

# High $p_T$ Particle Production and Jet Modification in Nuclear Collisions

Ab-initio approaches in many-body QCD confront heavy-ion experiments

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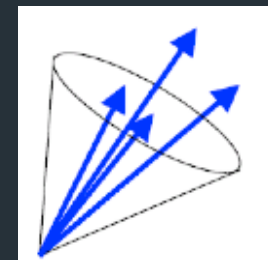
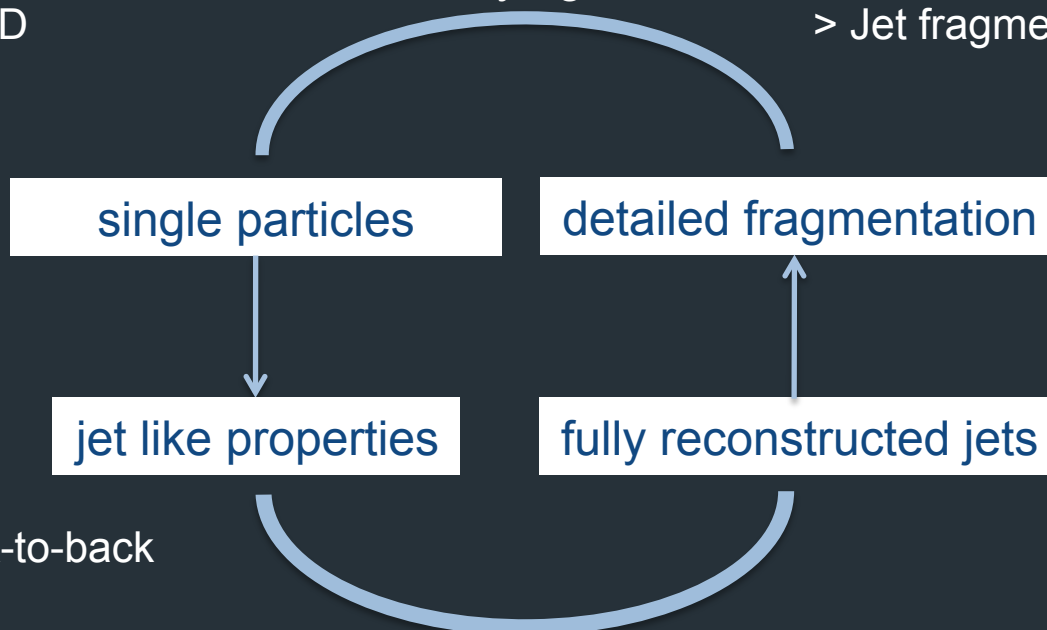
## Bottom-Up: Particles

- > Spectra at high  $p_T$
- > Leading particles
- > Identified  $\pi$ , K,  $p$ ,  $\Lambda$ , D
- > Particle correlations

## Top-Down: Reconstructed jets

- > Spectrum
- > Angular distribution
- > Jet fragmentation

$\pm$  Underlying Event



Jet-like properties:

- > Spectral shape, back-to-back correlation

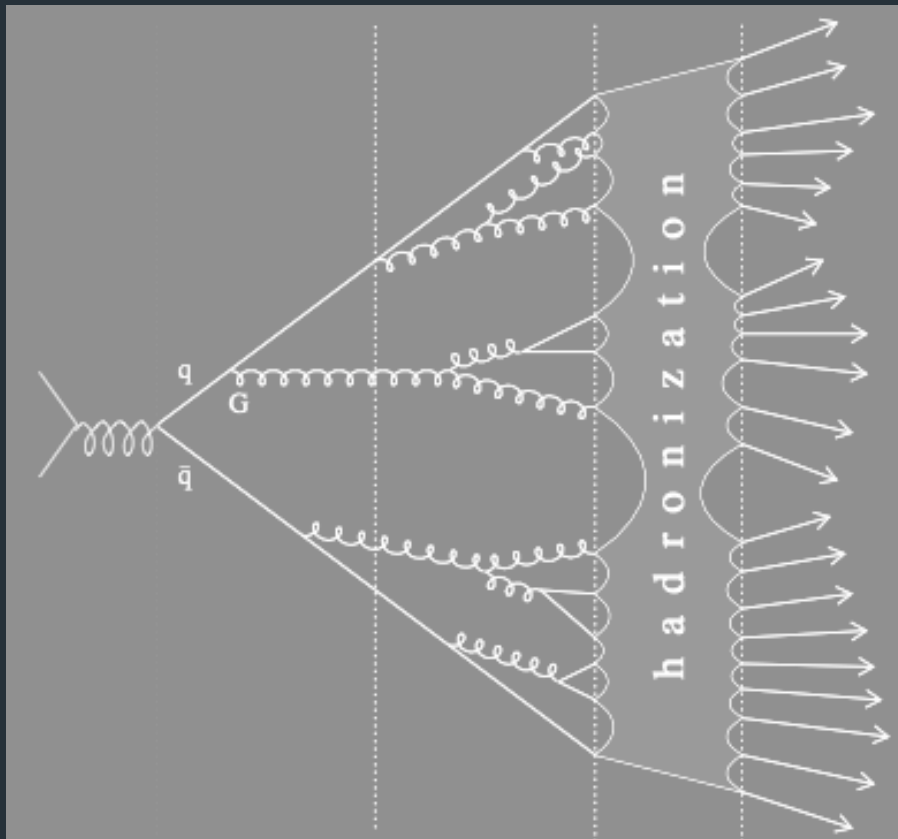
**Experimentally clearly defined.**  
**Biased: fragmentation, surface...**

A+A: large  
background level,  
fluctuations  
**soft**  $\otimes$  **hard**

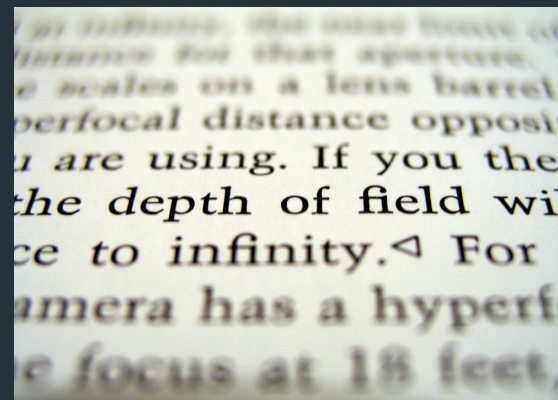
**Related to theoretically  
well defined parton properties.**



# Picturing Jets/Jet Quenching

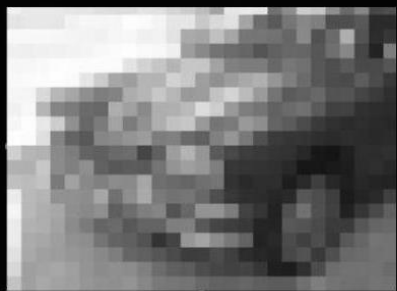


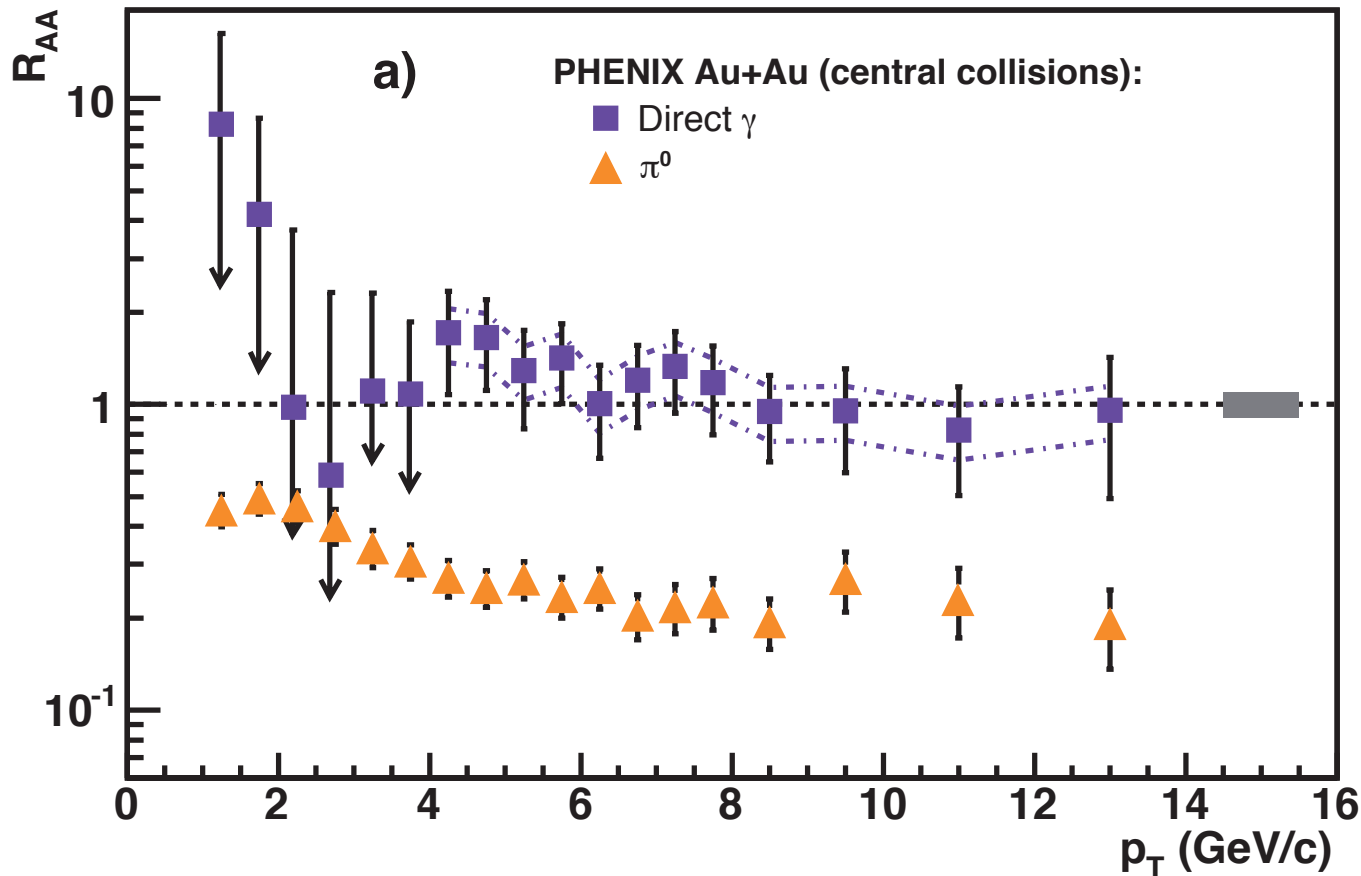
depth of field



depth of field:  
jet finding with  
different R

Resolution:  
jet fragmentation  $\rightarrow$  single particle (+ PID)





Nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{d^2 N_{AA} / dy dp_T}{T_{AA} d^2 \sigma_{pp} dy dp_T}$$

$$T_{AA} = N_{\text{coll}} / \sigma_{NN}$$

... the most popular observable for hard probes since 2001

$\pi^0$  as proxy for hard scattered partons strongly suppressed  
Color neutral probes unaffected  $\rightarrow$  Strong final state effect.

