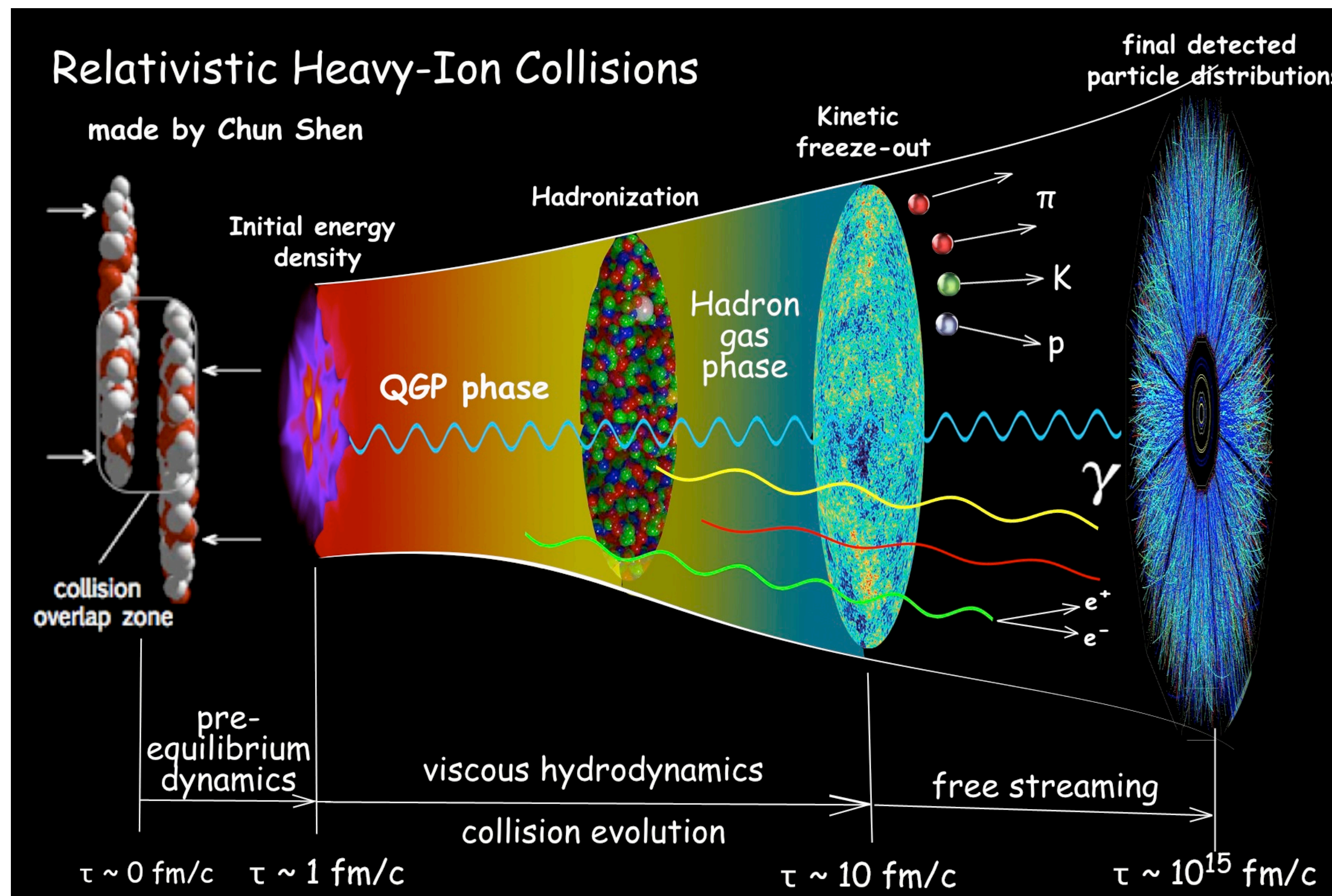




Hot QCD: Recent discoveries and Open Questions

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A time to celebrate in hot QCD

50 years since QCD conceived

40 years since NSAC recommended RHIC be constructed - whole report only 5-6 pages long

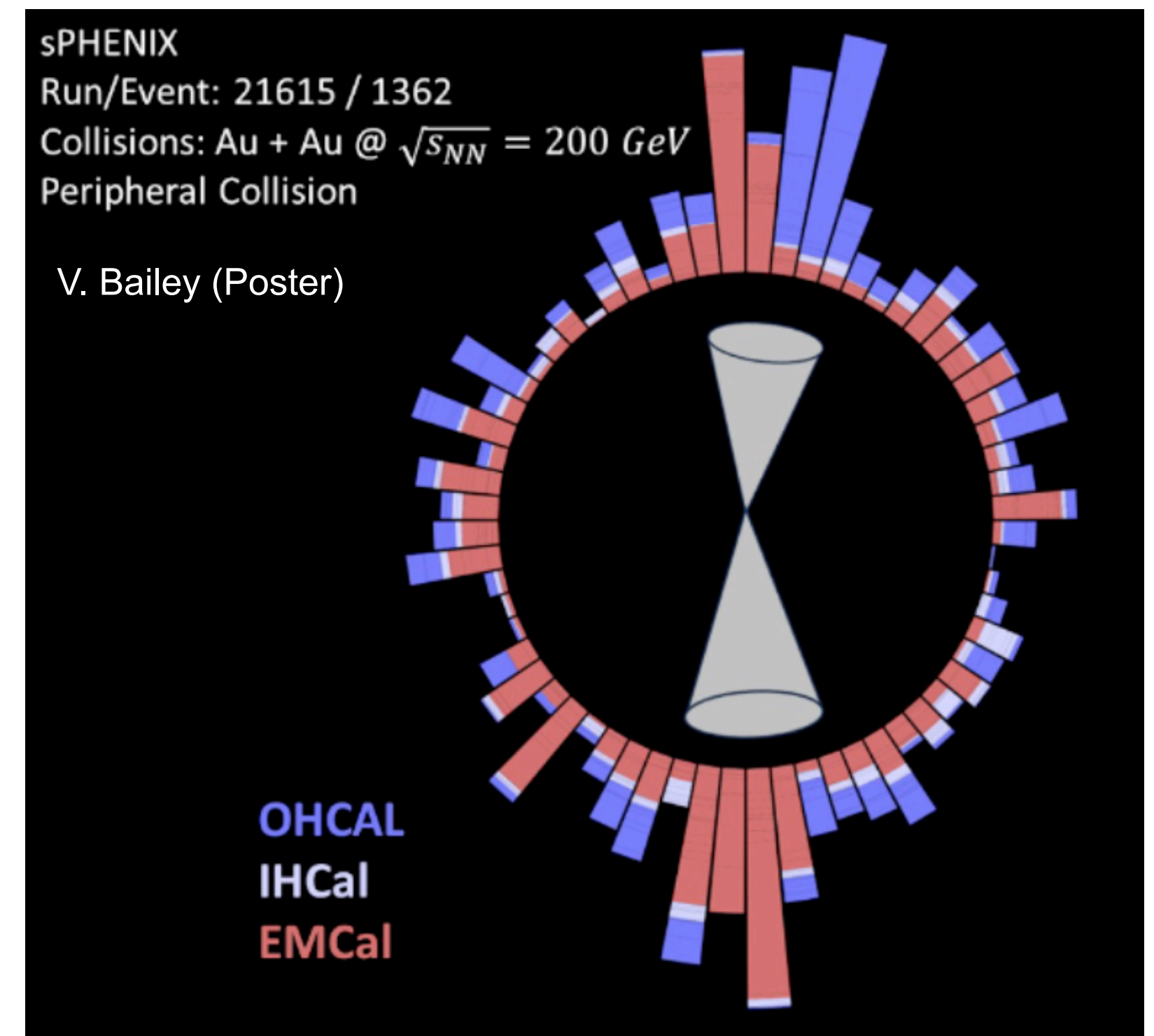
30 years Lol for ALICE submitted to CERN

20 years since FAIR CDR was approved

10 years since Electron-Ion Collider white paper - strictly speaking appeared arXiv in Dec 2012

0 years since sPHENIX ran for first time

First jets in sPHENIX



From the NSAC LRP 2023 - released Oct 4

Recommendation 1: The highest priority of the nuclear science community is to capitalize on the extraordinary opportunities for scientific discovery made possible by the substantial and sustained investments of the United States. We must draw on the talents of all in the nation to achieve this goal.

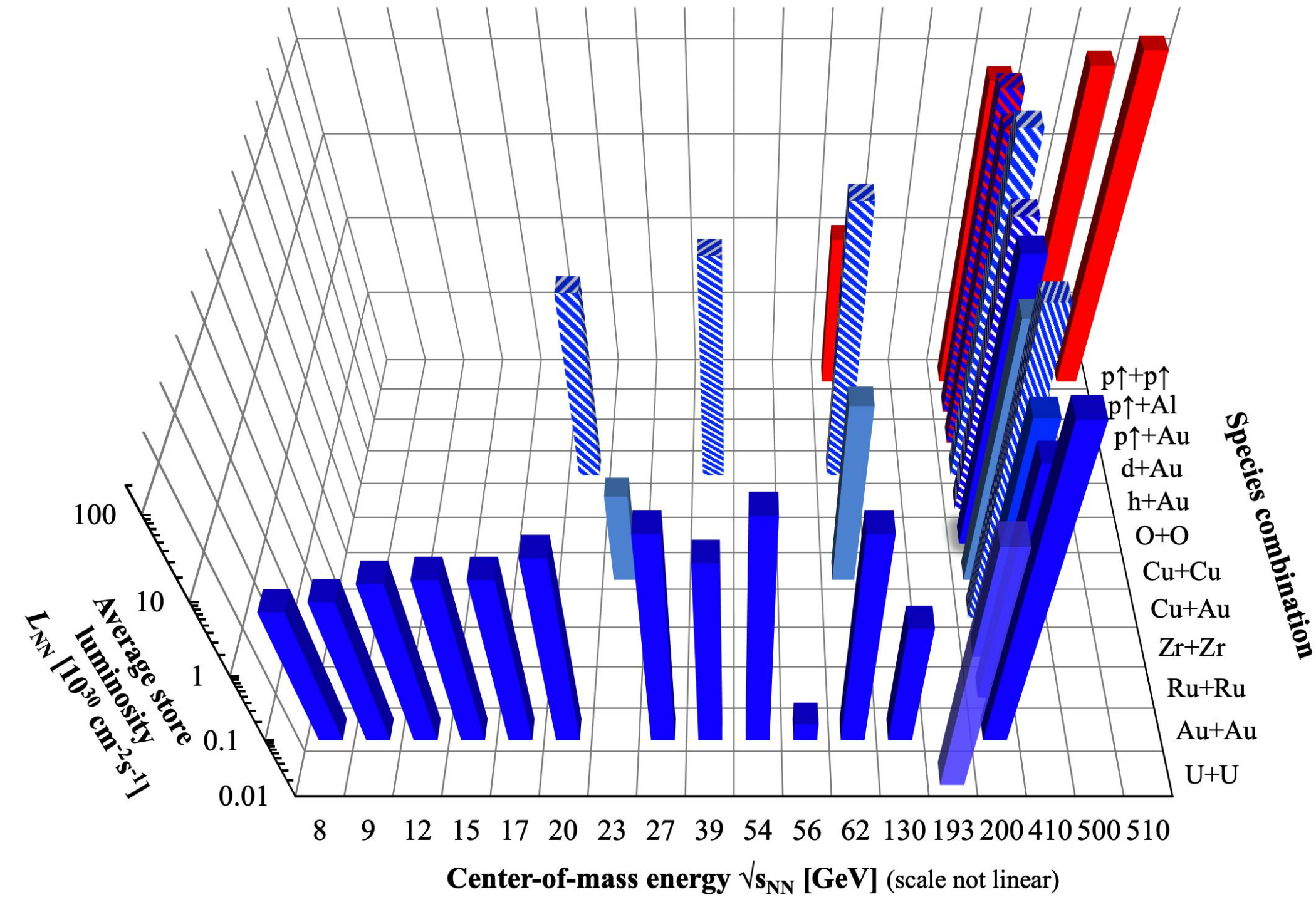
This recommendation requires....**completing the RHIC science program**, pushing the frontiers of human knowledge.

Recommendation 3: We recommend the **expeditious completion of the EIC** as the highest priority for facility construction.

Strategic opportunities exist to realize a range of projects that lay the foundation for the discovery science of tomorrow. These projects include ... **targeted upgrades for the LHC heavy ion program**,...

Wealth of datasets available

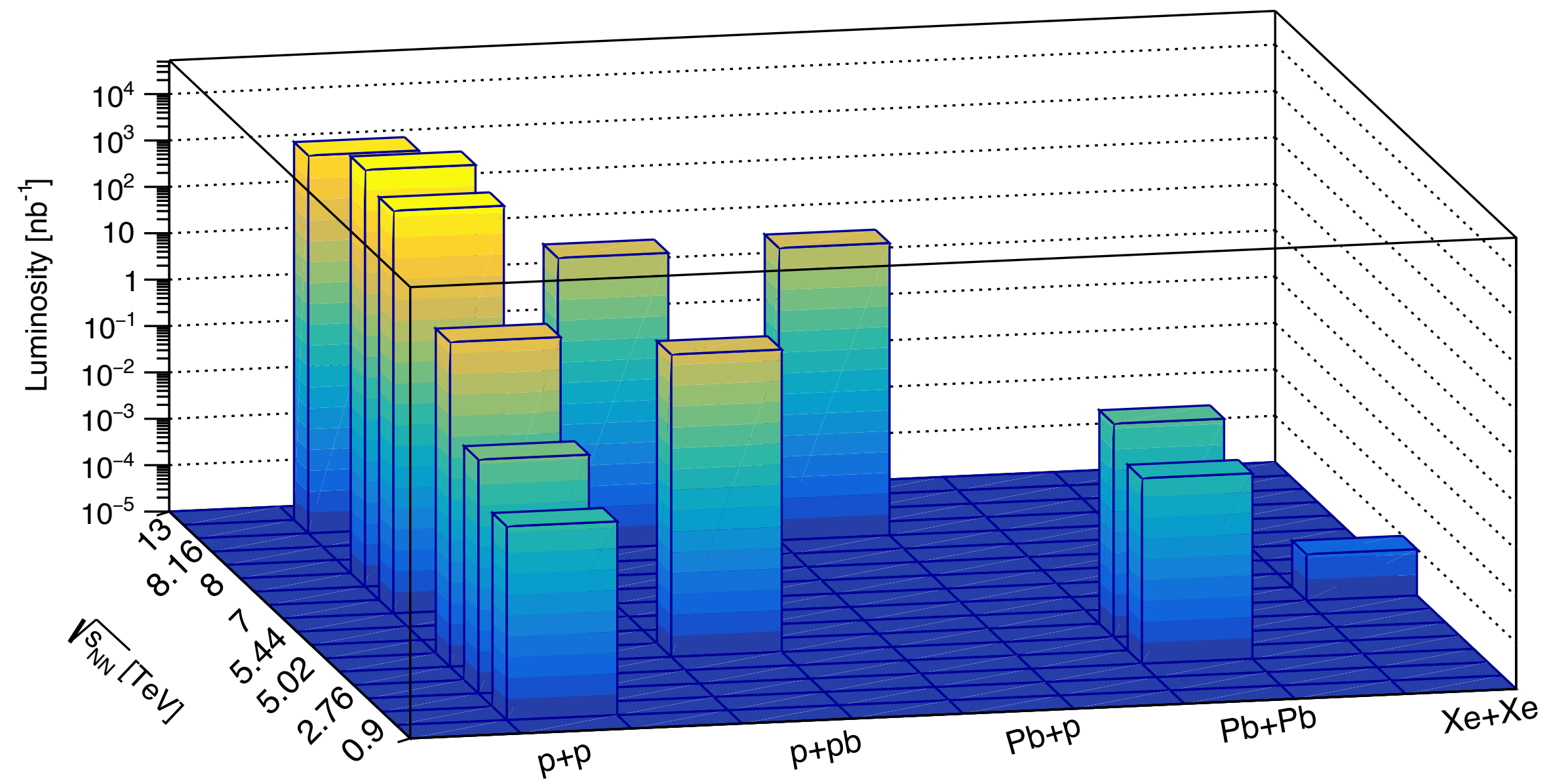
RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 22)



RHIC:

U+U, Au-Au, Ru+Ru, Zr+Zr, Cu+Cu, O+O, Cu+Au, He³+Au, d+Au, p+Au, p+Al, p+p
 Mostly at 200 GeV but Au-Au from 3-200 GeV

LHC Beams@ALICE Run 1 and 2 (2009-2017)



LHC:

Pb+Pb, Xe+Xe, p+Pb, p+p
 For Pb+Pb mostly at 5.02 TeV
 HUGE datasets

(significantly bigger at ATLAS and CMS)

Much of this data is not yet completely mined

Hot QCD: 6 Opportunities

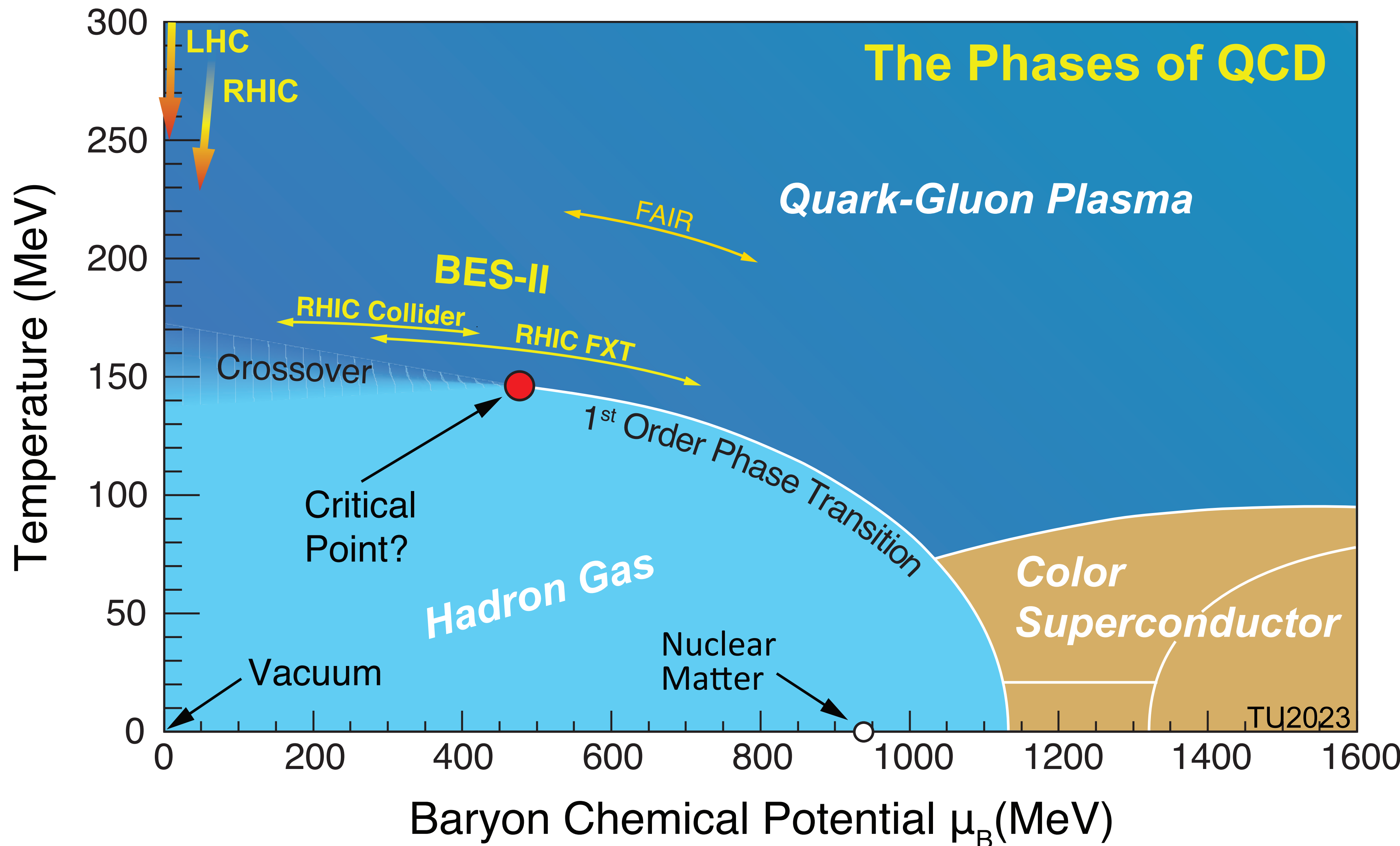
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- 5) Can We Understand Nuclear/Hadron Structure?**
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Names in footer indicate a presenter at QM23.
Review their presentations for more information

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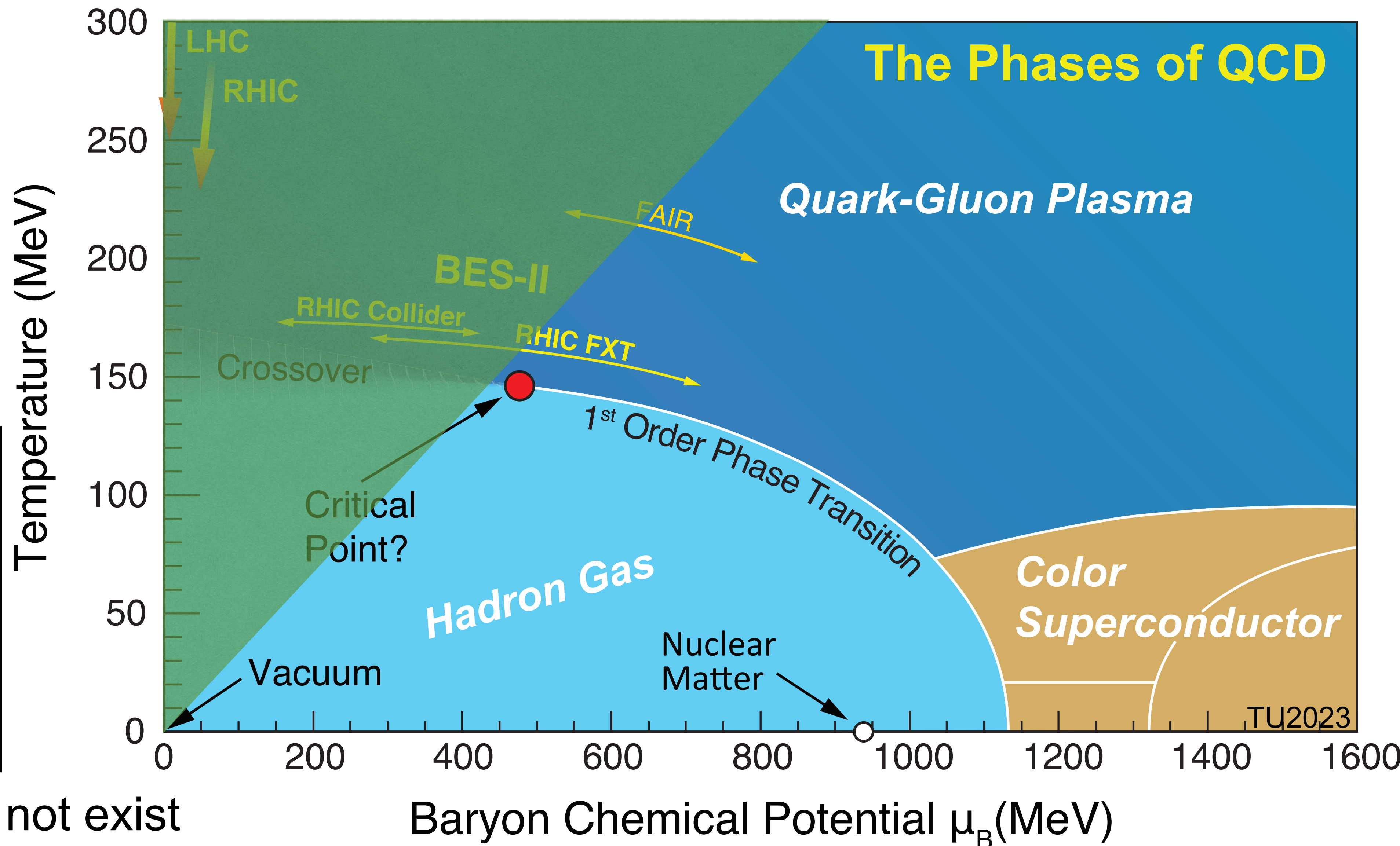


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Disfavor QCD critical point at $\mu_B/T < 3$

Several calculations settling on CP at
 $T \sim 90-100$ MeV
 $\mu_B \sim 500-600$ MeV
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3-5$ GeV



But still CP might also not exist

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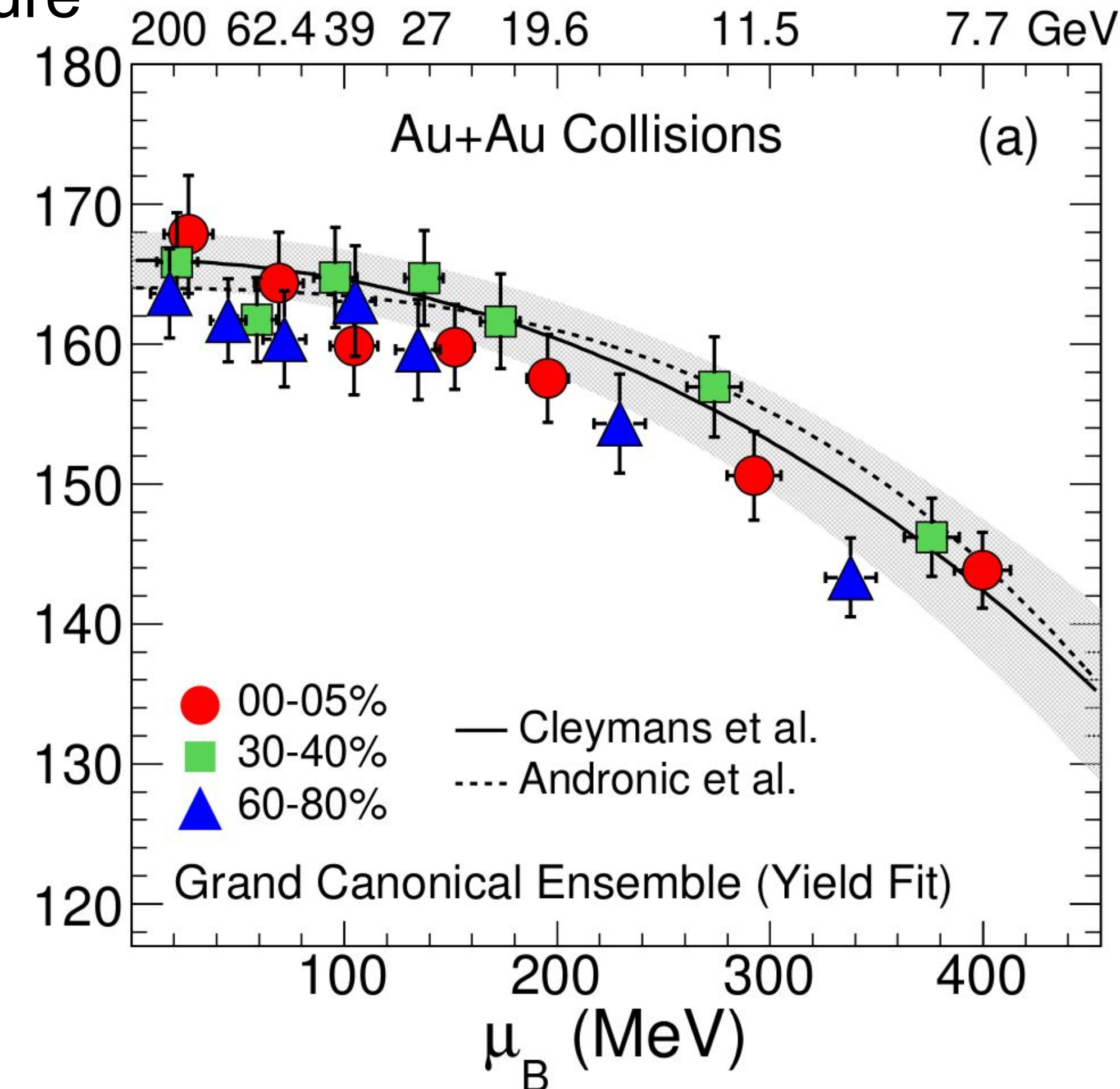
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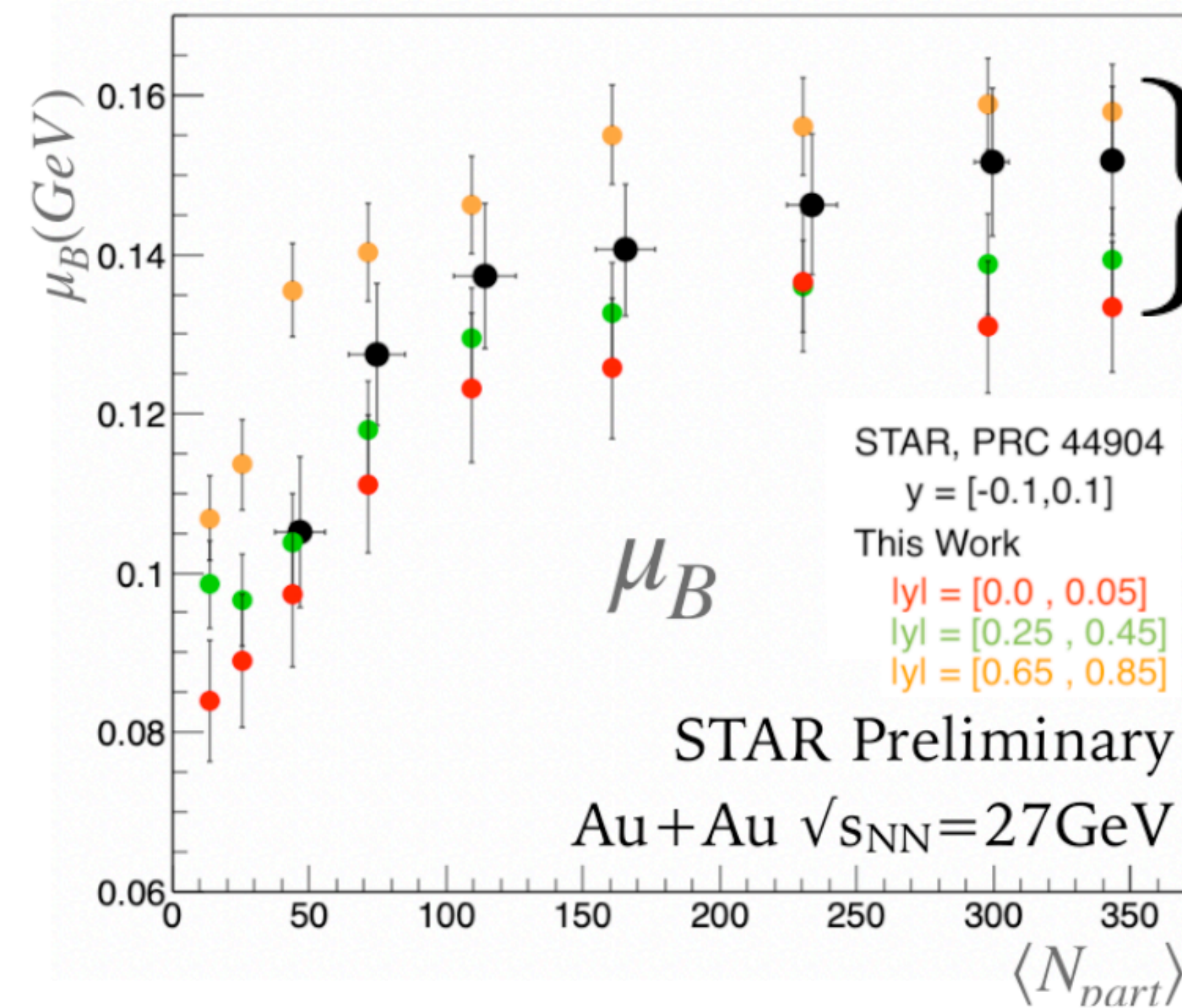
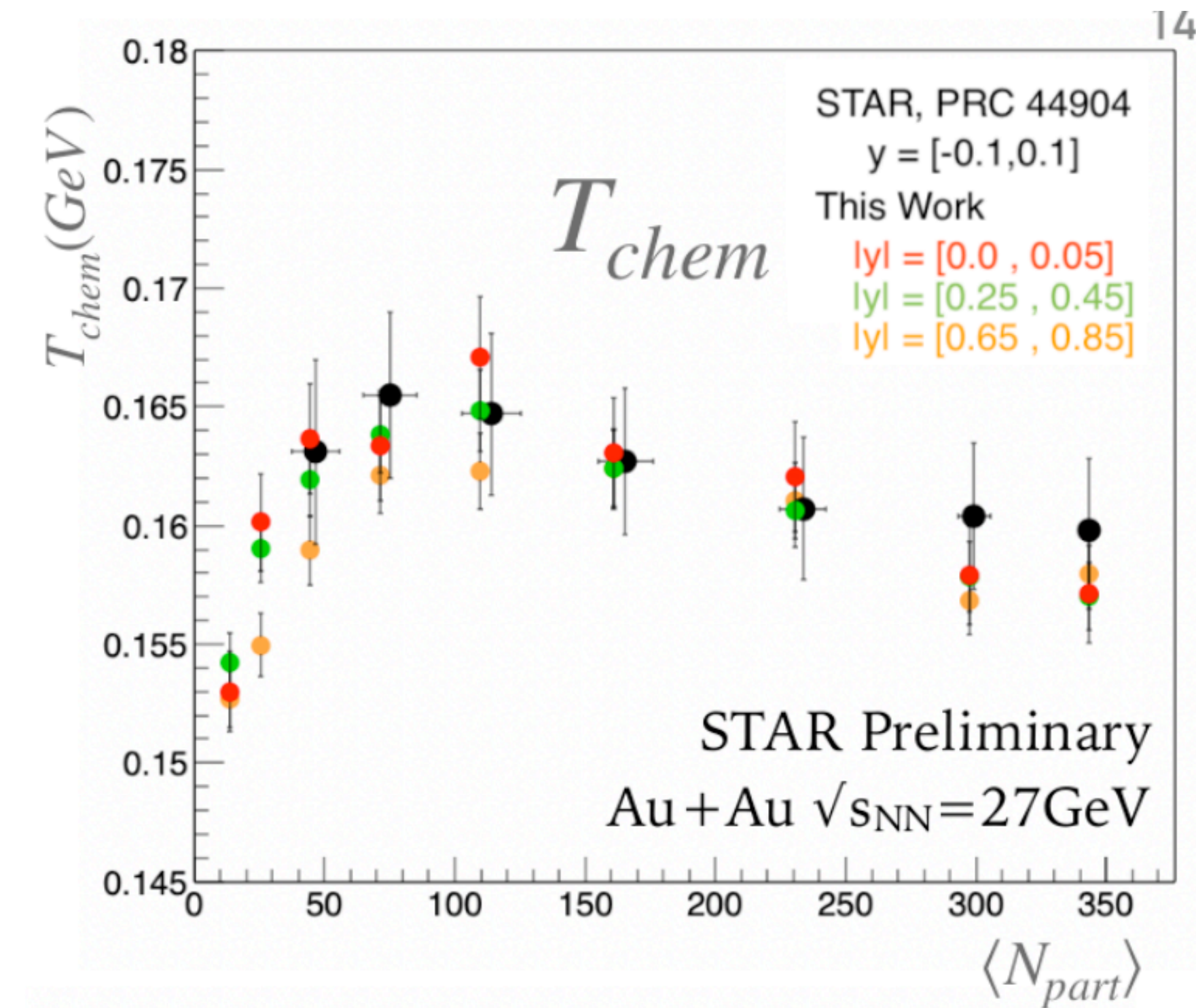
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Chemical Freeze-out temperature T_{ch} close to that of T_{pc} at top energies

Varying trajectory through the phase diagram?

With BES-II statistics and new TPC acceptance can explore rapidity dependence



Higher rapidity \rightarrow
larger μ_B , similar T_{ch}

Next step: Compare mid-rapidity/low $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ and high rapidity/high $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

Chemical freeze-out parameters match but initial conditions differ.
Can we see the difference imprinted elsewhere?

Searching for CP

Particle number density, $N/V = n_k(T, \mu_k) = \frac{d_k}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{p} \frac{1}{(-1)^{B_k+1} + \exp((\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_k^2} - \mu_k)/T)} = (\partial p / \partial \mu_k)_T$

Theoretically susceptibilities of conserved quantities (B,Q,S) can be calculated :

$$\chi_{lmn}^{BSQ} = \frac{\partial^{l+m+n} (p/T^4)}{\partial(\mu_B/T)^l \partial(\mu_S/T)^m \partial(\mu_Q/T)^n}.$$

$$\delta N = N - \langle N \rangle$$

Experiment measure event-by-event distribution of conserved quantities

Focus on net-proton as proxy for net-baryon

Take ratios to remove volume and T dependence

$$\kappa \sigma^2 = \chi_4 / \chi_2$$

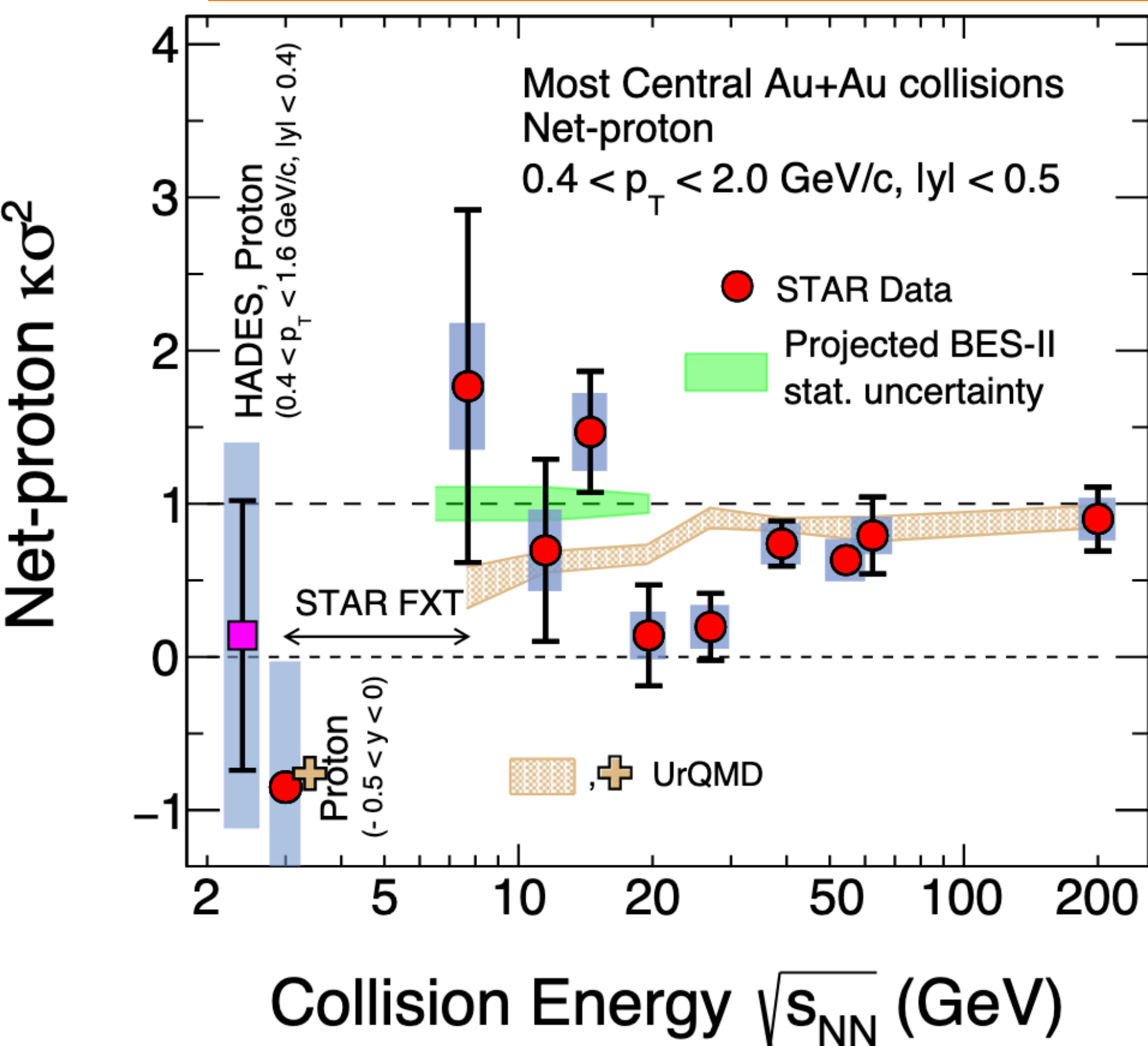
mean: $M = \langle N \rangle = VT^3 \chi_1,$

variance: $\sigma^2 = \langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle = VT^3 \chi_2,$

skewness: $S = \frac{\langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle}{\sigma^3} = \frac{VT^3 \chi_3}{(VT^3 \chi_2)^{3/2}},$

kurtosis: $\kappa = \frac{\langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle}{\sigma^4} - 3 = \frac{VT^3 \chi_4}{(VT^3 \chi_2)^2},$

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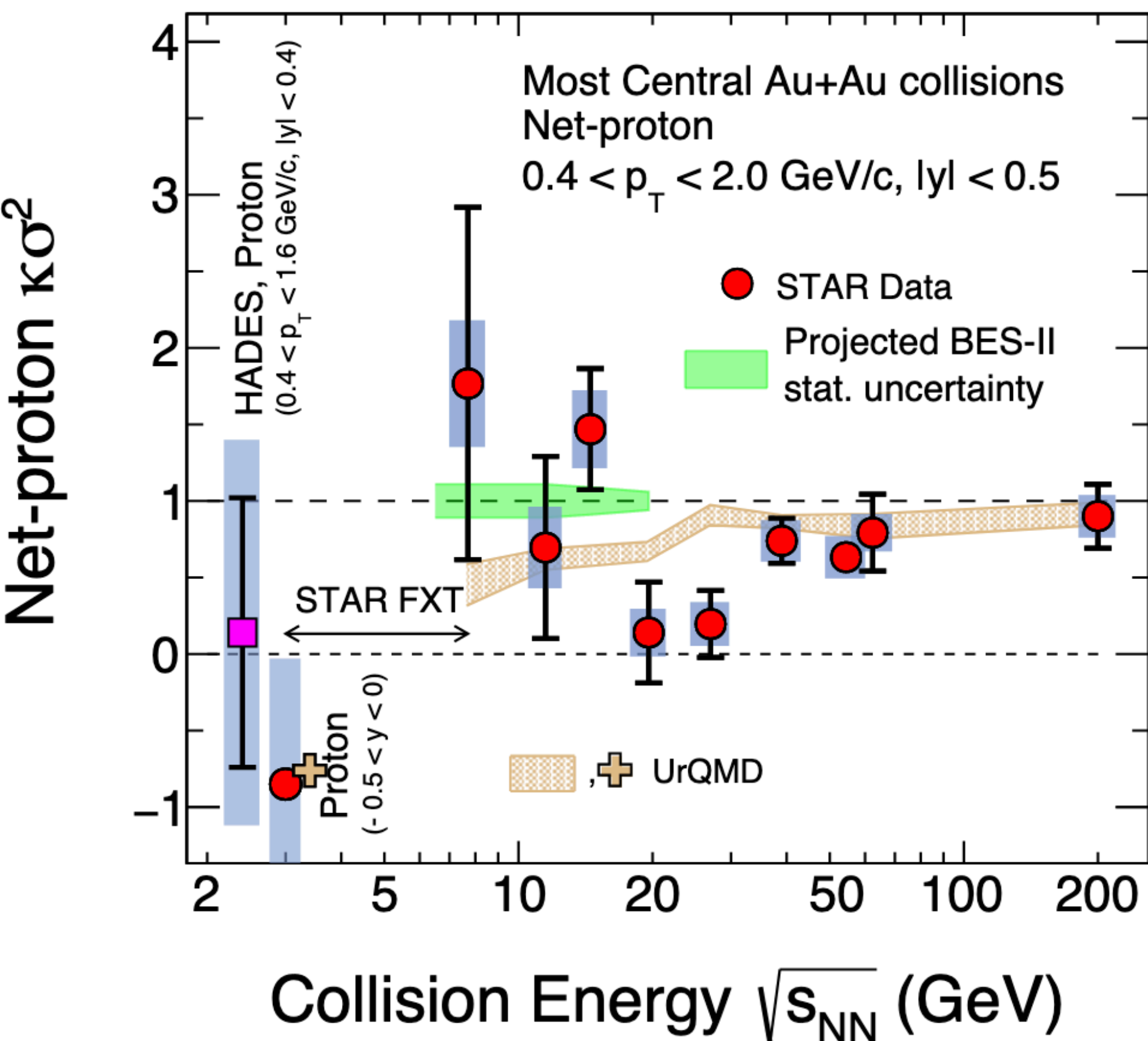


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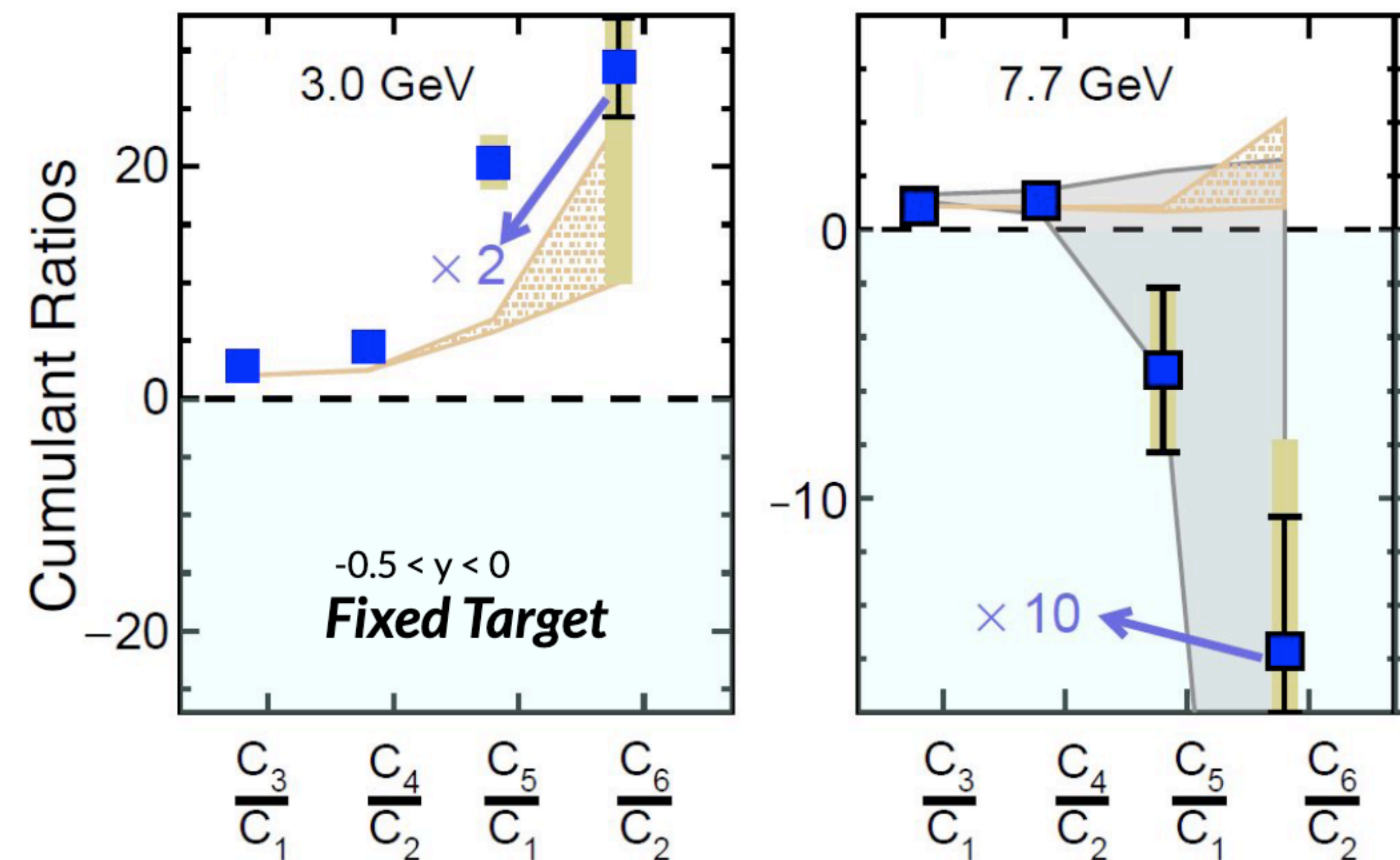
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Cumulant ratios sensitive to nature of phase transition

