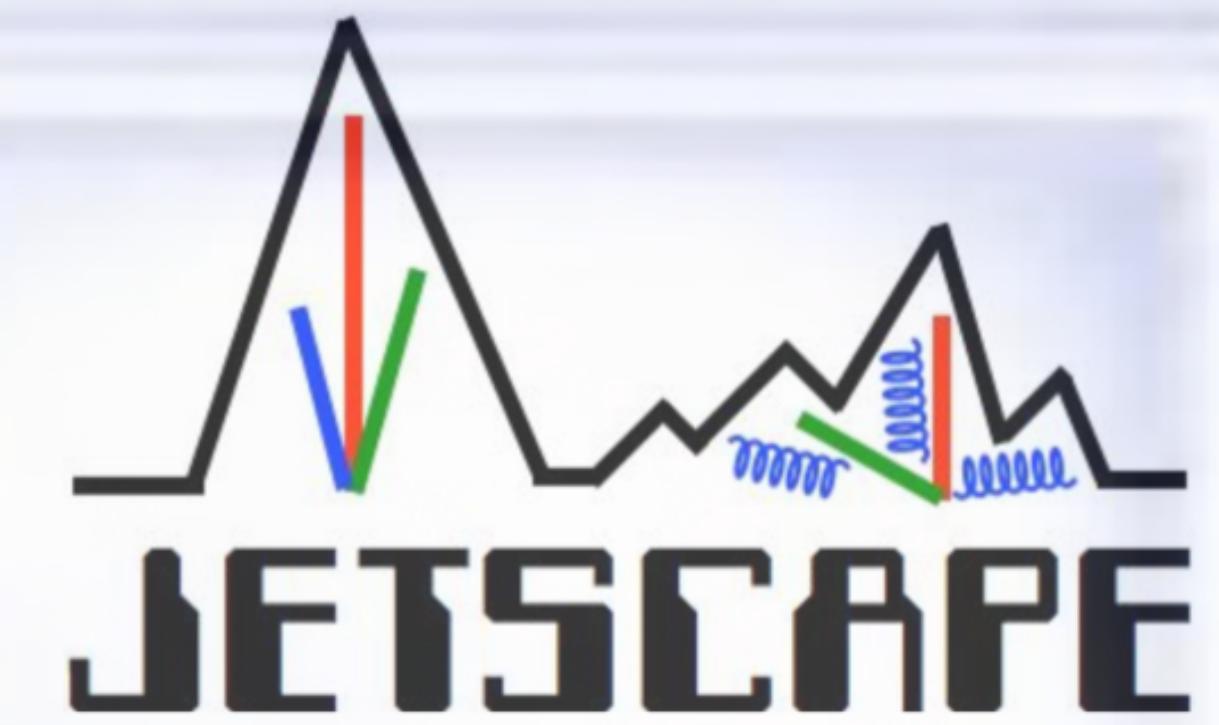




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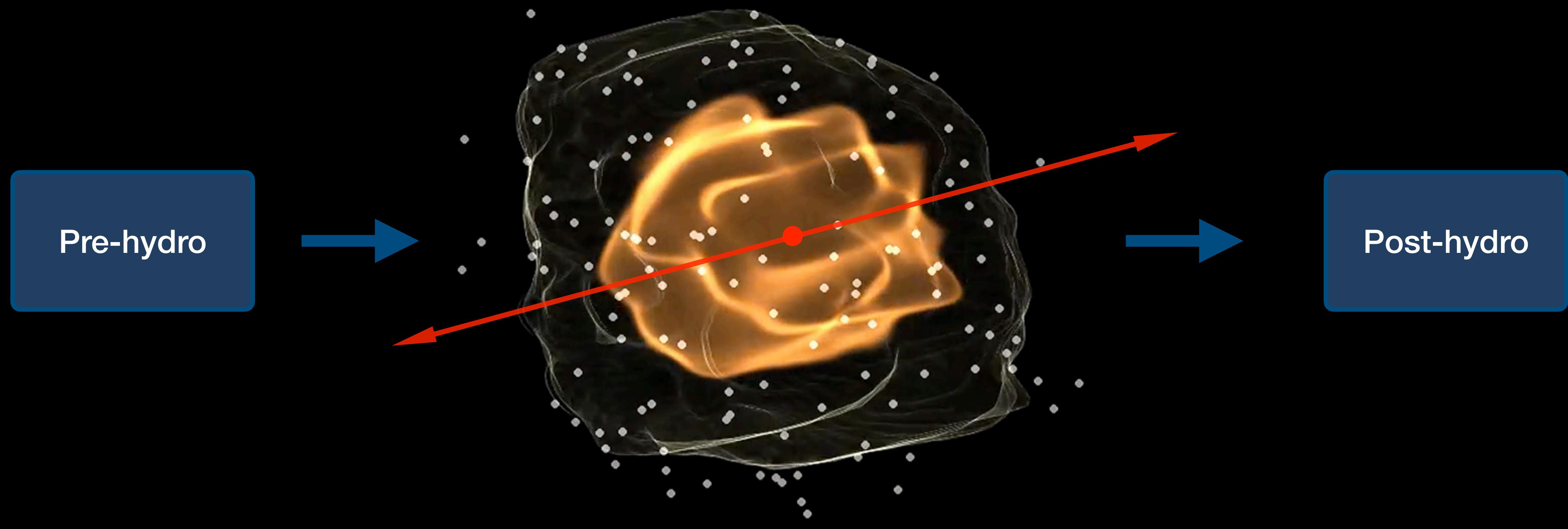


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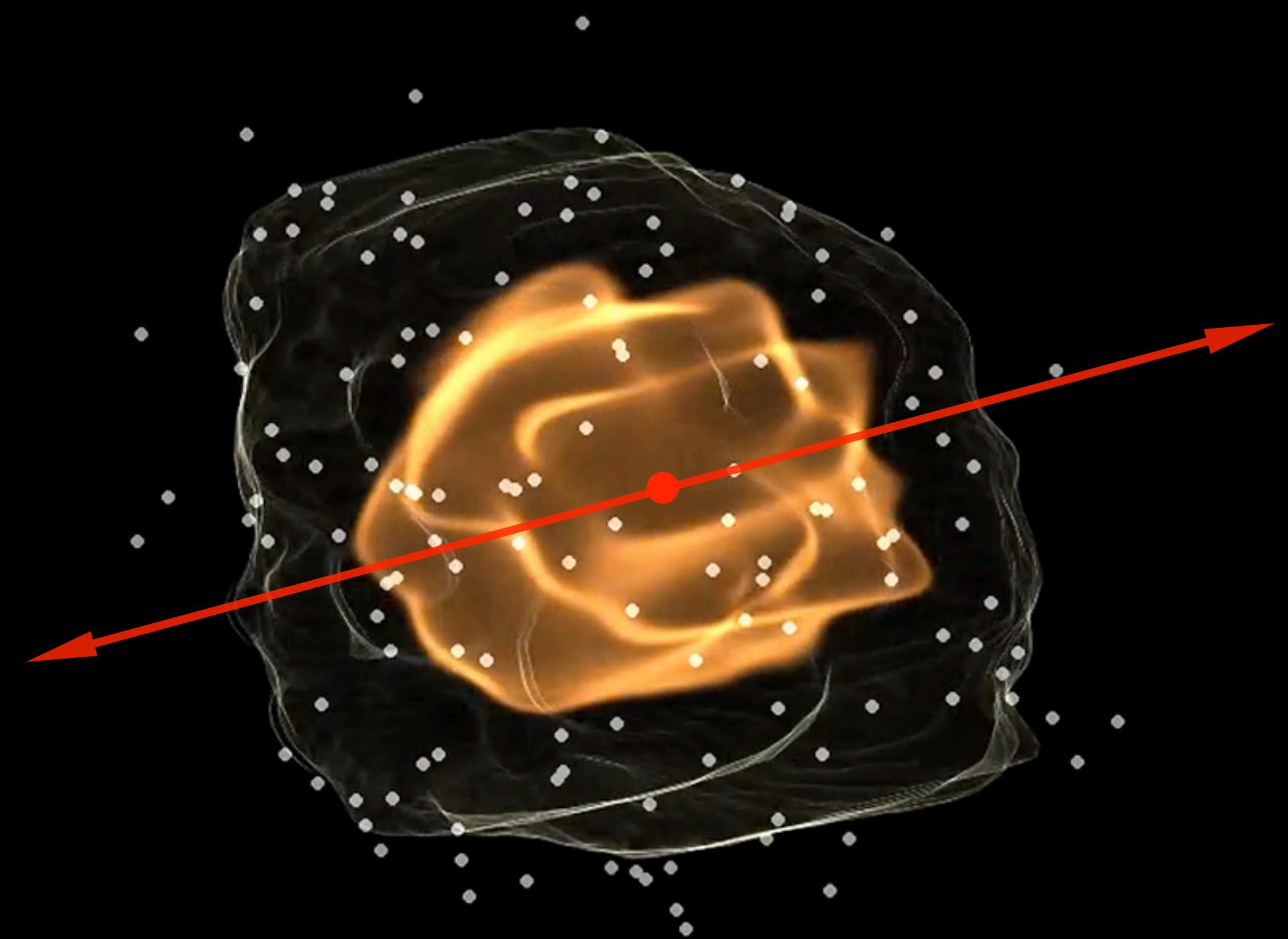
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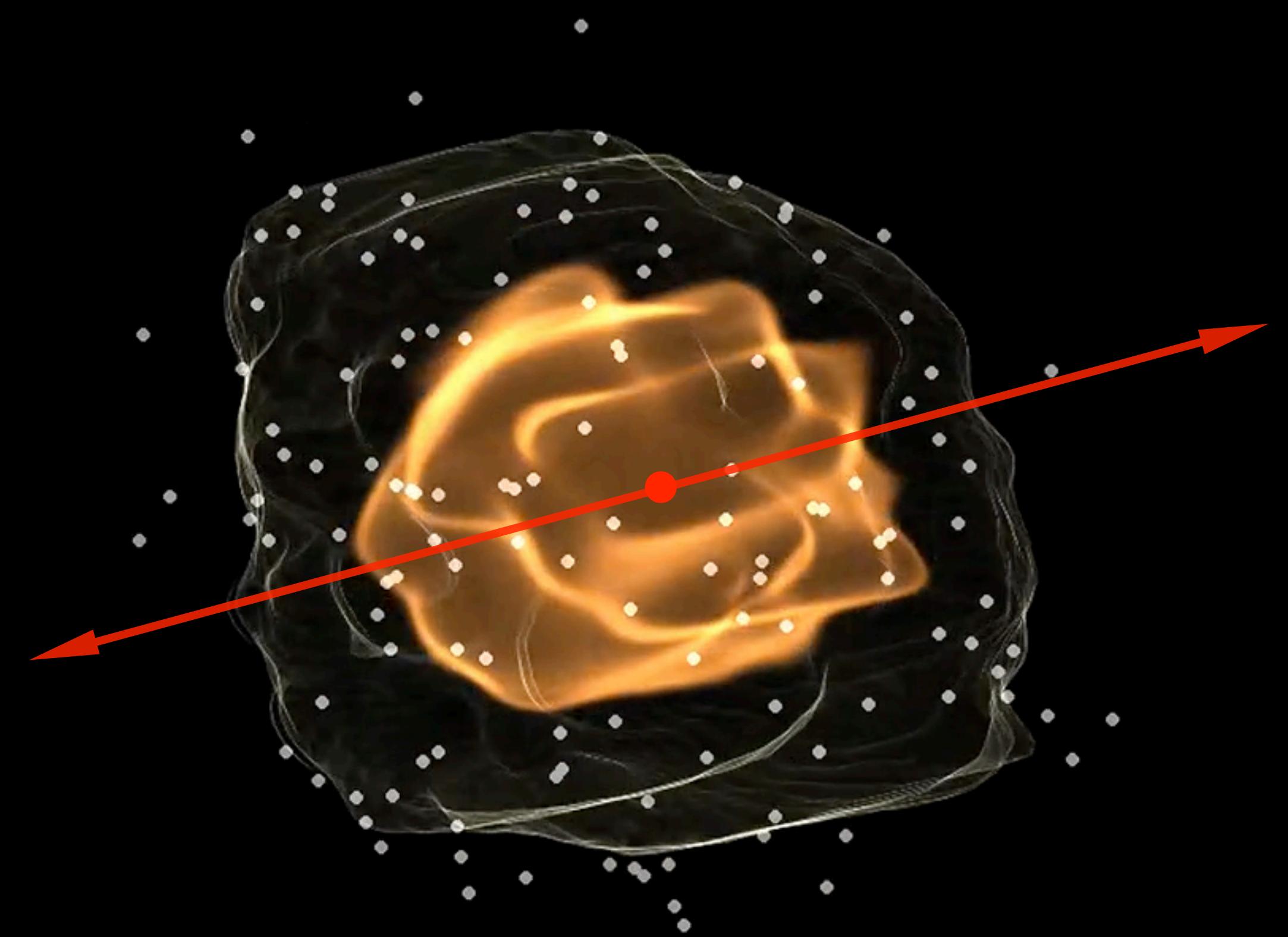
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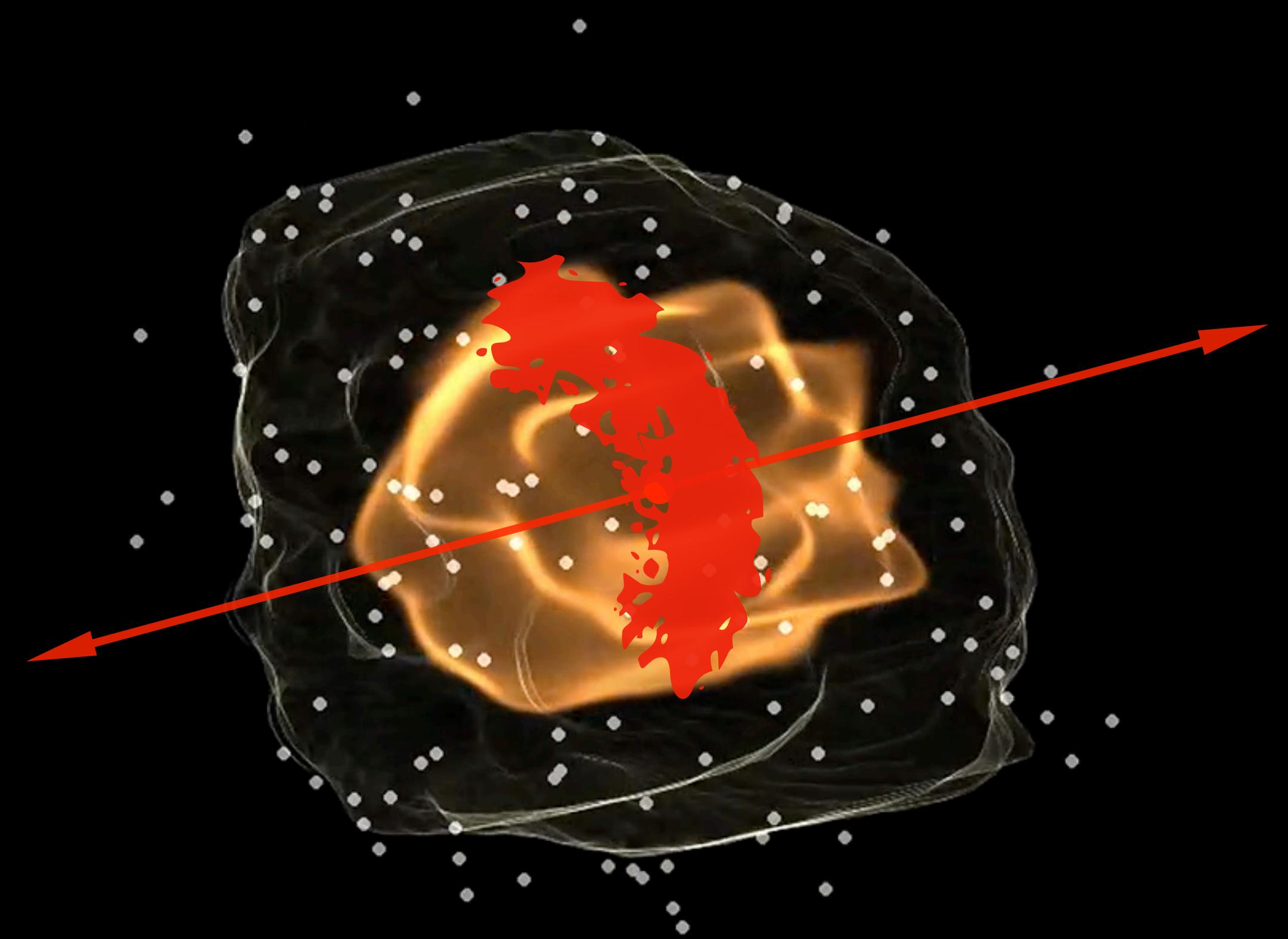
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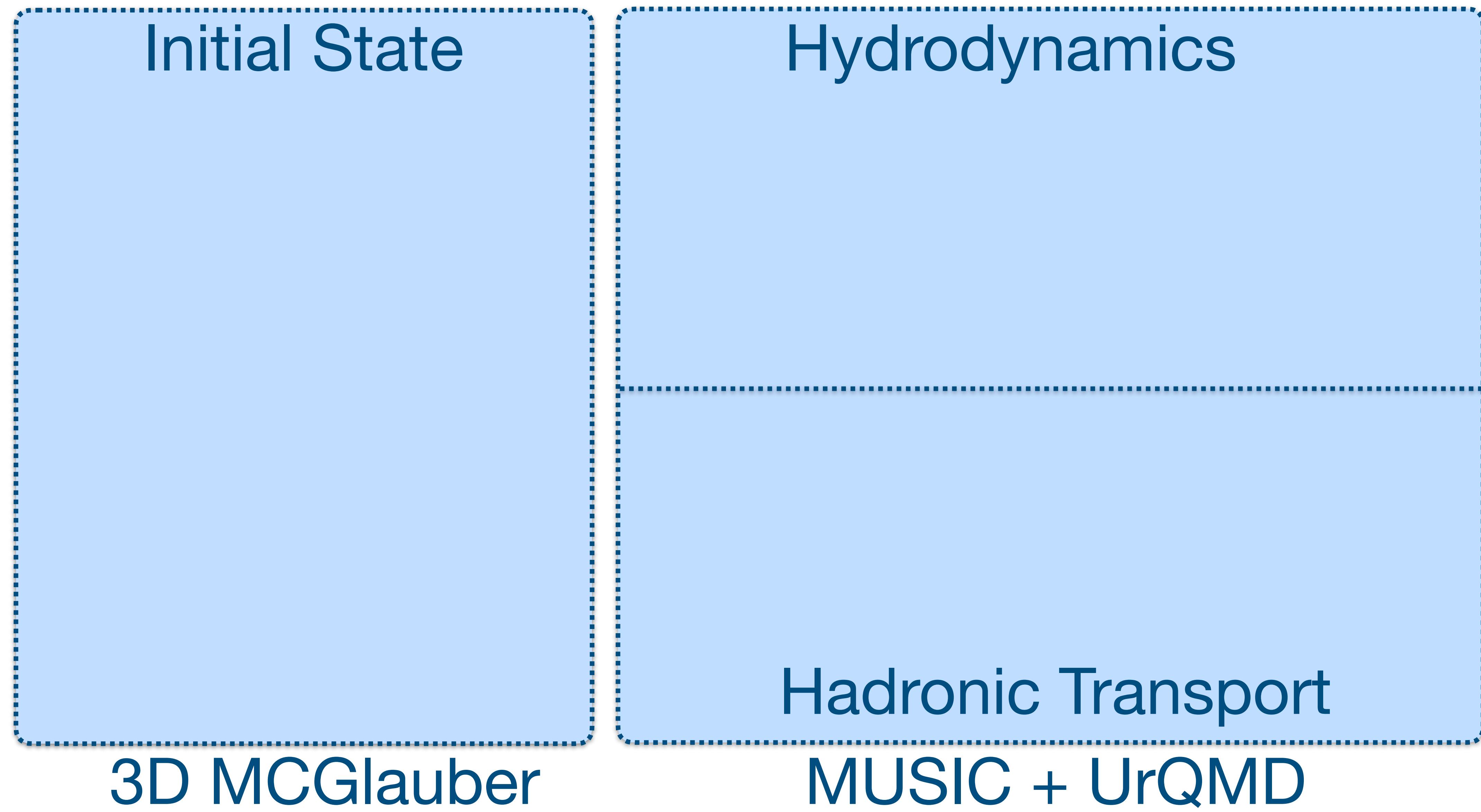
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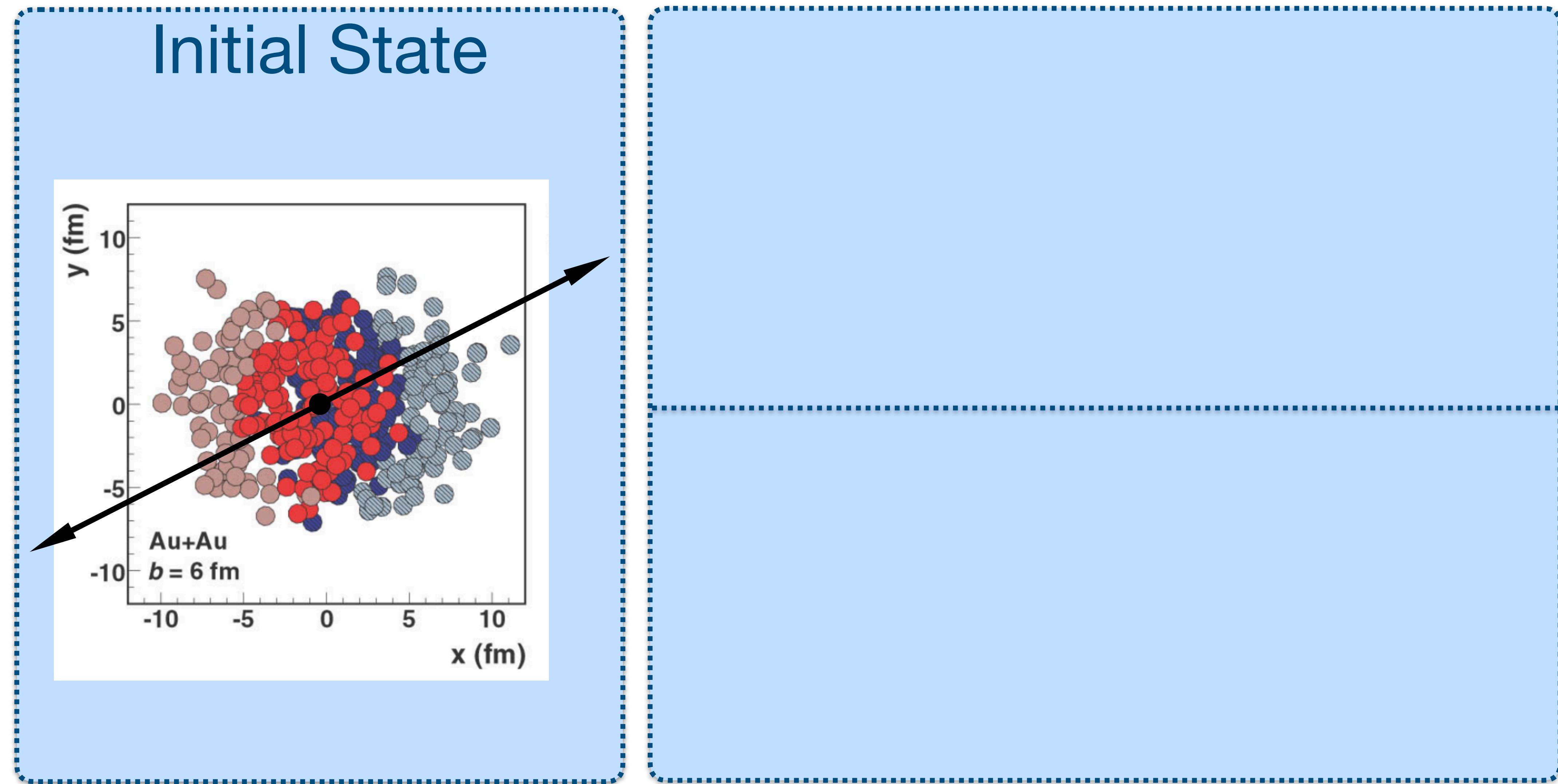


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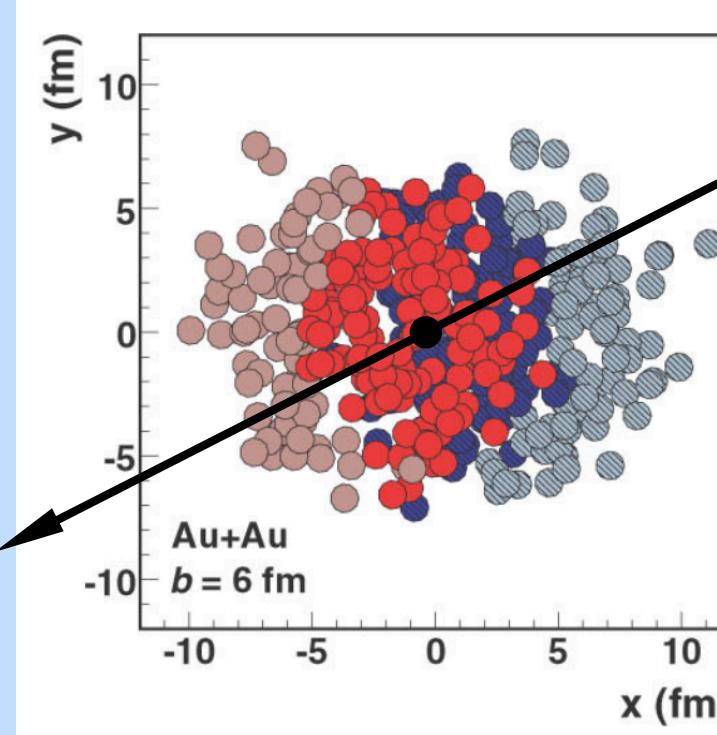


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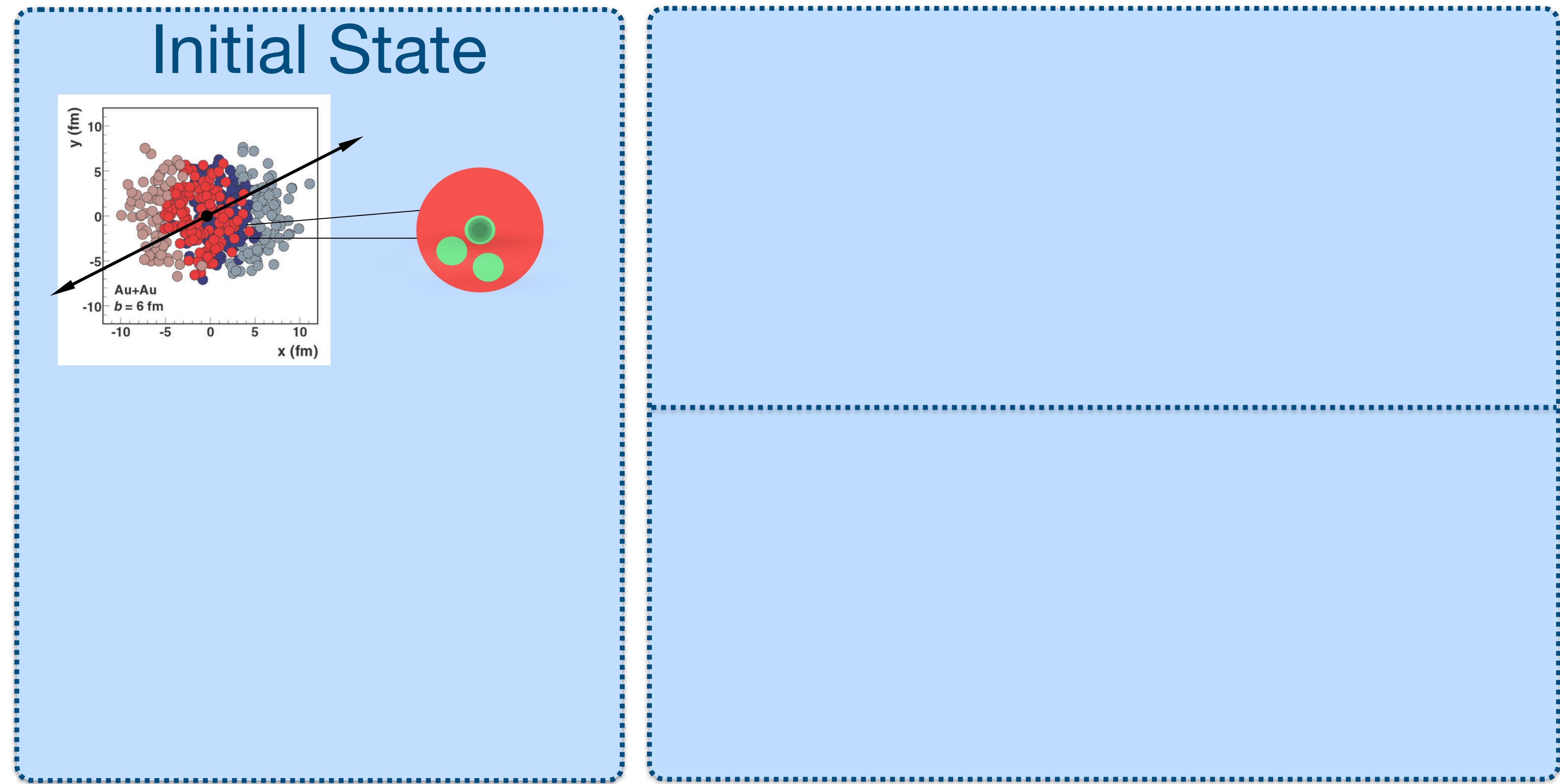
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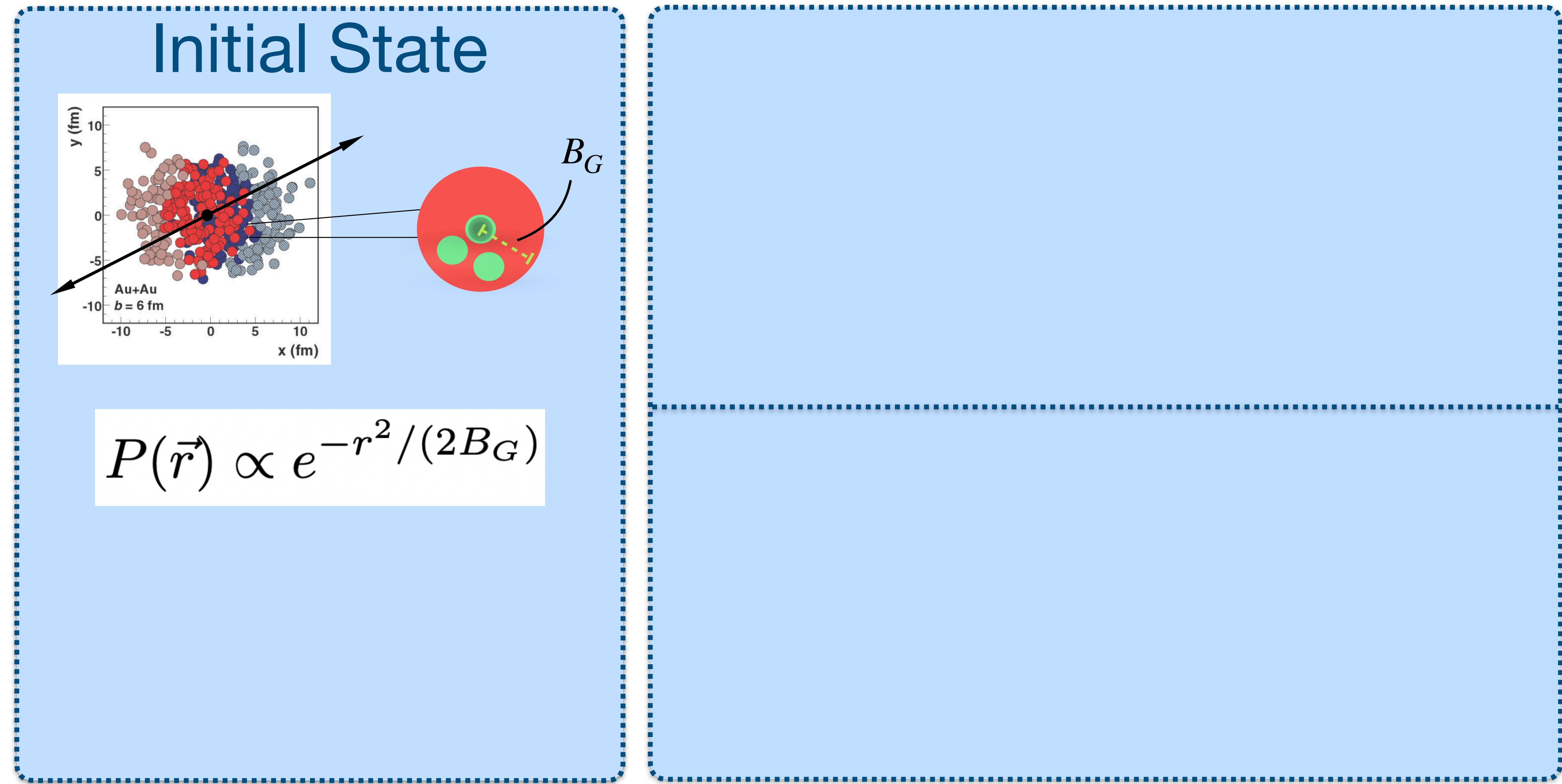


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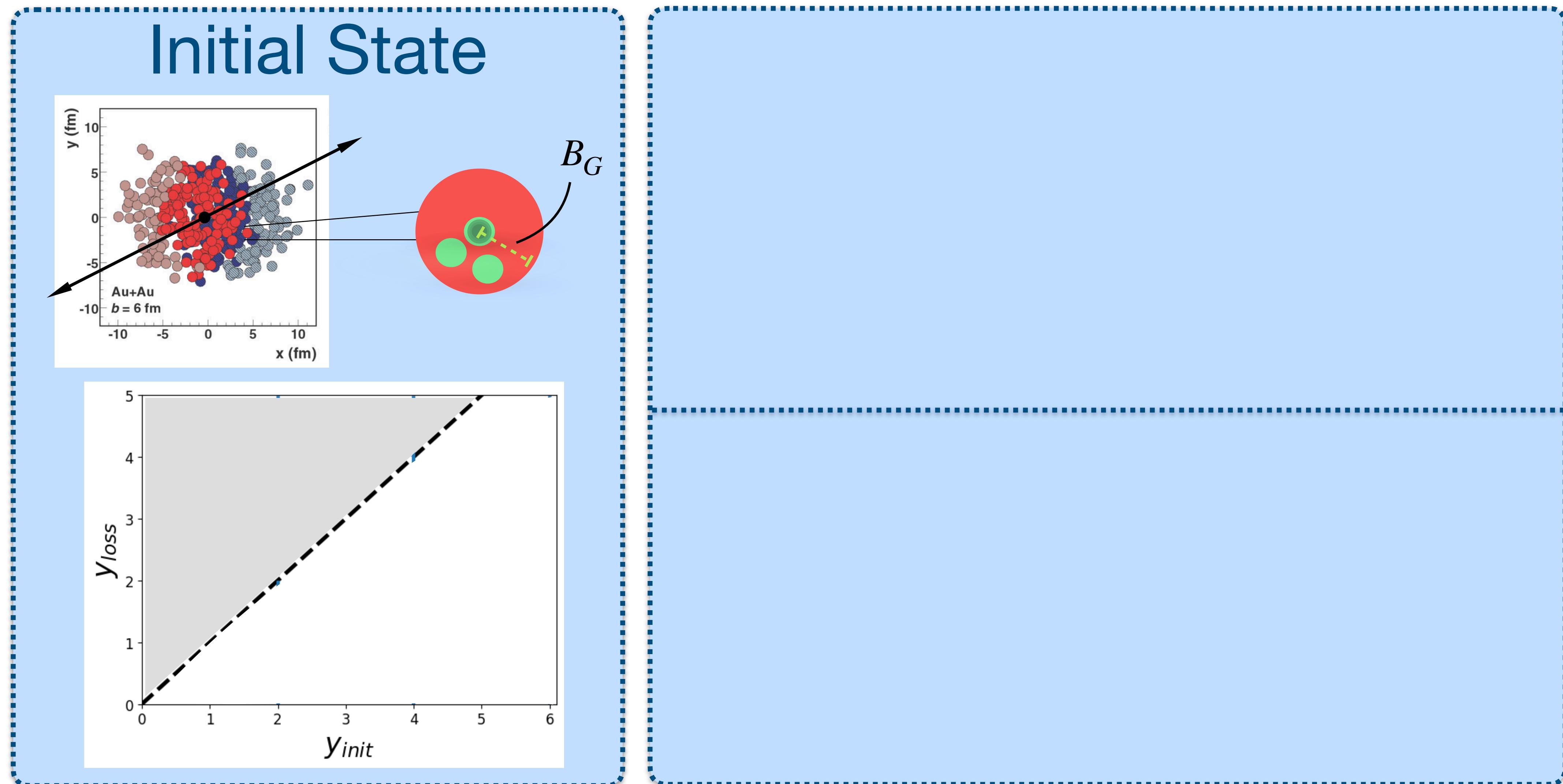
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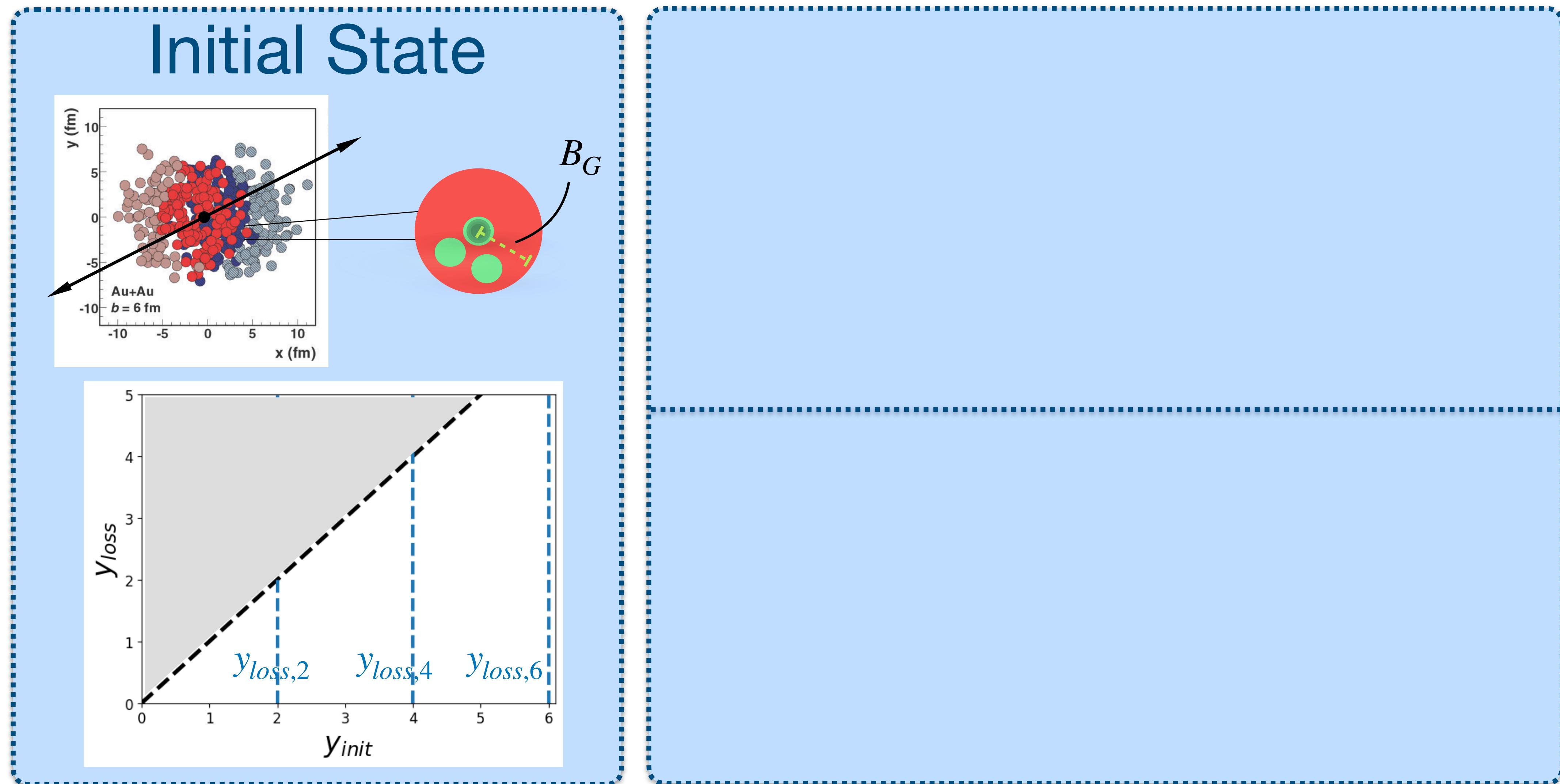