Only above  $Q^2 \approx (2 \text{ GeV})^2$  pQCD and factorization is applicable

Transmission: Hard scattering without final state interaction (e.g. from surface)

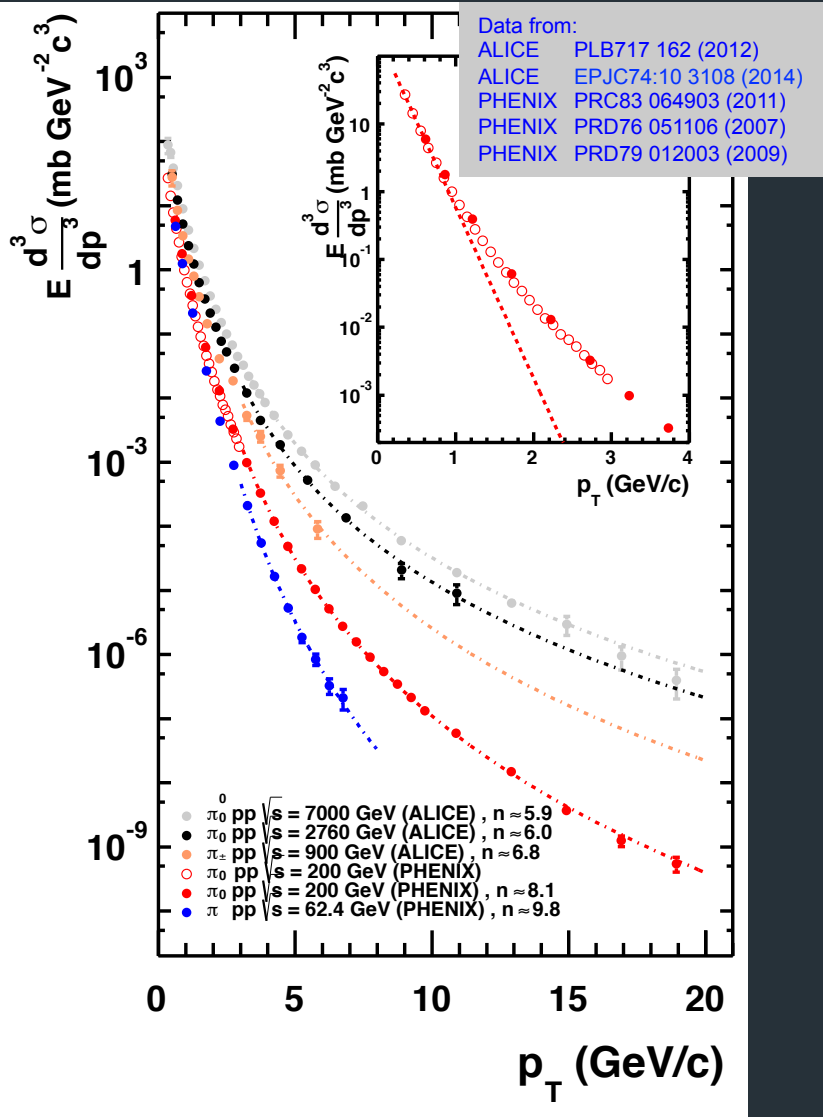
$$R_{AA} = T \cdot \frac{\int \sum_{a,b,c} \text{nPDF}_a(x) \otimes \text{nPDF}_b(x) \otimes \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow c+X}^{\text{hard}}}{d^3p} \otimes \text{FF}_{c/h}(z)}{\int \sum_{a,b,c} \text{PDF}_a(x) \otimes \text{PDF}_b(x) \otimes \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow c+X}^{\text{hard}}}{d^3p} \otimes \text{FF}_{c/h}(z)}$$

also over final state particles (jet with certain R)
nuclear PDF
pQCD cross section  $\approx p_T^{-n}$

$$+(1 - T) \cdot \frac{\int \sum_{a,b,c} \text{nPDF}_a(x) \otimes \text{nPDF}_b(x) \otimes \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow c+X}^{\text{hard}}}{d^3p} \otimes \text{FF}_{c/h}^{\text{medium}}(z)}{\int \sum_{a,b,c} \text{PDF}_a(x) \otimes \text{PDF}_b(x) \otimes \frac{d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow c+X}^{\text{hard}}}{d^3p} \otimes \text{FF}_{c/h}(z)}$$

simple: Leading parton  $\text{FF}^{\text{med}} = P(\Delta E) \text{FF}(z - \Delta E/E)$   
 realistic: geometry, time evolution, position, energy conservation  
 medium pick-up?

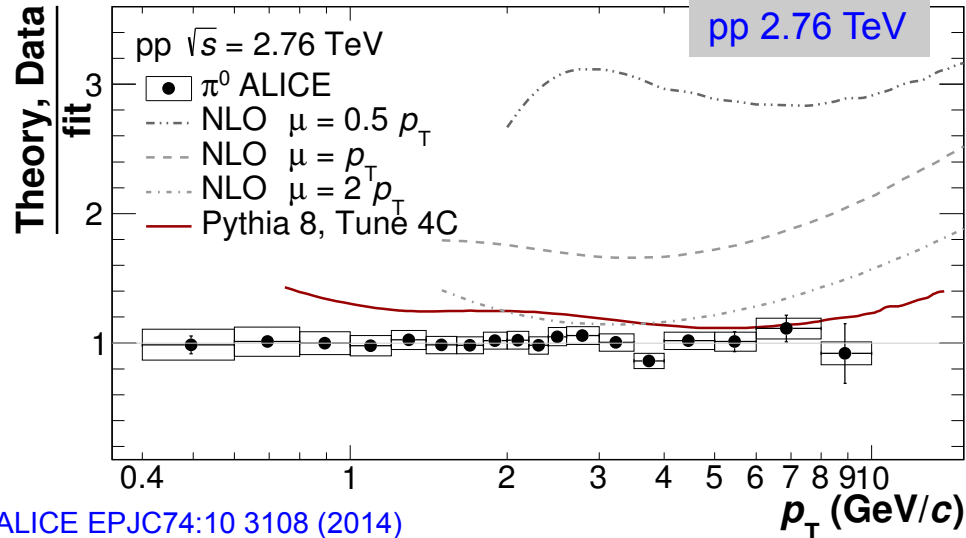
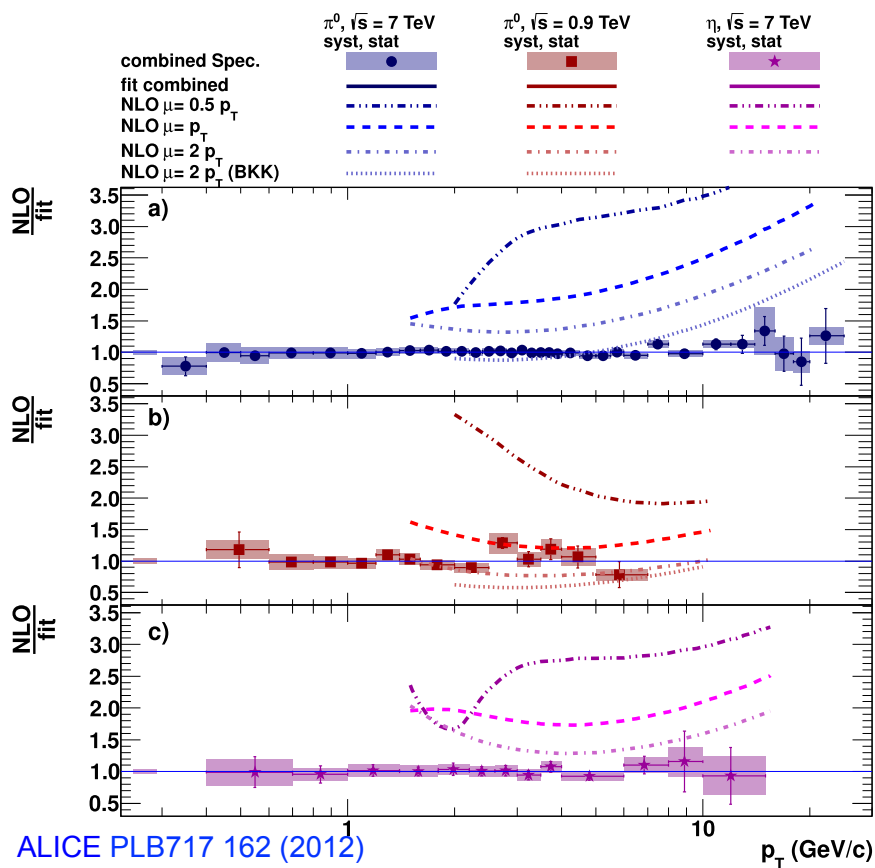
- 1) Transmission ( $P(\Delta E) = 0$ ) yields a constant offset to  $R_{AA}$  (modulo nPDF)
- 2) Parton energy loss ( $P(\Delta E) > 0$ ) filtered by steeply falling partonic cross section
- 3)  $R_{AA}$  averages over medium evolution and path-length



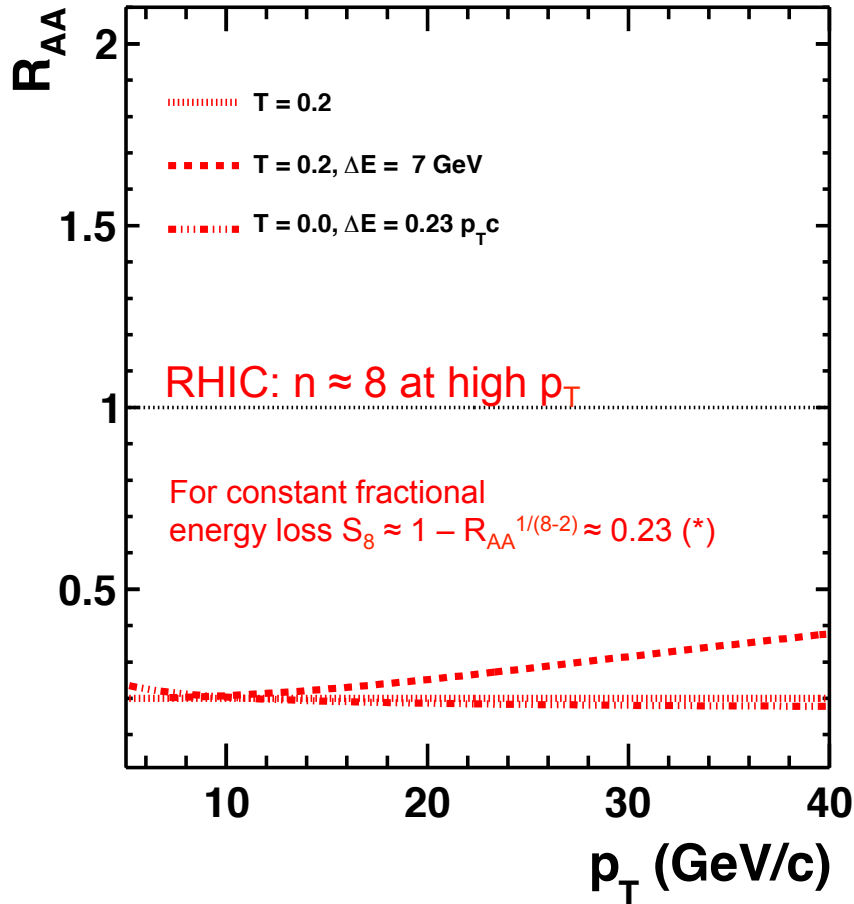
- Power law at high  $p_T$  characteristic for QCD hard scattering