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7-200$ GeV: falling trend with rising order

- trend in agreement with Lattice with PT

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$ GeV (FXT): rising trend with rising order

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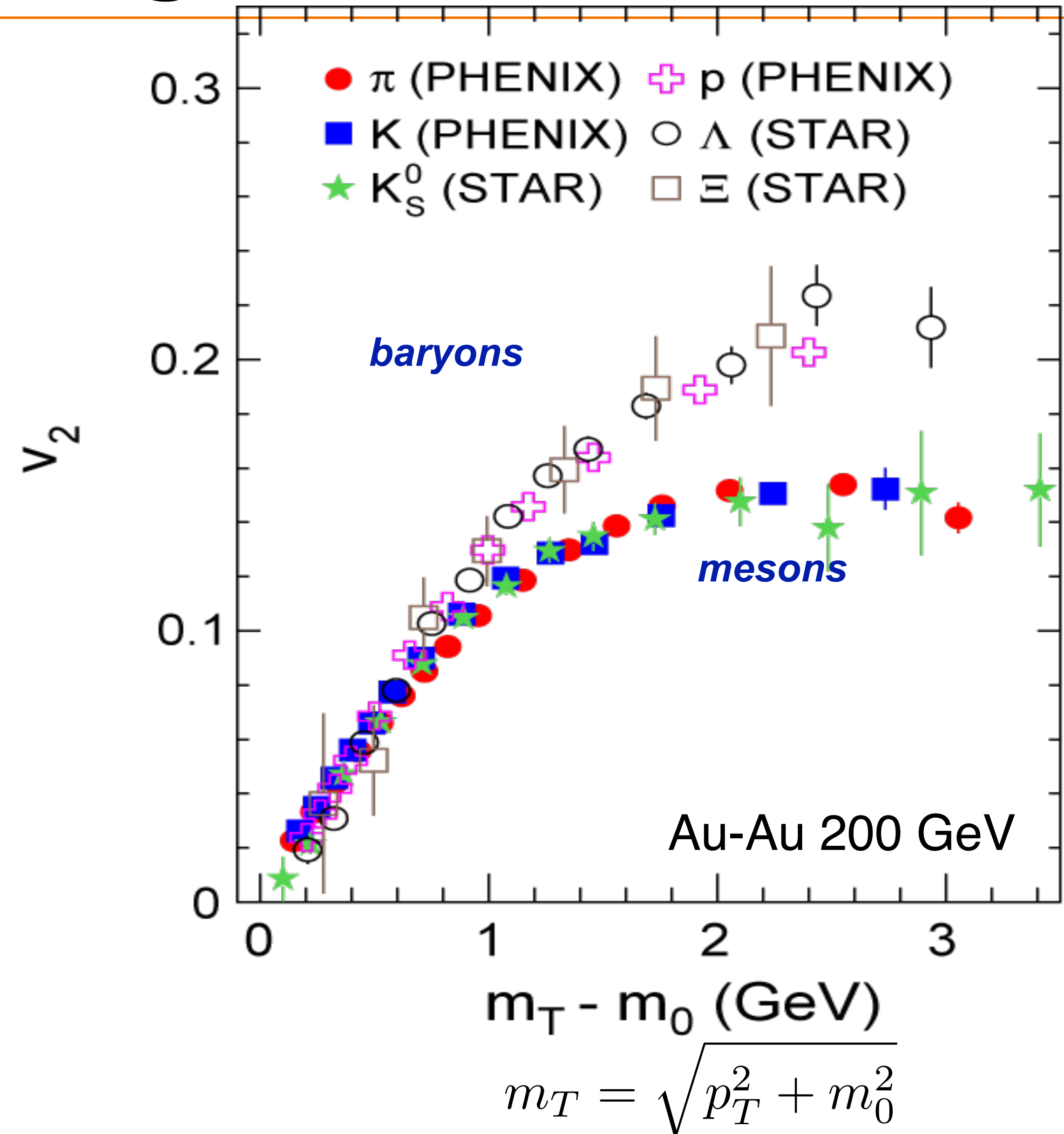
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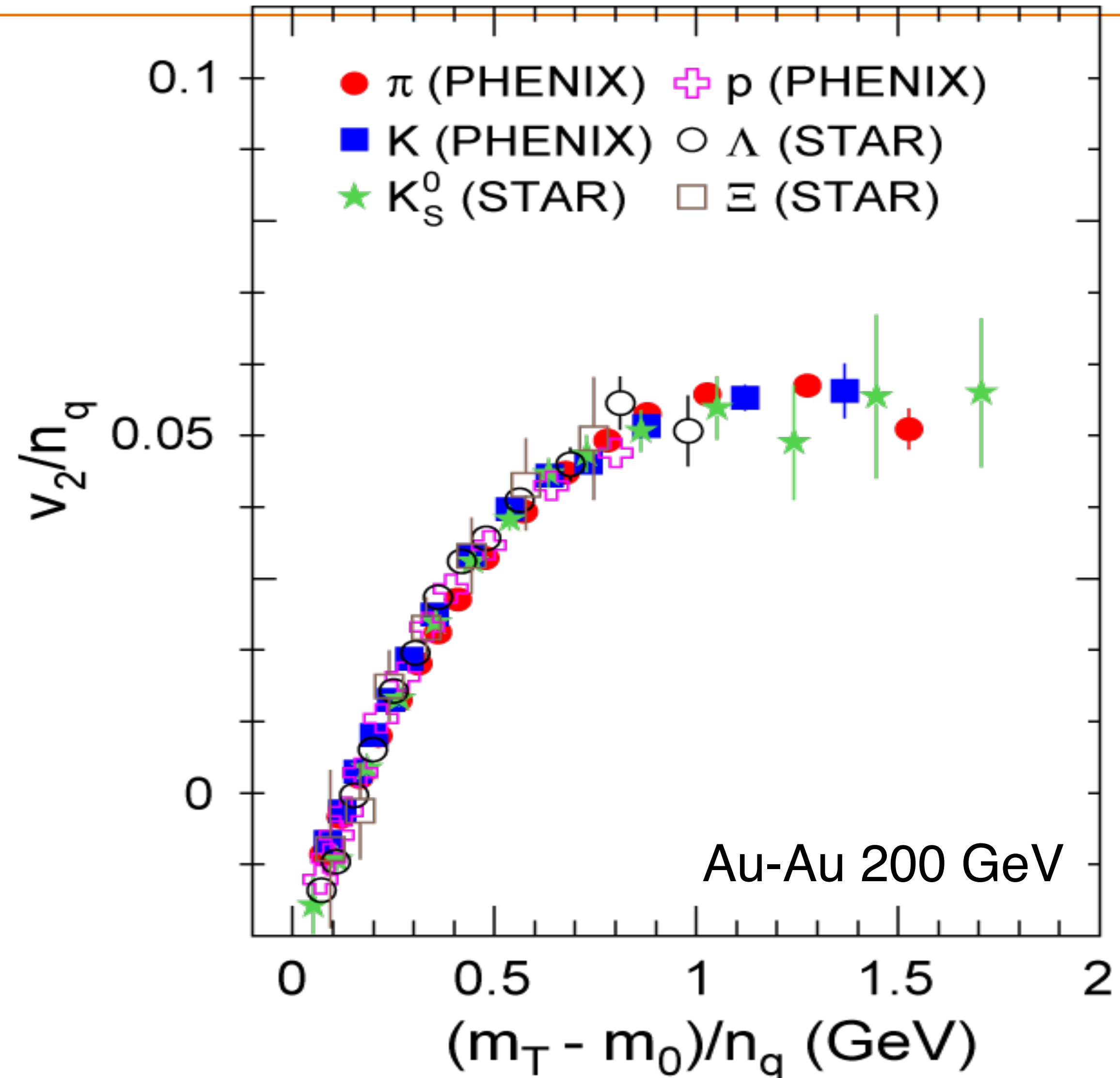
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Works for p , π , K_S^0 , Λ , Ξ ..

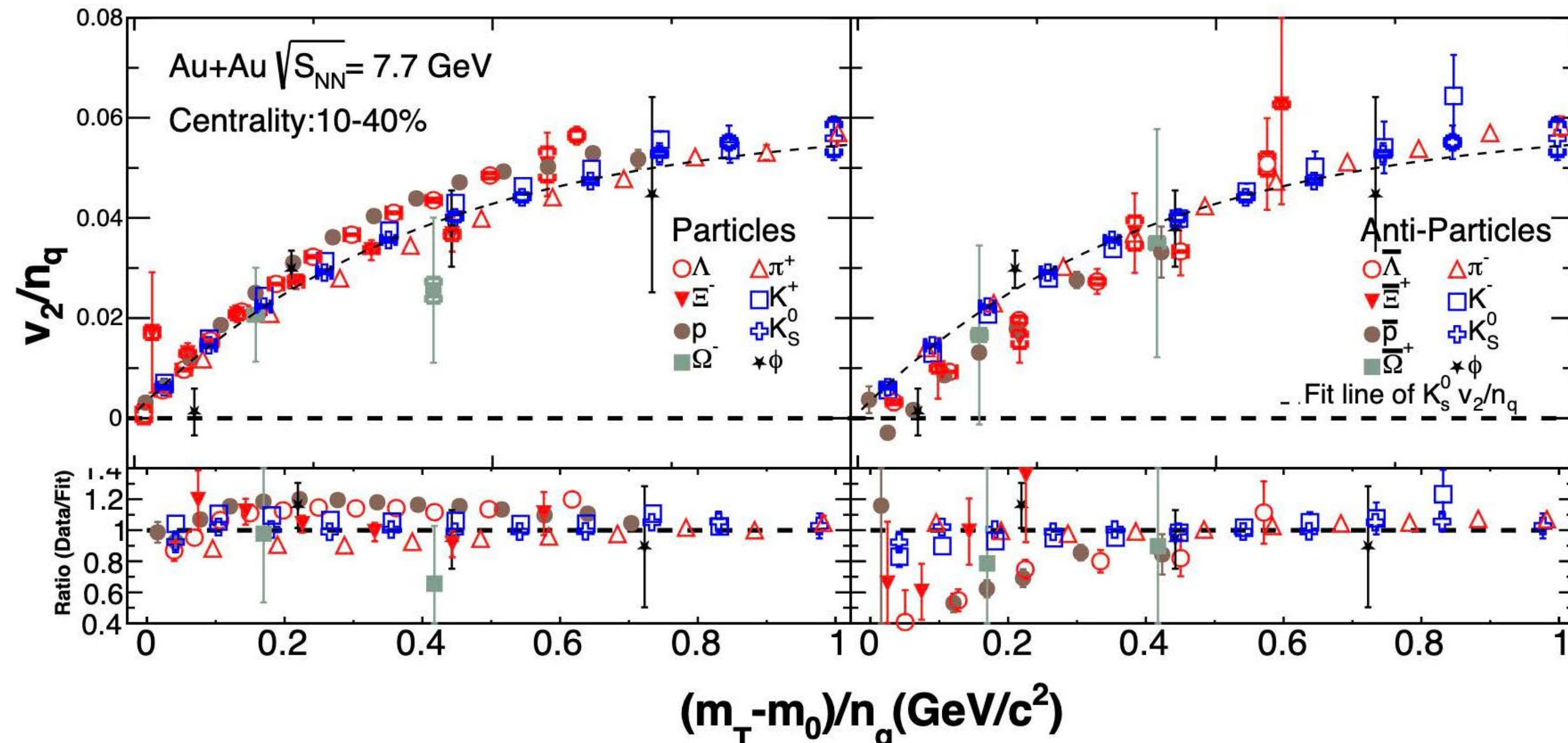
$$v_2^s \sim v_2^{u,d} \sim 7\%$$

Constituents of QGP are partons

$$m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2}$$



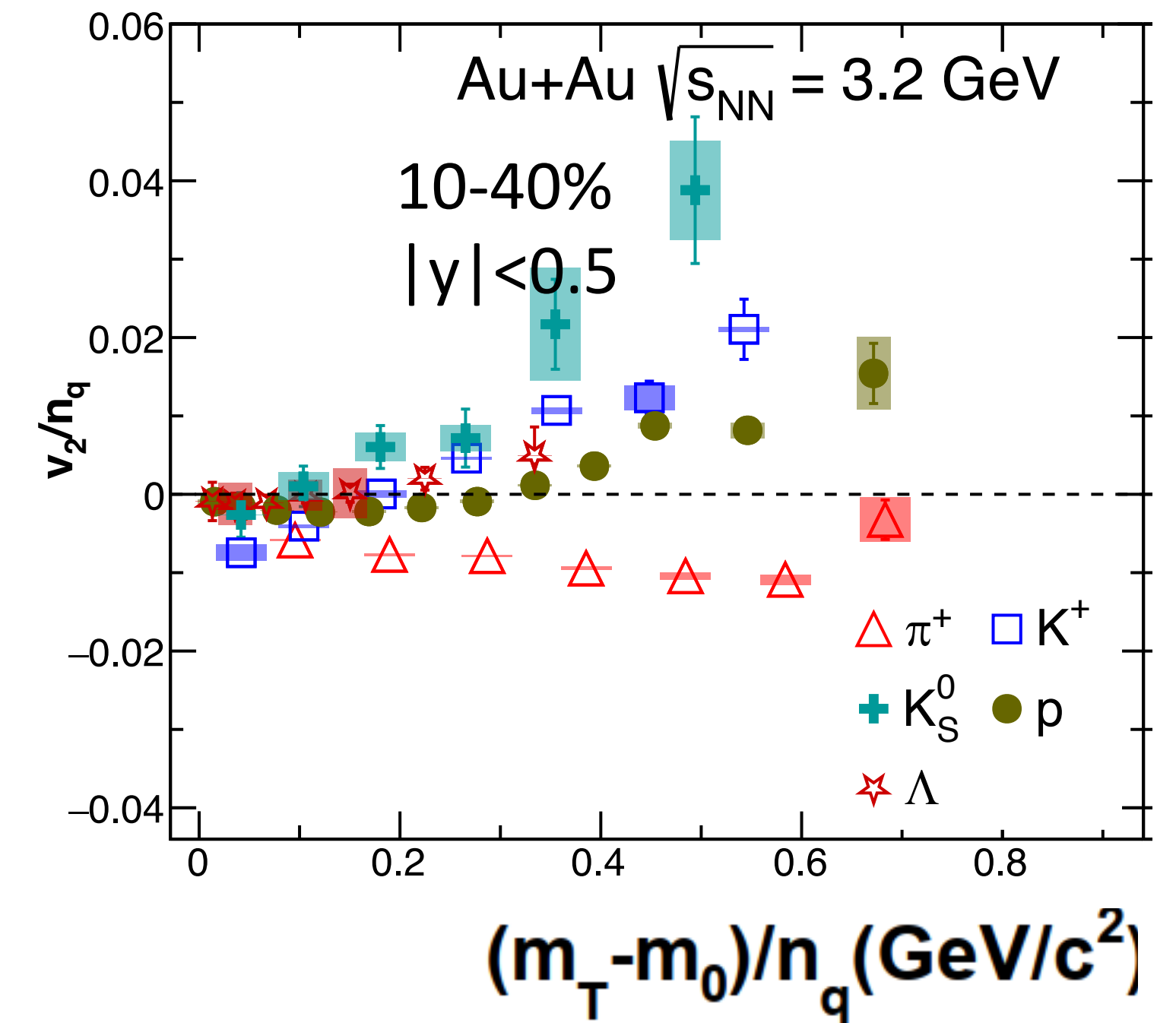
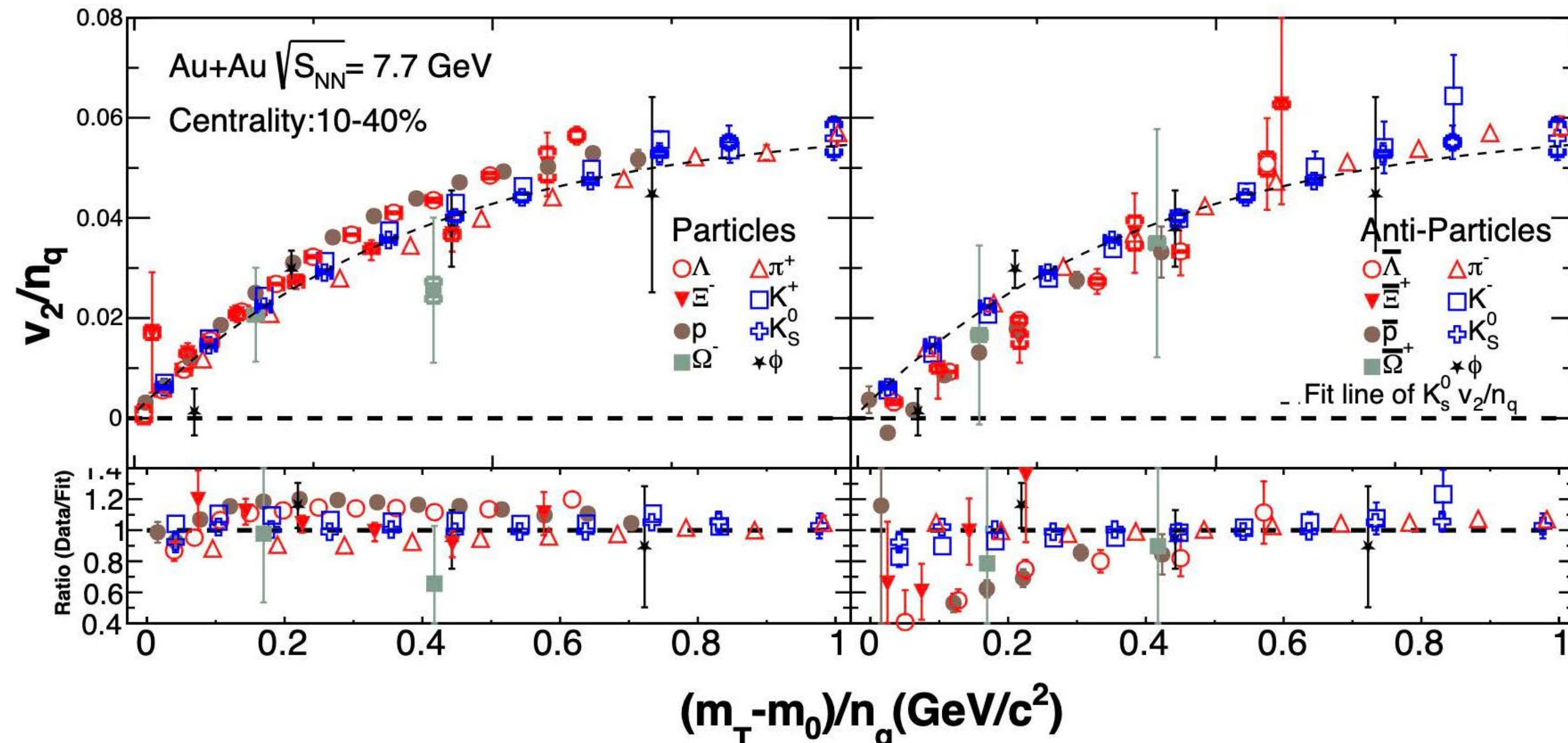
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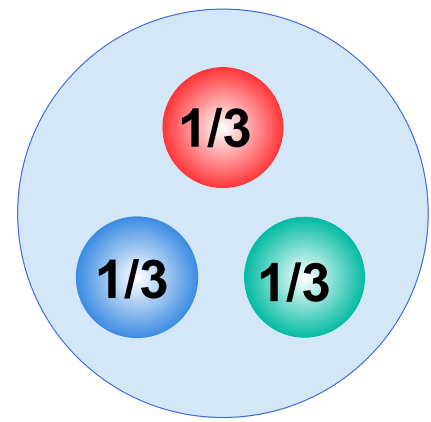
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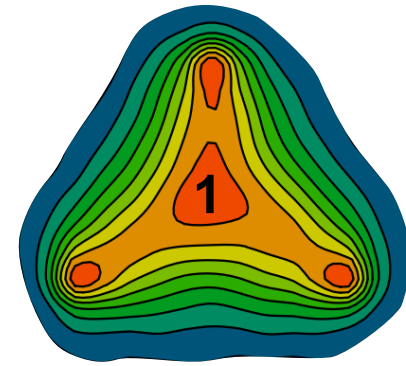
NCQ scaling fails at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.2$ GeV and lower

Partonic for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ and above
Hadron dominated below $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.2$

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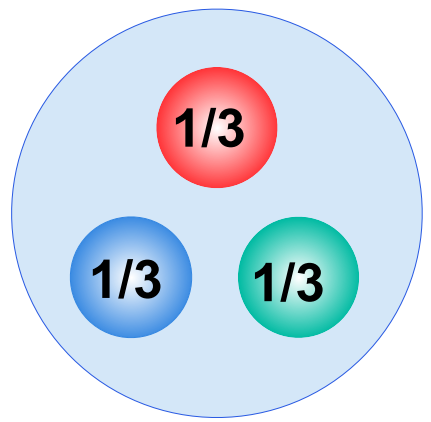
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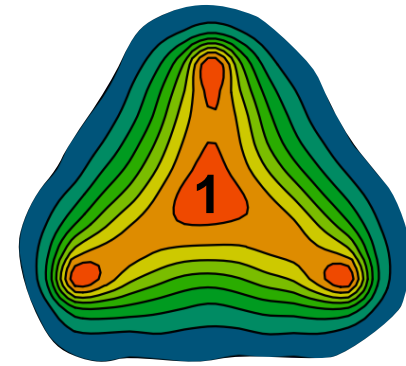
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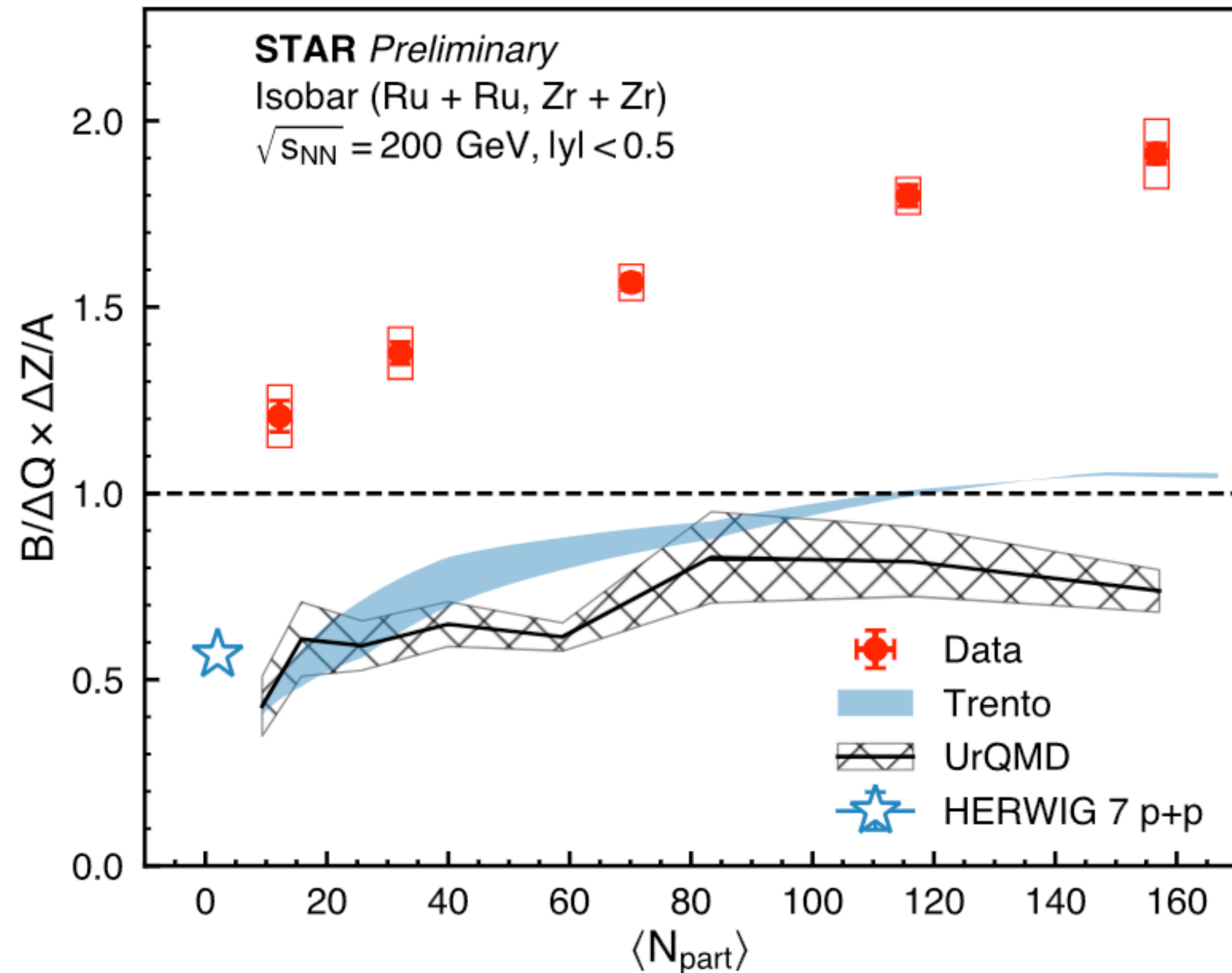
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Data currently favor baryon junctions

Softening of Equation of State

Fermi-Landau initial conditions with ideal hydro expansion : $c_s^2 = \partial P / \partial \epsilon$

$c_s^2 = 0$ for a sharp phase transition

Softest Point: minimum in c_s^2

$$\frac{dn}{dy} = \frac{Ks_{NN}^{1/4}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2}} \quad \sigma_y^2 = \frac{8}{3} \frac{c_s^2}{1-c_s^4} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2m_N}\right)$$

Minimum observed at $\sqrt{s} = \sim 7$ GeV

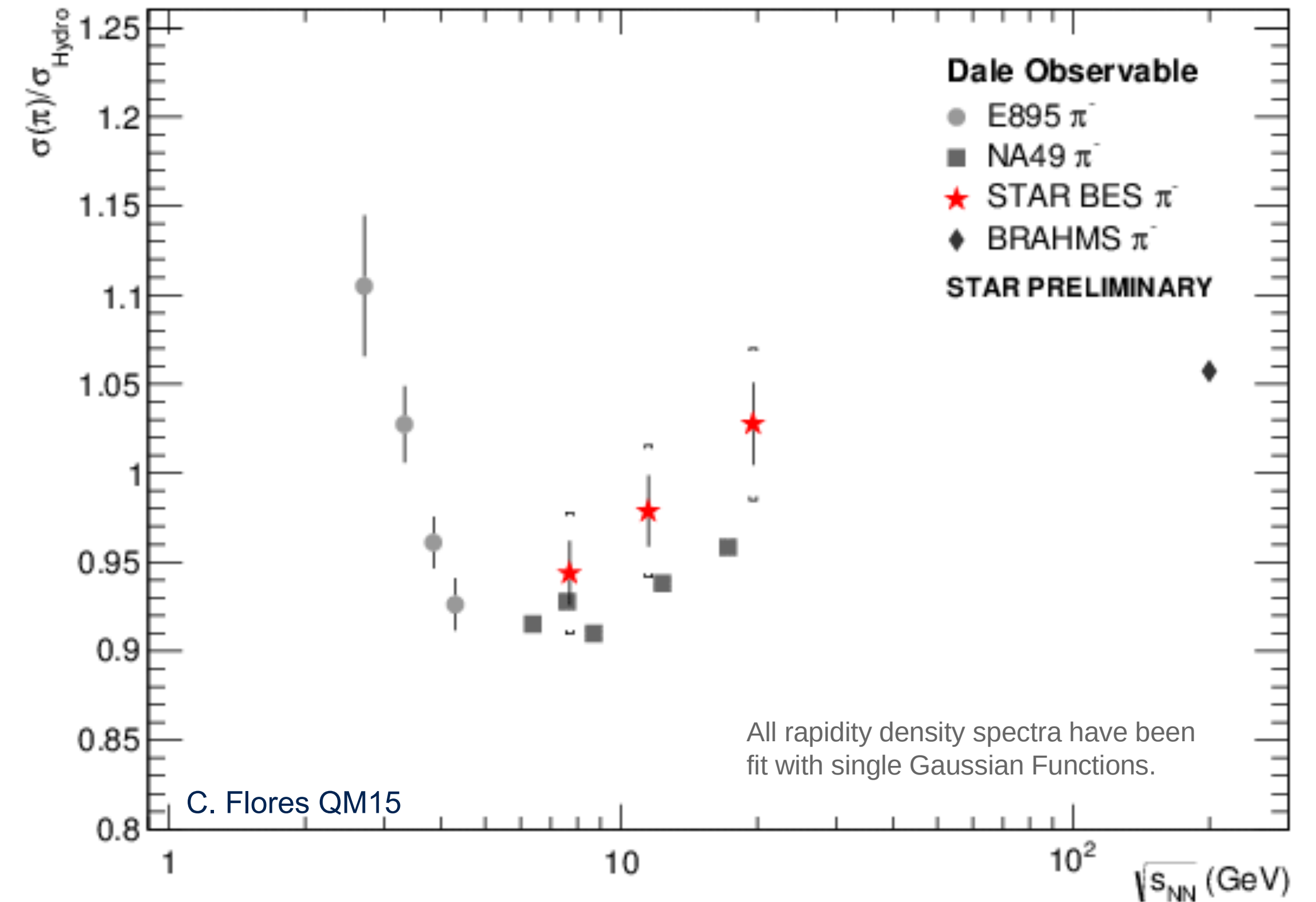
Minimum in the speed of sound?

$$c_s^2 \sim 0.26$$

Indication of softening of EoS?

NA61/SHINE see minima in similar place for pp data

Confirm c_s in other ways?



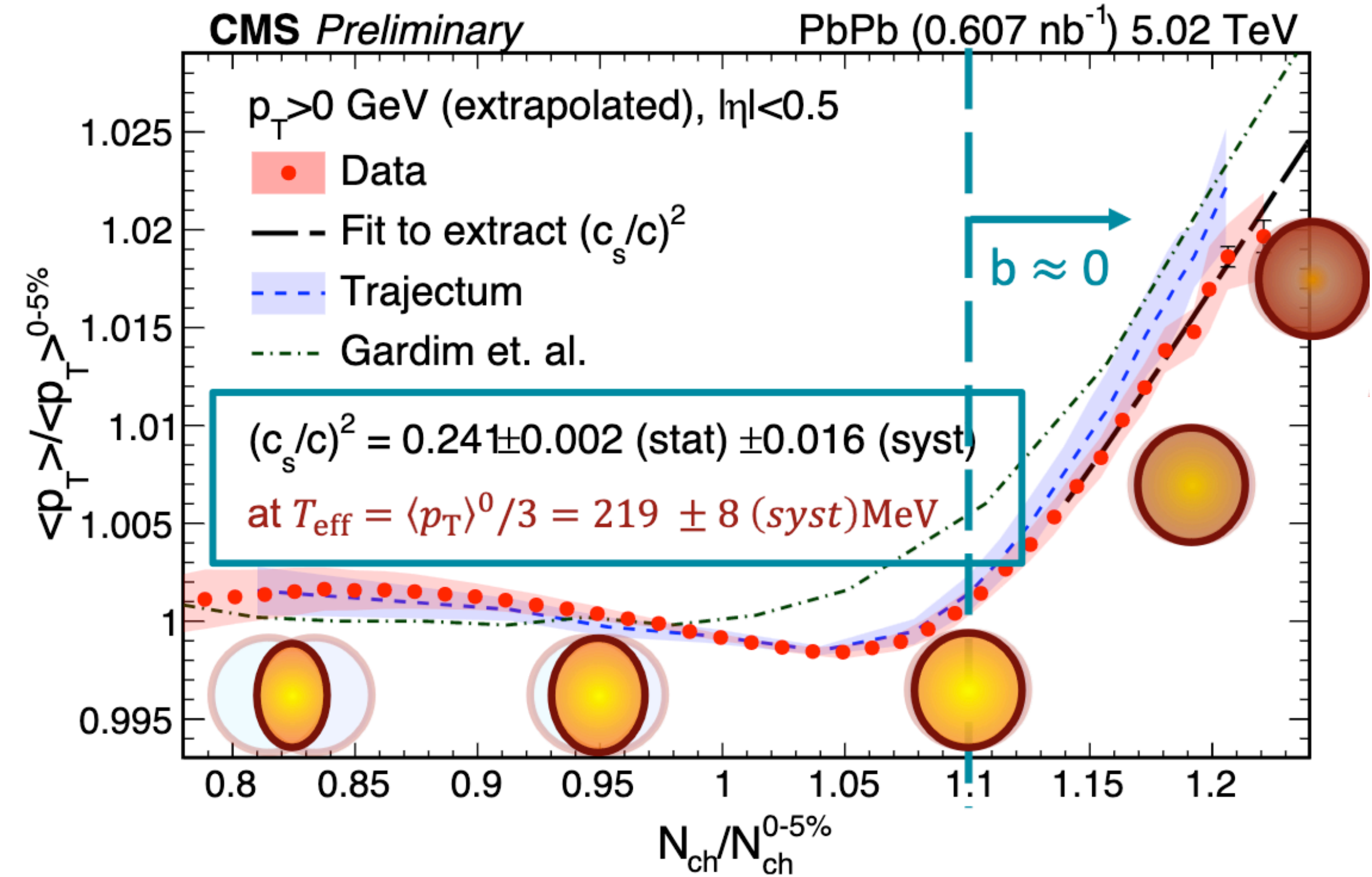
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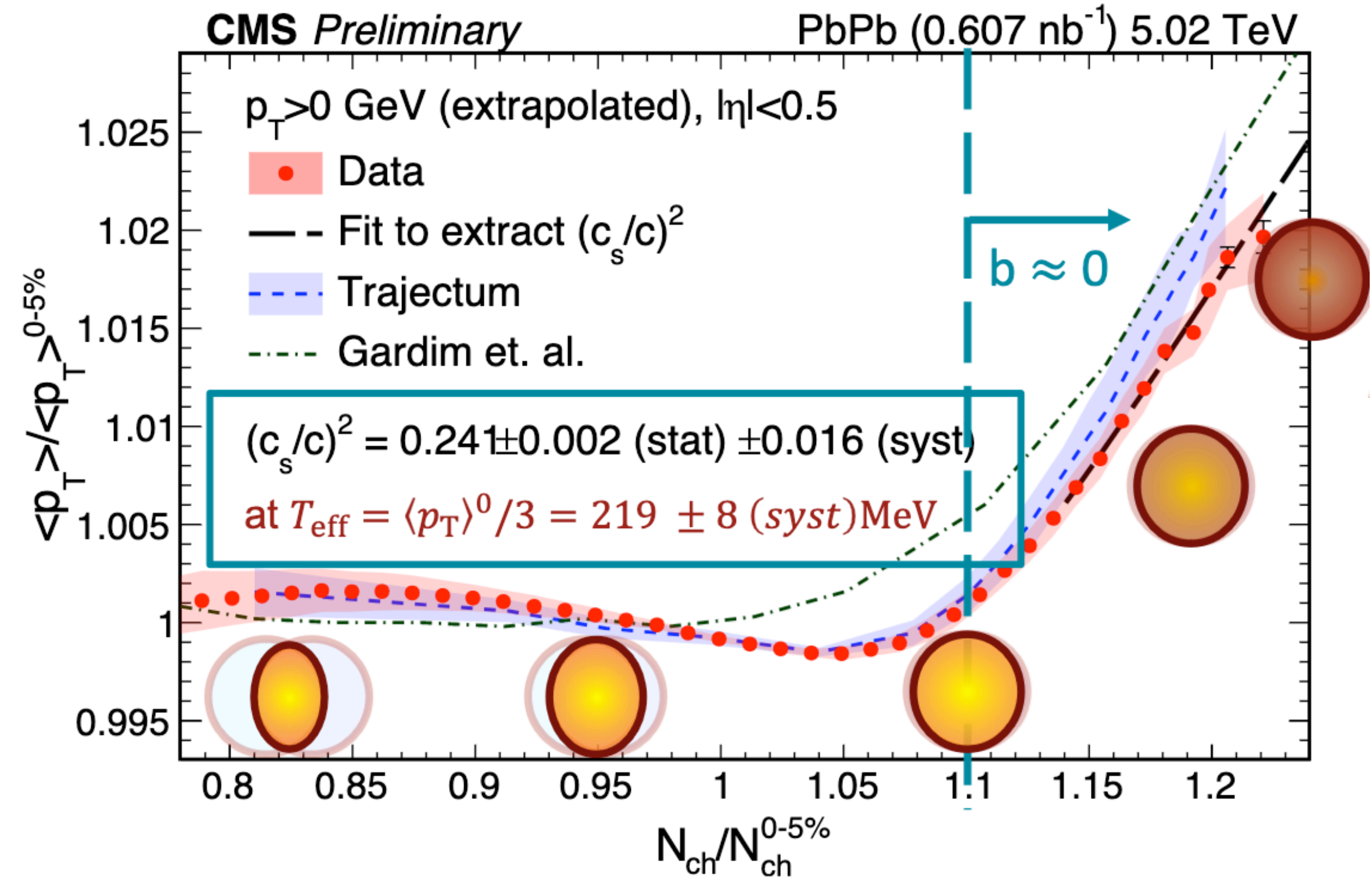
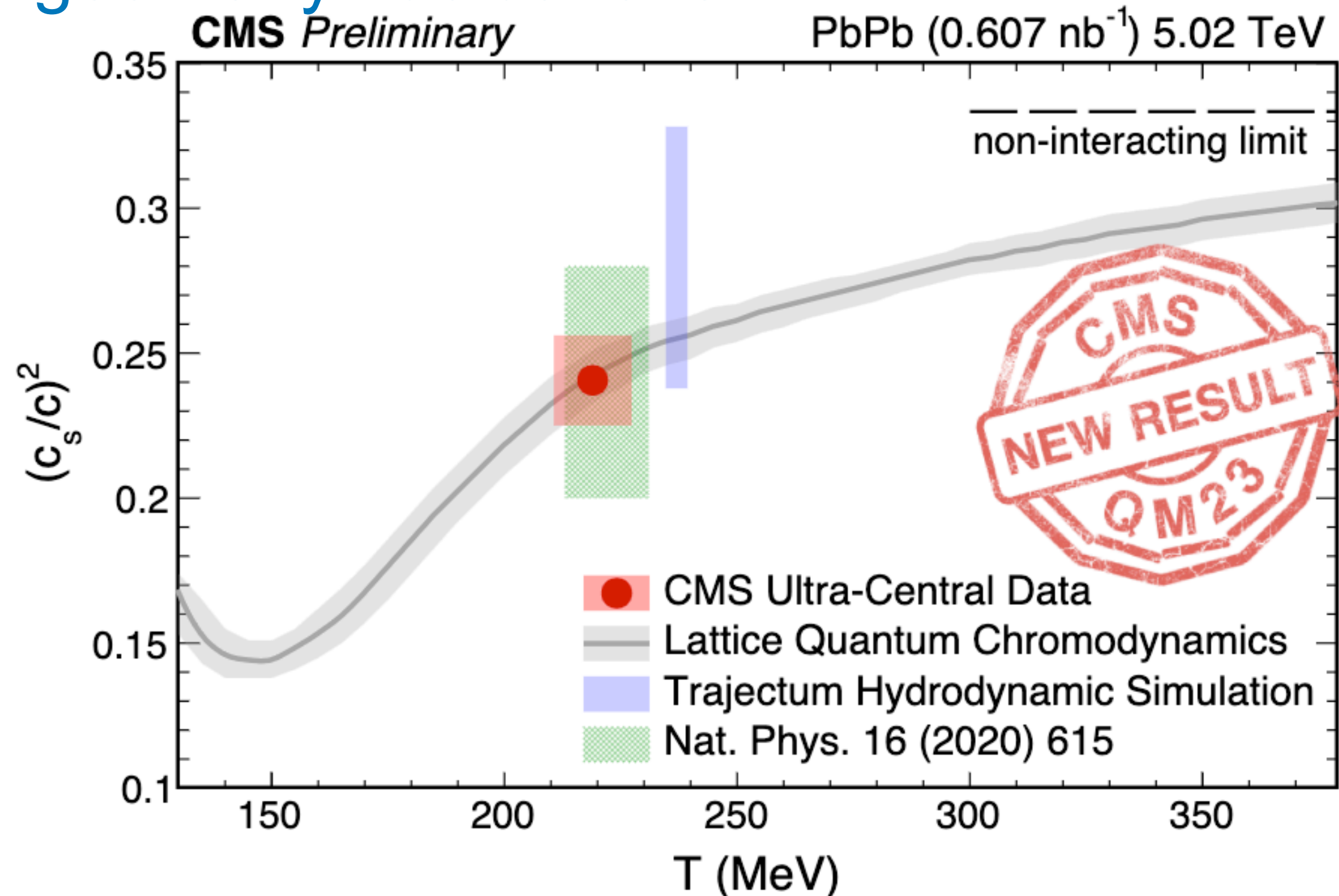


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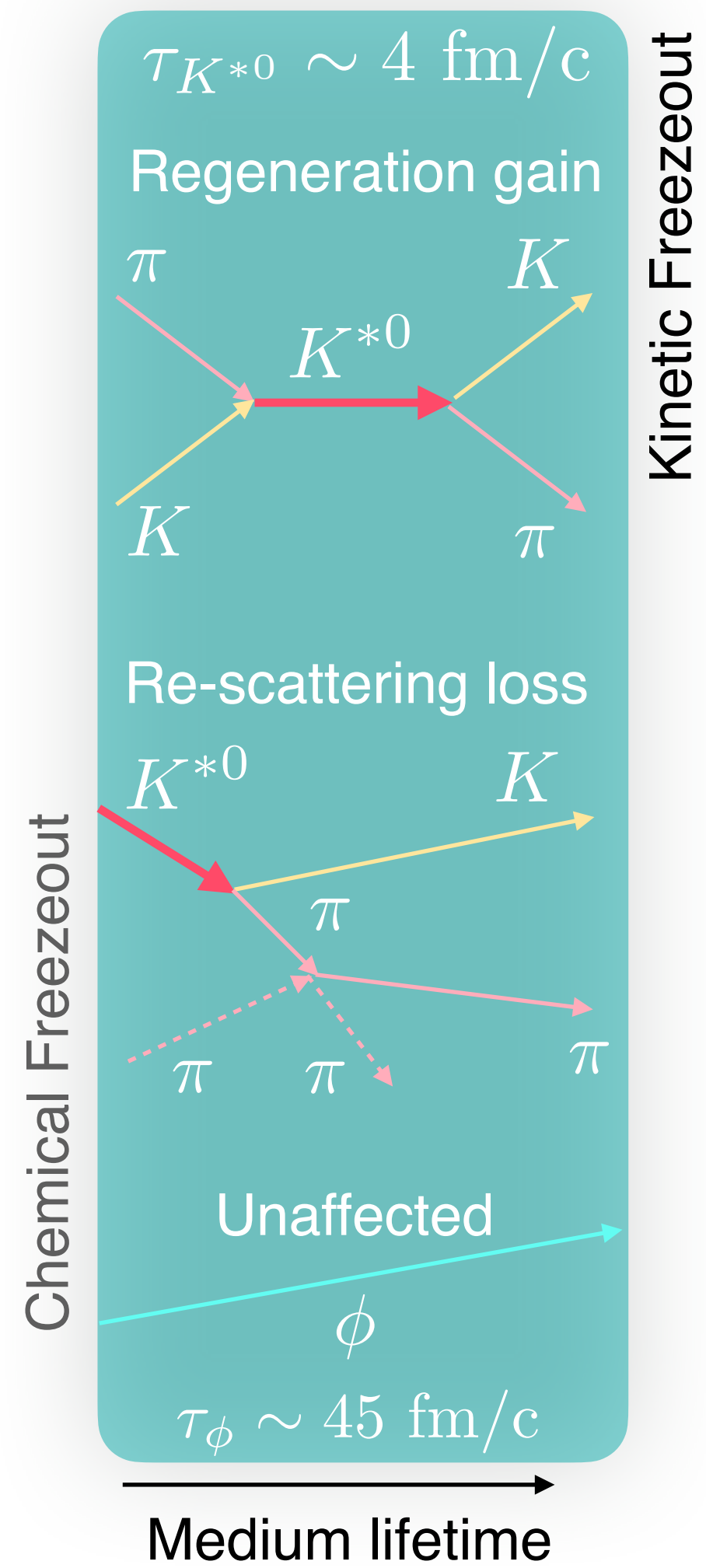
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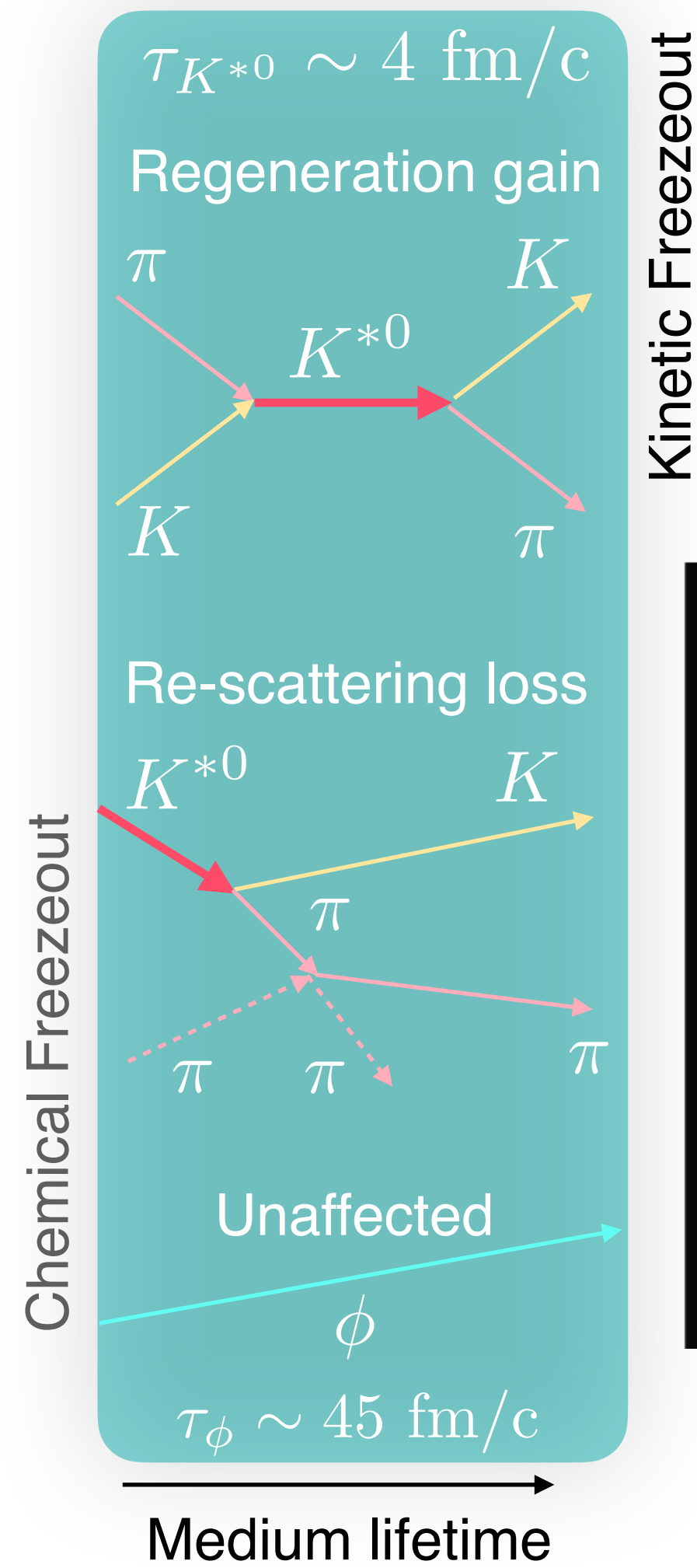
Up to the field to run with this
ALICE: Less p_T extrapolation
Does particle species matter?
What about other systems?

