

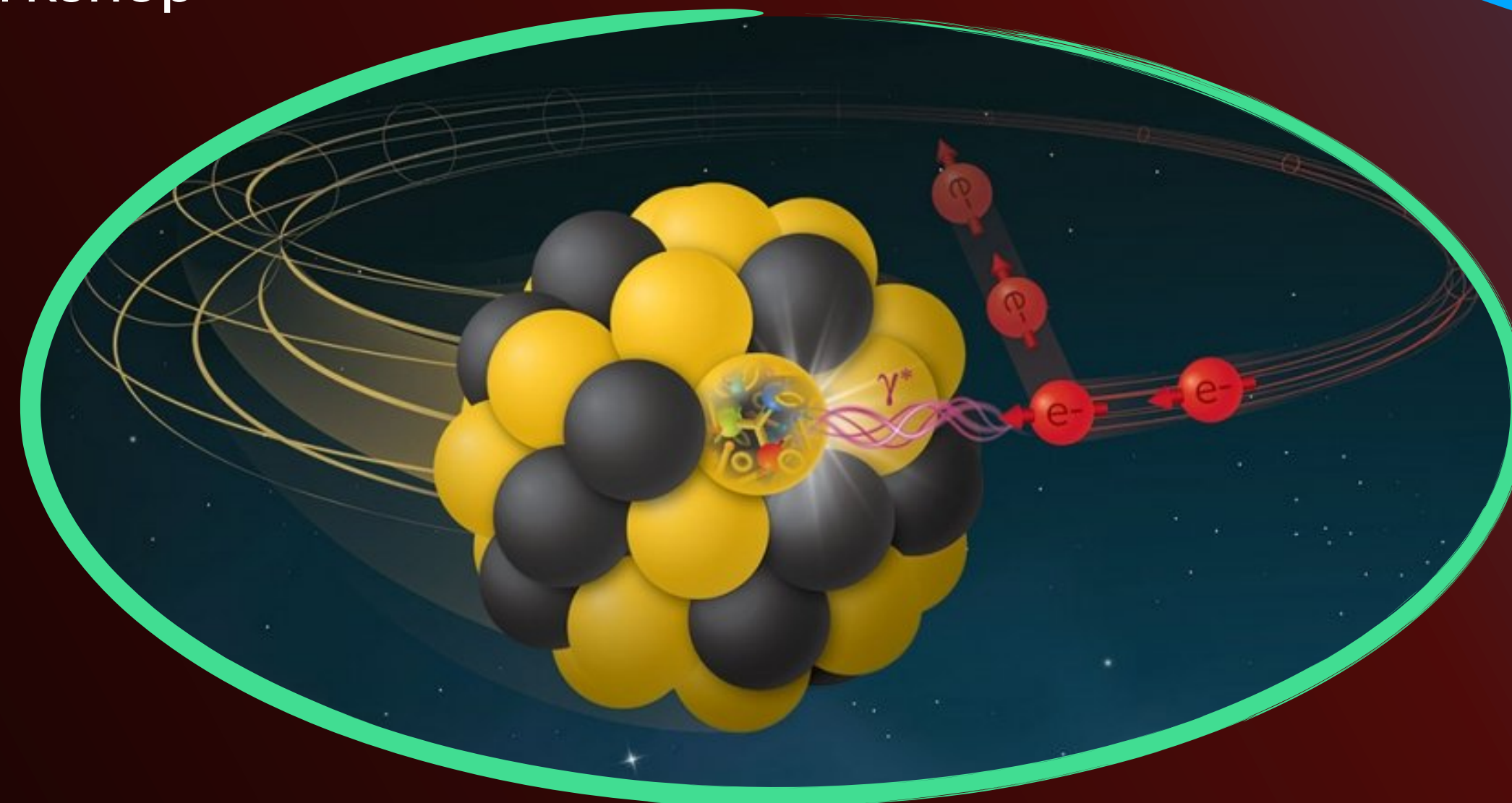
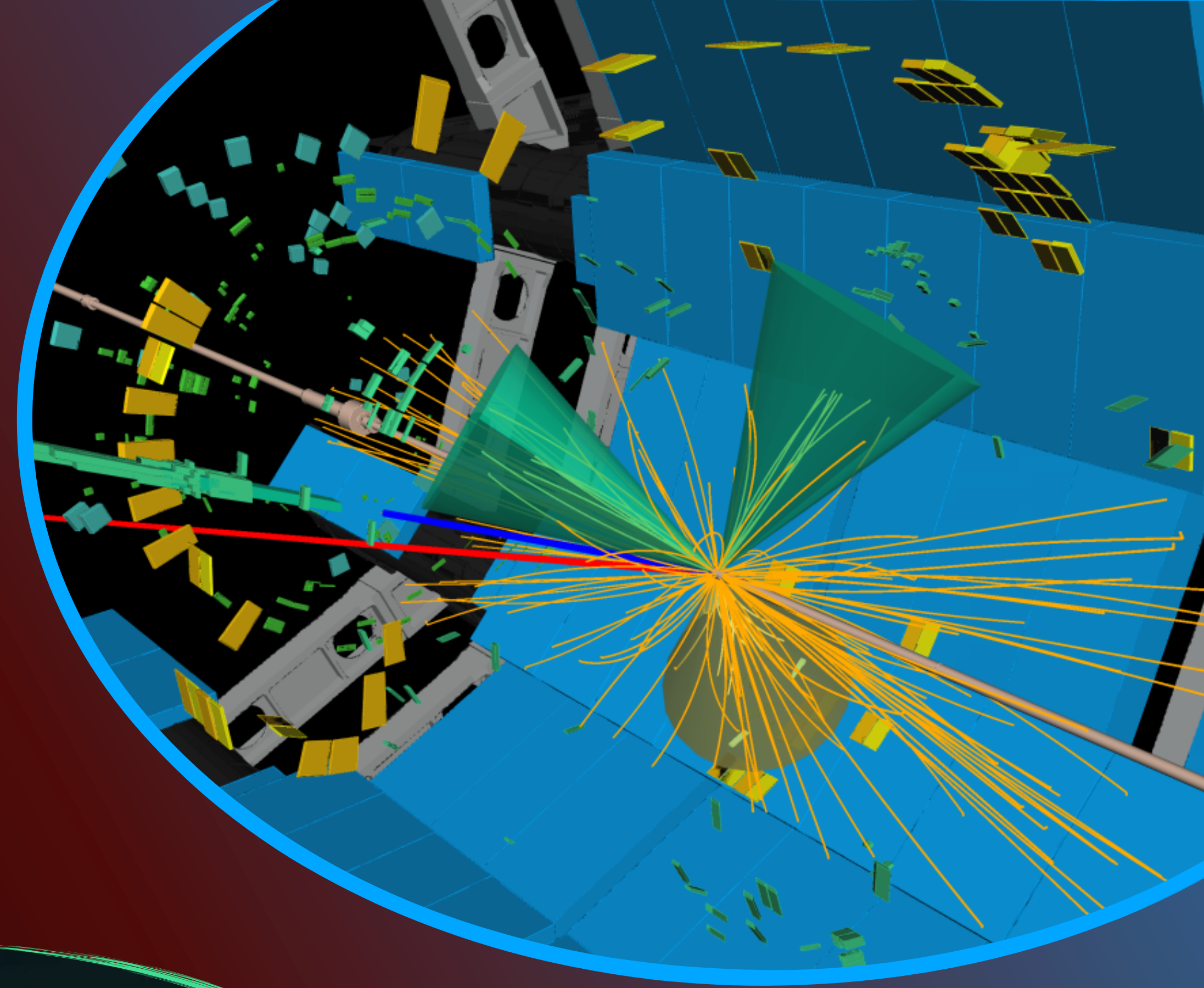
PHYSICS SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE ATLAS HEAVY ION PROGRAM AND THE EIC

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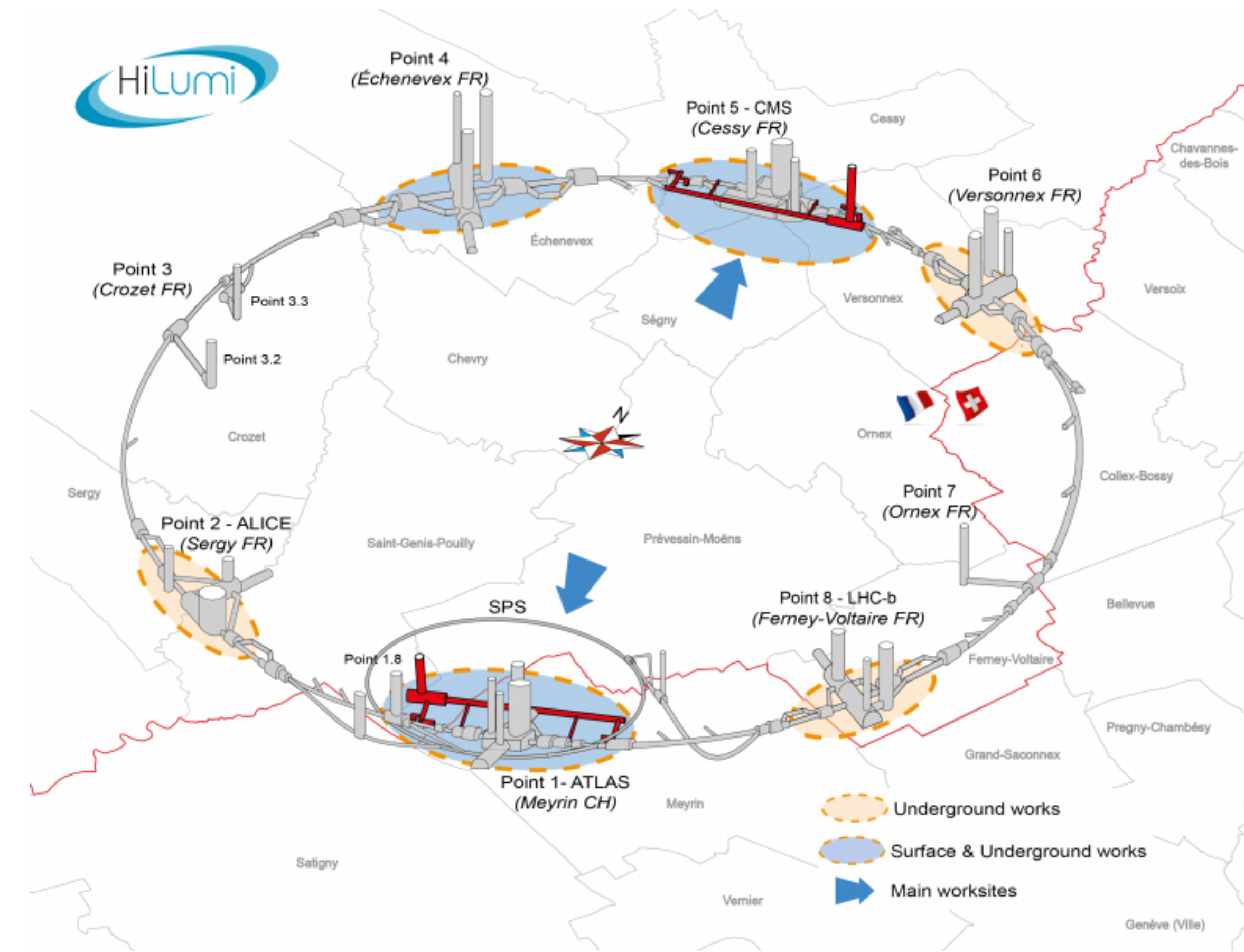
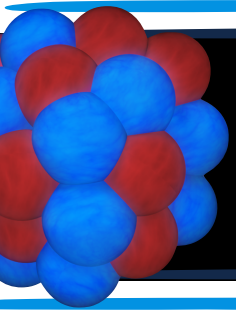
INT Heavy Ion physics in the LHC era workshop



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FACILITIES: (HL-) LHC



LHC: until 2025 (or 2026)

First Pb+Pb run in 2023. More to come this year and the next (+ Oxygen pilot run)

Possible extension to 2026 under discussion

HL-LHC: starting 2029++

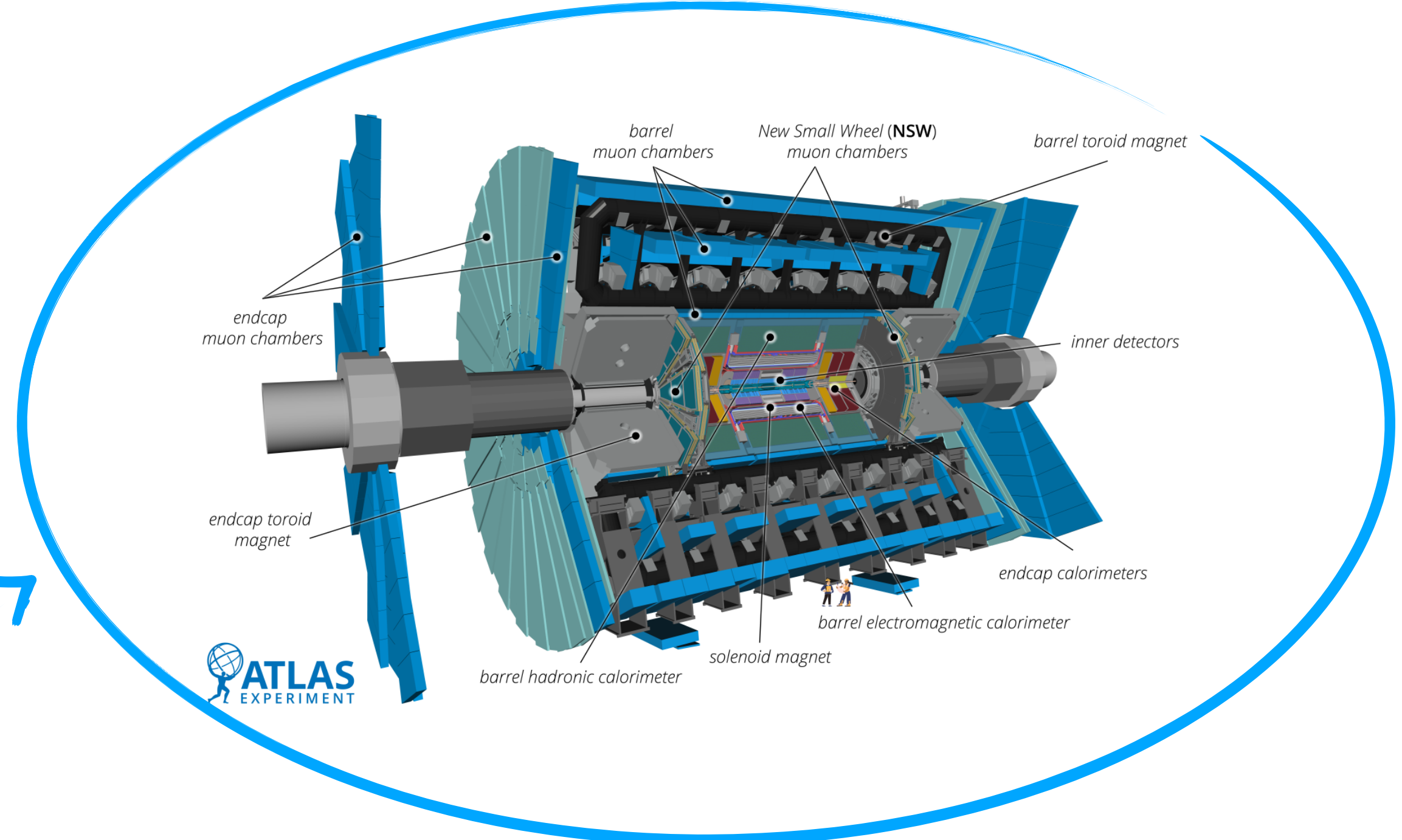
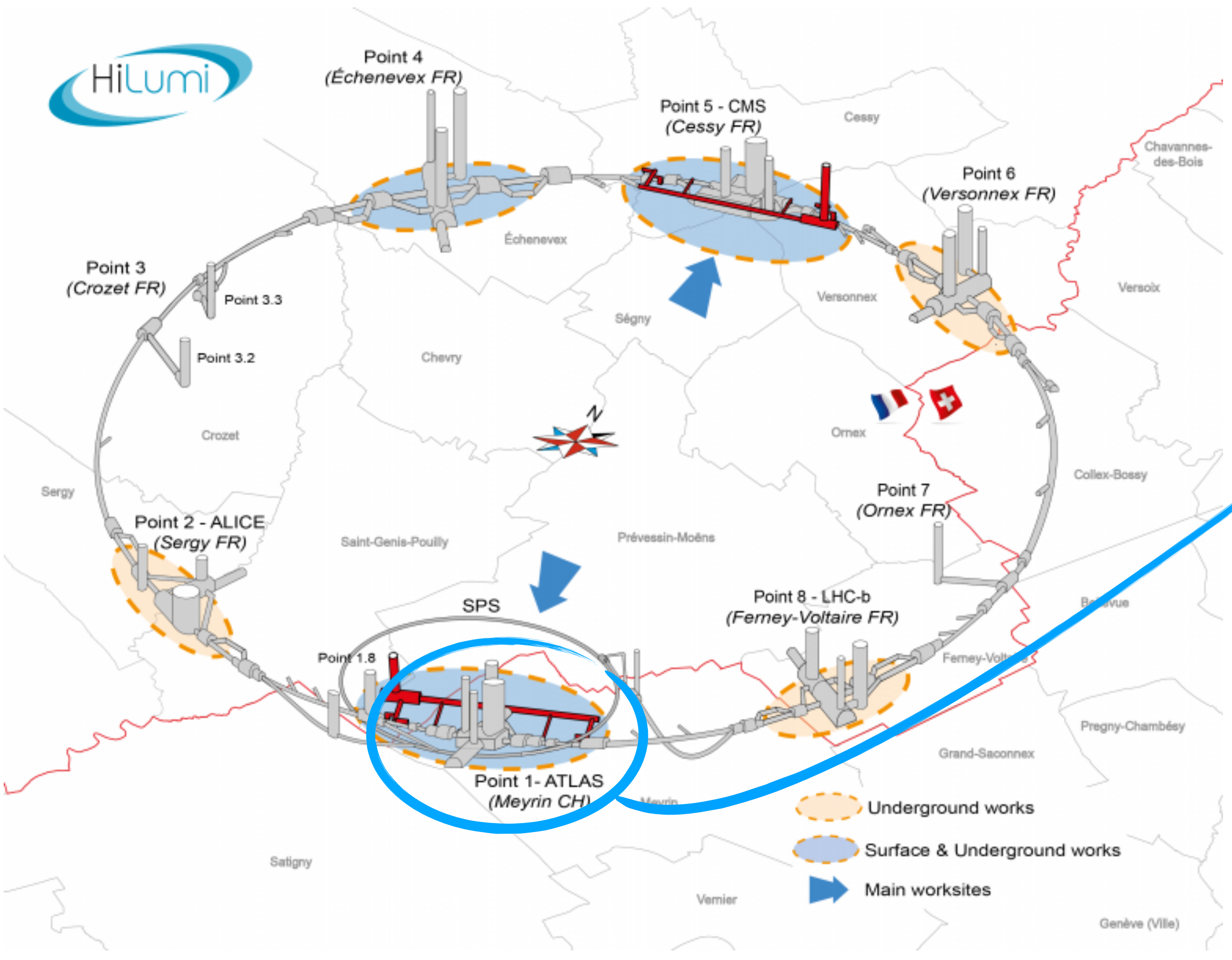
Will be the **only high-energy p+A/A+A collider after RHIC shutdown** and transition to the EIC.

HI program officially in the schedule

No substantial changes expected foreseen for HI luminosity on LHC side

Discussion about HI in Run 5 and beyond to ramp up soon

FACILITIES: ATLAS



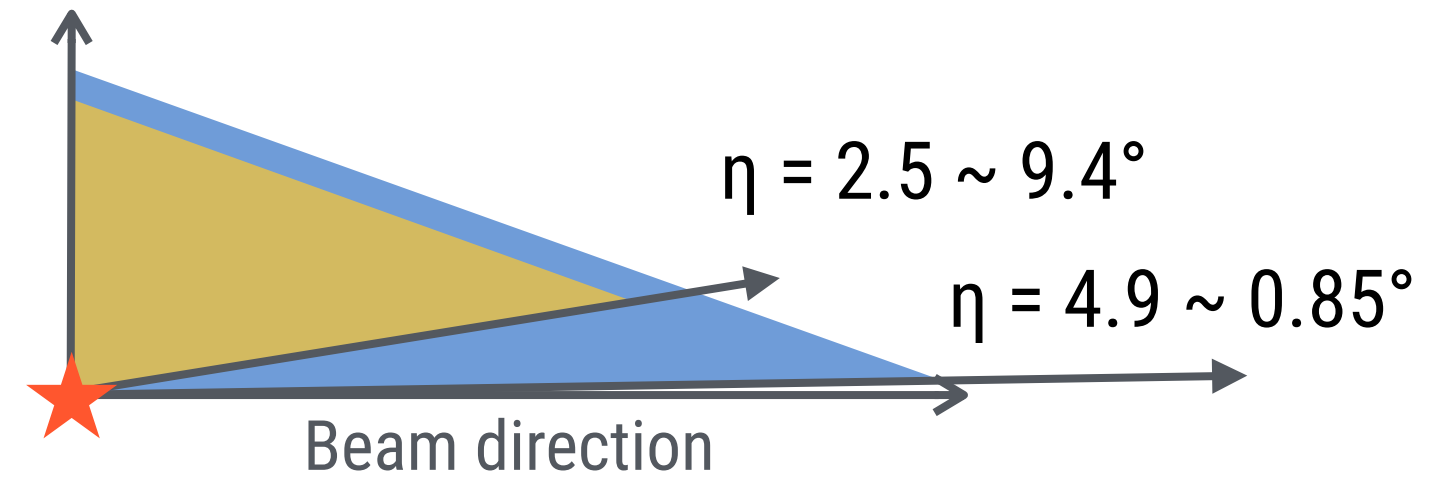
Hermetic detector

Tracker acceptance:

$$|\eta| < 2.5$$

Calorimeter acceptance:

$$|\eta| < 4.9$$

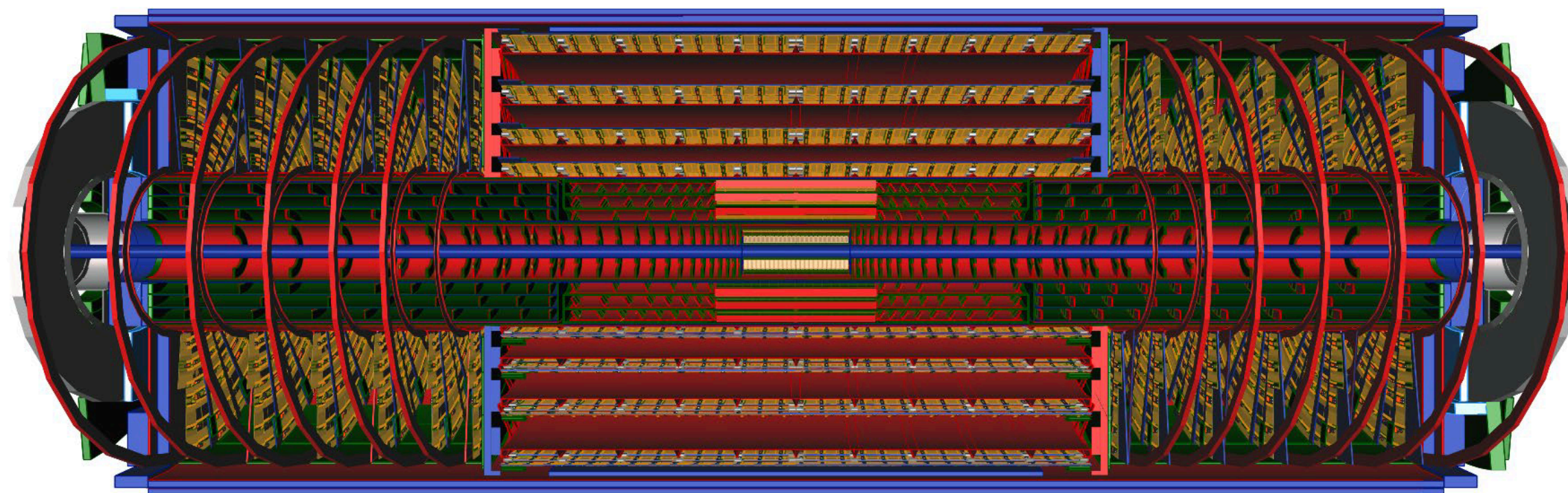


High-performance multi-purpose detector: can detect with high efficiency both p+p and heavy-ion collisions

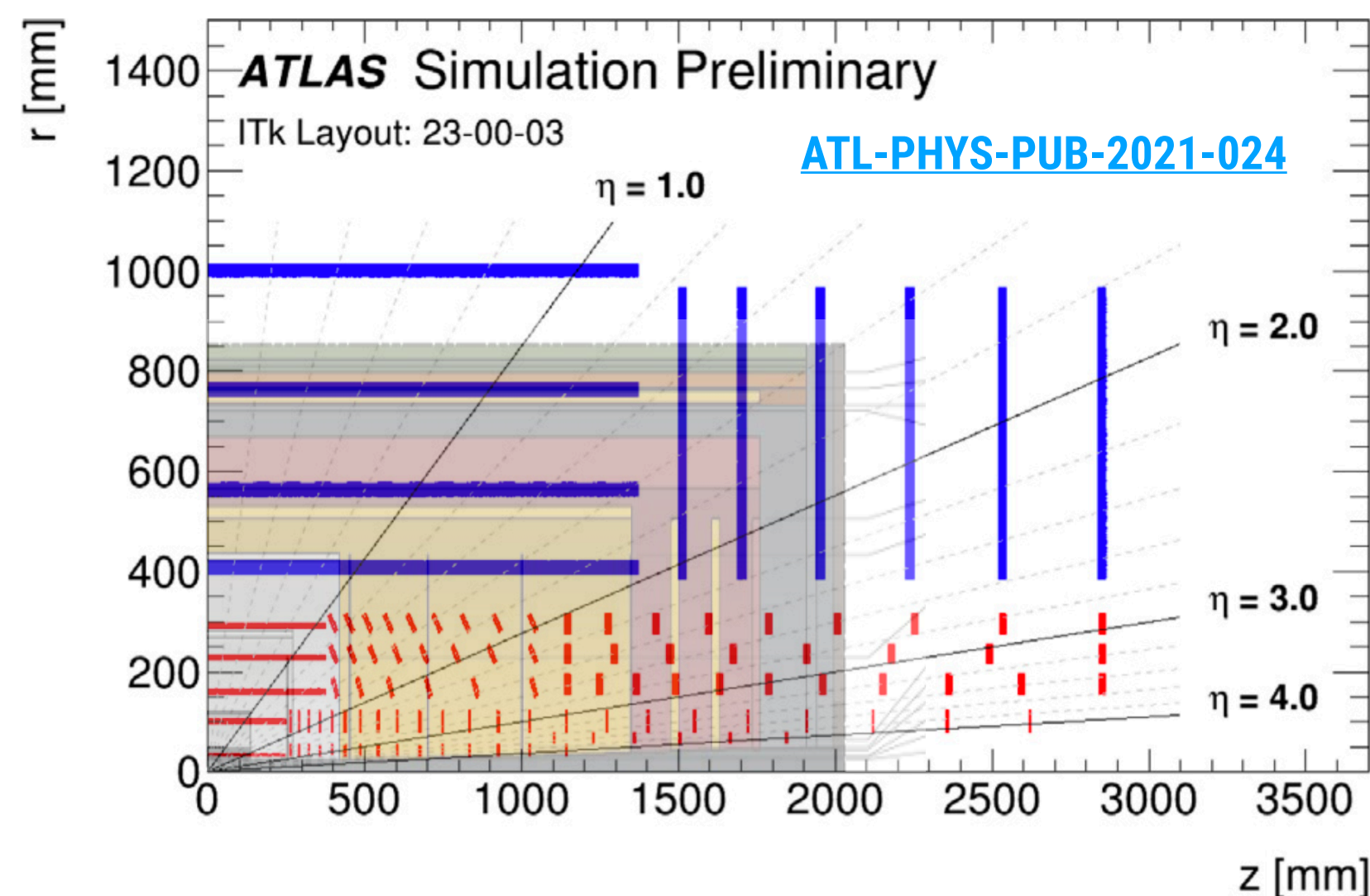
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- New HL-ZDC & RPD (Heavy Ion only)
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- Upgrade of LUCID (Luminosity)
- New High Granularity Timing Detector
- Upgrade of Calorimeter



Rates	Phase I	Phase II
Trigger input	40 MHz	
L0/L1 trigger	100 kHz	1 MHz
Event Farm	1 kHz	10 kHz



ATLAS ITK upgrade setup (overlaid w/ ePIC tracker, sketch courtesy of P.Steinberg)

New outstanding tracking coverage ($|\eta| < 4$) and trigger capabilities will further boost ATLAS capabilities in detecting and analyzing HI events!

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1st joint hardware project ATLAS/CMS

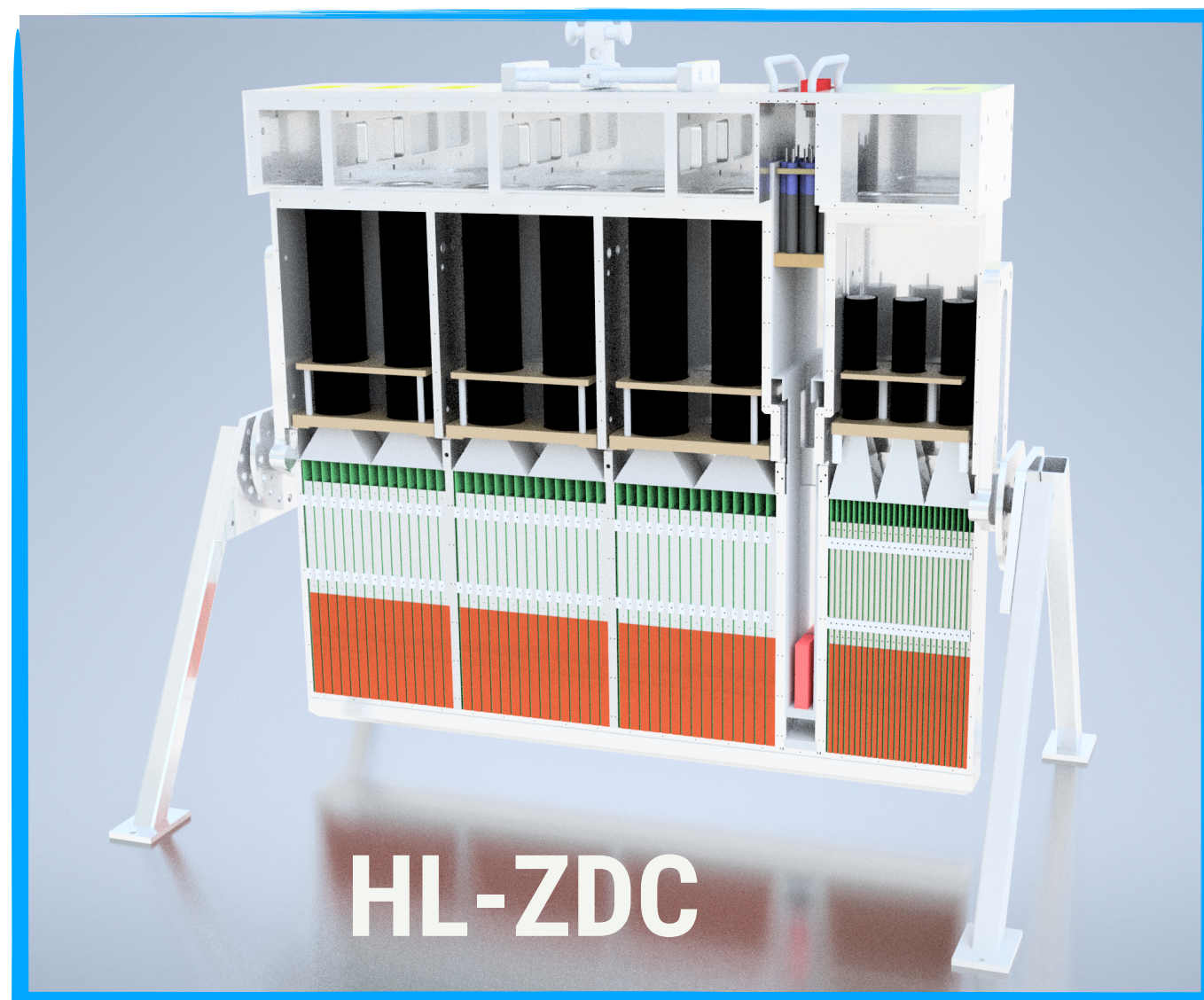
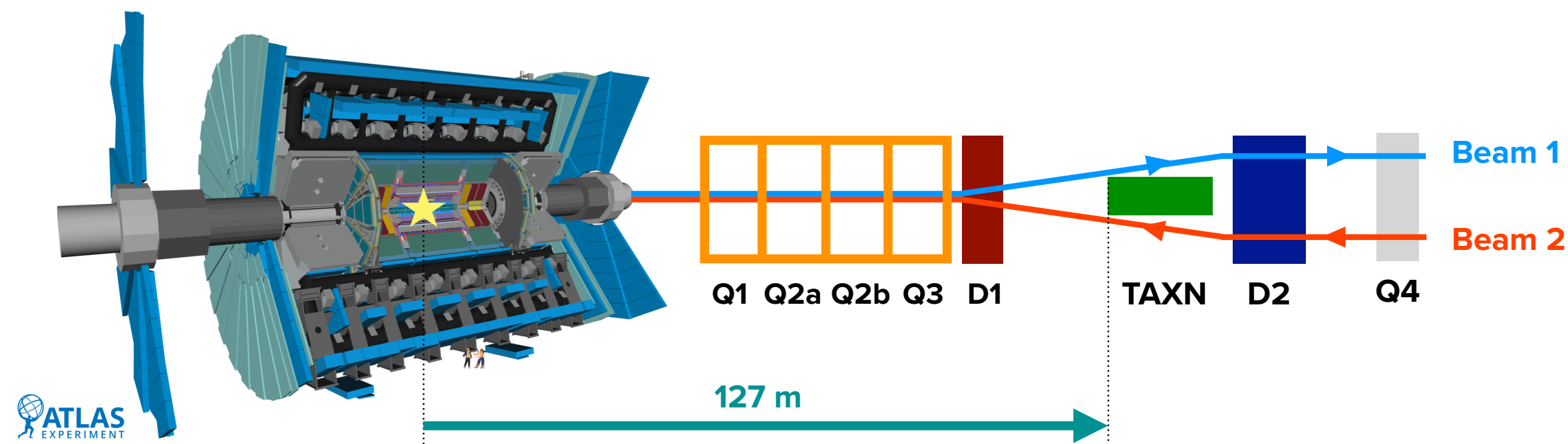
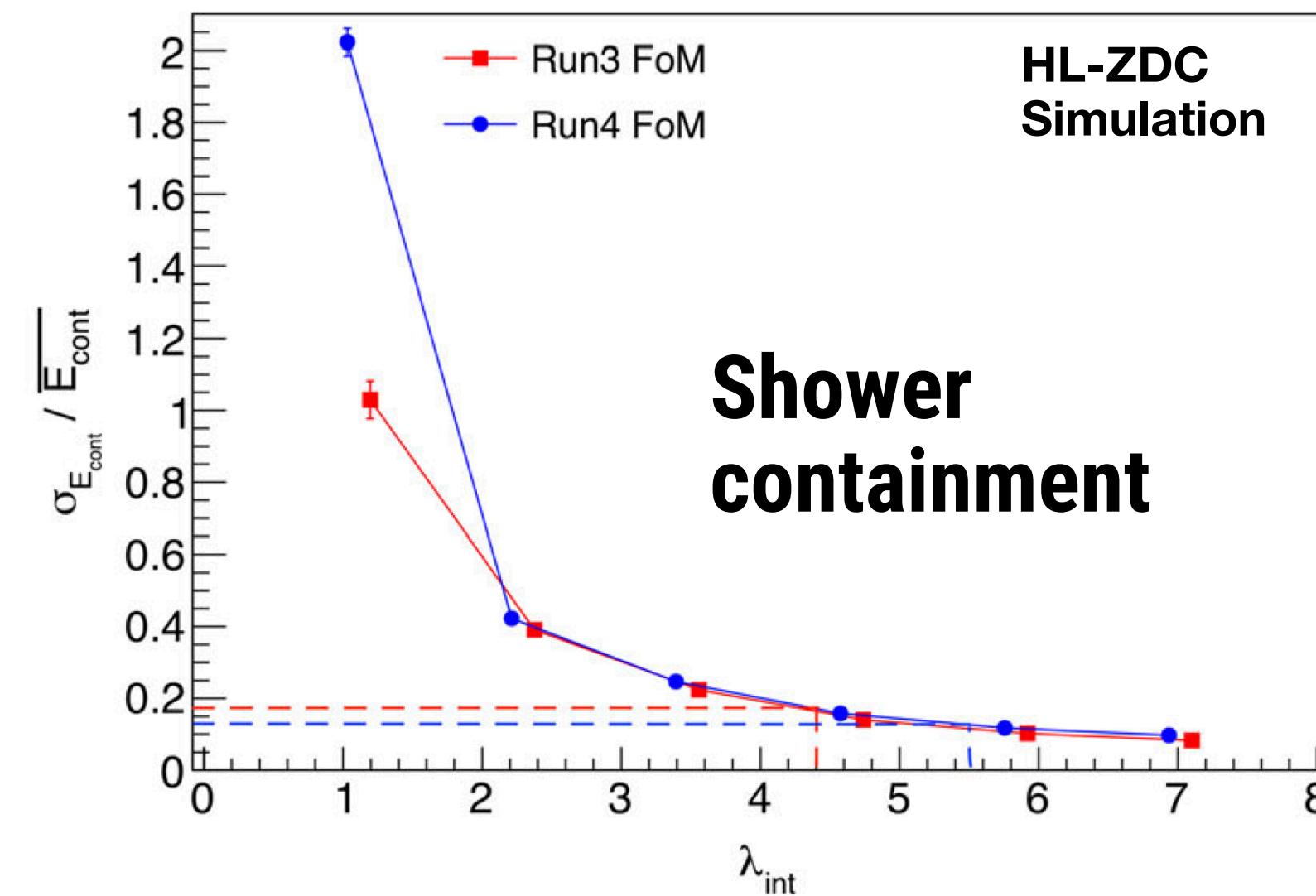
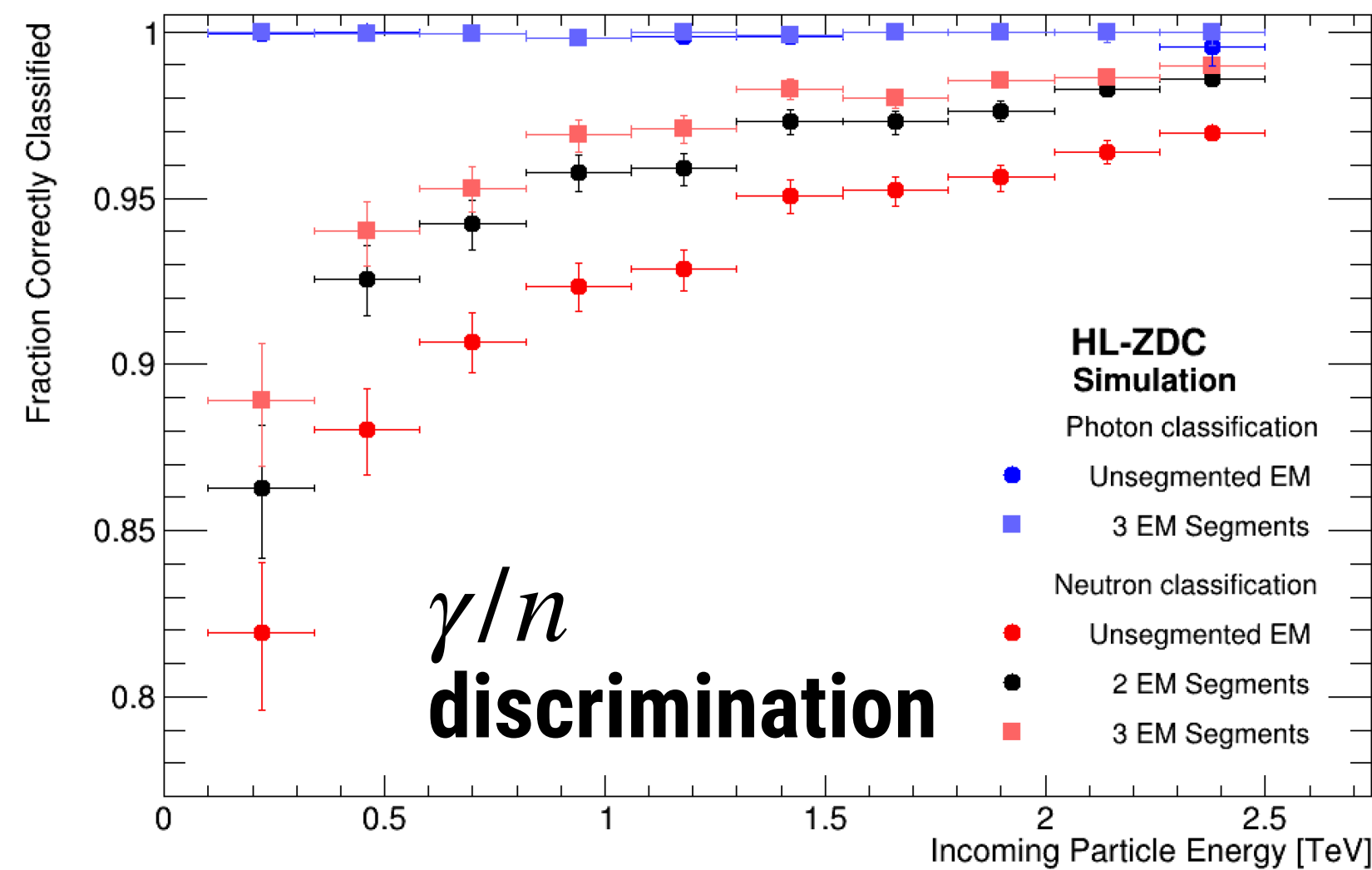
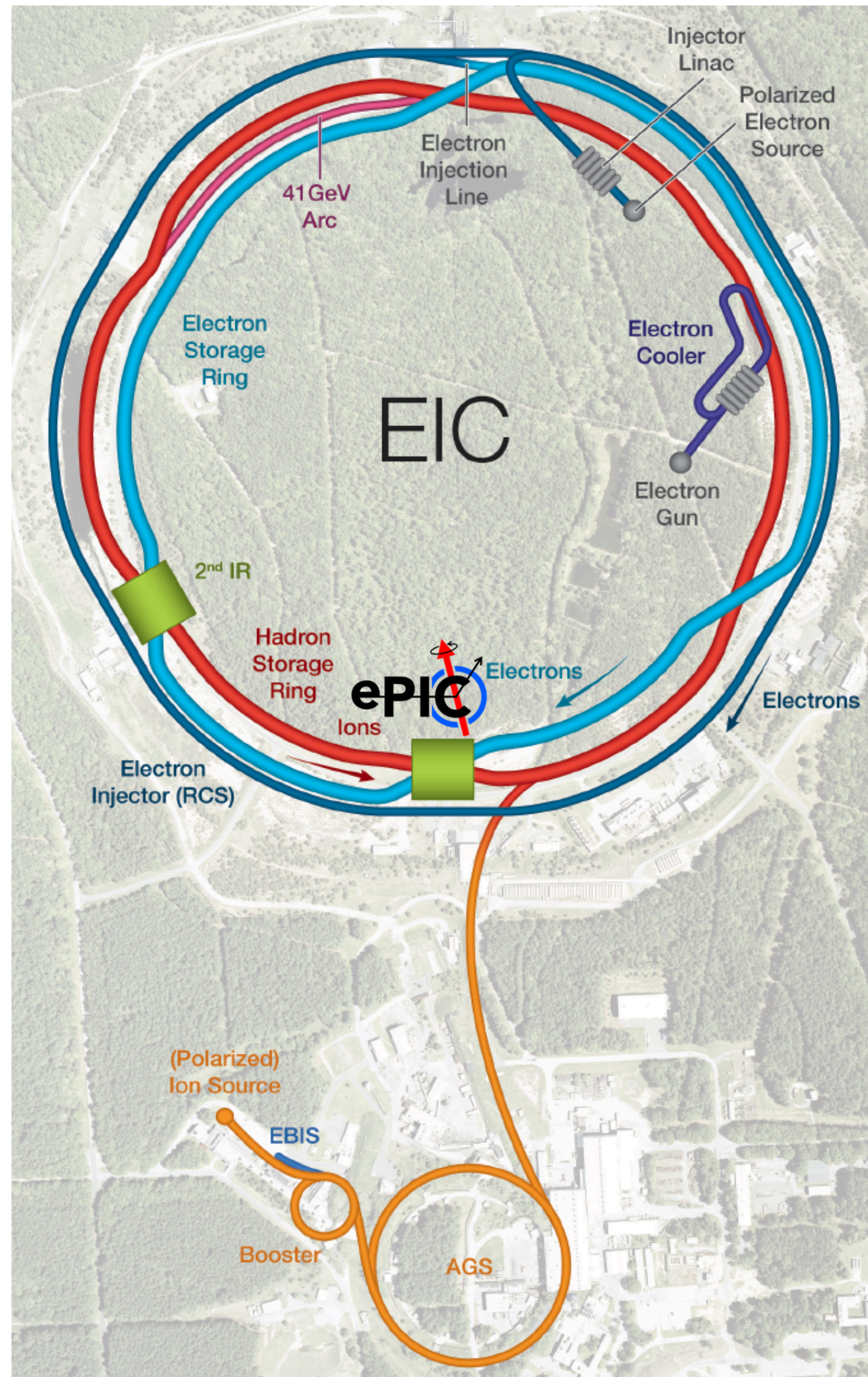
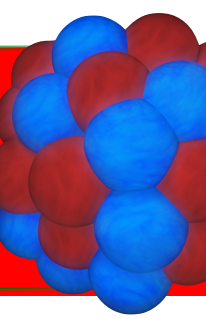


Figure of merit vs λ_{int} : Run 3 vs Run 4





EIC: from RHIC to the next generation experiments

- Use existing hadron stage ring energy: 41 - 275 GeV
 - Add e^- storage ring in RHIC tunnel energy: 5 - 18 GeV
- $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} 41 - 275 \\ 5 - 18 \end{matrix}} \right\} \sqrt{s} = 29 - 141 \text{ GeV}$

Beam versatility, polarization, high luminosity

- Electron beam combined with different (un)polarized beams
 - $e^- + (p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow, \text{He}^\uparrow, \text{unpolarized ions with different } A)$
 - $\sim 70\%$ polarization for polarizable hadron/ion beams
- High luminosity machine:
 - $e^- + p: \mathcal{L} = 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}, L = 10 - 100 \text{ fb}^{-1} / \text{year}$
 - $e^- + A: \mathcal{L} = 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}, L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1} / \text{year}$



HL-LHC & EIC: TIMELINES



*VERY DYNAMIC PICTURE.
DON'T MARK YOUR CALENDARS (YET!)*

LHC Long term schedule

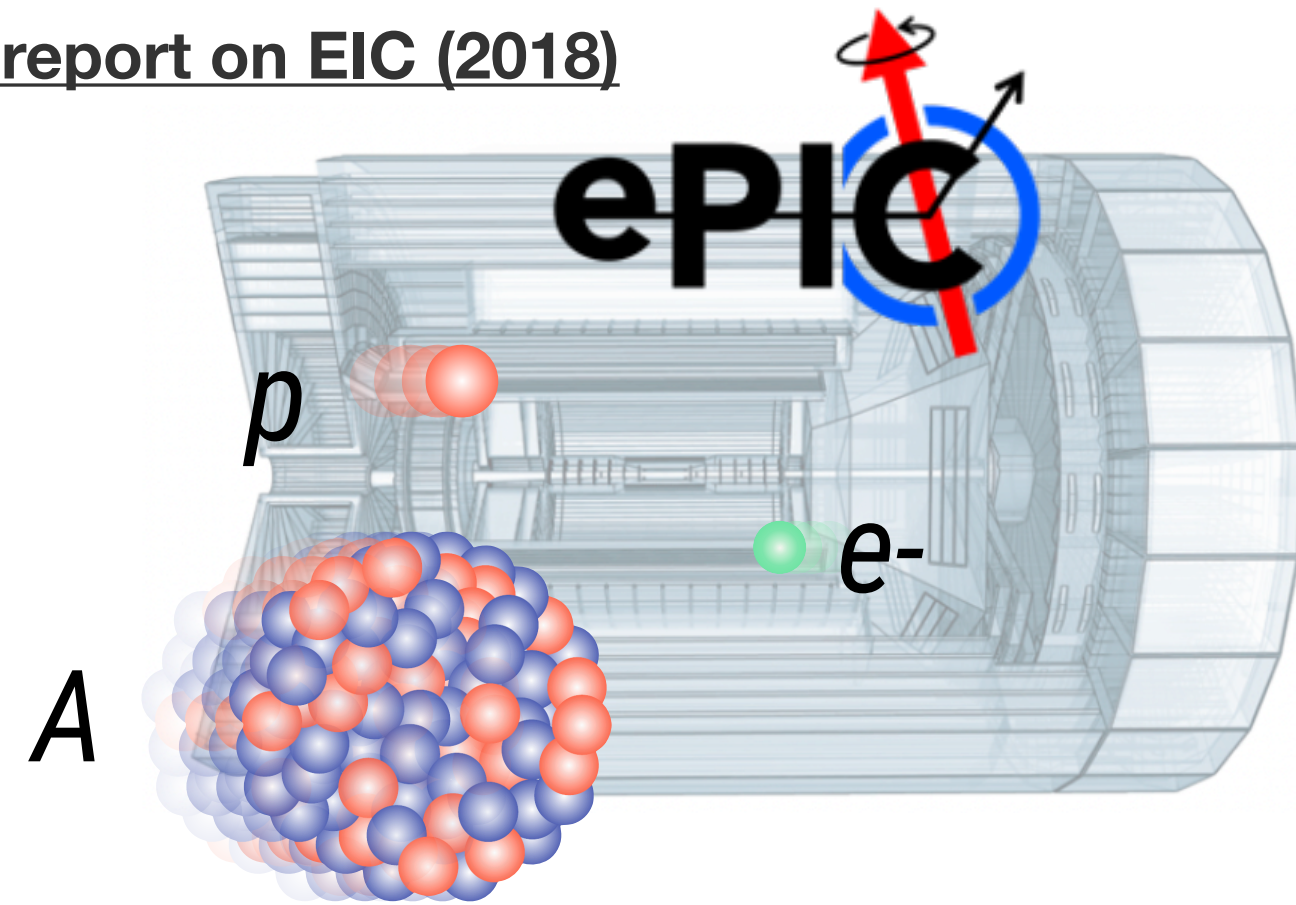
Facility/Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
LHC	LS2		Run 3			HL-LHC Upgrade			Run 4			LS4			
EIC	R&D and Design Phase									Construction & Installation			Commissioning & start of Operations		

Currently, great alternation between EIC and HL-LHC schedule

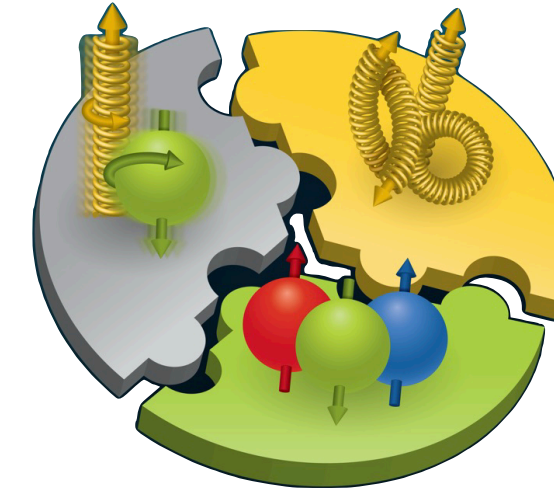
Allows for parallel deployment of scientific effort on both sides to enhance the understanding of the strong force and QCD

EIC MAIN PHYSICS GOALS

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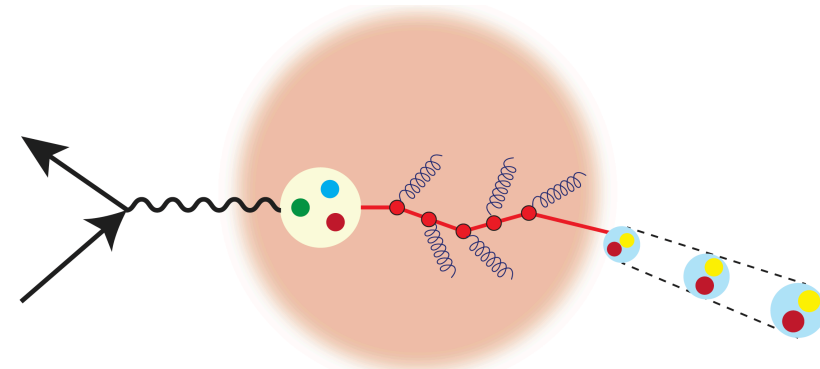
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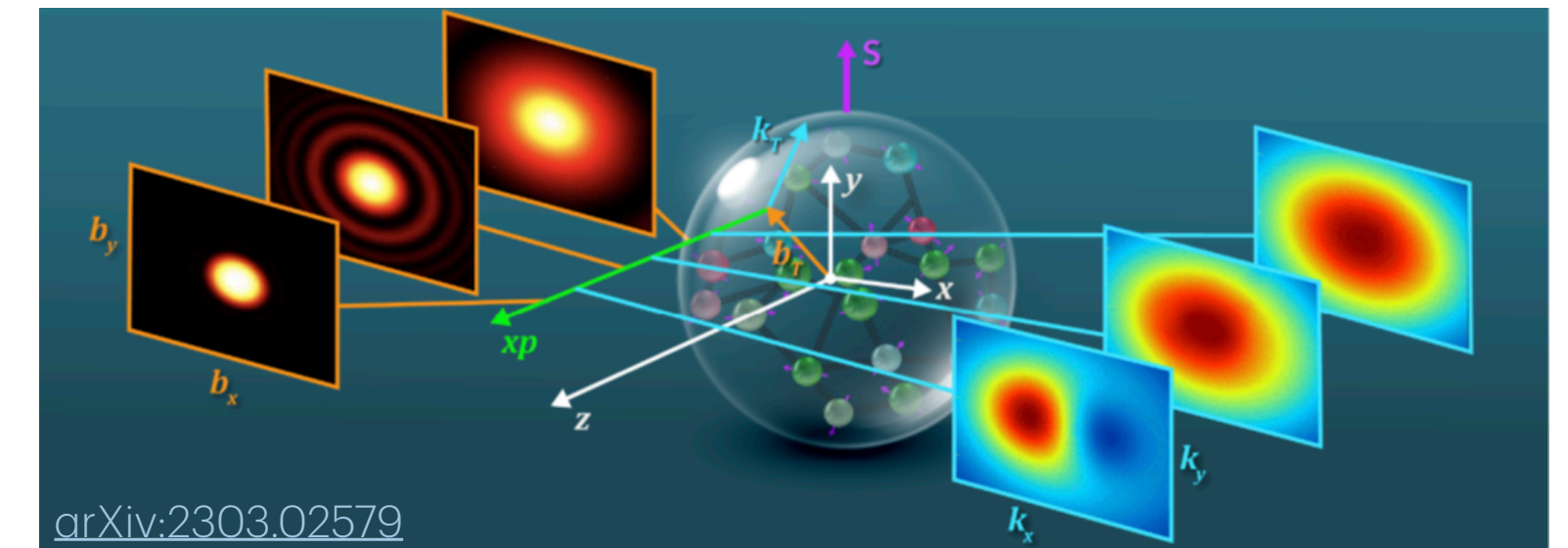
Origin of nucleon mass



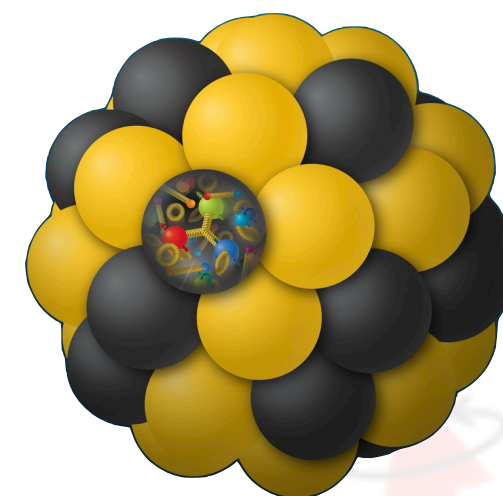
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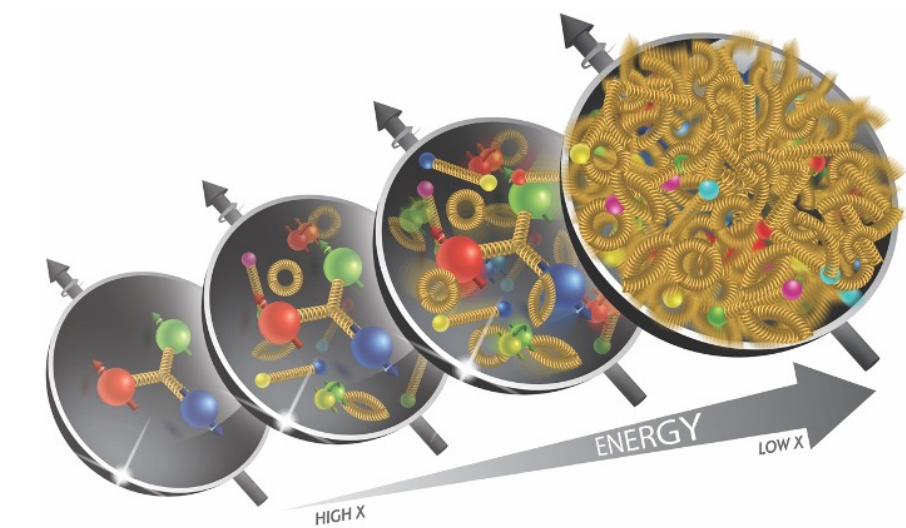
Multi-dimensional imaging of the nucleon in momentum and impact parameter space



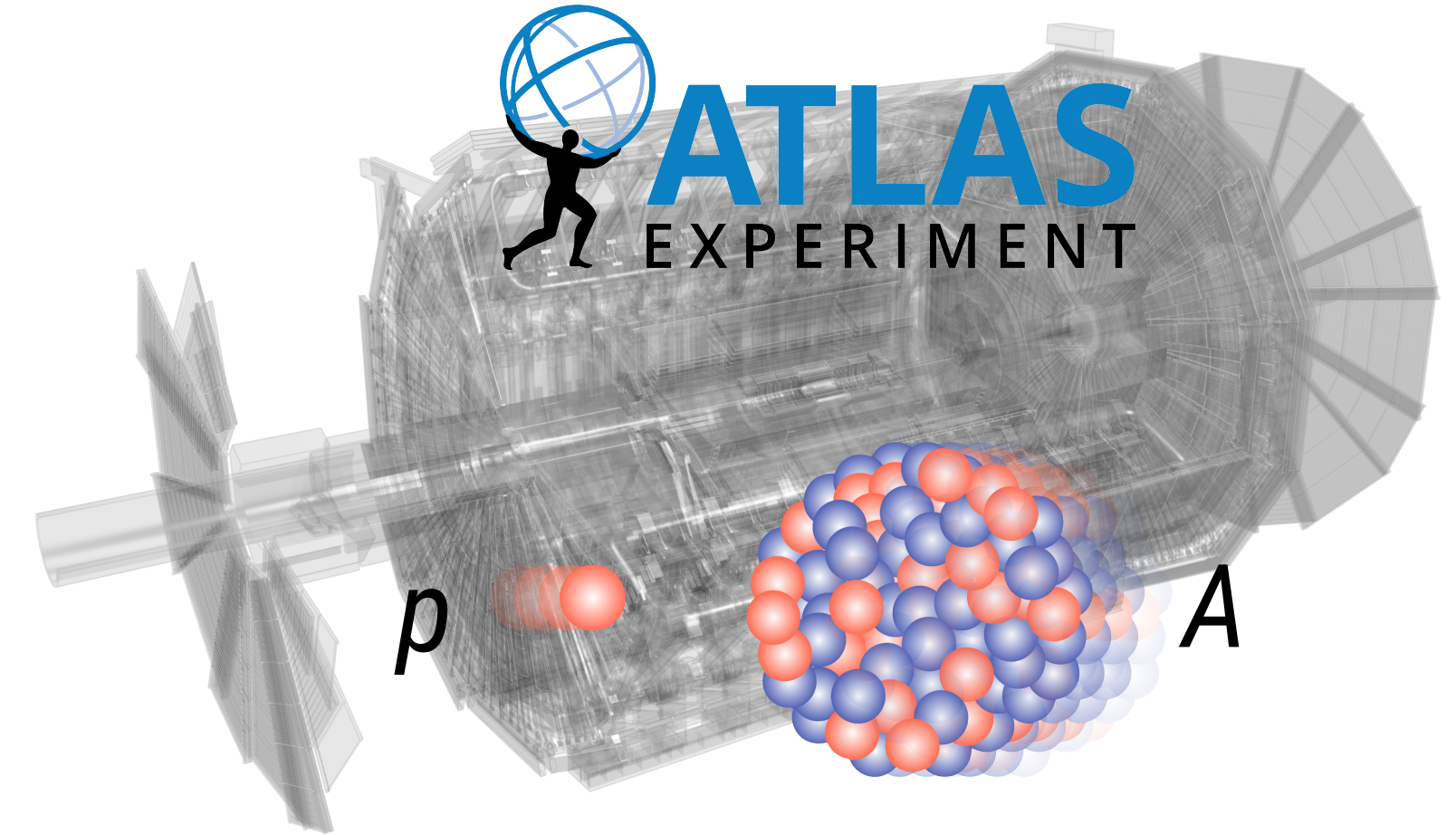
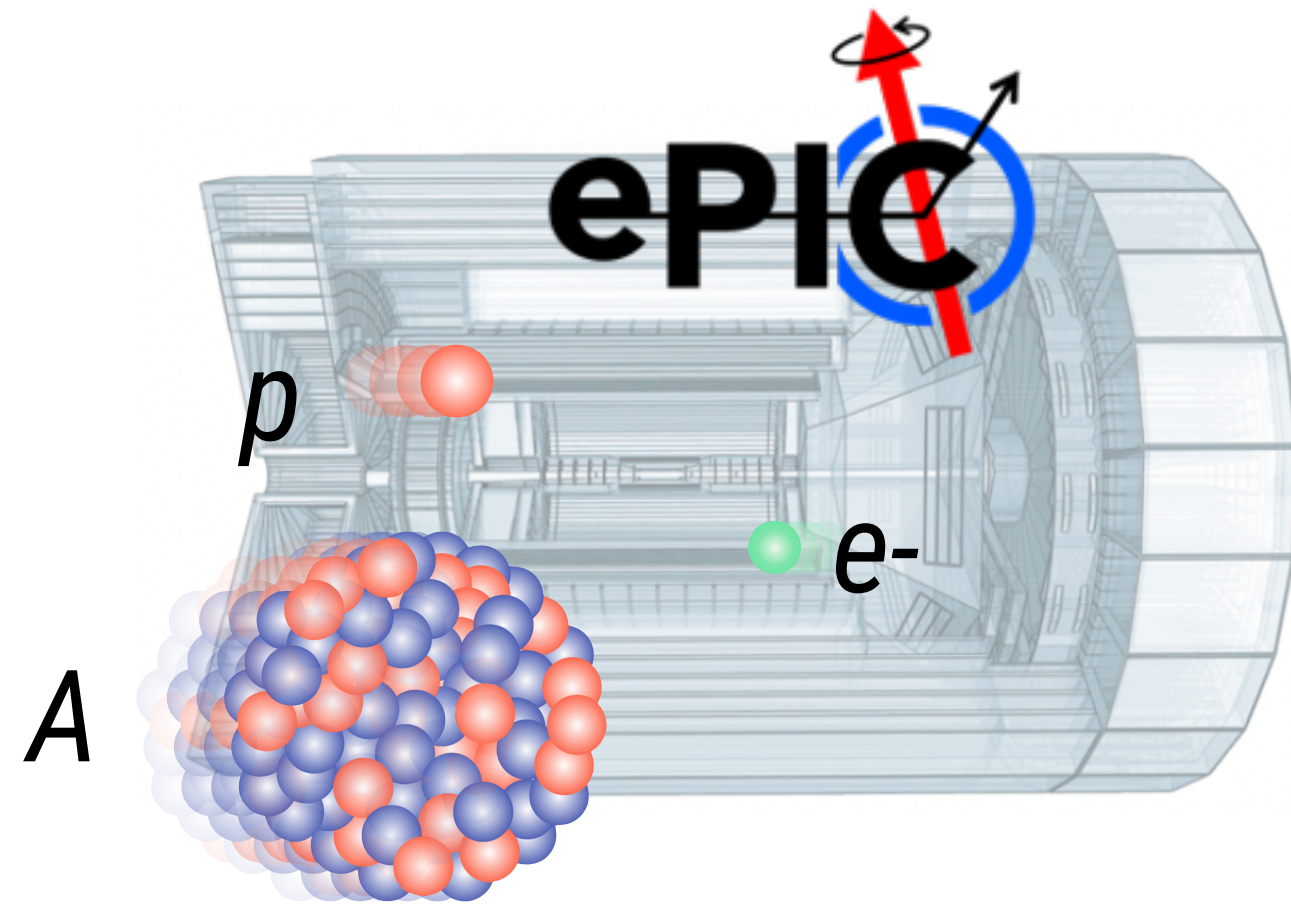
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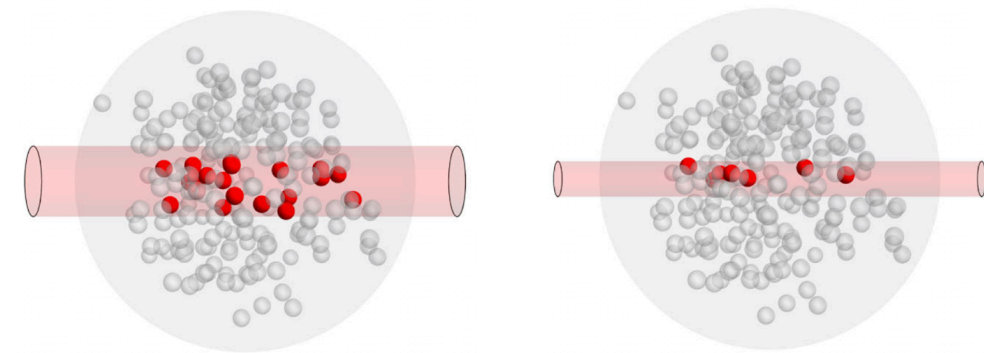
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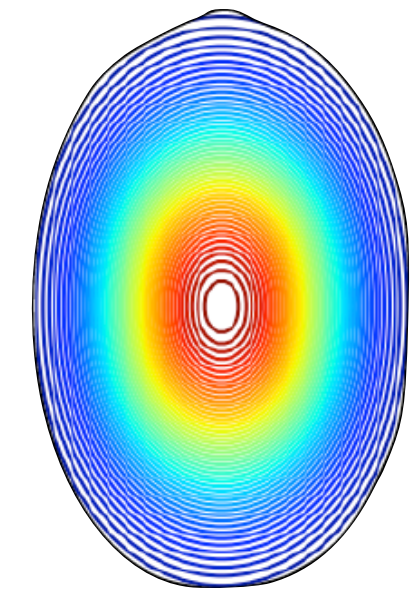
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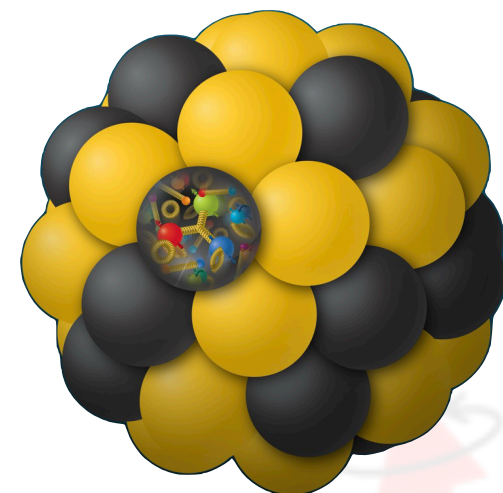
Passage of color charge through cold nuclear matter & color fluctuations



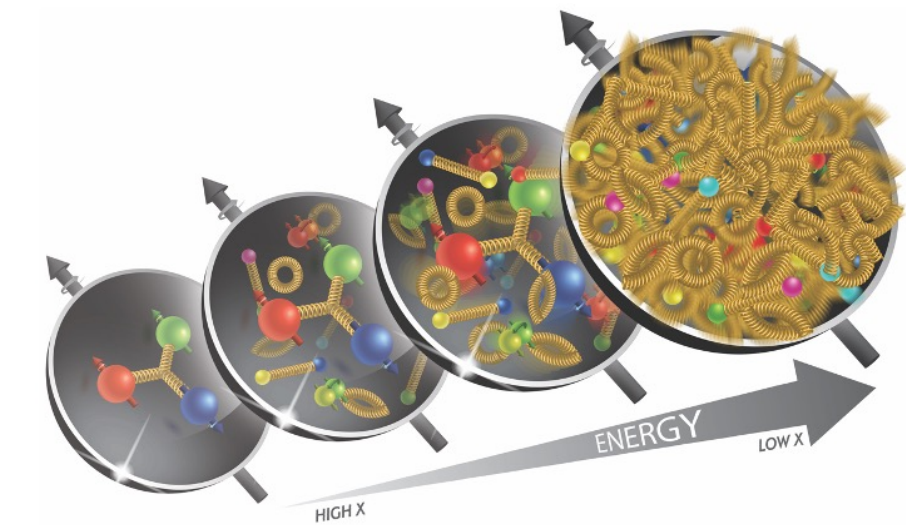
Study of collectivity in small system



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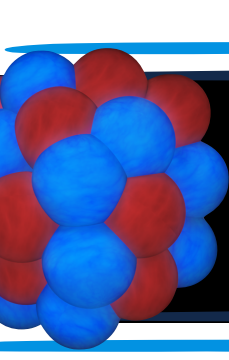
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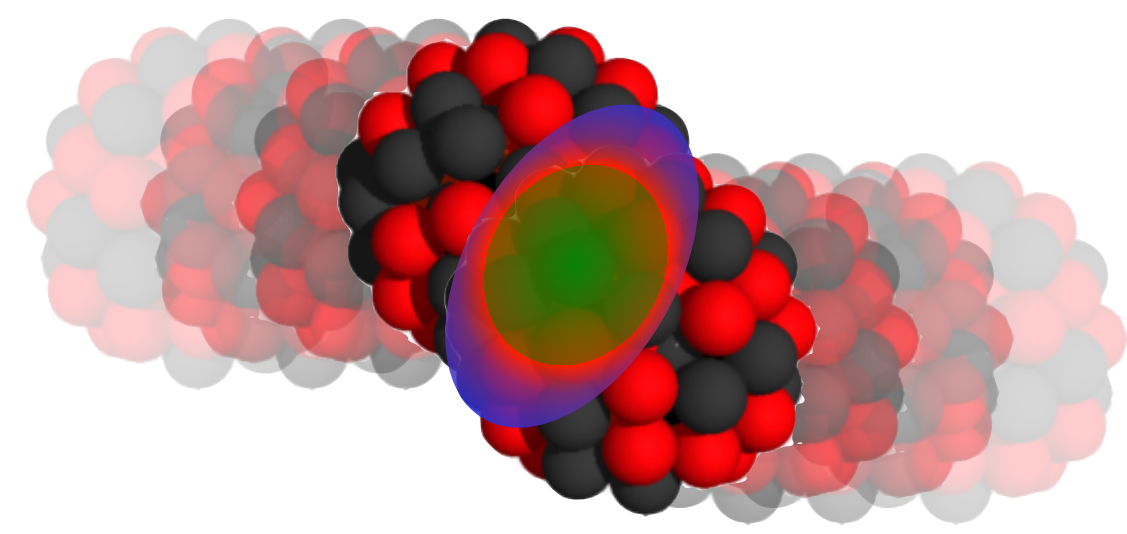


