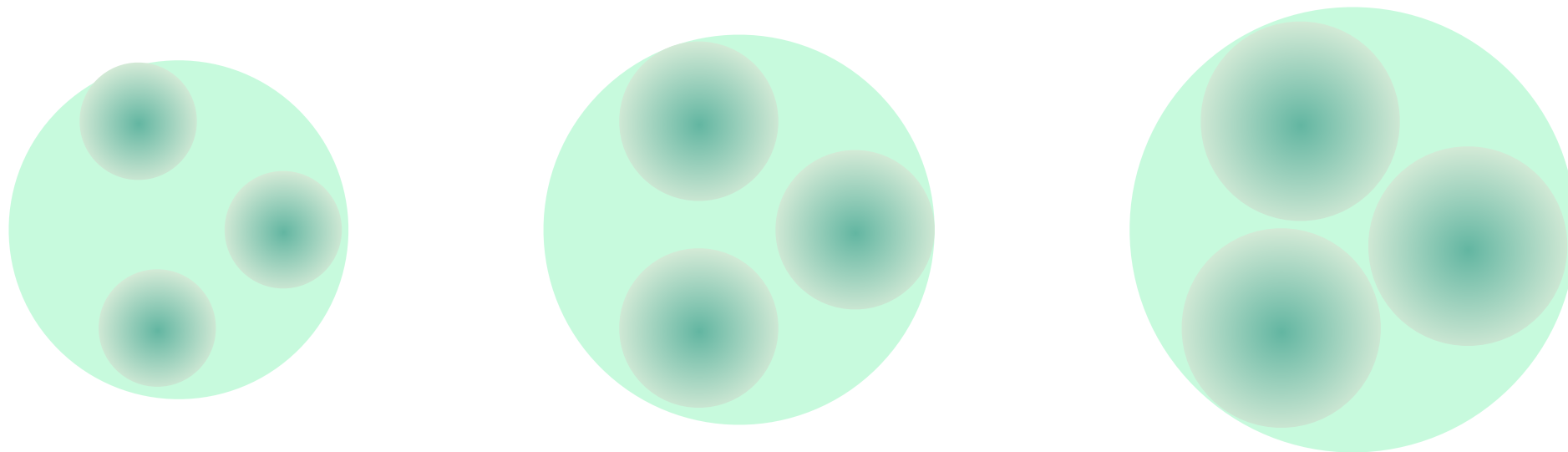


# HOT SPOTS AND THE HOLLOWNESS OF PROTON-PROTON INTERACTIONS

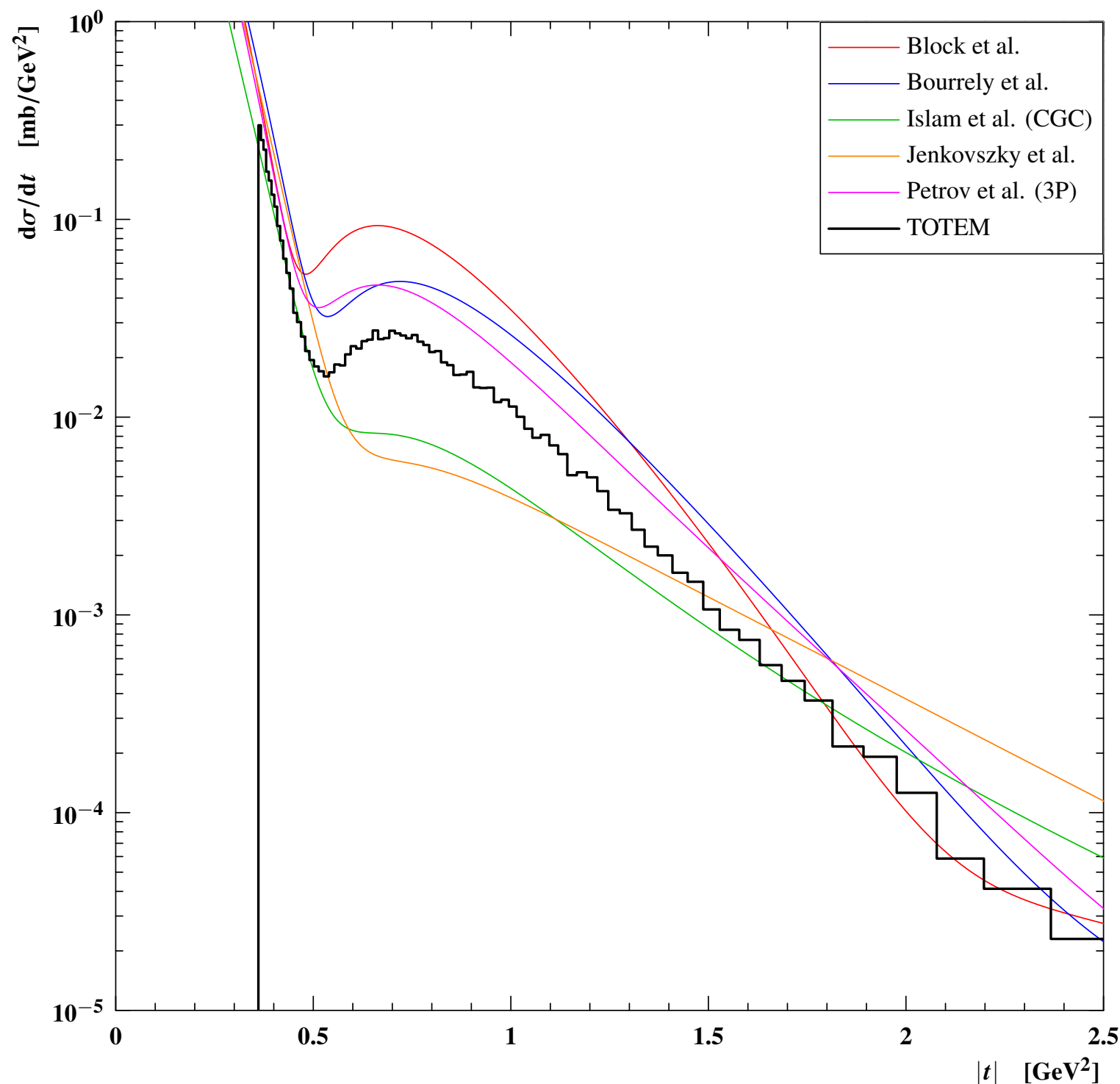


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# 1. Motivation

- TOTEM data on elastic differential cross section in *pp* collisions at 7 TeV



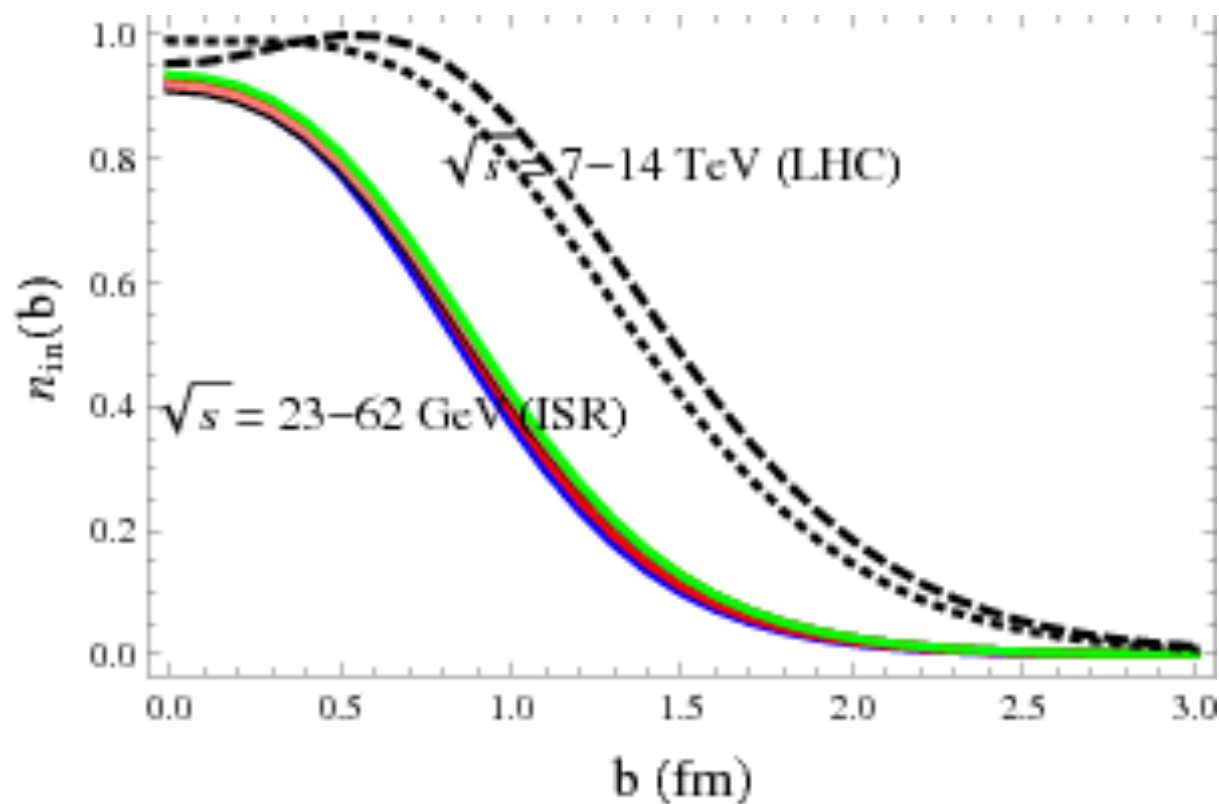
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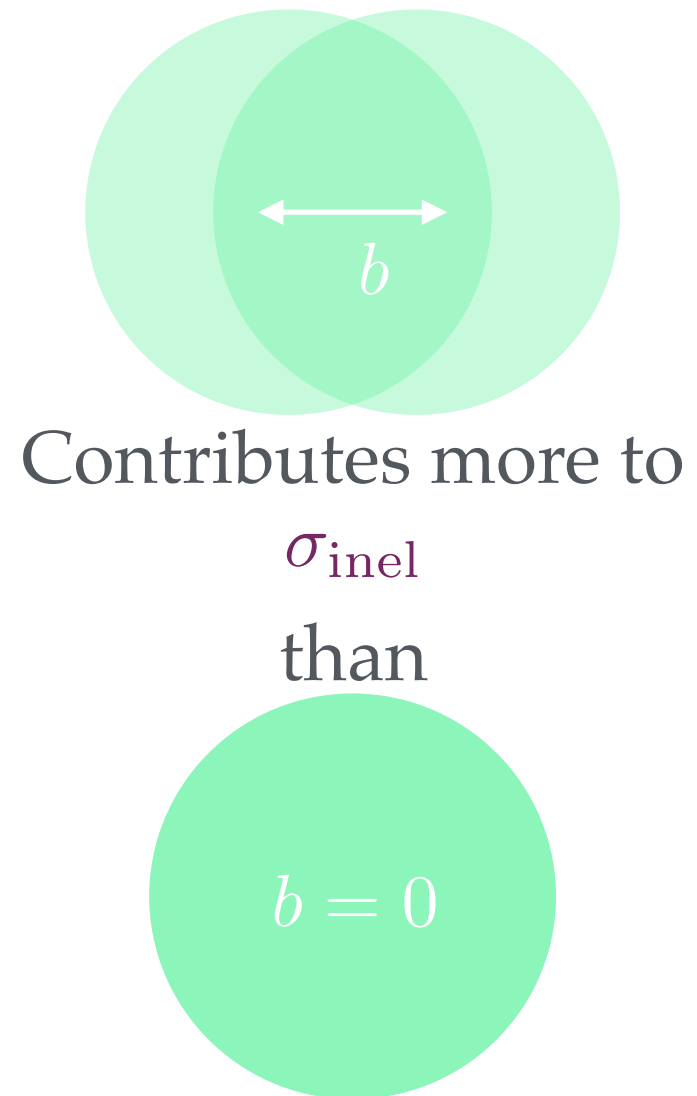
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[Ruiz-Arriola et Al. '15]



