

Bayesian inference of the magnetic field and chemical potential on holographic jet quenching in heavy-ion collisions

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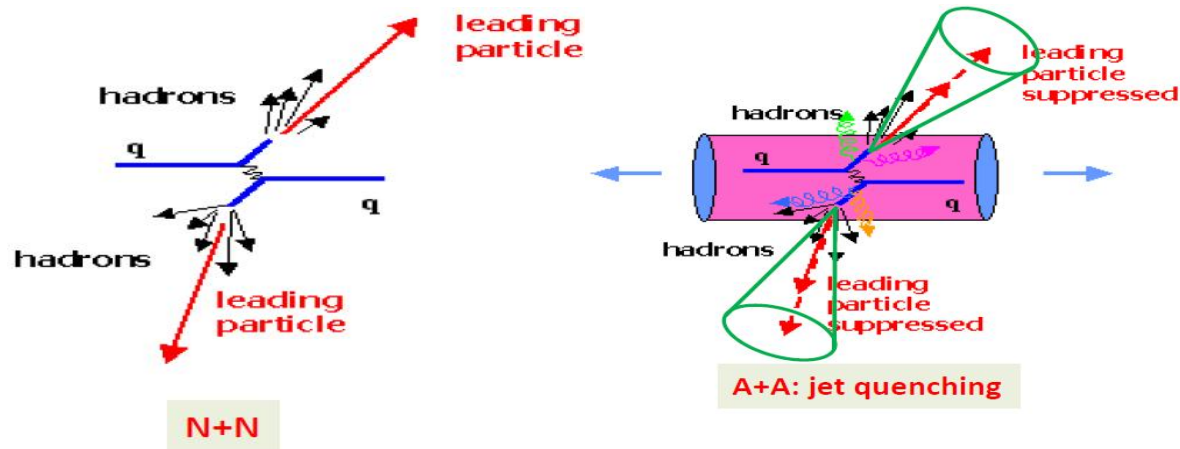
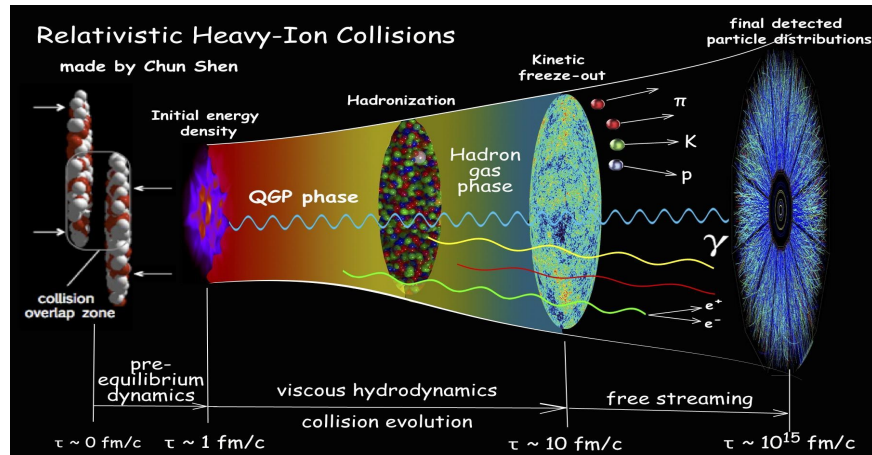
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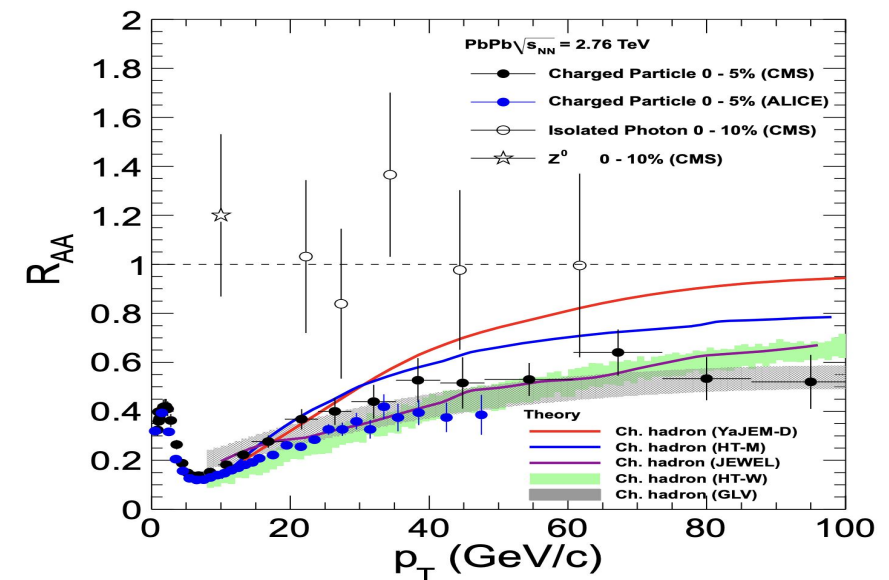
Introduction



Jet quenching mainly originates from parton energy loss in hot QGP

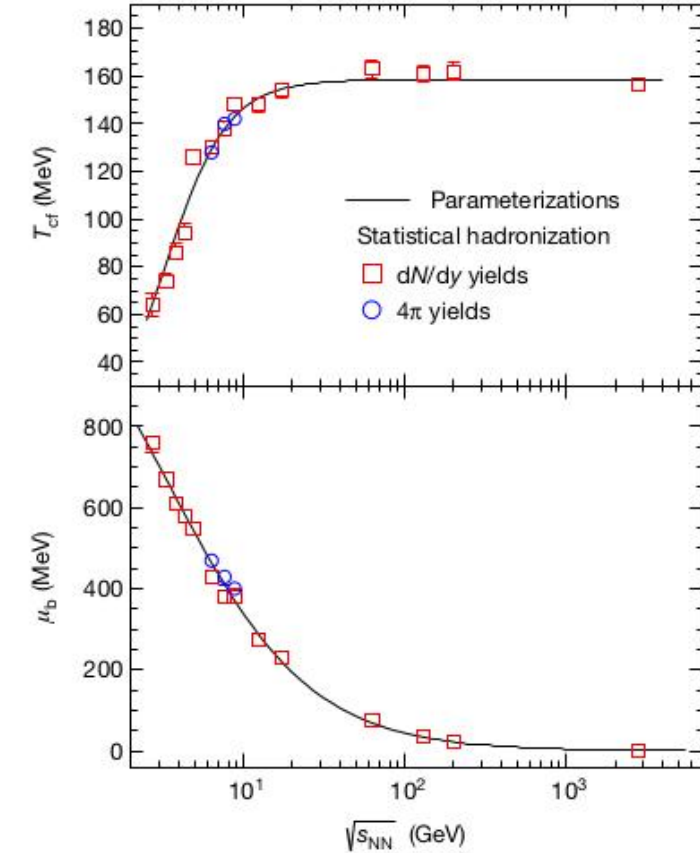
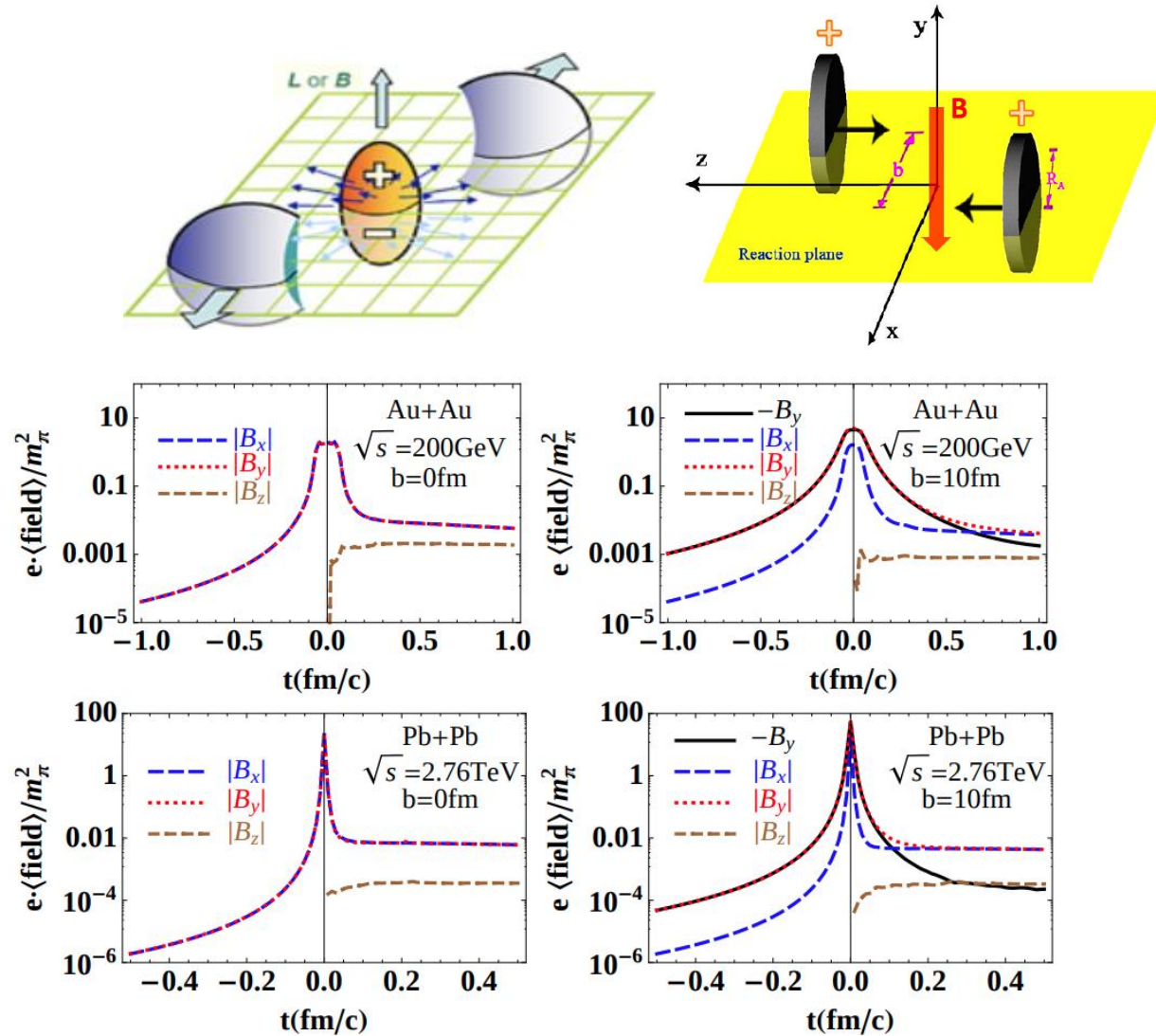
Nuclear modification factor :

