

# Correlations of Heavy Flavor Electrons in Au+Au & p+p Collisions in PHENIX

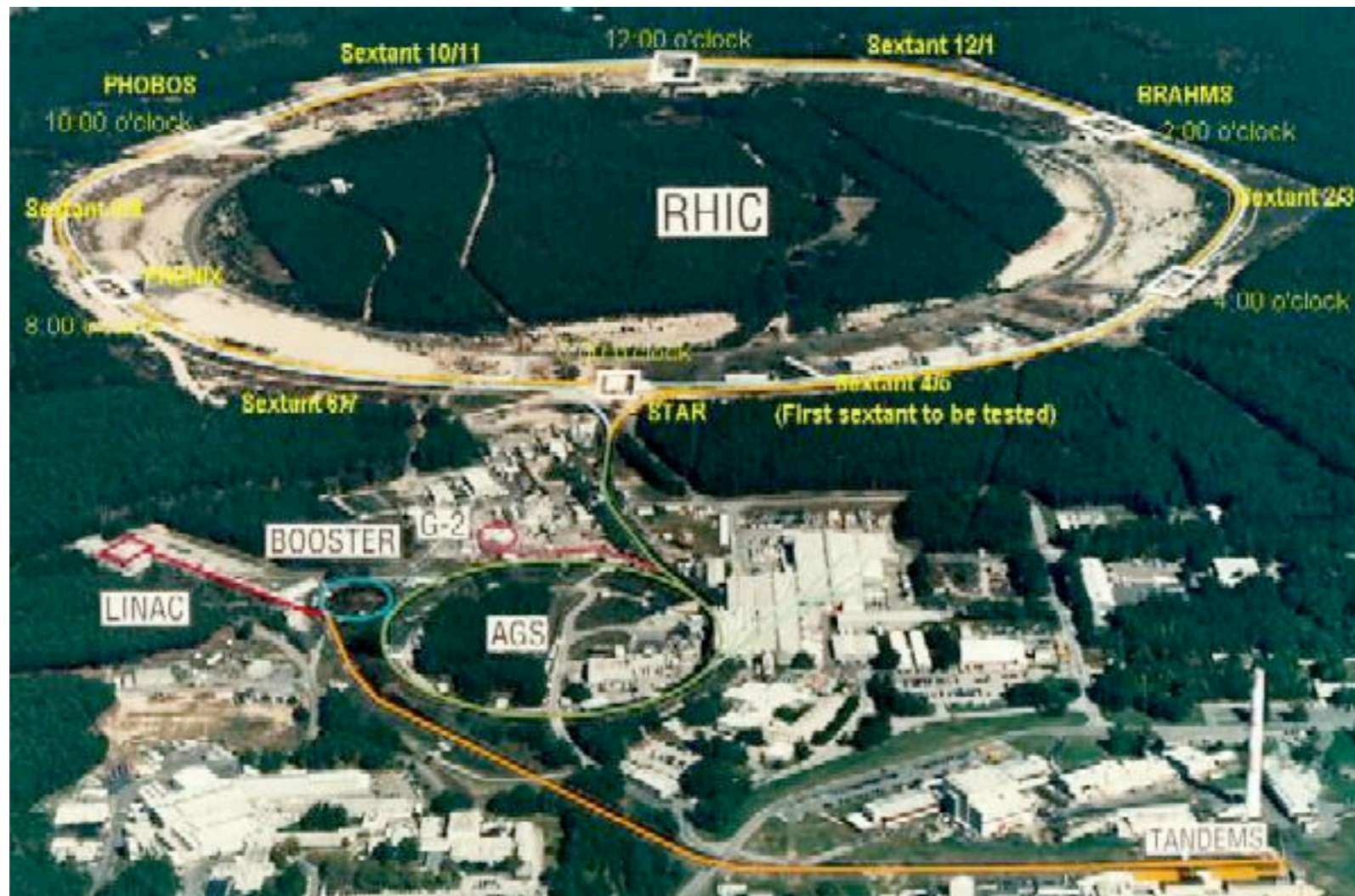
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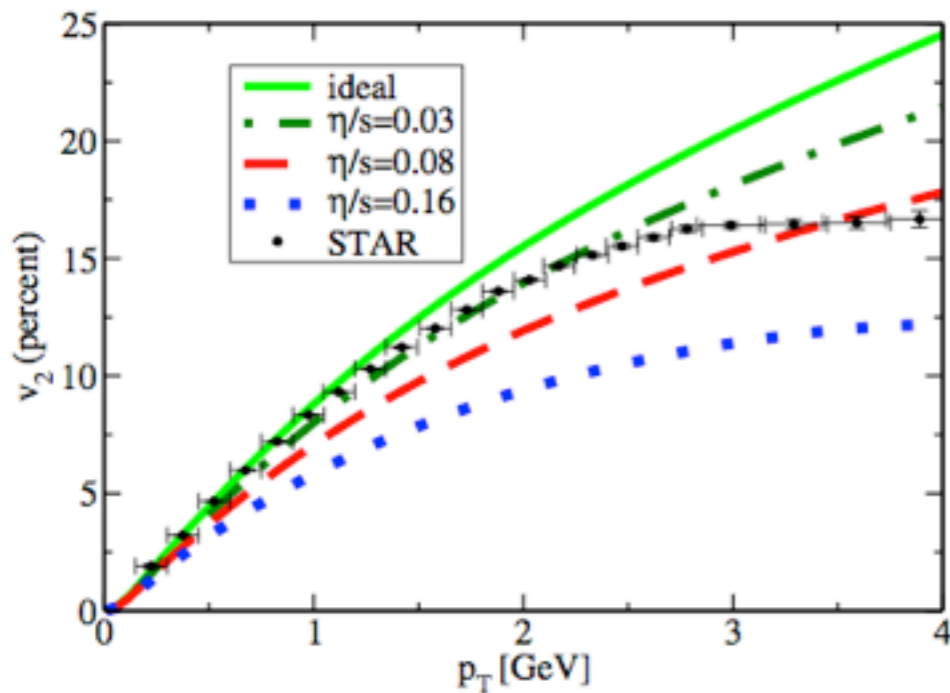
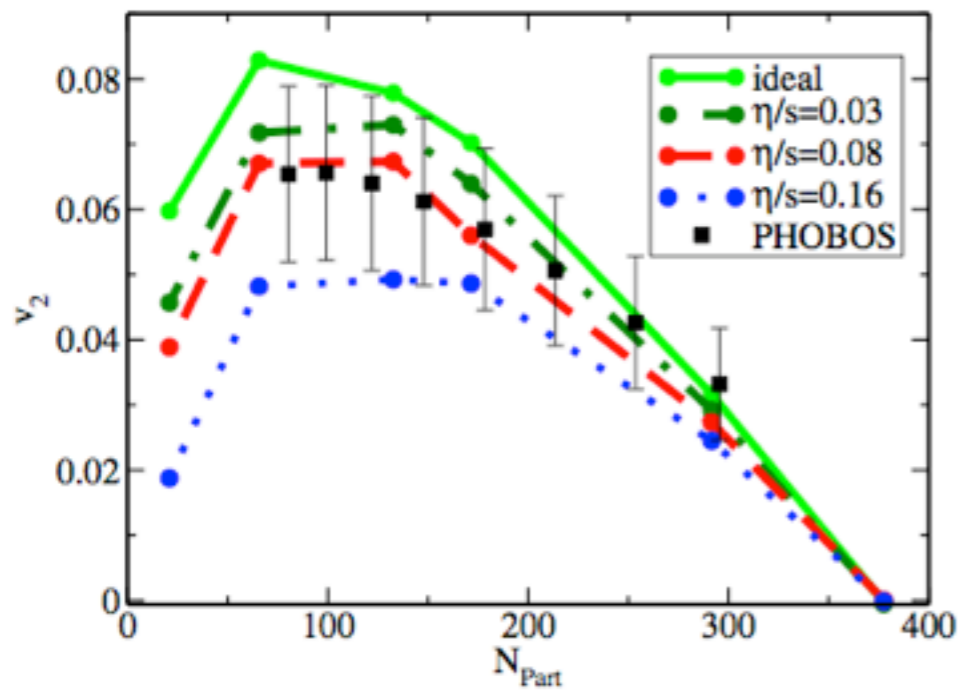
# why heavy ion collisions?

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- what happens to dense QCD matter at extremely high temperature?

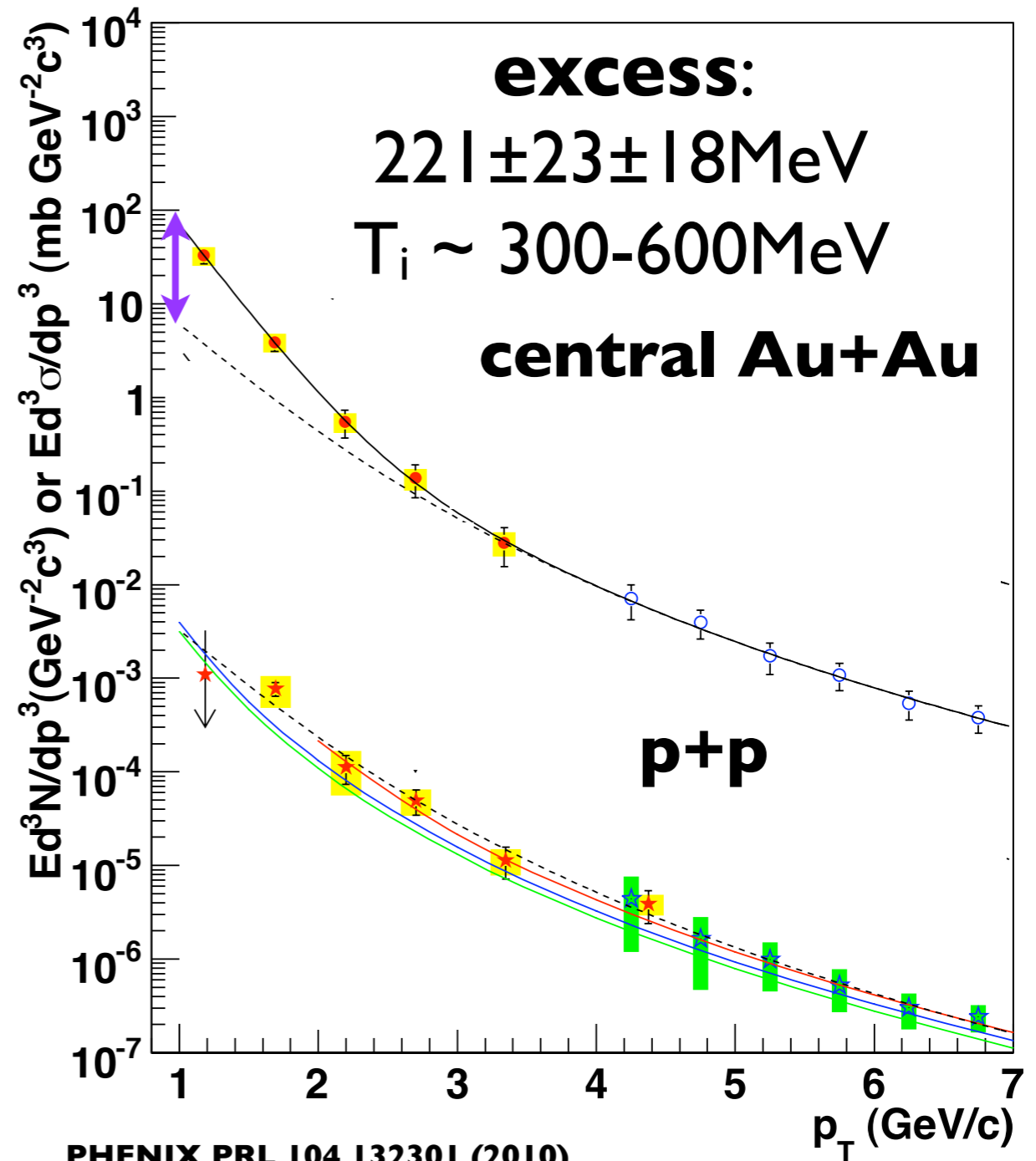


# hot nuclear matter



Romatschke & Romatschke PRL 99 172301 (2007)

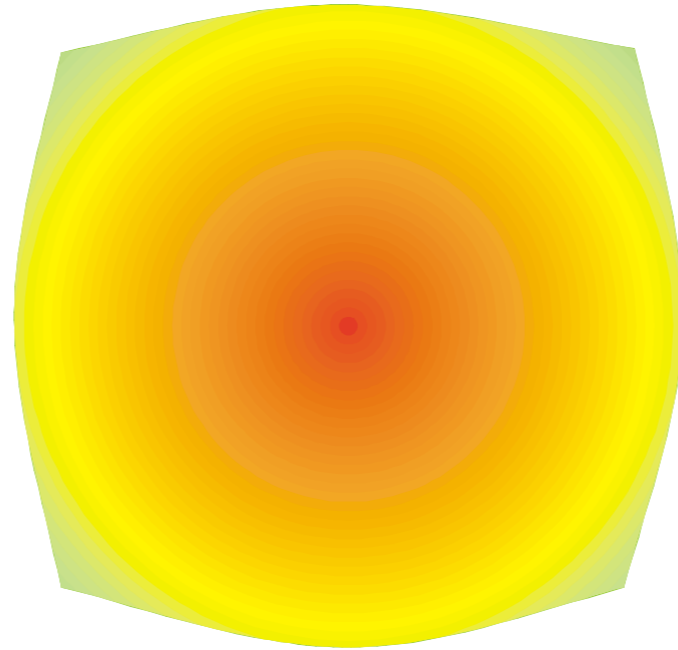
## Direct $\gamma^*$ (via $e^+e^-$ )



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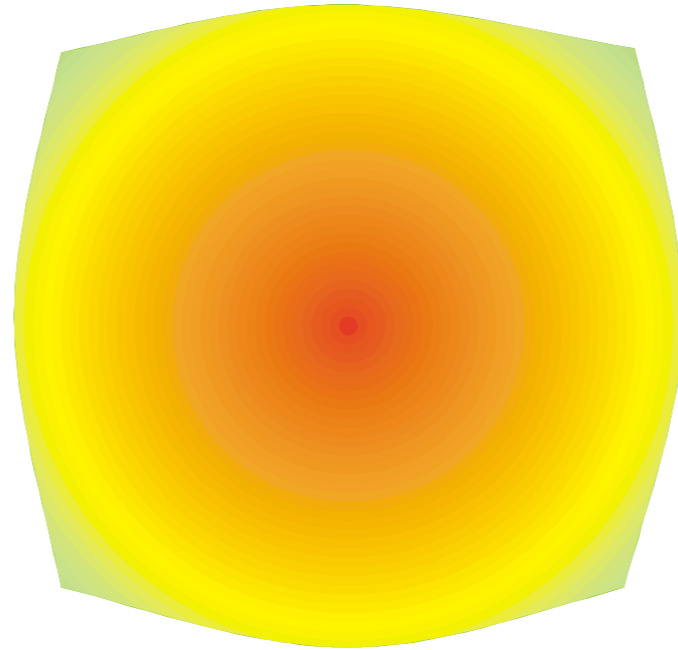
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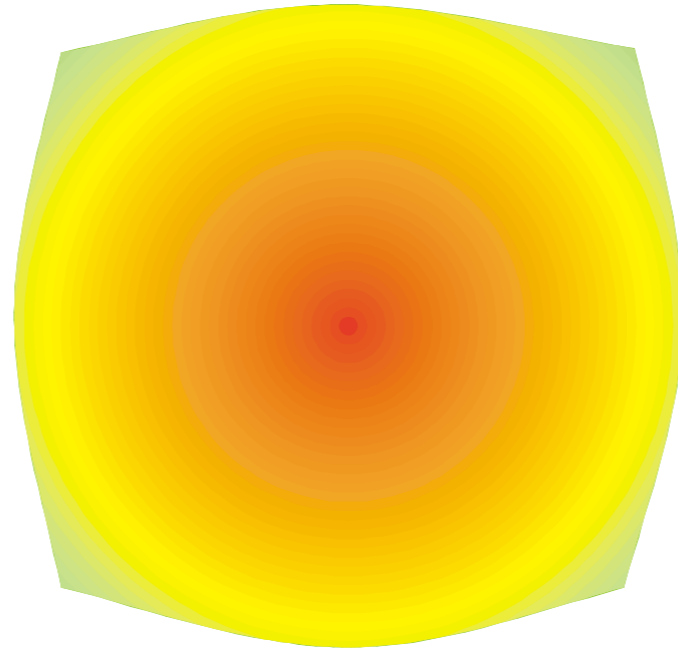
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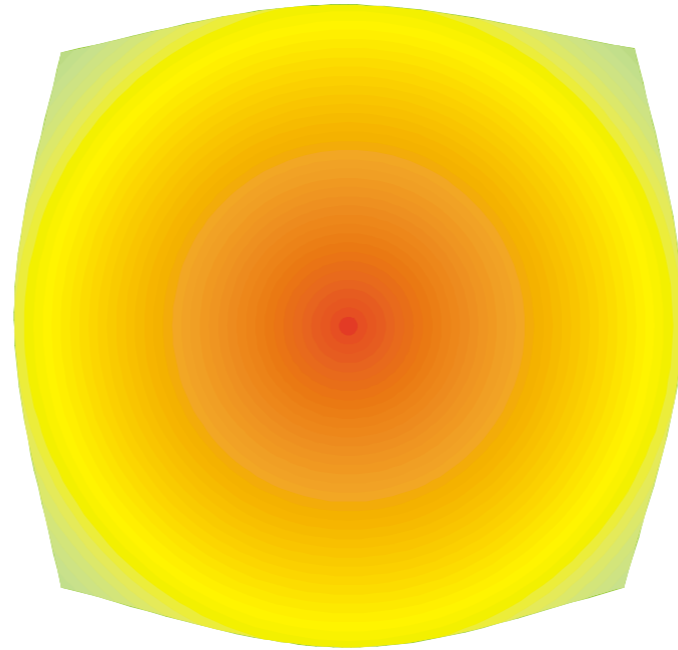


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- determine the mechanism(s) of energy loss
- determine the strength of the interactions

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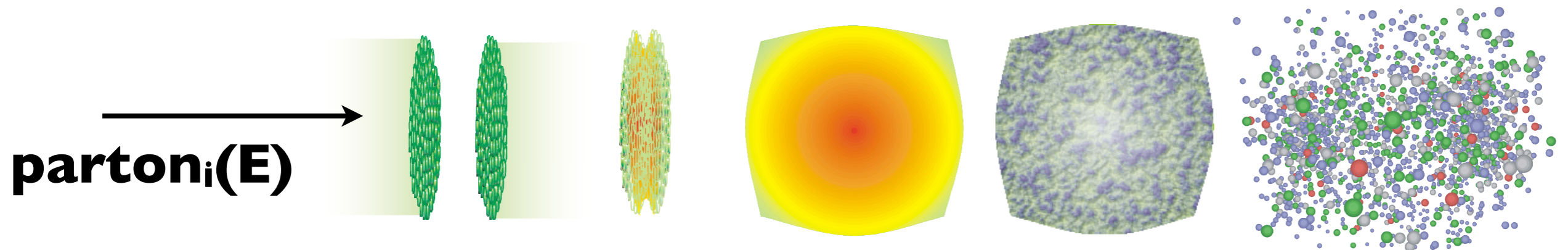
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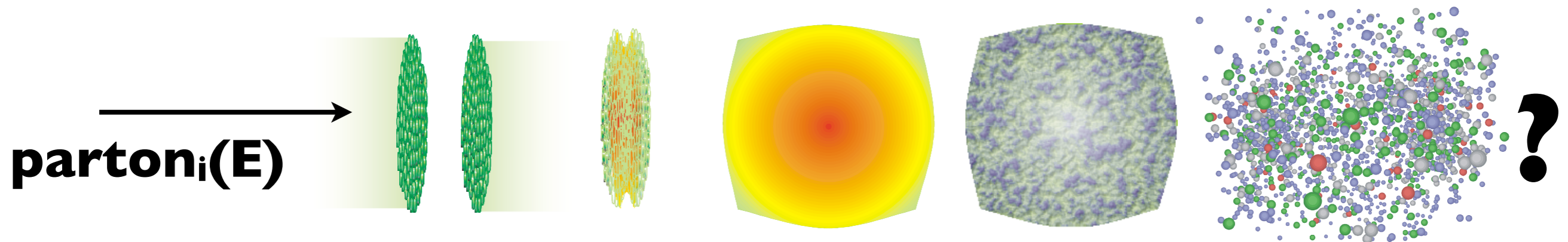
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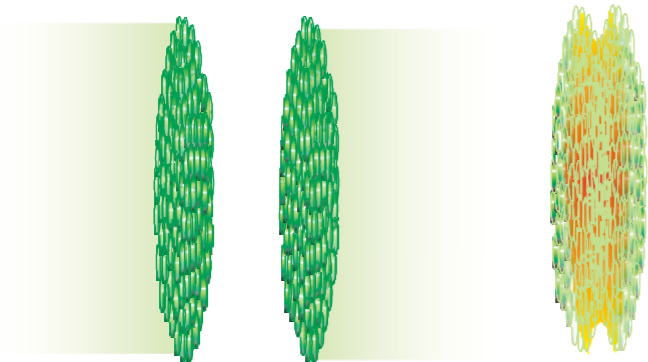
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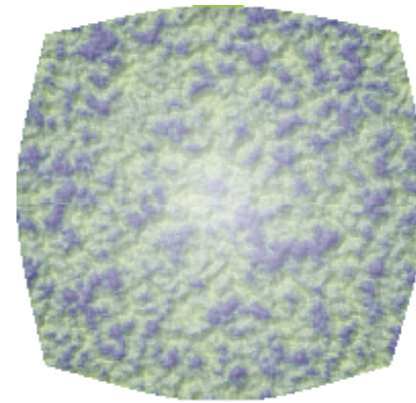
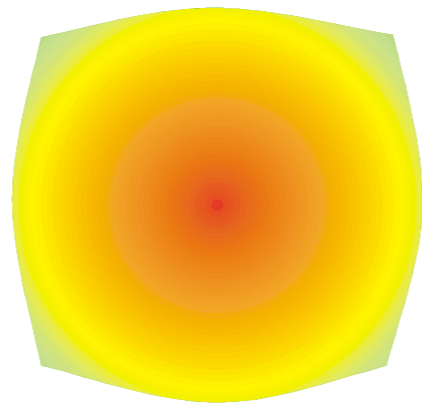
# approaching realistic models

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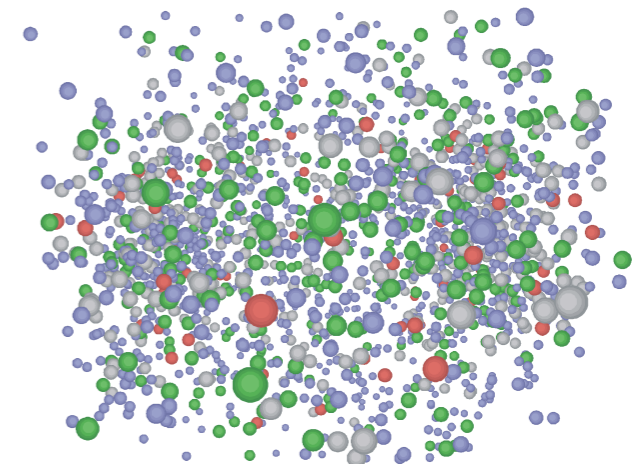
**initial conditions**  
**Glauber**  
**CGC**



**sQGP**



**freeze out**



**pre-equilibrium**

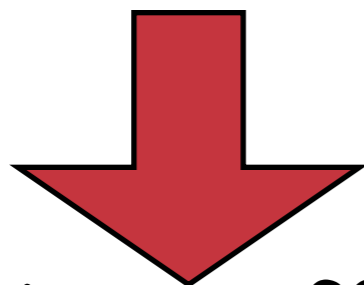
**hadronization**

any colored probe interacts in all phases of the collision!

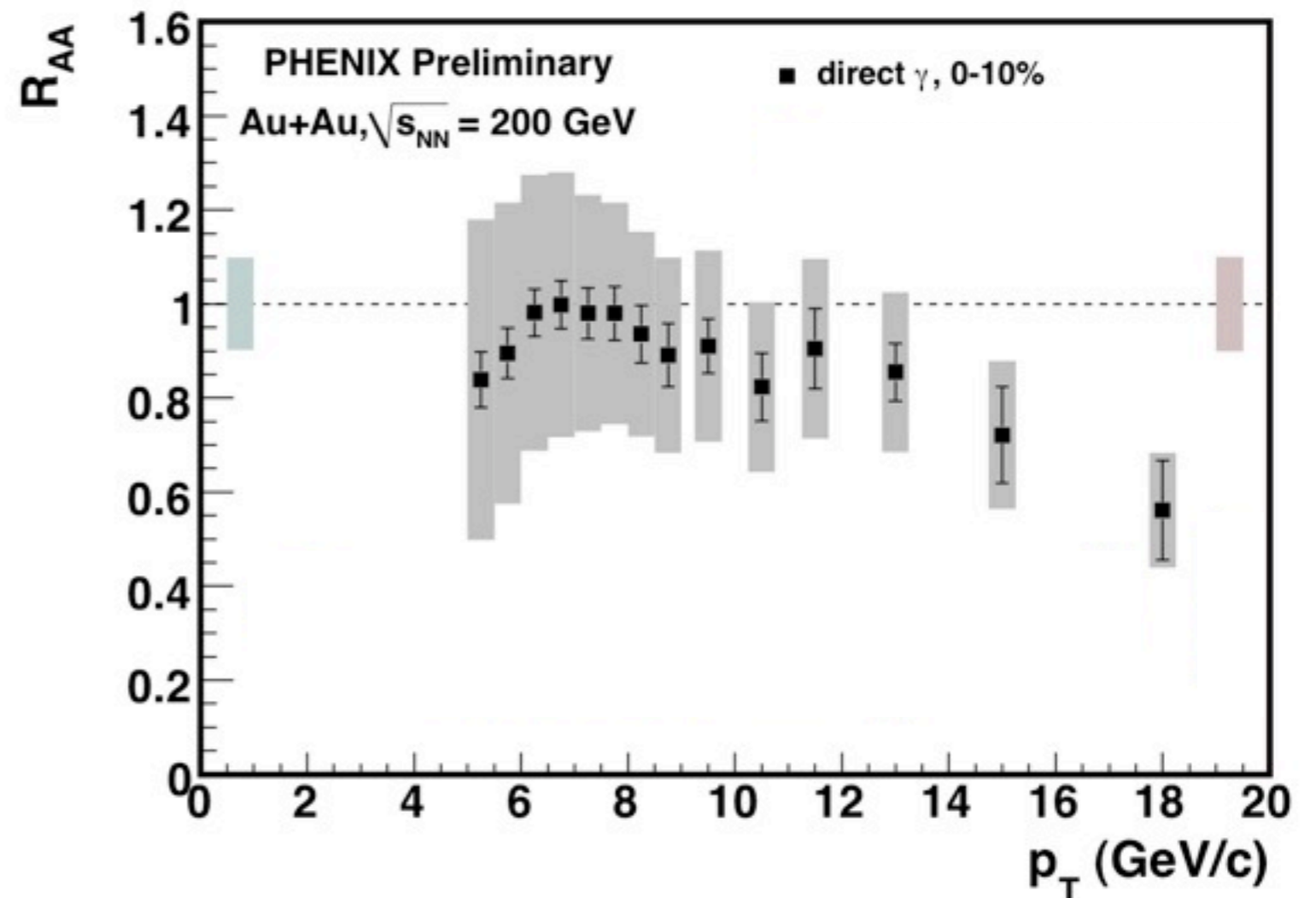
# $\gamma$ : control measurement

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{yield}_{AA}}{\text{yield}_{pp} * N_{\text{coll}}}$$

$$R_{AA} = 1$$



no nuclear effects

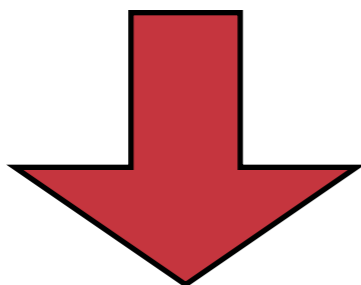


$\gamma$ : no color charge  $\rightarrow$  insensitive to produced matter  
 $R_{AA}(p_T < 14 \text{ GeV/c})$  consistent with unity

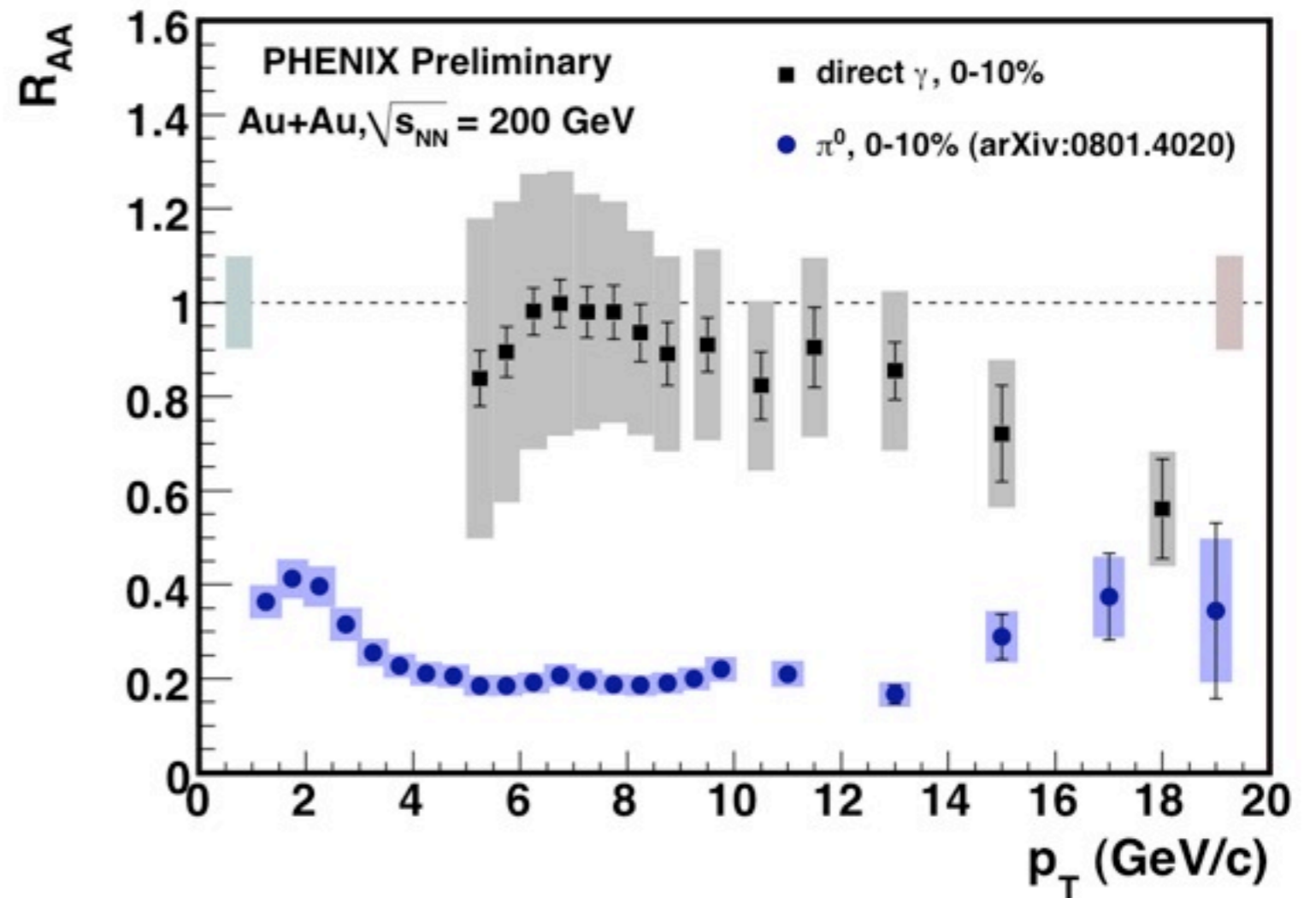
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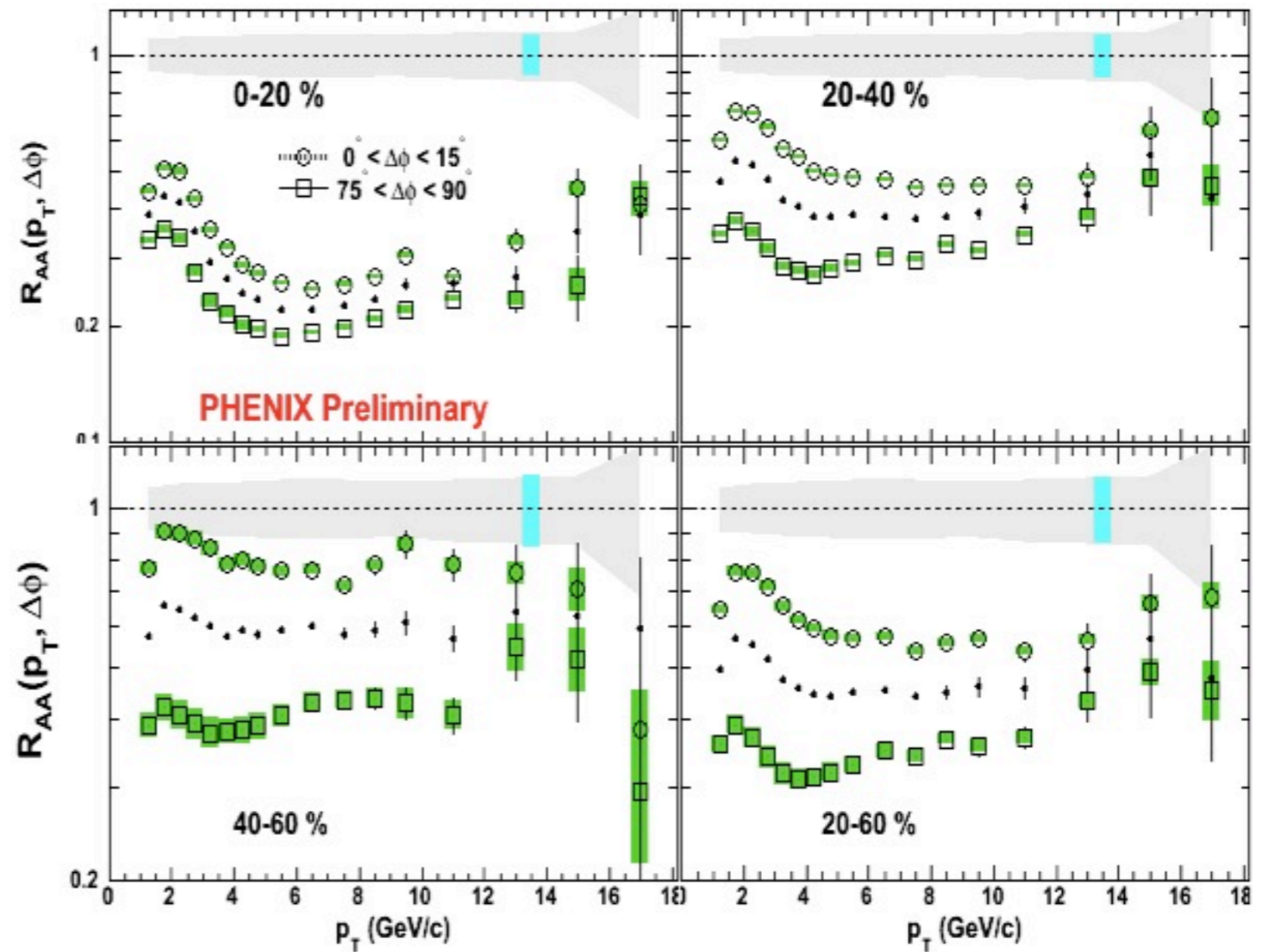
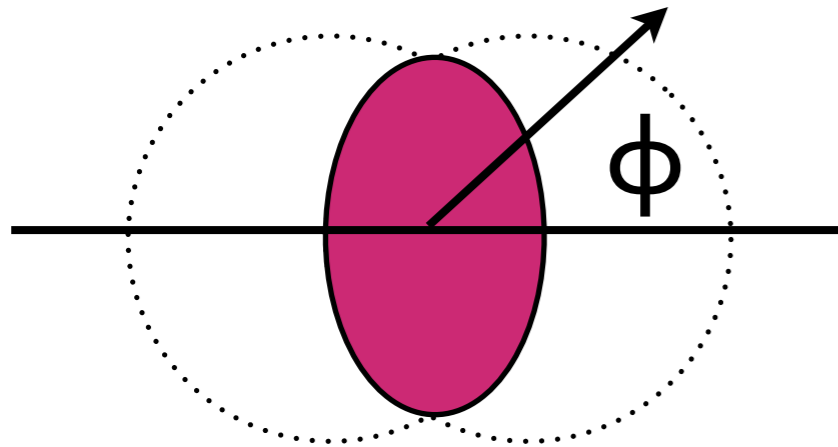
$$R_{AA} \ll 1$$



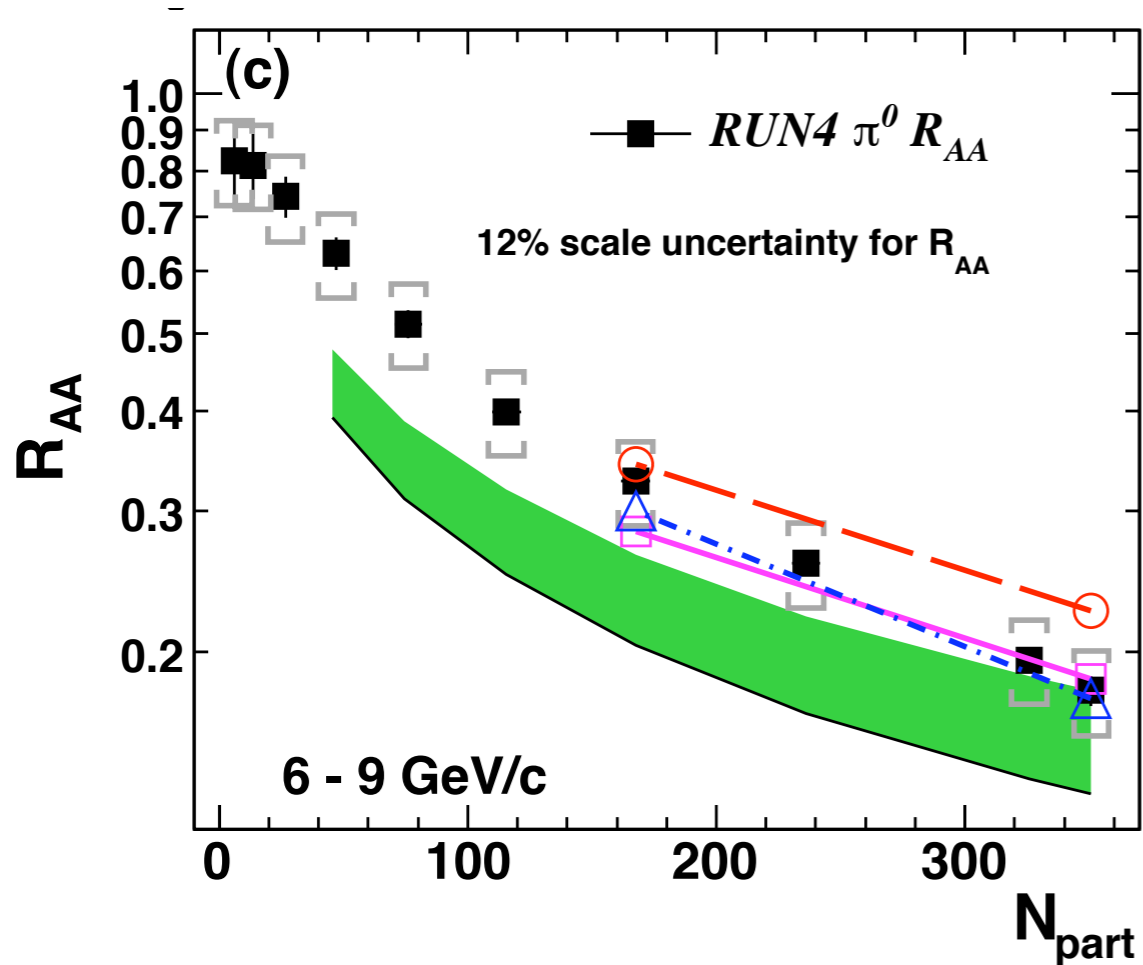
parton energy loss



# path length dependence to $R_{AA}$

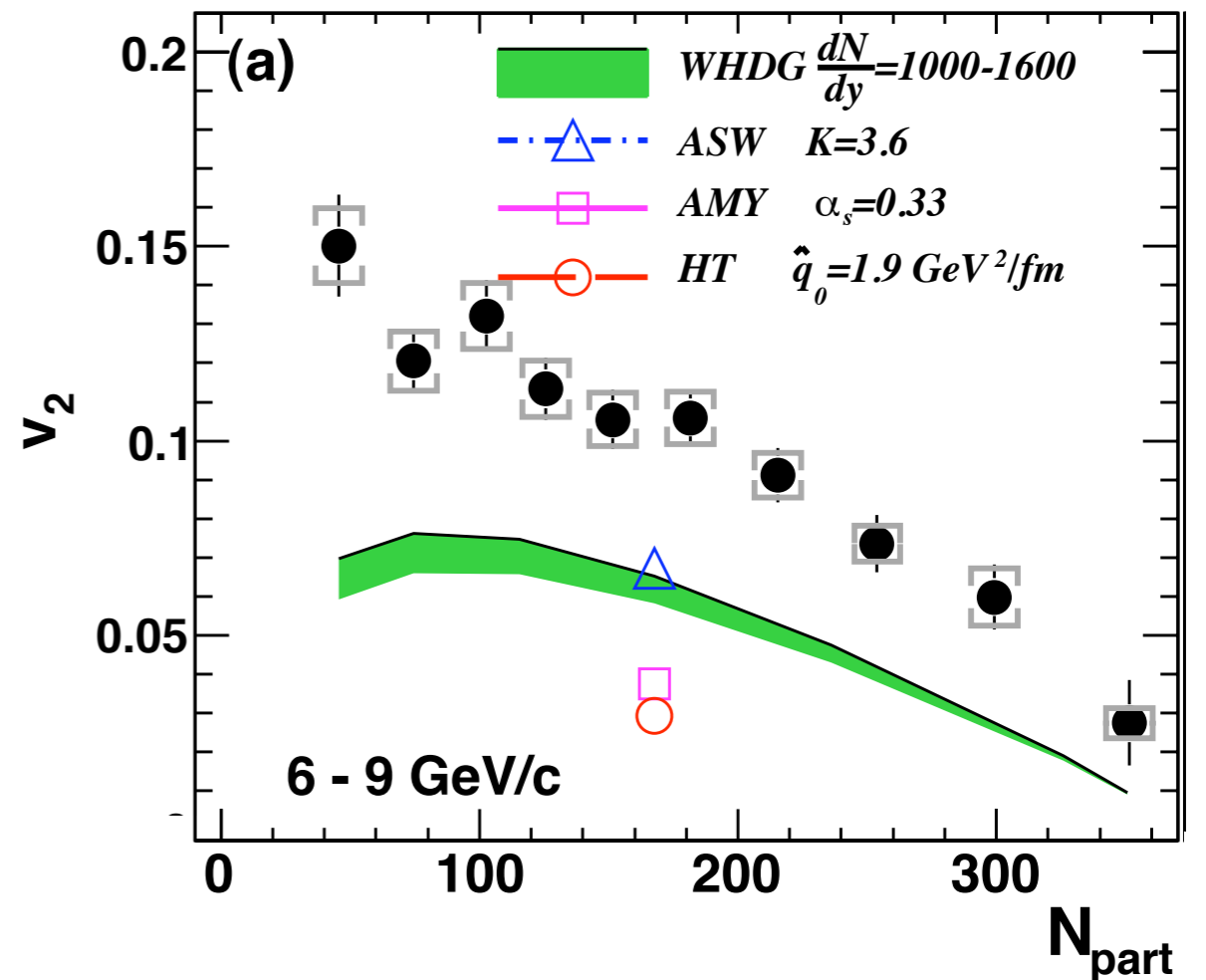
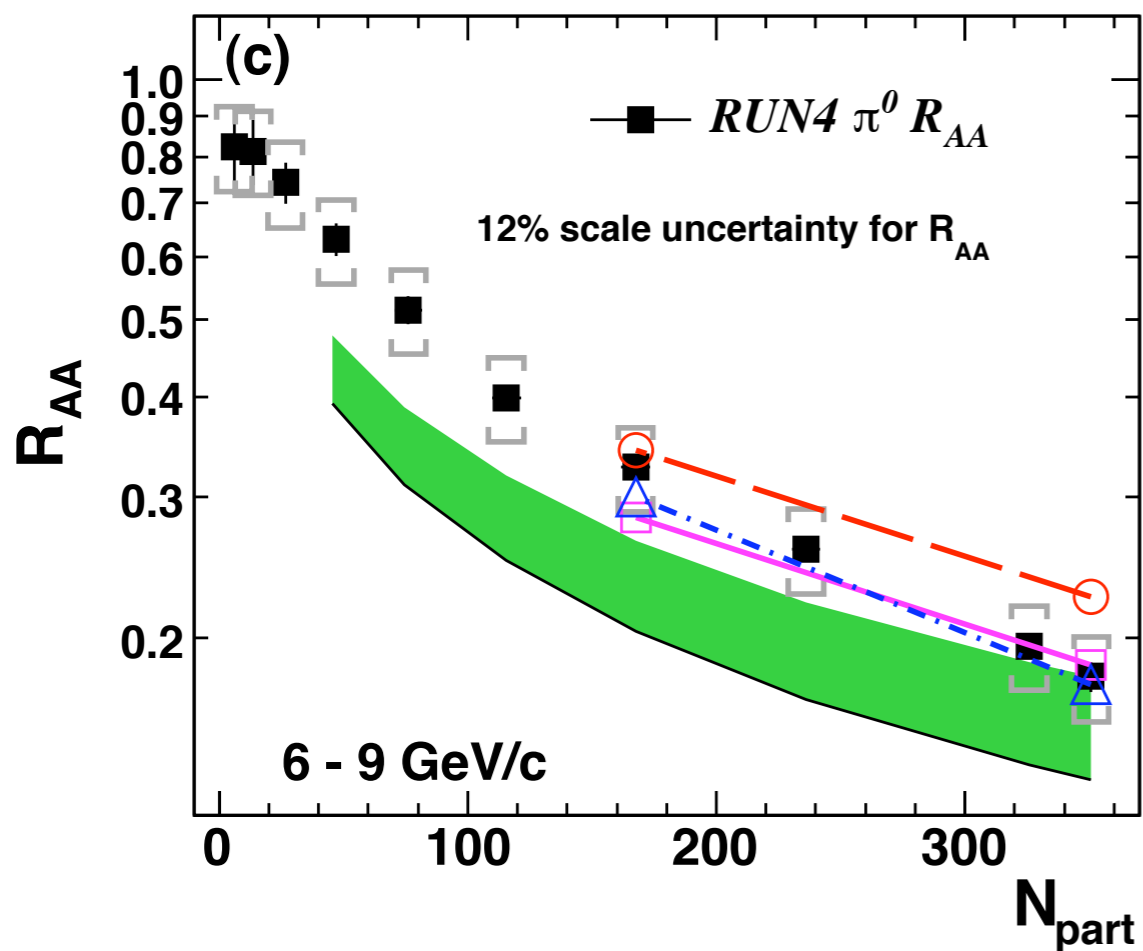


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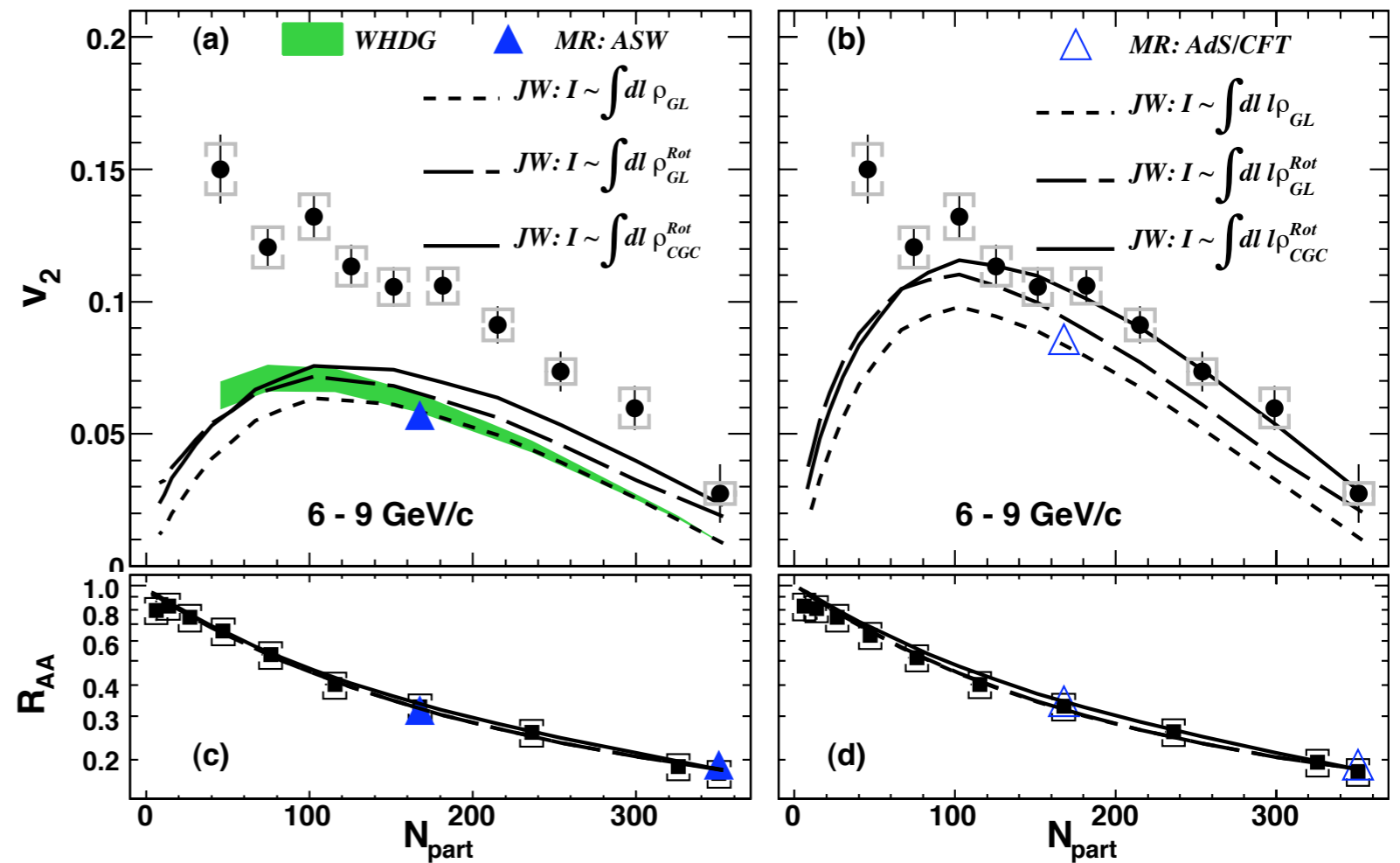
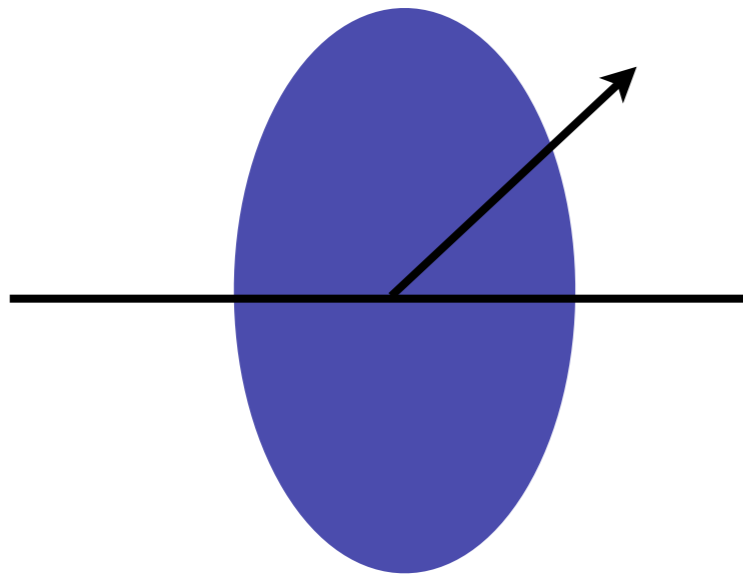
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...under predict  $v_2$

