

Experimental Study of the QGP with Jets and Open Heavy Flavor



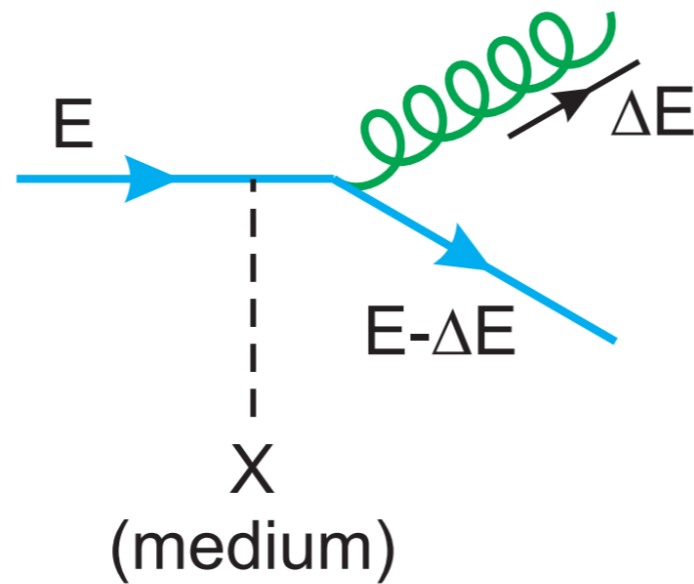
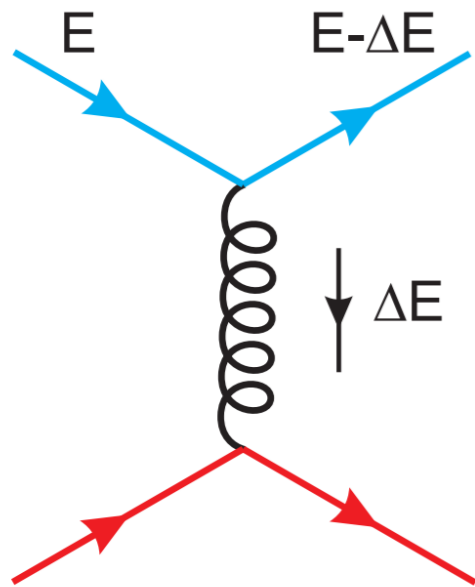
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Mechanism of In-medium Energy Loss



Landolt-Bornstein 23 (2010) 471

For mean free path $\lambda \ll$ medium size L
we are in the LPM regime

$$\Delta E \propto \alpha_s C_F \hat{q} L^2$$

L^2 instead of L , due to
destructive interference
between scattering centers
(LPM effect)

Quenching depends on color factor

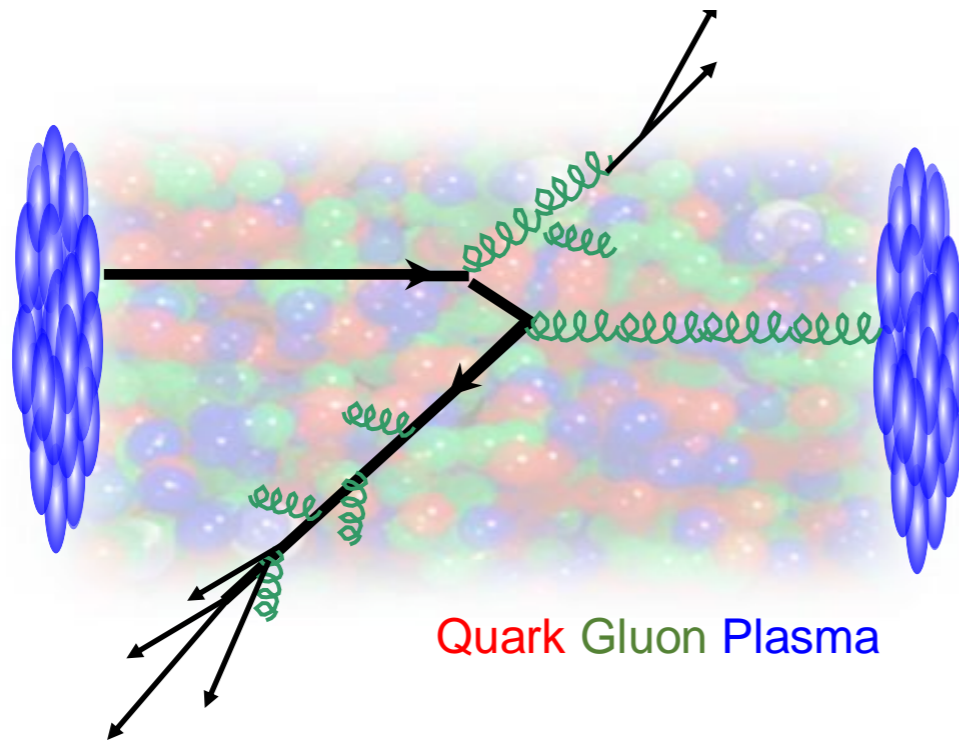
$$C_F = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{gluon jets} \\ 4/3 & \text{quark jets} \end{cases}$$

Jet: a powerful tool for the understanding of QGP

Early Measurements at RHIC (2001-3)

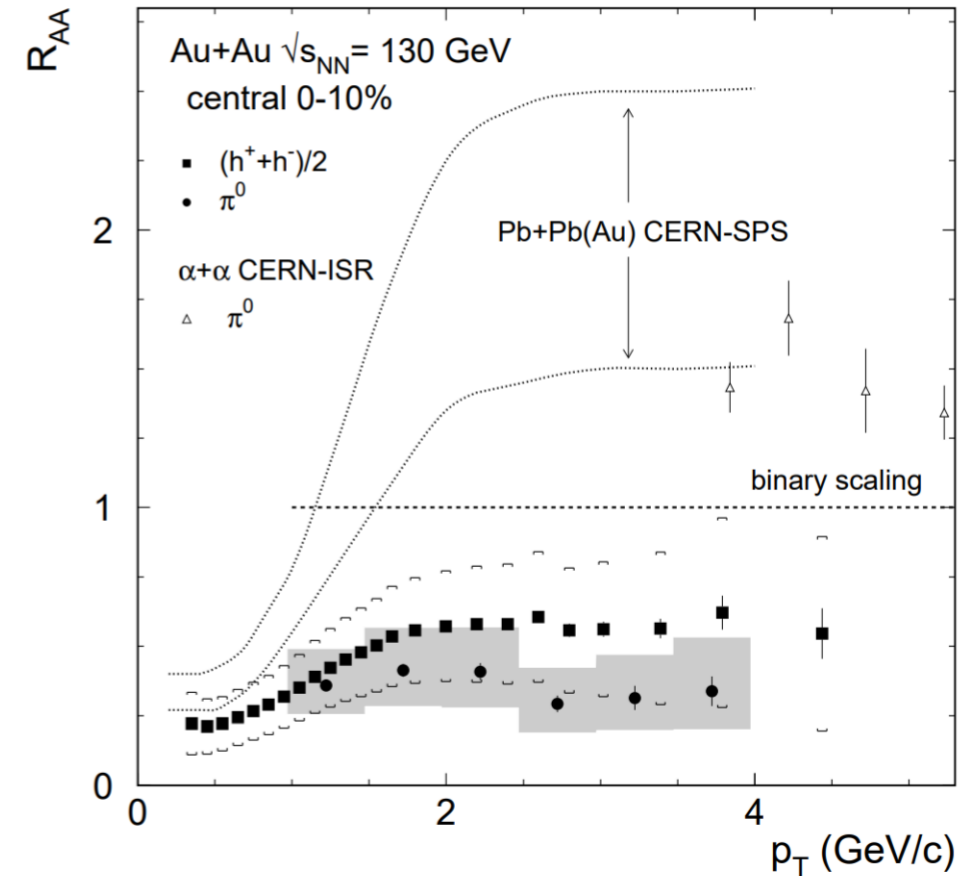
'Nuclear modification factors'

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\sigma_{pp}^{inel} \frac{d^2 N_{AA}}{dp_T d\eta}}{N_{coll} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{pp}}{dp_T d\eta}} \sim \frac{\text{"QCD Medium"}}{\text{"QCD Vacuum"}}$$



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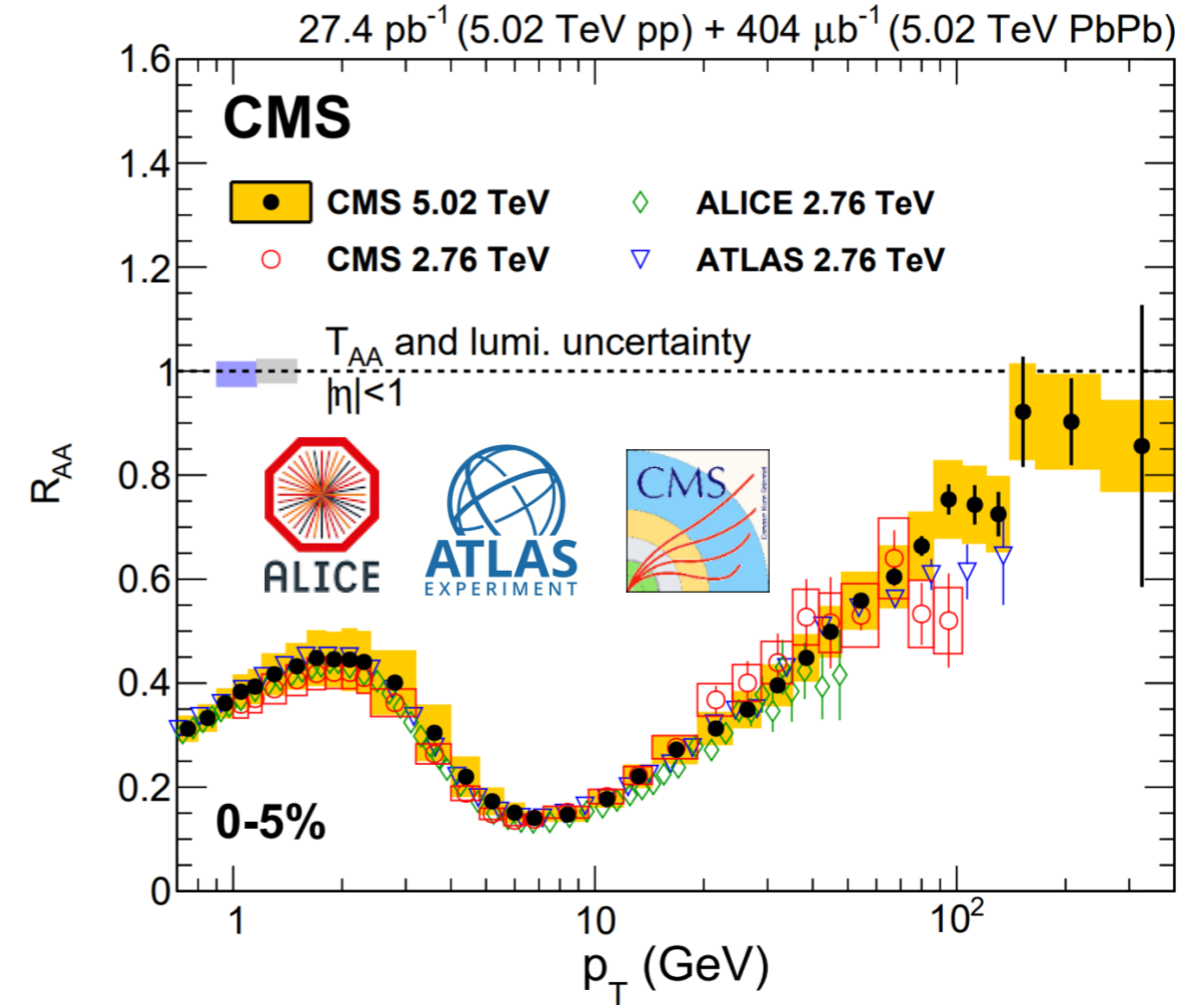
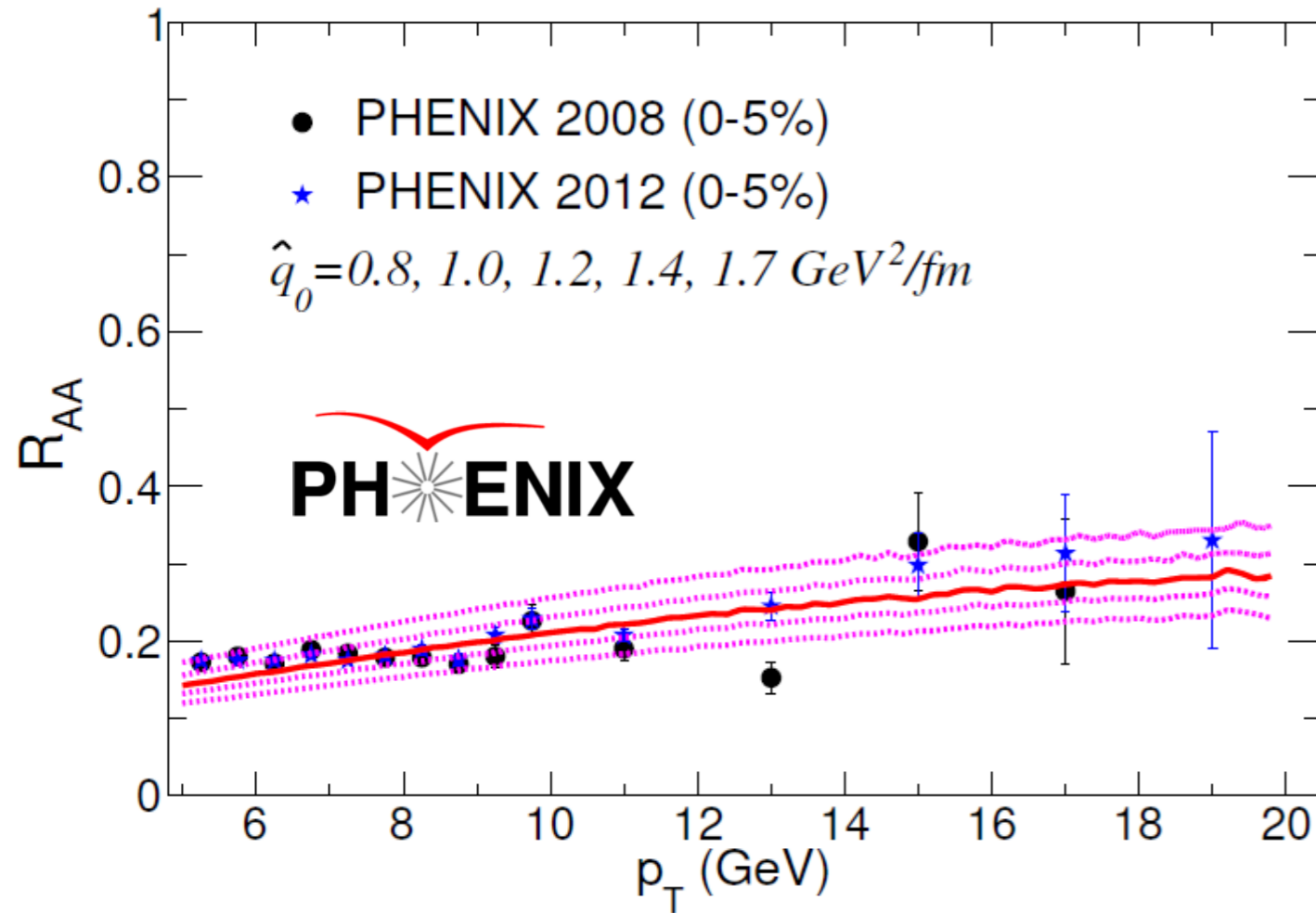
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Strong suppression of high p_T hadrons

Modification of the leading fragment

Jet Quenching without Jet: Charged Particle R_{AA}



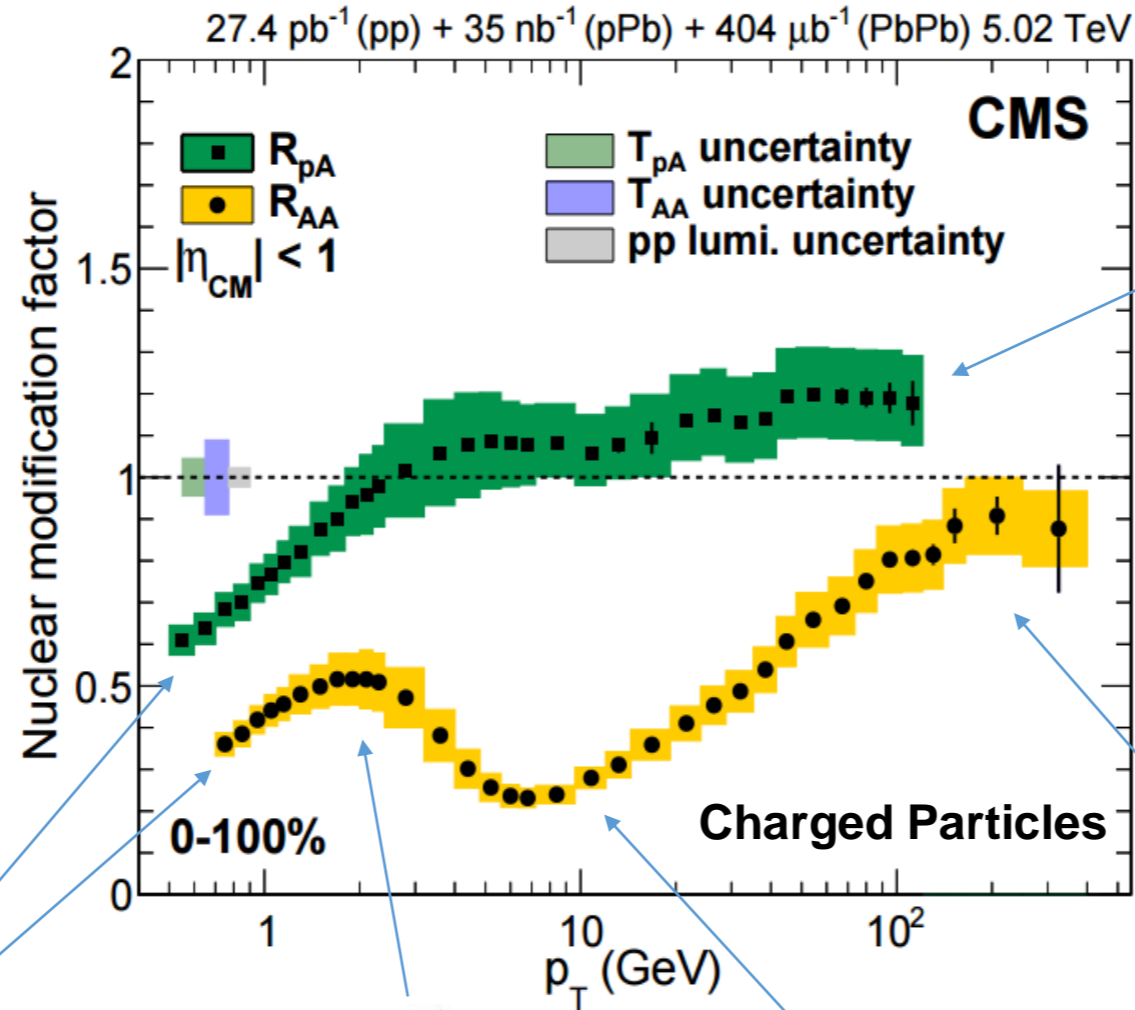
Greatly improved results at RHIC since the first measurement

- A prominent “S shape” in charged particle R_{AA}
- Good agreement between experiments at the LHC

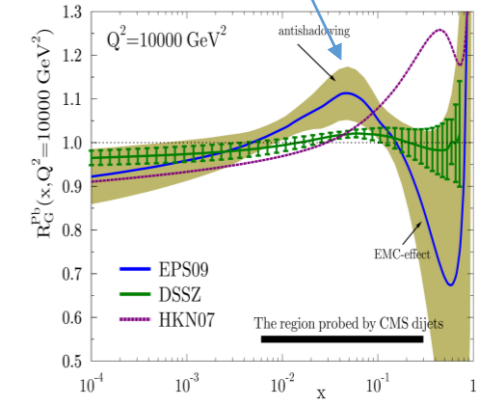
Jet Quenching without Jet

R_{pA} from pPb data

R_{AA} from PbPb data



Anti-shadowing for intermediate x partons

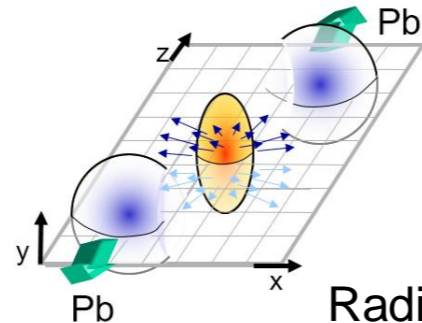


QGP become more transparent to very high p_T particles

Gloun saturation

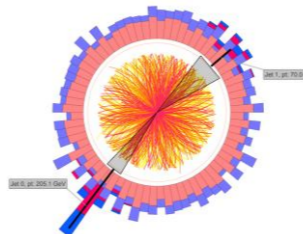


Shadowing

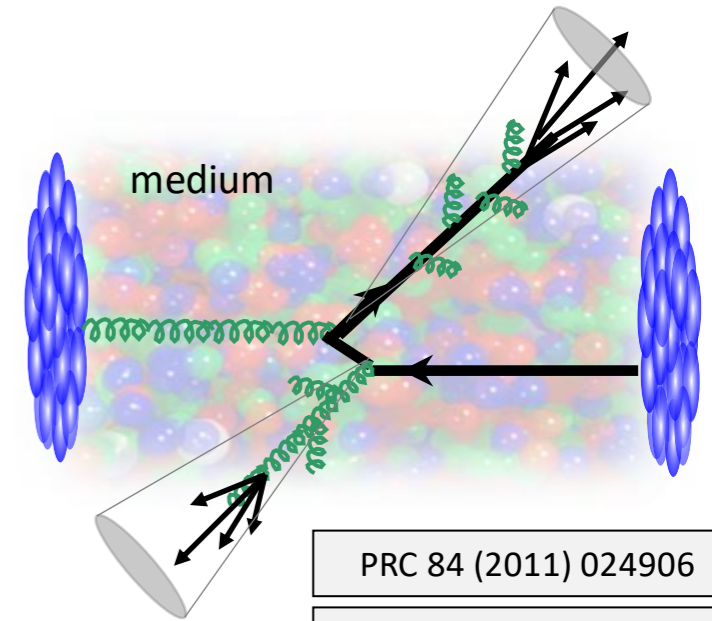
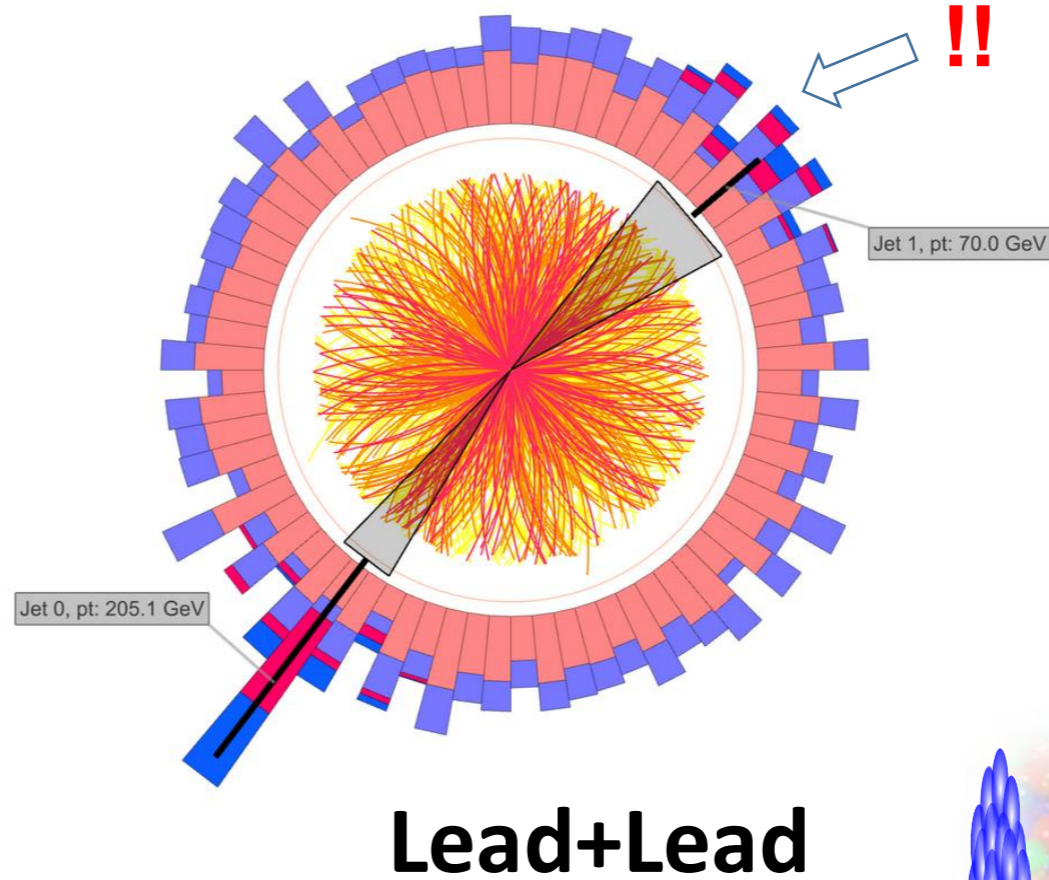
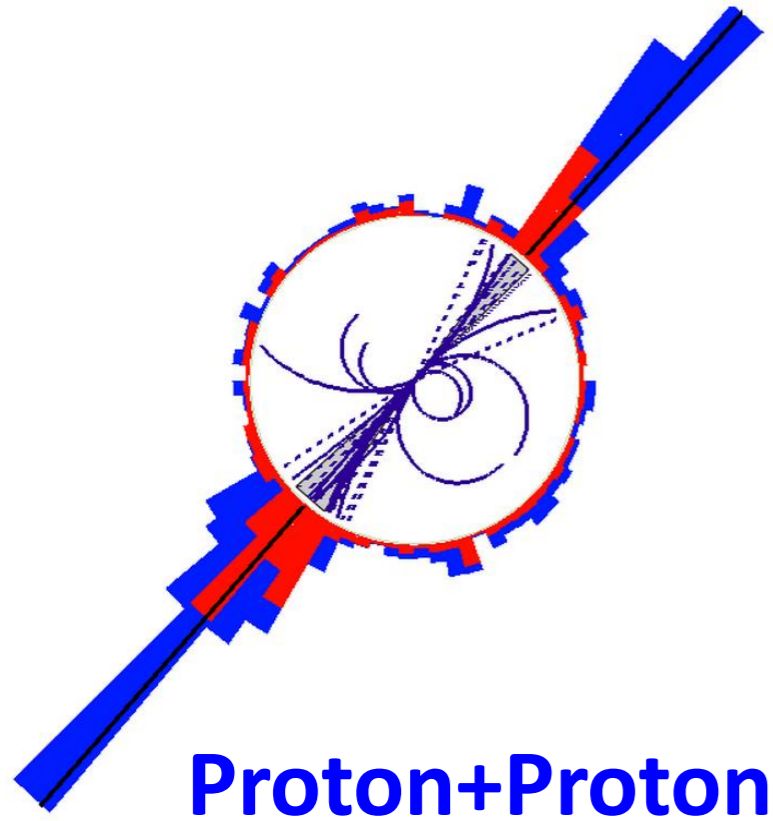


Radial flow

Jet quenching



Probe the QGP with High Energy Quarks and Gluons



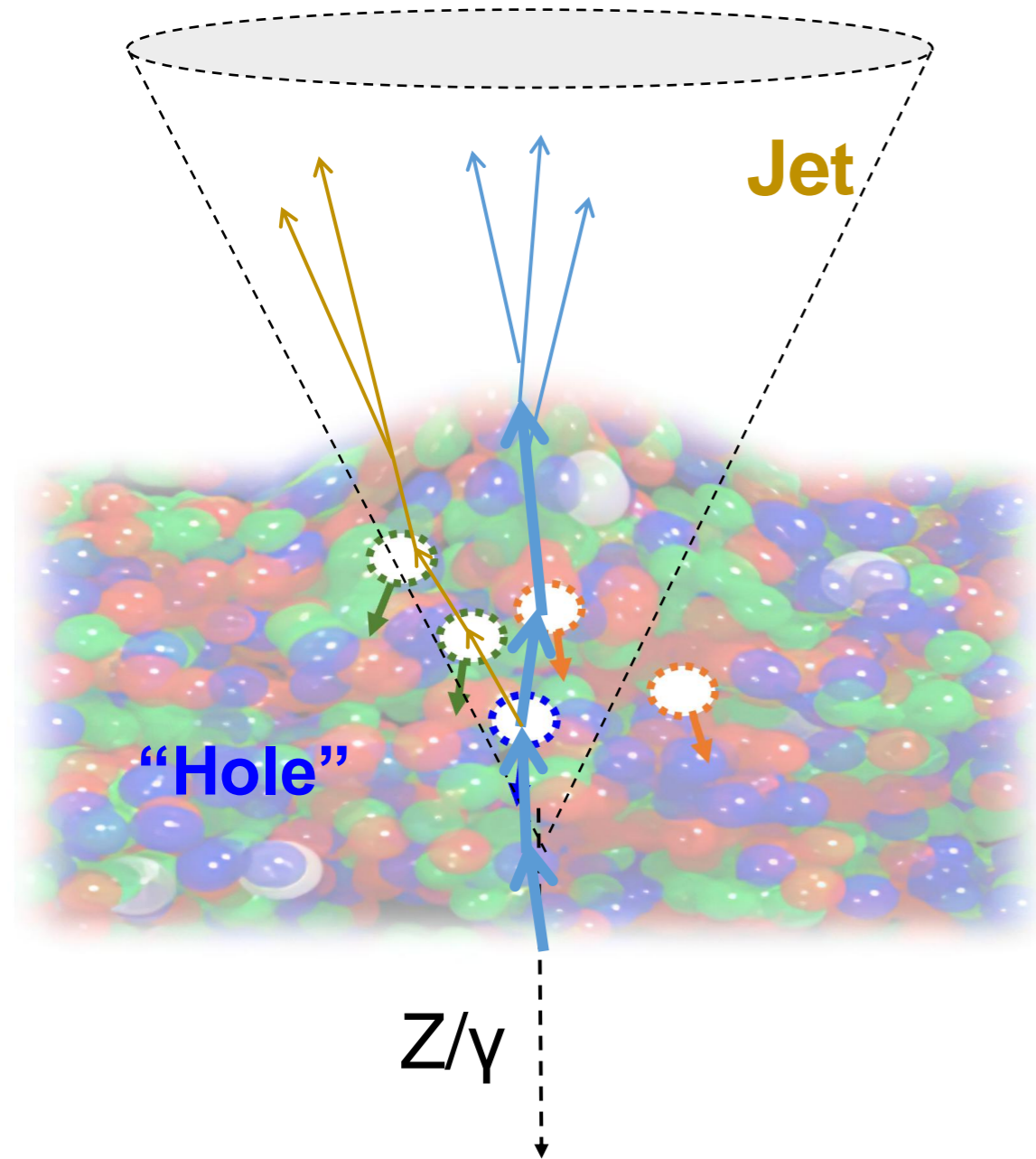
Asymmetric di-jets in Lead+Lead collisions!

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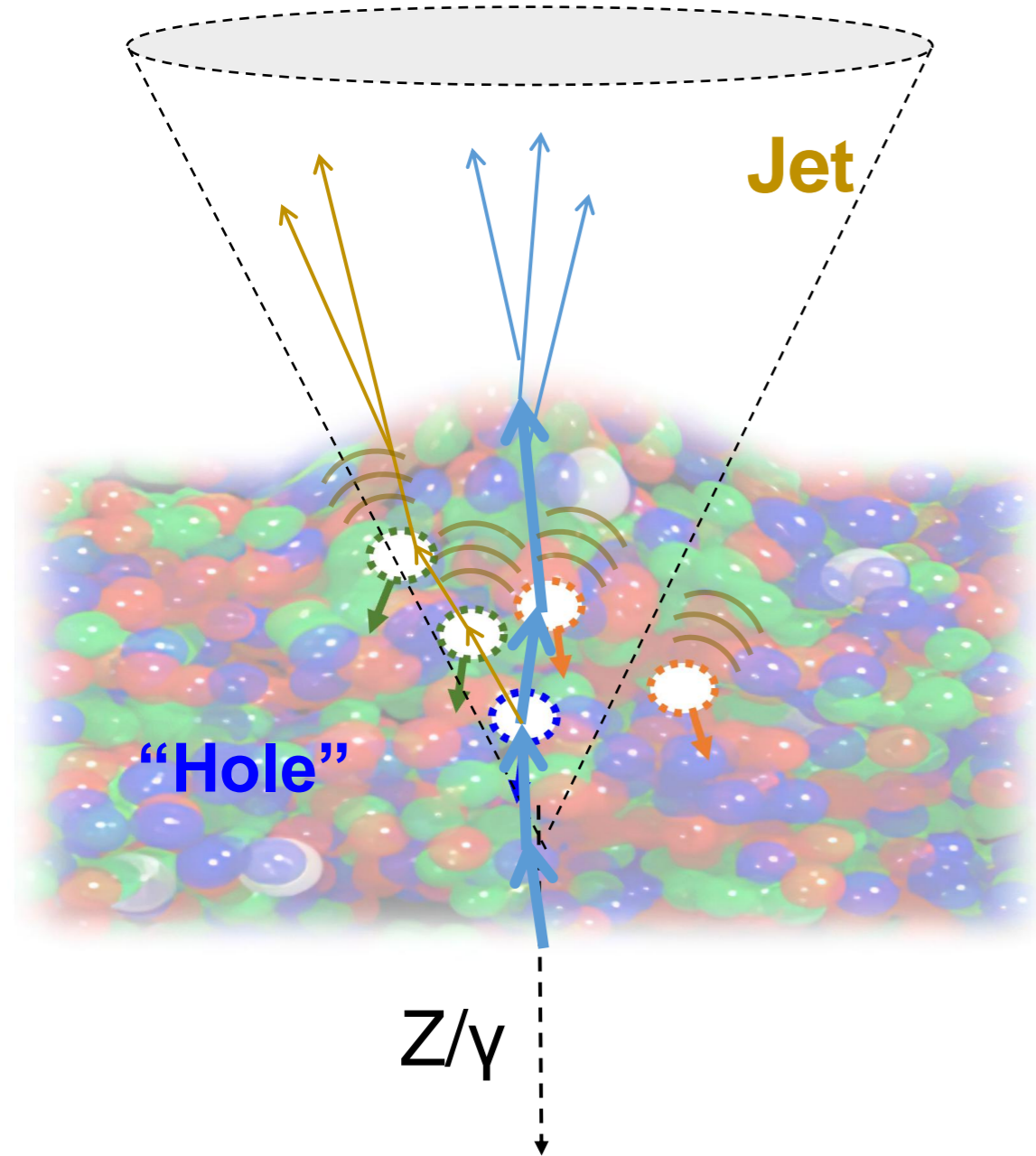
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QGP Transport Properties and Structure with Jets

- Jet broadening effects from multiple soft scattering $(\hat{q}) \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

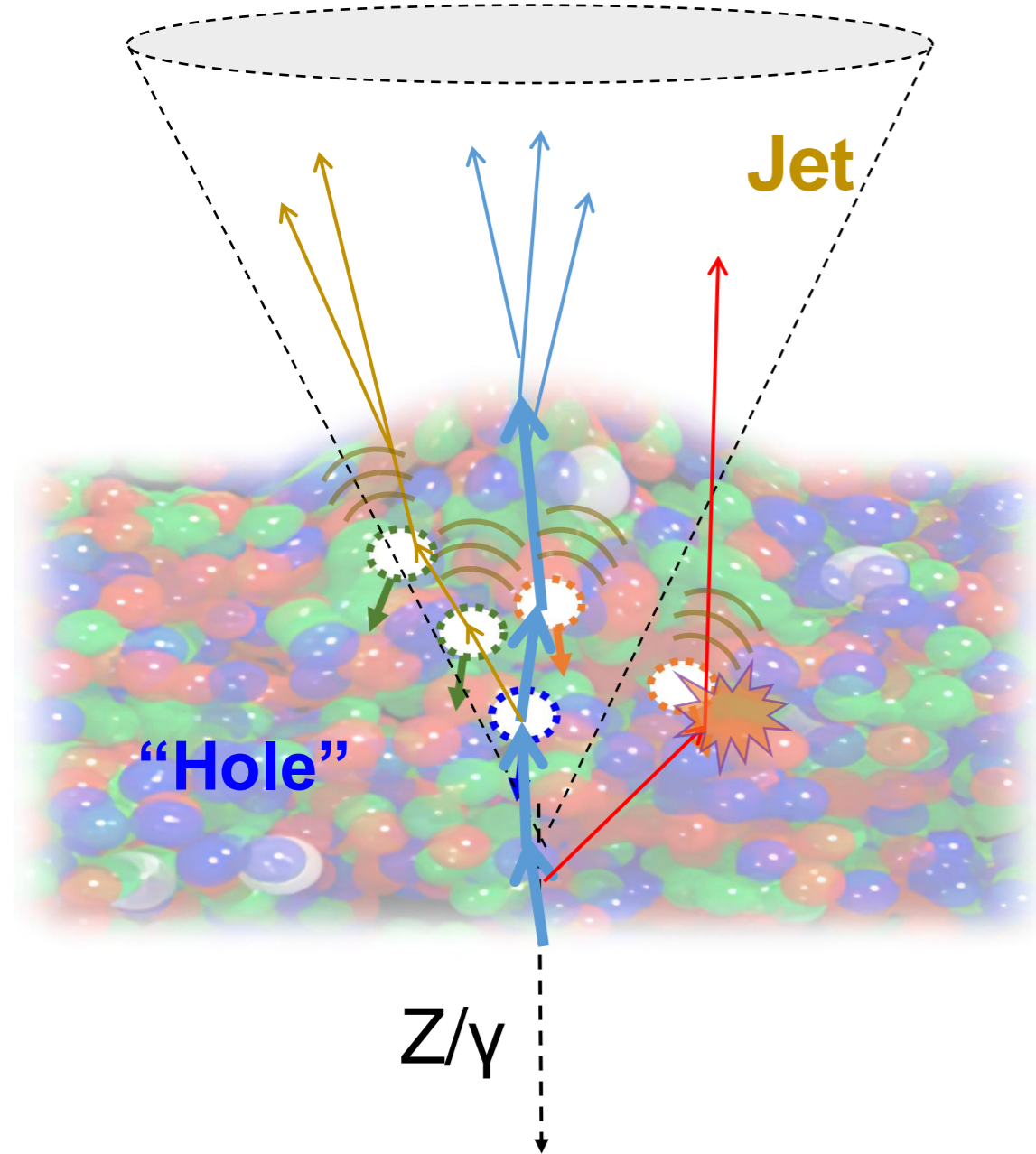






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- Reveal medium recoil (the propagation of QGP holes) 
- With the precise understanding of the phenomena above, one could reveal the QGP structure with **Moliere scattering** 

Jet as a Proxy of Parton: Jet Clustering Algorithm

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Anti- k_T algorithm

R : distance parameter

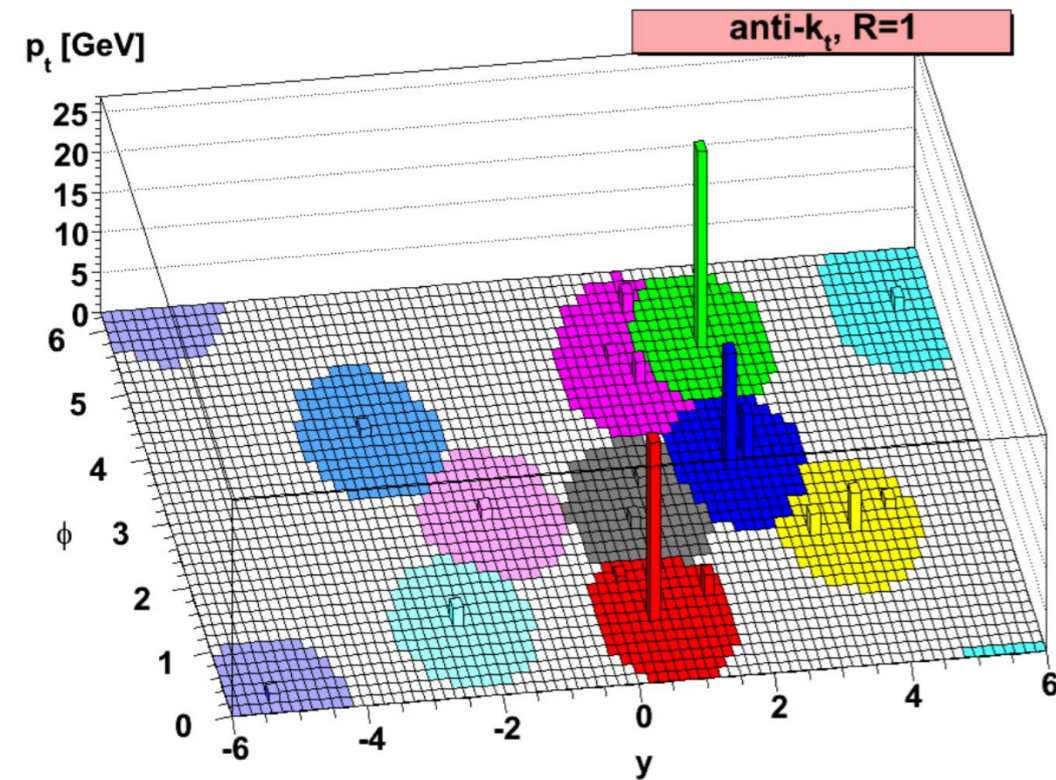
Cluster smallest distance d_{ab} pair first

Distance between pseudo-jets i and j

$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{t,i}^{-2}, k_{t,j}^{-2}) \frac{\Delta y^2 + \Delta \phi^2}{R^2}$$

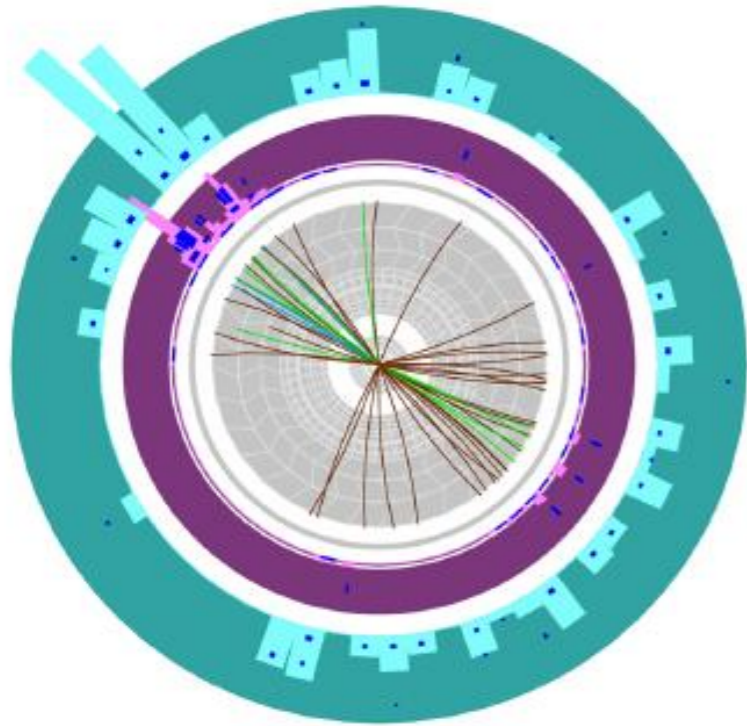
Distance to beam \mathbf{B}

$$d_{iB} = k_{t,i}^{-2}$$

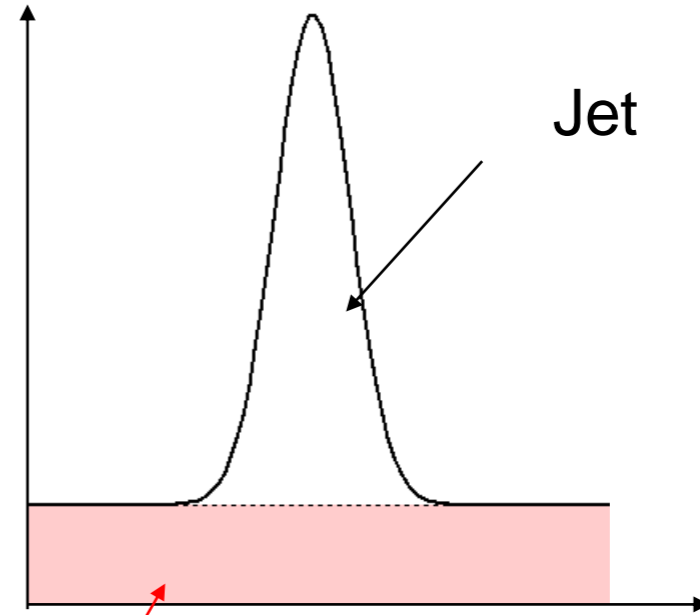
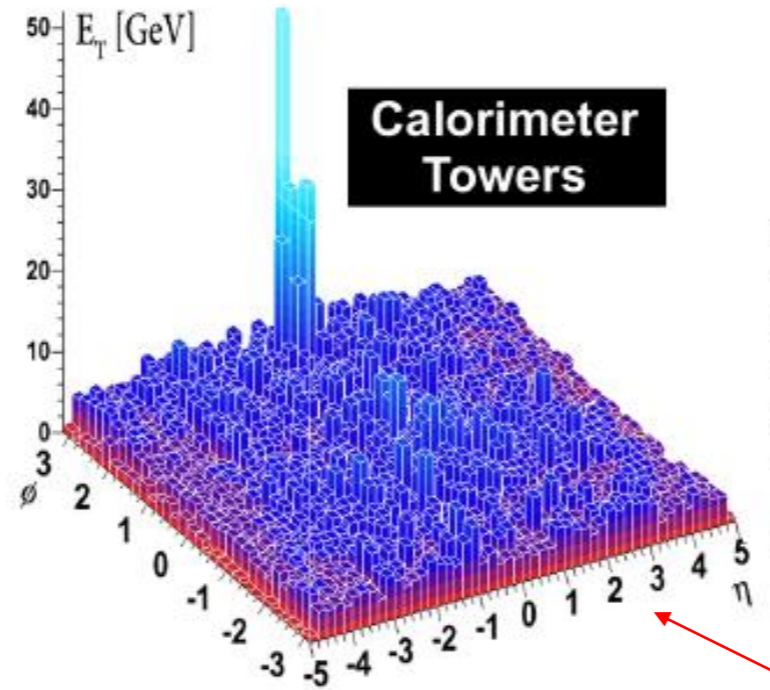


- Give close to **circular jet**, Cluster high momentum particles first
 - Jets with a radius of roughly R
- Most popular algorithm used in analyses of pp and heavy-ion collisions

Underlying Event Background



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Multiple parton interaction

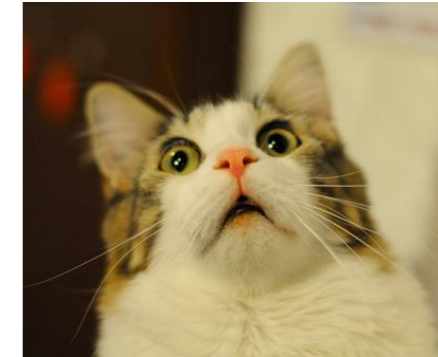
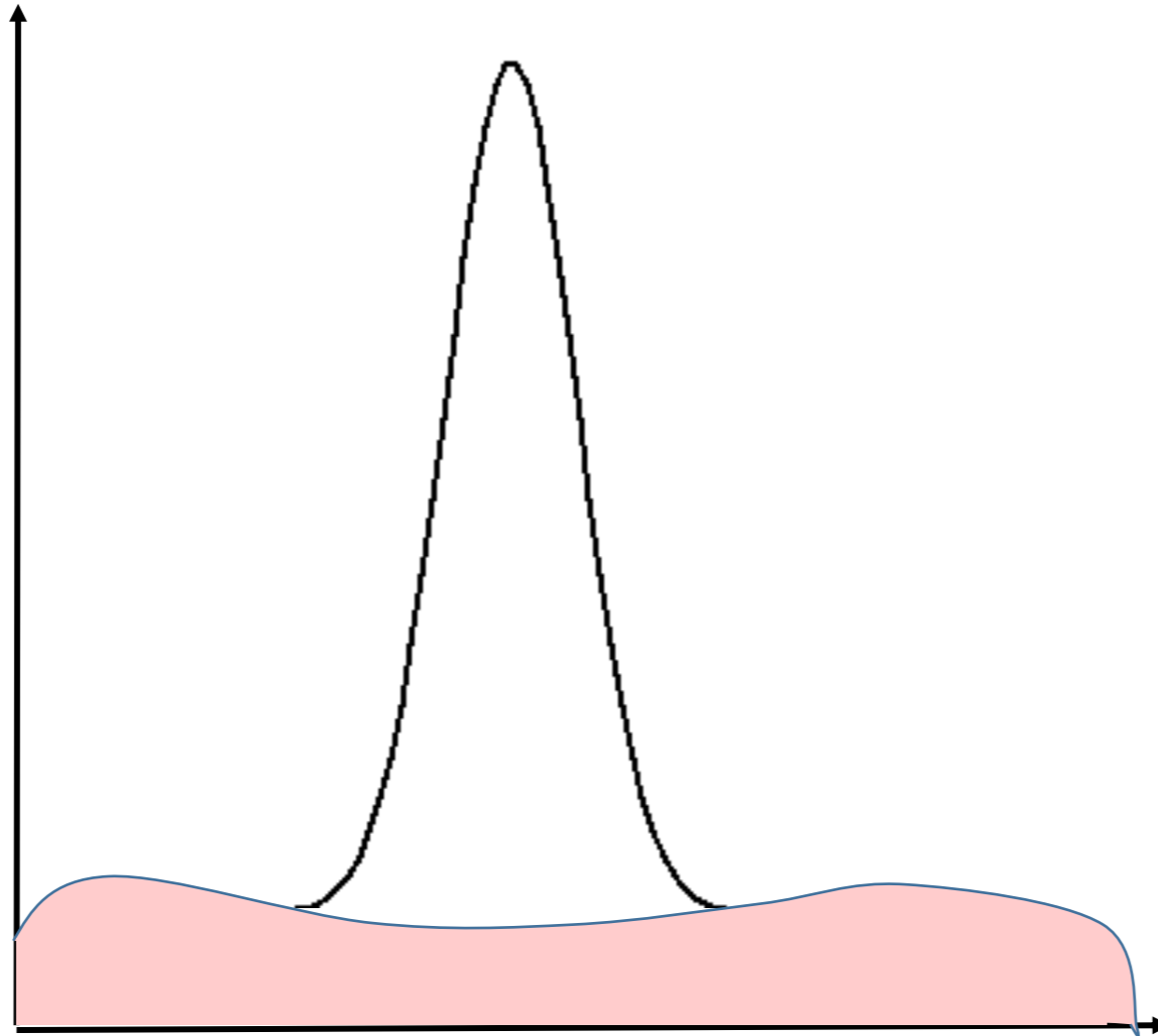
Large underlying event from soft scattering



Need to subtract the underlying event background

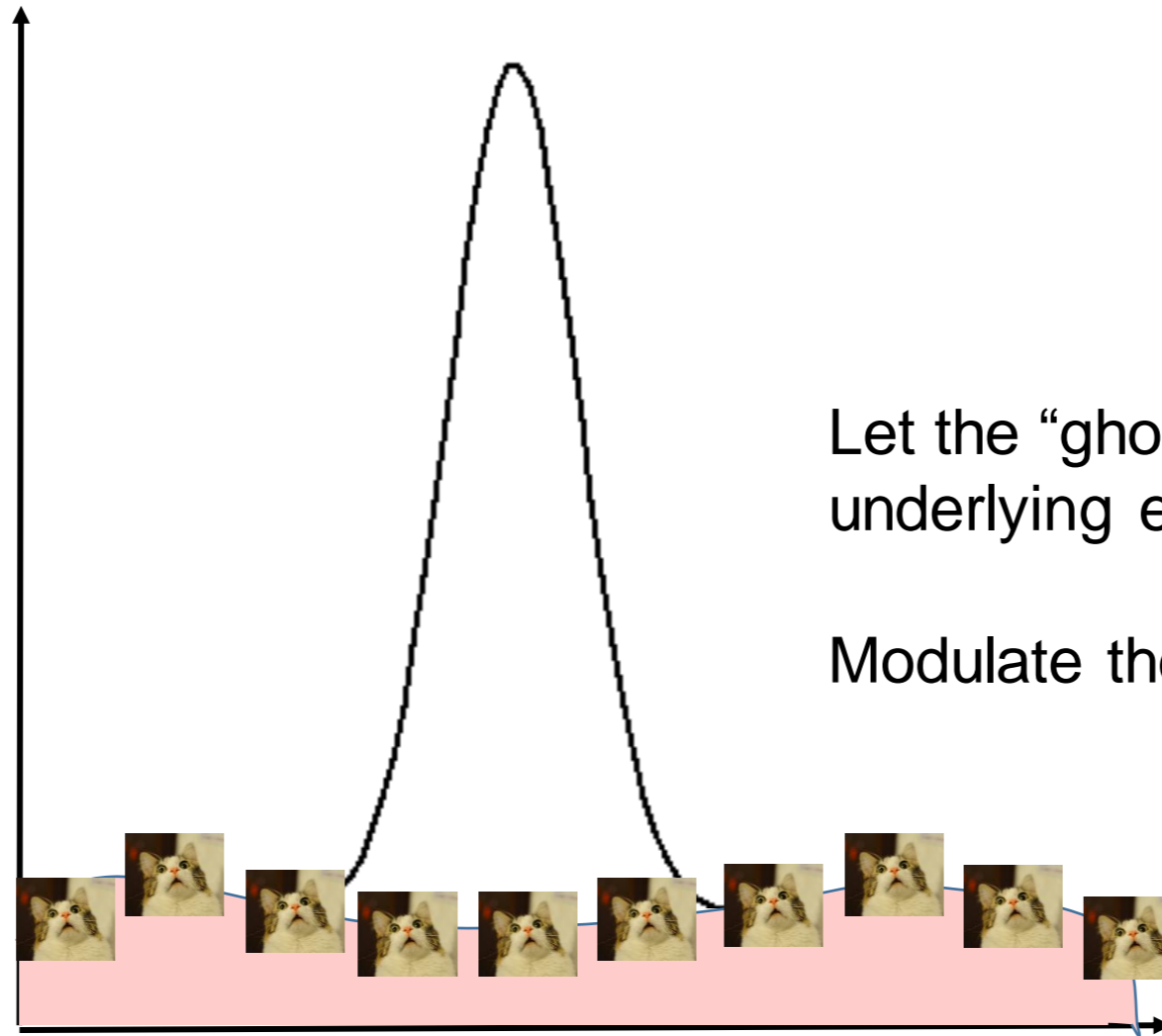
Constituent Subtraction

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Constituent subtraction **with flow modulation**

Constituent Subtraction



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Let the “ghost” remove the underlying event

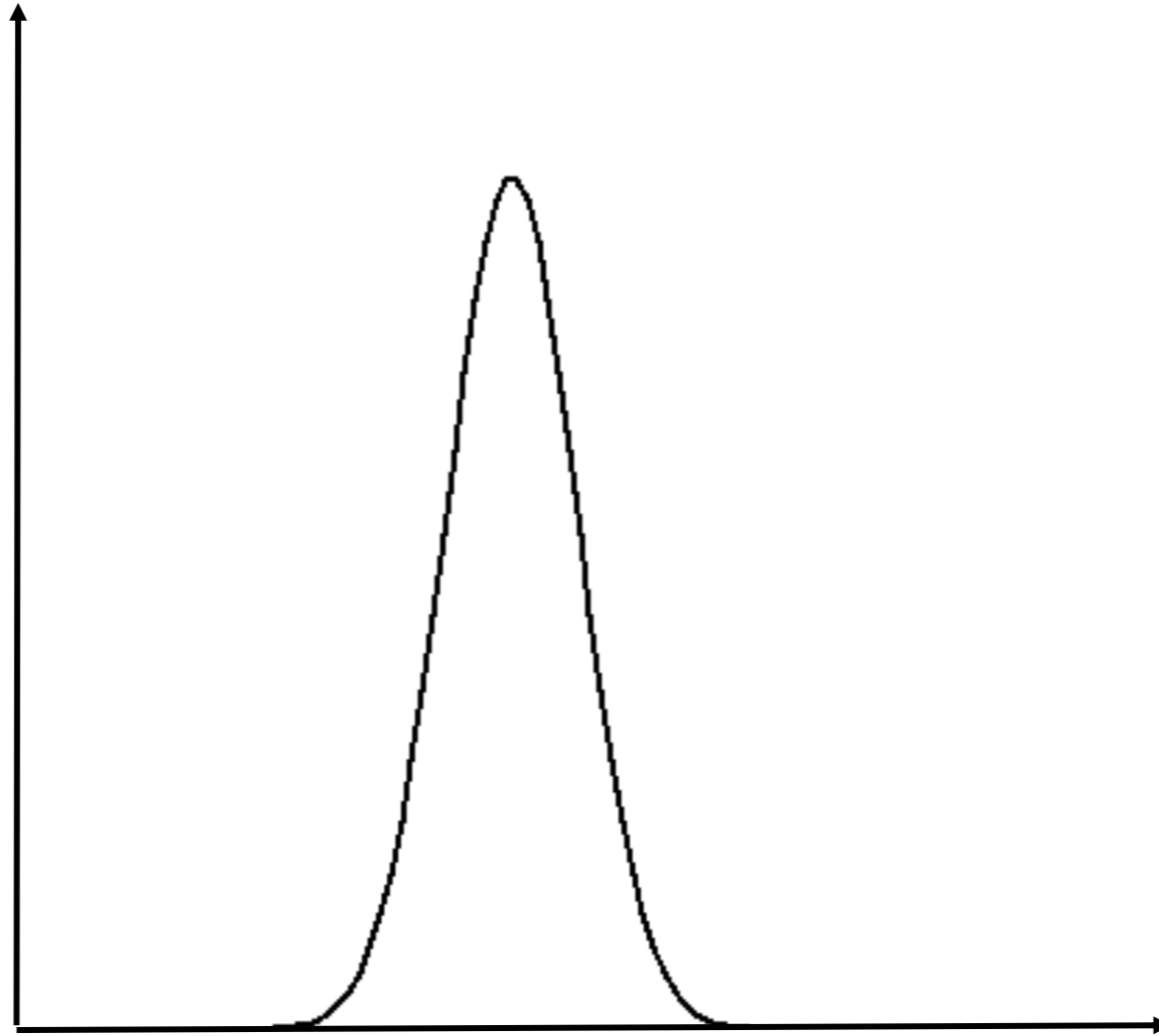
Modulate the number of ghost!



