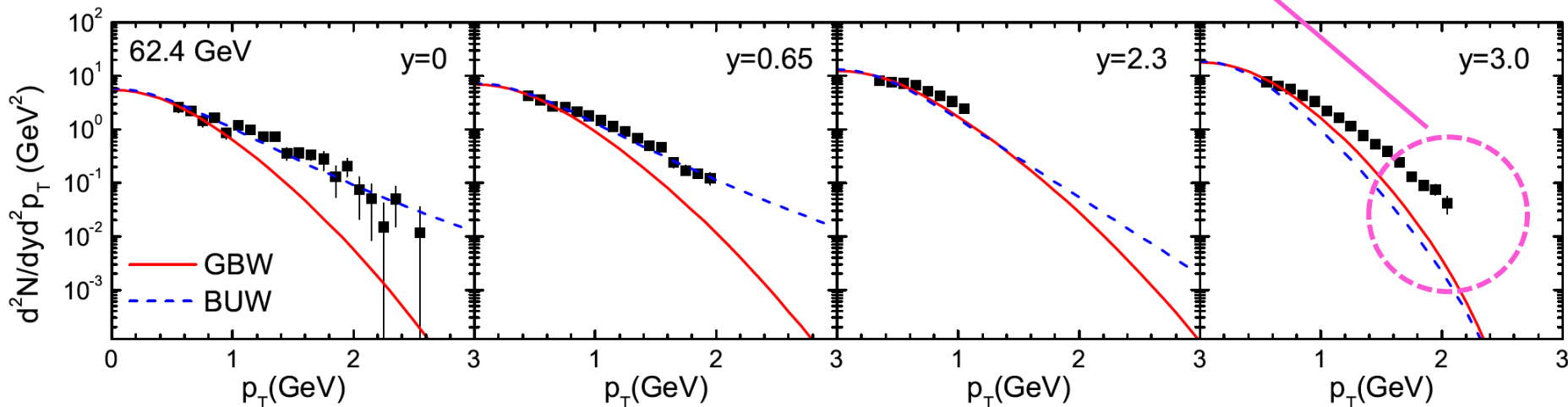
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large  $x_F$  :  
failure of independent  
fragmentation ?

