

# FRAGMENTATION

IN MATTER AND IN THE VACUUM

*USING ATOMIC NUCLEI AS SPATIAL ANALYZERS*

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# OUTLINE

WHY COLOR PROPAGATION IS INTERESTING

SPACE-TIME PROPERTIES OF SIDIS

THE BROOKS-LOPEZ GEOMETRICAL MODEL OF  
SIDIS ON NUCLEI

MEASUREMENTS: HERMES, JLAB, LHC

FUTURE PROSPECTS: JLAB, LHC, EIC

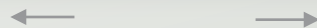
# COLOR PROPAGATION: WHY IS IT INTERESTING?

RESTORATION OF COLOR NEUTRALITY IN HIGH  
ENERGY INTERACTIONS IS DYNAMICAL  
ENFORCEMENT OF **CONFINEMENT**

PRECISION PQCD RELIES ON THE CONCEPT OF  
**FACTORIZATION**

FUNDAMENTAL STRONG INTERACTION  
**THERMODYNAMICS**

NON-ADIABATIC COLOR DYNAMICS: QUANTUM  
COLOR **FLUCTUATIONS**



# Terminology!

## ***Production length and production time:***

The time or distance required for a colored system to evolve into a color singlet system.

Historical term; can be estimated in models.

A “colored system” can be a quark, a gluon, a color dipole, etc.

## ***Color lifetime, lifetime of highly virtual quark:***

Means the same thing as “production time”



# HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS I WILL SHOW

COLOR LIFETIME (COLD MATTER AND VACUUM)

CONSTRAINTS ON FUNCTIONAL FORM OF  
COLOR LIFETIME

TIME DILATION OF COLOR LIFETIME

CONFIRMATION OF LUND STRING CONSTANT

PREDICTION: COLOR LIFETIME AT EIC ENERGIES

QUARK ENERGY LOSS IN COLD MATTER

# Aims

## Quark-Hadron Transition

Discover new fundamental features of hadronization

- Characteristic time distributions
- Mechanisms of color neutralization

## Quark-Nucleus Interaction

Understand how color interacts within nuclei

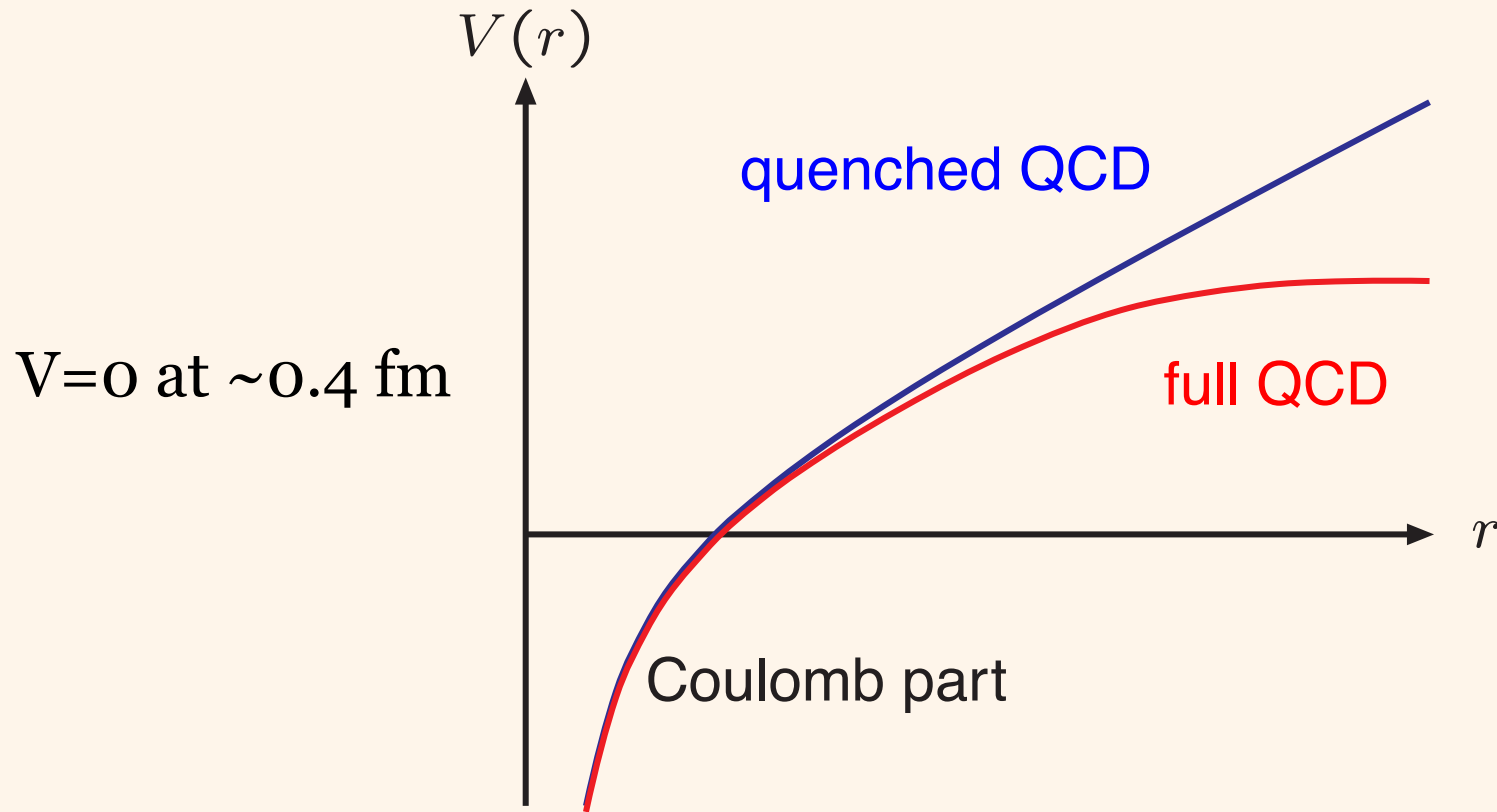
- Partonic interactions with medium (“tomography”)
  - energy loss in-medium:  $\hat{e}$
  - transverse momentum broadening:  $\hat{q}$

*Method: struck quark from DIS probes nuclei of different sizes*

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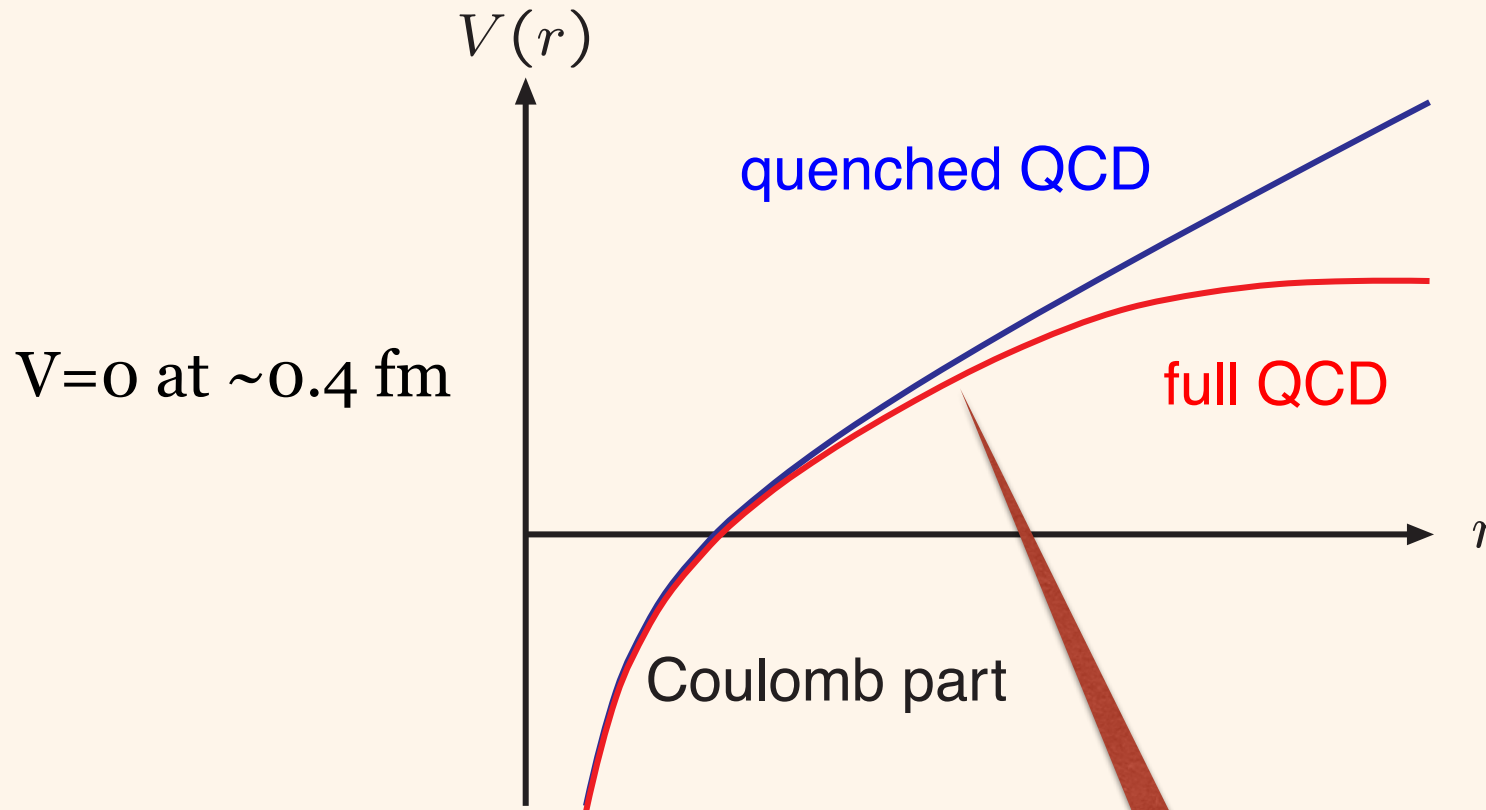
$V=0$  at  $\sim 0.4$  fm

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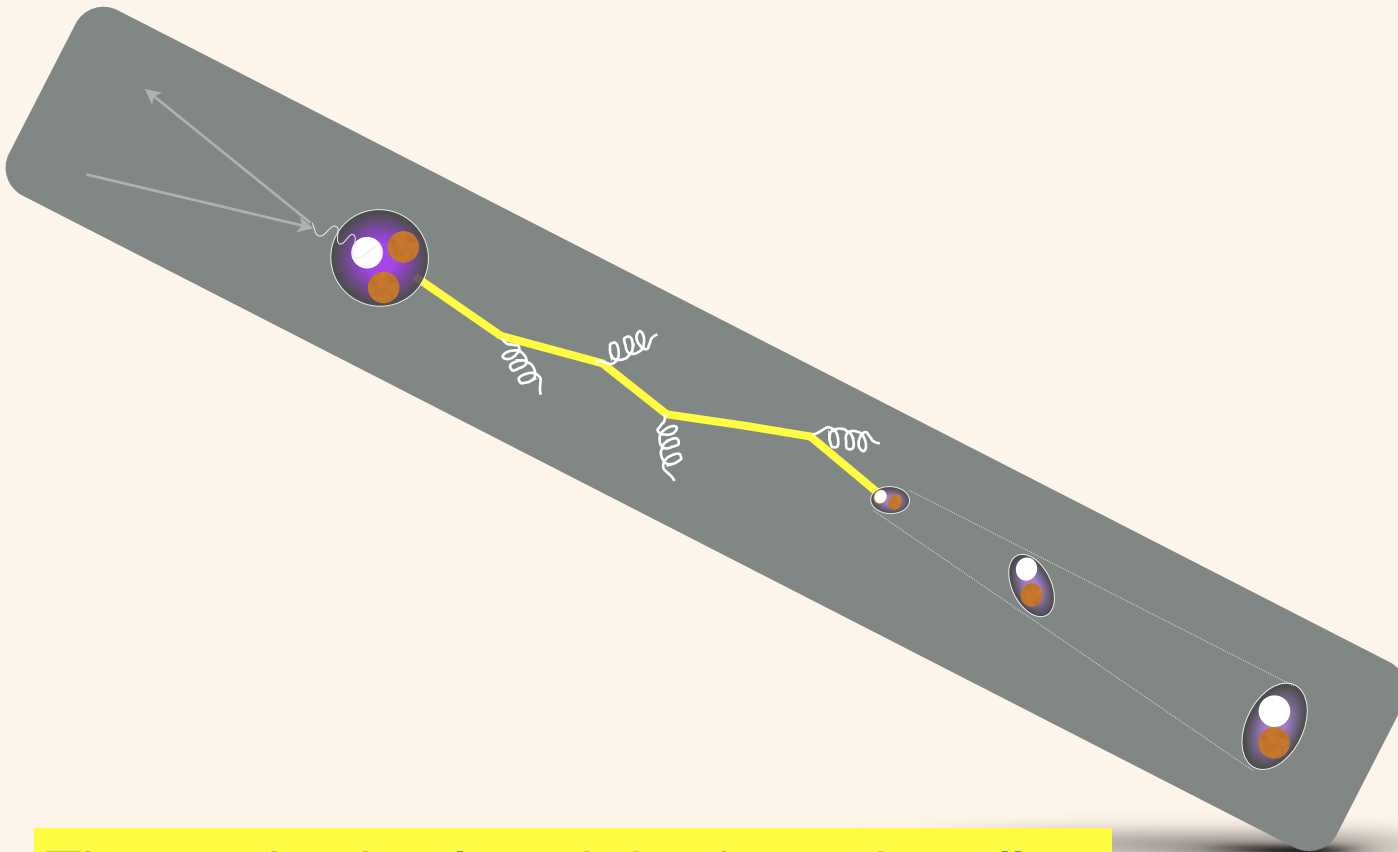
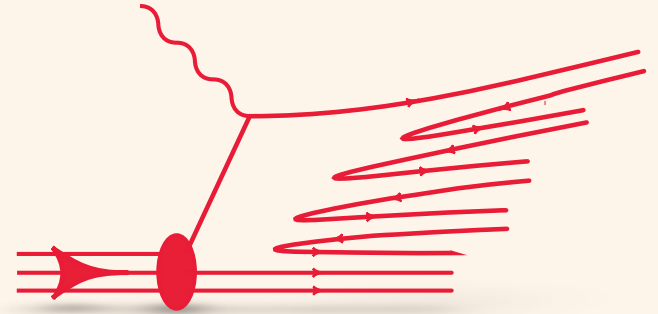


Dynamical enforcement of  
confinement begins here

Beyond  $\sim 1$  fm the potential is irrelevant but confinement is still enforced

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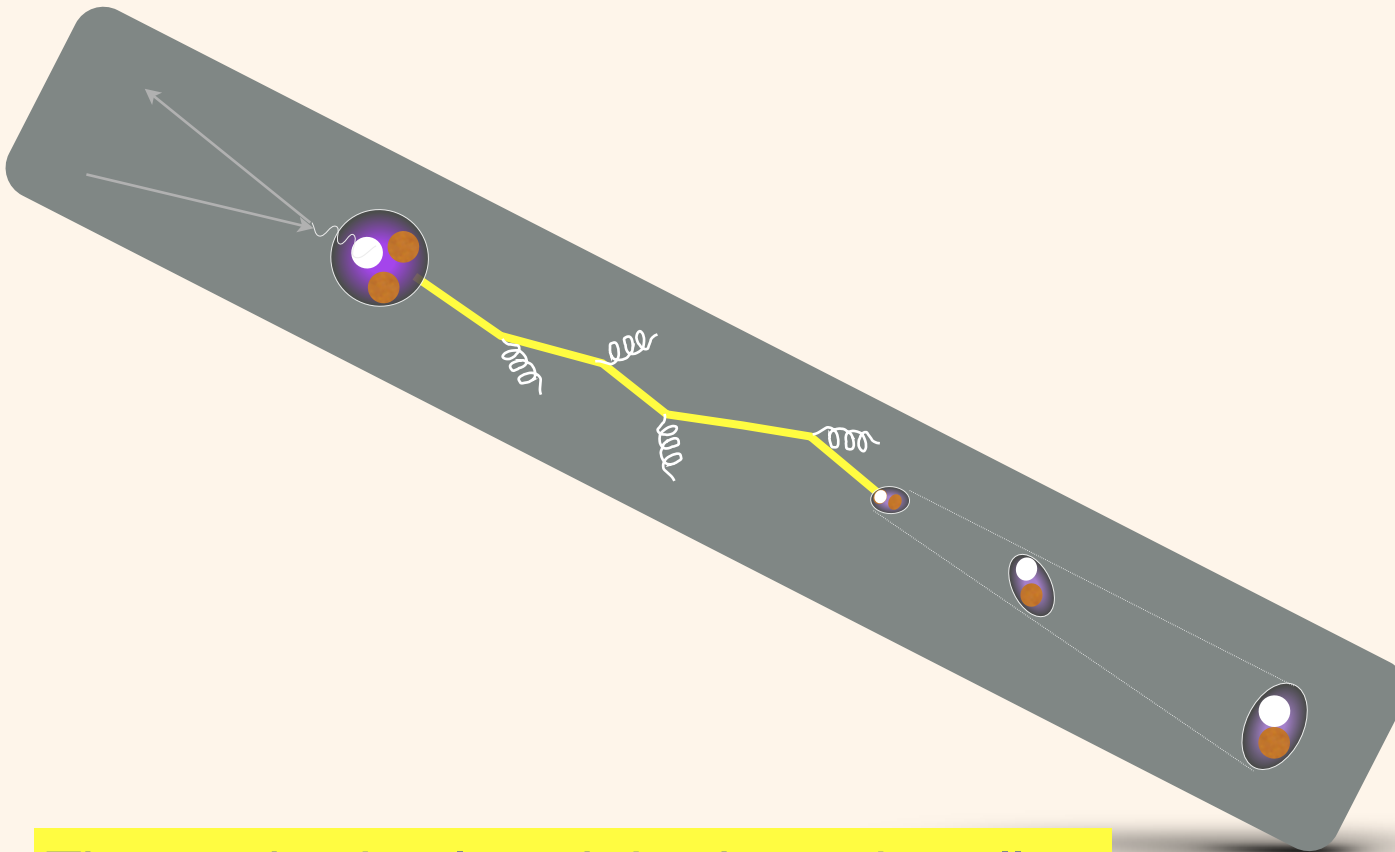
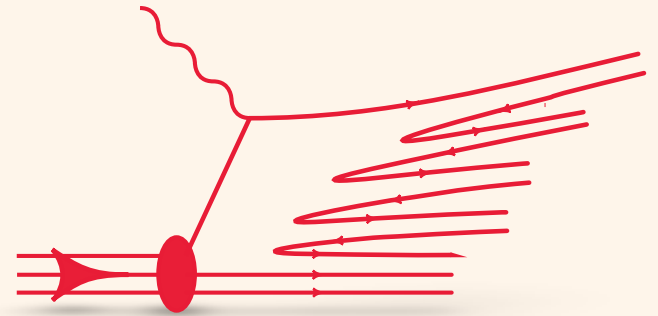


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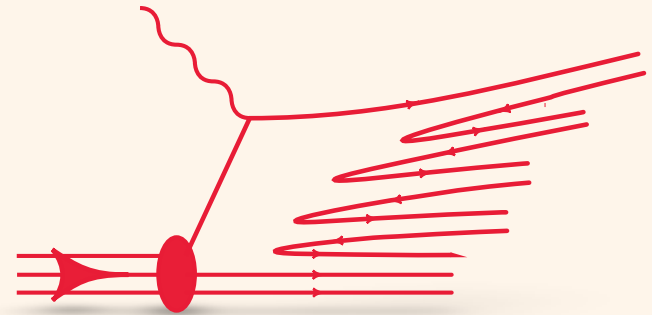


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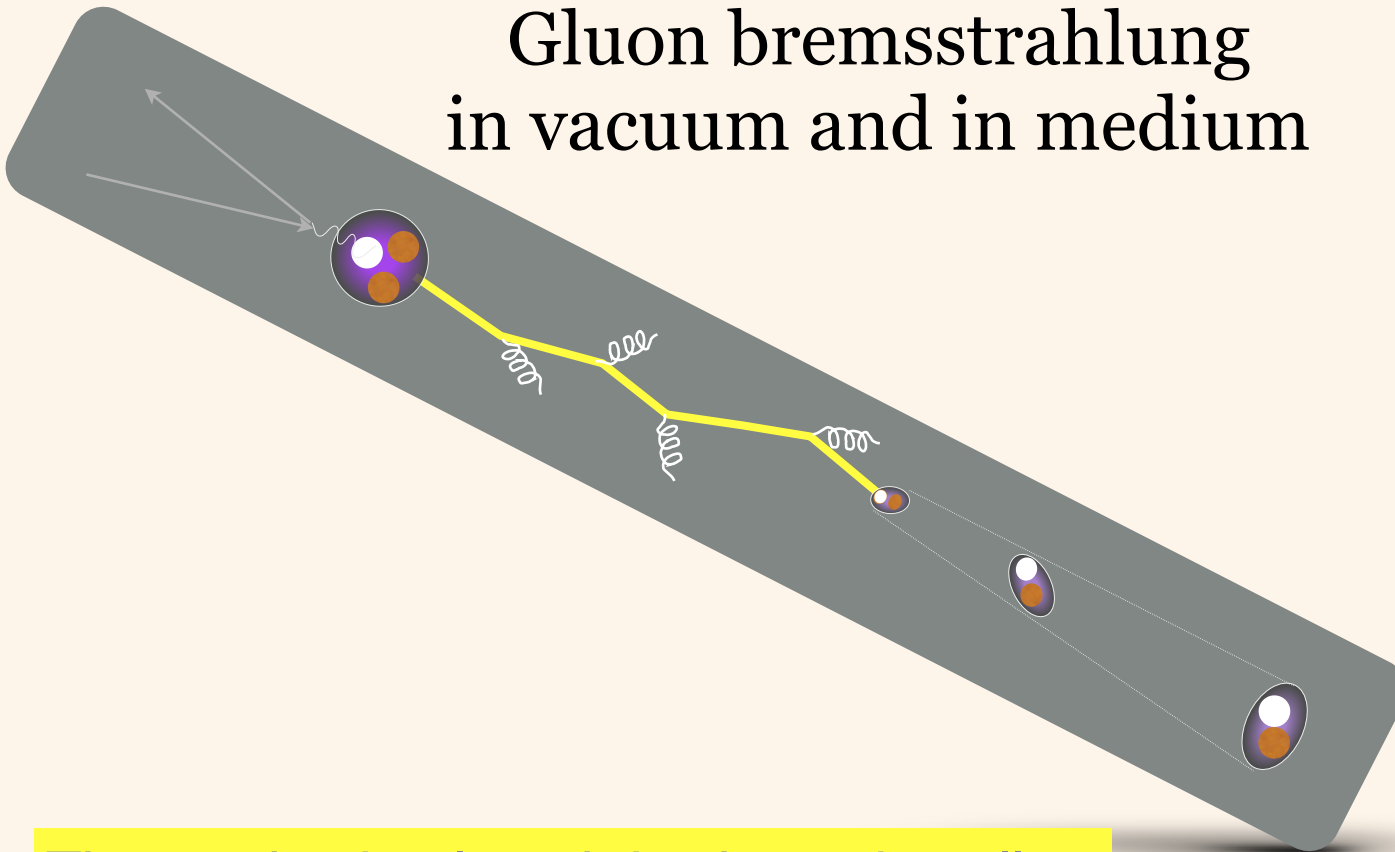
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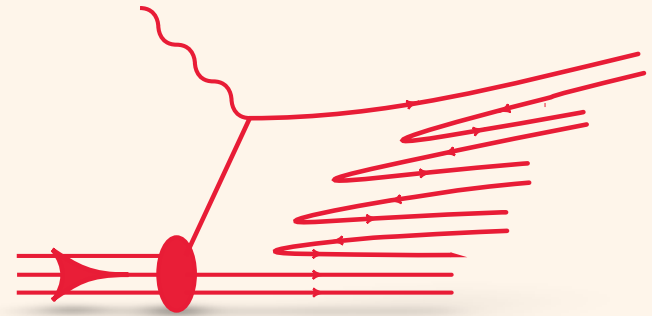


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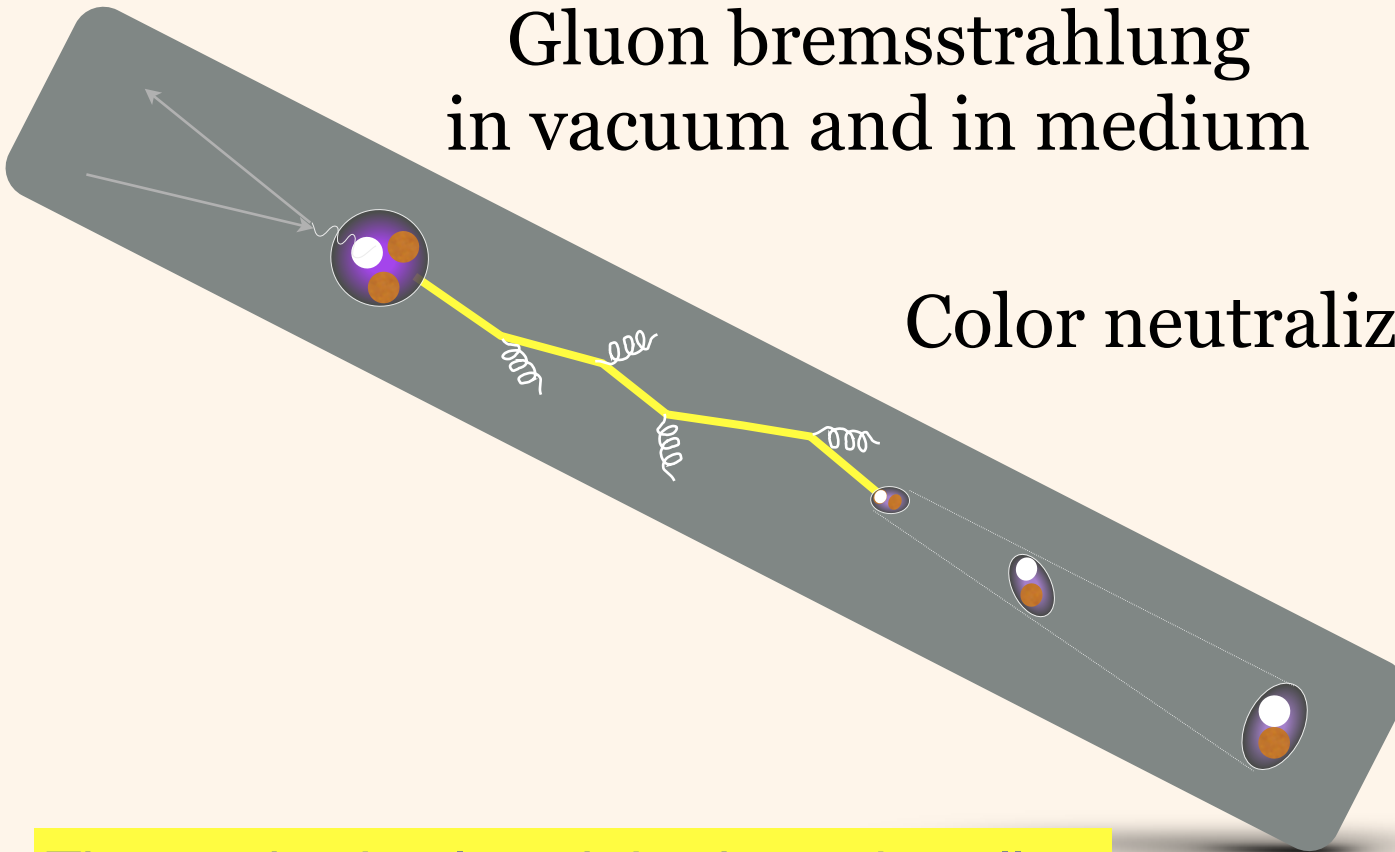
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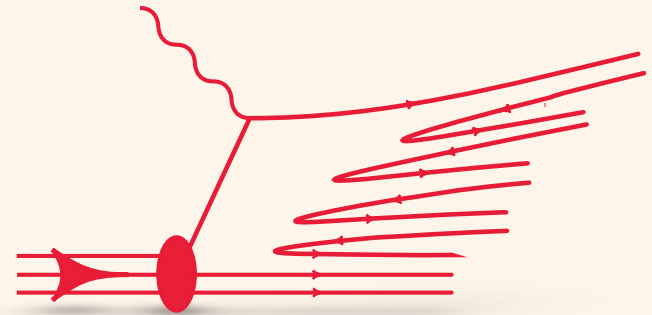


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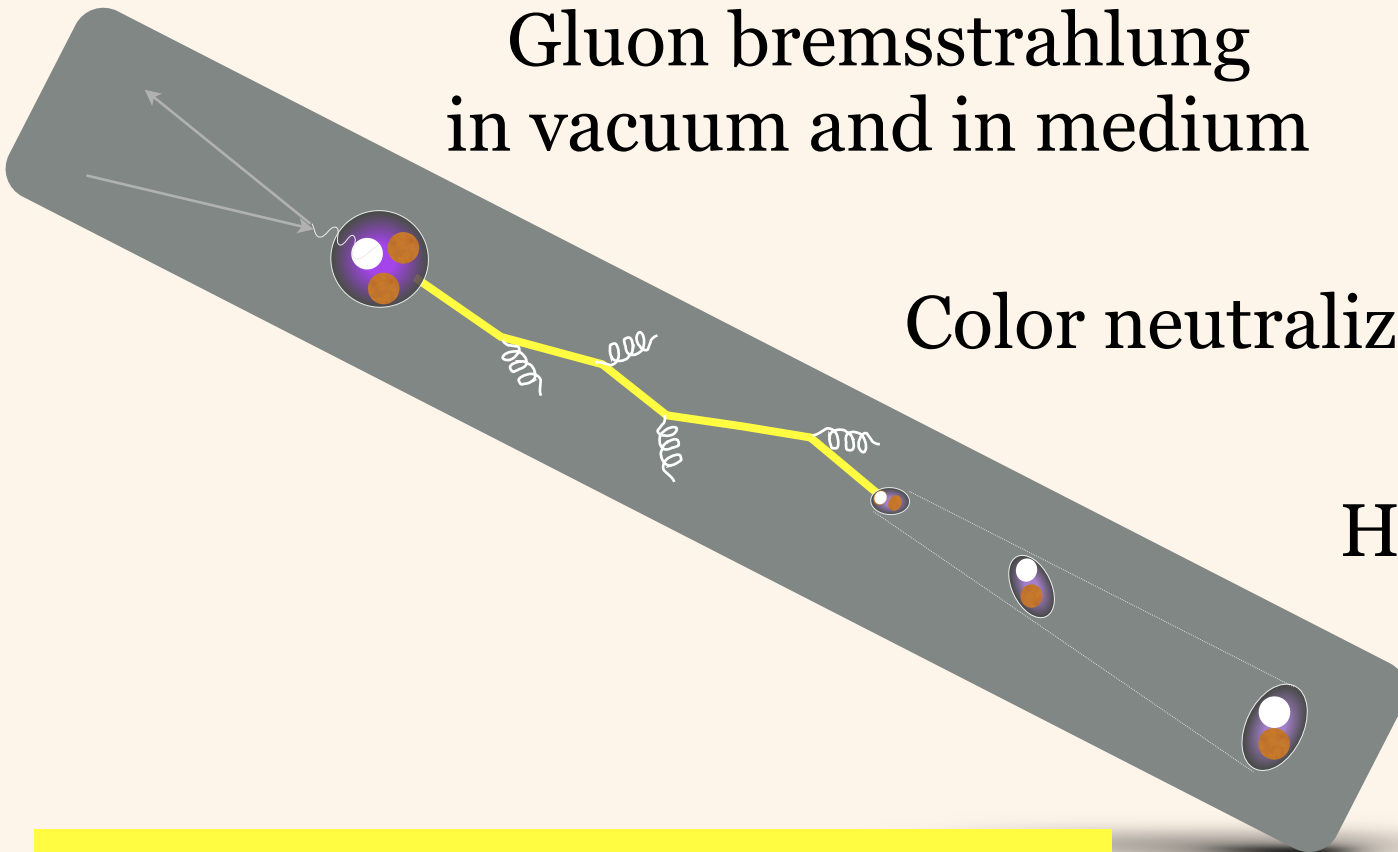
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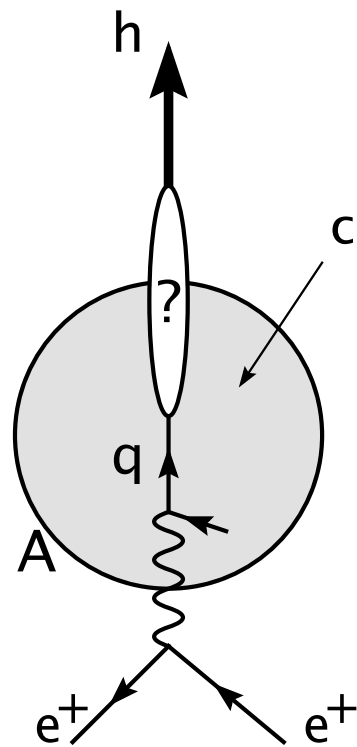


