

# Hard probes in small systems

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Low-x QCD  
Nuclear PDFs

*explore this (and  
other) physics*

# Hard probes in small systems

*use these tools  
(and QGP physics?)*

EM & Weak Probes  
HF & Quarkonia  
Jets



*Initial state physics*

*Hard-soft correlations*

*QGP in small systems*

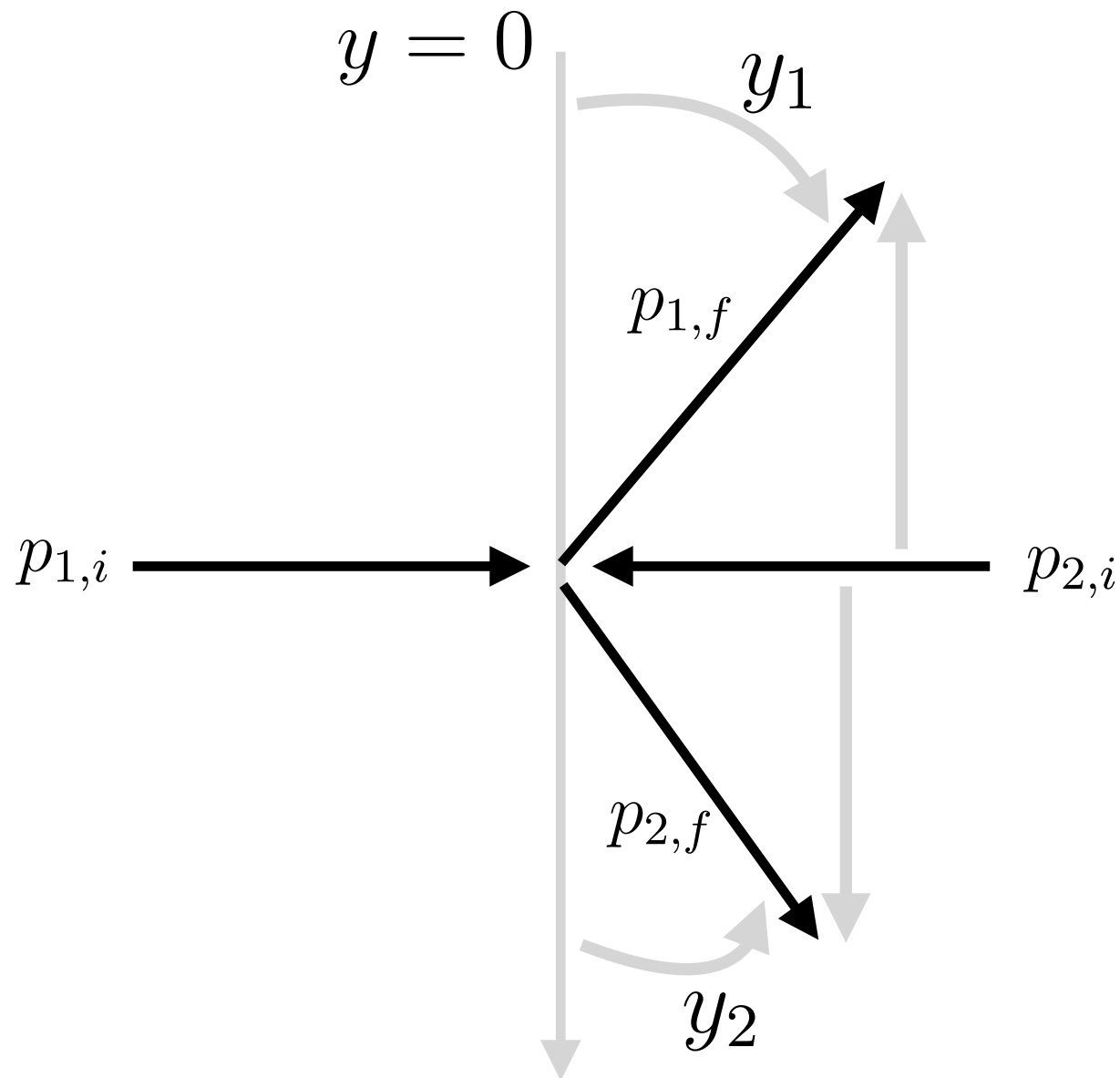
*Useful references:*

*A. Morsch, 12 Intl High-pT Workshop, Bergen, Oct '17*

*P. Steinberg, Probing Quark Gluon Matter w/ Jets, BNL, July '18*

*L. Bianchi, Quark Matter Student Day, Venice, May '18*

# $2 \rightarrow 2$ parton scattering cheat sheet



Using  $(E, \vec{p}_T, p_z) \dots$

$$p_{1,i} = (x_1 E_{\text{beam}}, \vec{0}, x_1 E_{\text{beam}})$$

$$p_{2,i} = (x_2 E_{\text{beam}}, \vec{0}, -x_2 E_{\text{beam}})$$

$$p_{1,f} = (p_T \cosh(y_1), \vec{p}_T, p_T \sinh(y_1))$$

$$p_{2,f} = (p_T \cosh(y_2), \vec{p}_T, p_T \sinh(y_2))$$

$$p_{1,i} + p_{2,i} = p_{1,f} + p_{2,f}$$

$$x_1 = p_T (e^{y_1} + e^{y_2}) / \sqrt{s}$$

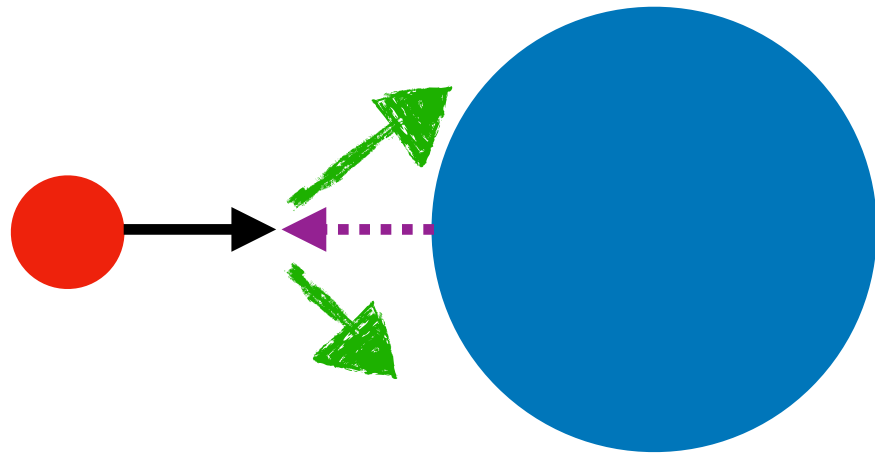
$$x_2 = p_T (e^{-y_1} + e^{-y_2}) / \sqrt{s}$$

In the limit  $y_1 \gg y_2$ ,  $x_1 \approx p_T e^{y_1} / \sqrt{s}$

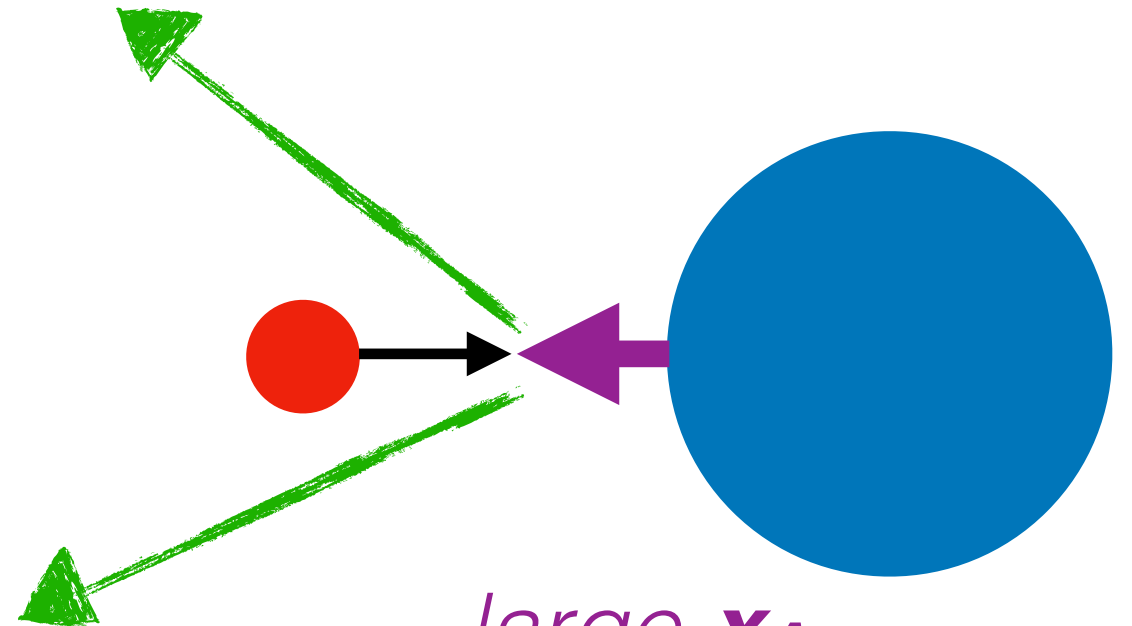
$$\frac{1}{2} \log(x_1/x_2) = y^* = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 + y_2)$$



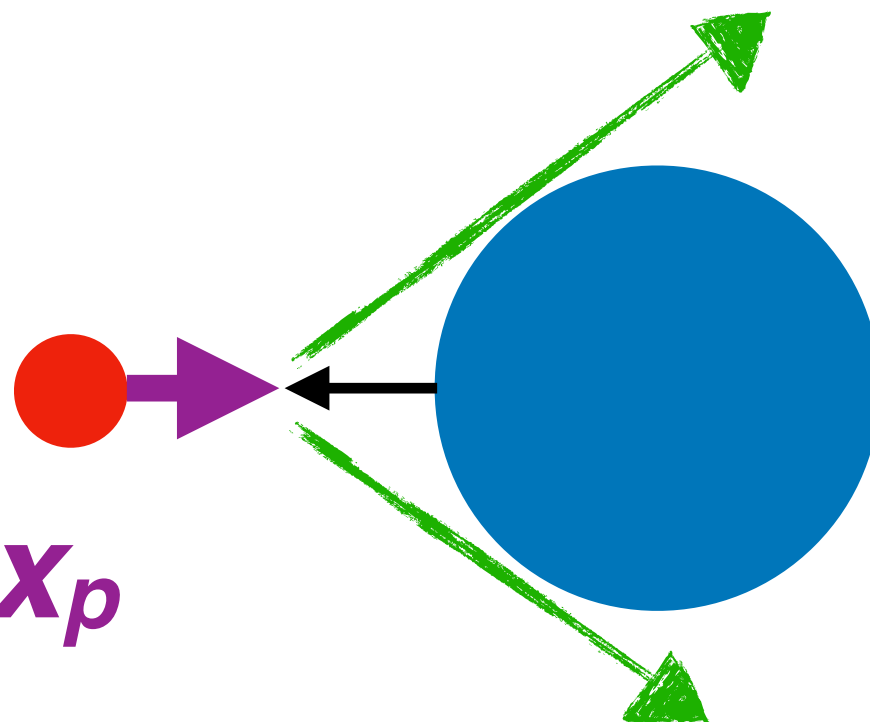
# *small- $x$ & large- $x$*



*small- $\mathbf{x}_A$*   
(“forward” & low- $p_T$ )

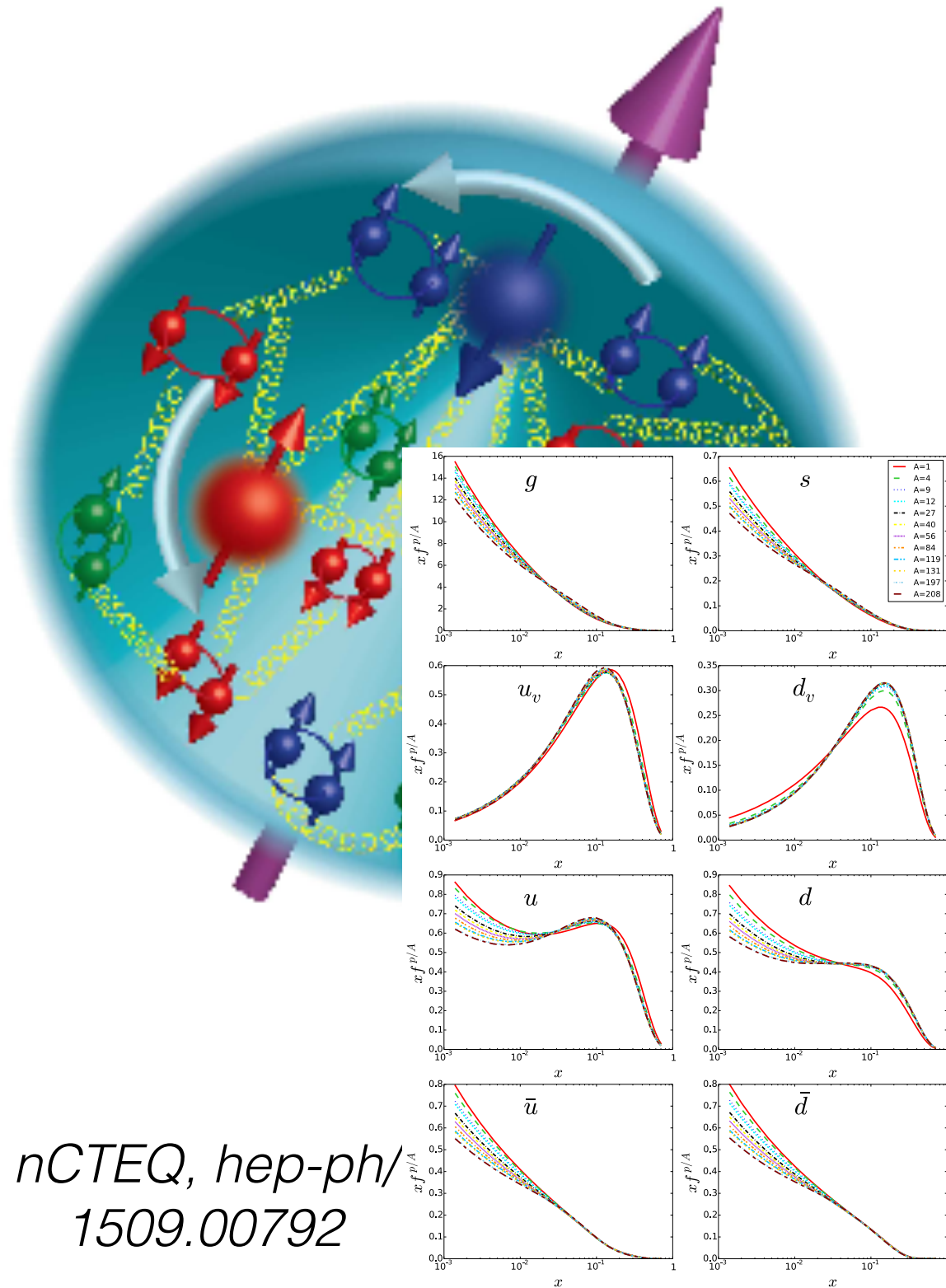


*large- $\mathbf{x}_A$*   
(“backward” & high- $p_T$ )



*large- $\mathbf{x}_p$*

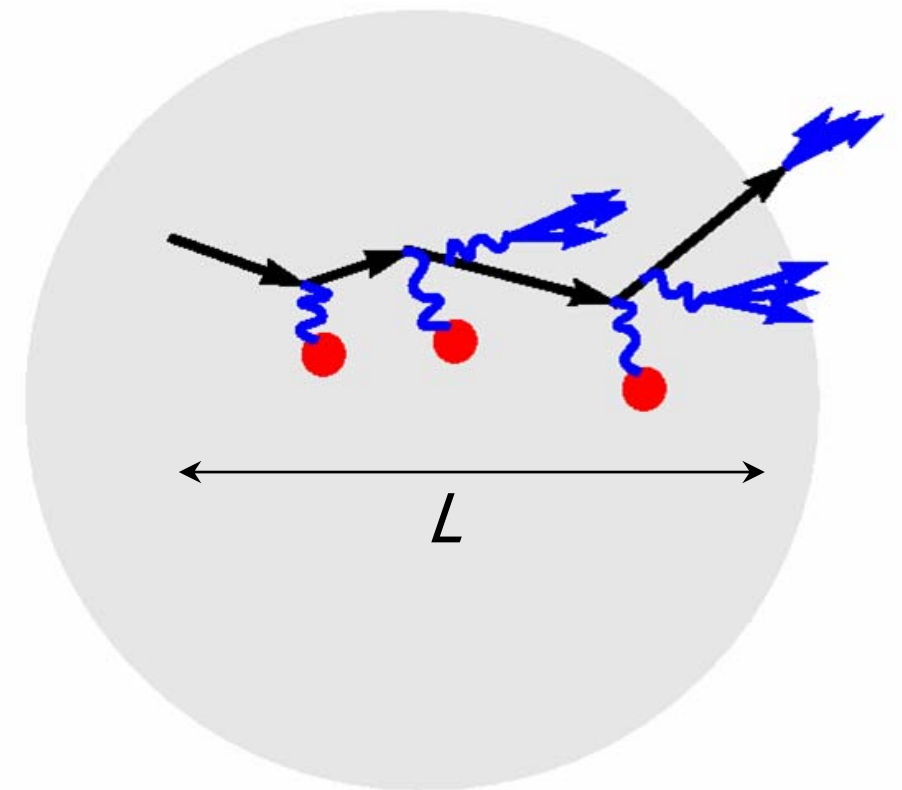
# Initial state physics



*nCTEQ, hep-ph/  
1509.00792*

Figure 6: nCTEQ15 bound proton PDFs at the scale  $Q = 10$  GeV for a range of nuclei from the free proton ( $A = 1$ ) to lead ( $A = 208$ ).

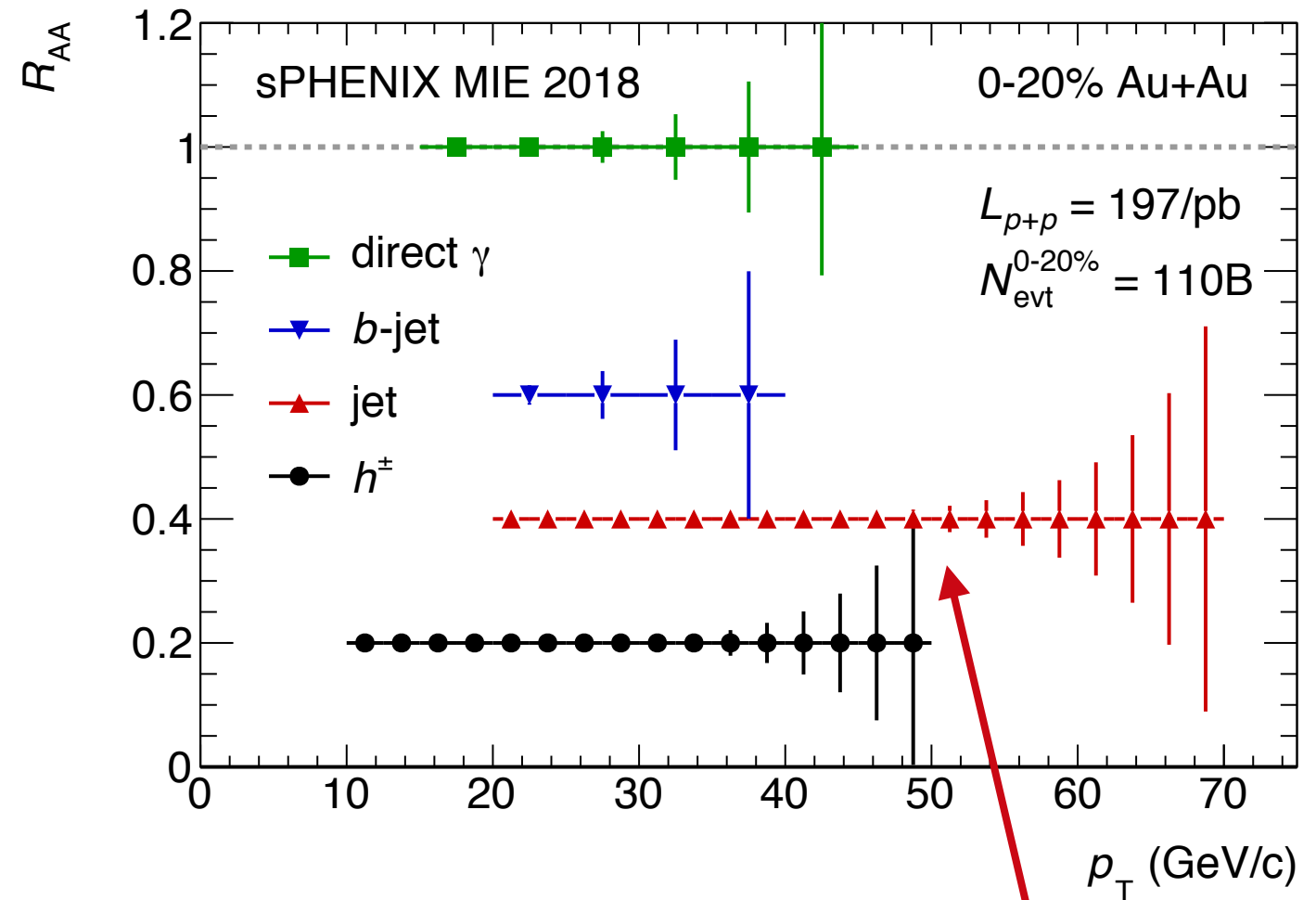
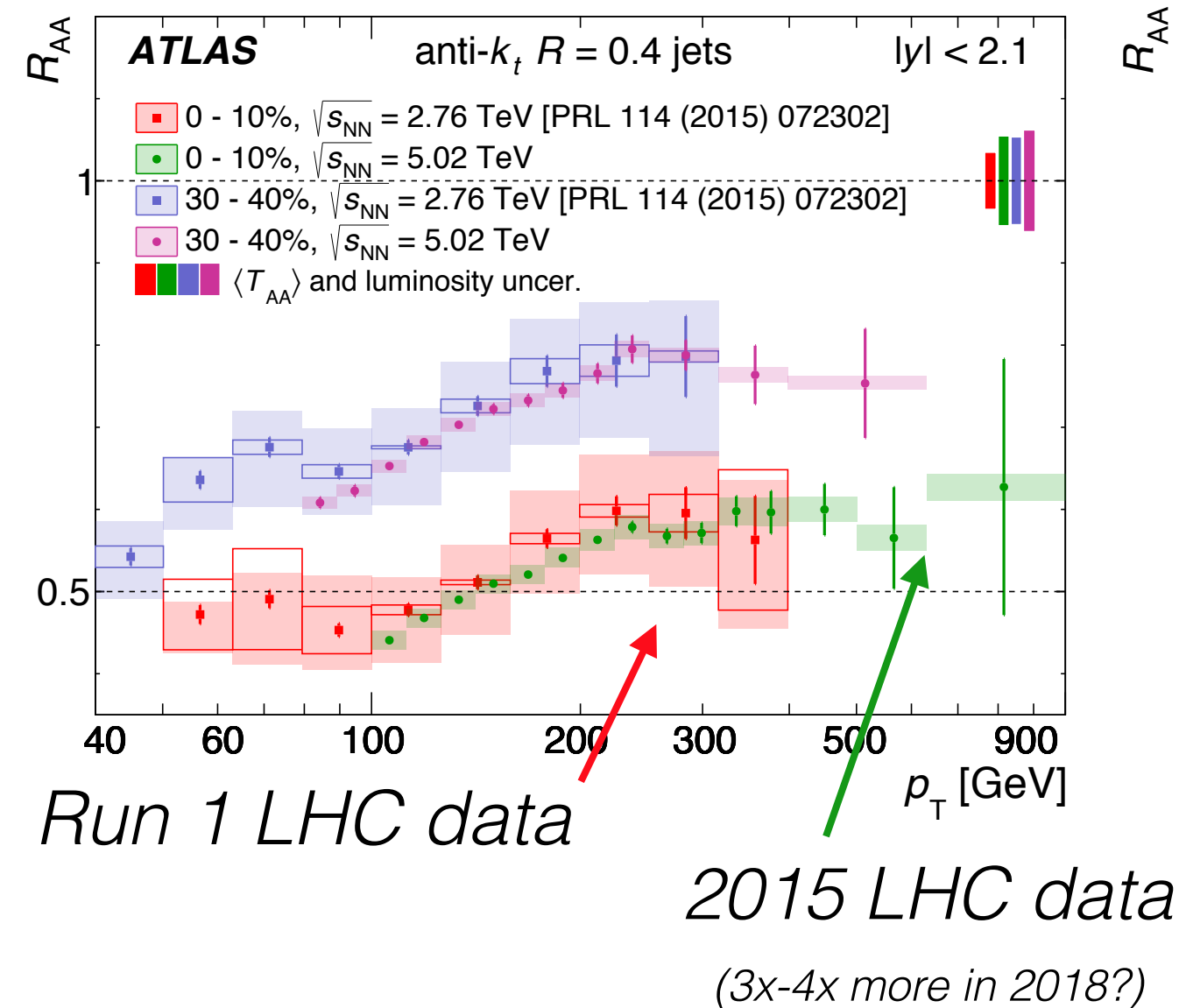
*global nPDF picture*



*dynamical pictures of “cold  
nuclear matter” effects*

# context for A+A (1/2)

arXiv:1805.05635



$E_{\text{jet}} = 1 \text{ TeV at } y \sim 0$

$x_A \sim 0.4$  (EMC region!)

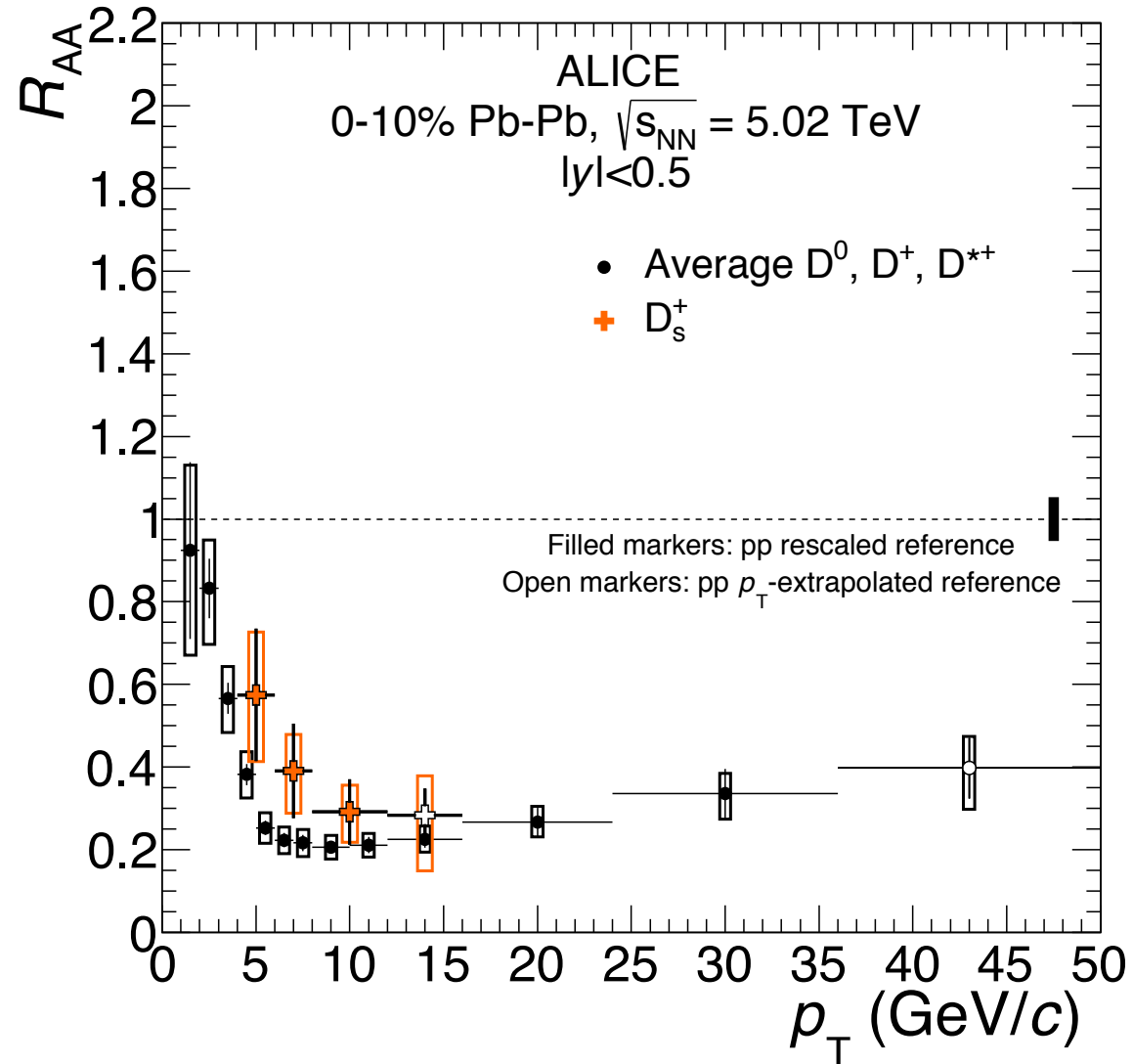
Au+Au @ RHIC-sPHENIX,

$E_{\text{jet}} = 50 \text{ GeV at } y \sim +0, x_A \sim 0.5$

need precise constraints from  $p+A$ ...

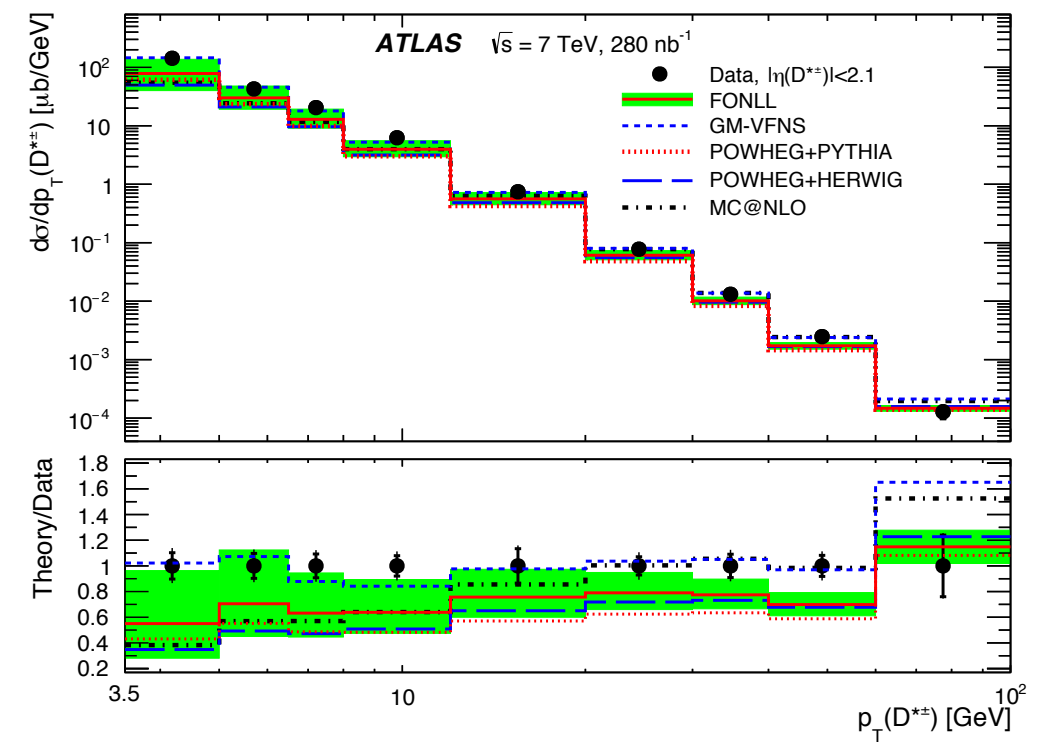
...more in Barbara & Pol's talks...