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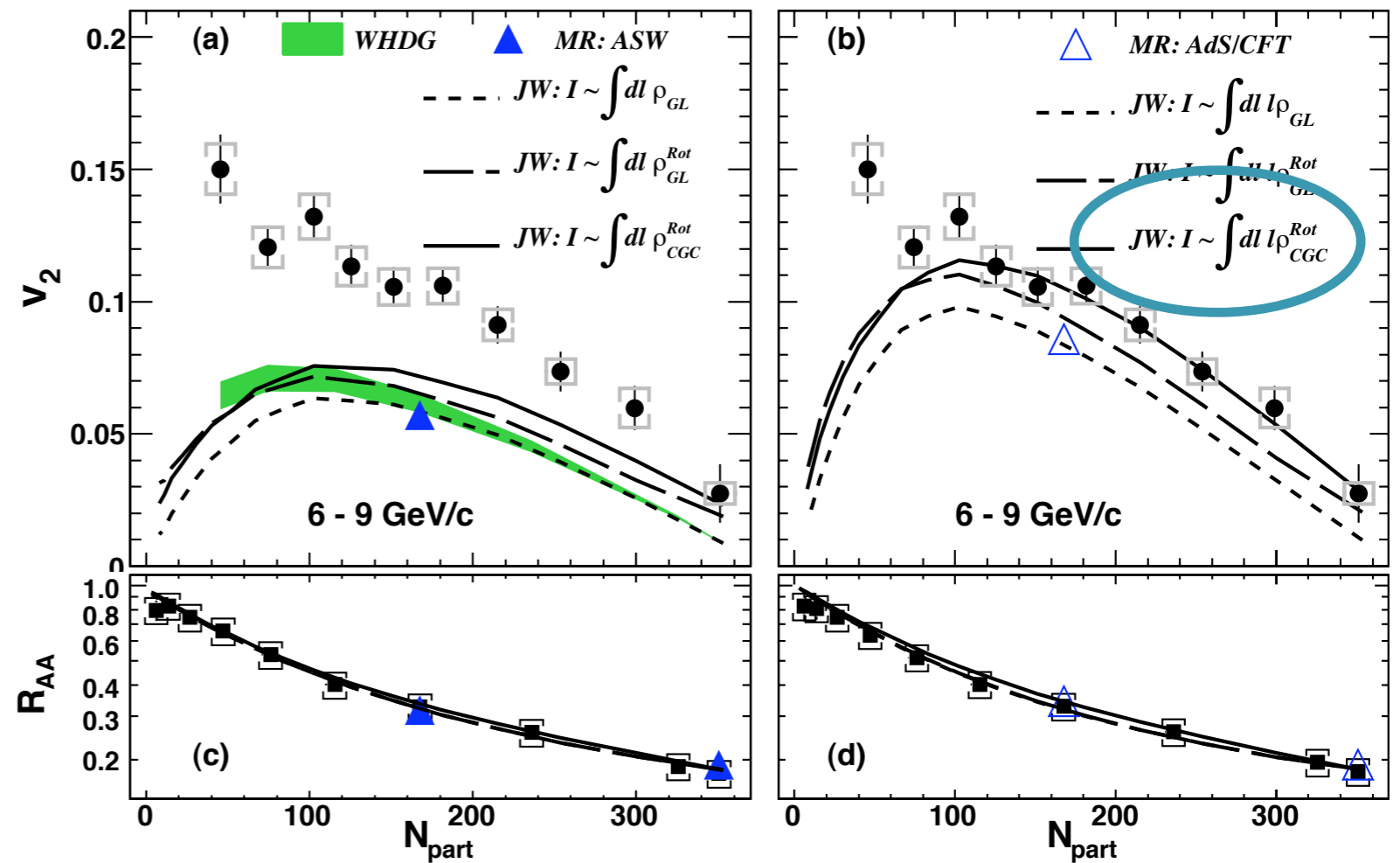
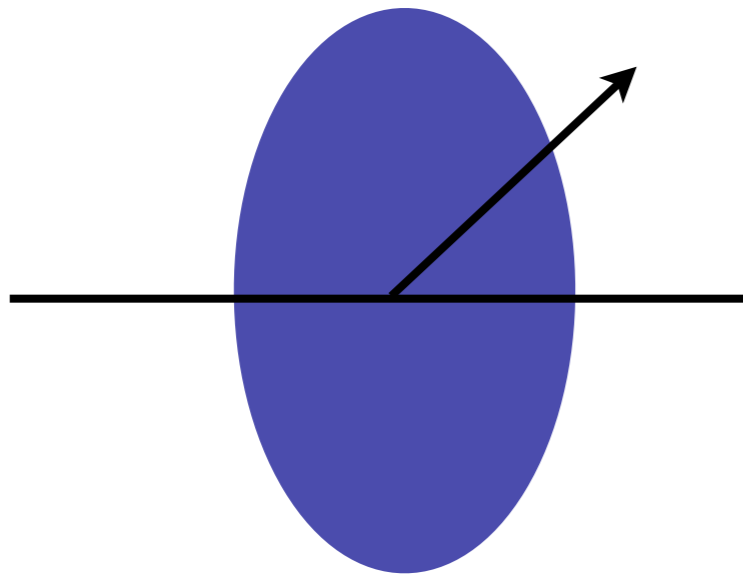
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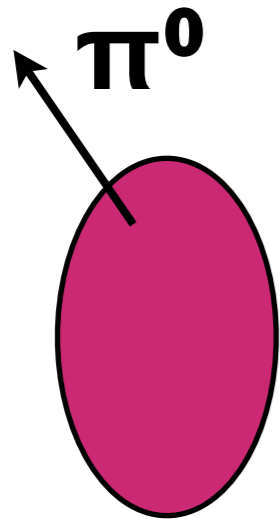


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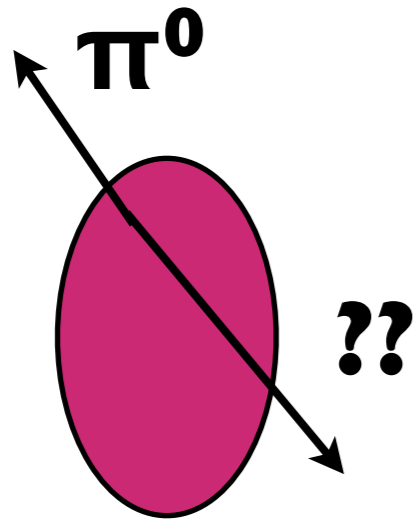
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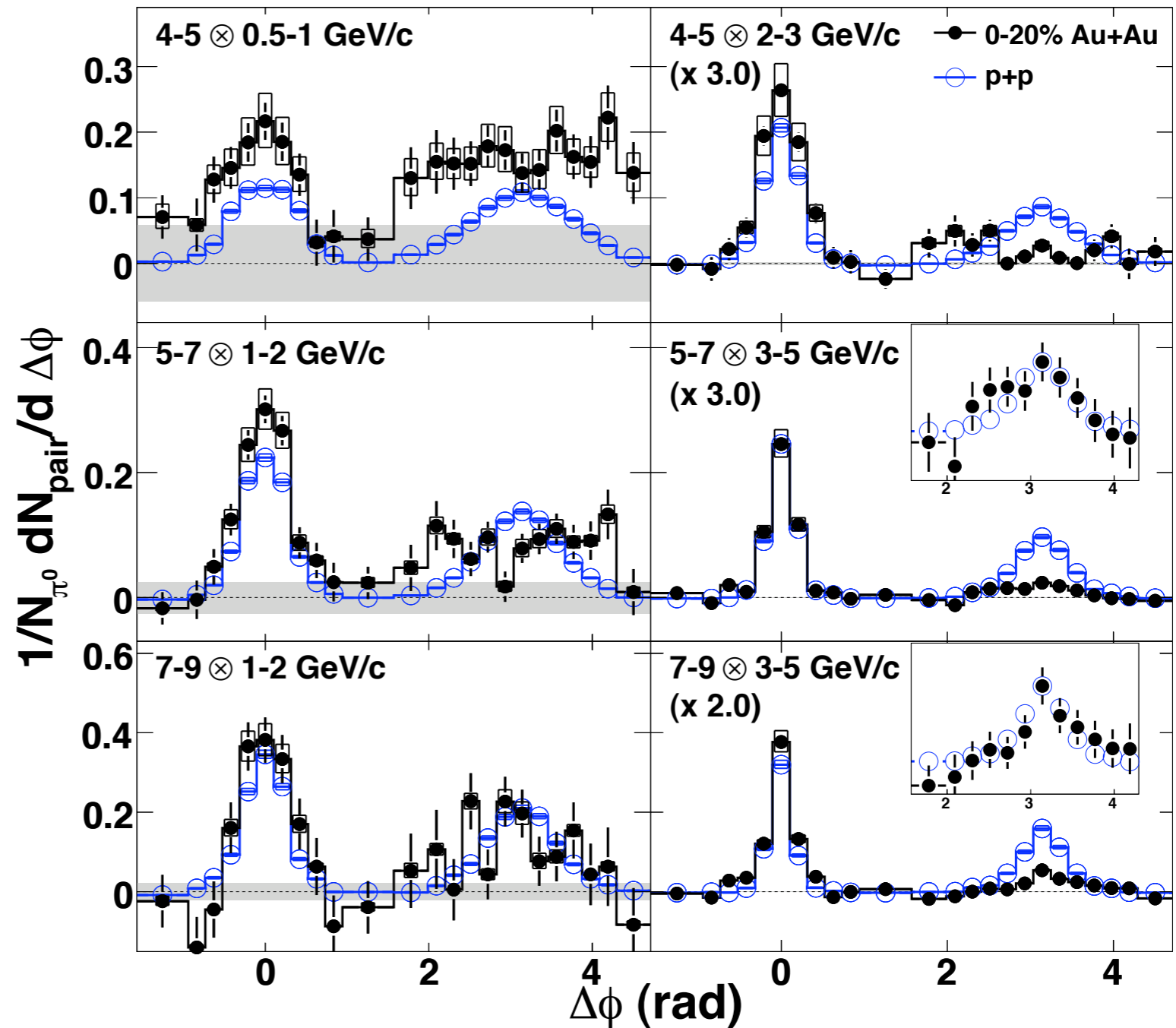
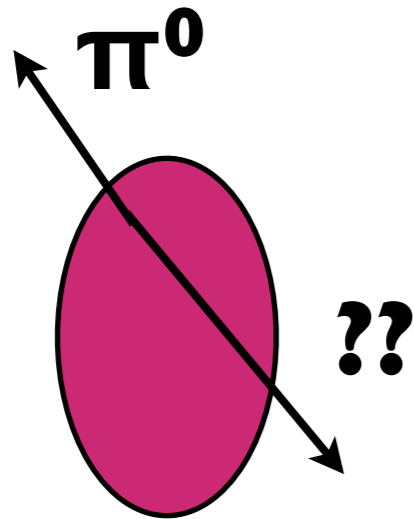
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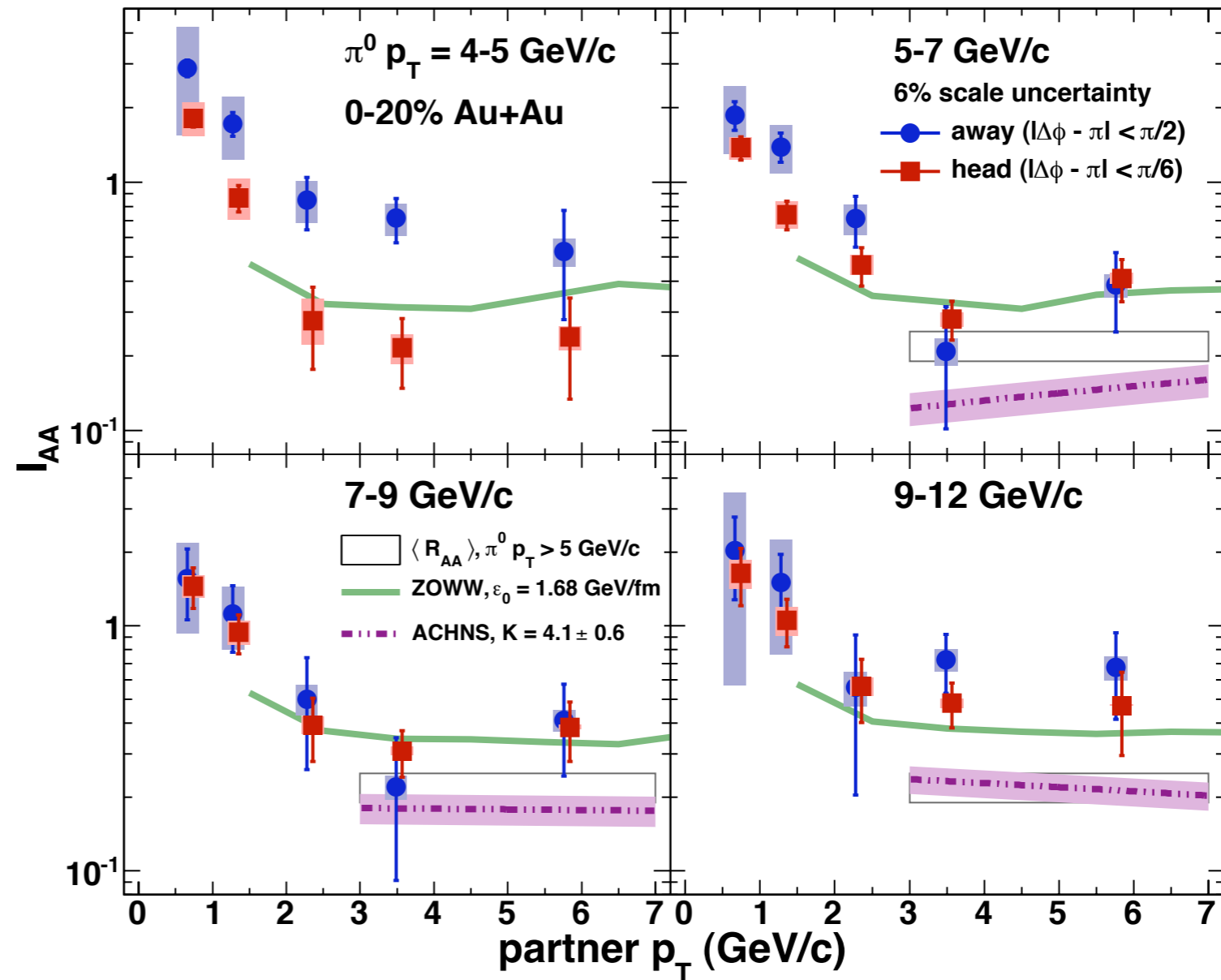
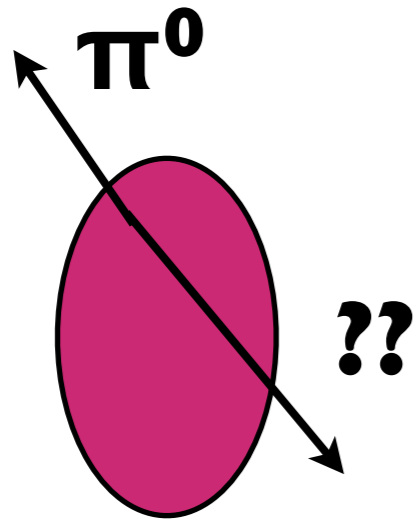
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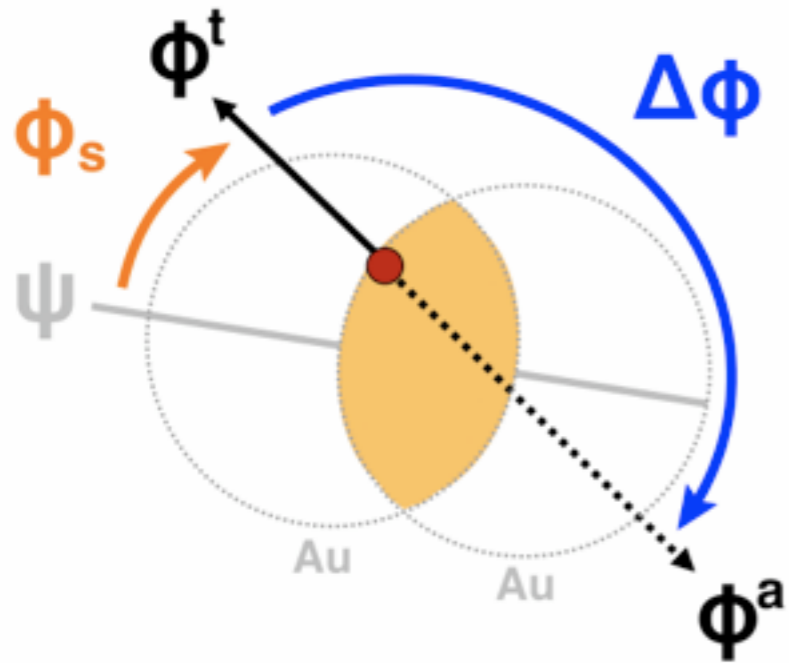
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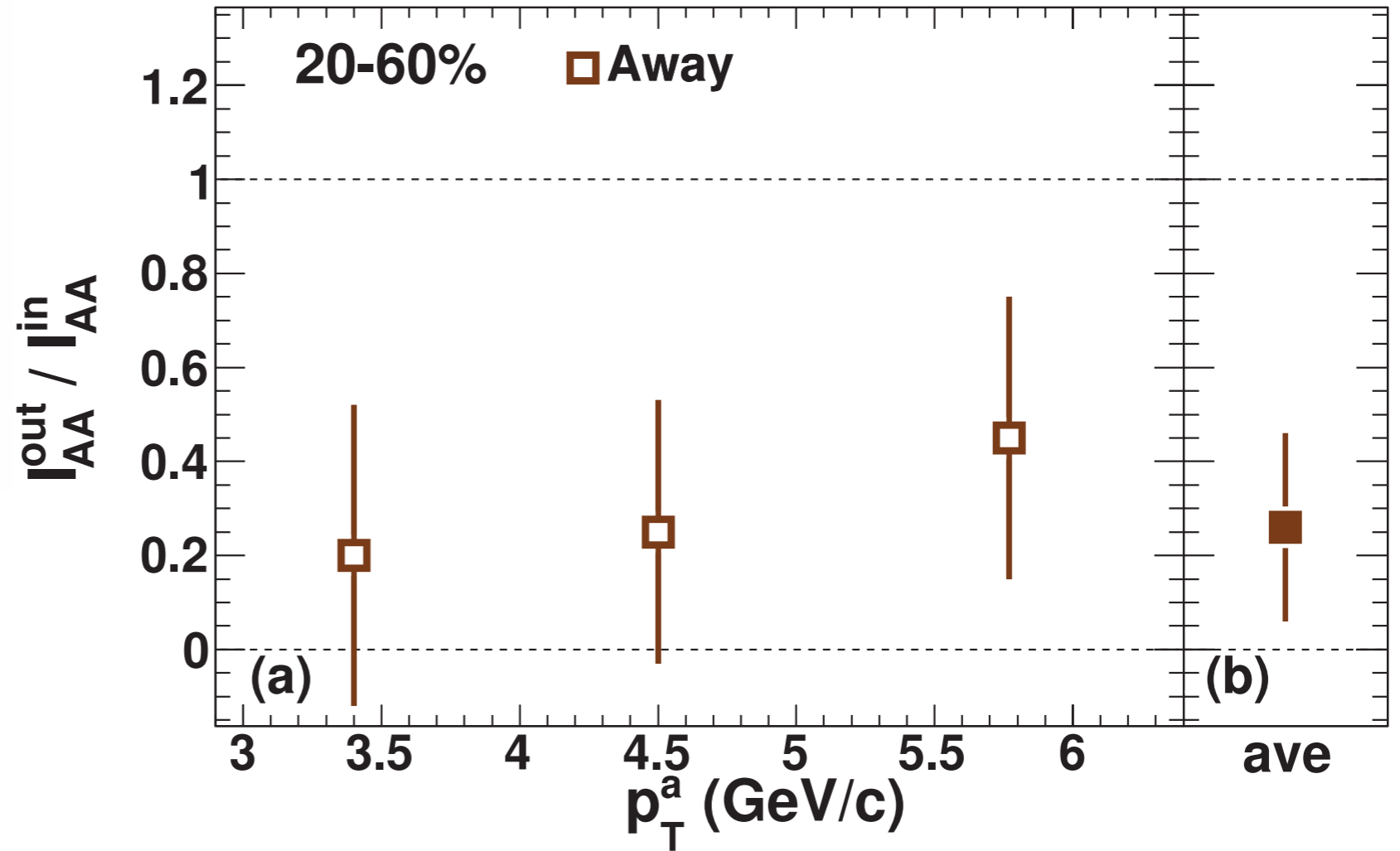
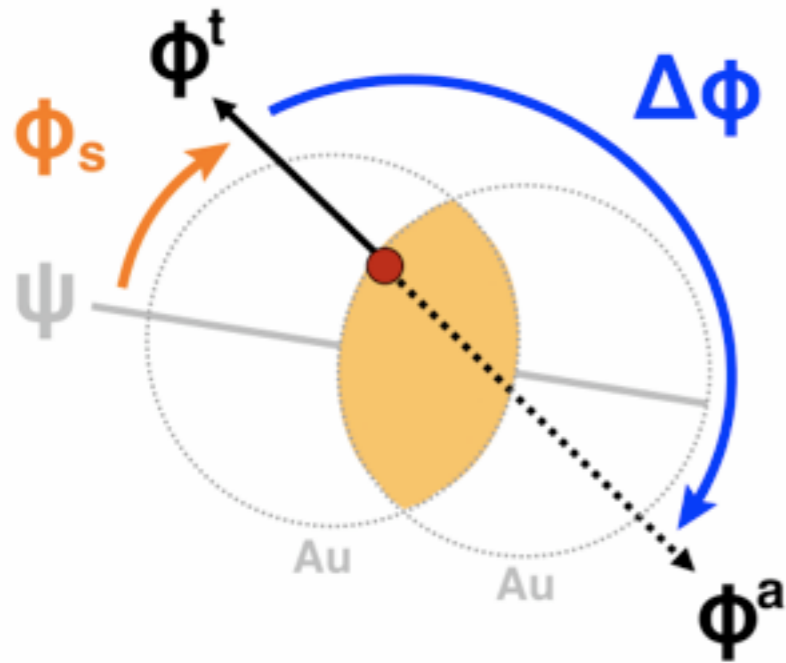
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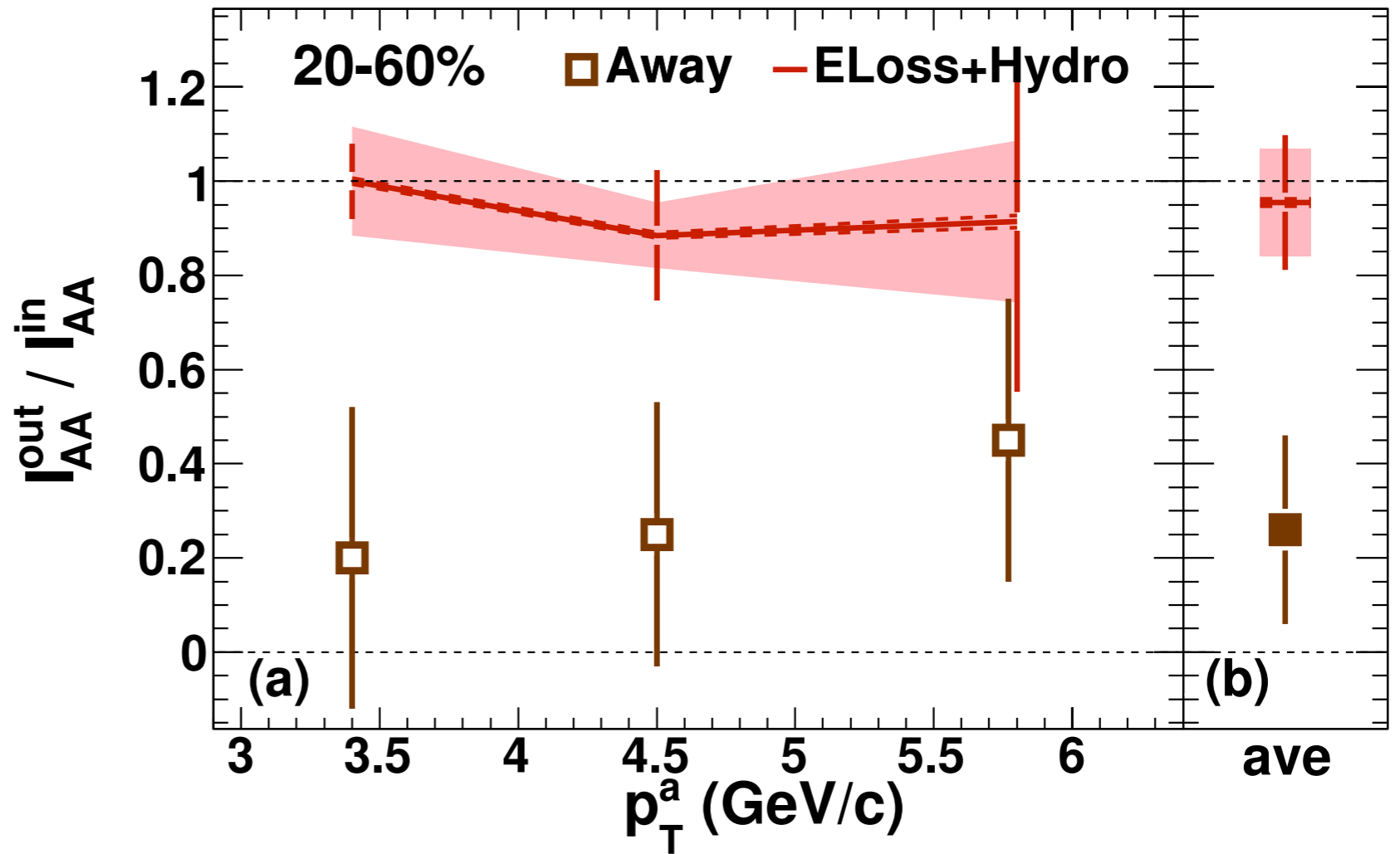
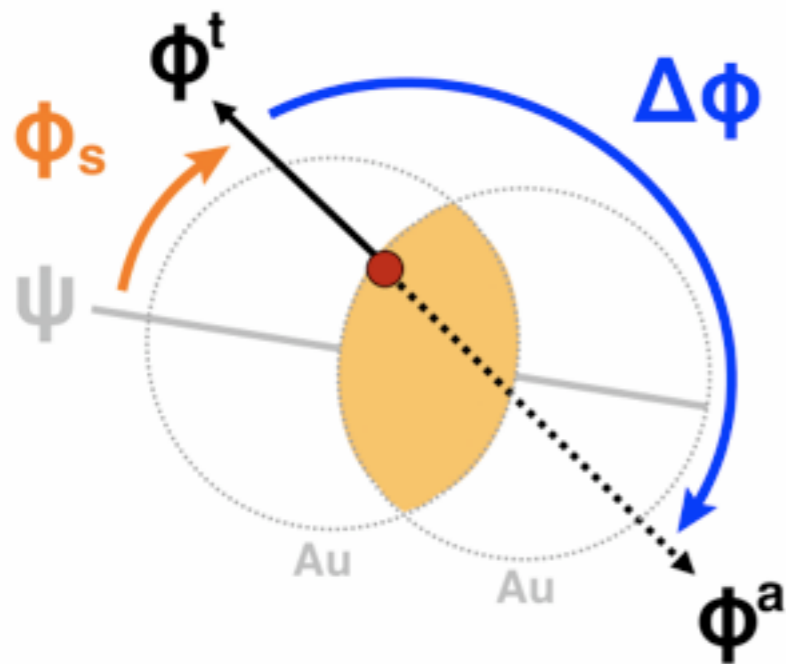




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energy loss calculation from Renk in 2 hydro codes  
(Nokana & Bass and Eskola et al.)

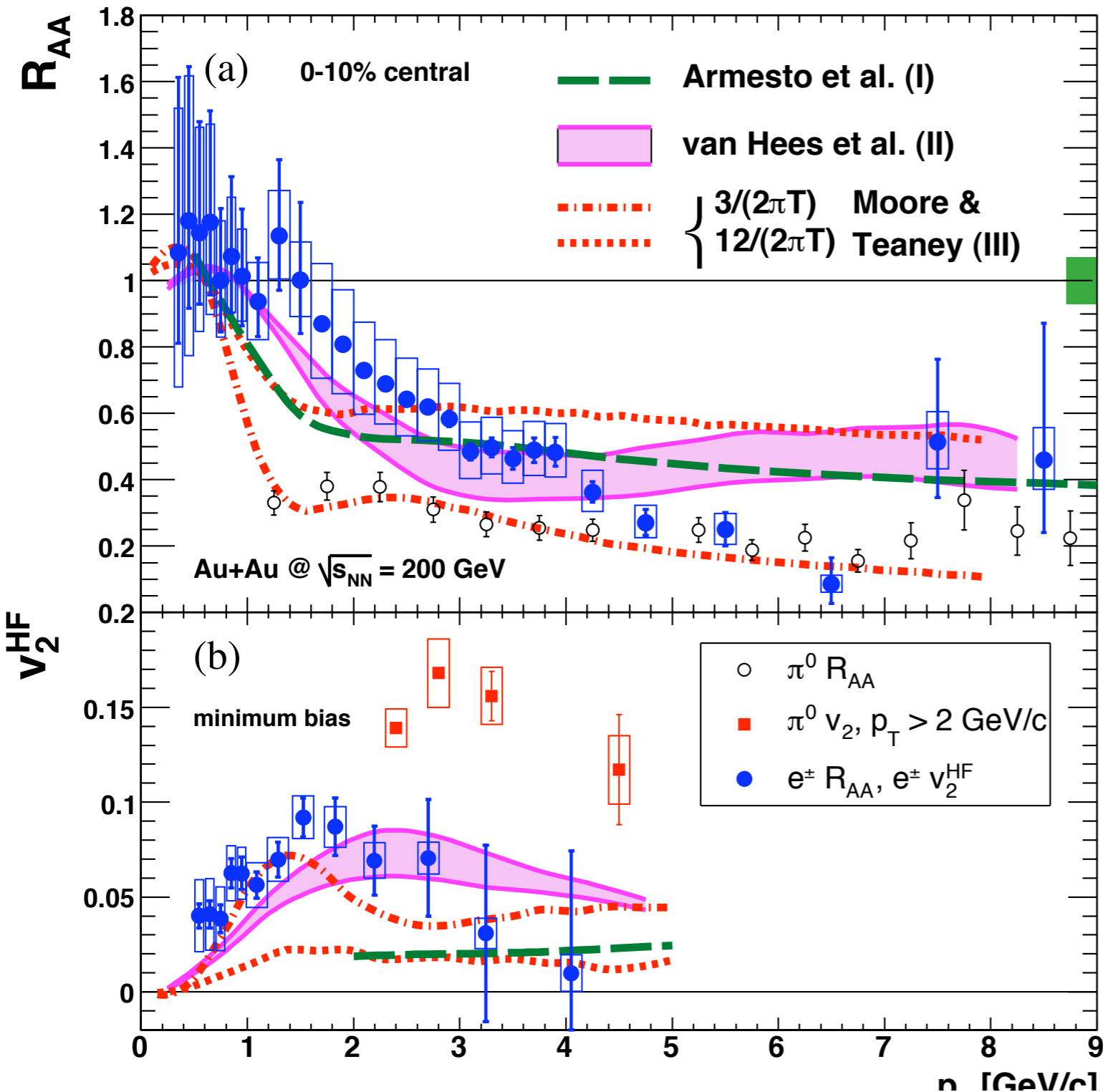
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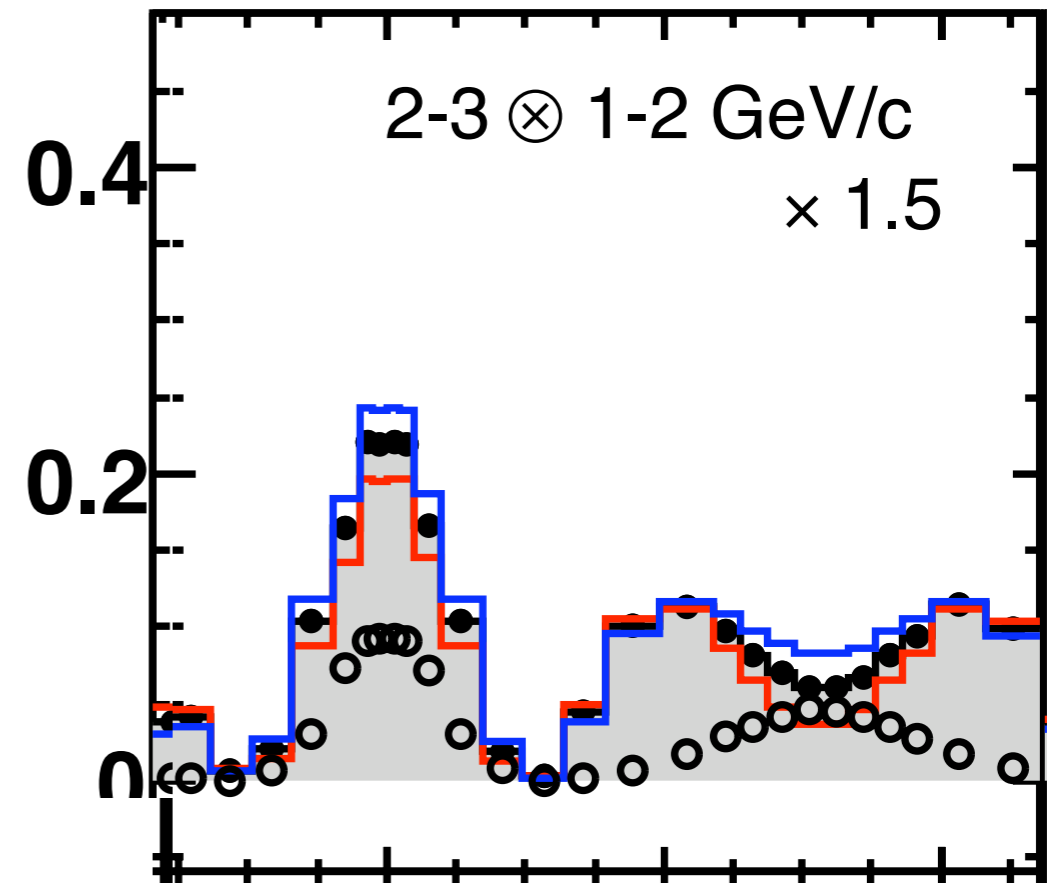
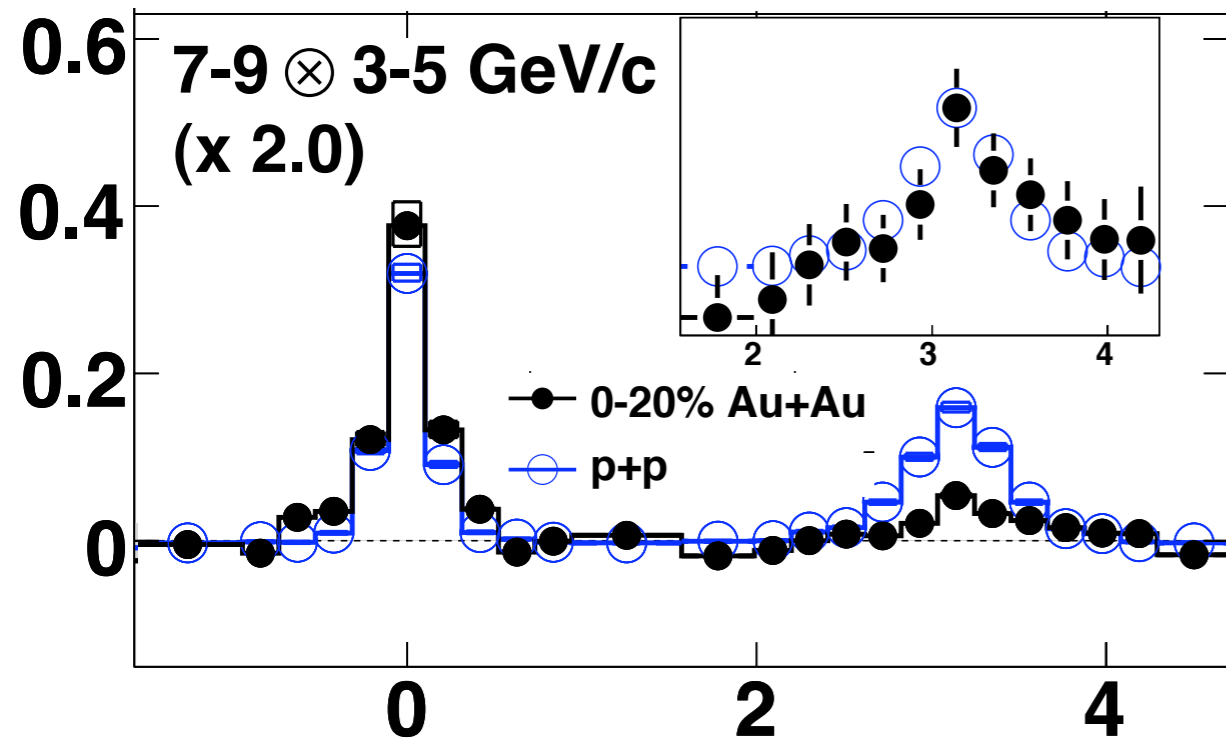
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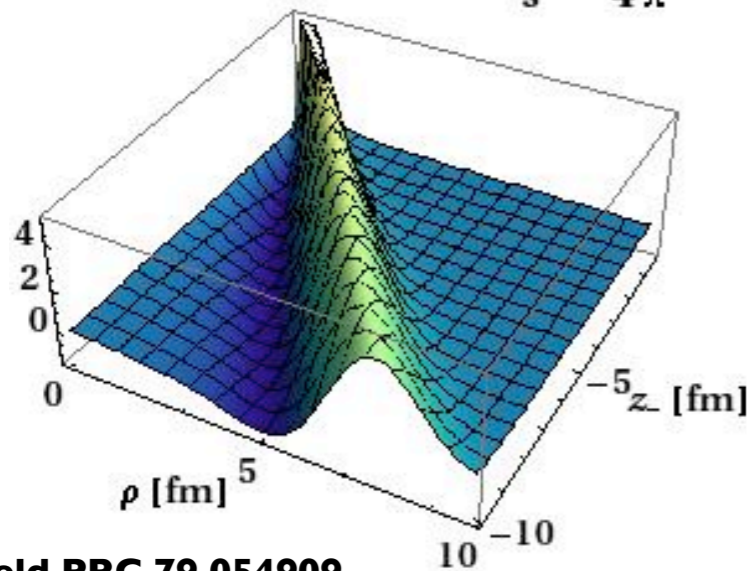
# double peak structure



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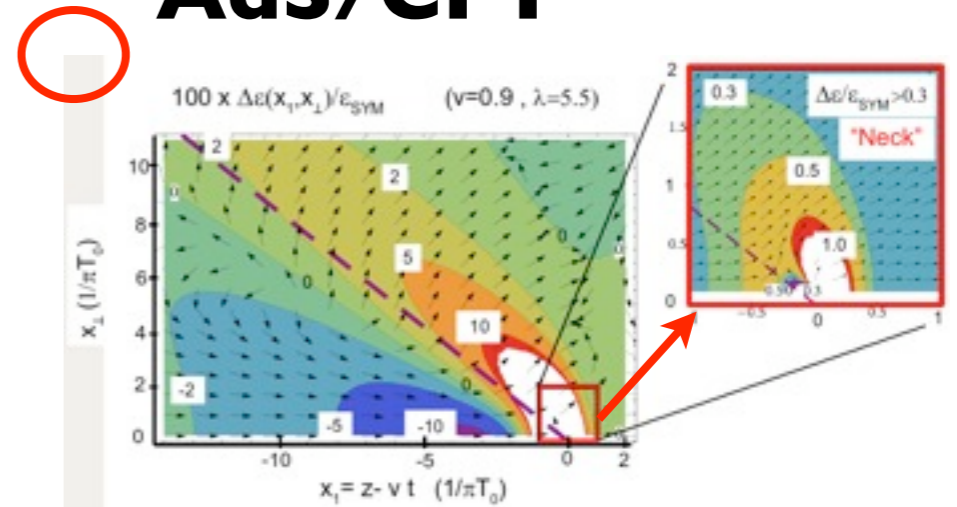
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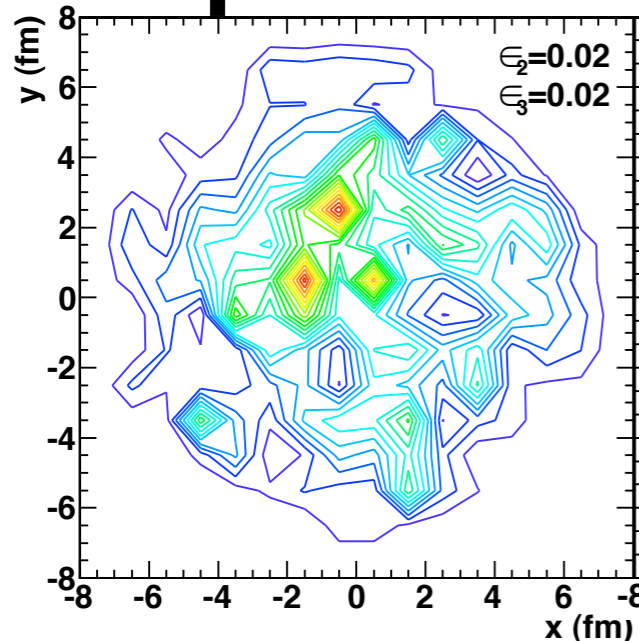
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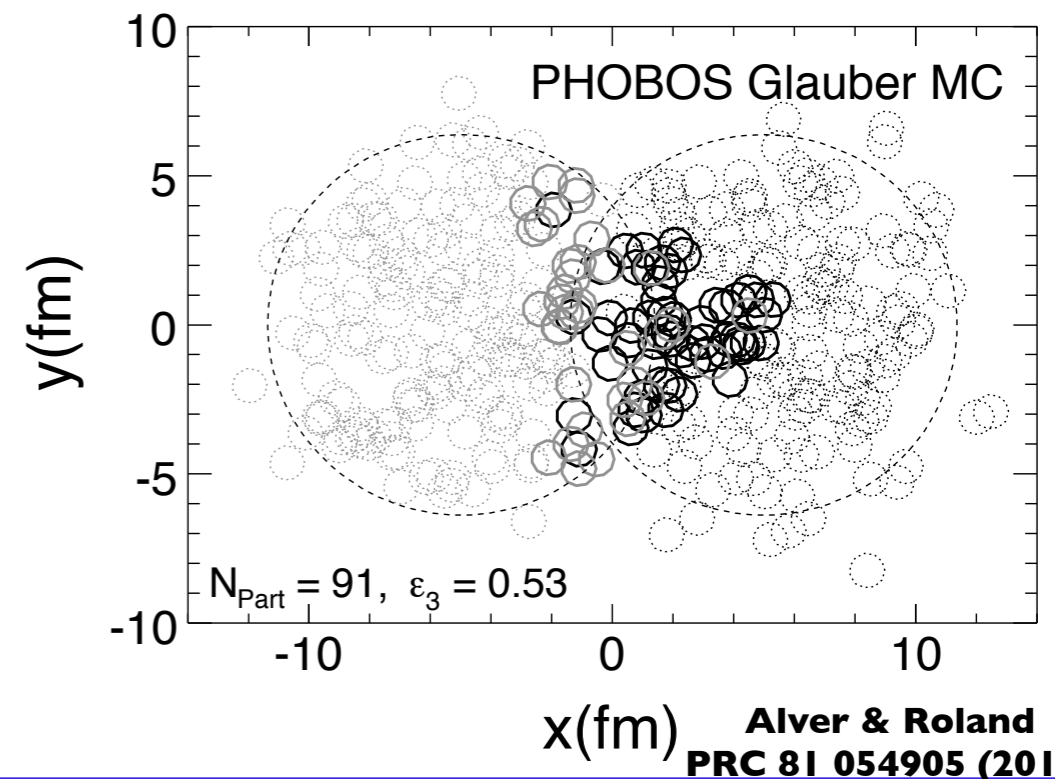
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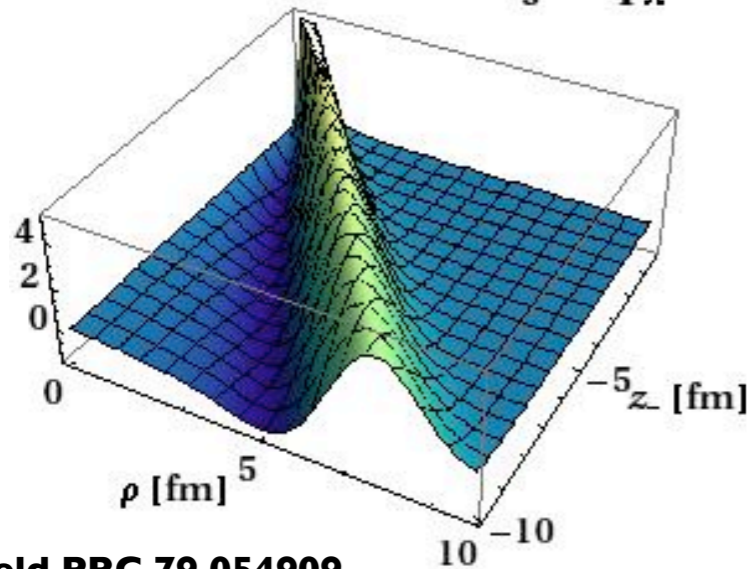


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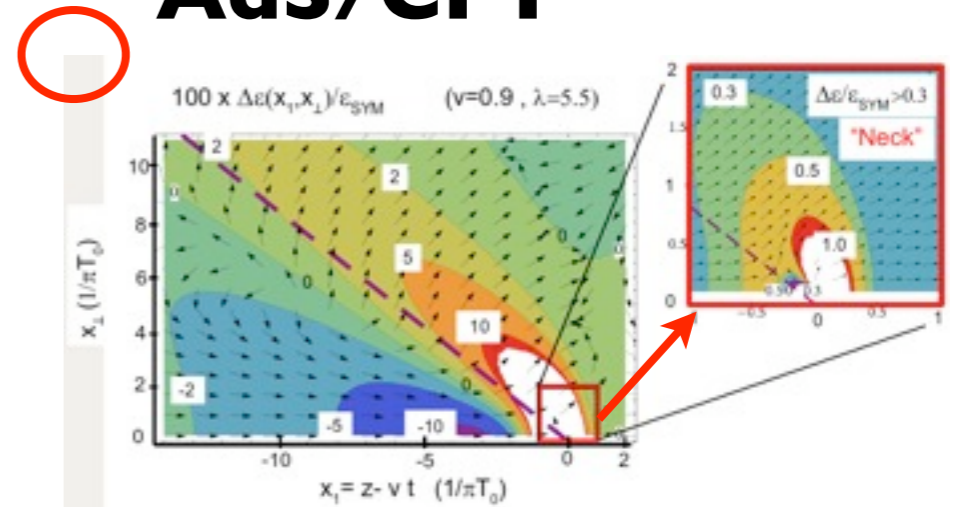


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$$\cos\theta_M = \frac{\bar{c}_s}{v_{jet}}$$

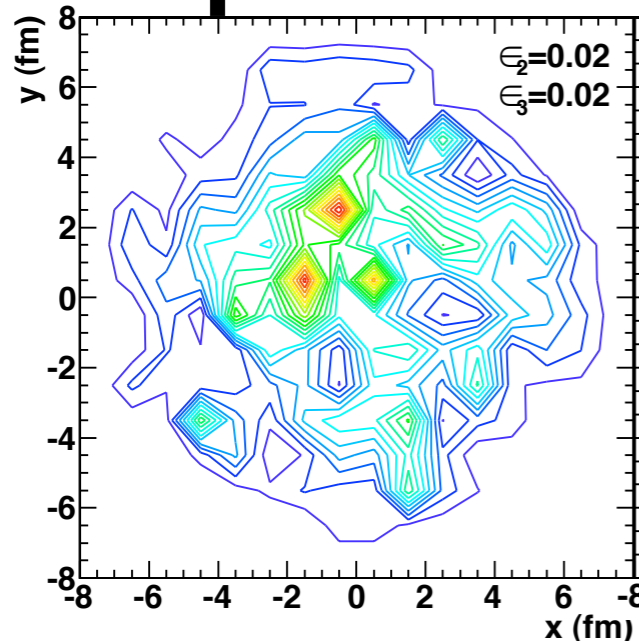
b-b correlations can determine if correlations follow Mach's Law

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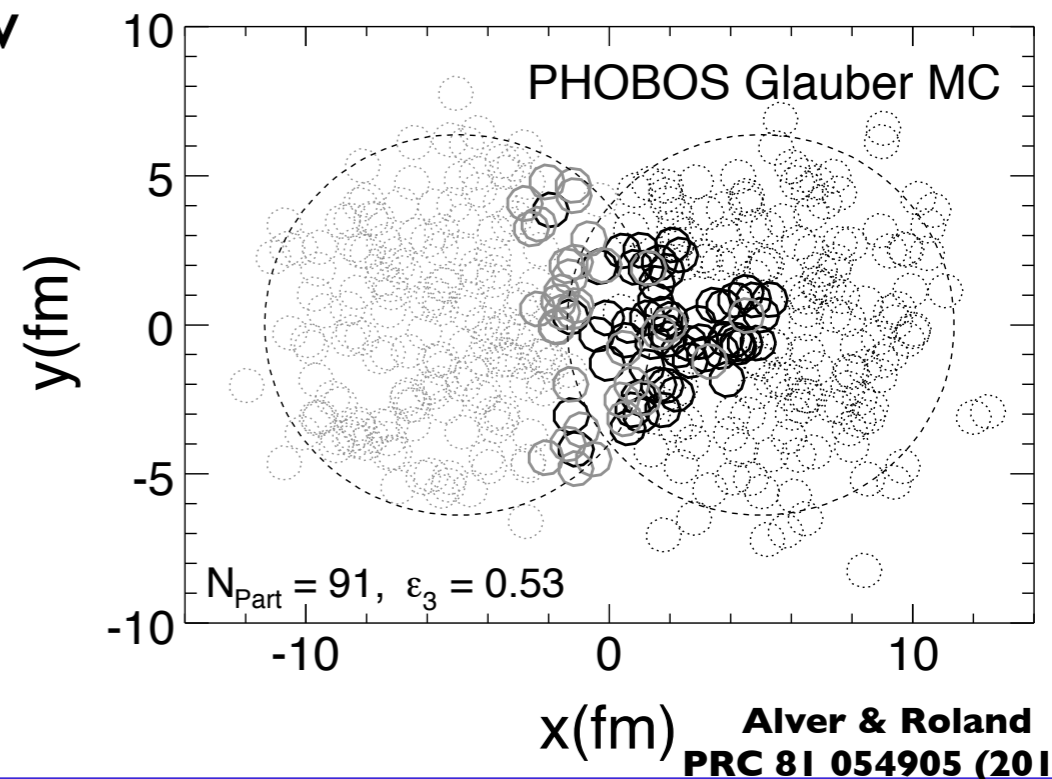
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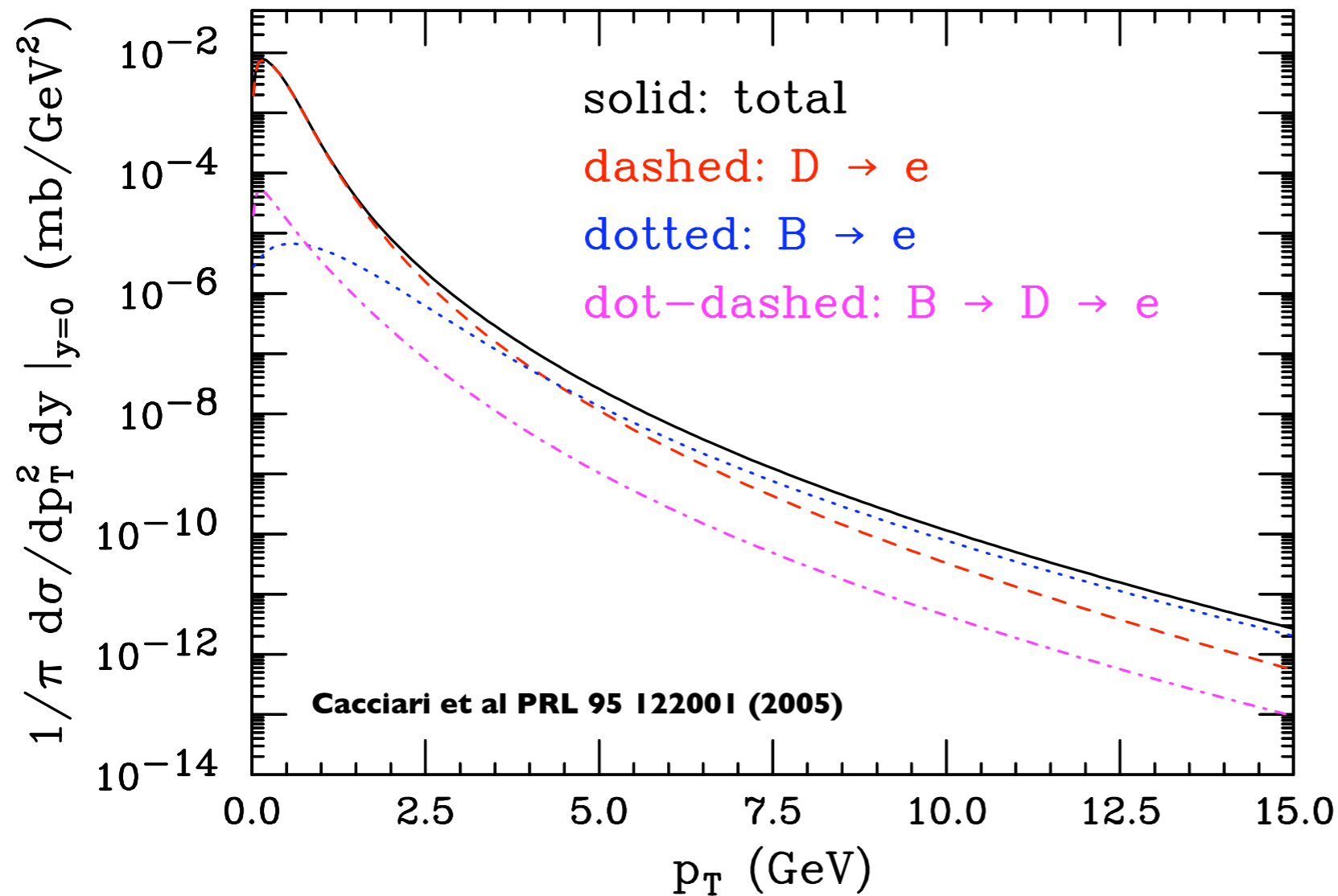
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# charm & bottom: theory

