

# Universal suppression in production of different high- $p_T$ hadrons in heavy ion collisions

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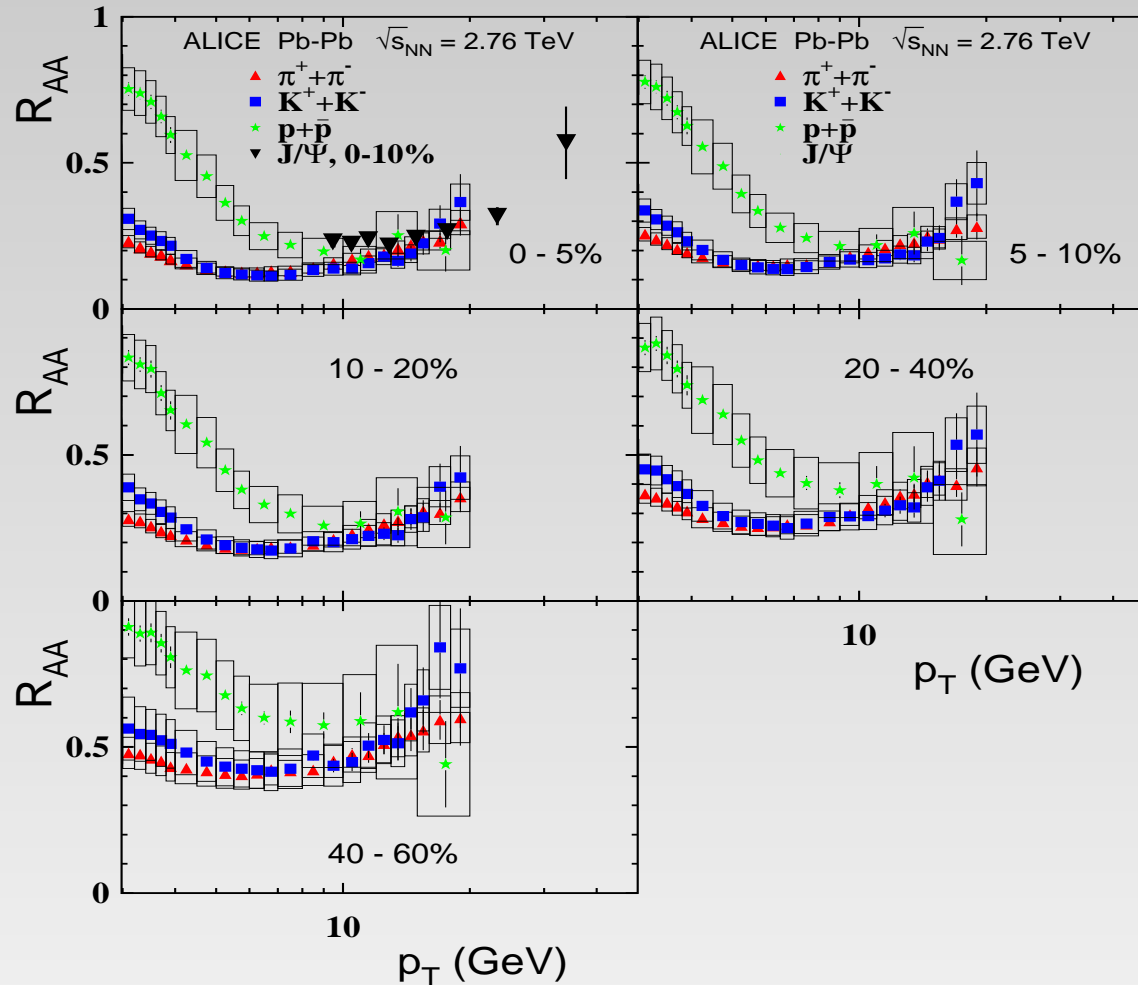
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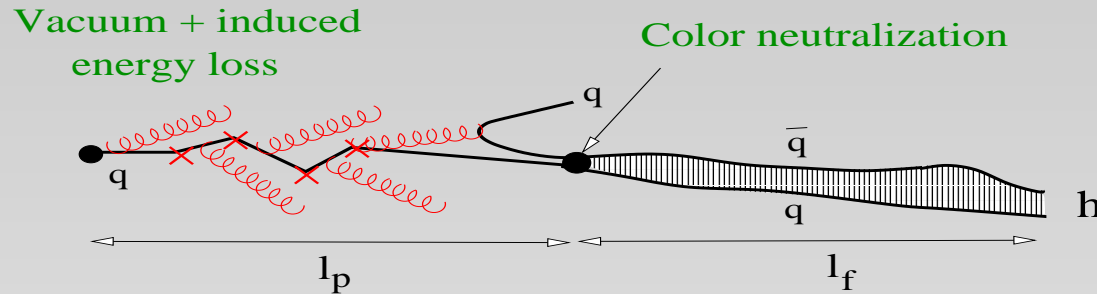


Similar suppression in production of pions, kaons, protons and  $J/\Psi$  at large  $p_T$

[ J. Adam *et al.* [The ALICE Collaboration], Phys.Rev. C**93**, 034913 (2016) ]

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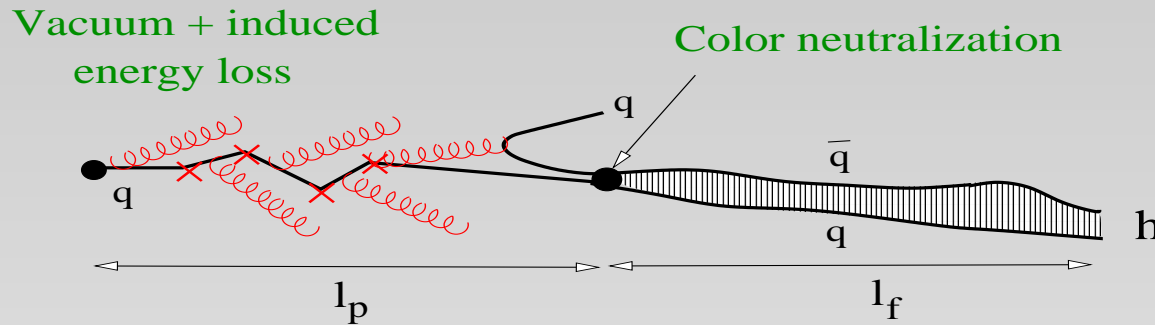


- I. stage  $\Rightarrow$  the quark regenerates its color field, which has been stripped off in a hard reaction characterized by the scale  $Q^2 = p_T^2$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  the quark intensively radiates gluons and dissipates energy, **either in vacuum or in a medium.**
  - $\Rightarrow$  multiple interactions in the medium induce additional, **usually less intensive**, radiation.
  - $\Rightarrow$  the loss of energy ceases at the moment, which is called **the production time**  $t_p$ , when the  $q$  picks up an  $\bar{q}$  neutralizing its color.

$$t_p \lesssim \frac{E}{\langle |dE/dt| \rangle} (1 - z)$$



# Space-time development of hadronization



- II. stage  $\Rightarrow$  begins with production of colorless dipole (also called pre-hadron), which does not have either the wave function or hadronic mass.
  - $\Rightarrow$  it takes the formation time  $t_f$  to develop both.
  - $\Rightarrow$  can be described within a simplified model or the path integral method.

$$t_f \lesssim \frac{2zE}{m_{h^*}^2 - m_h^2}$$

- $\Rightarrow$  Lorentz boosting factor & the uncertainty principle - it takes a proper time  $t_f^* = 1/(m_{h^*} - m_h)$  to resolve between these two levels.