DISCOVERIES IN HOT
QCD FROM THE LHC





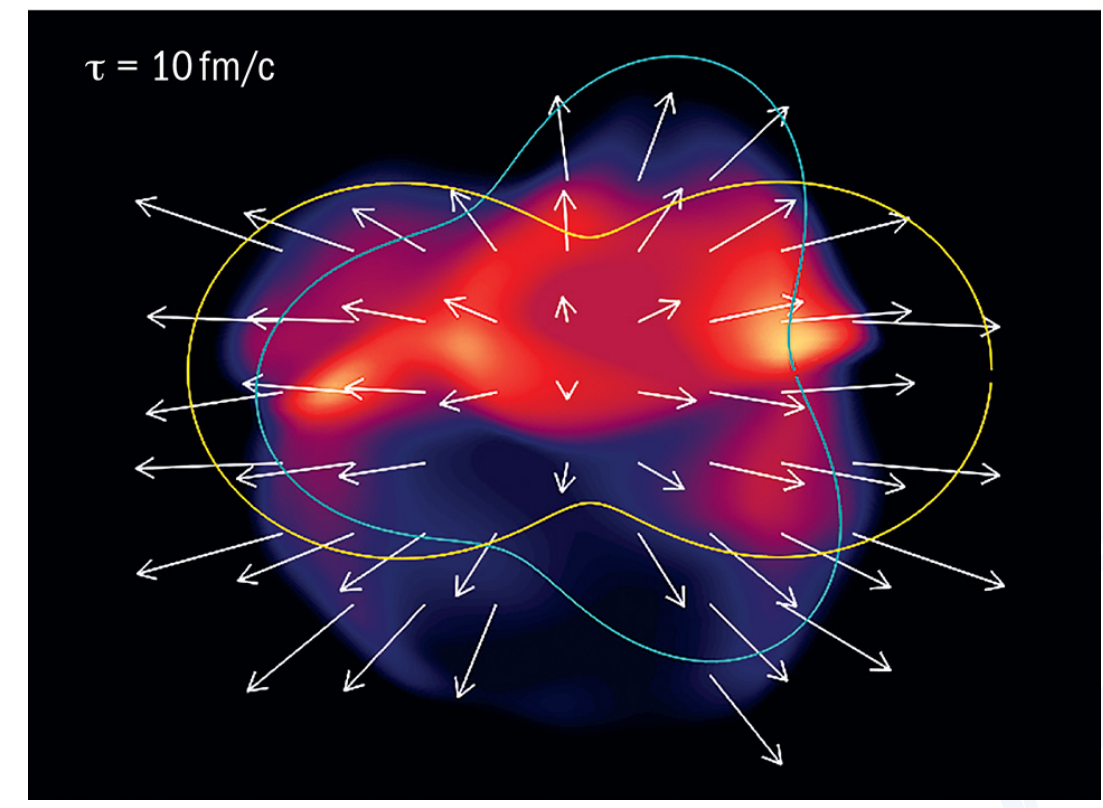
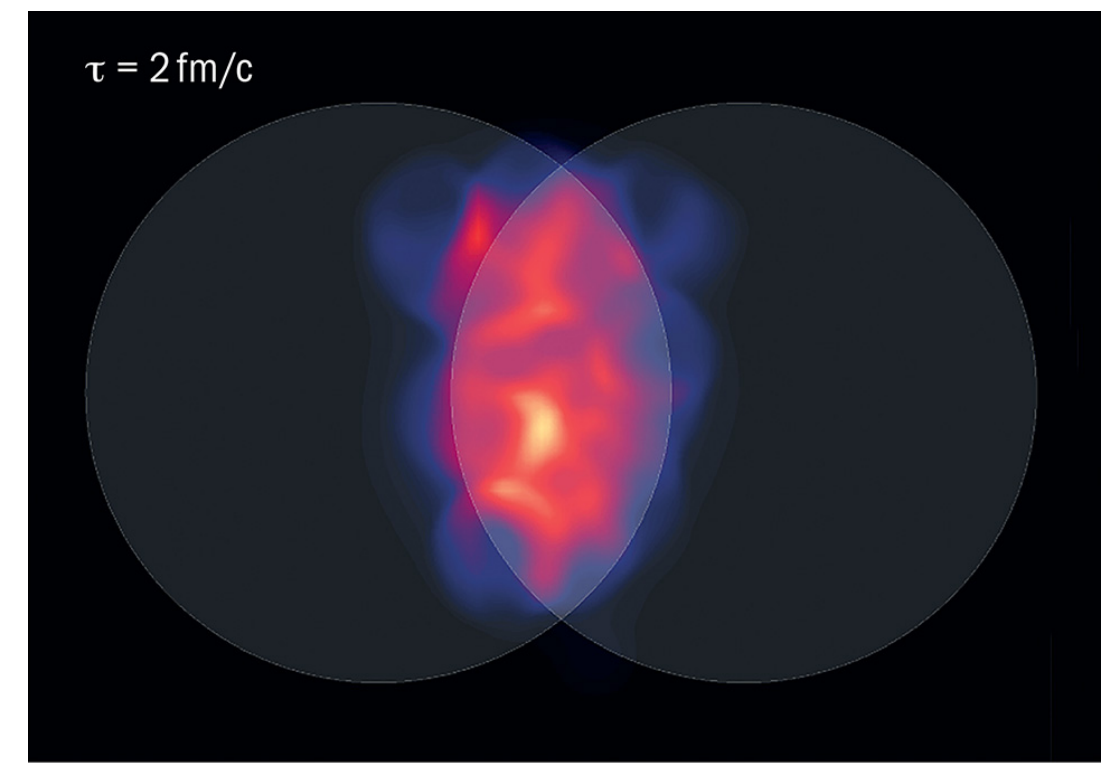
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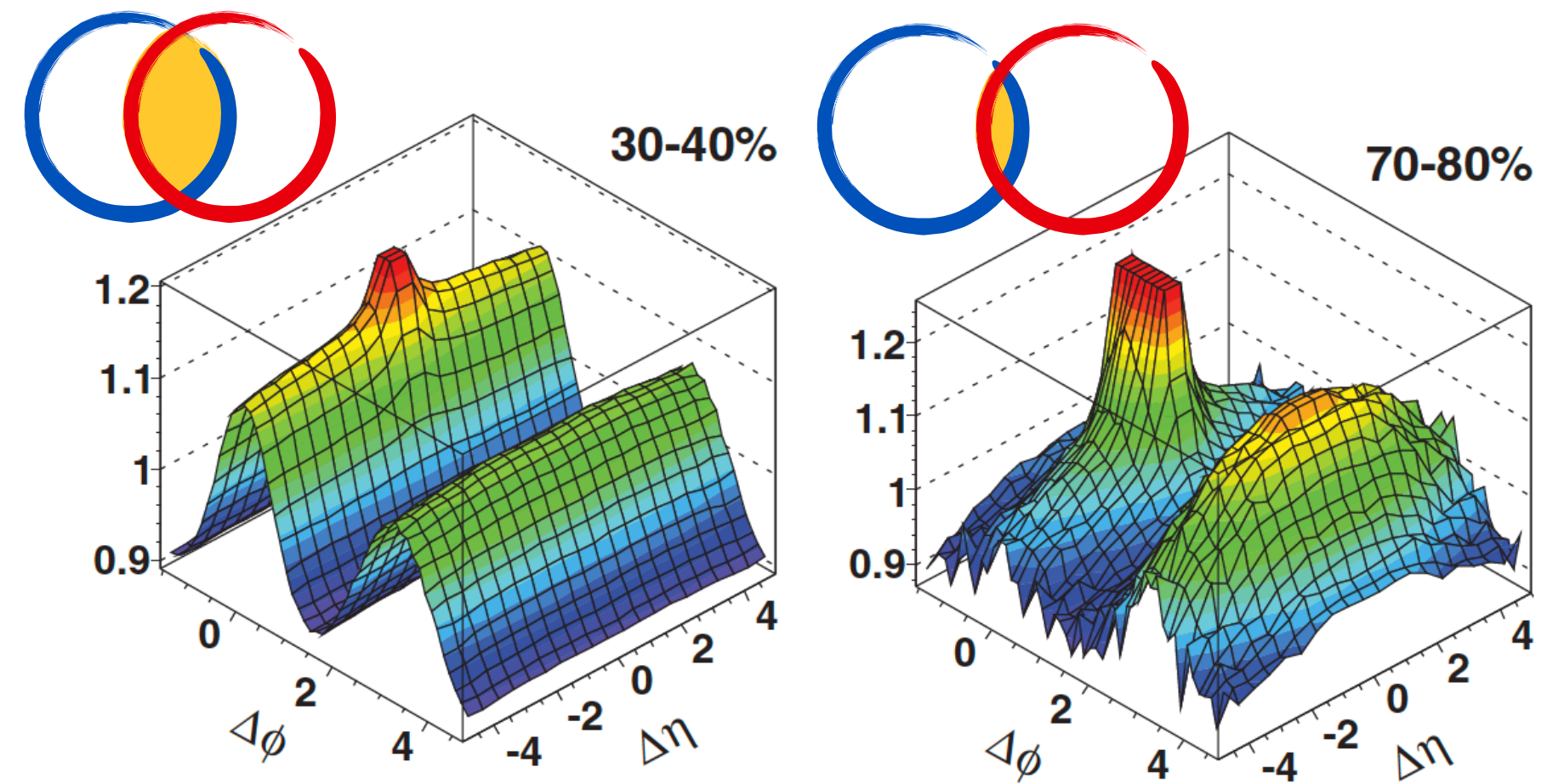
Heavy Ion collisions at multi-TeV scale

- Creation of QGP droplets, observed via different signatures:
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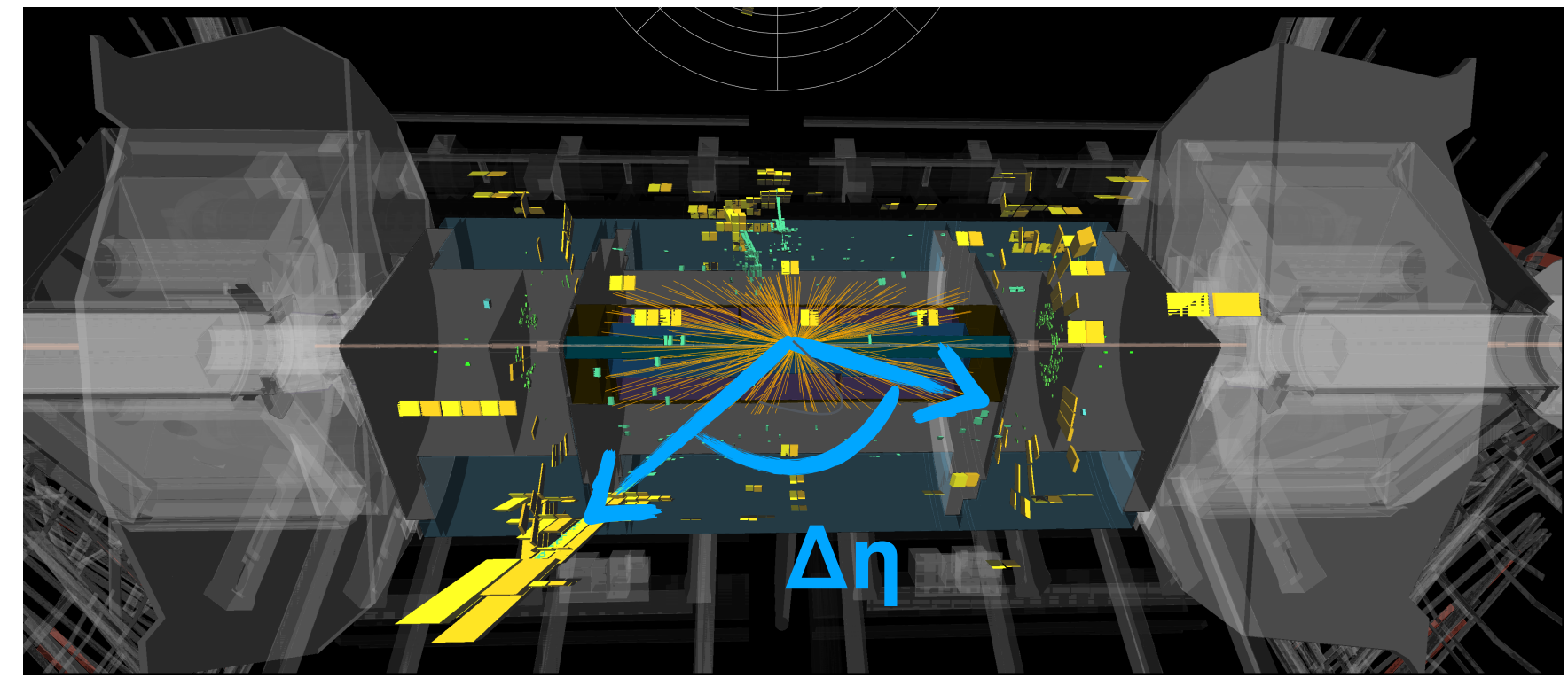
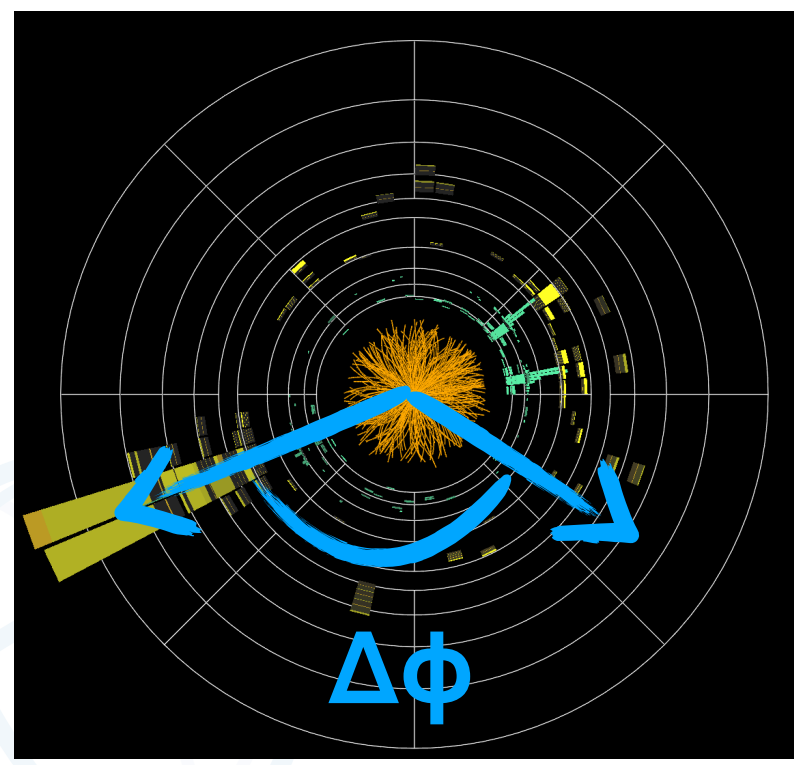


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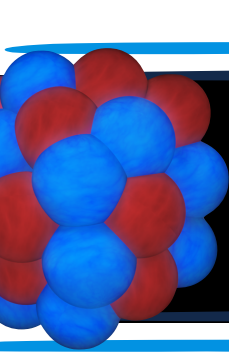
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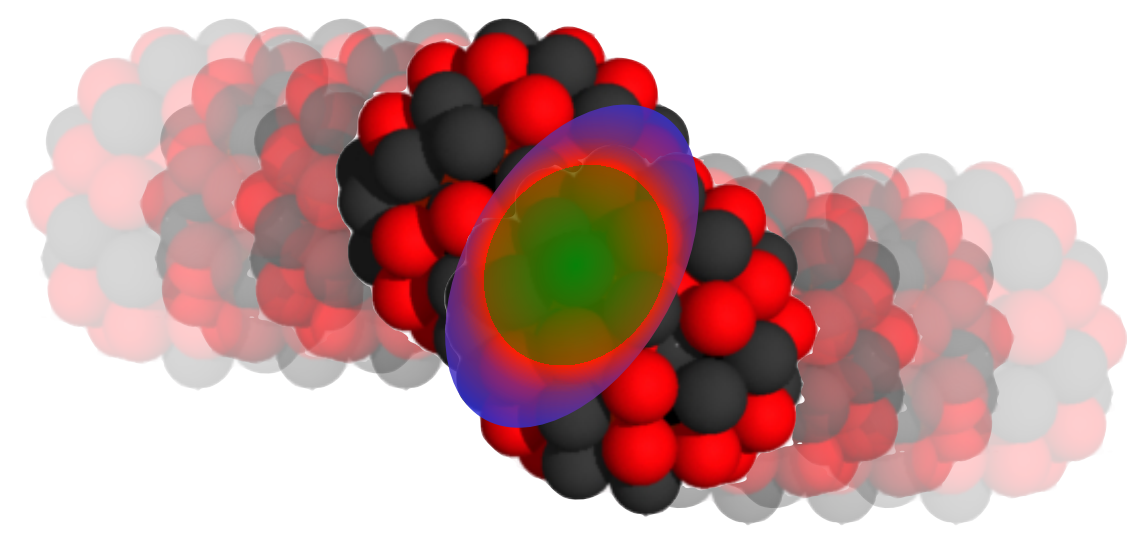
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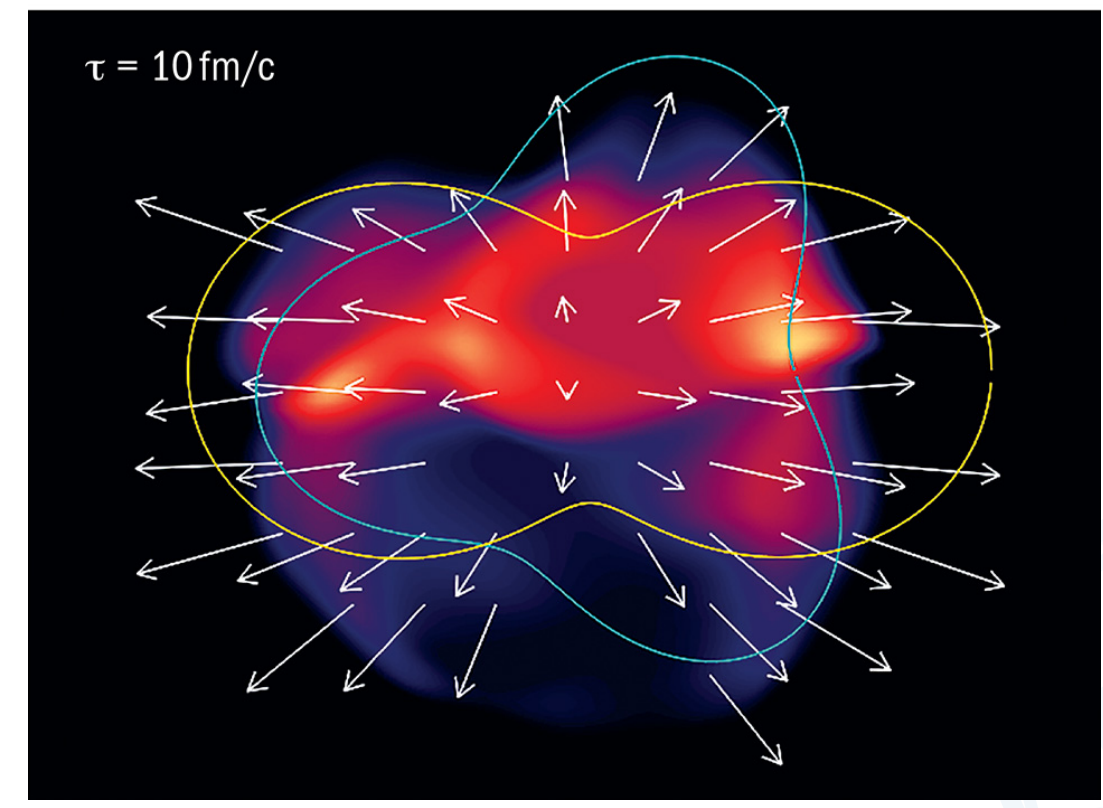
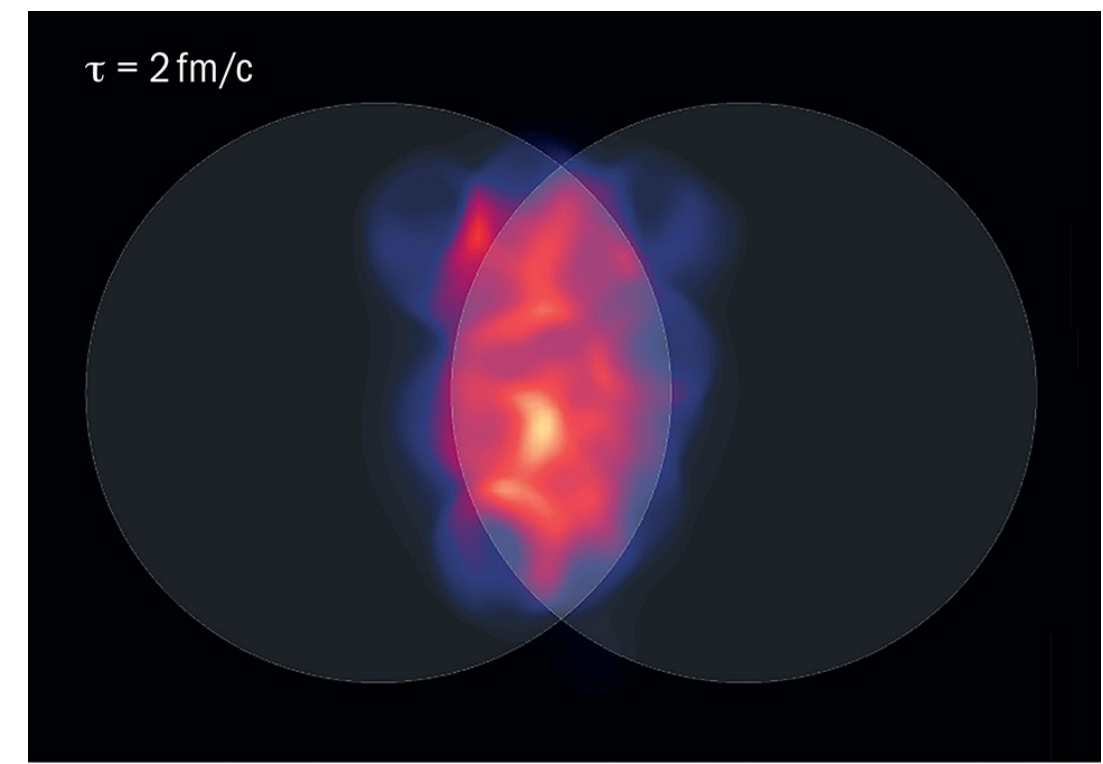


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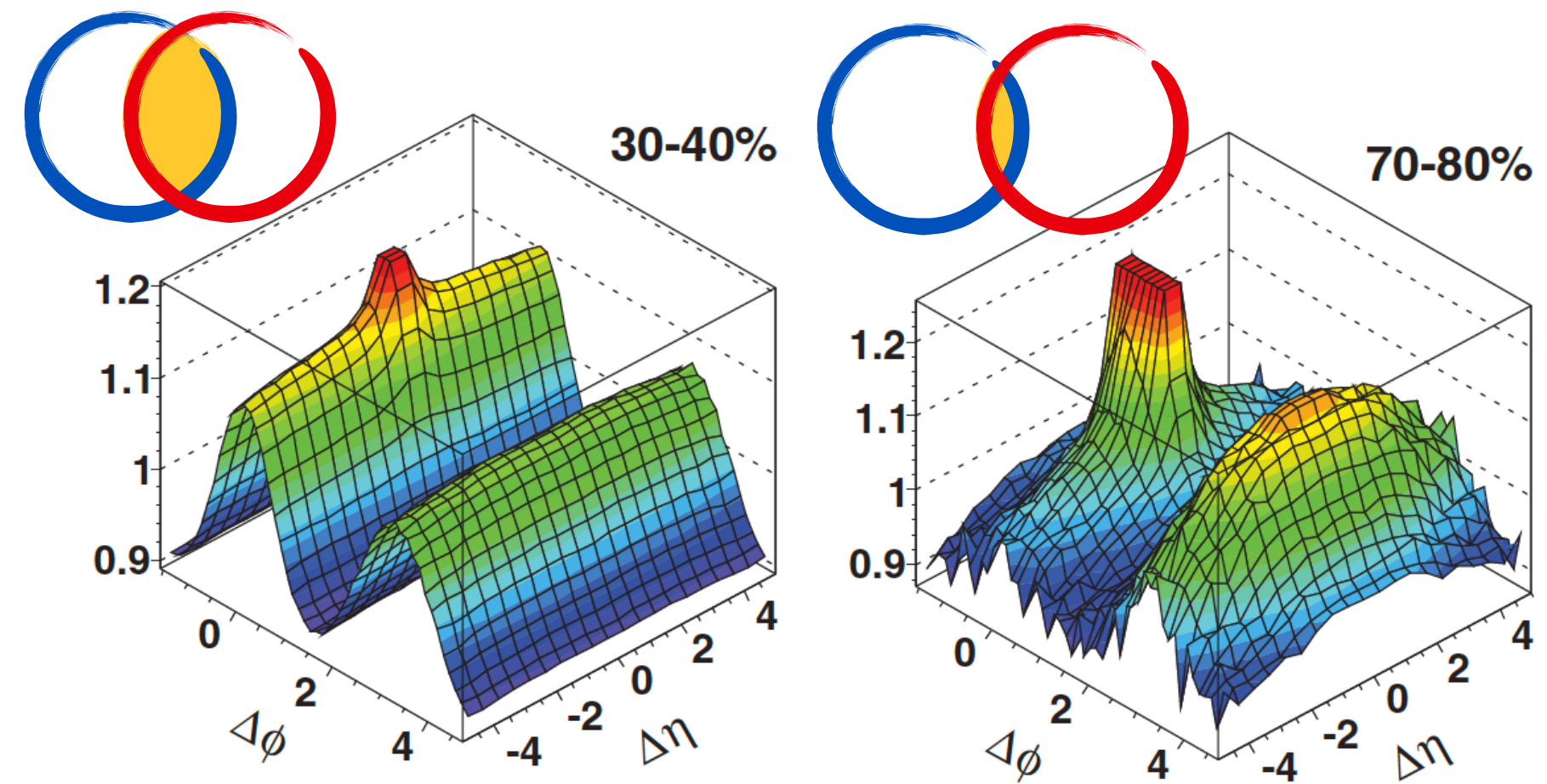
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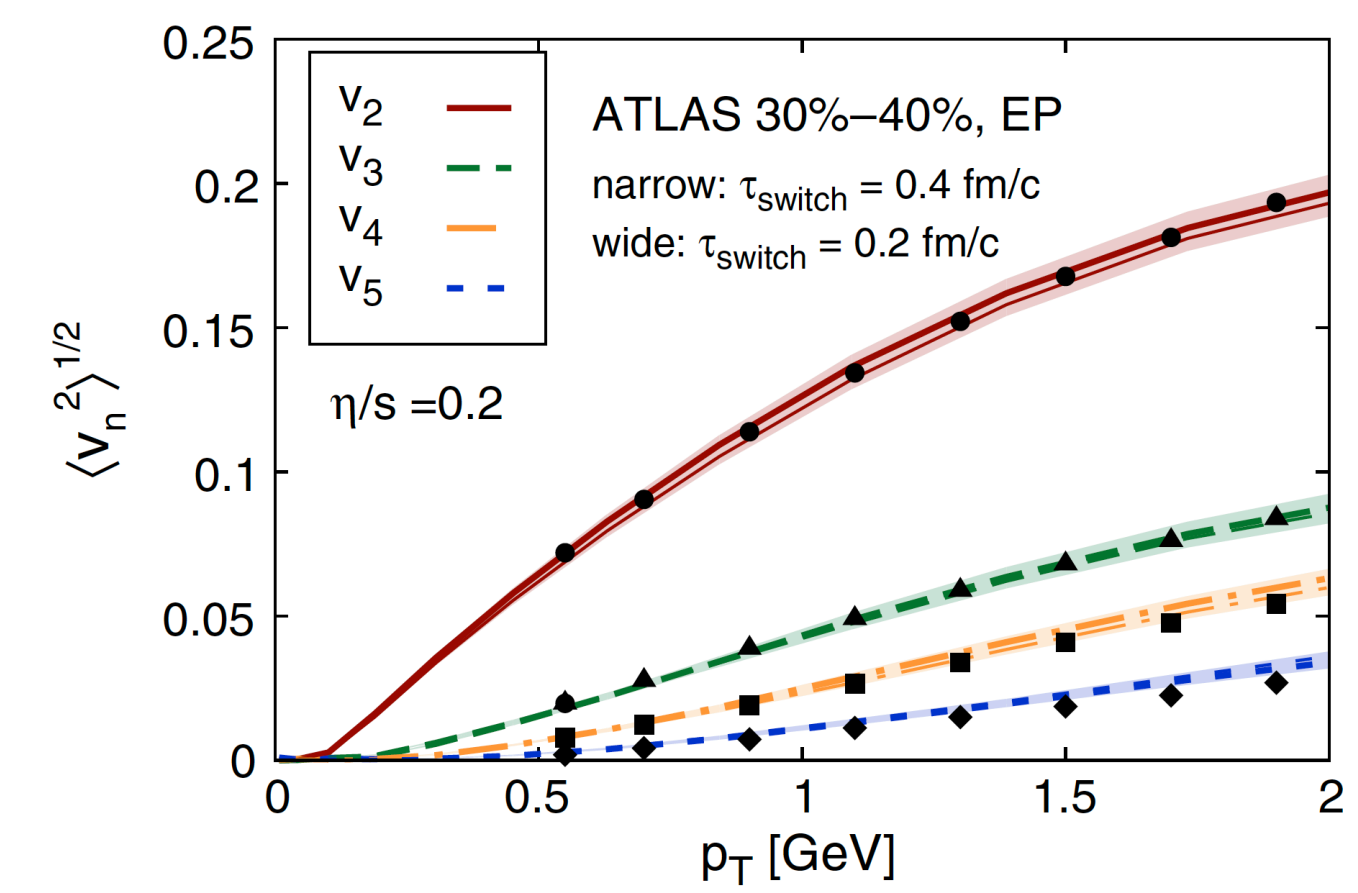
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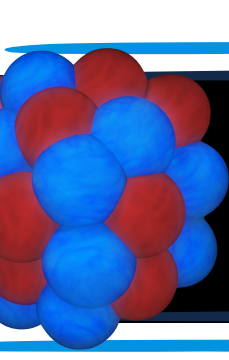
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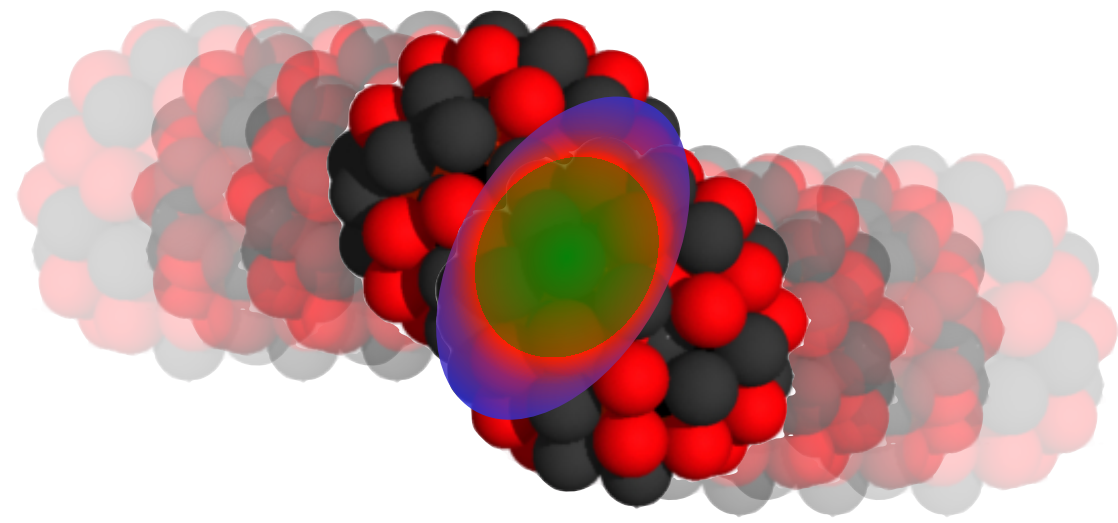
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Hydrodynamic calculations well capture the physics observed
PRL 110, 012302 (2013)

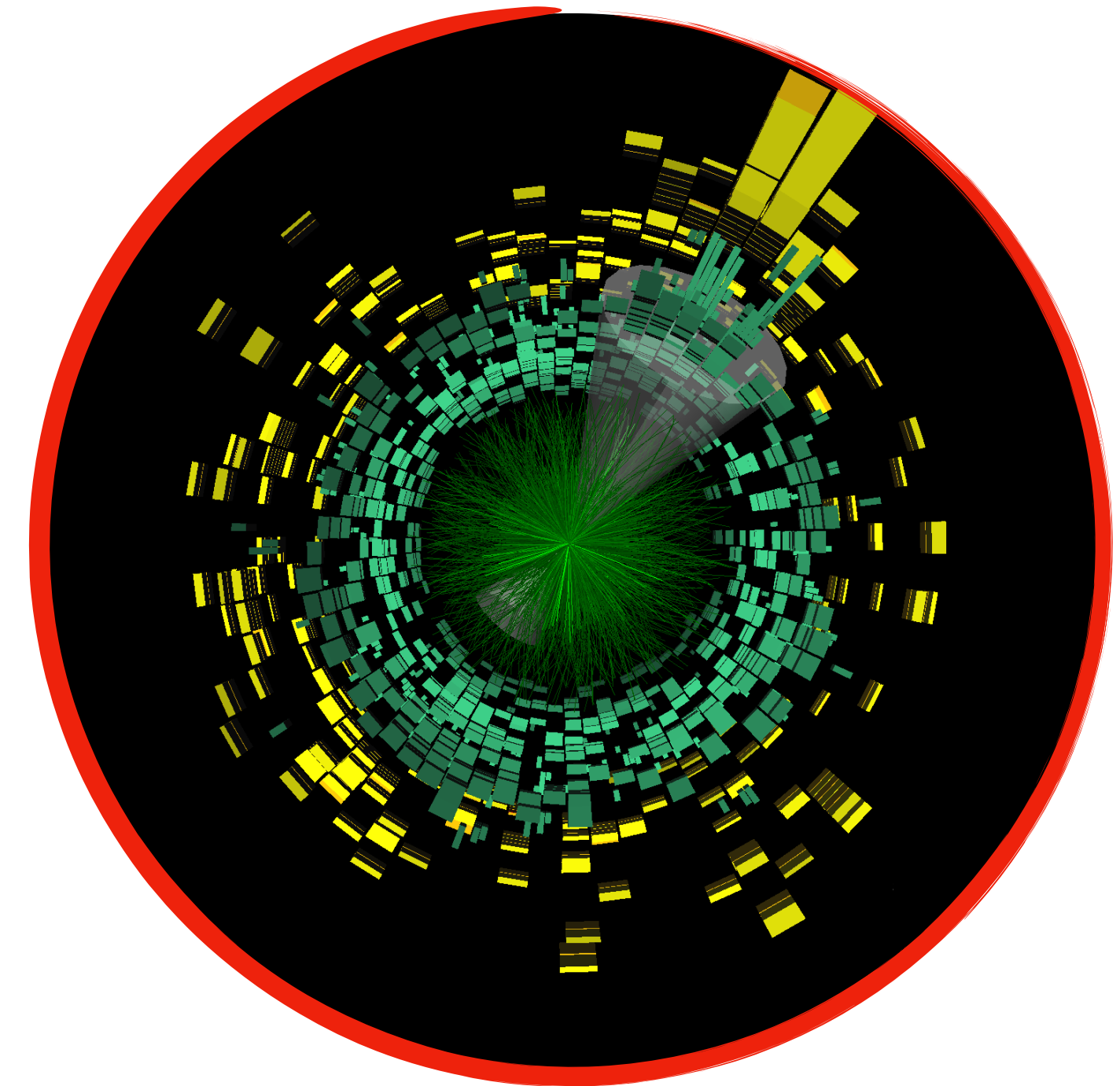
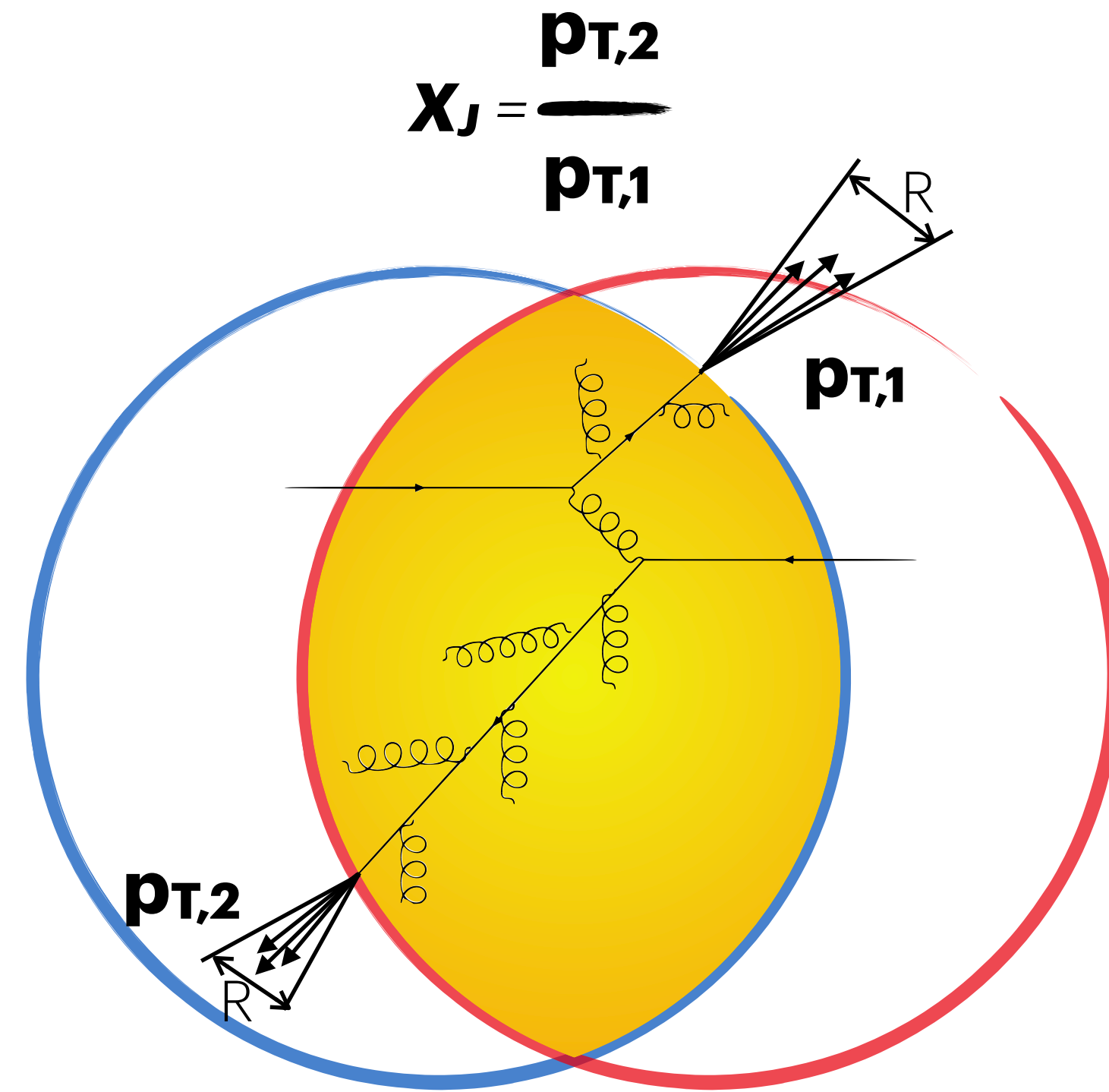


Energy loss of hard scattered partons in the QGP before hadronization

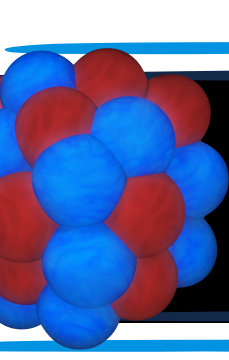


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Dijets are ideal probes to experimentally access the path-length dependence of the energy loss



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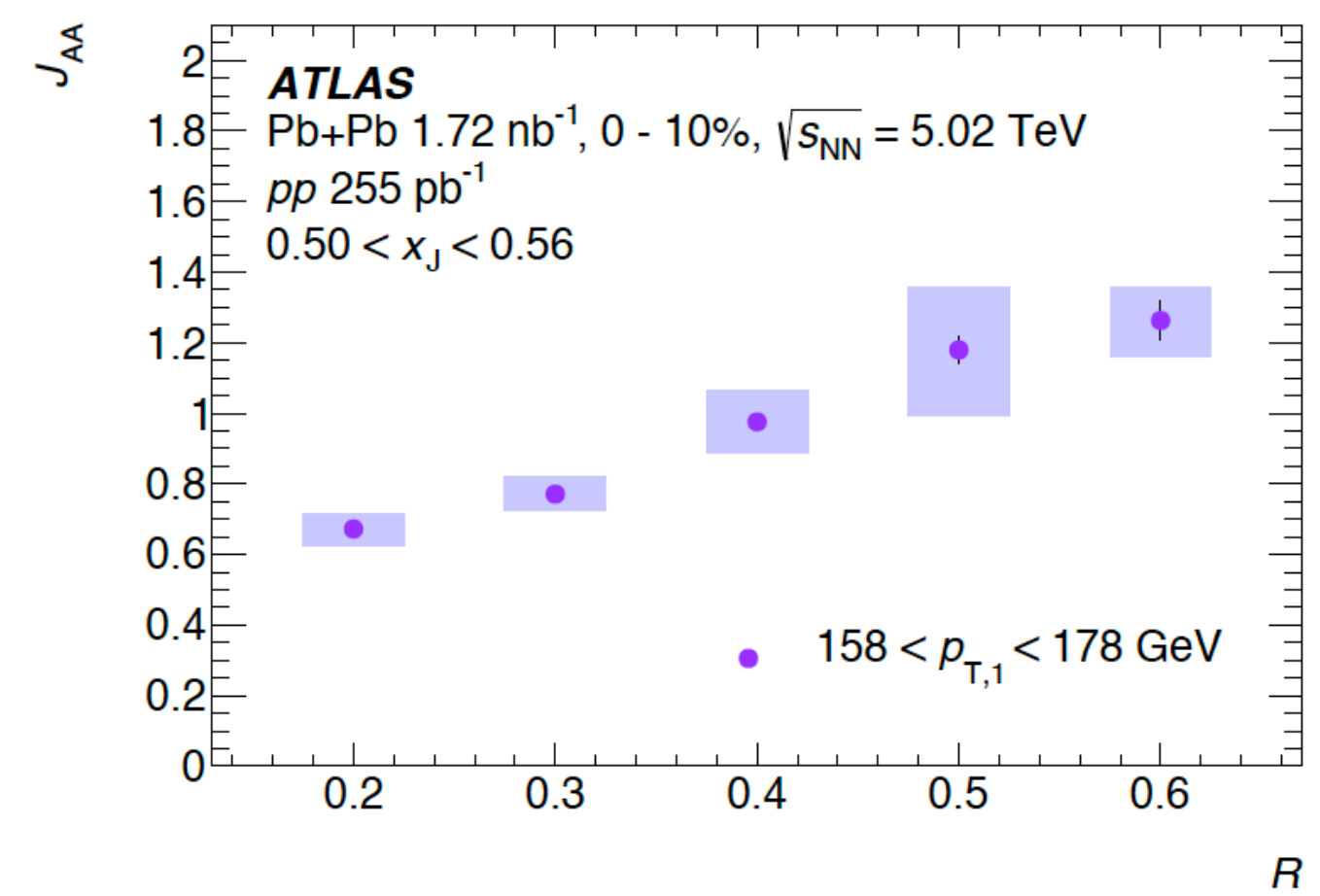
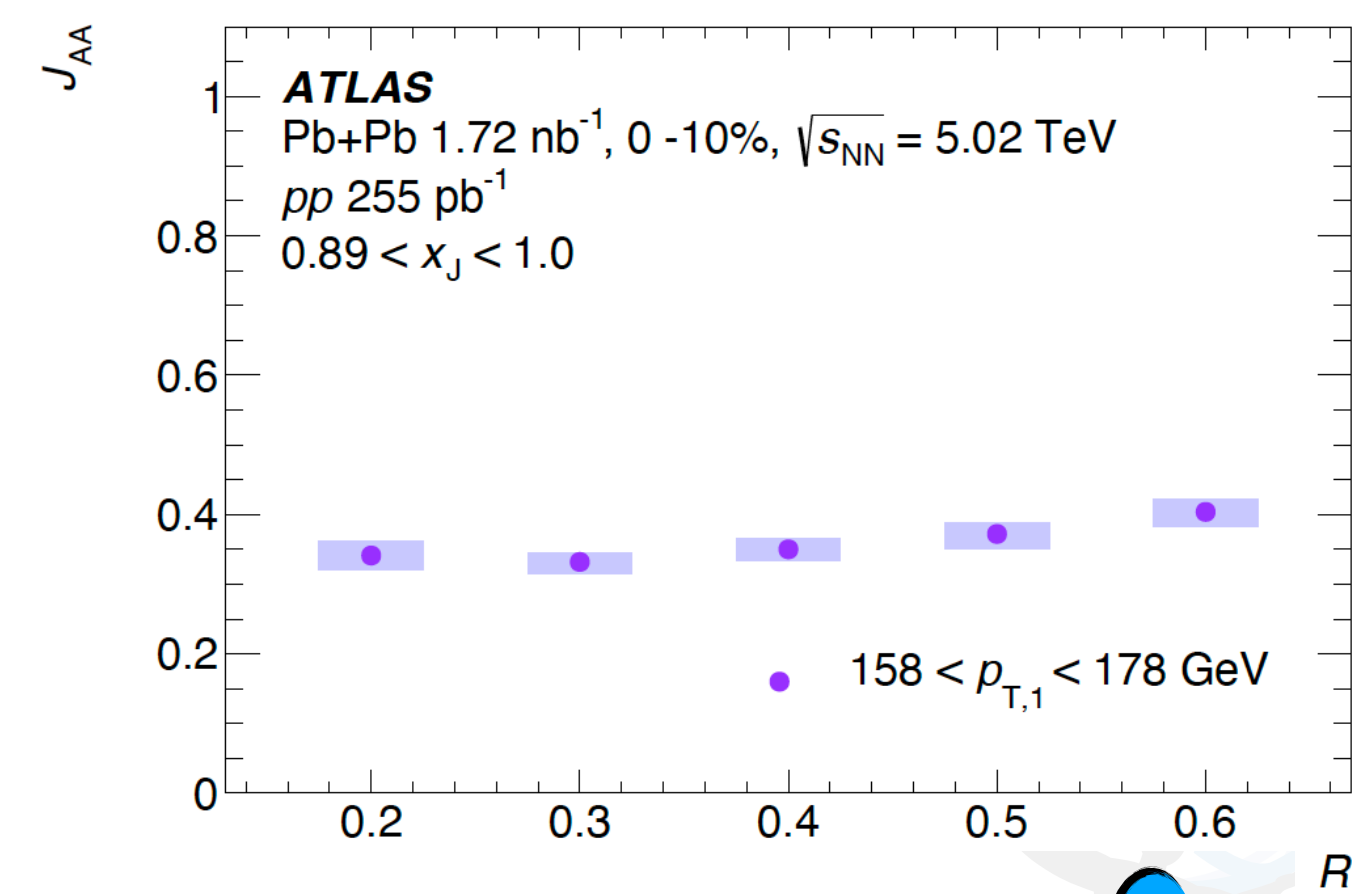
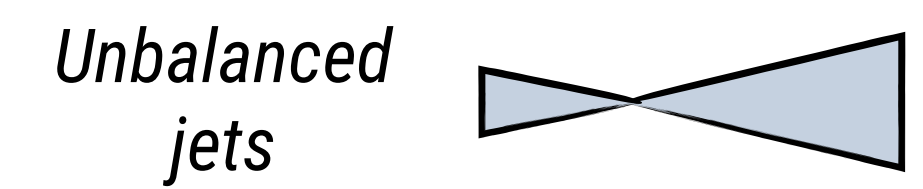
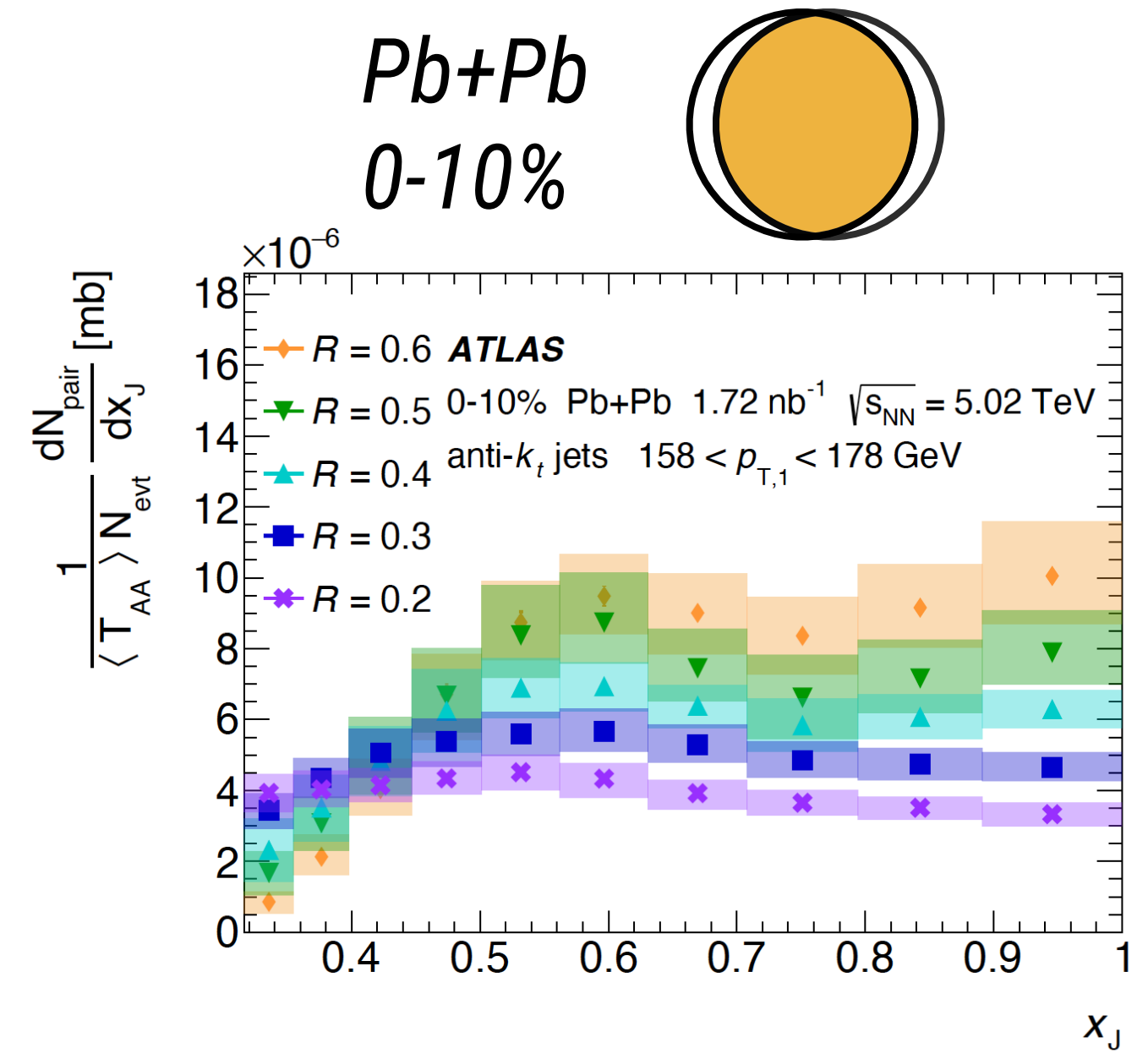
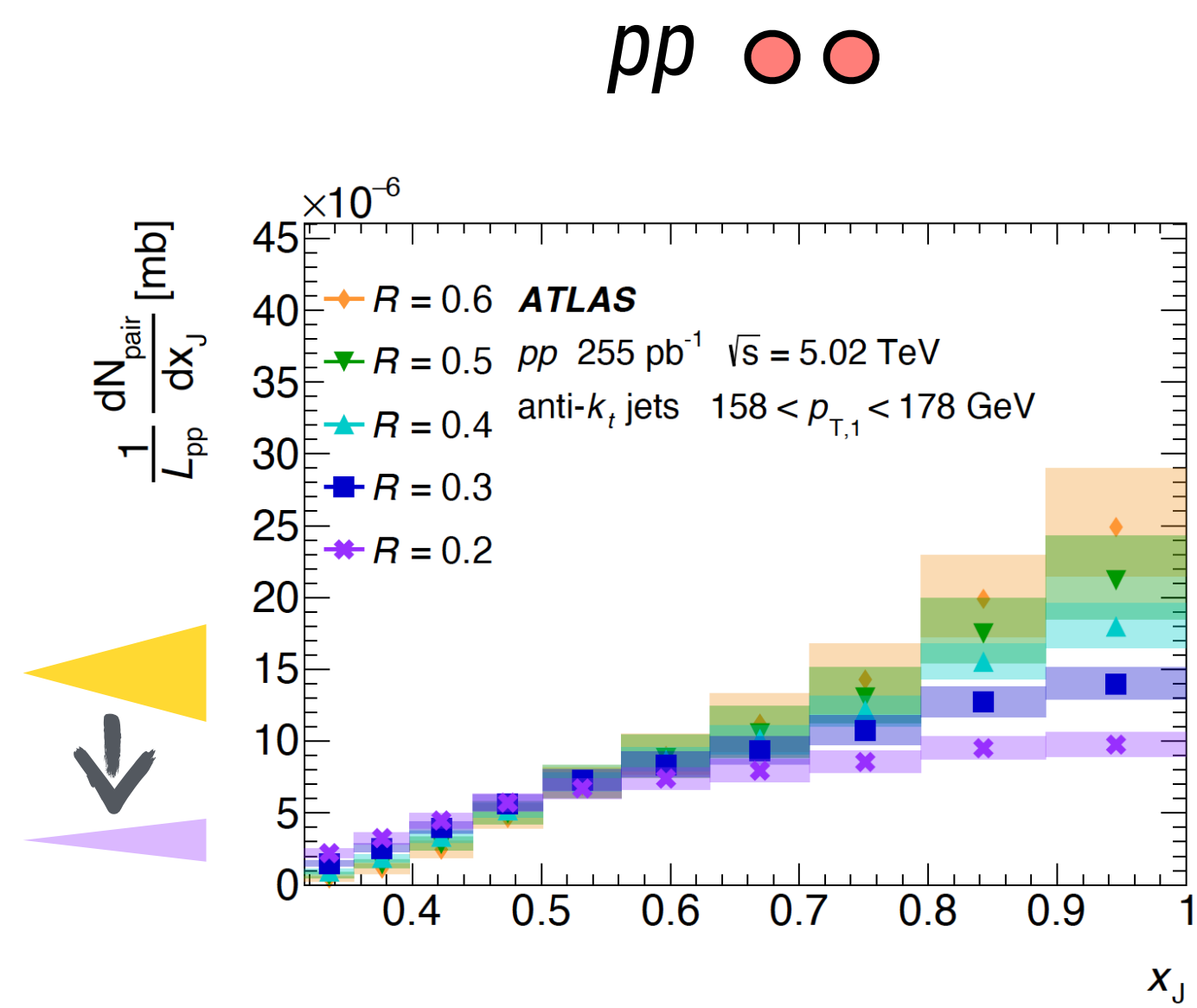


New! [arXiv:2407.18796](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.18796)

Extensive characterization of QGP microscopic properties via measurement of dijet asymmetry using jets of different radii

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$$J_{AA} = \frac{\text{Pb+Pb } 0-10\% \text{ (circle)}}{\text{pp } \text{ (two circles)}}$$

Imbalanced jets are less suppressed for larger radius



**COLD QCD AND
NUCLEAR
MODIFICATION**

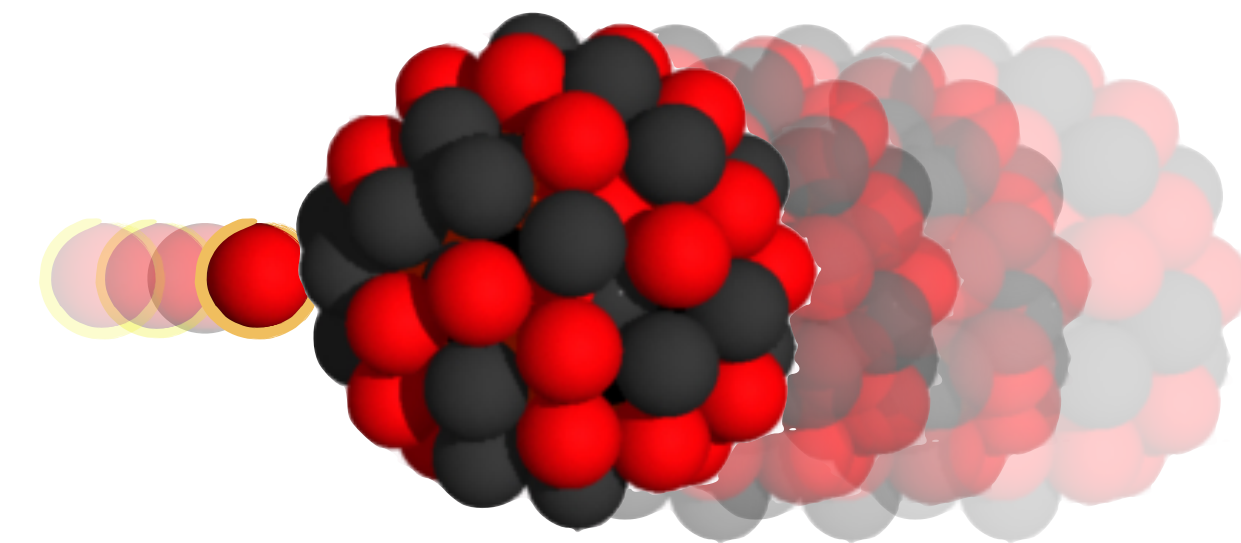
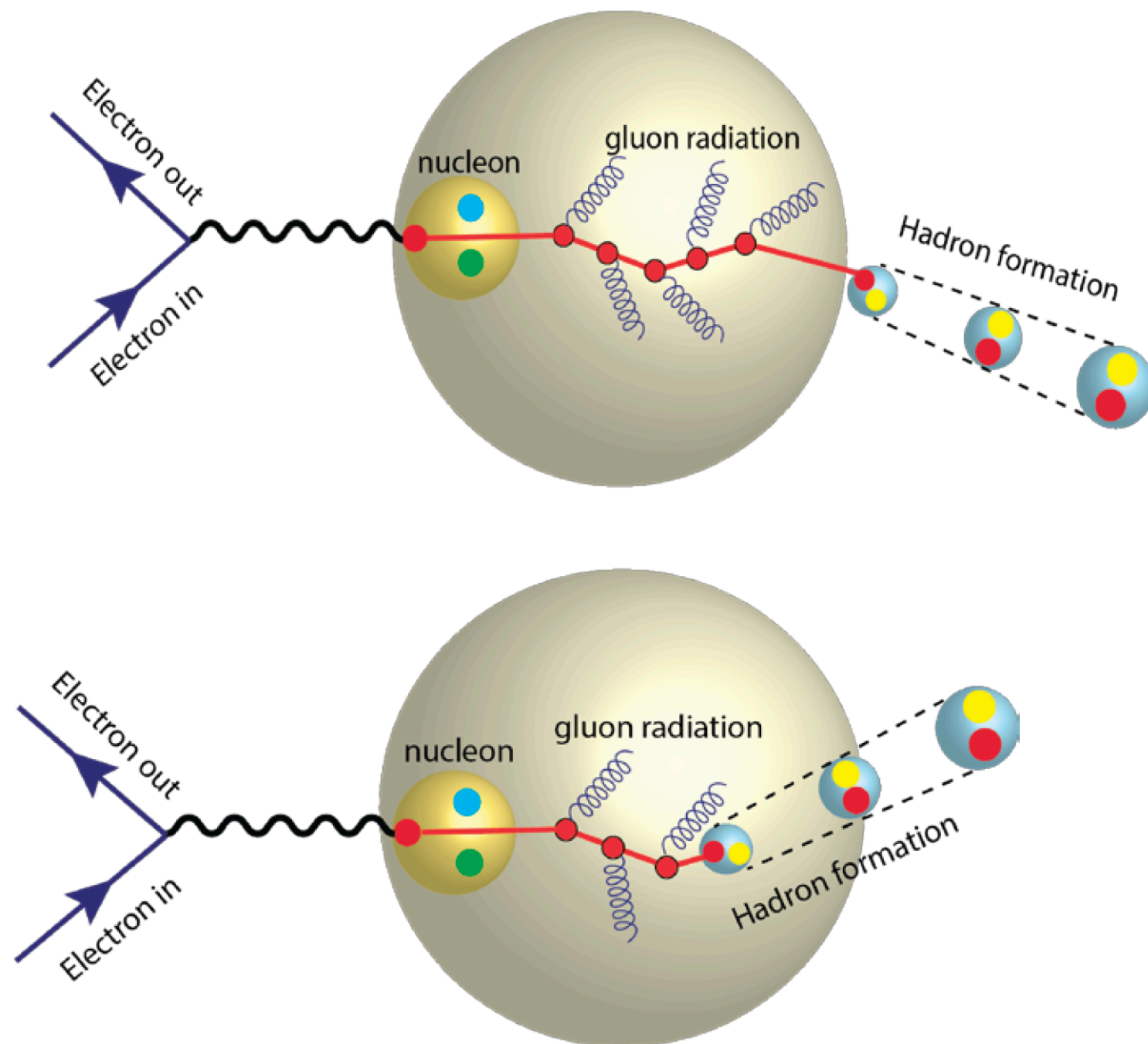
ePICQ **ATLAS**
EXPERIMENT



COLD NUCLEAR MATTER MODIFICATION IN $p/e^- + A$

To understand the microscopic behavior of the QGP requires also a comprehensive understanding of the initial state

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p+A collisions @ LHC provide experimental access to study nuclear matter effects

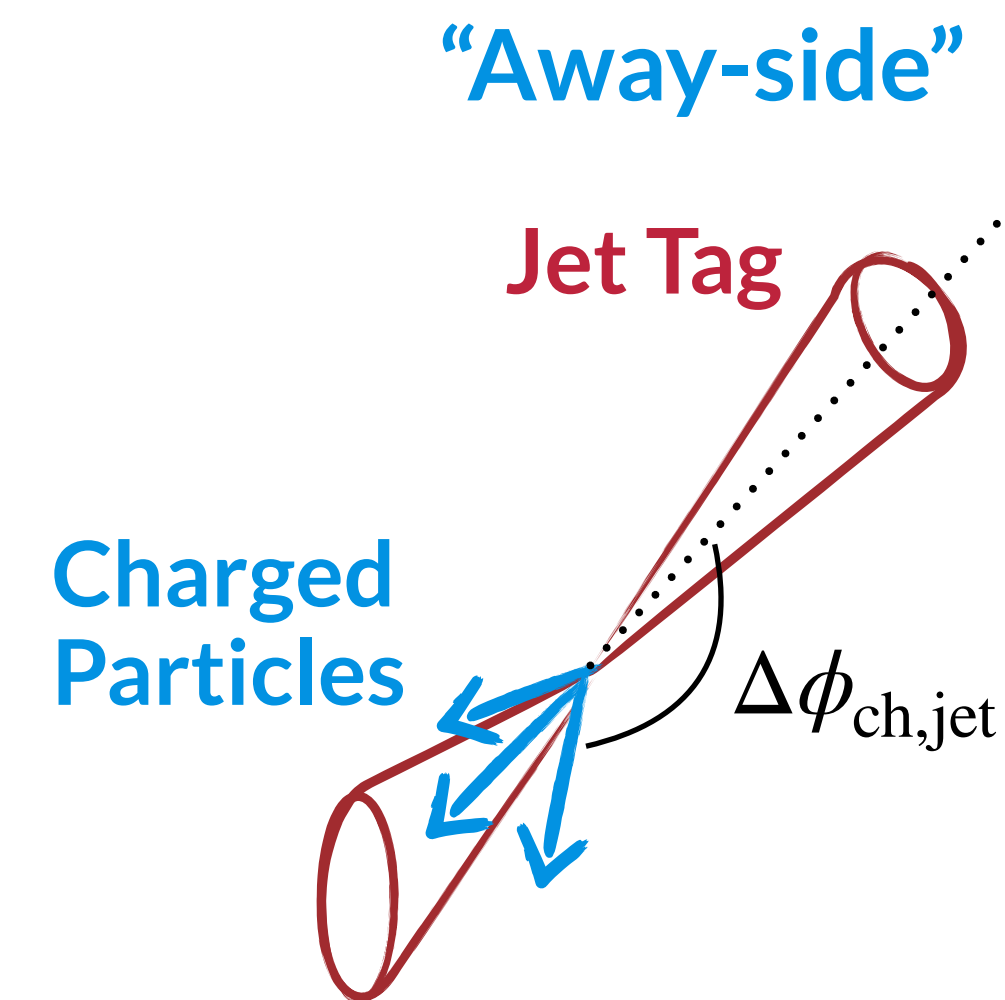
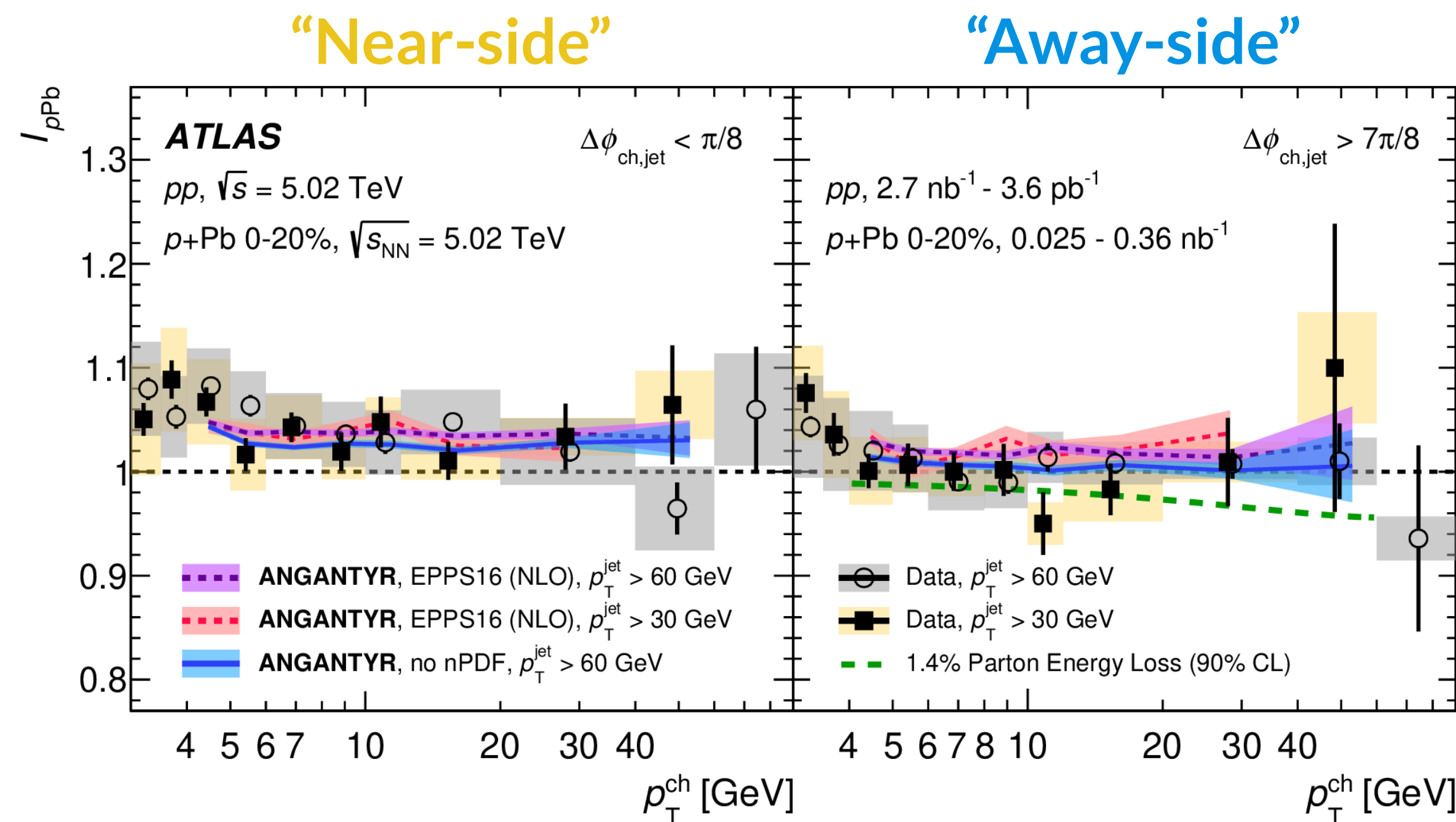
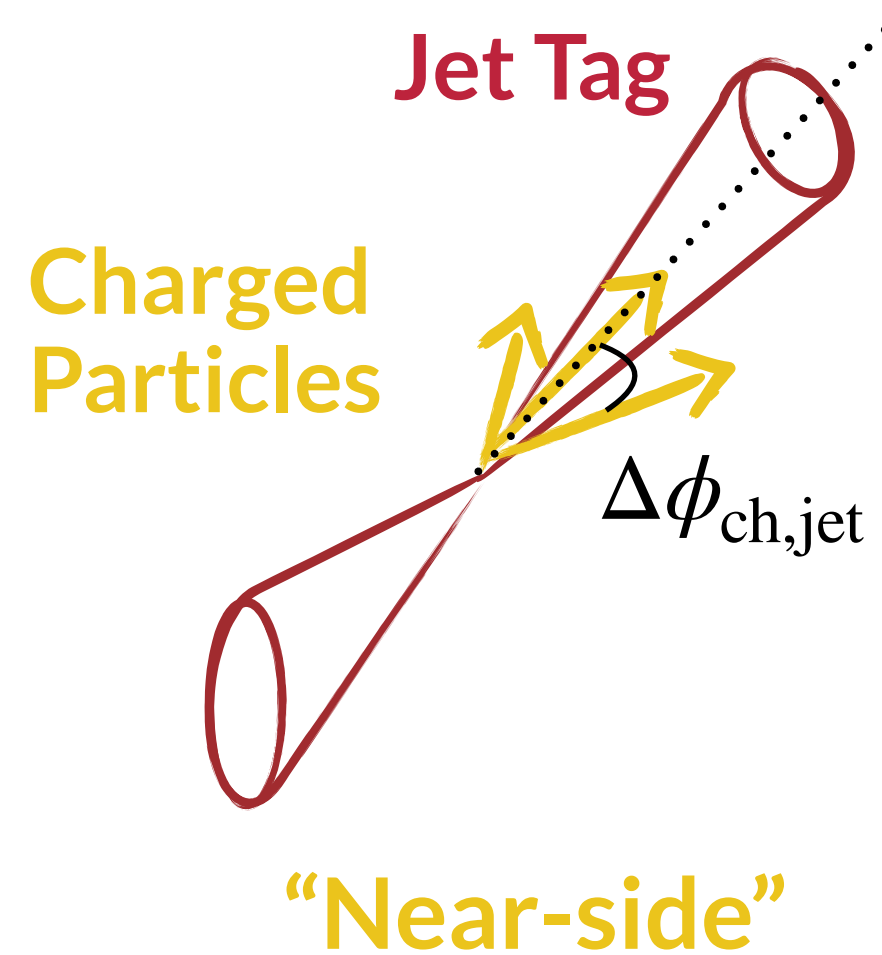
- ➔ Search for QGP-signatures (**Hot**)
- ➔ Investigation of **Cold** nuclear matter effects

The EIC will have the unique opportunity to study hadronization by varying the virtual photon energy and selecting different hadronization regimes (in or out nucleus)

QGP-LIKE SIGNATURE: ENERGY LOSS ?

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$$I_{pPb} = \left(\frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{Ch}}} \right)_{p+Pb} / \left(\frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{Ch}}} \right)_{p+p}$$



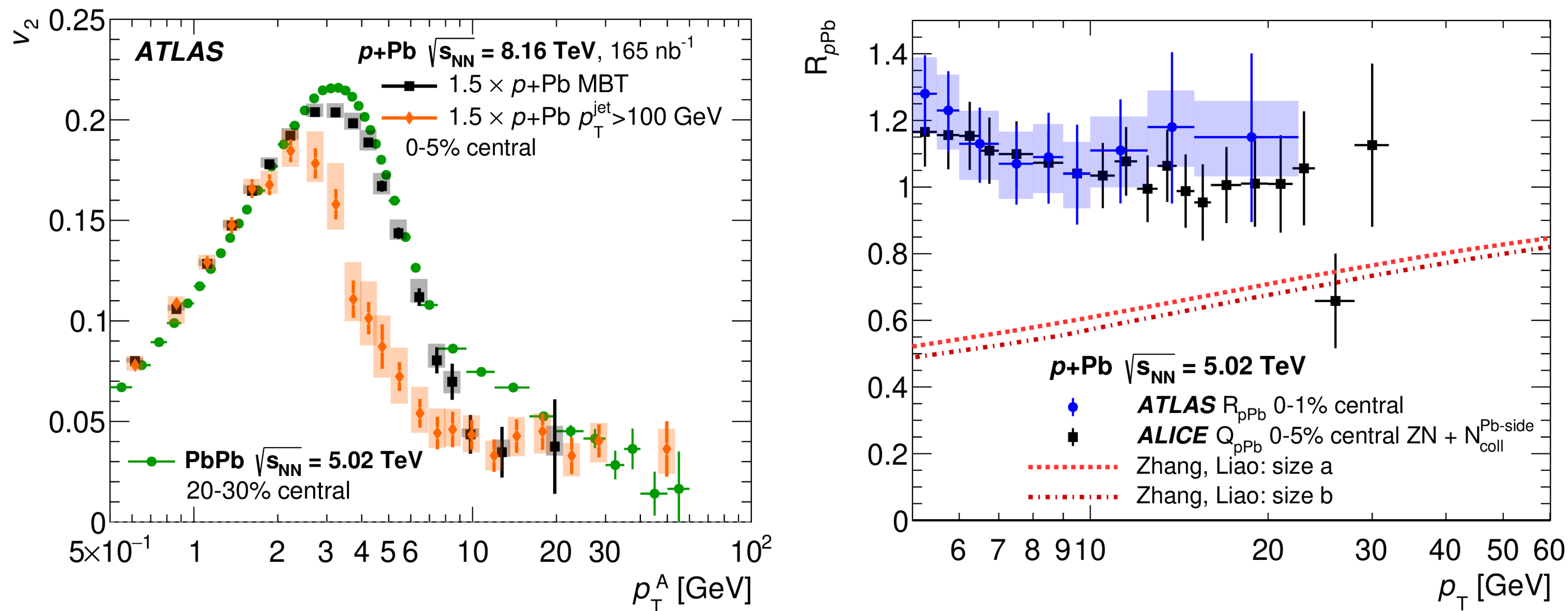
Comparison to Angantyr:

- No final state interactions - e.g. no jet quenching
- Consistent with data on both sides - no large effect from nPDFs

No evidence of Jet quenching in I_{pPb} observable
Parton energy loss constraint: $0.2 \pm 0.5\%$ and $< 1.4\%$ at 90% confidence level

HIGH PT PUZZLE: NO ENERGY LOSS BUT COLLECTIVITY

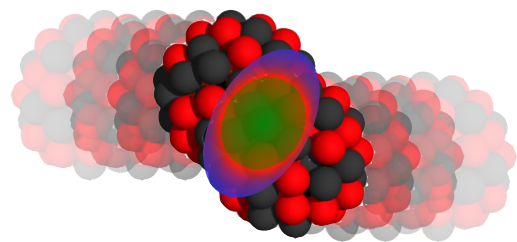
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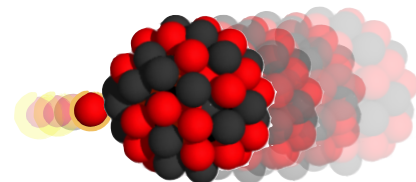
HIGH p_T PUZZLE IN SMALL-SYSTEMS

- No jet quenching
- Clear v_2 signal - similar to mid-central Pb-Pb
- Models that predict collective behavior largely overestimate R_{pPb} suppression

TURNING OFF THE COLLECTIVITY?