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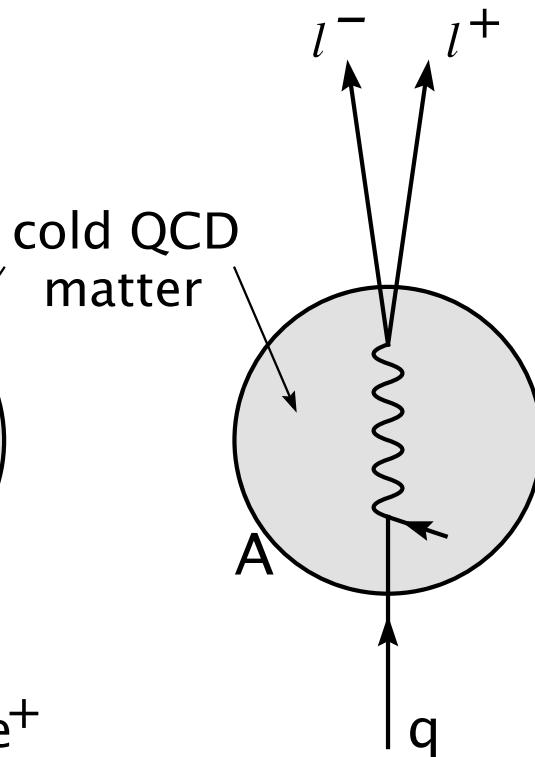
Hadron formation

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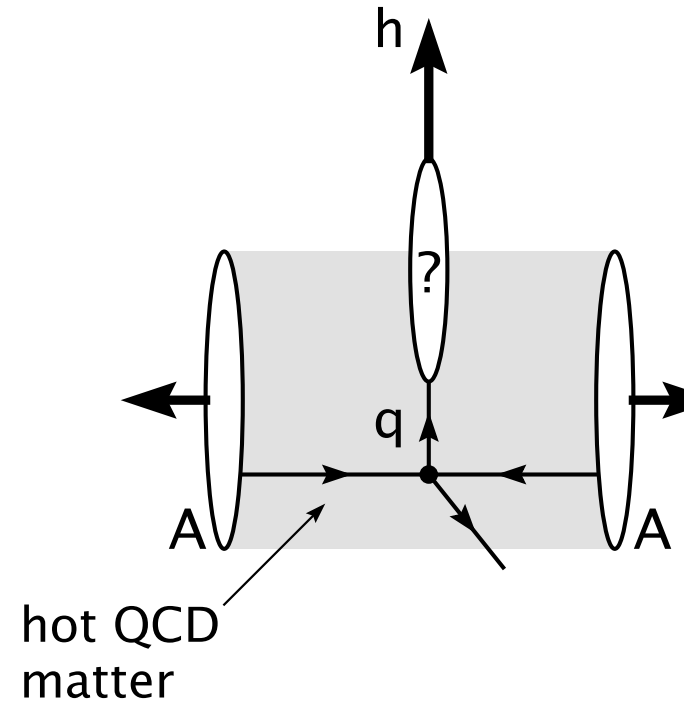
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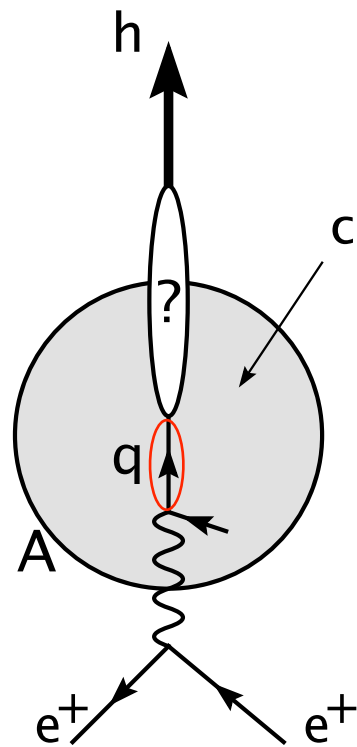


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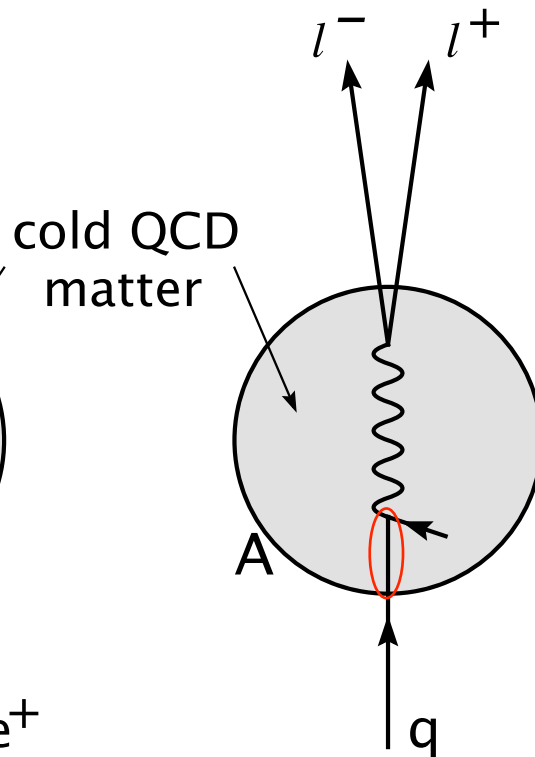


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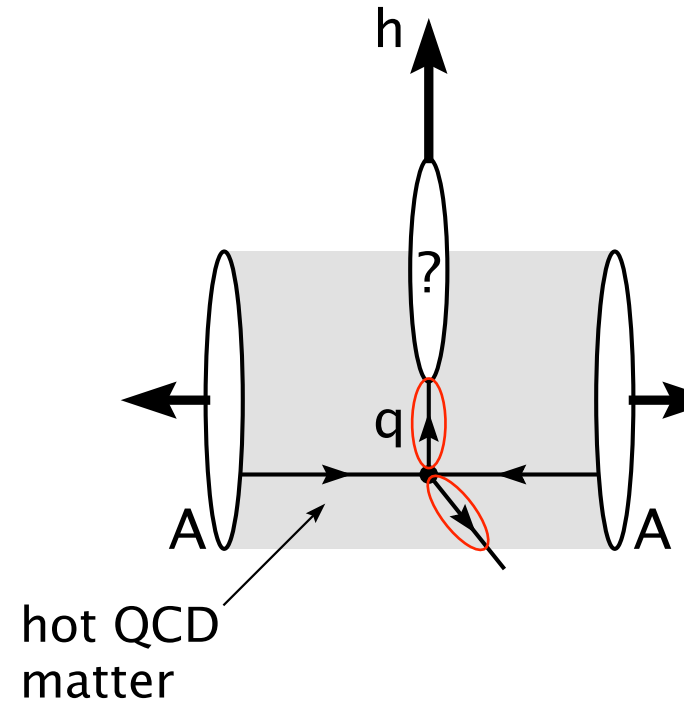
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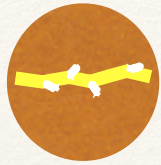


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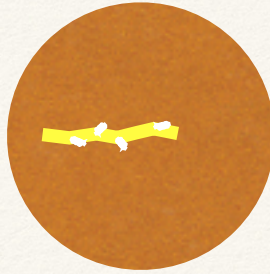


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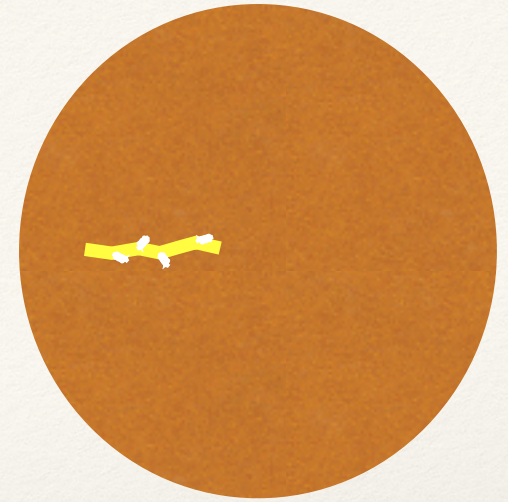




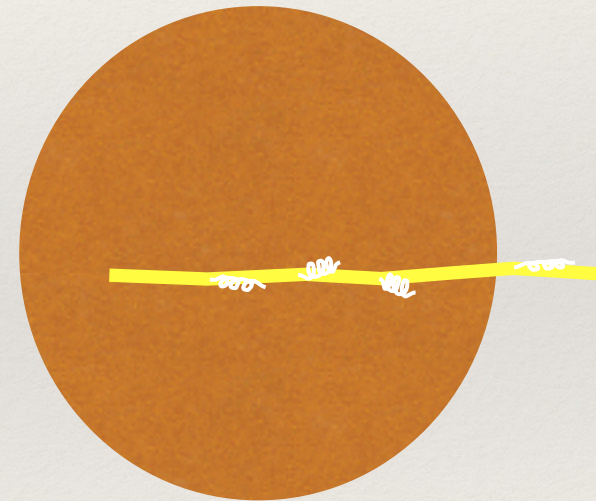
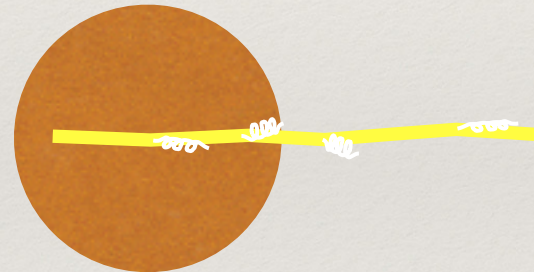
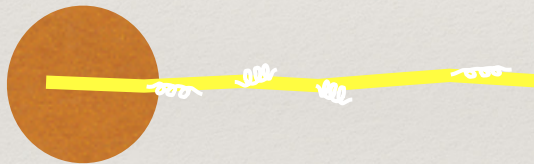
Carbon nucleus



Iron nucleus



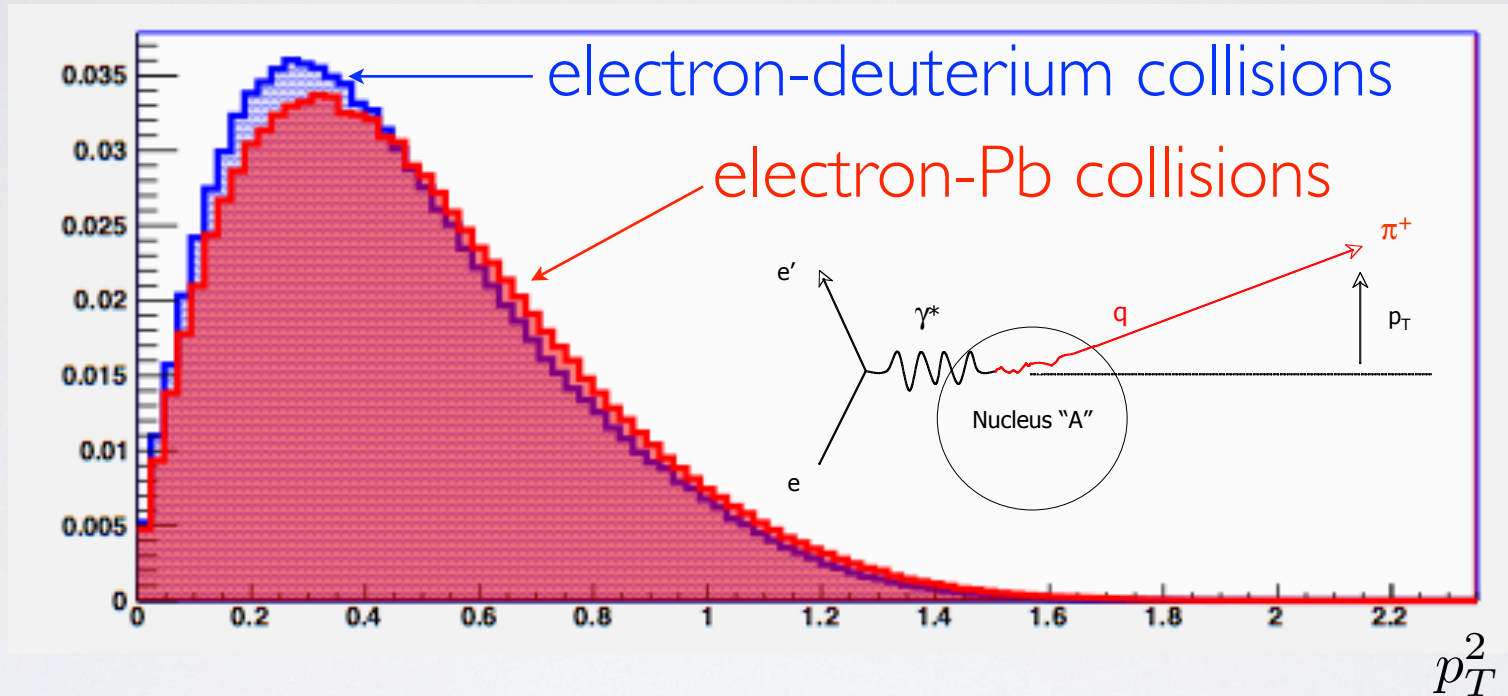
Lead nucleus



By comparing  $p_T$  broadening and hadron attenuation in nuclei of different sizes, one can measure the *length* of the color propagation process (fm scale)

Observable:  $p_T$  broadening

$$\Delta p_T^2 \equiv \langle p_T^2 \rangle_A - \langle p_T^2 \rangle_D$$



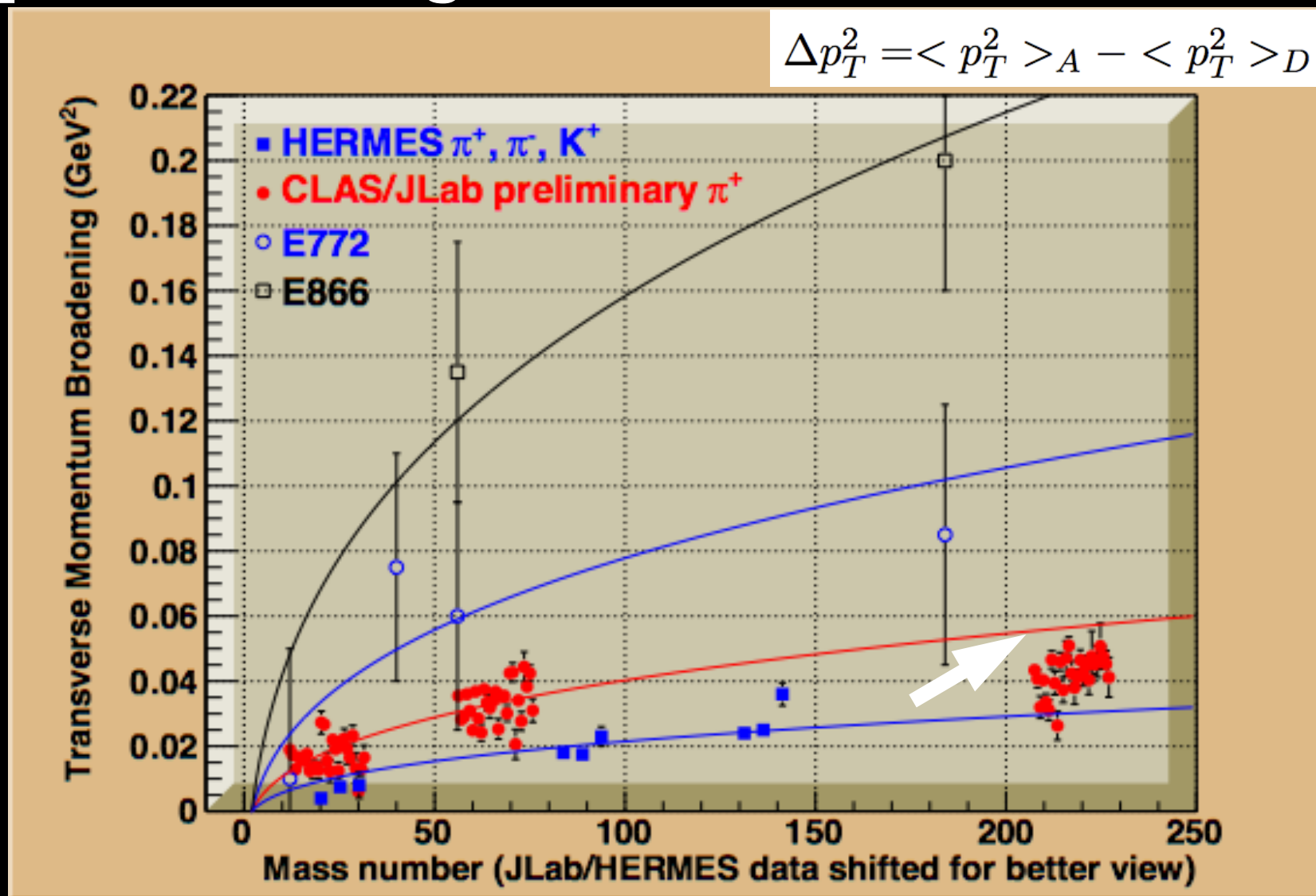
$p_T$  broadening is a tool: sample the gluon field using a colored probe:

$$\Delta p_T^2 \propto G(x, Q^2) \rho L$$

and radiative energy loss:

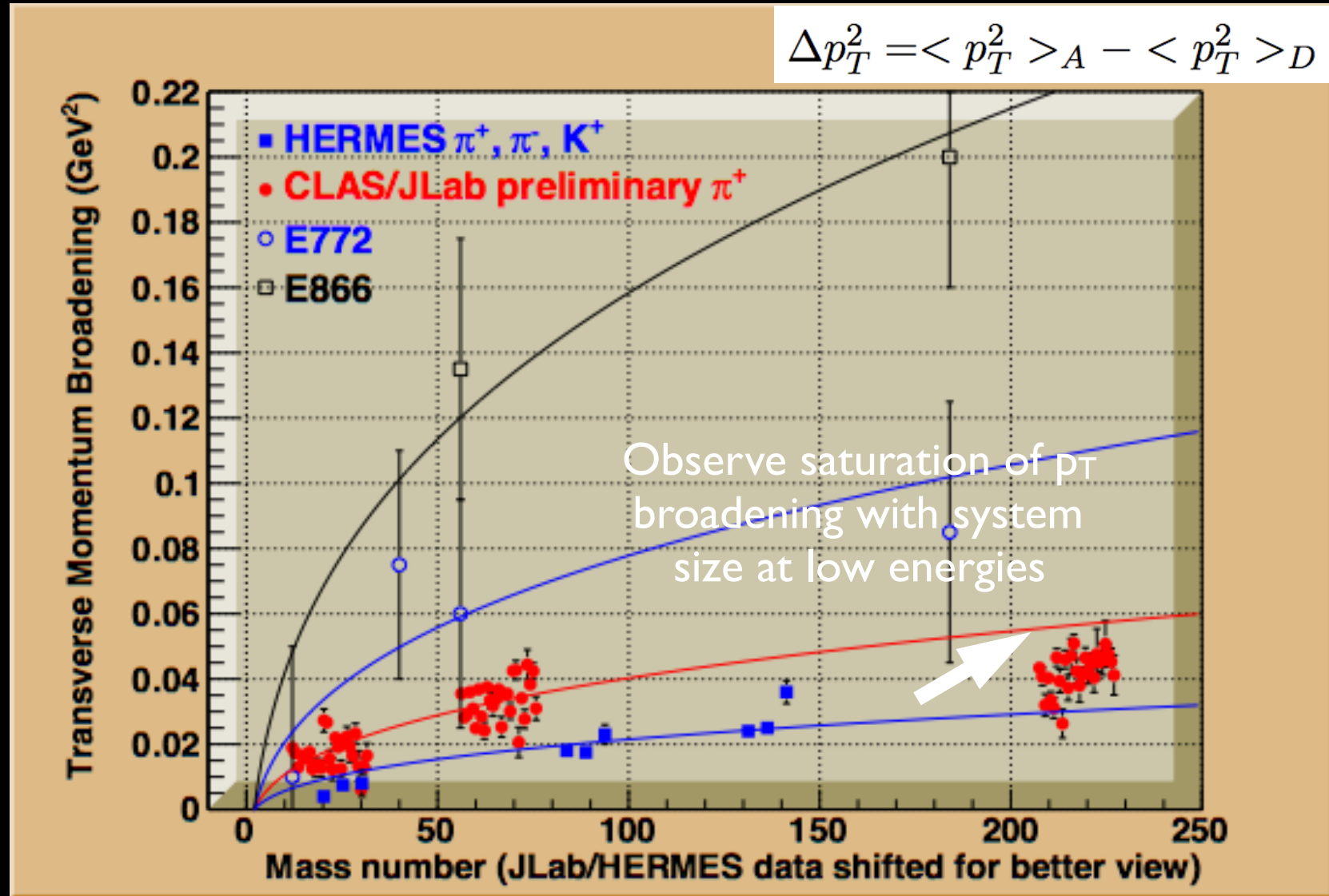
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4} \Delta p_T^2$$

# $p_T$ broadening data - Drell-Yan and SIDIS



- New, precision data with identified hadrons!
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- Intriguing *saturation*: production length or something else?