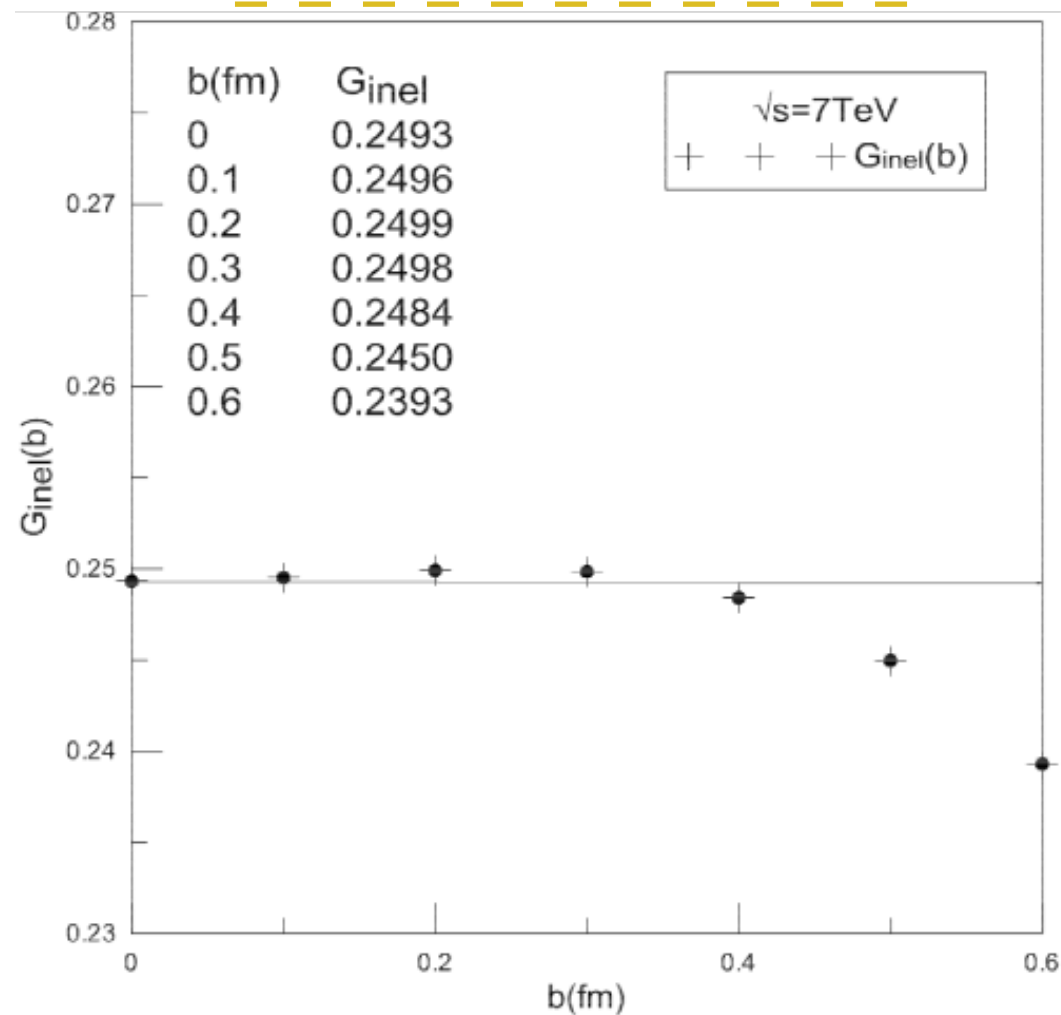
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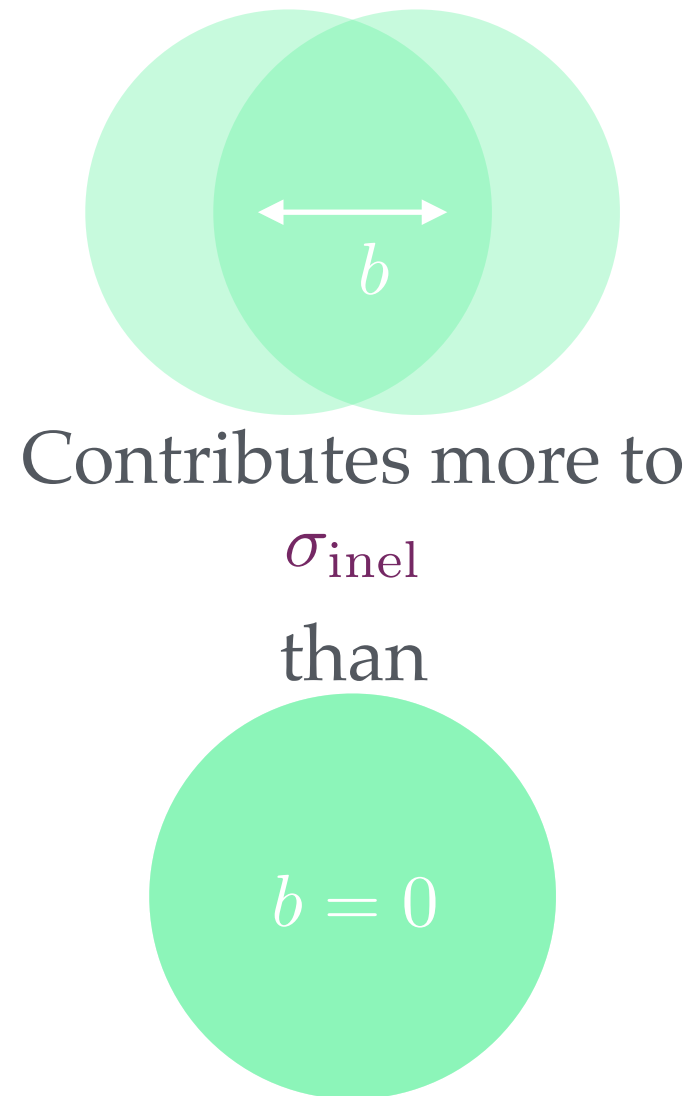
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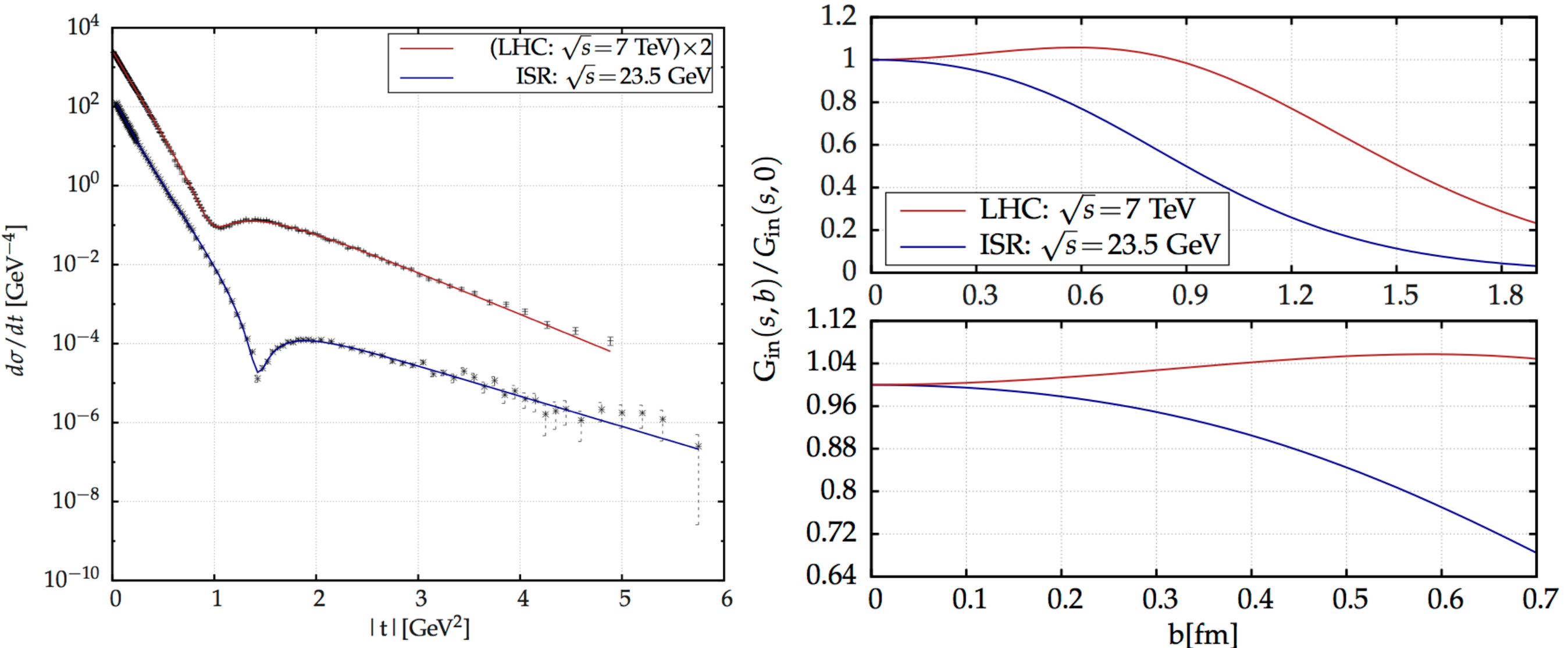
[A.Alkin et Al. '14]