Pb+Pb



p+Pb



p+0

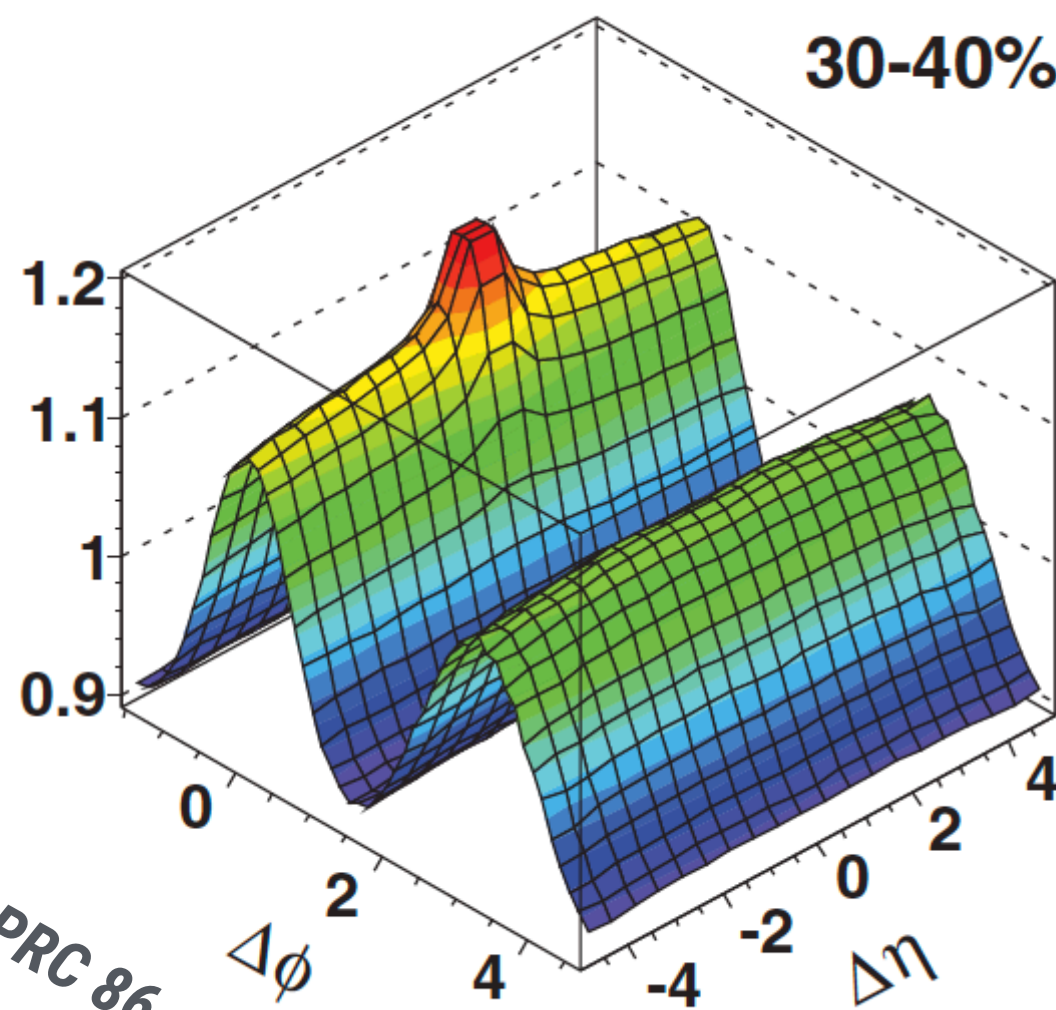
NEXT EXIT



p+p

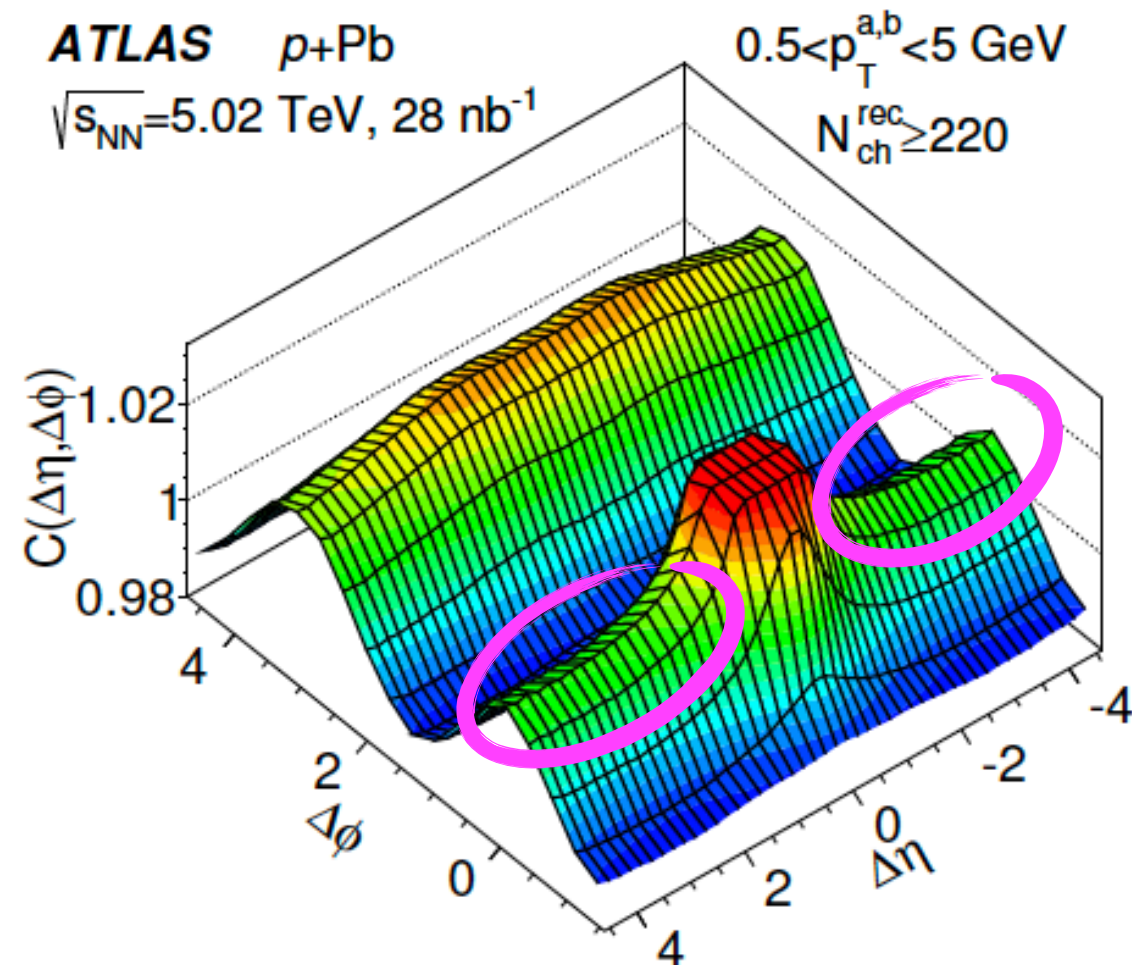
System size

30-40%



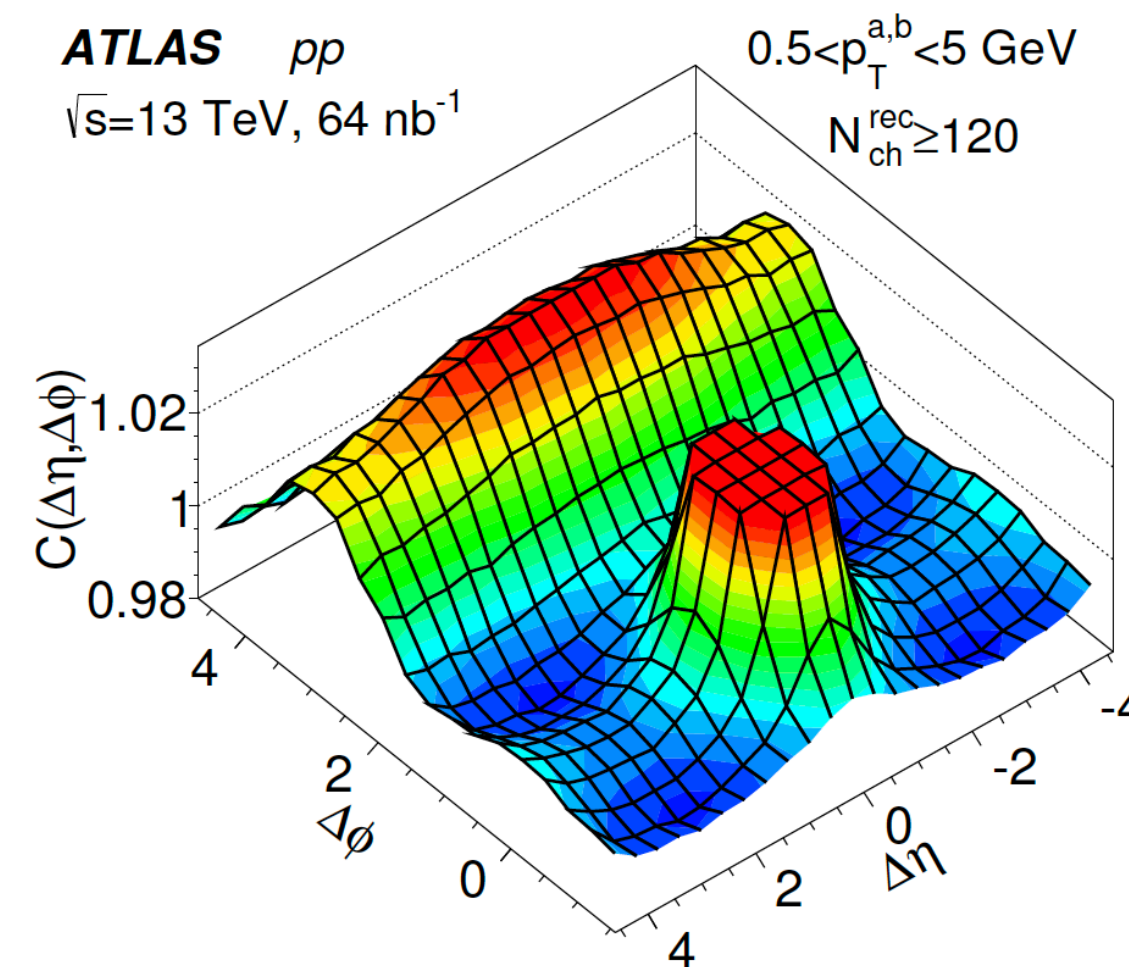
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Pb+Pb: collective, strongly-coupled long-distance behavior



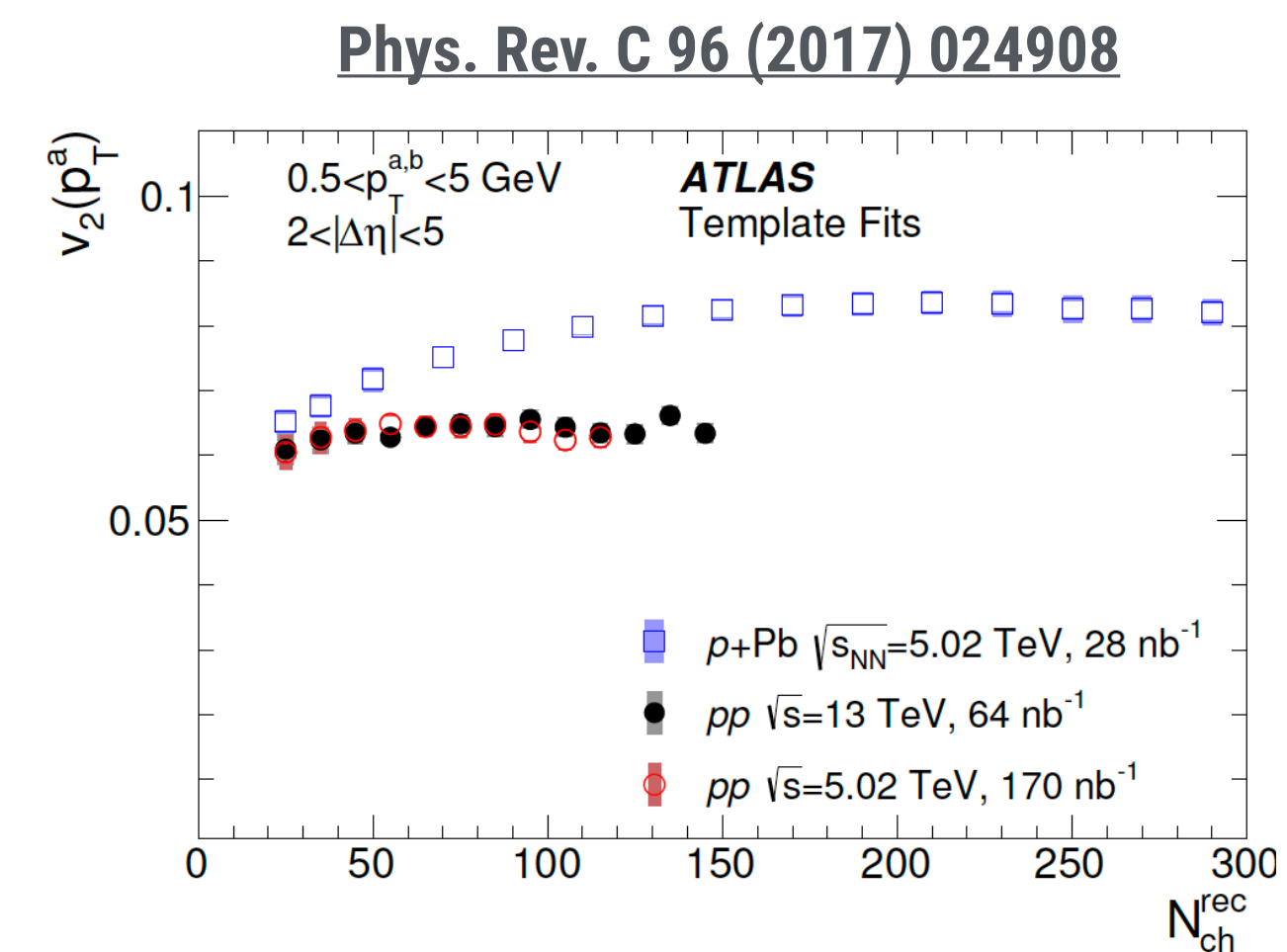
ATLAS p+Pb
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV, 28 nb⁻¹
 $0.5 < p_T^{a,b} < 5$ GeV
 $N_{ch}^{rec} \geq 220$

p+Pb: unexpected near-side ridge. QGP still on?



ATLAS pp
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 $0.5 < p_T^{a,b} < 5$ GeV
 $N_{ch}^{rec} \geq 120$

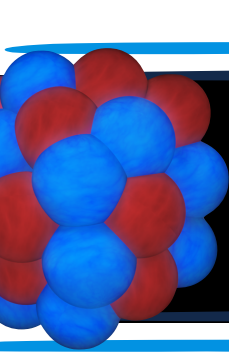
p+p: near-side ridge still present. Effect independent from collision energy



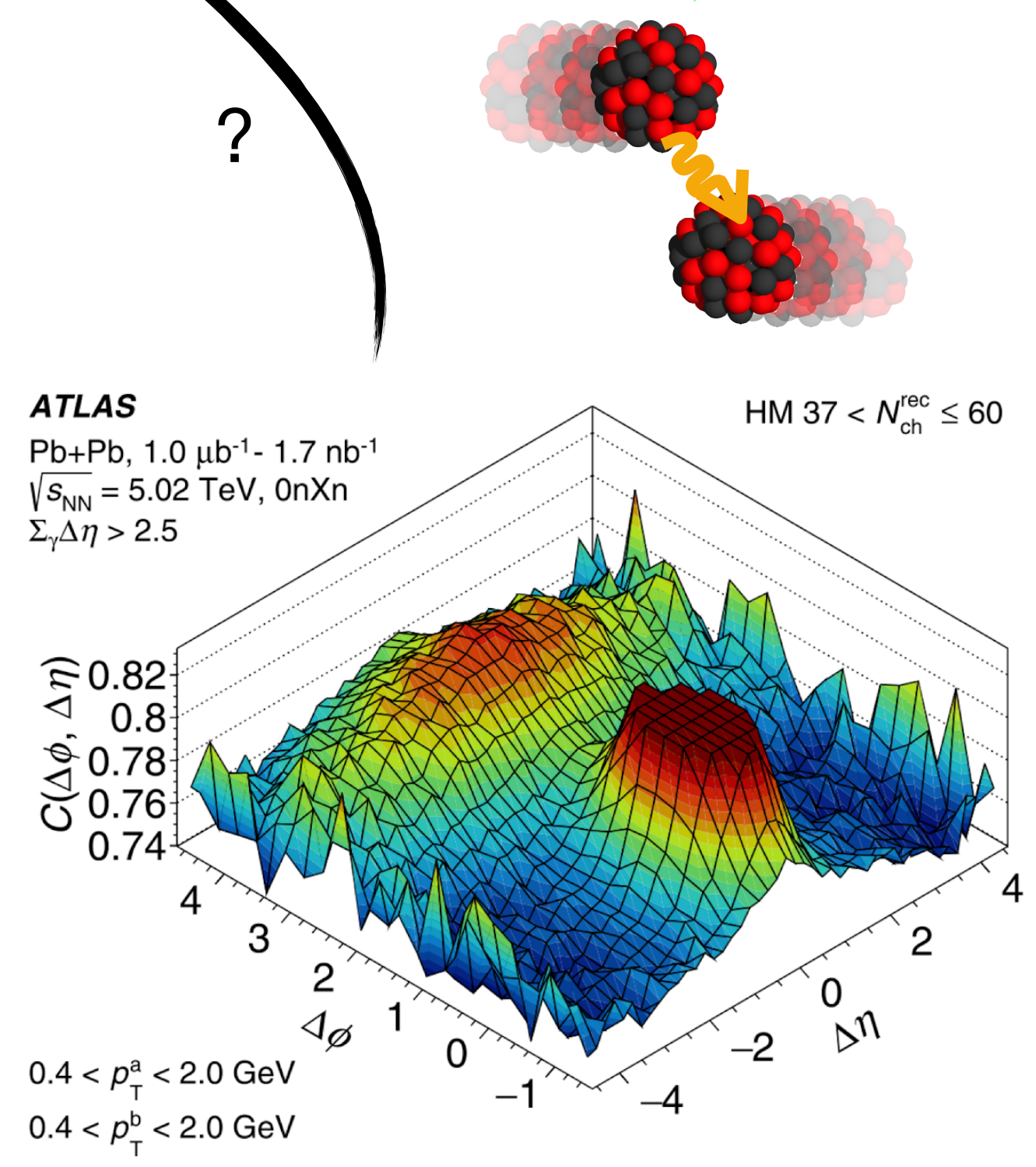
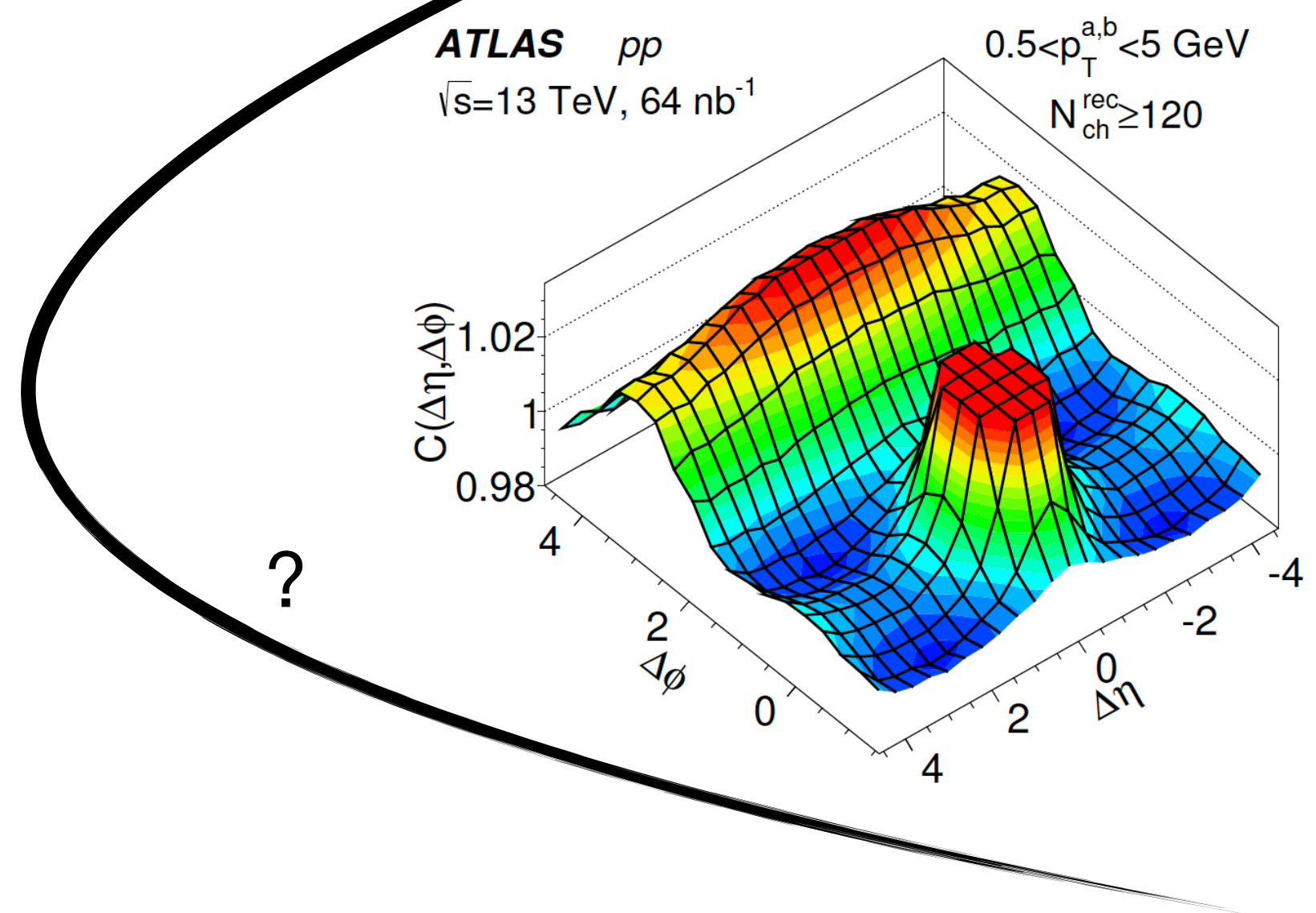
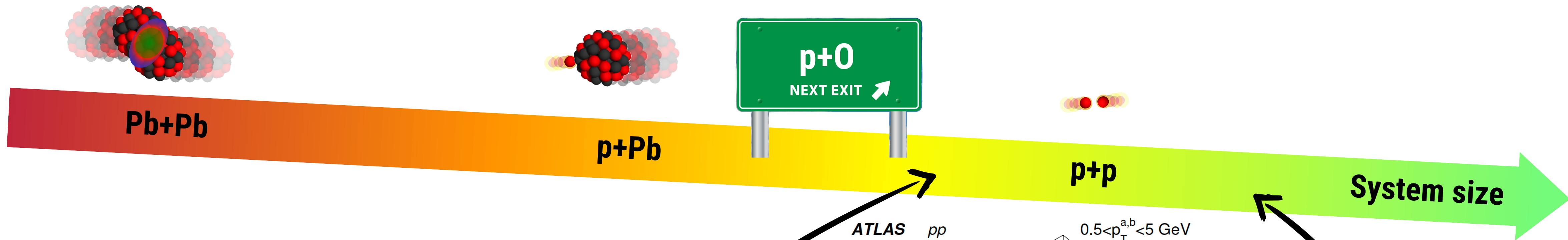
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0.5 < p^{a,b} < 5 GeV
2 < |Δη| < 5
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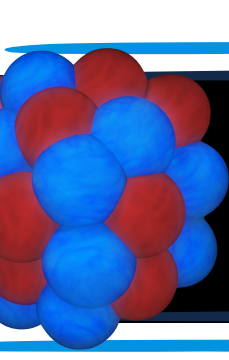
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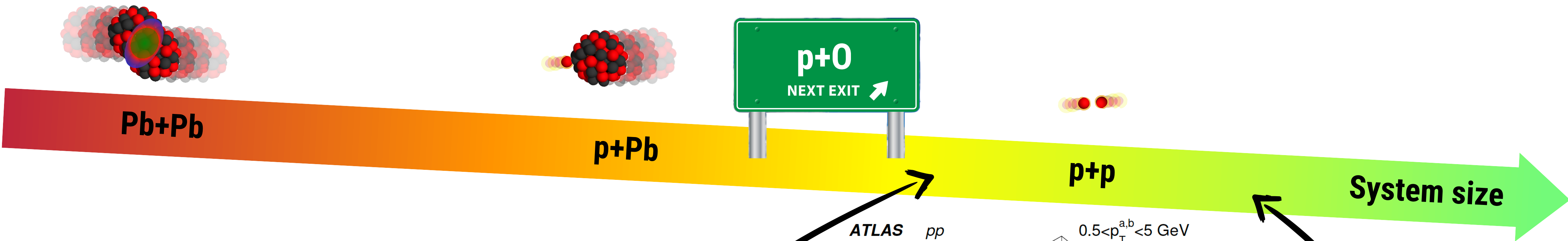
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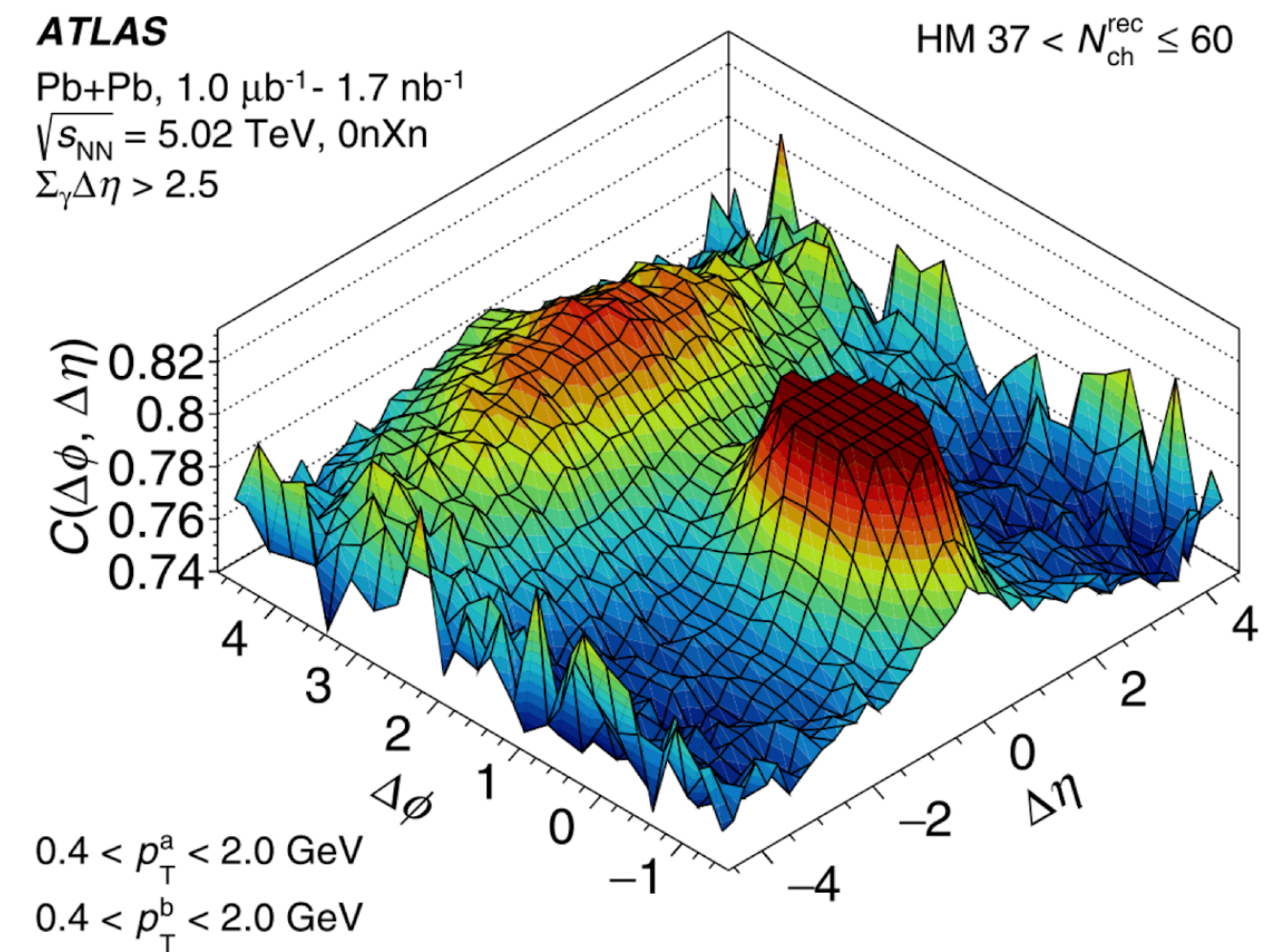
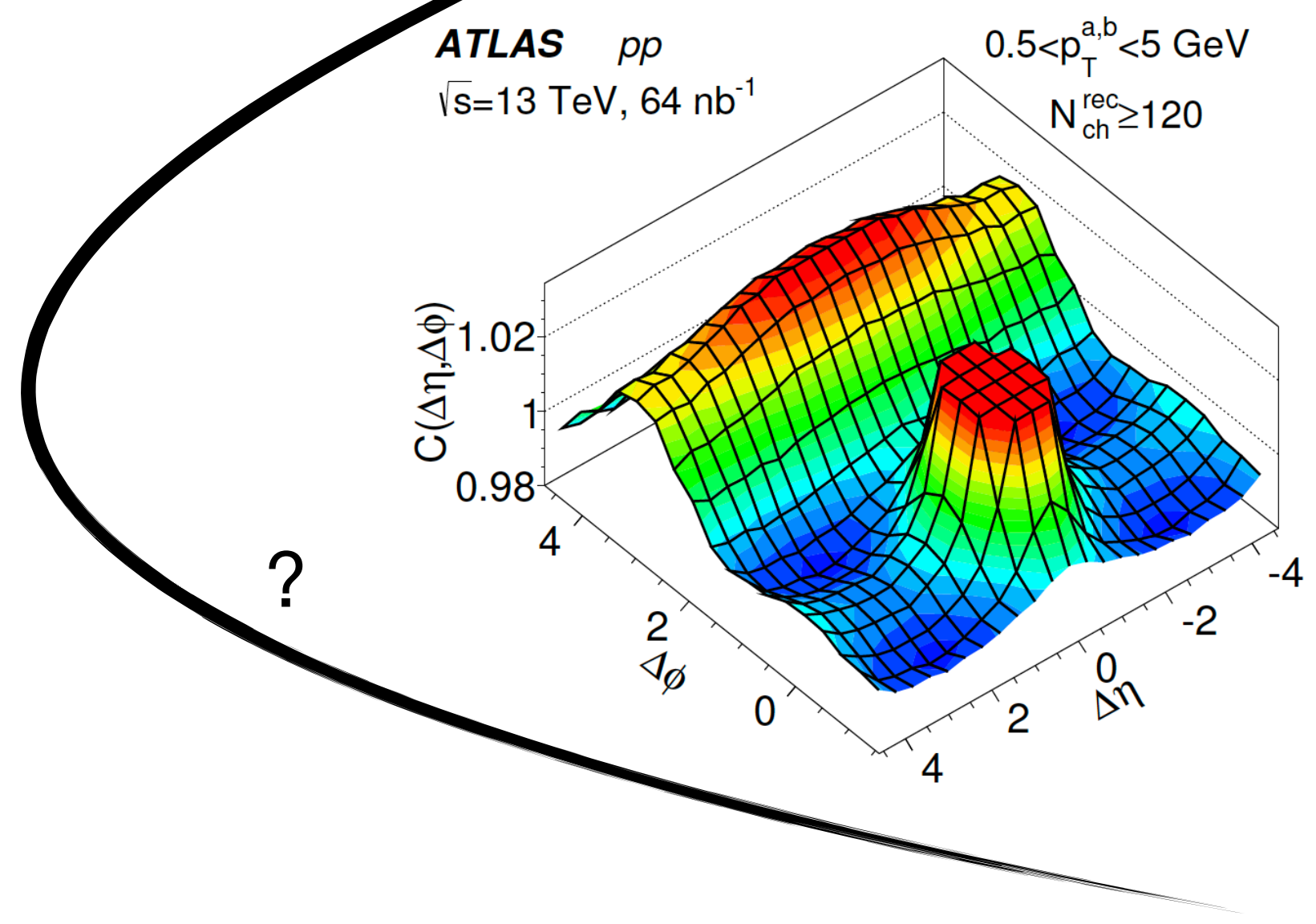
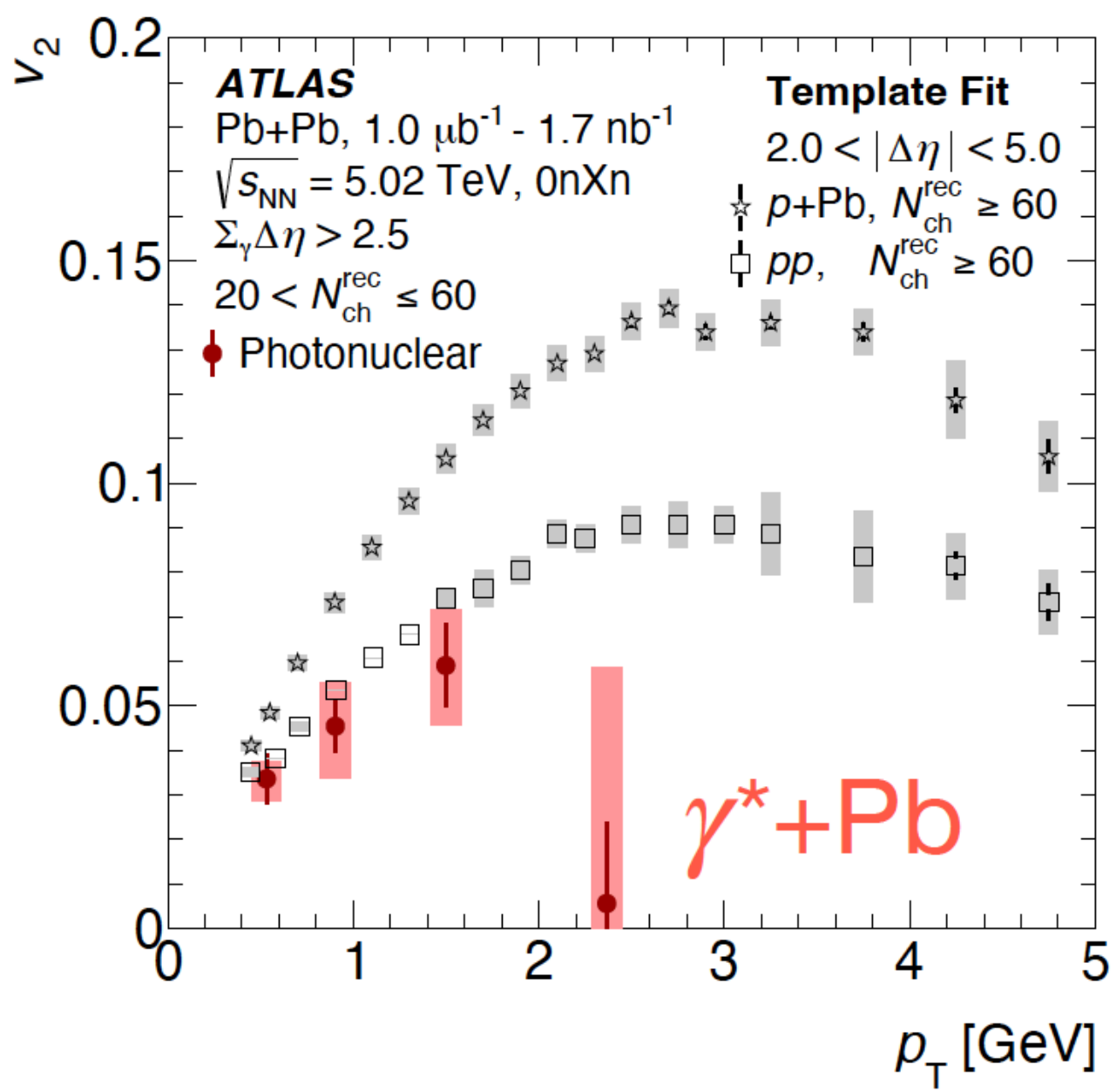


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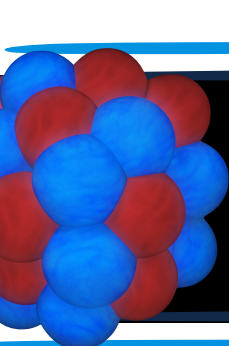
QGP-like signature found by ATLAS in UPCs via resolved photons

Hierarchy?



Two-dimensional correlation functions in $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ have features similar to those observed in pp collision

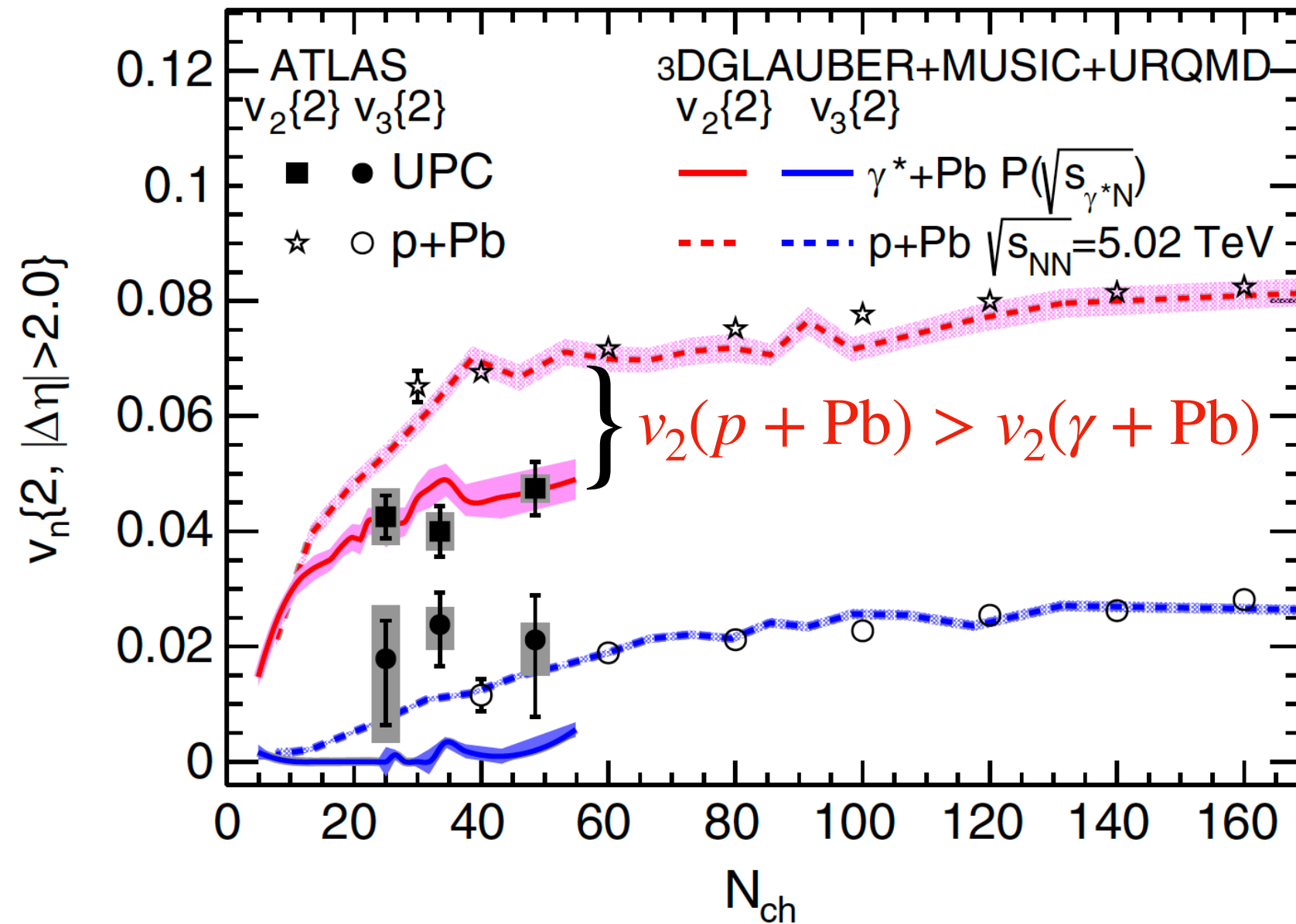
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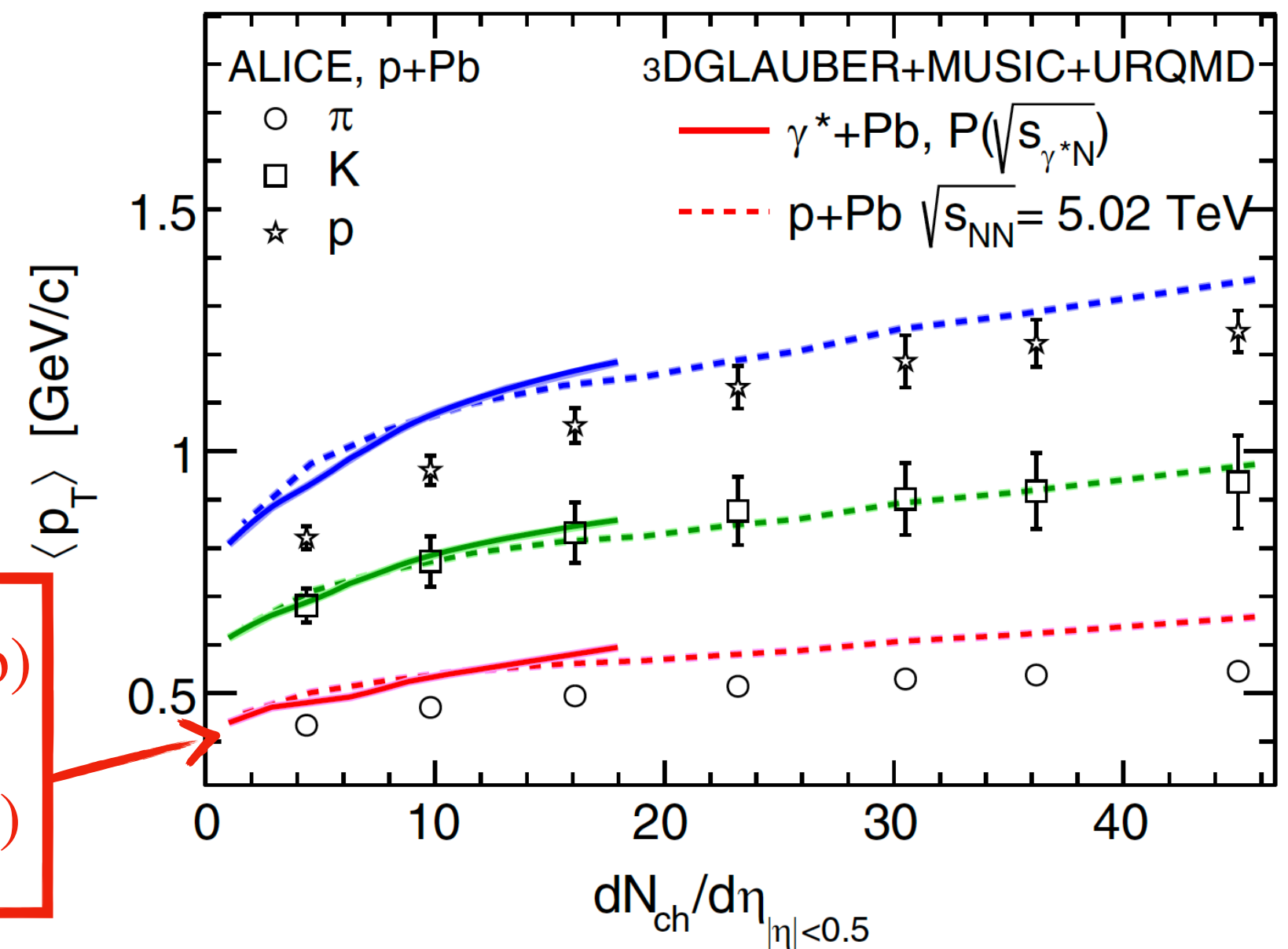
HOW $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ AND $p + \text{Pb}$ COMPARE?



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PRL 129, 252302



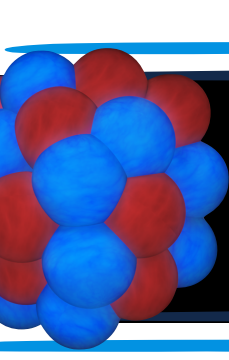
3+1D hydrodynamics suggests v_2 hierarchy between $p+\text{Pb}$ and $\gamma+\text{Pb}$ driven by flow decorrelations



Same model predicts \sim same radial flow for both systems \rightarrow same $\langle p_T \rangle$

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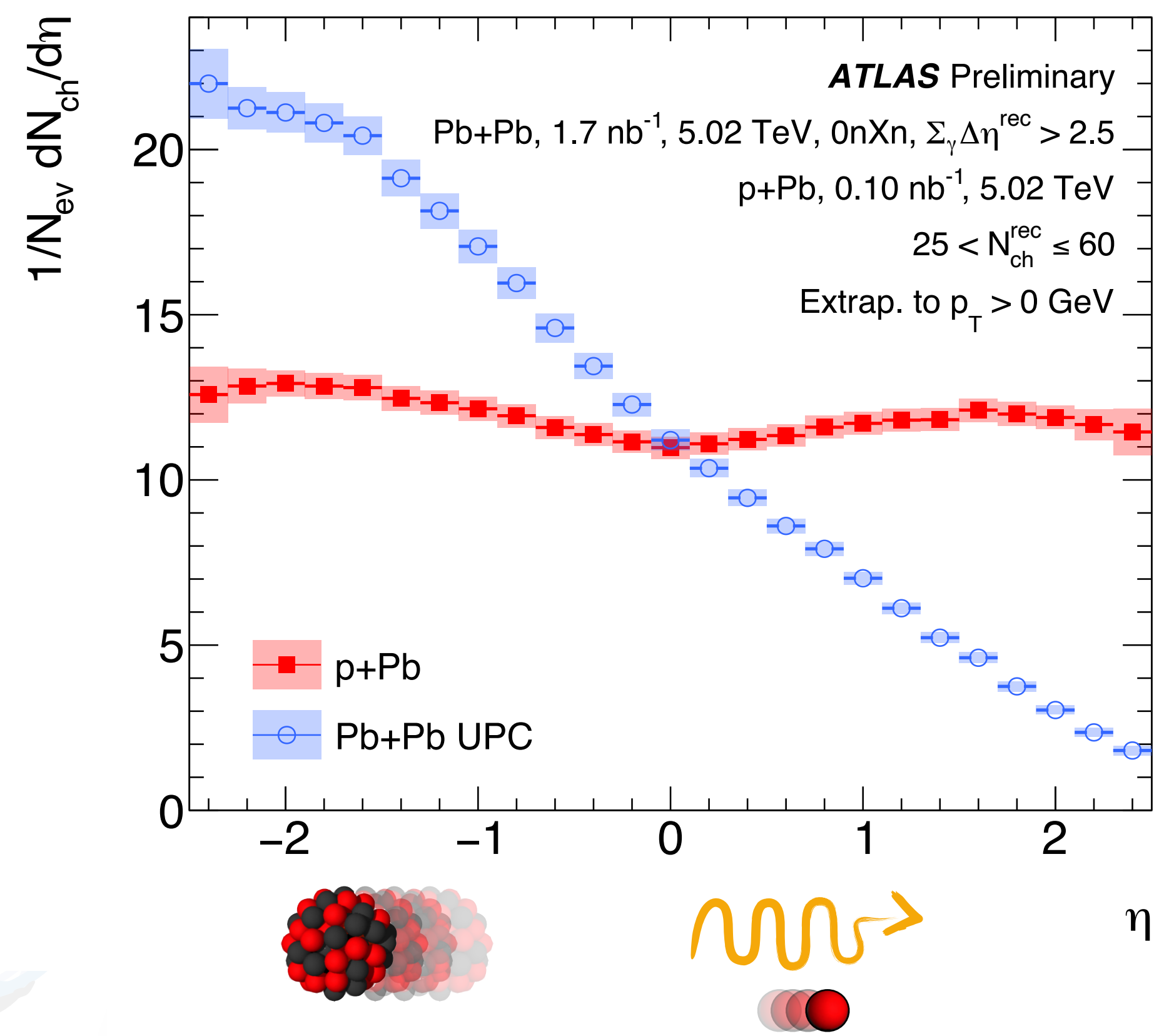


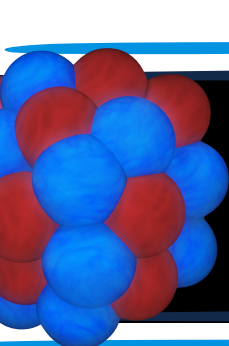
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- Analysis in the same multiplicity region for both $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ and $p + \text{Pb}$
- $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ distribution highly asymmetric ($E_\gamma \ll$ energy per nucleon in the Pb)
- $p + \text{Pb}$ distribution nearly symmetric

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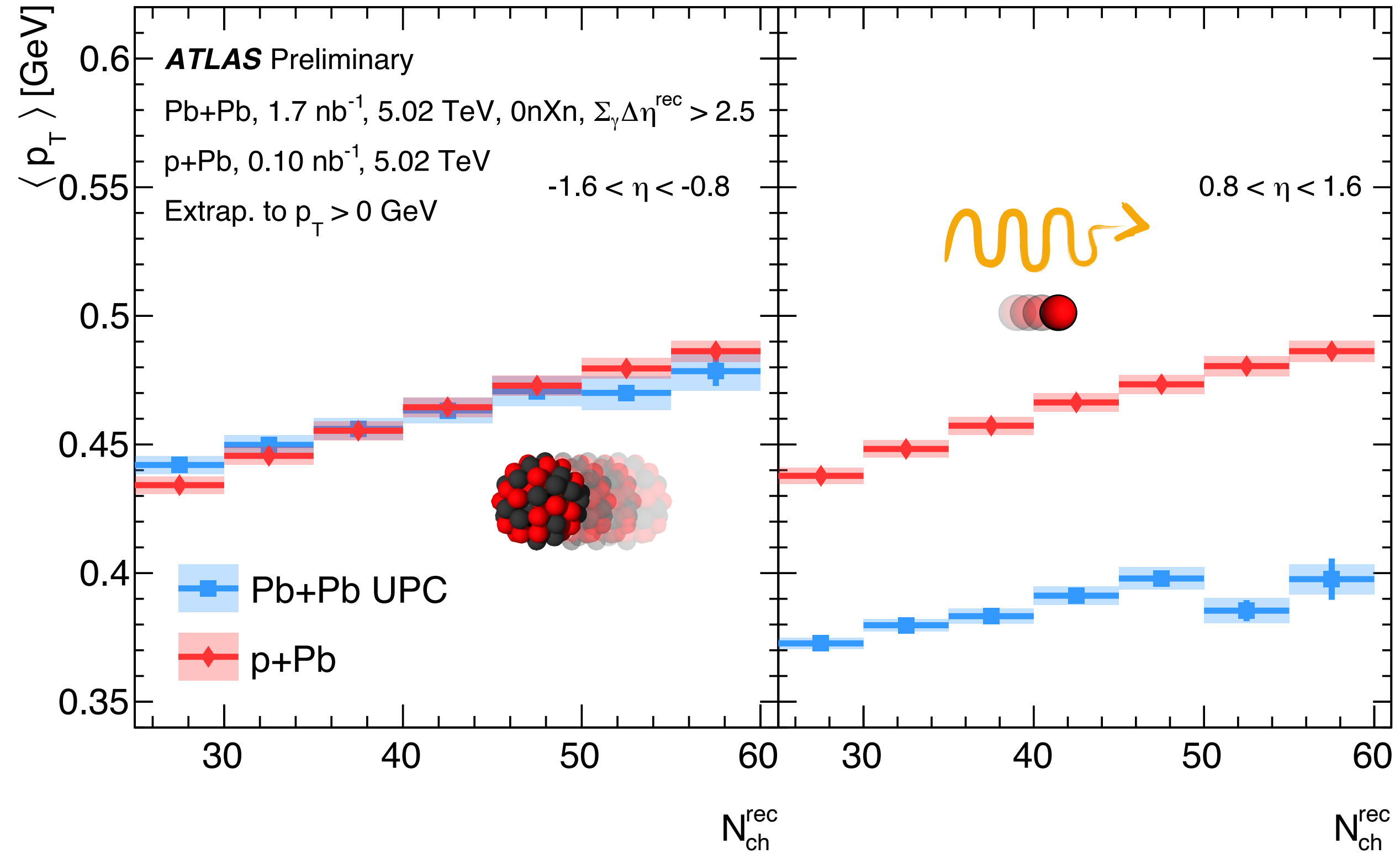
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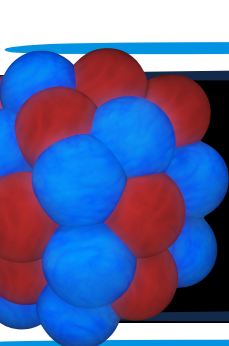


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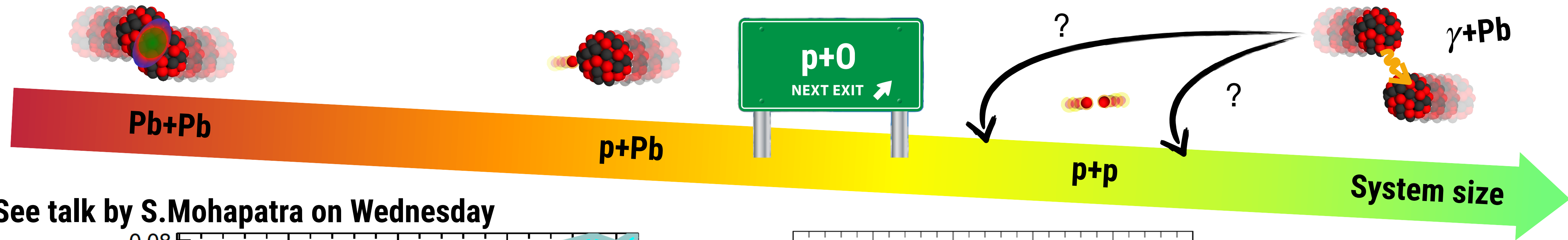
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- $\langle p_T \rangle$ similar in $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ and $p + \text{Pb}$ in the Pb going direction (as predicted by theory)
- Currently working on K_S^0 , Λ and Ξ^- to enhance sensitivity to radial flow

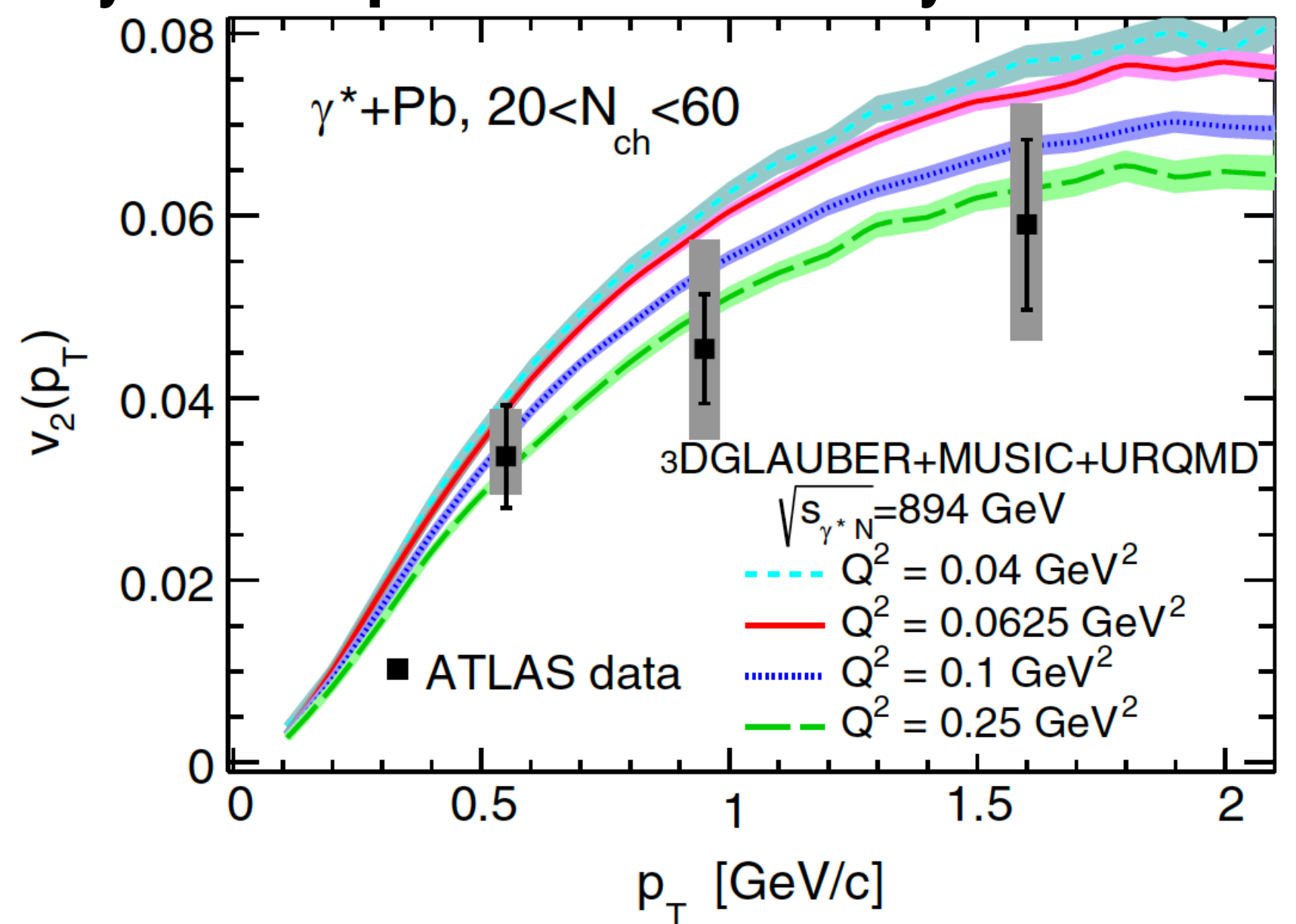




MODELING $\gamma + \text{Pb}$ FLOW



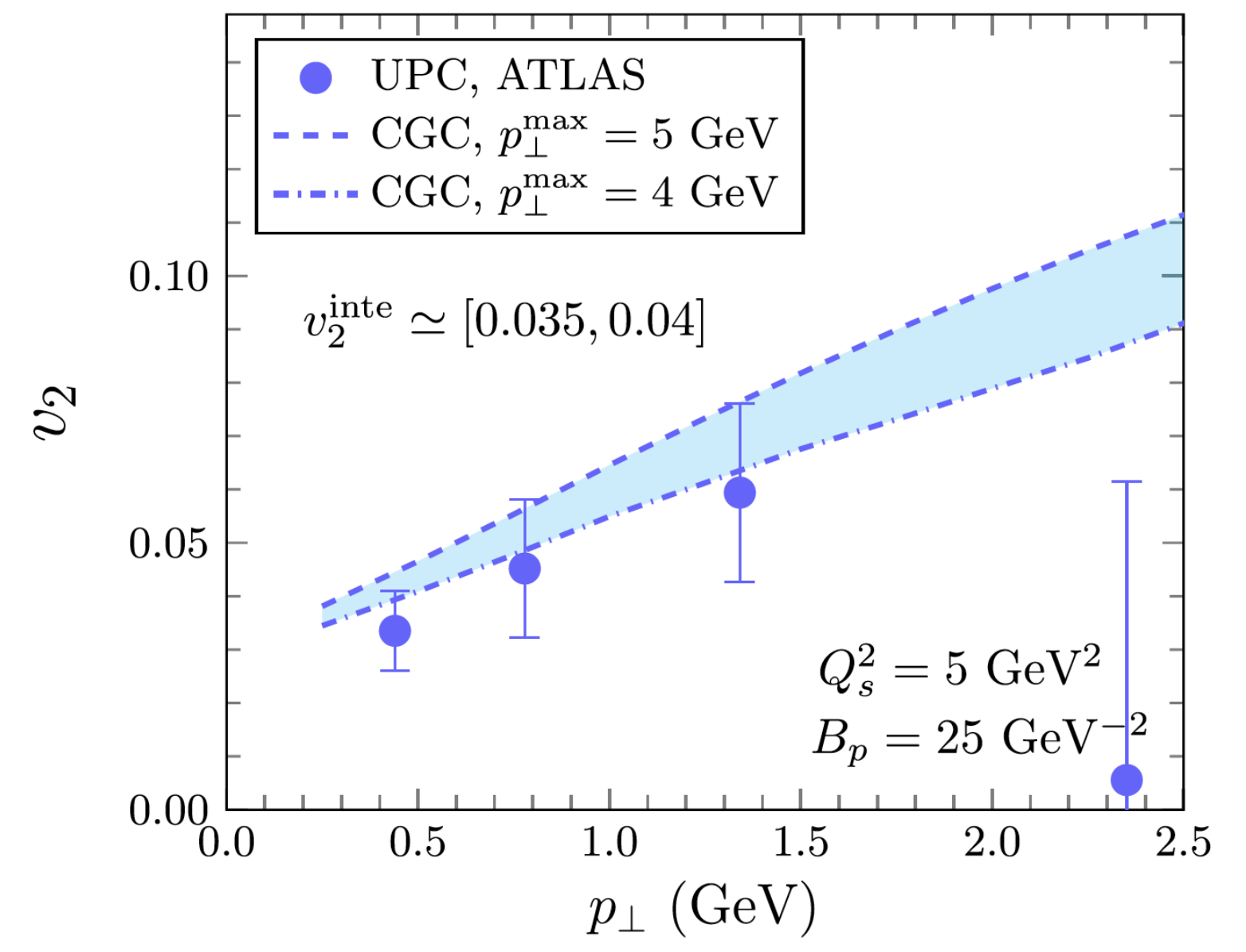
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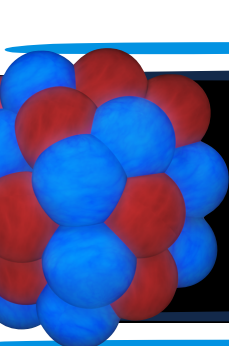


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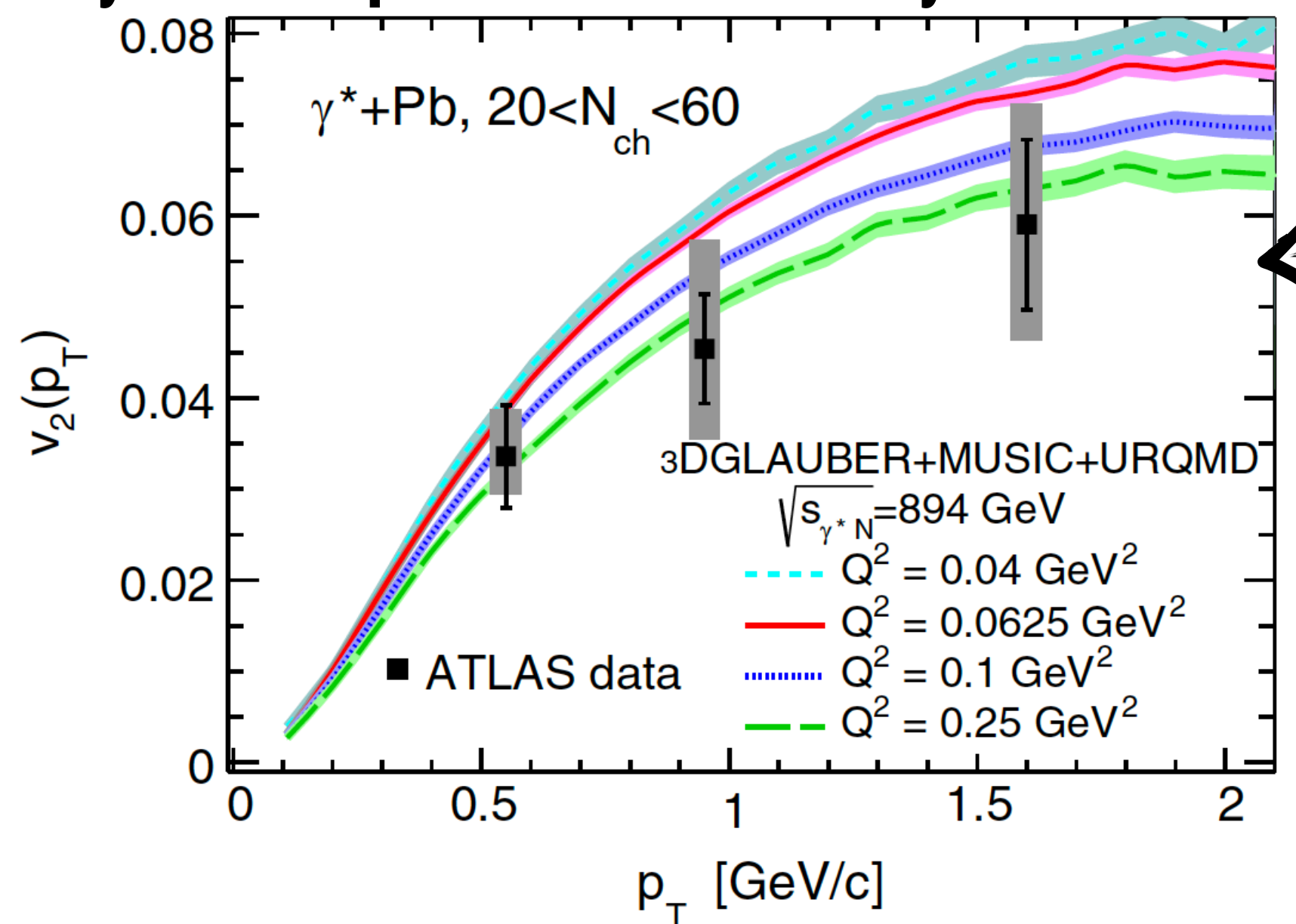




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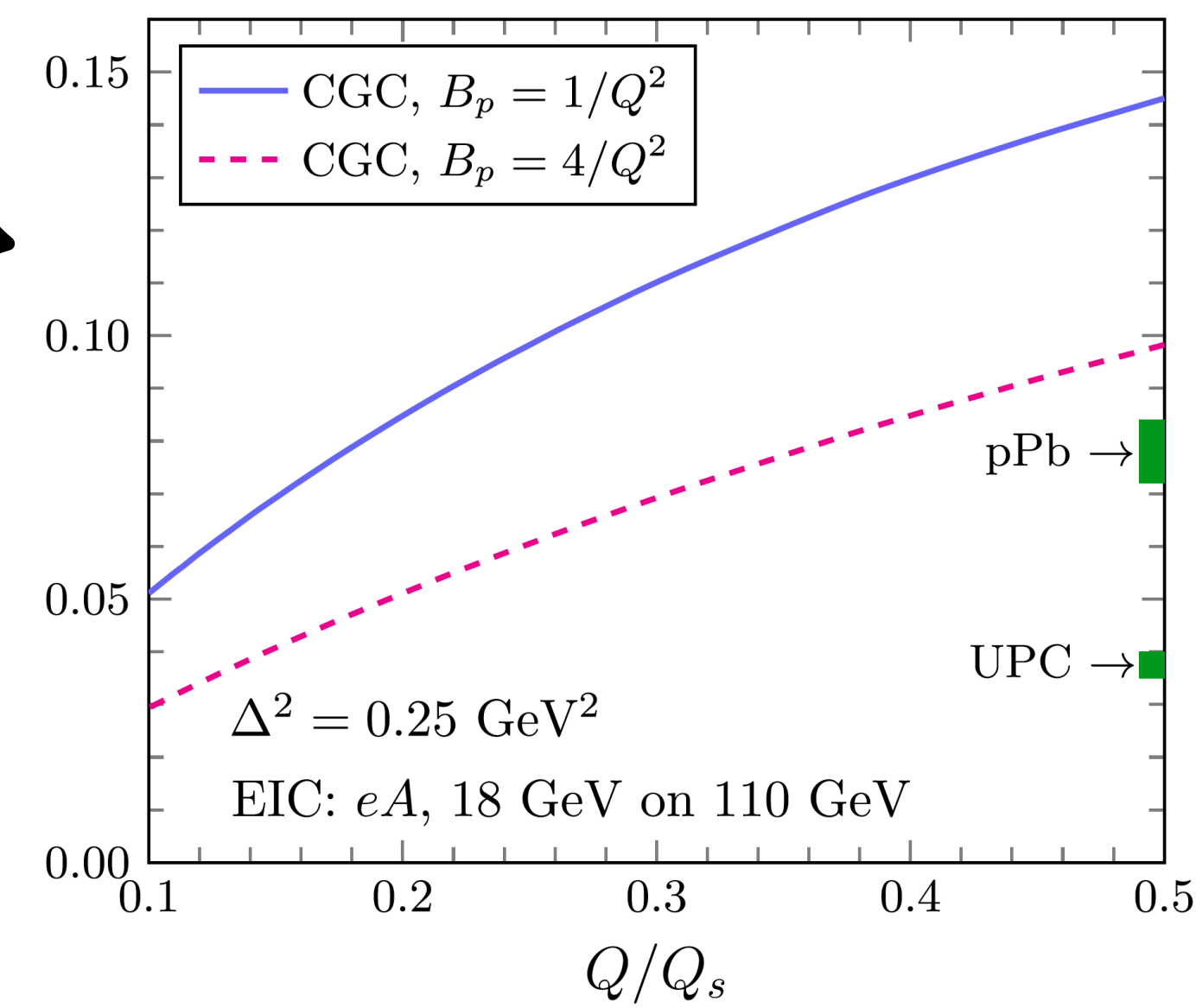


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Hydro vs CGC: predictions have opposite virtuality dependences

EIC CAN BE THE TIE-BREAKER BETWEEN IS AND FS MODELS!