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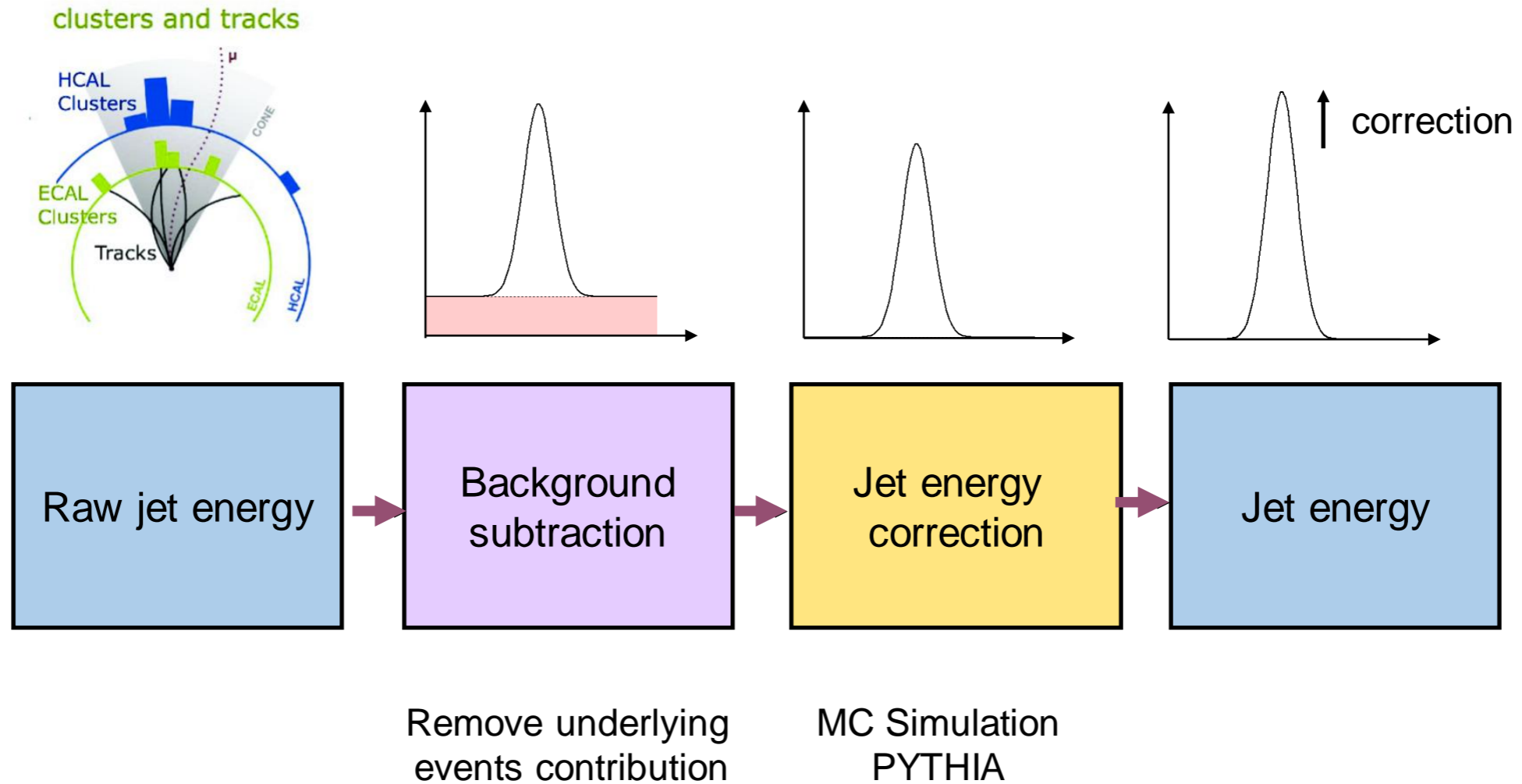
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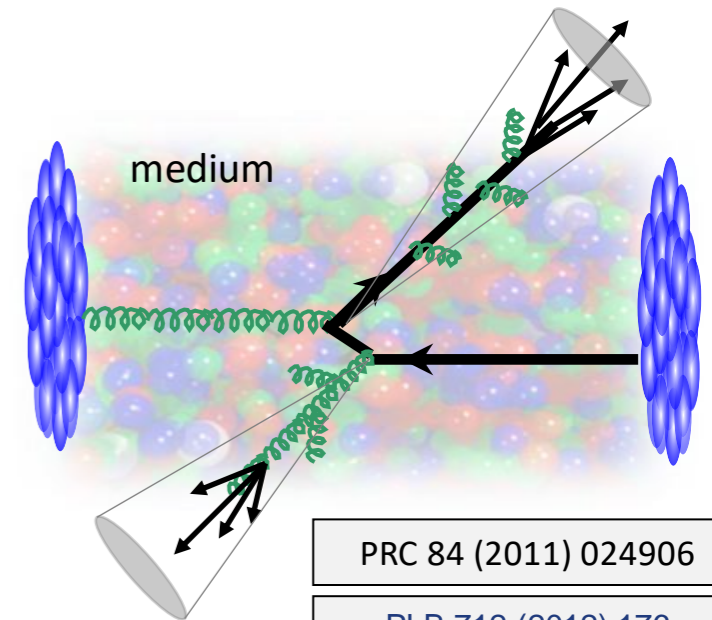
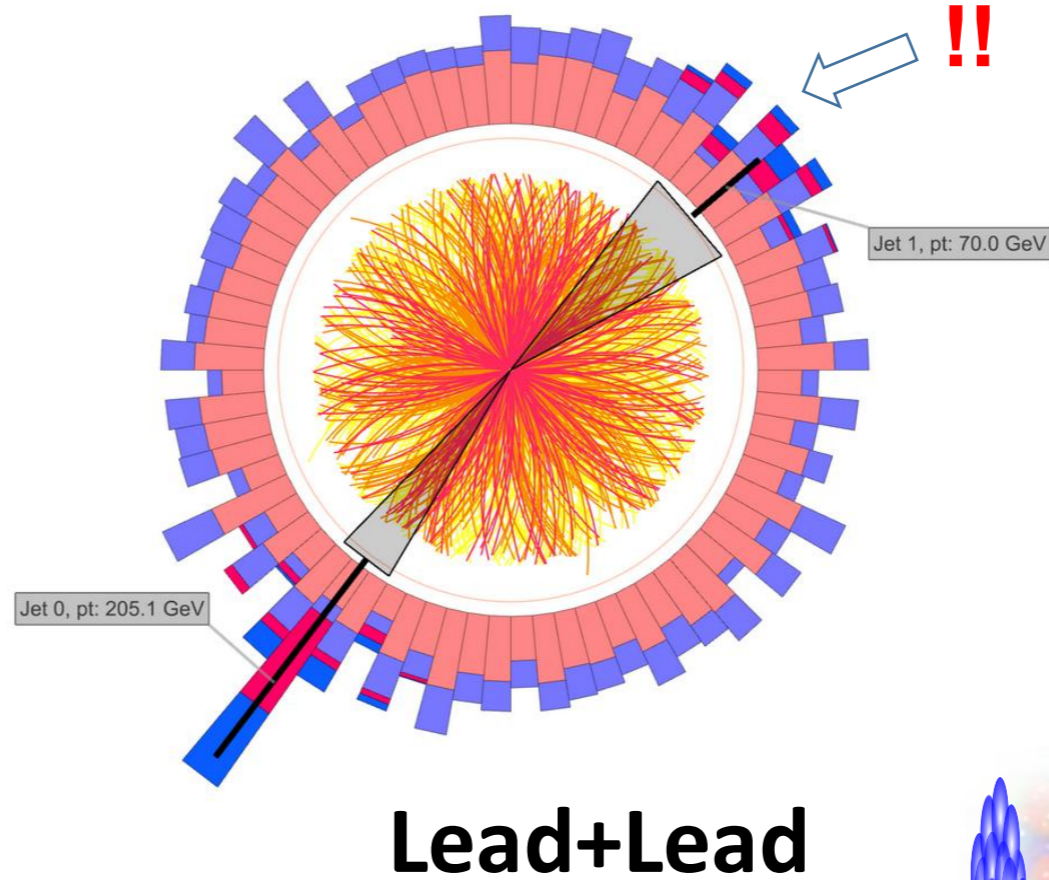
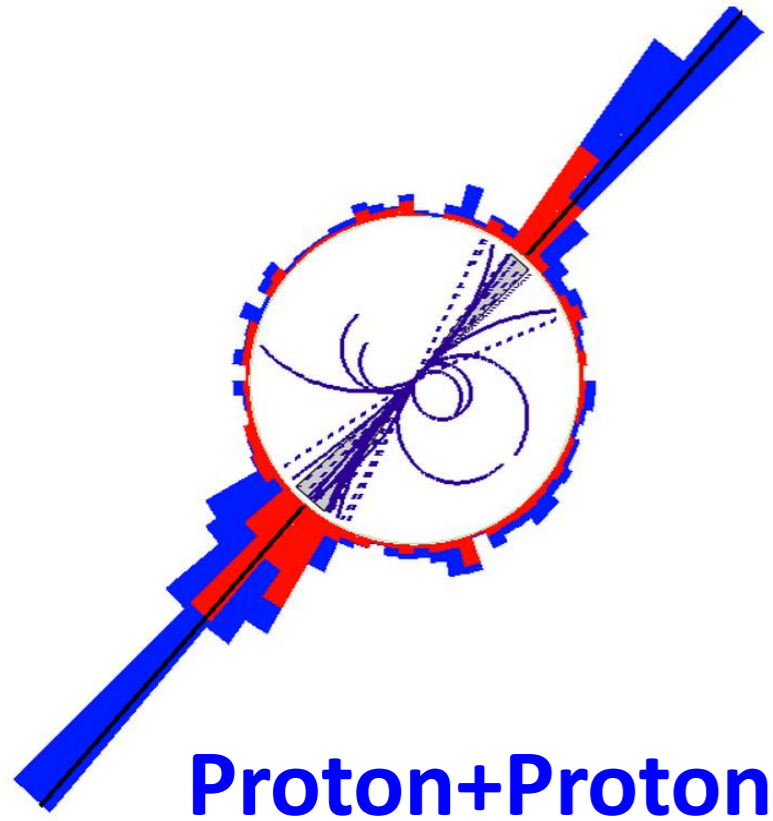


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Summary of Jet Reconstruction



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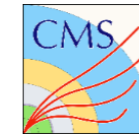
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First Measurement of Full Jets in Pb+Pb at LHC

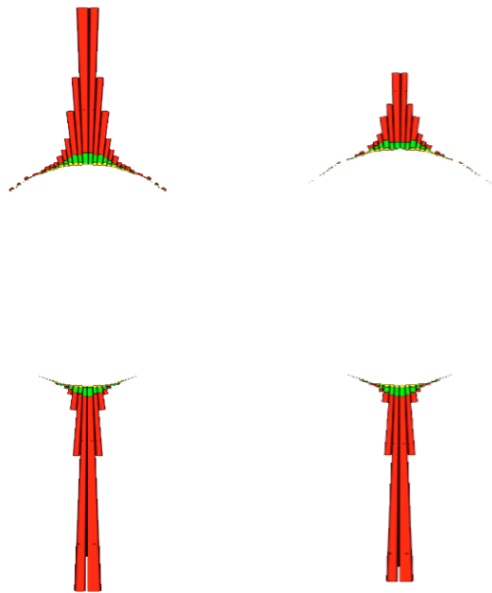


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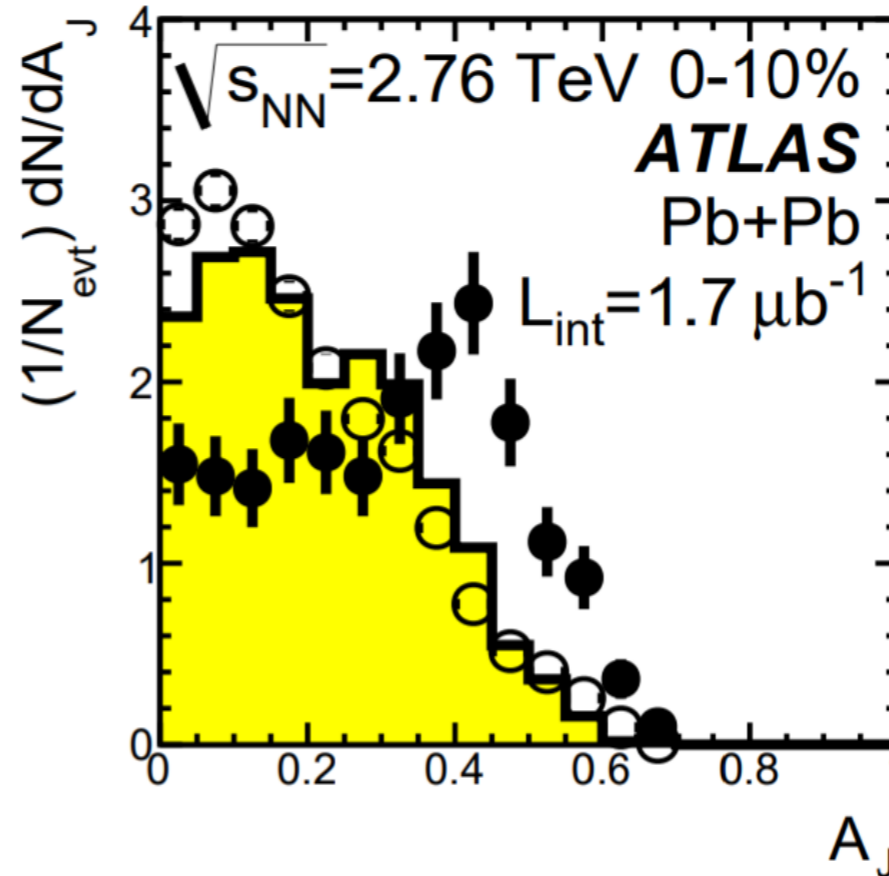
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$$A_J = (p_{T,1} - p_{T,2}) / (p_{T,1} + p_{T,2})$$



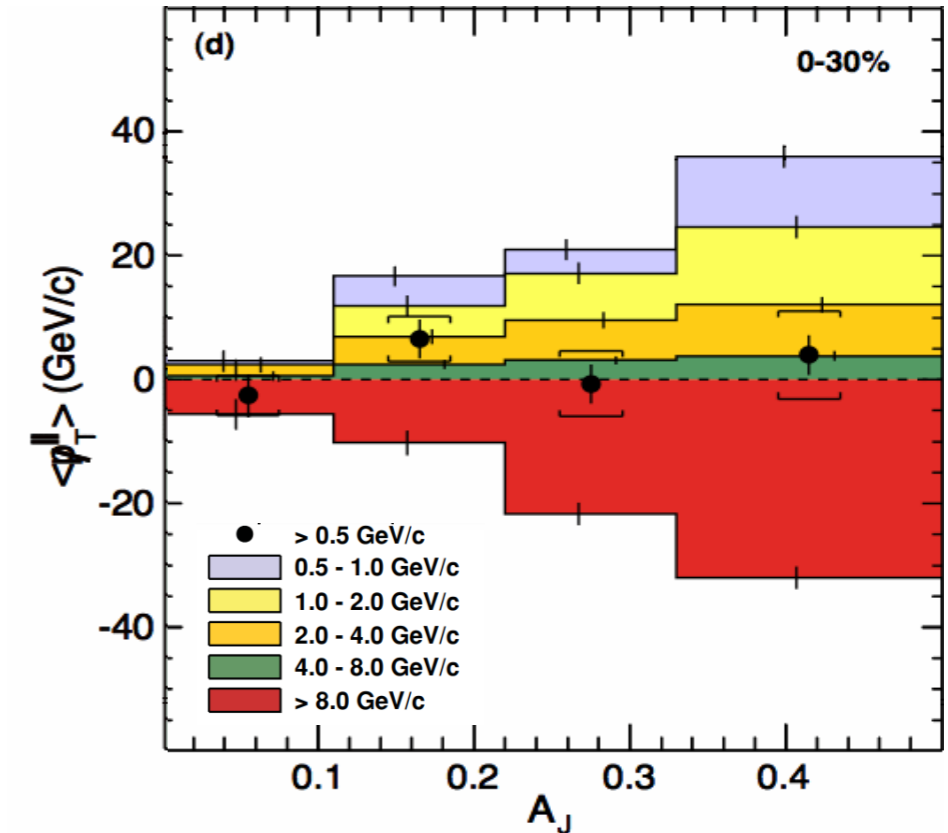
Small A_J
(Balanced dijet)

Large A_J
(Un-balanced dijet)



Dijet Momentum Imbalance

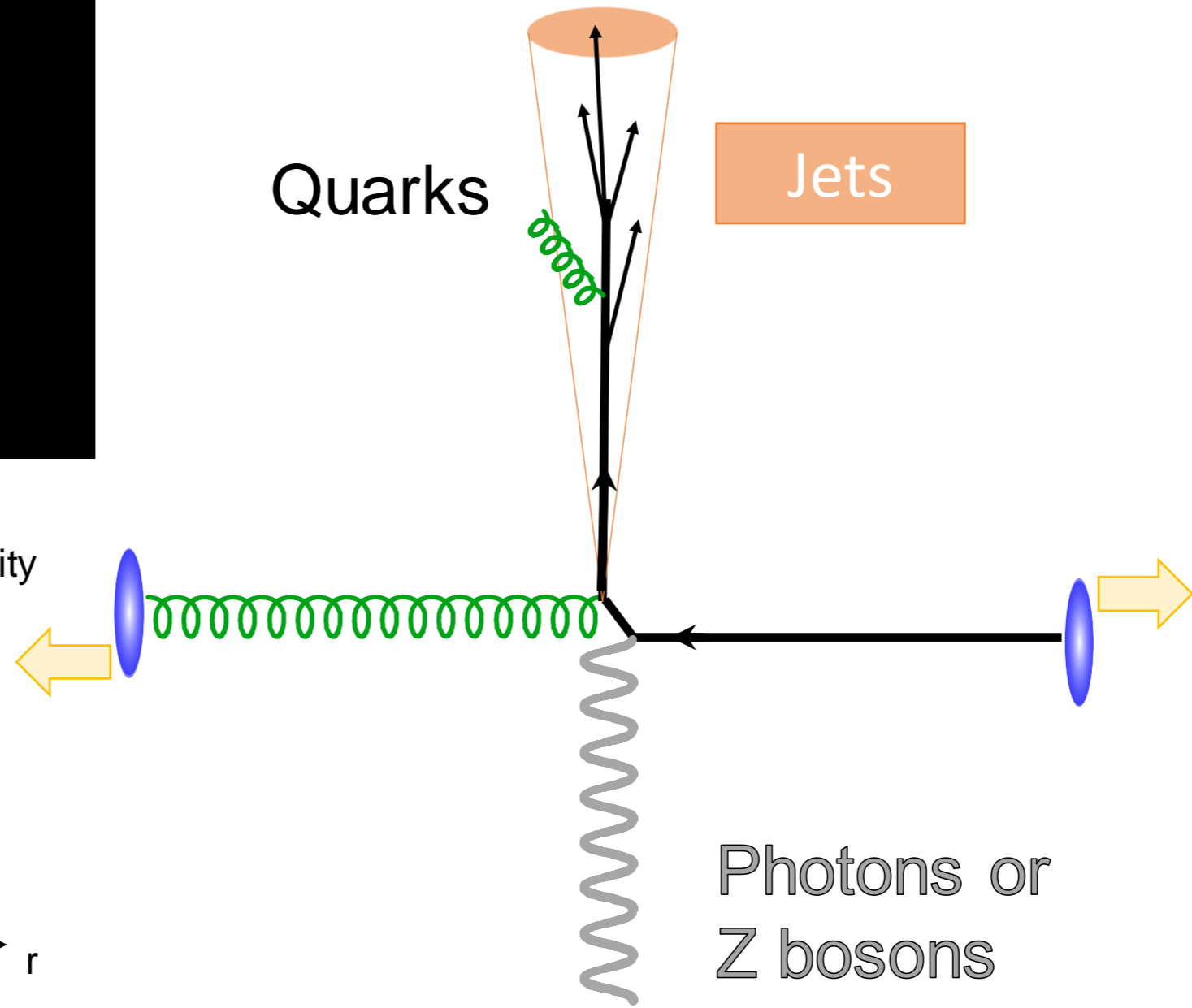
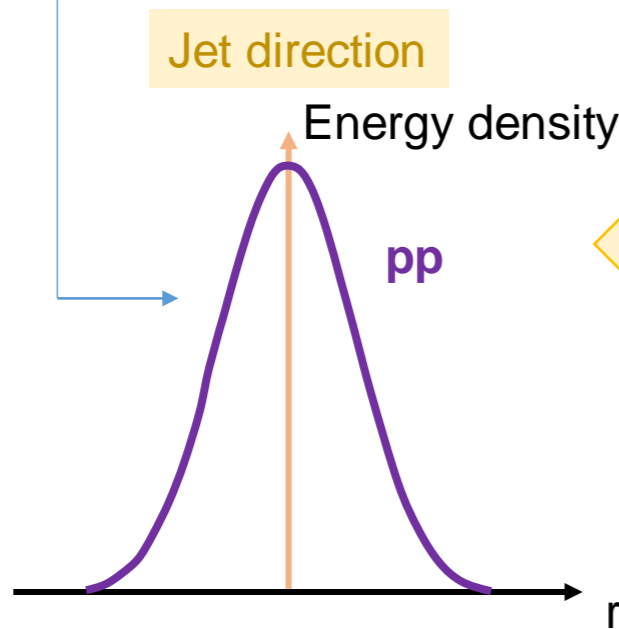
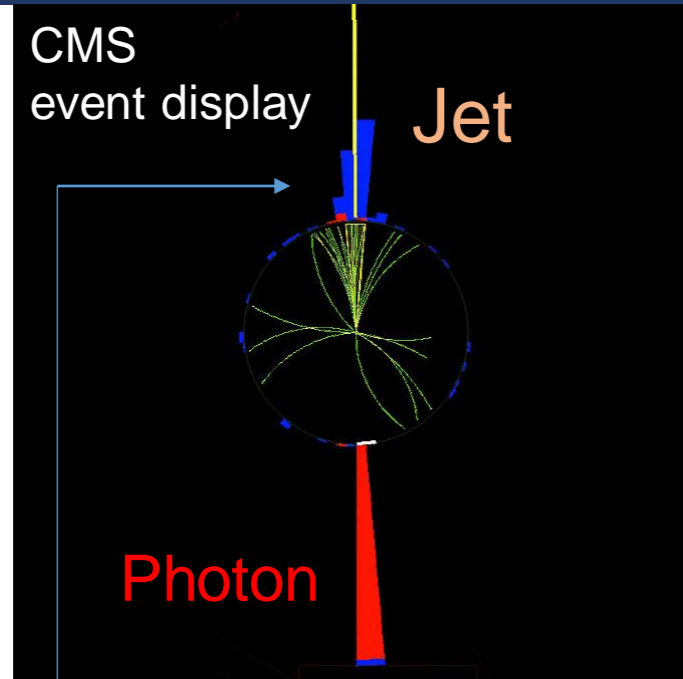
Jet quenching with jet
Energy flow out of the jet cone



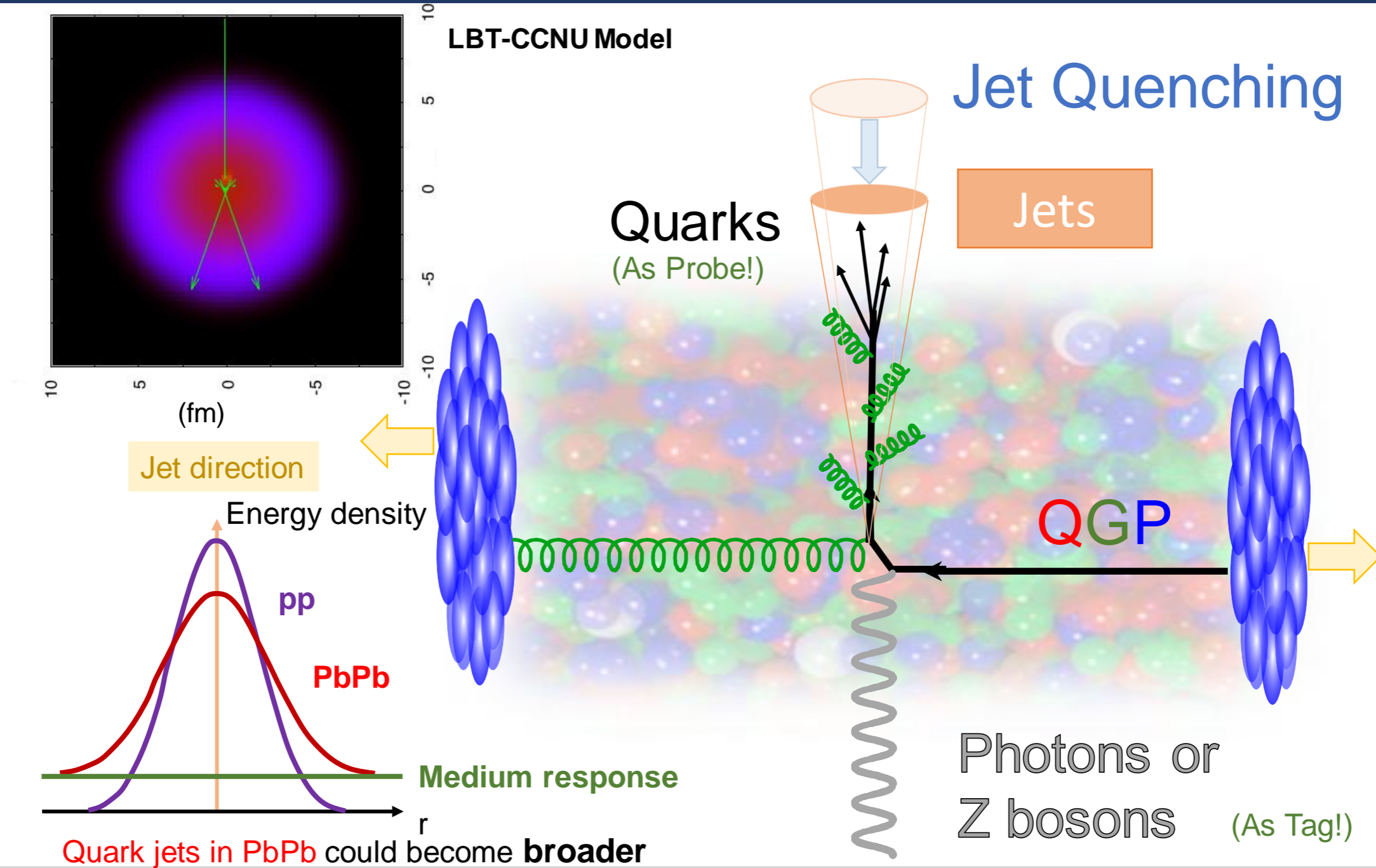
Missing Transverse Momentum

Quenched energy carried by low
 p_T particle out of the jet cone

High Transverse Momentum Scattering



Probes Produced with the QGP



Transverse Momentum Ratio of Quark-enriched Jet and Boson

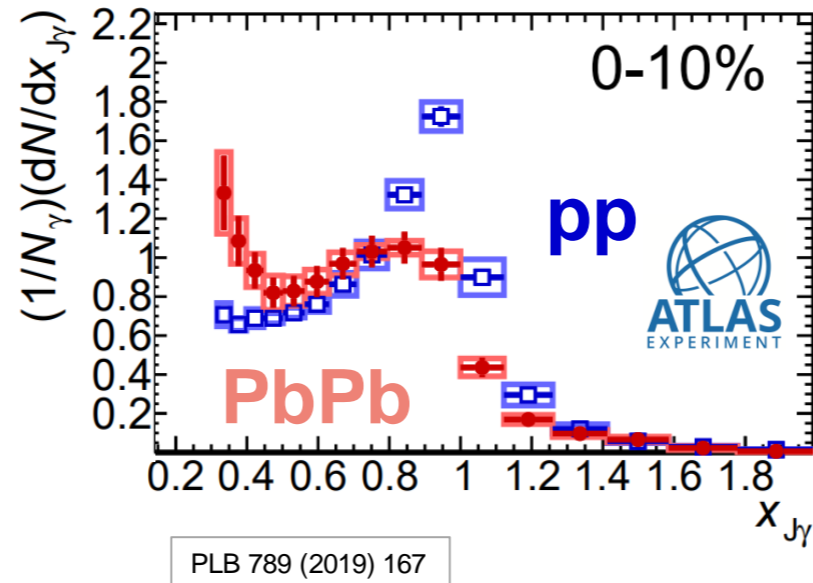
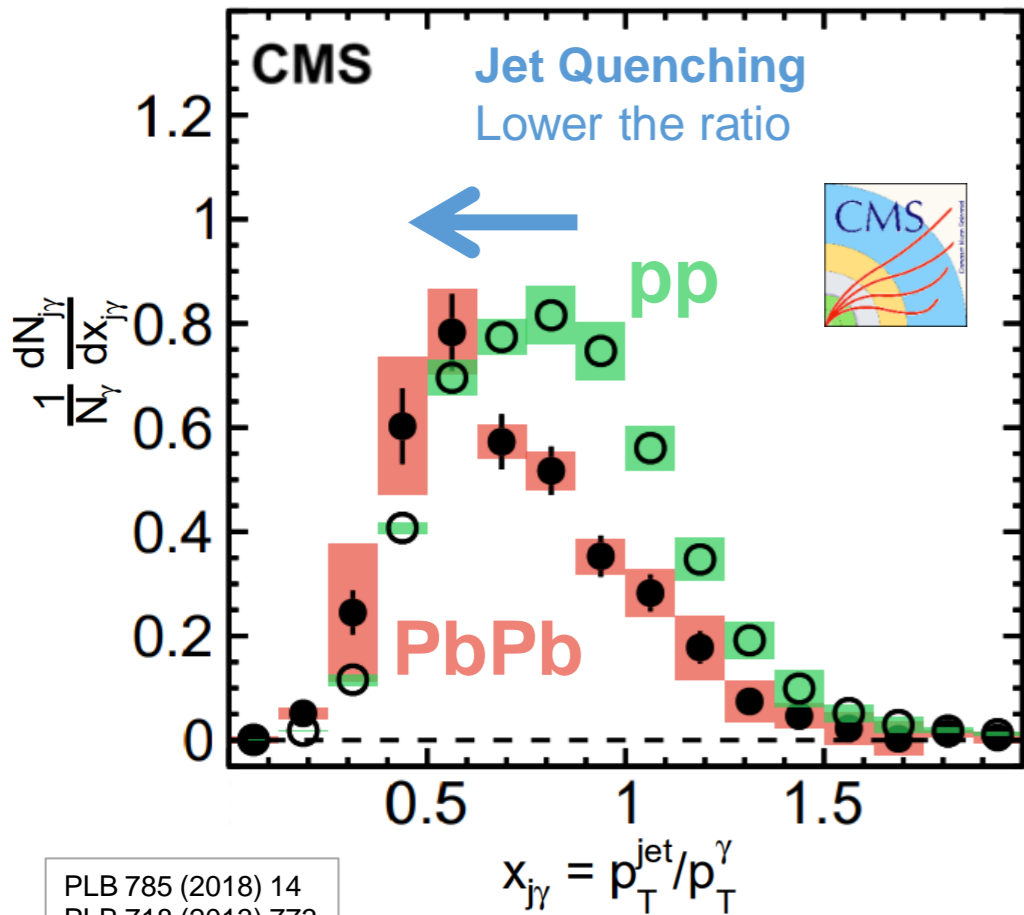
Photon + Jet

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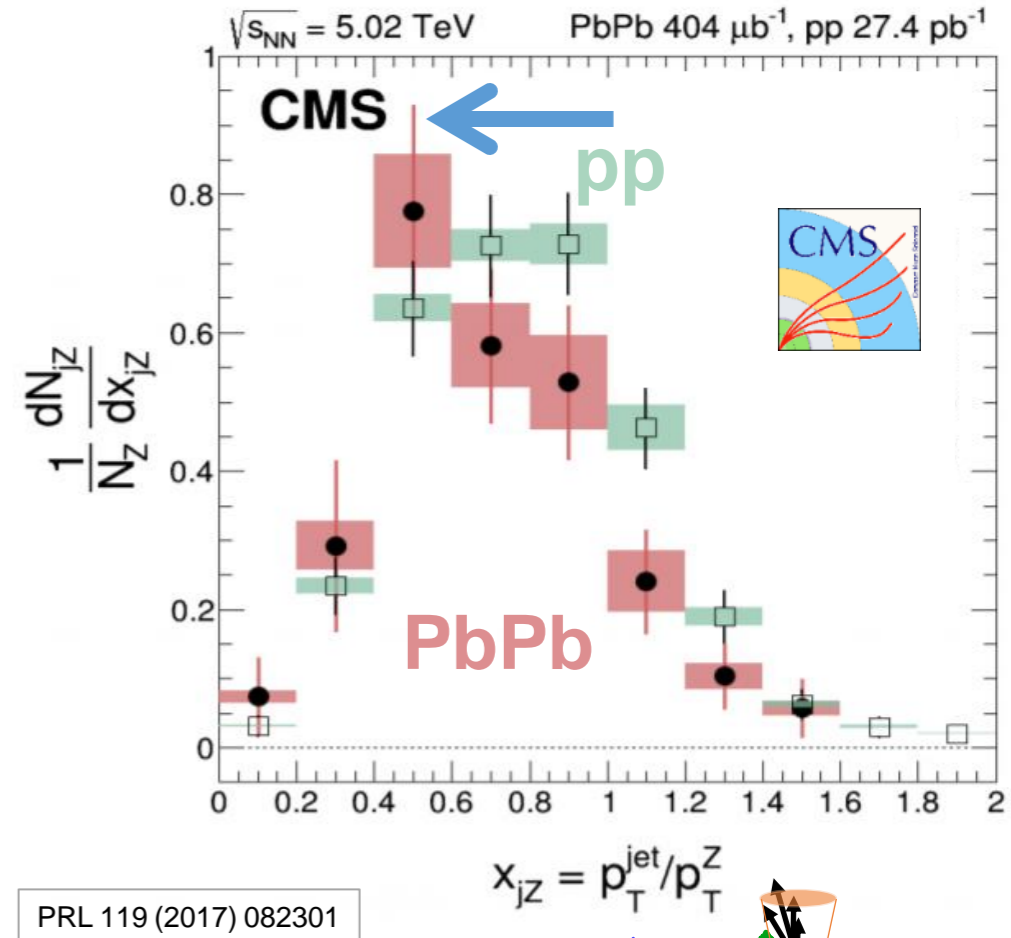
pp 5.02 TeV, 25 pb^{-1}
 $Pb+Pb$ 5.02 TeV, 0.49 nb^{-1}

$p_T^\gamma = 100-158$ GeV

\square pp (same each panel)
 \blacksquare $Pb+Pb$

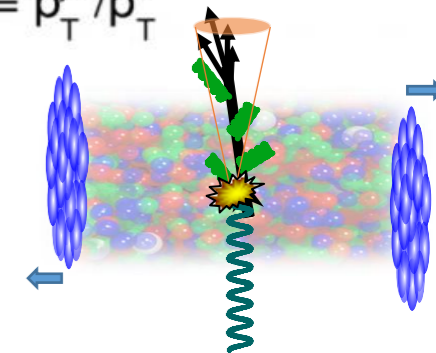


Z^0 boson + Jet



- Initial transverse momentum ~ 0
- Photons and Z bosons are not affected by QGP

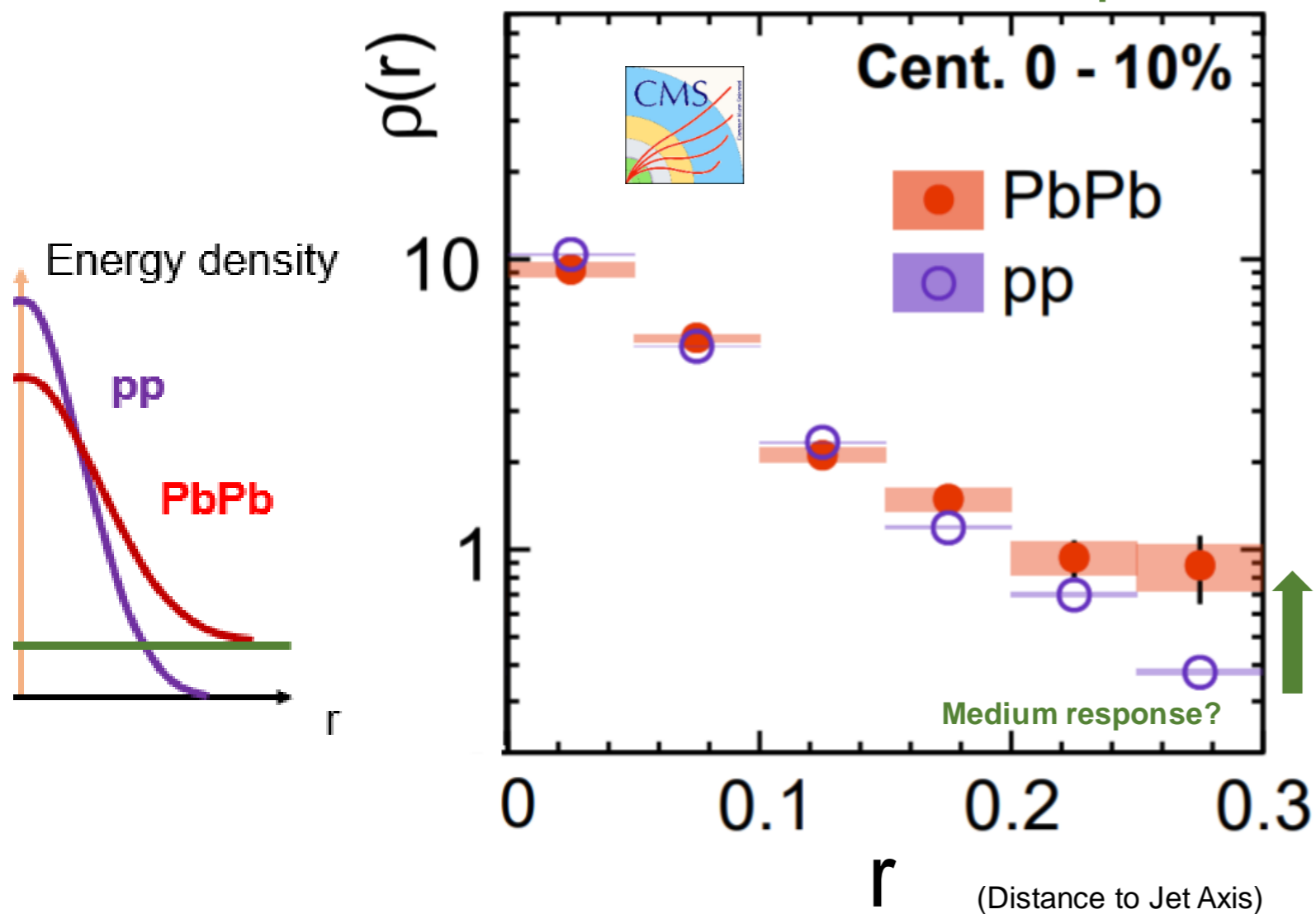
Quark-enriched jet (70% quark) to boson momentum ratio lowered



Quark Jet Shape and Fragmentation Modification

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Radial Shape

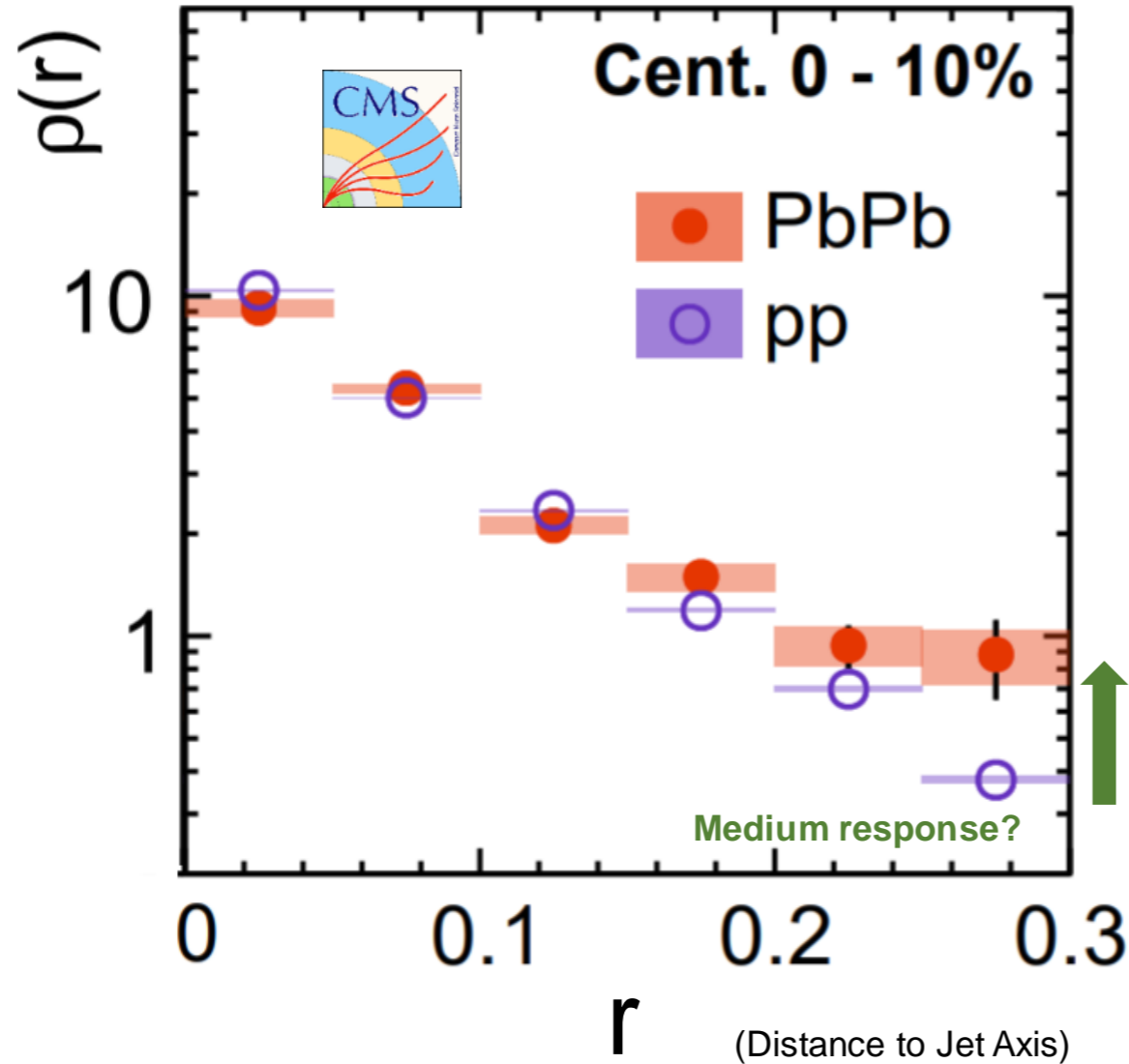


- **Broadening** of the quark-enriched jets

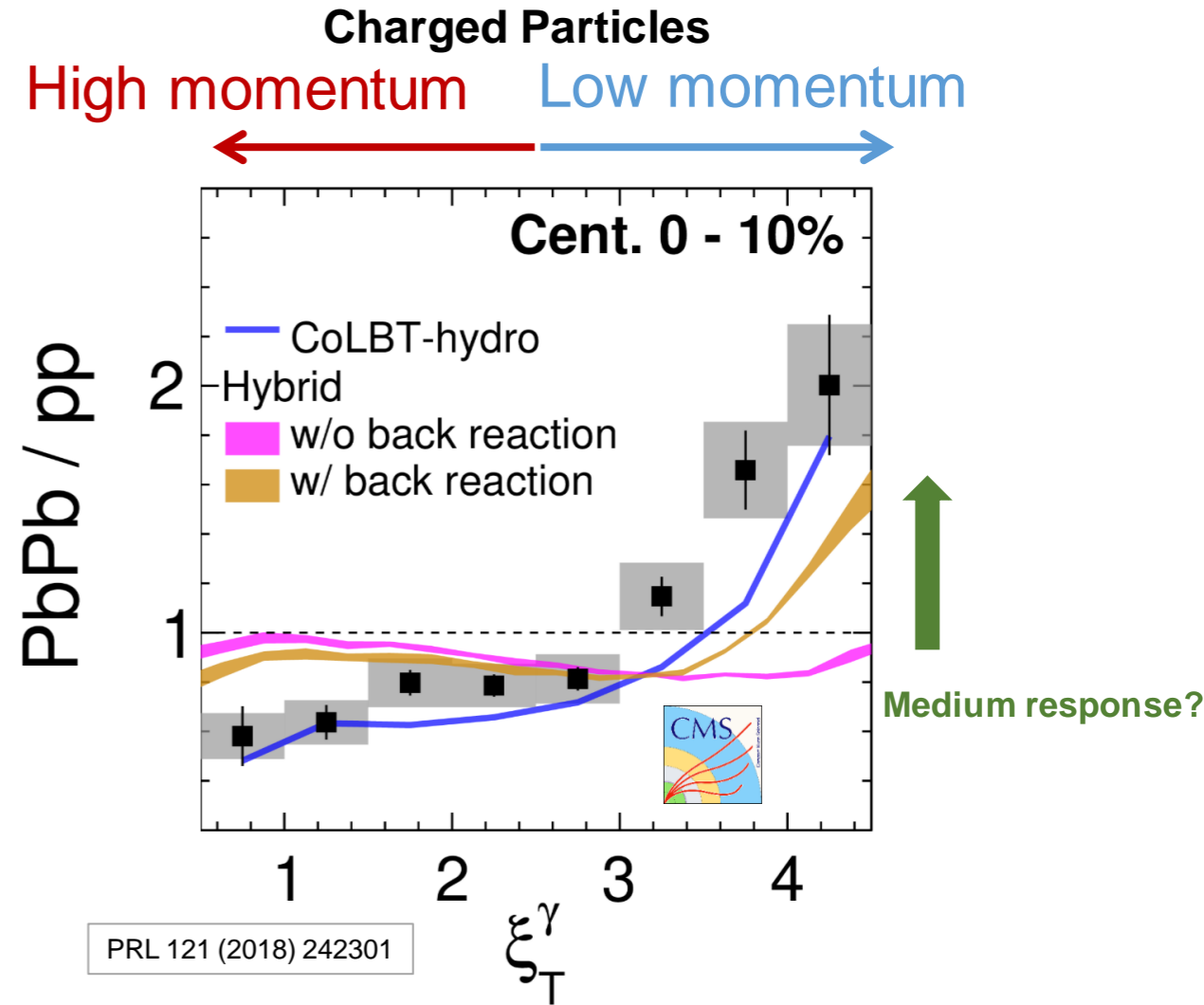
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Constituent Momentum Spectrum



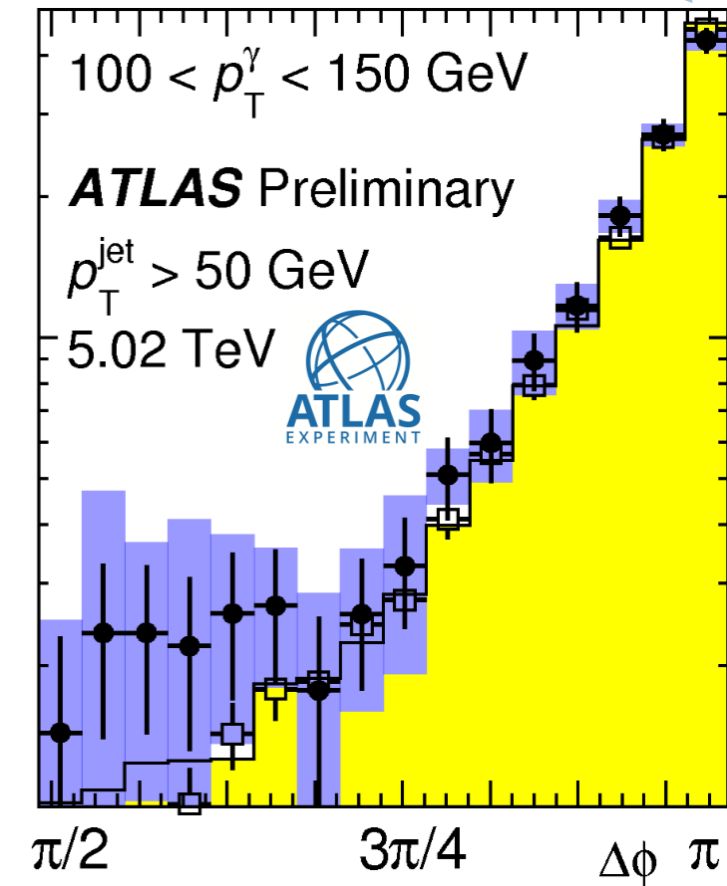
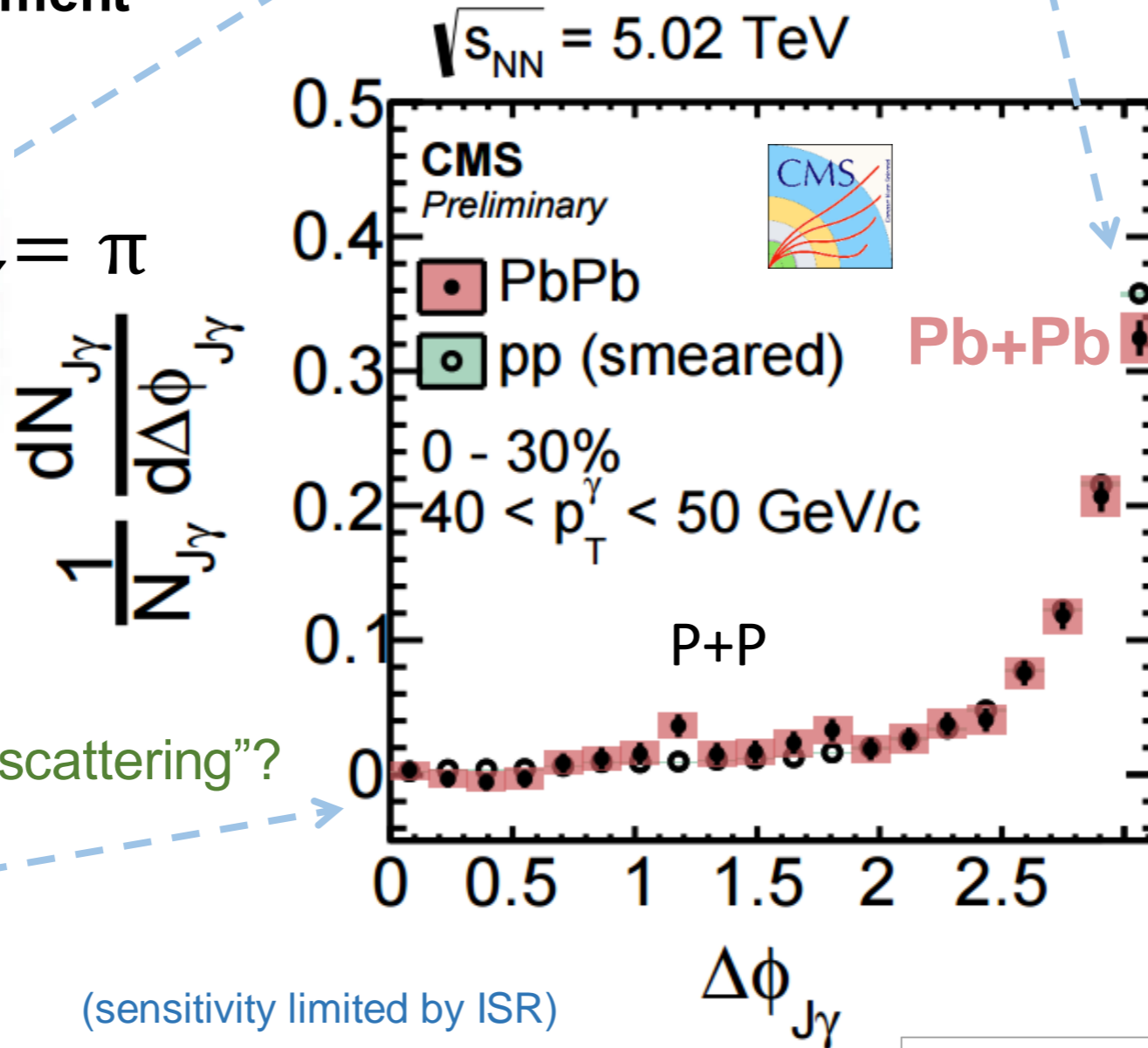
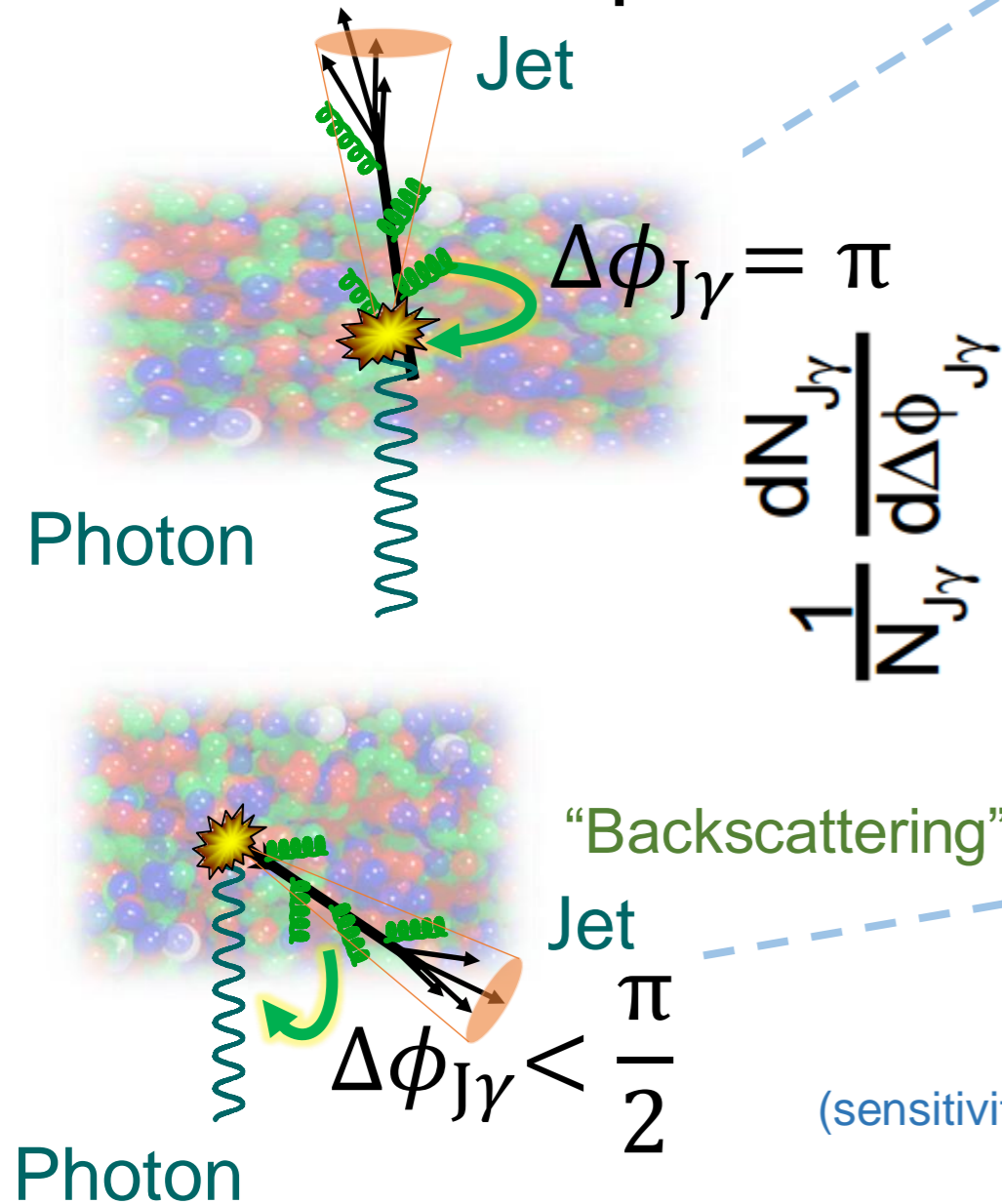
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$$\xi_T^\gamma = \ln \left[-|\vec{p}_T^\gamma|^2 / (\vec{p}_T^{\text{trk}} \cdot \vec{p}_T^\gamma) \right]$$

- **Broadening** of the quark-enriched jets, enhancement of **low momentum particles**
- Strong indication of **QGP medium response!**

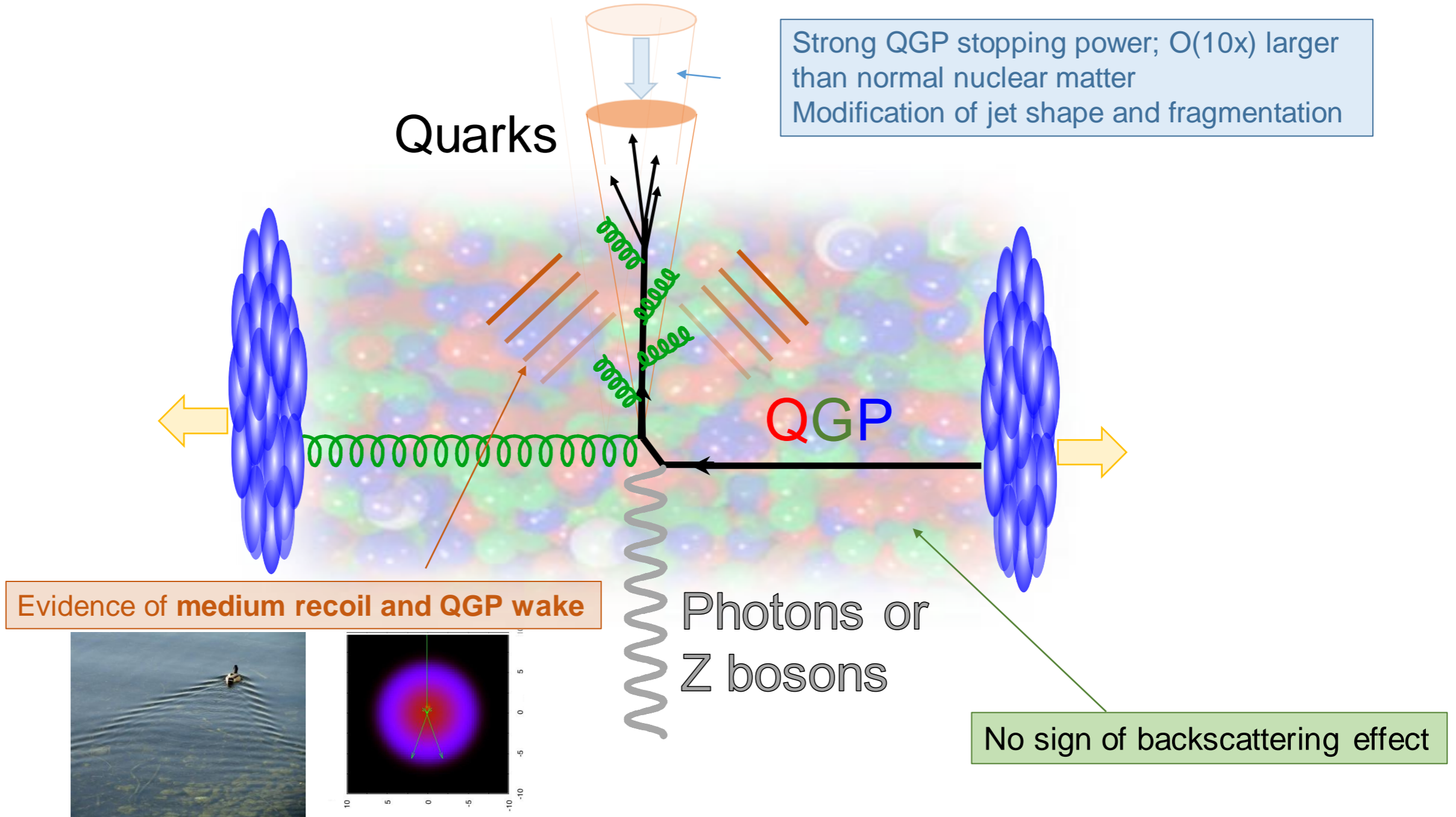
Search for Quasi-Particles in the QGP

“QGP Rutherford experiment”

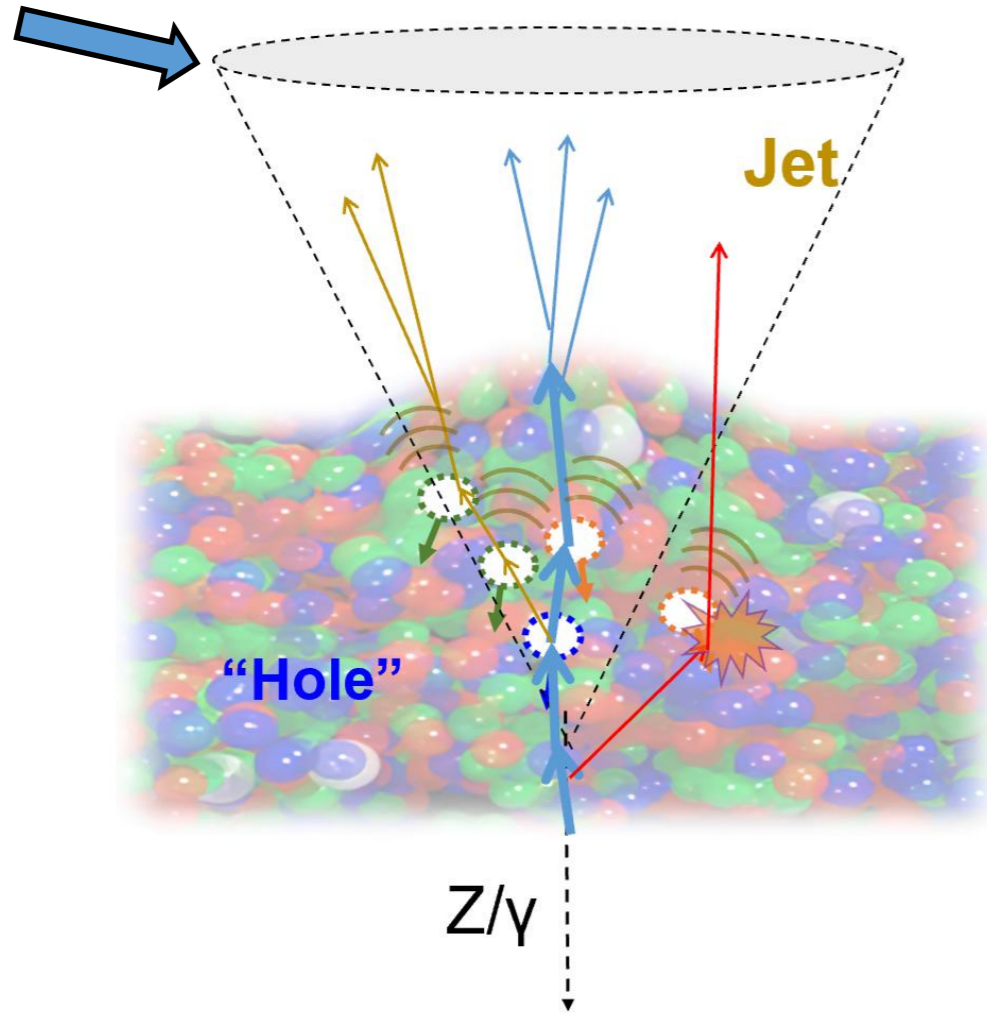


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Lessons from Jet Spectra and Structure



Focus on the Hardest Substructure



Does the magnitude of quenching depend on the structure of parton shower?
Shower shape dependence of energy loss!

Charged Jet $p_T D$ (Dispersion) and Jet Girth

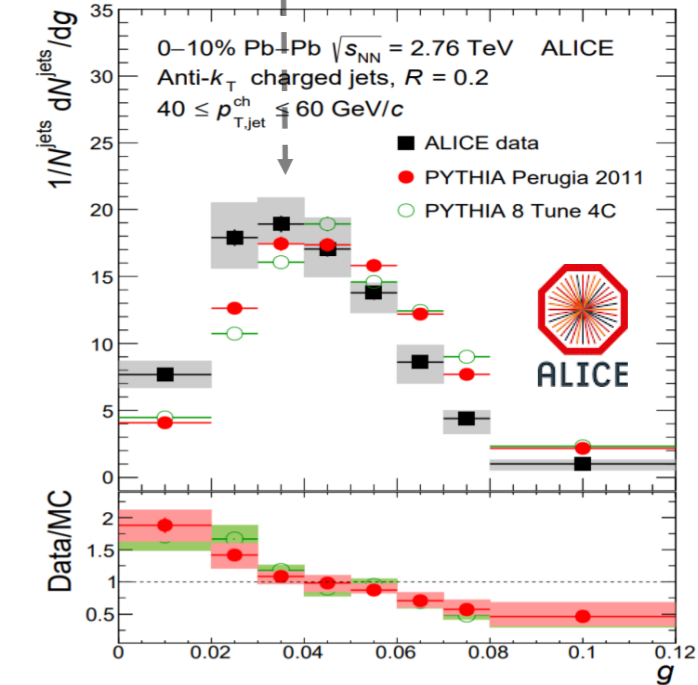
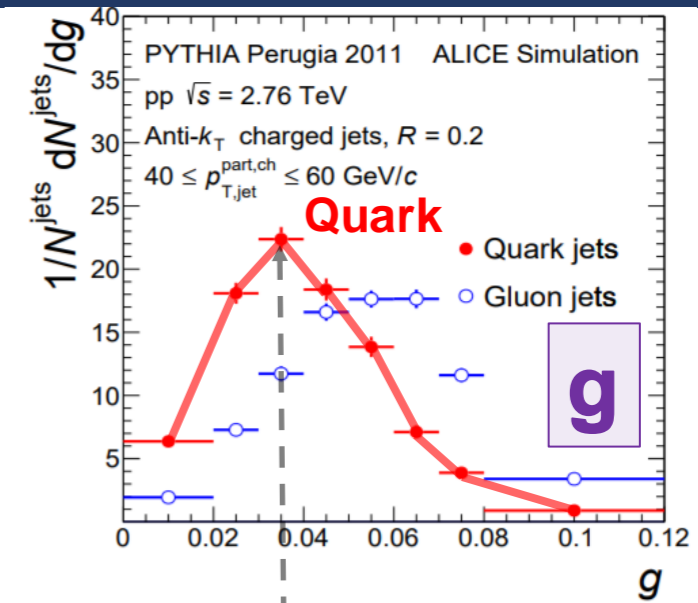
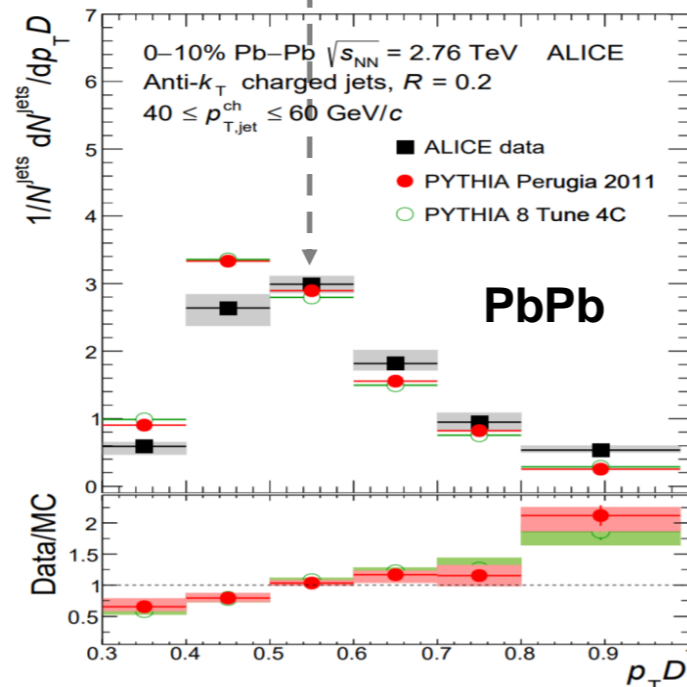
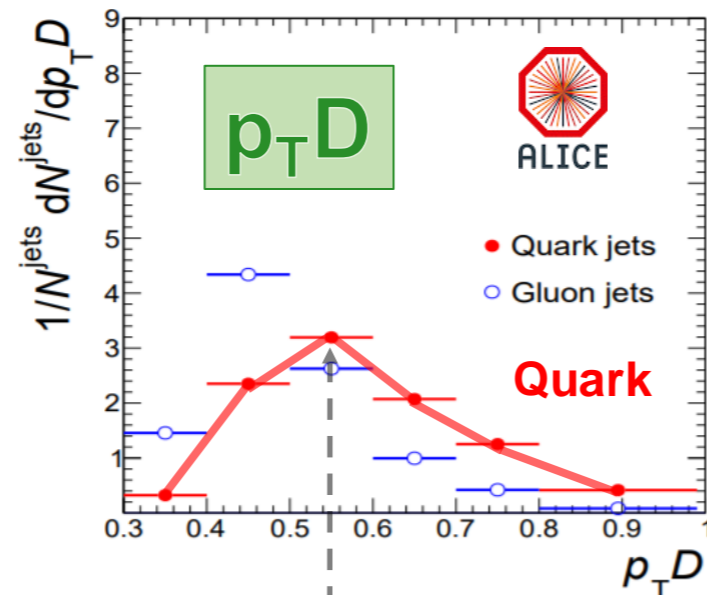
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ALICE
Simulation

$$p_T D = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_i p_{T,i}^2}}{\sum_i p_{T,i}}$$

$$g = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} \frac{p_{T,i}^i}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^i} |r_i|$$

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Data

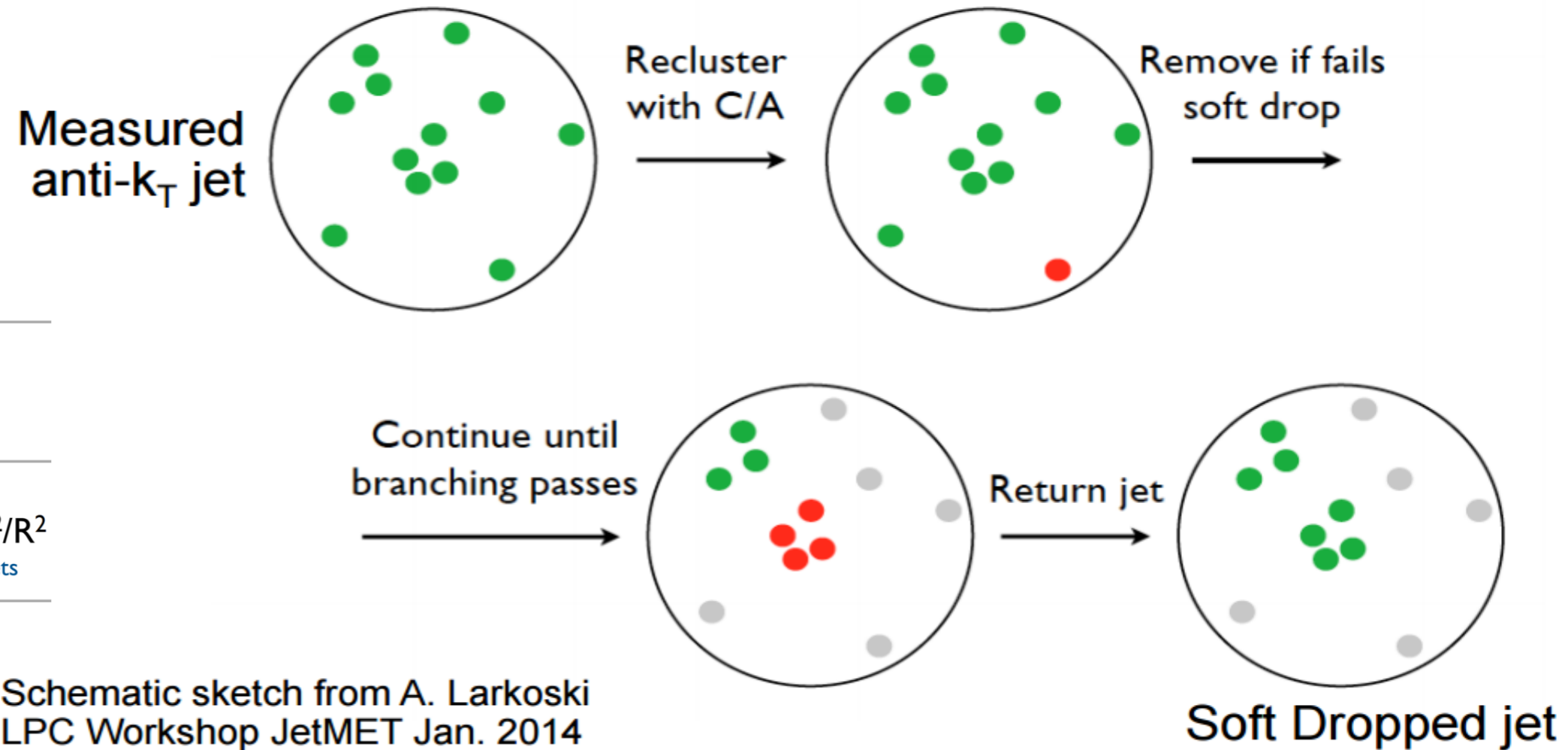


- Charged jets in PbPb are more **Quark-like** (or “harder/narrower”) in those observables

Isolate the Jet Core: Jet Grooming

Jet algorithms

Cambridge/ Aachen	SR $d_{ij} = \Delta R_{ij}^2/R^2$ hierarchical in angle
anti- k_t	SR $d_{ij} = \min(k_{ti}^{-2}, k_{tj}^{-2}) \Delta R_{ij}^2/R^2$ gives perfectly conical hard jets

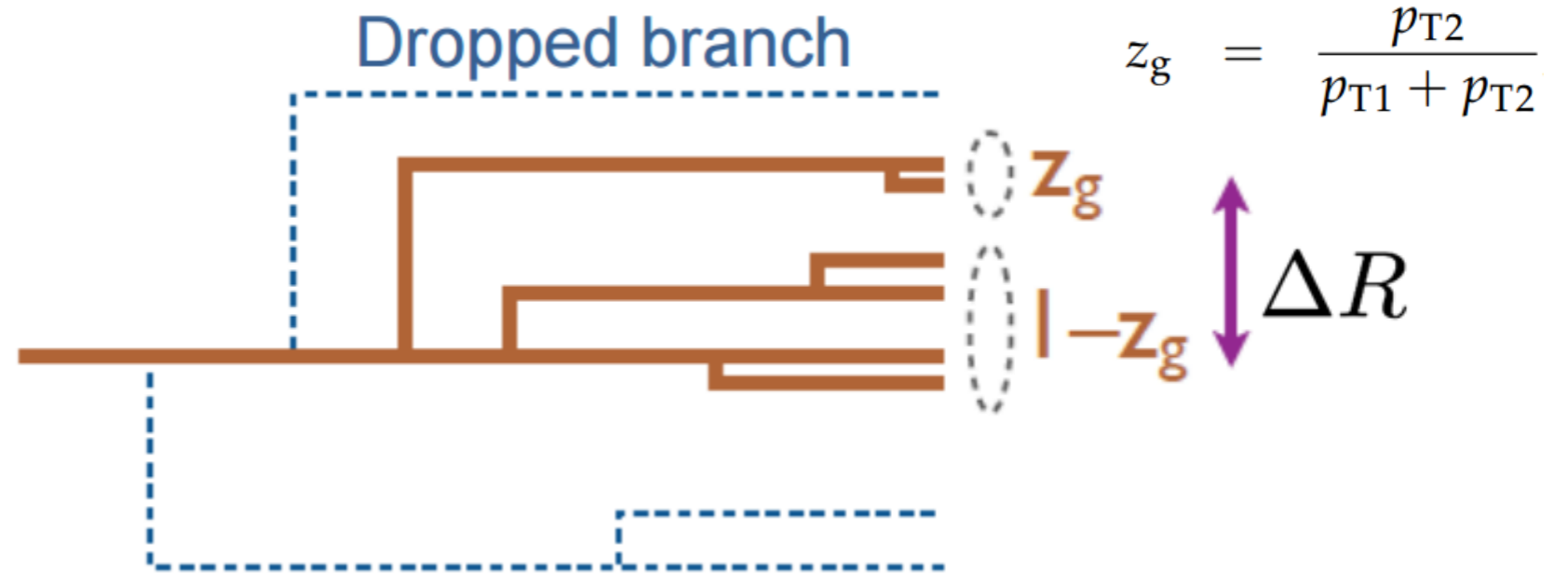


$$z_g \equiv \frac{\min(p_1, p_2)}{p_1 + p_2} > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} \right)^\beta$$

Andrew Larkoski, et al
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Jet Grooming with Soft Drop

Anti- k_T jet is re-clustered with Cambridge/Aachen (CA)
 Then decluster the **angular-ordered CA tree**
 Drop soft branches

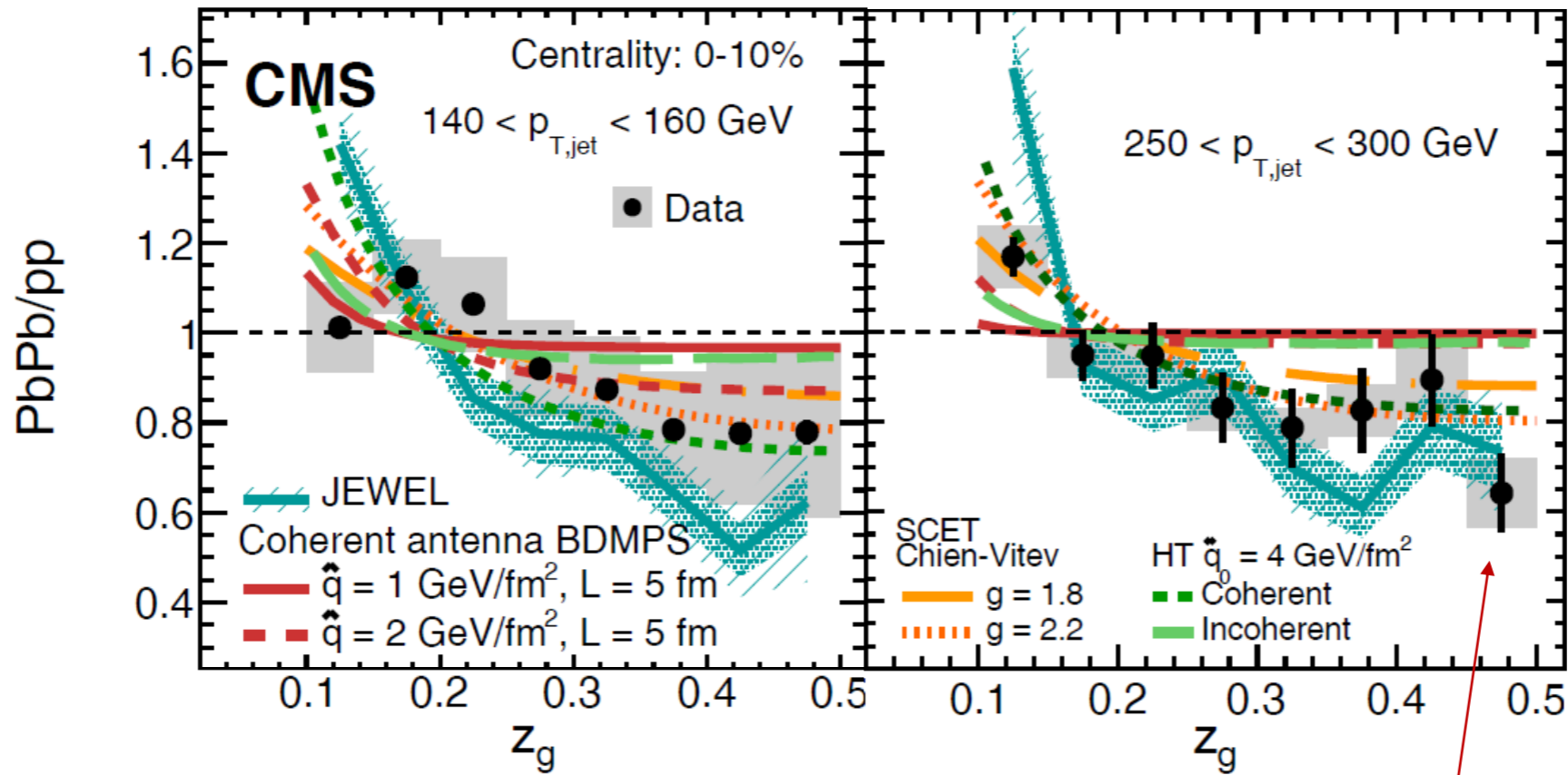


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Momentum Sharing of Subjets

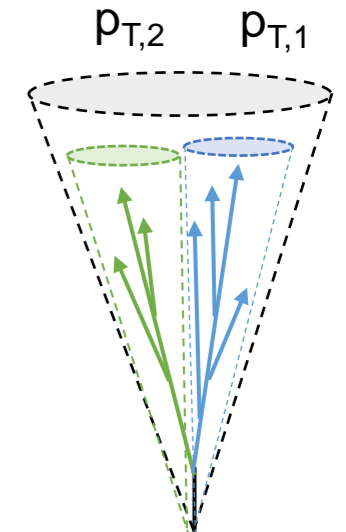


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 PRL Synopsis

Quark and gluon Z_g distributions are very similar in pp
 Jets with **two hard subjets** (large Z_g) “**relatively**” more suppressed!