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \propto \frac{1}{p_T^n}$$

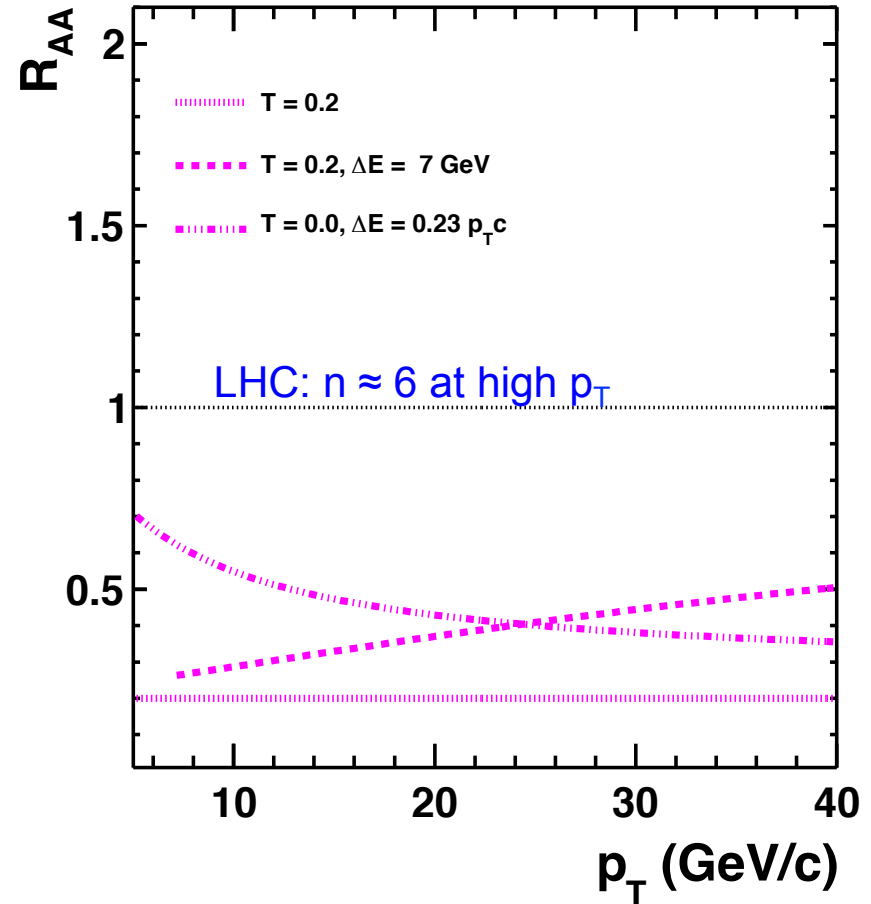
- To first order  $n$  reflects slope of parton spectra
- Spectra harden significantly with  $\sqrt{s}$
- Leading particle bias reduced at LHC, sub-leading fragments contribute more
- Reduced sensitivity to leading parton energy loss



For neutral pions pQCD over predicts the increase with  $\sqrt{s}$  and misses the spectral shape for  $p_T < 20 \text{ GeV}$ .  
Need to revisit fragmentation functions ...



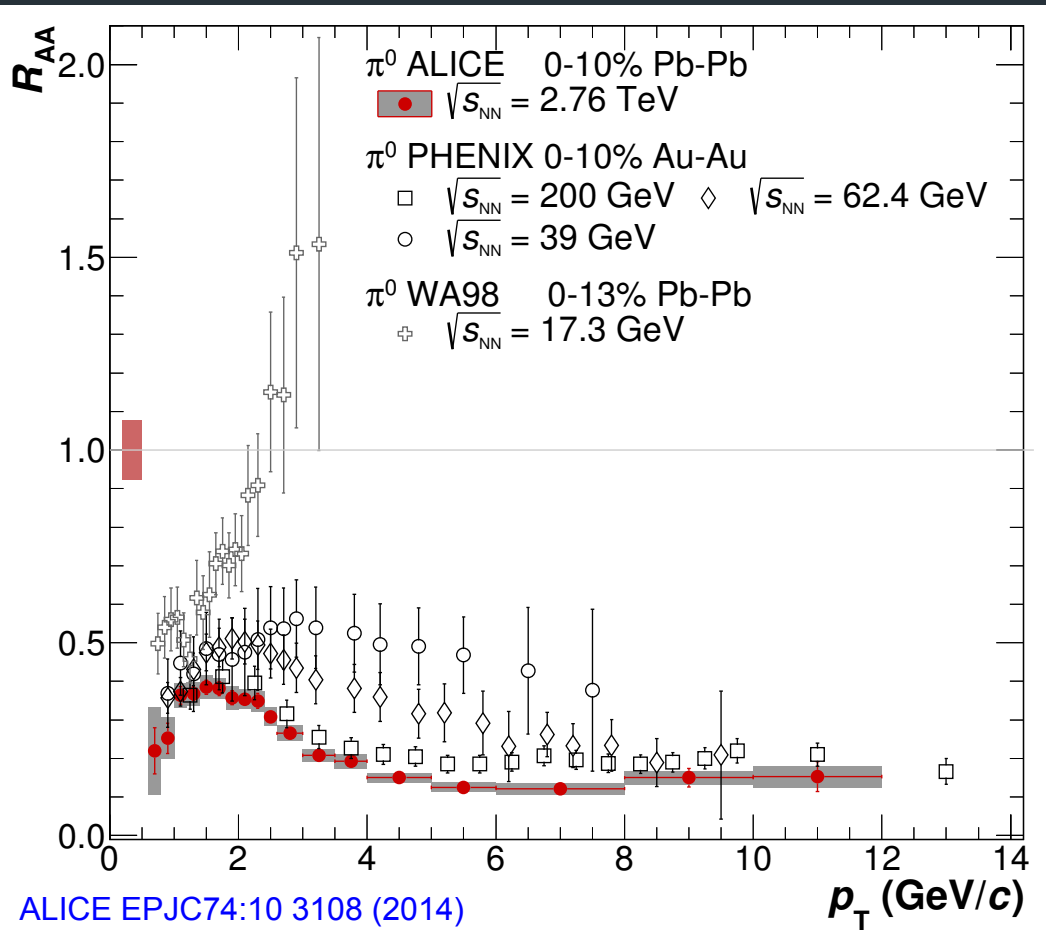
(\*) PHENIX PRC 76 034904



**Very little discrimination power with central  $R_{AA}$  at RHIC.  
Same simple picture at LHC  $\rightarrow$  Separation but higher  $R_{AA}$  (due to harder parton spectrum)**



# Nuclear Modification from 17.3 to 2760 GeV



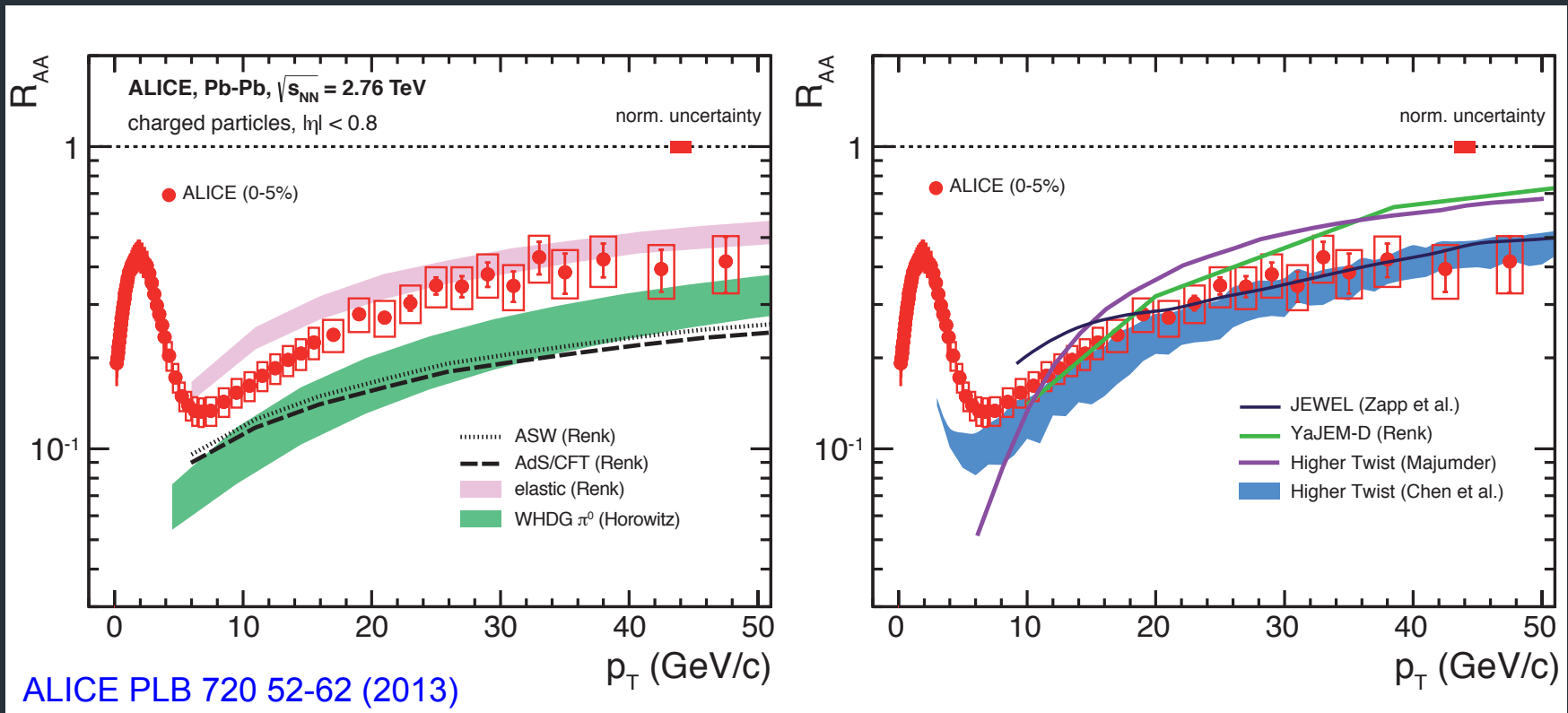
Neutral pion production shows increasing suppression, despite flatter spectrum.