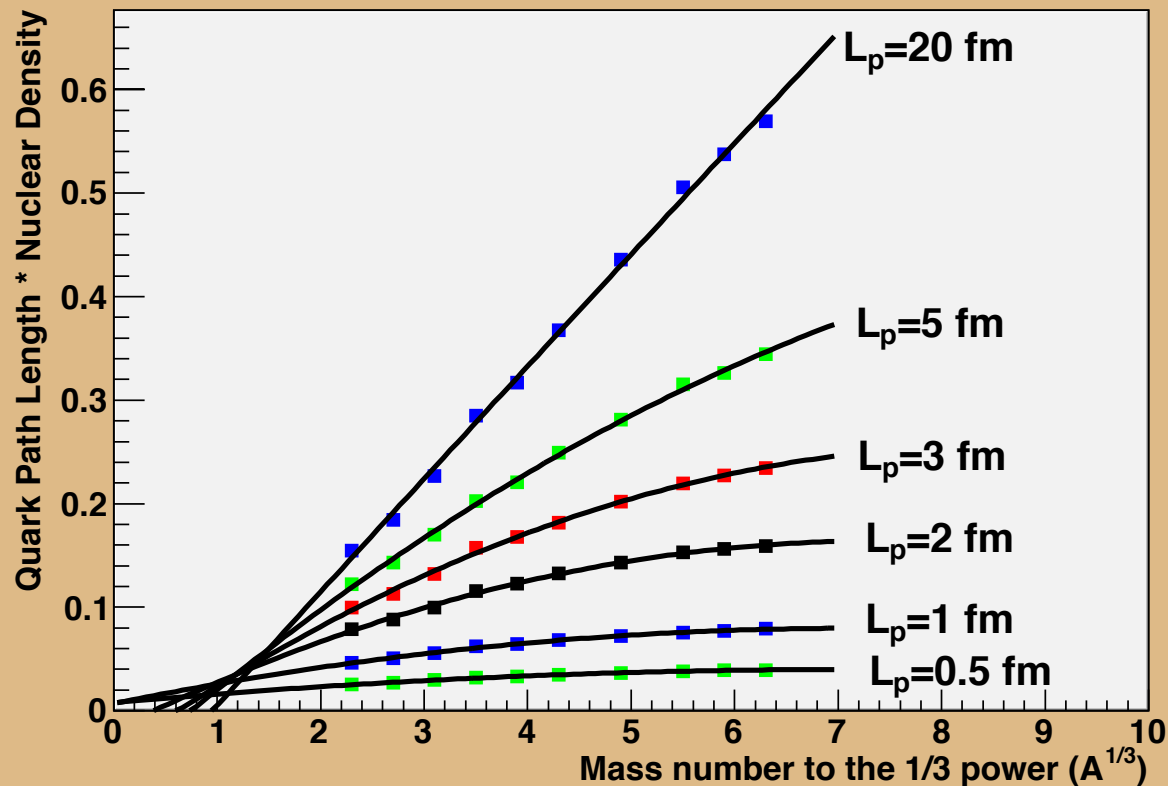
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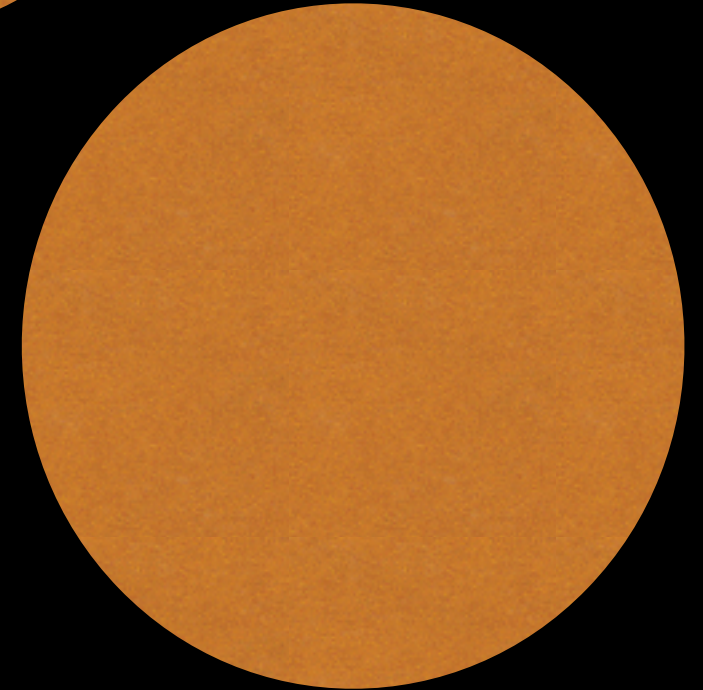
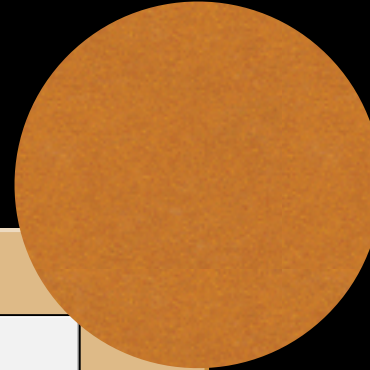
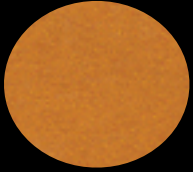
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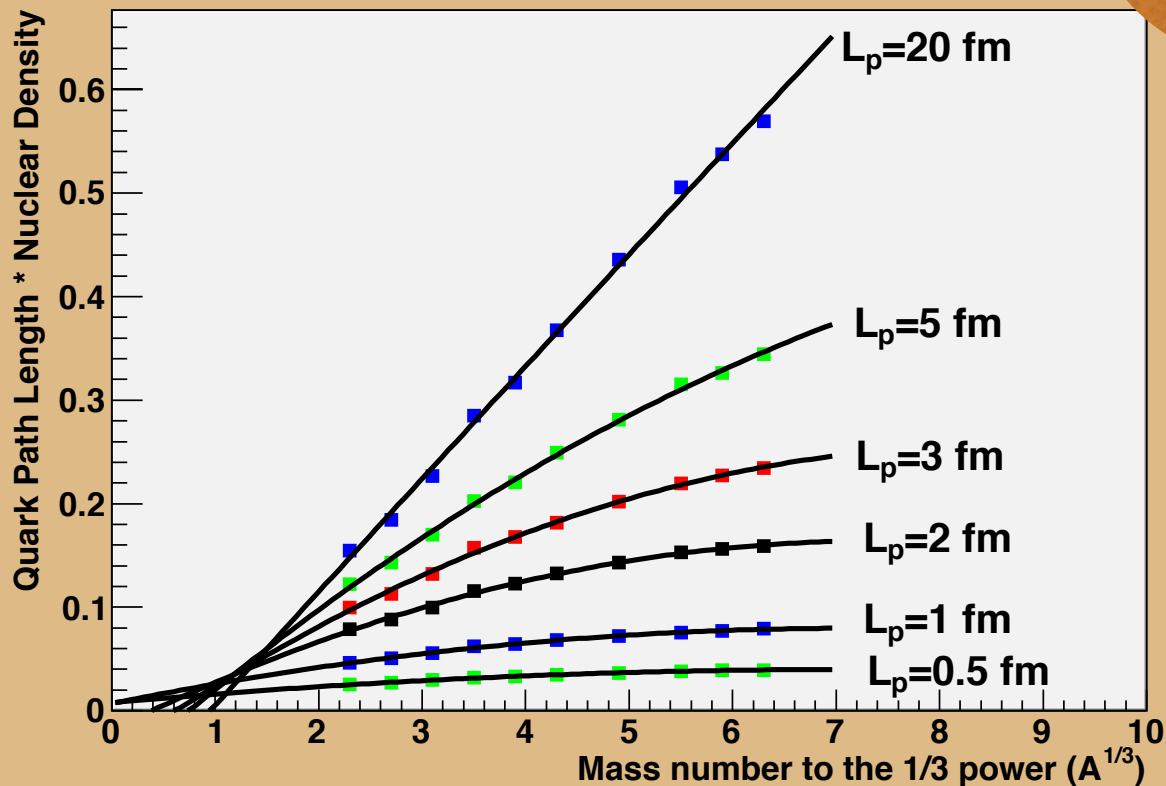
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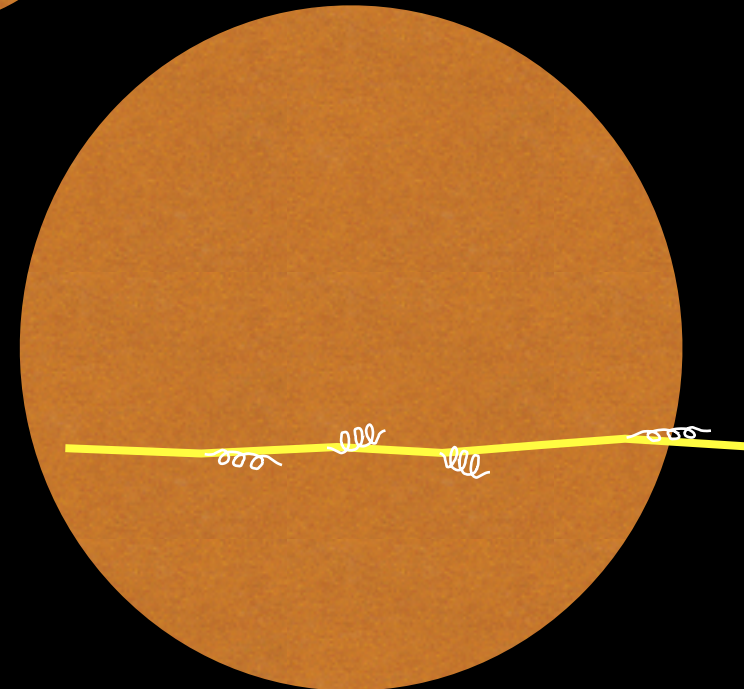
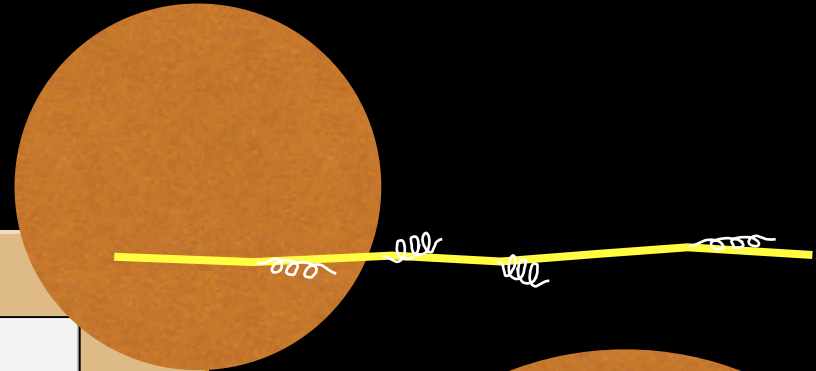
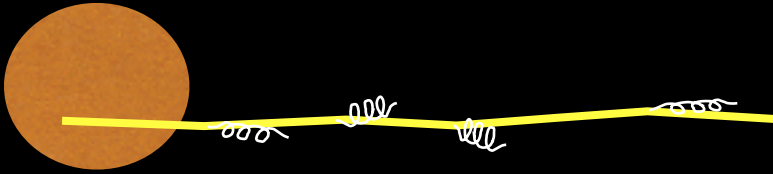
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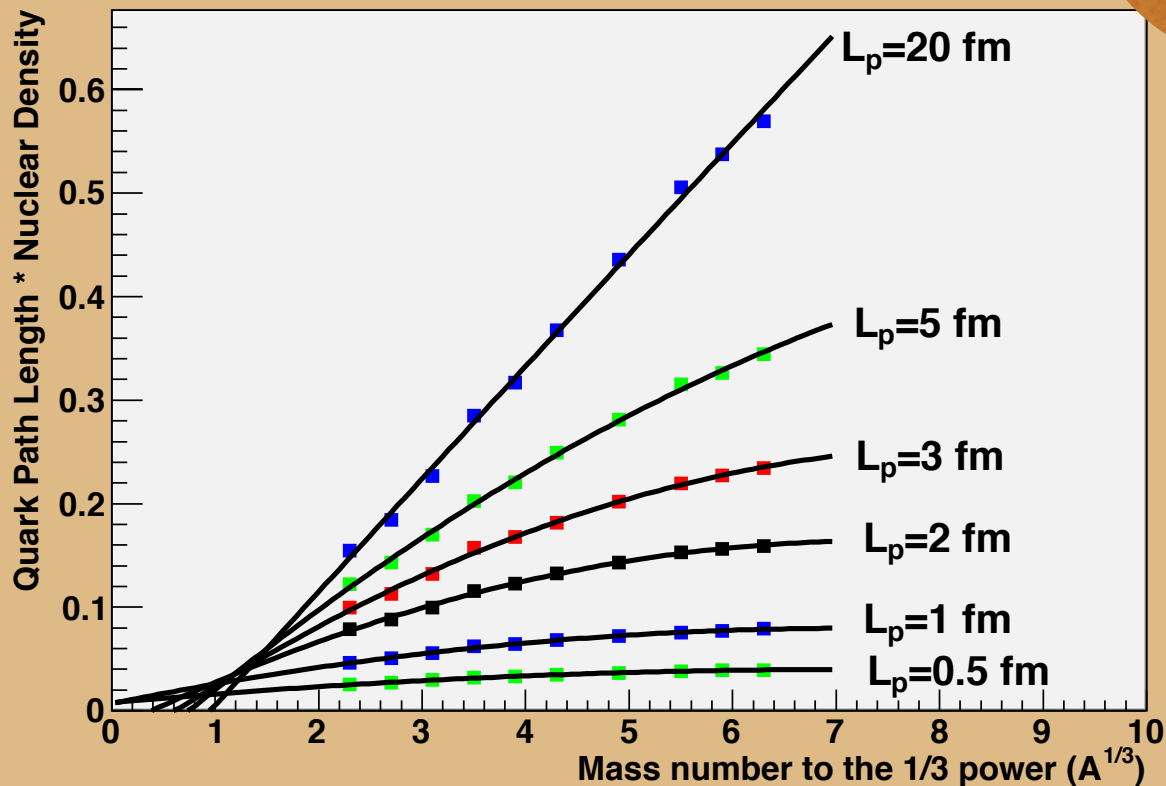
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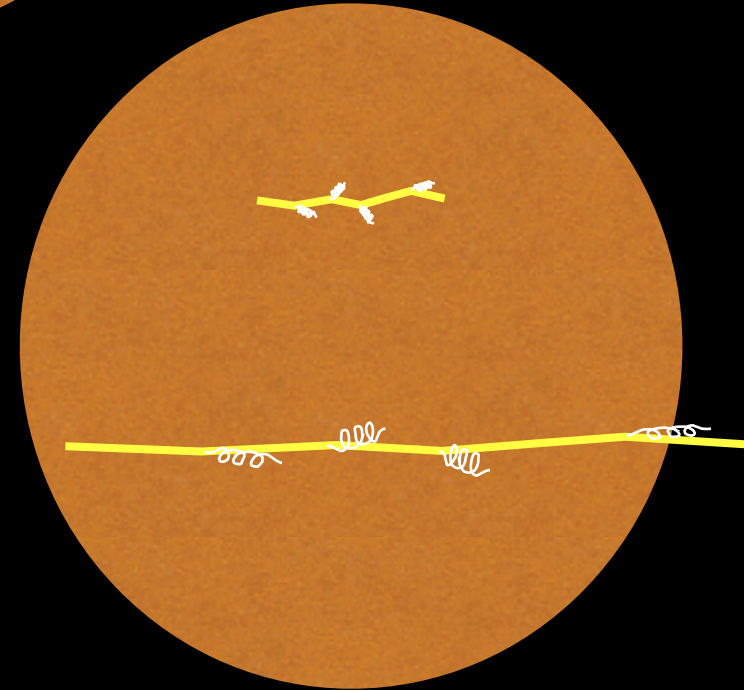
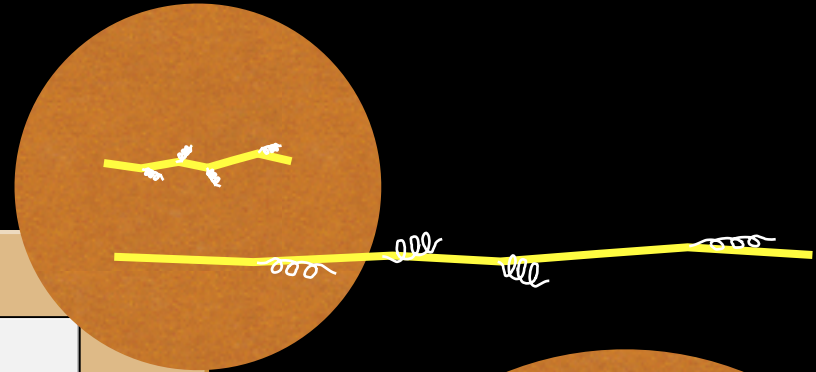
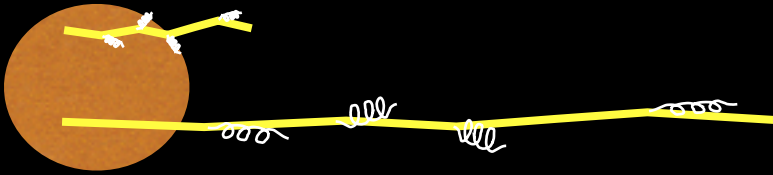
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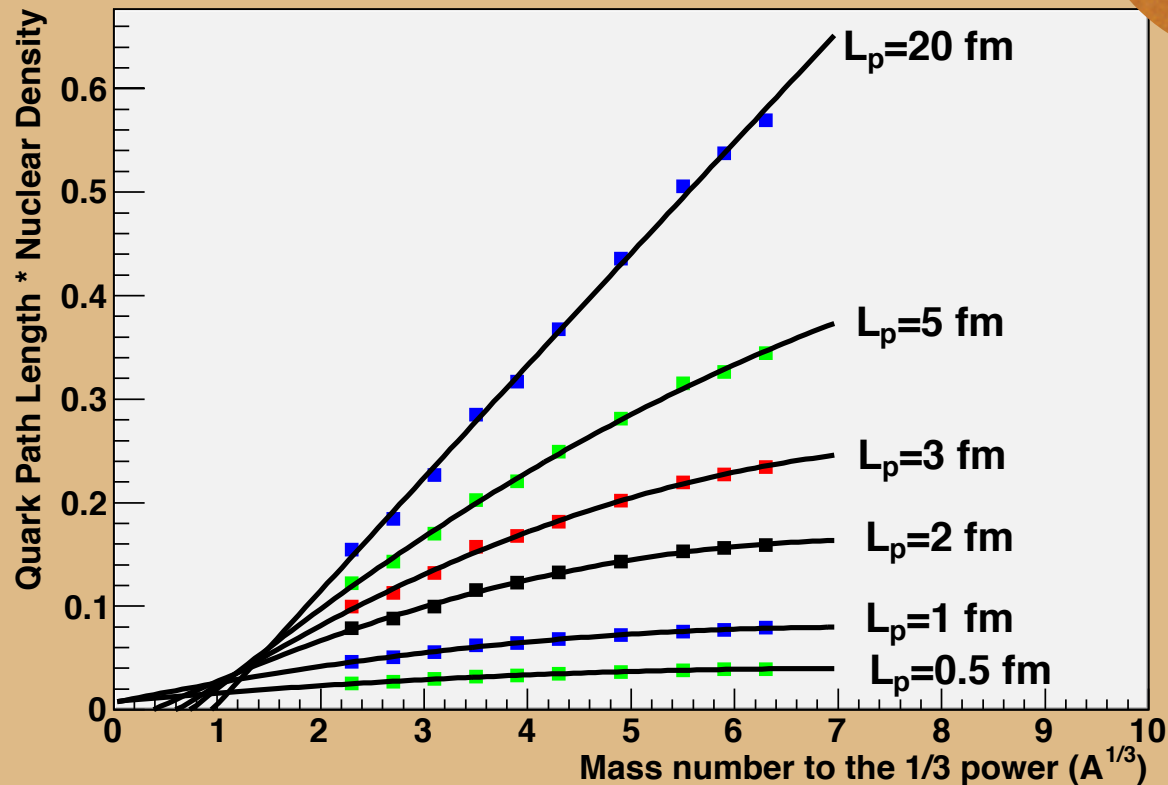
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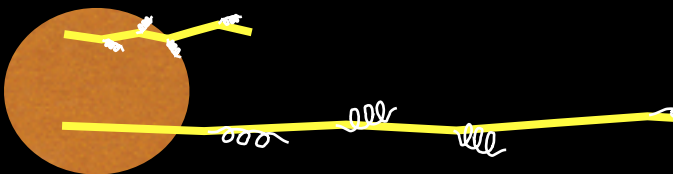


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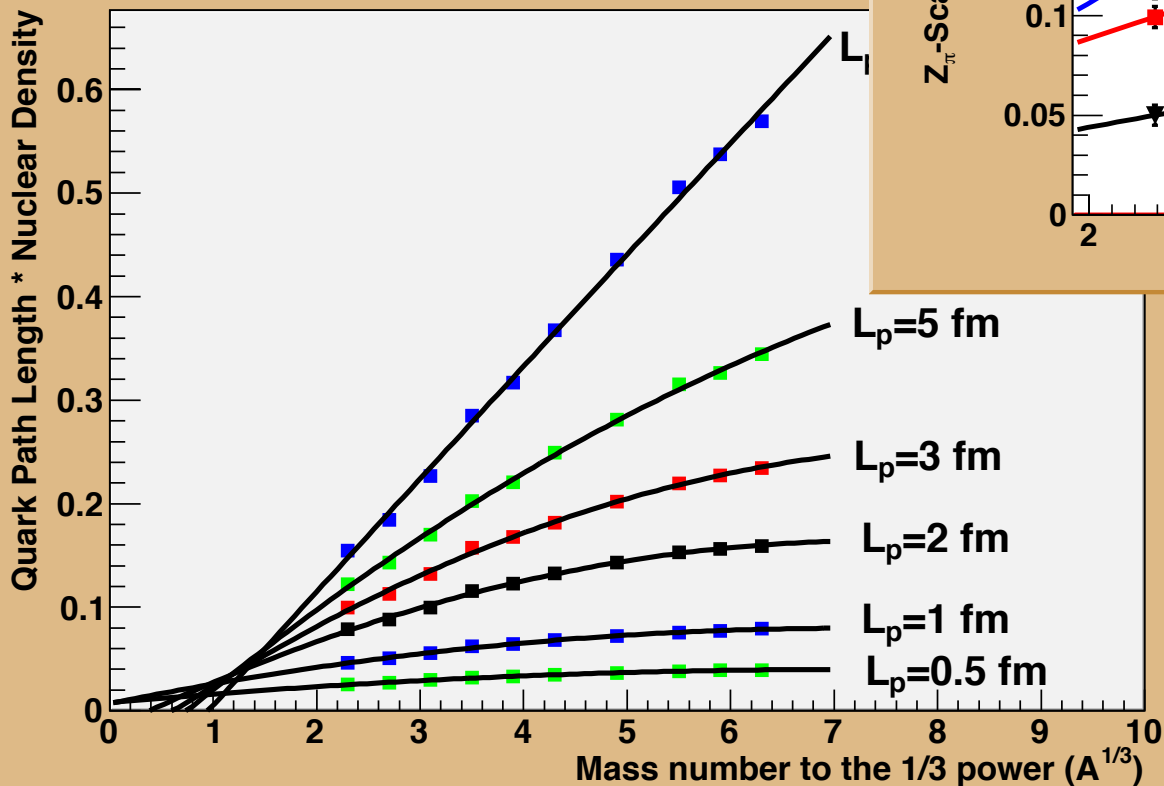




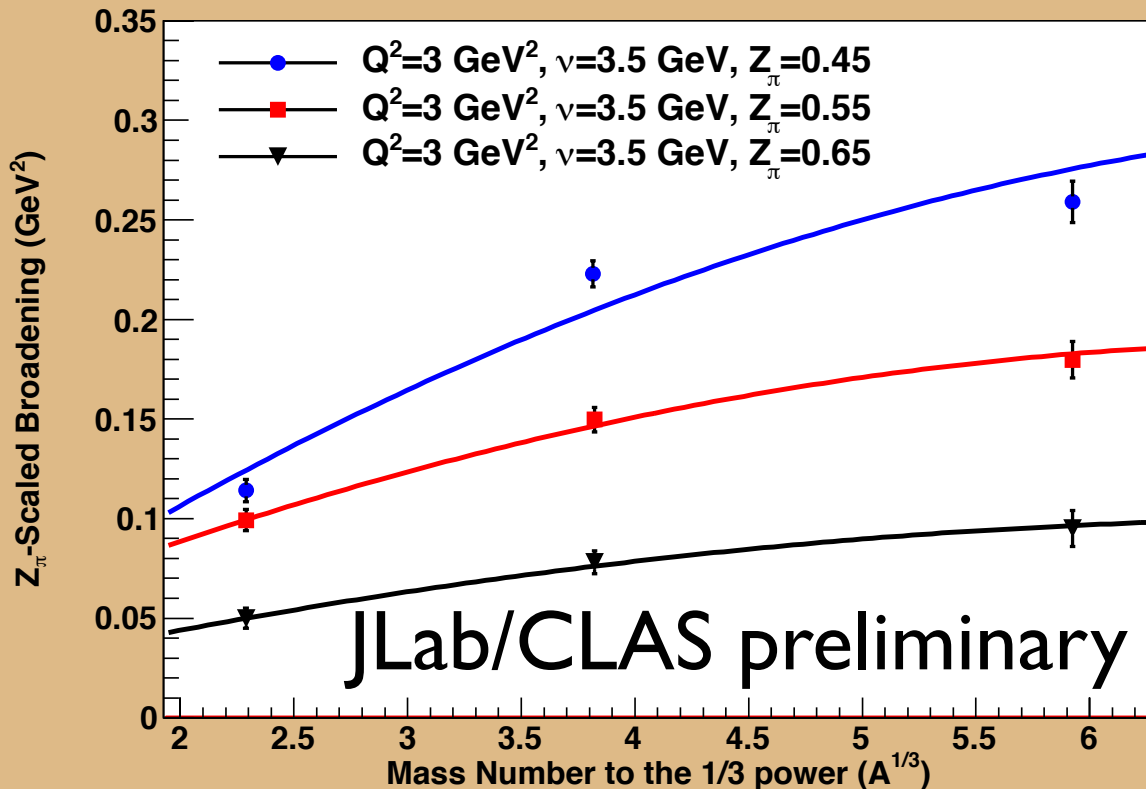
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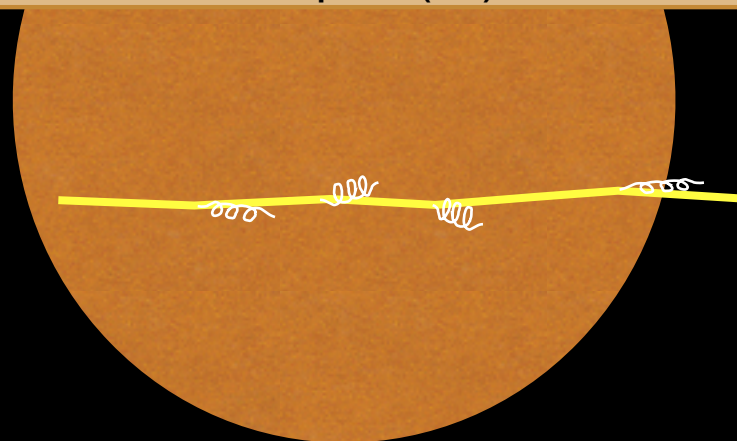
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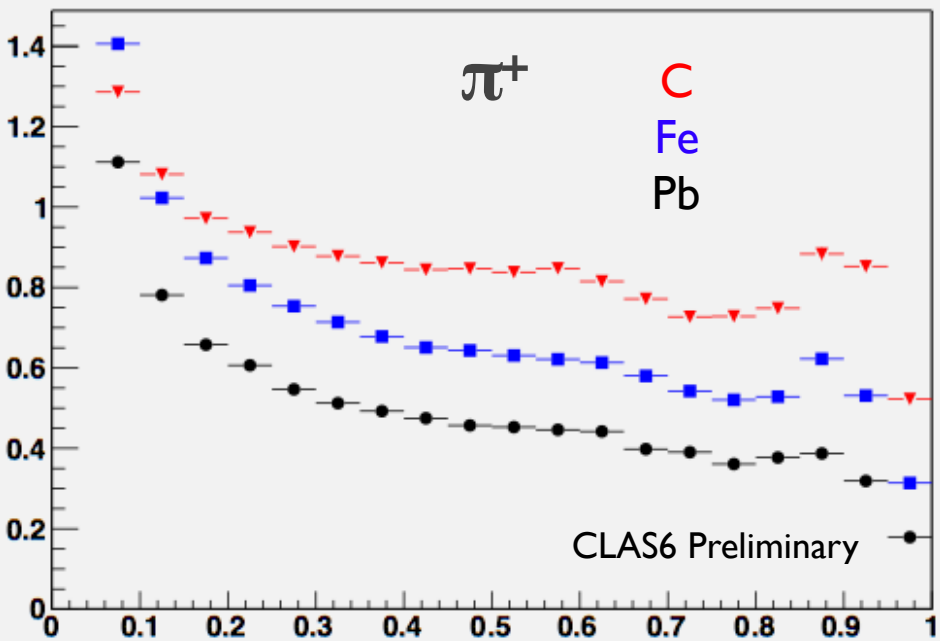
Fits of Z-Scaled Broadening vs.  $A^{1/3}$



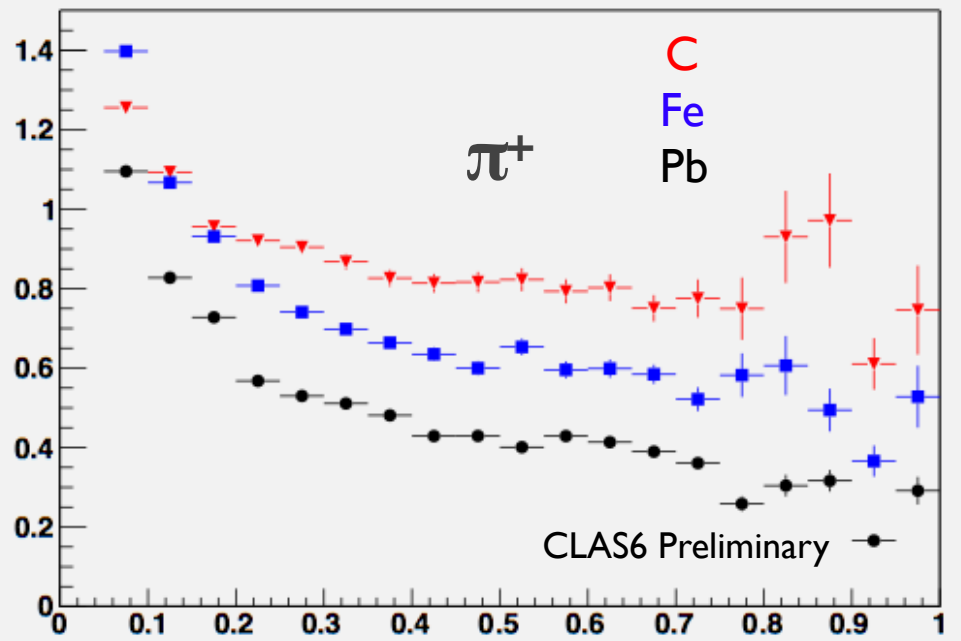
JLab/CLAS preliminary



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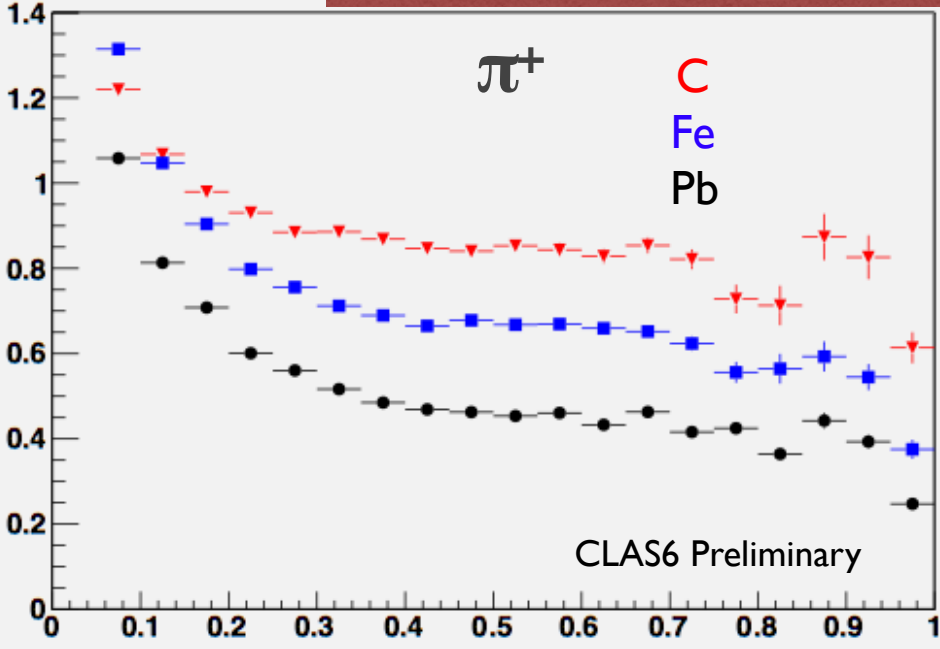


3.0 < Q<sup>2</sup> < 4.0 3.4 < ν < 4.0



## Multiplicity ratios (nucleus/deuterium)

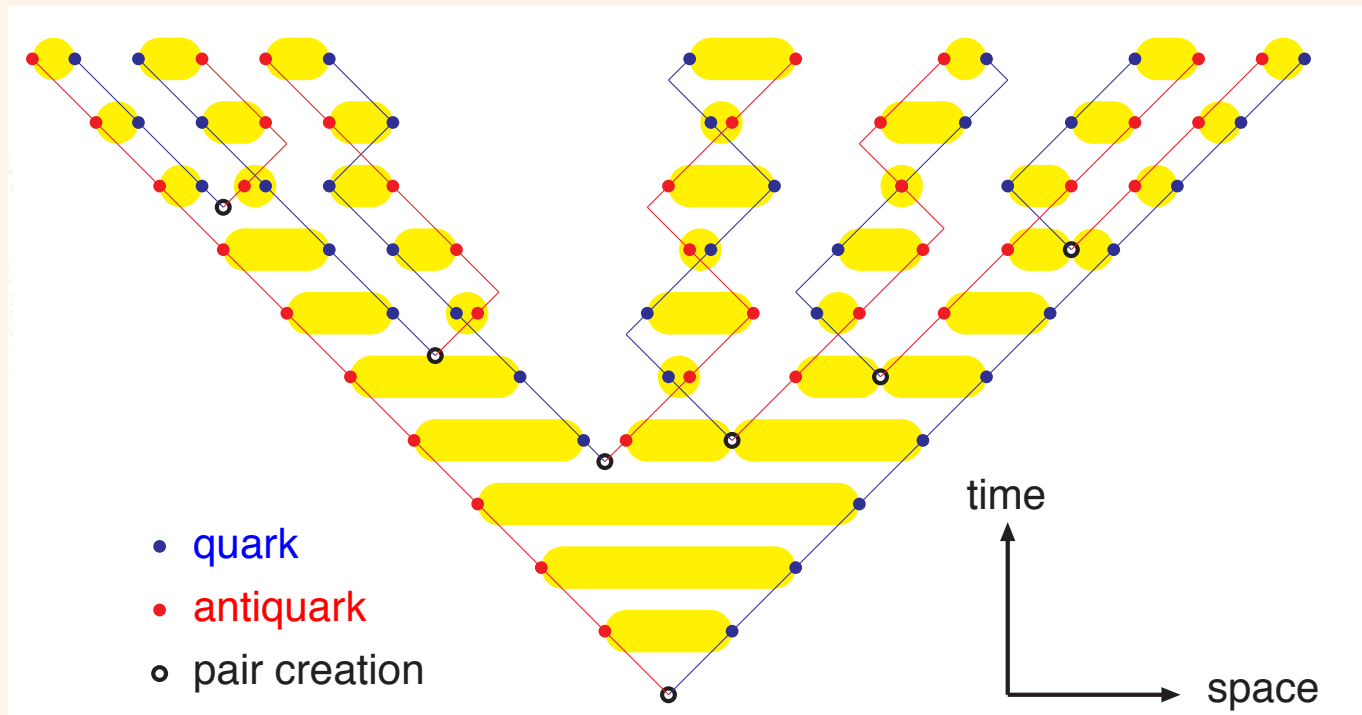
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Data from CLAS6 and CLAS12 will provide the ultimate low-ν studies in up to 4-fold differential multiplicity ratios. EIC will have overlap and will provide the crucial high-ν studies.

CLAS6:  $\pi^+$  ( $K^0$ ,  $\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^-$ )

# Lund String Model (~1983)



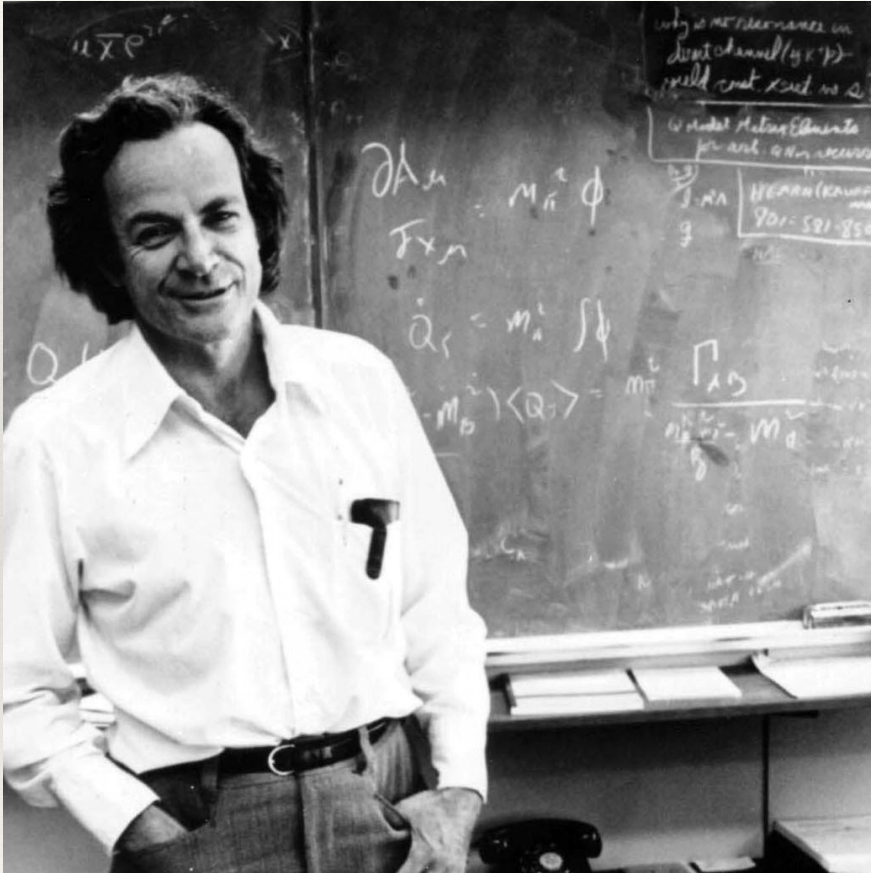
Remarkably successful model, foundational tool in HEP

- Alternative physical picture to pQCD: emission of many gluons in vacuum, string as an average; quantitative
- Successful, but few connections to fundamental QCD
- We can *compare* some of our results to the Lund String Model, and other results to pQCD

# Richard P. Feynman - Nobel Lecture

Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1965

## The Development of the Space-Time View of Quantum Electrodynamics



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A Future Nobel Prize to a theorist  
for Space-Time View of QCD?

# Space-time characteristics of the struck quark

Assume: Single-photon exchange, no quark-pair production

“JLab” example:  $Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $\nu = 3 \text{ GeV}$ . ( $x_{Bj} \sim 0.5$ )

Struck quark absorbs virtual photon energy  $\nu$  and momentum  $p_{\gamma^*} = |\vec{p}_{\gamma^*}| = \sqrt{(\nu^2 - Q^2)}$ .

- Neglect any initial momentum/mass of quark
- Immediately after the interaction, quark mass  $m_q = Q = \sqrt{Q^2}$ .
- Gamma factor is therefore  $\gamma = \nu/Q$ , beta is  $\beta = p_{\gamma^*}/\nu$ .