Interpretation:

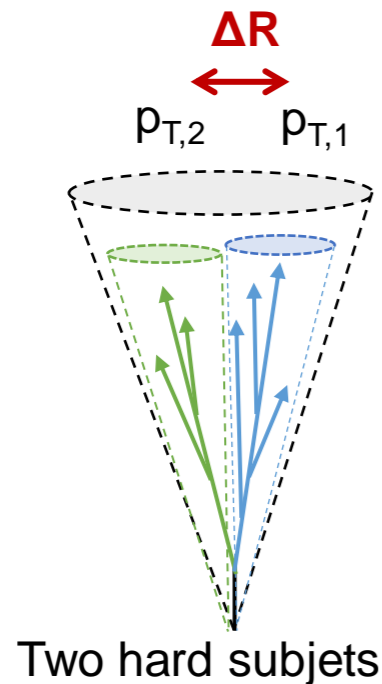
- **JEWEL**: enhancement of low Z_g jets (due to **medium recoil**)
- **SCET_G**: modification due to medium induced splitting function
- **HT & Coherent antenna BDMPS**: Data prefer coherent energy loss



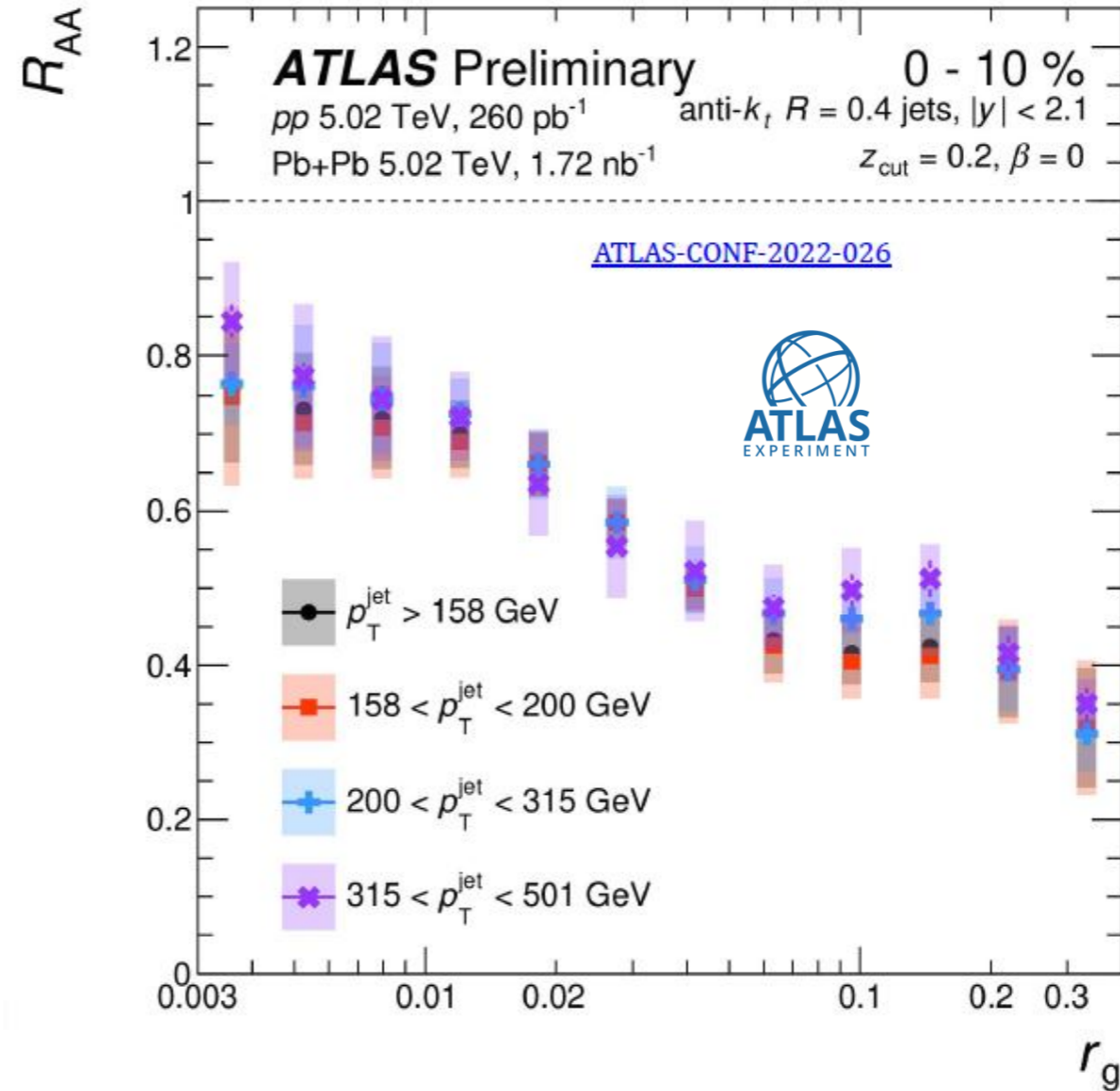
Two hard subjets
 $Z_g \sim 0.5$

Groomed Subjet Opening Angles

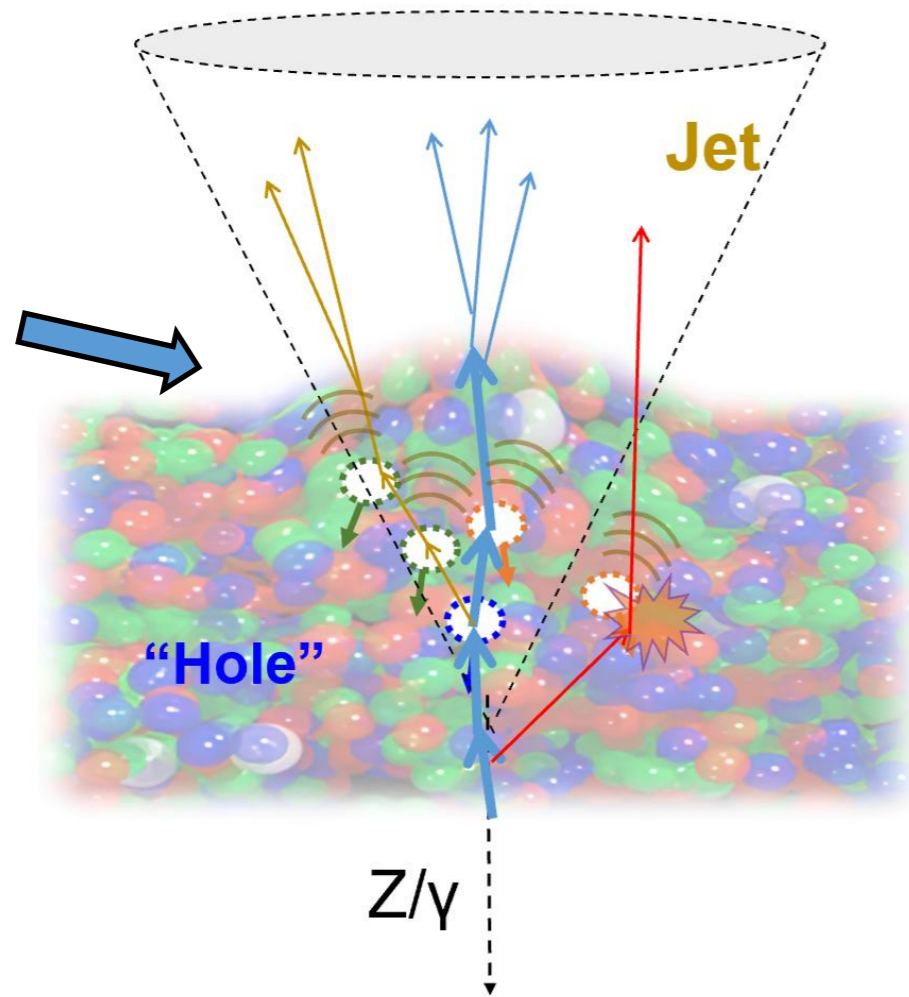
$$\theta_g = r_g = \frac{\Delta R}{R}$$



- Progress on absolute normalization:
 - First measurement of R_{AA} vs r_g
 - Jets with small r_g are less suppressed



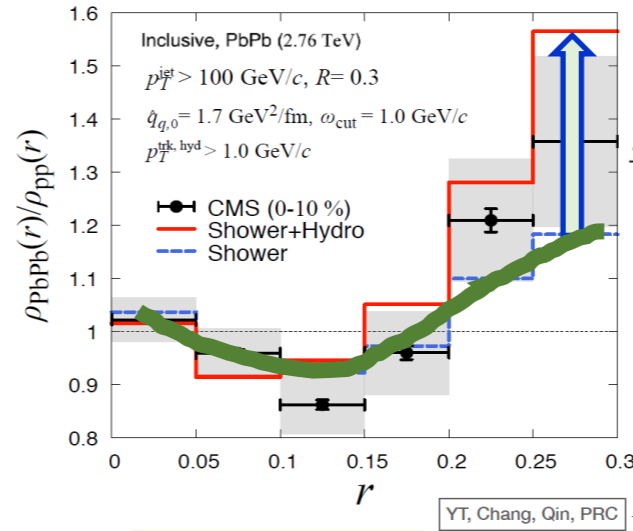
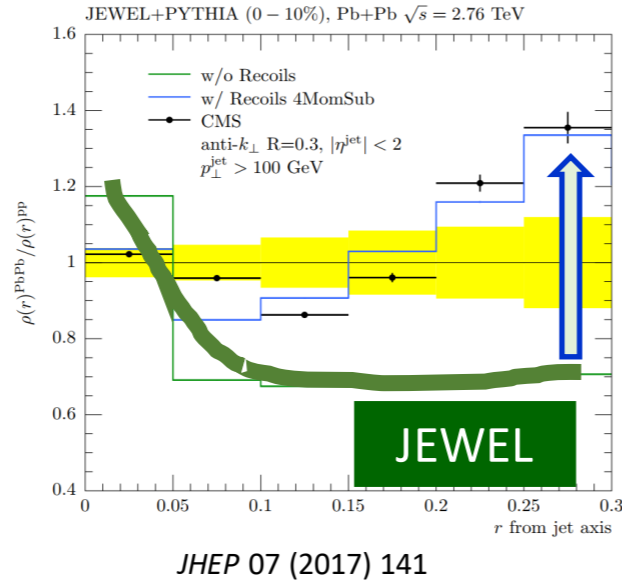
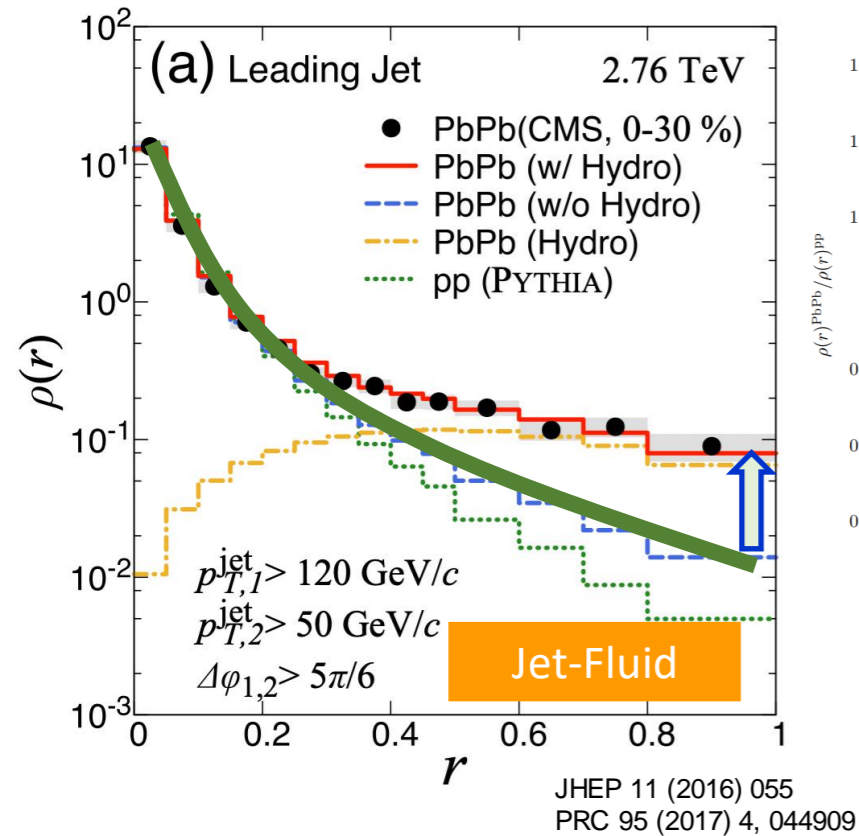
Focus on the Medium Response



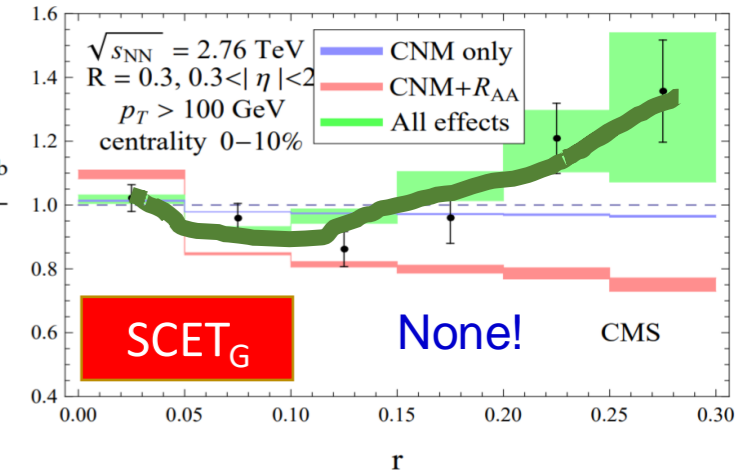
Have we observed the medium response to hard probes?

Measure the **boson-side associated yield** with photon-jet and **Z-jet**

Interpretation of the CMS Jet Shape

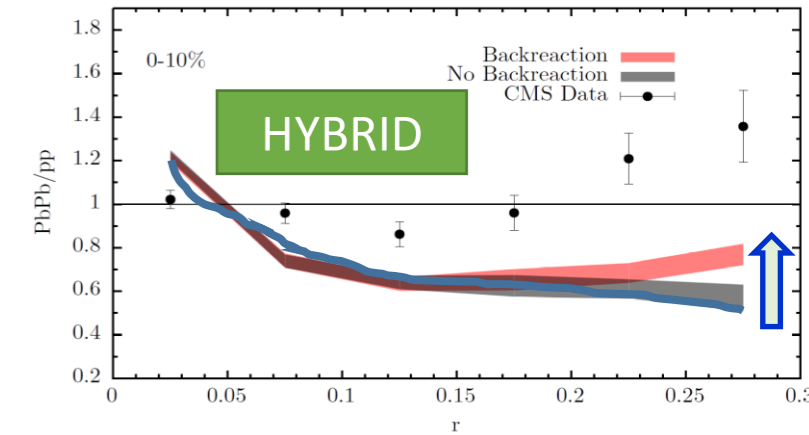


Jet-Fluid



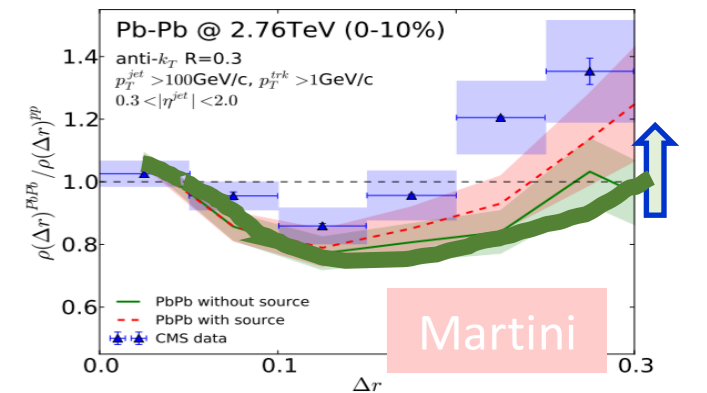
Modifications of the shower

Medium Recoil and Response

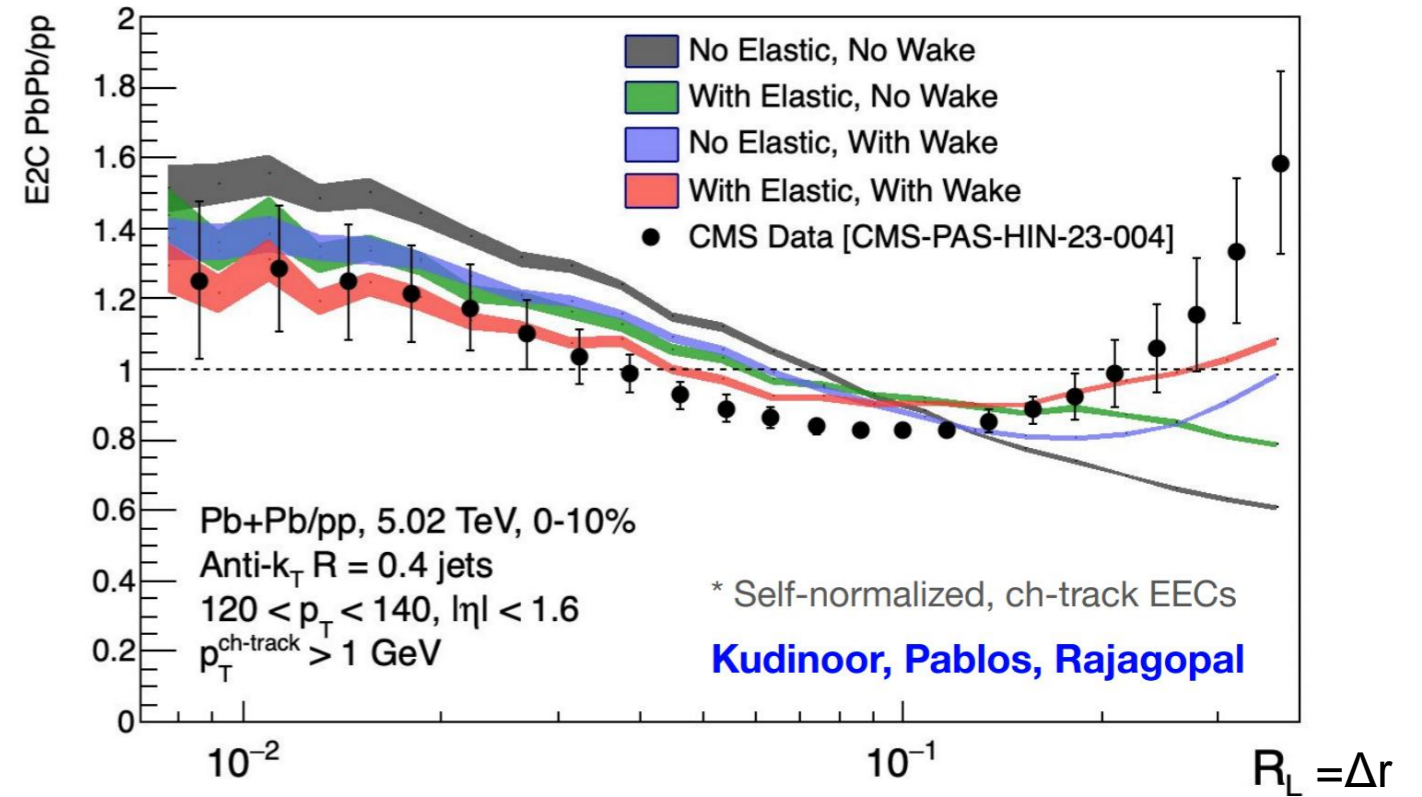
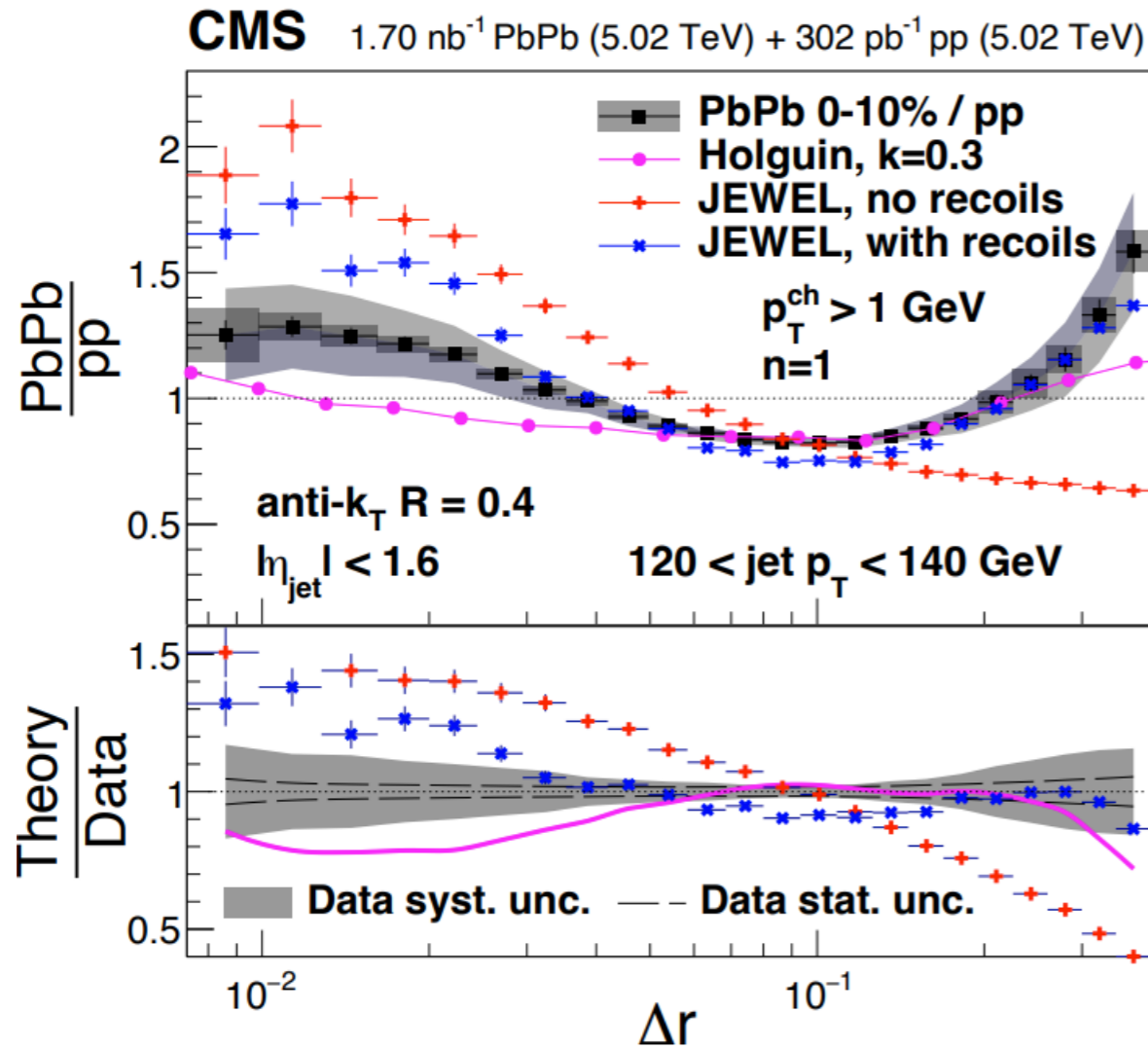


Models with **different mechanisms** give reasonable description of the inclusive jet shape and many other observables

How do we make more progress?



Inclusive Jet EEC PbPb/pp Ratio



Exciting new PbPb / pp ratio measurement!

- Features a **U shape**
- Selection bias: narrows the jet core

Enhancement at **large Δr** could be explained by

- **Medium response / recoil**
- **Elastic scattering**
- Medium induced radiation

One can read the QGP quenching power directly

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.07514>

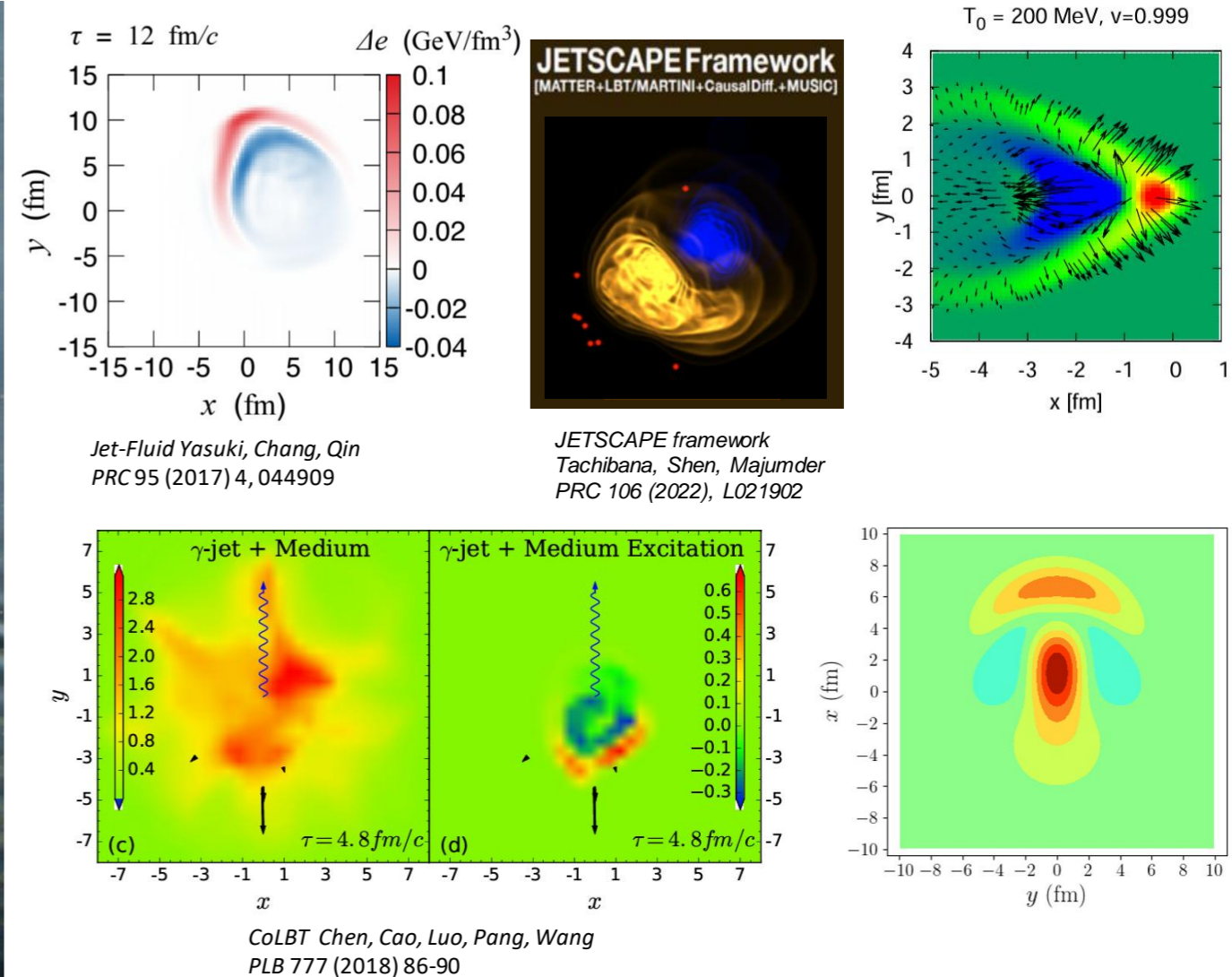
Medium Response to Hard Probes in QGP

Duck swimming through water



More **water** going in the duck direction

Quark plowing through the **QGP**

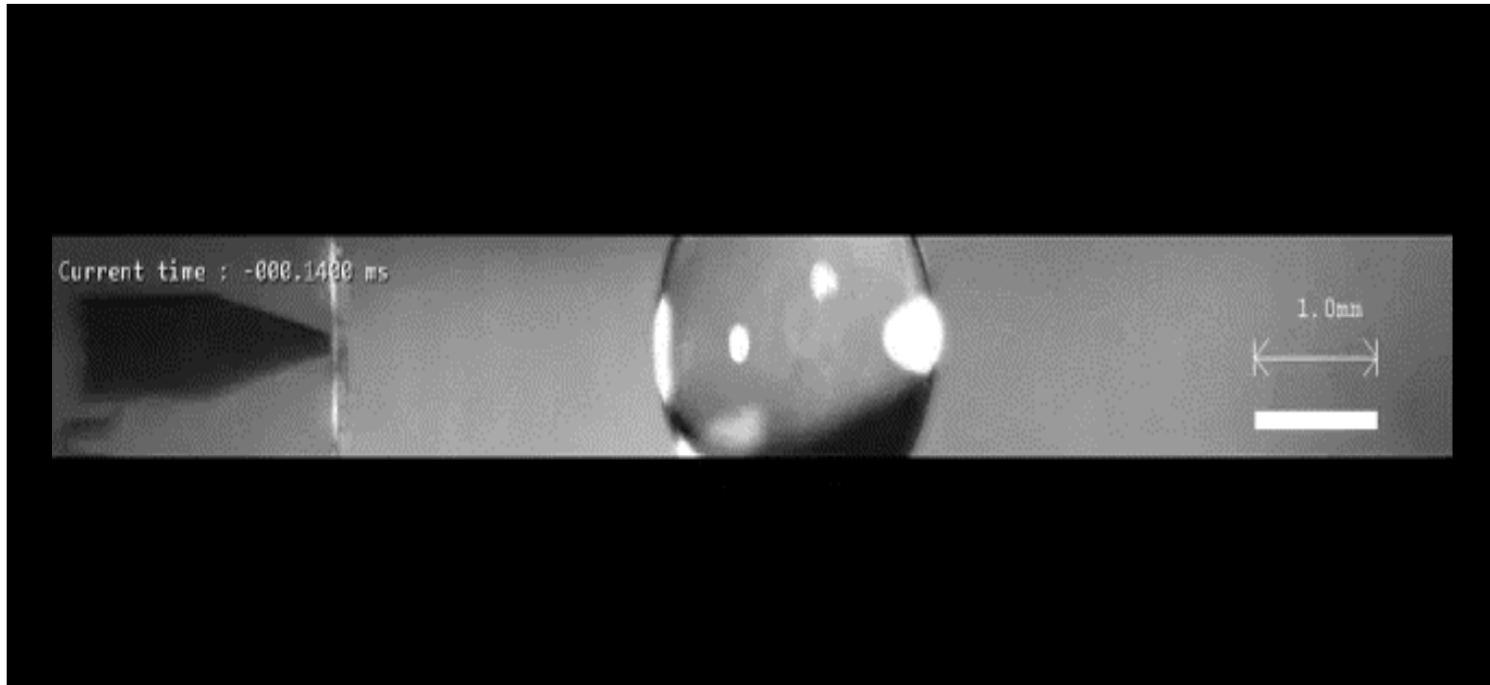


More **QGP** going in the jet direction

In Position Space

Medium Response to Hard Probes

Microfluidic Jet against **viscoelastic droplet**

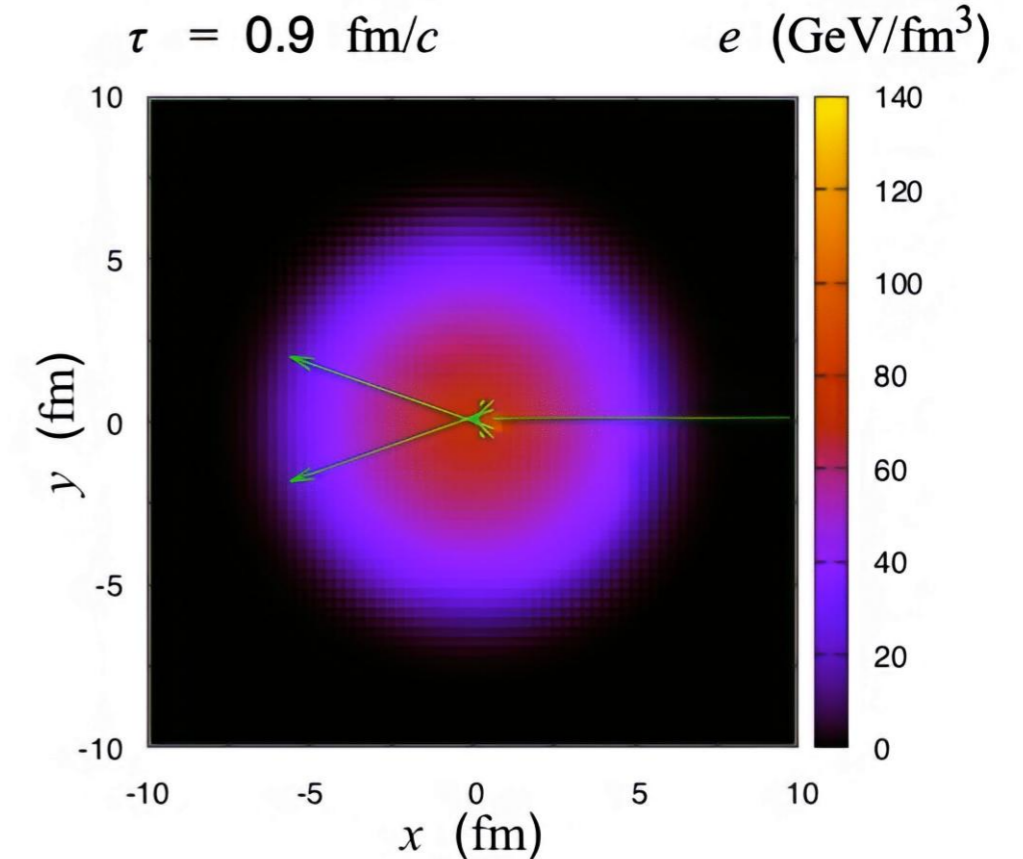


David Fernandez

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPRur72FGyk>

More **water** going in the jet direction

Quark plowing through the **QGP**



LBT Model

More **QGP** going in the jet direction

In Position Space

Measure the “Depletion” due to Medium Recoil

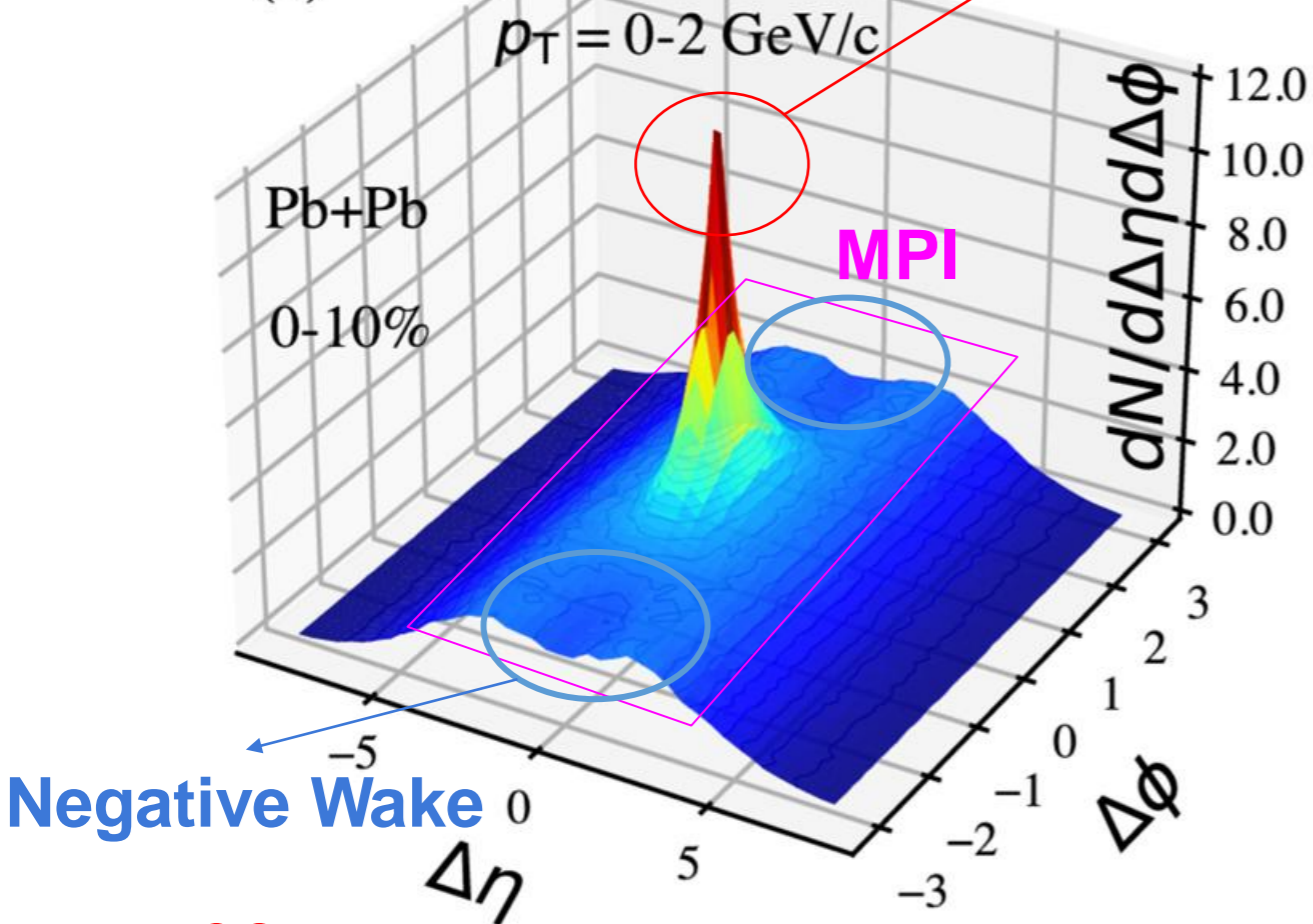
Jet and Hadron correlation in Photon-Jet event

QGP wake in CoLBT

Zhong Yang, Tan Luo, Wei Chen,
Longgang Pang, and Xin-Nian Wang

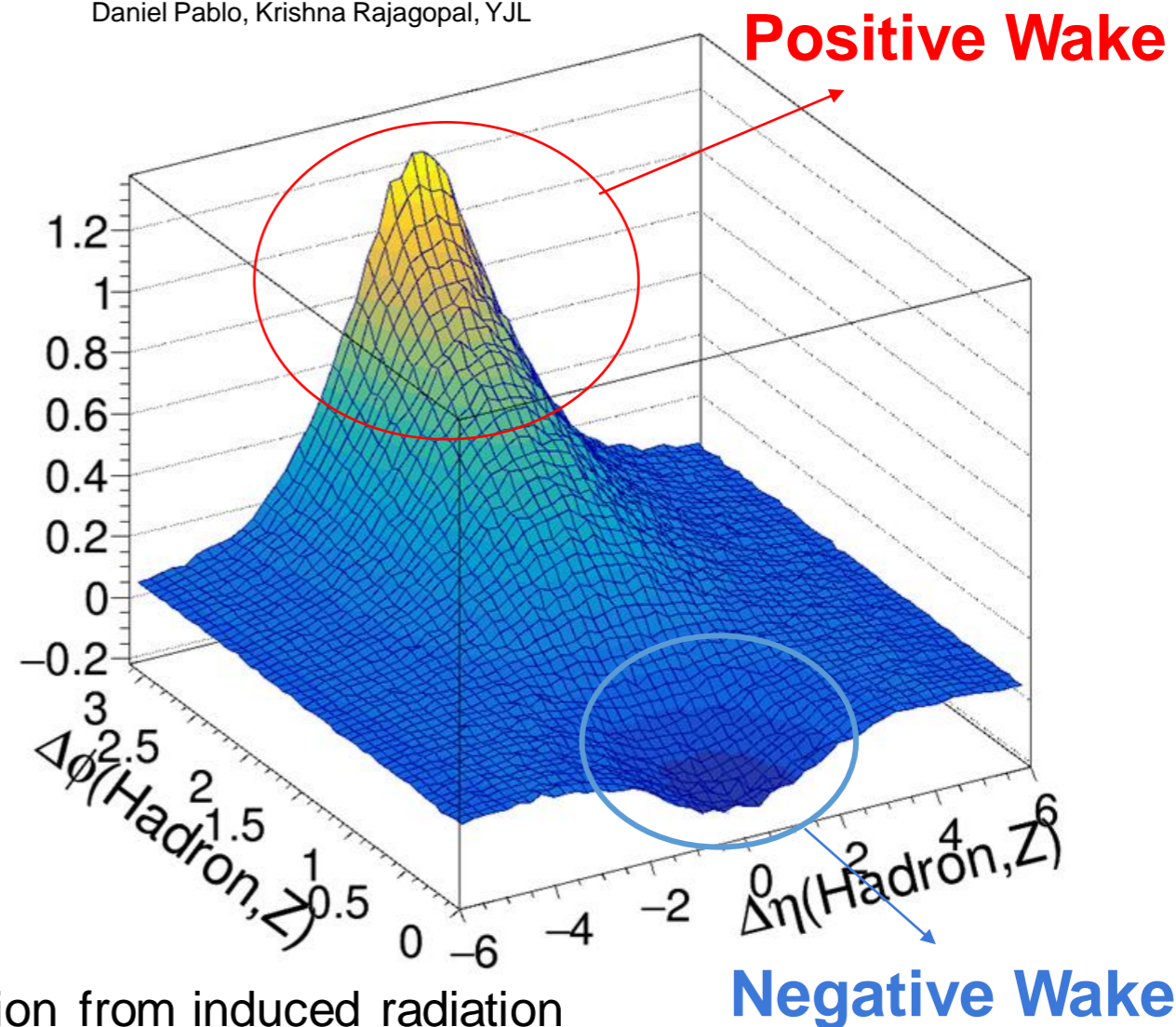
PRL 130, 052301 (2023)

(b)



Z^0 and **Wake Hadron** correlation in **Hybrid** model

Daniel Pablo, Krishna Rajagopal, YJL



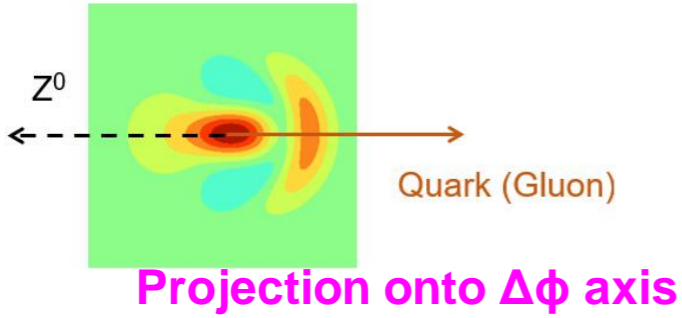
More QGP going in the jet direction, however, with complication from induced radiation
Less QGP left behind in the opposite direction of the jet!!!

→ Measure the **Boson-side** associated yield with **Z^0 -Jet**

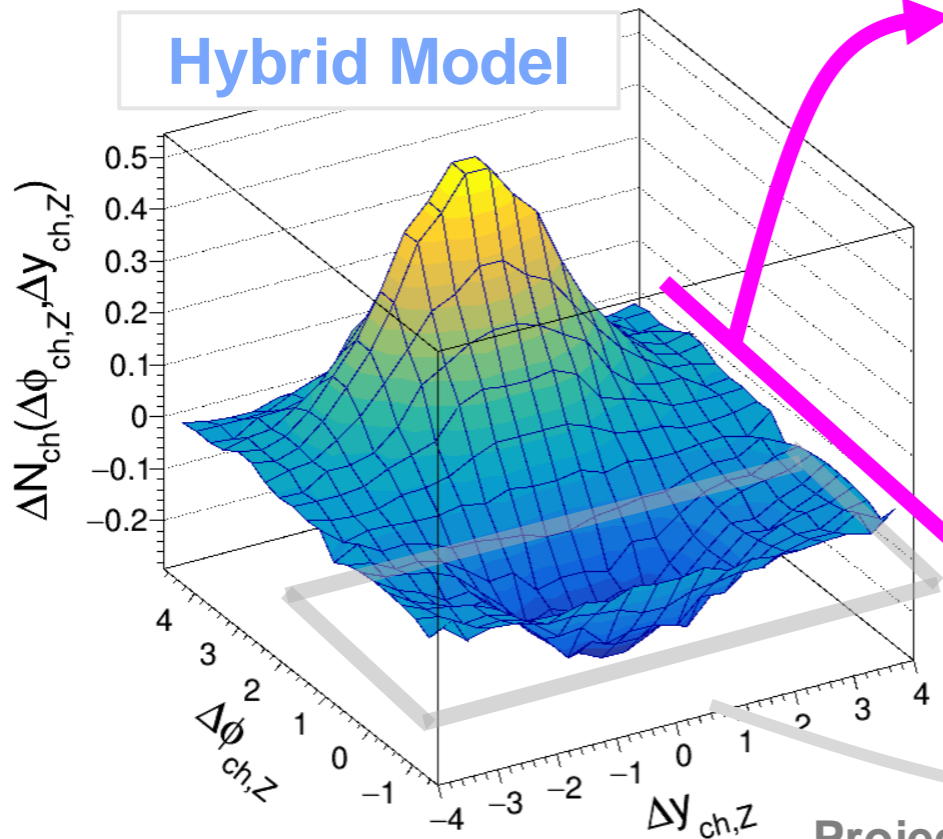
In Momentum Space

Direct Evidence of Medium Response

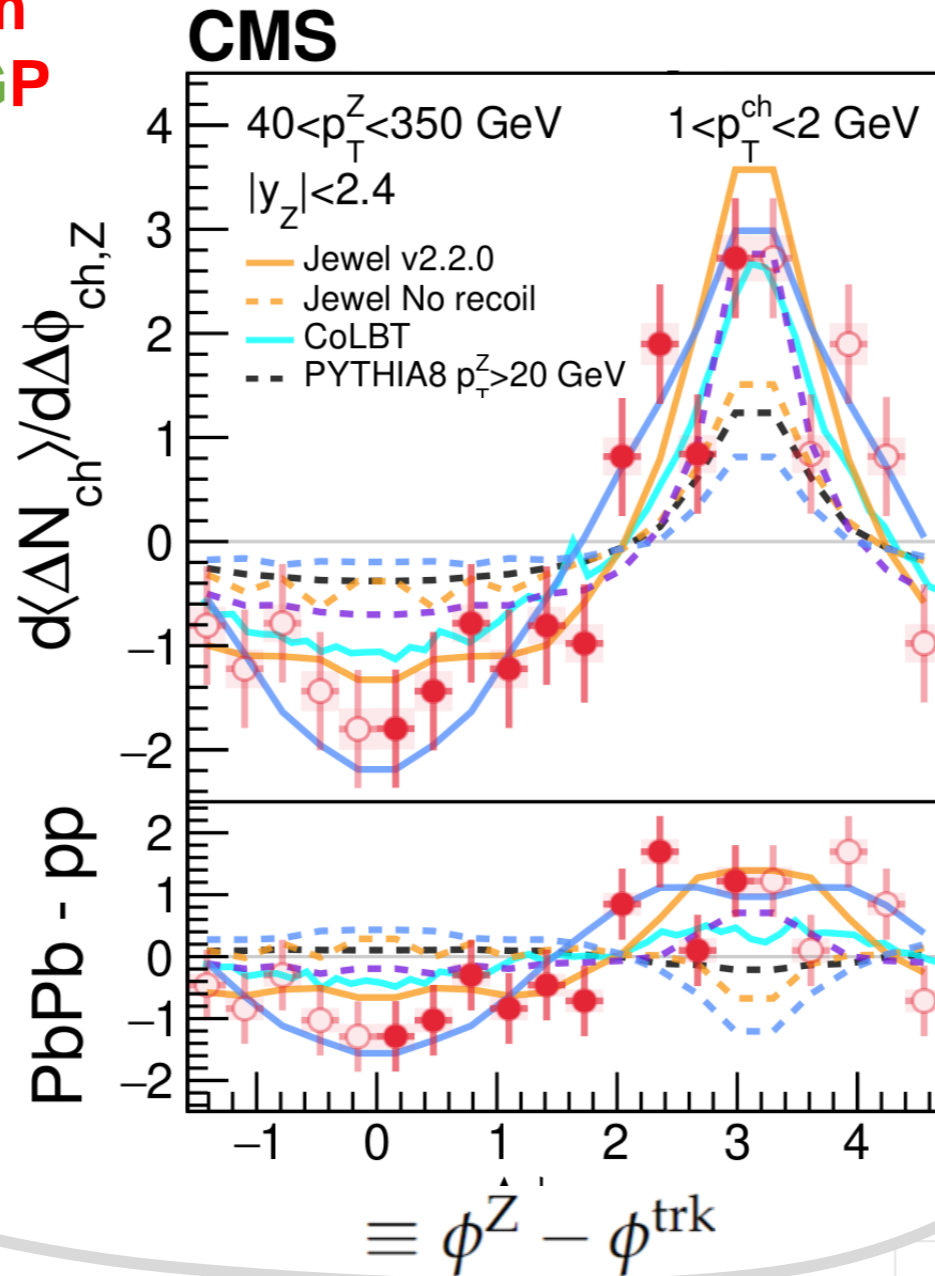
First direct evidence of medium response to hard probes in QGP



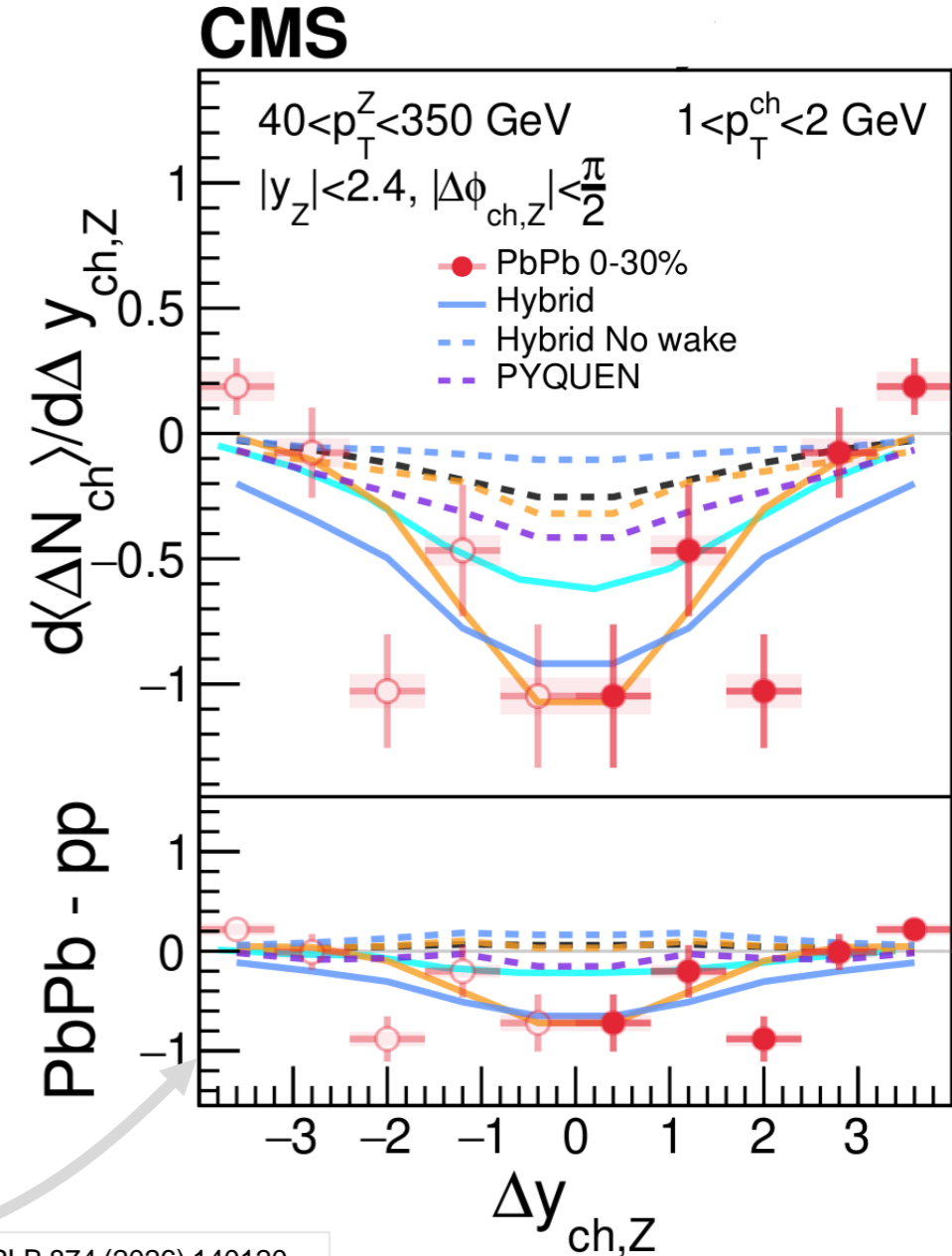
Hybrid Model



Projection onto Δy axis



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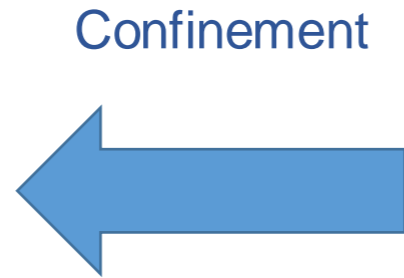
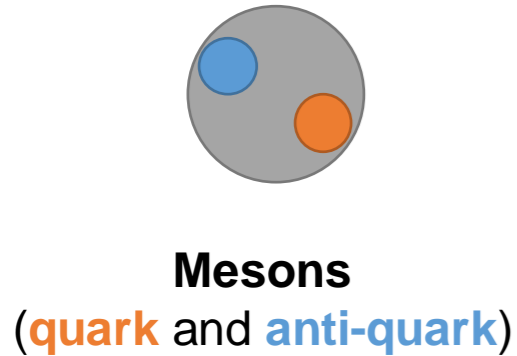


Summary: Jet

- High p_T partons lose energy in QGP, lost energy is redistributed to soft, wide-angle particles
- Inclusive jet substructure:
 - Measurement of jets that “**survived**” the jet p_T selection
 - Those jets tends to be “**harder**” than that in pp collisions
 - Harder fragmentation, narrower, smaller subjet momentum imbalance
- **Size of jet quenching depends on parton shower**
 - In fact, this is the main reason of dijet momentum imbalance in central PbPb collisions!
- Jet Grooming: **a powerful tool for observable design**
- **Evidence of medium response from Z-hadron correlation**

Slow Moving Hard Probe?