LHC:  $S_6(0.10) = 0.43$

RHIC:  $S_8(0.18) = 0.25$

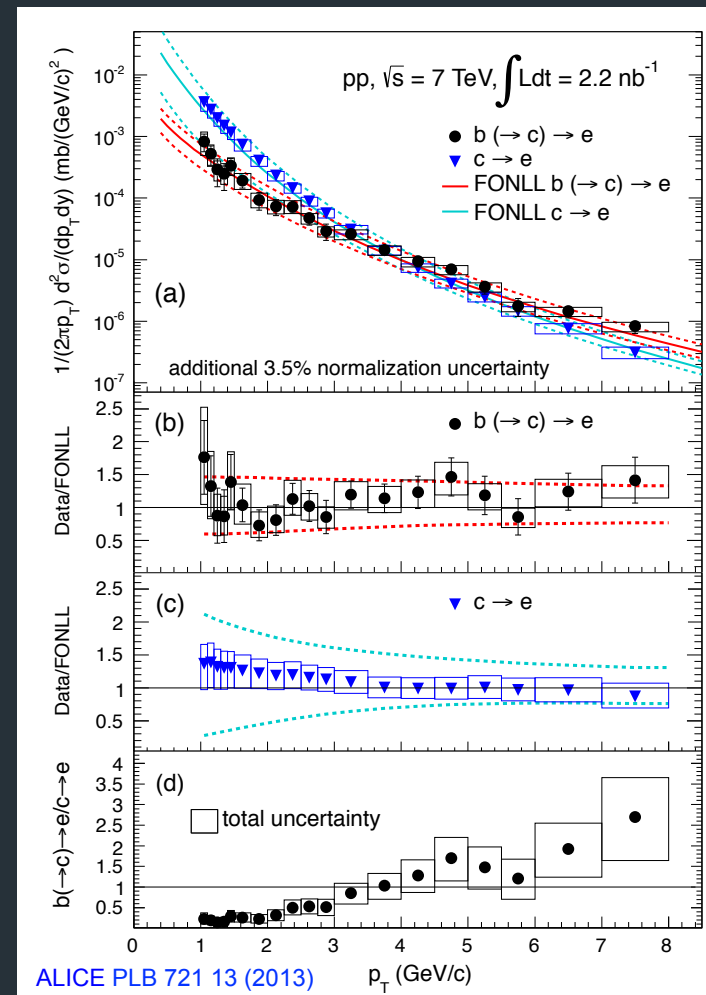
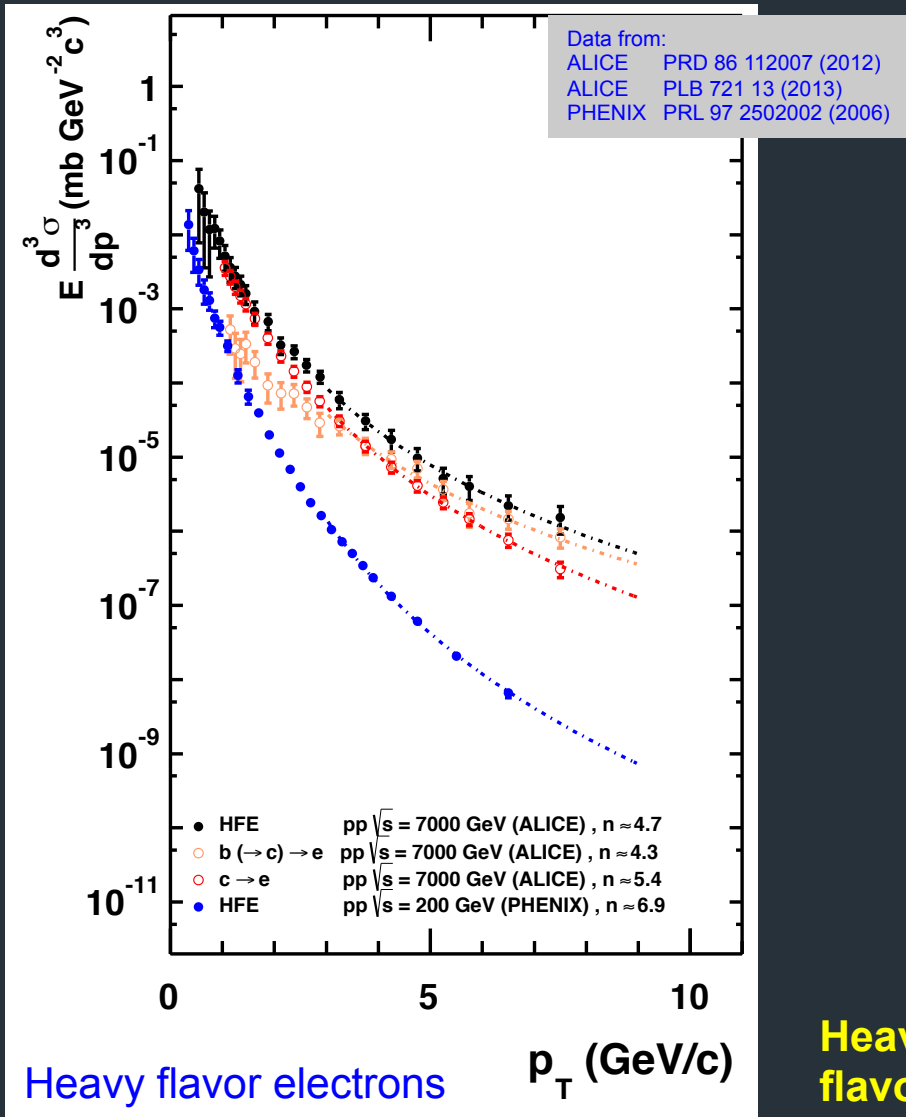
Increasing suppression with  $\sqrt{s}$ , but pure surface emission (flat  $R_{AA}$ ) not ruled out here.

Temperature and geometry dependence (centrality/event plane) provide more constraints

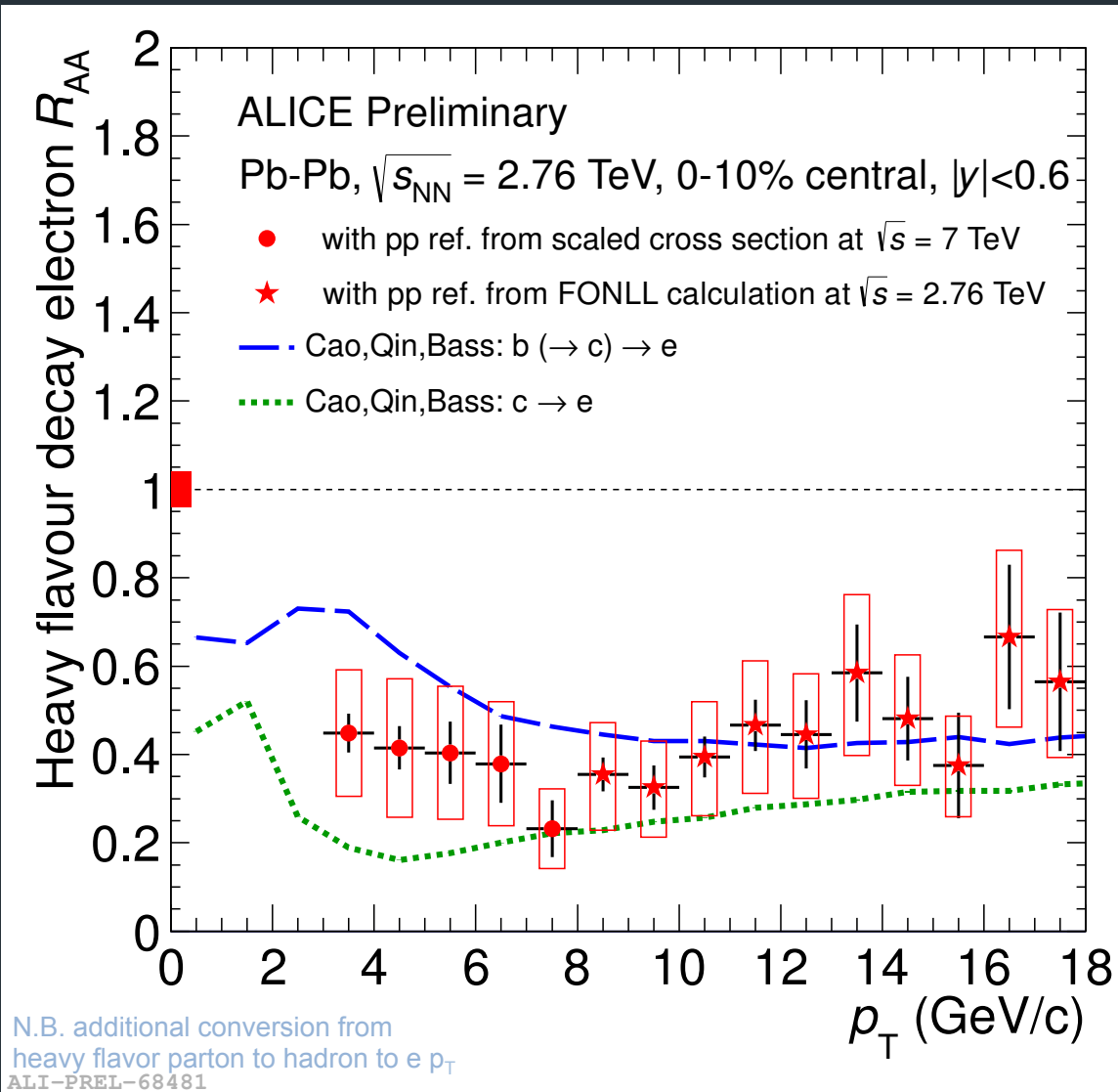


- Suppression of single hadrons, rise and flattening of  $R_{AA}$  generic in all energy loss models
- AdS/CFT and pure radiative energy loss over-quench (mixture of mechanisms needed)
- Calculations/simulations beyond leading particle (right) slightly preferred

**Include more particles in the observable: Jets**  
**More direct access to the medium modification of colored probes.**