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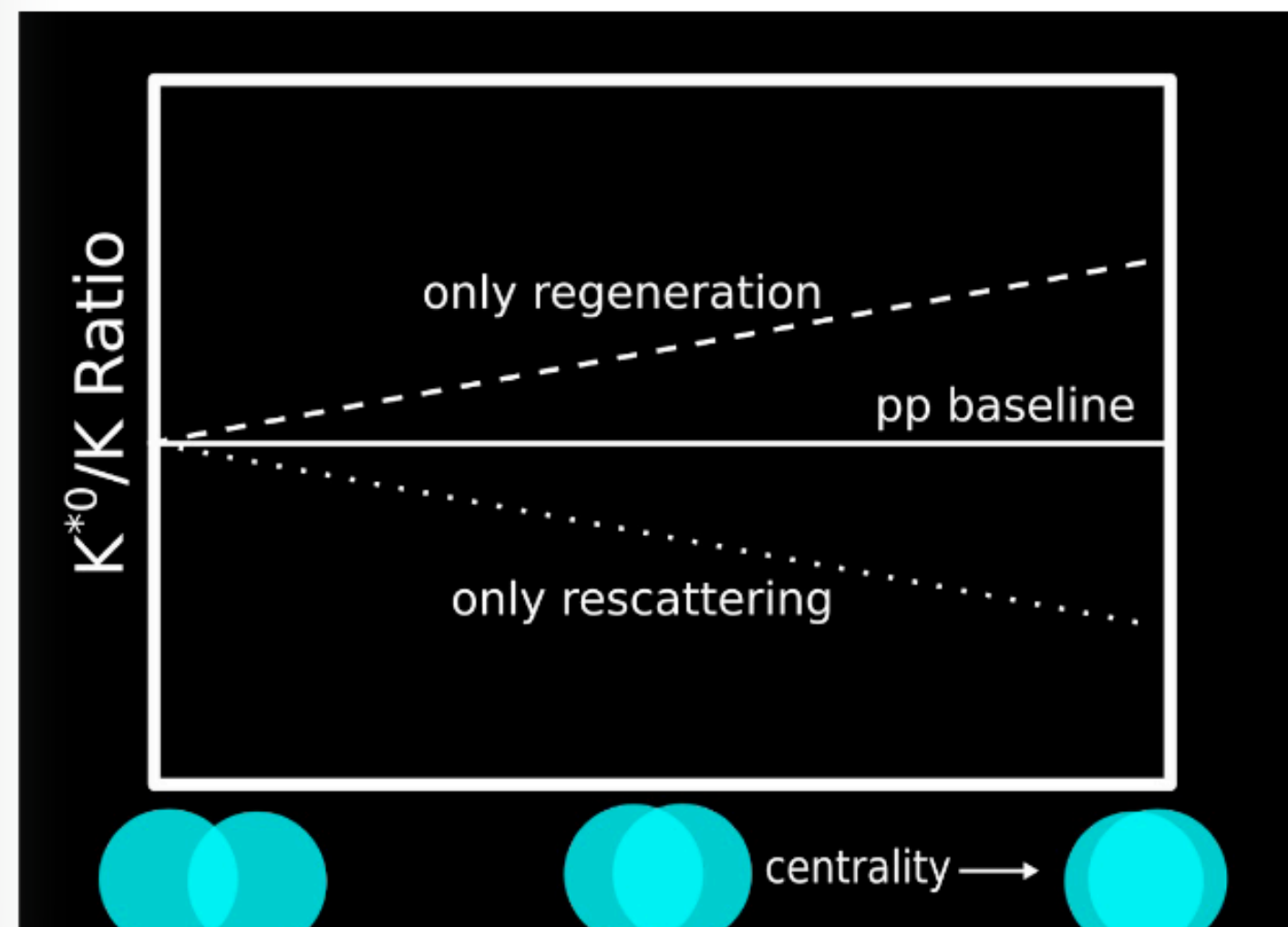


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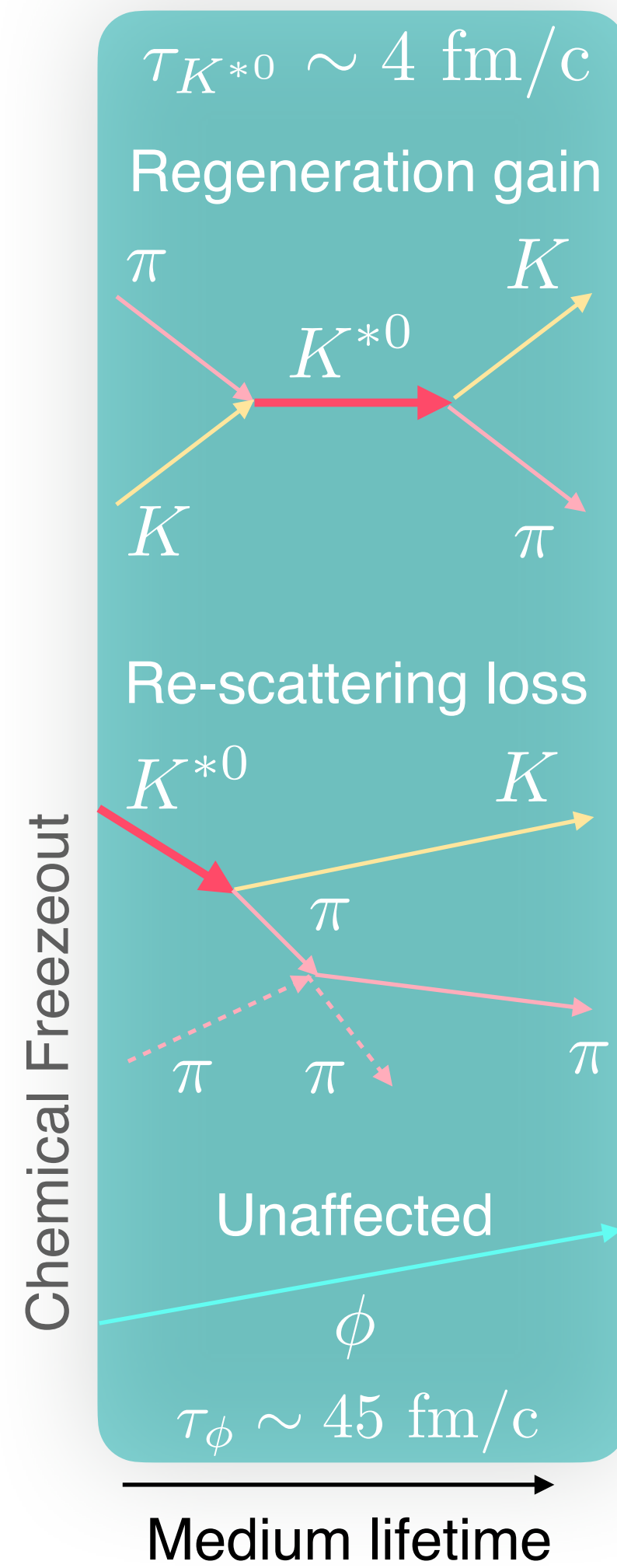
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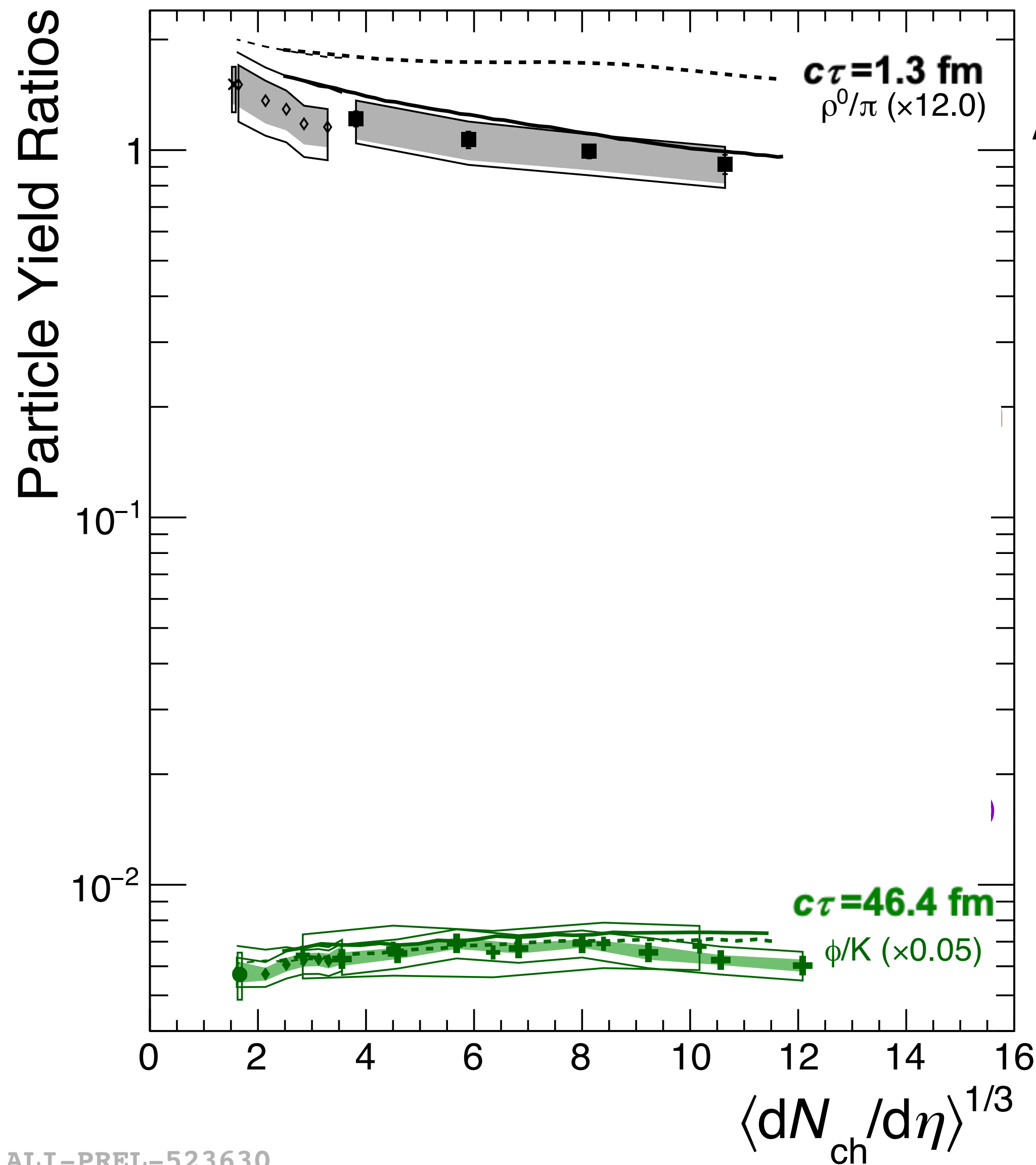
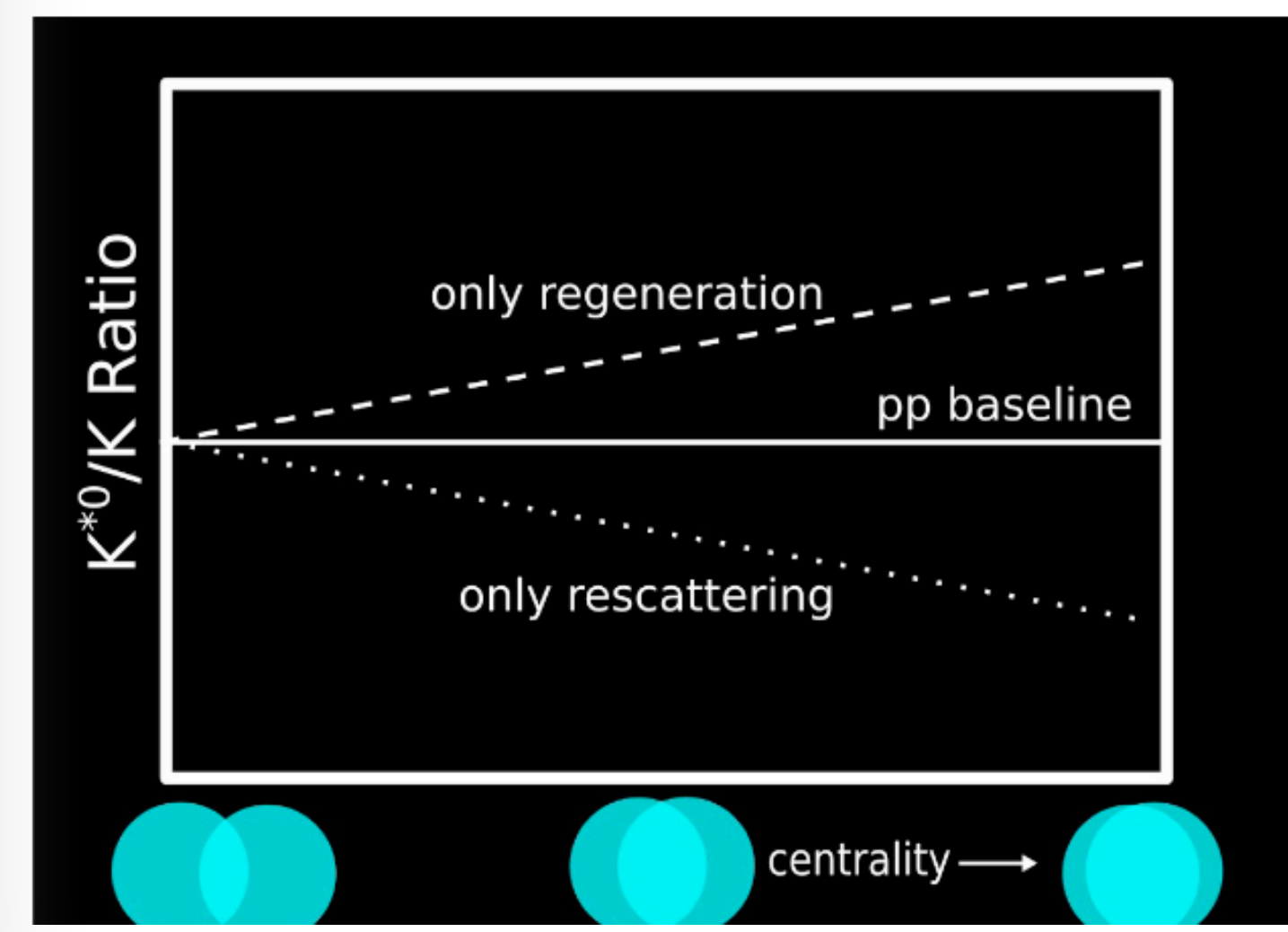
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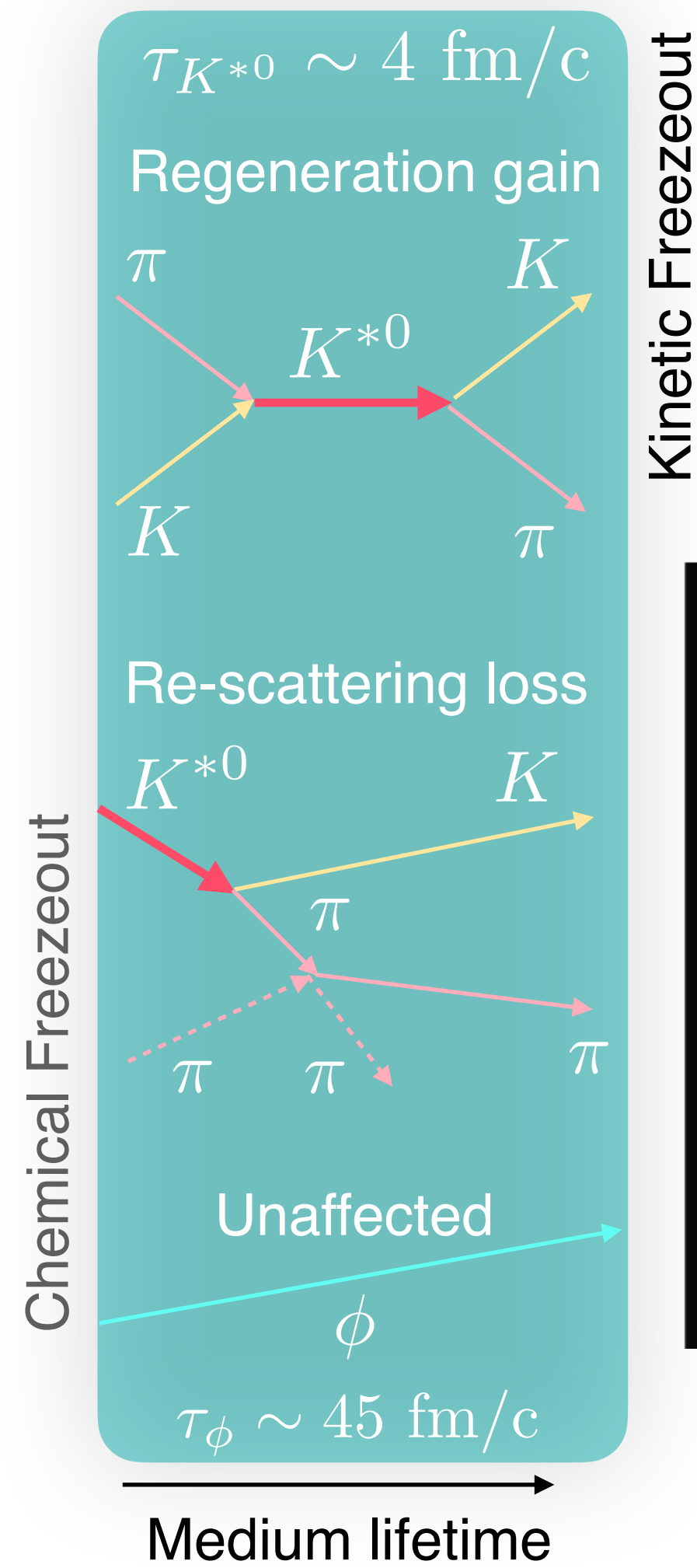
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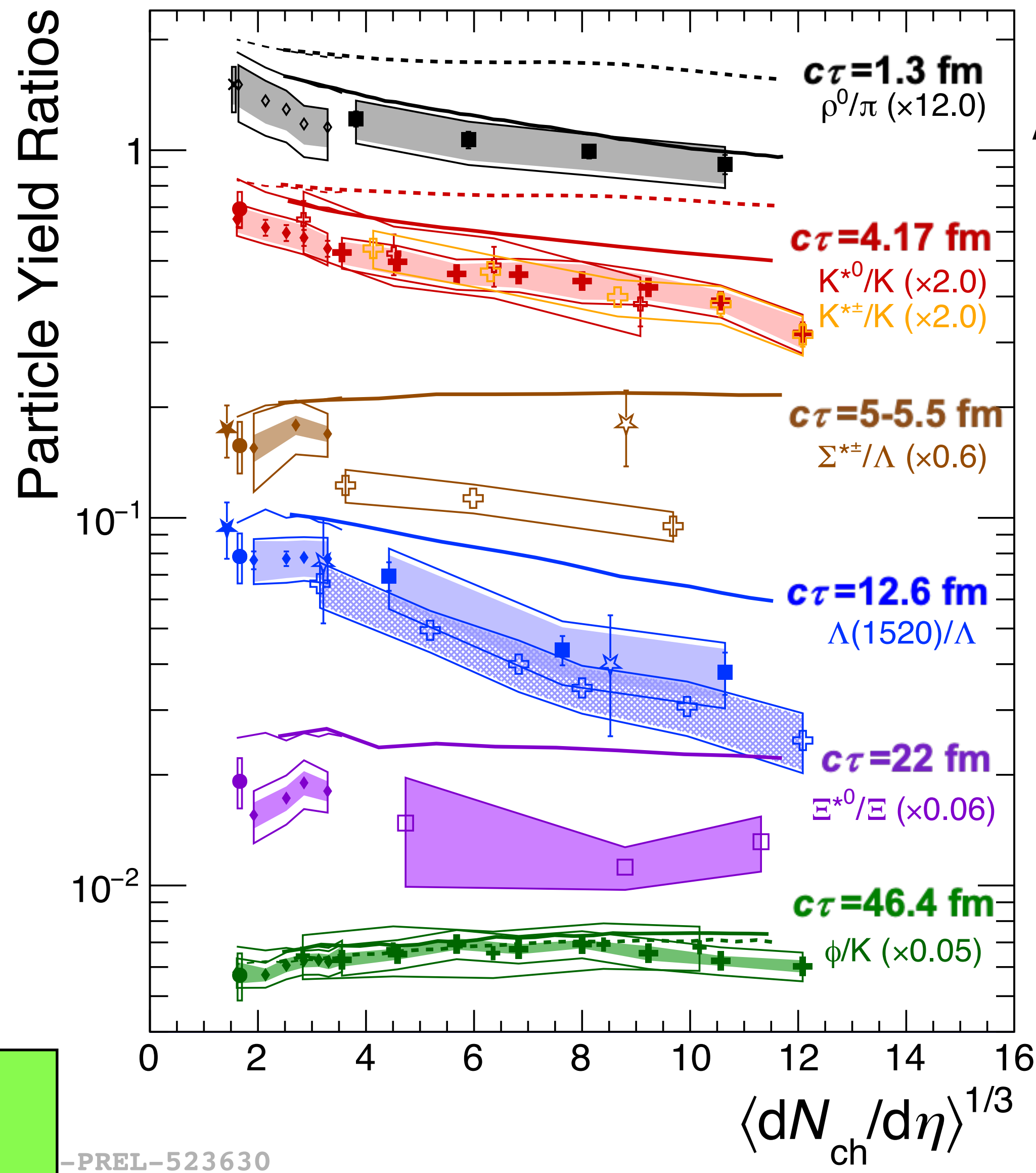
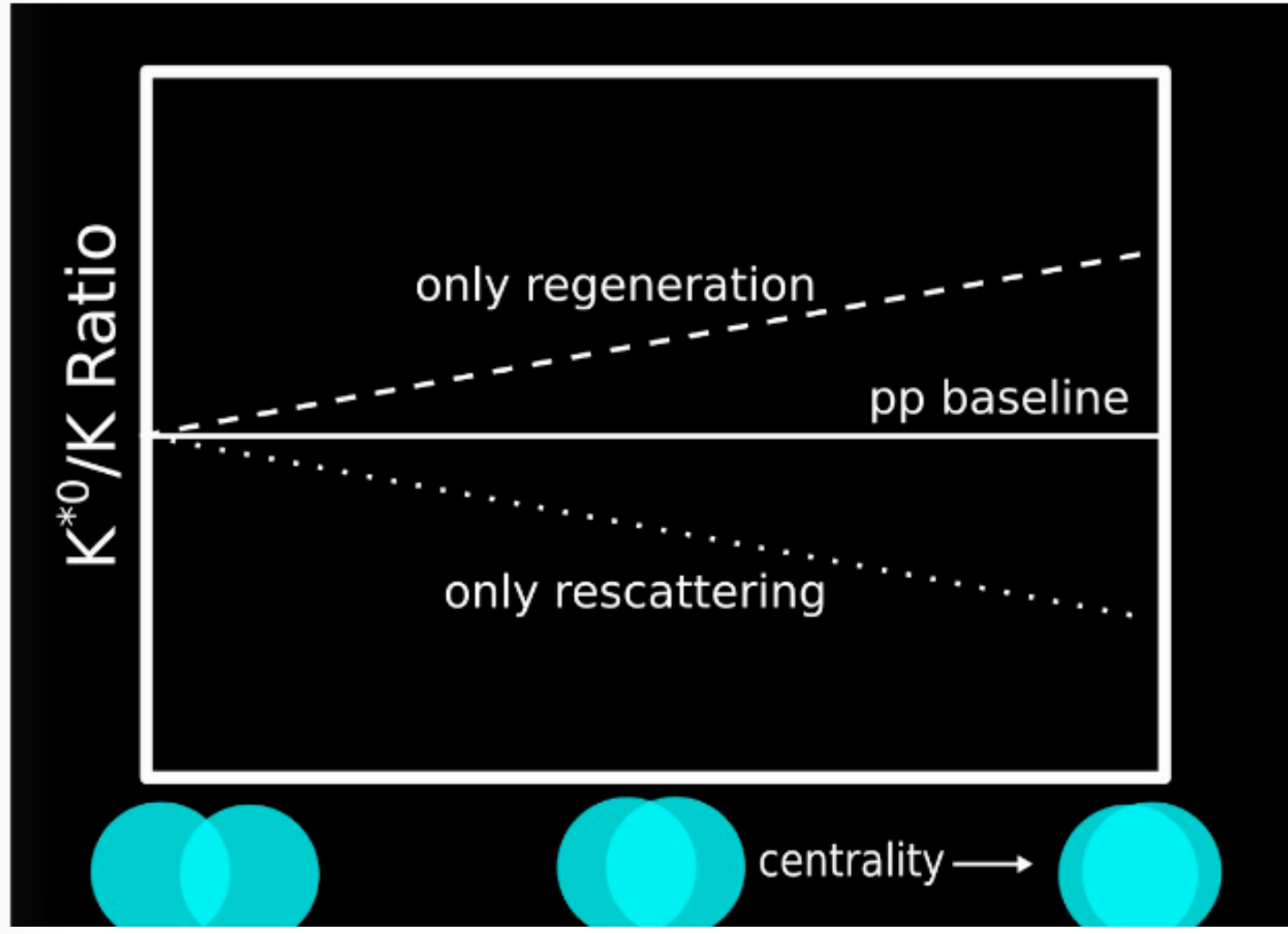
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Ratios suggest hadronic phase is long, rescattering cross-section also important

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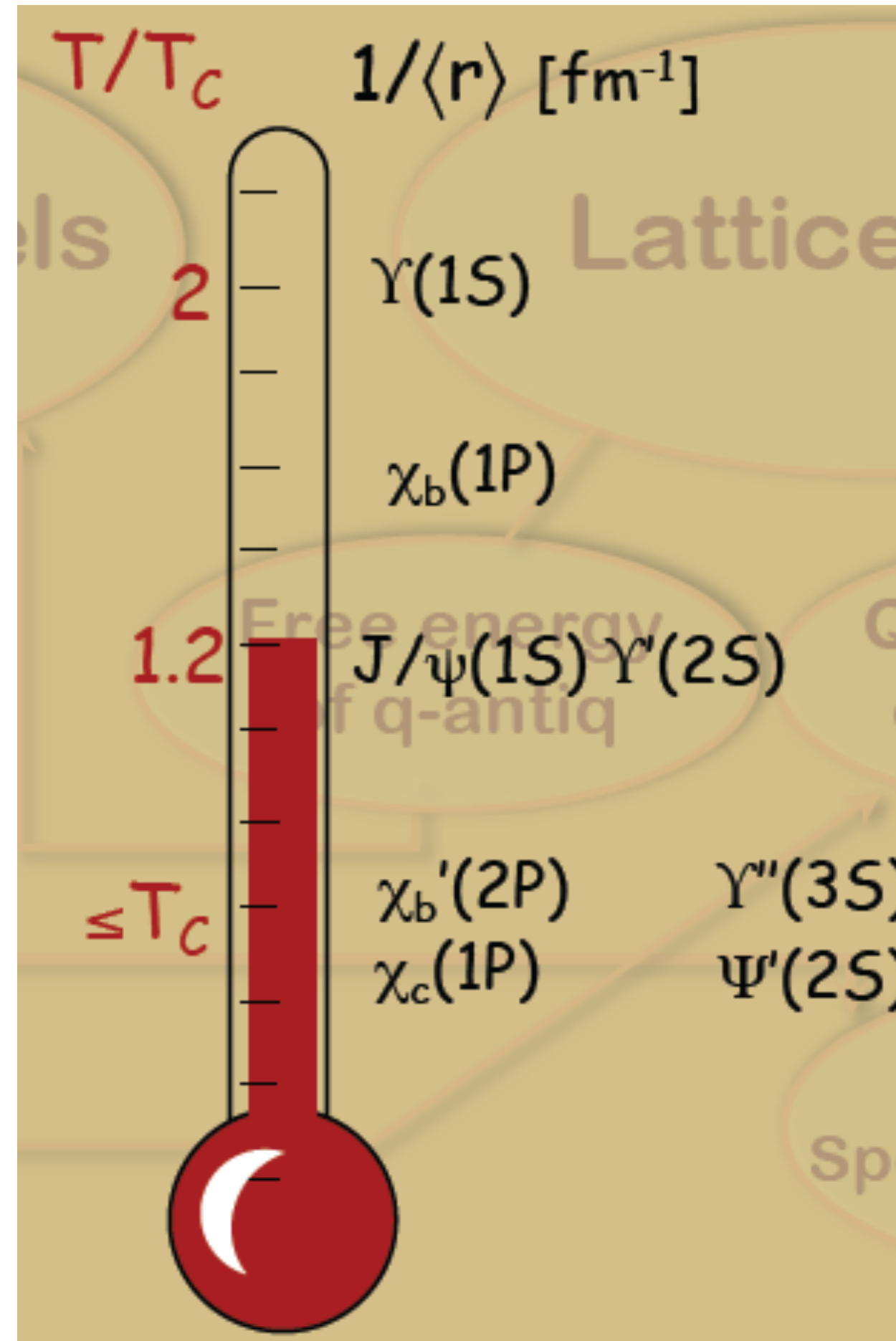
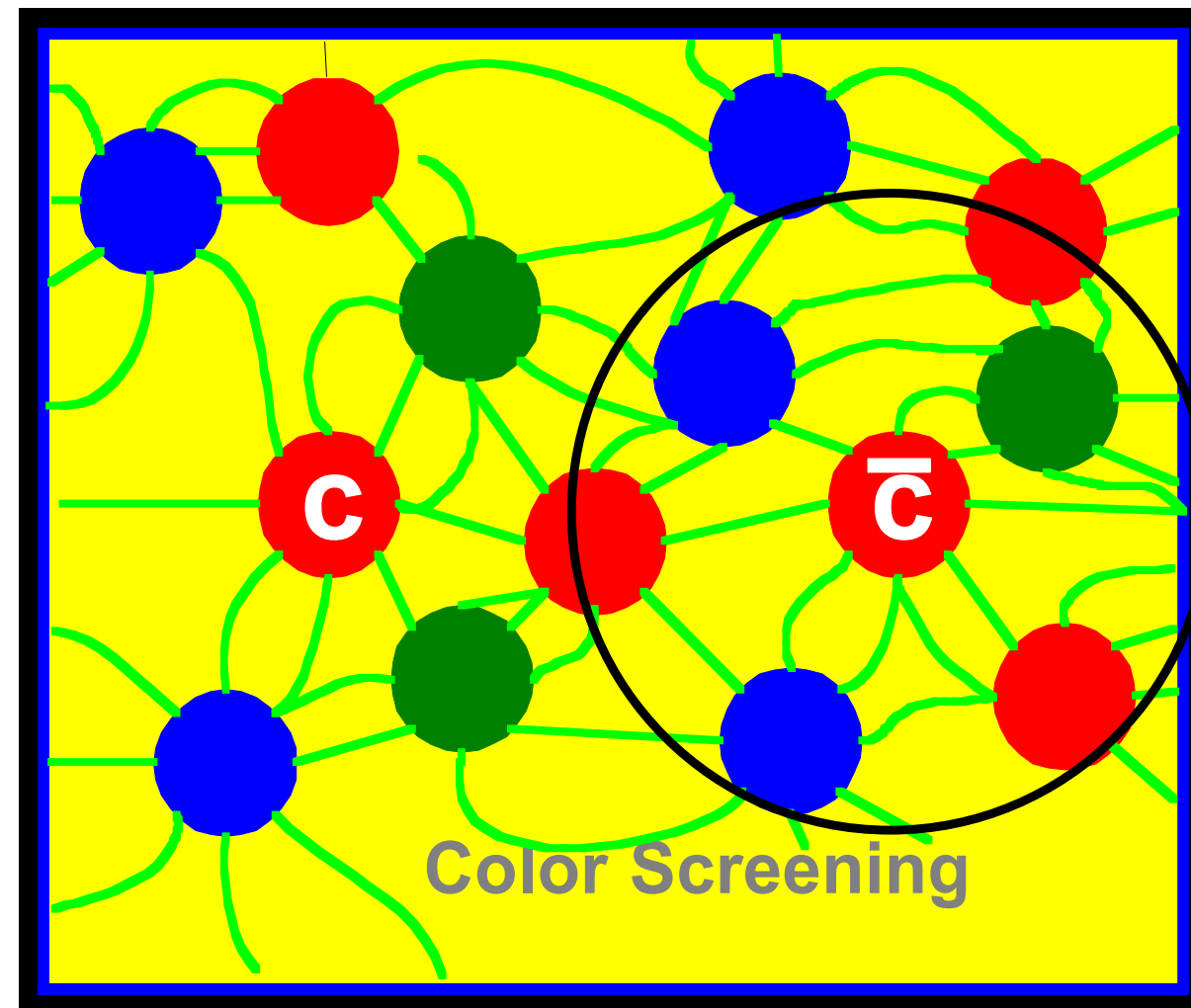
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Quarkonia - QGP thermometers

Formed only in the very early stages of the collision due to their high masses

Color screening of static potential between heavy quarks

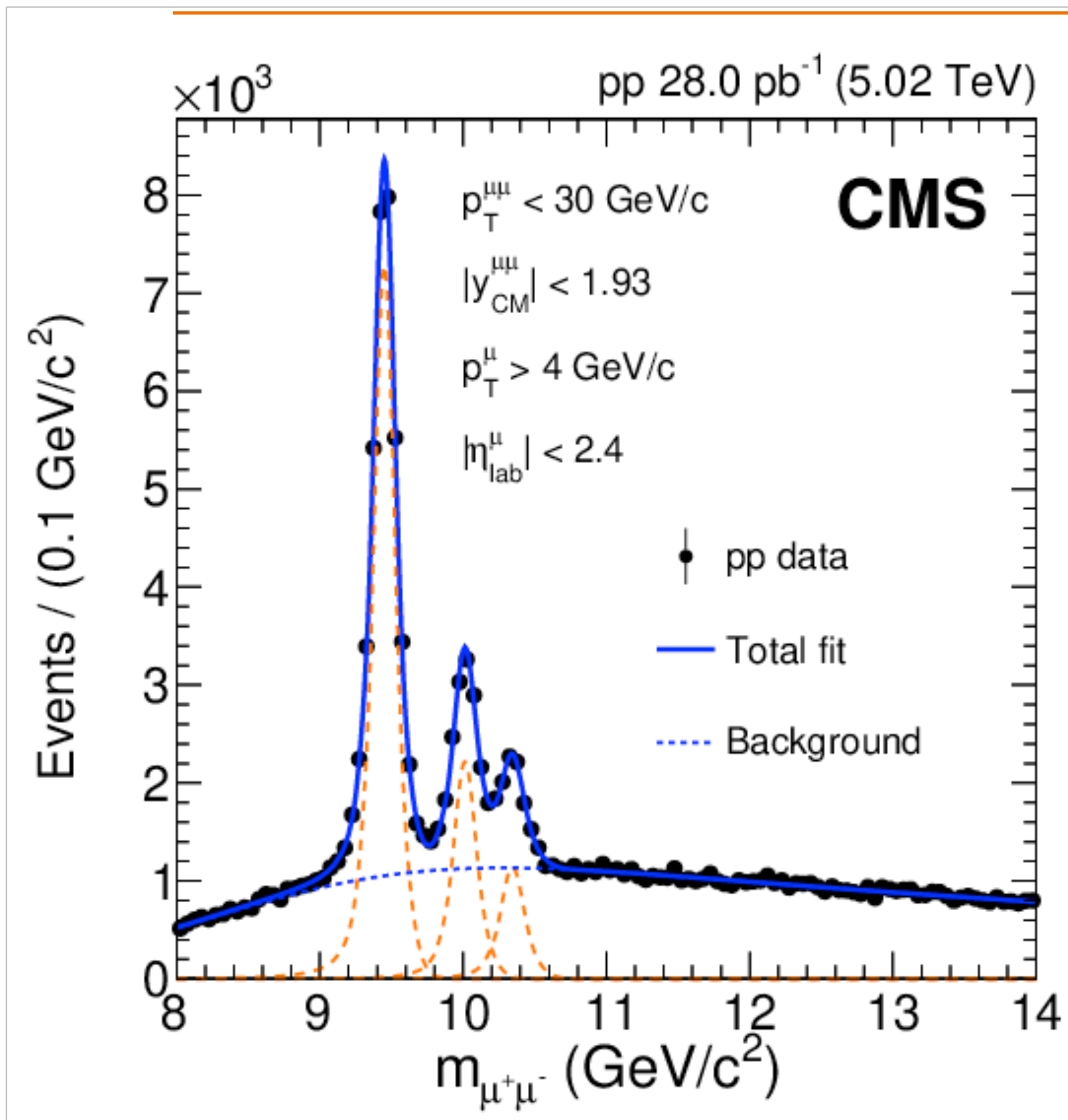
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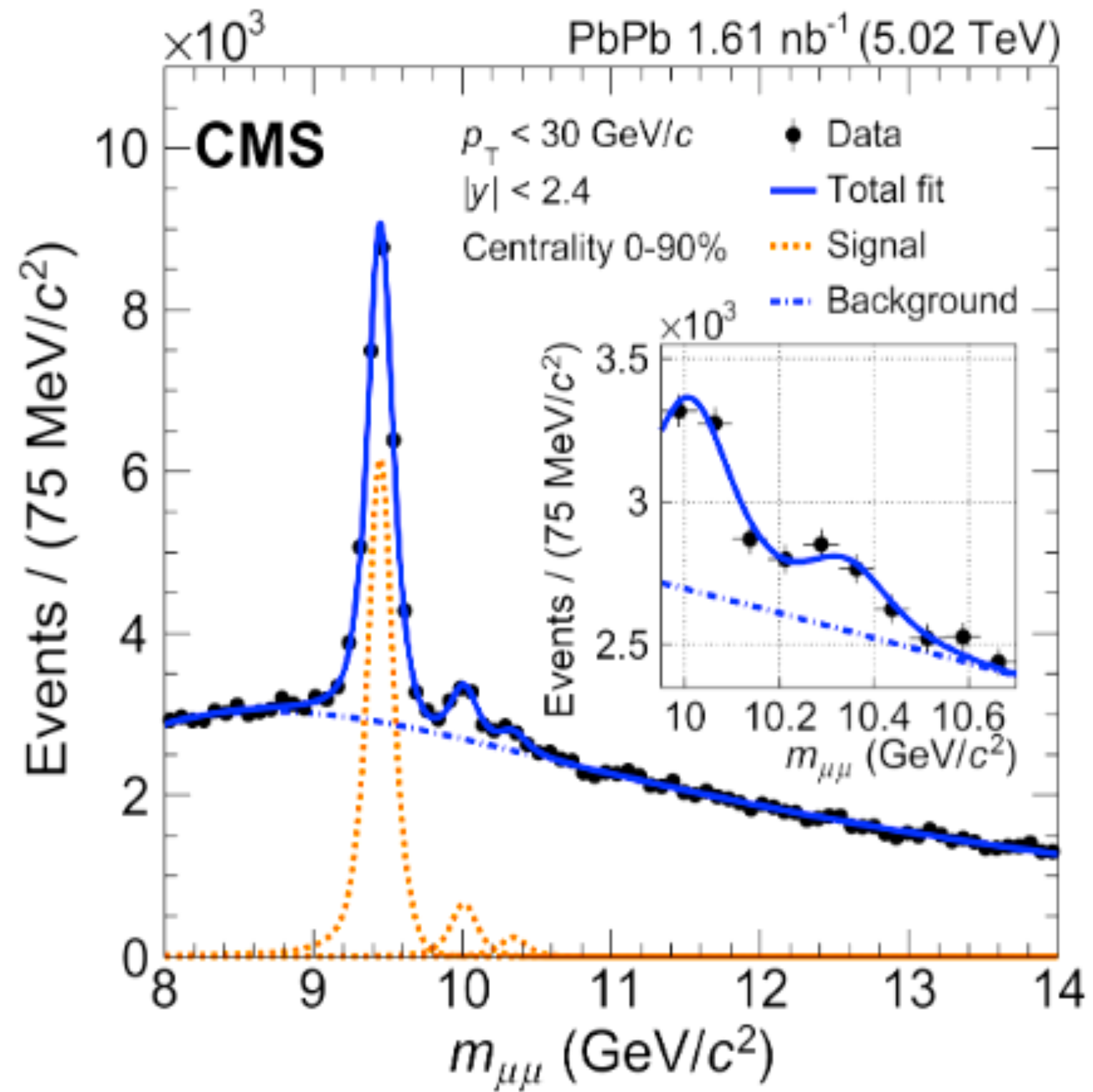
Charmonia: J/ψ , Ψ' , χ_c
 Bottomonia: $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$, $\Upsilon(3S)$

	E_{binding} (GeV)
J/ψ	0.64
ψ'	0.05
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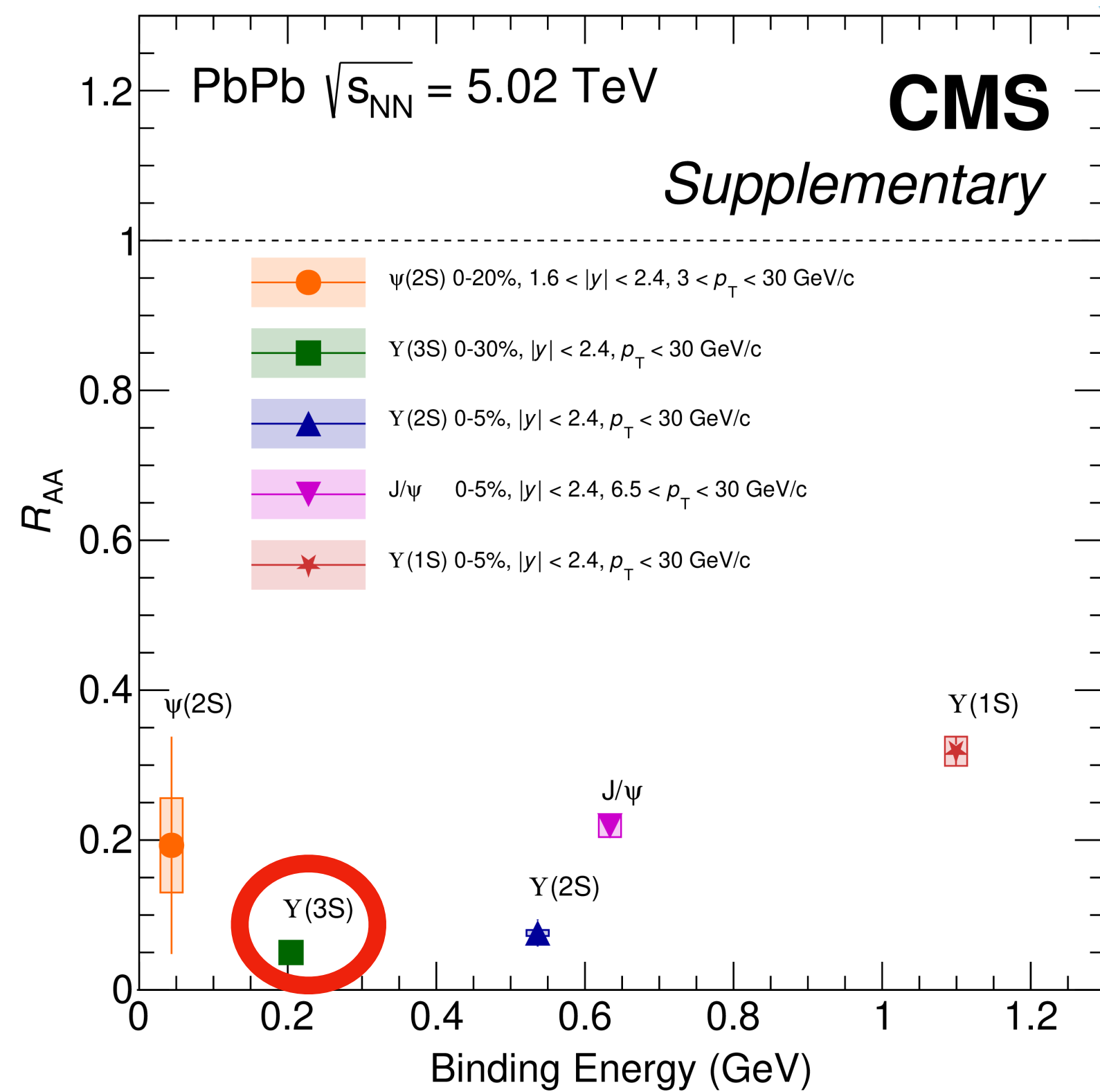
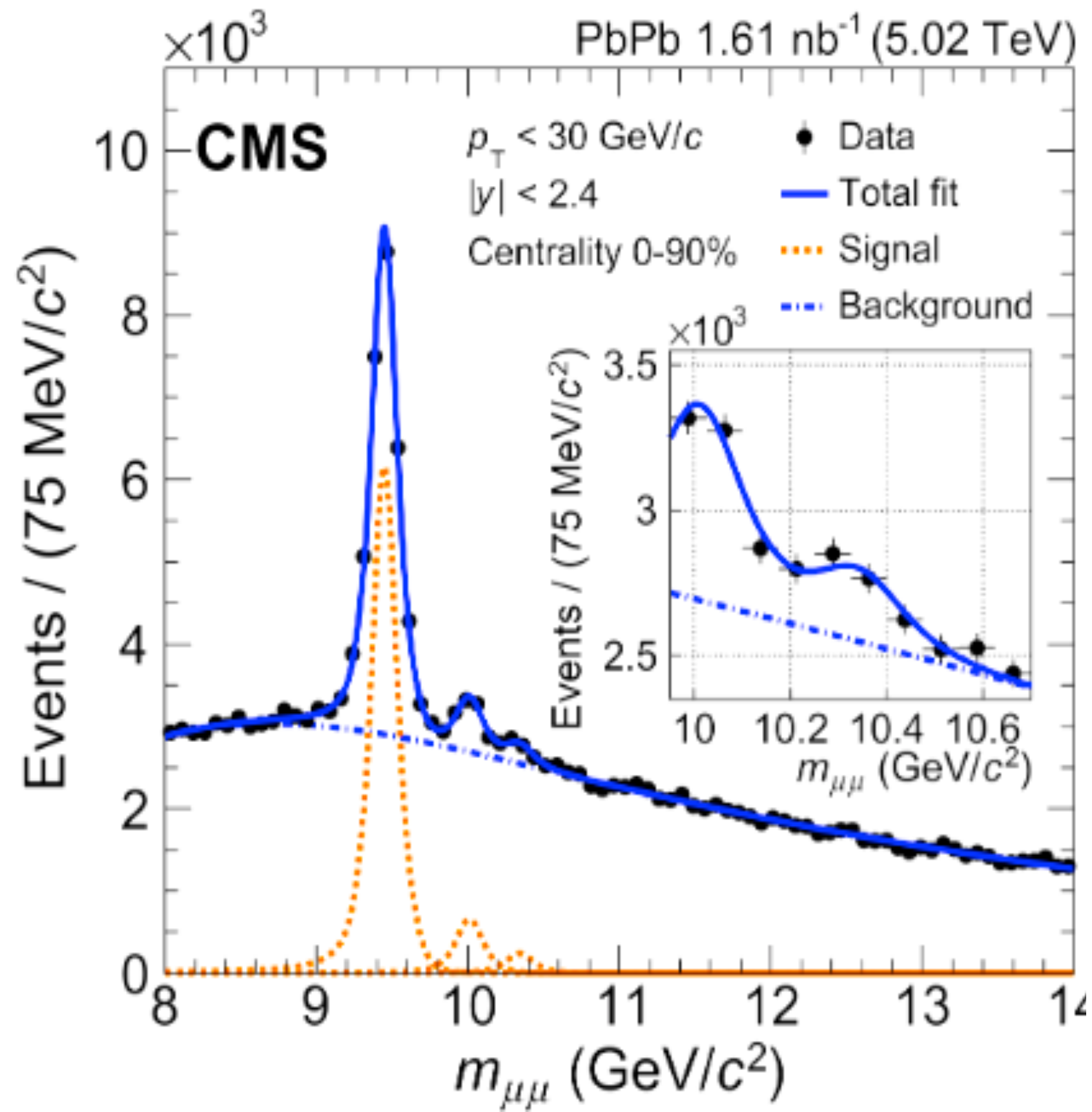
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Most lightly bound states have melted
at LHC and top RHIC