Hadrons: participate in the strong interaction mediated by **gluons**



	I	II	III
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	u up	c charm	t top
	d down	s strange	b beauty
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

QUARKS

When the quarks form a hadron, the total color charge needs to be neutral

Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

|| Before collisions (two pancakes of nucleons)



| Collisions (the harder, the earlier)



| QGP emergence (tons of soft scatterings)



Cool down while expansion

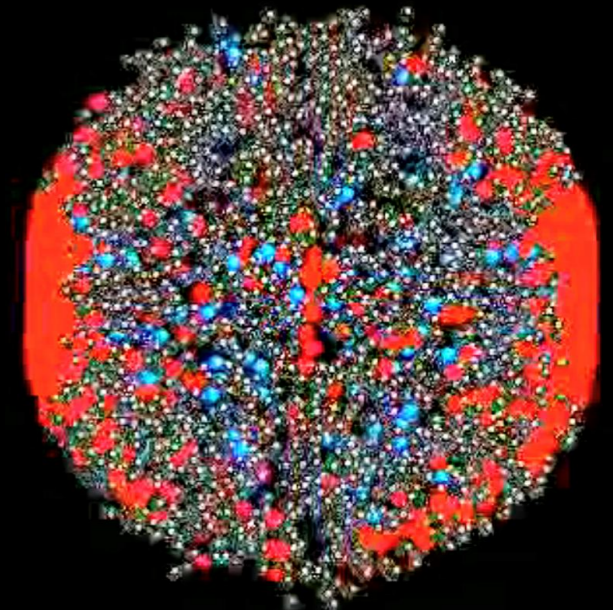
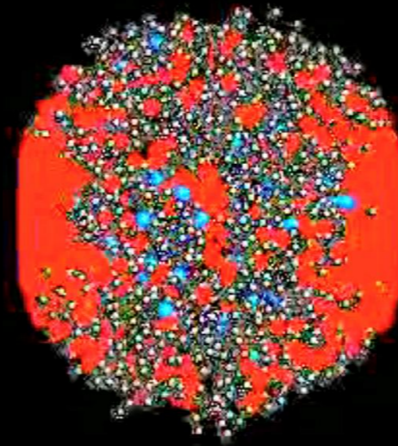
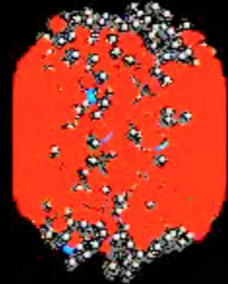
Hadronization

Relativistic heavy-ion collisions

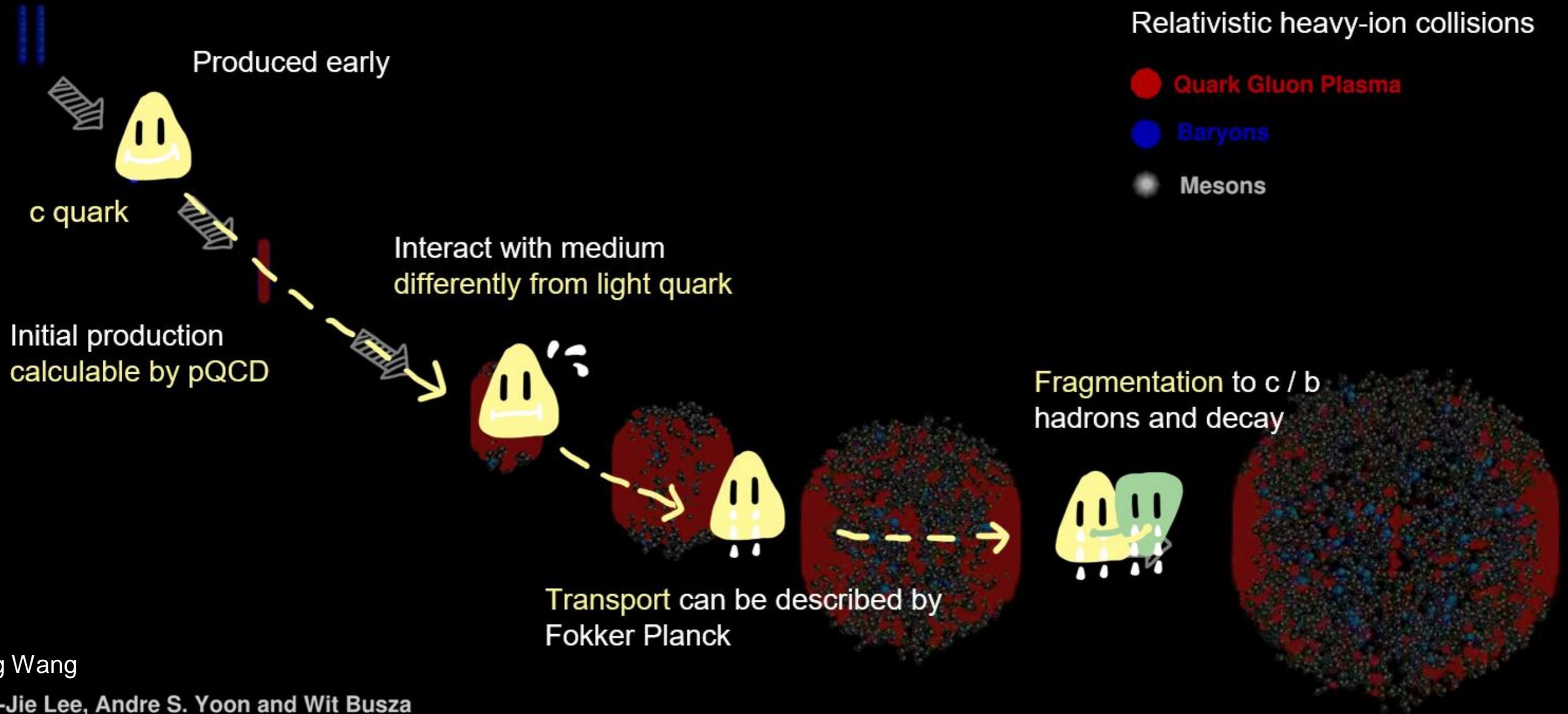
● Quark Gluon Plasma

● Baryons

● Mesons



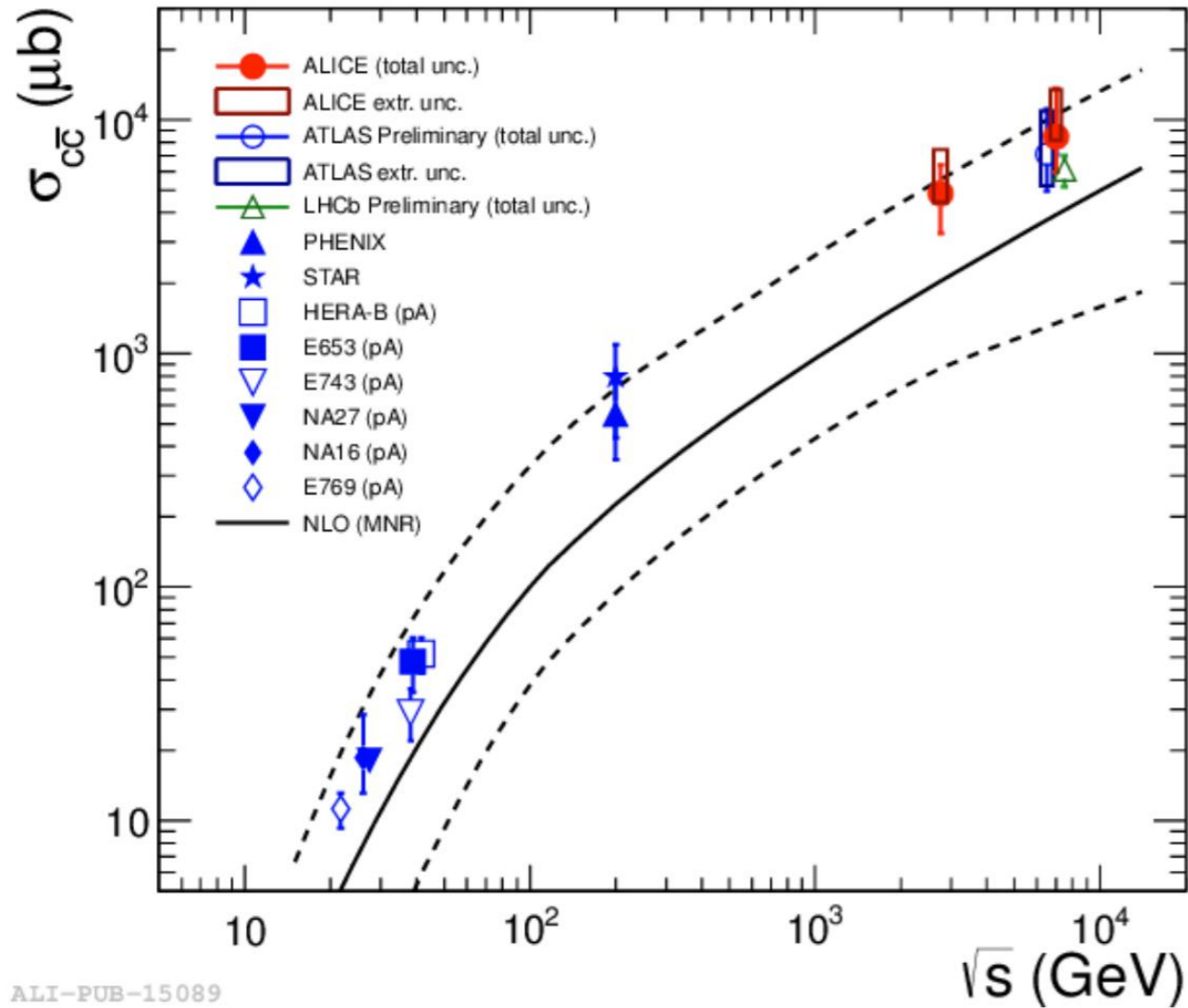
Life of a Heavy Quark in HIC



Jing Wang

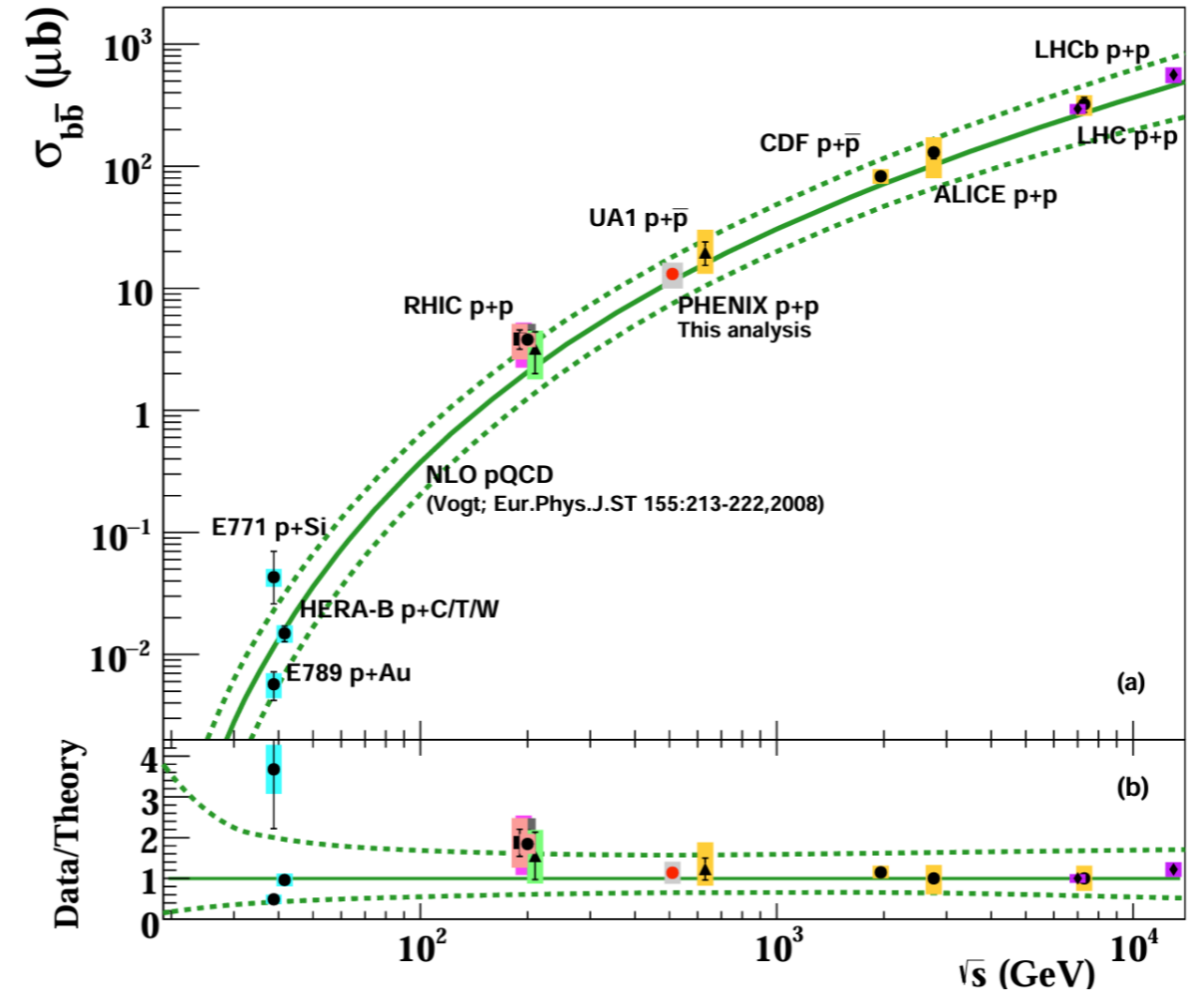
Yen-Jie Lee, Andre S. Yoon and Wit Busza

How many $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ are produced in 0-5% A+A?



~ 15 pairs of $c\bar{c}$ in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV

~ 200 pairs of $c\bar{c}$ in 0-5% PbPb at 5 TeV



~ 0.25 pairs of $b\bar{b}$ in 0-5% AuAu at 0.2 TeV

~ 5 pairs of $b\bar{b}$ in central PbPb at 5 TeV

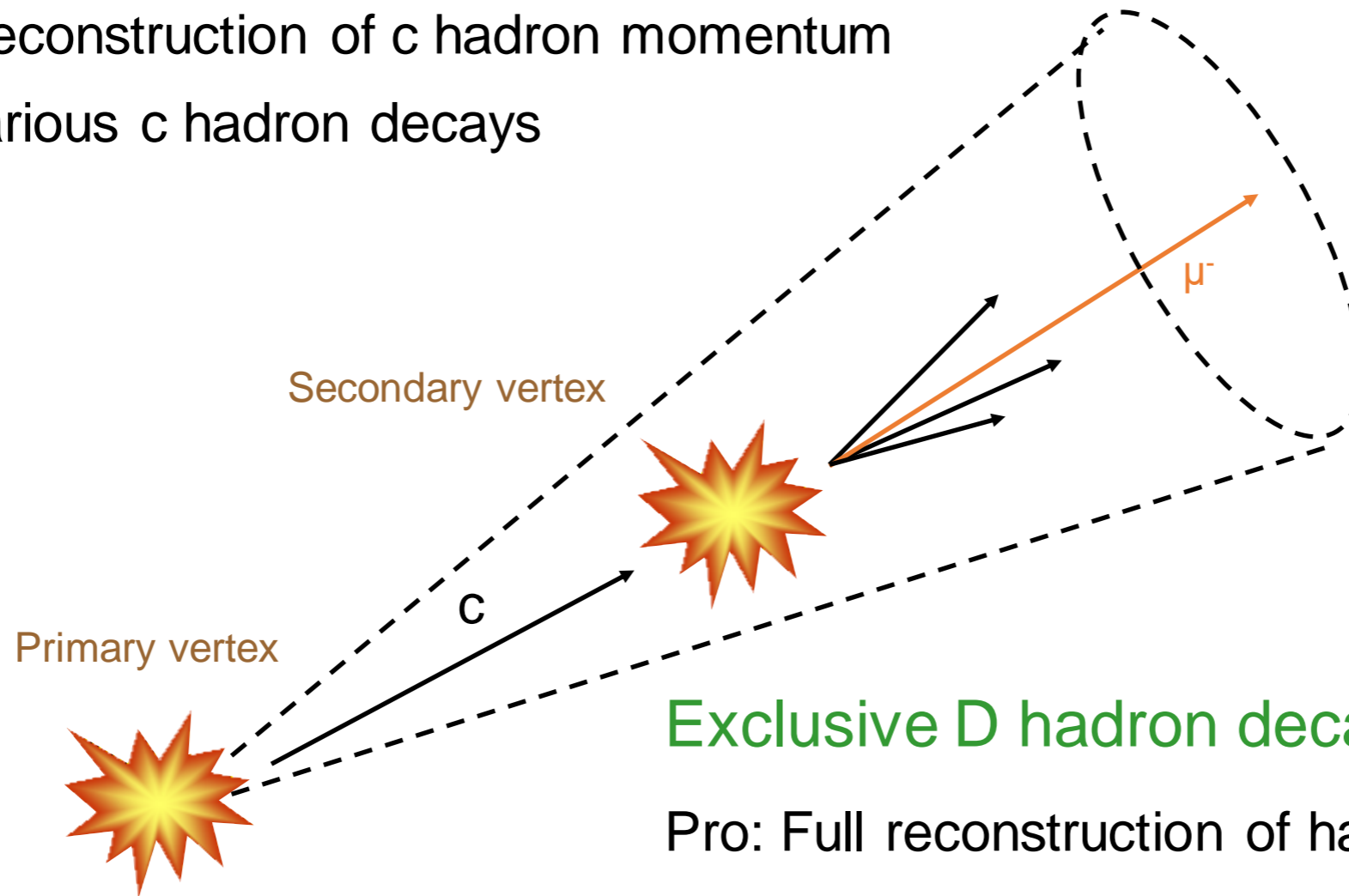
Experimental Measurement of Charm Quark

Heavy flavor electrons or muons:

Pro: Higher statistics than fully reconstructed c hadron

Con: Partial reconstruction of c hadron momentum

From various c hadron decays



Exclusive D hadron decays

Pro: Full reconstruction of hadron momentum and flavor

Con: low statistics and high background

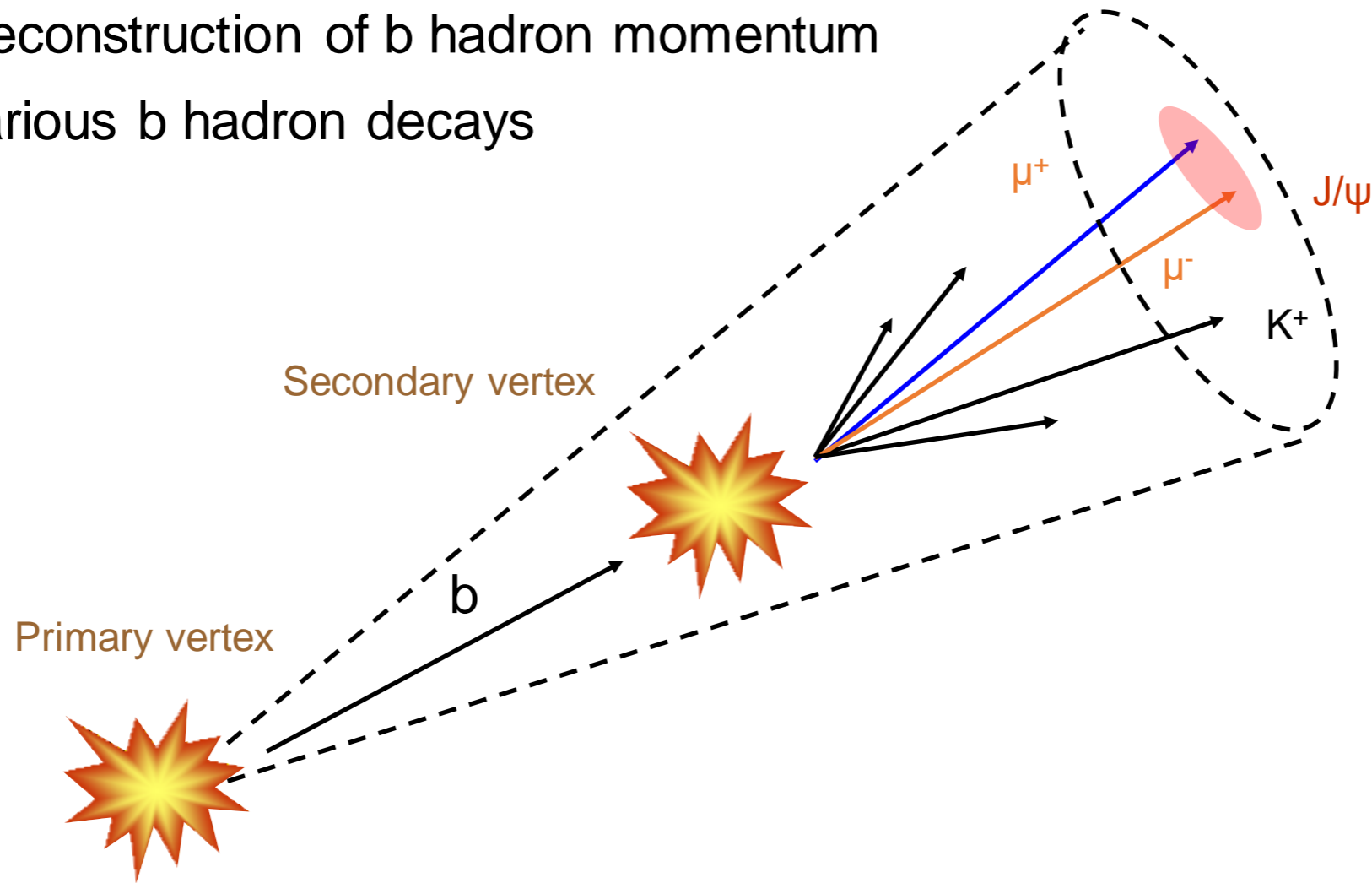
Experimental Measurement of Beauty Quark

Non-prompt J/ψ (or D^0 or lepton):

Pro: Higher statistics than fully reconstructed b hadron

Con: Partial reconstruction of b hadron momentum

From various b hadron decays



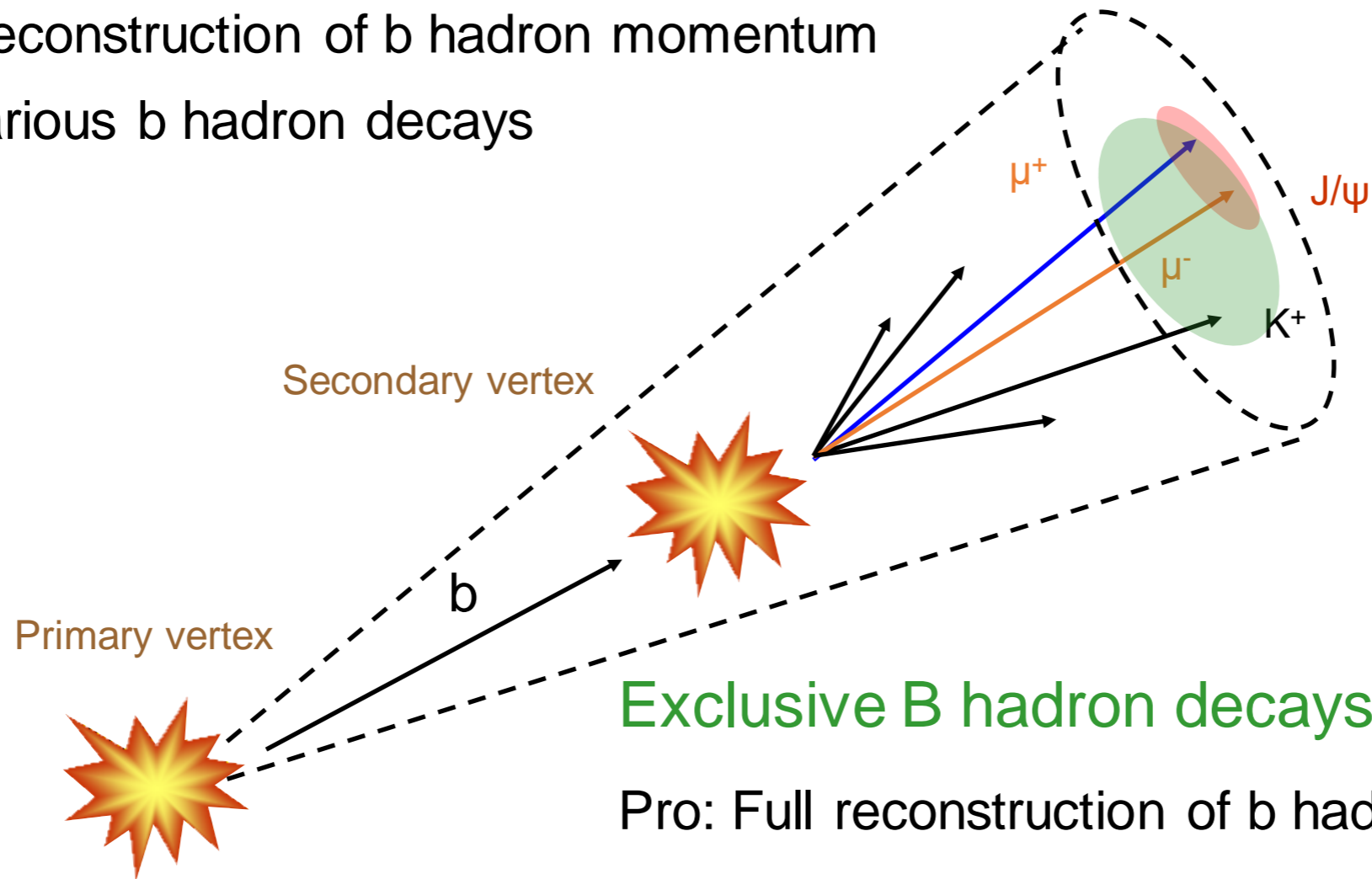
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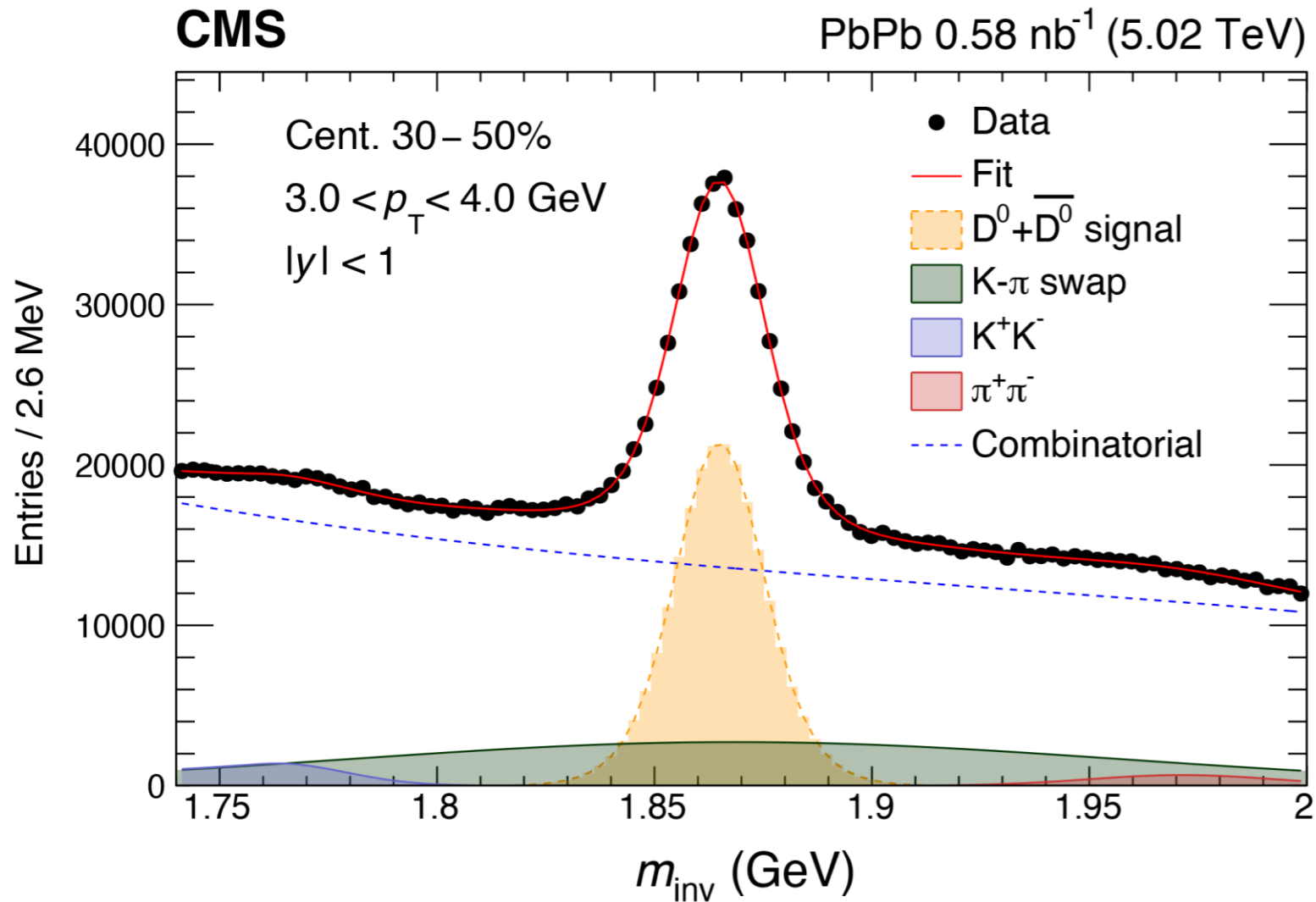
Exclusive B hadron decays

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Con: low statistics

Invariant Mass Fit $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ as an Example

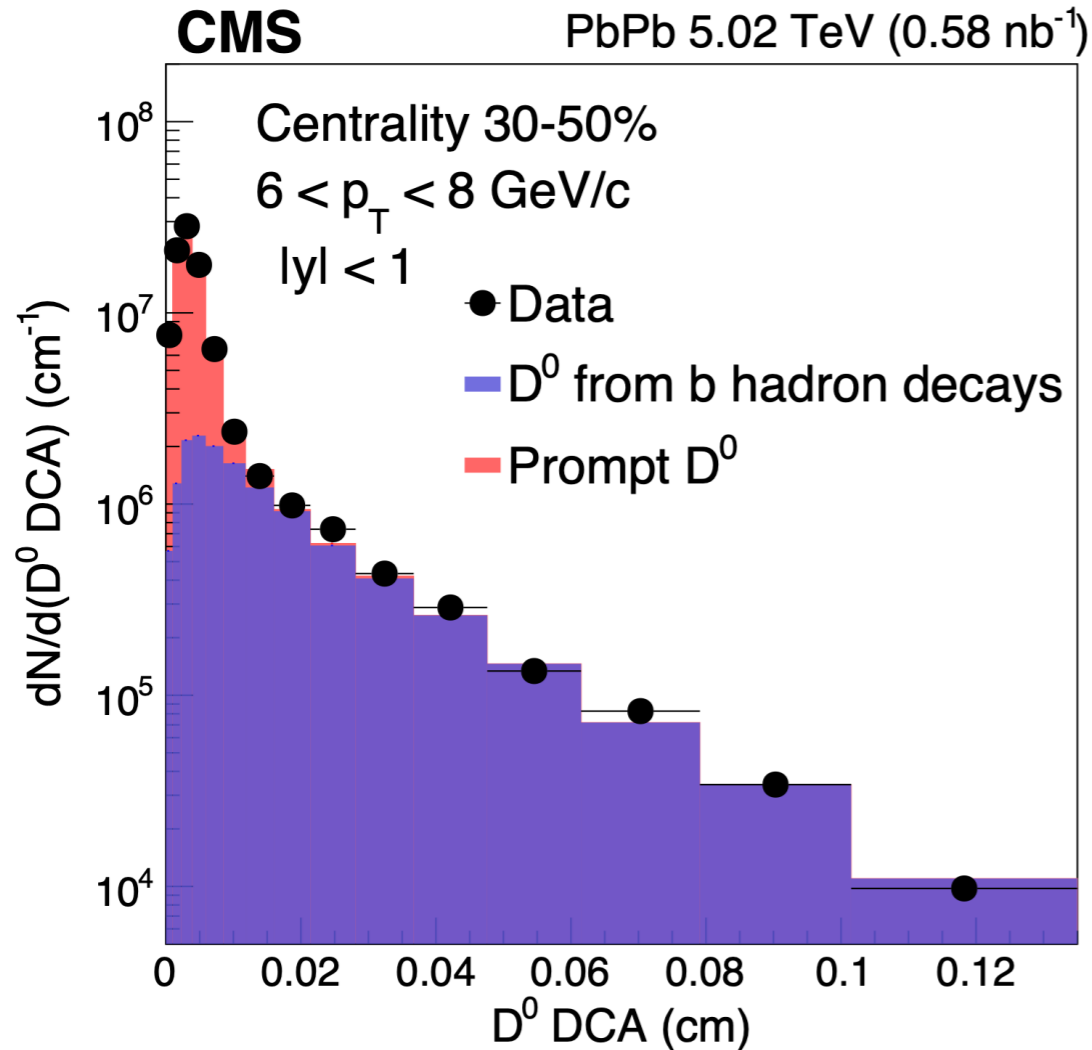
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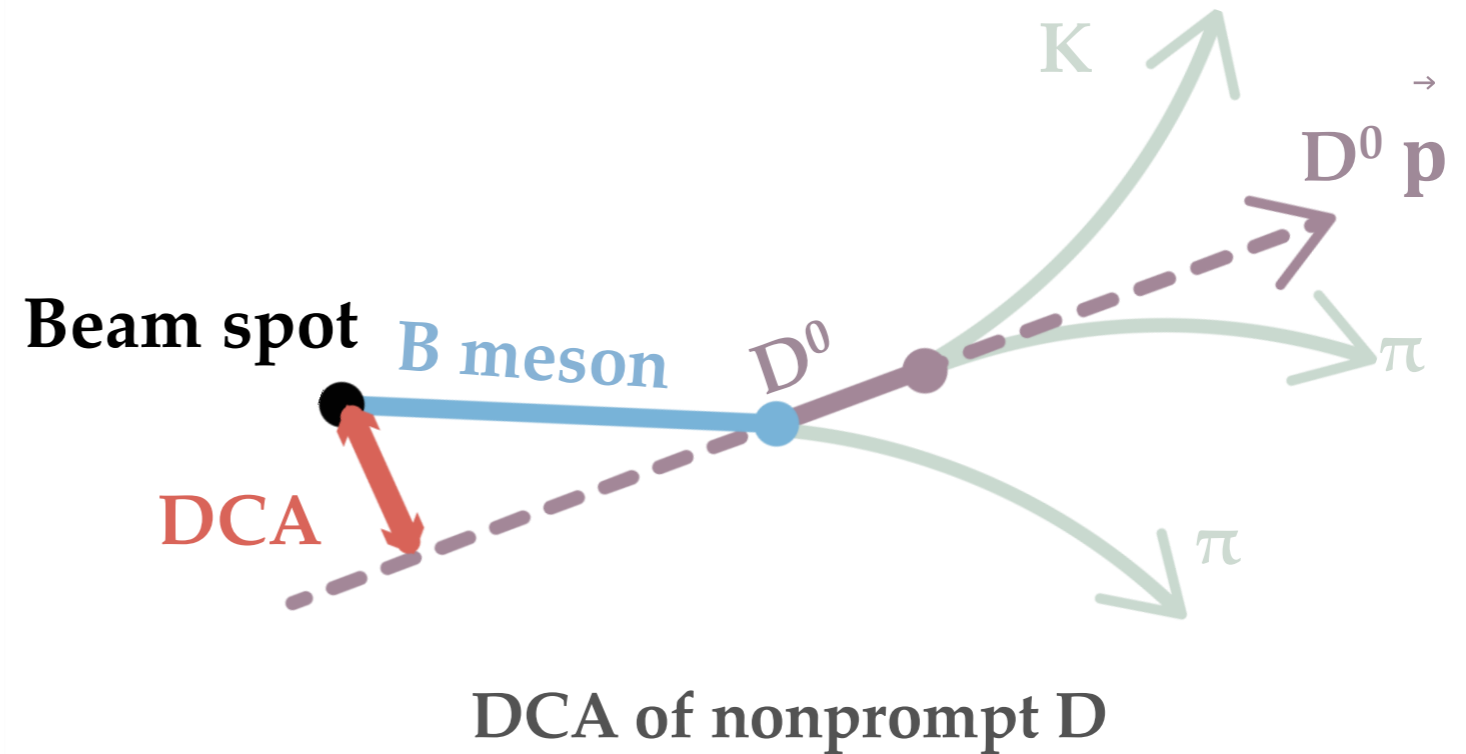
- **Signal shape** width reflects track momentum resolution
- **Combinatorial** randomly pairing two opposite-sign tracks
 - ▶ Likelihood ratio test degree of freedom needs to balance fitting performance and overfitting
- Peaking background
 - ▶ **K- π swap** $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ is reco-ed but the mass assignment is swapped
 - ▶ **KK** and **$\pi\pi$** $D^0 \rightarrow KK/\pi\pi$ is reco-ed as $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$

Separate Prompt and Nonprompt D mesons

[PLB 850 (2024) 138389]



- Template fits on D meson DCA
 - ▶ $DCA \sim 0$ for prompt D
 - ▶ Large DCA for nonprompt D



Huge Combinatorial Background in HIC

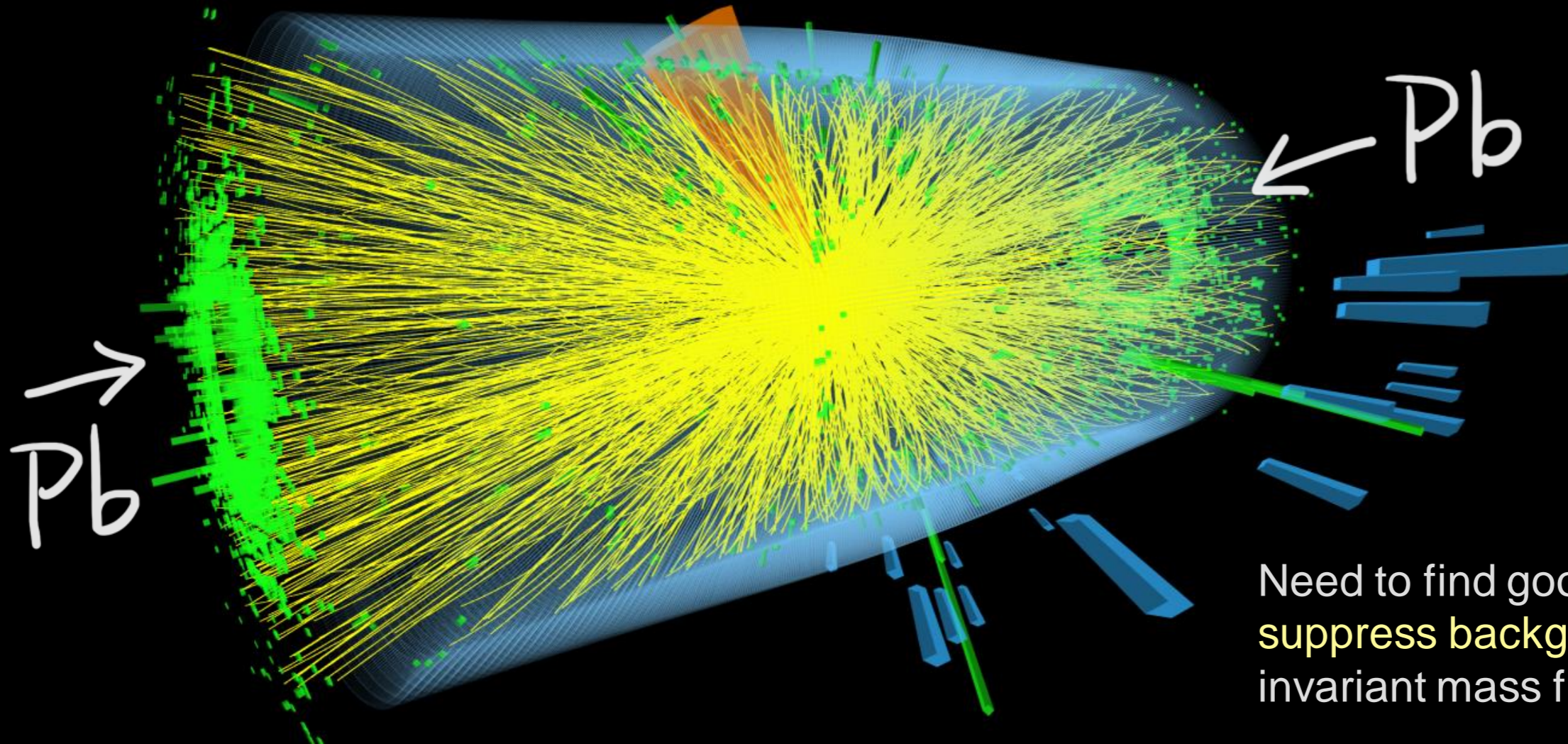


CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2018-Nov-12 08:36:52.866176 GMT

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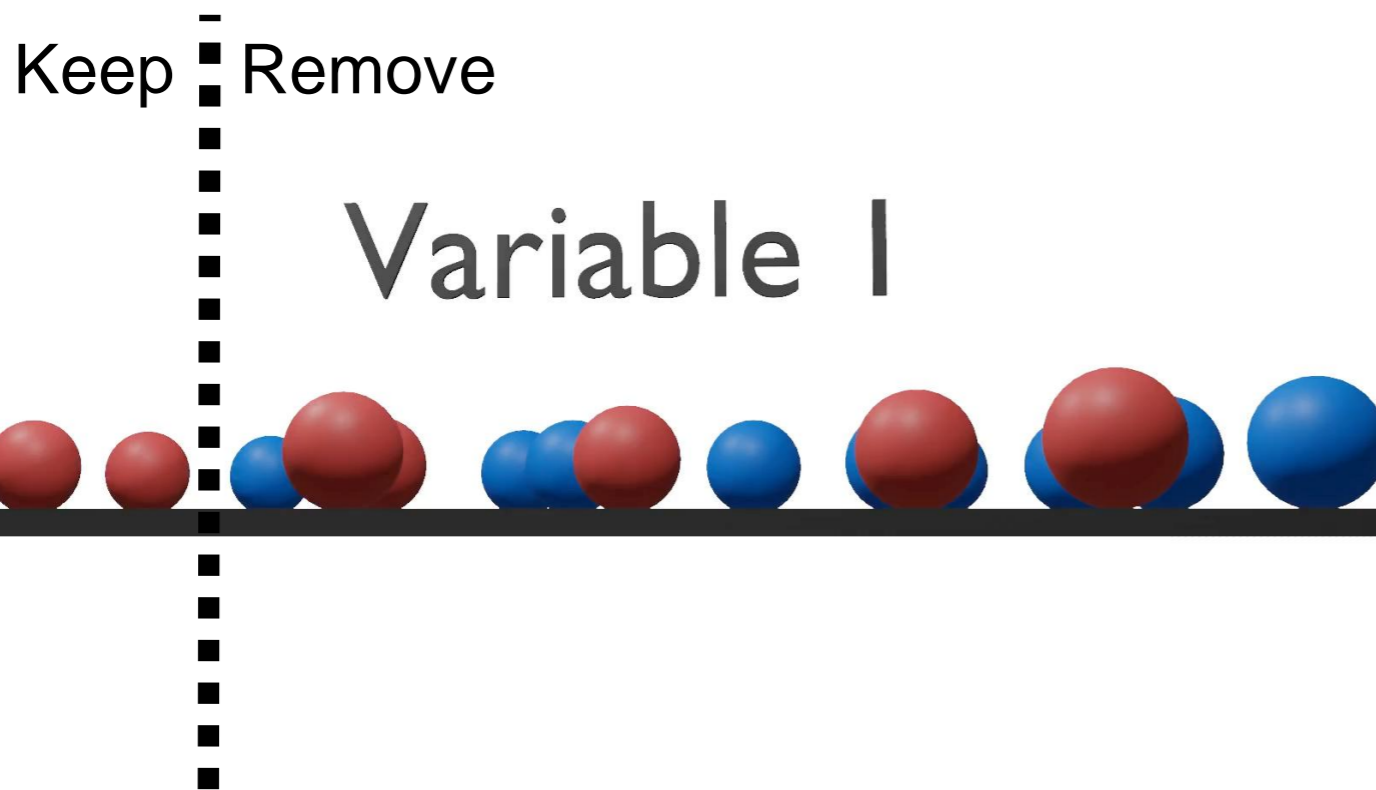
Up to $O(10^4)$ final-state particles in a central heavy-ion event



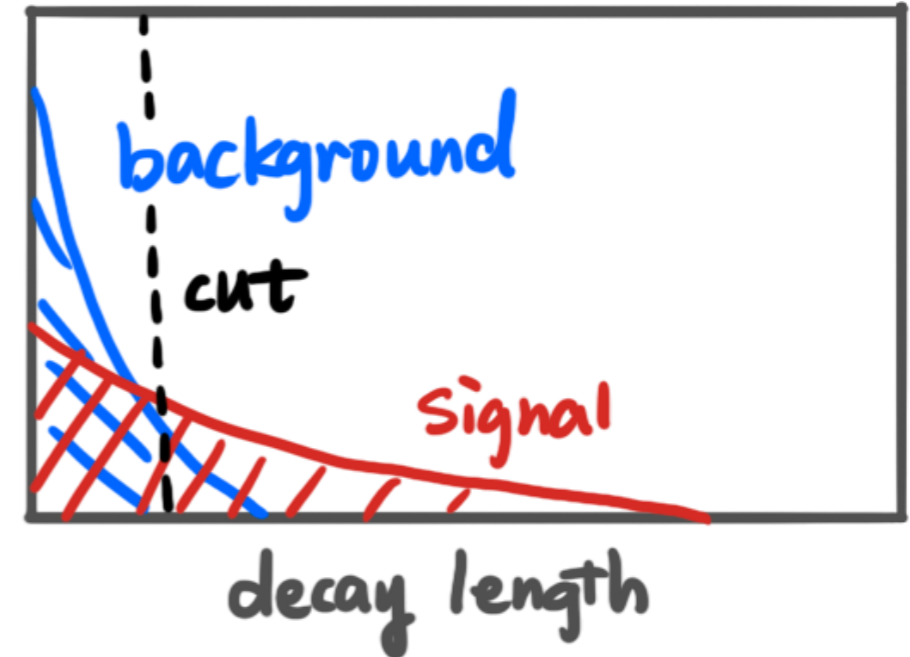
Need to find good selections to suppress backgrounds first before invariant mass fits

Suppress Background: Multivariate Classification

If want to keep red and remove blue balls...



Animation from Jing Wang



Some variables can separate signals and backgrounds to a certain extent

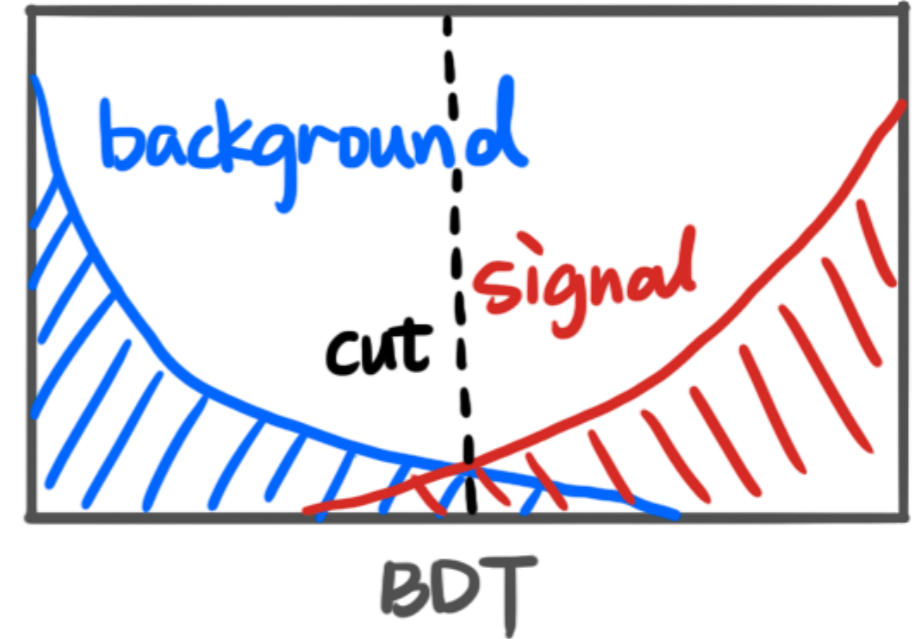
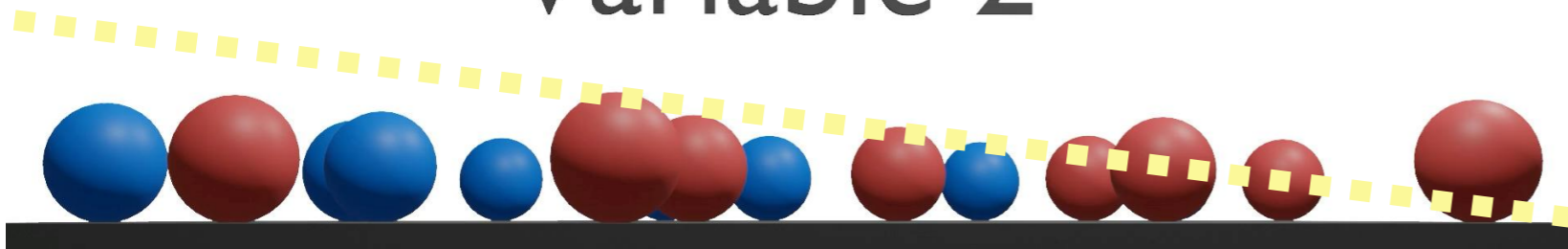
- Decay length significance
- Secondary vertex probability
- Pointing angles
- ...

[Animation]

Suppress Background: Multivariate Classification

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Variable 2



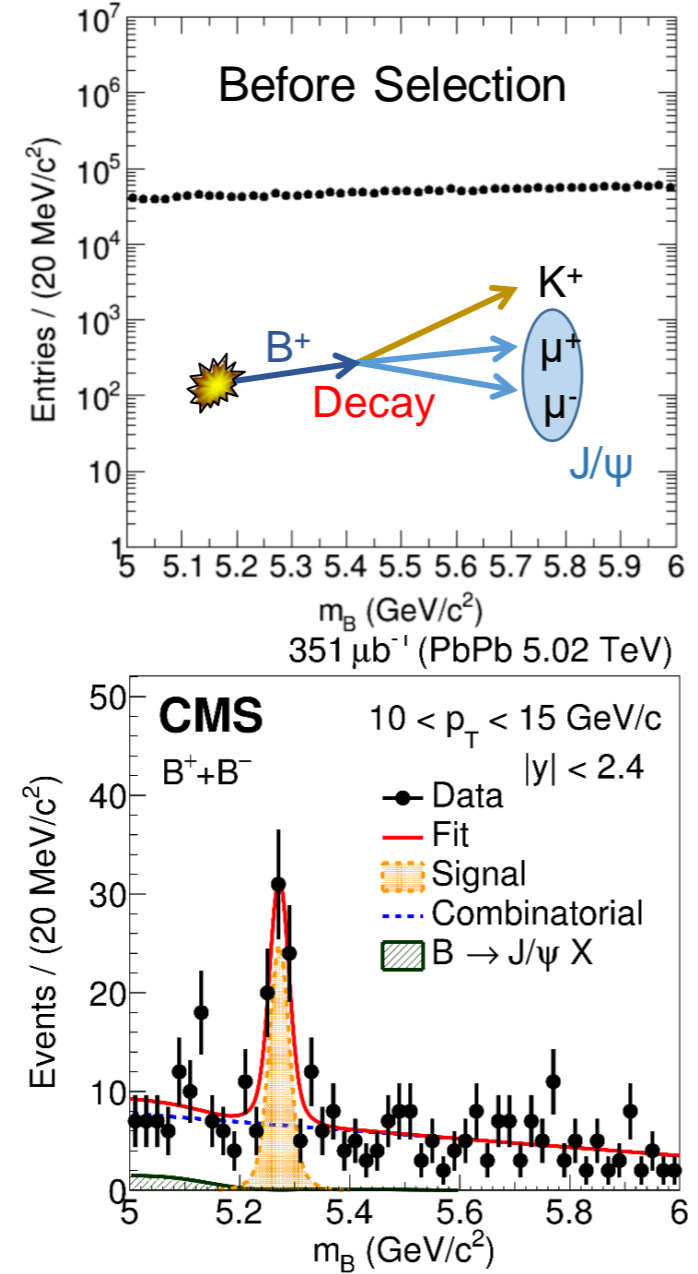
Combining multi variables in a smart way separate backgrounds and signals better
→ where ML can help

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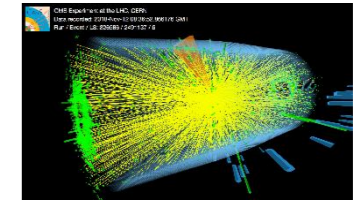
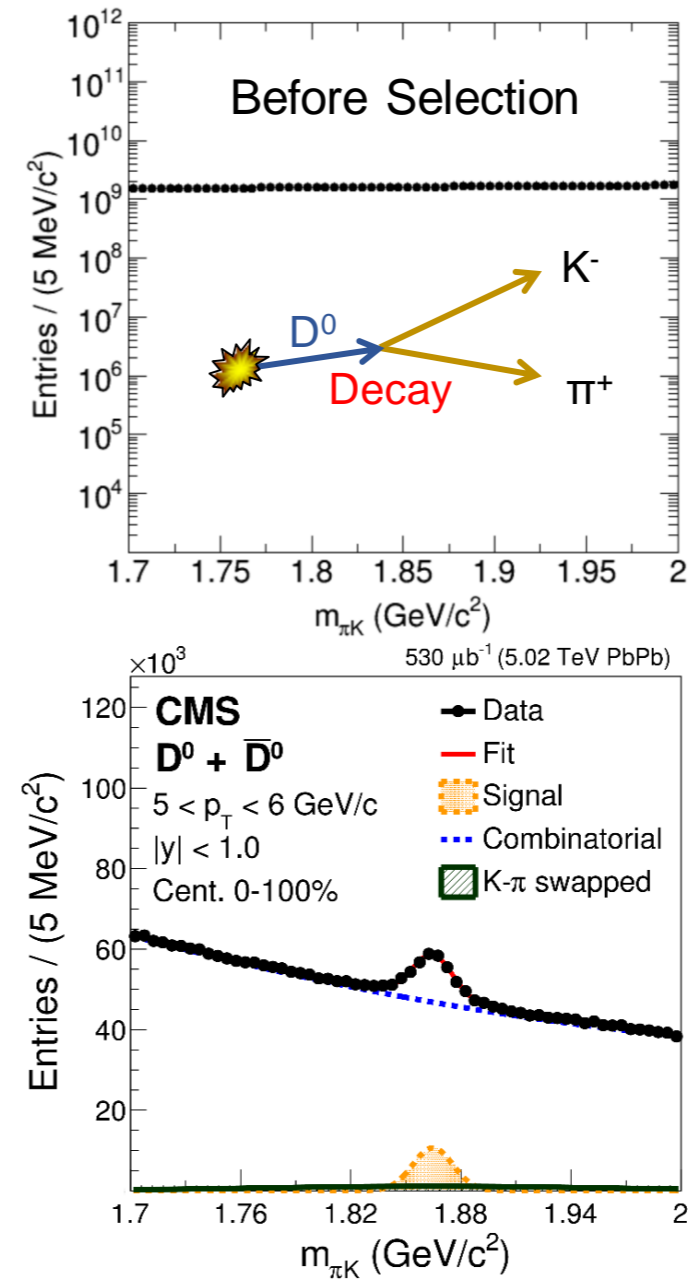
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Example: Background Suppression in PbPb with CMS

Background reduction by a factor of 10^3-10^4



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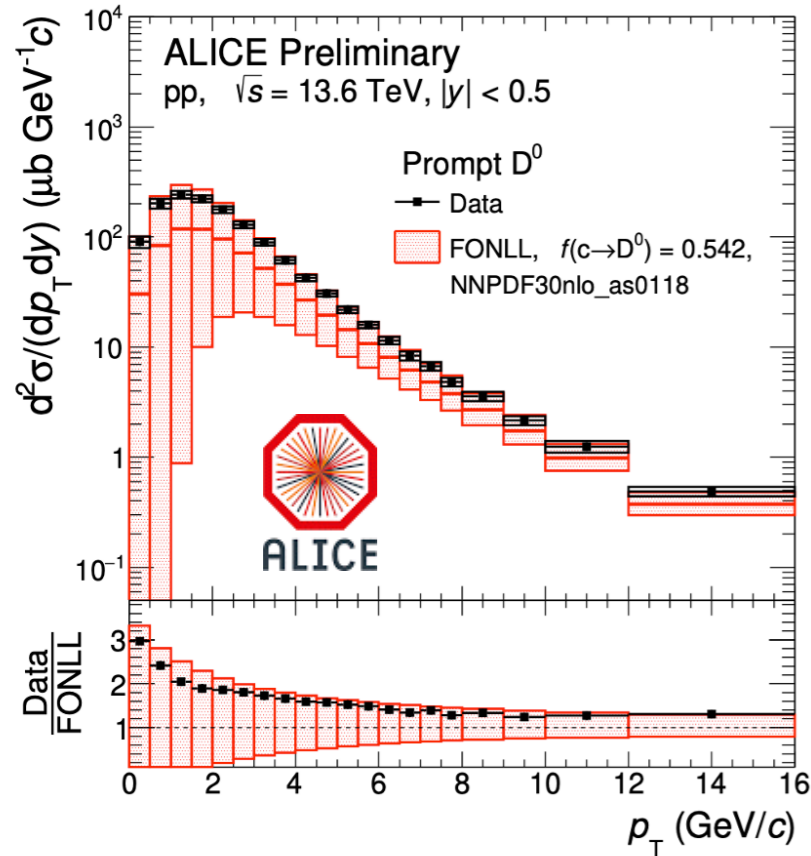


Background reduction by a factor of $4 \times 10^4 - 10^8$

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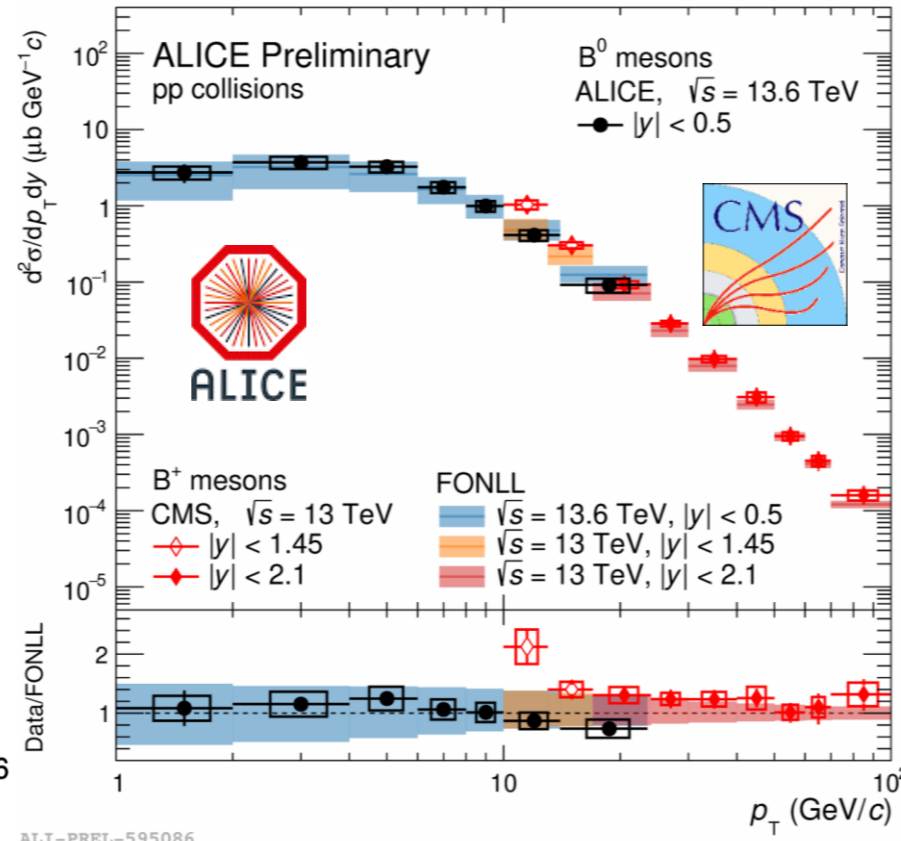
Heavy Flavor Meson Production in pp

D^0



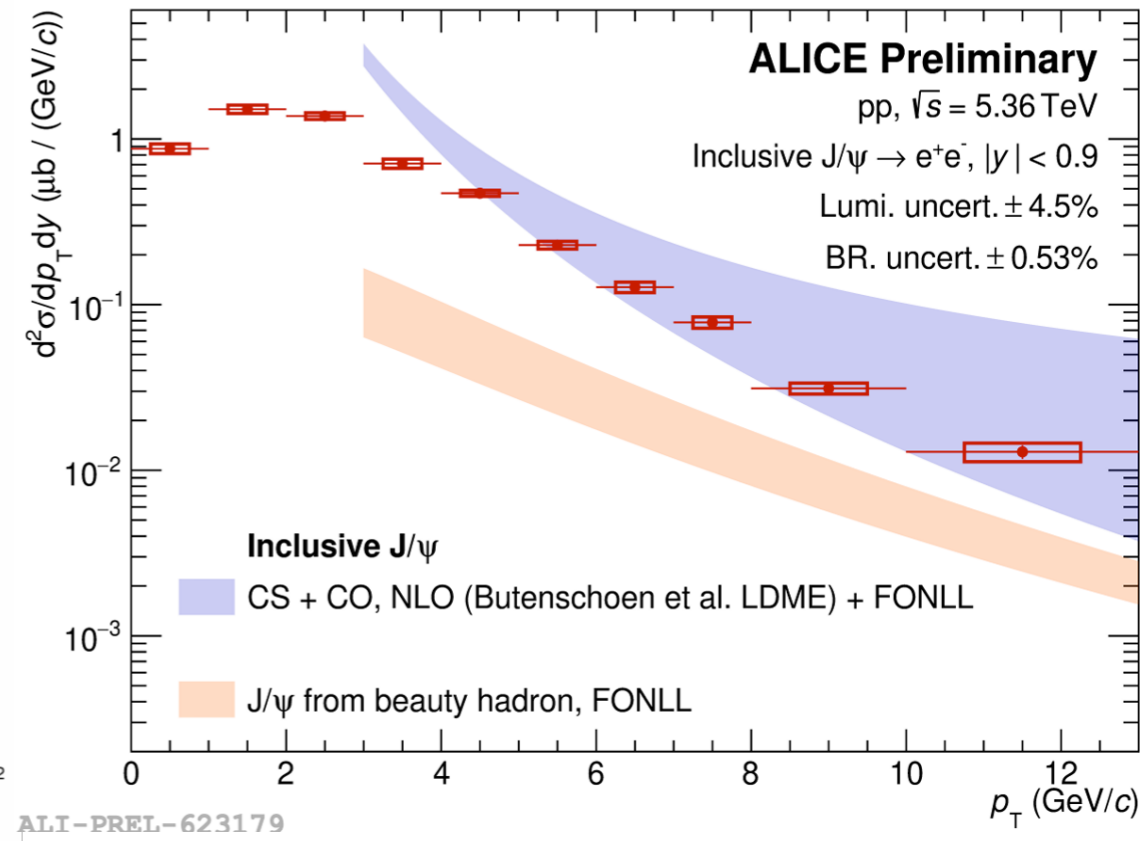
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B^+



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J/ψ



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- D^0 and B^+ meson p_T spectra can be described by pQCD calculations

- ALICE showed 5.36 TeV inclusive J/ψ result

Quark Mass Dependence of the Hadron Suppression

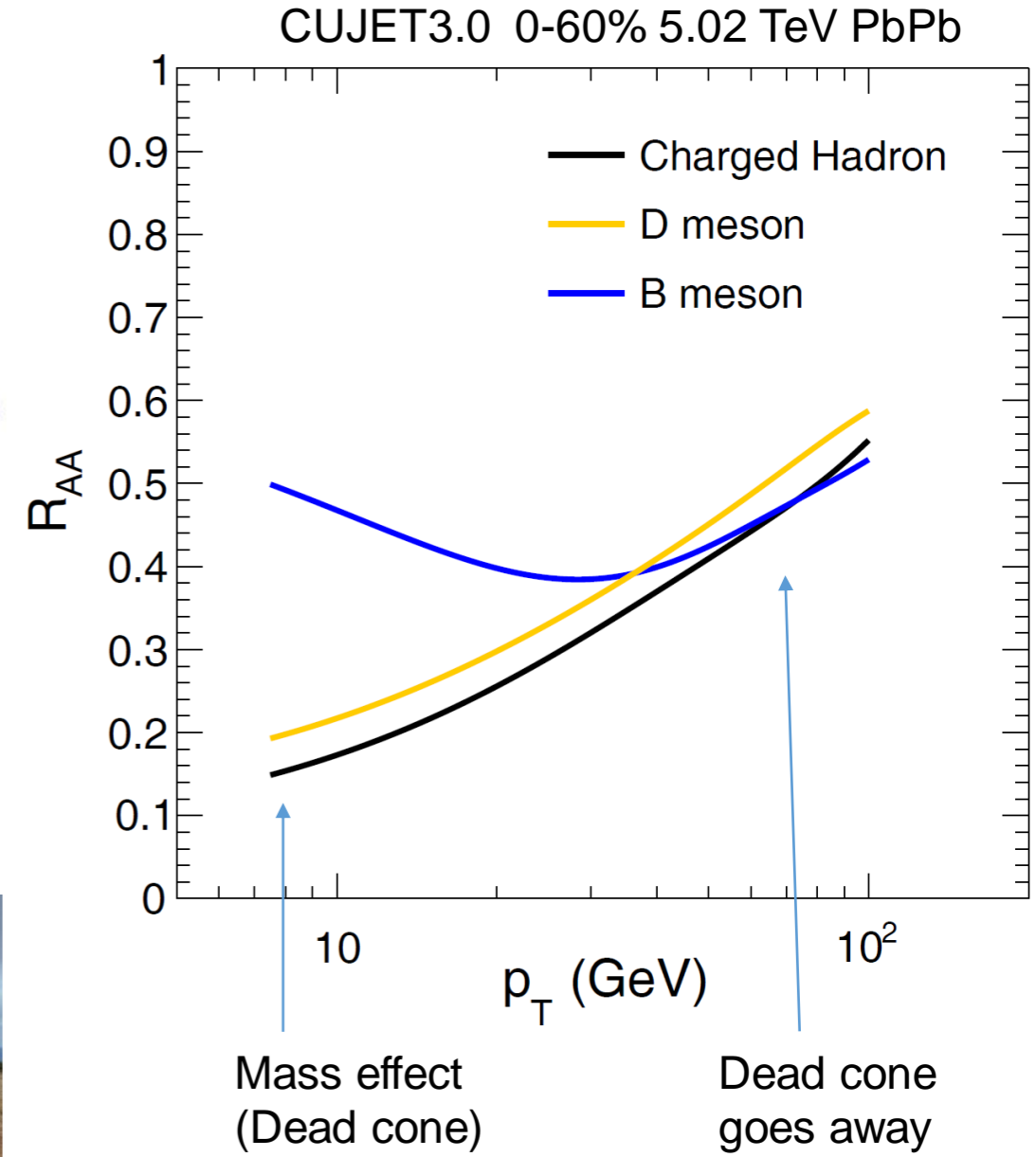
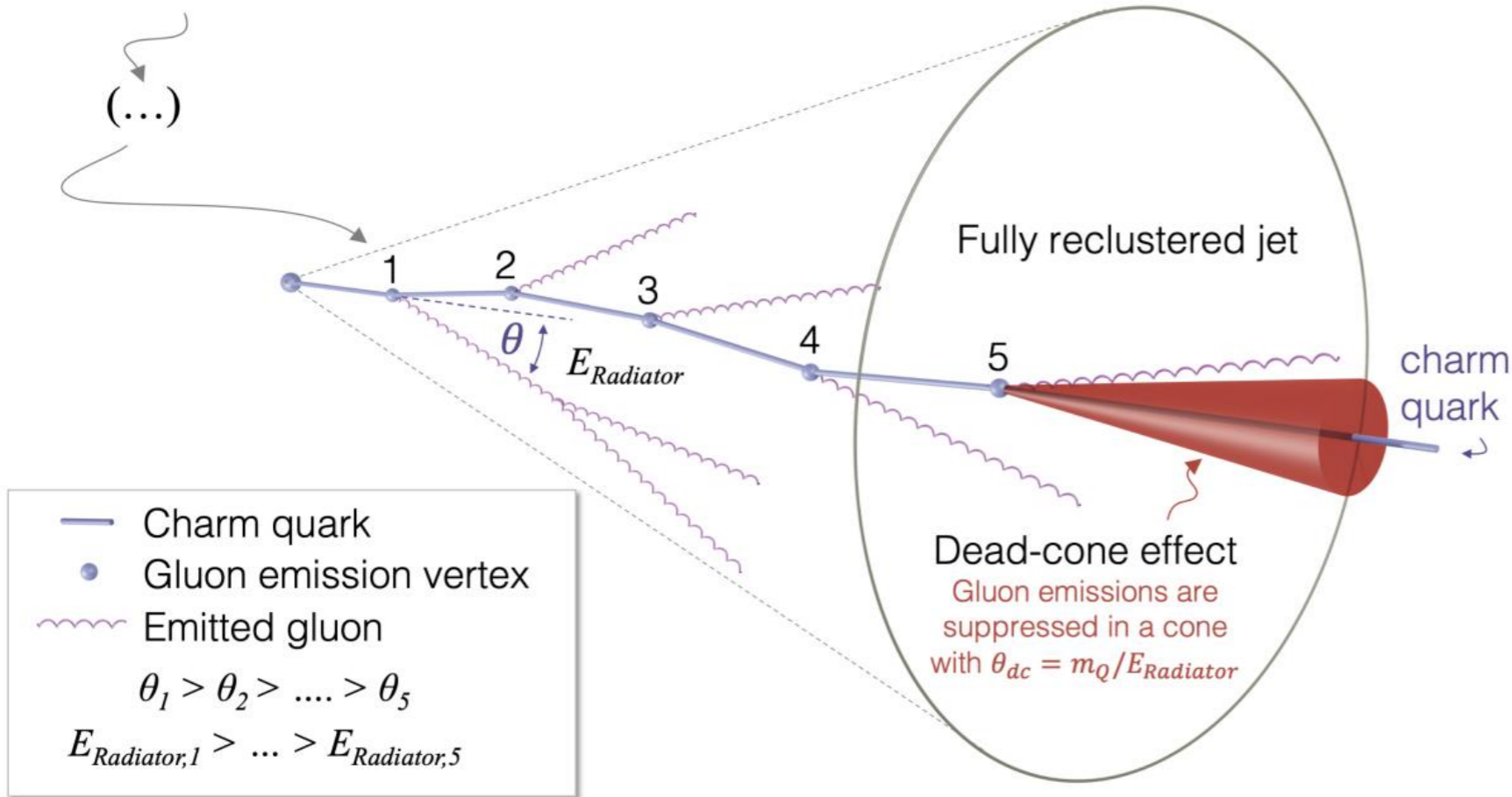