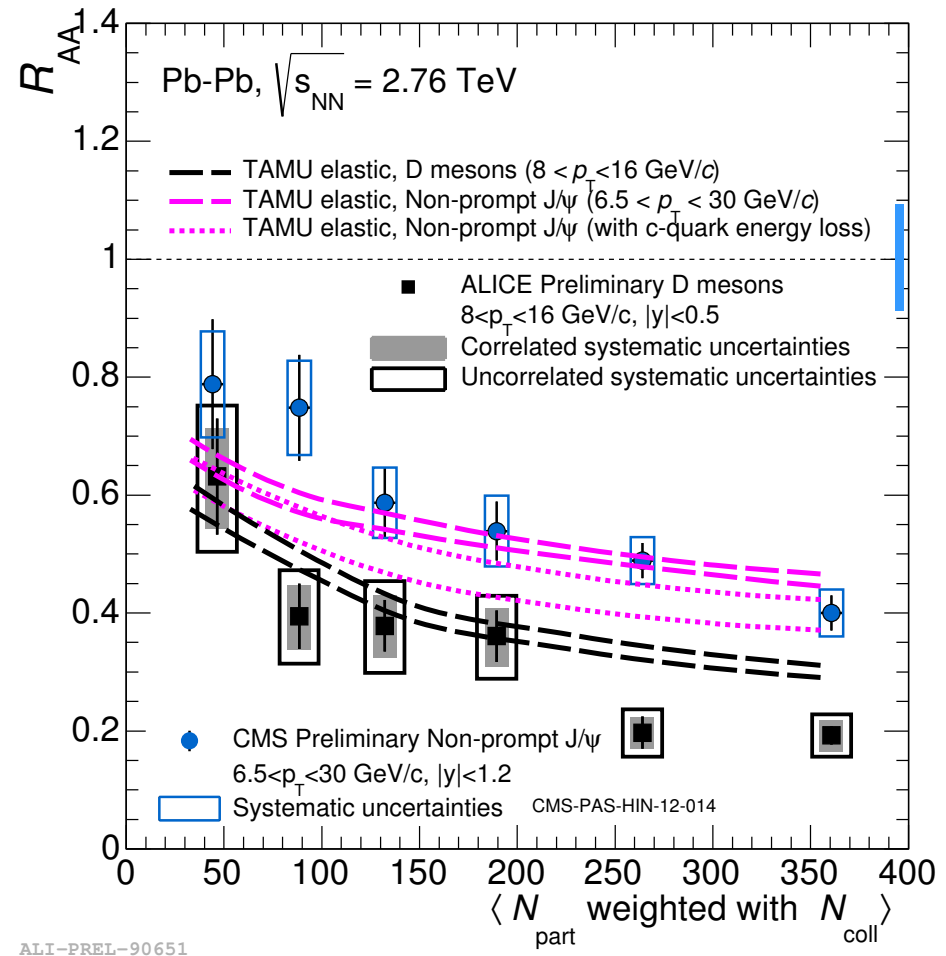
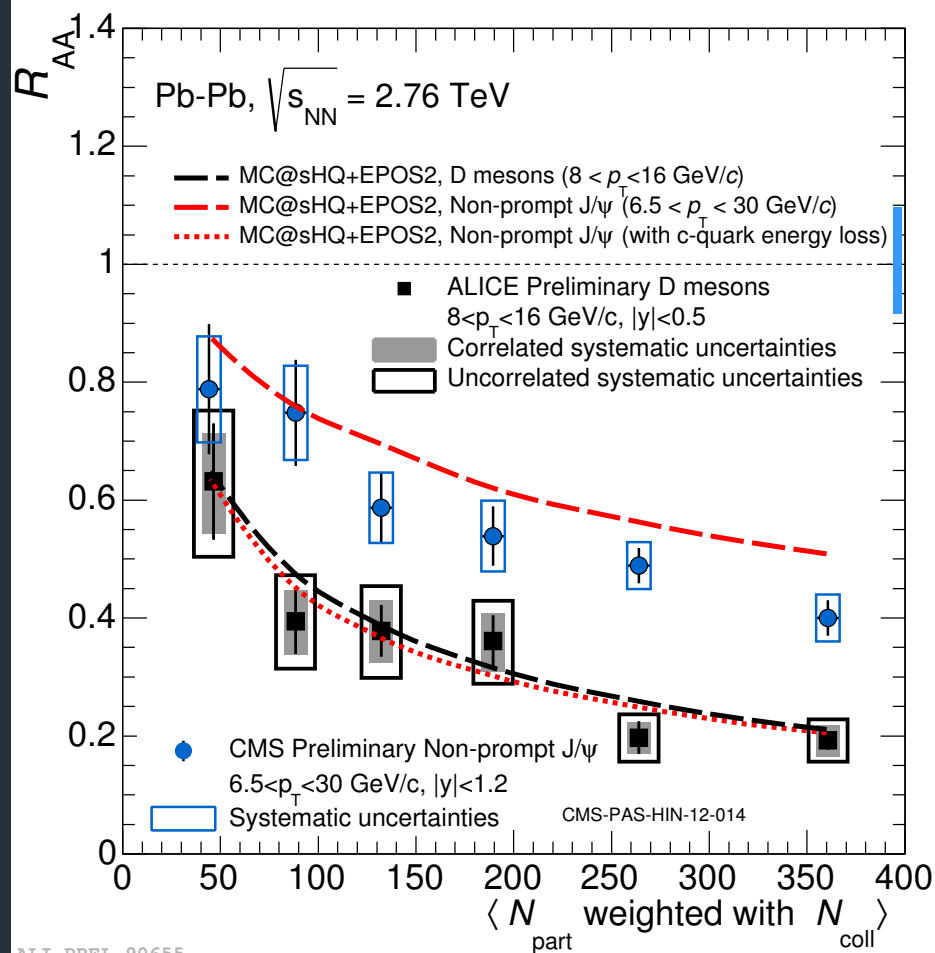
Heavy flavor electron spectra harder than light flavor pions and better described by pQCD.



Slightly larger than single hadrons, in between charm and beauty expectation.

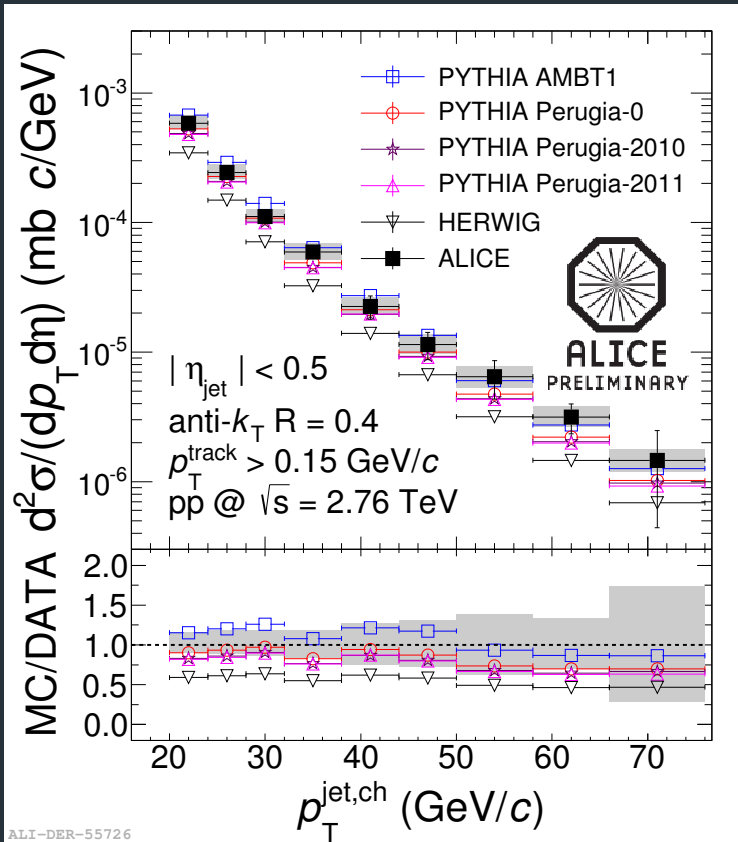
What is the effect of spectral shape?

Closer to parton  $p_T$  with Ds...

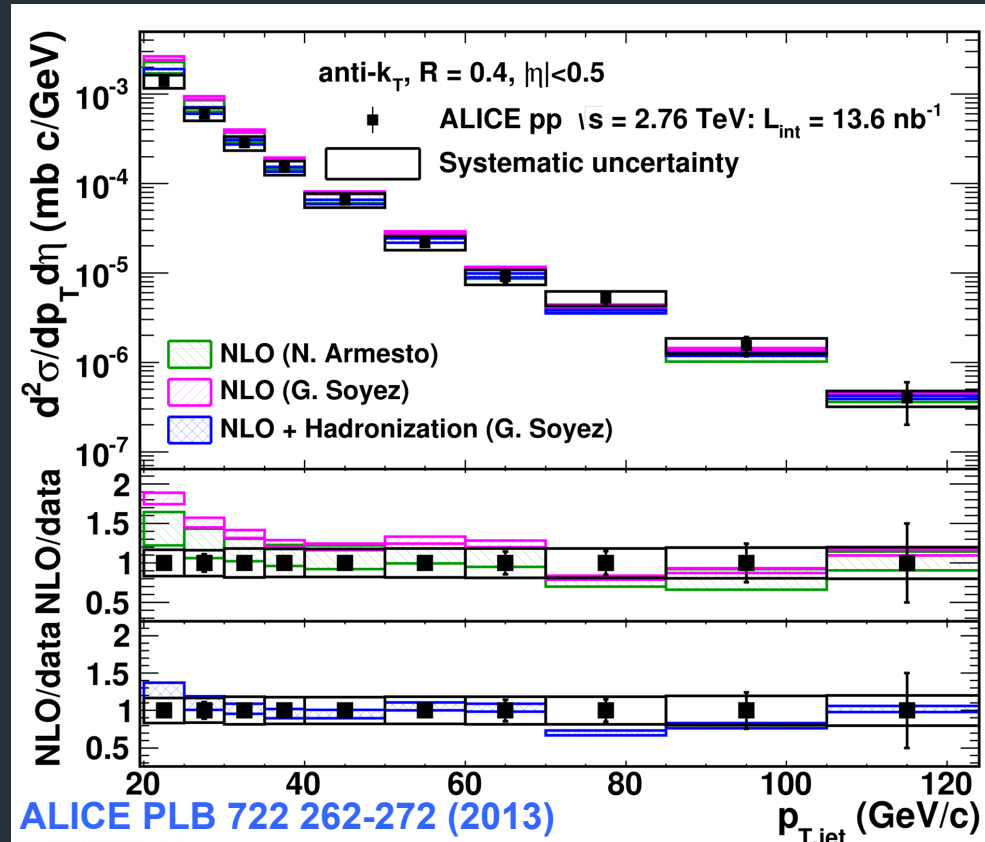


**Models reproduce suppression and centrality dependence with different energy loss for charm and beauty.**  
**Magnitude of the effect (modulo spectral shape) shows large deviations.**

