



# Challenges and opportunities with jets: from small to large system

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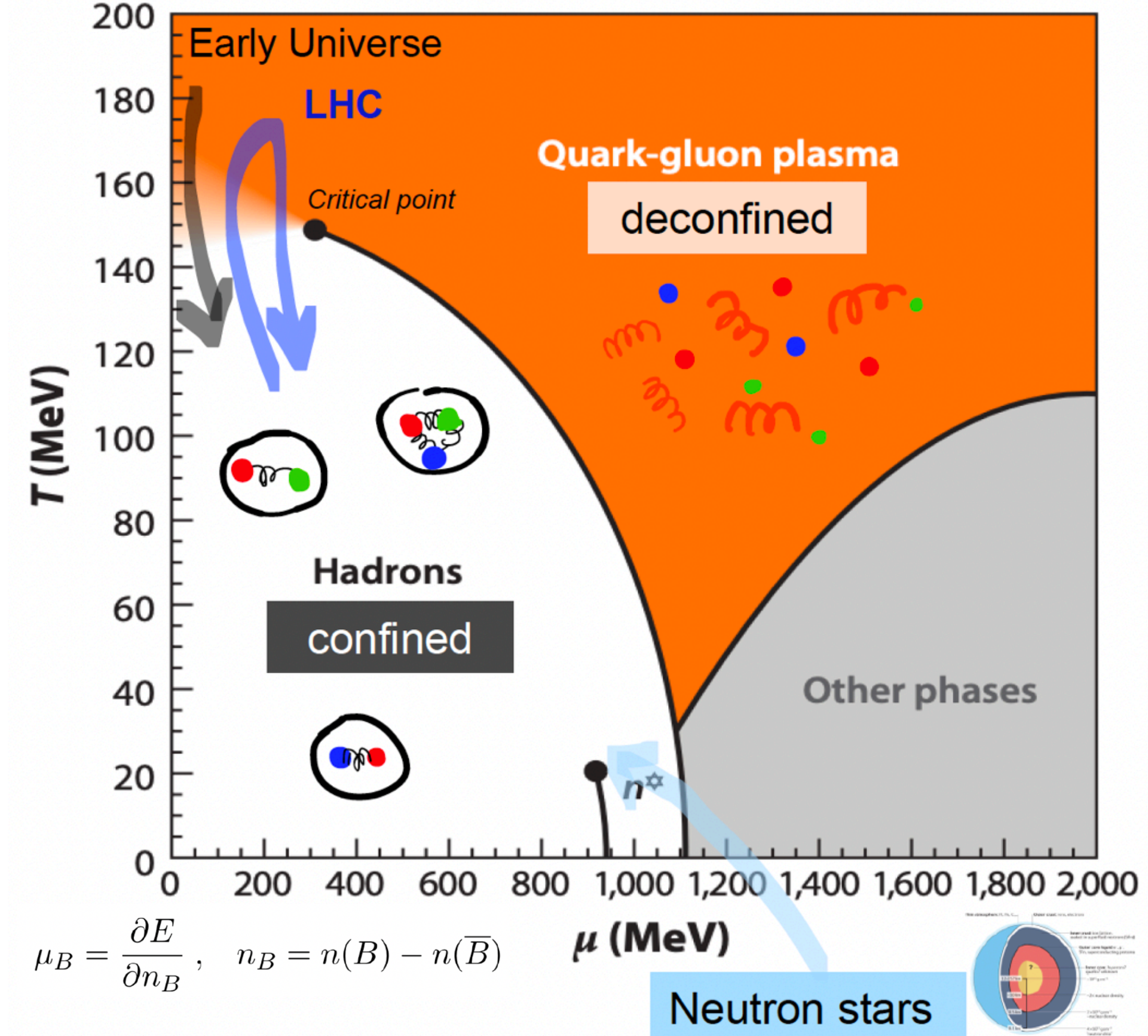
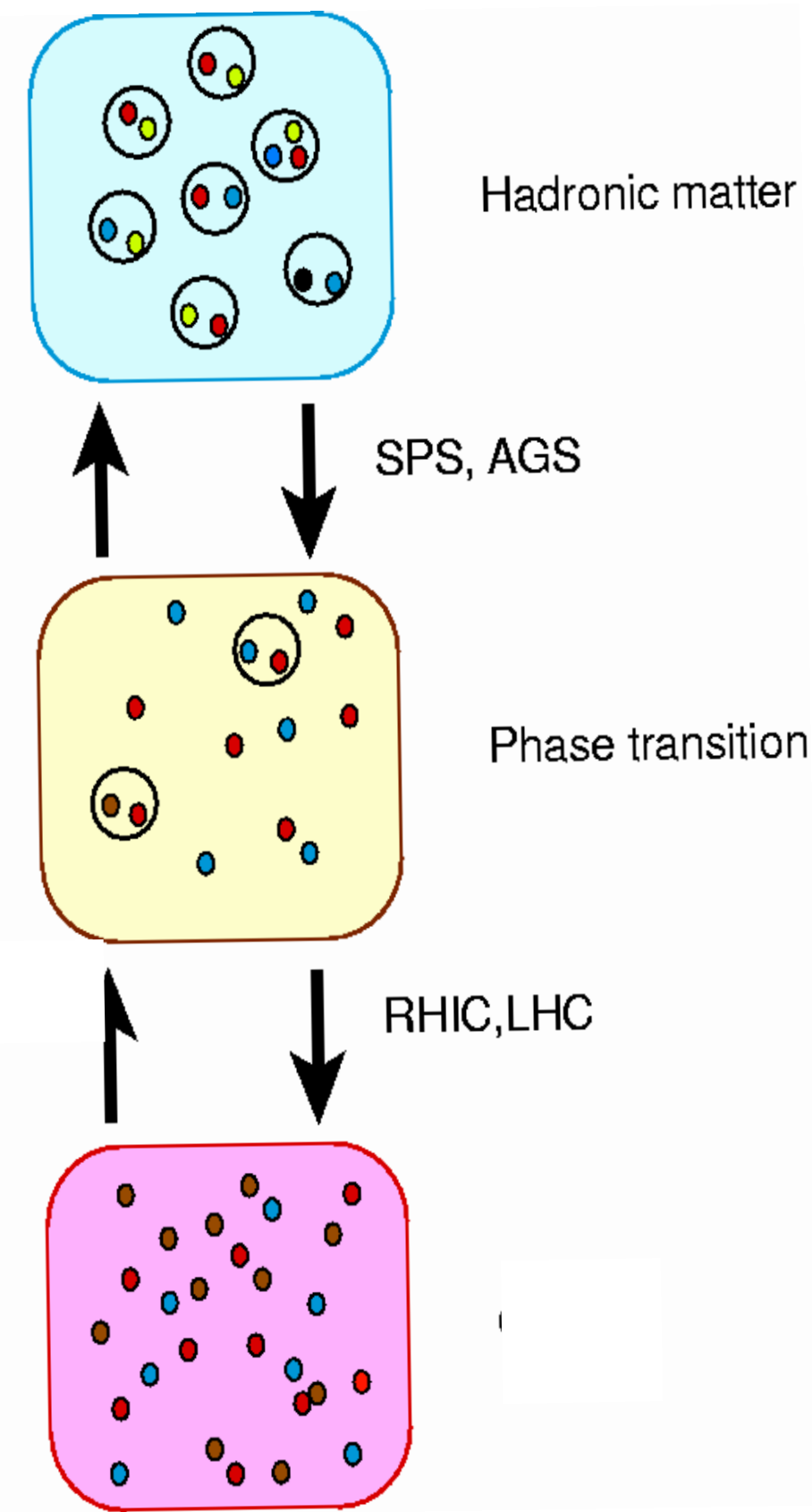
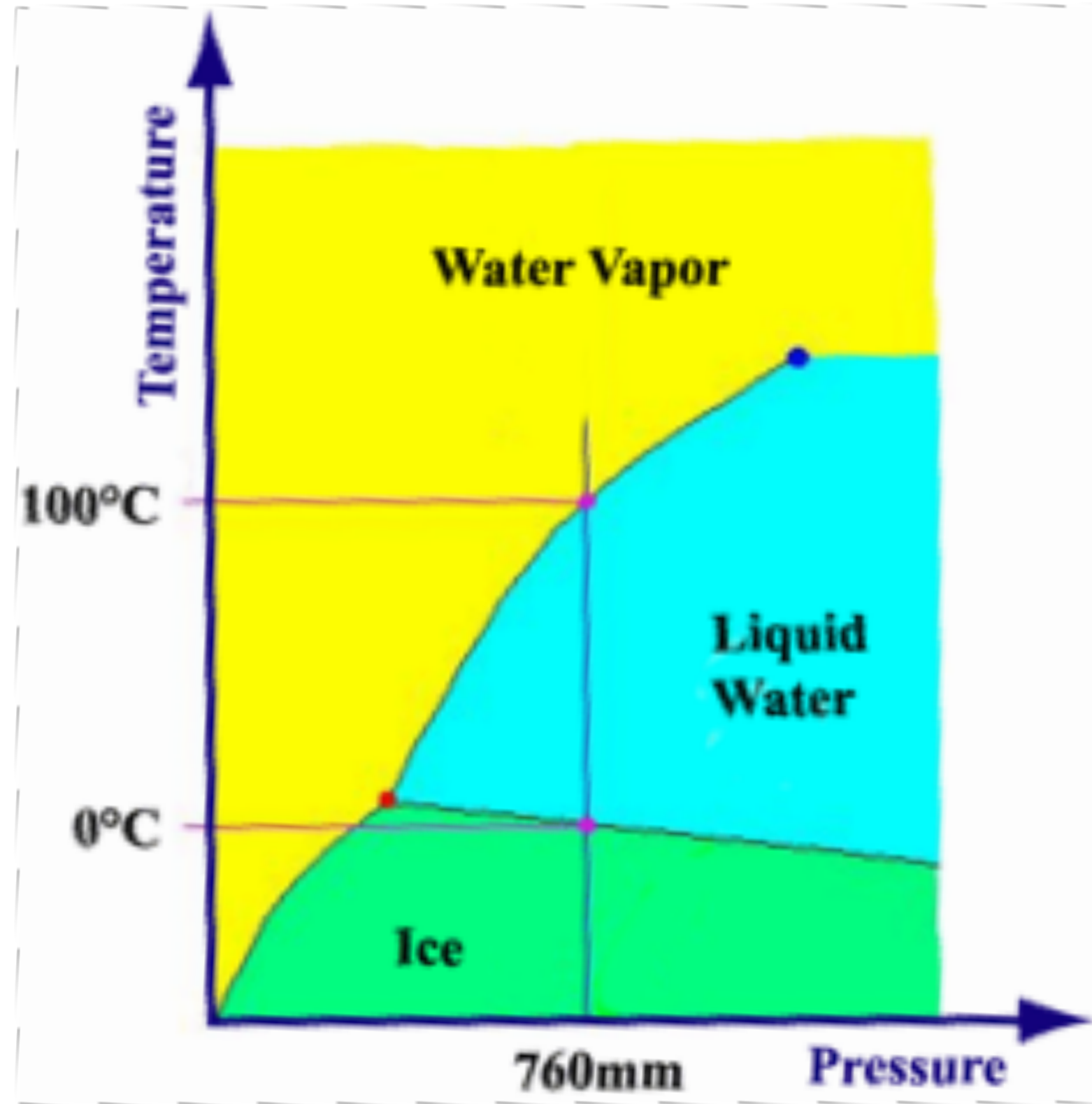
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Opportunities and Ideas at the QCD Frontier



# Phase transition in nature



**QCD** (the strong interaction sector of the Standard Model of particles and forces) predicts:

“at sufficient high energy density (**provided by HIC**) nuclear matter undergoes a transition from ordinary matter to a new state of matter called the Quark Gluon Plasma (**QGP**)”



# The Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)

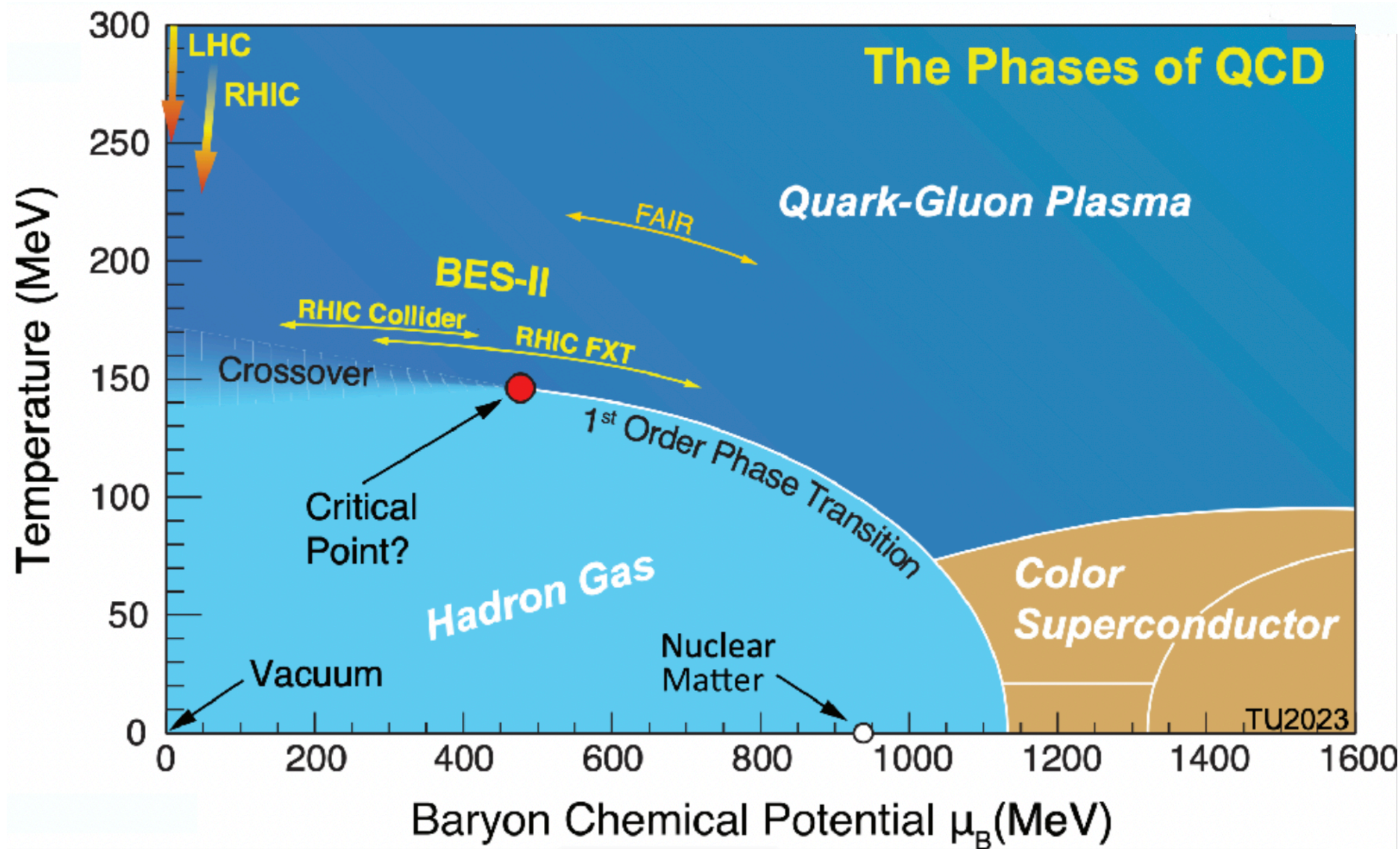
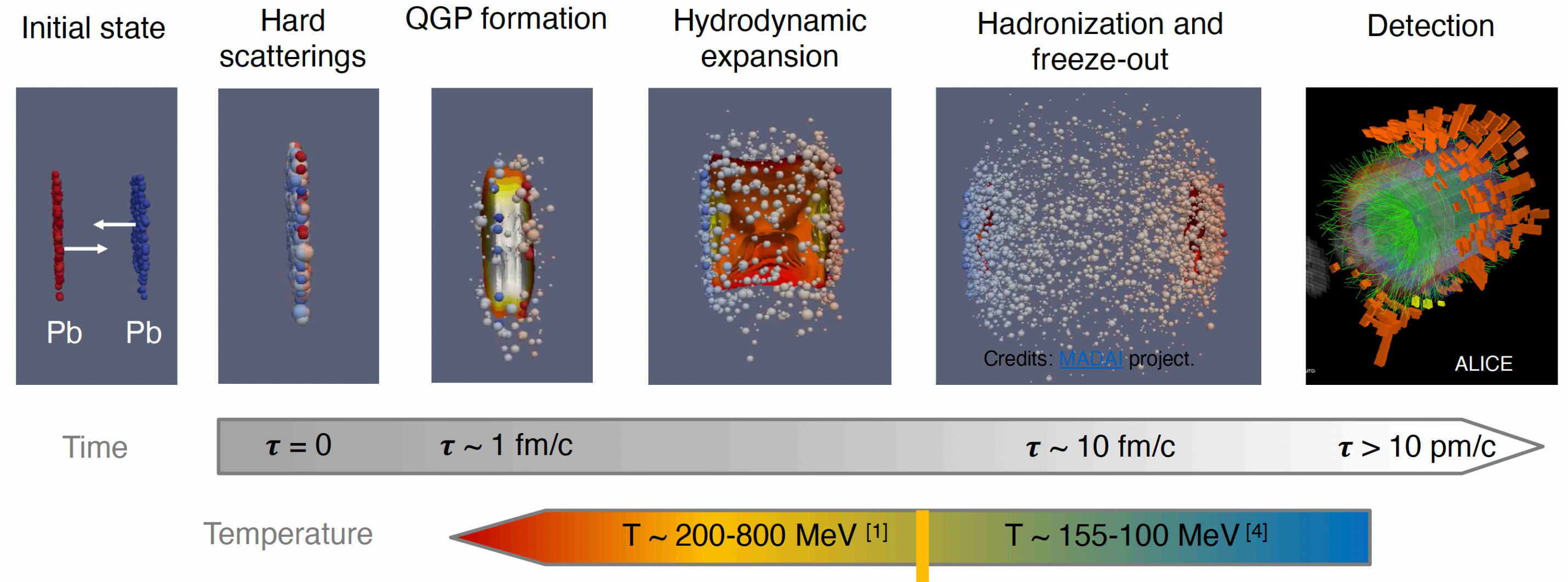


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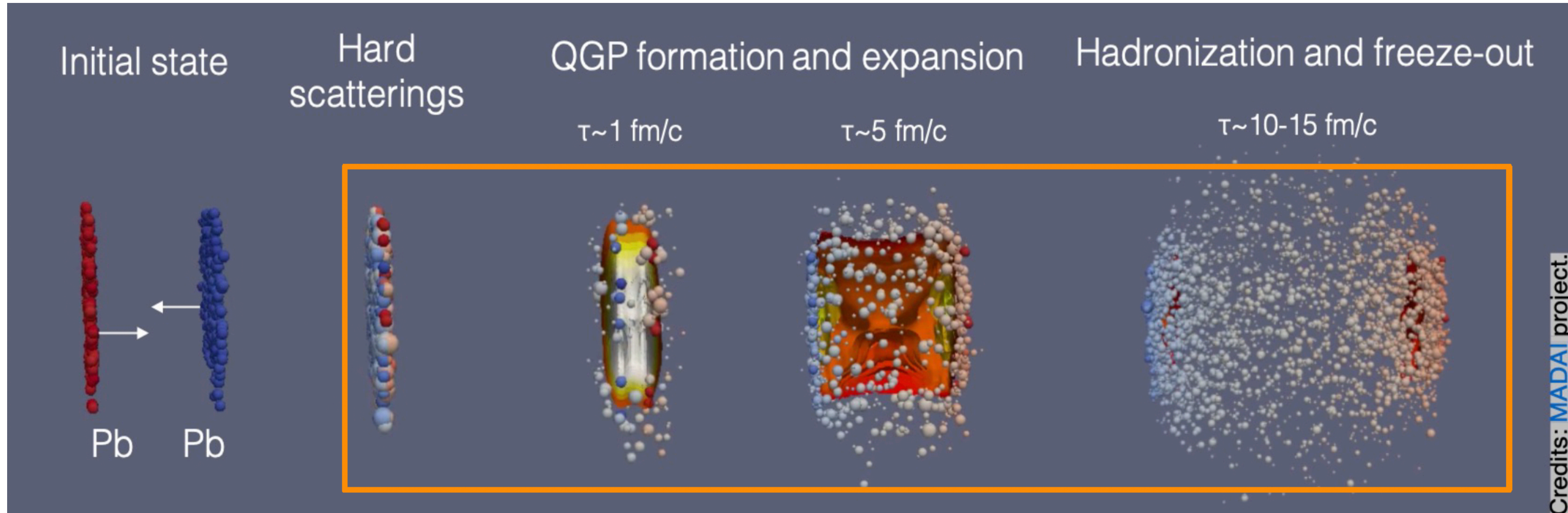


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- Phase transition at high temperature or density to deconfined state of quarks and gluons
- **quark-gluon plasma (QGP)**
- Calculations on the lattice predicts smooth crossover at  $\sim 155 \text{ MeV}$  at low baryon density
- Created at the LHC at RHIC using **ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions**

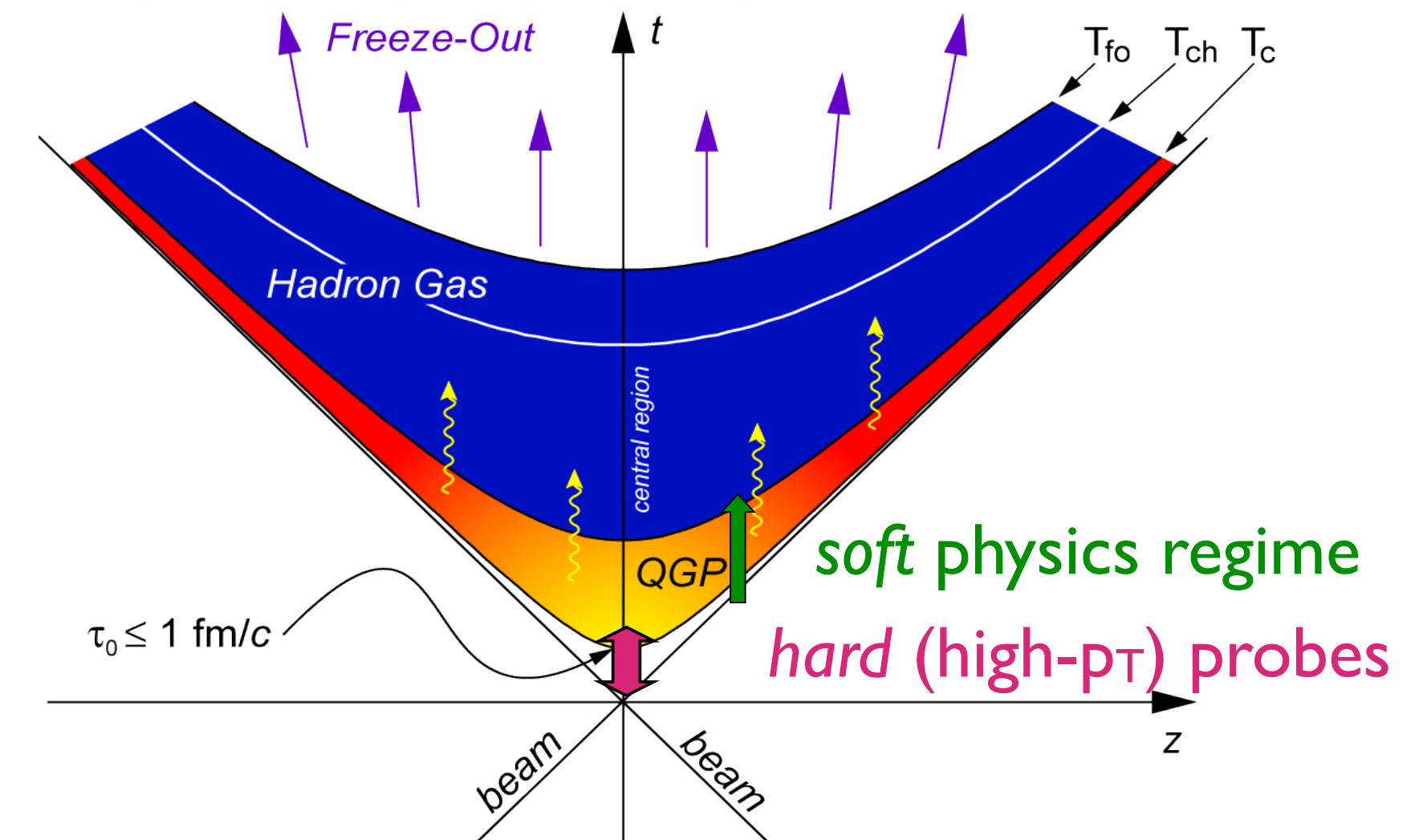


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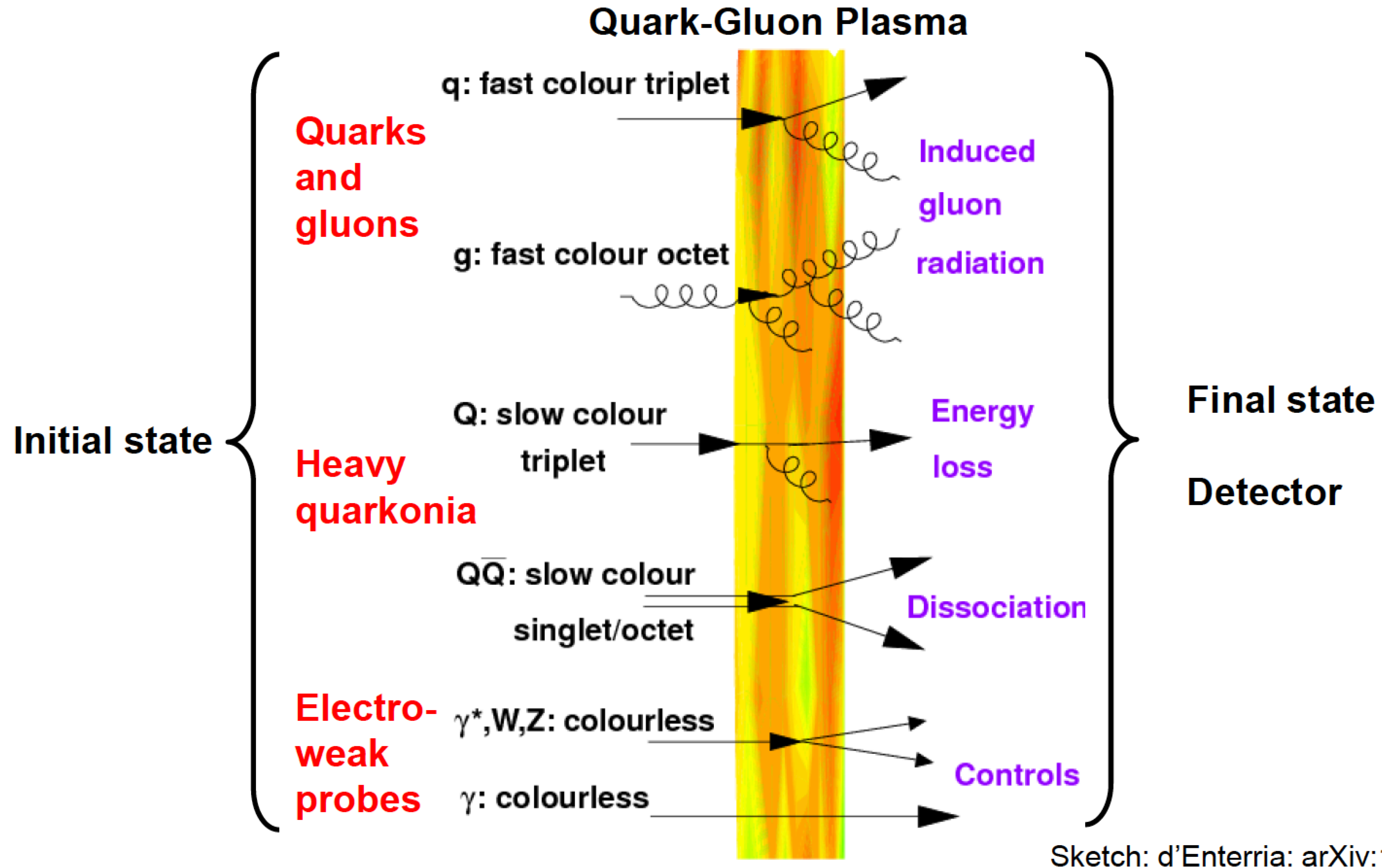
$1 \text{ fm/c} = 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}$ ,  $1 \text{ MeV} \sim 10^{10} \text{ K}$

- To probe the QGP, we have many tools in our toolbox
  - hydrodynamic flow
  - hadron chemistry and kinematics
  - electromagnetic radiation from QGP
  - quarkonium disassociation/regeneration
  - partonic interactions with QGP  $\rightarrow$  heavy quarks and jets





# Hard probes traverse the QGP

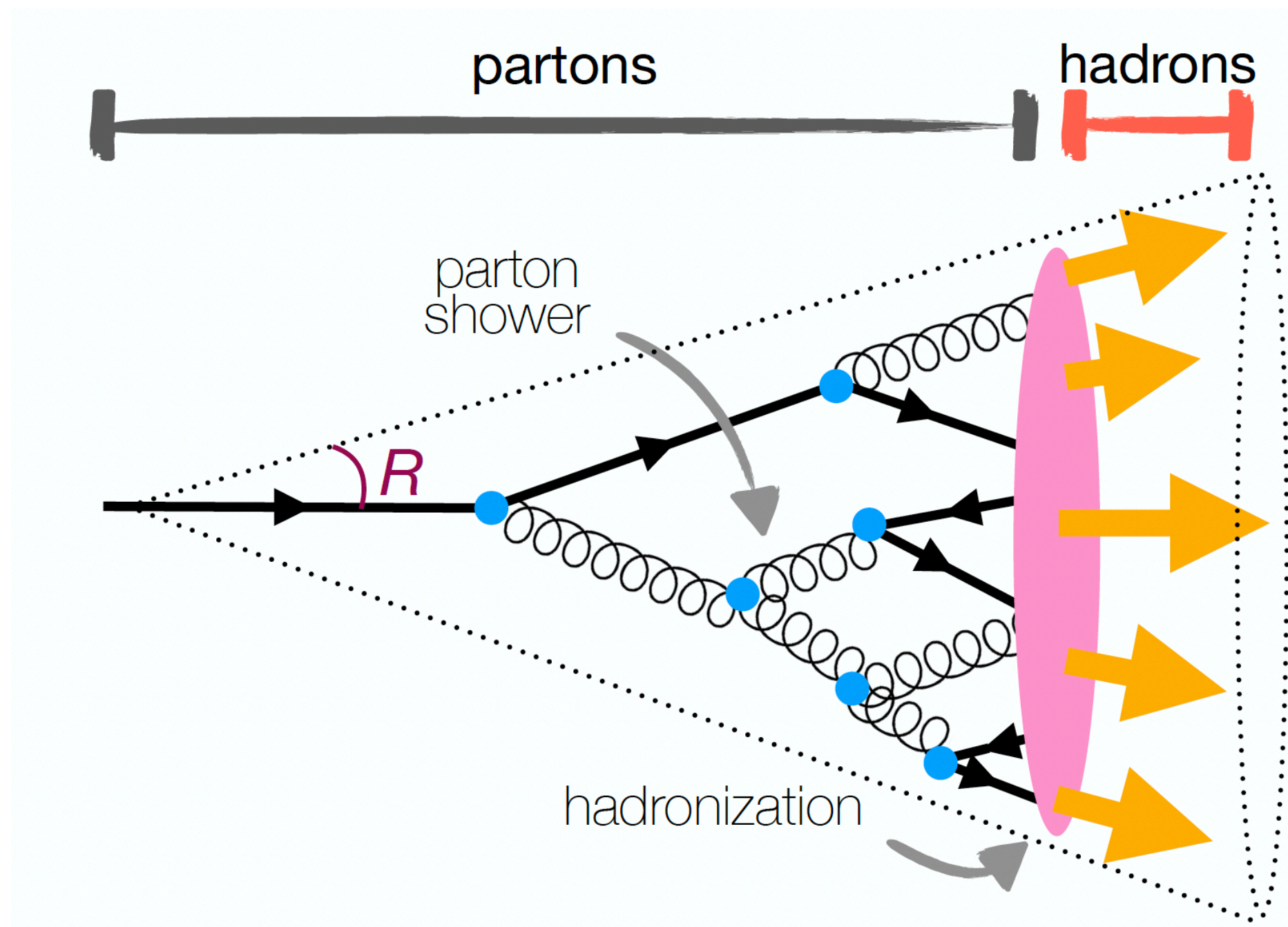


The importance of the control measurement(s) cannot be overstated!



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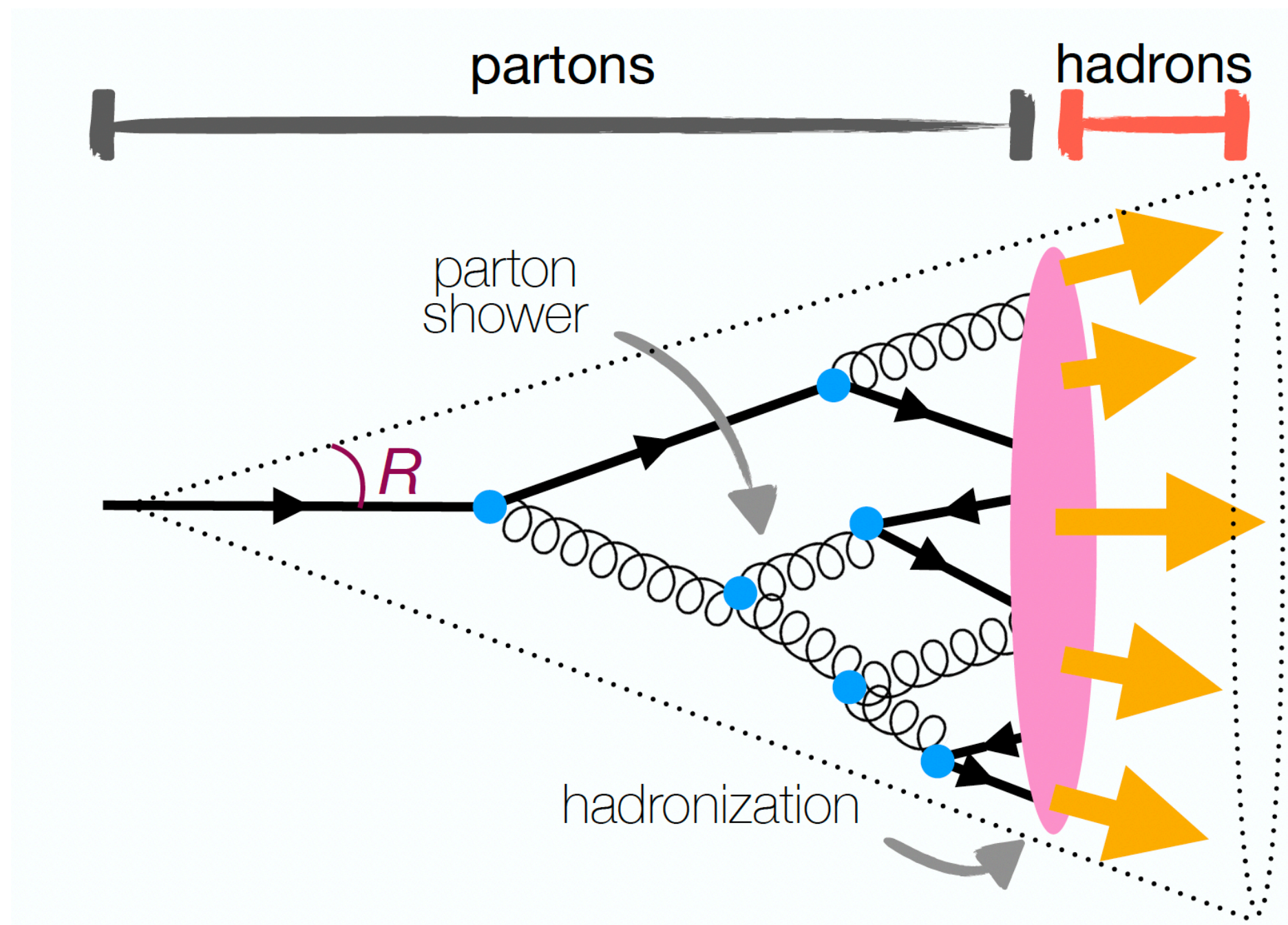




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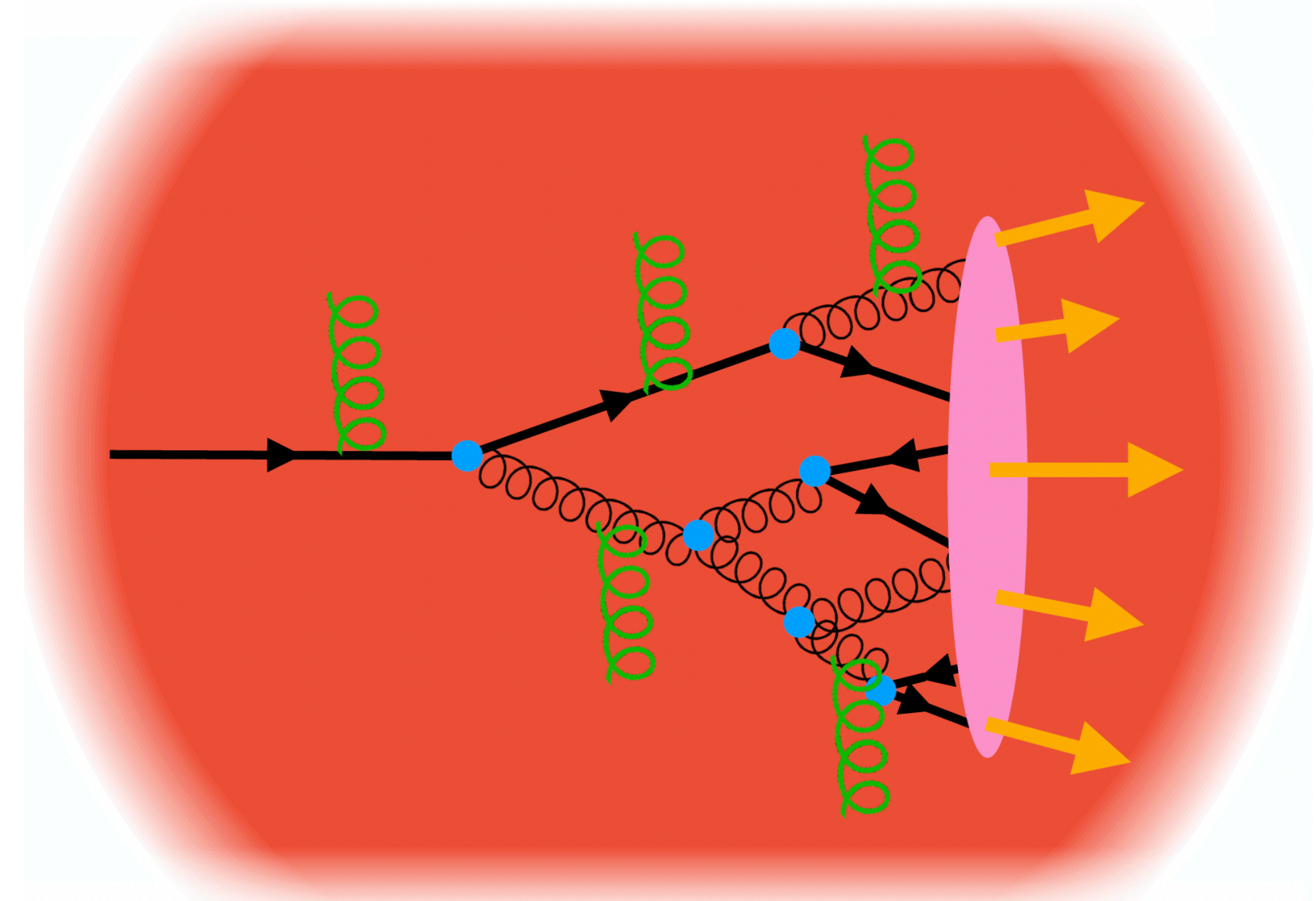
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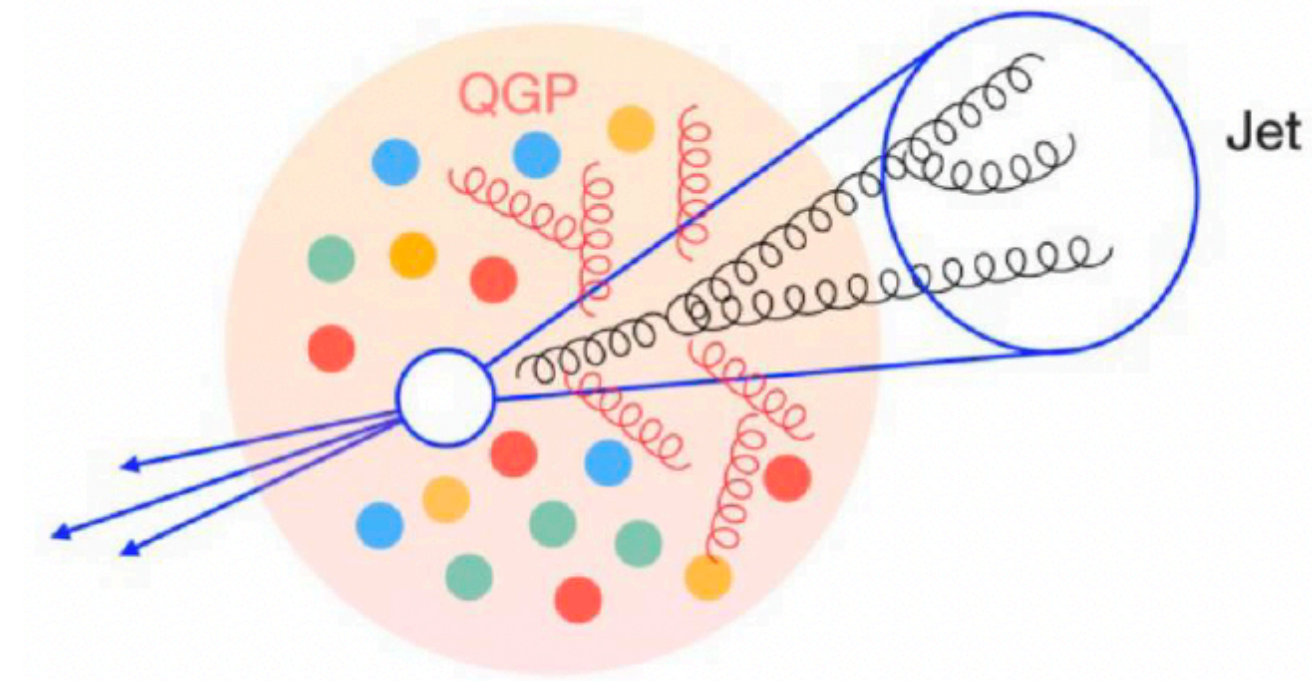
Quenching → parton lose energy through medium-induced gluon radiations and collisions with medium constituents



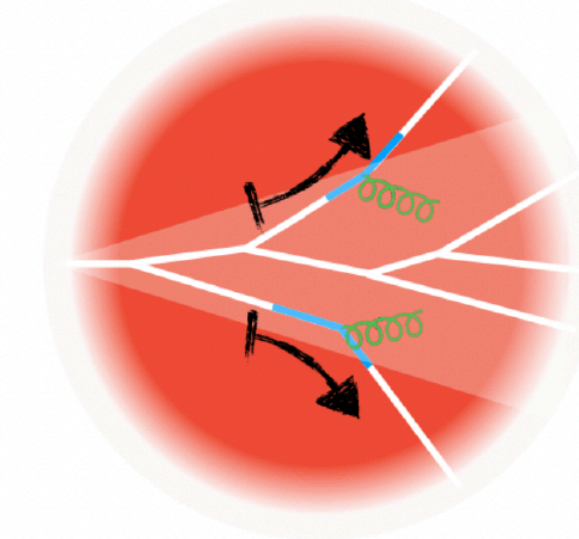


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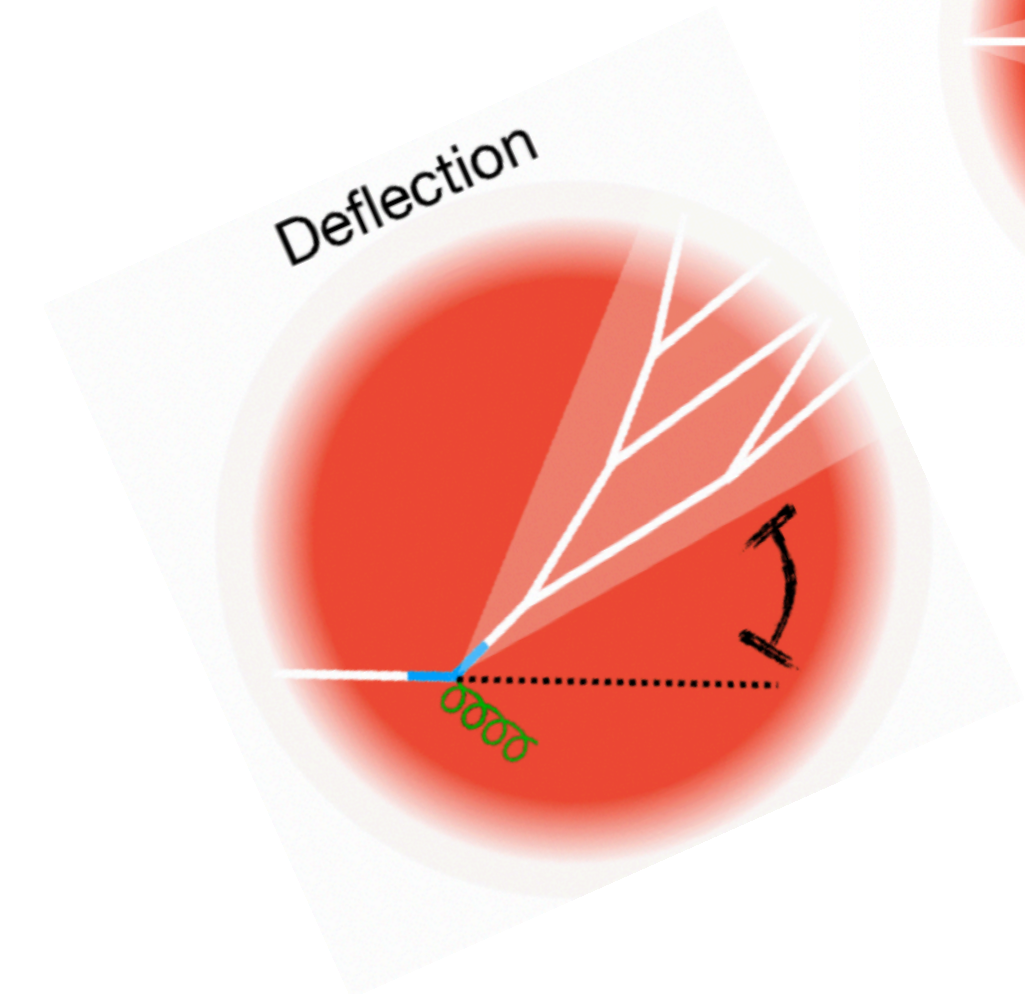
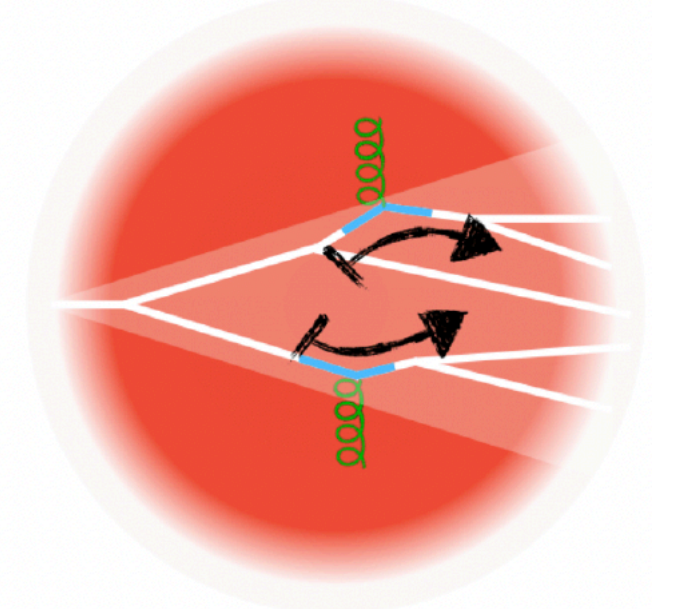
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- Several types of jet observables
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  - Jet correlations and tagging → angular deflection and asymmetry