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN^{AA}/d^2p_T dy}{N_{coll} dN^{pp}/d^2p_T dy}$$



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Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 62, 361 (2012)

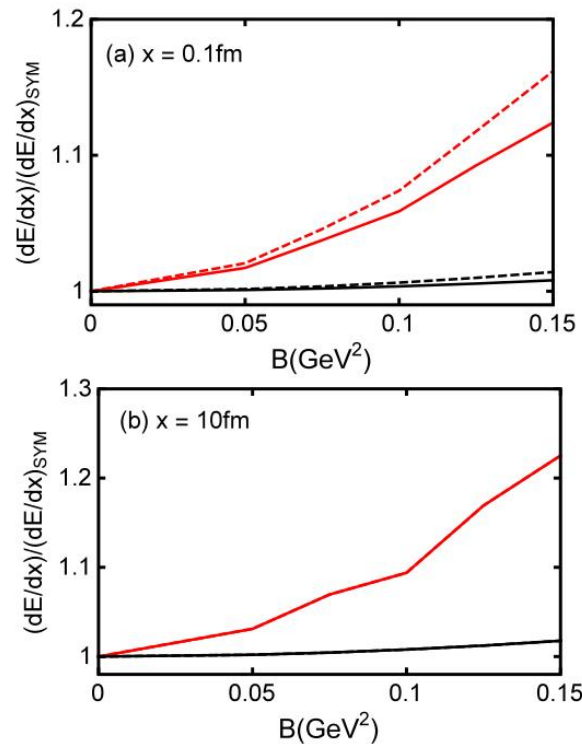
Motivation



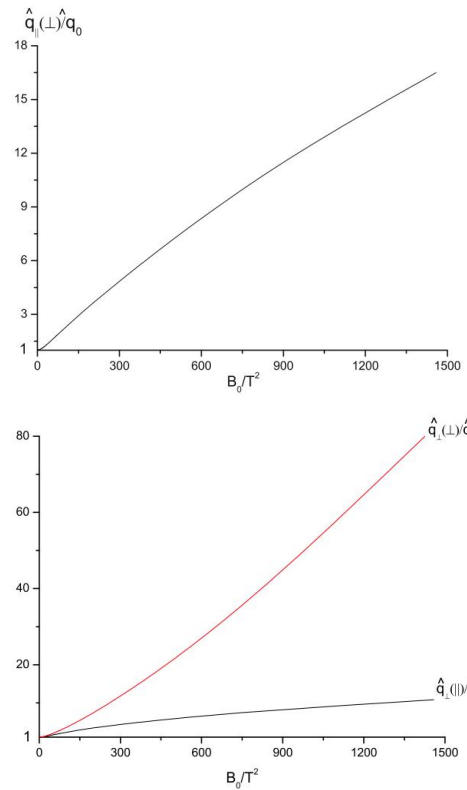
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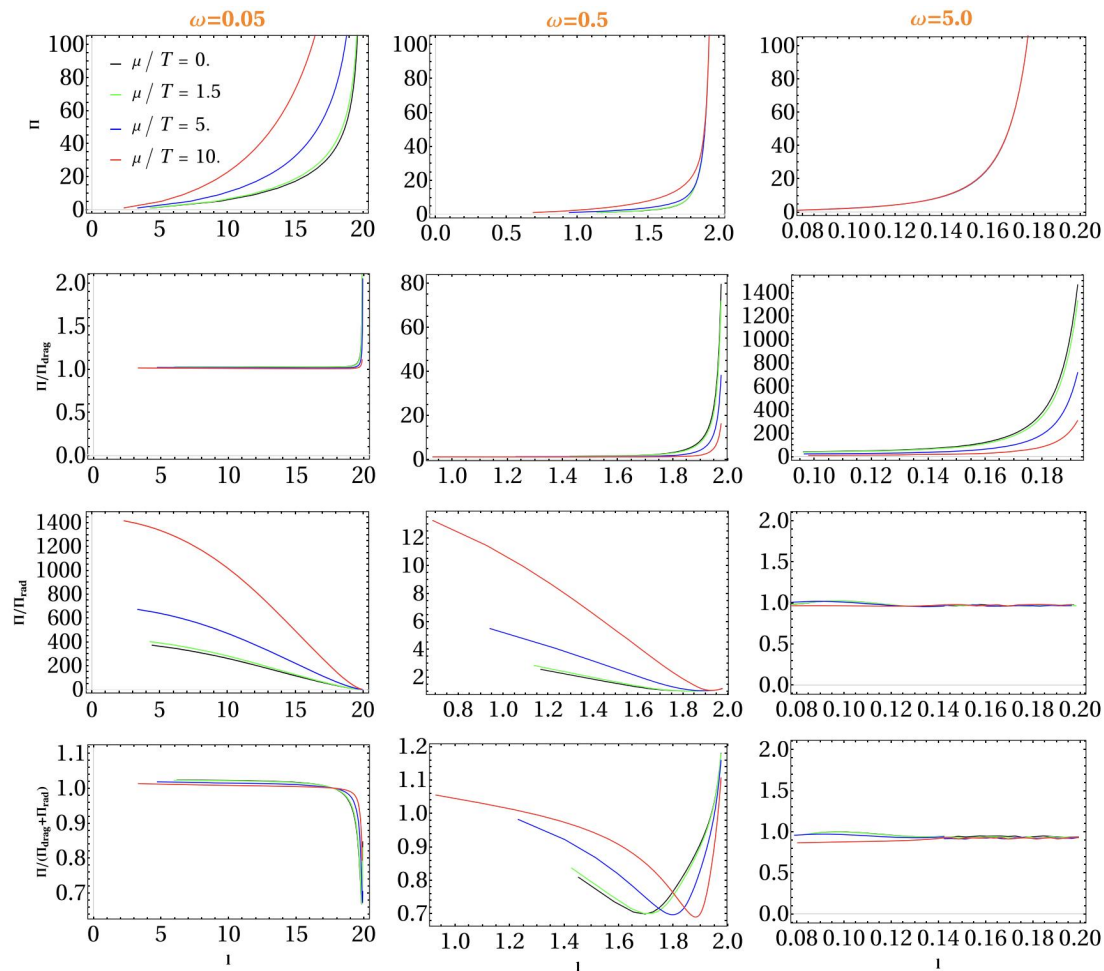
Motivation



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Zi-qiang Zhang, Ke Ma, Eur.Phys.J.C 78 (2018) 7, 532.