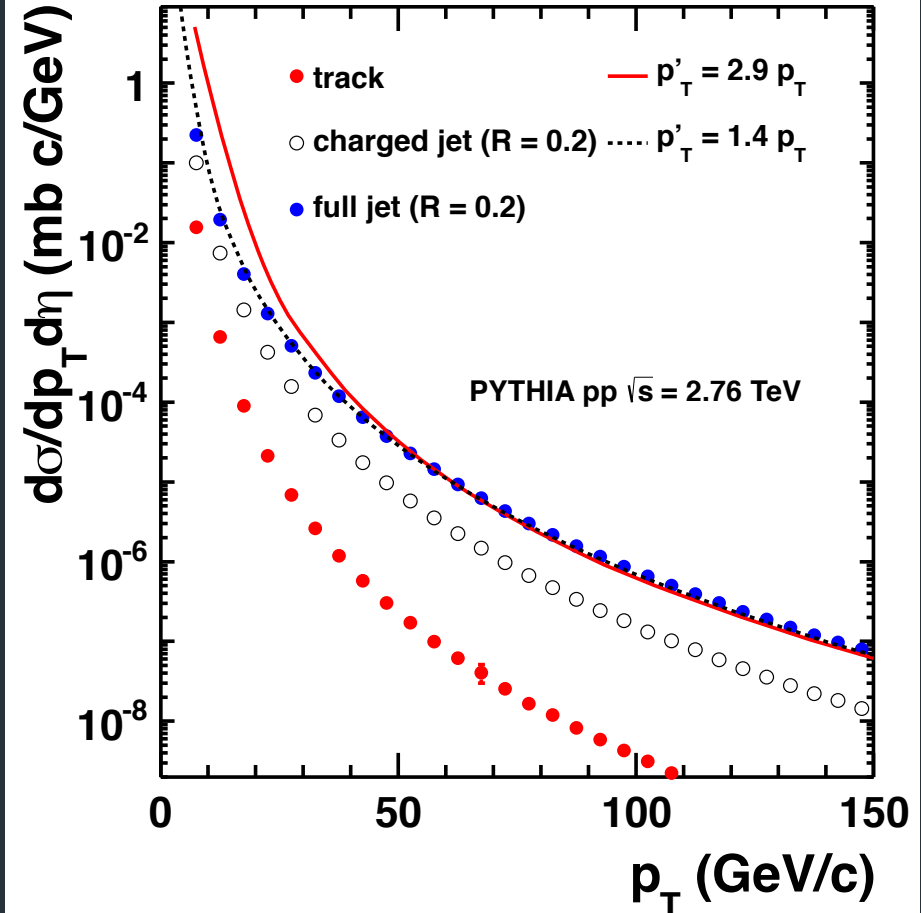
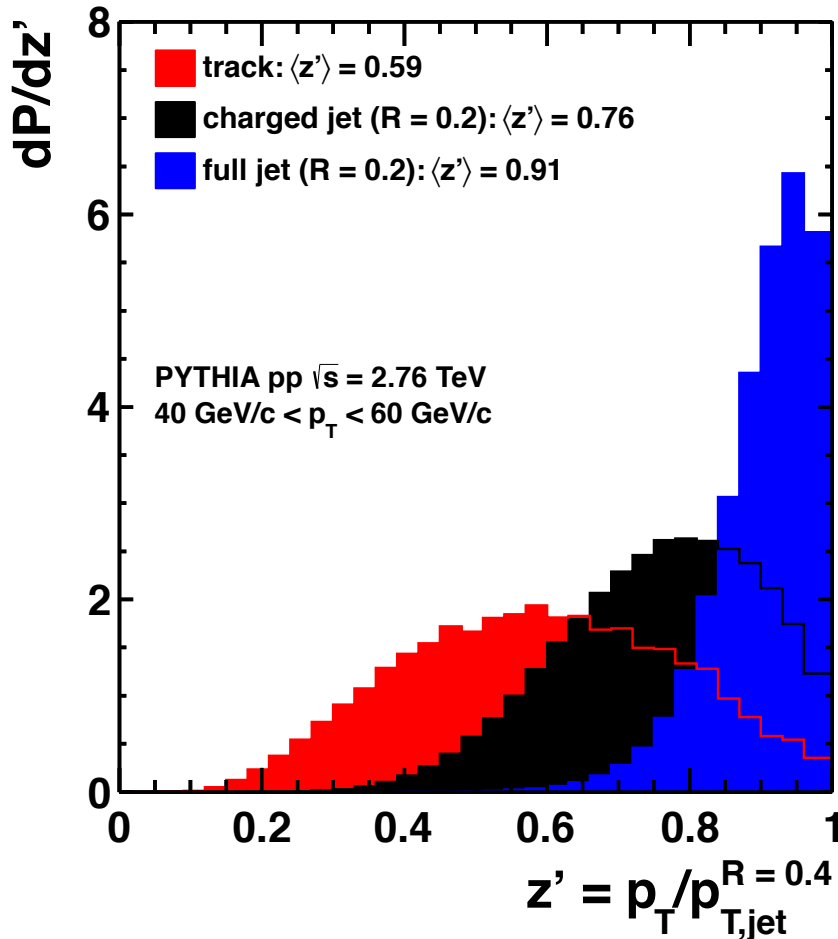
## Charged Jets



## Full Jets

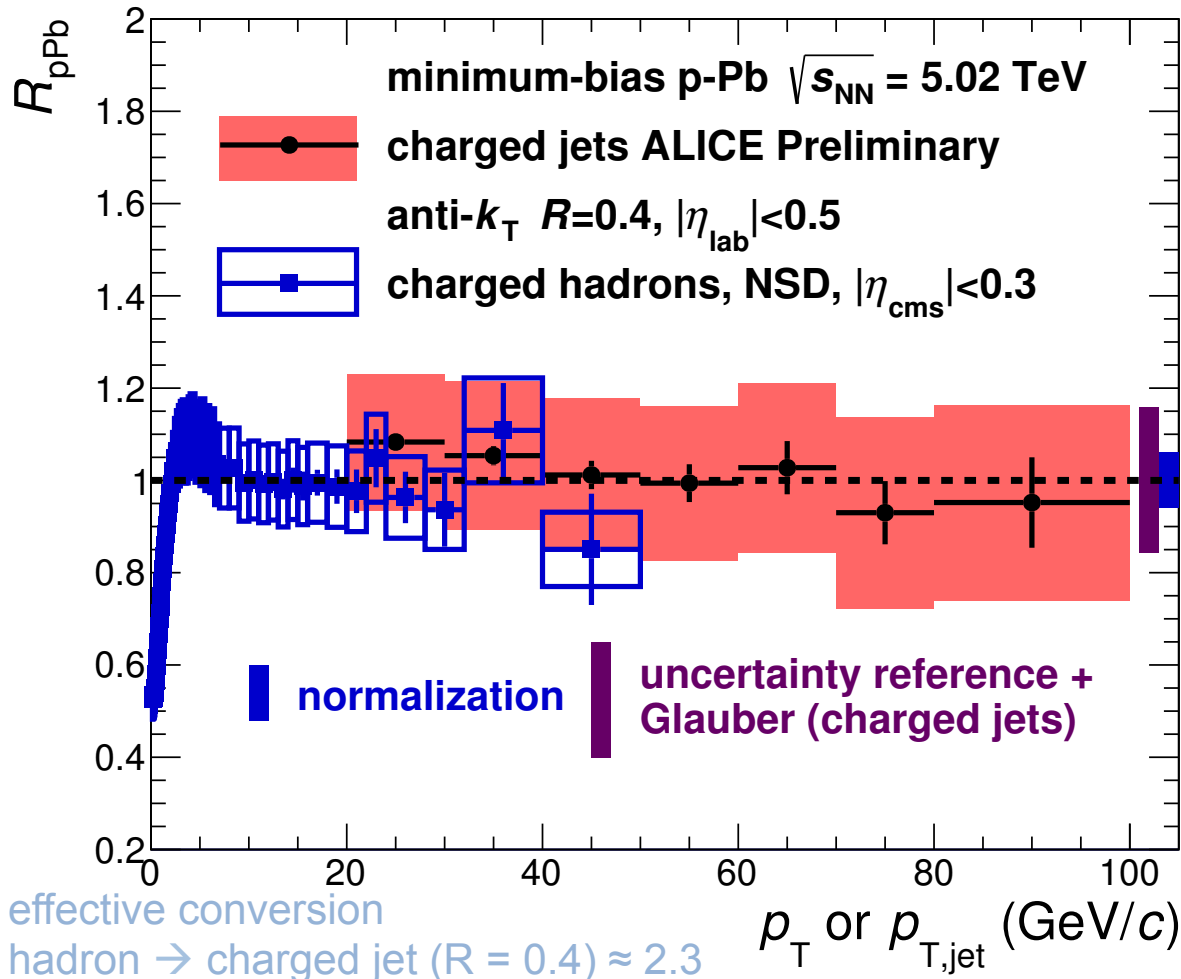


**NLO pQCD with hadronization reproduces full jet data well, some variance in overall normalization of different MC/tunes.**



Different parton  $p_T$  at same reconstructed  $p_T$ .  
 Effective conversion possible, depends on fragmentation pattern + slope