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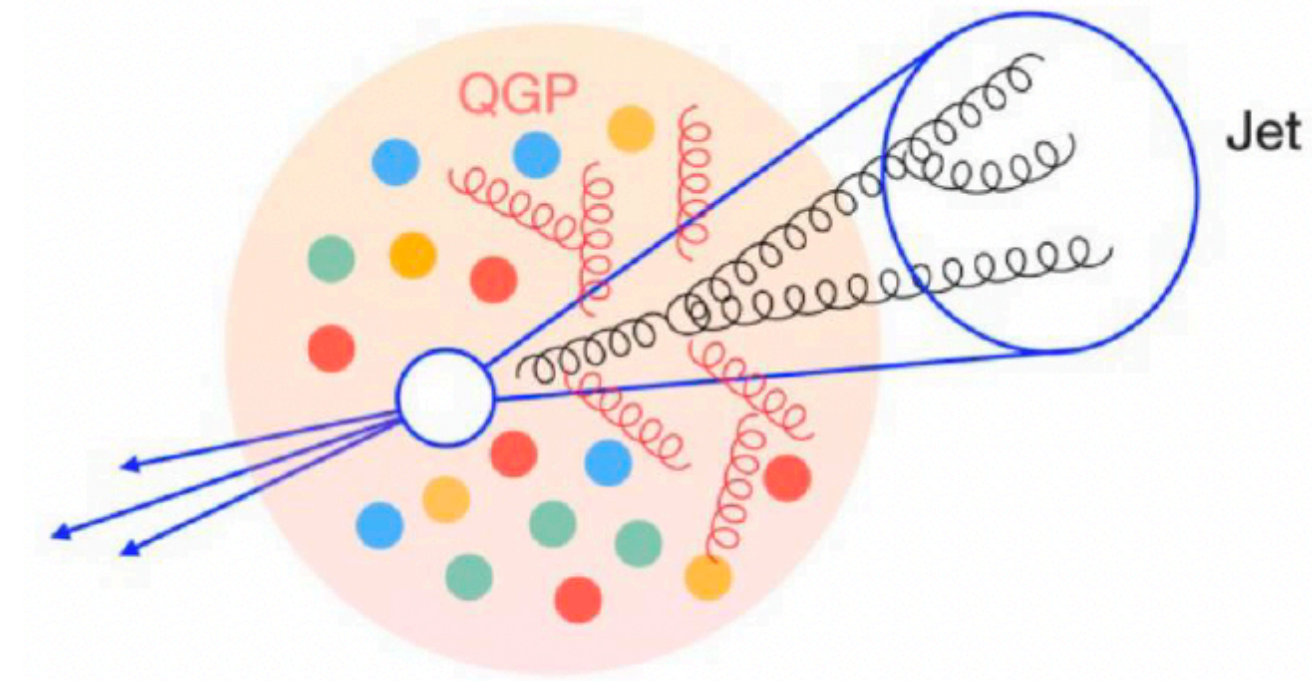
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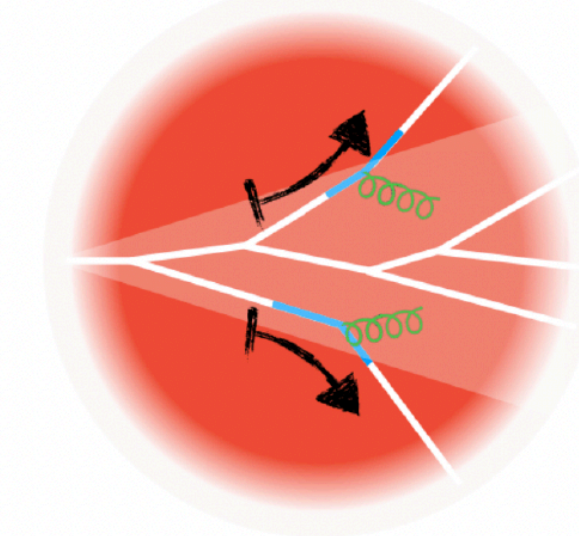


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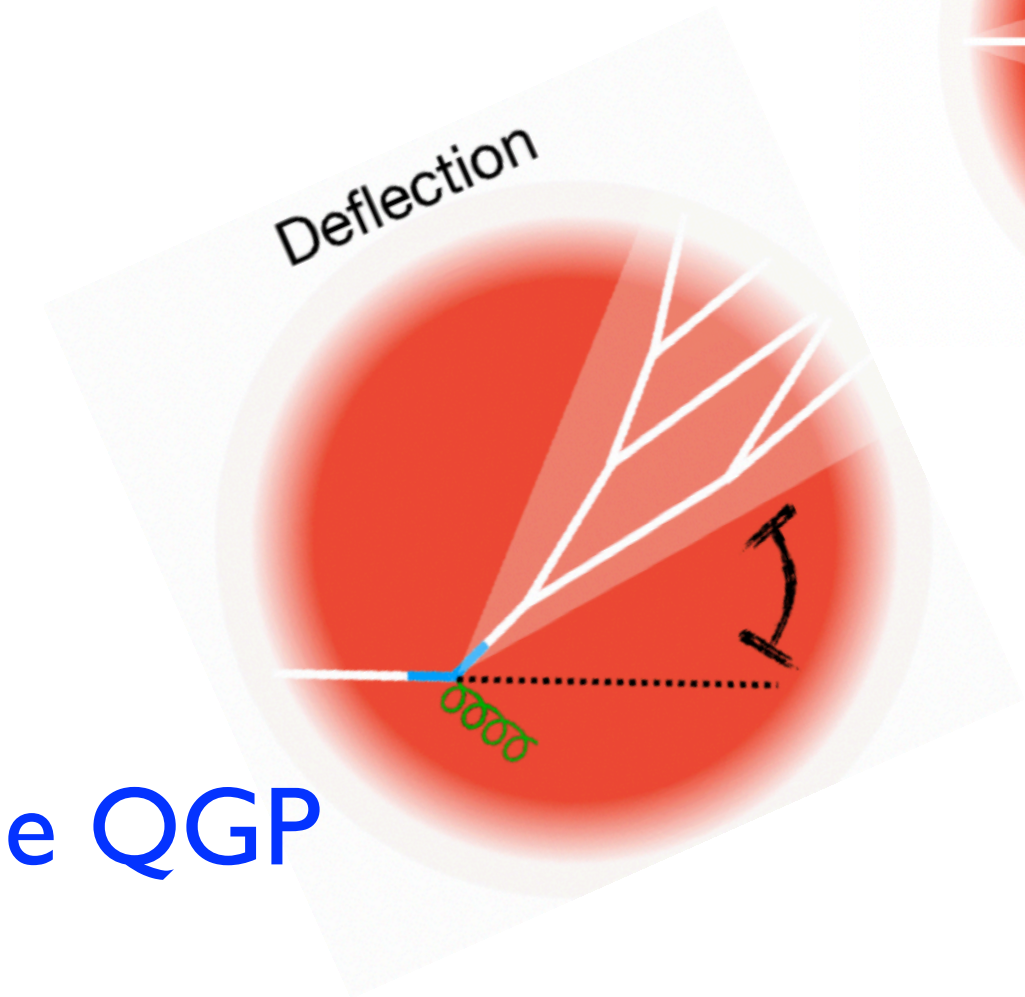
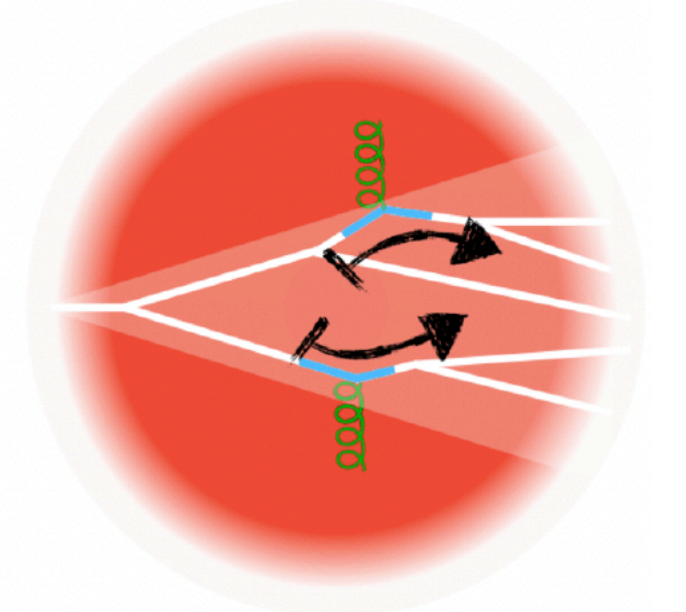
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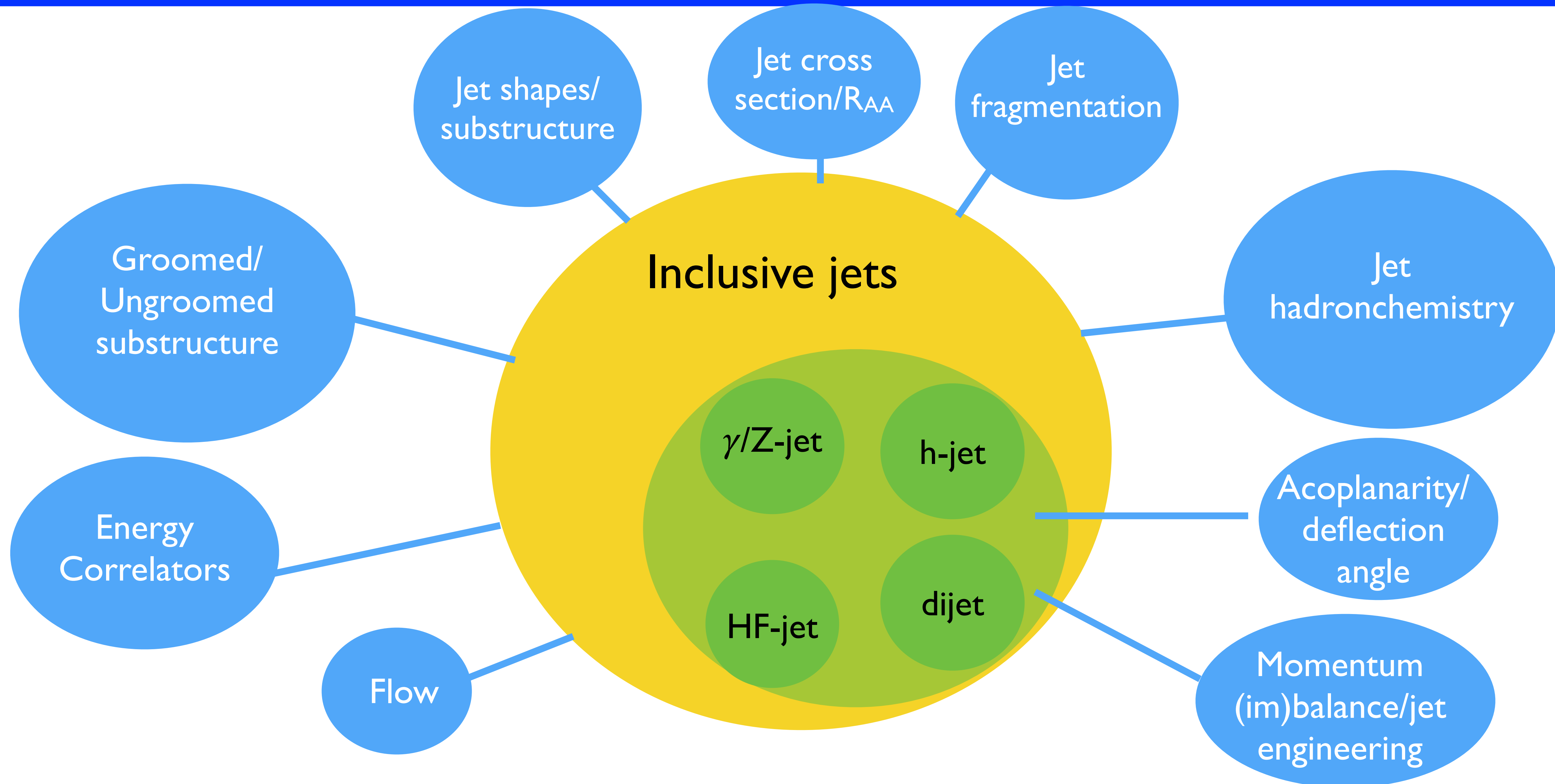
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Goal: design observables to disentangle effects and extract properties of the QGP

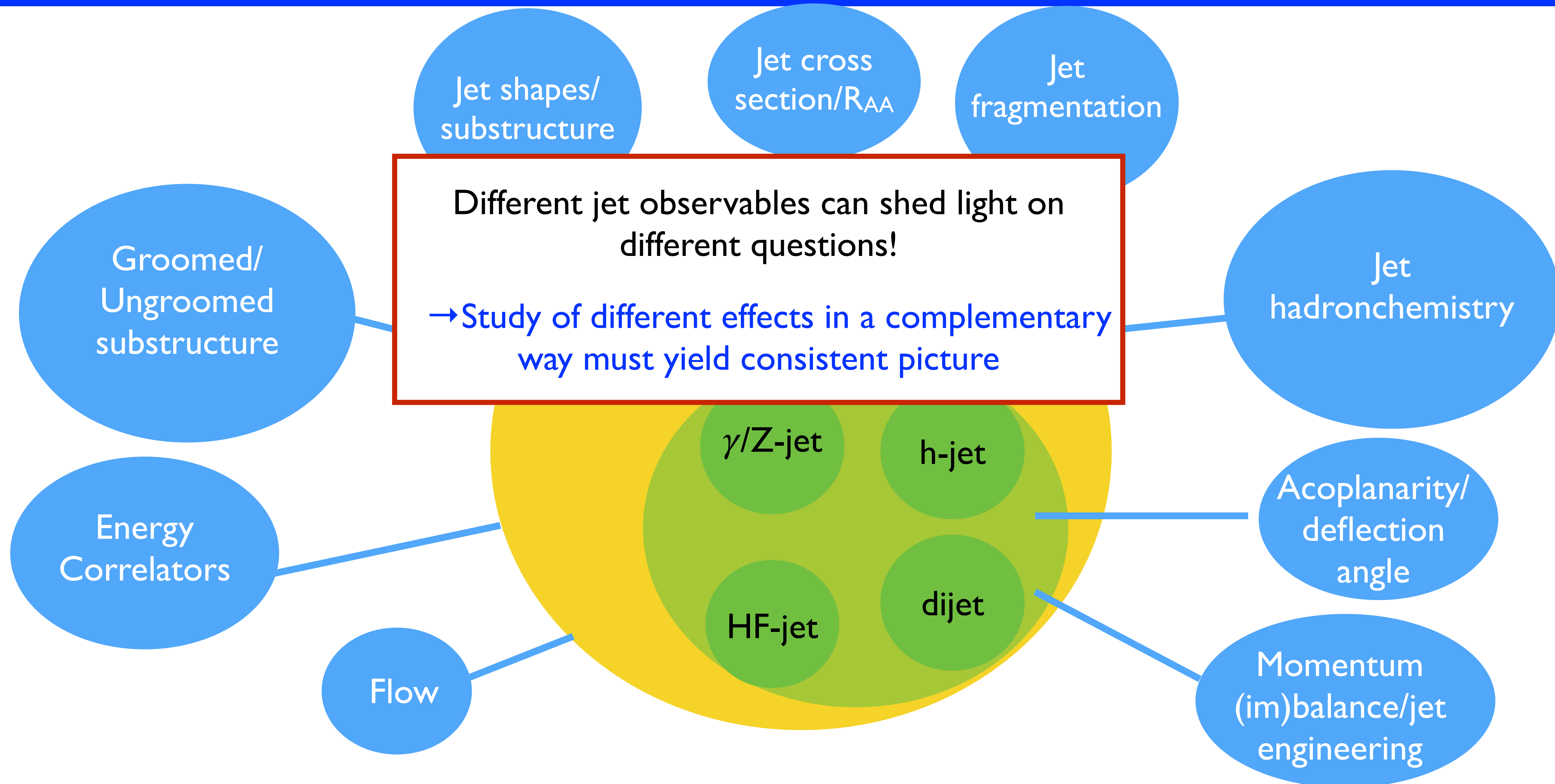


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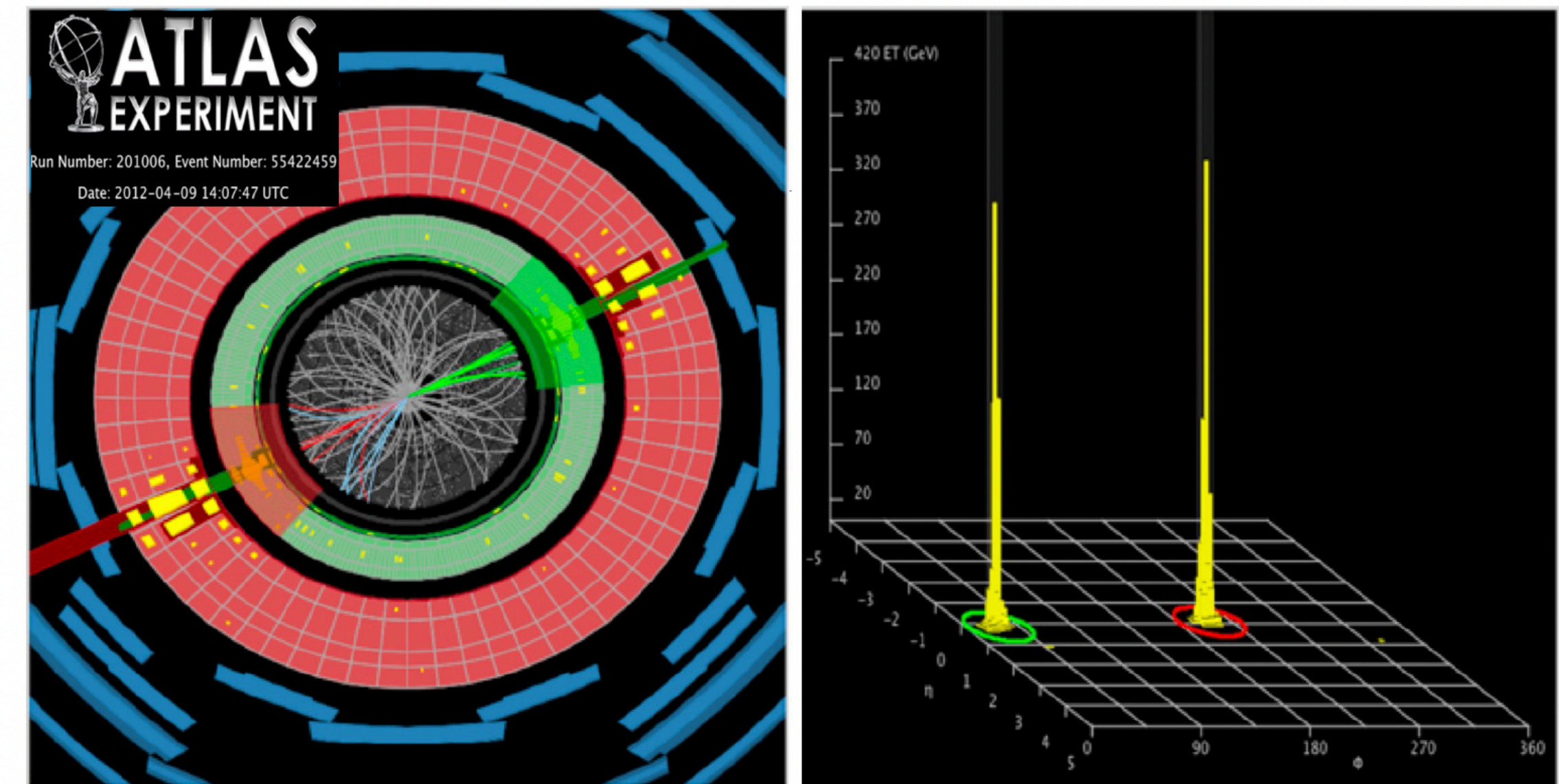
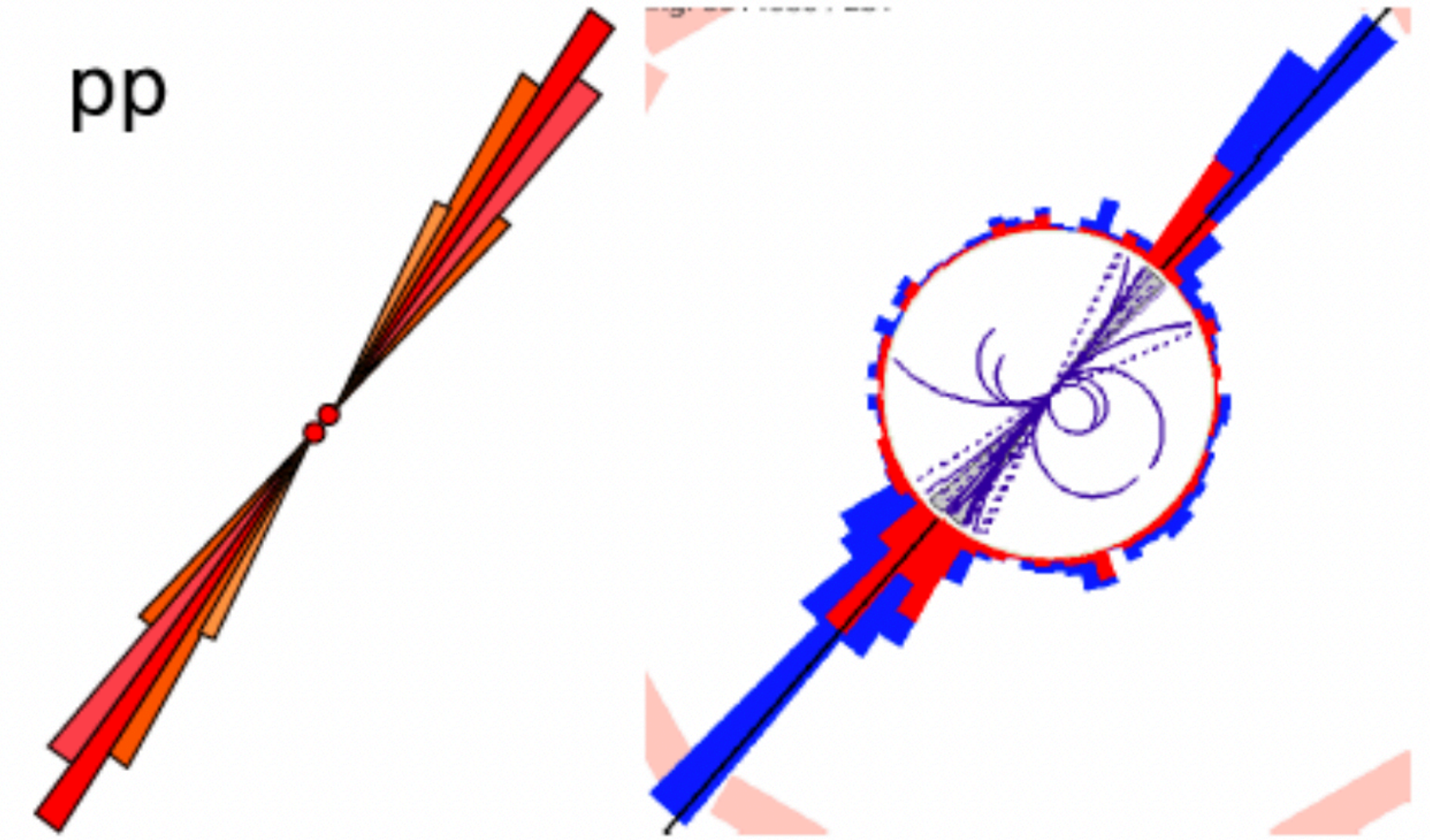




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ATLAS, pp collision event display



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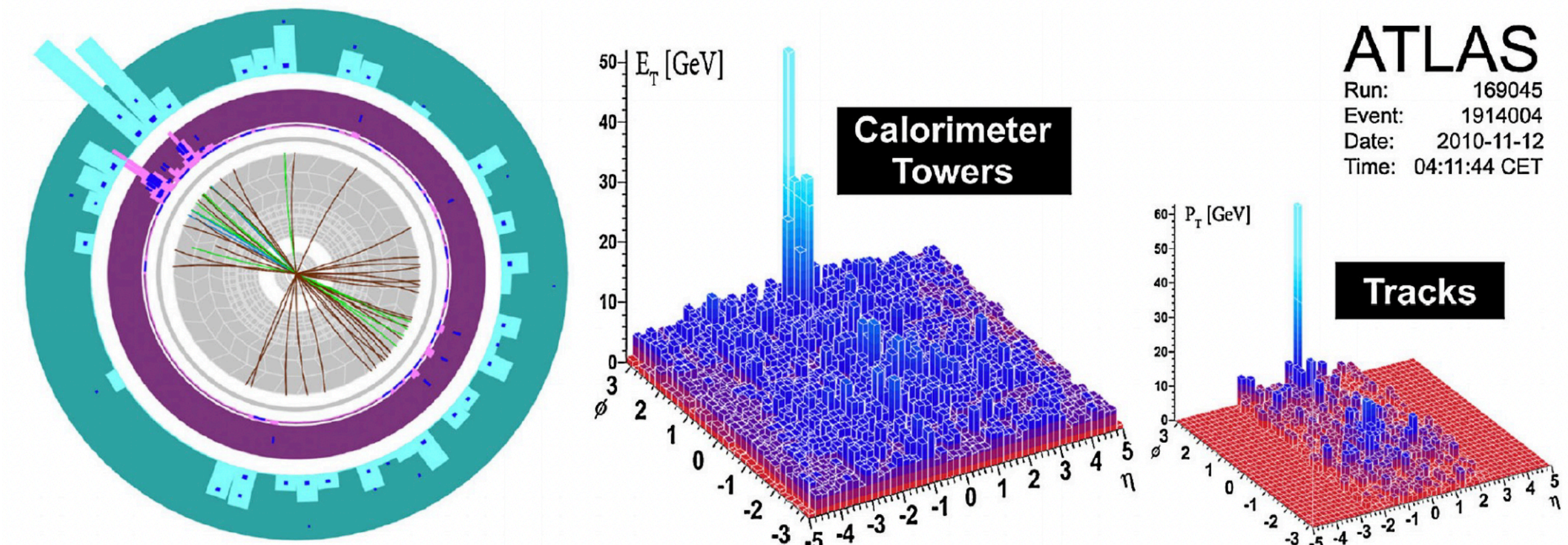
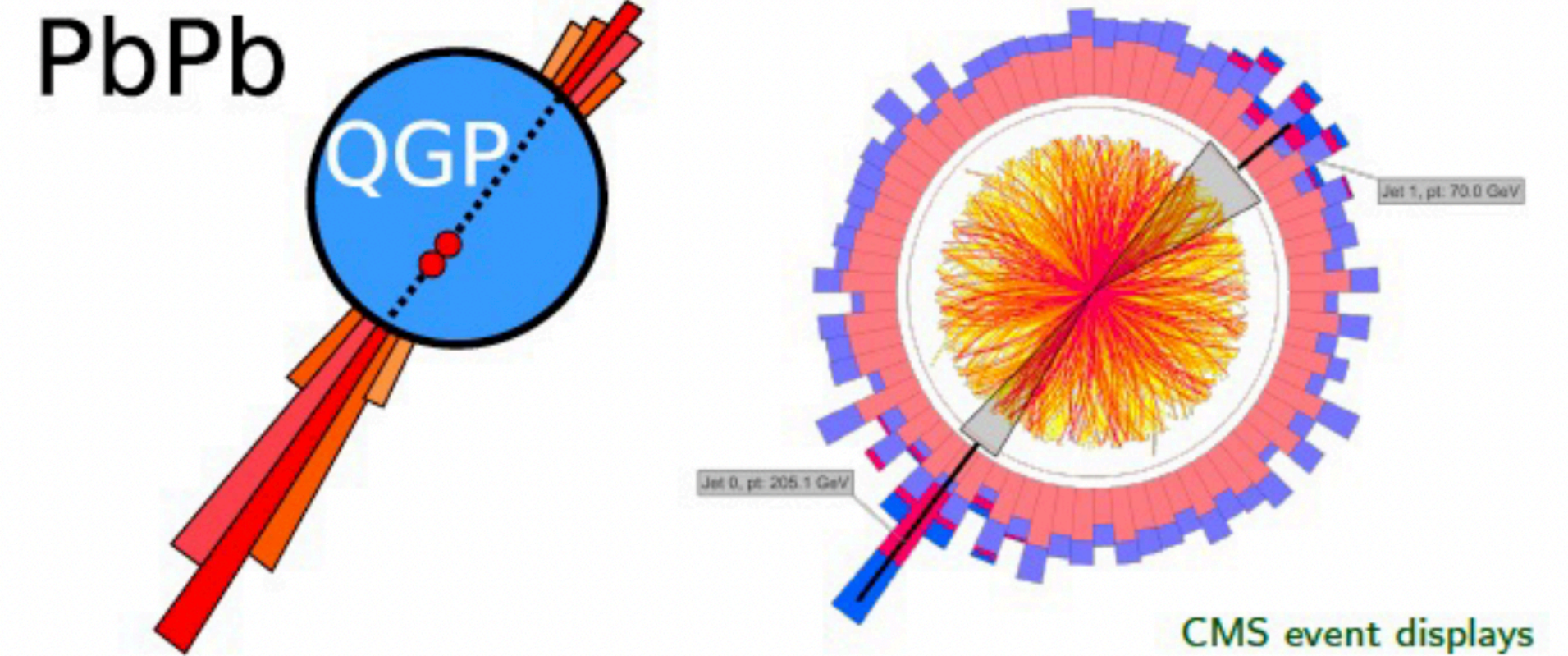
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When a QGP is formed, the colored partons traverse and interact with a colored medium

→ in-medium fragmentation

→ jet “quenching” (energy loss)

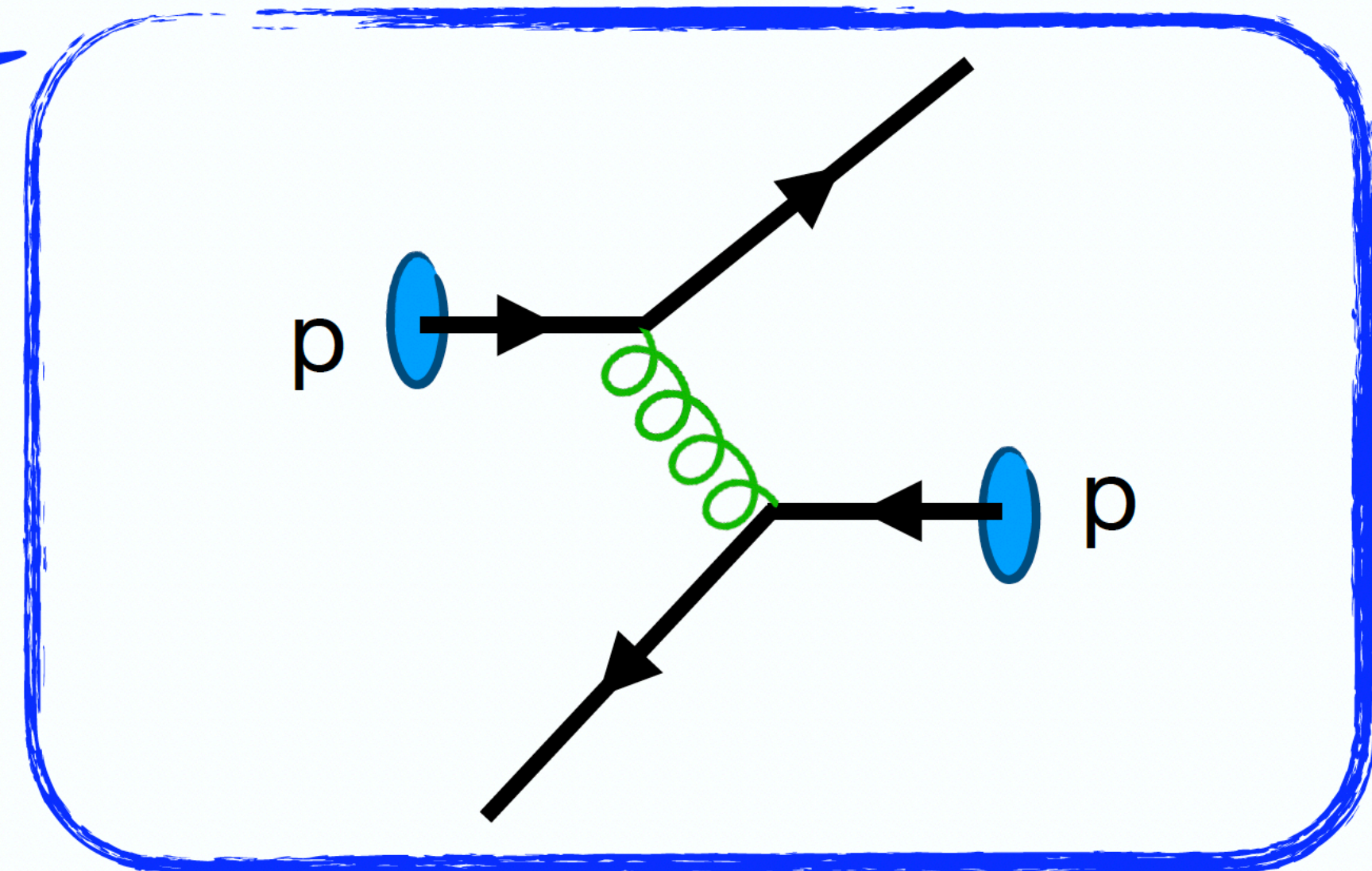
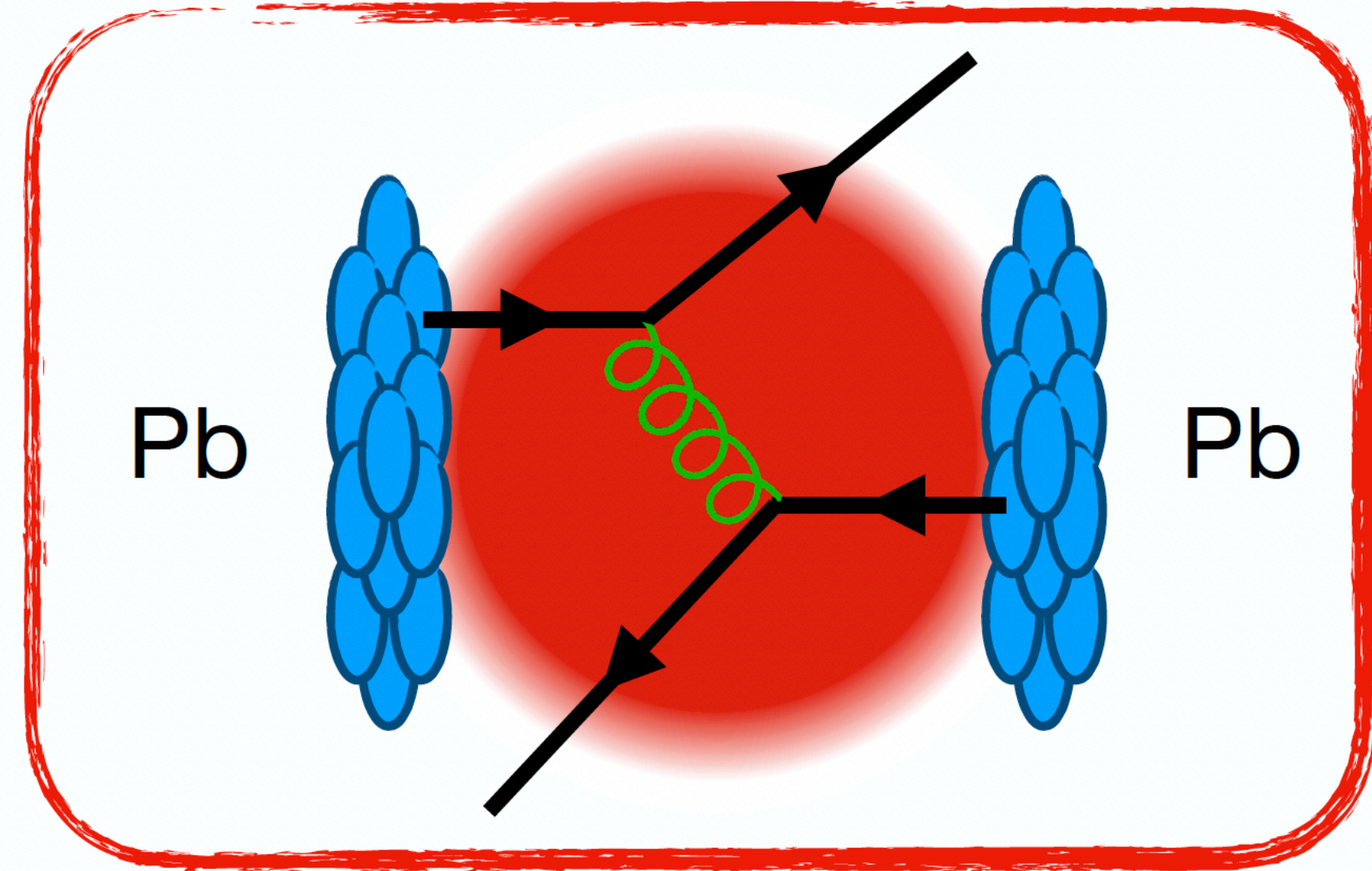
Goal: understand the nature of this energy loss to characterize the strongly-interacting QGP





# Nuclear modification factor

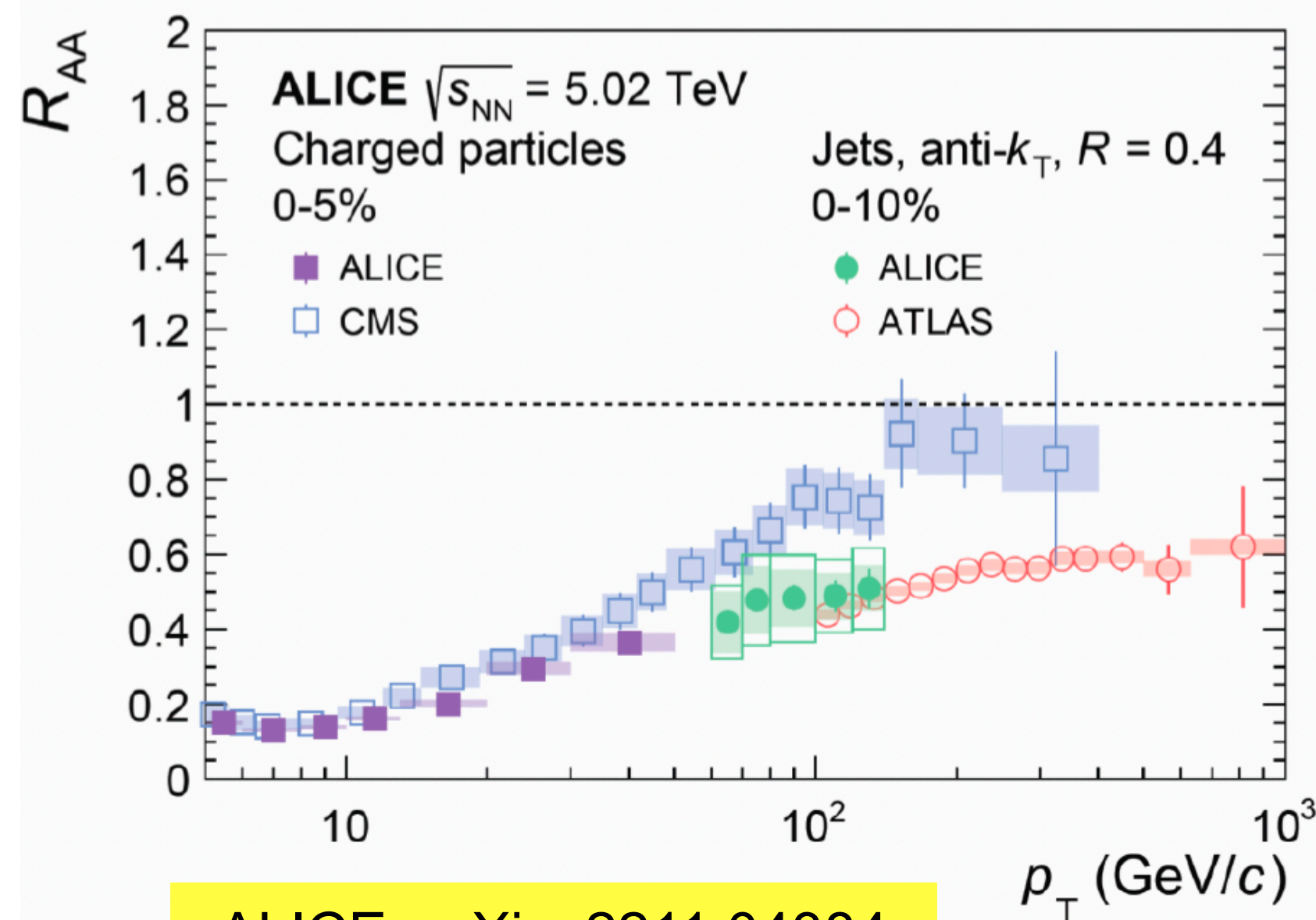
$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle} \frac{dN_{AA}/dp_T}{dN_{pp}/dp_T}$$



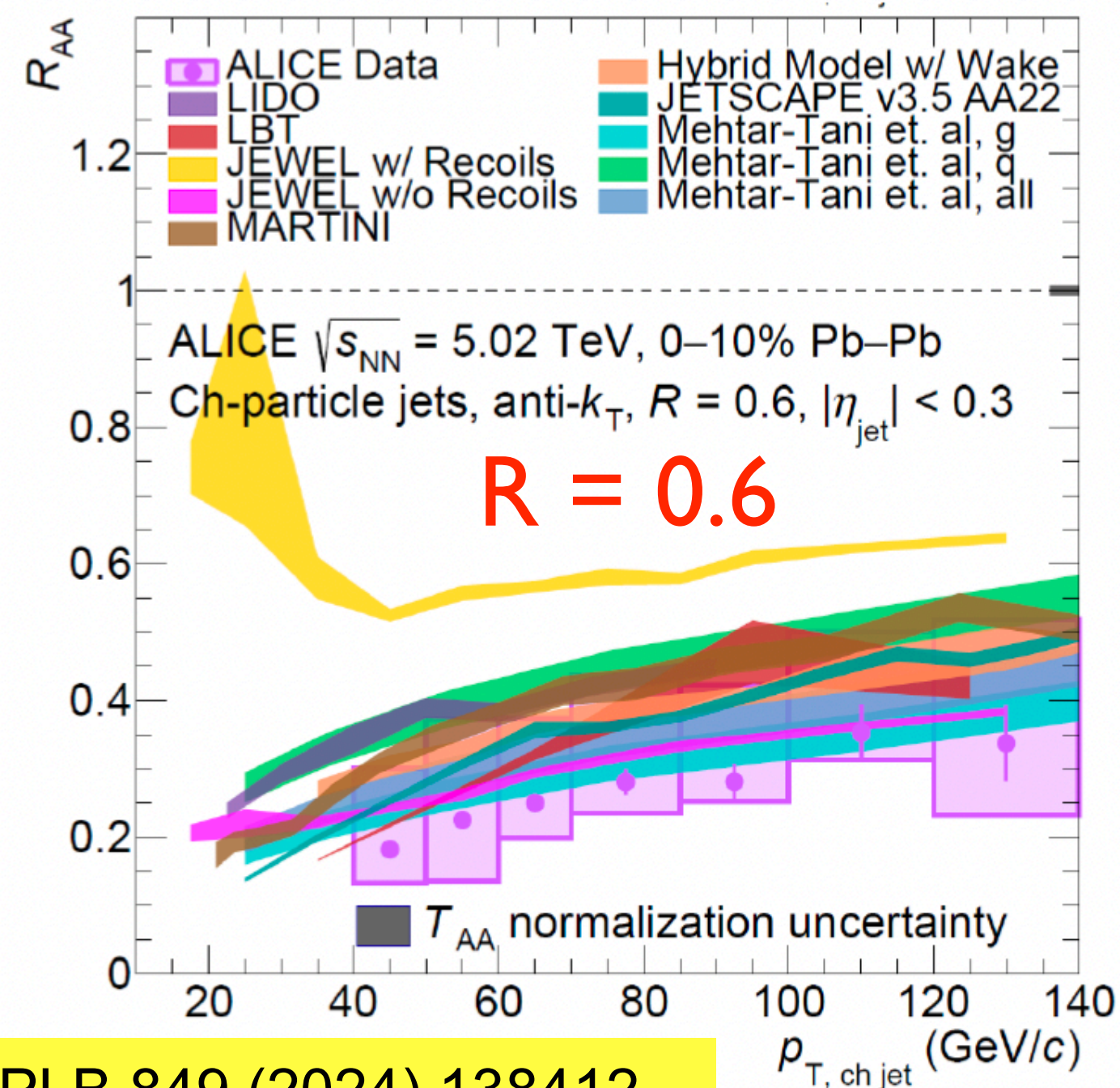
- $R_{AA} > 1 \rightarrow$  enhancement
- $R_{AA} = 1 \rightarrow$  no medium modification
- $R_{AA} < 1 \rightarrow$  suppression