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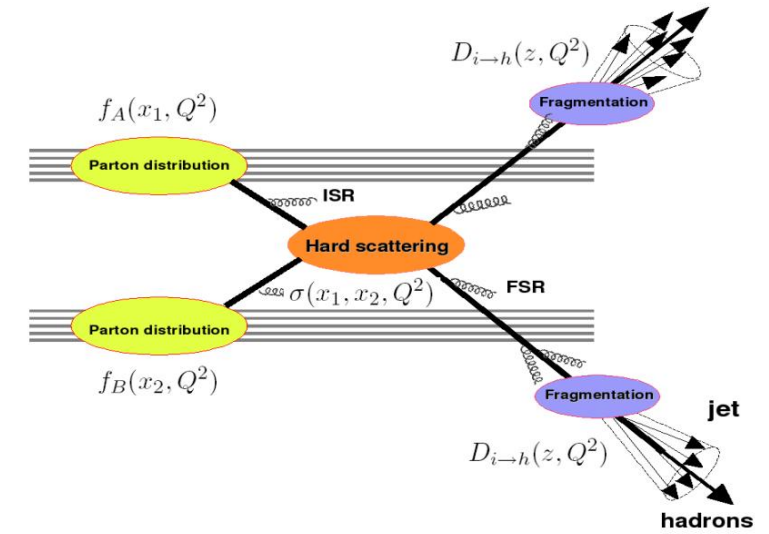
It is found that the jet quenching parameter and Instantaneous energy loss is generally enhanced in the presence of a magnetic (constant) field.

The inclusion of chemical potential (constant) tends to increase the energy loss.

NLO pQCD parton model

In pp collisions:

Single inclusive hadron:



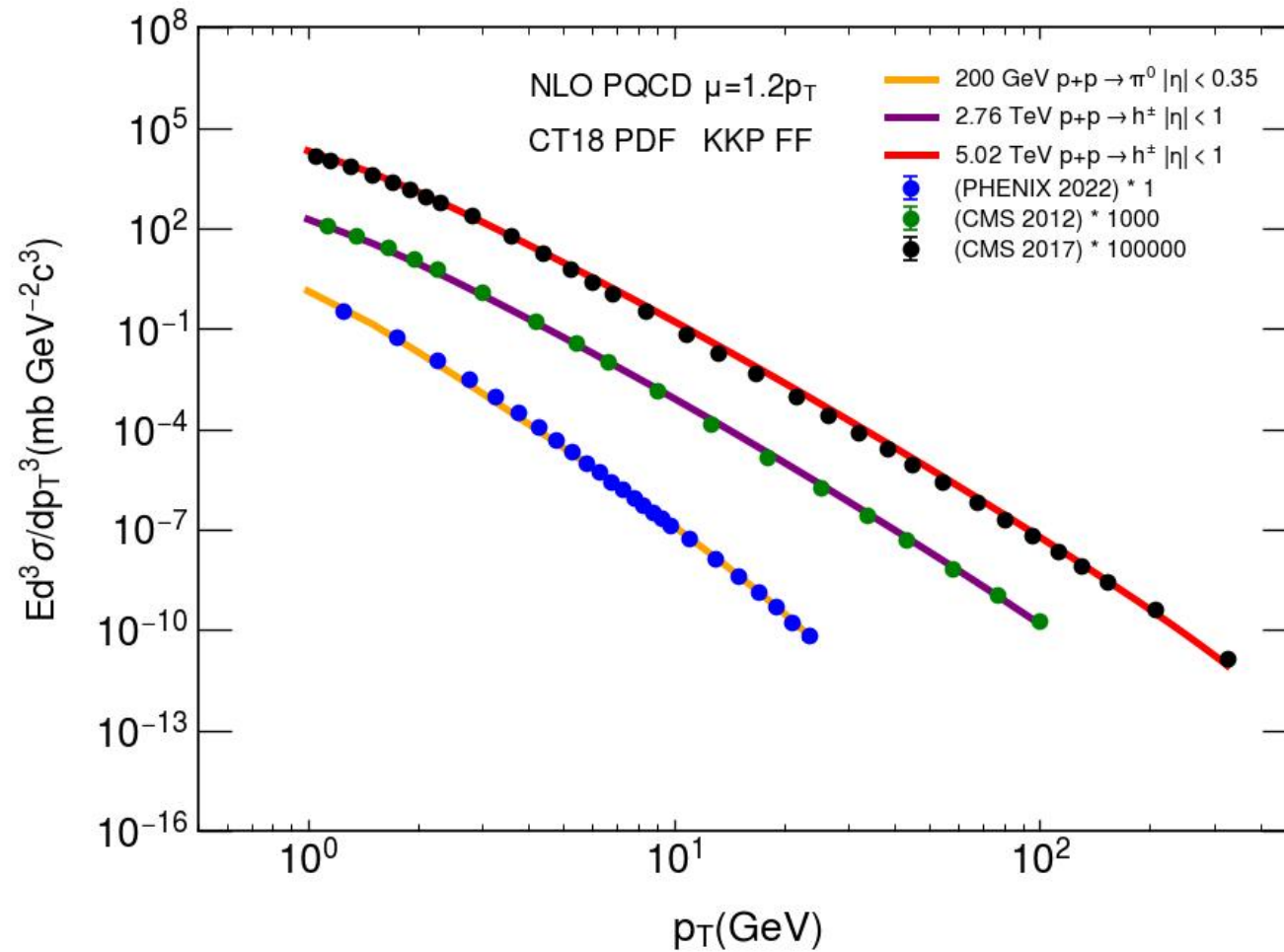
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^h}{dy_h d^2p_T} = \sum_{abcd} \int dx_a dx_b f_{a/p}(x_a, \mu^2) f_{b/p}(x_b, \mu^2) \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow cd}}{d\hat{t}} \frac{D_c^h(z_c, \mu^2)}{z_c} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

J.F. Owens. Rev.Mod.Phys. 59 (1987) 465

$f_{a/p}(x_a, \mu^2)$: CT18 PDF CT18, Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 1, 014013

$D_c^h(z_c, \mu^2)$: KKP FF KKP, Nucl.Phys.b582,514(2000)

pp baseline



Experiment Data from:

PHENIX Collaboration, Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) 064902.