JLab example:  $\gamma = 1.73$ ,  $\beta = 0.82$

Rigorous?  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$  allow:

1. extrapolations to EIC kinematics,
2. test of time dilation in CLAS fits, and
3. direct comparison between JLab and HERMES fits

# Space-time characteristics of the struck quark, cont'd

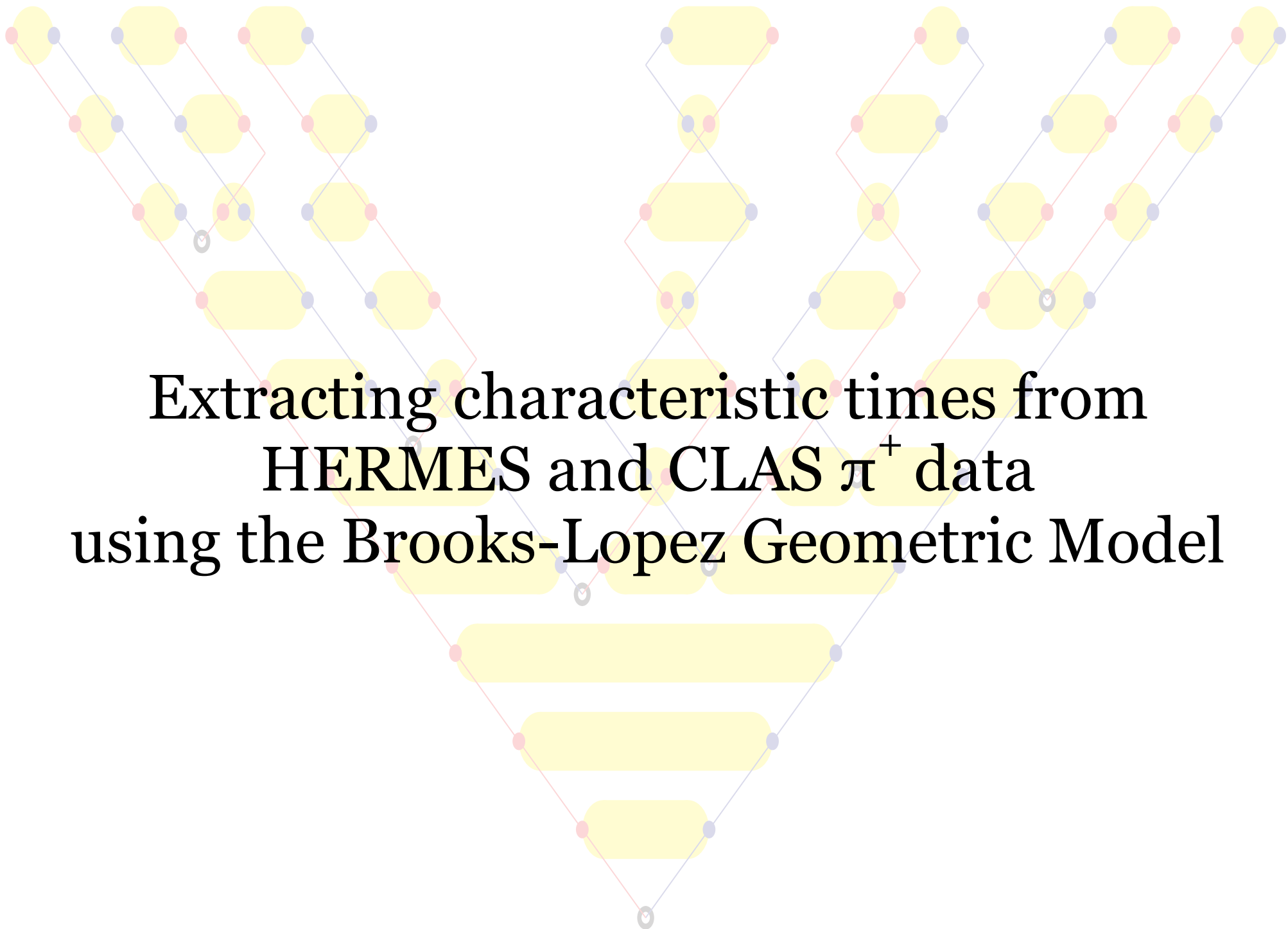
Comments on terminology and conceptual consequences  
in space-time physics

In momentum space, the LHC has typical energies that are **4000** times greater than at JLab. It appears **totally different**.

In *time* space the LHC has **<20%** faster times (e.g. of interacting parton) than at JLab. **Almost the same**.

We loosely use expressions like “frozen during the interaction” and “fast quarks”. These ideas are only approximations, with limited validity. The interaction time, even for hard interactions, is finite, and not always small compared to the system size of 1 fm/c.

 Space-time view of *factorization*

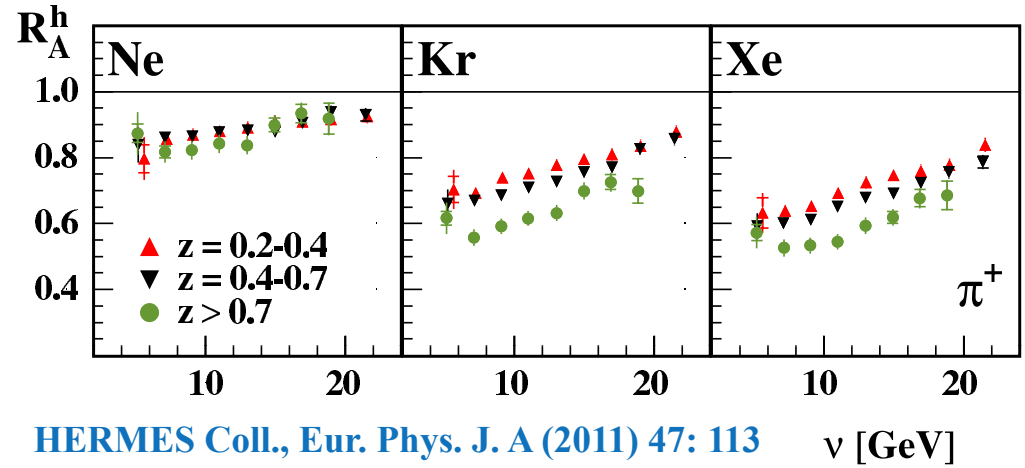


Extracting characteristic times from  
HERMES and CLAS  $\pi^+$  data  
using the Brooks-Lopez Geometric Model

# HERMES Study - Observables

Multiplicity ratio

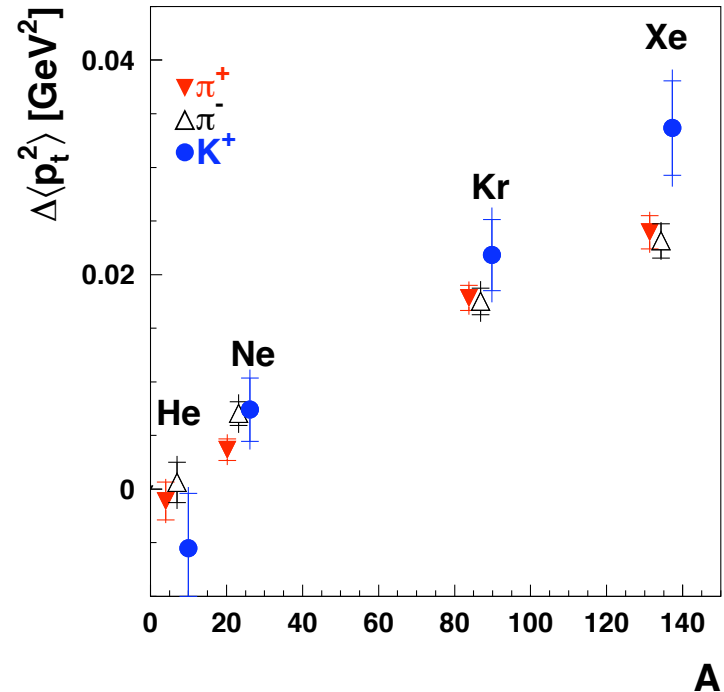
$$R_M^h(Q^2, \nu, z, p_T) \equiv \frac{\frac{1}{N_e(Q^2, \nu)} \cdot N_h(Q^2, \nu, z, p_T)|_A}{\frac{1}{N_e(Q^2, \nu)} \cdot N_h(Q^2, \nu, z, p_T)|_p}$$



$p_T$  broadening

$$\Delta p_T^2(Q^2, \nu, z) \equiv \langle p_T^2(Q^2, \nu, z) \rangle |_A - \langle p_T^2(Q^2, \nu, z) \rangle |_p$$

We fit both observables simultaneously

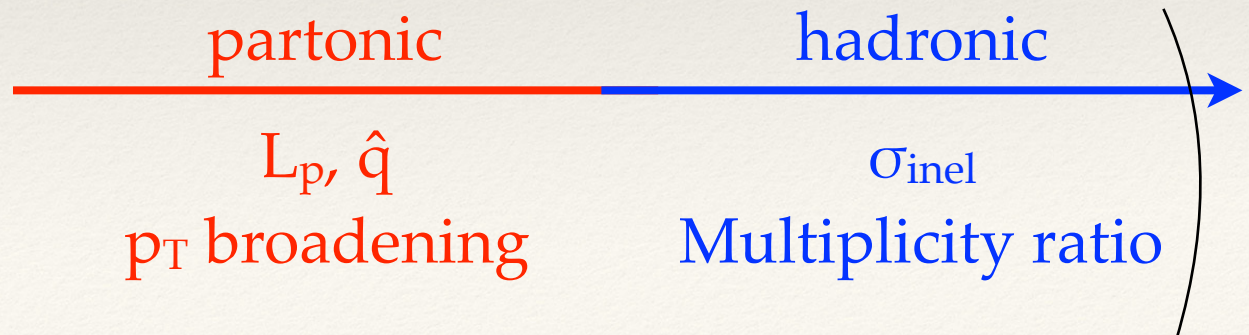




# B-L Geometric model description I

- Propagating quark causes  $p_T$  broadening of final hadron
- Propagating (pre-)hadron “disappears” when it undergoes an inelastic interaction with cross section  $\sigma$
- Implemented as Monte Carlo calculation in  $x, y, z, L_p$
- Simultaneous fit of  $p_T$  broadening and multiplicity ratio
- Realistic nuclear density, integrated along path

Path of quark is divided into “**partonic phase**” and “**hadronic phase**”

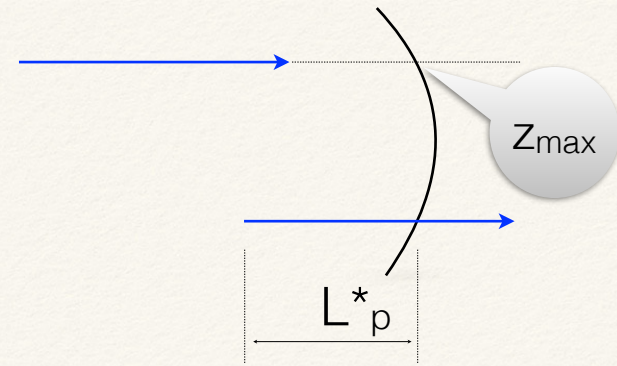


## B-L Geometric model description II

Baseline Model (“BL”) implemented with 3 **parameters**:

1. **q-hat** parameter (transport coefficient) that sets the scale of  $p_T$  broadening
2. Production length  **$\langle L_p \rangle$** : distance over which  $p_T$  broadening and energy loss occur. Assumed exponential form.
3. **Cross section** for prehadron to interact with nucleus.

# B-L Geometric model description III



$$\langle \Delta p_T^2 \rangle = \left\langle \hat{q}_0 \int_{z=z_0}^{z=z_0+L_p^*} \rho(x_0, y_0, z) dz \right\rangle_{x_0, y_0, z_0, L_p}$$

$L_p$  is distributed as exponential

$x_0, y_0, z_0$  thrown uniformly in sphere, weighted by  $\rho(x, y, z)$

$L_p^* = L_p$  except where truncated by integration sphere

$$\langle R_M \rangle = \left\langle \exp\left(-\sigma \int_{z=z_0+L_p}^{z=z_{max}} \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz\right) \right\rangle_{x_0, y_0, z_0, L_p}$$

The above are computed sequentially (same  $x_0, y_0, z_0, L_p$ )

Data in  $(x, Q^2, z)$  bin: fitted to model, 3 parameters:  $\hat{q}_0, \langle L_p \rangle, \sigma$

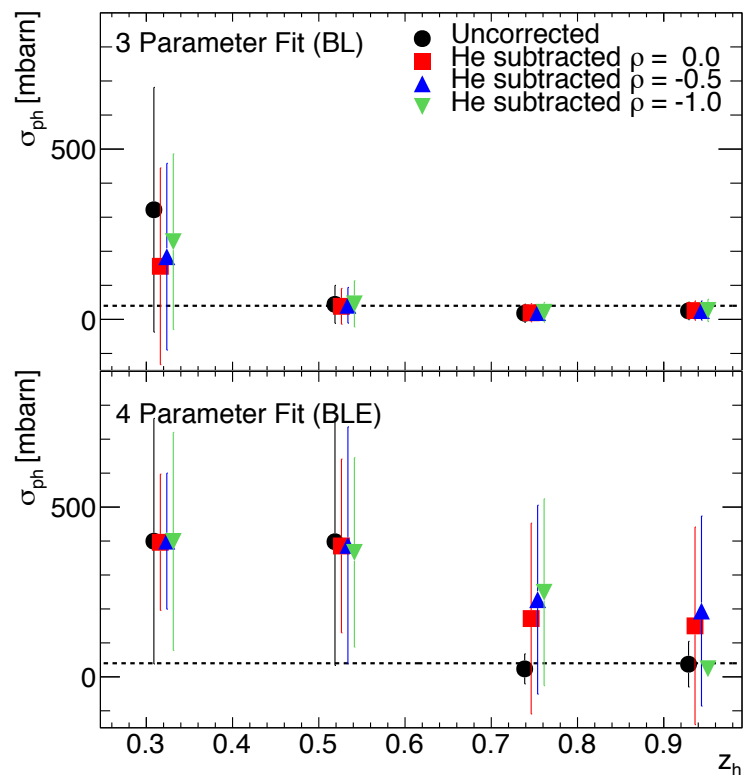
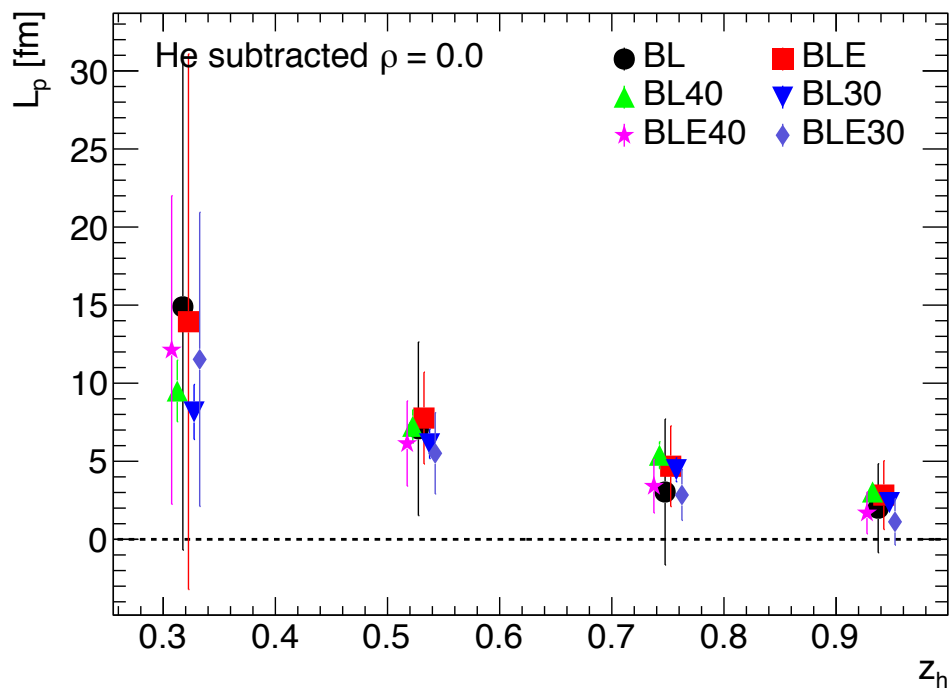
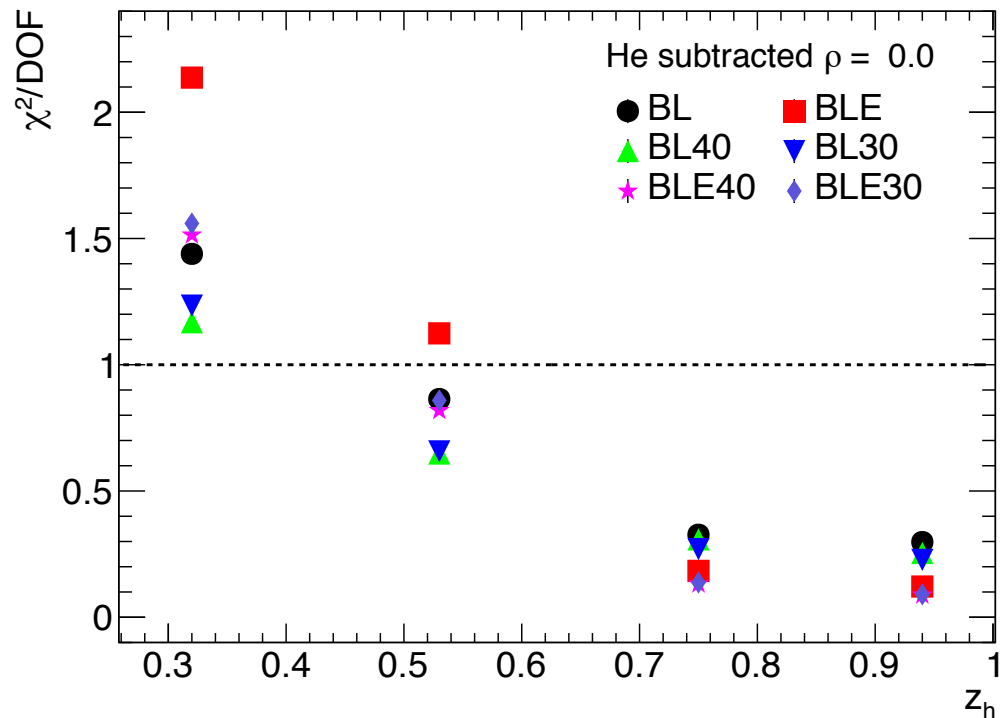
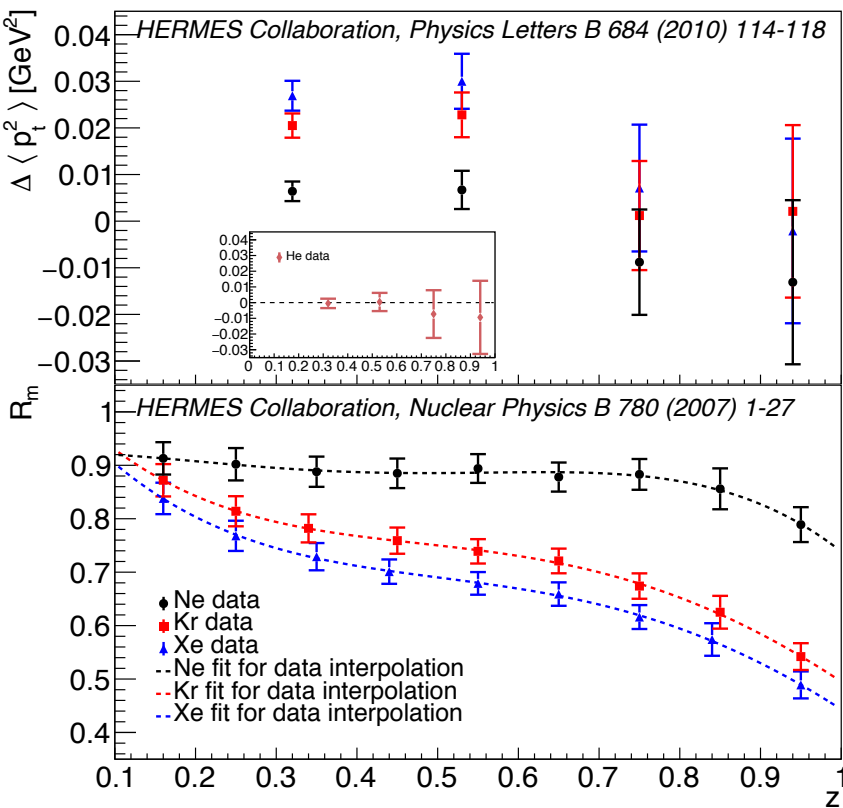
No dynamical information is assumed; it emerges from fit

Systematic errors: 3% for multiplicity ratio, 4% for  $p_T$  broadening

## *Comment on the B-L model*

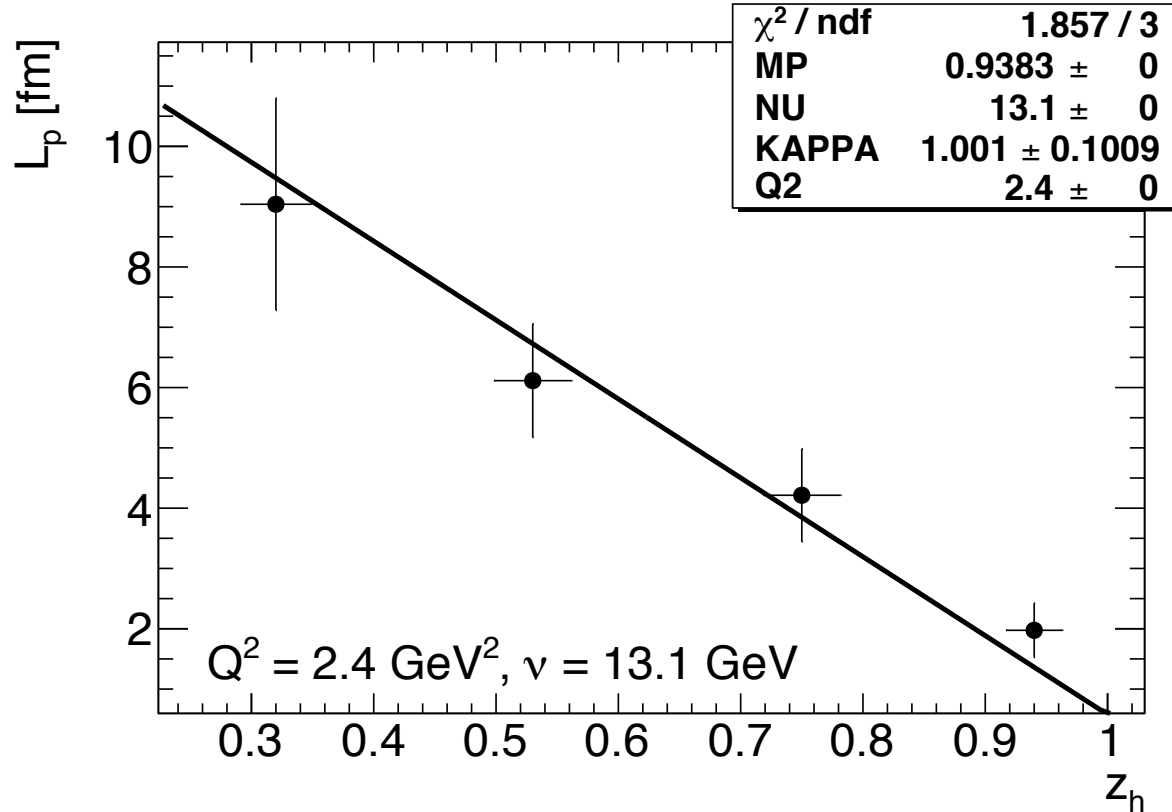
I believe that studies of this kind can be carried out at the same level of validity as the estimation of centrality in heavy ion collisions.

This model has the same foundation as the well-known “Glauber Model” used to estimate centrality in heavy ion collisions: the spatial mass distribution of protons and neutrons in the nucleus.



# Fit of HERMES $L_p$ results to Lund Model form

A fit of our  
HERMES  
results  
to the  
Lund  
model  
form



This is a  
strong  
validation  
of our  
model

We recover the known value of the string constant  
completely independently!

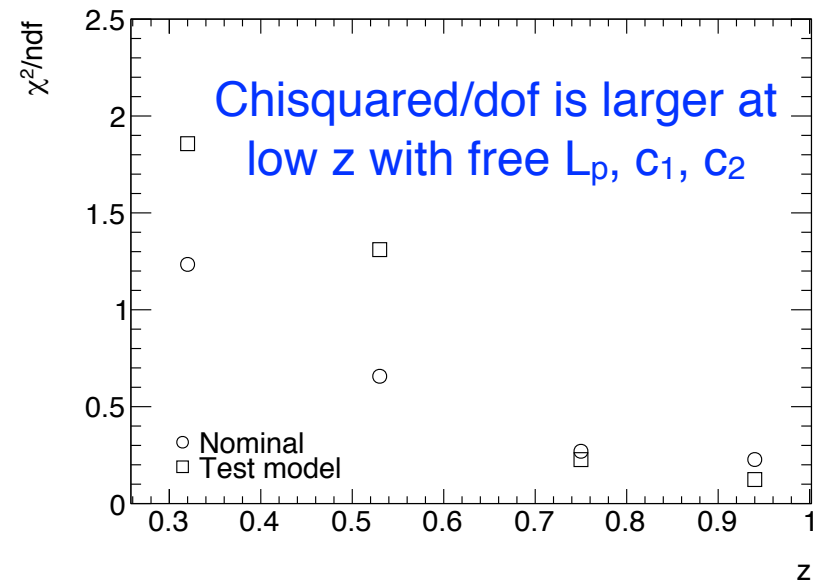
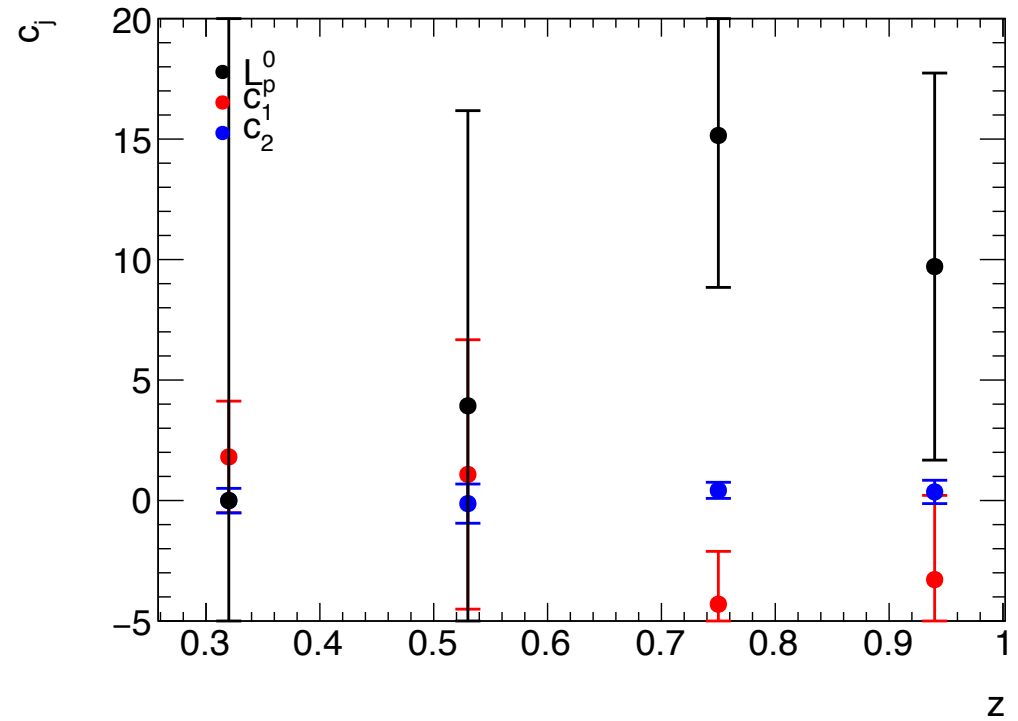
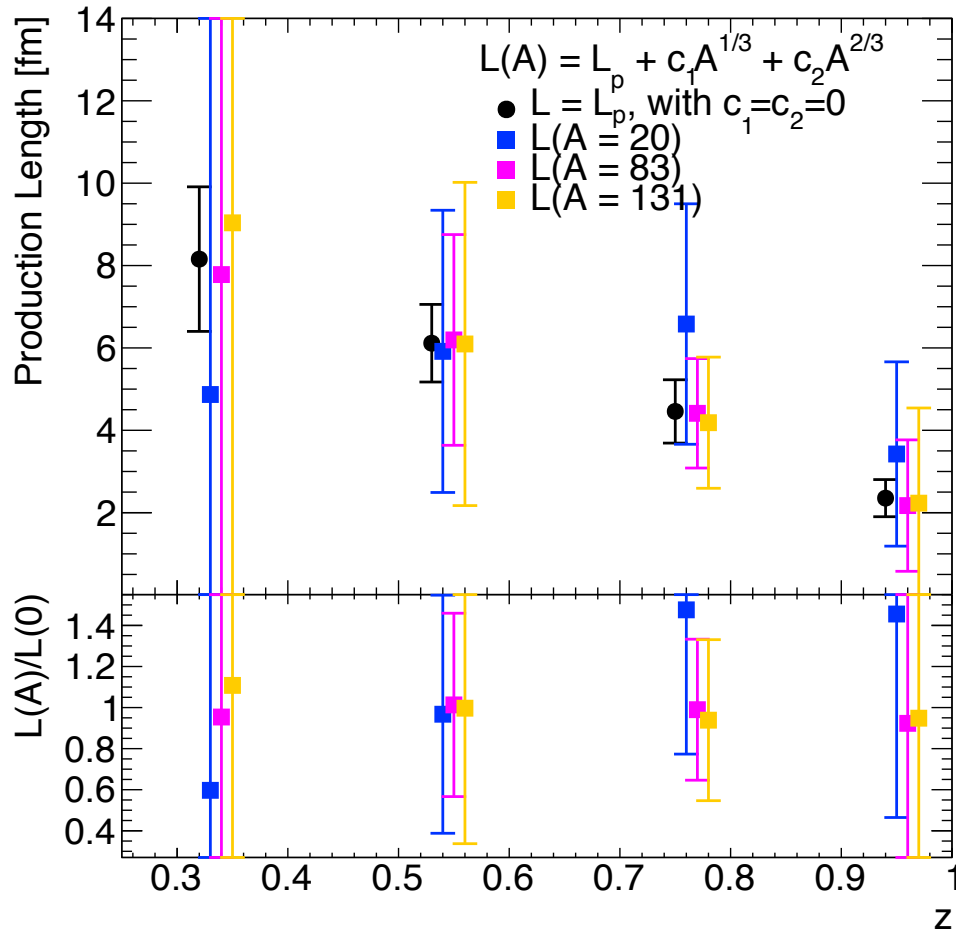
Light cone Lund String Model form for lab frame:

$$l_p = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{K}} \cdot \left( M_p + \nu + \sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2} - 2 \cdot \nu \cdot z' \right)$$

# HERMES data analysis: exploring potential nuclear dependence of production time, and extrapolation to the vacuum

$$L_p(A) = L_{p0} + c_1 A^{1/3} + c_2 A^{2/3}$$

# The case with **free** $L_{p0}$ , $c_1$ and $c_2$



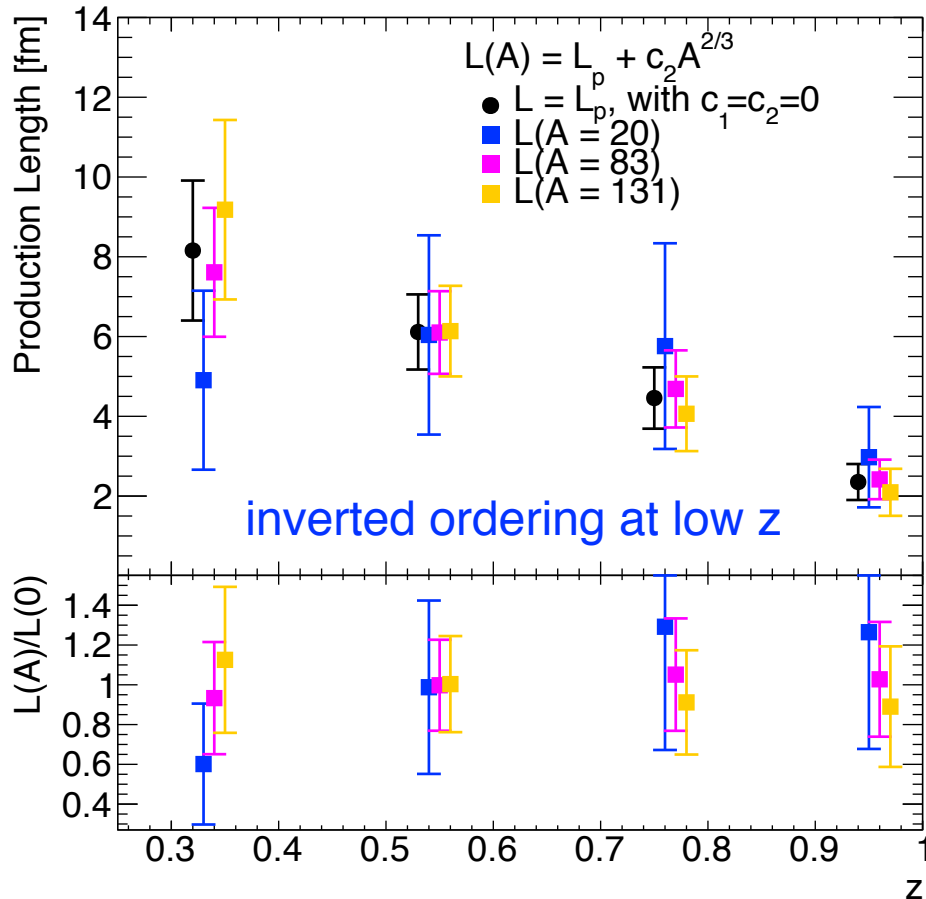
We see a strong fit correlation between  $L_p$  and  $c_1$