# context for A+A (2/2)



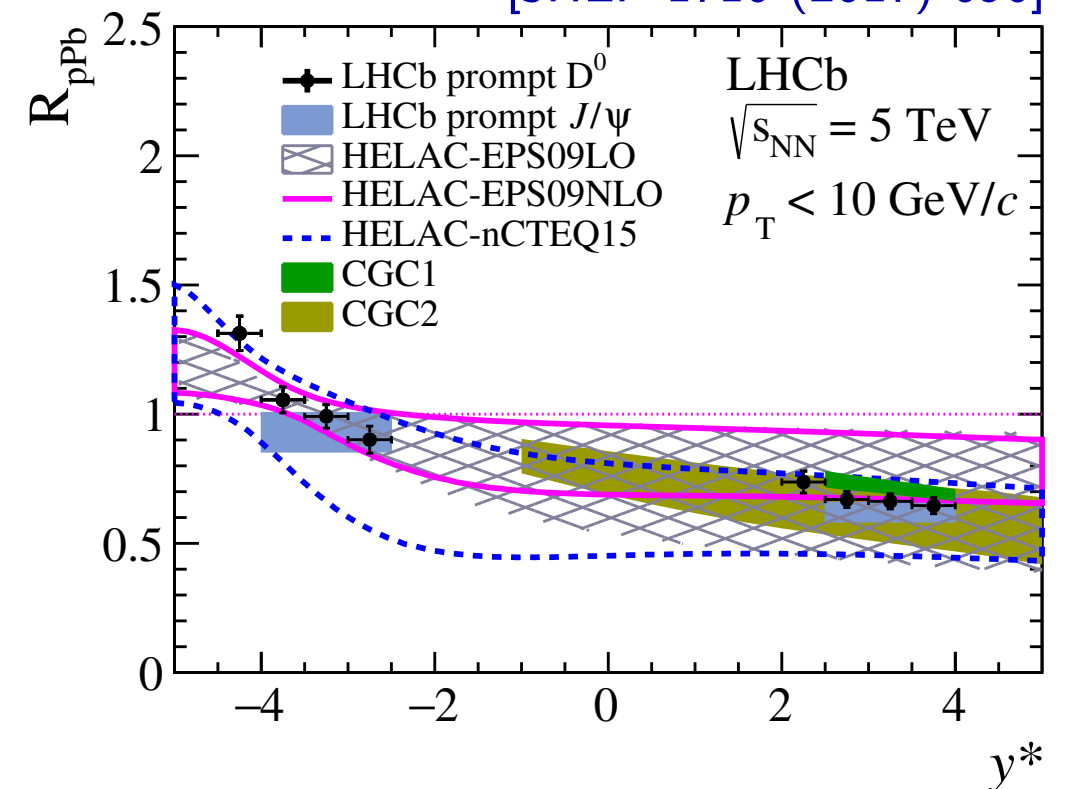
Total  $c\bar{c}$  and  $b\bar{b}$  created early and preserved throughout QGP evolution

➔ very powerful, but crucial to have information directly from p+A data



Large uncertainties in  
FONLL calculations

[JHEP 1710 (2017) 090]

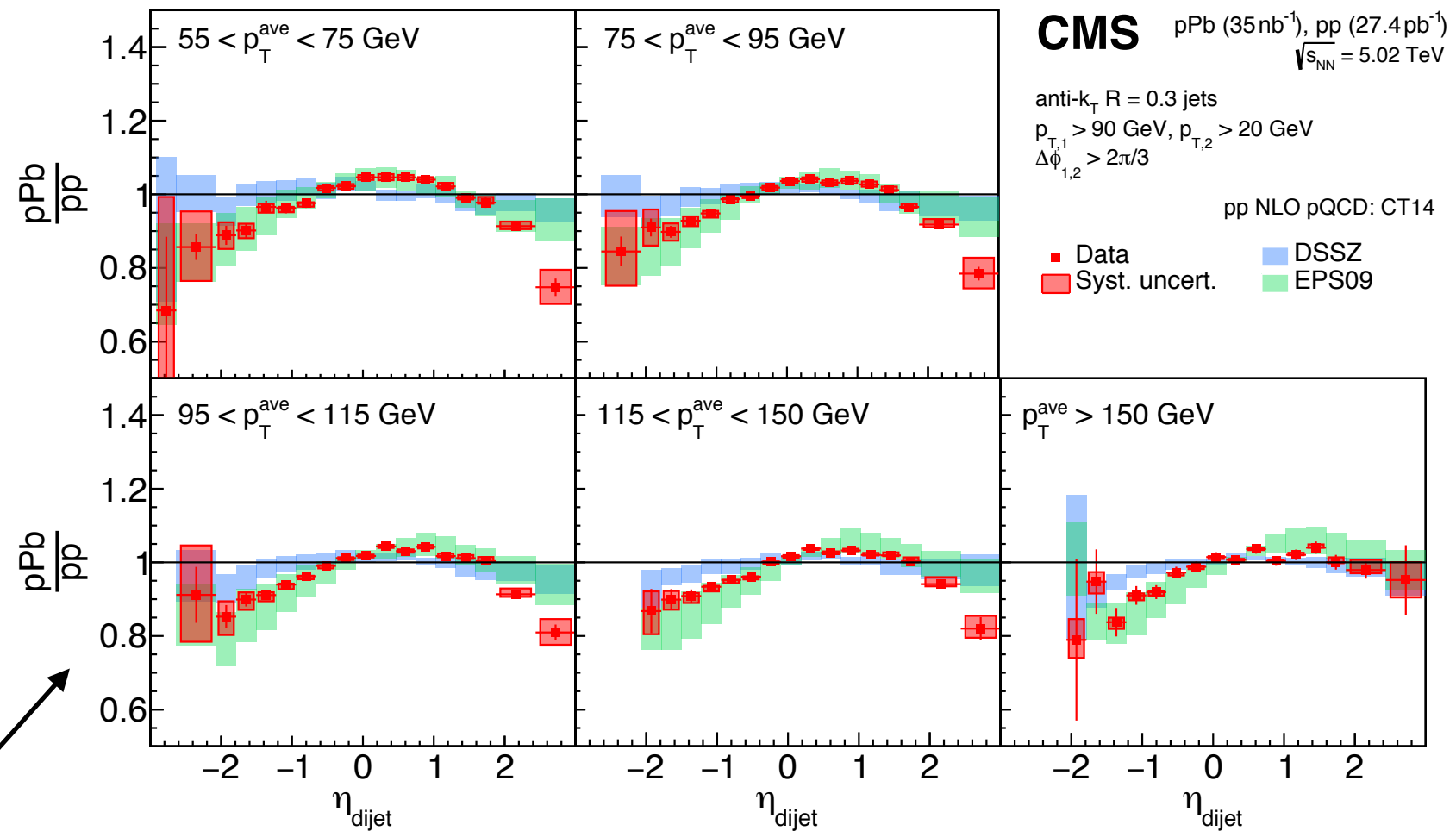


Large variation in nPDF/  
saturation calculations

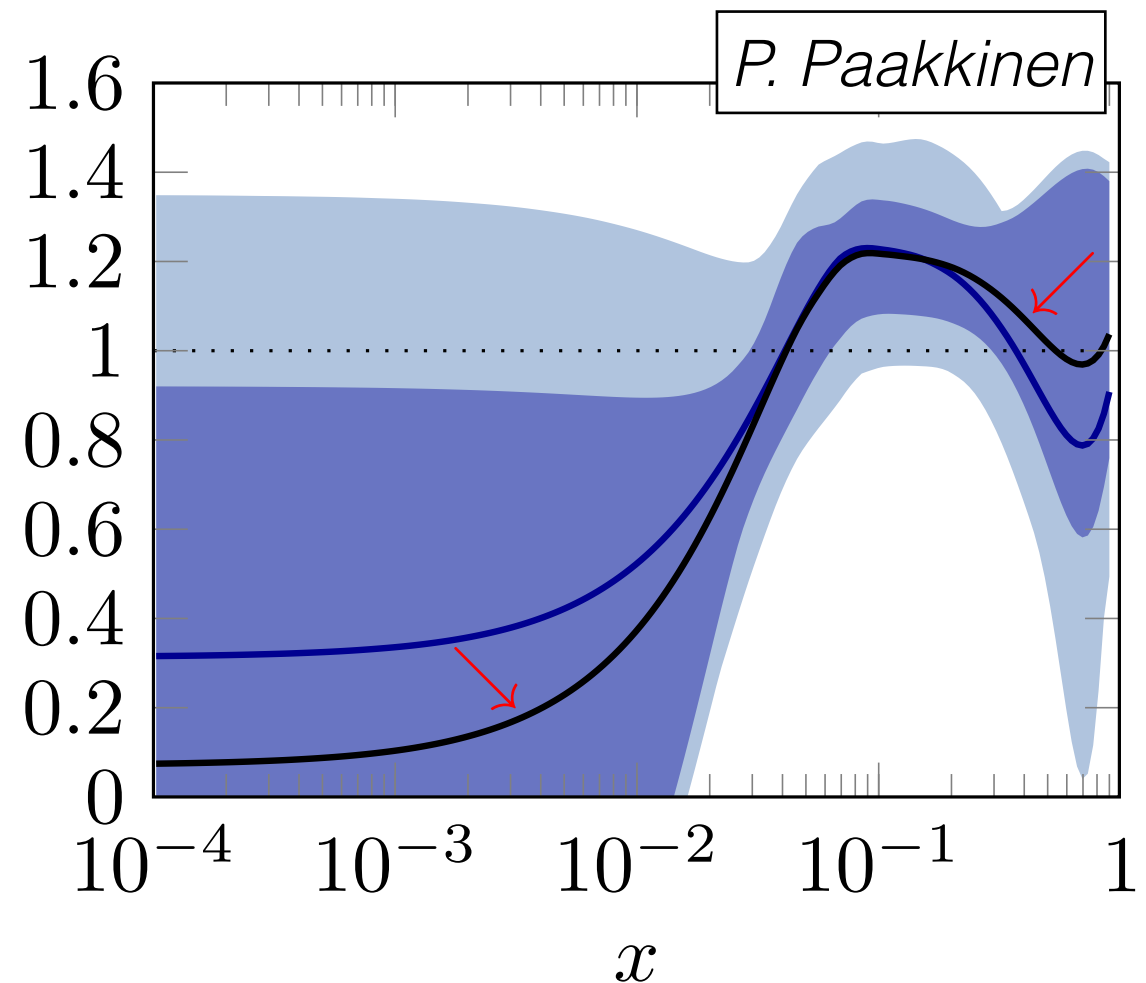
# hard probes data in a global nPDF picture

*broad ( $p_T, \eta$ )-dep.  
measurements  
in  $p+Pb/pp$*

*impact of LHC Run 1  
data on nPDF  
constraints*



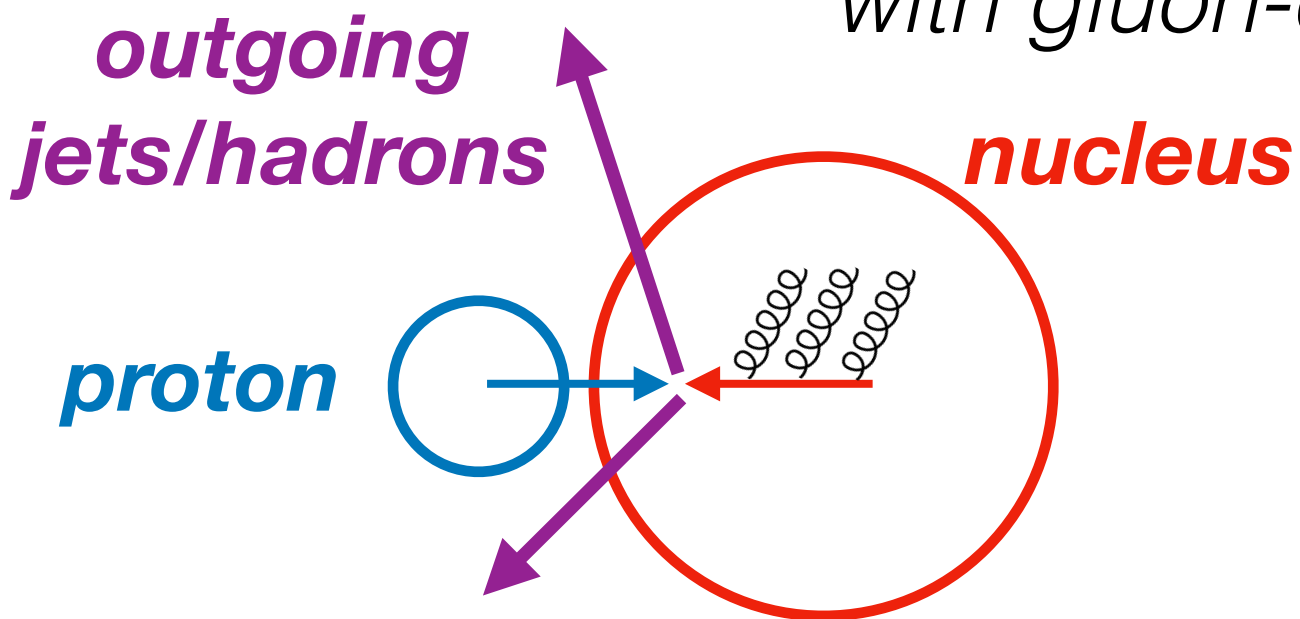
$$R_g^{\text{Pb}}(x, Q^2 = 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2)$$



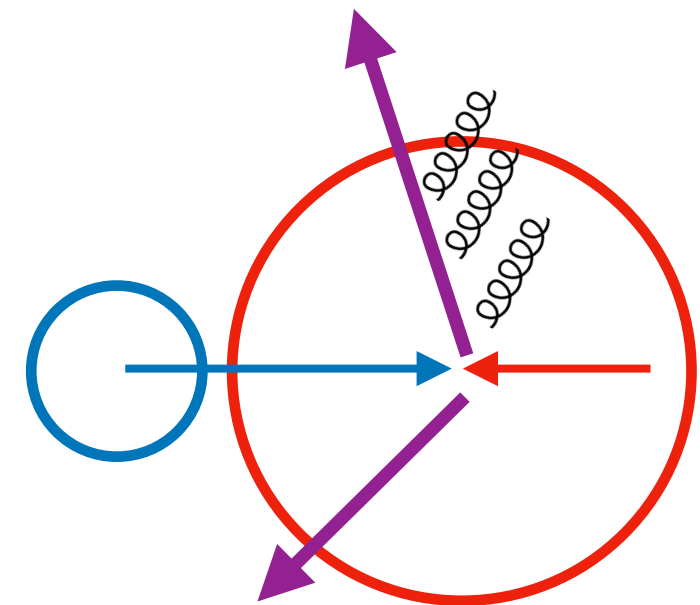
*...more in Aleksander's talk...*

# “cold nuclear matter” dynamics

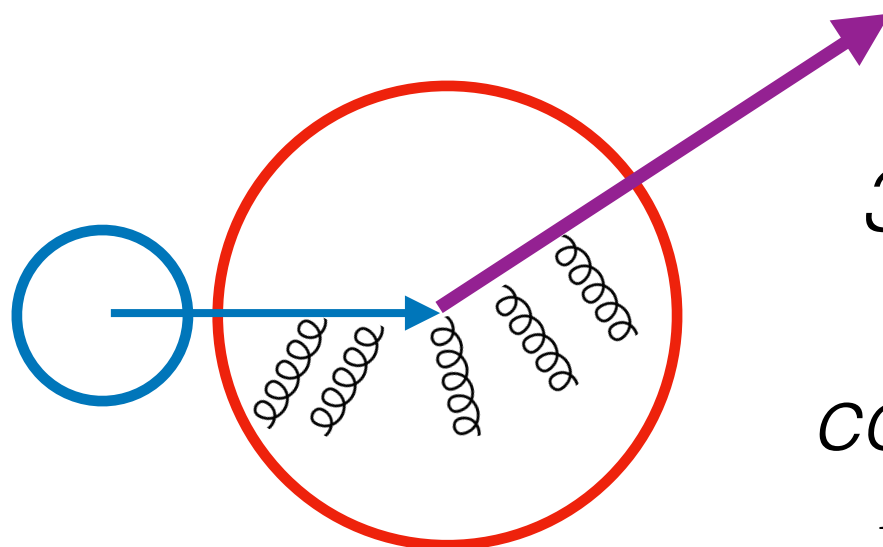
*partons before and/or after hard scattering interacting with gluon-dense nucleus*



1. *parton-gluon interactions before hard scattering (initial state  $E$ -loss)*



2. *interactions after scattering ( $k_T$  broadening,  $\Delta\phi$  decorrelation)*

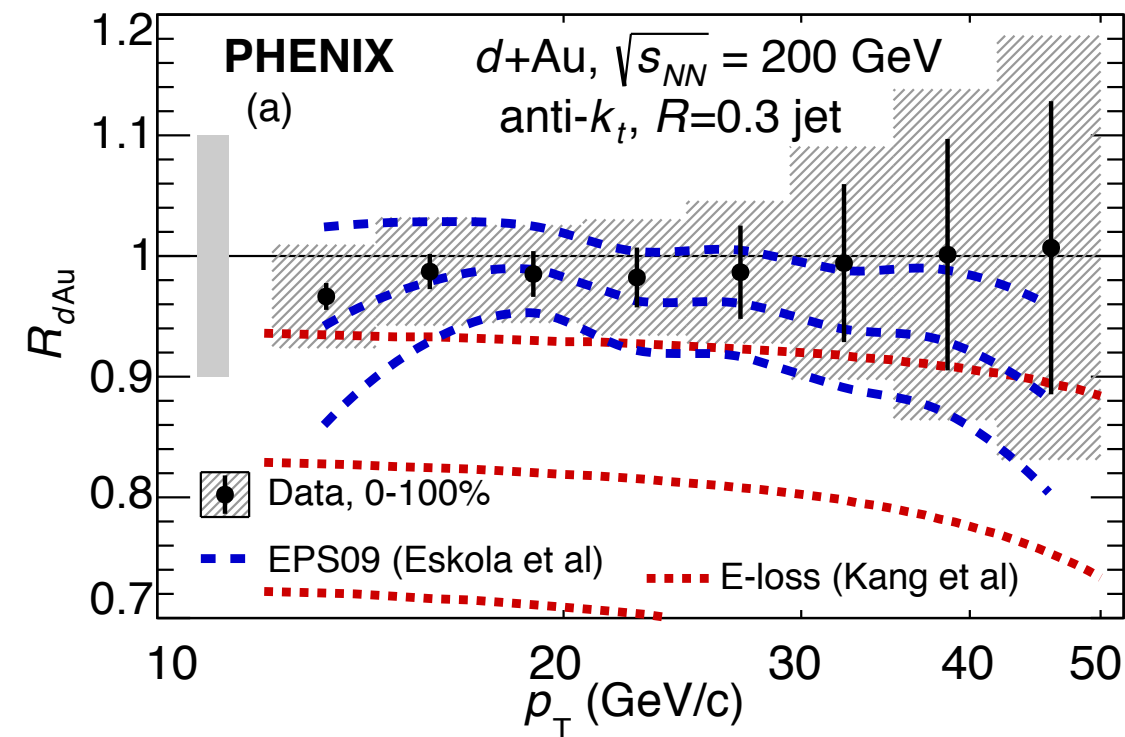


3. *forward mono-jet production (parton in proton interacts coherently with saturated gluons)*



# 1. initial state energy loss

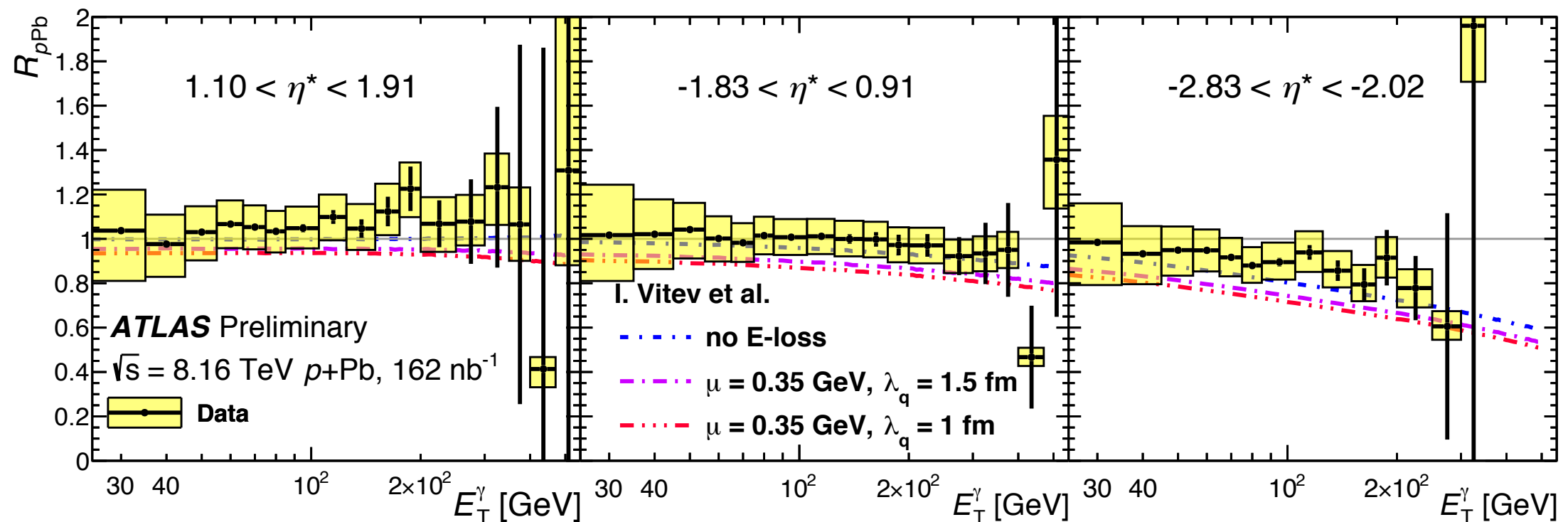
PRL 116, 122301 (2016)



*important at fixed-target energies,  
evidence at collider energies is  
weaker ...*

← *Strong constraints from  
jets @ RHIC, photons @ LHC*

**ATLAS-CONF-2017-072**



# 2. $k_T$ broadening

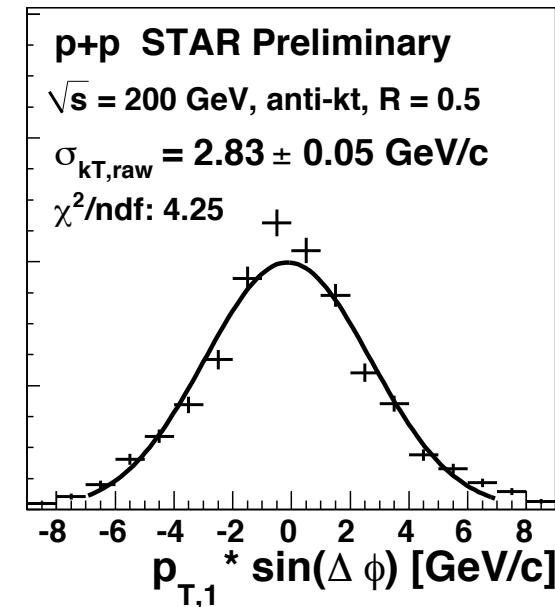
*Common measurement of dijet acoplanarity in nuclear environment:*

$$k_{T,y} = p_T^{\text{jet}} \sin(\Delta\phi^{\text{dijet}})$$

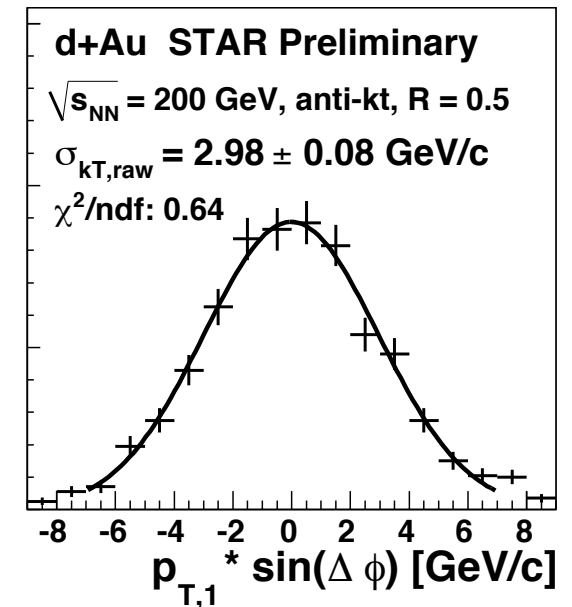
*di-hadrons at  
STAR*

*di-jets in ALICE*

*no strong effects (but co-mover breakup of  $c\bar{c}$ ...?)*

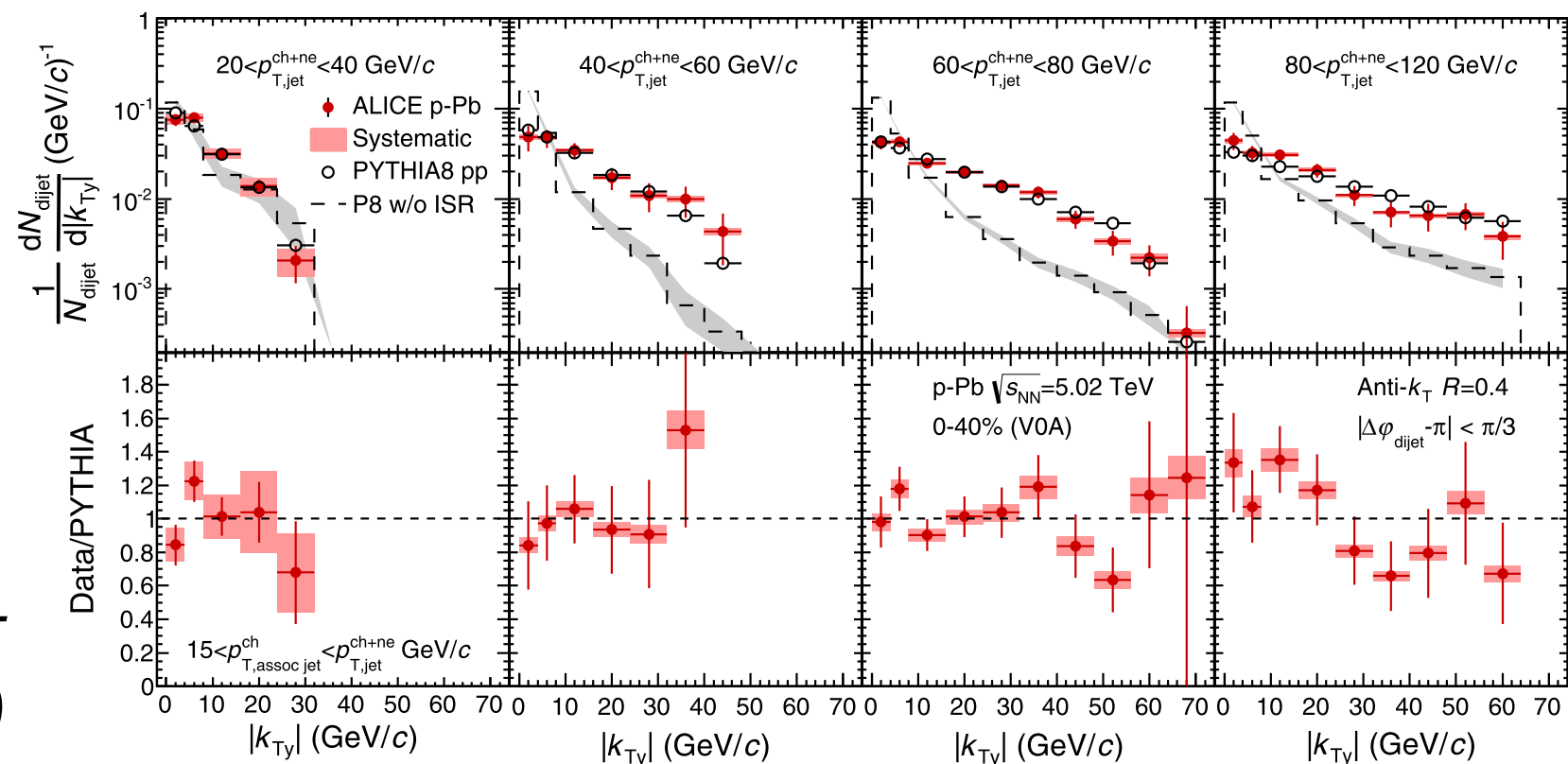


**p+p**



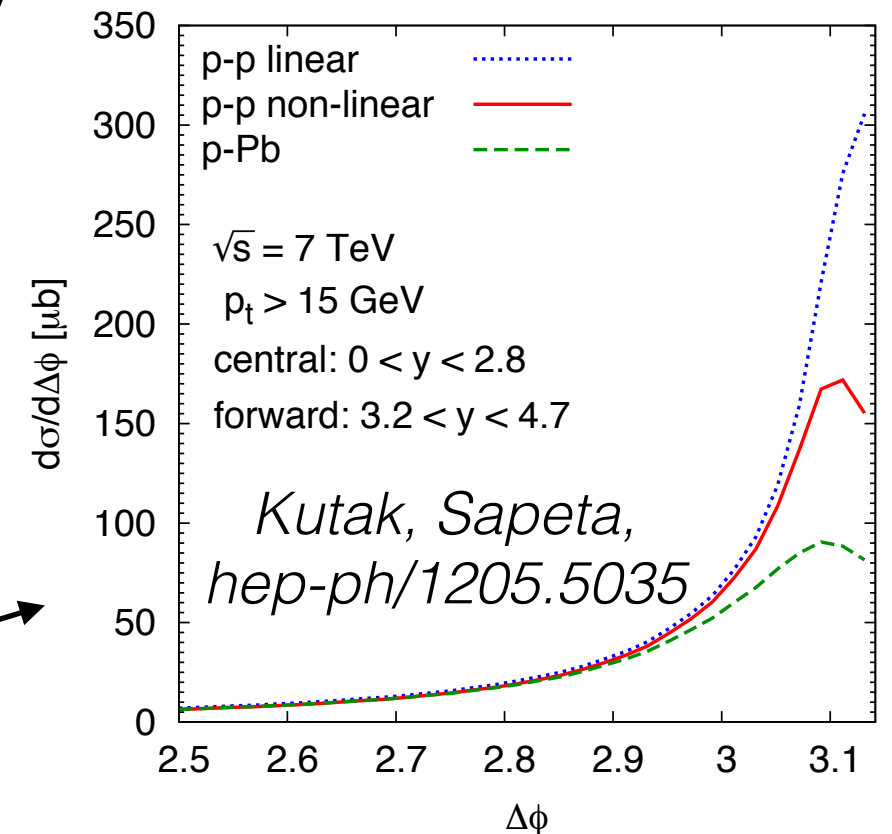
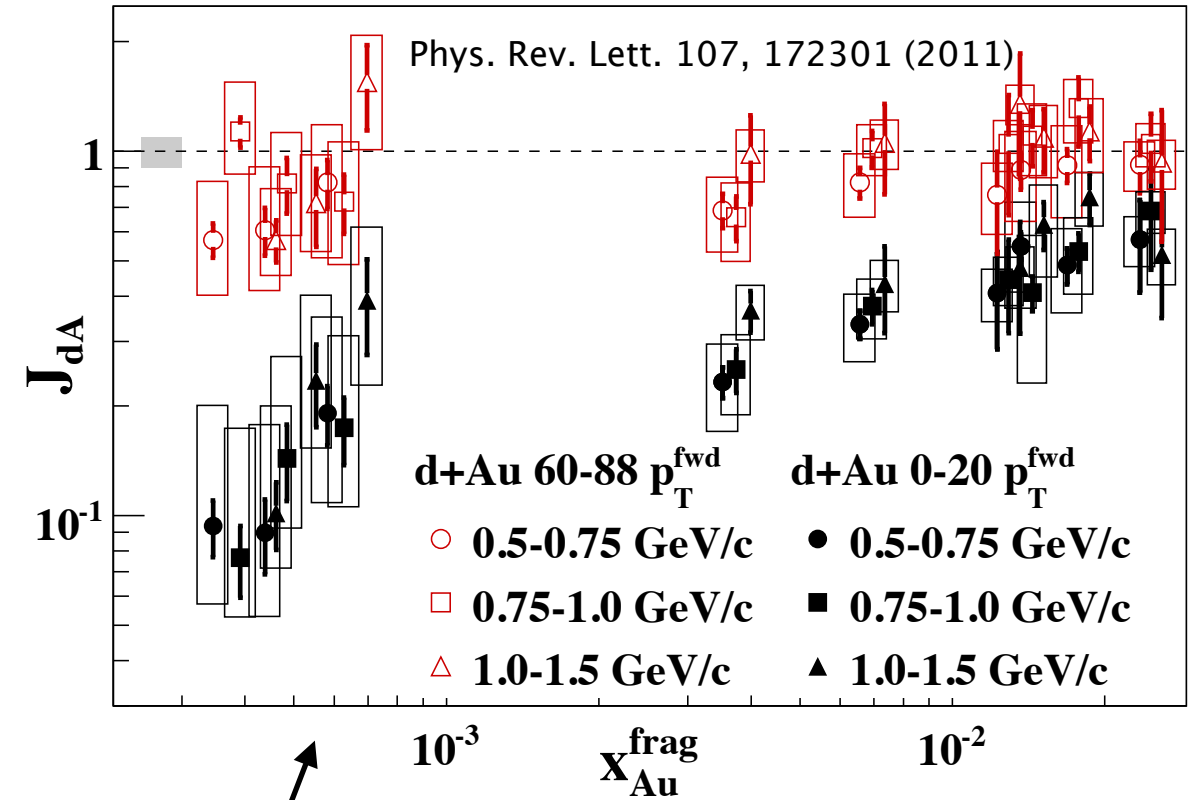
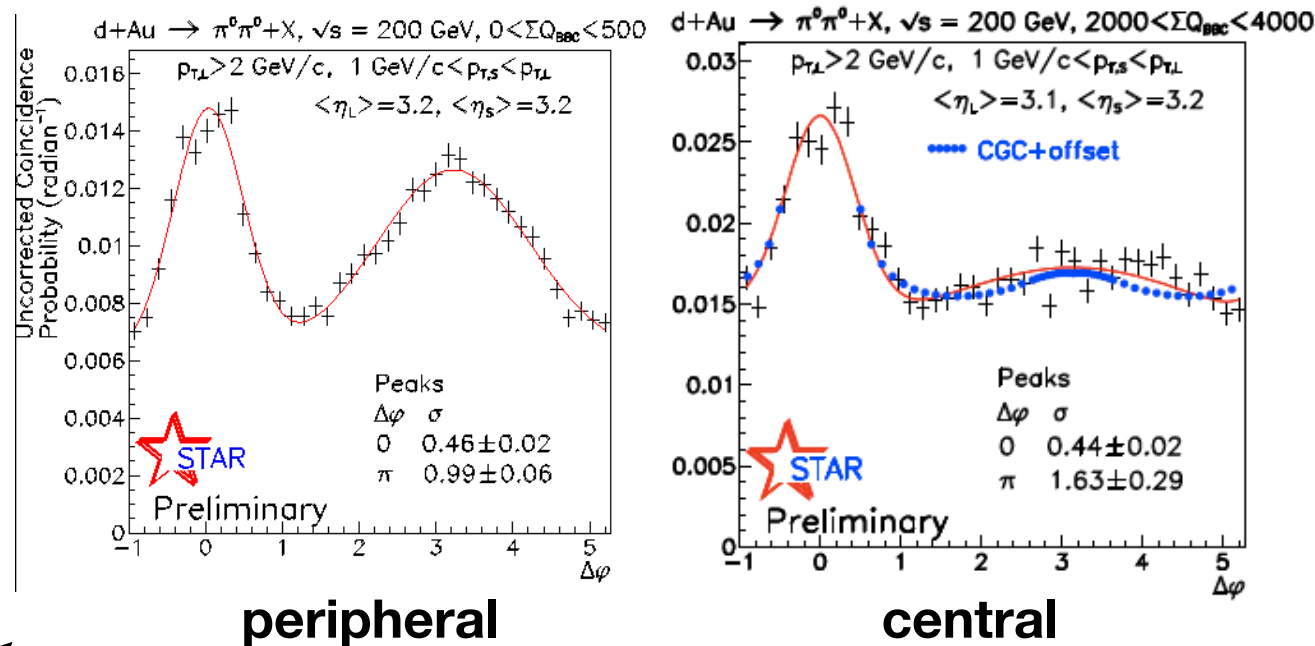
**d+Au**