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NLO pQCD parton model and Medium-modified FFs

In AA collisions:

Single inclusive hadron:

$$\frac{dN_{AB}^h}{dyd^2p_T} = \sum_{abcd} \int dx_a dx_b d^2r t_A(\vec{r}) t_B(\vec{r} + \vec{b}) f_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2, \vec{r}) f_{b/B}(x_b, \mu^2, \vec{r} + \vec{b}) \\ \times \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow cd}}{d\hat{t}} \frac{D_c^h(z_c, \mu^2, \Delta E_c)}{z_c} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3).$$

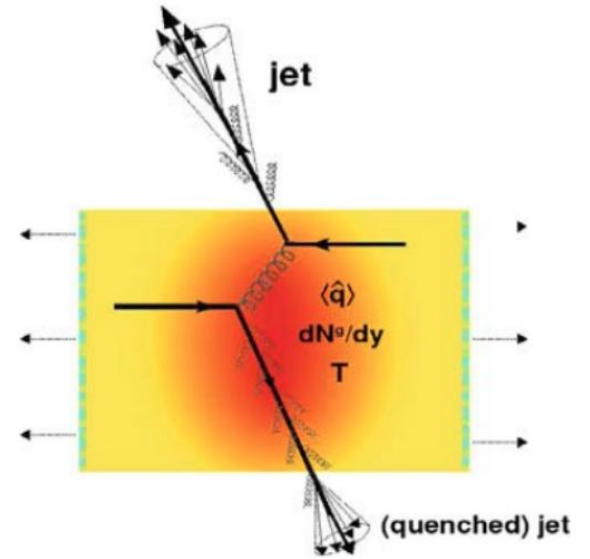
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$$f_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2, \vec{r}) = S_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2, \vec{r}) \left[\frac{Z}{A} f_{a/p}(x_a, \mu^2) + \left(1 - \frac{Z}{A} \right) f_{a/n}(x_a, \mu^2) \right]$$

$$S_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2, \vec{r}) = 1 + [S_{a/A}(x_a, \mu^2) - 1] \frac{At_A(\vec{r})}{\int d^2r [t_A(\vec{r})]} \quad \text{EPPS21 nPDF: Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 5, 413}$$

$$D_{h/c}(z_c, \mu^2, \Delta E_c) = \frac{z'_c}{z_c} D_{h/c}(z'_c, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} D_{h/c}\left(\frac{z_c}{1 - \epsilon}, \mu^2\right), \quad z_c = \frac{p_T}{P_{Tc}}, \quad z'_c = \frac{P_T}{P_{Tc} - \Delta E_c}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{\Delta E_c}{P_{Tc}}$$

Carlos A.Salgado,Urs Achim Wiedemann,Phys.Rev.D 68 (2003) 014008



Formalisms to jet quenching

- 1、Fast parton **weakly** coupled to a **weakly** coupled medium **AMY**
- 2、Fast parton **weakly** coupled to an **arbitrary** medium **Higher Twist、BDMPS-Z-ASW、GLV**
- 3、Fast parton **strongly** coupled to a **strongly** coupled medium **AdS/CFT**

Holographic Energy loss

The Einstein-Maxwell action :

$$I = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(\mathcal{R} + \frac{12}{L^2} - \frac{L^2}{g_F^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

The metric:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left(-f(z) dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} \right)$$

$$f(z) = 1 - (1 + Q^2) \left(\frac{z}{z_h} \right)^4 + Q^2 \left(\frac{z}{z_h} \right)^6$$

$$T(z_h, \mu_B, B) = \frac{1}{\pi z_h} \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{2} \right)$$

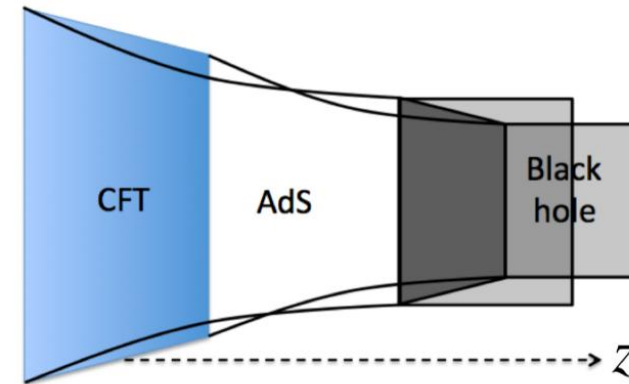
$$Q^2 = \mu_B^2 z_h^2 + B^2 z_h^4$$



$$\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{f(z_*)}}{z^2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(z_*) - f(z)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - f(z)}}, \quad z_* = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{f(z_*)} = 1$$

$$x = \int_z^{z_h} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\frac{z^3}{z_h^3} (1 + \mu_B^2 z_h^2 + B^2 z_h^4) - \frac{z^4}{z_h^4} (\mu_B^2 z_h^2 + B^2 z_h^4)}}$$



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Andrew Chamblin, Roberto Emparan, Clifford V. Johnson, Robert C. Myers, Phys.Rev.D 60 (1999) 064018.

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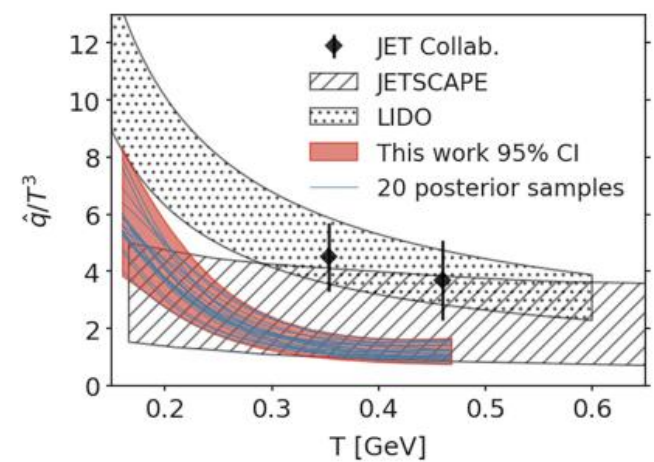
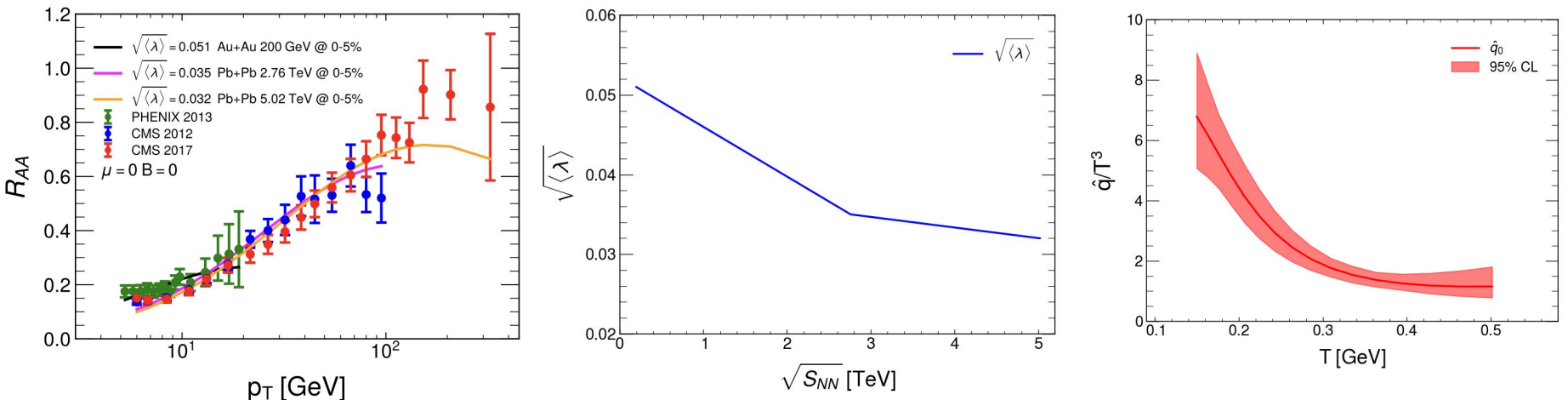
The connection between $\sqrt{\lambda}$ and $\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$

$$\hat{q}_{SYM} = \frac{\pi^2}{a} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3 = \frac{\pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3$$

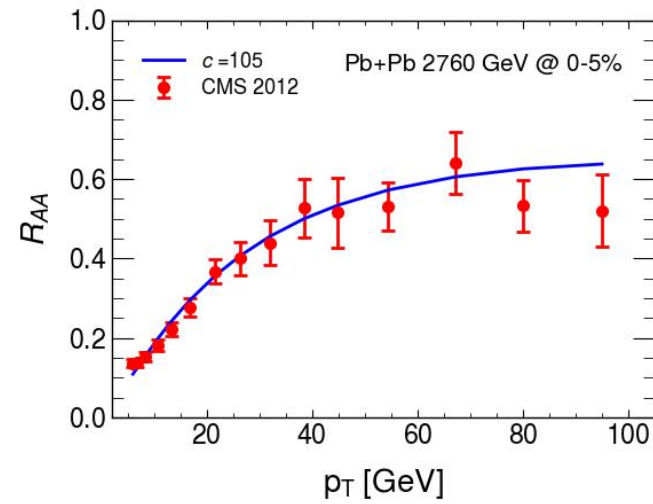
$$\approx 26.69 \sqrt{\alpha_{SYM} N_c} T^3$$

$$\frac{\hat{q}_{SYM}}{T^3} \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$$