$x_F \simeq 0.6$

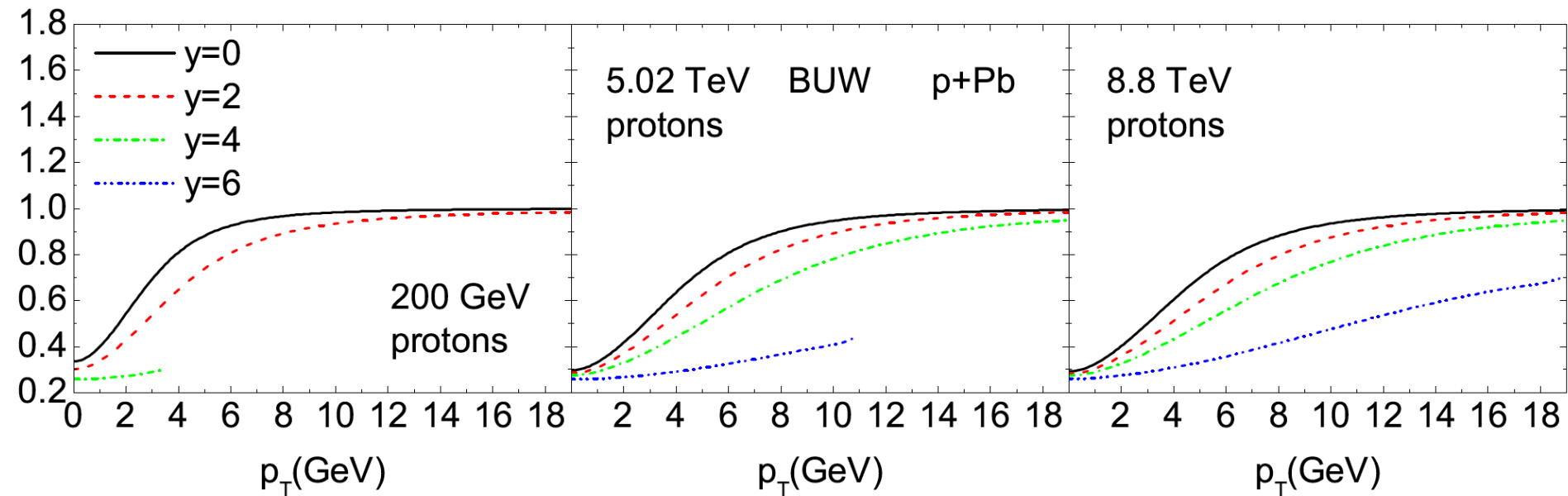


BUW works!  $\exp(-q_T^2) \rightarrow 1/q_T^4$

$$x_F = \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^y$$

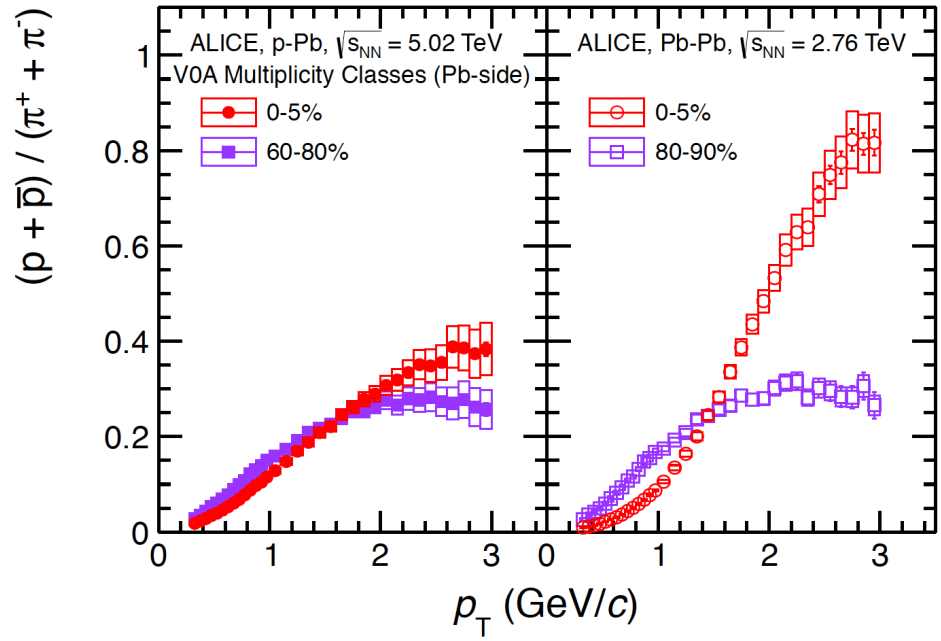
$x_F \simeq 0.2$

# Proton-Nucleus: Nuclear Modification Ratio

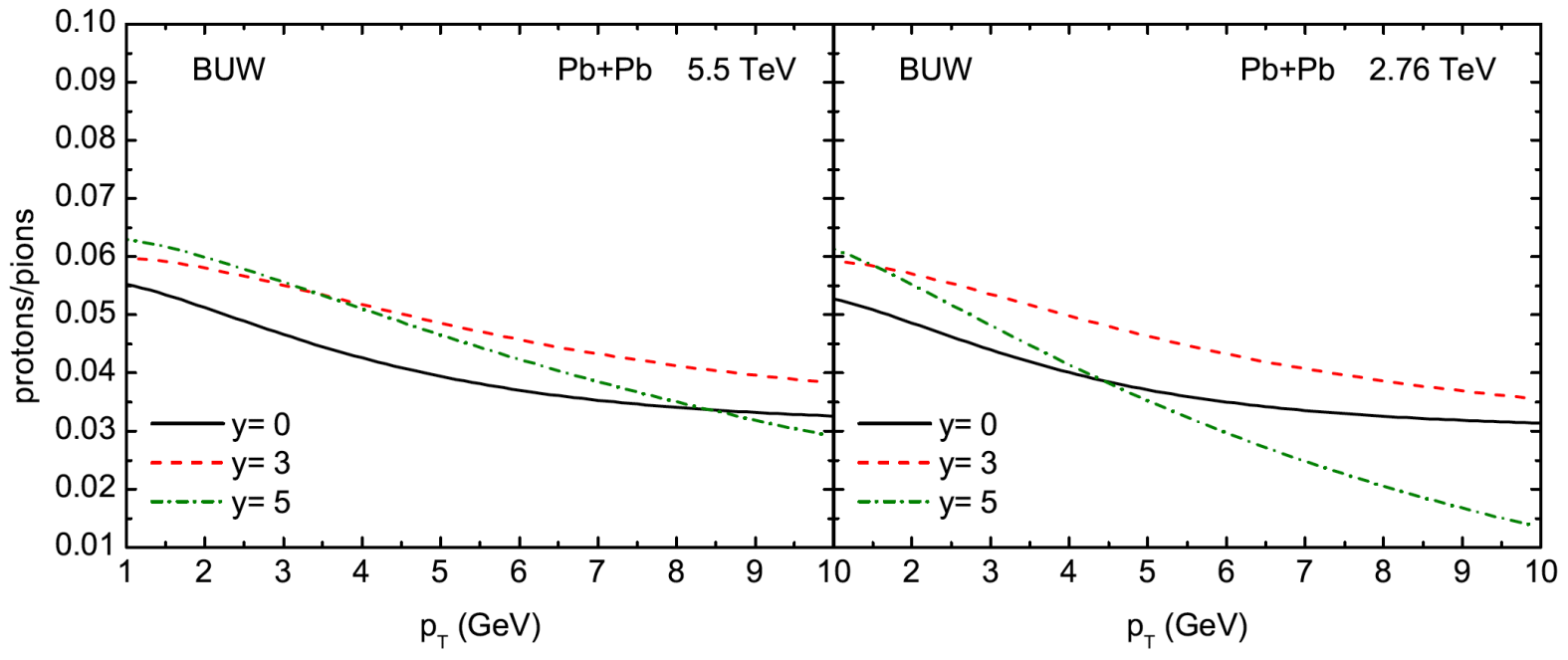


$$R_{pA} = \frac{\frac{d^2 N_{pA}}{dy d^2 p_T}}{A \frac{d^2 N_{pp}}{dy d^2 p_T}}$$

$p/\pi$   
ratio



Net-protons:  
no enhancement !



# Summary

Net baryons are interesting: they carry the valence quarks

Valence quarks probe the low gluons in the target (test for saturation)

*CGC* approach works (!) but should be improved

Transition from recombination to independent fragmentation

Forward baryon production (cosmic rays and LHCf)

DJ formula: is there energy conservation ?

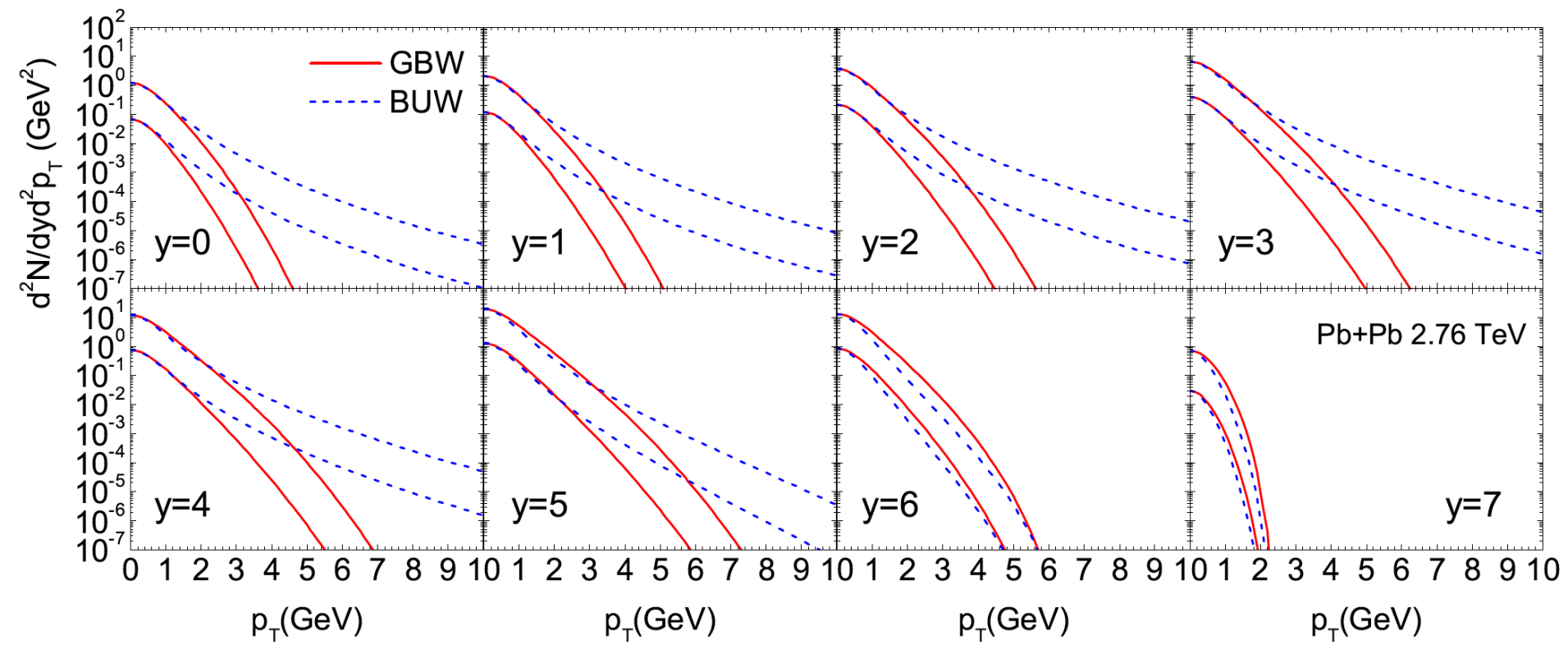
Energy loss ?