*PLB 746 (2015) 385*





# 3. forward “mono-jet” production



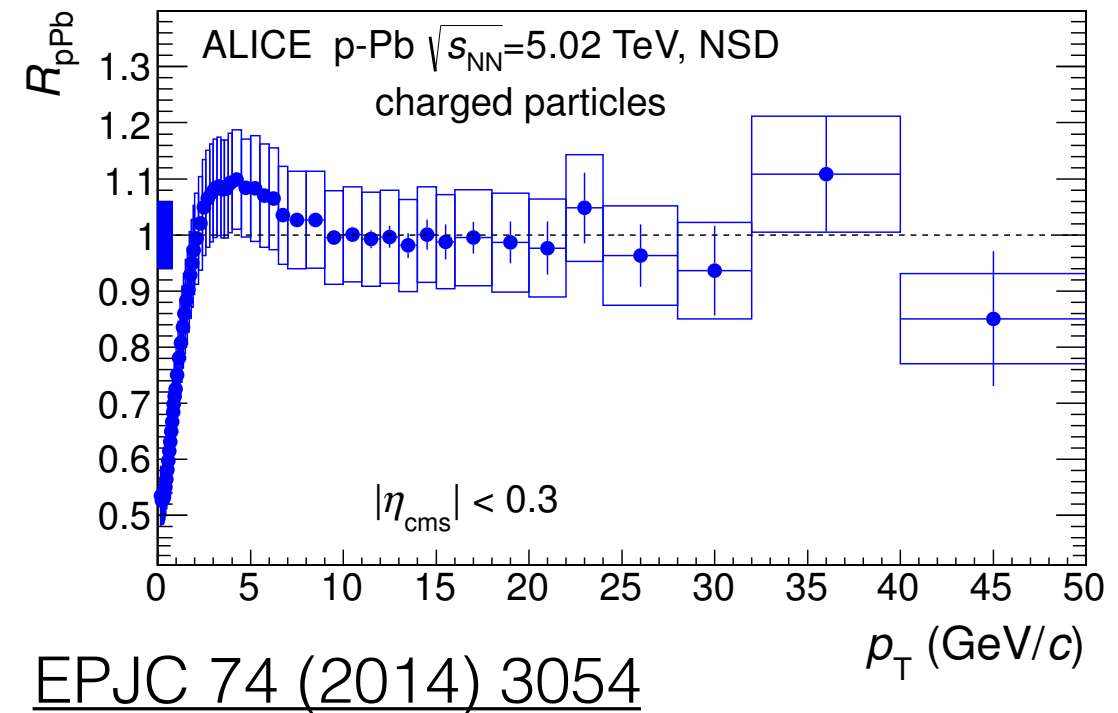
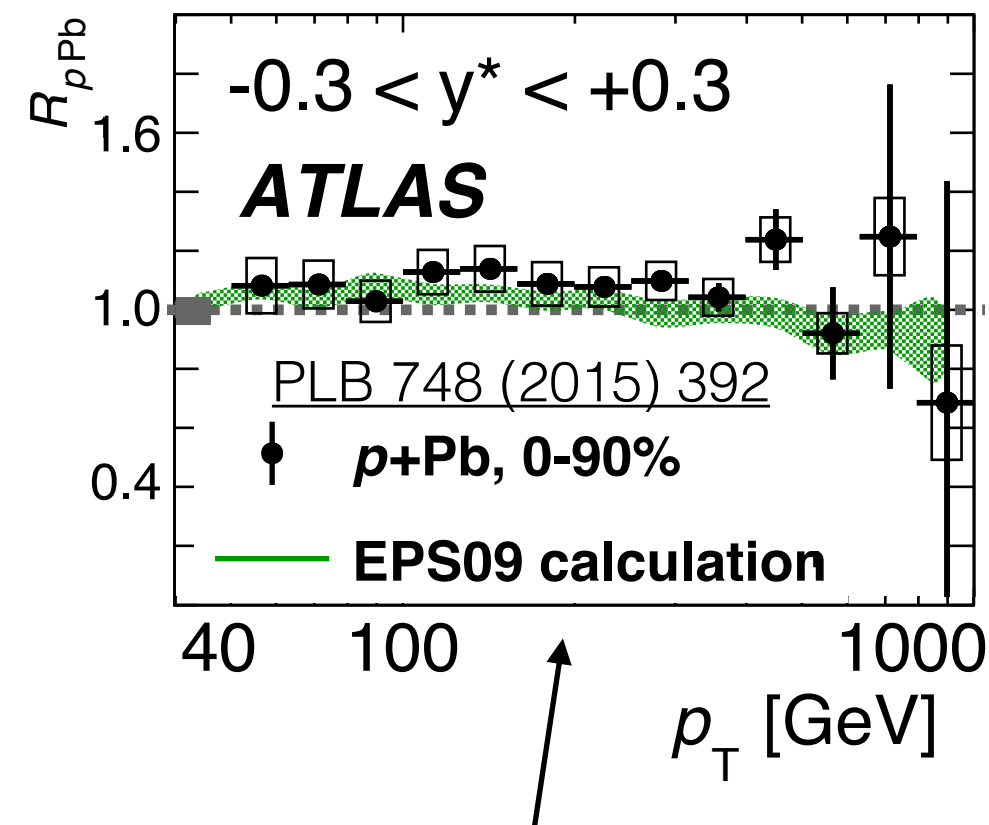
*dramatic effects in d+Au at RHIC:*

*STAR forward di-hadron  $\Delta\phi$*

*PHENIX ratio of C-F per-trigger yields*

*will we see saturation effects  
for central+forward dijets at  
LHC @ HP'18?*

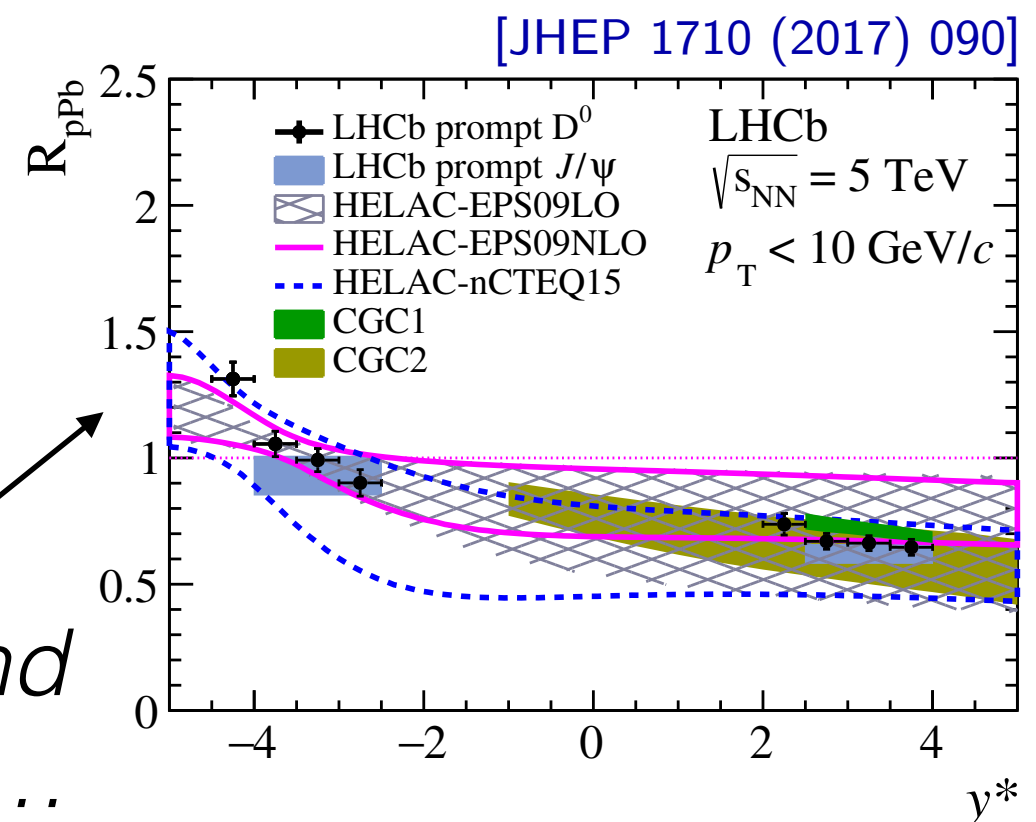
# how can we explore saturation region?



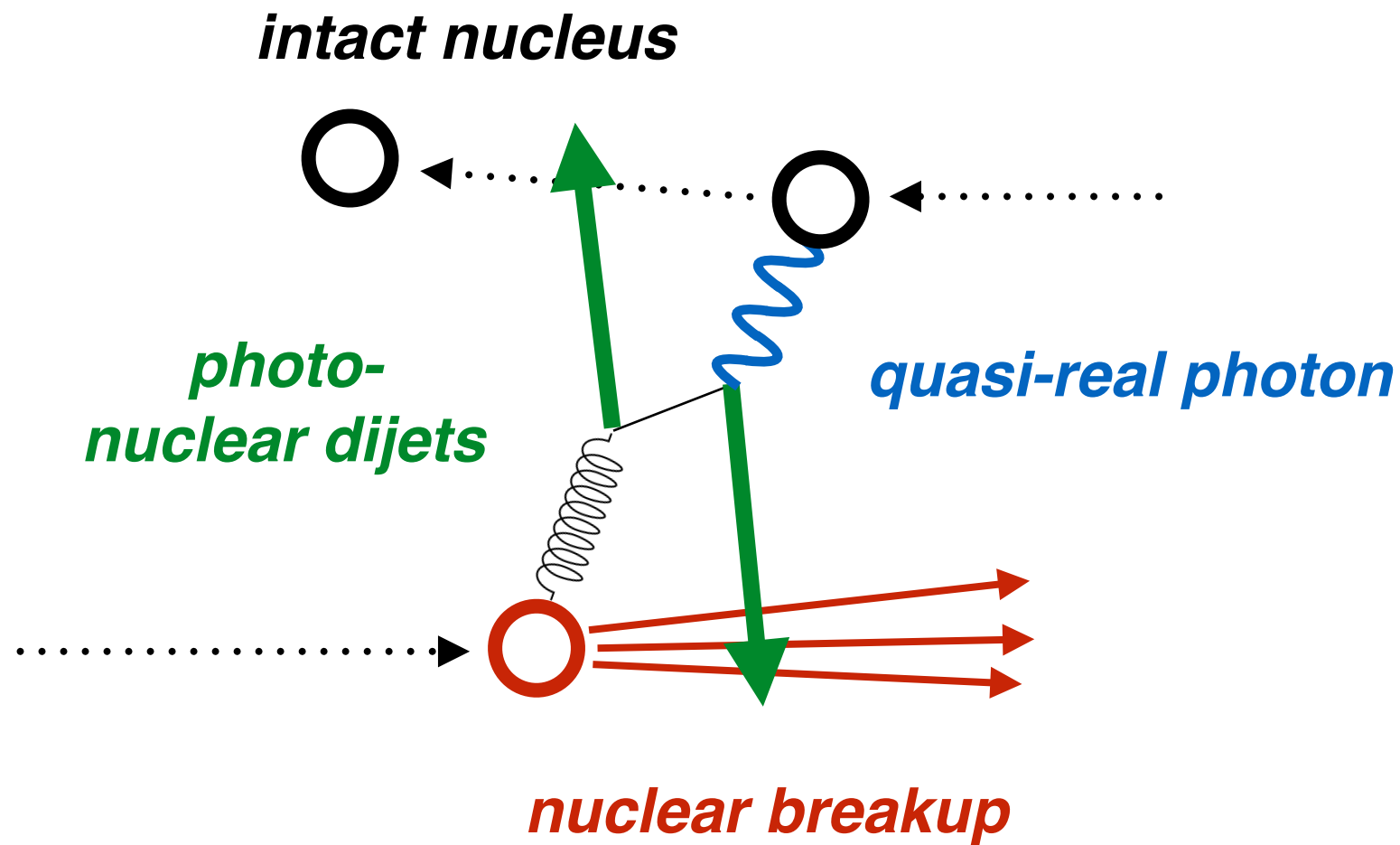
**jets:** minimum  $p_T$ , effects evolve away with high  $Q^2$ ...

**hadrons:** indirect access to parton kinematics, soft contribution...

**$J/\psi$ :** don't understand production mechanisms...

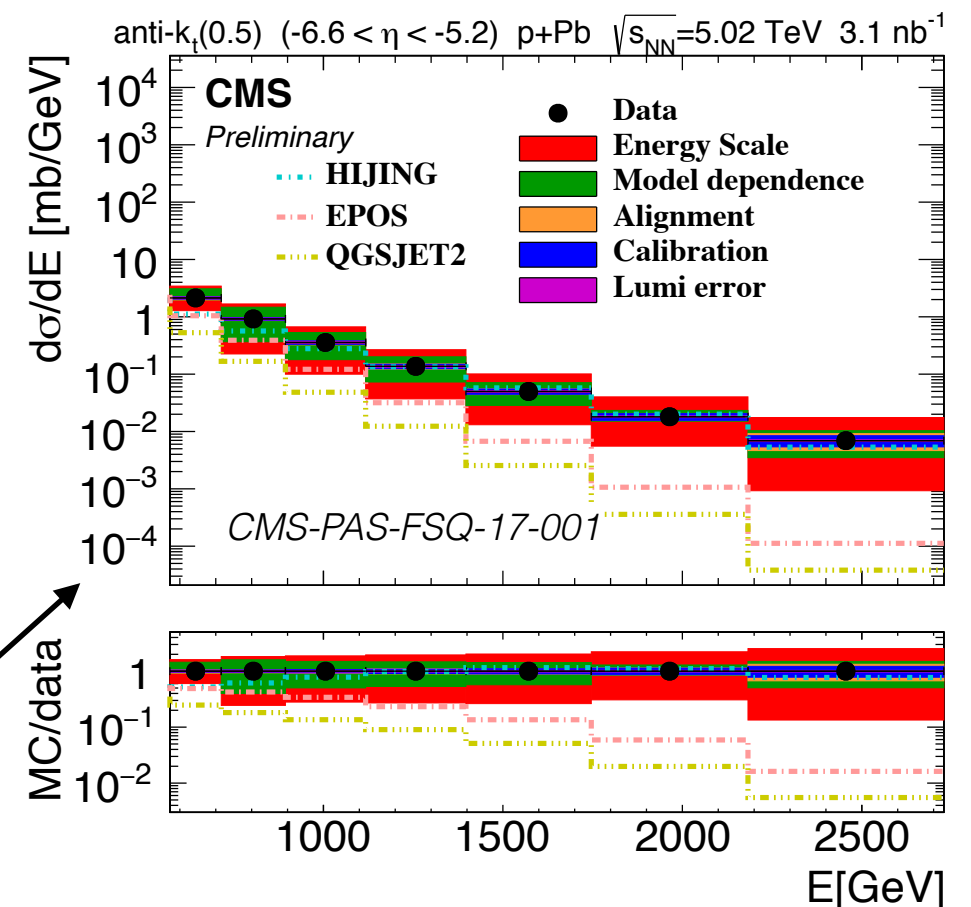
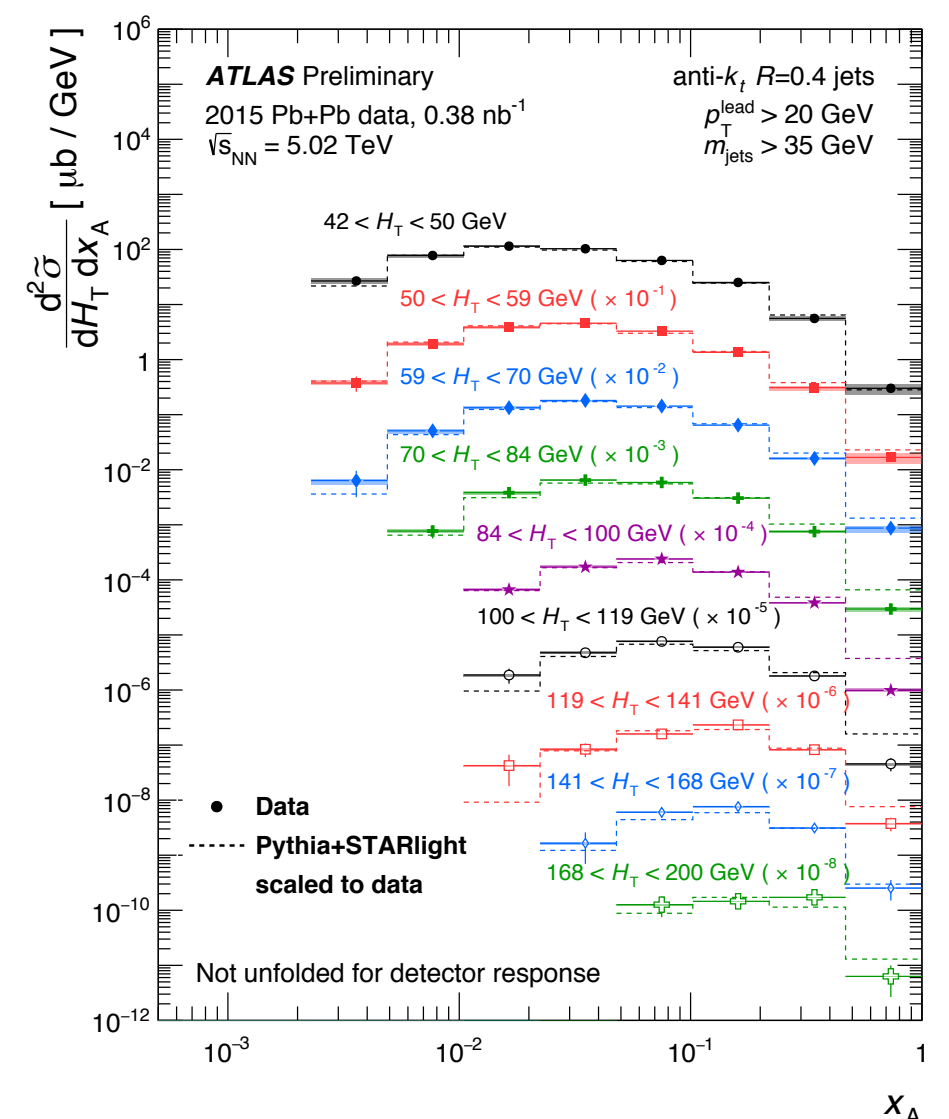


# New processes: photo-nuclear dijets in Pb+Pb w/ ATLAS

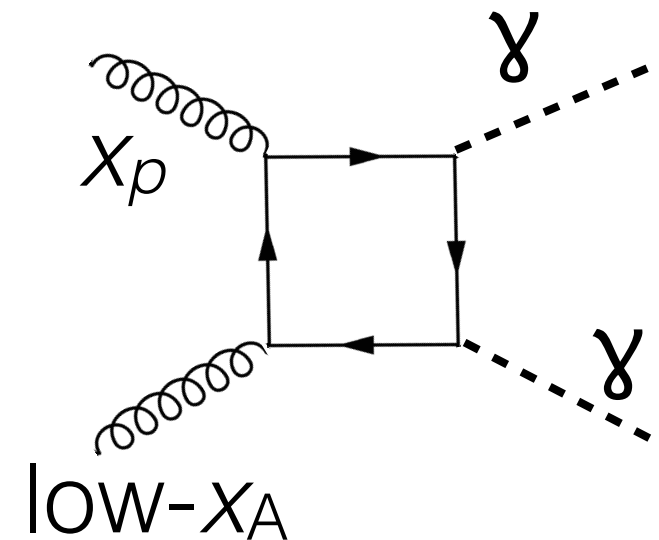
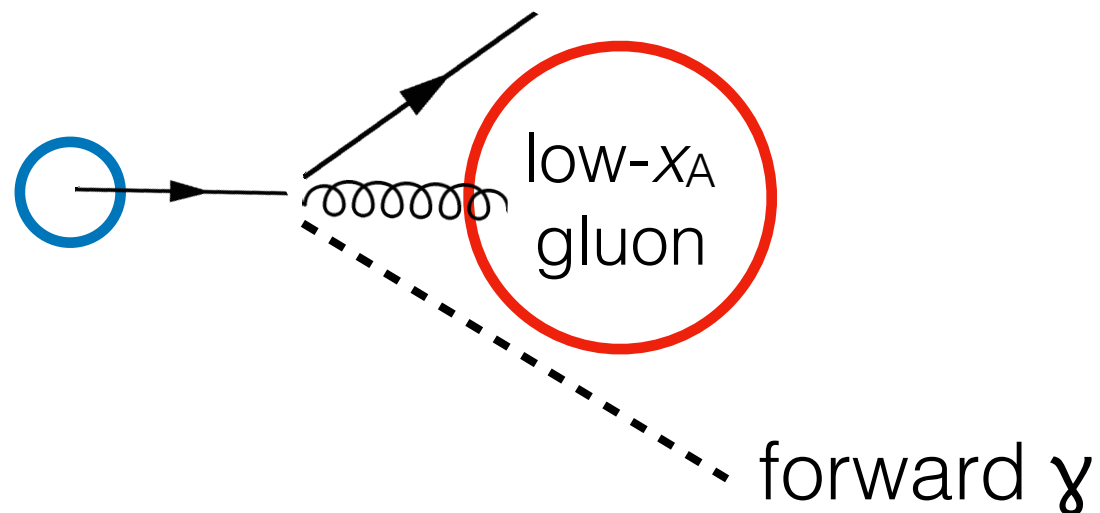


("DIS"-like, measure to lower- $p_T$ )

New instrumentation: very forward  
( $y=5.2-6.6$ ) jets in p+Pb w/ CASTOR



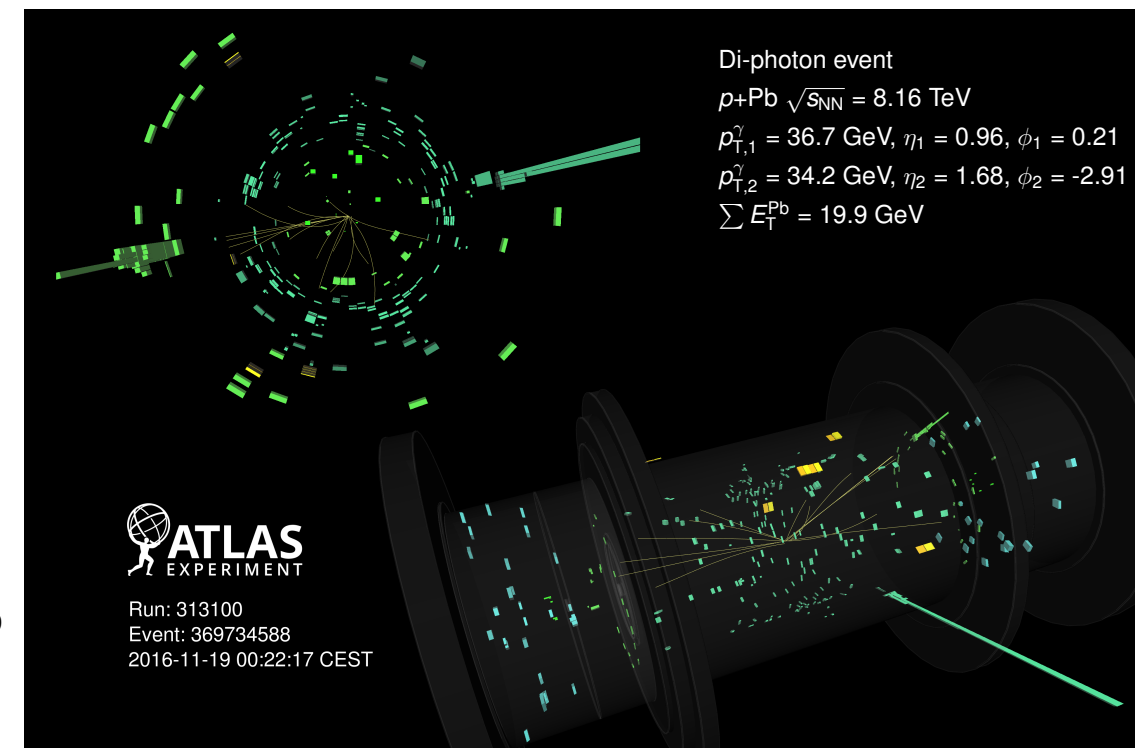
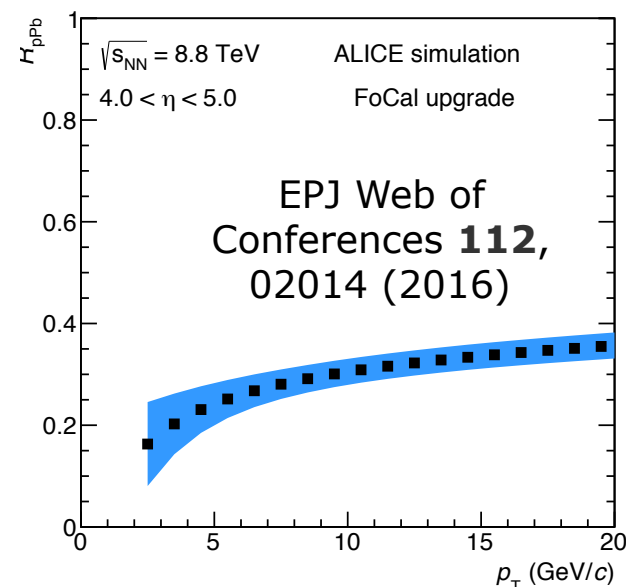
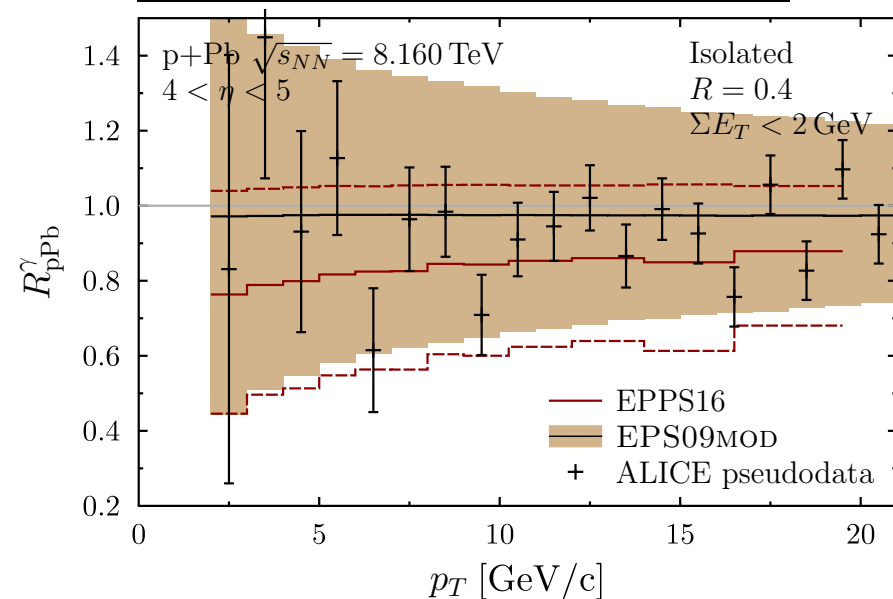
# photons as low- $x_A$ gluon probe



$y=4-5$  (ALICE FoCal upgrade)  
see also LHCb & PHENIX MPC-EX

di-photon production in  
8.16 TeV p+Pb @ LHC?