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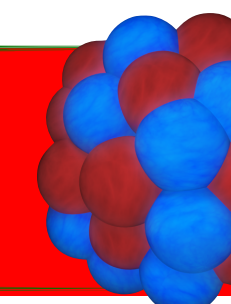
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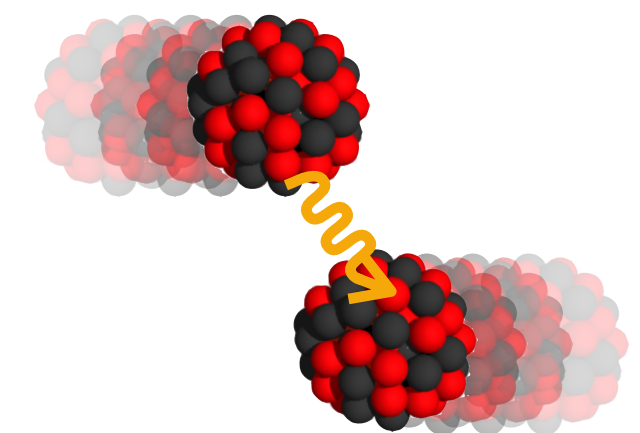
COLLECTIVITY ONSET - THE EIC ROLE



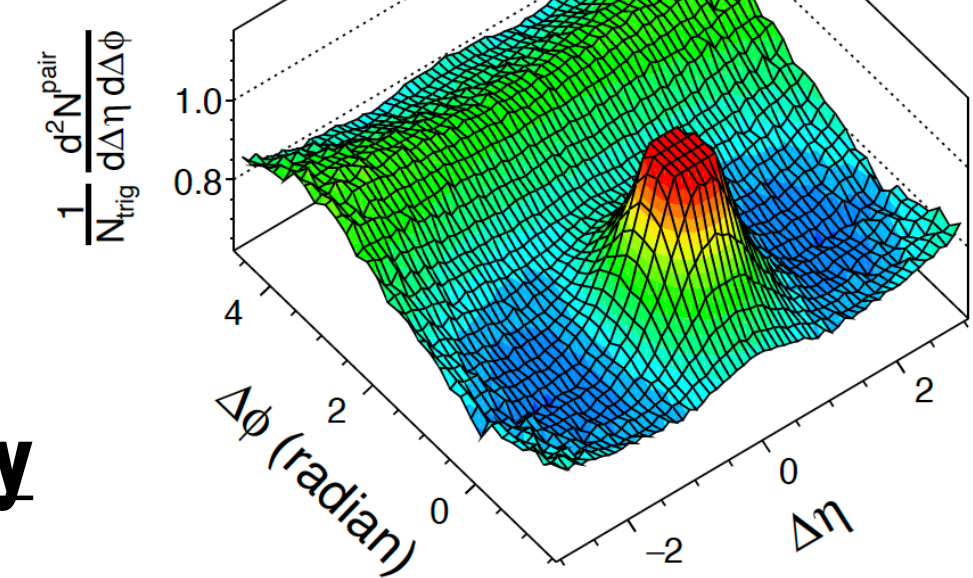
Lately, several searches in smaller systems were carried out



... **p+p, γ +Pb**



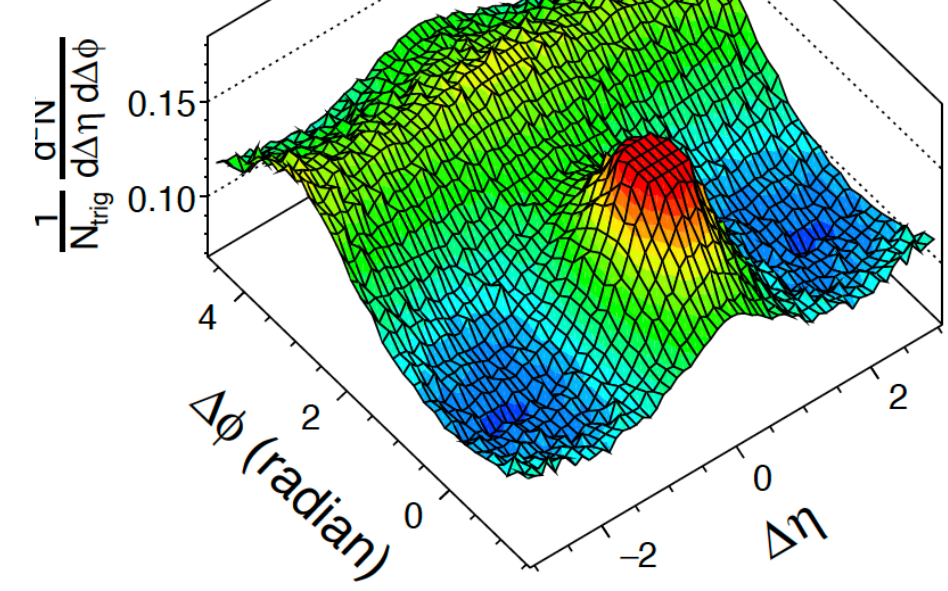
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ep photoproduction
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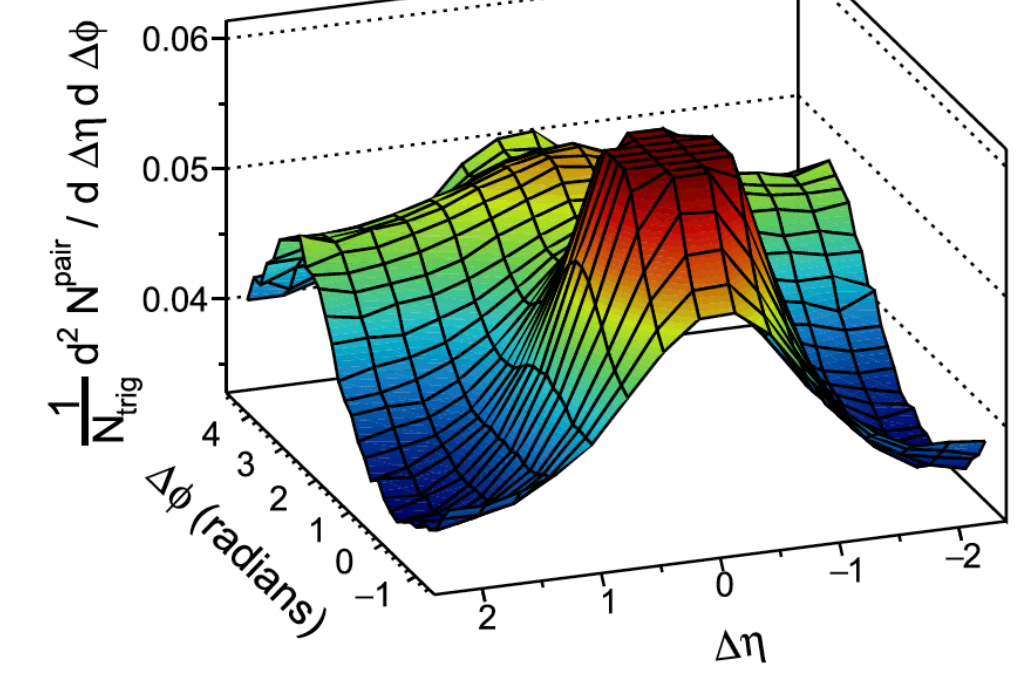
$e^-(\gamma^*)+p$

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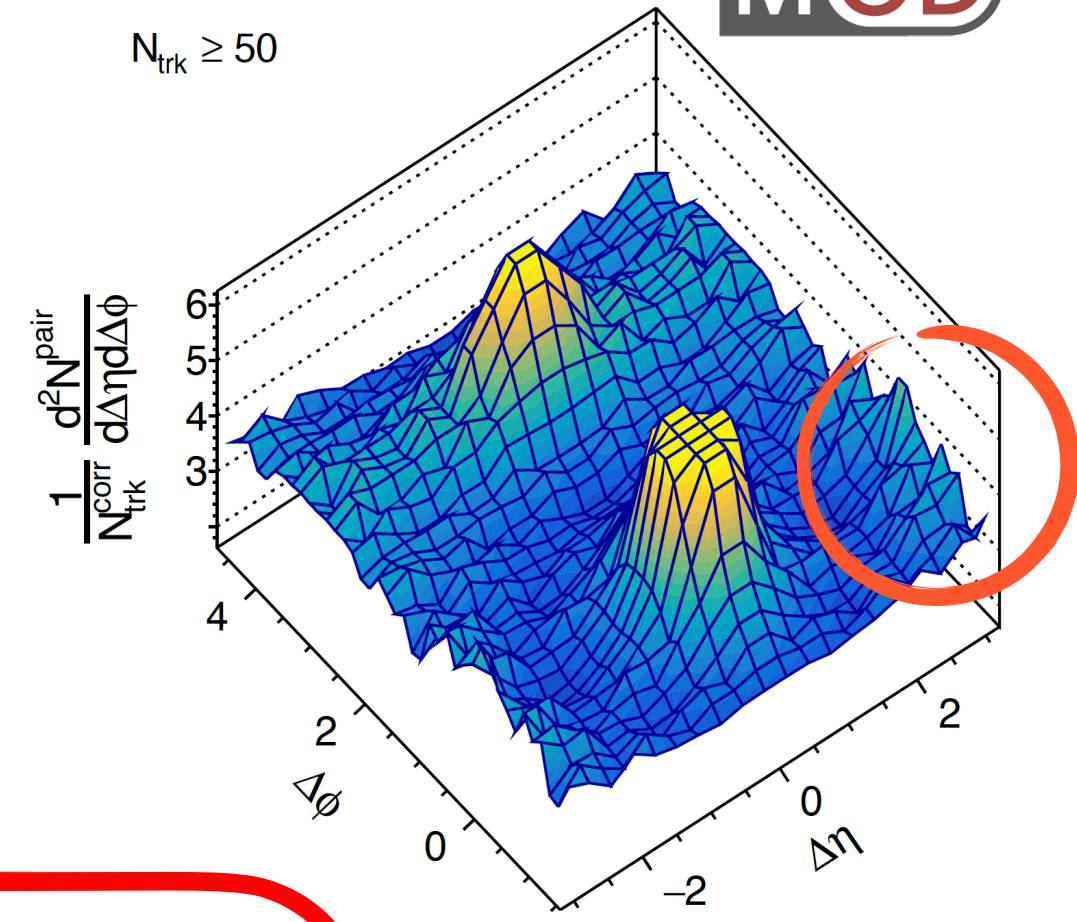
$\gamma+p$

CMS $2 \leq N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} < 35, \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.16$ TeV (68.8 nb^{-1})
 $0.3 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV/c



CMS, PLB 844 (2023) 137905

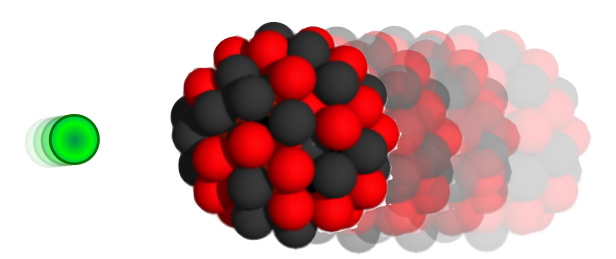
e^+e^+



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arXiv:2312.05084

**WHAT WE WILL FIND IN $e^- + p/A$ AT EPIC ?
ANOTHER PIECE TO COMPLETE THE PUZZLE
(OR EXPAND IT...)**



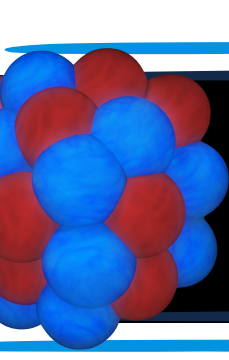


NUCLEAR PDFS

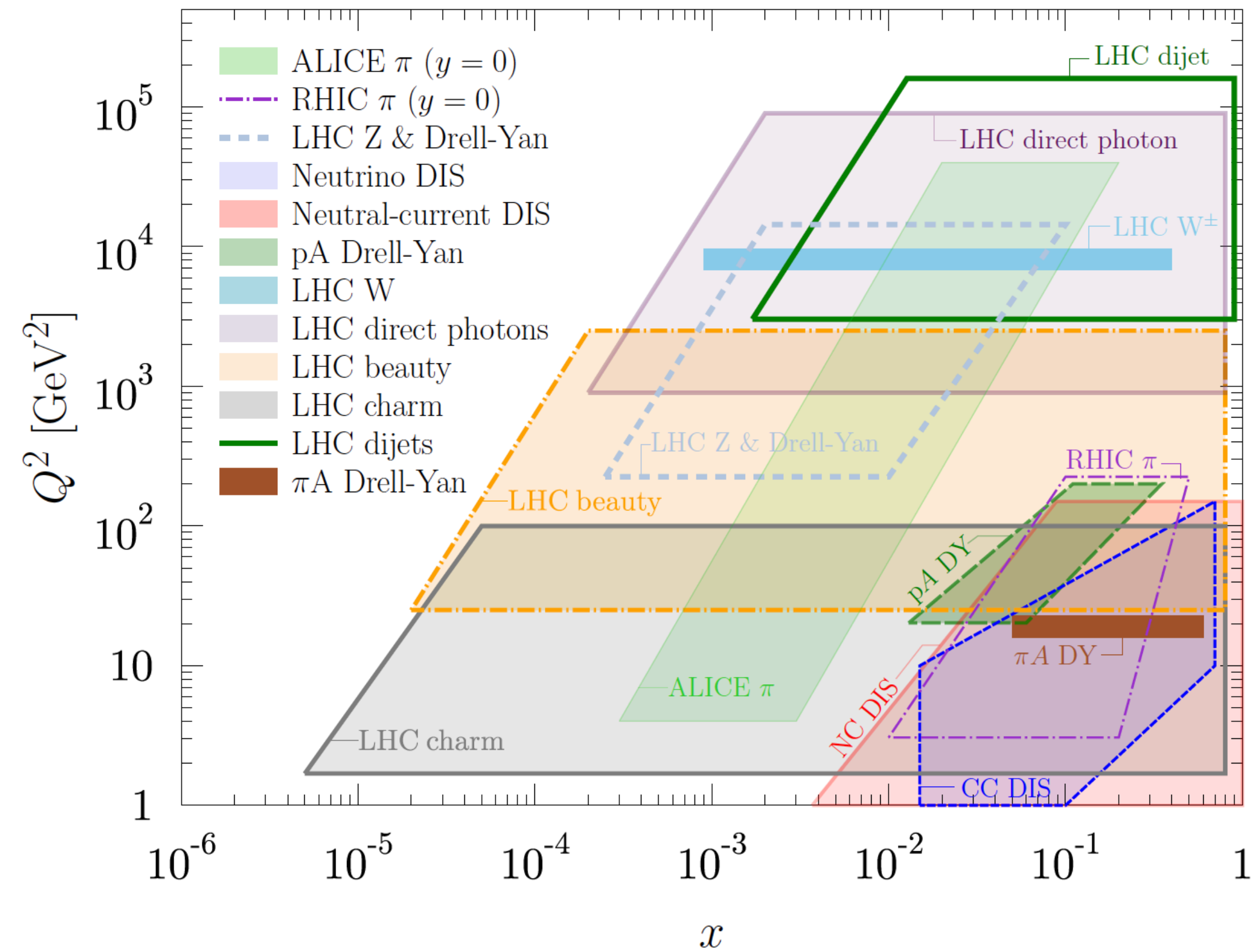
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ATLAS
EXPERIMENT



NPDF - CURRENT PICTURE



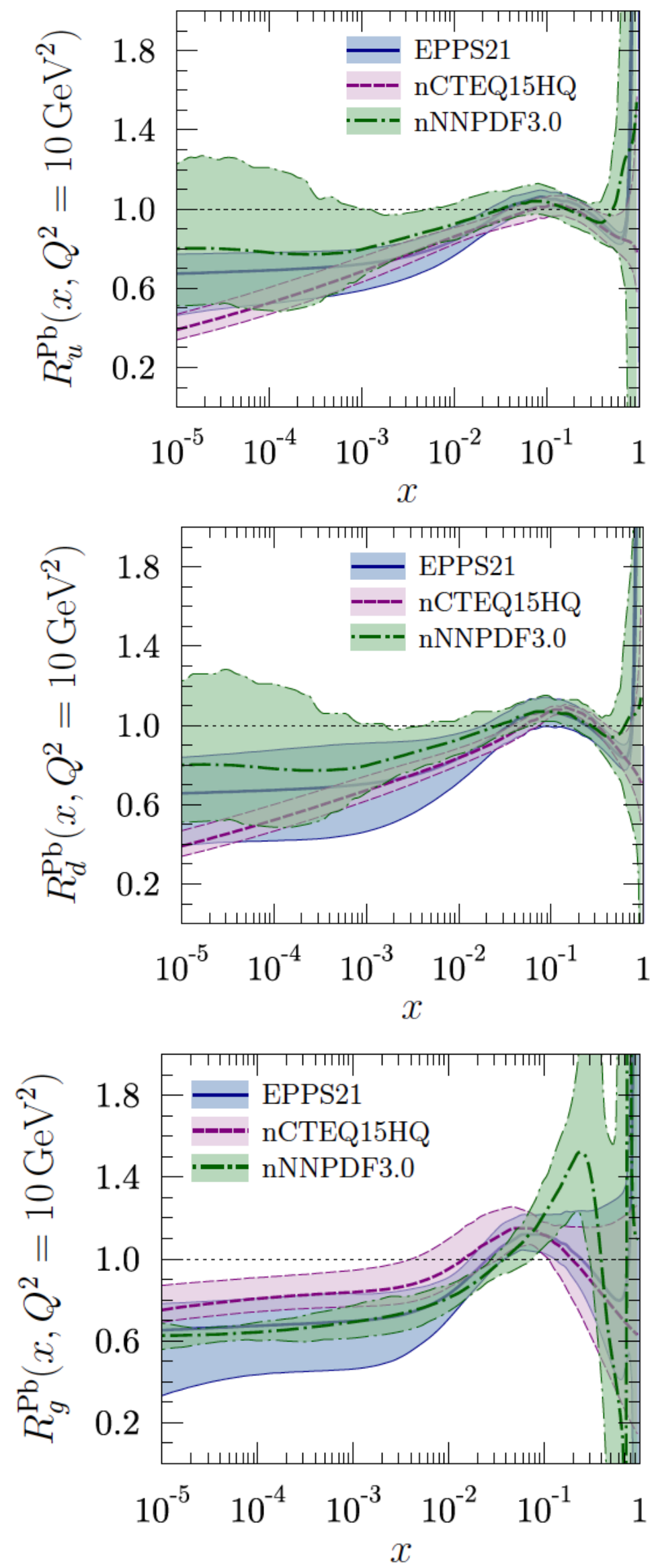
(x, Q^2) Phase space coverage of data currently available on the market

Taken from Klasen & Paukkunen
Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2024. 74:1-41

Large variety of data from different experiments, spanning over a wide (x, Q^2) range, down to $x \sim 10^{-5}$

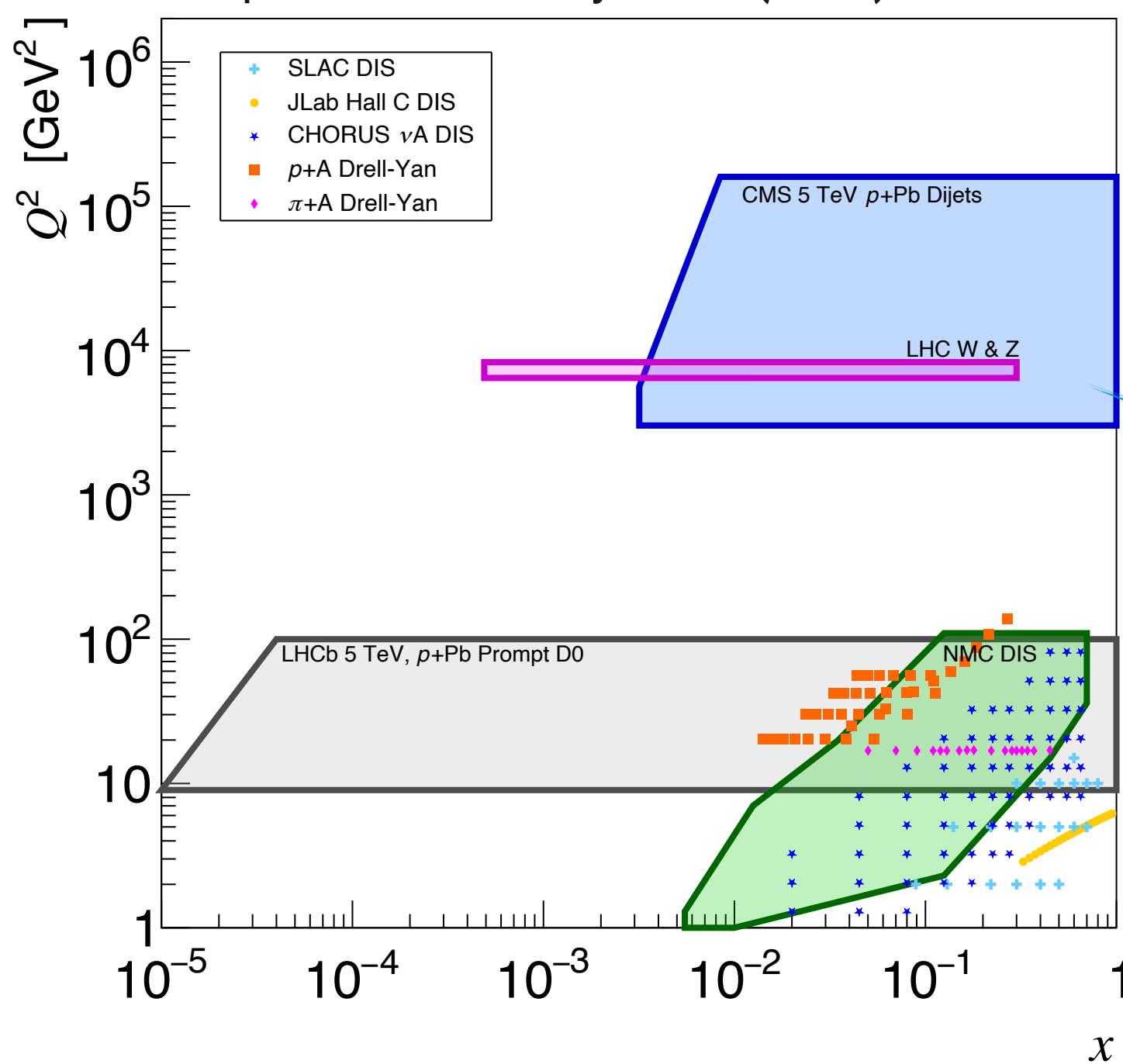
Different combinations of these data included in different nPDF parametrizations:

- EPPS21**
- TUJU21**
- nCTEQ15HQ**
- nNNPDF3.0**
- KSAG20**



DIJETS IN P+PB FOR NPDF CONSTRAINTS: EPPS21 EXAMPLE

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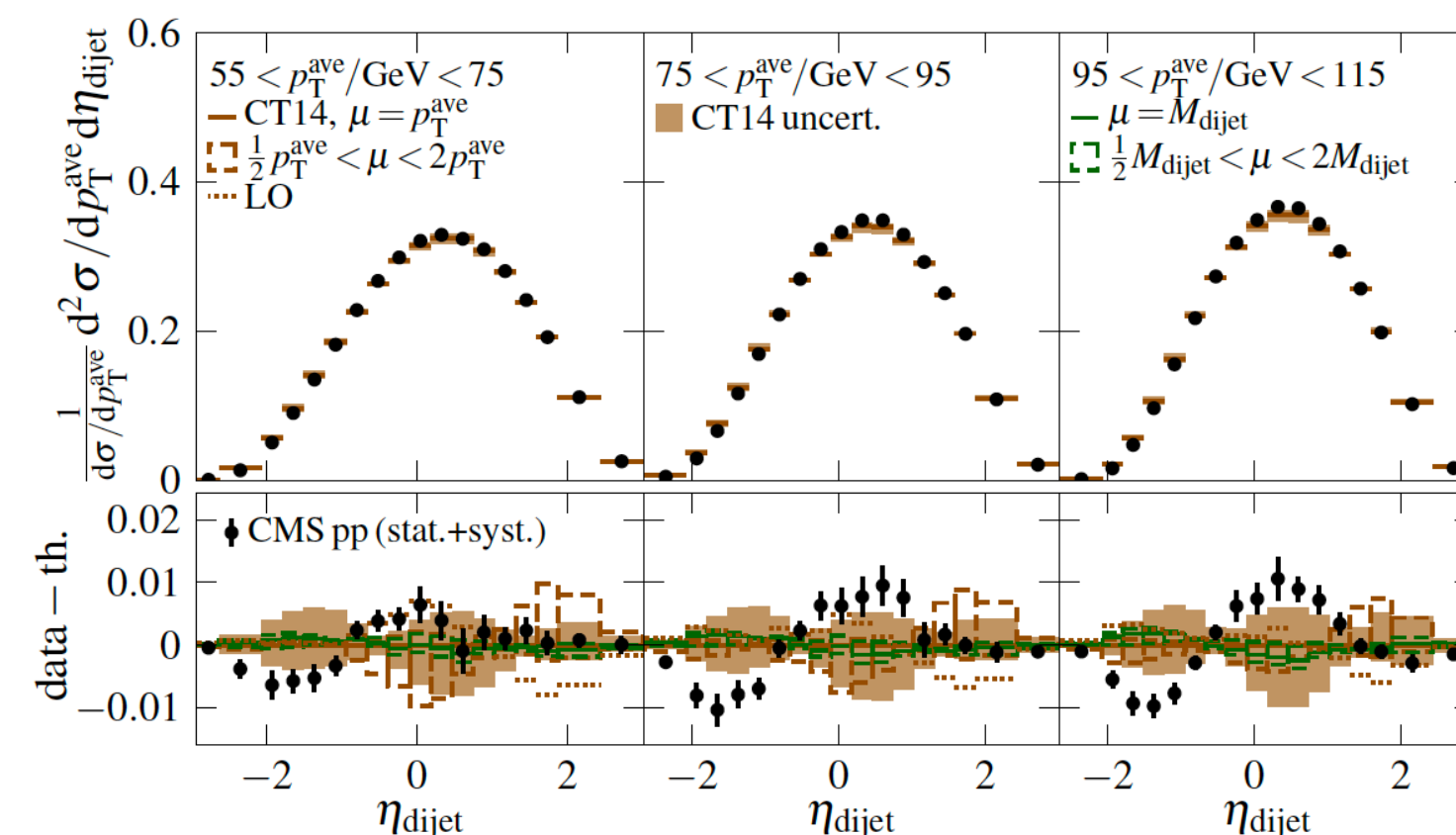
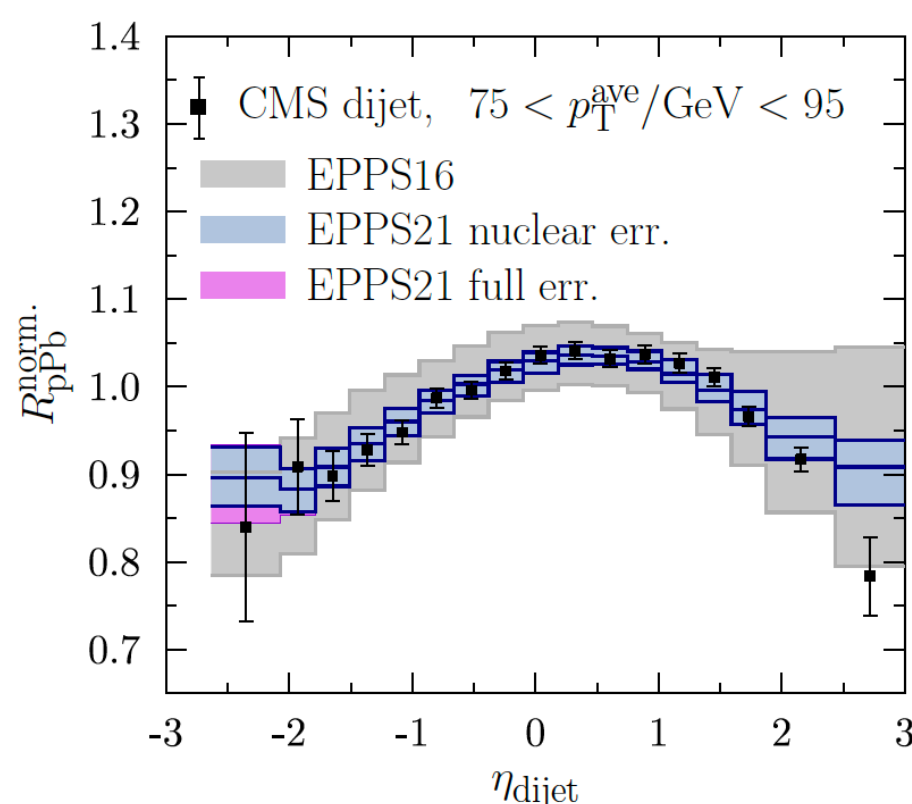
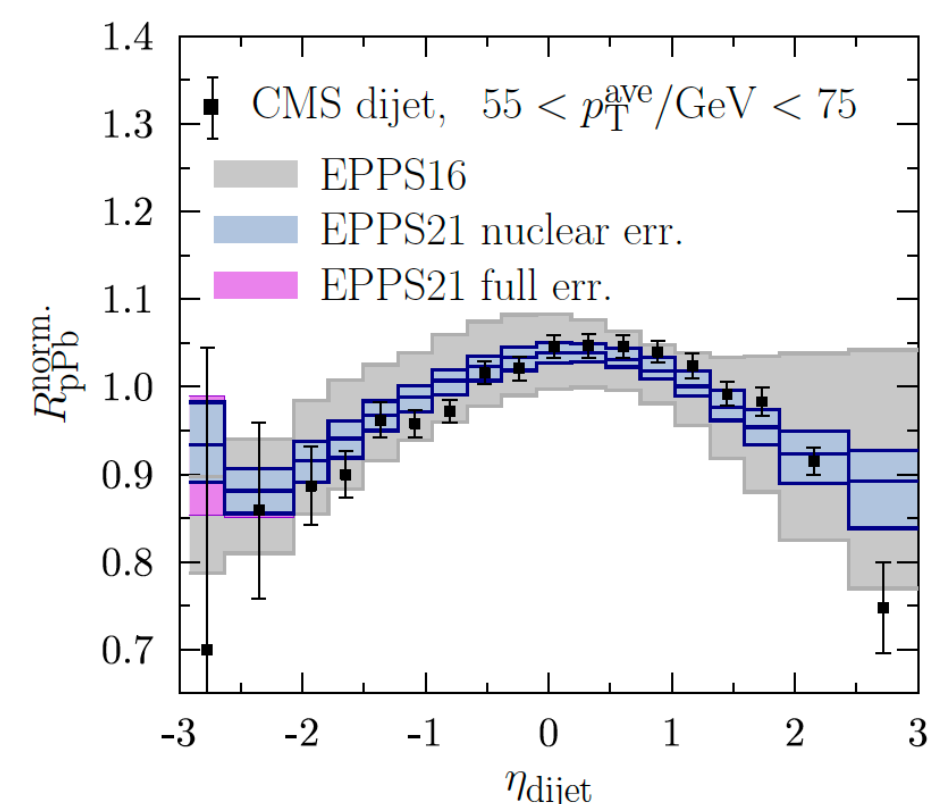
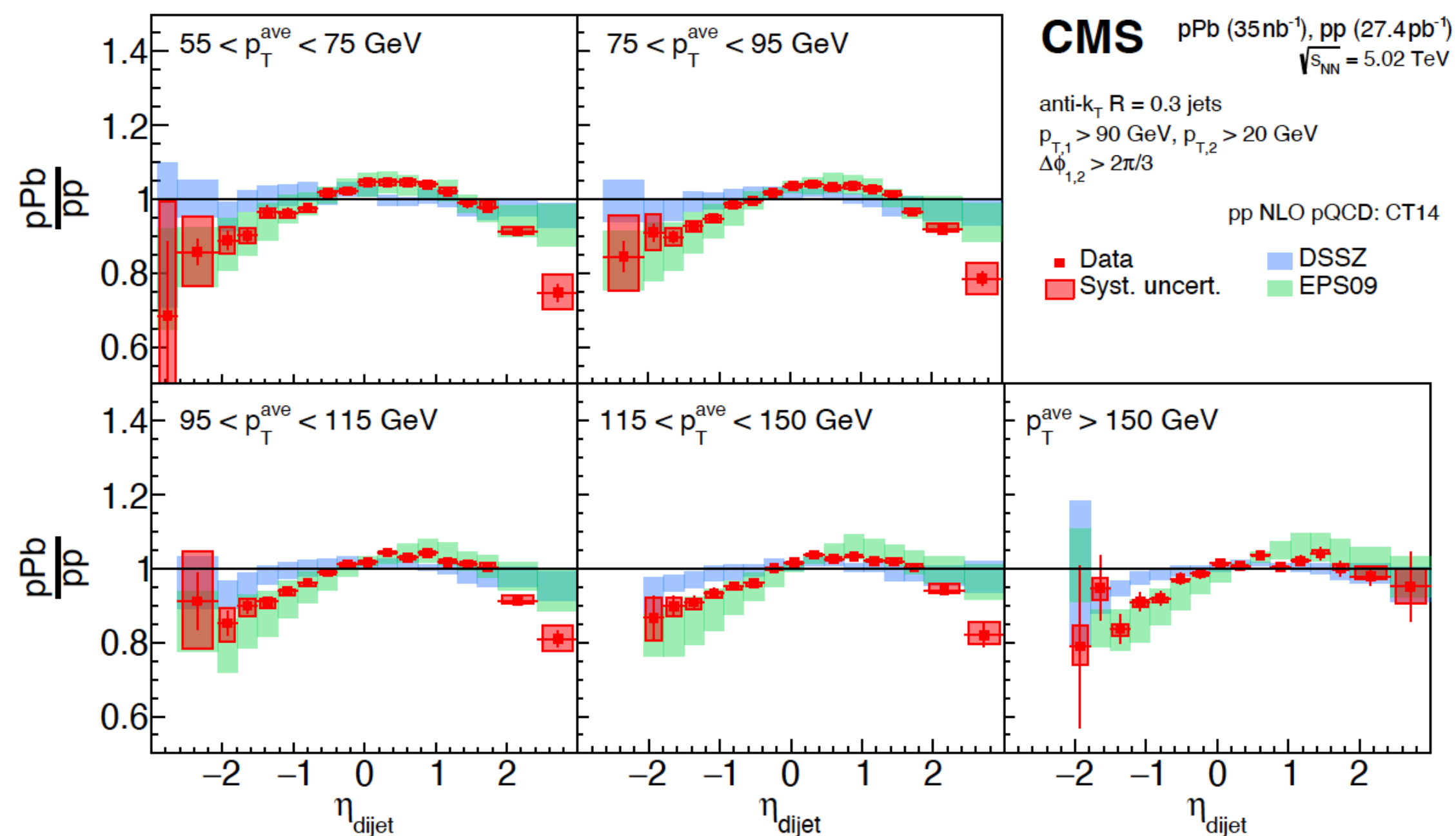
Wide (x, Q^2) phase space region could be explored using dijets in p+Pb @ LHC

CMS dijet data @ 5.02 TeV only one published so far

Ratios are well described!

More issues when trying to describe separately p+p and p+Pb data

PRL 121, 062002 (2018)

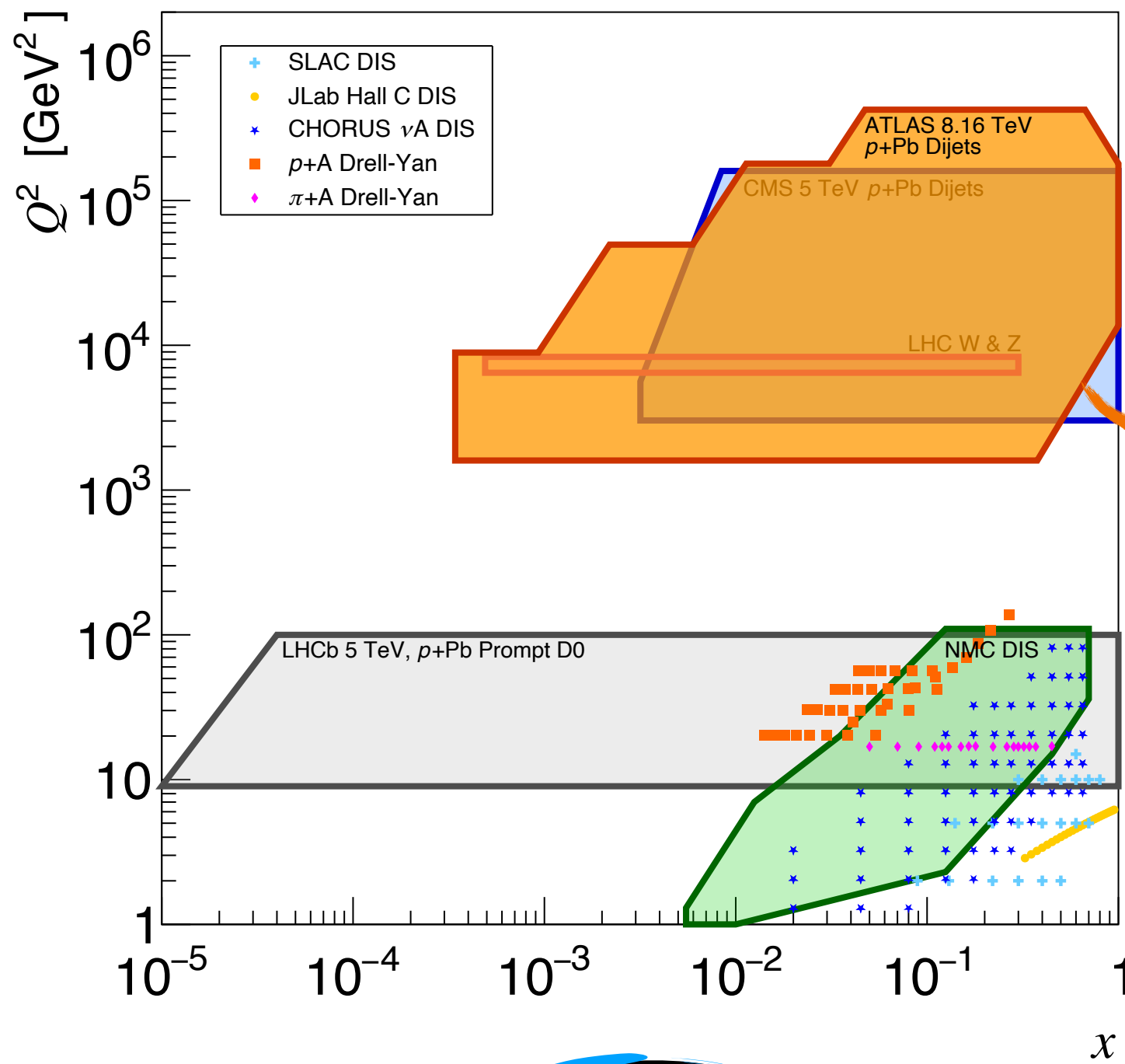


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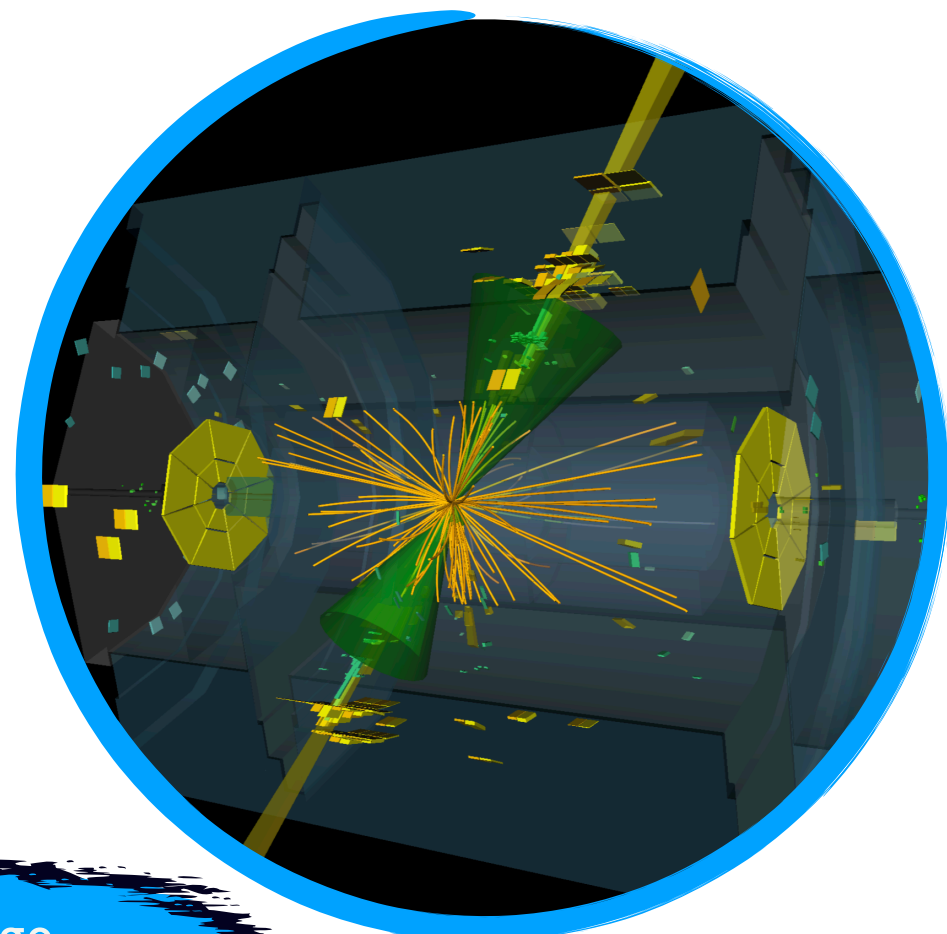
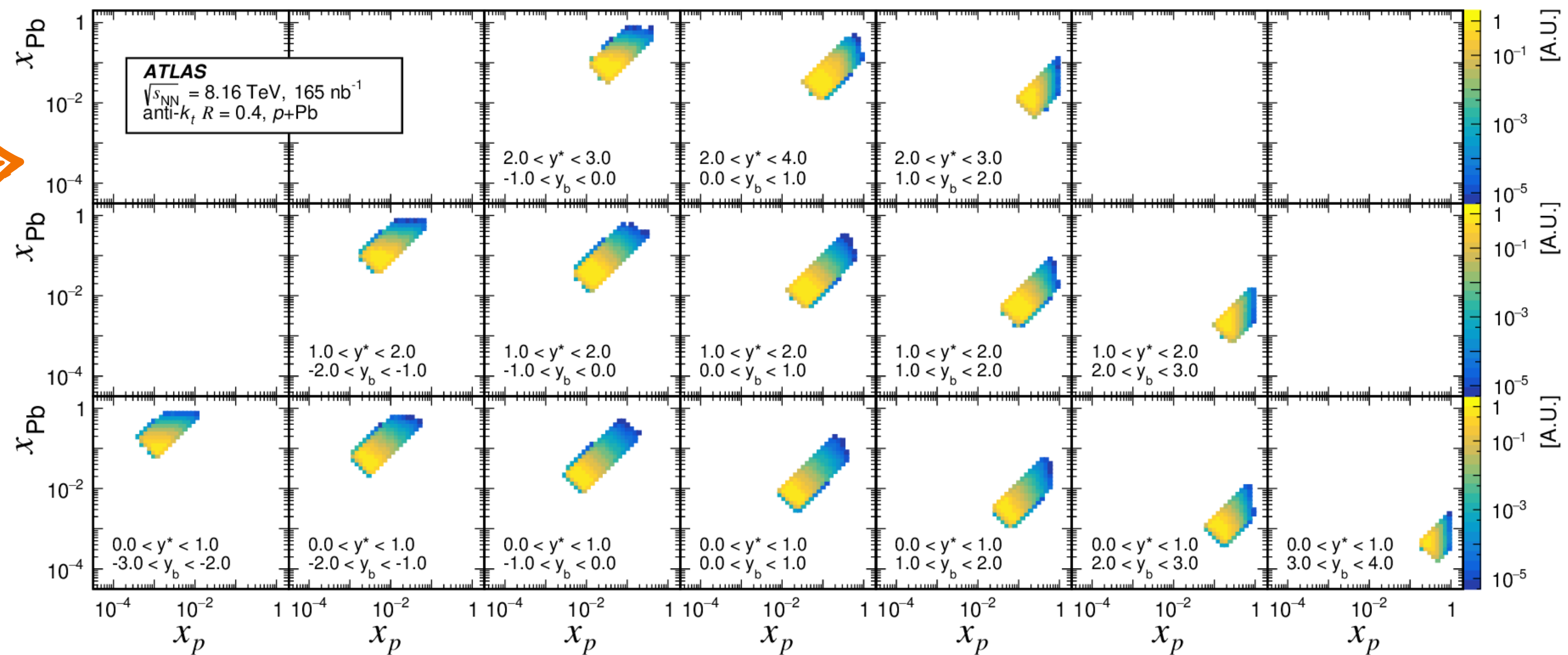
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DIJETS IN P+PB FOR NPDF CONSTRAINTS: ATLAS INPUT

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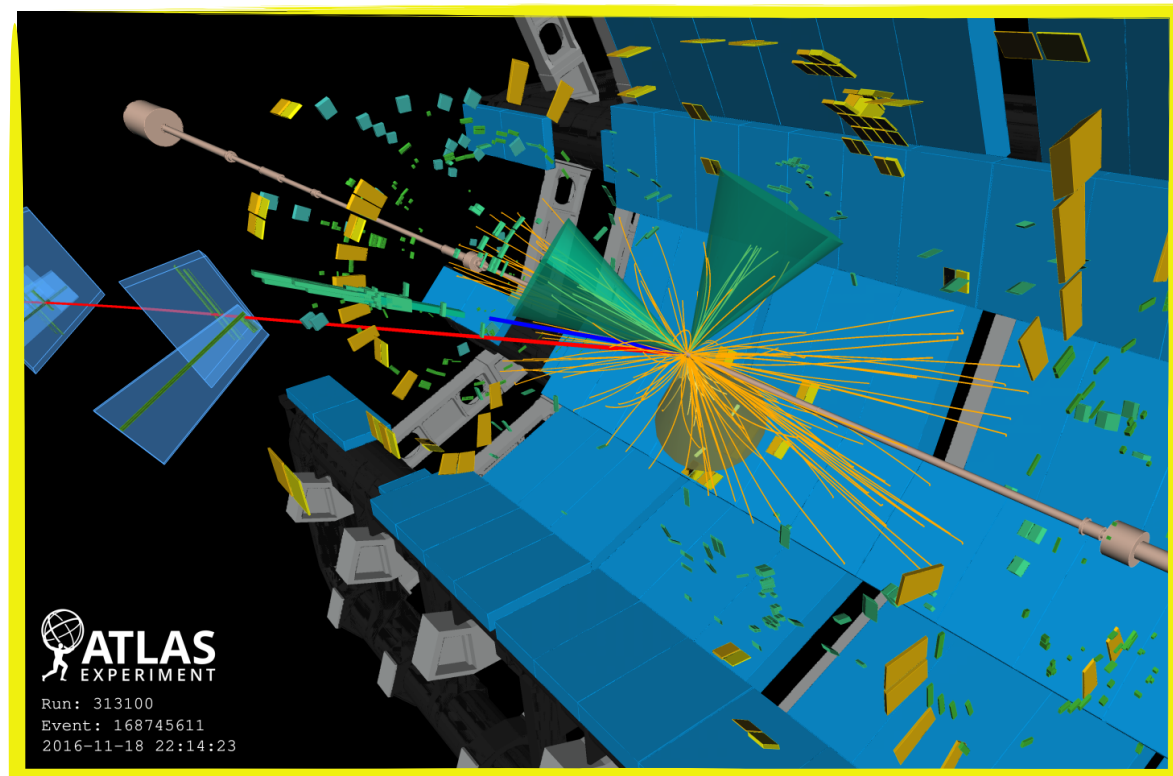
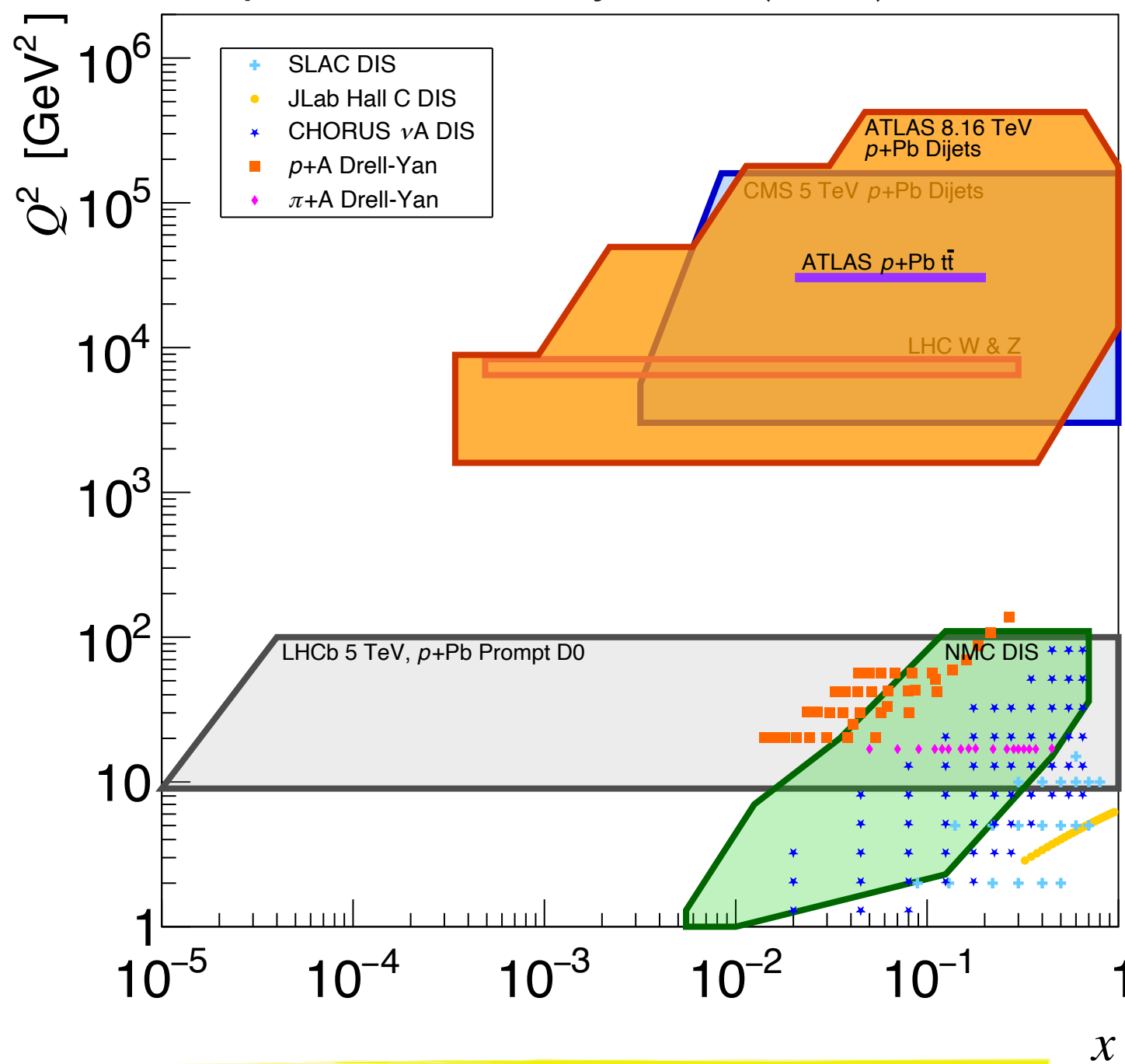
Dijet in p +Pb @ 8.16 TeV measured by ATLAS using the full acceptance of the calorimeter explore a wide kinematic range



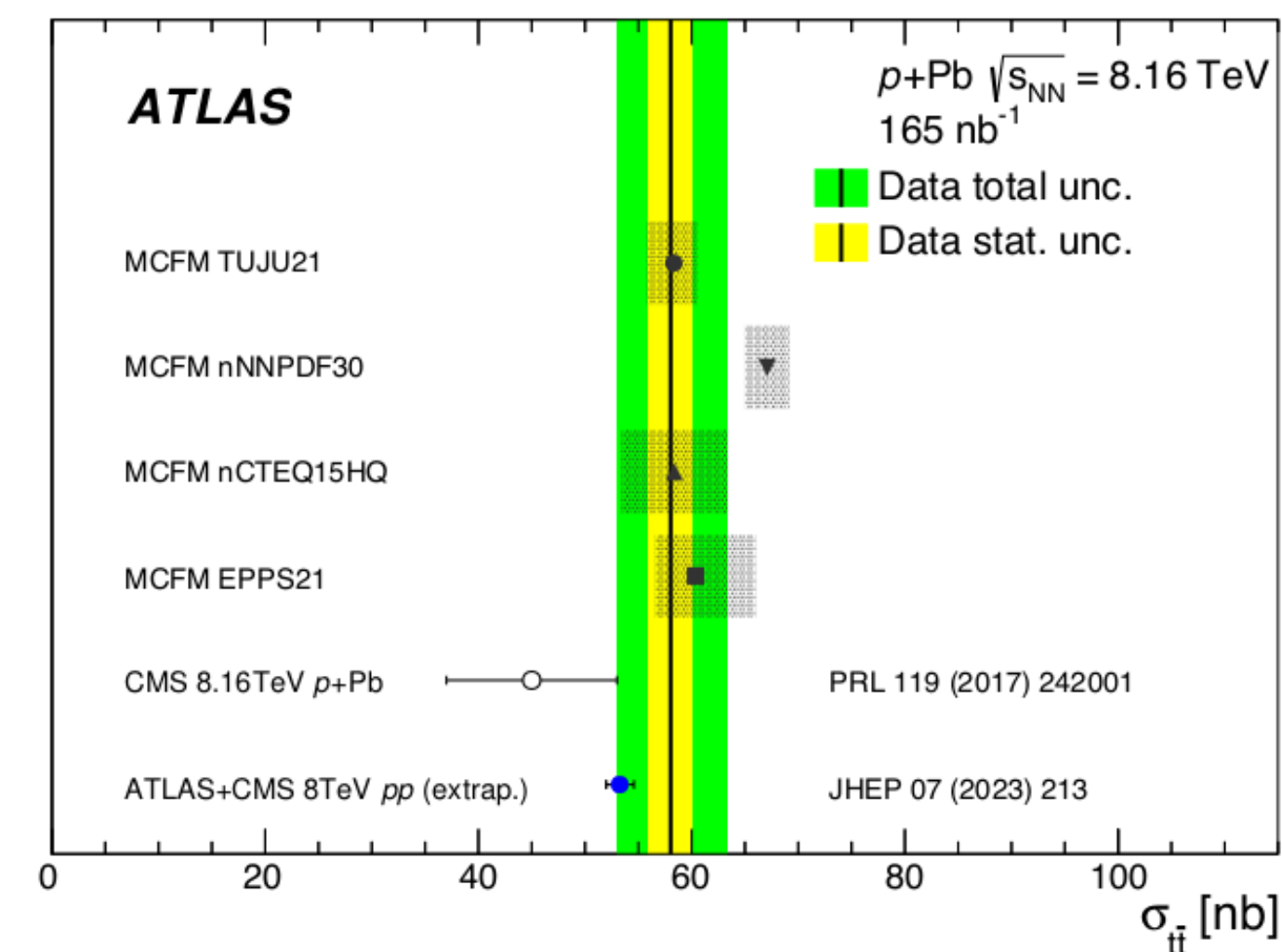
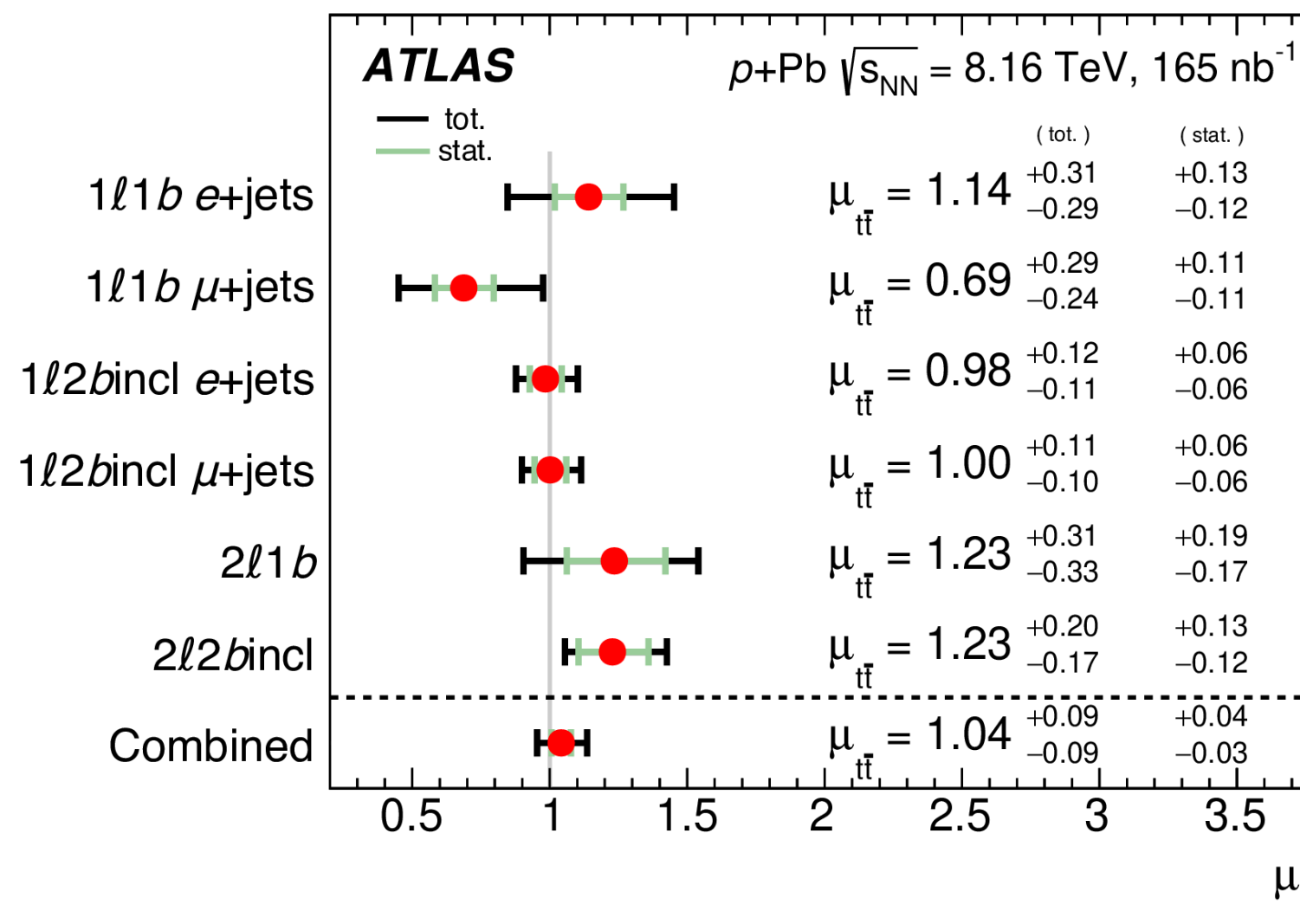
ONGOING MEASUREMENT OF DIJET PRODUCTION OVER ~ 4 ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE IN x_p, x_{Pb} !

NPDF STUDIES VIA $t\bar{t}$ PRODUCTION IN P+PB

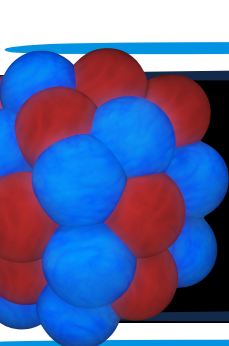
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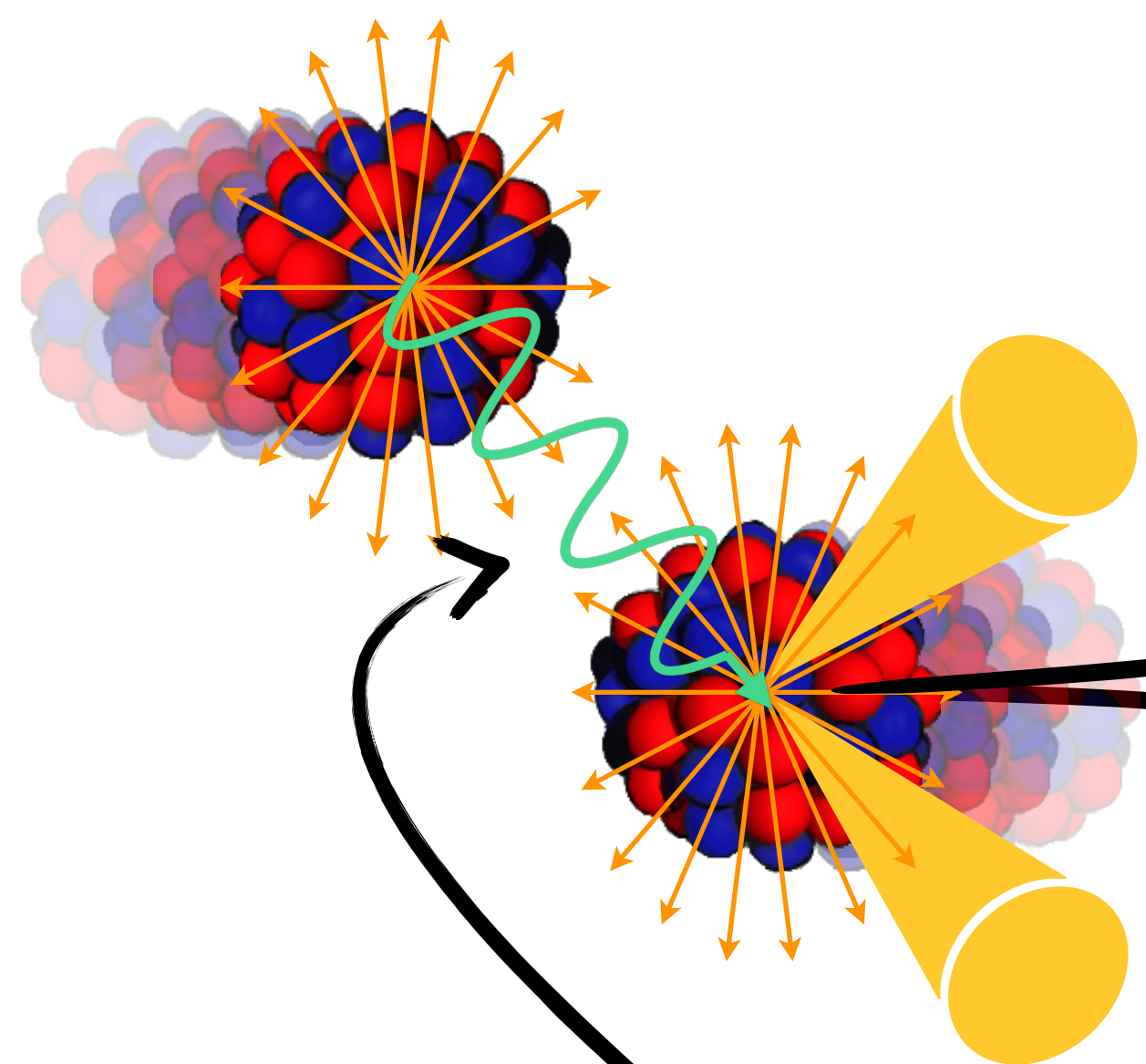
- Top quarks provide novel probes of nuclear modifications of parton distribution functions (nPDF) [**H.Khanpour et al., PRD 93, 014026 (2016)**].
- $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measured in p+Pb in the combined ℓ +jets and dilepton channels
 - First measurement including the dilepton channels
 - Most precise $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurement in nuclear collisions to date
- Good agreement with NNLO calculation based on several nPDF sets



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 58.1 \pm 2.0 \text{ (stat.) }^{+4.8}_{-4.4} \text{ (syst.) nb}$$



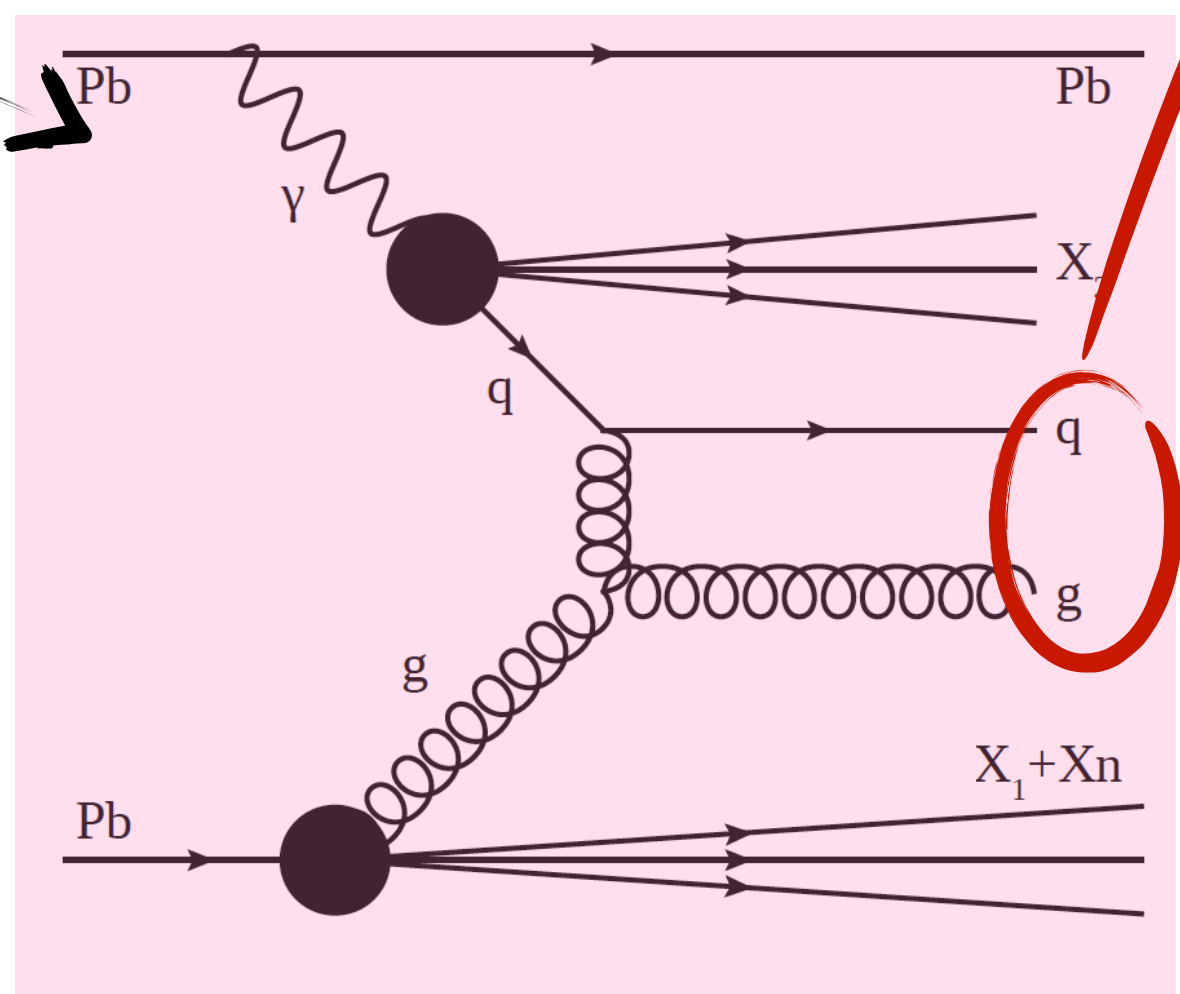
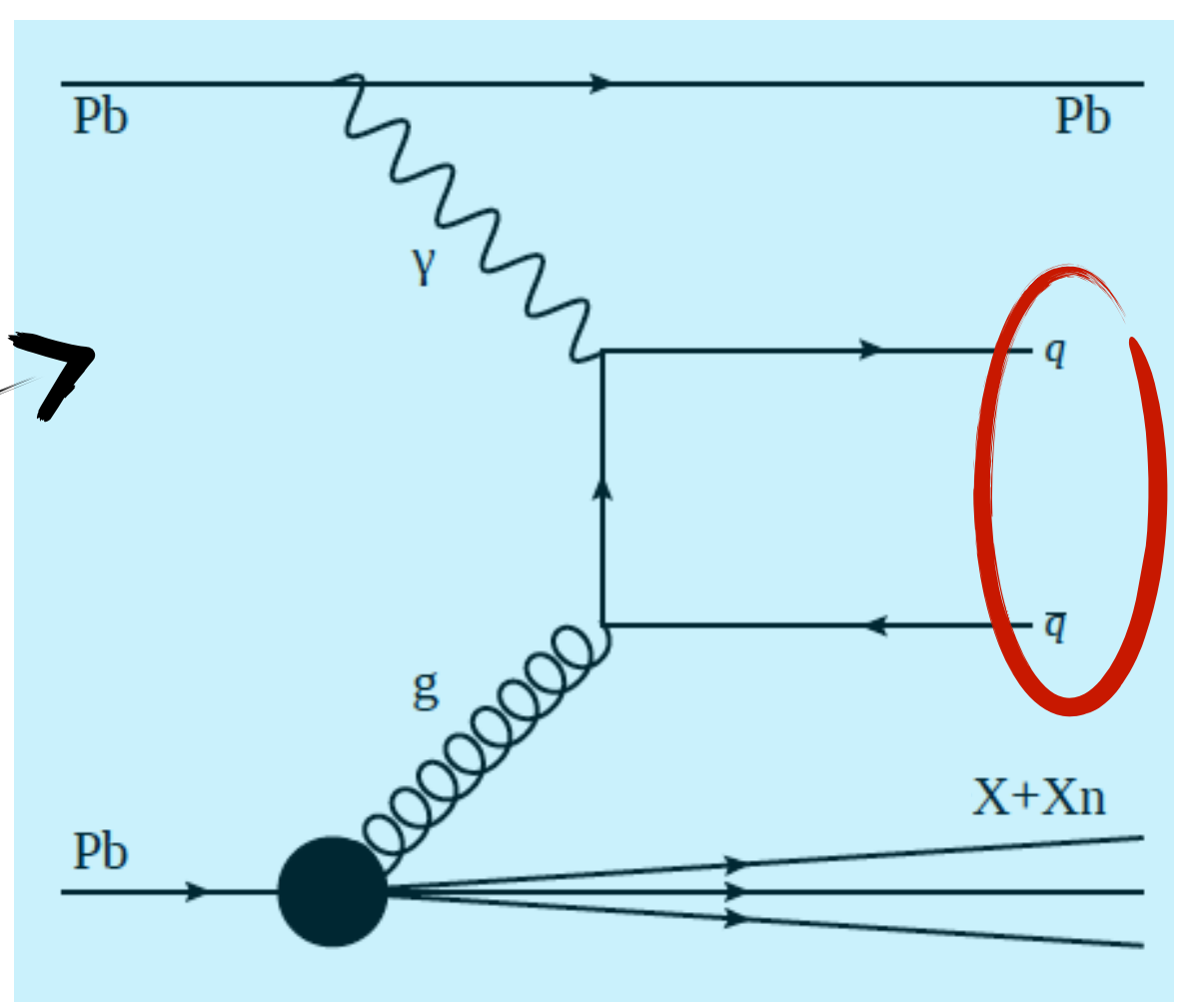
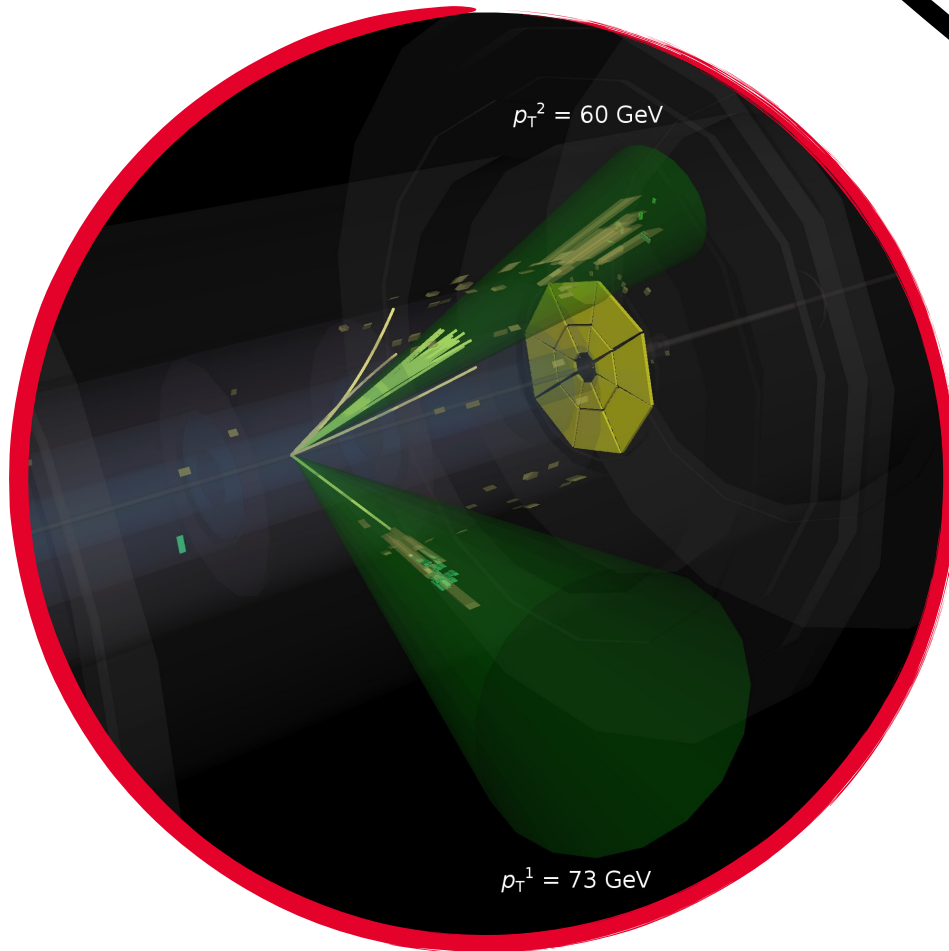
ATLAS UPC DIJETS



“Direct” photons scatter off the nucleus

“Resolved” photons scatter through a virtual hadronic excitation of the photon

Photons emitted in UPCs can scatter off the nucleus and resolve nuclear partons!

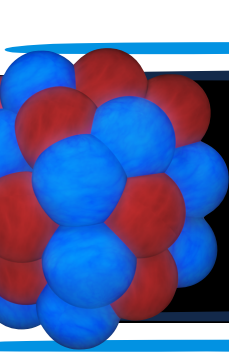


Jet kinematics are proxy to hard-scattering kinematics

$$H_T = \sum_i p_T^i$$

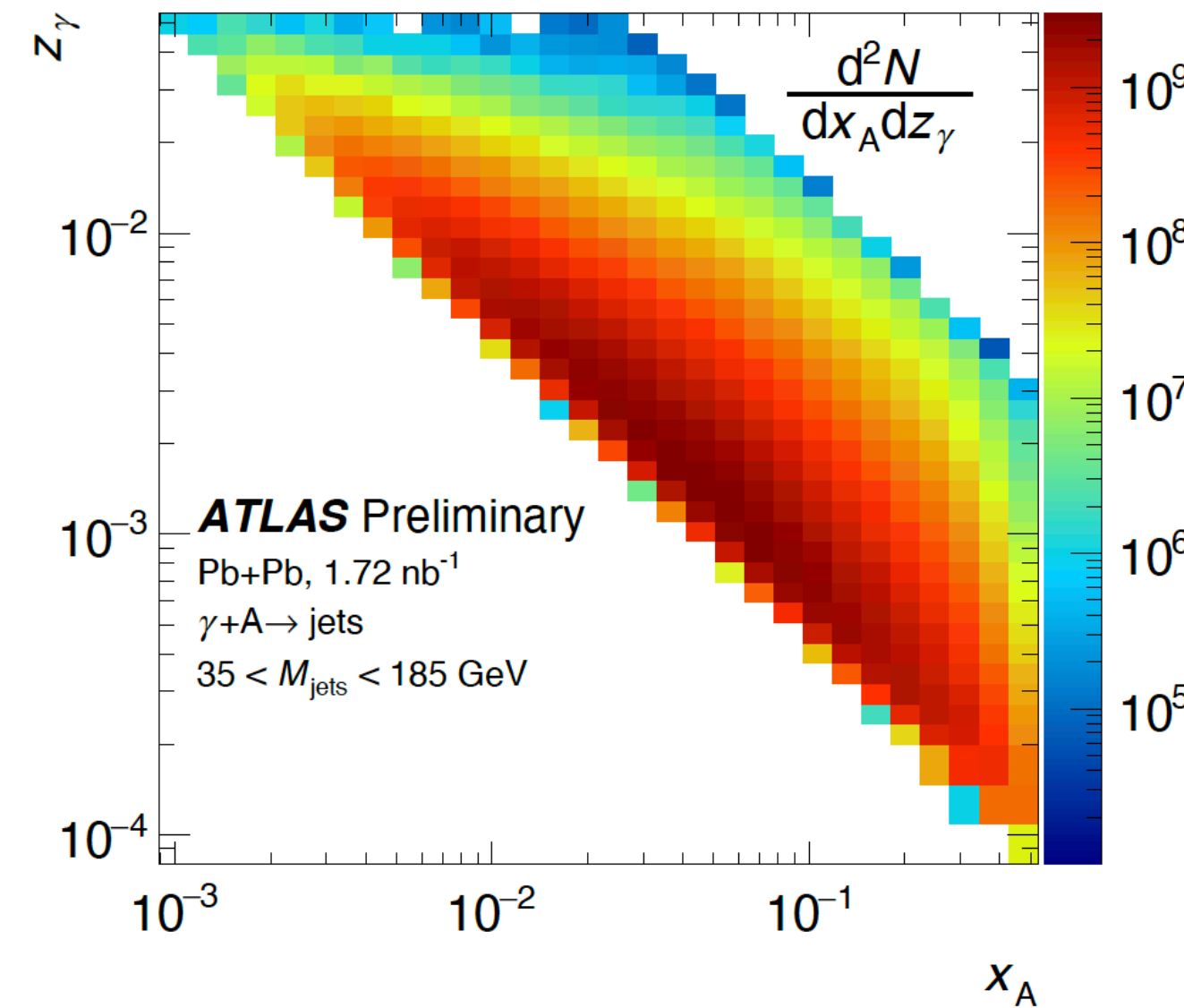
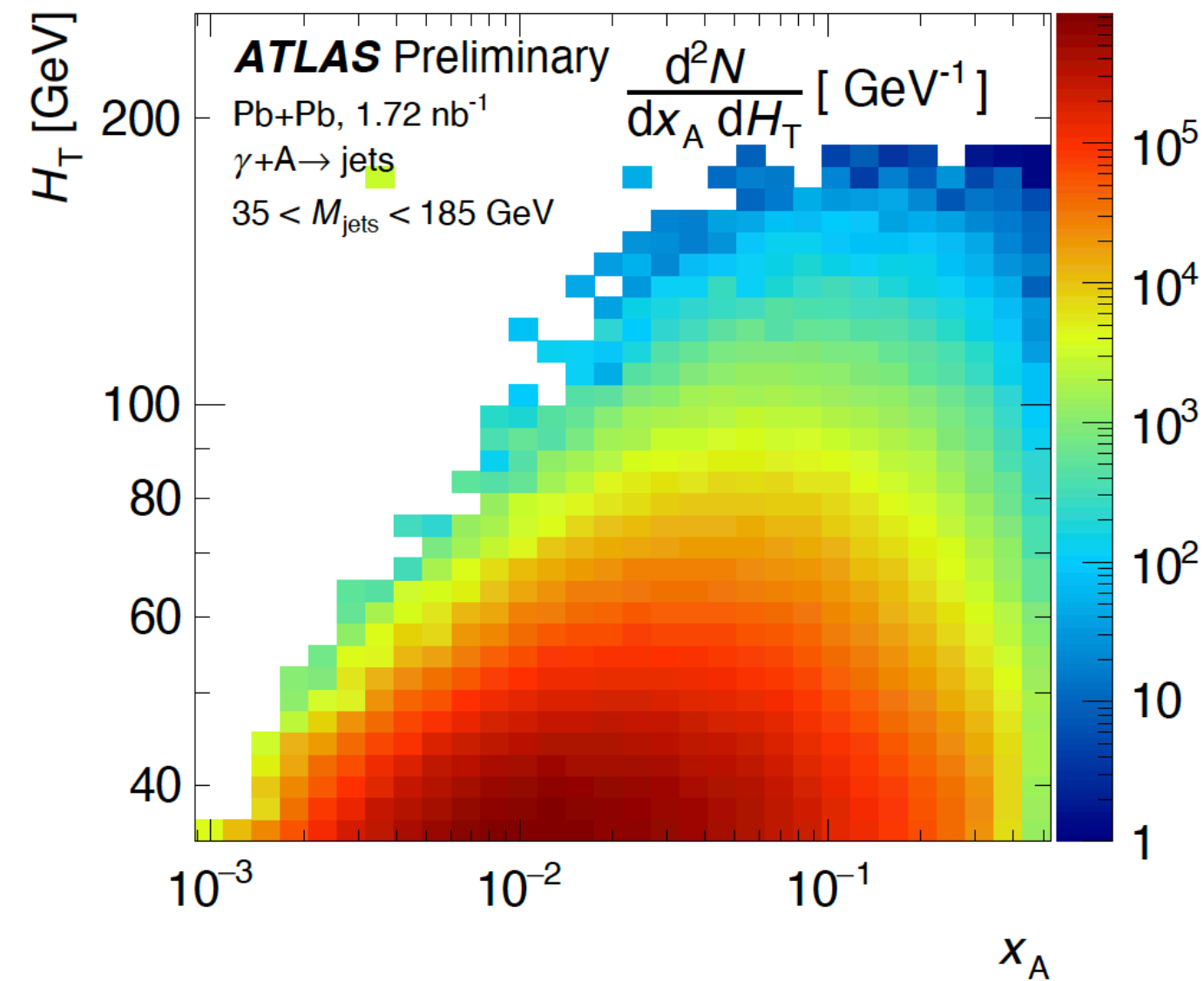
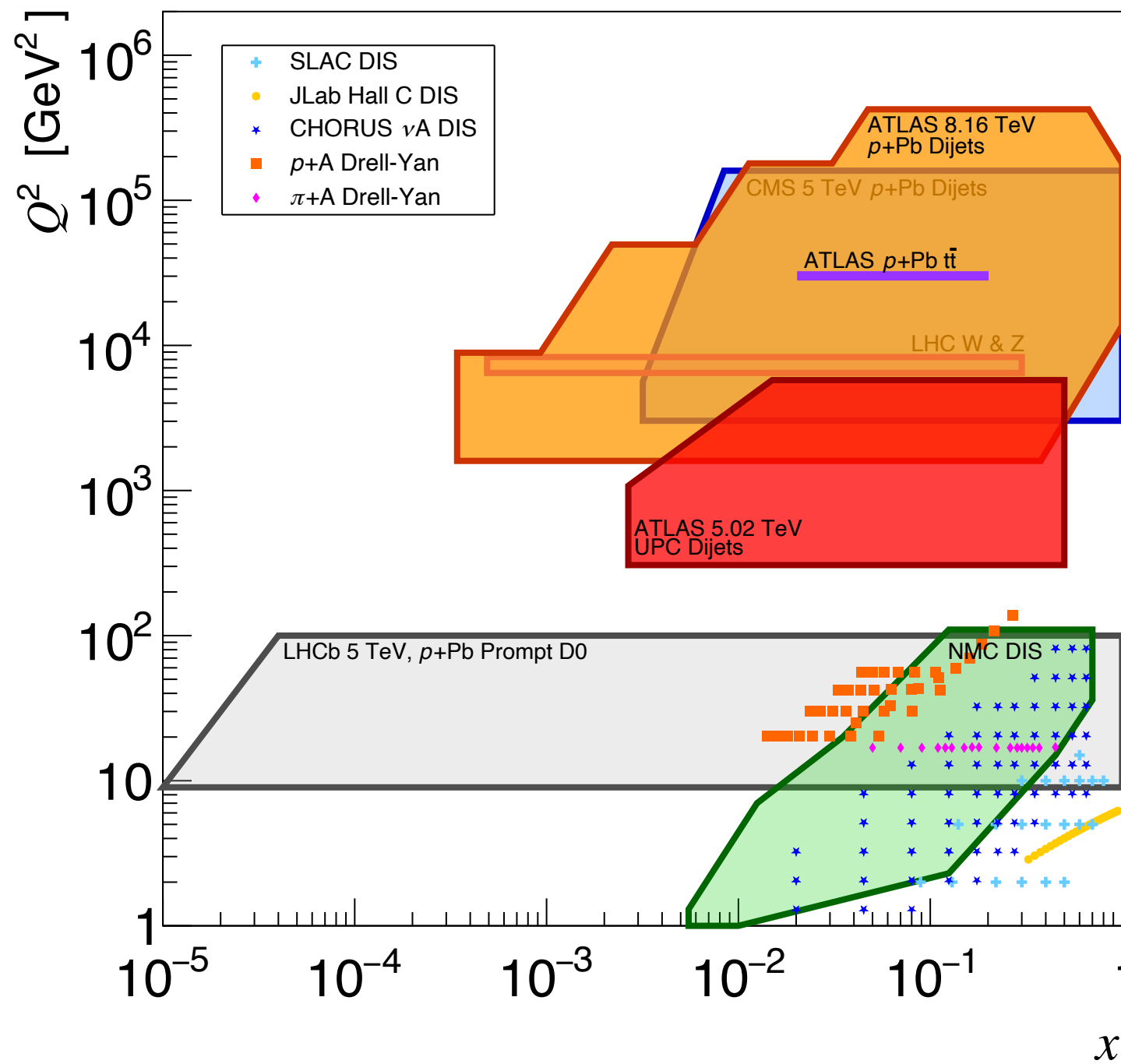
$$x_A = \frac{M_{\text{jets}} e^{-y_{\text{jets}}}}{\sqrt{S_{\text{NN}}}}$$