Therefore, in the next slide we fix  $c_1=0$

(BL30 model variant)



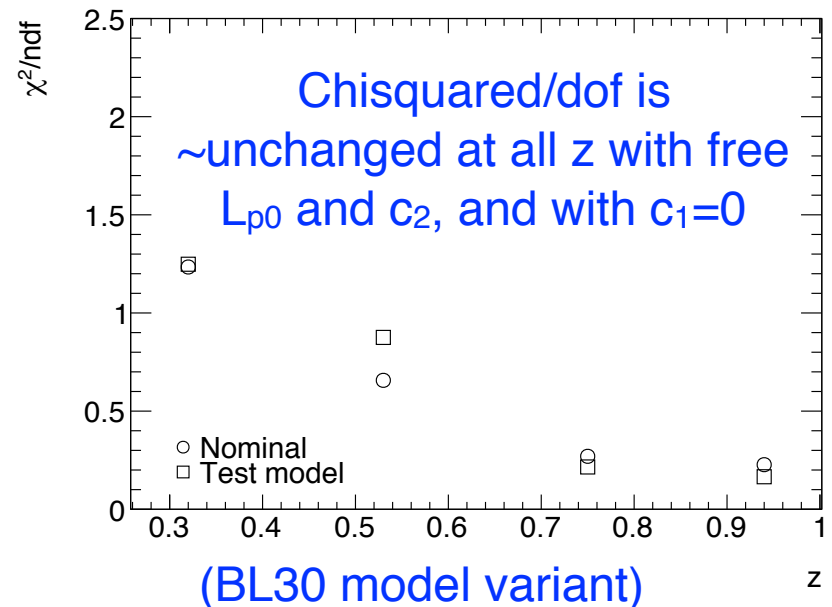
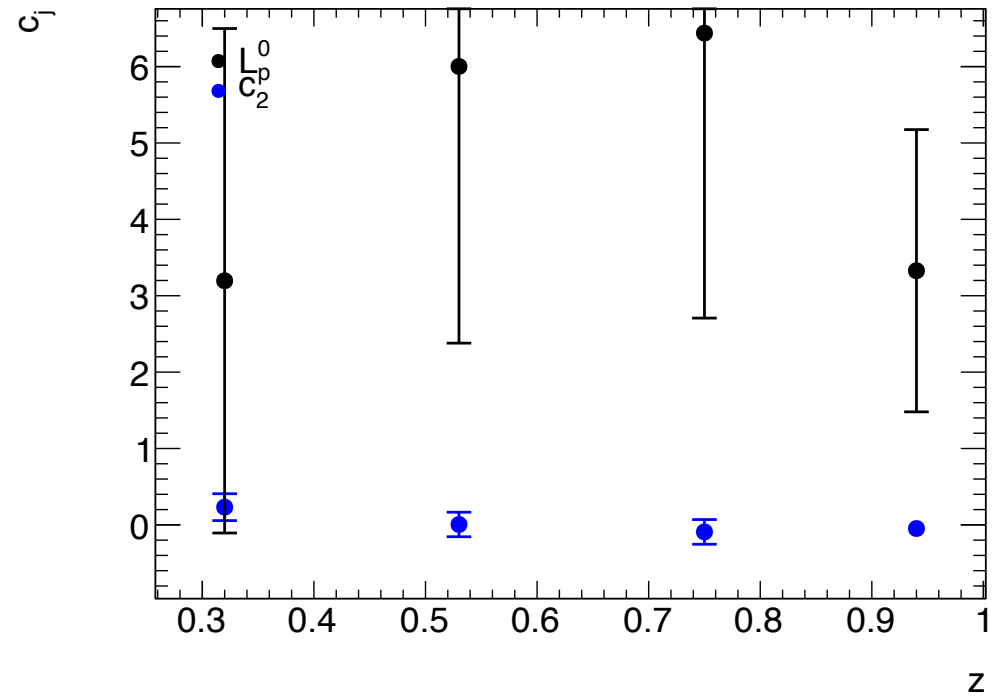
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Extrapolation to vacuum:  $A=0$

Suggests vacuum  $L_p$  is smaller for low z, ~unchanged at high z

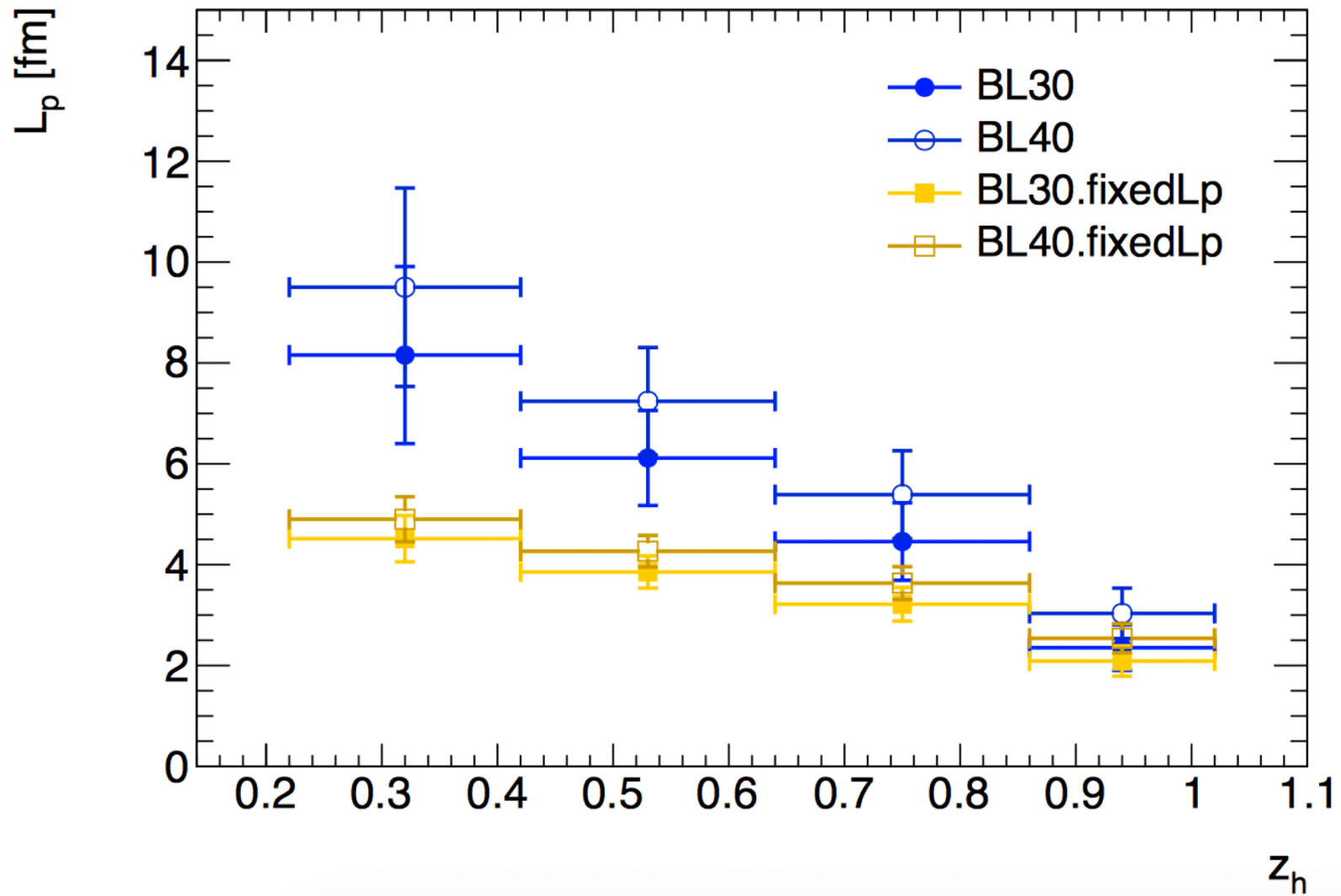
Uncertainties are large in this study (HERMES data). A future JLab study may be better constrained.



Conclusion: good evidence for the following functional form. The vacuum term  $L_{p0}$  is determined, but with large uncertainties. There are hints that may help us to understand color propagation mechanisms at lower and higher  $z_h$ . The JLab data should allow a more precise study.

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HERMES data analysis: comparison  
of two possible functional forms of  
the production length distributions:  
*exponential* and *fixed(delta function)*



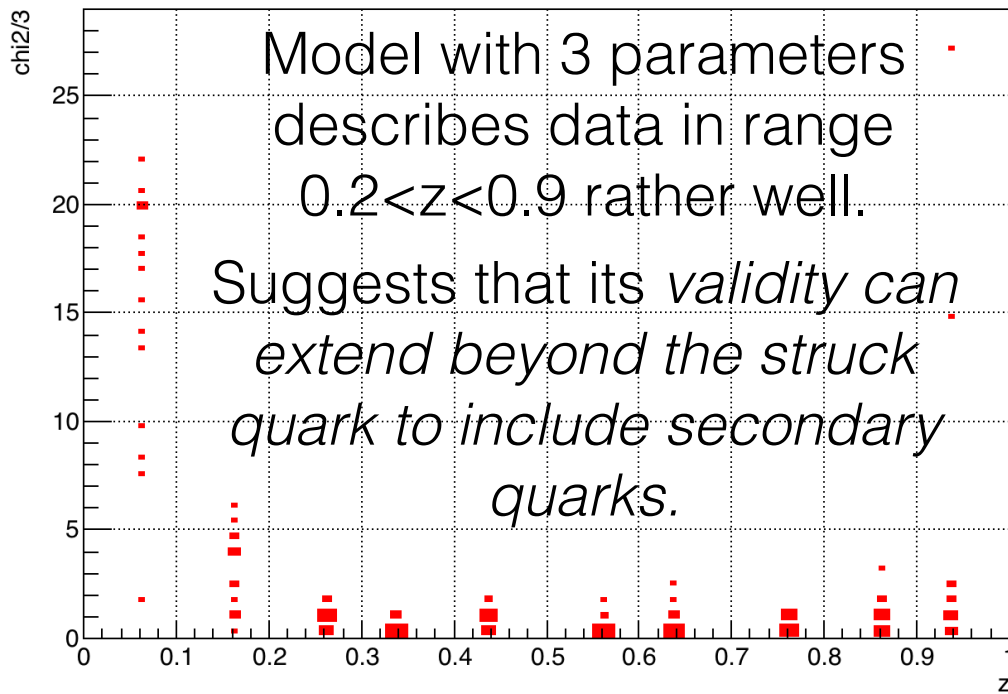
The fit has some sensitivity to the functional form of the production length.  
More comments in upcoming slides.

# Color lifetime extraction: B-L model applied to CLAS 5 GeV data

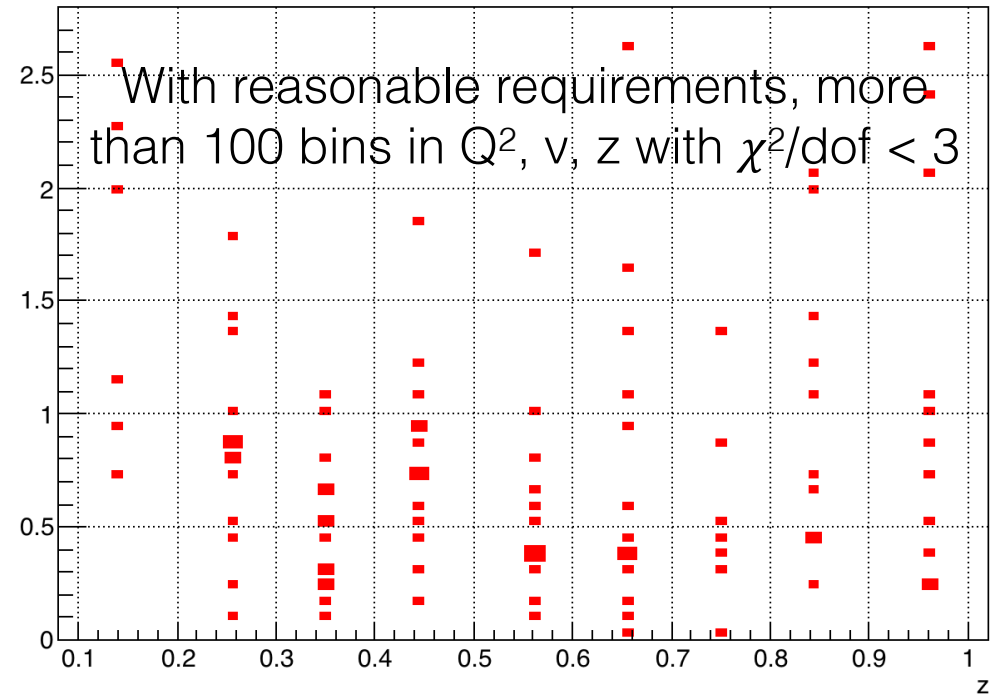
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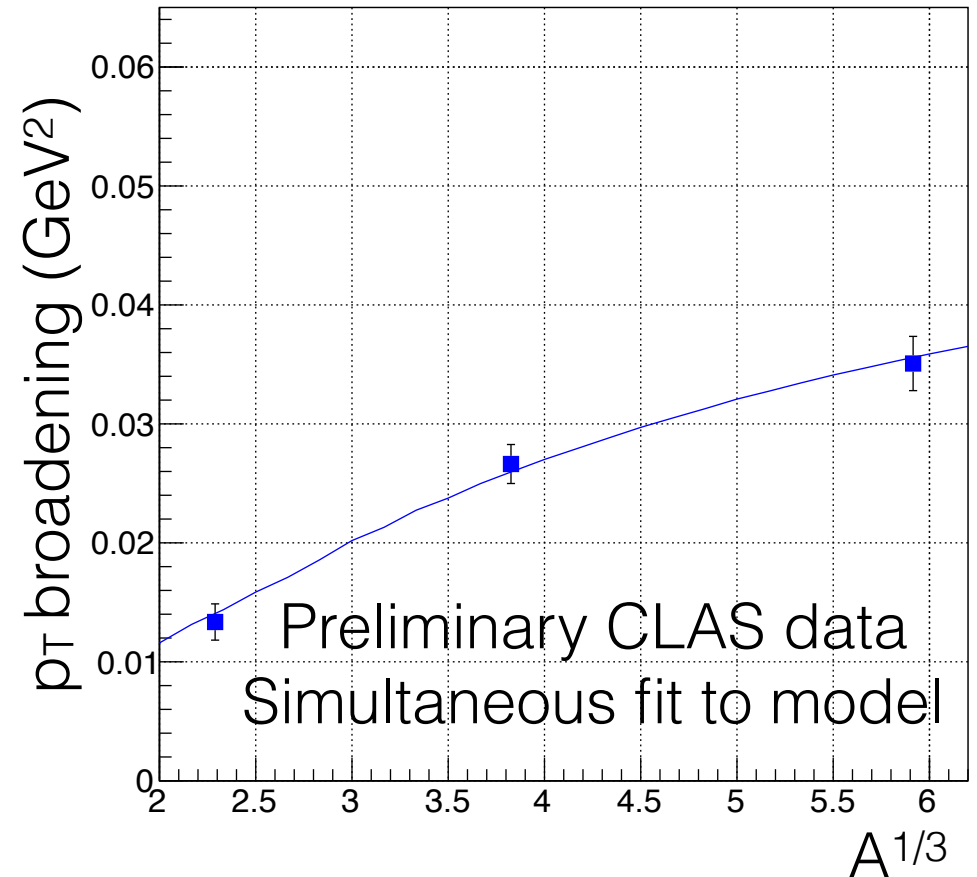
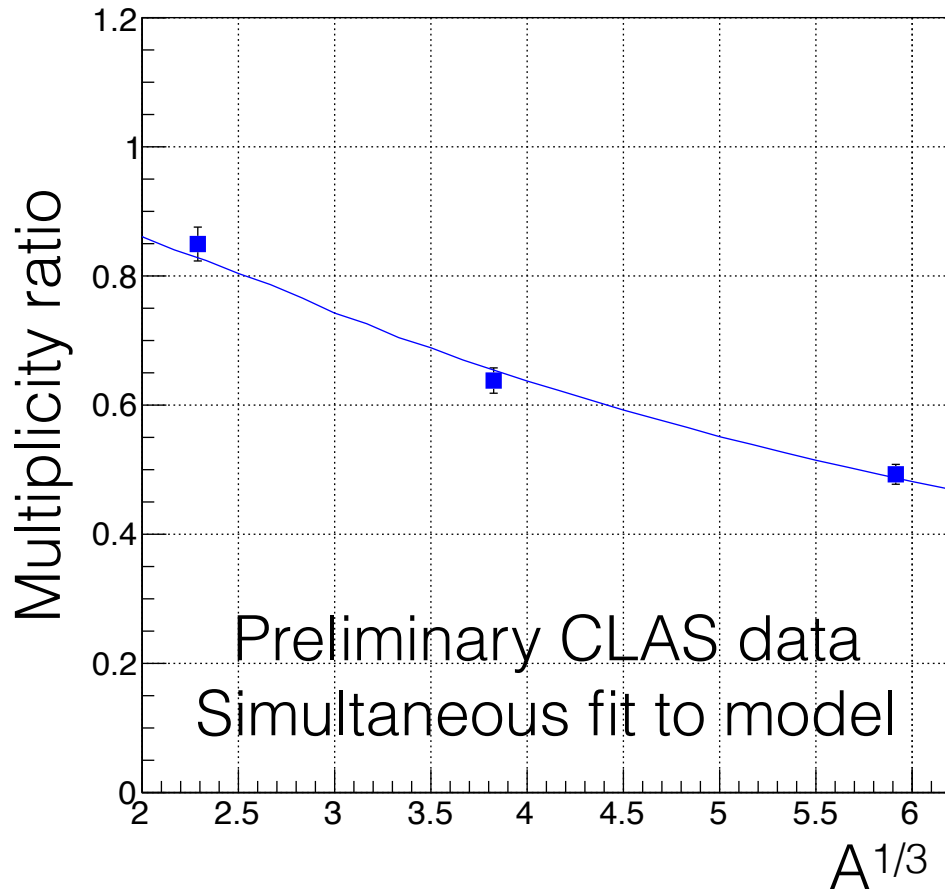
chi2/3:z



chi2/3:z {chi2/3<3&&lp\_err<6&&qhat\_err<100&&sigma\_err<100}



# Example of fit (one of 150 bins in $x$ , $Q^2$ , and $z$ )



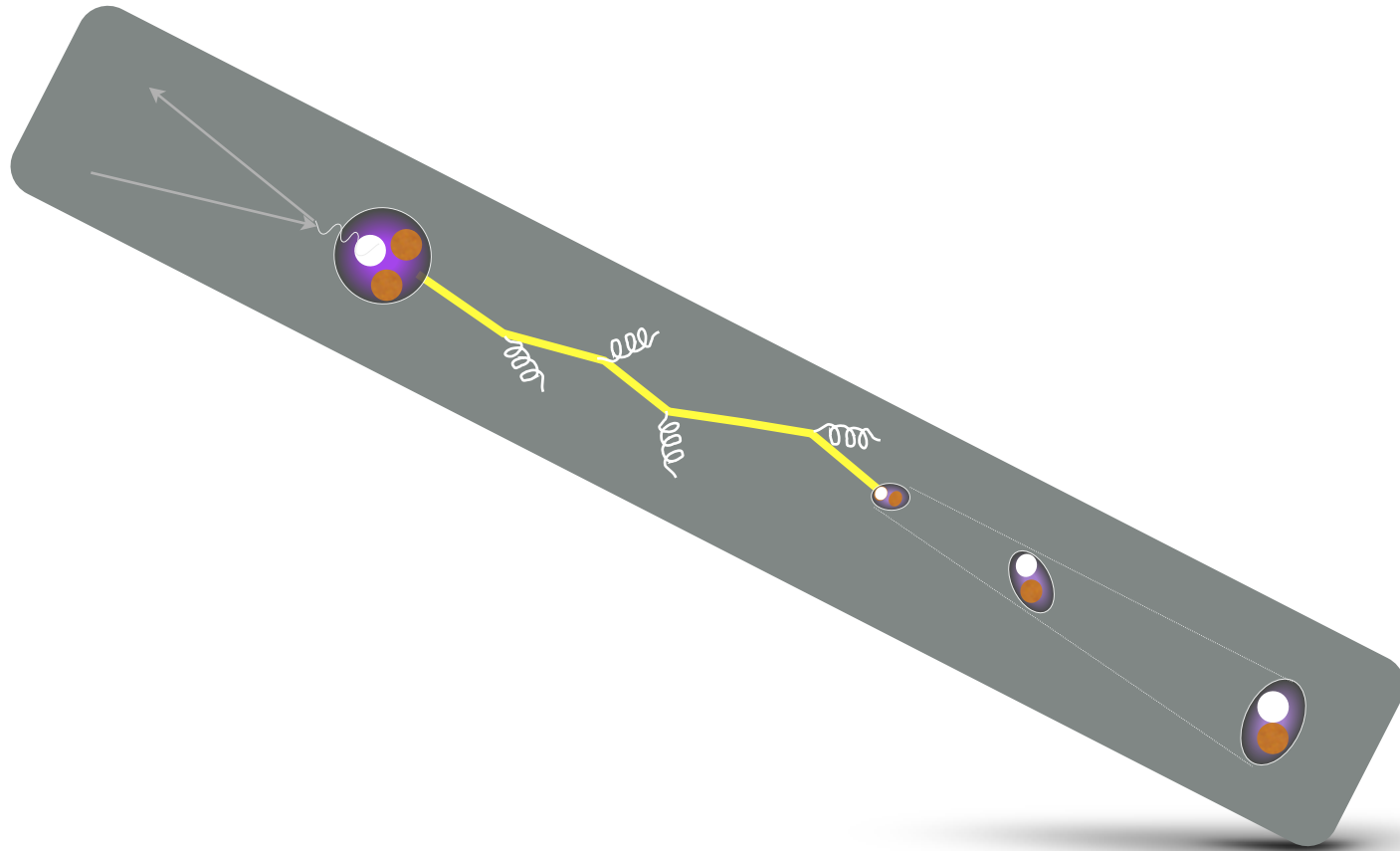
$\langle x \rangle = 0.166$ ,  $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 1.17 \text{ GeV}^2$ , ( $\langle v \rangle = 3.76 \text{ GeV}$ ),  $\langle z \rangle = 0.445$

**$L_p = 1.8 \pm 0.4 \text{ fm}$**

$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.5$

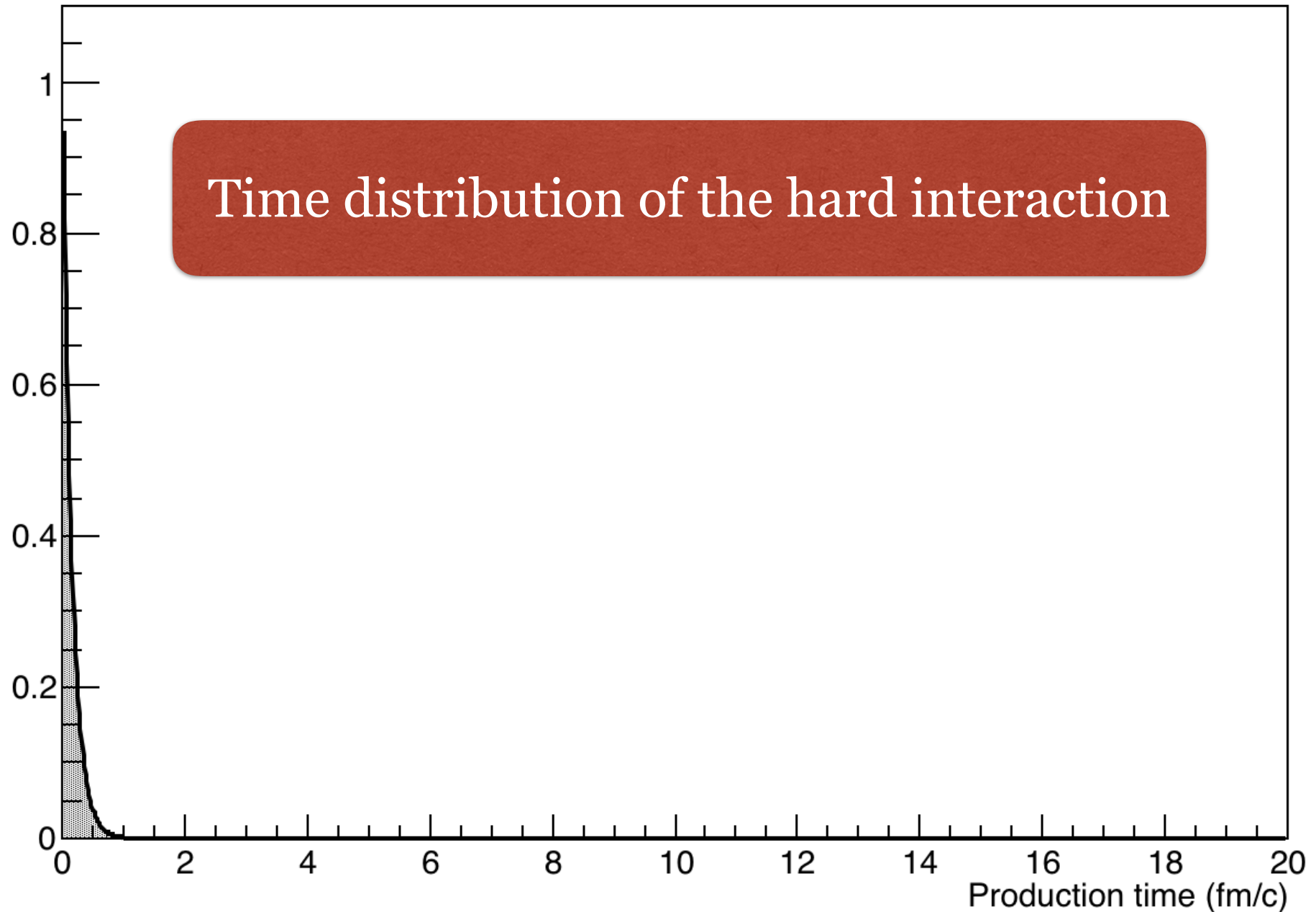
Simultaneous fit *couples*  $p_T$  broadening to multiplicity ratio