Based on Helenius et al, arXiv:1406.1689



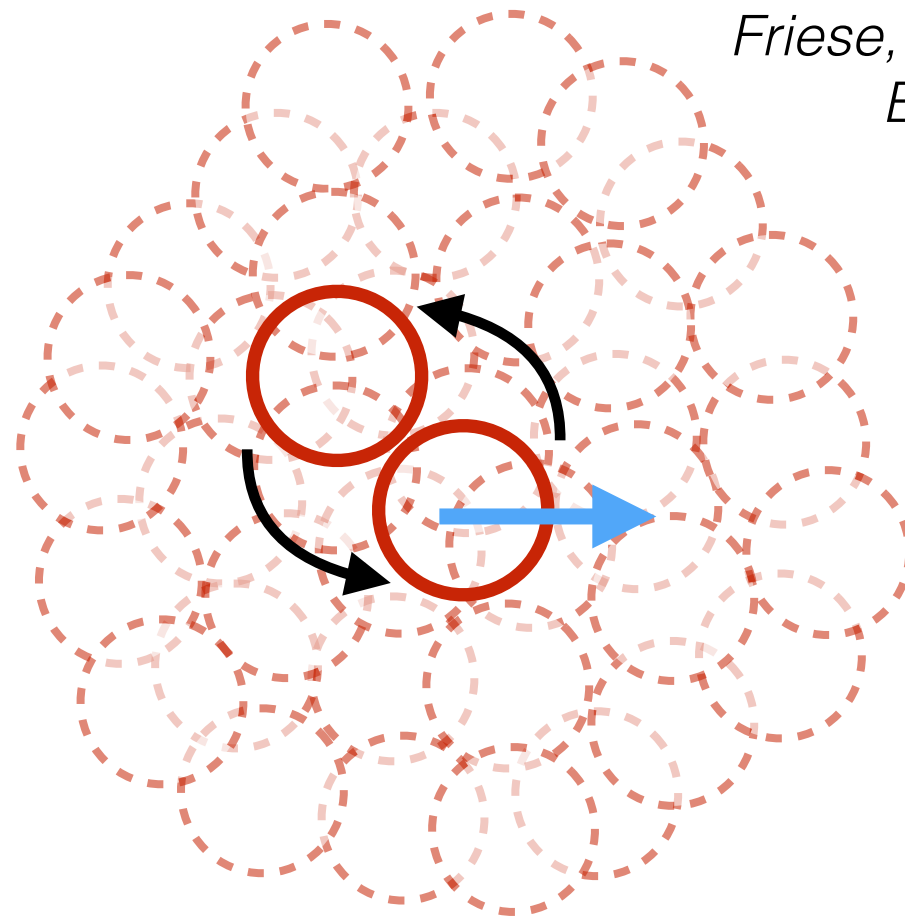
# nuclear effects at large- $x_A$

*At large- $x_A$ , Fermi motion of nucleons in nucleus:  
... but also, short-range **p-n** correlations!*

Friese, Sargsian, Strikman  
EPJC 75 (2015) 534

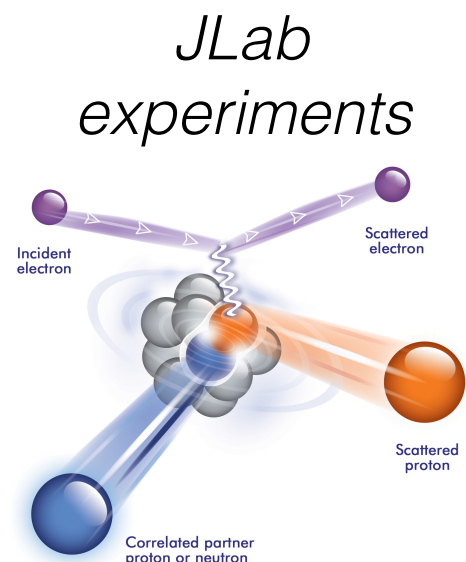
nucleus has total  
momentum  $p_A$

**quark** with  $p_q$  such that  
 $x_A = p_q/(p_A/A) > 1$



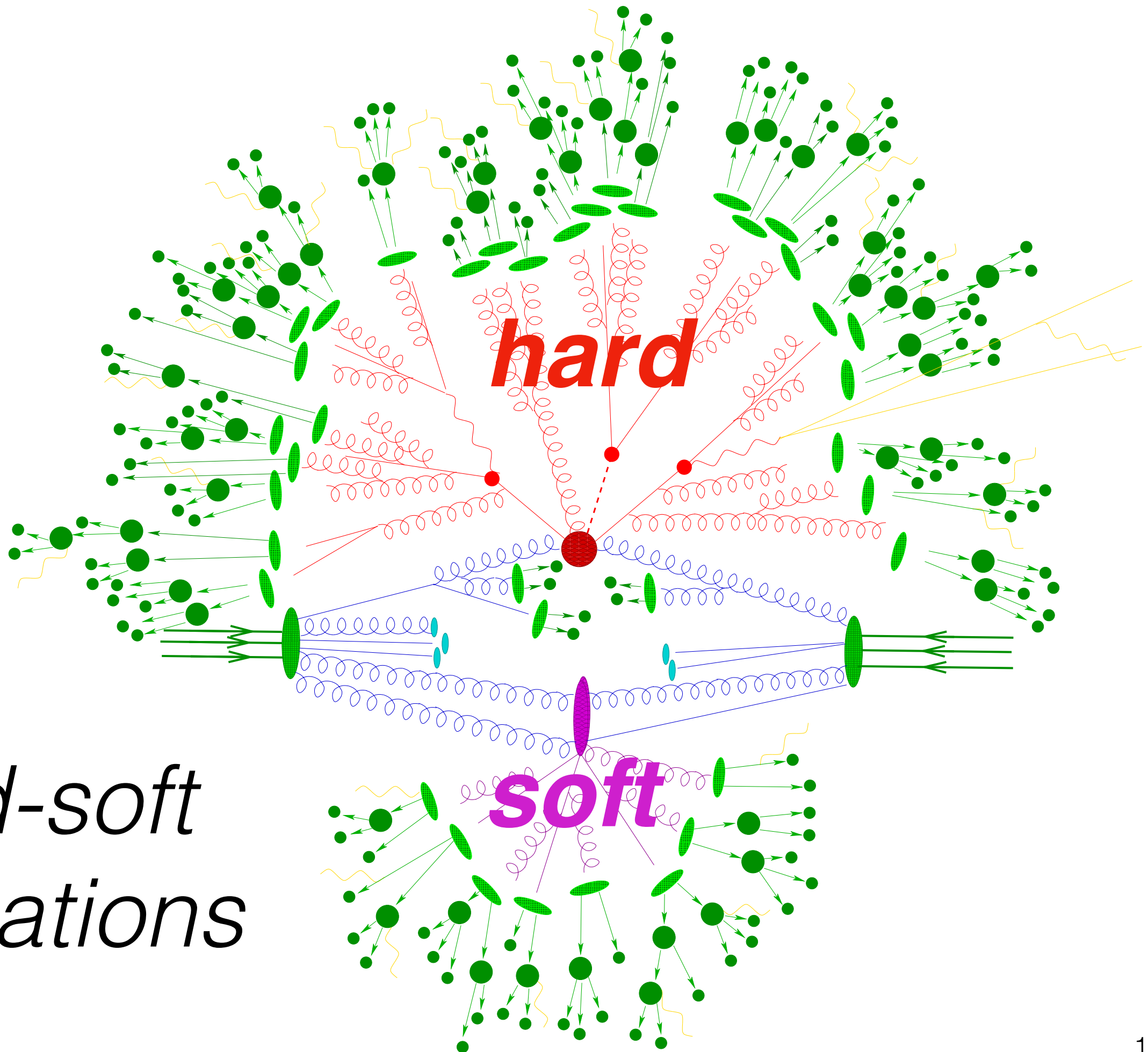
*Possibility to observe  $x_A > 1$  configurations!*

➡ *rates are sensitive to Short-Range Correlations (SRCs) in nuclei (“medium energy” physics)*

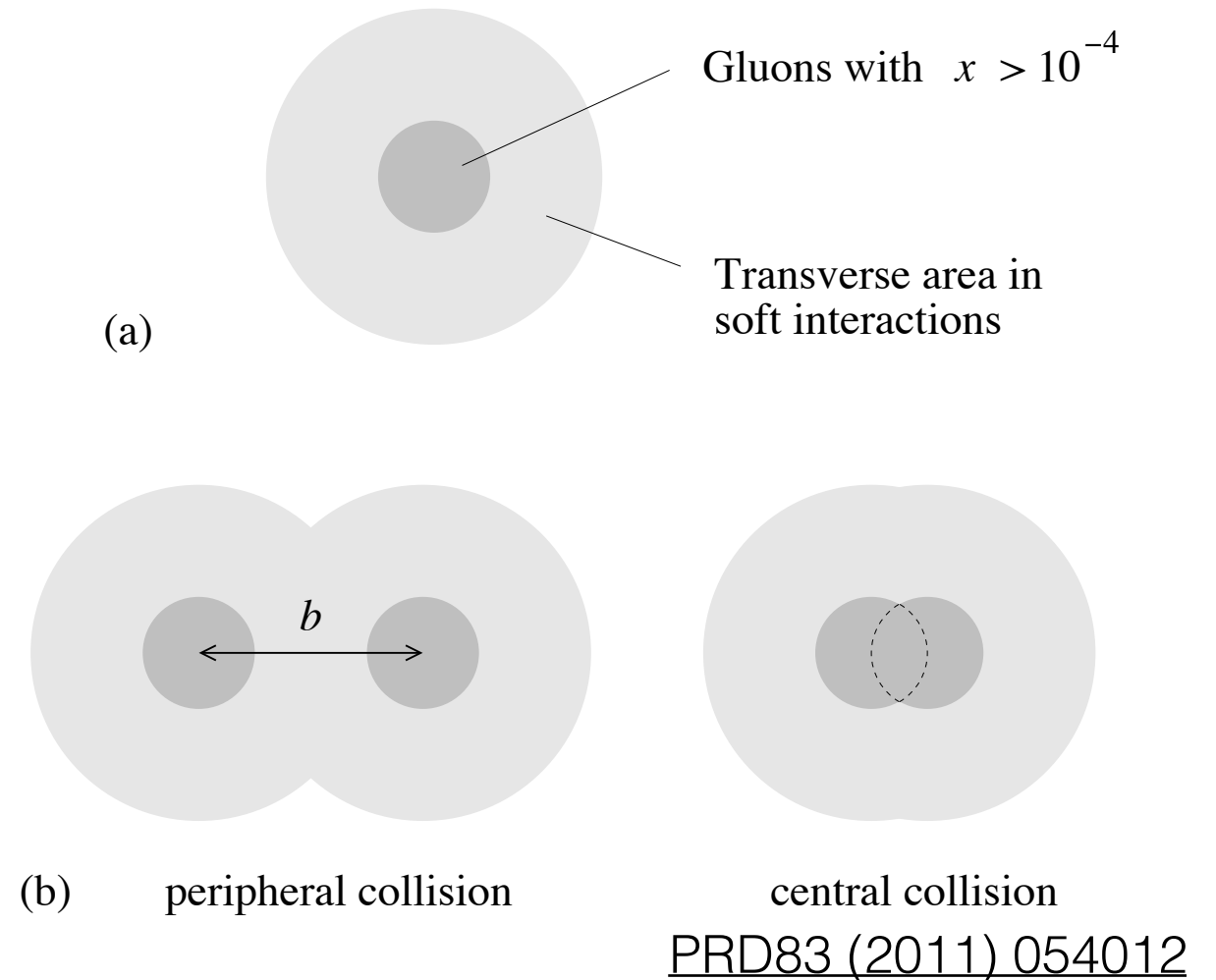
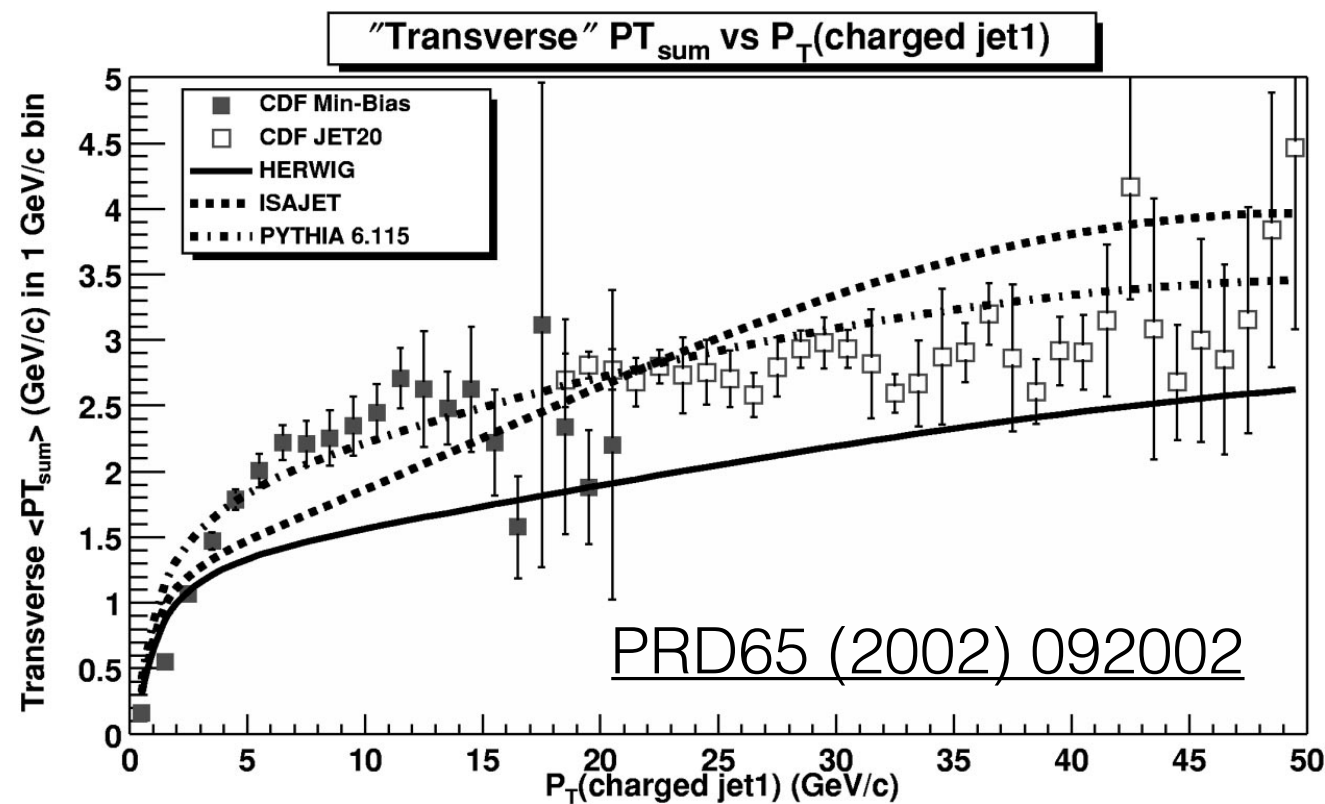




# *Hard-soft correlations*



# UE in the presence of a hard scattering



*$pp$  (or  $p\bar{p}$ ) collisions with a modest GeV jet or hadron produce more UE than "average" collisions*

*can be understood from geometric picture of proton*

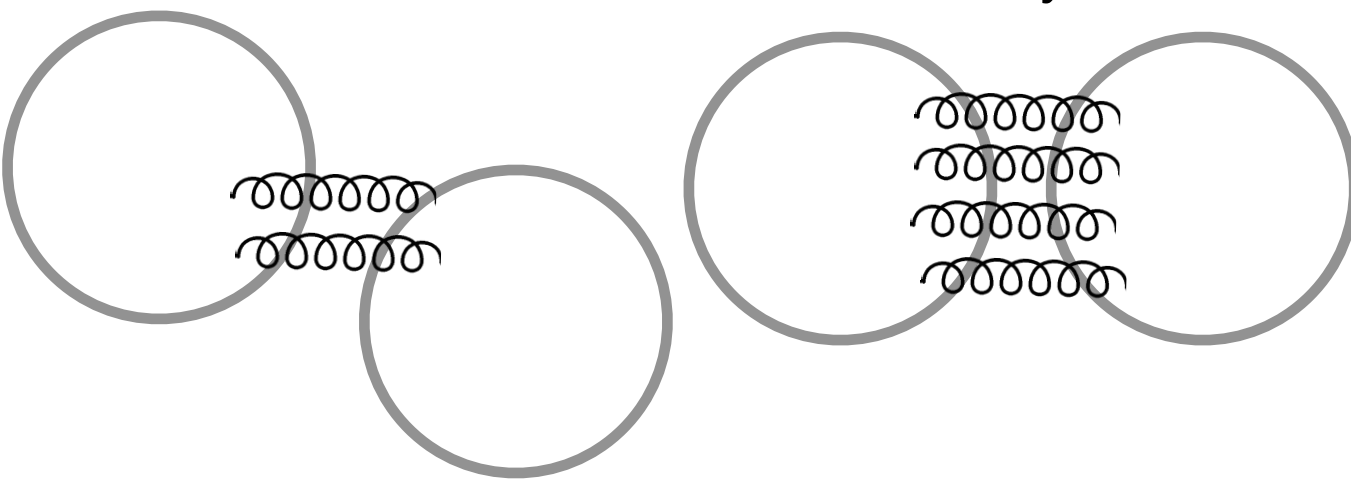
# multi-parton interactions

at LHC energies,  **$g+g$**   
**cross-sections** at small  $Q^2$   
 $\gg$  **total pp cross-section**

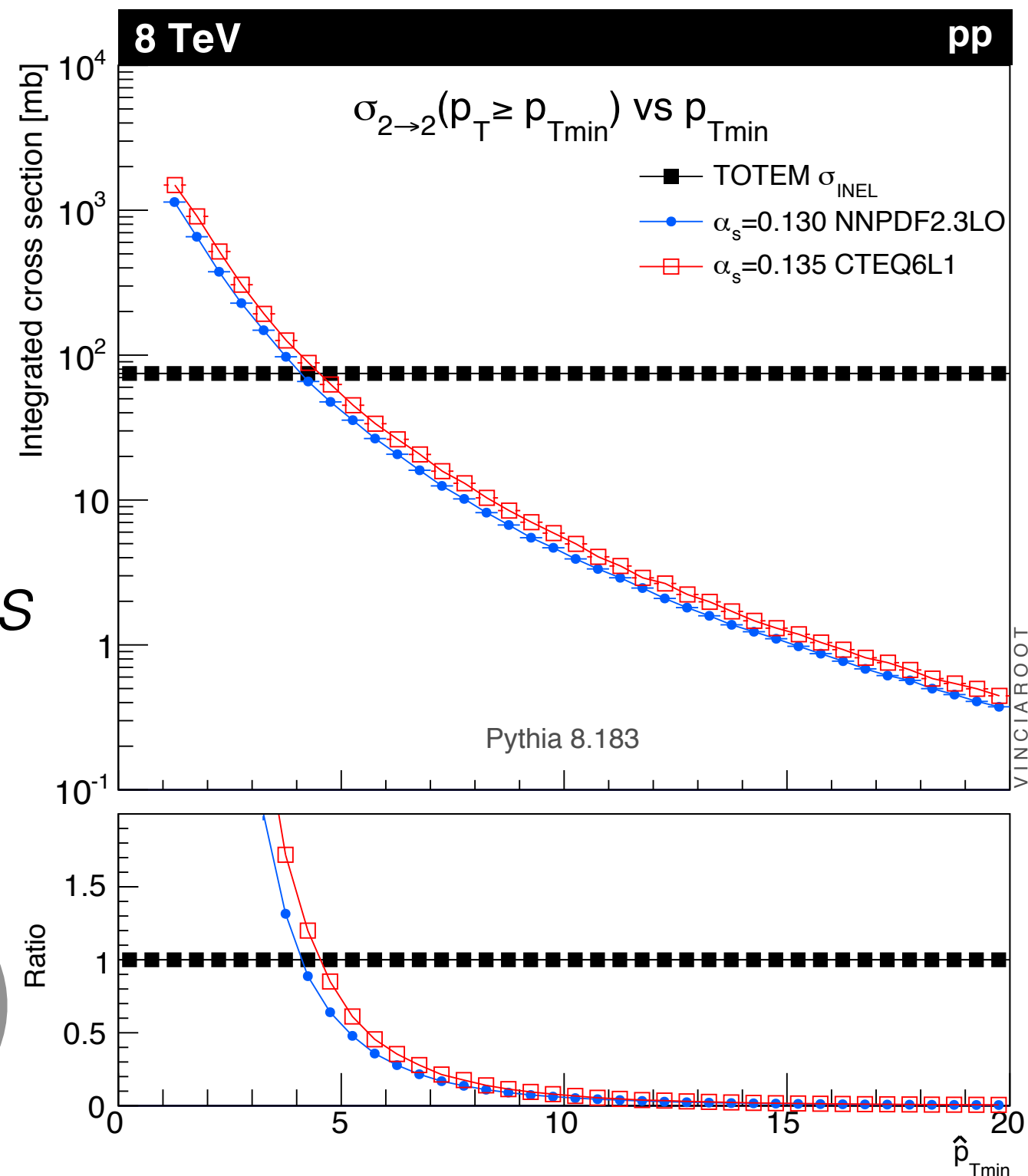
many individual  $g+g$  collisions

small overlap,  
few MPI

large overlap,  
many MPI



P. Skands, TASI Lectures at  
 CU-Boulder, hep-ph/1207.2389

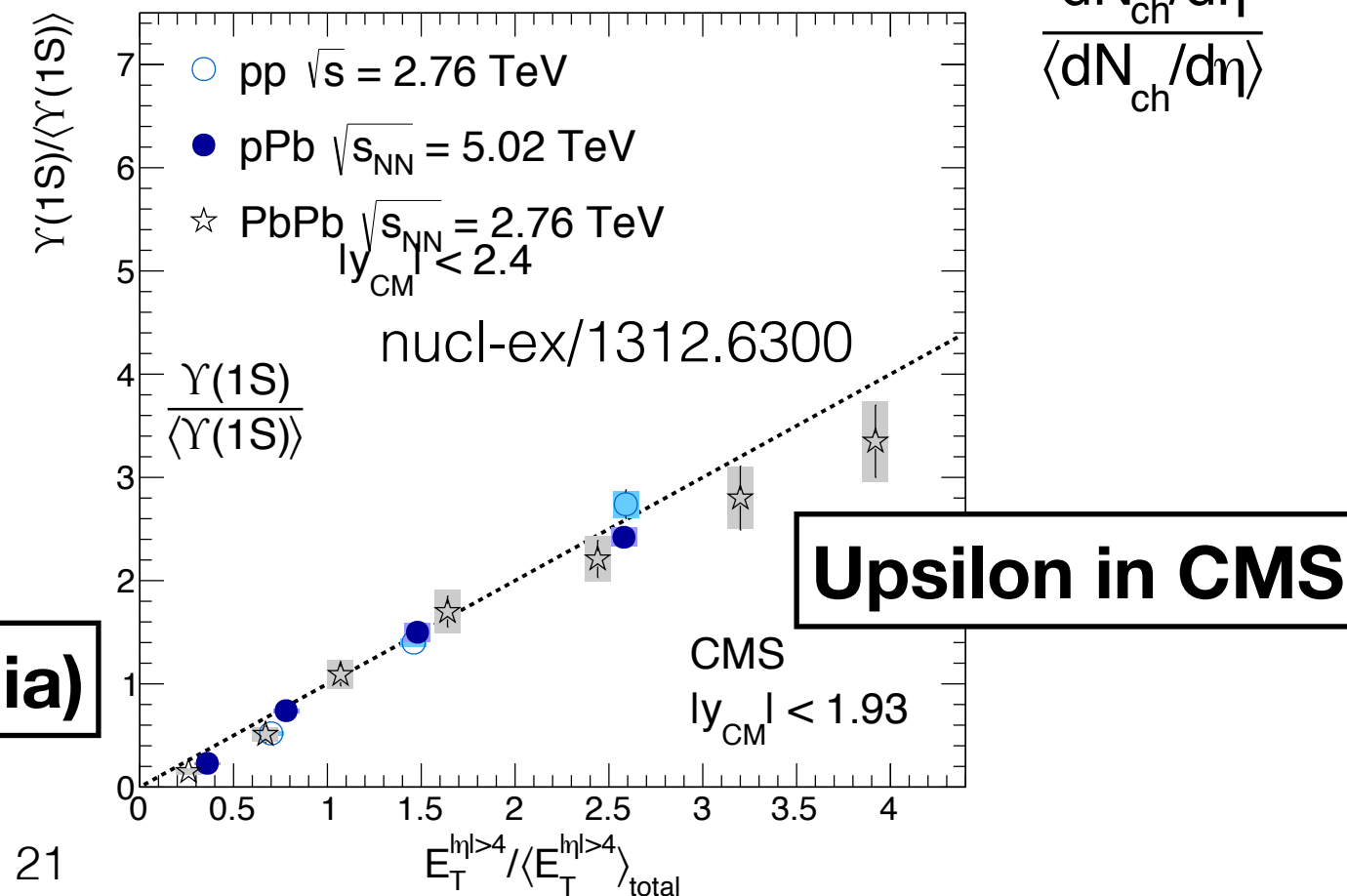
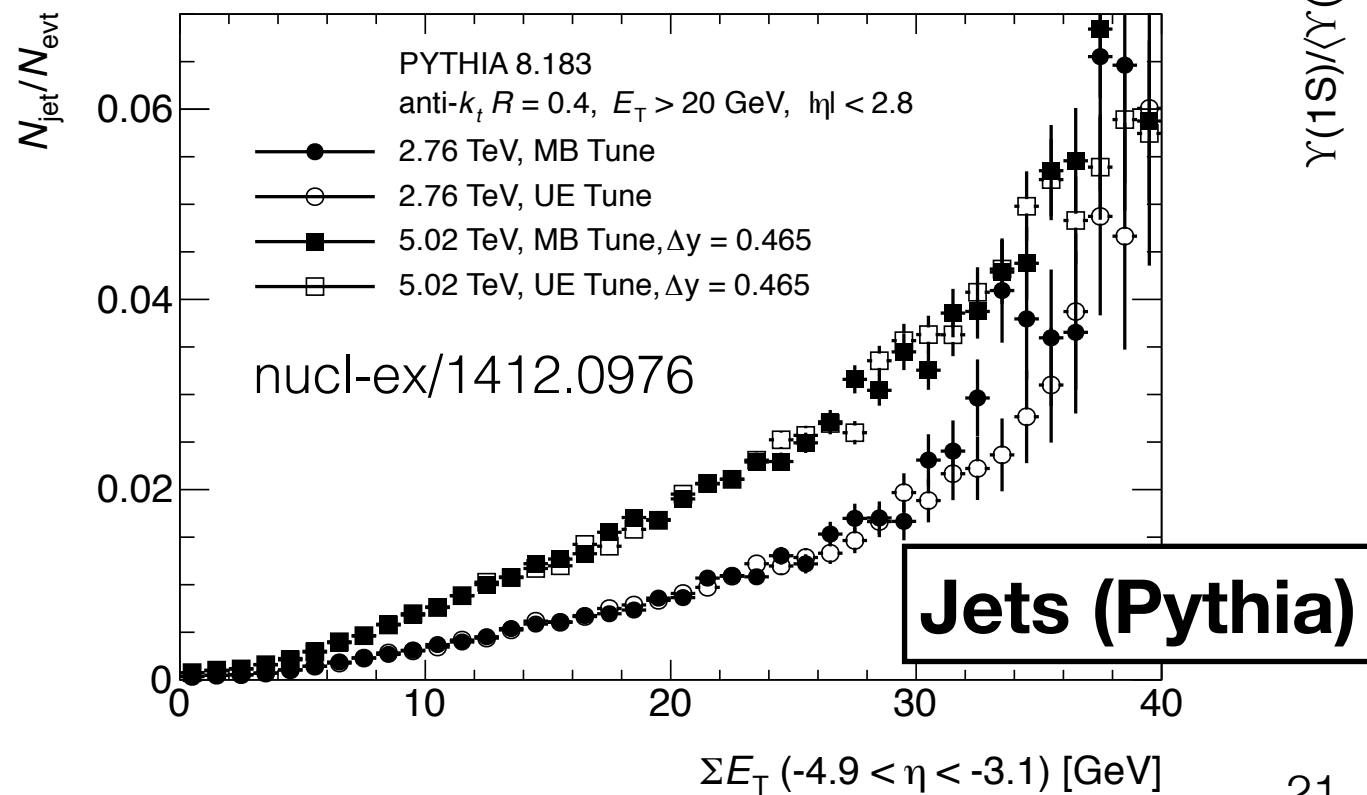
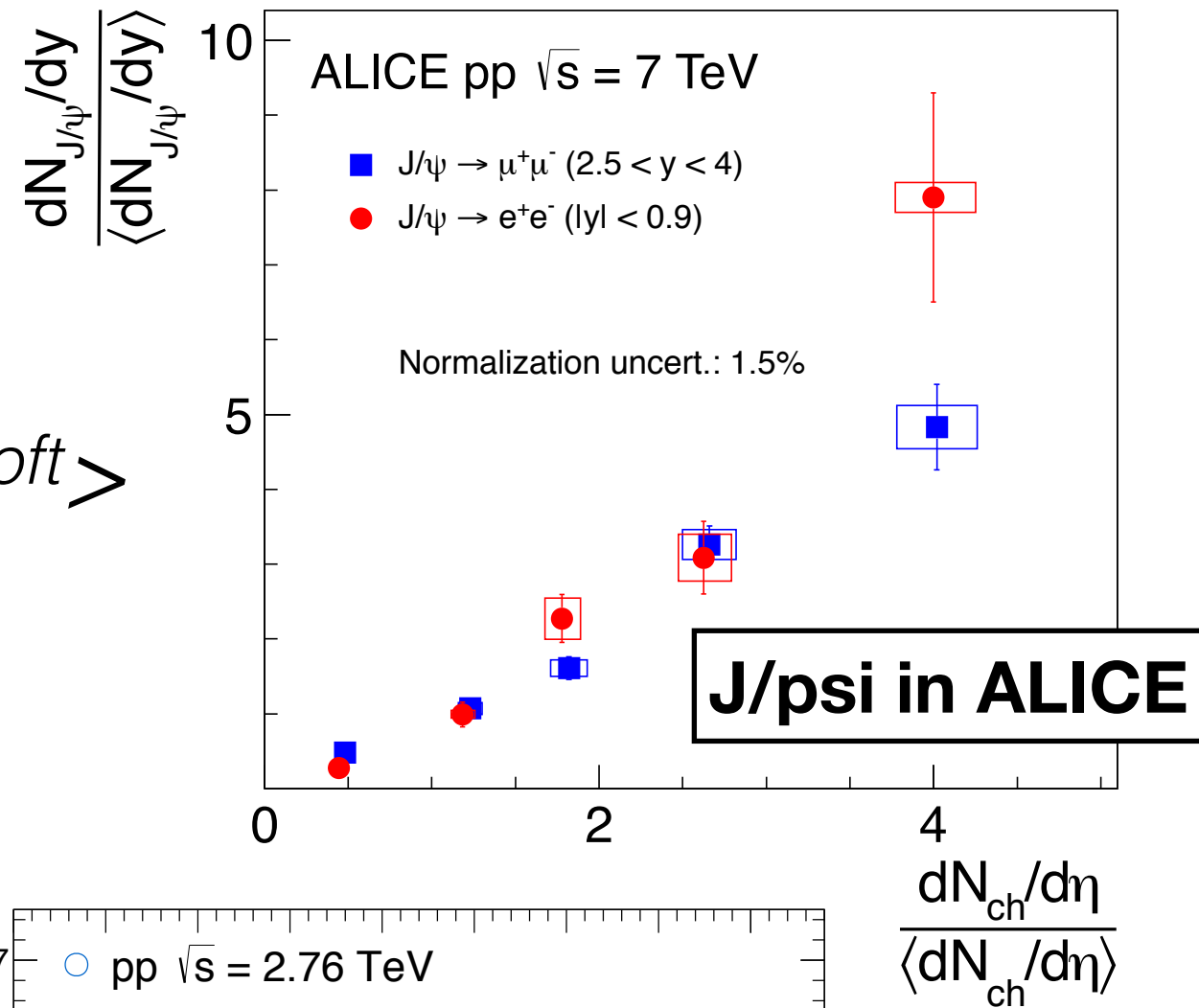