Why CGC only at high energies ?

Normalization of  $dn/dy$

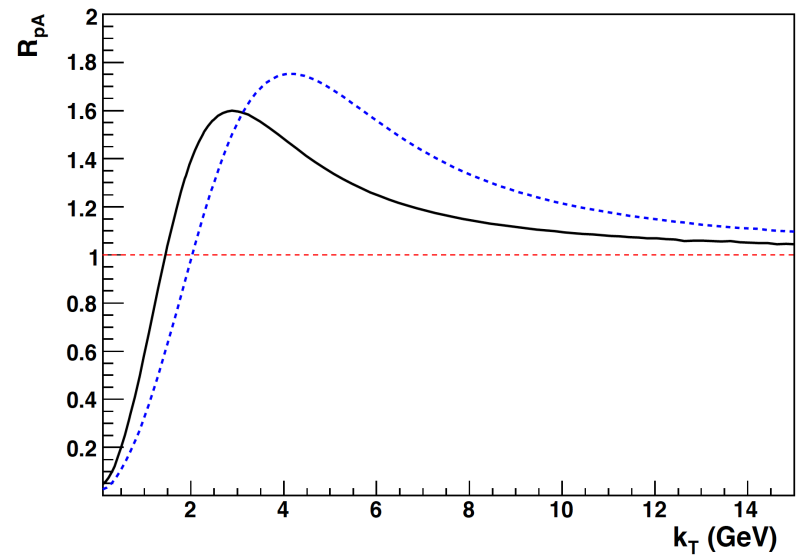
Novidade BUW (melhor porque ?)