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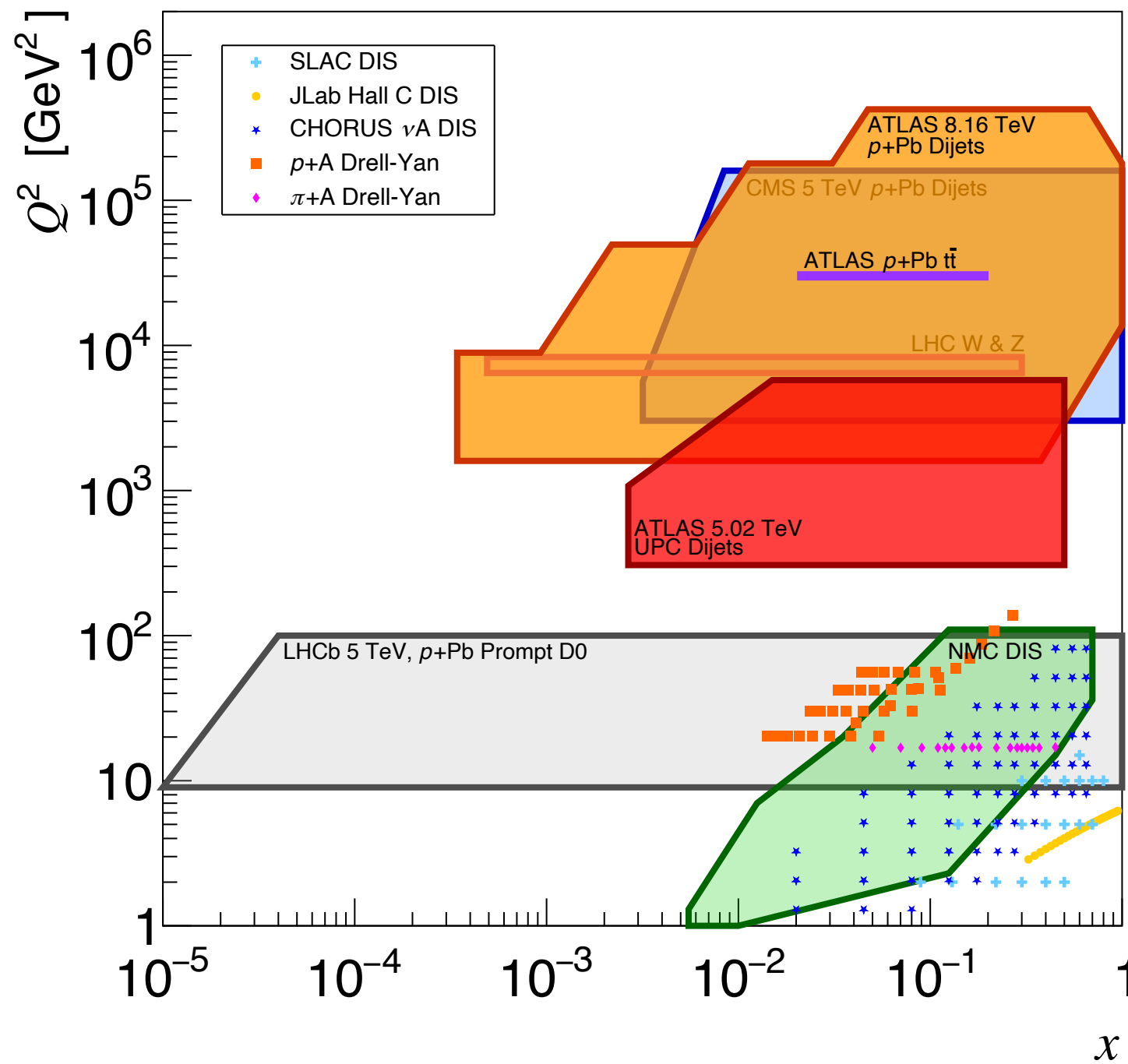
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- nPDF are **poorly constrained** at intermediate Q^2 and low- x
- Nuclear shadowing at low- x draws particular theoretical interest (see [PoS HardProbes2018 \(2018\) 118](#))

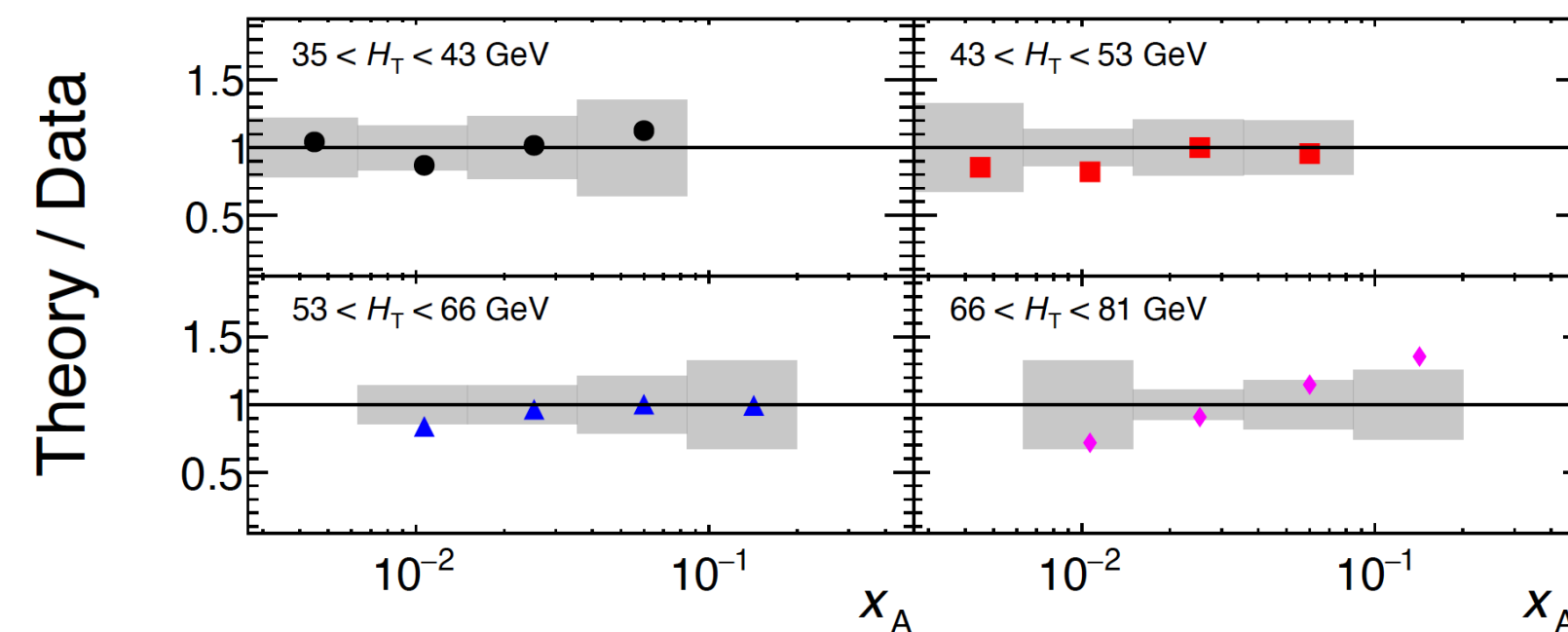
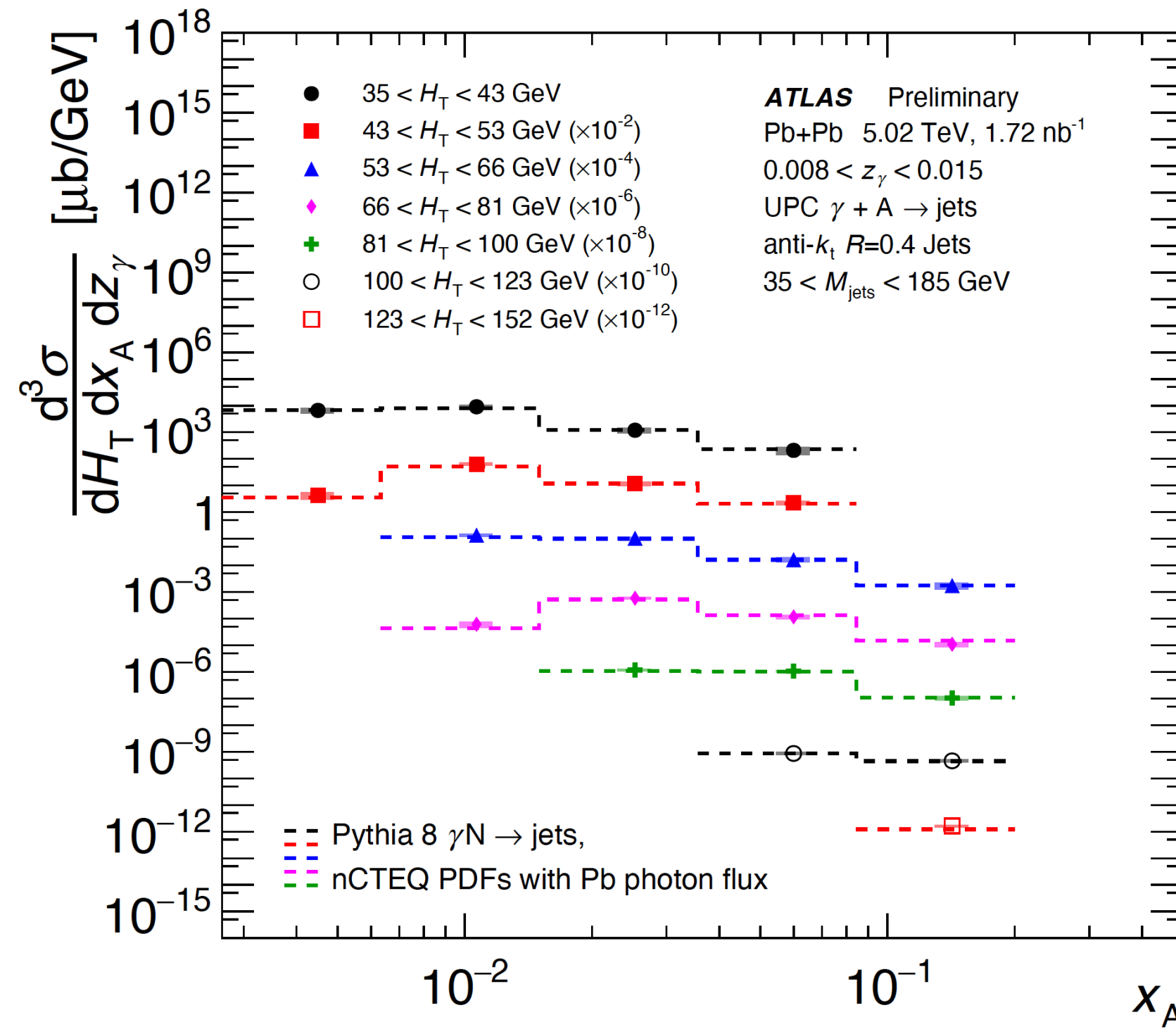
SCANNING THE NUCLEUS USING UPC PHOTONS

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The measured cross-sections are **unfolded in 3 dimensions** to correct for detector effects

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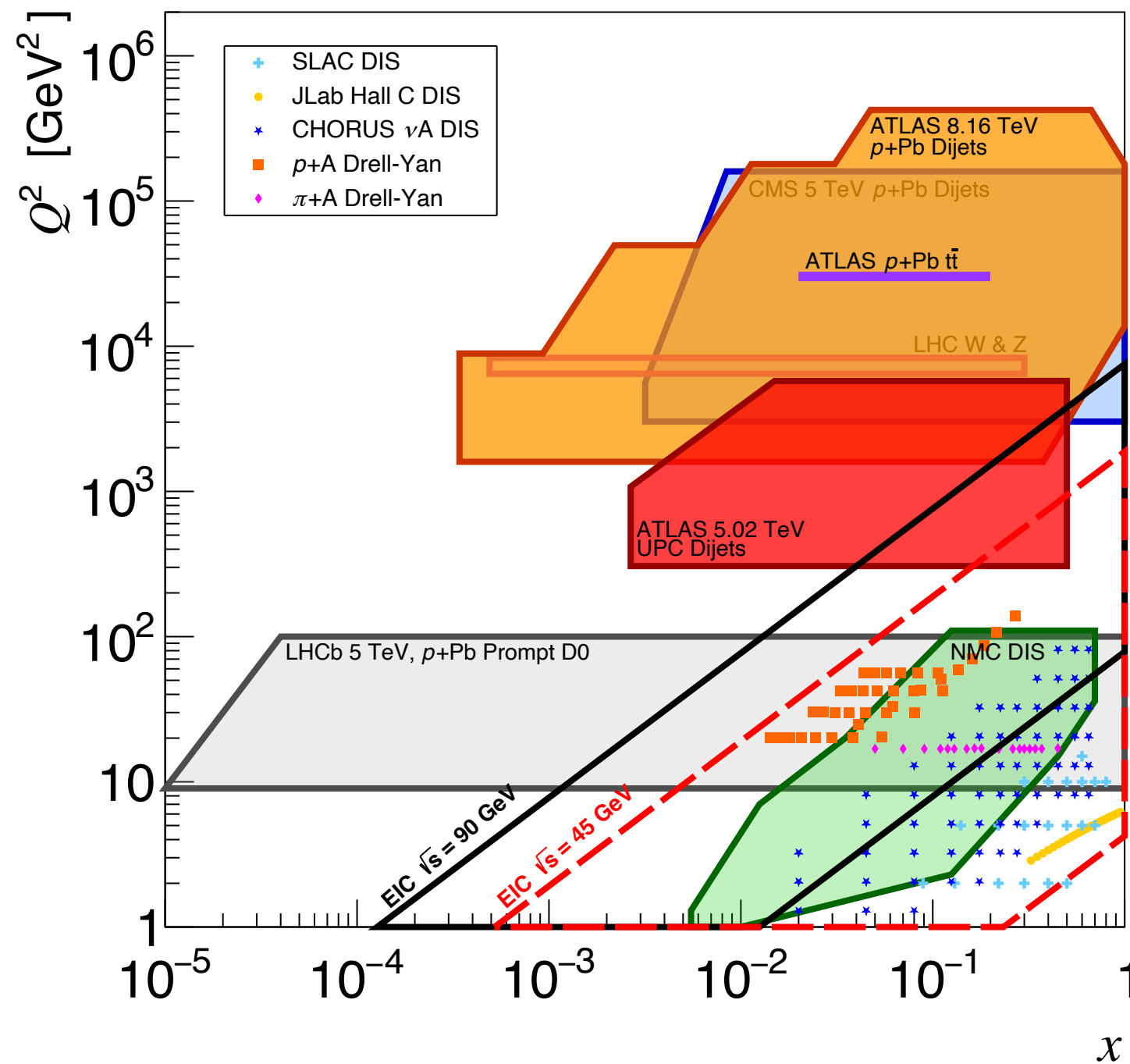
Comparison with Pythia8 with photon flux and nuclear breakup description

Final analysis with improved systematic uncertainties near completion

FINAL RESULTS WILL BE COMING SOON!

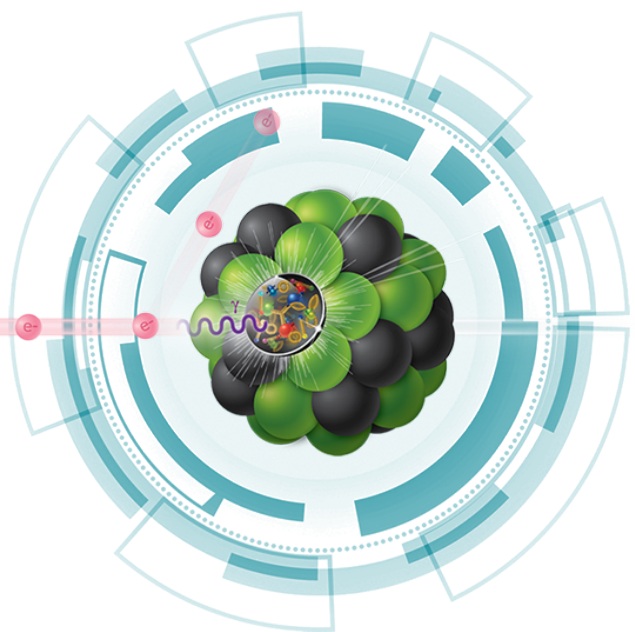
UPC DIJETS: AN LHC - EIC PHYSICS BRIDGE

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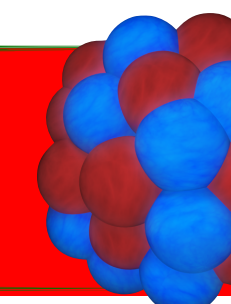


UPC dijets represent a natural **bridge** between the LHC and the EIC:

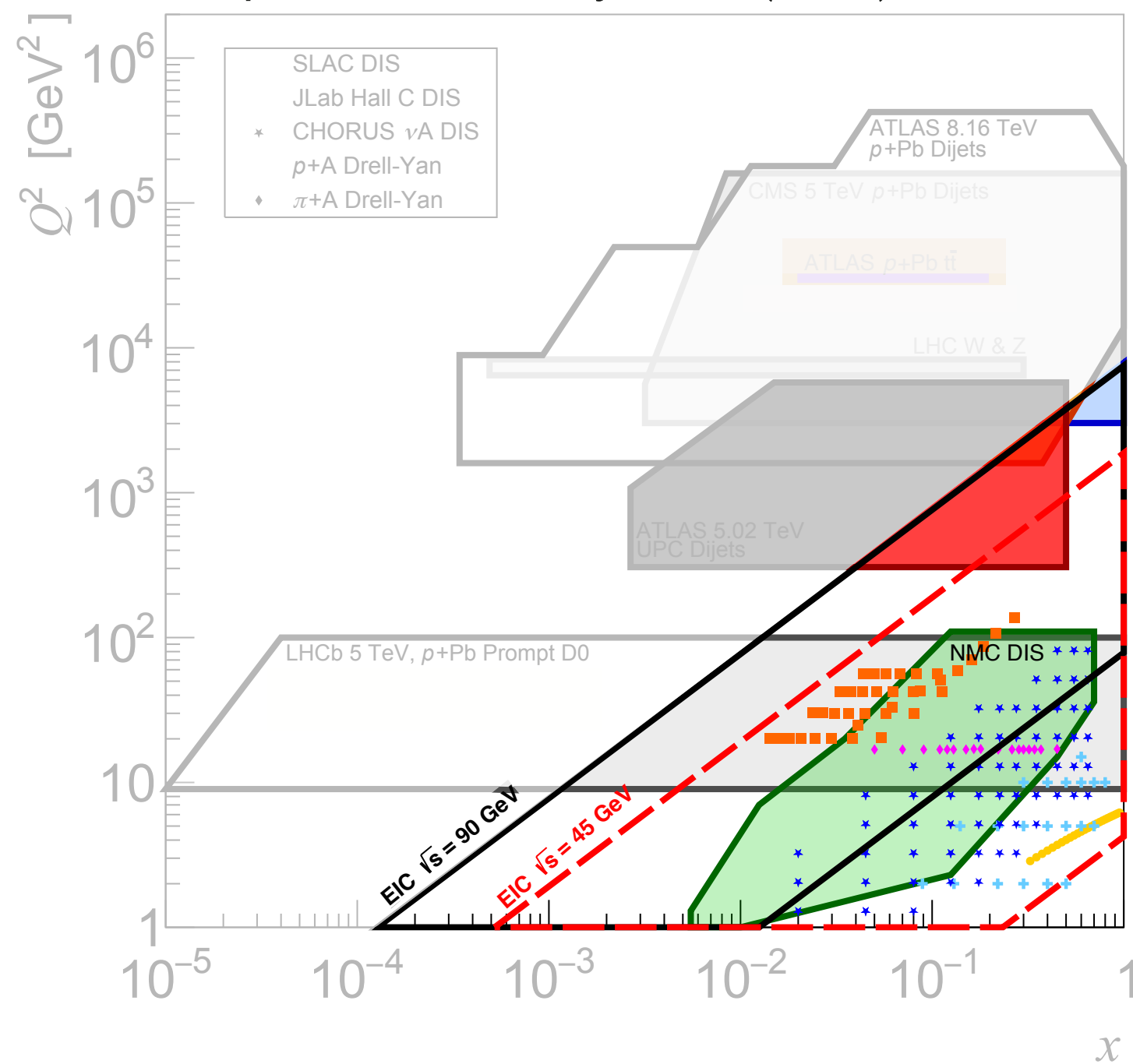
- Continuity in the (x, Q^2) phase space coverages
- Investigating the nucleus structure with photon probes in both cases



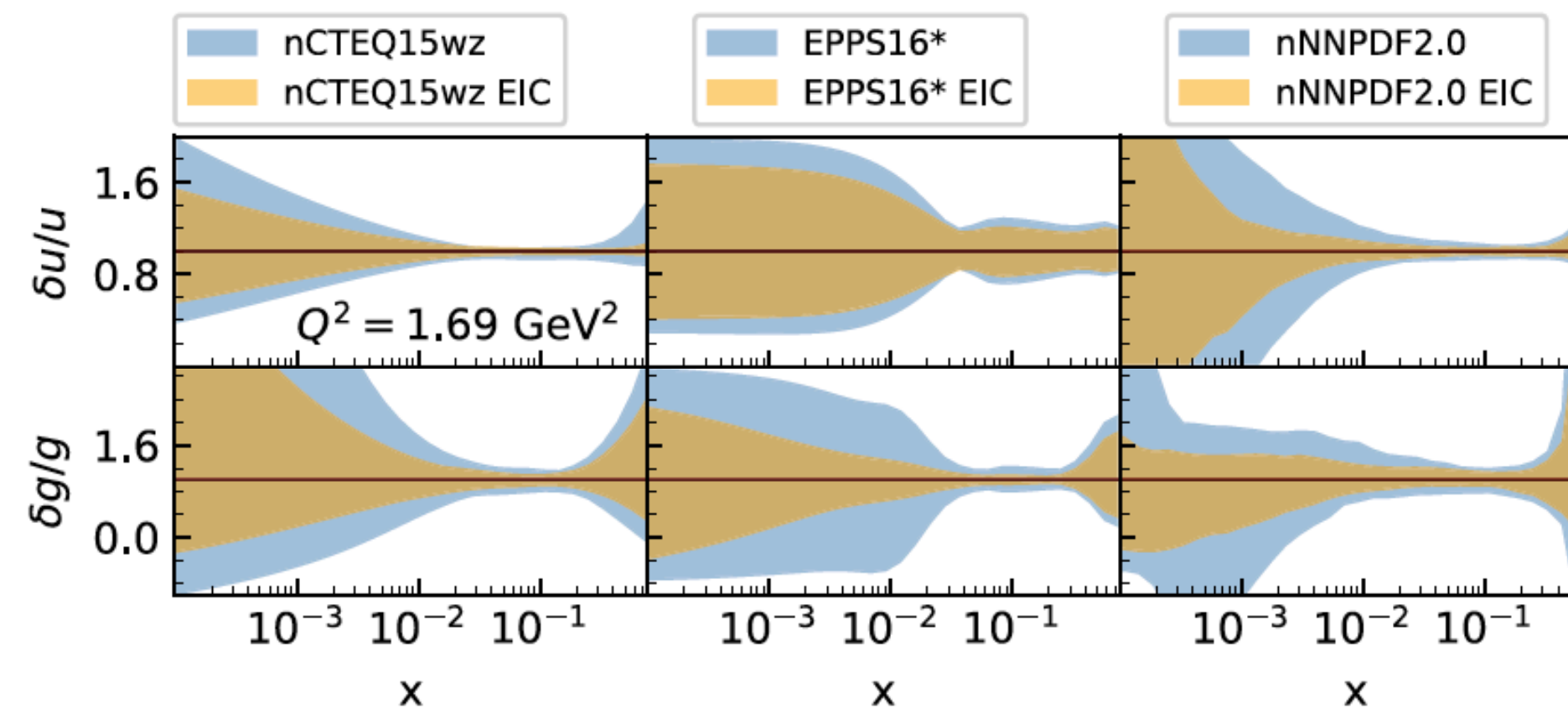
THE EIC CONTRIBUTION



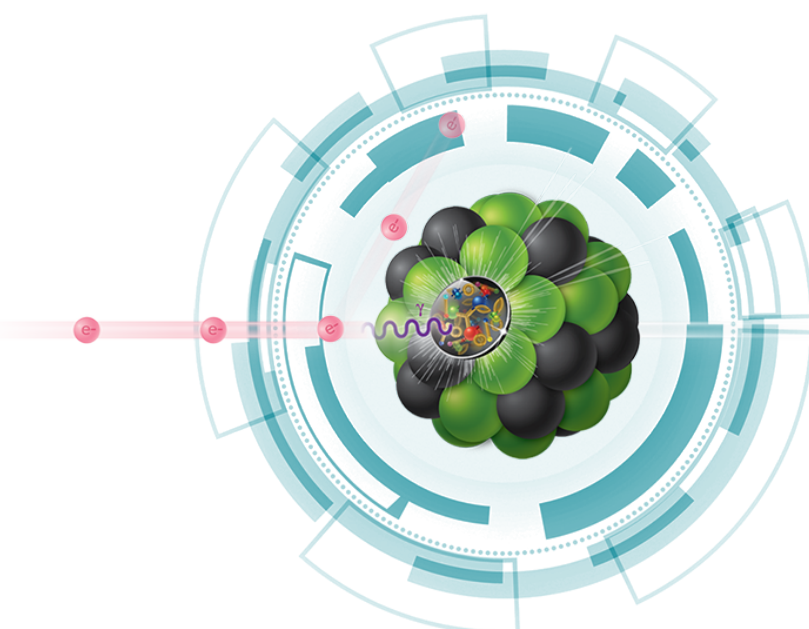
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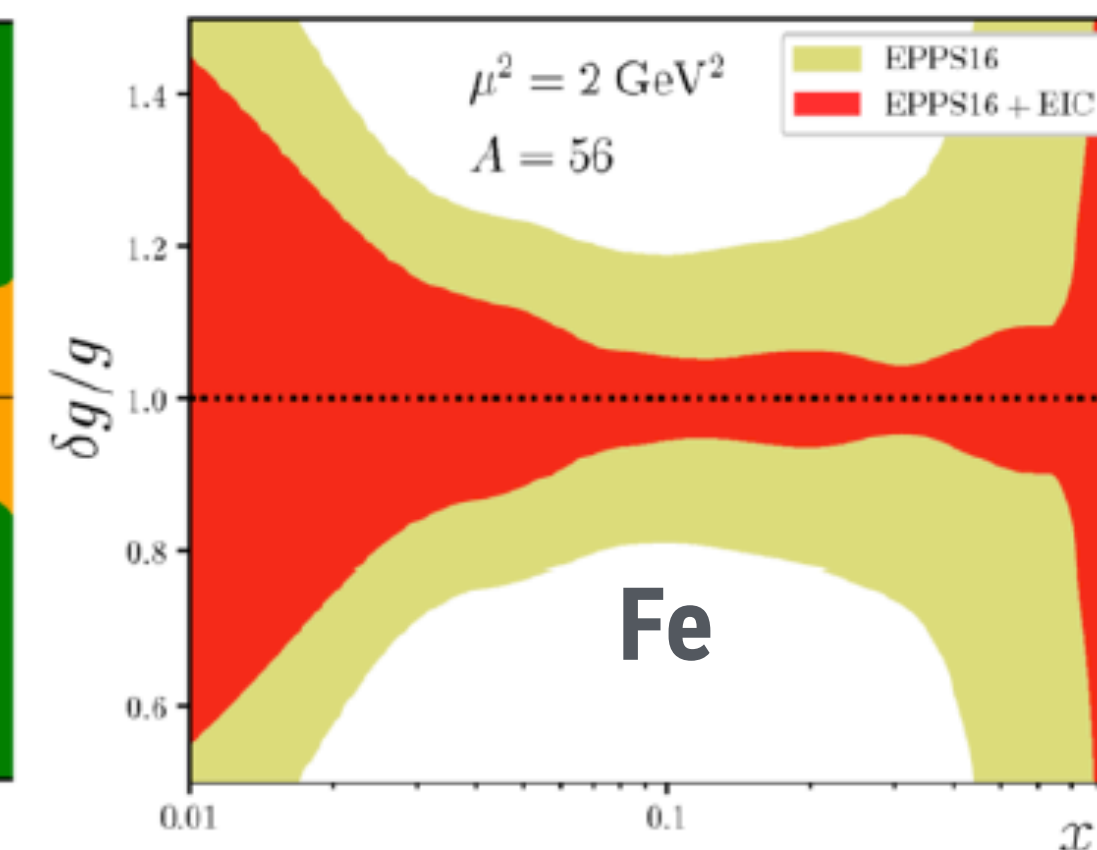
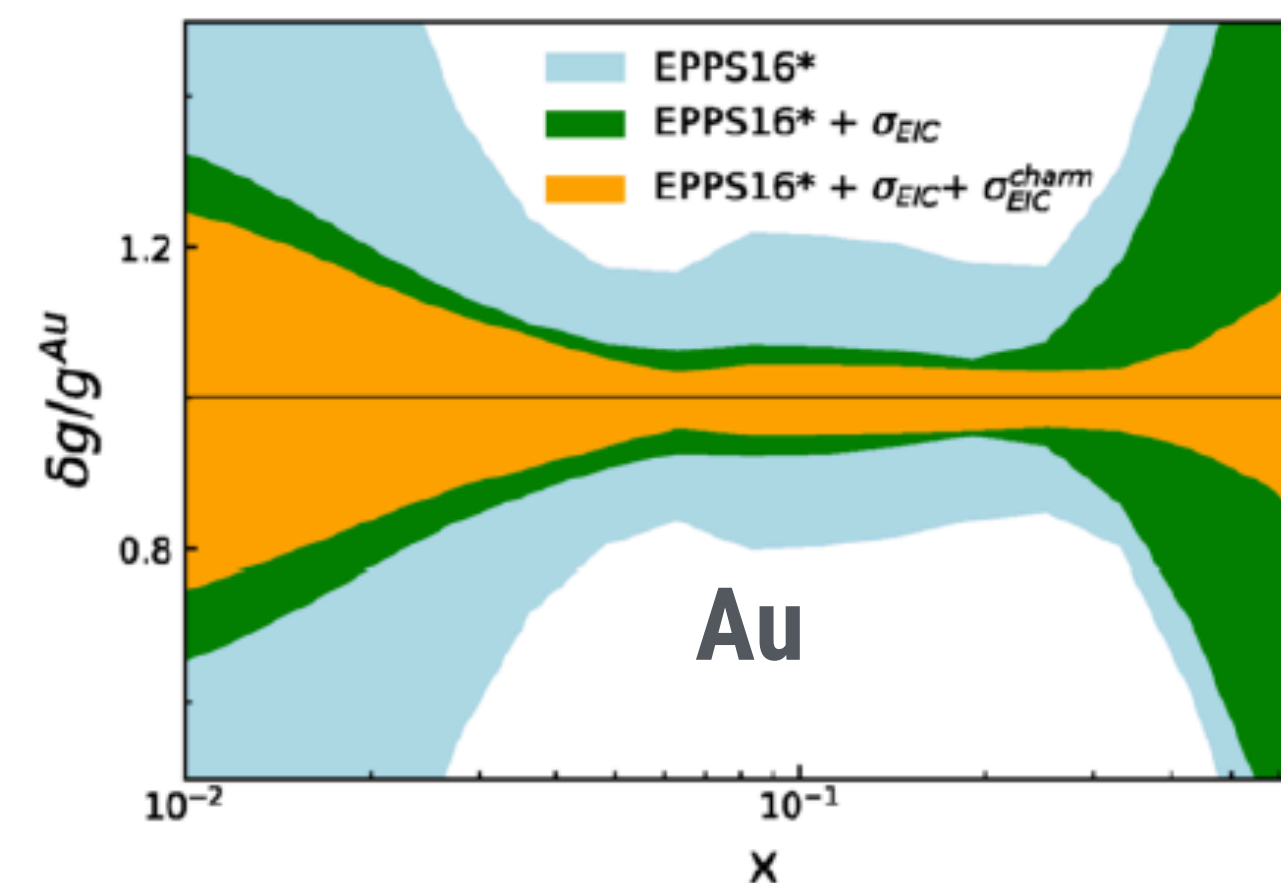
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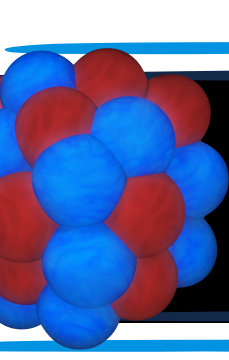
Precision measurements to constraint nPDF at low-x



e+A: much cleaner compared to p+A; easier to disentangle cold nuclear matter effects from other higher twist effects



A-dependence of nPDFs

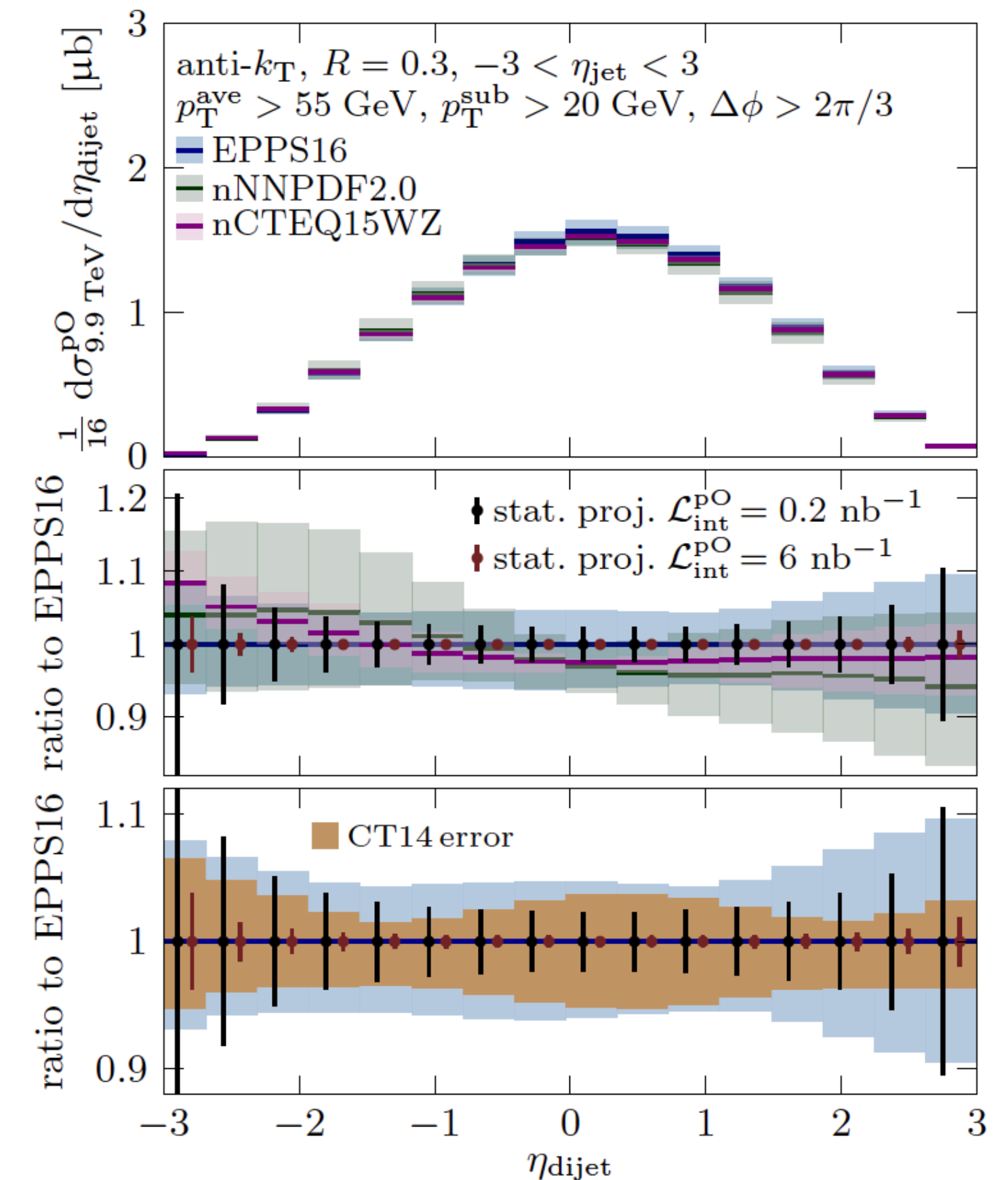


NPDF STUDIES AT ATLAS: NEAR FUTURE

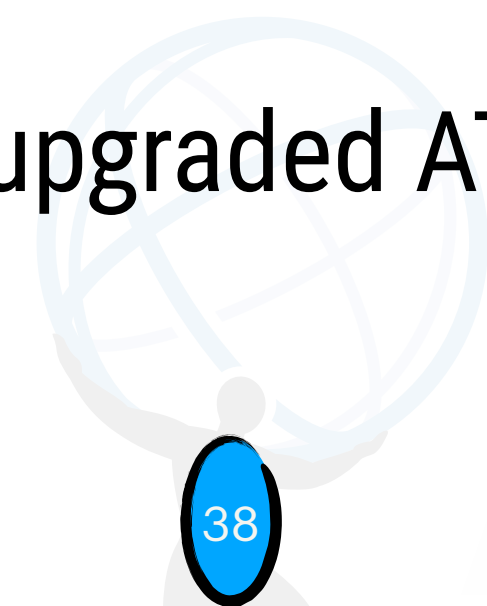


- 1.5/2 nb⁻¹ of **p+0 data** taking (first ever @ LHC!) expected next year
 - Limited luminosity - officially an 'LHC pilot run'
 - Still - great physics potential - first opportunity to explore 0 nuclear structure
 - Also tied to understanding 0+0 collisions @ LHC (Run 3 novelty)!
- **Rest of Run 3 and beyond:** High statistic sample for UPC nPDF studies; no p+Pb run scheduled at the moment; outlook may change if Run 3 is extended by one full year
 - The community recently gathered at CERN (**Physics with high-luminosity proton-nucleus collisions at the LHC - Workshop**) to discuss possible scenarios on short and medium-term
 - p+A program at LHC will continue into Run 4 - upgraded ATLAS detector

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PRD 105, L031504 (2022)



Dijet measurements
 to inform 0 nPDF
 parameterizations



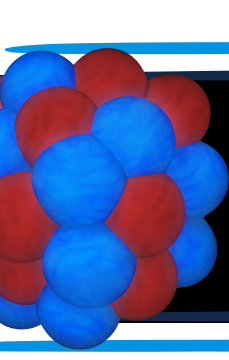


COLOR FLUCTUATION EFFECTS

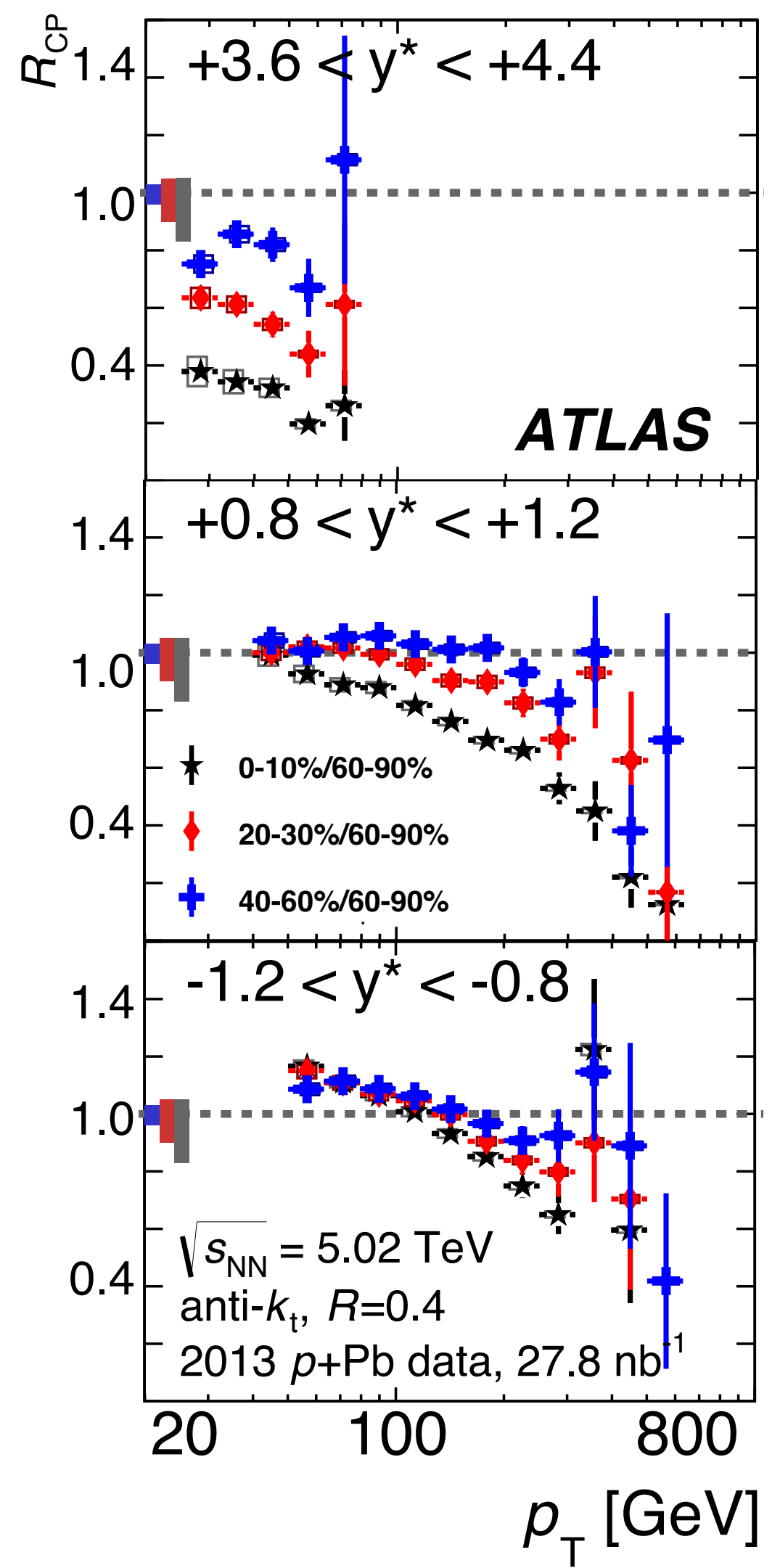
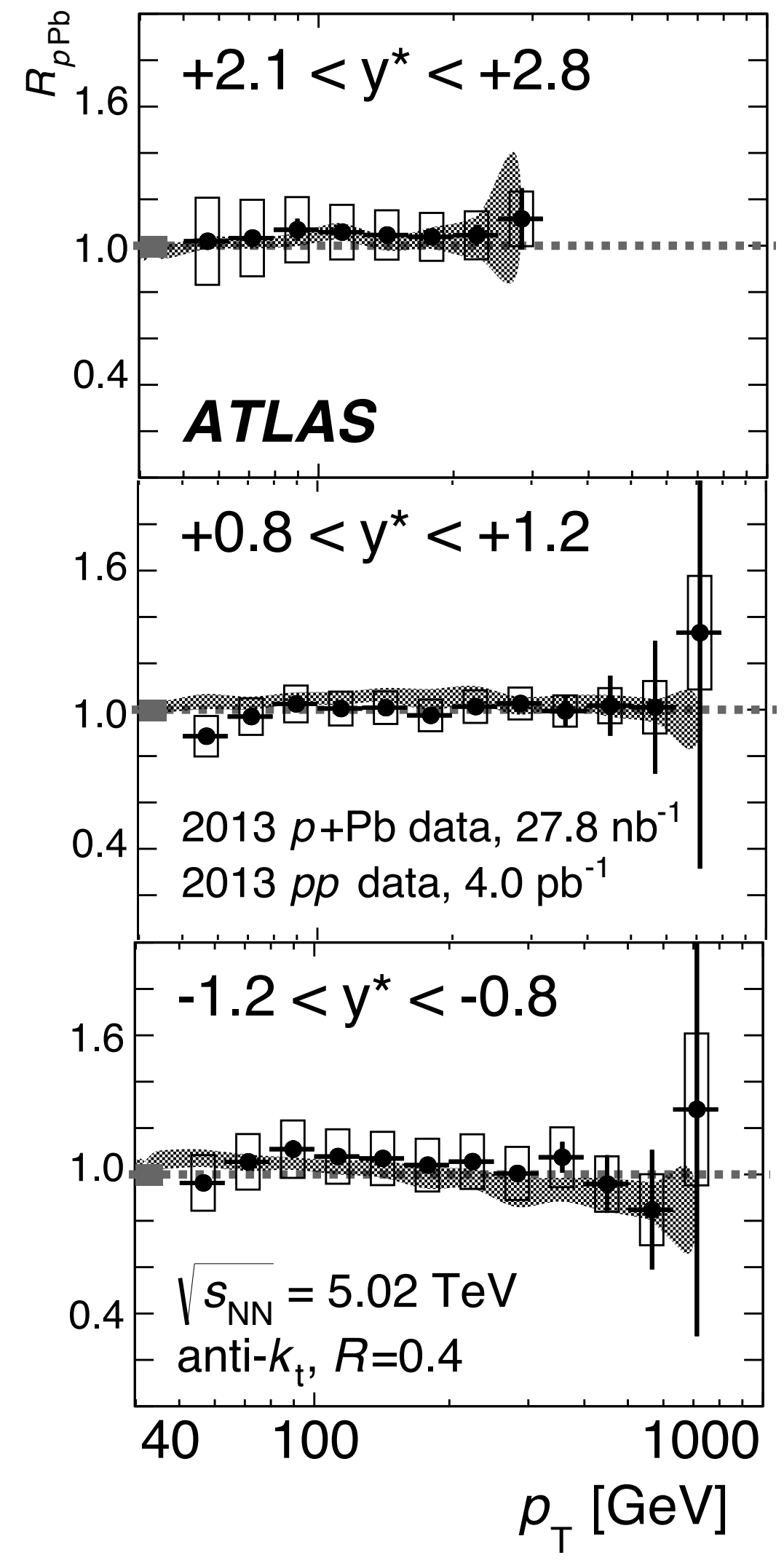
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JET PRODUCTION AND EVENT ACTIVITY BIAS IN P+PB



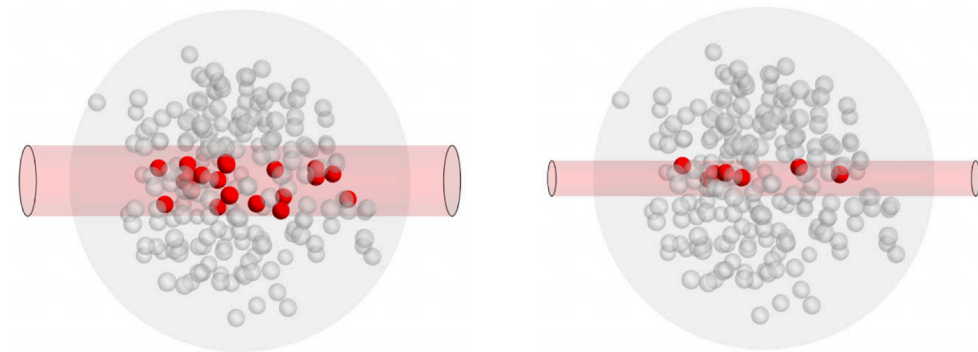
PLB 748 (2015) 392-413:

- R_{pPb} results: no evidence for large modification of the total yield of jets relative to the geometric expectation observed
- R_{CP} results: suppression of central events compared to peripheral found to be function of the jet energy, suggesting direct link to initial state kinematics



COLOR FLUCTUATIONS EFFECTS IN JET EVENTS

p w/ average configuration



p w/ high- x parton

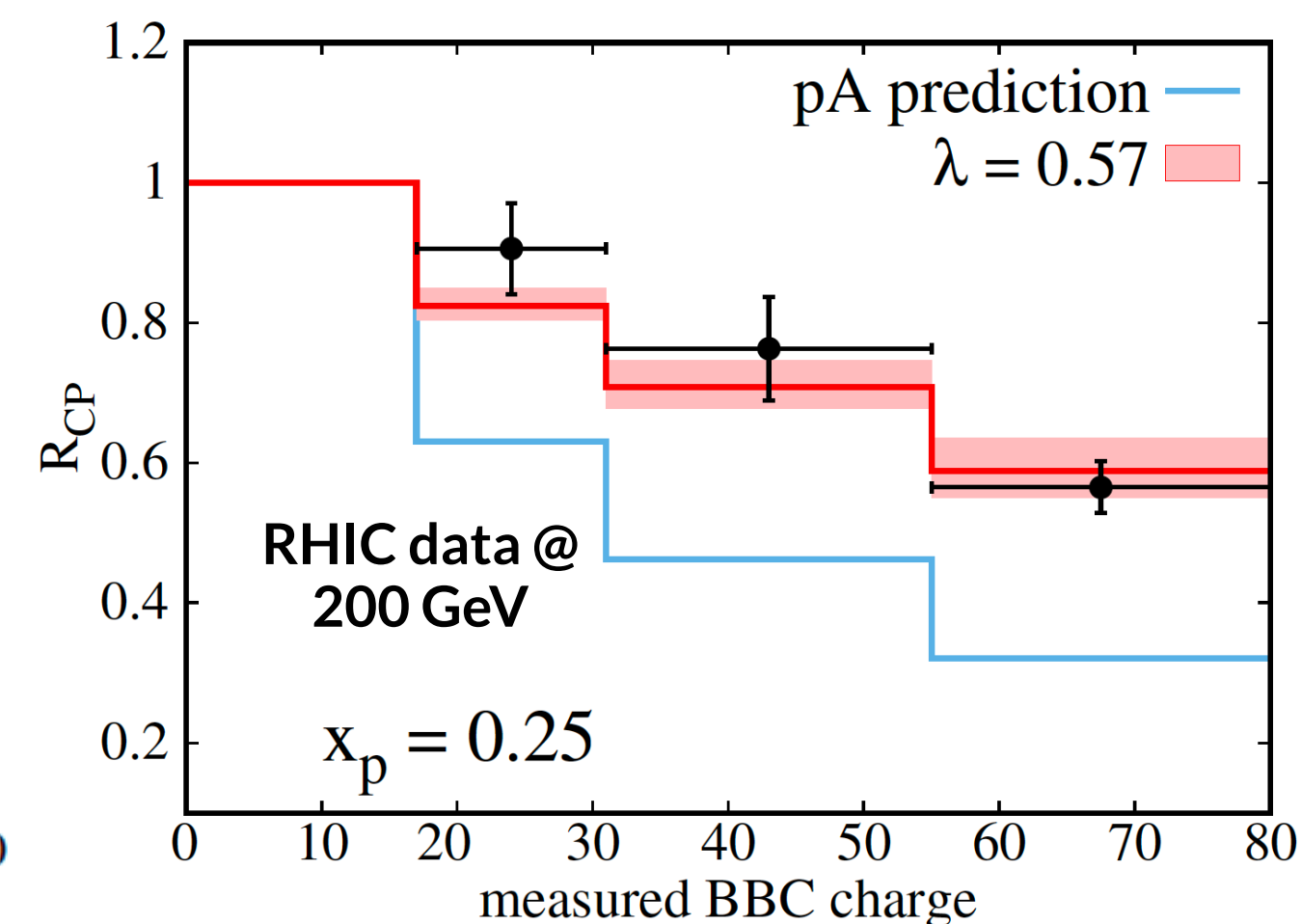
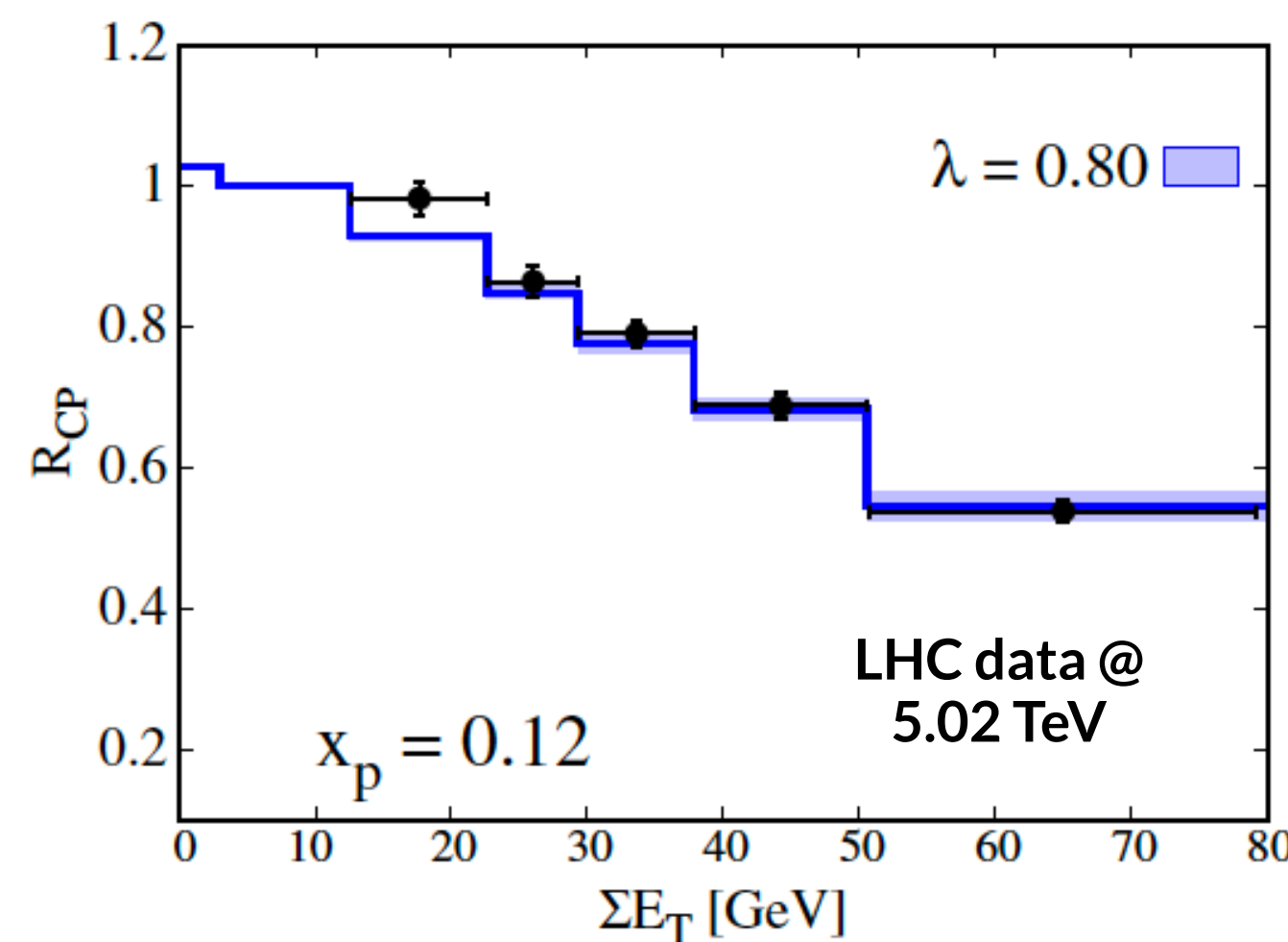
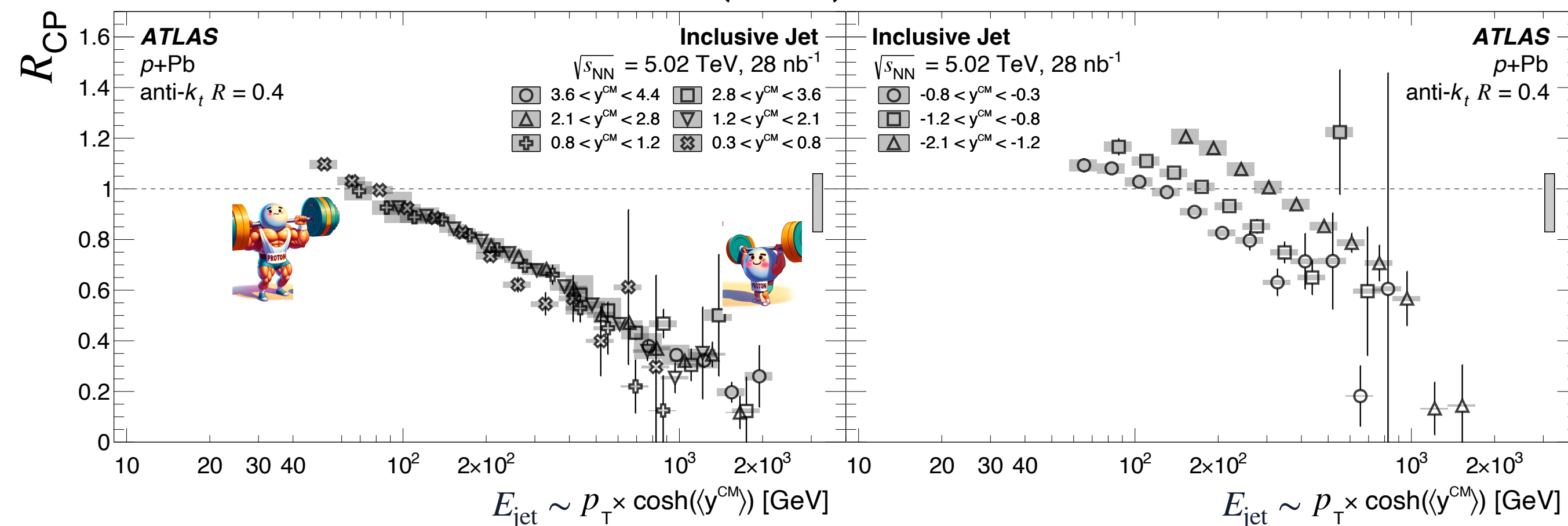


Alvioli et al.
PRD 98 (2018) 071502

p containing a parton with large x interacts with a nuclear target with a smaller than average cross-section and smaller than average size (**manifestation of color fluctuations**)

Model with x_p -dependent shrinking of the average interaction strength at a given collision energy capable of describing both RHIC and LHC data

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COLOR FLUCTUATIONS EFFECTS IN DIJET EVENTS

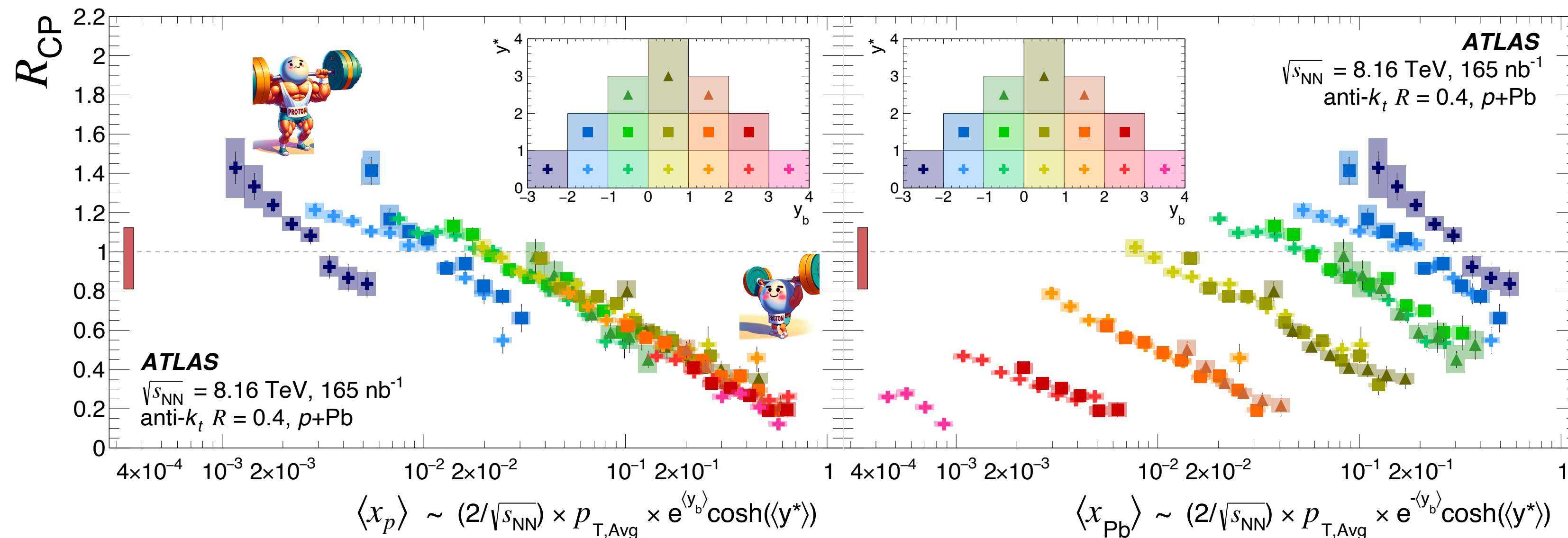
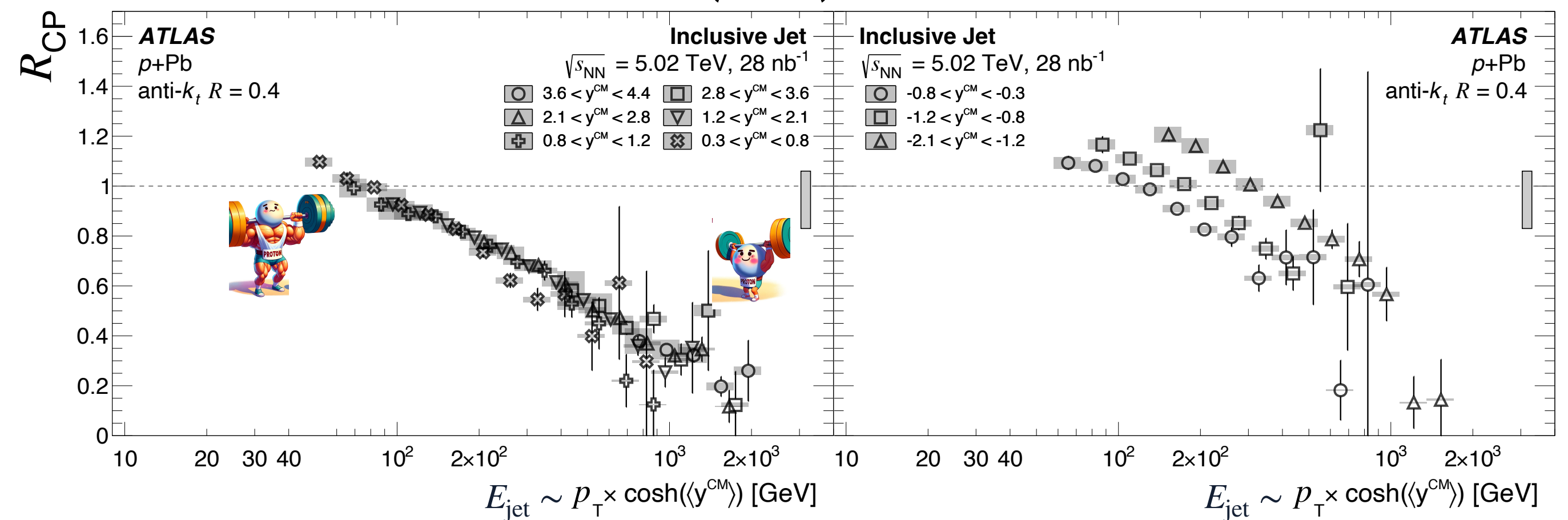
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$$p_{T,Avg} = \frac{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}{2}, \quad y_b = \frac{y_1^{CM} + y_2^{CM}}{2}, \quad y^* = \frac{|y_1^{CM} - y_2^{CM}|}{2}$$

$$x_p \simeq \frac{2p_{T,Avg}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{y_b} \cosh(y^*)$$

$$x_{Pb} \simeq \frac{2p_{T,Avg}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y_b} \cosh(y^*)$$

Dijets provide direct access to the kinematics of the hard-scattering



STRIKING SCALING OF THE R_{CP} AS A FUNCTION OF x_p !

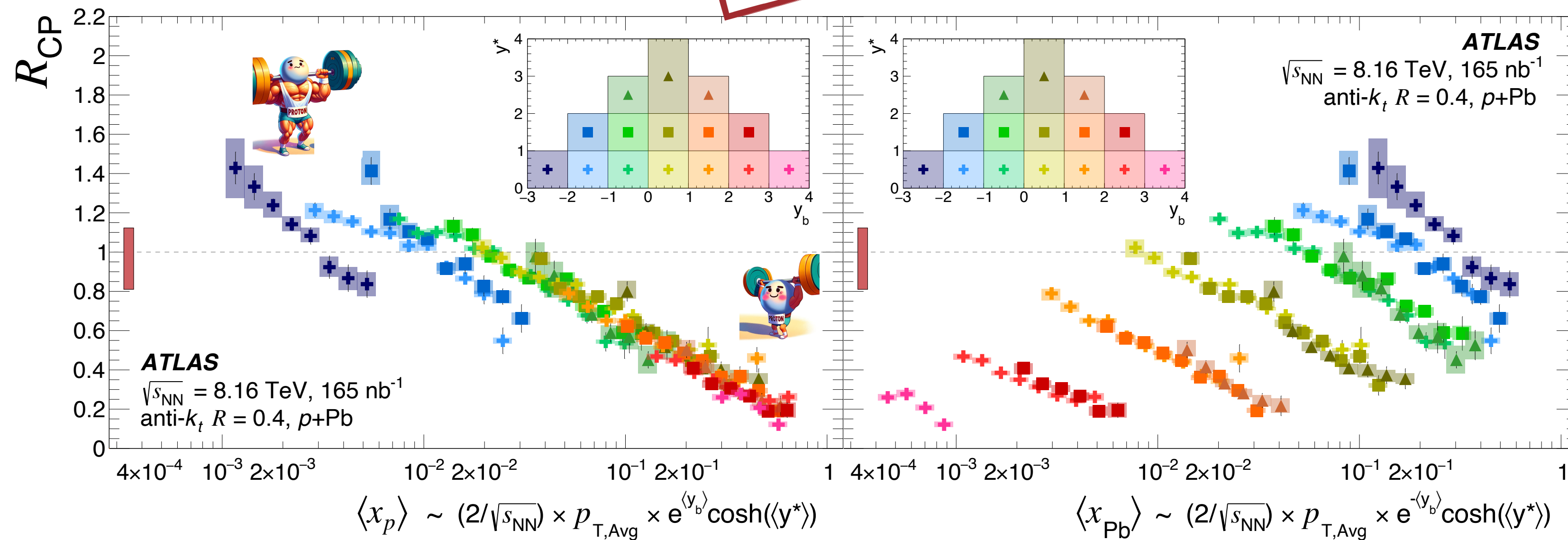
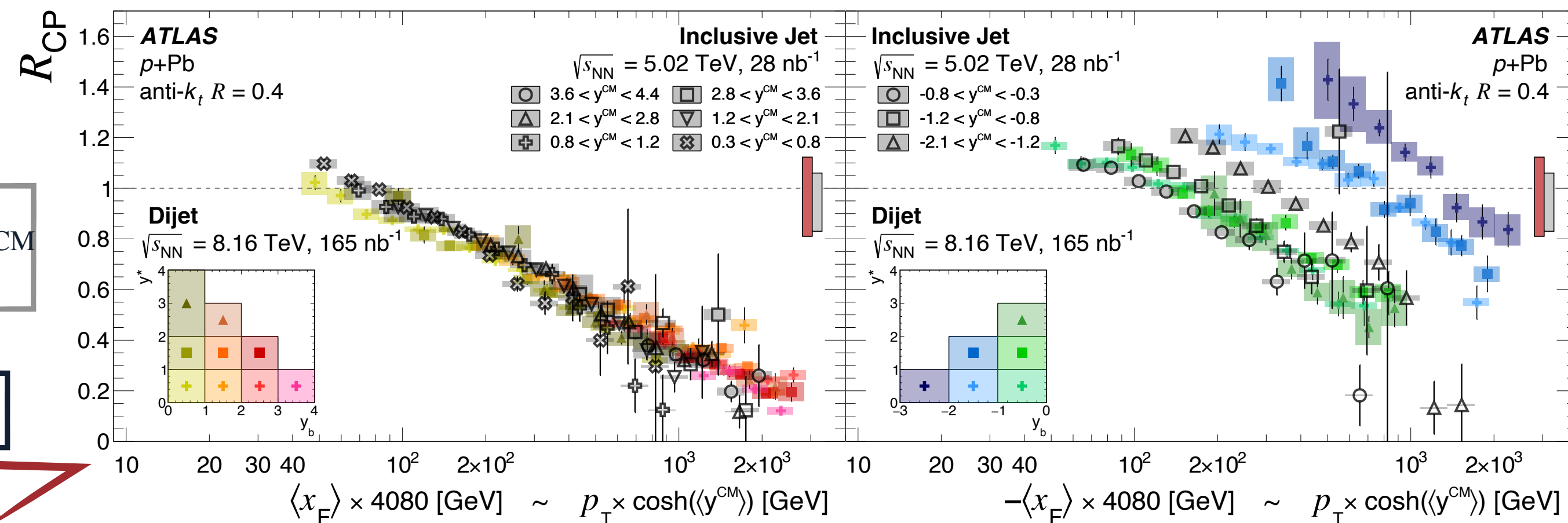
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Comparison between the two measurements achieved via x_F

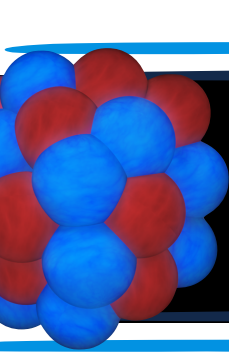
Initial state definition: $x_p - x_{Pb} = x_F = \frac{2p_z}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}$

Final state definition: $\pm 2 \frac{p_T \times \cosh y^{CM}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \rightarrow \pm \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{2} \times x_F \sim p_T \times \cosh y^{CM}$

Assuming: $m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2} \sim p_T$ $\sinh y^{CM} \sim \pm \cosh y^{CM}$ if $|y^{CM}| \gg 0$



**SAME PHYSICS EFFECT,
DRIVEN BY THE INITIAL
STATE PROTON
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NUCLEAR BREAKUP IN P+PB & UPCS



How well do we understand the nuclear breakup in $p+Pb$ collisions?

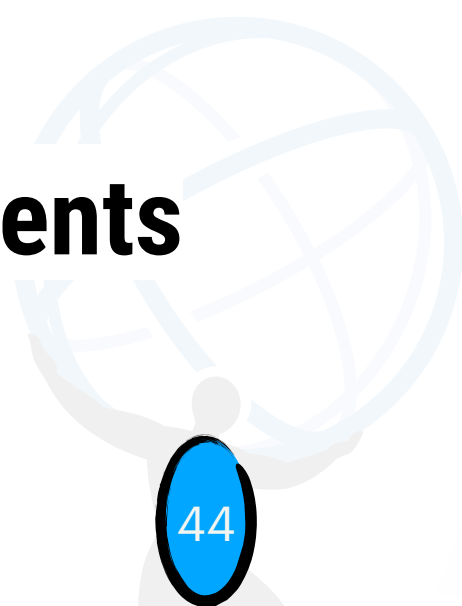
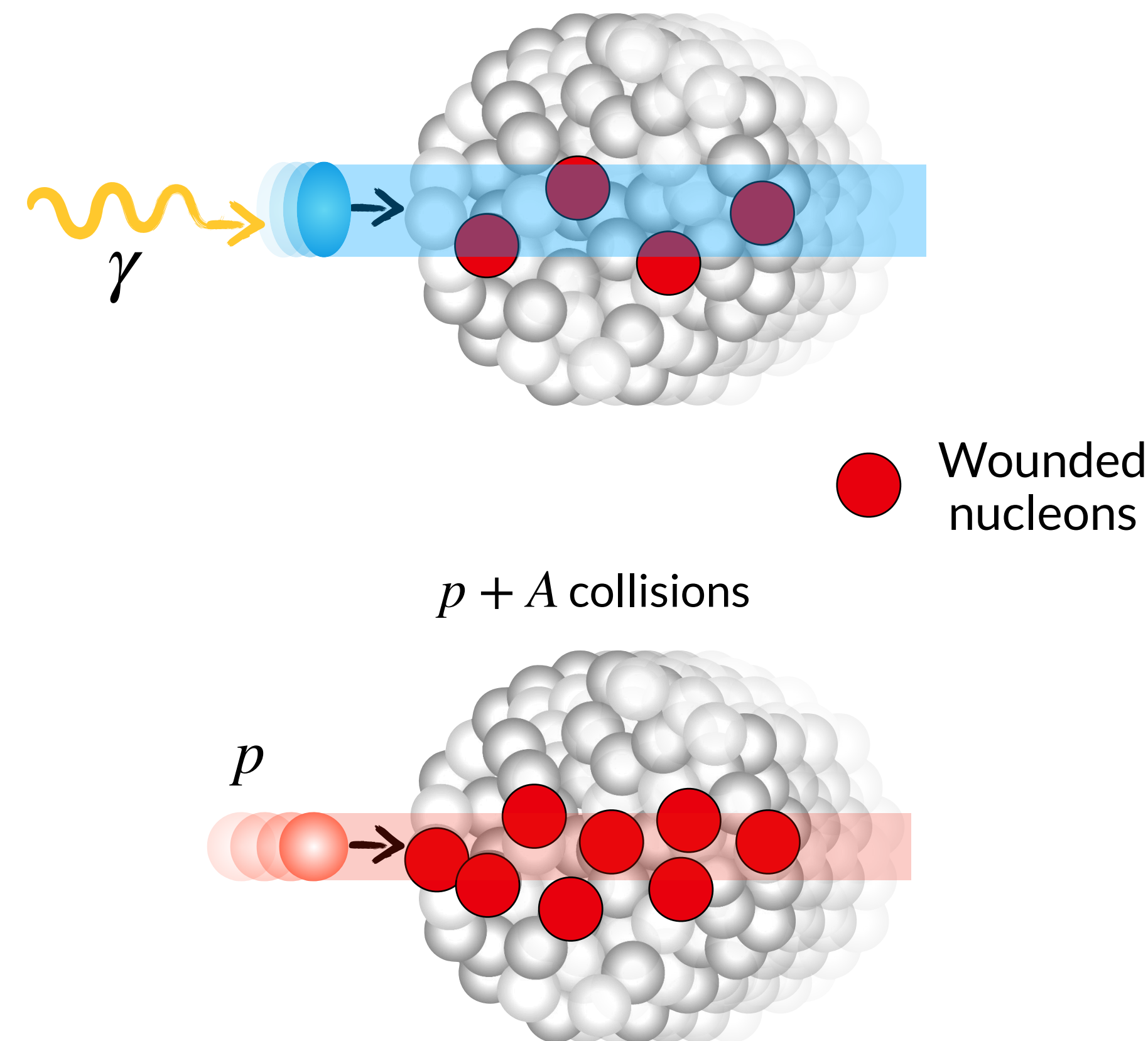
- So far - very little modeling available from HI generators

In addition - new idea proposed by Alvioli, Guzey and Strikman in [PRC 110, 025205 \(2024\)](#) for UPC collisions in Pb+Pb

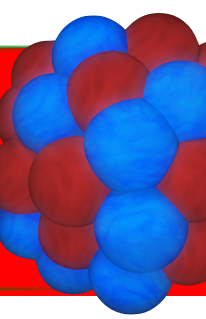
- **Study nuclear breakup primarily in γA scatterings to provide new access to small- x dynamics**
- Correlation between the number of forward neutrons emitted in the nuclear breakup, the number of wounded nucleons, and the mechanism of nuclear shadowing
- Model dependence: impact of color fluctuations?
- **Can we study similar effects in $p+Pb$?**

In both cases - synergies with UPC dijet measurements

γA in $A + A$ collisions via **resolved photon**



COLOR FLUCTUATIONS @ EIC?