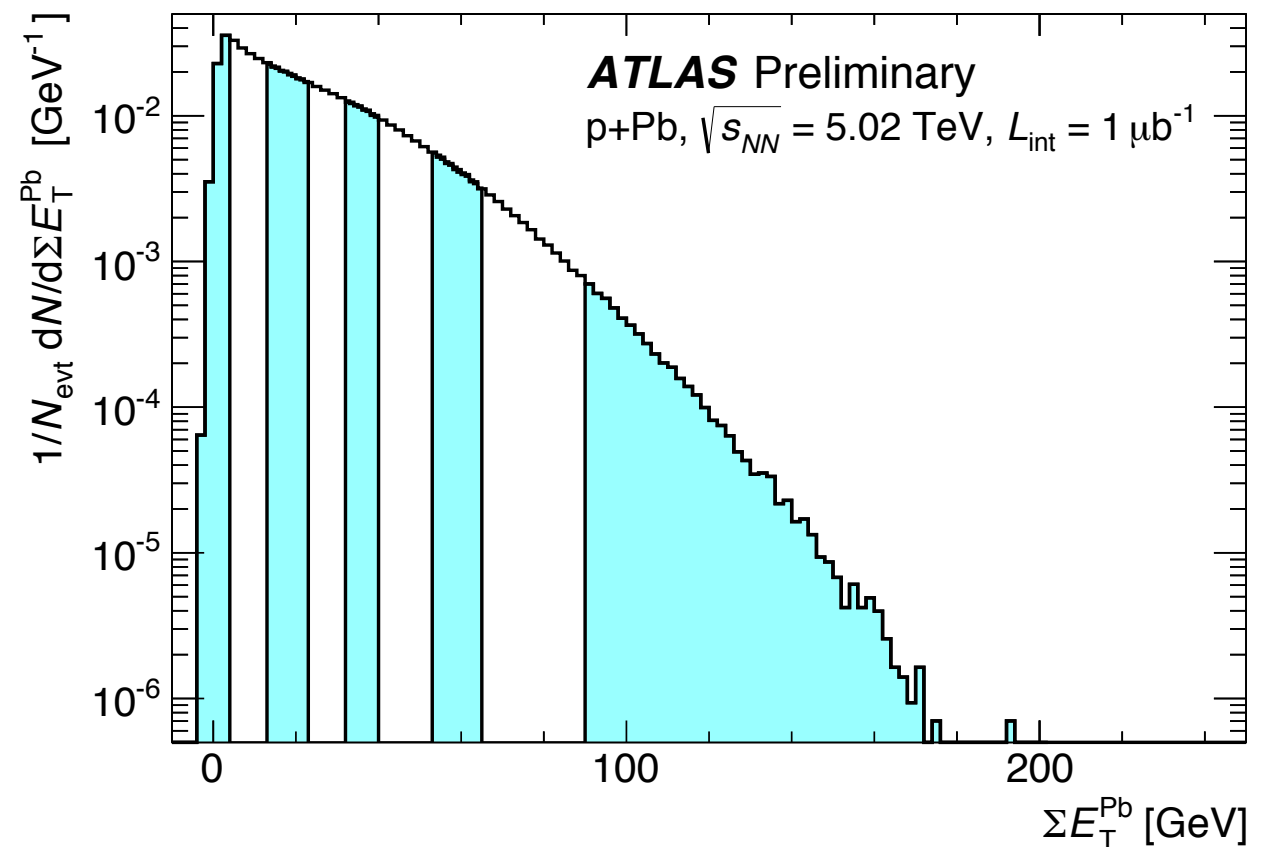
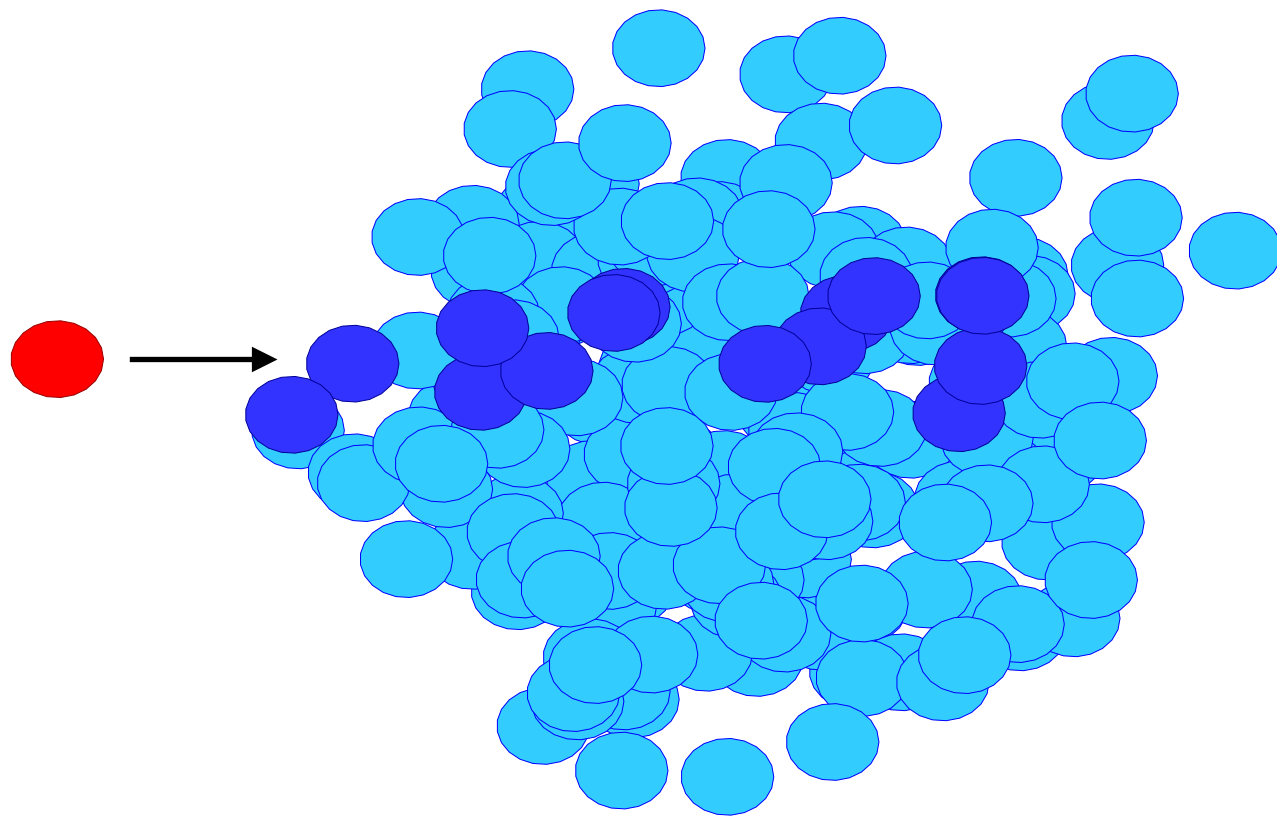
*hard scattering and UE signals  
approximately “scale”*

$$N^{\text{hard}} / \langle N^{\text{hard}} \rangle \approx E_T^{\text{soft}} / \langle E_T^{\text{soft}} \rangle$$

*(but deviations from this are  
also interesting...)*



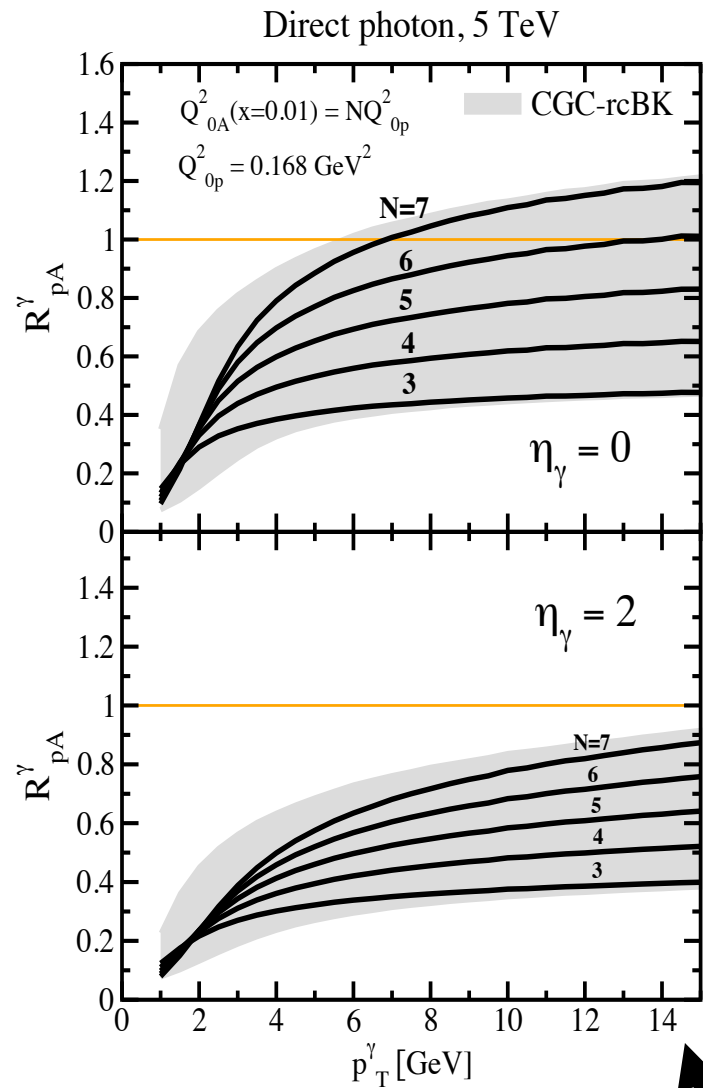
# centrality w/ hard probes



*phenomenology in A+A collisions (and p+A at lower energies):*

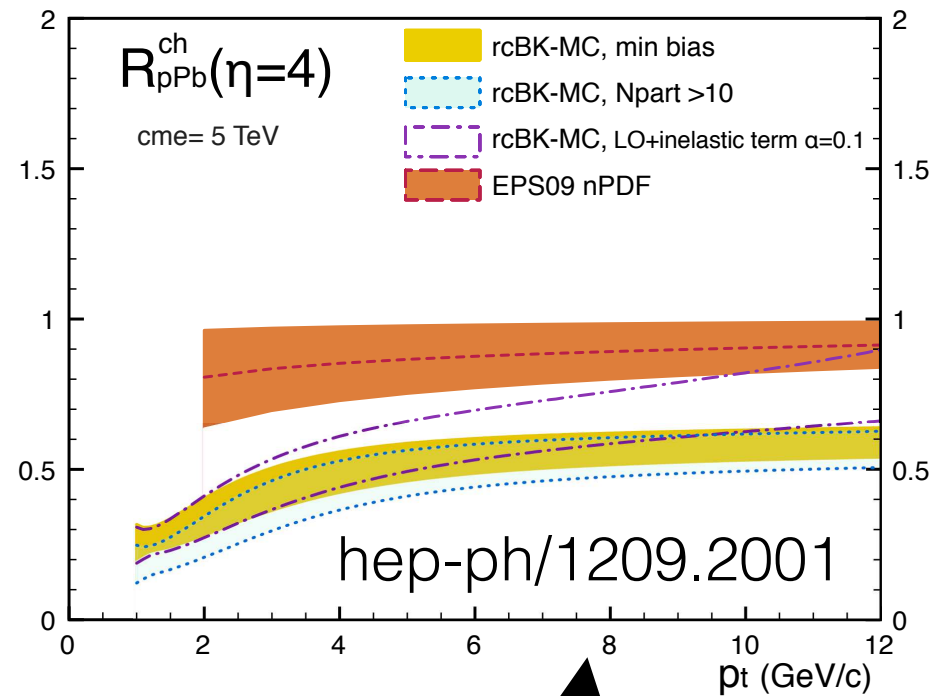
- 1. relate  $N_{coll}$  &  $N_{part}$  to some observed multiplicity ( $N_{ch}$ ,  $\Sigma E_T^{Pb}$ )*
- 2. selecting on multiplicity picks out class of geometric events*

theoretical desire to  
have centrality in  $p+A$ ...

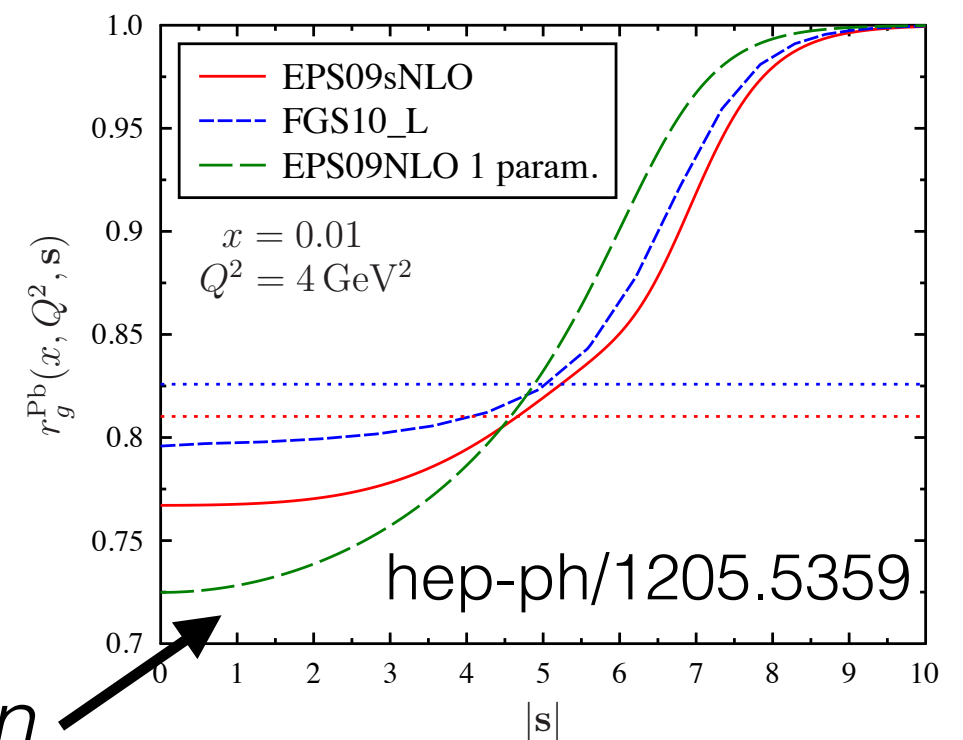
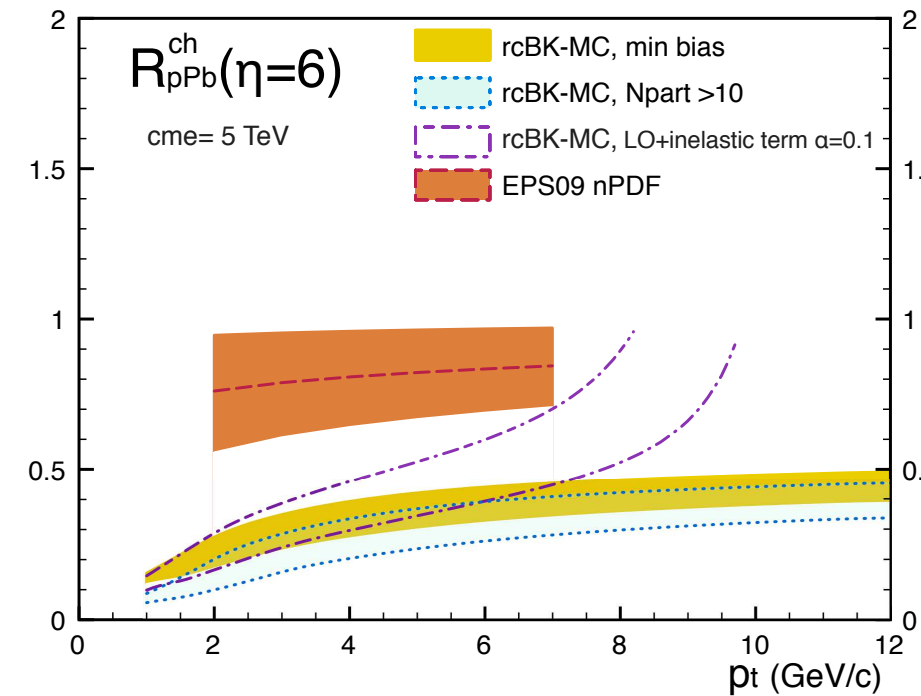


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*varying saturation scale for  
forward photon  $R_{pA}$ ...*



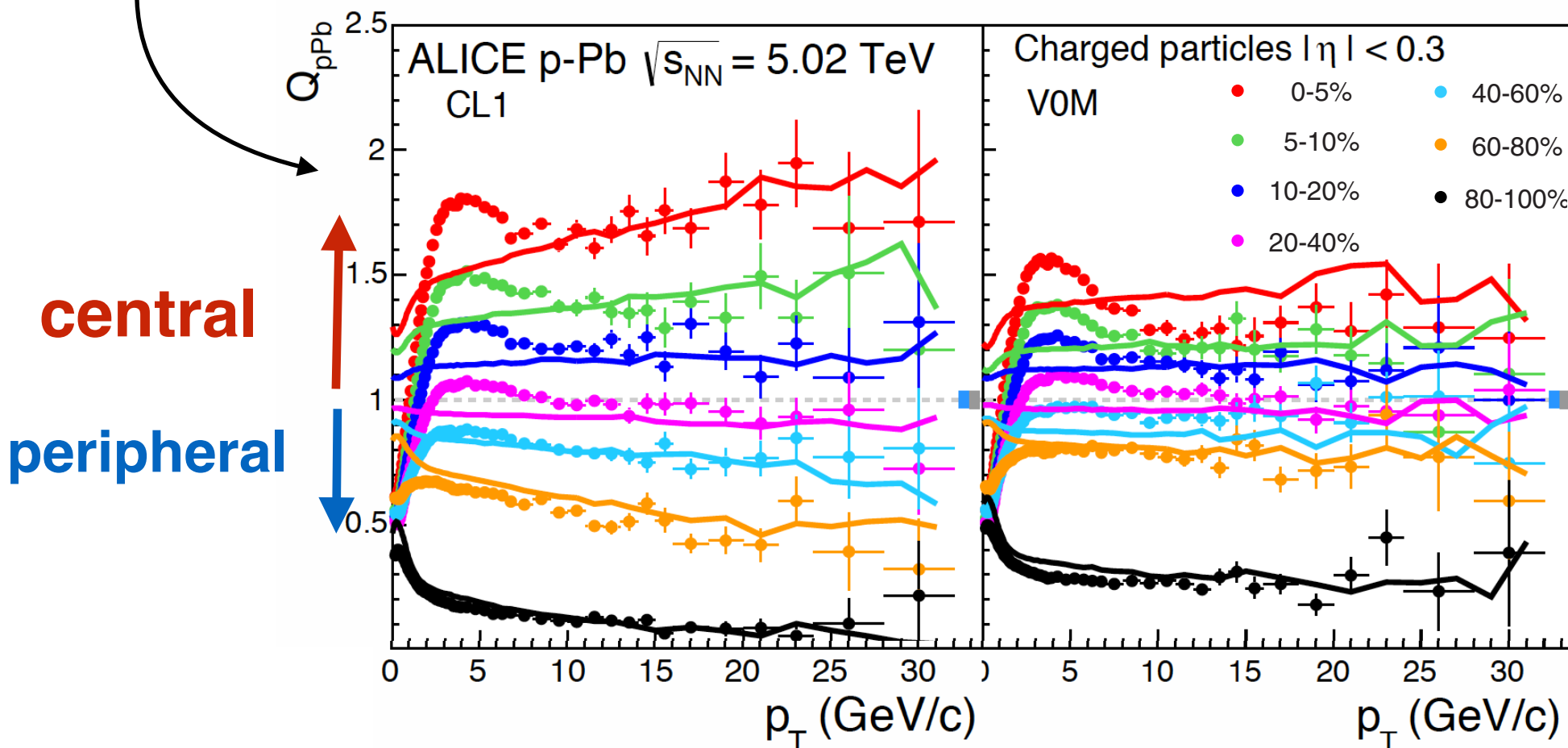
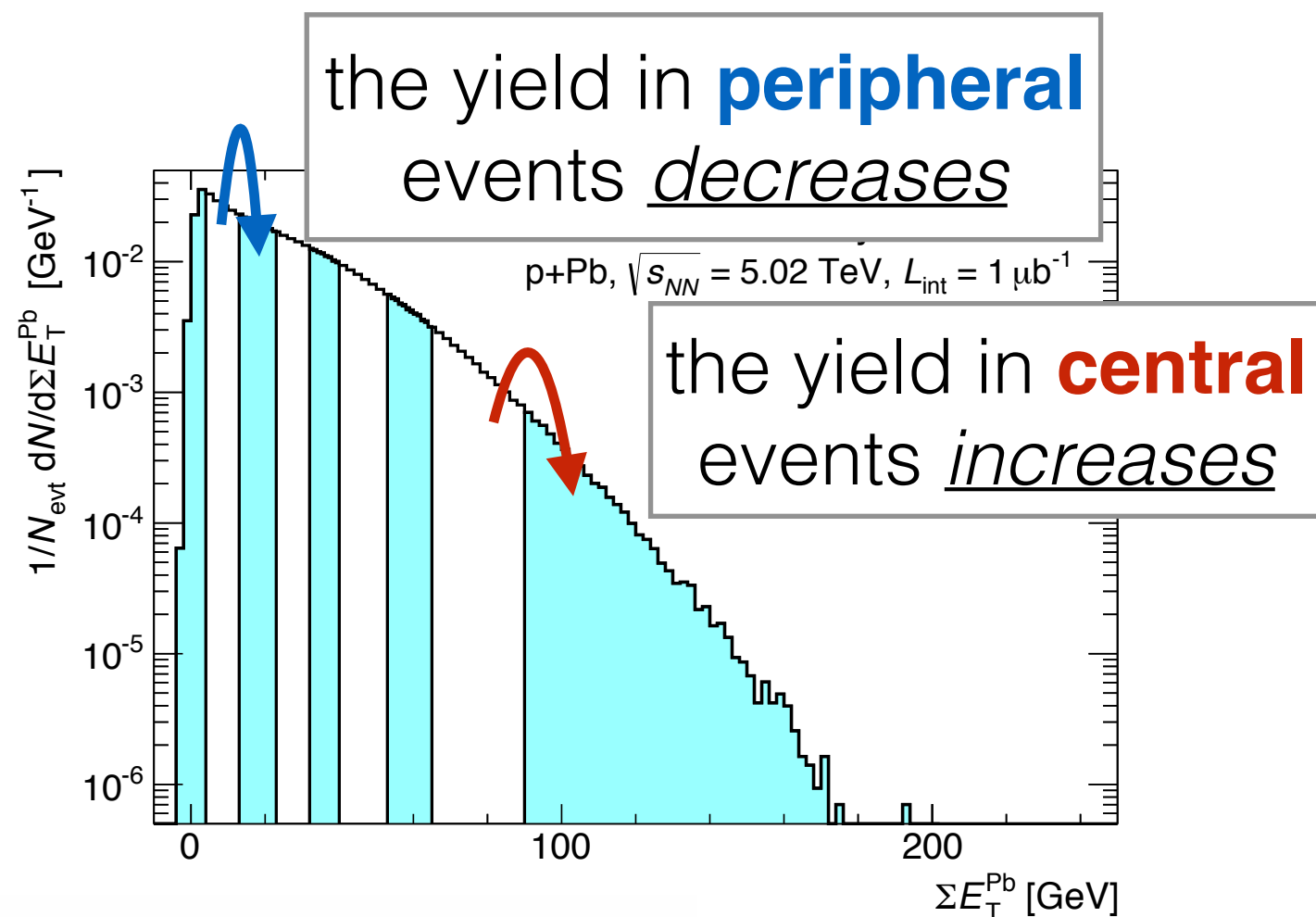
*hadron spectra in CGC in  
central  $p+A$ ...*



*b-dependence of nPDF modification*

effect of hard-  
soft correlation...

*huge effect when  
measuring multiplicity in  
the same acceptance as  
hard process...*

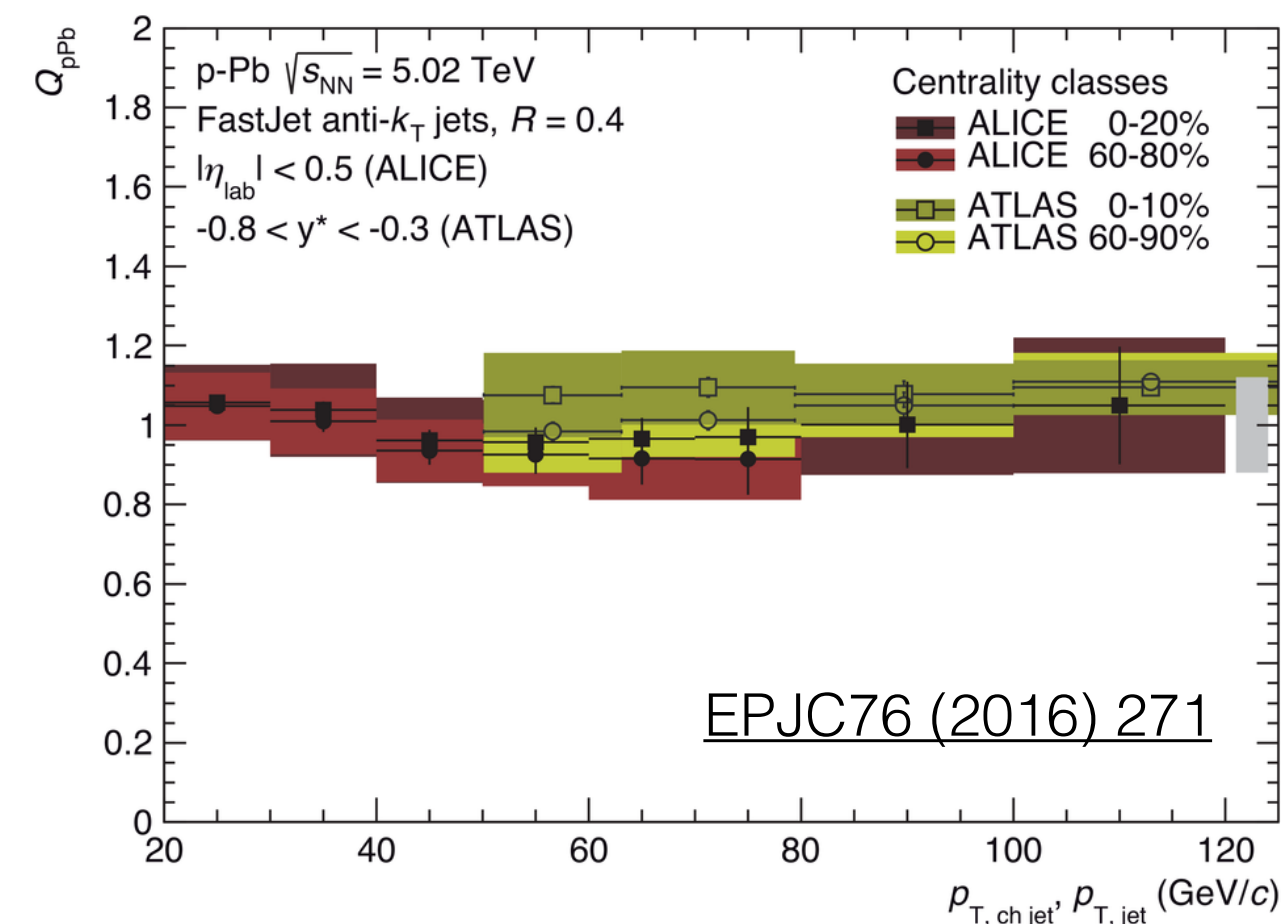


*more modest  
effect ( $\sim 20\%$ ?)  
w/ rapidity  
separation*

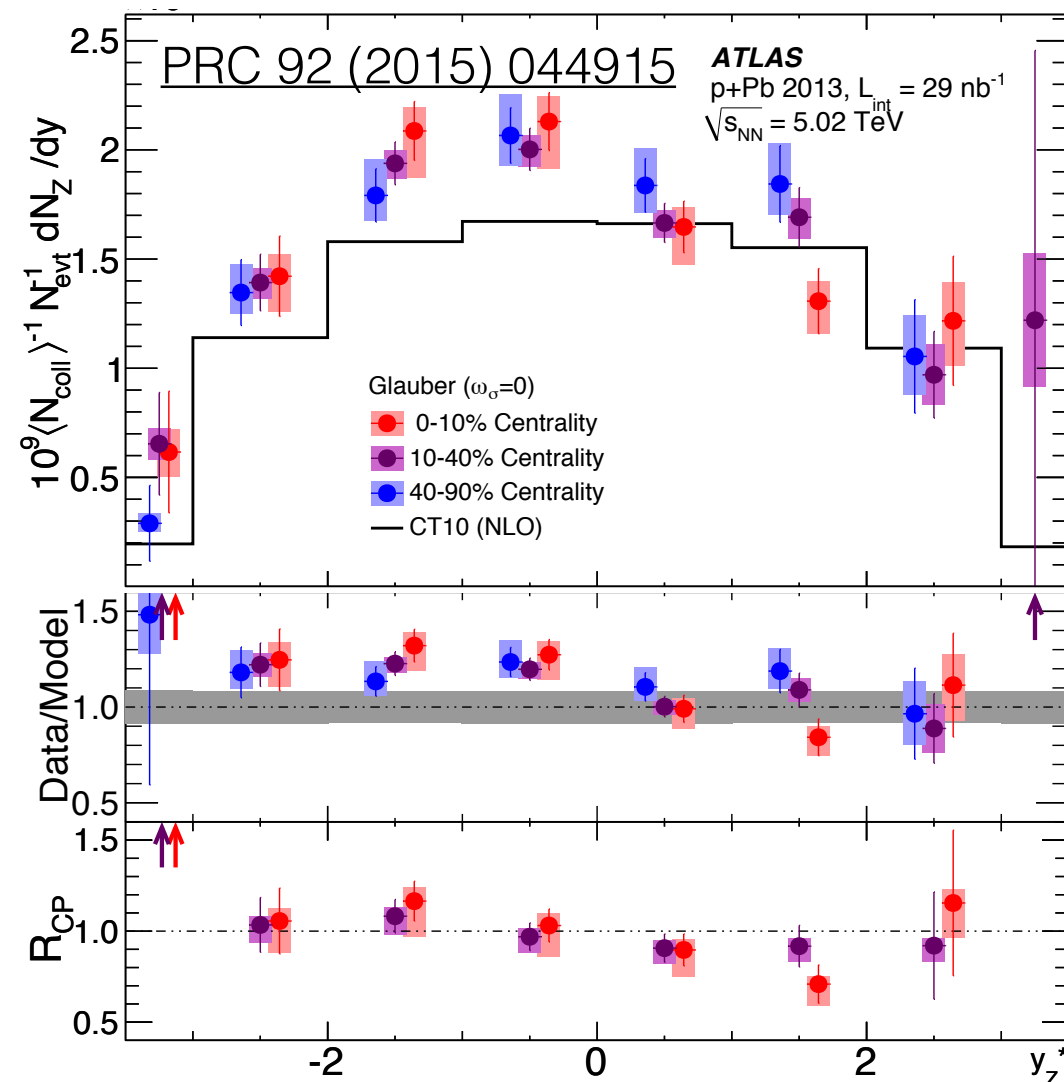
# some remedies...