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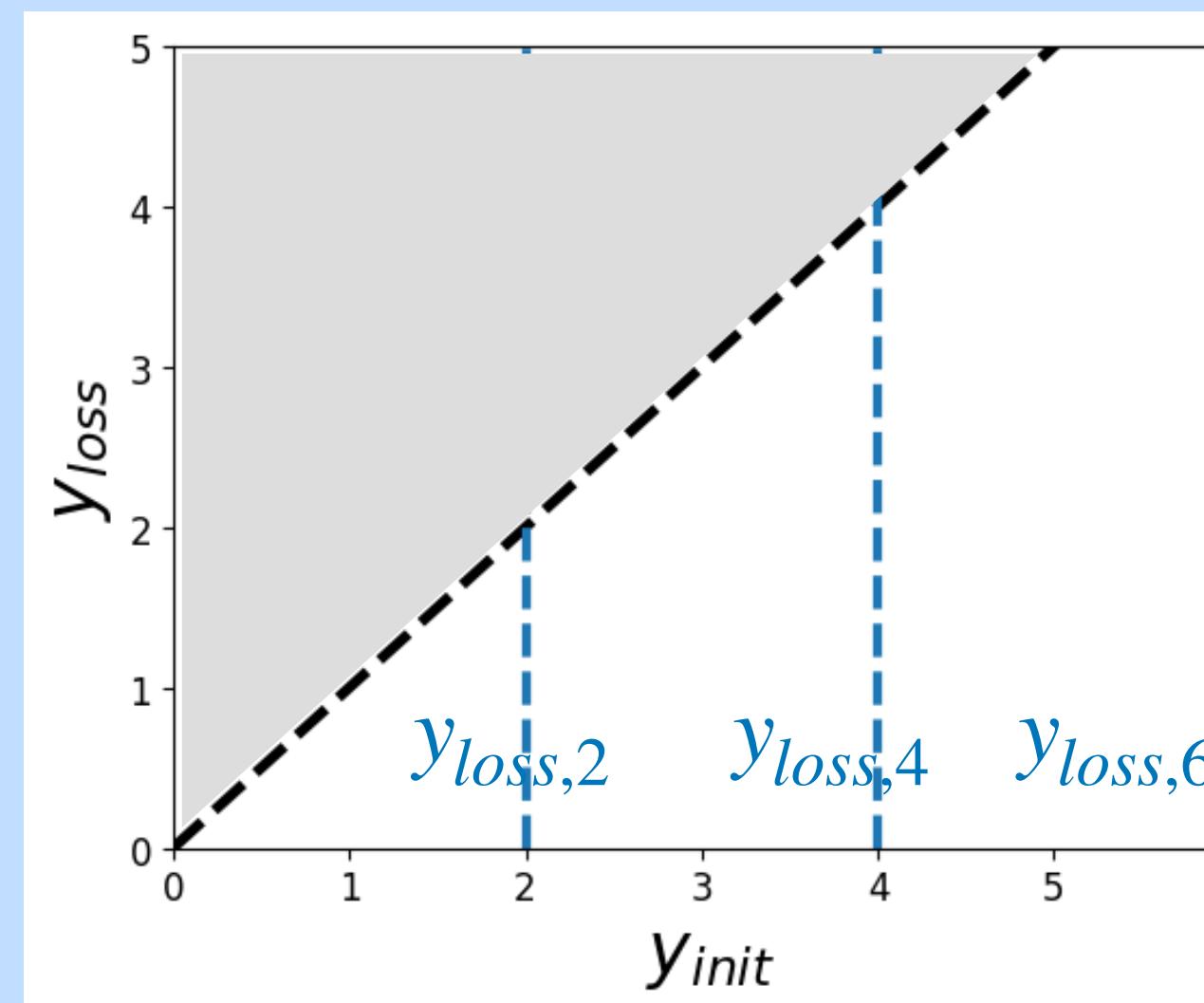
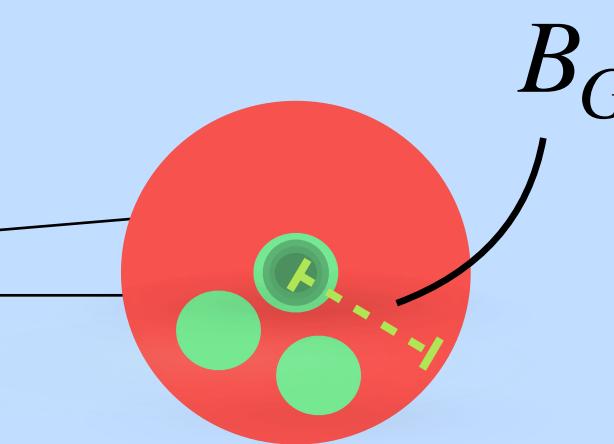
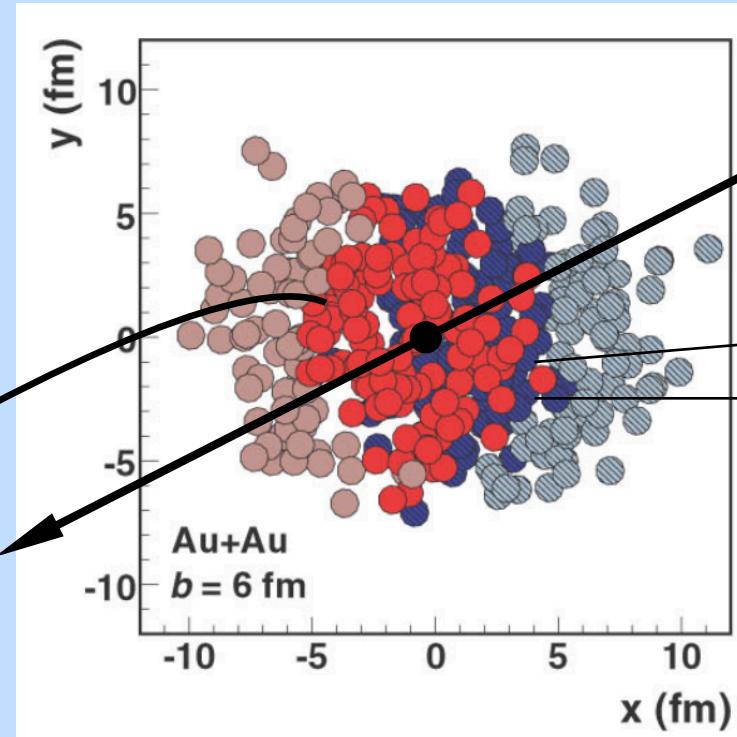
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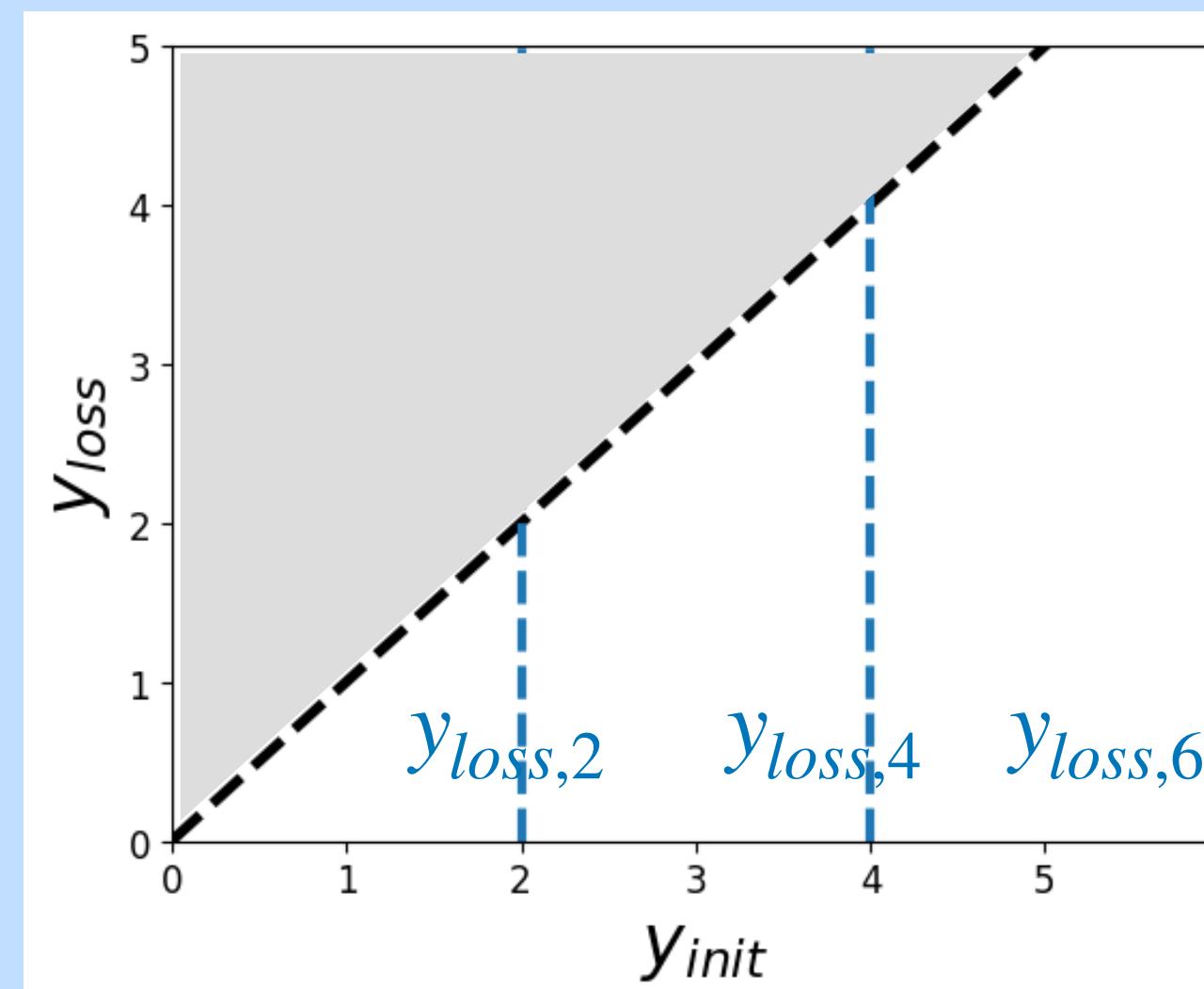
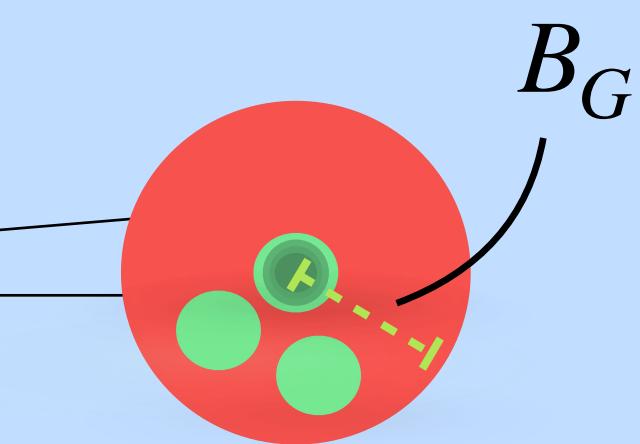
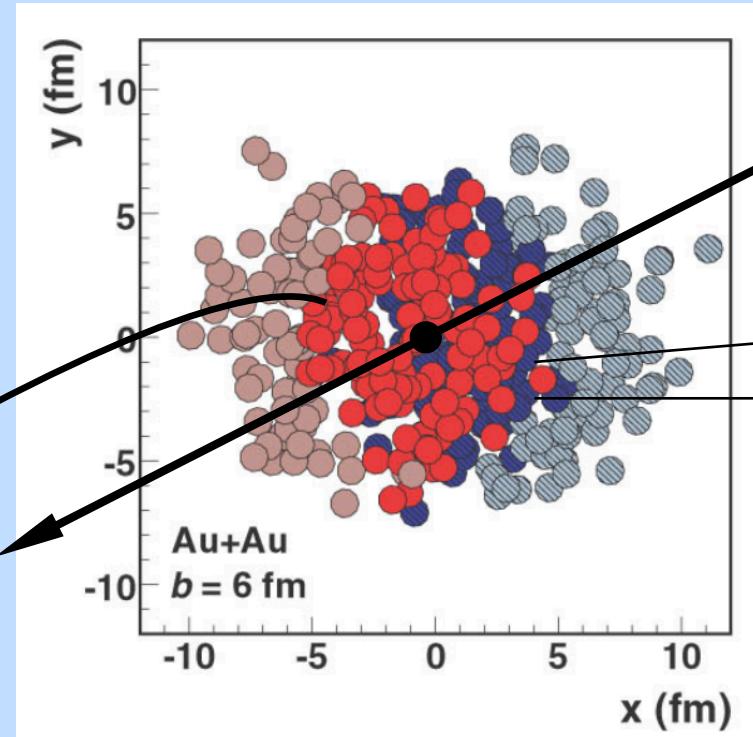
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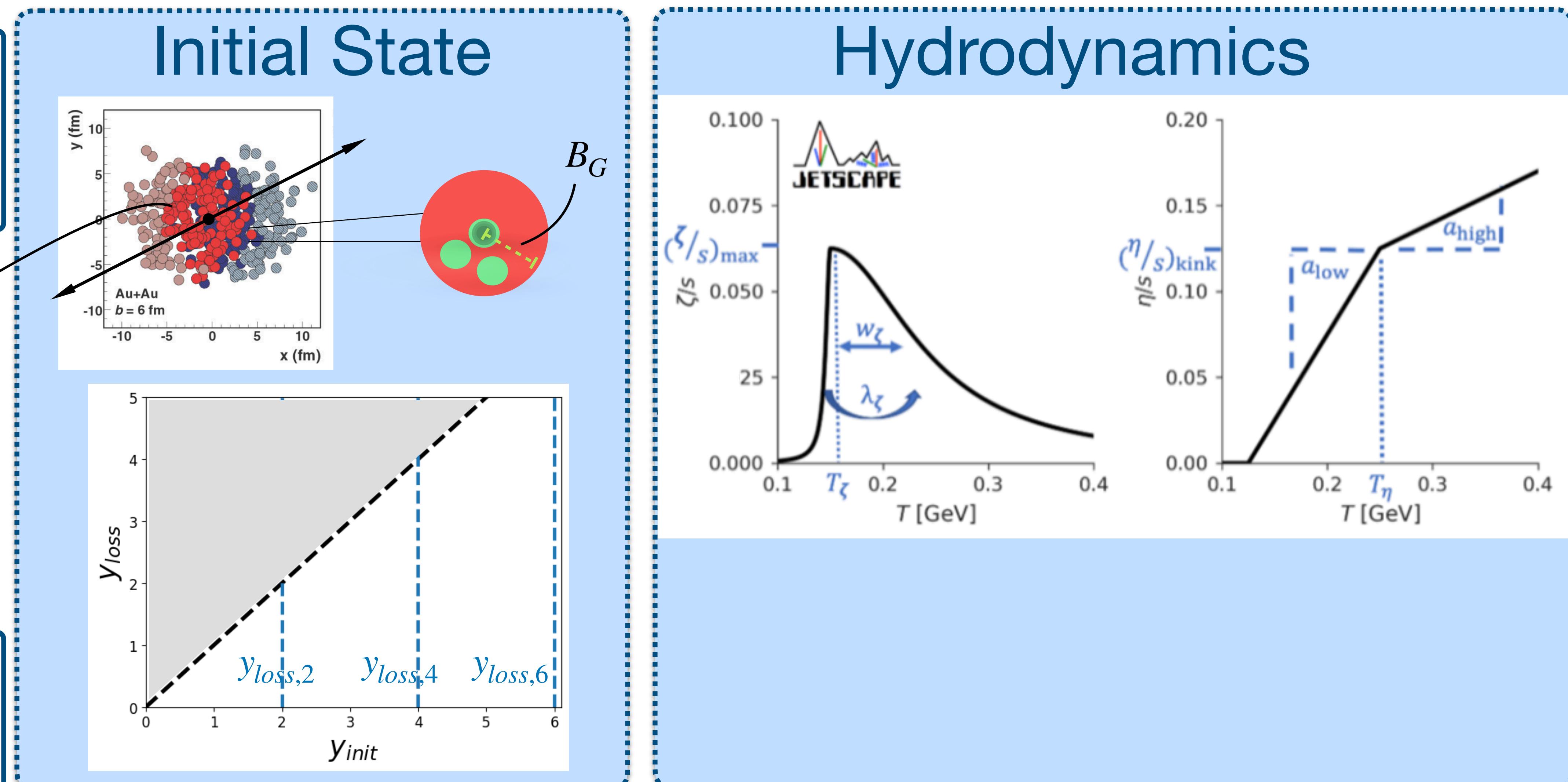
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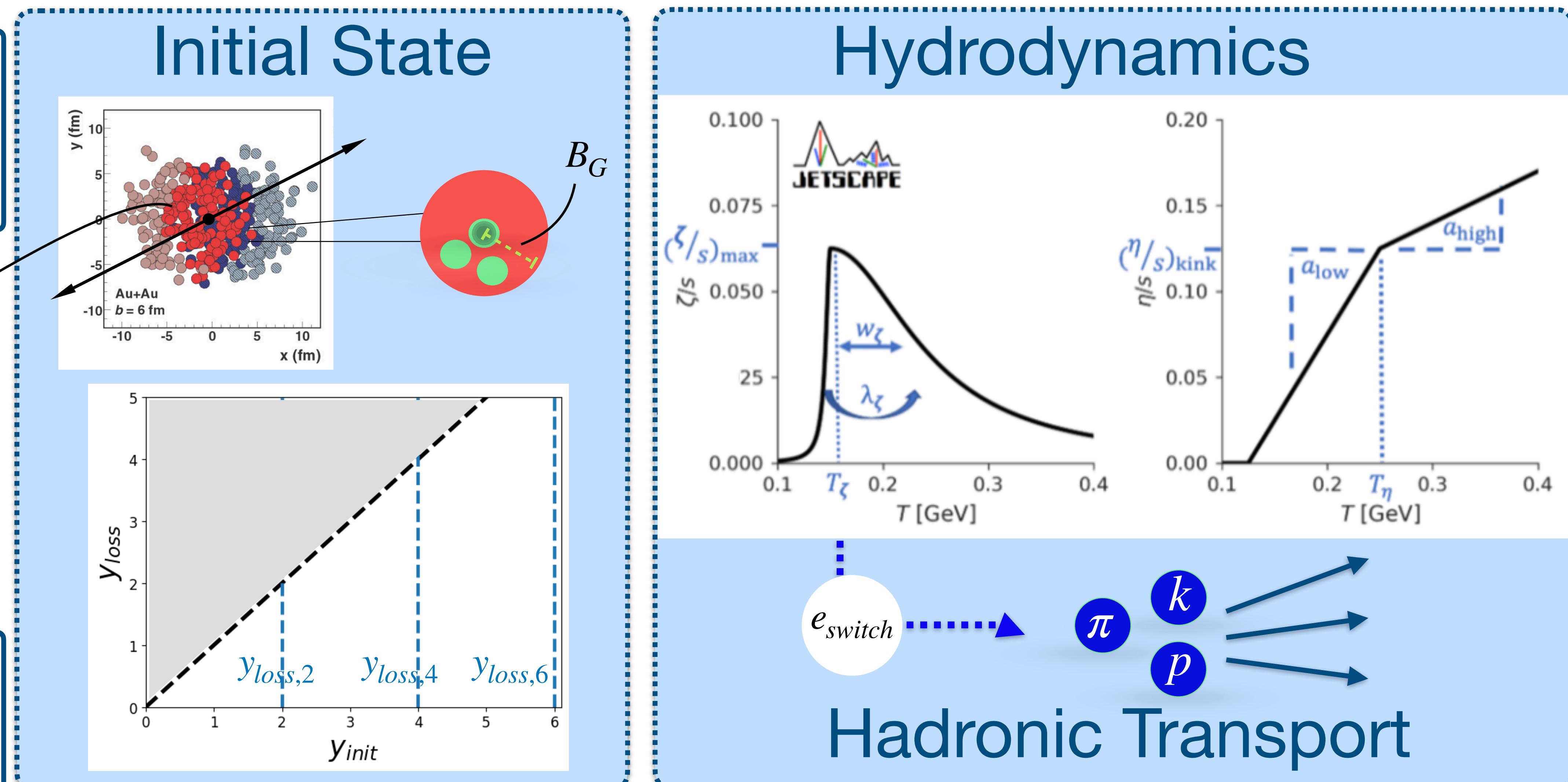
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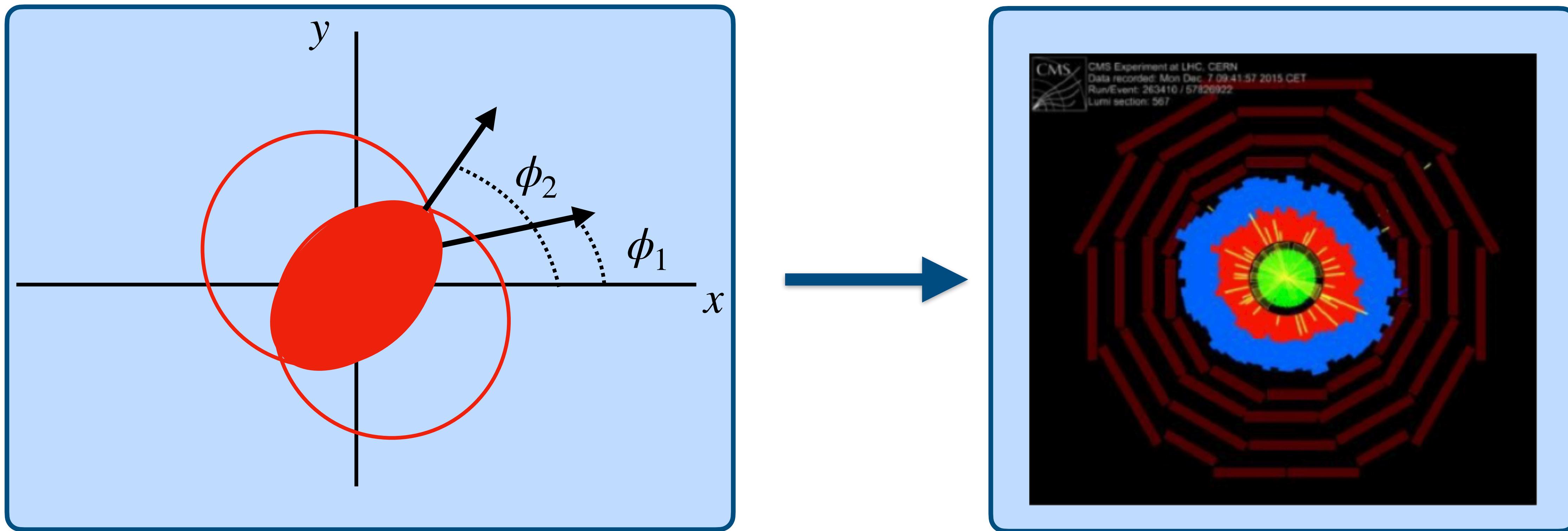
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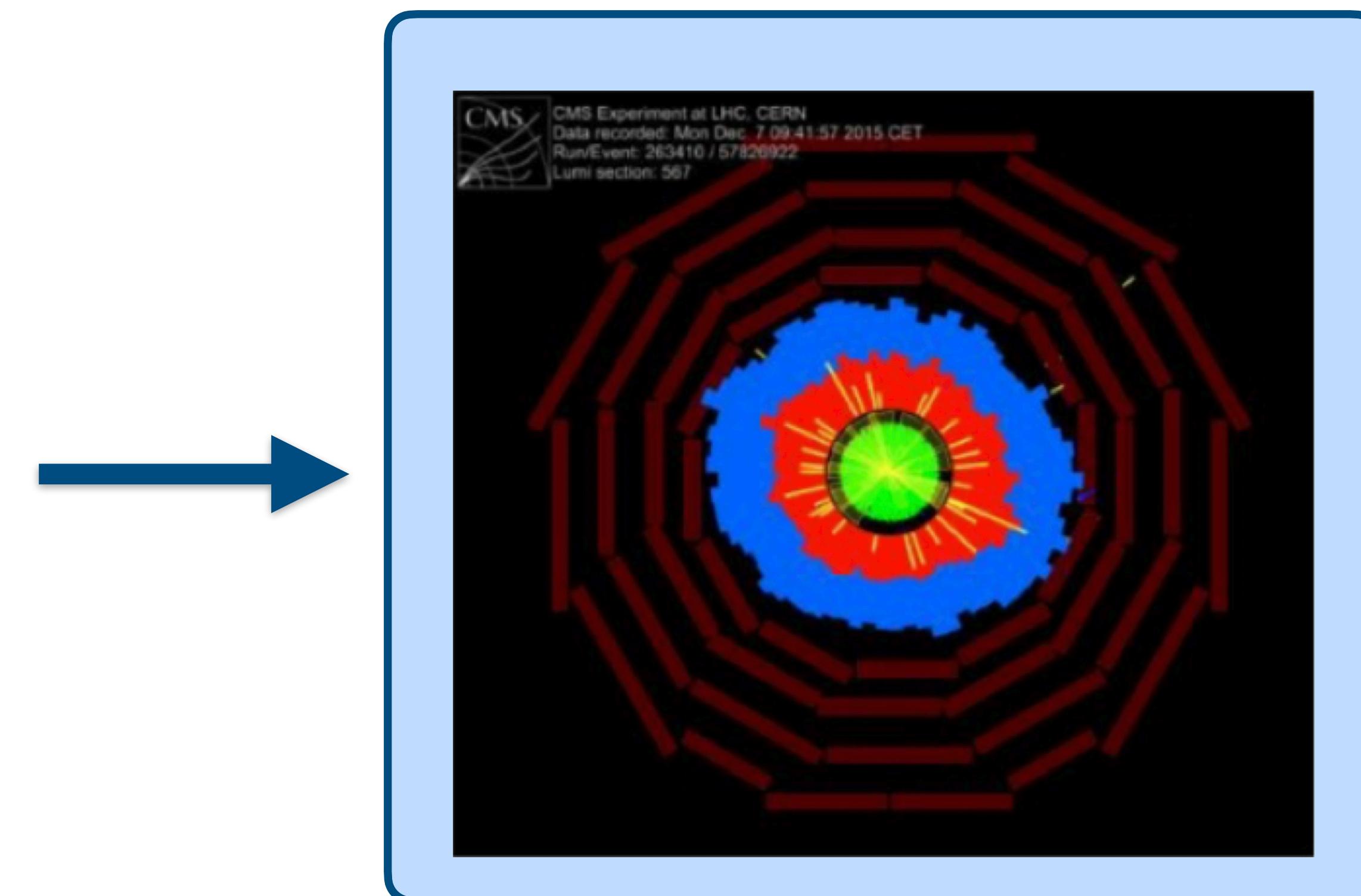
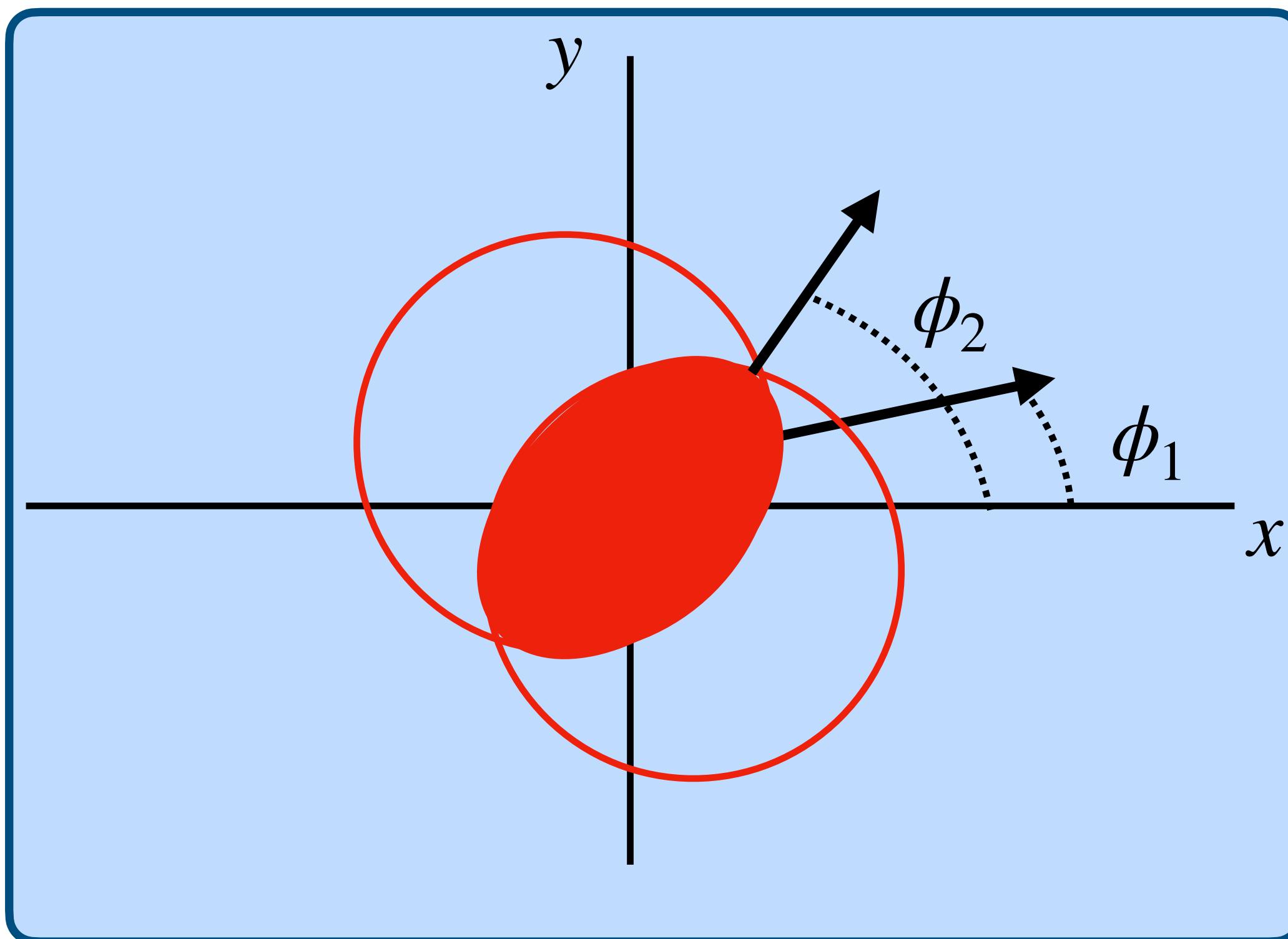
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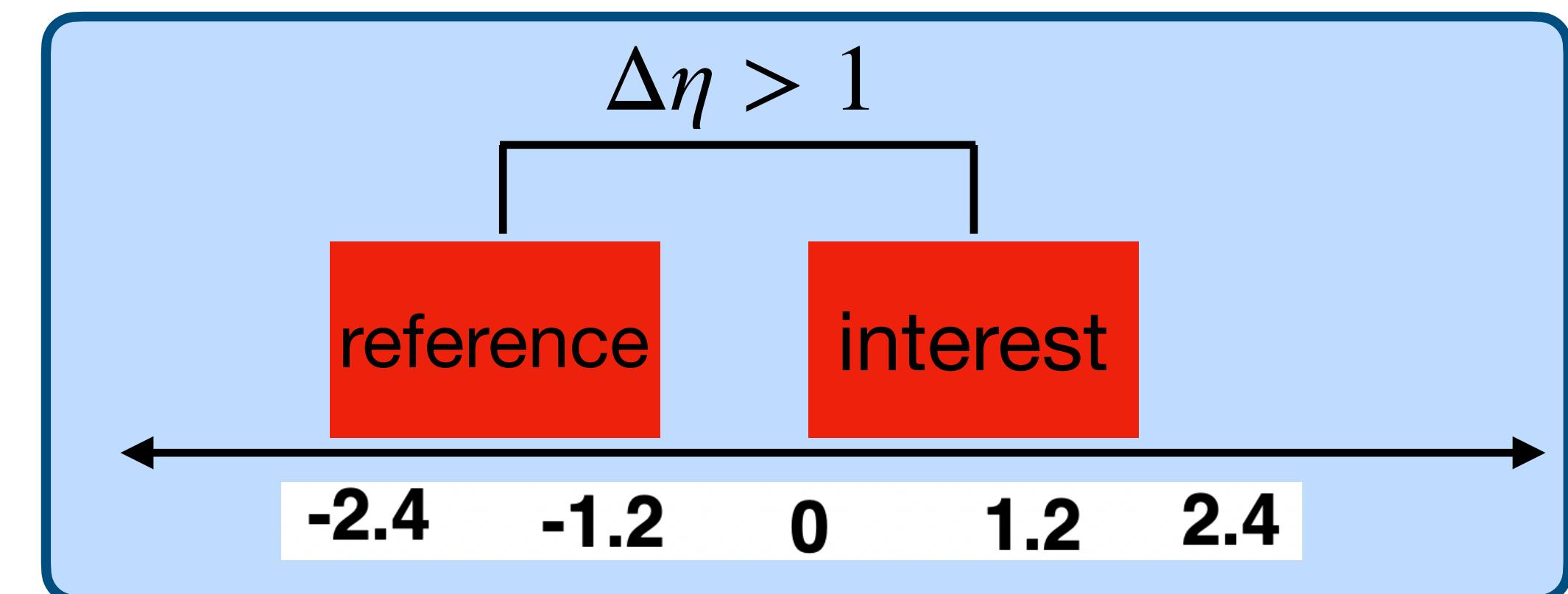


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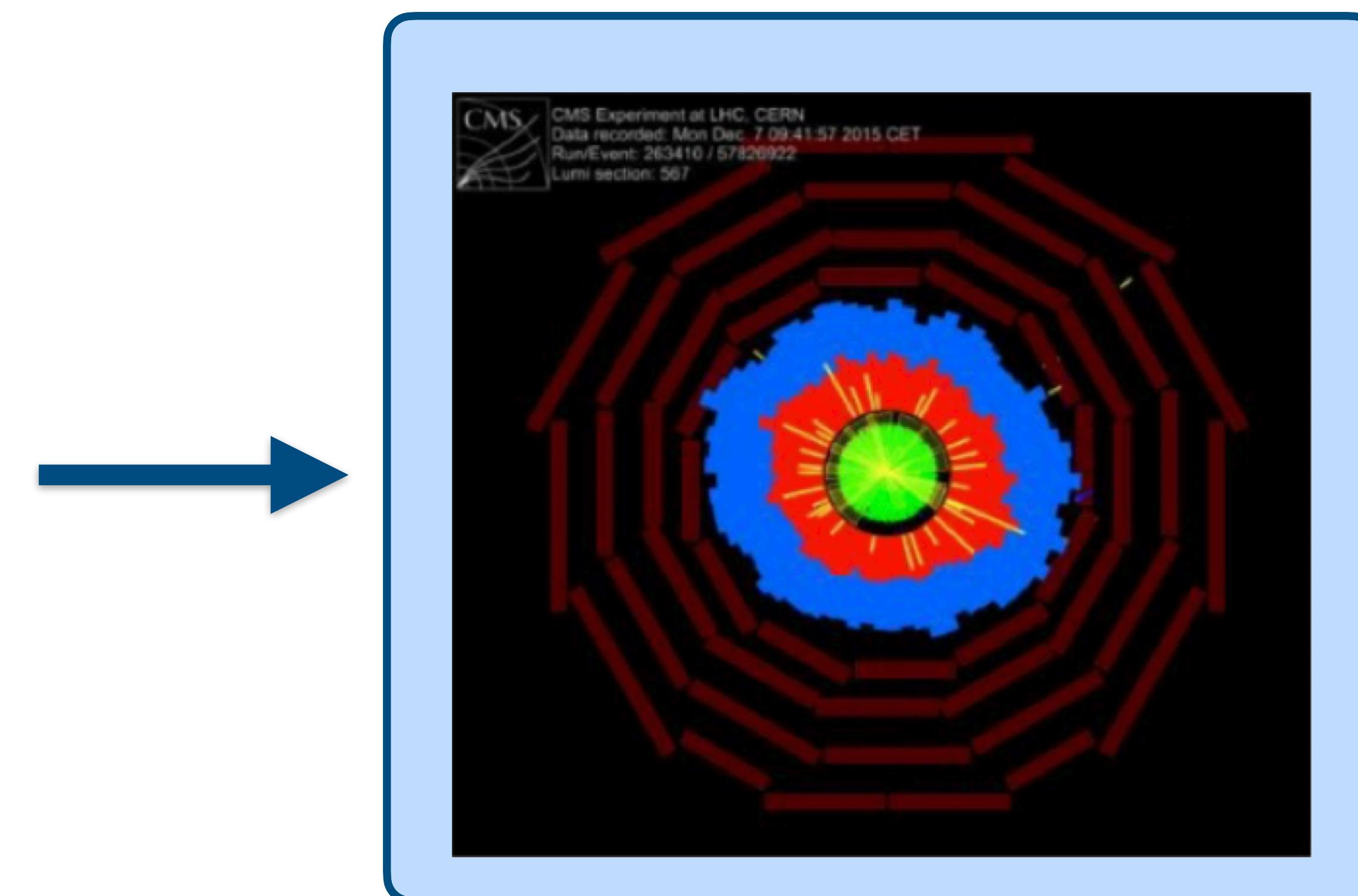
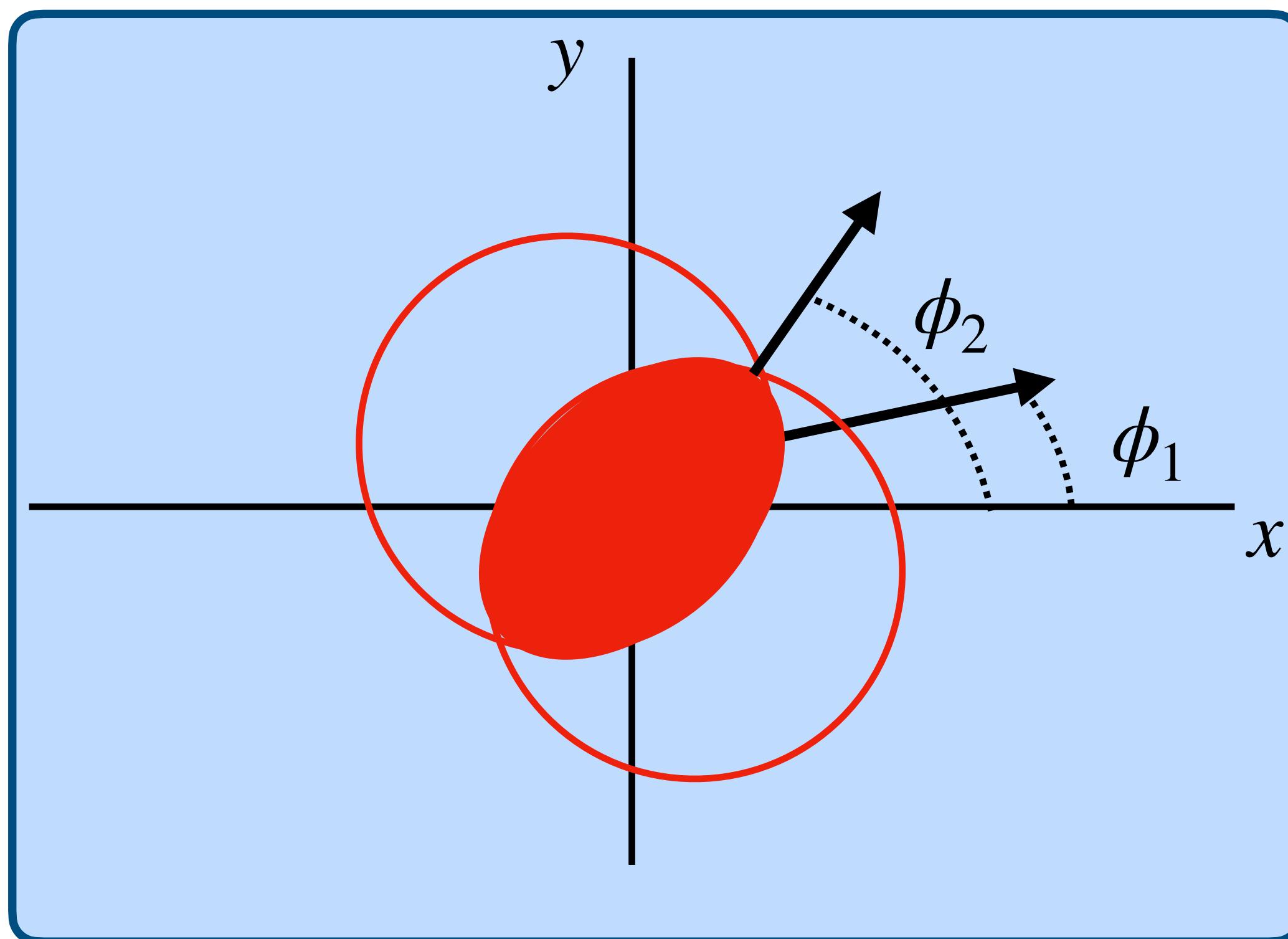


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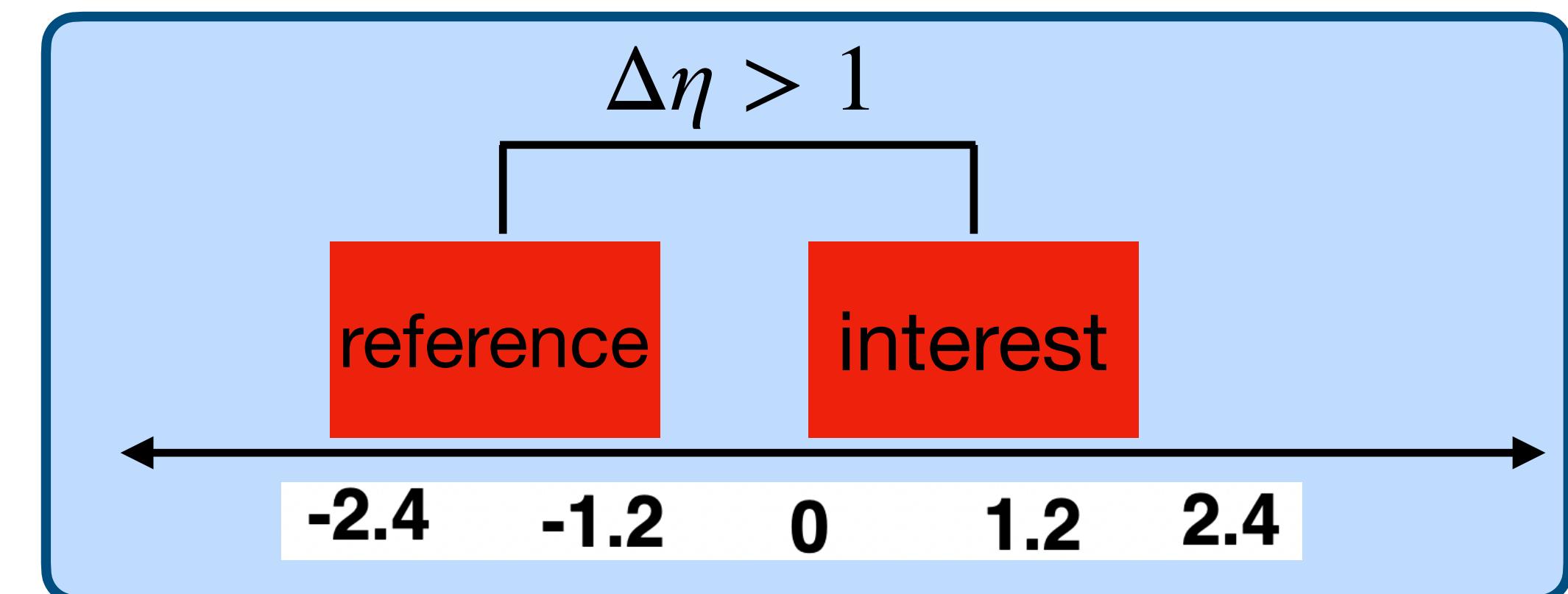