Figure from ALICE publication in Nature 605 (2022) 7910, 440-446

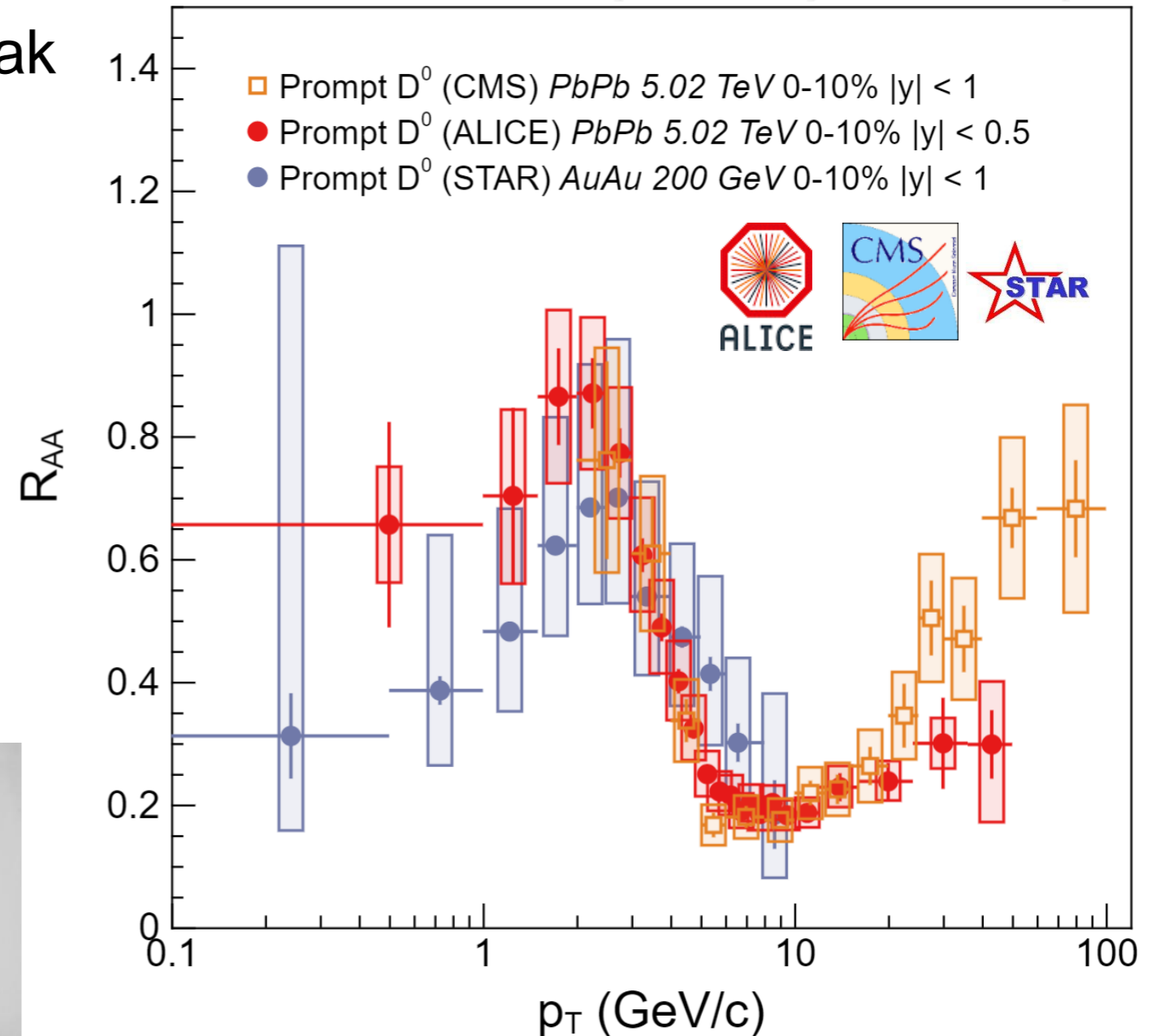
$D^0 R_{AA}$ in 0-10% A+A Collisions

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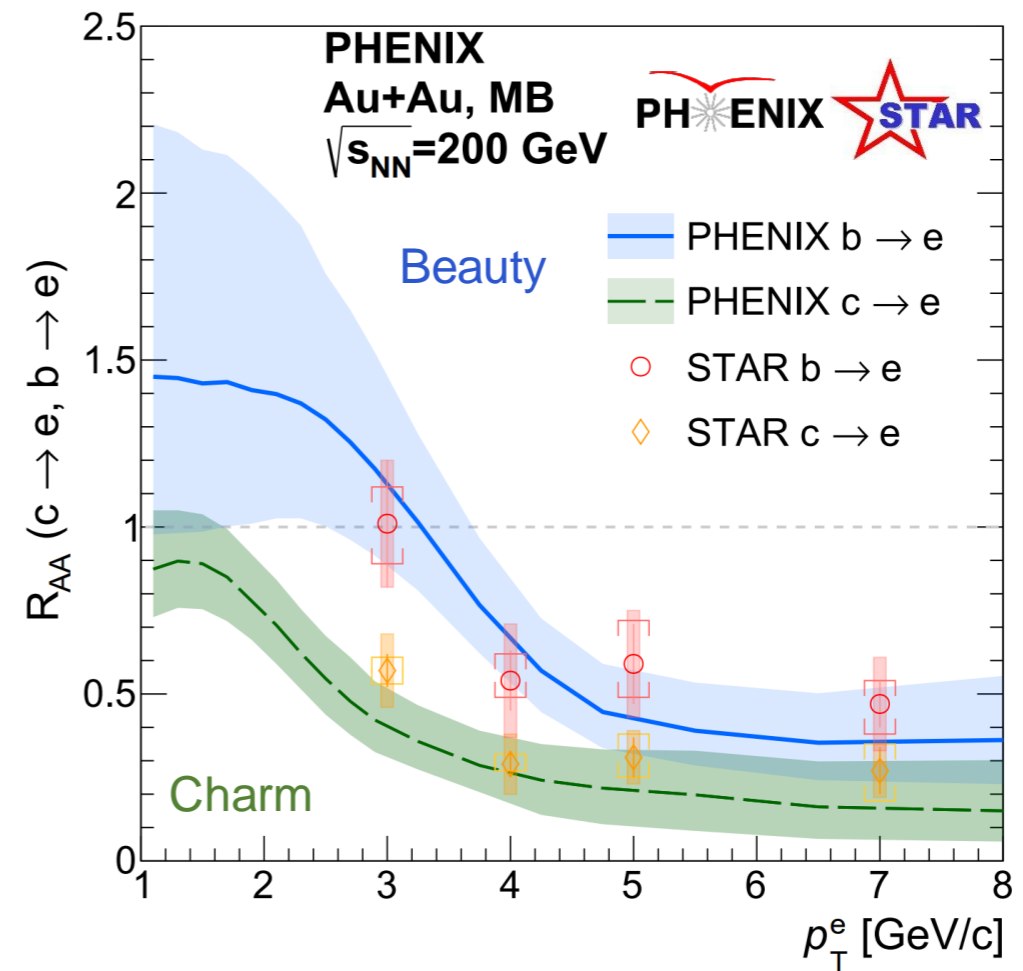
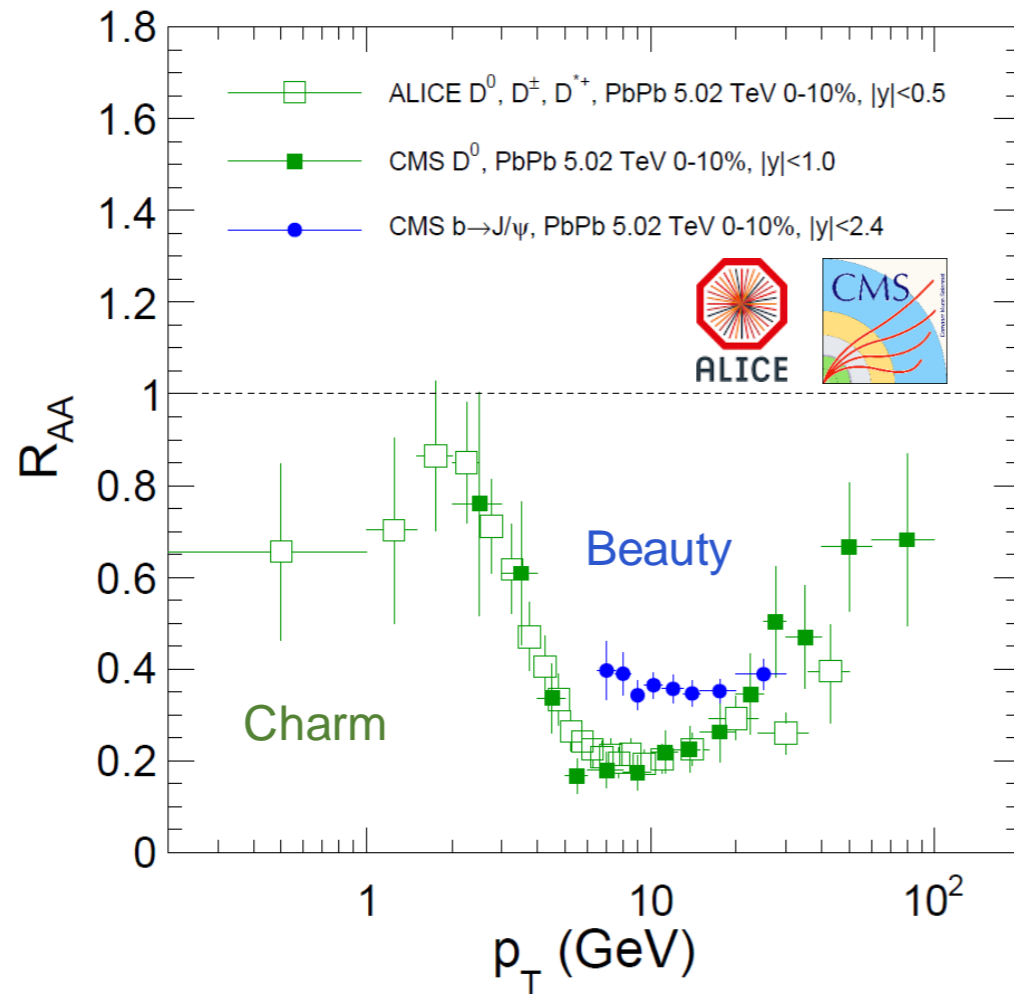
- R_{AA} first increases with p_T , reaching a peak value at $p_T \sim 1 - 4$ GeV, then decreases
- Minimum of R_{AA} is at around 10 GeV
- R_{AA} increases with p_T at $p_T > 20$ GeV
- The results from RHIC and LHC are similar at the low p_T



ALICE JHEP 01 (2022) 174
CMS PLB (2018) 474
STAR PRC 99 (2019) 034908



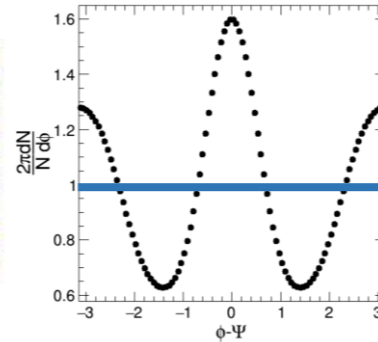
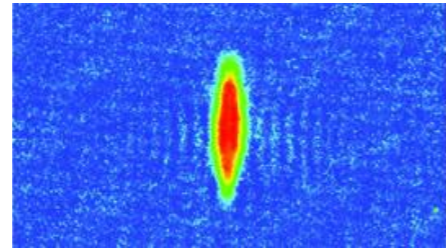
Beauty vs. Charm R_{AA}



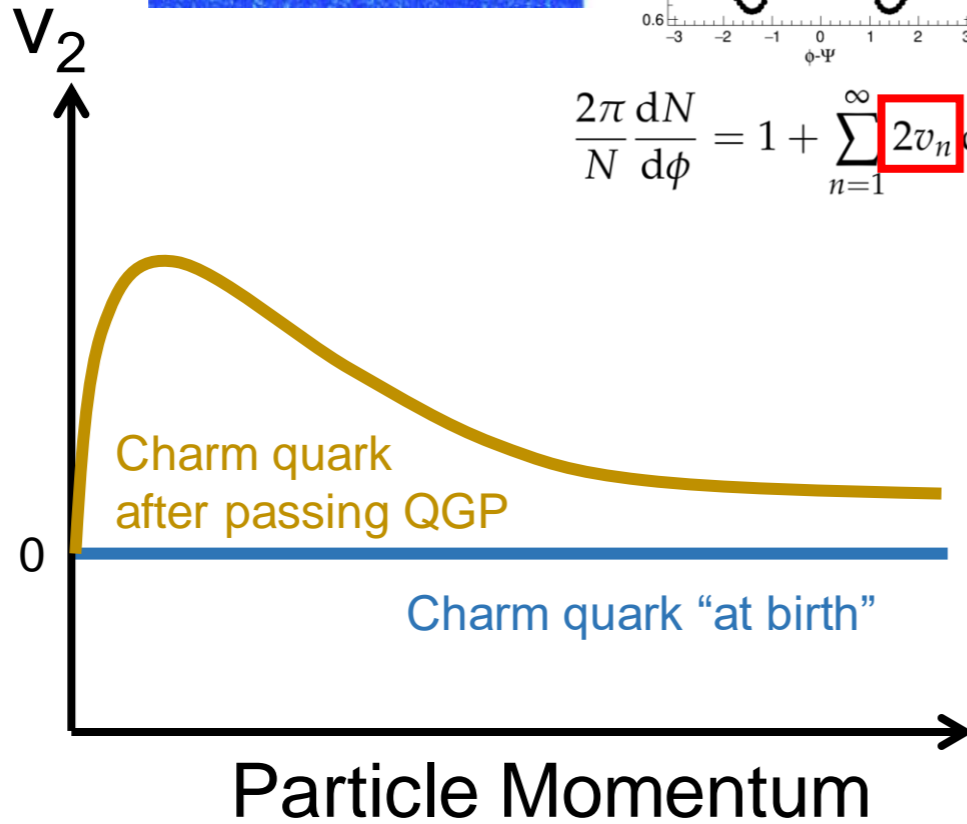
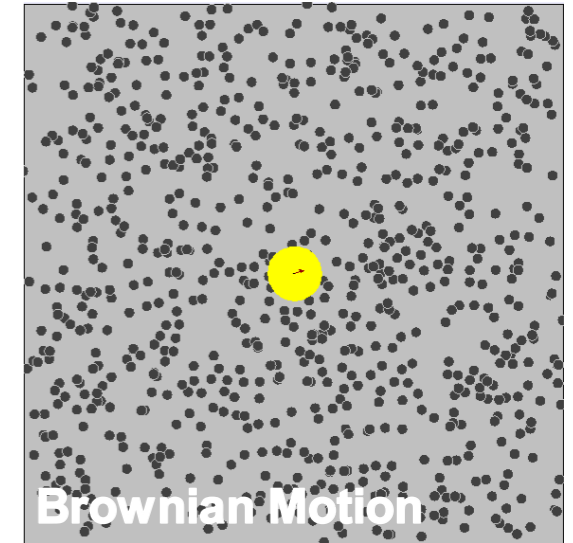
- Nuclear modification factors depends on quark mass:

- ALICE and CMS data through various fully / partially reconstructed decay channels at LHC
- STAR and PHENIX HF electron data at RHIC
- Observation of the mass dependence at low p_T and disappearance at high p_T

Heavy Quark (Charm and Beauty) Diffusion



$$\frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{dN}{d\phi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$



Artist's impression

Fokker-Planck equation

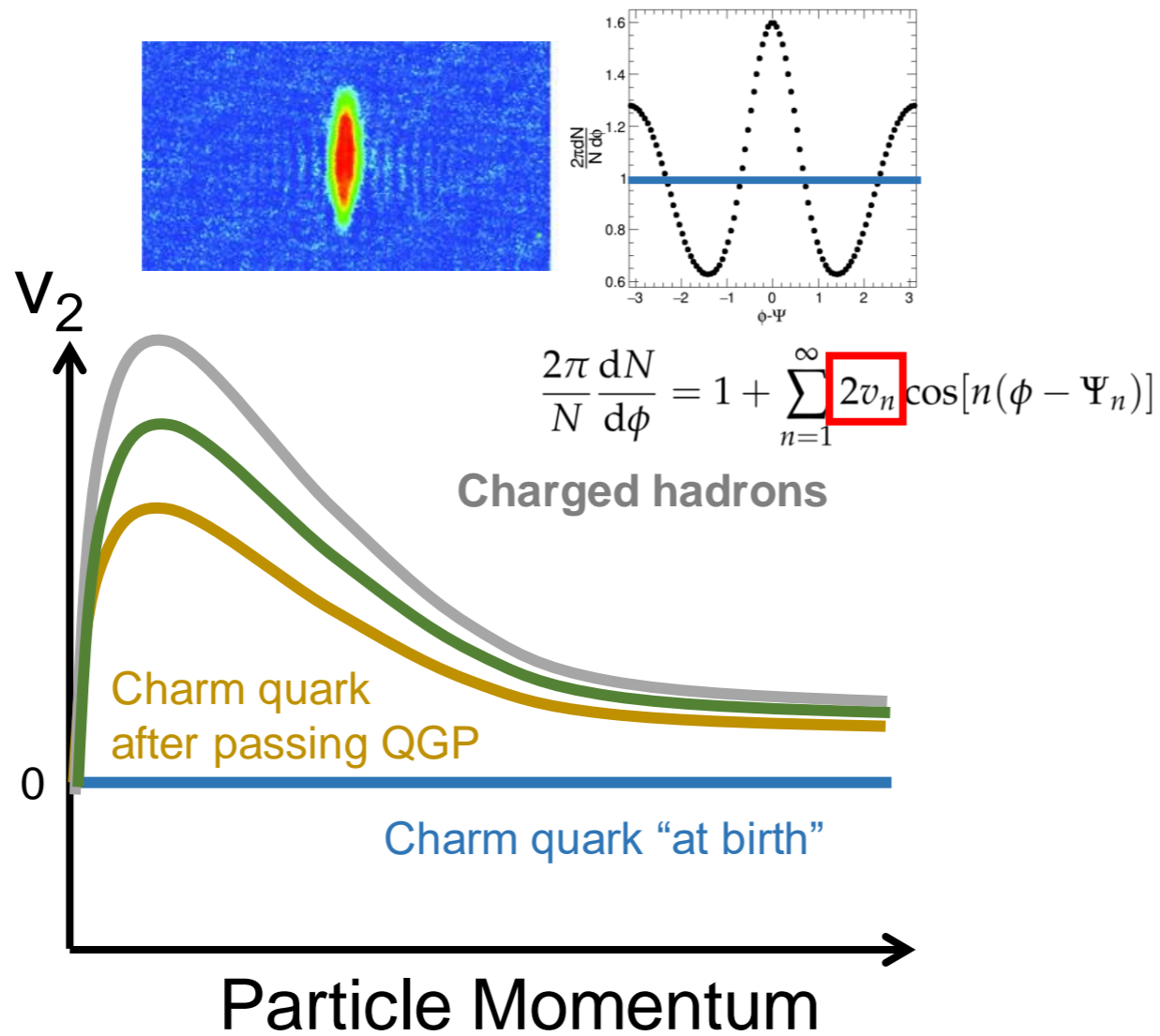
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_Q(t, p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p A(p) f_Q(t, p) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 \vec{p}} B(p) f_Q(t, p)$$

A and B are transport coefficients

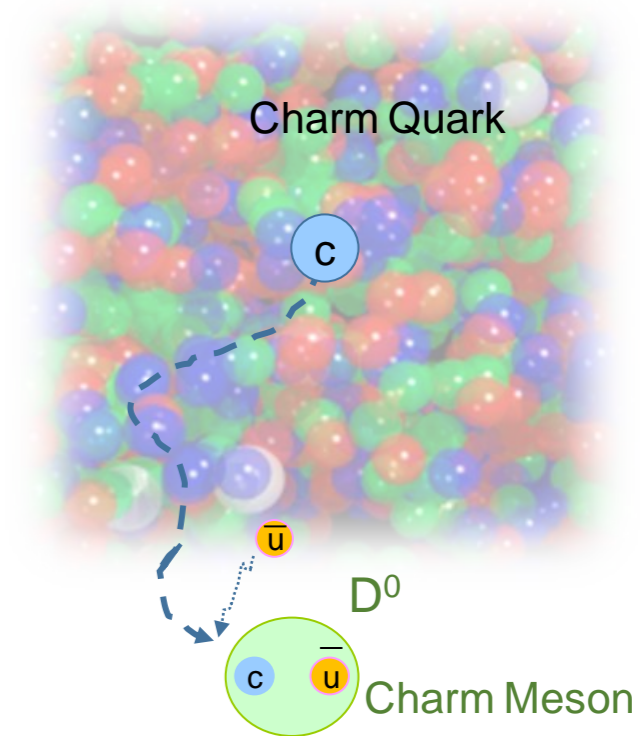
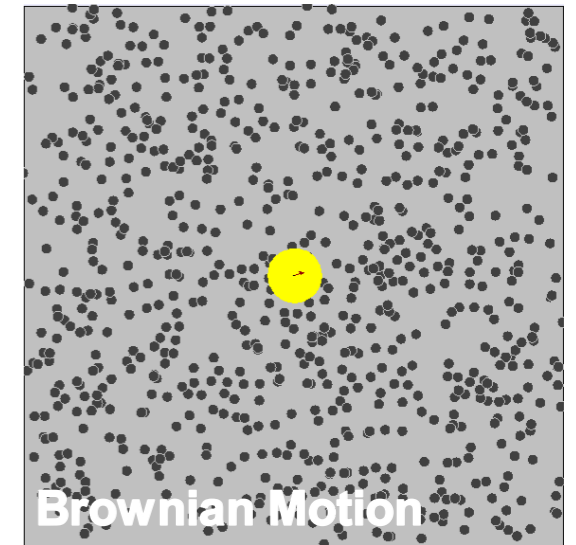
$$\mathcal{D}_s = \frac{T}{m_Q A(p=0)}$$

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Heavy Quark (Charm and Beauty) Diffusion



Artist's impression



- Since the QGP is expanding radially, QCD force (like 'wind') increases the azimuthal anisotropy (v_2) of the charm quarks in the QGP bath!!
- Hadronization effect could change the v_2 of the heavy flavor hadron further

Extraction of $D^0 v_2$ with Two-Particle Correlation Function

- Projection in long-range

$$(|\Delta\eta| > 1)$$

- Fit by Fourier

decomposition to get $V_{n\Delta}$

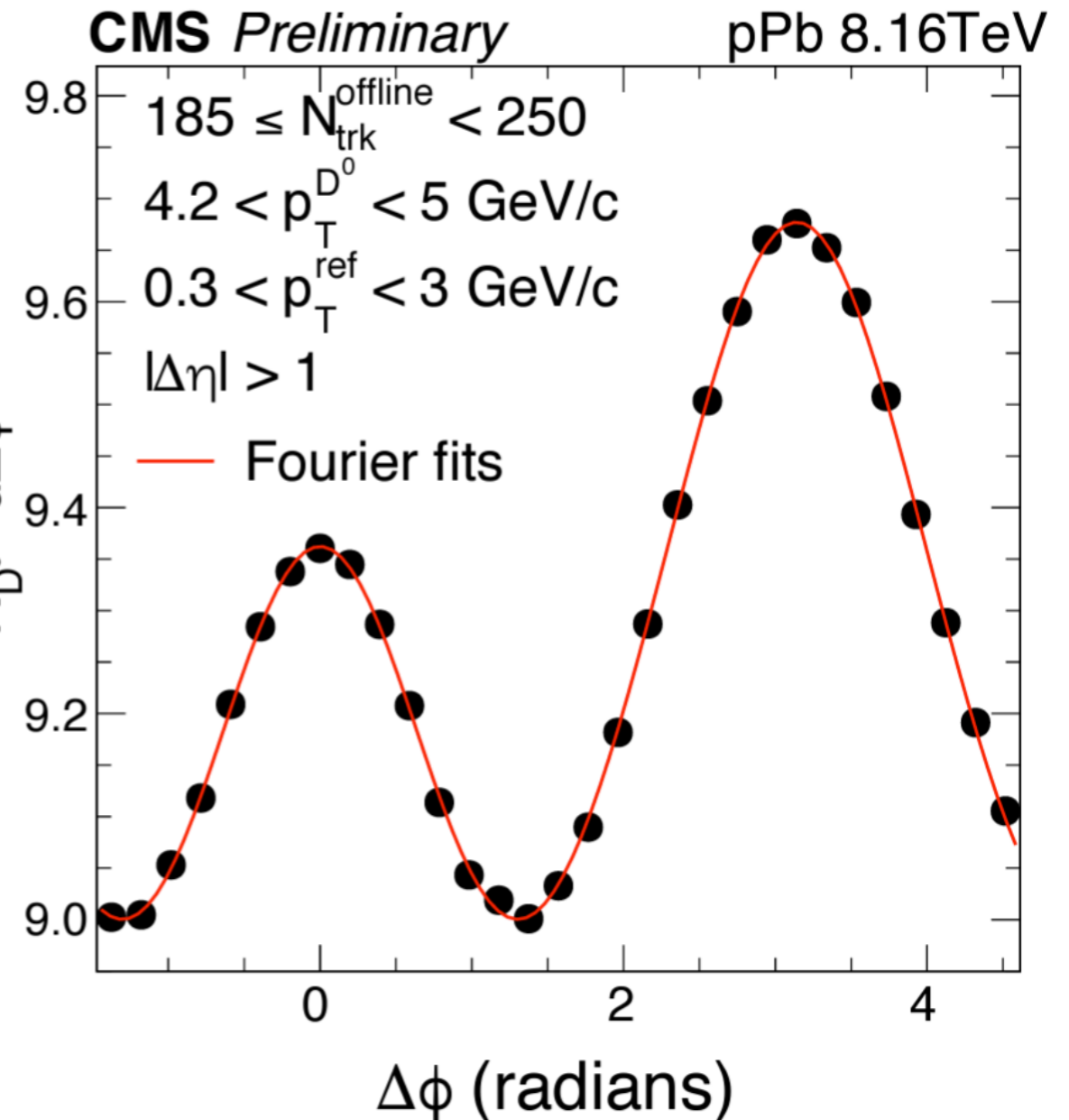
$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{dN^{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\phi} = \frac{N_{\text{assoc}}}{2\pi} \left\{ 1 + \sum_n 2V_{n\Delta} \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\},$$

- Anisotropic harmonics

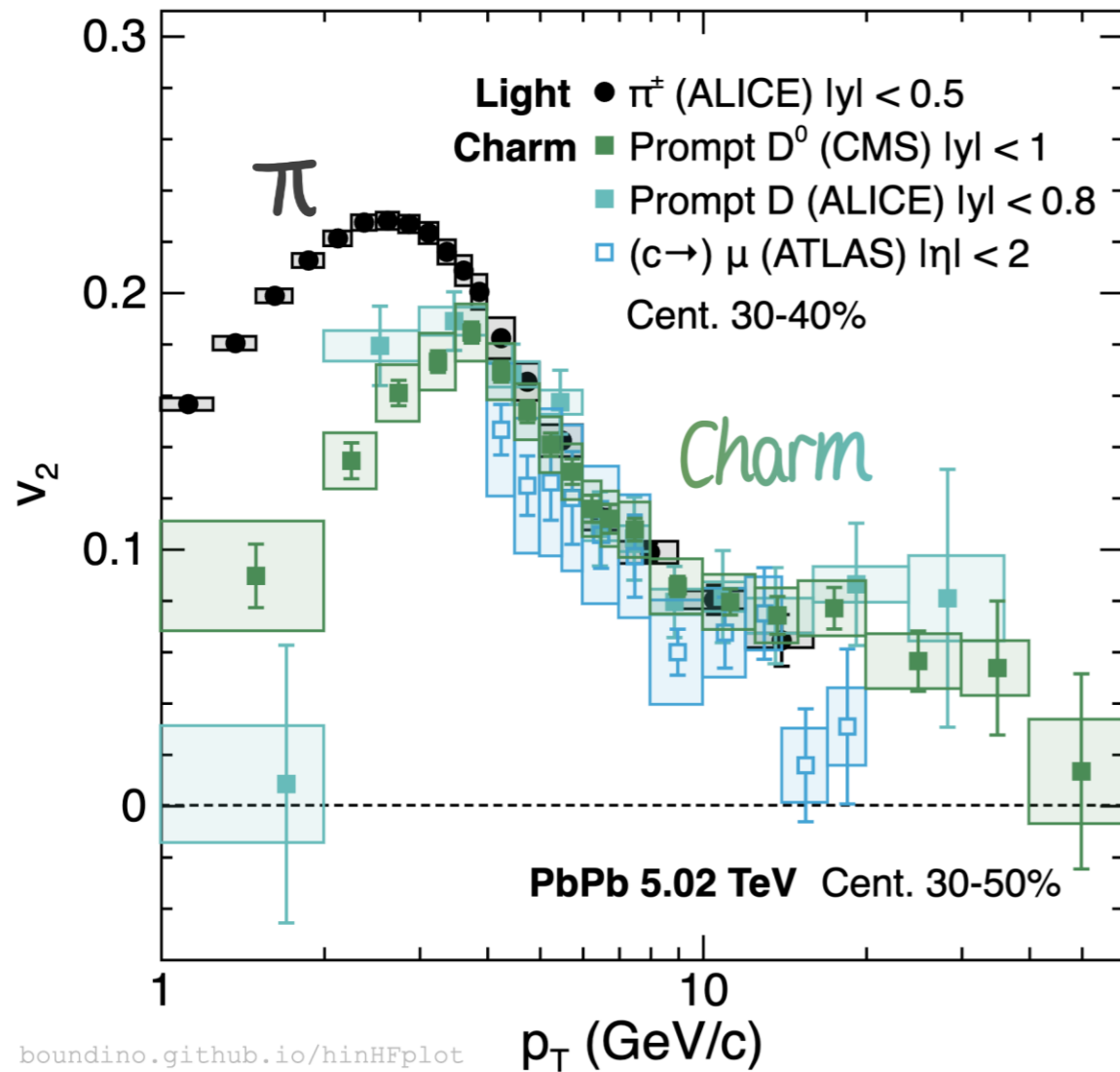
extracted by

$$v_n\{2, |\Delta\eta| > 2\}(p_T) = \frac{V_{n\Delta}(p_T, p_T^{\text{ref}})}{\sqrt{V_{n\Delta}(p_T^{\text{ref}}, p_T^{\text{ref}})}},$$

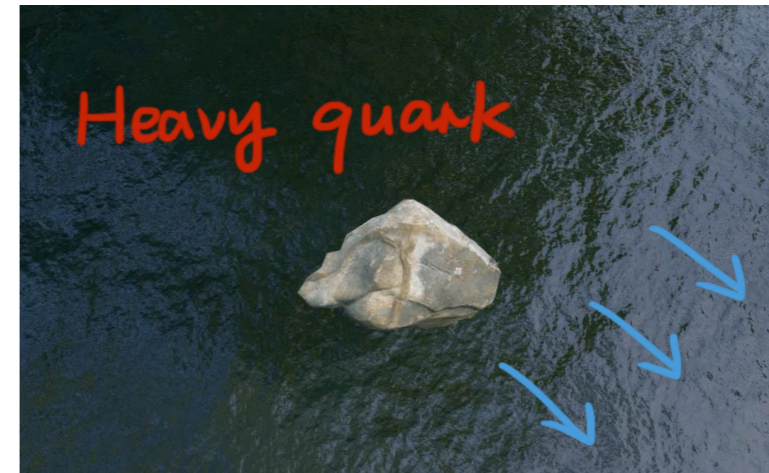
$$\frac{1}{N_{D^0}} \frac{dN^{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\phi}$$



Collective Flow Open Charm

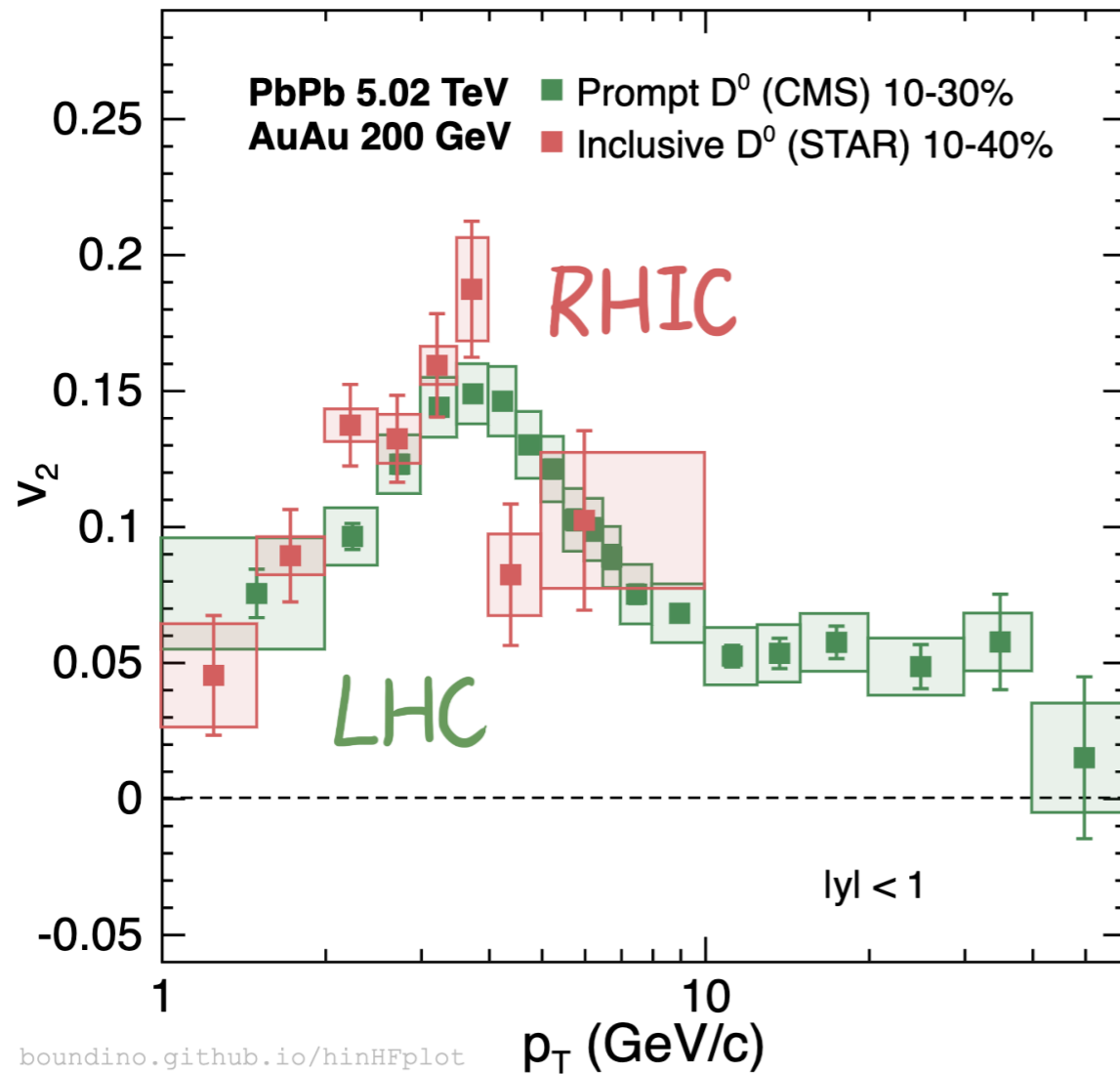


- Significant non-zero open charm flow signal
 - ▶ Smaller v_2 than light hadrons at low p_T
 - ▶ Magnitude reflects thermalization degree



- Consistent between LHC results
 - ▶ $(c \rightarrow) \mu$ seems to shift to lower p_T

Open Charm Flow LHC vs RHIC

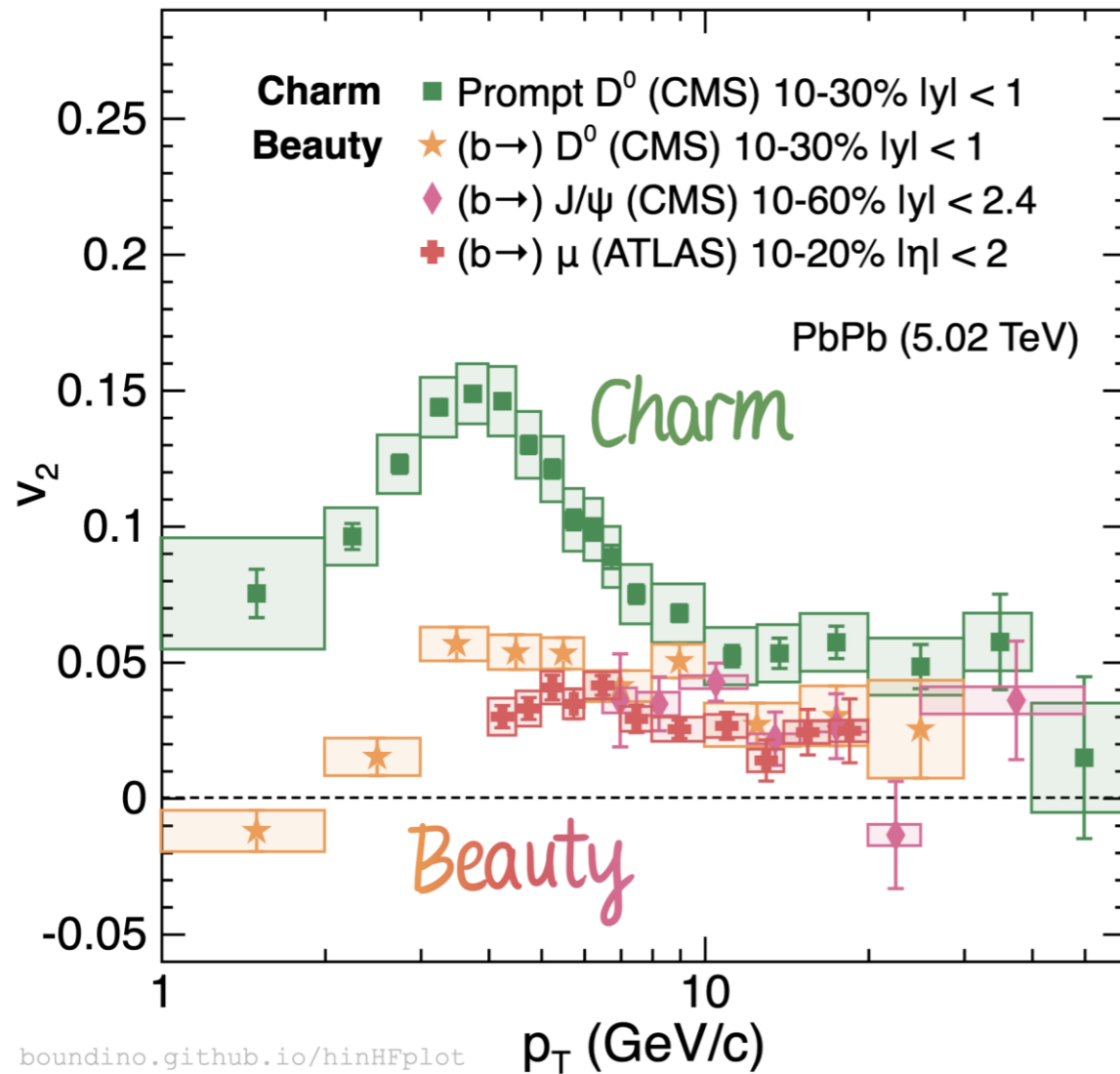


- Similar D v_2 between LHC PbPb 5 TeV and RHIC AuAu 200 GeV
 - ▶ despite different temperature & size?
 - ▶ decisive precision at sPHENIX

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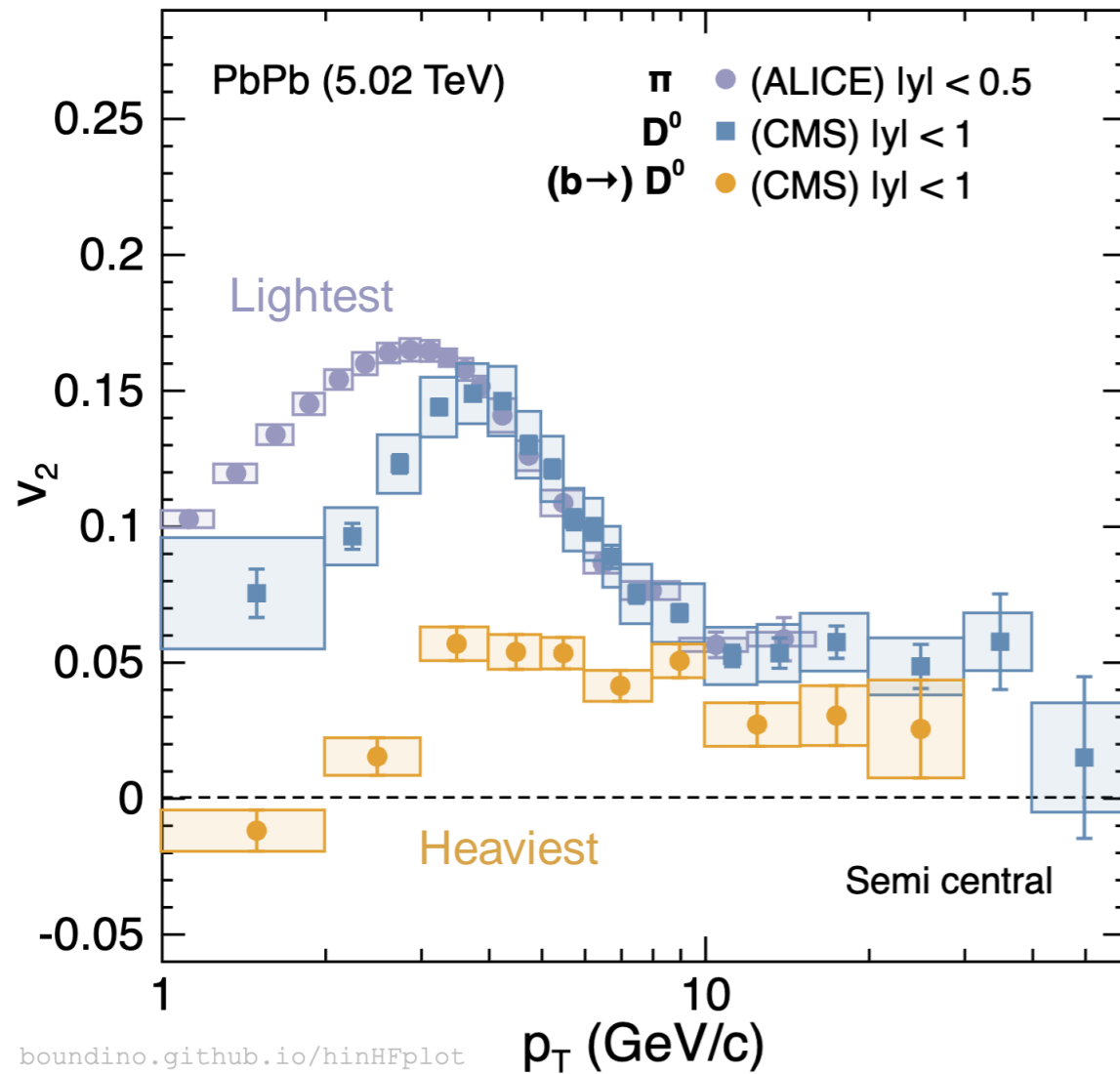
Collective Flow: Charm vs Beauty



- Significant **non-zero** open beauty flow signal
 - ▶ **Smaller v_2** than charm hadrons **at low p_T**
 - Weaker collective flow behavior
 - ▶ **Similar v_2** with open charm **at high p_T**
 - Path length dependence of energy loss

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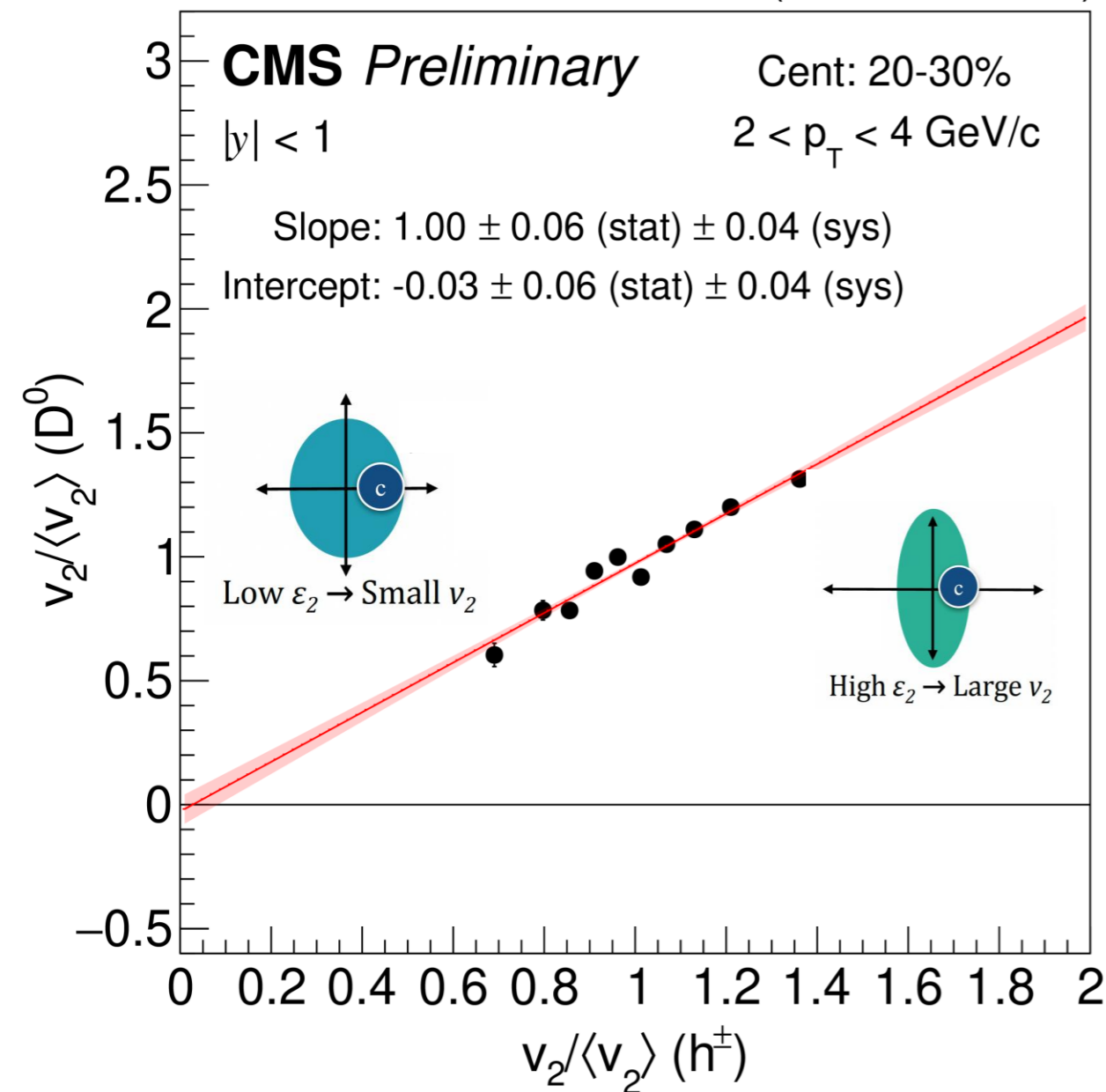
Collective Flow: Mass Hierarchy



- v_2 hierarchy from lightest to heaviest hadrons

Charm Quark v_2 vs. Light Flavor v_2

0.607 nb⁻¹ (PbPb 5.02 TeV)

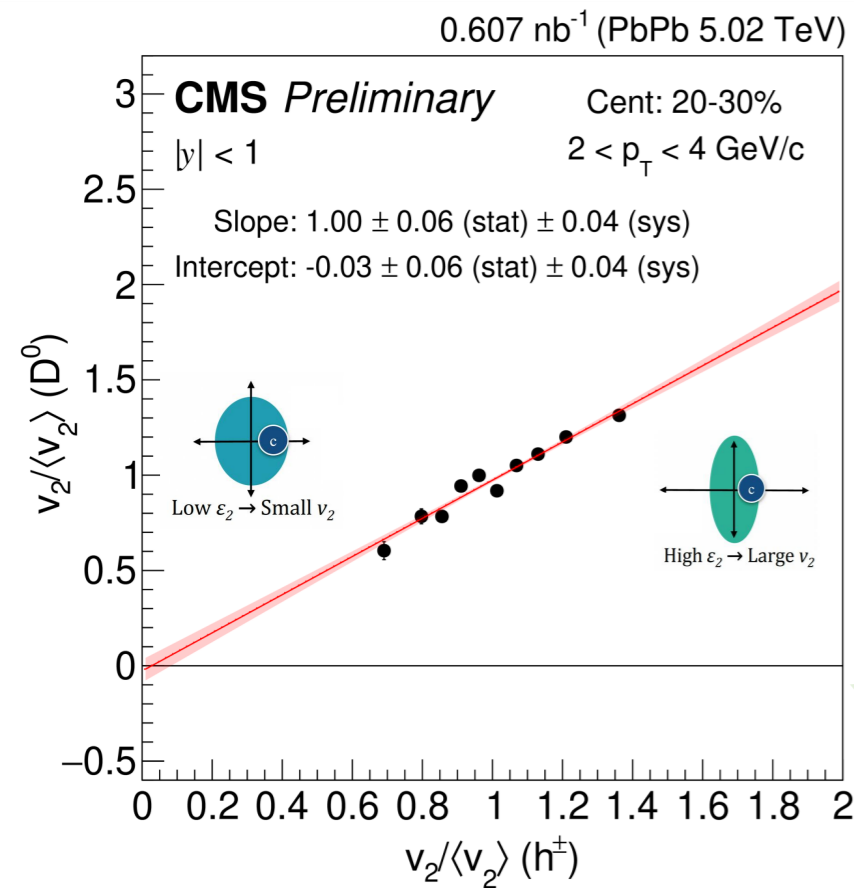


Do charm quarks develop elliptic flow through interactions with the light partons in the QGP?

Vary initial eccentricity by Event Shape Engineering q_2 while **keeping the same centrality**

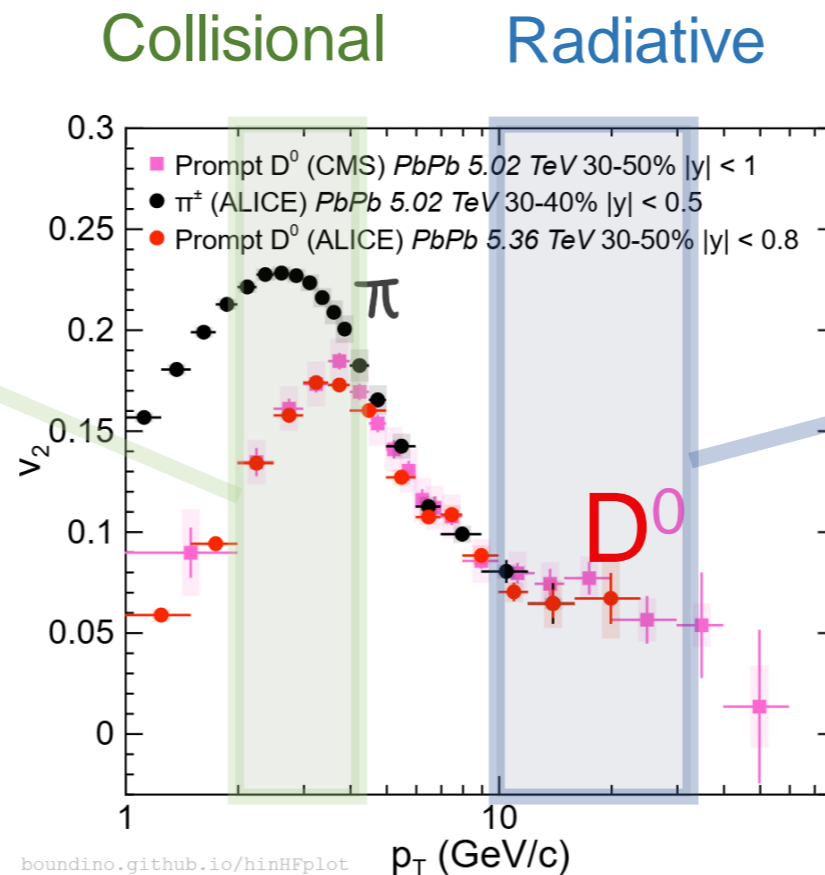
- $D^0 v_2$ significantly increases with q_2
- **Linear correlation** between $D^0 v_2$ and light hadron v_2
- Slope is consistent with 1
- This shows $D^0 v_2$ is driven by initial shape, similar to light flavors

Charm Quark v_2 vs. Light Flavor v_2



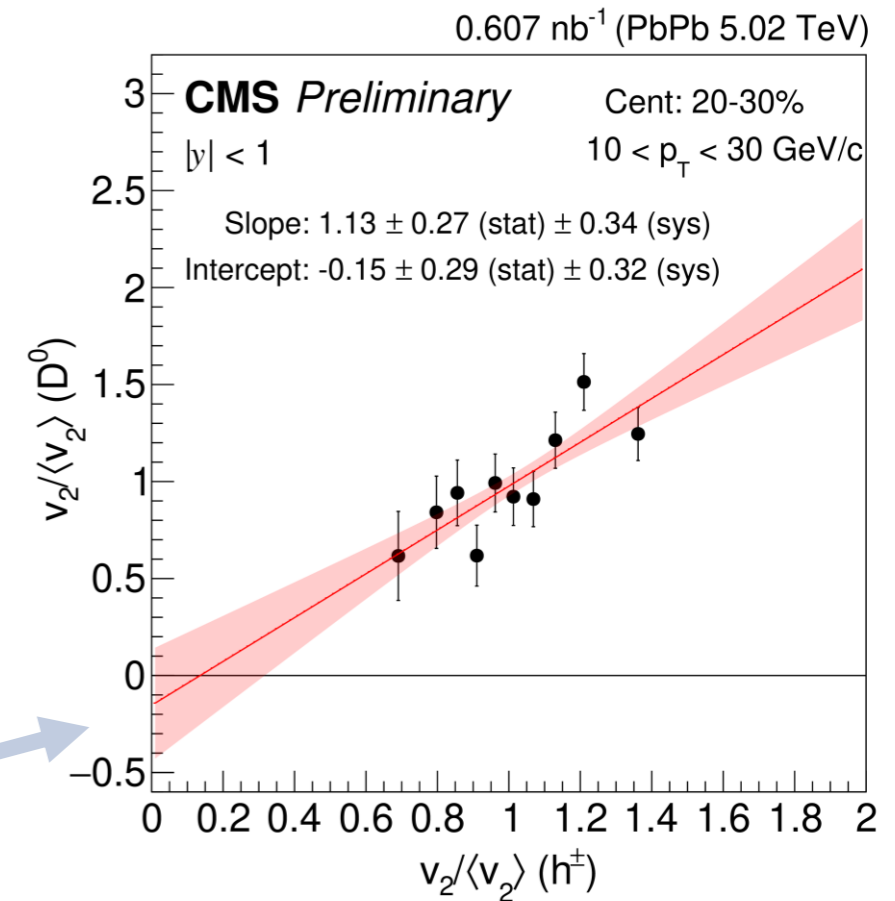
Linear correlation observed in both p_T ranges

D^0 v_2 is driven by initial shape, similar to light flavors at low p_T



[boundino.github.io/hinHFplot](https://github.com/boundino/hinHFplot)

→ PLB 816 (2021) 136253 → JHEP 09 (2018) 006
 → ALICE Preliminary



Also true at high p_T , regardless of the underlying mechanism

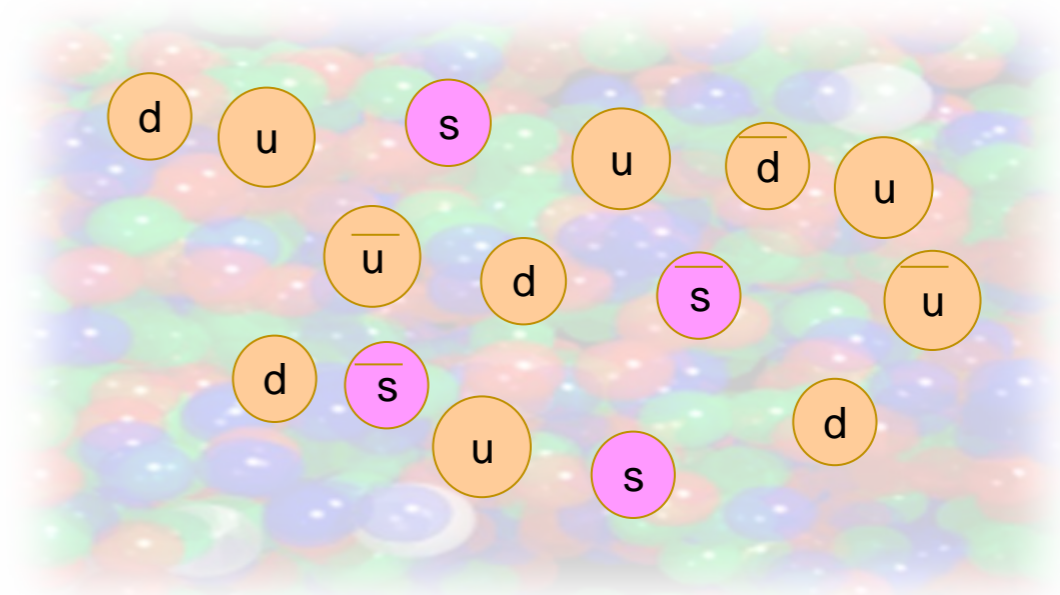
Hadronization of Heavy Quarks in QGP

Hadronization: from Quarks to Hadrons

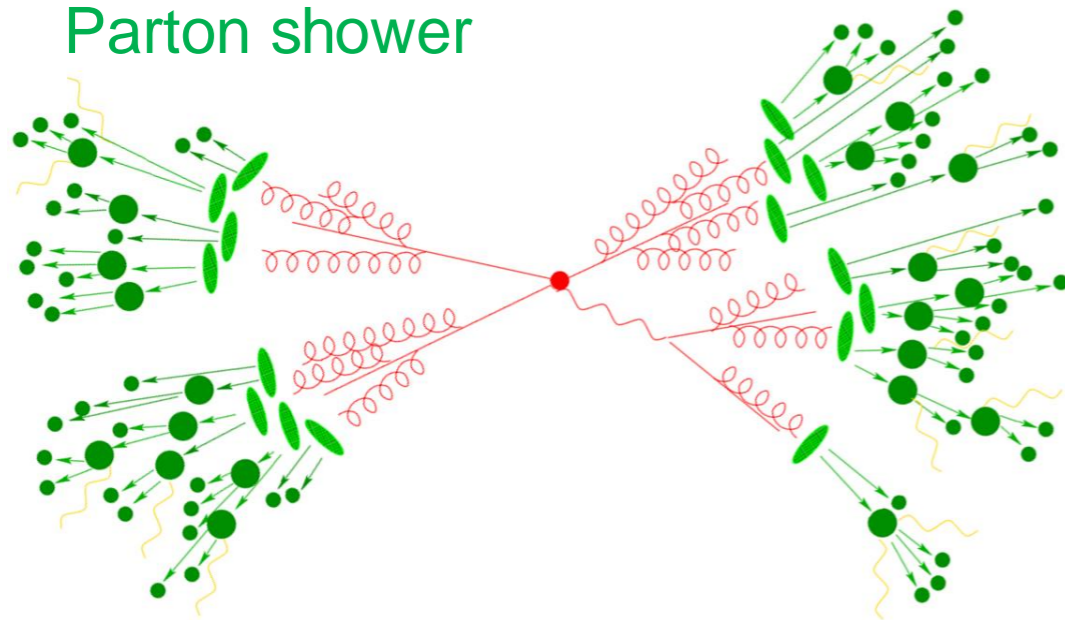
Strange quark content is enhanced in QGP
(Due to the high temperature)

Idea: Probe the partonic QGP by heavy quarks!