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- The **coherence time** for radiation of a gluon with fractional LC momentum  $x$  and T-momentum  $k$  reads

$$t_c^g = \frac{2Ex(1-x)}{k^2 + x^2 m_q^2}.$$

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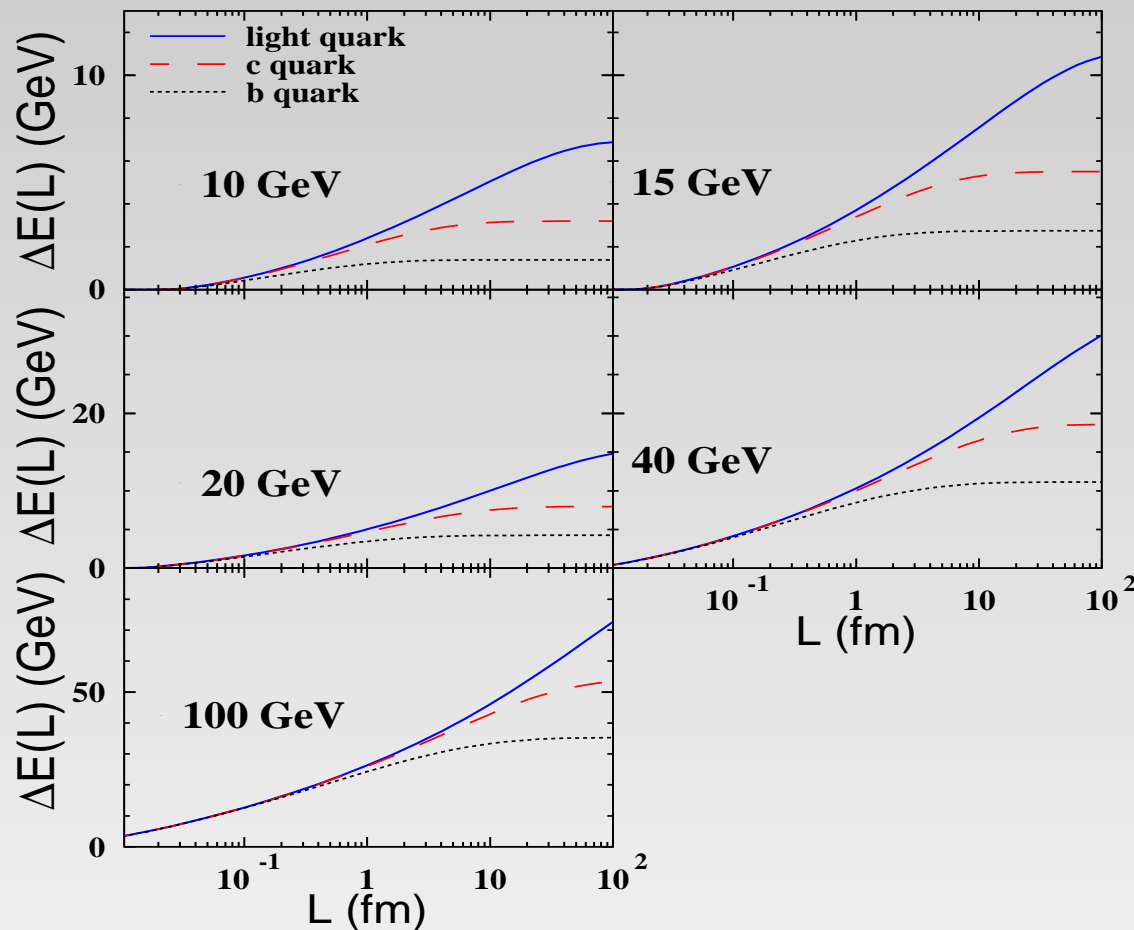
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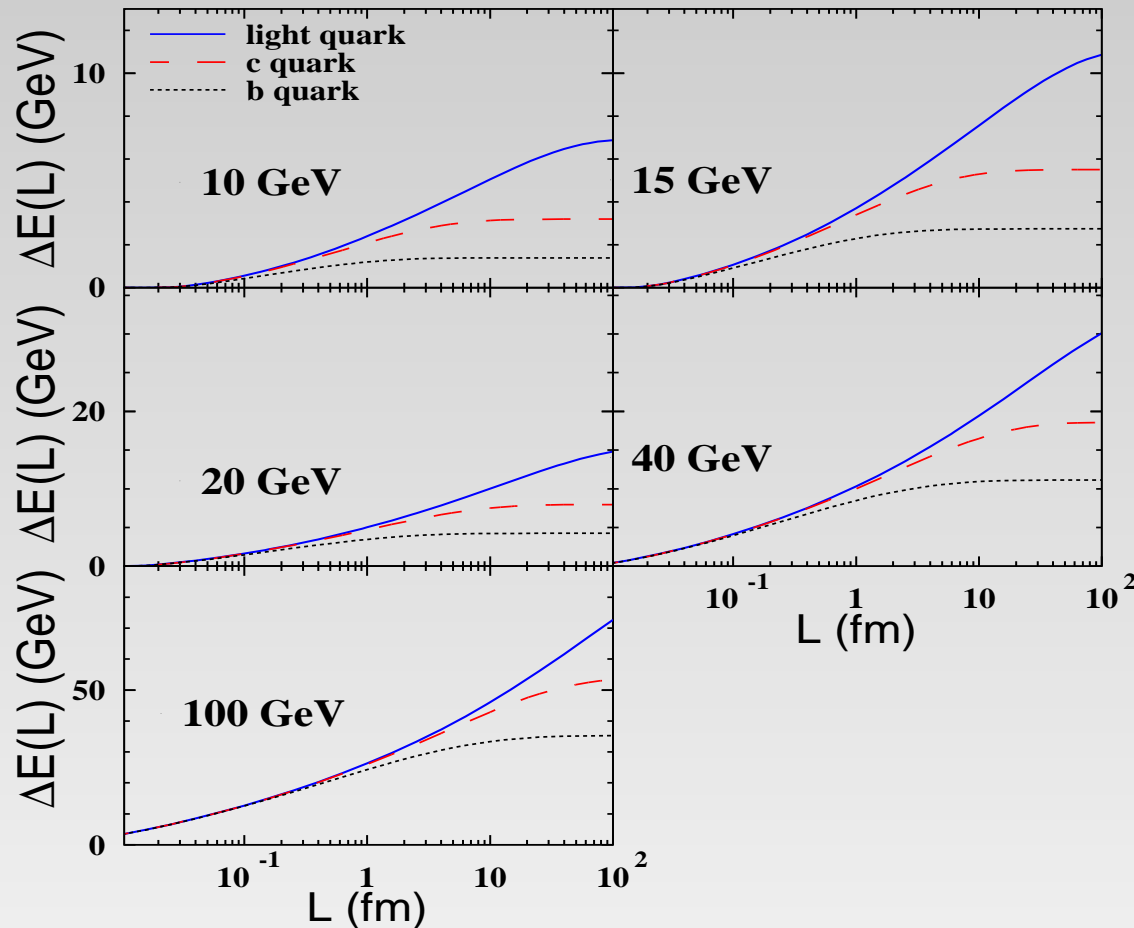
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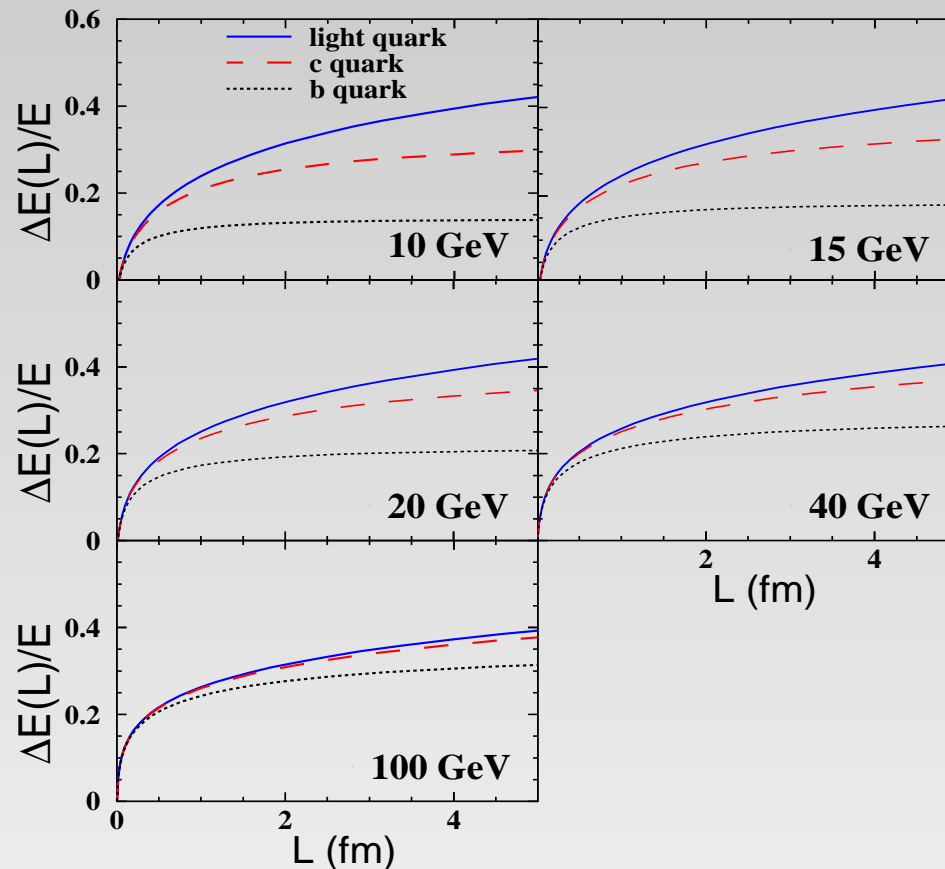