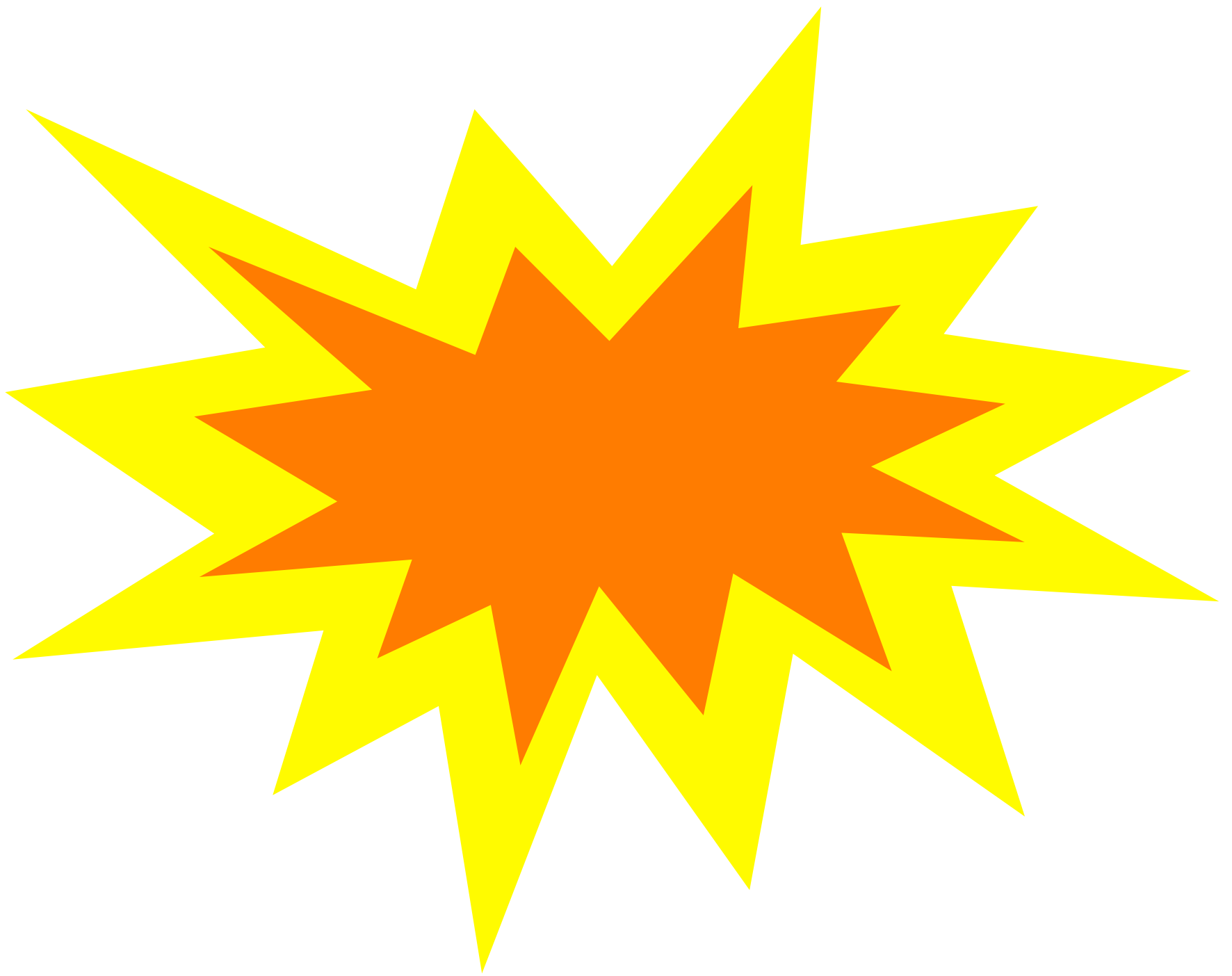


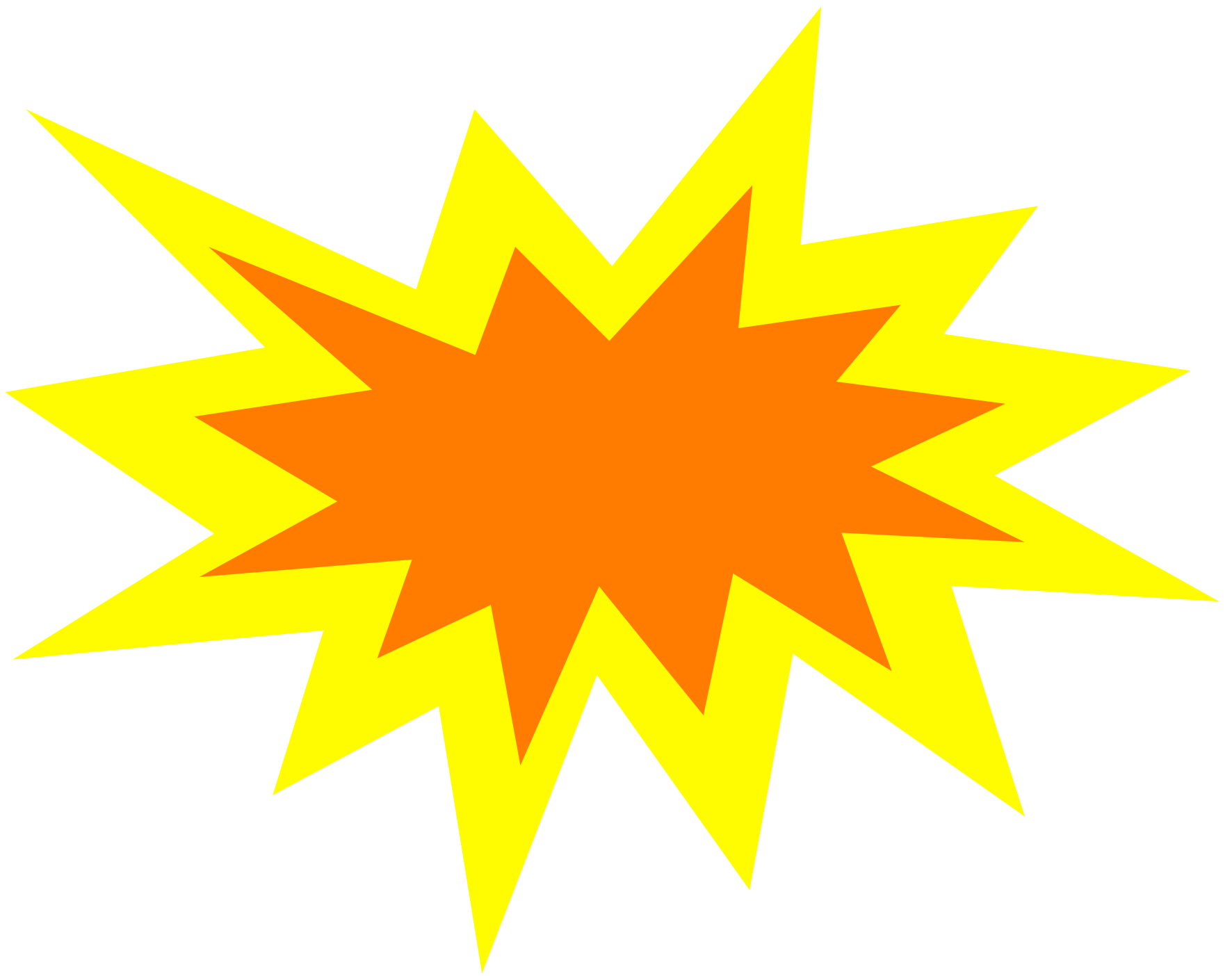


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$Y=0$   
"soft" valence quarks







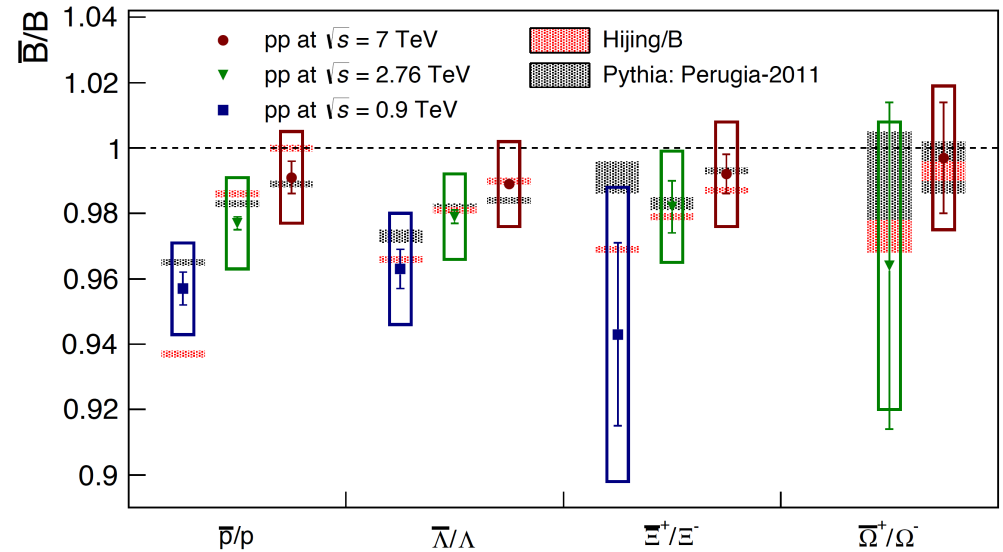
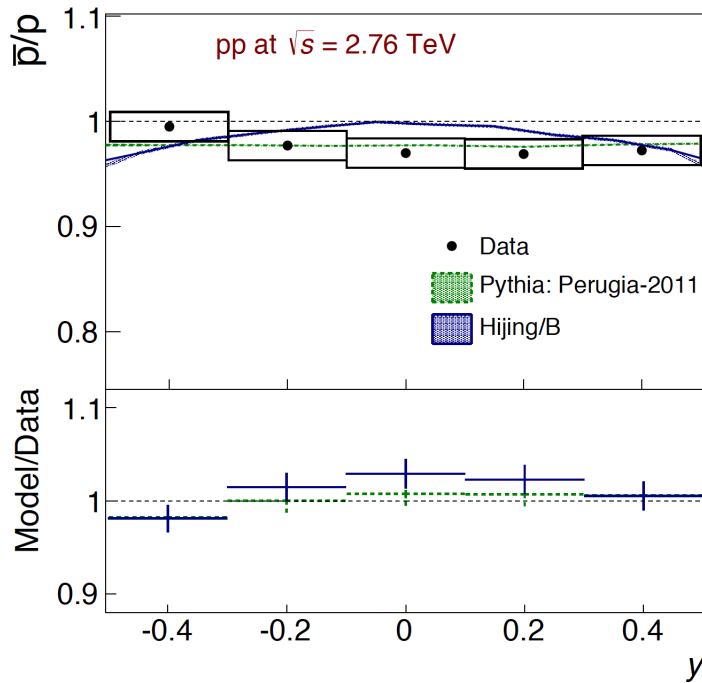
Other models for pp: strings ?