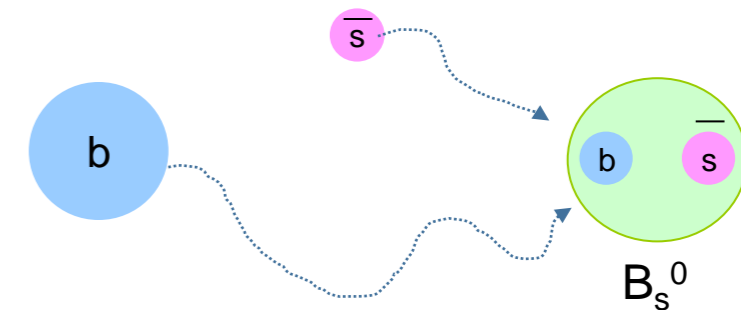
Example: in addition to parton shower,
 B_s could be **enhanced via parton coalescence** in QGP



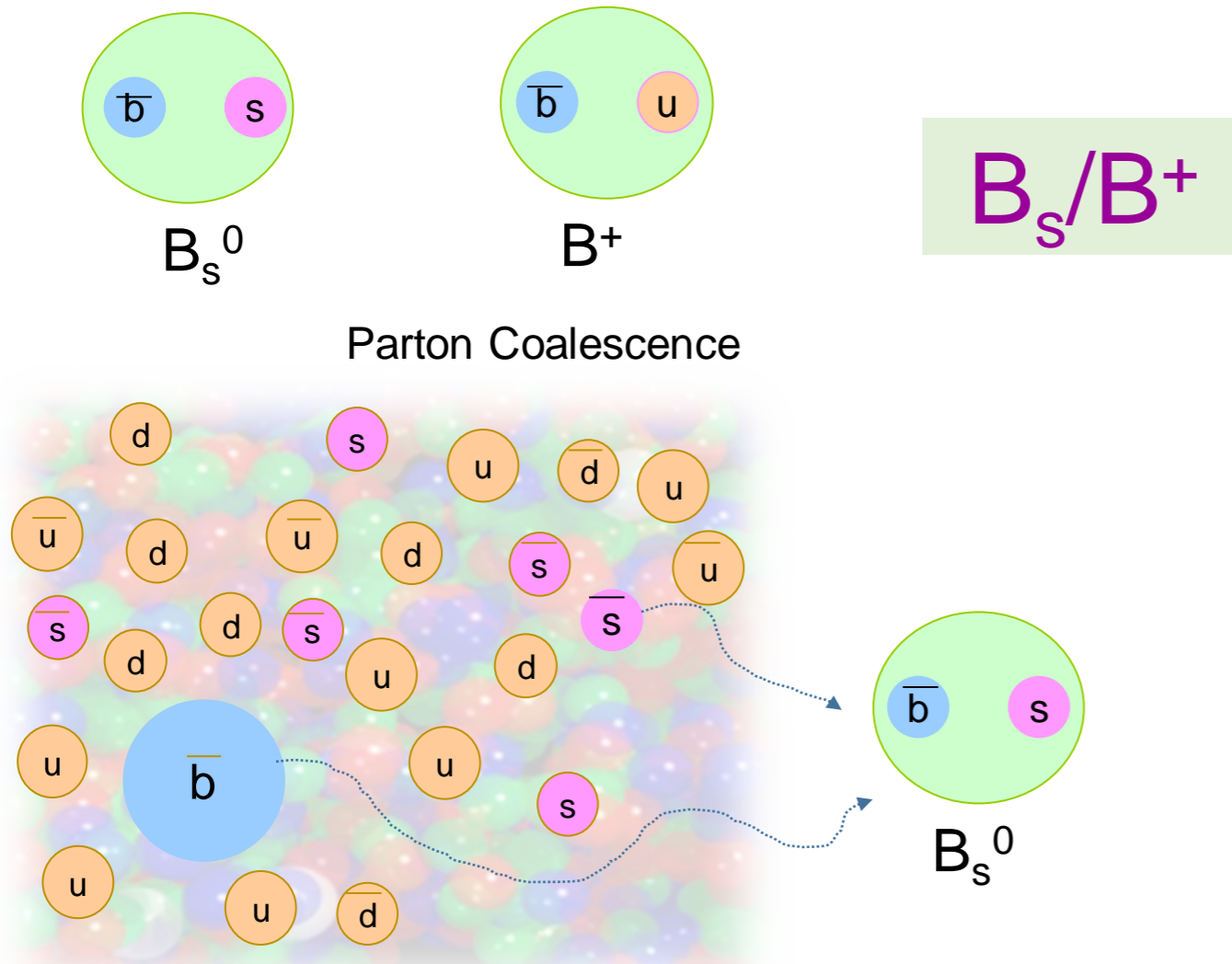
Parton shower



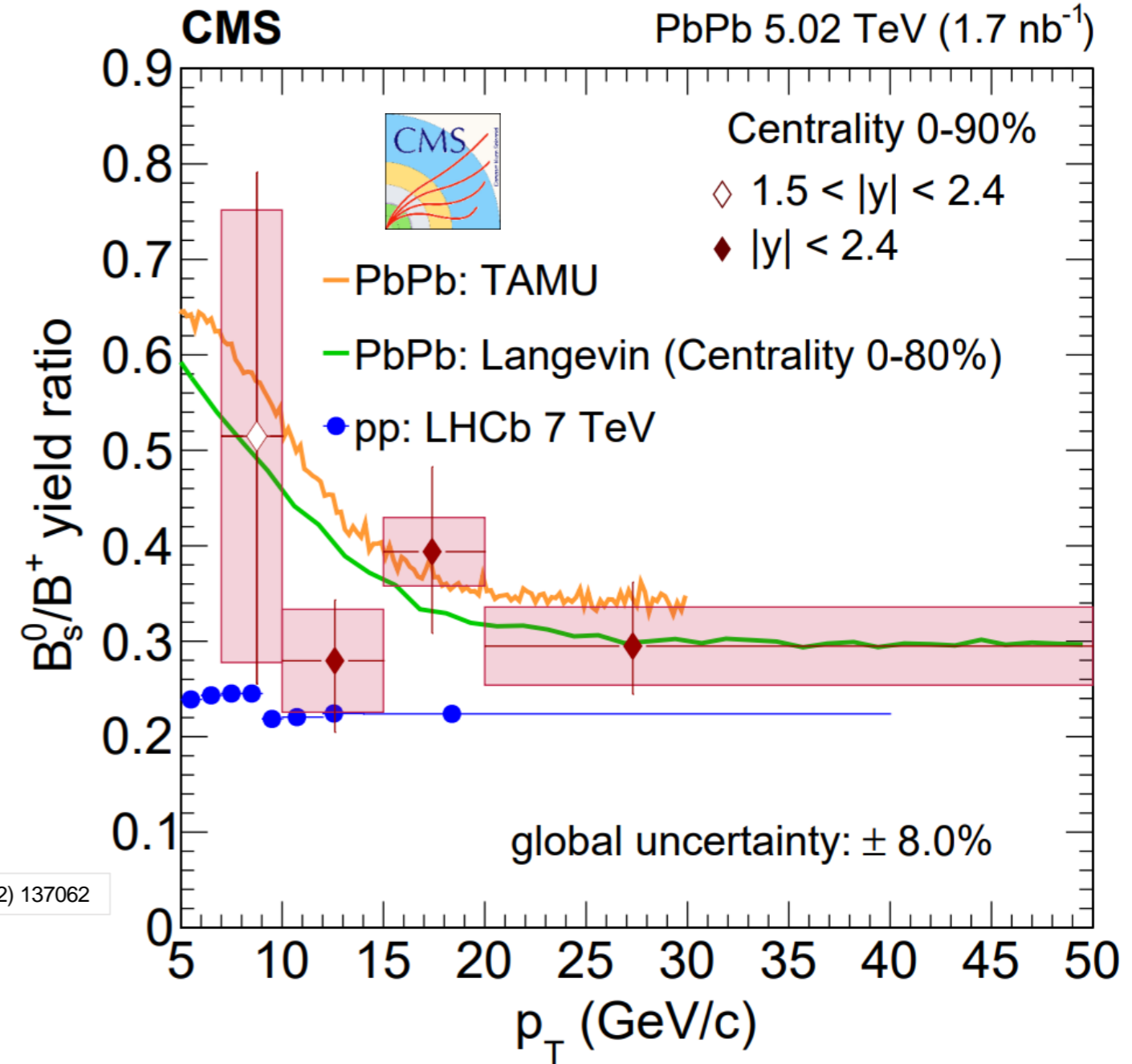
Parton Coalescence



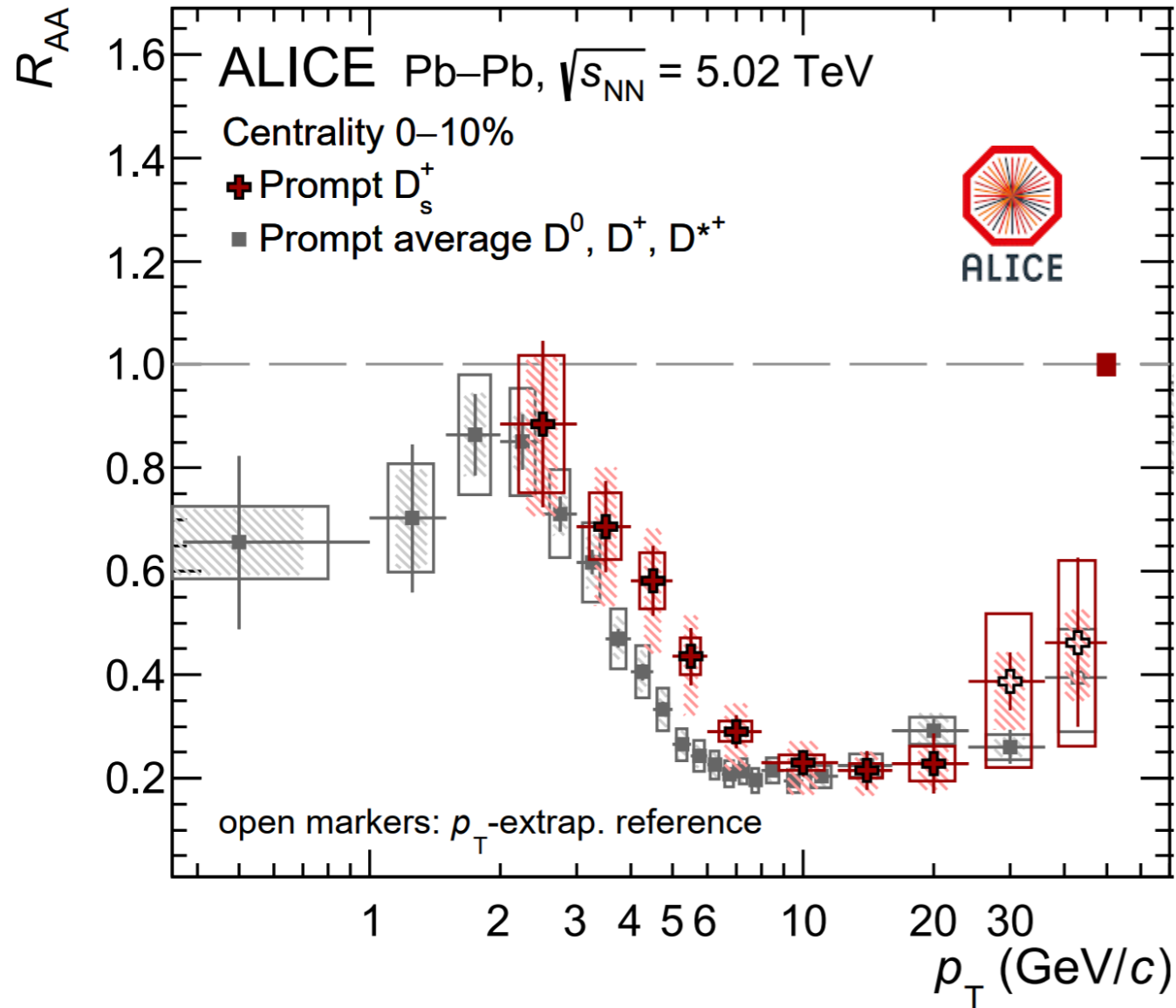
Beauty Quark Hadronization



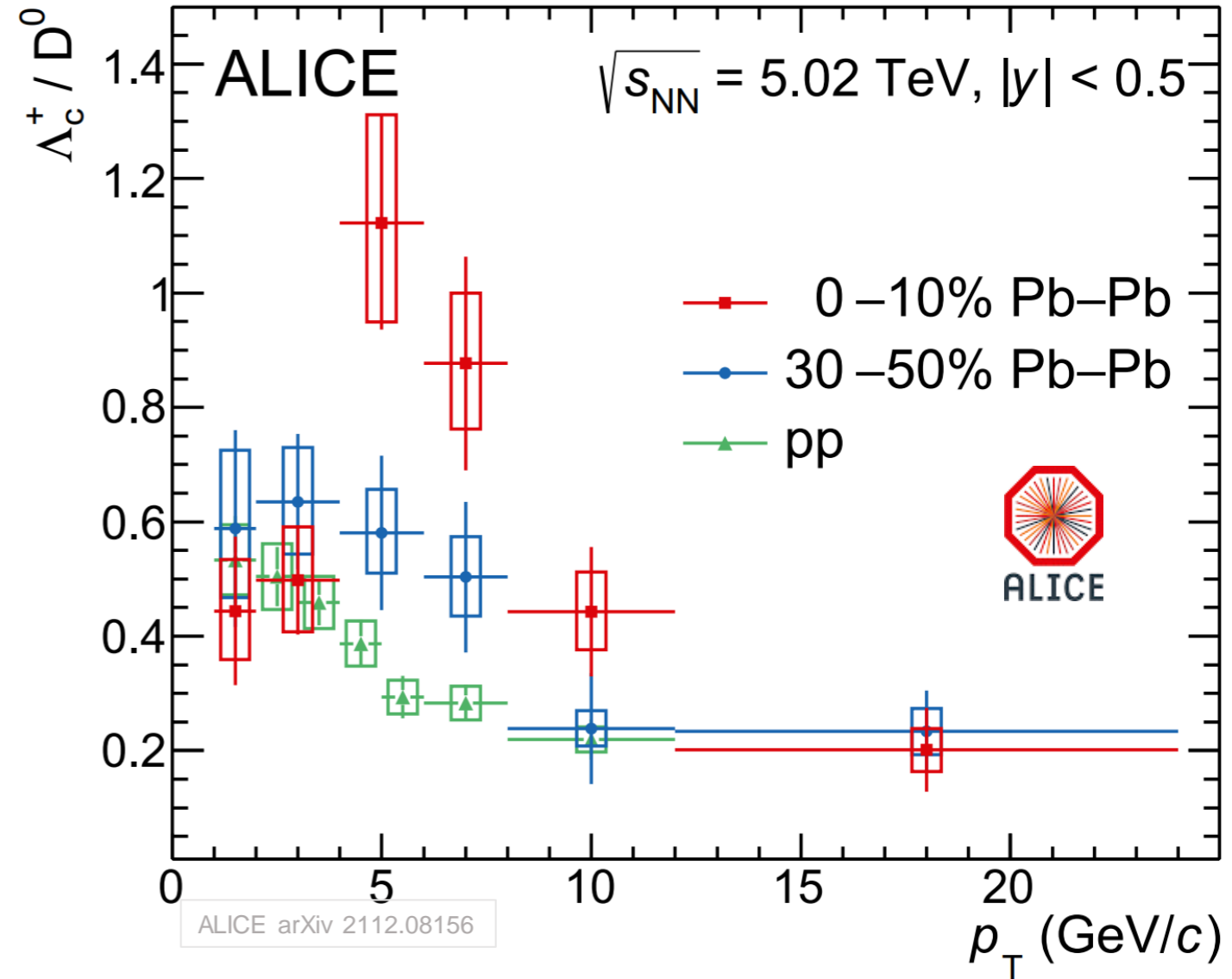
- Hint of enhanced production of B_s^0 !
- To be followed up with Run 3+4 data



Charm Quark Hadronization



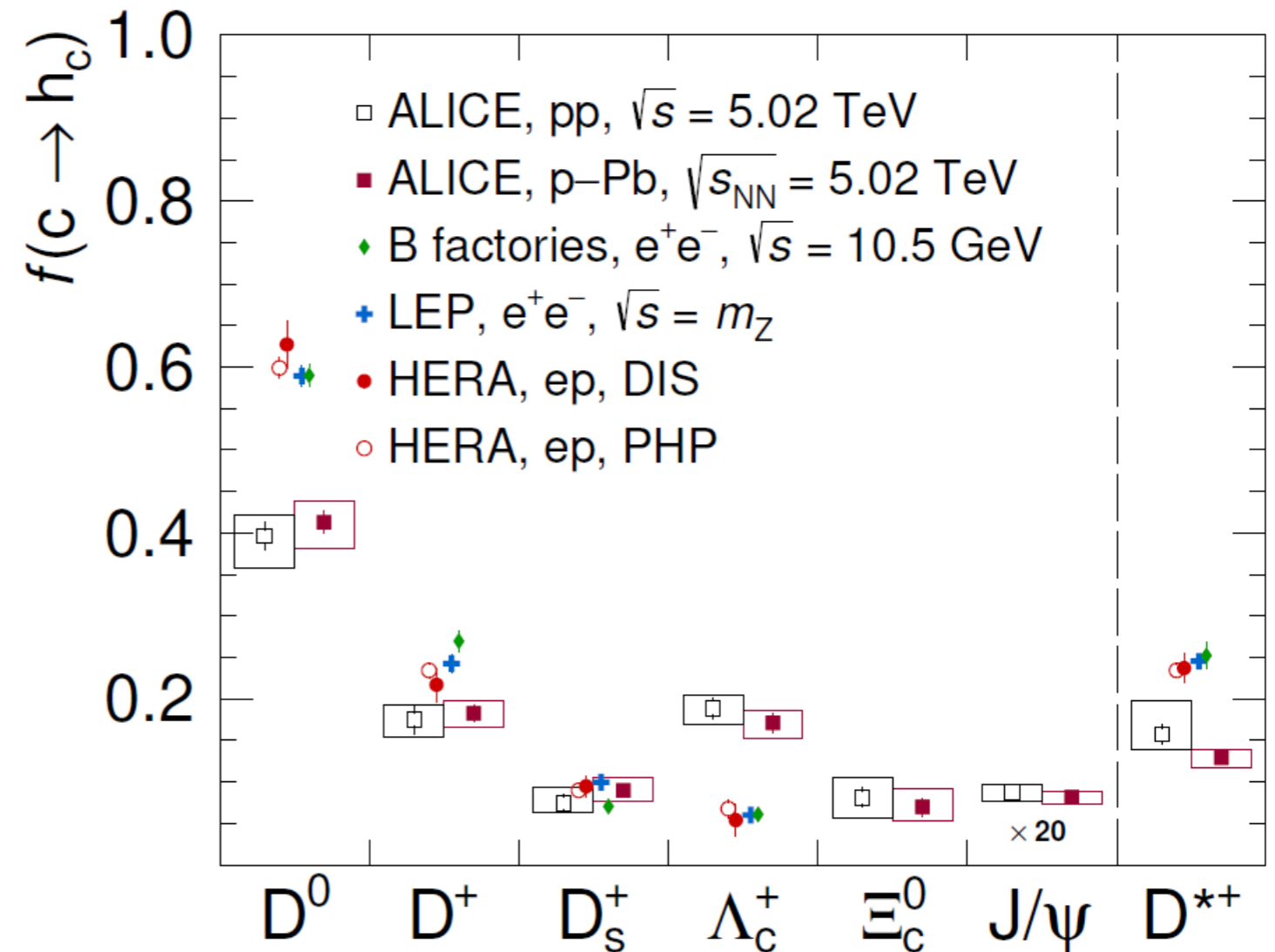
Indication of enhanced production of D_s (2.3σ)
 in PbPb collisions!



Enhanced production of charmed baryon in PbPb

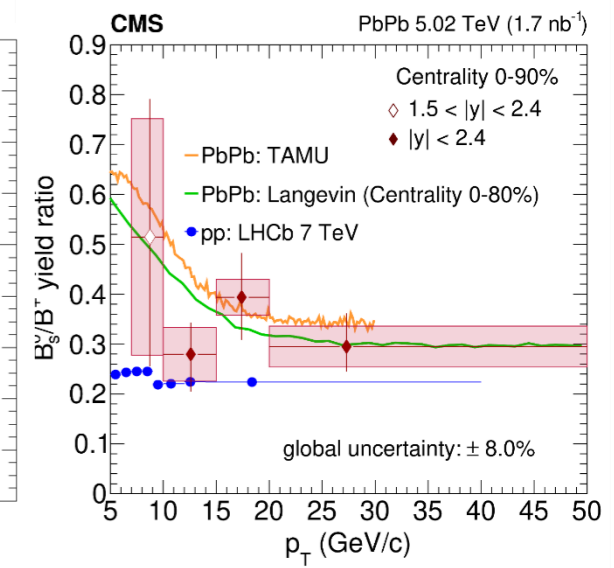
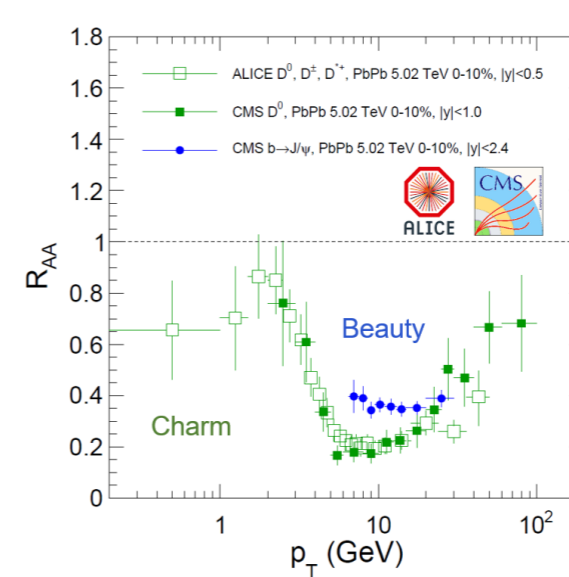
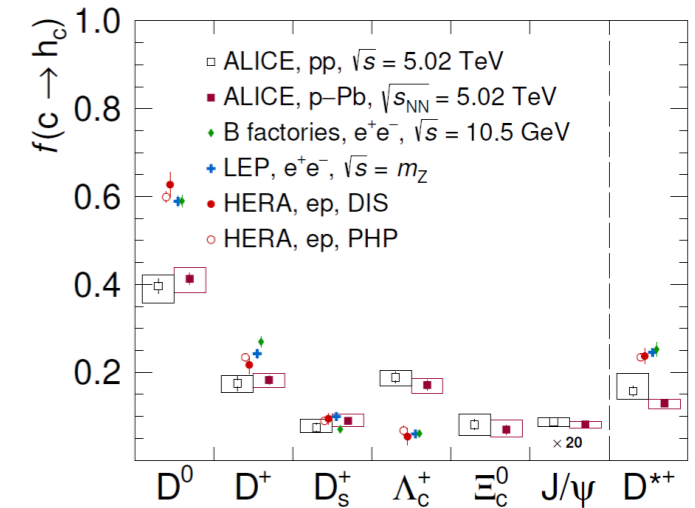
Charm Hadronization in ee, ep, pp and pPb

- Charm hadronization is already modified in pp collisions!
- Suppression of D^0 , D^+ , and D^{*+}
- Enhancement of Λ_c
- Challenge to the “universal” fragmentation function in theoretical calculations



Summary: Open Heavy Flavor

- Charm production has been studied extensively with various experimental techniques
- Large elliptic flow and triangular flow signal
- Mass dependence of open heavy flavor hadron R_{AA}
- Large difference between charm hadronization in ee and pp
- Indication of further modifications of charm and beauty hadronization in AA collisions
- Next lecture: Quarkonia and small systems



Backup Slides



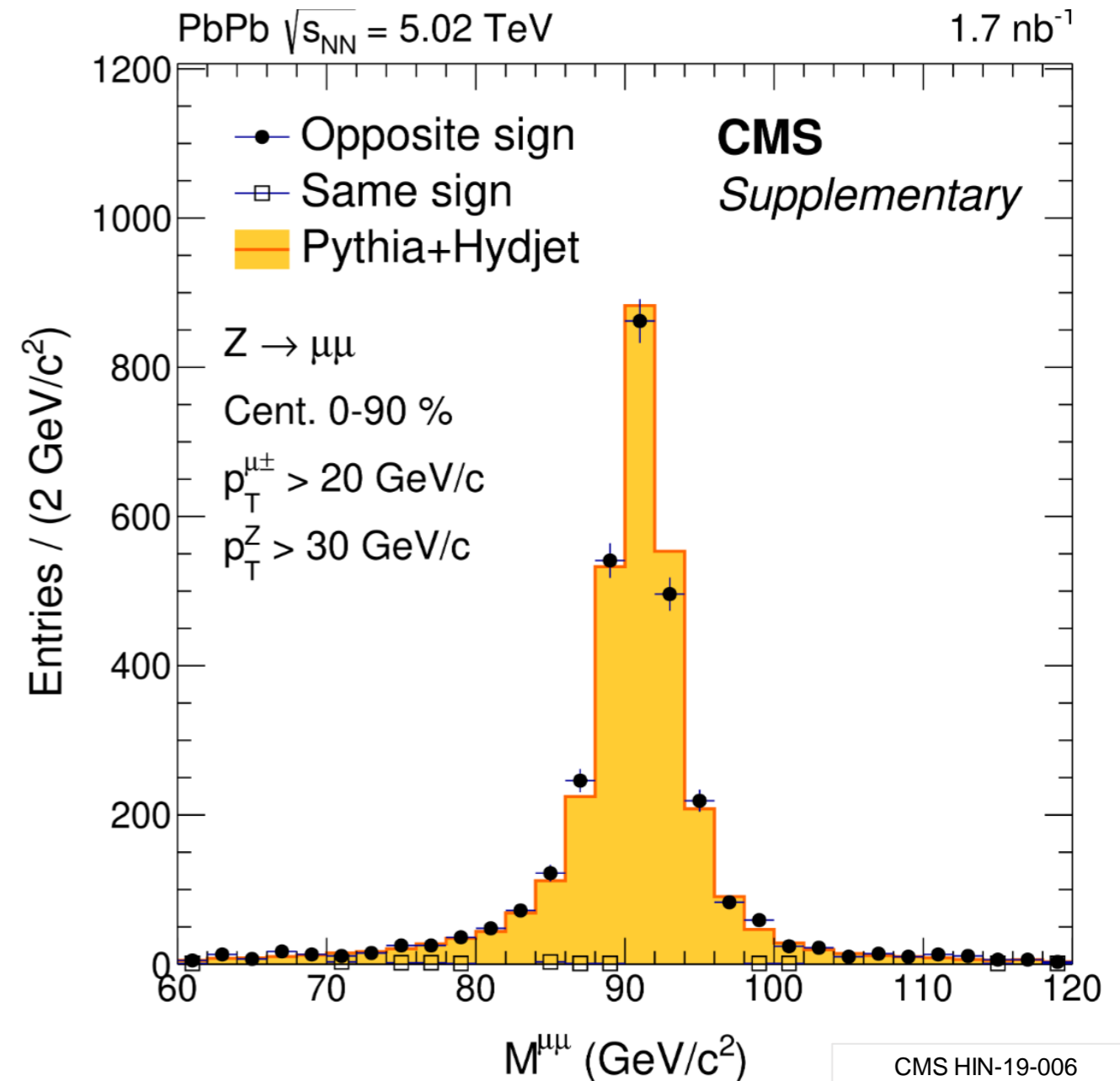
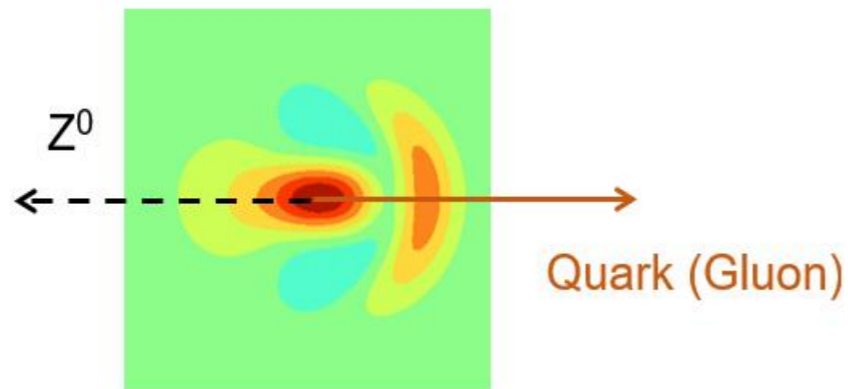
Z^0 Boson and Charged Hadron Track Selection

- $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ selections:

- Muons: $|\eta_\mu| < 2.4$, $|p_{T,\mu}| > 20$ GeV/c,
- Z^0 Bosons:
 - $60 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\mu\mu} < 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - **$40 \text{ GeV}/c < |p_T^Z| < 350 \text{ GeV}/c$**
 - $|y_Z| < 2.4$

- Charged hadron selections:

- $|\eta_{ch}| < 2.4$, $1 < p_T^{ch} < 10$ GeV/c.
- Muon rejection: $\Delta R_{ch,\mu} > 0.0025$ between Muon candidates and charged hadron tracks

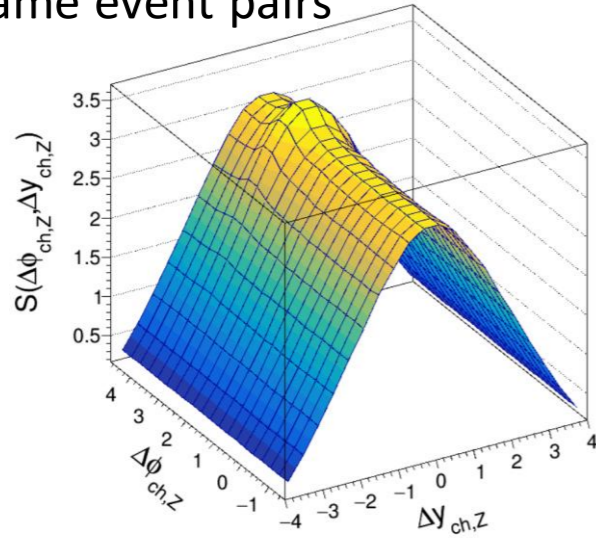


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Z⁰-Hadron Correlation Function: Event Mixing

Average **Signal** pair distribution:

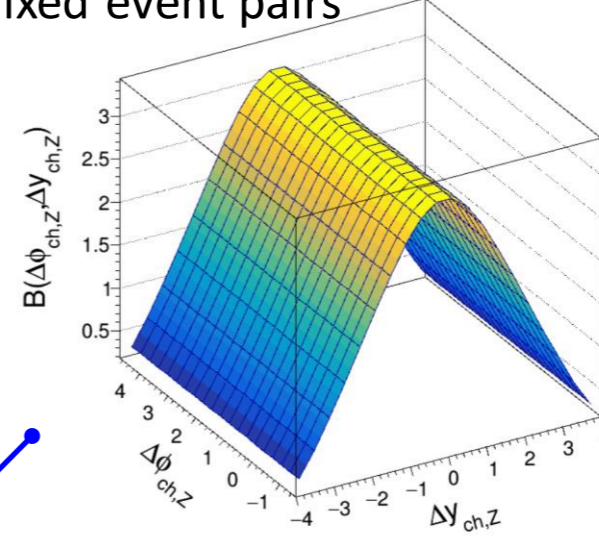
same event pairs



$$S(\Delta\phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) = \frac{1}{N_z} \frac{d^2 N^{\text{same}}}{d\Delta\phi_{ch,Z} d\Delta y_{ch,Z}}$$

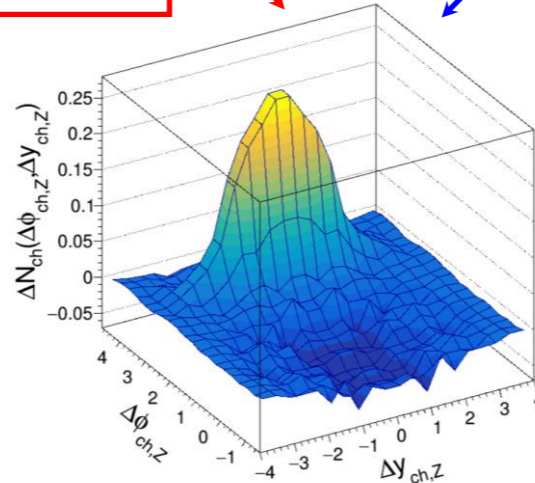
Average **Background** pair distribution:

mixed event pairs



$$B(\Delta\phi_{ch,Z}, \Delta y_{ch,Z}) = \frac{1}{N_z} \frac{d^2 N^{\text{mix}}}{d\Delta\phi_{ch,Z} d\Delta y_{ch,Z}}$$

$$\Delta N_{ch} = S - B$$



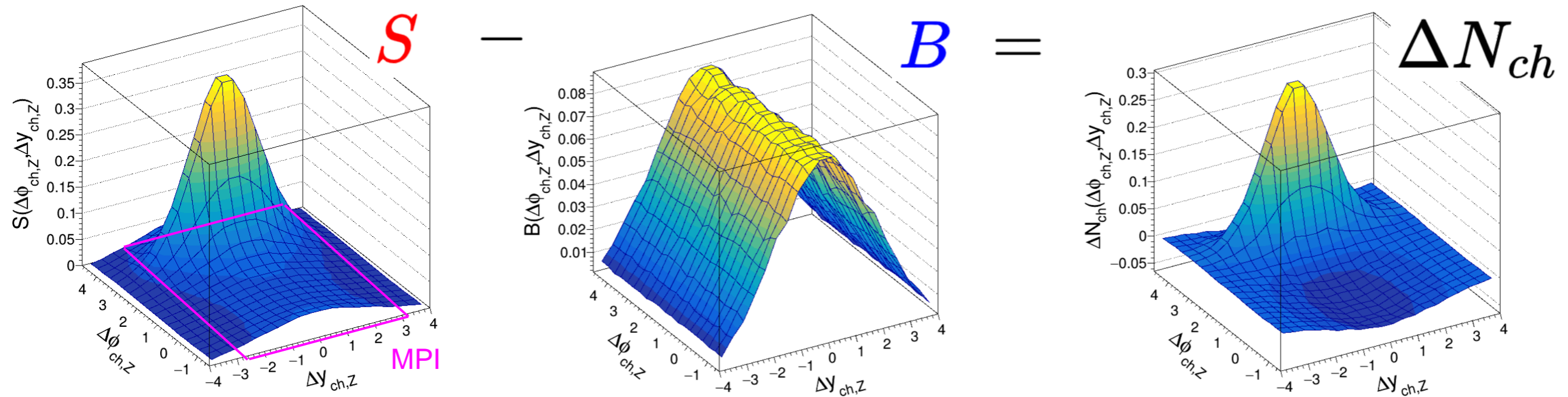
$$\Delta y_{ch,Z} = y_Z - \eta_{ch}$$

$$\Delta\phi_{ch,Z} = \phi_Z - \phi_{ch}$$

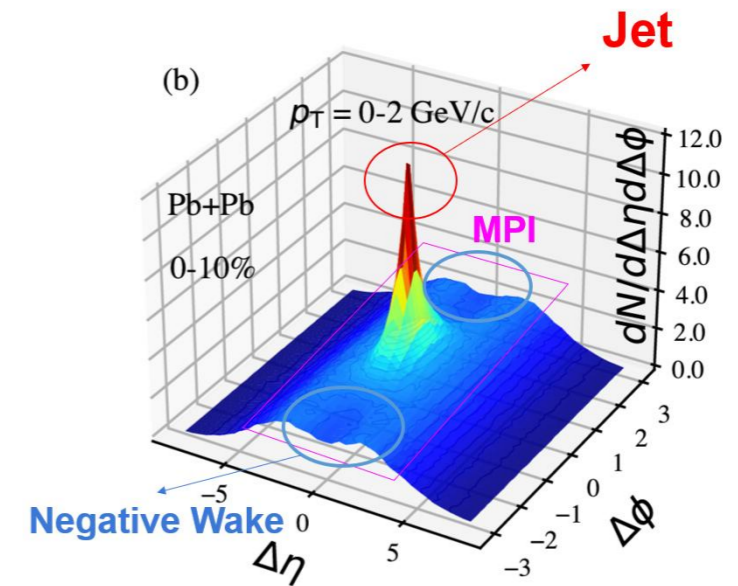
Demonstration with PYTHIA+HYDJET
(Generator level events)

Integral of the ΔN_{ch} correlation function will be ~ 0

Mixed Event Subtraction in PYTHIA8 pp Events

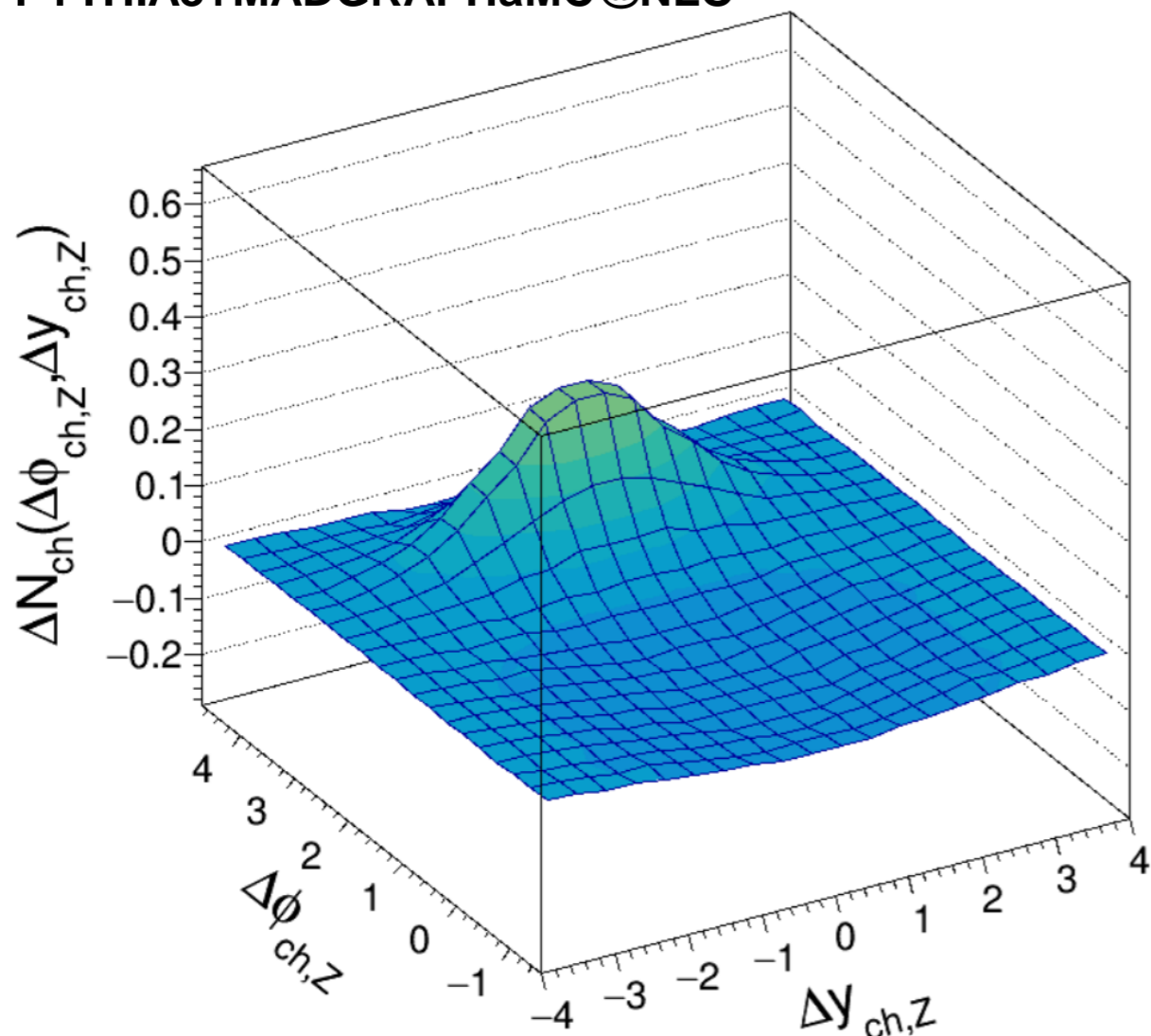


- Mixed event subtraction is also performed in **pp** analysis
- Tight correlation between charged hadron in jet and Z^0 not only in $\Delta\phi$ **but also Δy** due to Z^0 p_T and rapidity selection
- The procedure suppresses the uncorrelated “Multi-Parton Interaction (MPI) ridge” at fixed $\Delta\eta$ (Δy)

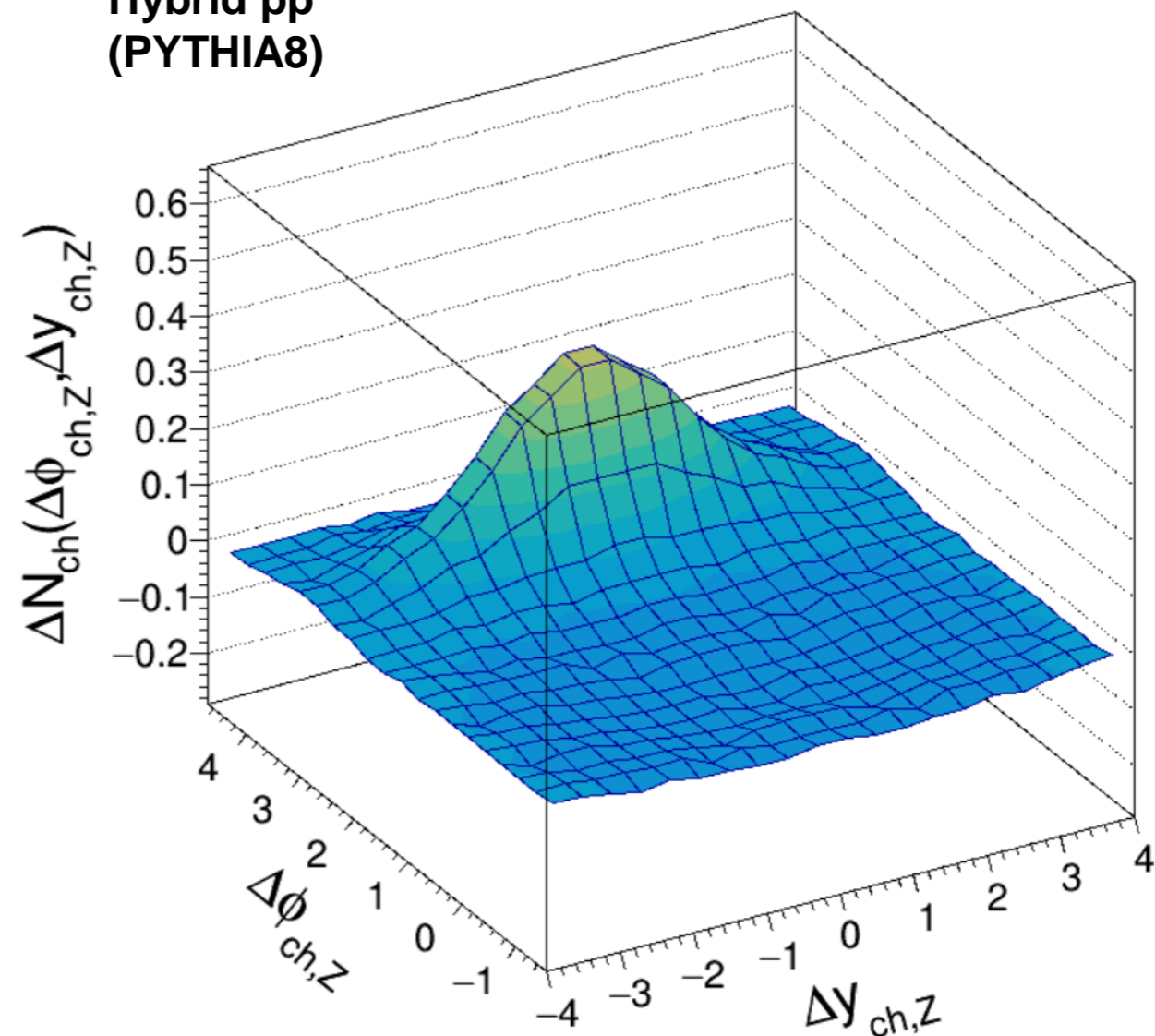


Predictions from Models in pp for Charged Hadron p_T 1-2 GeV

PYTHIA8+MADGRAPHaMC@NLO

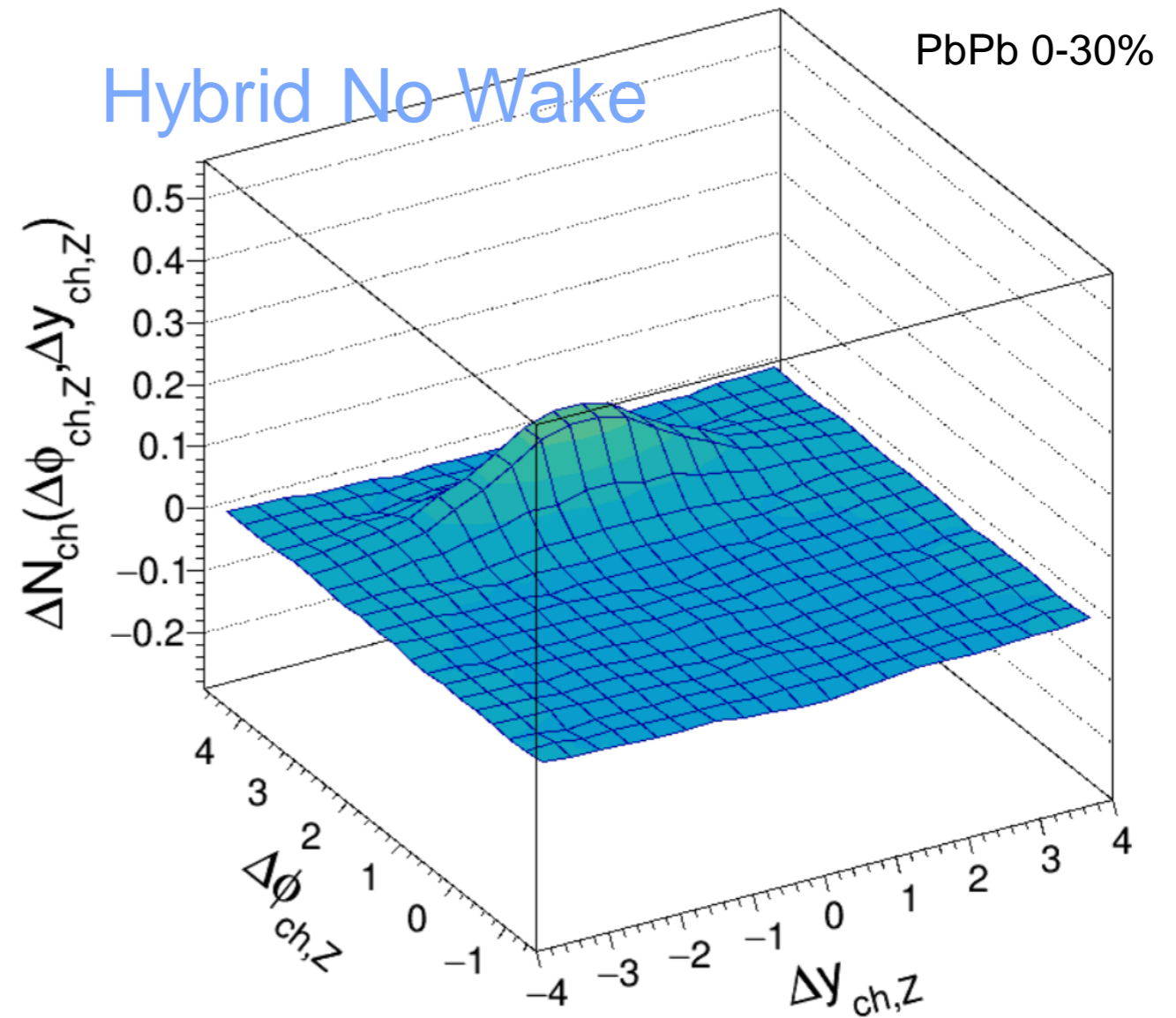
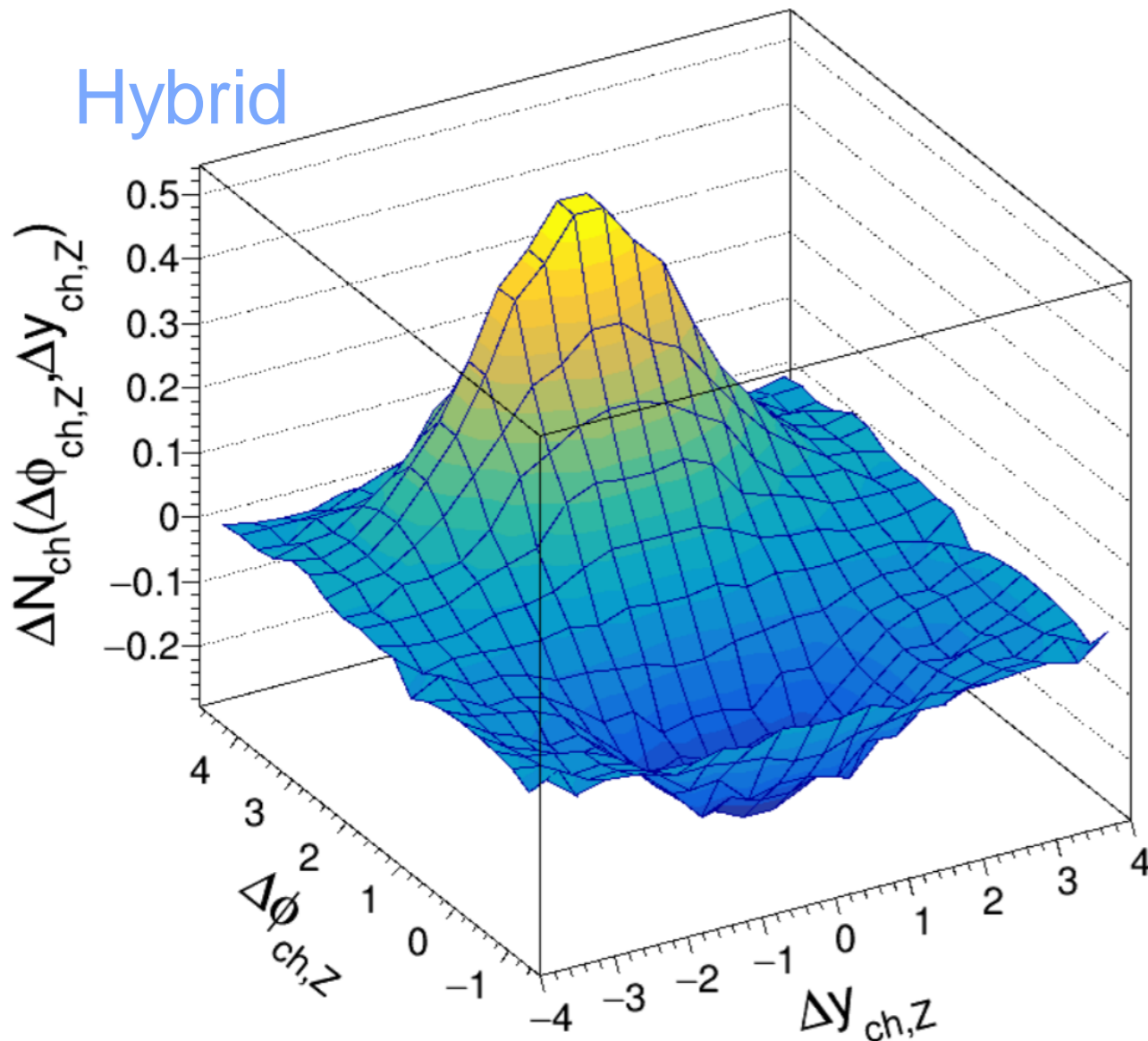


Hybrid pp
(PYTHIA8)



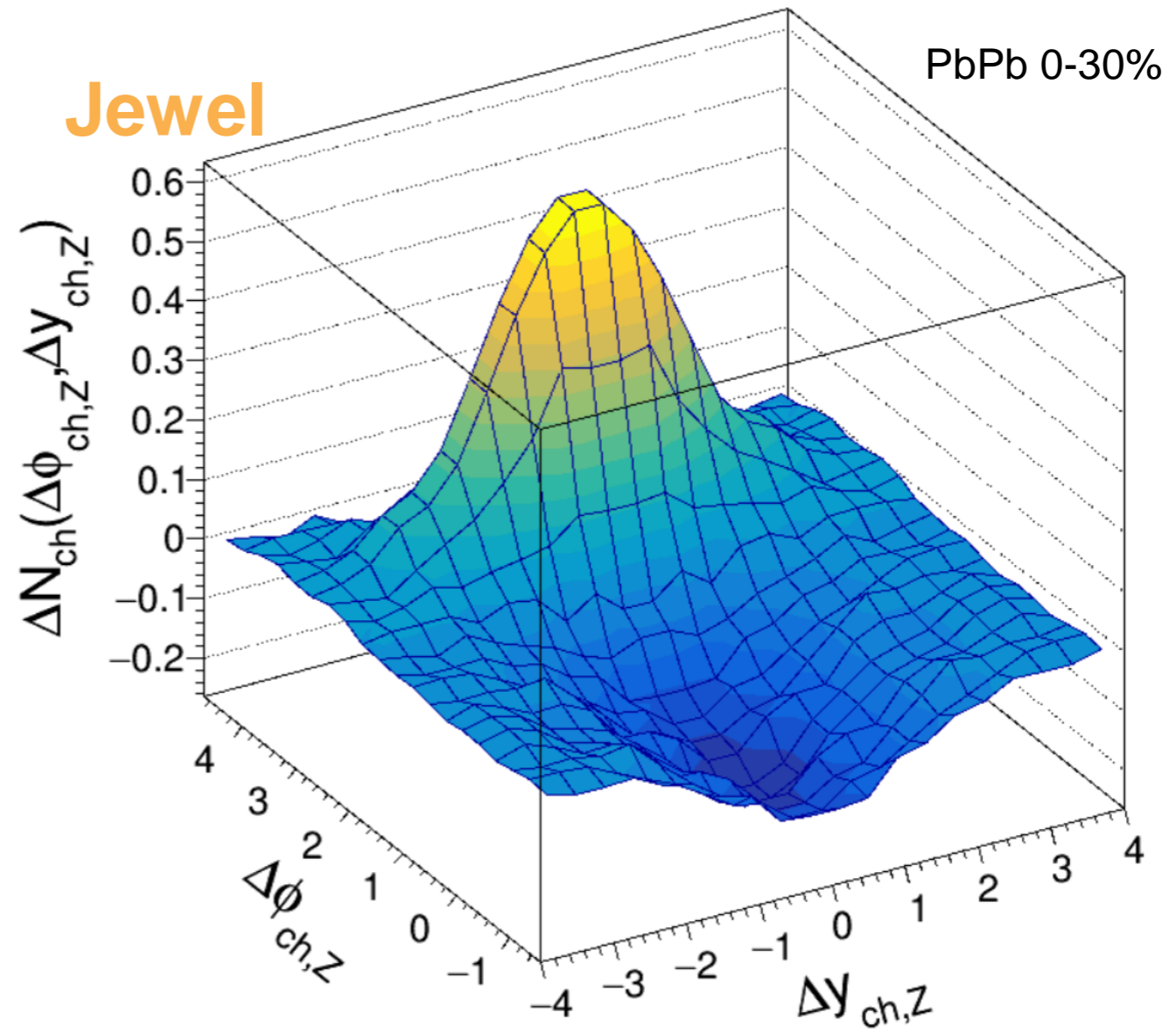
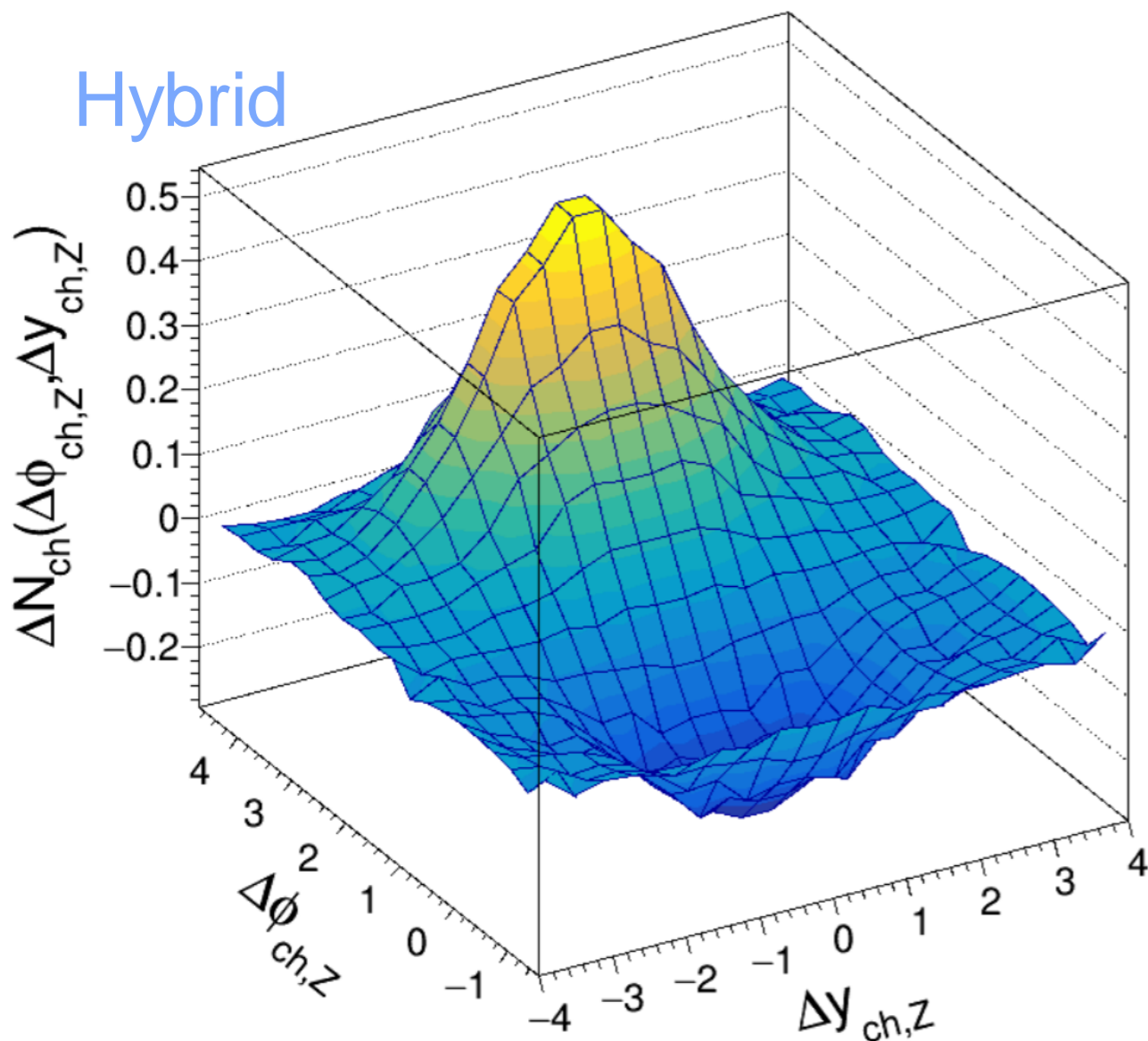
- NLO event generator gives a slightly **broader jet peak** than PYTHIA8
- **Identical subtraction procedure** applied to both MC model results and the data analysis

Predictions from Models for Charged Hadron p_T 1-2 GeV



- **Hybrid: QGP** wake creates a **Z-side dip structure** and significantly enhance the jet peak (pQCD parton shower + AdS/CFT drag + hydro medium response)

Predictions from Models for Charged Hadron p_T 1-2 GeV



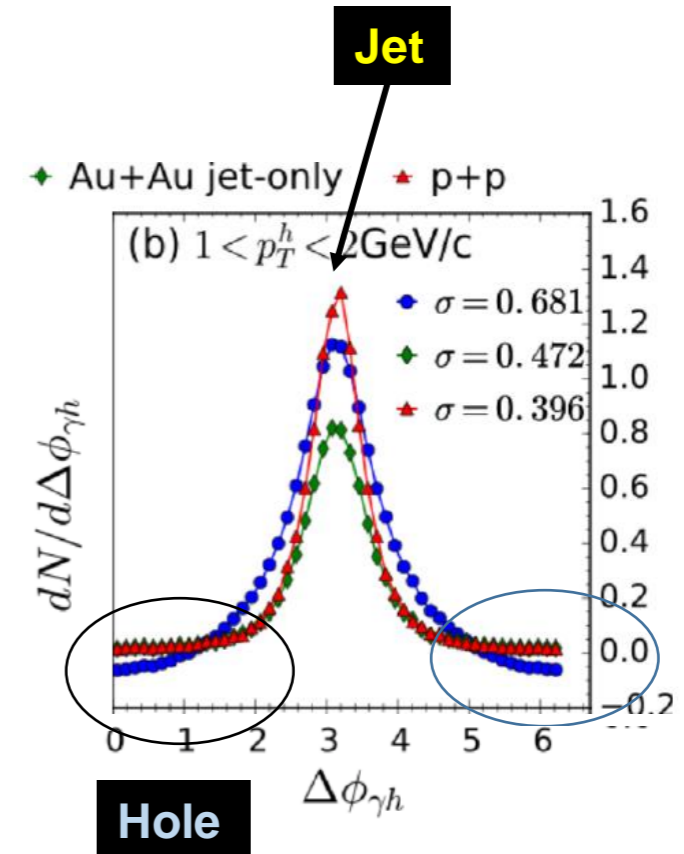
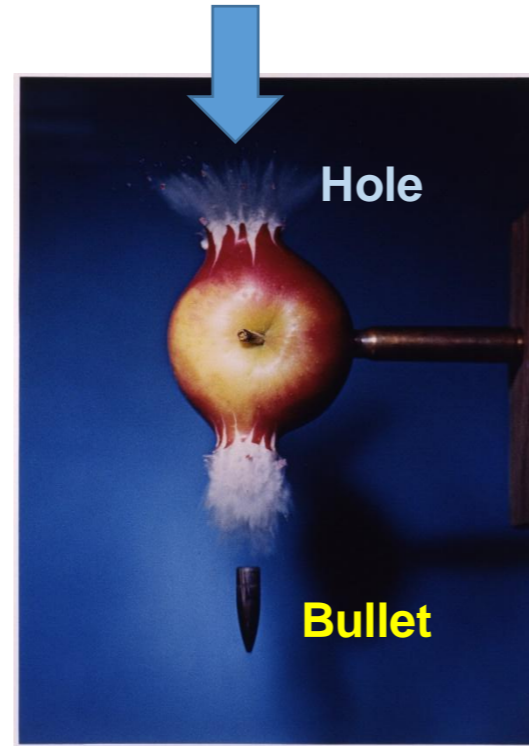
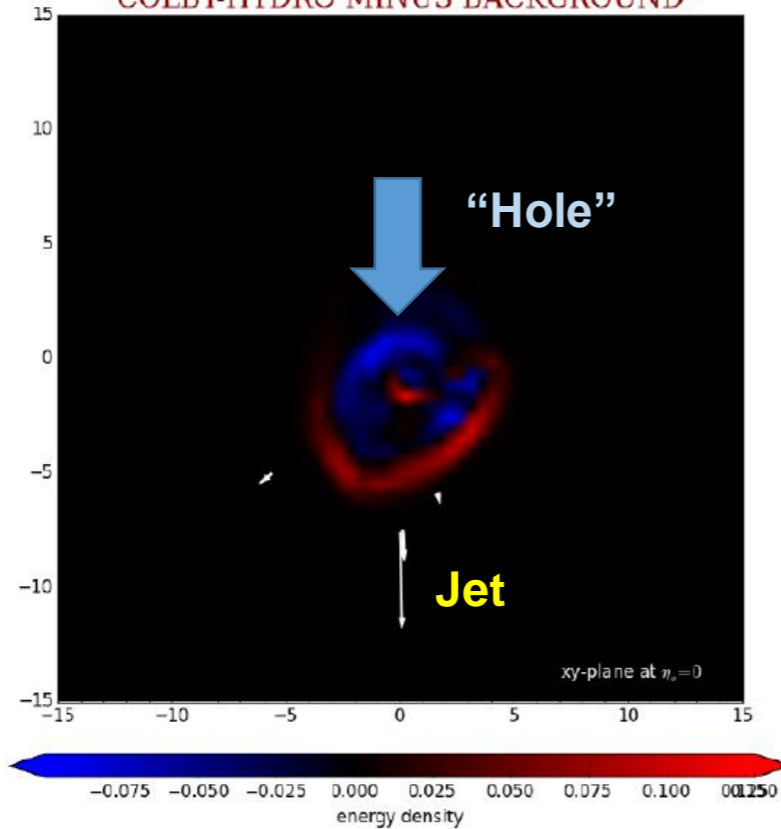
- **Hybrid**: **QGP** wake creates a Z-side dip structure and significantly enhance the jet peak
- **Jewel**: recoil partons are responsible for the effects (pQCD with **no re-scattering**)

Measure the “Depletion” due to Medium Recoil

CoLBT

Tan Luo, Xin-Nian Wang

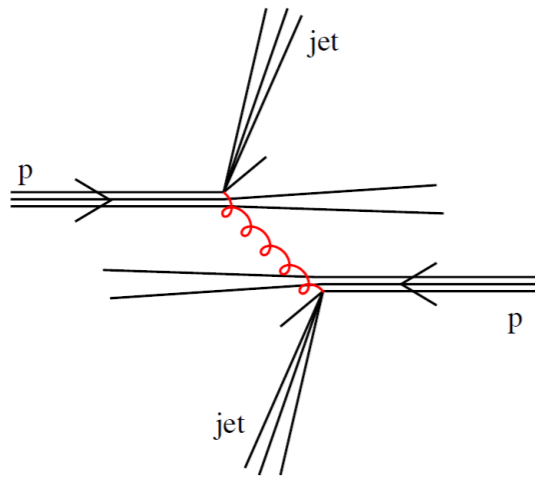
COLBT-HYDRO MINUS BACKGROUND



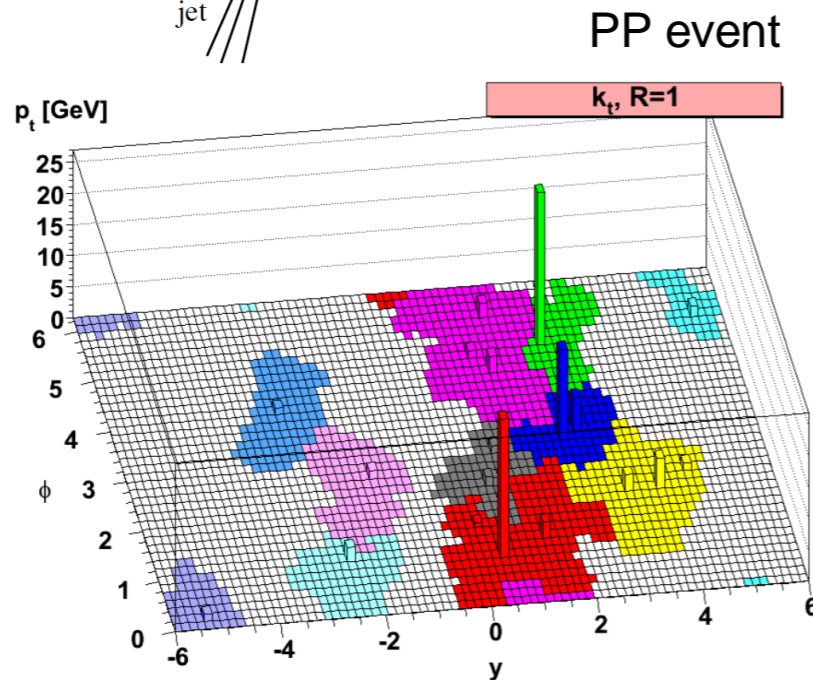
Measure the **boson-side associated yield** with photon-jet and **Z-jet**

k_T algorithm

From Gavin Salam



$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{ti}^2, p_{tj}^2) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2}, \quad d_{iB} = p_{ti}^2$$



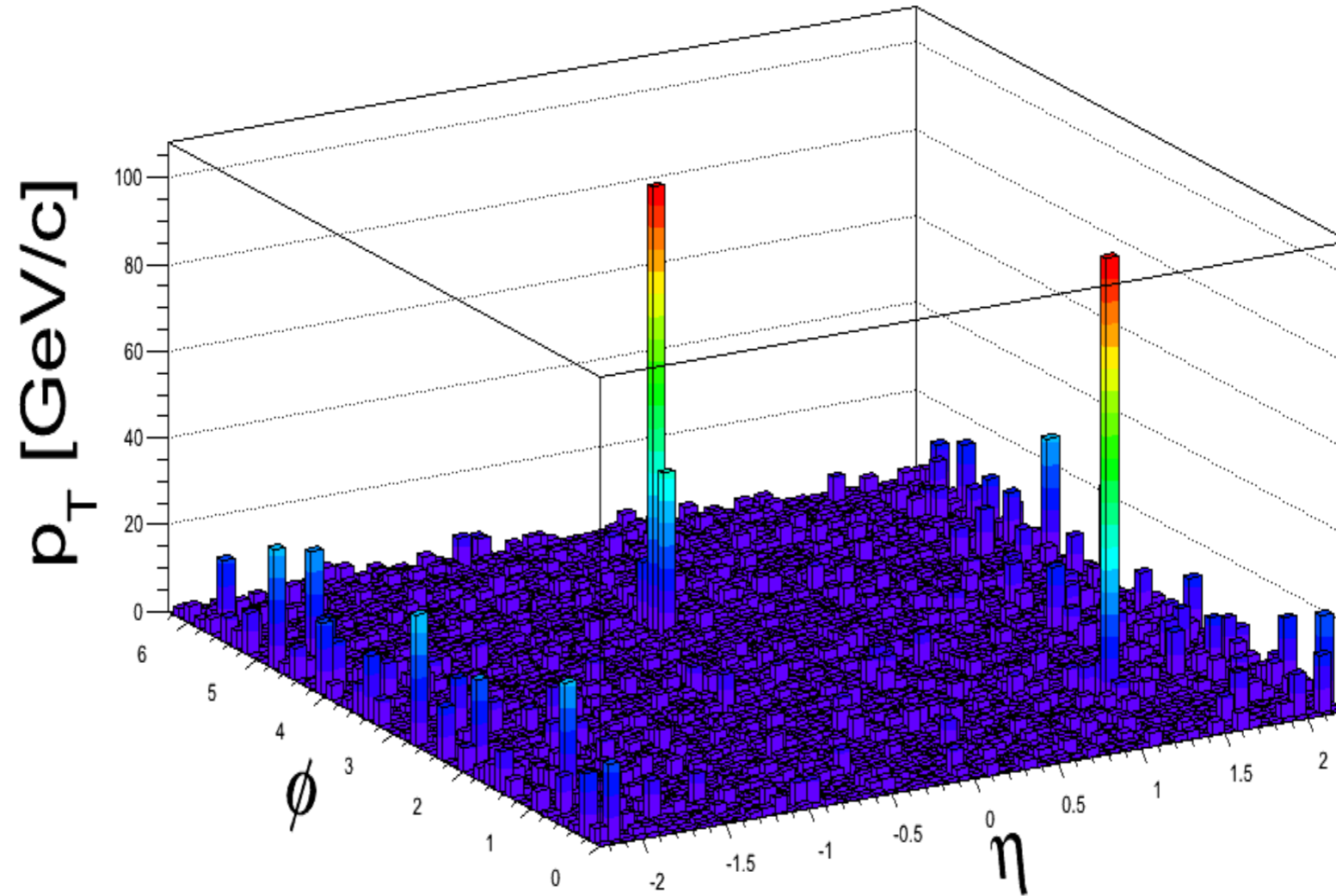
$$\Delta R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$

- ▶ 1. Find smallest of d_{ij} , d_{iB}
- 2. if ij , recombine them
- 3. if iB , call i a jet and remove from list of particles
- 4. repeat from step 1 until no particles left.