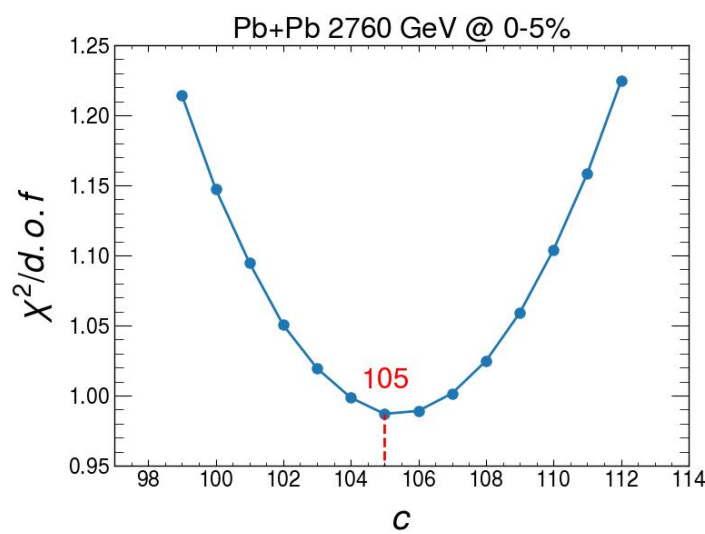
Hong Liu, Krishna Rajagopal, Urs Achim Wiedemann, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 182301



$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\hat{q}}{T^3} / c$$



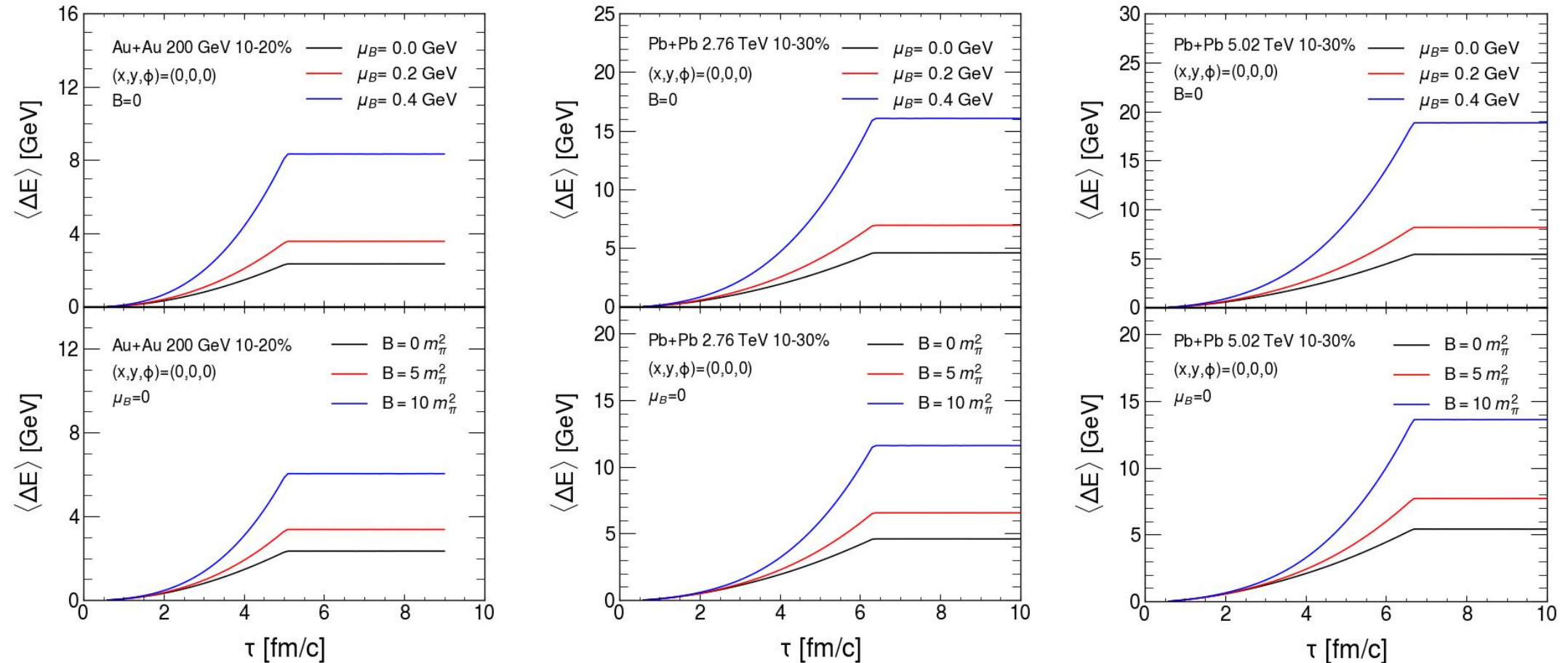
$c=105$



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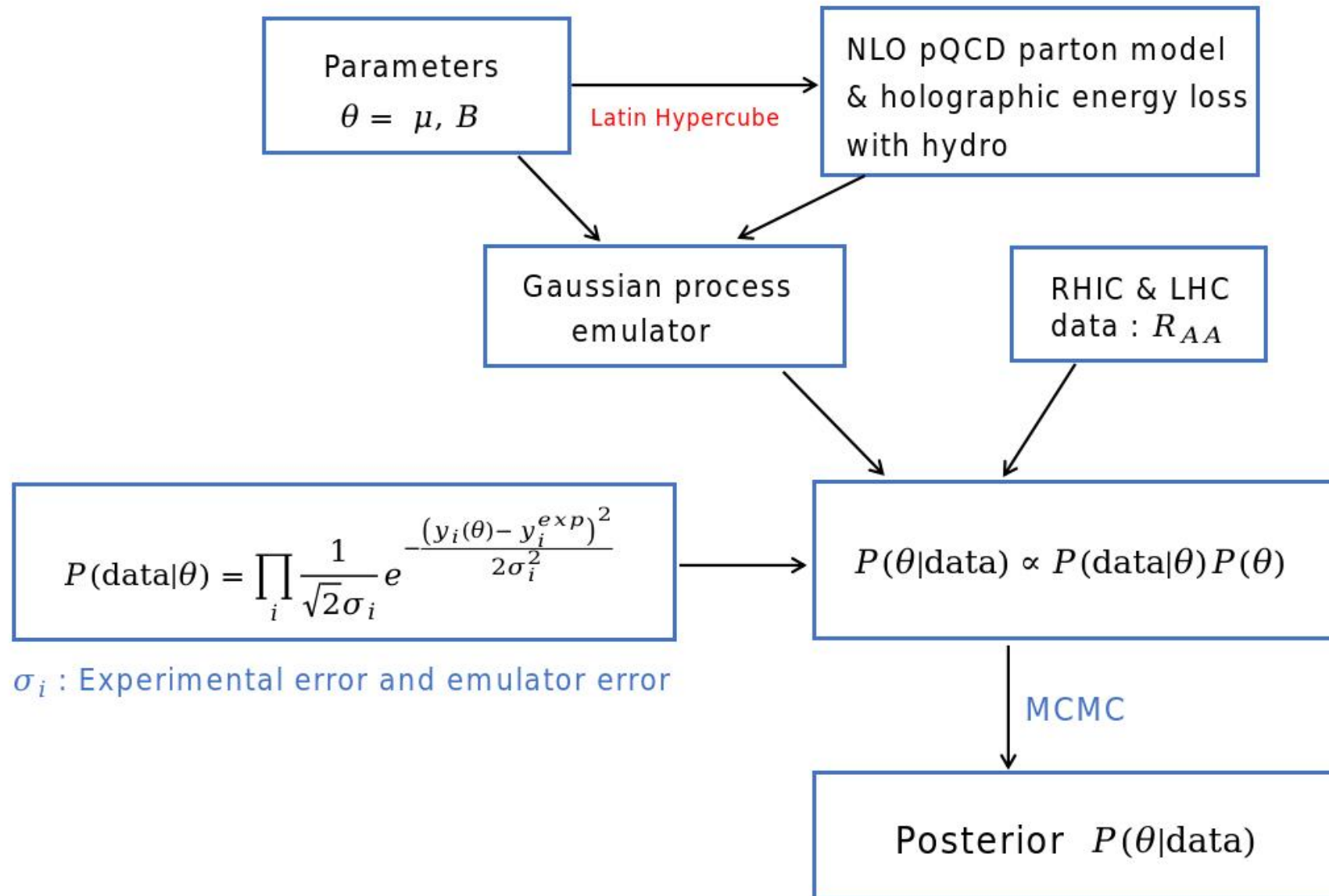
$\mu = 0, B = 0$