Energy loss of the valence quark ?

# Baryon production in high energy collisions:

Central region: from sea quarks and gluons

$$N_{\text{protons}} \simeq N_{\text{antiprotons}}$$



ALICE, arXiv:1305.1562

Forward region: from valence quarks ("leading baryons")

$$N_{\text{protons}} \gg N_{\text{antiprotons}}$$

# Valence quark recombination ("coalescence")

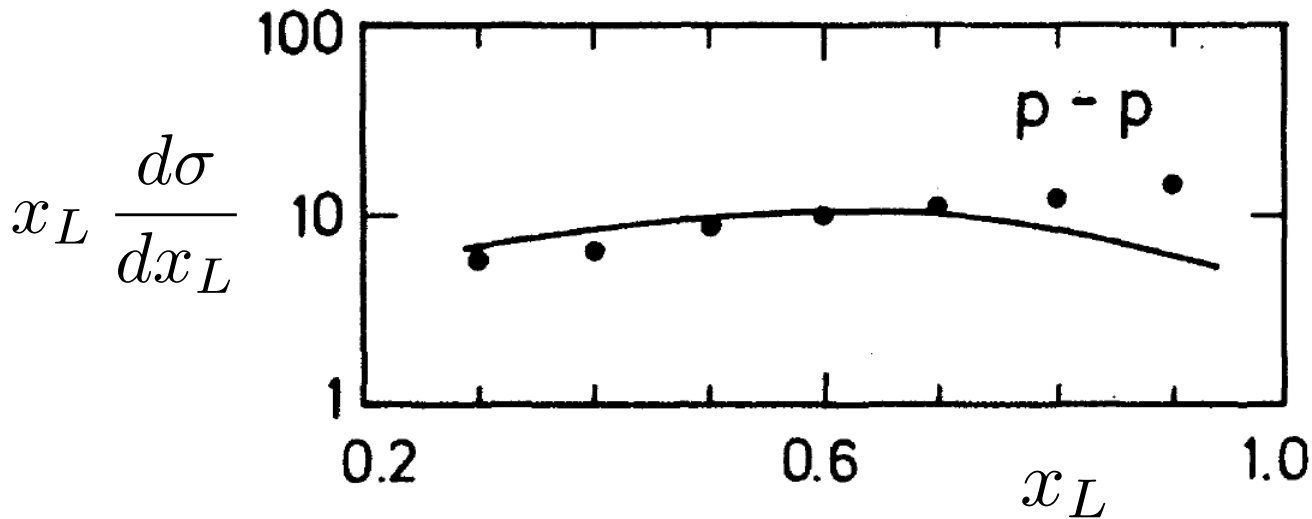
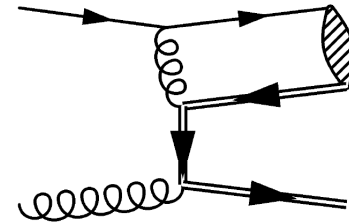
## Model for quark coalescence