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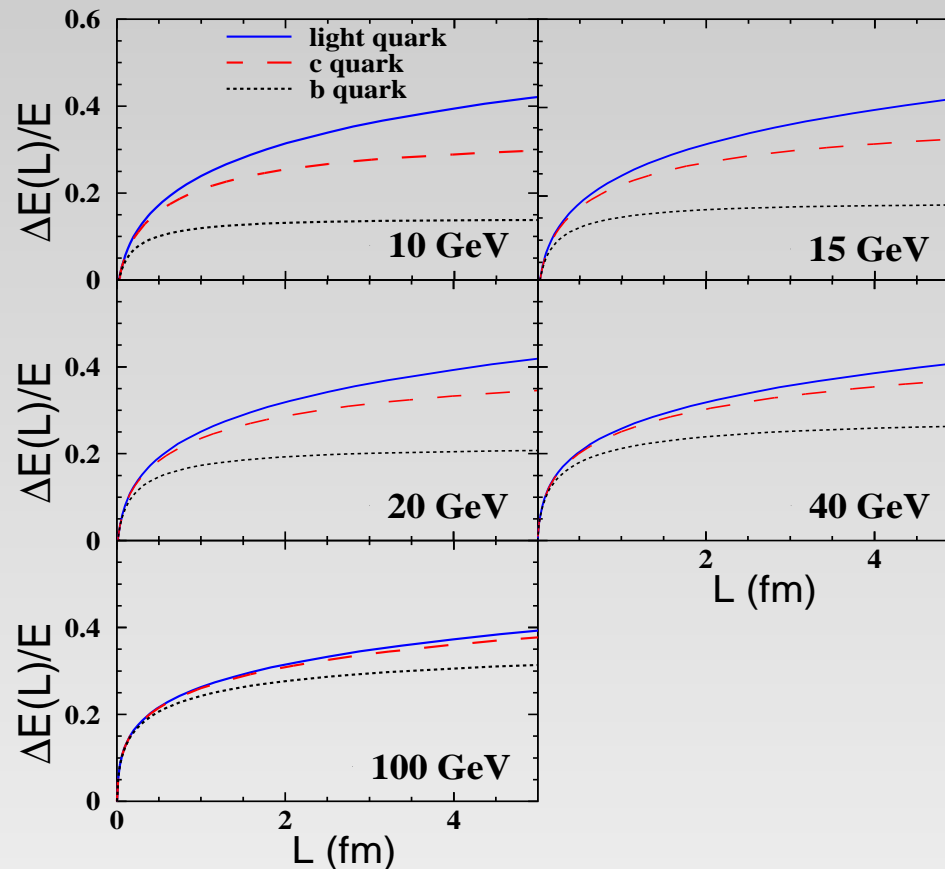
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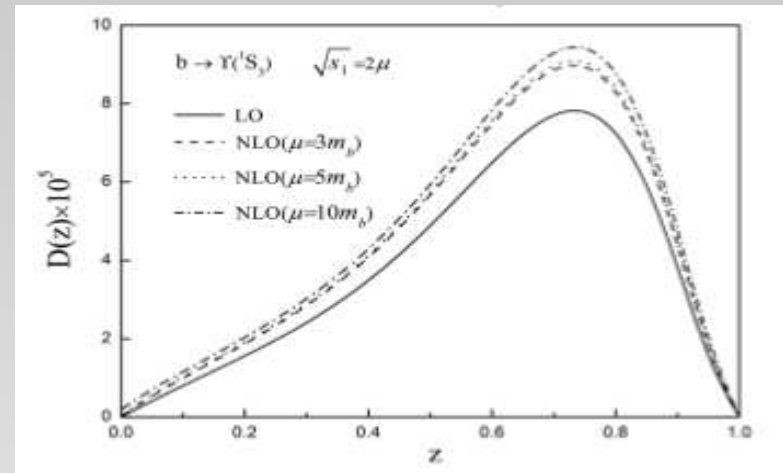
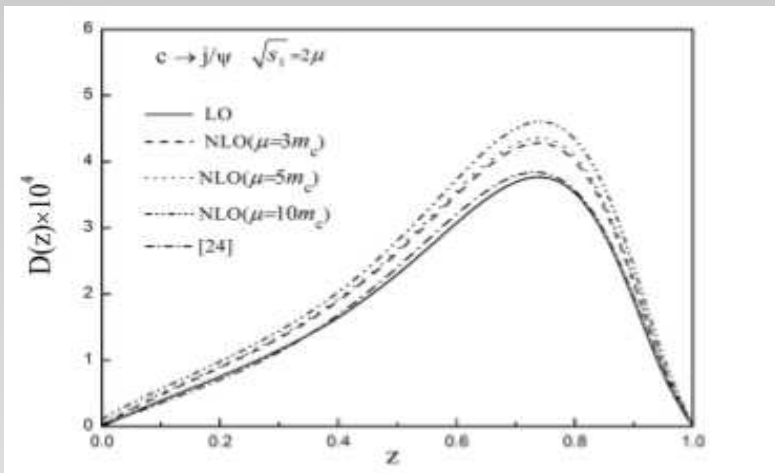
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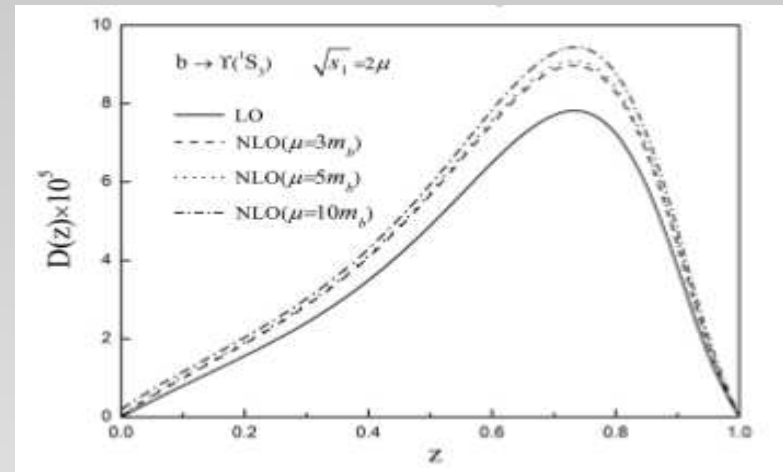