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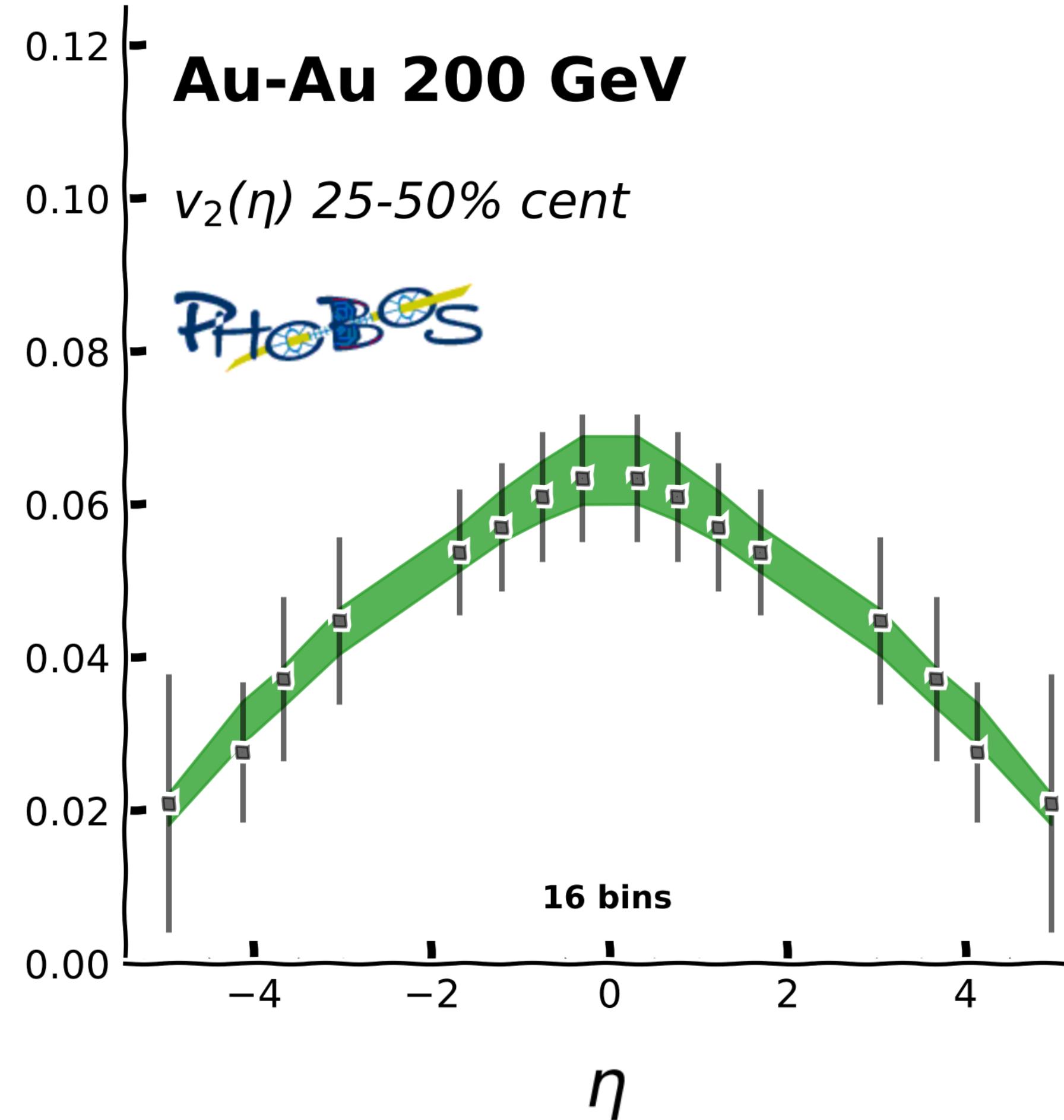
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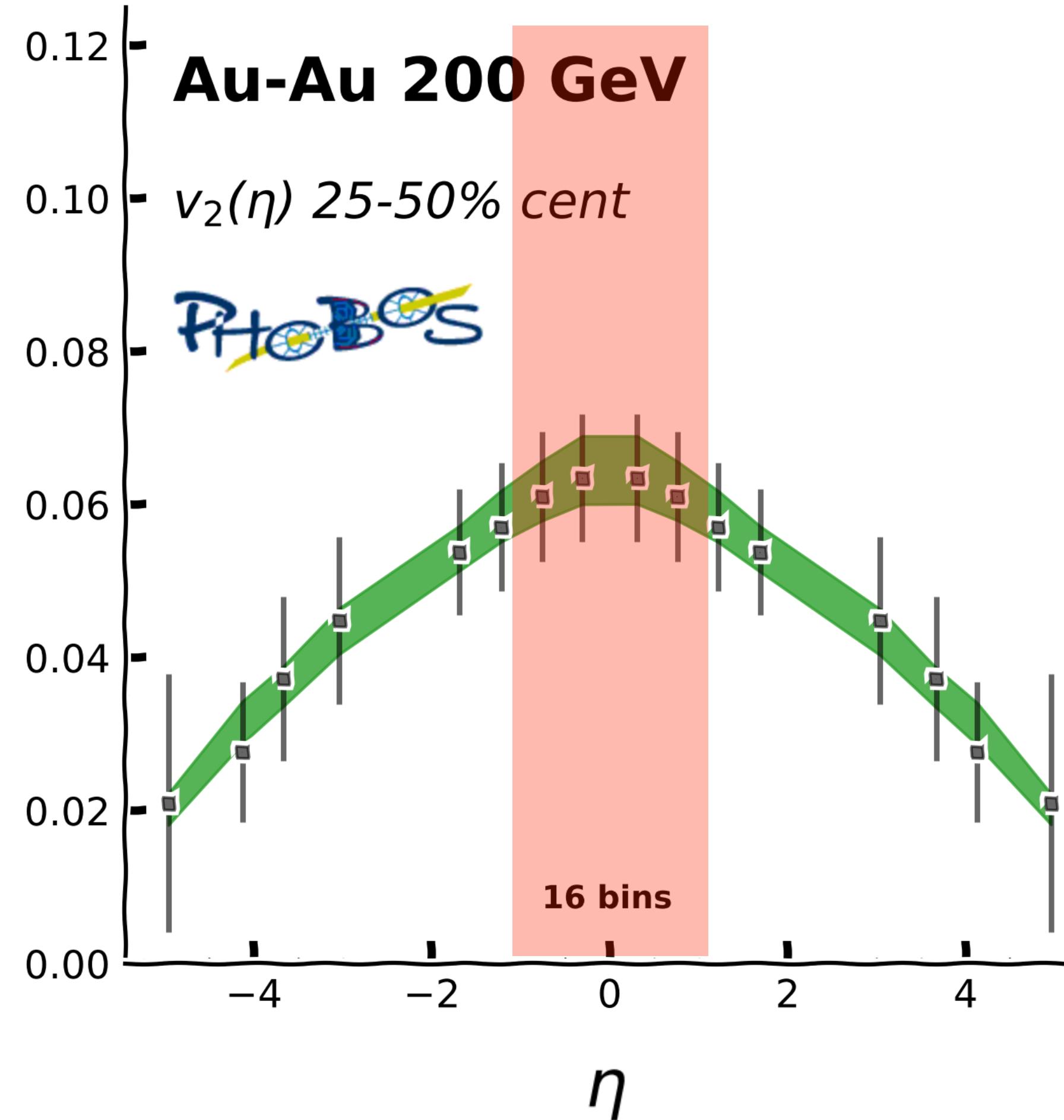
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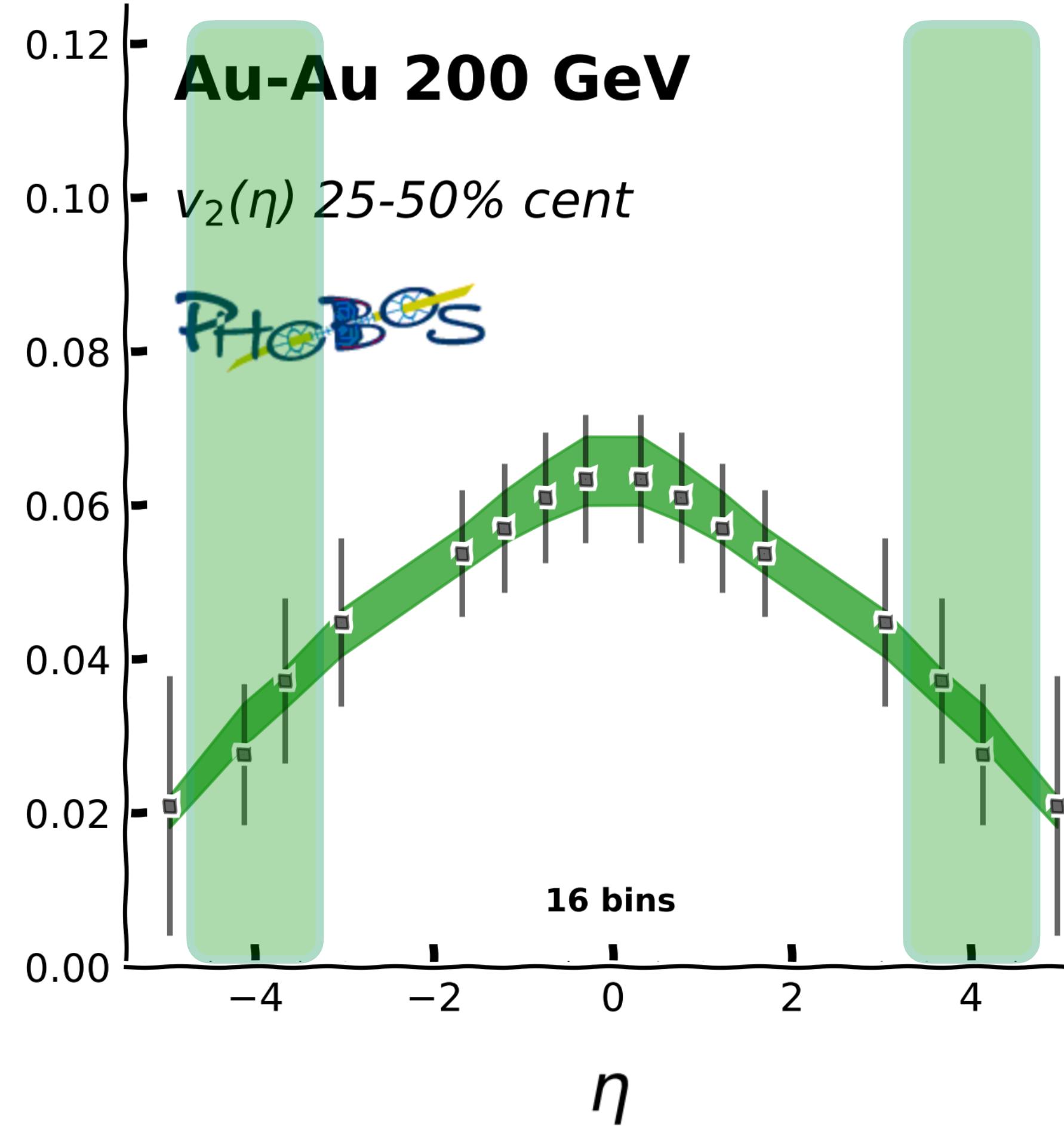
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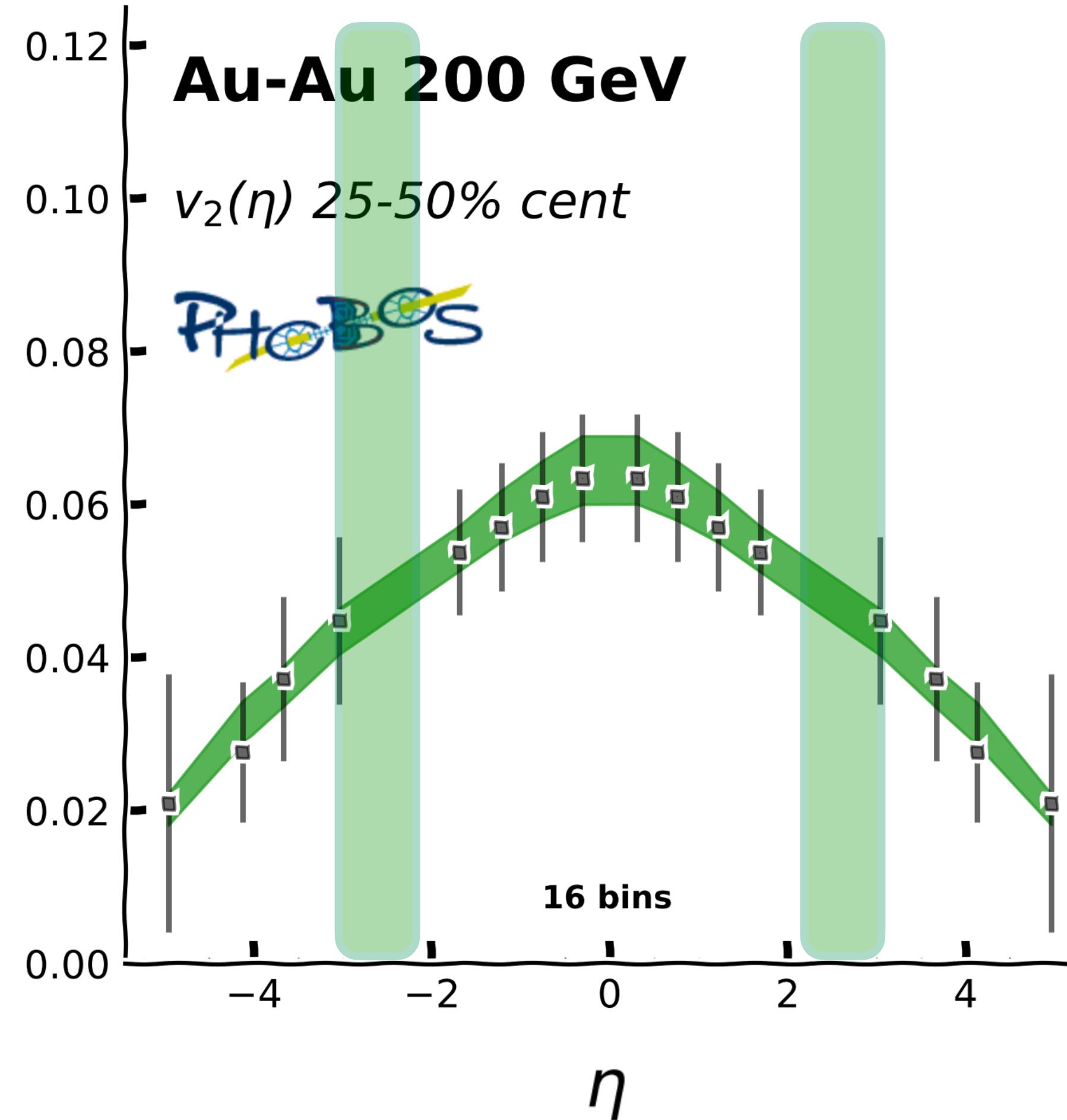
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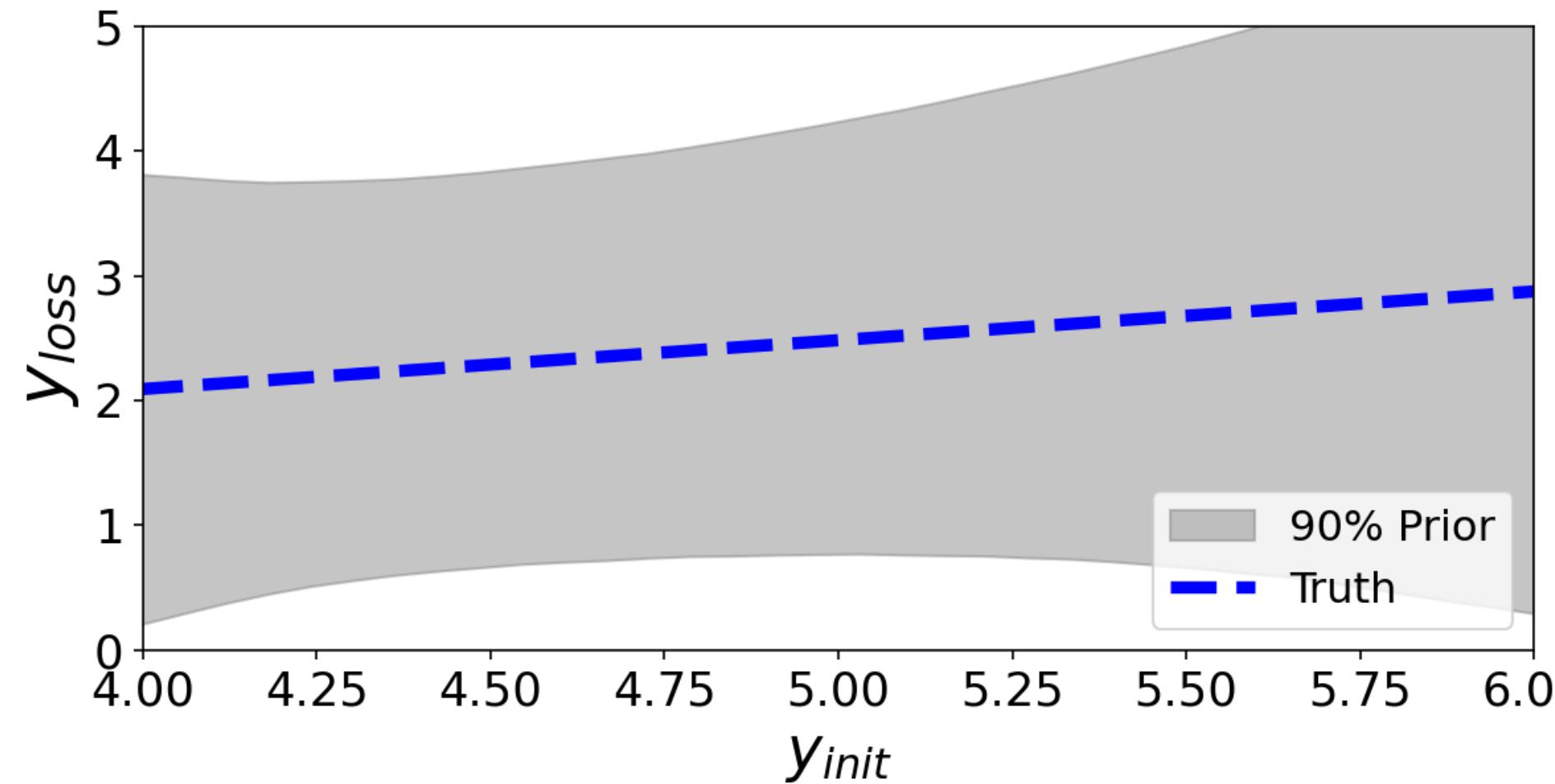