The effect of magnetic field and chemical potential on energy loss

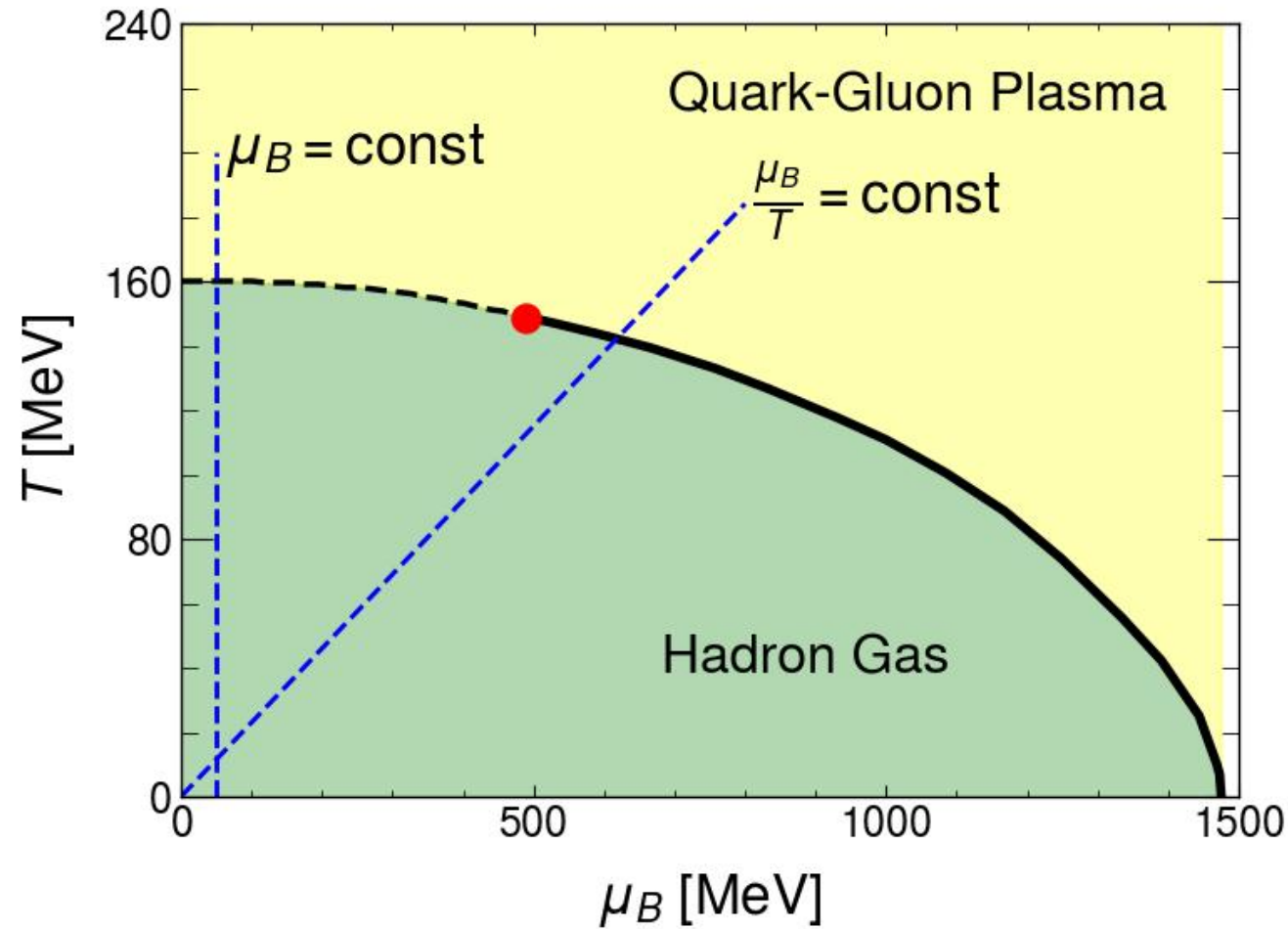


Both magnetic field and chemical potential can increase energy loss.

Bayesian analysis



Parametrizing the time-evolution of B and μ_B



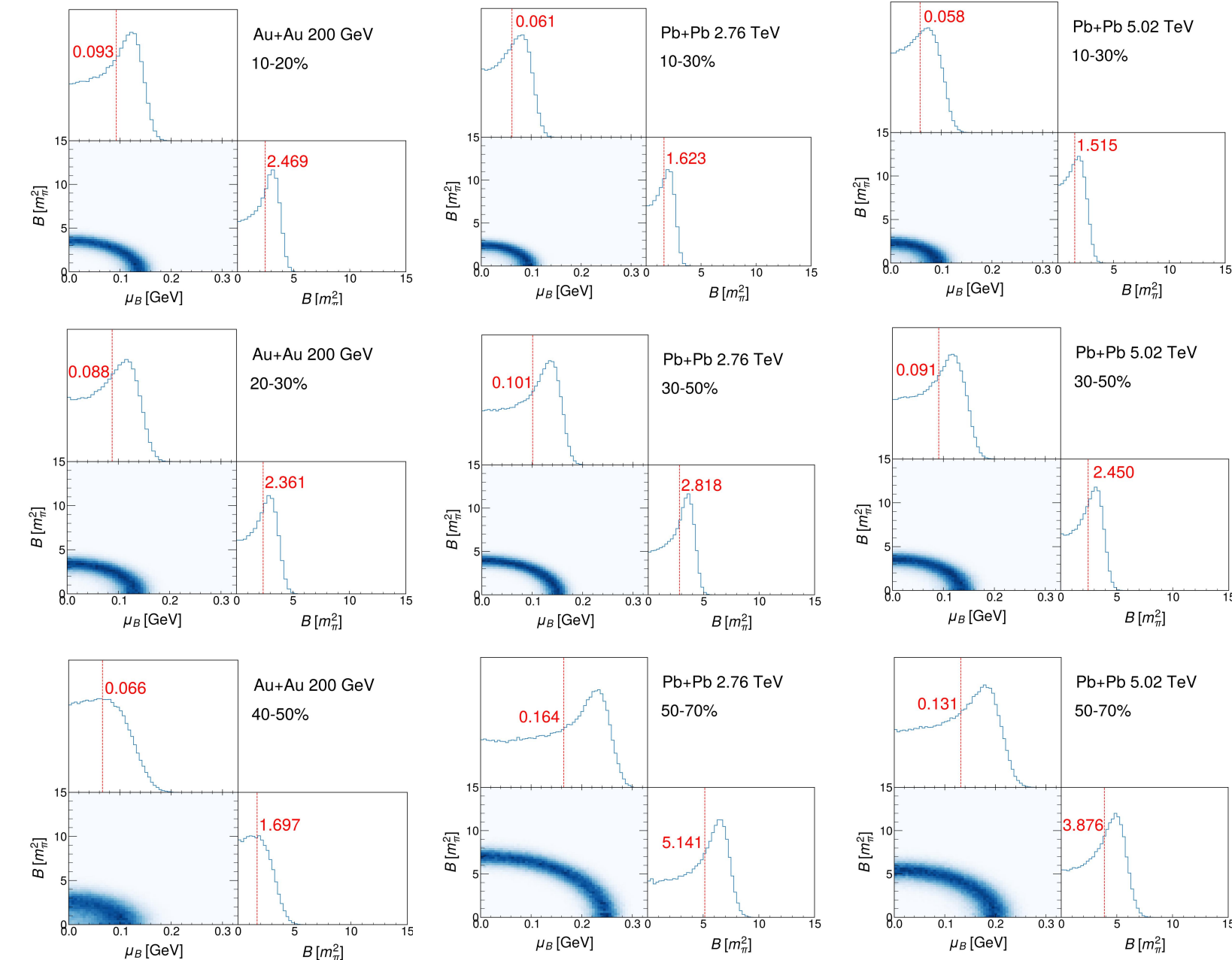
Scenario I :