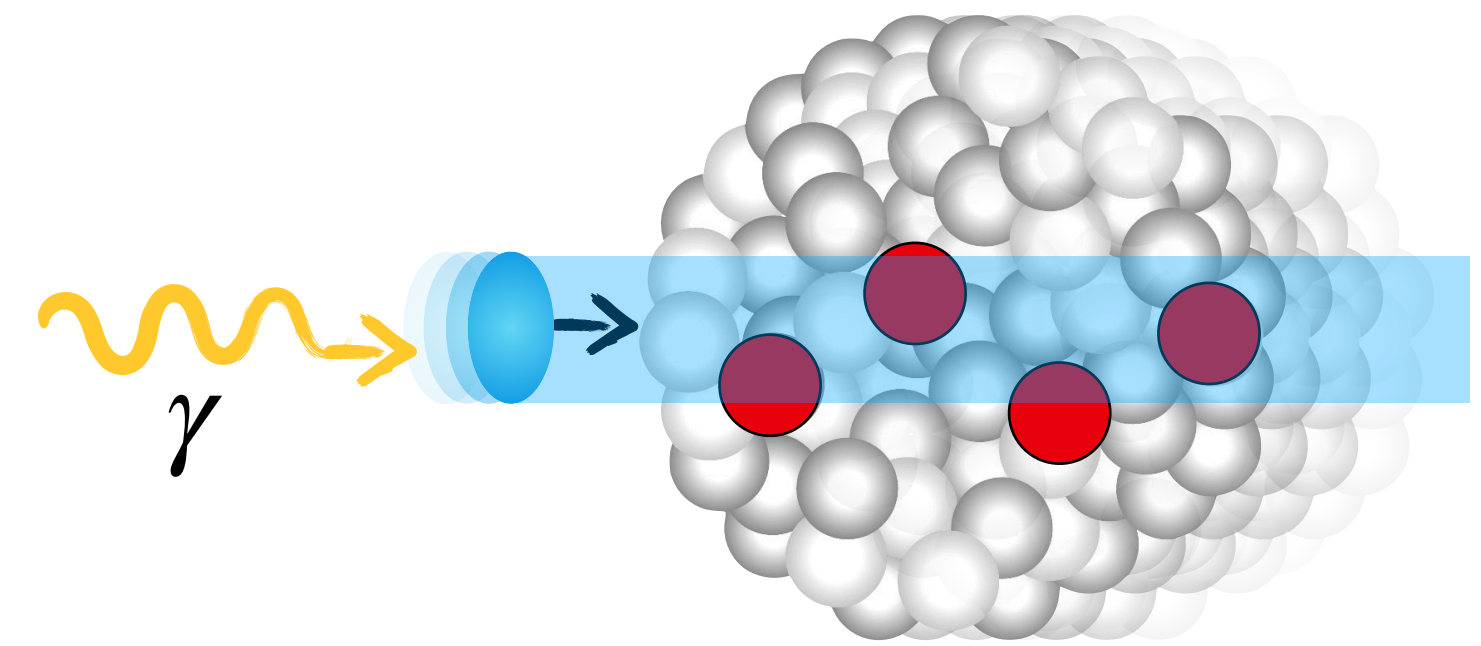
How well do we understand the nuclear breakup in e+A collisions?

- Can we rely on forward neutrons to characterize the event geometry in e+A collisions (approach proposed by Zheng et al, [Eur. Phys. J. A \(2014\) 50: 189](#)) or could there be biases from kinematic-driven effects?

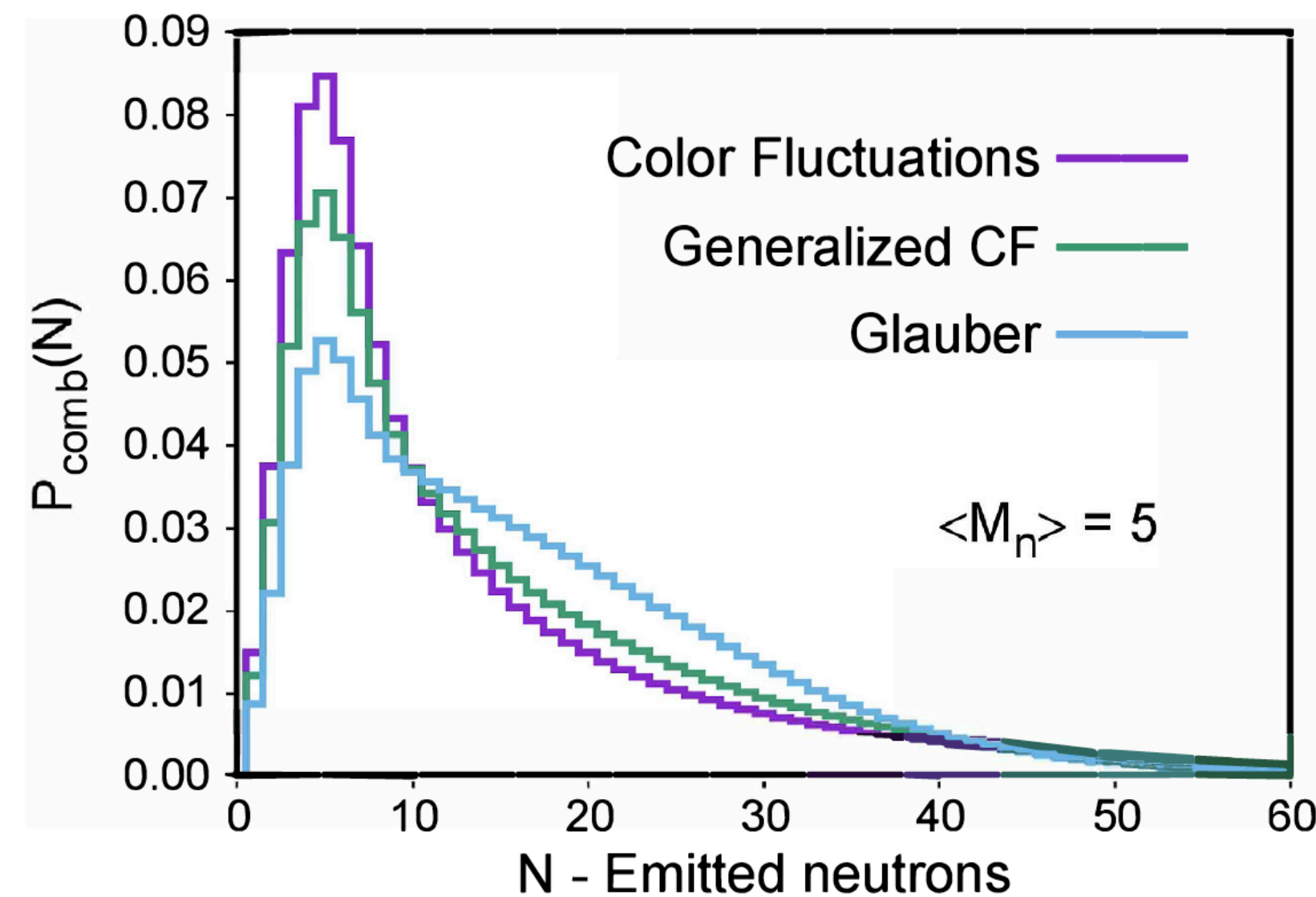
Characterization of neutron multiplicities in p+A and in UPCs at the LHC can inform geometry determination in e+A

[PRC 110, 025205 \(2024\)](#)

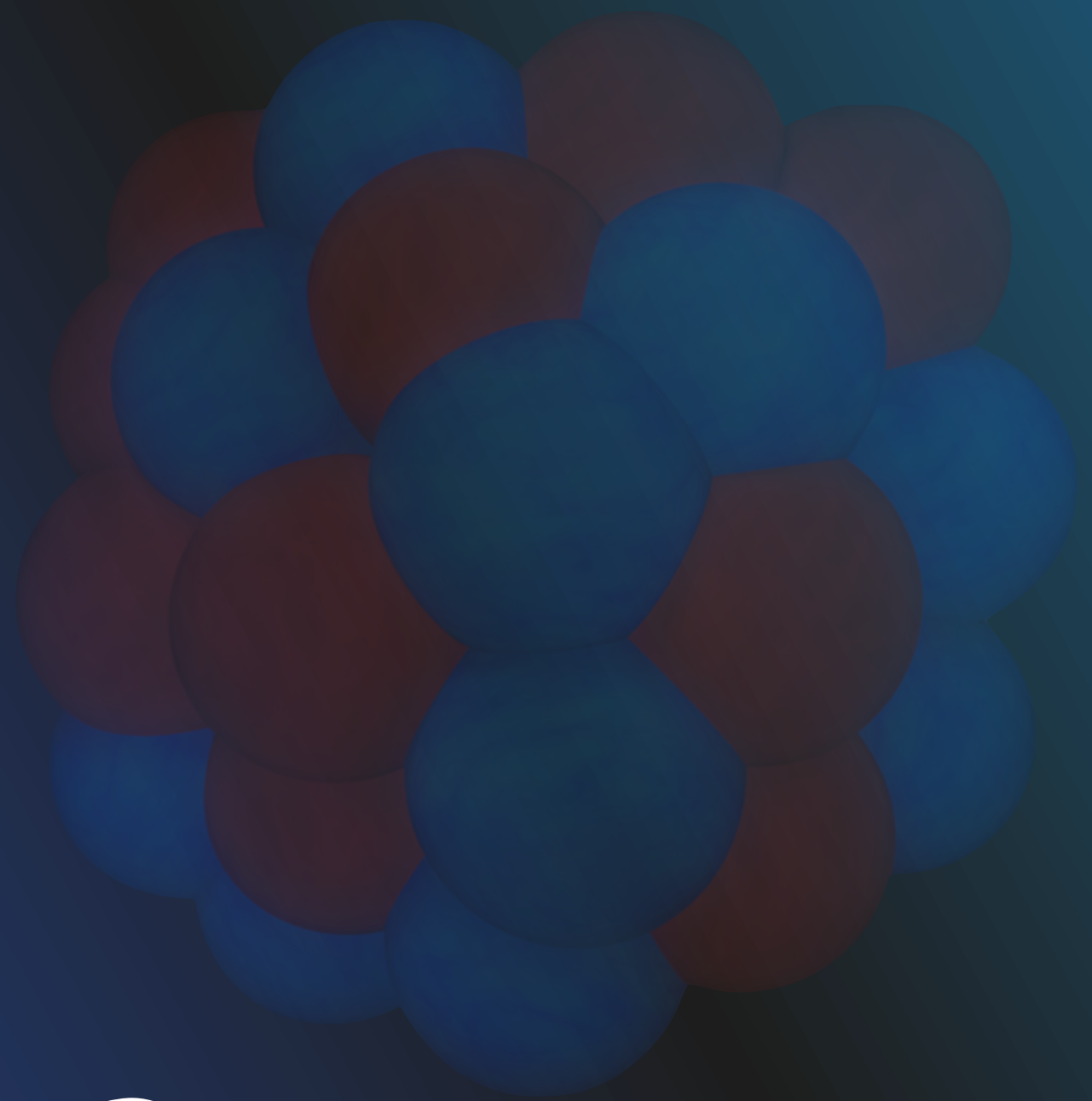
Also:
 γA in $e^- + A$ collisions via **resolved photon**



● Wounded nucleons



CFs are also relevant for result interpretation at RHIC energies, see D.Perepelitsa, [Phys. Rev. C 110, L011901](#), for a recent use of the CF model to interpret PHENIX data



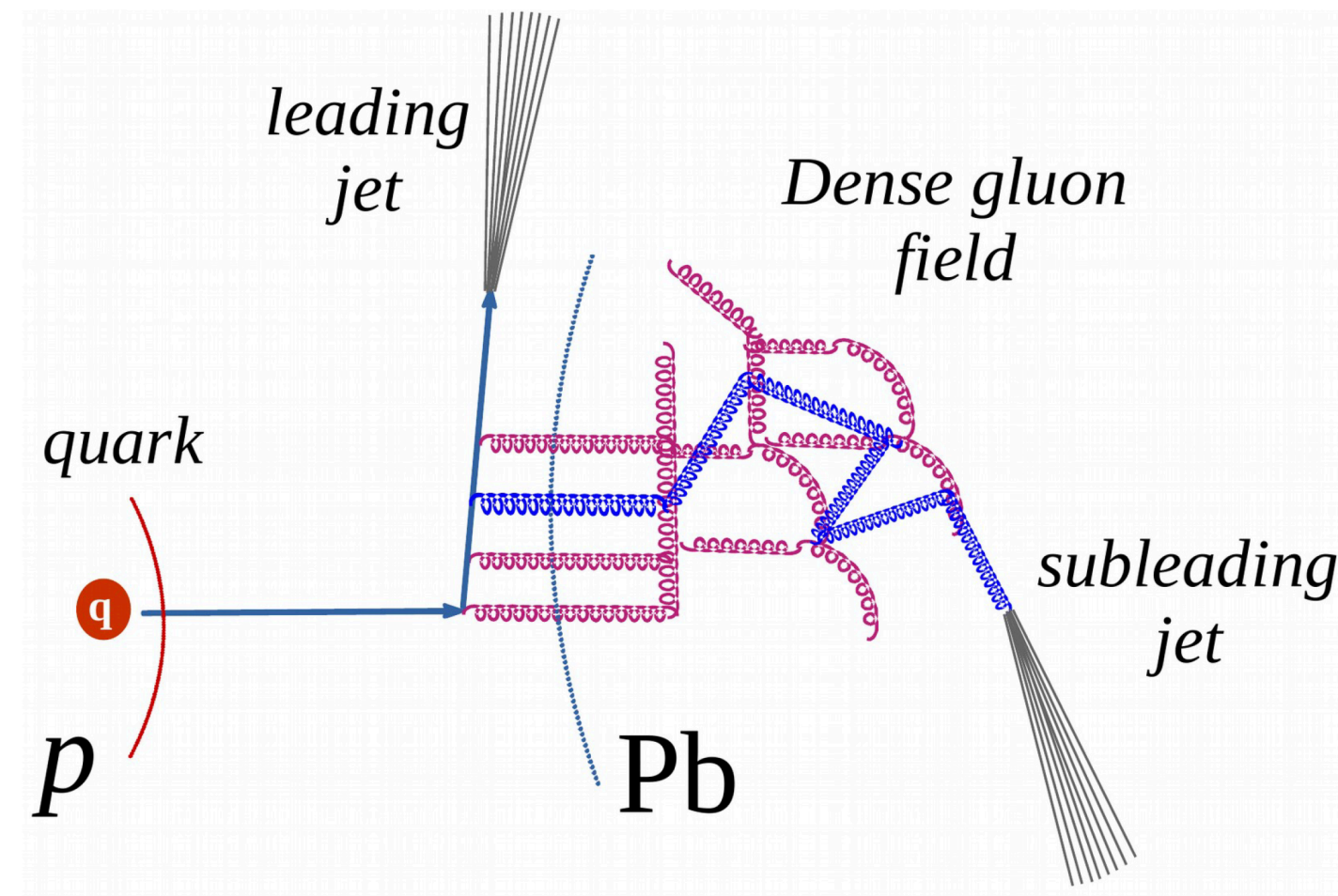
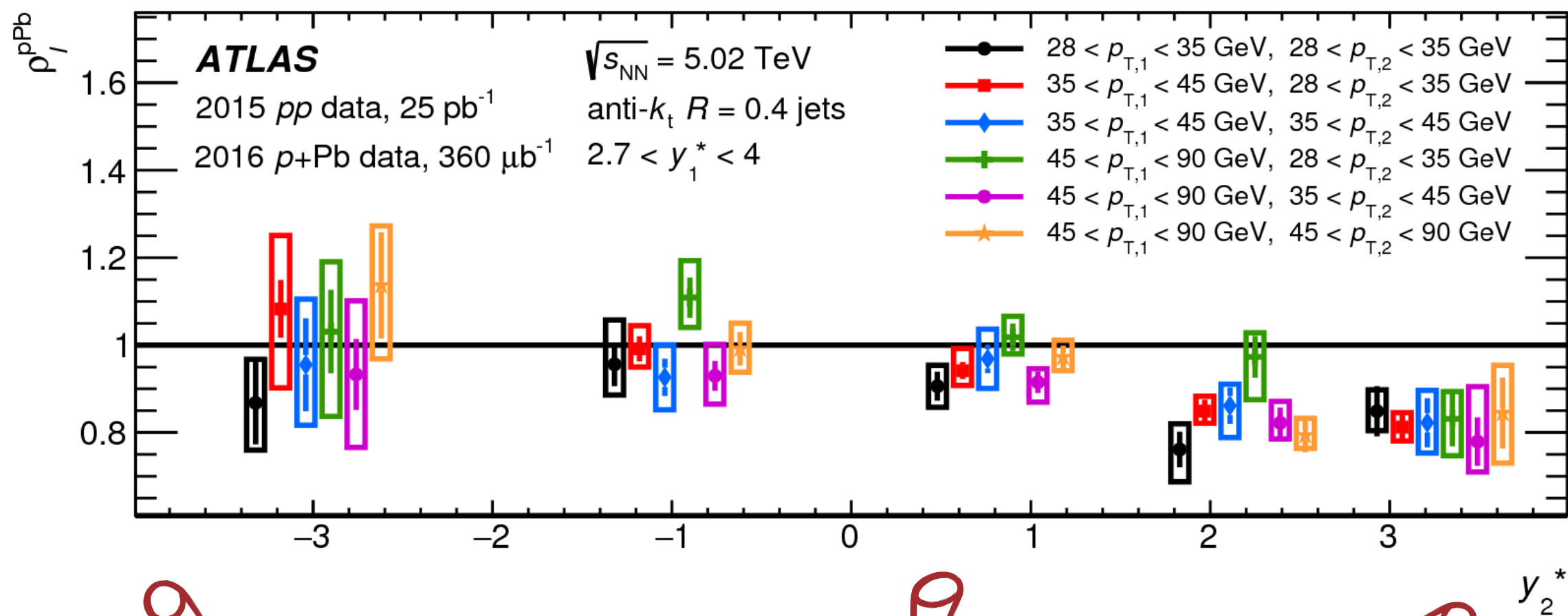
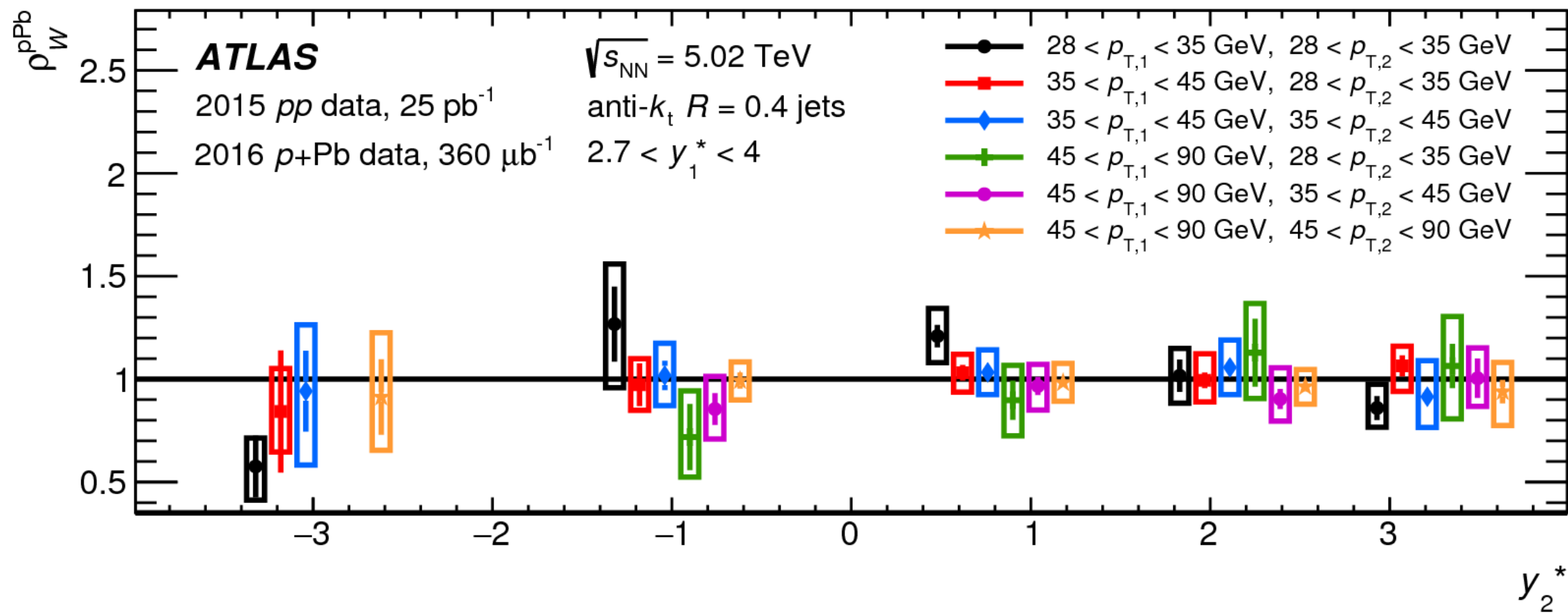
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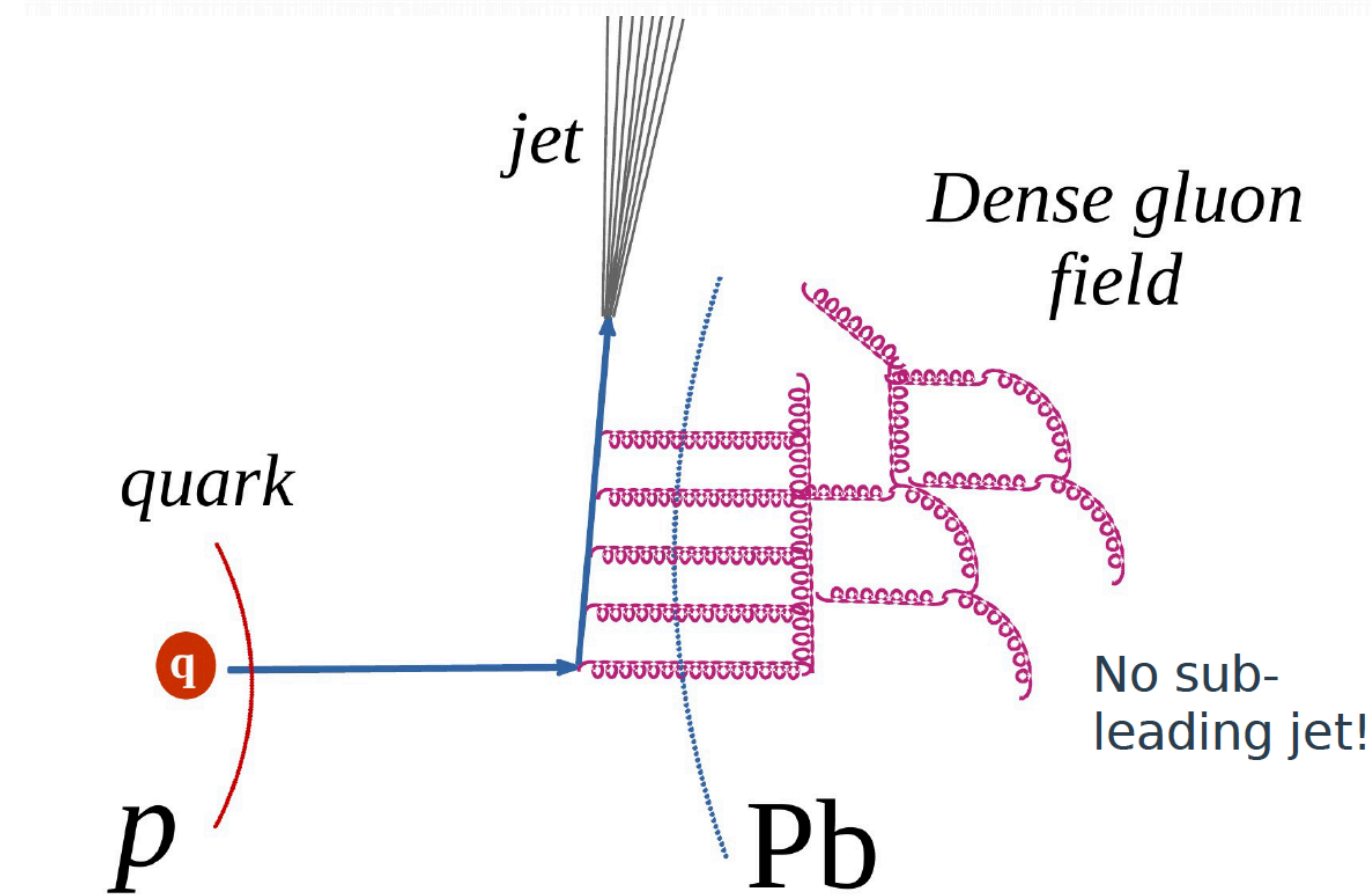
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BEYOND CF: DIJETS IN P+PB TO SEARCH FOR SATURATION ONSET

Search for azimuthal broadening or forward dijet conditional yield suppression as a manifestation of CGC (see **Eur.Phys.J.C 83 (2023) 10, 947**)



Struck gluon in the nucleus scatters over other gluons before forming a jet \rightarrow **azimuthal broadening signature**

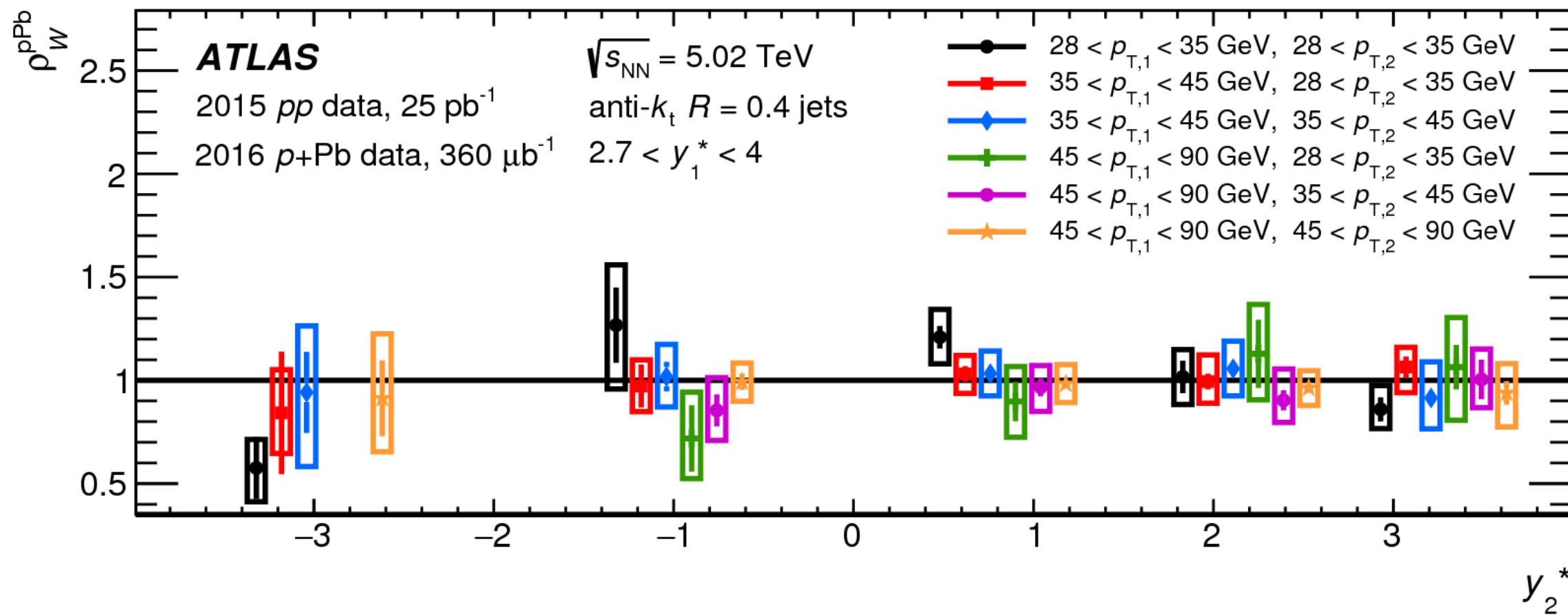


Incoming parton recoils off the lead nucleus coherently \rightarrow **mono-jet signature**

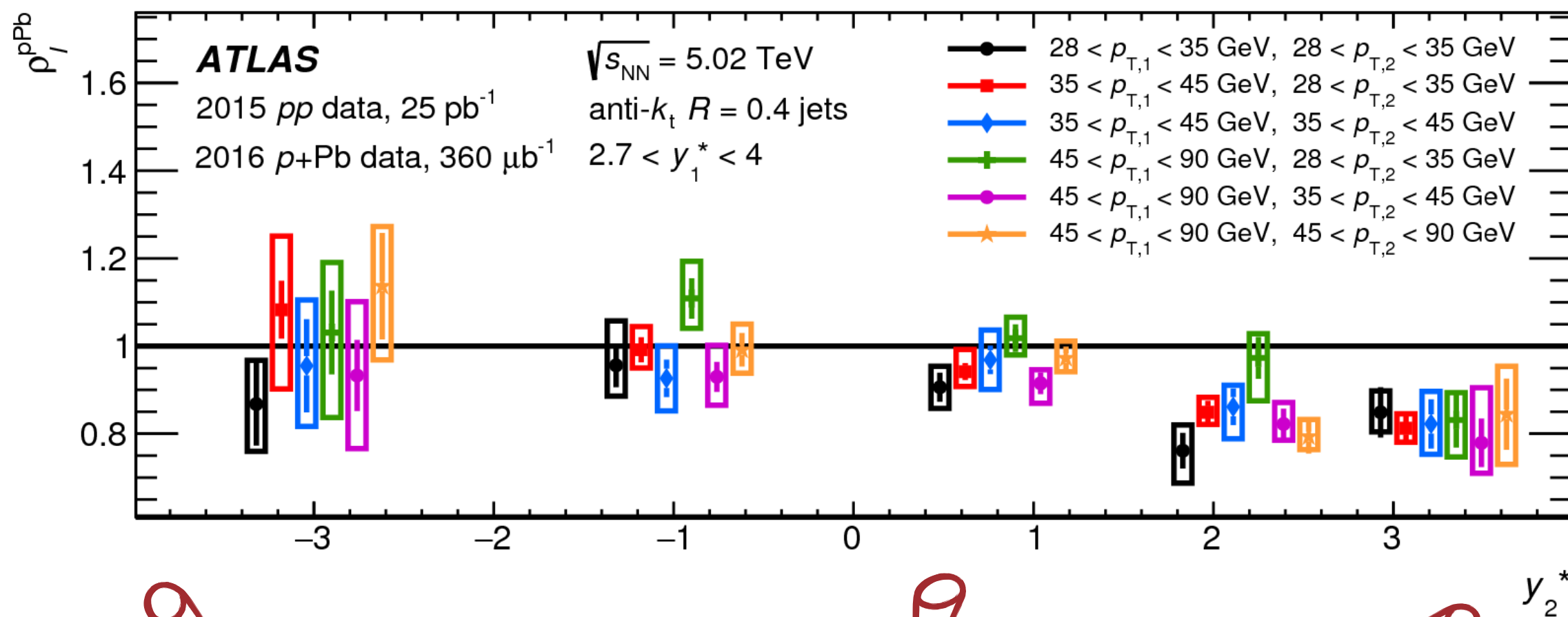
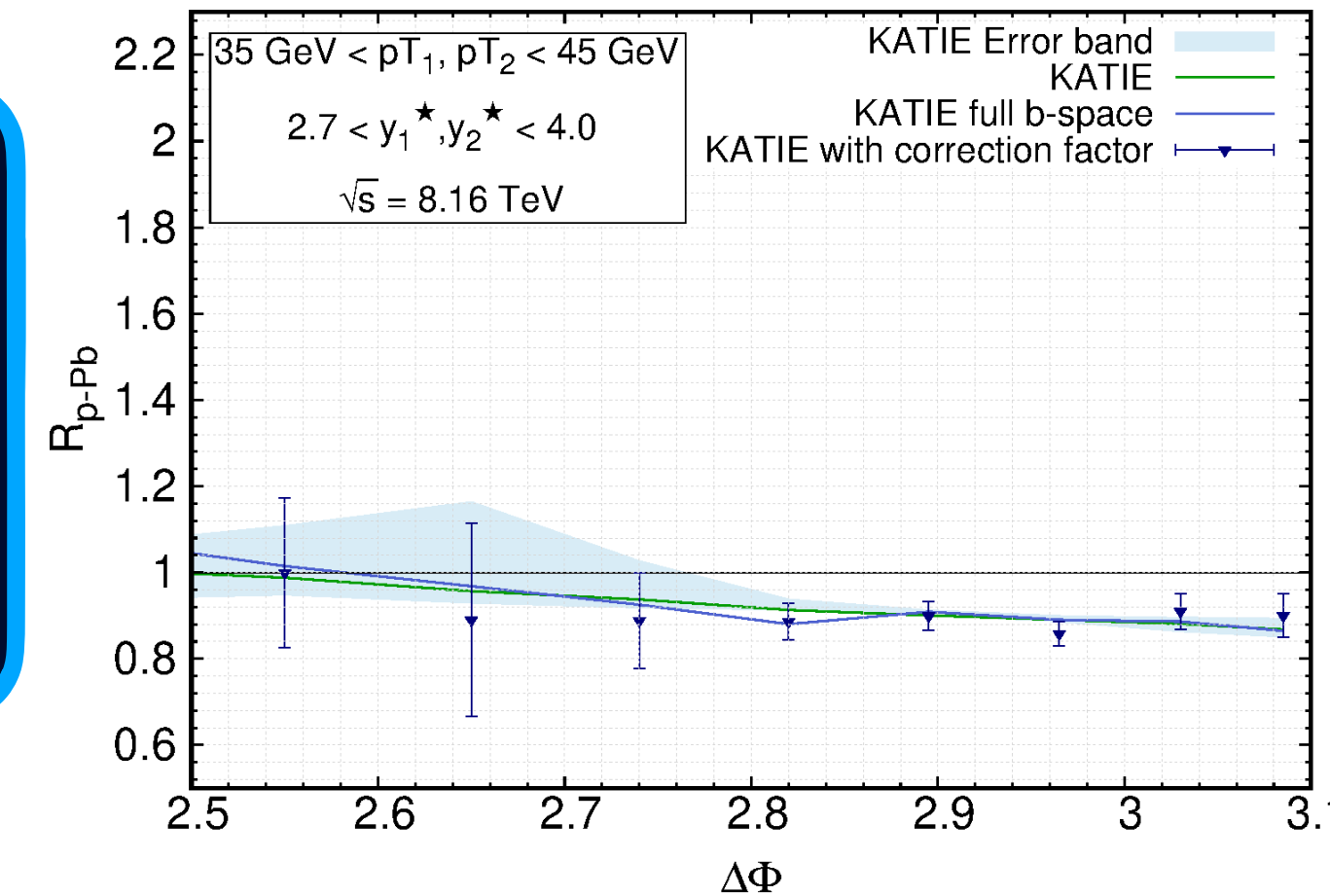
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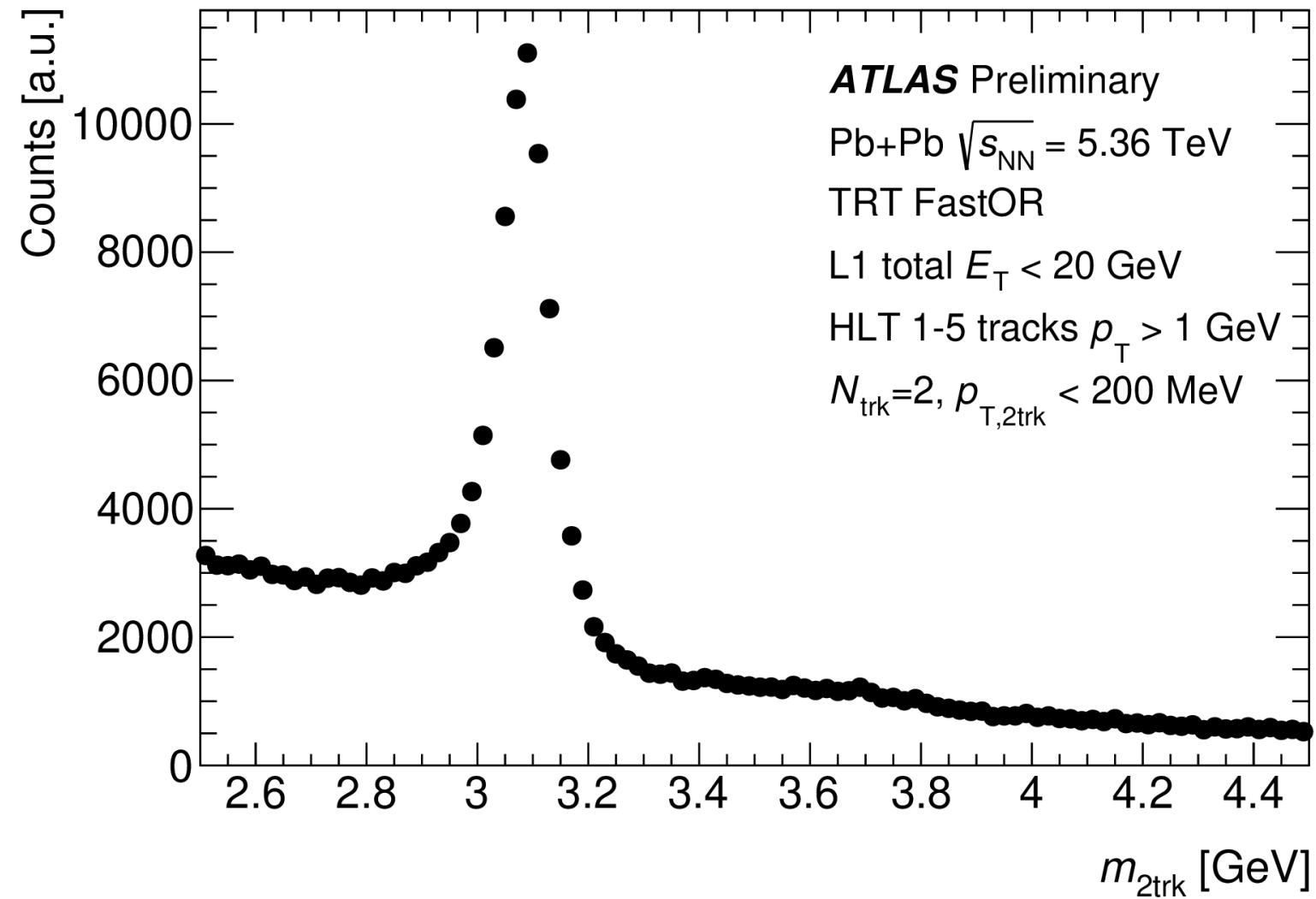
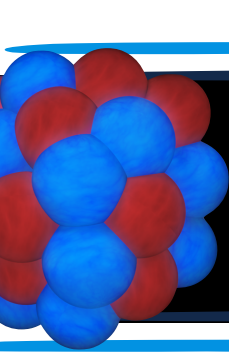
NO EFFECT OBSERVED WITHIN AVAILABLE EXPERIMENTAL SENSITIVITY



SUPPRESSION OF CONDITIONAL YIELDS OF FORWARD DIJETS. LIMITED PRECISION OTHER EFFECTS (E.G. NPDFS?)

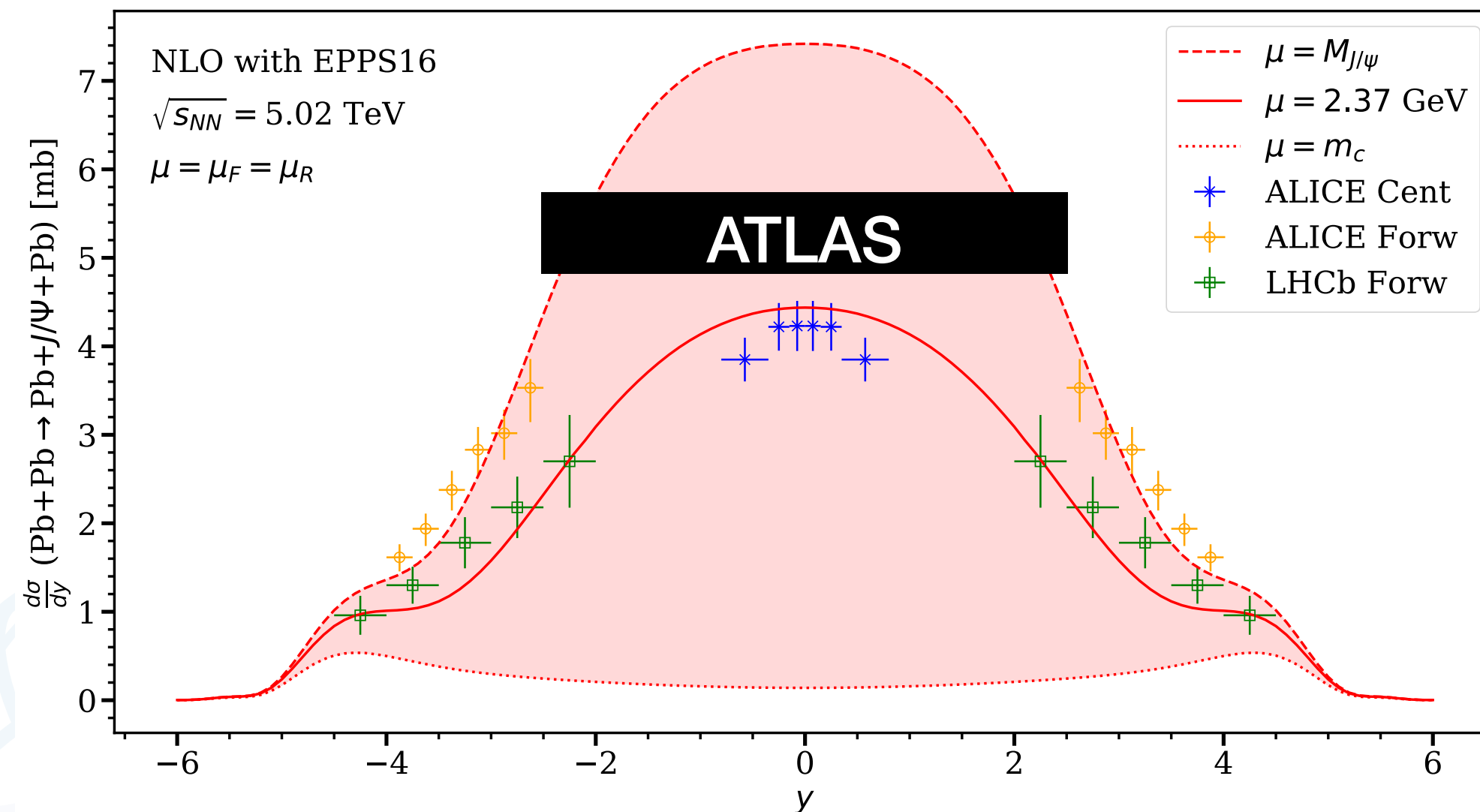
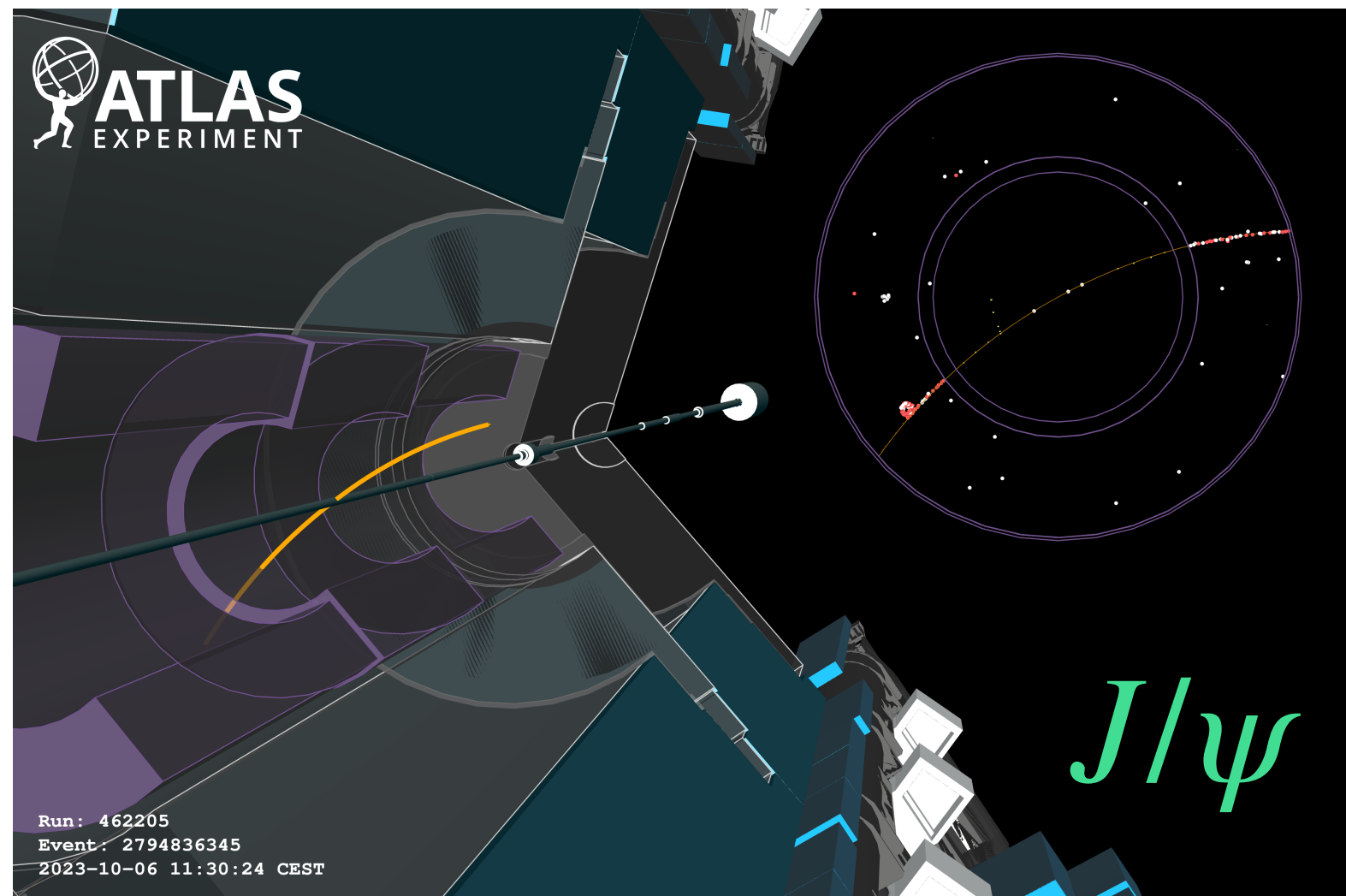
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See talk by D.Perepelitsa on Thursday!

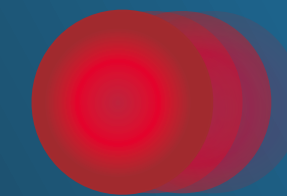
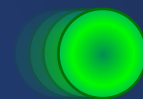
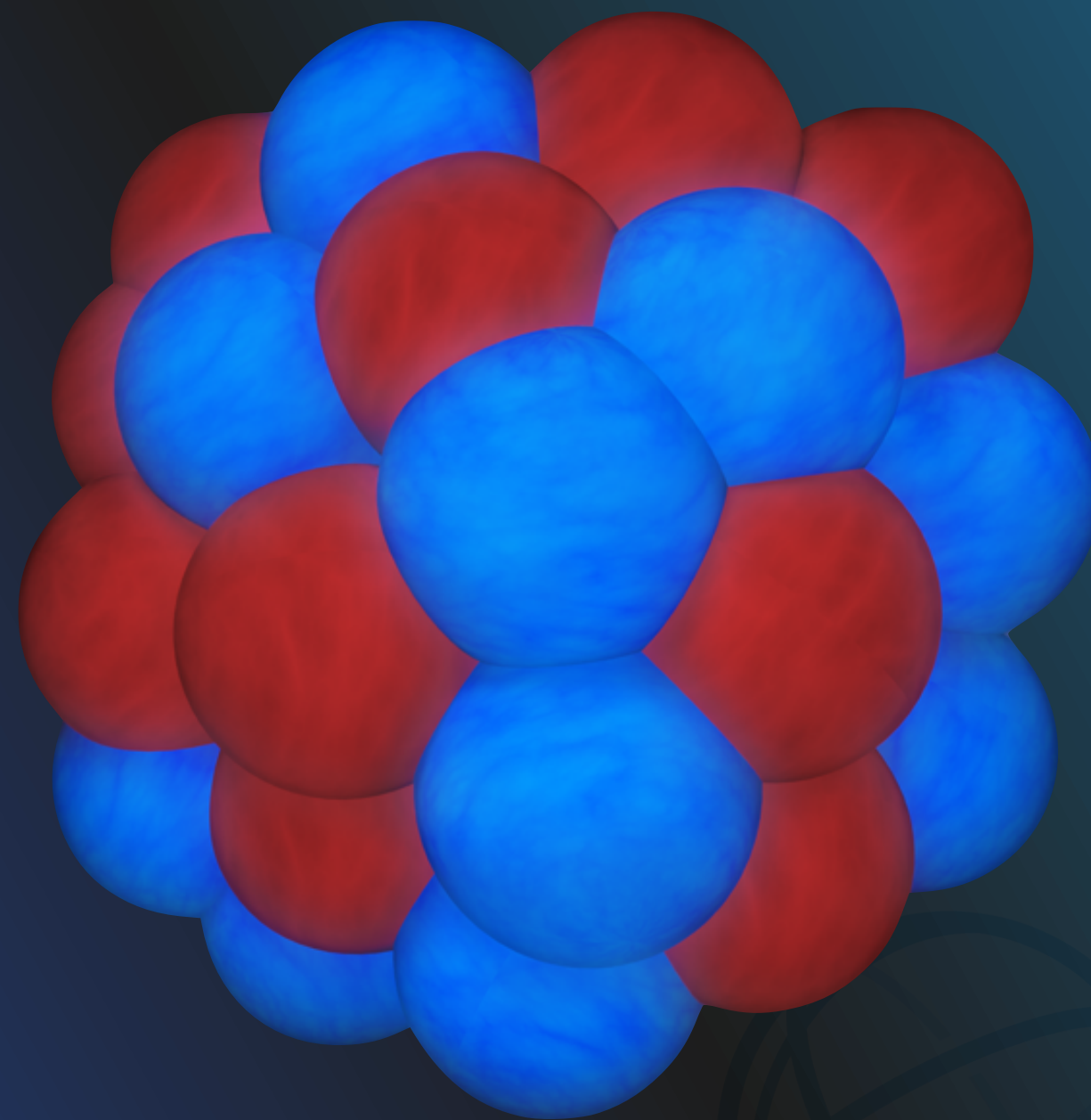


New TRT FastOr Level 1 trigger implemented in Run 3:

- Provides efficient L1 triggers for measurements based on low p_T dileptons
- Enable high-statistics coherent J/ψ analysis in UPC @ ATLAS
 - Will contribute to the exciting vector meson program at RHIC and the LHC
 - Coherent J/ψ measurements also major targets of the EIC program



Eskola et al, PRC 106 035202 (2022)

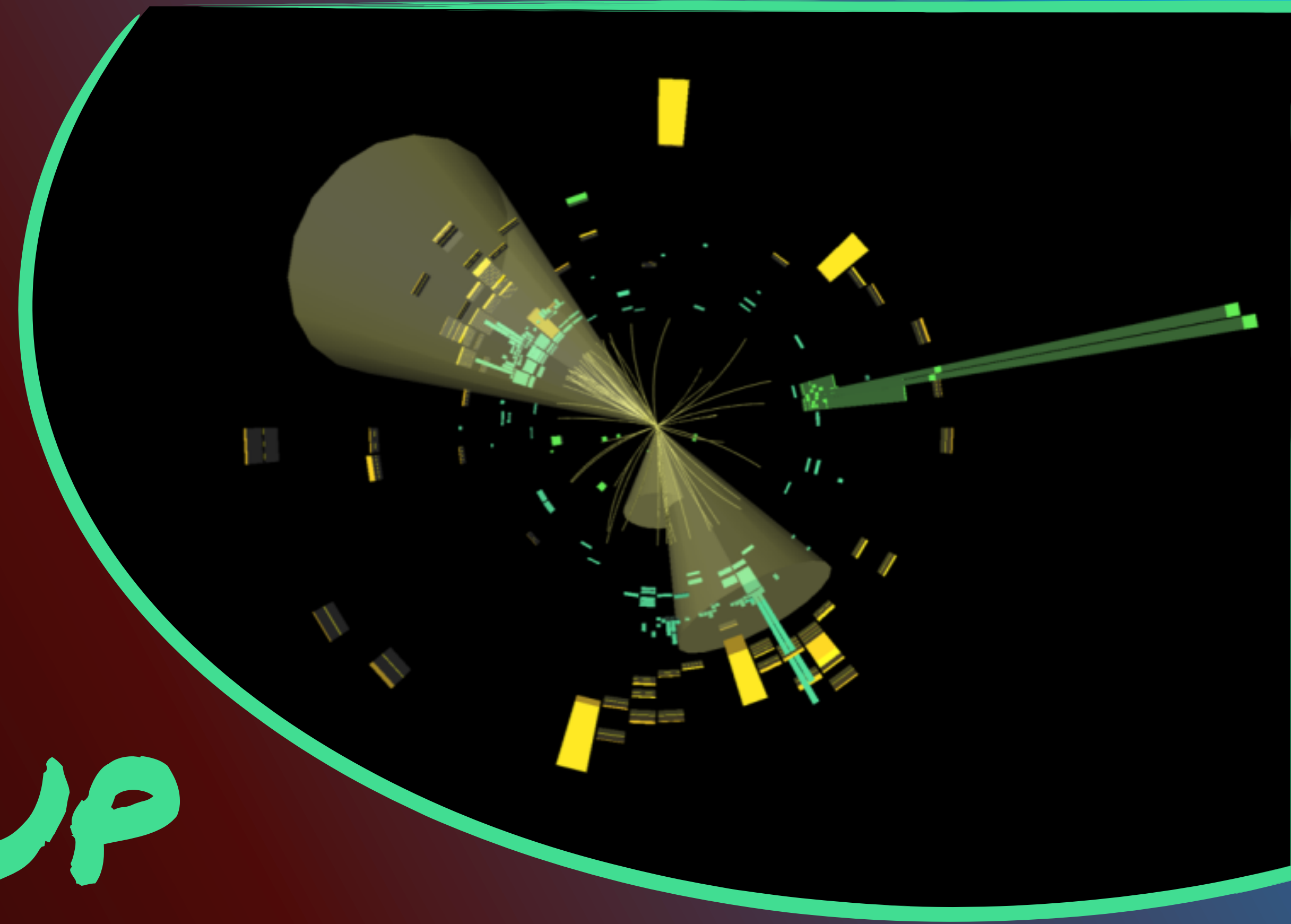
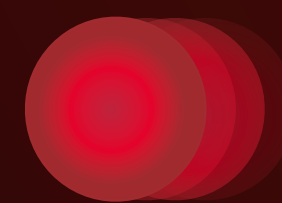
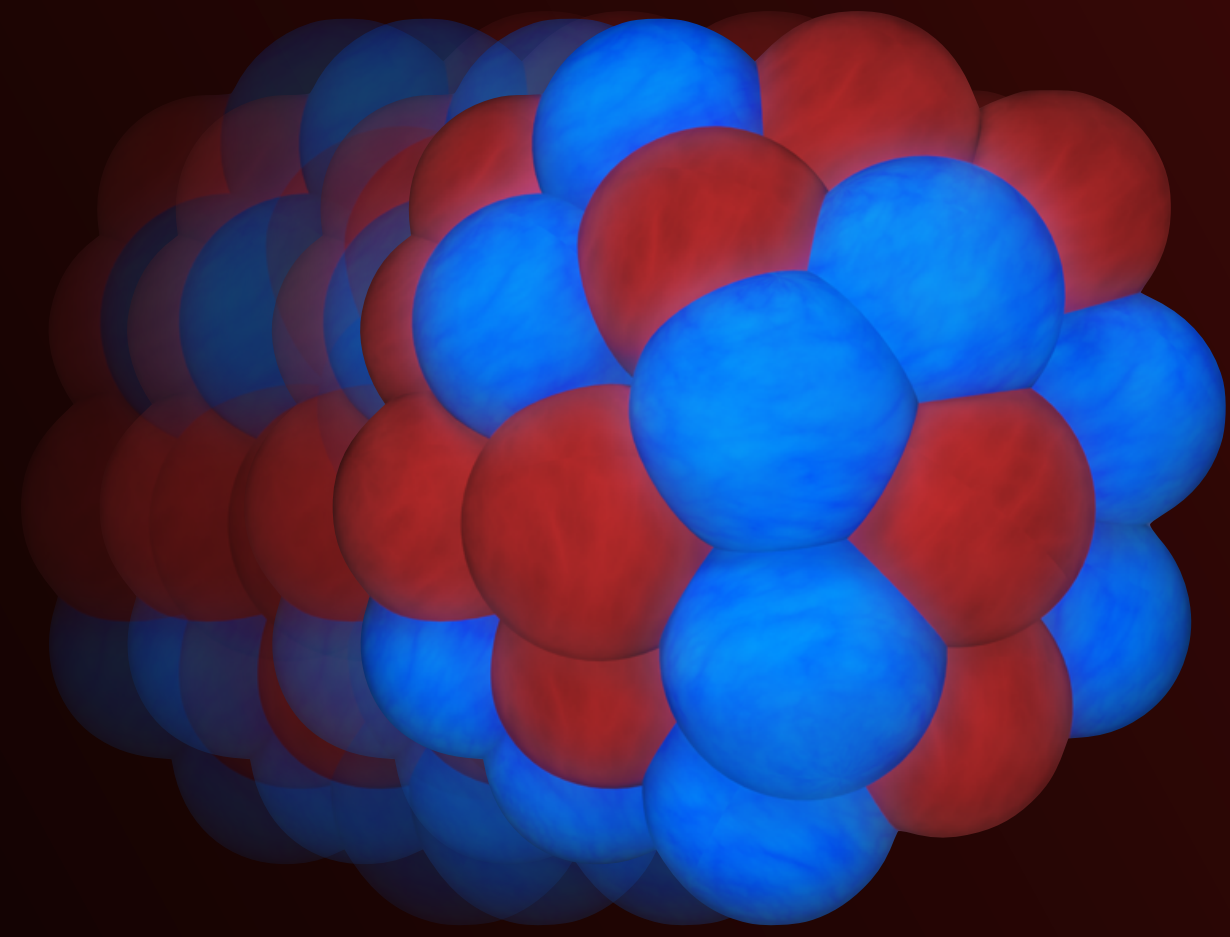


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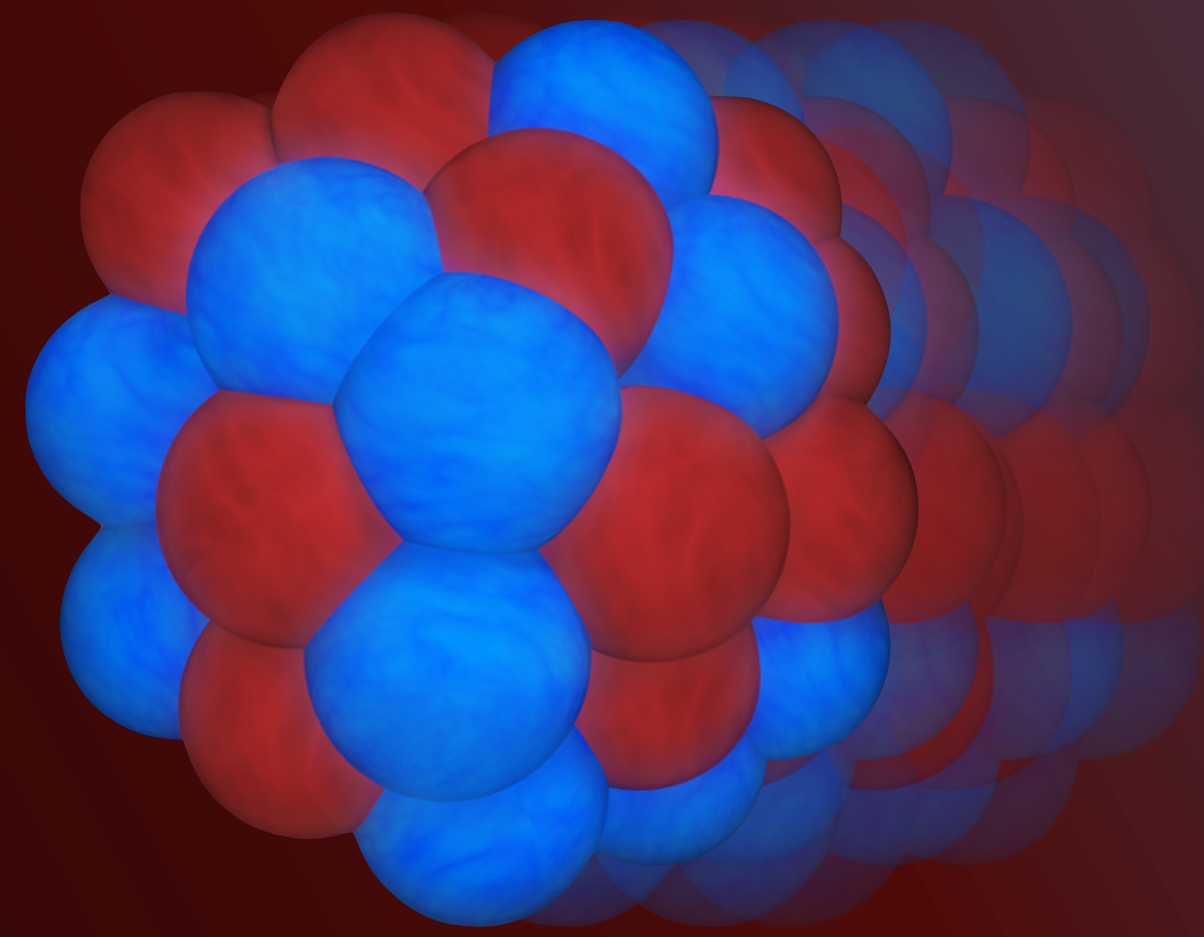
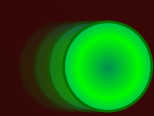
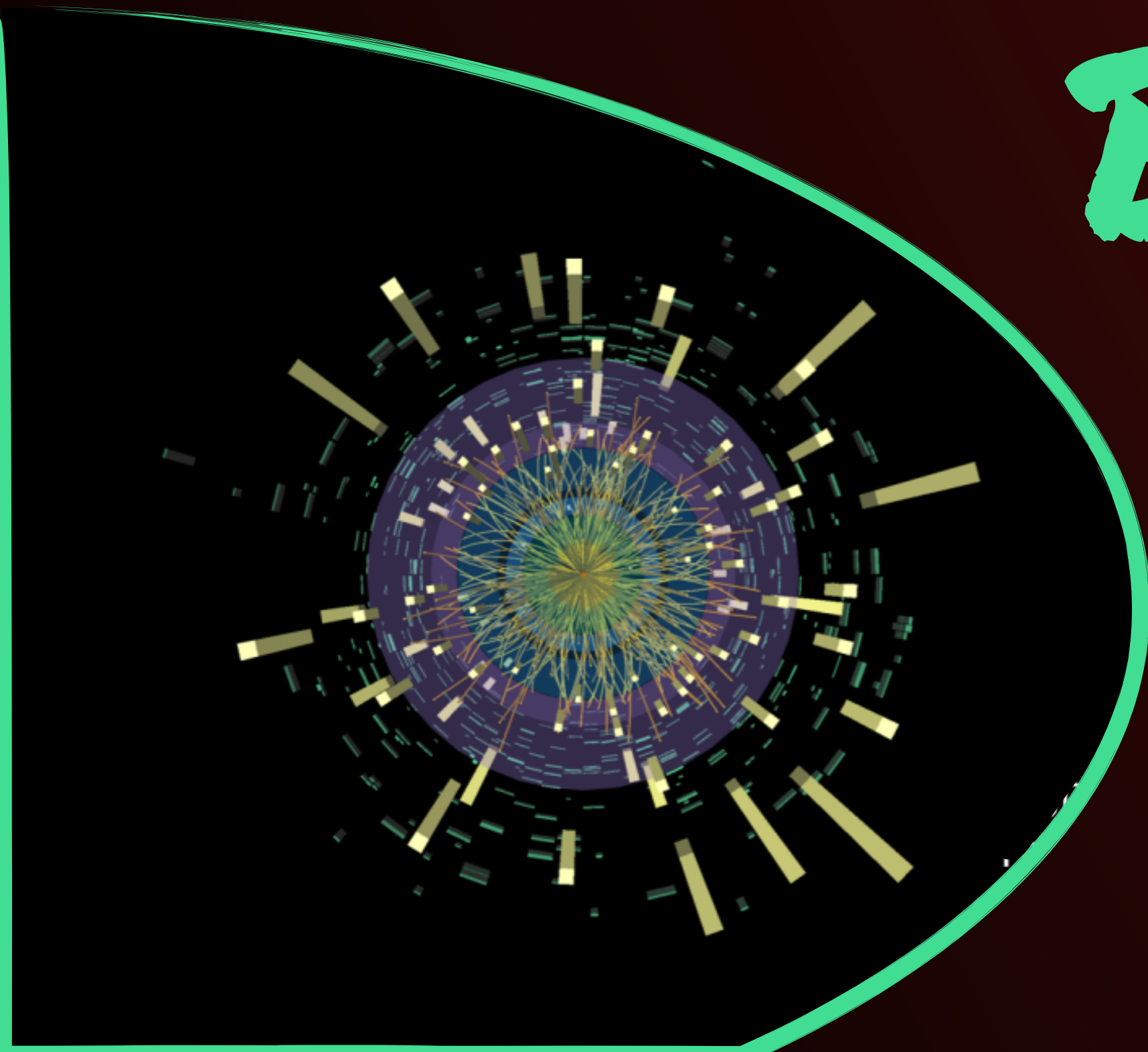
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION!