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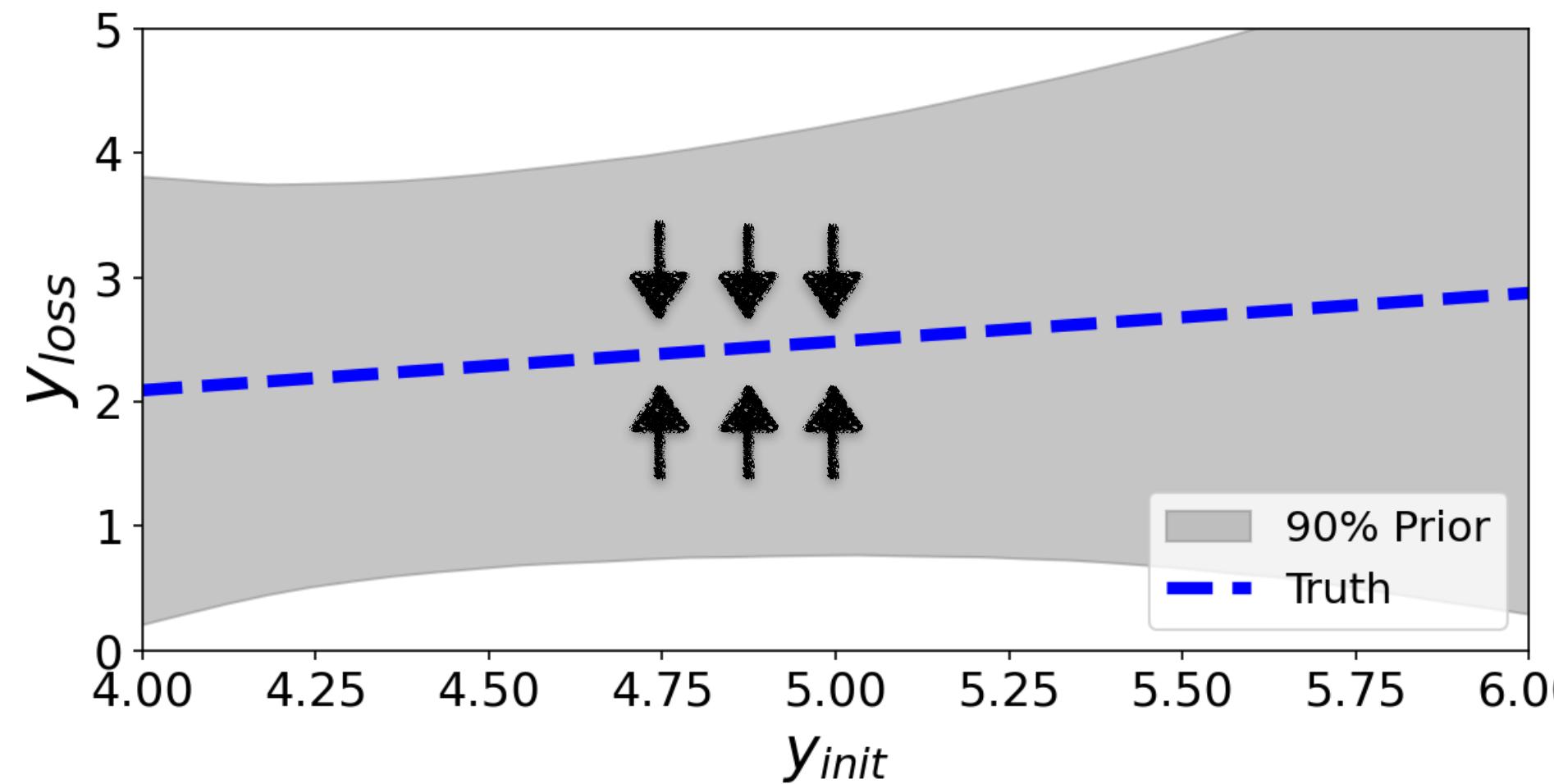
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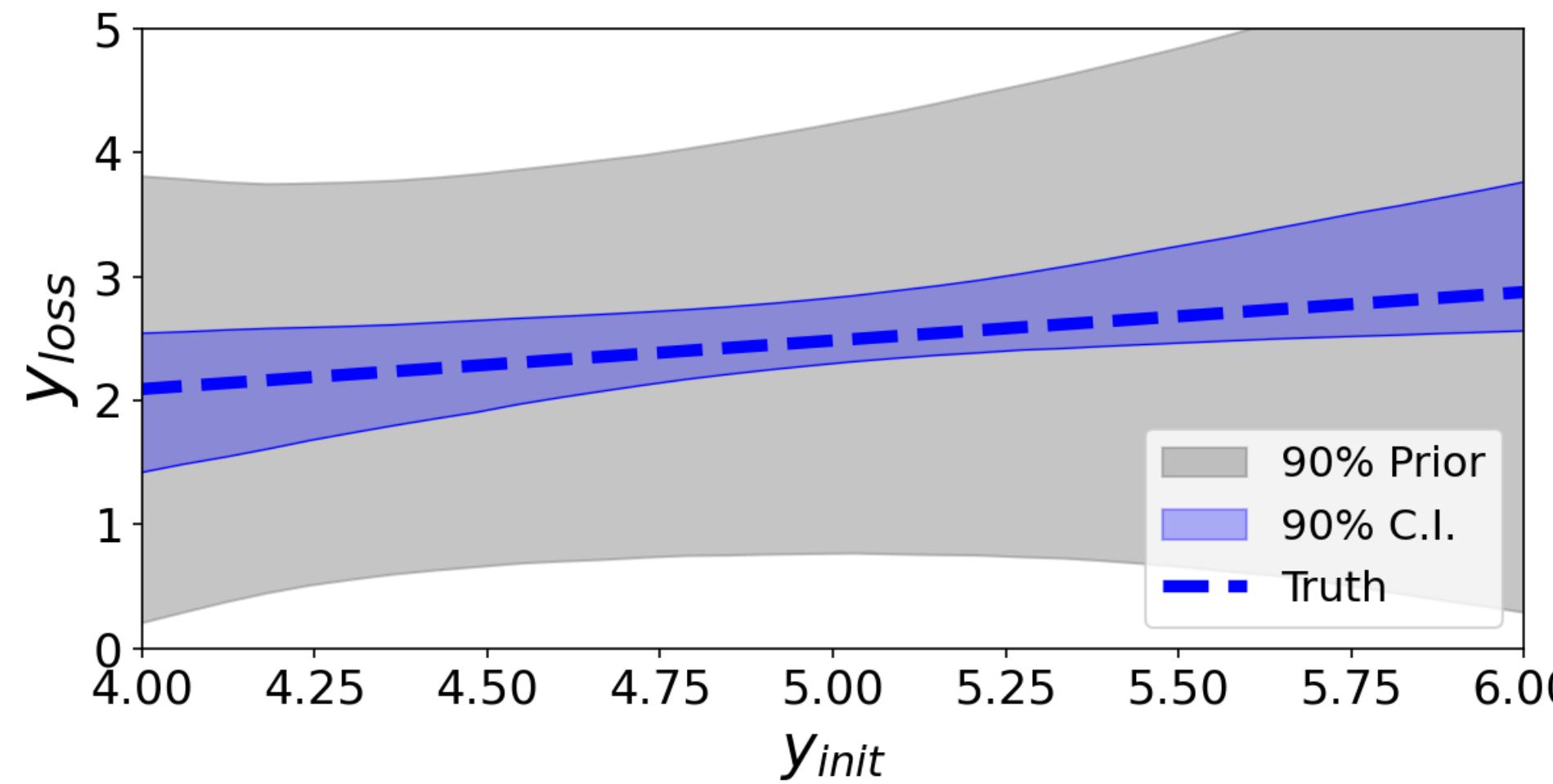
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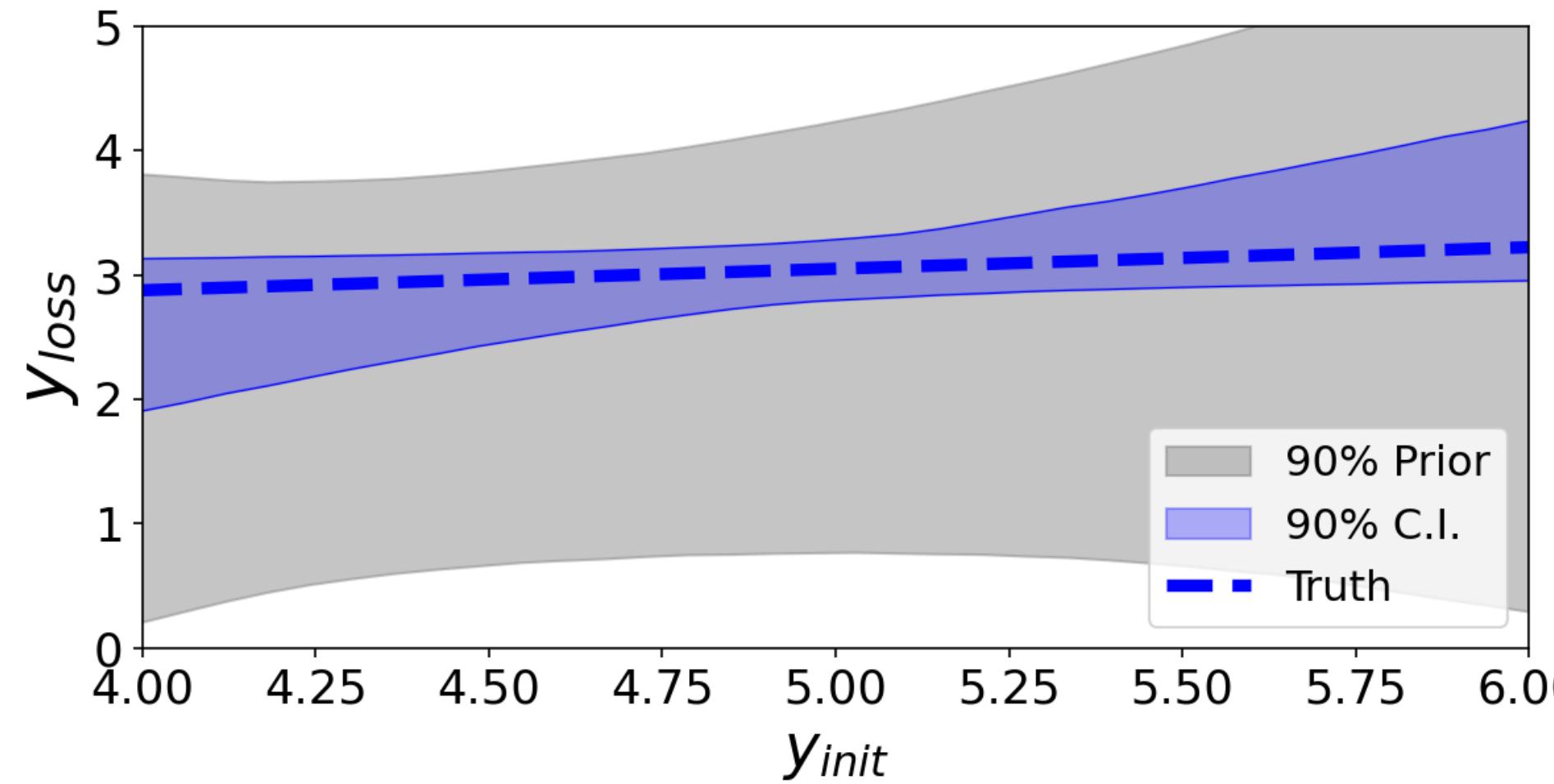
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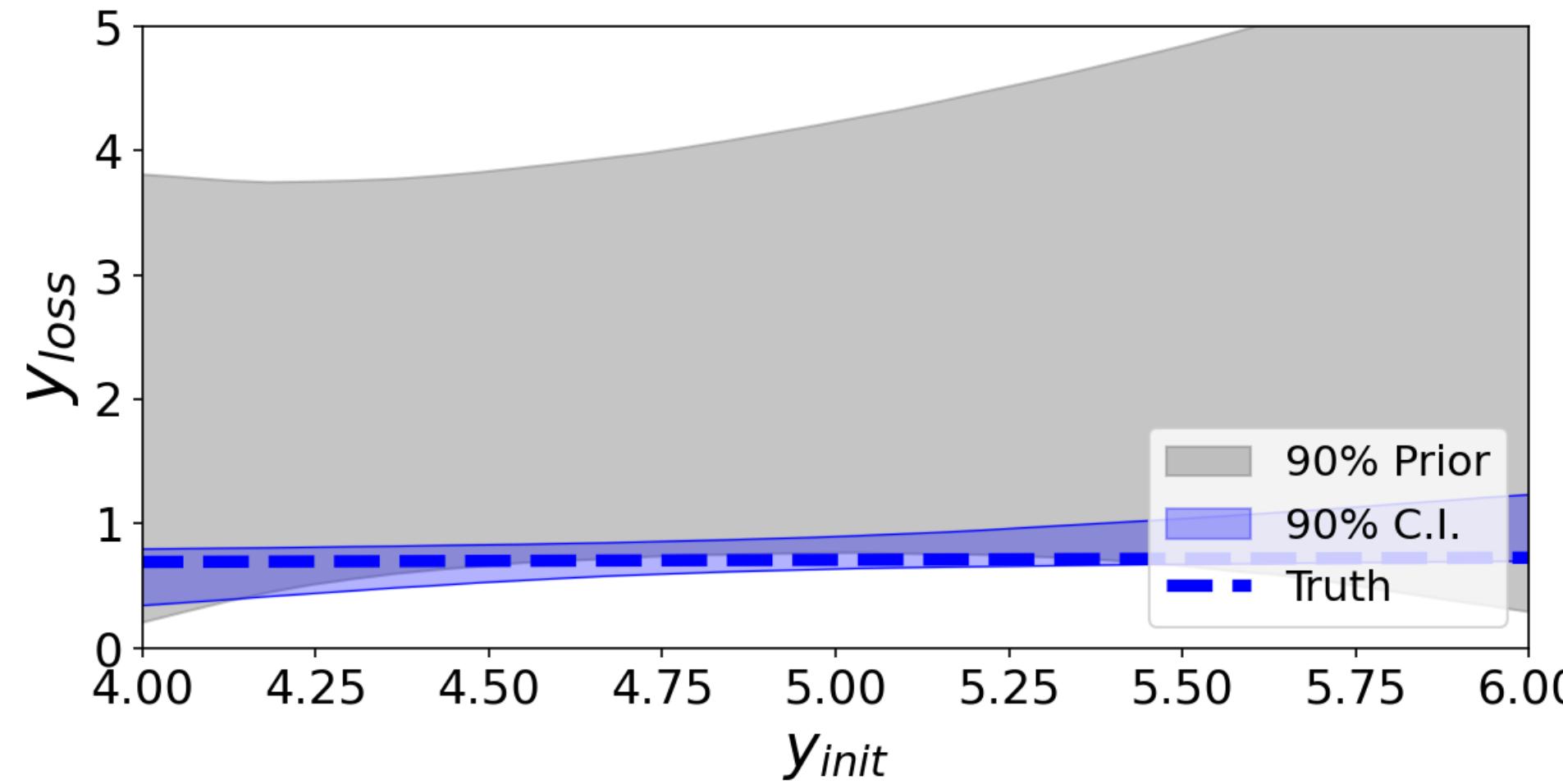
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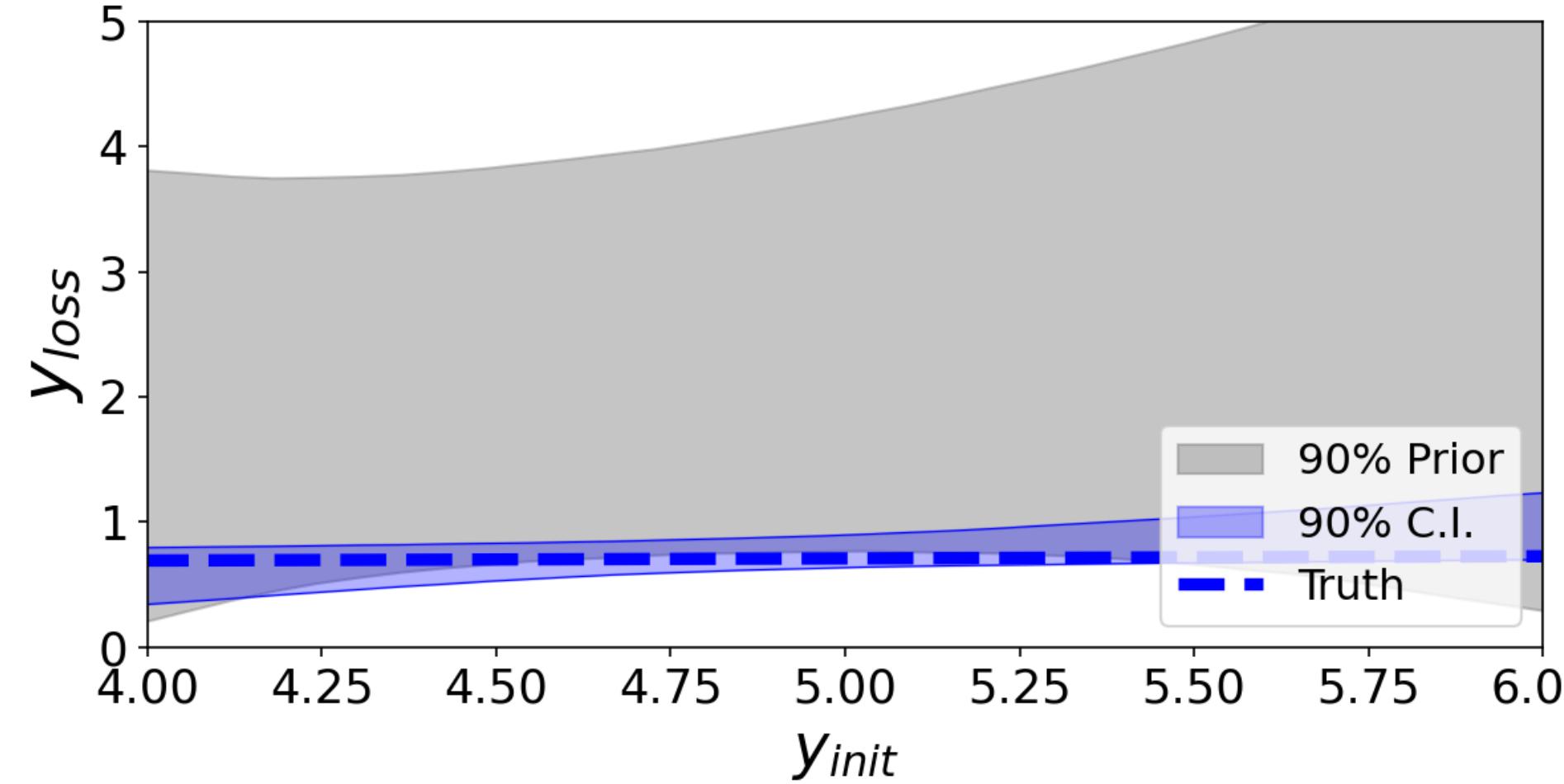
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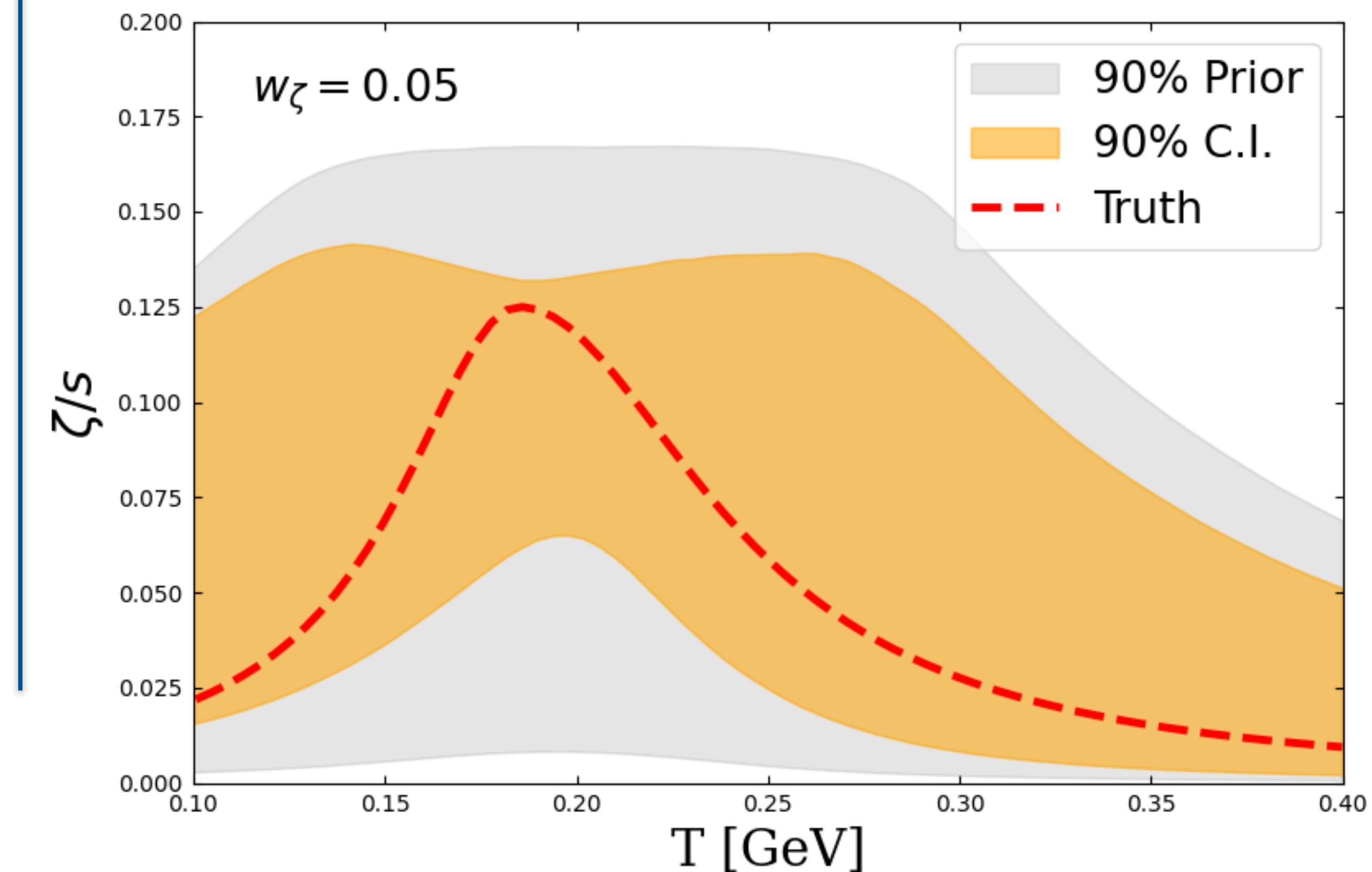
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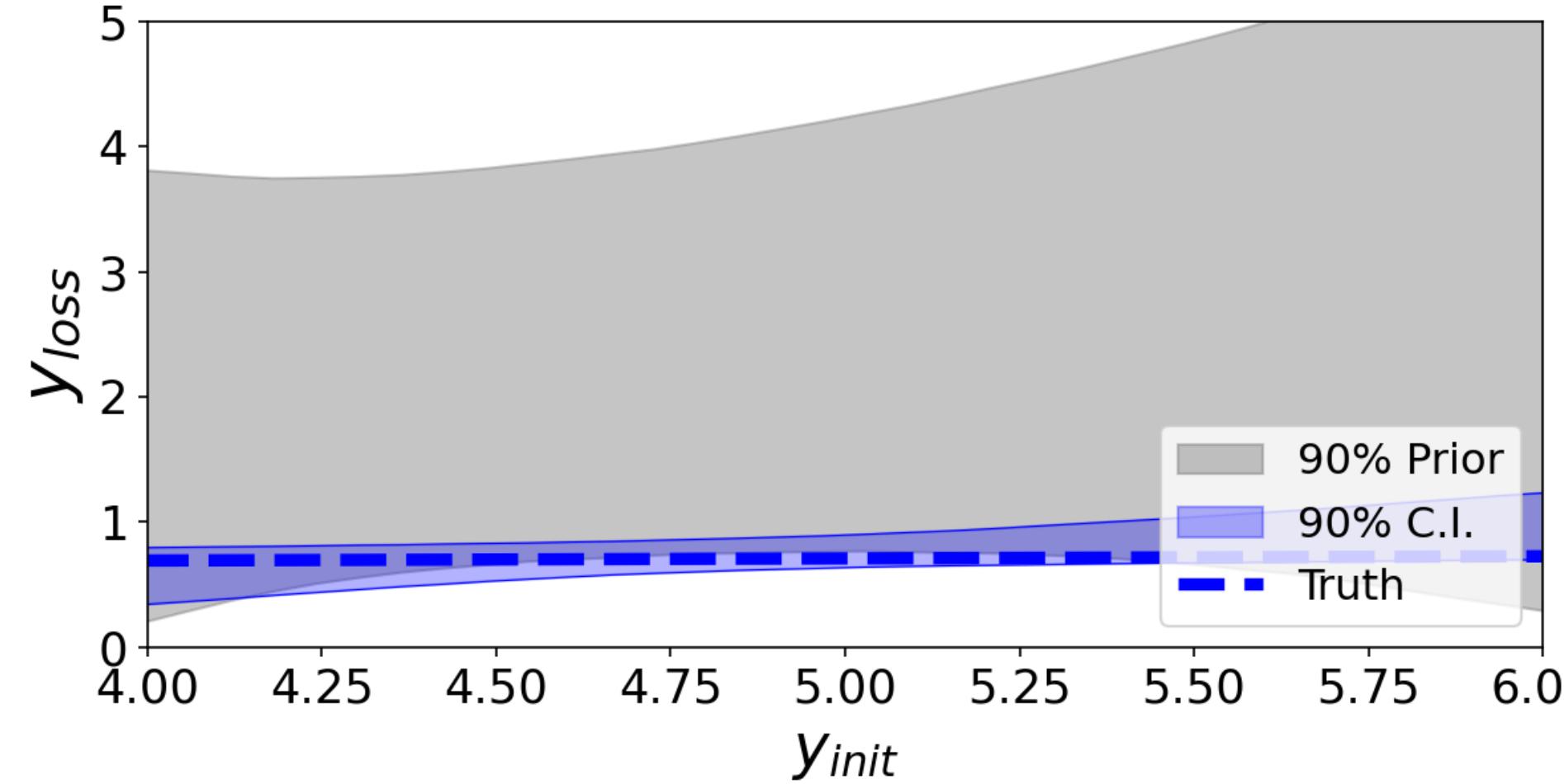
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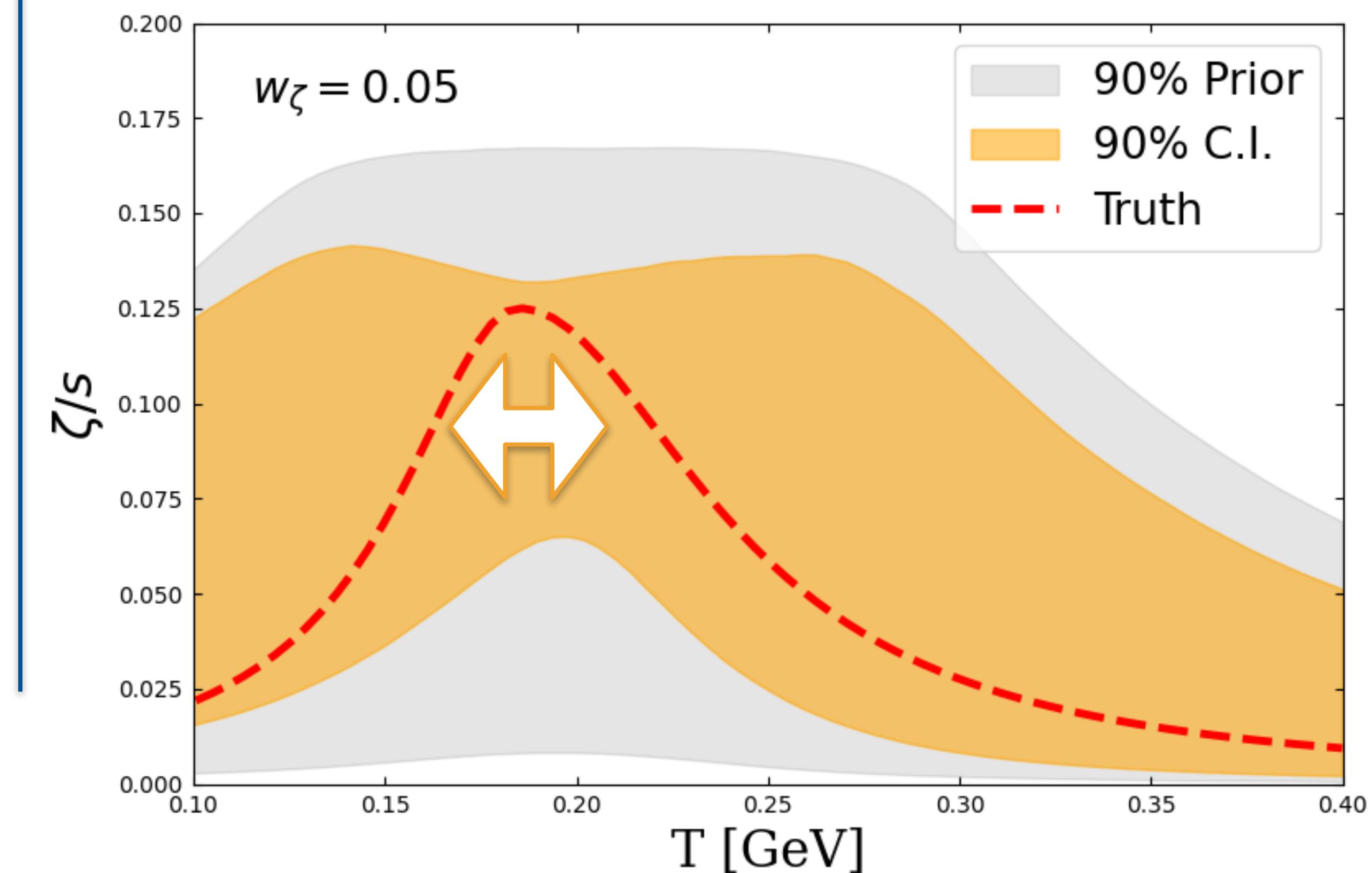
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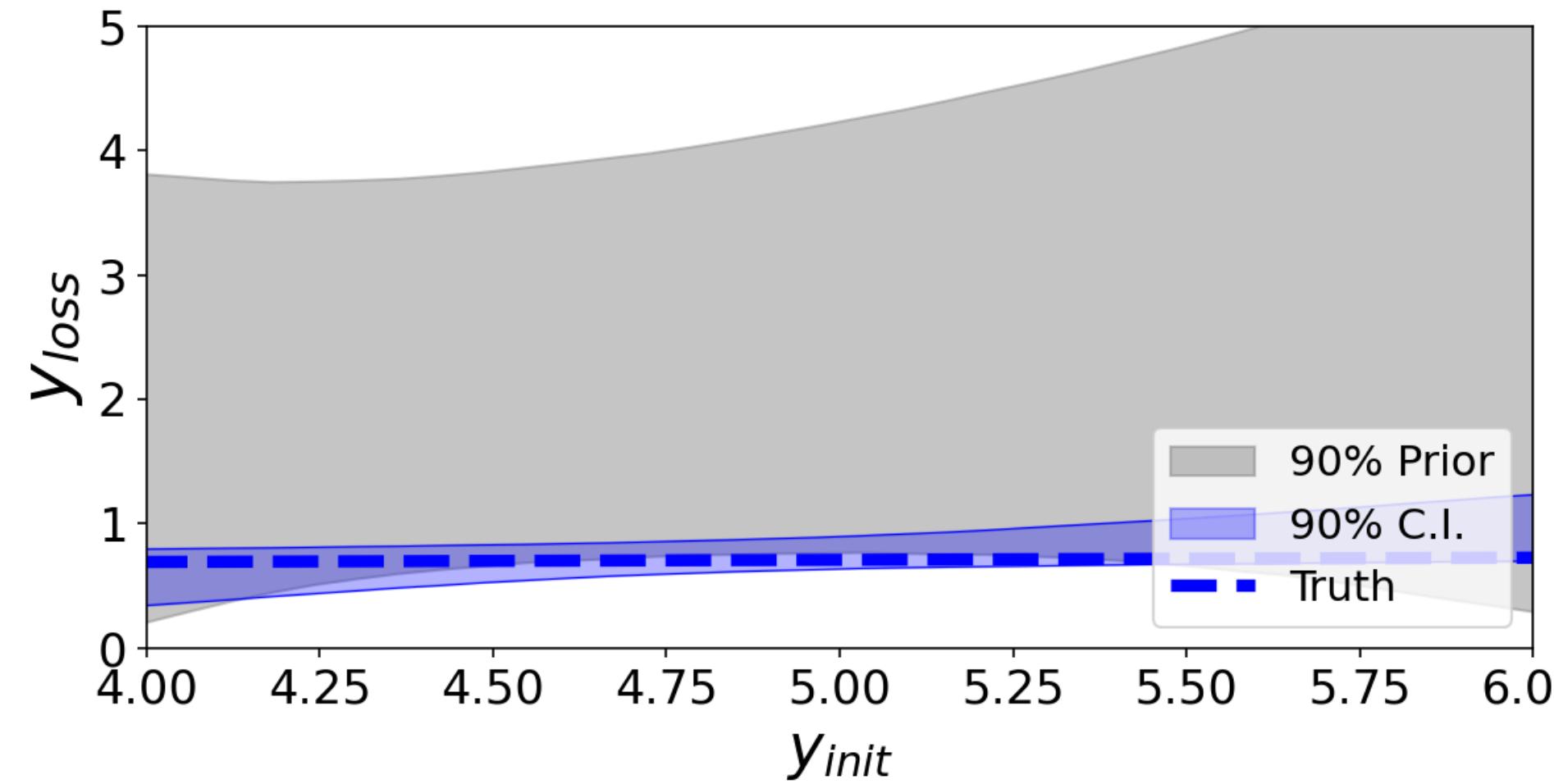
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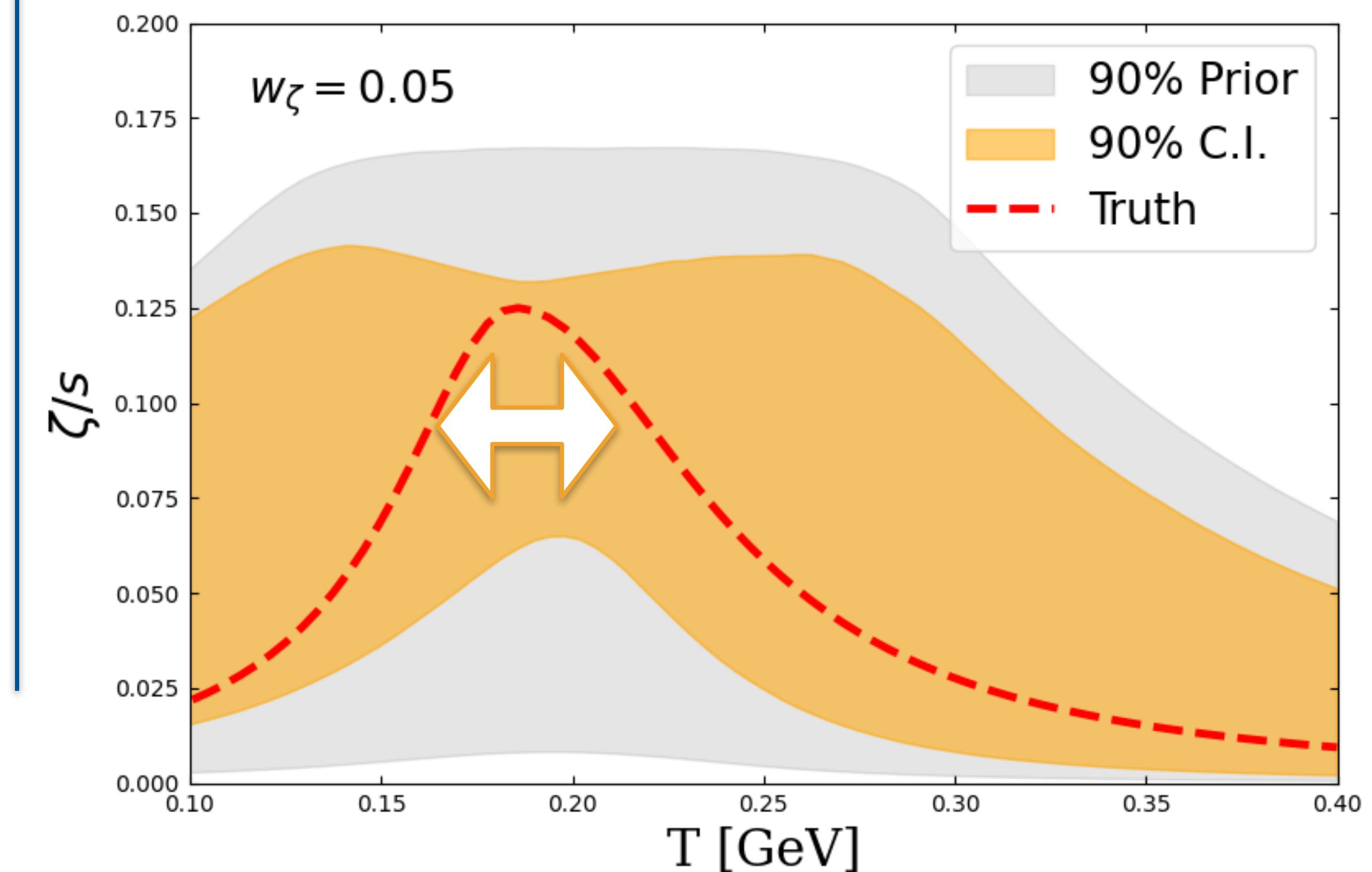
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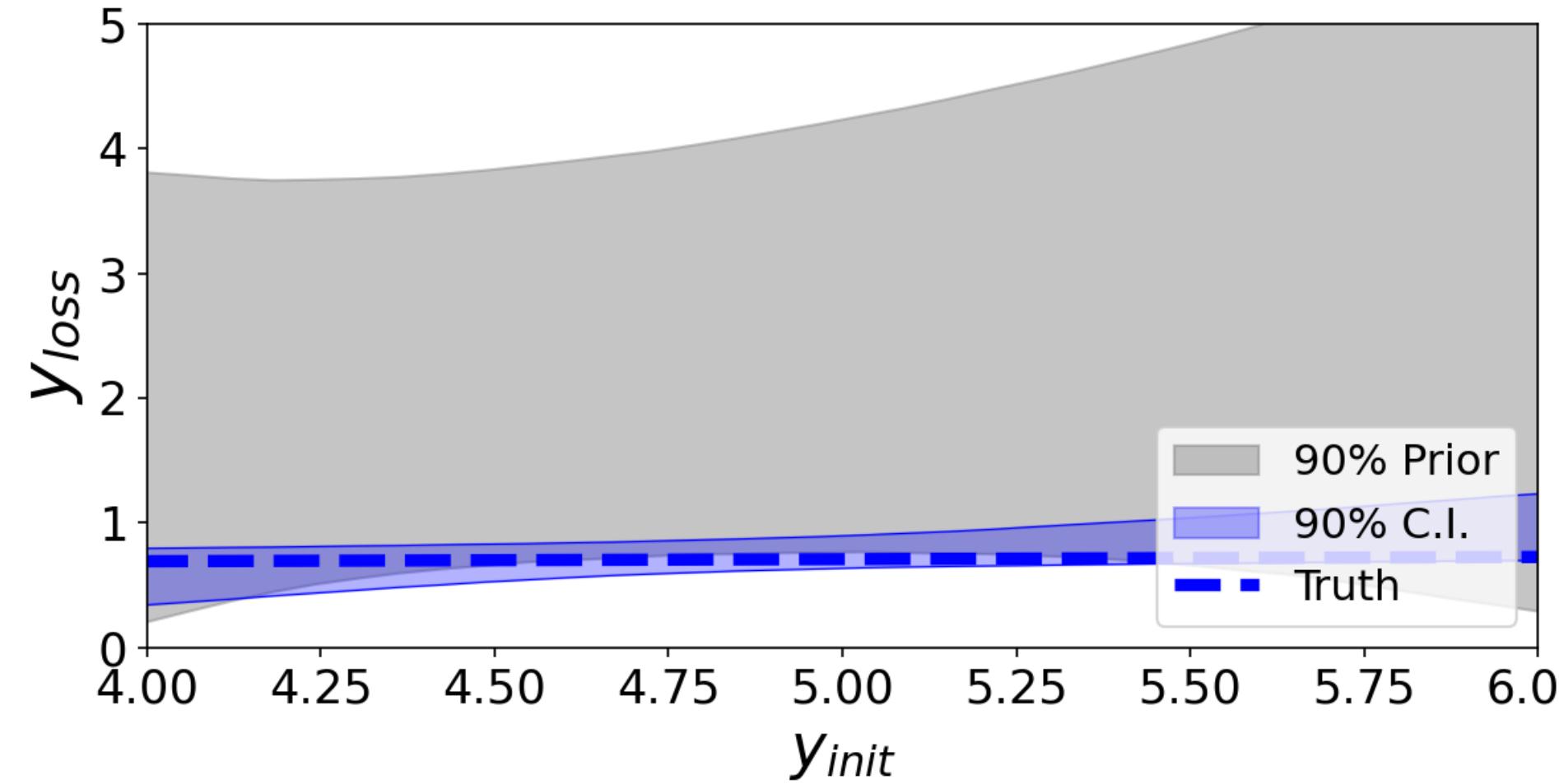
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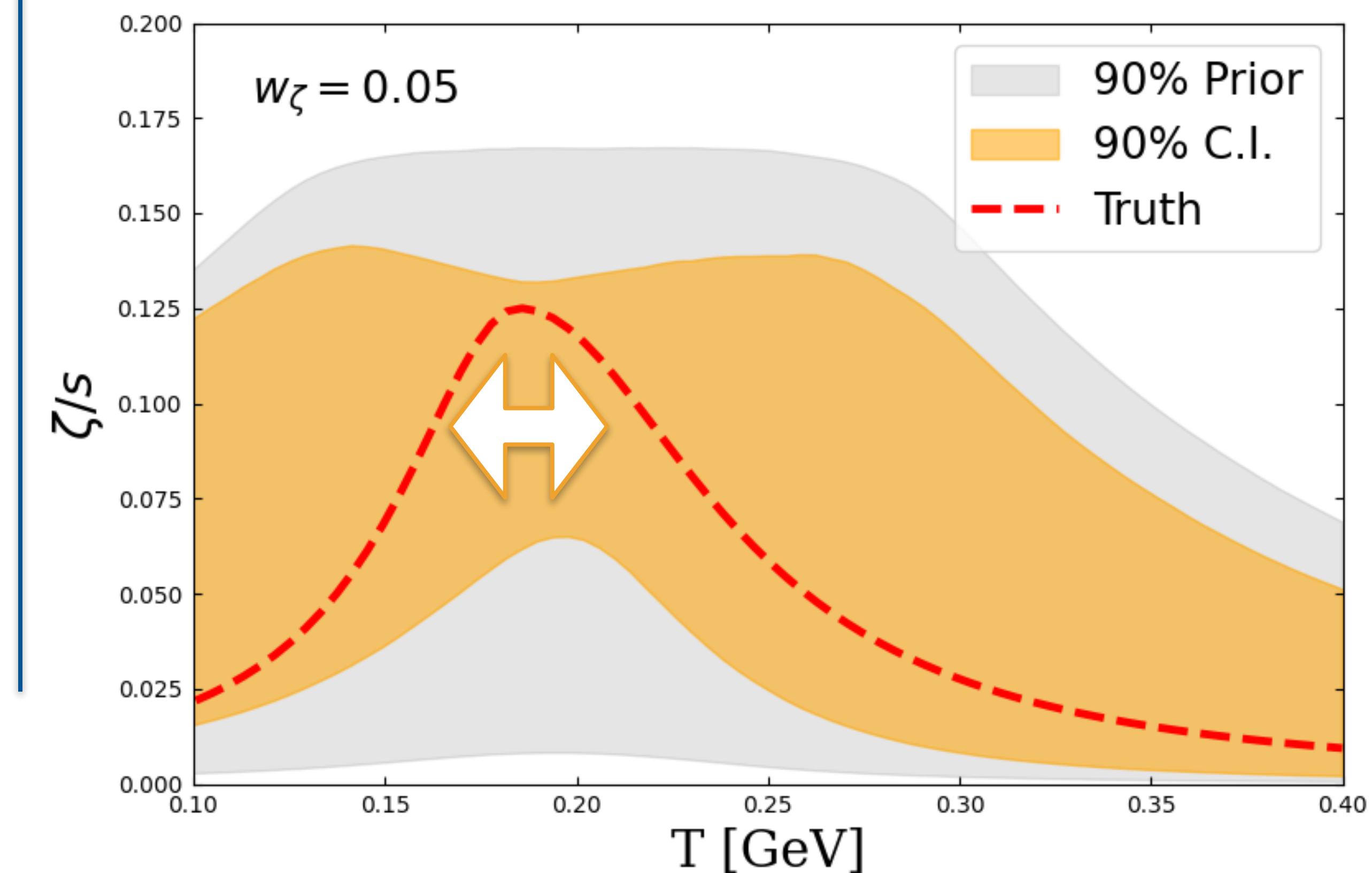
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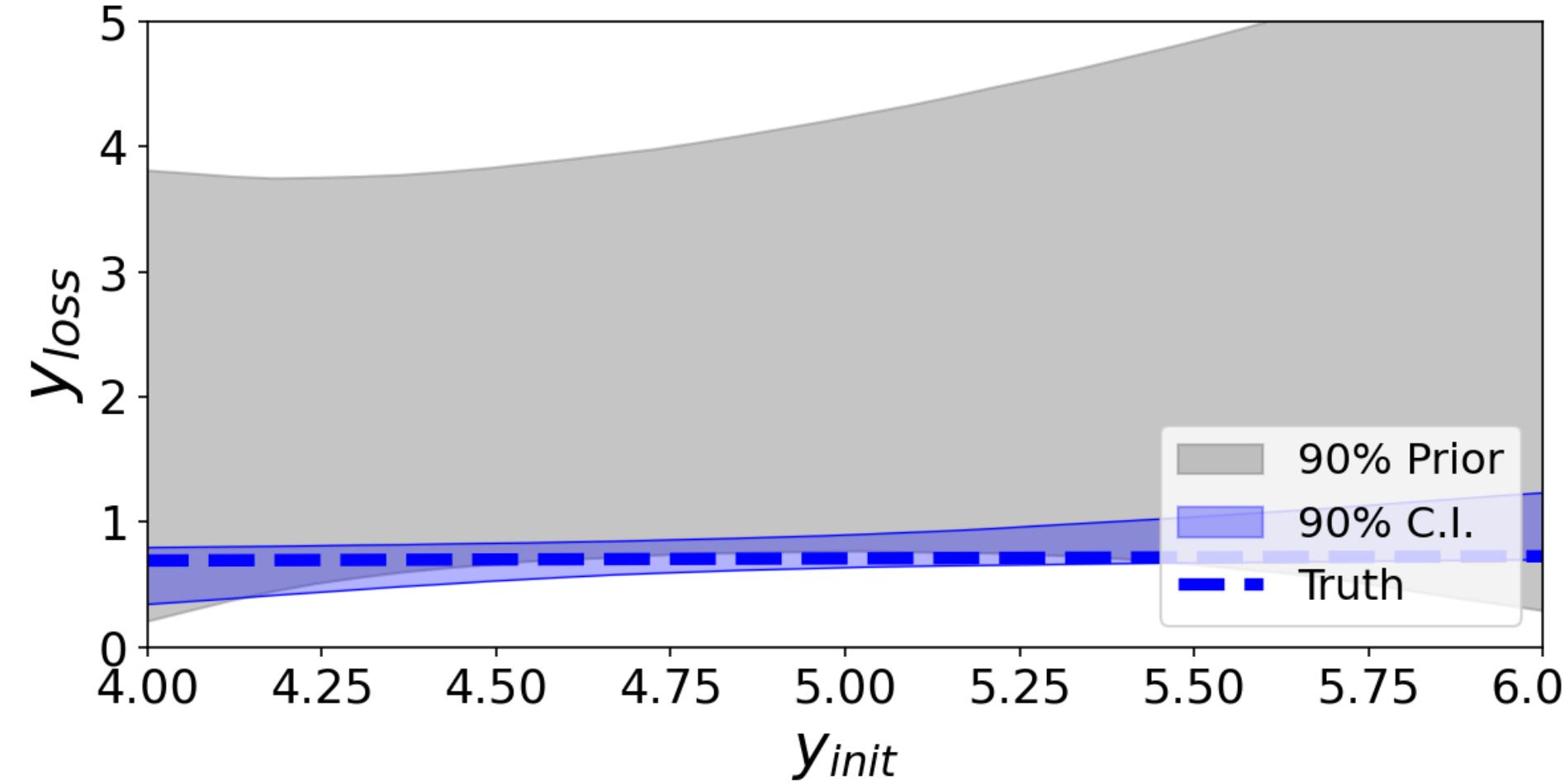
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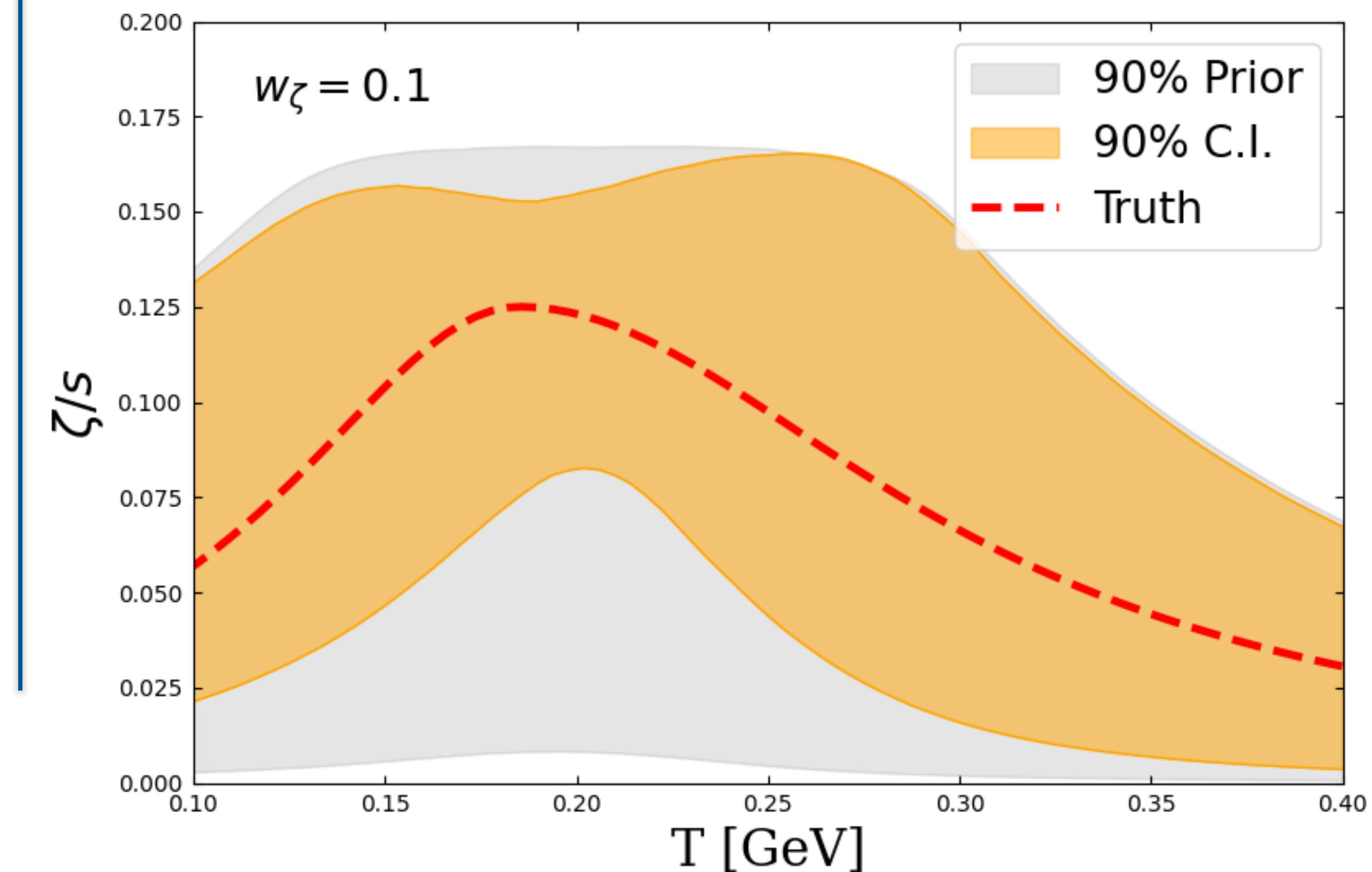
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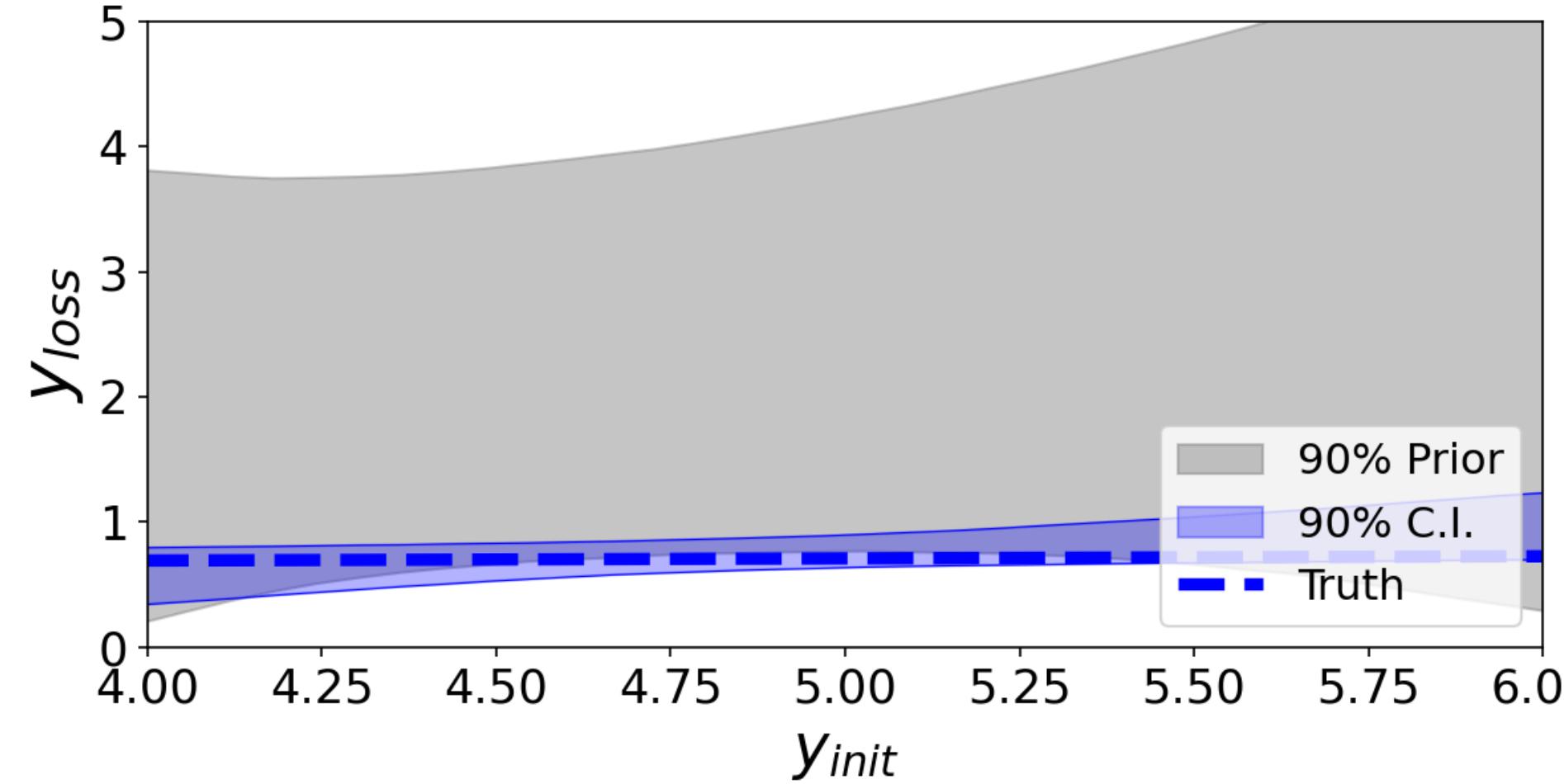
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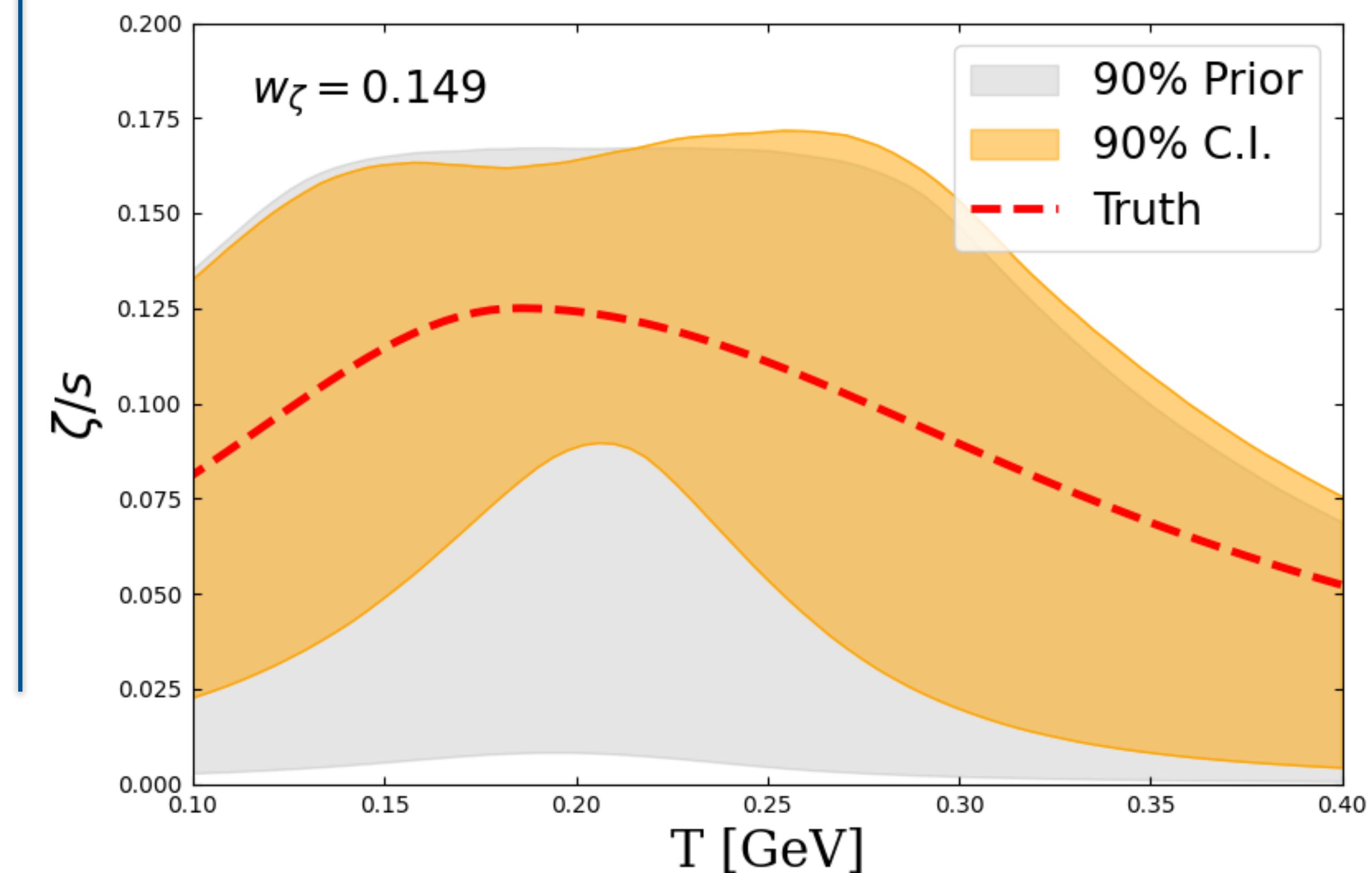
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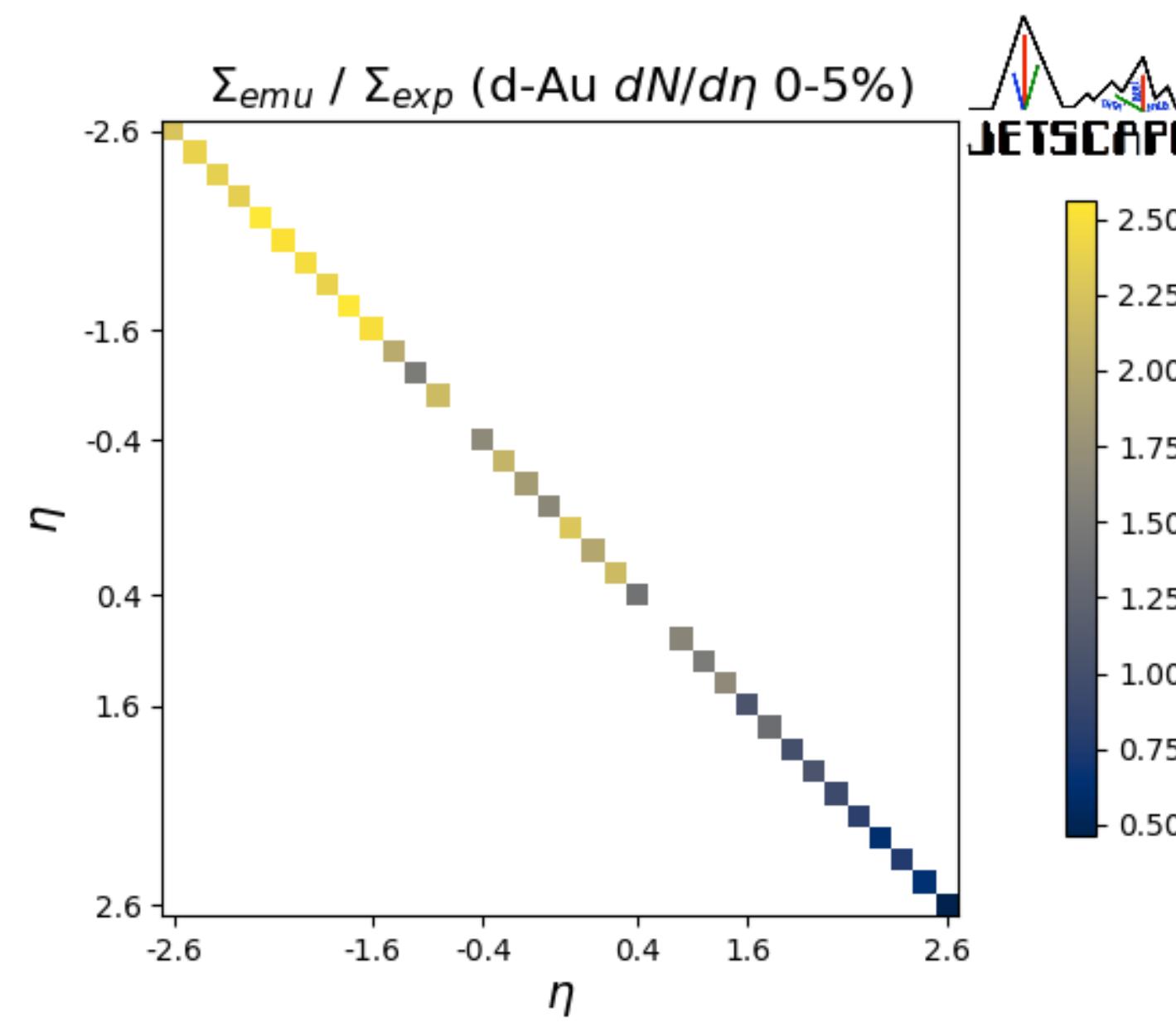
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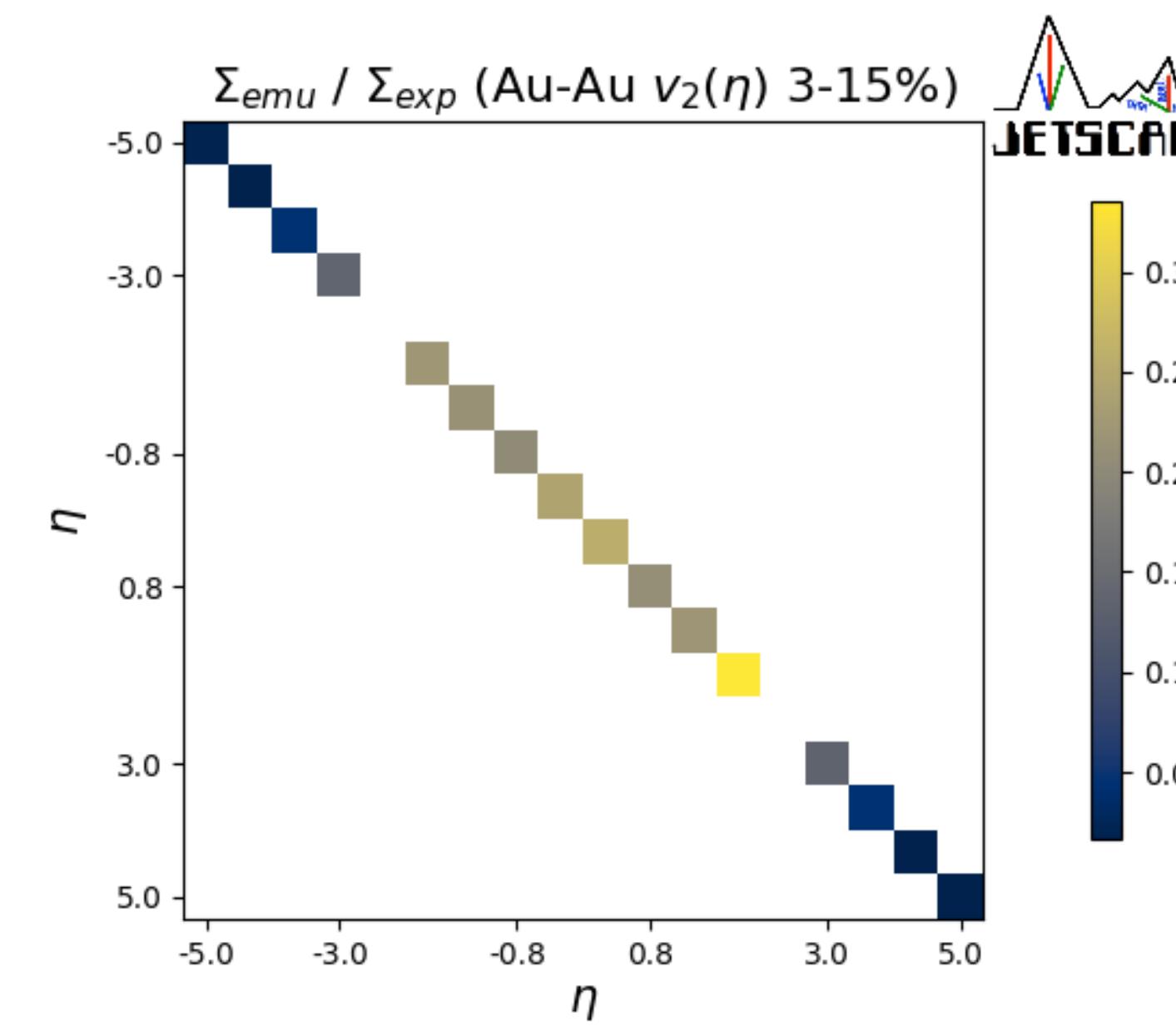
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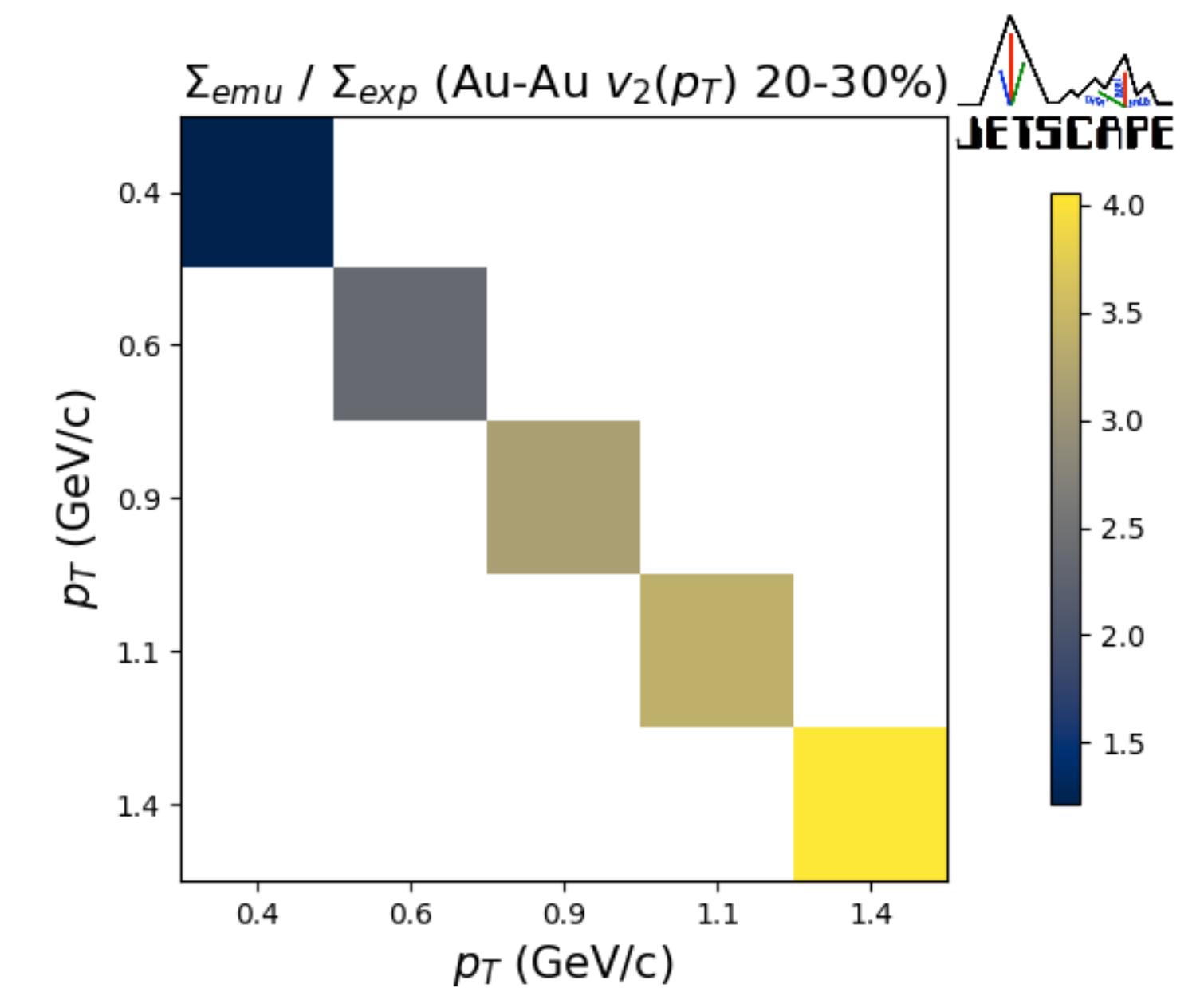
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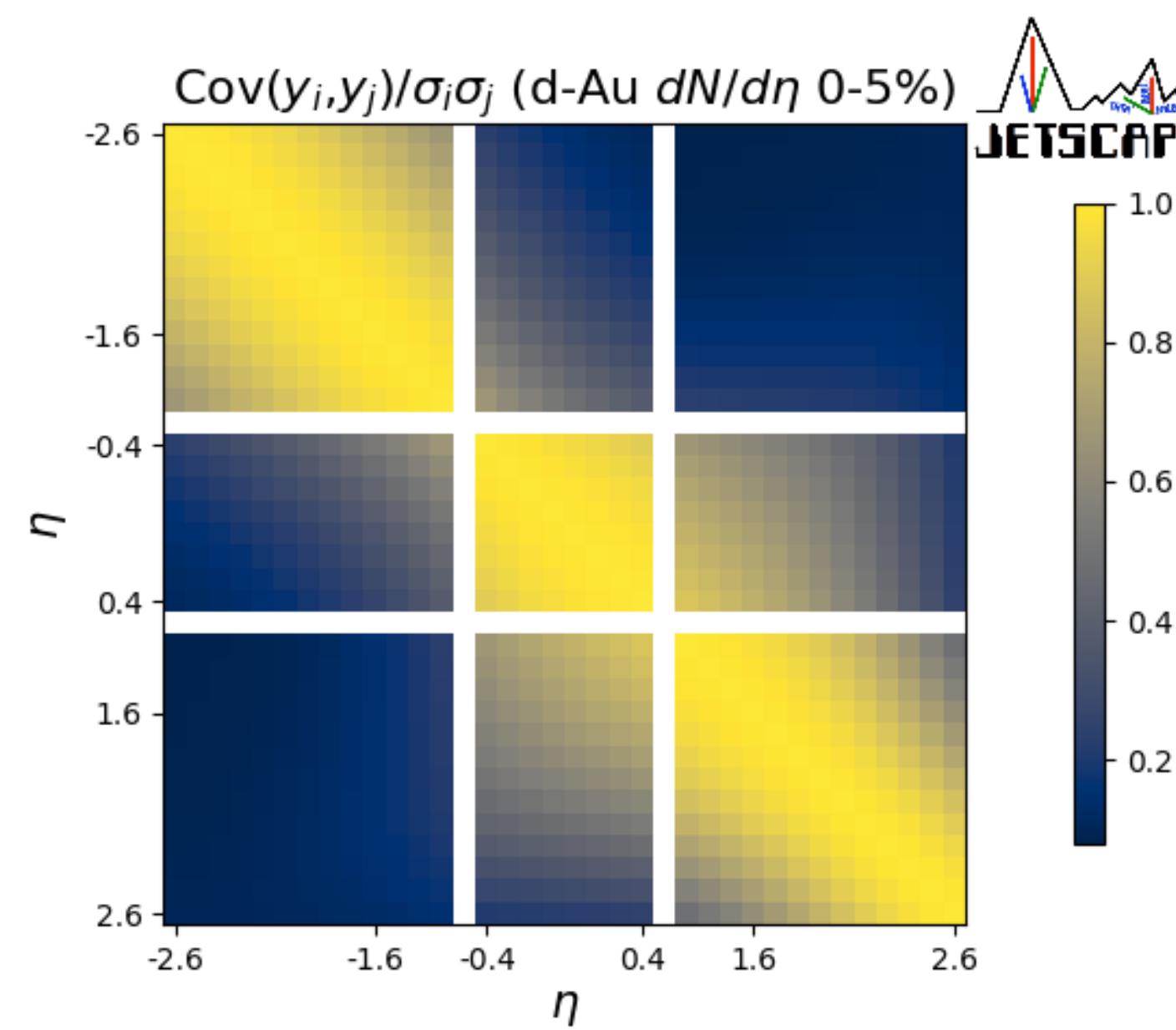
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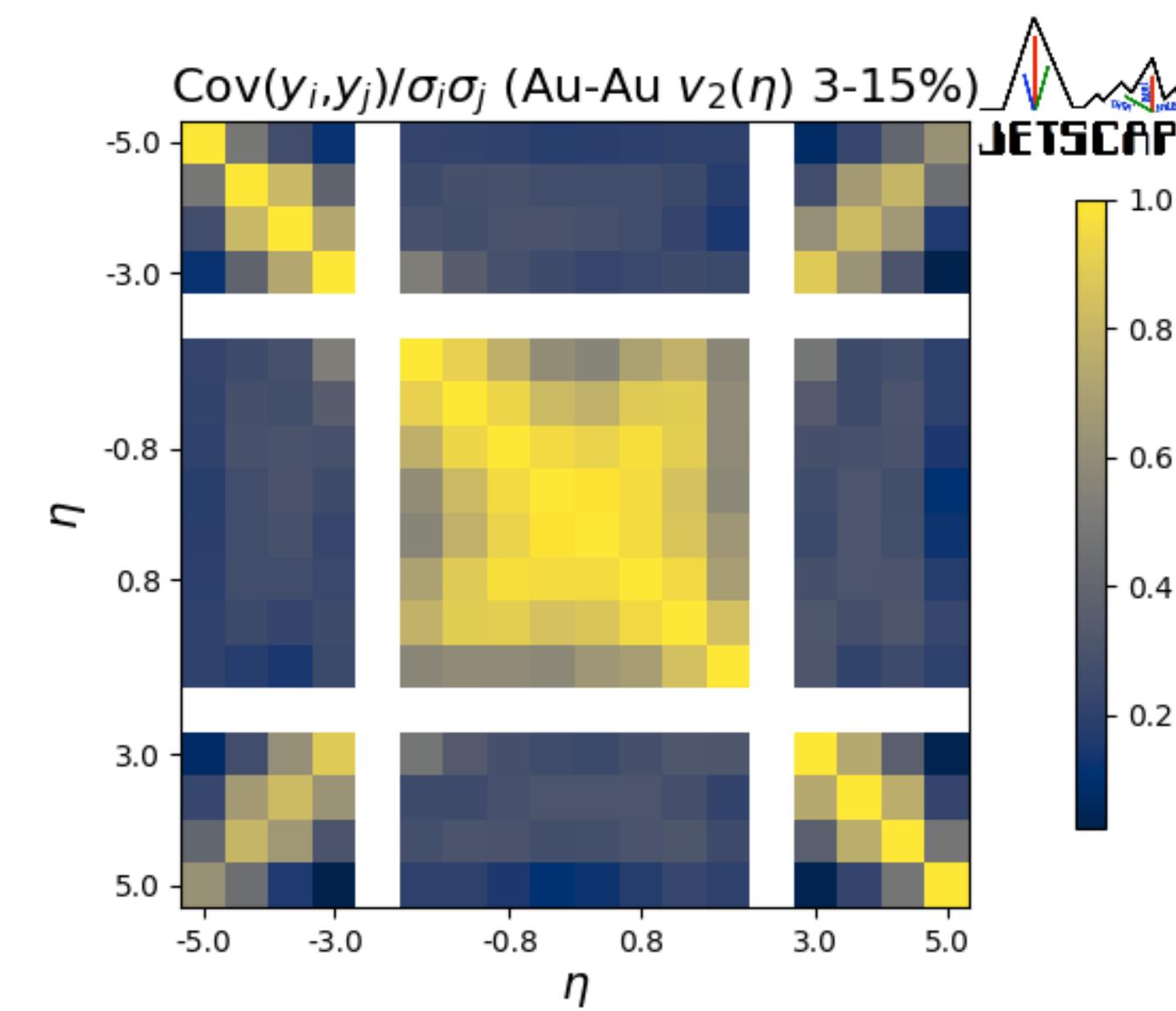
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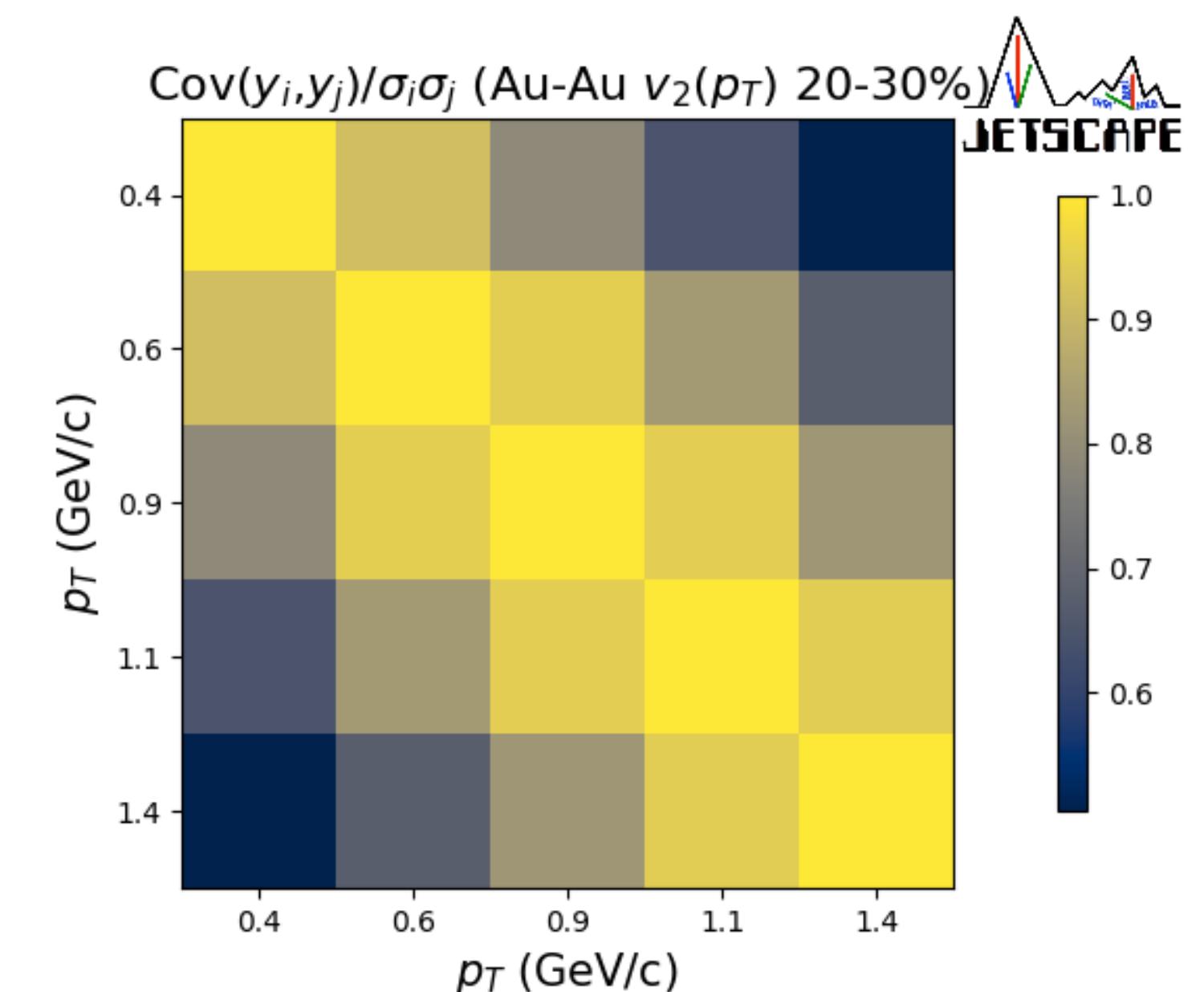
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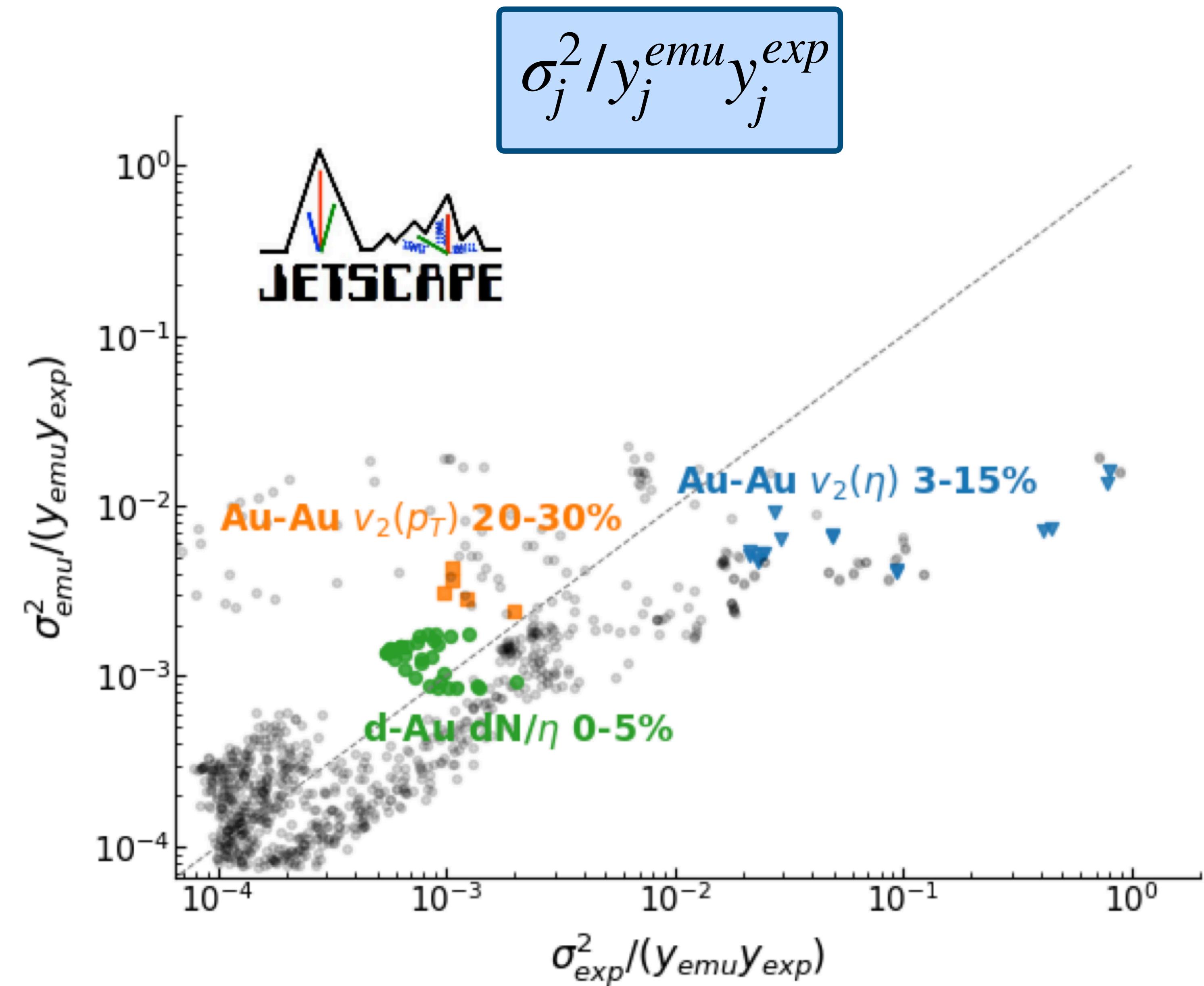
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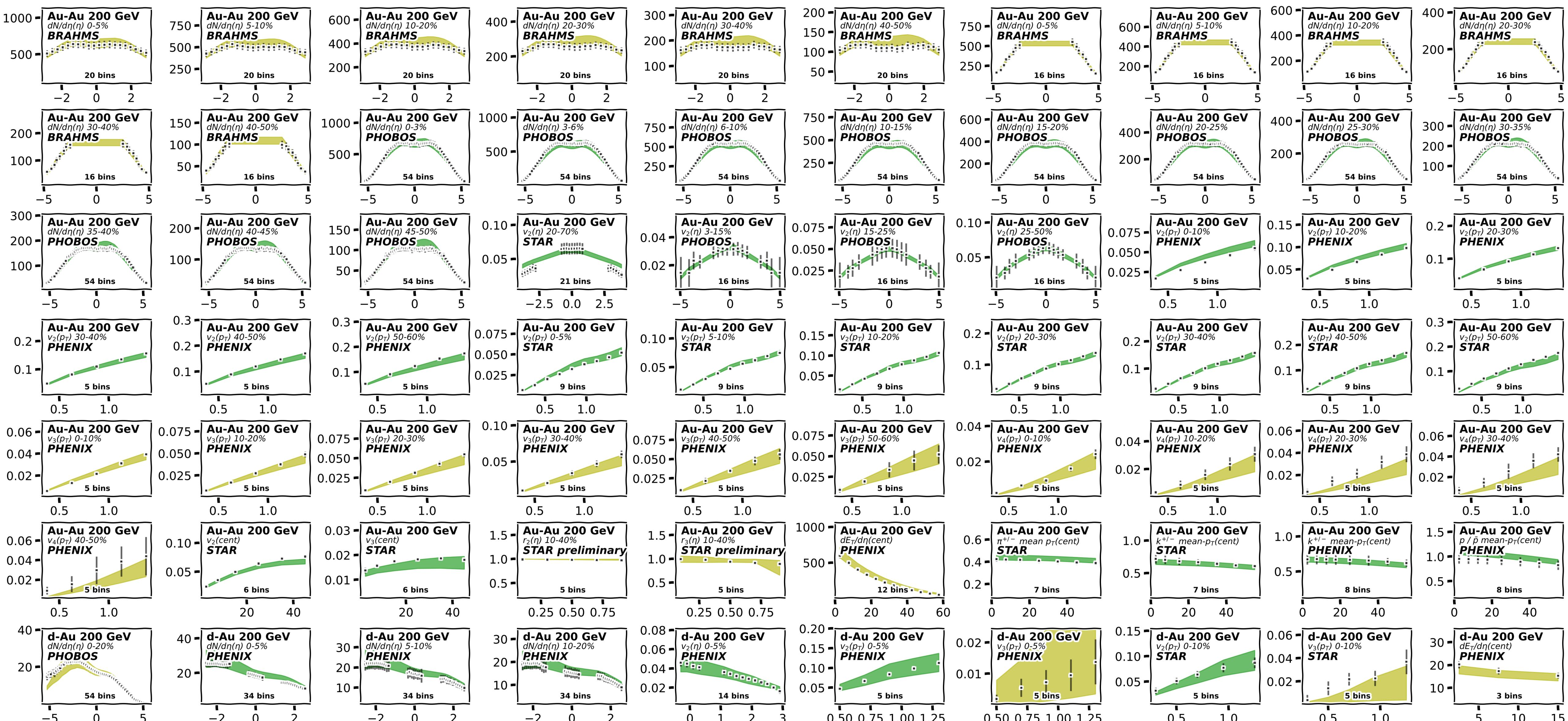
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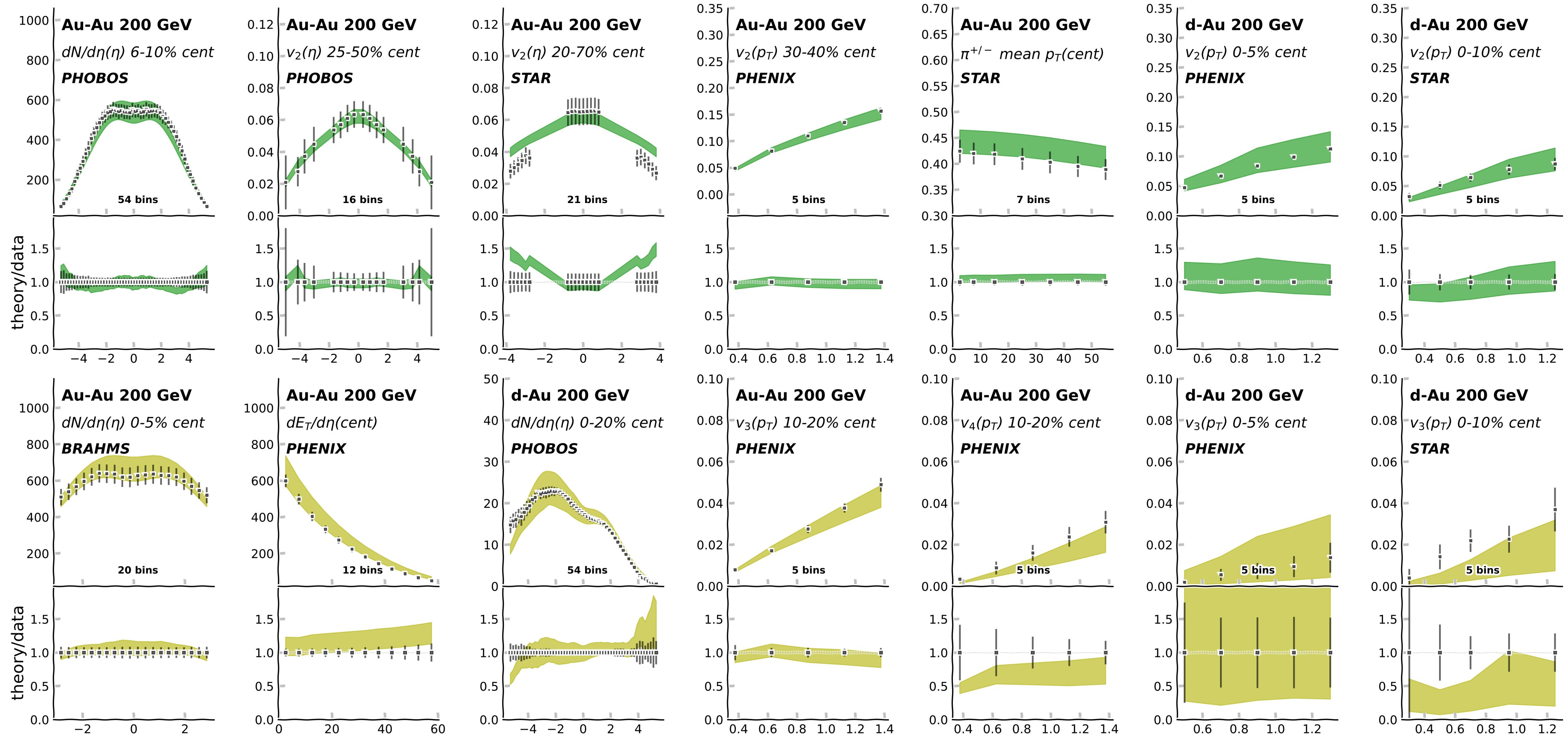
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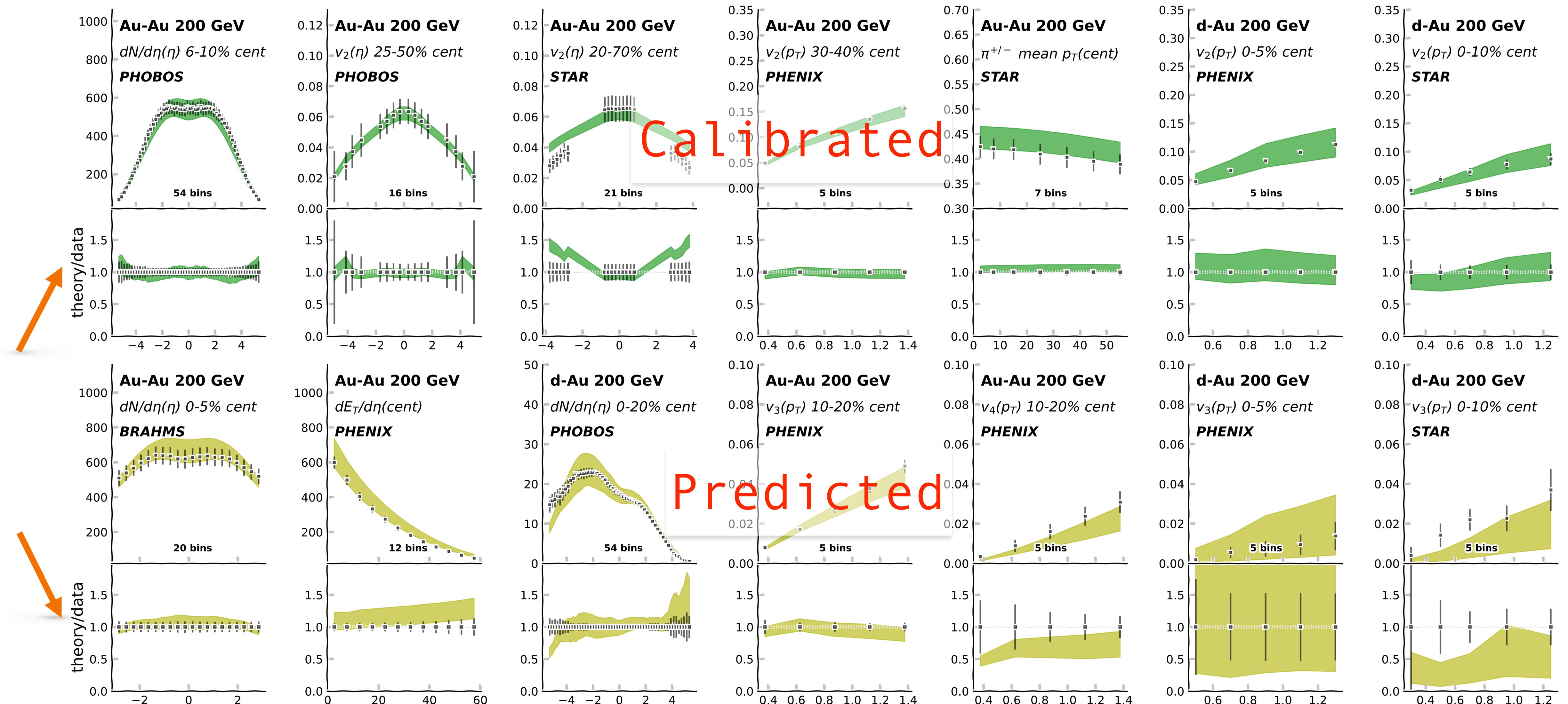
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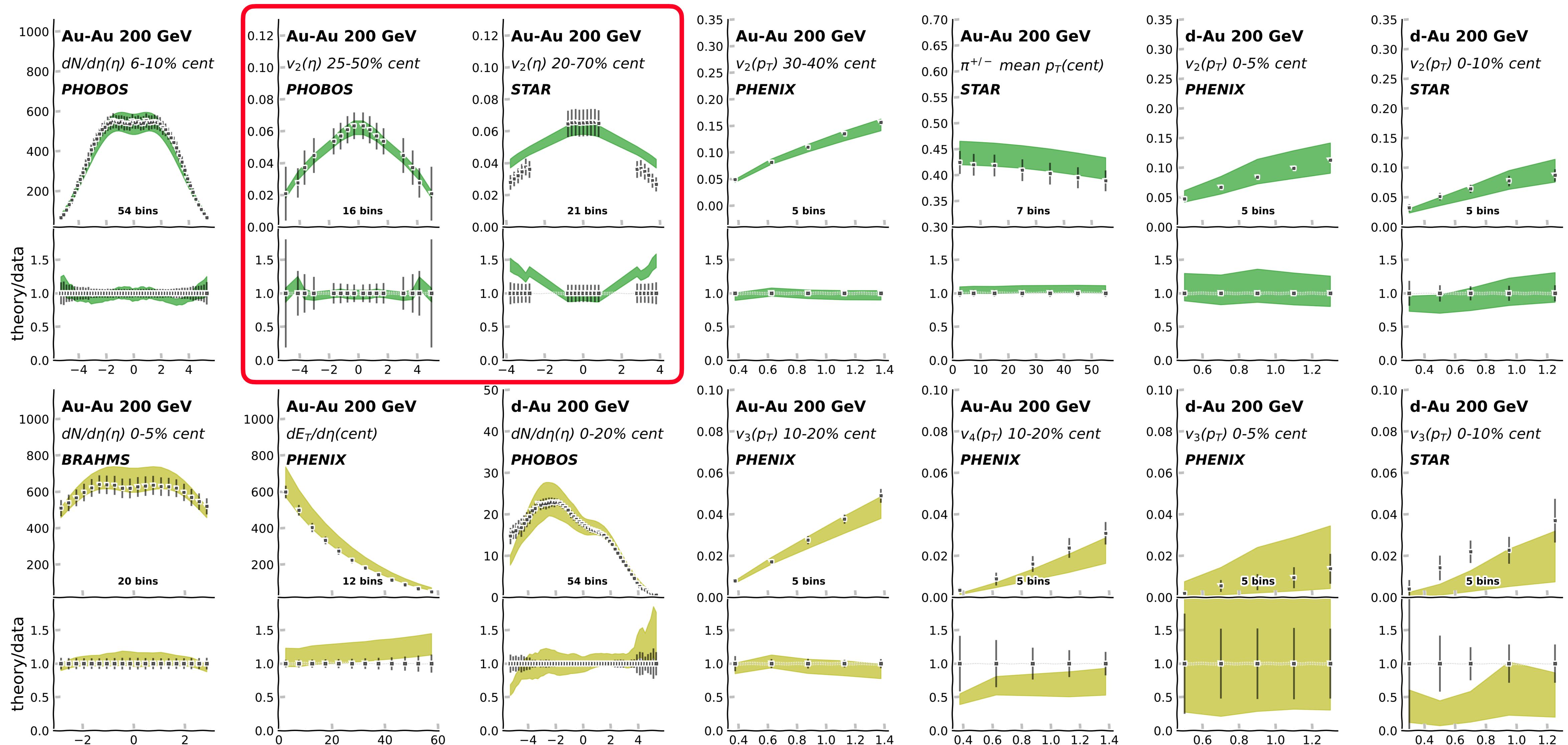
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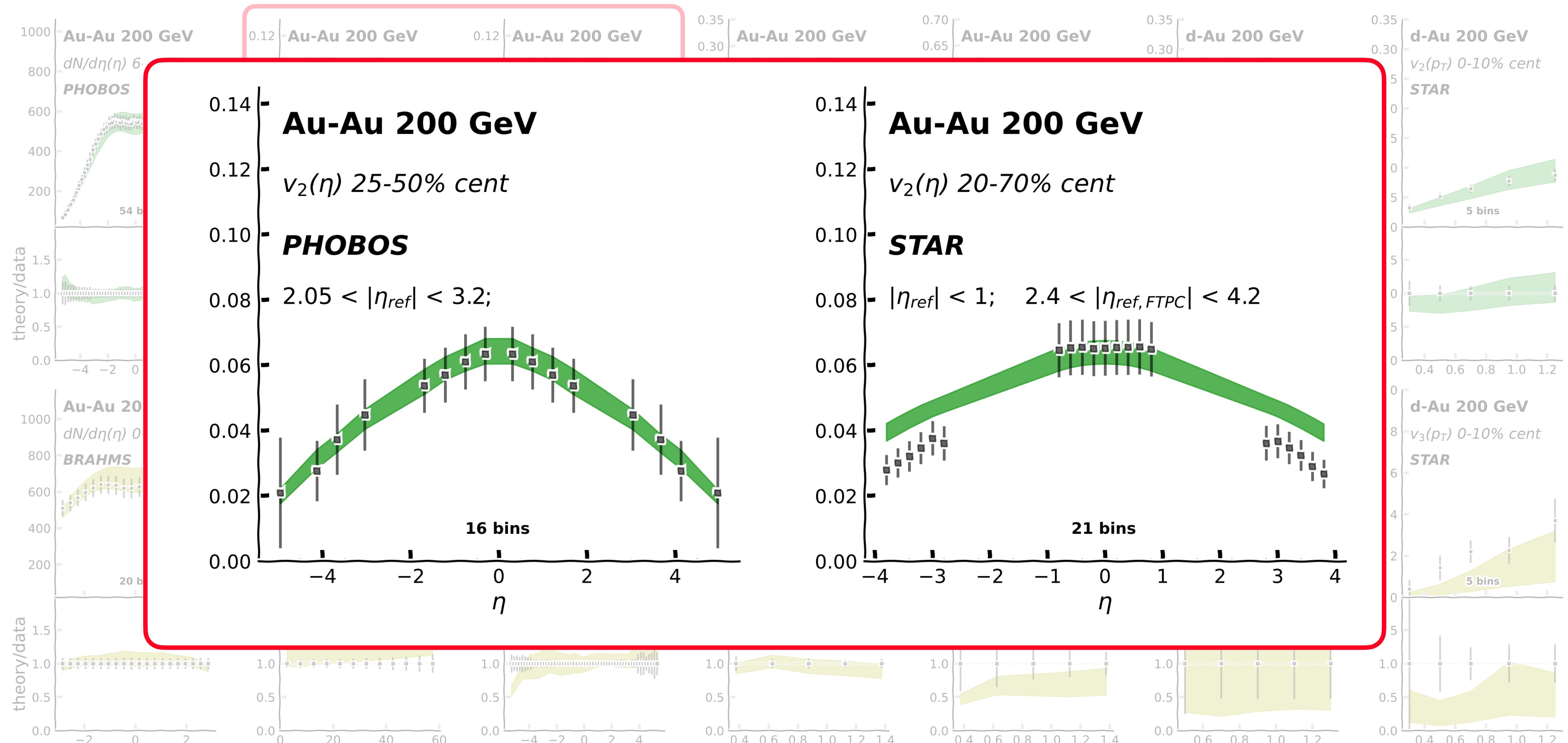
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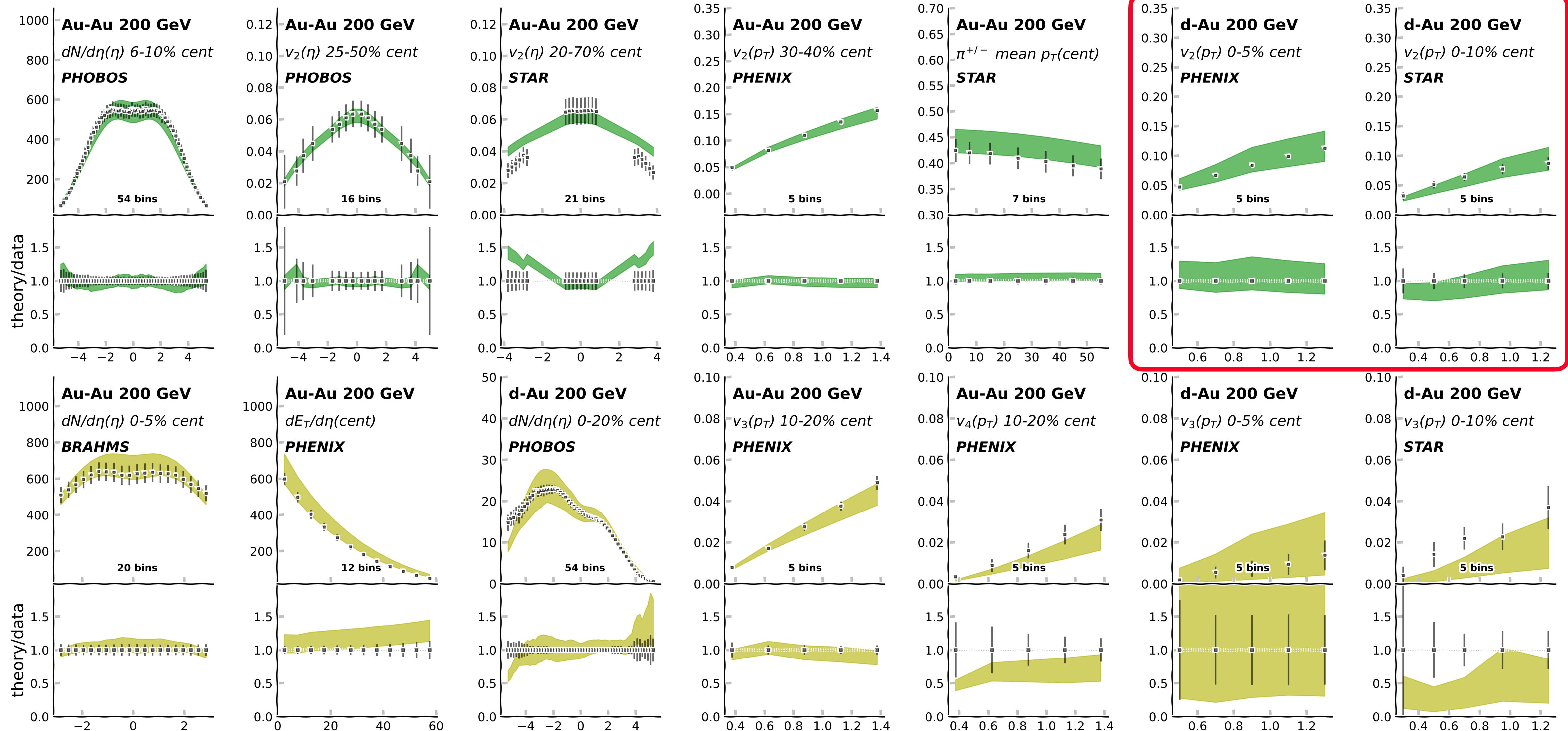
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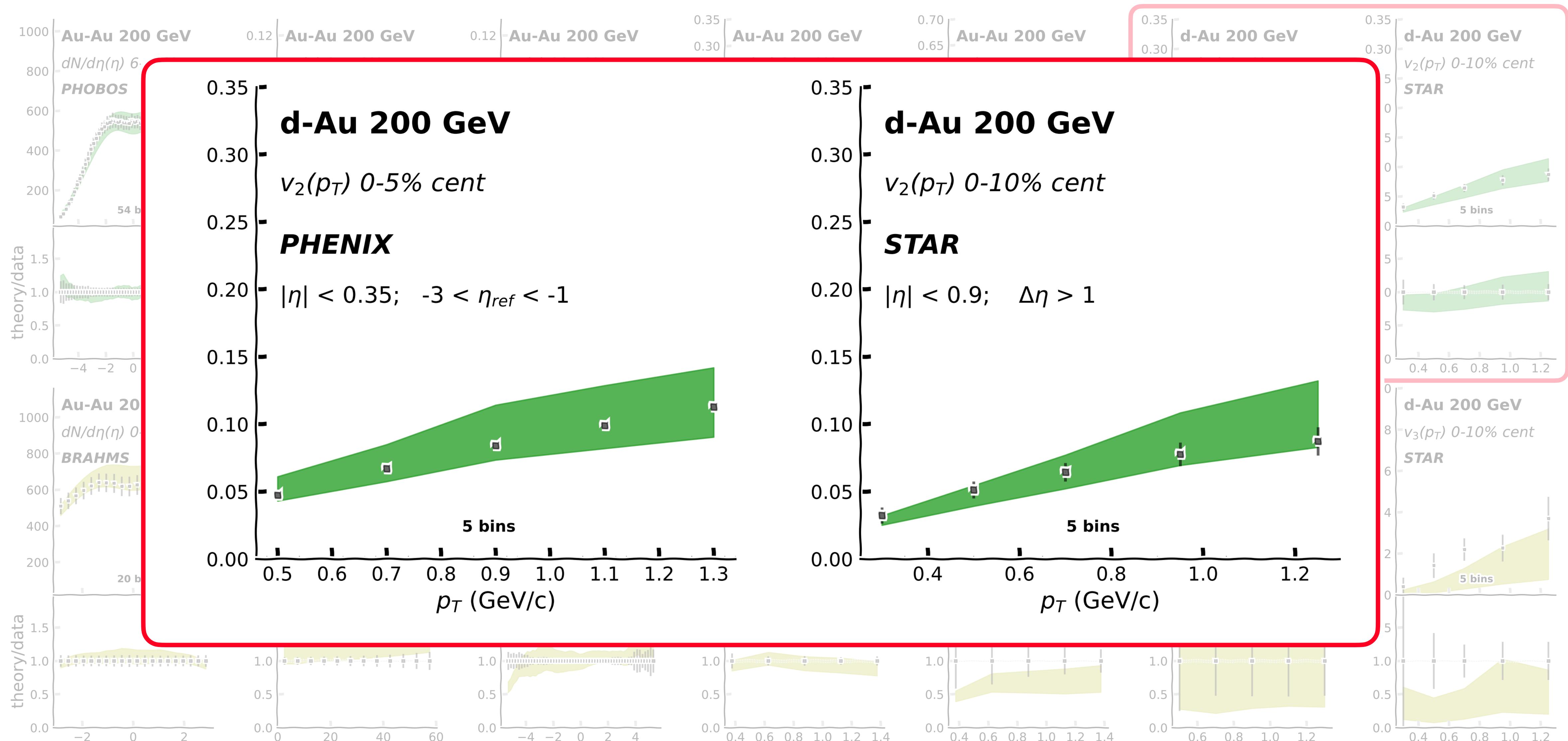
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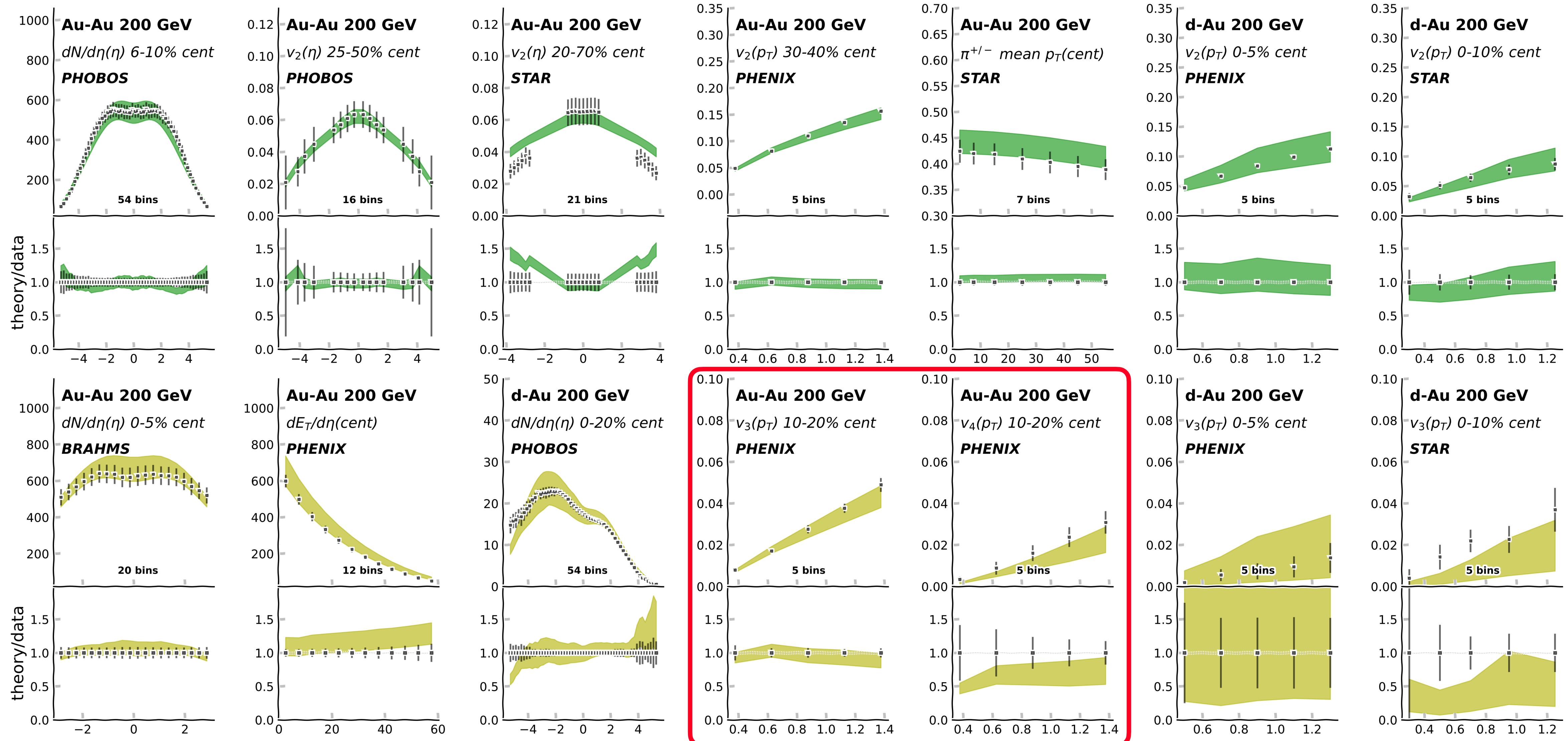
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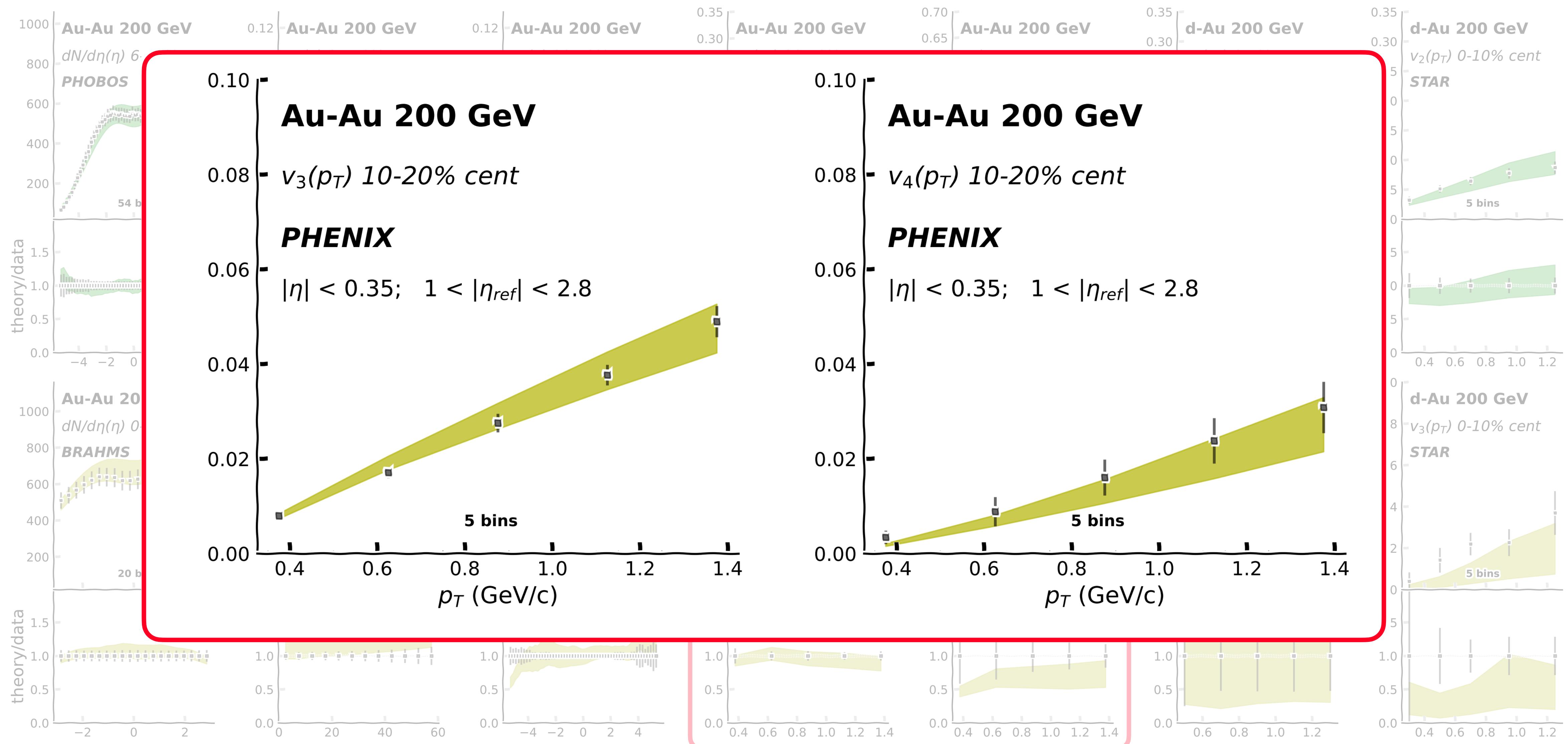
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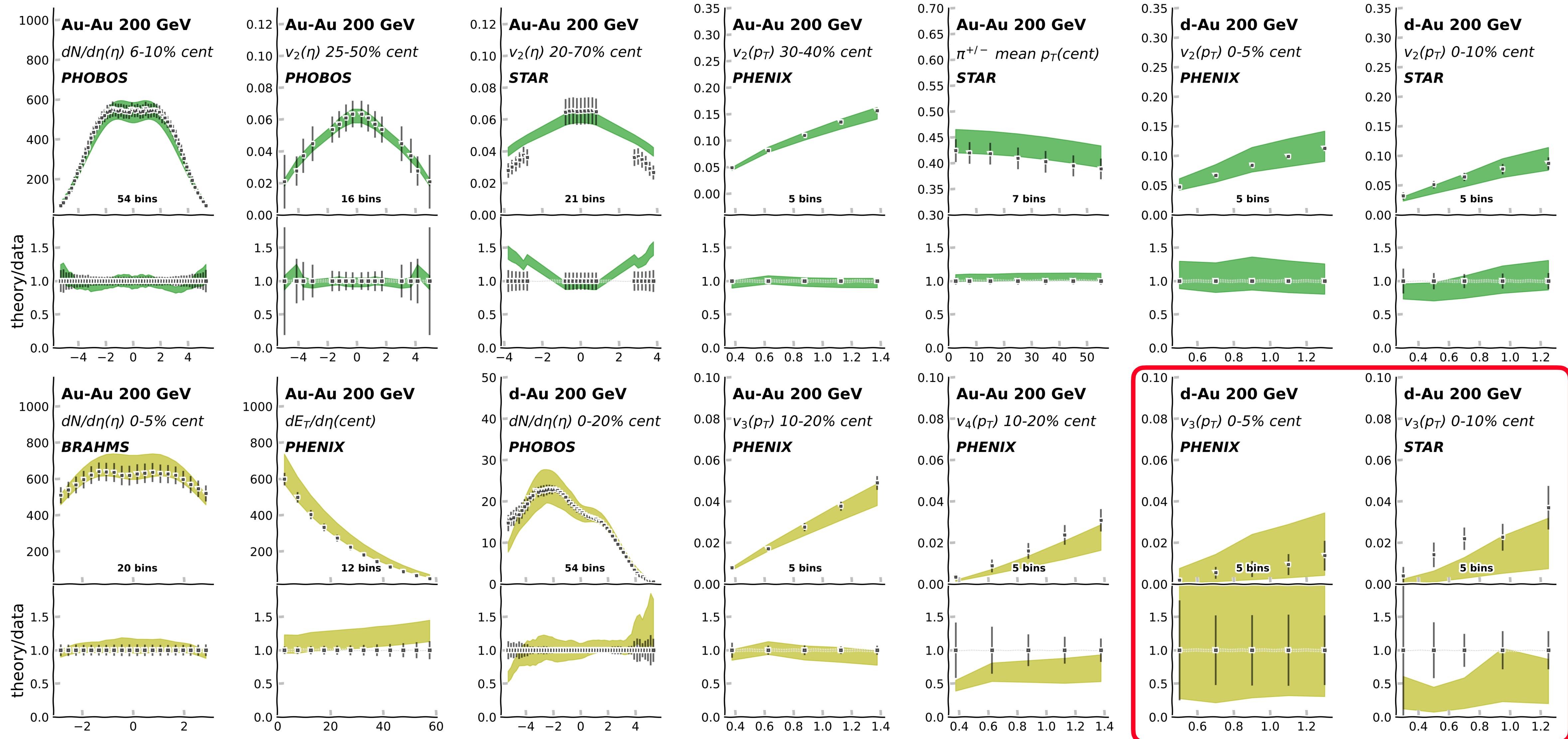
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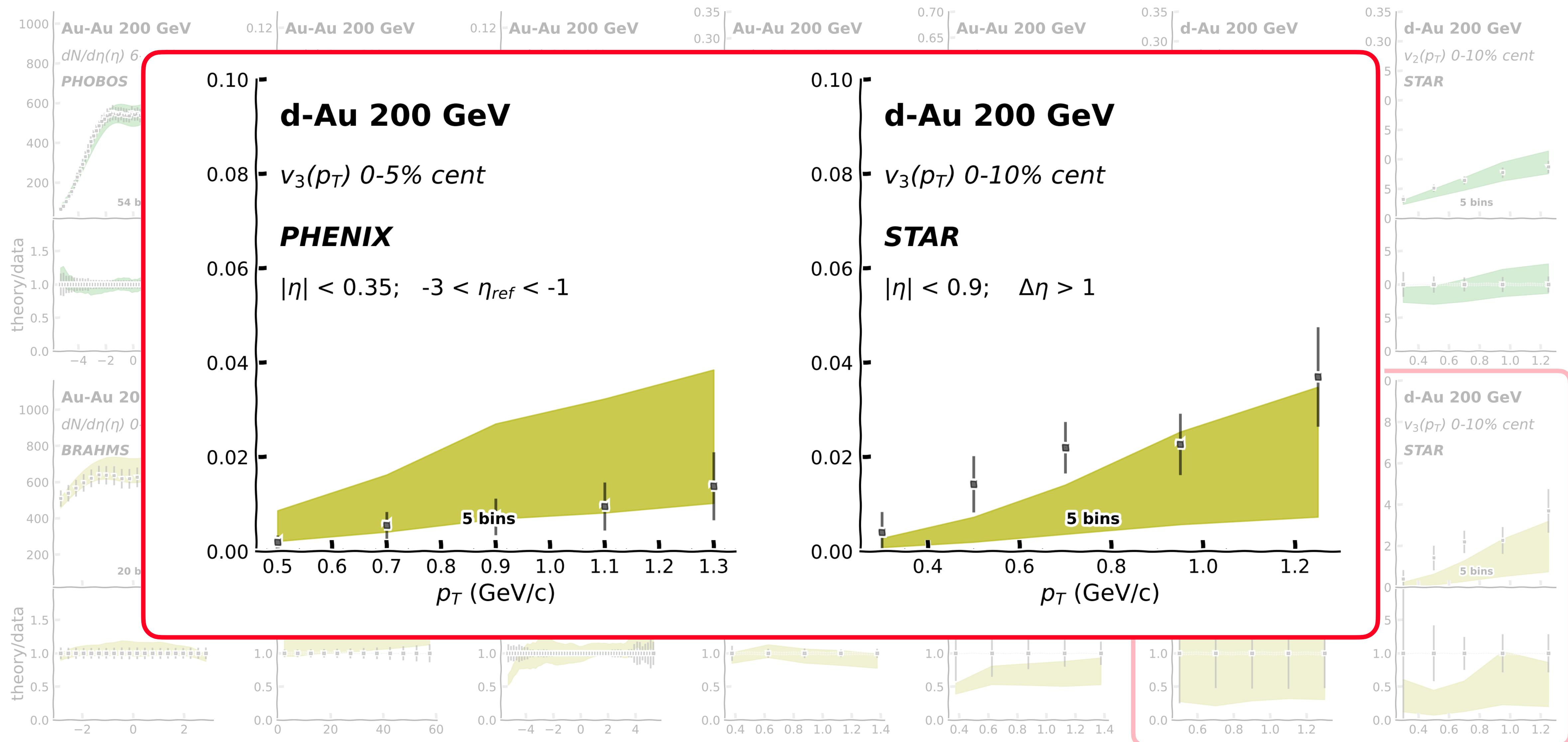
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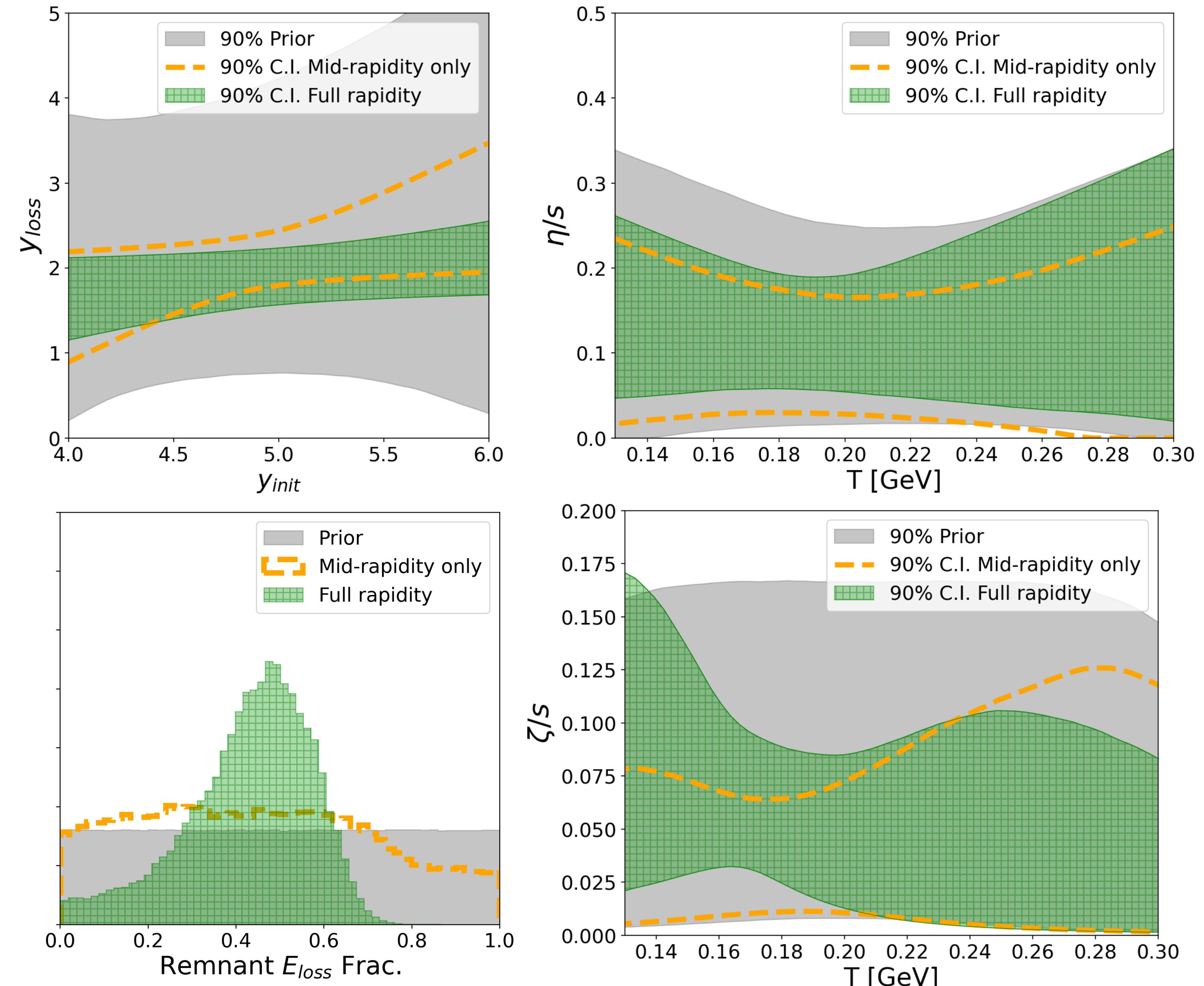