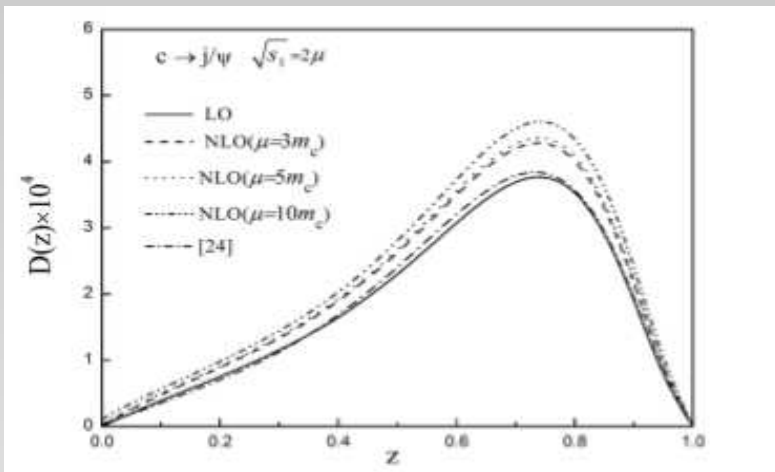
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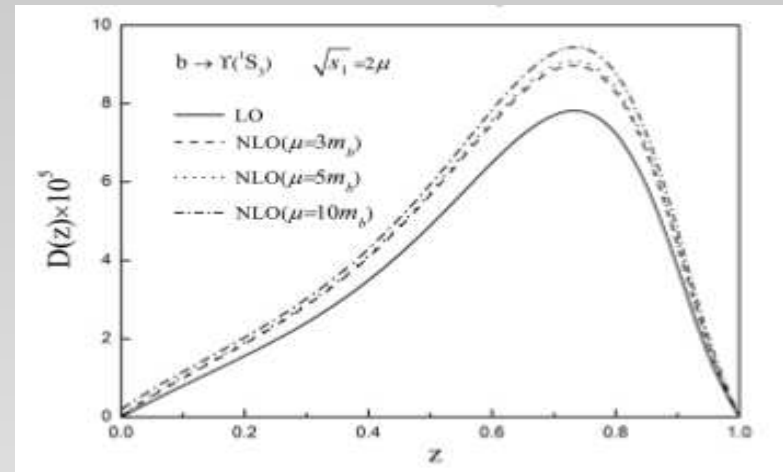
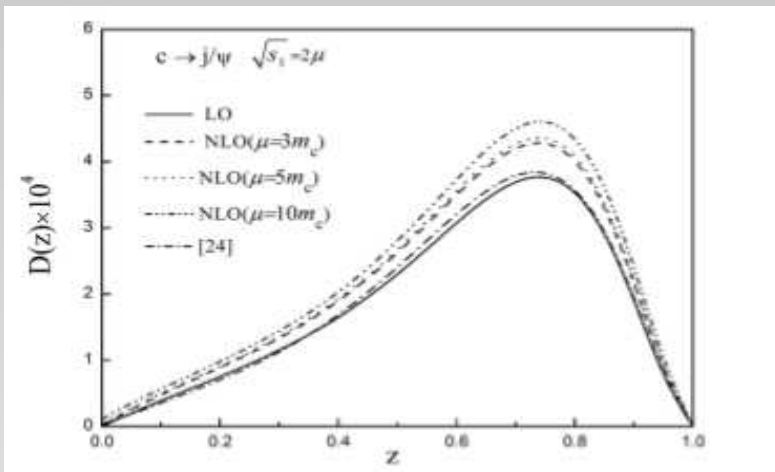
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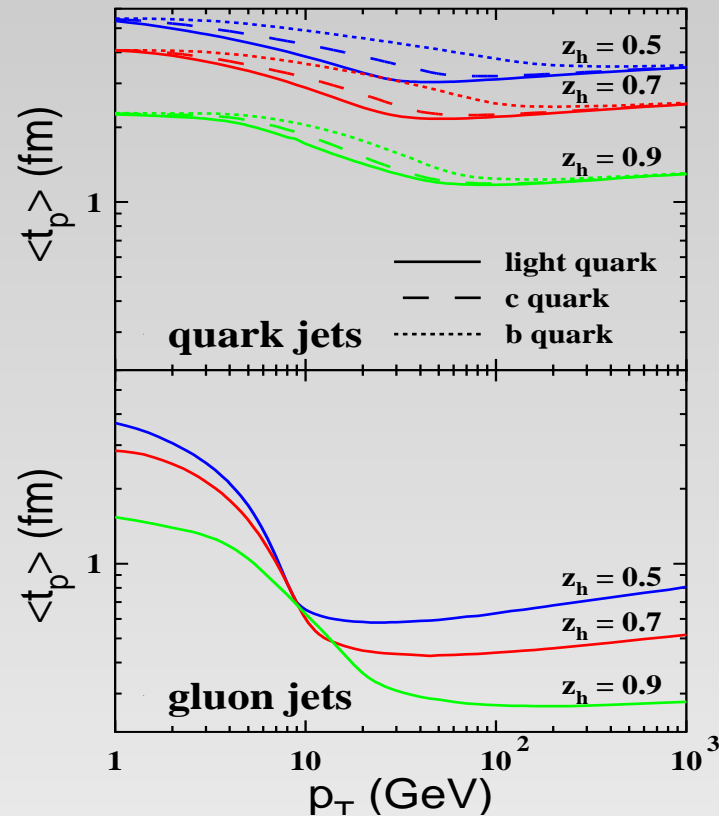