The ATLAS Heavy Ion Physics Program & the EIC have several points of contact

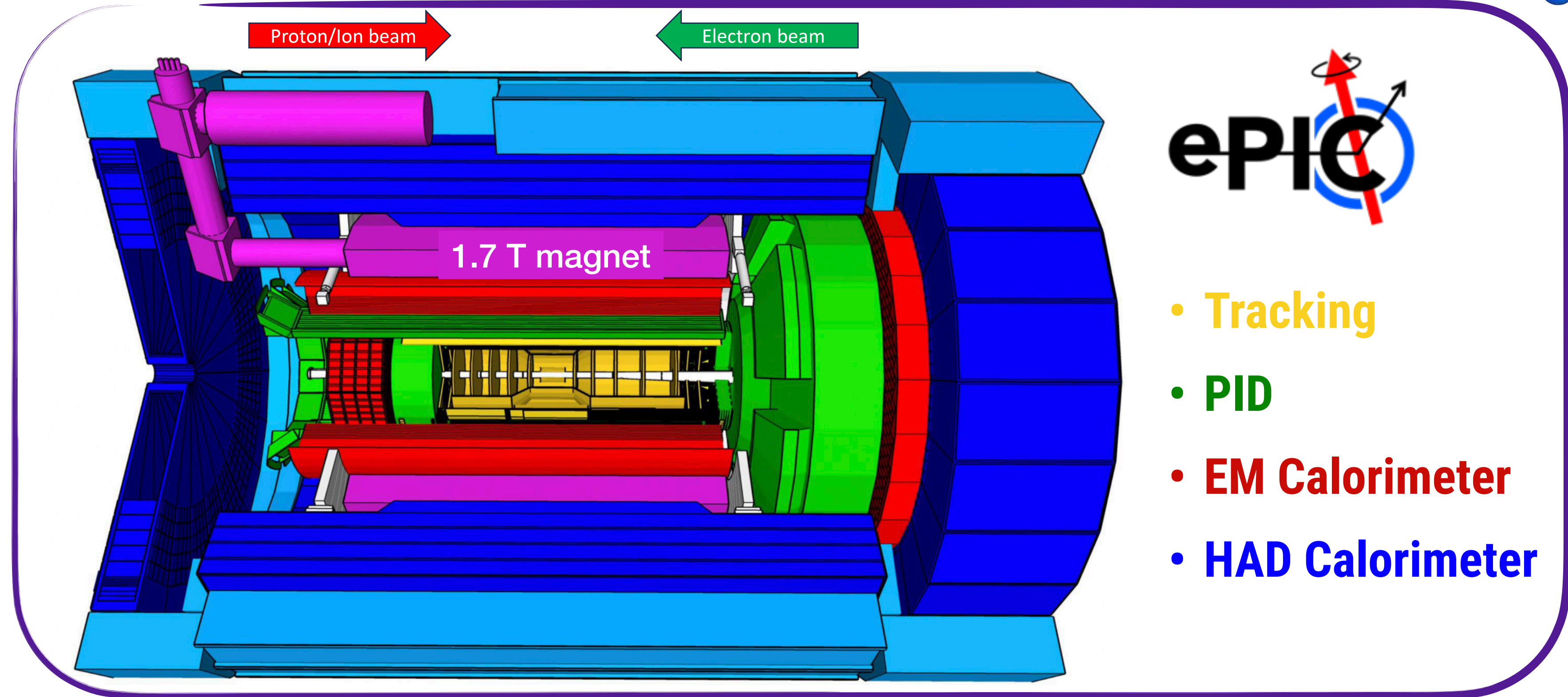
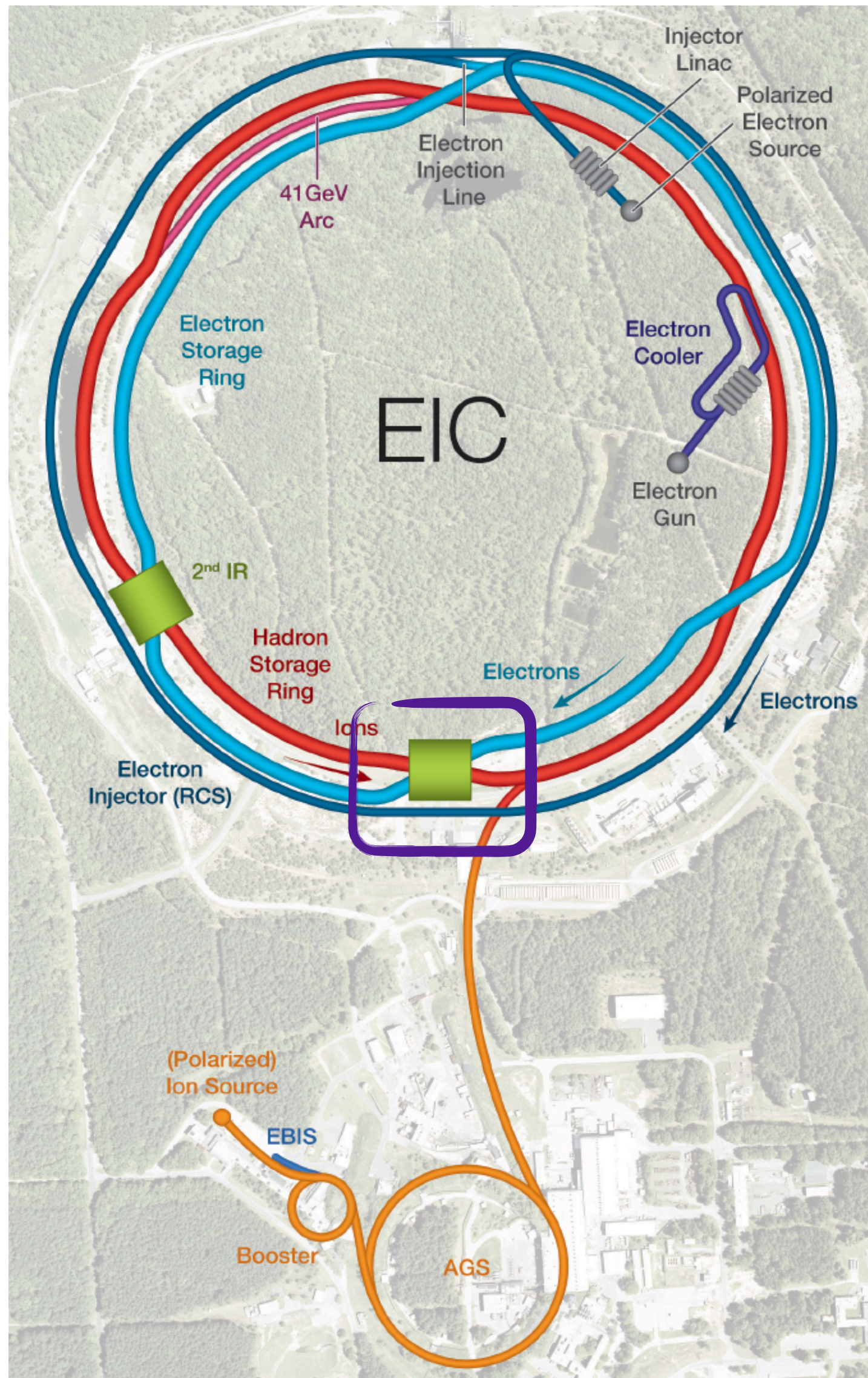
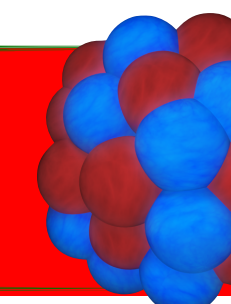
- Results on both sides will be complementary in boosting our understanding of hot and cold QCD.
- LHC data will provide significant physics input that will also benefit the advancement of the EIC physics case.
 - **Passage of color charge through cold nuclear matter:**
 - Cold Nuclear Matter & Color Fluctuation studies in p+A
 - **Nuclear PDFs**
 - Constrain nPDFs over a broad (x, Q^2) range using different channels (dijets in p+A & UPCs, $t\bar{t}$...)
 - Provide input for different nuclei (Pb, O, ++) that could be investigated also at the EIC
 - **Search for the onset of gluon saturation**
 - Forward dijet broadening and yield modification to be studied with high-stat & good pp reference
 - New j/Psi opportunities with ATLAS Phase I and II upgrades
 - **Search for the onset of collectivity in small systems**
 - EIC as potential tie-breaker to understand the origin of long-range behavior observed in many collision systems



BACKUP



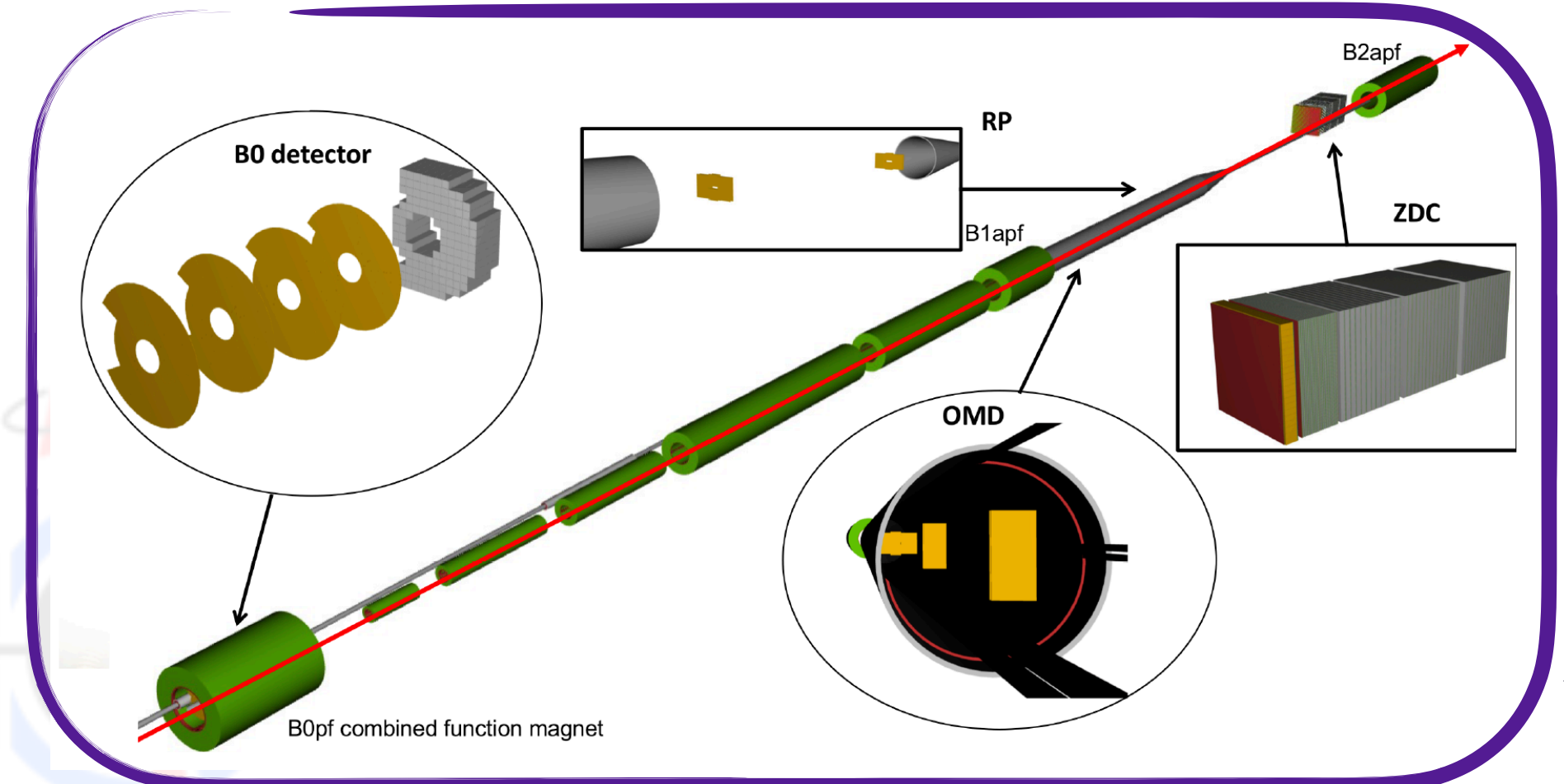
FACILITIES: EIC & EPIC



- Tracking
- PID
- EM Calorimeter
- HAD Calorimeter

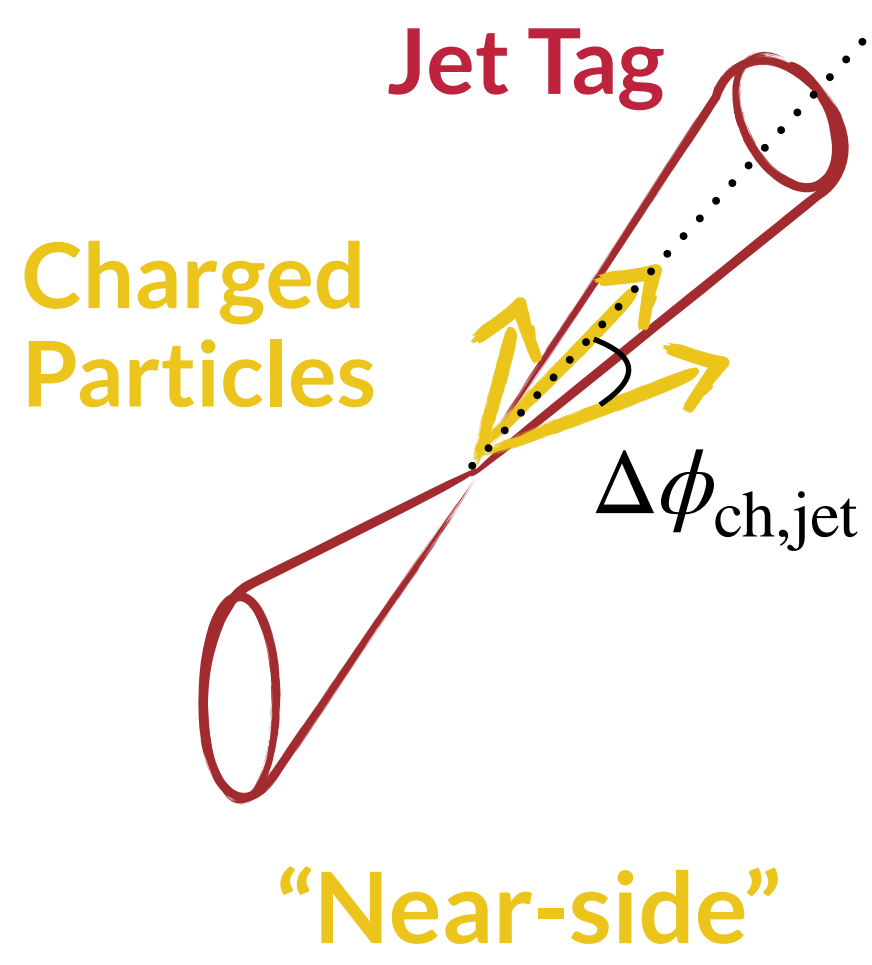
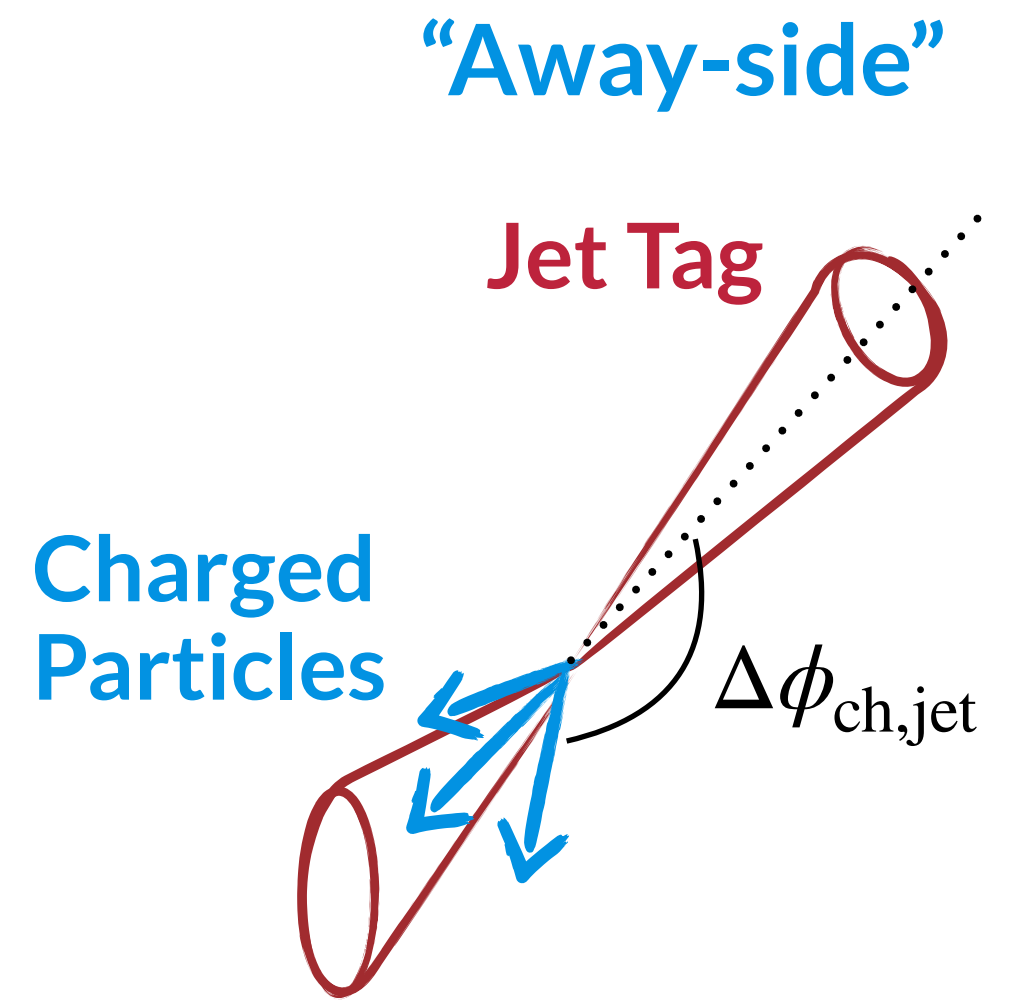
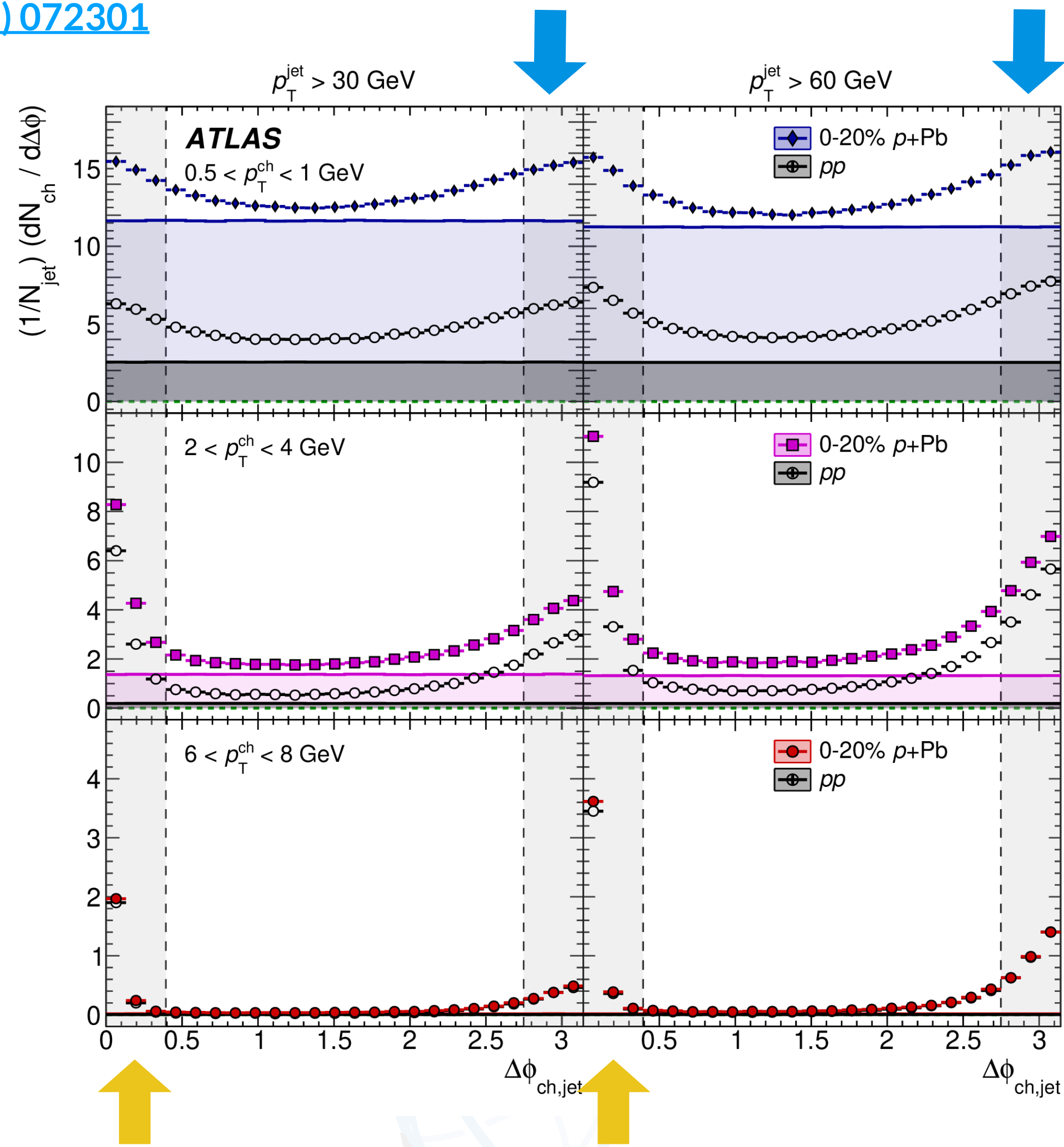
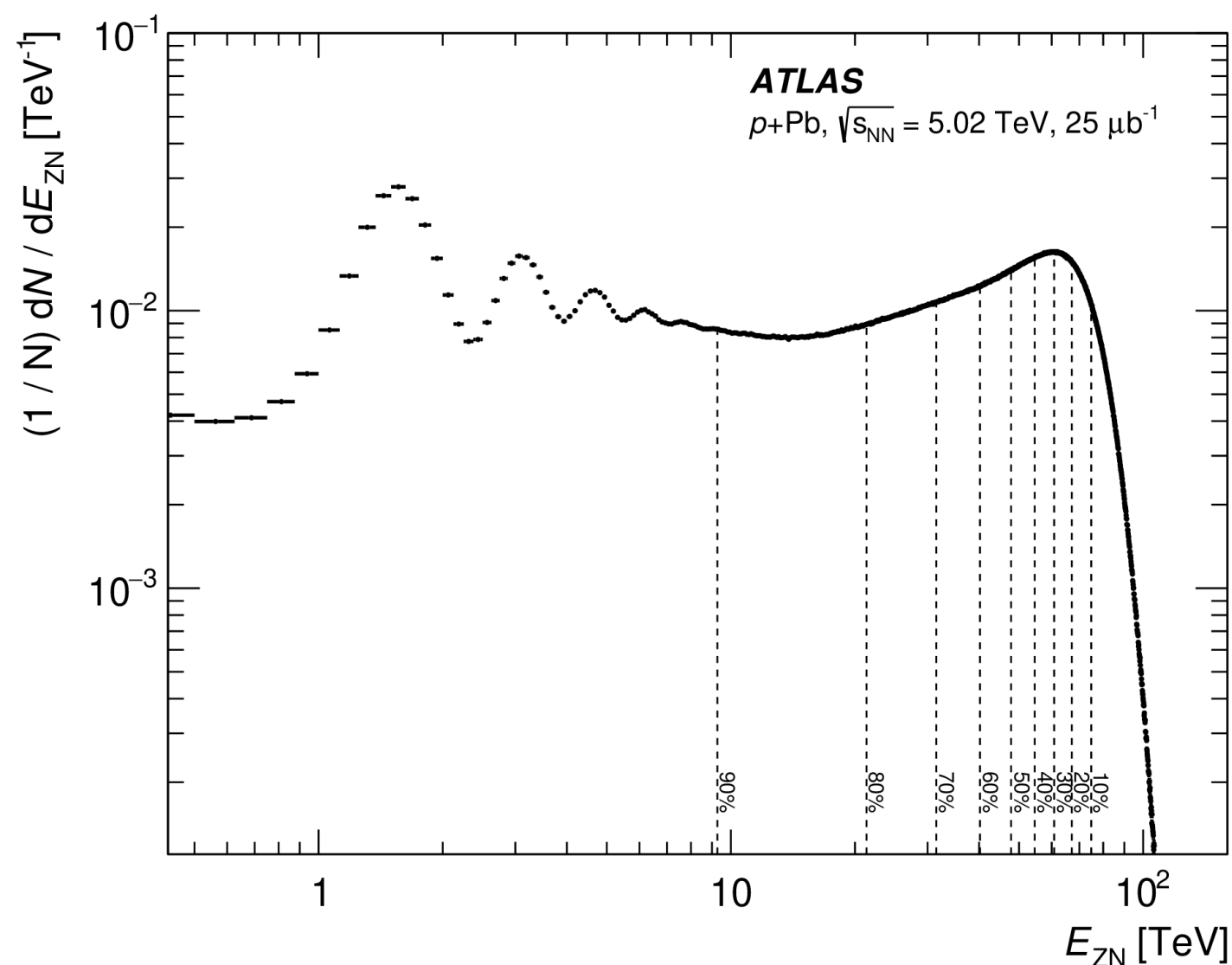
Hermetic barrel coverage ($|\eta| < 4$)

~Hermetic Far Forward detection capabilities, including p tagging and detection ion remnants



QGP-LIKE SIGNATURE: ENERGY LOSS ?

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Classification of event centrality by using Pb-going ZDC energy to reduce any selection correlation with central barrel activity

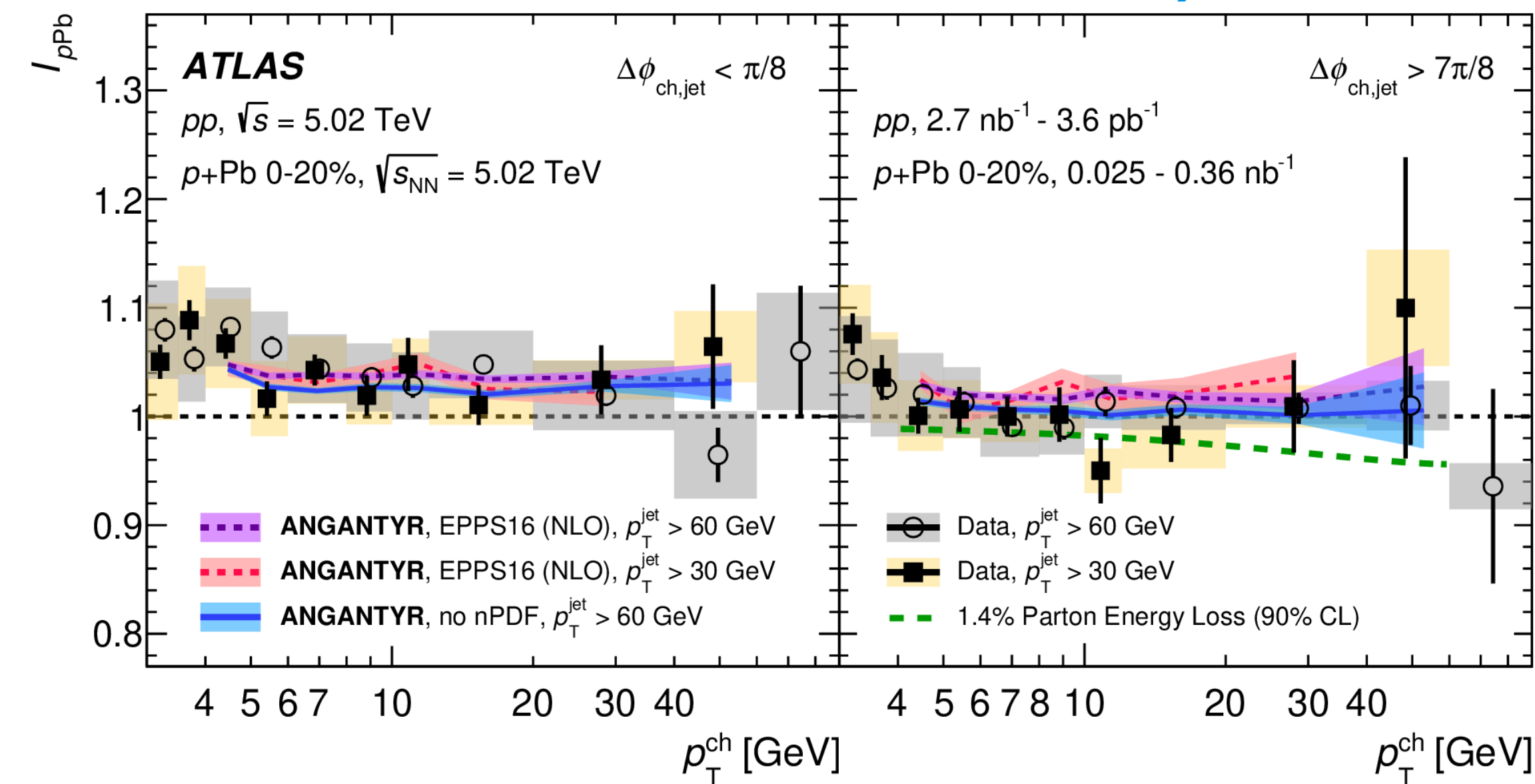
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$$I_{pPb} = \left(\frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{Ch}}} \right)_{p+Pb} / \left(\frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{Ch}}} \right)_{p+p}$$

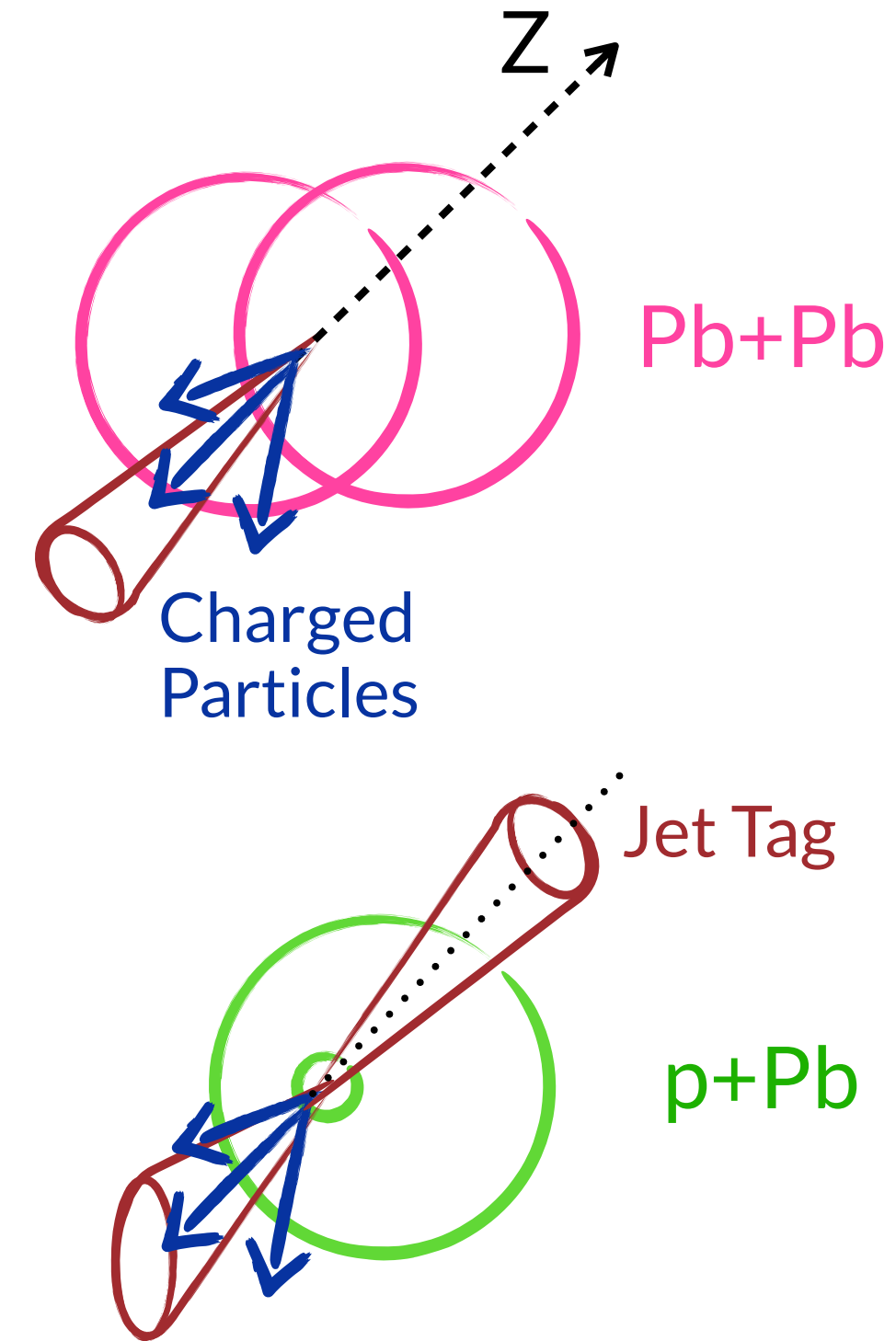
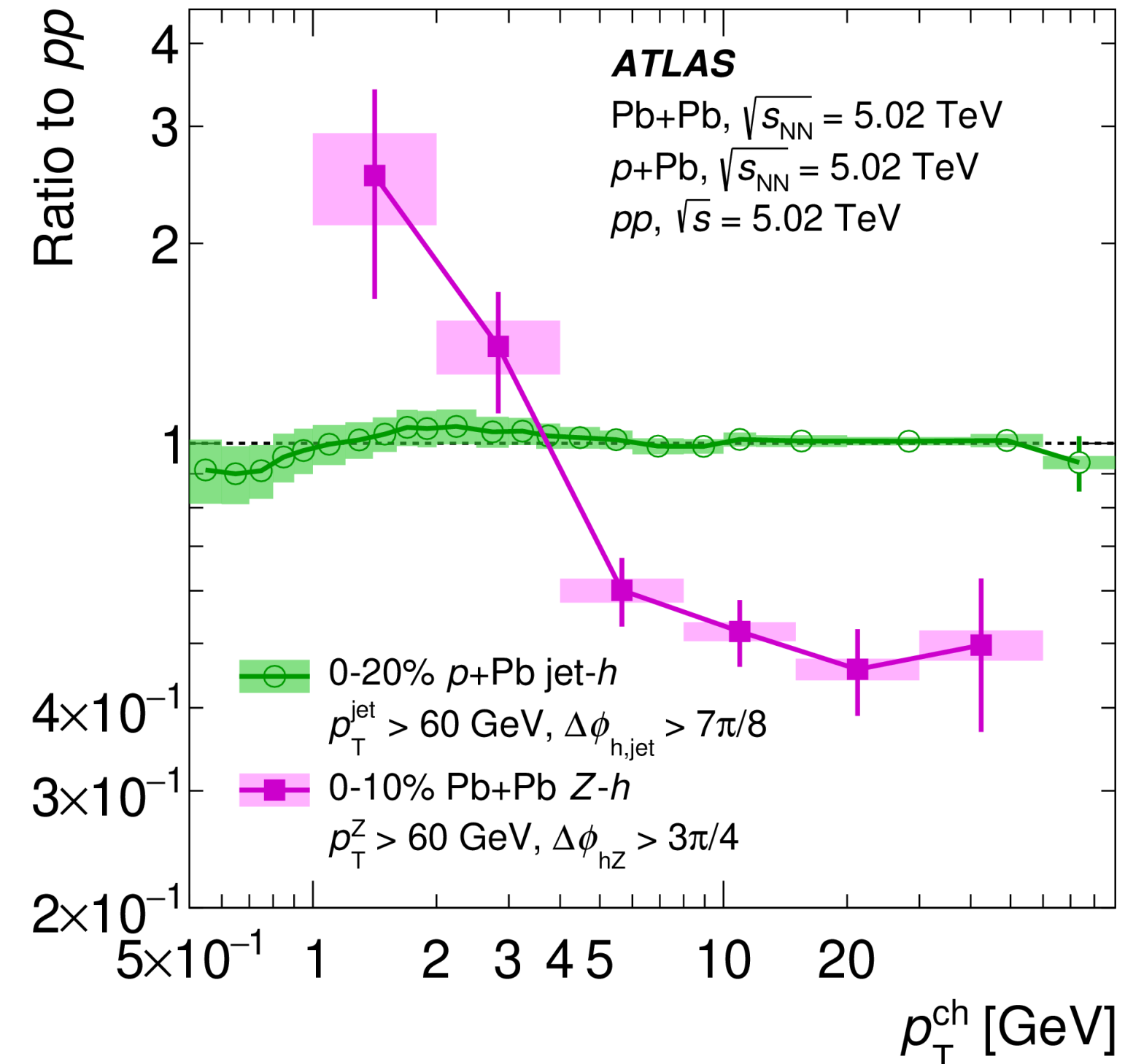
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“Away-side”

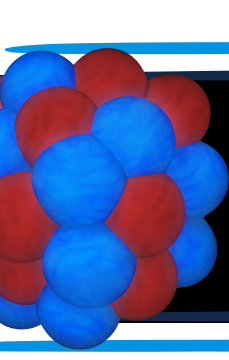


Comparison to Angantyr:

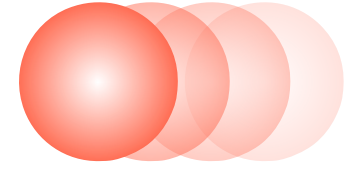
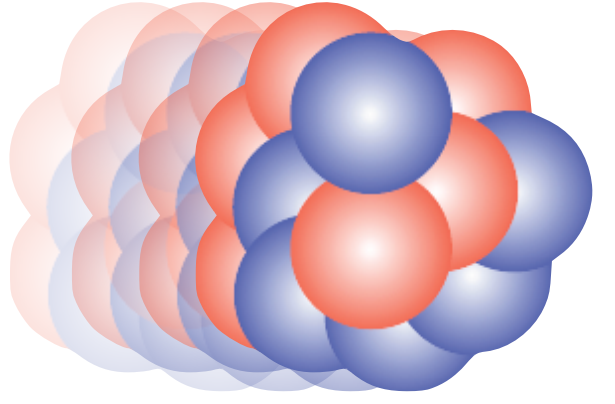
- No final state interactions - e.g. no jet quenching
- Consistent with data on both sides - no large effect from nPDFs



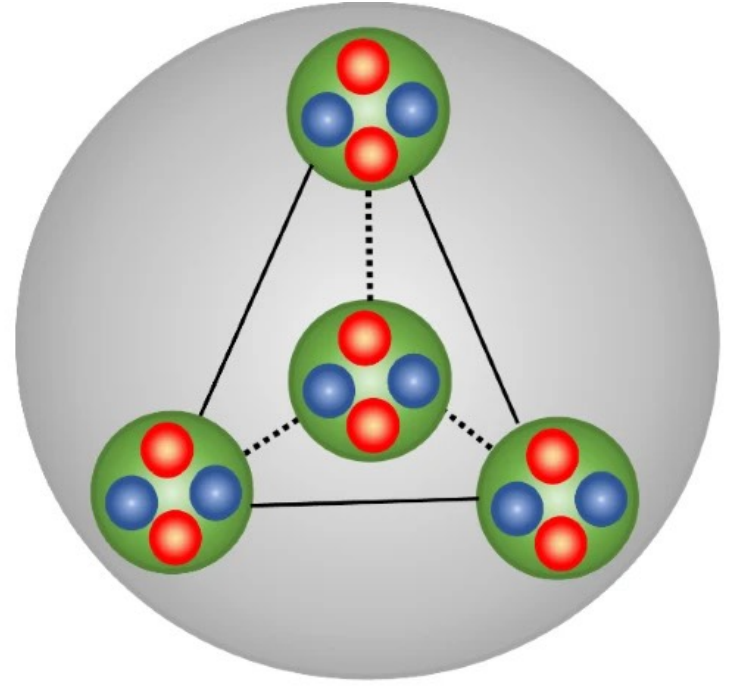
No evidence of Jet quenching in I_{pPb} observable
Parton energy loss constraint: $0.2 \pm 0.5\%$ and $< 1.4\%$ at 90% confidence level



PHYSICS OPPORTUNITIES IN RUN 3 P+O



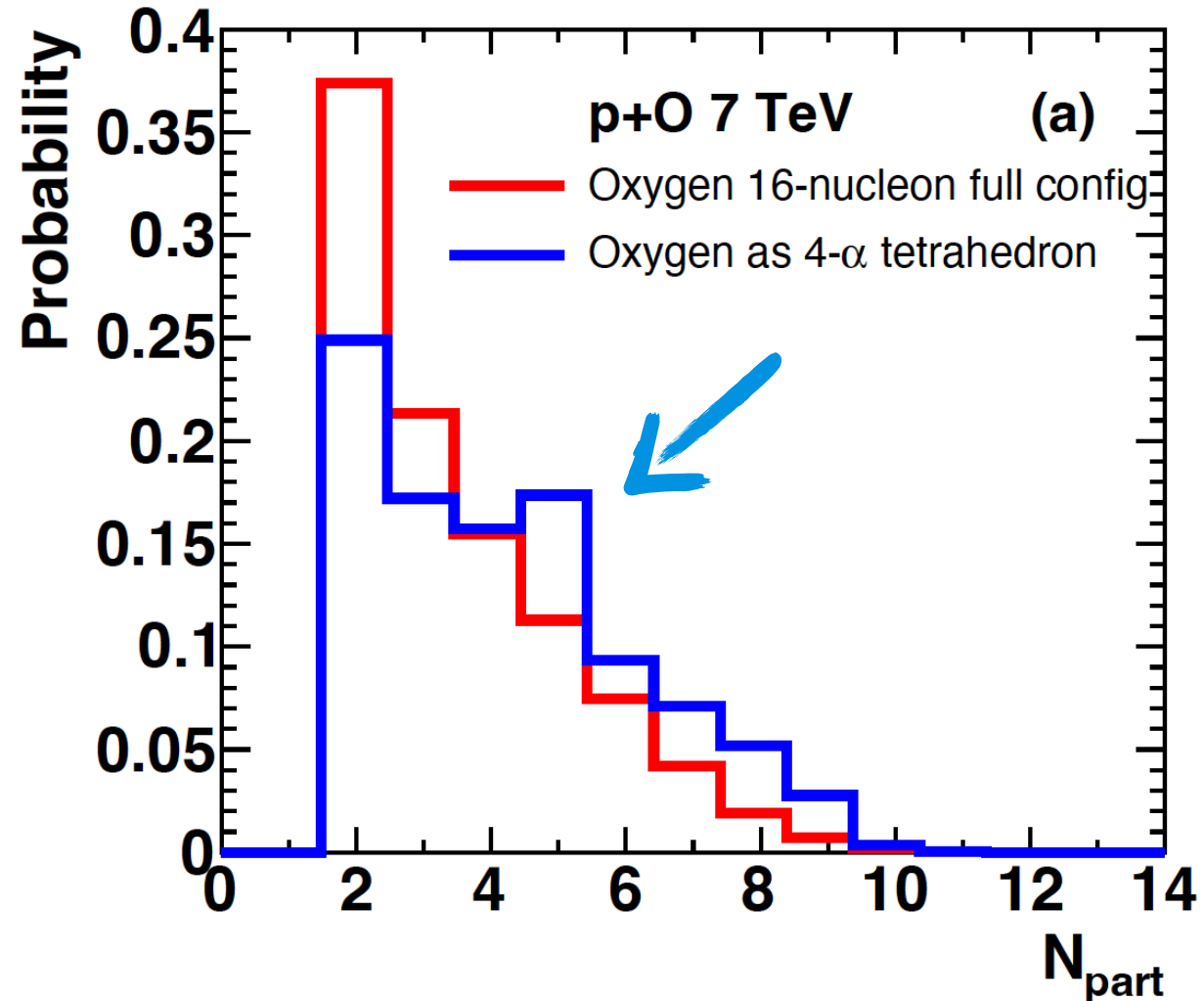
P+O COLLISIONS TO UNDERSTAND OXYGEN STRUCTURE



- Proton
- Neutron
- Alpha particle
- Oxygen nucleus

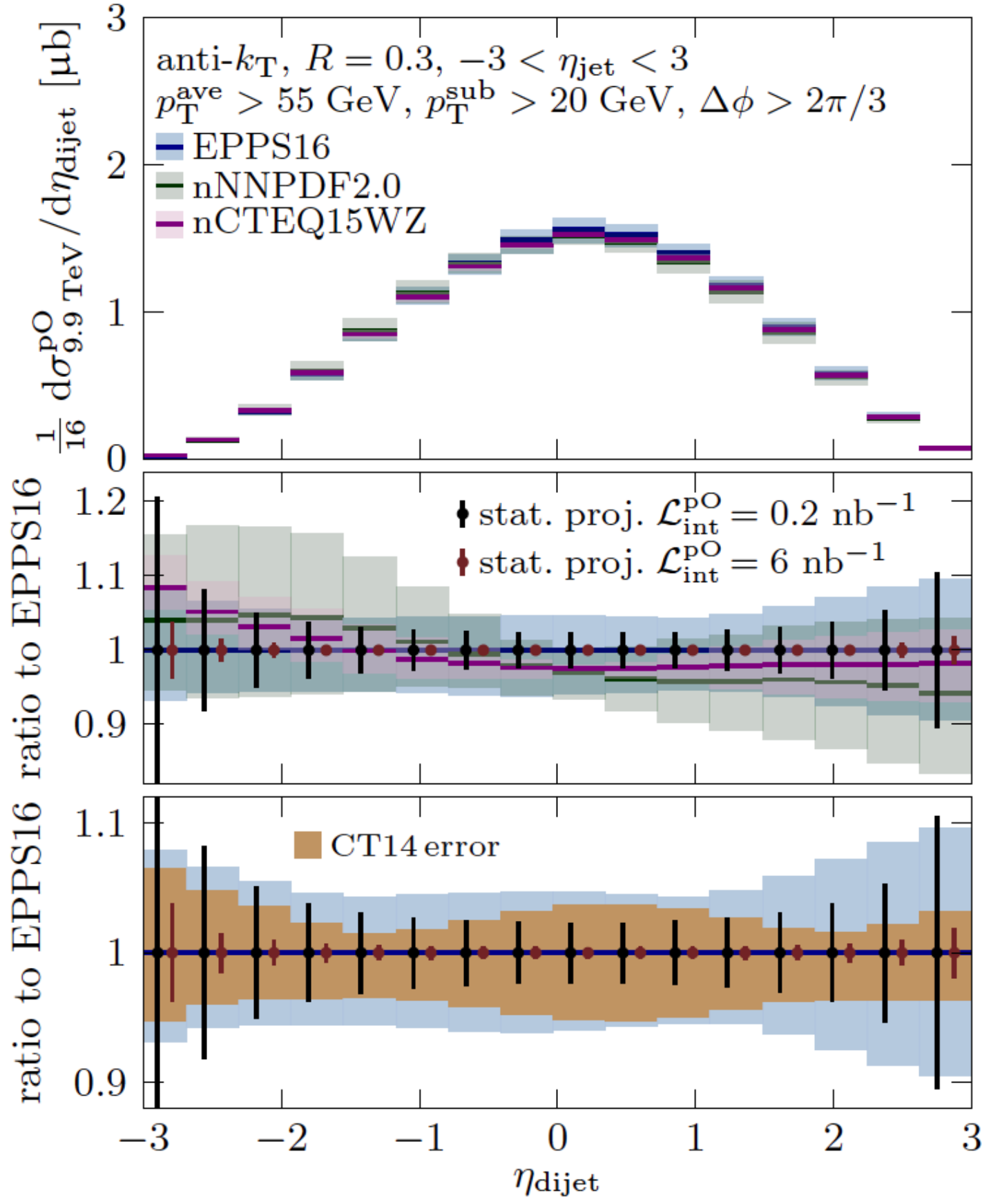
D.Behera et al
EPJ A 58, 175, (2022)

Tetrahedral structure of oxygen?



S.H. Lim et al
PRC 99, 044904 (2019)

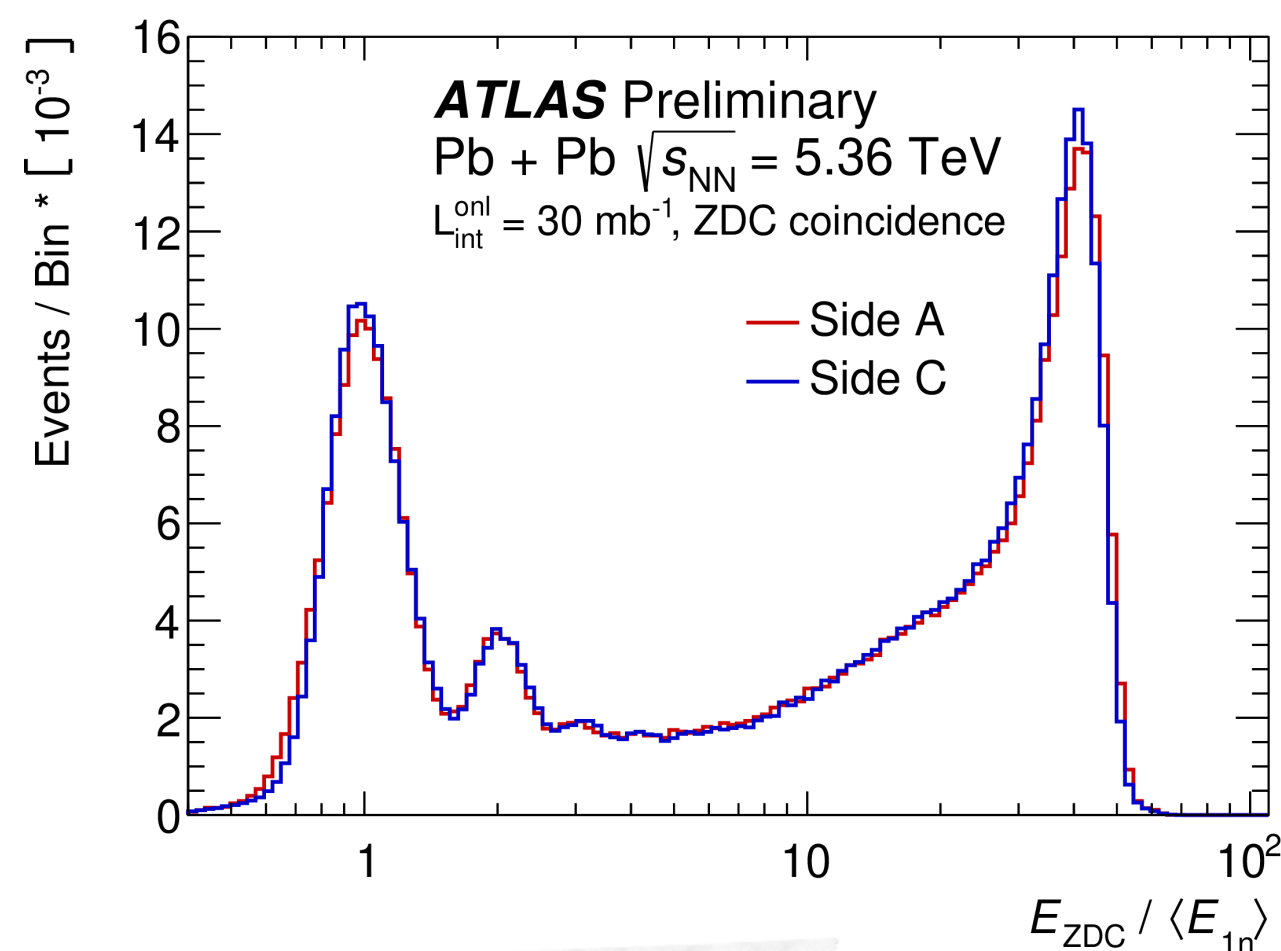
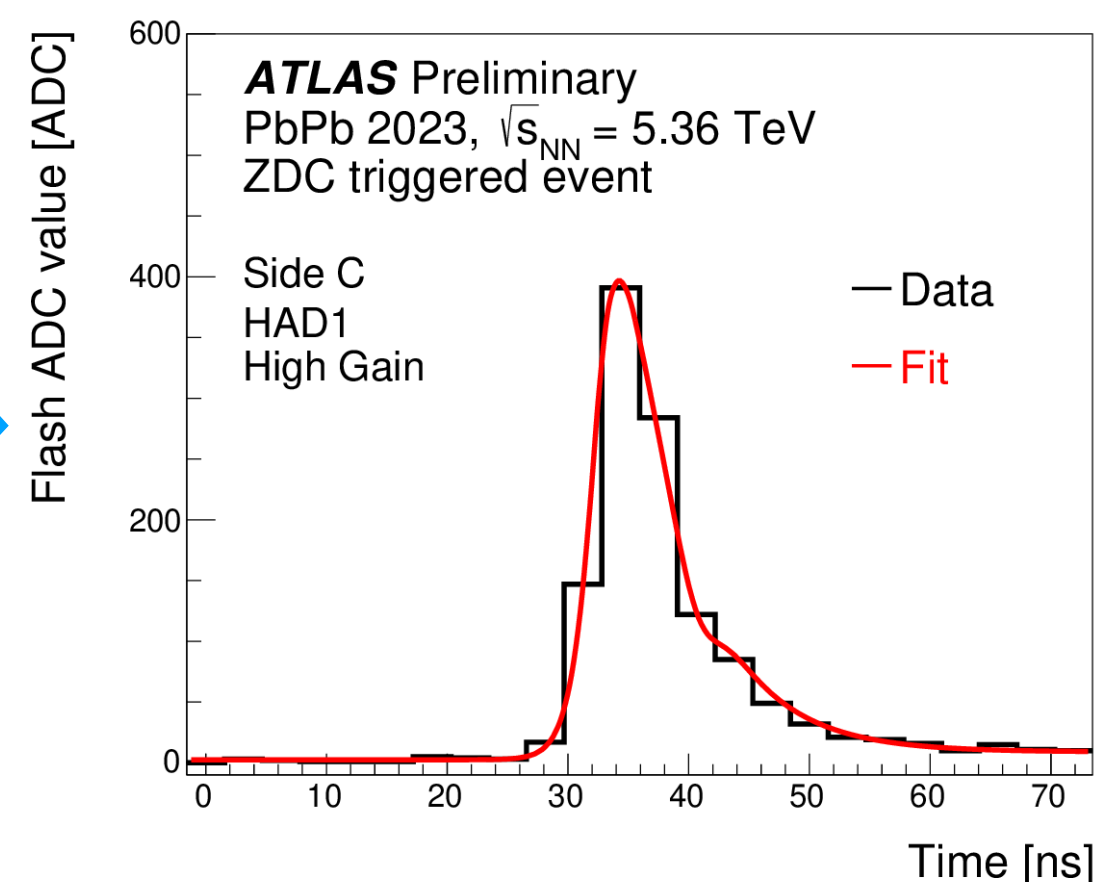
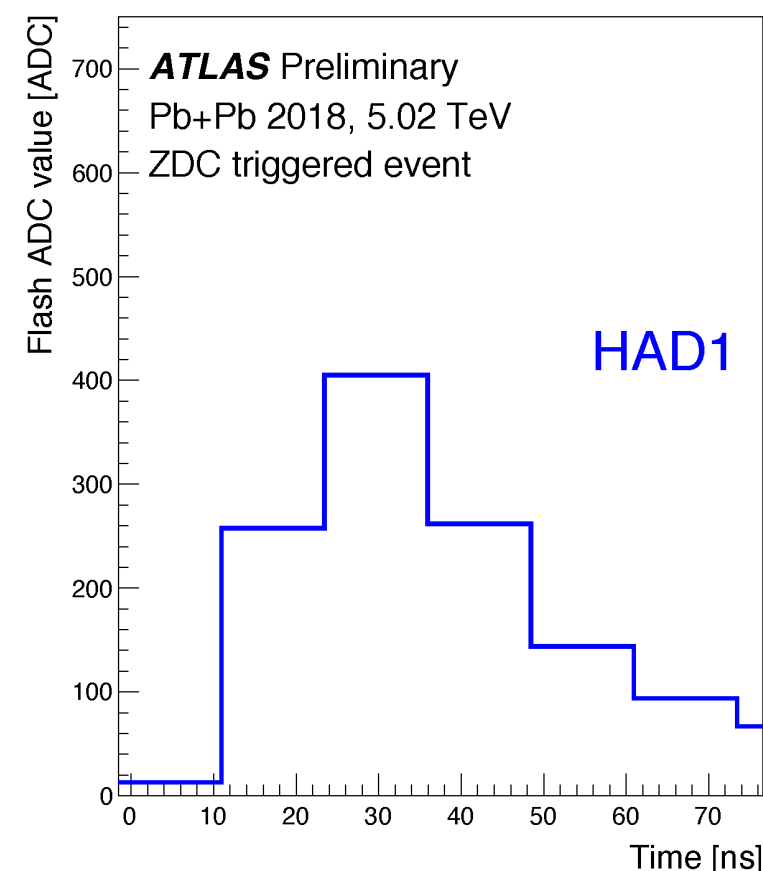
Peak at $N_{part} = 5$ expected from p collision with an α particle in the 0



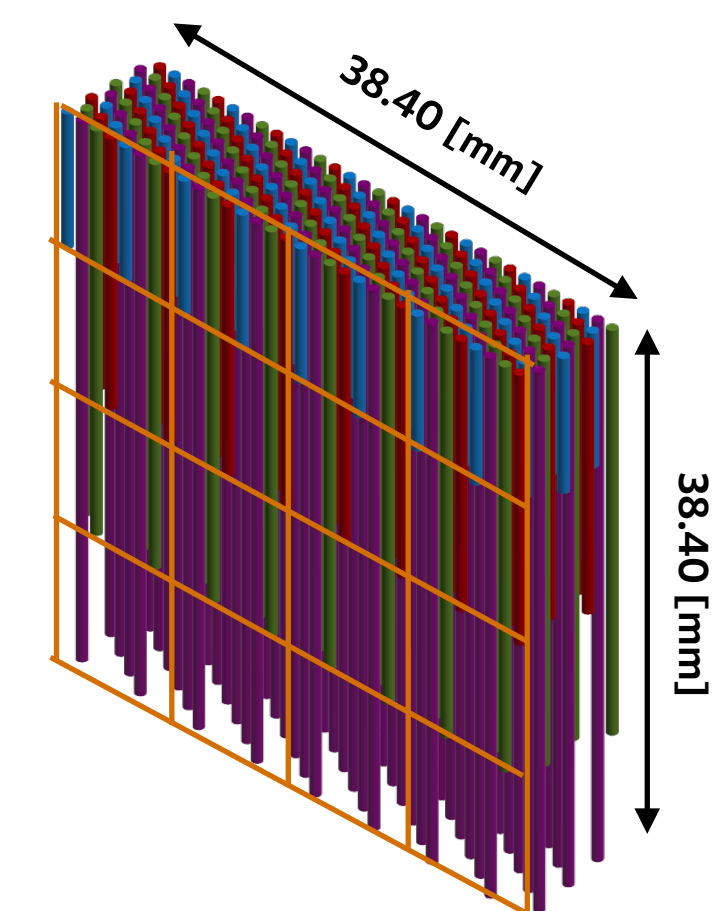
P.Paakinen
PRD 105, L031504 (2022)

Dijet measurements to inform nPDF parameterizations

ATLAS DETECTOR IN RUN3: NEW ZDC OPPORTUNITIES

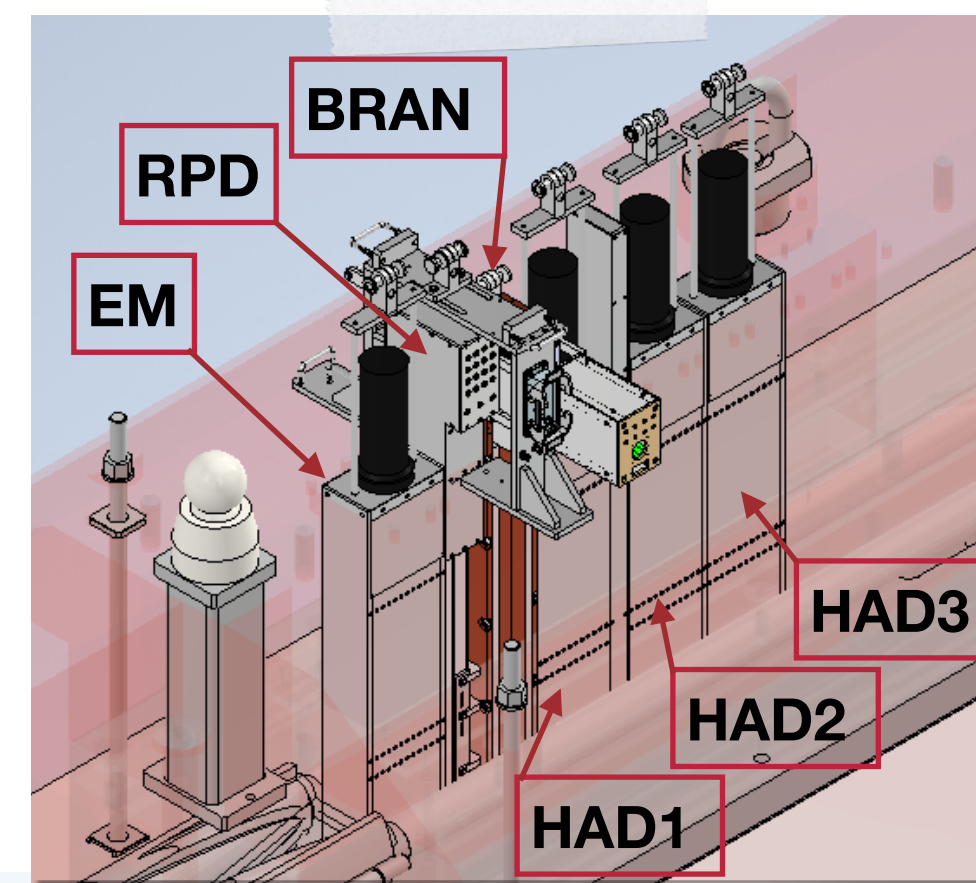


New ATLAS RPD

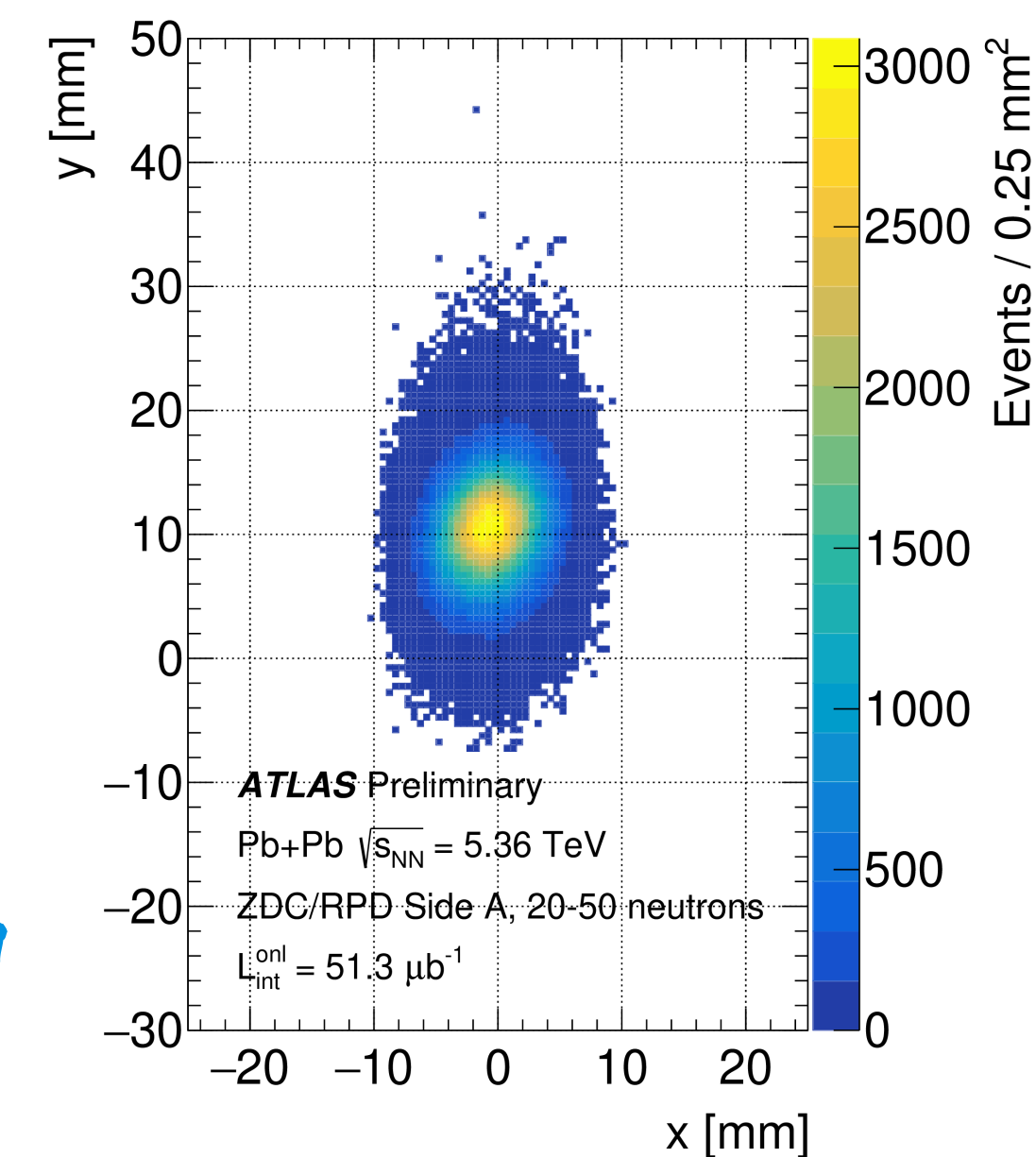


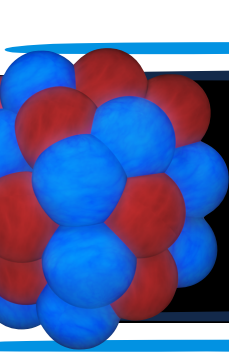
Refurbished Zero Degree Calorimeter

- New - radiation hard - fused silica rods
- New FE electronics with 320 MHz sampling
- New fully digital trigger
- New low-dispersion air-core cables
- New Reaction Plane Detector



IMPROVED FORWARD NEUTRON DETECTION + NEW DETERMINATION OF THE REACTION PLANE USING THE SPECTATOR NEUTRONS





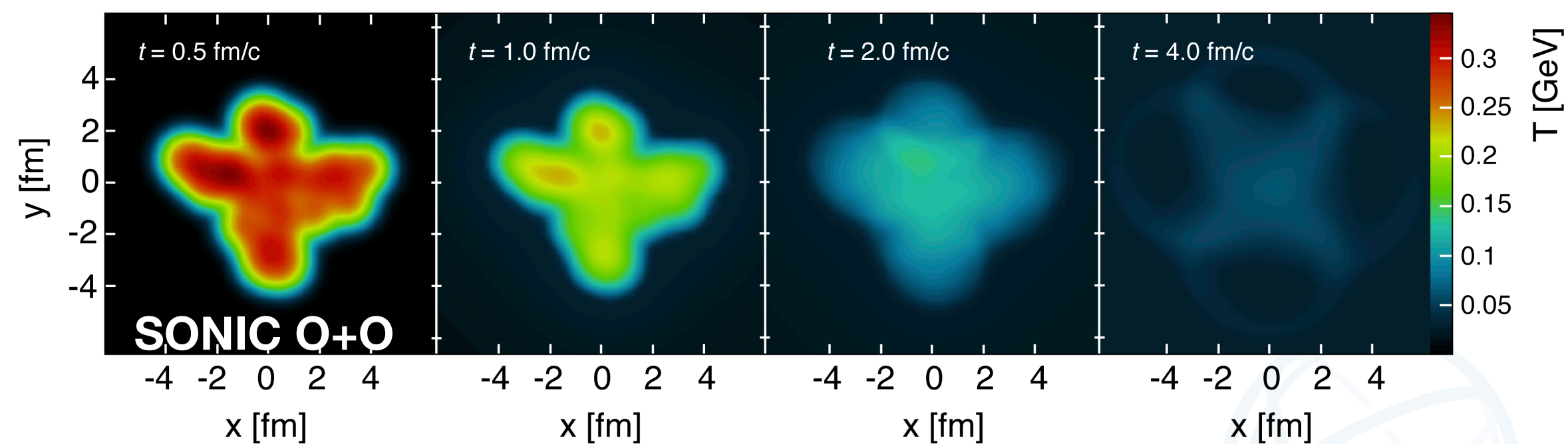
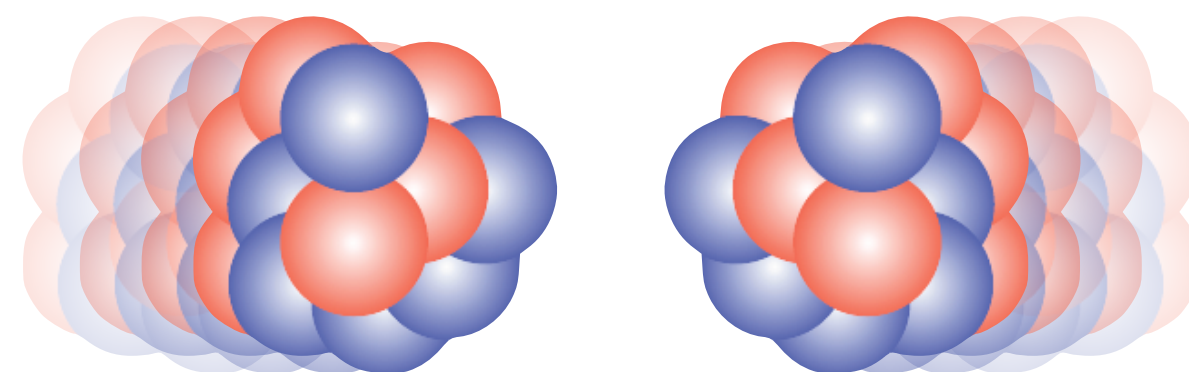
NEXT HI STEP: OXYGEN

At what system size can we observe the onset of energy loss effects?

Lighter ion collisions with different geometry but size similar to p+Pb could help in solving the puzzle

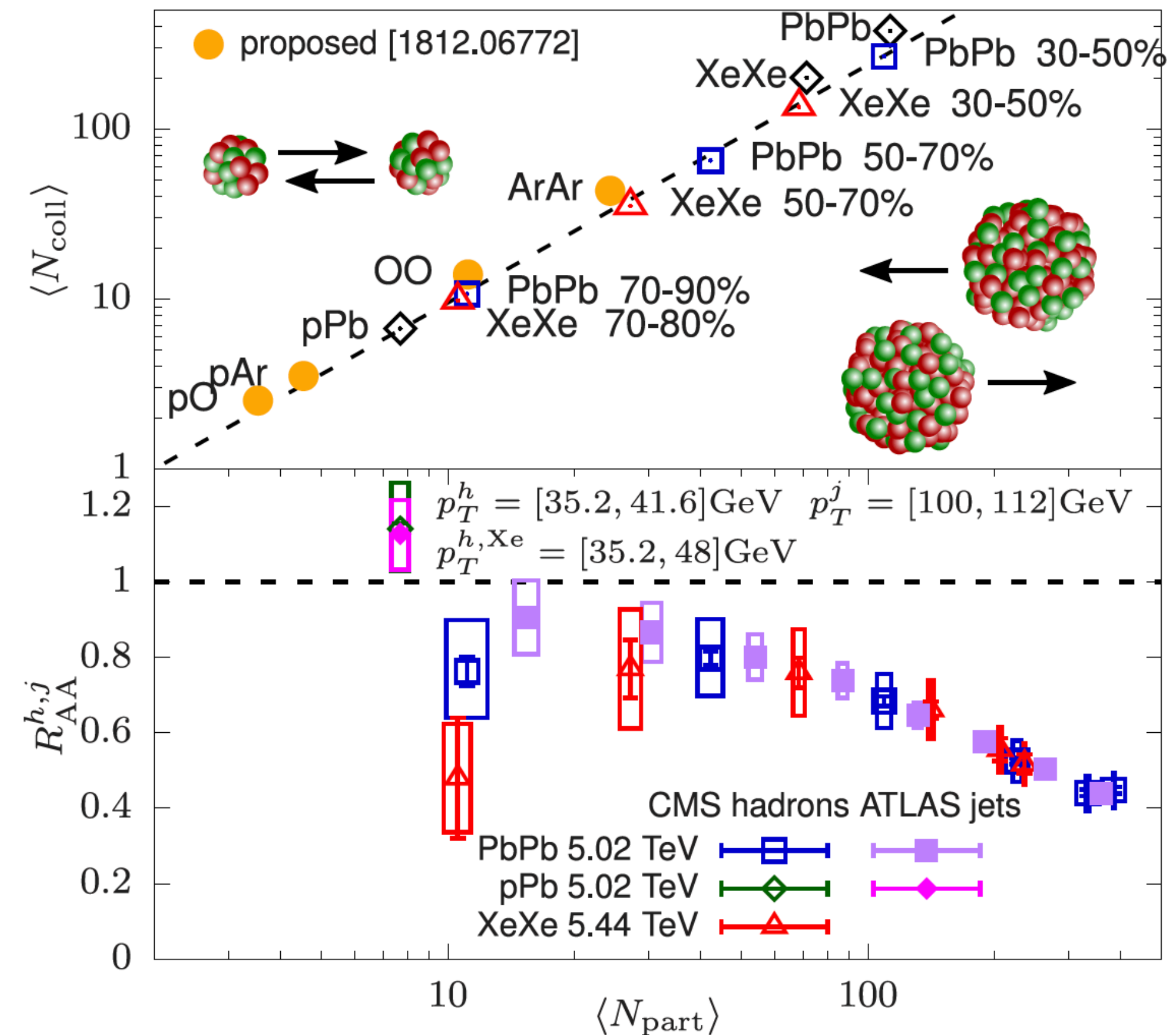


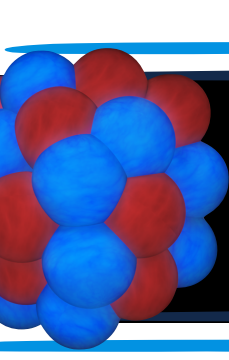
OXYGEN IS THE NEXT STEP!



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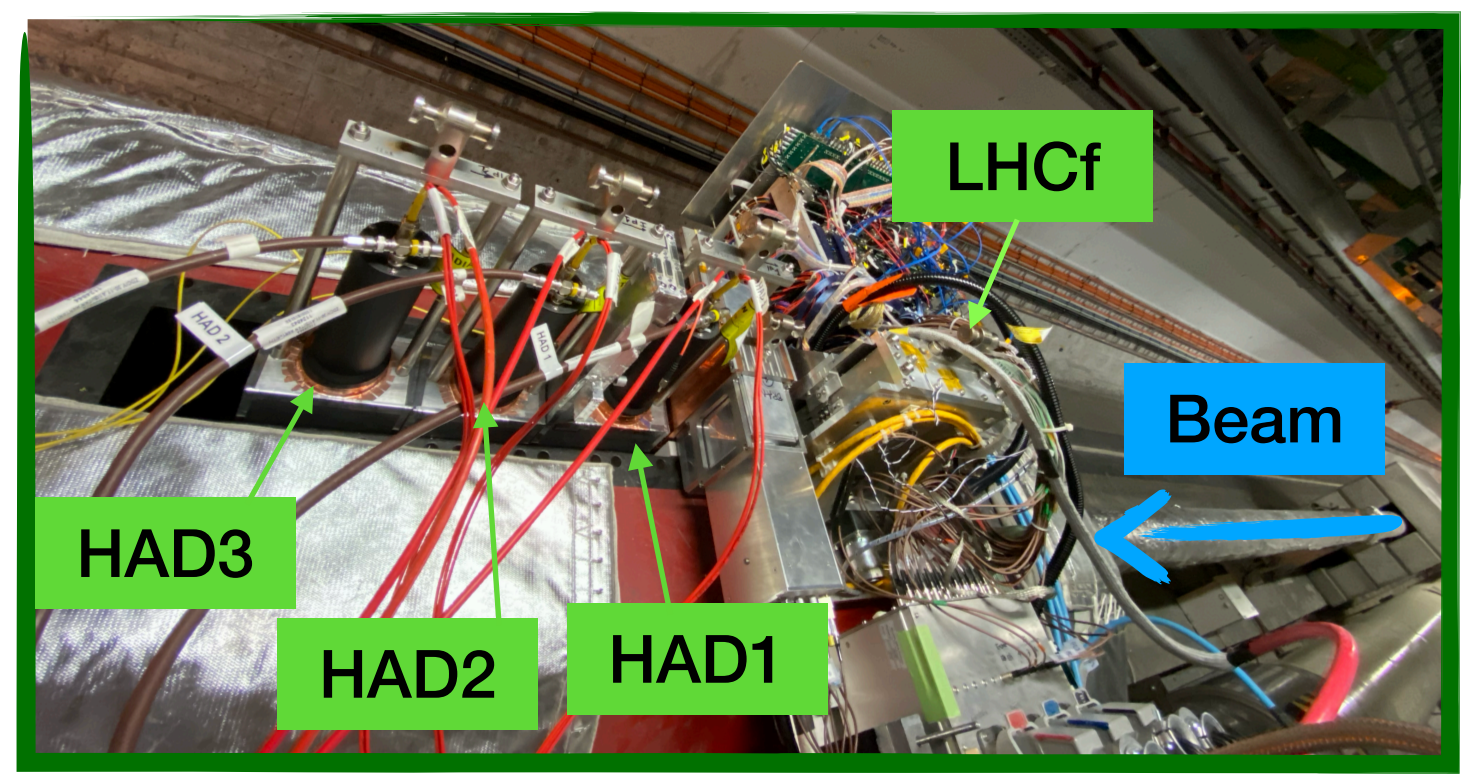




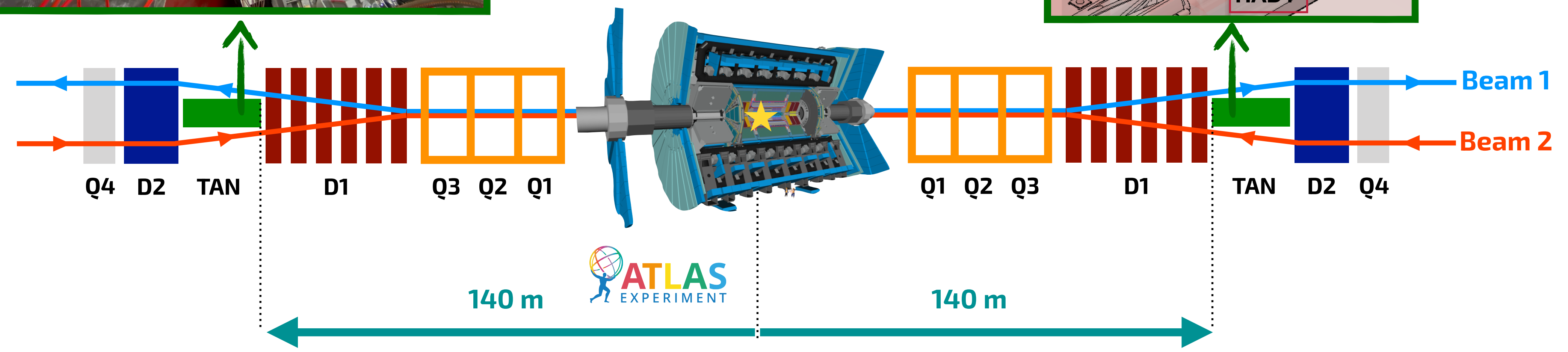
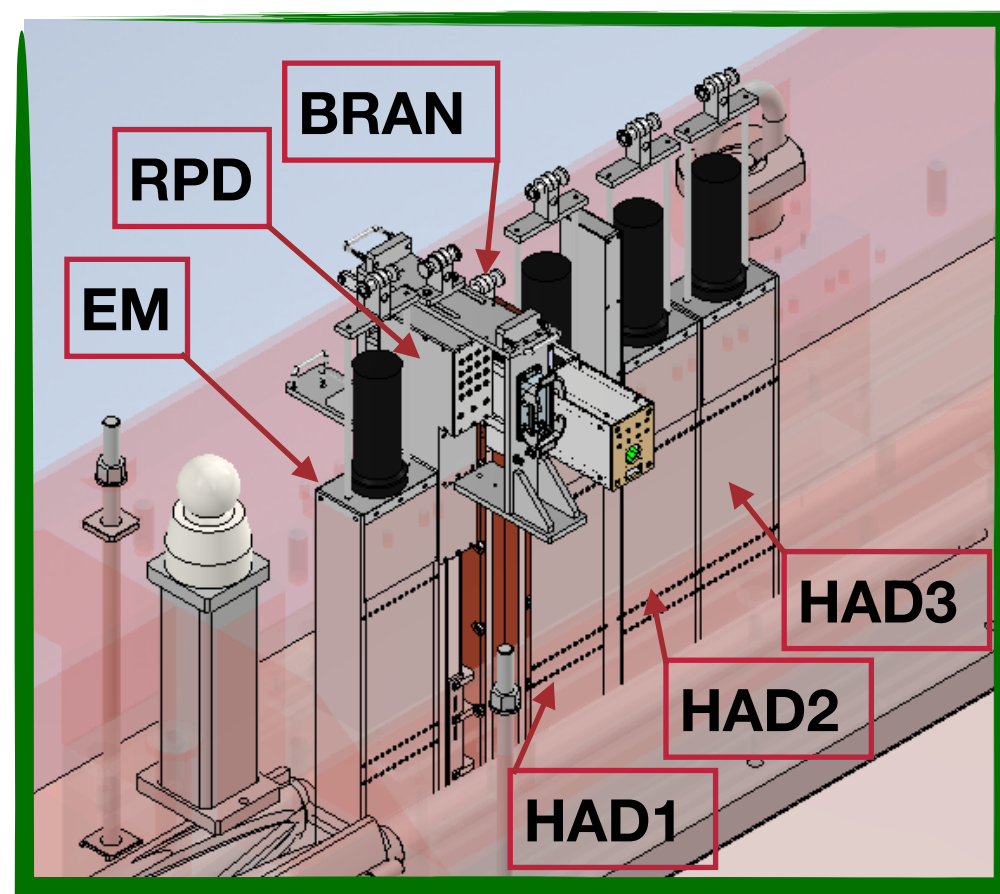
LHCF+ZDC OPPORTUNITIES IN RUN 3 P+O