Z's w/ ATLAS

## Jets w/ ALICE & ATLAS

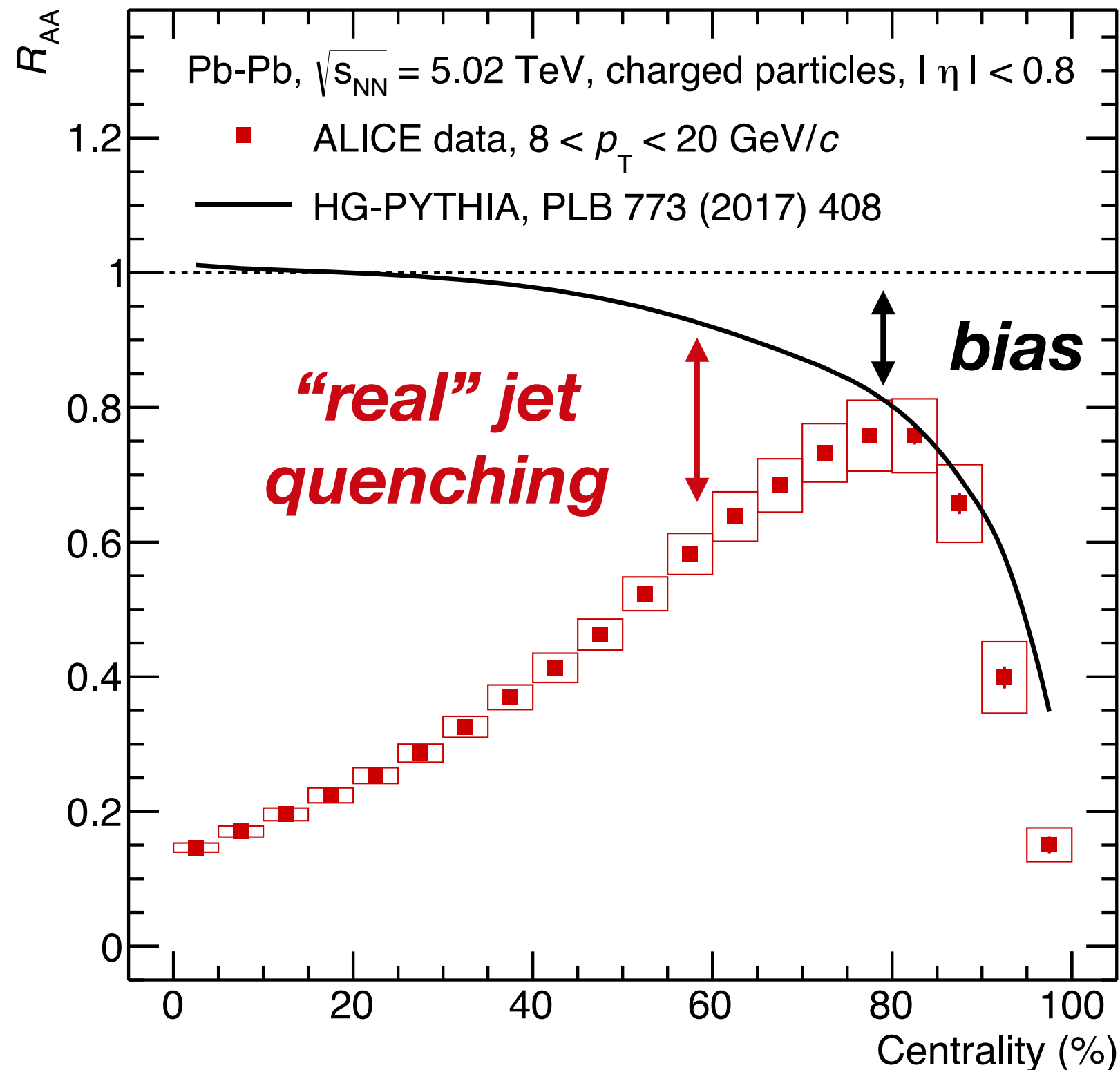


*“hybrid” model: use Pb-going  
ZDC to define centrality,  
translate to mid-rapidity (“ $Q_{pPb}$ ”)  
one downside: lose central  
event sensitivity...*



*correct for Hard-UE  
correlation bias,  
one downside: introduce  
model dependence*

# centrality bias in A+A?

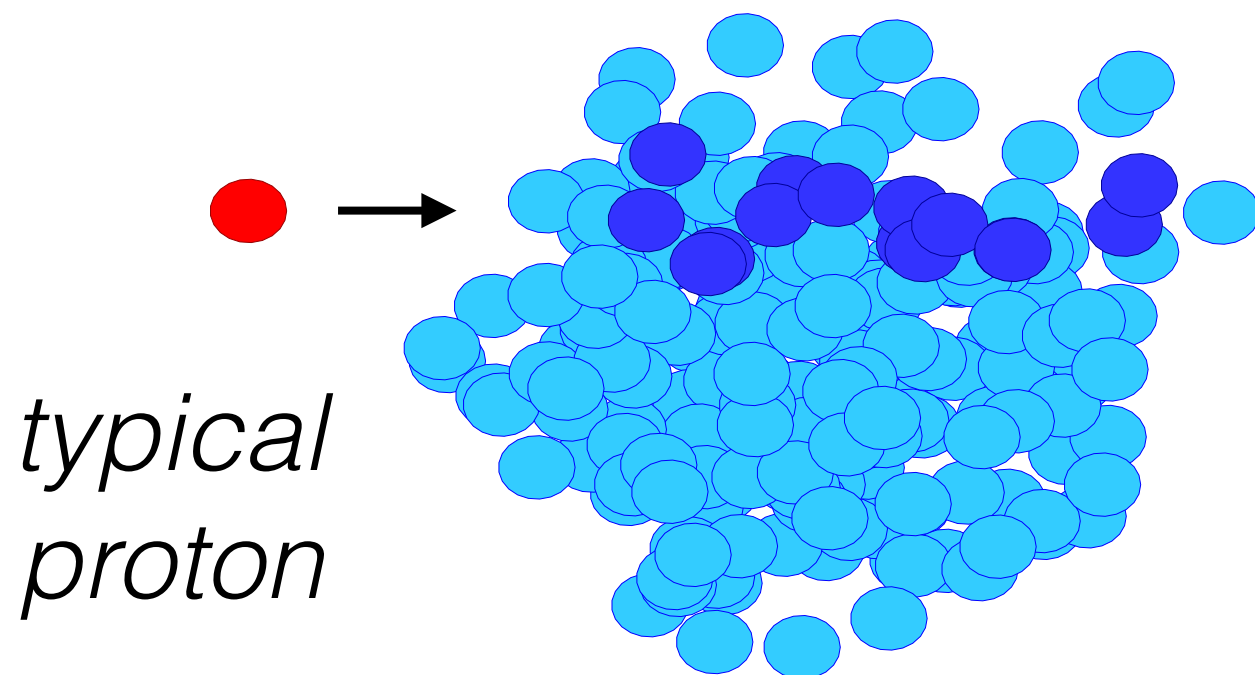
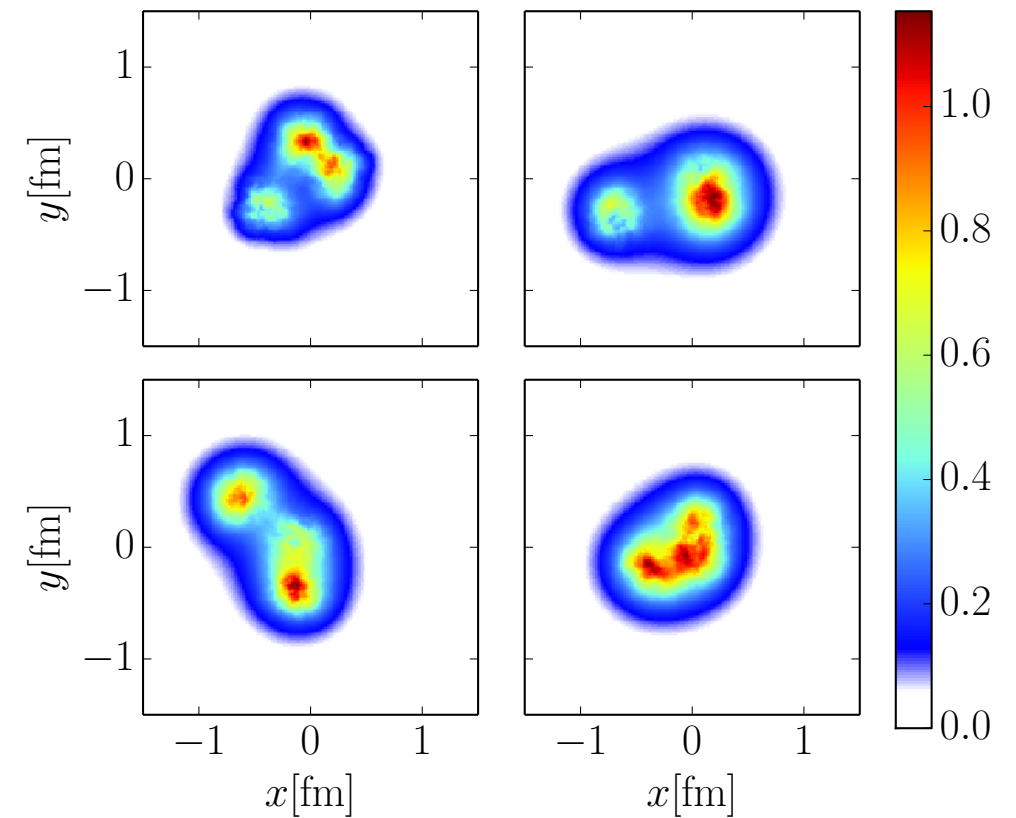




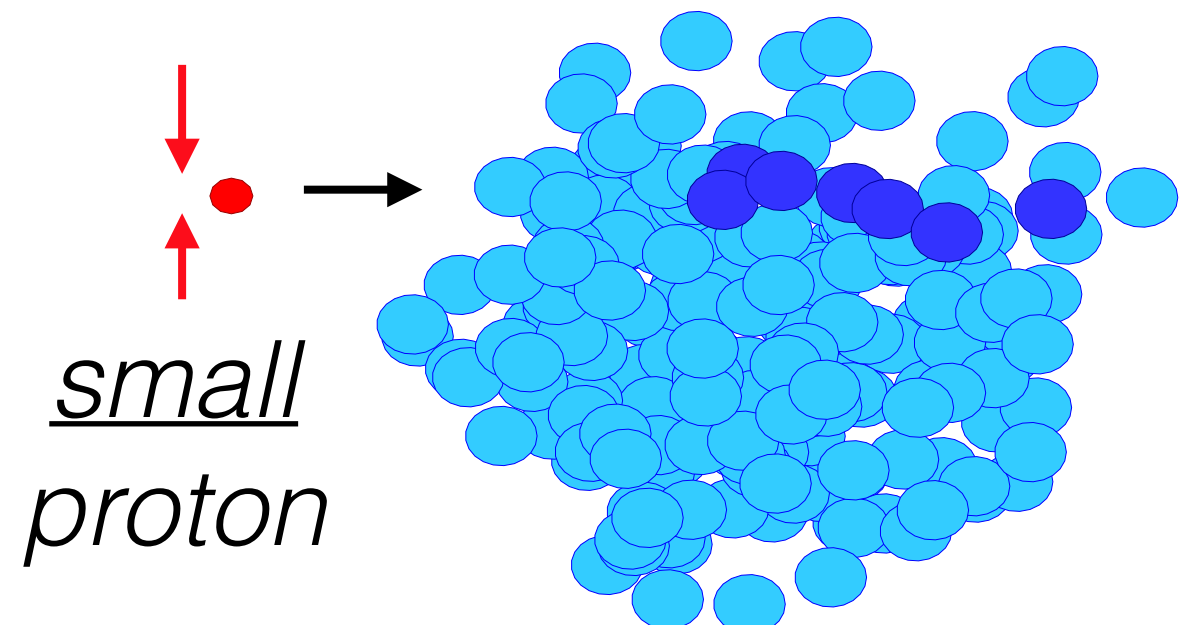
# Large- $x_p$ , $>0.1$ : “shrinking” of the proton

*protons size & shape  
fluctuates event by event*

*can use the nucleus to observe  
average changes in the  
proton's transverse **size**...*



*typical  
proton*



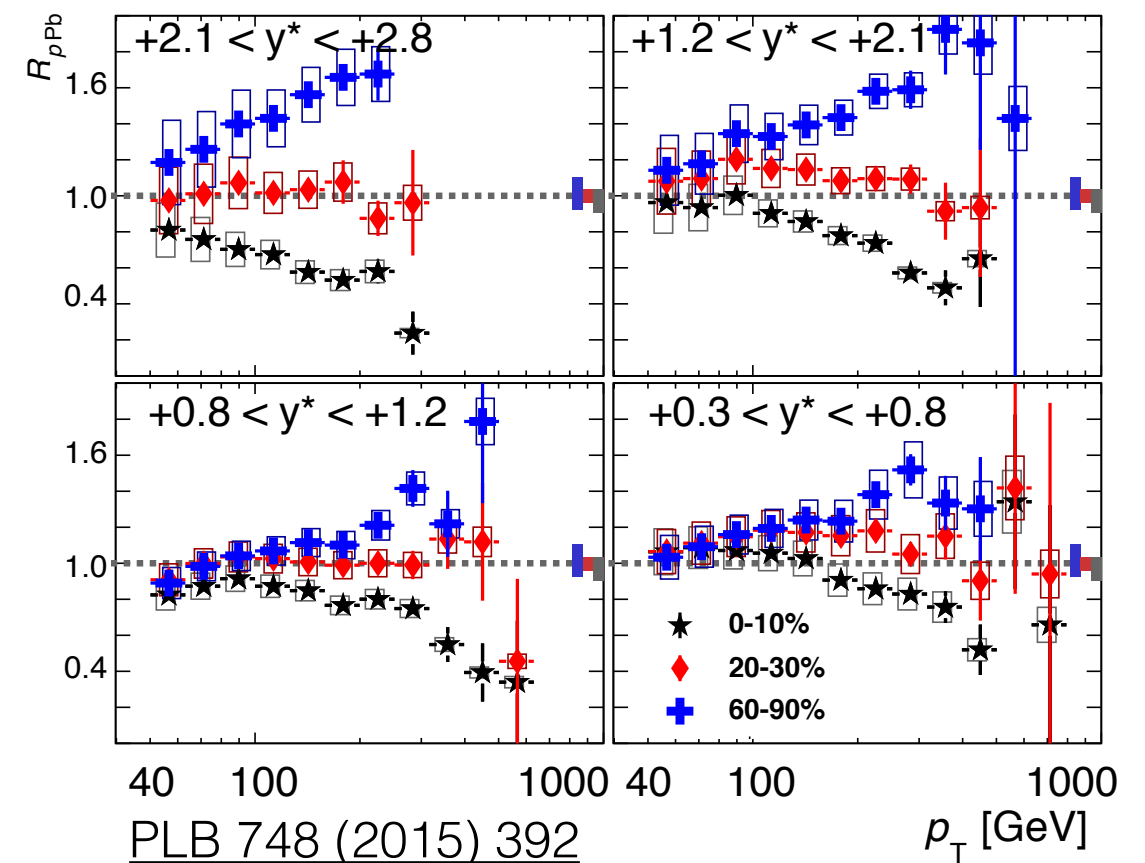
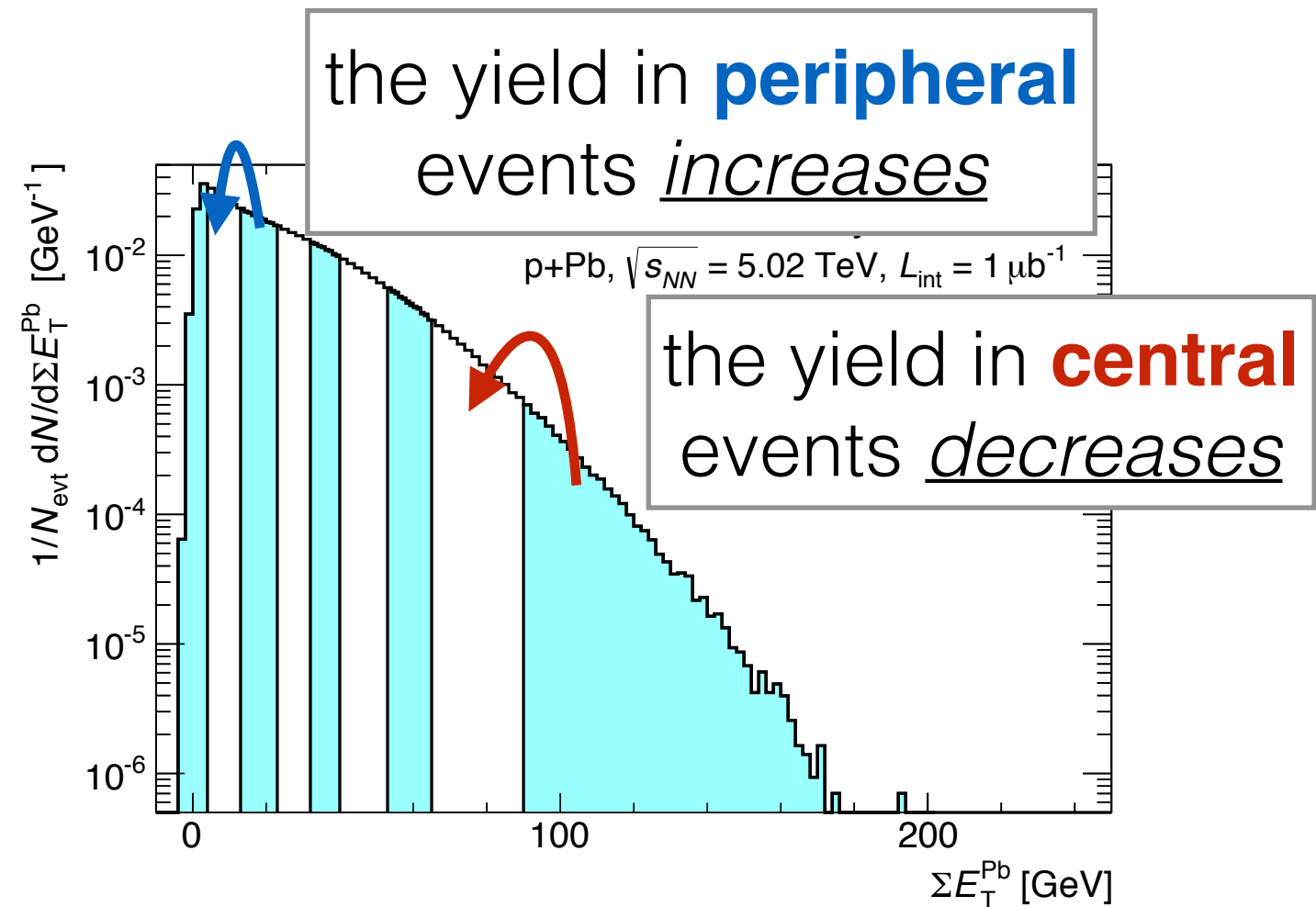
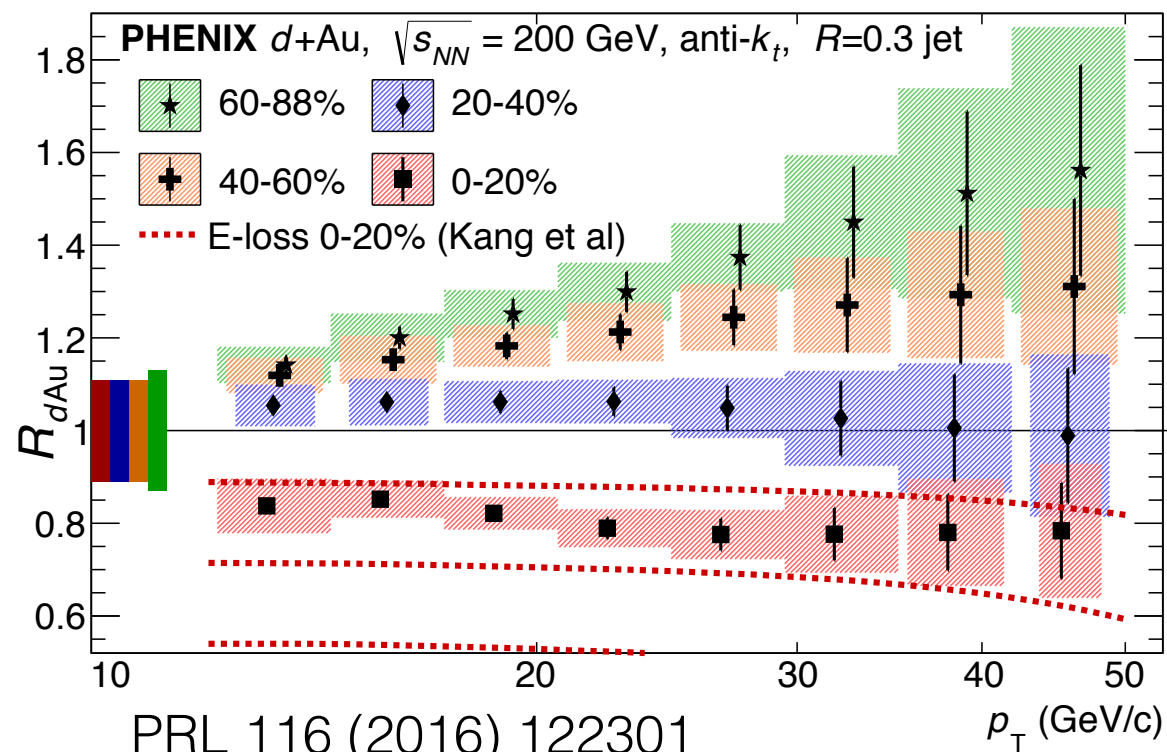
*small  
proton*

*strikes fewer nucleons!*

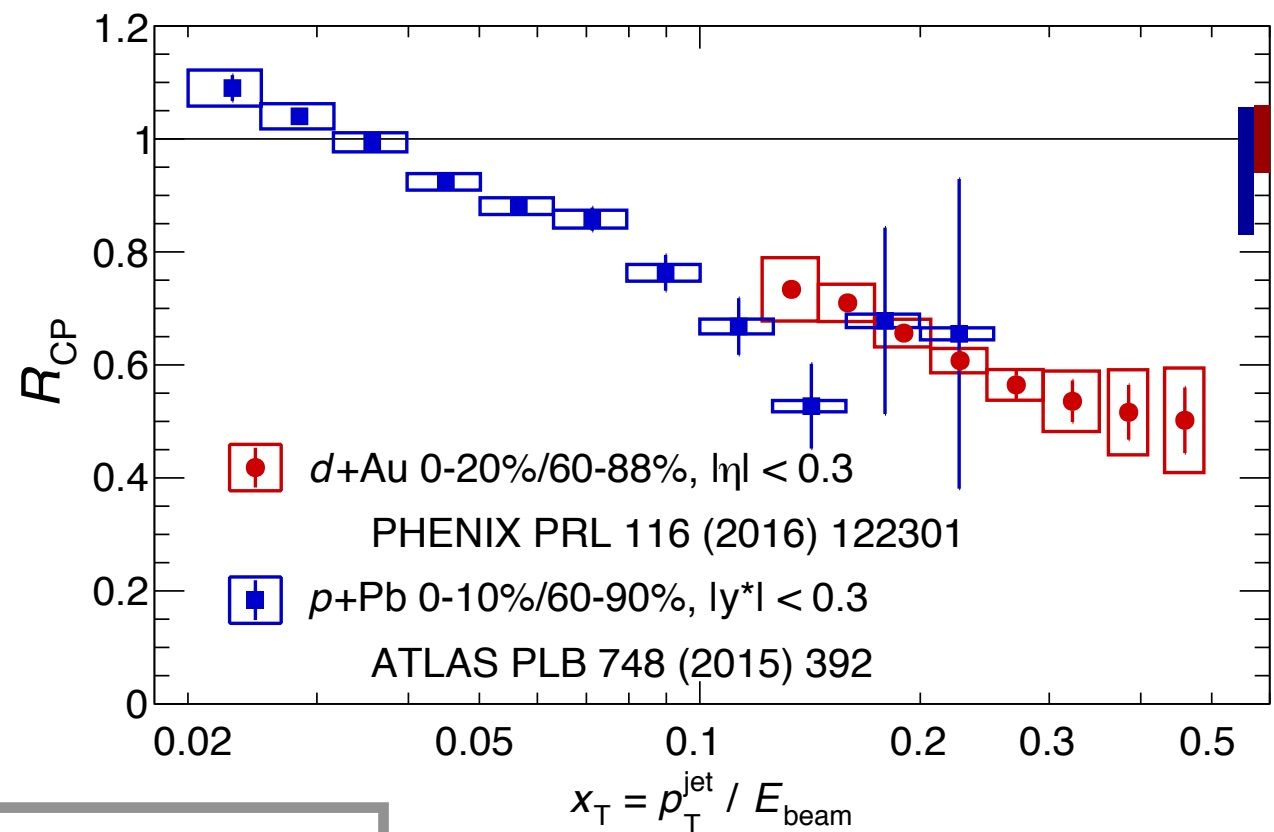
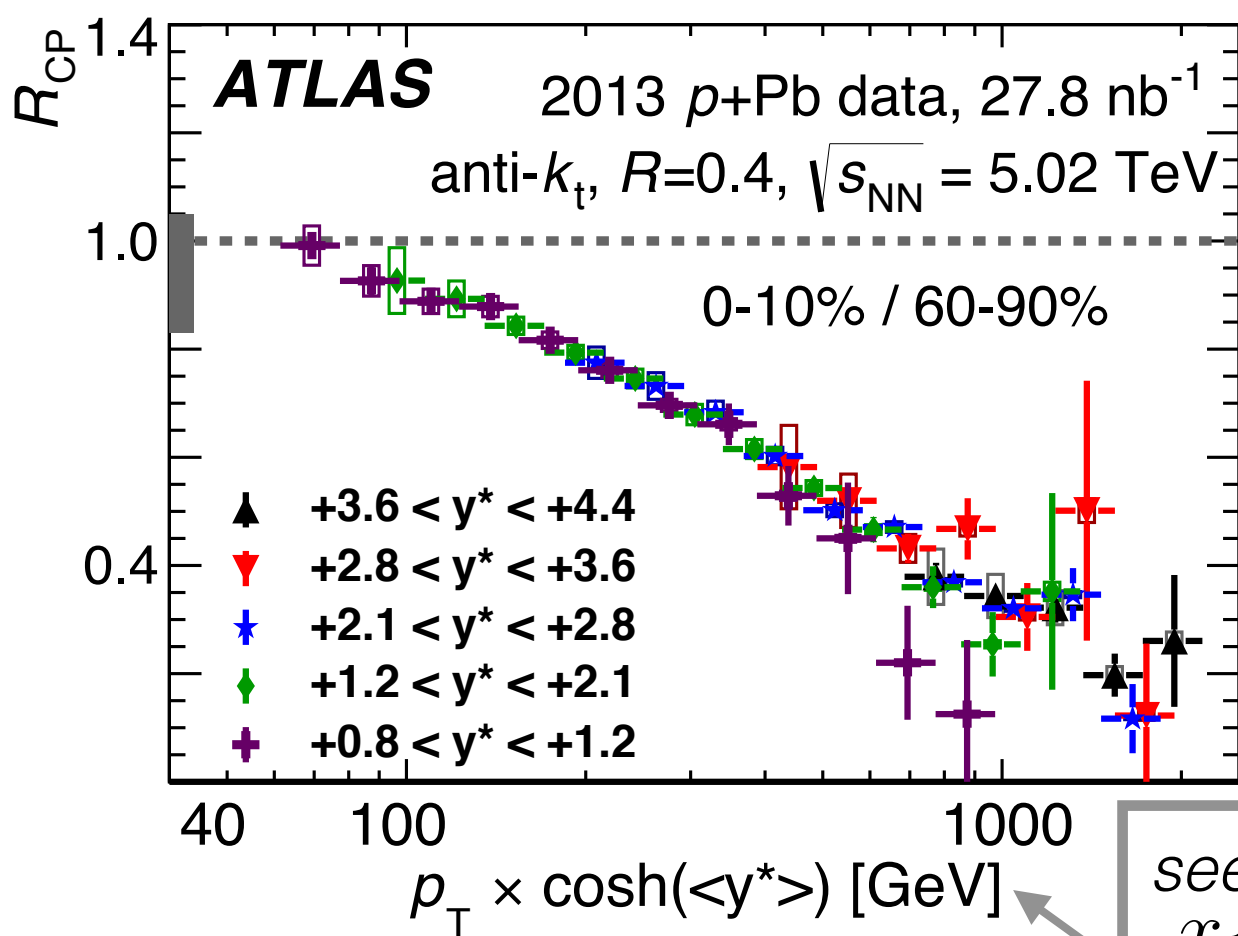
a shrinking proton  
manifests...