# Three possible distributions of production time

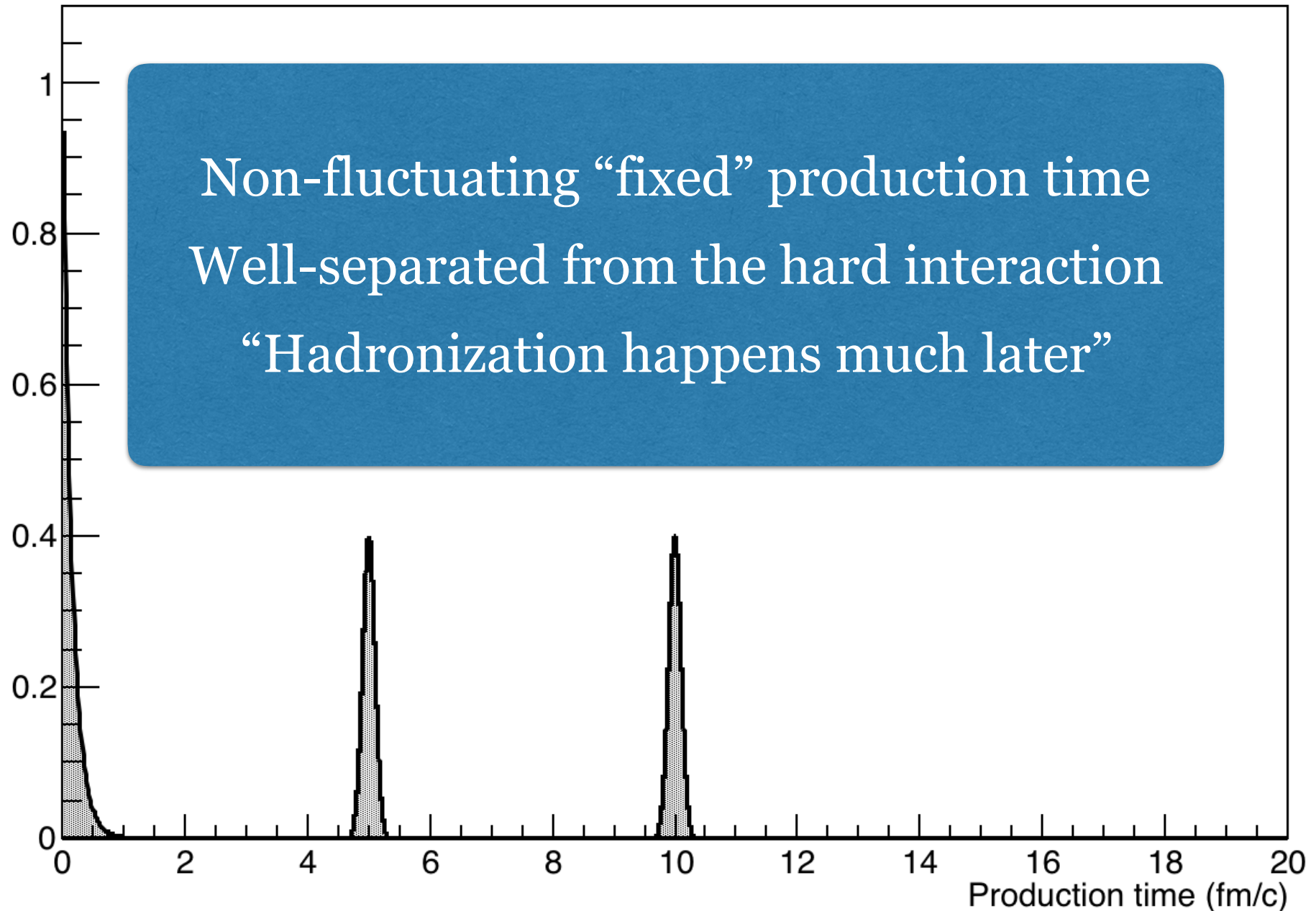




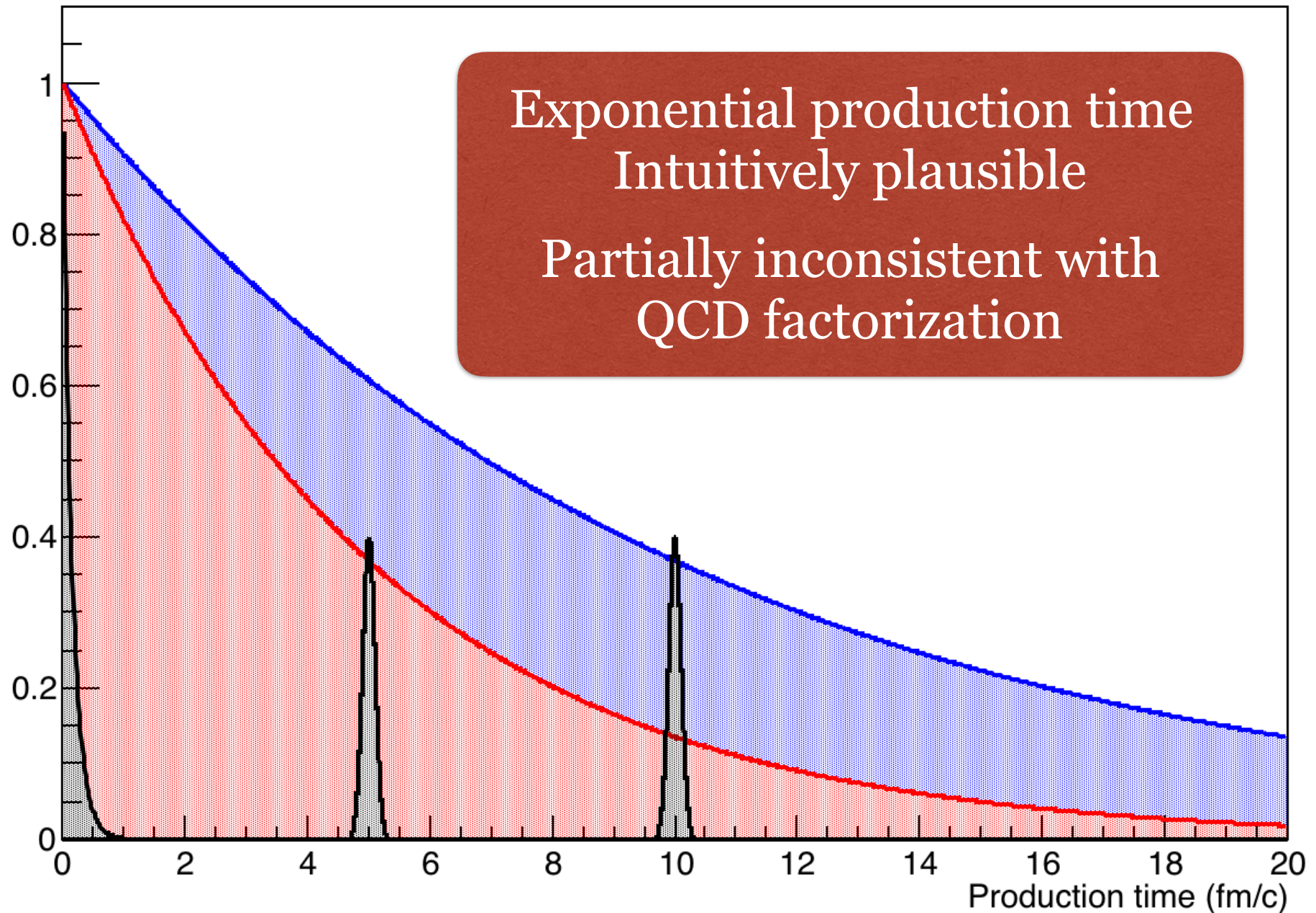
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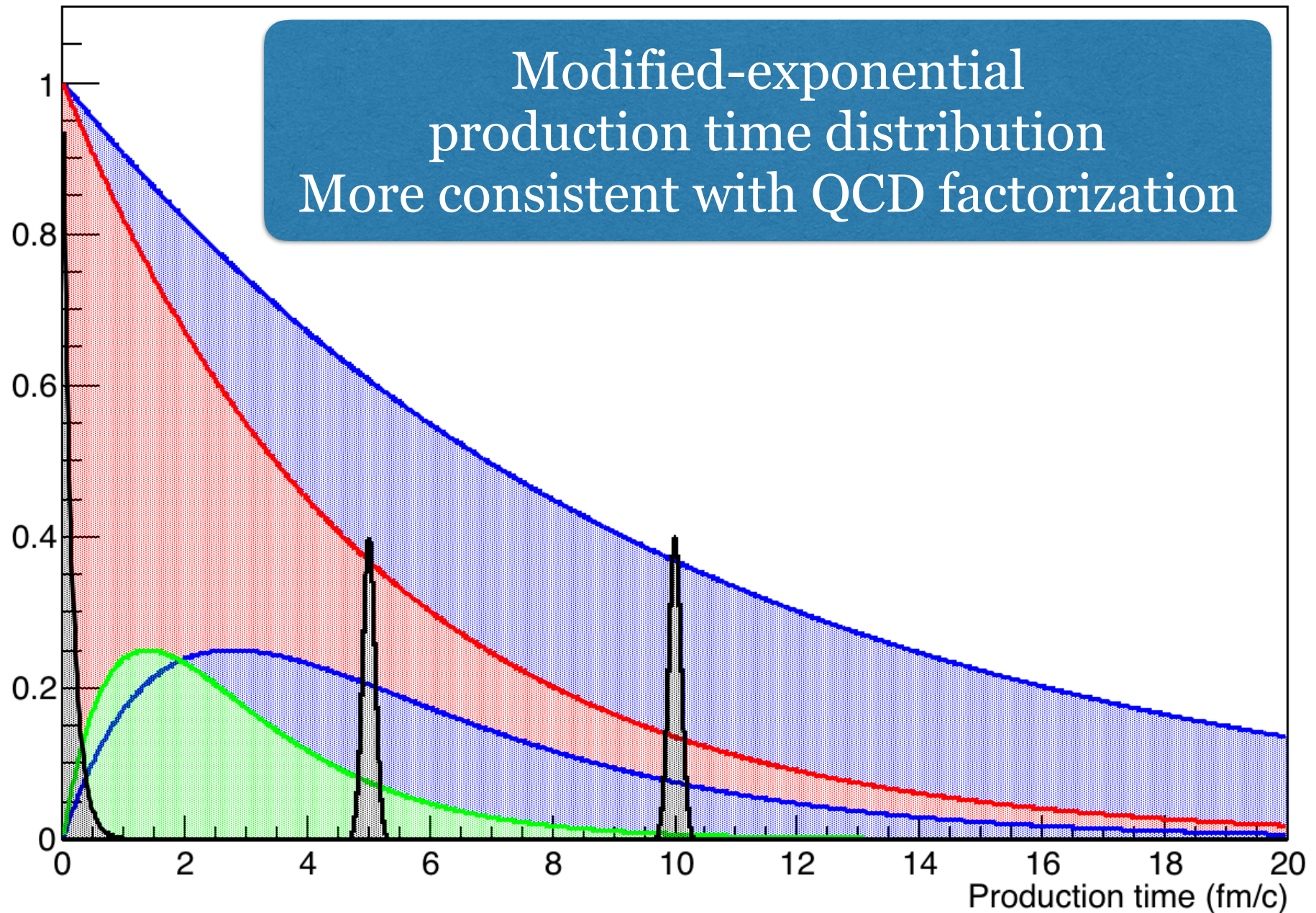
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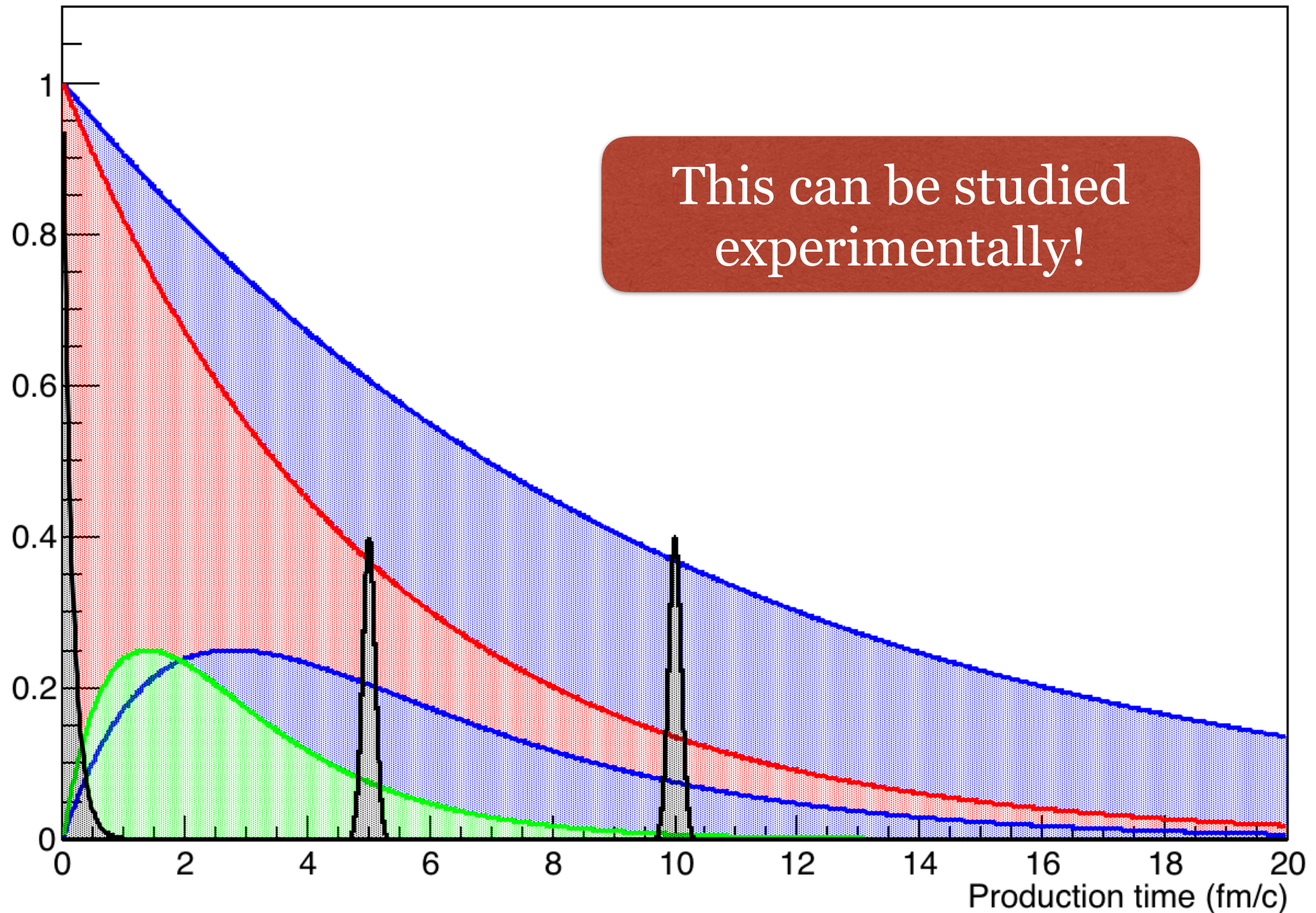
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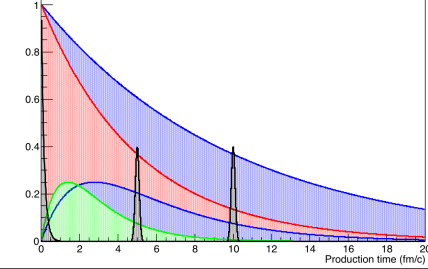
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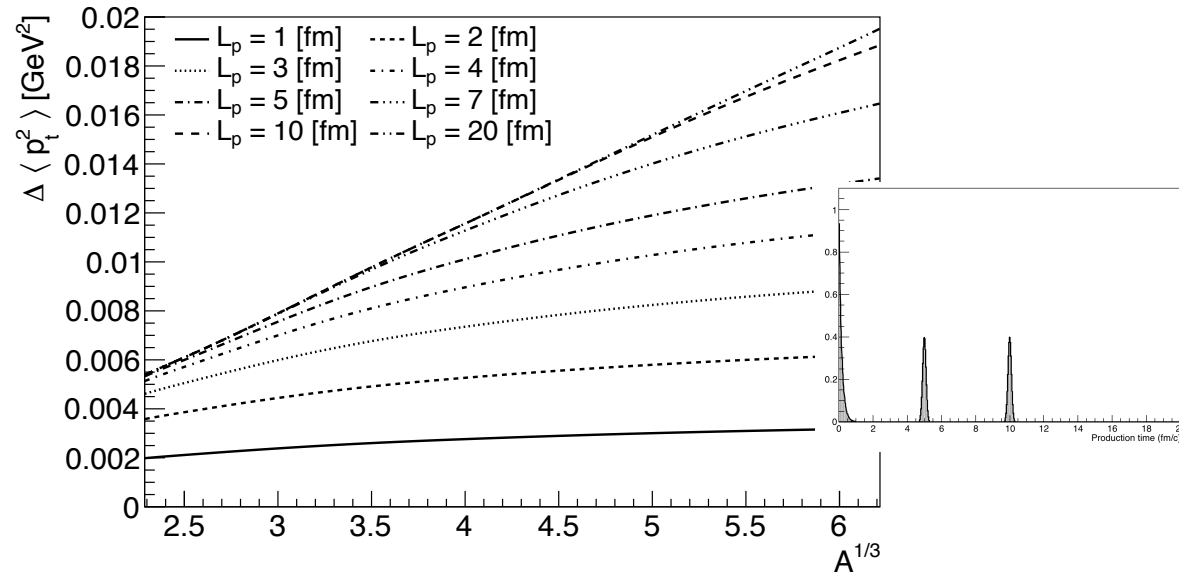
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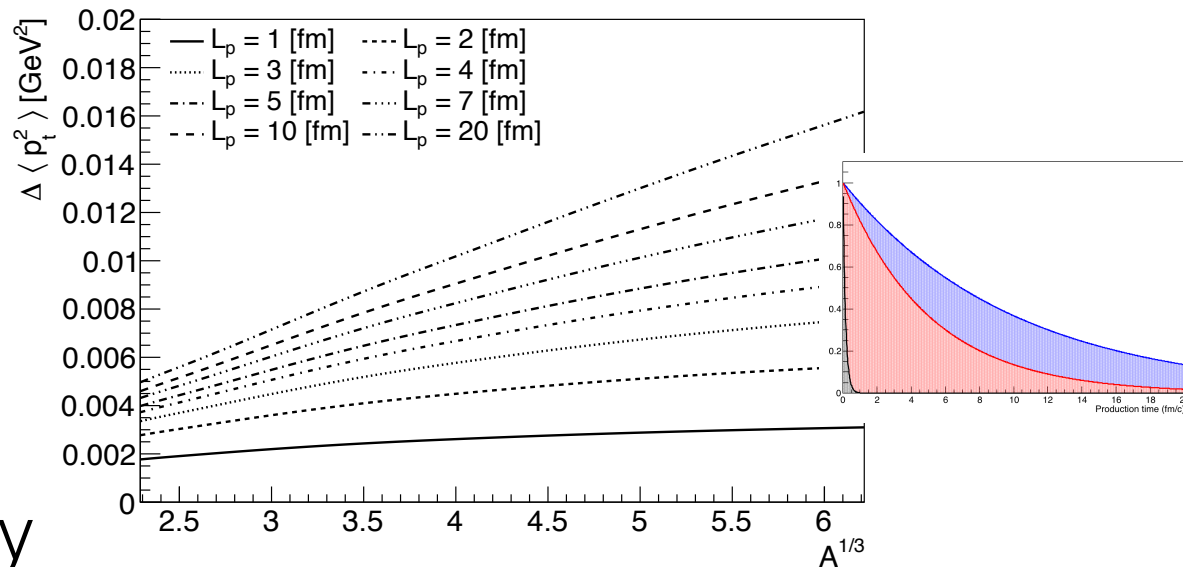
# Effect of production length distribution on $p_T$ broadening



Fixed production time



Exponential production time distribution



QCD factorization  
Relevance at high energy  
Relevance to EIC!

# Tests of exponential distribution hypothesis for quark lifetime

## CLAS Exploratory Study with 5 GeV Data

### Exponential distribution of quark lifetime

103 points, chisquared=69.2, **chisq/dof = 0.685** MEDIUM event selection.  
 FCN=69.2253 FROM MINOS STATUS=SUCCESSFUL 10 CALLS 63 TOTAL  
 EDM=2.30163e-20 STRATEGY= 1 ERROR MATRIX ACCURATE

EXT	PARAMETER			STEP	FIRST
NO.	NAME	VALUE	ERROR	SIZE	DERIVATIVE
1	p0	1.07864e+00	4.83476e-01	-0.00000e+00	6.52690e-07
2	p1	9.33423e-01	2.45714e-01	2.45714e-01	7.34350e-11

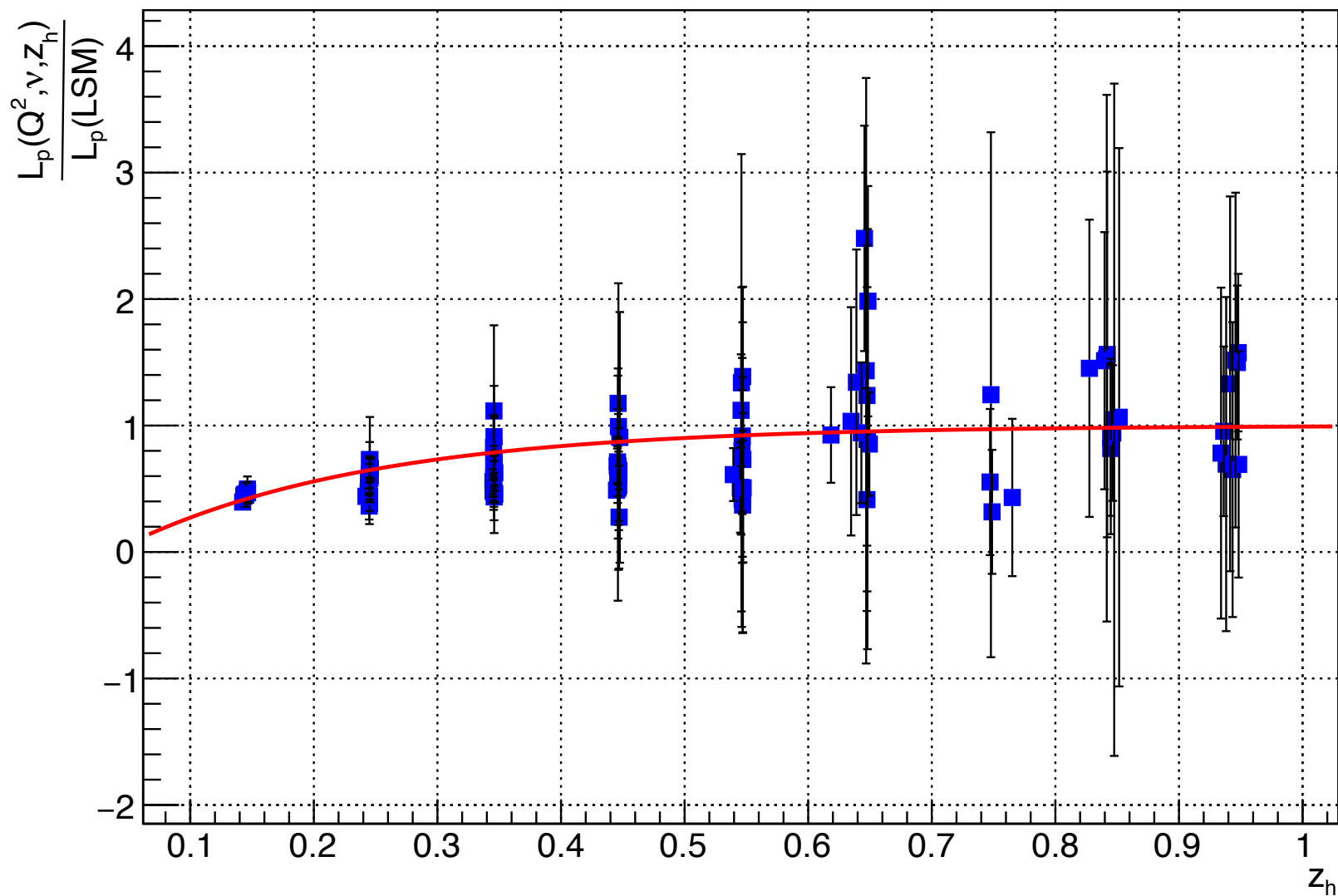
### Single value of quark lifetime

88 points, chisquared=289.5, **chisq/dof = 3.36** MEDIUM event selection.  
 FCN=289.533 FROM MINOS STATUS=SUCCESSFUL 8 CALLS 63 TOTAL  
 EDM=3.95499e-19 STRATEGY= 1 ERROR MATRIX ACCURATE

EXT	PARAMETER			STEP	FIRST
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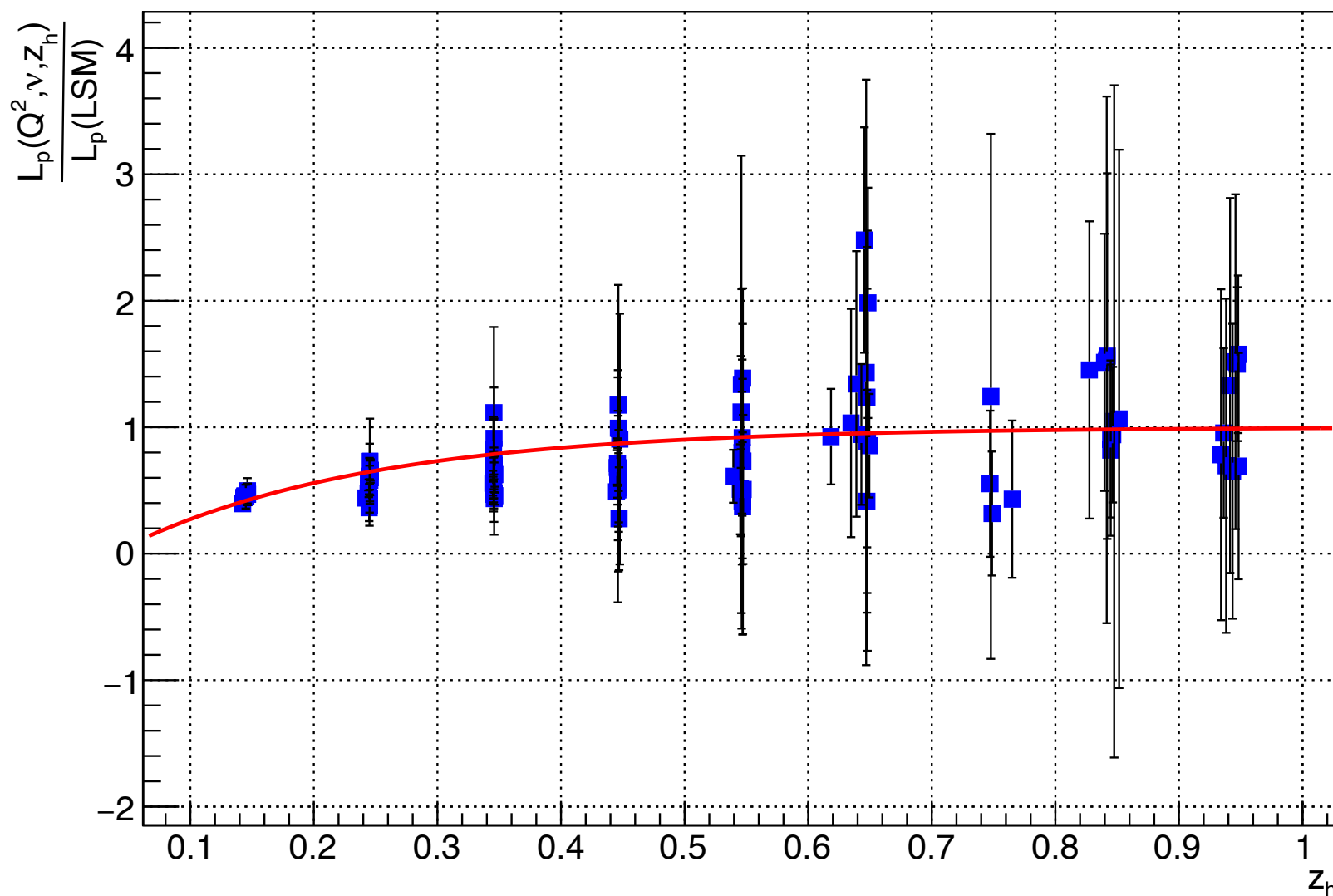
The data clearly prefer an exponential distribution

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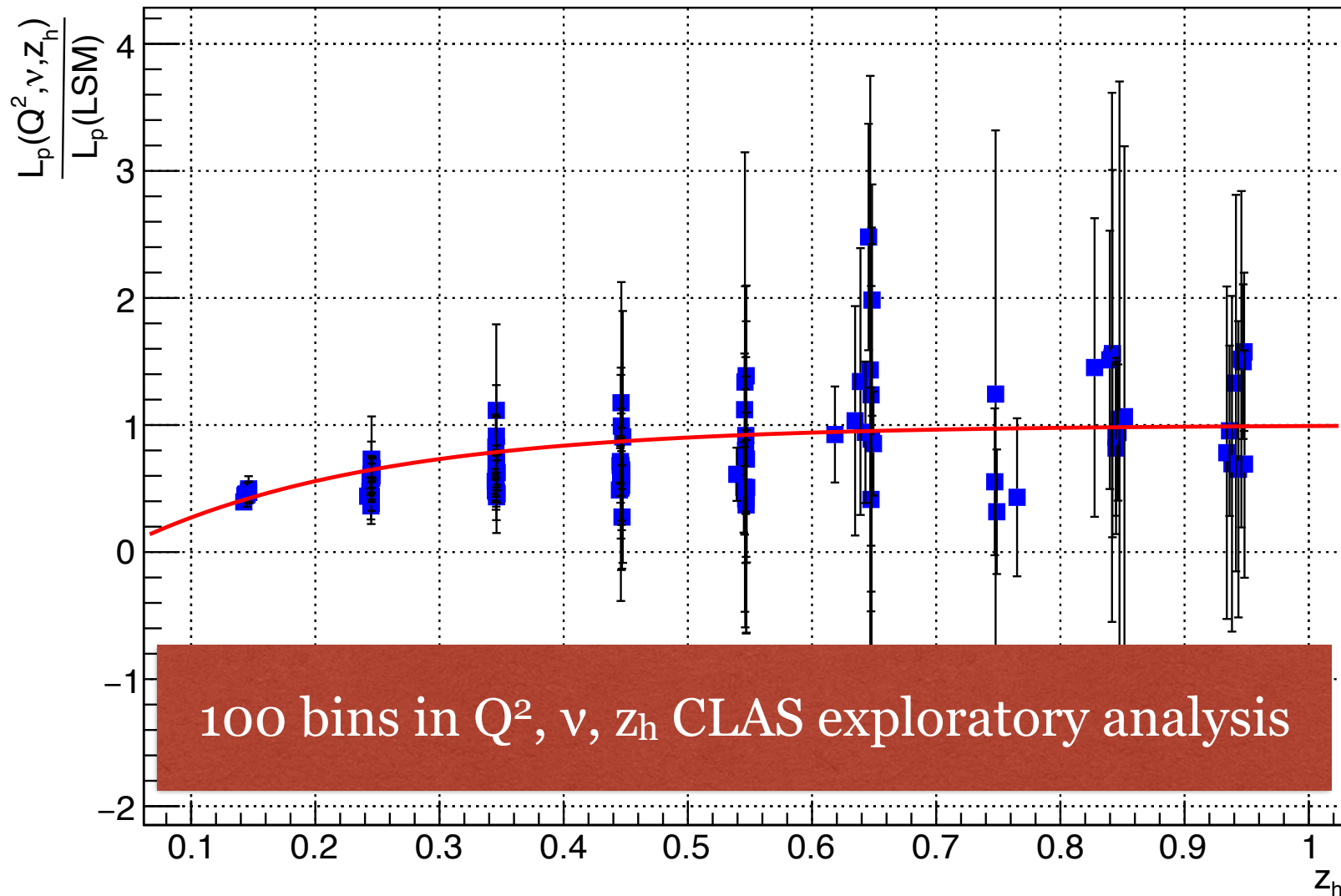


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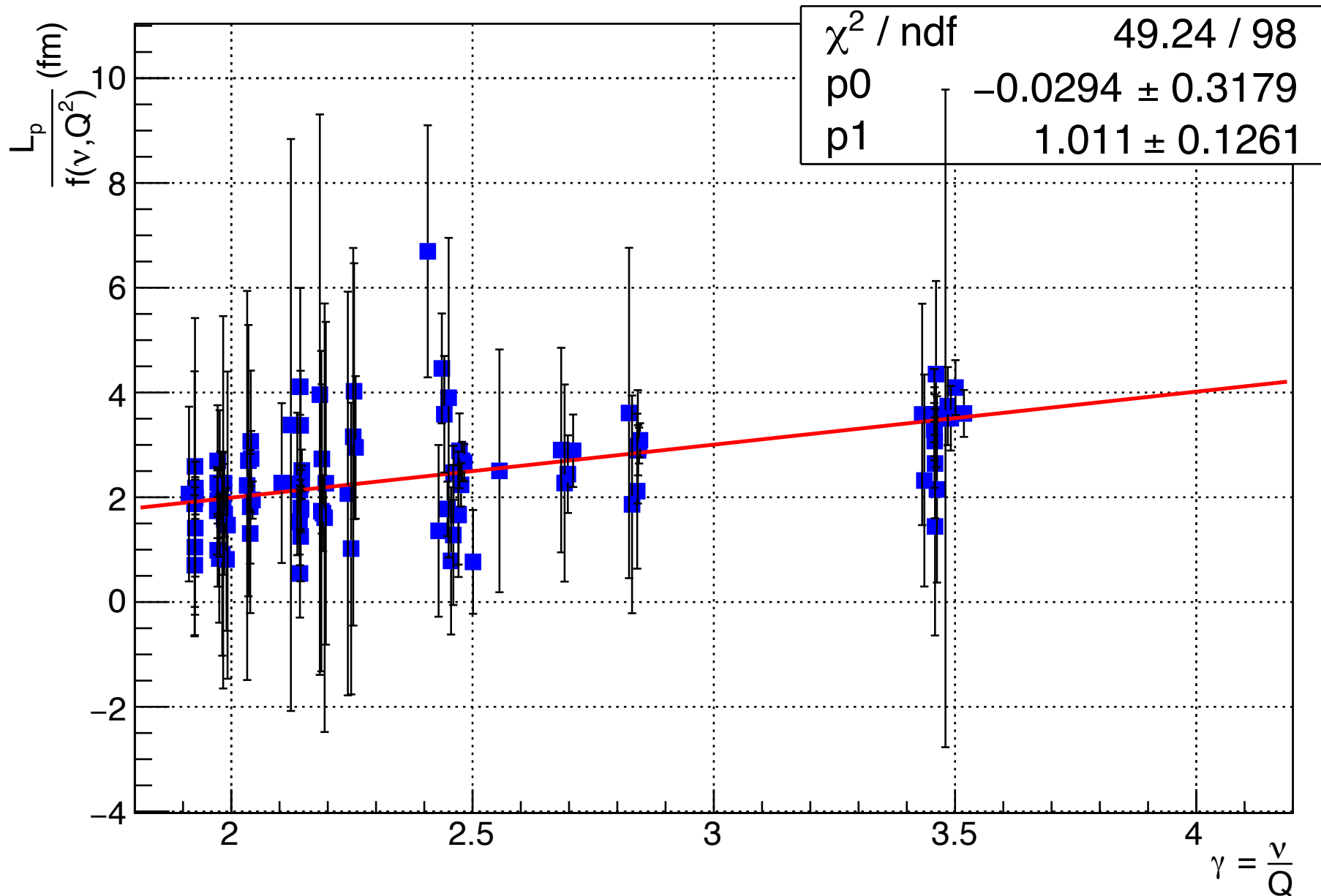
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# Time dilation test of the results



Production time demonstrates time dilation  
Average slope of  $L_p$  vs  $\gamma$  is  $1 \pm 0.1$ !