$e^\pm$  from c & b p+p  $\sqrt{s}=200$  GeV



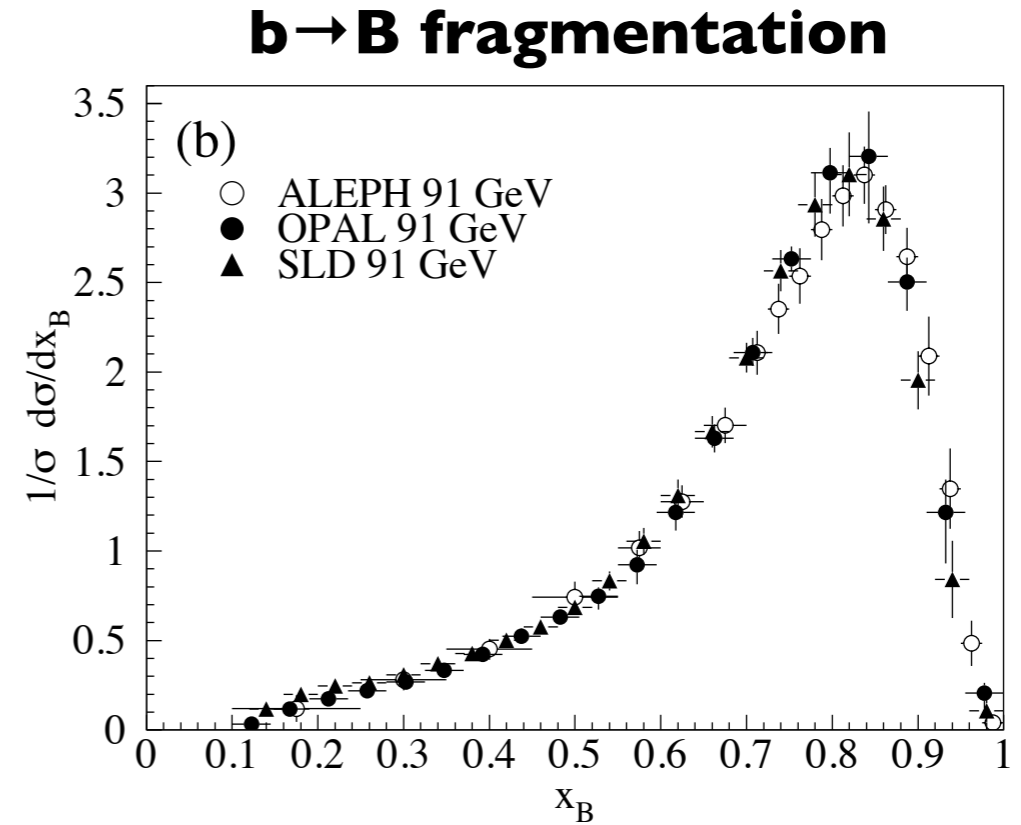
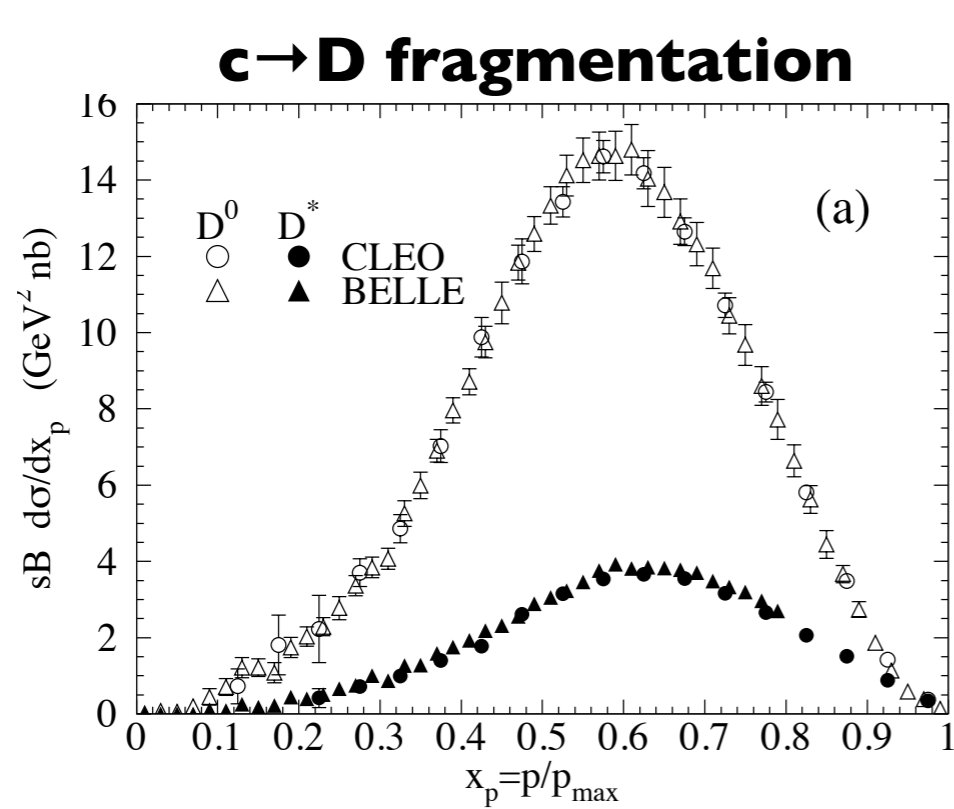
**knowledge of relative c/b contributions crucial for understanding energy loss in Au+Au collisions**



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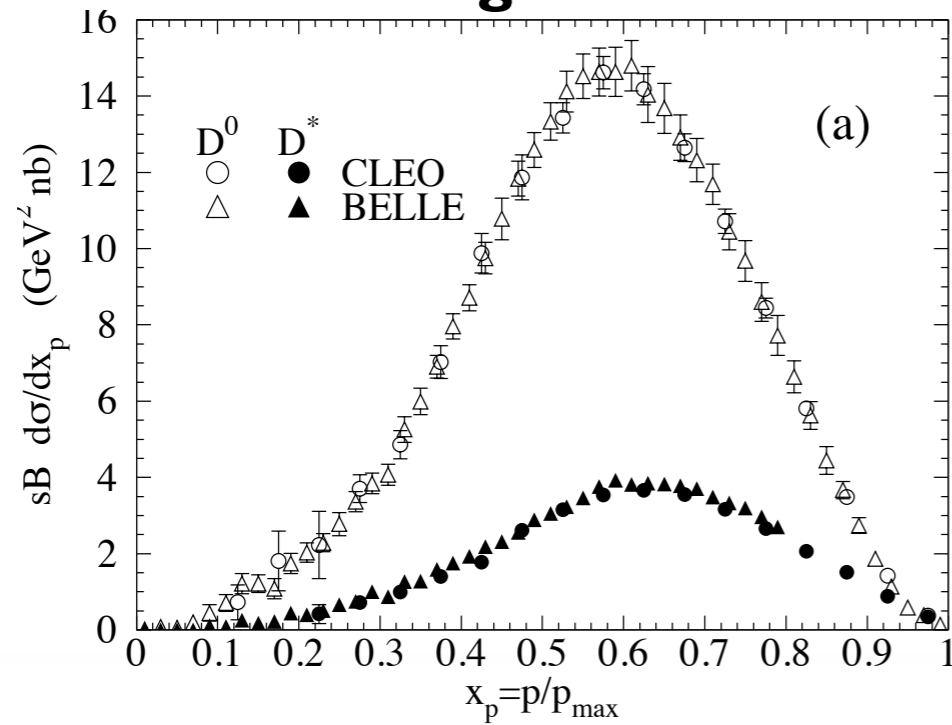
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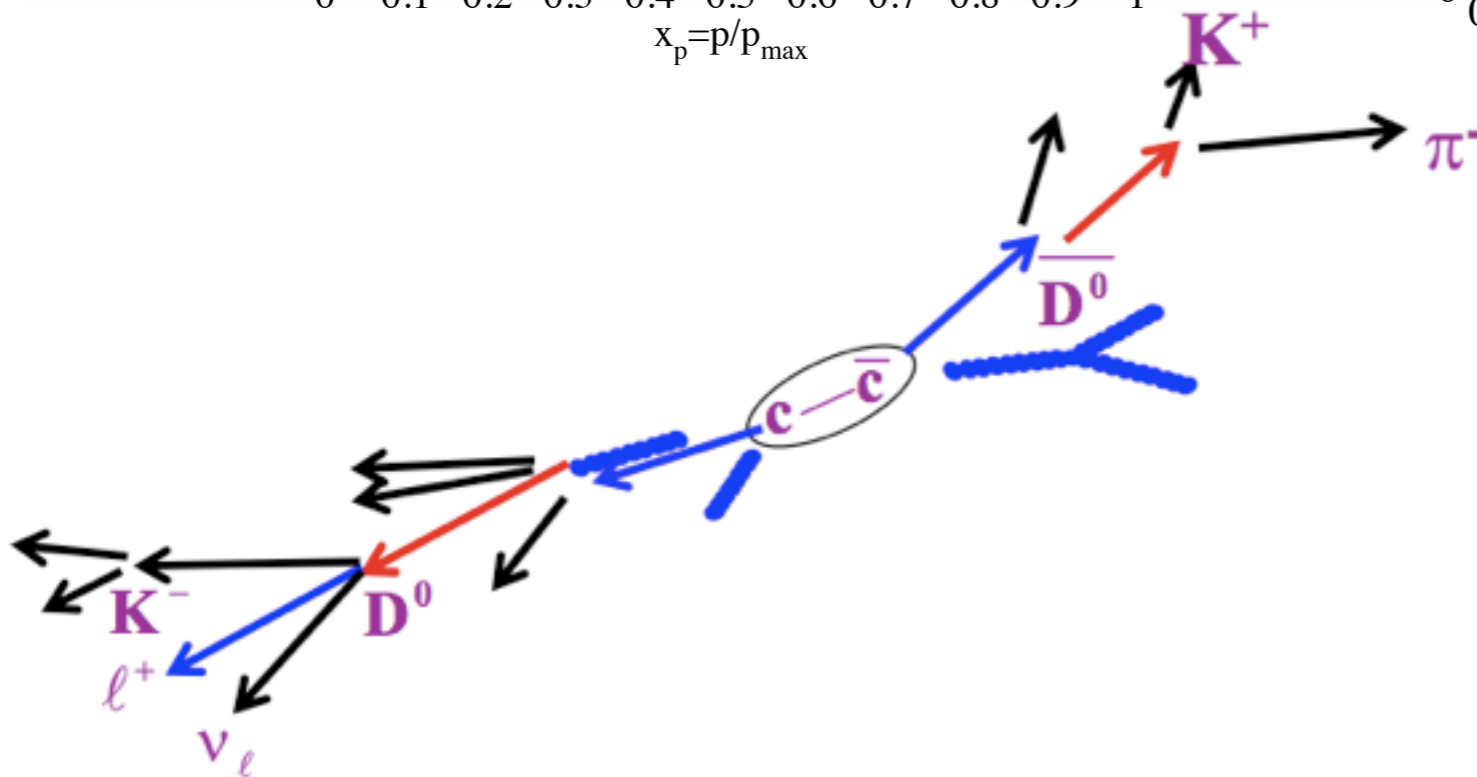
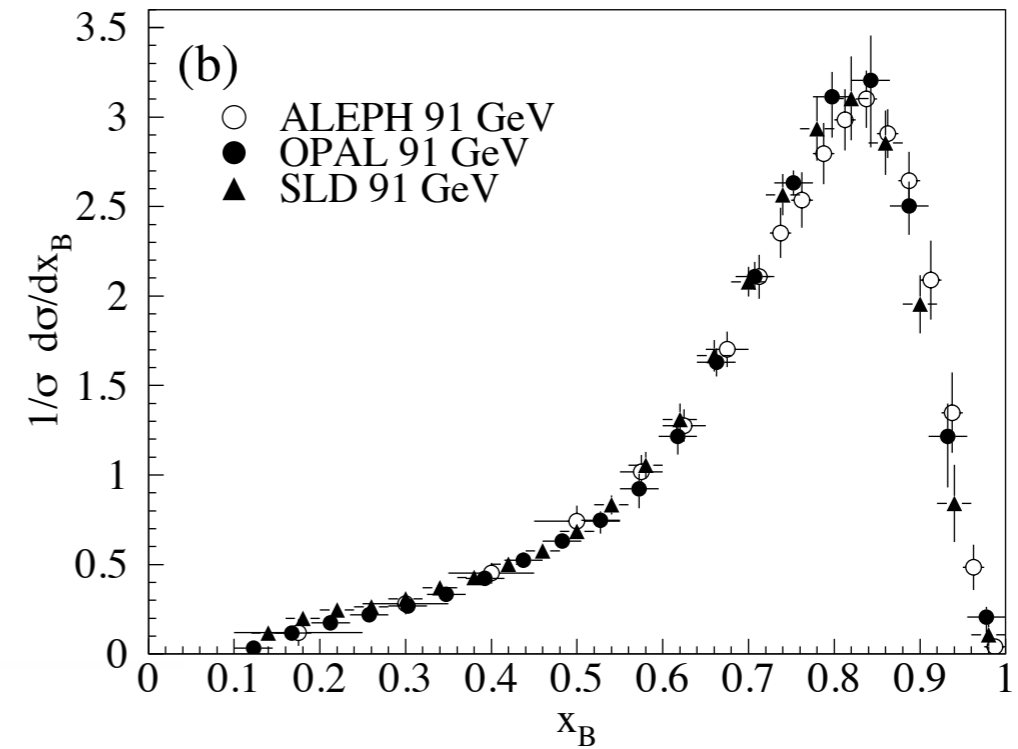


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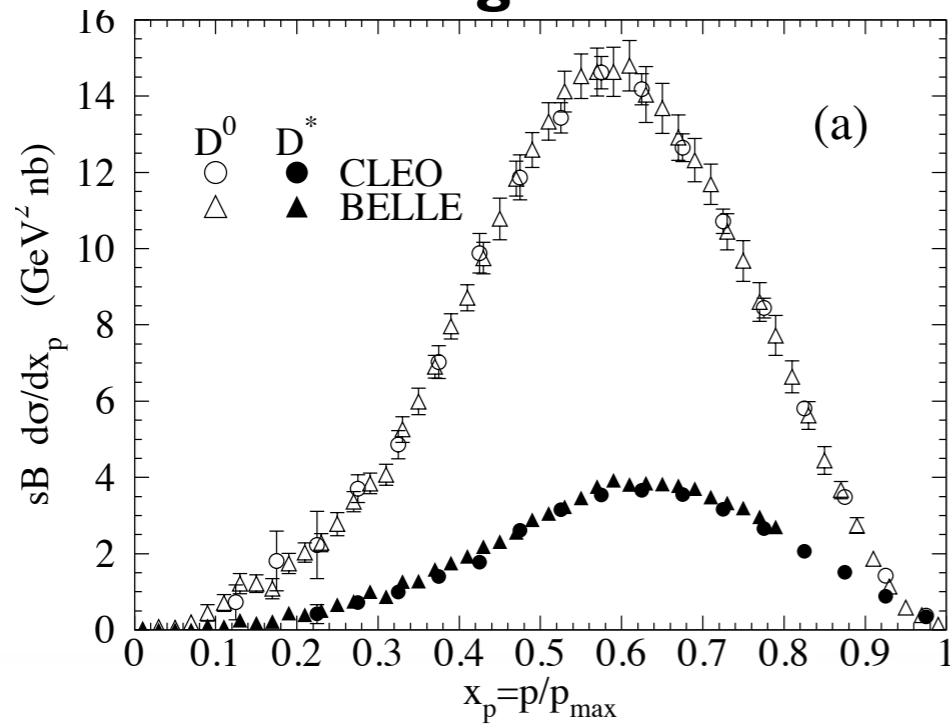


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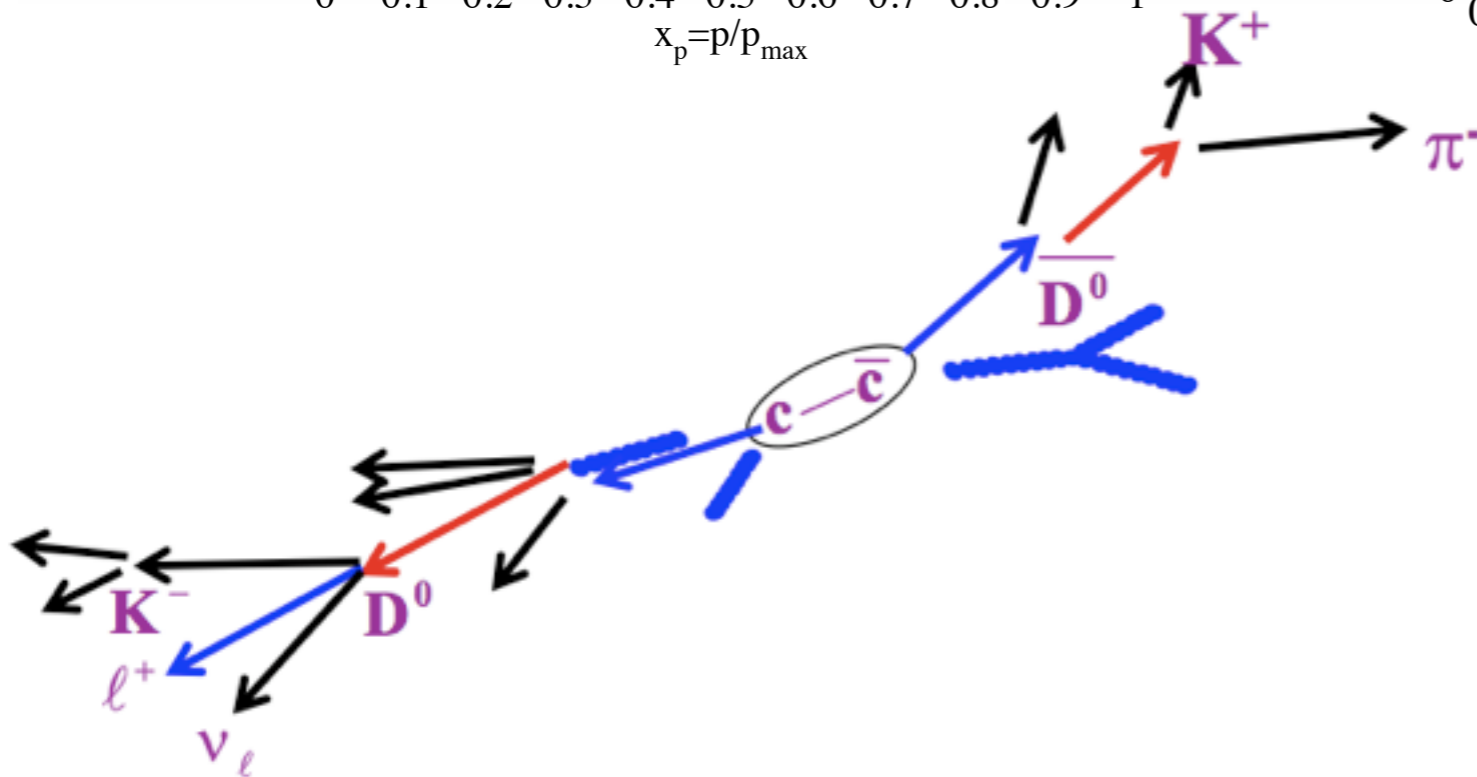
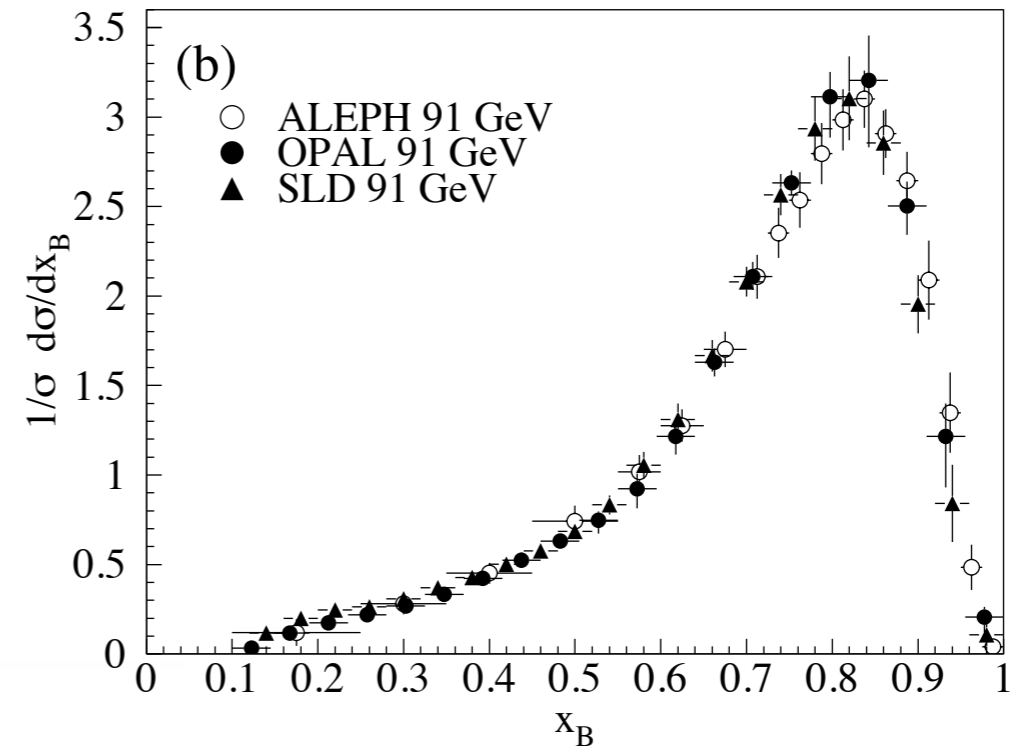


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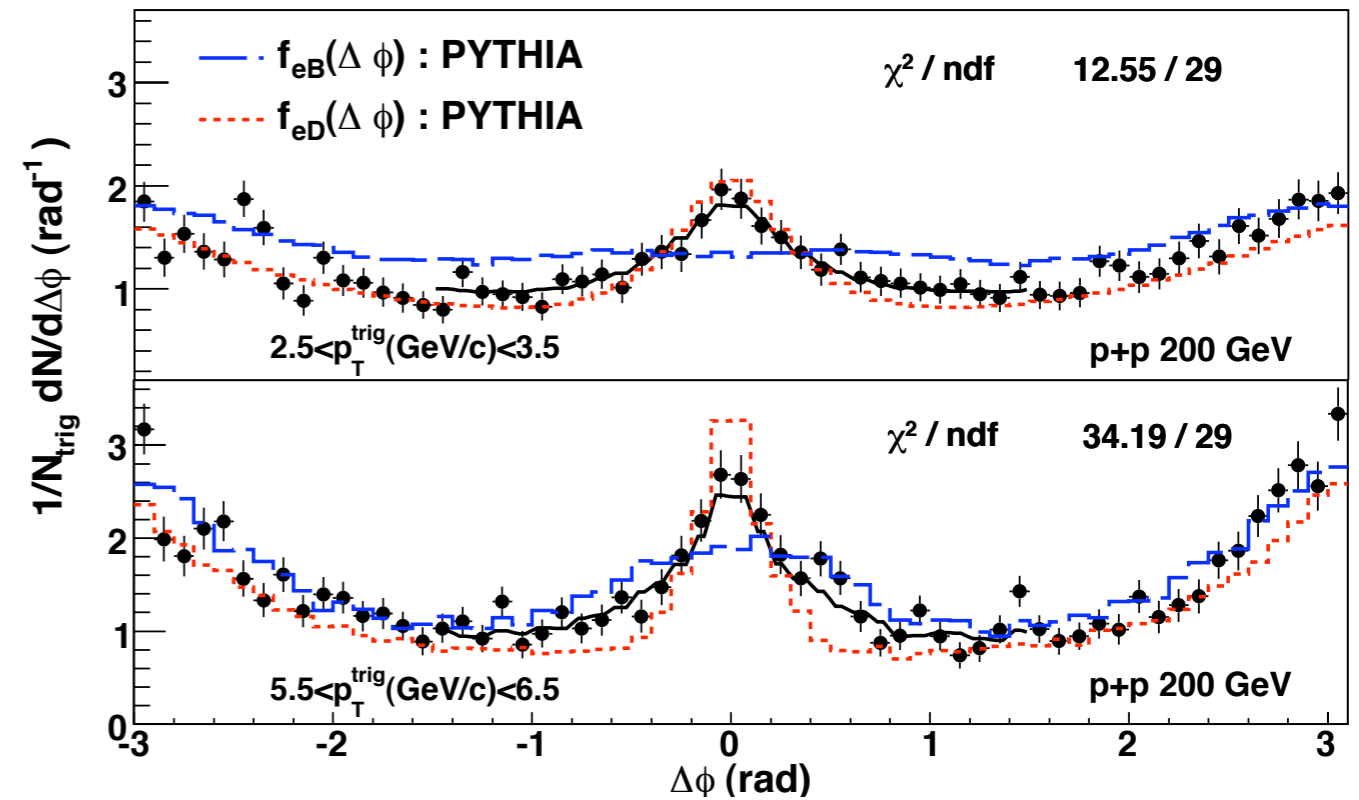
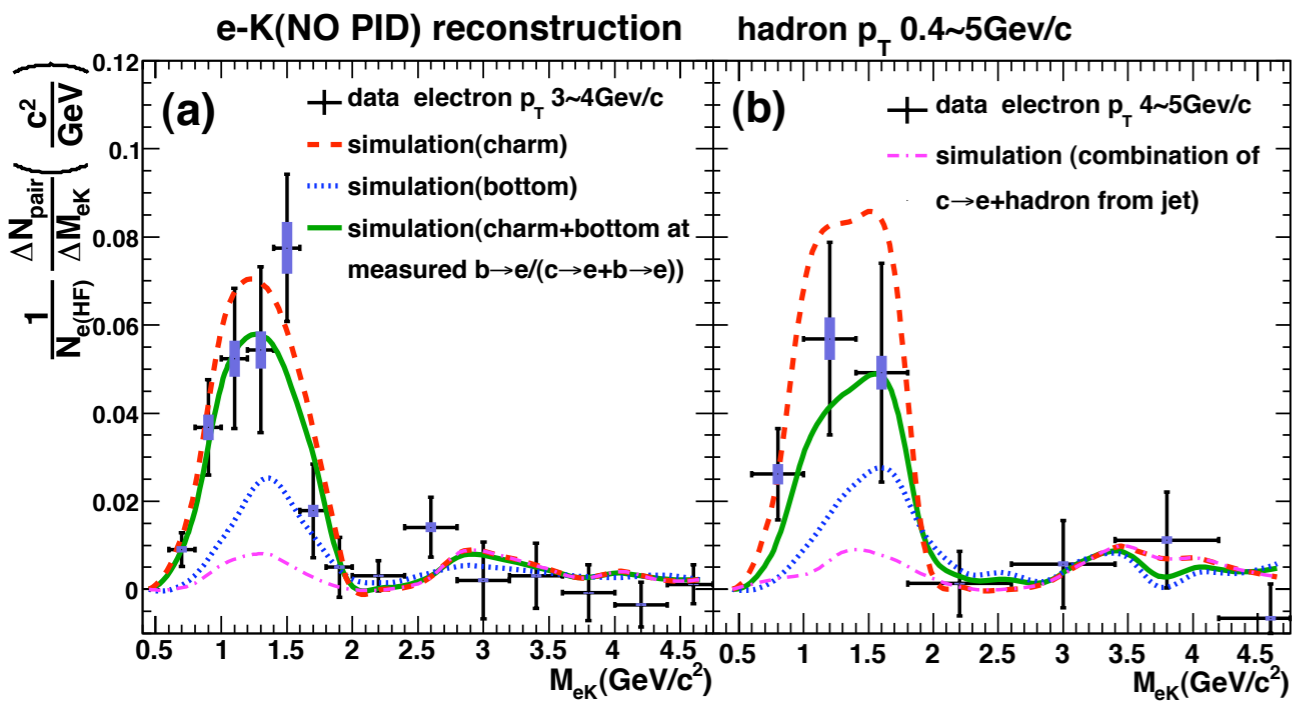


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- small angle e-h correlations dominated by D & B decay products

# model the near side



- introduces a dependence on MC for decays and particle mix
- PYTHIA to handle decays

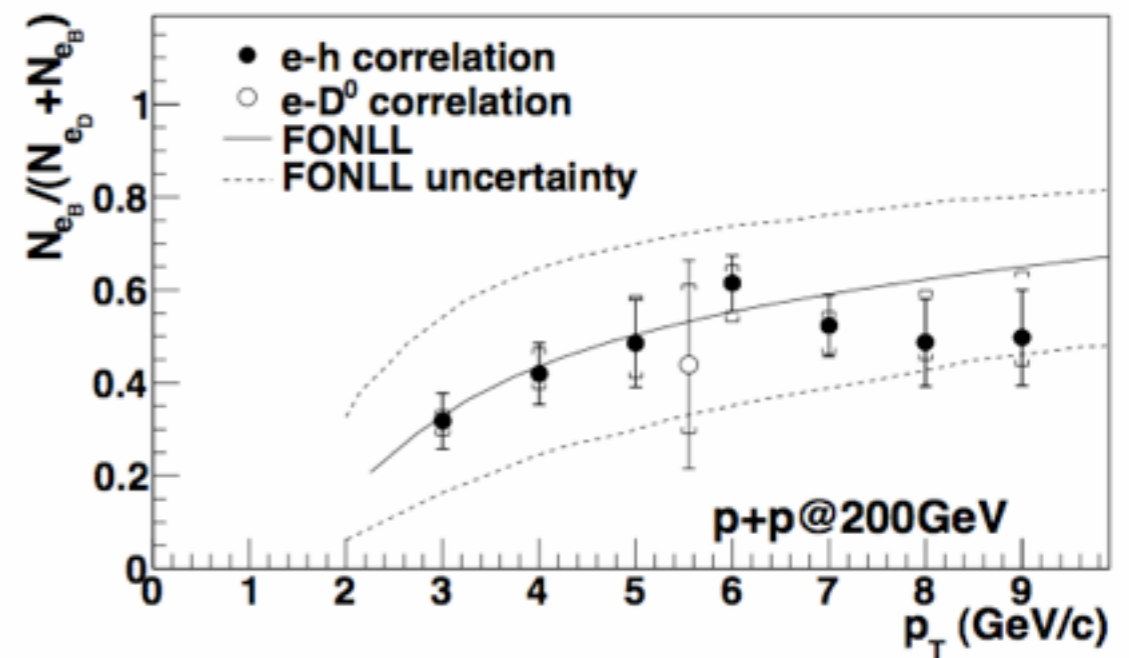
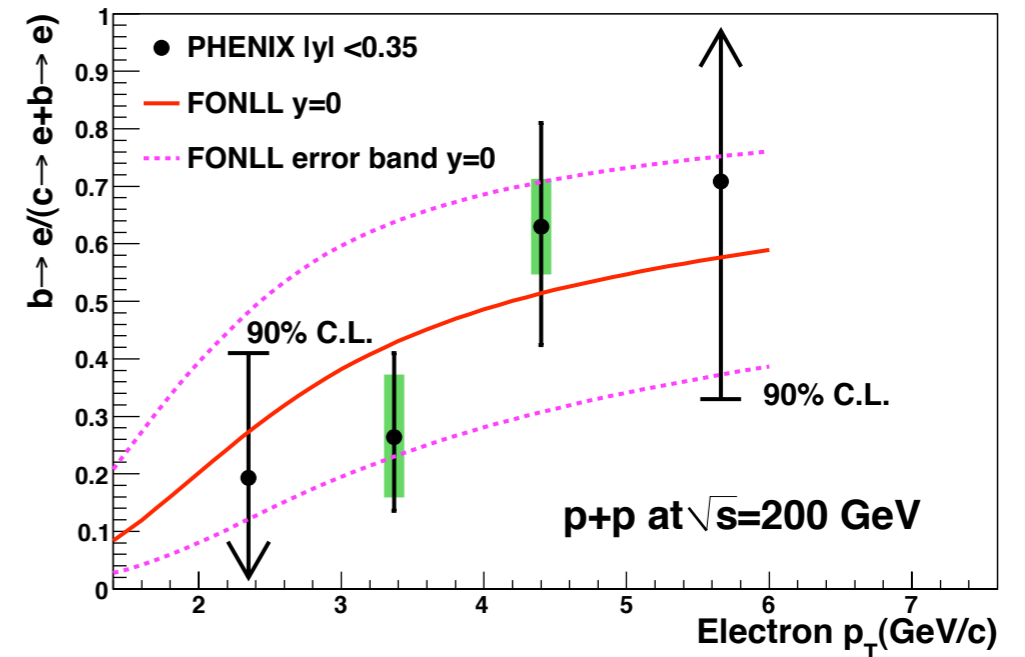
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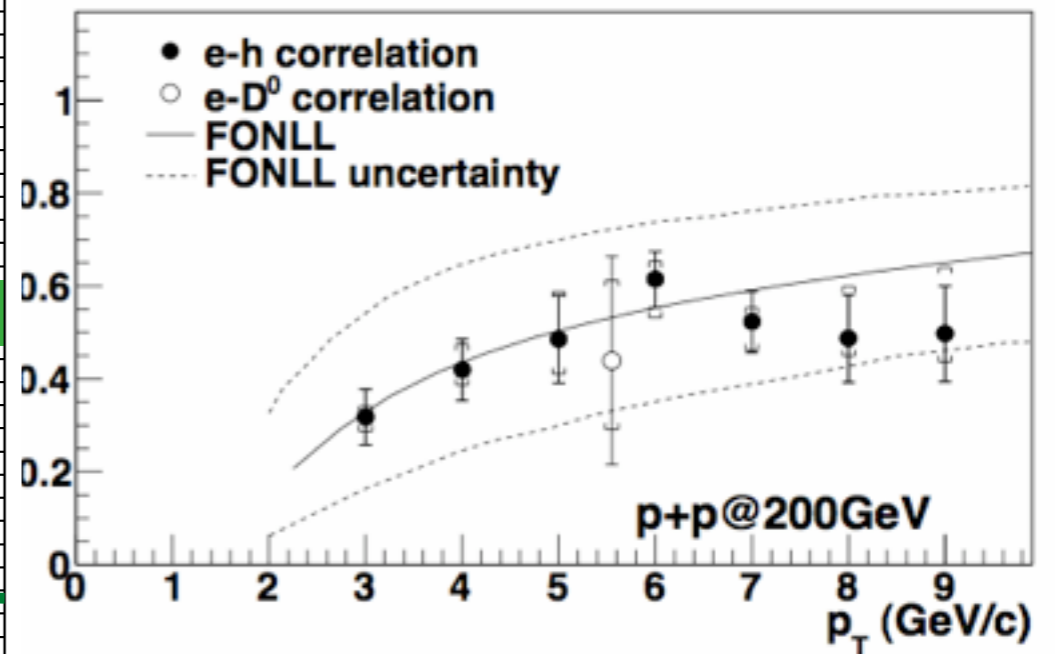
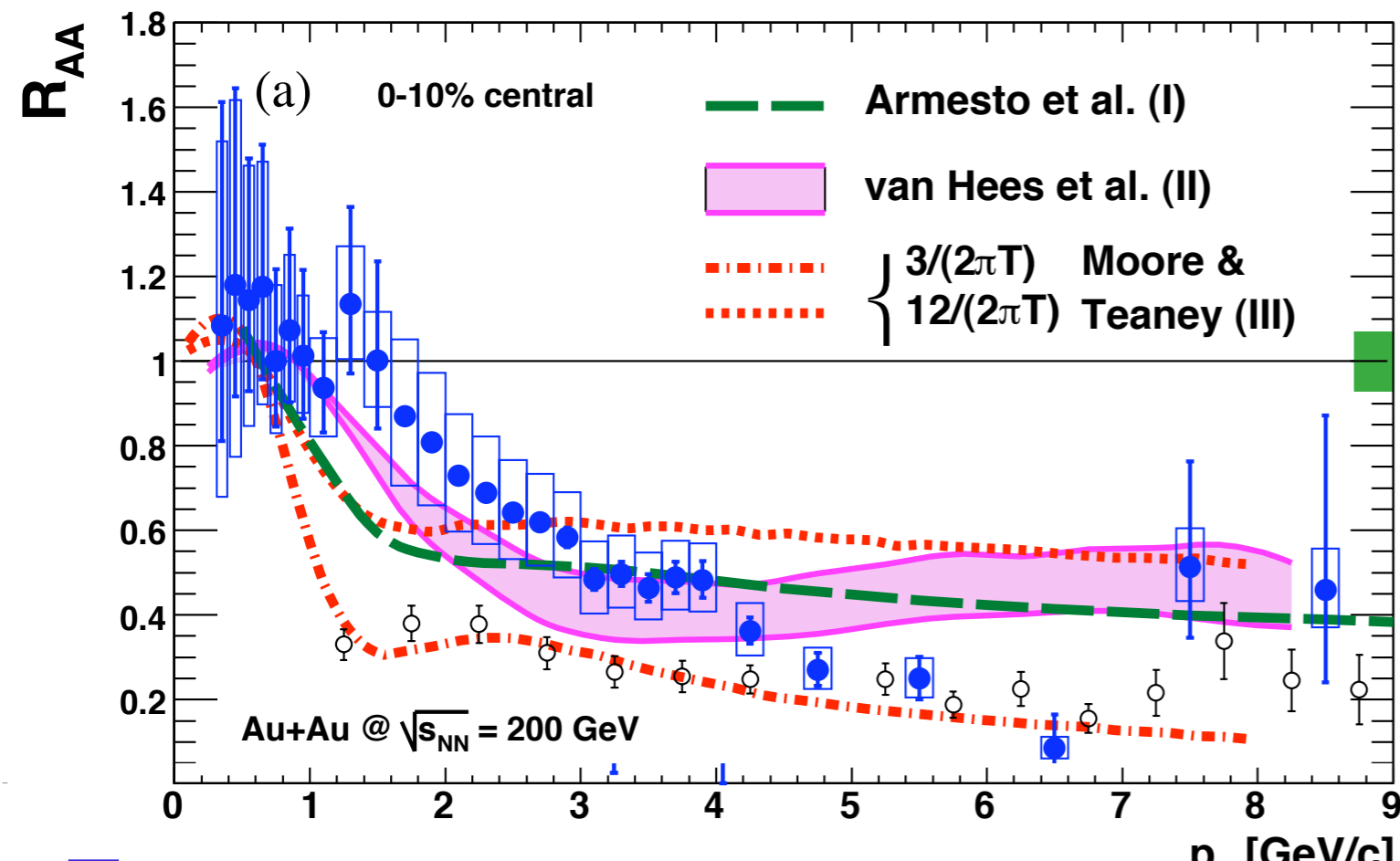
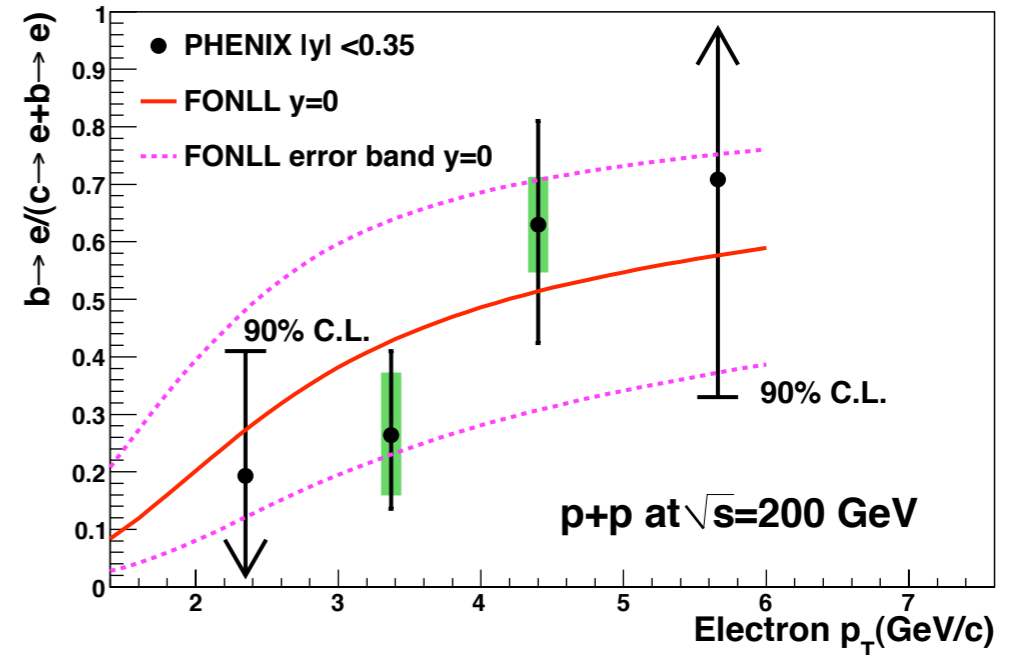
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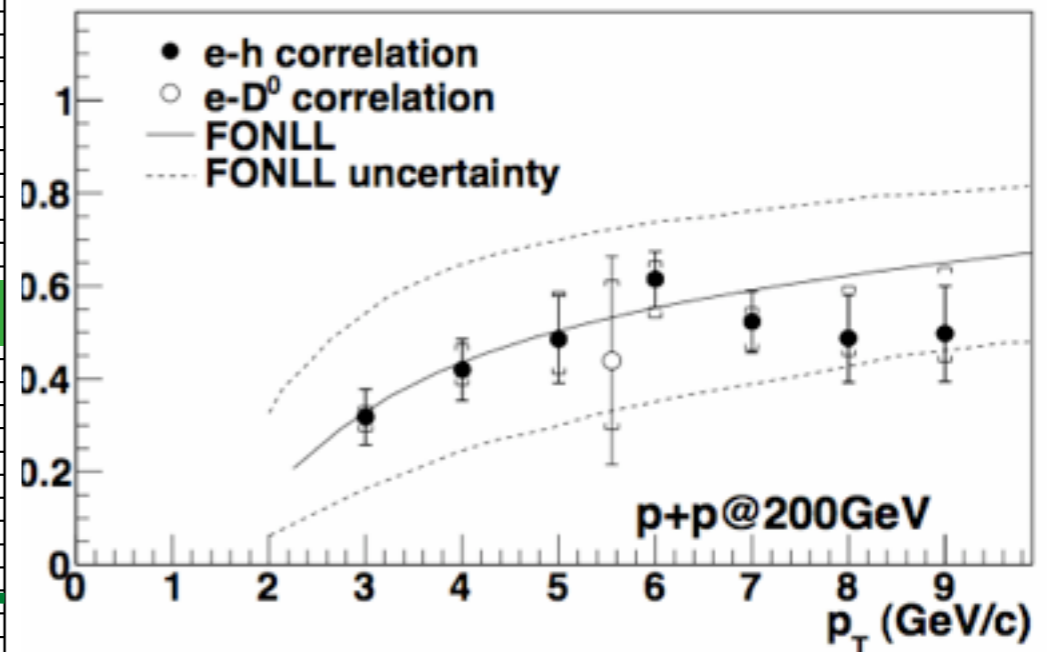
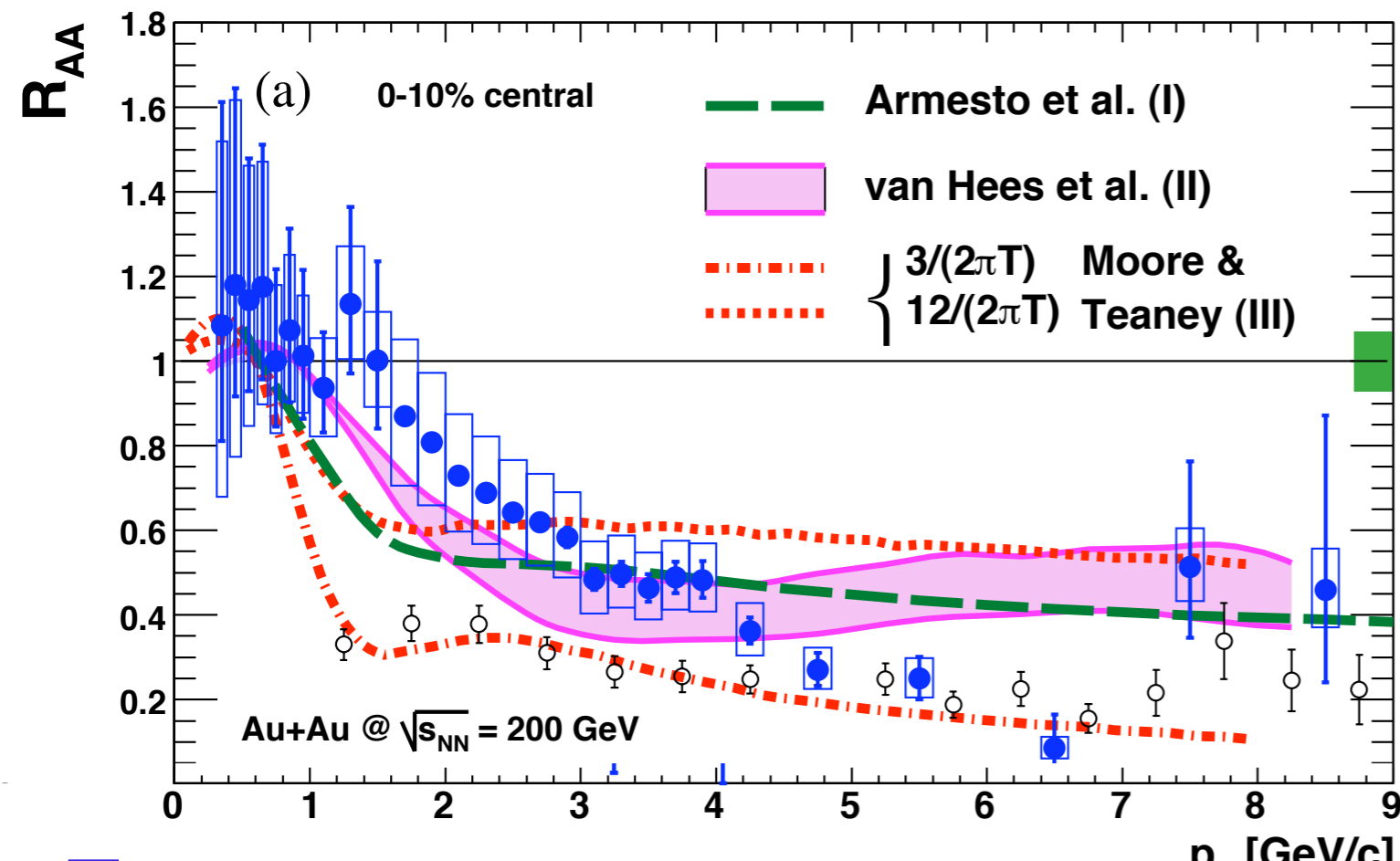
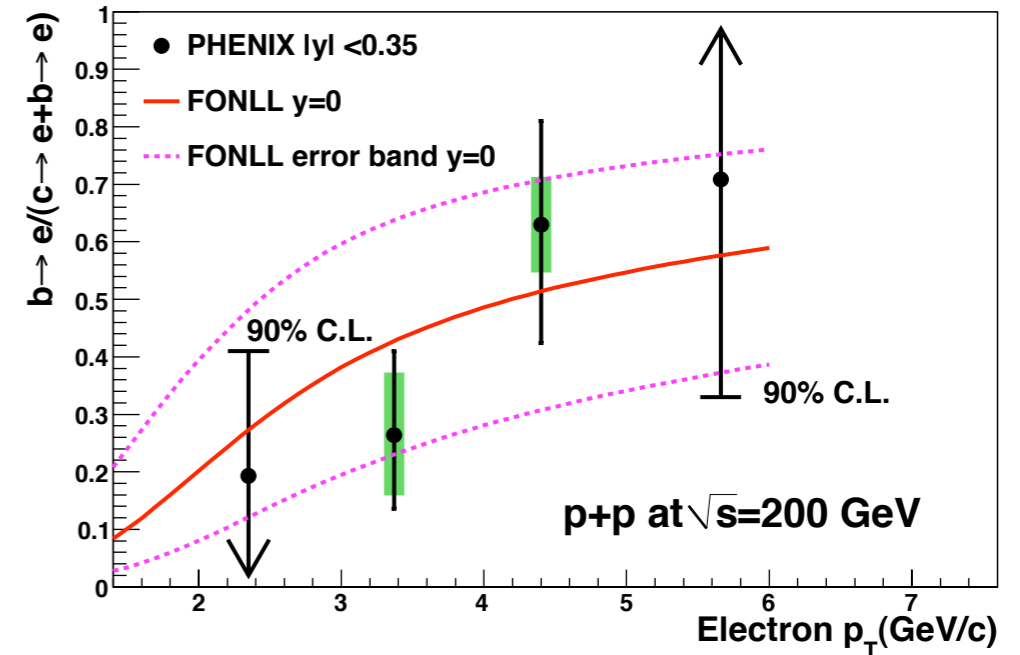


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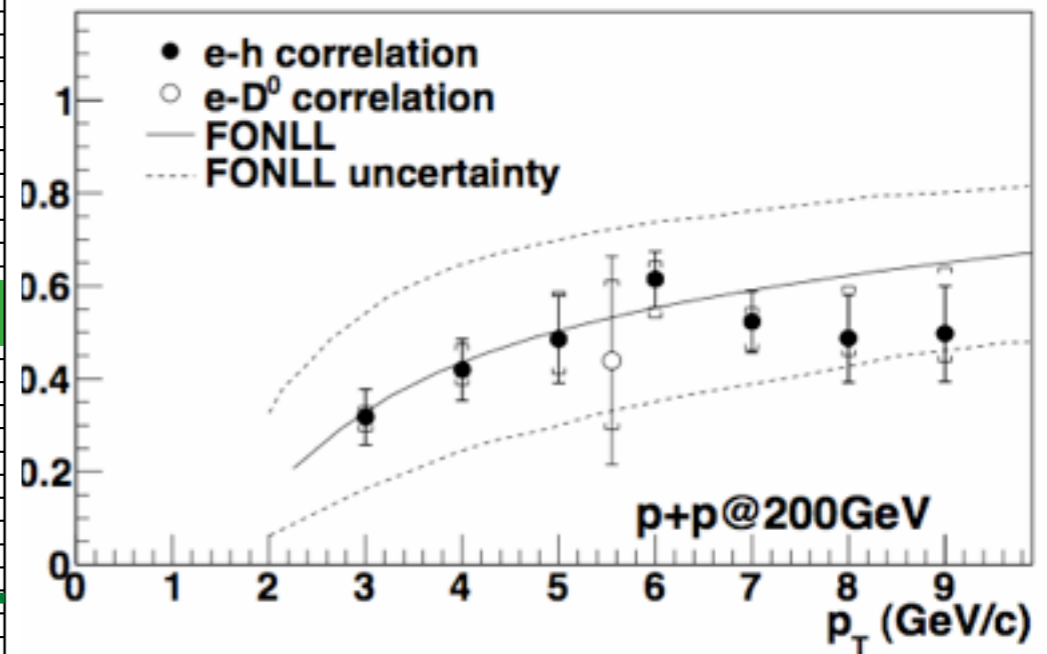
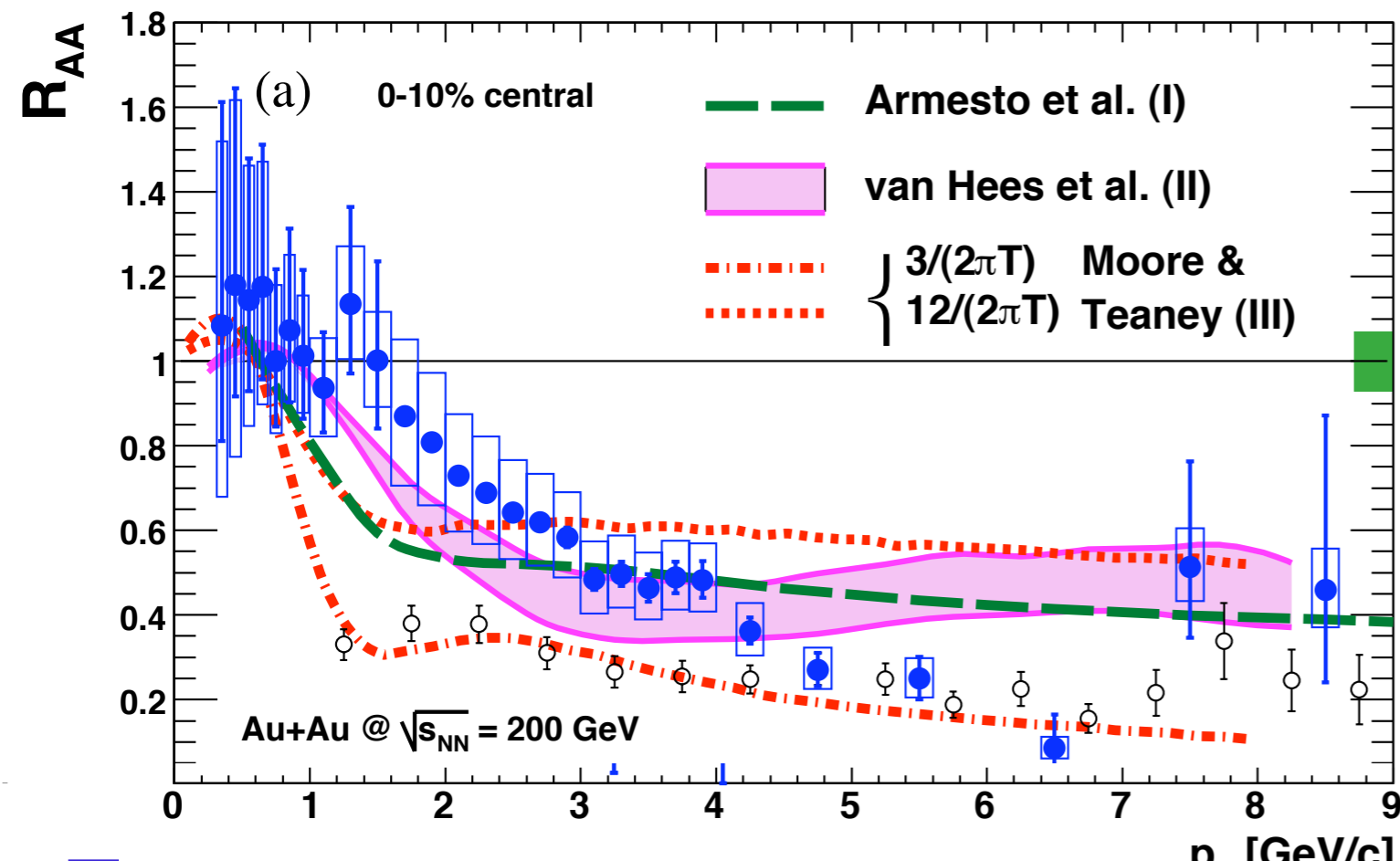
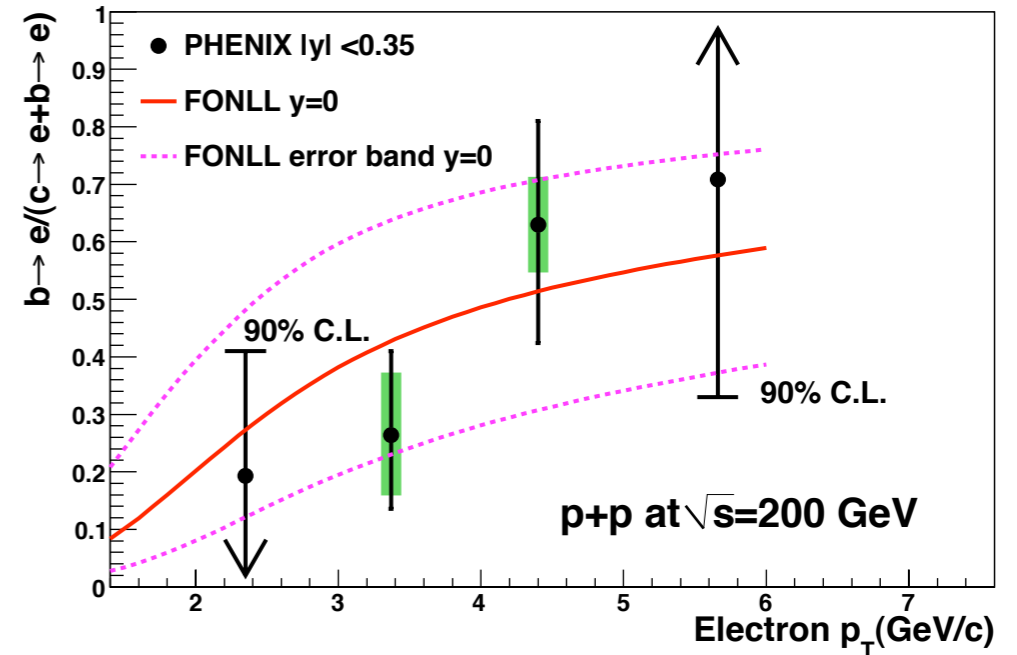