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- Such an expectation is in accordance with calculations of the FFs  $c \rightarrow J/\Psi$  and  $b \rightarrow \Upsilon \Rightarrow$  large  $z$  are enhanced.

[R. Sepahvand, and S. Dadfar; Phys.Rev. D95, 034012 (2017)]

[Y.-Q. Ma, J.-W. Qiu, and H. Zang; Phys.Rev. D89, 094029 (2014)]

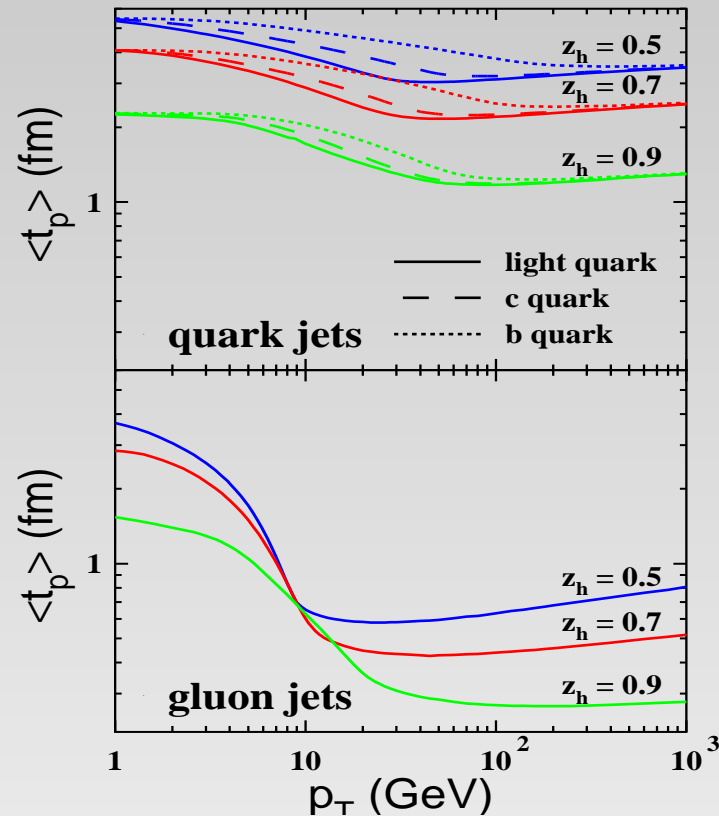
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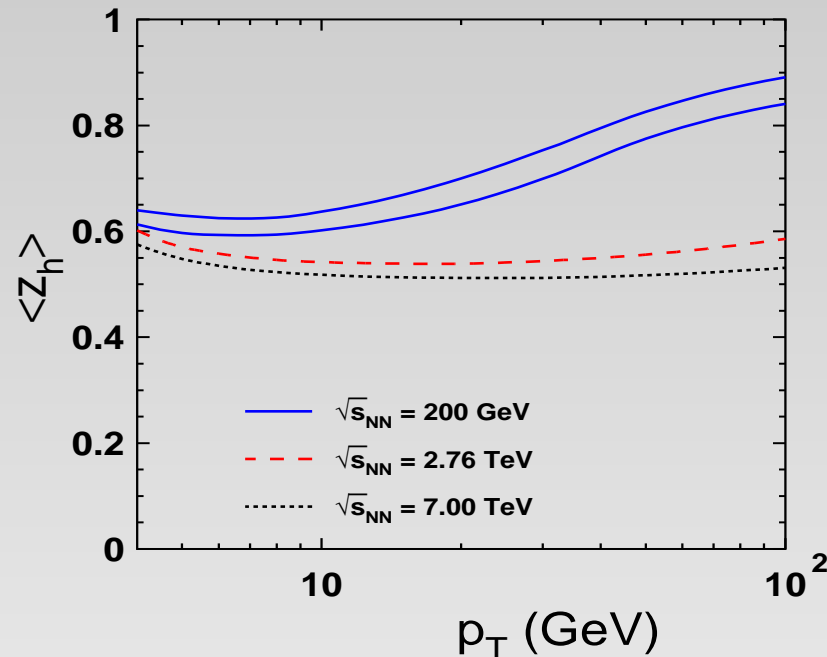
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- Combination of the vacuum energy loss and Sudakov suppression for radiation of gluons with energy  $> (1 - z_h)E$  leads to rather short  $l_p$ .