*only at extreme  $x_p$  (proton  
dominated by a single high-  
 $E$  quark)*

*with opposite signal as the  
trivial “centrality bias”  
(peripheral  $\uparrow$ , central  $\downarrow$ )*



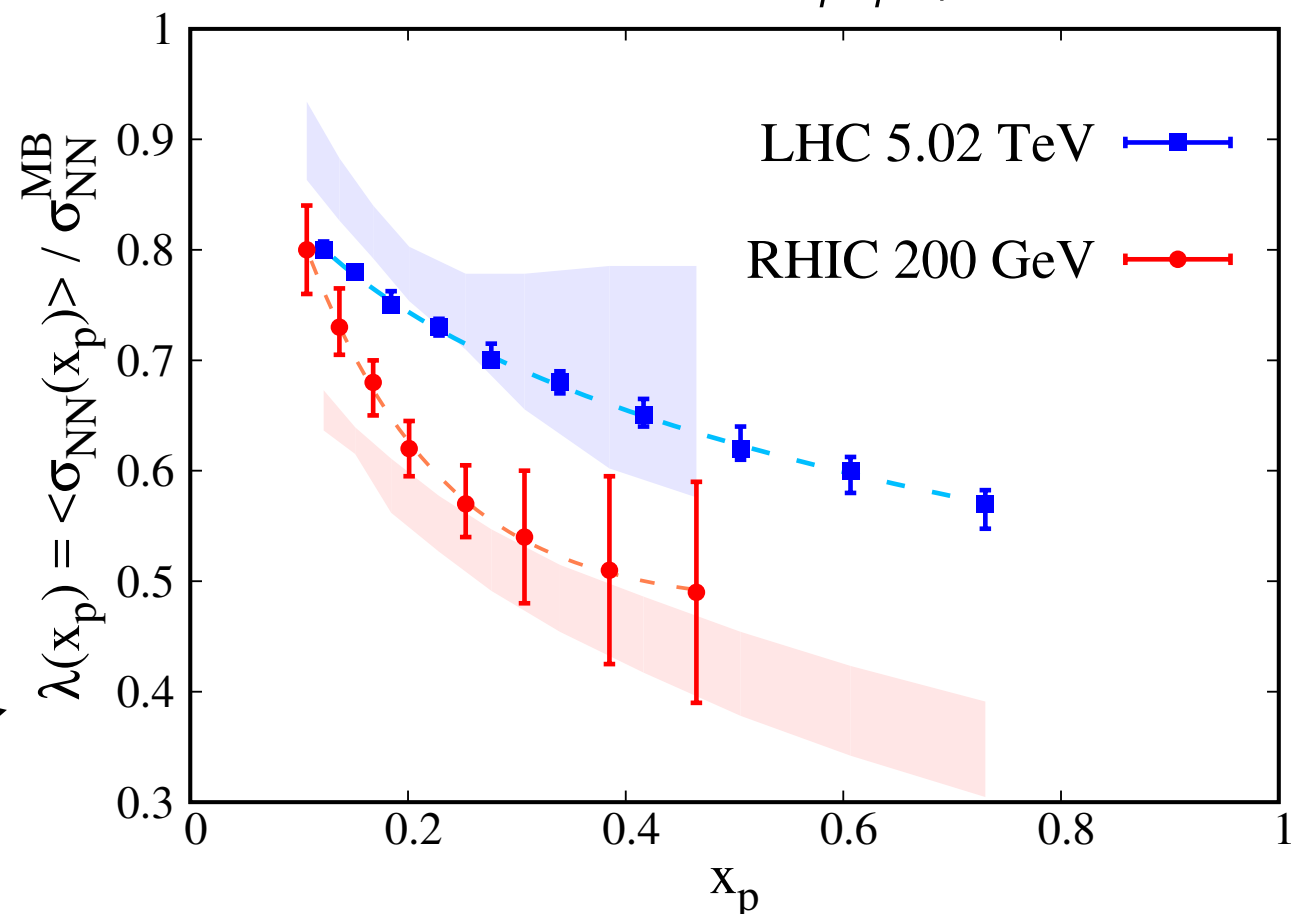




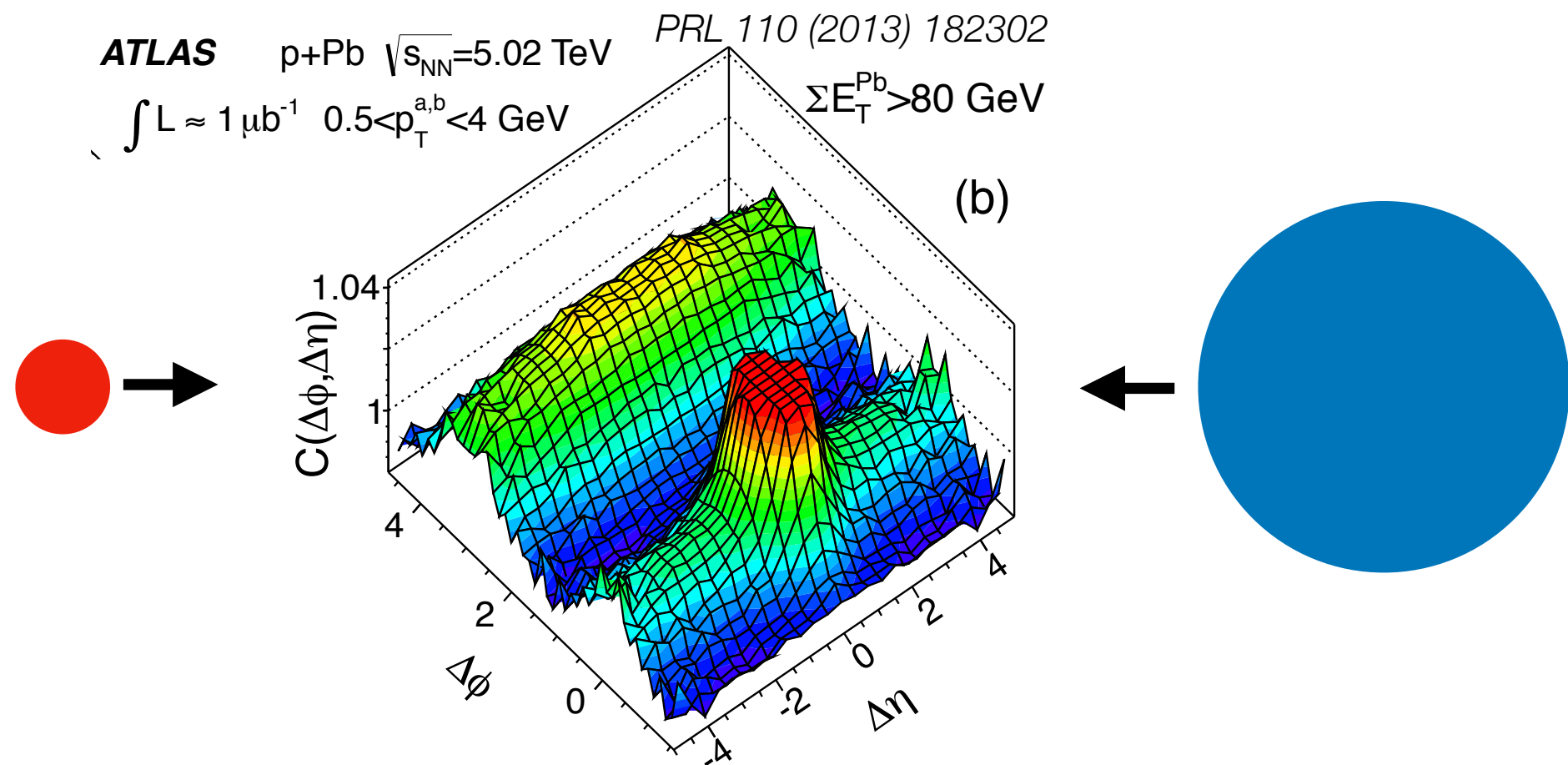
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*LHC data at multiple  $y$ , and  
LHC+RHIC data confirm  
shrinking is controlled by  
large- $x_p$*

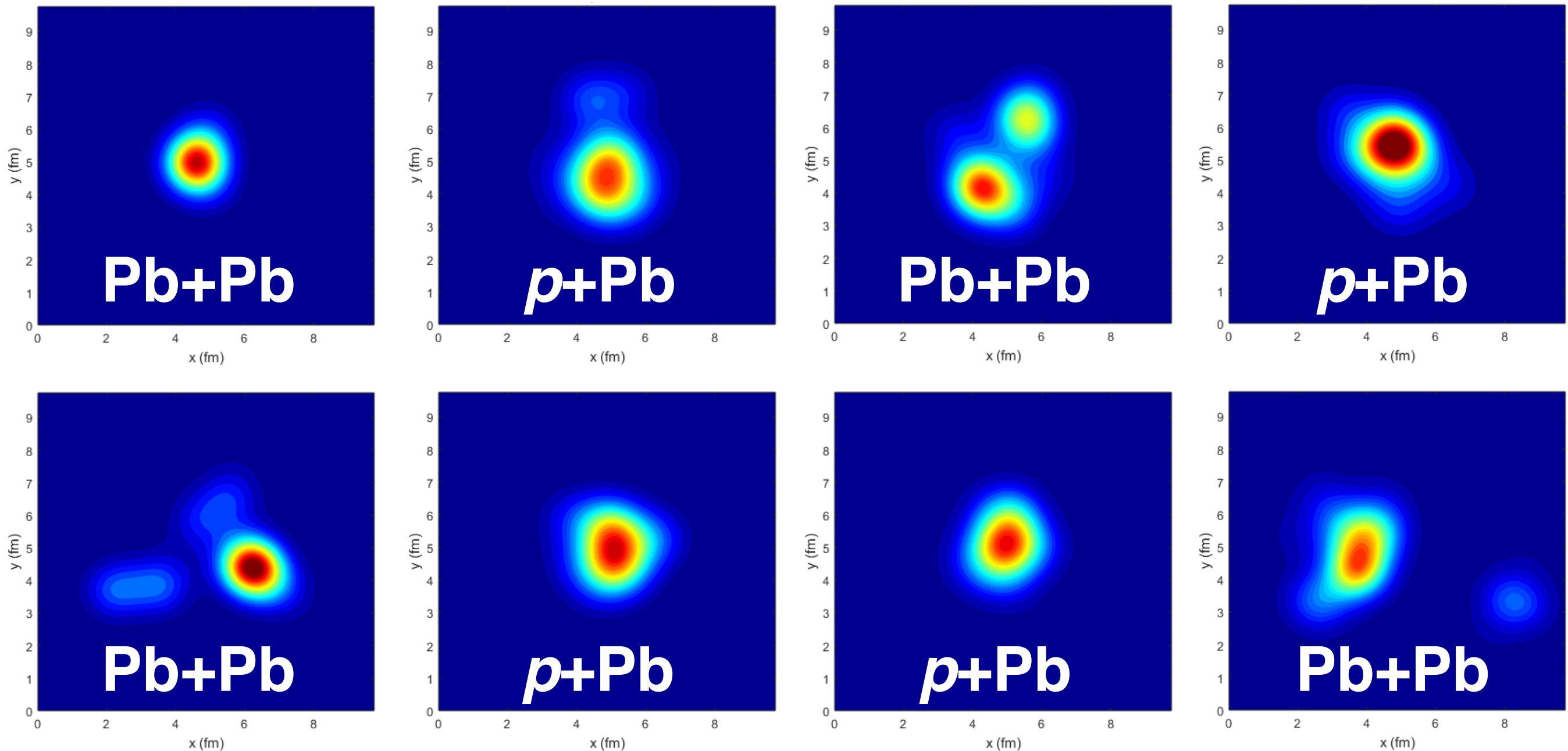
*theoretical extraction on  
quantitative meaning of  
“shrinking”*



# *QGP in small systems?*



# where does the QGP “begin”?



0-10%  $p+A$  & 70-90%  $A+A$

# (historical) signatures of QGP formation

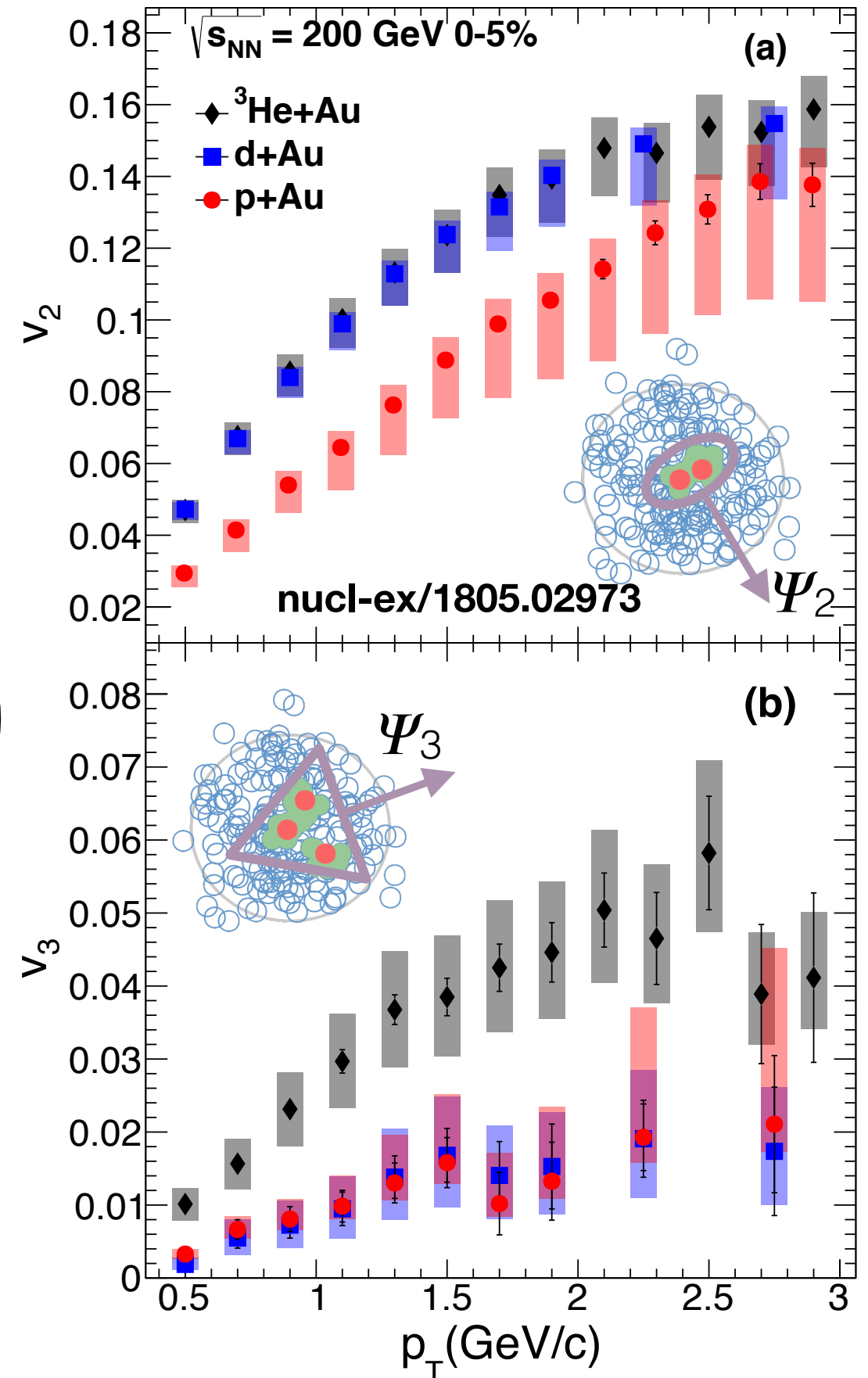
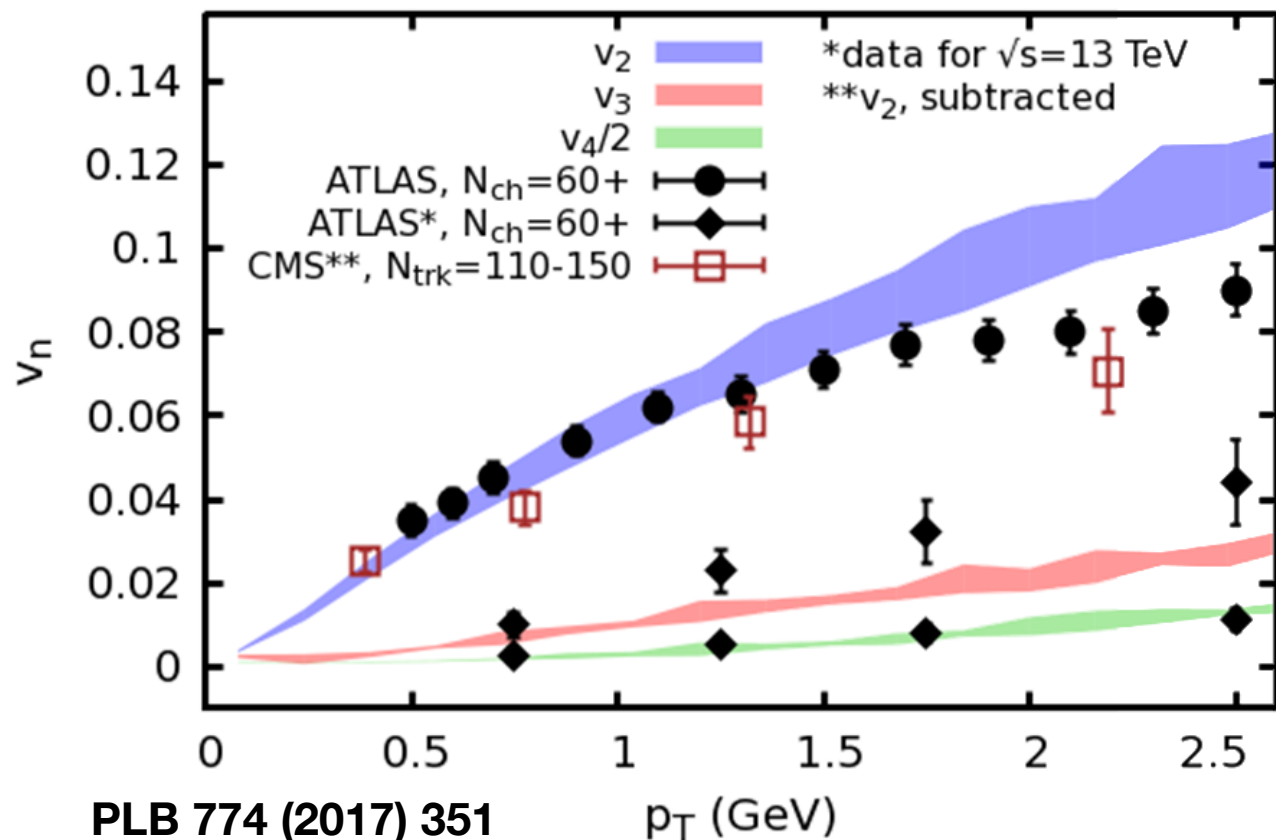
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# collective behavior in small systems

*successful description of  $v_n$  in  $p/$   
 $d/3\text{He}+A$  systems within AA-like  
hydrodynamic framework*

*including in  $pp$  collisions!*

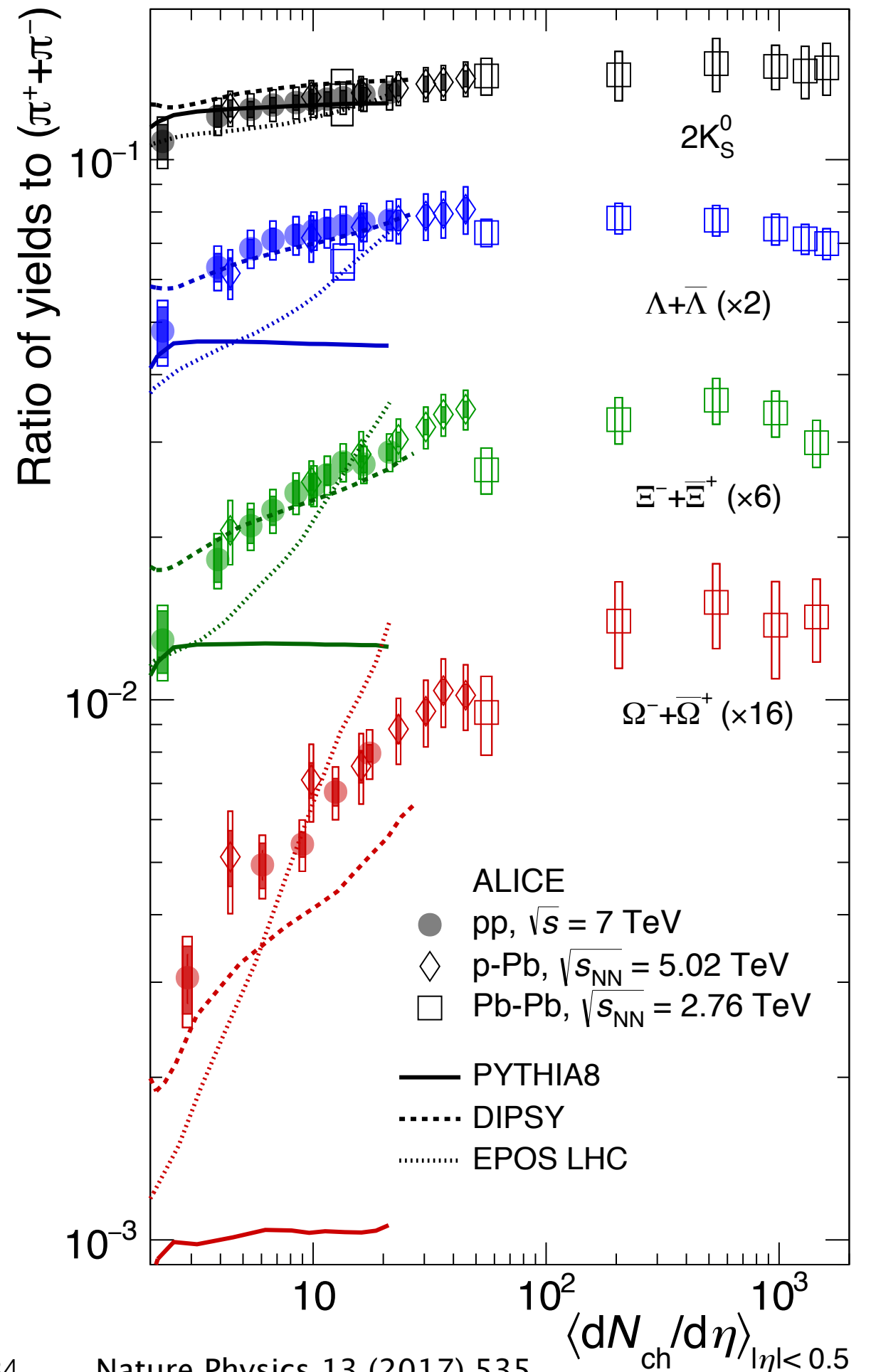
superSONIC for  $p+p$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=5.02$  TeV, 0-1%



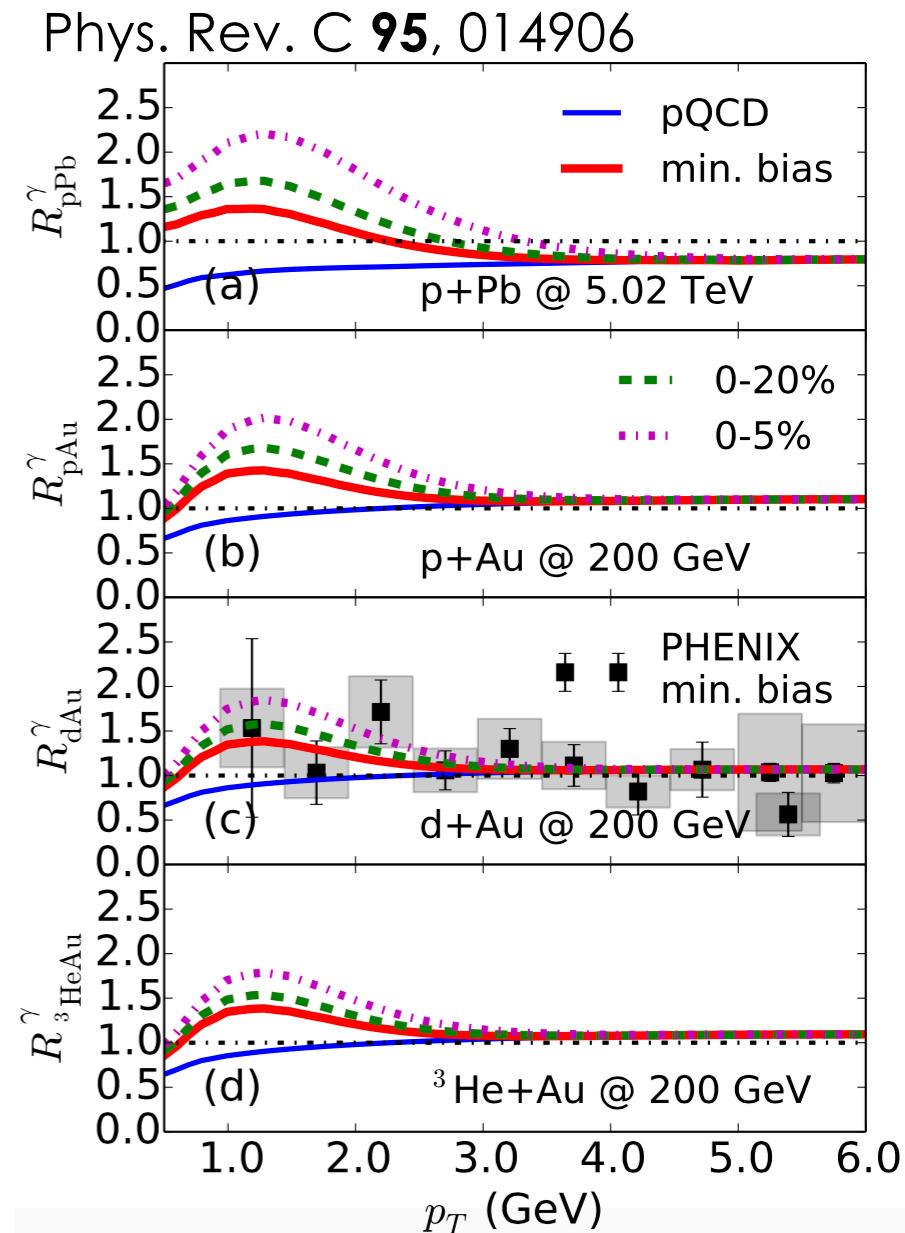
# strangeness enhancement

*strange / light hadron  
yield ratios reach “AA”-  
like at large multiplicity...*

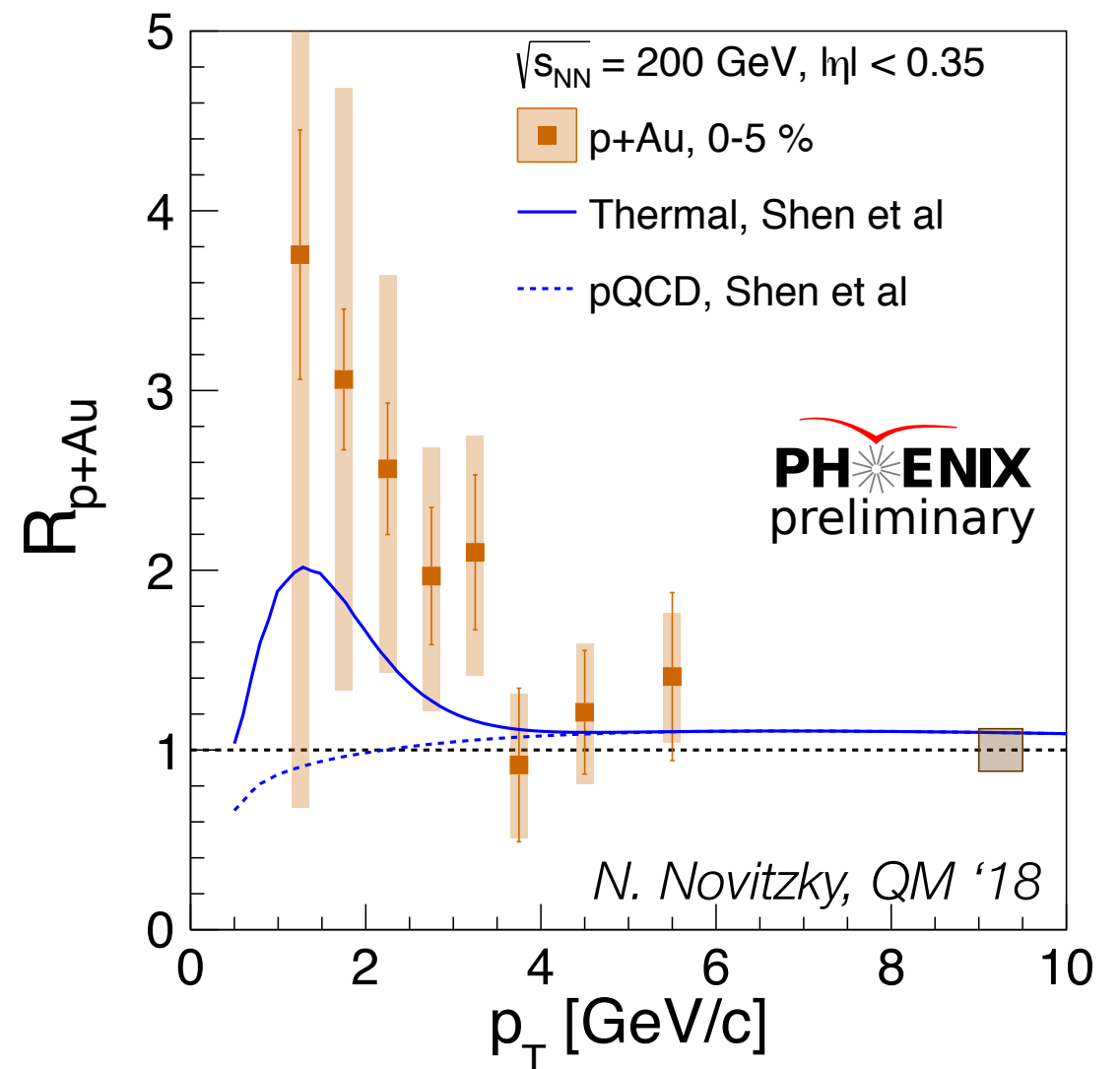
*“smooth” evolution from  
pp to pA to AA, with  
regimes overlapping*



# thermally radiating $p+A$ system?



*models tuned to A+A data  
predict thermal photon rates in  
small systems...*

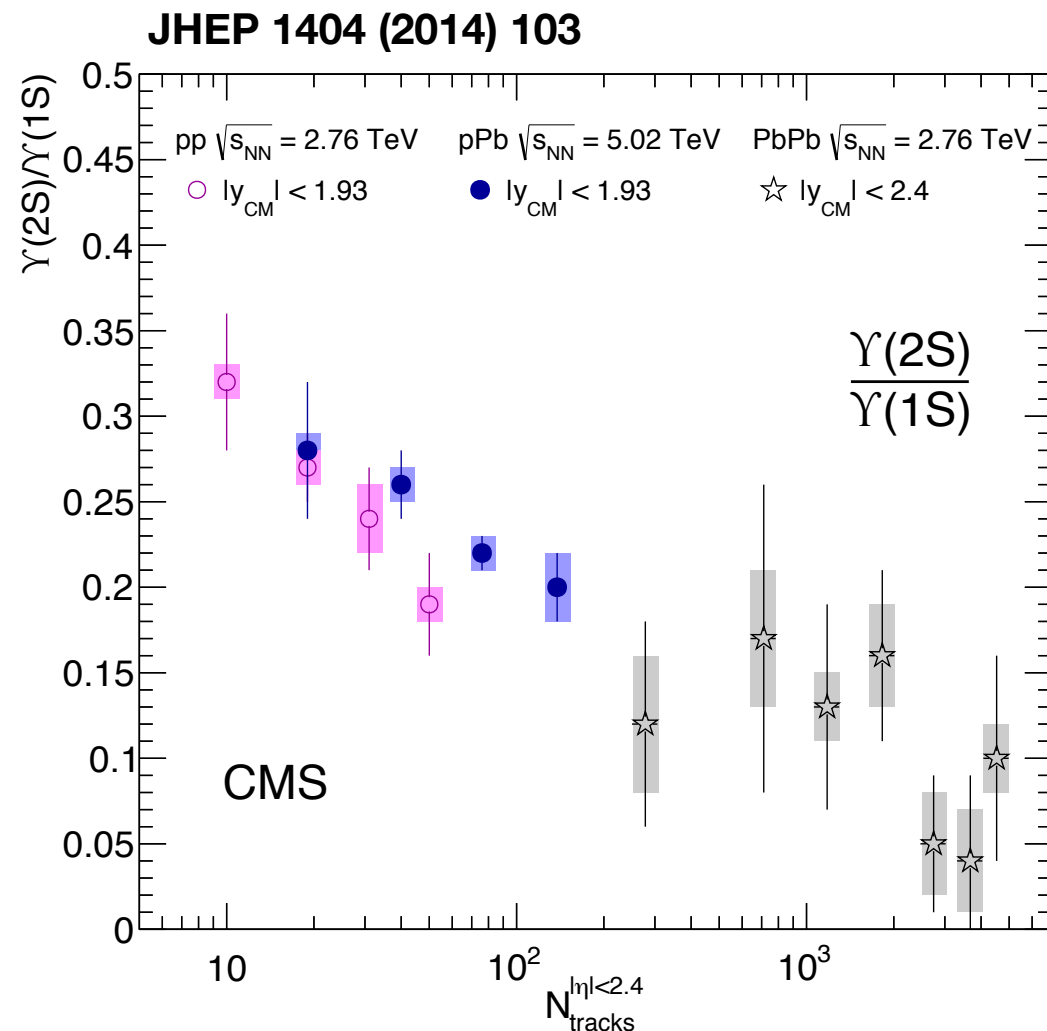


*evidence of (small) thermal  
radiation in 0-5%  $p+A$ ?*

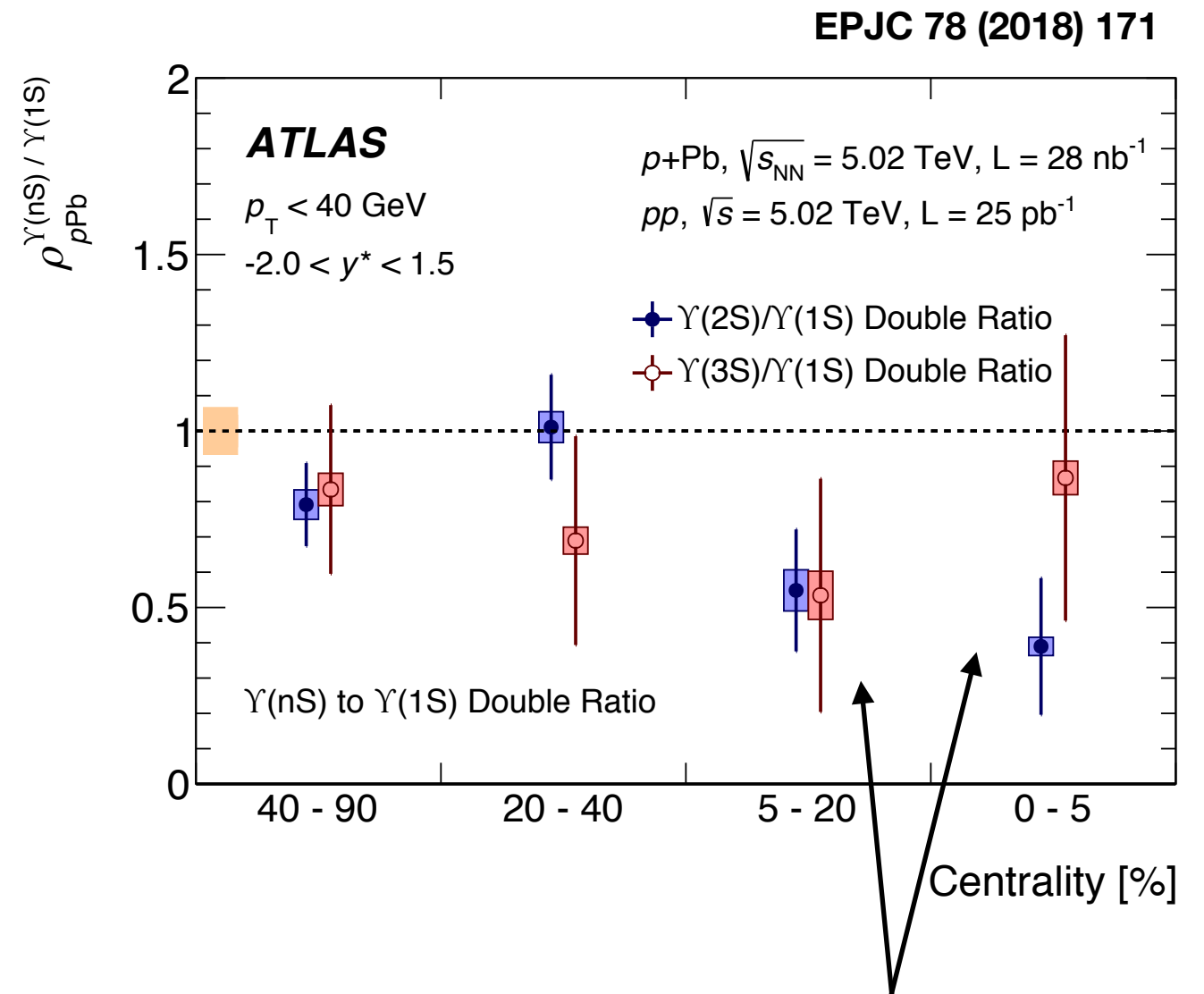


# differential quarkonium melting

(focus on Upsilon @ LHC, no regeneration effects...)