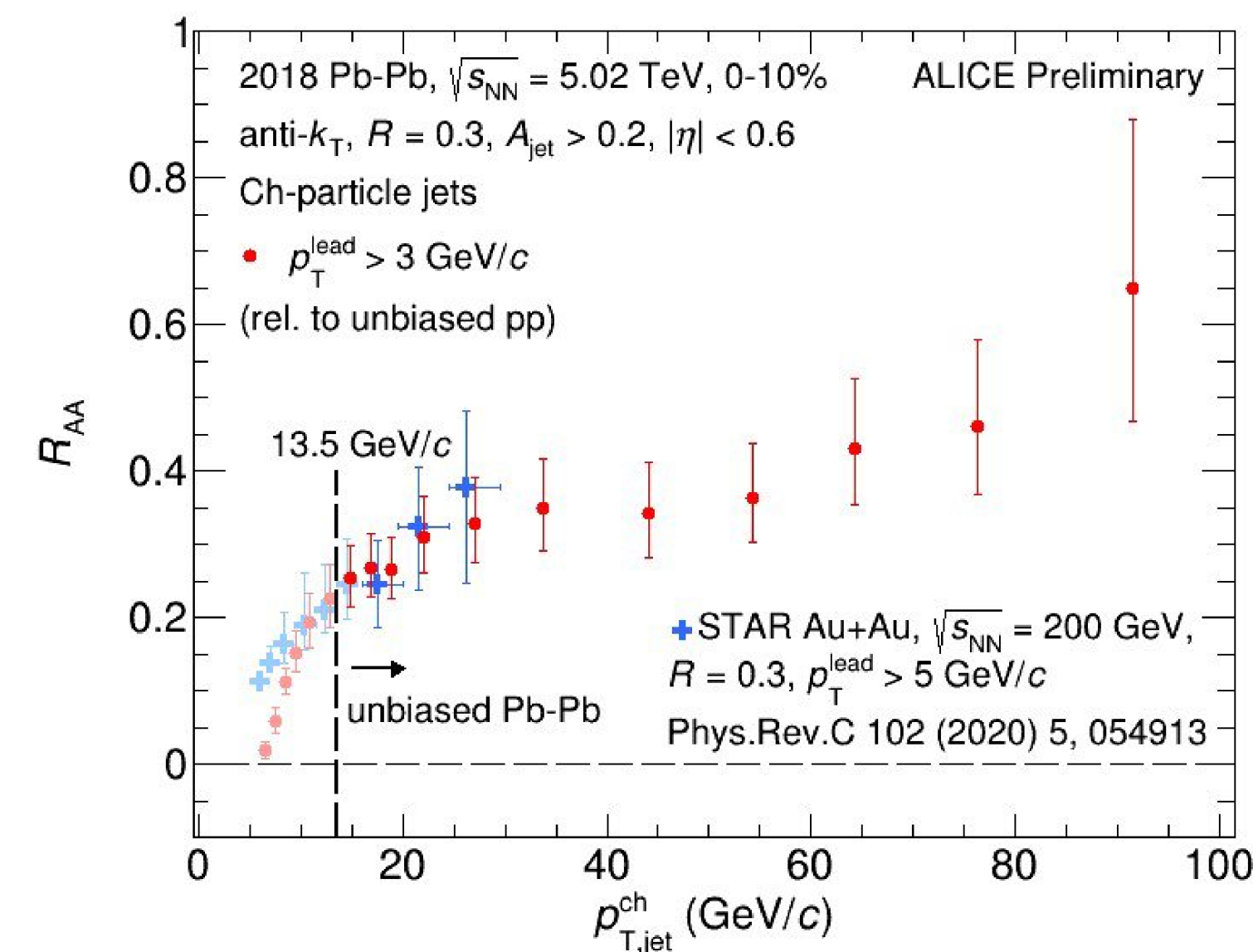
# Jet suppression and energy redistribution



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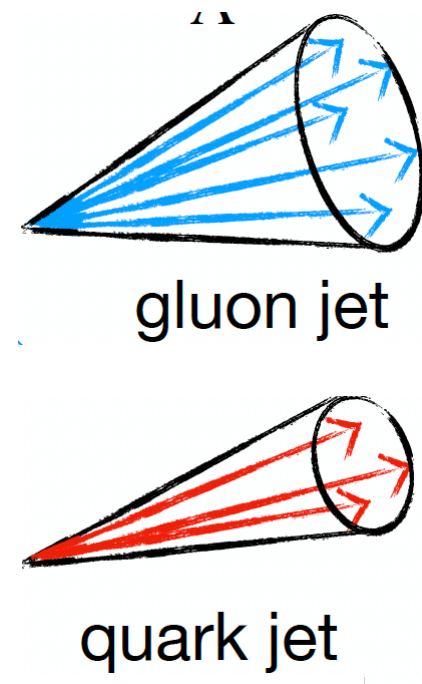
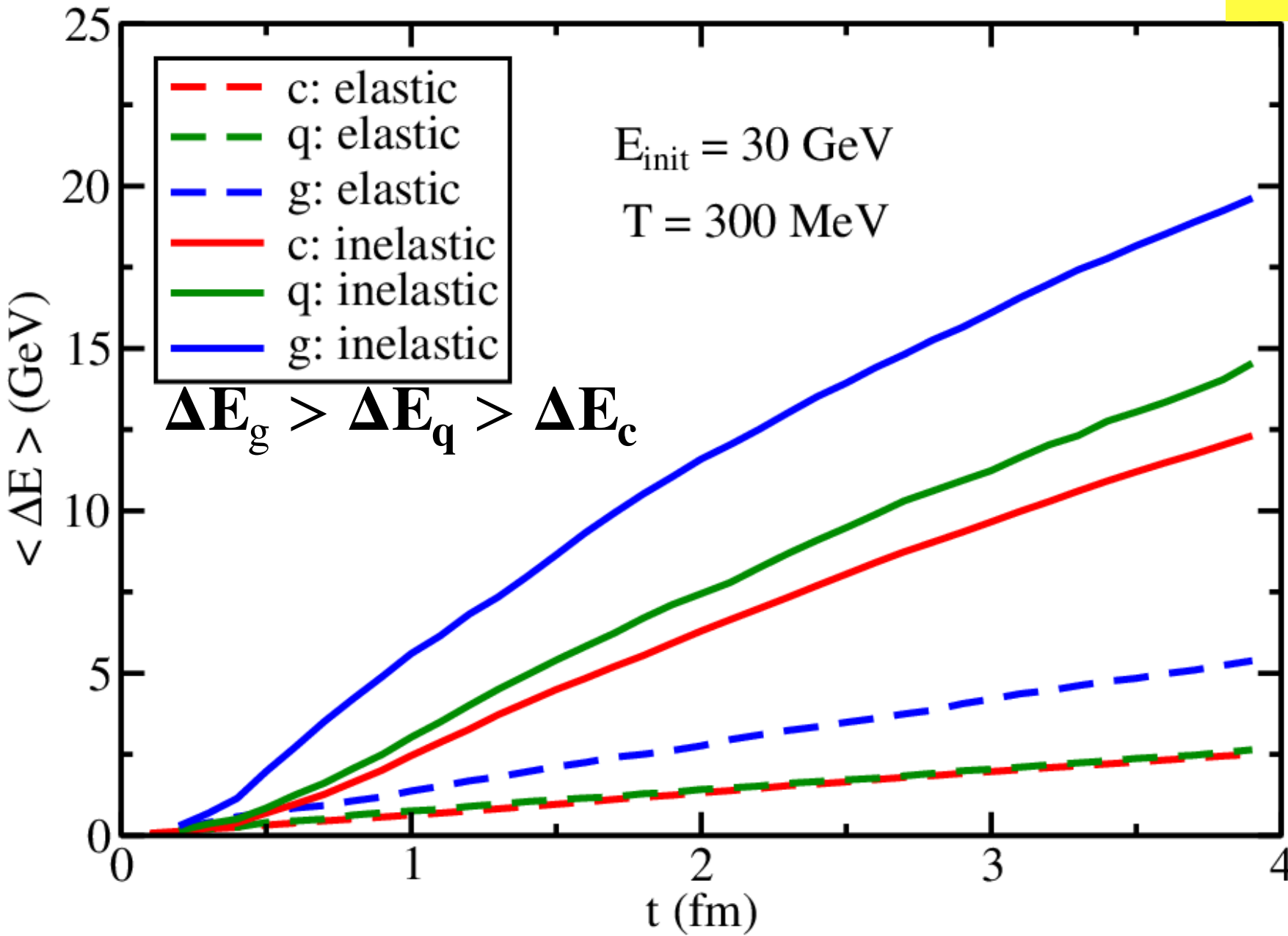


- Jet and high  $p_T$  hadron suppression observed over extensive range
  - Interplay between high  $p_T$  and jet results
- New ML&ME techniques allow for the extension to lower jet  $p_T$  and large  $R$ 
  - Allows for an overlapping regime between RHIC and LHC



# Flavor dependence of parton energy loss

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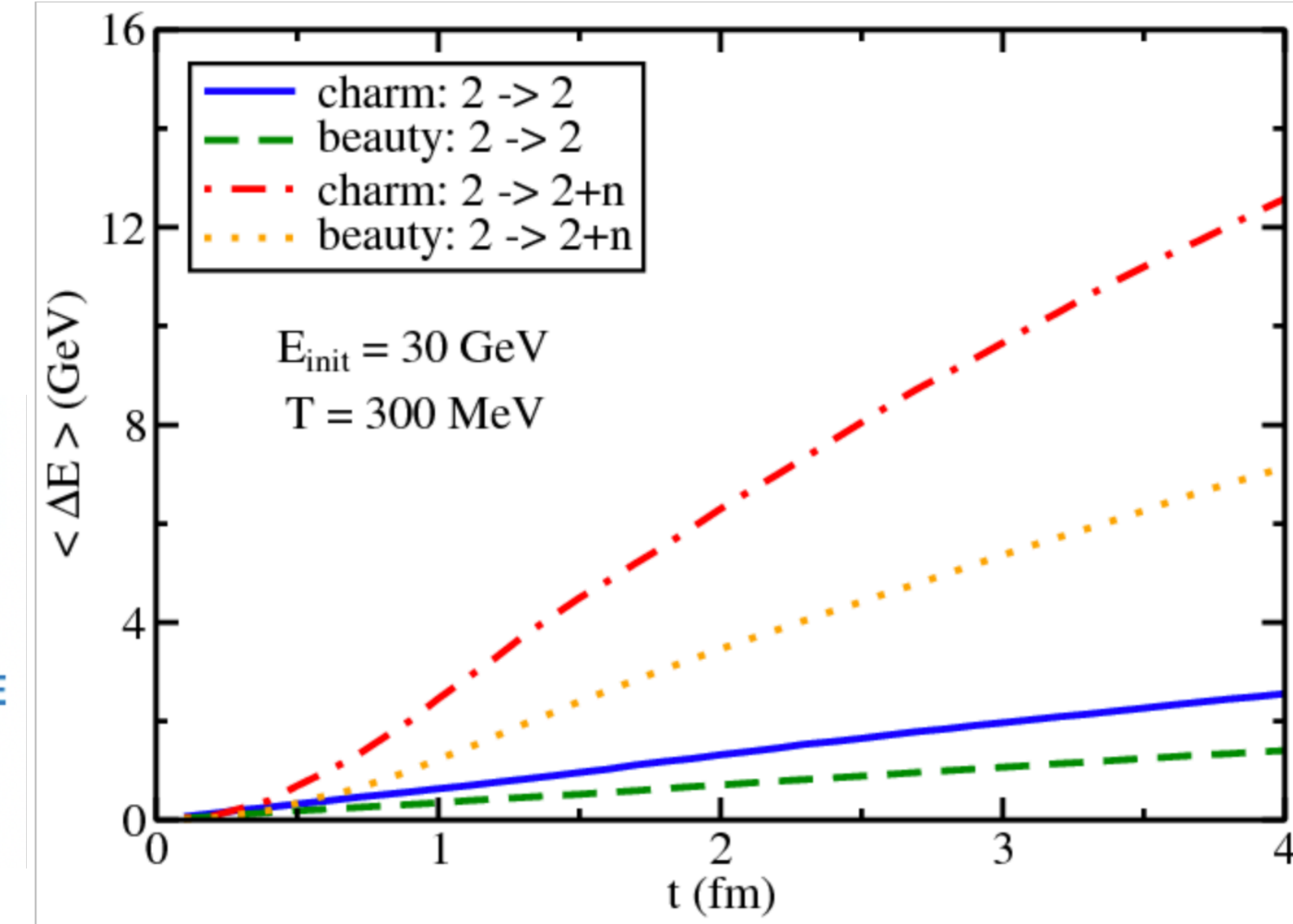
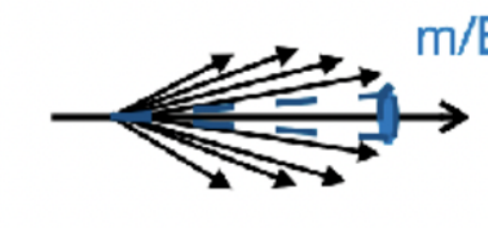
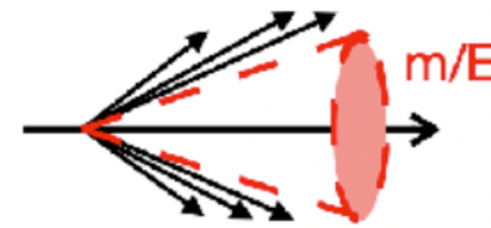
$$C_A = 3$$

$$C_F = 4/3$$

Dead-cone effect

Large parton mass

Small parton mass



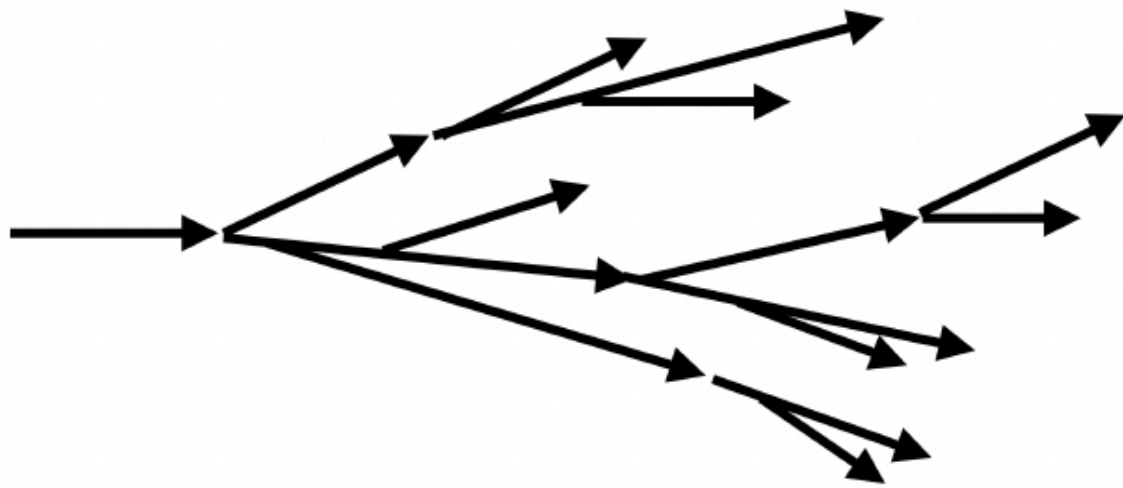
- Flavor dependence involves: a) color charge differences; b) mass dependence

- Flavor dependence of energy loss:  $E_{\text{loss}}^{\text{gluon}} > E_{\text{loss}}^{\text{light-quark}} > E_{\text{loss}}^c > E_{\text{loss}}^b$

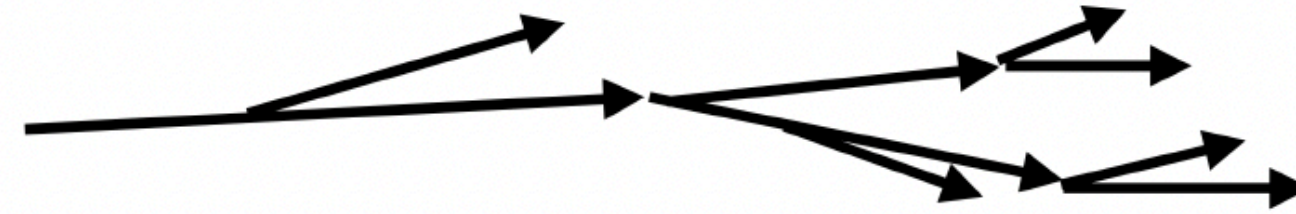


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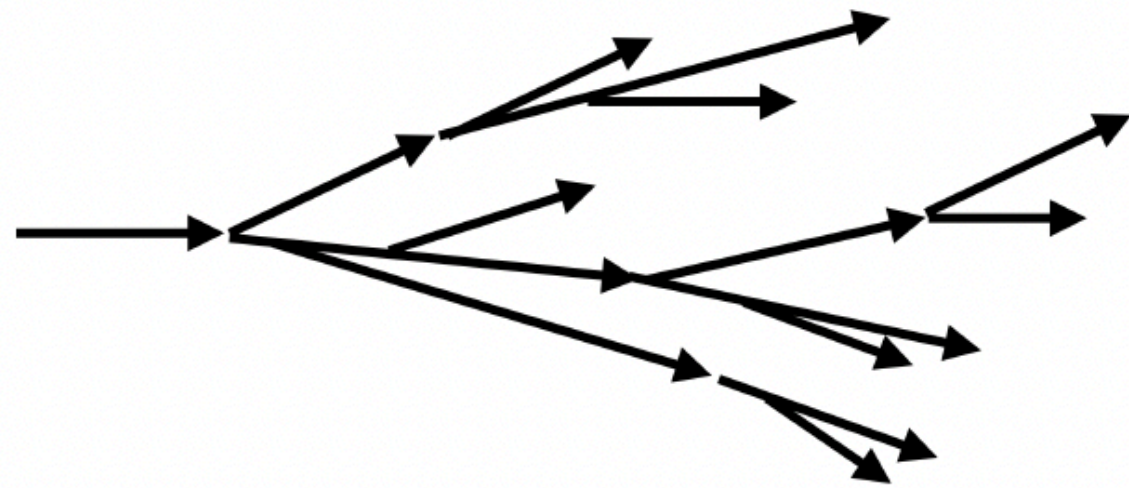
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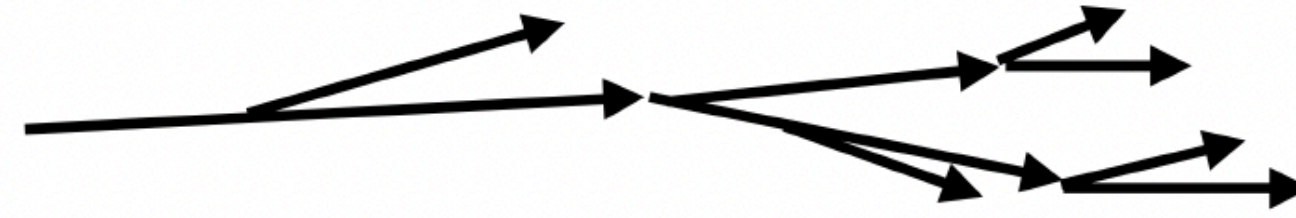
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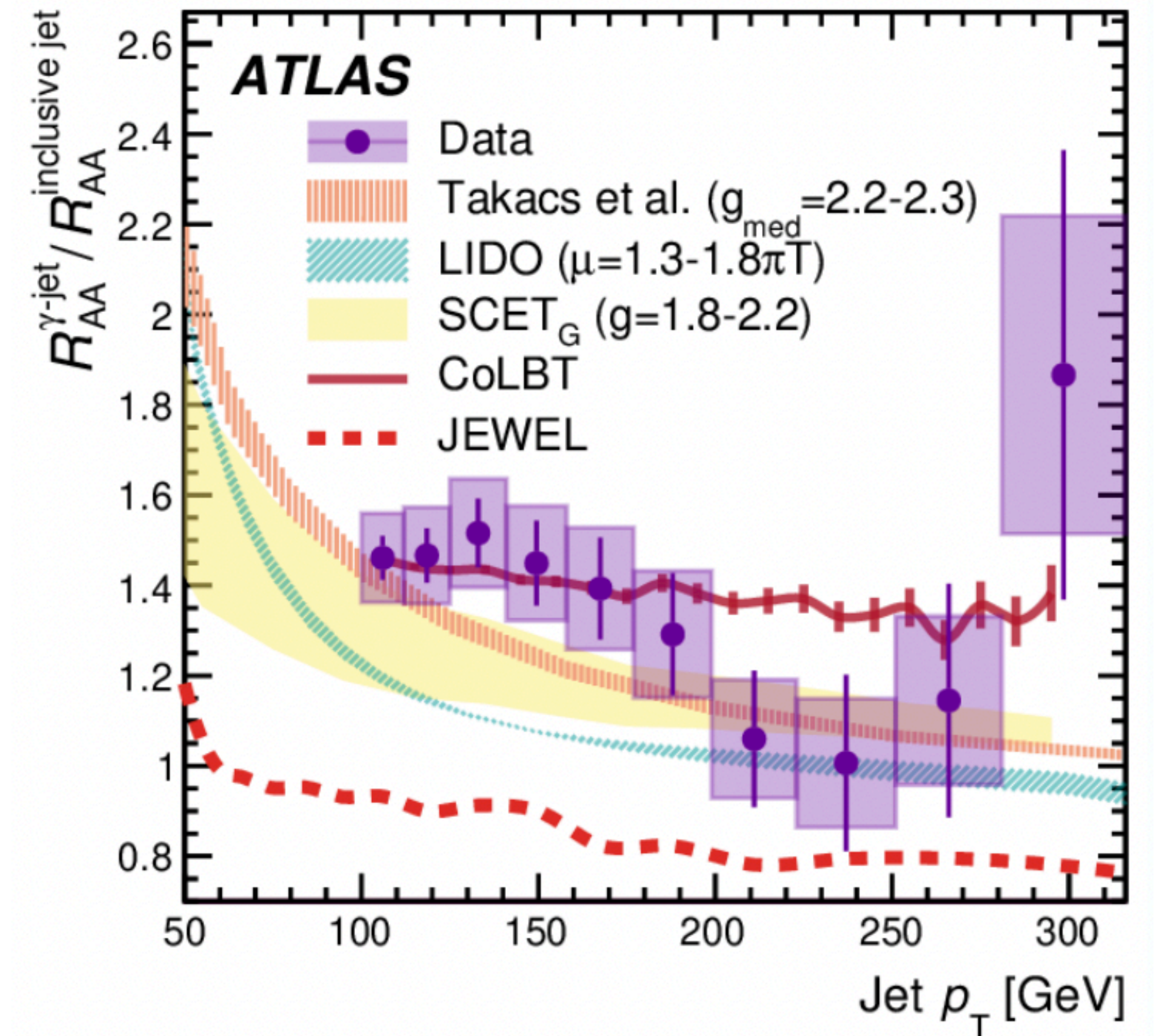


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- $\gamma$ -tagged (quark enriched) jets are less suppressed than inclusive (gluon dominated) jets

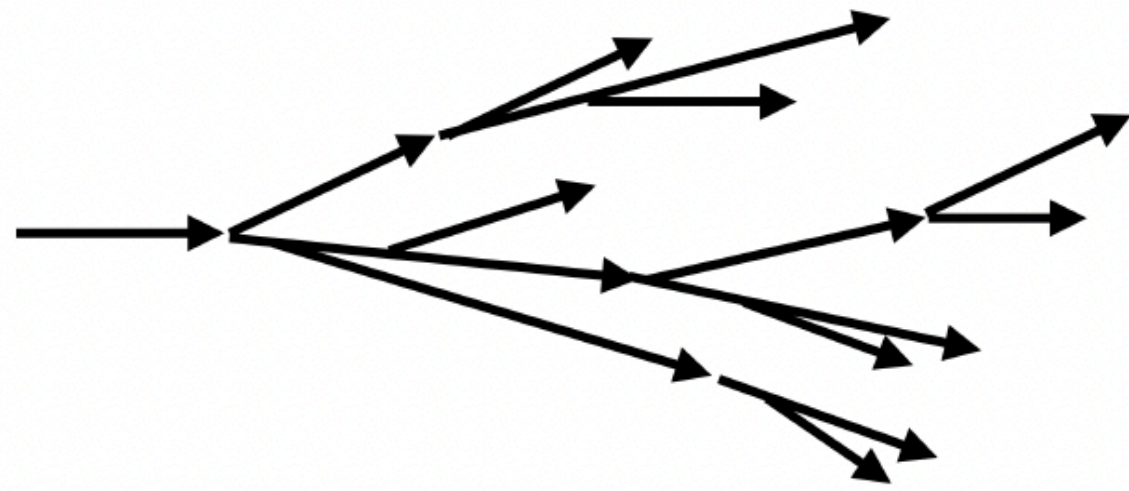
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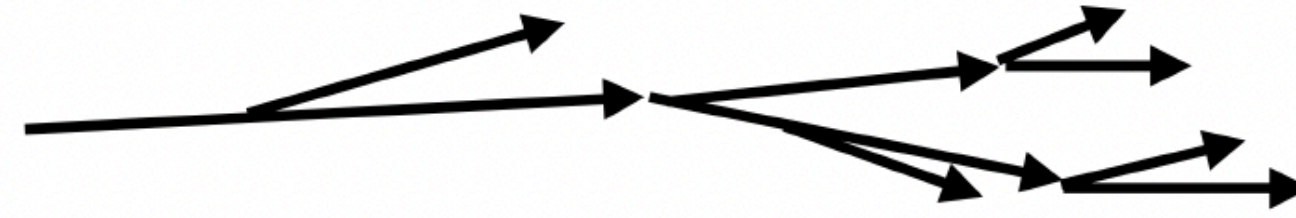
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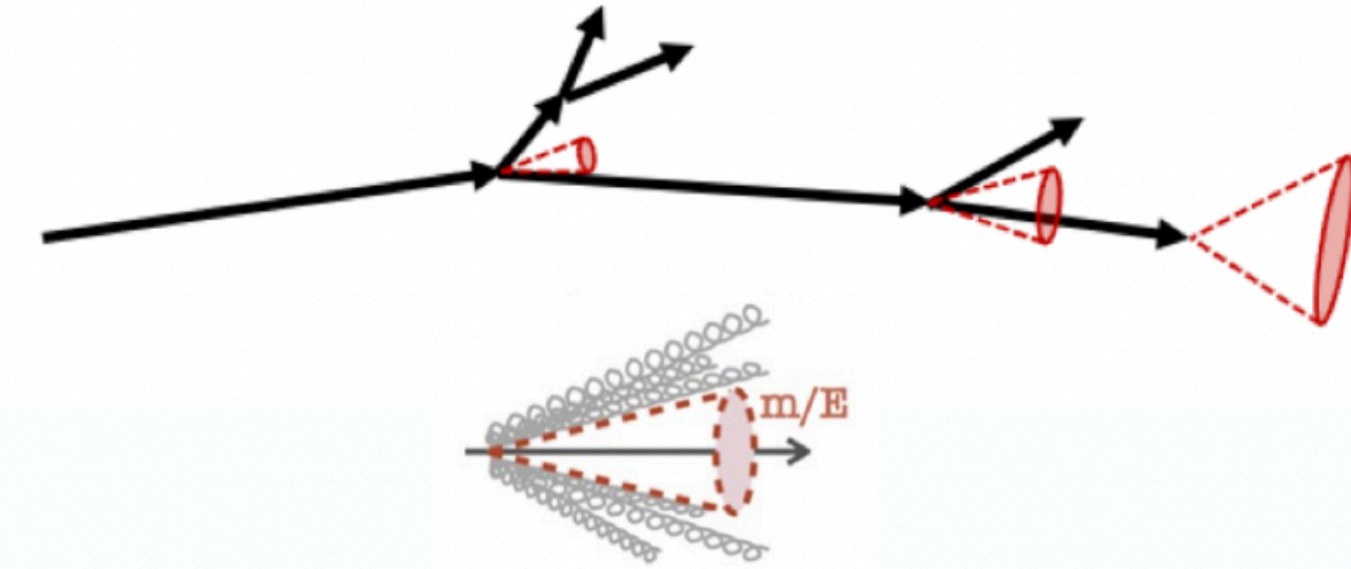


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## Heavy-quark-initiated shower



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### Mass effects

A harder fragmentation is expected in low energy heavy-quark initiated showers due to the presence of a dead cone which suppresses radiation close to the heavy-quark

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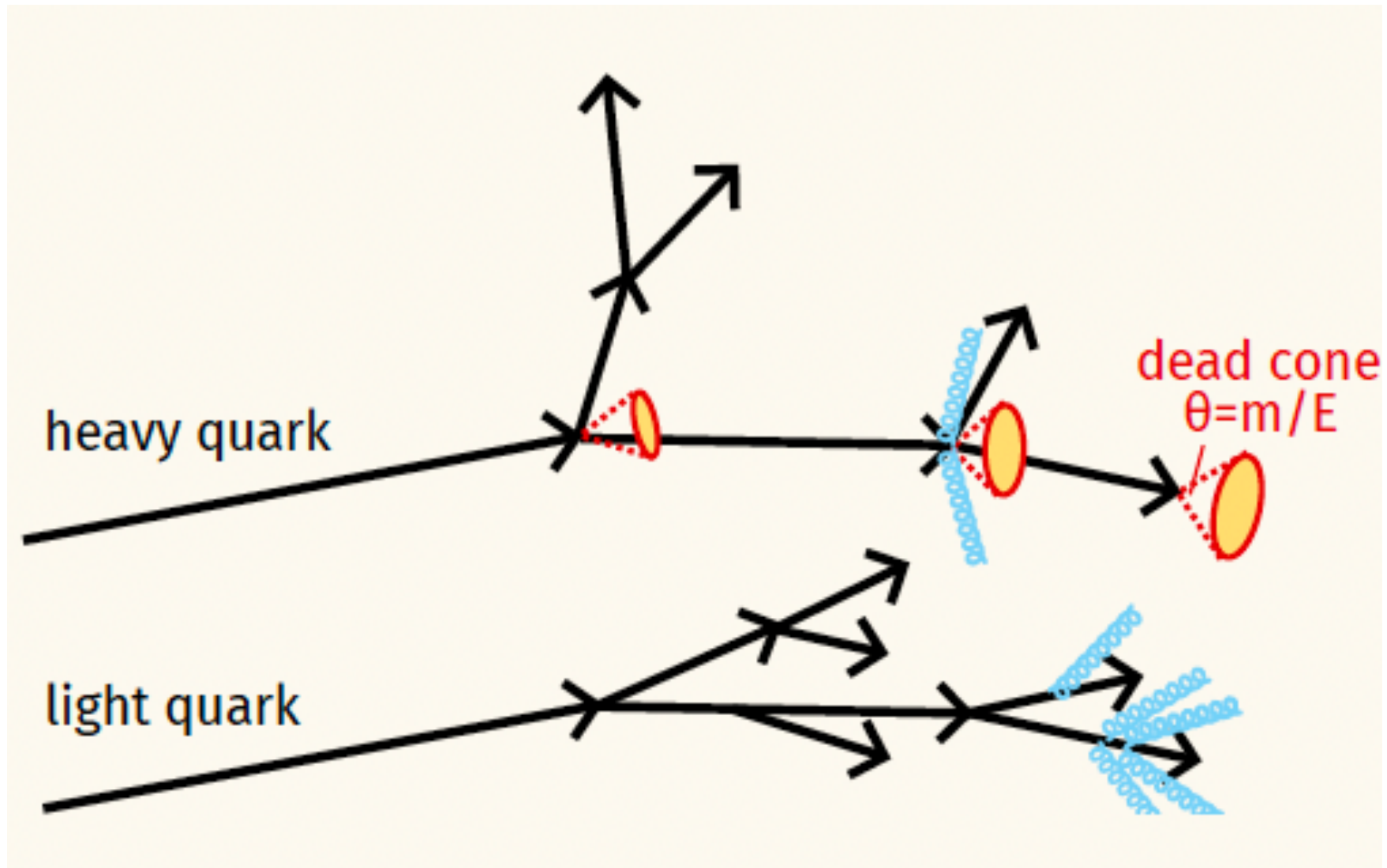


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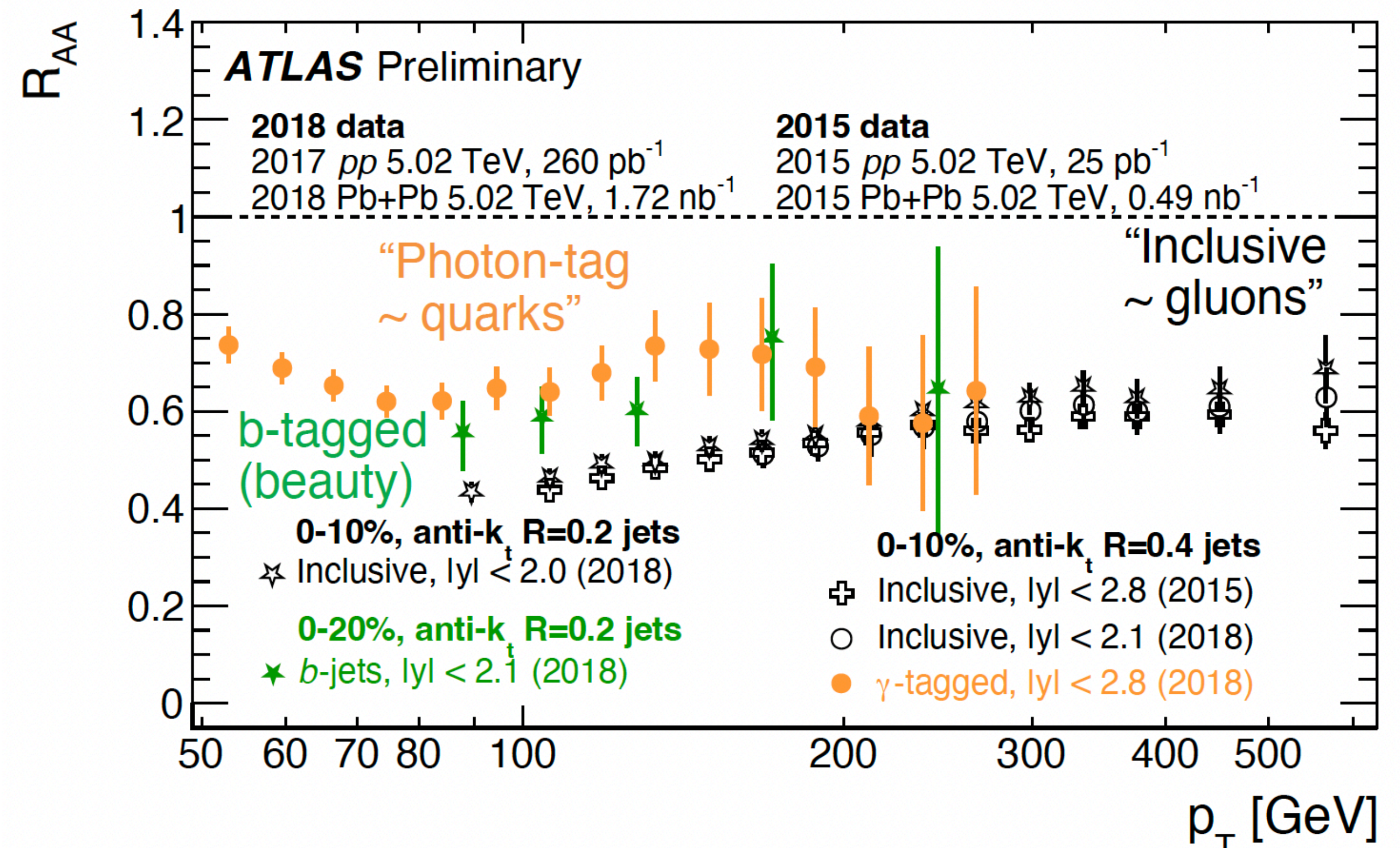
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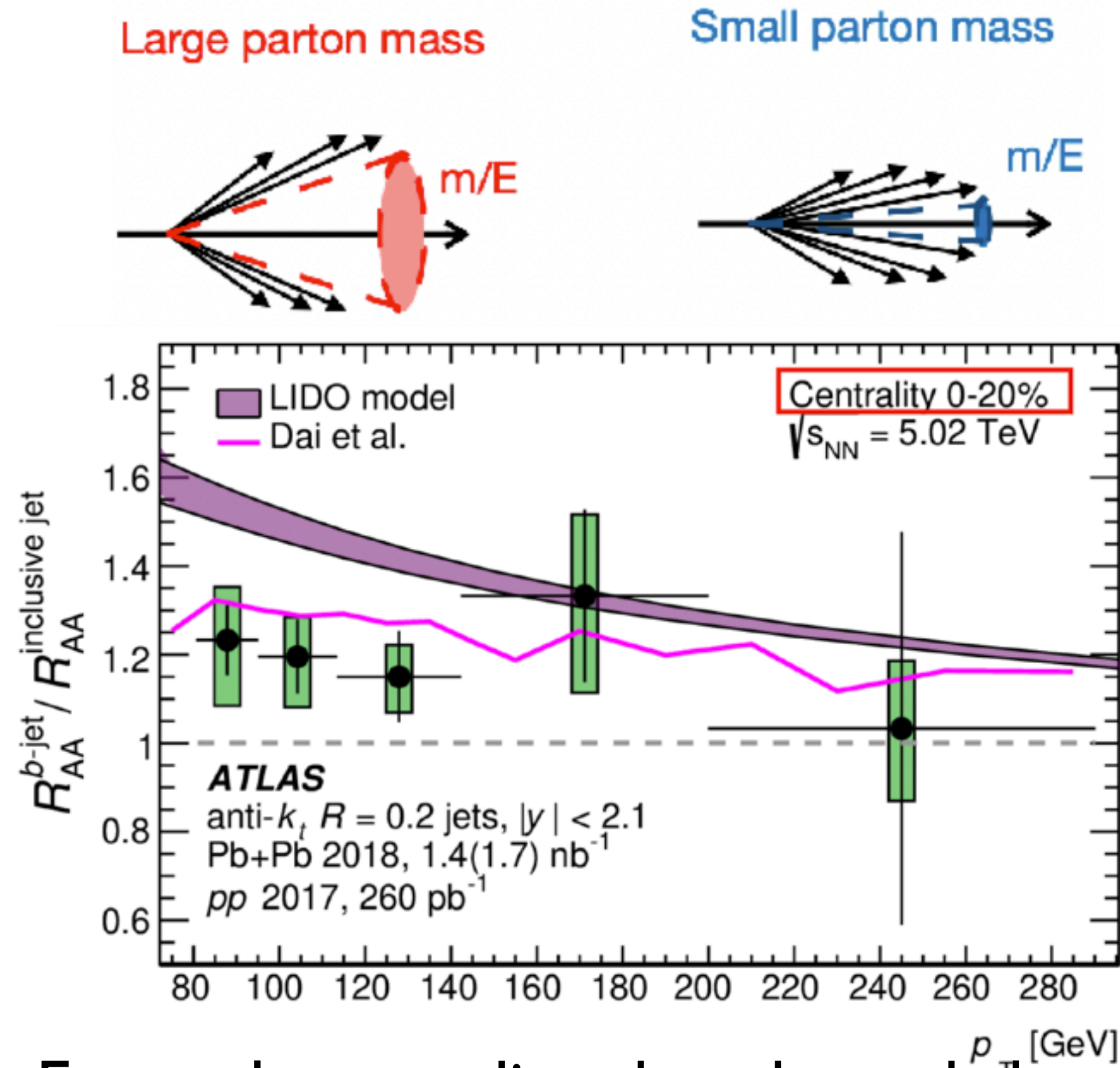


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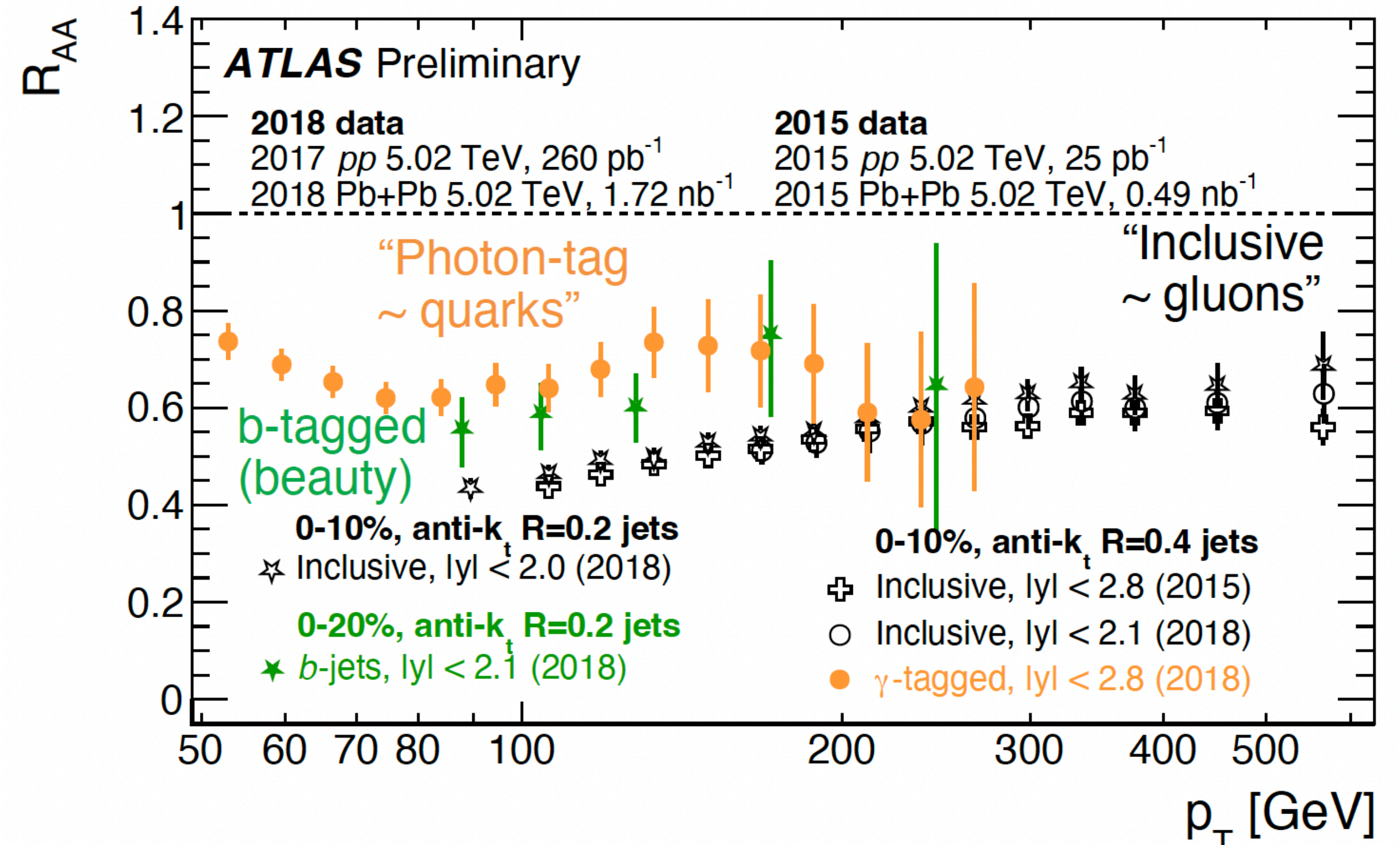


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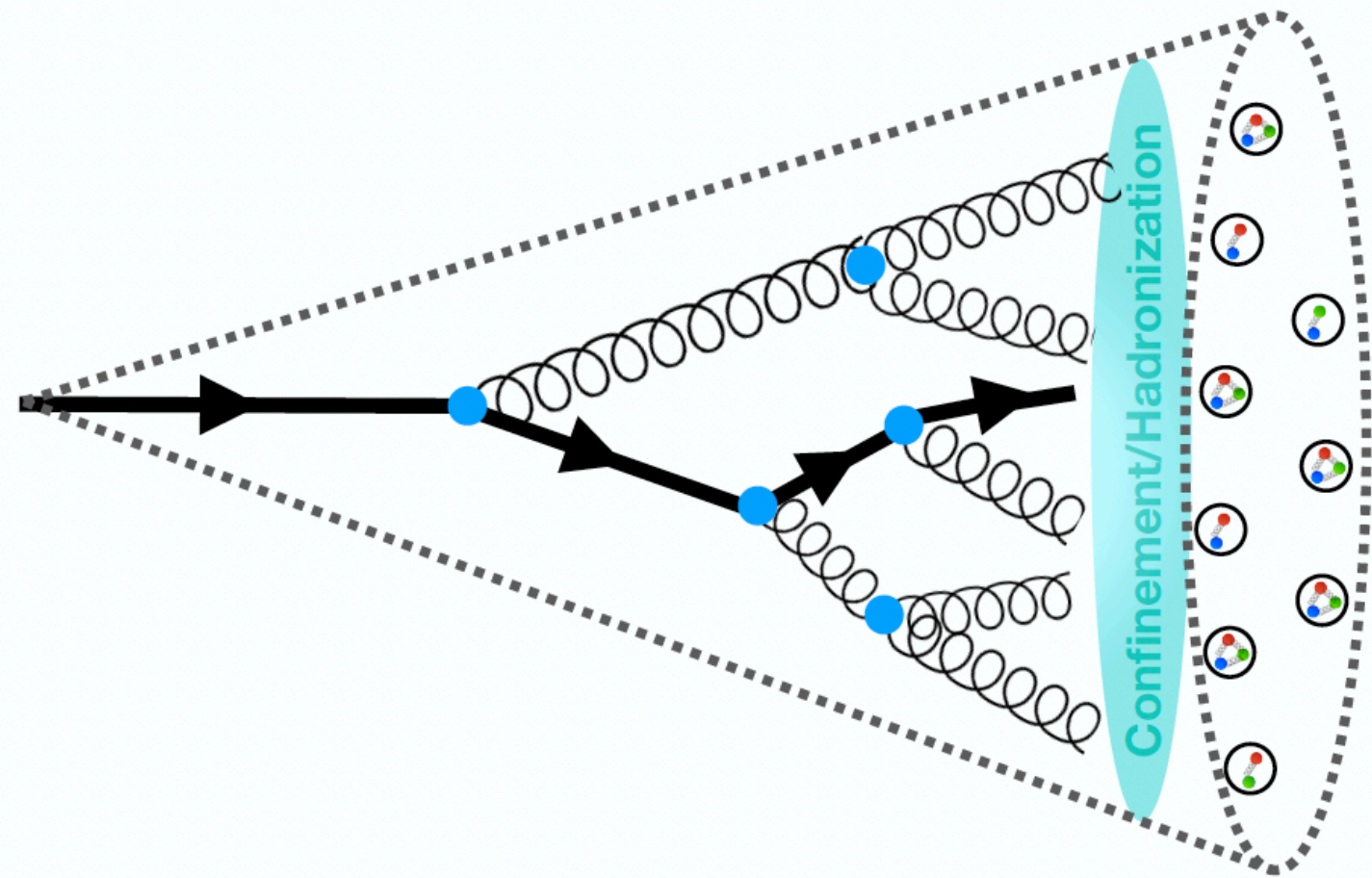
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Flavor-untagged ( $q$  or  $g$ ) jets