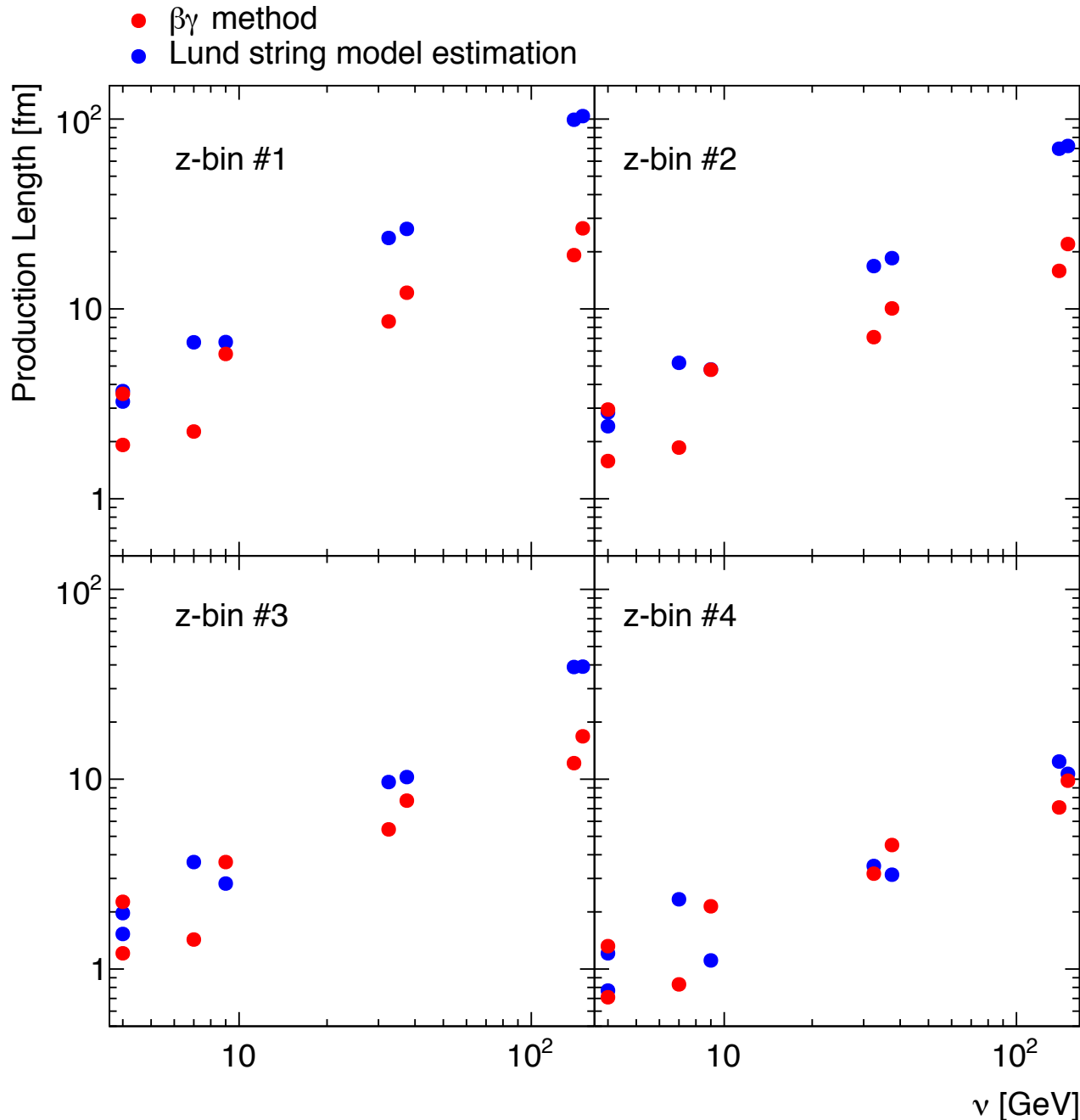
# Extrapolation from HERMES to EIC and CLAS

Using the prescription  $\gamma = v/Q$ ,  $\beta = p_{\gamma^*}/v$ , we can extrapolate:

Q2	nu	beta*gamma	lp, z=0.32	lp, z=0.53	lp, z=0.75	lp, z=0.94	Experiment	x
2.40	14.50	9.31	8.57				HERMES	0.09
2.40	13.10	8.40		6.39			HERMES	0.10
2.40	12.40	7.94			4.63		HERMES	0.10
2.30	10.80	7.05				2.40	HERMES	0.11
3.00	4.00	2.08	1.92	1.58	1.21	0.71	CLAS	0.40
7.00	7.00	2.45	2.26	1.86	1.43	0.83	CLAS12	0.53
1.00	4.00	3.87	3.57	2.95	2.26	1.32	CLAS	0.13
2.00	9.00	6.28	5.79	4.78	3.66	2.14	CLAS12	0.12
12.00	32.50	9.33	8.59	7.10	5.44	3.18	EIC	0.20
8.00	37.50	13.22	12.17	10.06	7.71	4.50	EIC	0.11
45.00	140.00	20.85	19.20	15.86	12.15	7.10	EIC	0.17
27.00	150.00	28.85	26.57	21.96	16.82	9.82	EIC	0.10

At EIC we can study a wide range of production lengths!

# Extrapolation of HERMES fits to EIC kinematics - two different methods



Fair agreement for several kinematic bins

Largest divergence at low  $z$  and high  $\nu$  - target fragmentation region

Wide range of production lengths shows that an interesting program of measurements will be feasible at EIC

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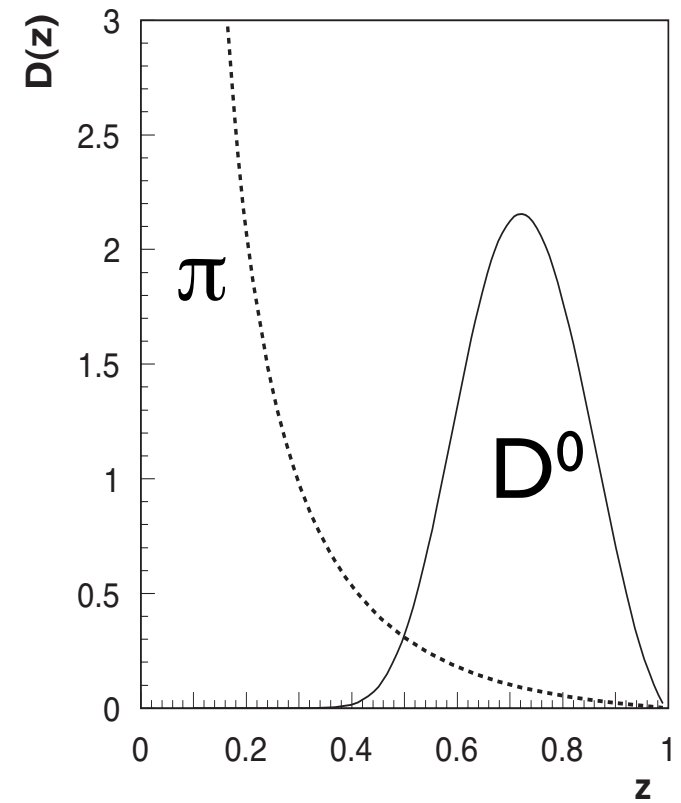
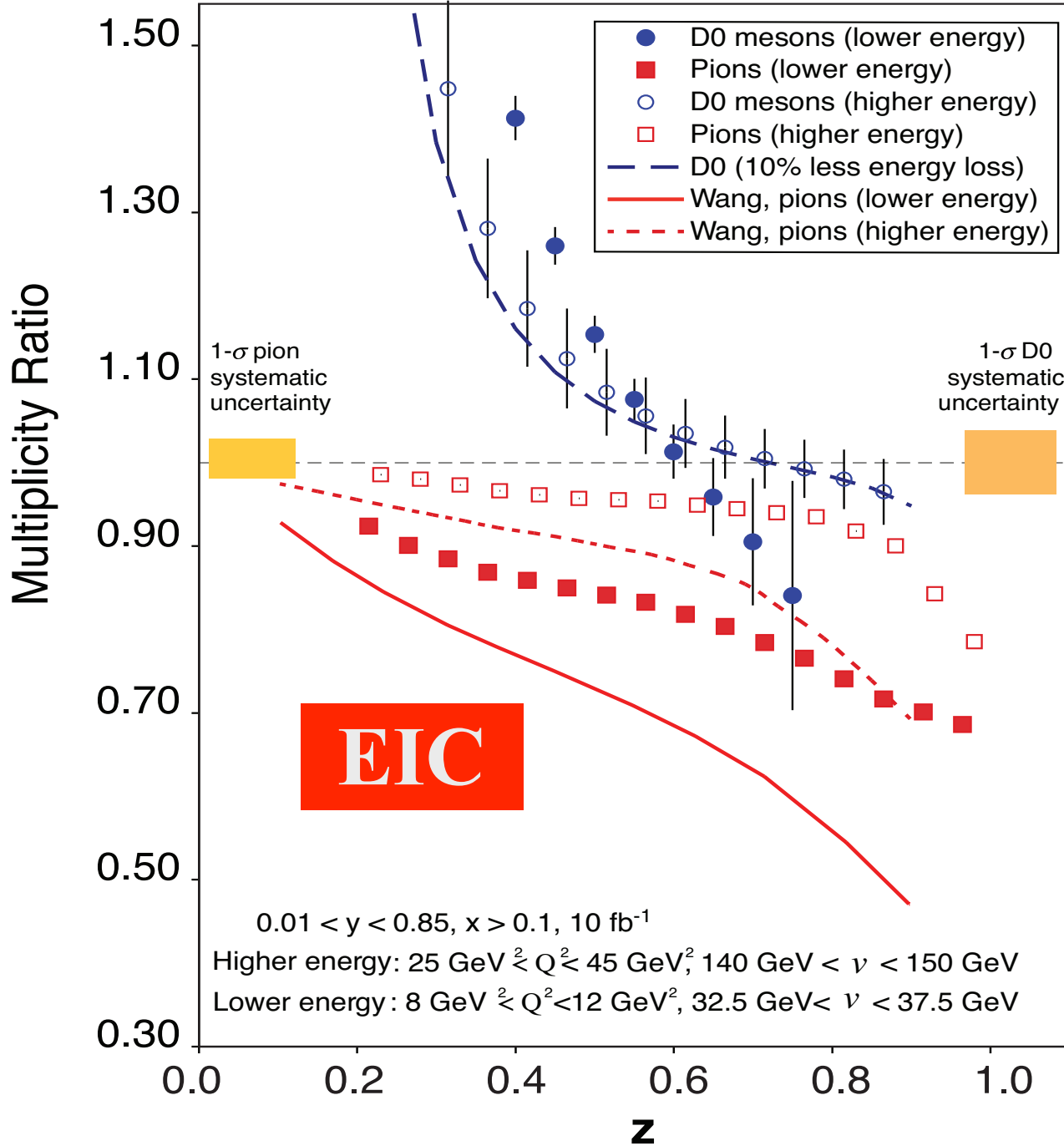
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**EIC**  
 Year 1

Definitive comparisons of light quark and heavy quark energy loss

Access to very strong, unique light quark energy loss signature via  $D^0$  heavy meson. Compare to  $s$  and  $c$  quark energy loss in  $D_s^+$

# NEW THEORY DEVELOPMENT

- T. Liou, A.H. Mueller, B. Wu: Nuclear Physics A 916 (2013) 102–125, arXiv:1304.7677
  - Old: multiple scattering  $\rightarrow$  gluon emission, = energy loss

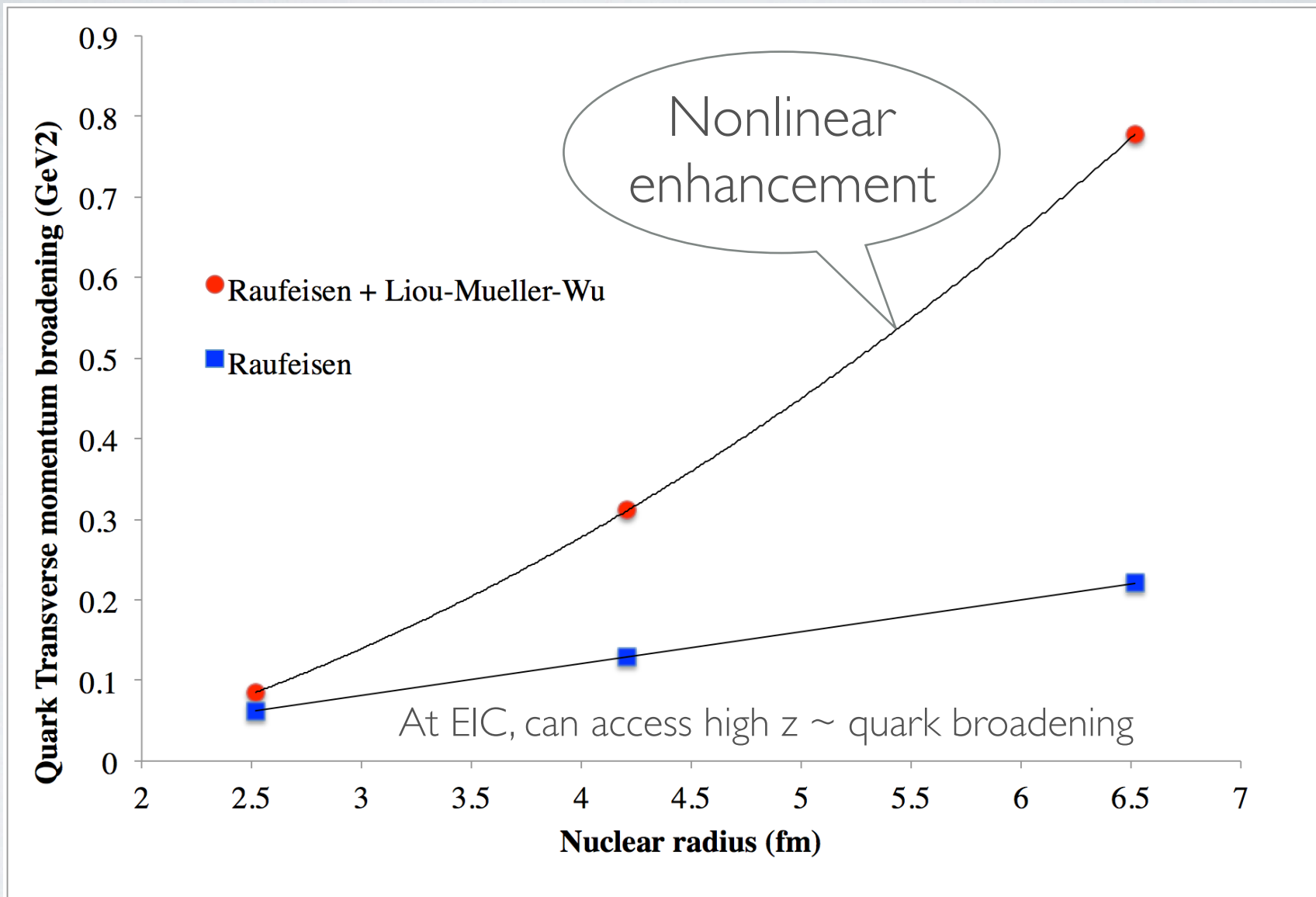
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4} \Delta p_T^2 \propto \hat{q} L$$

- New: this energy loss creates *more*  $p_T$  broadening

$$\Delta p_T^2 = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{8\pi} \hat{q} L \boxed{\ln^2 \frac{L^2}{l_0^2}} + \dots$$

$\rightarrow$  predicts a non-linear relationship between  $p_T$  broadening and  $L$ .  
we can look for this at EIC!

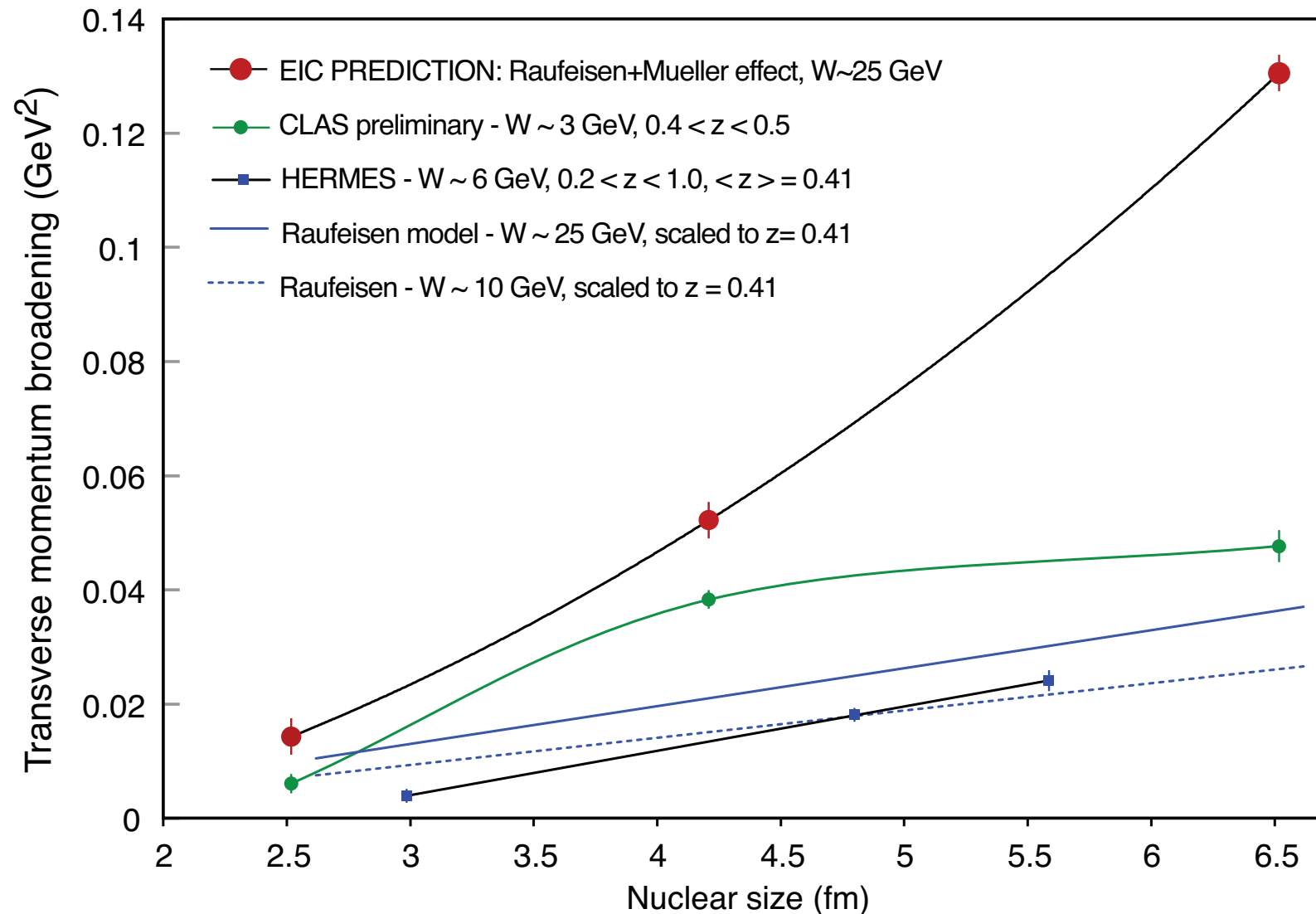
# QUARK $K_T$ BROADENING



Jörg Raufeisen (Physics Letters B 557 (2003) 184–191) =

Dolejsi, Hüfner, Kopeliovich, Johnson, Tarasov, Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Schiff, Zakharov, Guo<sup>2</sup>, Luo, Qiu, Sterman, Majumder, Wang<sup>2</sup>, Zhang, Kang, Zing, Song, Gao, Liang, Bodwin, Brodsky, Lepage, Michael, Wilk. ...color dipole, BDMPS-Z, higher-twist, etc.

# pQCD description of quark energy loss on $p_T$ broadening



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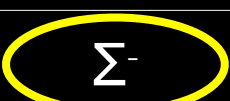
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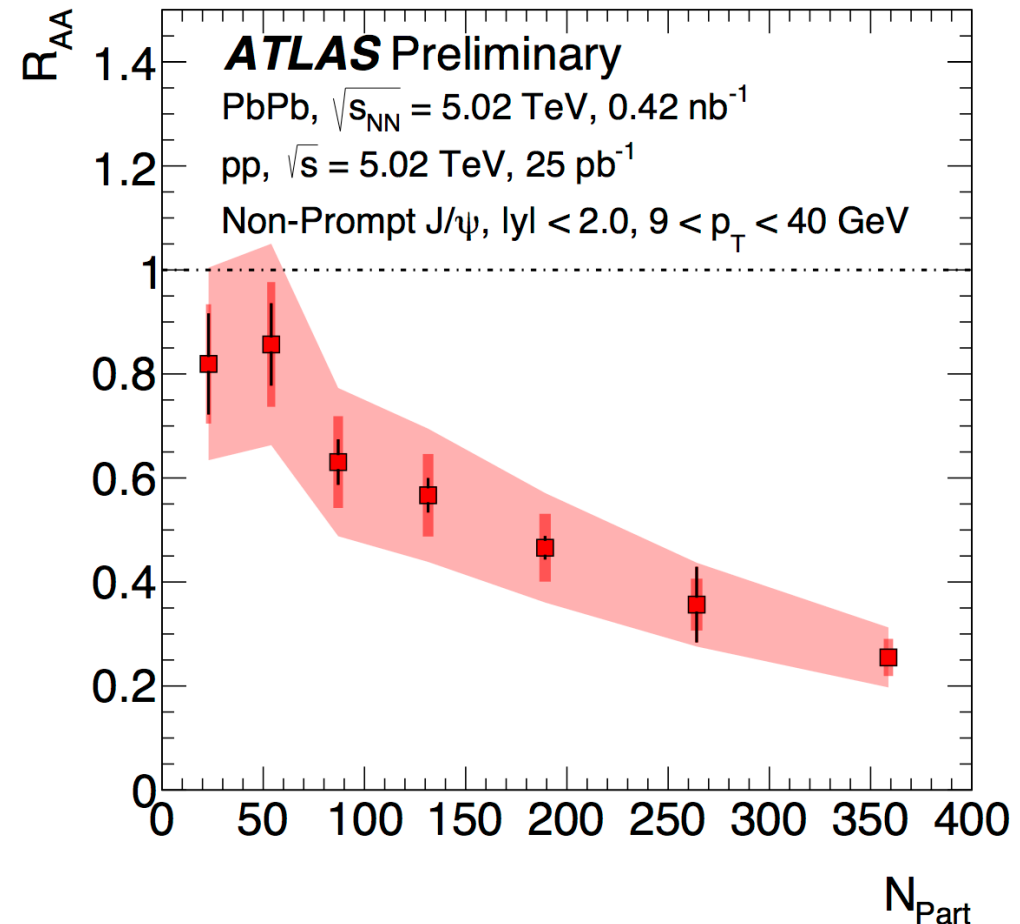
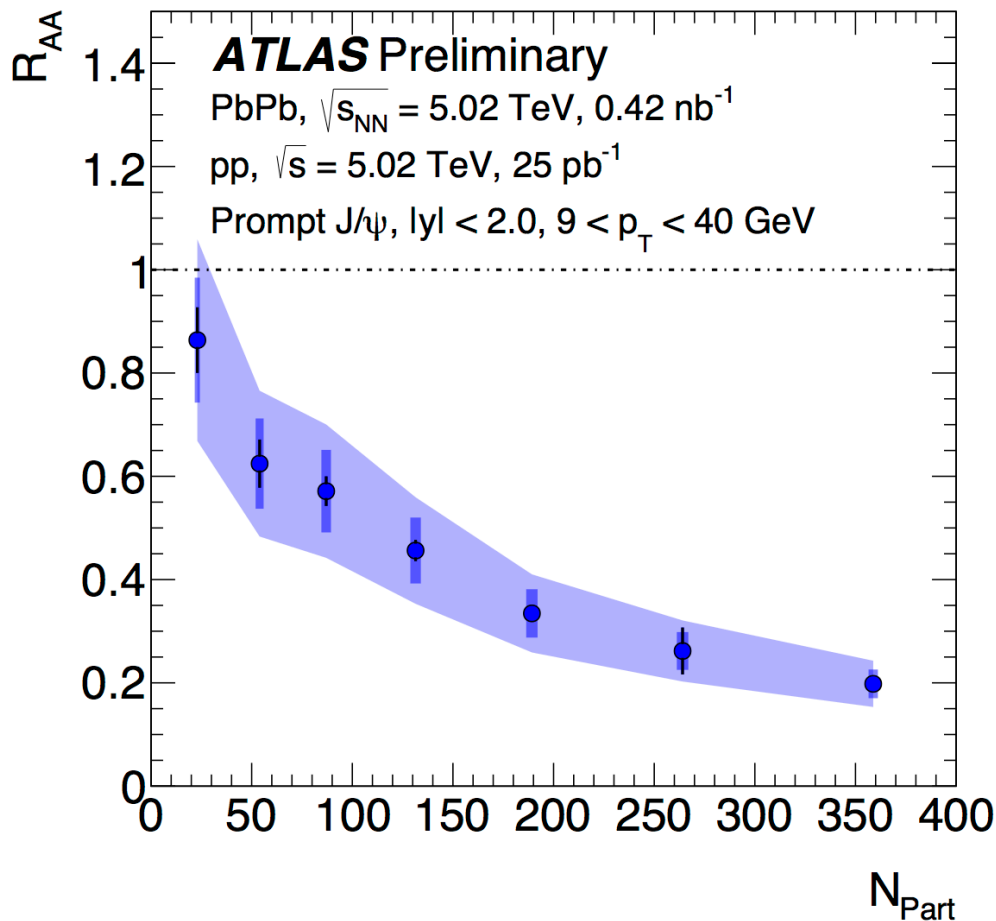
EIC: heavy mesons and baryons; wide kinematic range!

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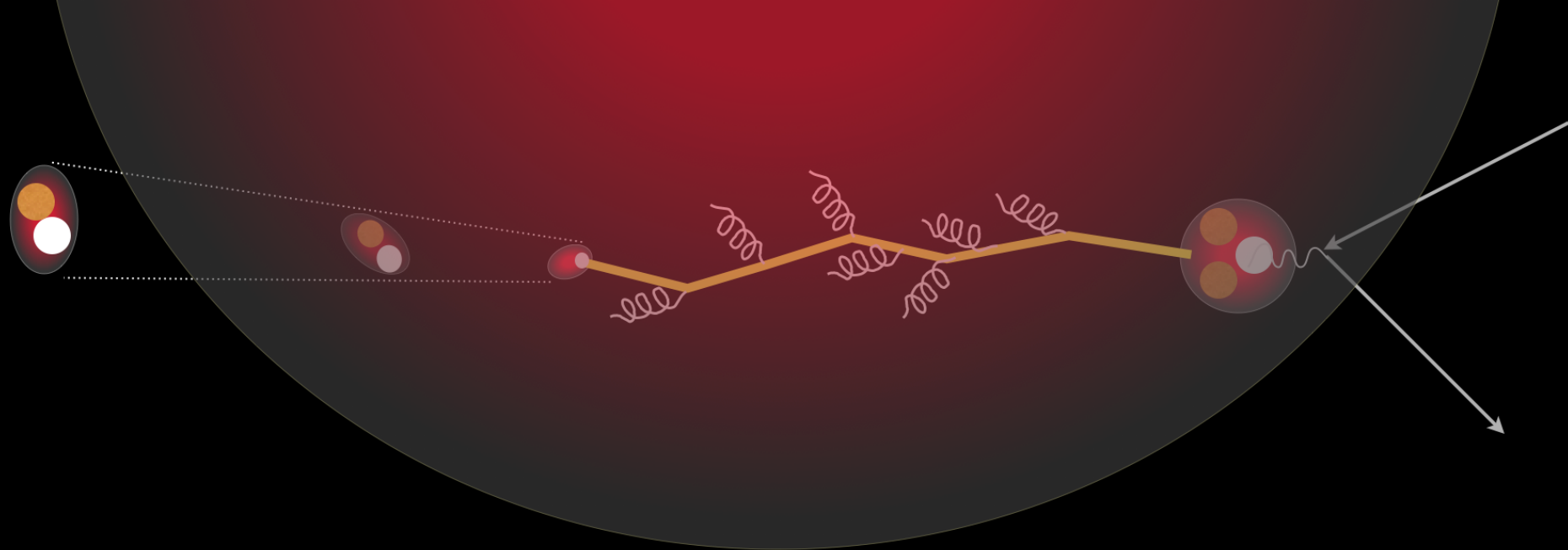
# LHC Data: color propagation in the *hot* medium

Study of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  and  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  production with 2015 Pb+Pb data at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV and pp data at  $\sqrt{s}=5.02$  TeV with the ATLAS detector

<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2016-109/>

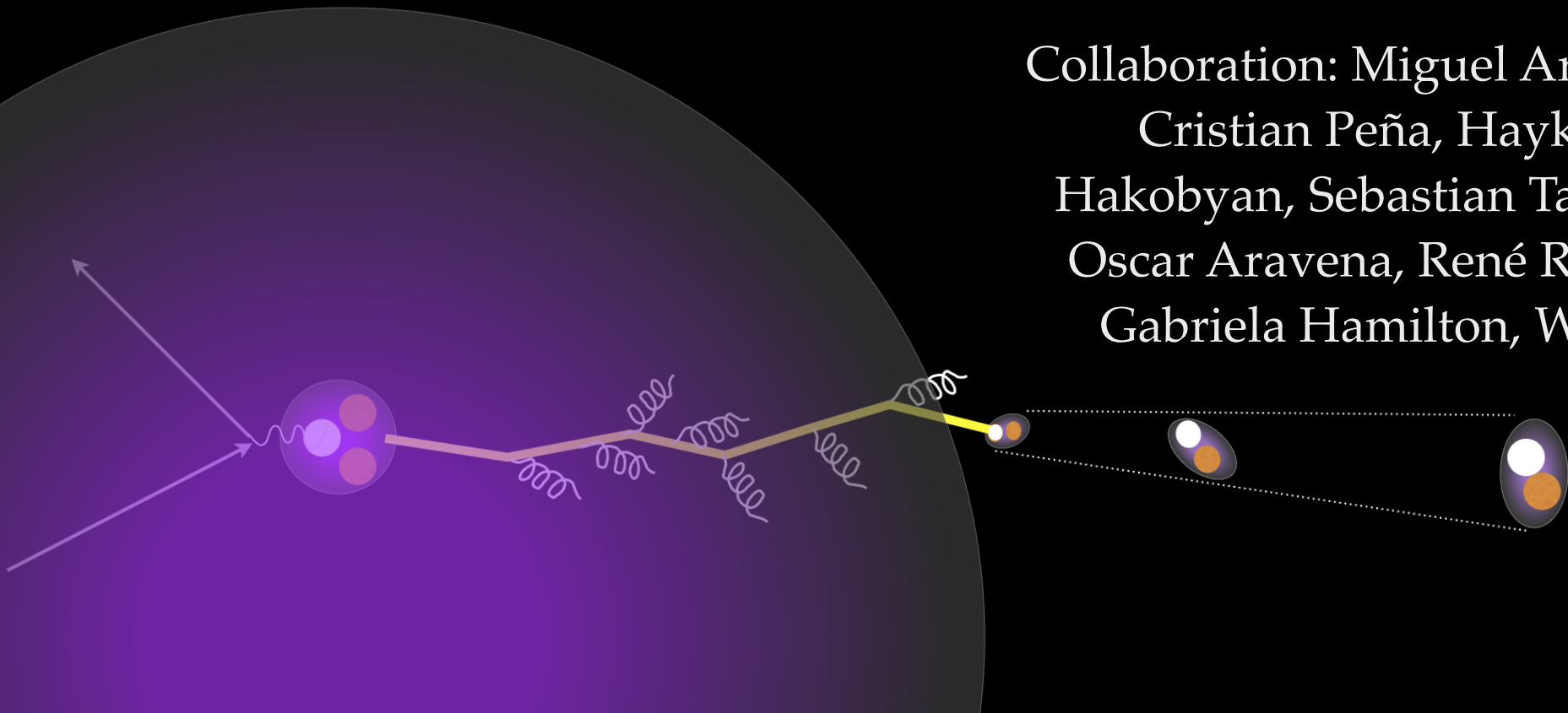


Heavy quarks and fragile mesons similarly suppressed with centrality!