$$T > 1.5 T_c \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$$

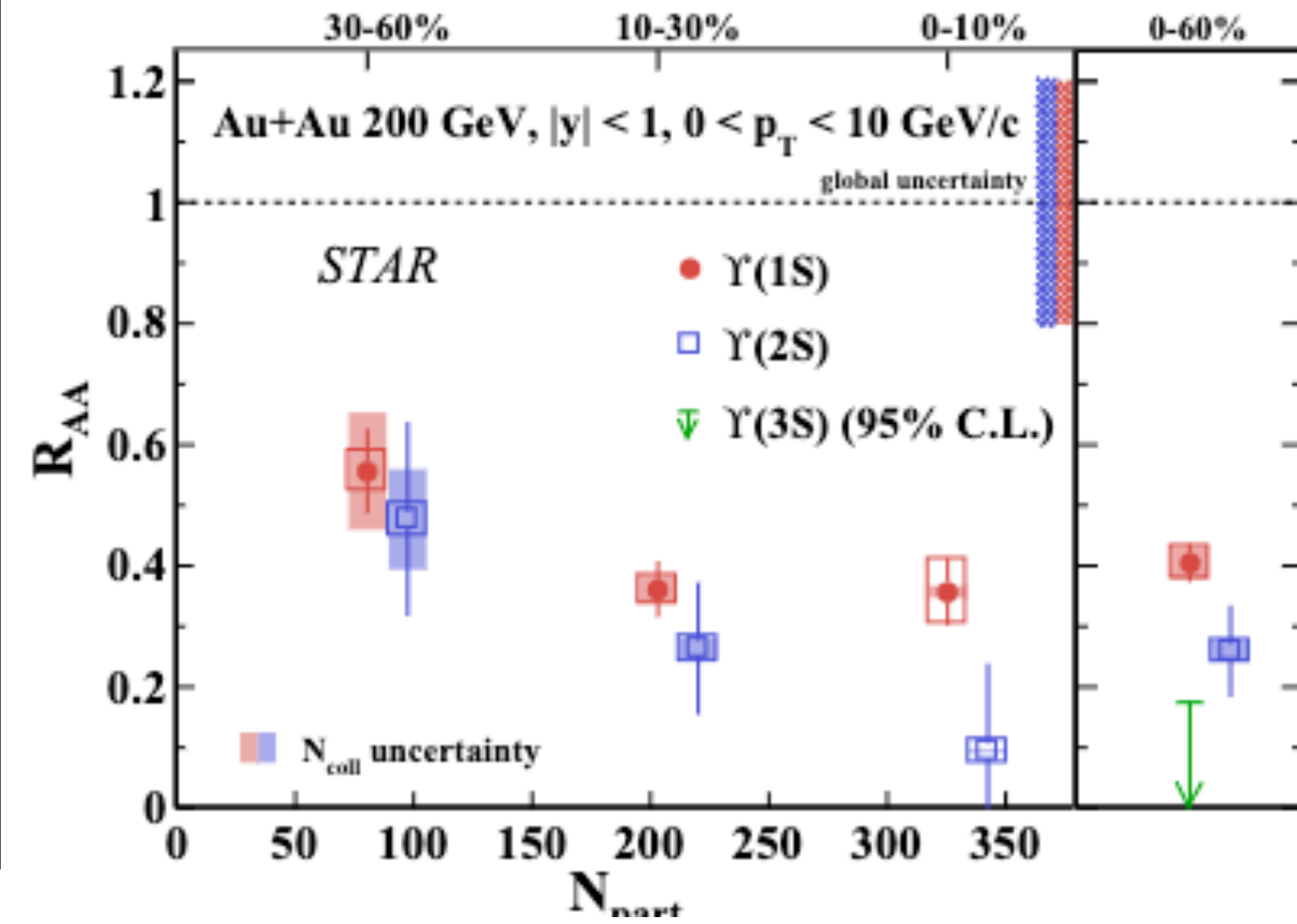
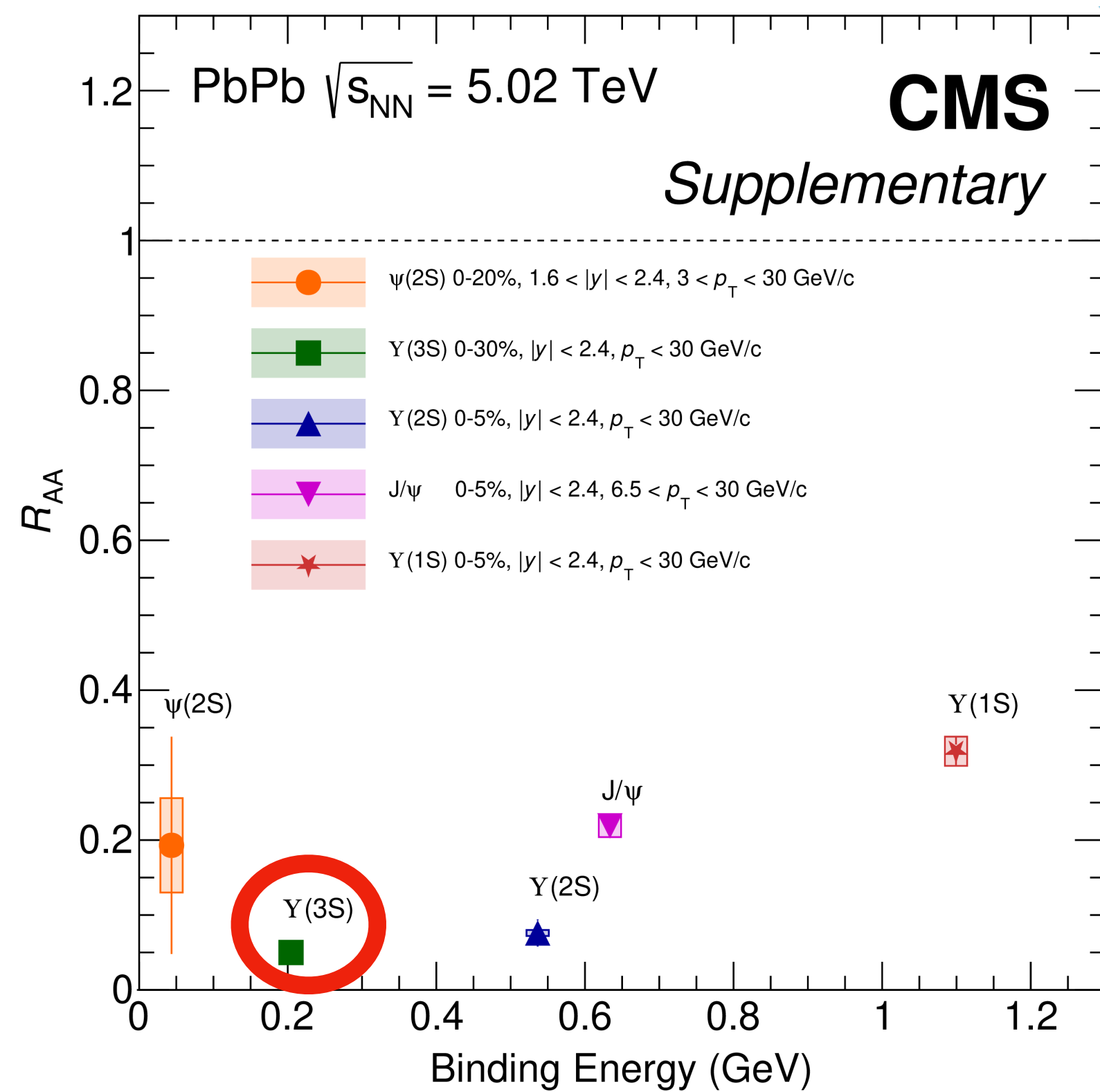
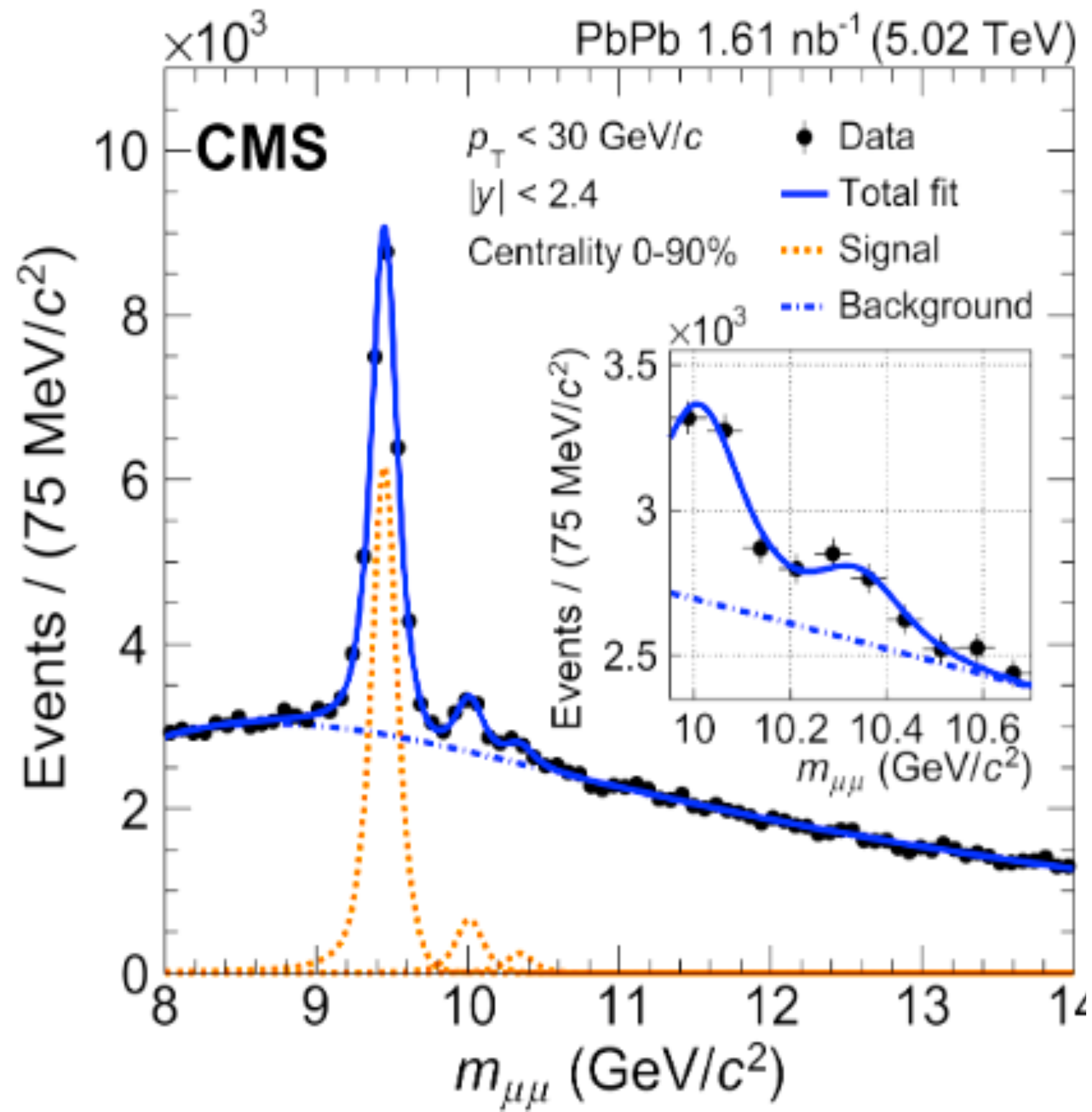
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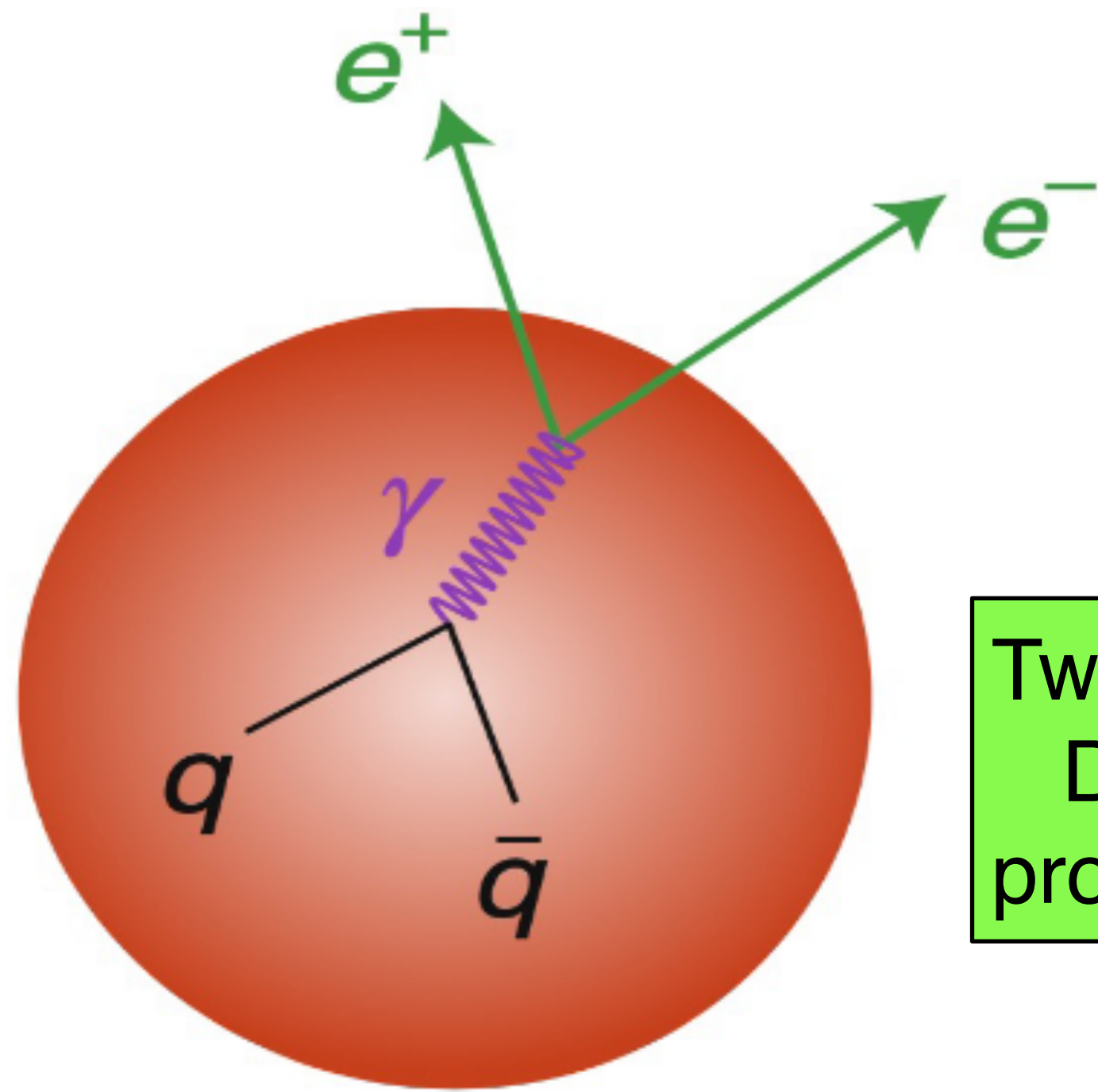
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Eagerly awaiting statistics for sPHENIX to
report on $Y(3S)$

What about the initial temperature?

Di-leptons probe medium over its whole evolution. Escape medium without interacting (no color charge)

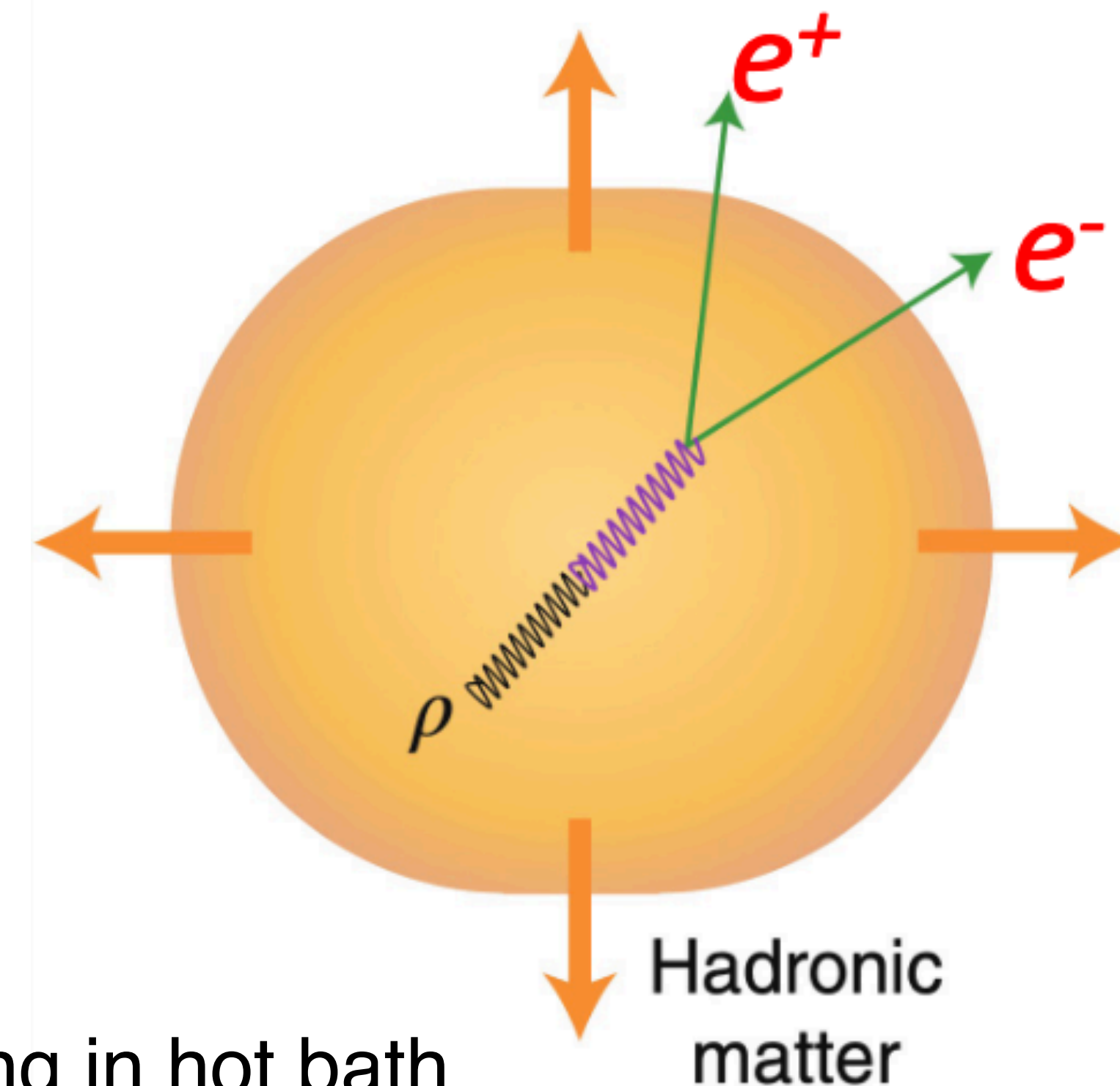


Production rate proportional to QGP temperature
: Early time measurement

Two for the price of one:
Different di-lepton invariant mass ranges
probe different times

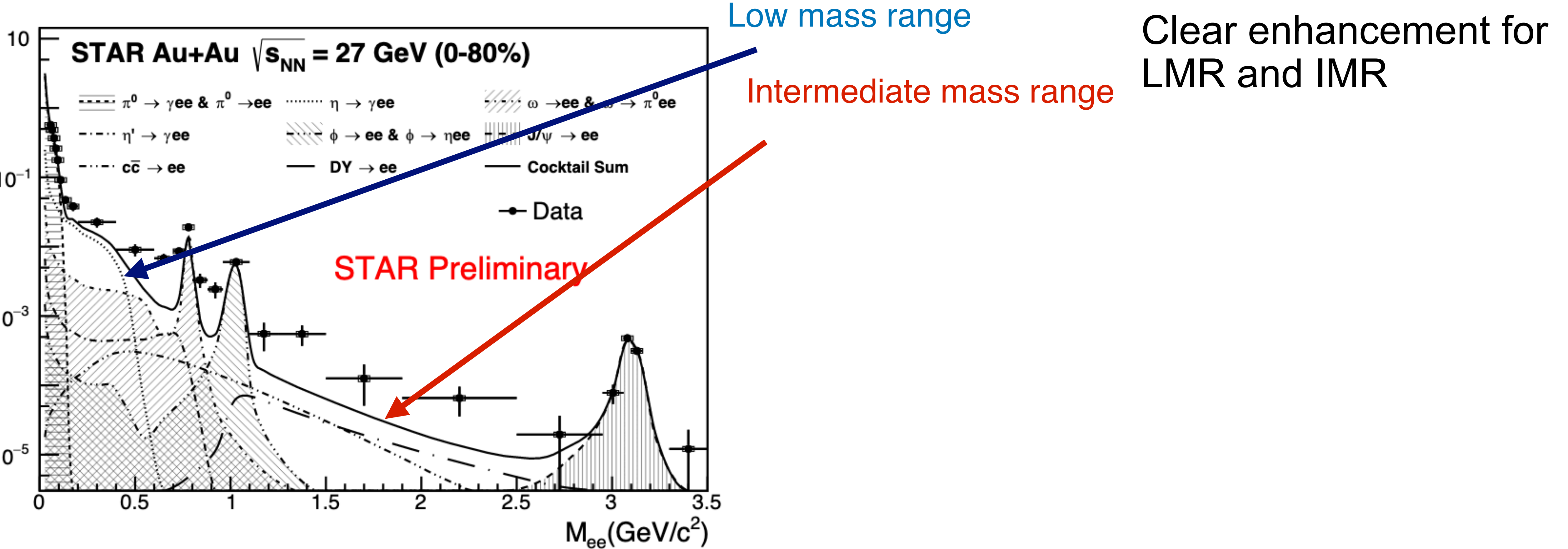
Quark-gluon
plasma

ρ spectral function broadens when sitting in hot bath
: Later time measurement

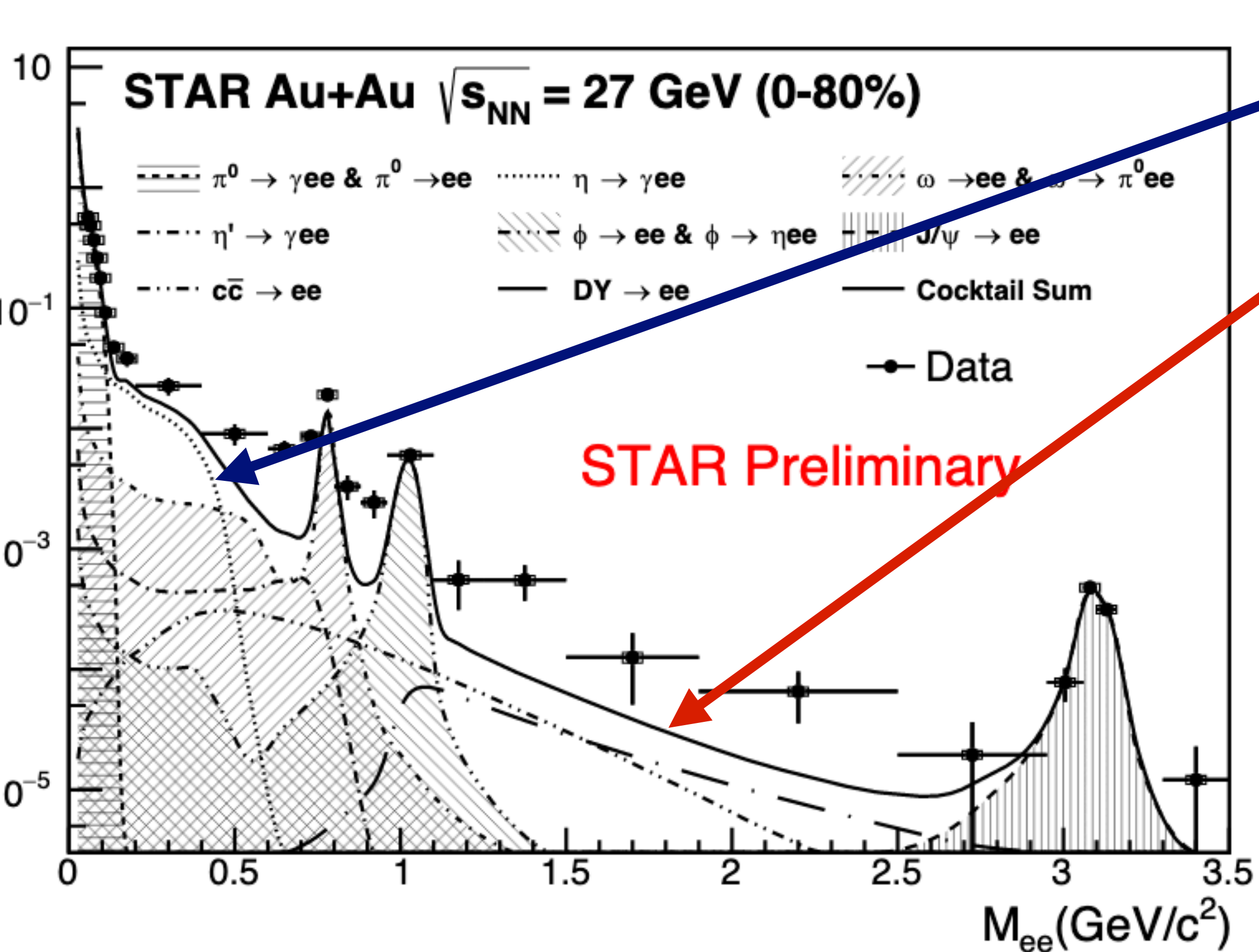


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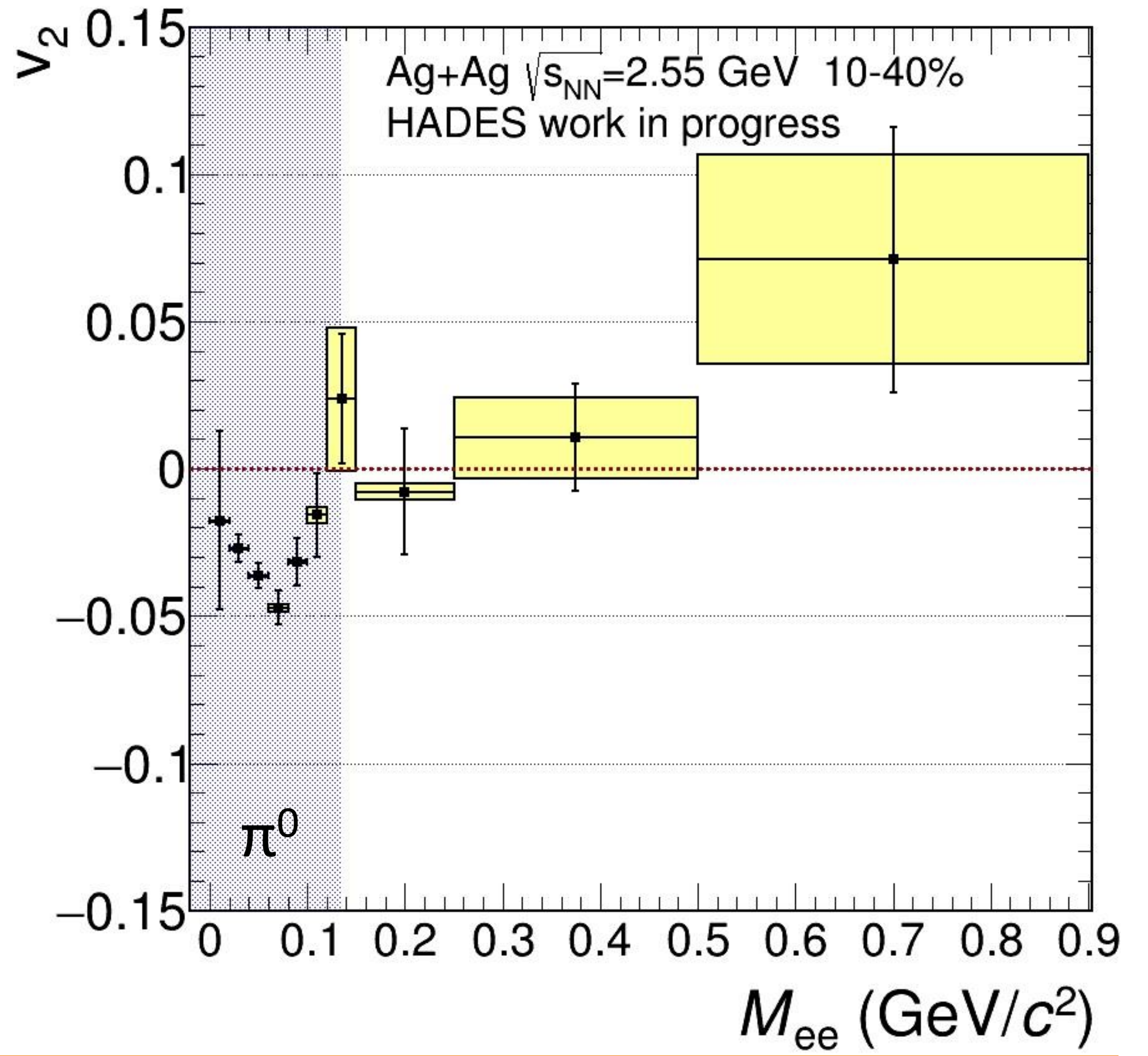
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Intermediate mass range

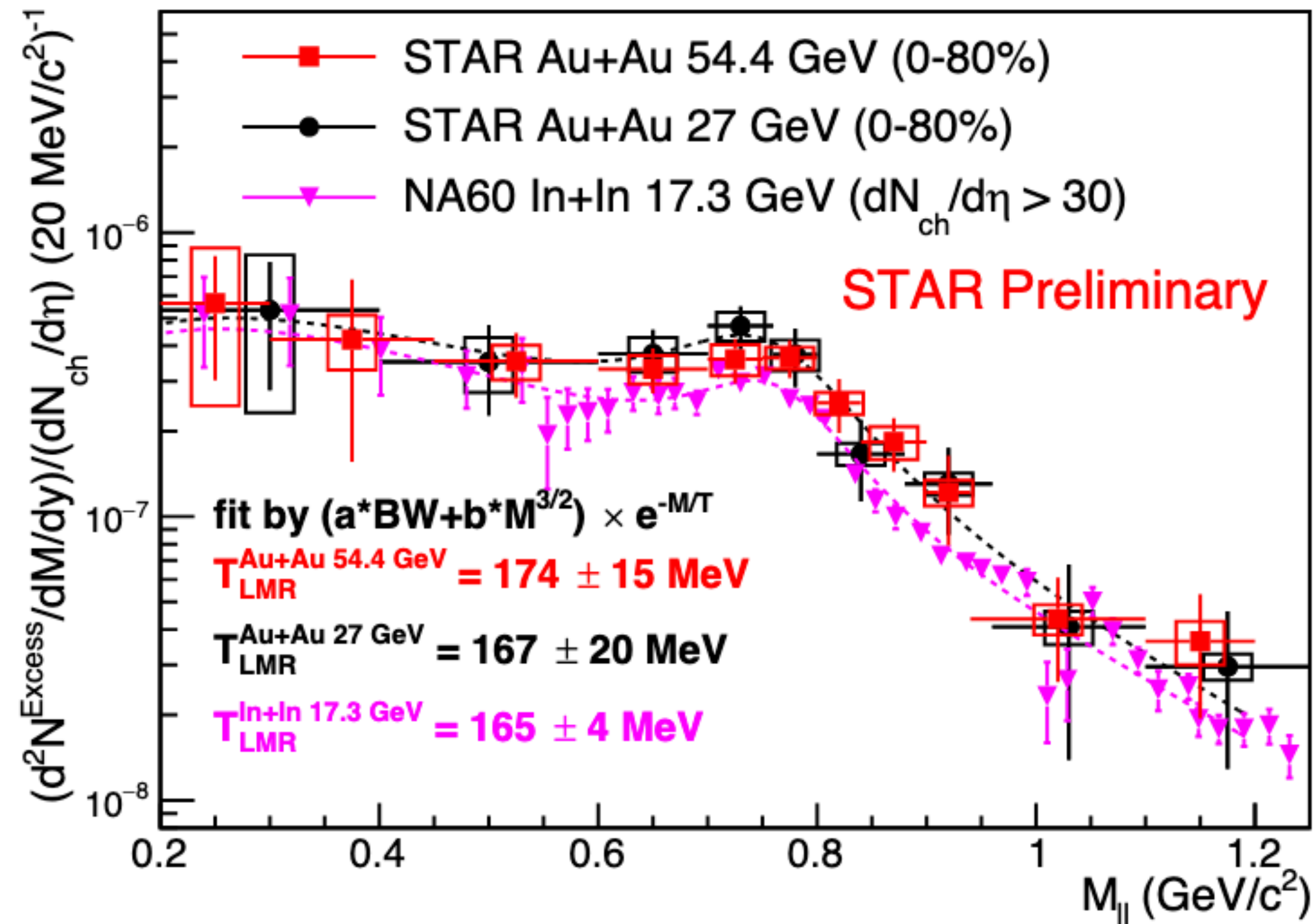
Clear enhancement for LMR and IMR

When M_{ee} above pion mass:
no collectivity exhibited

We've identified a penetrating probe with no boost

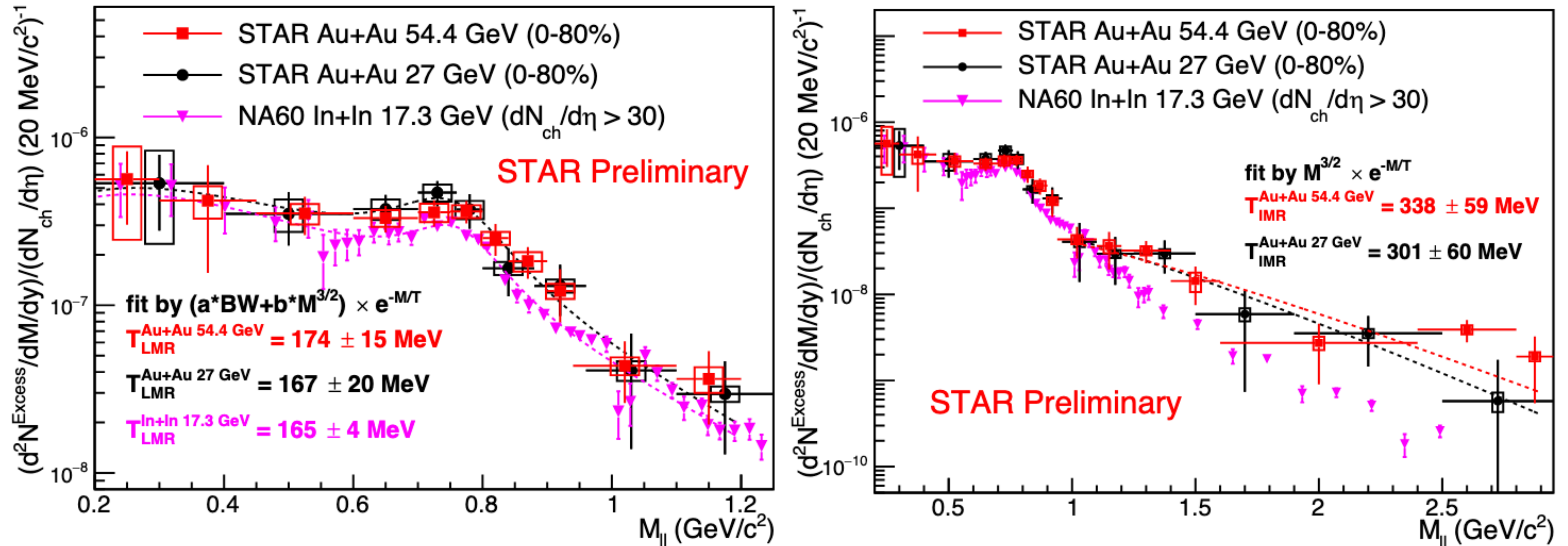


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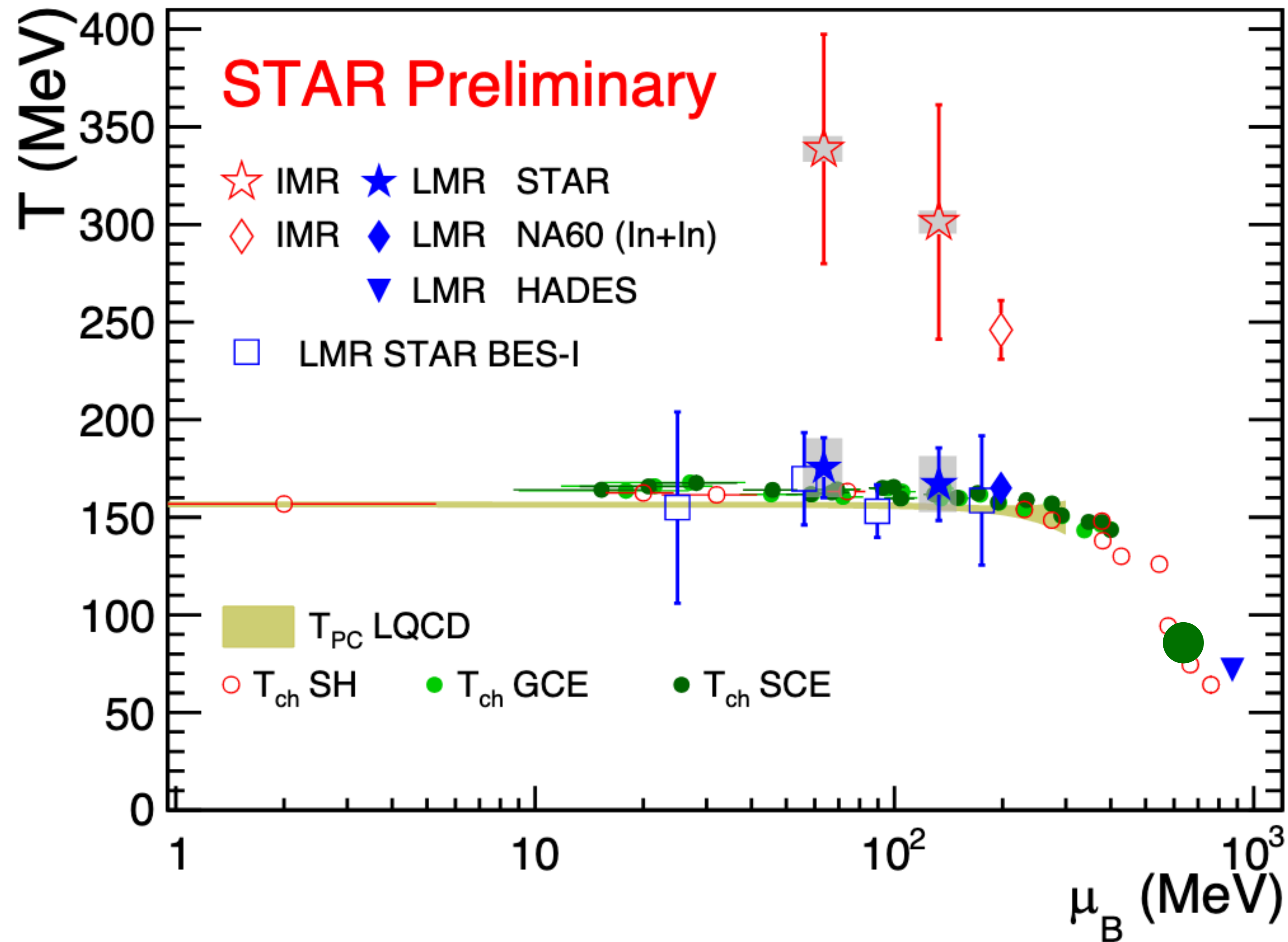


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Intermediate mass range: $T(\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 54.6) = 338 \pm 59$ MeV $\sim T(\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27) = 301 \pm 60$ MeV
 $T(\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17) \sim 246$ MeV

Something different starts to happen below 20 GeV

Initial vs Freeze-out temperature

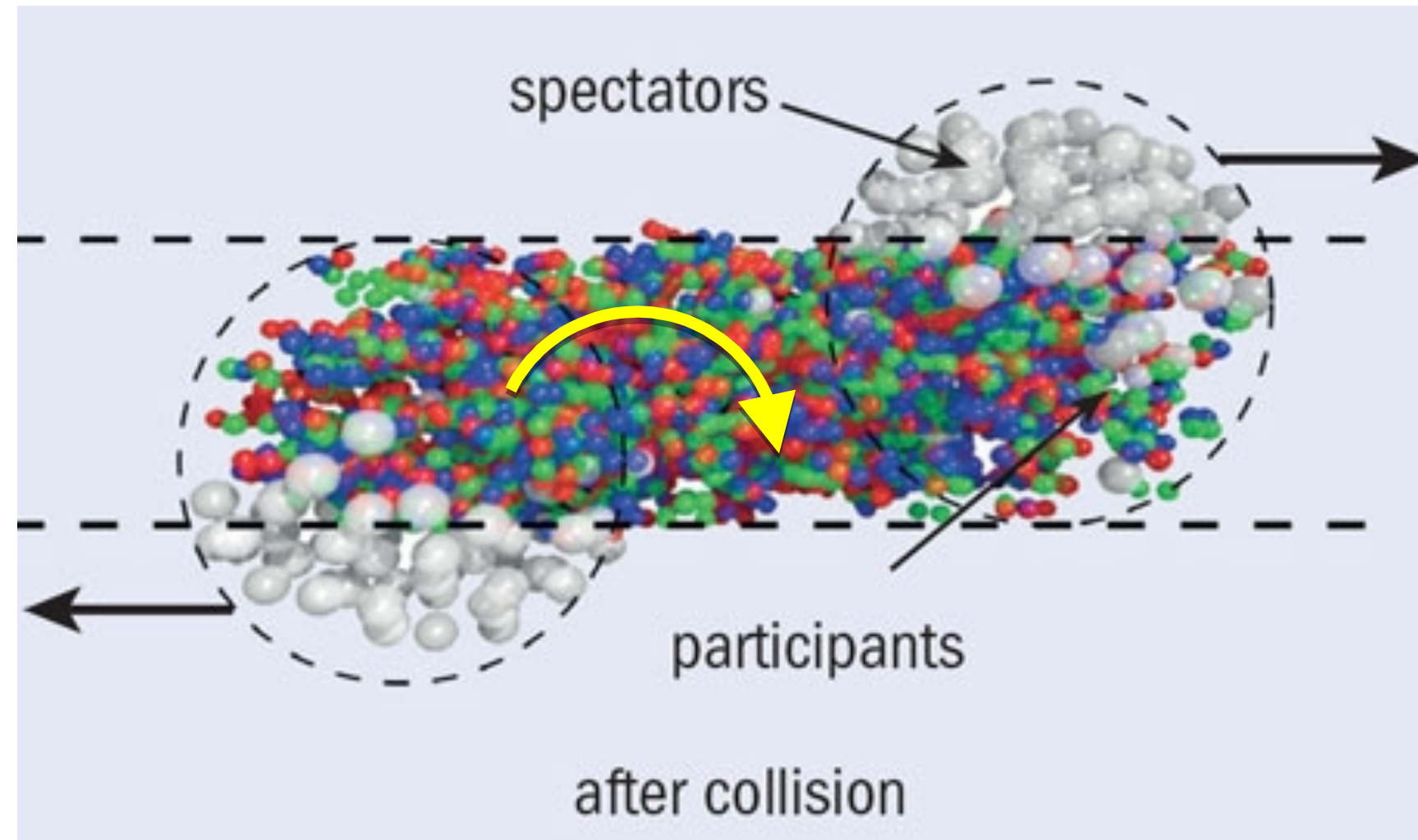


LMR : Extracted T in agreement with statistical model fits

HMR : Closer to initial T

Alternative ways to access early T?
Especially at low $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

The spinning QGP



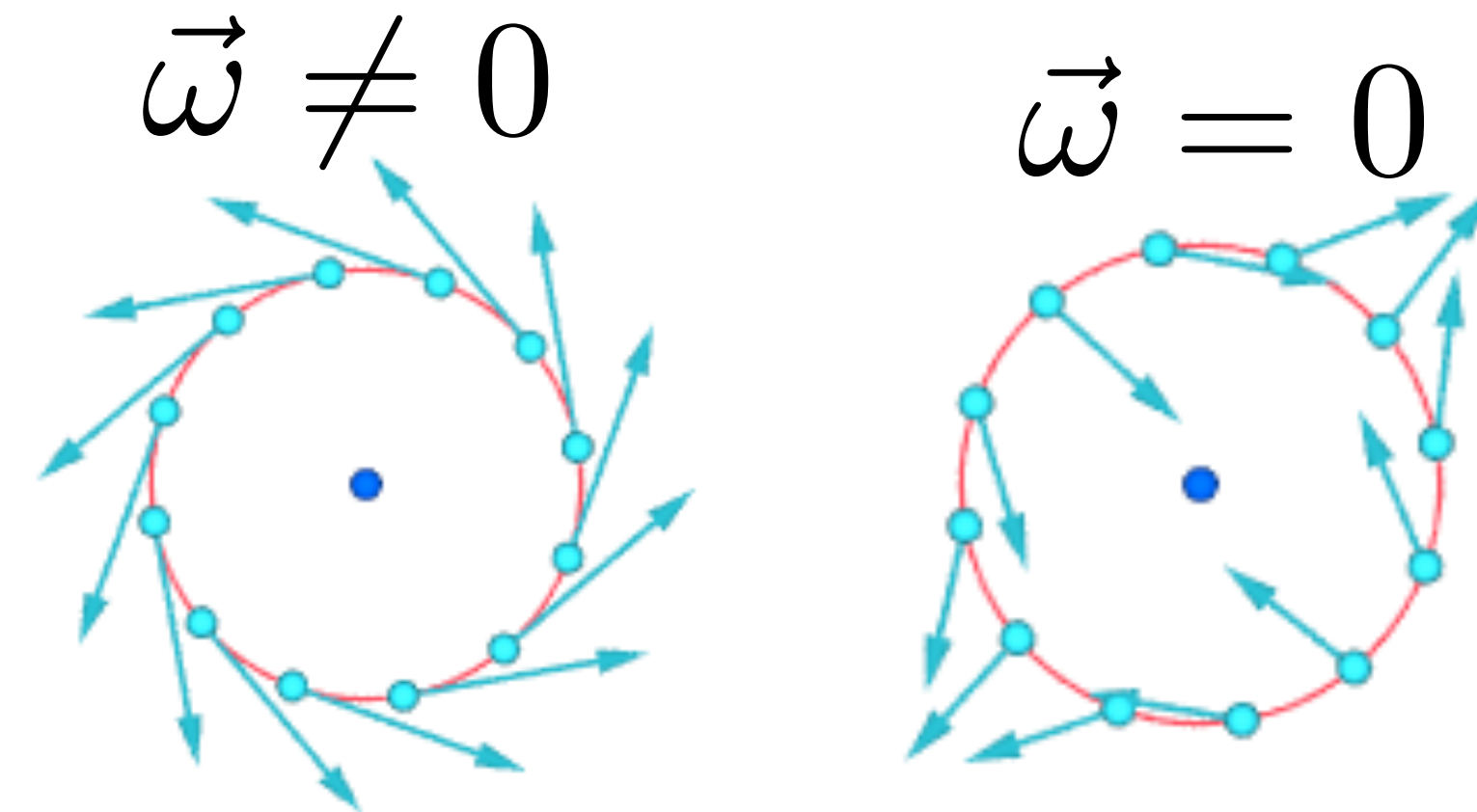
$|L| \sim 10^5$ in peripheral collisions

We generate a “spinning” QGP?