$$\mu_B = \text{const} , B = \text{const}$$

Scenario II :

$$\mu_B/T = \text{const} , B/T^2 = \text{const}$$

Posterior distributions of the μ_B and B $\longrightarrow$ Scenario I



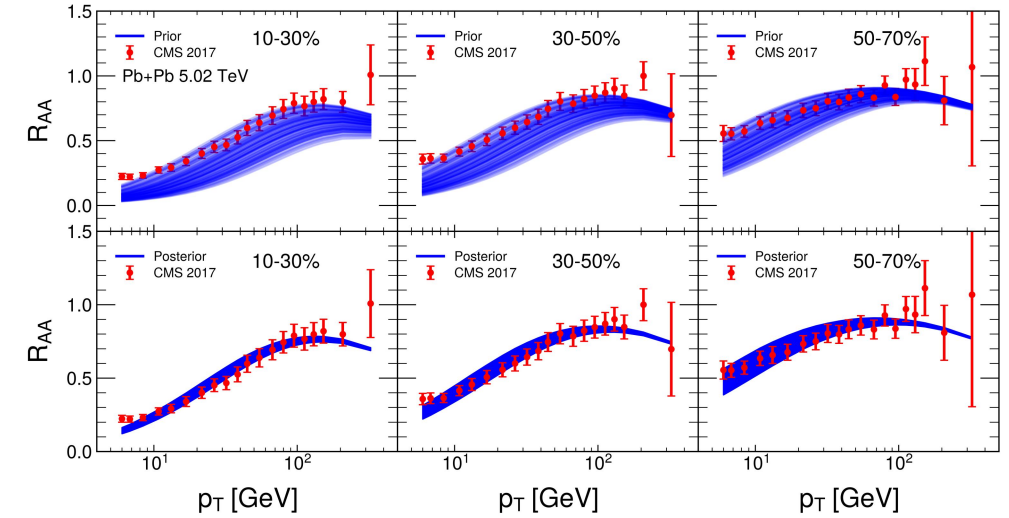
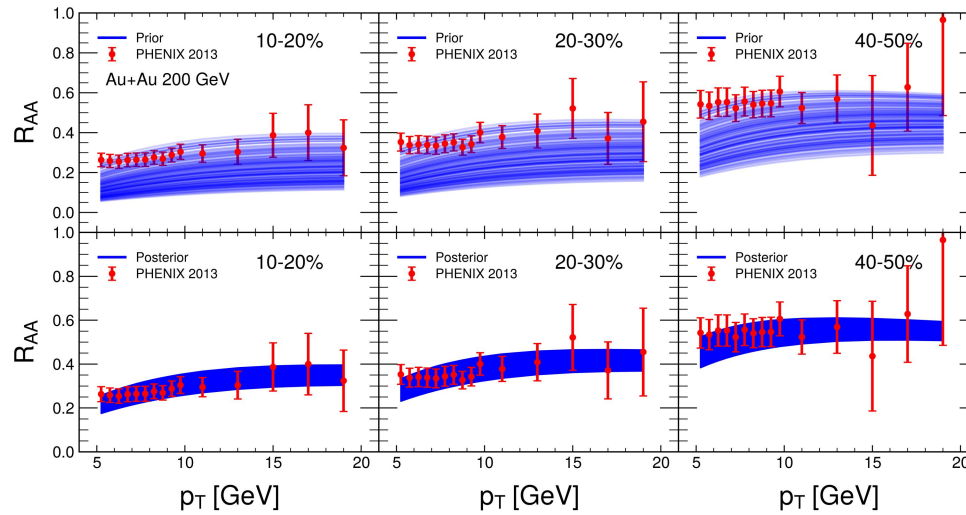
Over 300 sets of θ for prior calculation, Posterior distributions of the μ_B and B (diagonal panels: the red dashed line indicates the position of the median), together with their correlations (off-diagonal panels).

As the centrality increase (the more eccentric the collision), both the μ_B and B increase. With the increase in collision energy, both the μ_B and B decrease.