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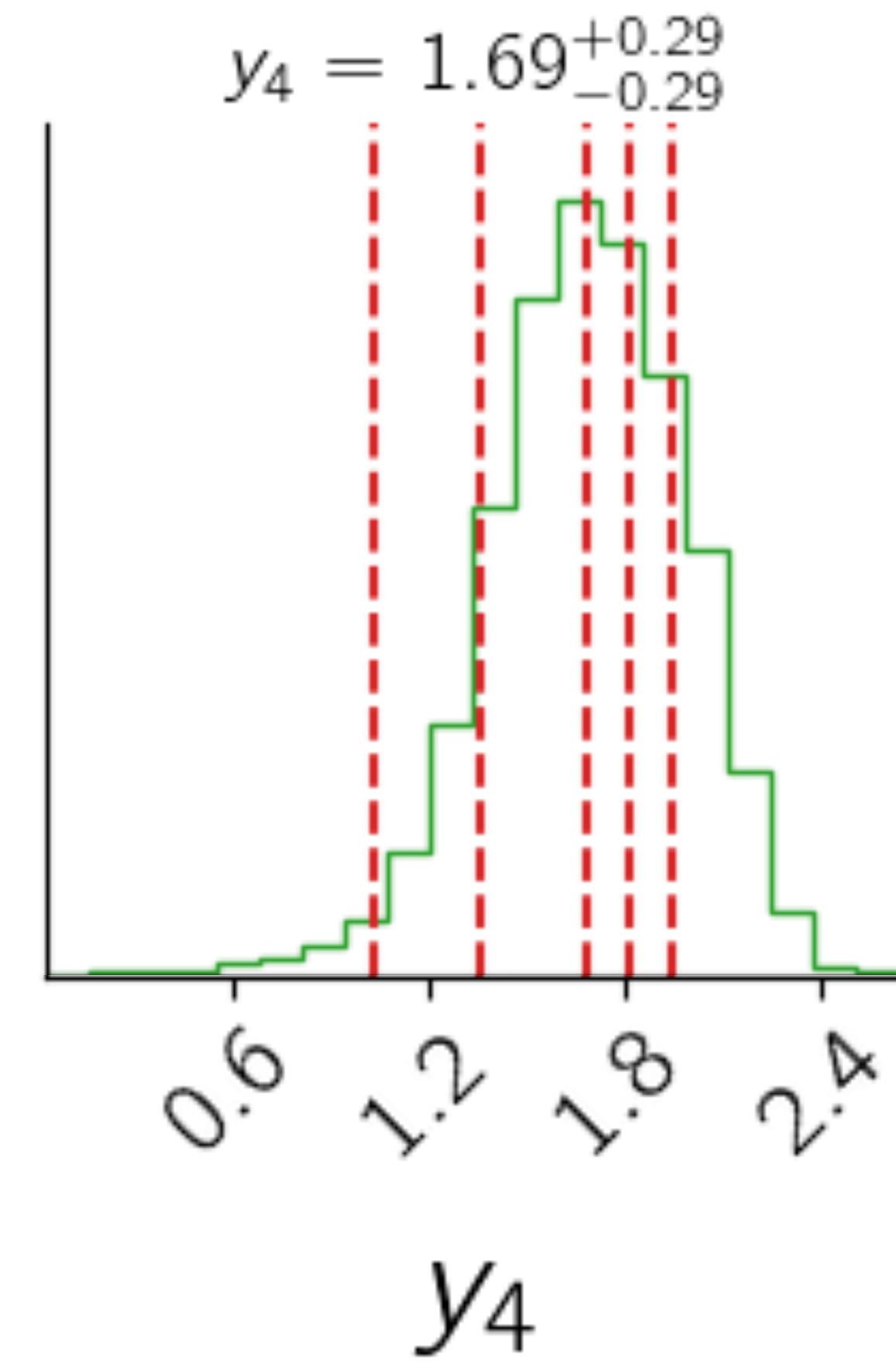
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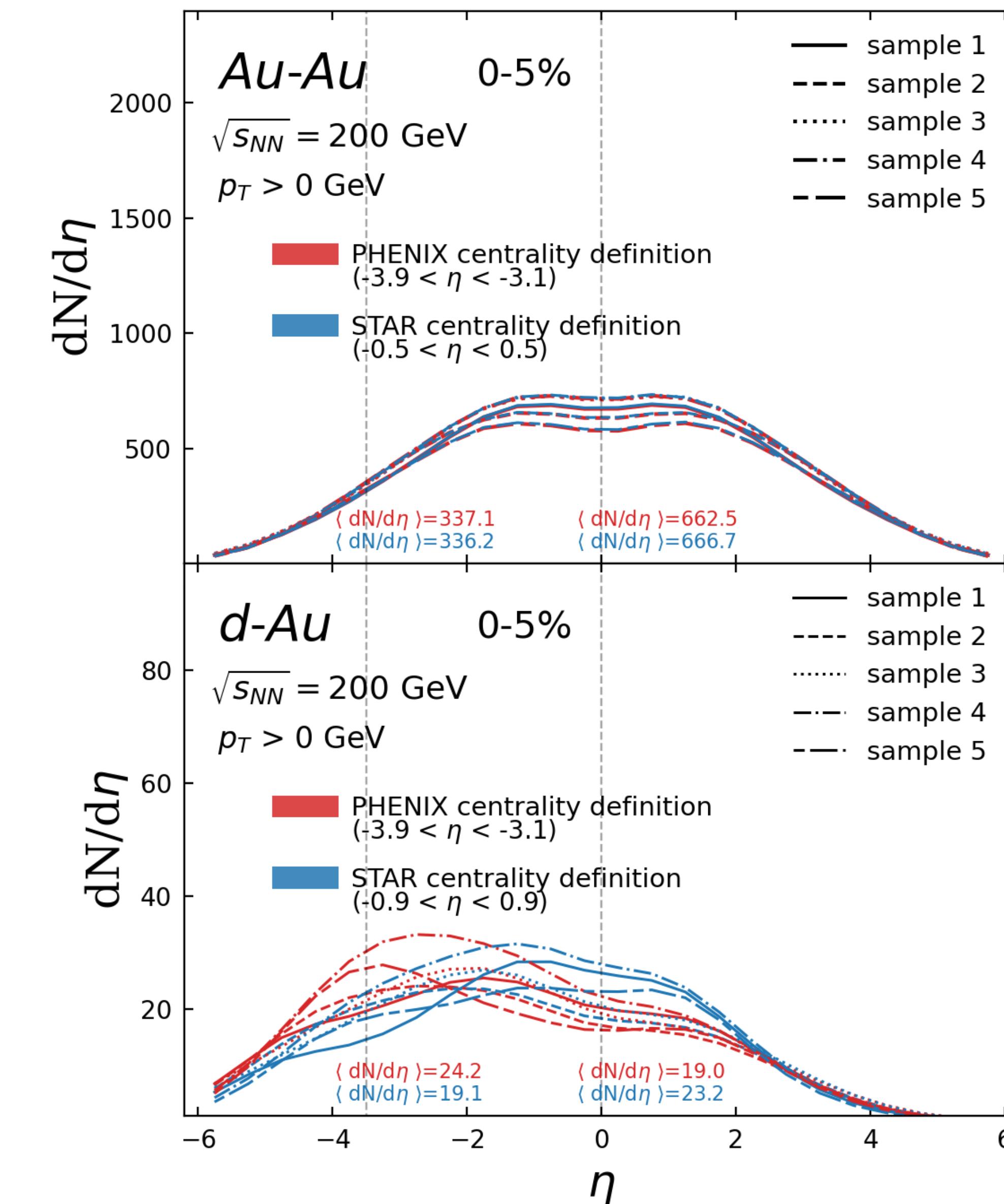
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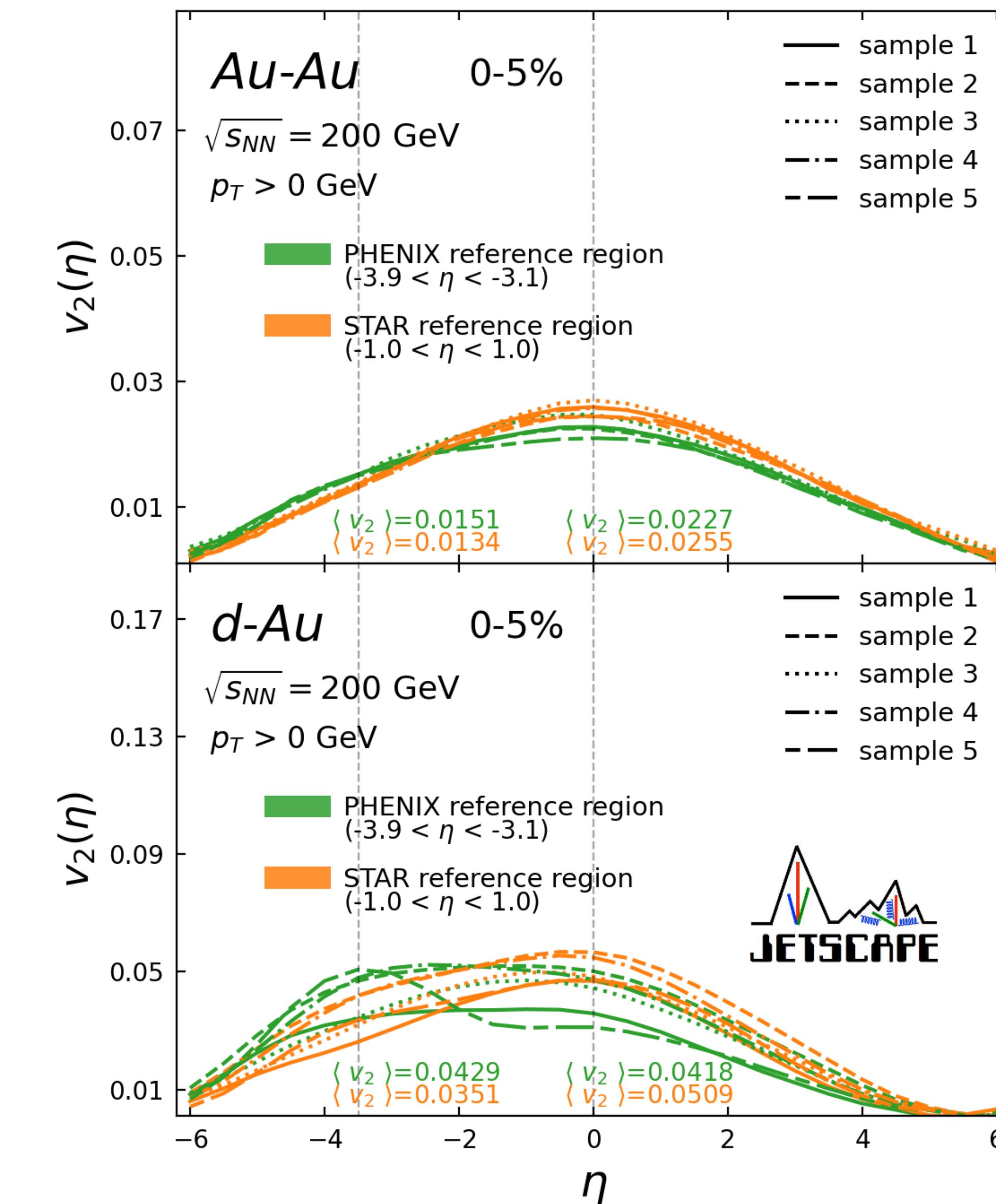
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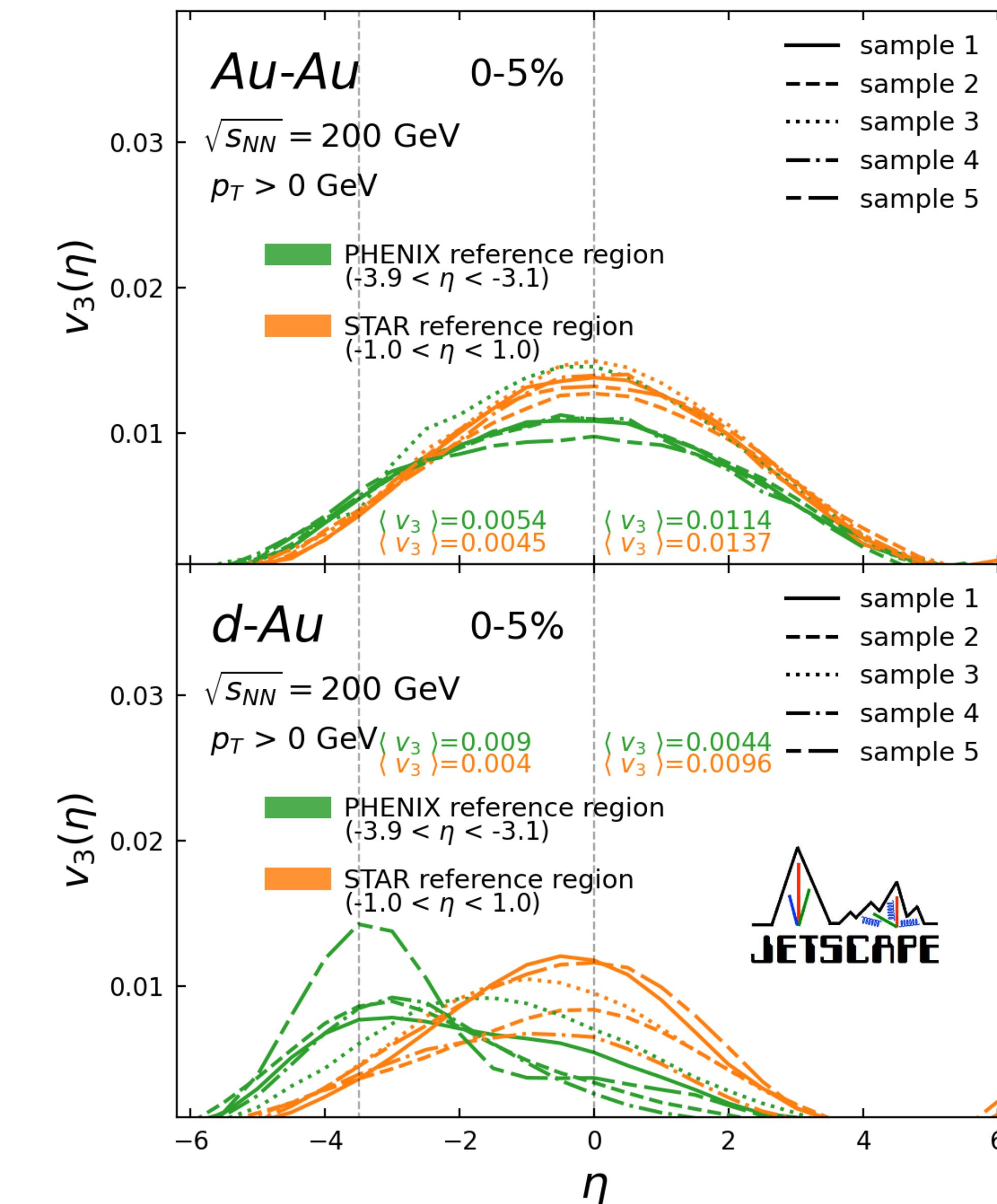
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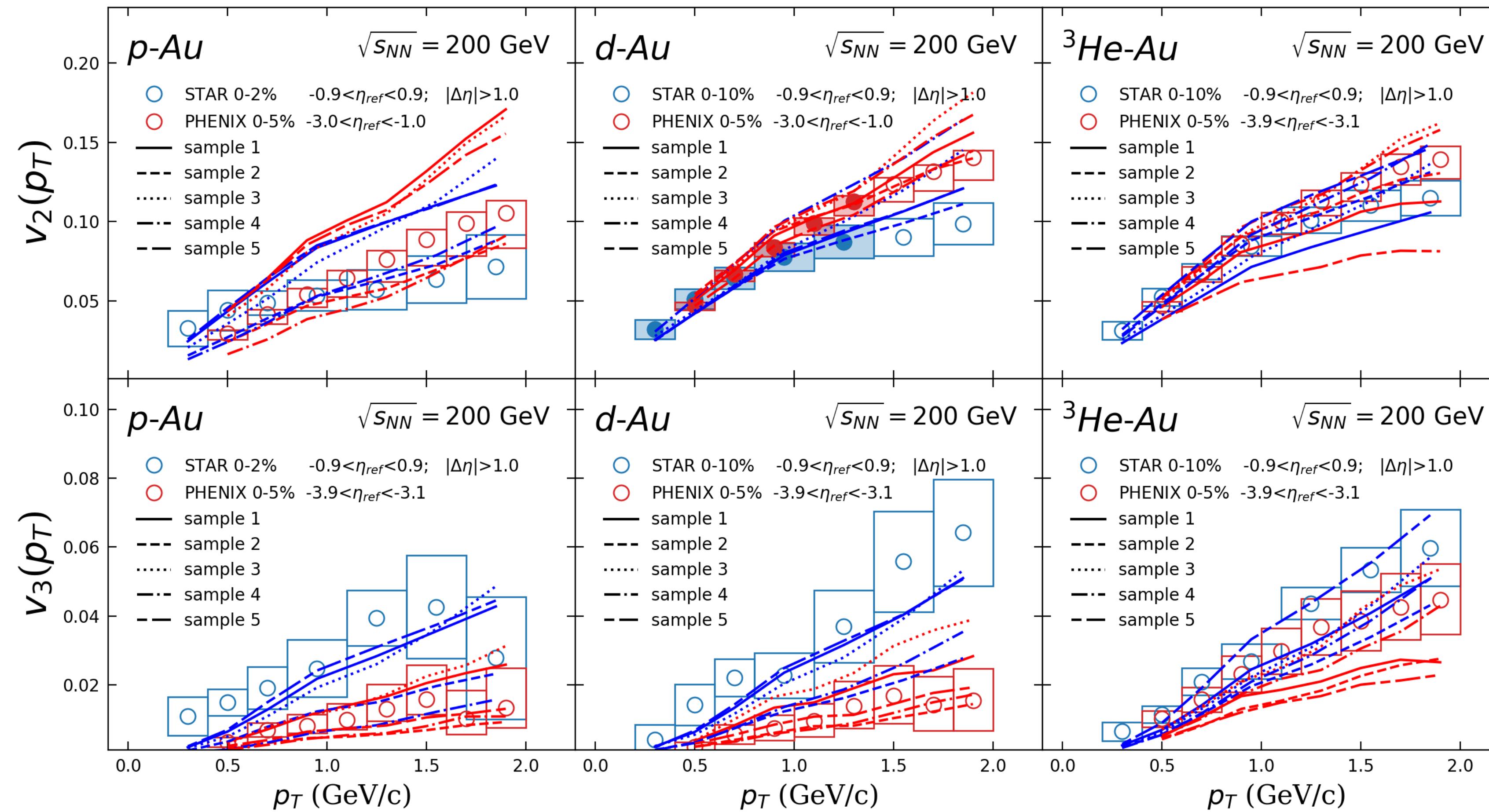
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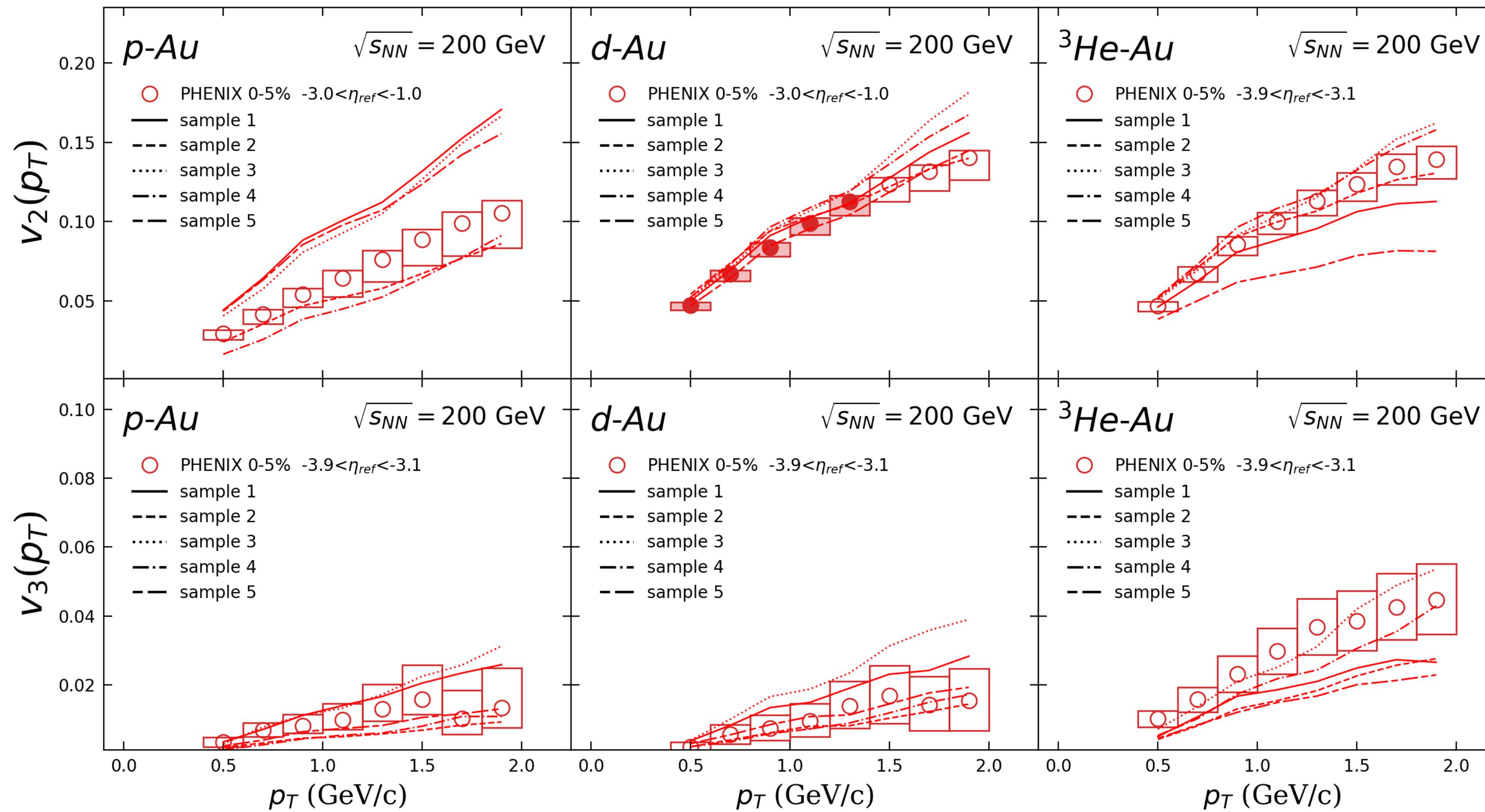