S.D. Ellis & Soper, '93

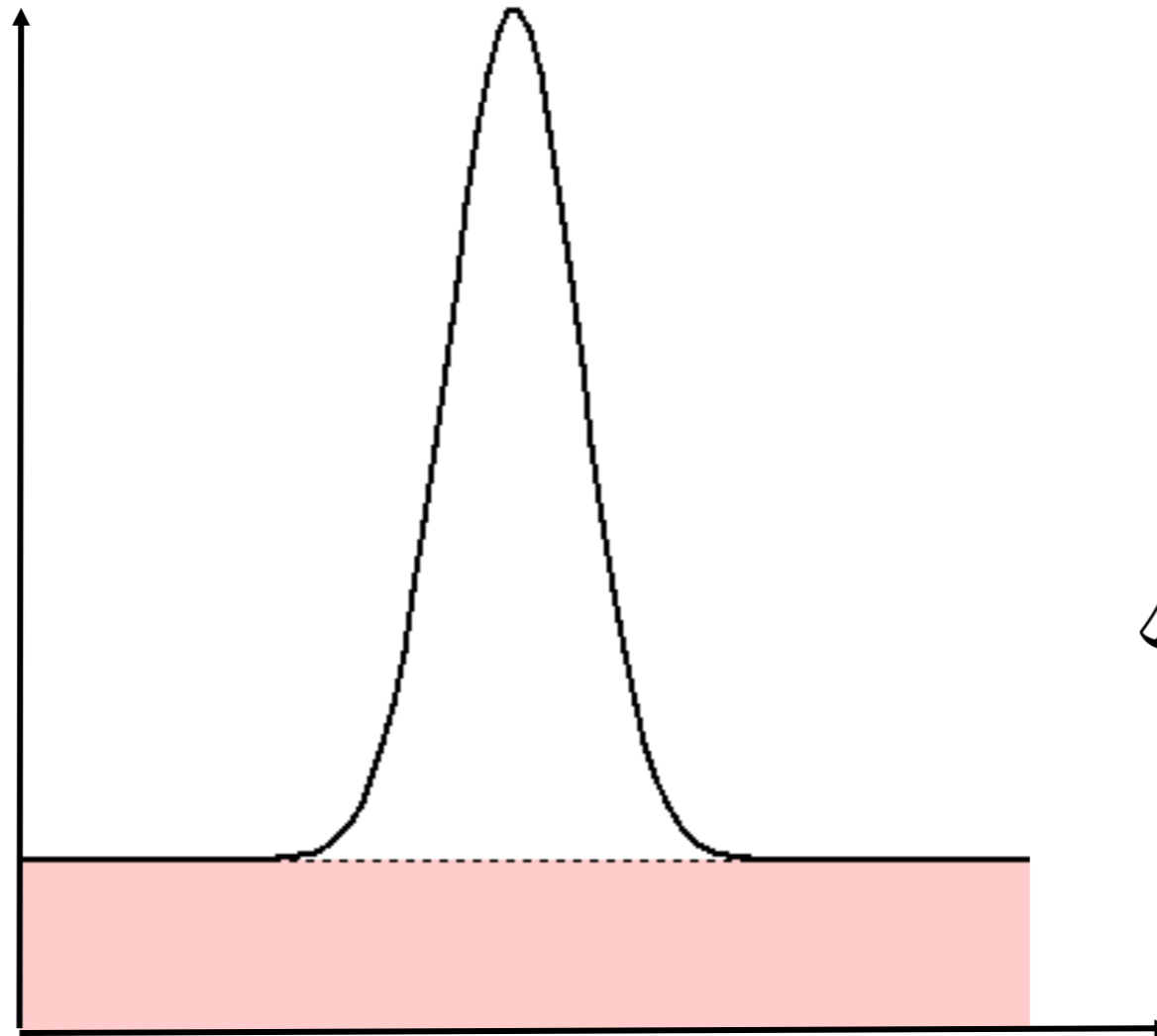
Clustering start from low p_T particles. Clustered shape has irregular shape.
In heavy ion collisions, the large background fluctuation could affect the clustering more

A jet event in CMS



Background changes with η due to particle density and detector geometry

Constituent Subtraction



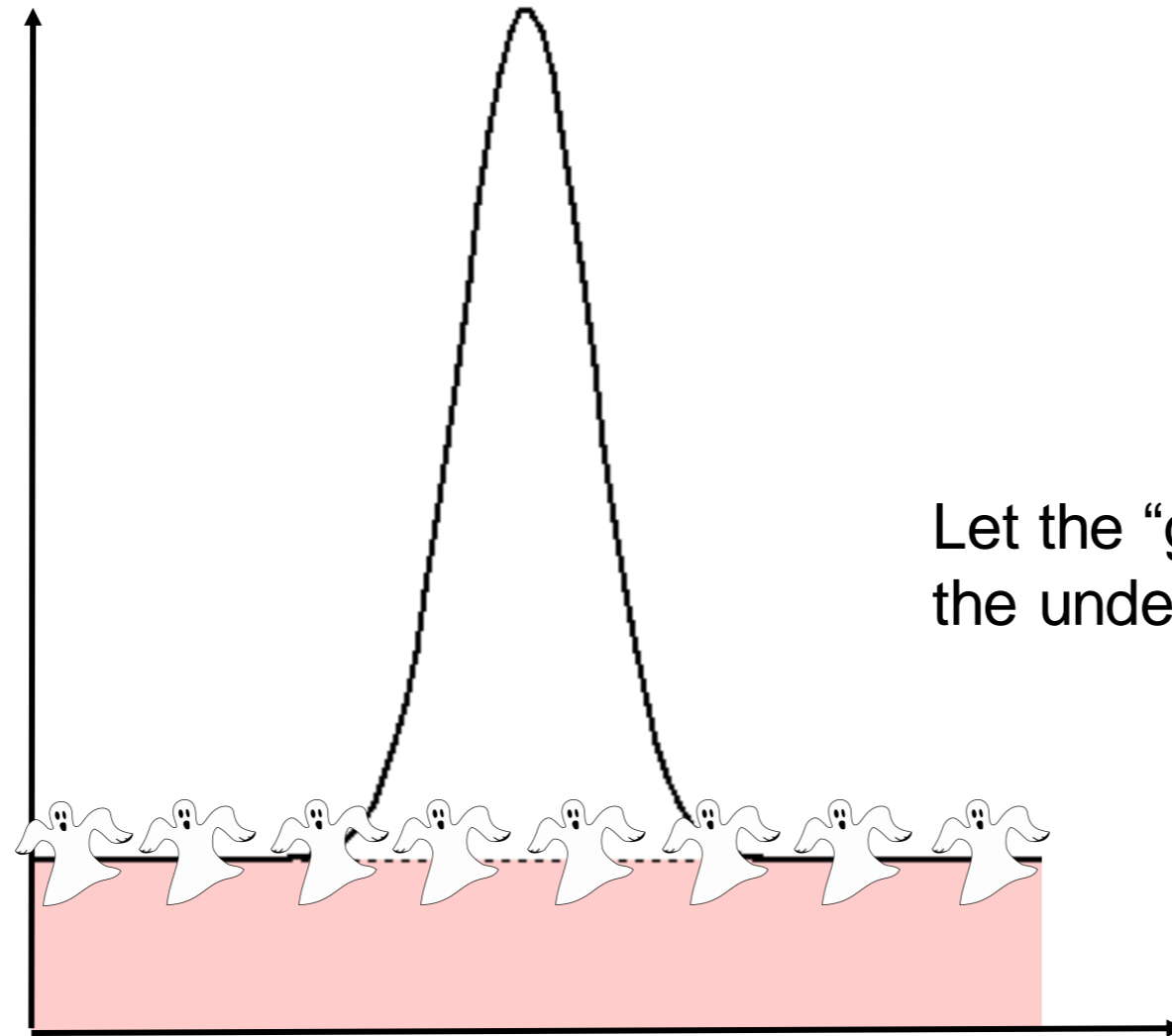
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Constituent subtraction

Constituent Subtraction

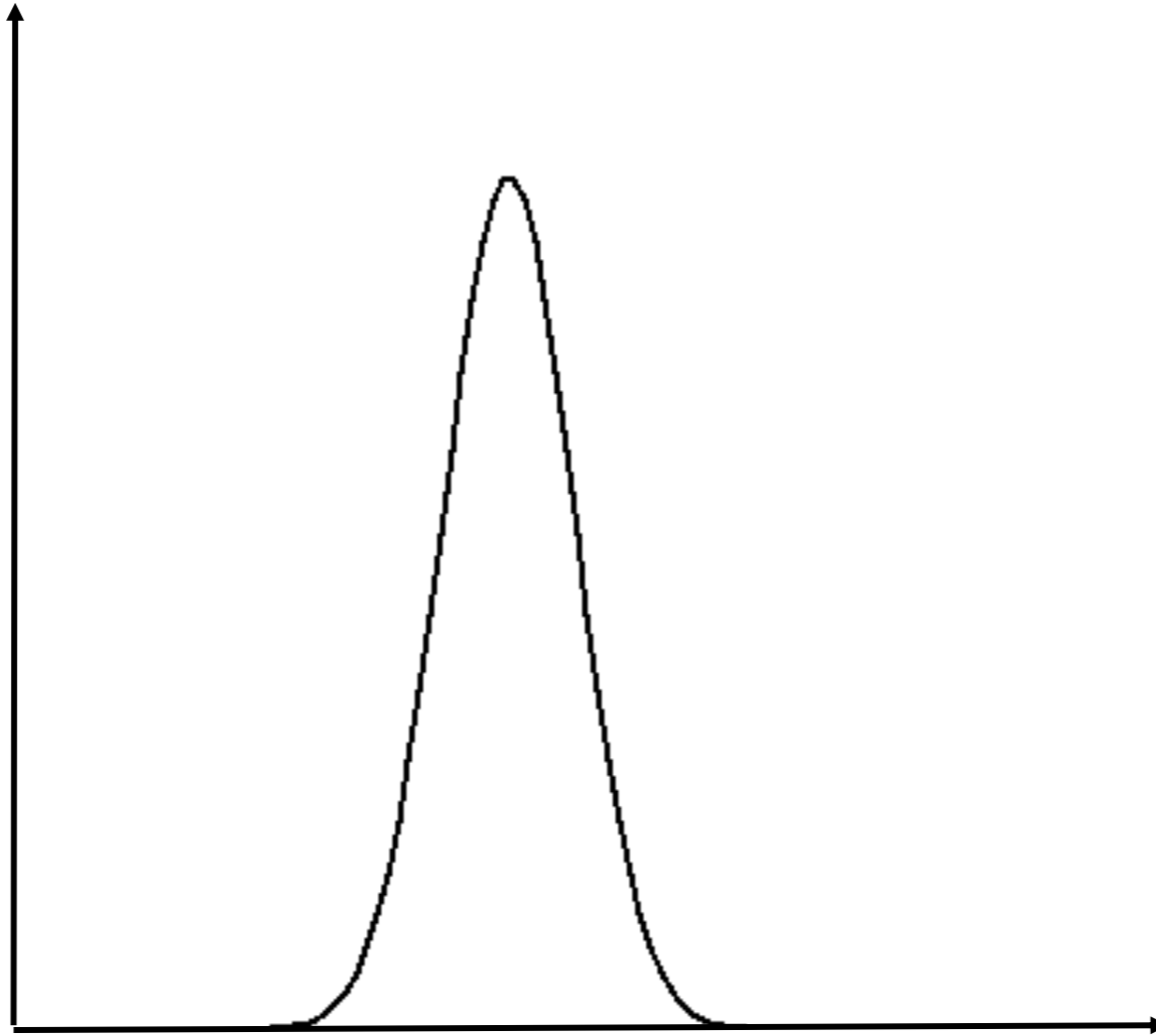
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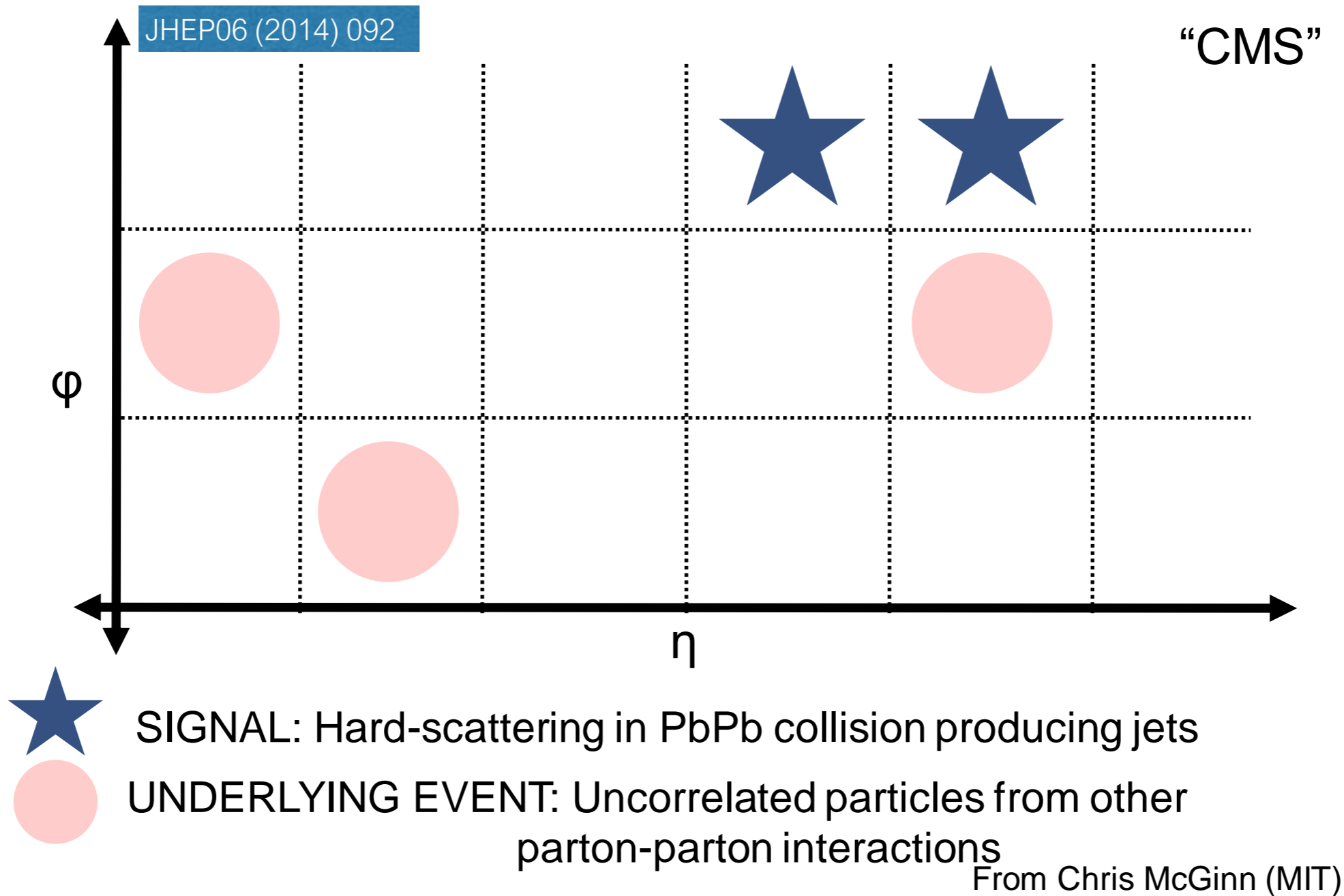
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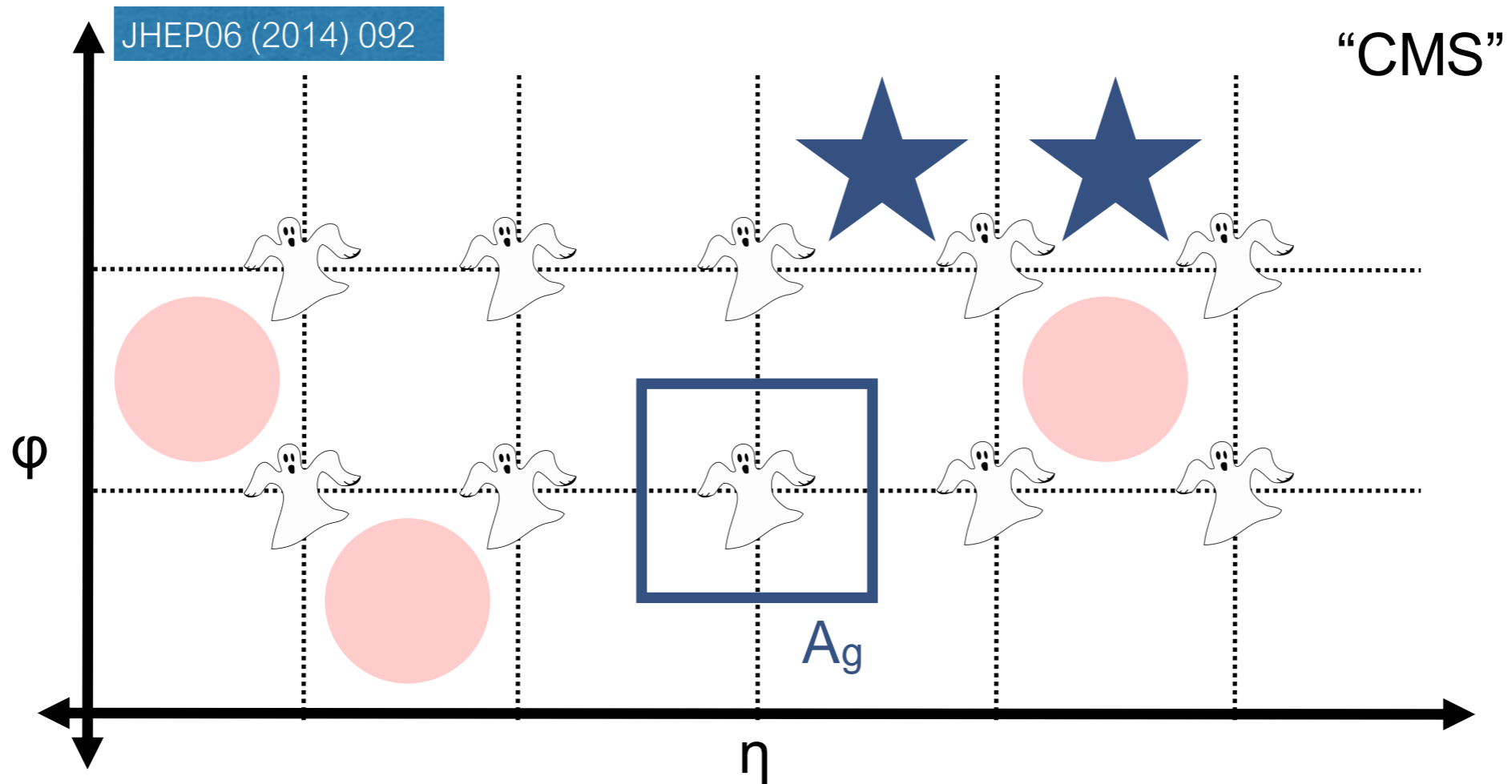


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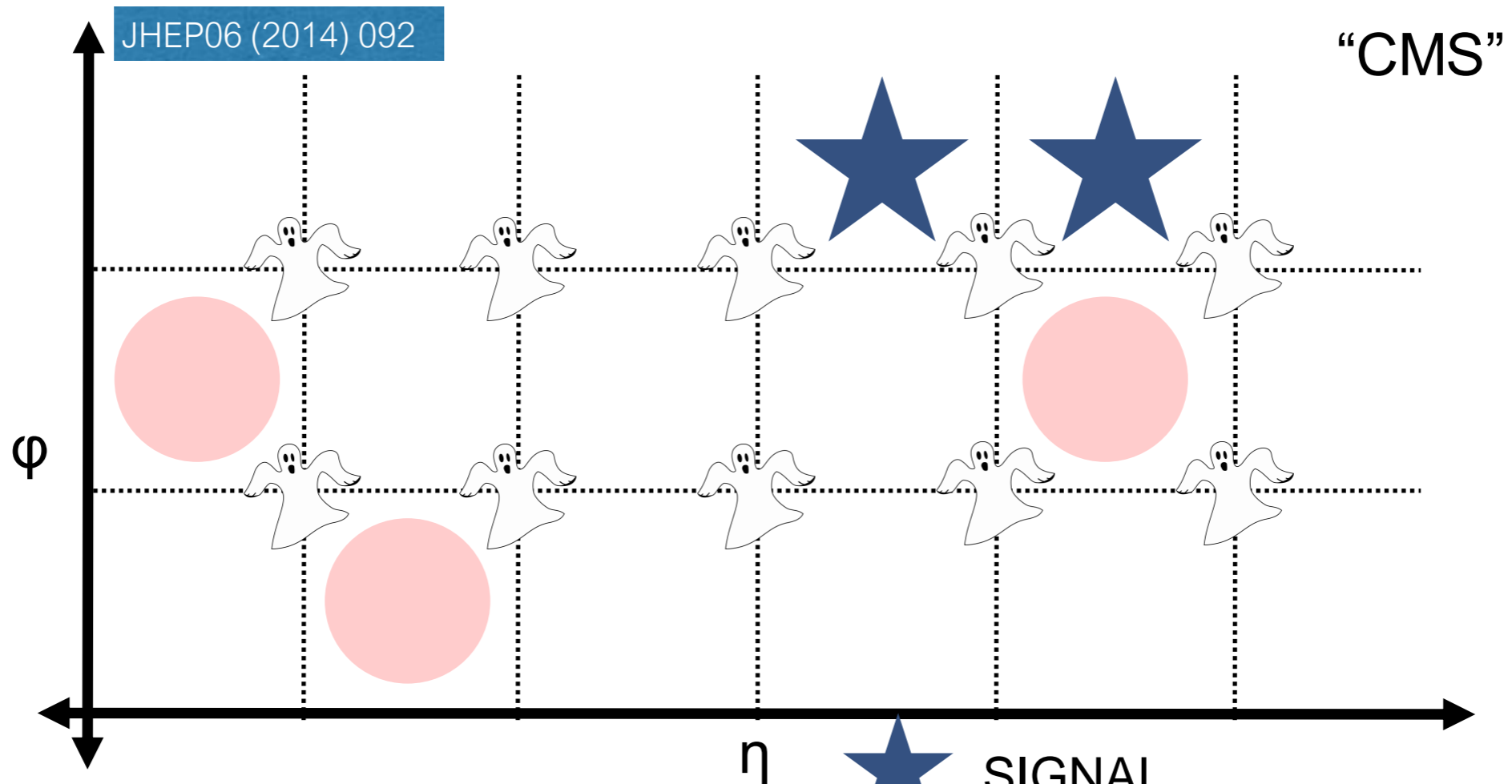
Constituent Subtraction



GHOST PARTICLES: Artificial particles added to the event on an η - ϕ grid. Ghosts are given a p_T according to ρ times the area they inhabit, A_g

From Chris McGinn (MIT)

Constituent Subtraction



- Add “ghost” particles on η - ϕ grid $a_{p_T^g} = A_g \cdot \rho$, to:

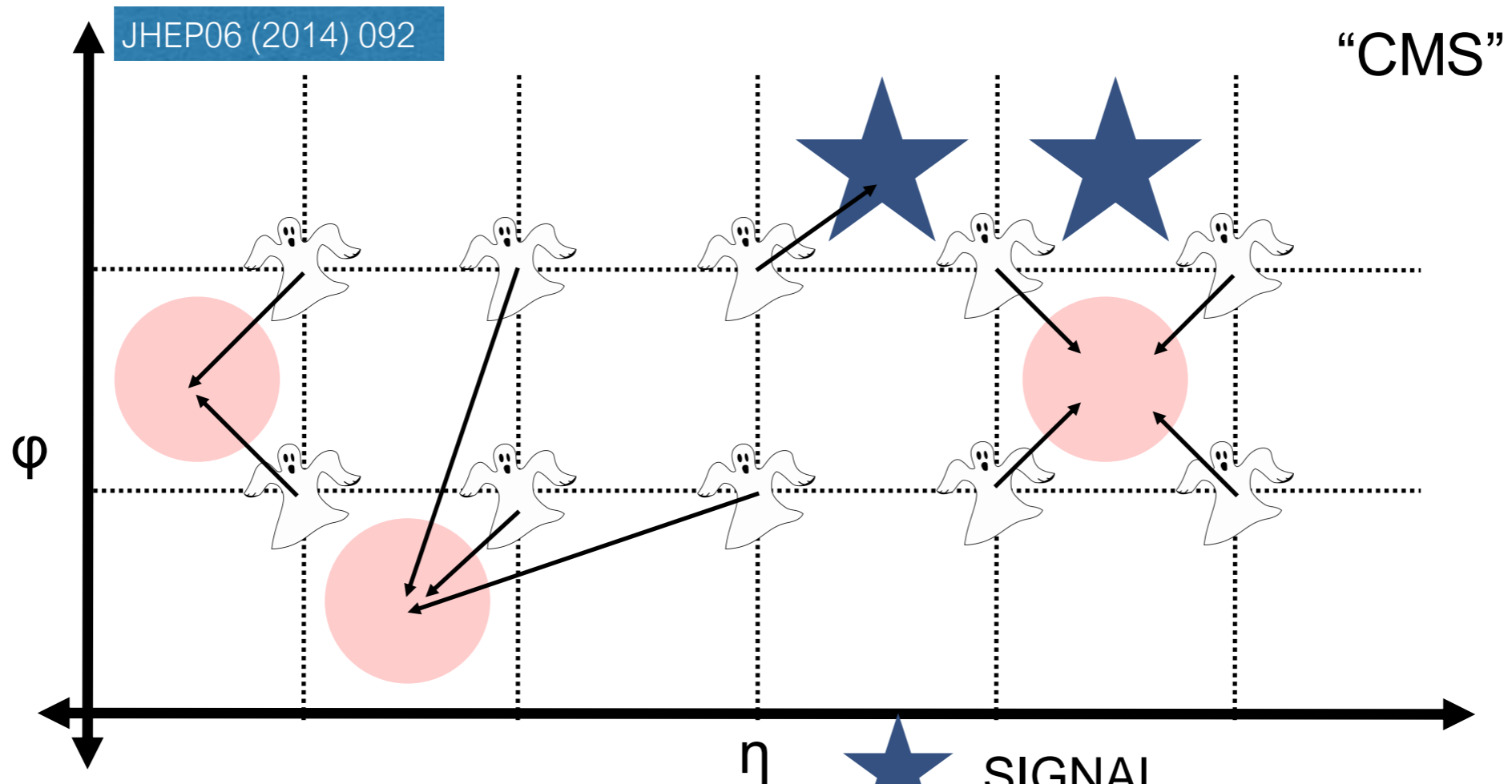
$$m_\delta^g = A_g \cdot \rho m$$

★ SIGNAL

● UNDERLYING EVENT




☻ GHOST PARTICLES

Constituent Subtraction



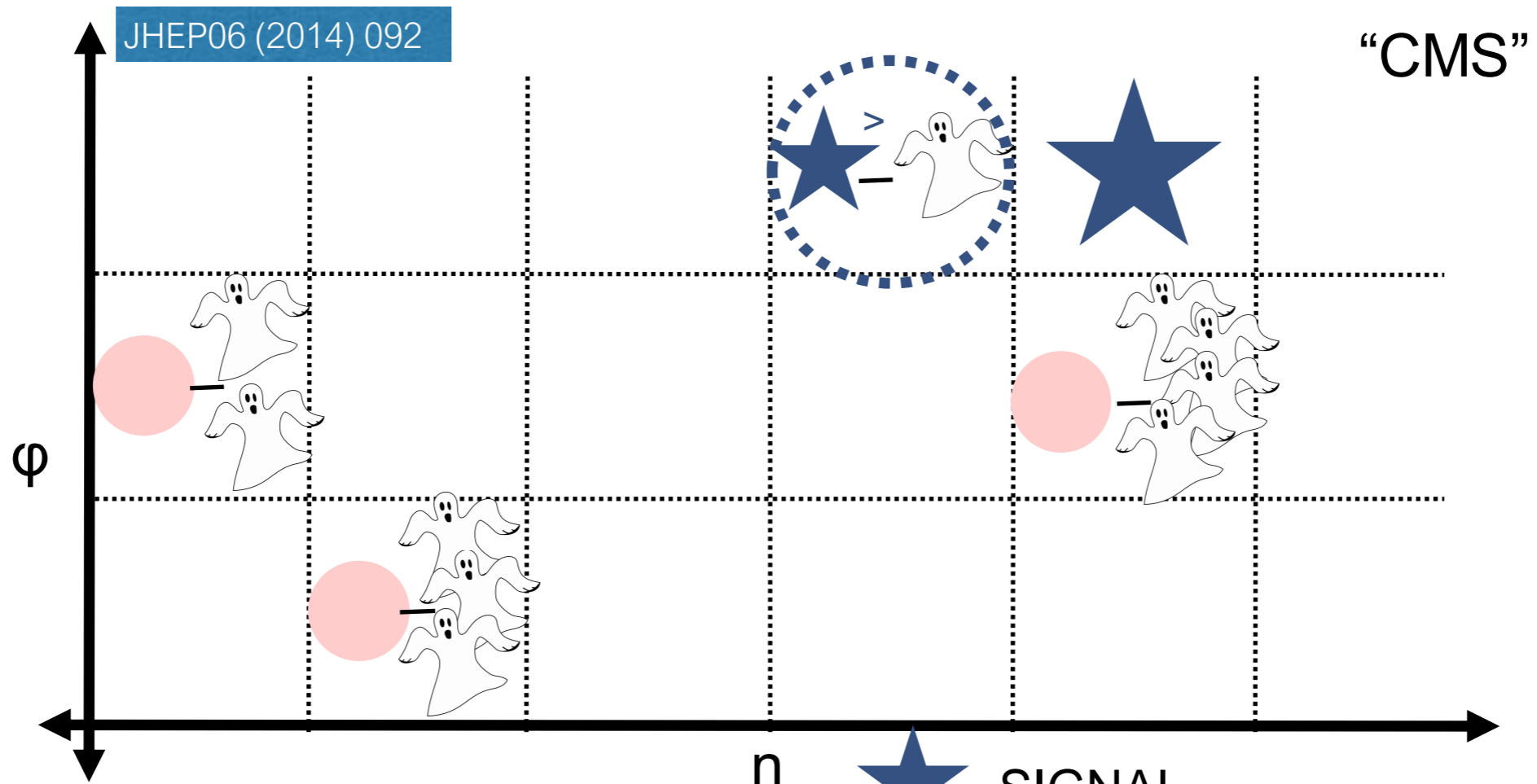
- Combine iteratively with real particles by minimizing metric:

$$\Delta R_{i,k} = p_{Ti}^\alpha \cdot \sqrt{(y_i - y_k^g)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_k^g)^2}$$

 SIGNAL
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 GHOST PARTICLES

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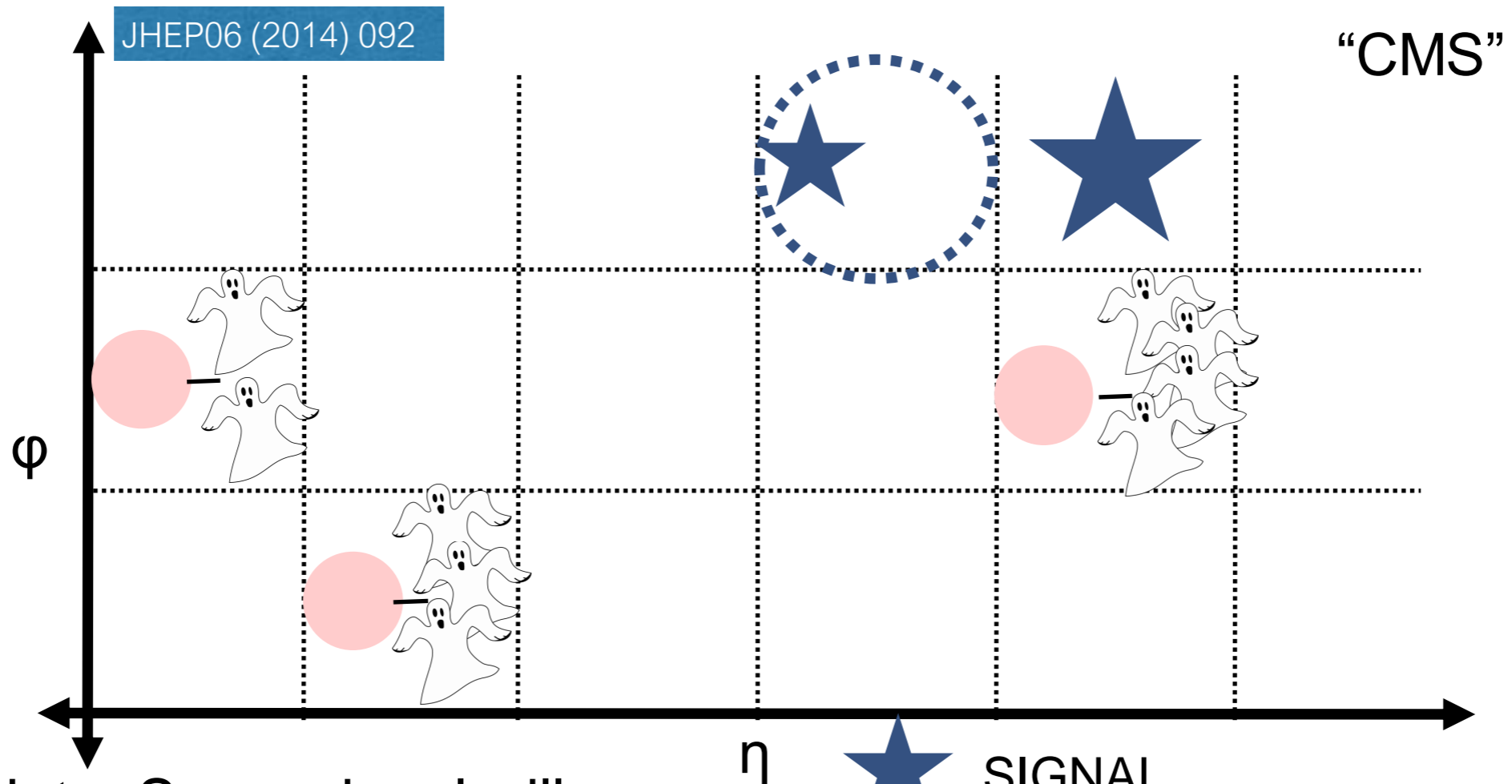
• Particle $p_T >$ Ghost p_T

- Ghost $p_T = 0$
- Particle $p_T \neq$ Ghost p_T

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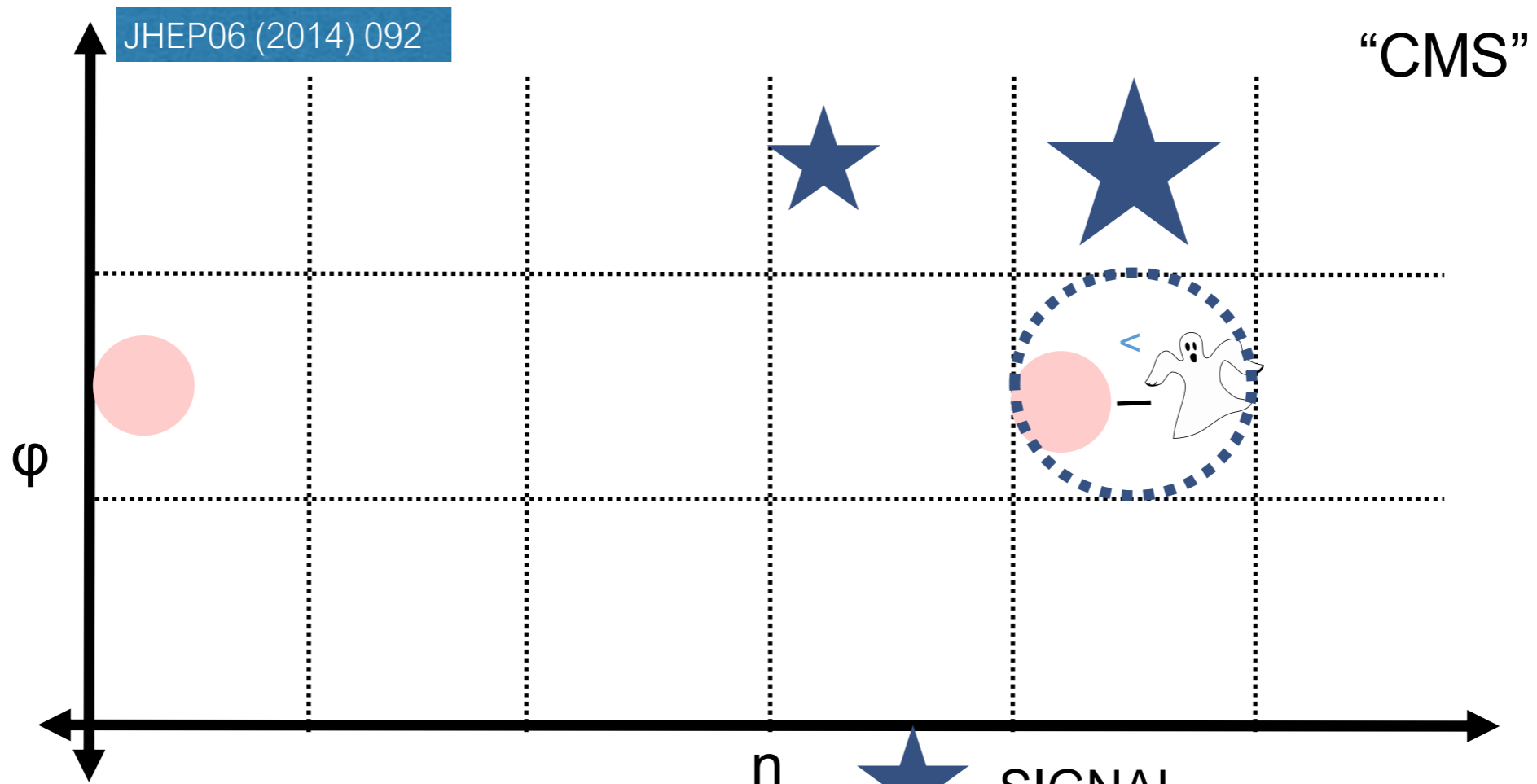
Constituent Subtraction



- Note: Some signal will occasionally be subtracted by probability. Relatedly, some UE will remain.

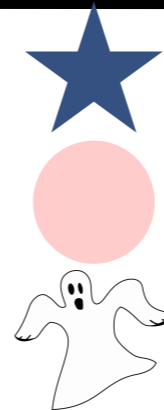
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Constituent Subtraction



- Particle $p_T < \text{Ghost } p_T$

- Ghost $p_T = \text{Particle } p_T$
- Particle $p_T = 0$



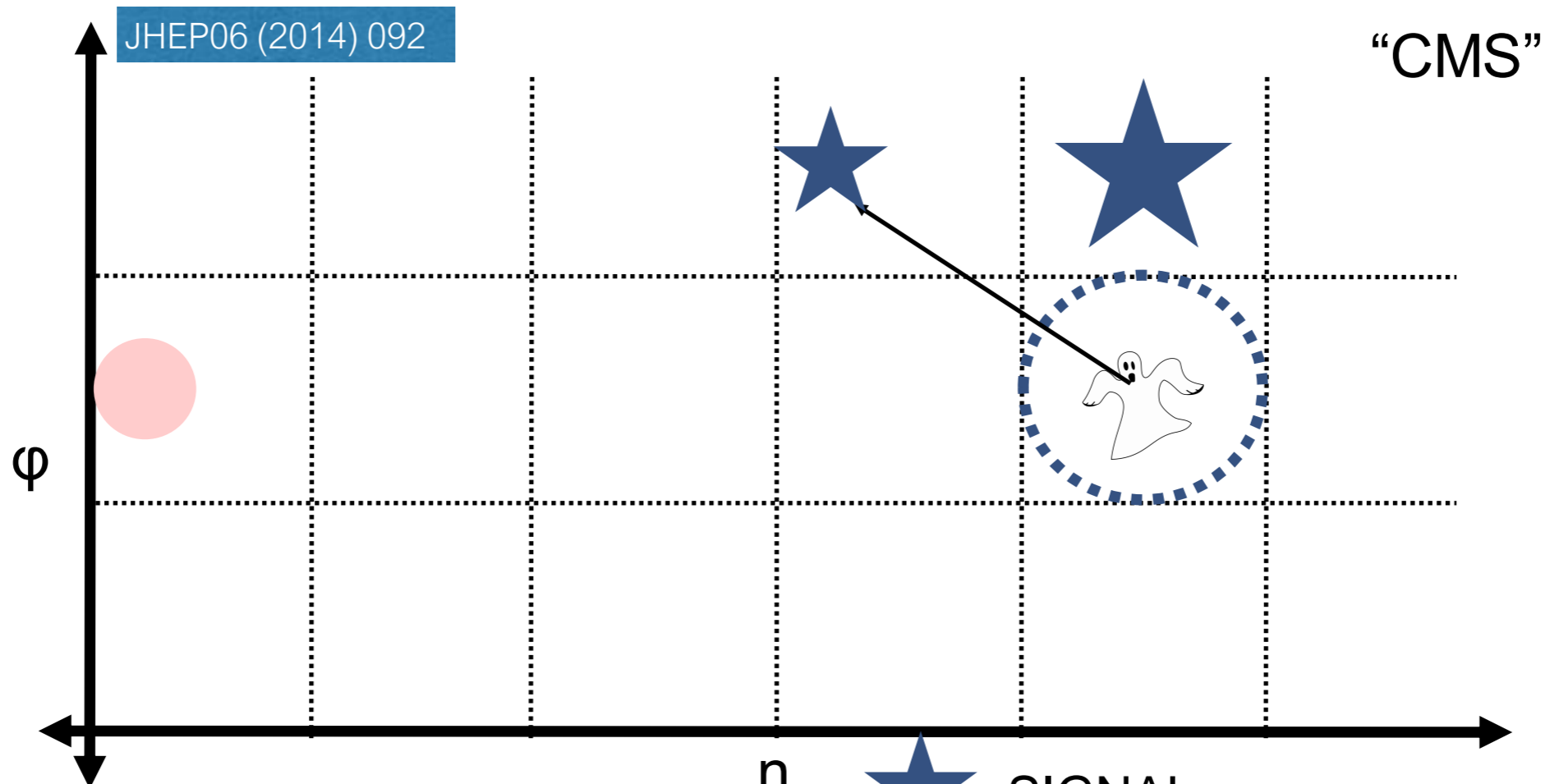
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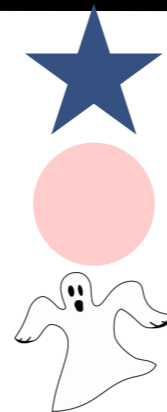
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- Ghost $p_T =$ Particle p_T
- Particle $p_T = 0$



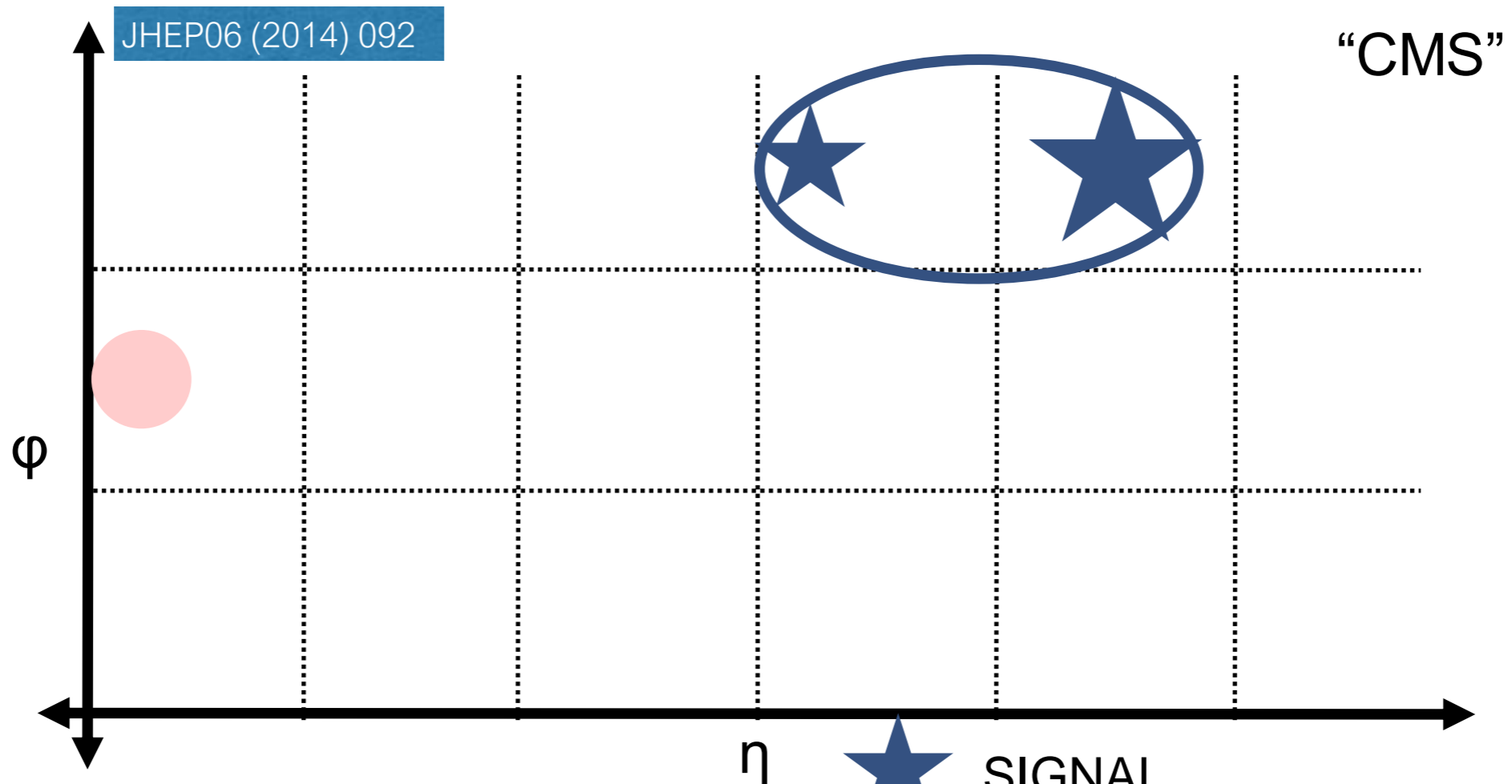
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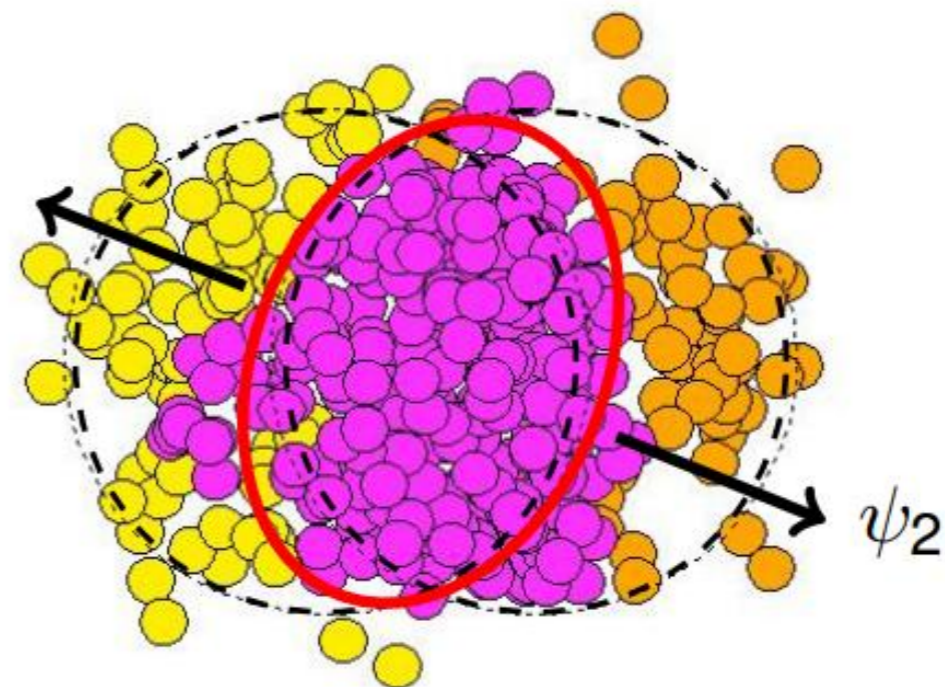
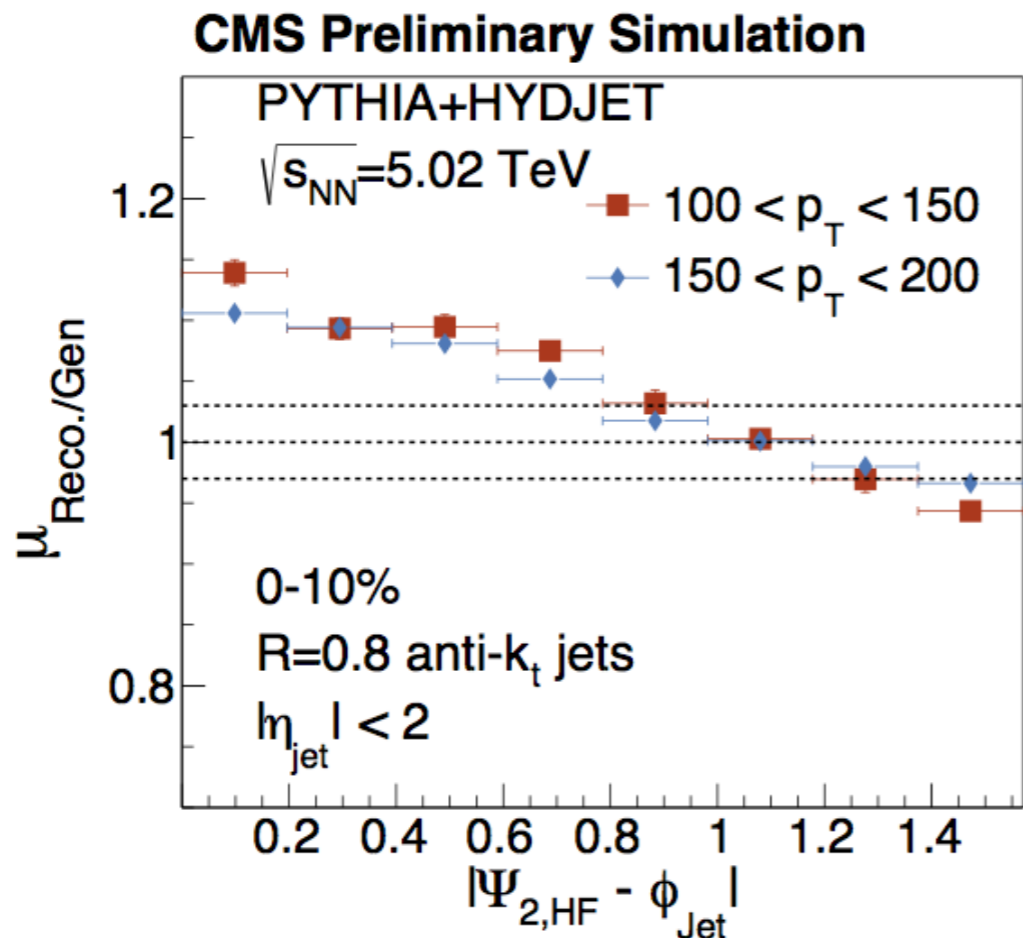
- Continue until ghost or real particles are exhausted
- Cluster remaining event into jets
- Treat the distortion as resolution effect (to be corrected in the analysis)

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● UNDERLYING EVENT
👻 GHOST PARTICLES

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Dependence on the Azimuthal Angle

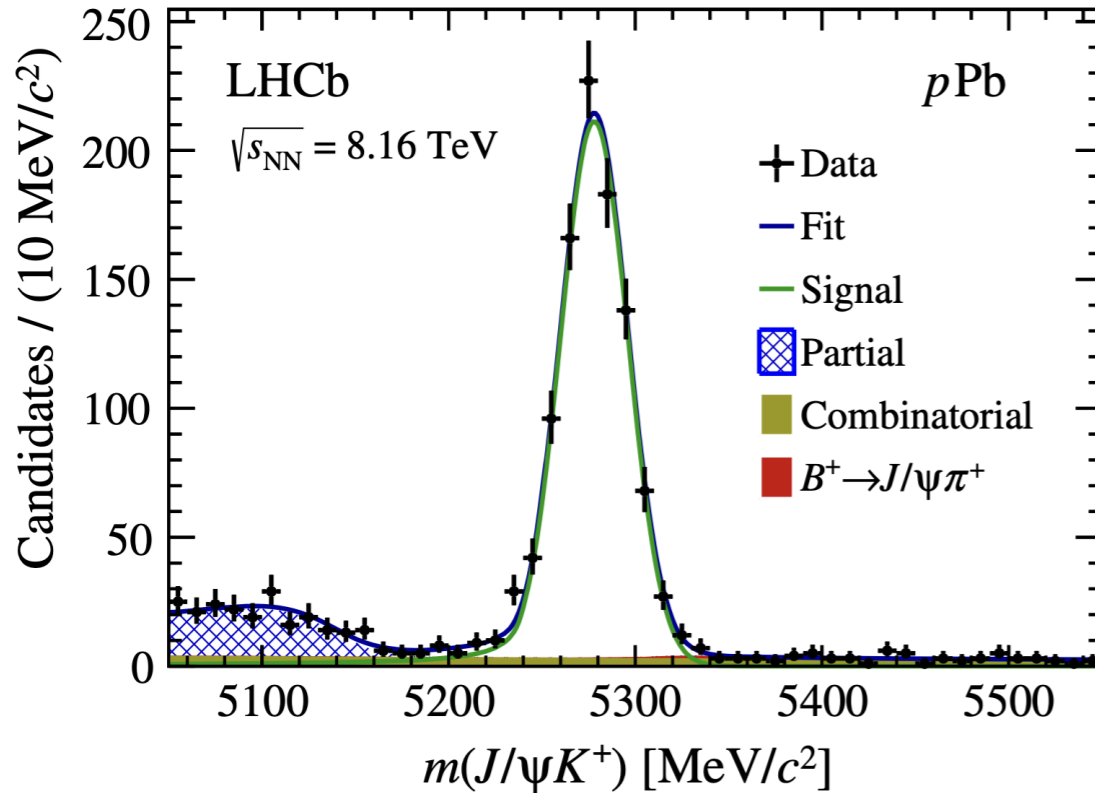
“Jet response” vs. azimuthal angle
 $\mu=1$: perfectly subtracted



Large dependence on the azimuthal angle with respect to the event plane

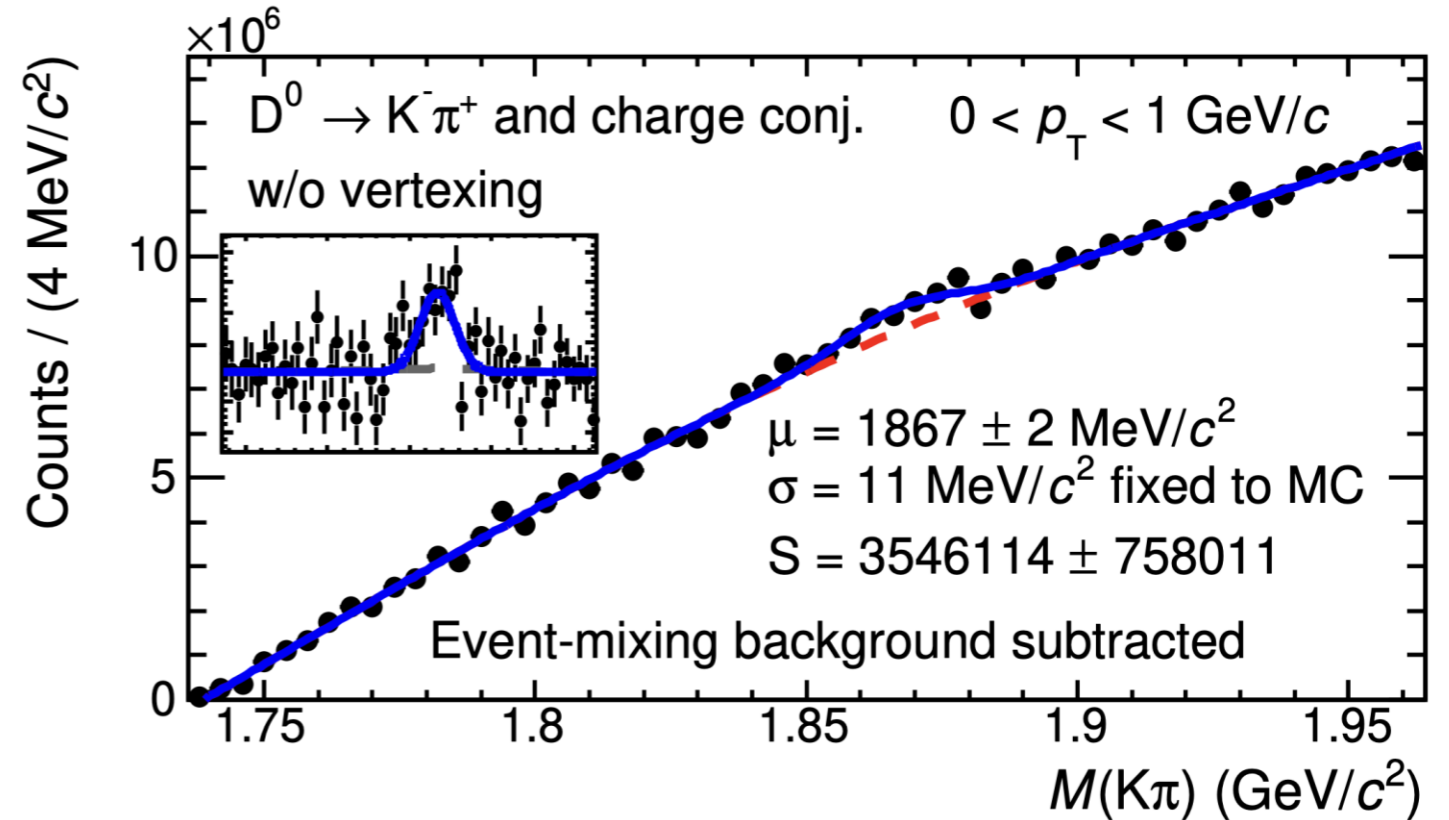
Invariant Mass Fit Extension

[PRD 99 (2019) 052011]



- What **peaking backgrounds** for $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$?
- What **functions** are used to model each component?

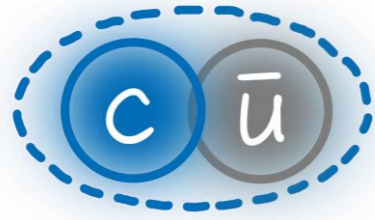
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- What is the **event-mixing technique** used to achieve measurements down to 0 p_T by ALICE

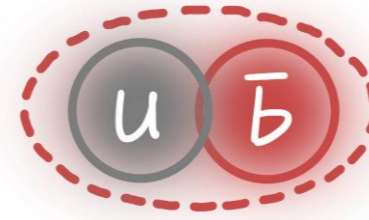
Heavy Flavor Hadron Detection

Charm



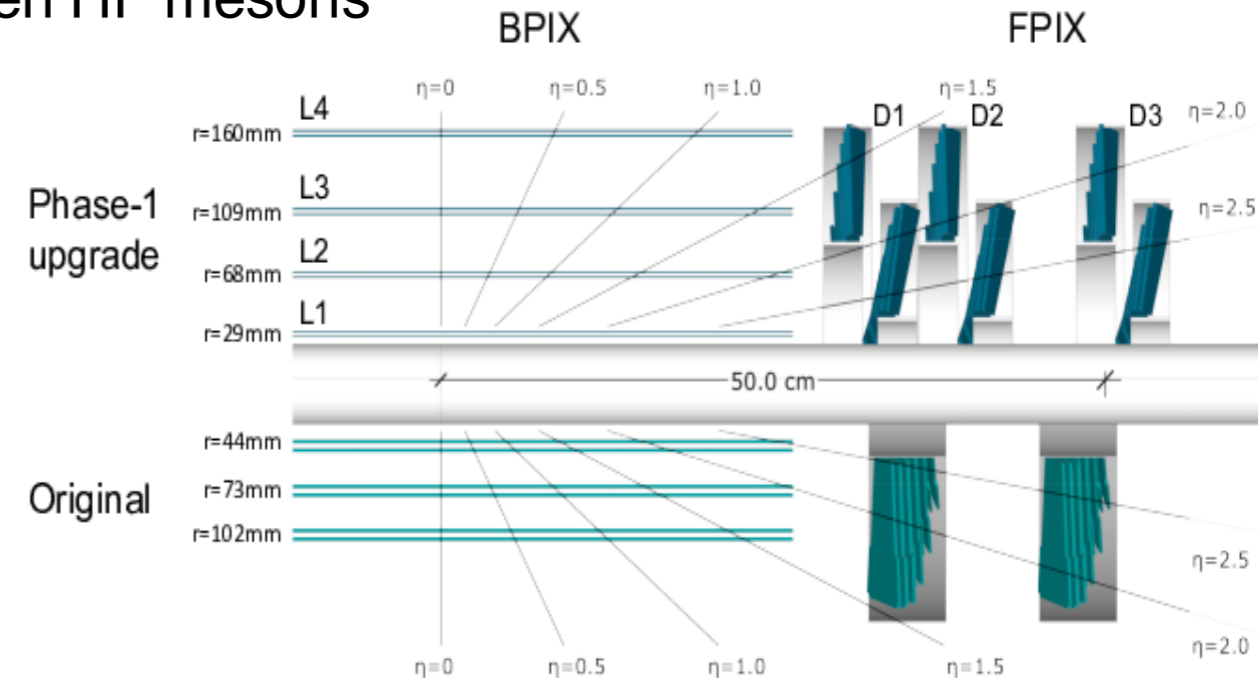
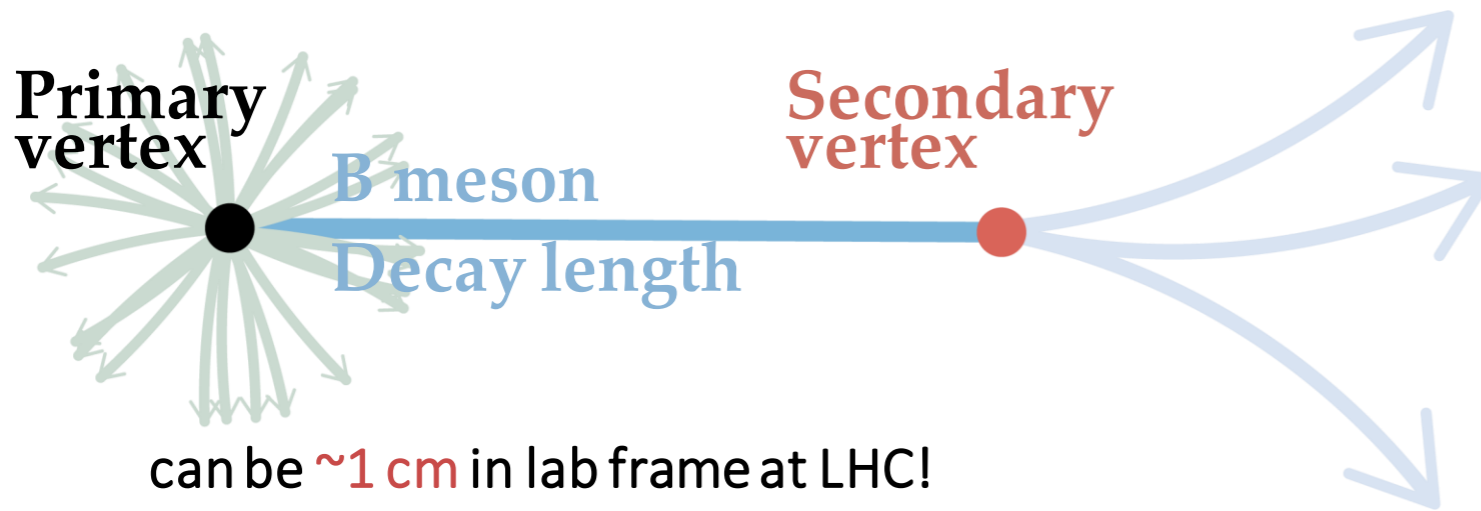
D^0 ($c \rightarrow D^0 \sim O(50\%)$)
 Mass **1.865 GeV**
 $c\tau \sim$ **120 μm**

Beauty

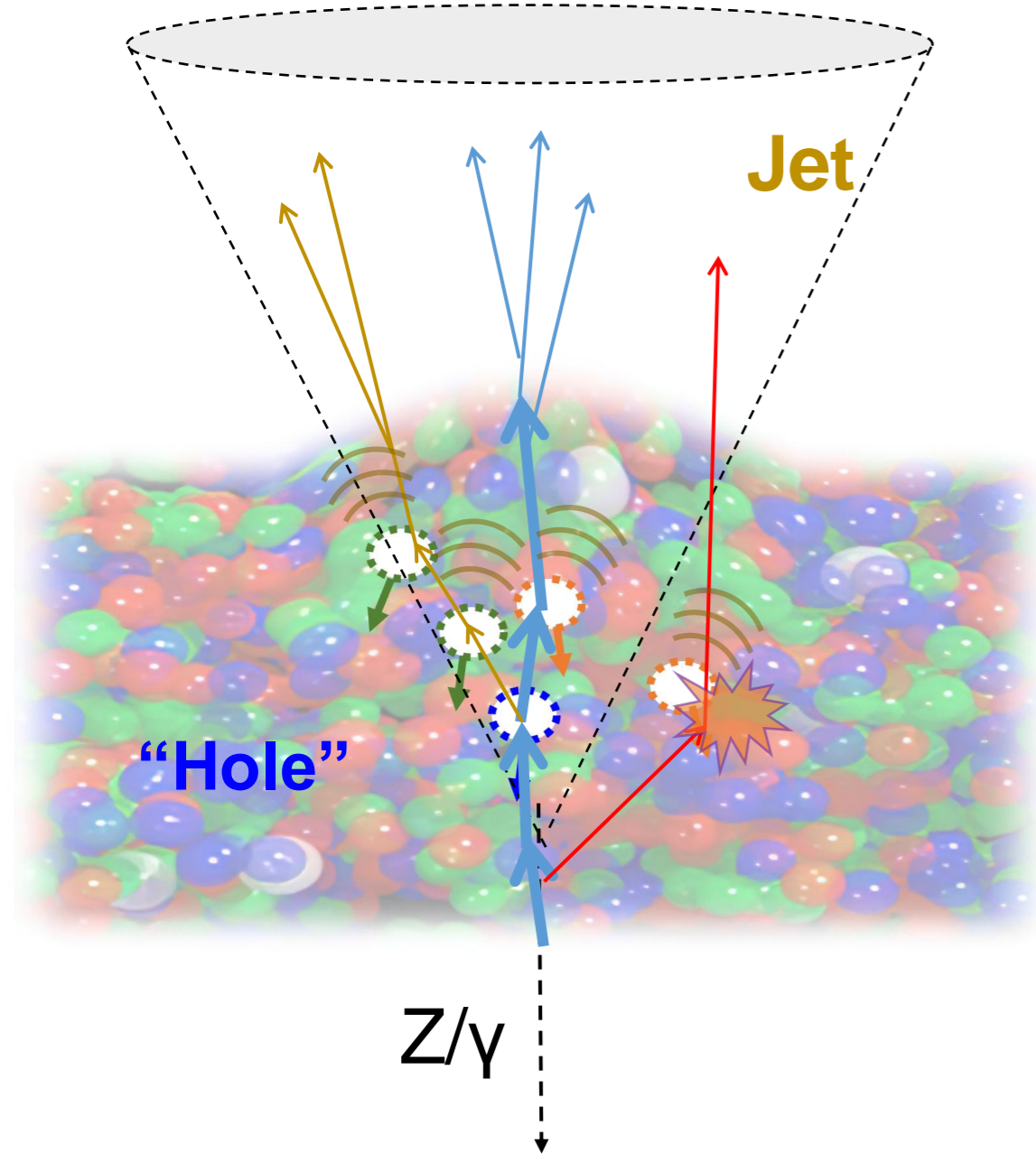






B^+ ($b \rightarrow B^+ \sim O(40\%)$)
 Mass **5.279 GeV**
 $c\tau \sim$ **490 μm**

Displaced secondary vertex is an experiment signature of open HF mesons

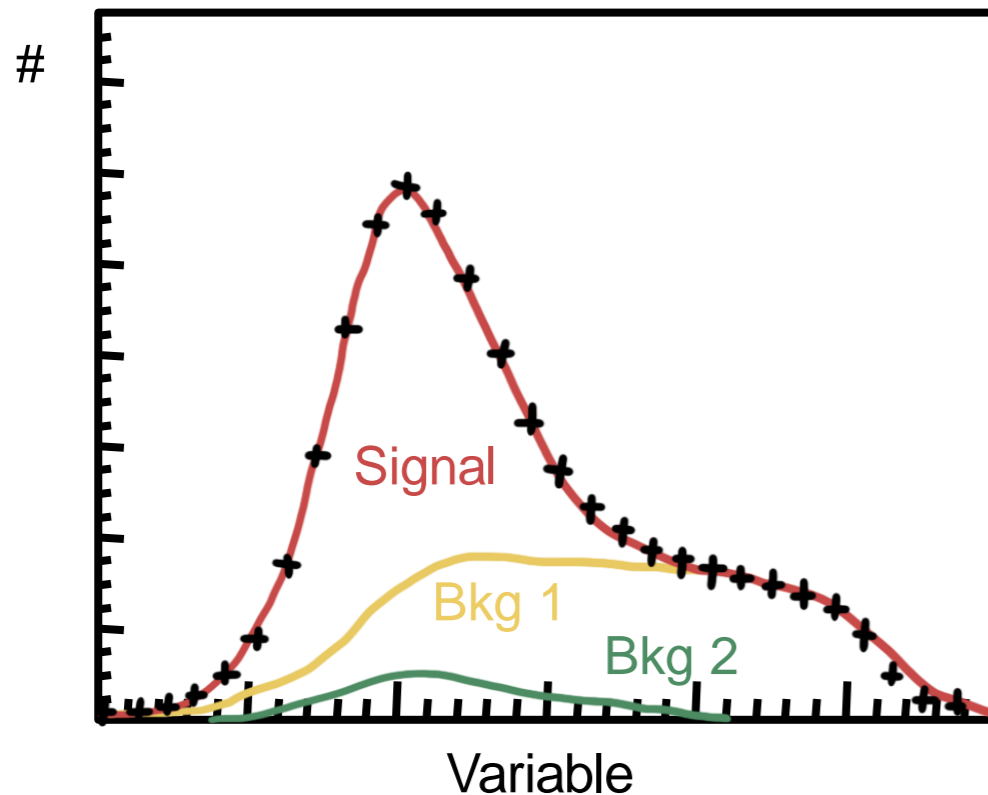


QGP Transport Properties and Structure with Jets



- Jet broadening effects from multiple soft scattering (\hat{q}) 
- Contribution from medium response 
- Reveal medium recoil (the propagation of QGP holes) 
- With the precise understanding of the phenomena above, one could reveal the QGP structure with **Moliere scattering** 

Signal Extraction: Heavy Flavor Decay Leptons

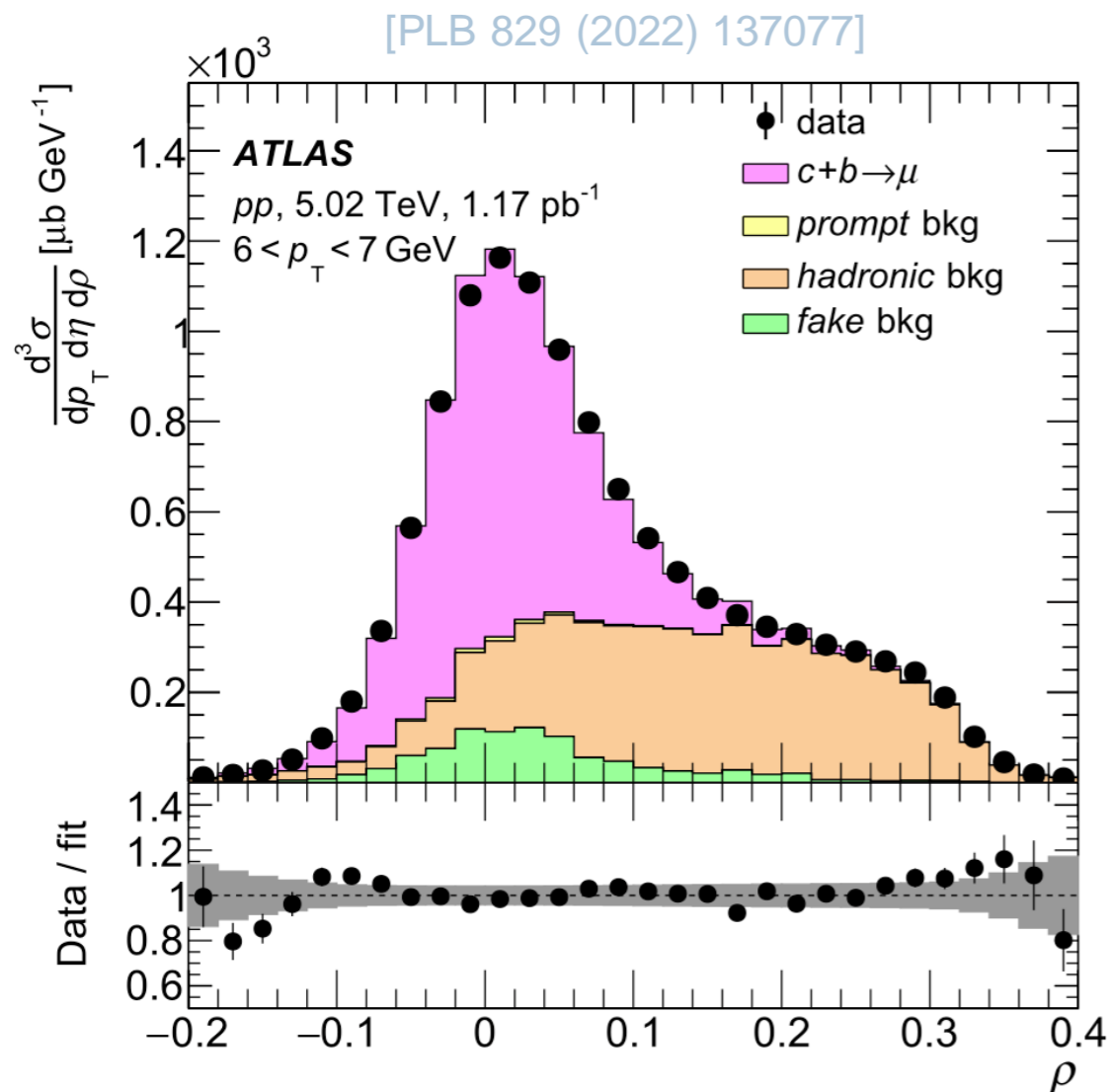


Template fit on a variable to extract the yields of signals

- Identify sources of backgrounds
- Determine variables, which should have *either*
 - ▶ distinct shapes between components, or
 - ▶ well-known yields
- Determine templates
 - ▶ Data-driven is the best
 - ▶ Simulation is commonly used
 - Need to correct or evaluate data-MC difference

This idea will be used again and again...