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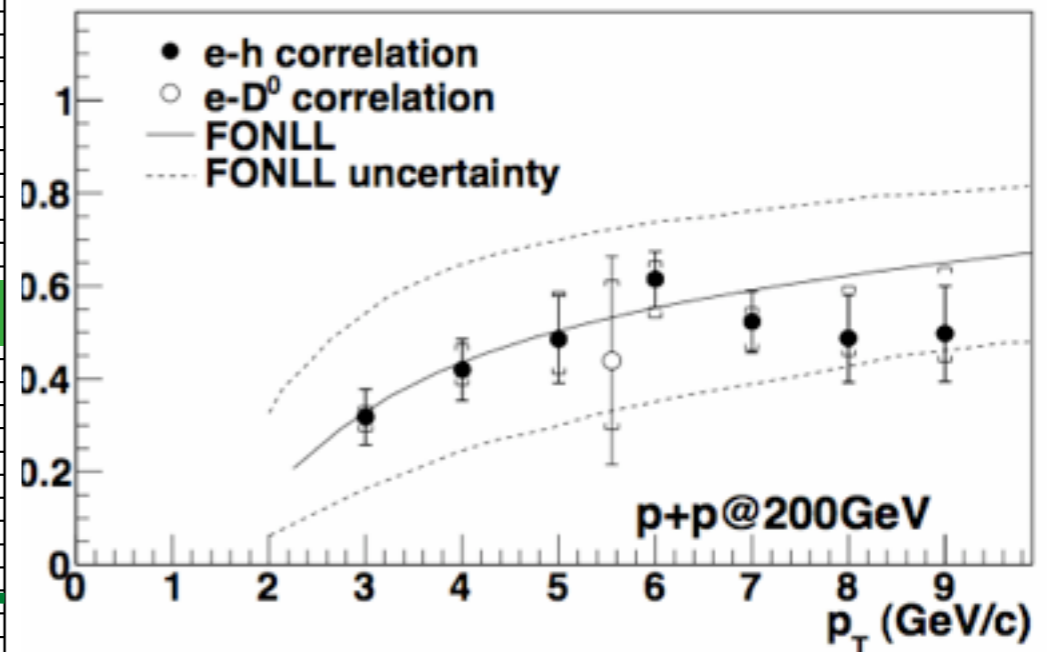
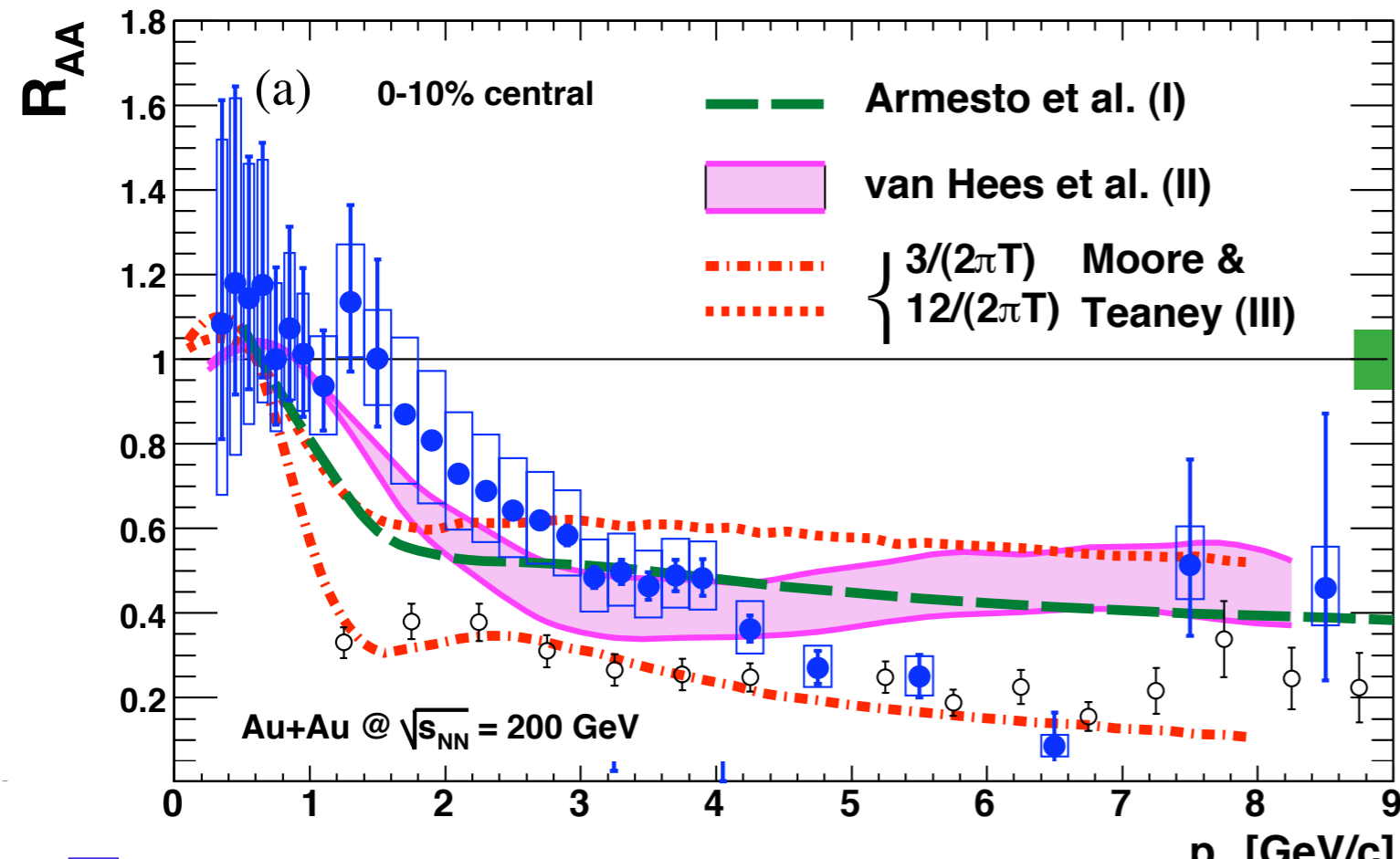
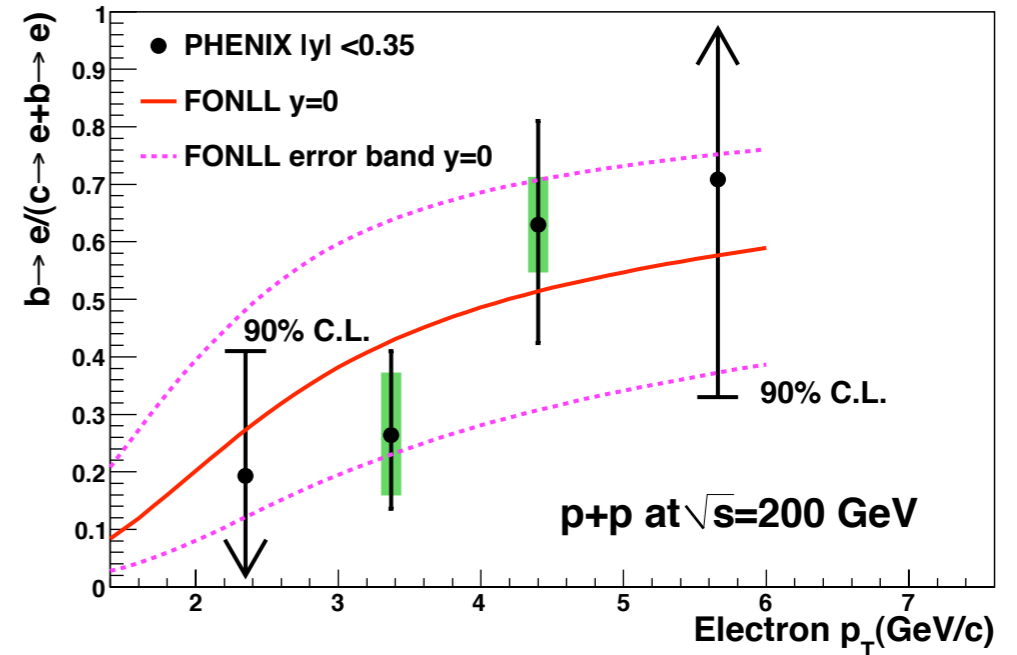


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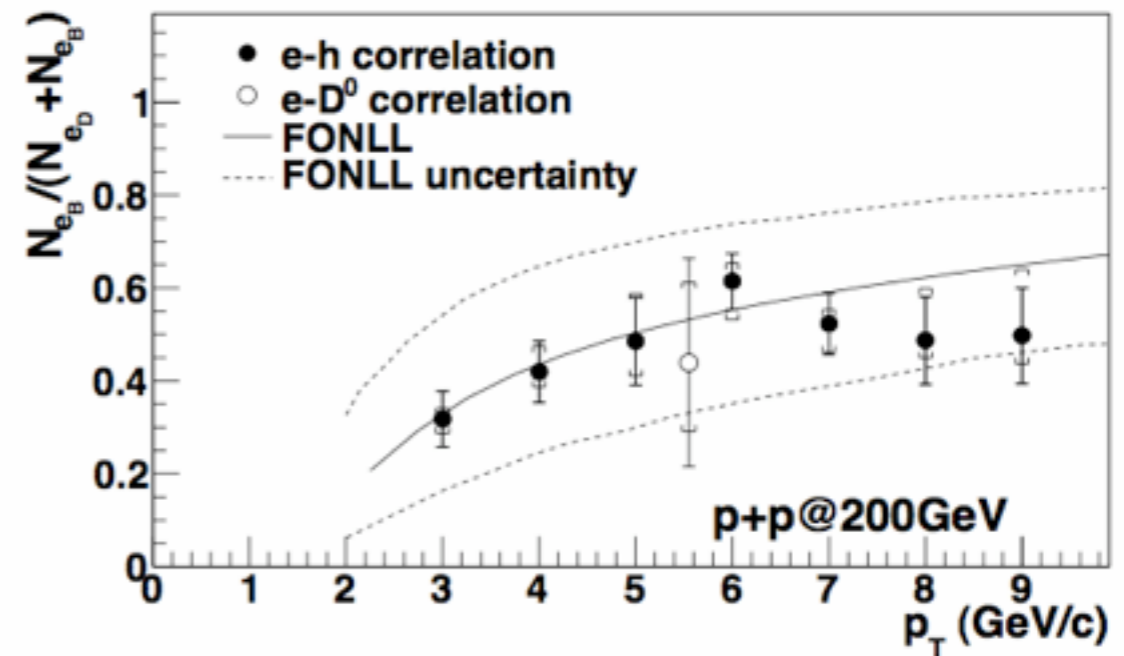
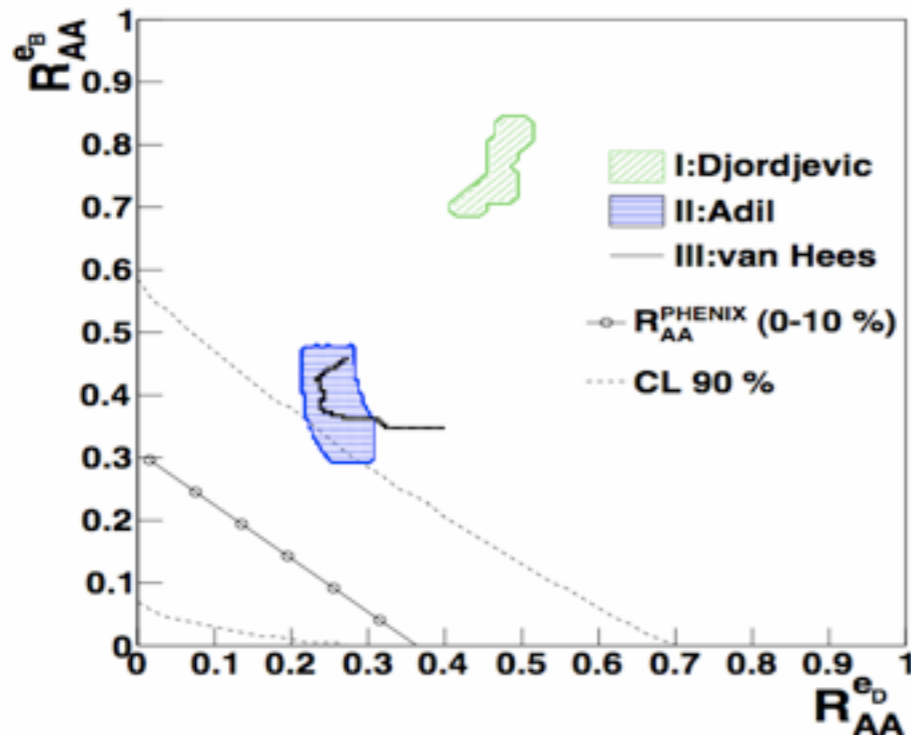
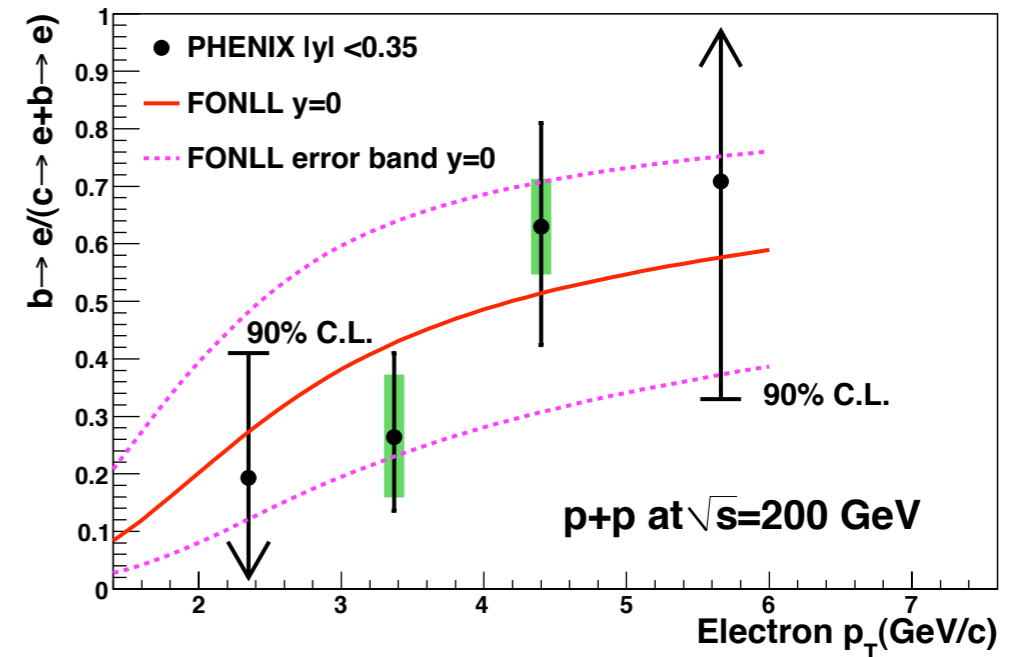


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# charm vs. bottom: experiment

- suppression large even as electrons become dominated by bottom at high  $p_T$
- b fraction well described by FONLL

$$R_{AA}^{HF} = (1 - \tau_B) R_{AA}^{eD} + \tau_B R_{AA}^{eB}$$



**bottom is suppressed!**

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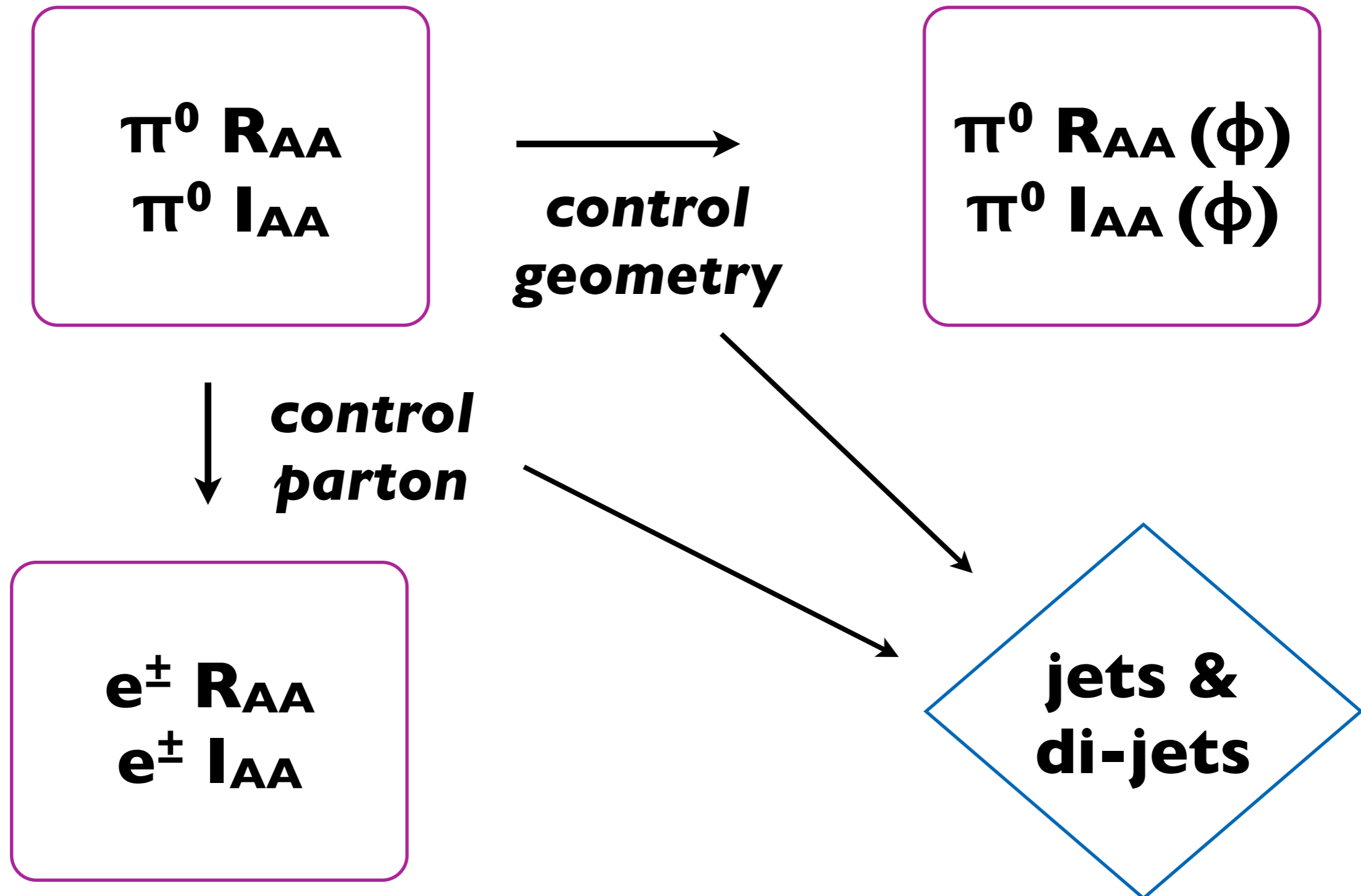
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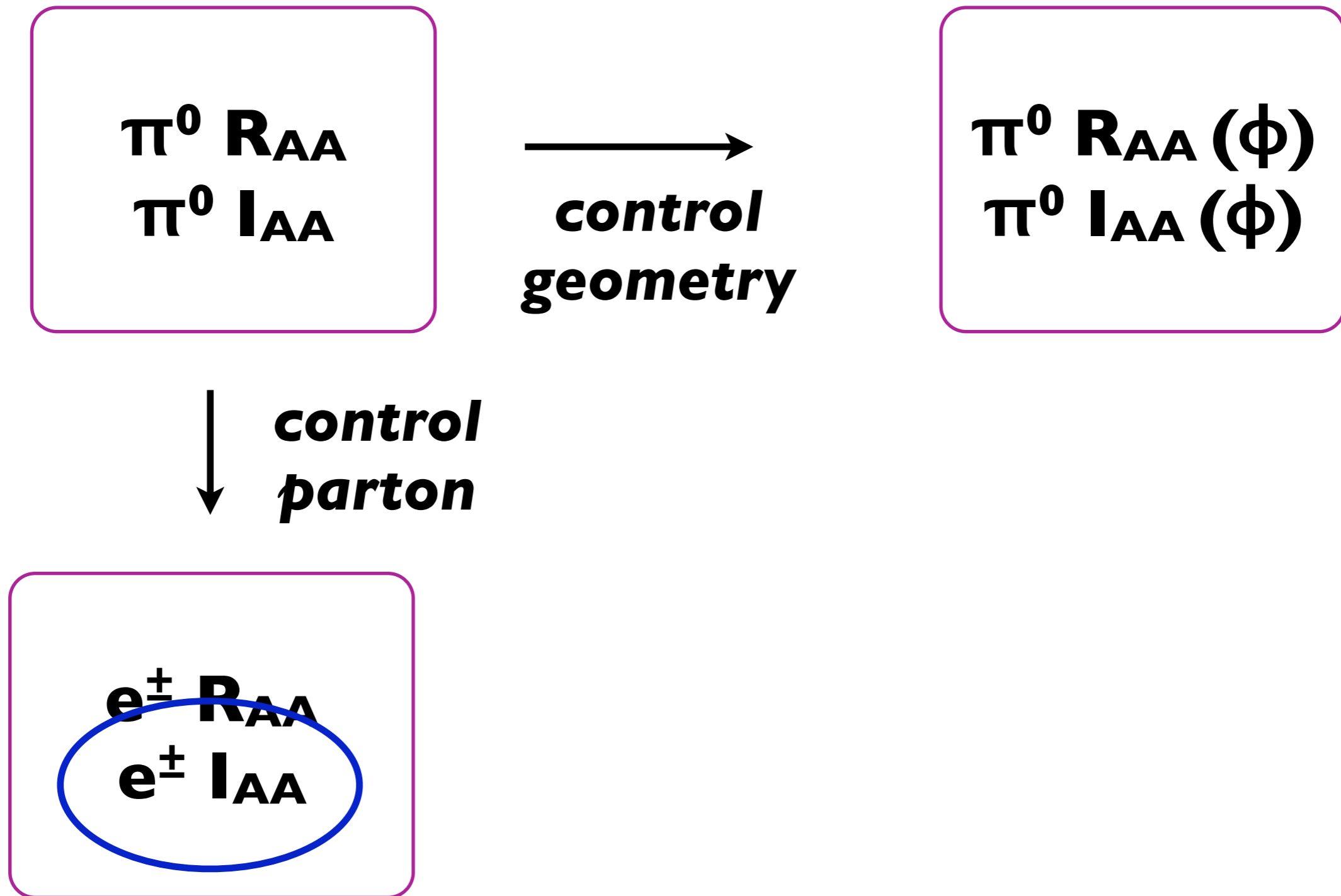
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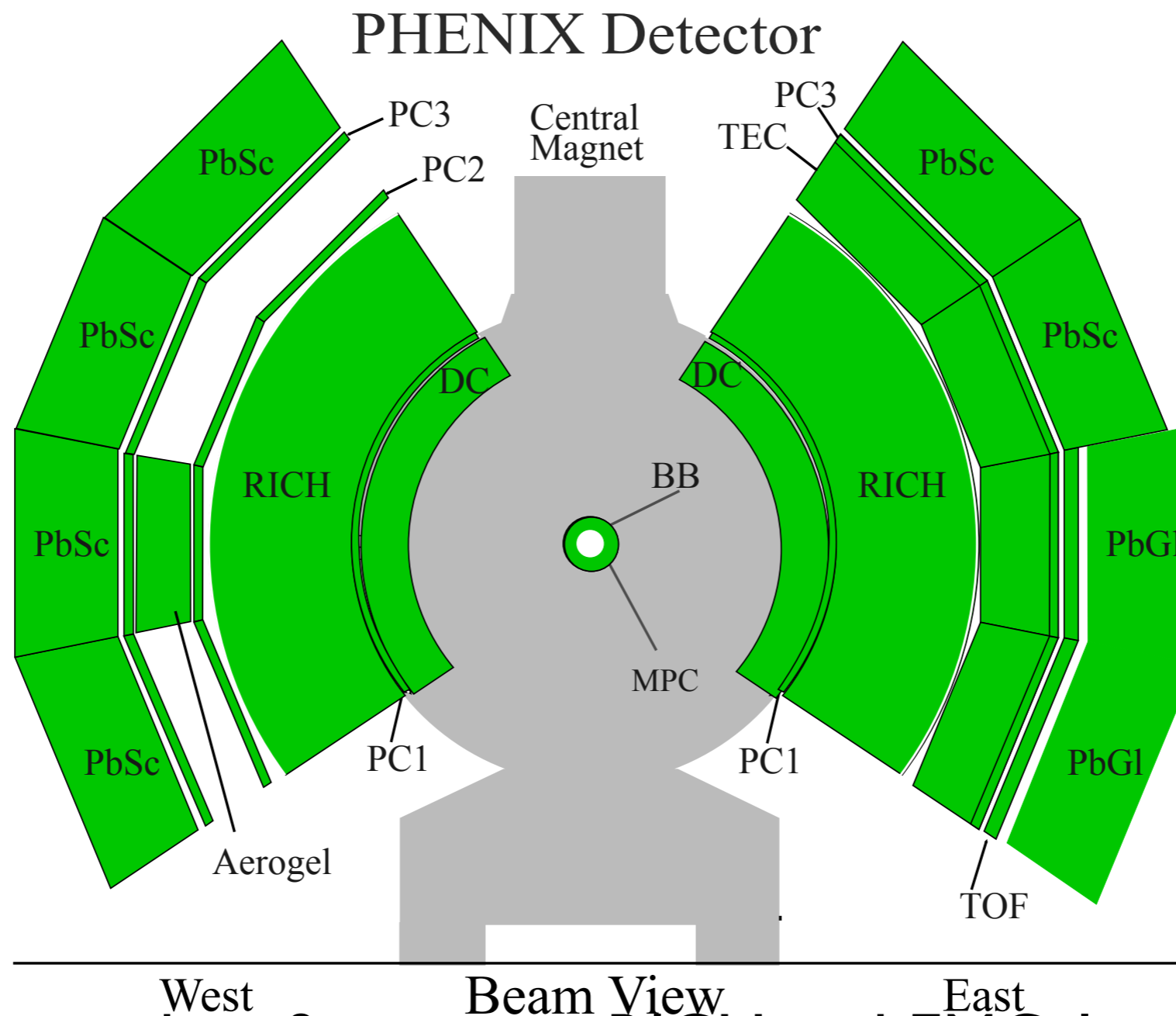
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# Electron Measurement



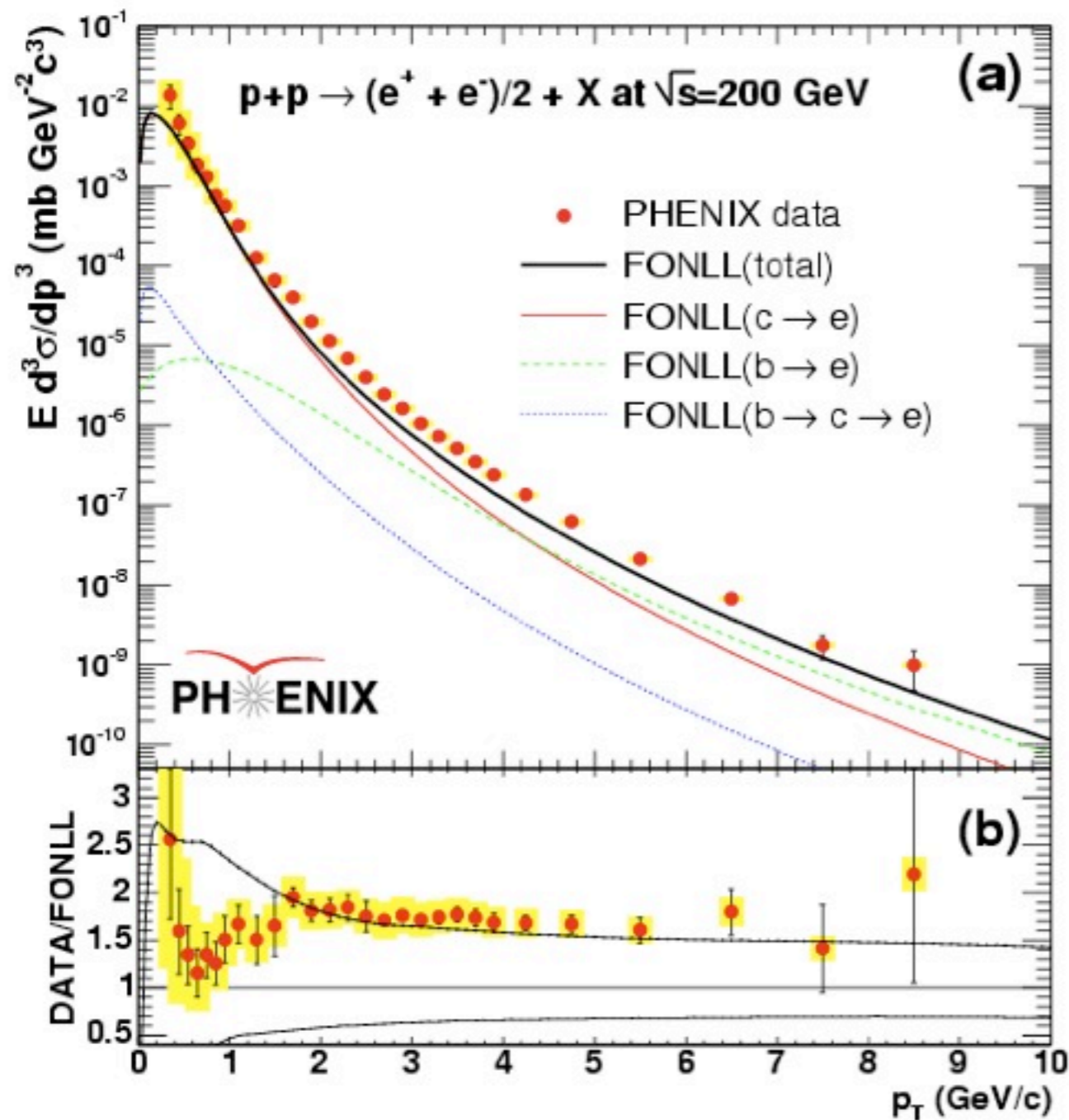
- electron identification via RICH and EMCal
- residual hadron contamination:  $< 1\%$  p+p,  $< 3\%$  Au+Au

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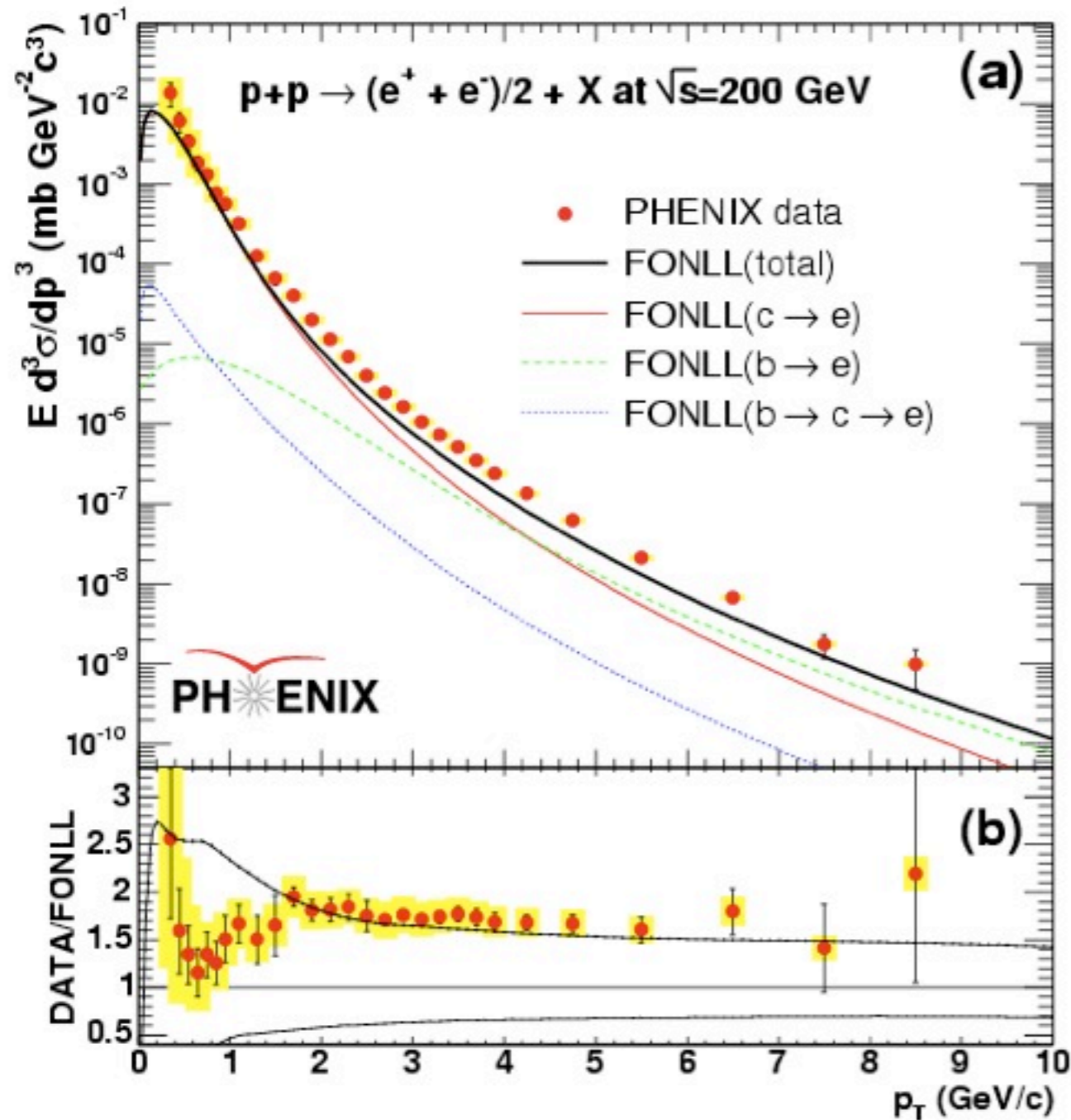
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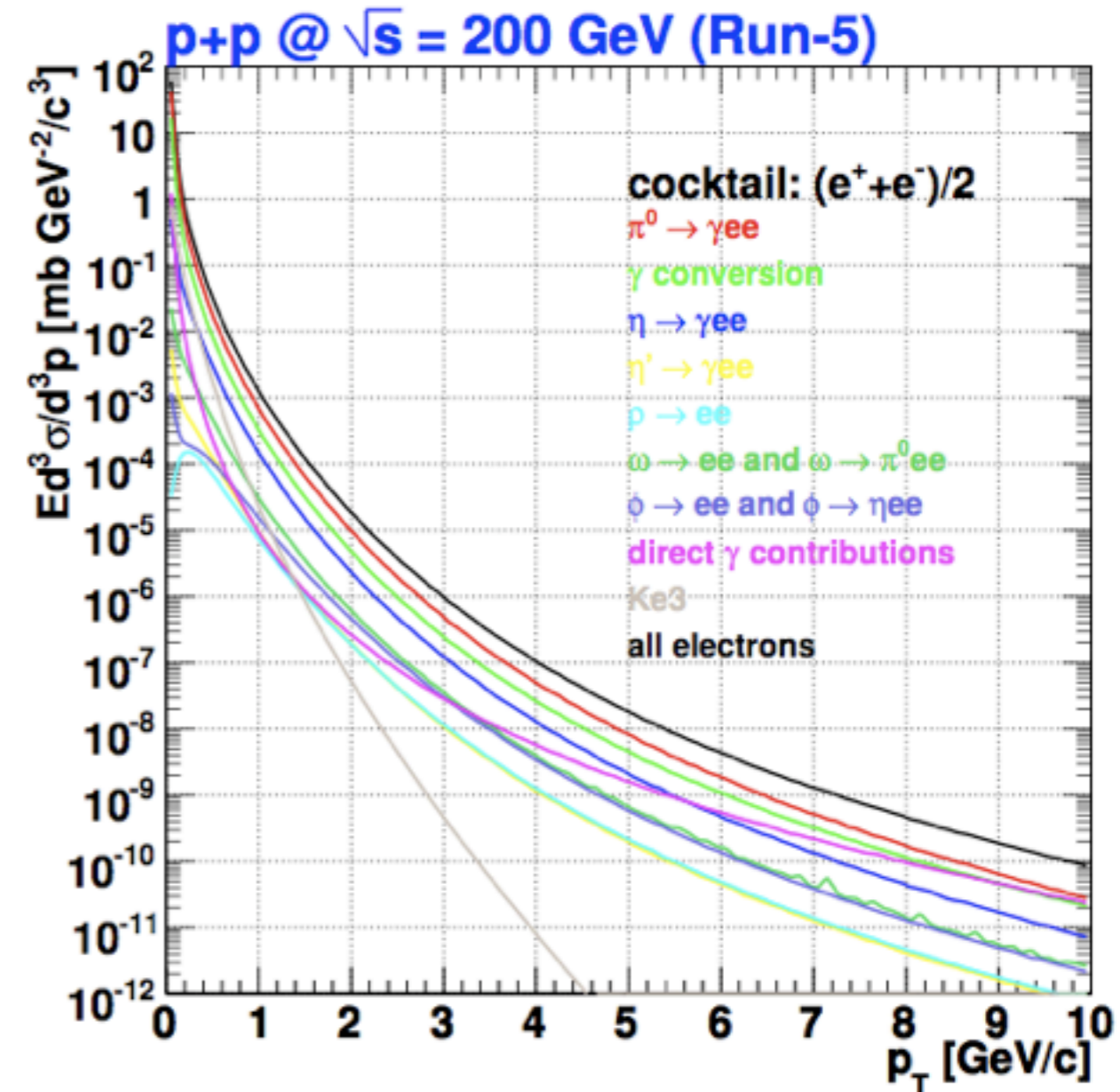
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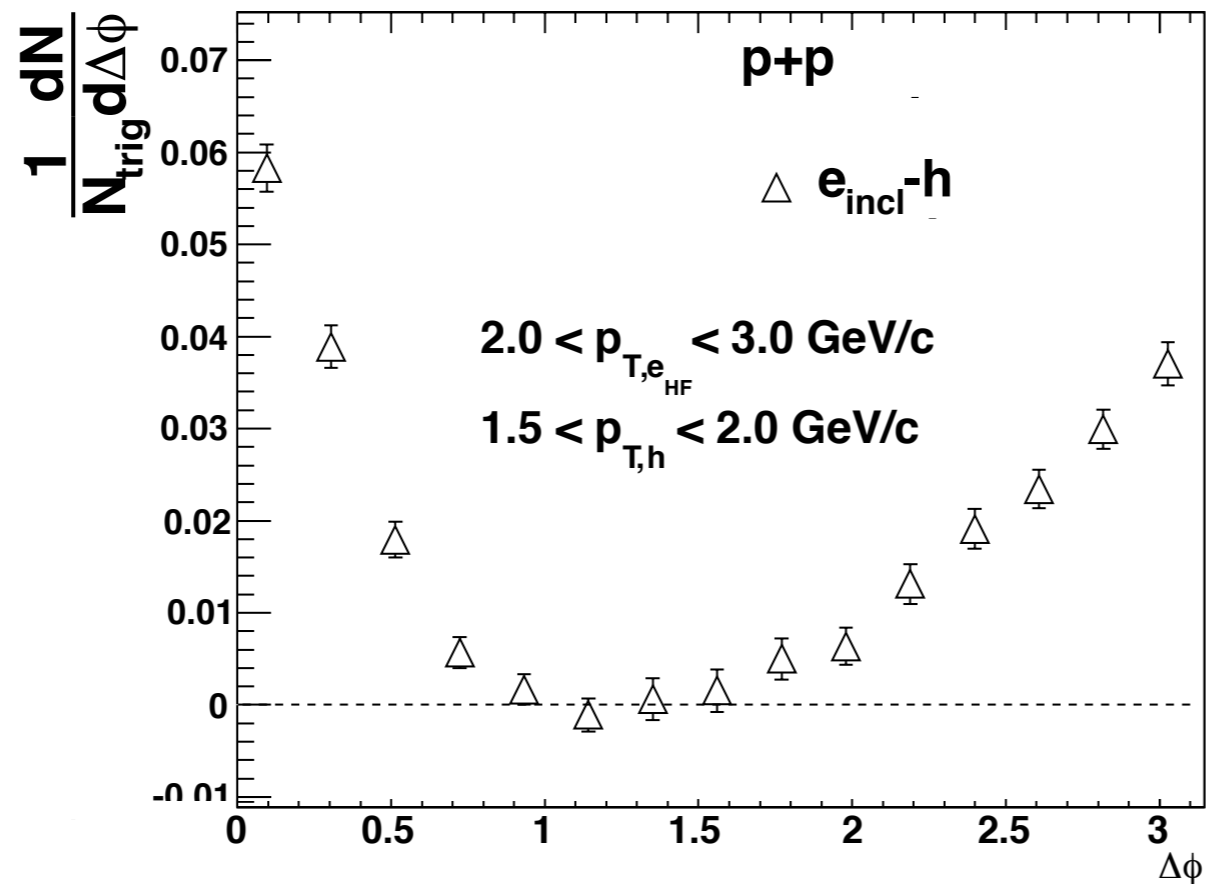
## Photonic Electrons



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# inclusive electron correlations

$$Y_{e_{incl}-h}$$



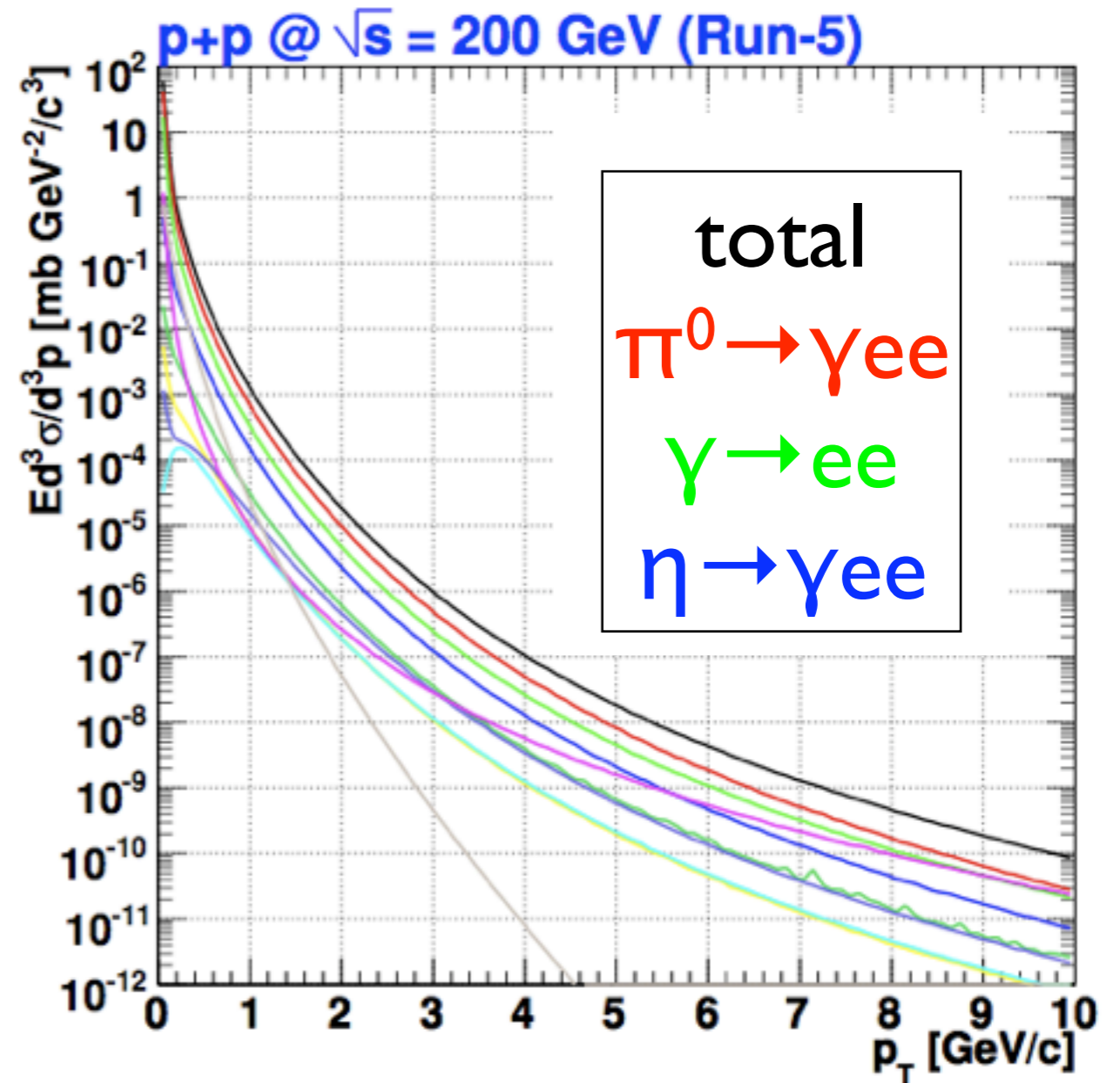


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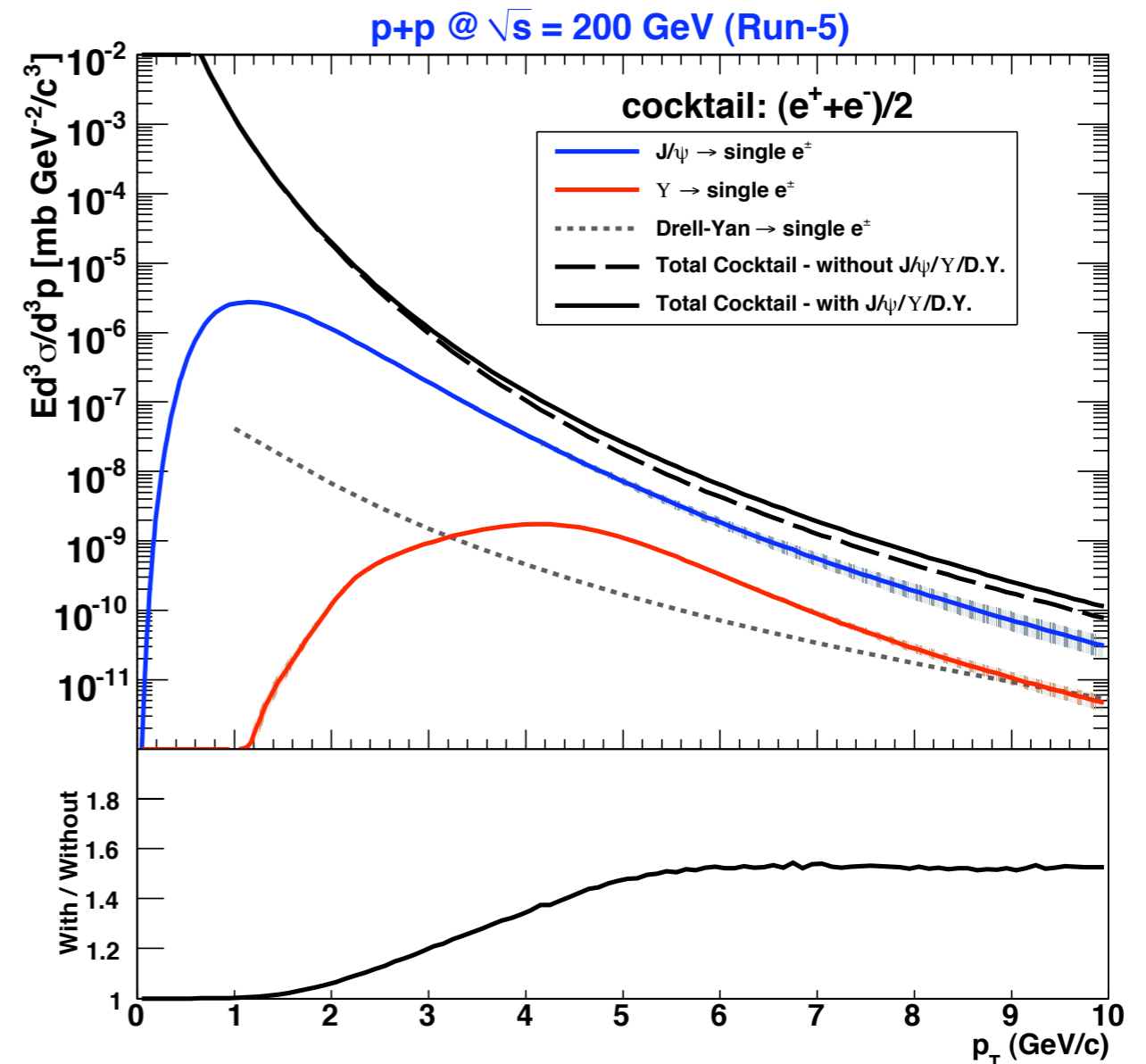
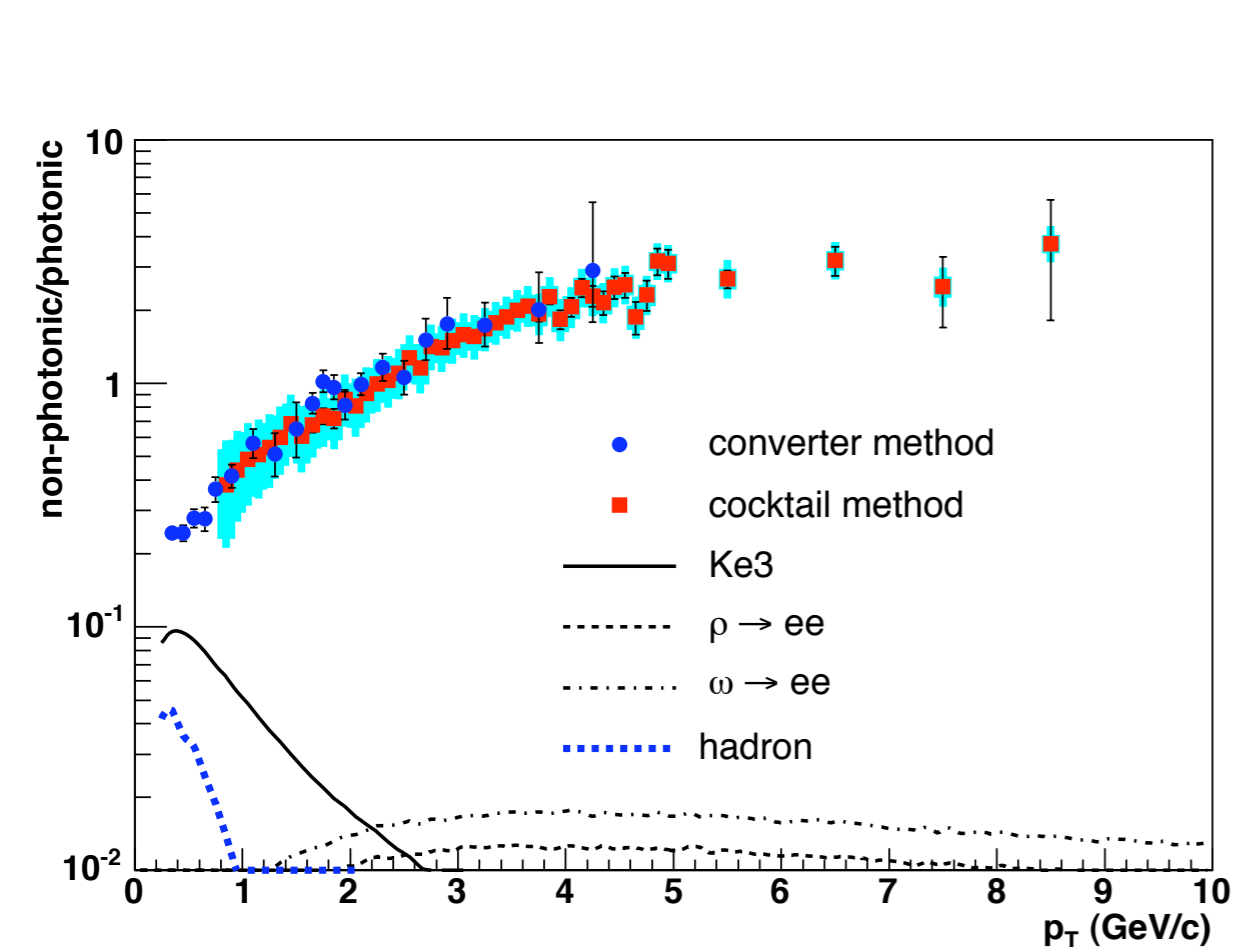
- $p_T < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ :
  - $\rightarrow$  dominantly from  $\pi^0$ s
- measure *photon*-h correlations
  - also dominantly from  $\pi^0$ s
  - use MC to map between  $e_{\text{phot}}(p_T)$  &  $\Upsilon_{\text{inc}}(p_T)$