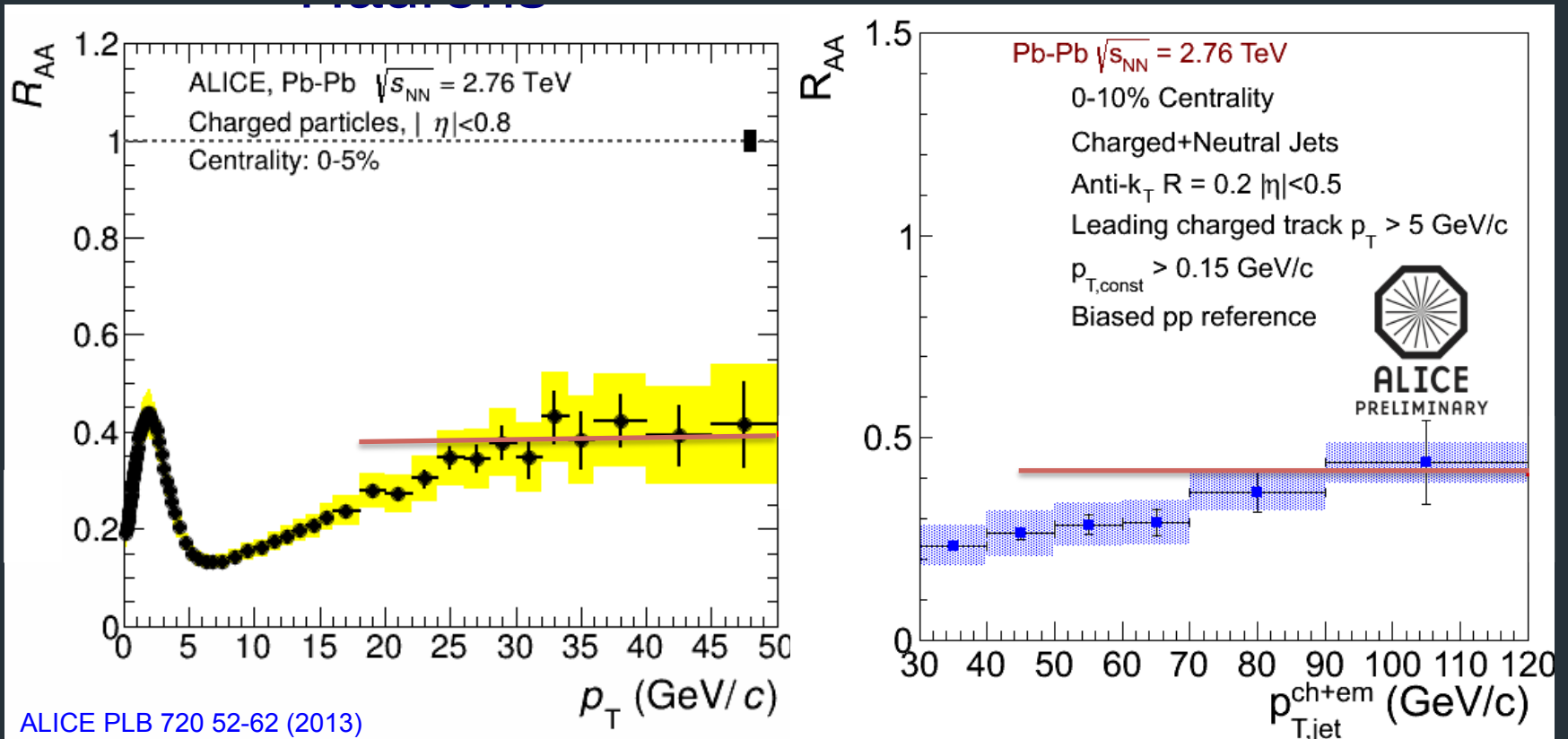
# Charged Jets and Hadrons



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Similar limiting value  
 $R_{pA} \approx 1$  for hadrons  
and jets.

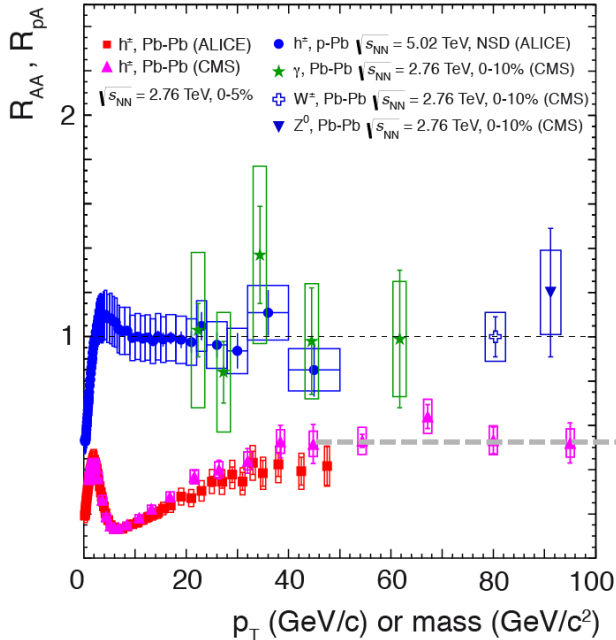




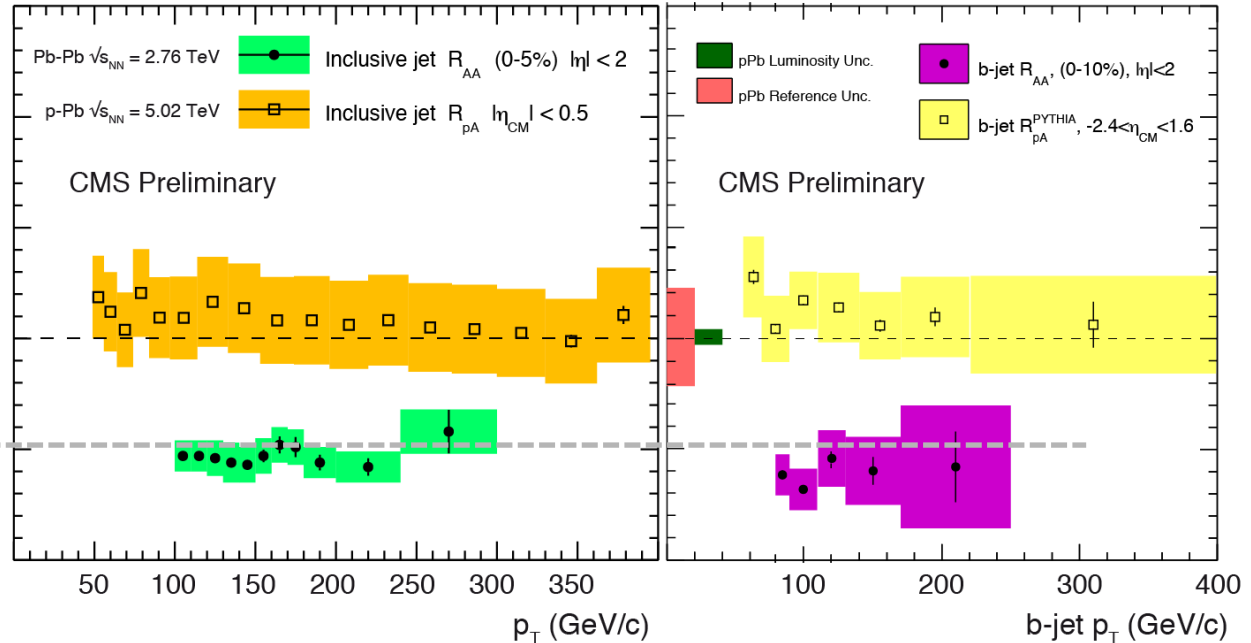
Similar limiting value  $R_{AA} \approx 0.45$  for hadrons and jets.  
Same underlying parton  $p_T$  seen with different depth of focus  
→ fragmentation not strongly modified compared to pp

effective conversion hadron  $\rightarrow$  full jets  $\approx 3$

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Soft:

Dominated by non-perturbative production, flow, coalescence

Semi-Hard:

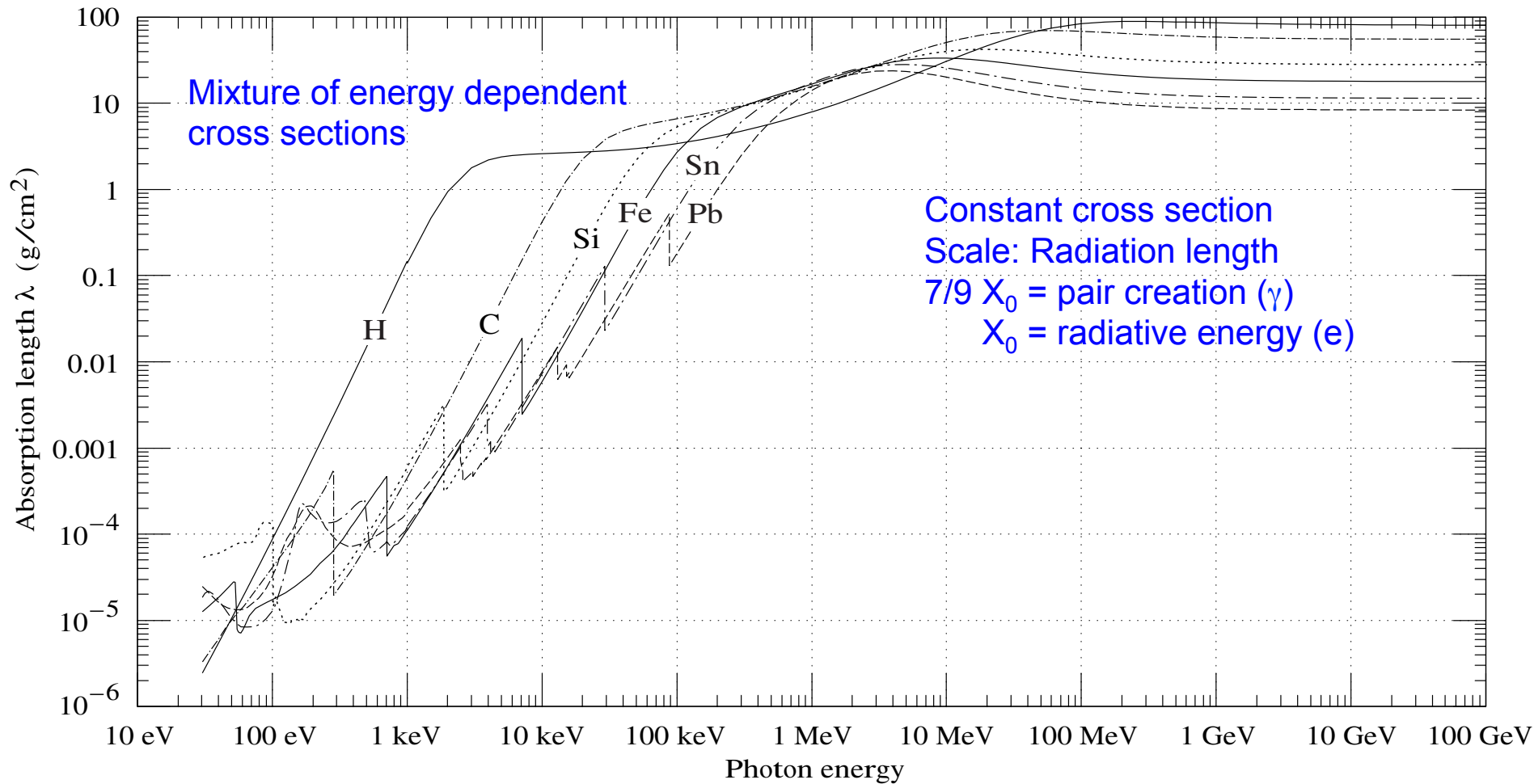
Minimum  $R_{AA}$  (set by surface emission?) and slow increase

Hard:

$p_T > 8$  GeV, rising  $R_{AA}$ , no obvious difference between species, only from b increased sensitivity to (mixed) mechanisms

Hardest:

$p_T > 35$  (100) GeV for hadrons (jets), identical flat  $R_{AA}$ , pure power law parton spectrum mass differences no longer important? Complete Absorption of jets? dominance of radiative energy loss? , ideal ground for isolating effect on fragmentation, L dependence:  $R_{AA} \rightarrow e^{-L/\lambda}$