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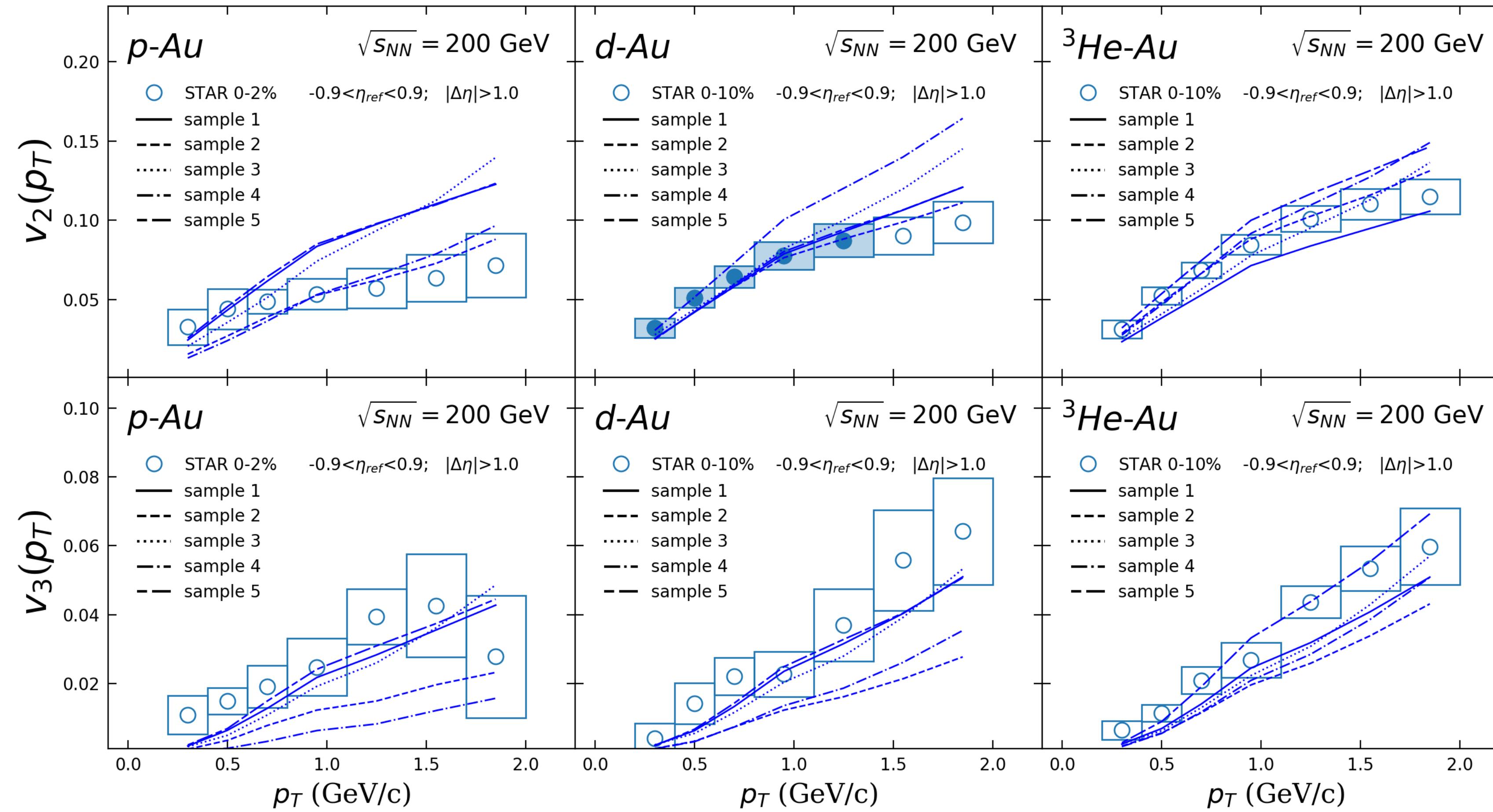
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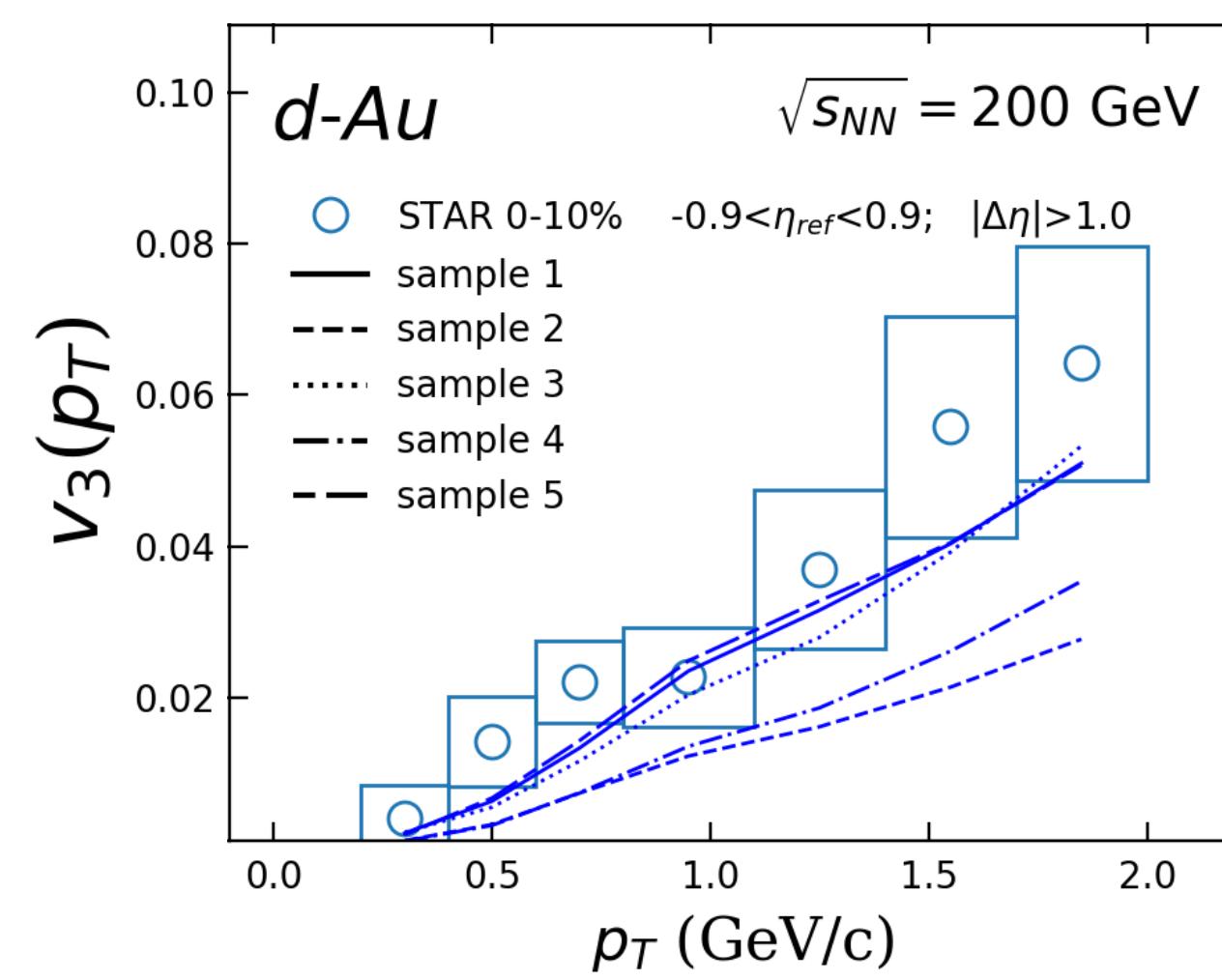
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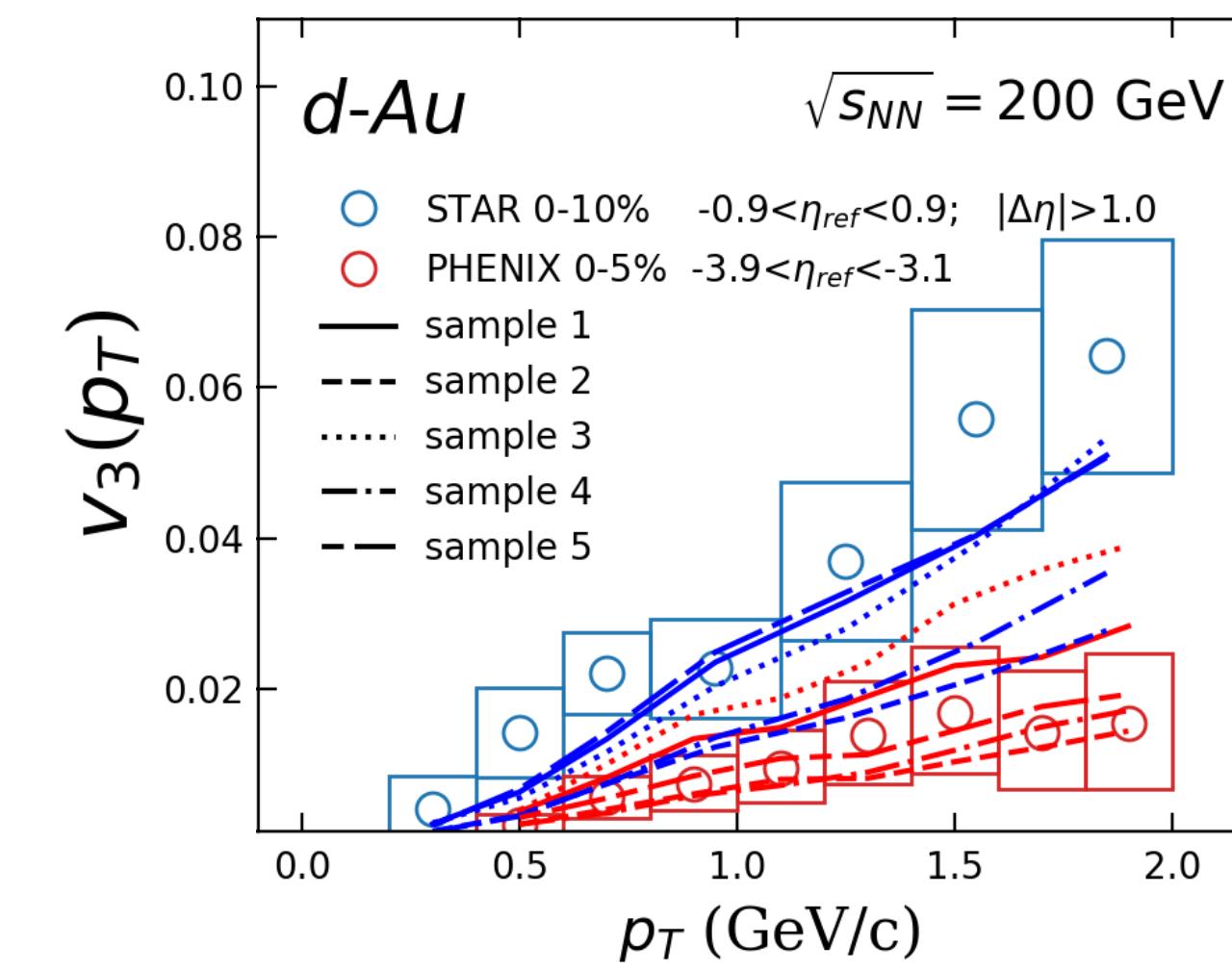
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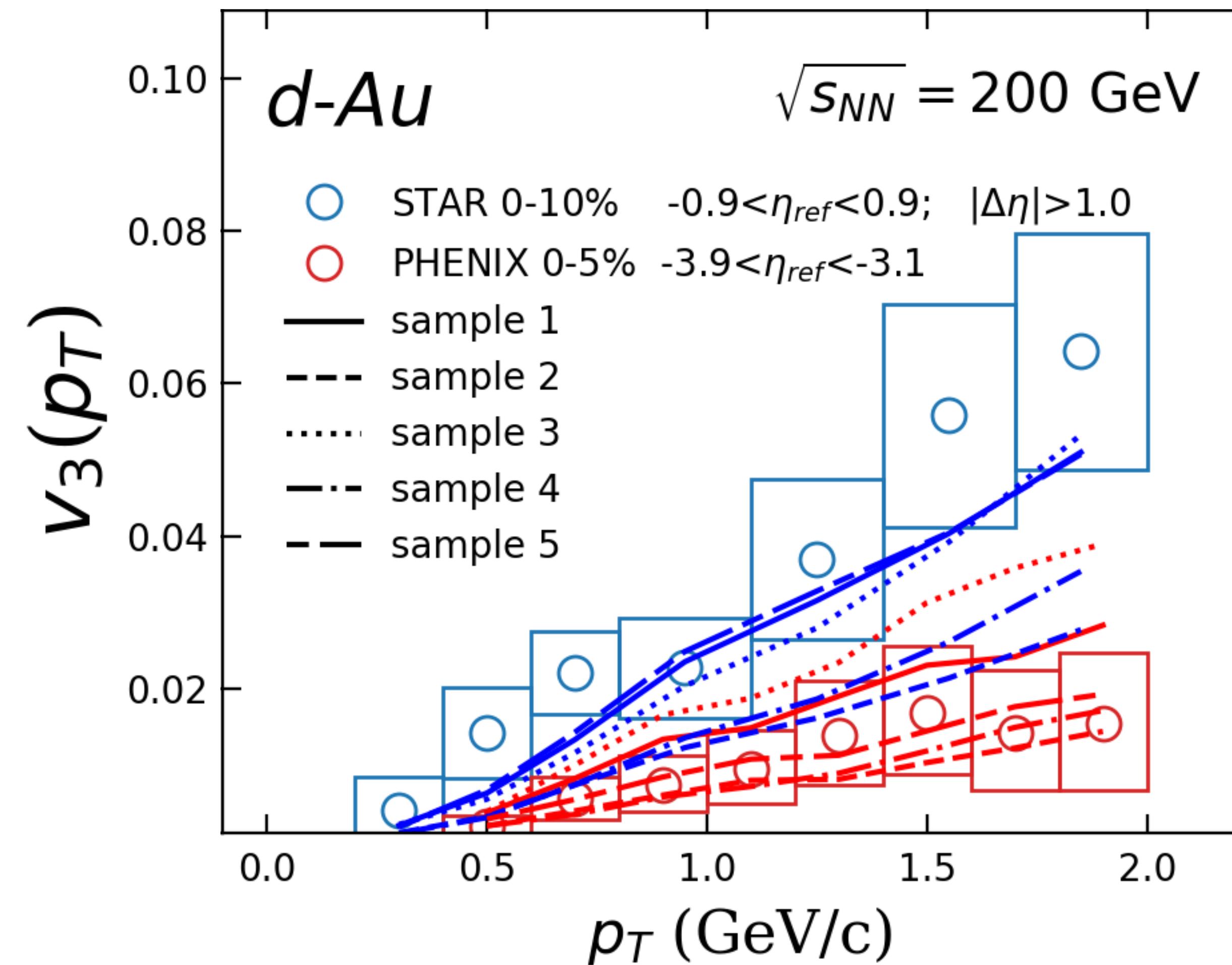
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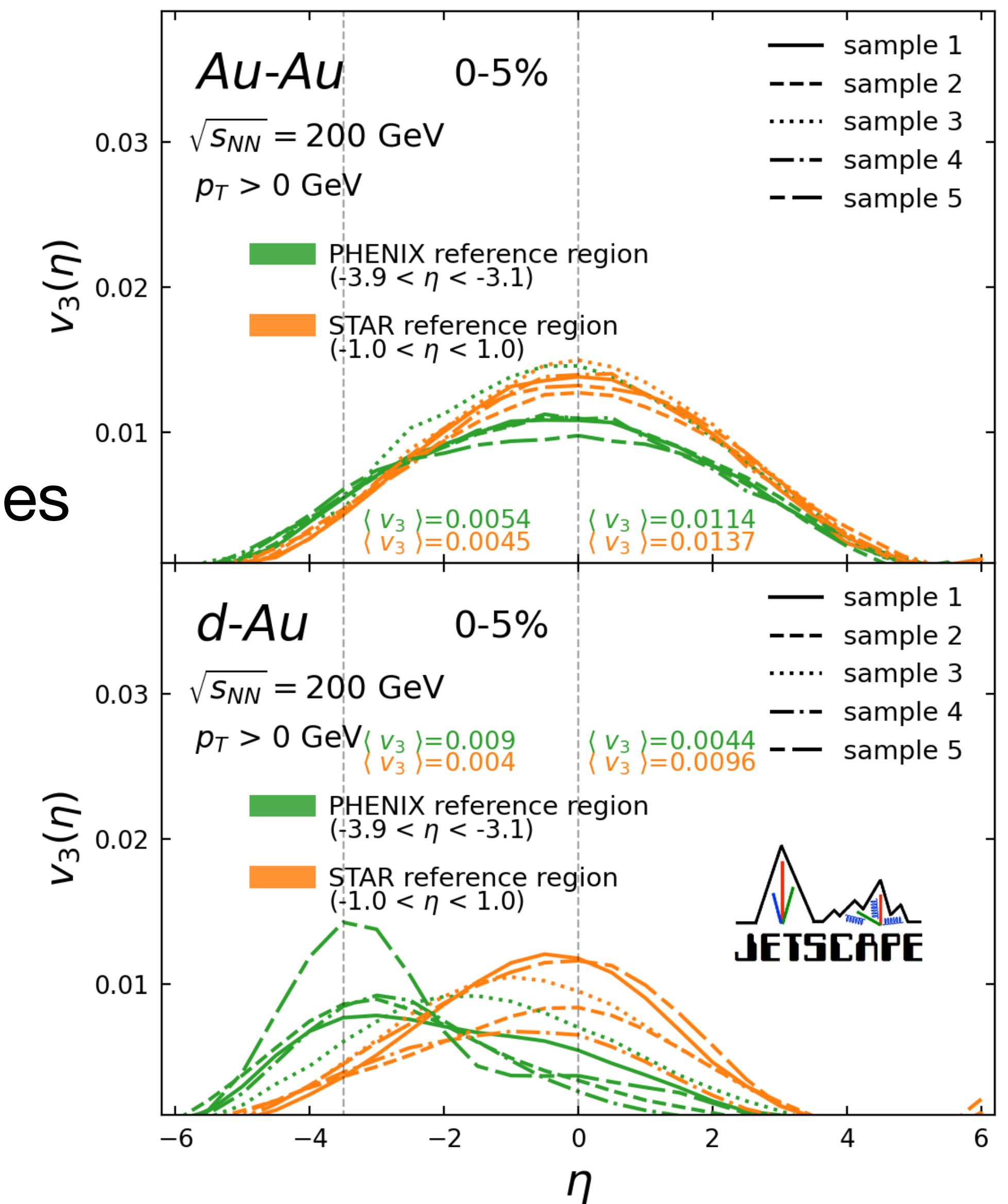