LHCF + ZDC (pic from 2022 *pp* run)
Setup for *p*-going direction in *p*+O

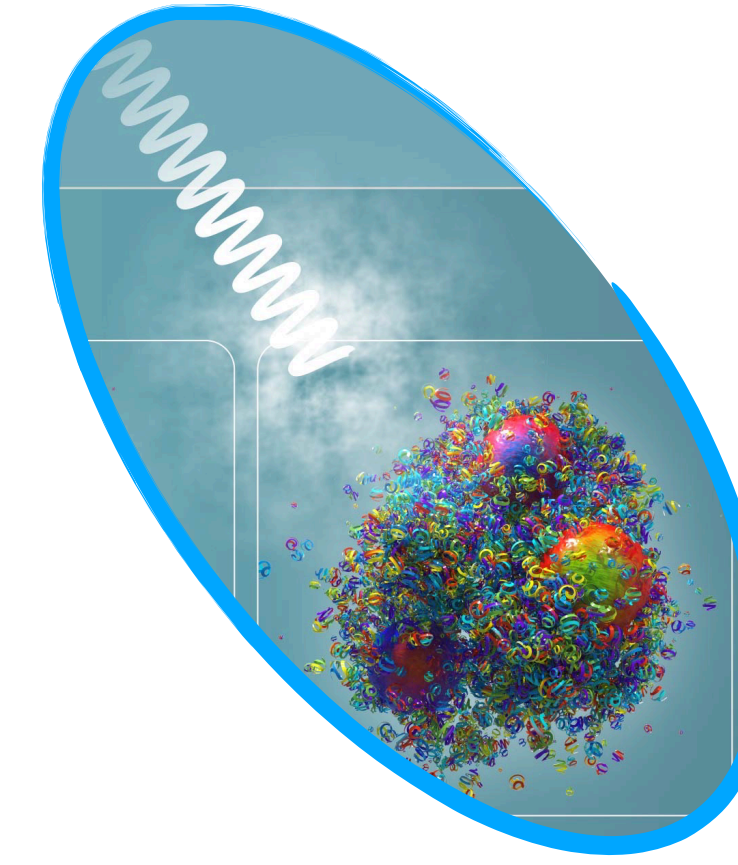
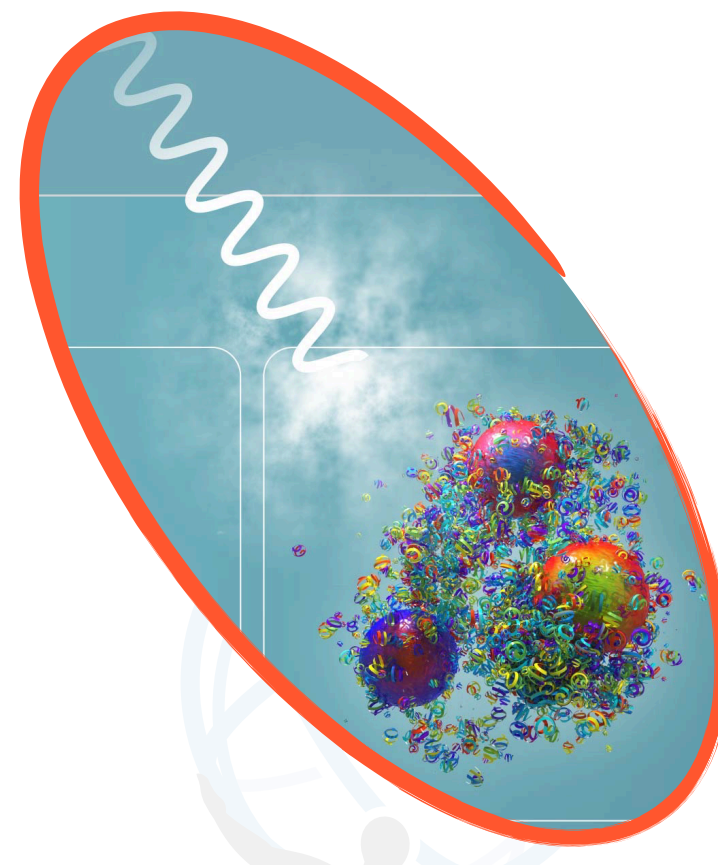
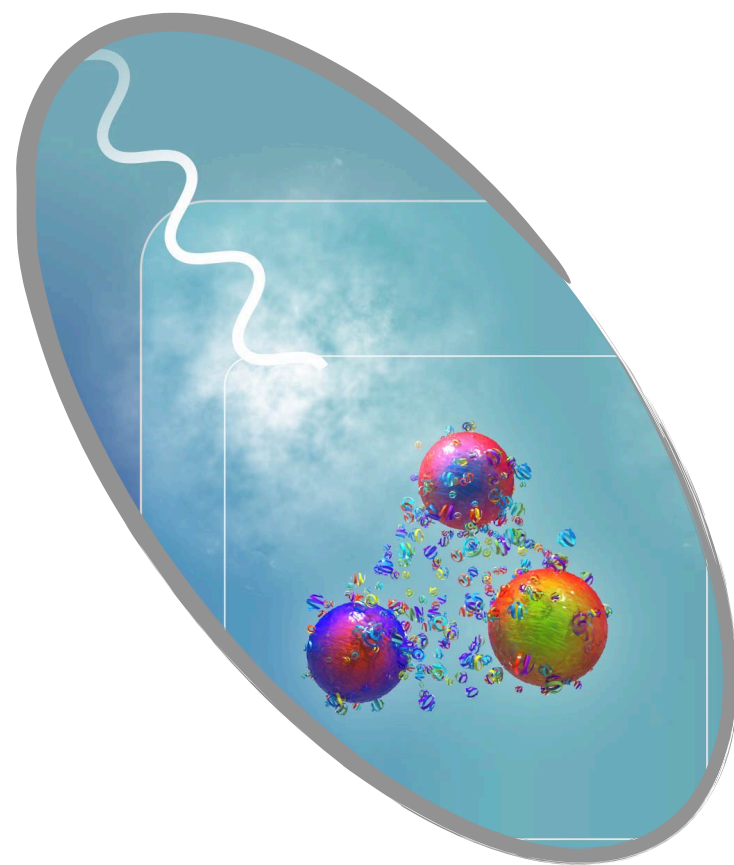
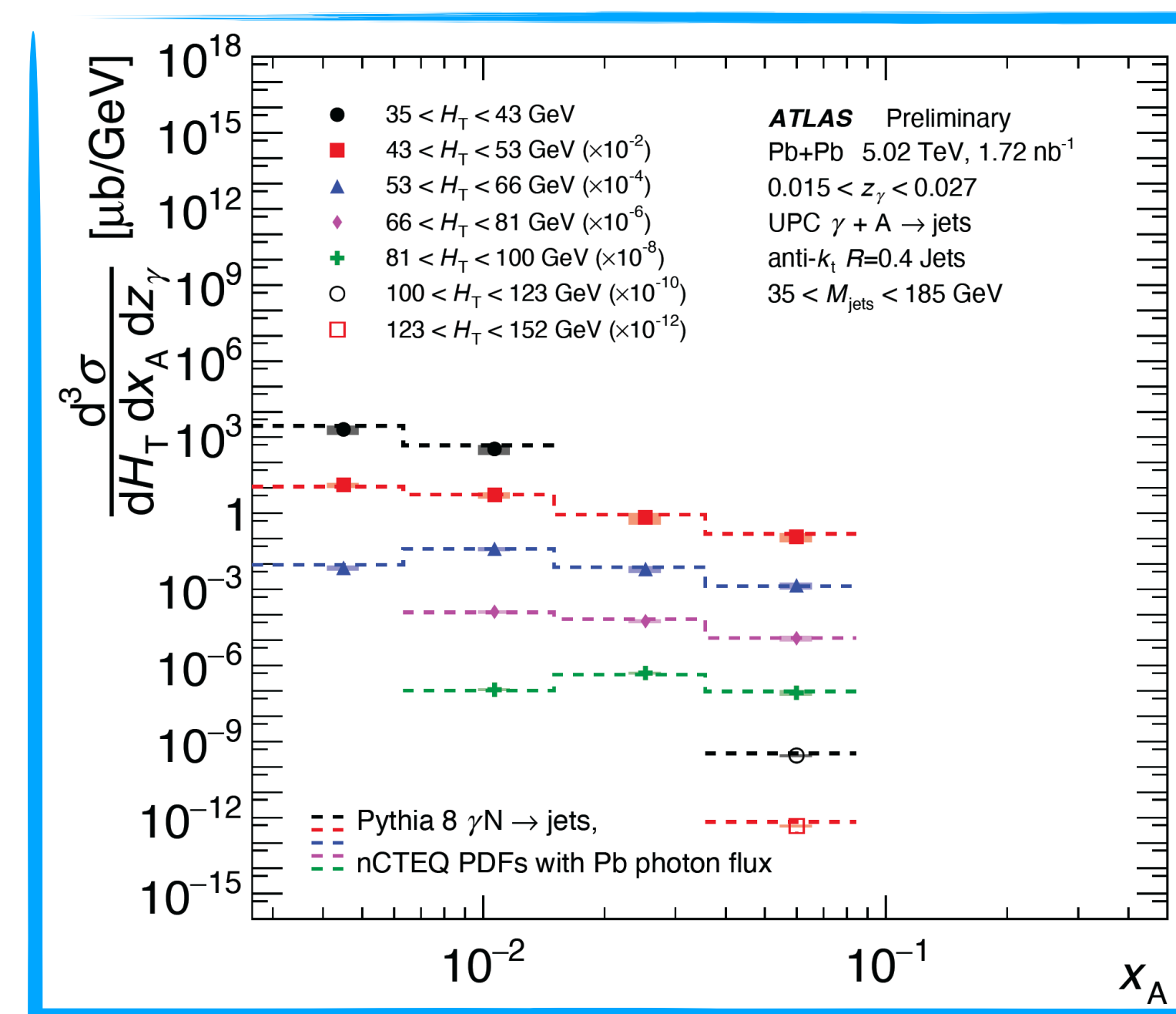
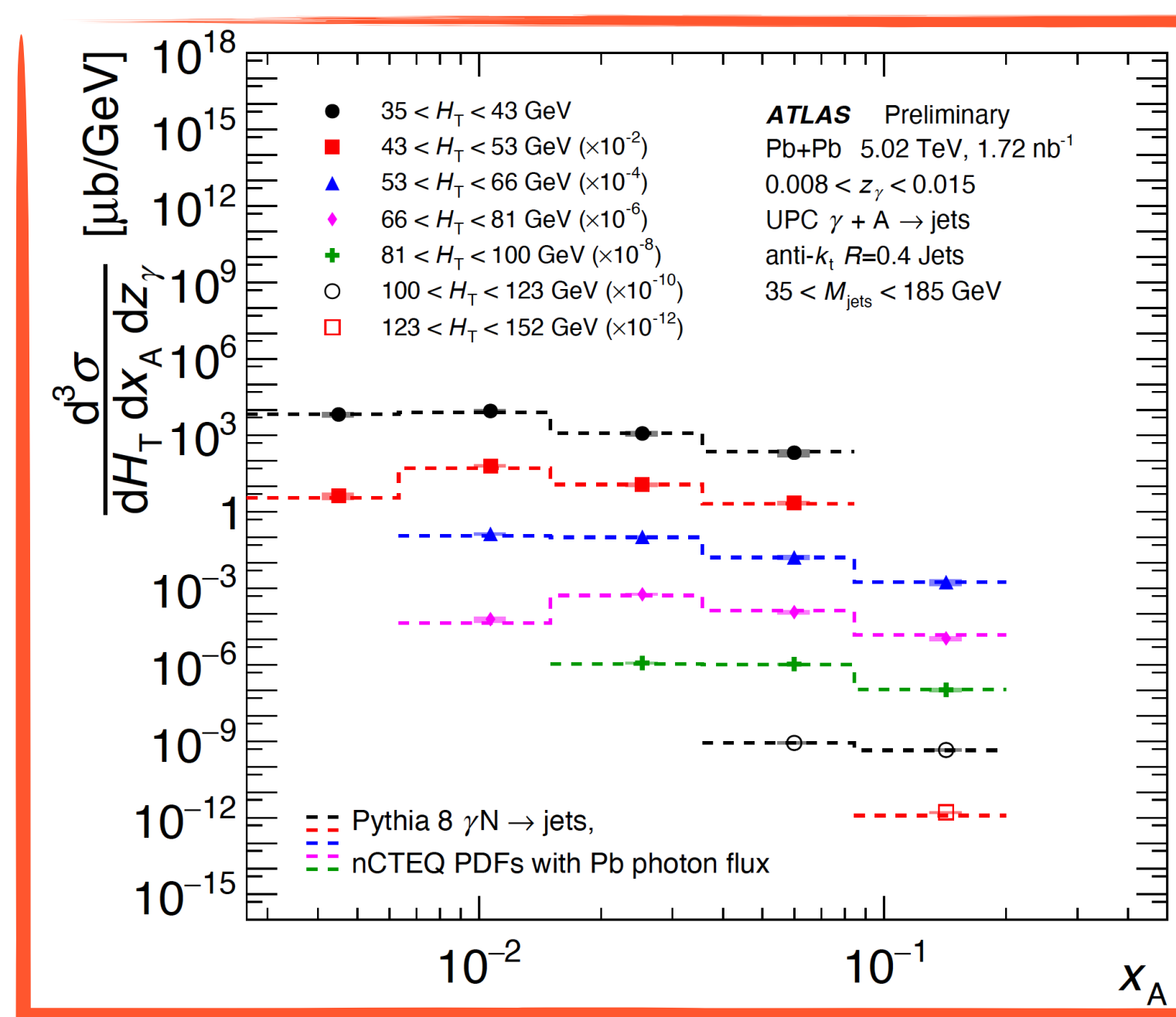
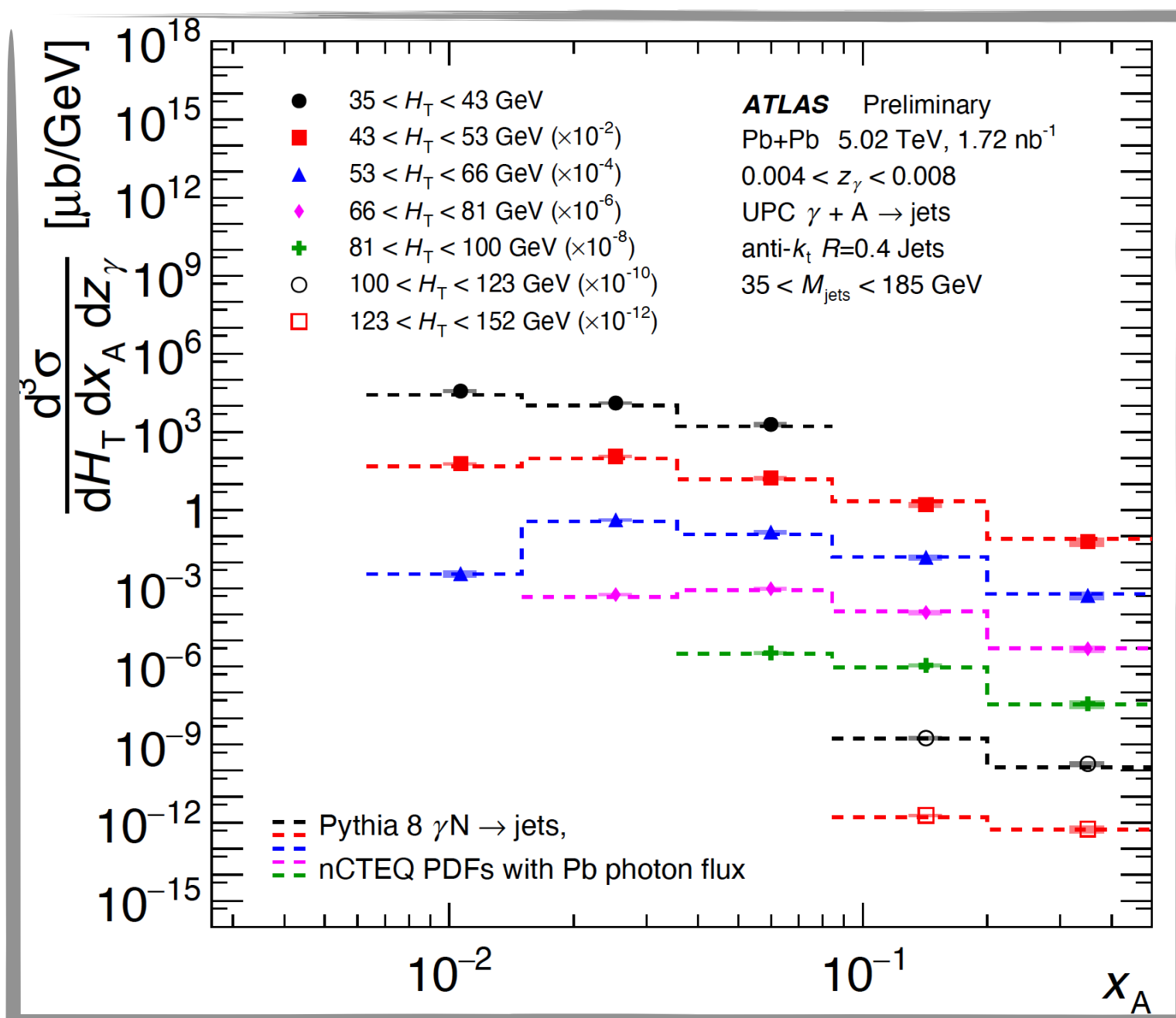


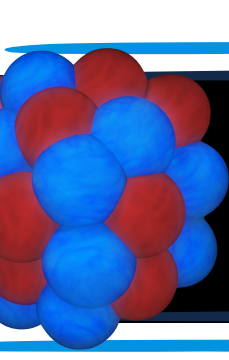
Full ZDC+RPD on Pb-going side



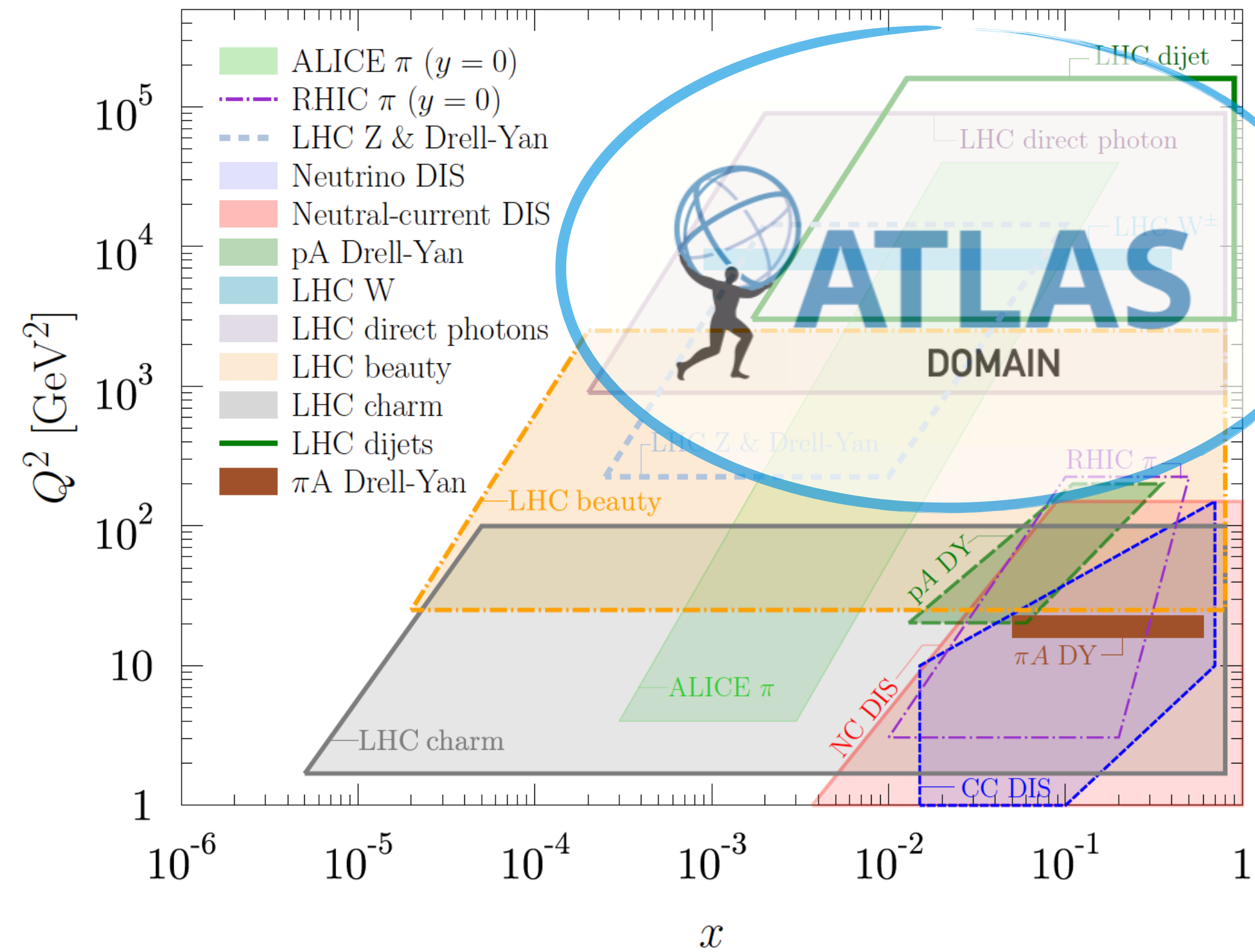
Unprecedented data taking & forward detection capabilities for neutral particles
Several opportunities for cosmic-ray interpretation-related measurements!

UPC DIJETS - SCANNING THE NUCLEUS W/ PHOTONS





NPDF - CURRENT PICTURE



(x, Q^2) Phase space coverage of data currently available on the market

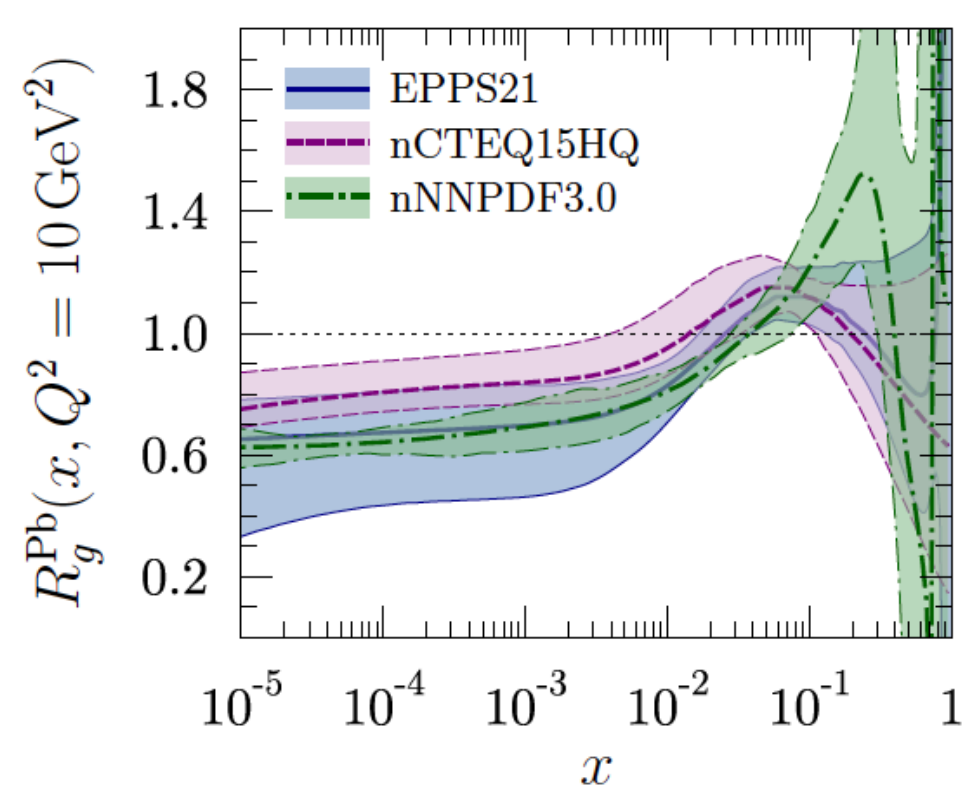
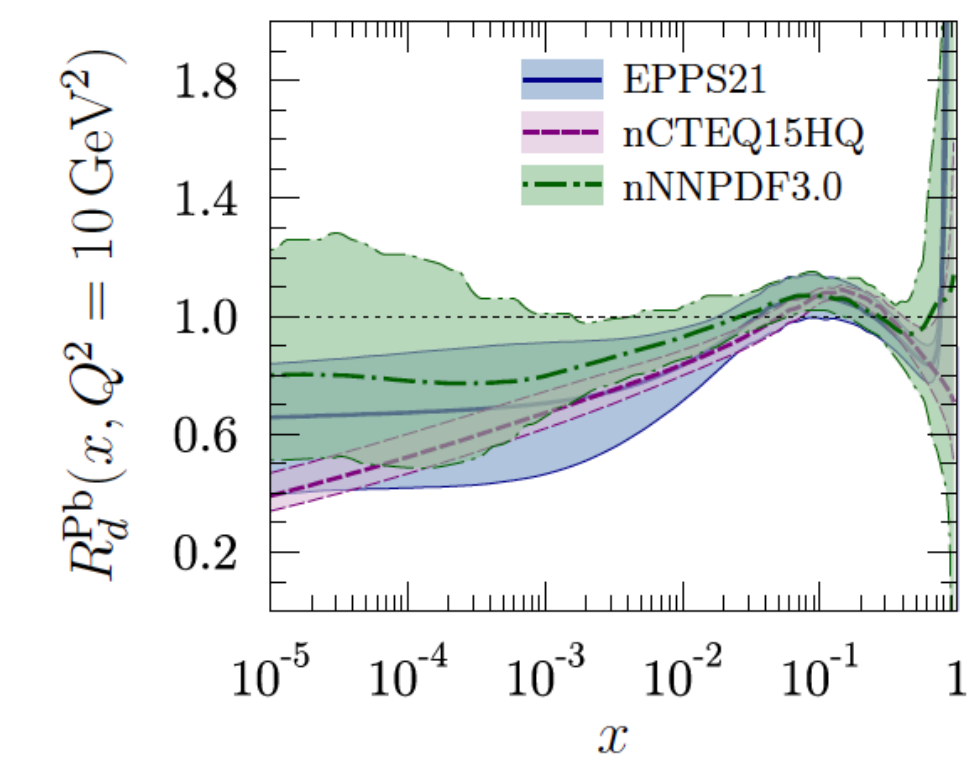
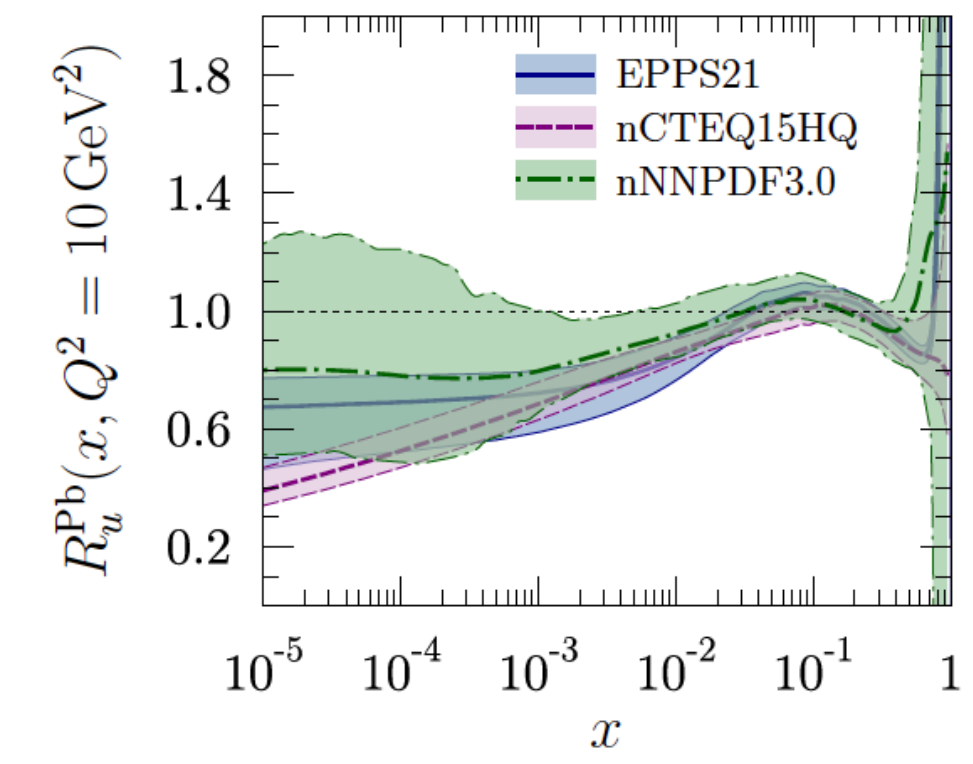
Taken from Klasen & Paukkunen

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Large variety of data from different experiments, spanning over a wide (x, Q^2) range, down to $x \sim 10^{-5}$

Different combinations of these data included in different nPDF parametrizations:

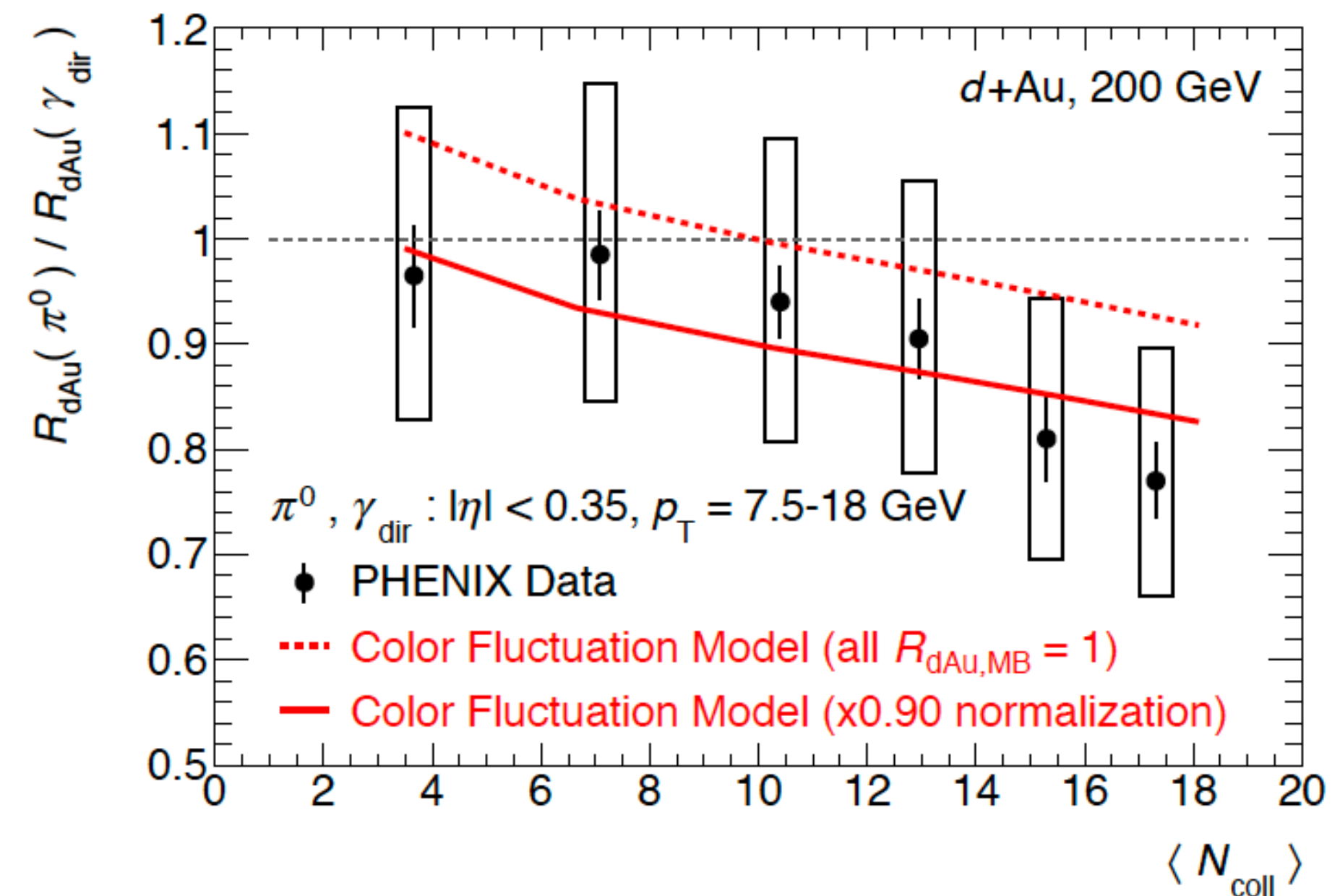
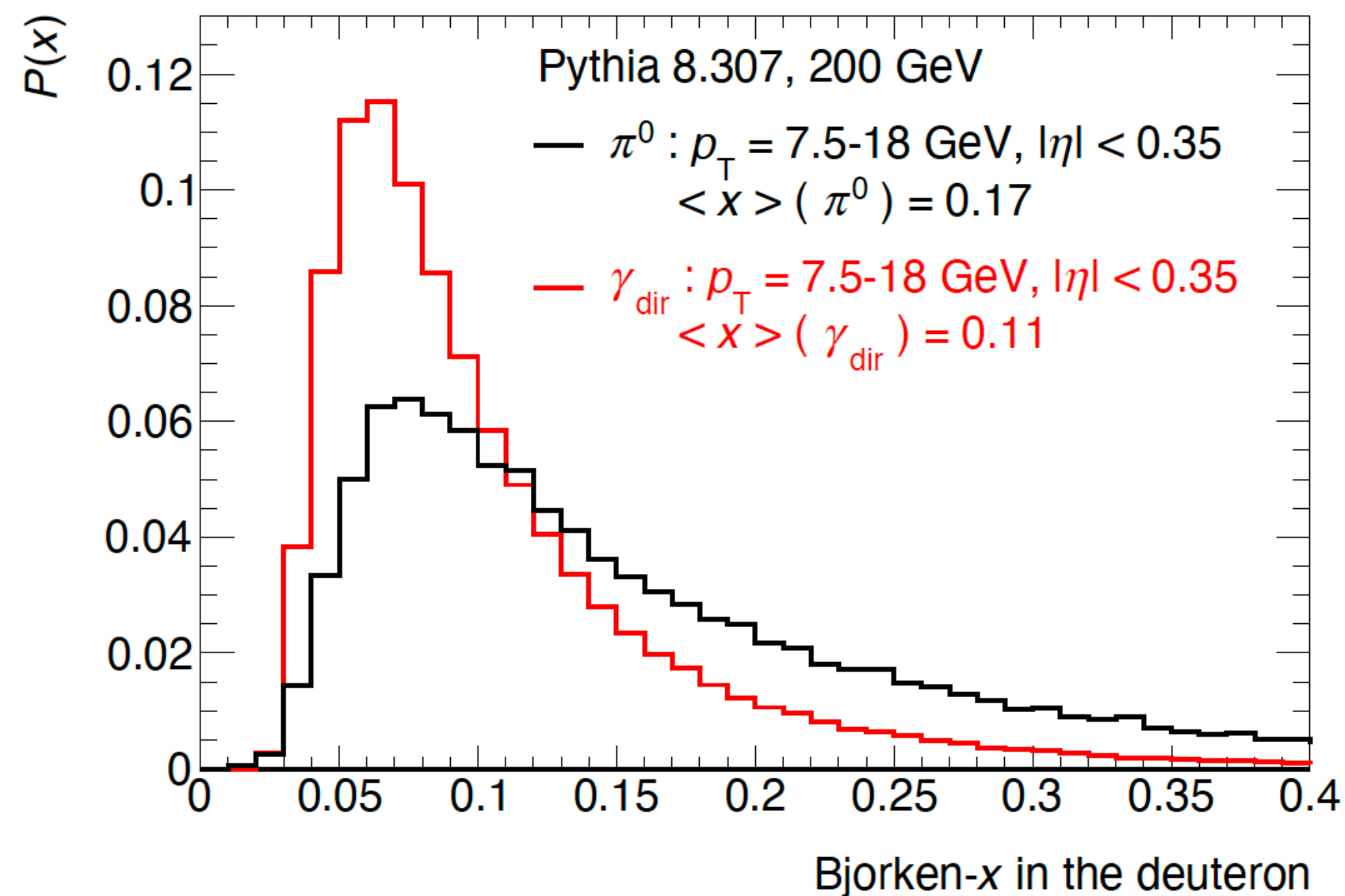
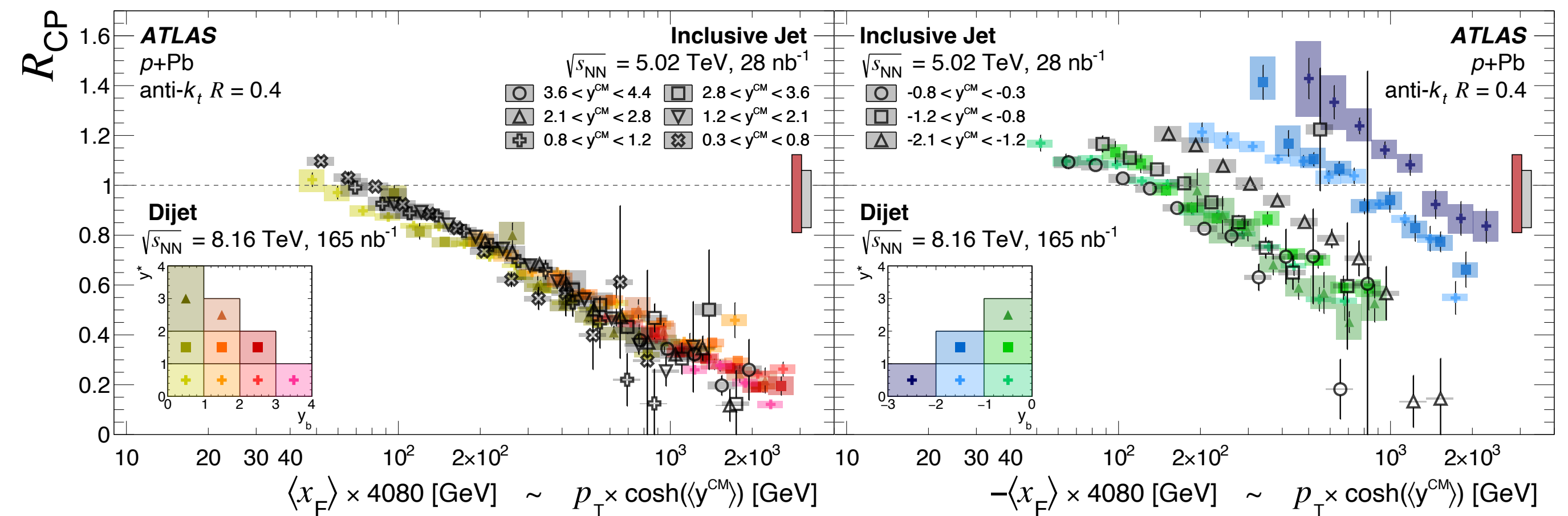
- EPPS21**
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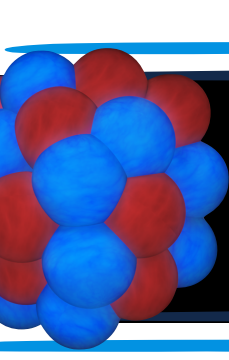


COLOR FLUCTUATIONS RELEVANCE: MOST RECENT EXAMPLE

Color fluctuations modeling recently helped in explaining recent PHENIX 'controversial' results on the production of high p_T π^0 and direct γ in d+Au collisions

D.Perepelitsa, Phys. Rev. C 110, L011901



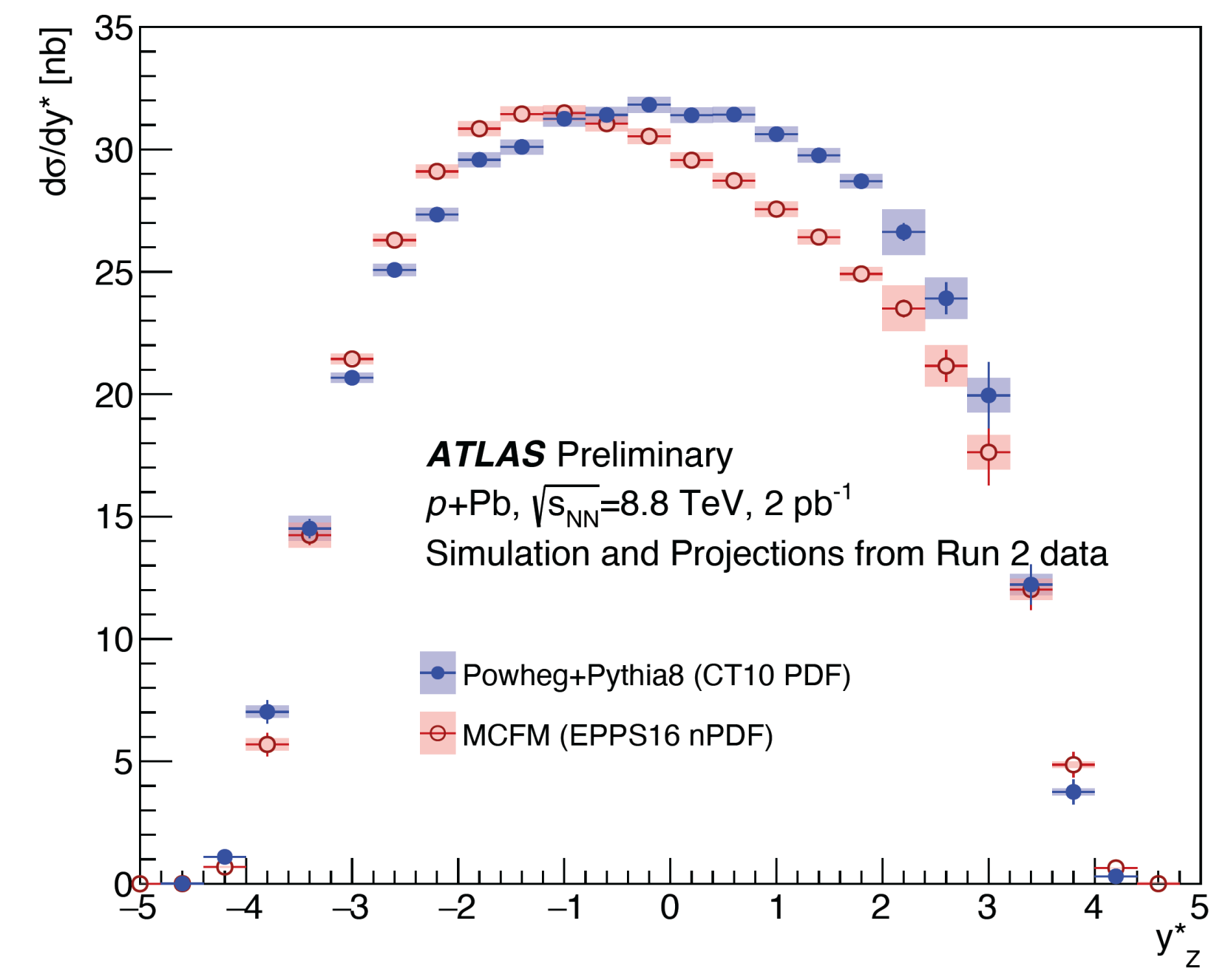
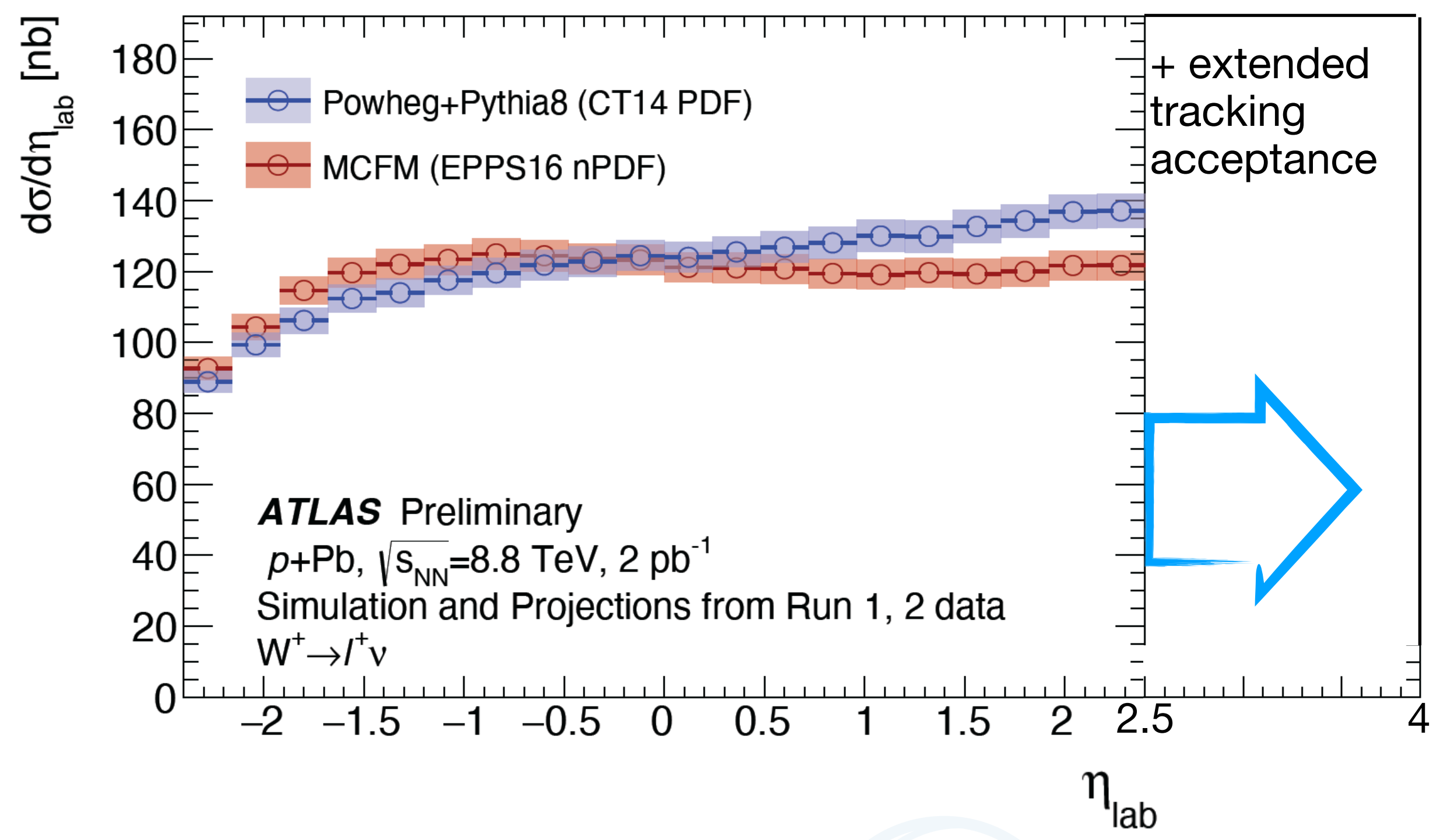


RUN4: NPDF ORIENTED MEASUREMENTS



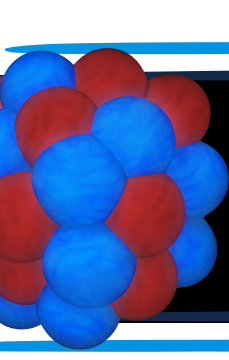
W AND Z BOSONS PRODUCTION

High-precision nPDF-related measurements with improved detection performance thanks to extended tracking & calorimeter upgrade



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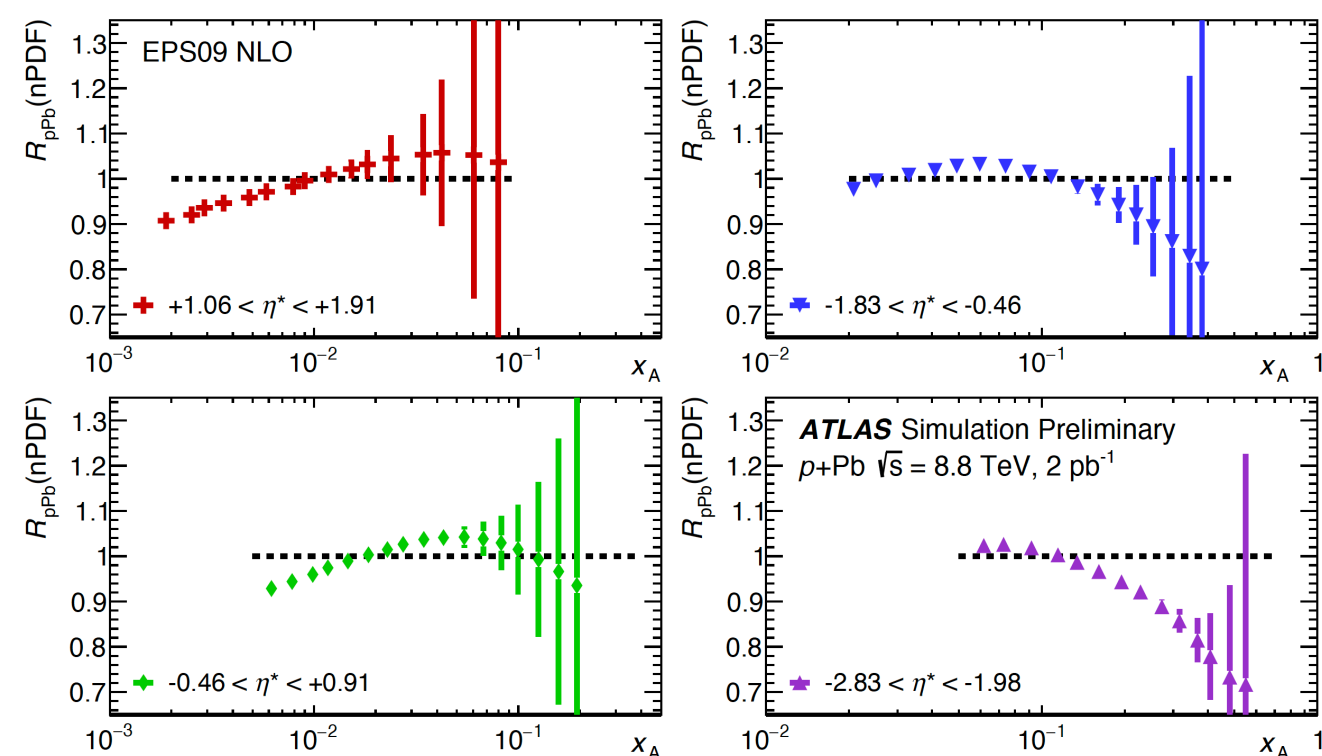
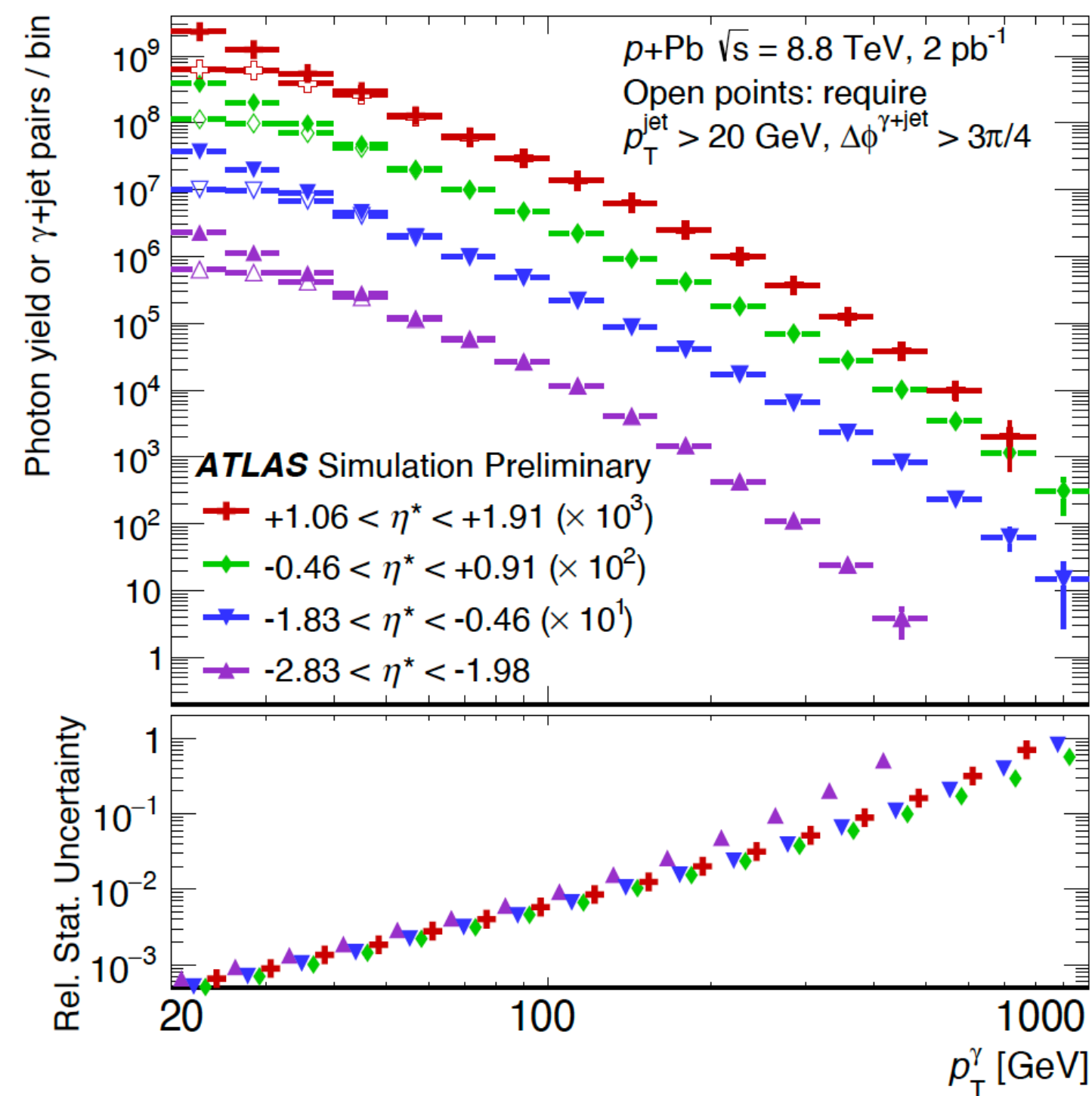
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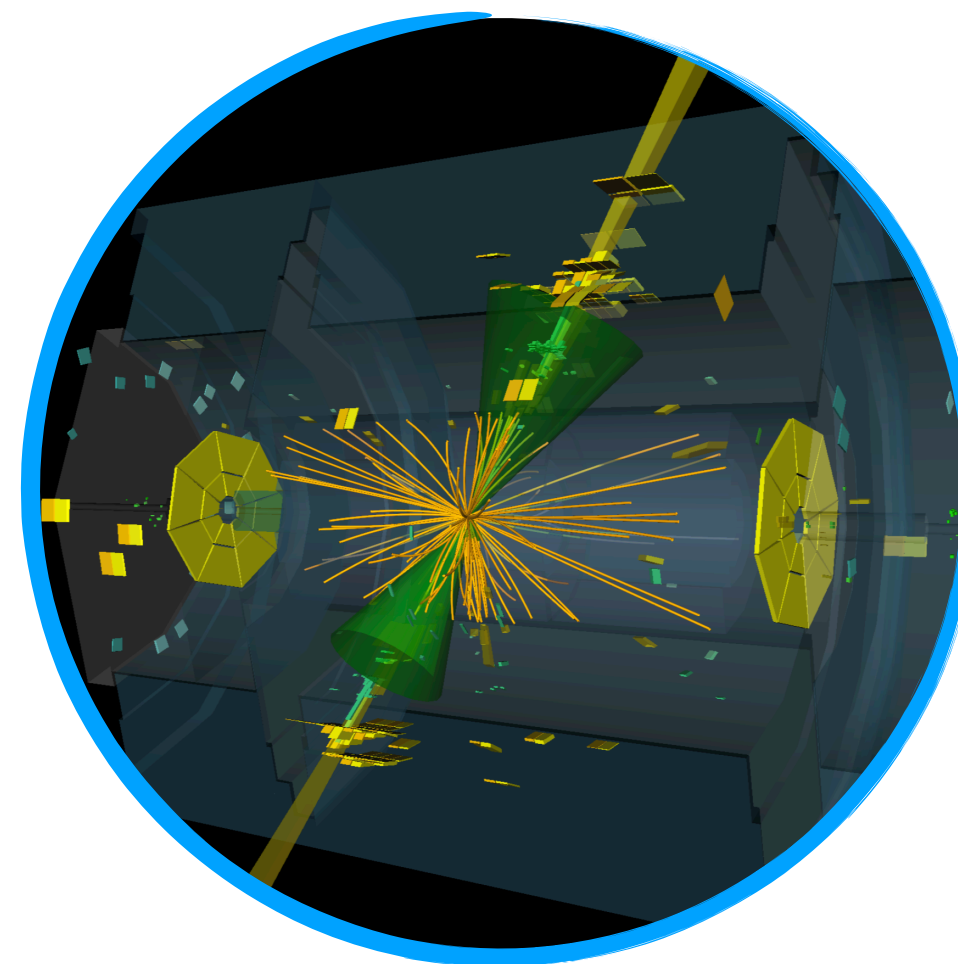
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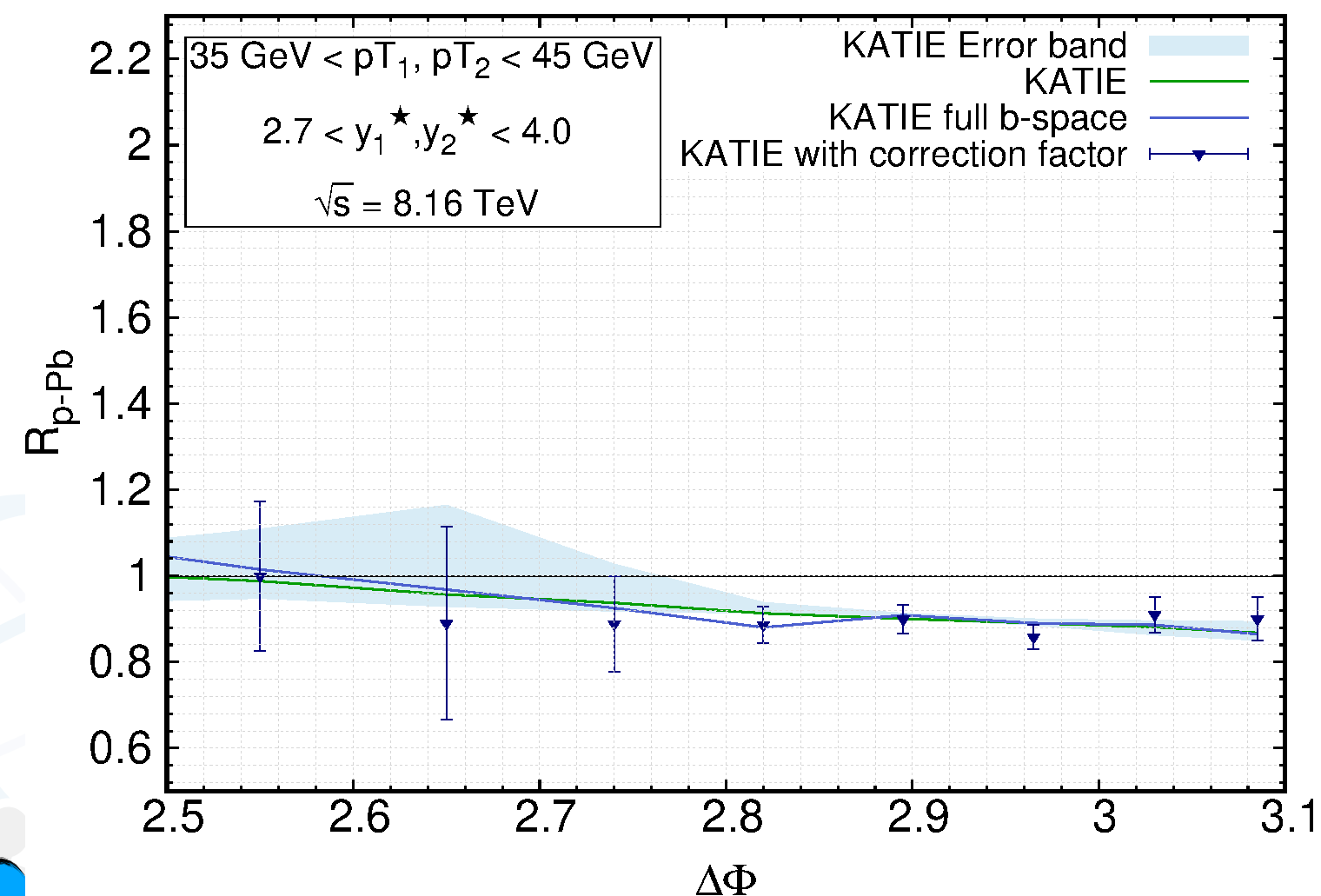
γ +JET PRODUCTION



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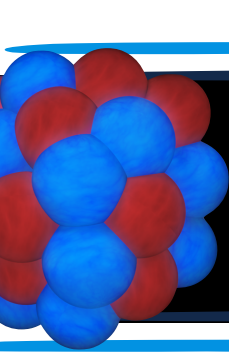
Multi-differential cross-section extraction using full acceptance of ATLAS calorimeter



Van Hameren et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 83 (2023) 10, 947
Forward dijets to search for saturation onset

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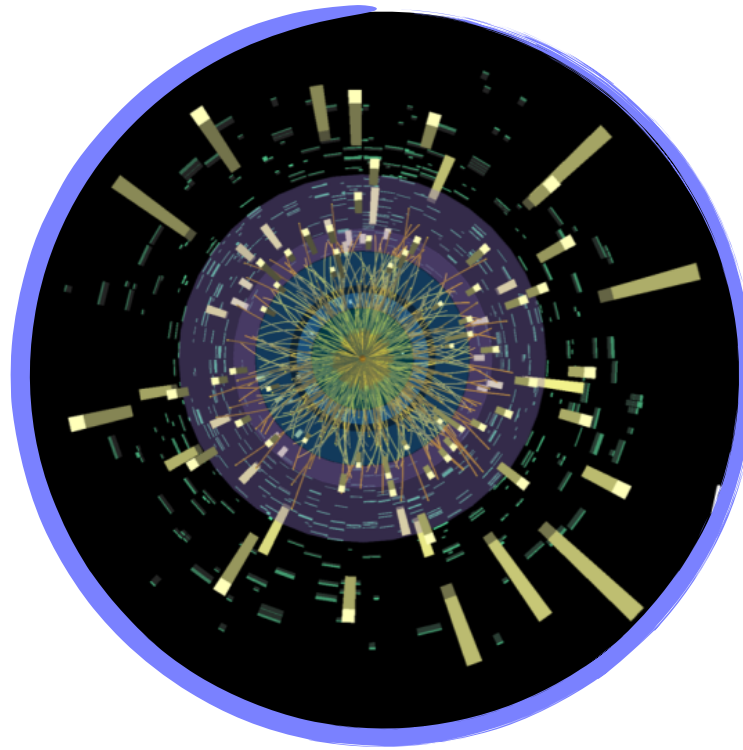


P+A @ ATLAS HISTORY



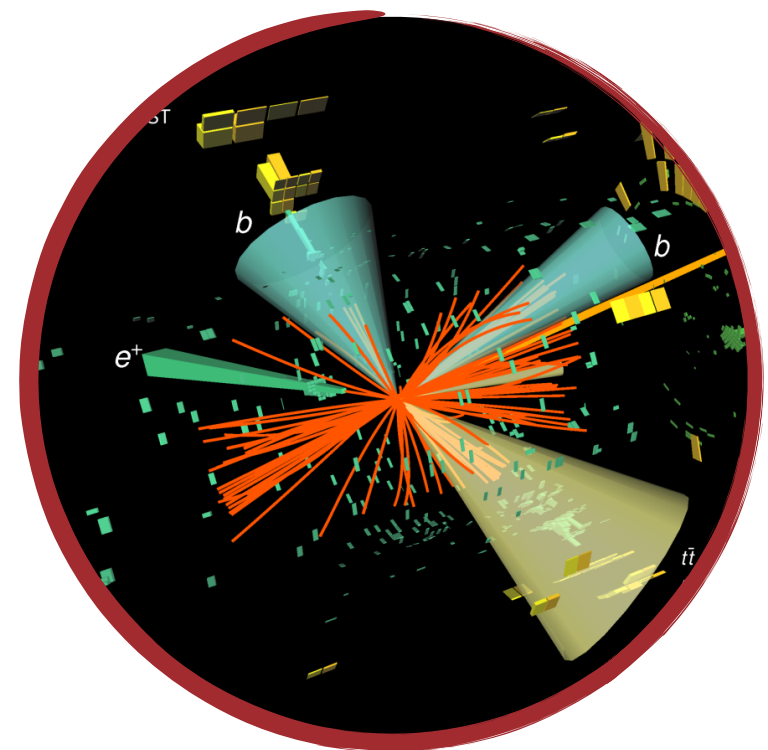
RUN 1

RUN 2



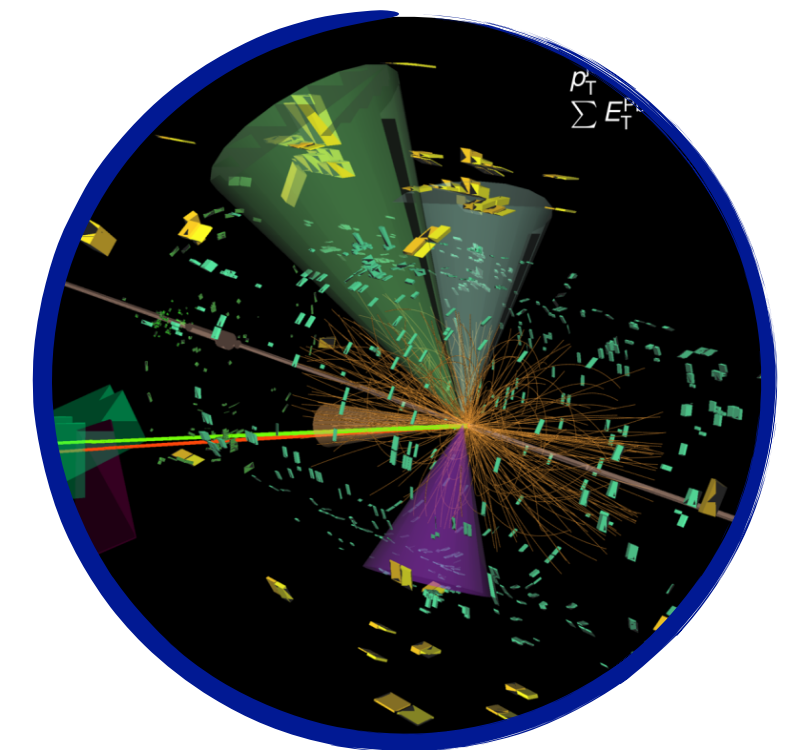
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p+Pb @ 5.02 TeV
1 μb^{-1}

2013
p+Pb @ 5.02 TeV
29.8 nb^{-1}



2016
p+Pb @ 5.02 TeV
330 μb^{-1}

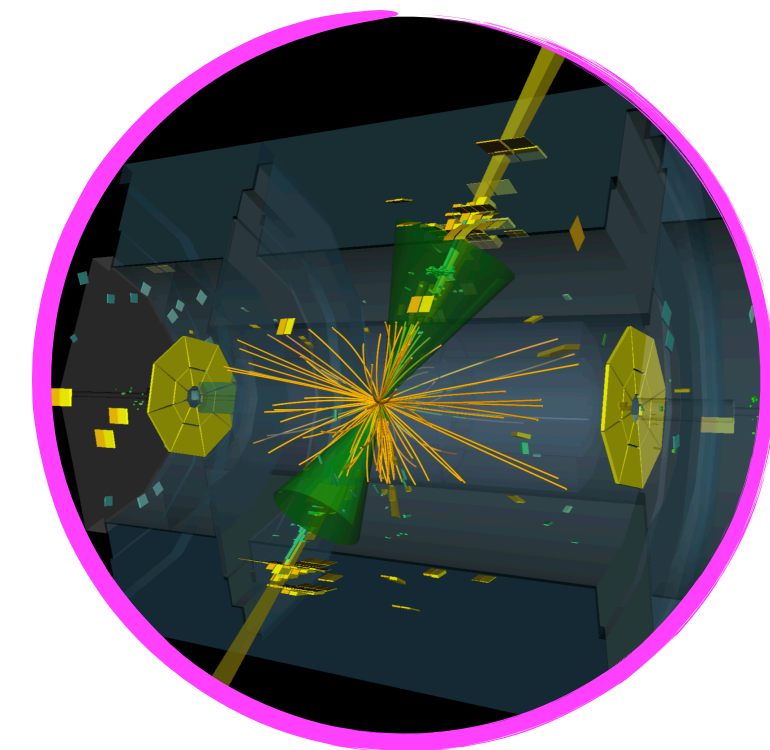
2016
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165 nb^{-1}



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COLLECTIVITY AND BULK PROPERTIES

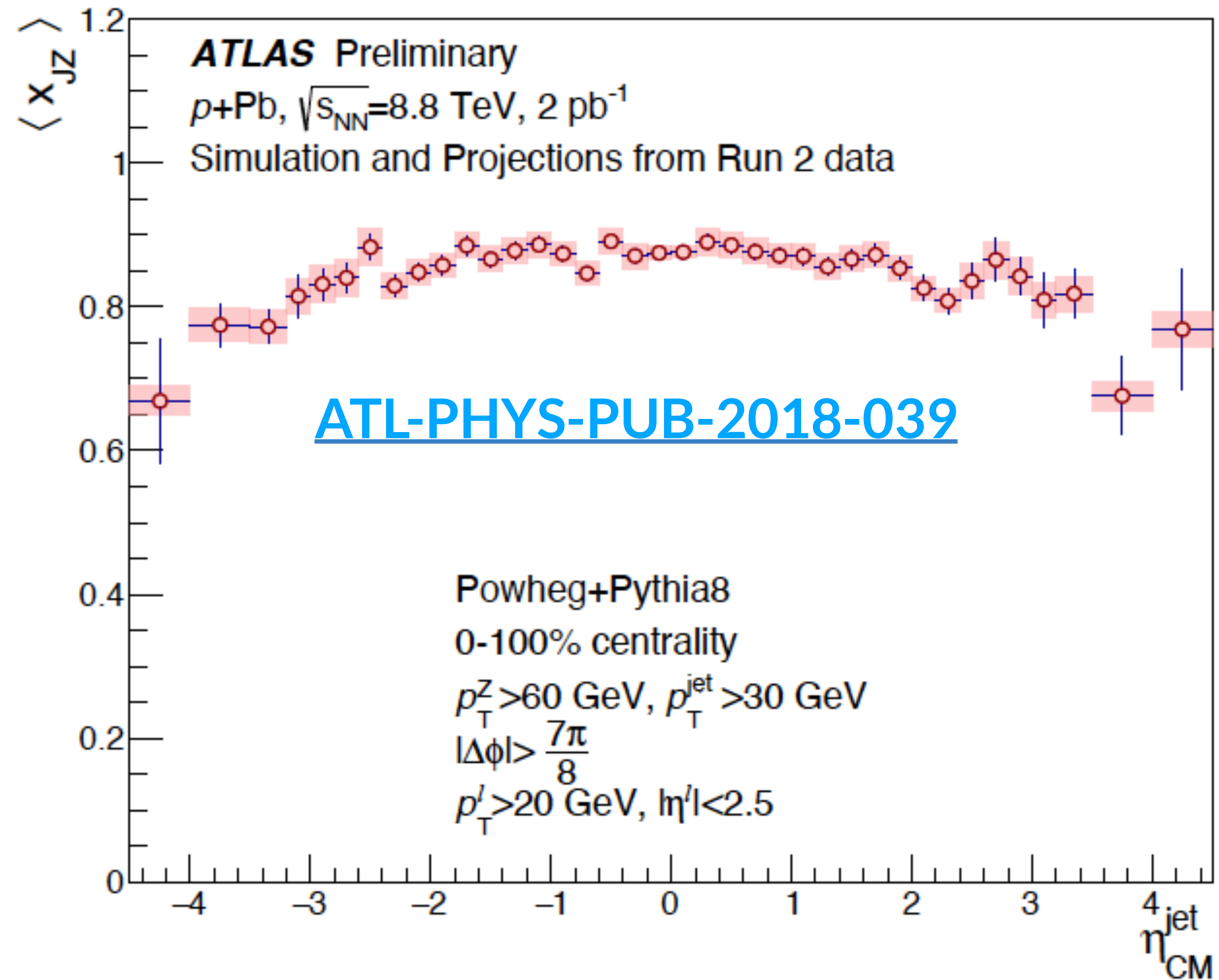
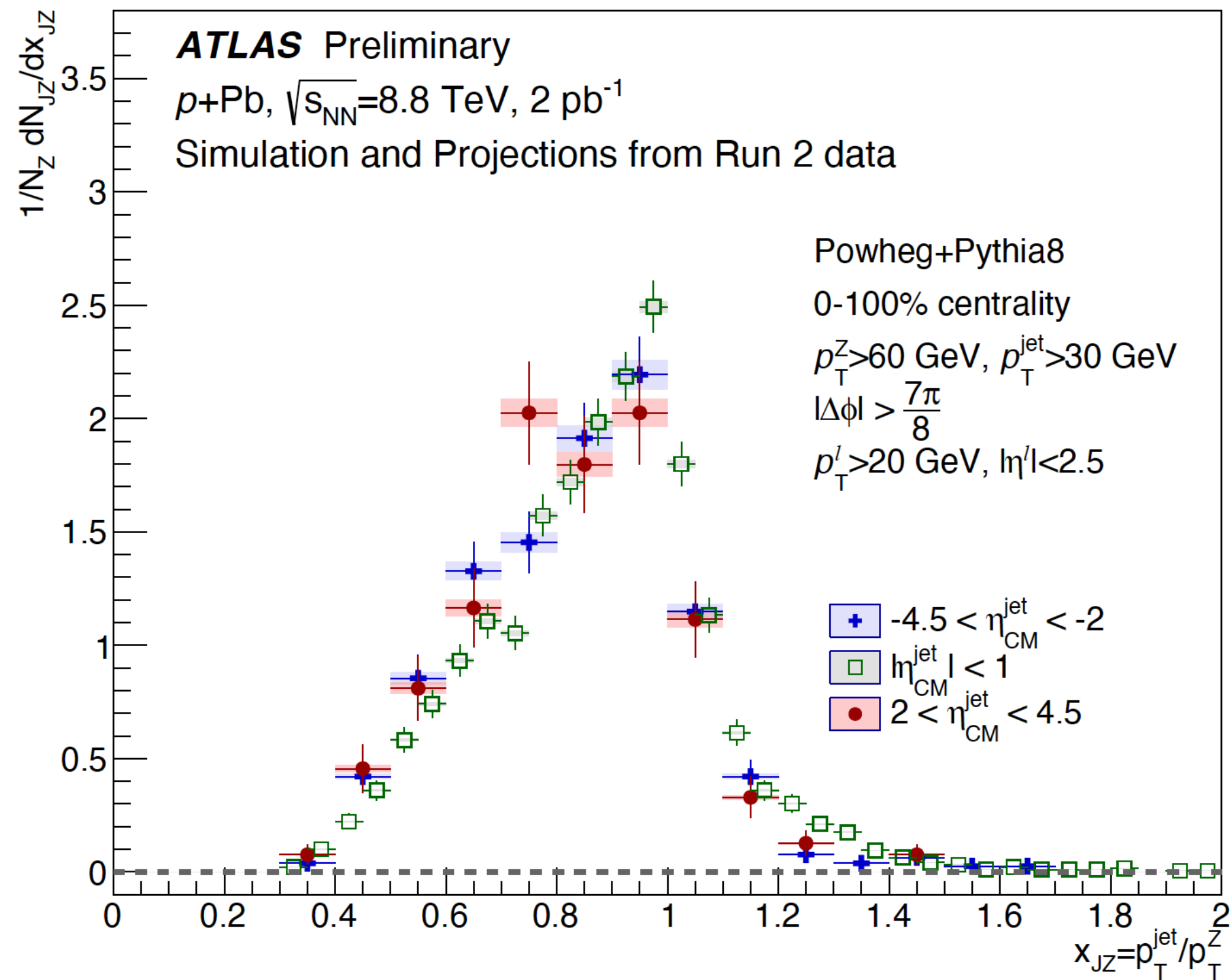
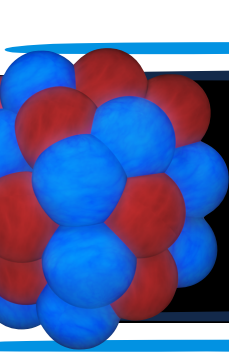
SATURATION PHYSICS

ENERGY LOSS (?)

COLOR FLUCTUATIONS

NUCLEAR EFFECTS ON PDFS

NUCLEAR MODIFICATION



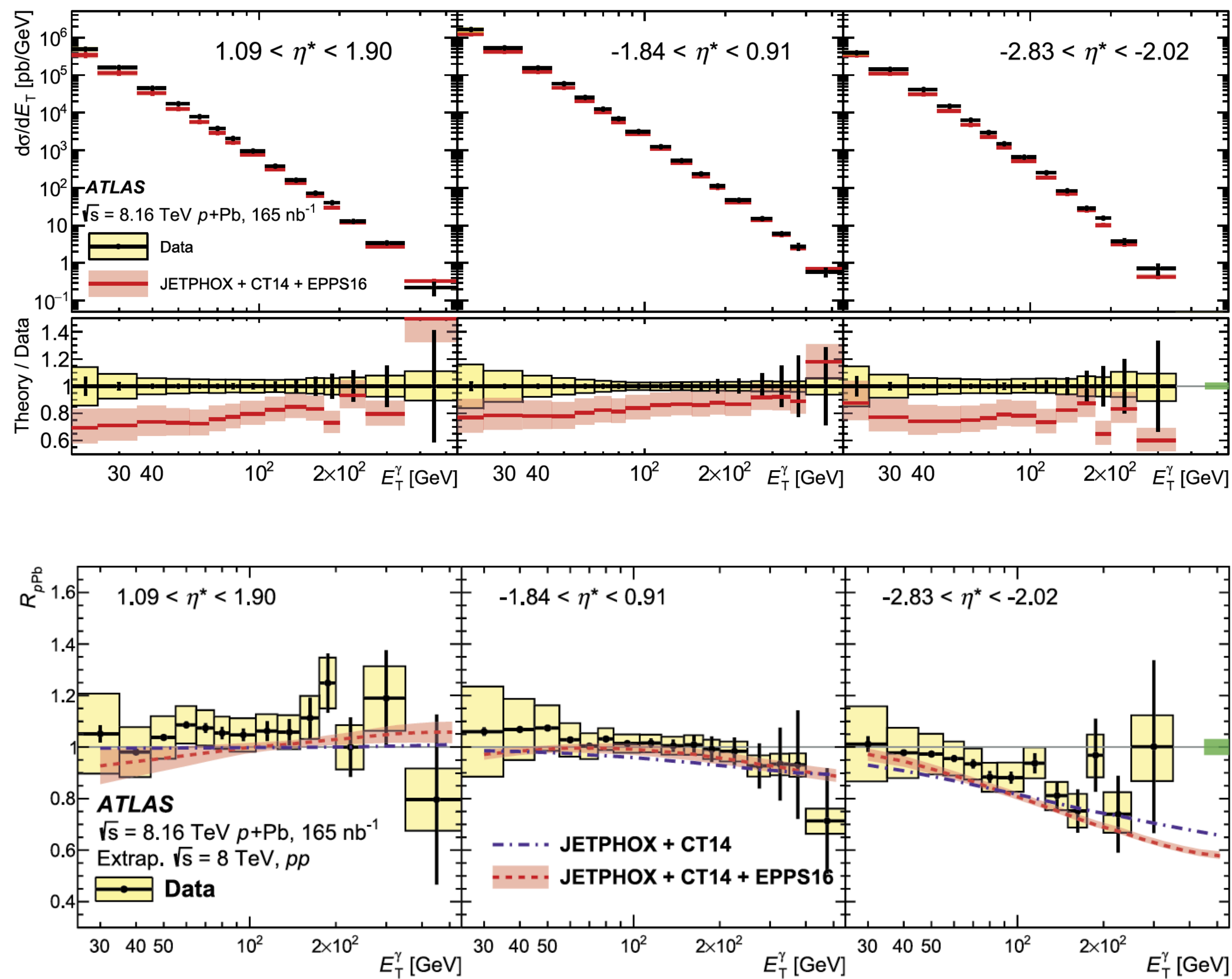
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Advantages: theoretically \rightarrow the large Z boson mass sharply reduces fragmentation and decay contributions; experimentally \rightarrow smaller backgrounds

Study of CNM effects and nPDFs



NPDF STUDIES VIA PROMPT PHOTONS IN P+PB



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