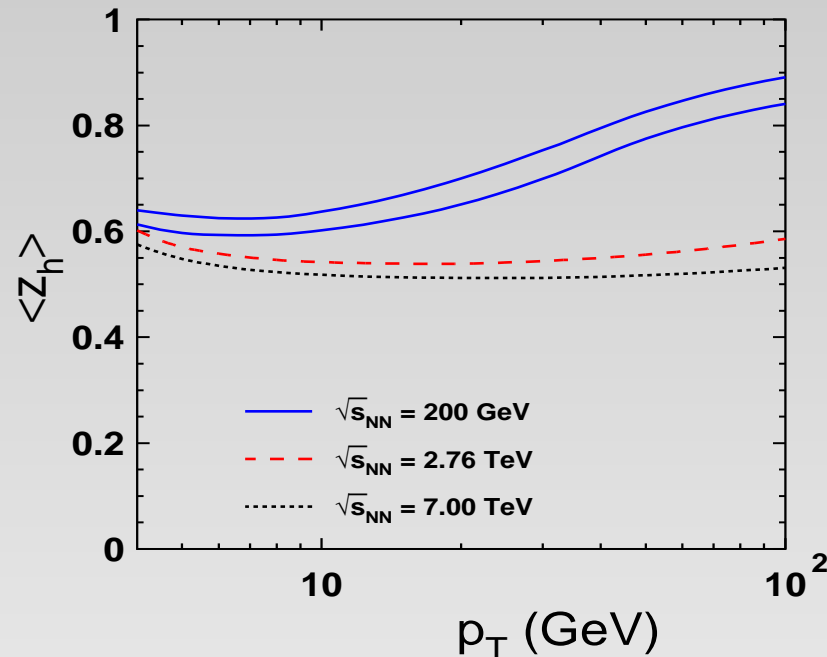
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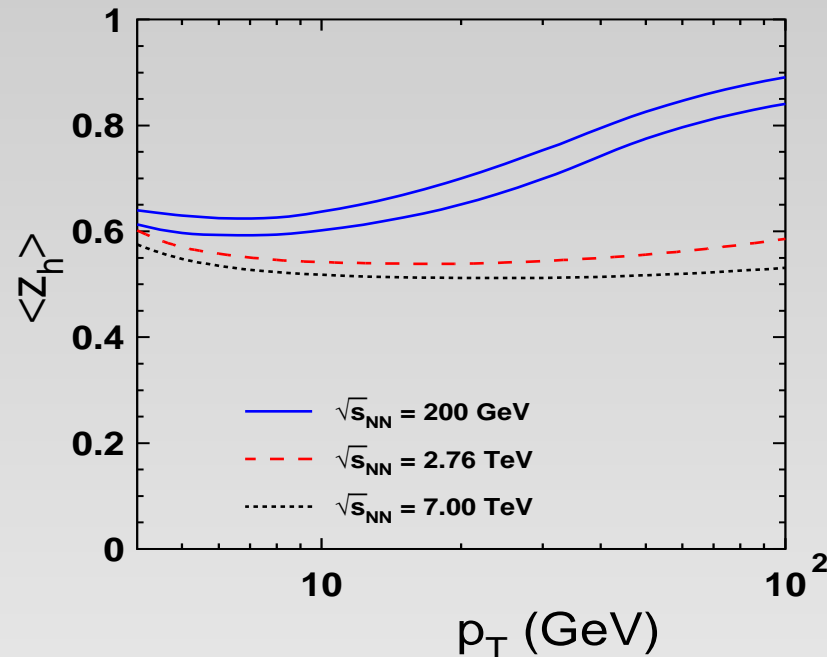


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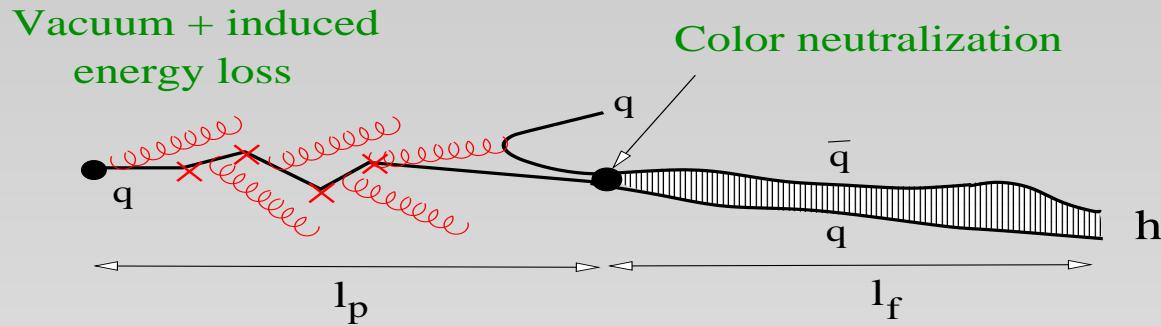


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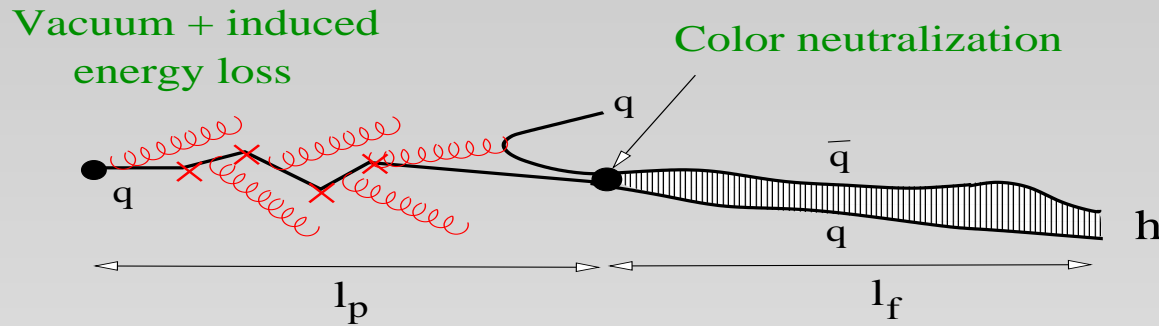


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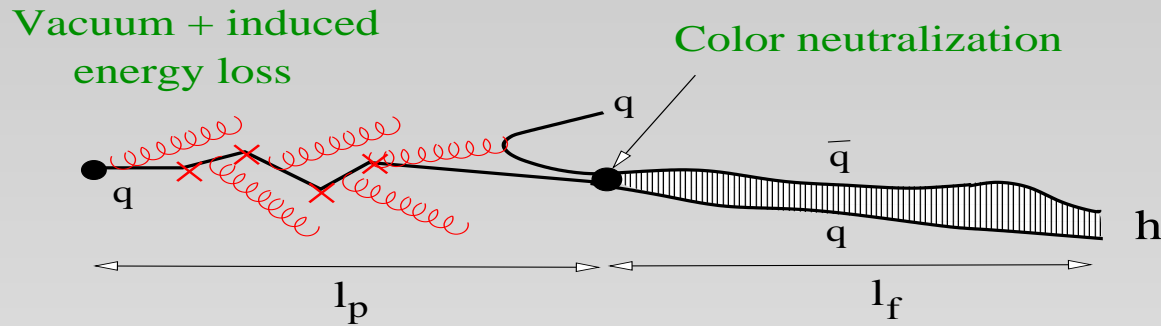


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[X.F. Chen, C. Greiner, E. Wang, X.N. Wang, Z. Xu; Phys.Rev. C81, 064908 (2010)]

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[ B.Z. Kopeliovich, B.G. Zakharov; Phys.Rev. D44, 3466 (1991), B.Z. Kopeliovich, A. Schäfer, A.V. Tarasov; Phys.Rev. D62, 054022 (2000), J.N.; Phys.Rev. C68, 035206 (2003) ].