Spectators create a large magnetic field

How does that affect fluid/transport?
Vorticity - local spinning motion

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$$

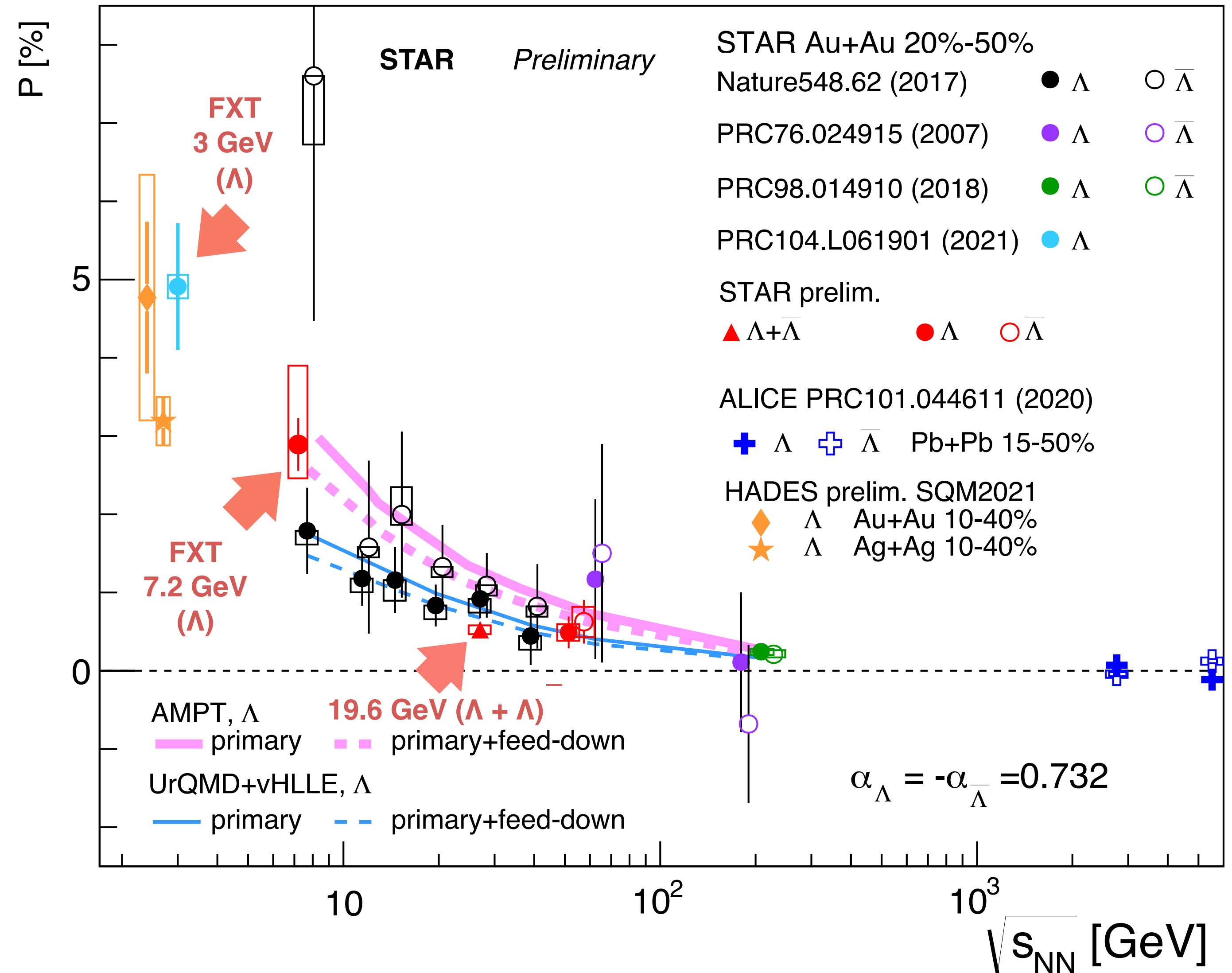


Viscosity dissipates vorticity to fluid at larger scales

Can we see any manifestation of this in the data?

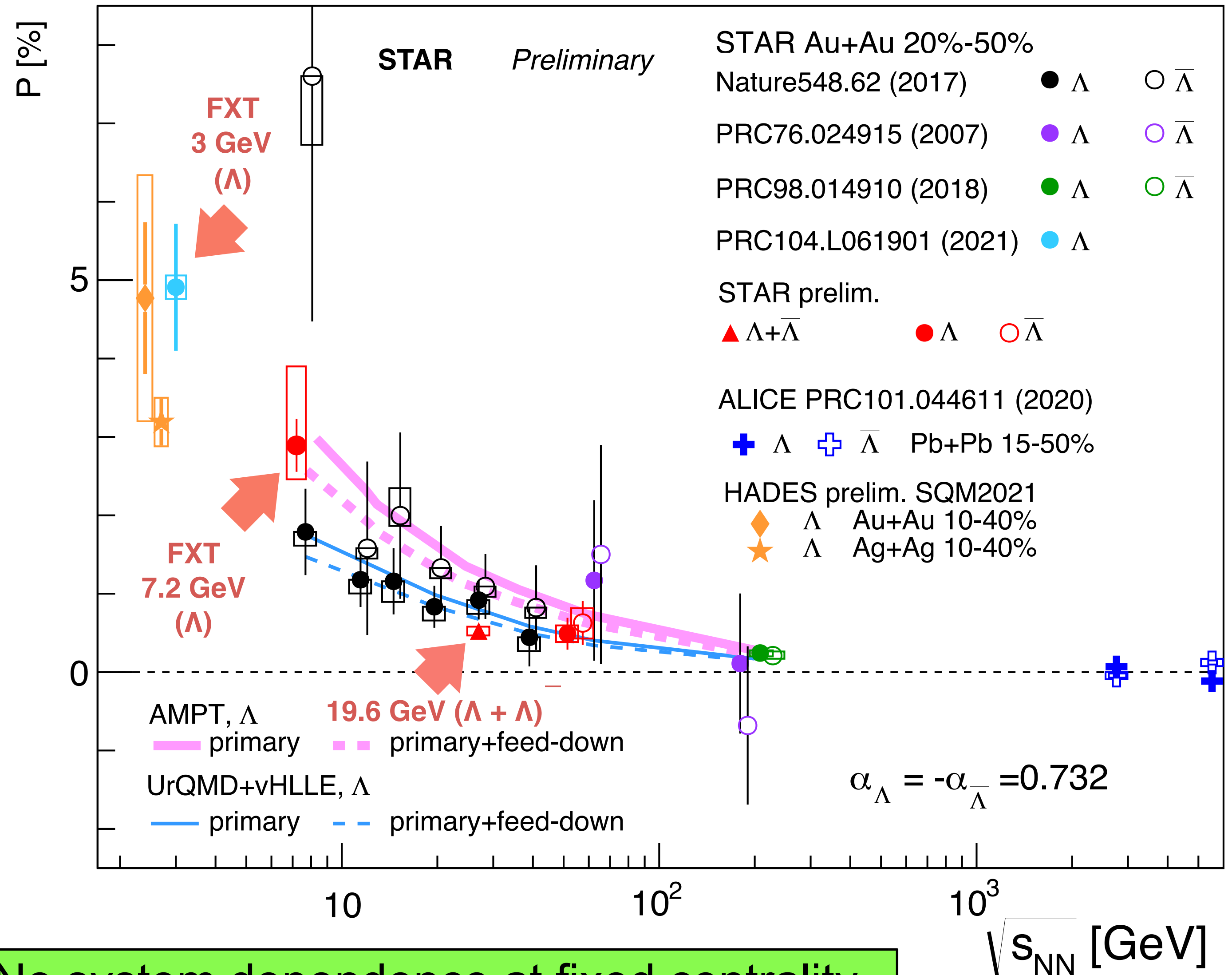
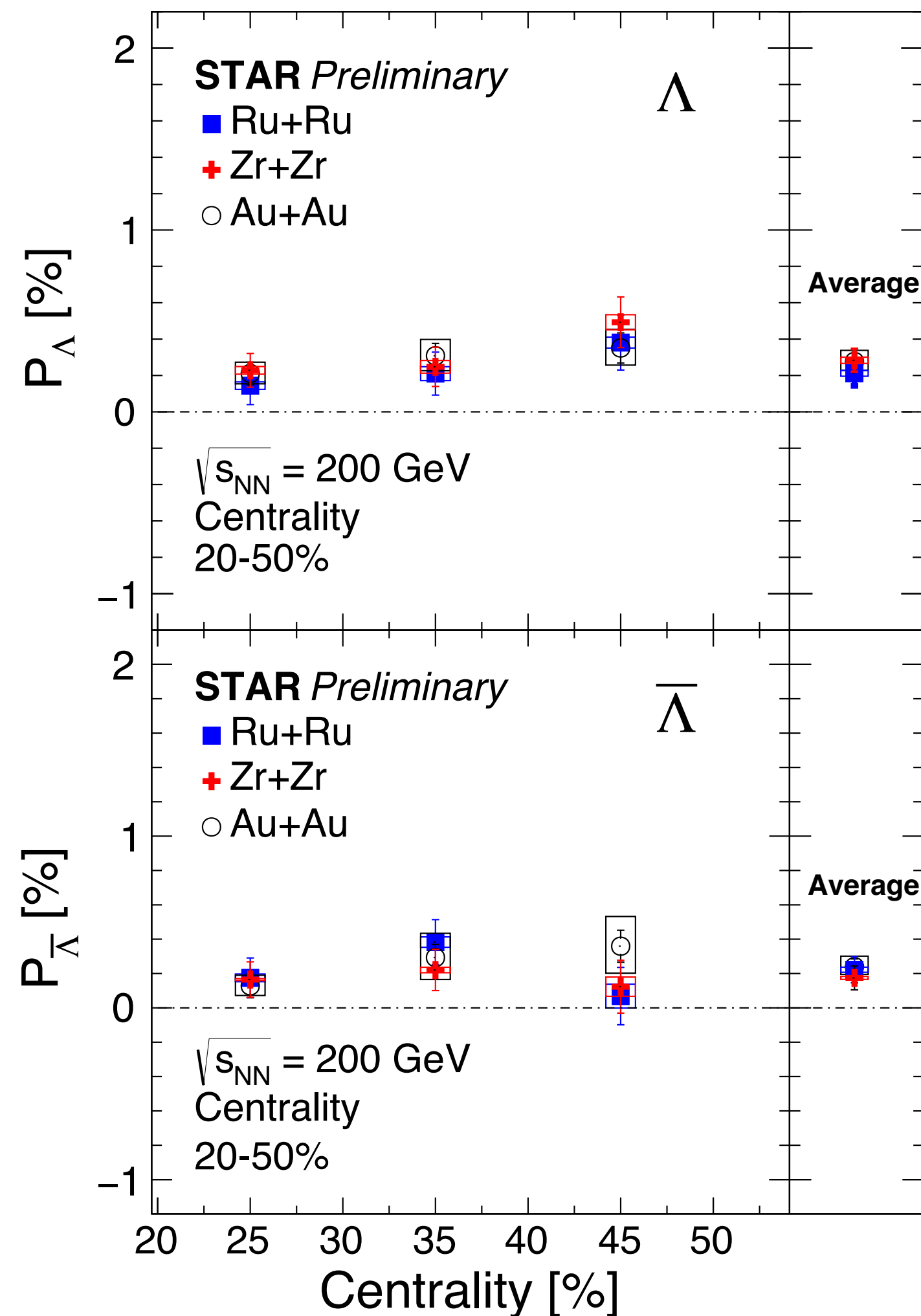
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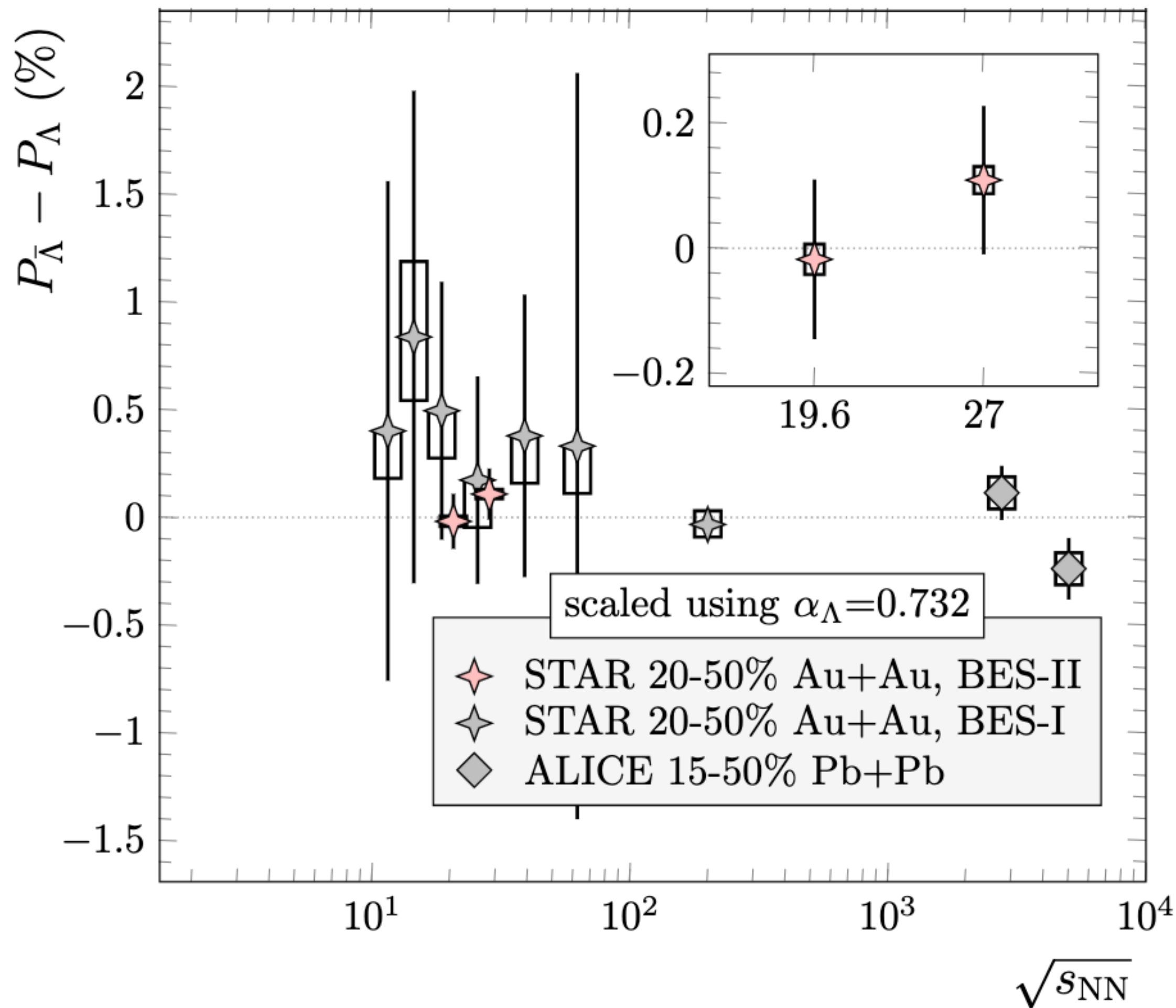
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No system dependence at fixed centrality

Splitting of hyperon polarization



Late stage magnetic field should cause splitting in (anti) Λ polarization

No splitting observed over wide range of beam energies

None in Isobar data either

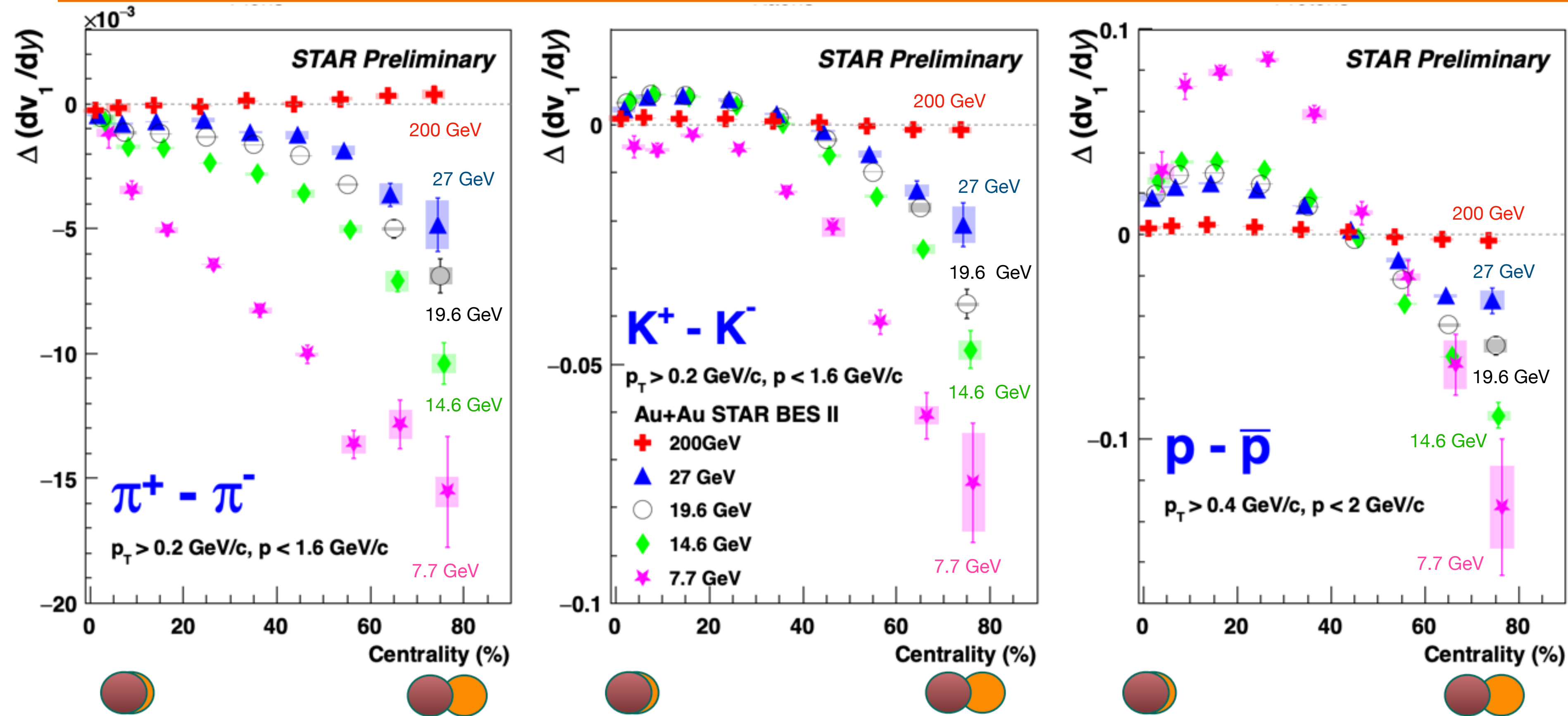
At 95% confidence level late stage magnetic field (Initial field 10^{14} - 10^{16} T)

$$B(19.6 \text{ GeV}) < 9.4 \times 10^{12} \text{ T}$$

$$B(27 \text{ GeV}) < 1.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ T}$$

Does magnetic field die away too quickly?
Can we probe at earlier time?

Directed flow difference



Different effects can/do dominate in different regimes - Have precision to hopefully disentangle

Difference in particle-anti-particle slope:

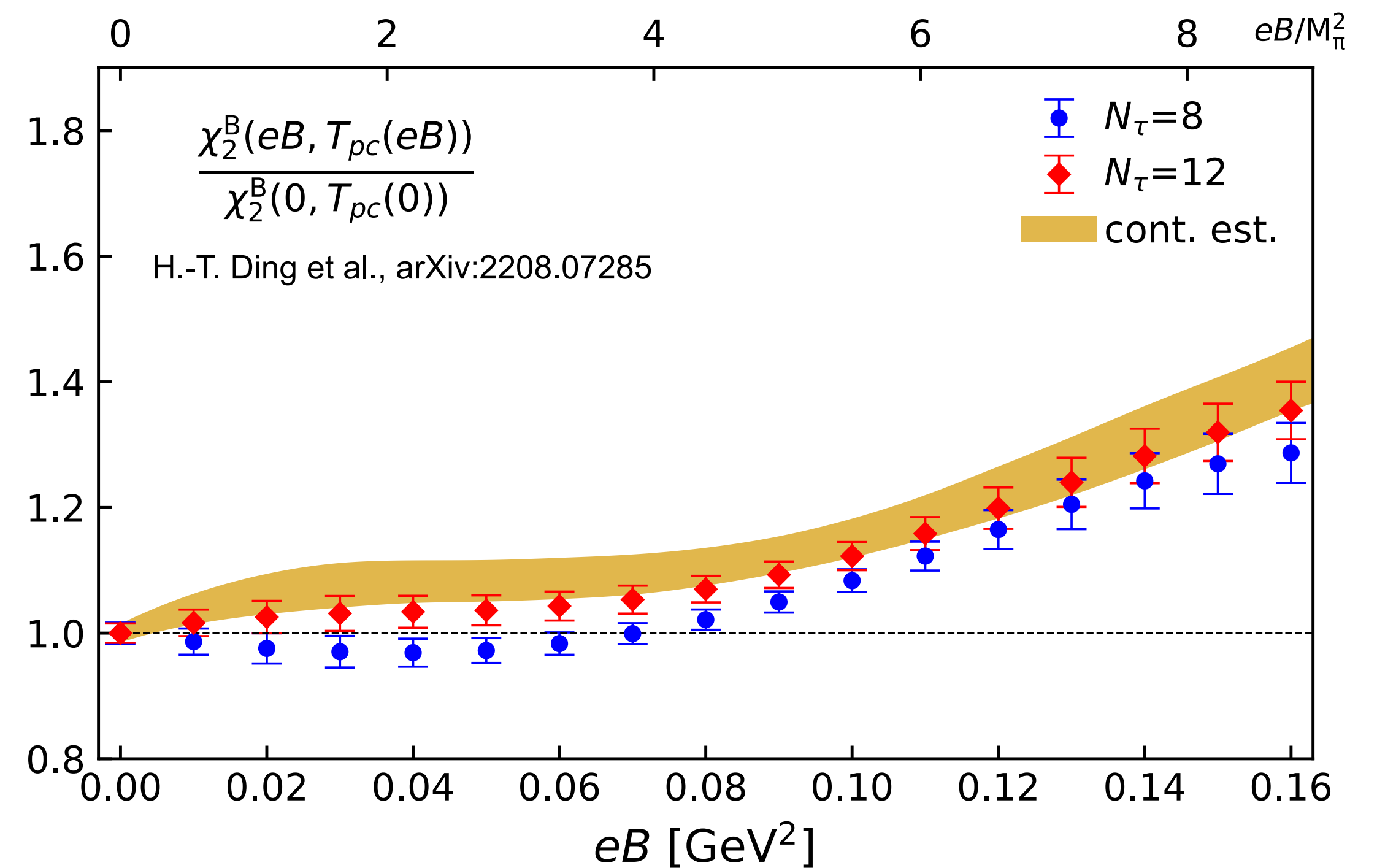
Increases with decreasing centrality - Higher B-field

Increases with decreasing beam energy - Increasing crossing time

Has species dependence - transported vs created quarks

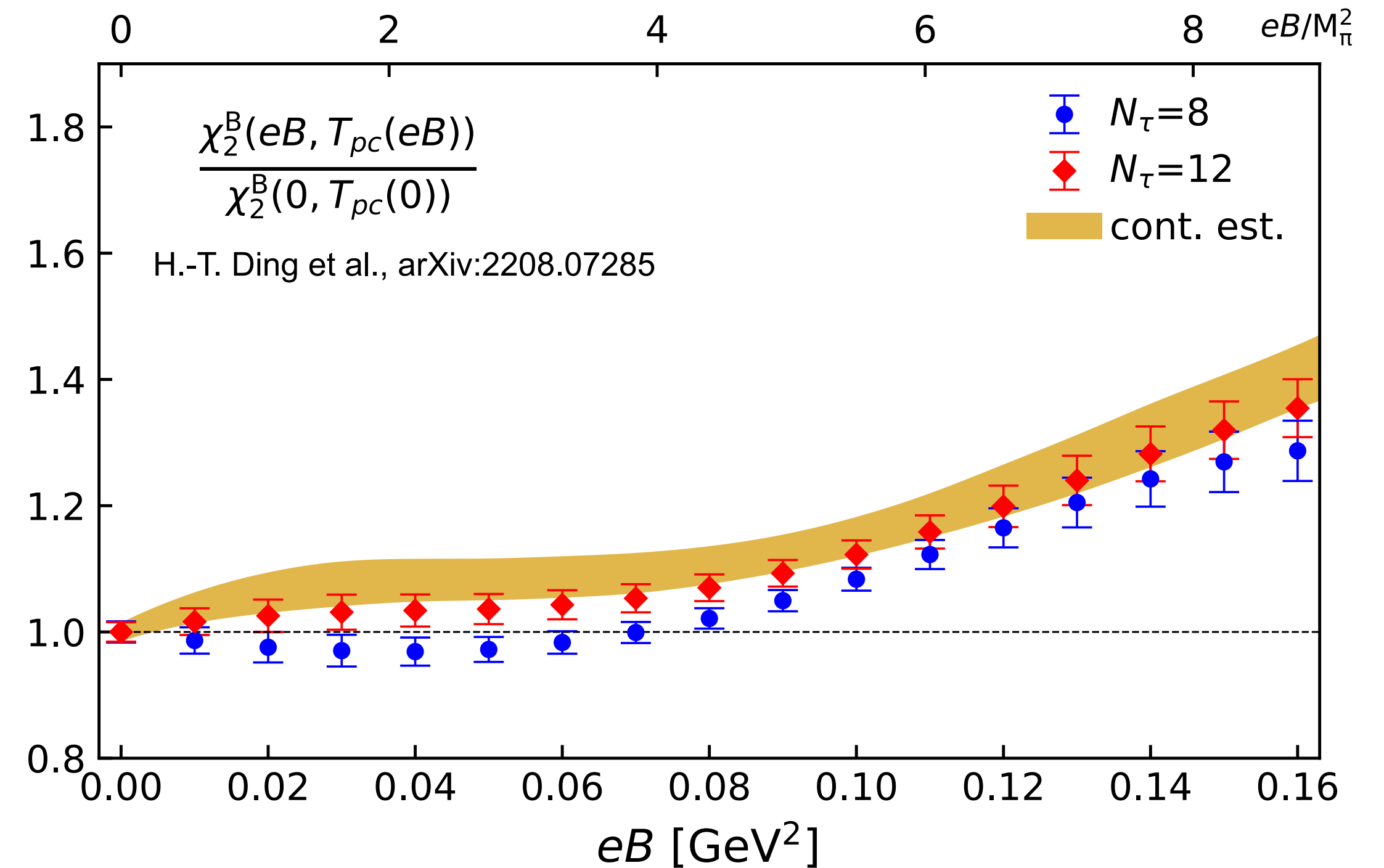
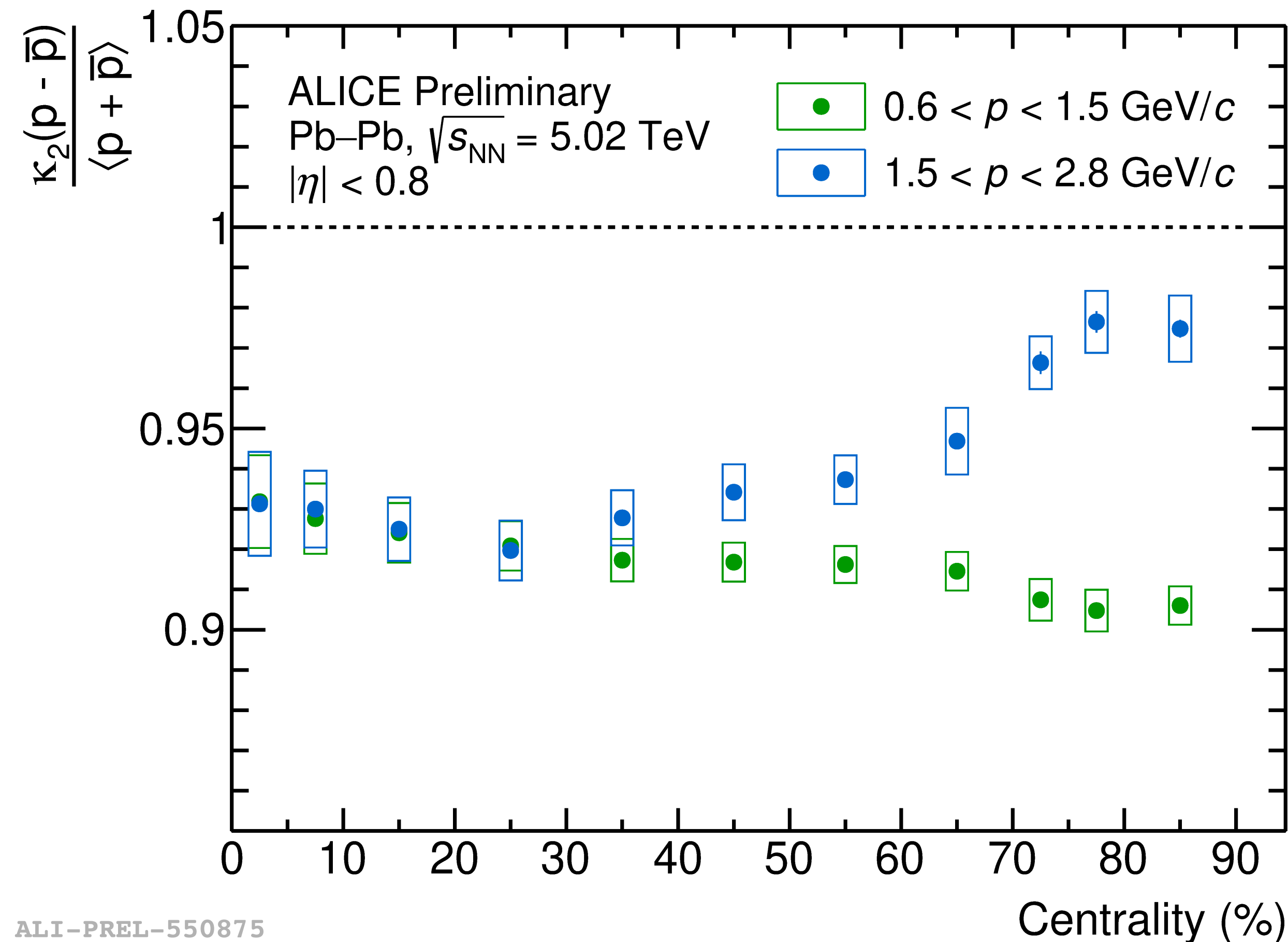
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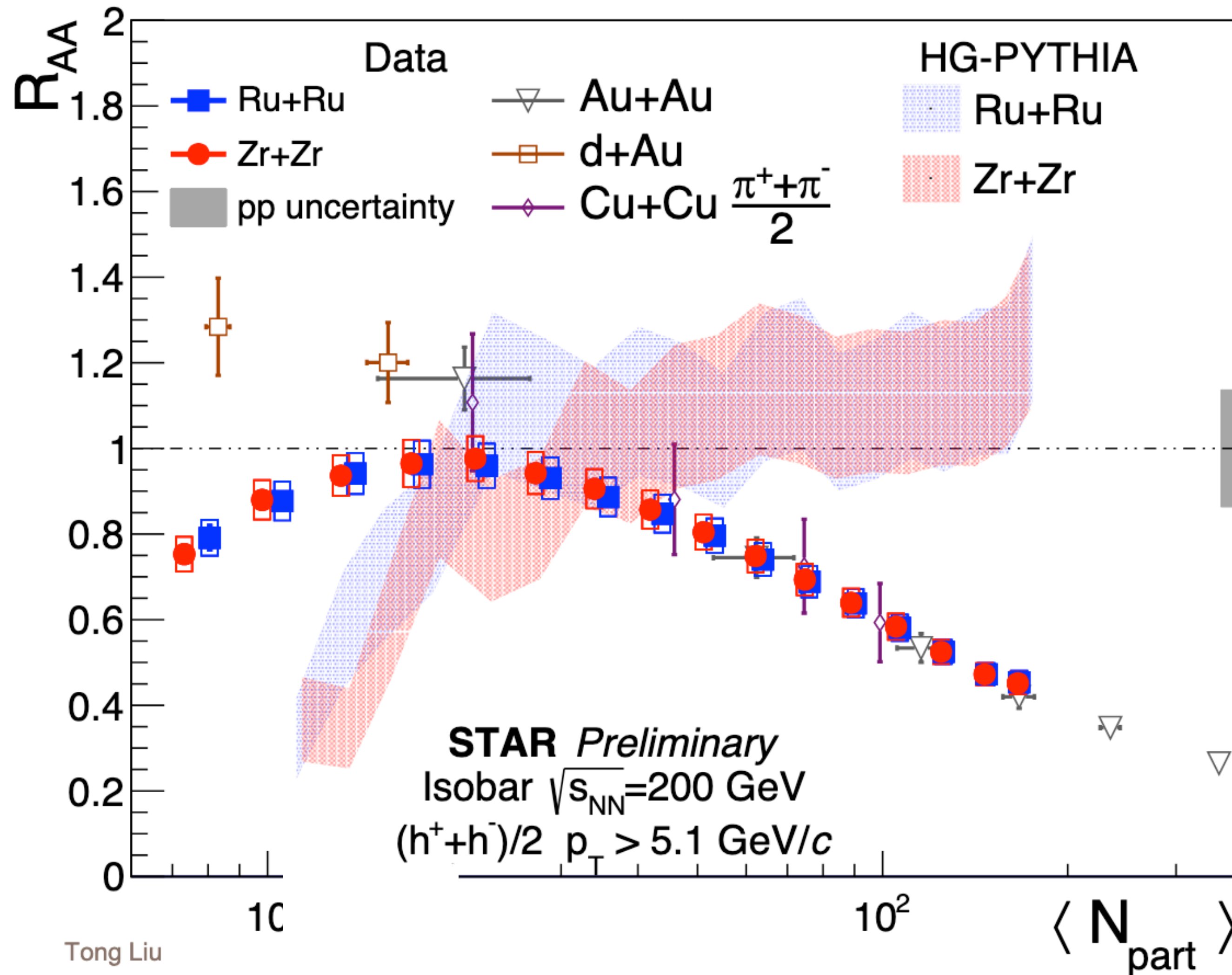


First measurement above 2 GeV/c
Fluctuation in high p range increases in peripheral events - B-field largest

More discussion with theory and measurement in pp needed

**Can We Understand the Nature
of Parton Energy Loss to QGP?**

Precision quenching measurements



$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield(A+A)}{Yield(p+p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$

R_{AA} in 0-60% central events ($N_{part} > 20$) decrease with N_{part}

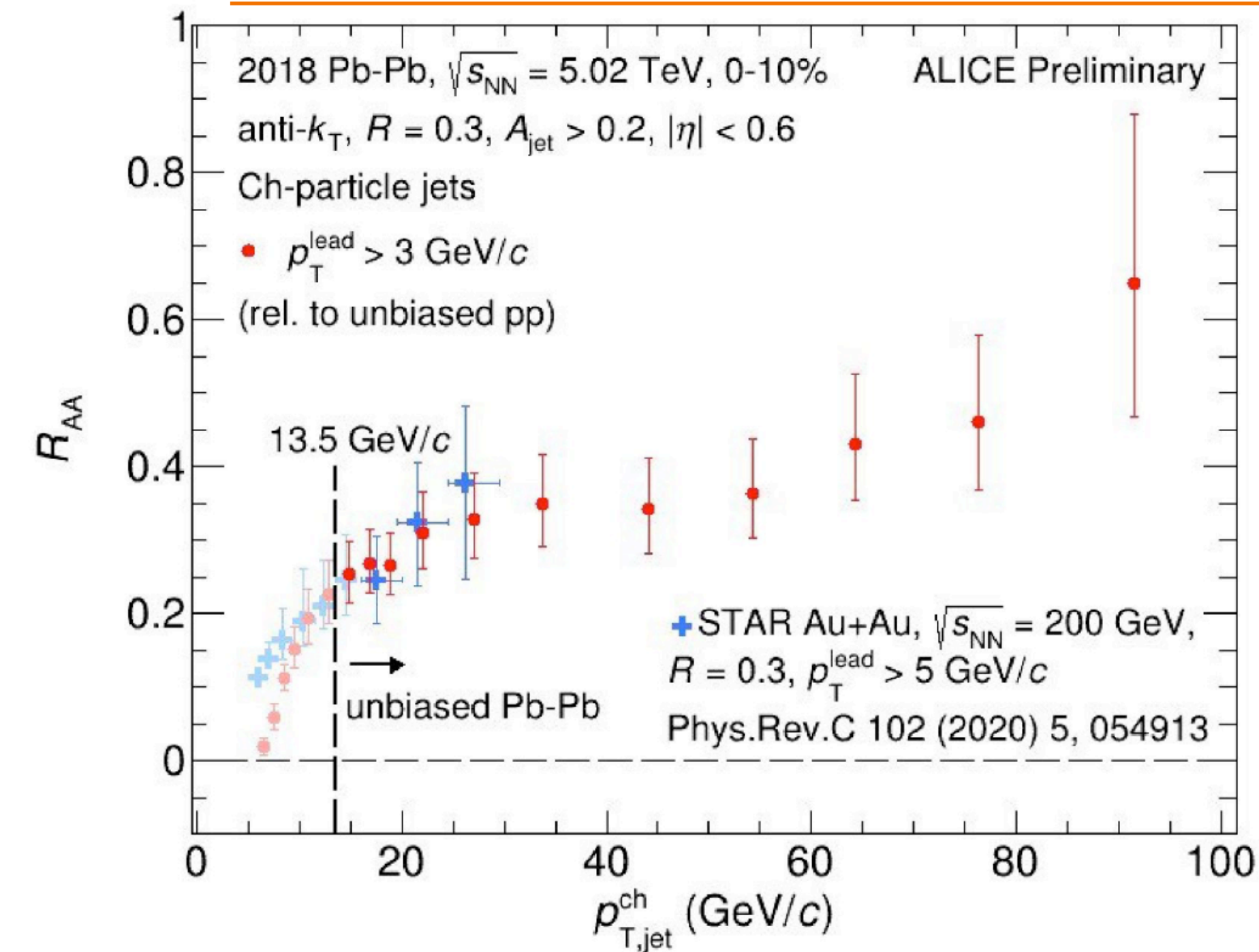
Same R_{AA} at same N_{part} regardless of system

Deviation from trend starting at $N_{part} \approx 20$
 Event selection bias in peripheral events causes artificial suppression?
 - HG-PYTHIA qualitatively gets trend but predicts steeper drop

Jet quenching linear with $\log(N_{part})$

Tong Liu

Nuclear modification of jets



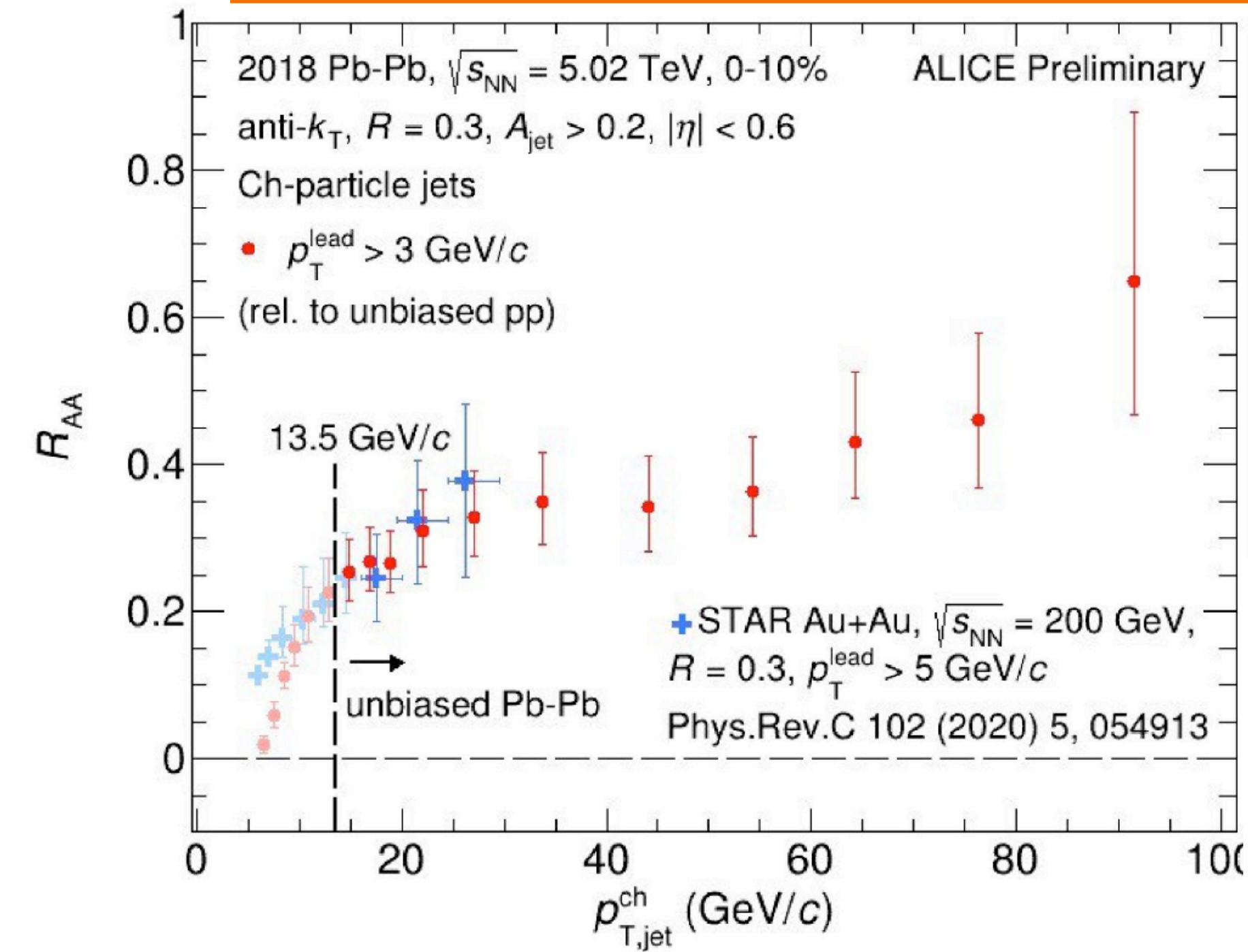
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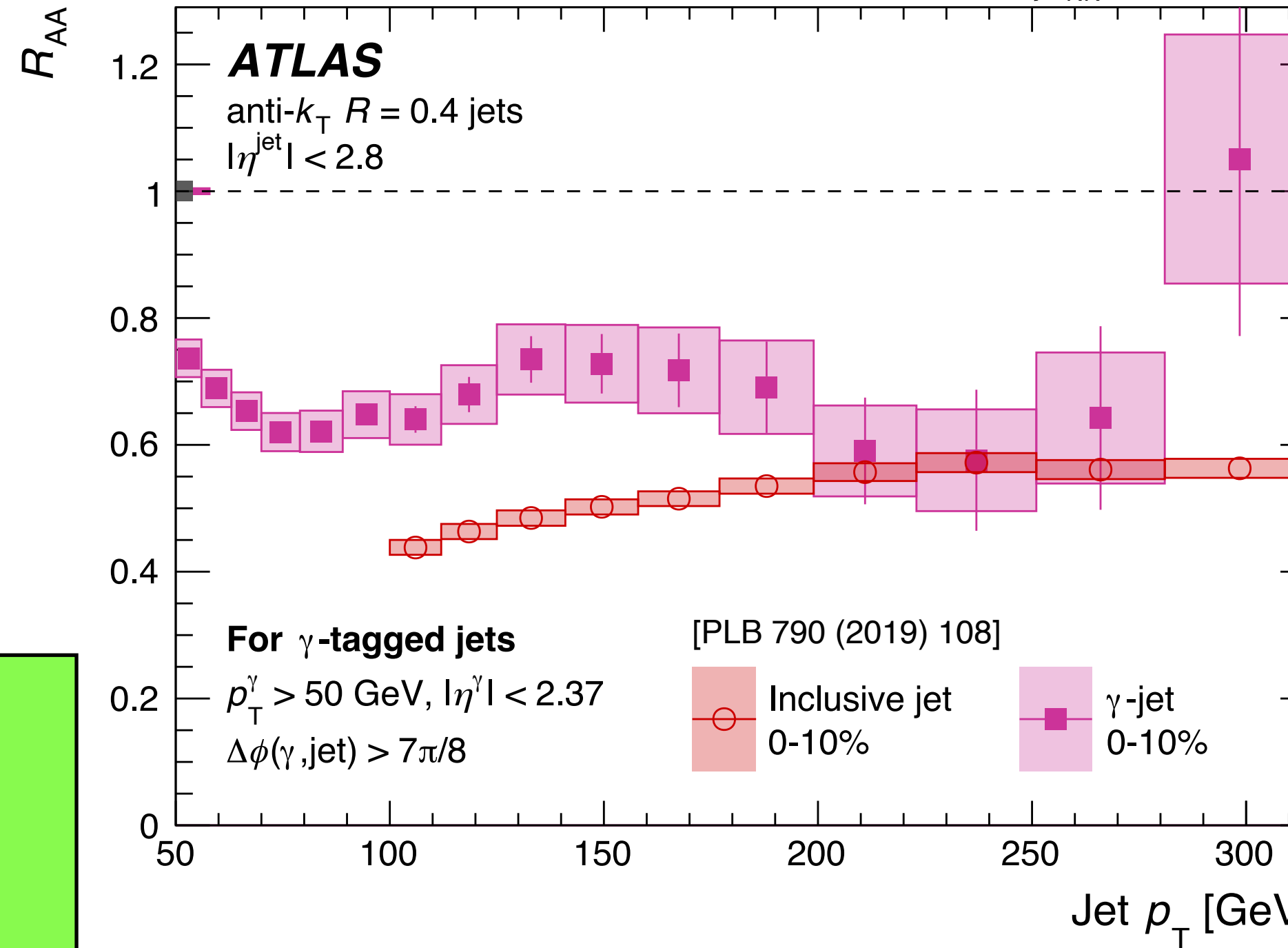
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2018 Pb+Pb 1.7 nb⁻¹, 2017 pp 260 pb⁻¹, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



$\sim 80\%$ quark jets

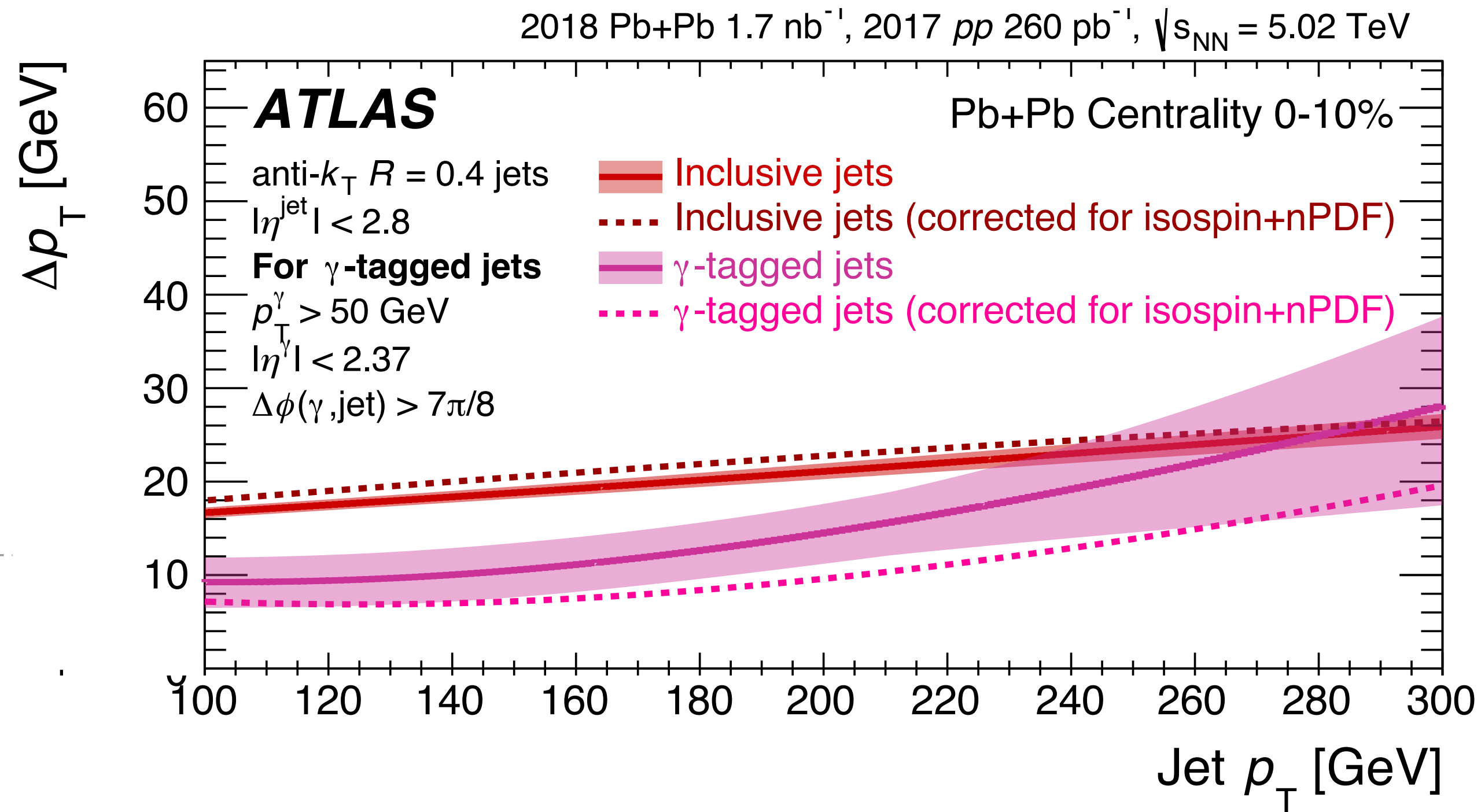
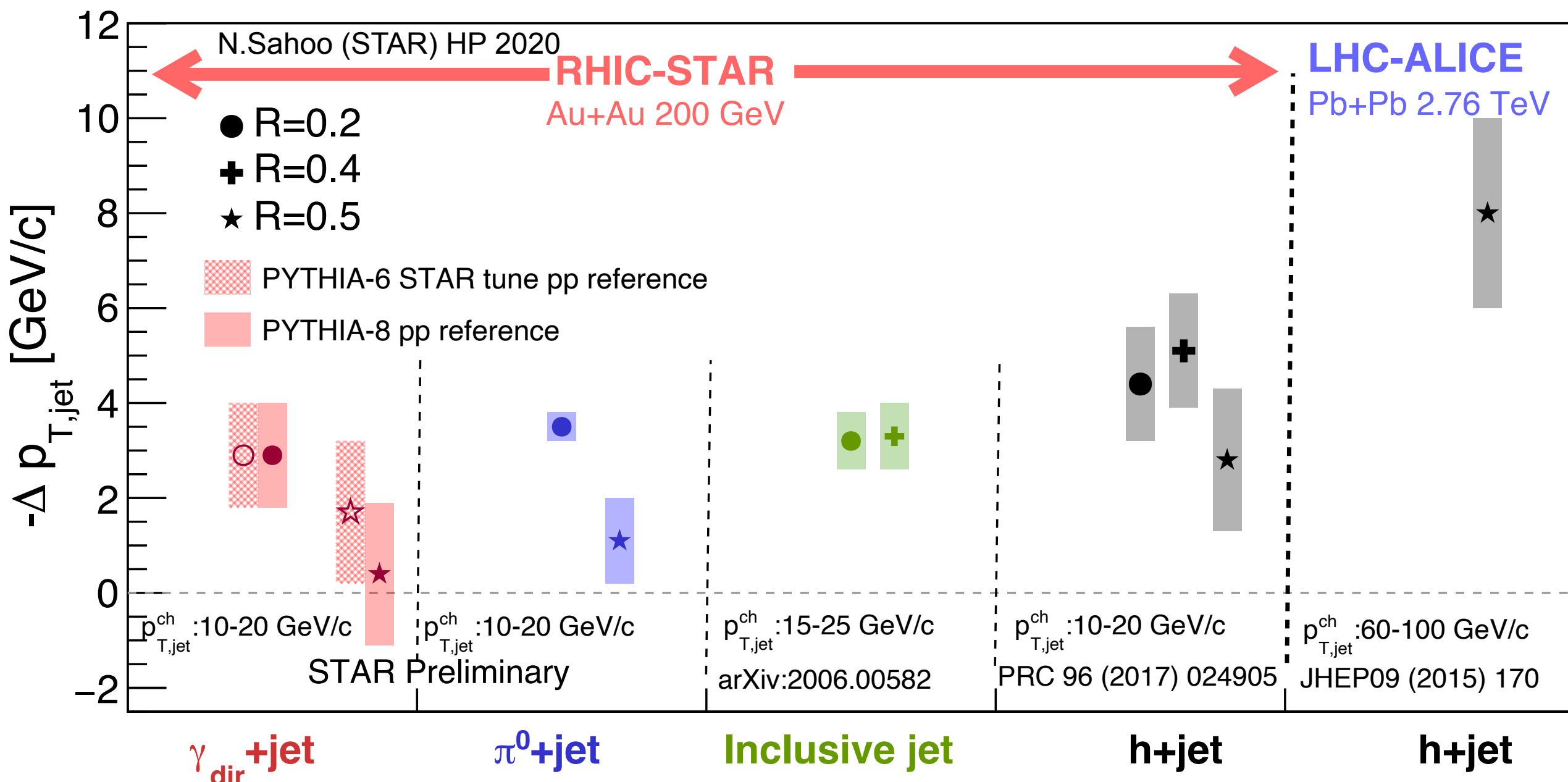
$\sim 40\text{--}50\%$ quark jets