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# Hollowness effect

- We have performed an independent analysis



- ⚡ The inelasticity density of the collision does not reach a maximum at  $b=0$ !!

## Problem to solve

- The inelasticity density exhibits a maximum at  $b > 0$ : *hollowness* effect
  - Peripheral collisions are more *destructive*.
  - Pure convolution models are precluded.
  - It disappears at ISR energies.
- Constrain the transverse structure of the proton
  - Implications in harmonic flow coefficients.

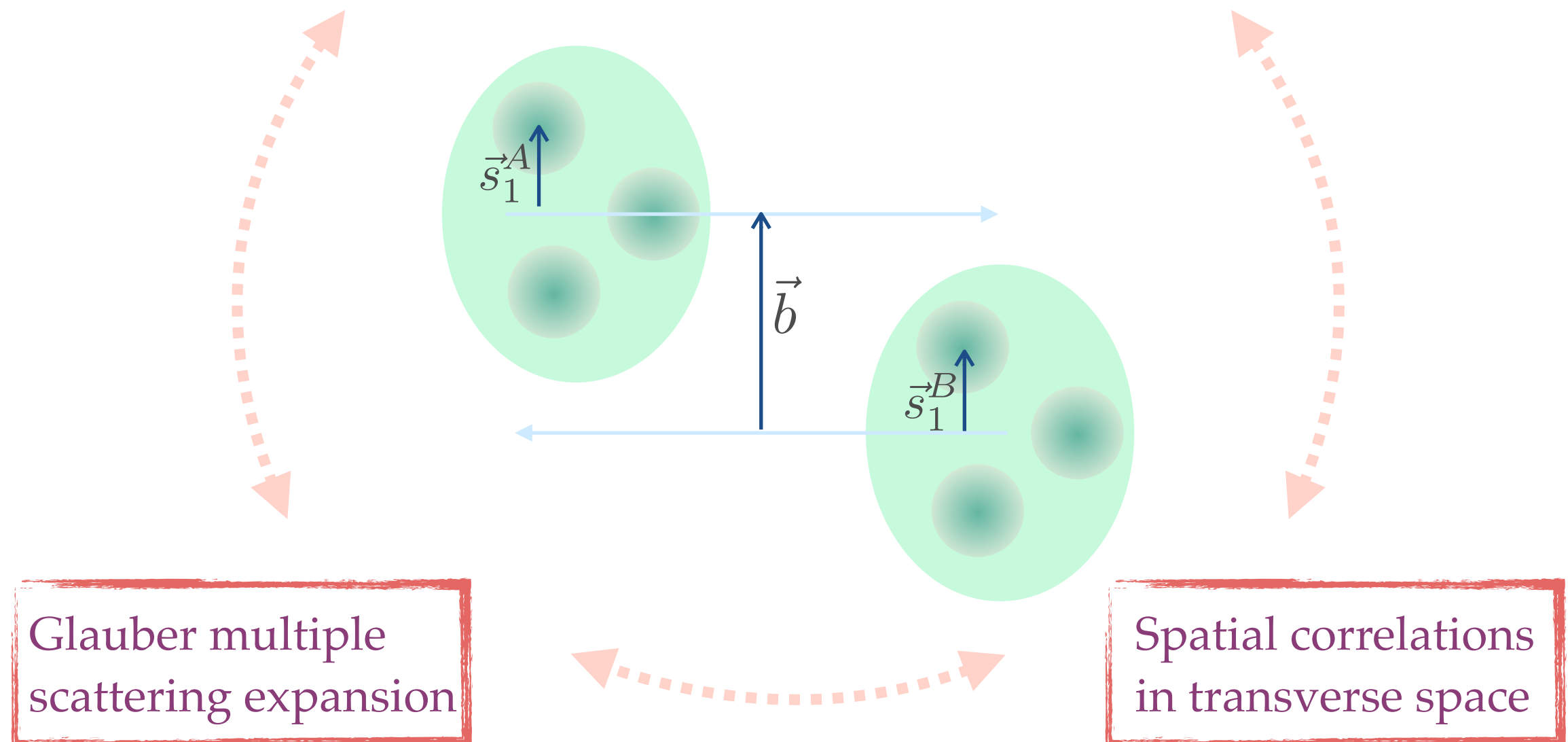
## 2. Ingredients



# The model

- To construct the elastic scattering amplitude in  $pp$  collisions

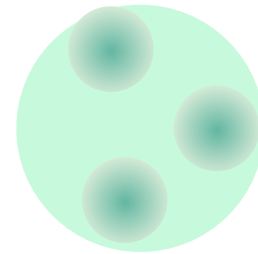
Gluonic hot-spots as effective d.o.f



# Hot spots

- **Assumption:** the gluon content of the proton concentrated in small domains

$$R_{hs} \ll R_p$$



- **Open debate:** they may be radiatively generated from valence quarks in DGLAP or BFKL-like cascades (growth with energy)

Hot spot  Fock space of the valence partons

/ instantons / combination of perturbative and non perturbative physics

[Kopeliovich et Al. '99, Braun et Al. '93, Schafer et Al. '98, Kovner '02, Shuryak'04, Schenke et Al.'15...]

- ✓ Smallness of the correlation length of the gluon field in lattice QCD.

[DiGiacomo et Al. '92]

- ✓ Phenomenological tool [Kopeliovich et Al. '07]

# Glauber model

- $pp$  interactions as a collision of two systems A and B, each one composed of 3 hot spots

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(\vec{b}) = \int \prod_{k,l} d^2 s_k^A d^2 s_l^B D_A(\{\vec{s}_k^A\}) D_B(\{\vec{s}_l^B\}) \left( 1 - \prod_i \prod_j \left[ 1 - \Theta_{ij}(\vec{b} + \vec{s}_i^A - \vec{s}_j^B) \right] \right)$$

- $\vec{b}$  : impact parameter of the collision.
- $\vec{s}_i$  : transverse positions the hot spots.
- $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$  : density distribution of hot spots.
- $\Theta_{ij}(\vec{b} + \vec{s}_i^A - \vec{s}_j^B)$  : elastic amplitude of the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th hot spot interaction.

$$\Theta(s_{ij}) = i \exp \left( -s_{ij}^2 / 2R_{hs}^2 \right) (1 - i\rho_{hs})$$

# Spatial correlations

- The general structure that we consider for  $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$

$$D(\{\vec{s}_i\}) = C \left( \prod_{i=1}^3 d(\vec{s}_i; R) \right) \times f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$$

-  $C$ : normalization constant.