Single Hadron R_{AA} Prior vs Posterior $\longrightarrow$ Scenario I

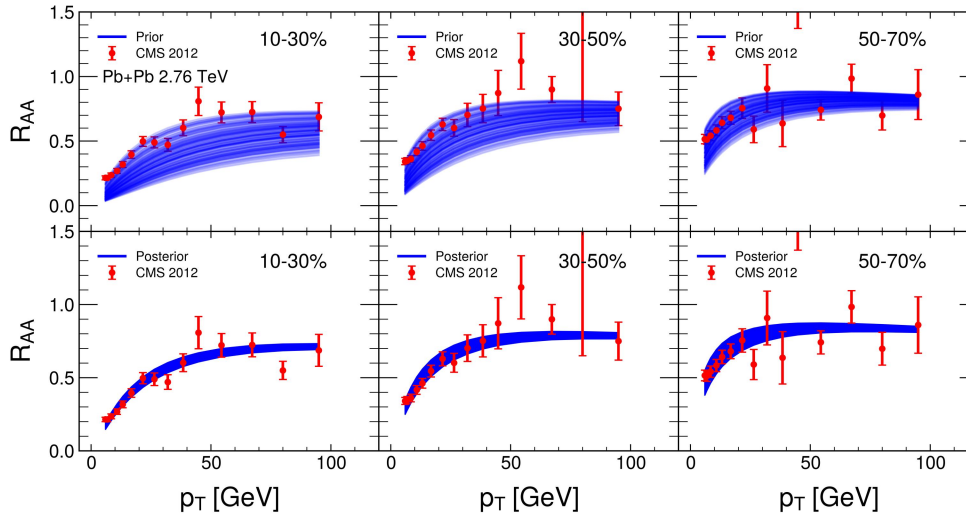
Prior

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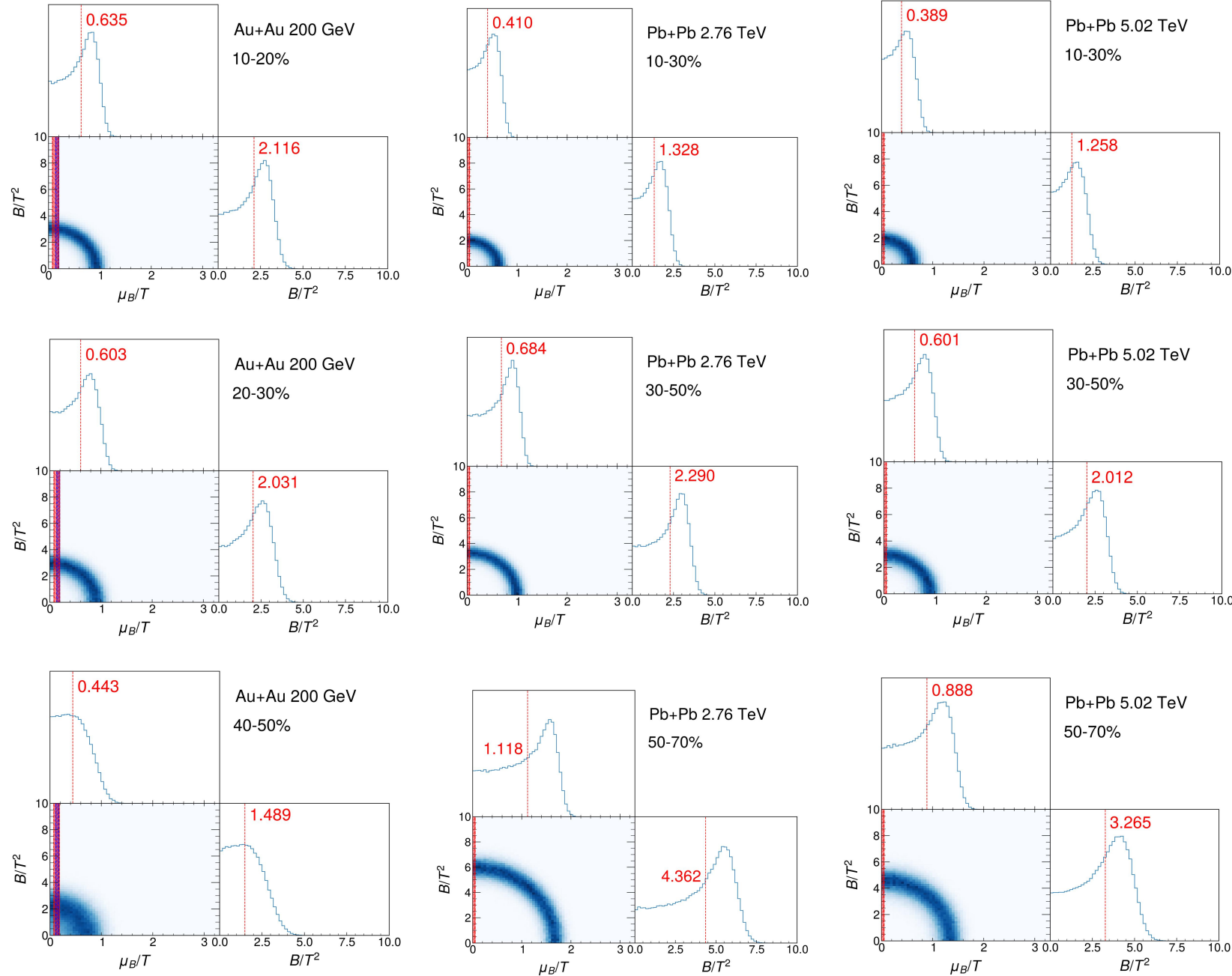
Prior

Posterior



One observes that after the Bayesian analysis, our model is able to provide a reasonable description of the hadron observables (R_{AA}) in heavy-ion collisions.

Posterior distributions of the μ_B/T and B/T^2 $\longrightarrow$ Scenario II



Over 300 sets of θ for prior calculation. Posterior distributions of the μ_B/T and B/T^2 (diagonal panels: the red dashed line indicates the position of the median), together with their correlations (off-diagonal panels).

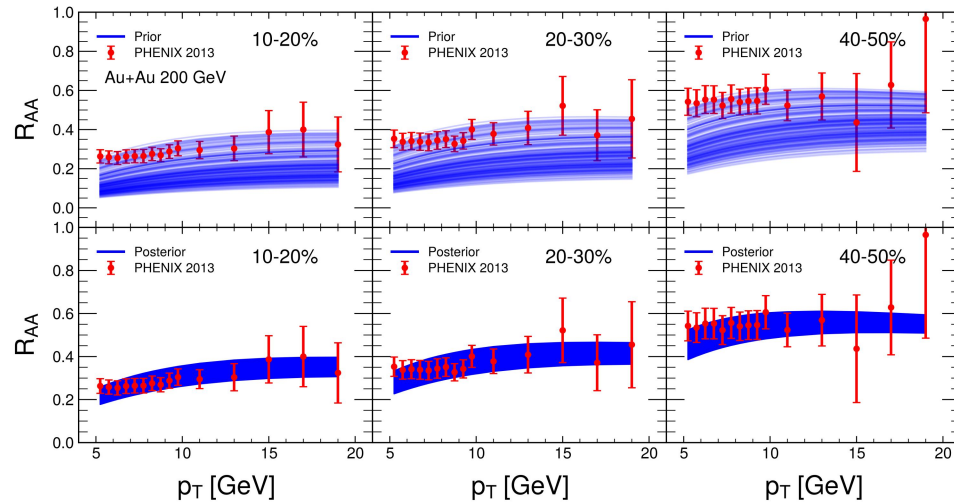
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L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR), Phys. Rev. C 96, 044904 (2017).
A. Lysenko, M. I. Gorenstein, R. Poberezhniuk, and V. Vovchenko, Phys. Rev. C 111, 054903 (2025).

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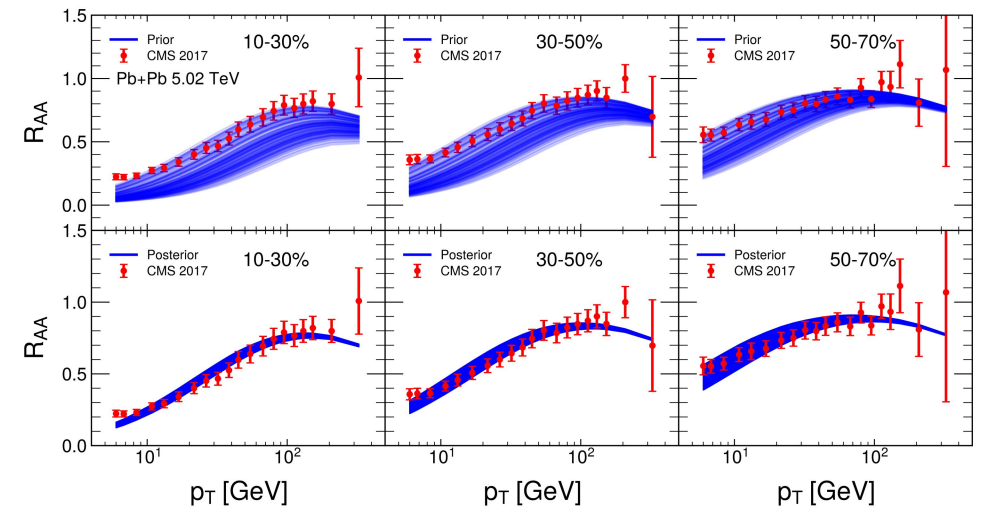
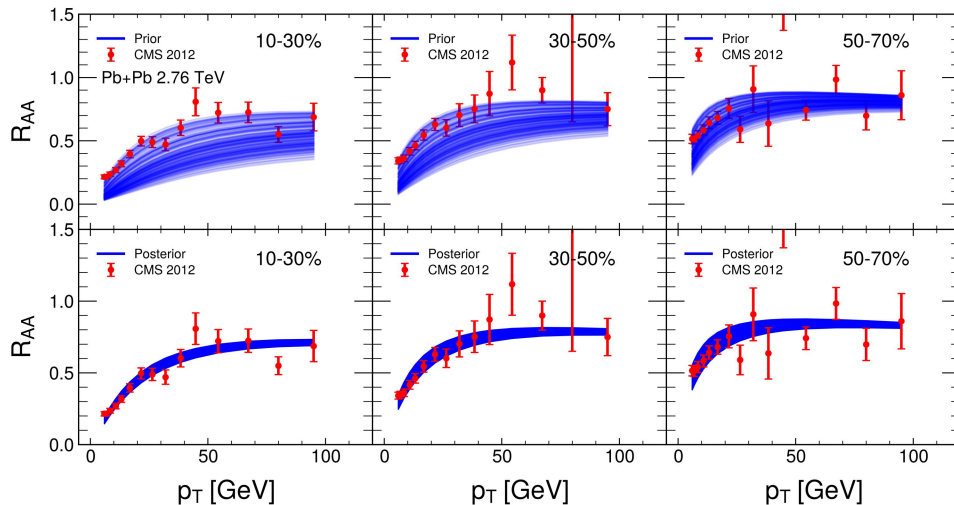
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Summary

- 1、 Effects of Magnetic Field and Chemical Potential on Jet Energy Loss: The presence of the magnetic field and chemical potential significantly enhances the jet energy loss effect.
- 2、 Impact of Collision Centrality: As the collisions tend to become more eccentric, the strengths of the magnetic field and chemical potential increase significantly.
- 3、 Impact of Collision Energy: With increasing collision energy, both the magnetic field and chemical potential exhibit a decreasing trend.
- 4、 Magnetic Field and Chemical Potential affects the energy loss in a highly correlated manner: Extracting the energy loss rate alone cannot provide a unique sensitivity to only one of the two effects.

Thank you