Clear difference in R_{AA} for inclusive and γ -tagged jets

In both cases interpretation complicated due to differing slopes of pp baselines

Energy loss of jets to QGP

Δp_T removes effect of changing pp spectra - first performed by PHENIX



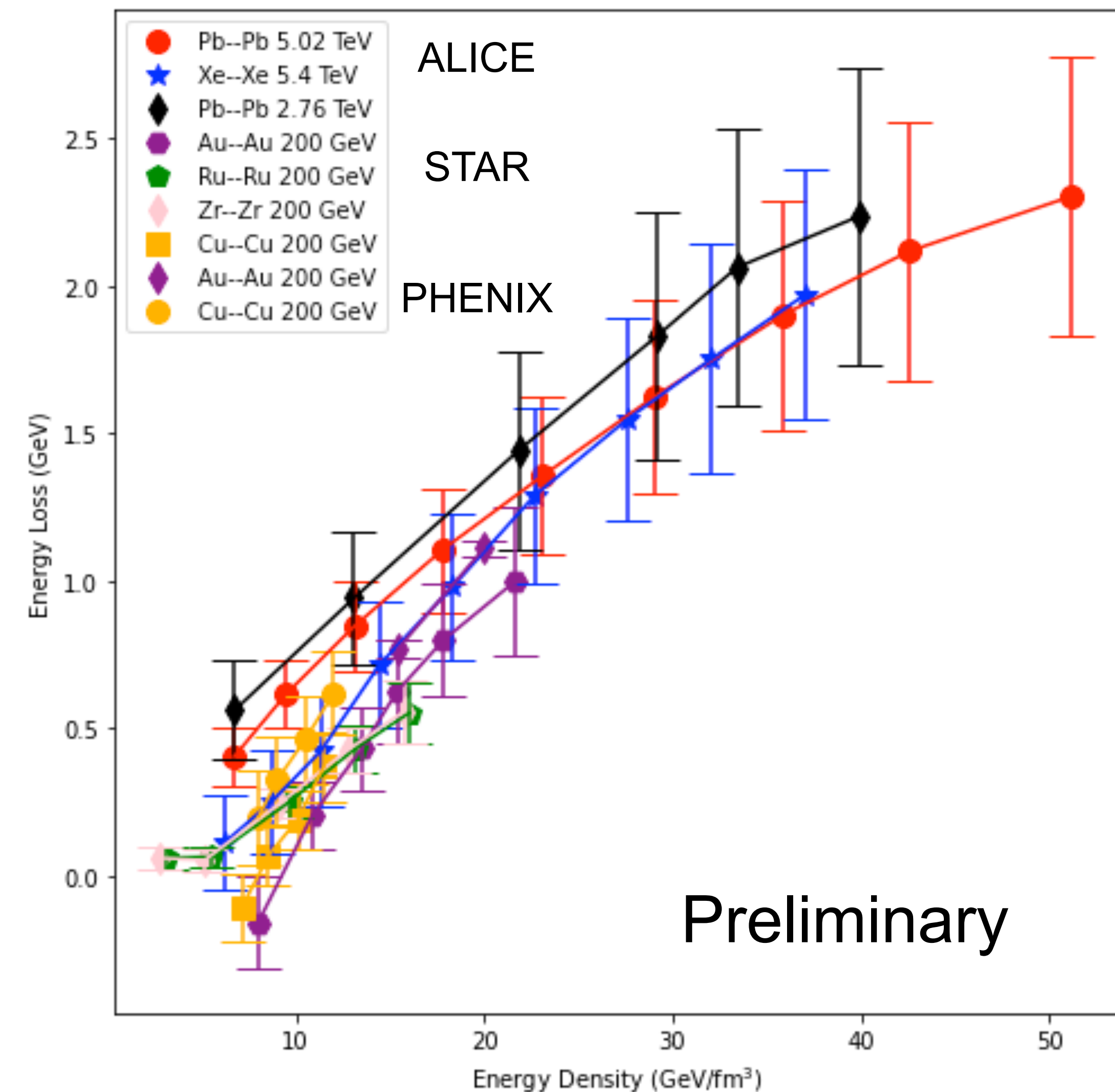
$$\Delta p_T (\text{RHIC}) < \Delta p_T (\text{LHC})$$

$$\Delta p_T (\text{quark}) < \Delta p_T (\text{g})$$

- Interesting to go in an unfold to “true” Δp_T of q and g

Need to also understand variation in E_{Loss} per jet from theory and experimental side

Energy loss vs energy density



E_{Loss} from: shift of p_T spectra

Approximate energy density from:

$$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \longrightarrow dS/dy \longrightarrow s_f T_f = dS/dy/A_T = S_{\text{init}} T_{\text{init}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{init}} = 3/4 s_{\text{init}} T_{\text{init}}$$

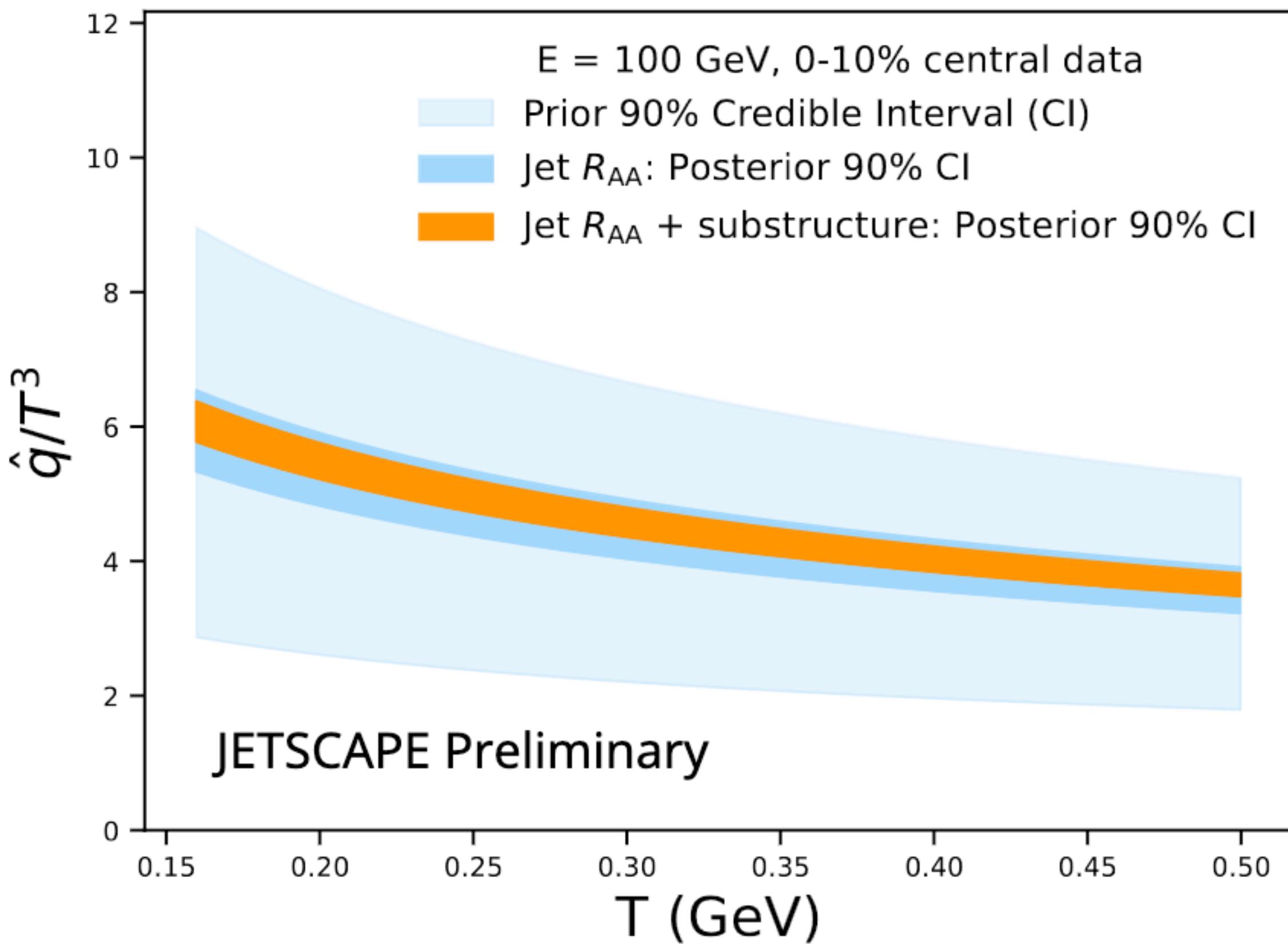
Given number of approximations reasonably reasonable correlation between E_{Loss} and ϵ_{init} over different species and collision energies

Link between entropy and charged particle density very sensitive to viscosity.

Maybe worth more careful calculation?

More details on estimates see 2308.05743 J. Harris & B. Muller

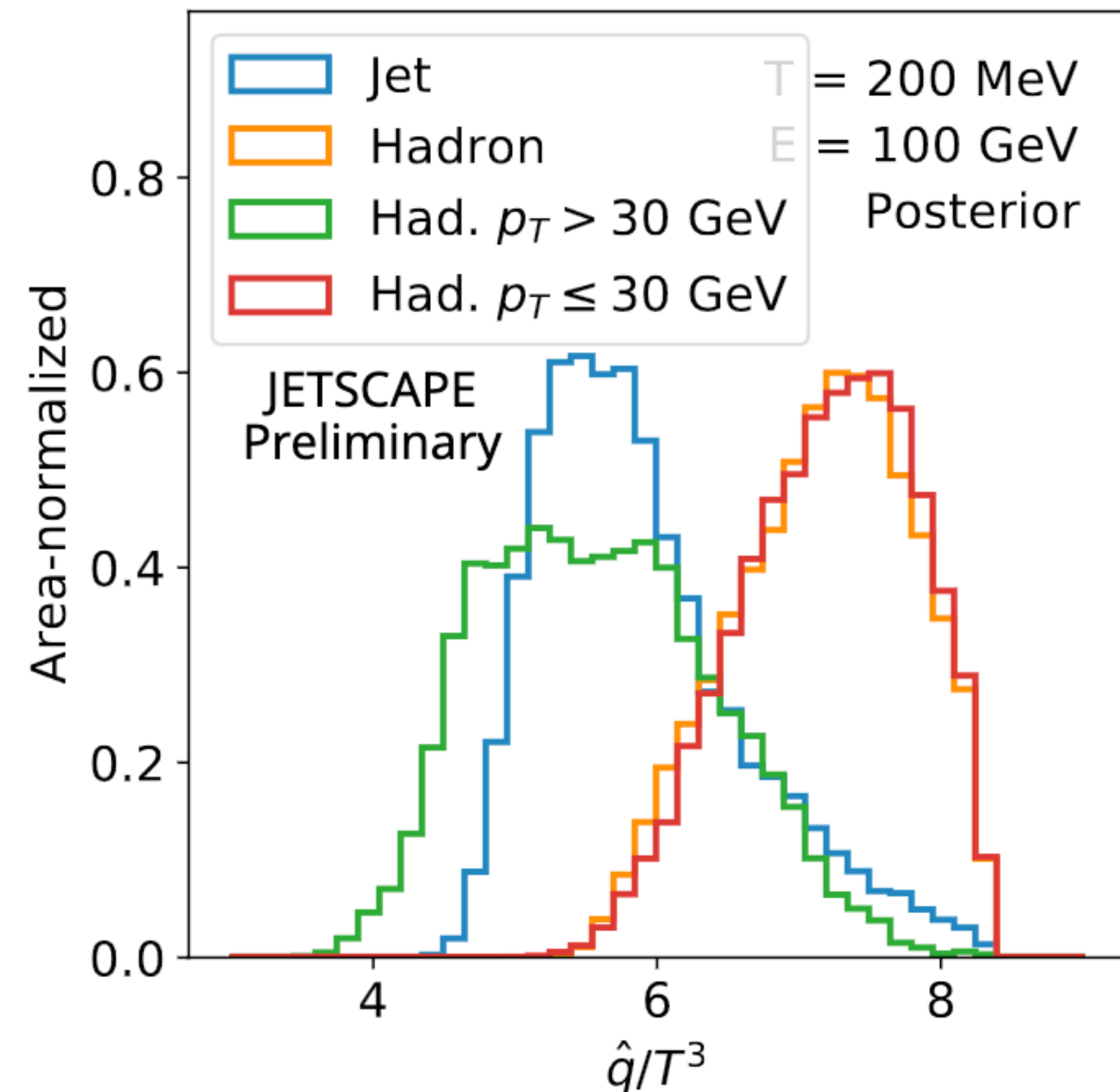
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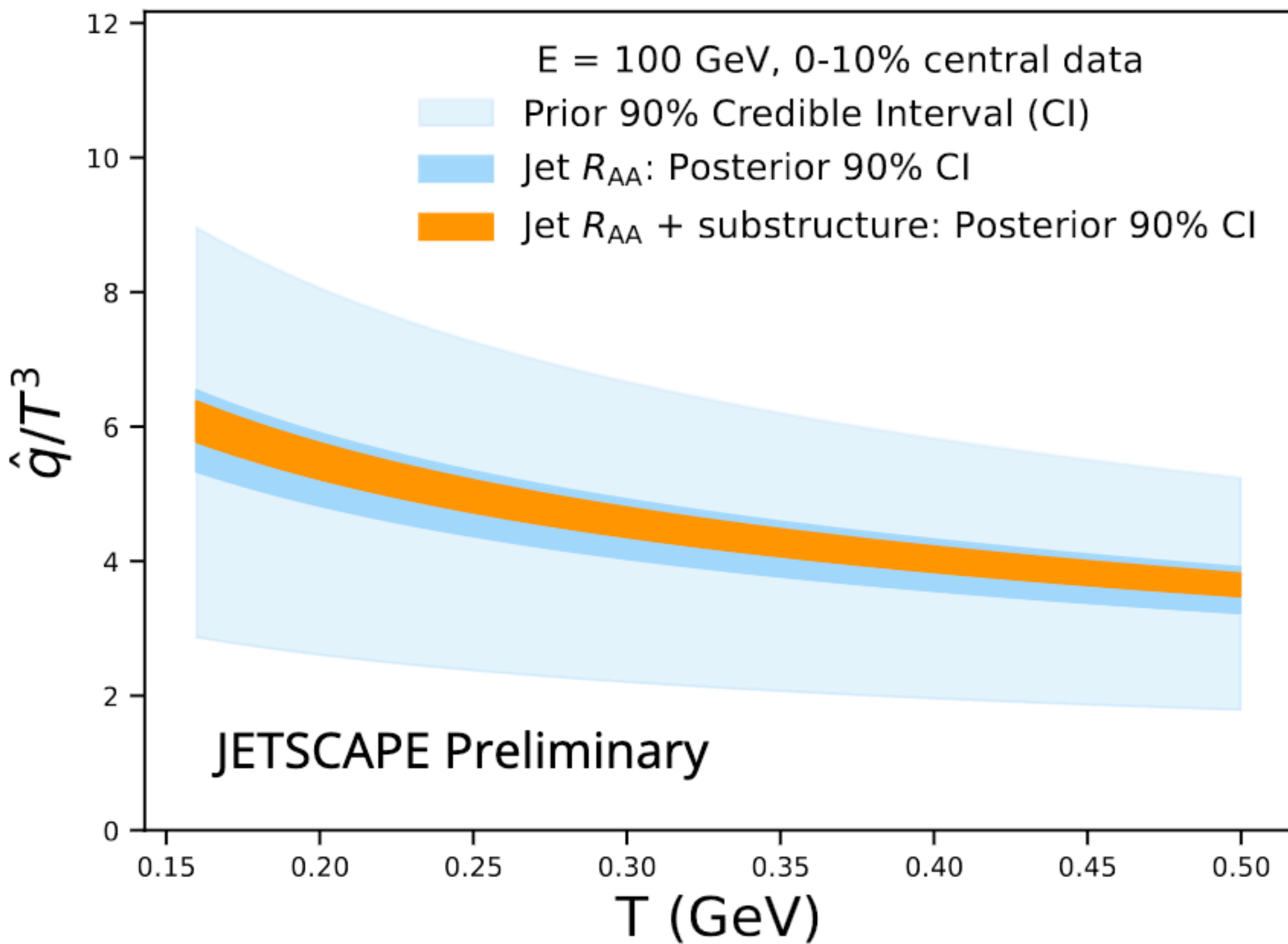
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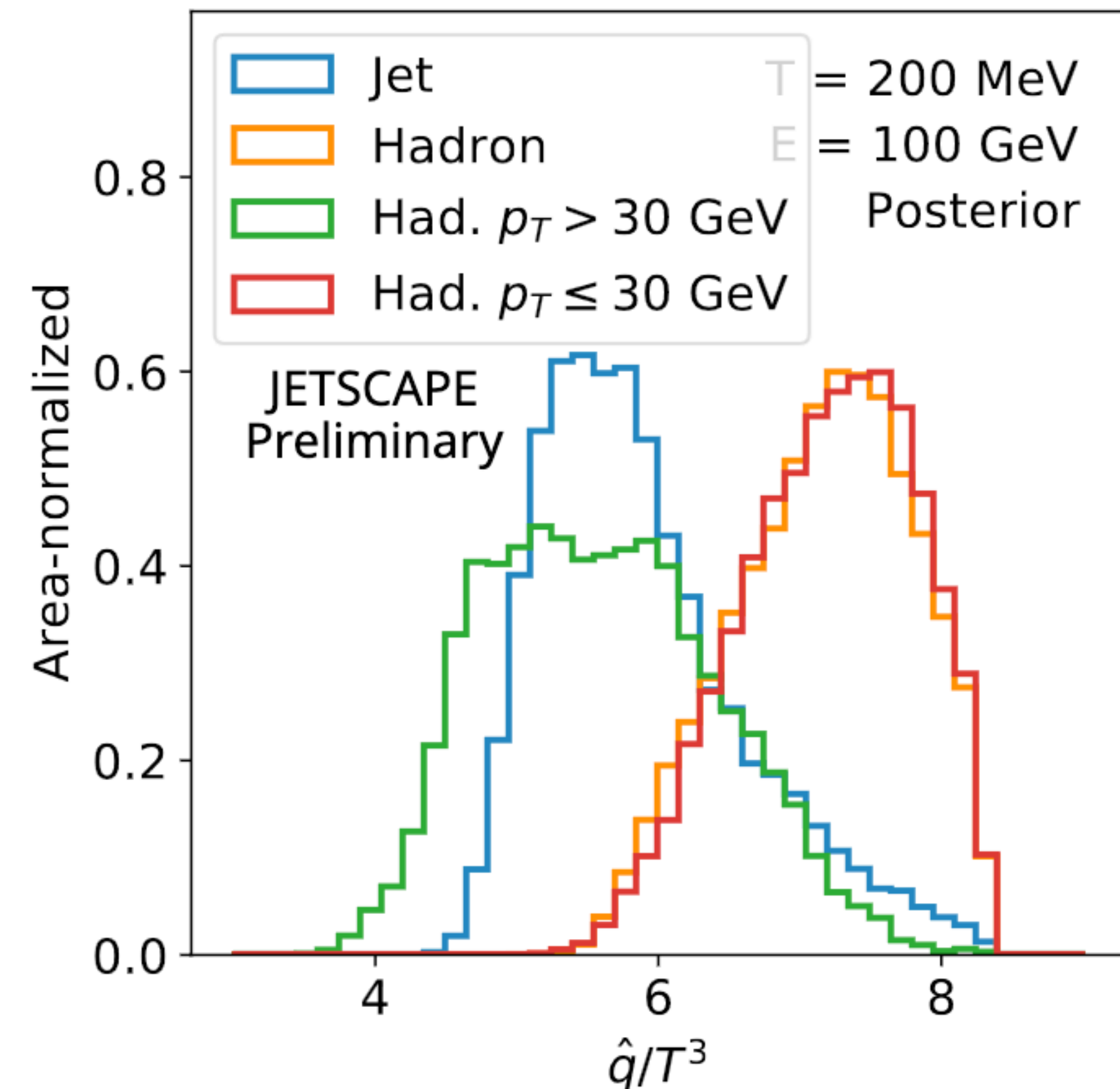


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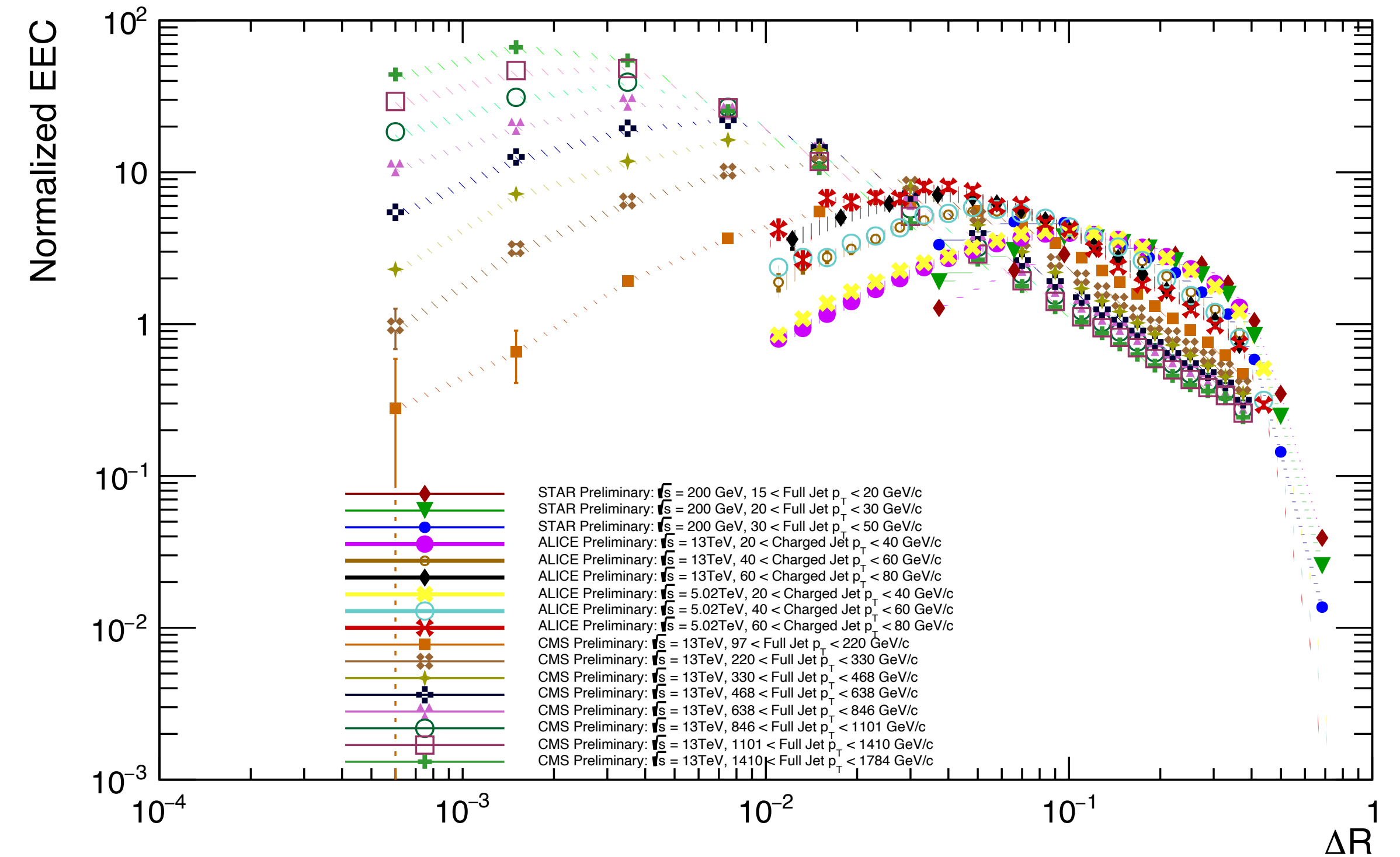
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Some physics missing?
 Uncertainties incorrect?
 Theory uncertainty critical?
 All of the above?

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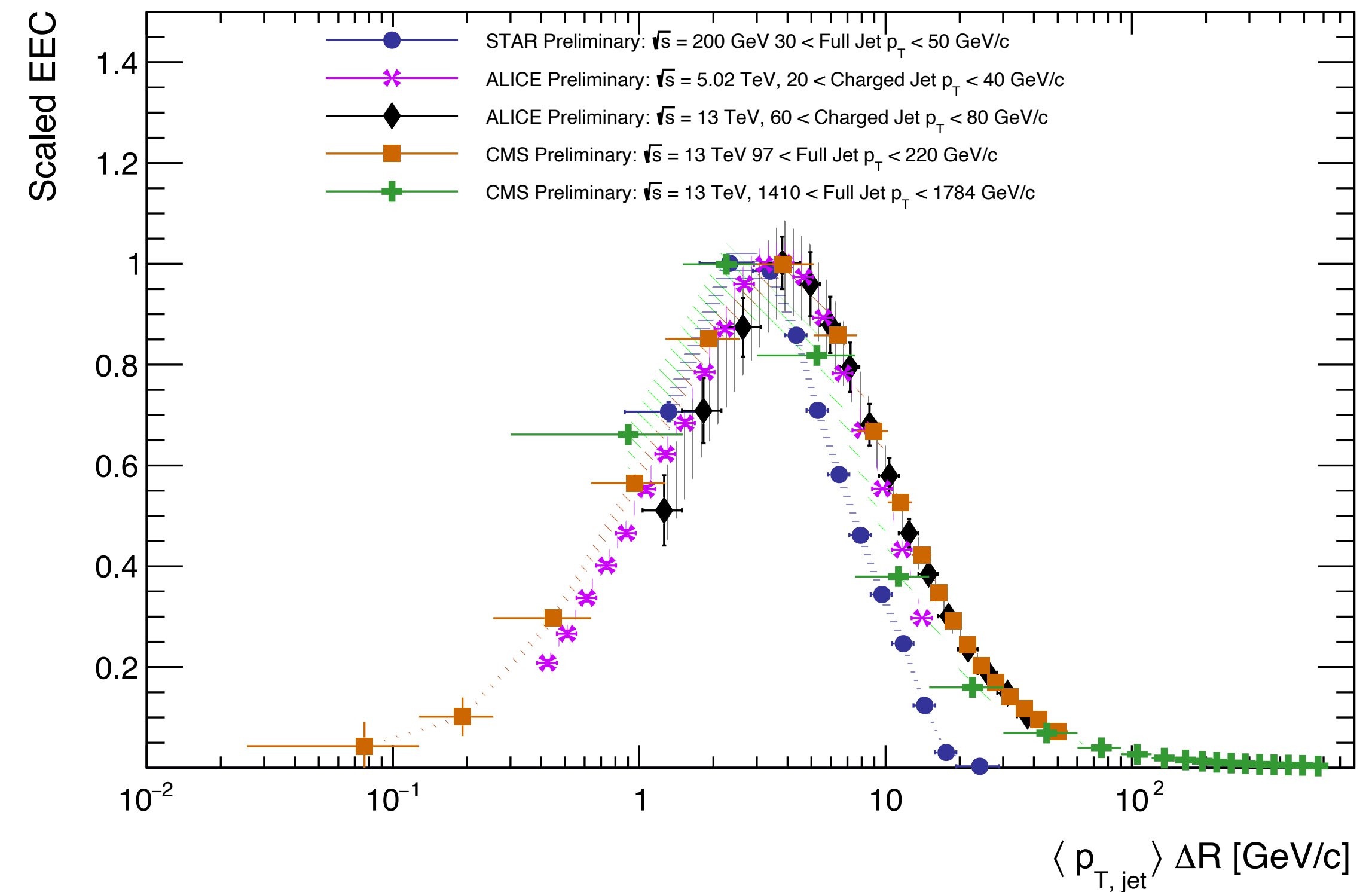
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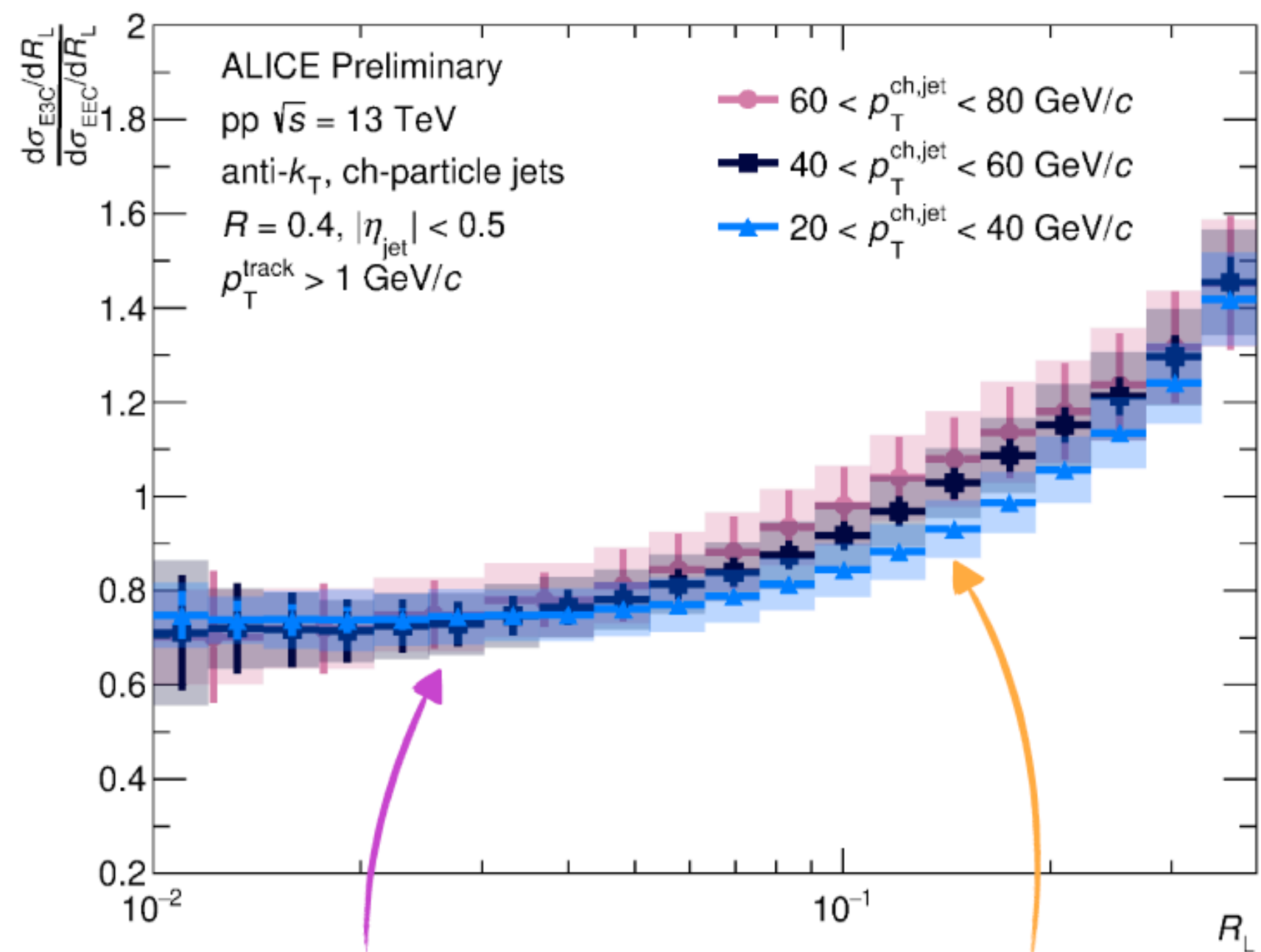
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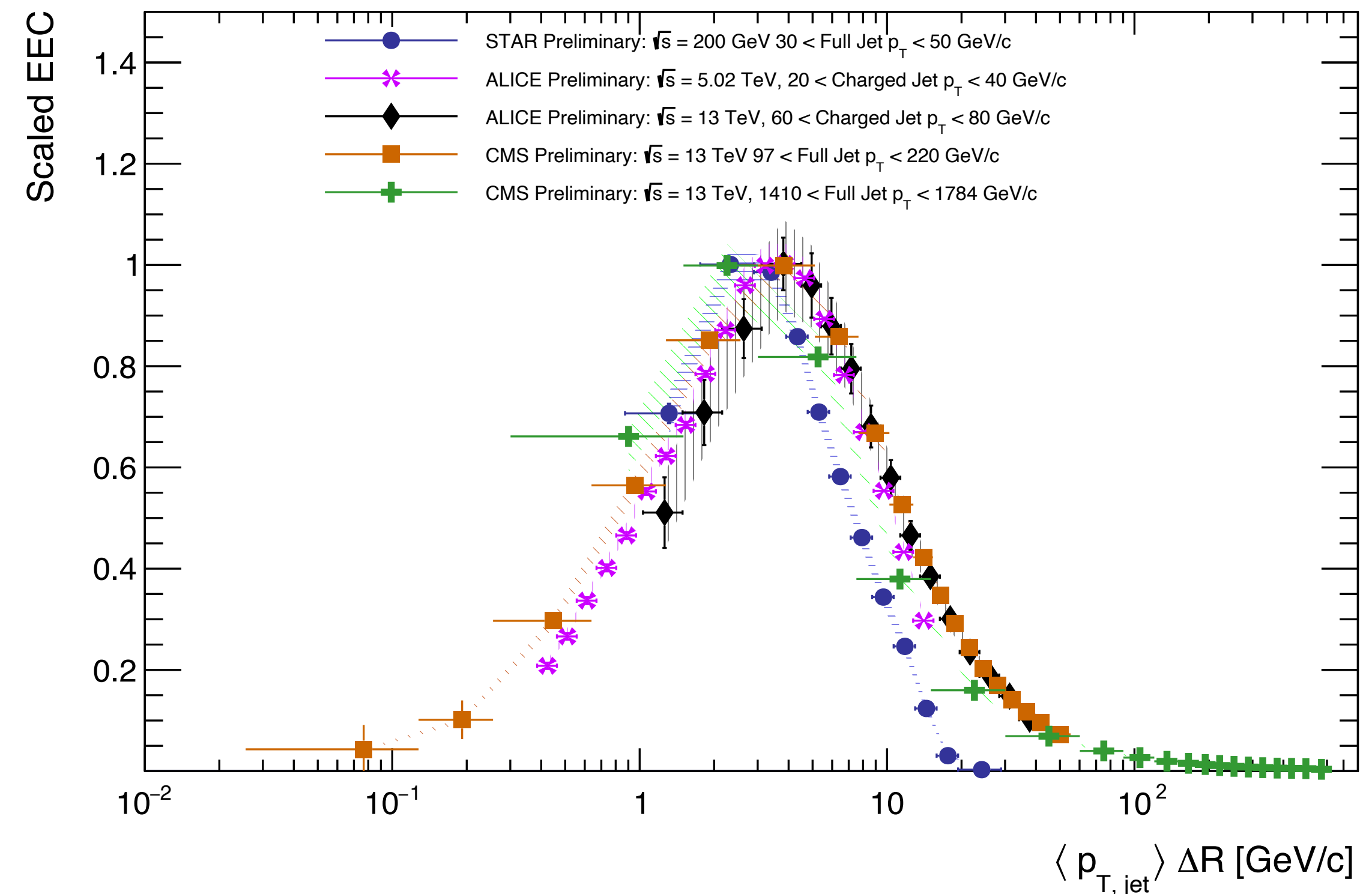
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Free hadron
scaling region

Perturbative
scaling region



Ratio of 3-point/2-point correlators:

Decrease in slope at large ΔR with increasing jet p_T
 consistent with running of α_s

ENC behavior understood in vacuum from 15 -1784 GeV

Sensitivity to medium effects

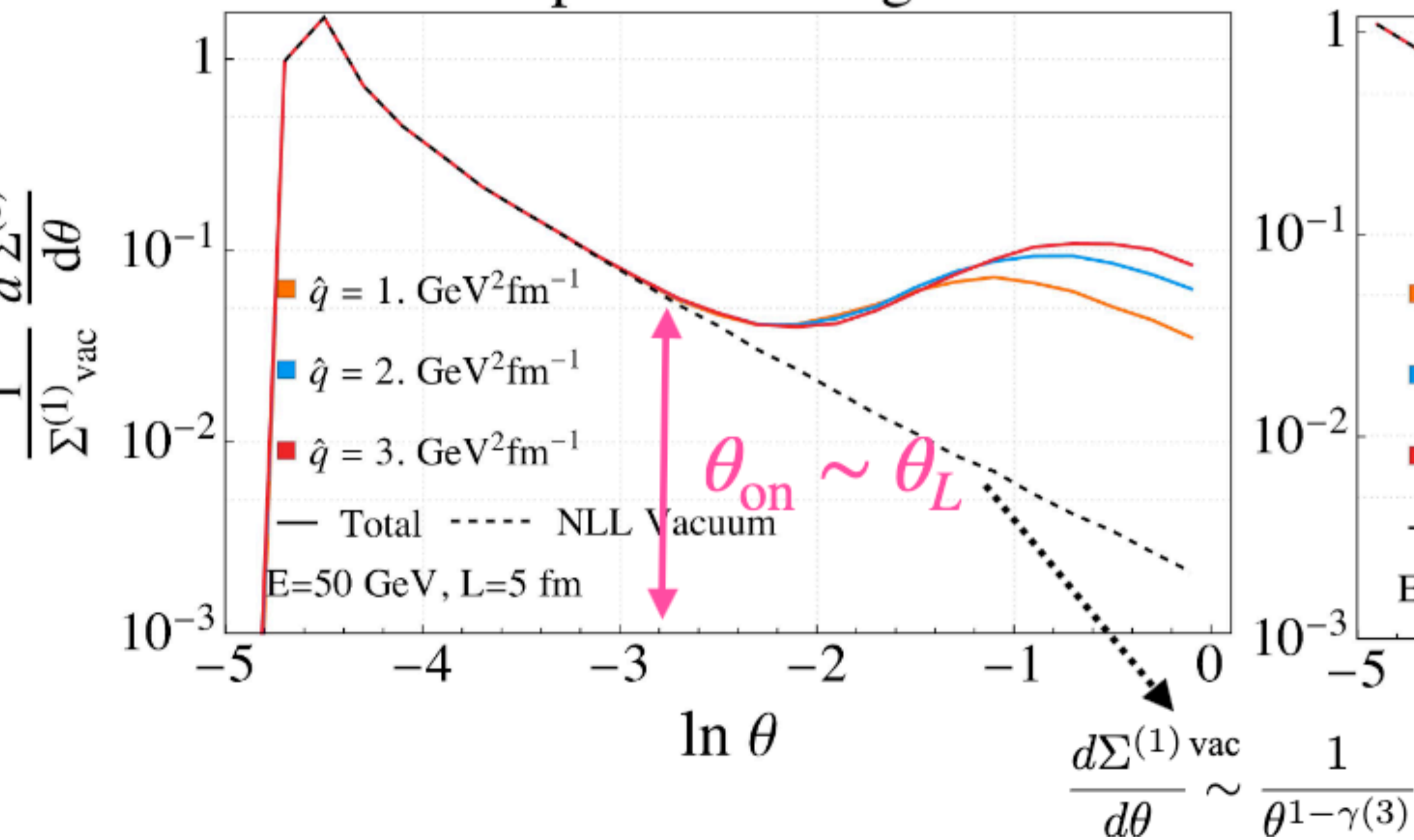
First study using static toy model and no background

θ_c - decoherence angle, θ_L - where formation time longer than L

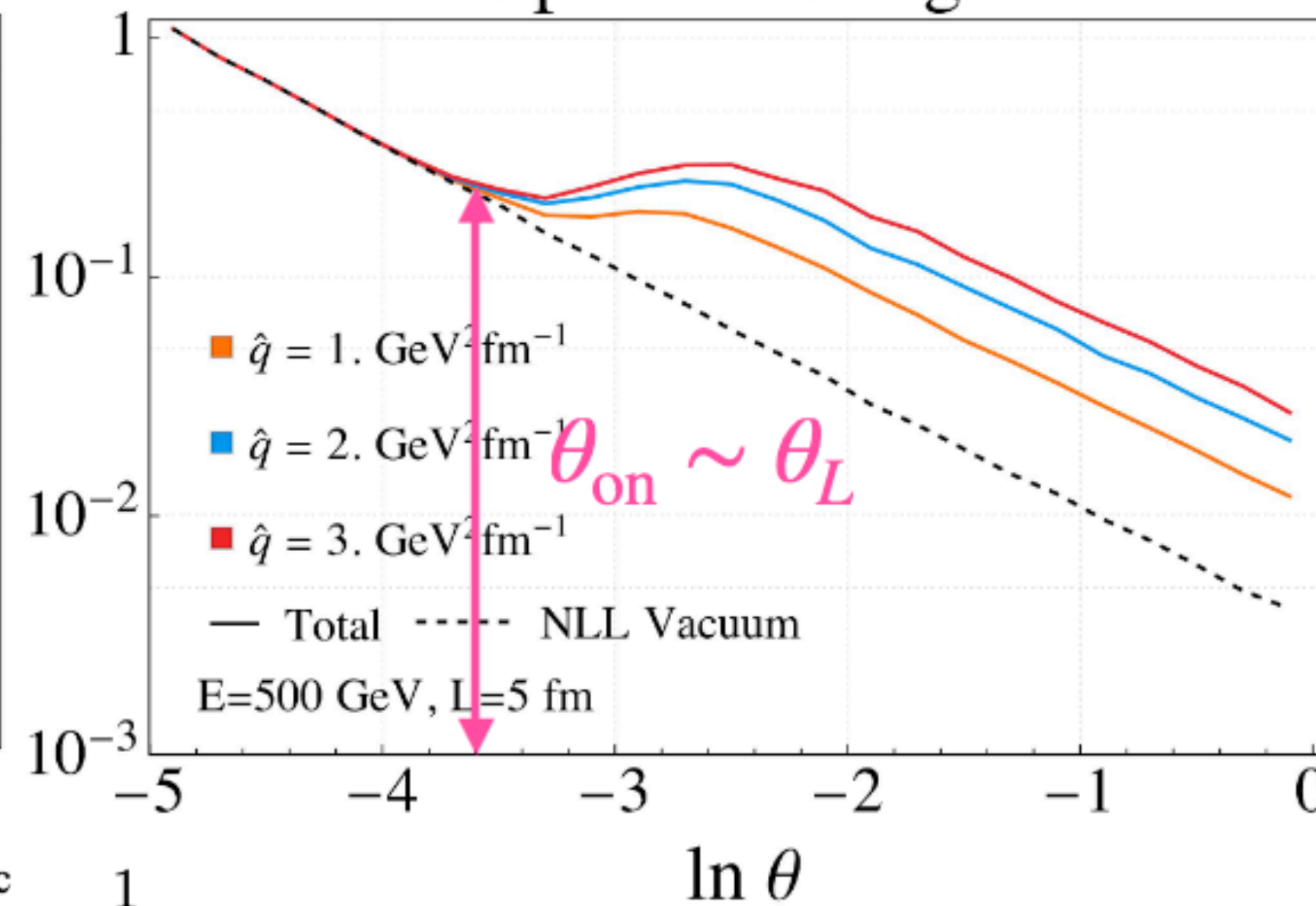
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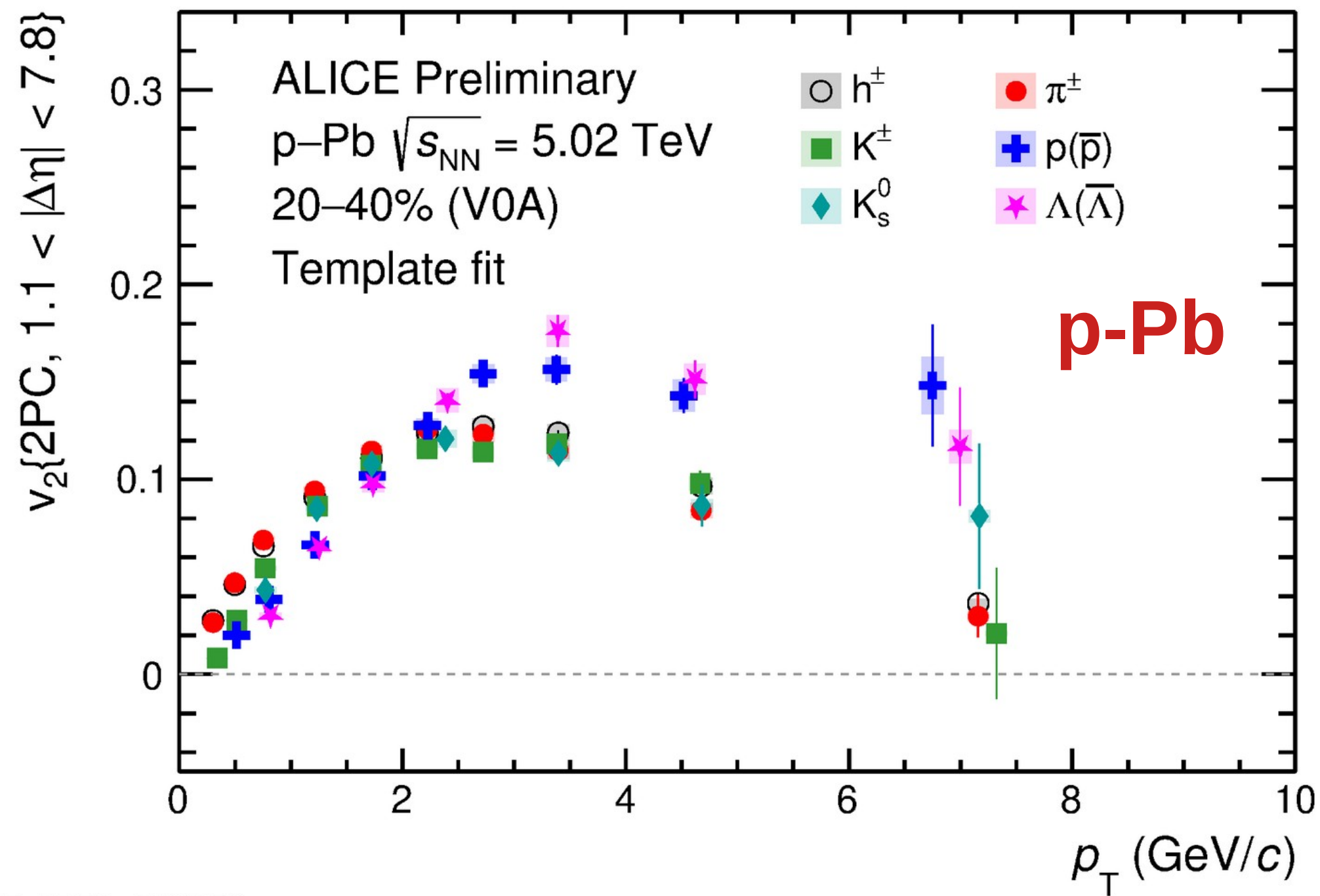
Medium-induced radiation effects only at small angles
 θ_{onset} independent of \hat{q}

How does more realistic simulation look?