Inclusive jets (gluon dominated)

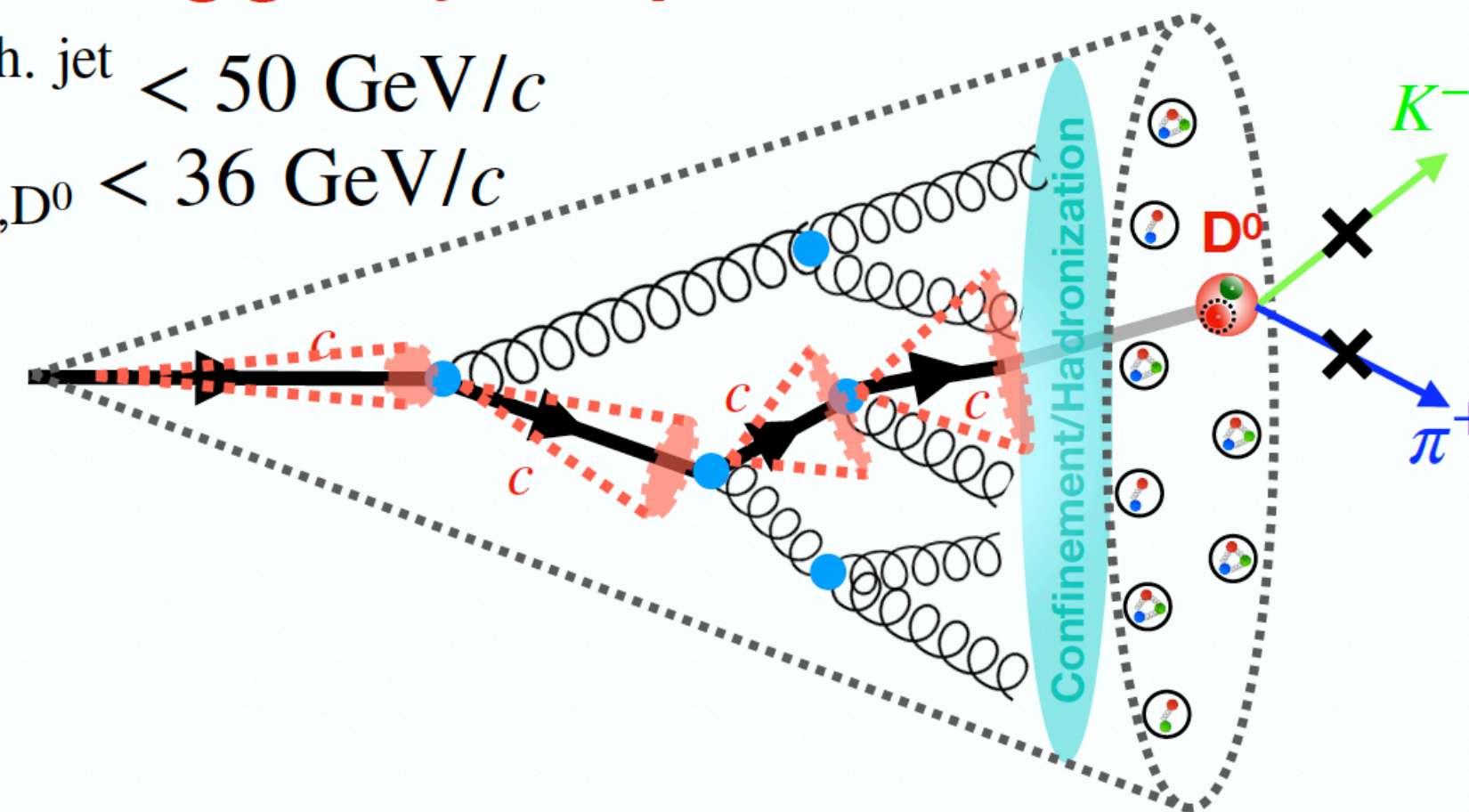


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$D^0$ -tagged jets (charm dominated)

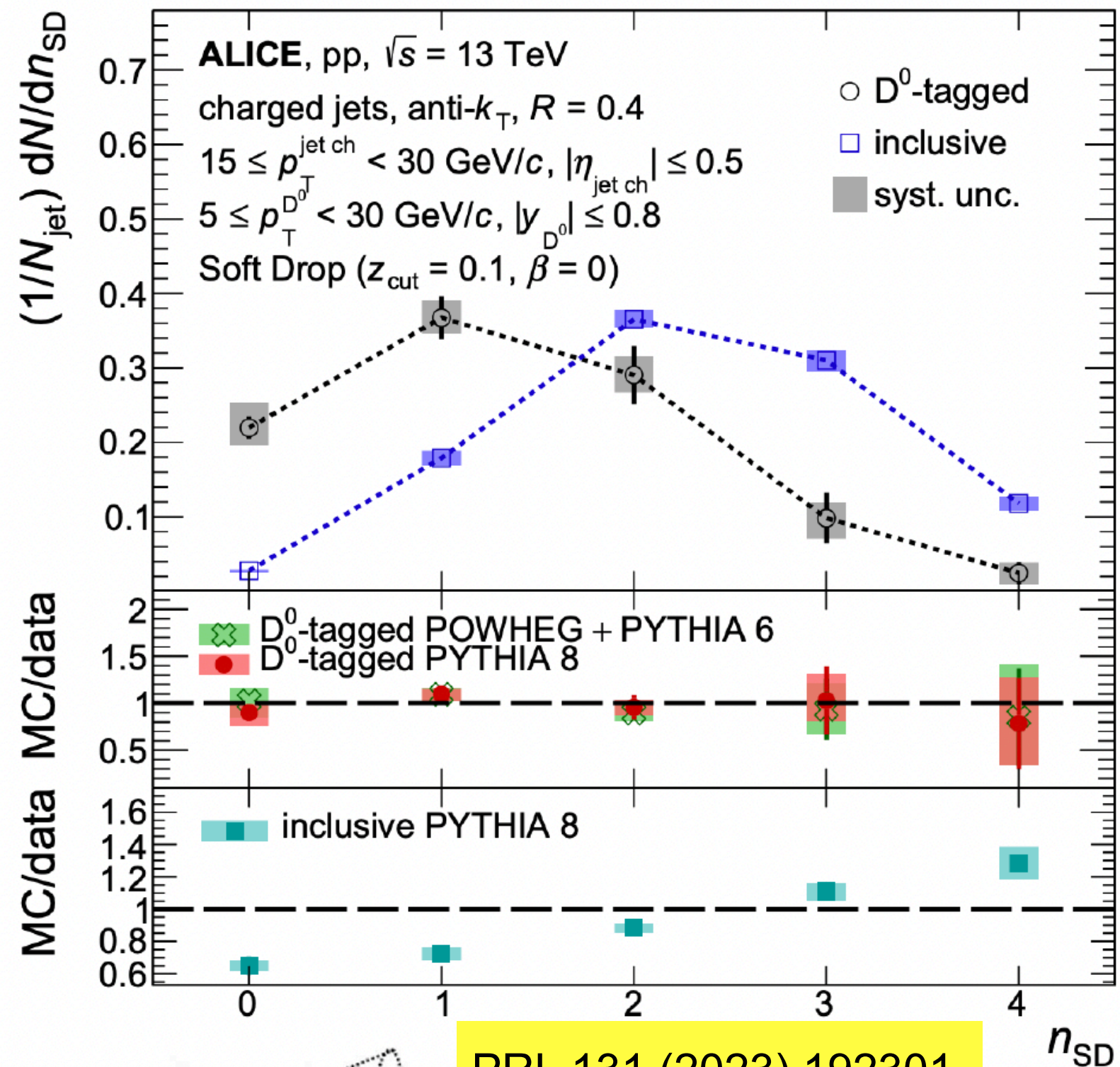
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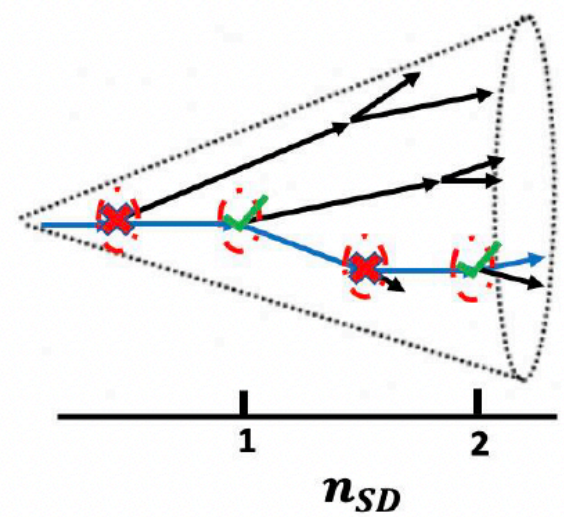
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Soft Drop grooming condition

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✗ Emission is groomed away

✓ Emission satisfies Soft Drop

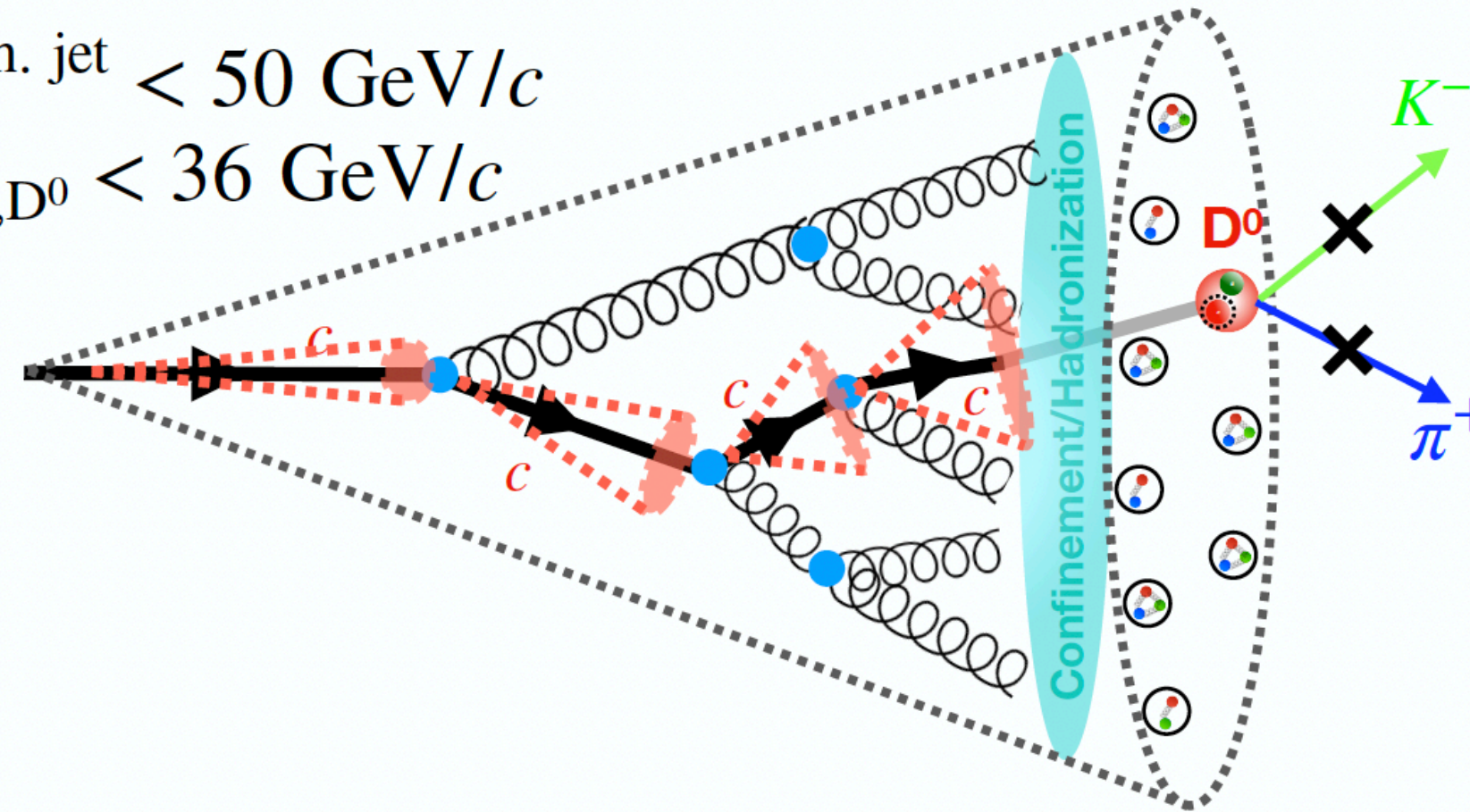
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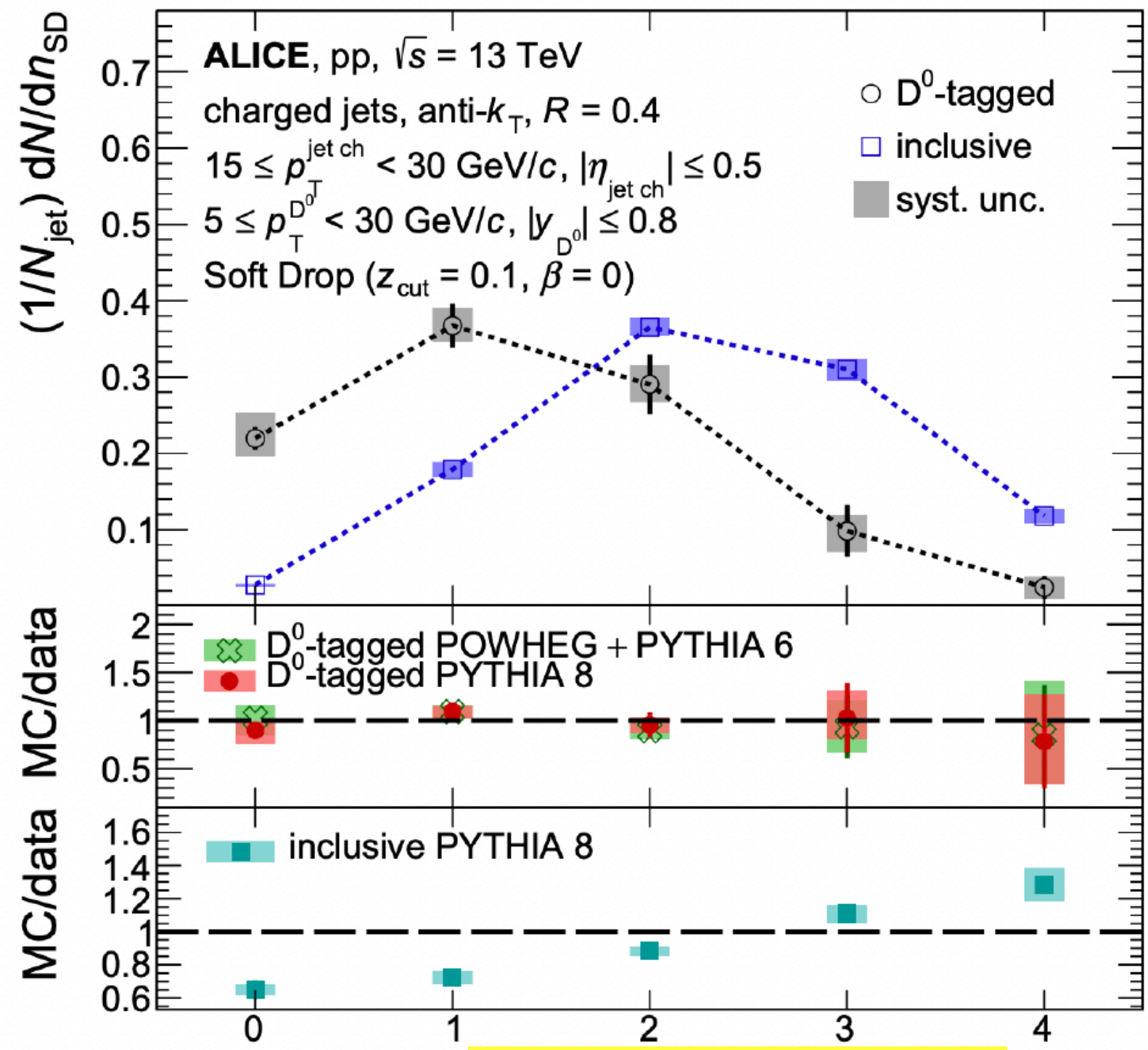
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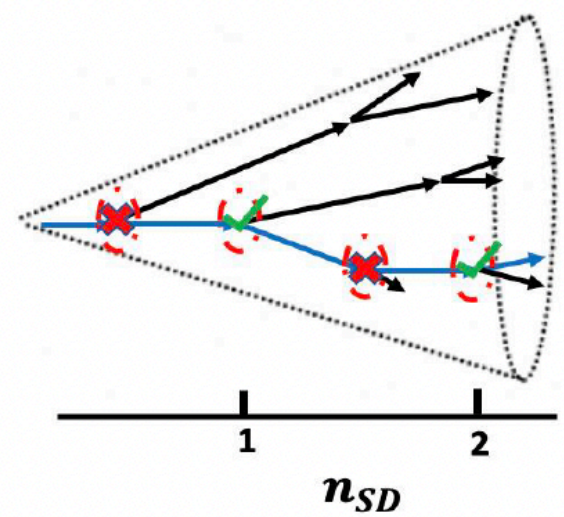


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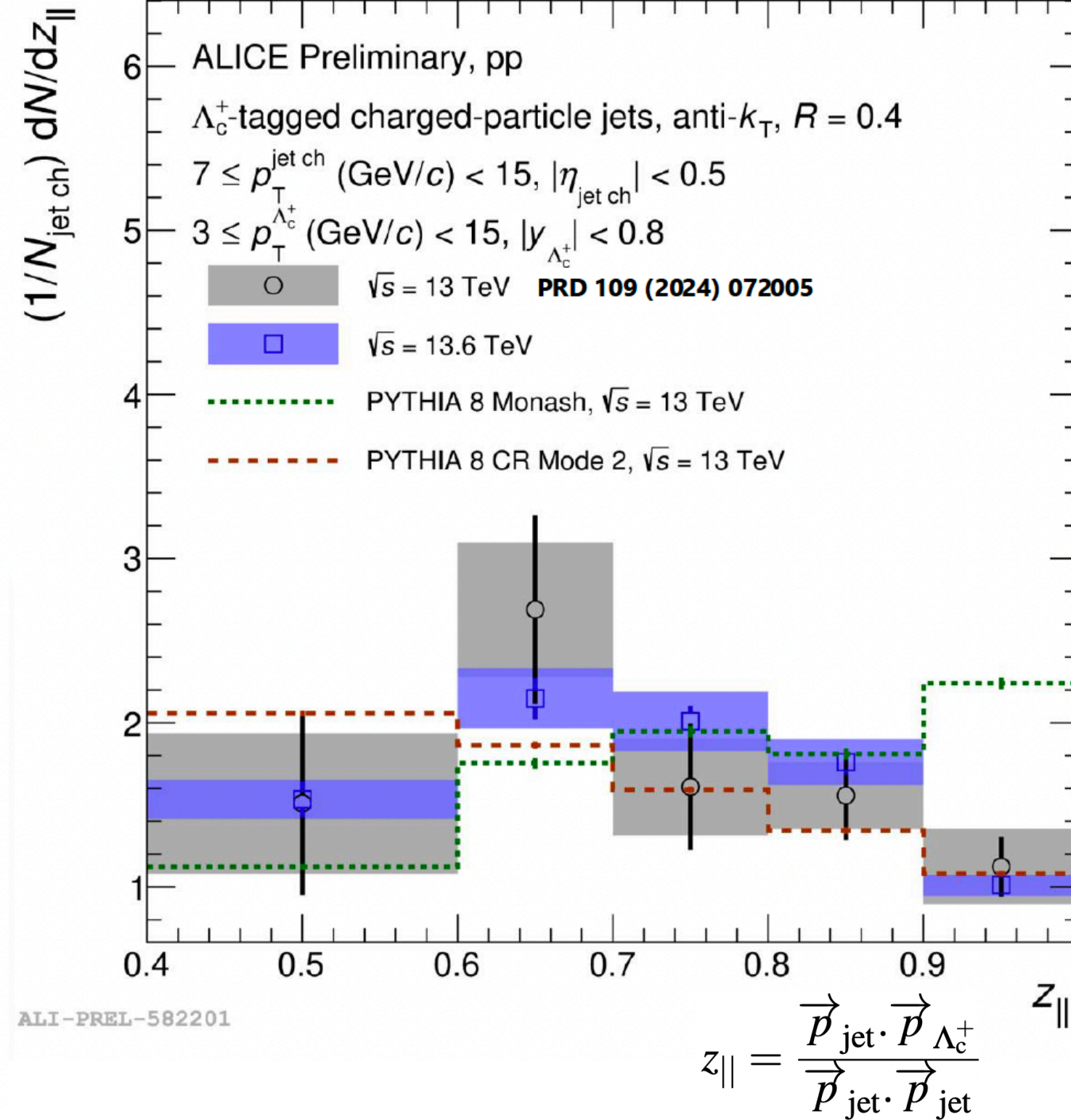
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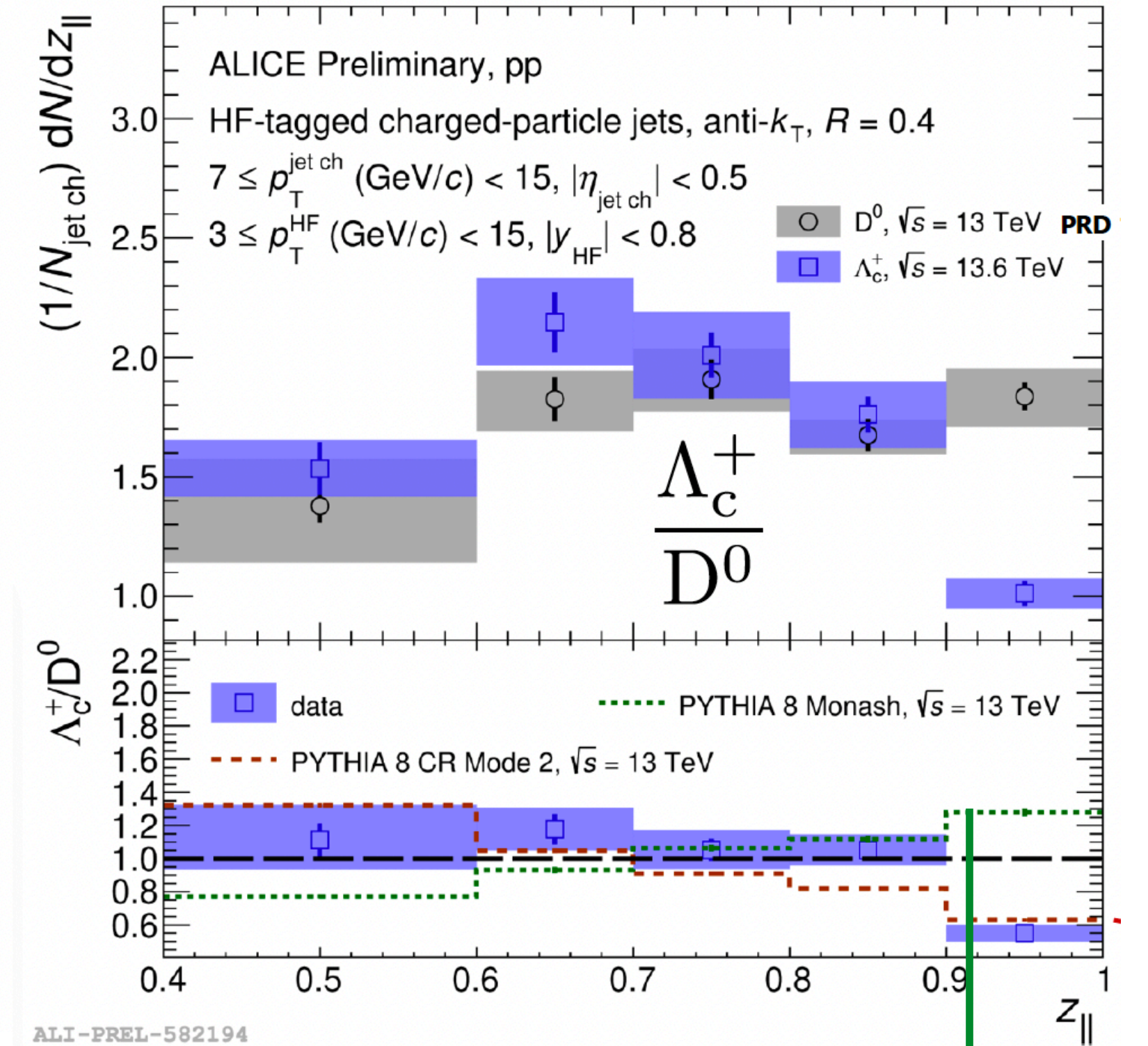
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Model tuned on e+e-

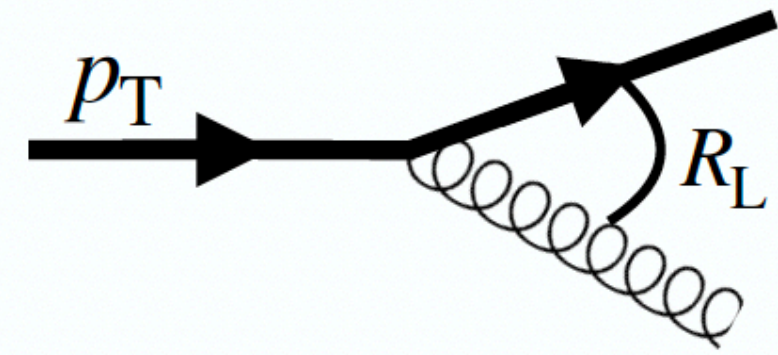
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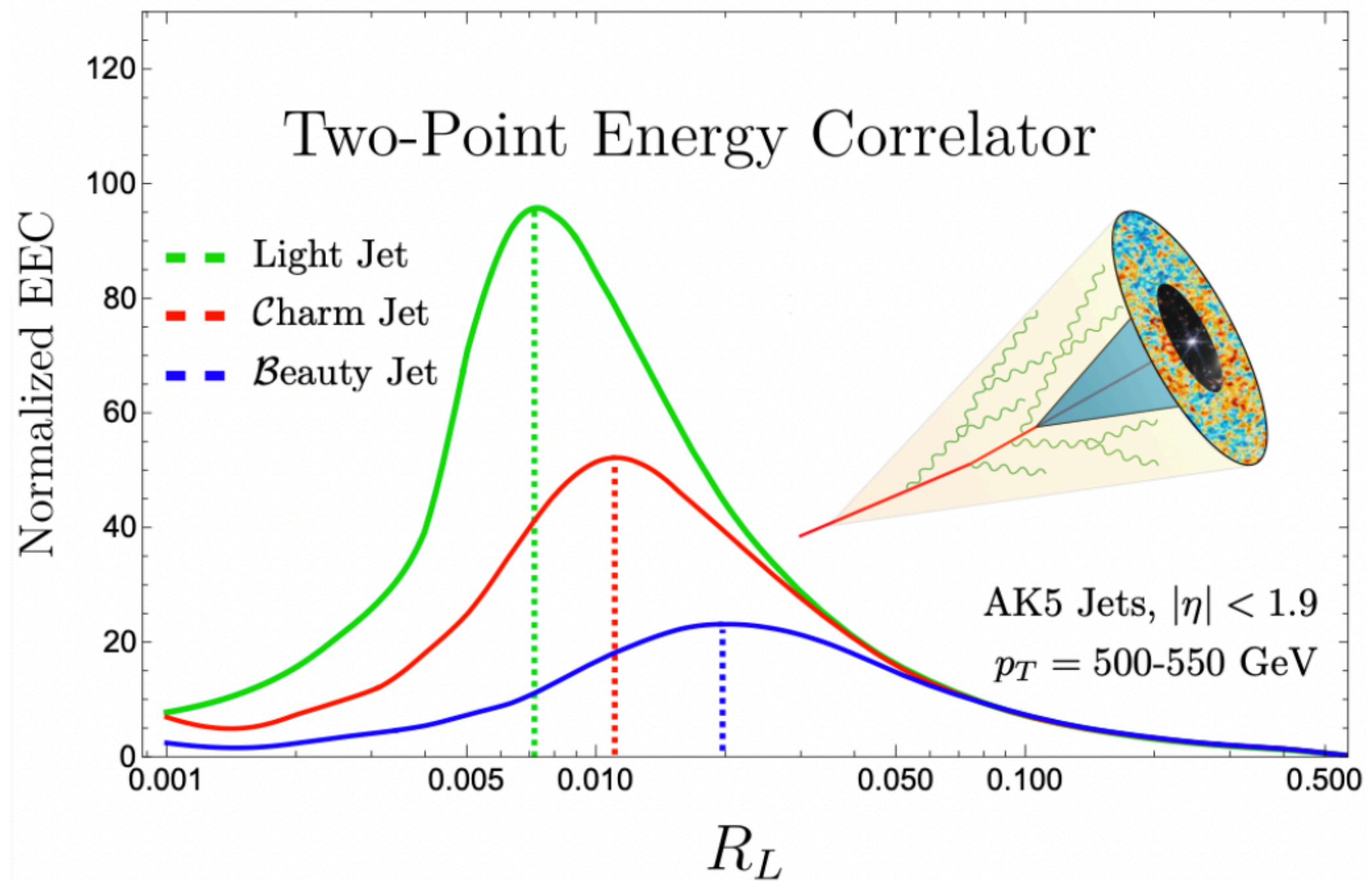
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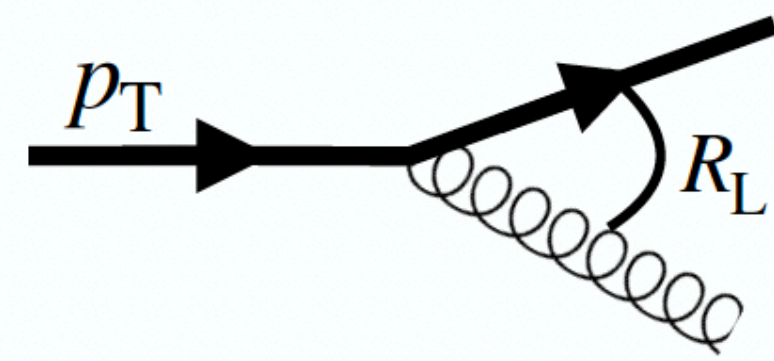




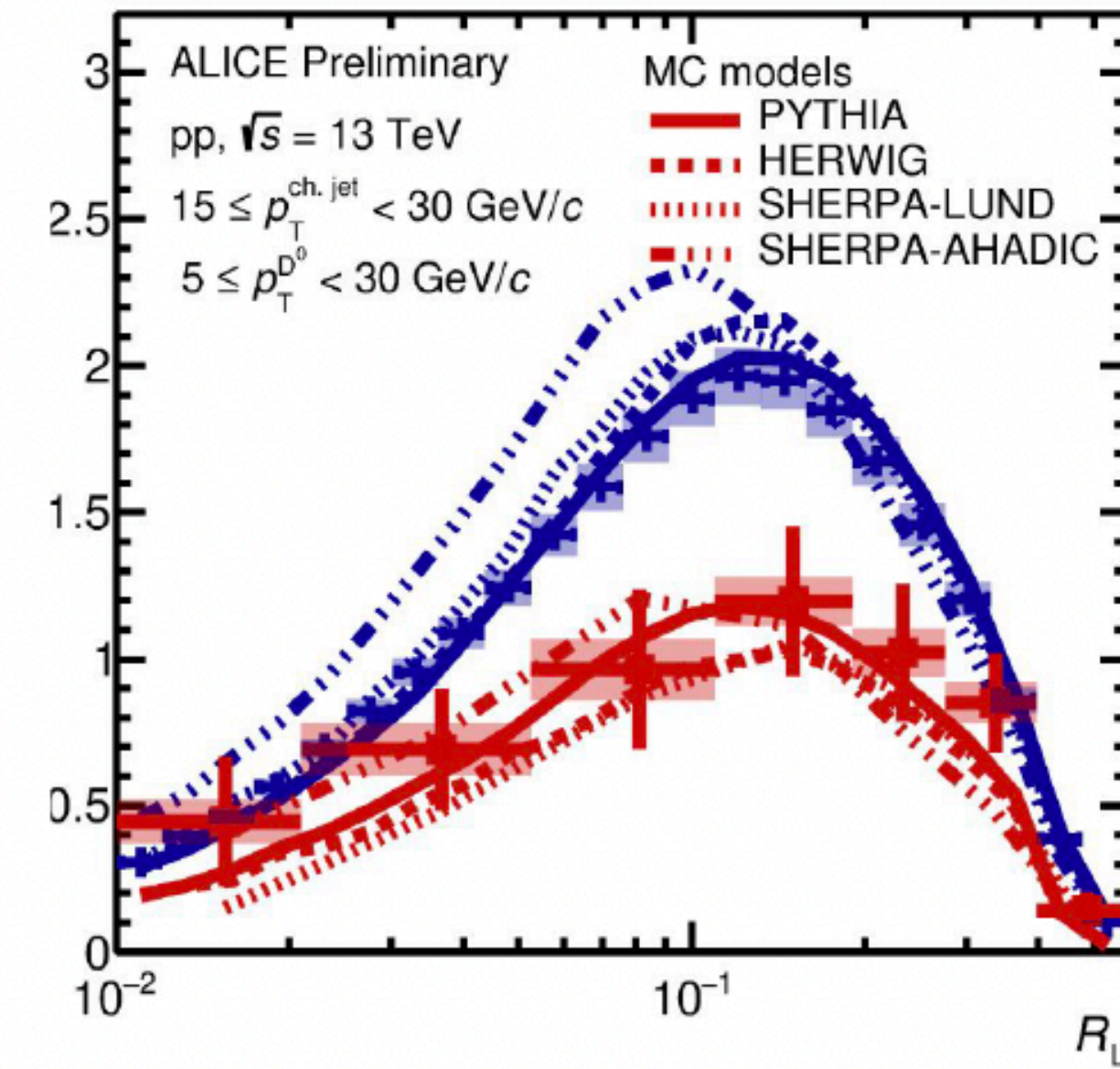
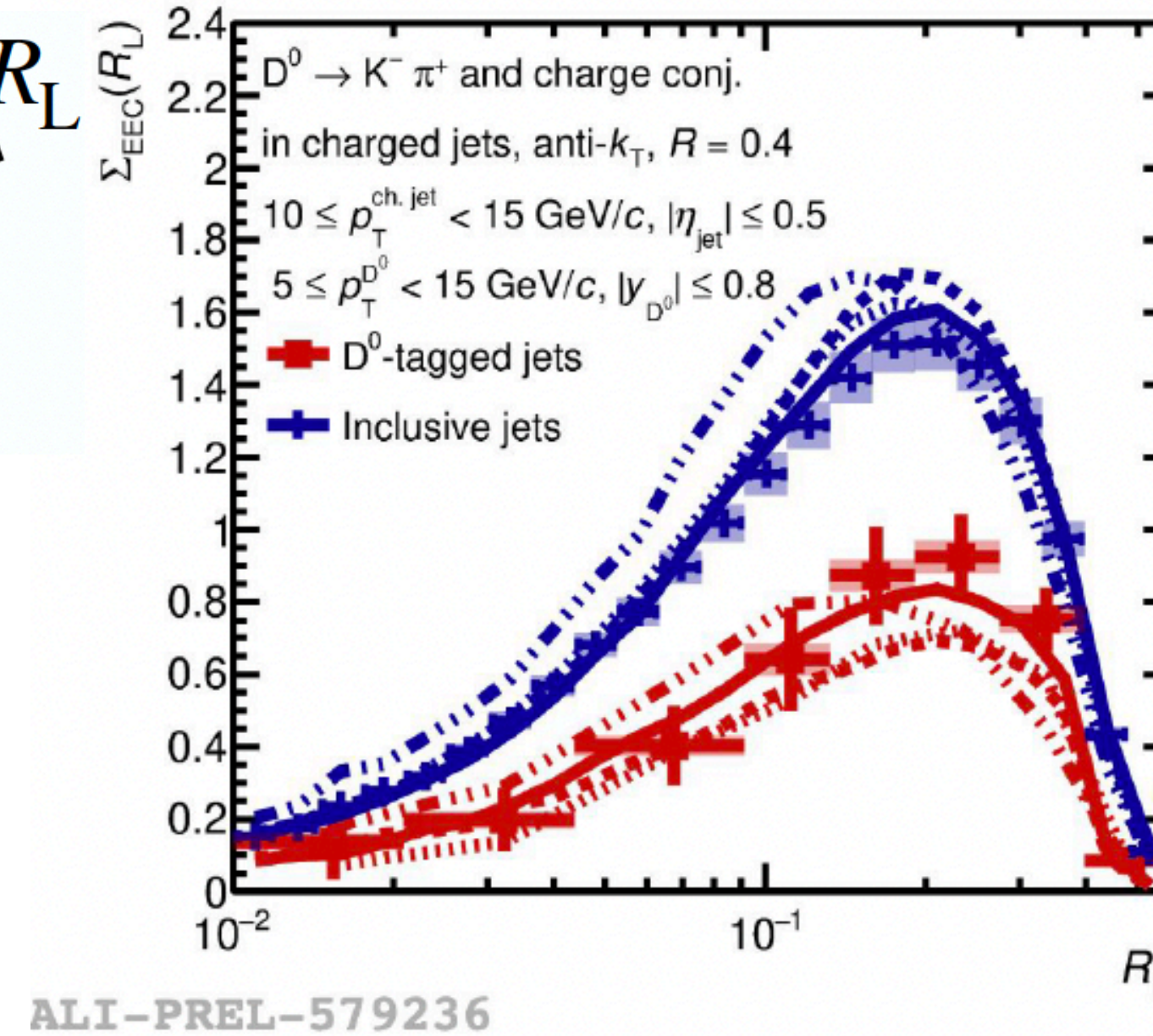
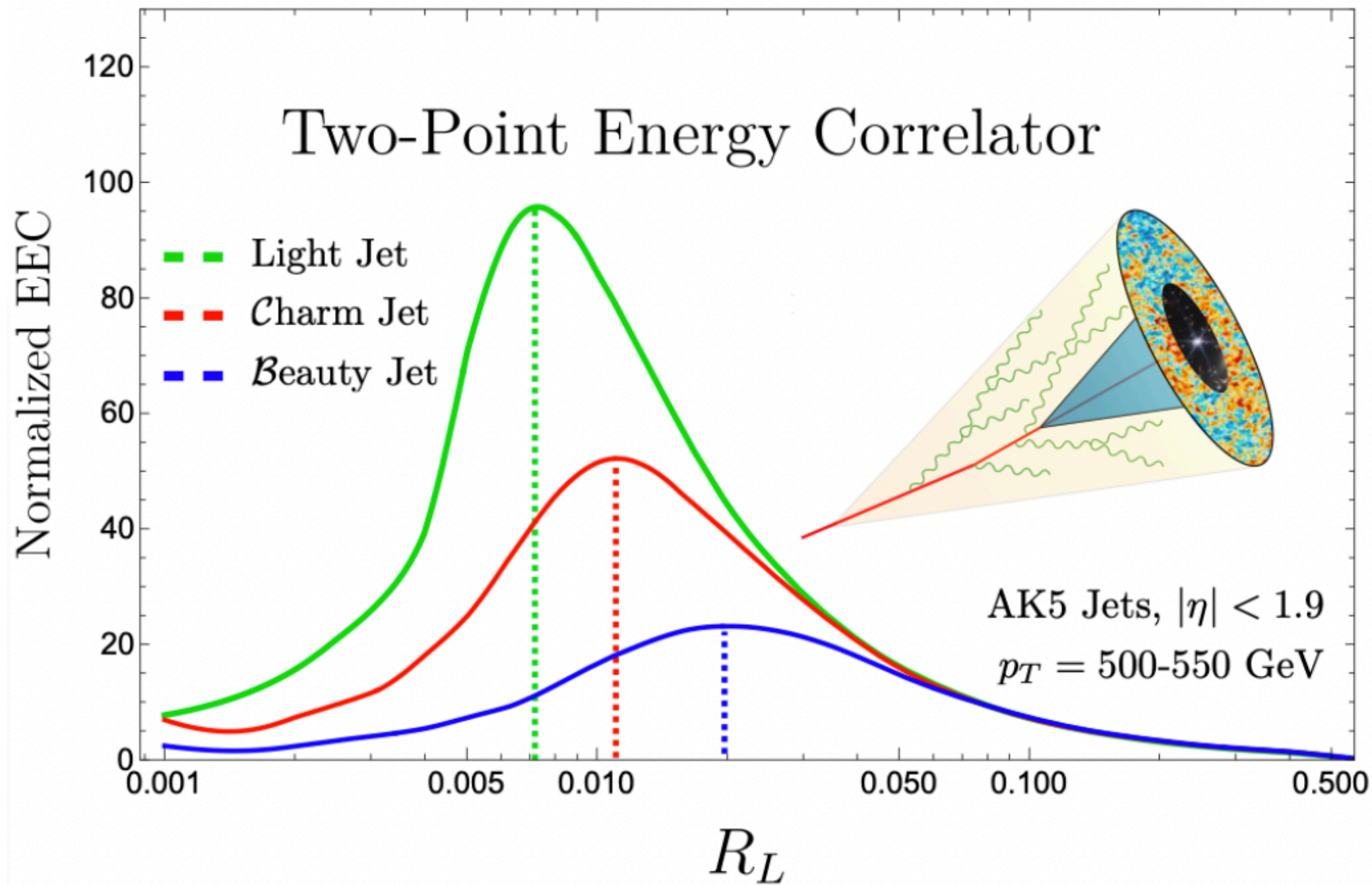
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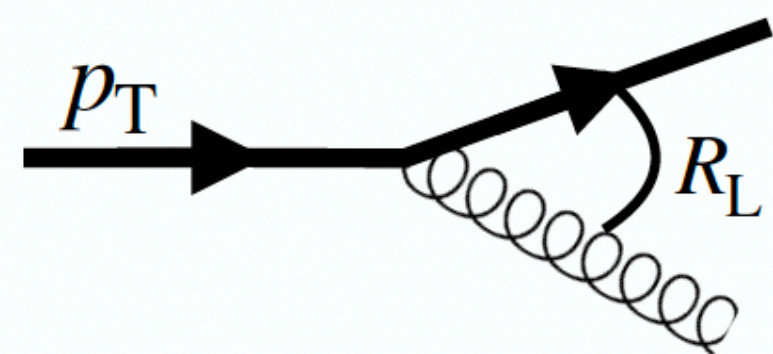
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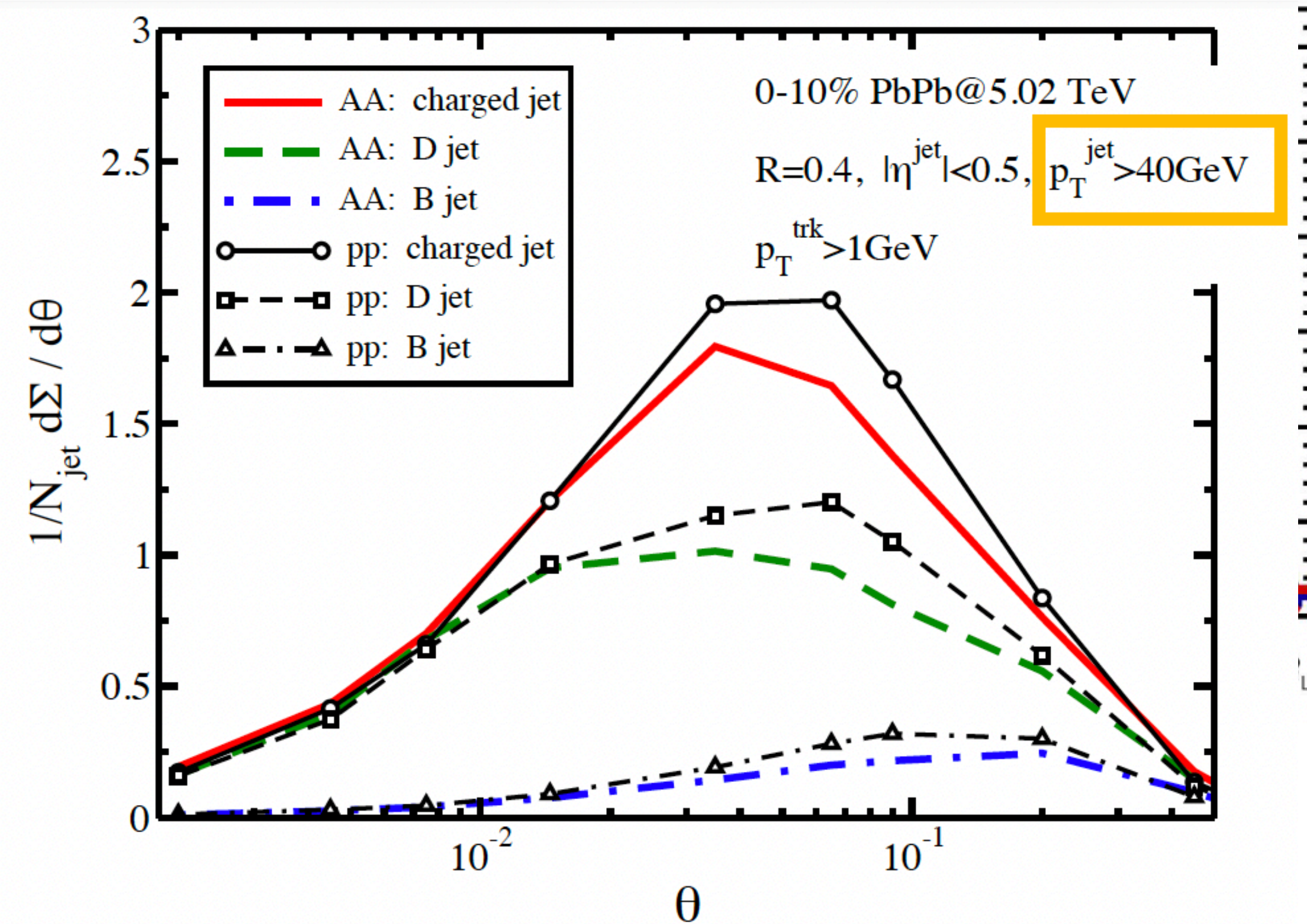
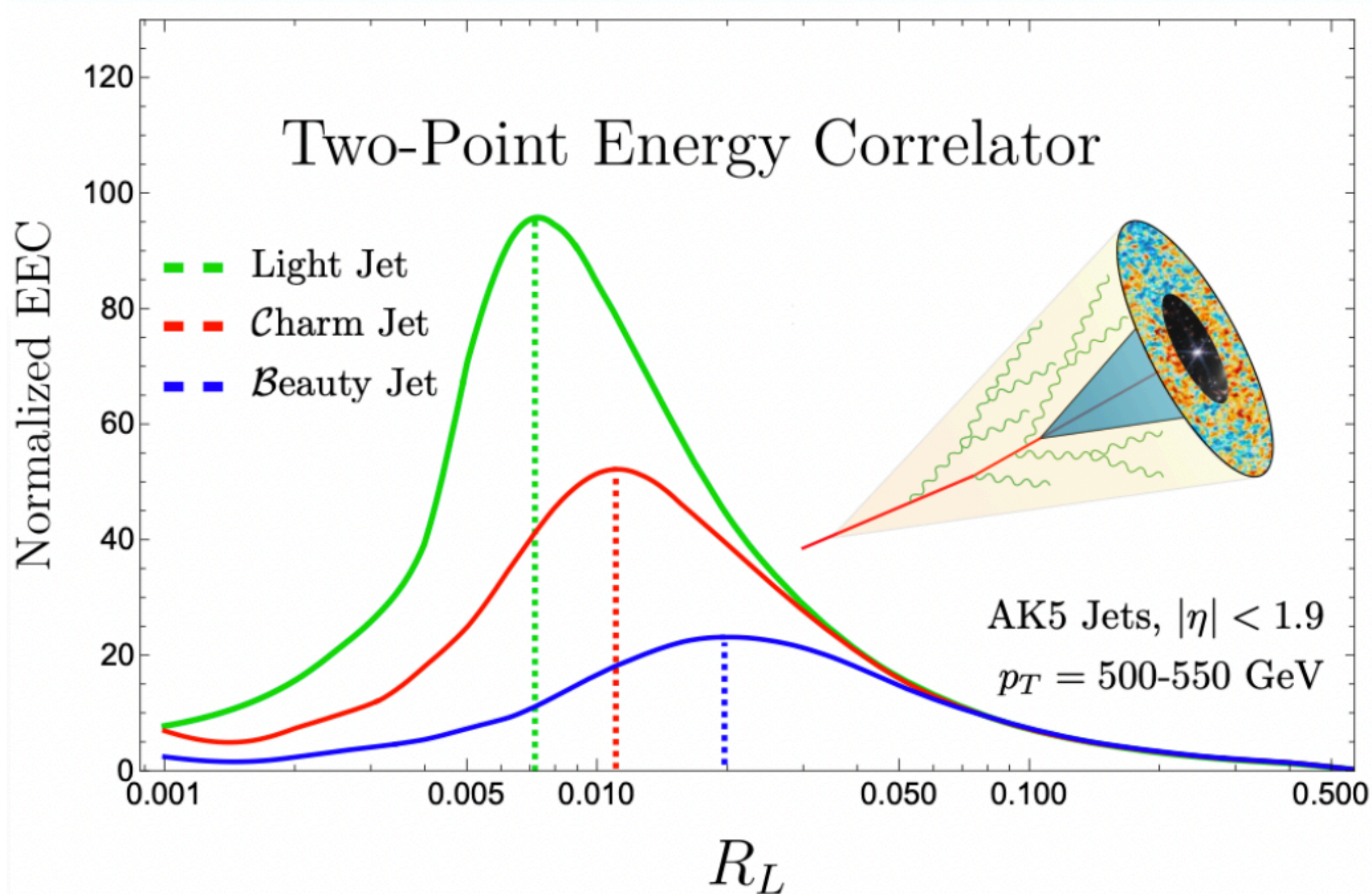
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$$\text{virtuality} \sim p_T R_L + m$$