*relative 2S/1S yields (e.g.  
no absolute  $R_{pA}$  required)*



$[nS/1S]^{pA} / [nS/1S]^{pp}$  ratios

*common trend in pp, pA, AA...*

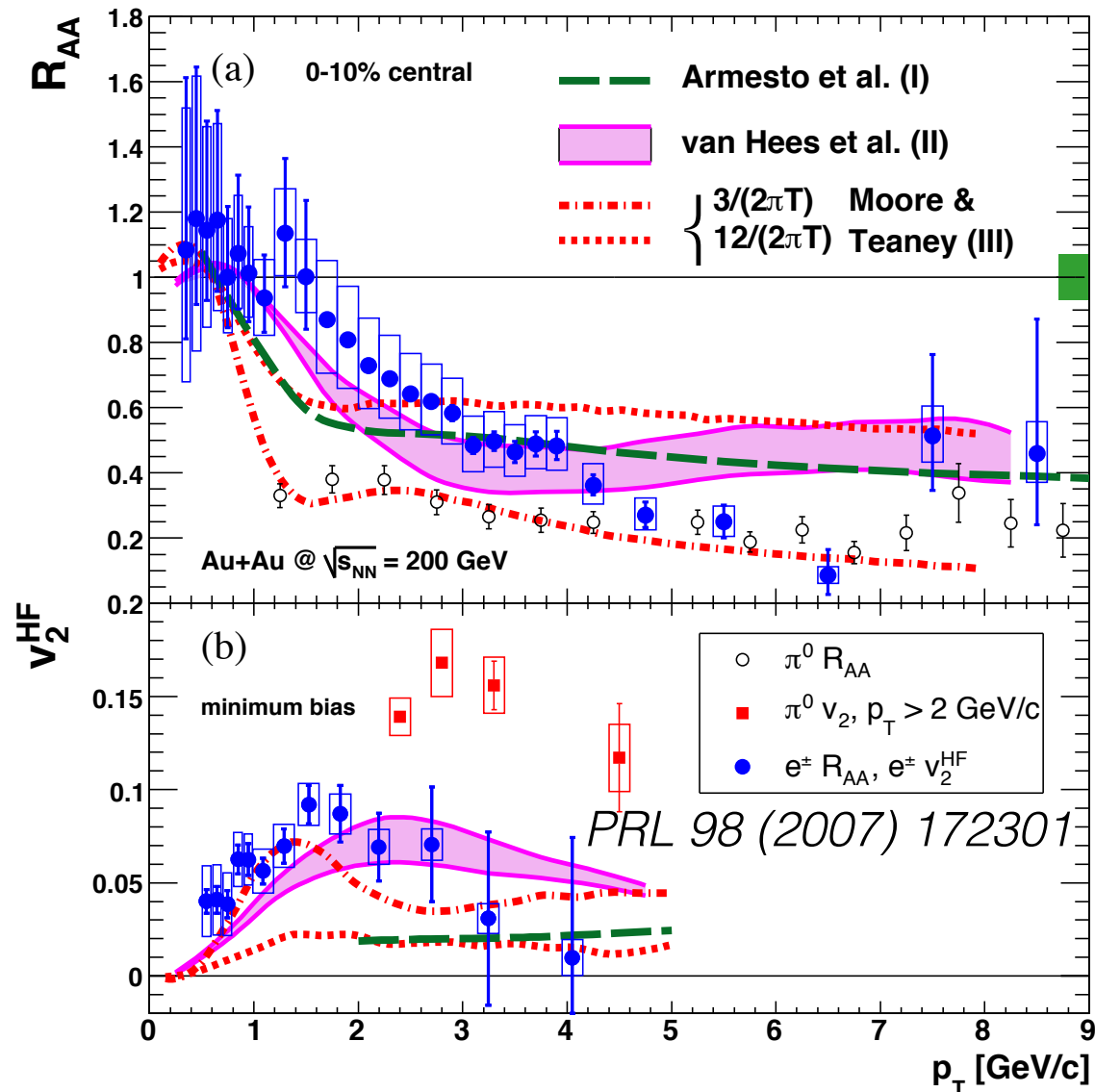
*suppression in 0-20%?*



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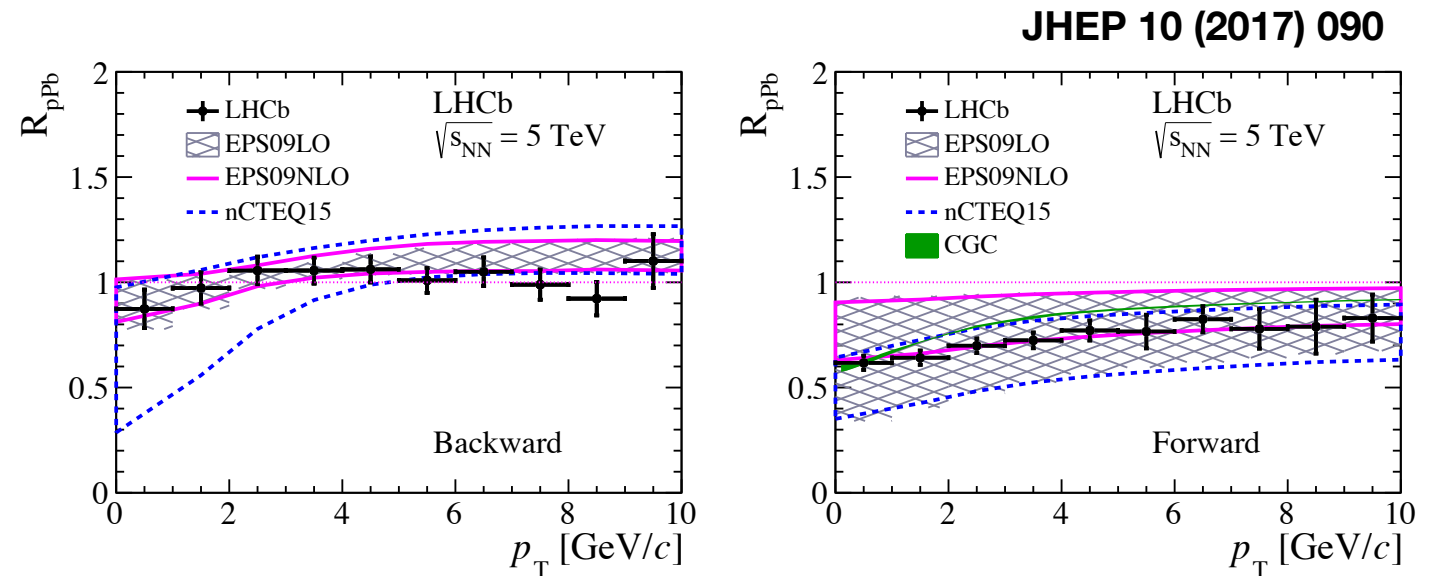
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# collective behavior of HF quarks

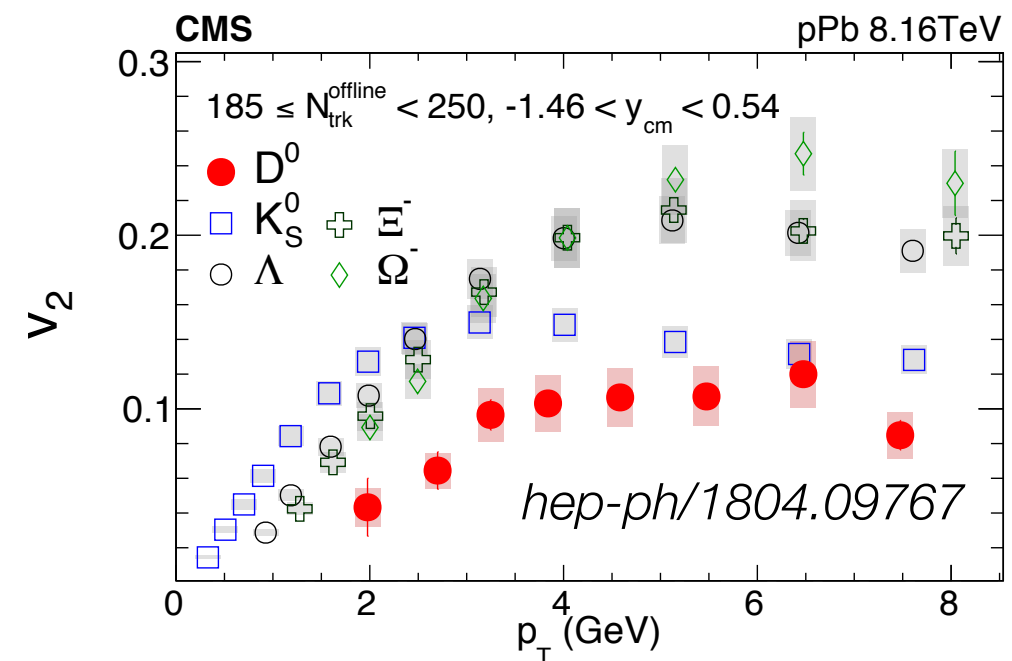


substantial  $E$ -loss & flow of  
HF electrons in RHIC Au+Au

➔  $\eta/s = 1/4\pi$  bound!



$R_{pA}$  compatible with only  $nPDF$  /  
saturation effects...



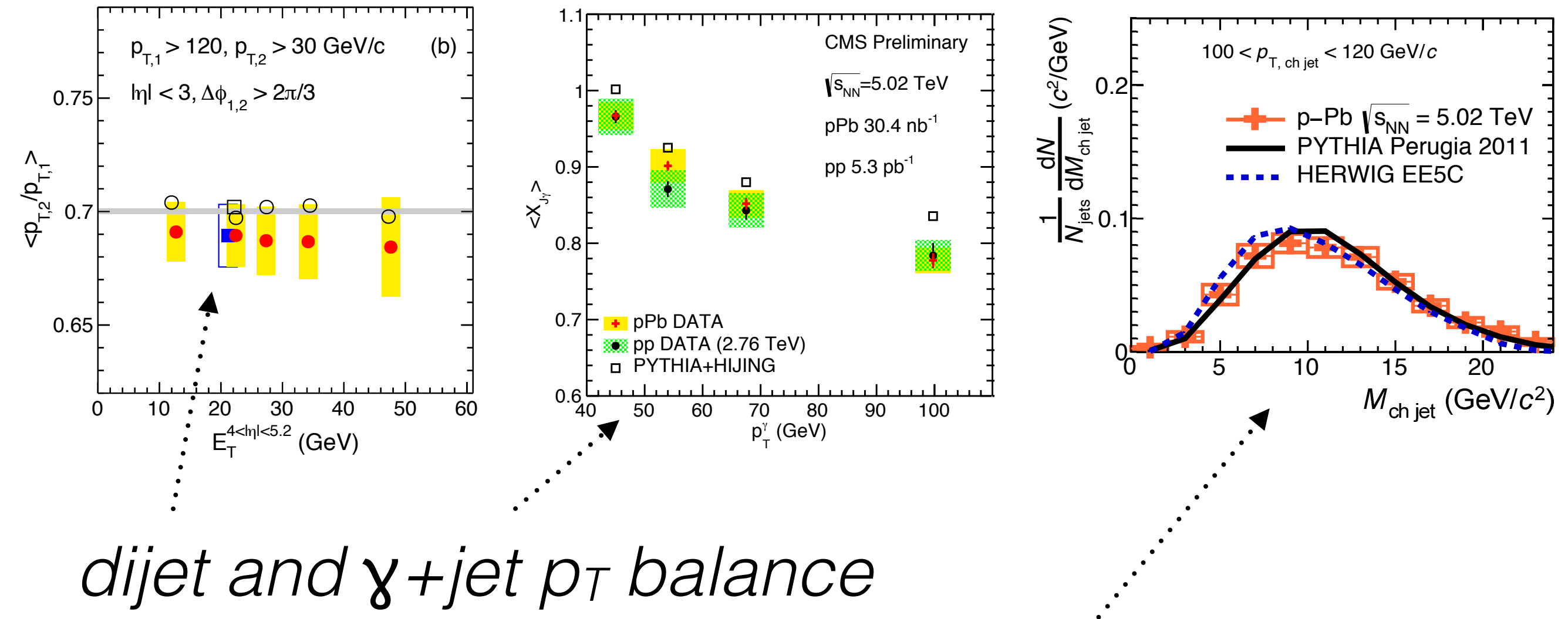
but very large “flow” (??)

➔ how to understand soft &  
hard physics together?

# *how to measure jet quenching in $p+A$ ?*

- ➔ *Search for small effects (low- $p_T$  jets / hadrons), in central collisions*
- ➔ *Central  $R_{pA}$  difficult to control systematically (and can encode large, non-jet quenching physics)*
- ➔ *Use event-by-event (or jet-by-jet) quenching observables*

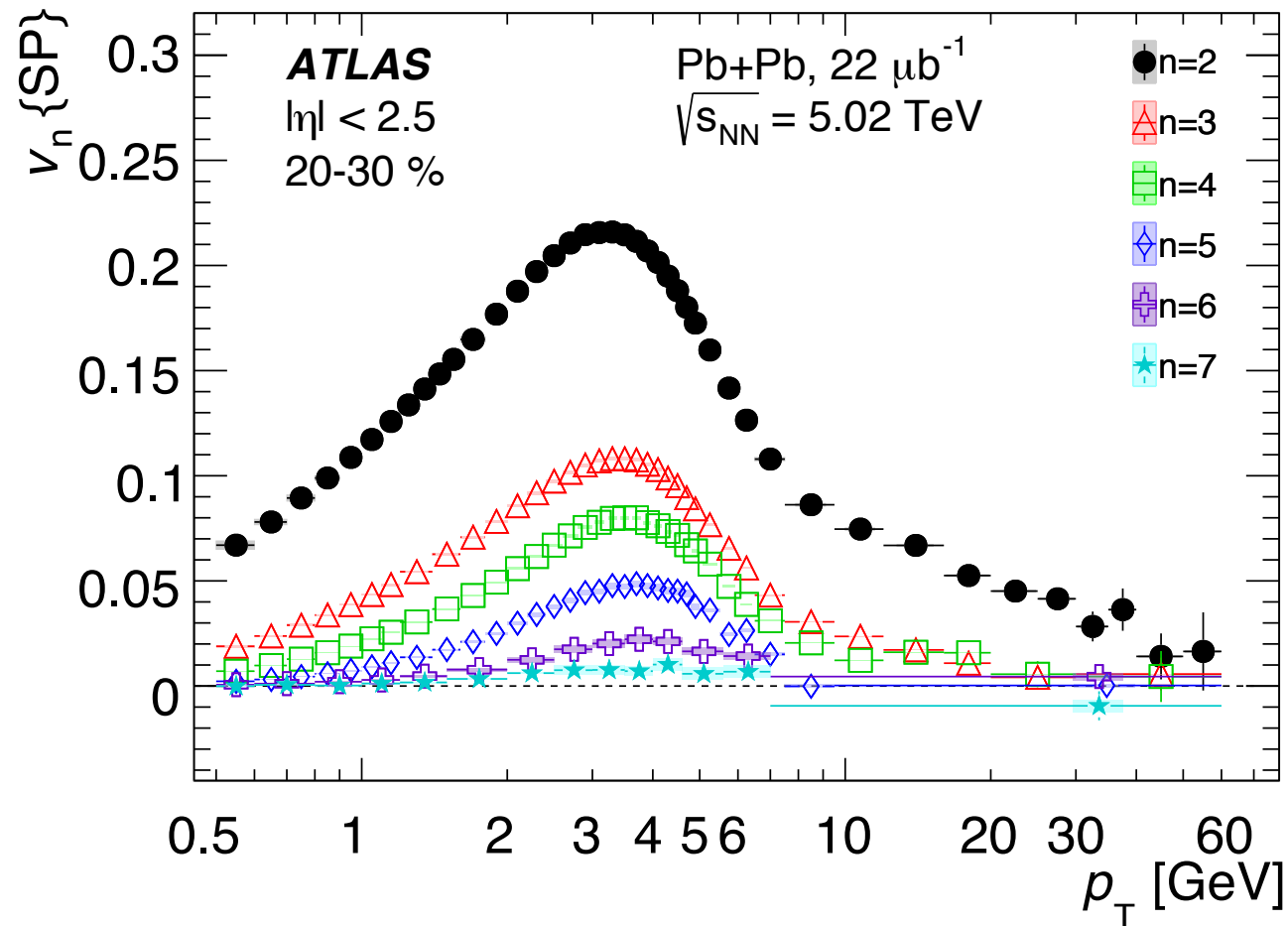
# $E$ -by- $E$ energy loss in 2013 data



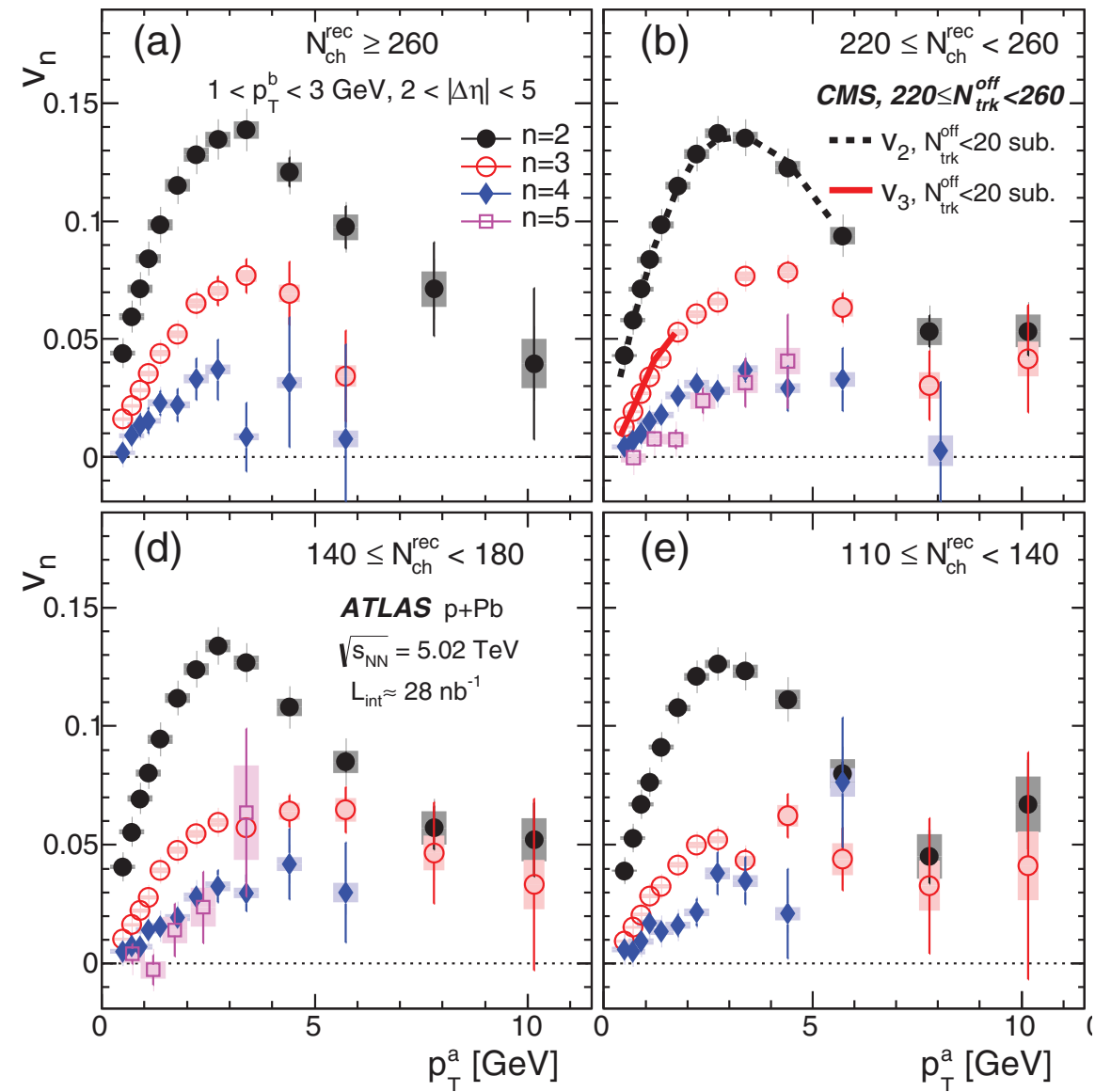
→ *null effect, but all at high- $p_T$   
 or in “minimum bias” events*

# high- $p_T$ $v_2$ in ultra-central $p+A$ ?

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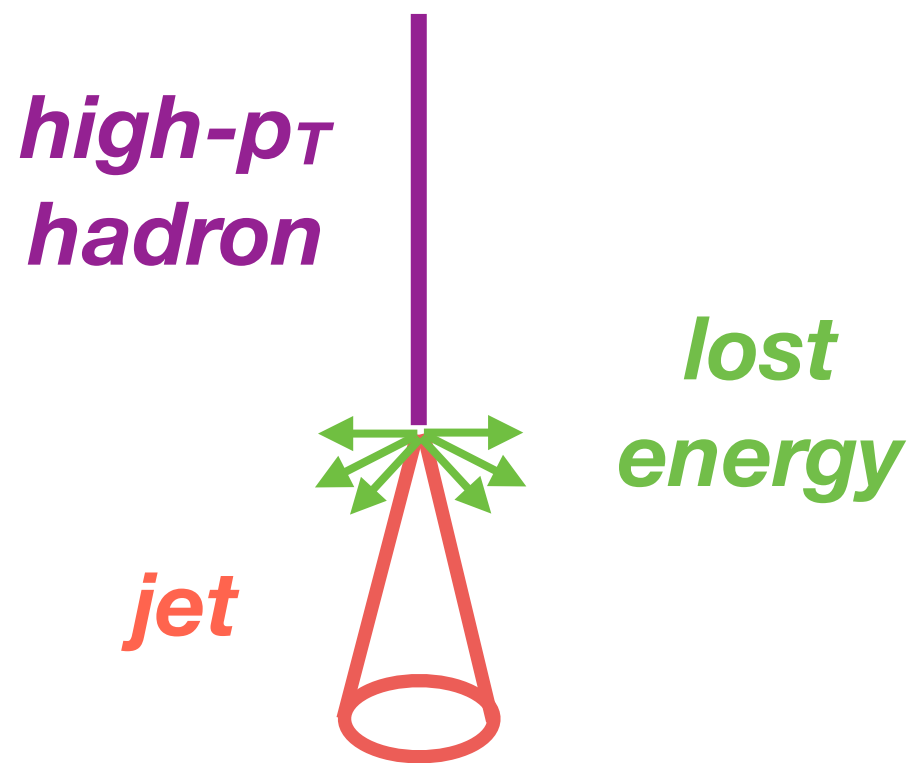


*in AA systems, high- $p_T$  ( $> 10 \text{ GeV}$ )  
 $v_2$  understood as energy loss  
 (diff. energy loss in vs. out of plane)*

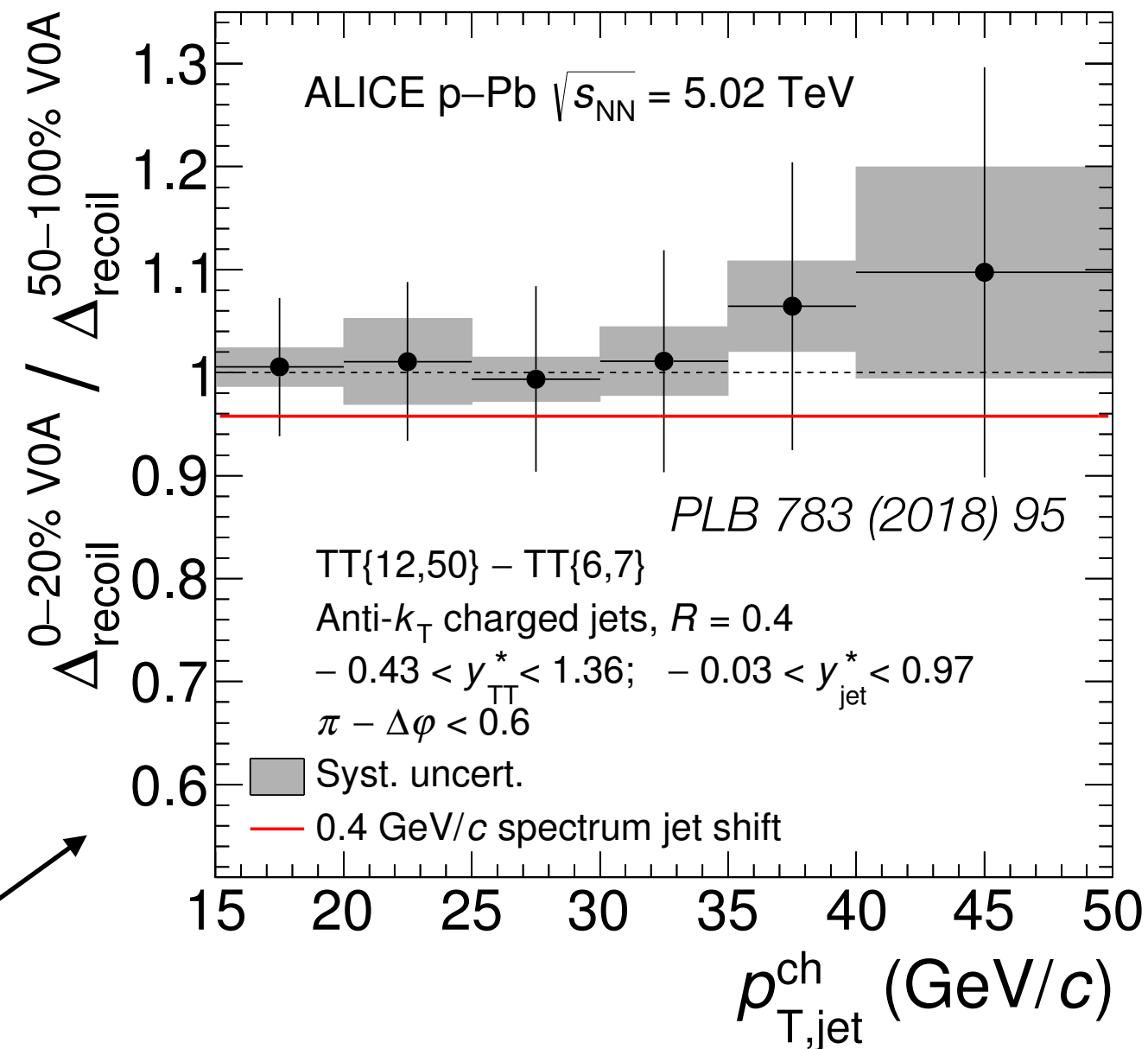
*In 2013 p+Pb data, large  $v_2$  @  
 $p_T \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$  in 0-1% p+Pb...*

# hadron+recoil jet correlations

*push to lower  $p_T$  (15-50 GeV),  
central events (0-20%)*



*unmodified recoil jet  
 $p_T$  distributions...*



*sets empirical limit on out-of-cone E-loss, but some  
subtleties (can both jets lose E, etc.?)*

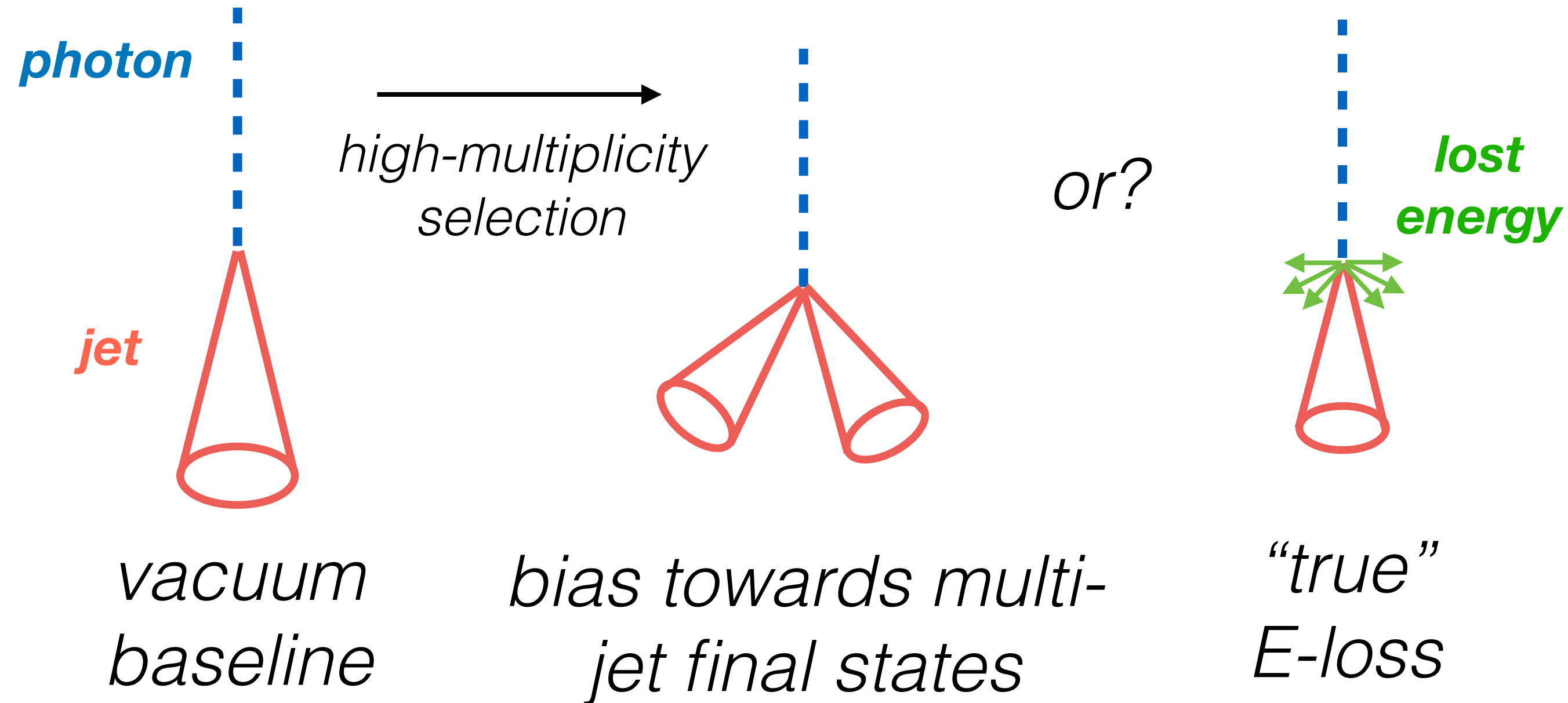
# jet quenching in high-mult. $pp$ ?

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*How should we understand these data together?*

*Do we understand the meaning of these in small systems?*

*thank you!*

*questions?*

*you can also find me at lunch...*