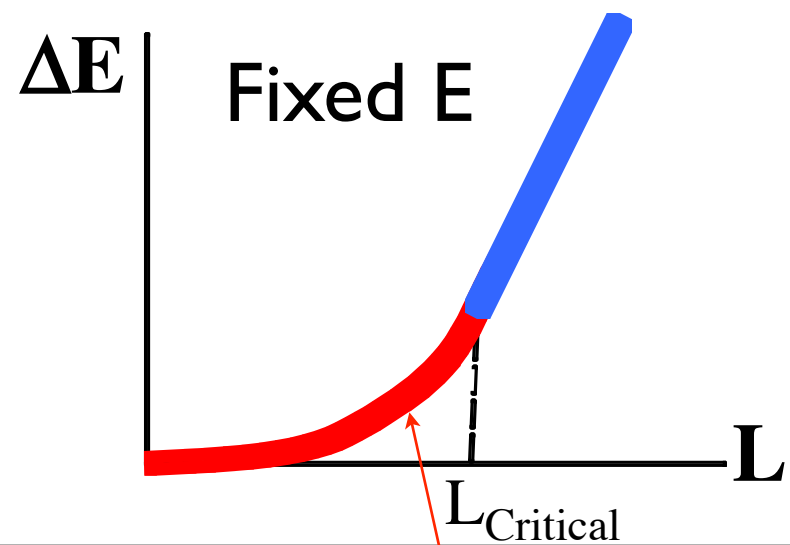
## Direct measurement of quark energy loss

Collaboration: Miguel Arratia,  
Cristian Peña, Hayk  
Hakobyan, Sebastian Tapia,  
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$$L < L_{\text{Critical}} \quad -\frac{dE}{dx} \propto L \hat{q}$$

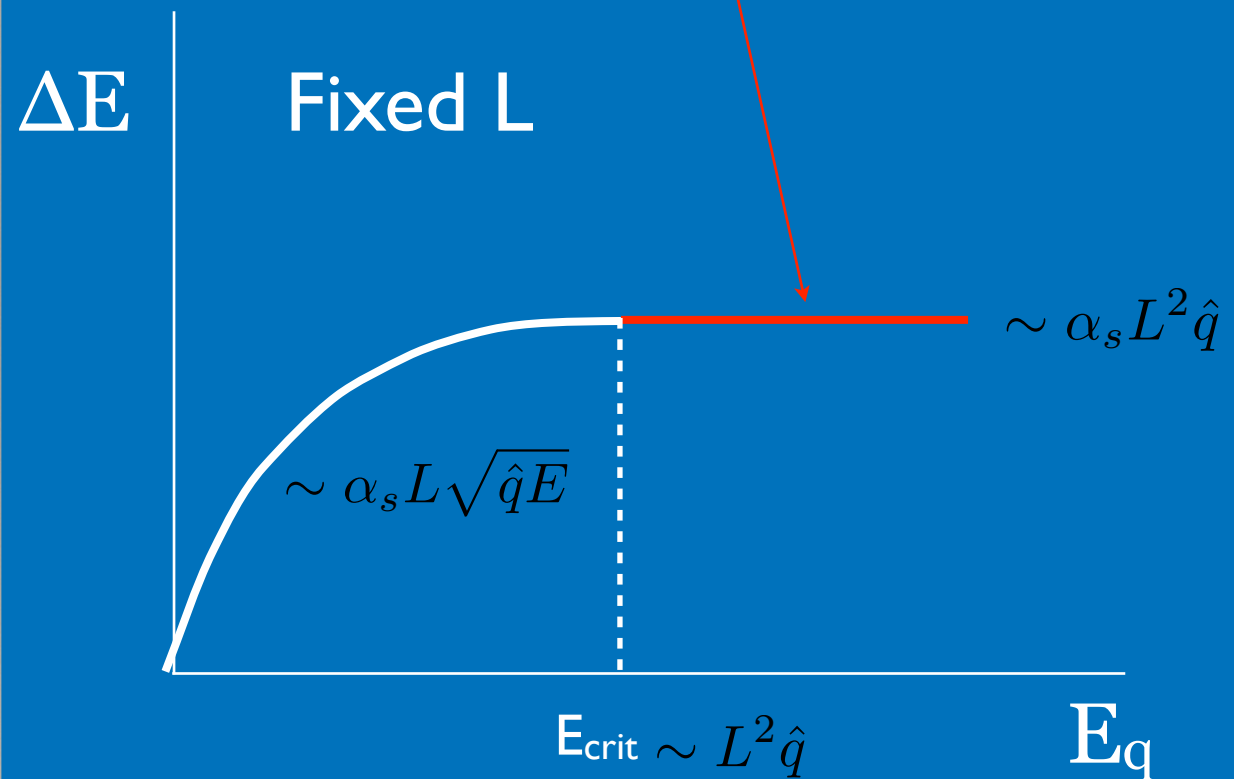
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**Partonic energy loss** in pQCD (BDMPS-Z) exhibits a critical system length  $L_c$  and a critical energy  $E_c$

$$L_c \propto \sqrt{\frac{E_q}{\hat{q}}}$$

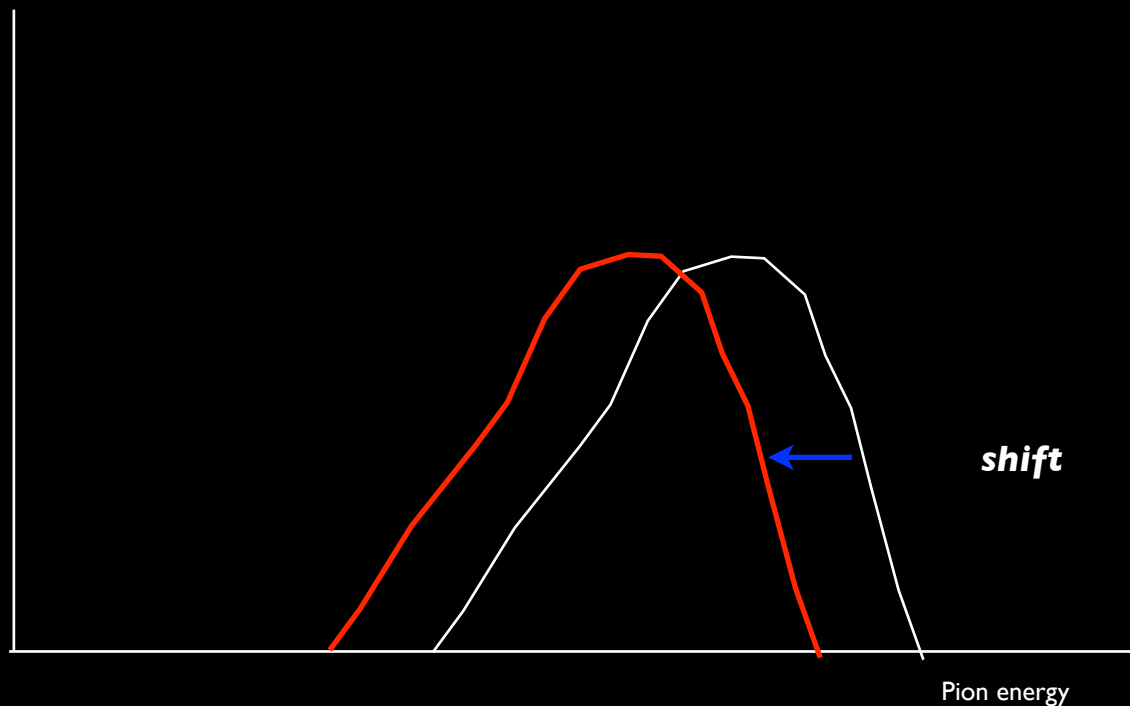
$$E_c \approx 0.4 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{1 \text{ fm}}\right)^2 \text{ GeV}$$

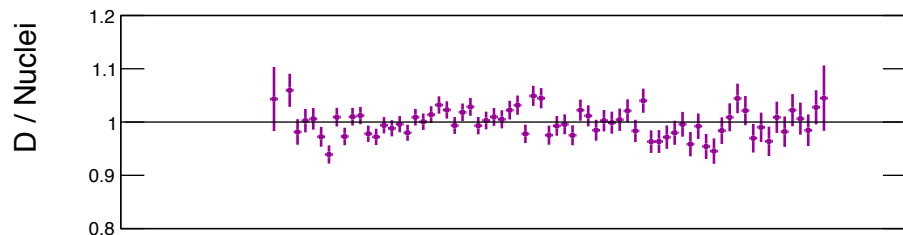
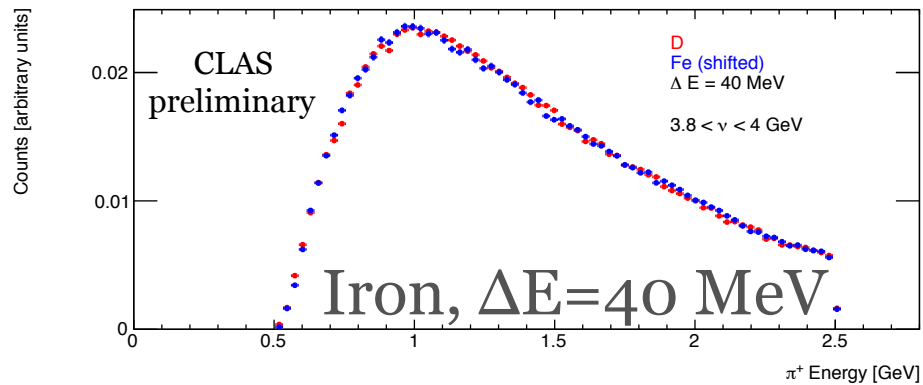
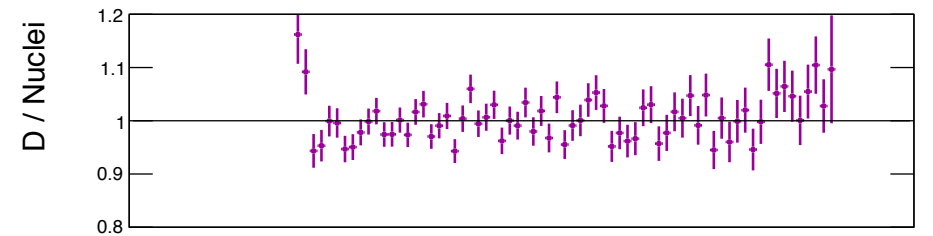
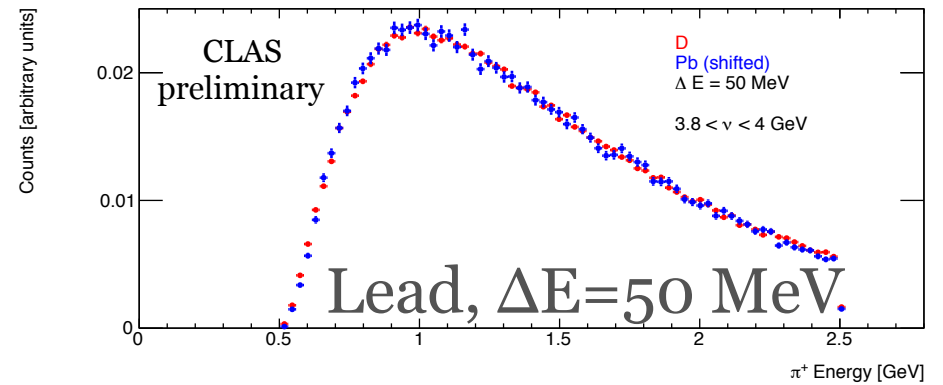
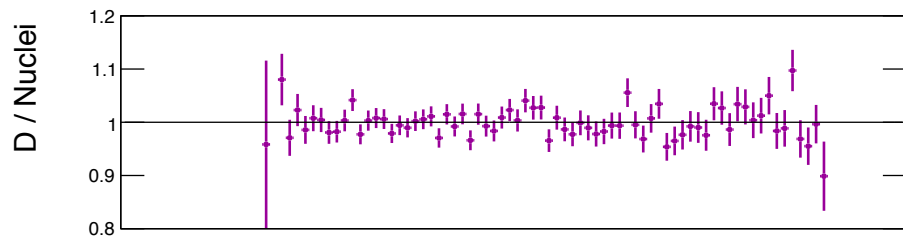
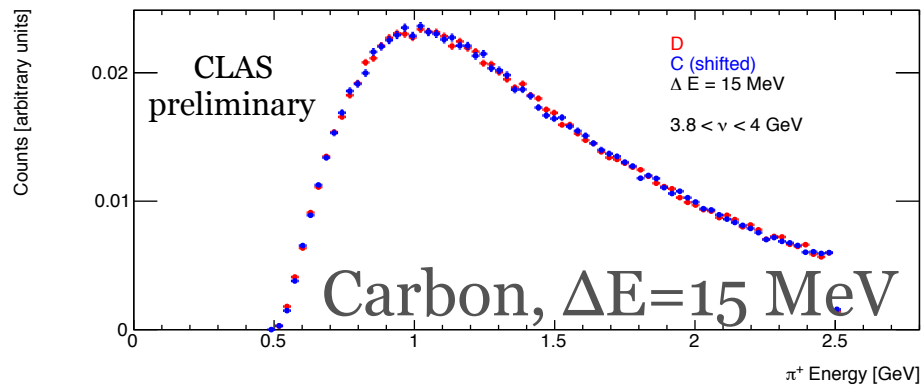


$$-\Delta E_q = \frac{\alpha_s}{4} \Delta k_T^2 \cdot L = \frac{\alpha_s}{4} \hat{q} \cdot L^2$$

# How to *directly* measure quark energy loss?

- Energy loss: *independent of energy* for thin medium
- “Thin enough” depends on quark energy
- If energy loss is independent of energy, it will produce a ***shift*** of the energy spectrum, for higher energies.
- We can look for a ***shift*** of the Pb energy spectrum compared to that of the deuterium energy spectrum





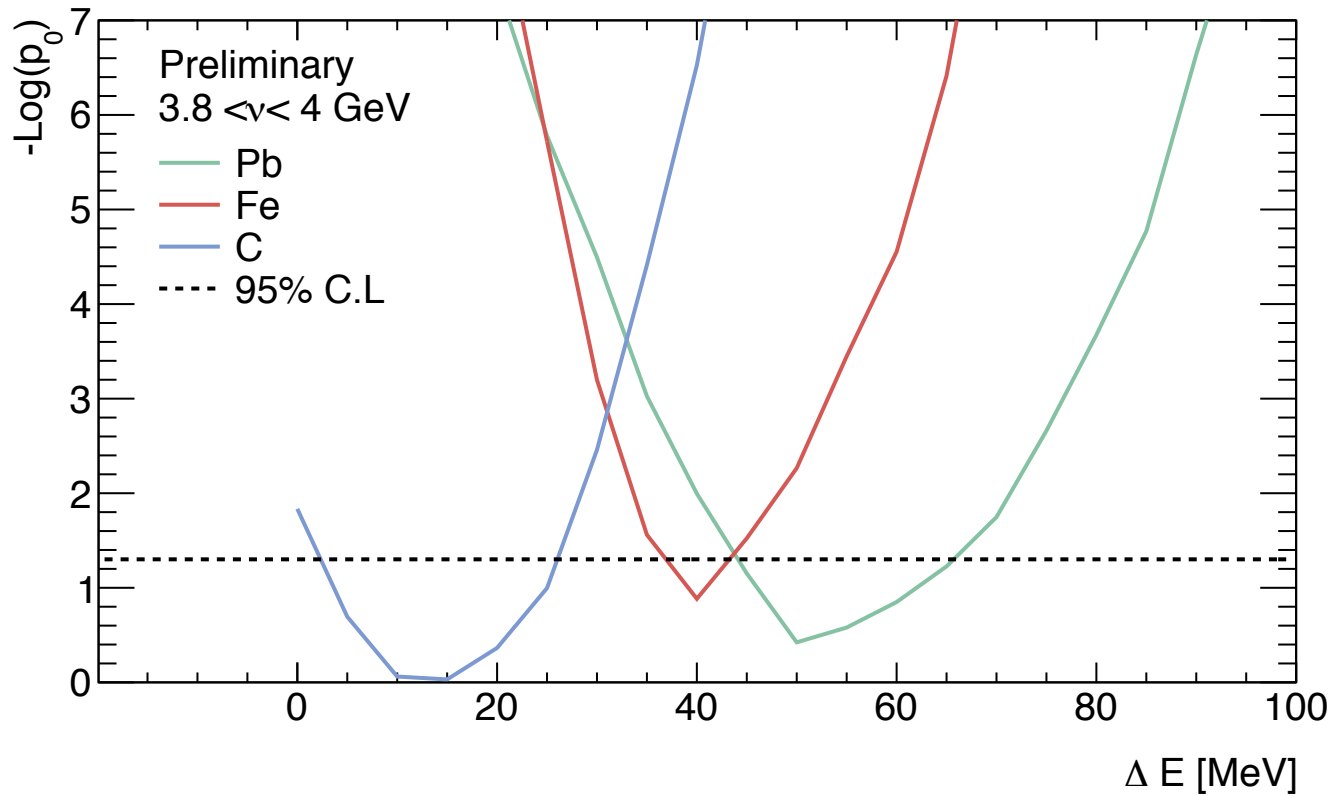
Energy spectrum of  $\pi^+$  produced in C, Fe, Pb compared to that of deuterium, normalized to unity, with energy shifted by  $\Delta E$ .

Acceptance corrected

Cut on  $X_F > 0.1$  is applied

Consistent with simple energy shift + unchanged fragmentation



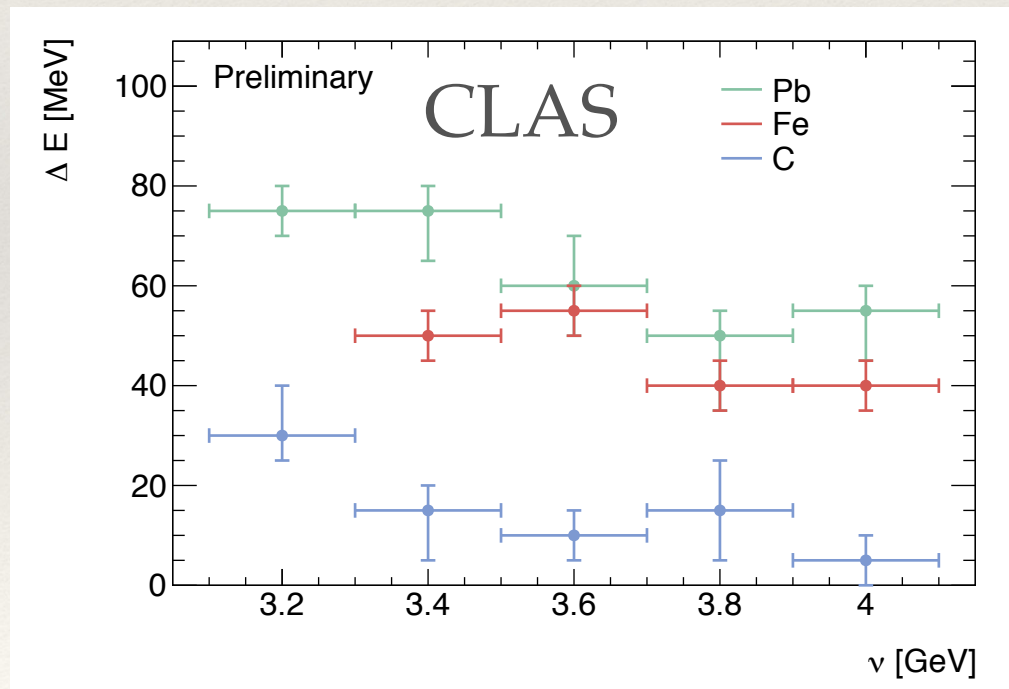


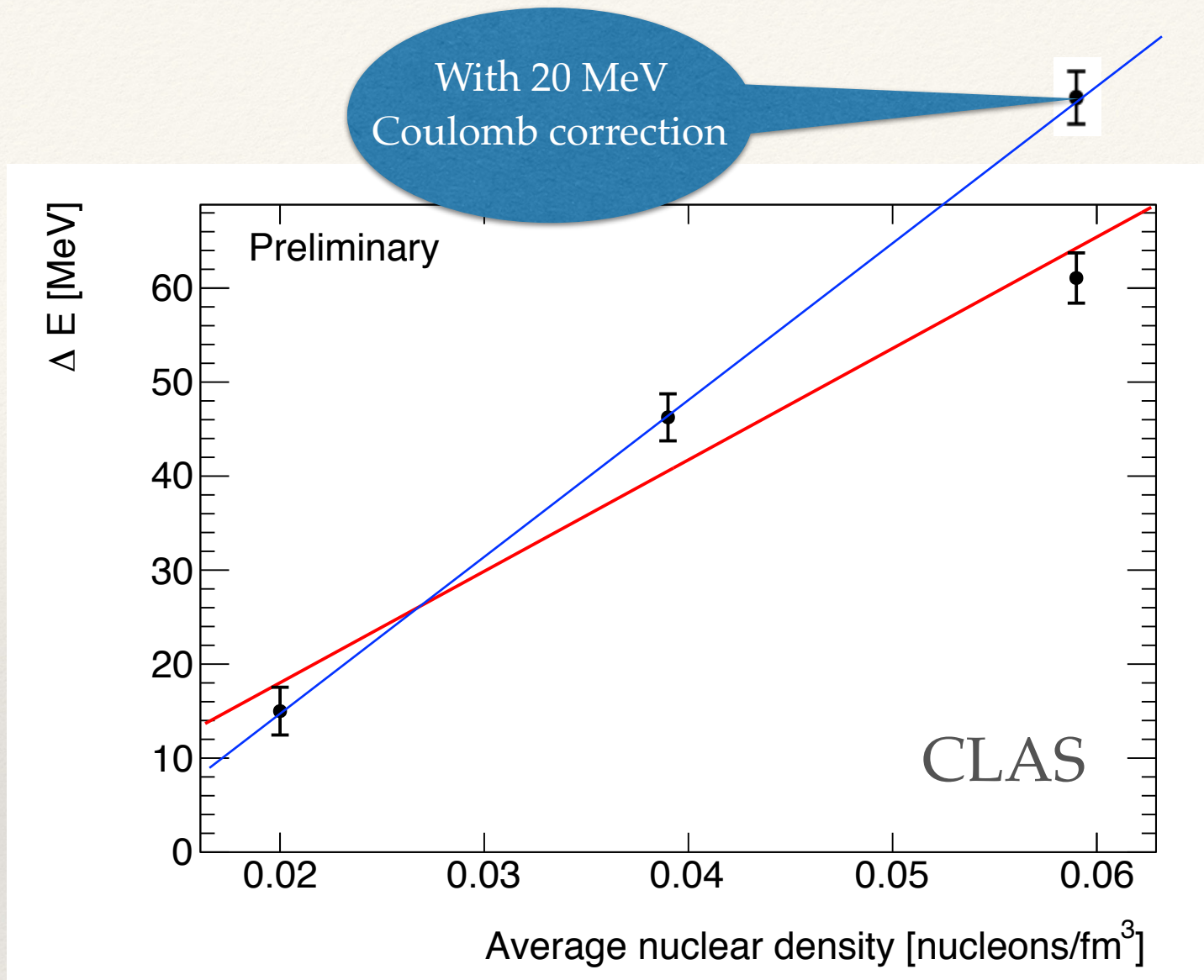
Log of p-values of Kolmogorov-Smirnov test as a function of energy shift  $\Delta E$ : carbon, iron, lead.

Dashed line corresponds to 95% confidence level

$\nu/\text{GeV}$	Carbon	Iron	Lead
2.4–2.6	—	—	—
2.6–2.8	—	—	—
2.8–3.0	—	—	—
3.0–3.2	—	—	—
3.2–3.4	20–35	—	75
3.4–3.6	10–25	50	70–85
3.6–3.8	10–25	55	50–70
3.8–4.0	5–25	40	45–65
4.0–4.2	5–10	35–40	50–65

Range of possible energy shift in MeV obtained by Kolmogorov-Smirnov test in  $\nu$  intervals



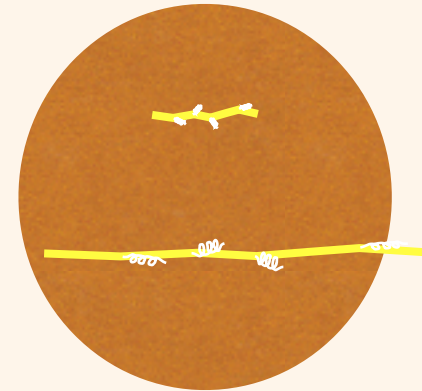


Approximately proportional to density, as expected.  
(fixed pathlength)

Supports the premise that what we measure is ~energy loss!

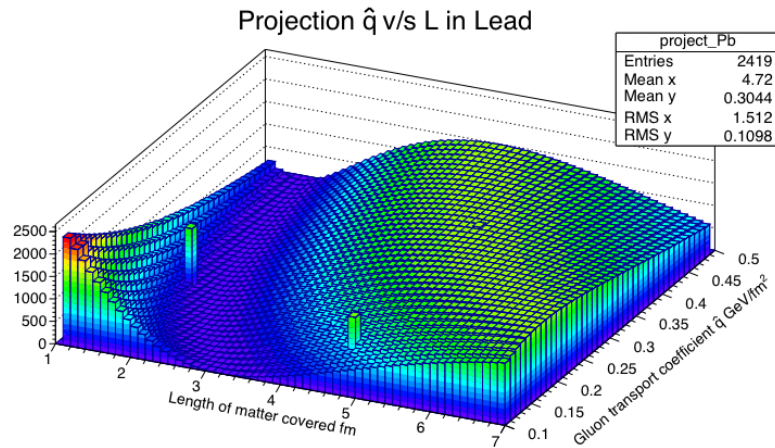
# Direct Measurement of Quark Energy Loss in CLAS: Conclusions

- It is small in magnitude. Why?
  - Best explanation: *short production time*
  - $>500$  MeV vs. 50 MeV in Pb
- It increases with nuclear size. Why?
  - Best explanation: *average nuclear density increases.*
  - Rate of change of virtuality nearly the same in all nuclei, therefore:
    - Path length is short,  $\sim$ independent of nuclear size
    - Nuclear medium has little effect - simple to extrapolate to the vacuum case

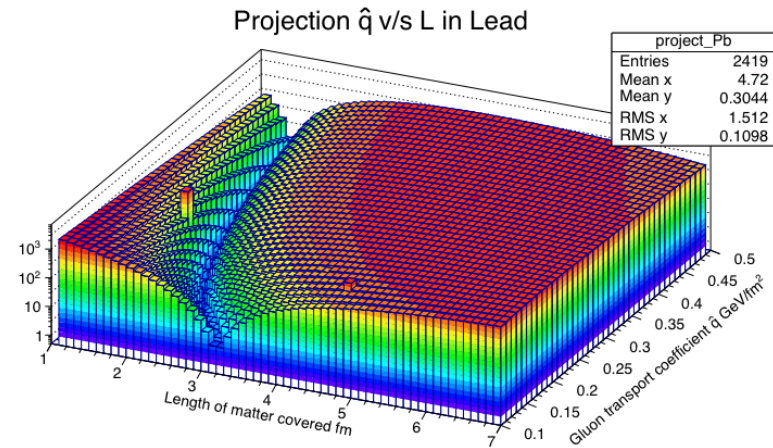


# Direct Measurement of Quark Energy Loss in CLAS: Extraction using a Dynamical Model

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(a) 2D analysis in Lead



(b) 2D analysis in Lead Log Z representation

	$L$ (fm)	$\hat{q}$ (GeV/fm <sup>2</sup> )	$\chi^2_{\text{dof}}$	$\omega_c$ GeV/fm <sup>2</sup>
Carbon	4.2	0.14	0.462963	1.23
Iron	3.5	0.14	2.31124	0.86
Lead	2.9	0.13	3.44176	0.55

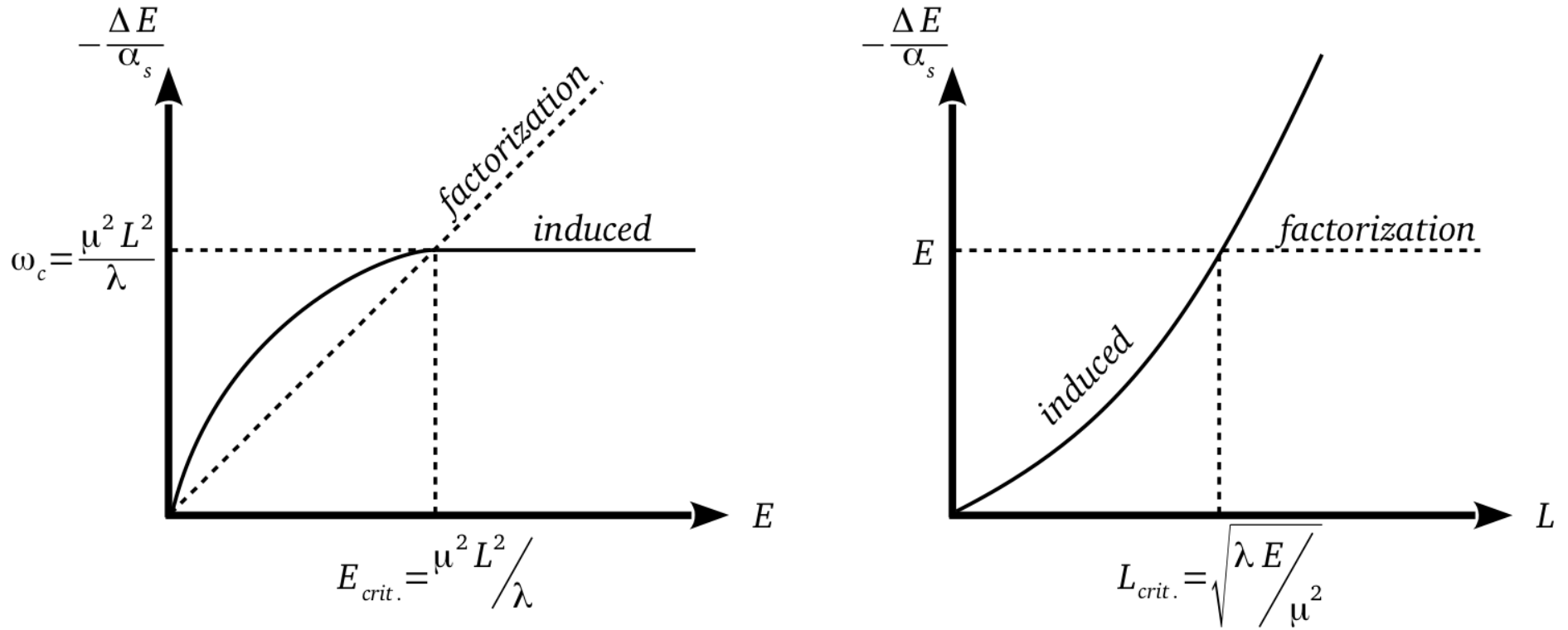


Figure 3.4: Schematic representation of total induced energy loss as a function of the parton energy  $E$  (left) and total induced energy loss as a function of the medium size  $L$  (right).

$\lambda$  = mean free path for multiple scattering

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- Much more in future: **12 GeV** and **EIC**:
  - Heavy quark puzzle; time dilation; pQCD enhanced broadening; flavor dependences;  $L_p$  distribution