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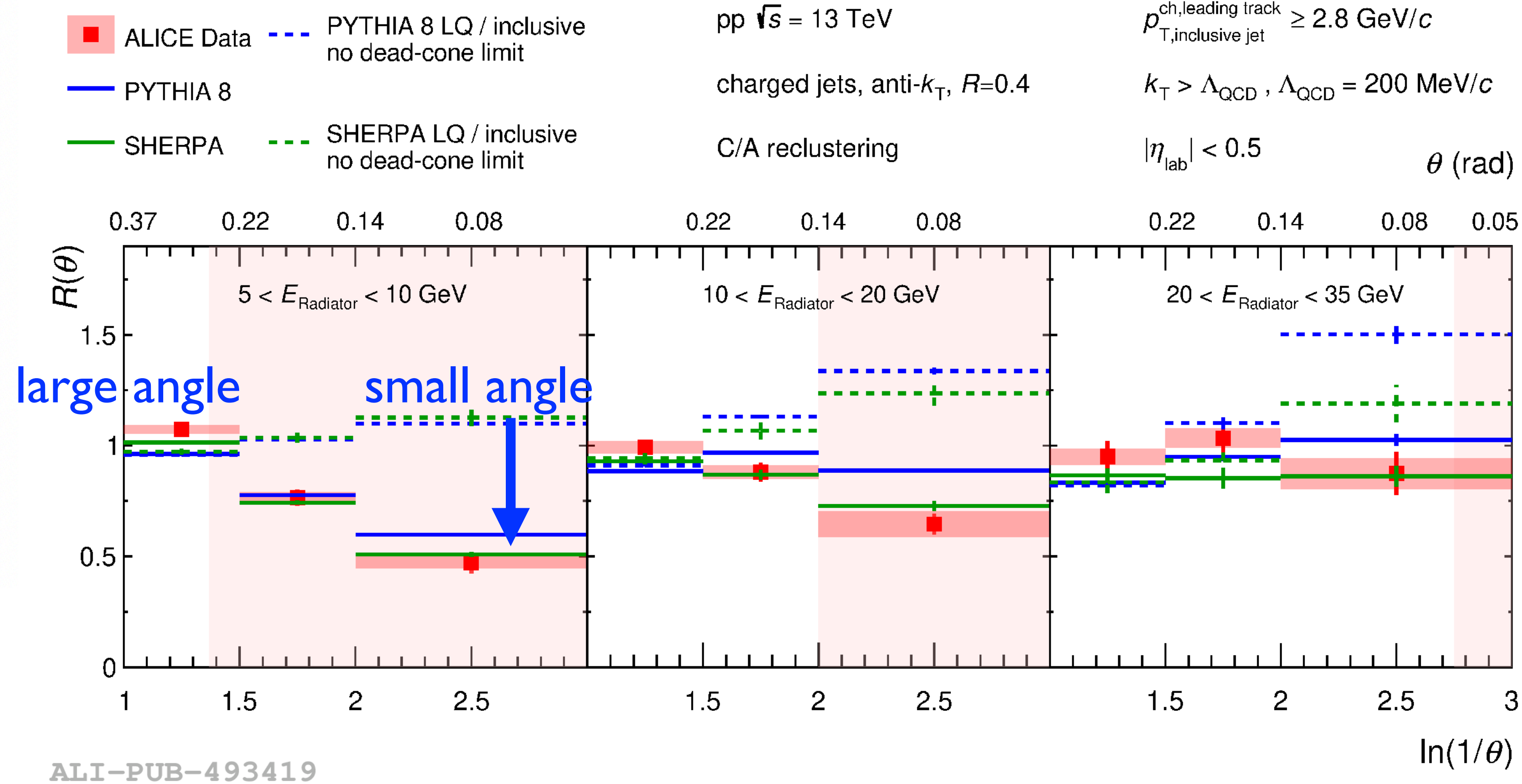
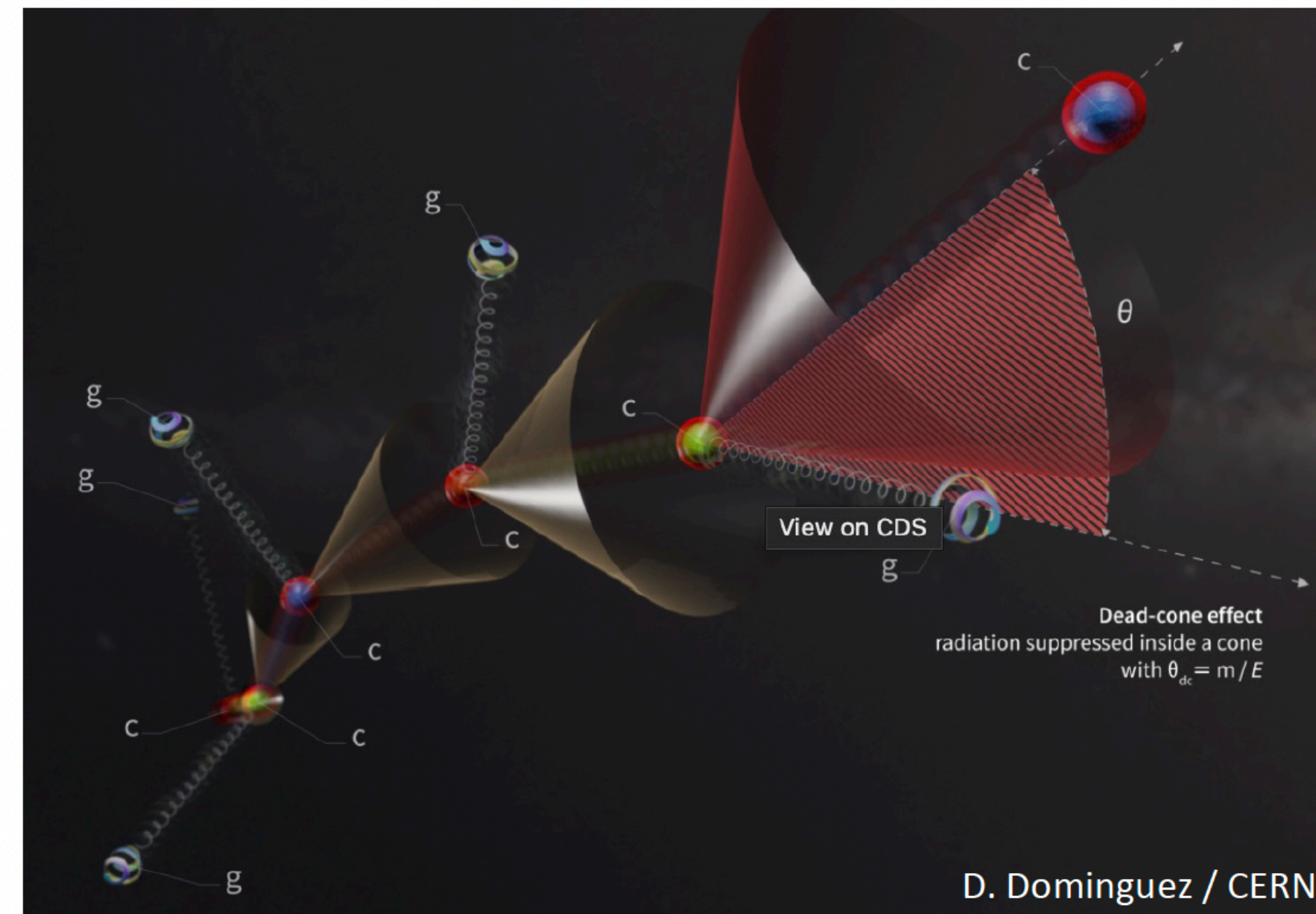
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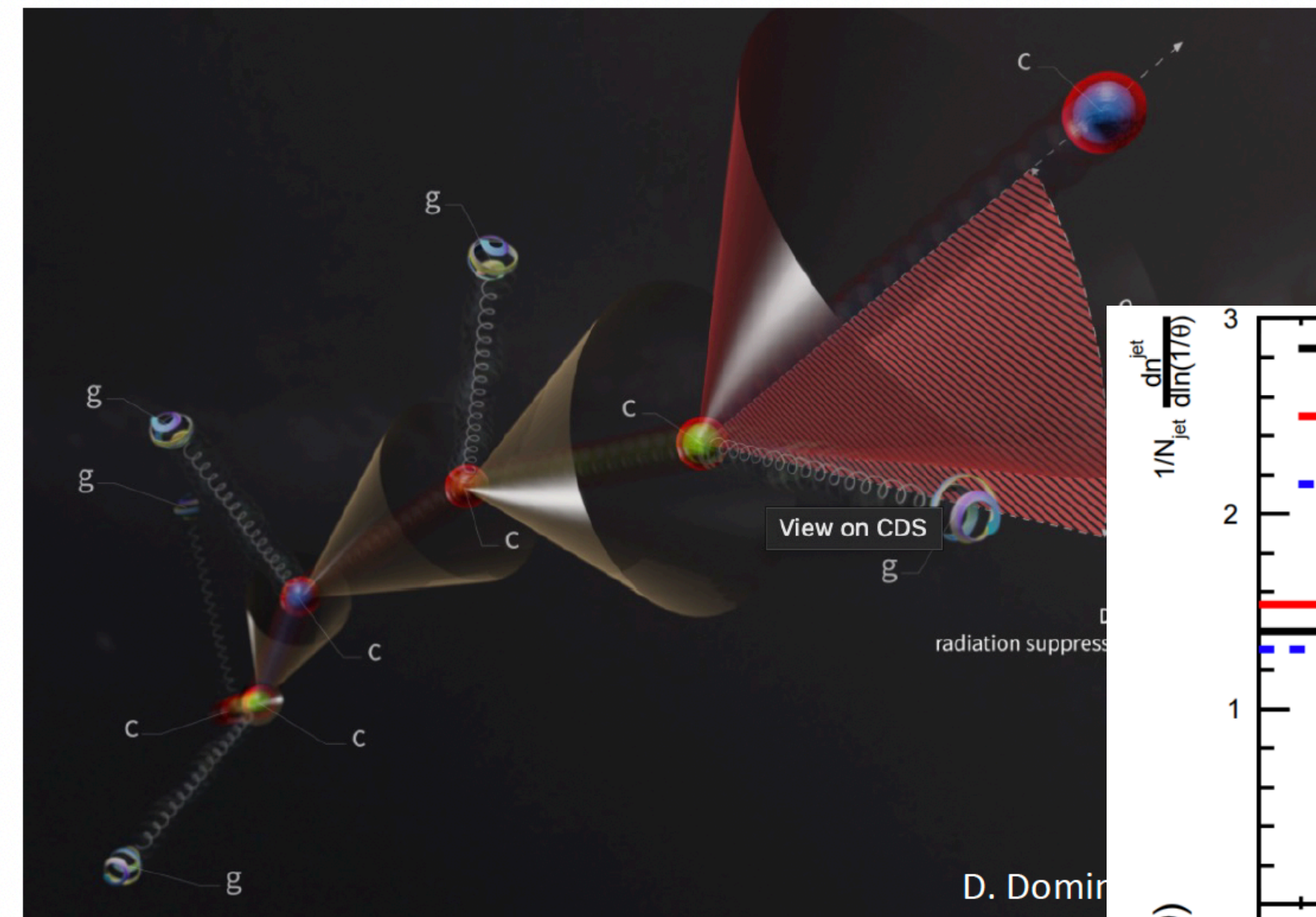




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pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

charged jets, anti- $k_T$ ,  $R=0.4$

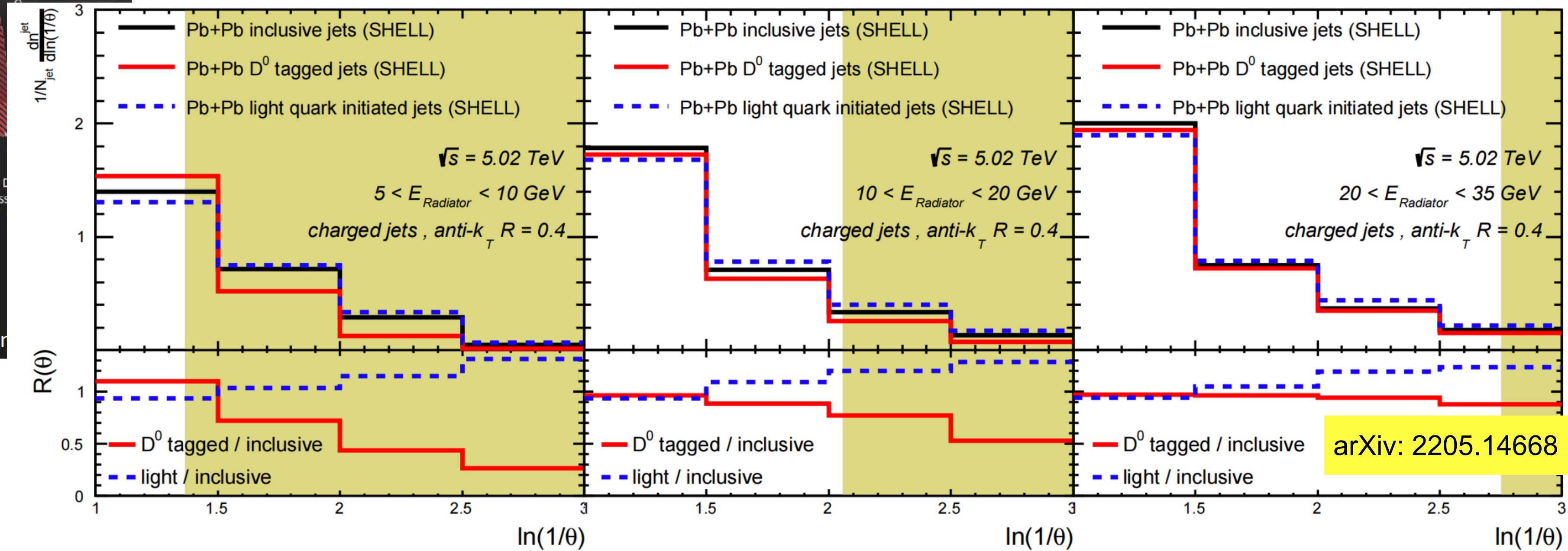
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$p_{T, \text{inclusive jet}}^{\text{ch, leading track}} \geq 2.8$  GeV/c

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$|\eta_{\text{lab}}| < 0.5$

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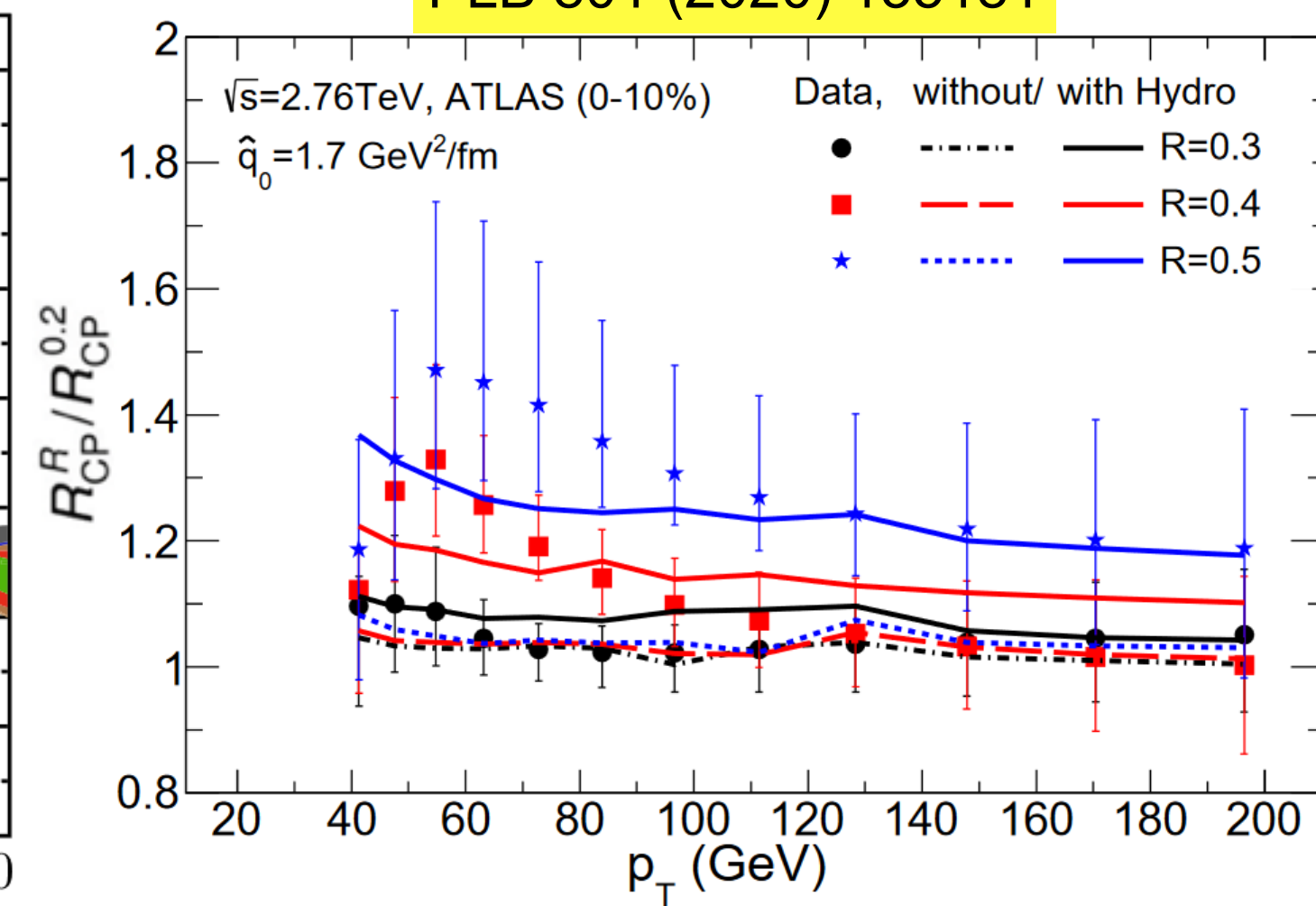
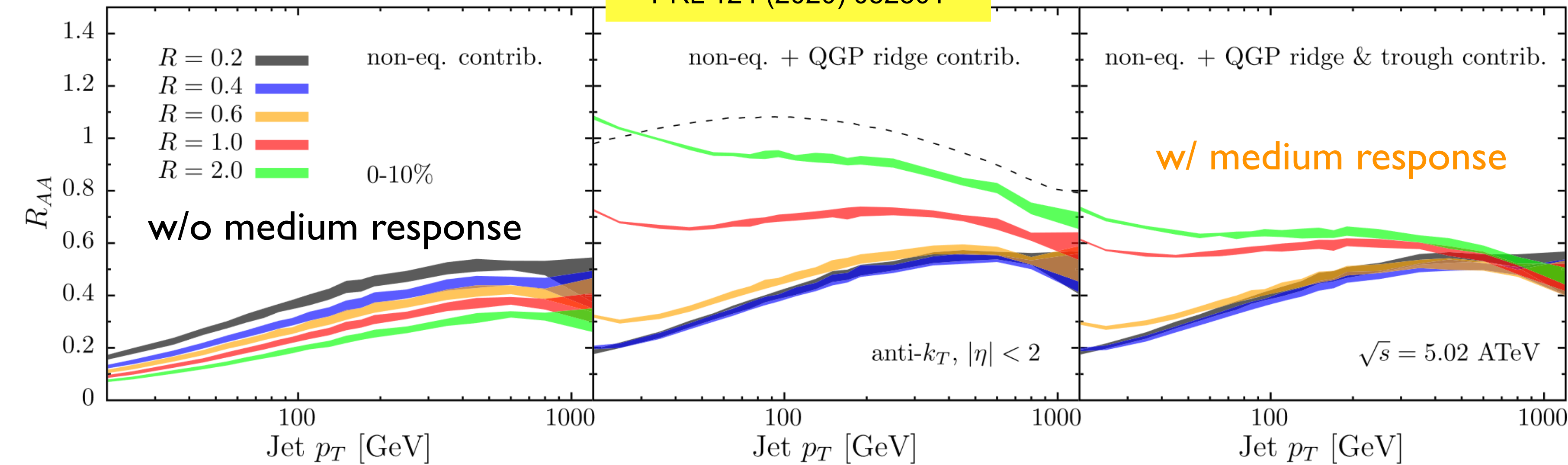


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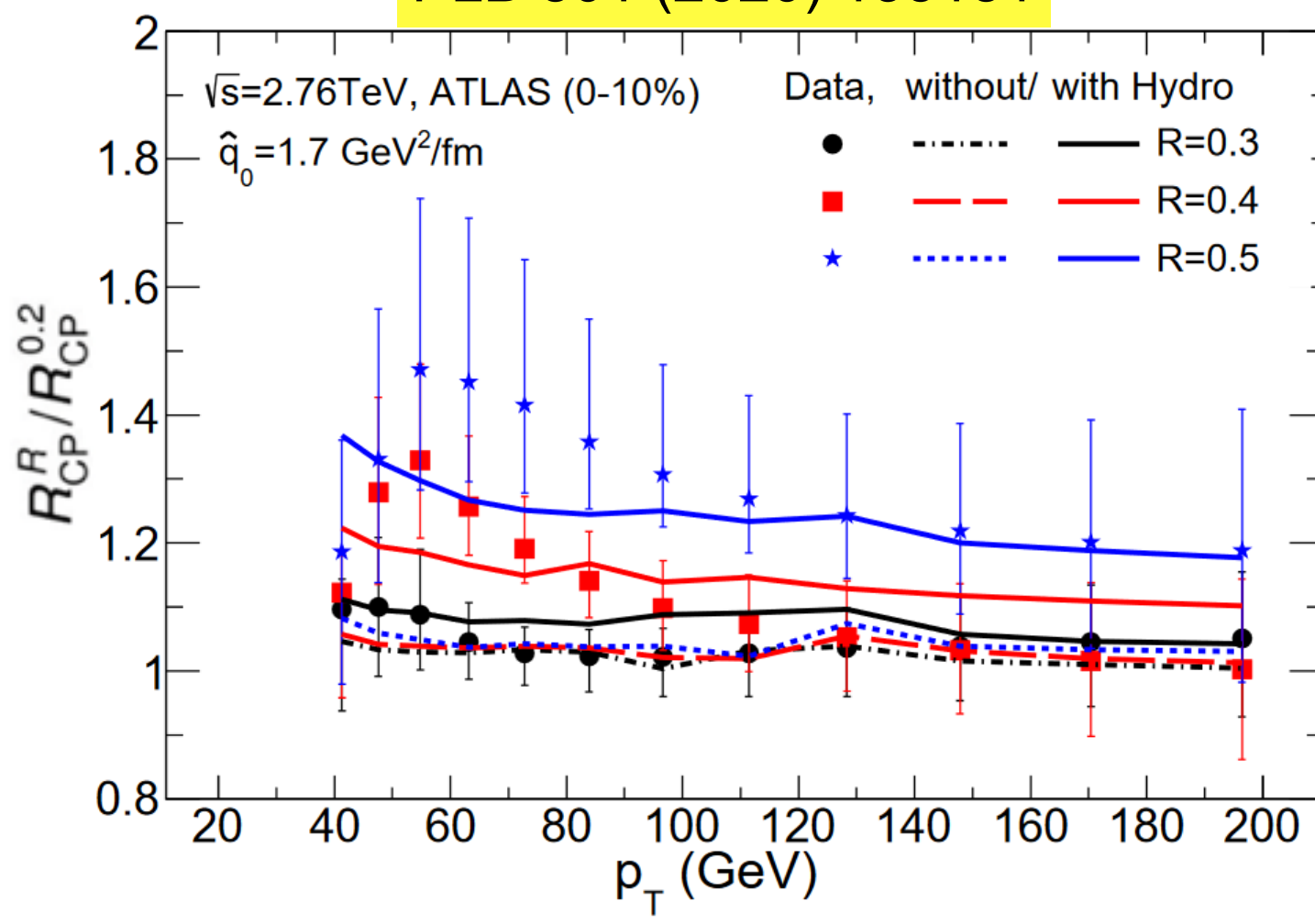
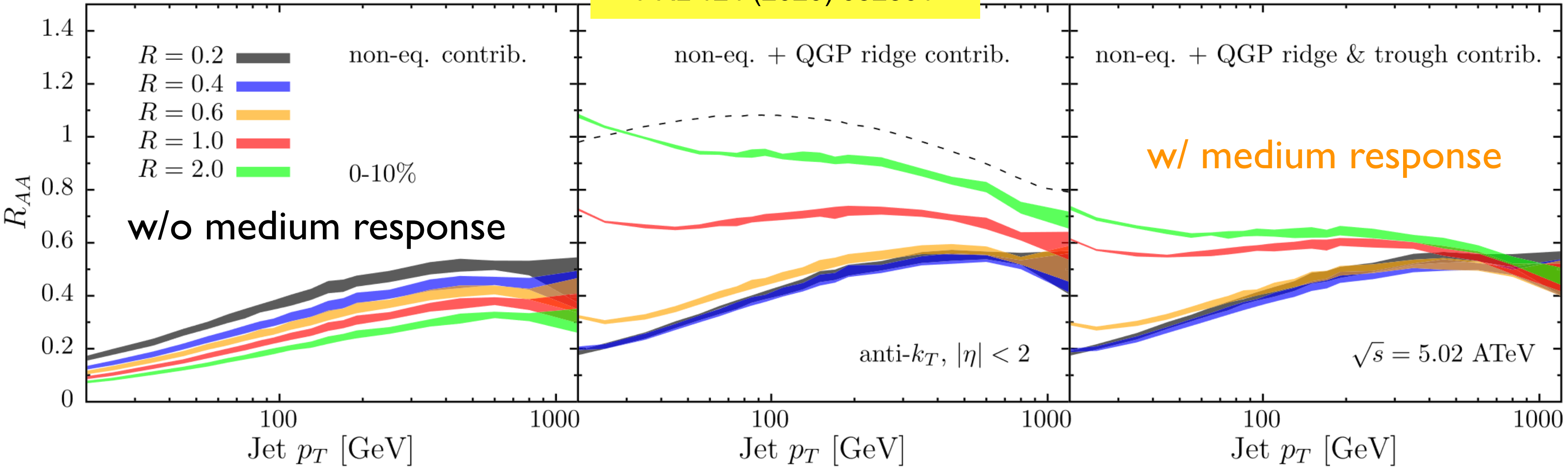


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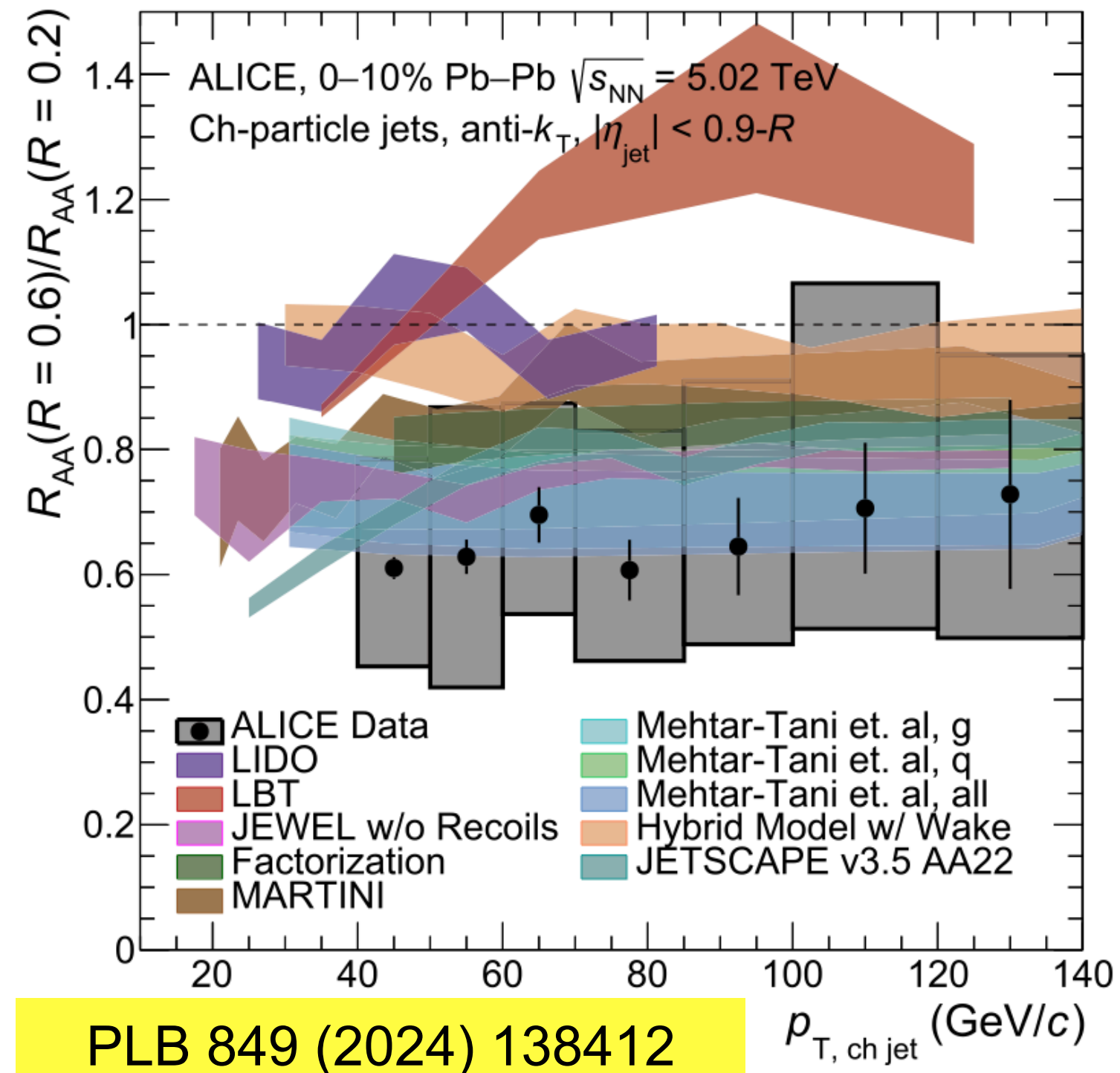


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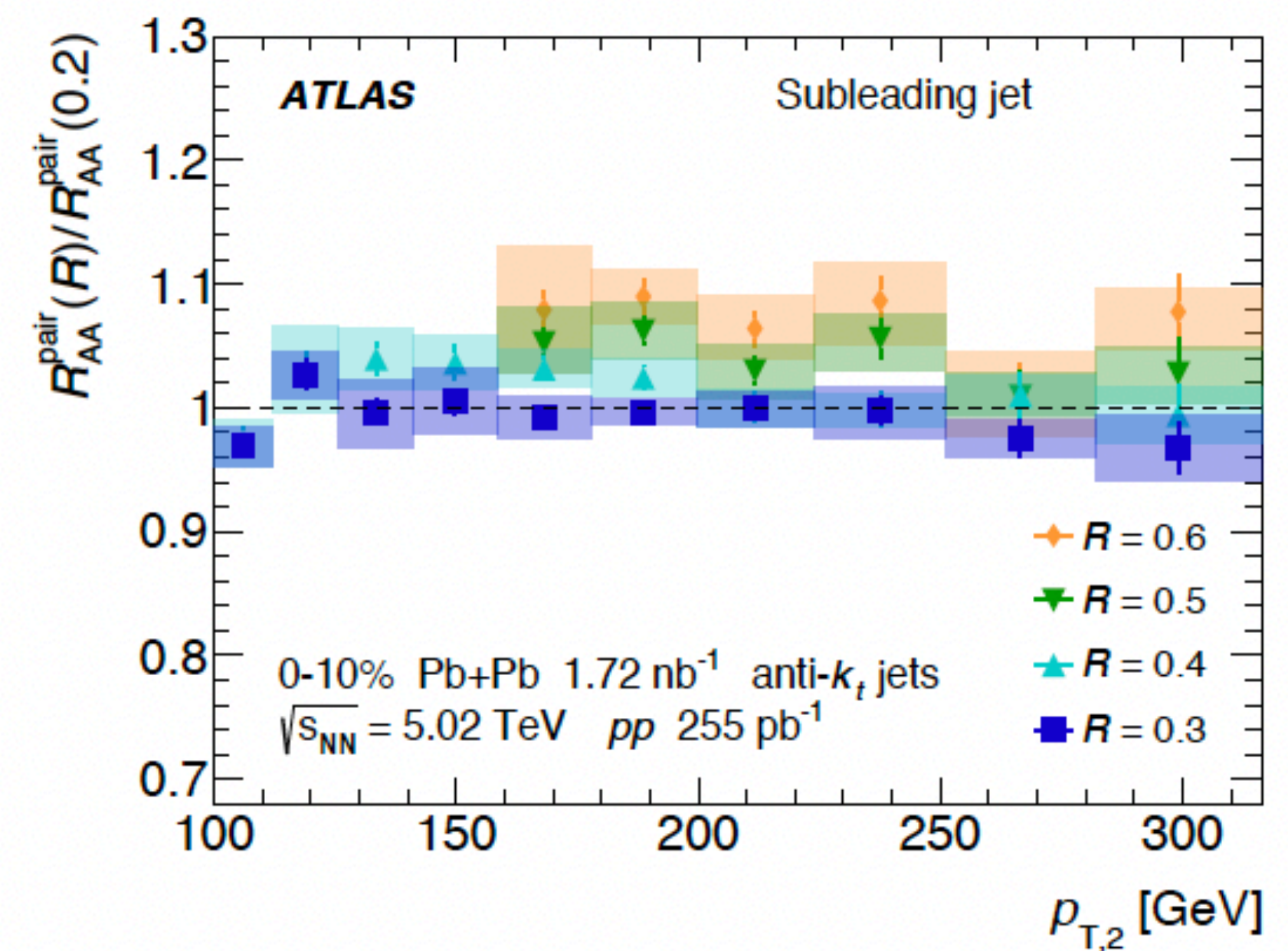
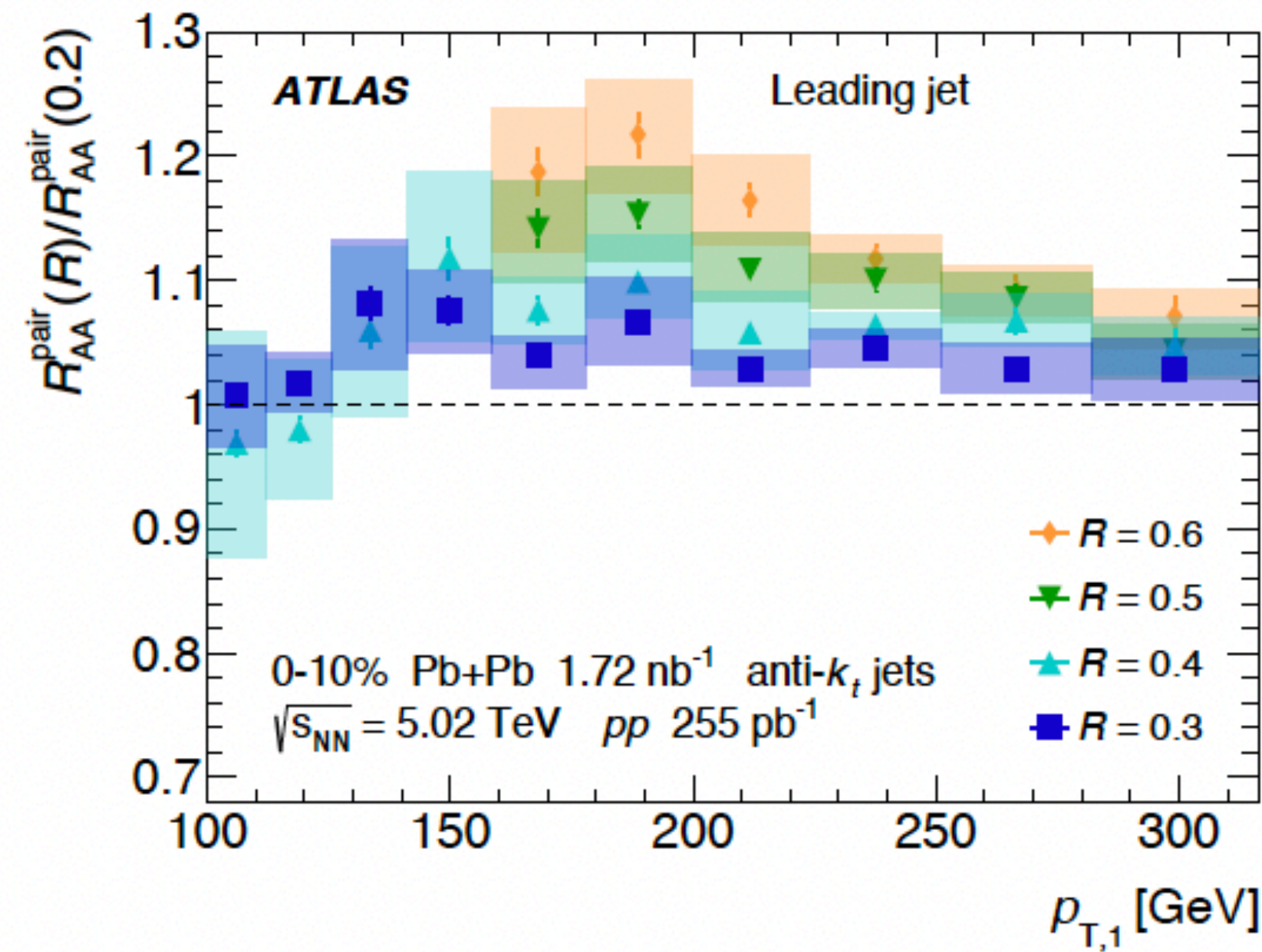
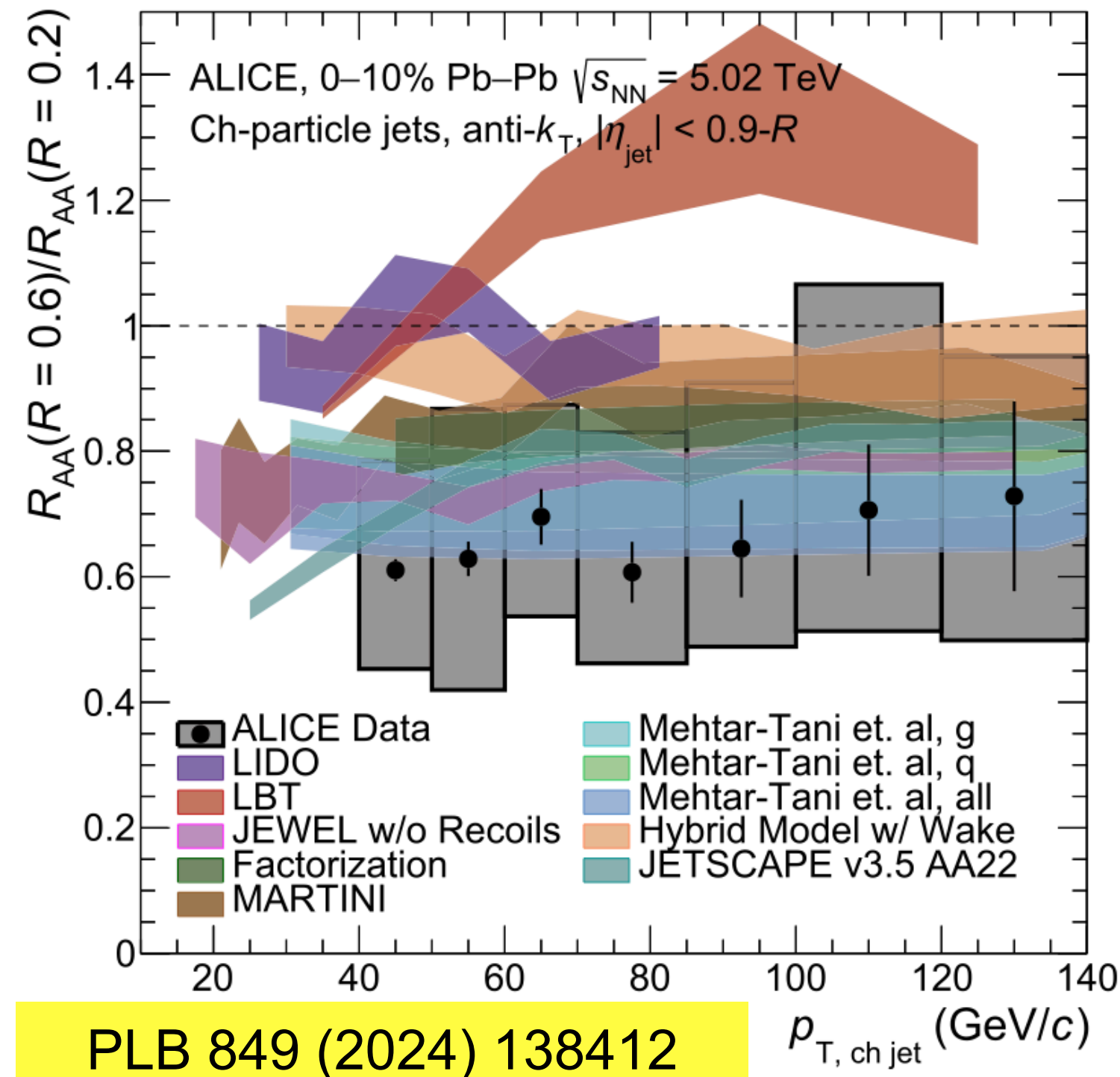
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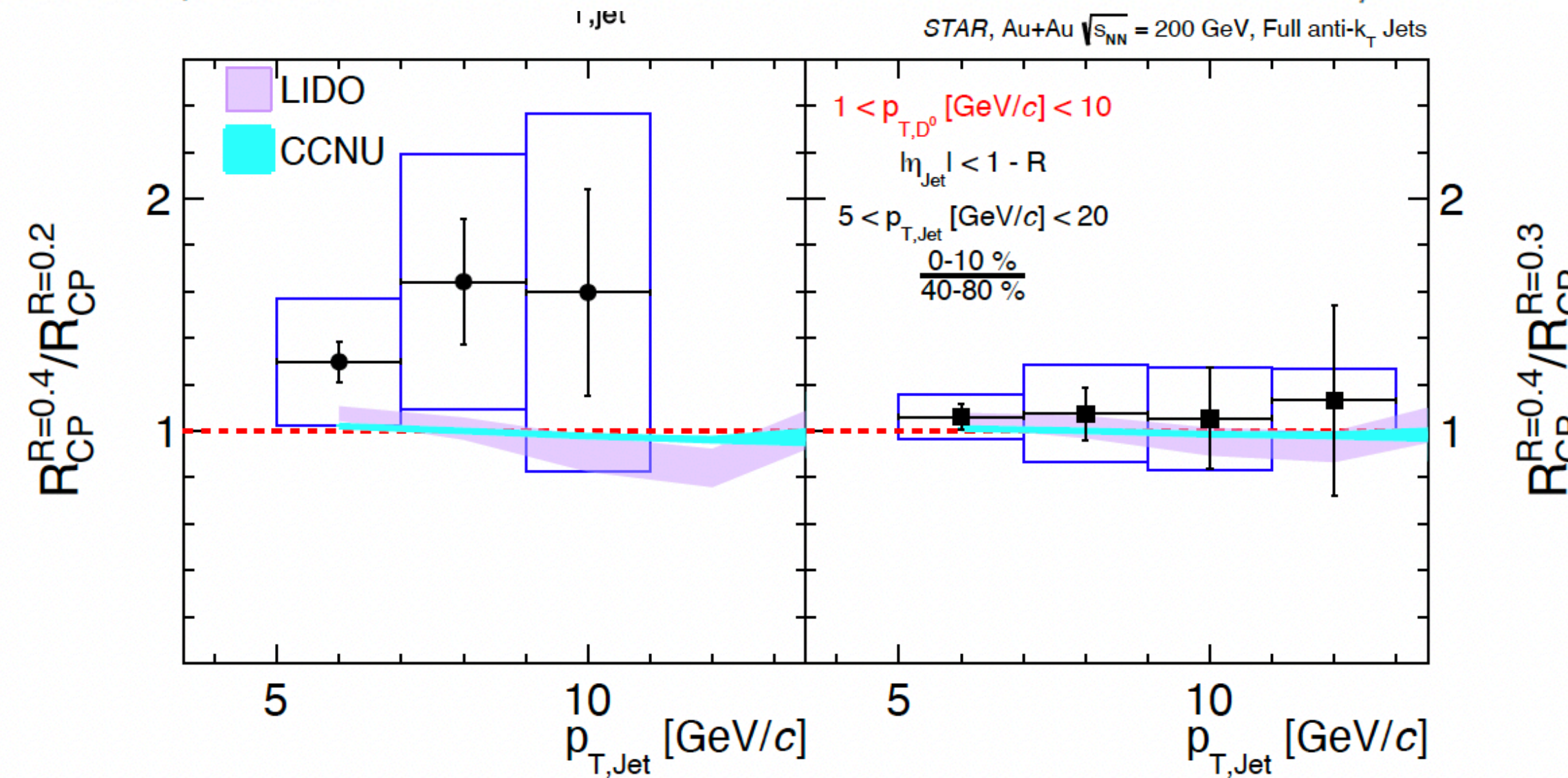
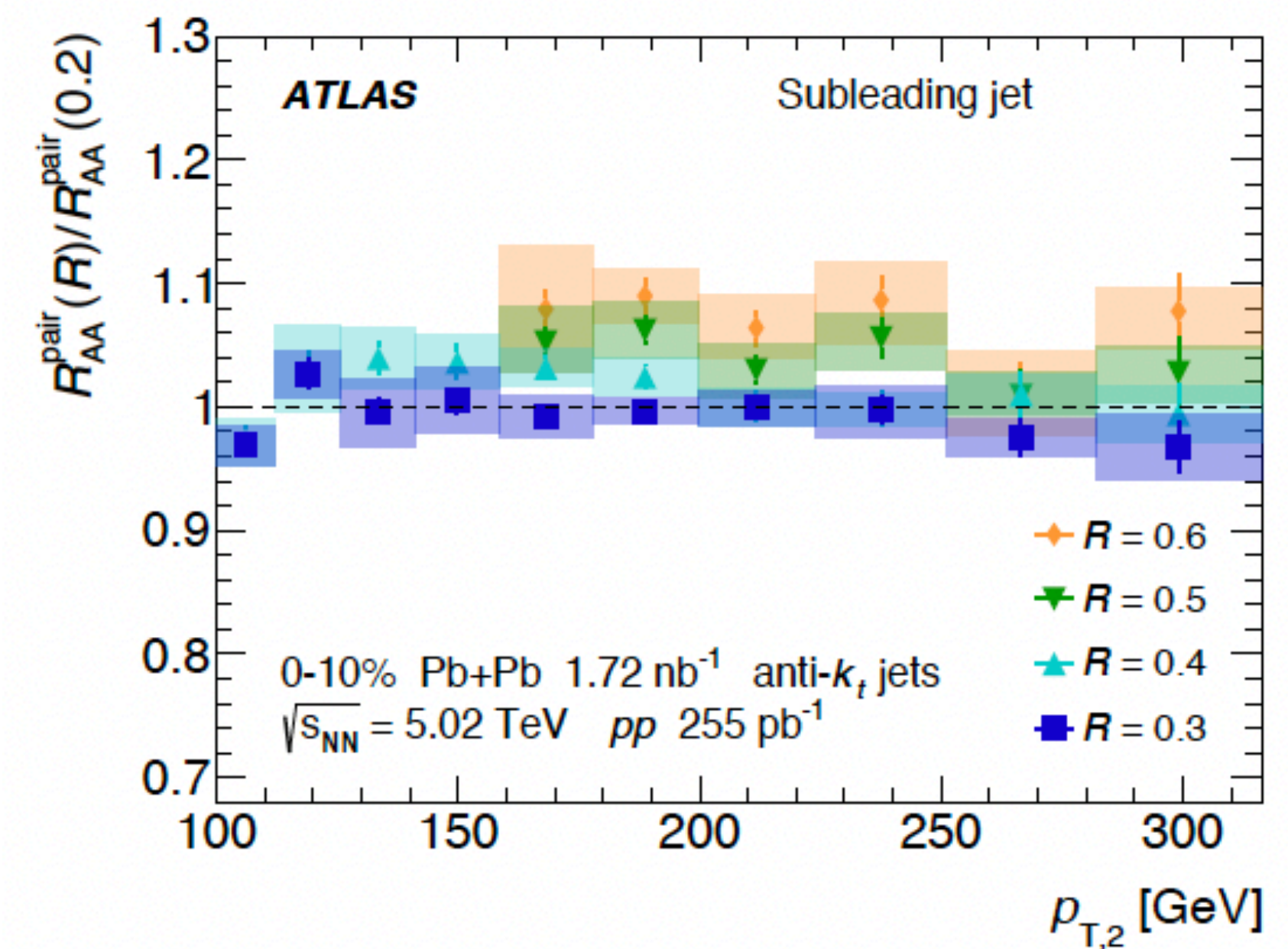
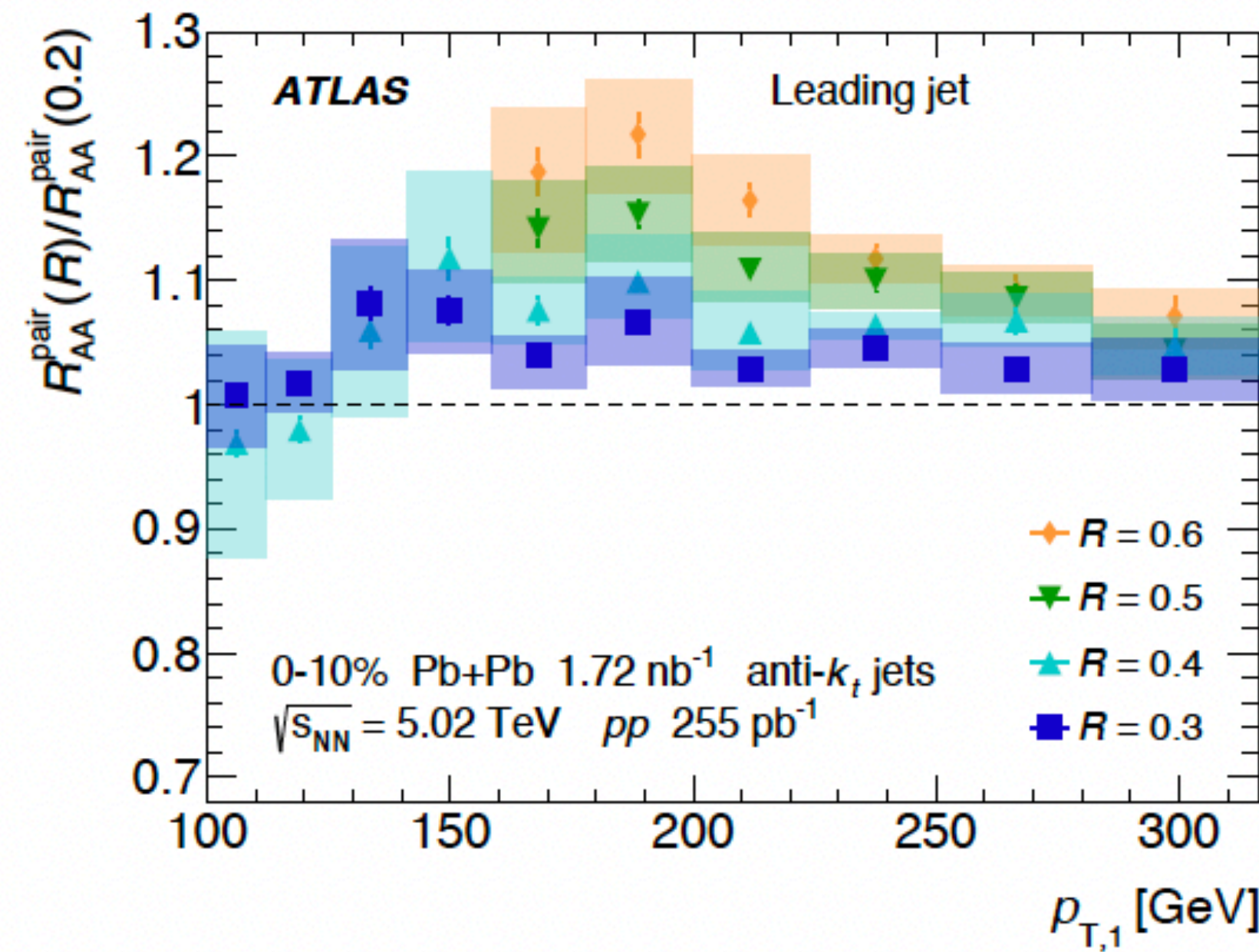
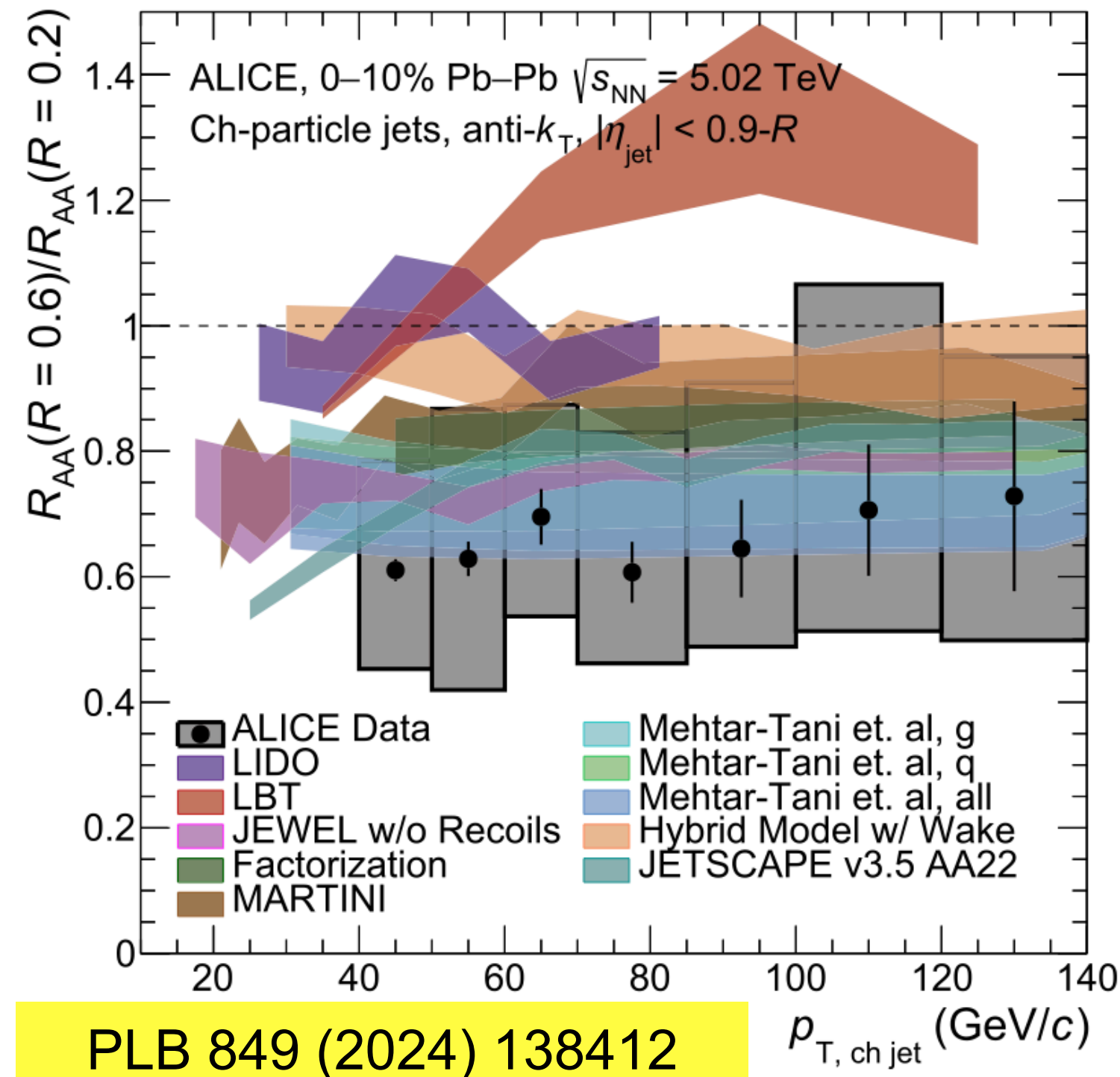