Collaborations hard at work on these measurements, expect first results soon

**Can We Understand Small
Systems?**

Small system flow

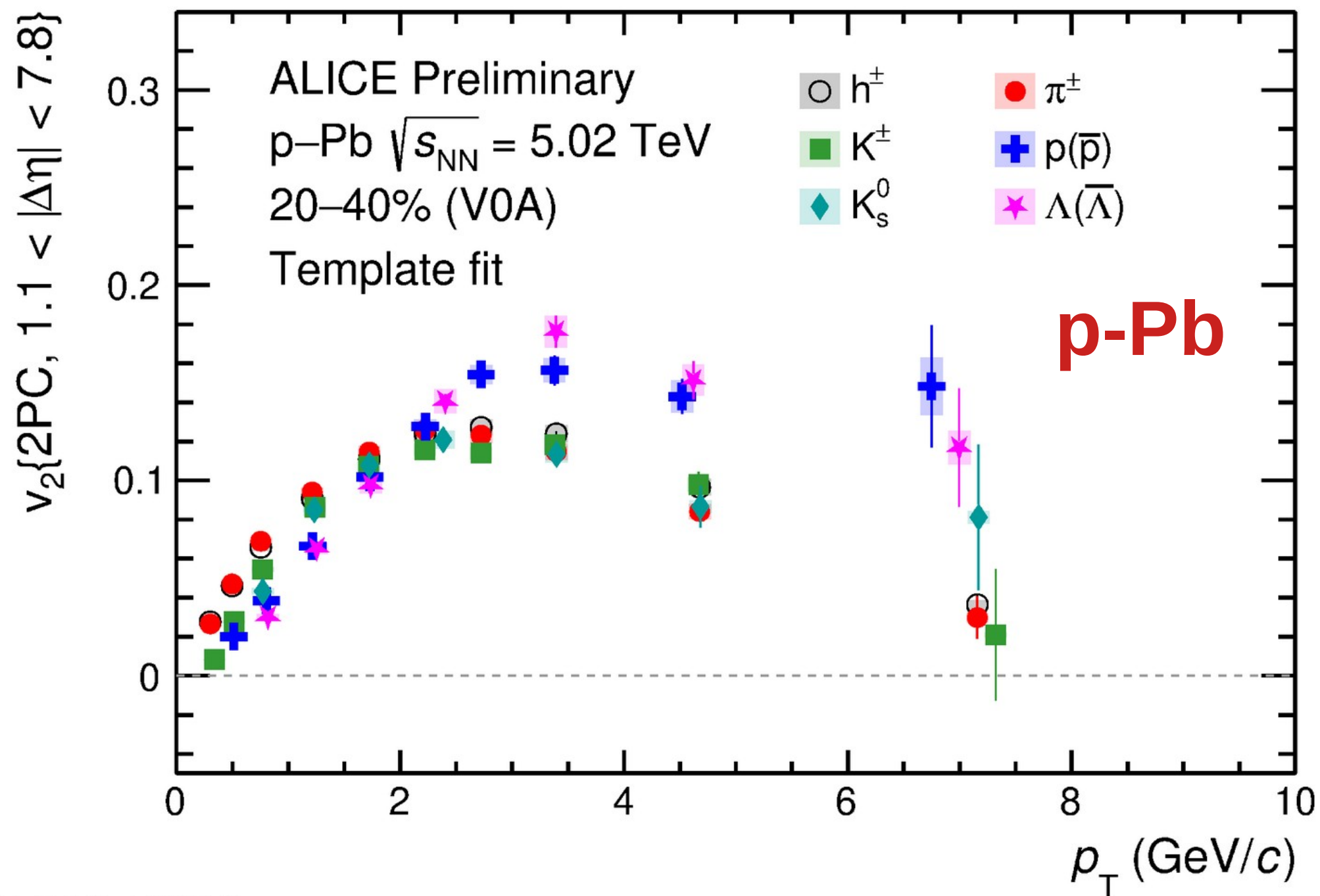


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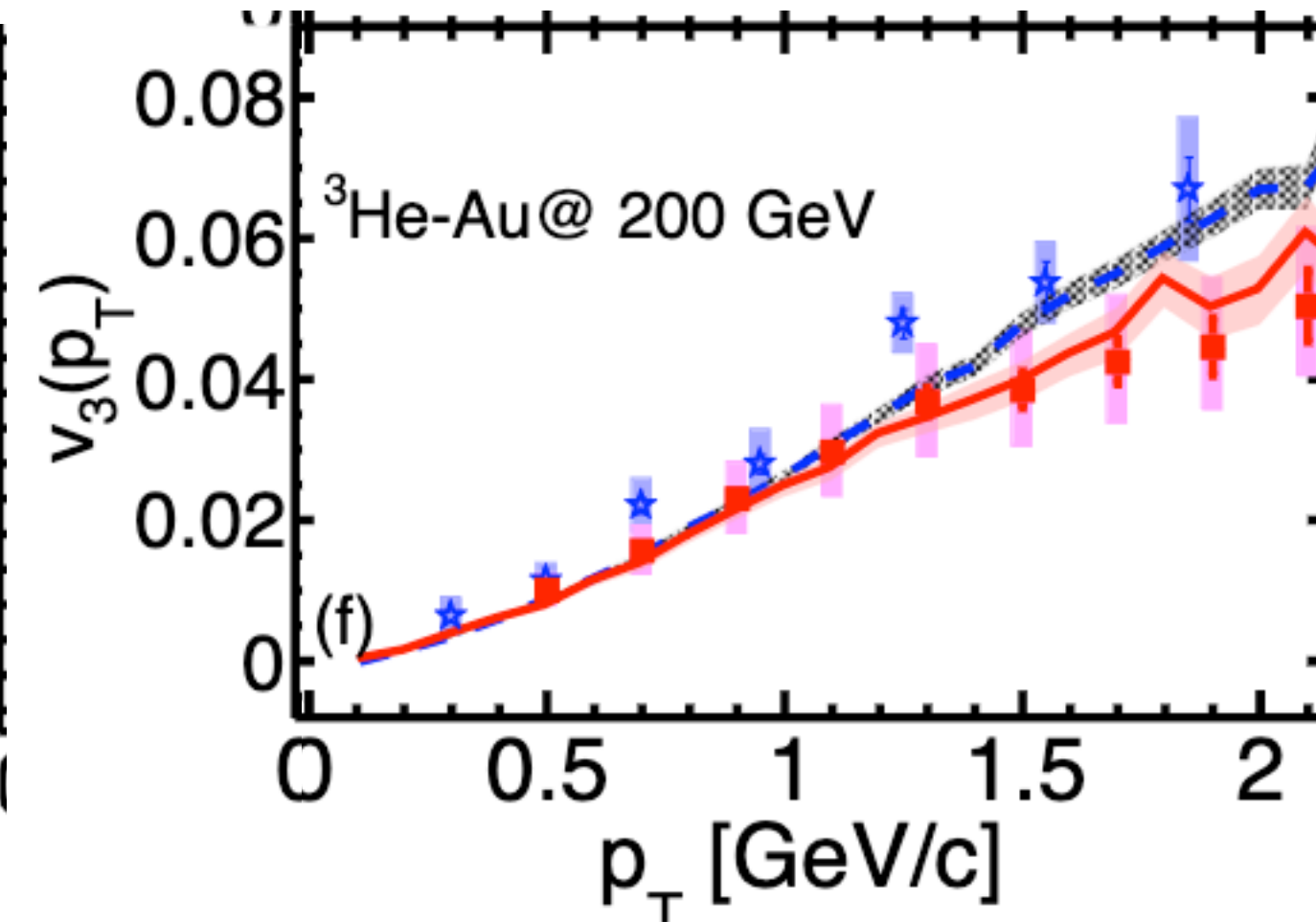
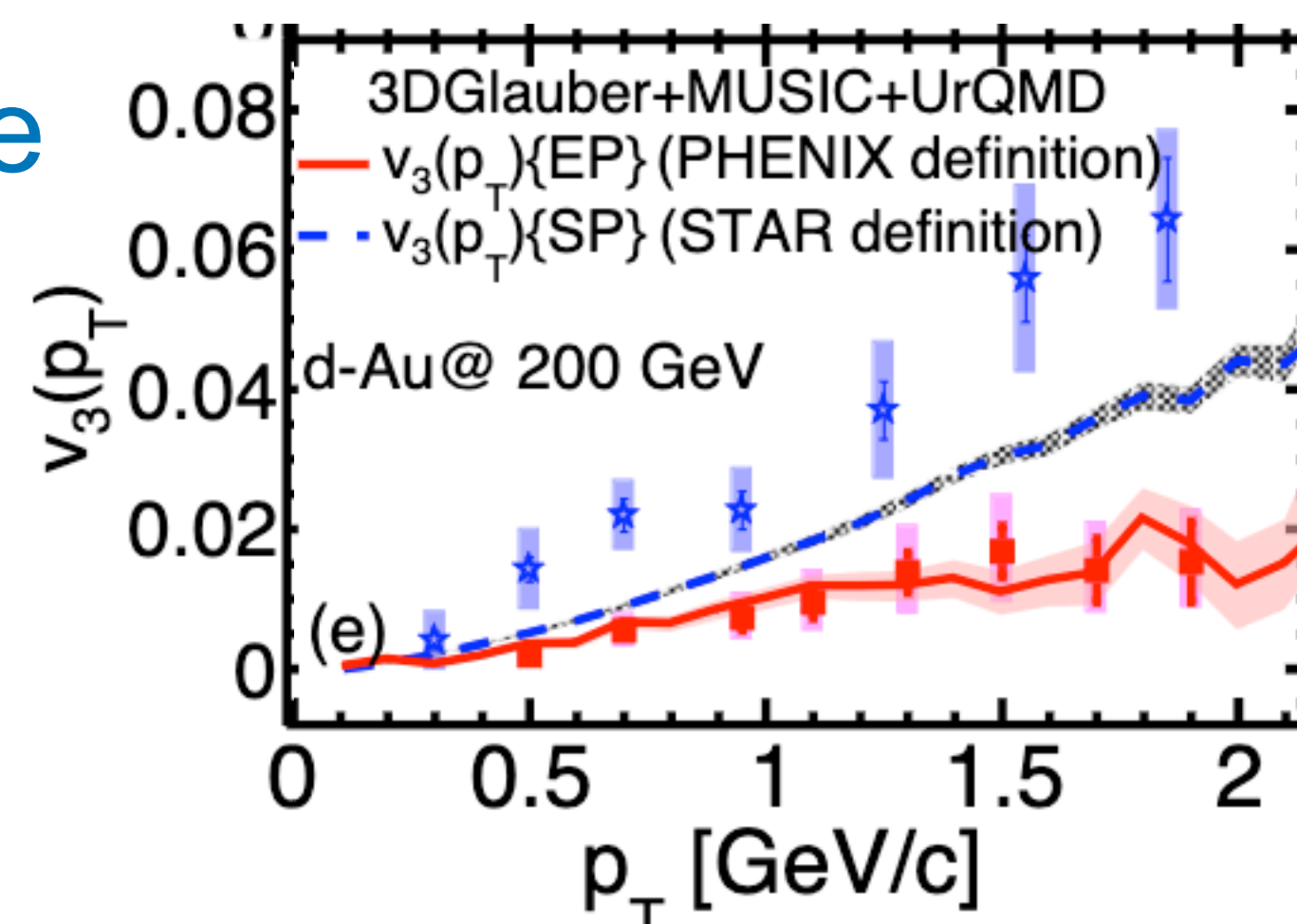
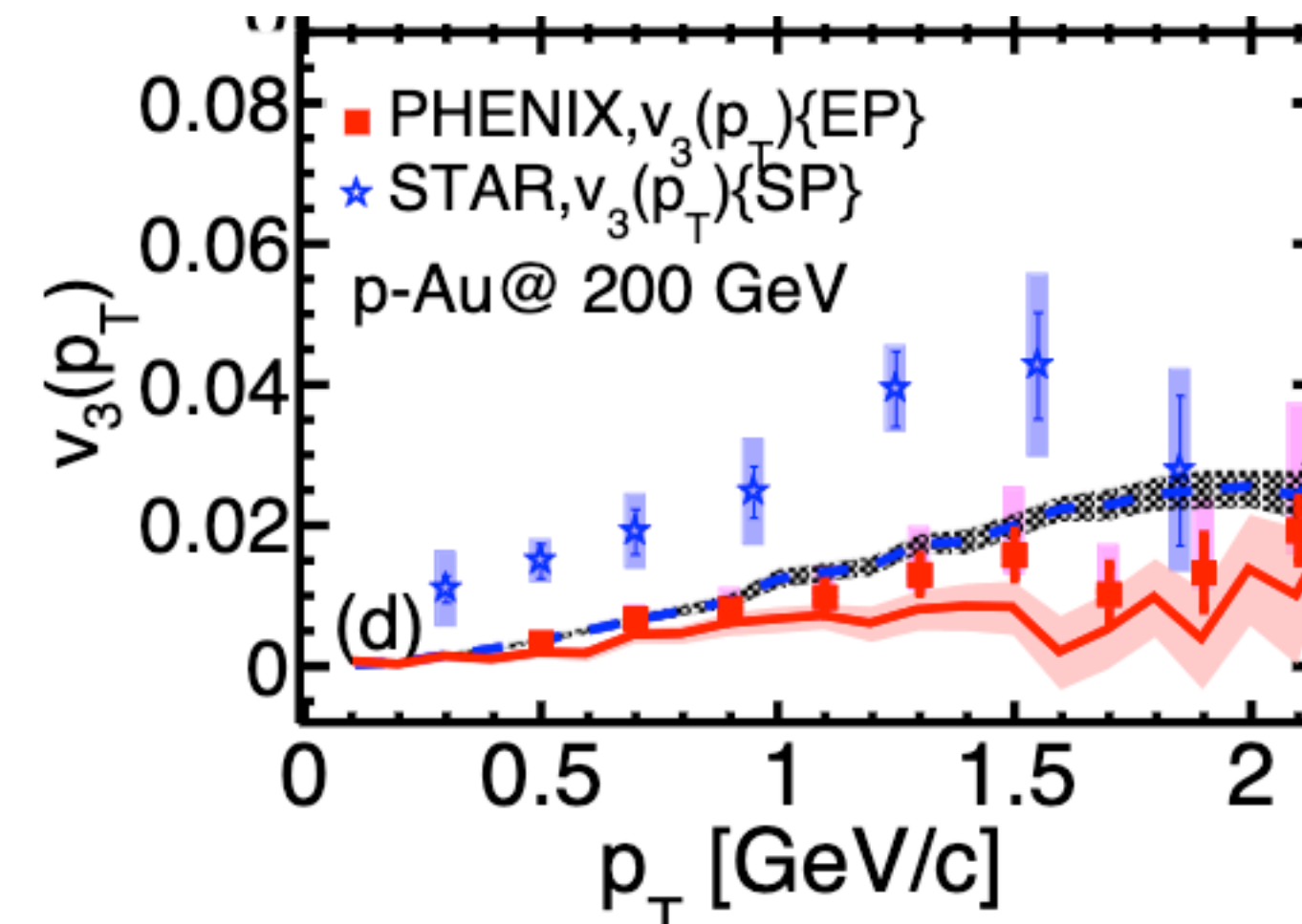
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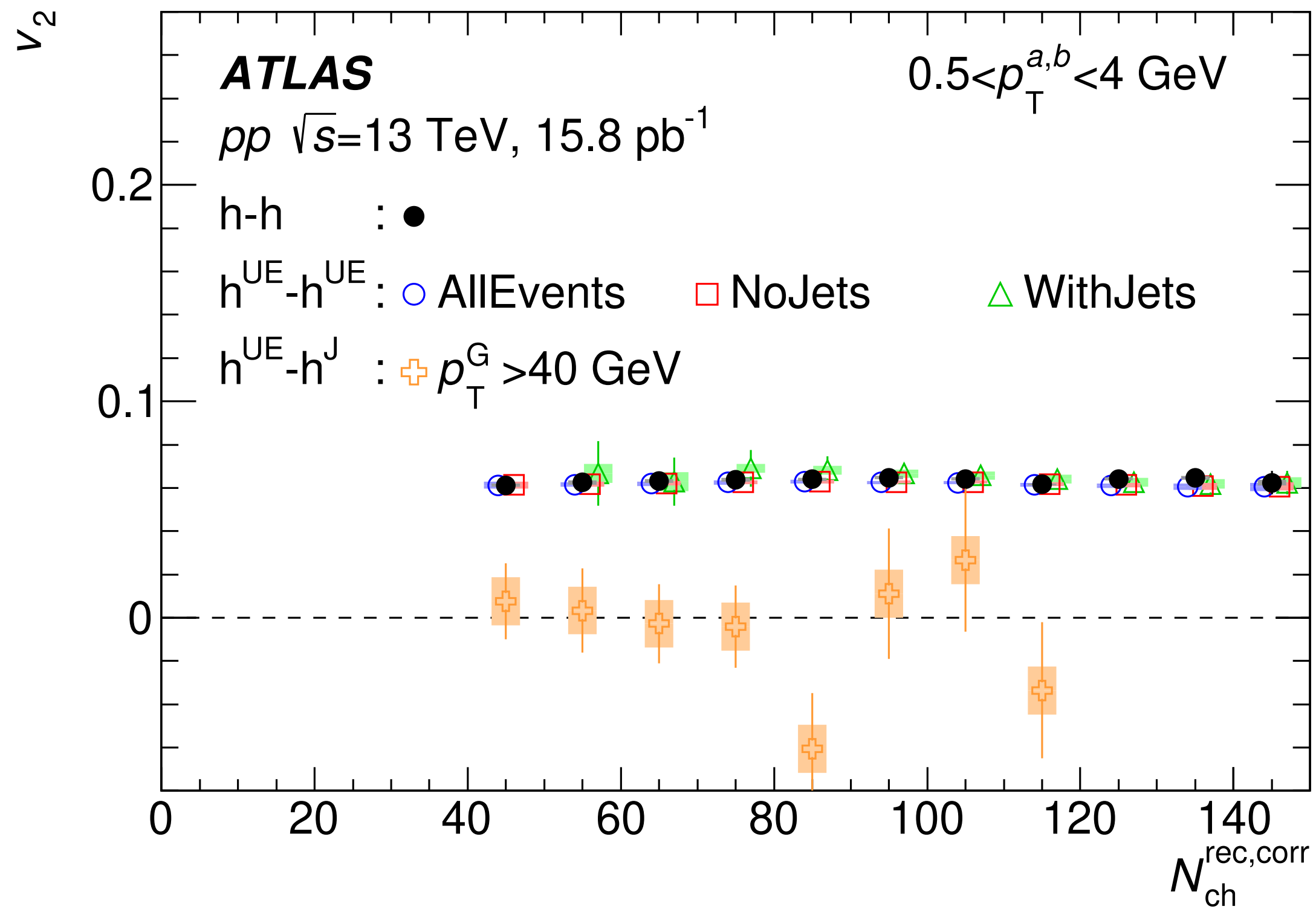
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v_2 and v_3 differences at RHIC largely due to use of different rapidity ranges

3+1D Hydro critical for comparisons
- medium not boost invariant over large rapidity ranges

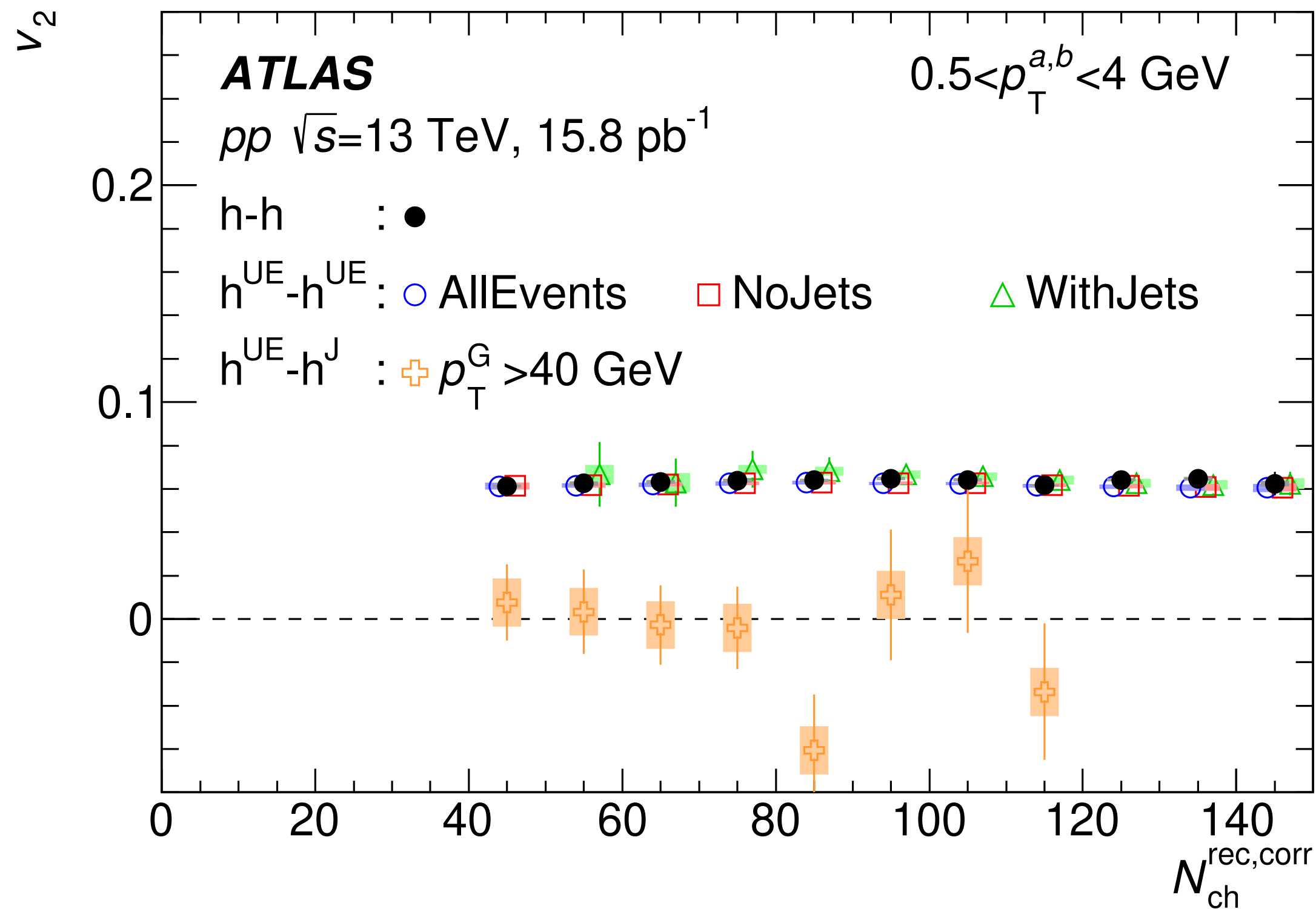
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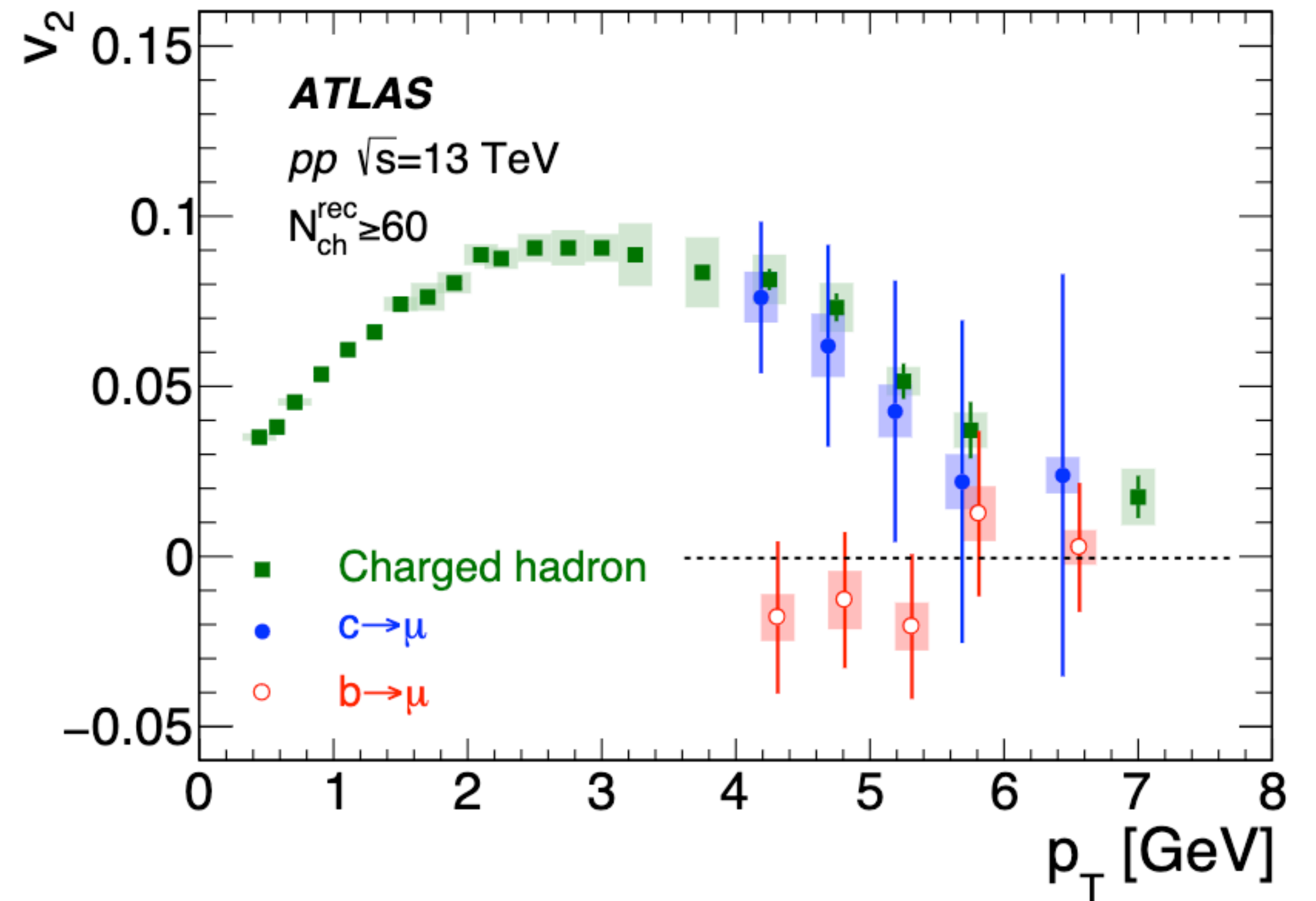
We've also observed v_2 of high p_T charged hadrons

So what is high p_T v_2 ? mini-jets?
 Different analysis sensitivities?

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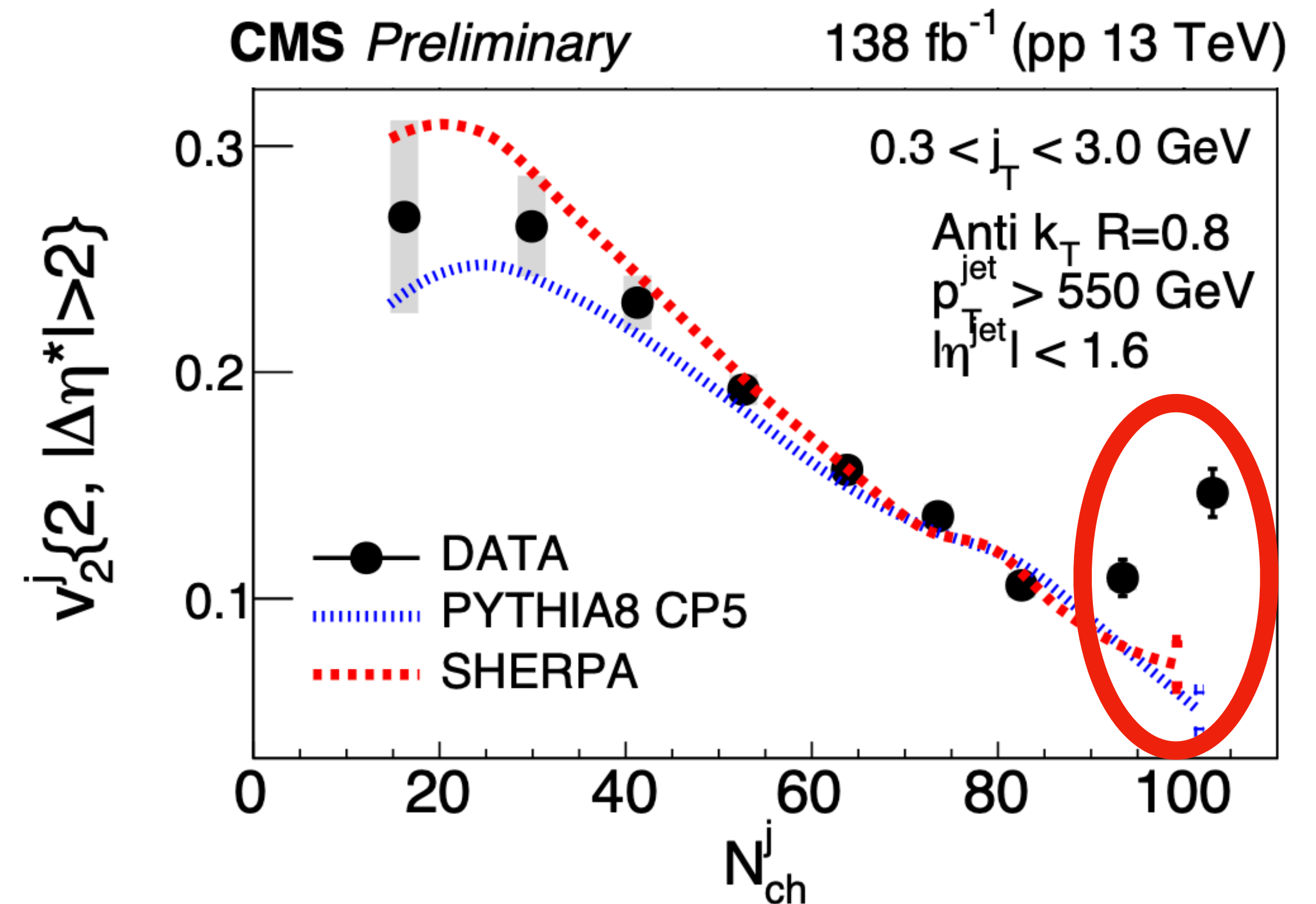
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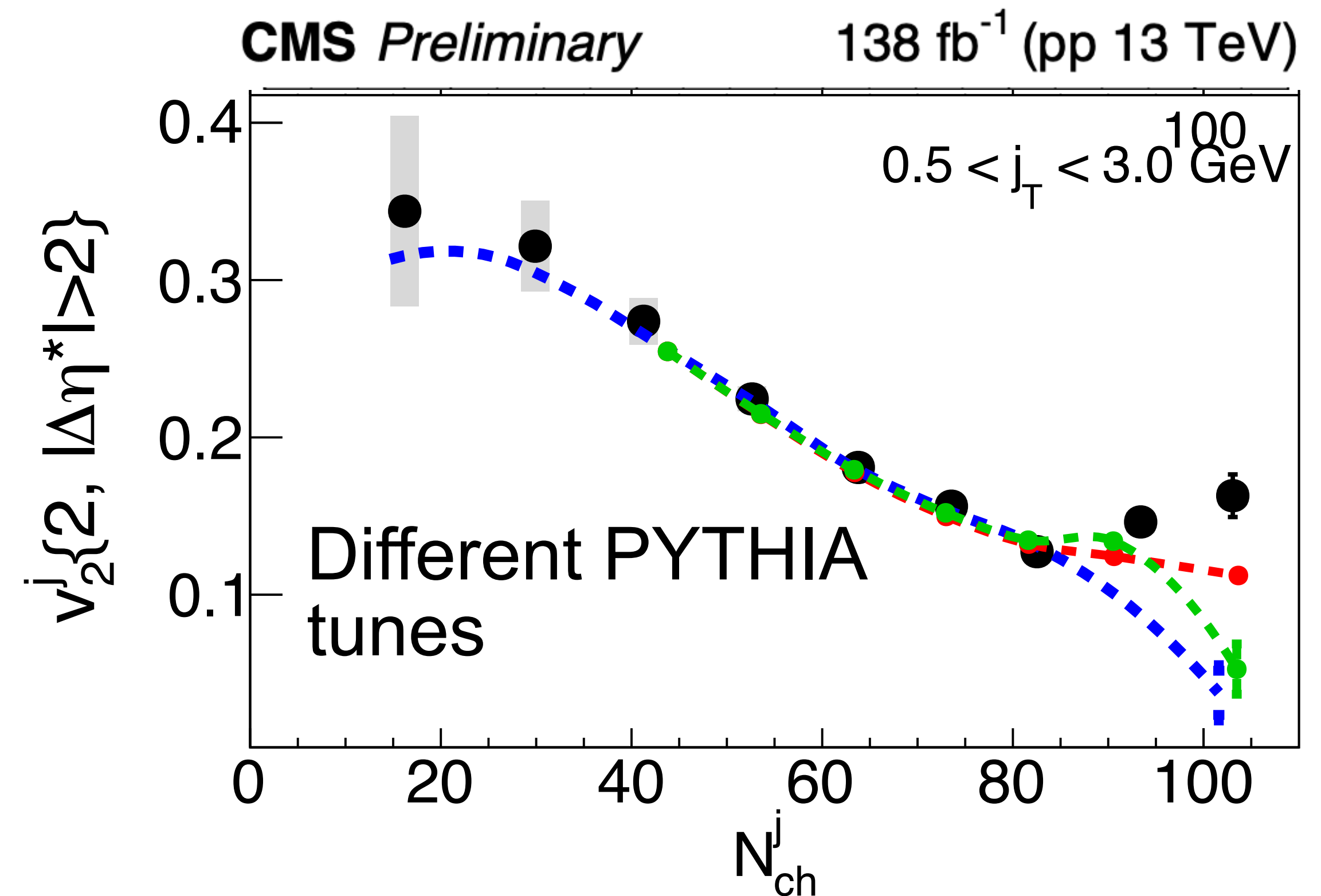
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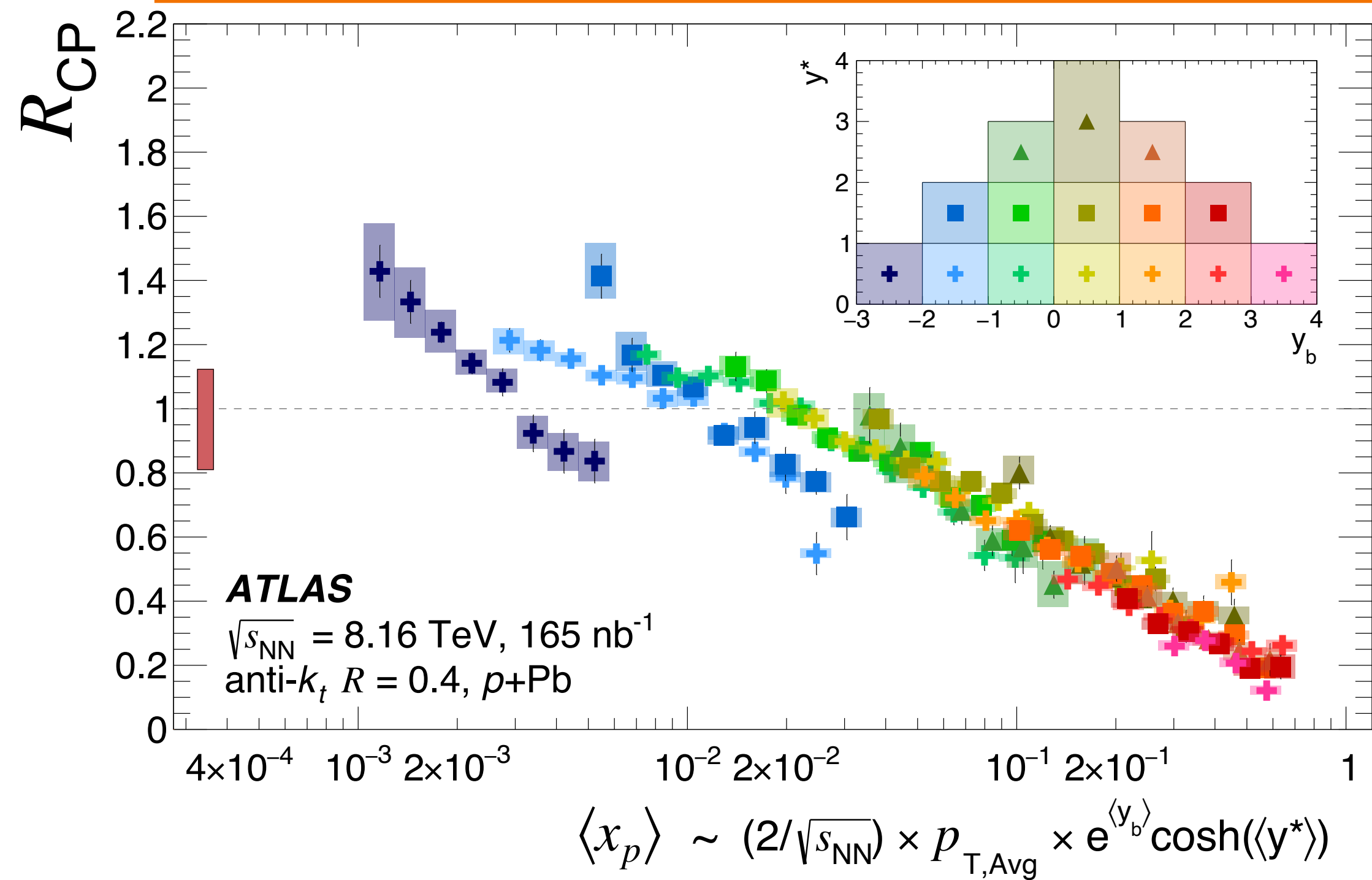


or small corner of fragmentation not quite modeled?

Can change the v_2 in PYTHIA in this region via different parameters

- While these parameters don't reproduce other variables, maybe others can do both

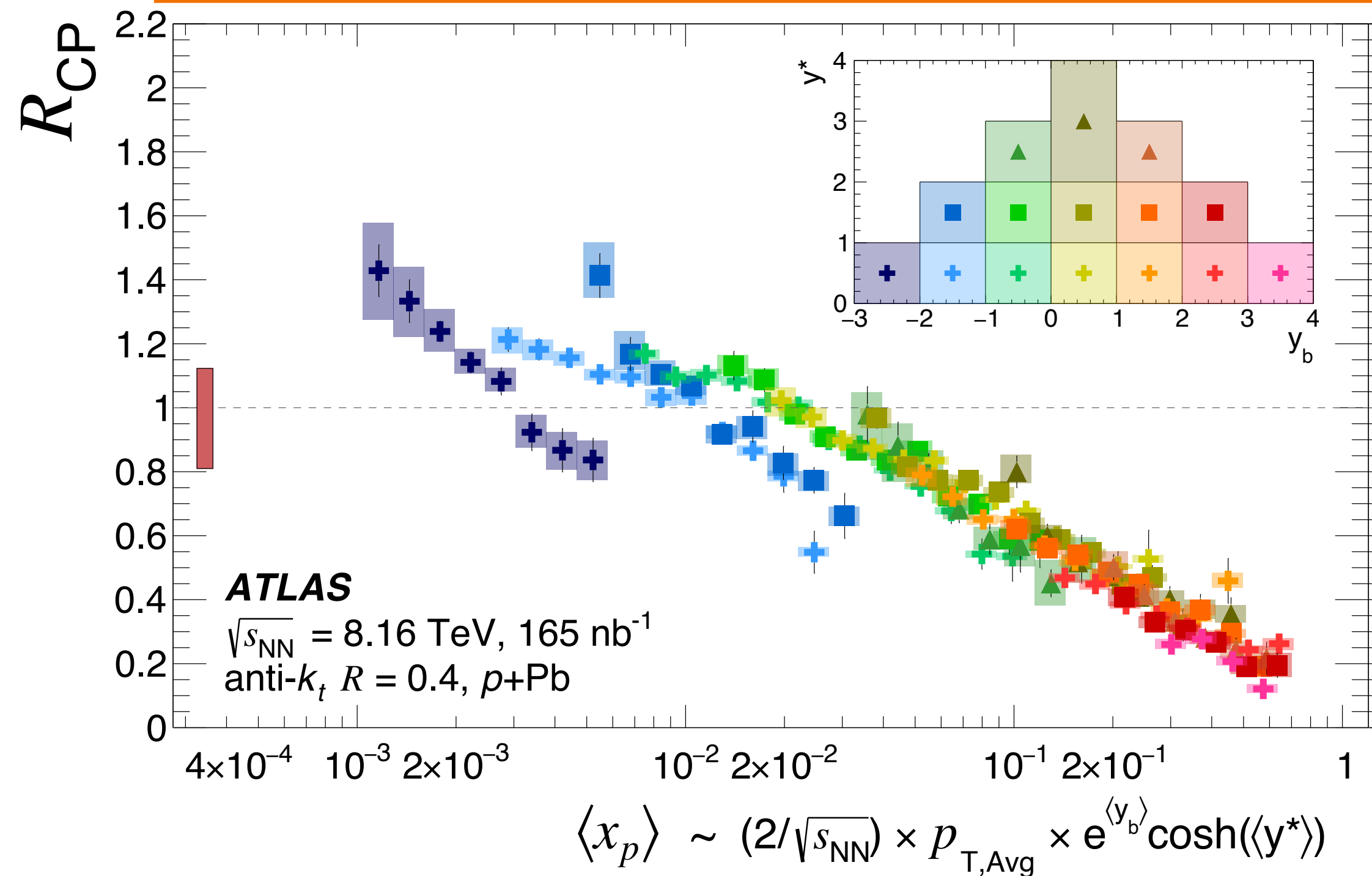
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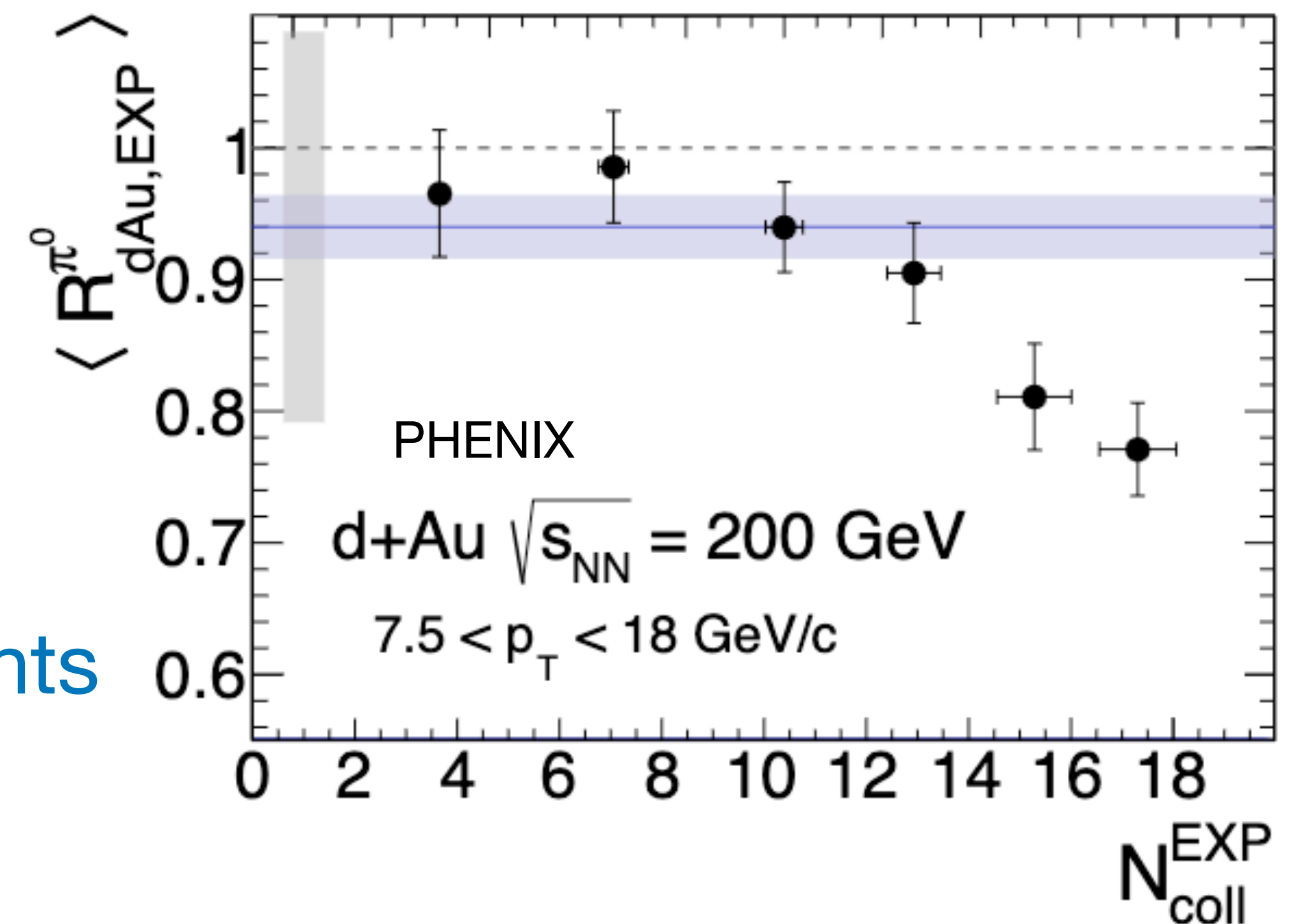
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PHENIX:

Show usual techniques to determine N_{bin}
 so now determine by forcing $R_{dAu} \gamma$ to unity

Strong suppression of π^0 in high multiplicity events



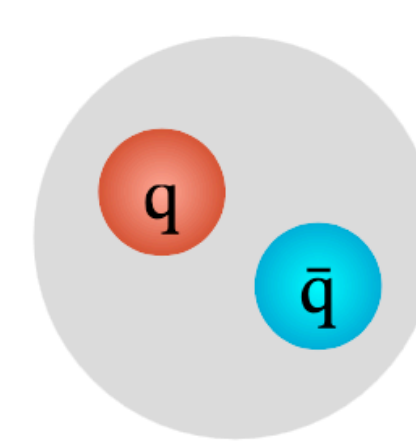
Not clear there's a consistent picture across collision energies yet