Signal Extraction: HF Decay Muons - Example



- Sources of backgrounds

- ▶ *prompt* bkg muon from decay of $J/\psi, \psi(2S), \Upsilon, W/Z$
- ▶ *hadronic* bkg muon from π / K decay in inner tracker or punching through the calorimeter
- ▶ *fake* bkg wrongly reconstructed/identified track

- Variables

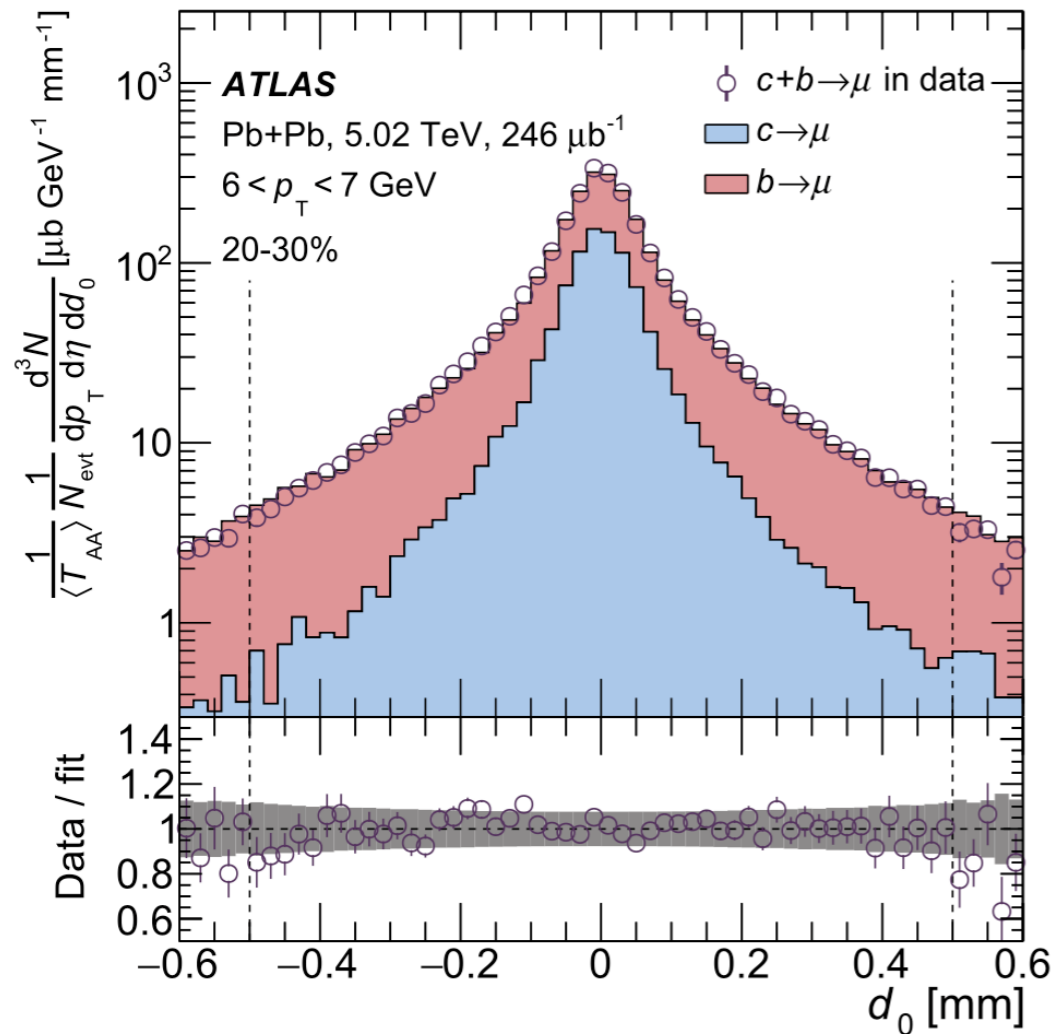
- ▶ ρ Difference of muon momentum determined in the inner tracker and in the muon chamber
- ▶ *hadronic* and *fake* bkg shapes different from signals
- ▶ *prompt* bkg yields scaled from previous measurements

- Templates

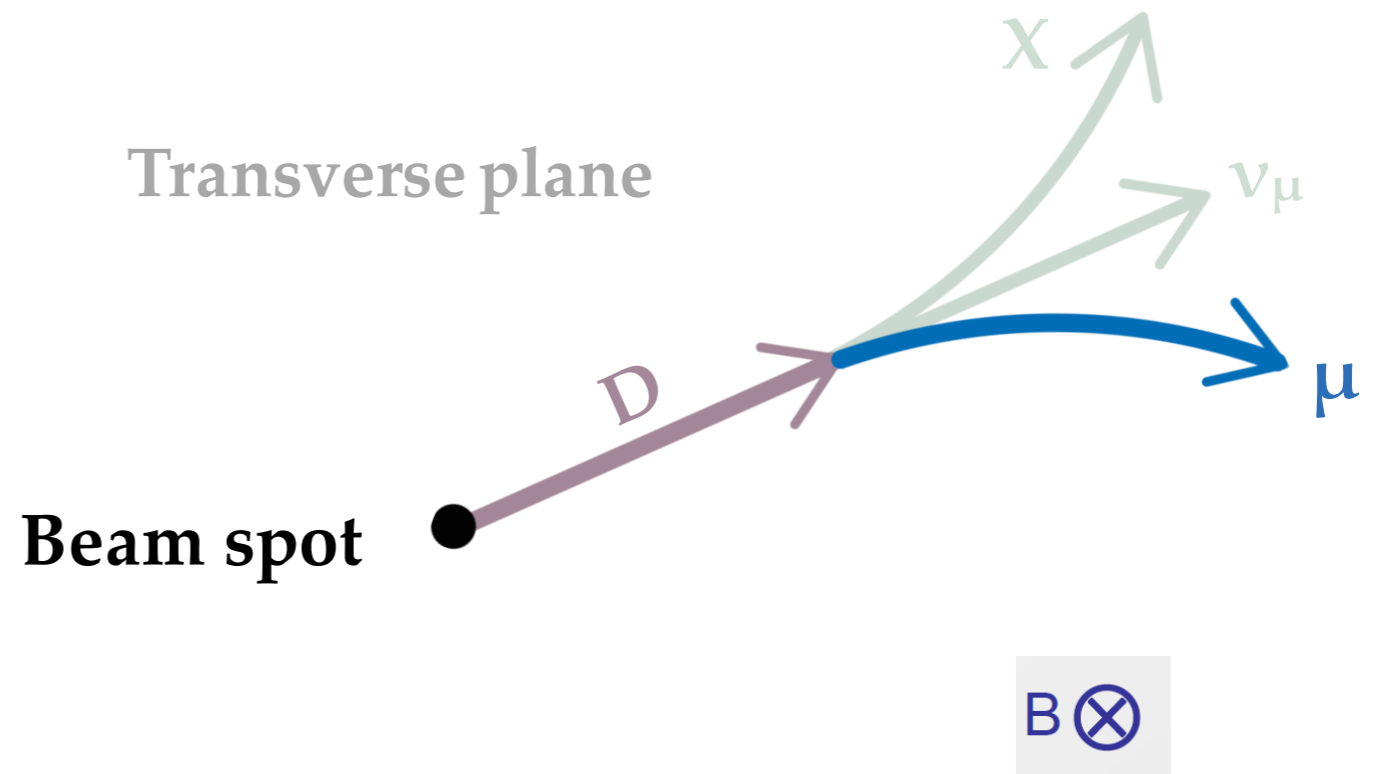
- ▶ From simulations

Signal Extraction Separate $c \rightarrow$ and $b \rightarrow \mu$

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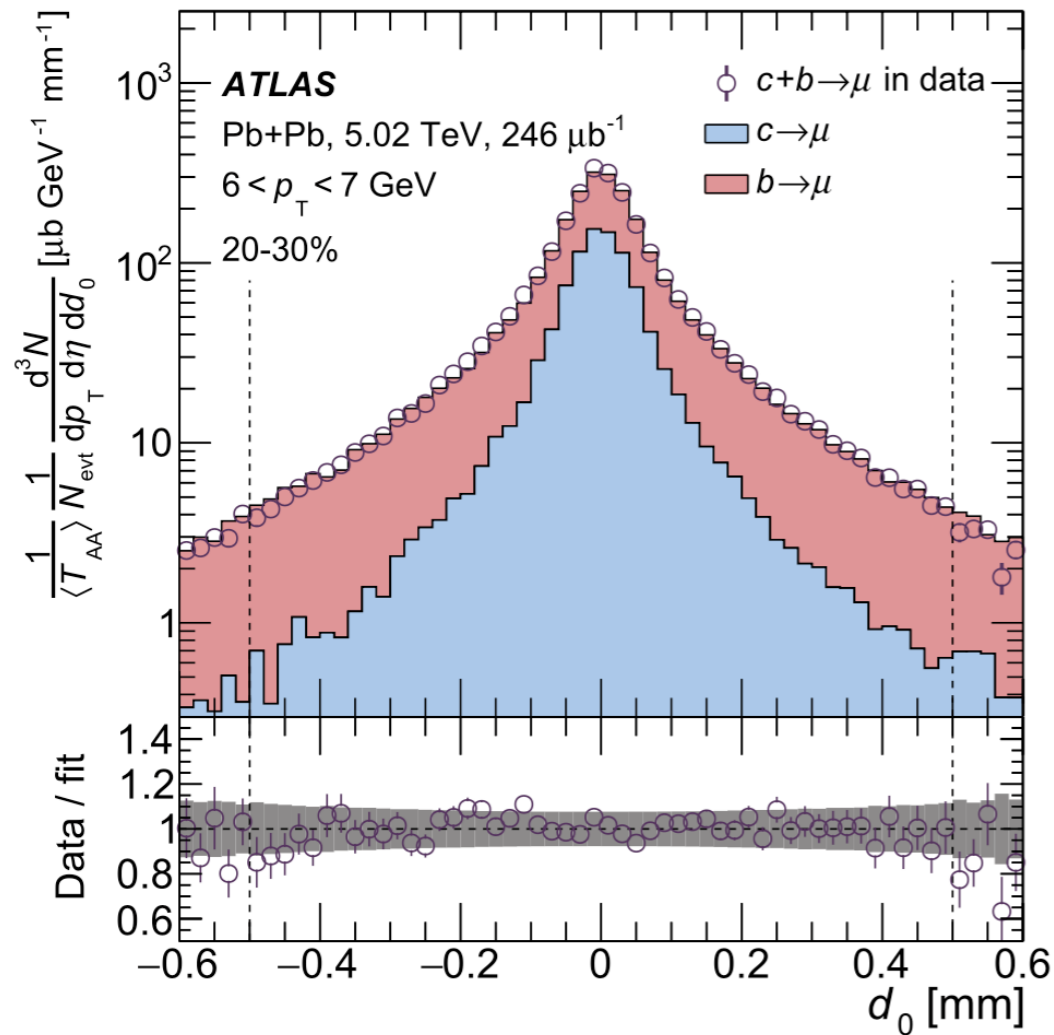


Template fit on Variables d_0 (Distance of Closest Approach DCA) relative to the beam spot (primary vertex sometimes)

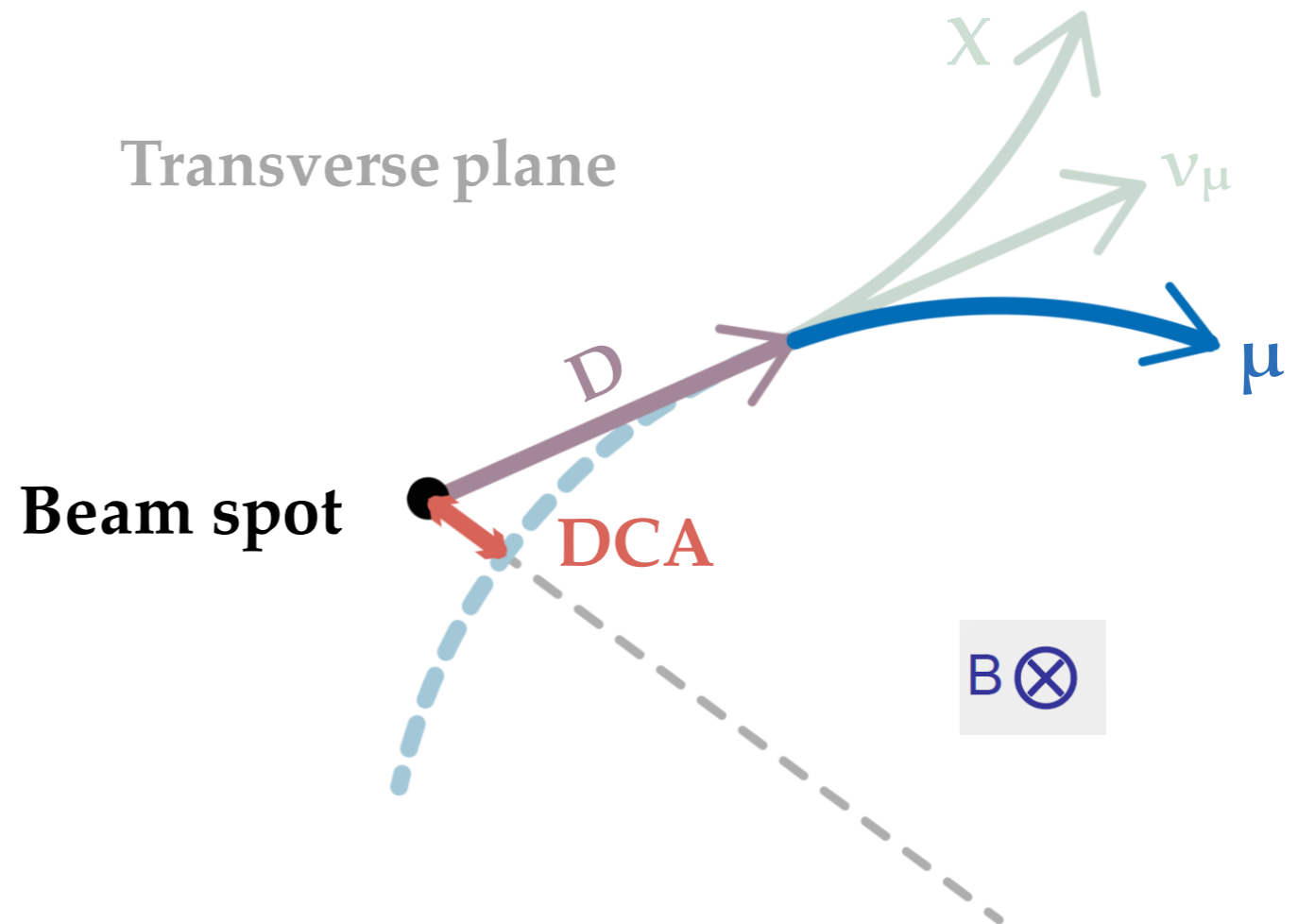


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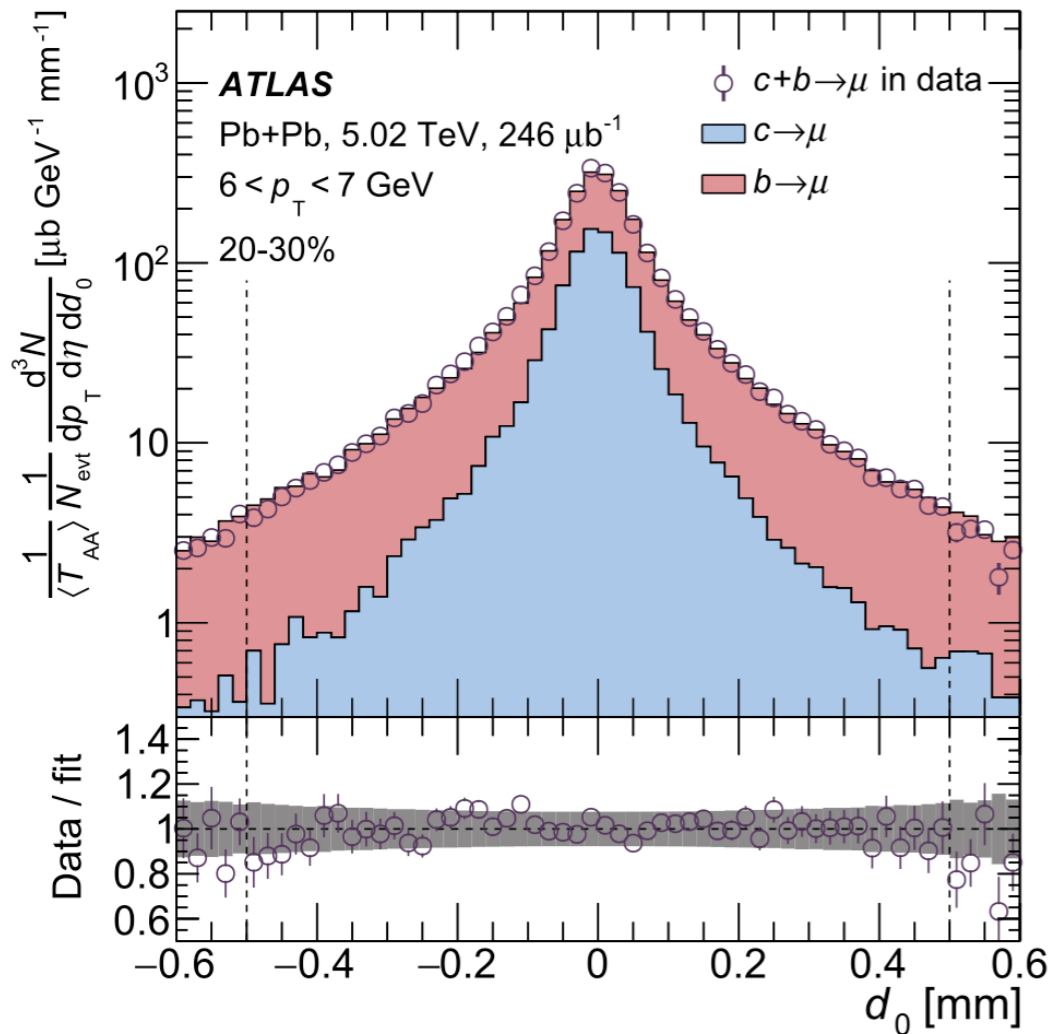


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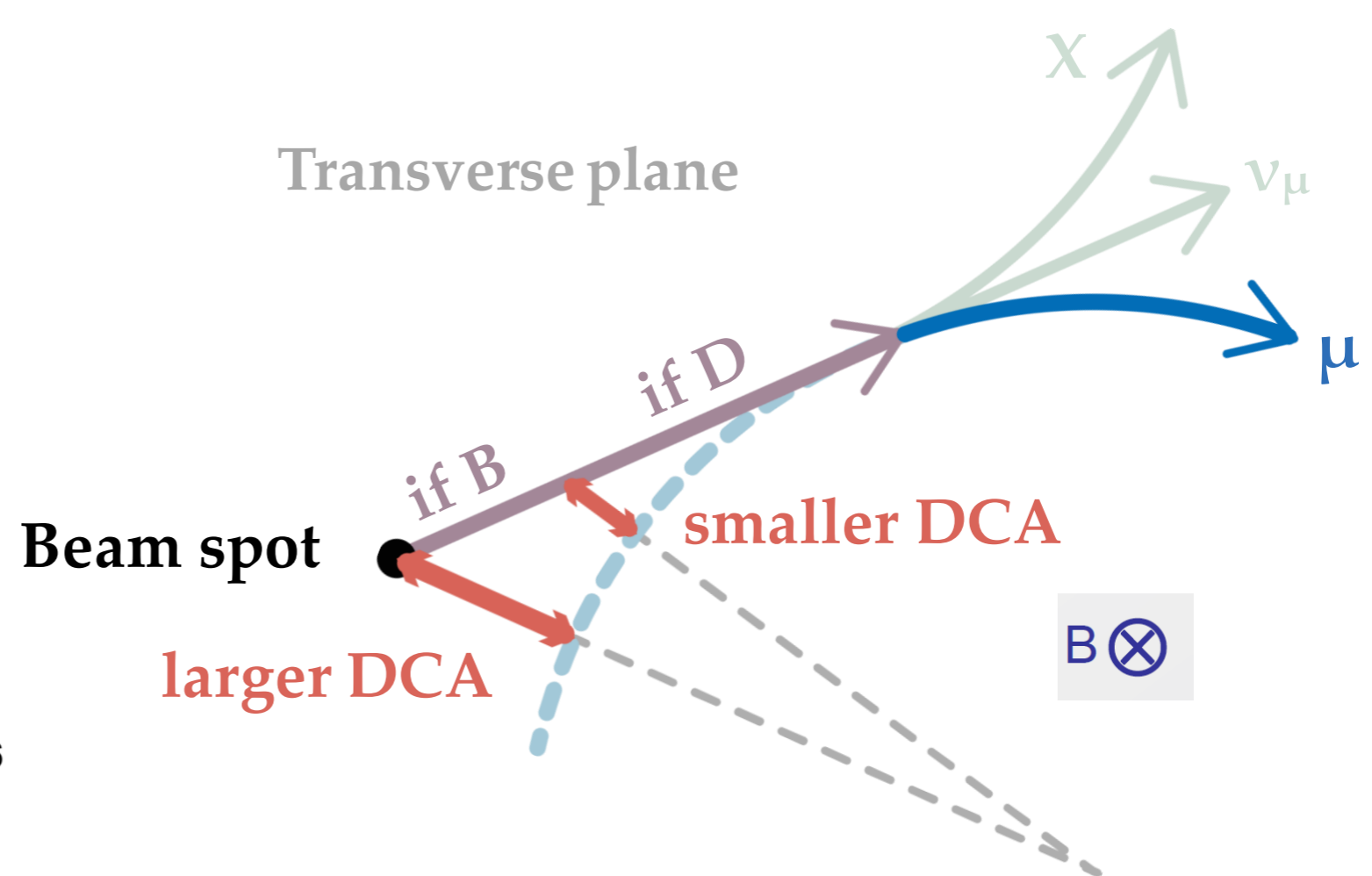


Signal Extraction: Separate $c \rightarrow$ and $b \rightarrow \mu$

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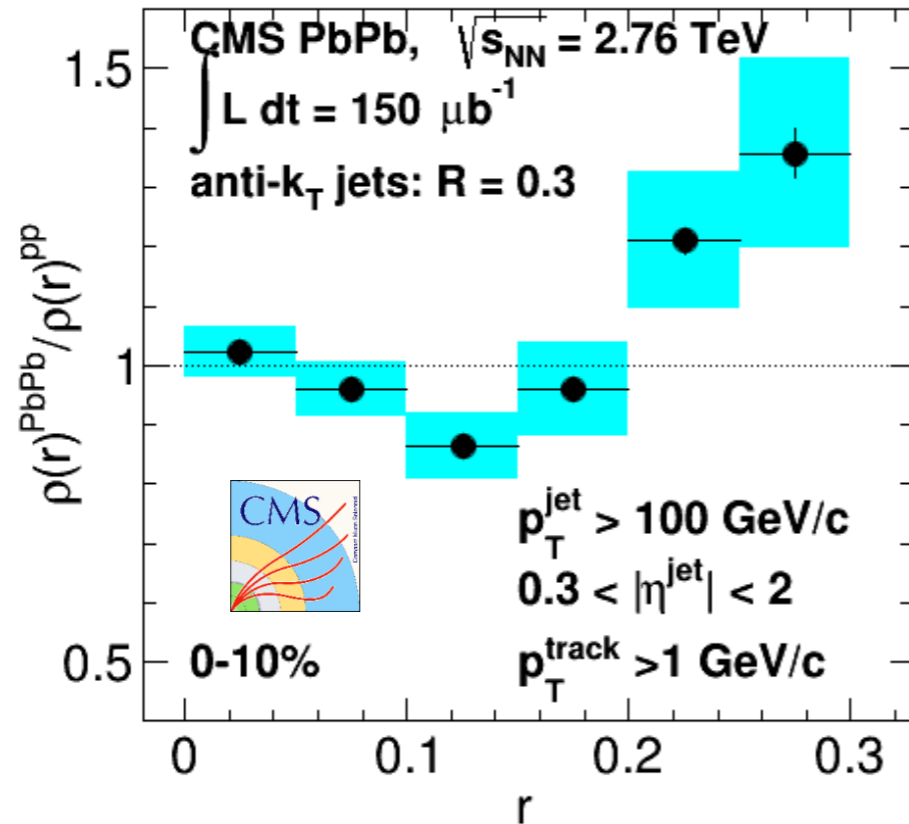
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Inclusive Jet Transverse and Longitudinal Structure

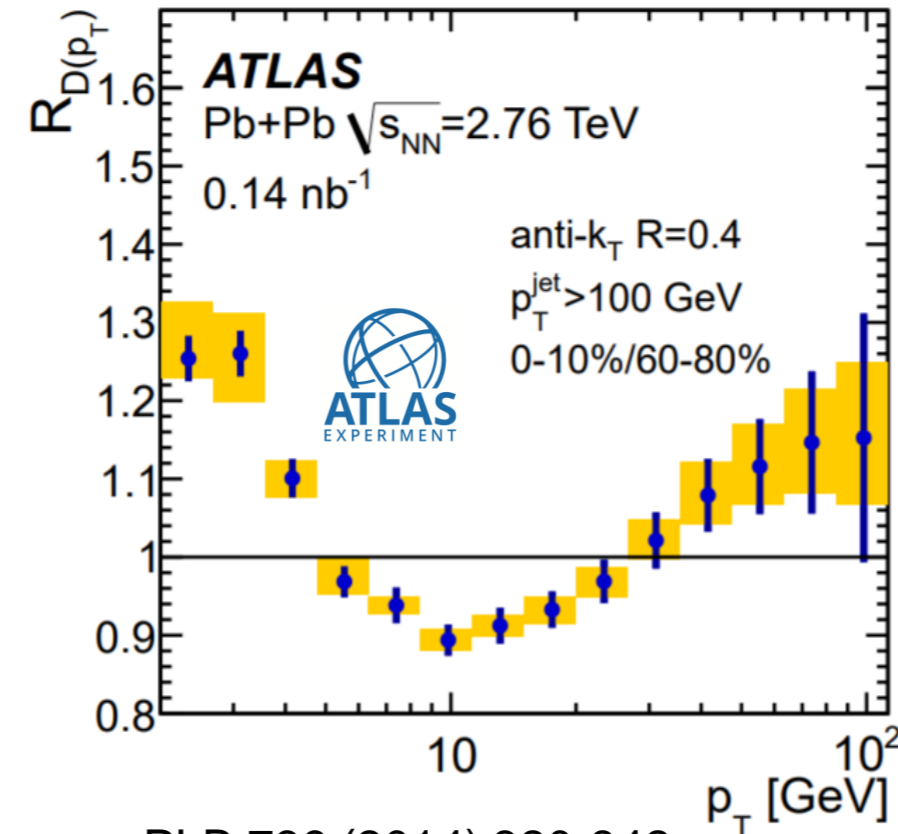
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Jet Transverse Structure



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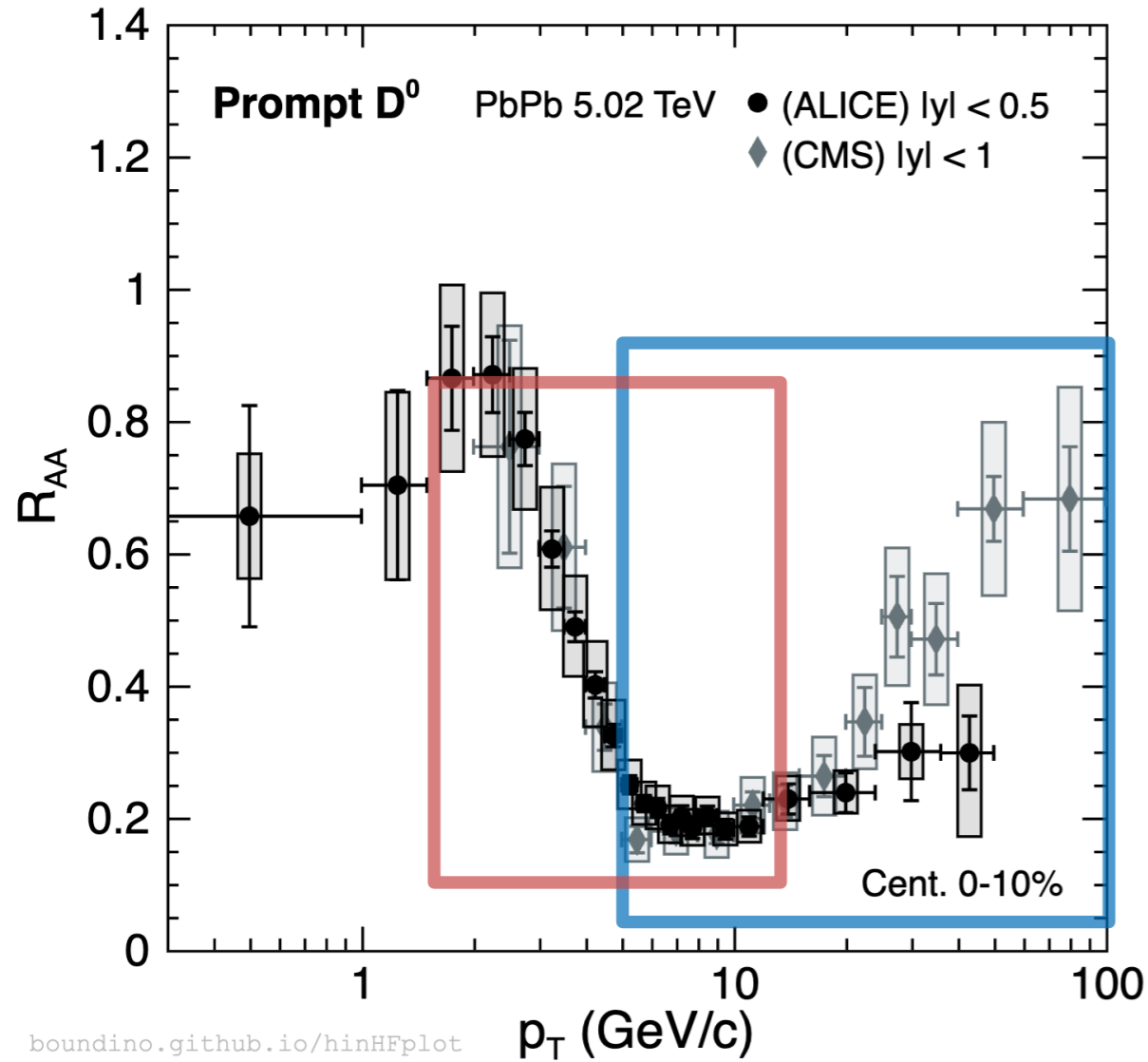
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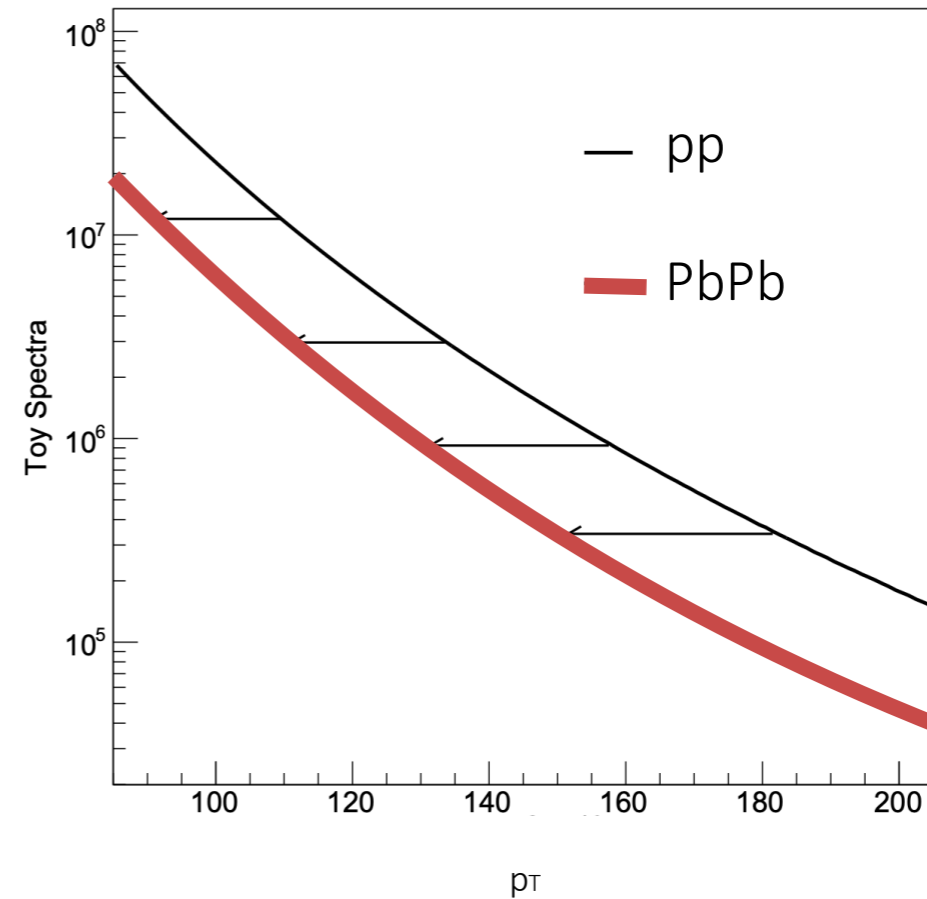
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- Modification of average jet structure when compared the jets in PbPb to the pp reference at the same p_T
- Jet structures, defined by clustering and background subtraction algorithms, are modified in PbPb collisions

D⁰ R_{AA} Understanding the Shape

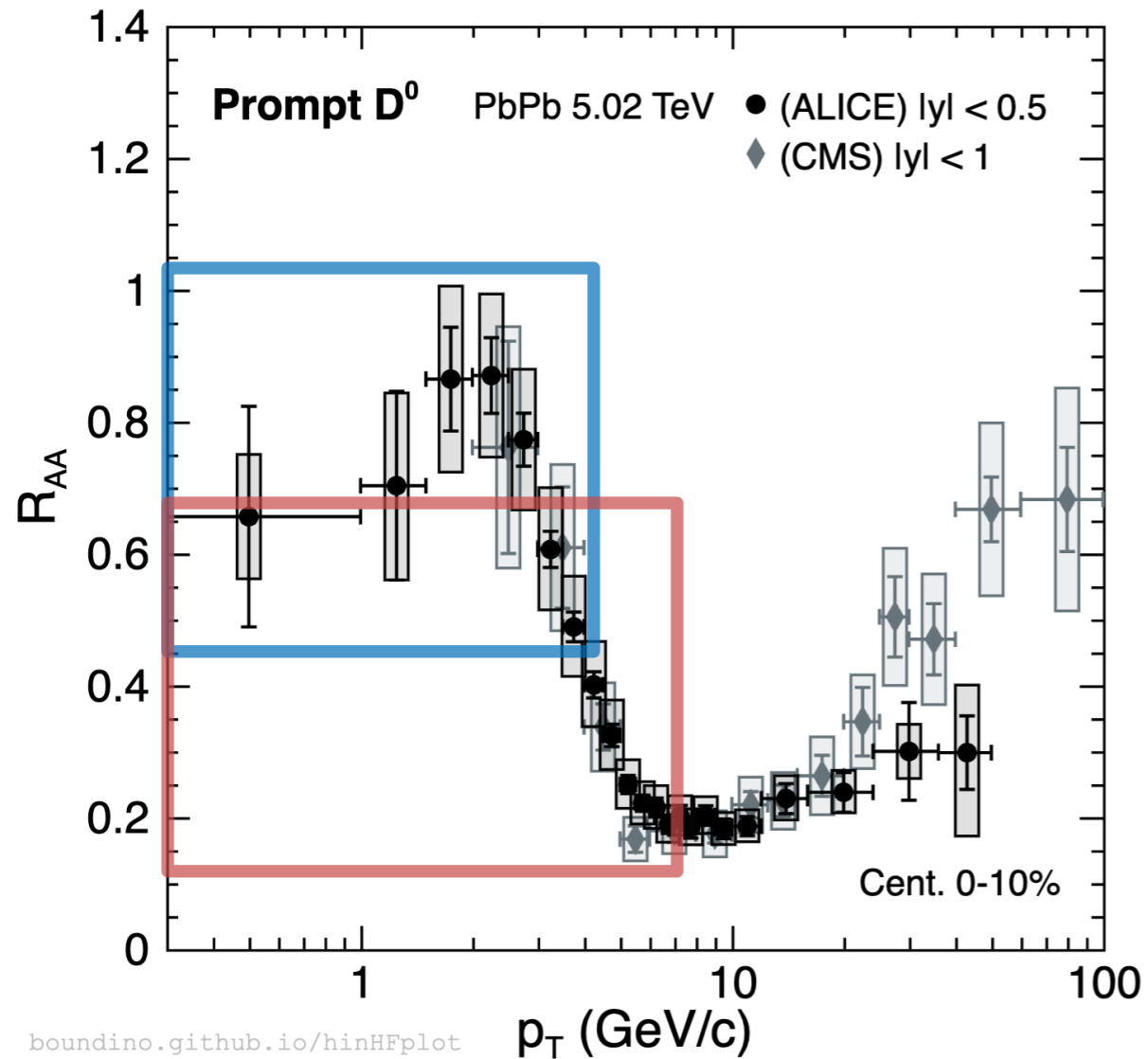


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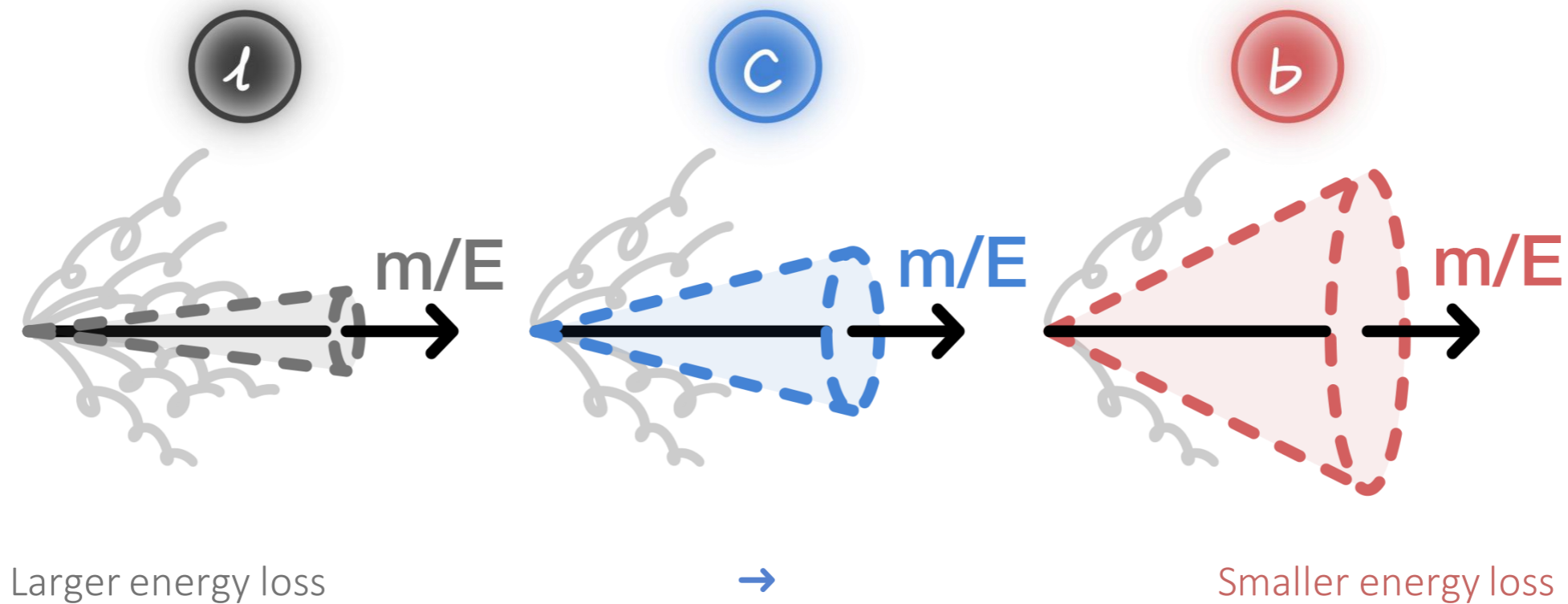


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 - lower slope at high p_T
 - ▶ Collective flow + hadronization
 - medium pushes very low- p_T partons to higher p_T
 - get kinematics from light quark
 - ▶ nPDF shadowing
 - suppress low p_T

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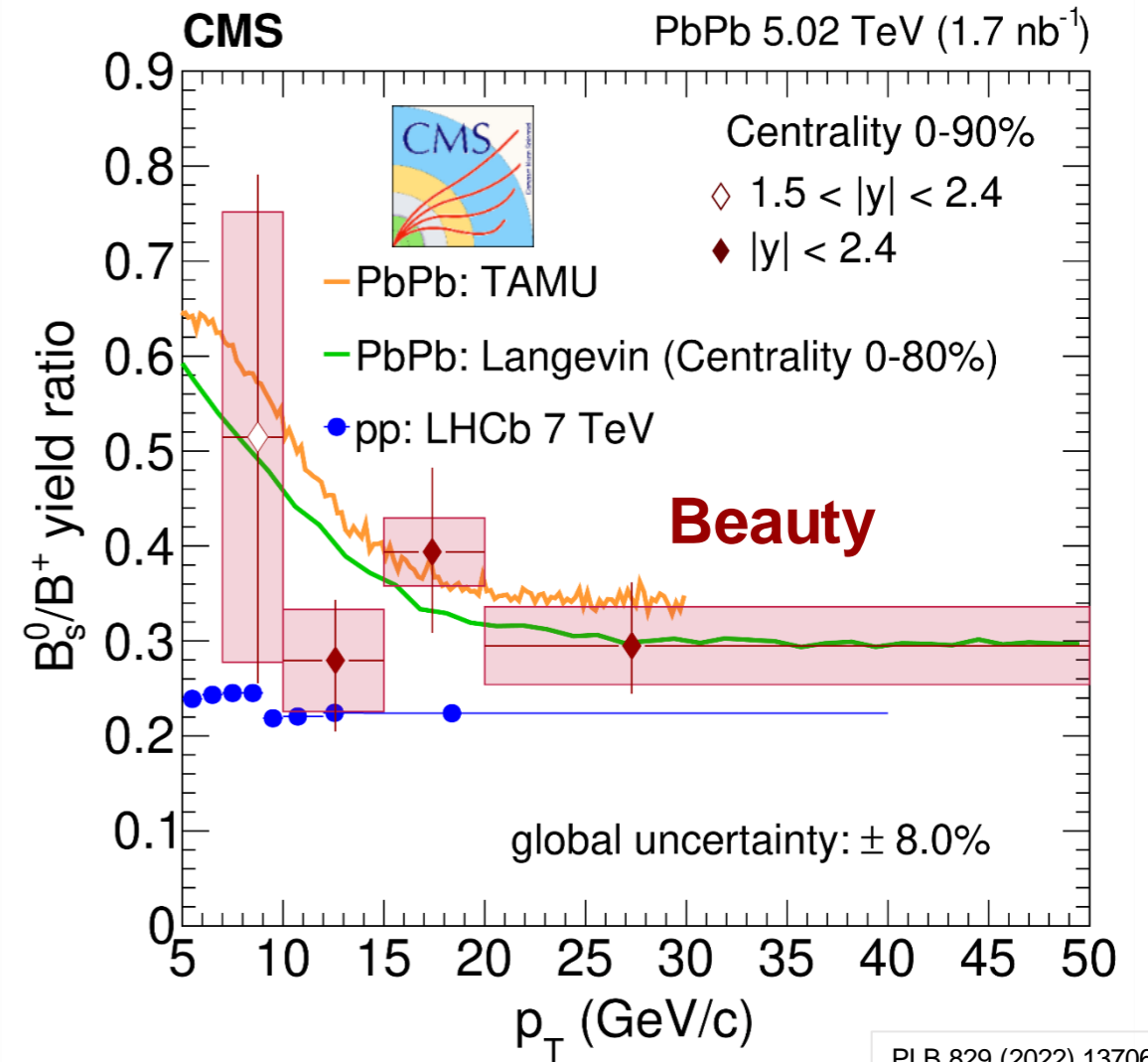
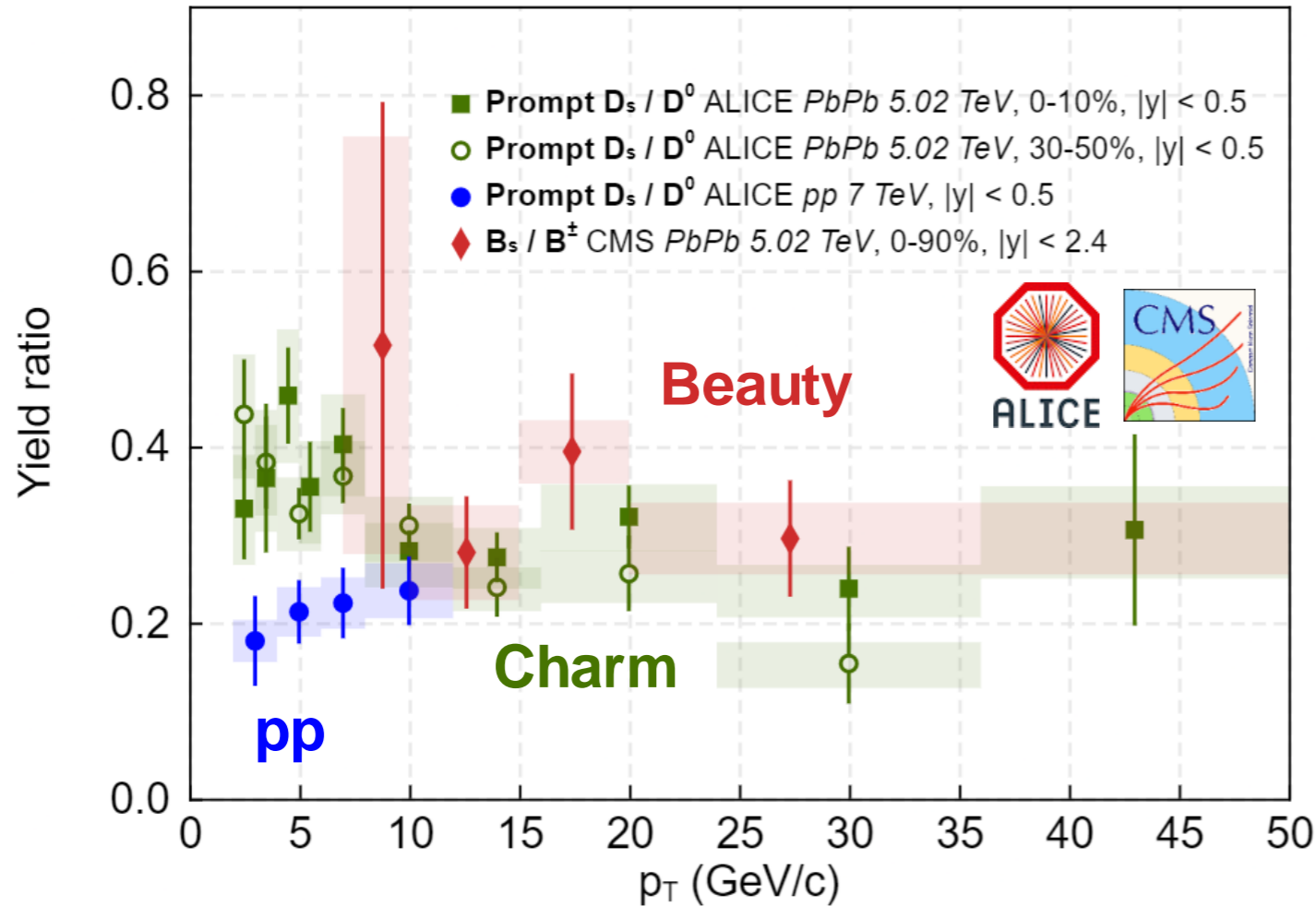
Mass Dependence of Energy Loss

- Flavor dependent energy loss:
Dead cone effect
 - ▶ Radiation is suppressed inside $\theta < m/E$
 - ▶ Energy loss $\Delta E_l > \Delta E_c > \Delta E_b$



Charm and Beauty Hadronization

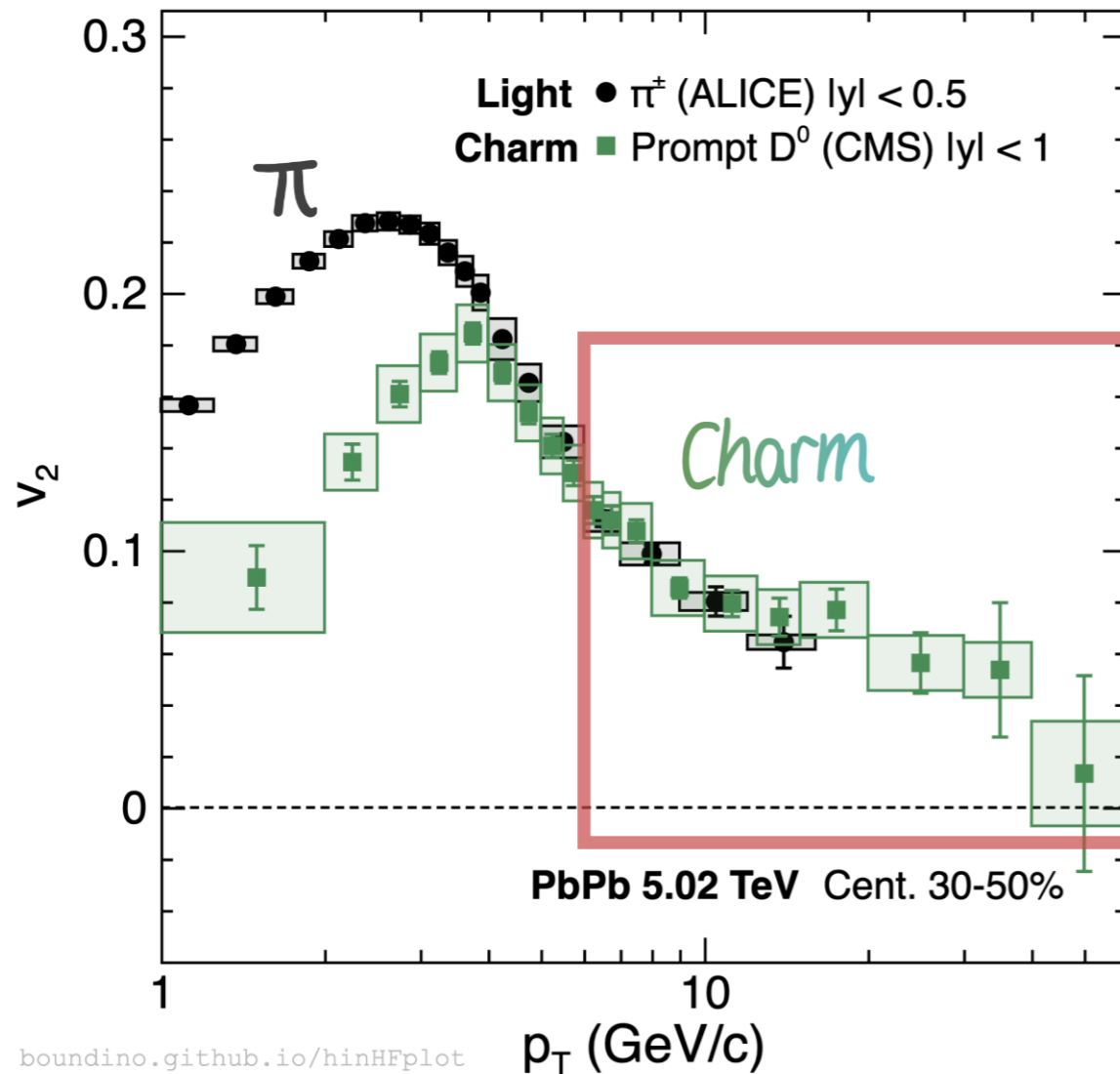
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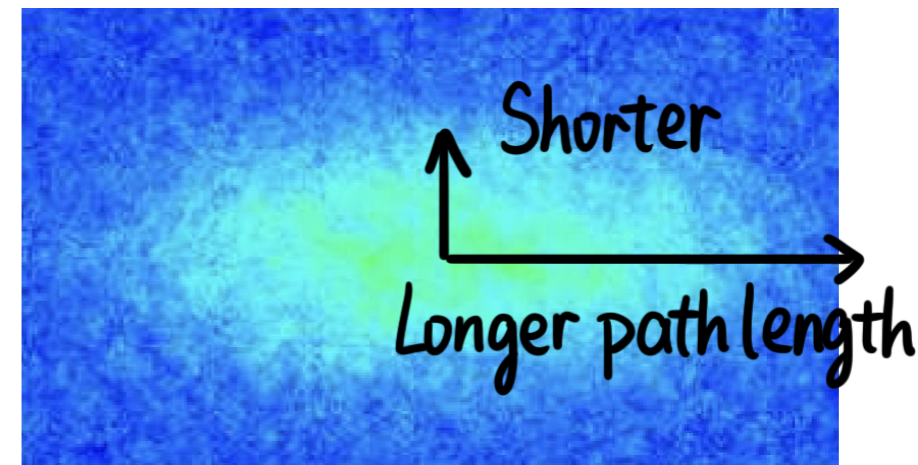
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- The magnitude of D_s/D^0 and B_s/B^+ are similar in **pp** and PbPb collisions
- Difference between PbPb data and **pp reference** decreases at high p_T

Collective Flow Open Charm



- Non-zero D meson v_2 up to high p_T
 - ▶ Same magnitude with light hadrons
 - ▶ Path-length dependence of energy loss



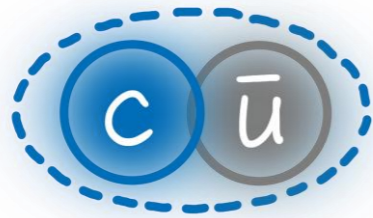
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Example Heavy Flavor Hadrons

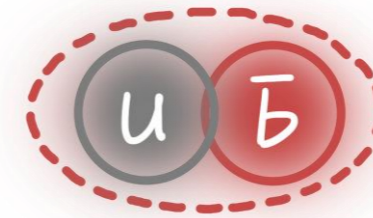
Charm

Beauty

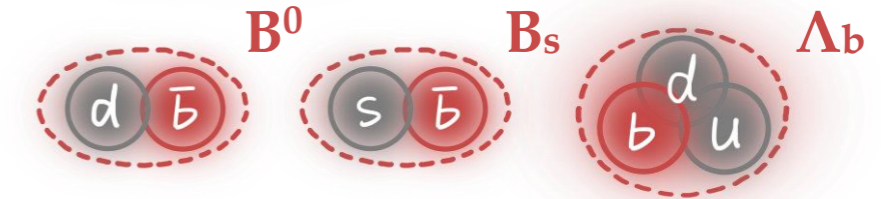
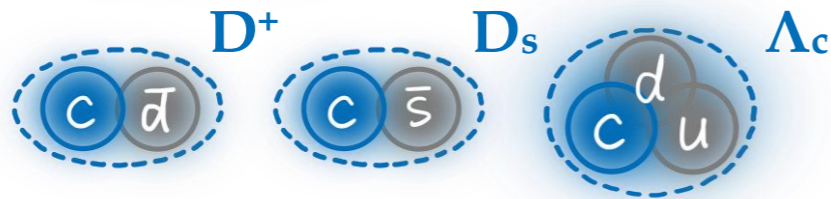
Open heavy flavor



D^0 ($c \rightarrow D^0 \sim O(50\%)$)
 Mass 1.865 GeV
 $c\tau \sim 120 \mu\text{m}$

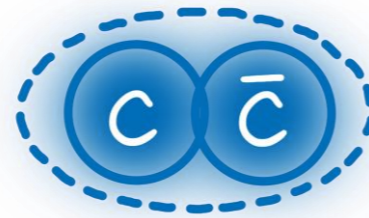


B^+ ($b \rightarrow B^+ \sim O(40\%)$)
 Mass 5.279 GeV
 $c\tau \sim 490 \mu\text{m}$

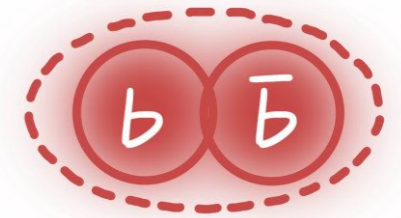


Quarkonia

J/ψ
 $\psi(2S), \chi_c$



$\Upsilon(1S)$
 $\Upsilon(2S), \Upsilon(3S)$



Signal Extraction Fully Reconstruction

Commonly used decay modes

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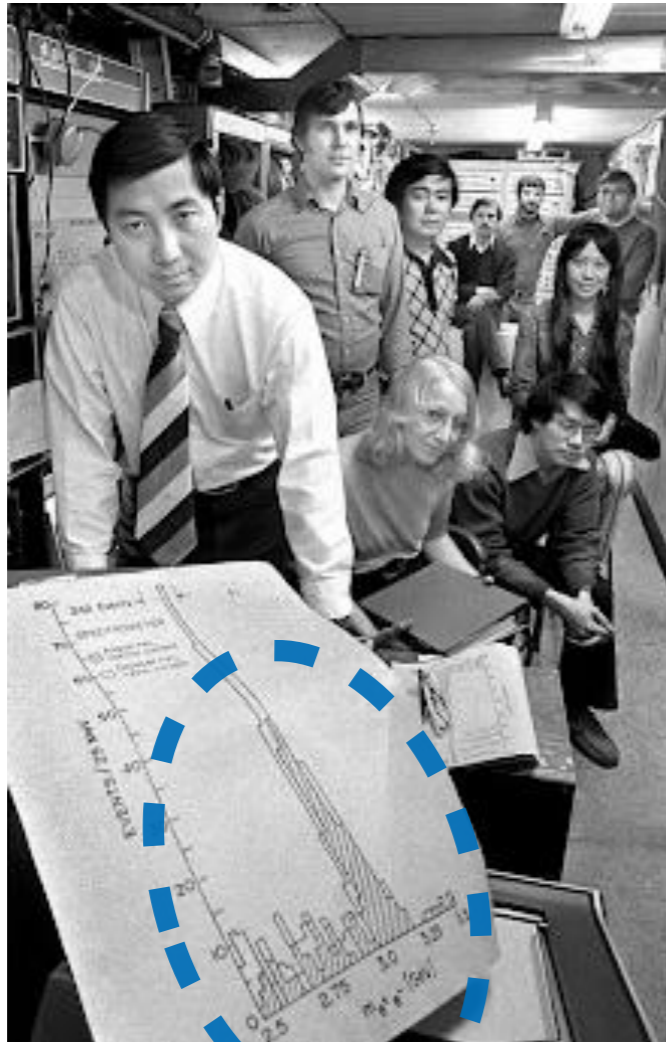
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- Determine **templates**
 - ▶ Identify potential peaking background

Signal Extraction: Fully Reconstruction

Discovery of J/ψ



Fit on **invariant mass**

- Pair all the potential decay daughter particles in an event

[PRL 33 (1974) 1404]