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$$\Upsilon_{e_{\text{phot}}-h}$$



# relative contributions

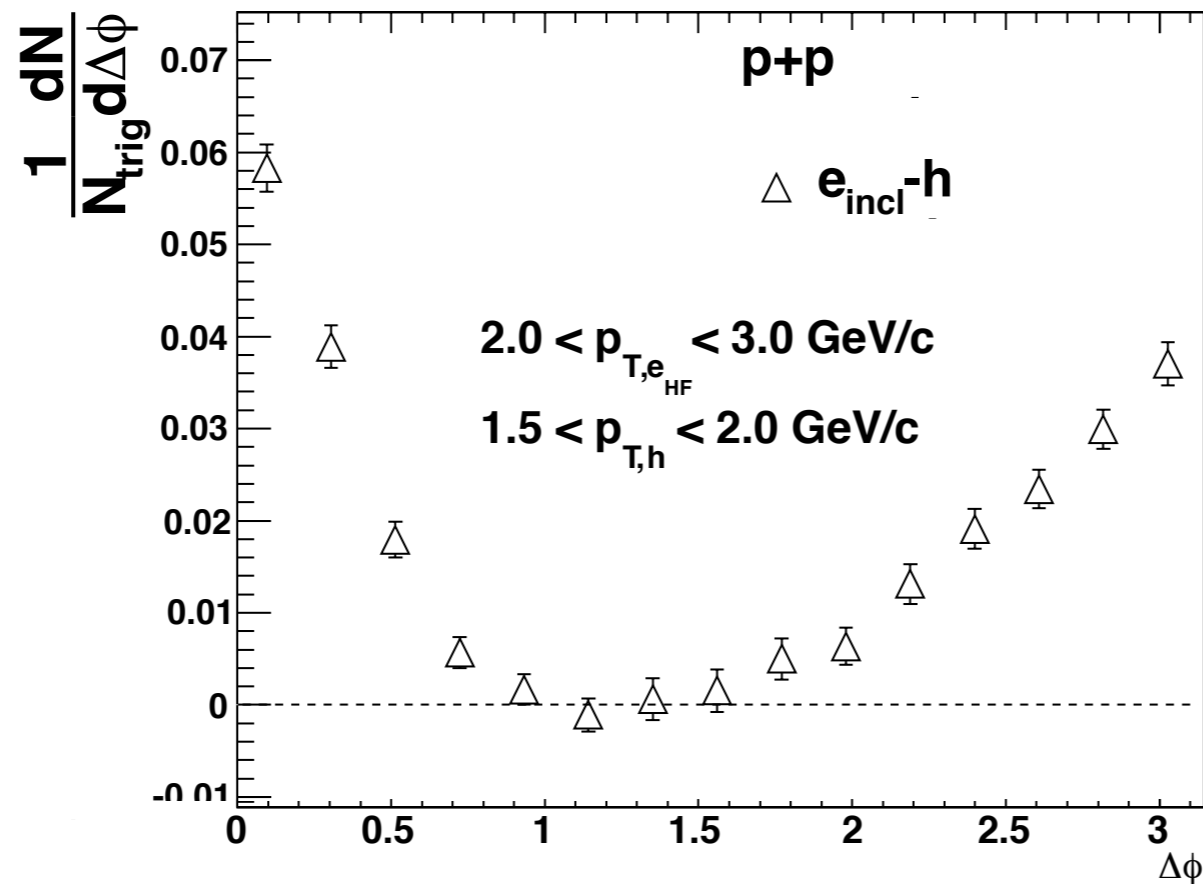


- S/B  $\sim$  1 in the  $p_T$  range of interest
- $J/\psi$  contributions also significant toward high  $p_T$

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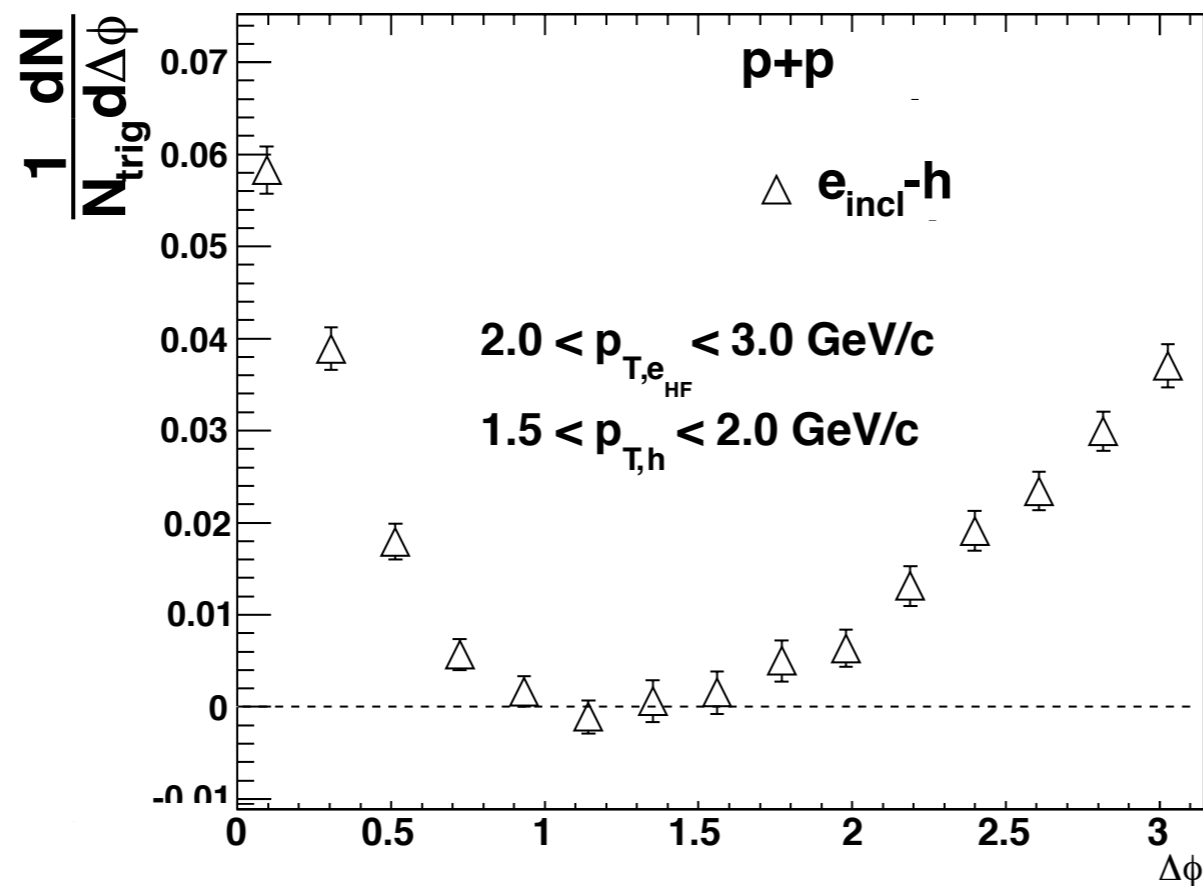
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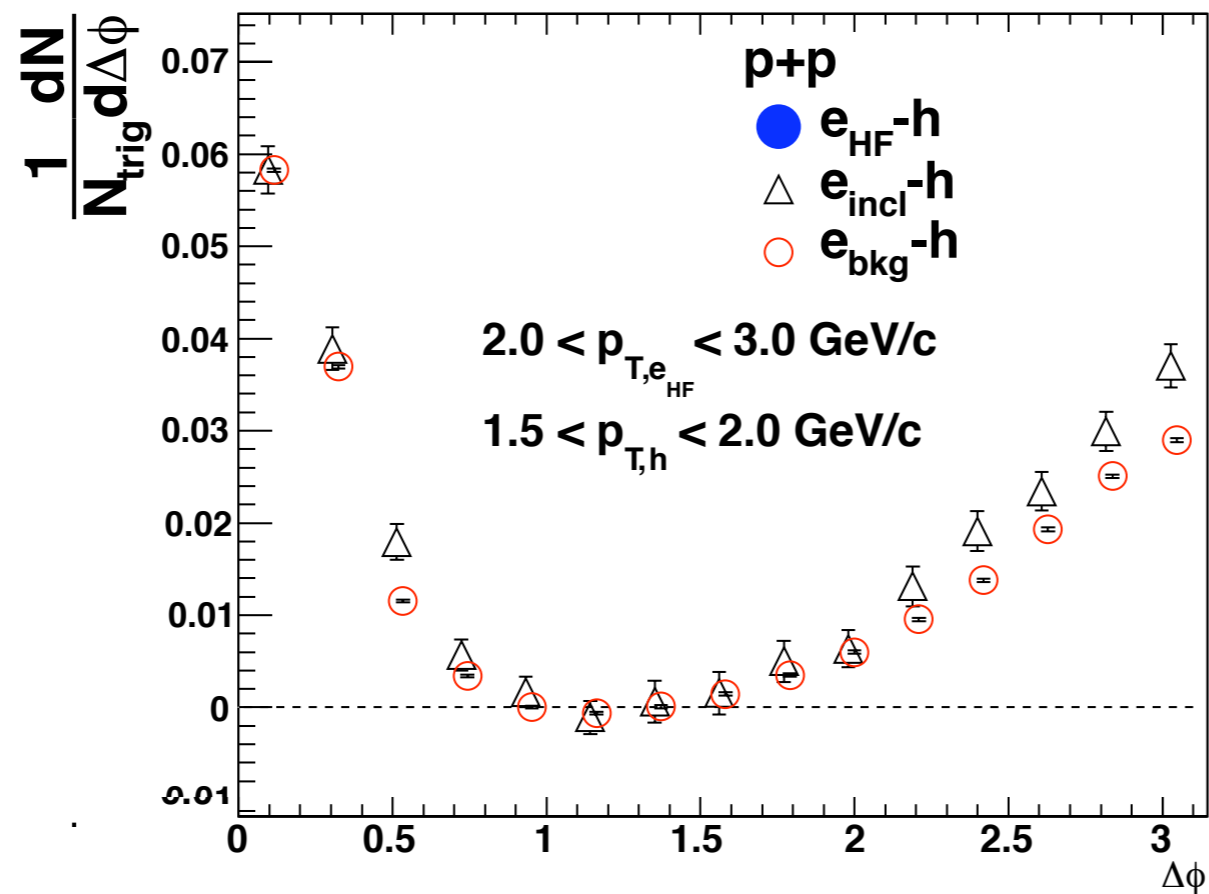
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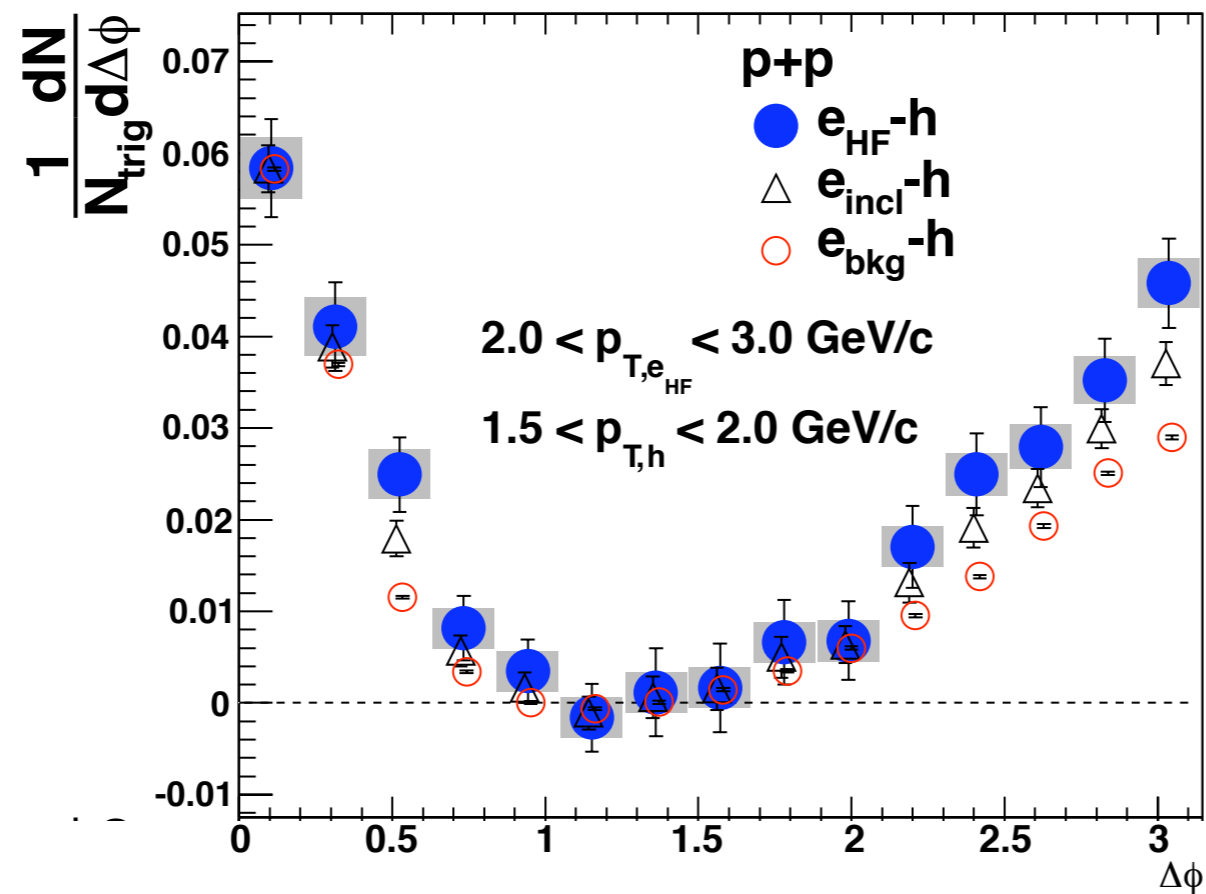
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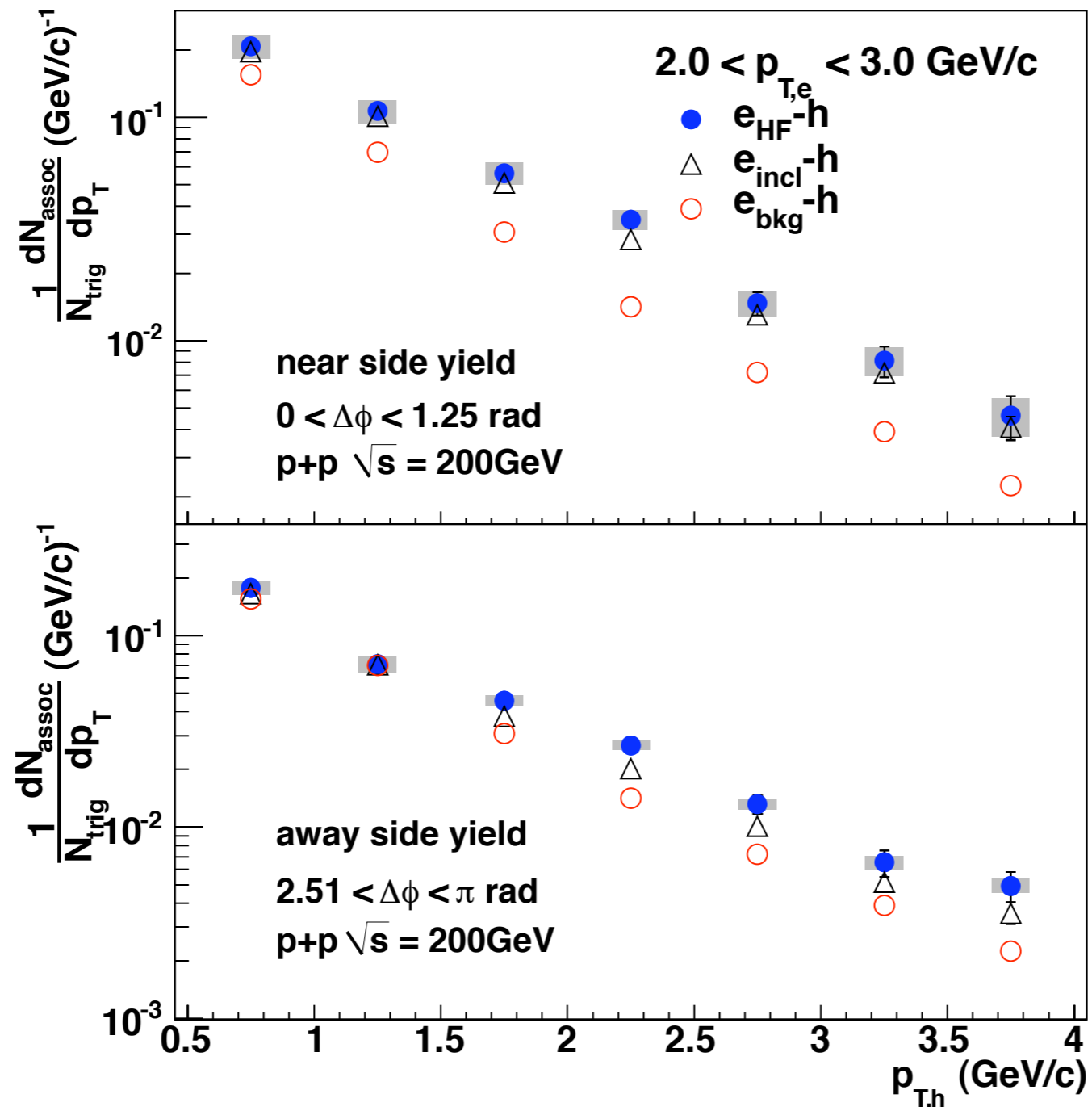


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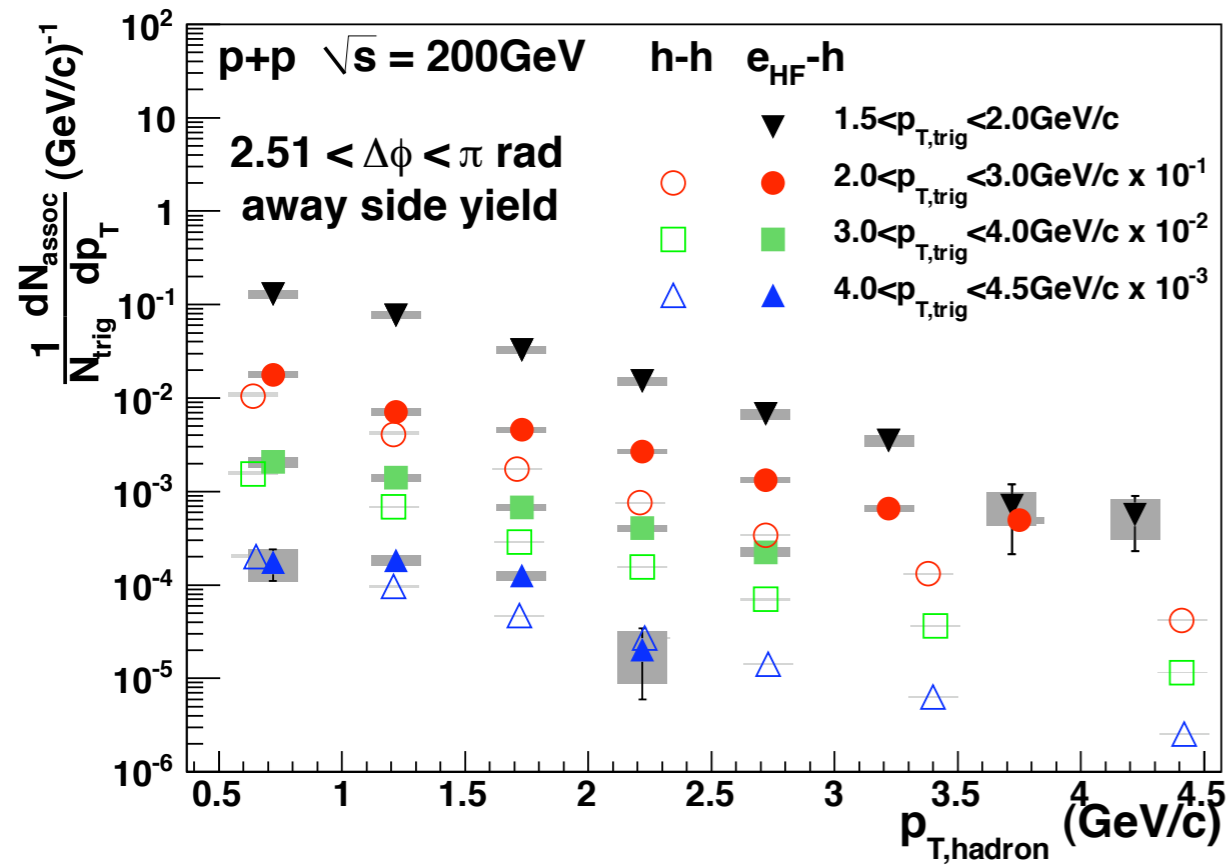
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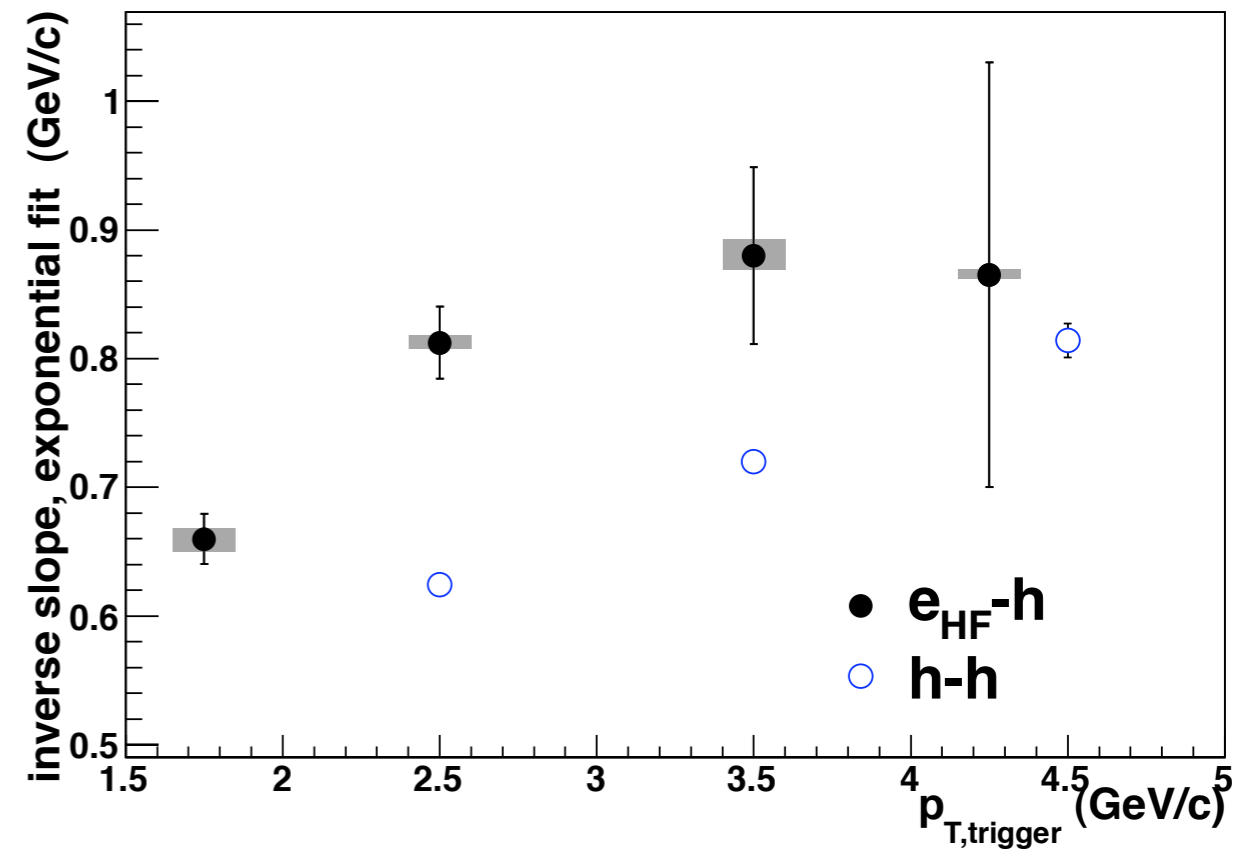
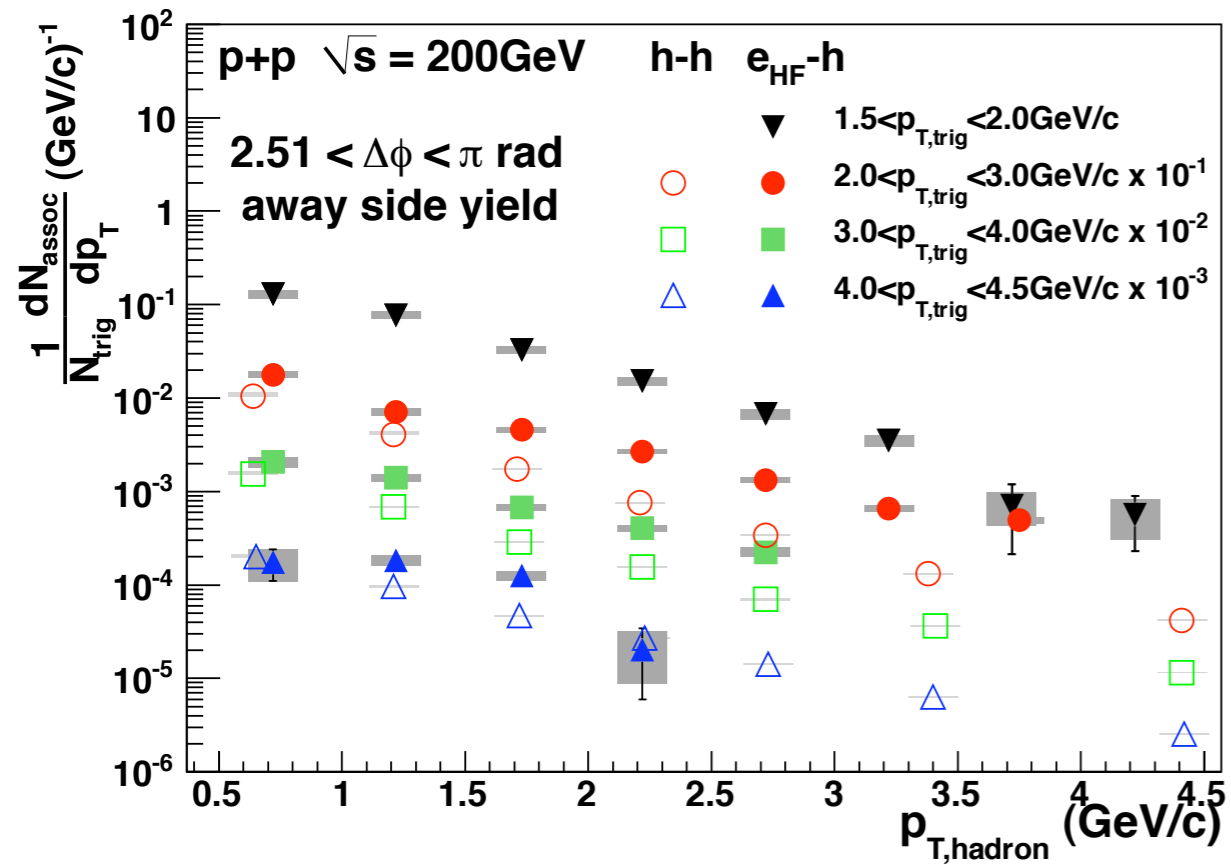


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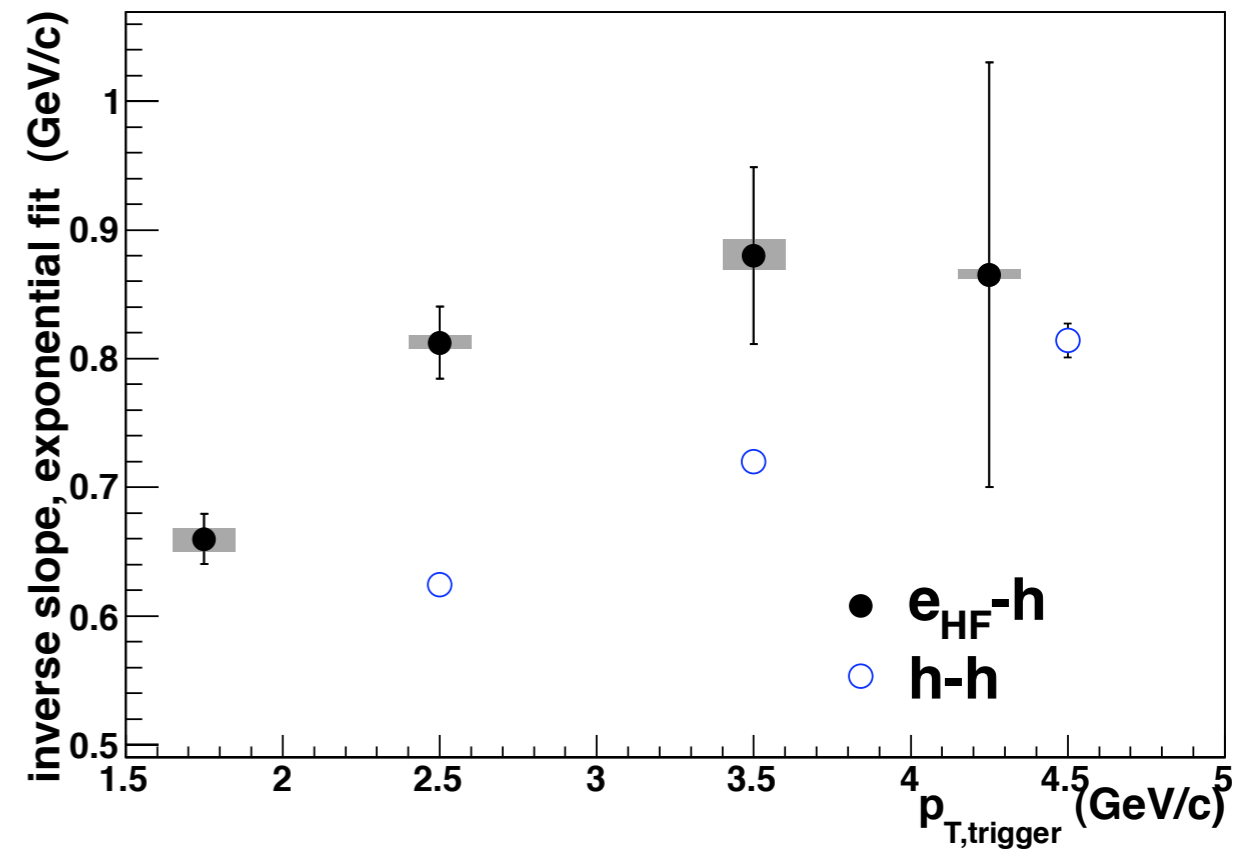
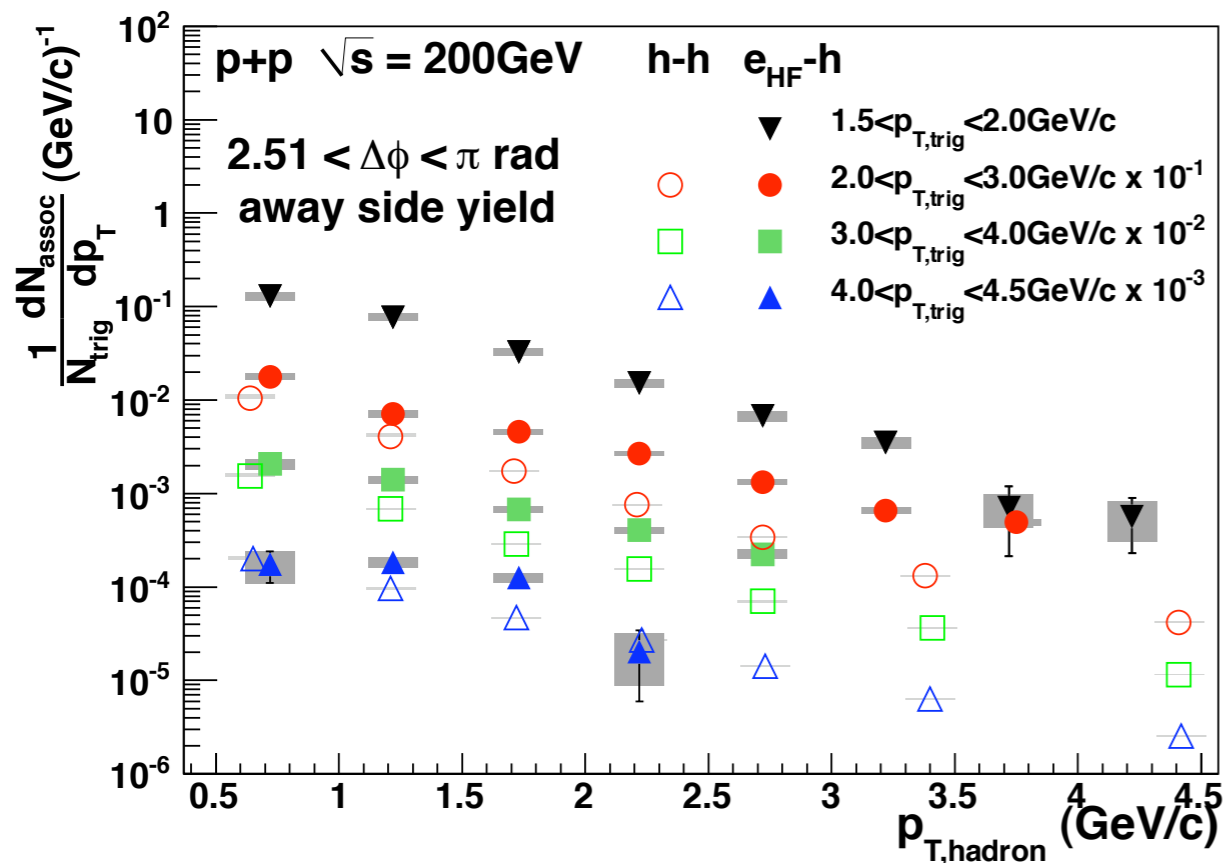


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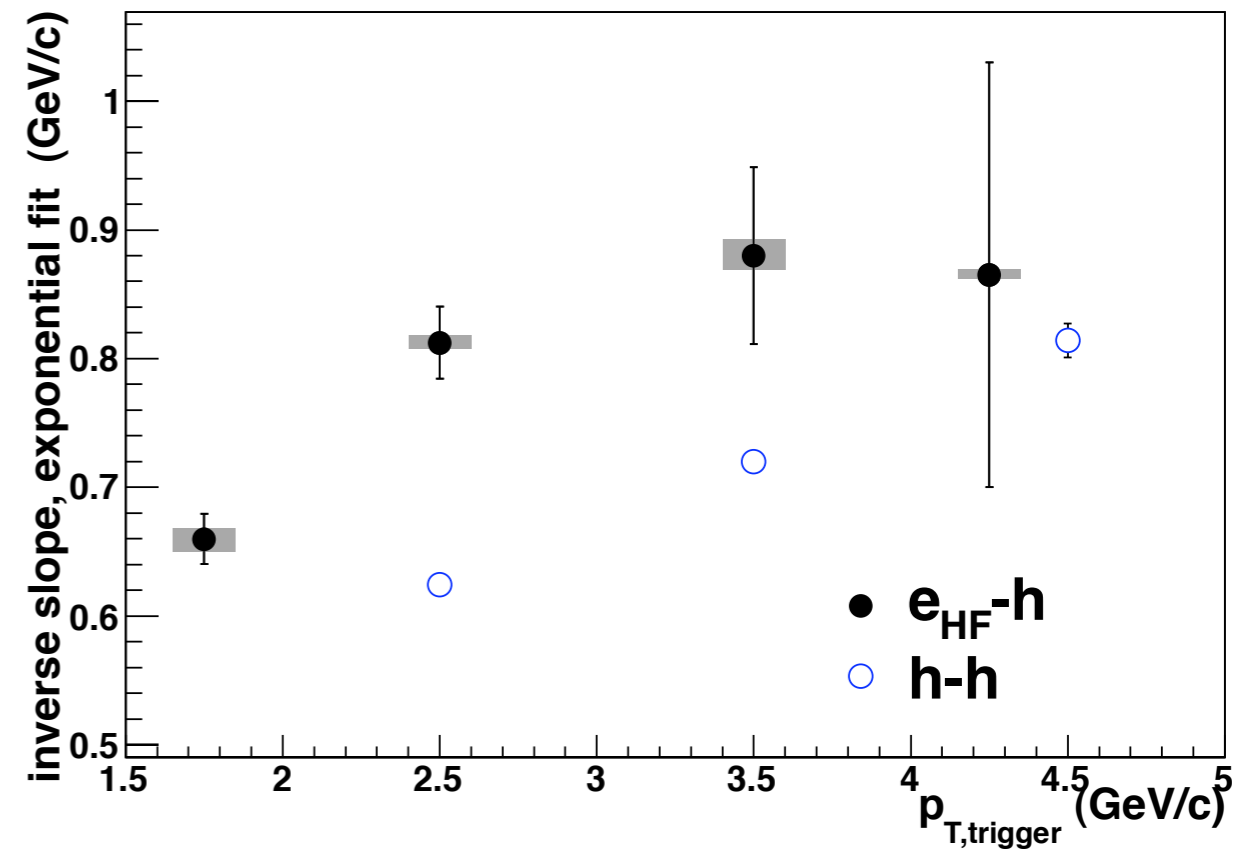
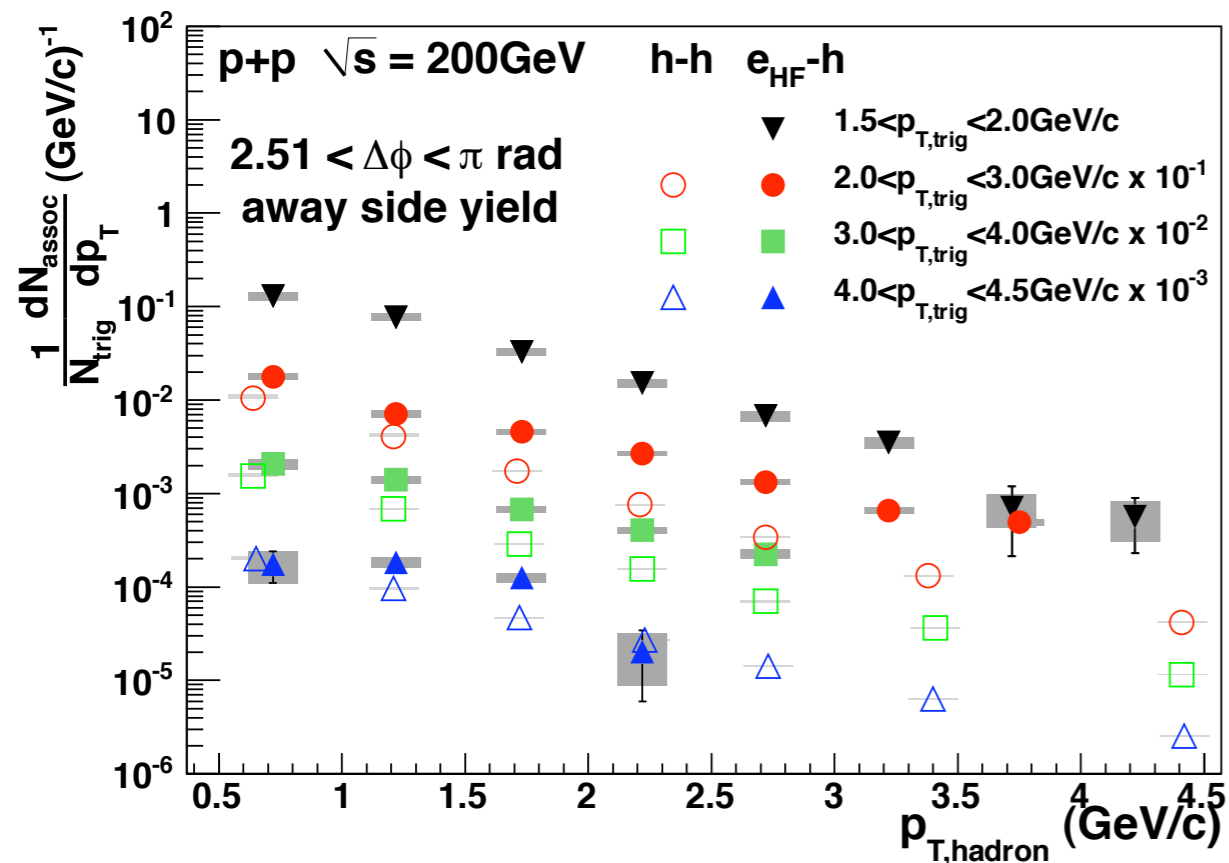
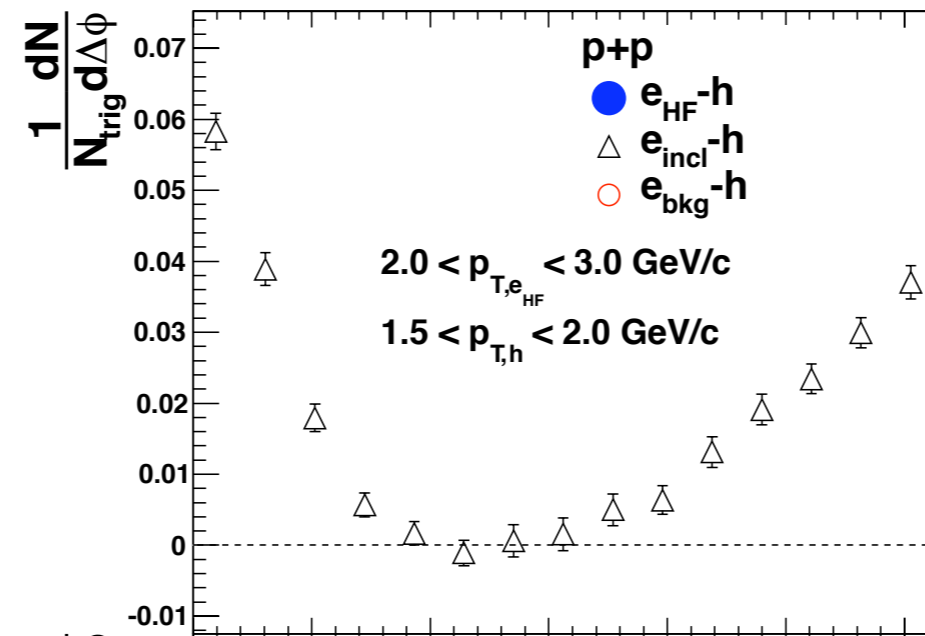
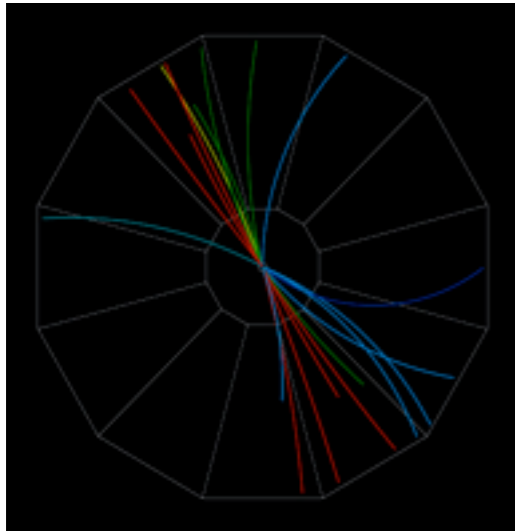


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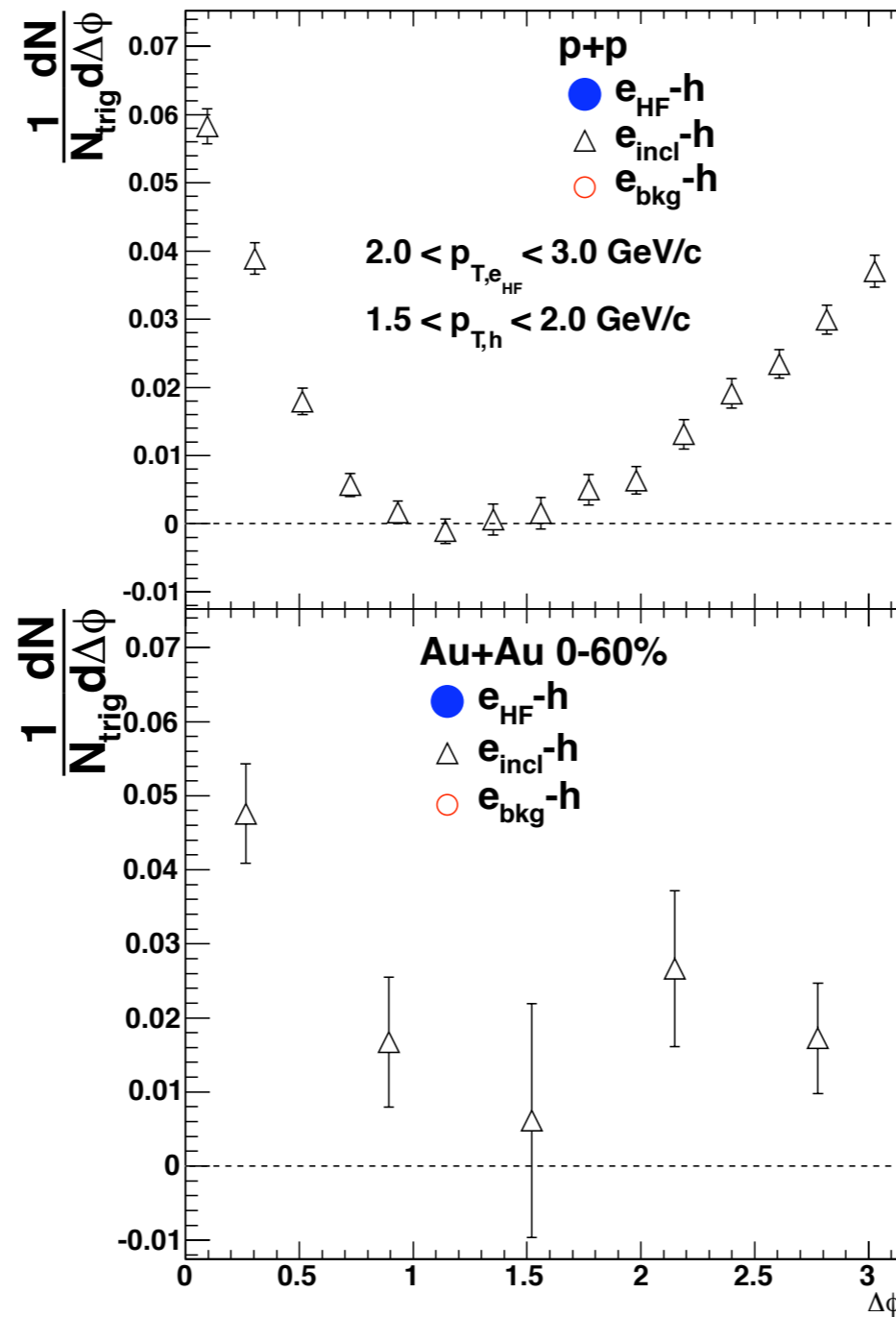
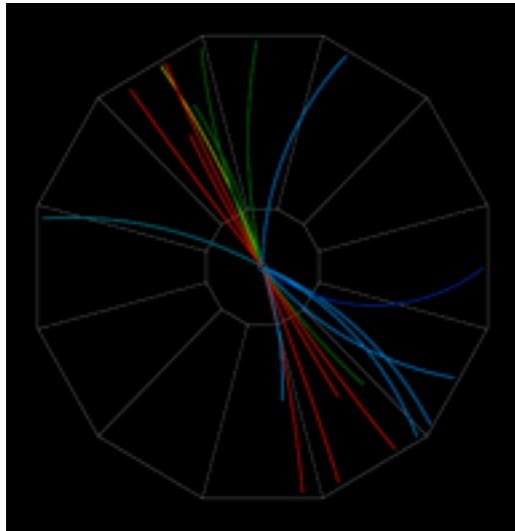
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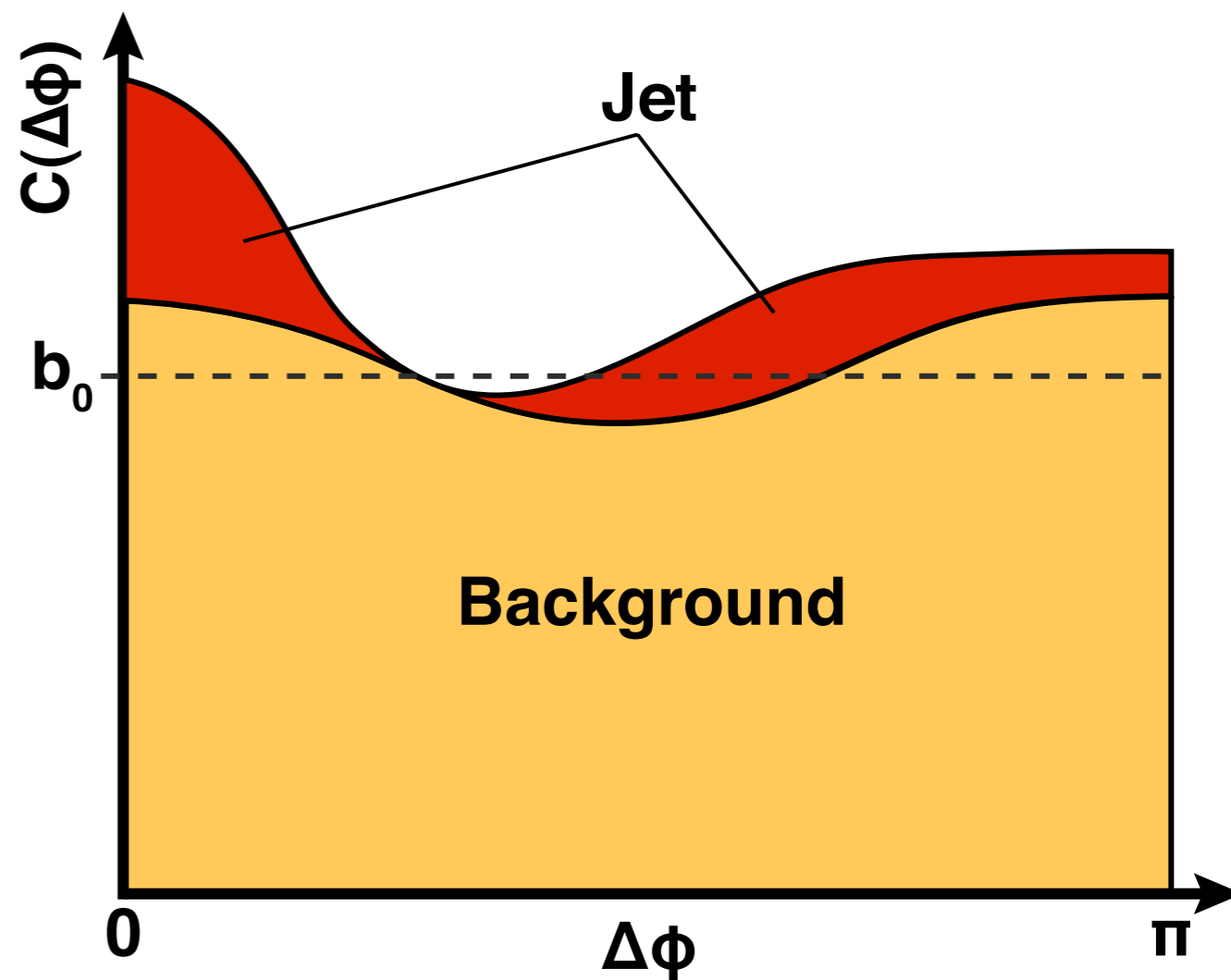
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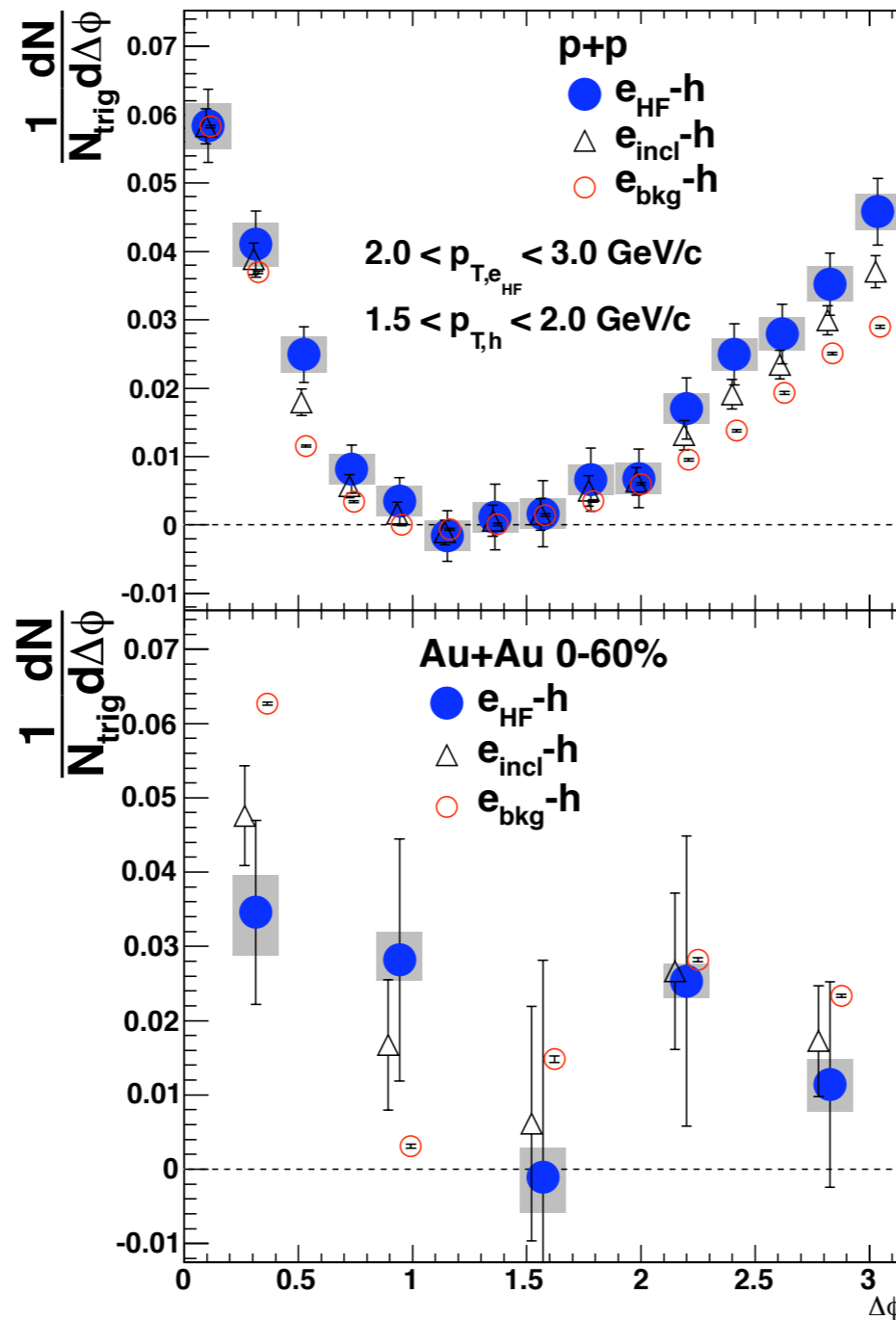
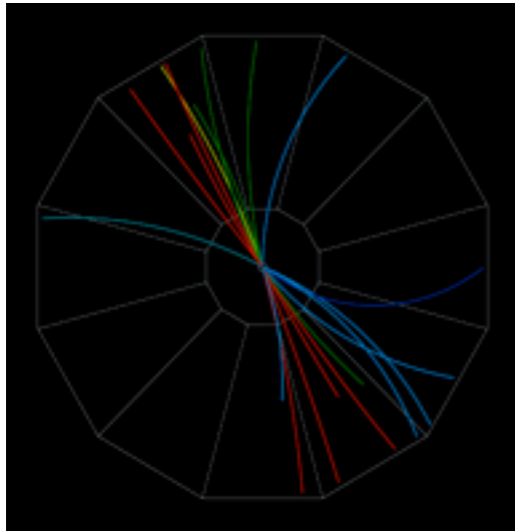
# absolute background subtraction

$$\text{combinatoric background} = b_0(1 + 2v_{2A}v_{2B}\cos(2\Delta\phi))$$

- $b_0$  can be calculated in HI collisions (no fudge factors) w/ negligible statistical errors
- depends on the centrality fluctuations
- generally very close to ZYAM, however some significant advantages
  - wide jets
  - poor statistics