Hwa, Yang, Zhong, nucl-th/0401001

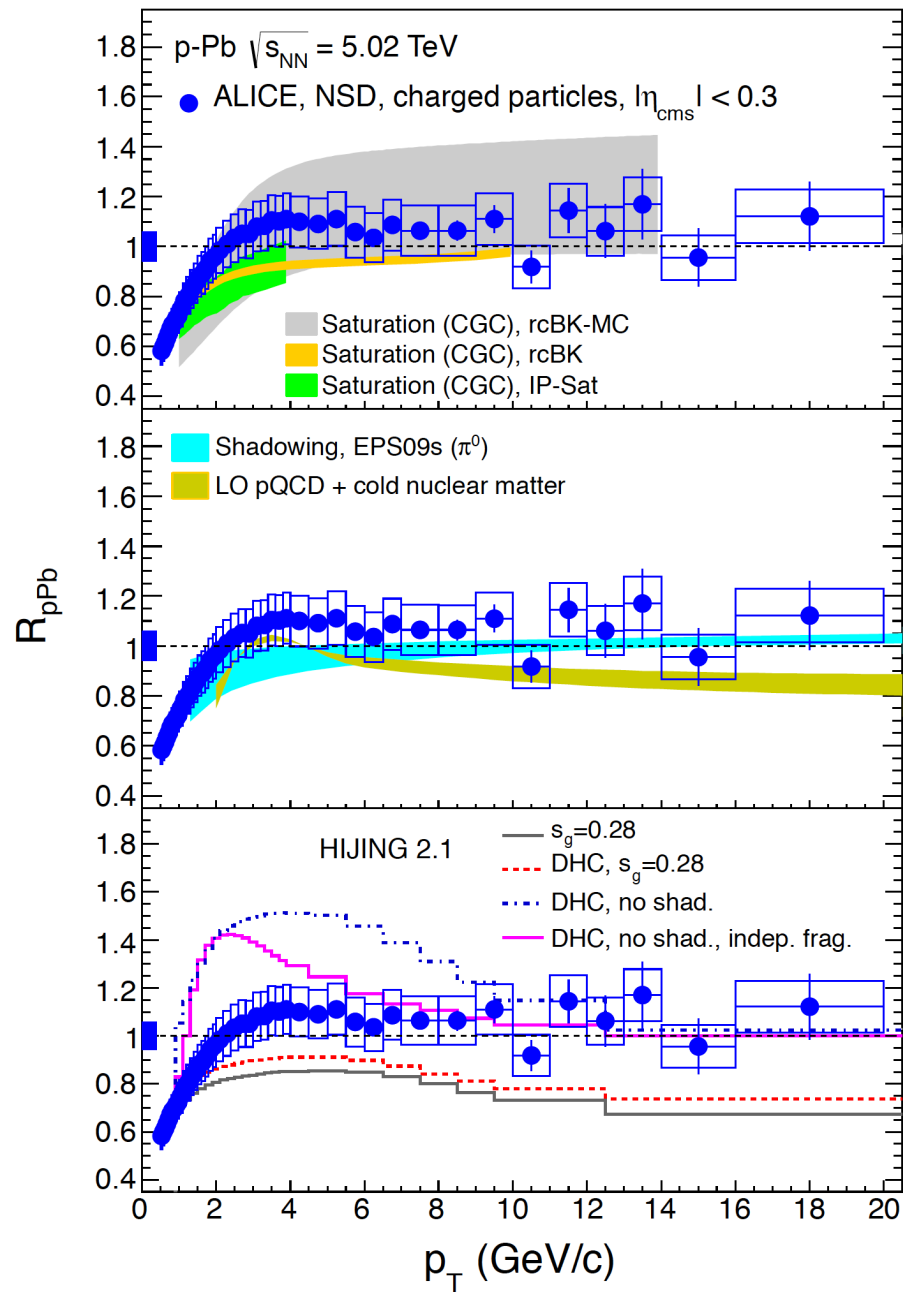
Rapp, Shuryak, hep-ph/0301245

## Effective theory for heavy quark recombination

Braaten, Jia, Mehen, hep-ph/0108201



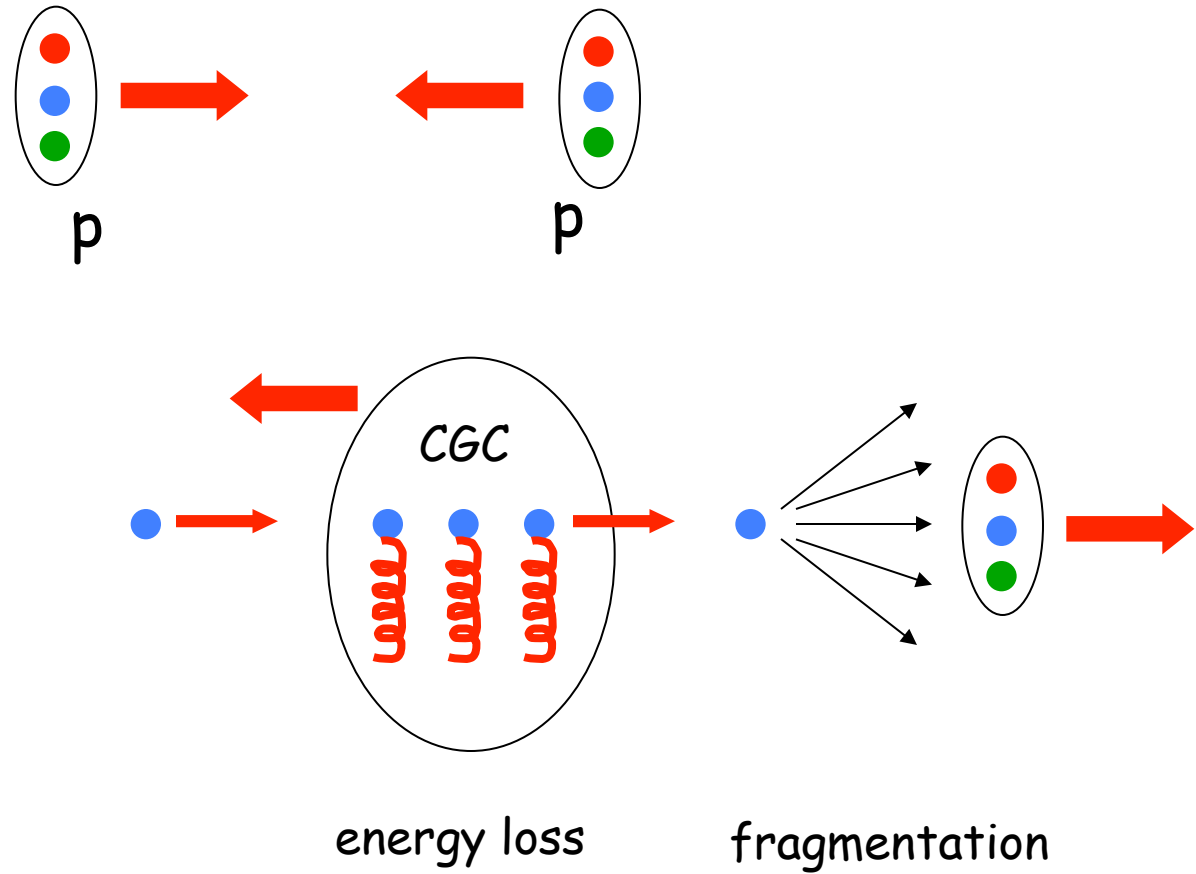
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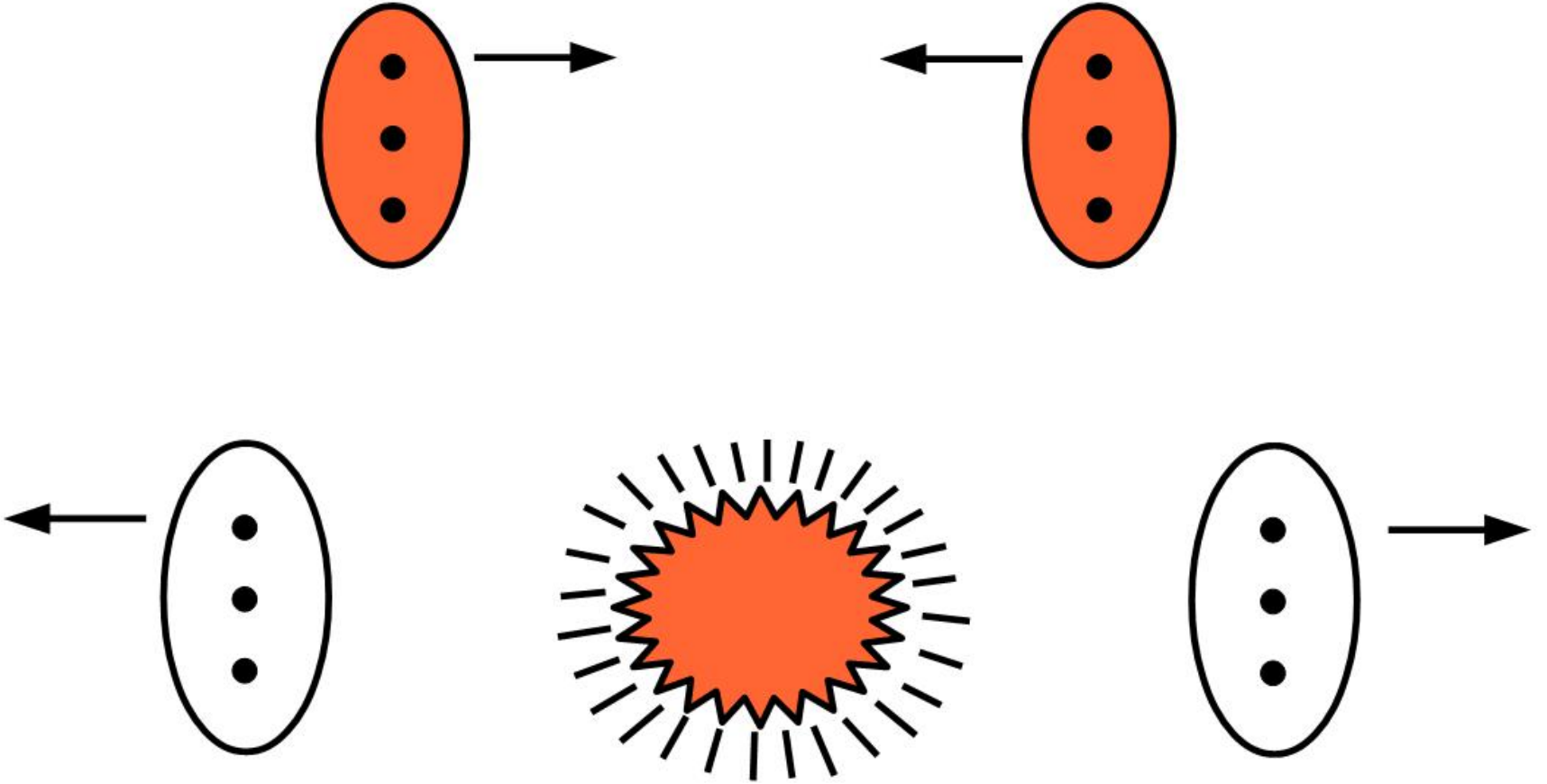