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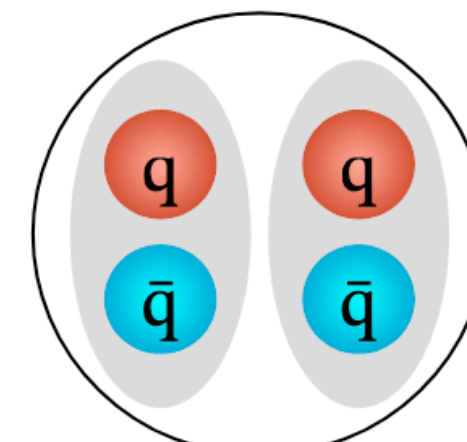
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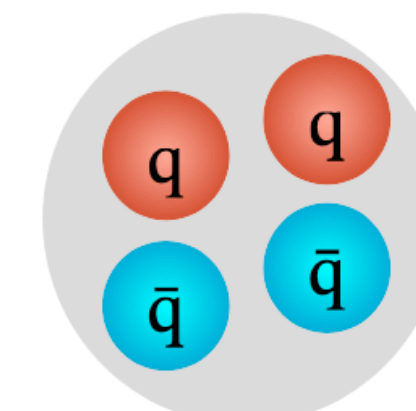
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Diquark



meson-meson
molecule

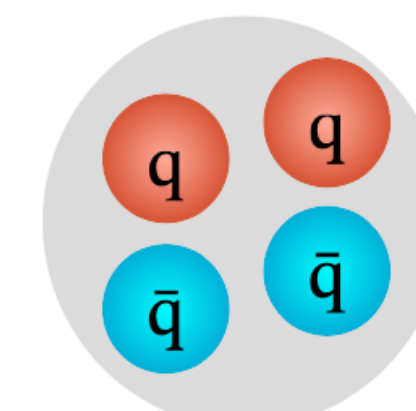
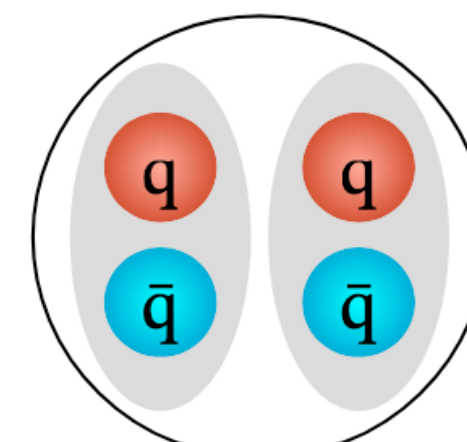
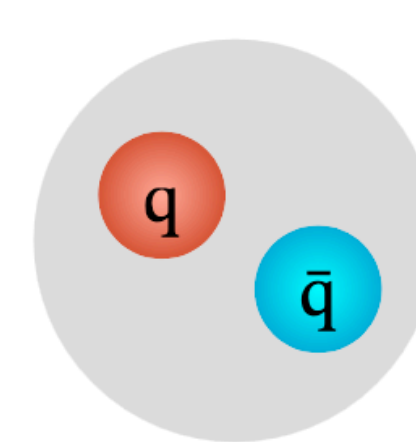


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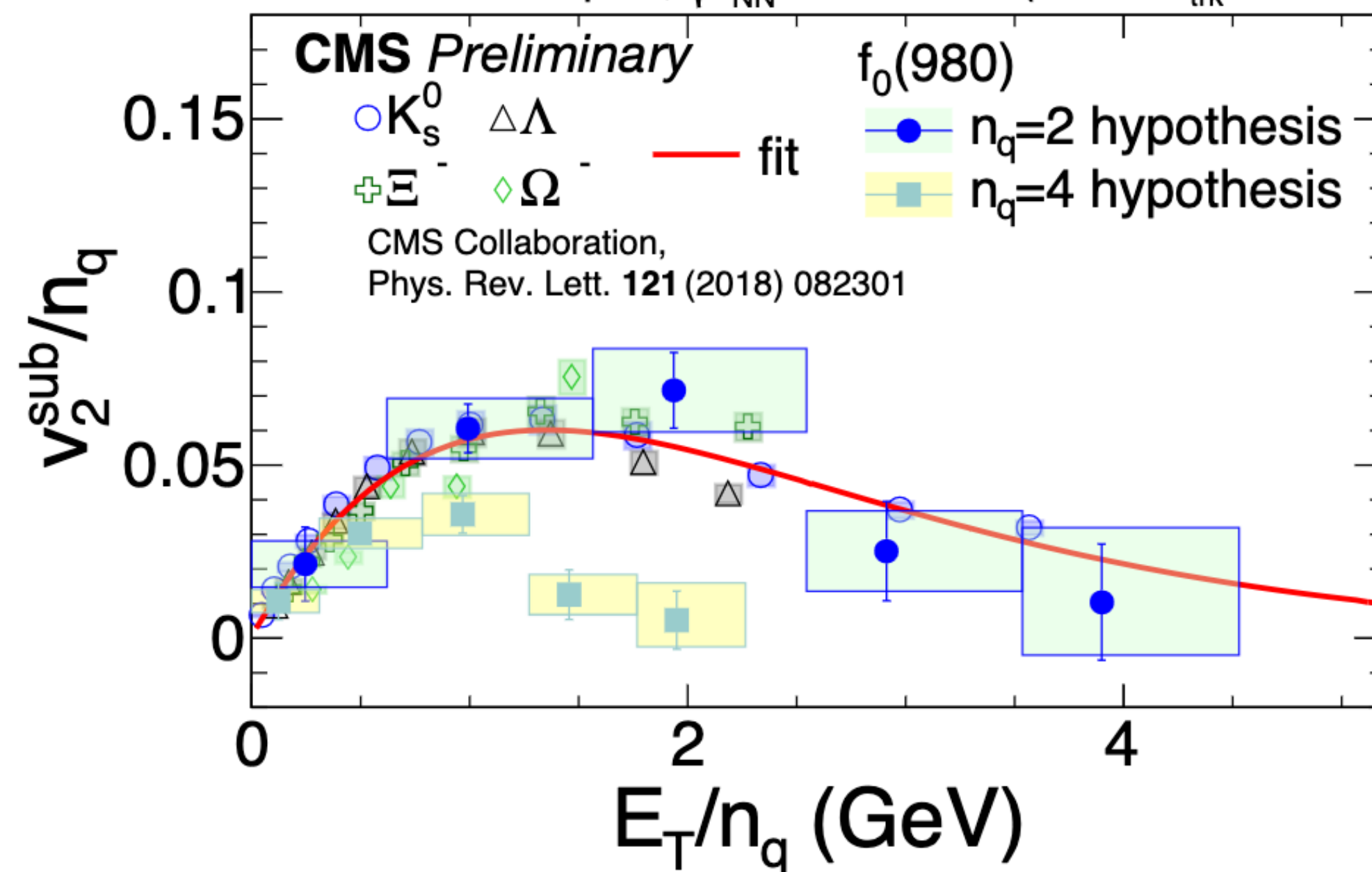
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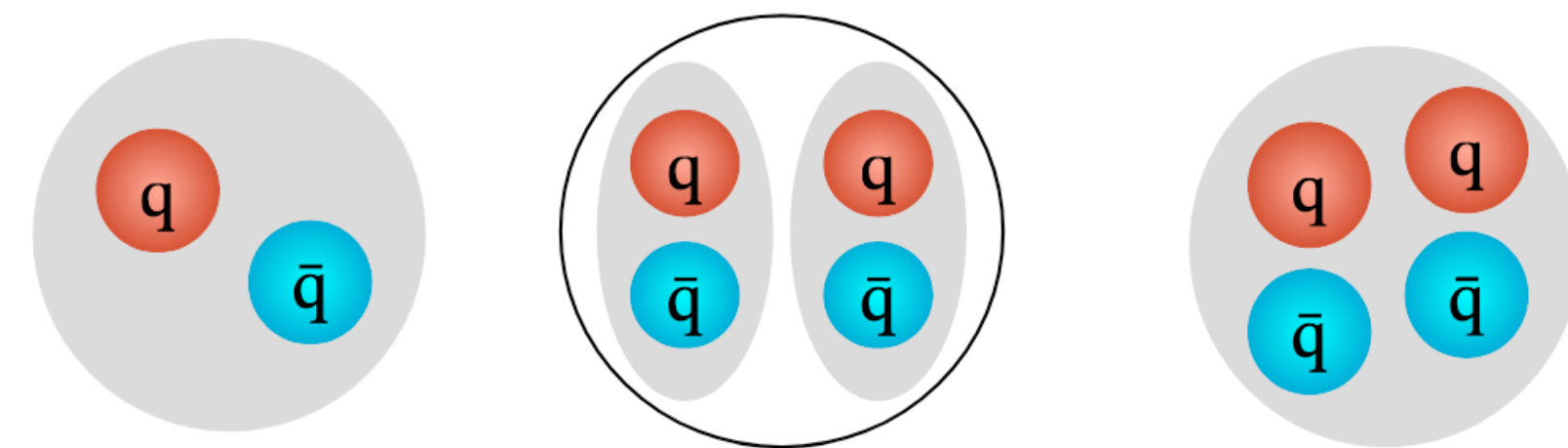
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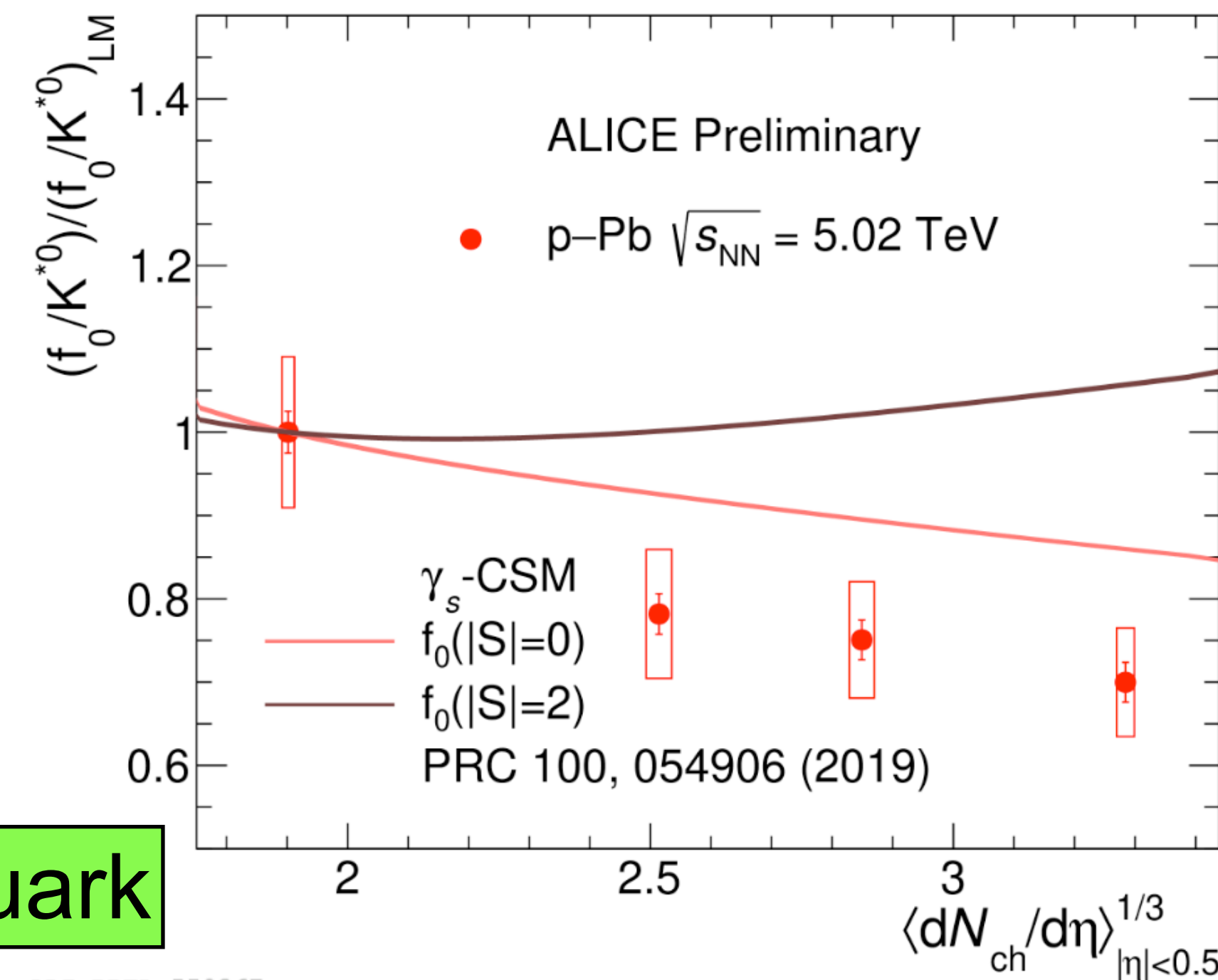
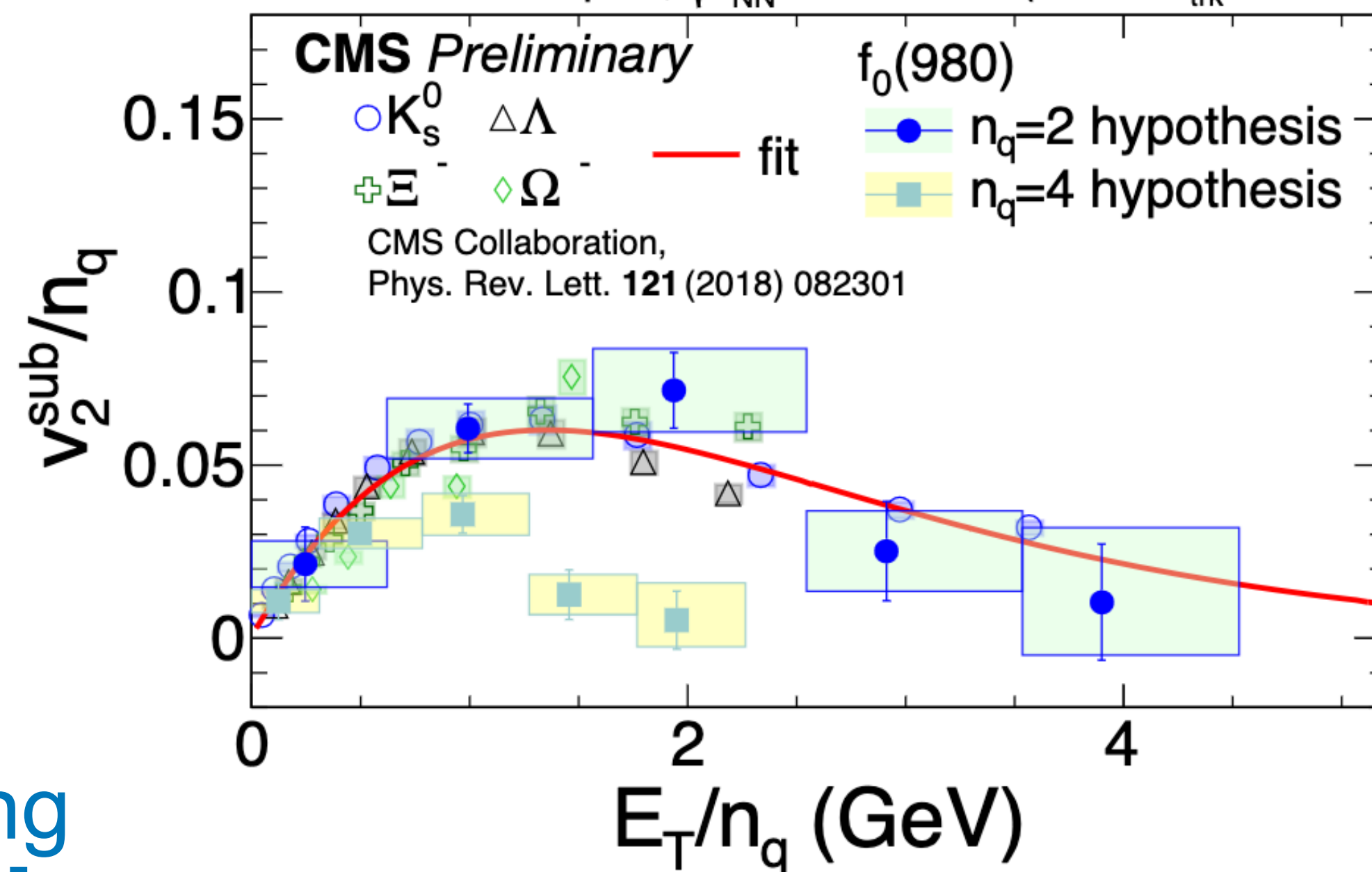
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Both results suggest f_0 is a di-quark

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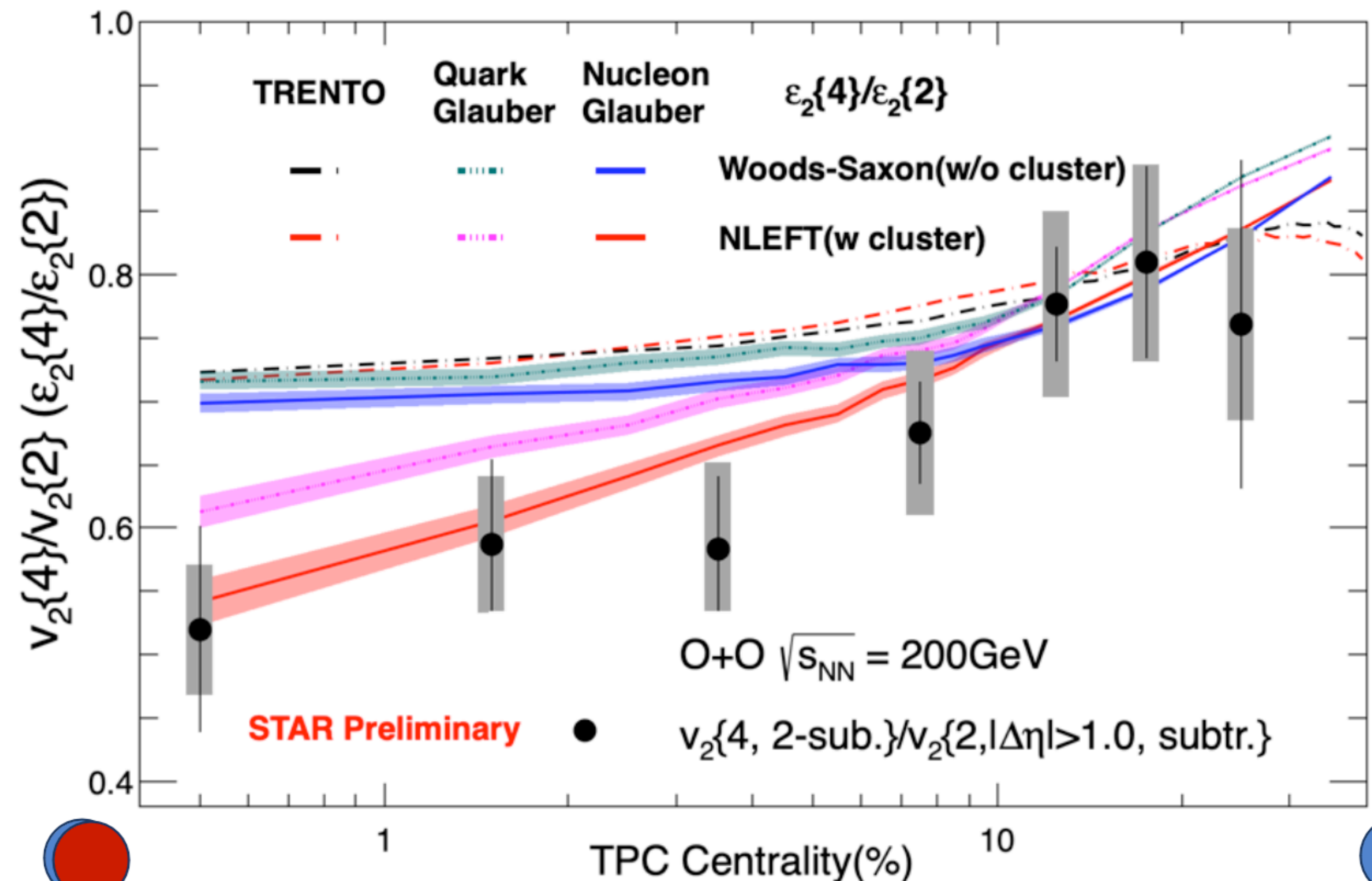
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Scales when $n_q = 2$

f_0/K^{*0} ratio :

consistent with calculation assuming $|S| = 0$ $[(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d)/2]$

Substructure of oxygen



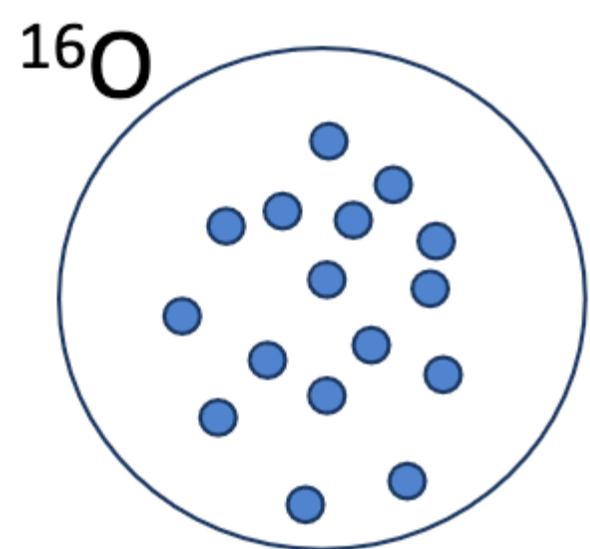
$v_2\{2\}$ - sensitive to fluctuations

$v_2\{4\}$ - reduced sensitivity to fluctuations

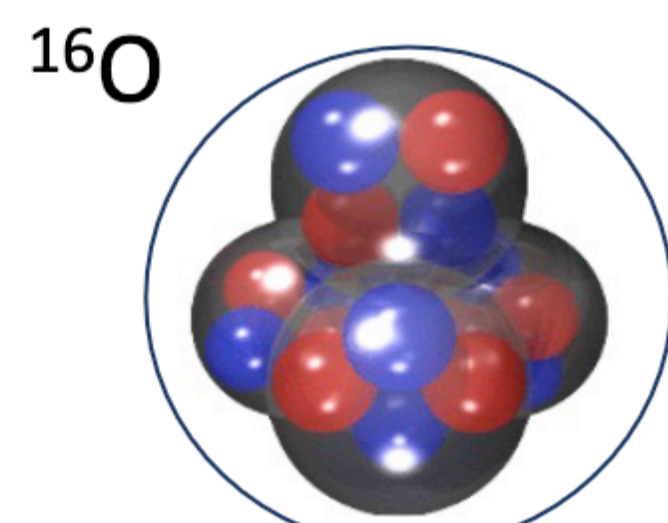
Data:
in central event but **fluctuations enhanced**, (v_2 reduced overall)

Theory:
Alpha clusters enhance fluctuations

Data strongly favor alpha-clustering



Woods-Saxon

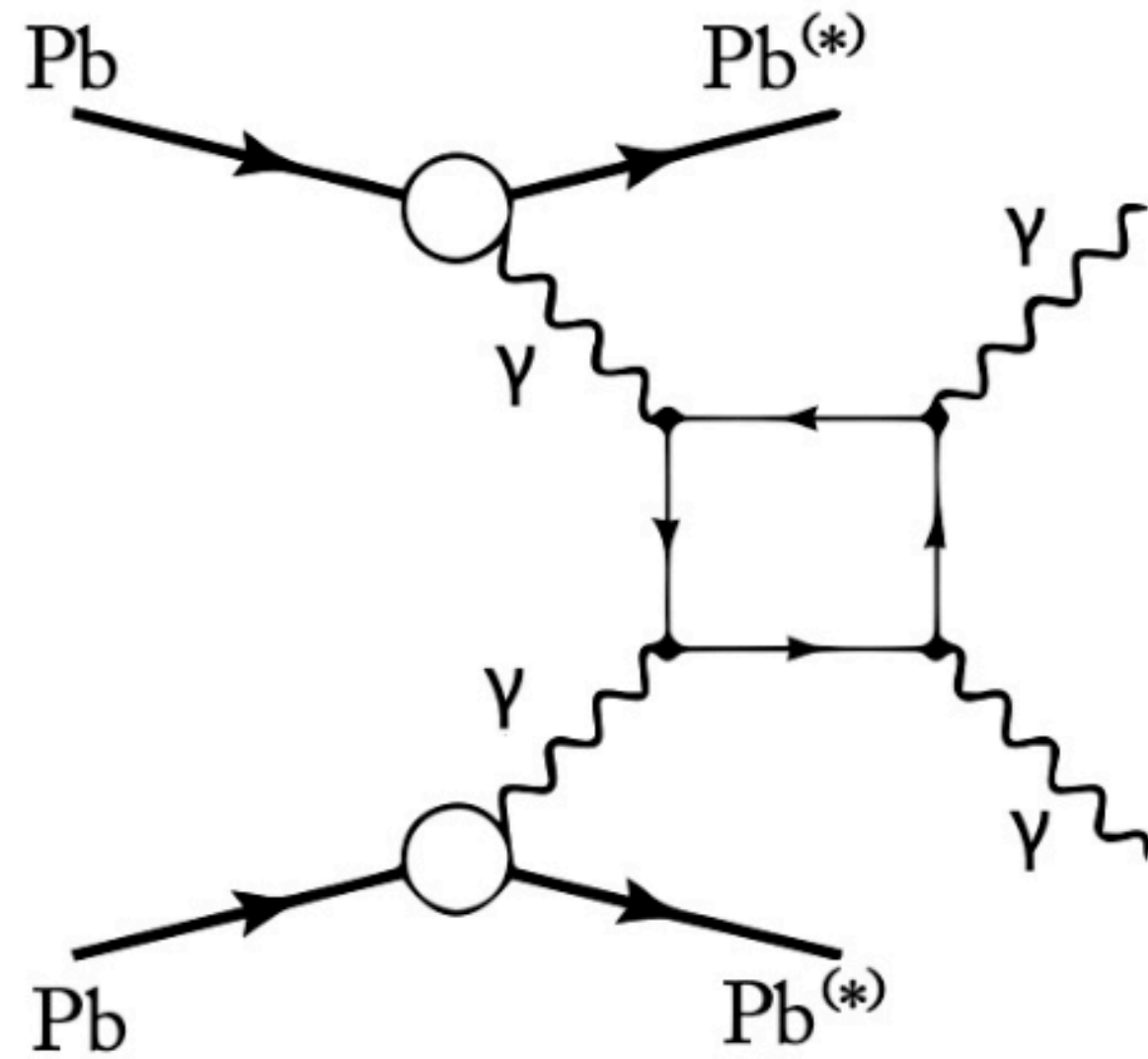


α -cluster

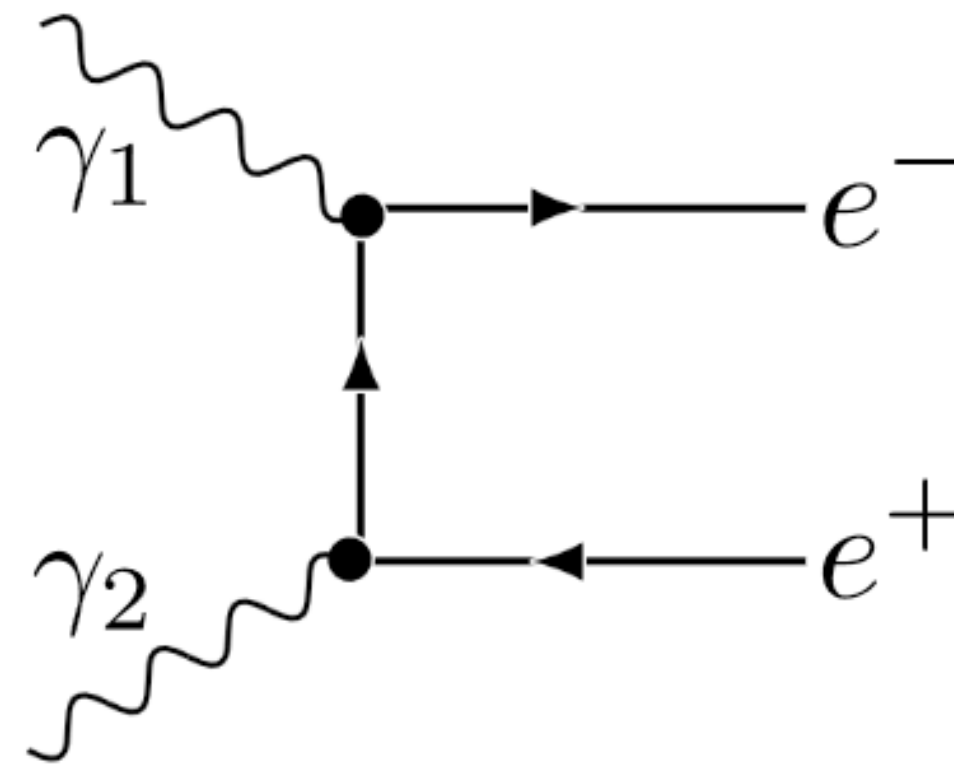
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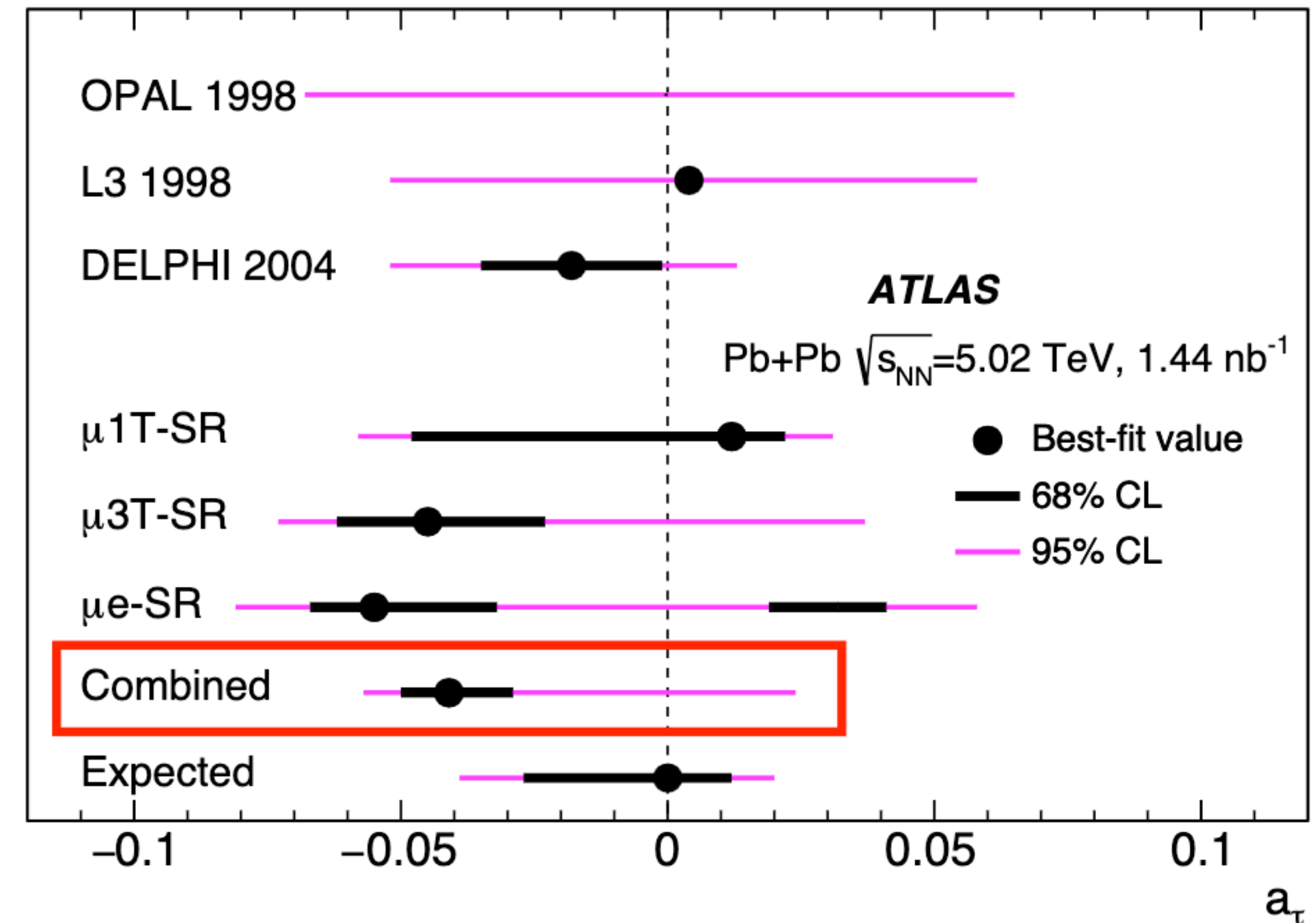
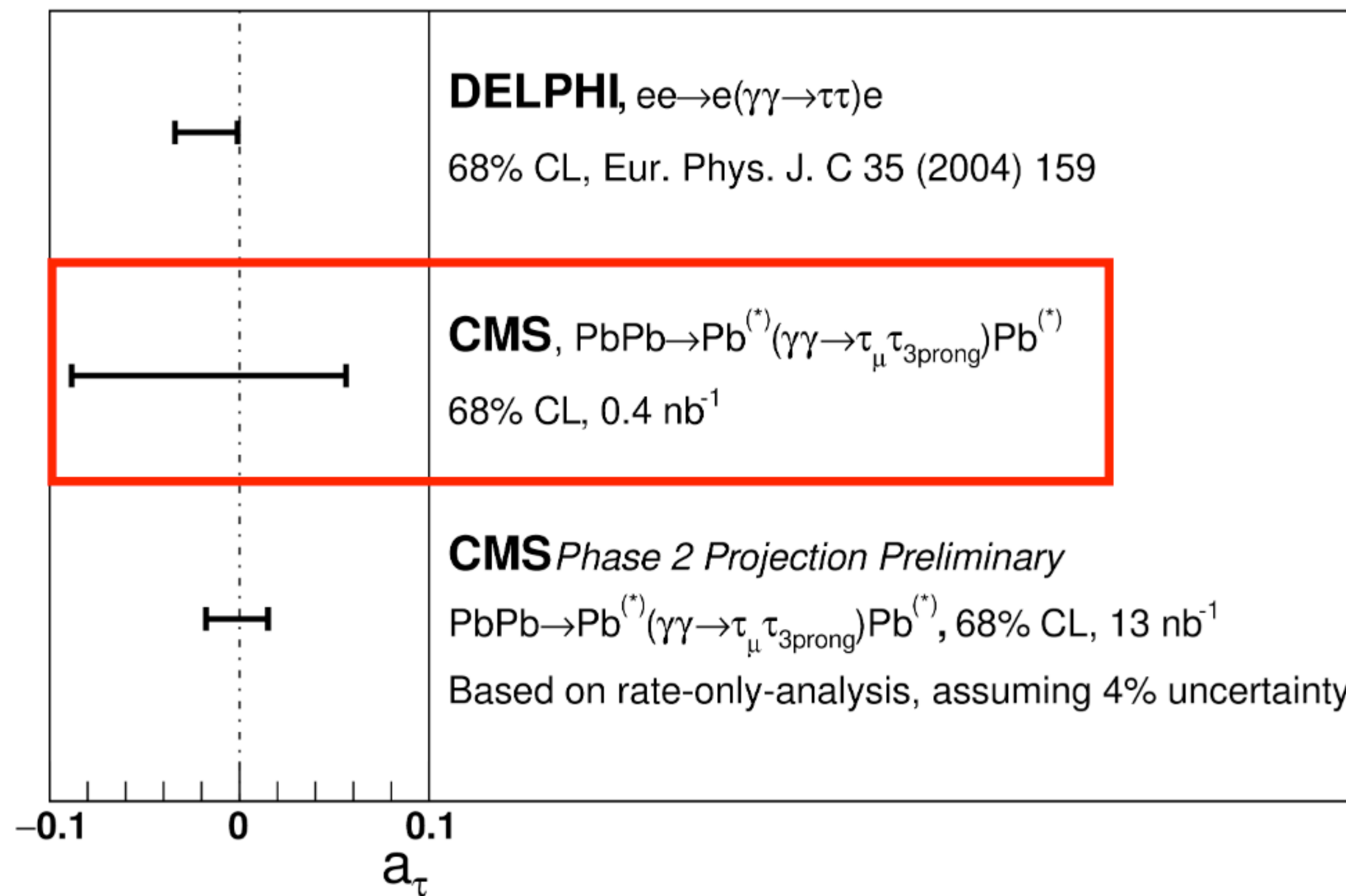
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Anomalous magnetic moment of τ lepton

Recent a_μ ($a_l = 1/2(g - 2)l$) measurements challenge SM predictions.

If new physics and due to massive new particle, then τ would be much more sensitive

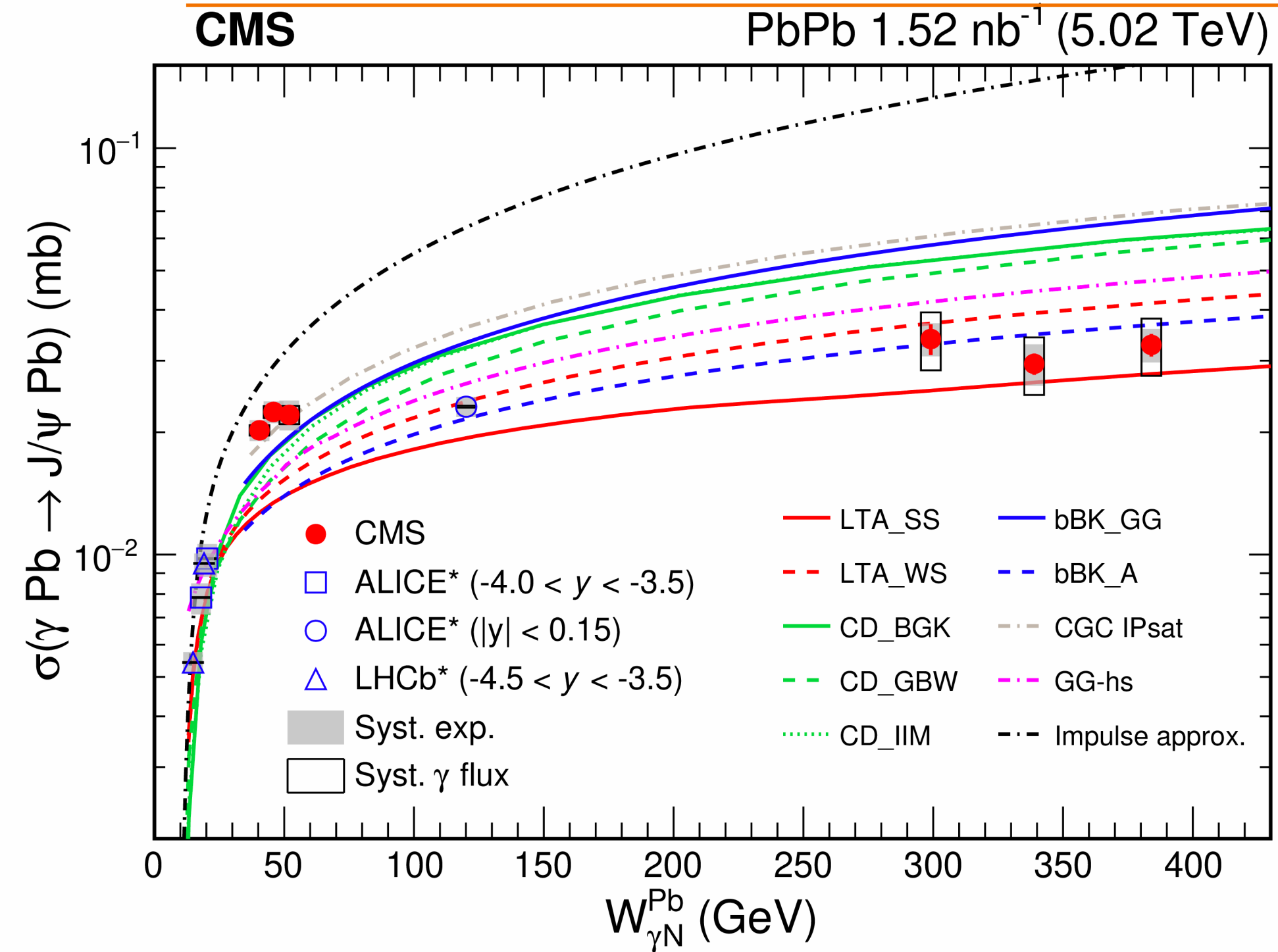


$$a_\tau = 0.001 - 0.089 + 0.055 \text{ at } 68\% \text{ CL}$$

$$95\% \text{ CL } -0.057 < a_\tau < 0.024$$

First uses of hadron-collider data to test EM properties of τ
 Results are competitive with existing lepton-collider constraints

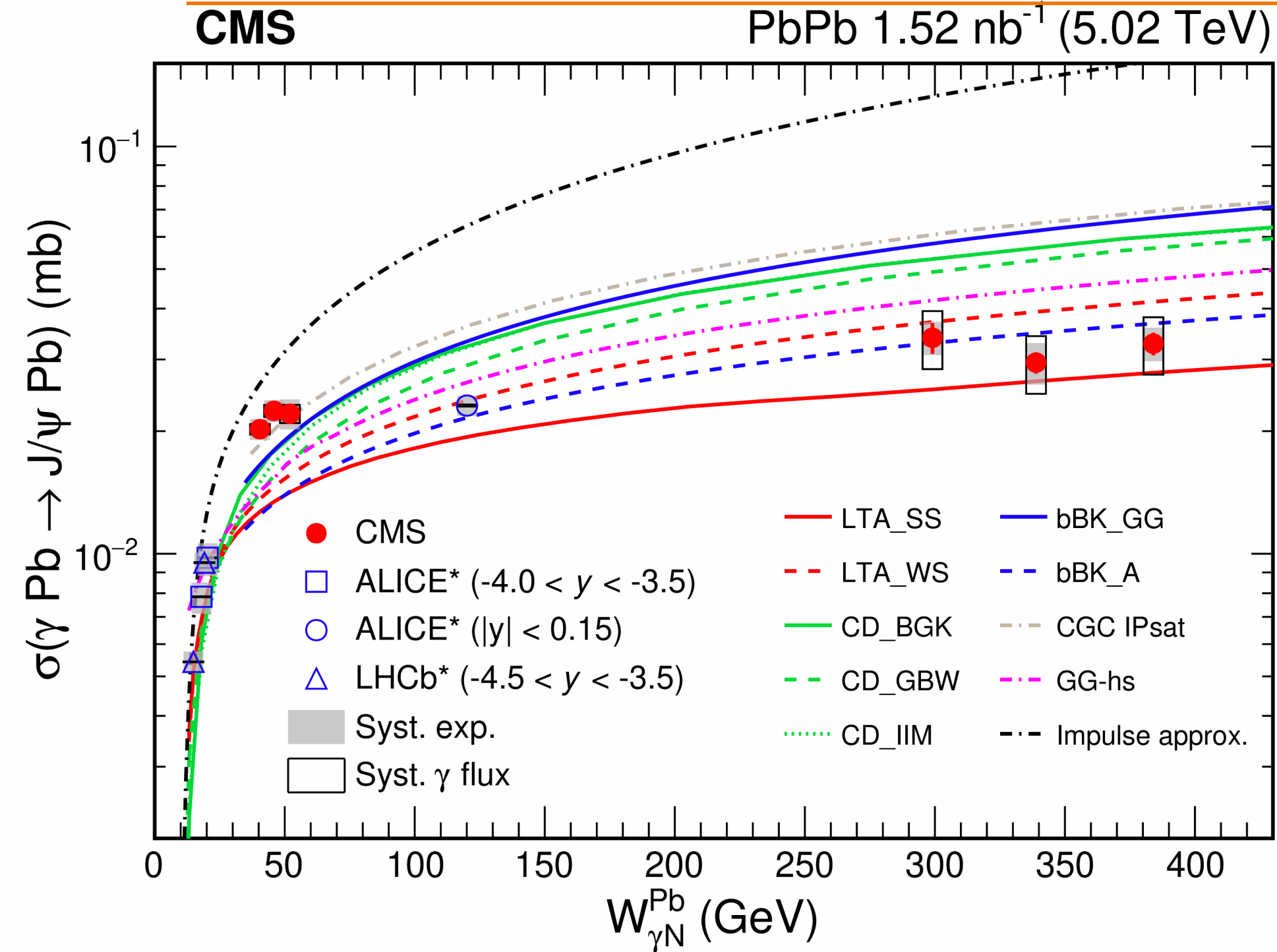
Evidence for gluon saturation



J/ ψ photo-production:

- CMS access to new W range
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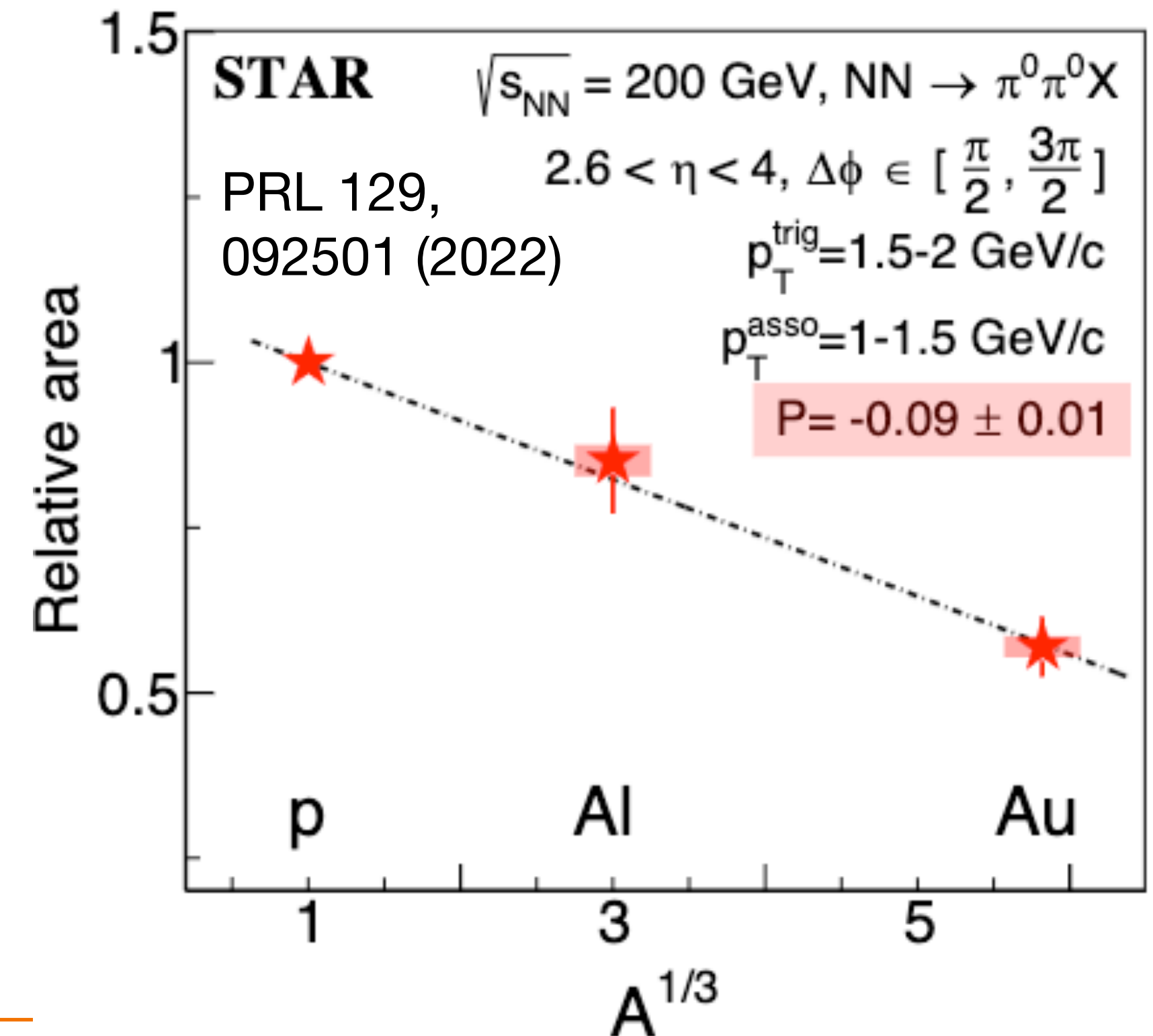


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Suppression of di- π^0 correlations in pA

- Dependence on A as predicted
- No broadening, not as predicted



Hints saturation RHIC and LHC

- unique opportunity with STAR forward upgrades prior to EIC. Important to have pA before RHIC stops

Summary

Precision era has been reached

Wealth of high quality data across $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, species and centralities are allowing detailed studies that highlight underlying physics we could previously gloss over

Next few years: New data from sPHENIX, STAR forward, LHC Run-3

Next-to-Next few years: EIC, ALICE-3, and CBM



Yale group past and present are excited to be involved - hope you are CFNS are too

Much is understood, but lots left to discover!