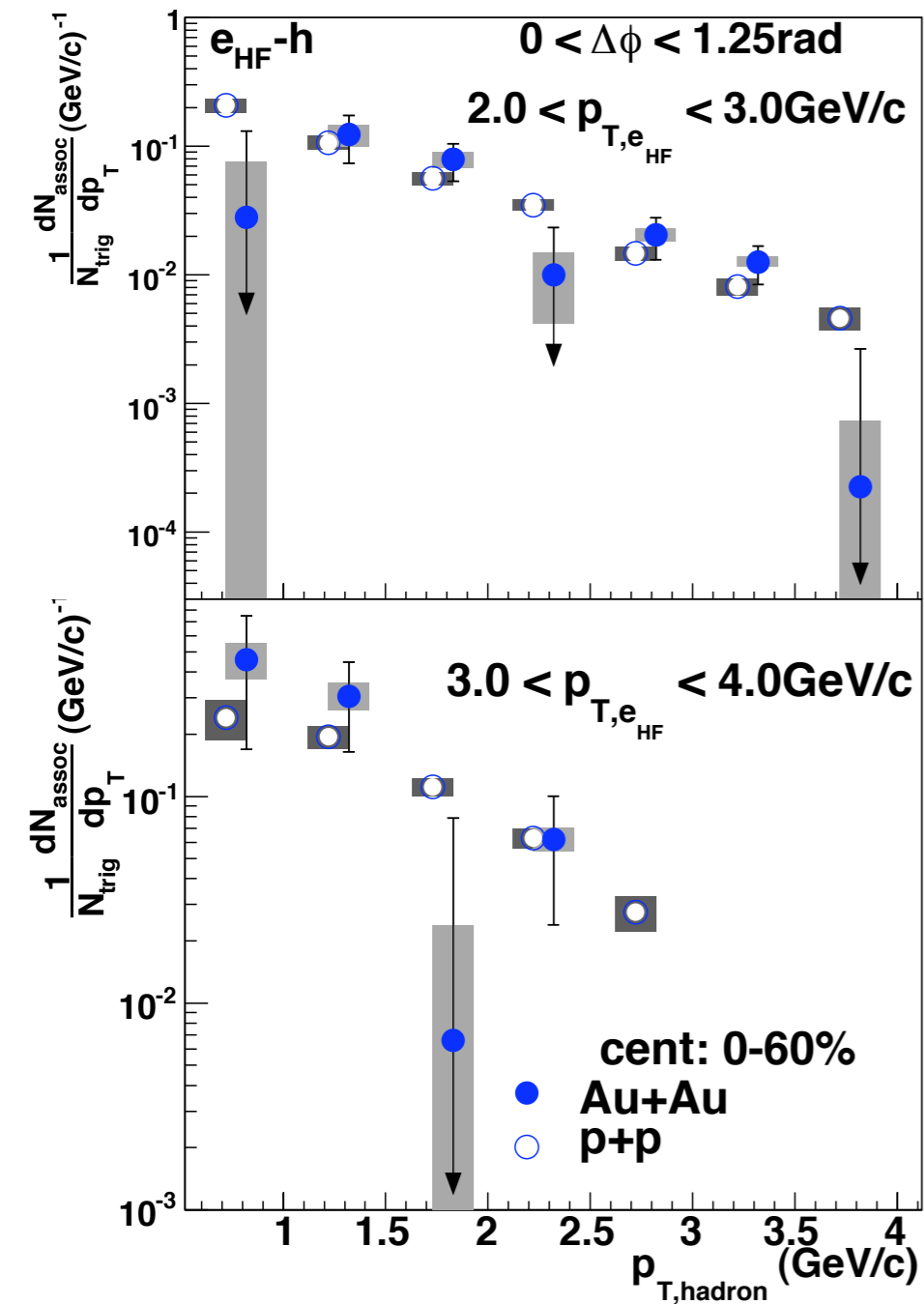
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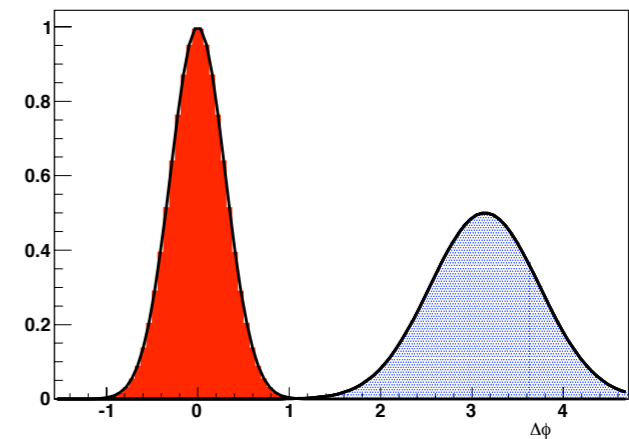
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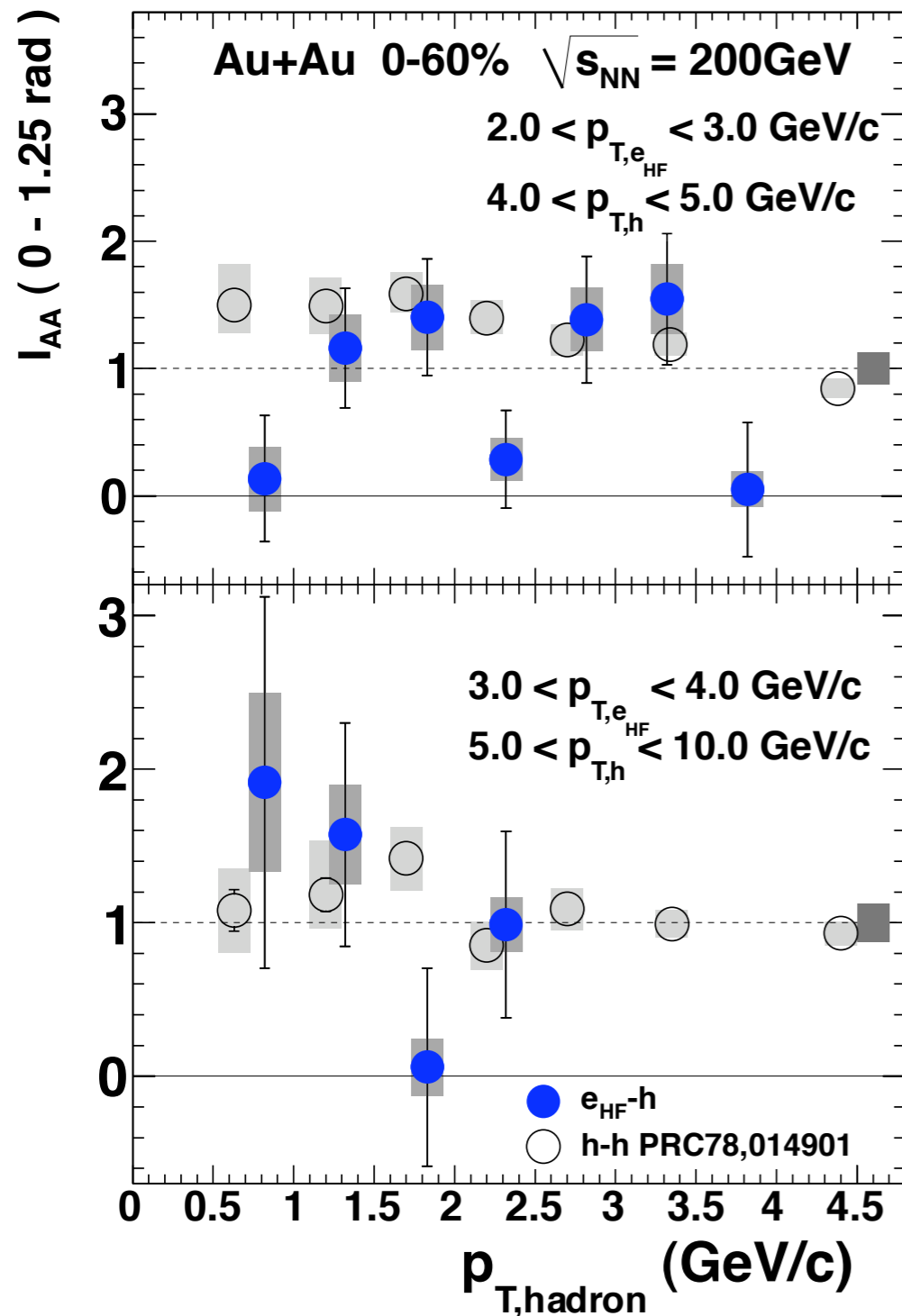


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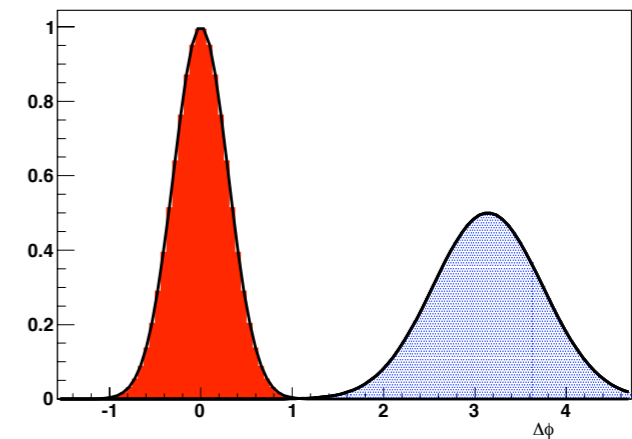




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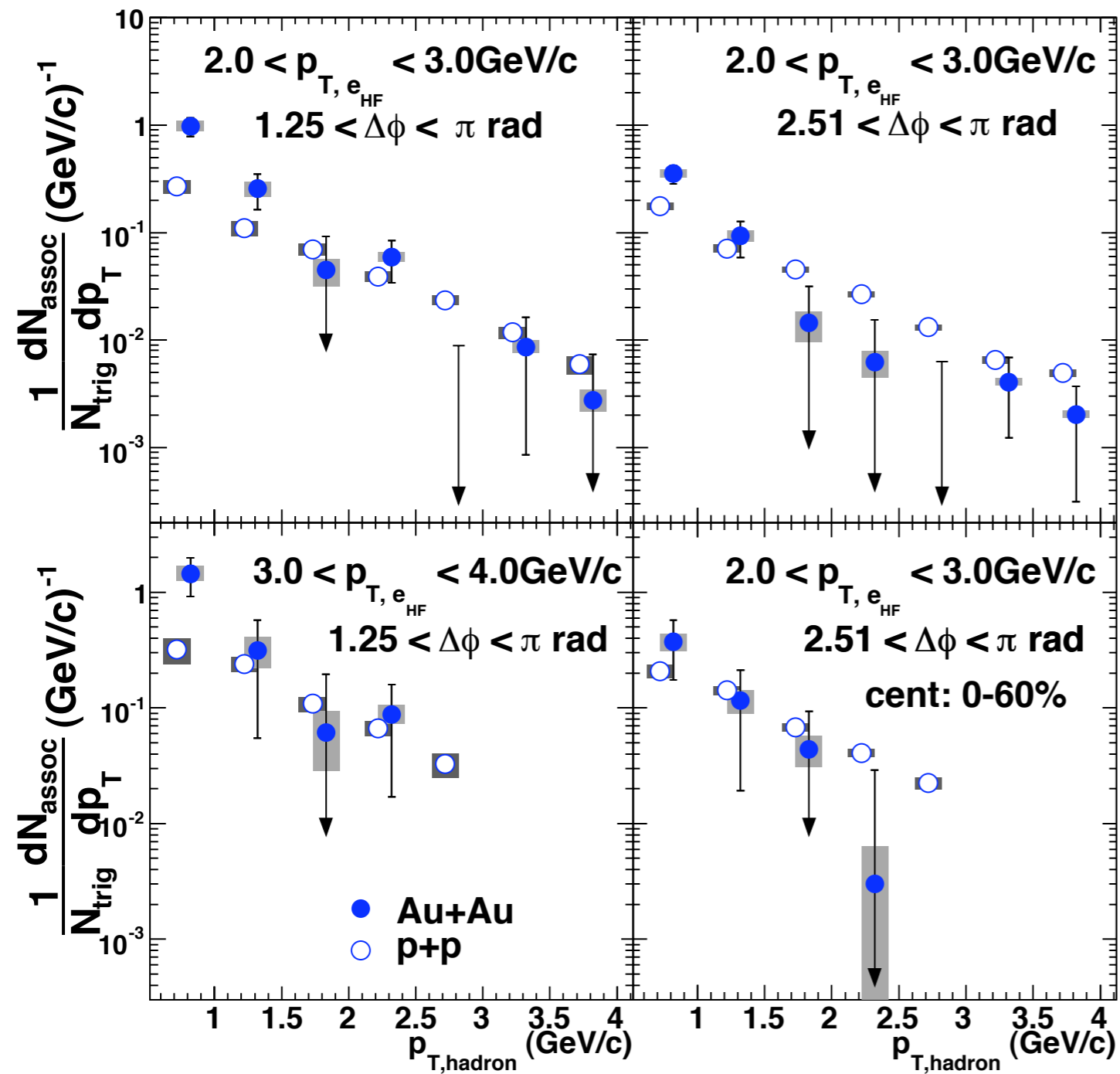


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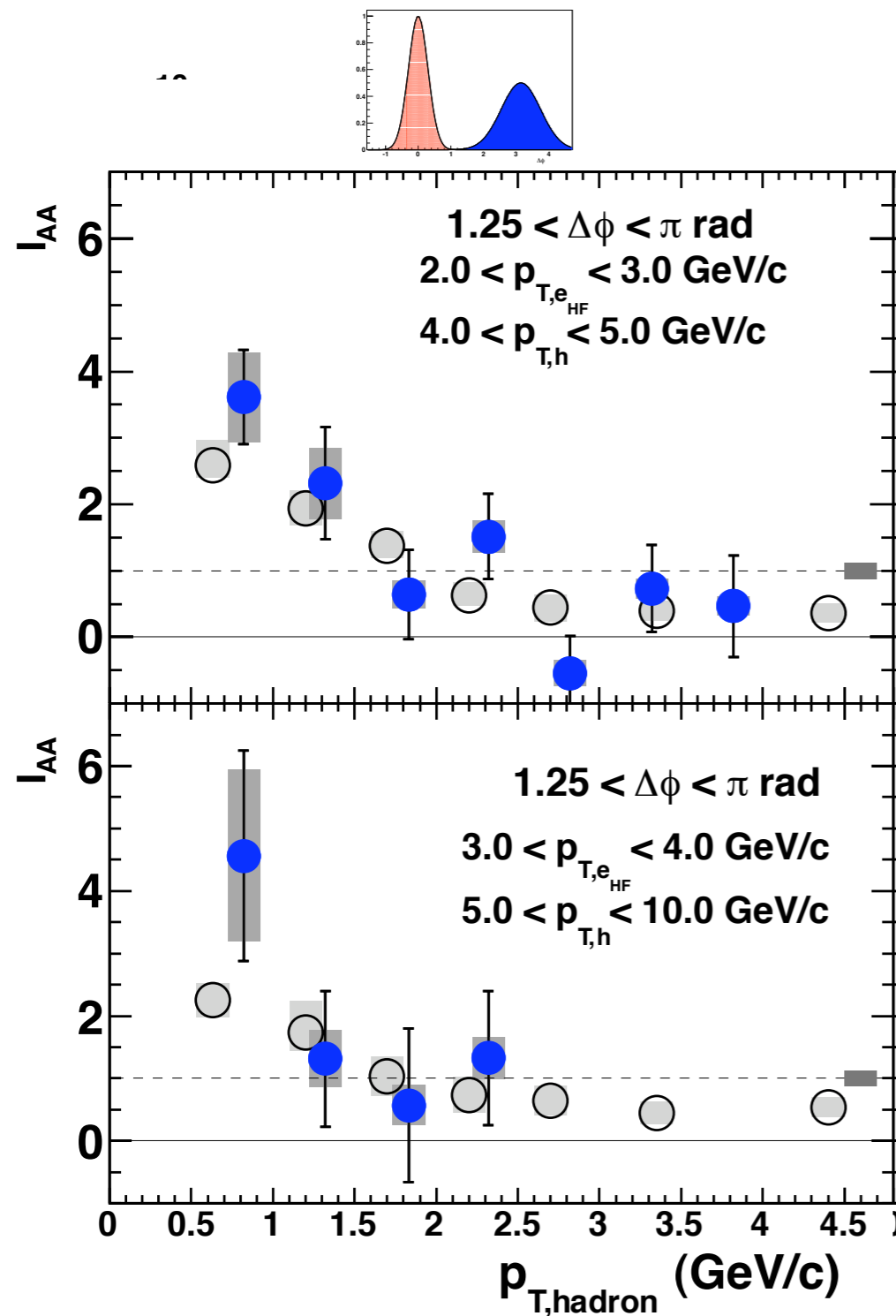


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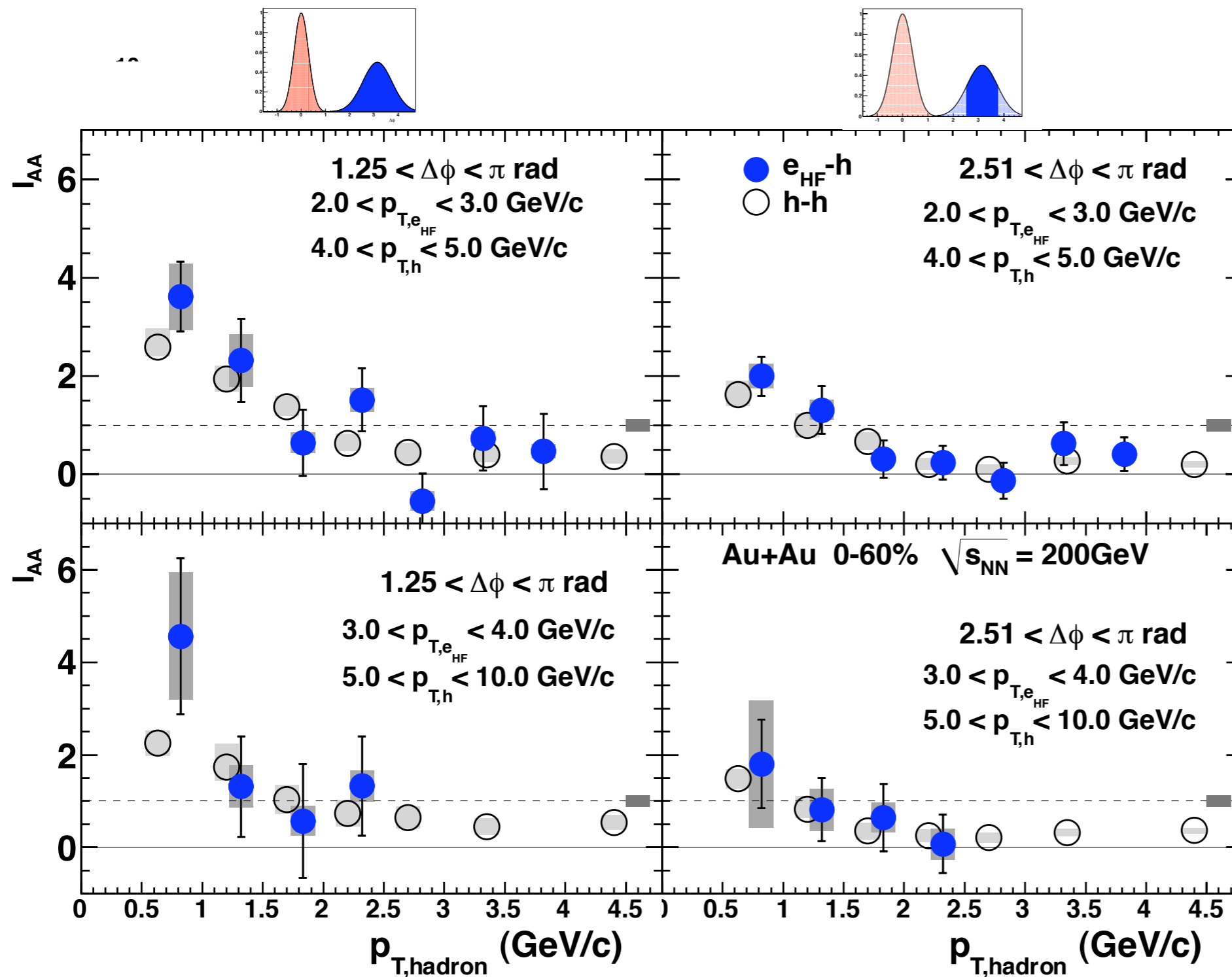
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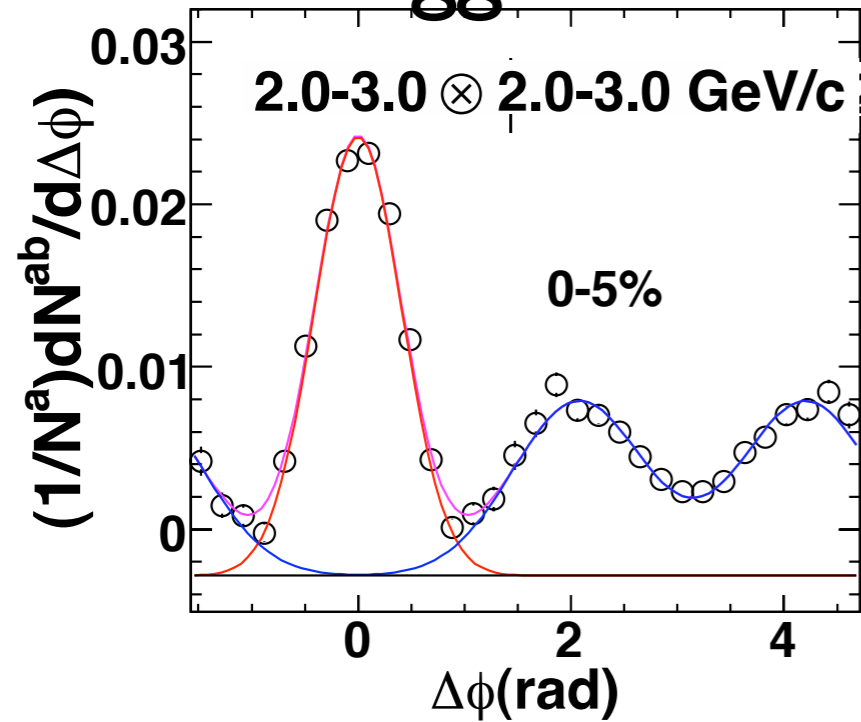


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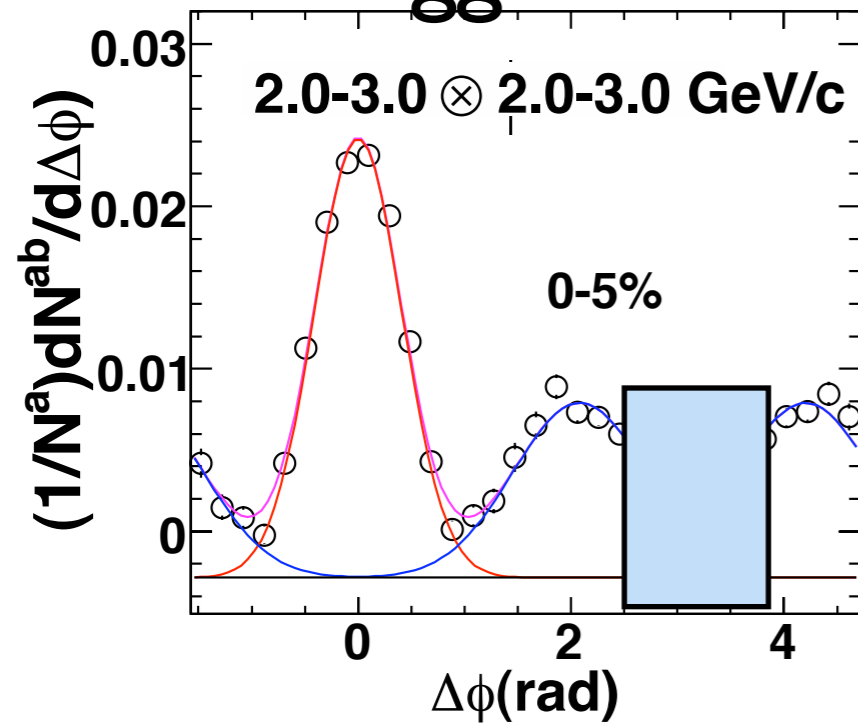


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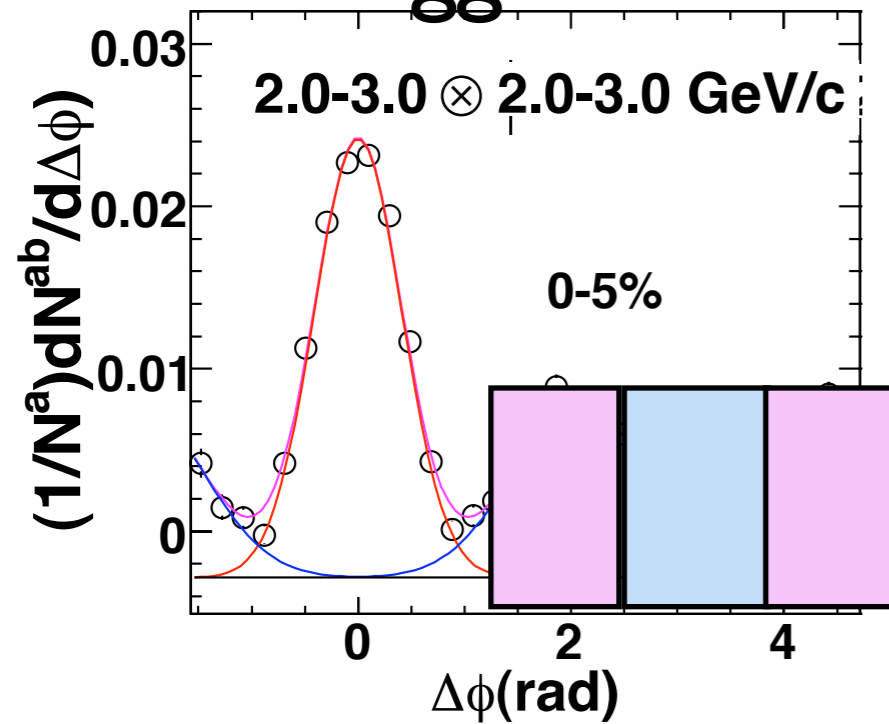


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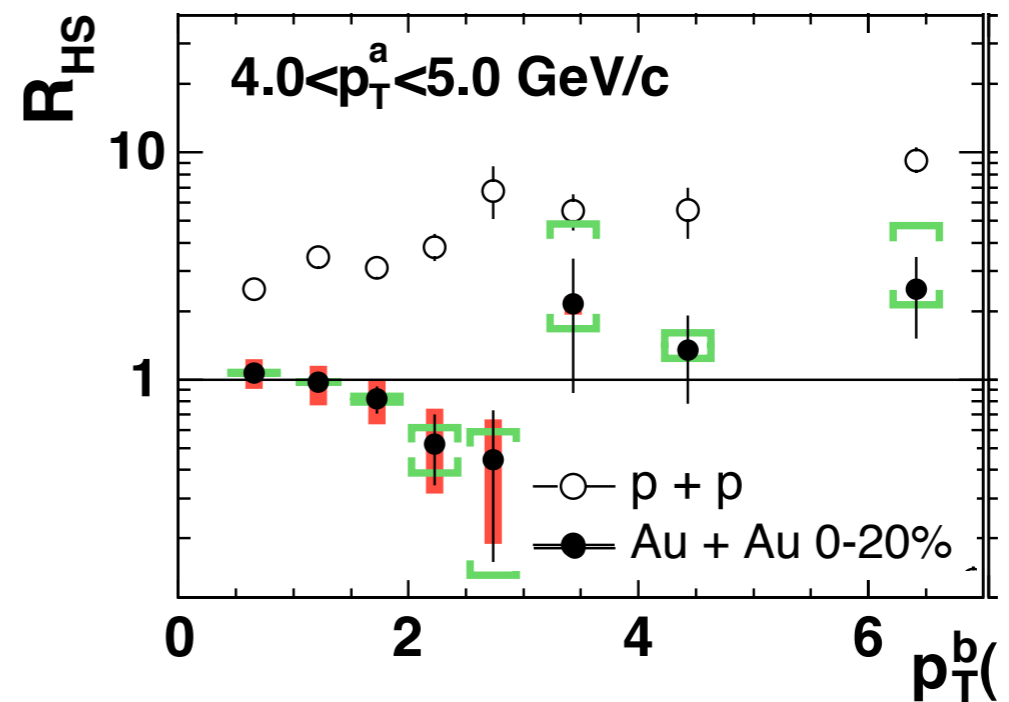
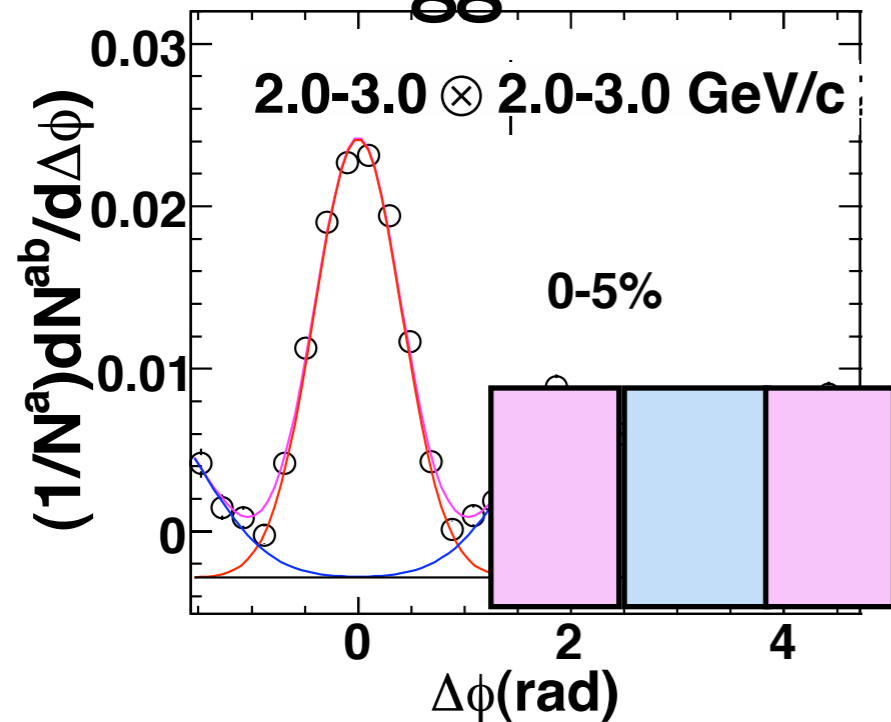


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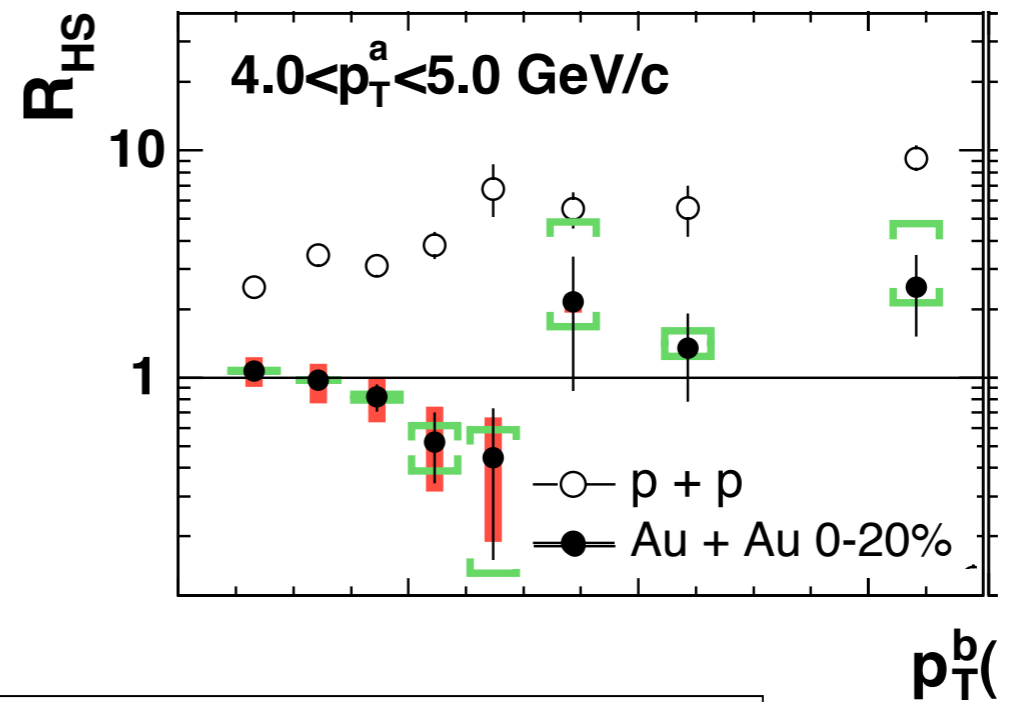
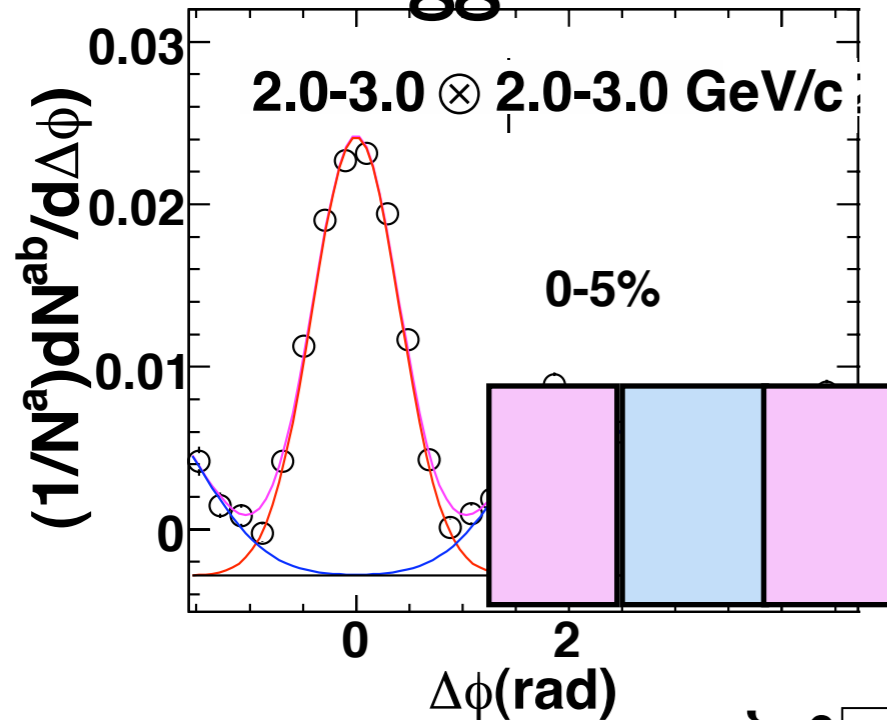
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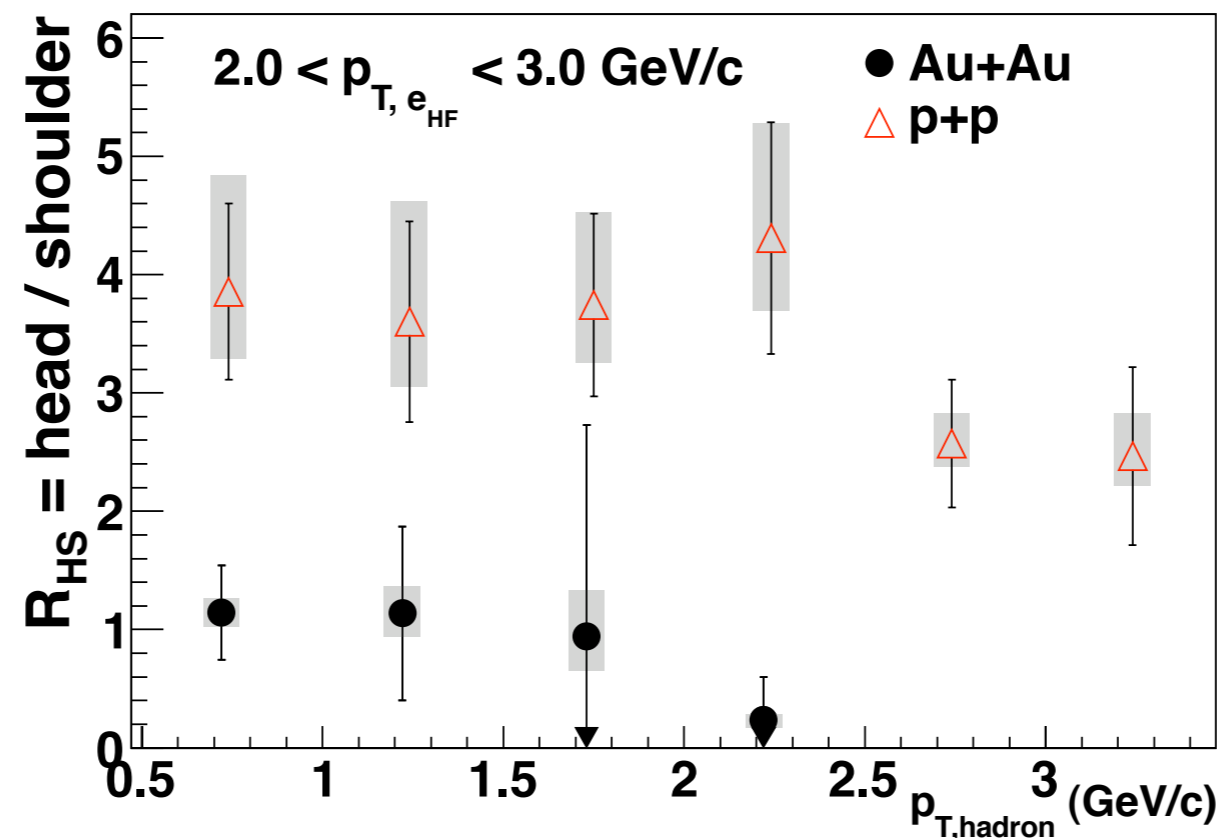
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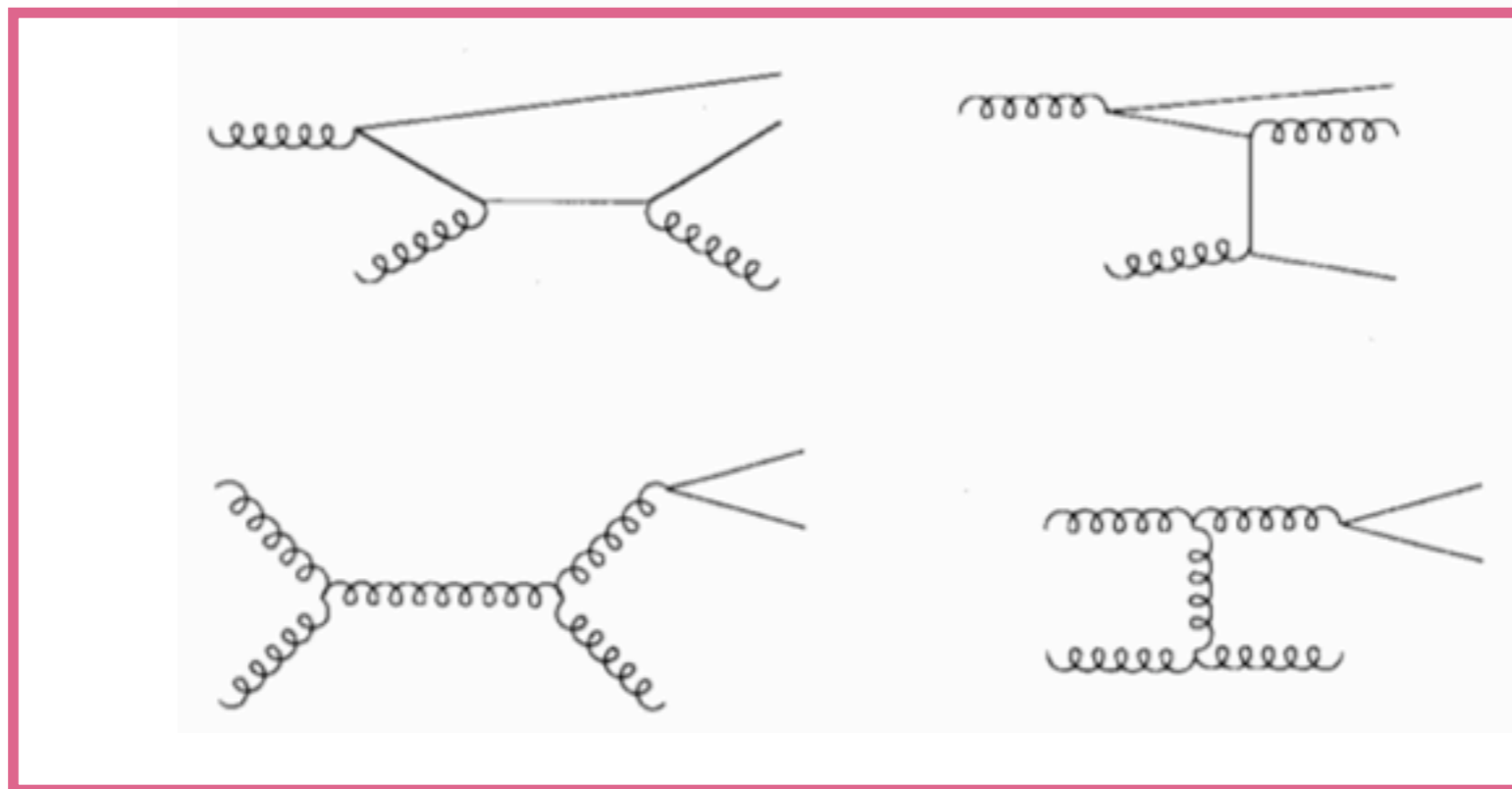
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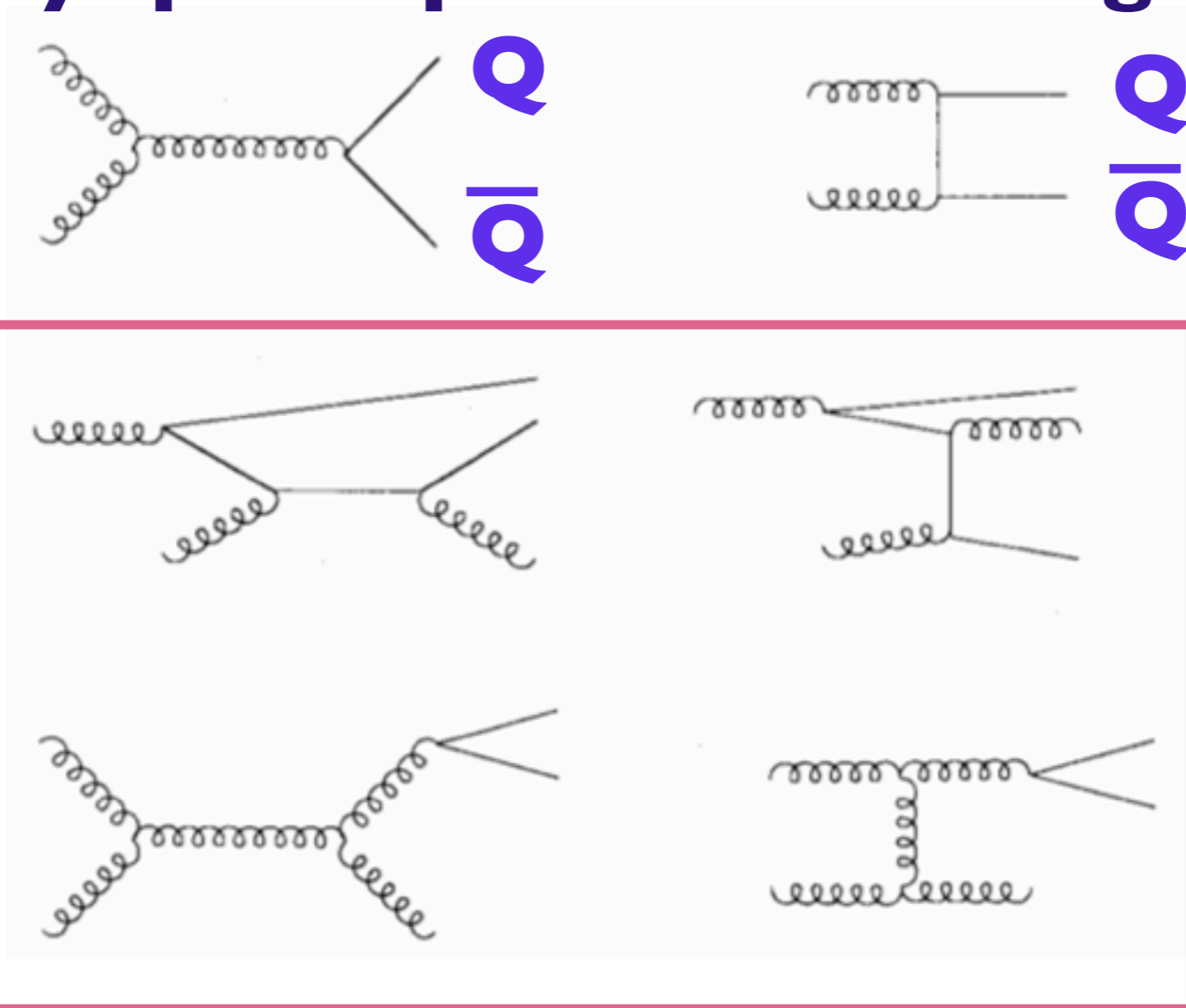
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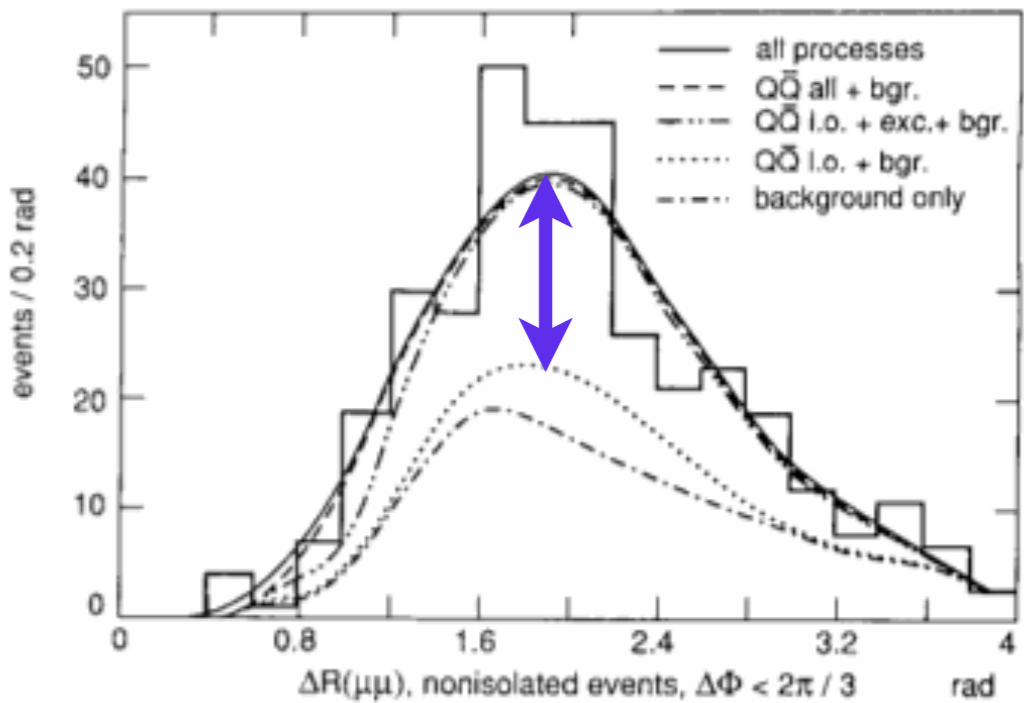
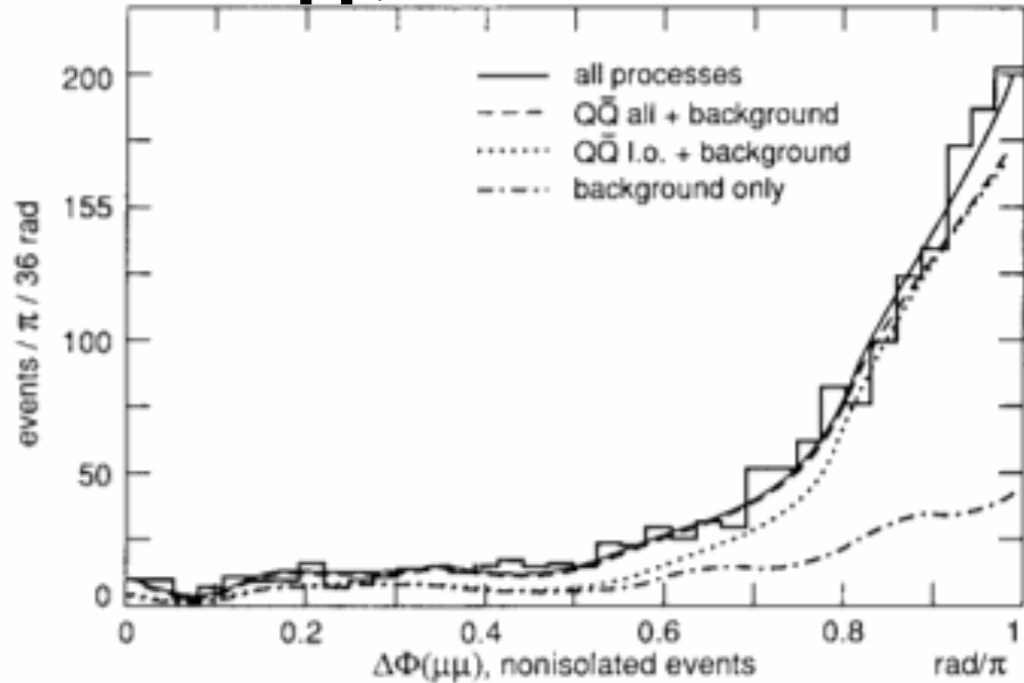
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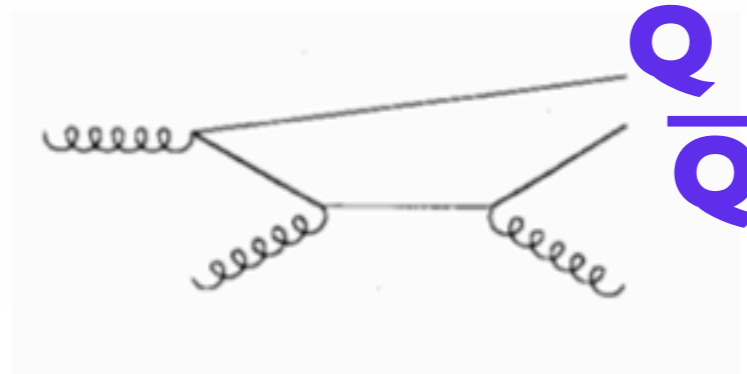
# $\mu\mu$ Correlations @ ISR

pp,  $\sqrt{s} = 630$  GeV



- fit with ISAJET
- 20-35% “higher order”
- similar sorts of measurements @ Tevatron