-  $d(\vec{s}_i; R)$ : uncorrelated probability distribution for a single hot spot.

$$d(\vec{s}_i; R) = \exp(-s_i^2/R^2)$$

-  $f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$ : correlation structure.

$$f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3) = \delta^{(2)}(\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 + \vec{s}_3) \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ i, j=1}}^3 \left( 1 - e^{-\mu |\vec{s}_i - \vec{s}_j|^2 / R^2} \right)$$

# Spatial correlations

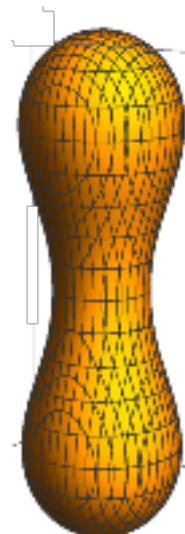
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- $\delta^{(2)}(\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 + \vec{s}_3)$ : fixes the center of mass of the hot spots system.
- $\prod_{\substack{i < j \\ i, j=1}}^3 \left( 1 - e^{-\mu |\vec{s}_i - \vec{s}_j|^2 / R^2} \right)$ : repulsive short-range correlations controlled by

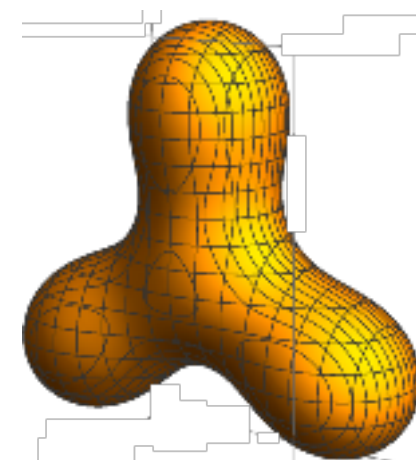
$$r_c^2 \propto R^2 / \mu$$

- Similar correlation structure than 3D models (when projected)

Quark-Diquark:



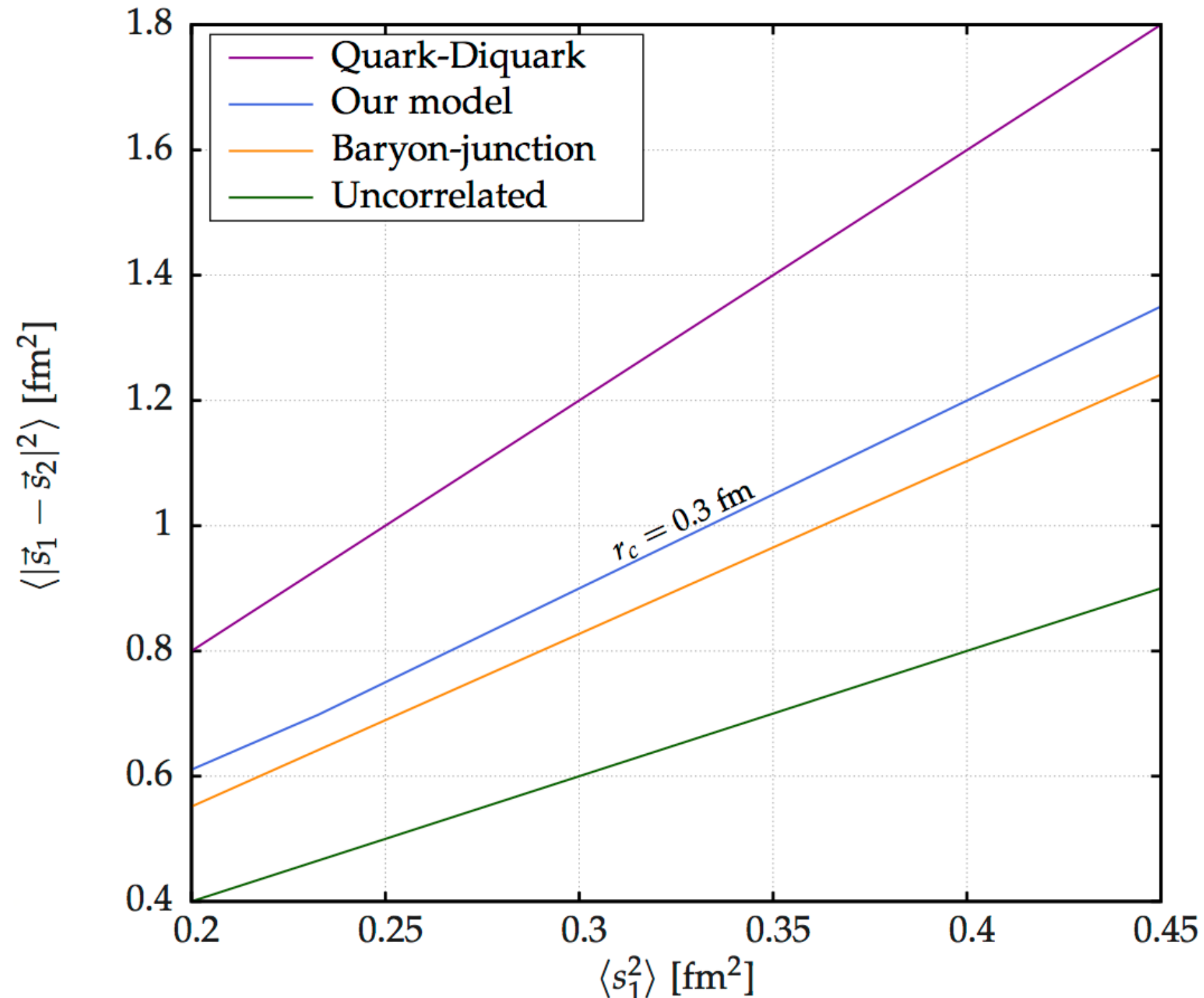
Baryon junction:



[Kubiczek et Al. '15]

# Spatial correlations

- Averaged hot spot-hot spot transverse distance for different  $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$



# Conventions

- $\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi} |T_{\text{el}}(s, t)|^2$
- $T_{\text{el}}(s, t) = \int d^2b \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b}) e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{b}}$
- $\sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2b |\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b})|^2$
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2\text{Im}T_{\text{el}}(s, 0) = 2 \int d^2b \text{Im}\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b})$
- $\sigma_{\text{in}} = \sigma_{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2b 2\text{Im}\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b}) - |\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b})|^2$
- $\rho = \frac{\text{Re}T_{\text{el}}(s, 0)}{\text{Im}T_{\text{el}}(s, 0)}$
- $G_{\text{in}}(s, \vec{b}) = 2\text{Im}\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b}) - |\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \vec{b})|^2$

## 3. Results



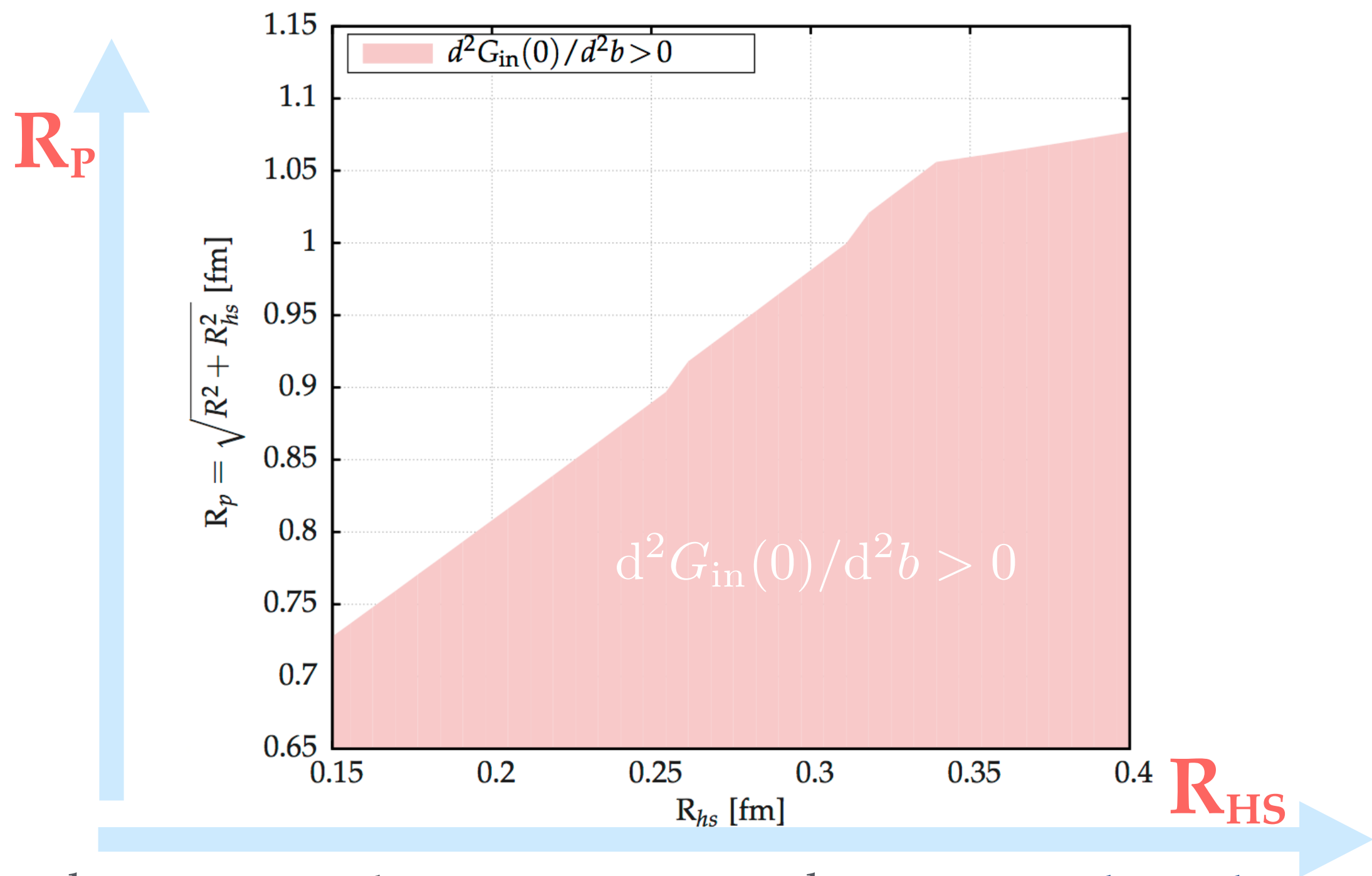
- We scan the **parameter space** with the conditions

▶ Maximum of the elastic amplitude:  $\frac{d^2 \tilde{T}(s, 0)}{d^2 b} < 0$

▶ Maximum of the inelastic density:  $\frac{d^2 G_{\text{in}}(s, 0)}{d^2 b} > 0$

# R<sub>p</sub> vs R<sub>hs</sub>

- For  $r_c = 0.5$  fm and  $\rho_{hs} = 0.1$ ,



- Up to this point, purely geometric approach. No energy dependence.