Test of *CGC* at large rapidity with heavy nuclei :  $Q_s$  is large !

# Energy loss of one valence quark + independent fragmentation

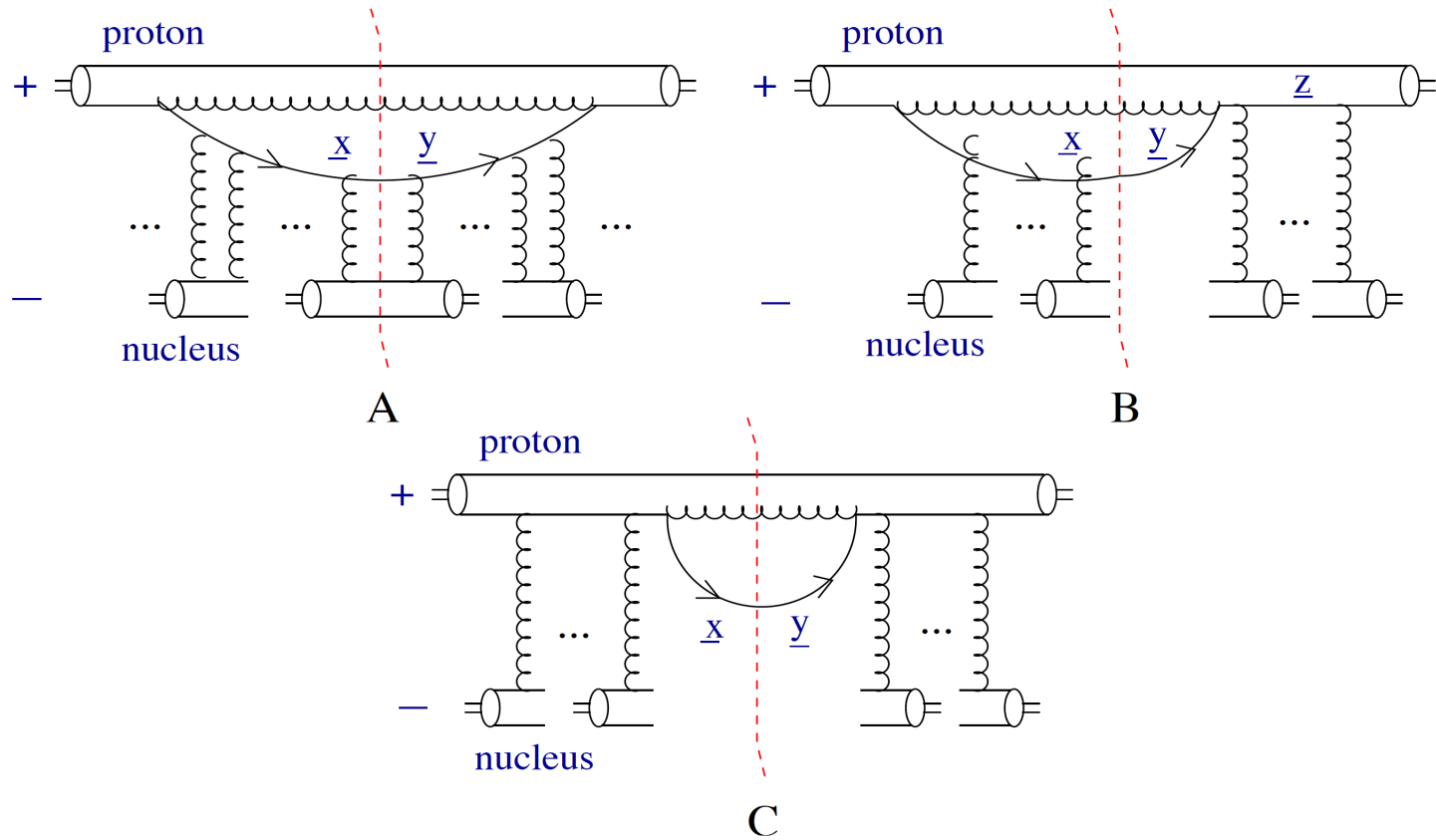


$$D(z) \approx \frac{1}{z}$$

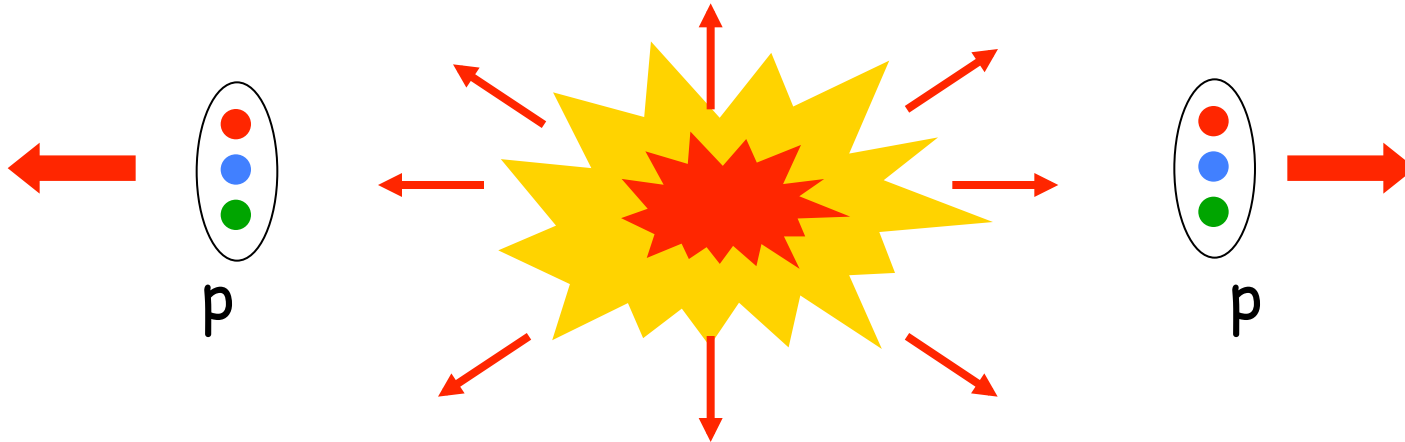


# Color glass condensate

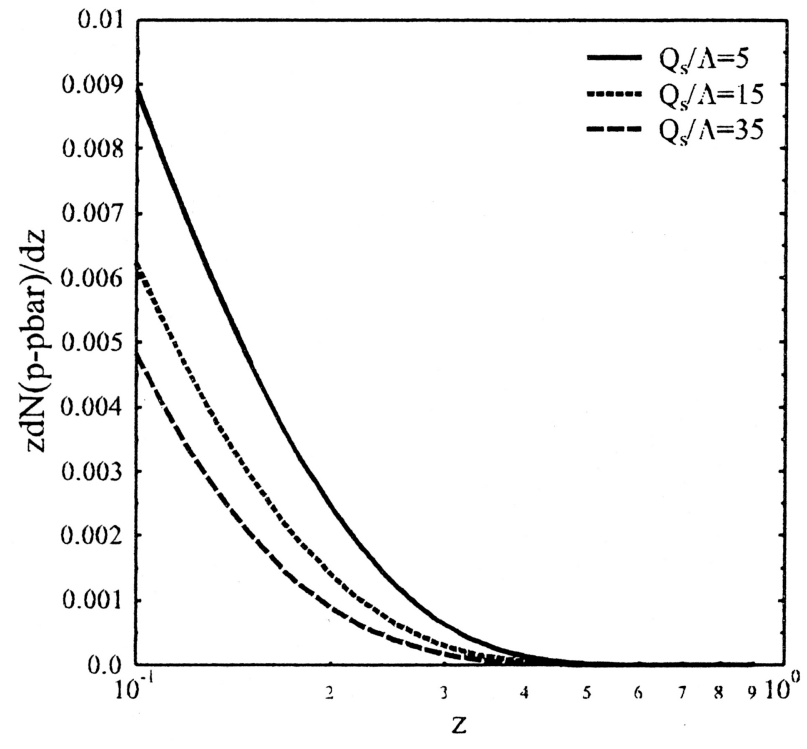
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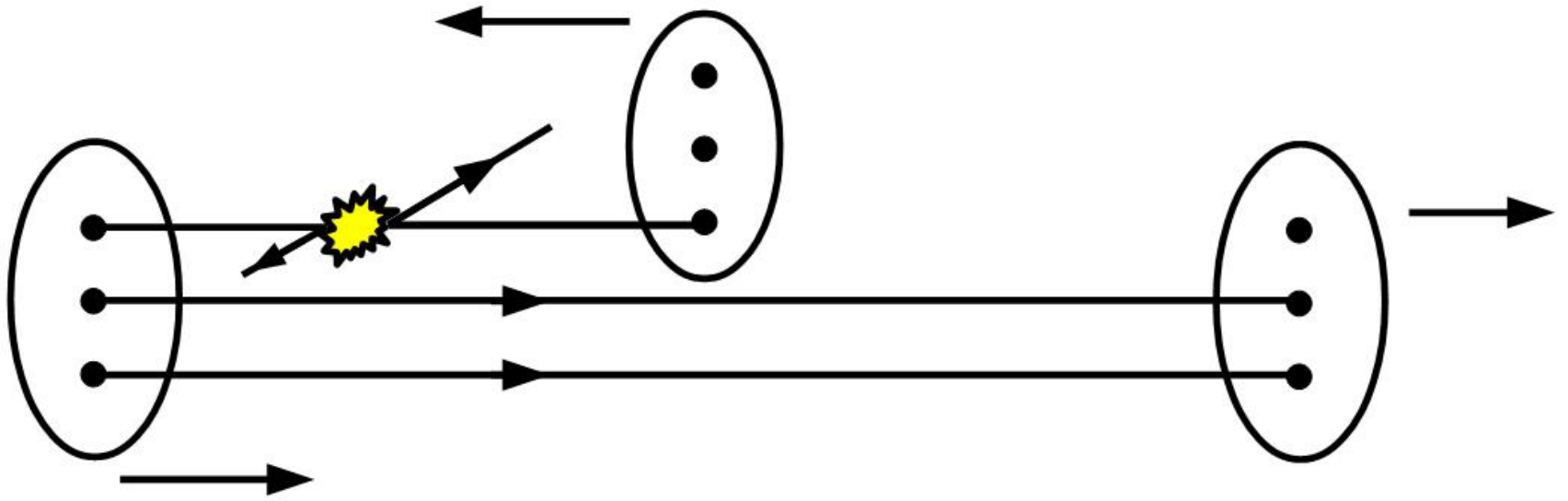
## Valence quark recombination



No strong baryon stopping: baryon “transparency”