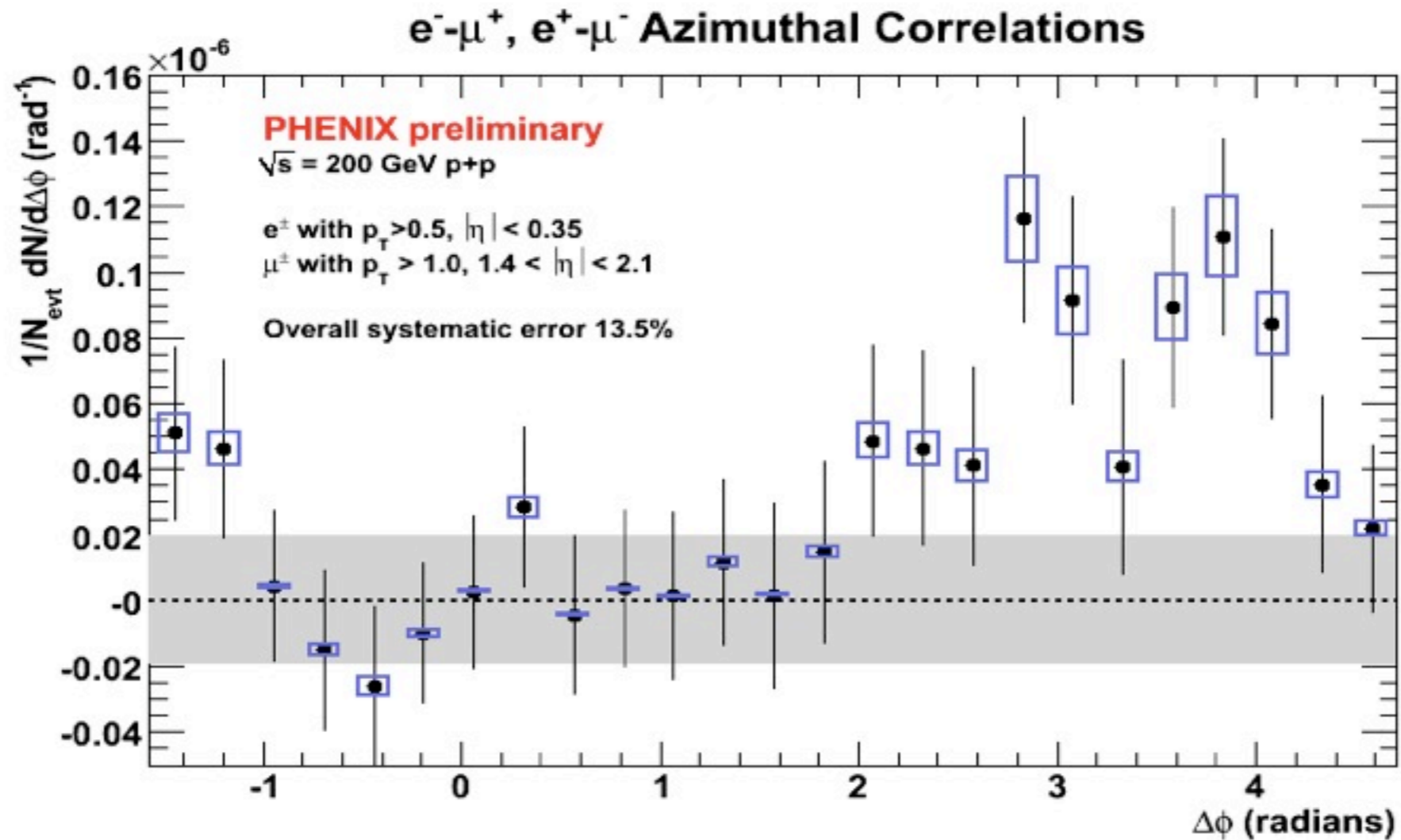
$p_{T\mu}^{\text{high}}$ range [GeV/c]	$p_{Tb}$ range [GeV/c]	$b\bar{b}$ nonisol. $m_{\mu\mu} > 4$ GeV/c <sup>2</sup> [events]	‘high.ord.’ fraction [%]
All	$\gtrsim 6$	$829 \pm 58$	$26.2 \pm 4.0$
3-5	$\gtrsim 6$	$402 \pm 37$	$24.6 \pm 8.5$
5-7	$\gtrsim 8$	$286 \pm 23$	$31.2 \pm 5.4$
7-10	$\gtrsim 11$	$103 \pm 12$	$35.2 \pm 5.1$
10-20	$\gtrsim 15$	$32 \pm 6$	$21.3 \pm 12.4$



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# e- $\mu$ correlations

- sensitive to correlated charm, but at forward/mid-rapidity




# RHIC vs. LHC

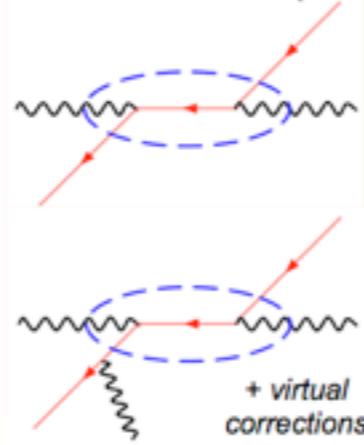
- also different production mix



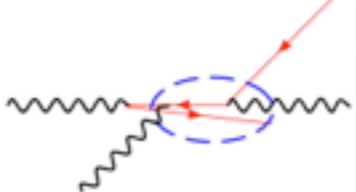
## Production processes in p-p



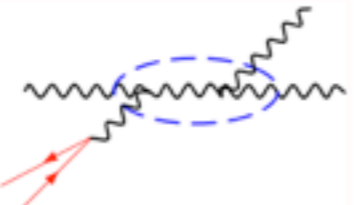
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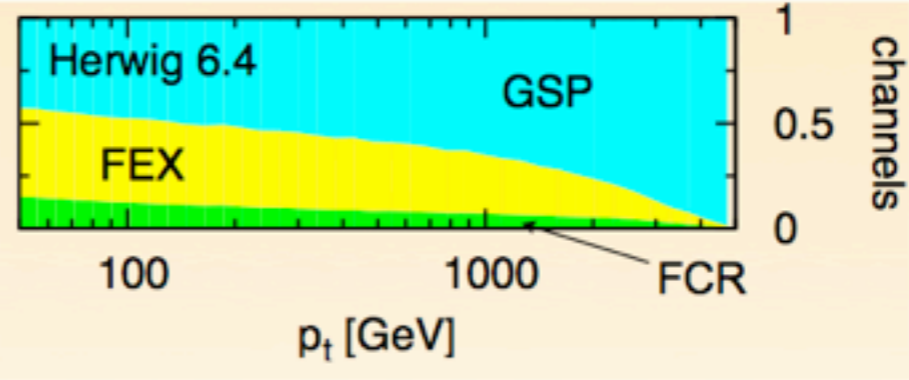
**Flavour excitation (FEX)**



**Gluon splitting (GSP)**



- **2→2 processes:**
  - ◆ Flavour creation: gluon fusion and qq annihilation
- **2→3 processes:**
  - ◆ *Flavour Excitation*: bb from the proton sea, only one b participates to the hard scatter, asymmetric transverse momentum for the two b-quarks
  - ◆ *Gluon splitting*:  $g \rightarrow bb$  in initial or final state, b at low  $p_T$  and close in the azimuthal angle ( $\Delta\phi$ )
  - ◆ Real and virtual corrections to Flavour creation



2 to 3 processes dominant at the LHC!

V. Chiochia (Uni. Zürich) – Measurement of inclusive b production at CMS - HP2010, Eilat - 14/10/2010
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# Near Term Future

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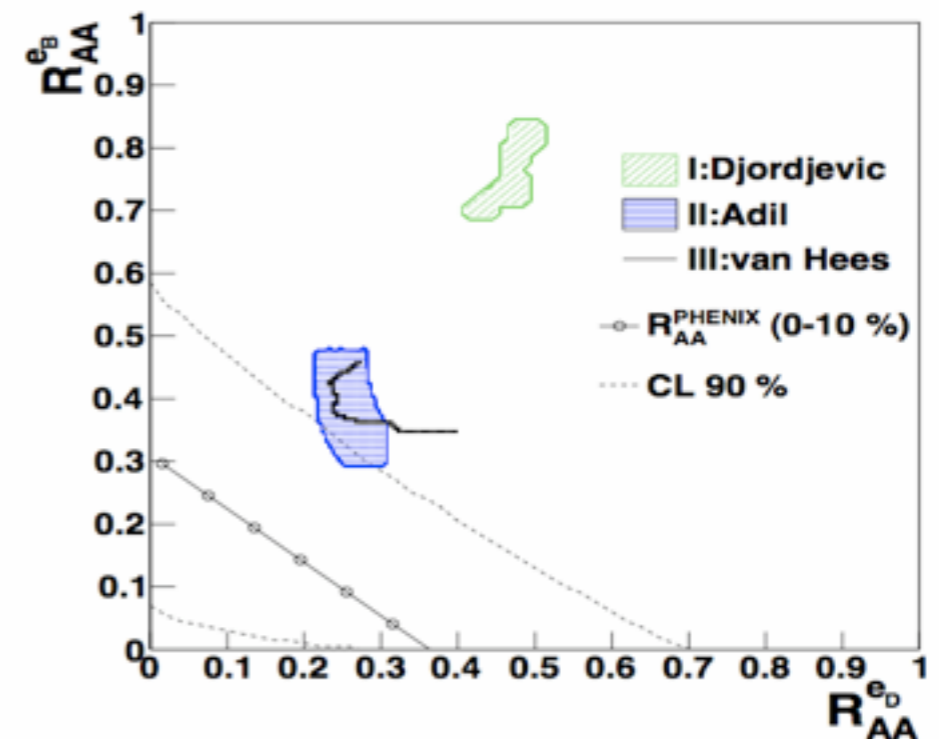
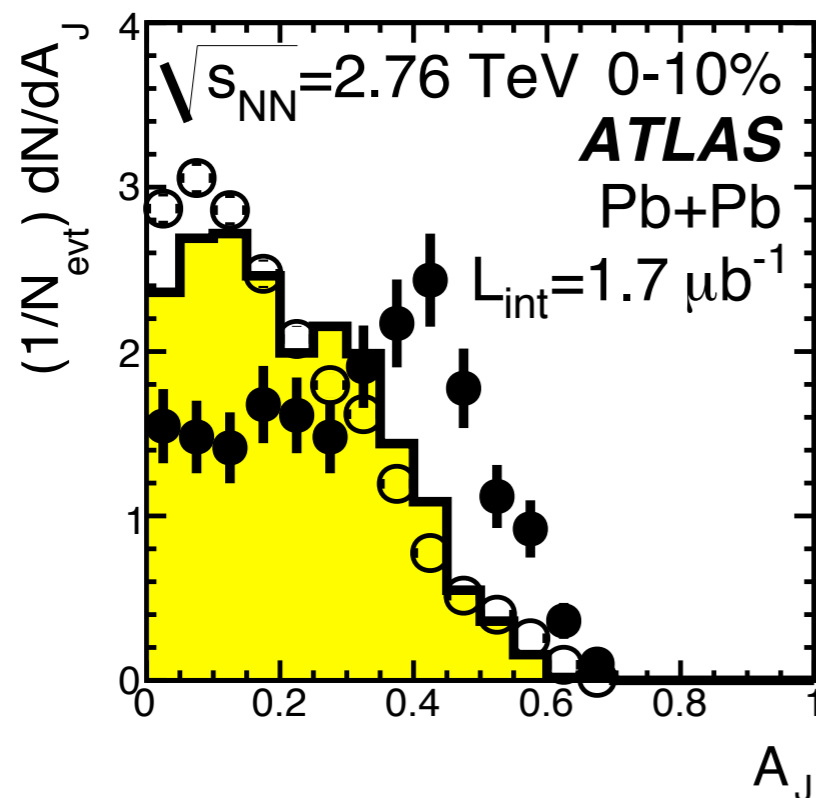


- Silicon Vertex Detector
  - e-h and e-e correlations to understand HF production
    - here 500 GeV p+p data provides a good opportunity
      - increased HF cross sections and different collision energy  
→ useful input for understanding HI data at 200 GeV



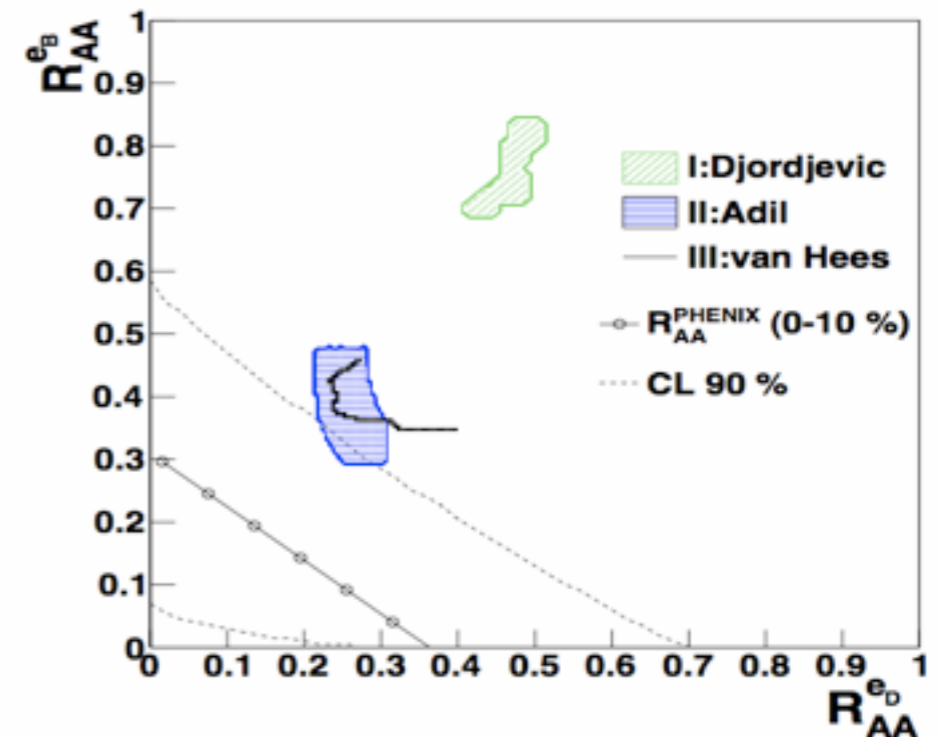
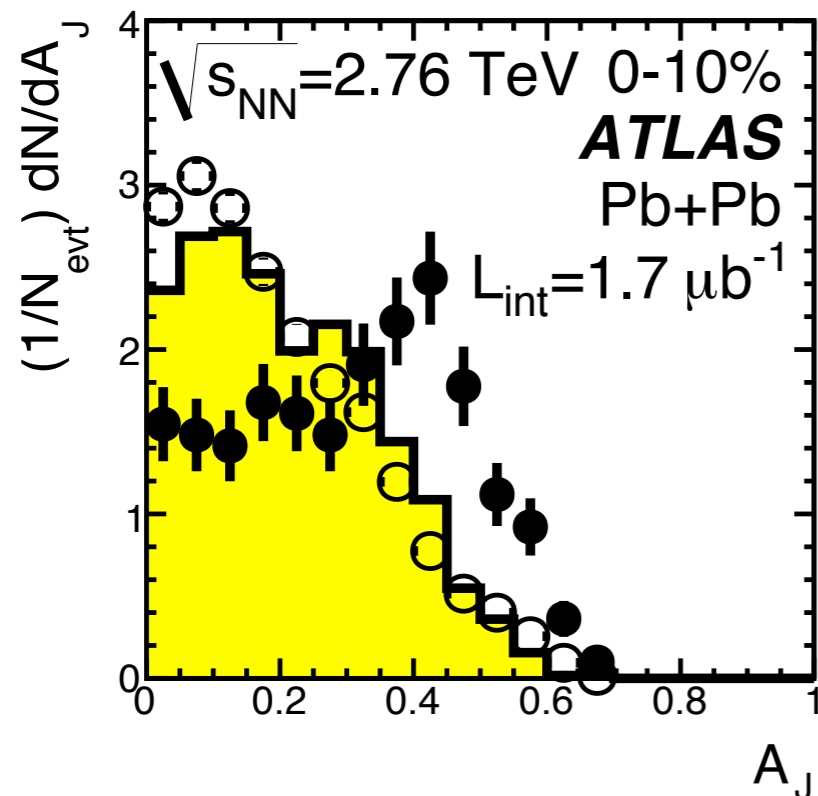
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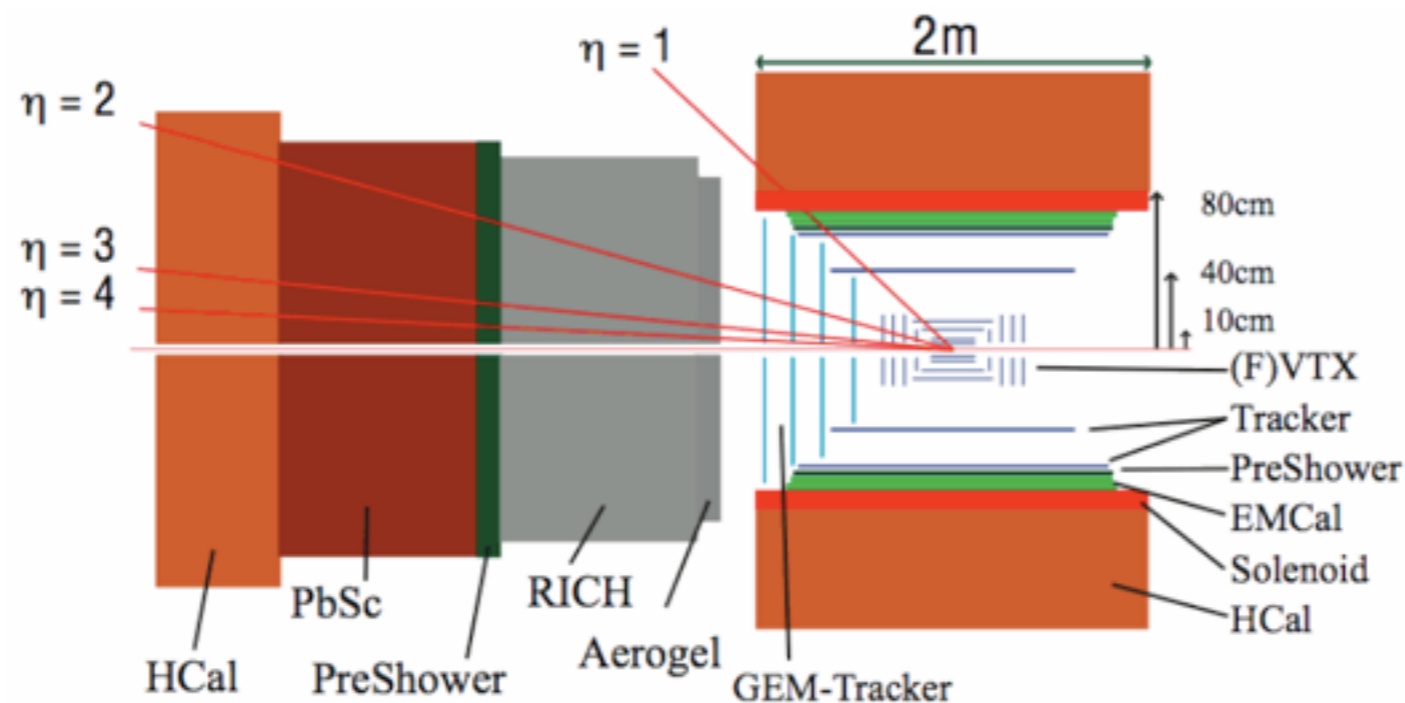
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**what will *b*-jets look like at the LHC?**

# sPHENIX

- jets offer huge rate advantages and a reduction of biases from spectra & correlations
- however need a real jet detector for RHIC
- high rate, hadronic calorimetry, heavy flavor tagging, large acceptance
- suited to systematic studies (system size, energy, etc)



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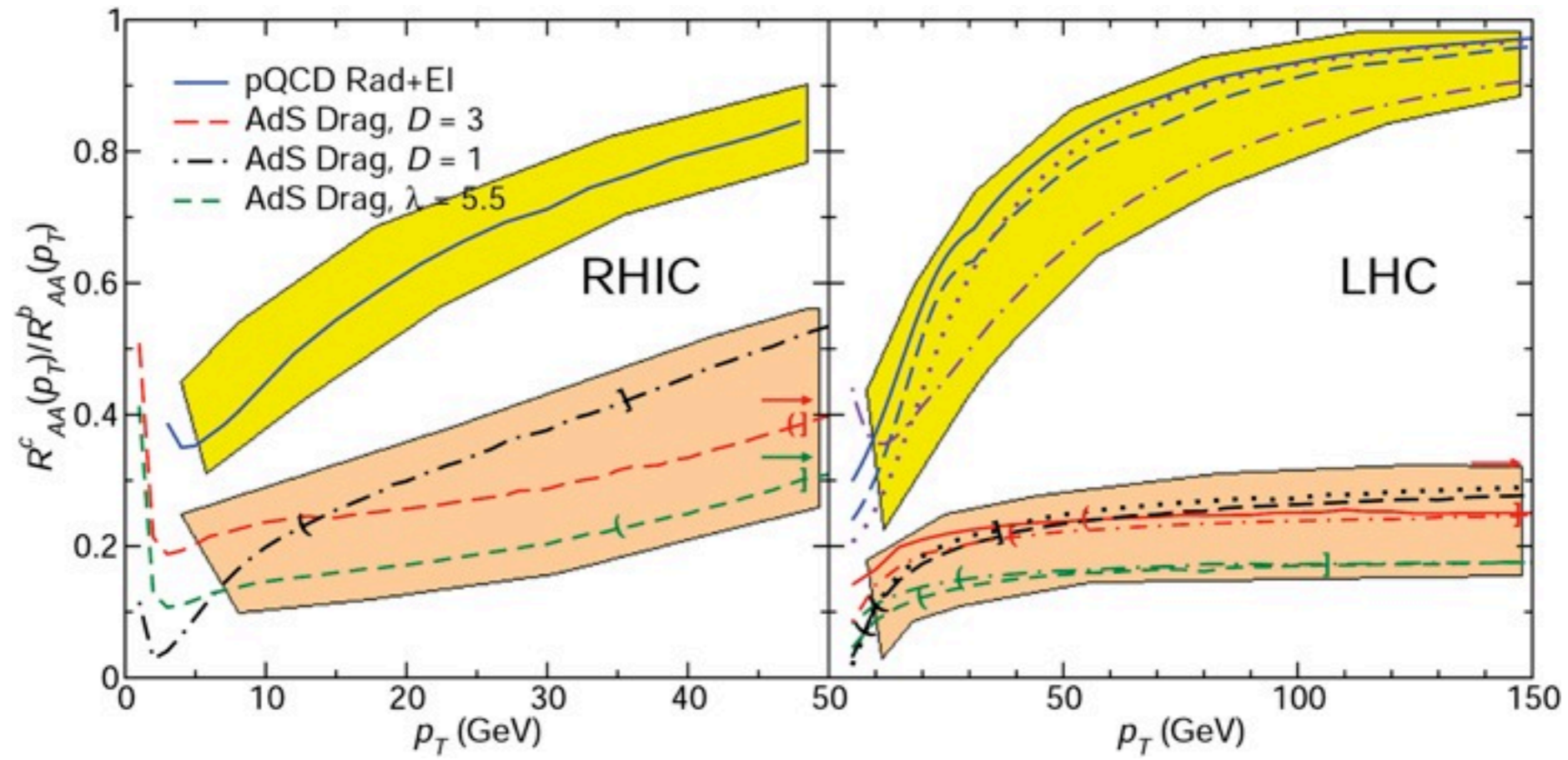
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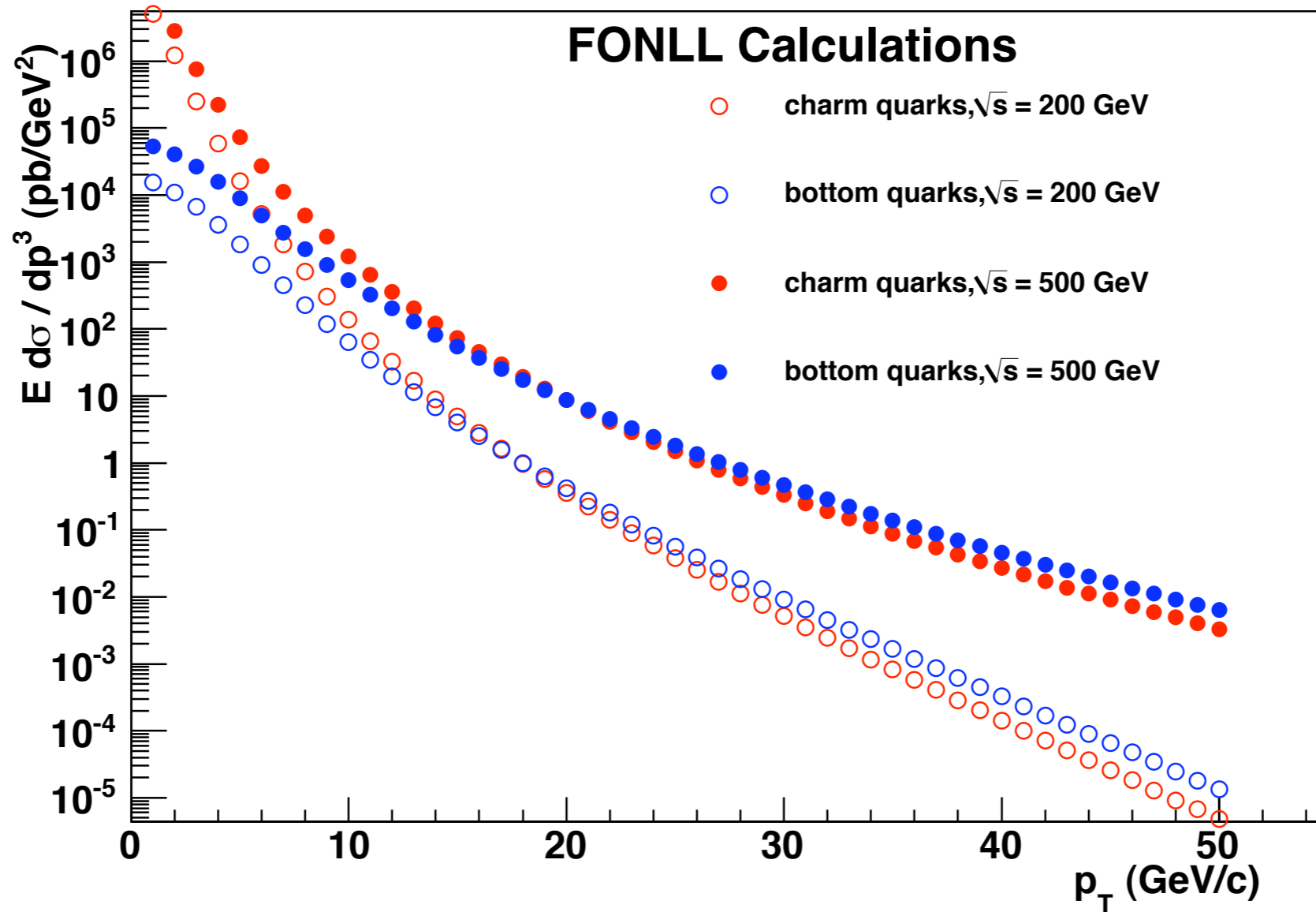
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  - vertex upgrades at RHIC & LHC provide big improvements!
  - correlations will be key

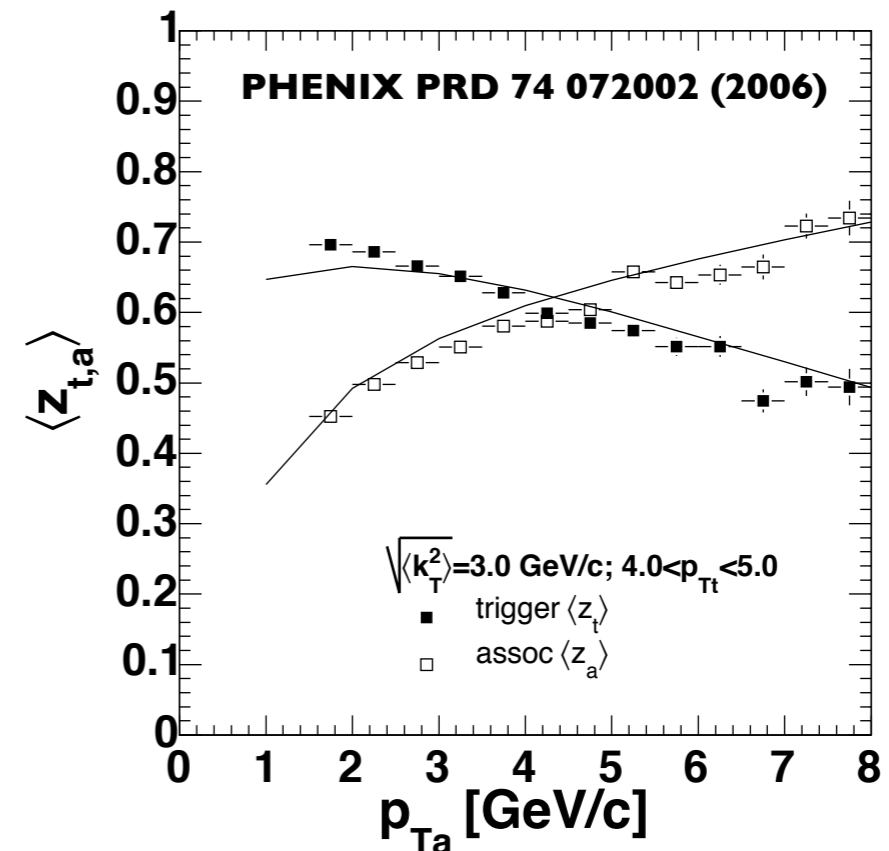
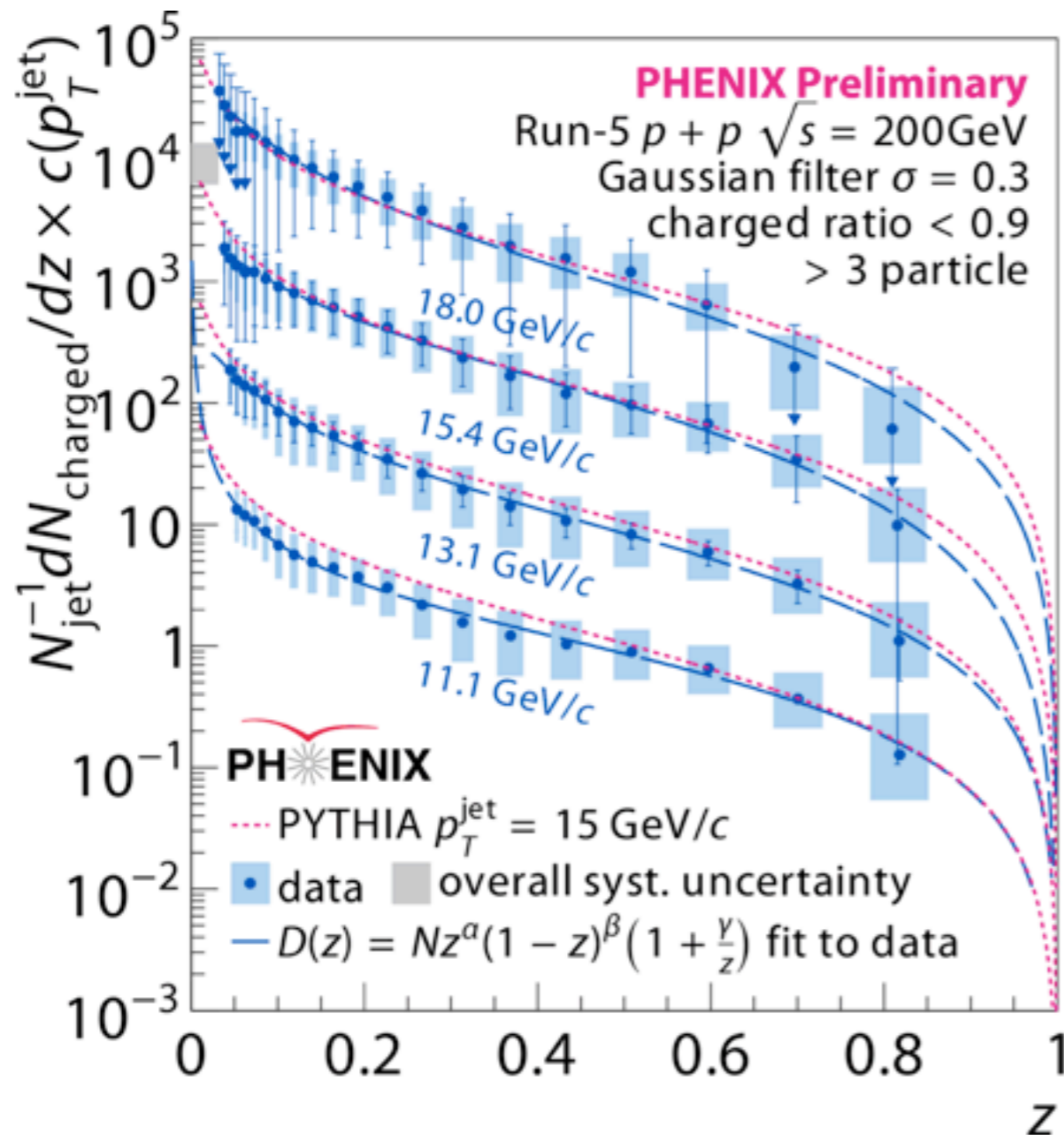






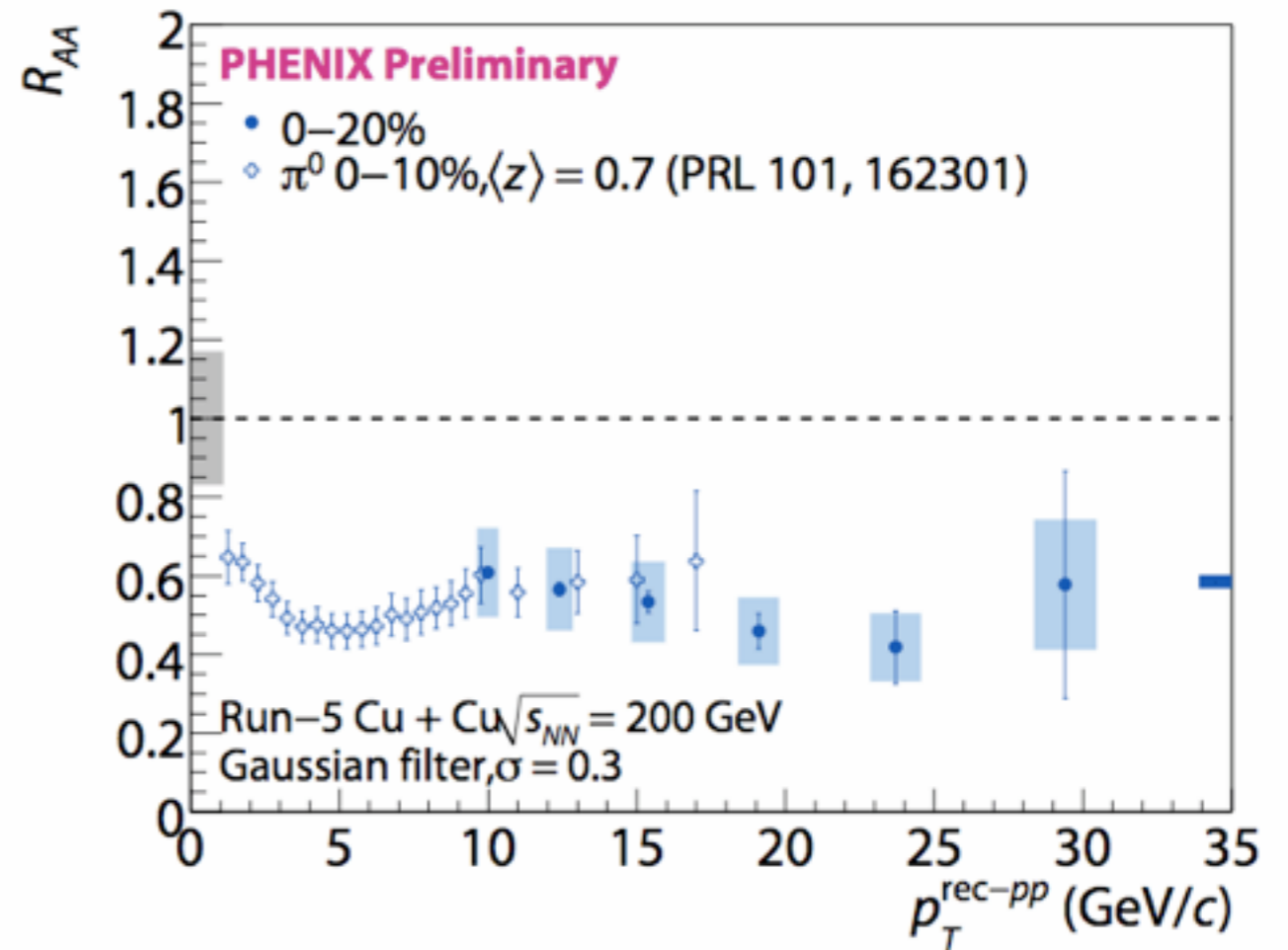
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# tool for the future: jets



- leading particles sample high  $z$  part of the fragmentation function
- little sensitivity to modification patterns...that's where the energy loss physics is  $\rightarrow$  radiated gluons, broadened jet profile...

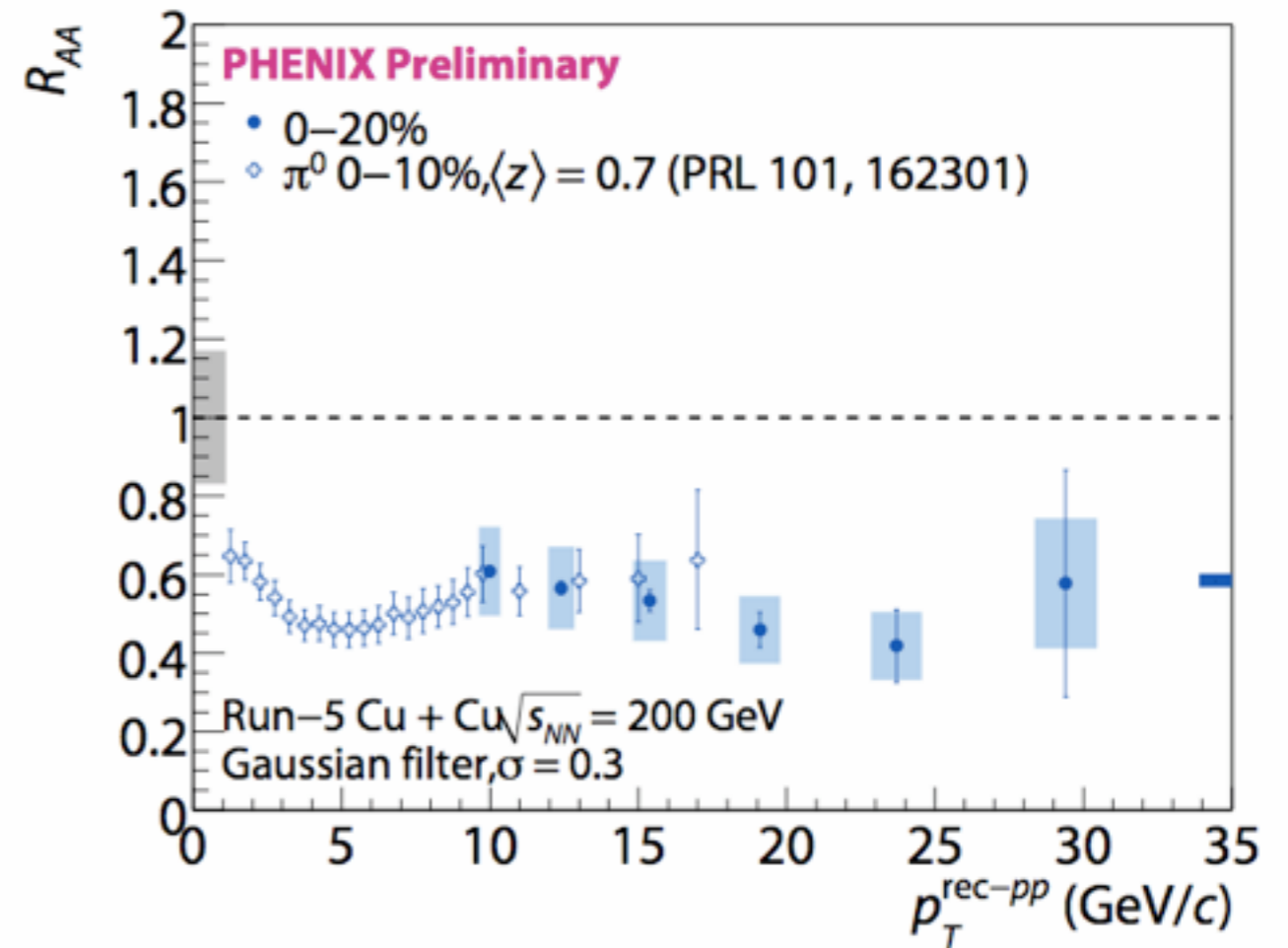
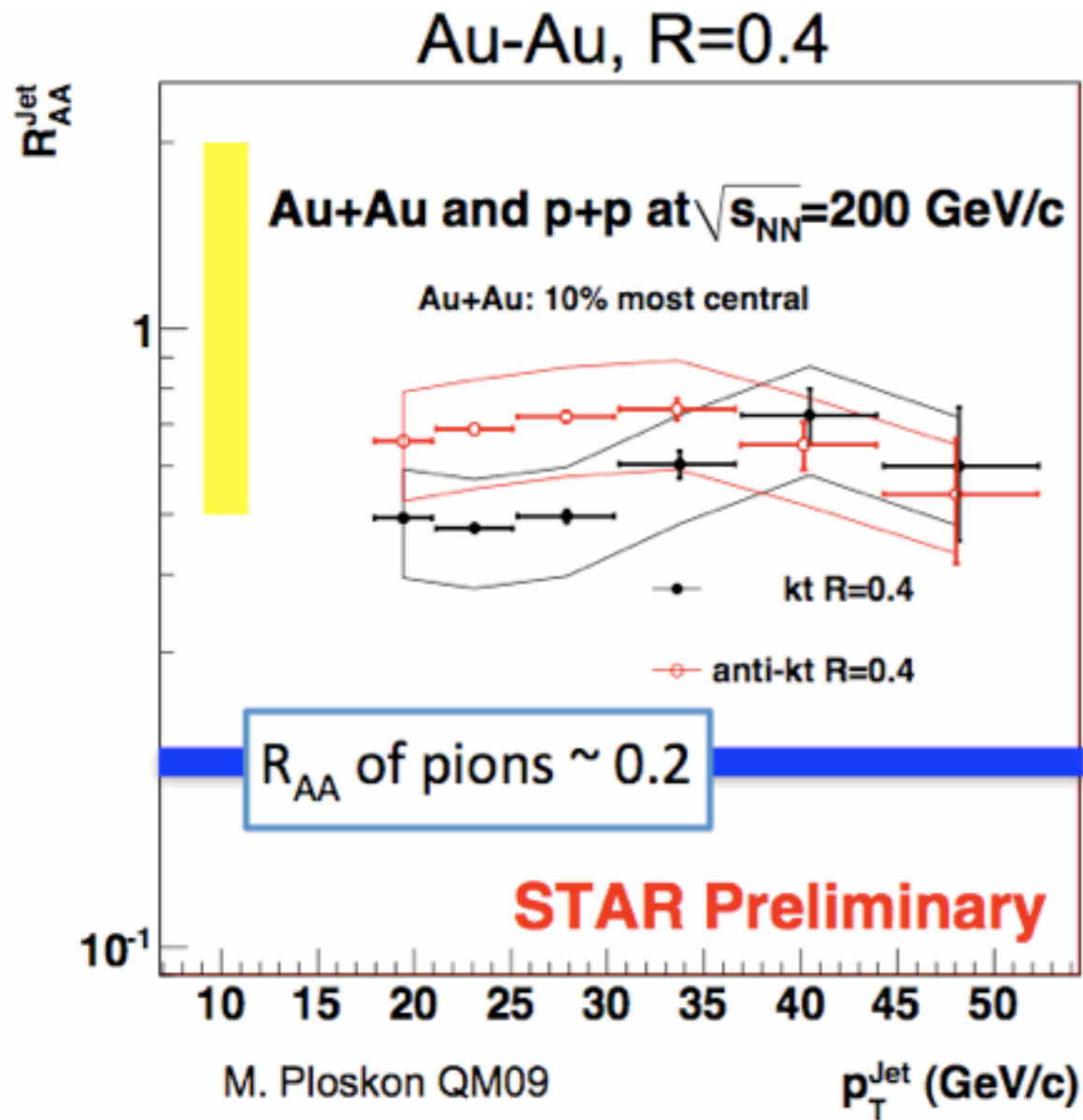
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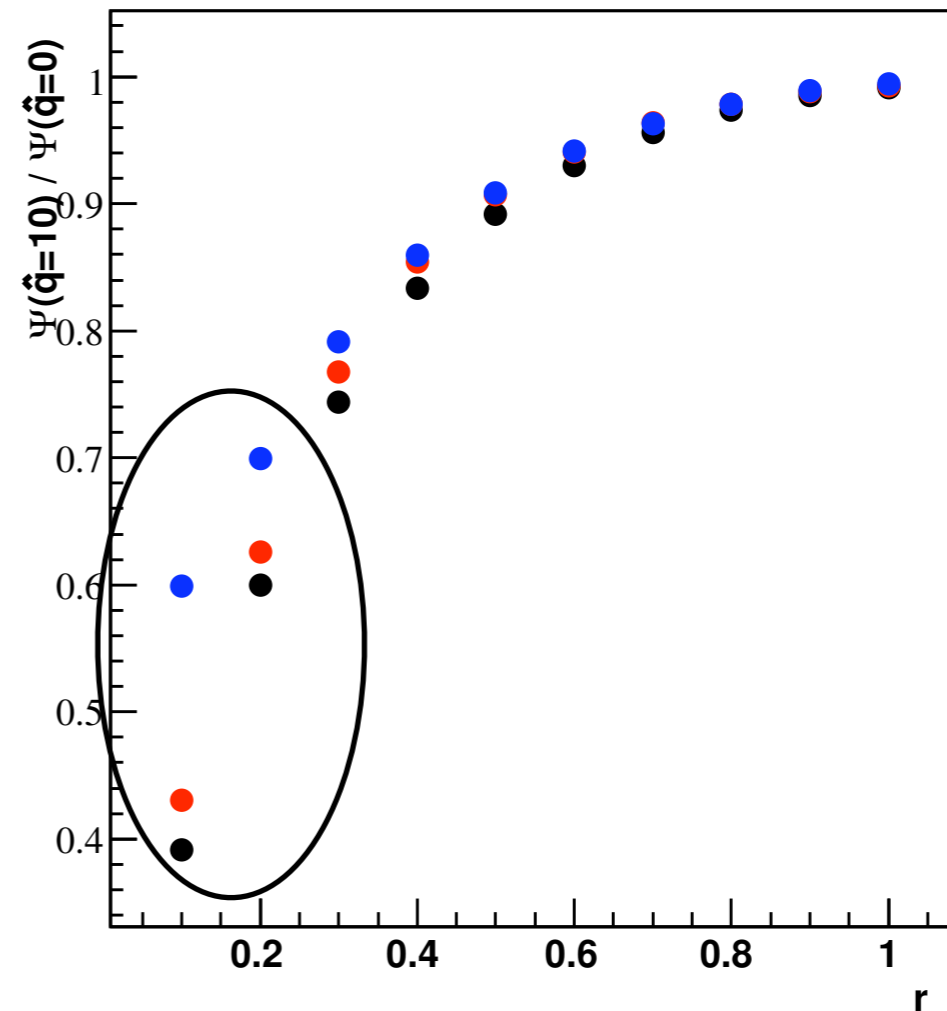
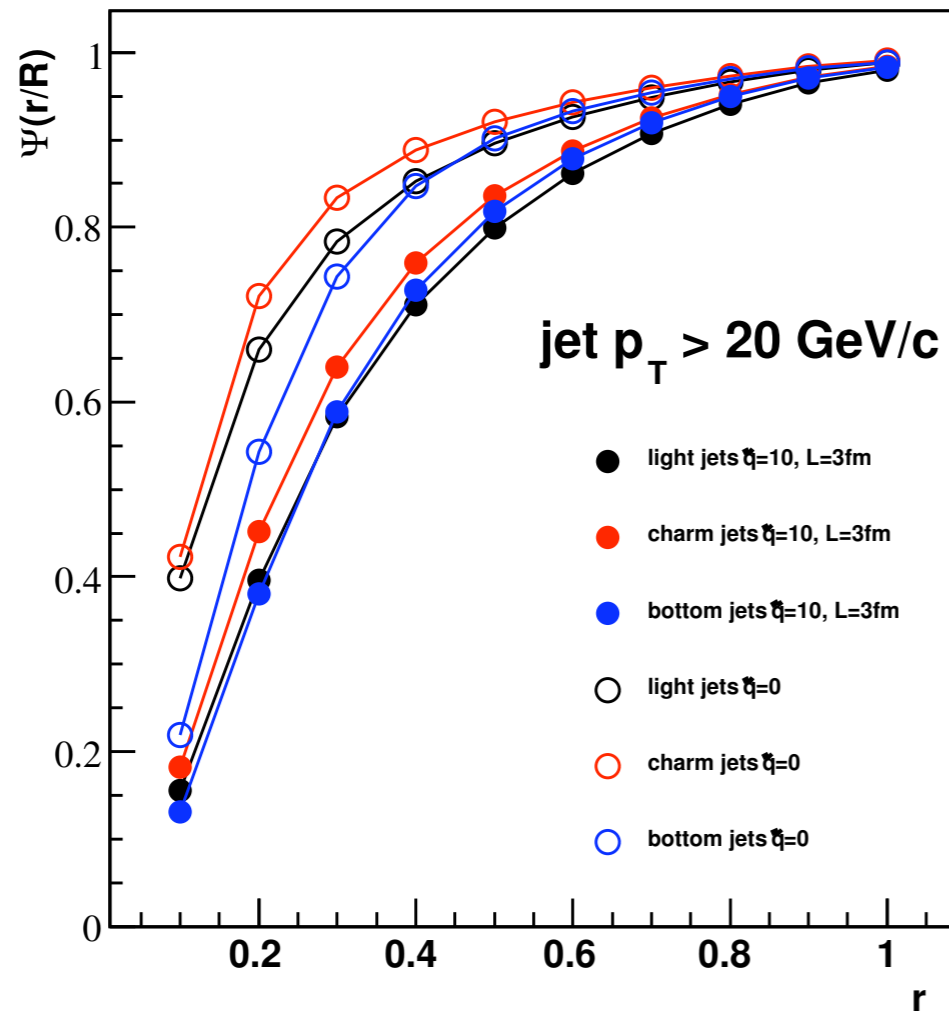
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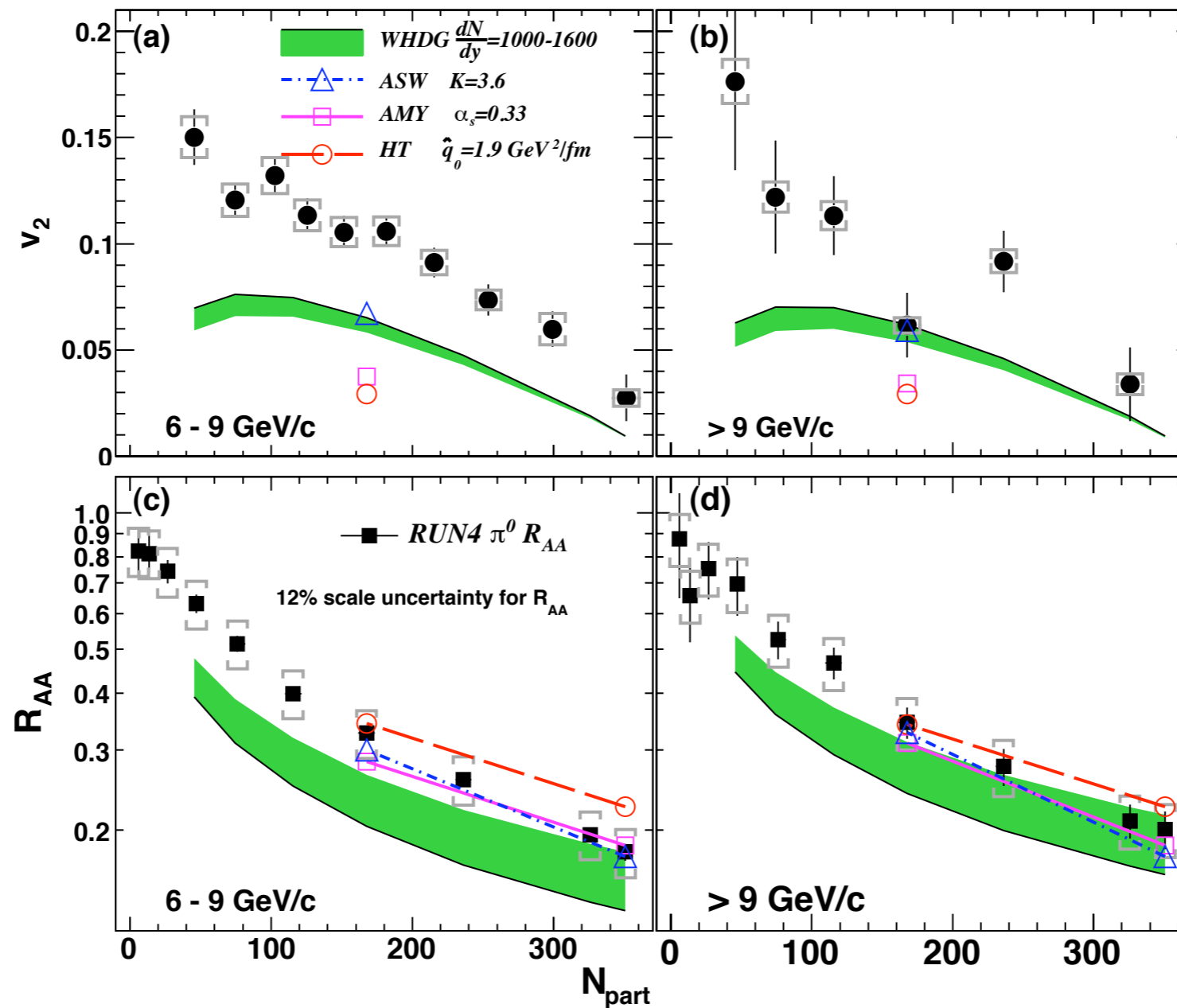
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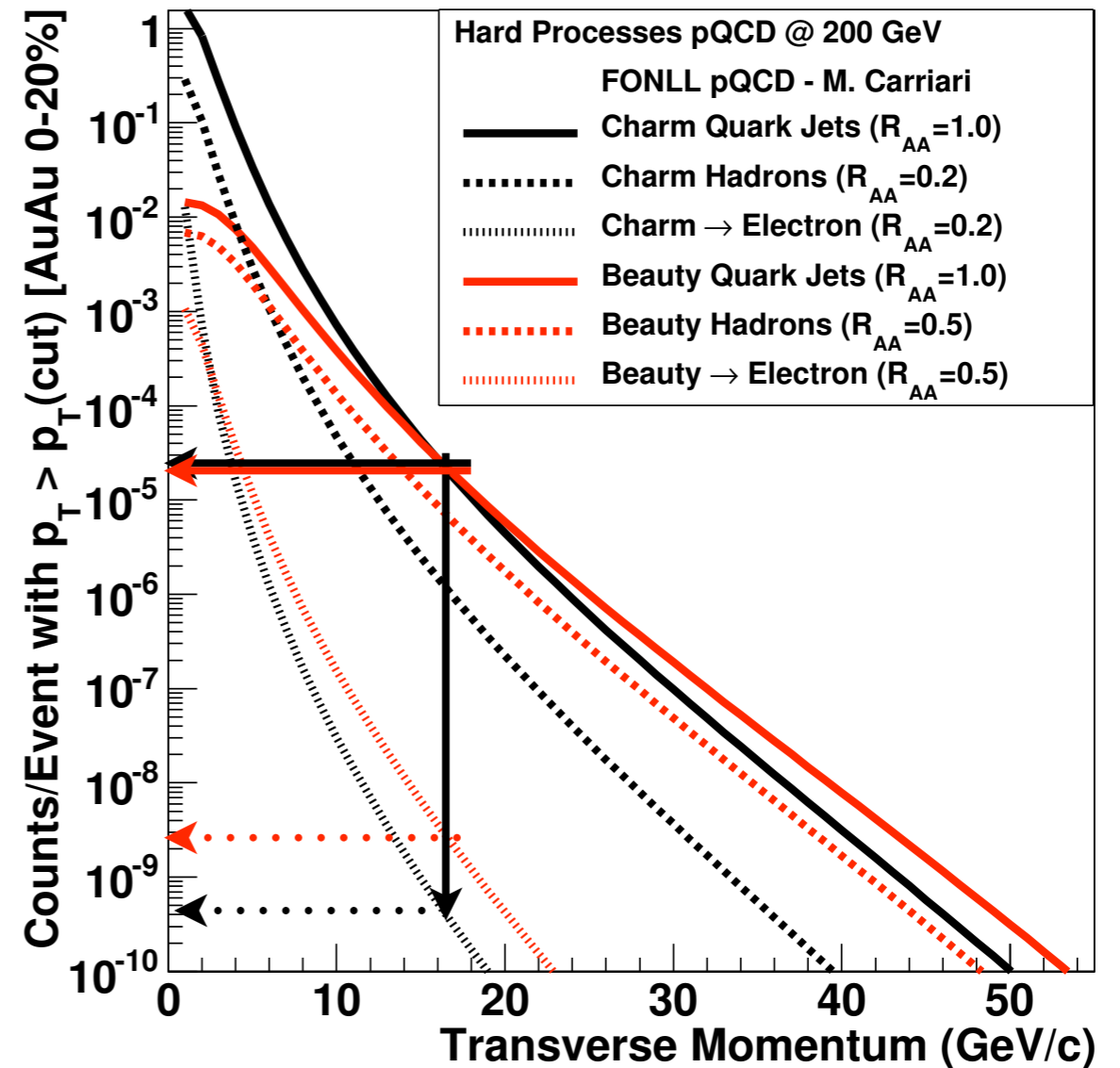
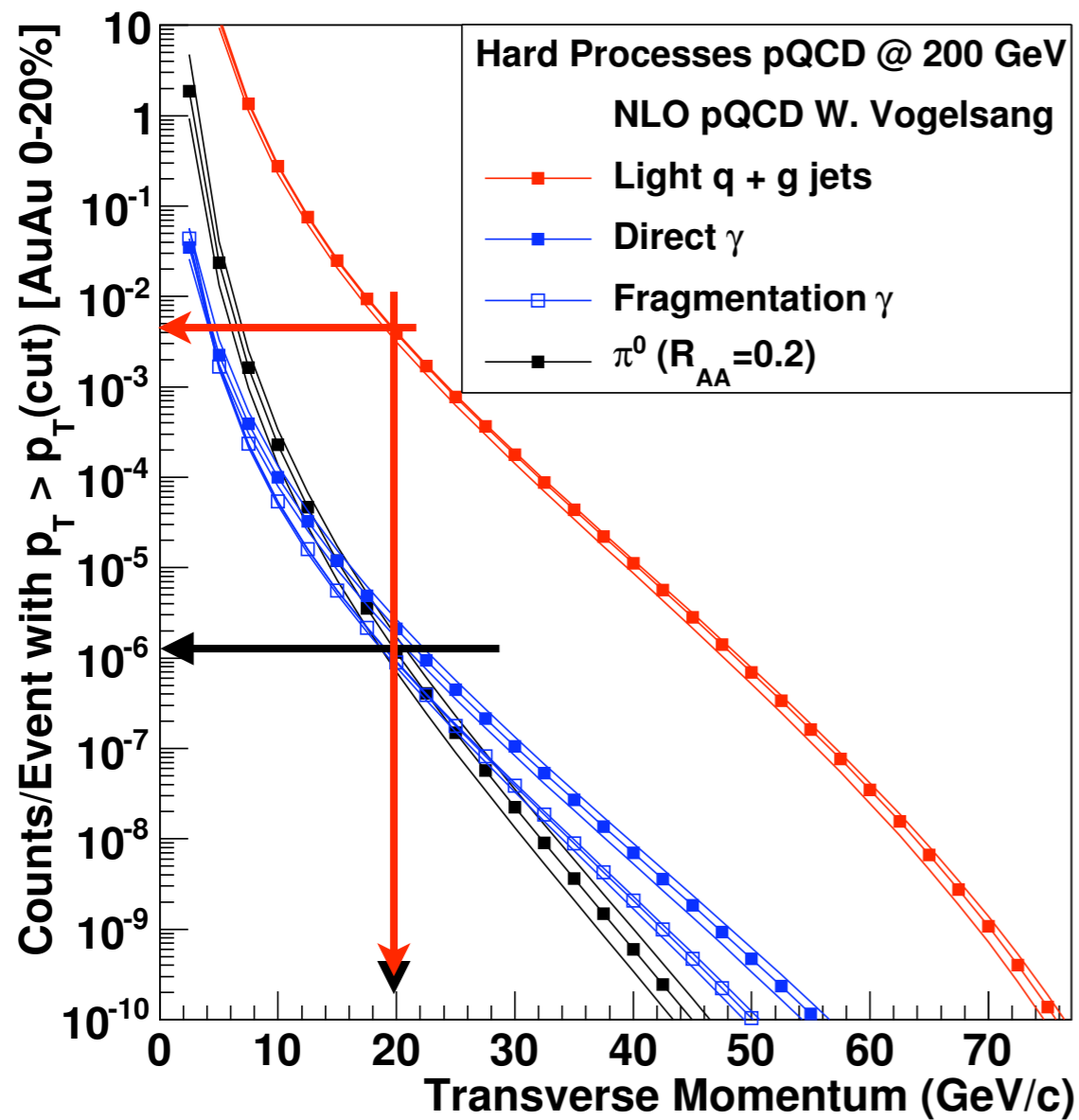
broadening