- To be compatible with the phenomenology

▶ Maximum of the elastic amplitude:  $\frac{d^2 \tilde{T}(s, 0)}{d^2 b} < 0$

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$$\frac{d^2 G_{\text{in}}(s, 0)}{d^2 b} < 0 \Big|_{\text{ISR}}$$

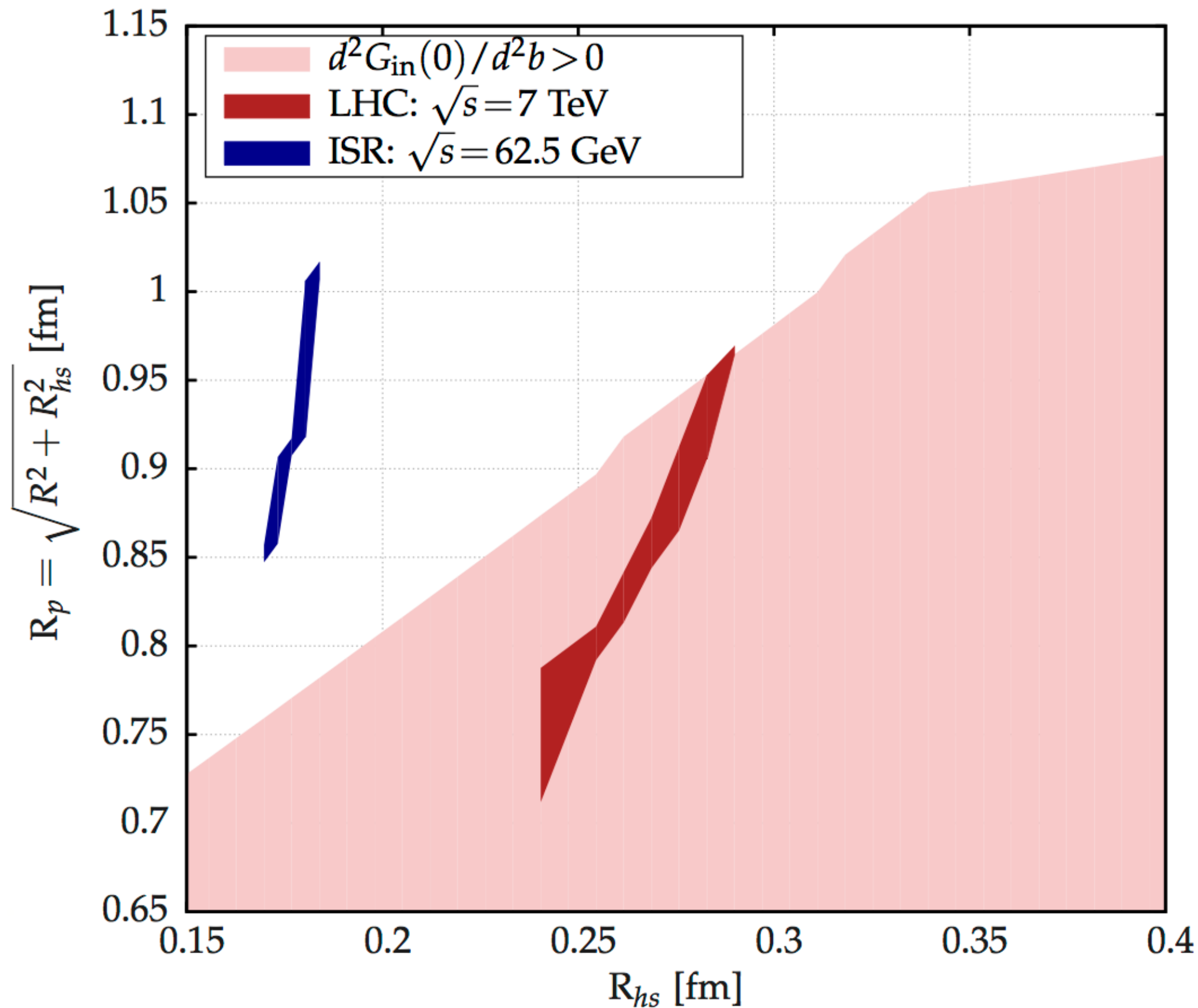
▶ Phenomenological constraints:

- LHC, 7 TeV:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 9,83 \pm 0.28 \text{ [fm}^2\text{]} \quad \rho = 0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$

- ISR, 62.5 GeV:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 4,332 \pm 0.023 \text{ [fm}^2\text{]} \quad \rho = 0.095 \pm 0.018$

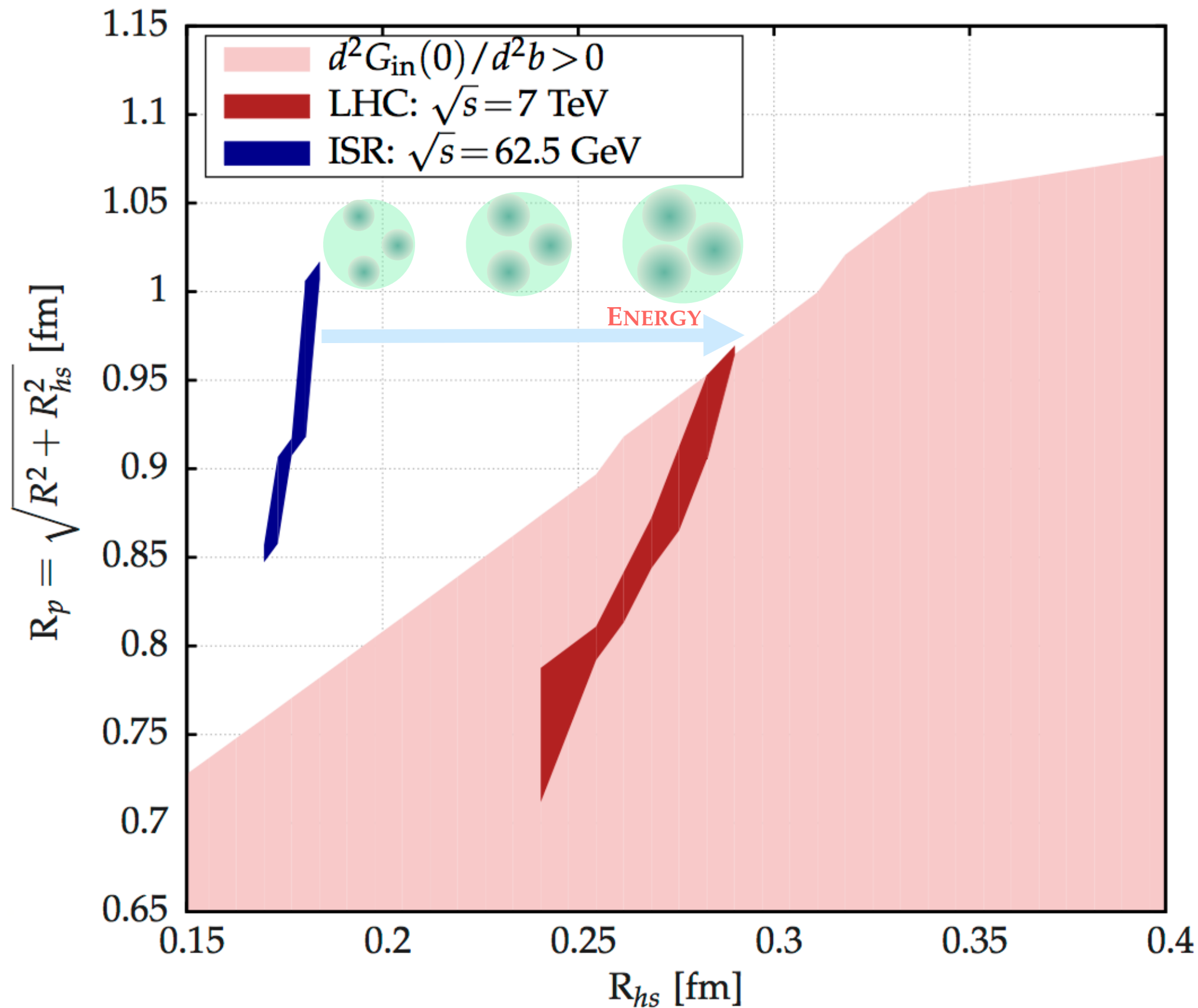
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**$r_c=0.5$  fm**