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Conclusions and next steps

- Calibrated model successfully describes wide range of RHIC data in full rapidity range
- Including rapidity-dependent data leads to a preference for finite bulk viscosity
- Future analyses may work to quantify uncertainties from initial state and particlization models, covariance assumptions, and use LHC data
- Incorporating additional small systems (perhaps through transfer learning)
- Using calibration to gauge the usefulness of proposed measurements





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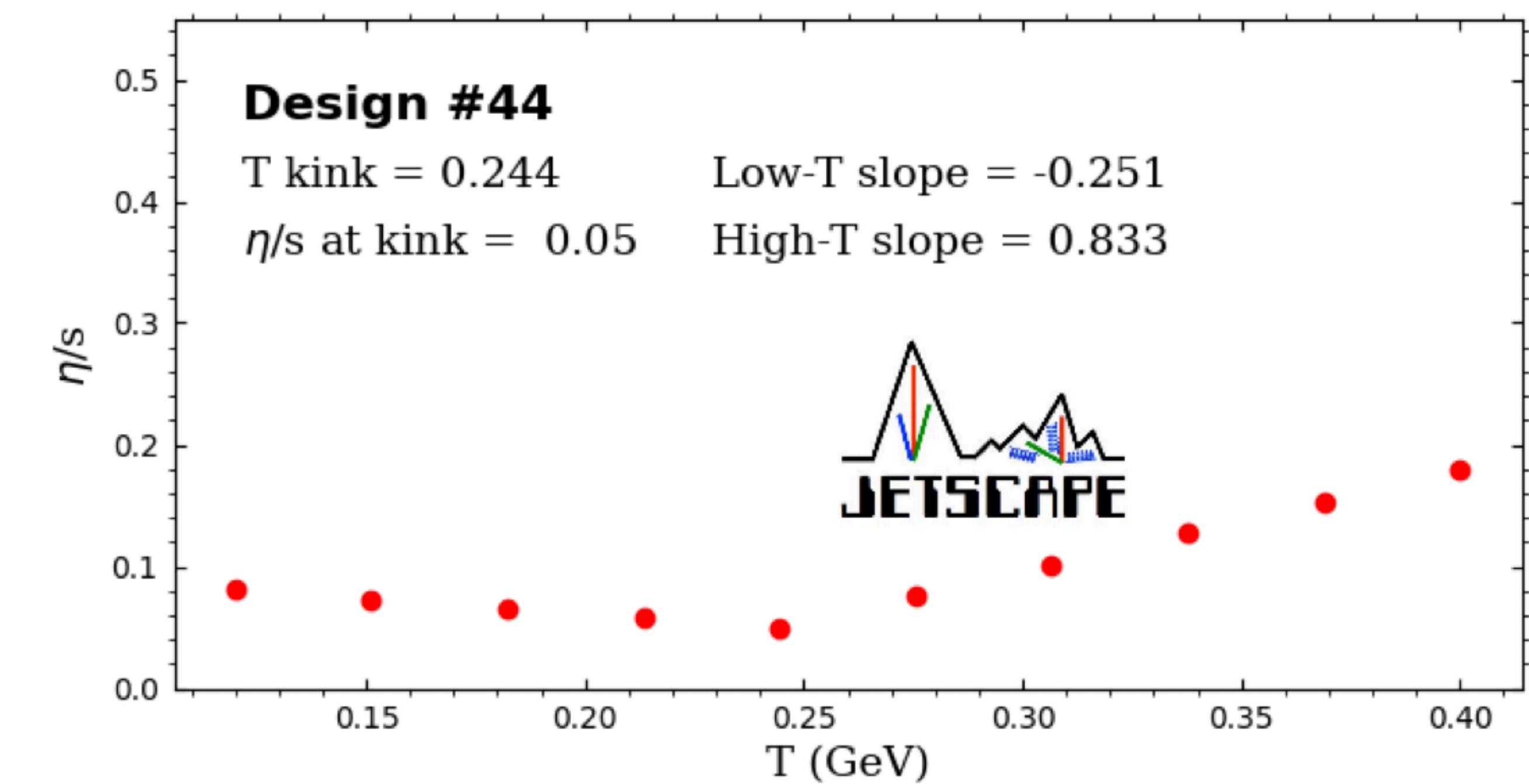
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Backup

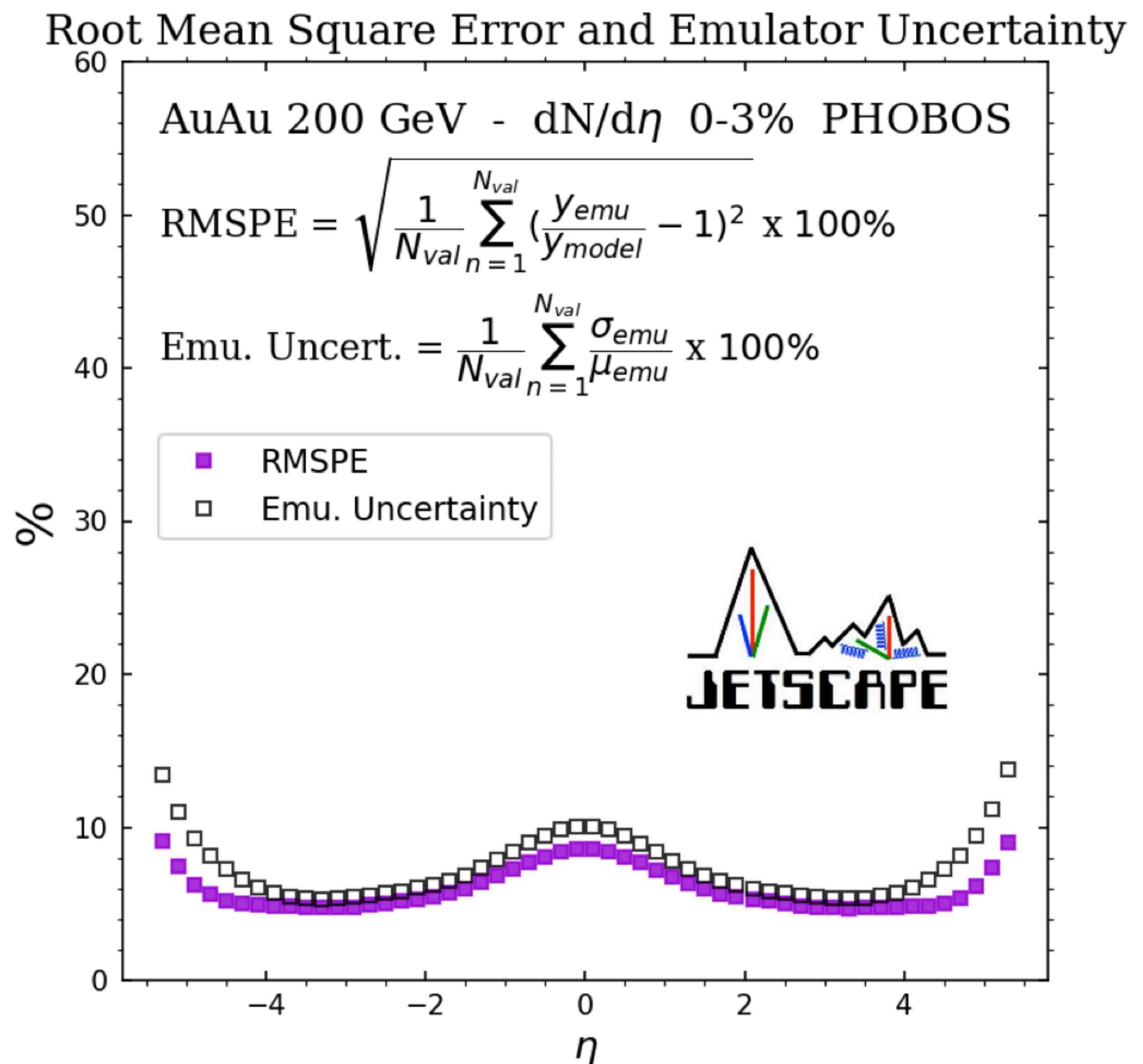
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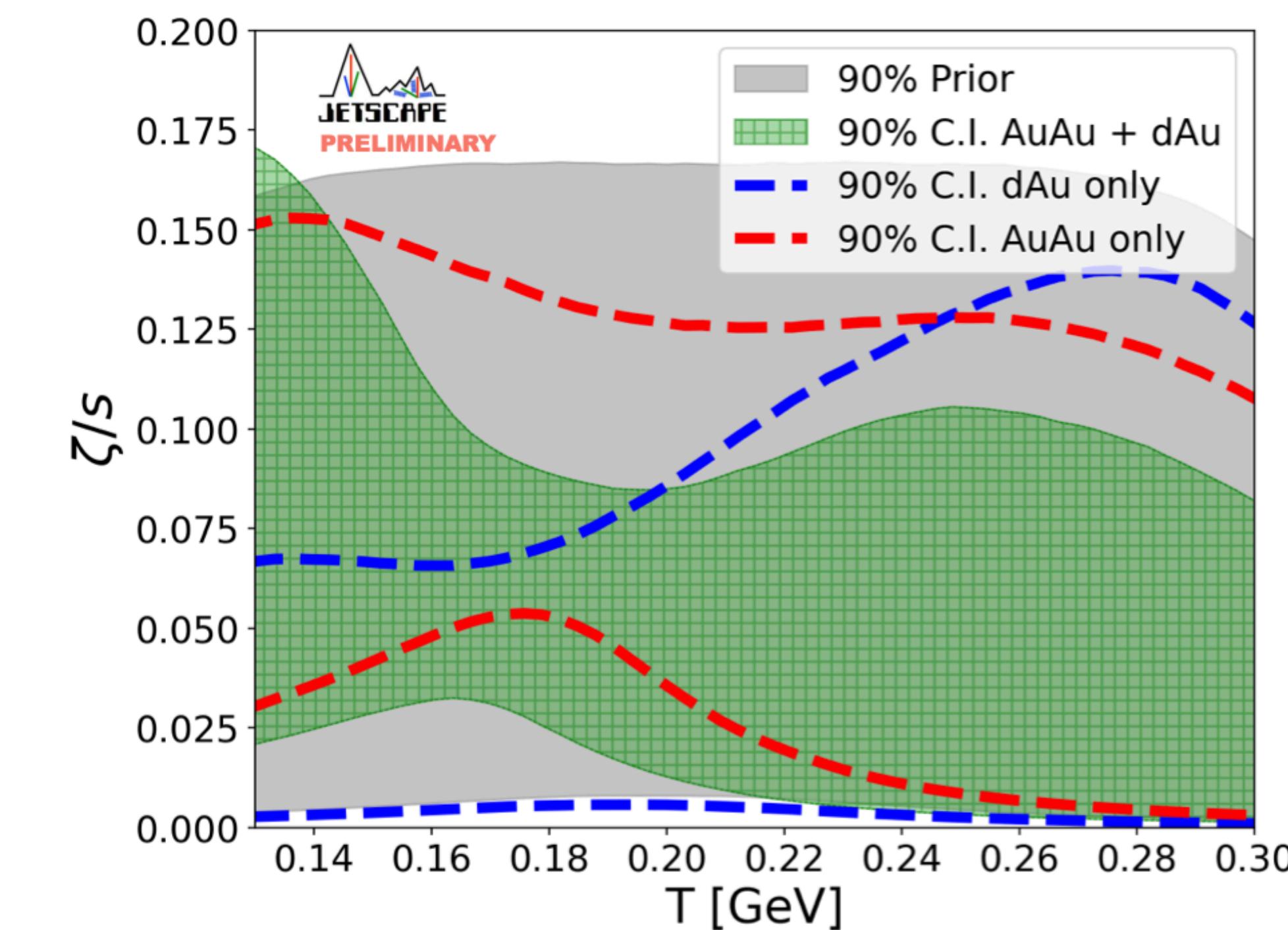
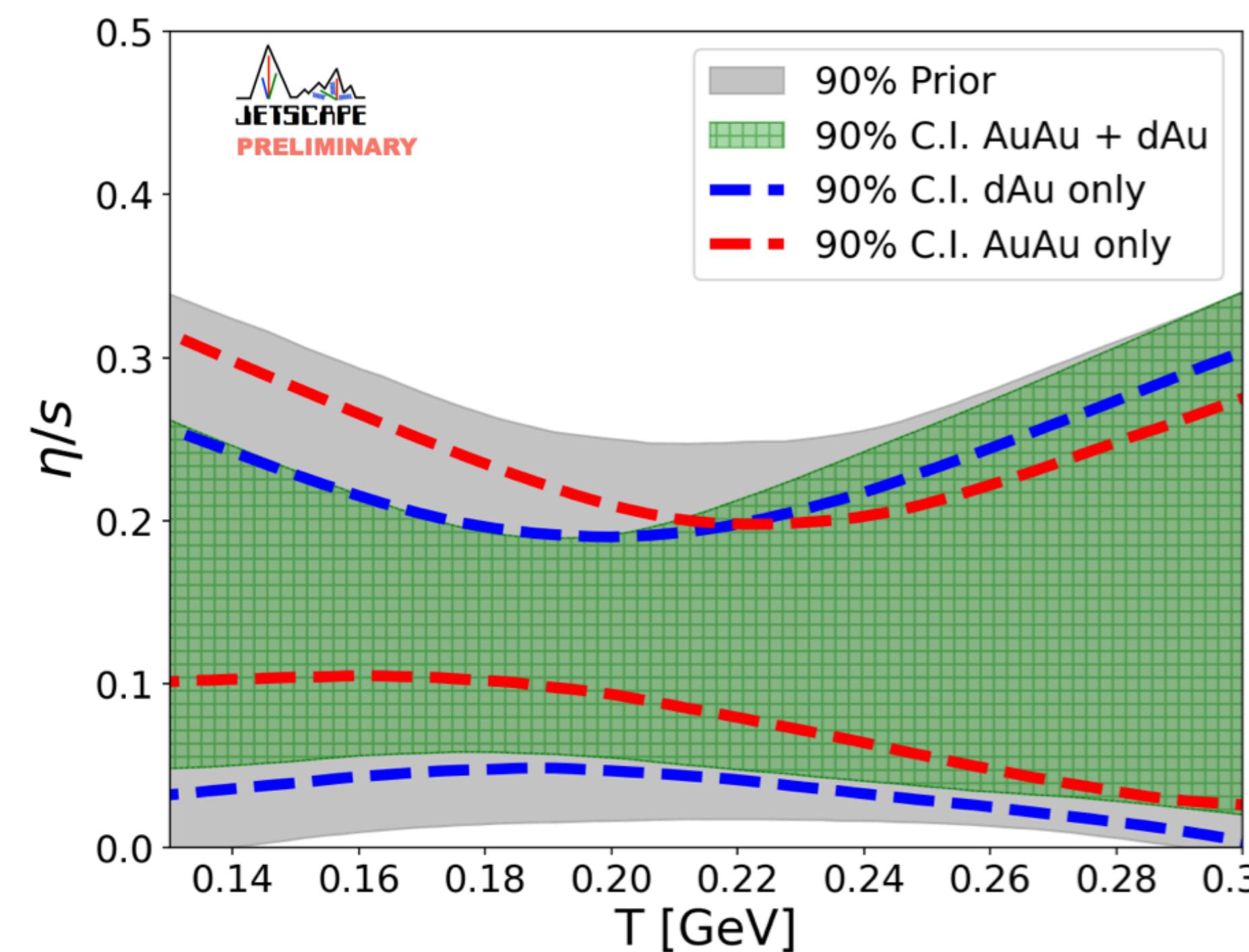
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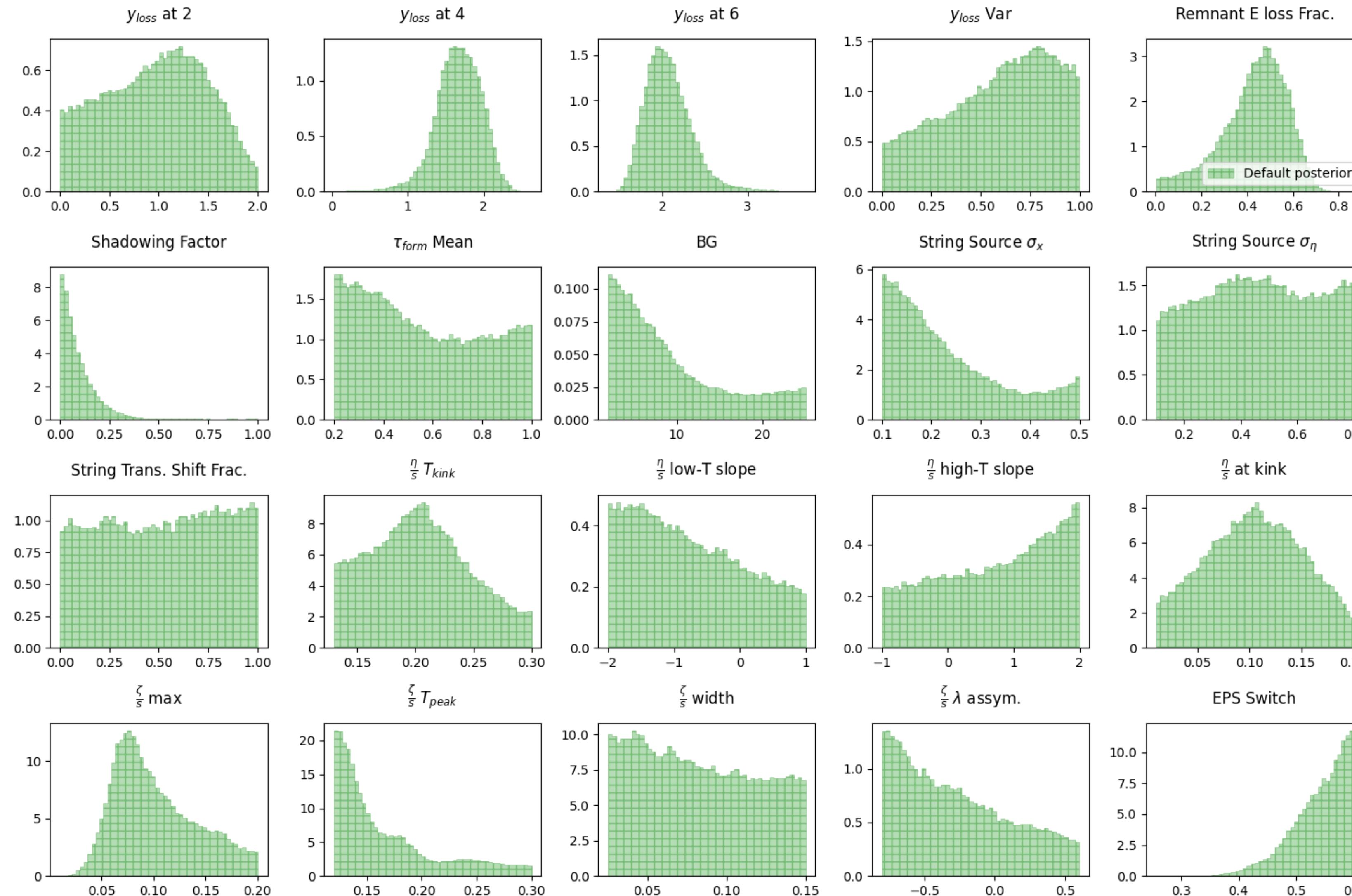


System dependence of constraints: viscosity parameters

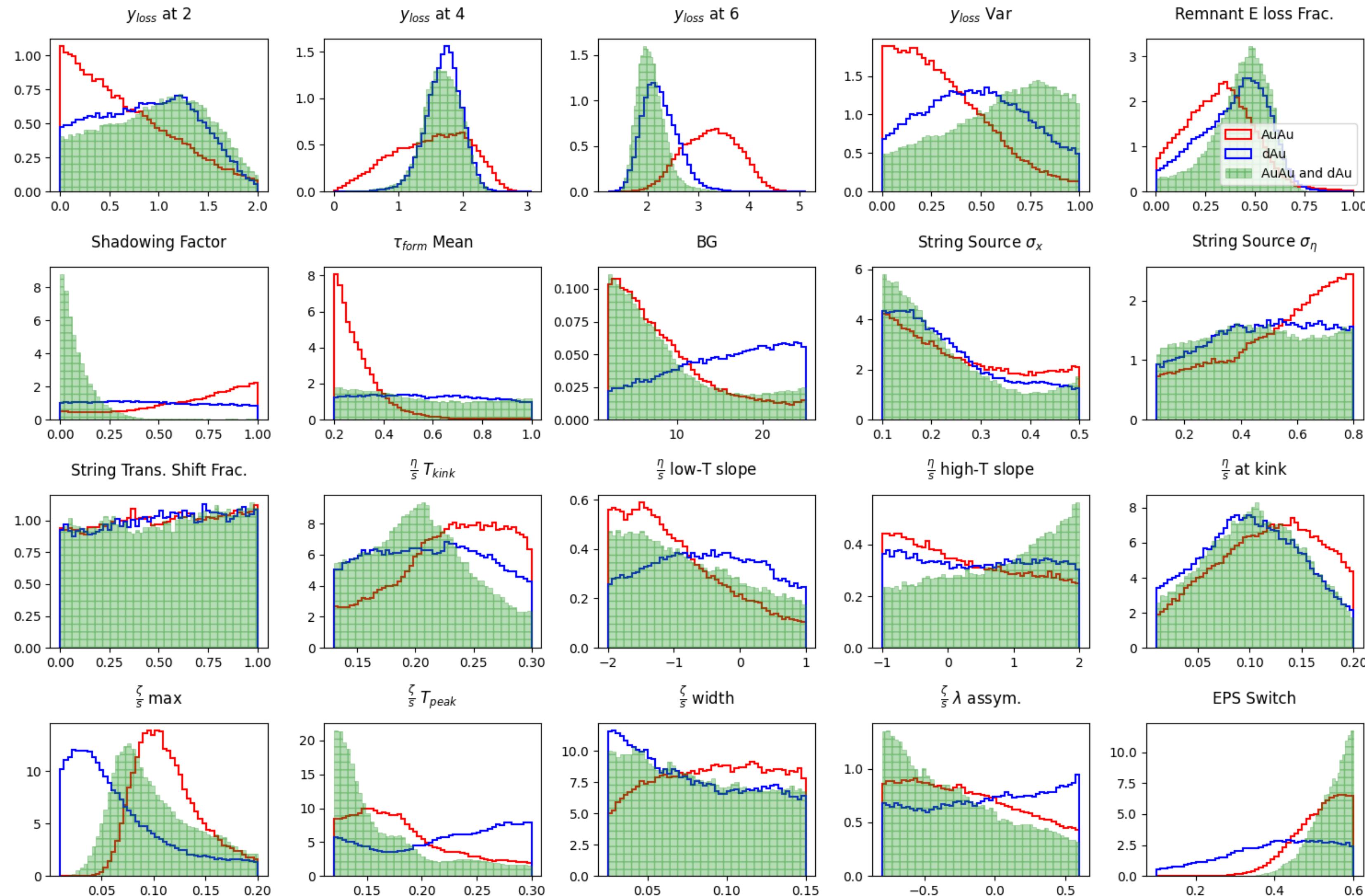
- Somewhat consistent individual system posteriors (Au-Au and d-Au)
- Stronger indication of finite viscosity from Au-Au (particularly at low T)
 - $\langle p_T \rangle$, centrality dependence, and small experimental uncertainties ($v_2(p_T)$)



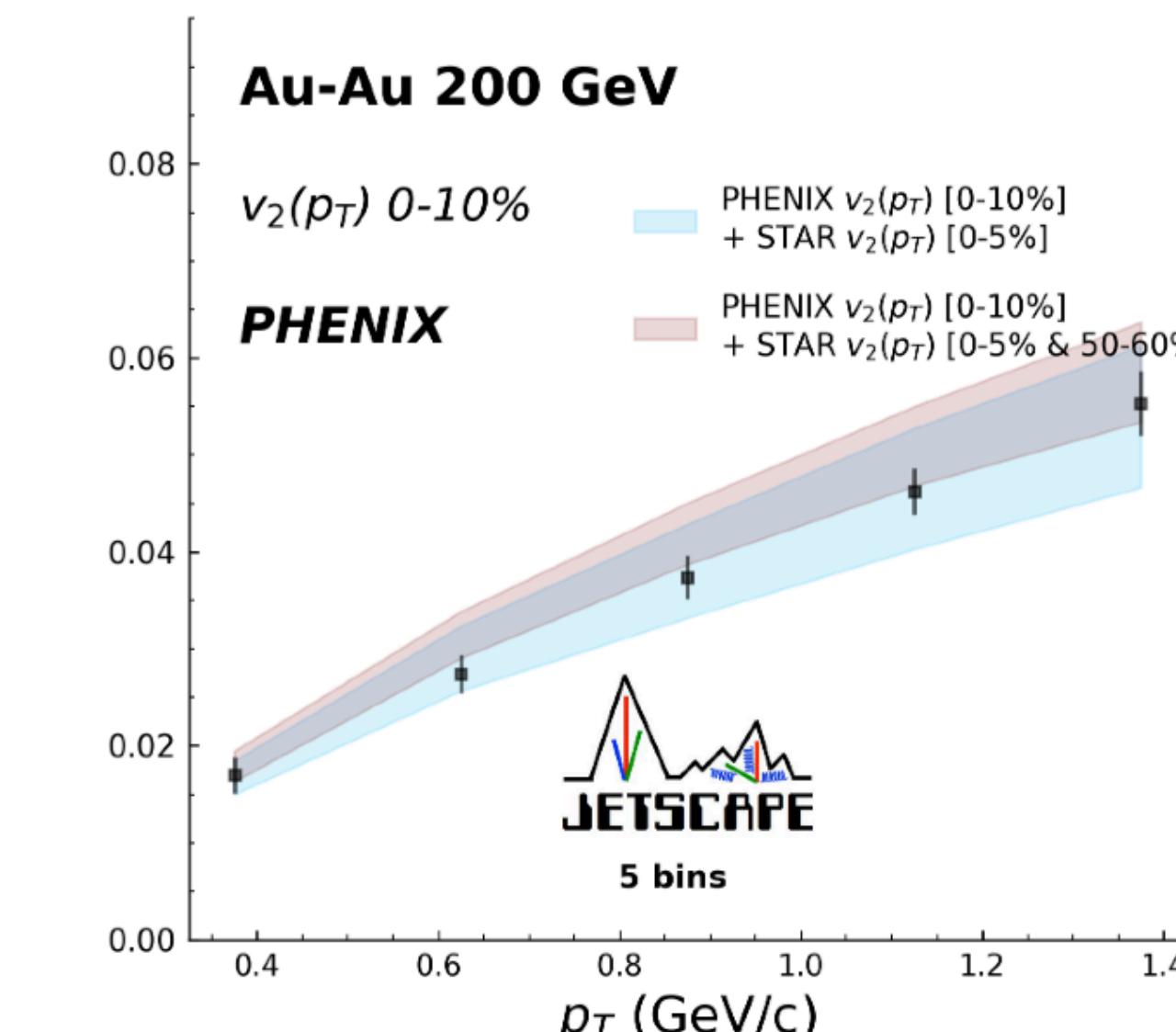
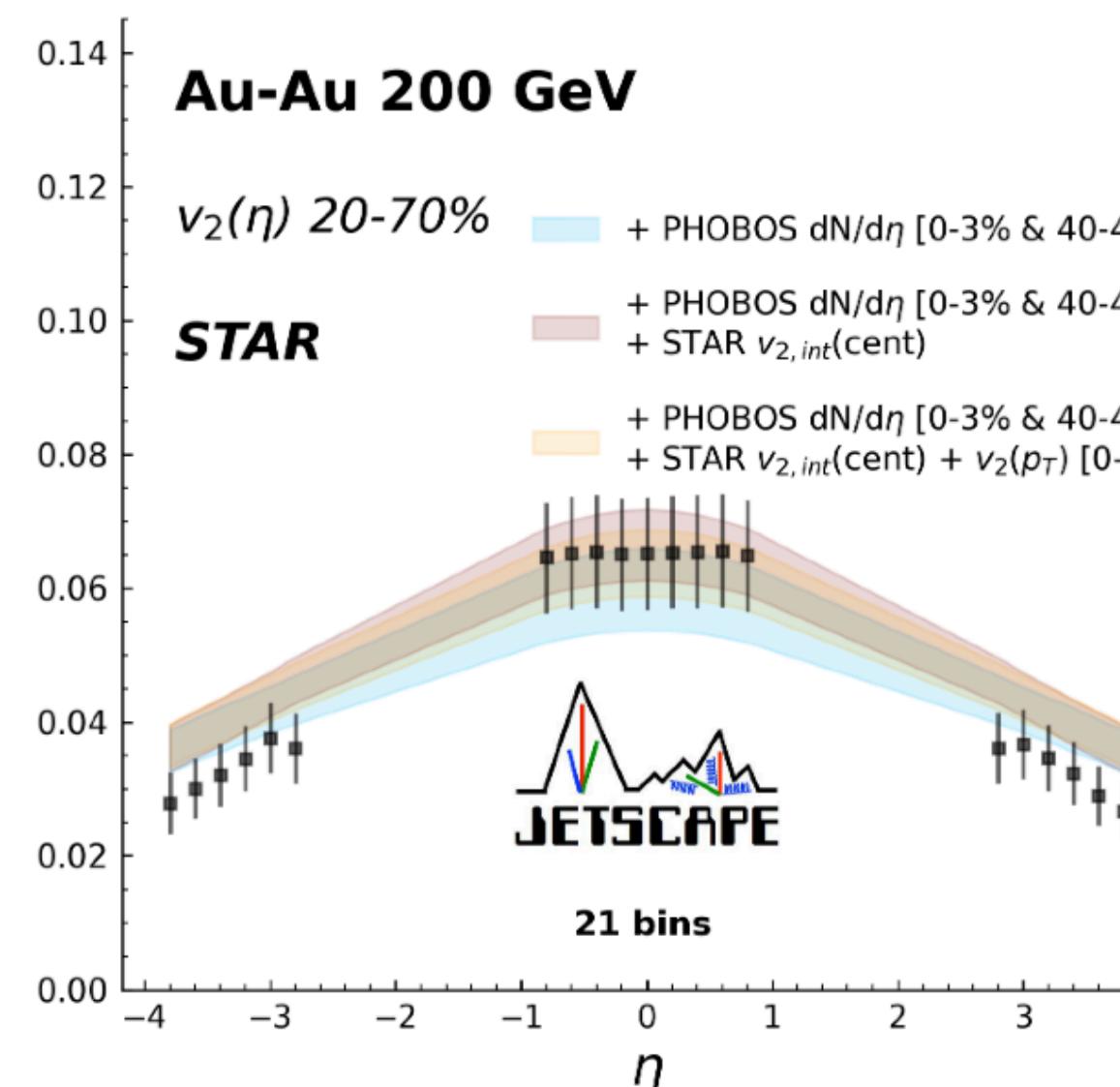
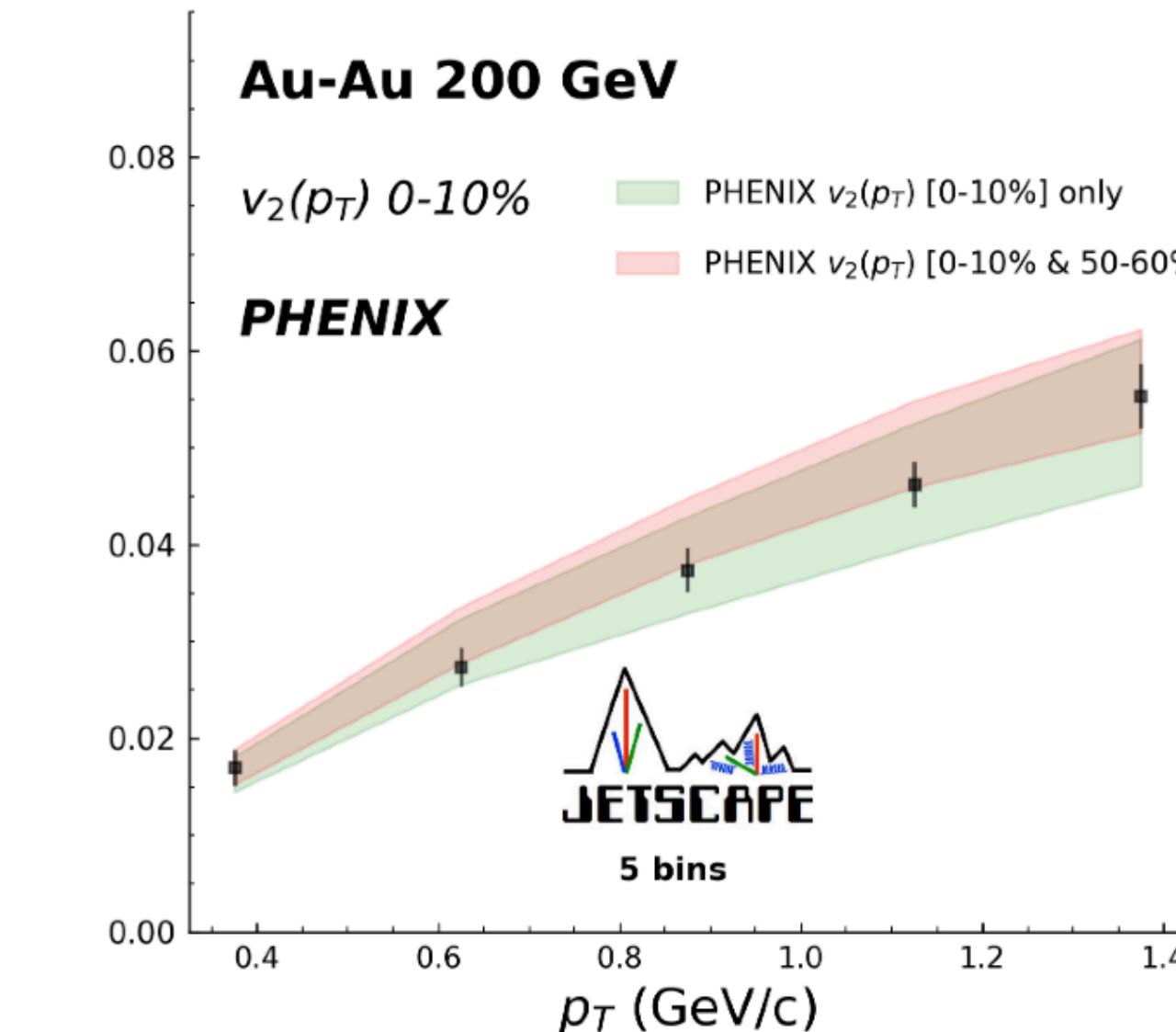
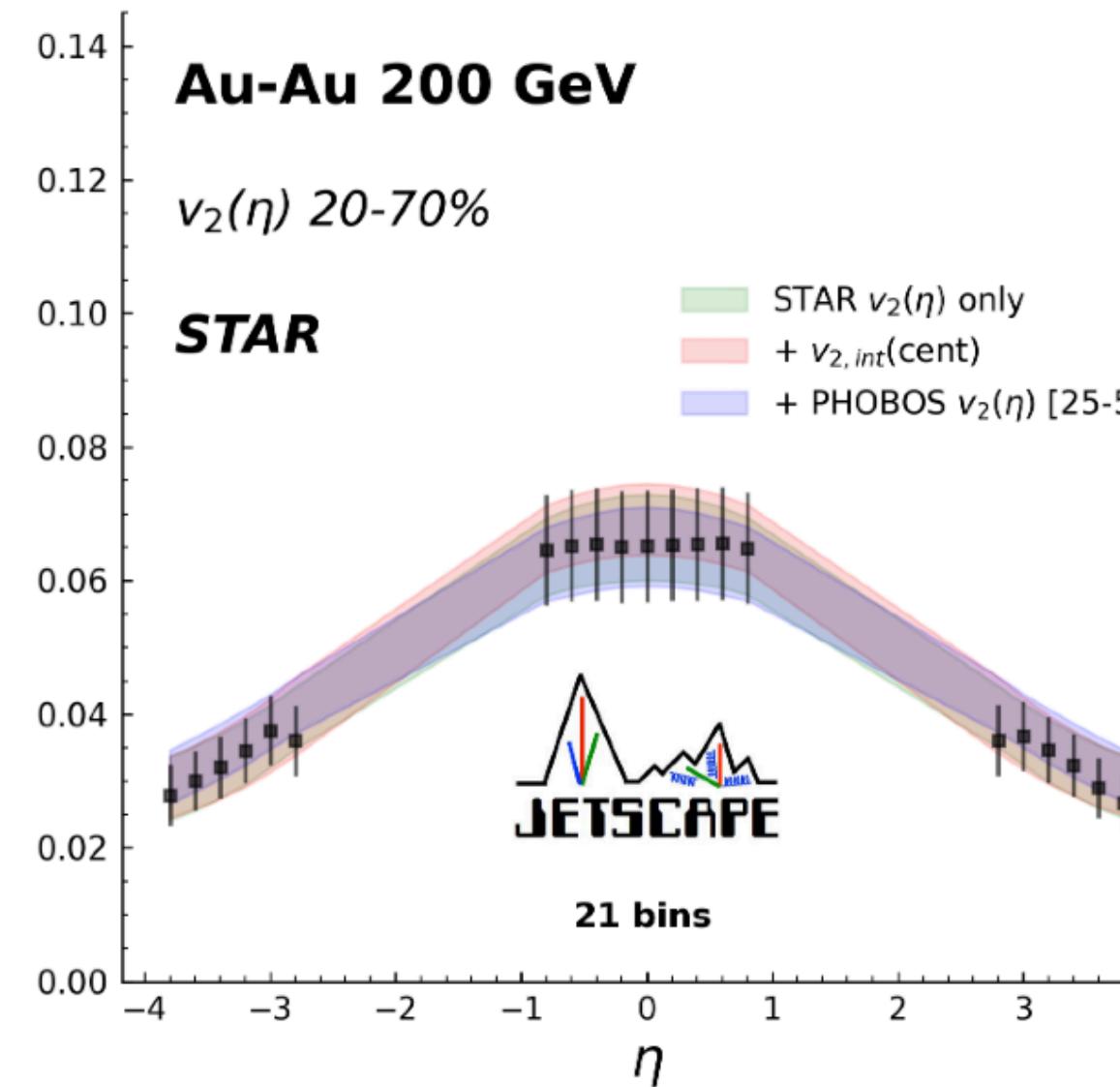
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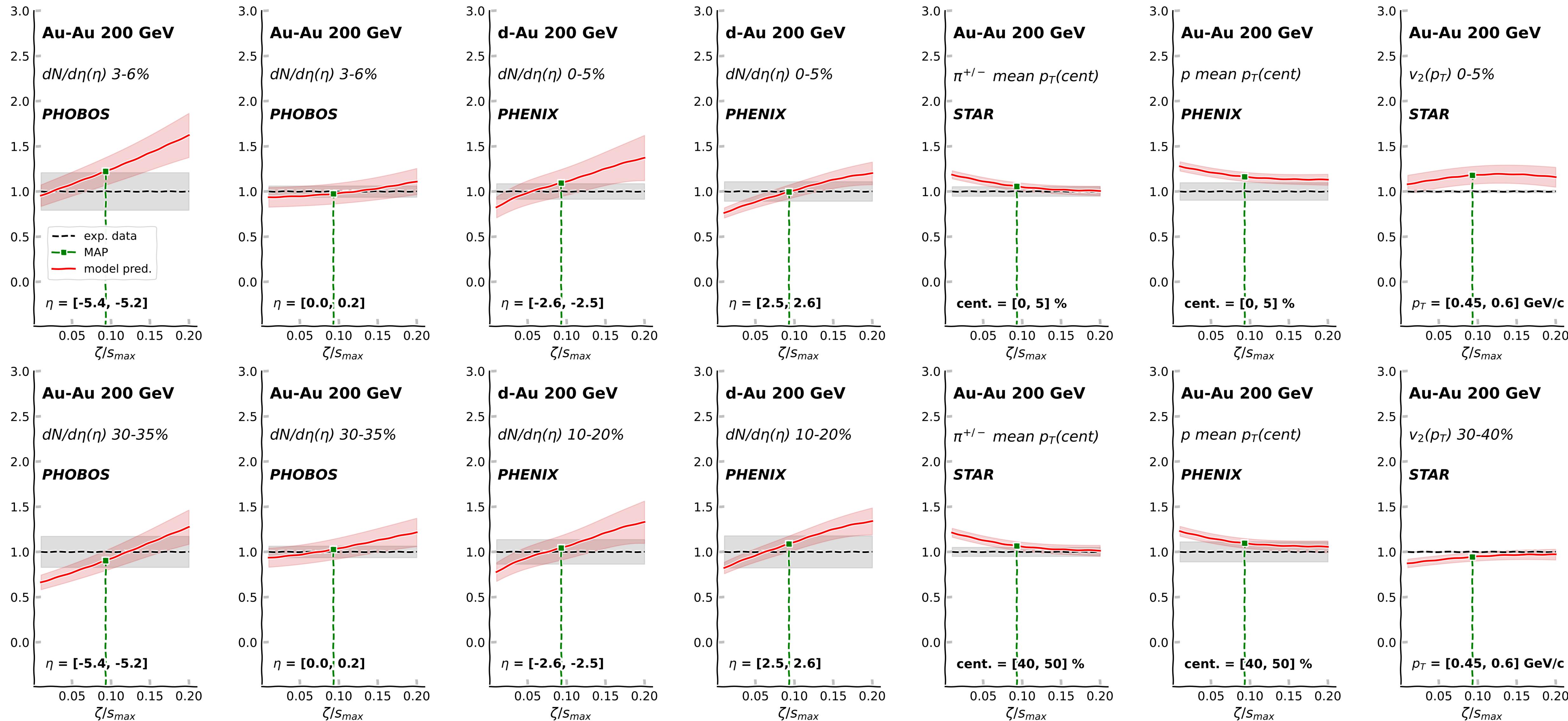
Full parameter posterior: system dependence