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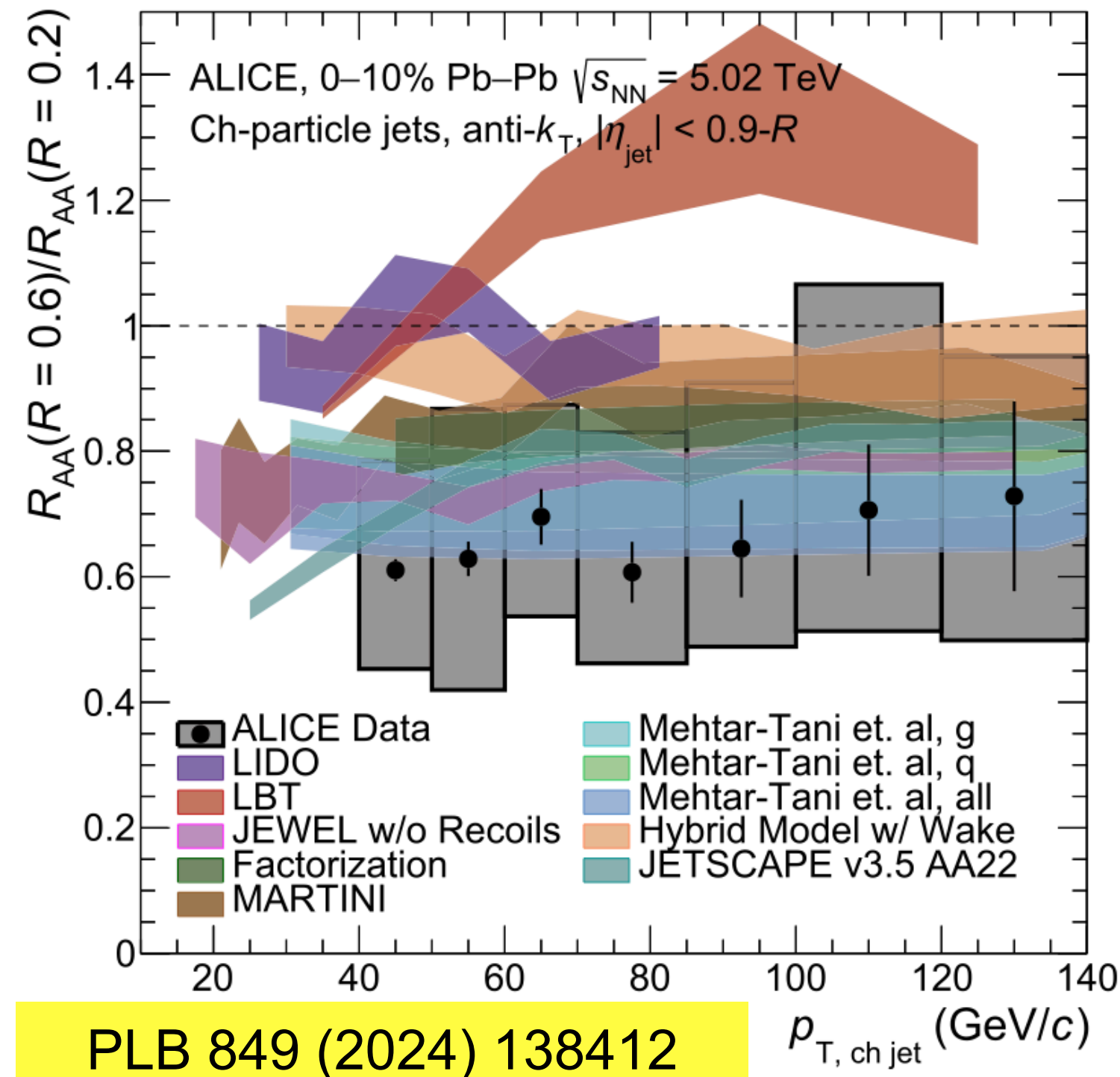
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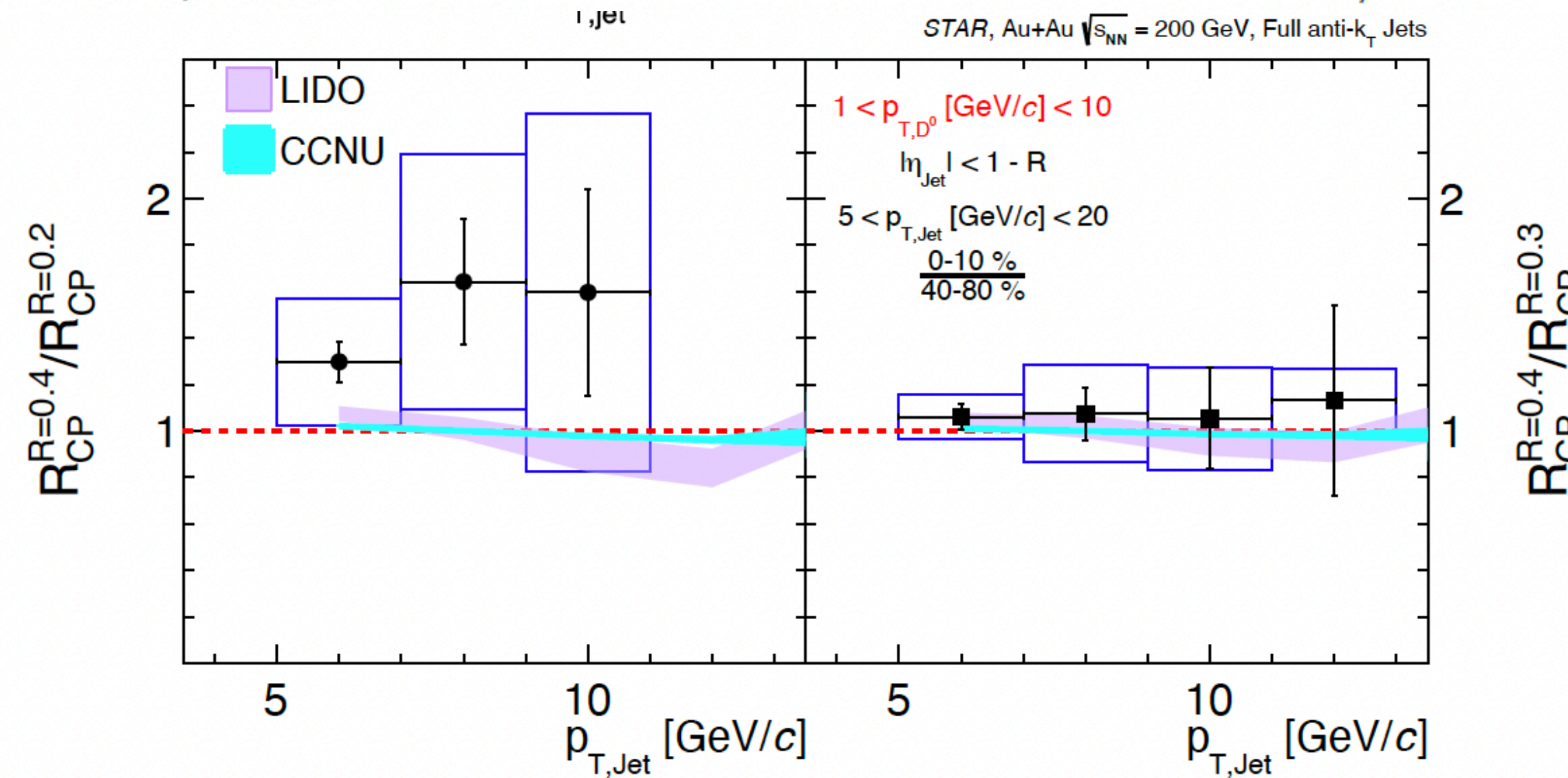
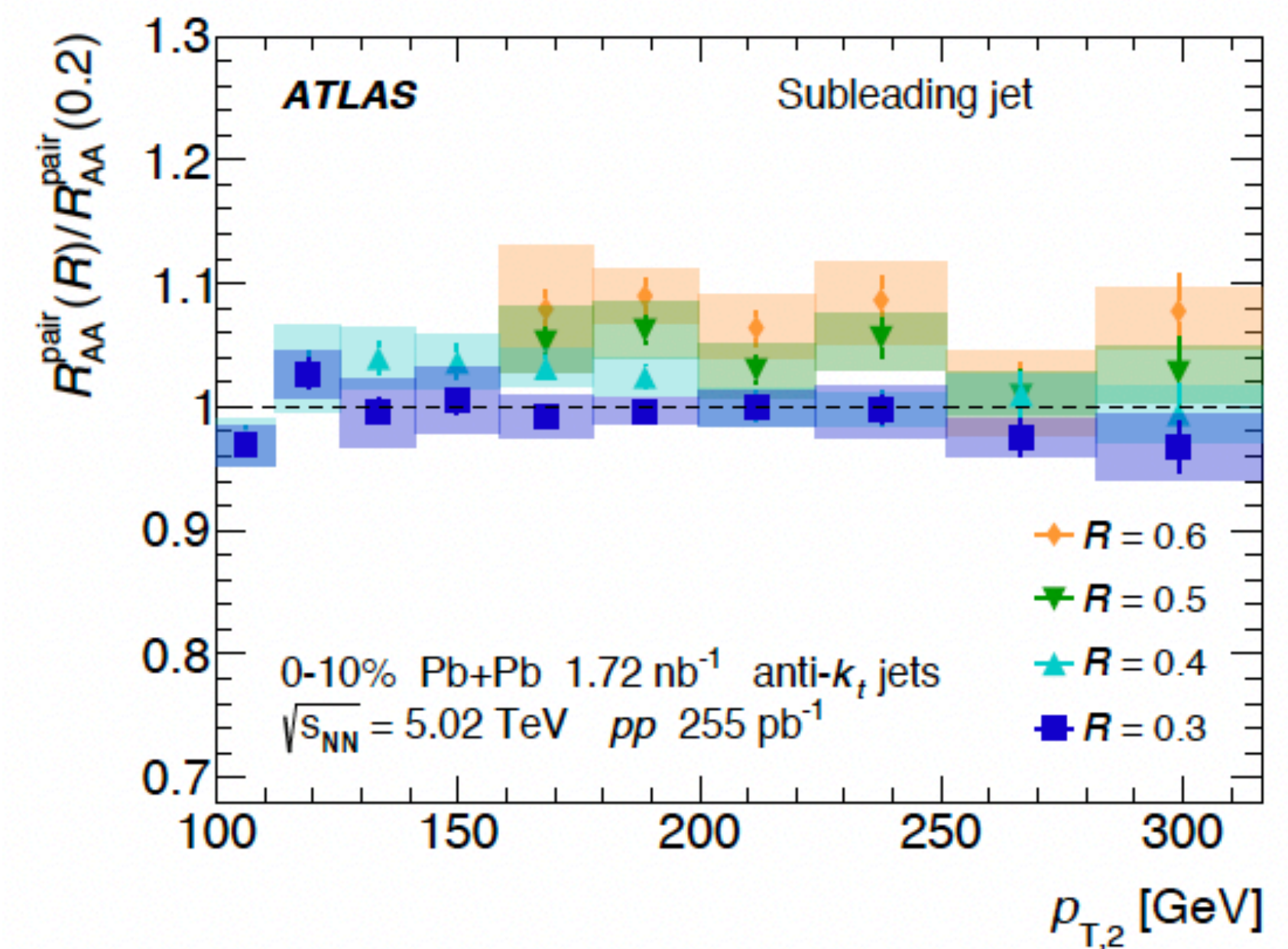
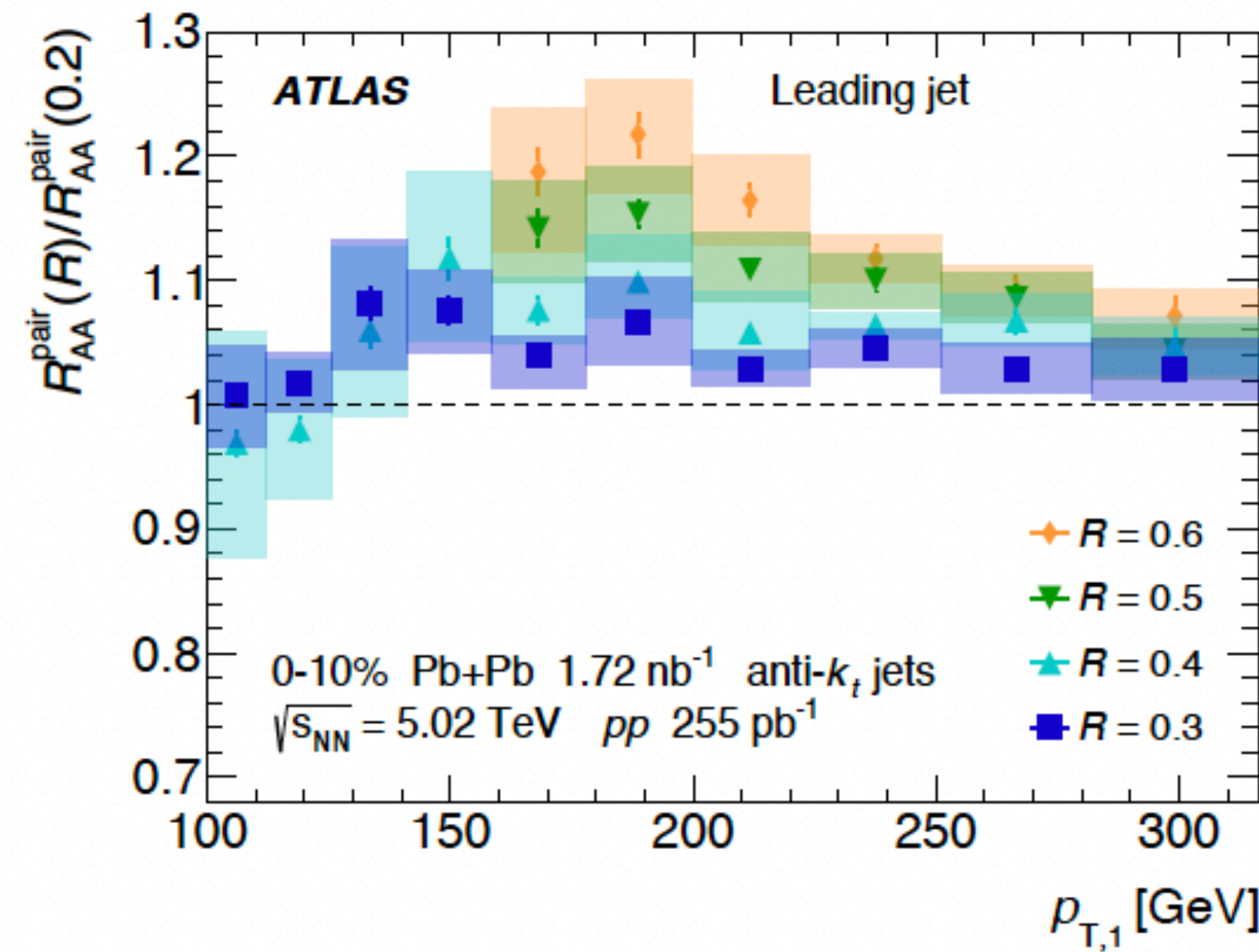


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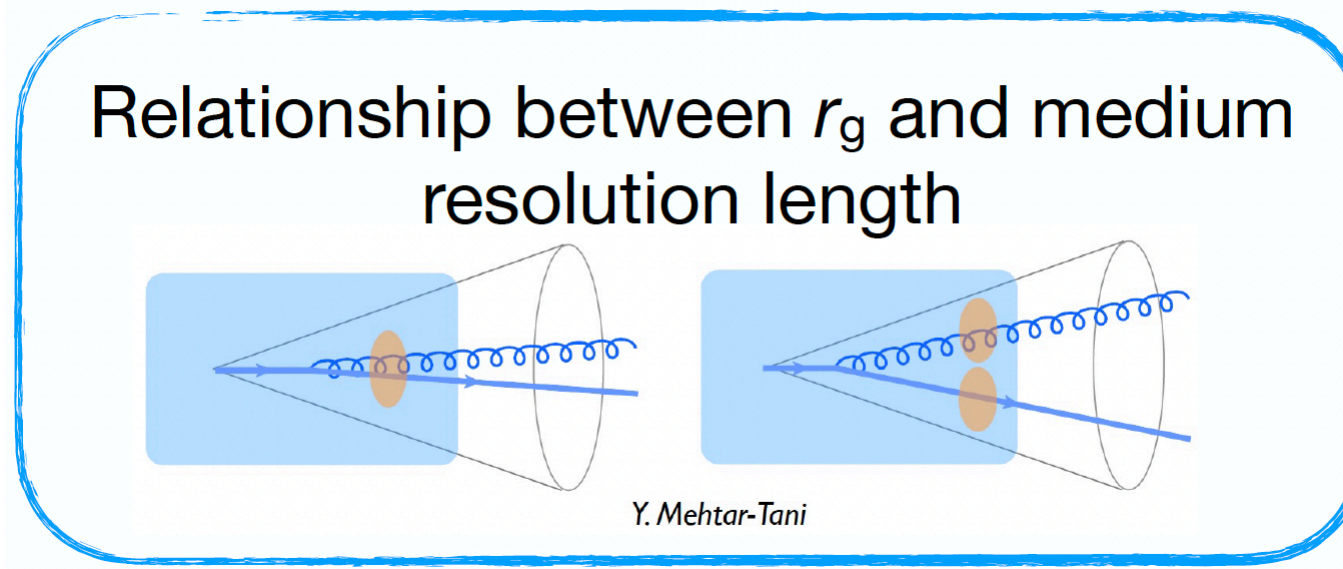
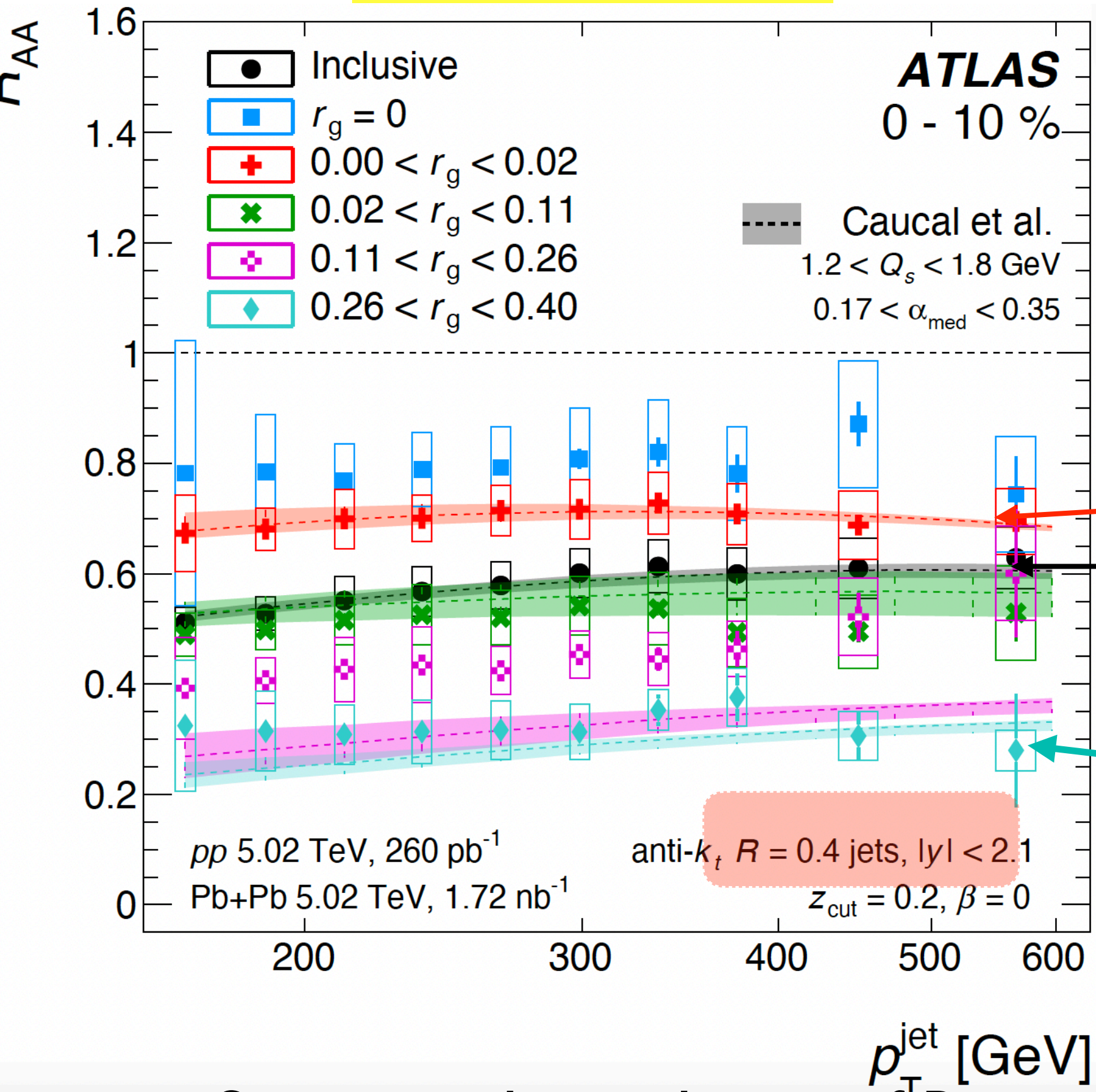
- Not the same jet type (inclusive vs. dijet vs. b-jet)
- Not the same kinematics (q/g fraction and jet structure can be different)
- $p_T$  dependence of energy loss are quite different (no matching for different R jets)





# $R_{AA}$ - substructure interplay

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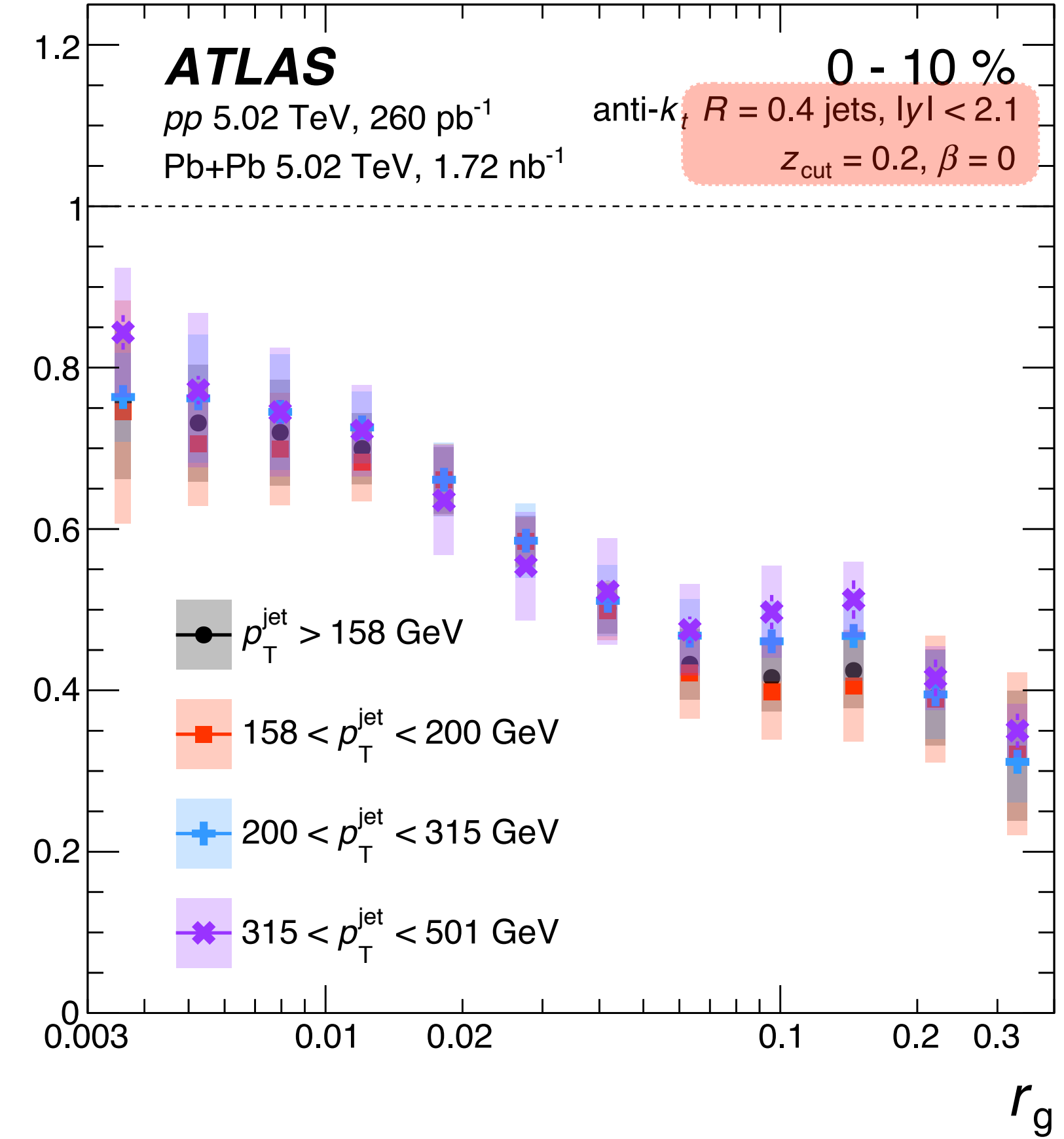


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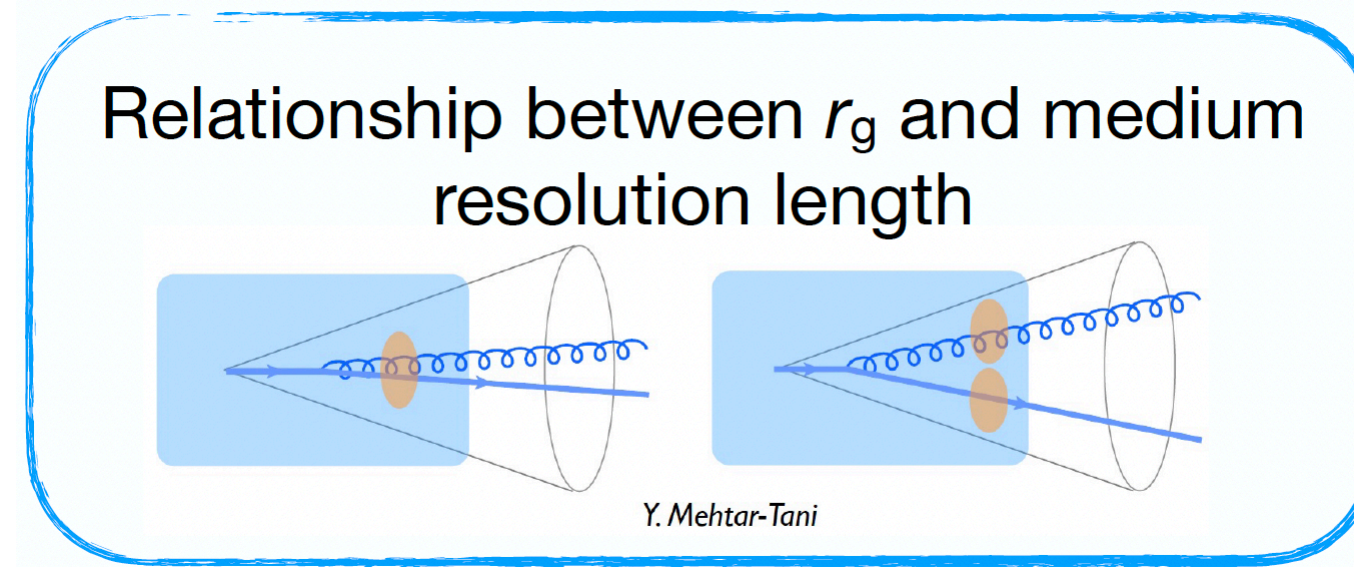
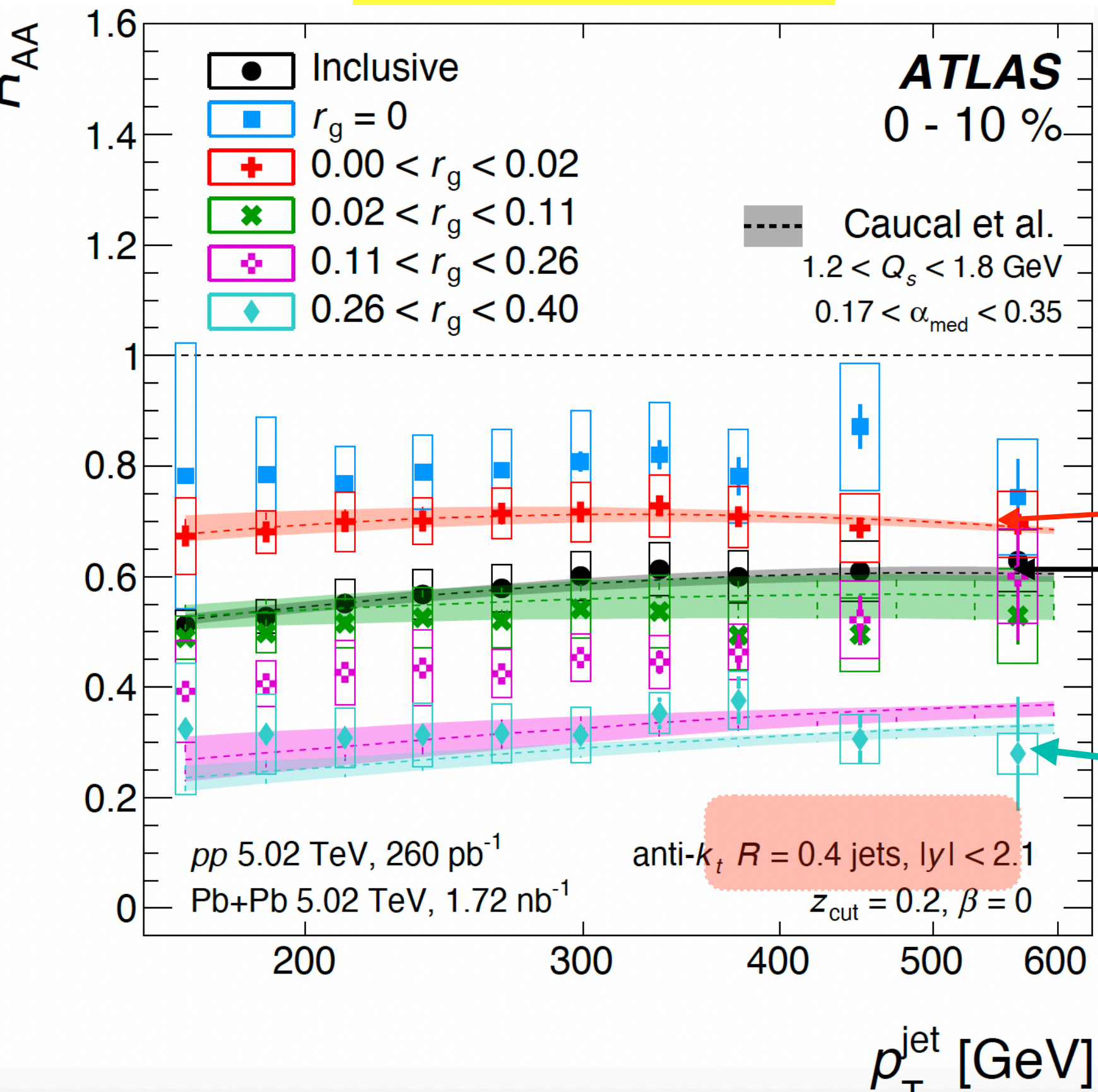


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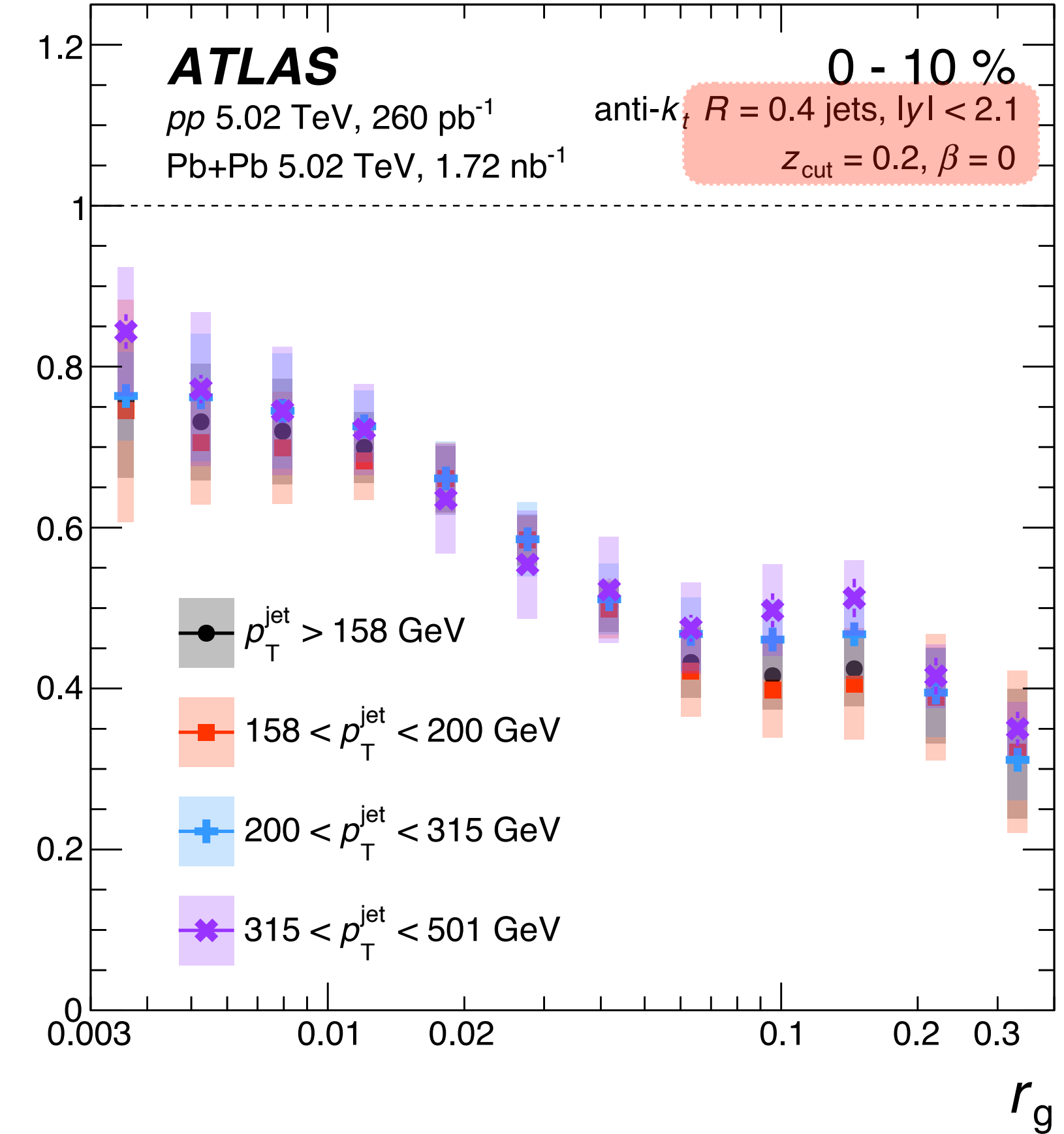