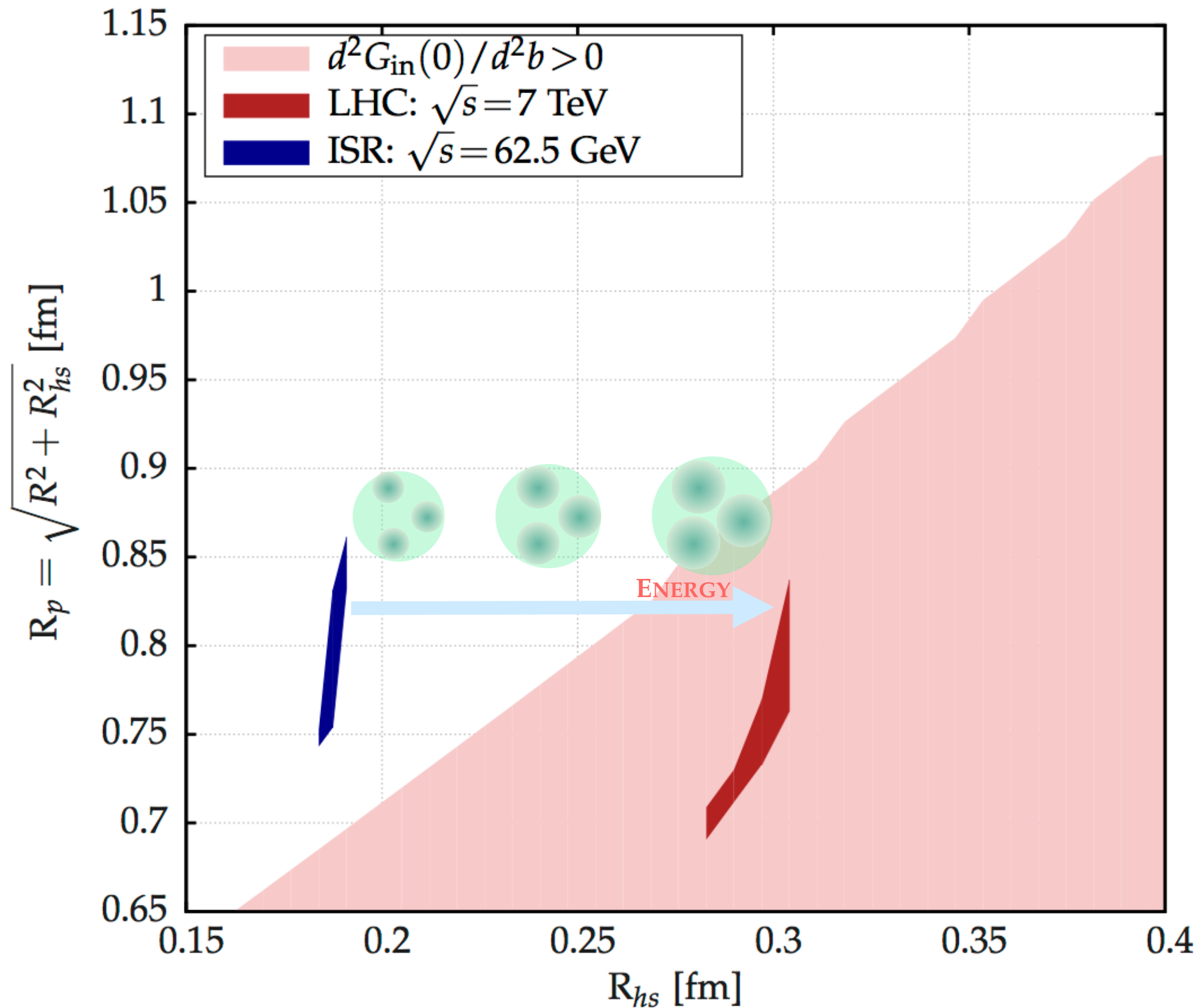
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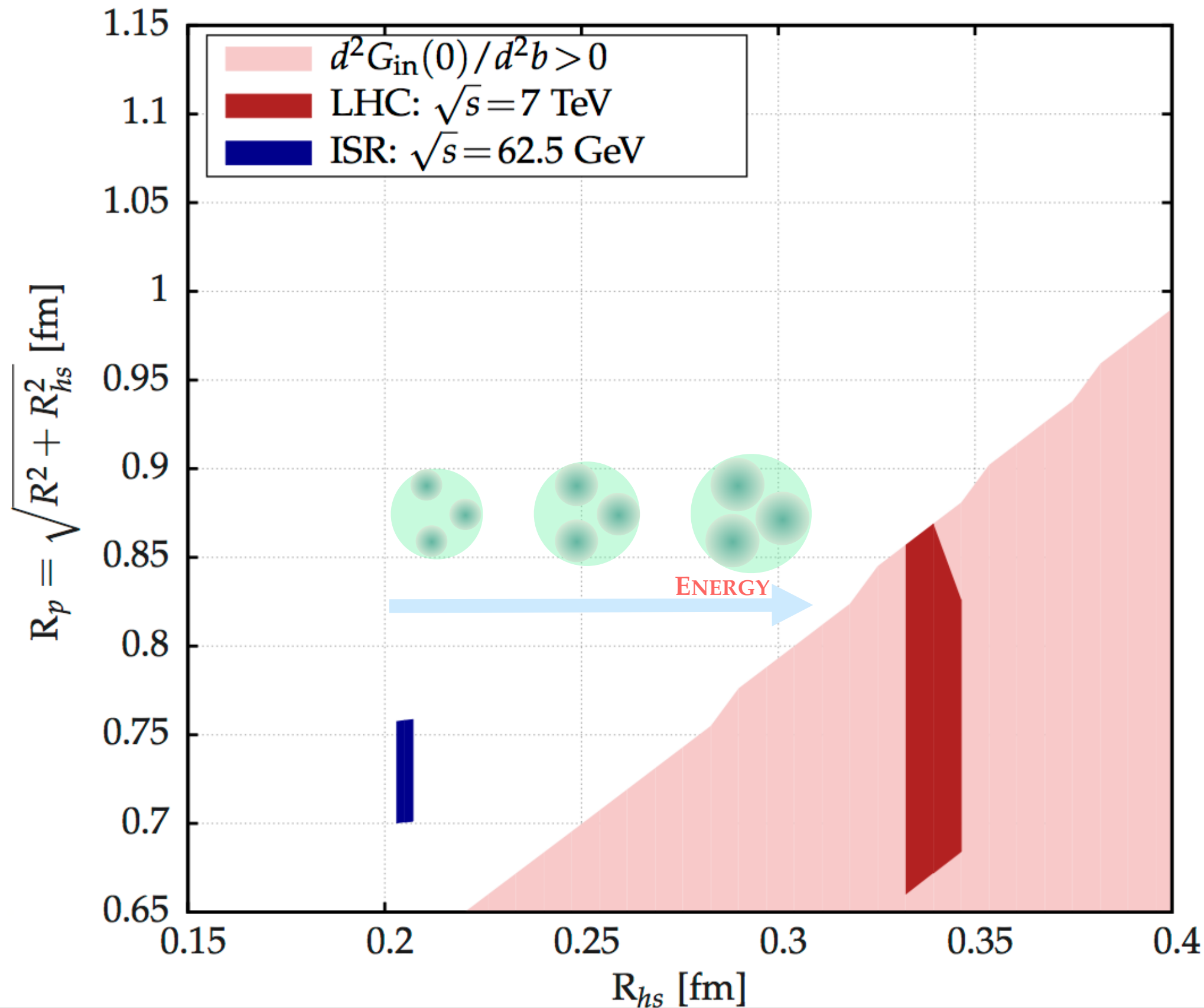
**$R_p$  vs  $R_{hs}$**