Model tension - $v_2(\eta)$ from STAR and $v_2(p_T)$ from PHENIX



Sensitivity to parameters - bulk viscosity



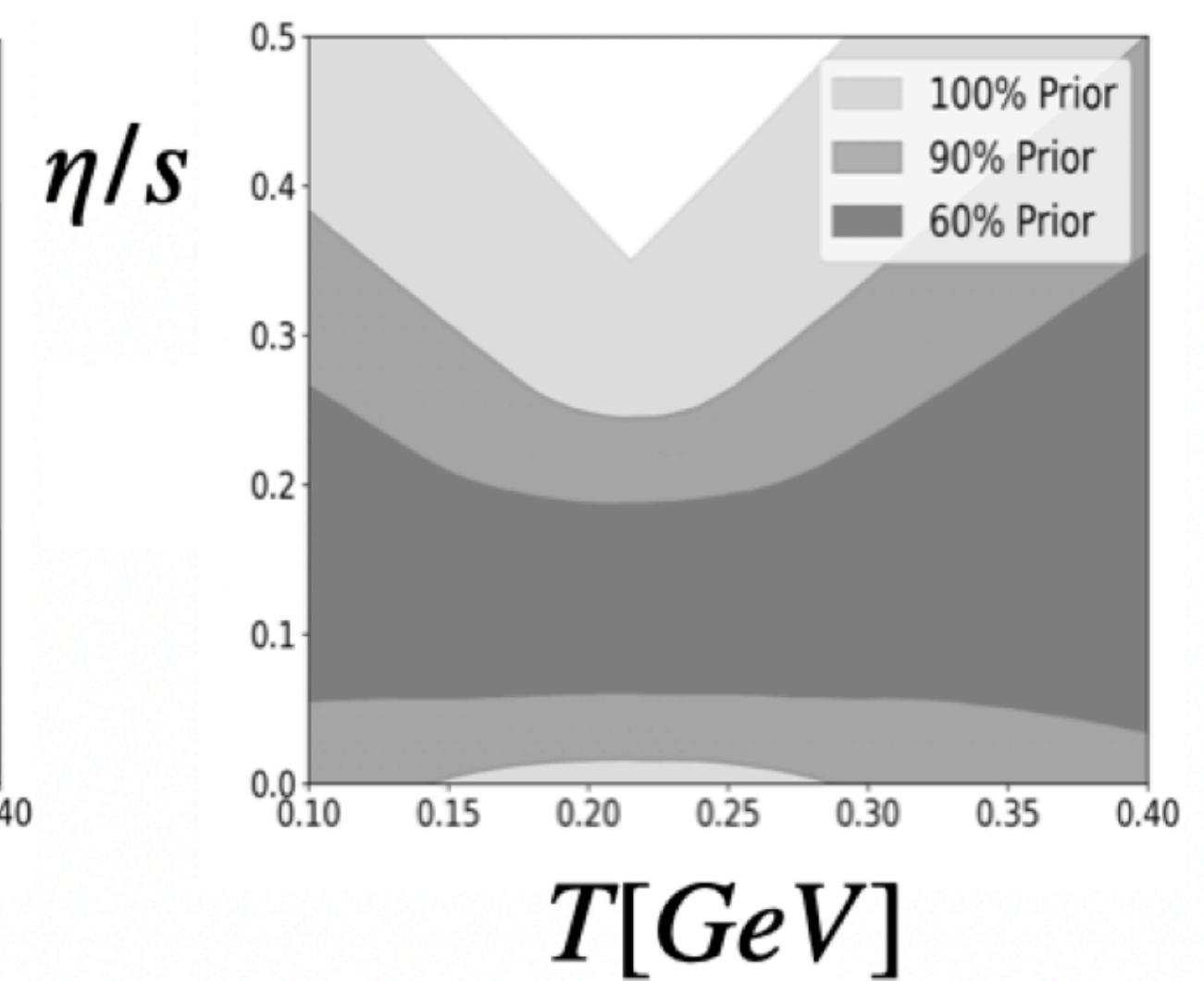
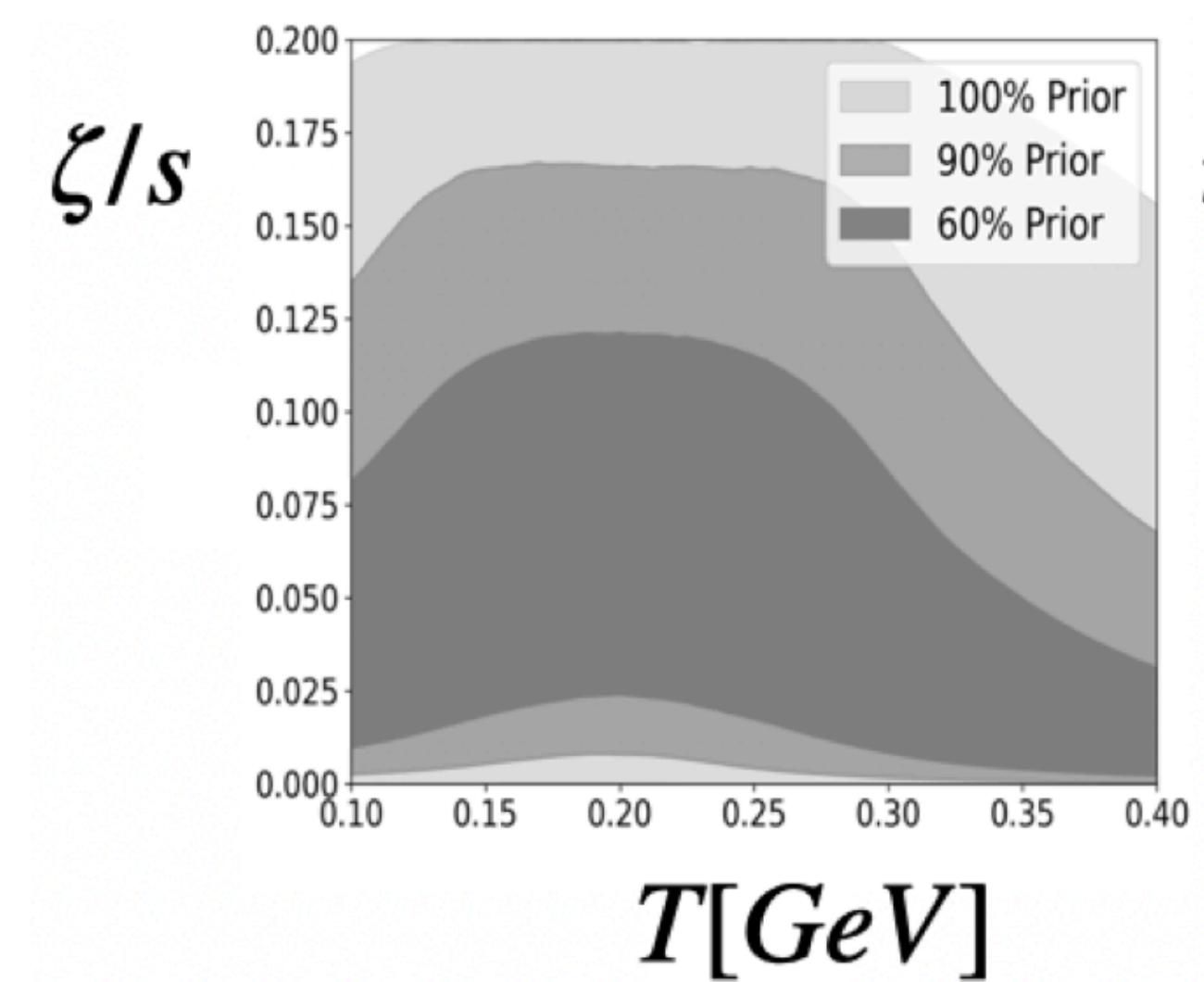
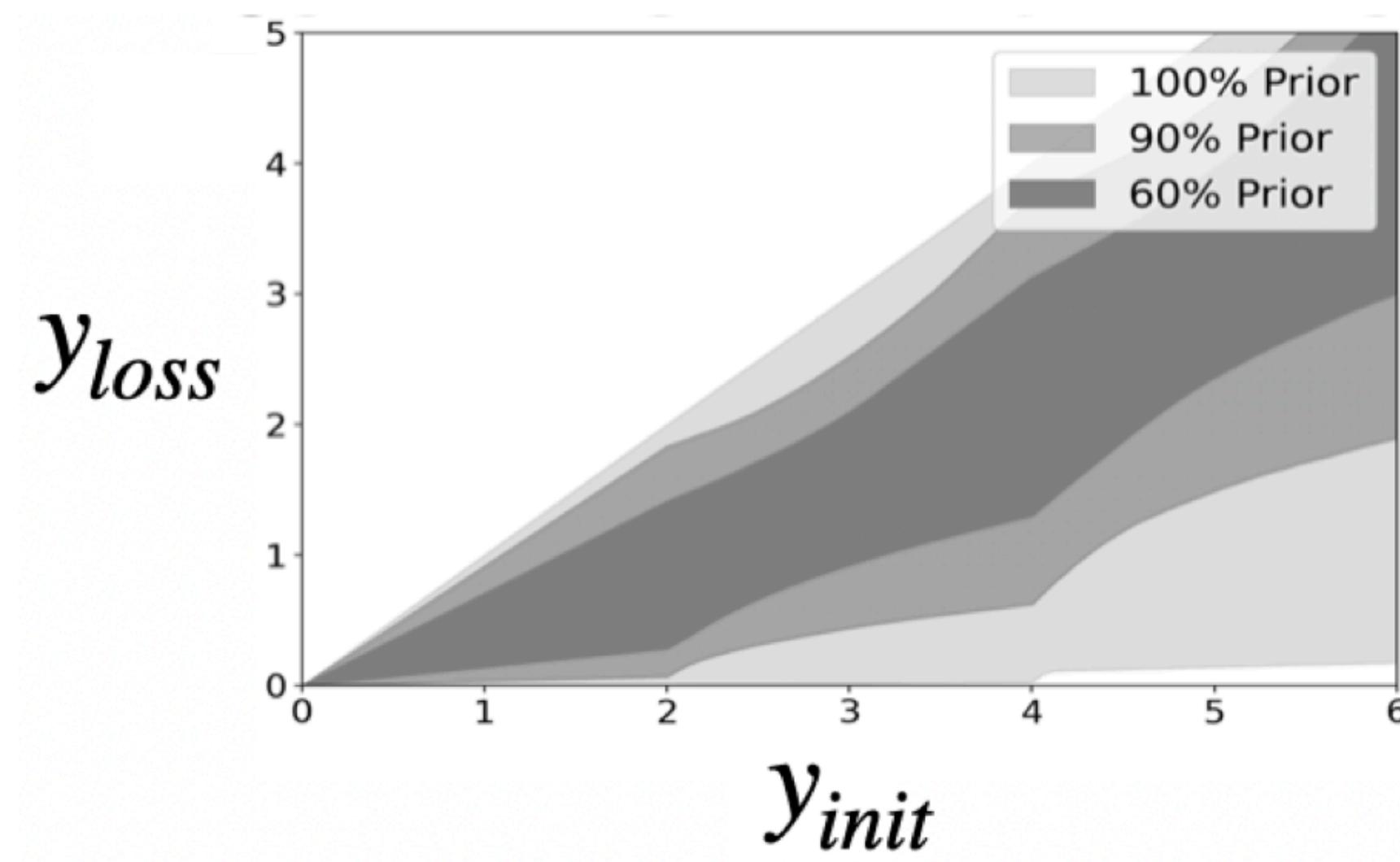
Summary of experimental data

	system	Experiment	cent.bins	data points
$dN_{ch}/d\eta(\eta)$	Au-Au	PHOBOS	11	594
$v_2(\eta)$	Au-Au	PHOBOS	3	48
$v_2(\eta)$	Au-Au	STAR	1	21
$v_2(p_T)$	Au-Au	PHENIX	6	30
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$v_3(\text{cent.})$	Au-Au	STAR	6	6
$\pi \langle pT \rangle(\text{cent.})$	Au-Au	STAR	7	7
$k \langle pT \rangle(\text{cent.})$	Au-Au	STAR	7	7
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$p \langle pT \rangle(\text{cent.})$	Au-Au	PHENIX	8	8
$dN_{ch}/d\eta(\eta)$	d-Au	PHOBOS	1	54
$dN_{ch}/d\eta(\eta)$	d-Au	PHENIX	3	102
$v_2(\eta)$	d-Au	PHENIX	1	14
$v_2(p_T)$	d-Au	PHENIX	1	5
$v_2(p_T)$	d-Au	STAR	1	5
Total				978

The model parameters and their priors

Parameter	Collision Stage	Prior Range
$y_{loss,2}$	Initial State	[0,2]
$y_{loss,4}$	Initial State	[$y_{loss,2}, 4$]
$y_{loss,6}$	Initial State	[$y_{loss,4}, 6$]
$\sigma_{y_{loss}}$	Initial State	[0,1]
α_{rem}	Initial State	[0,1]
Shadowing Factor	Initial State	[0,1]
τ_{form} Mean	Initial State	[0.2,1]
B_G [1/GeV ²]	Initial State	[2,25]
String Source σ_x [fm]	Initial State	[0.1,0.5]
String Source σ_η	Initial State	[0.1,0.8]
String Trans. Shift Frac.	Initial State	[0,1]
$\frac{\eta}{s} T_{kink}$ [GeV]	Hydro	[0.13,0.3]
$\frac{\eta}{s}$ low-T slope	Hydro	[-2,1]
$\frac{\eta}{s}$ high-T slope	Hydro	[-1,2]
$\frac{\eta}{s}$ at kink	Hydro	[0.01,0.2]
$\frac{\zeta}{s}$ max	Hydro	[0.01,0.2]
$\frac{\zeta}{s} T_{peak}$ [GeV]	Hydro	[0.12,0.3]
$\frac{\zeta}{s}$ width	Hydro	[0.025,0.15]
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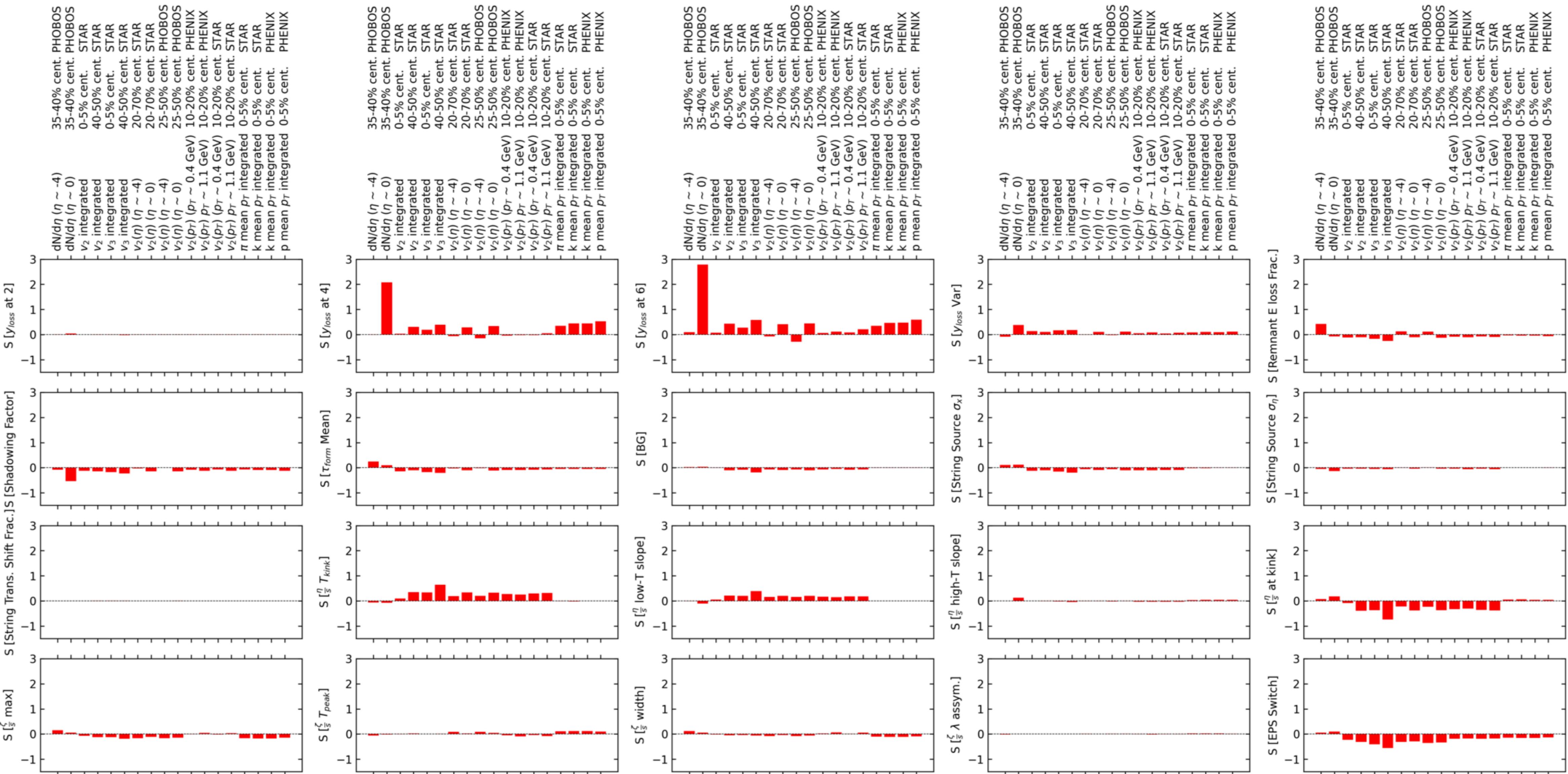
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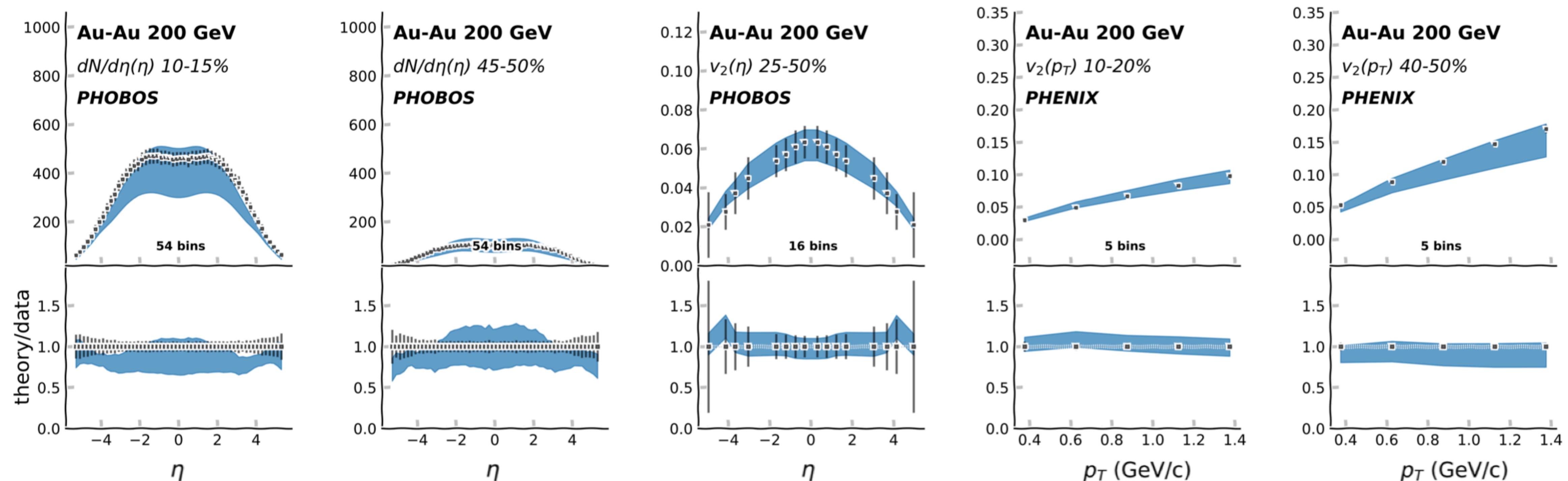
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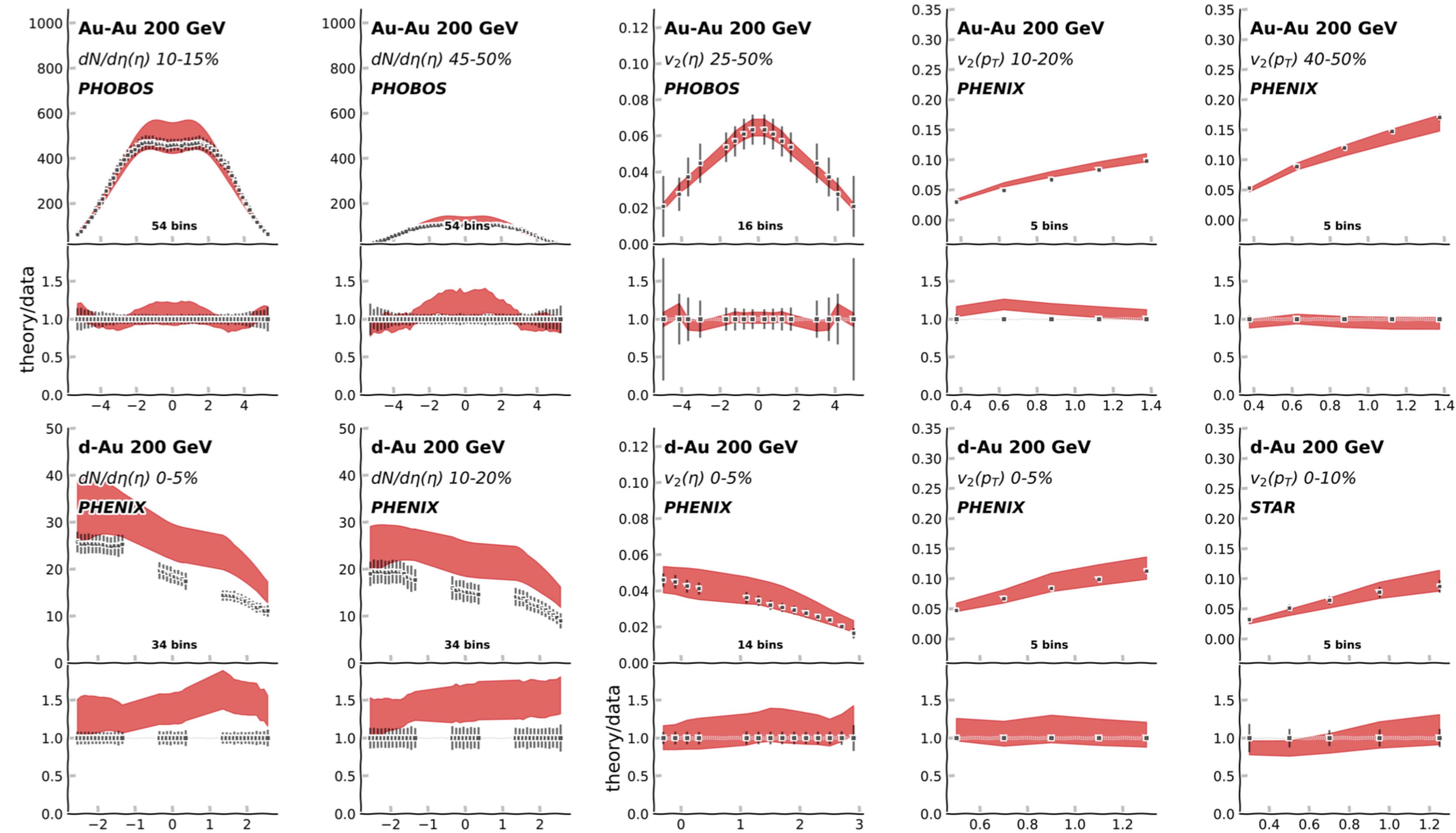


Calibrating on a single collision system

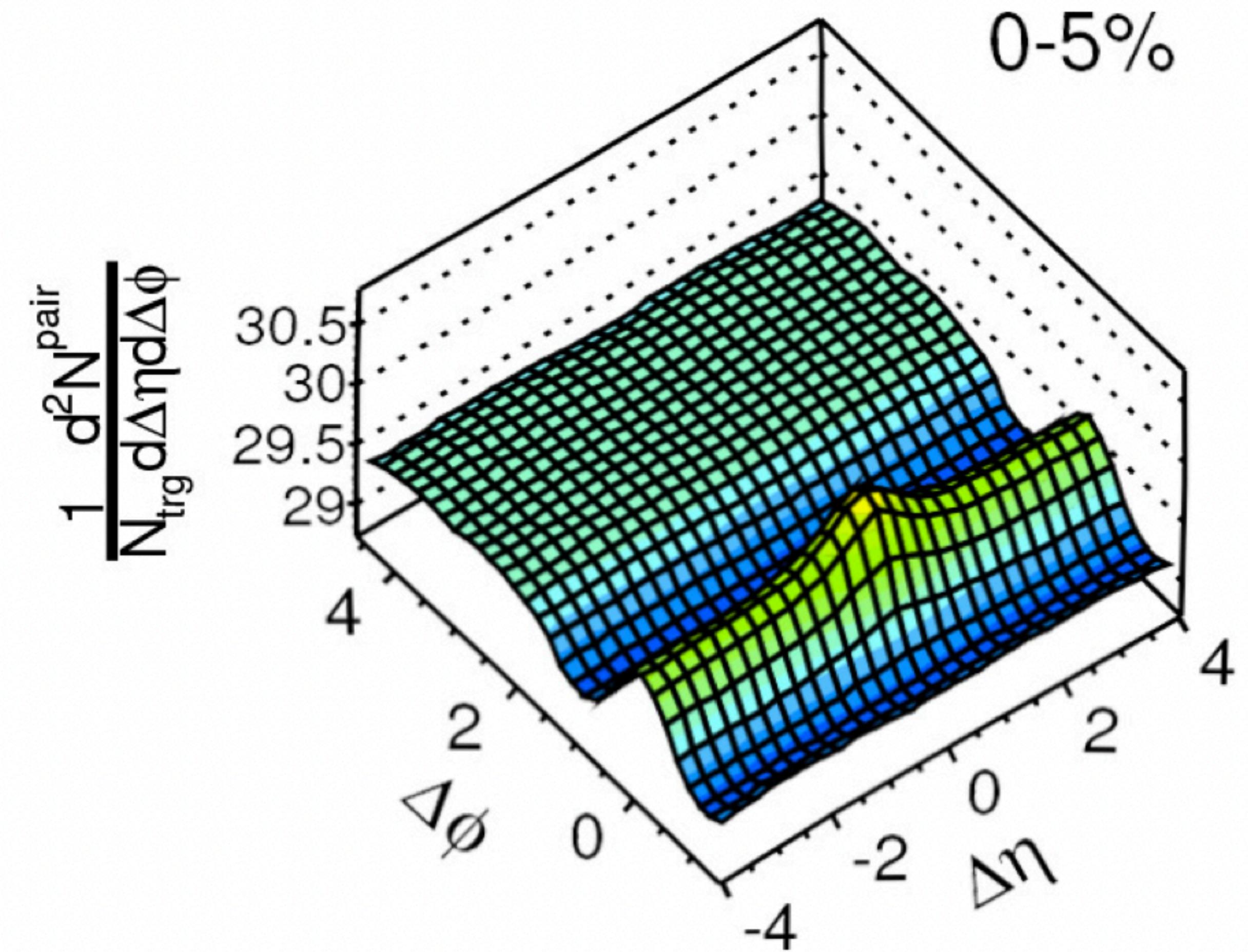
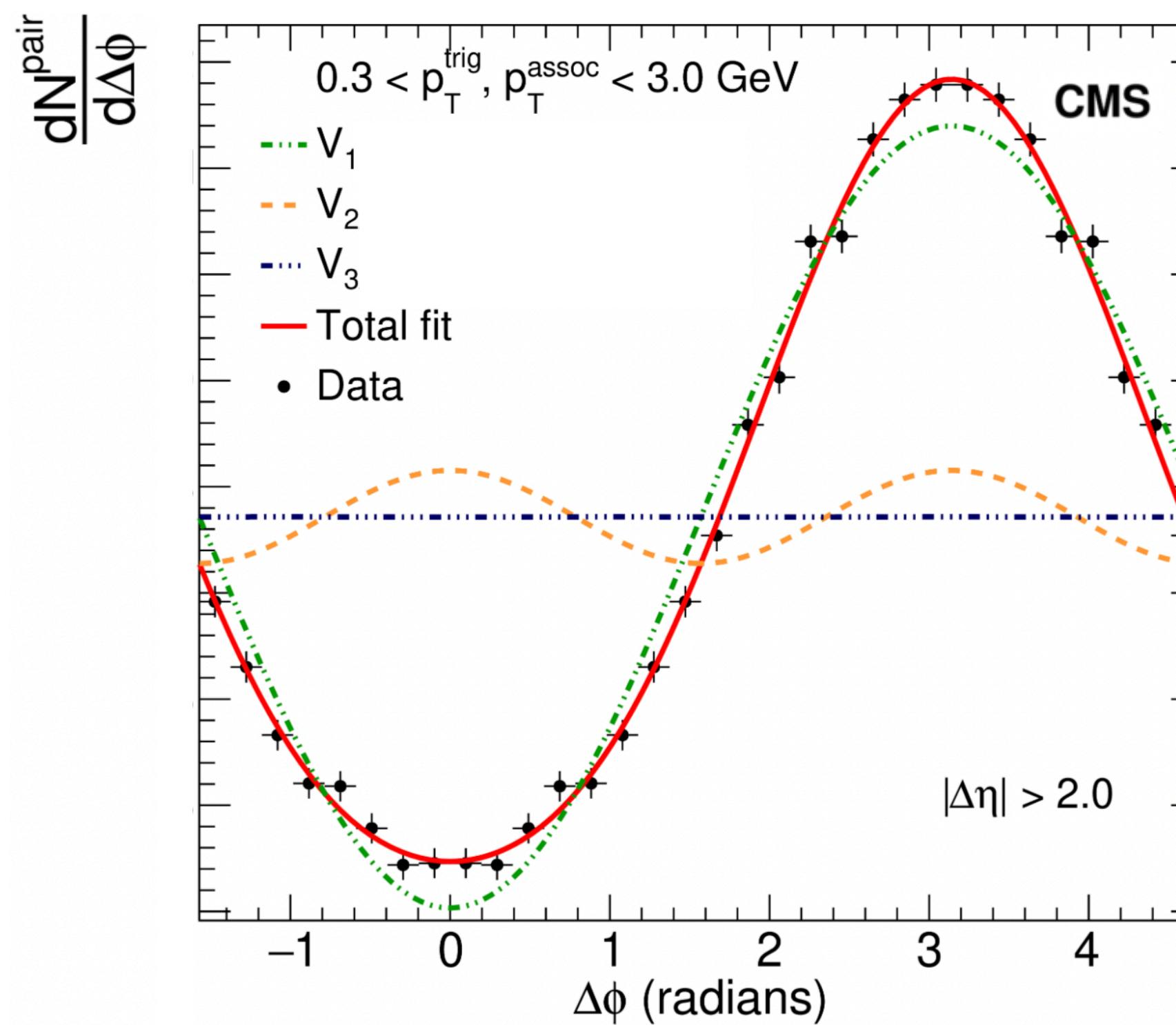
- Model constrained on only d-Au data describes Au-Au observables



Observables from calibrated model: Au-Au-only fit



2pc $\Delta\phi$ distribution and correlation function



Likelihood function

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{y}_e | \boldsymbol{\theta}, I) = \frac{1}{(2\pi|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|)^{N/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{y}^T(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \Delta \mathbf{y}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]$$

The Model: 3D Initial State and Hydrodynamics

Impose energy
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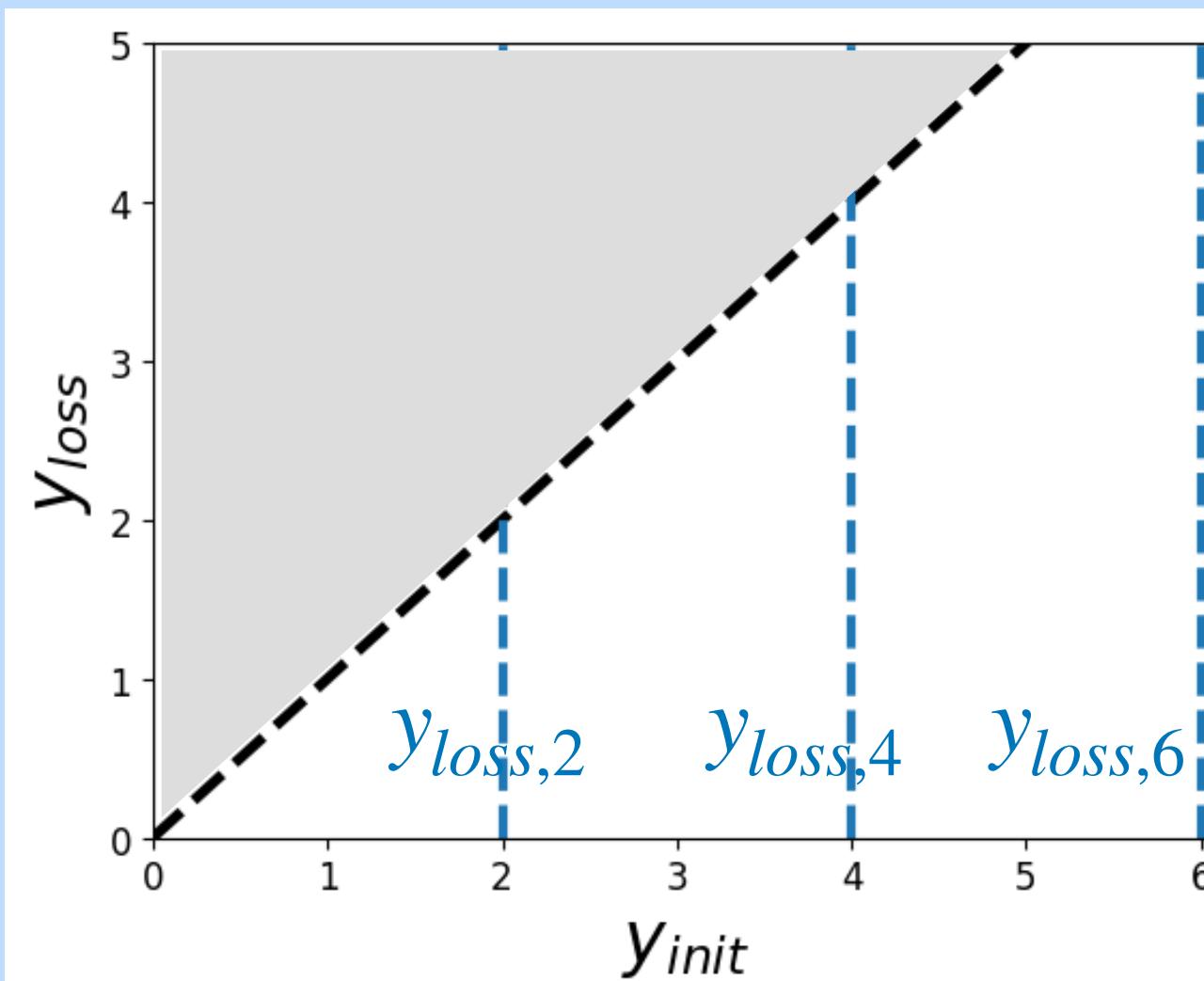
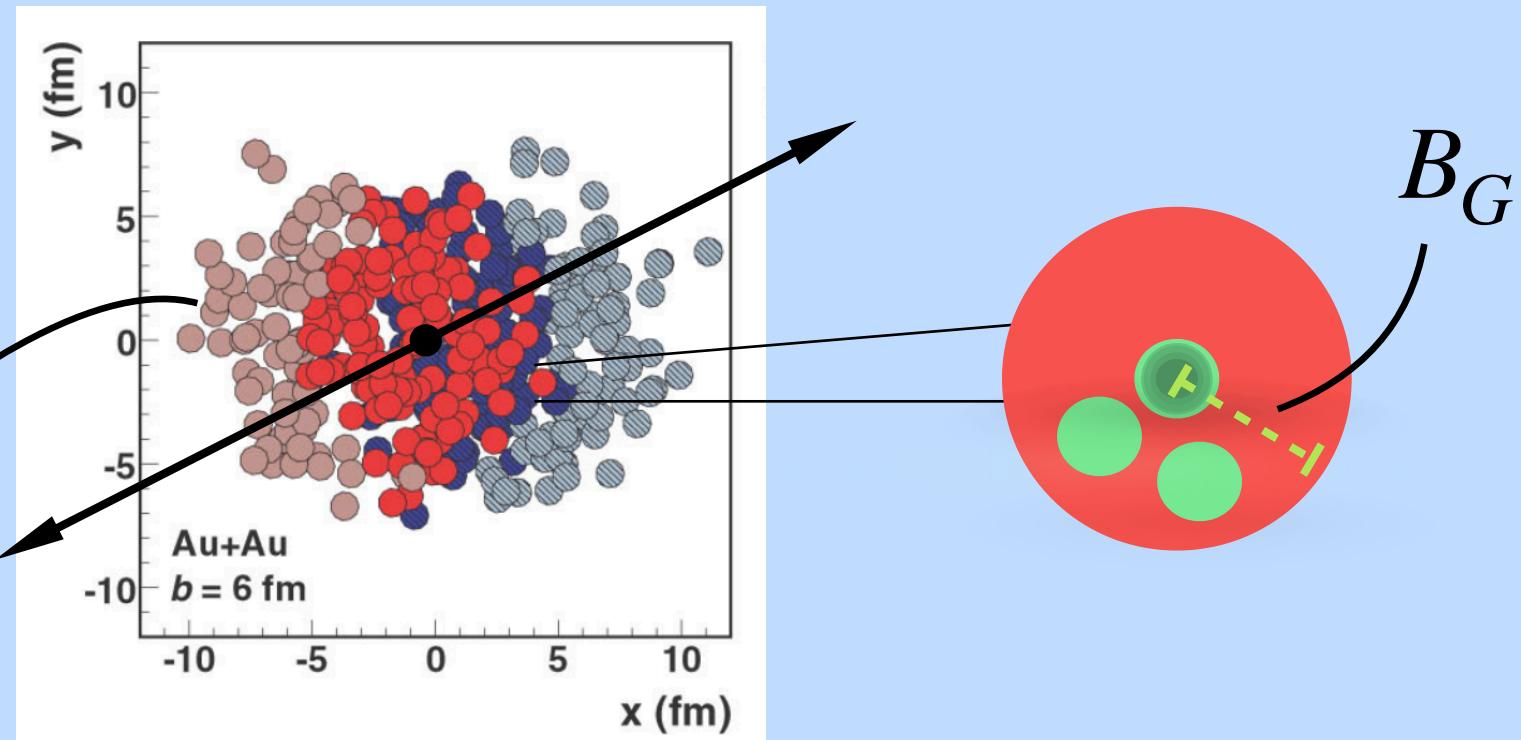
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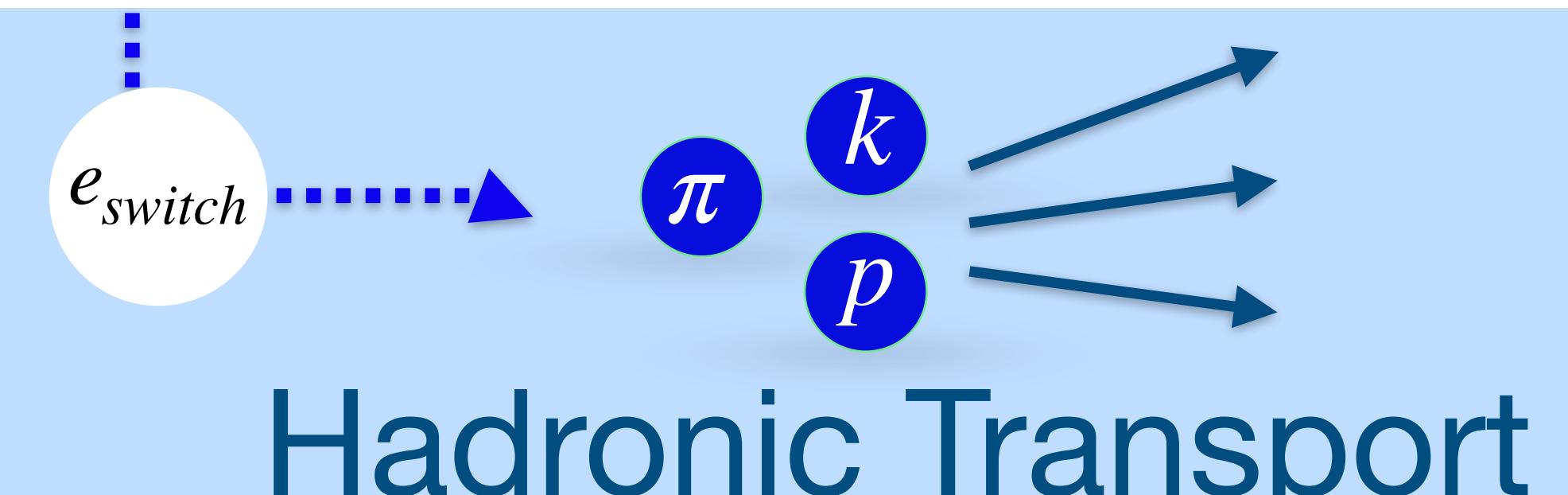
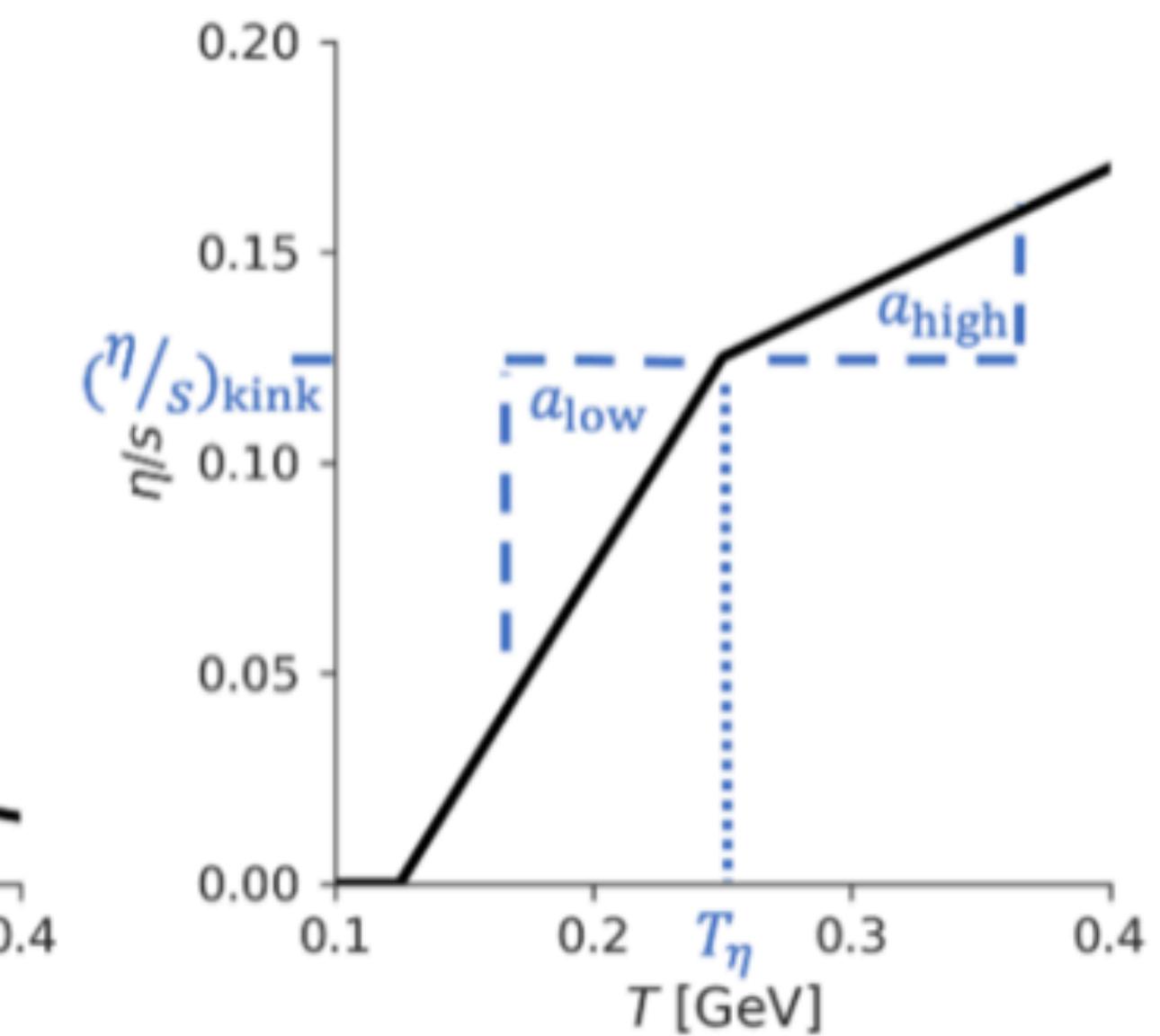
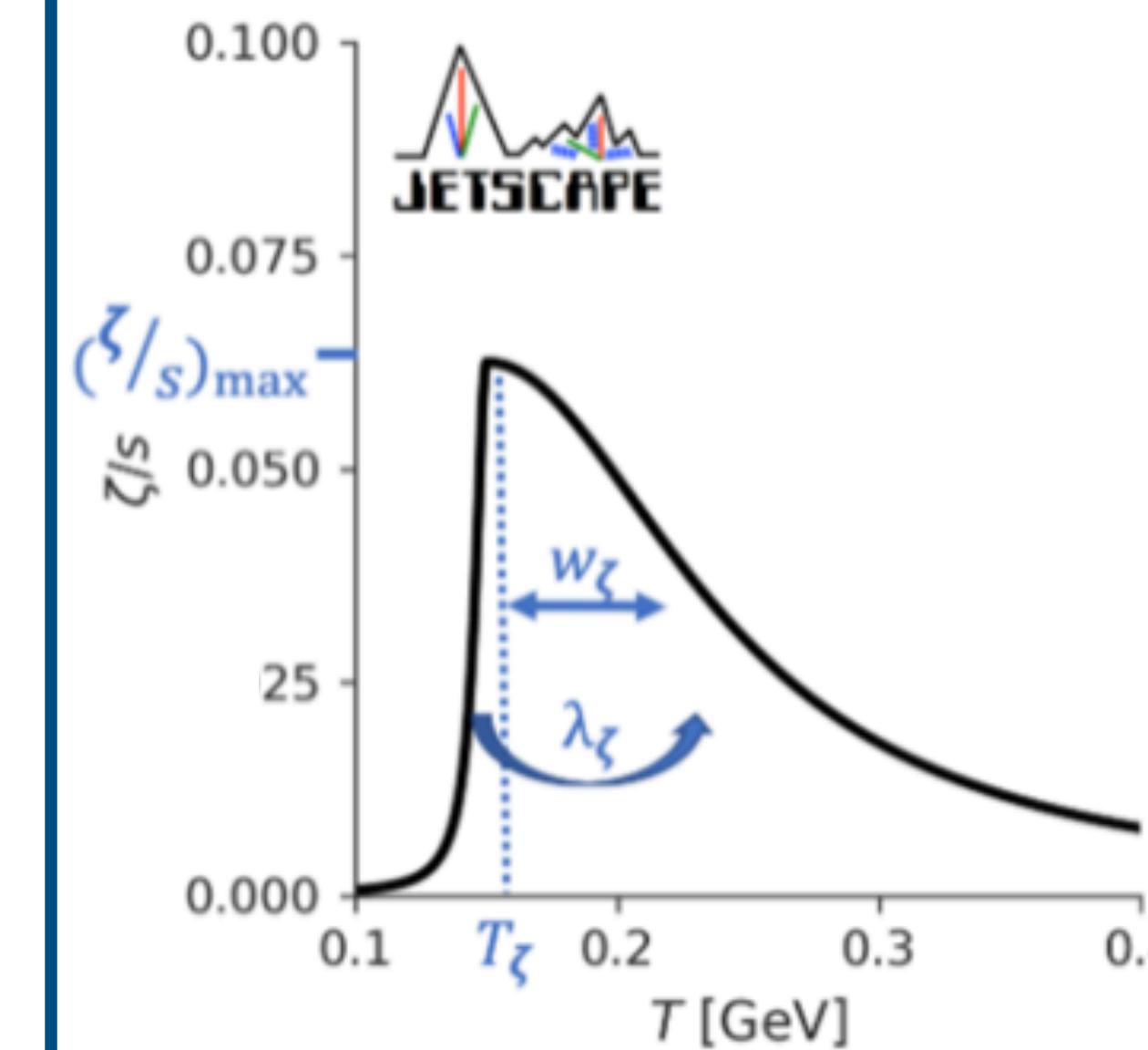
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