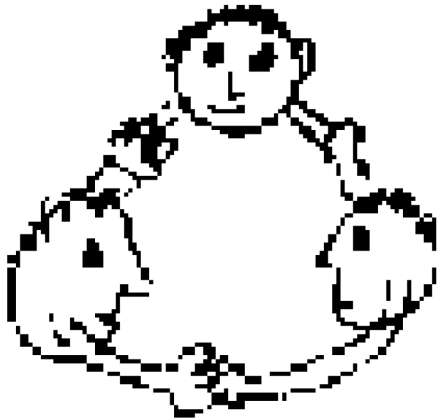




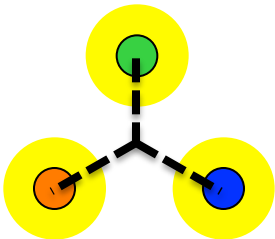


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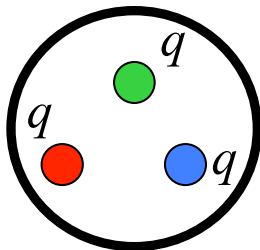
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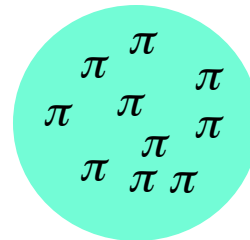
Non-relativistic  
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MIT bag model



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Chiral bag