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- The factor  $C$  is related to the transport coefficient  $\hat{q}$ , which is broadening per unit of length:

$$C = \frac{\hat{q}}{2\rho_A} .$$

[ R. Baier, Yu. Dokshitzer, S. Peigne, D. Schiff; Phys.Lett. B345, 277 (1995) ]

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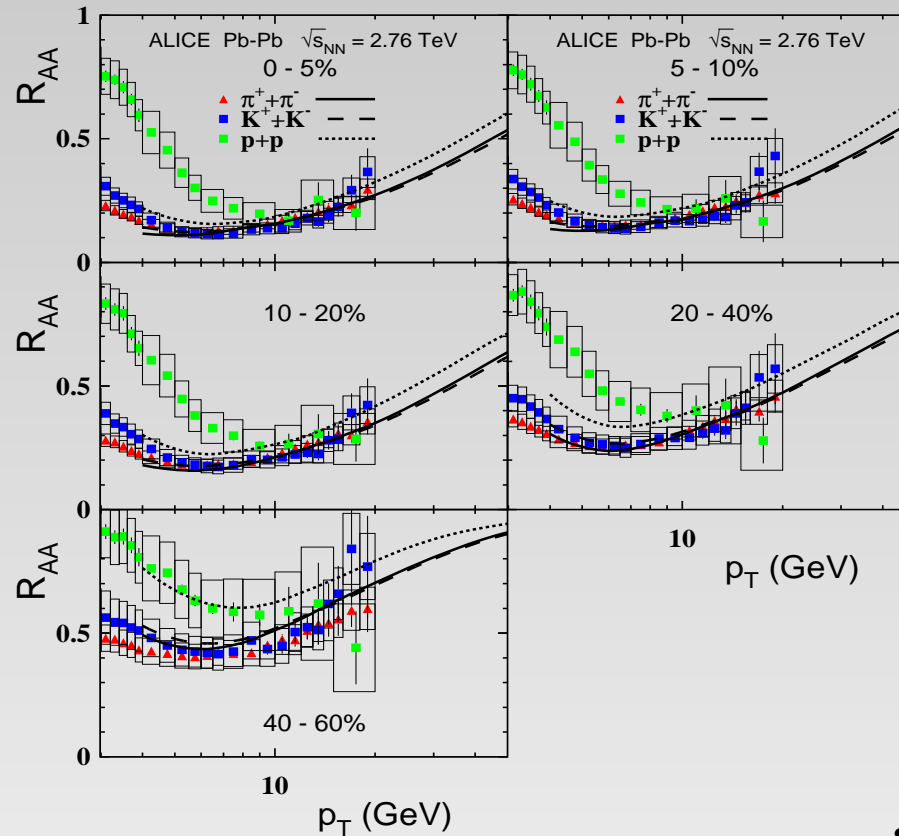
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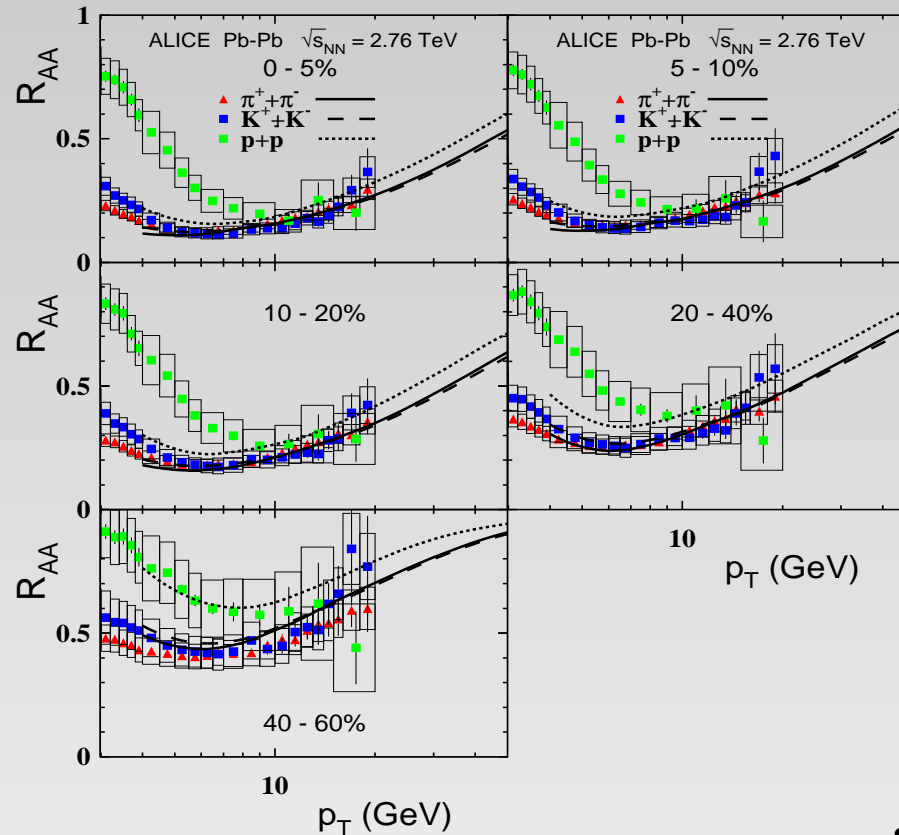
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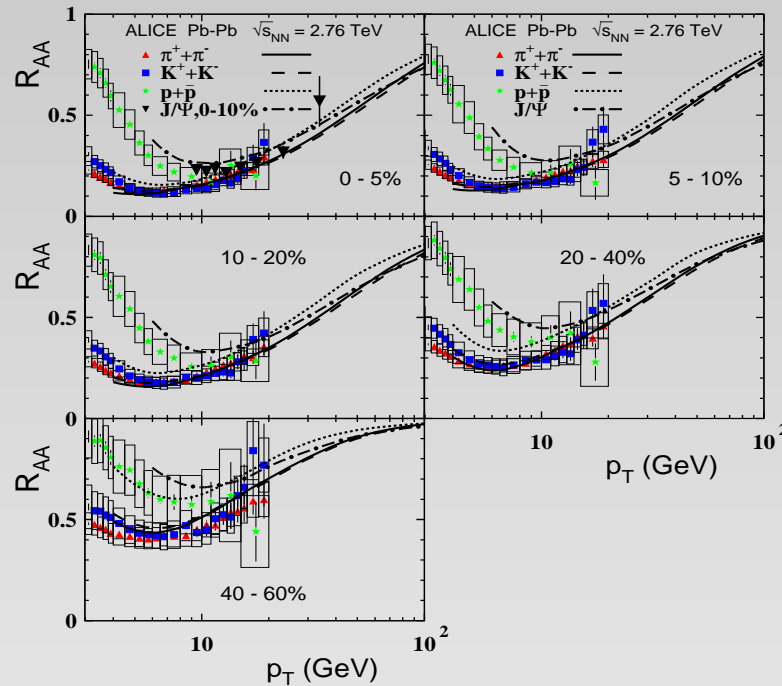
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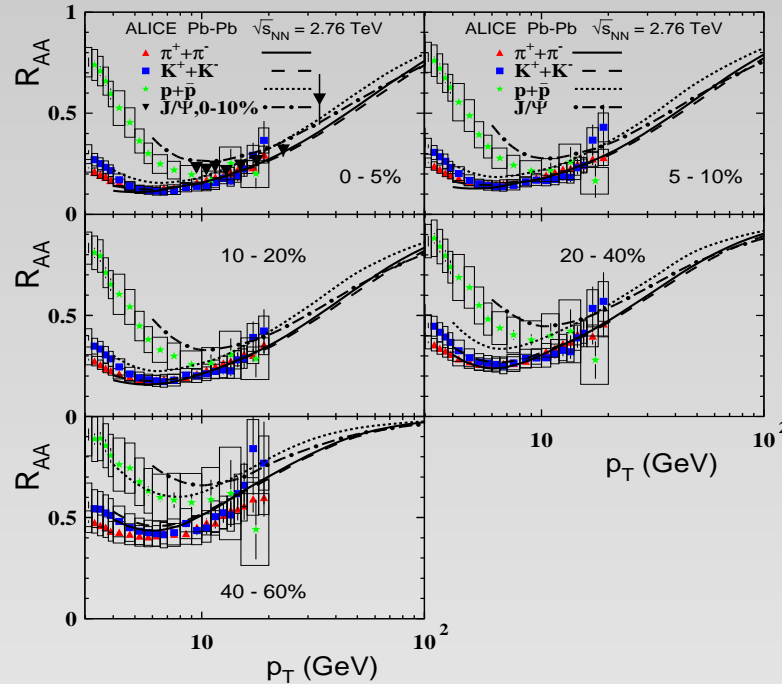