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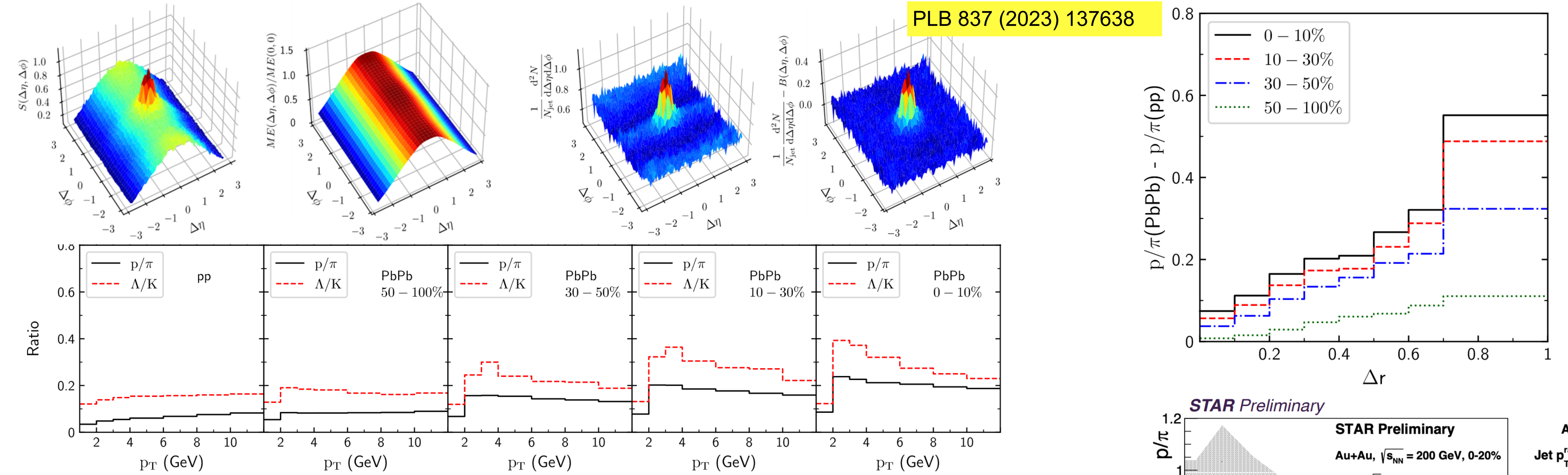
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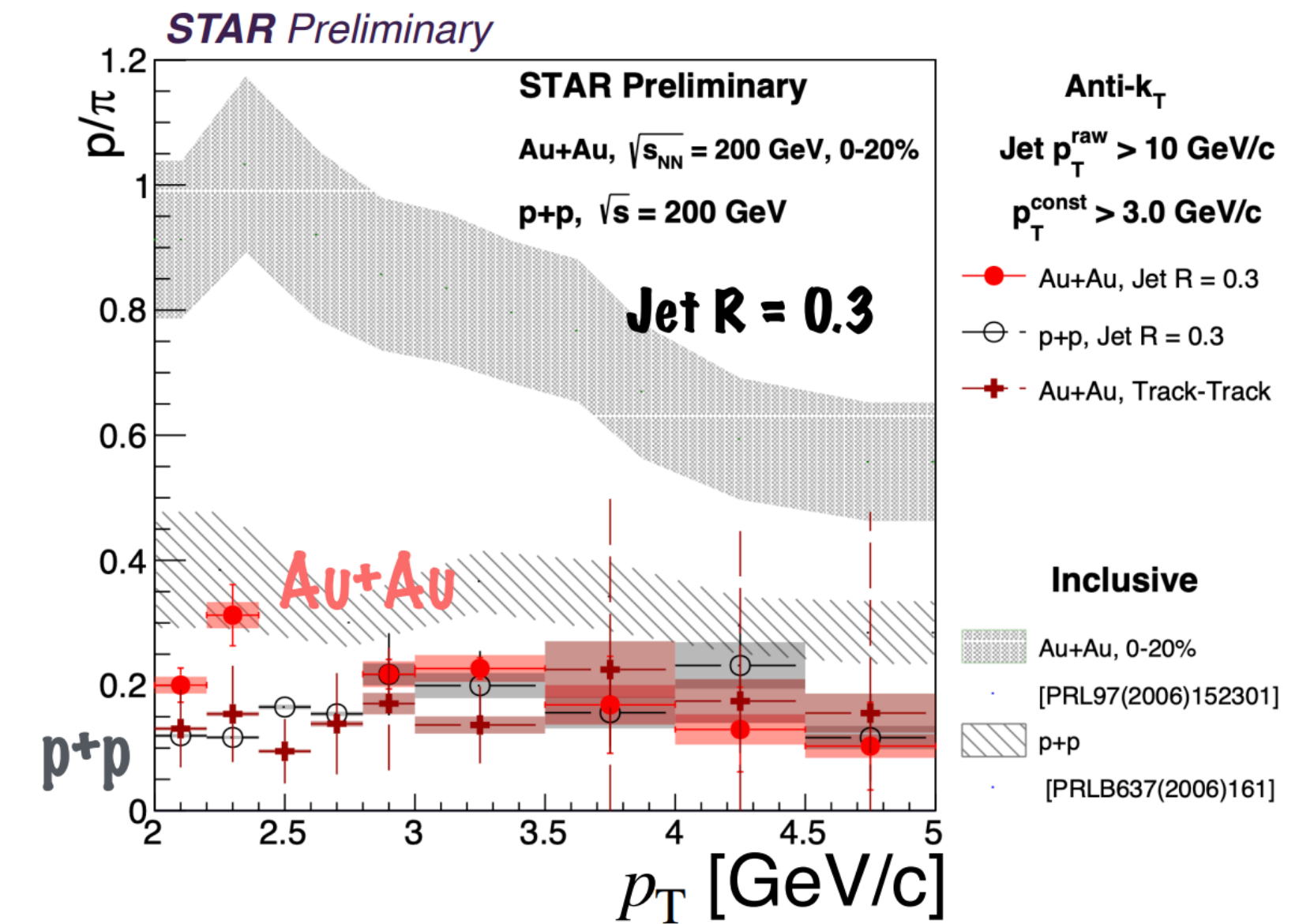


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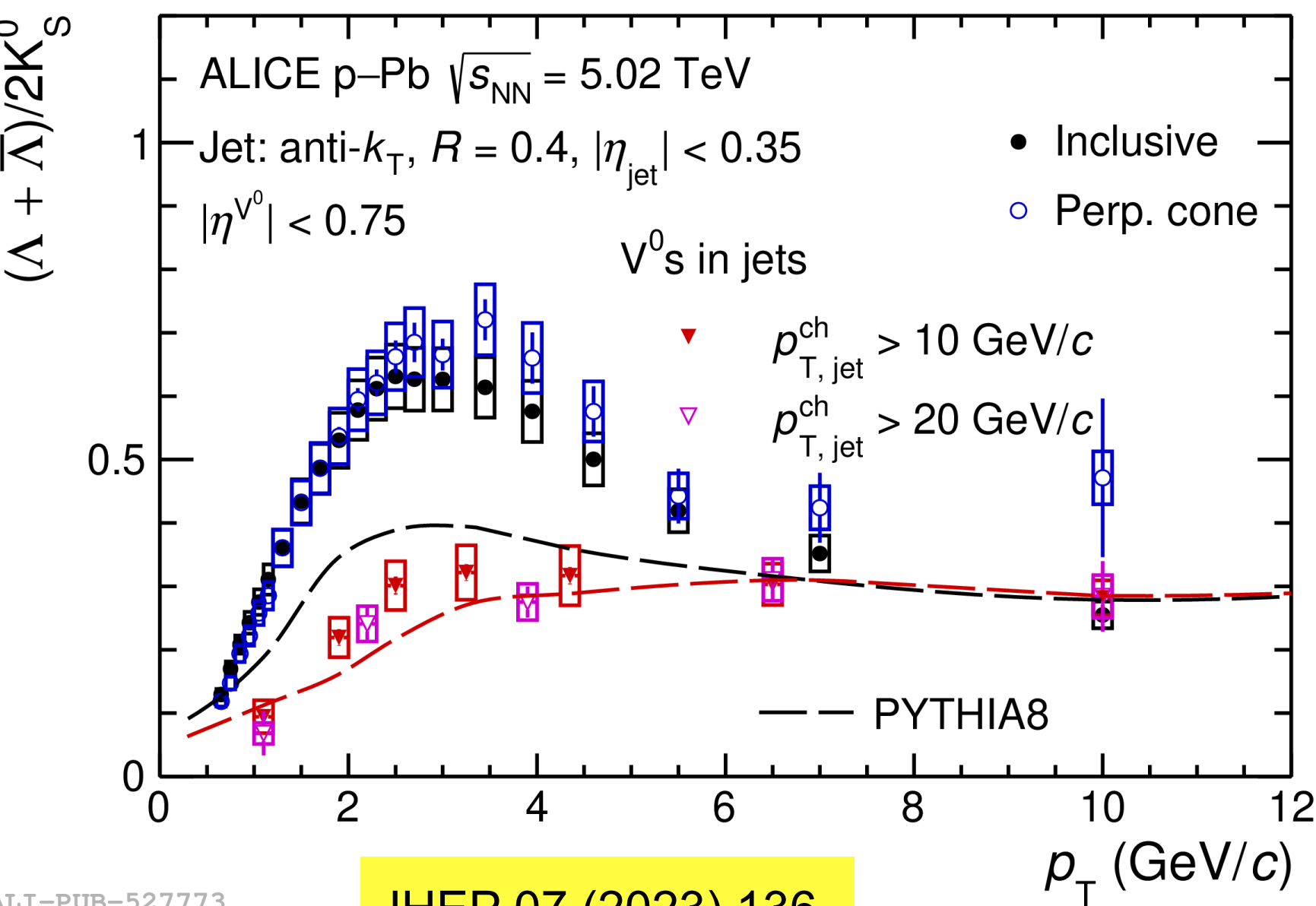


- Strong enhancement of B/M ratios for associated particles at intermediate  $p_T$  around the quenched jets, due to the coalescence of jet-excited medium partons
- Enhancement of jet-induced B/M ratios is stronger at intermediate  $p_T$  (2-6 GeV/c) for larger distance because the lost energy from quenched jets can diffuse to large angle.

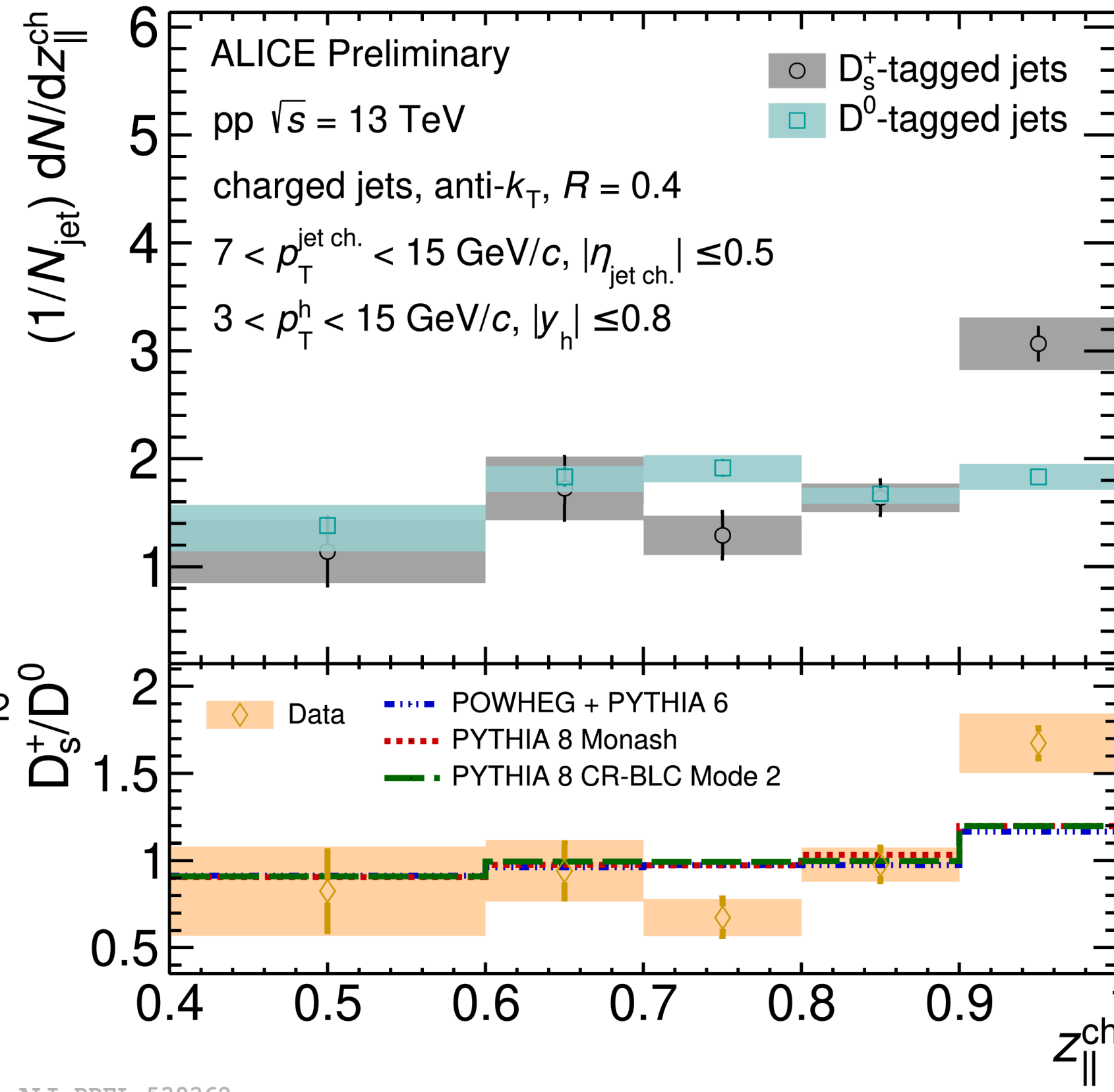




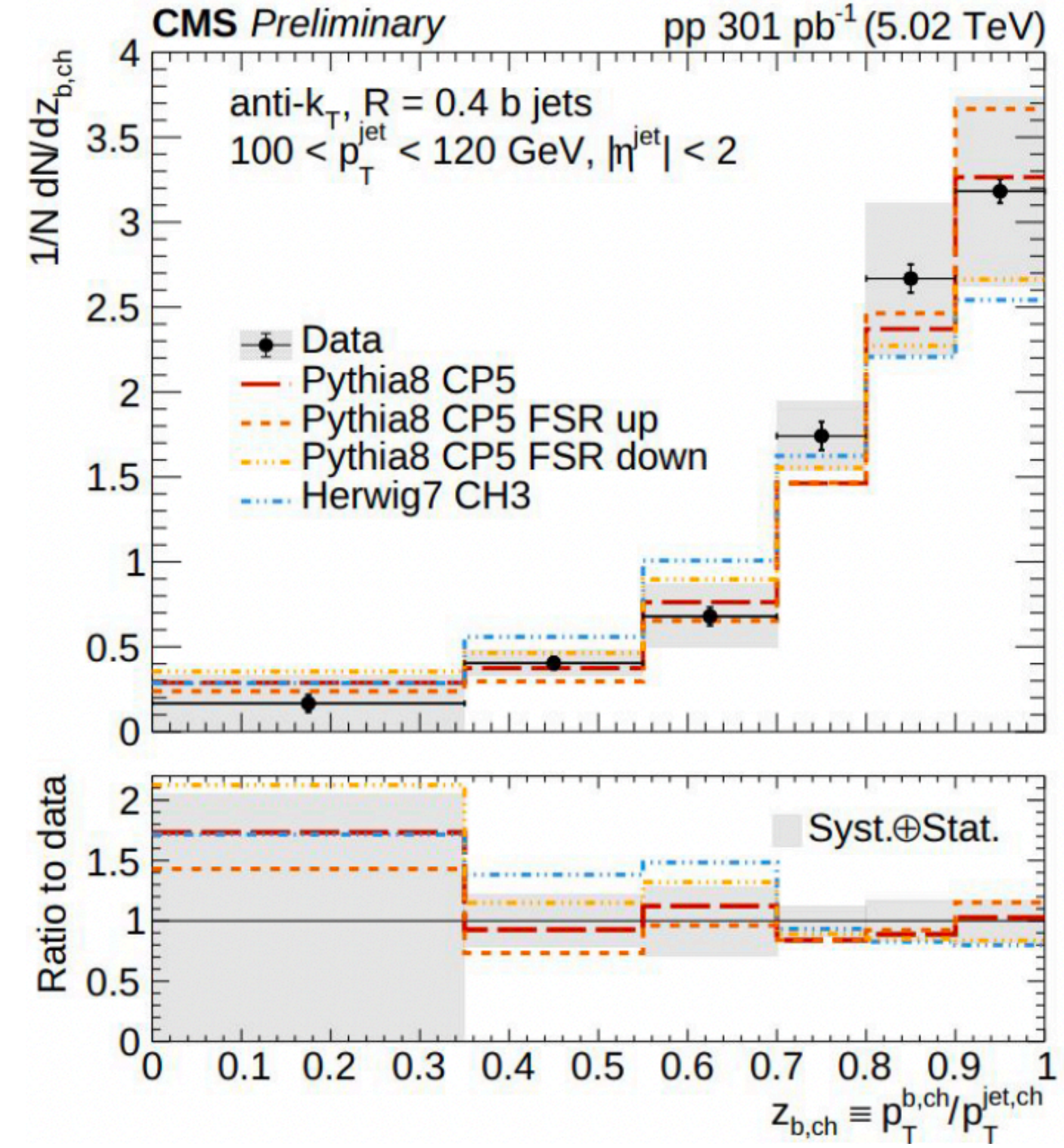
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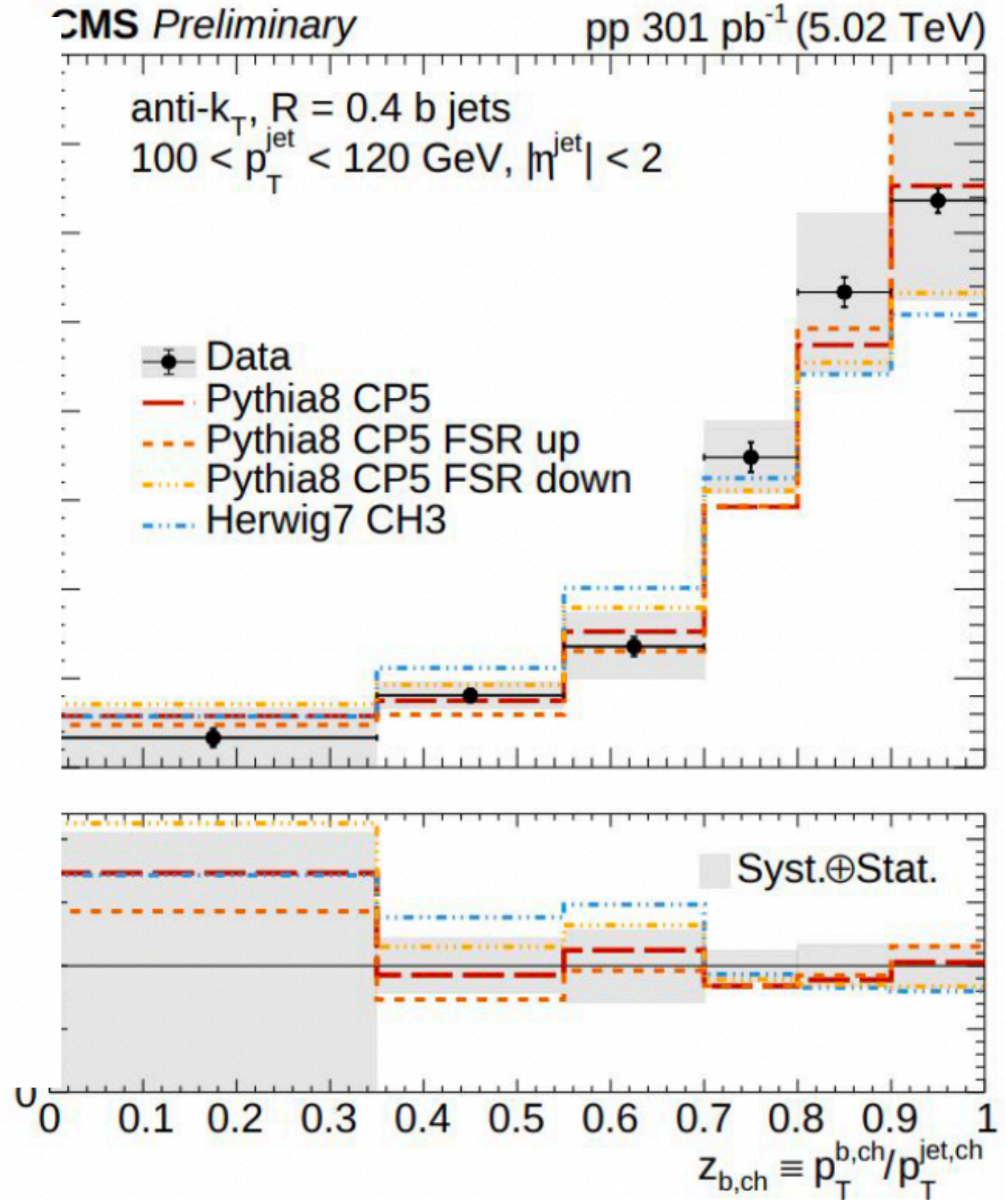
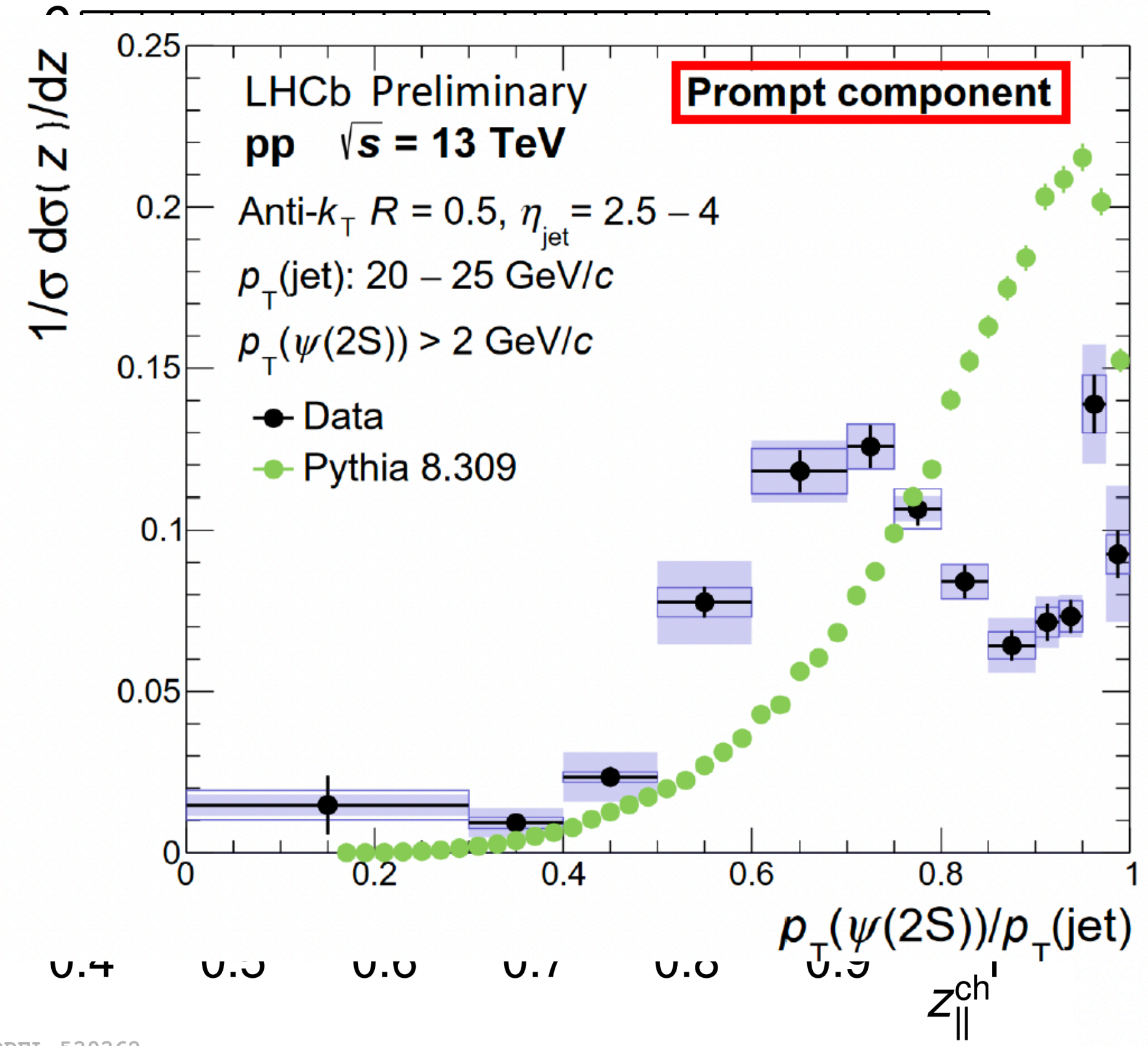
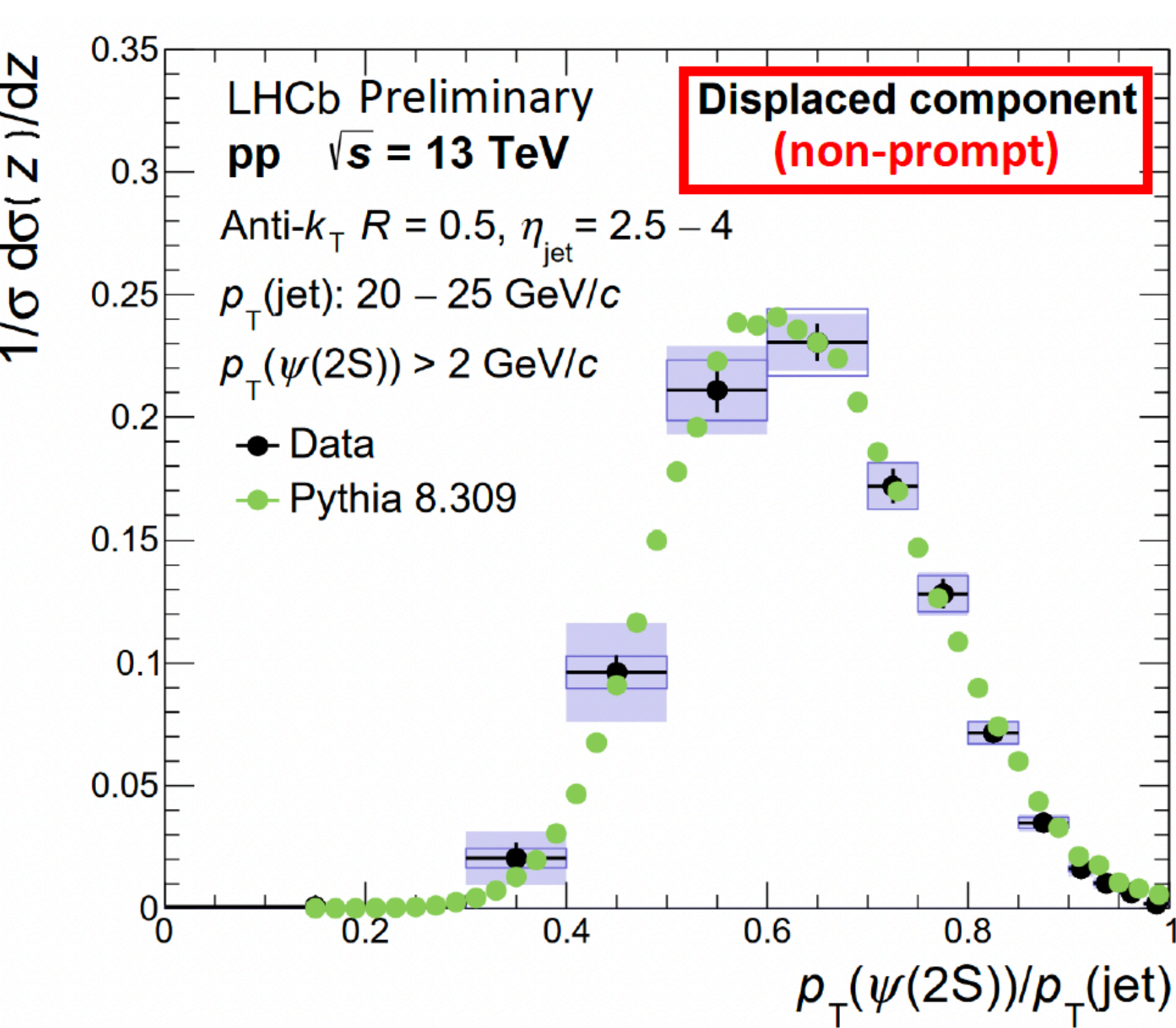
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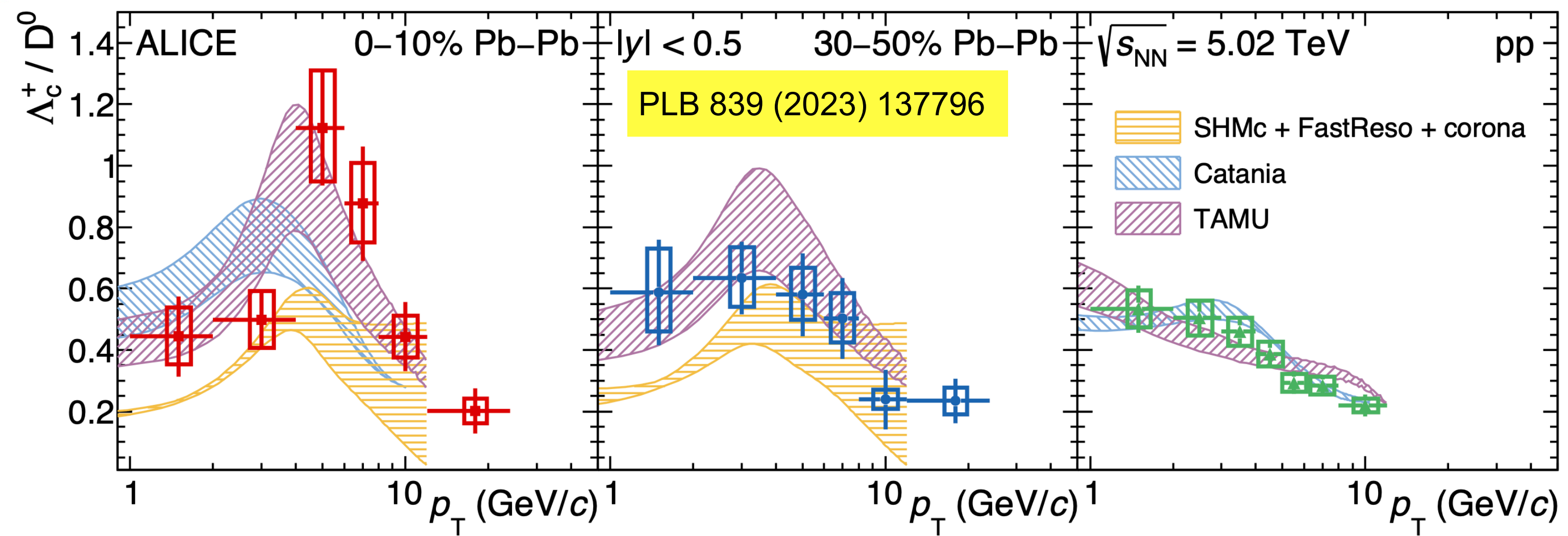
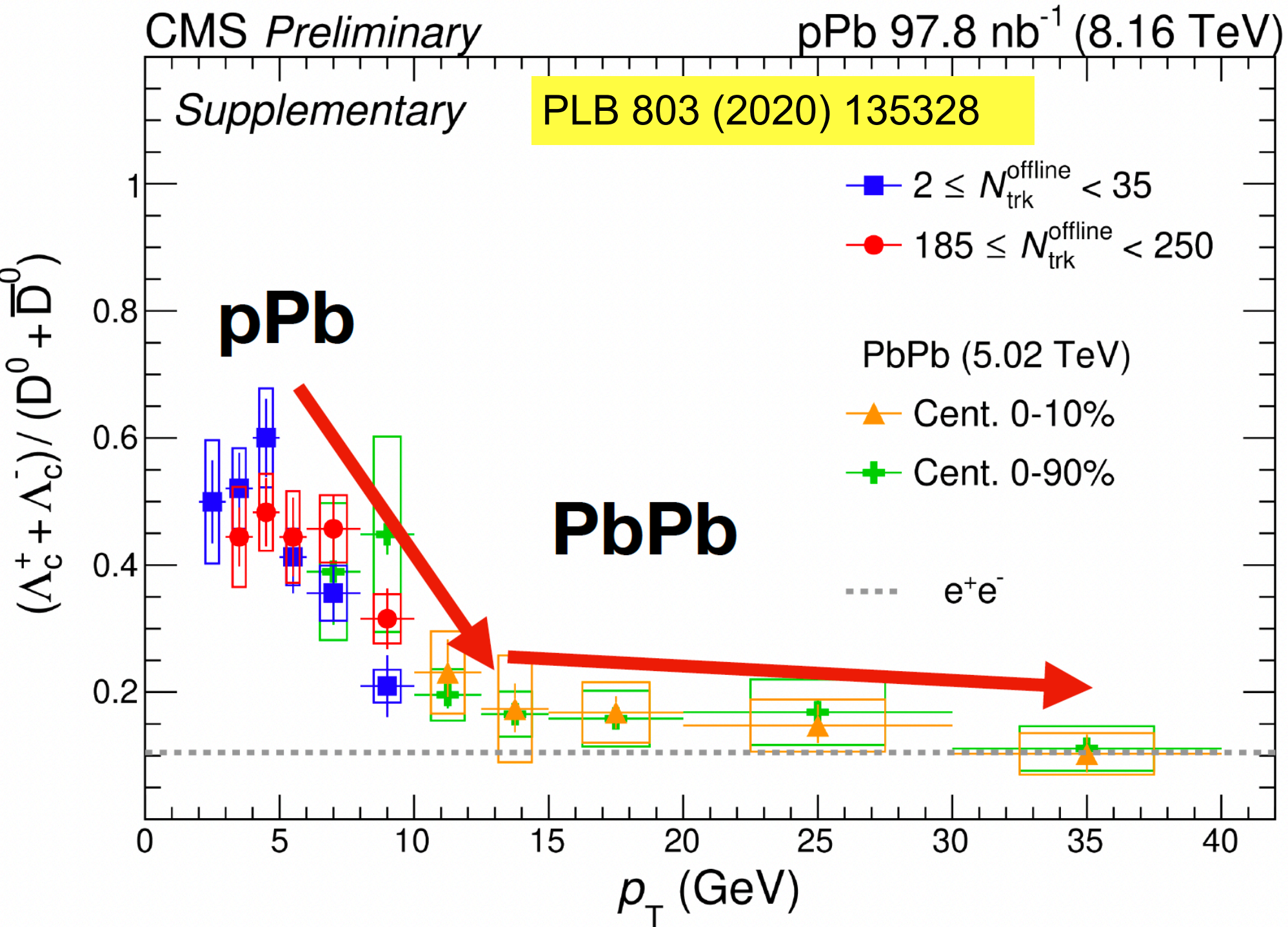


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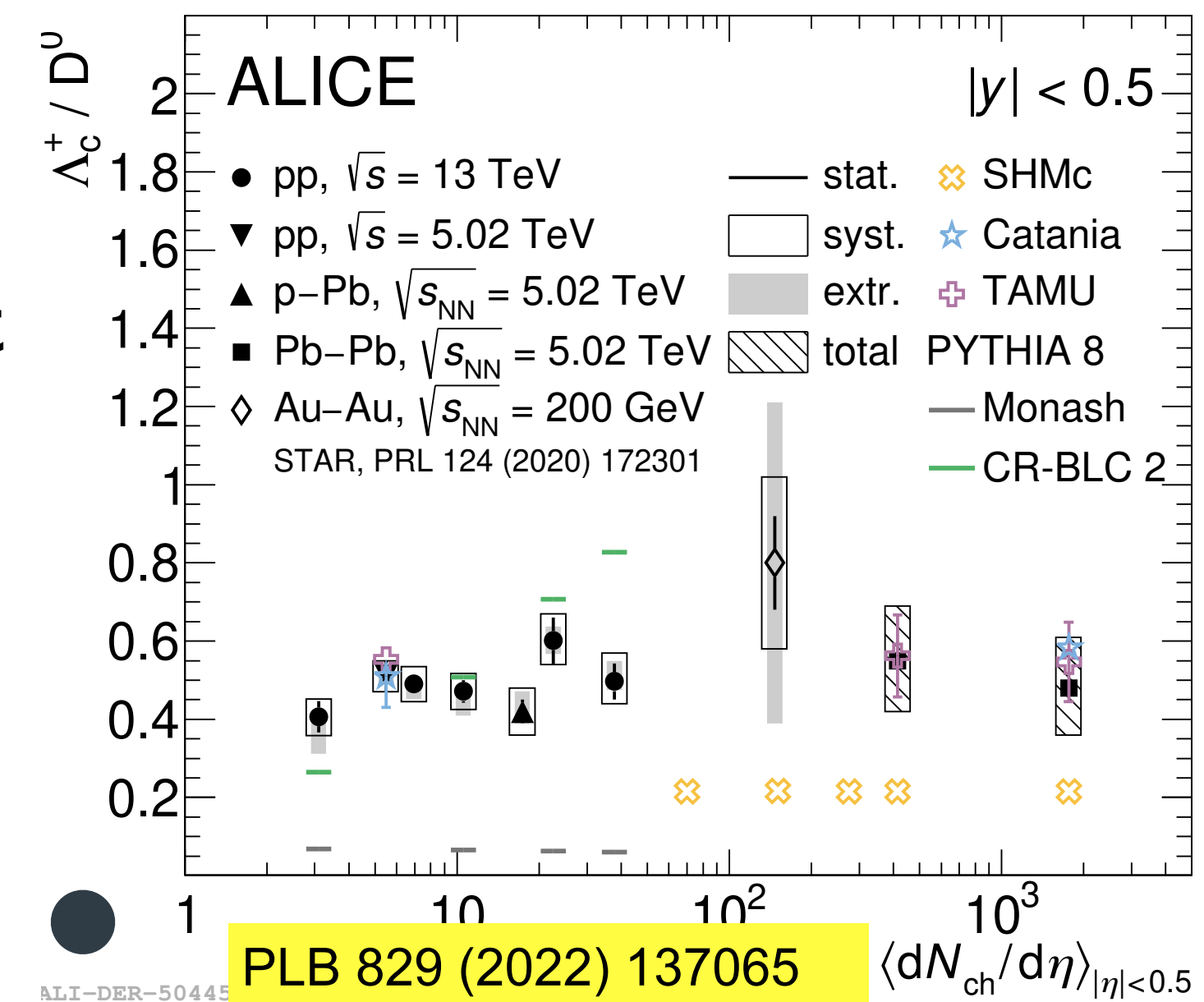




# Heavy flavor hadronization: B/M ratio

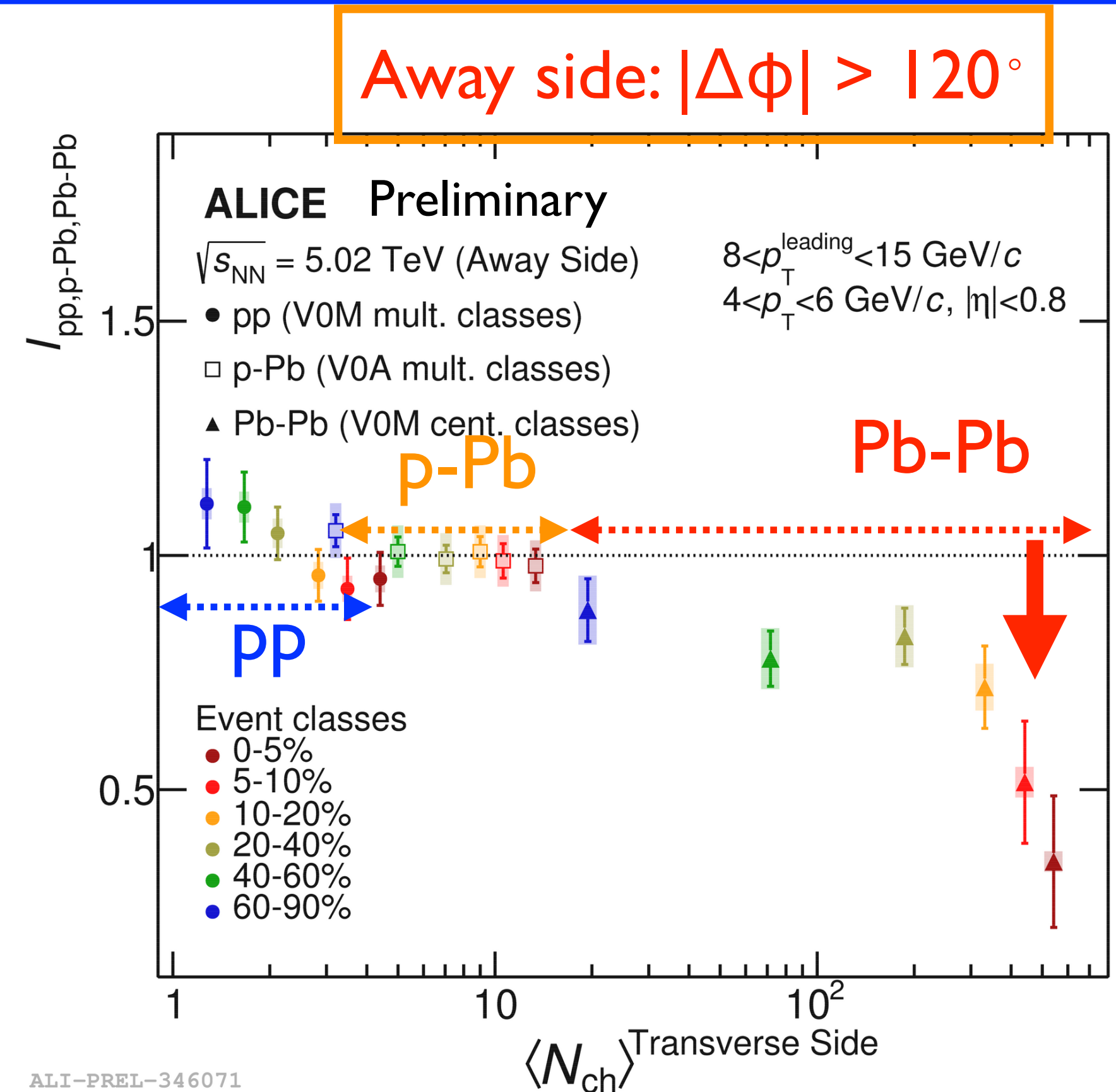
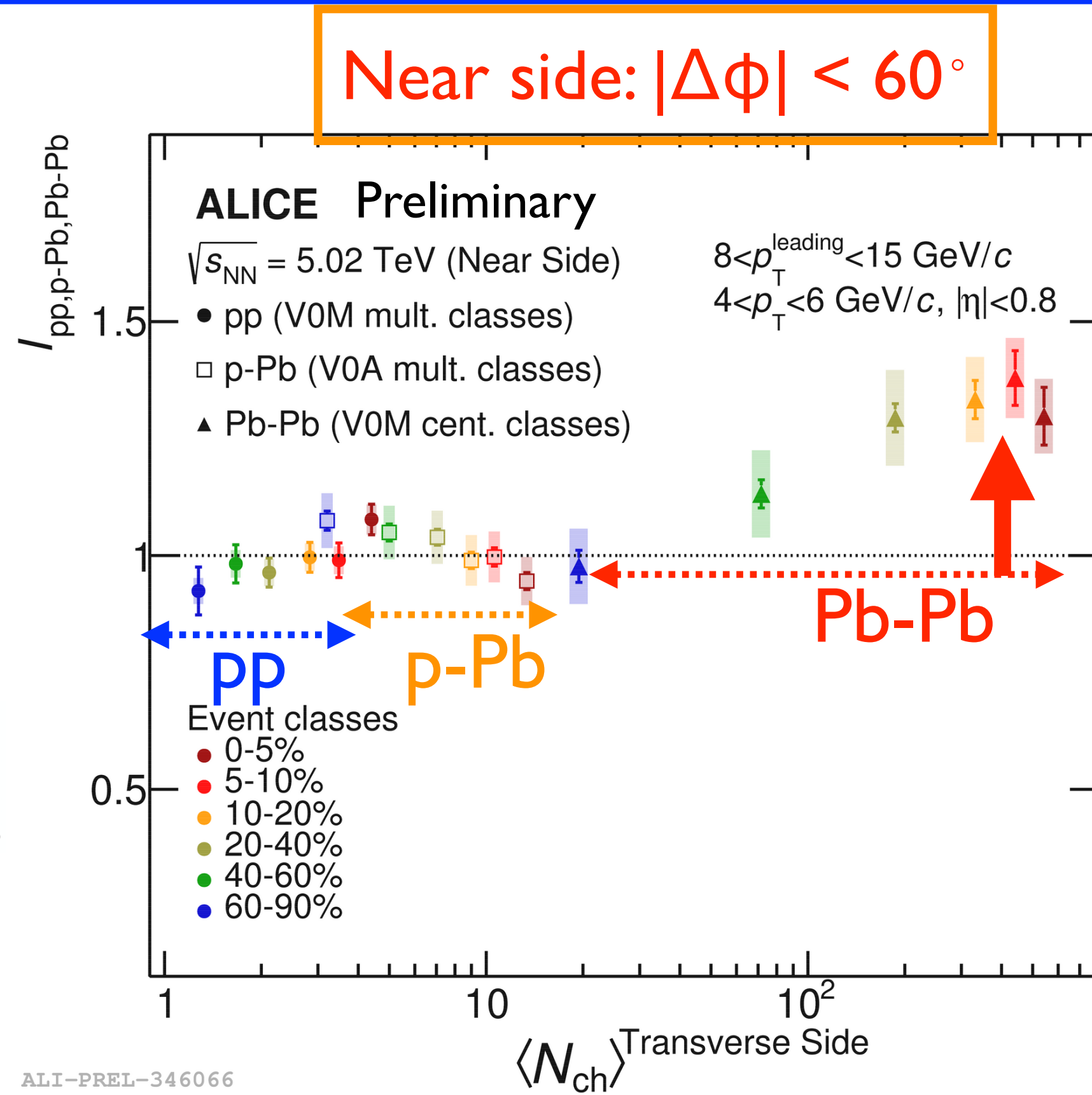
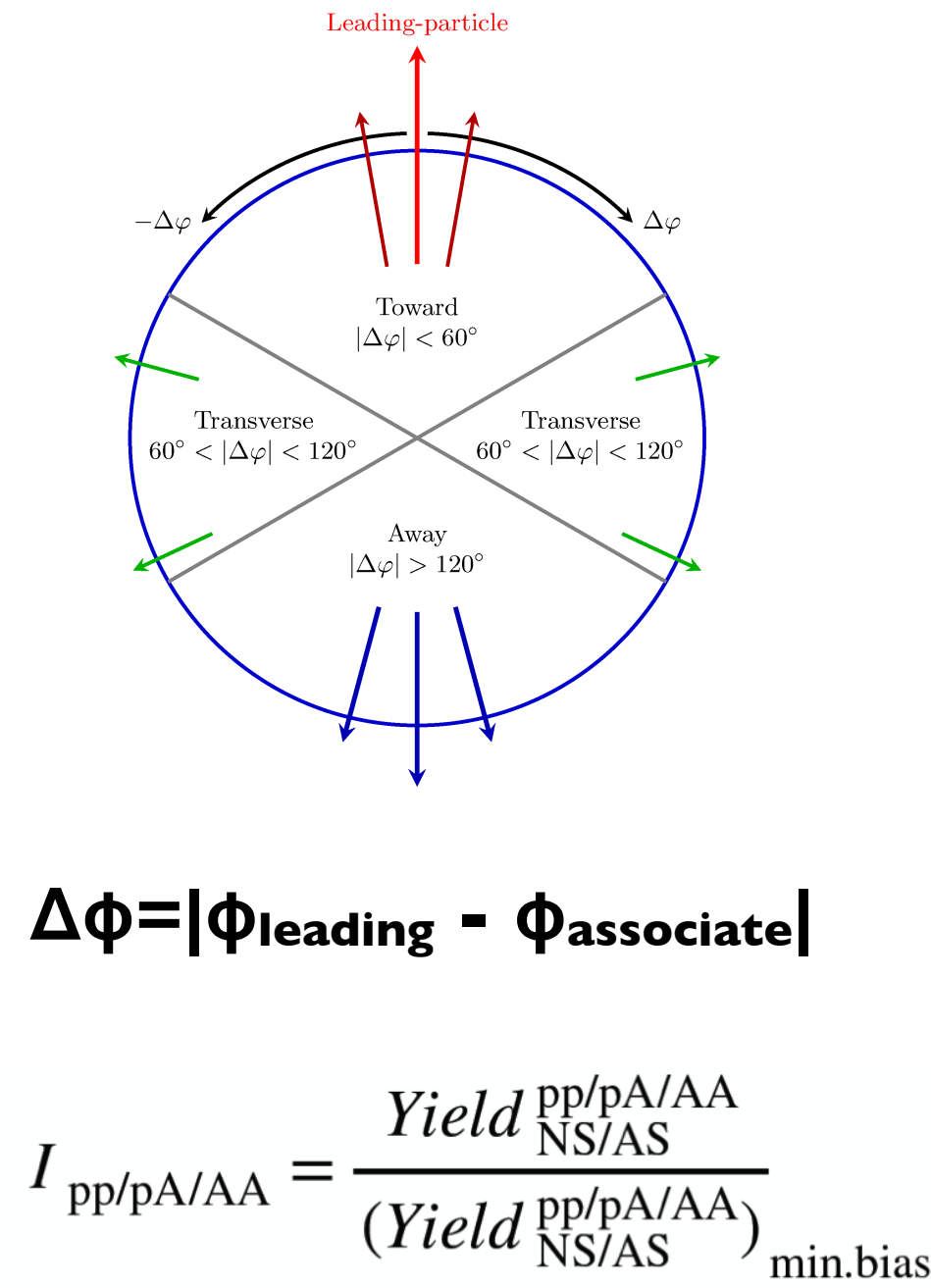