**$r_c=0.4$  fm**



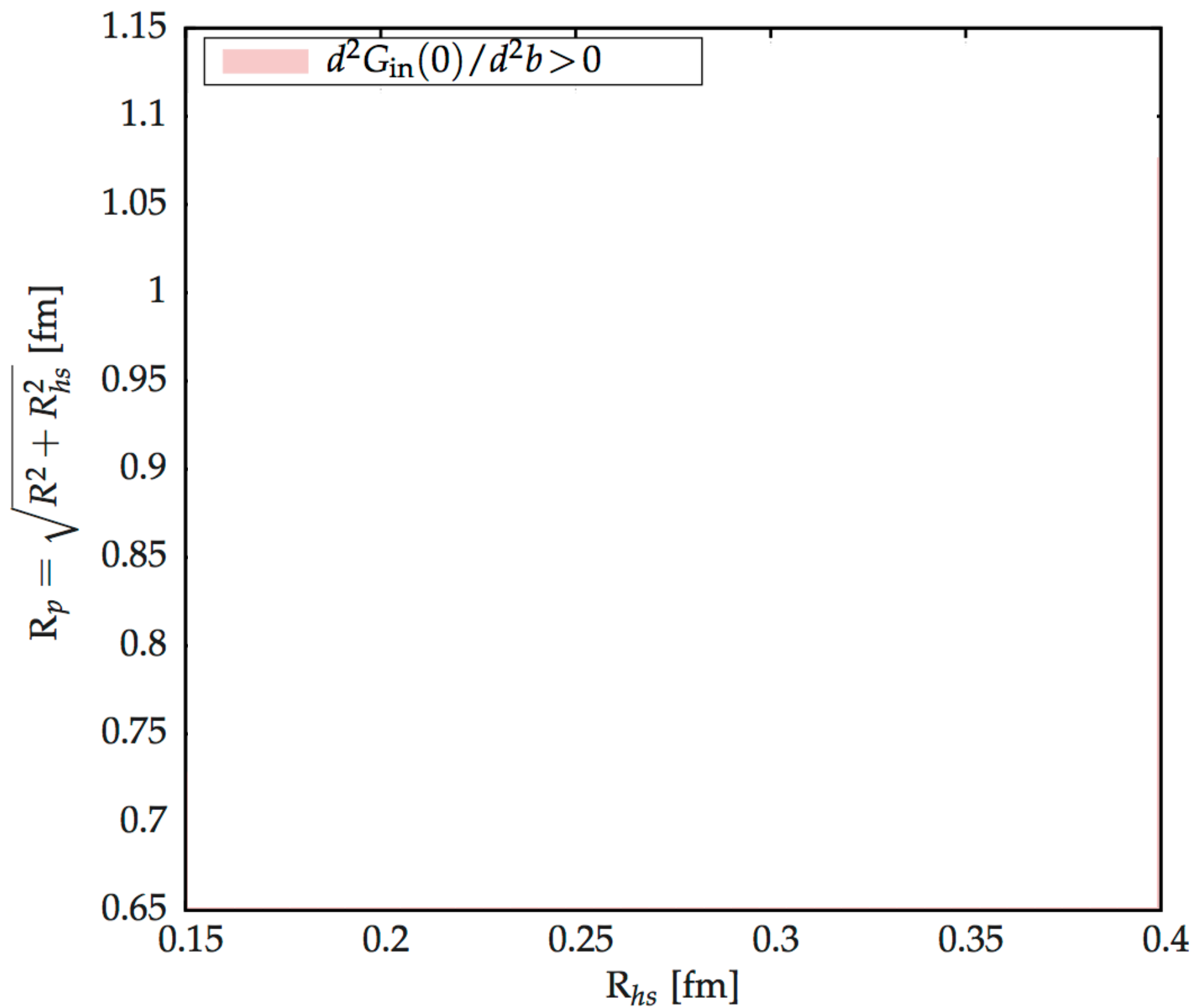
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**$r_c=0.3$  fm**



**$R_p$  vs  $R_{hs}$**

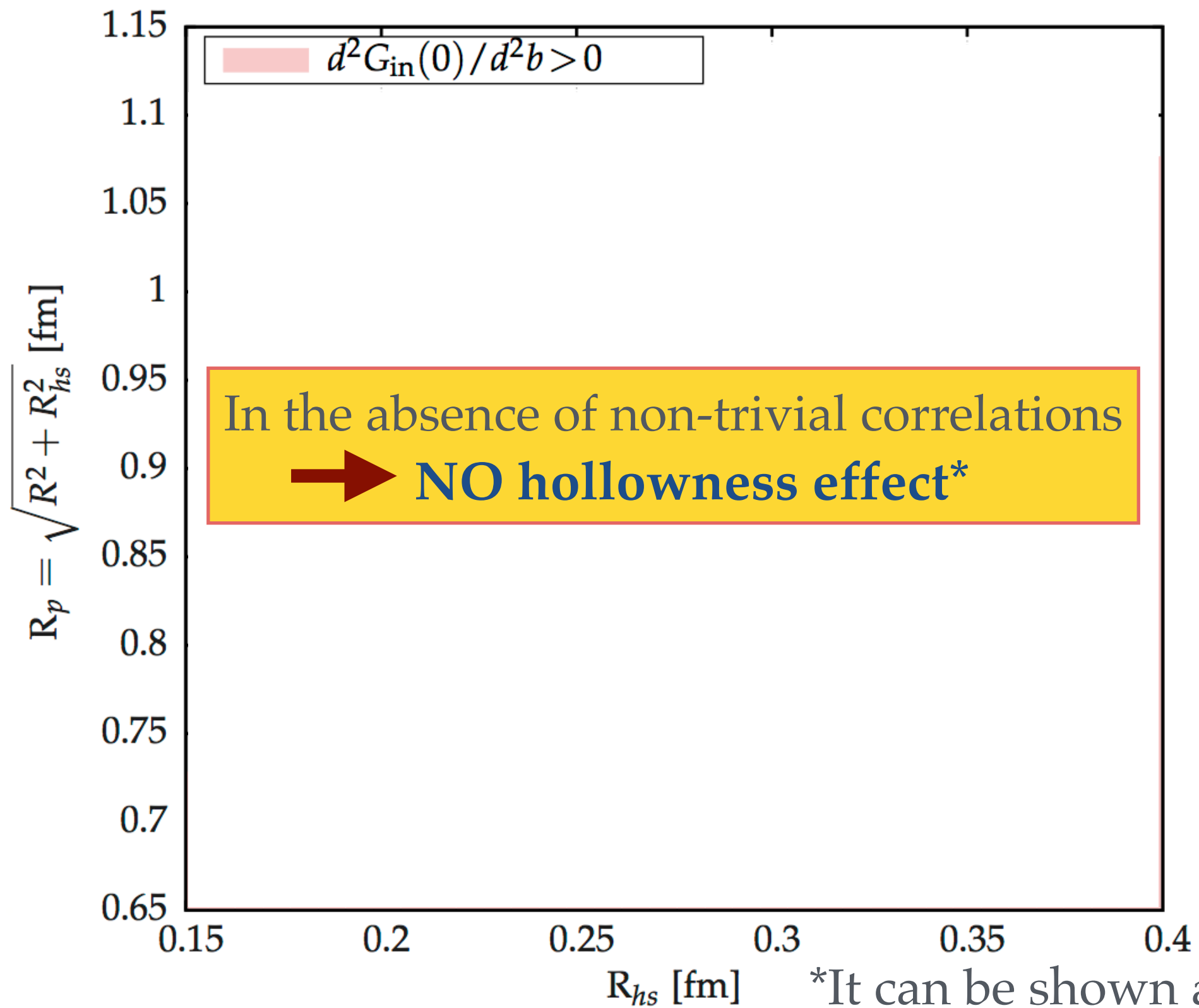
**$r_c=0$  fm**



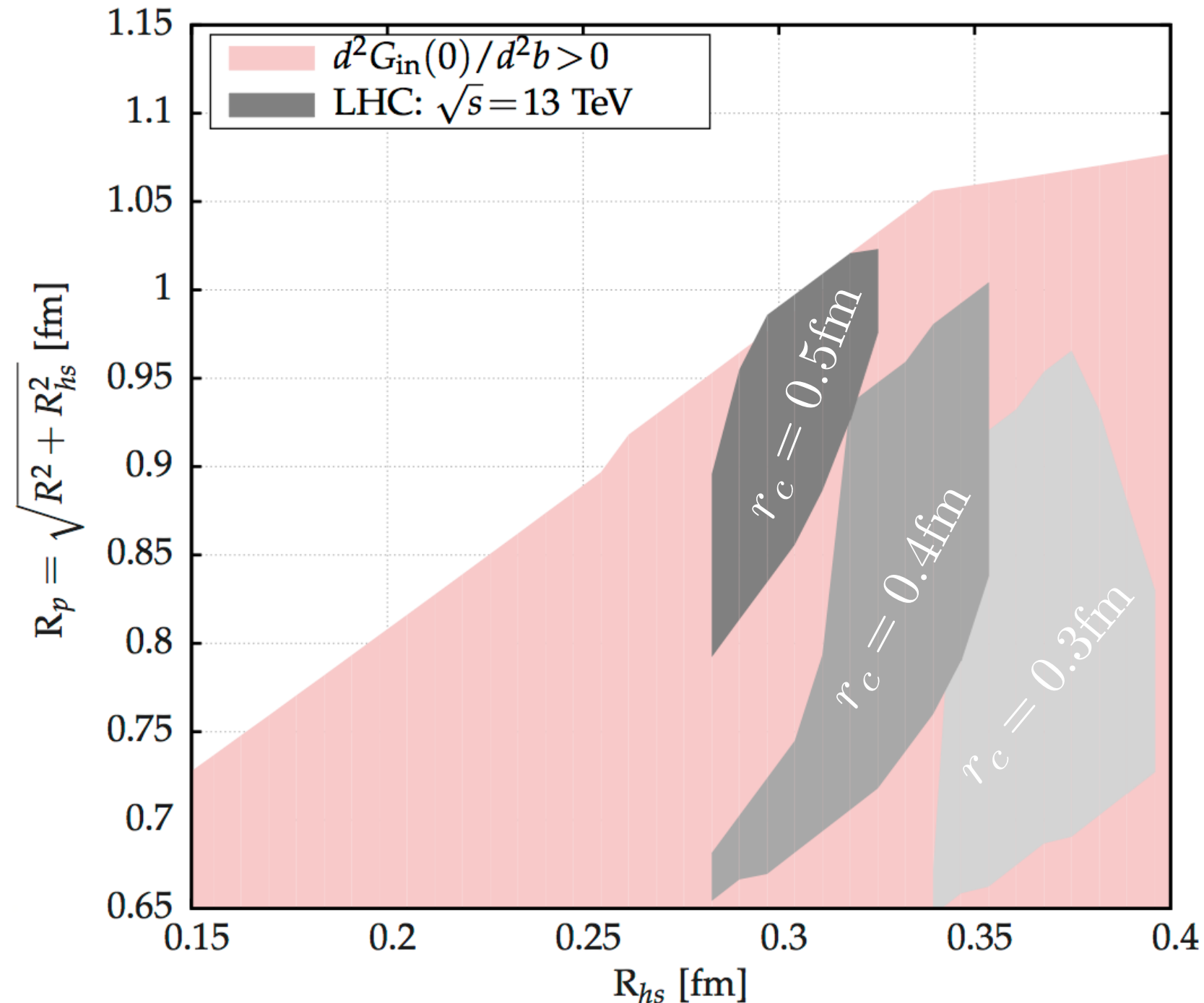


$R_p$  vs  $R_{hs}$

$r_c=0$  fm



- LHC, 13 TeV:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 11,15 \pm 1 [\text{fm}^2]$   $\rho = 0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$   
[COMPETE Collab. '02]