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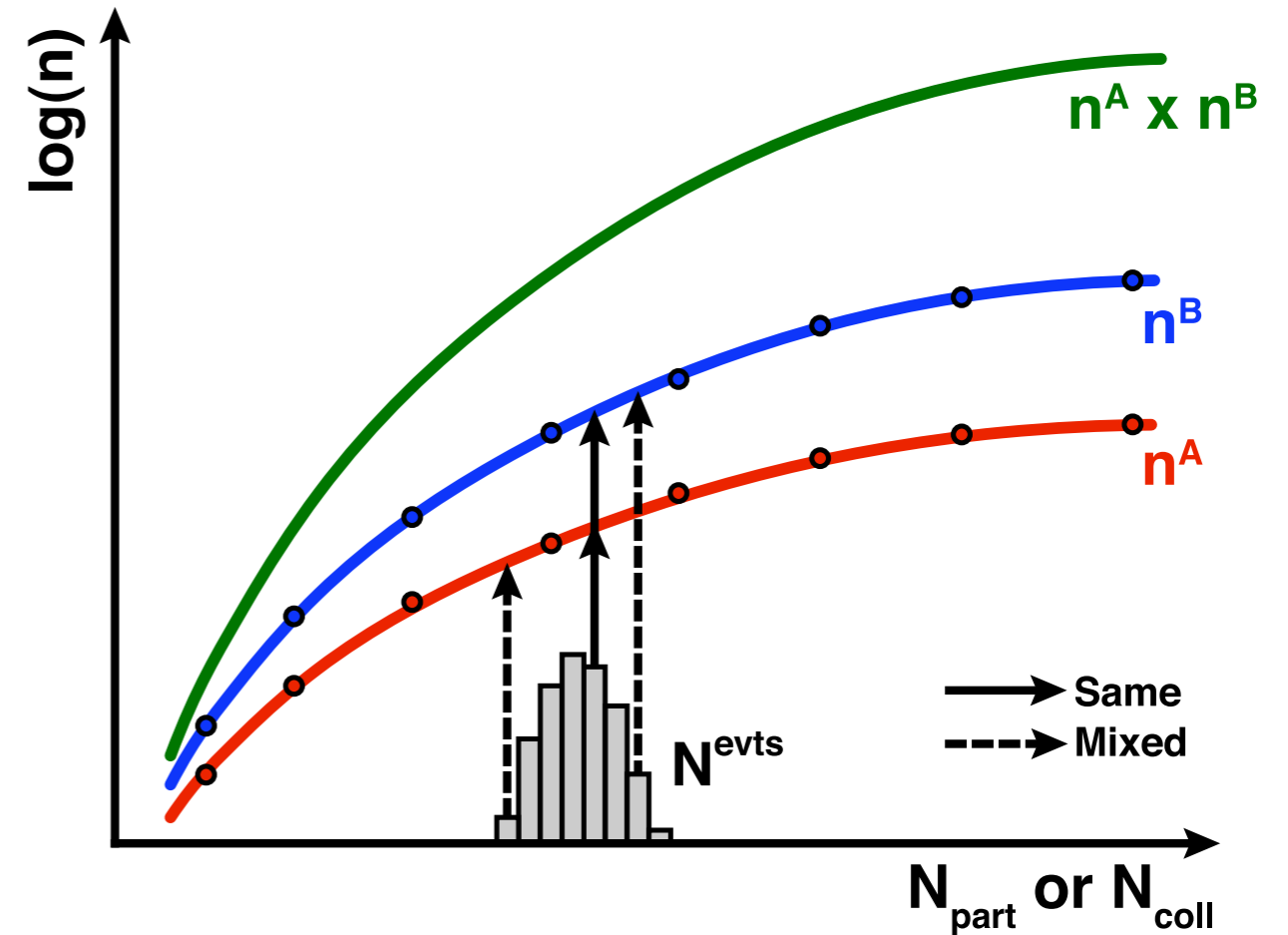


# rate!

## all hard physics at RHIC is statistics limited!



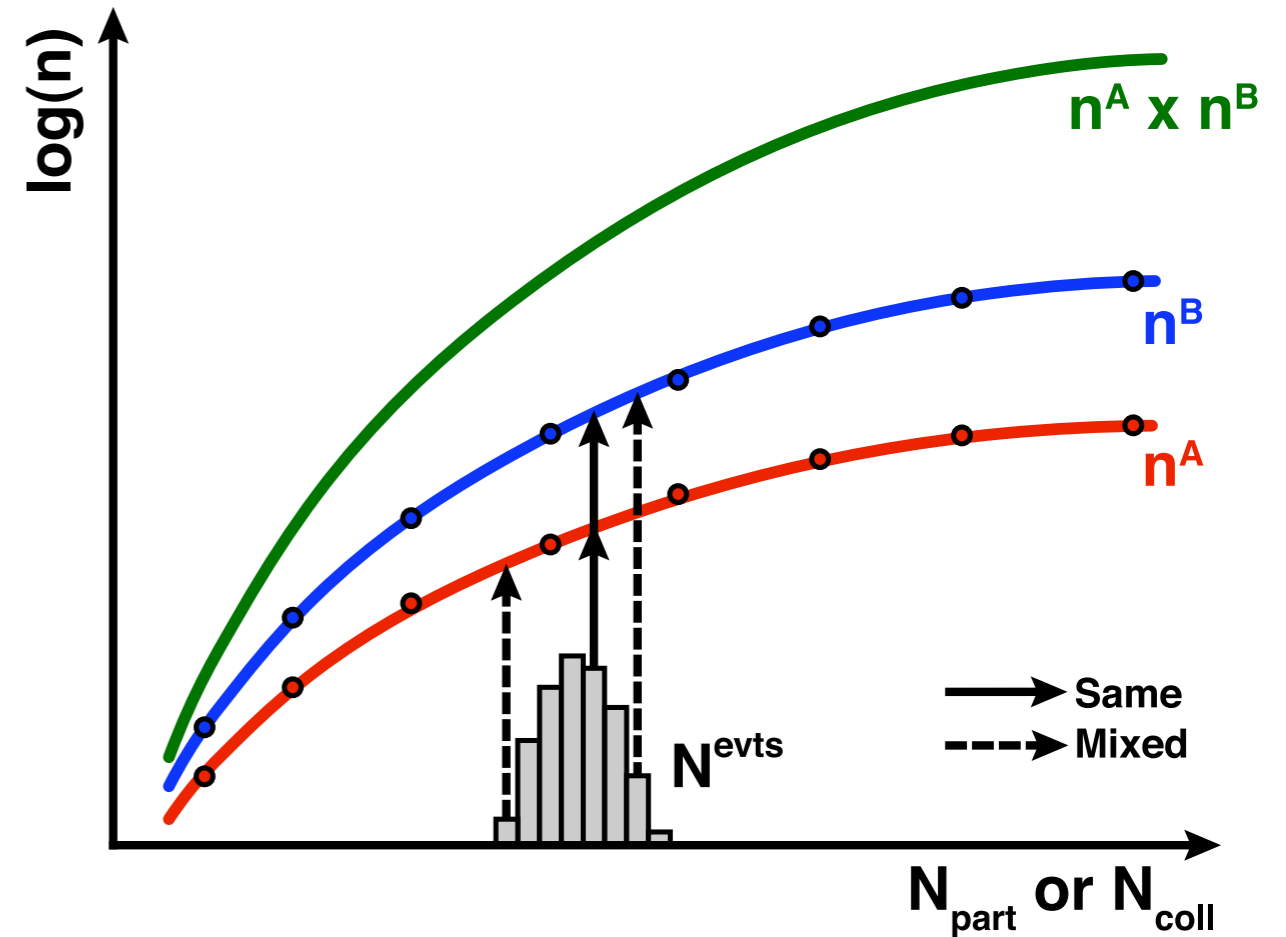
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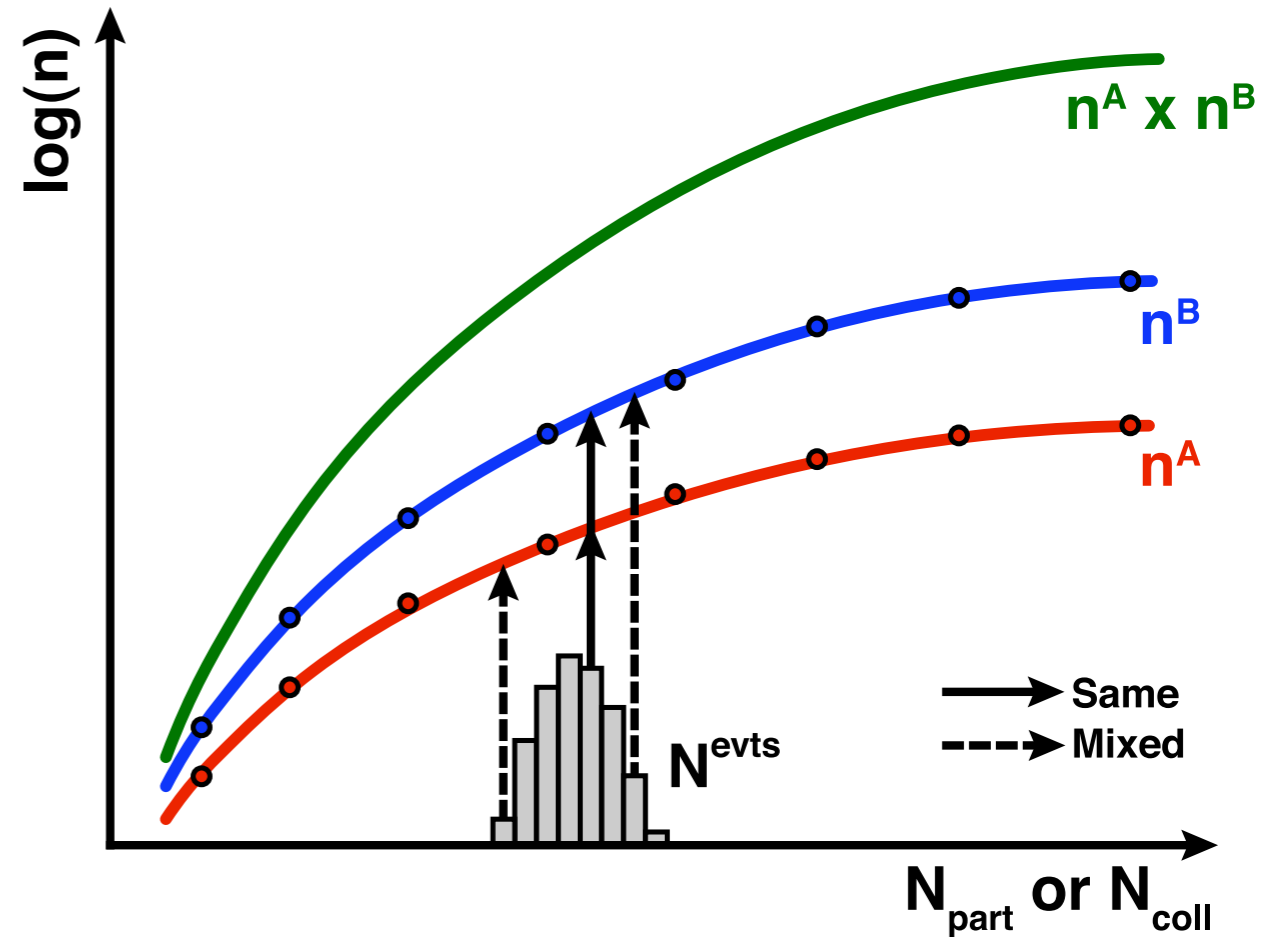
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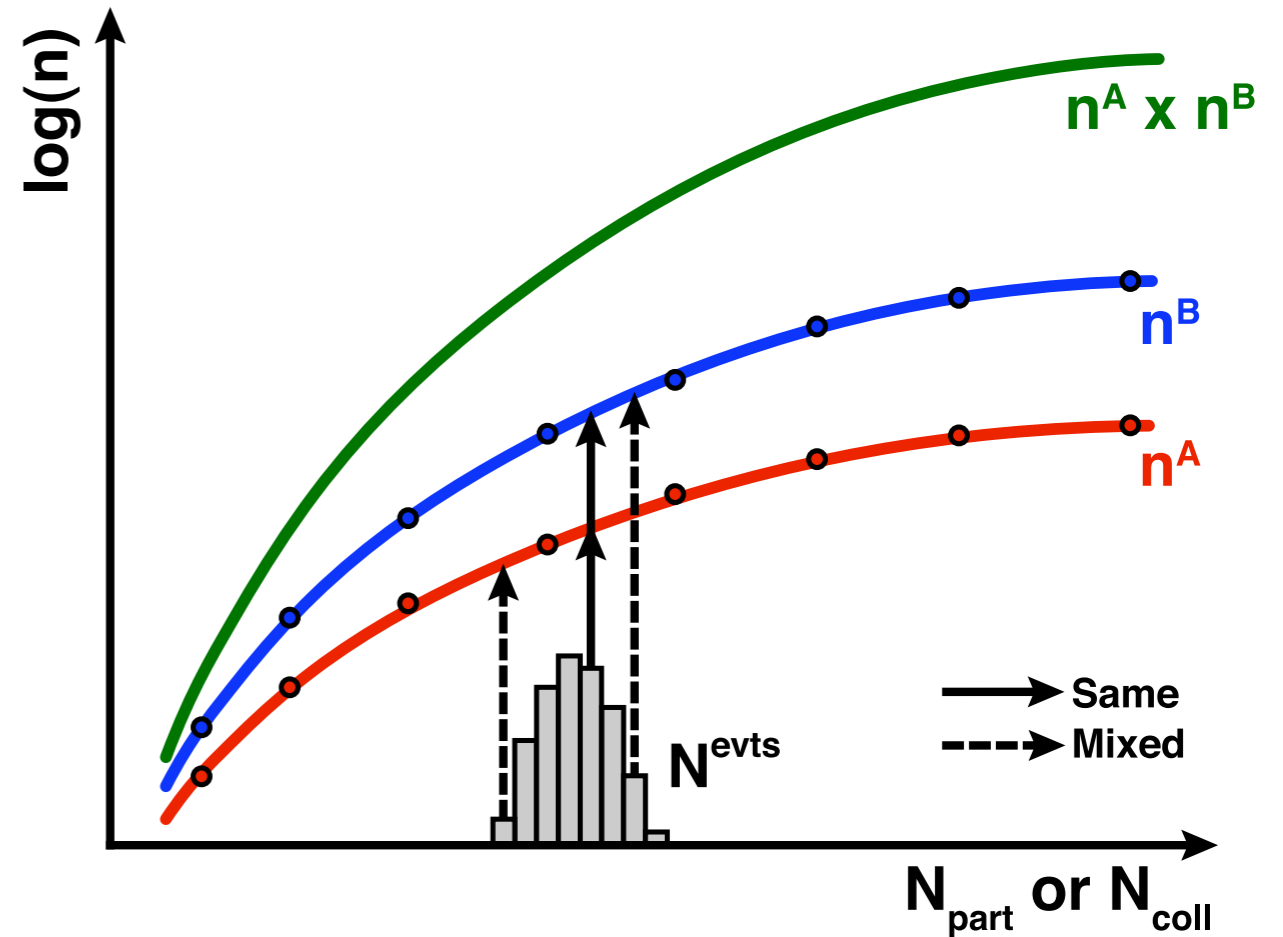
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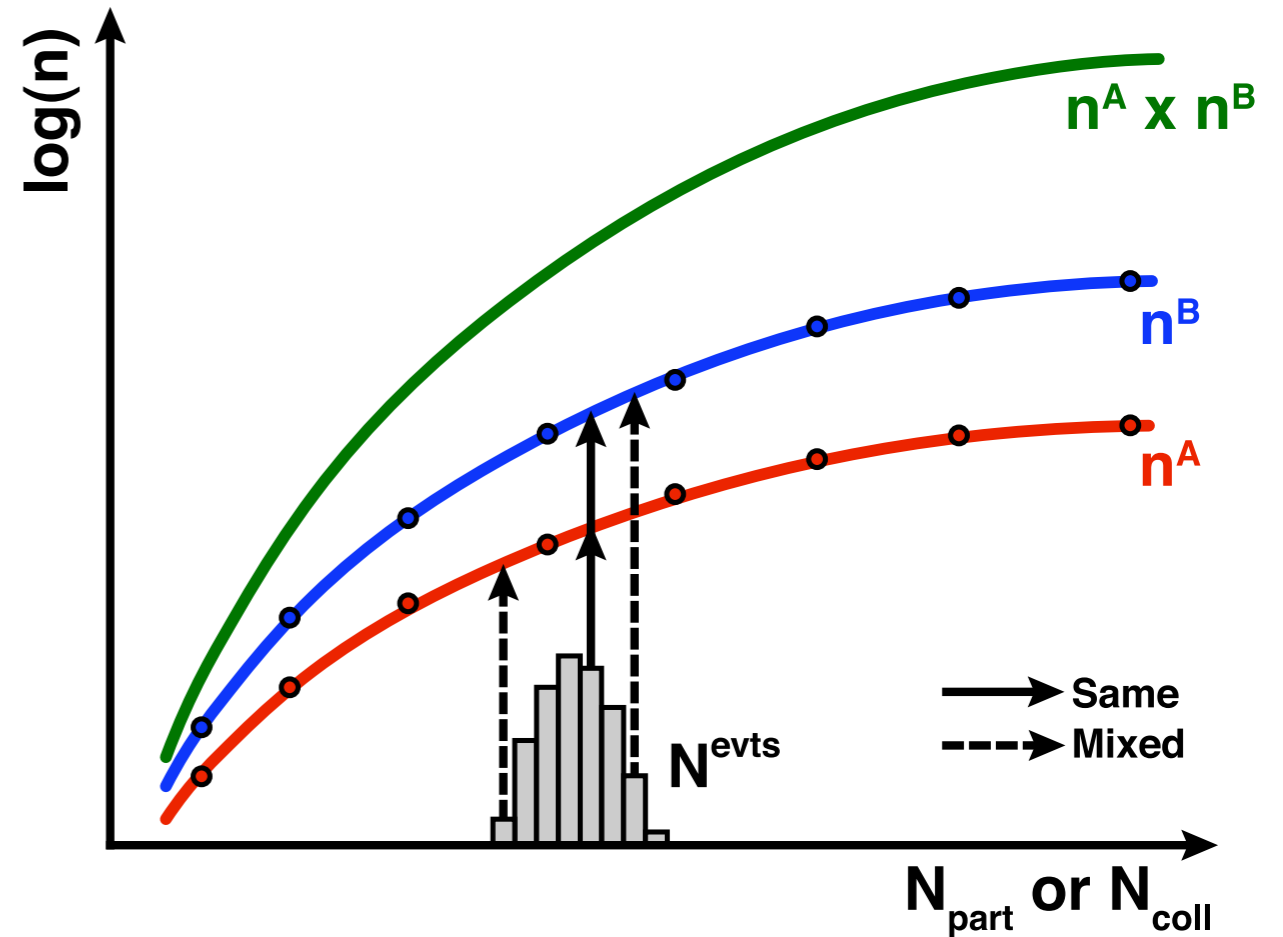
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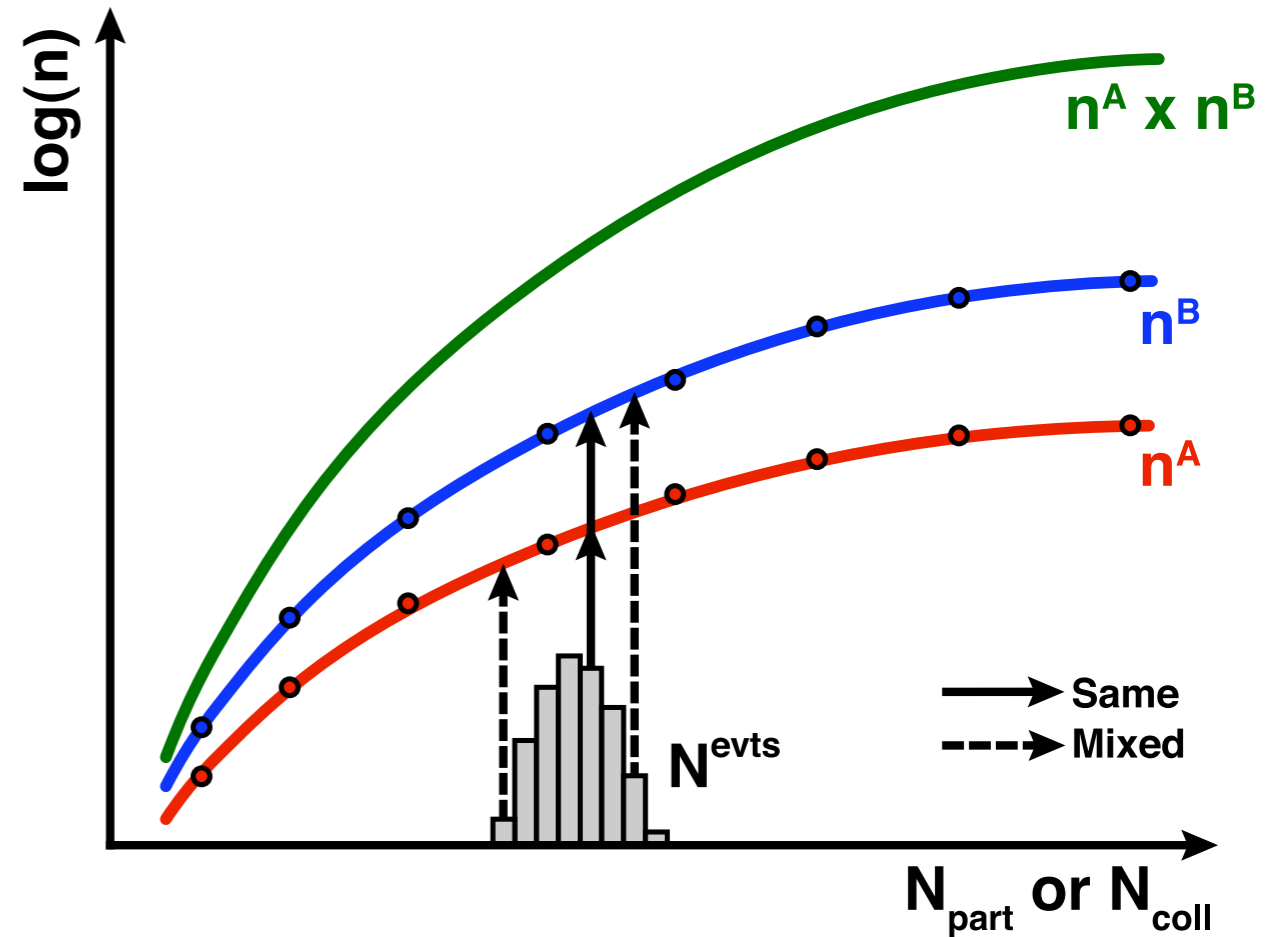
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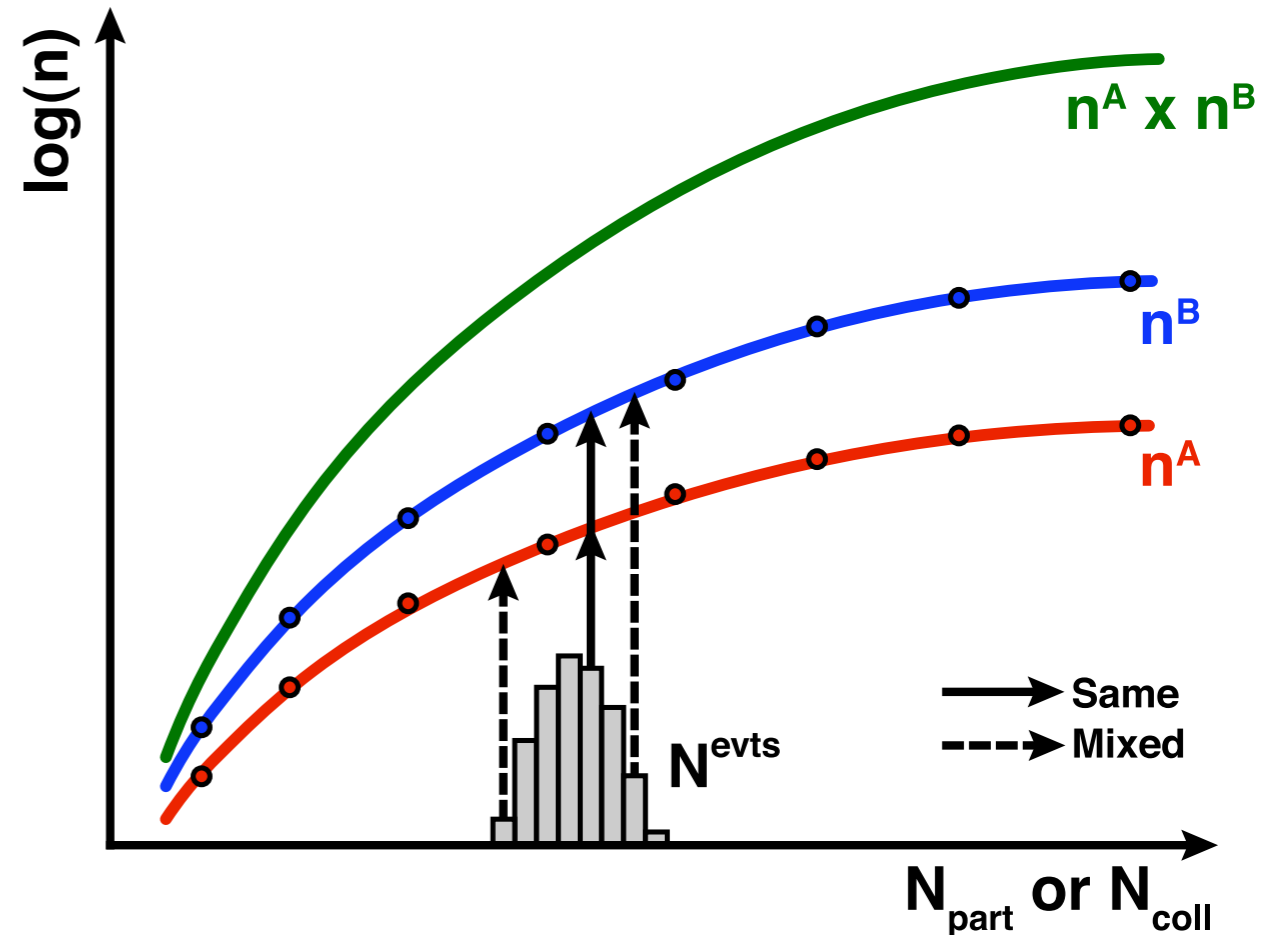
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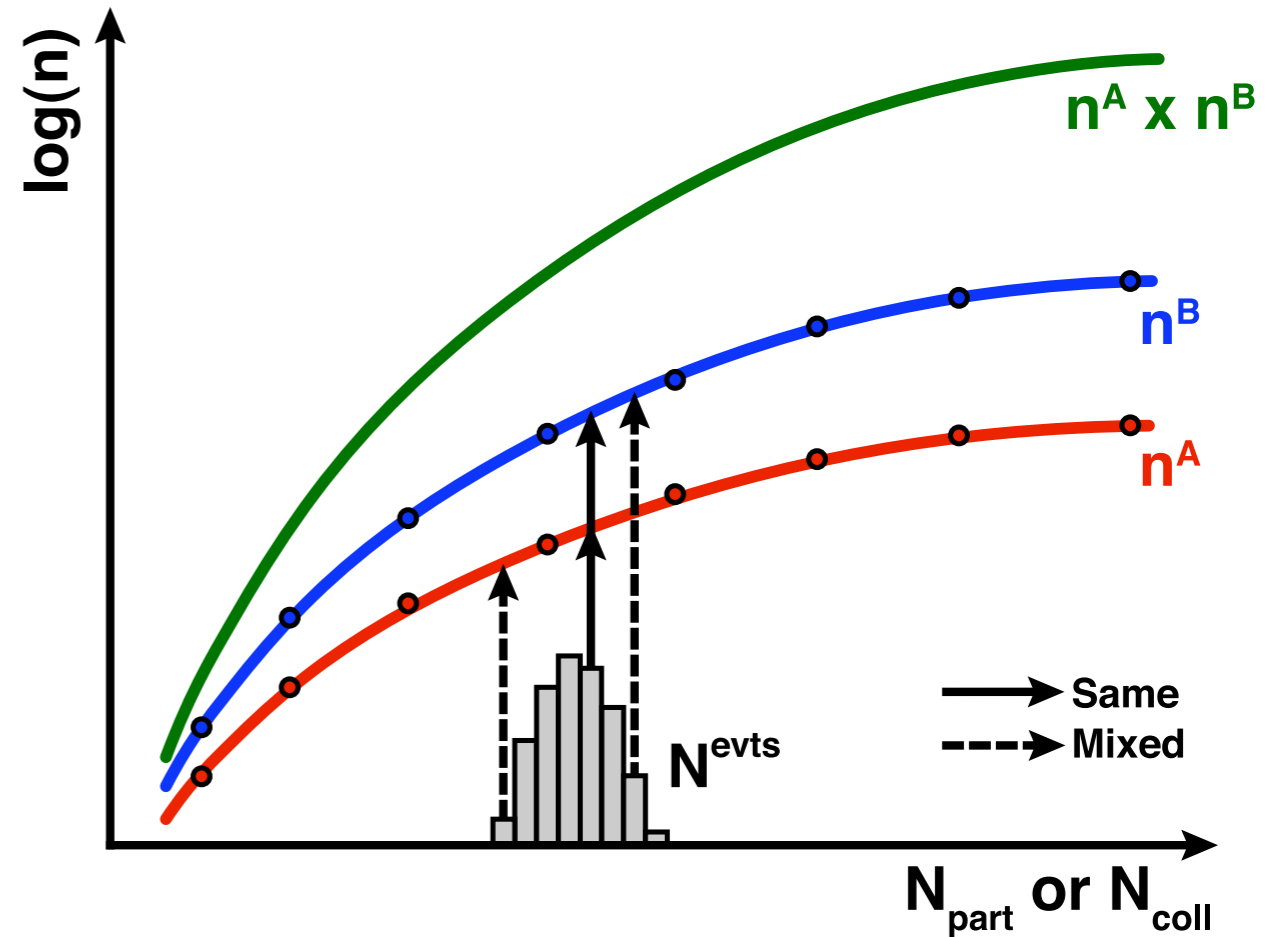
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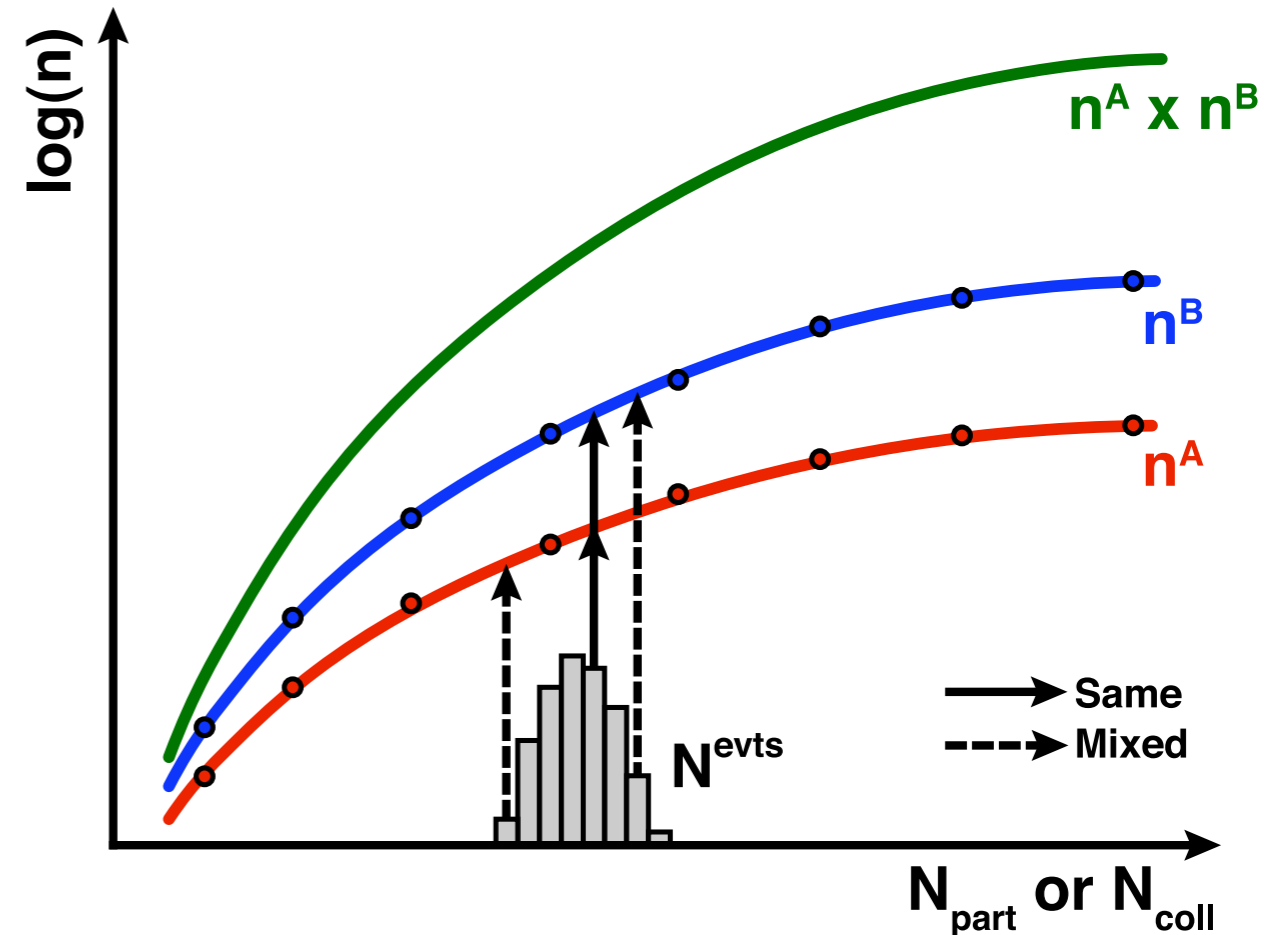
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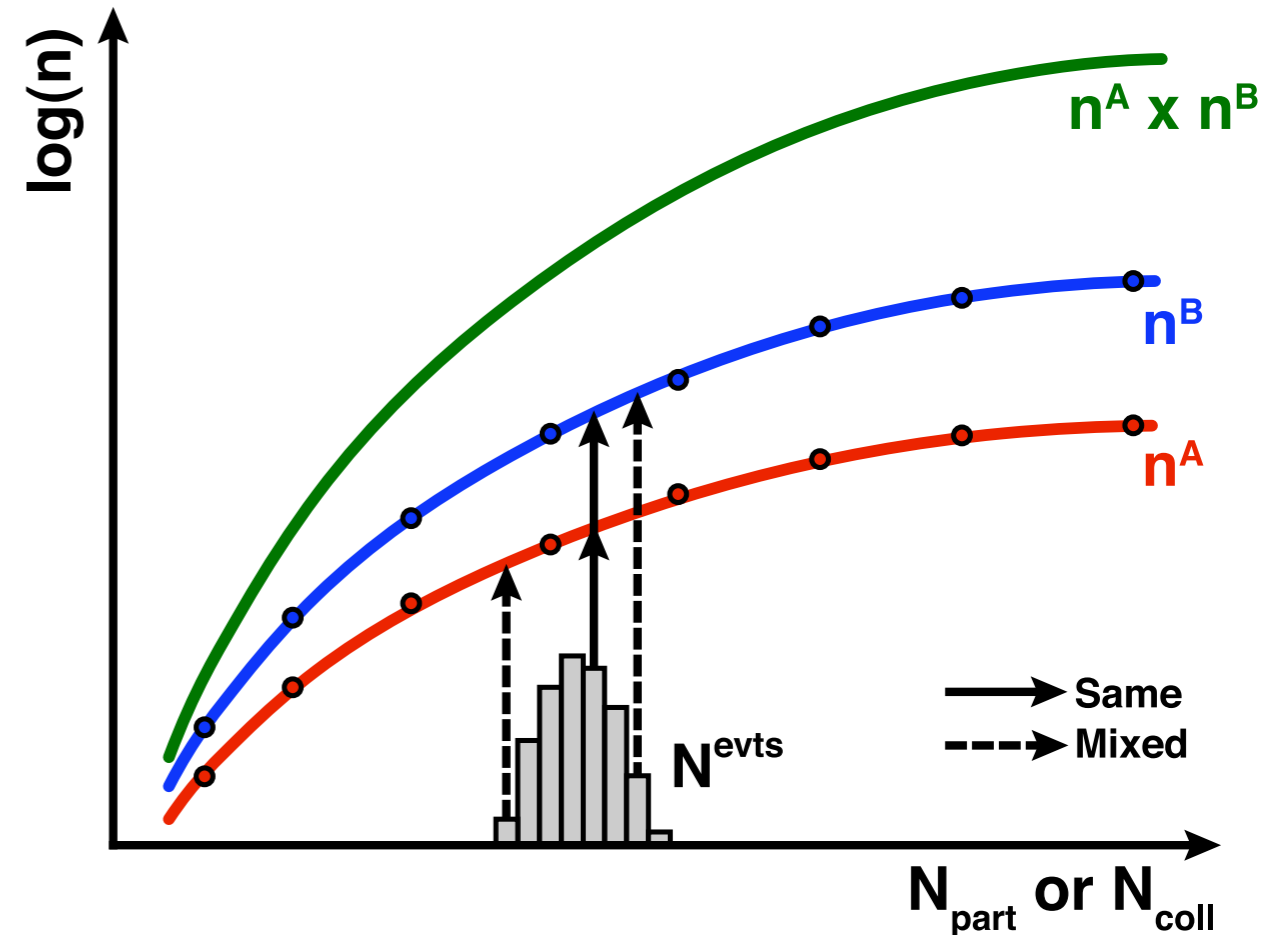
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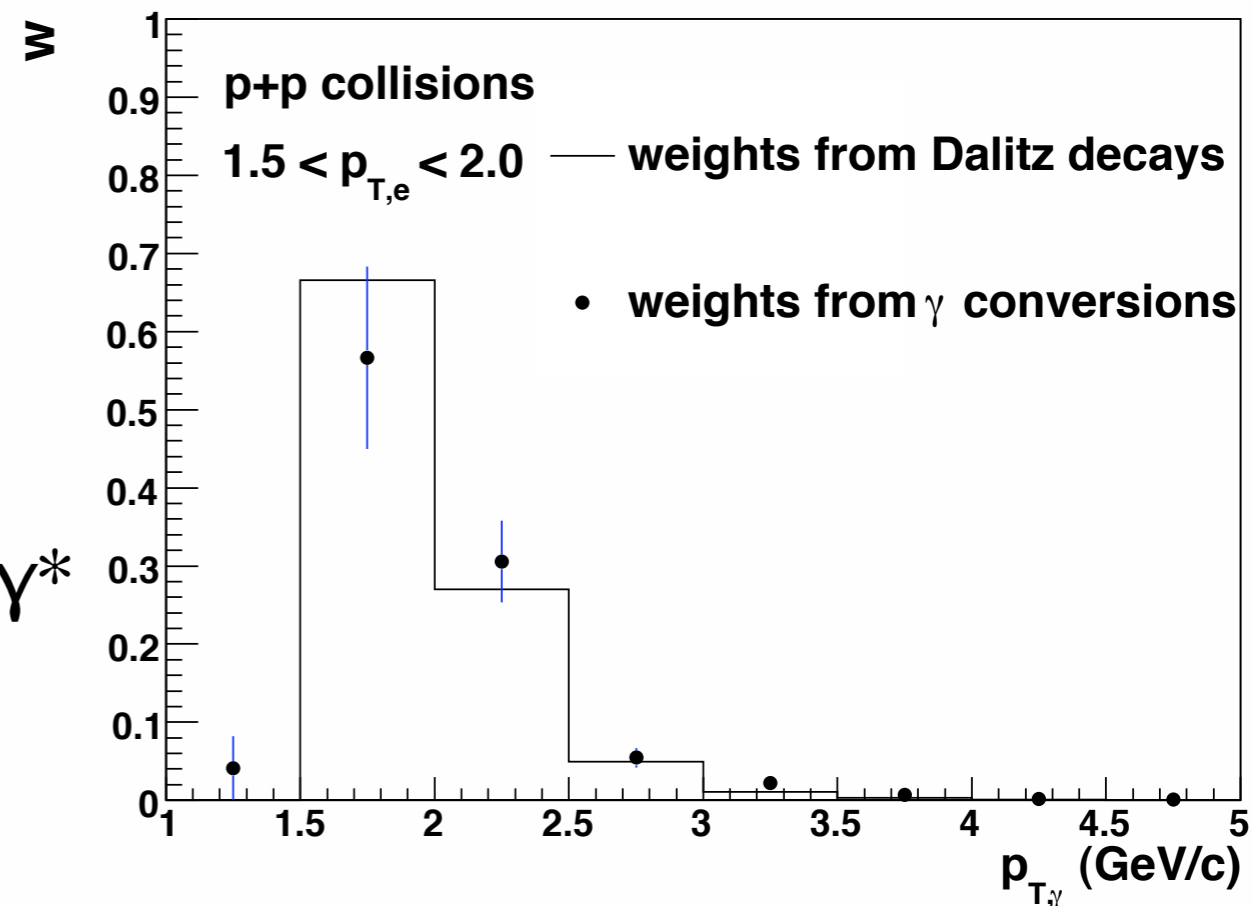
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# $e_{\text{phot-h}}$ correlations (II)

- $Y_{\text{inc}}(p_T) \Rightarrow e_{\text{phot}}(p_T)$  ?
- **conversions**:  $\gamma_{\text{inc}}(p_T)$  + PHENIX GEANT + reco. eff.
- **Dalitz decays**:  $\pi^0(p_T) \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$  get  $\gamma^*$  from  $e^+ e^-$
- both methods:  $e_{\text{phot}}(p_T) \sim Y_{\text{inc}}(p_T) \approx \pi^0(p_T)$
- $\pi^0$  spectrum falls very steeply



$$Y_{e_{\text{phot-h}}}(p_{T,i}) = \sum_j w_i(p_{T,j}) Y_{\gamma-h}(p_{T,j})$$

# why heavy flavor?

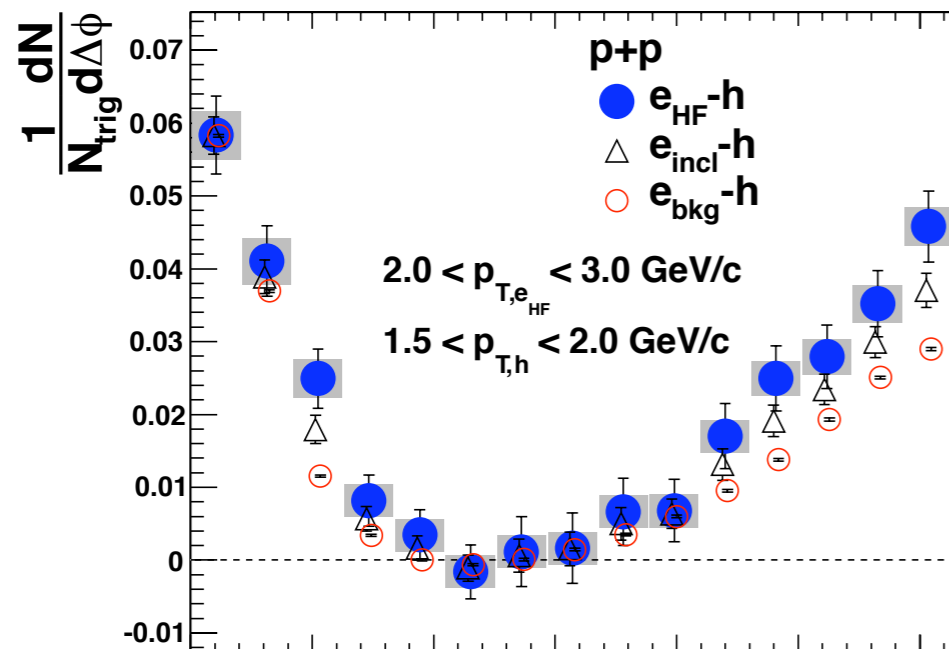
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- $m_c$  &  $m_b$  large compared to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  and  $T_i$
- these quarks provide a partonic variation of the quark probing the matter
  - --fundamental handle
- clean, production only in initial stages of the collision, before the matter is formed

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