- Enhanced baryon to meson ratio ( $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$ ) compared to  $e^+e^-$  collisions at low  $p_T$ , regardless of centrality or multiplicity
- Higher  $p_T$  behavior close to  $e^+e^-$  baseline
- TAMU model can reproduce the  $\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio in both pp and Pb-Pb collisions





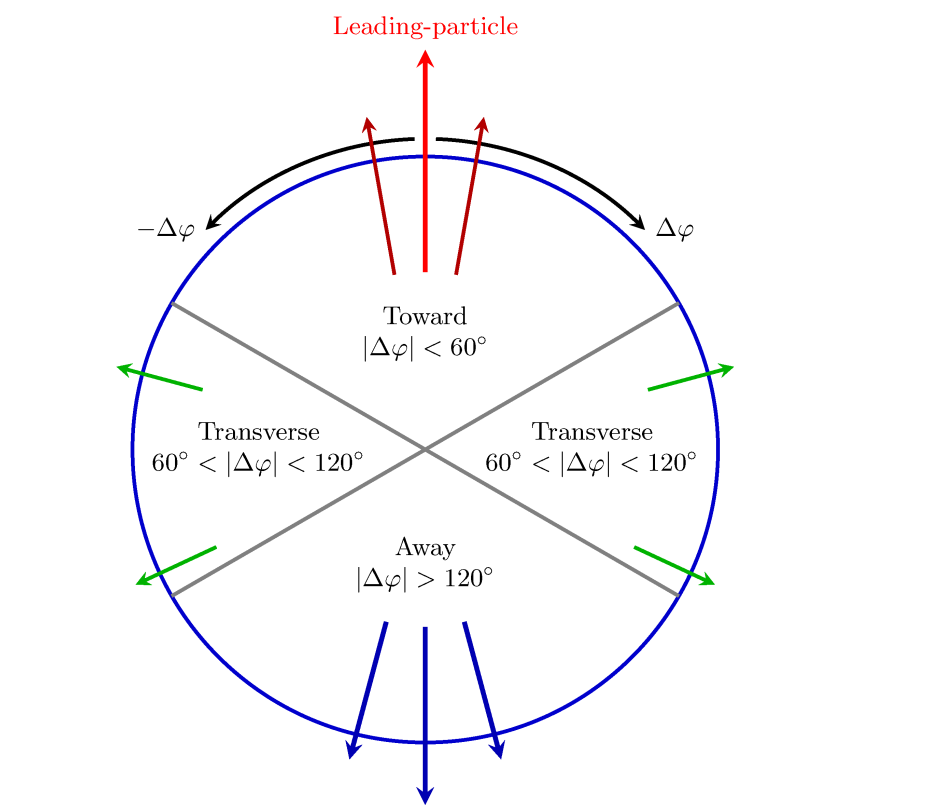
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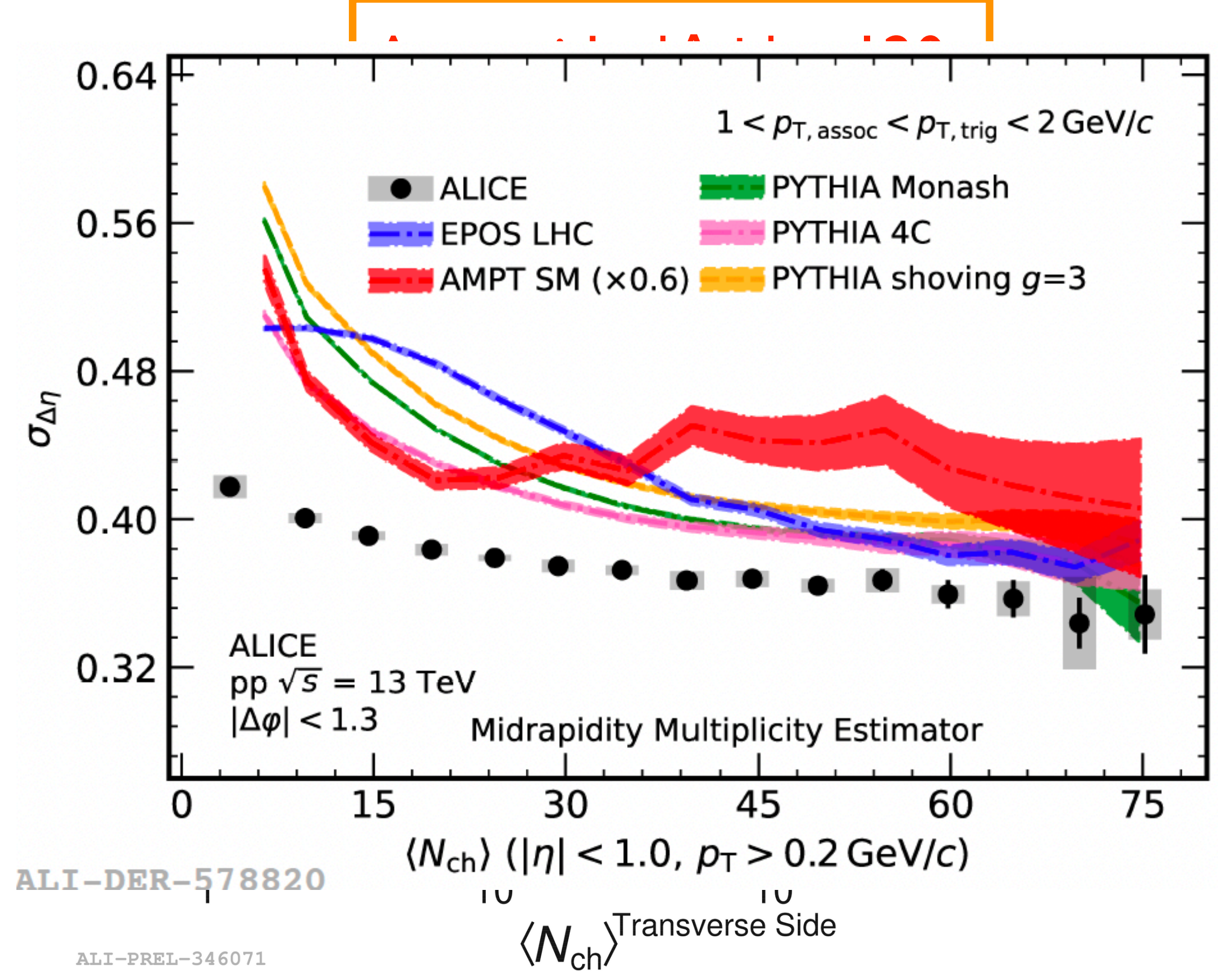
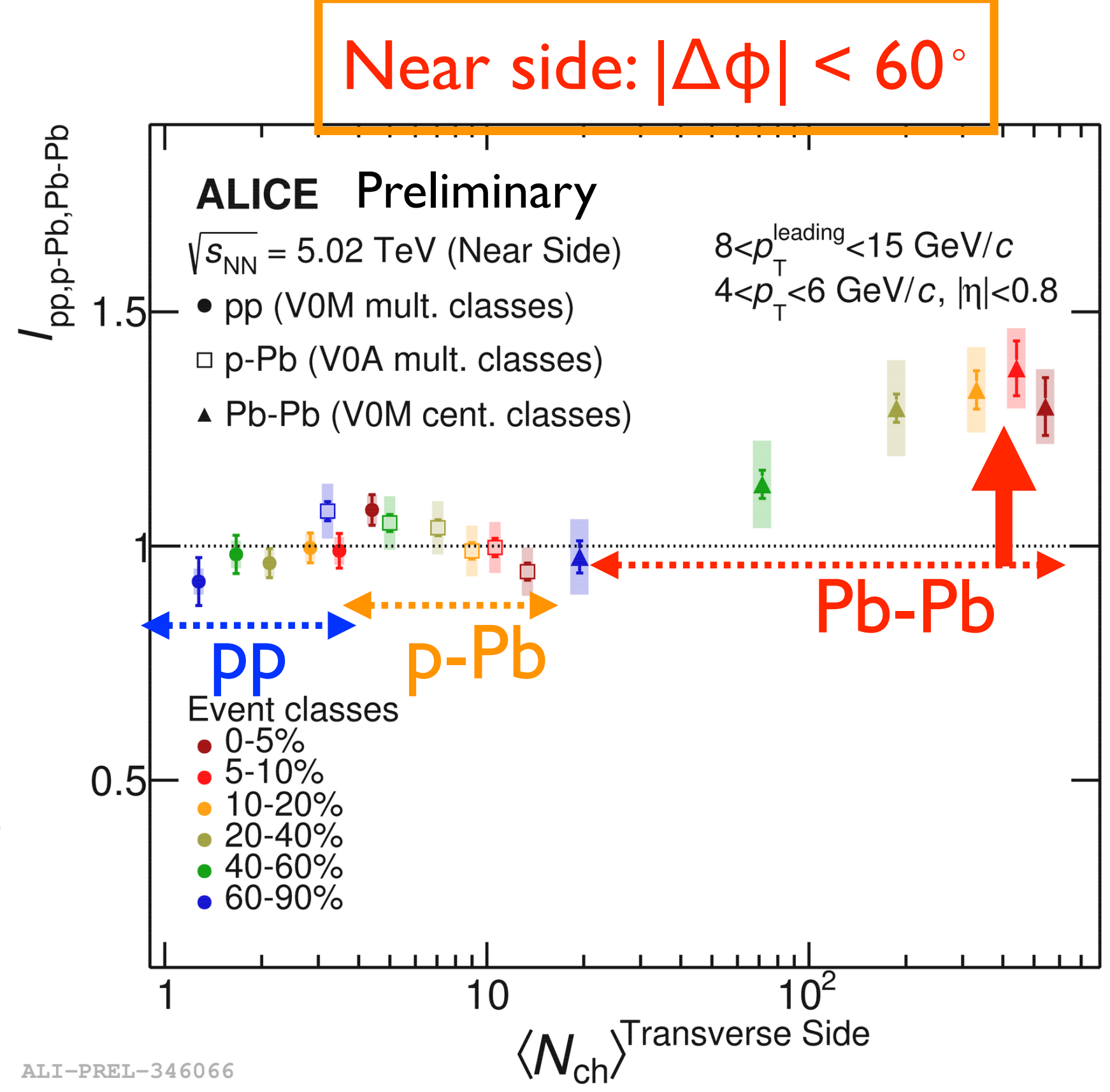


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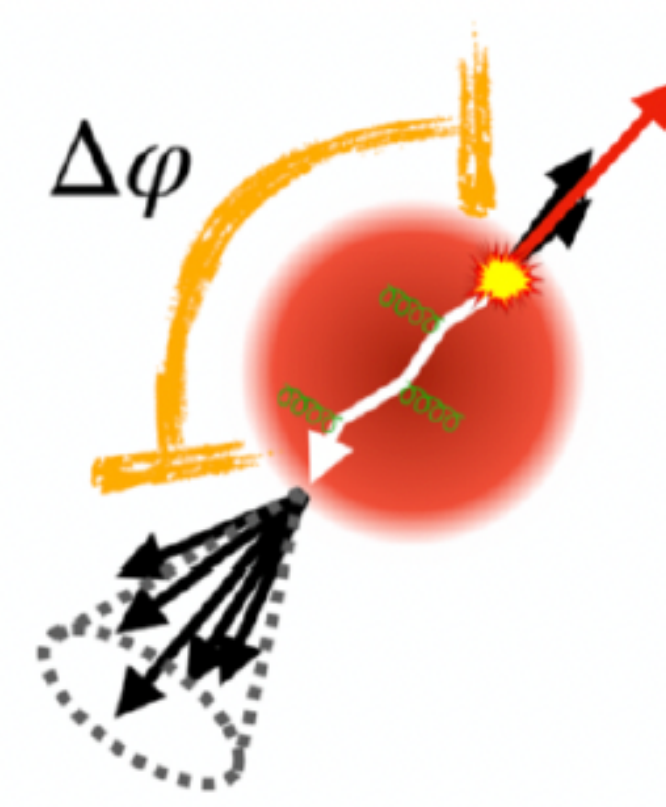
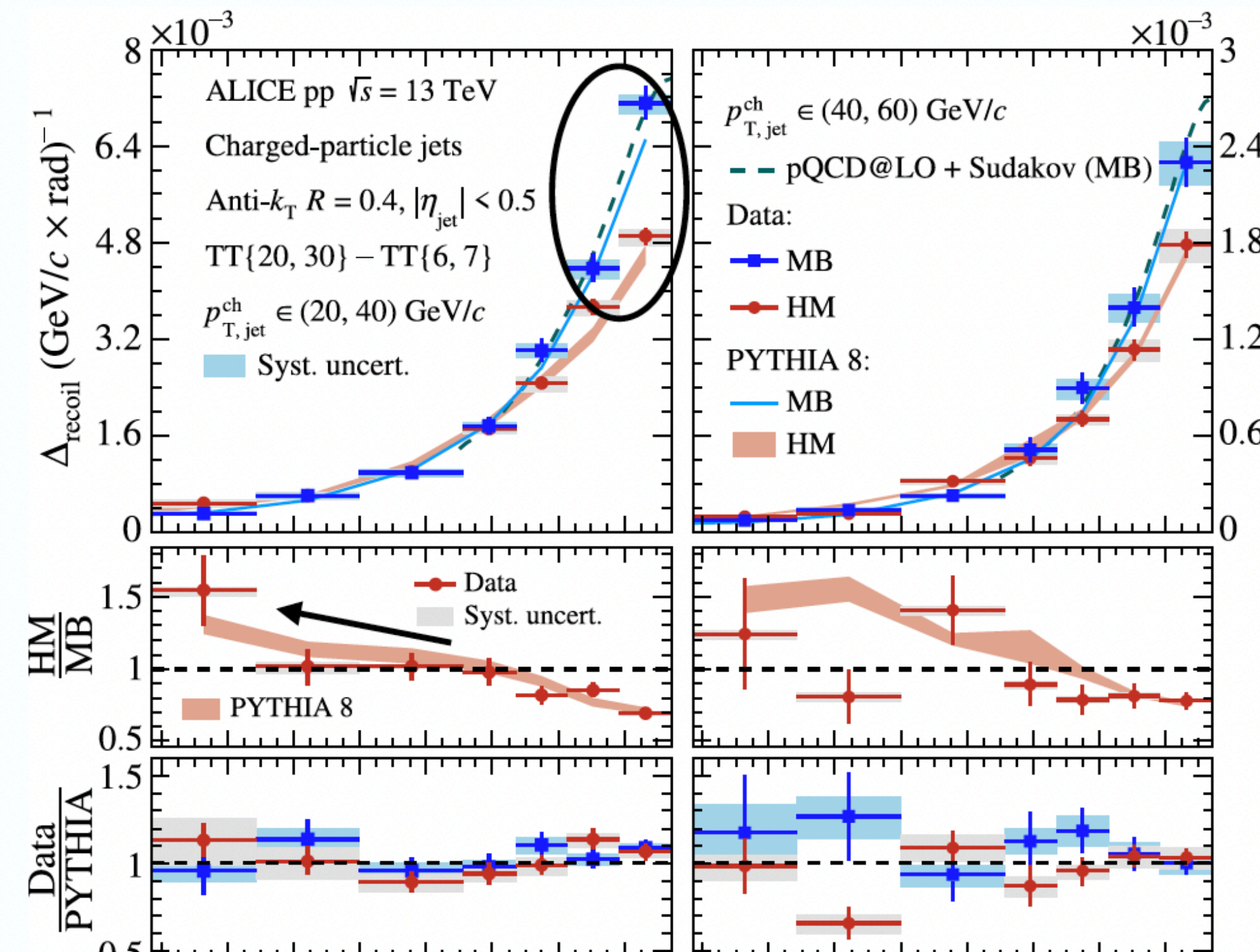
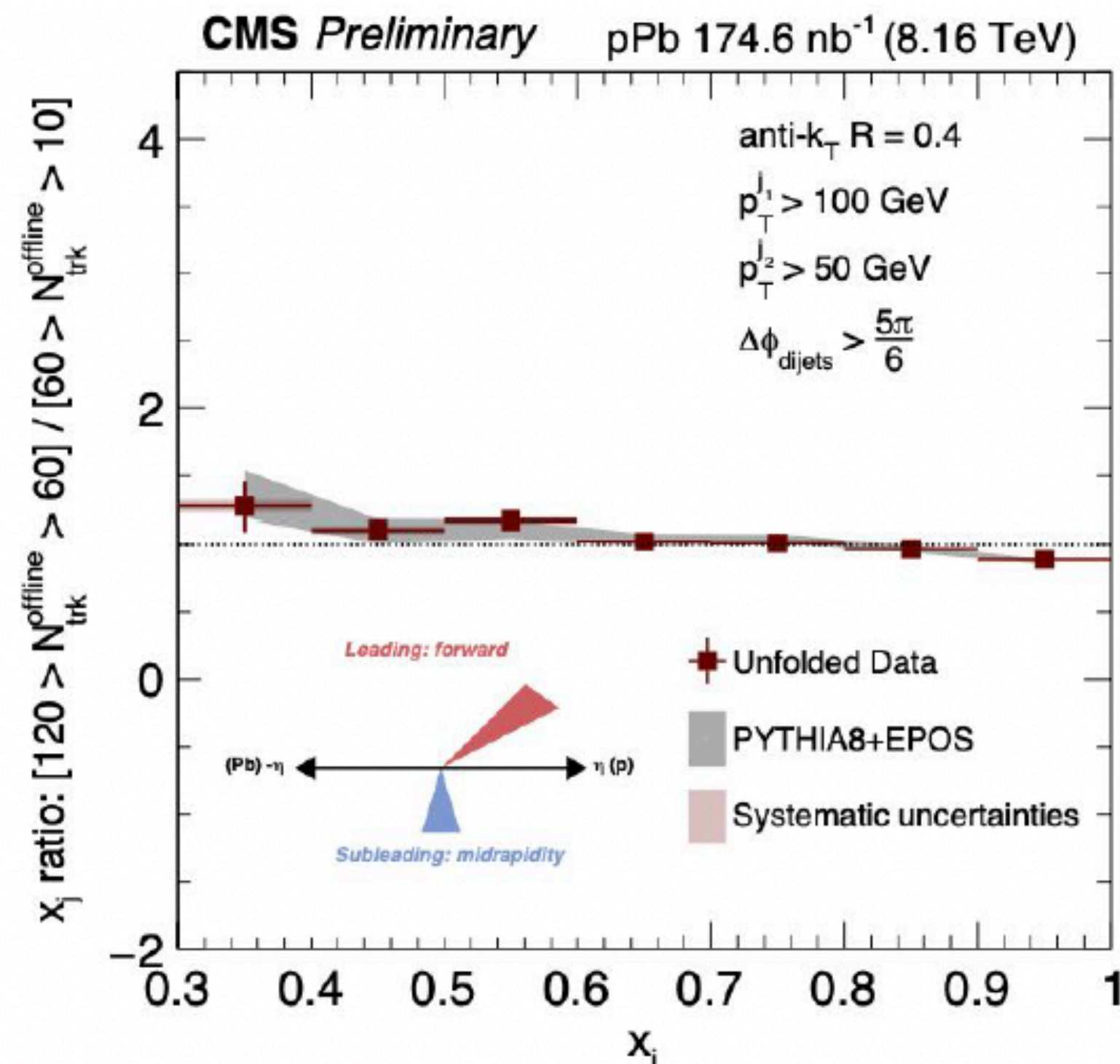
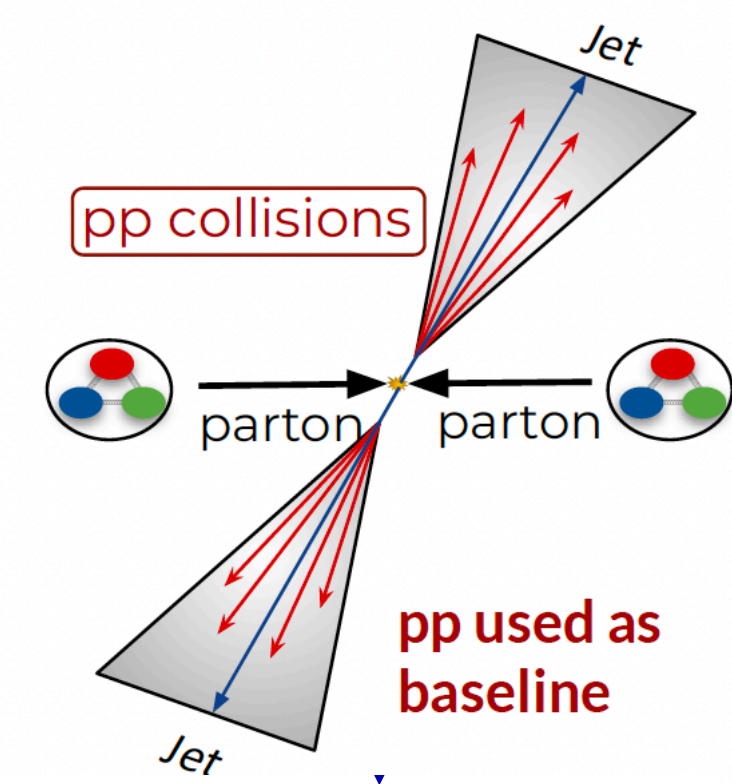


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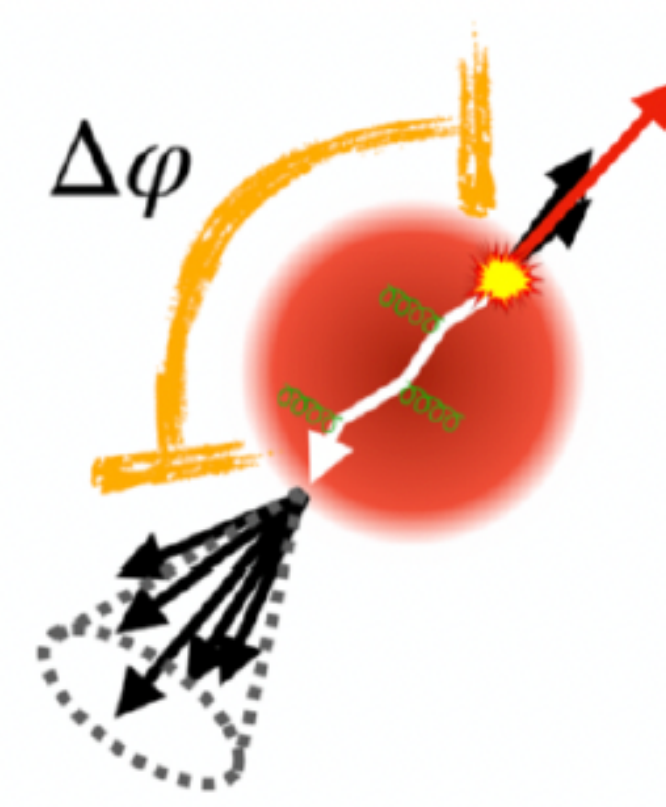
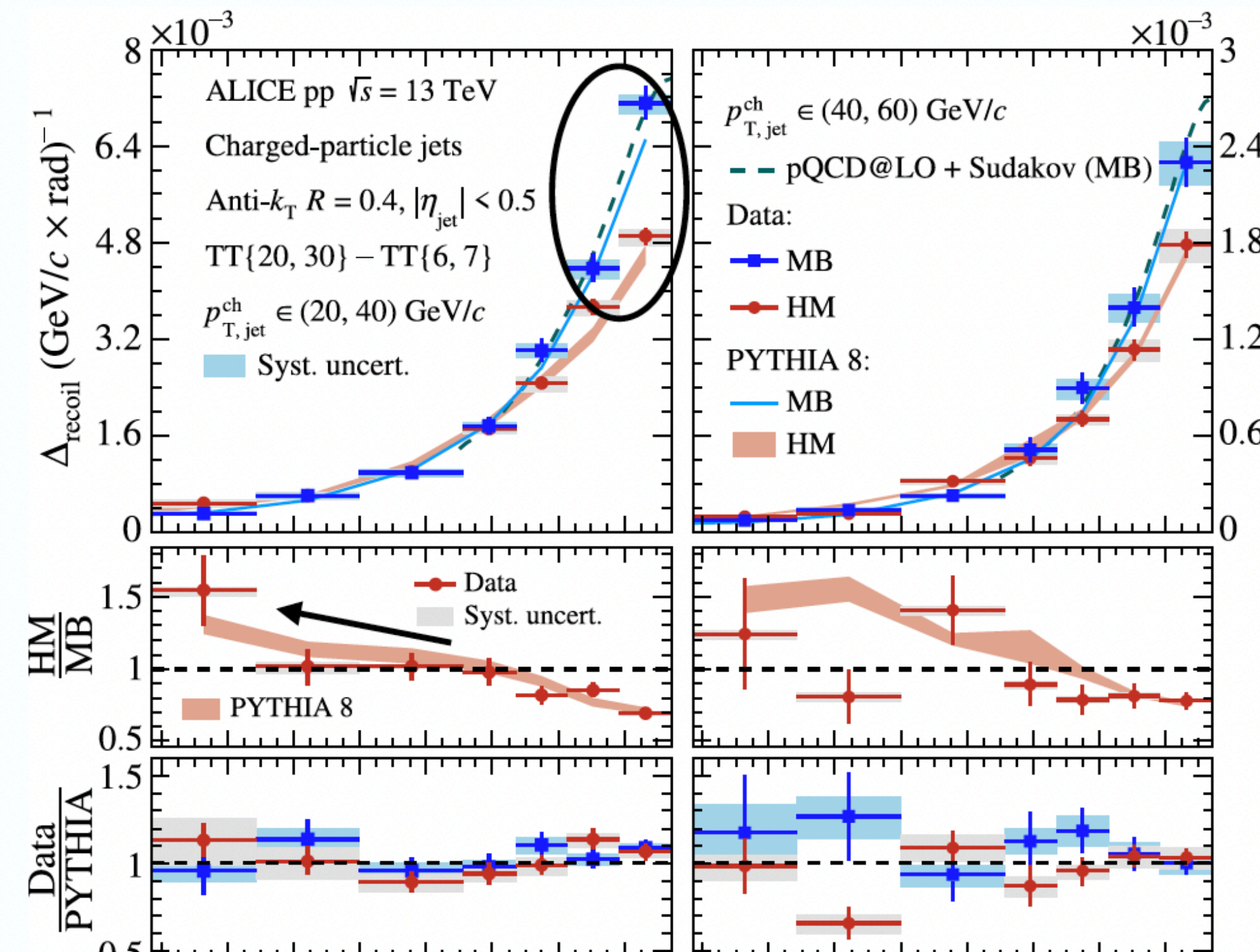
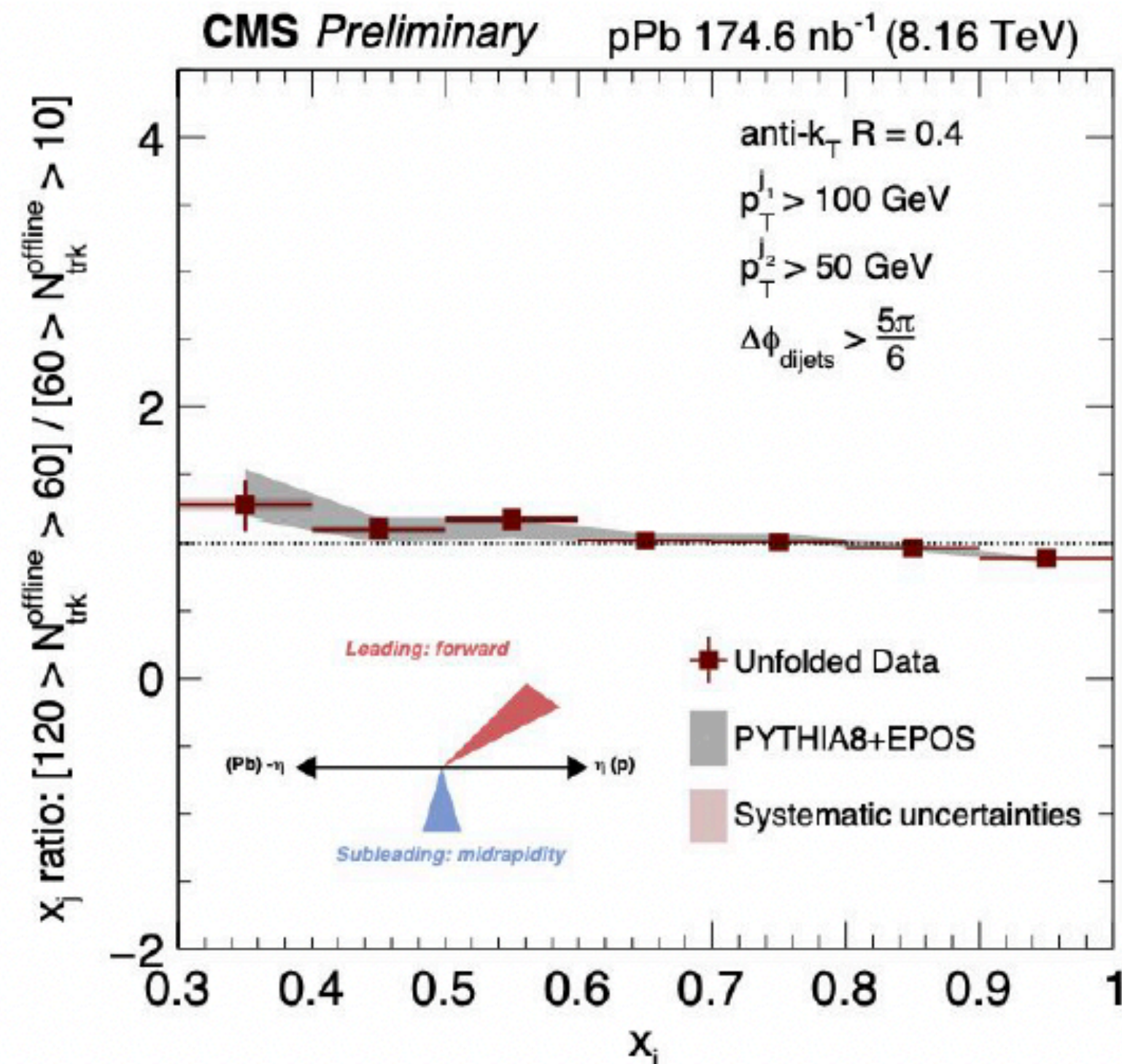
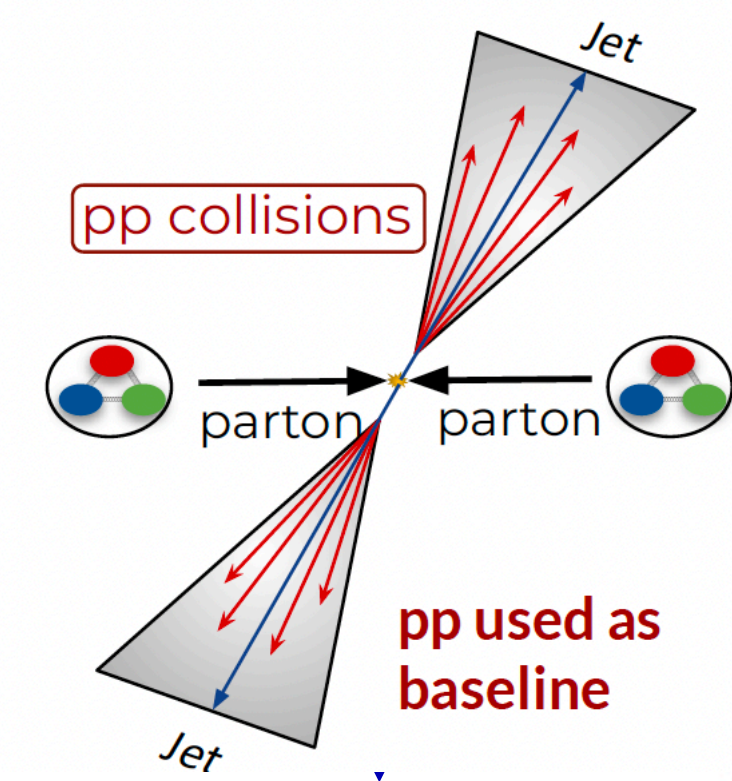
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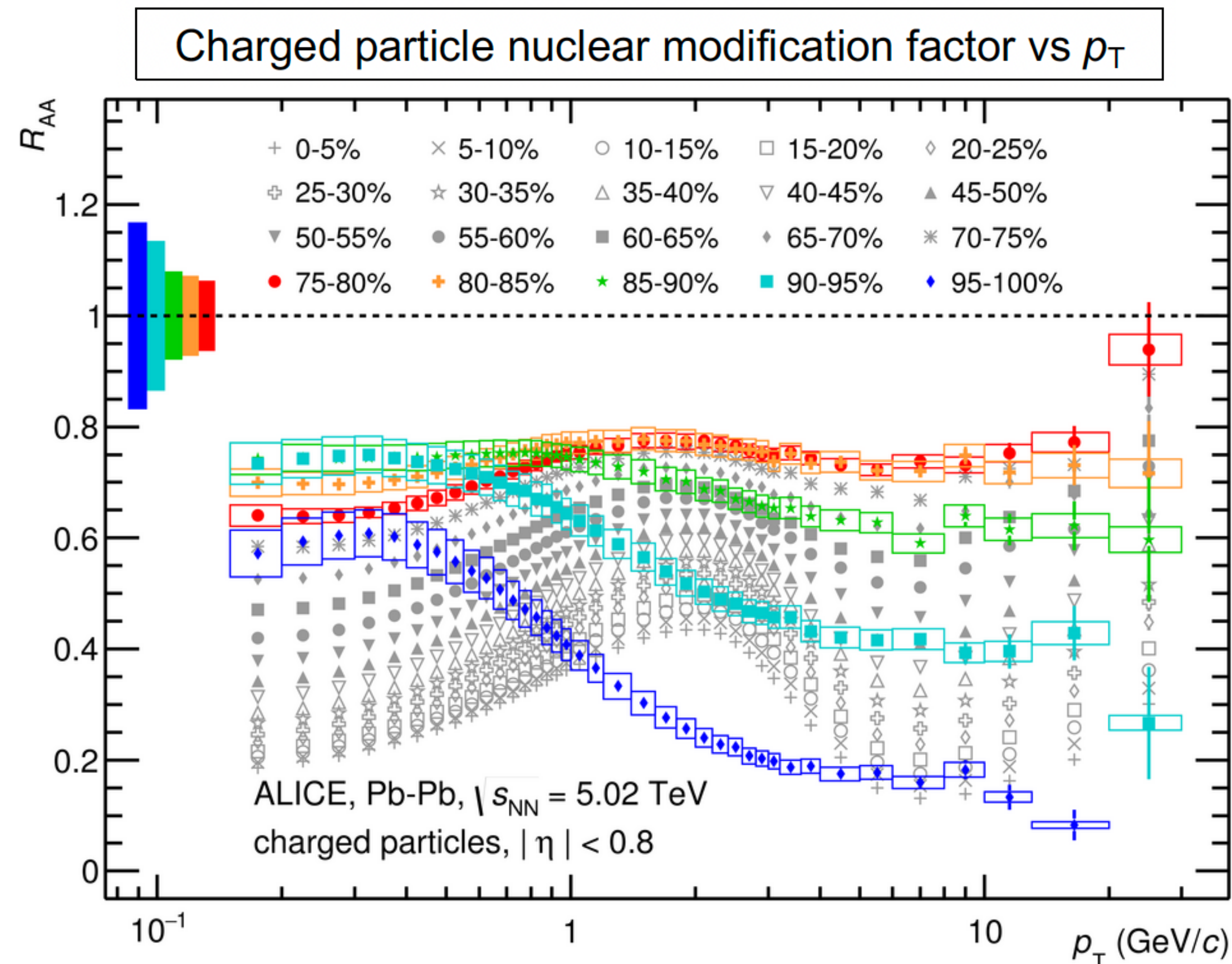
➔ Consistency study between particle and jet correlations?



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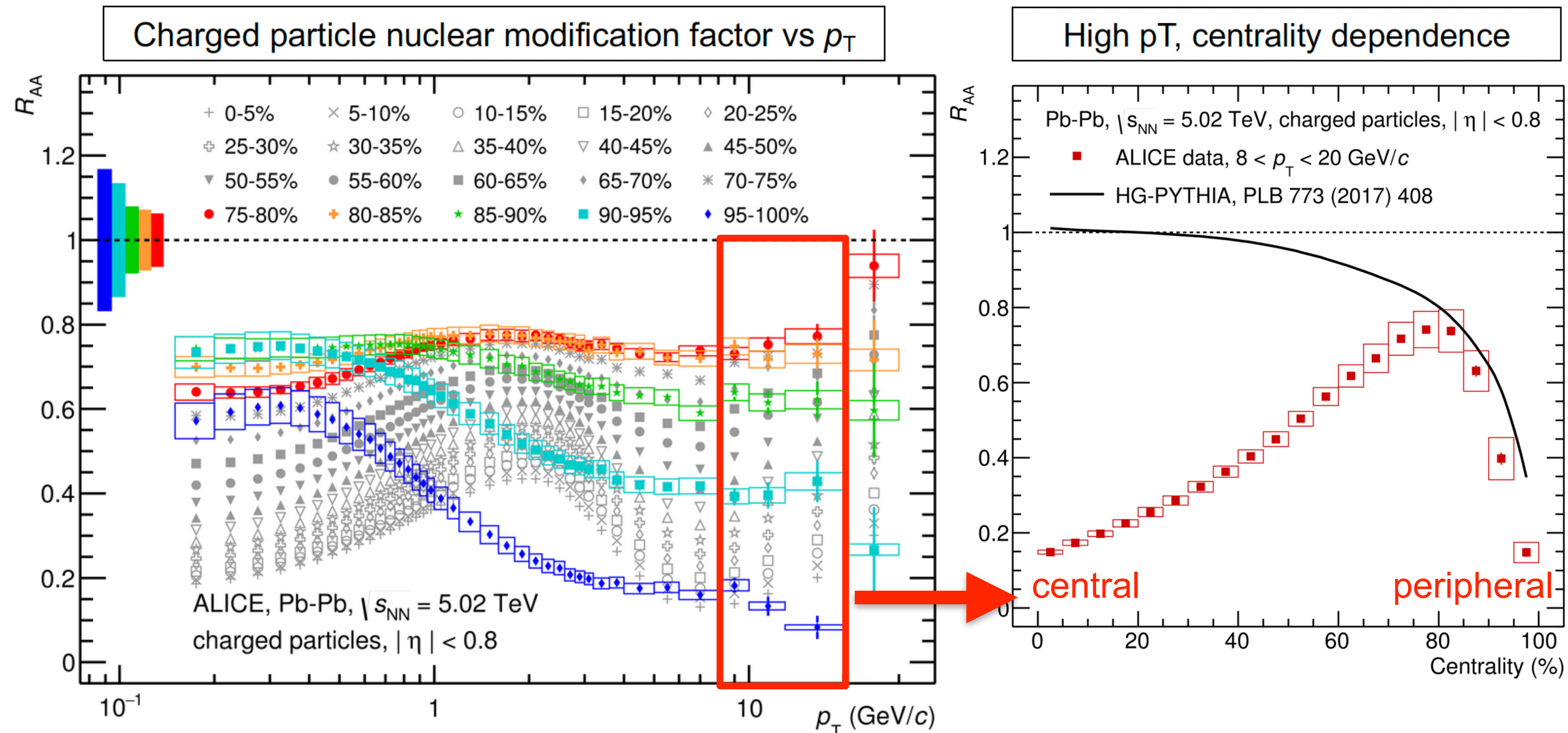




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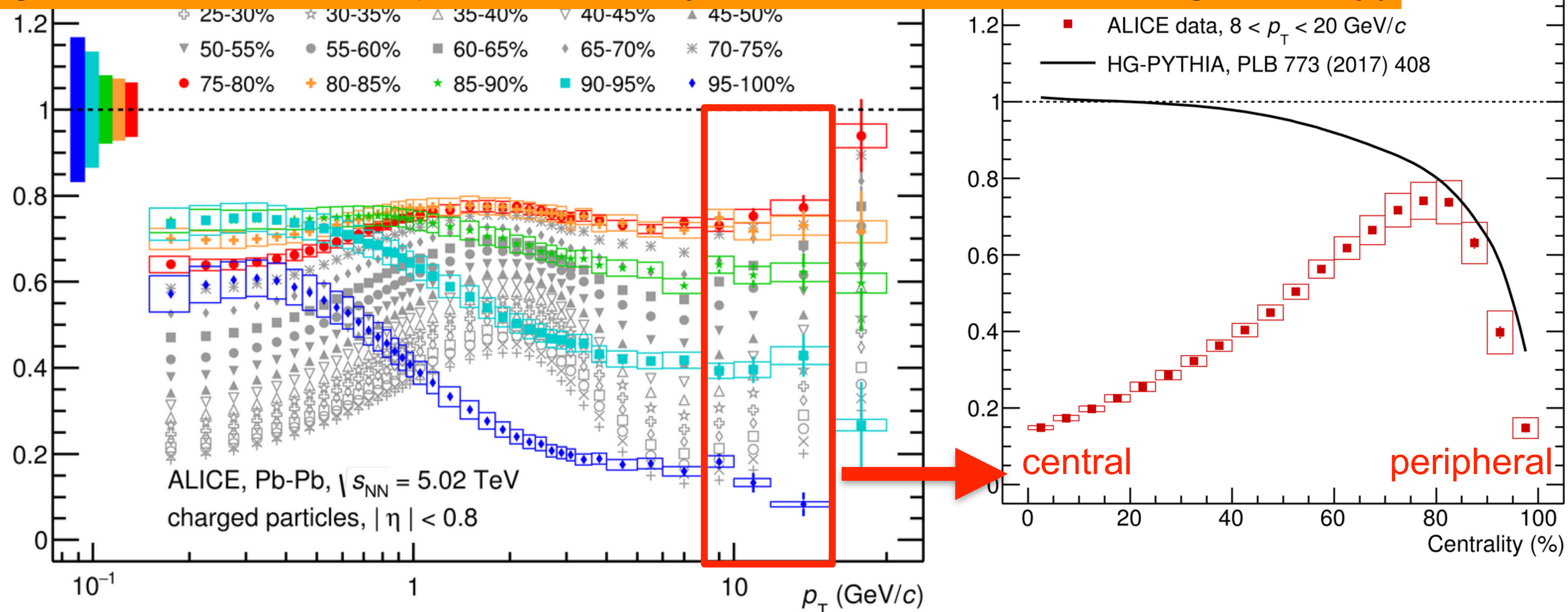
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Outlook to Run 3 and 4:

$\rightarrow$  Search for energy loss effects with light ion collisions

(e.g. O-O, Ar-Ar, low  $N_{part}$ , multiplicity similar to p-Pb, known geometry)





# Summary and discussion

- Instead of a summary, a short list for discussion (only based on what I have presented):
  - Flavor/Mass dependence: can we decouple the flavor and mass effects for jet quenching study?
  - R-dependence of jet quenching: how do jet substructure and medium response interplay in different R jets?
  - Jet fragmentations: do we really understand vacuum jets?
  - Jet hadronchemistry: do we fully understand coalescence with different quark contents?
  - Jet quenching in small systems: what is the boundary to create QGP? what part of the jet is most sensitive to jet-medium interaction?

**Thank you for your attention!**