## 4. Conclusions

## Take home message

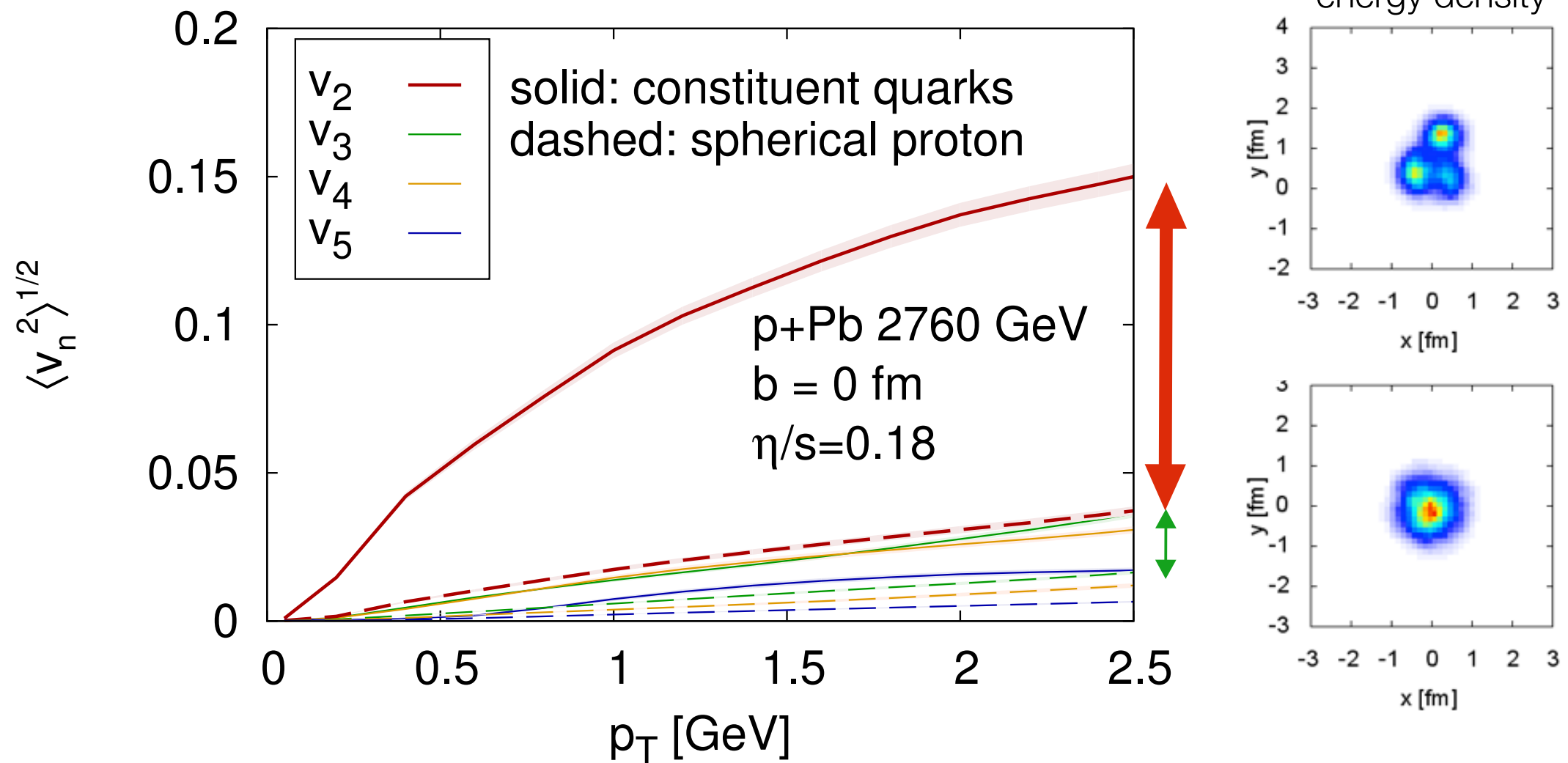
- New and intriguing feature of hadronic interactions: *hollowness* effect.
- We propose a dynamical explanation based on:
  - Hot spots as the effective degrees of freedom.
  - Non-trivial correlations between the transverse positions of the hot spots.
  - Scattering amplitude from a Glauber-like multiple scattering series.
- Diffusion/ growth of the hot spots in the transverse plane with increasing collision energy is the key mechanism to explain the *hollowness* effect.
- Future work: impact of this new effect in other observables in  $pp$  and heavy ion collisions: flow harmonics, multiplicities...

# Take home message

[Schenke'15]

## Round vs. structured proton: IP-Glasma + MUSIC

**It makes a huge difference!**



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**Back up**

# *pp* elastic scattering

- Our approach starts from a generic parametrization

$$\text{Im}T_{el}(s, t) = a_1 e^{b_1 t} + a_2 e^{b_2 t} + a_3 e^{b_3 t}$$

$$\text{Re}T_{el}(s, t) = c_1 e^{d_1 t}$$

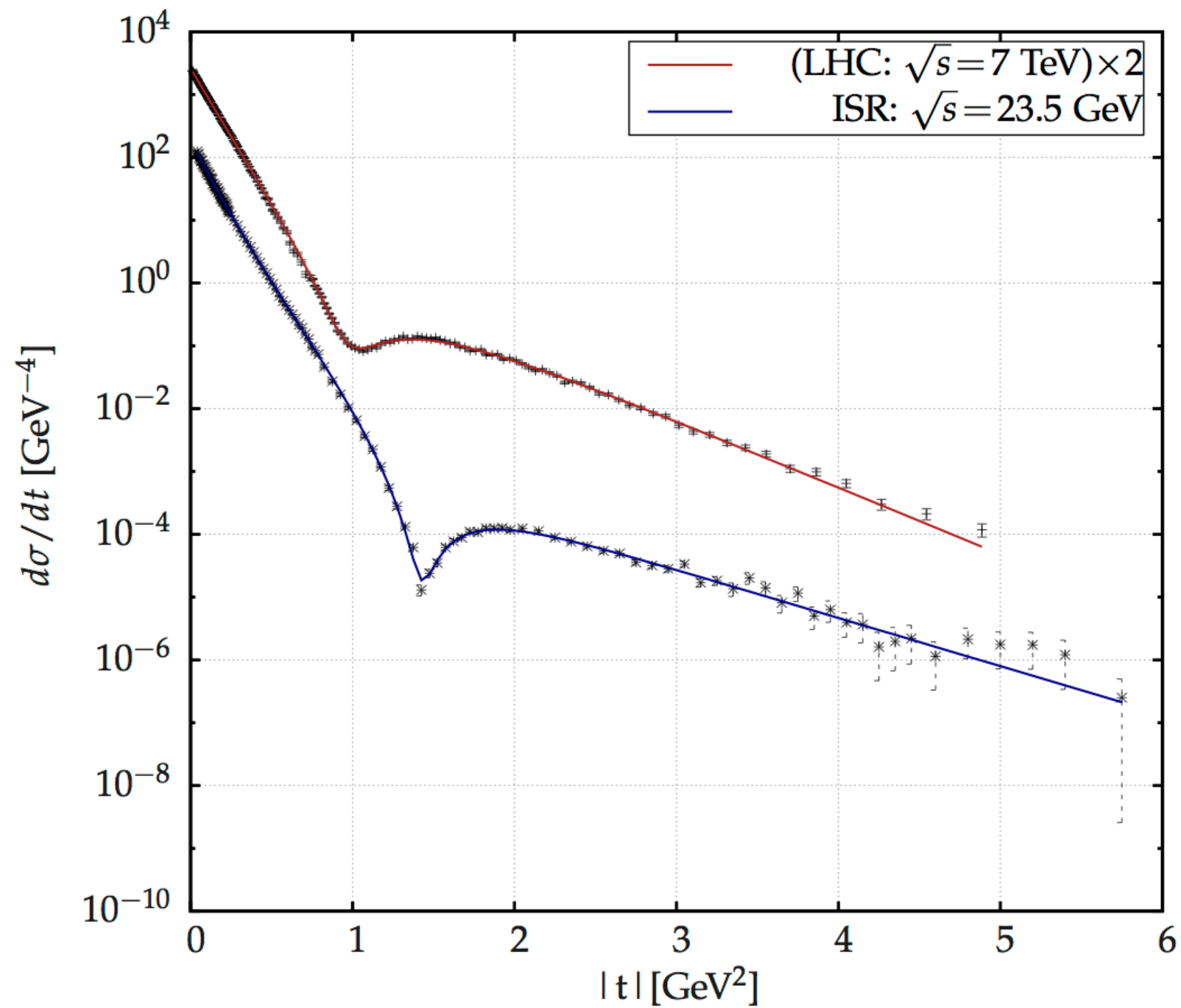
- Fit parameters are subject to two phenomenological constraints

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 \sum_i a_i$$

$$\rho = \sum_i c_i / a_i$$

- Minimal number of parameters to reduce correlations

# $pp$ elastic scattering



$$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} \sim 1.1 - 2$$