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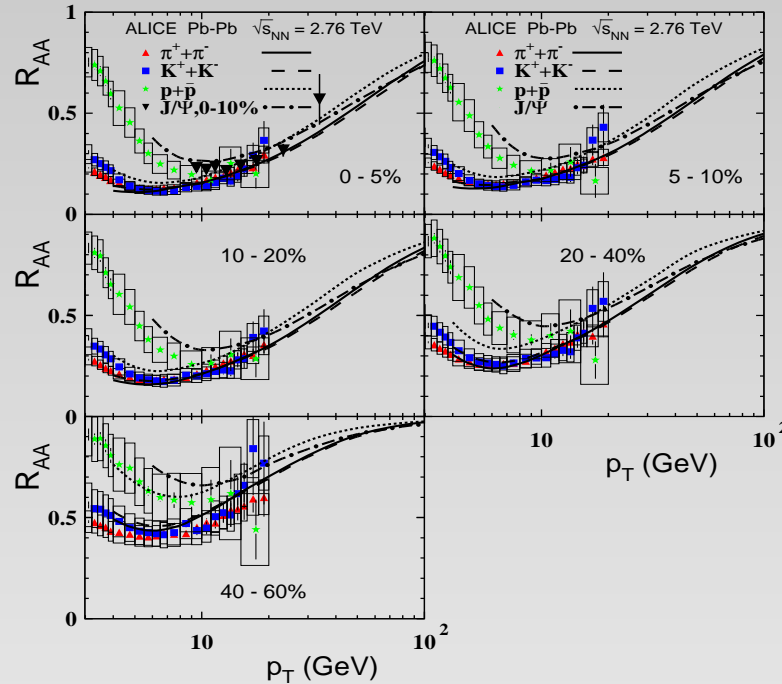


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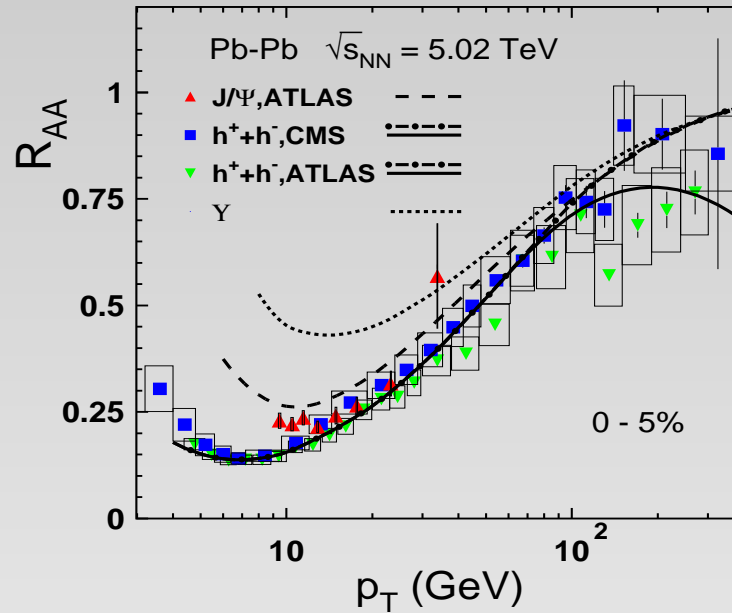


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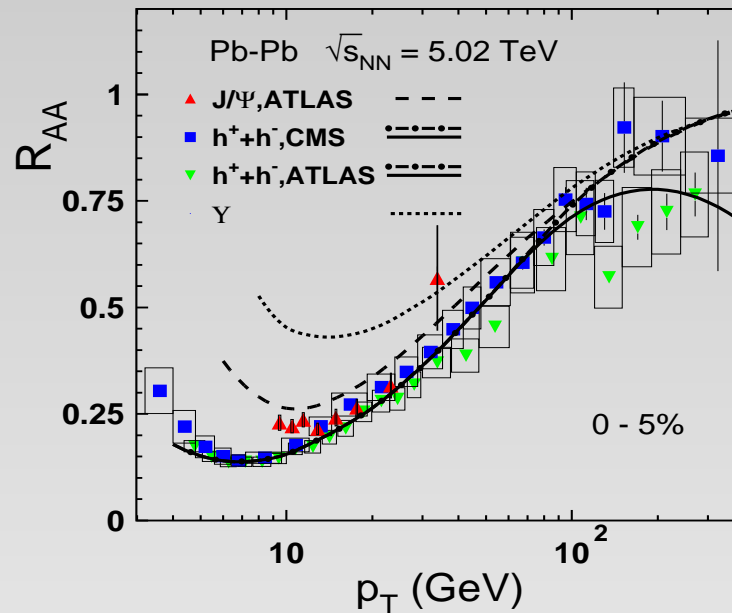
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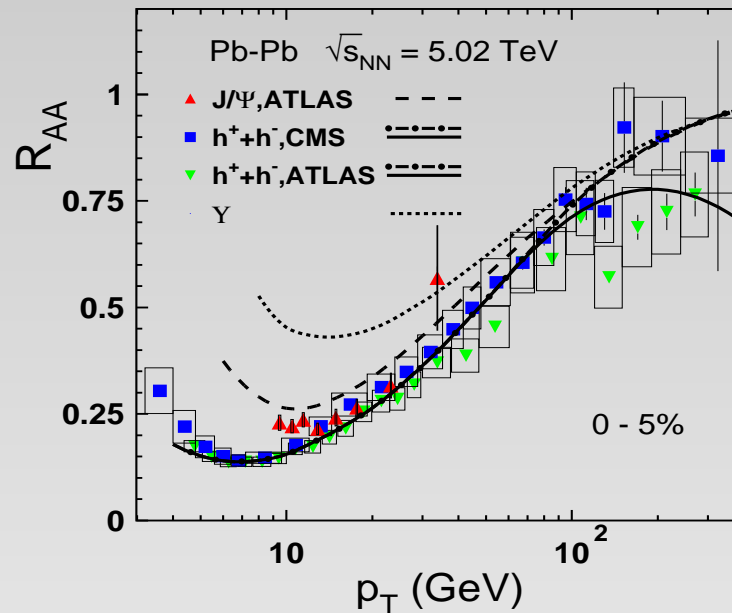
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