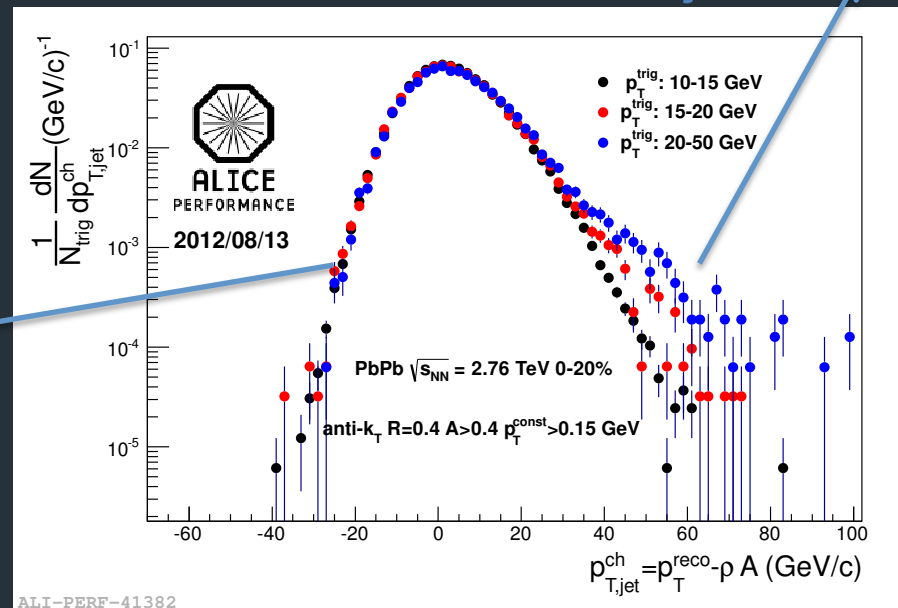
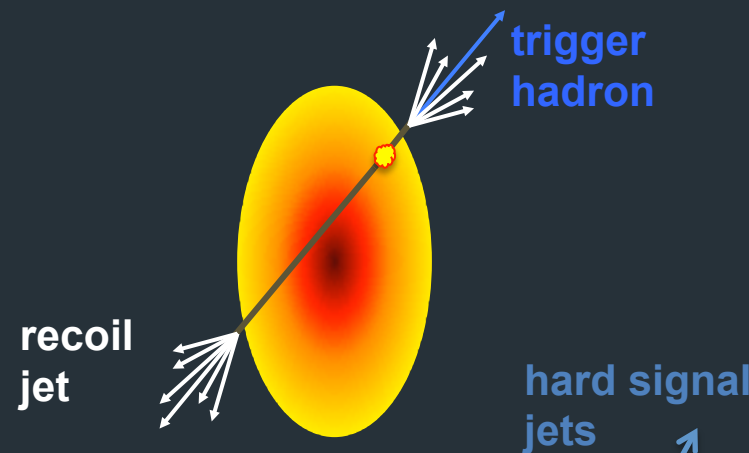


**A constant cross section at high  $p_T$  and power law spectrum would lead to constant  $R_{AA}$ . Is this a coincidence (ignoring path length fluctuations, evolution)? Or first step ...**

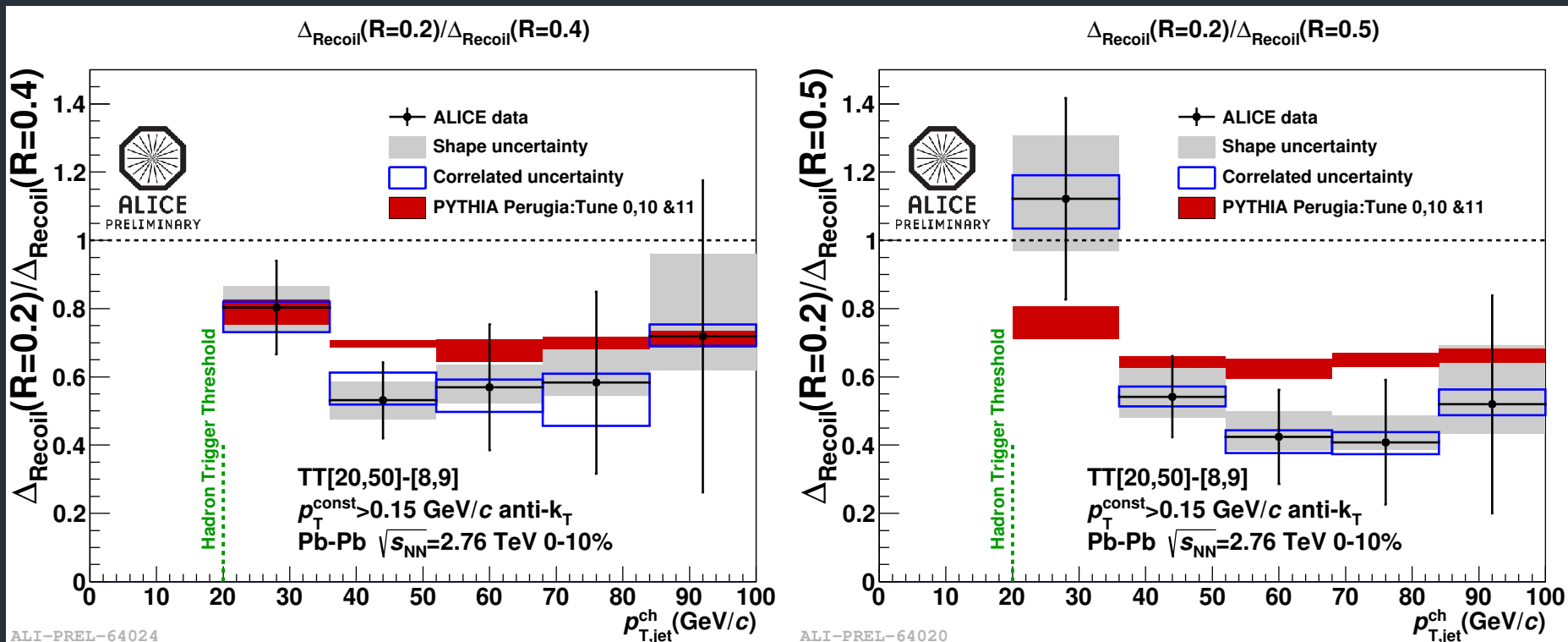
# A new approach: Recoil Jets

- Hadron triggered semi-inclusive jet distribution
  - $\Delta_{\text{recoil}} = \text{RecoilYield}[20-50] - \text{RecoilYield}[10-15]$
- Data driven background removal
  - arxiv:1208.1518
- No fake jets in  $\Delta_{\text{recoil}}$
- Same unfolding techniques as for inclusive spectrum
- Validation in pp
  - Comparison to PYTHIA and pQCD
- (Deliberate) biases
  - Minimum  $Q^2$   
→ harder spectrum
  - Surface bias

**Goal: Access parton fragmentation at lower jet  $p_T$  and larger  $R$ .**



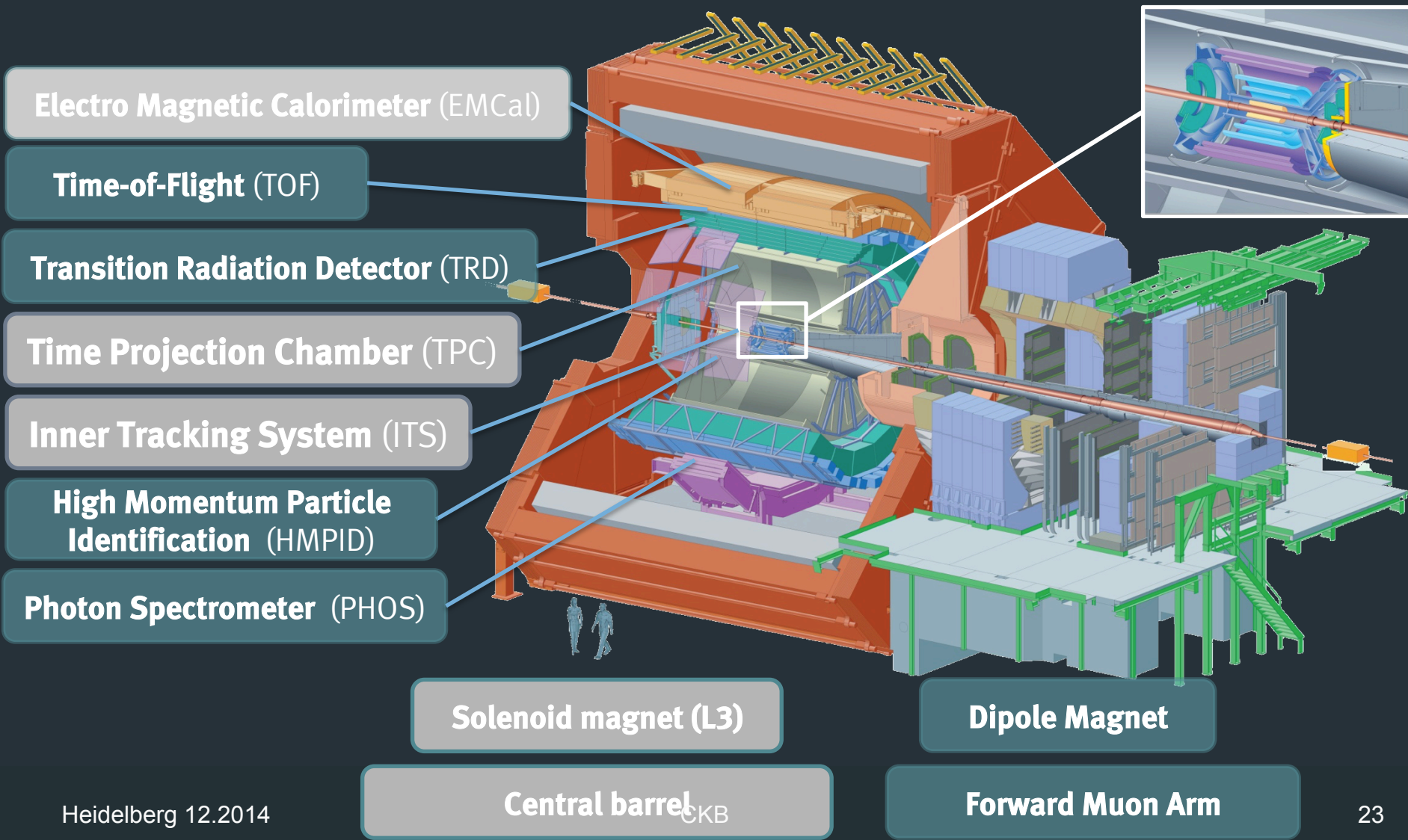
combinatorial background jets

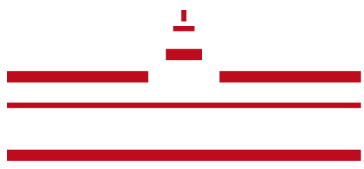


No significant modification of jet structure for up to  $R \approx 0.5$ .  
 → Naturally extension with PID/Q $\gamma$  tagging in the next run.

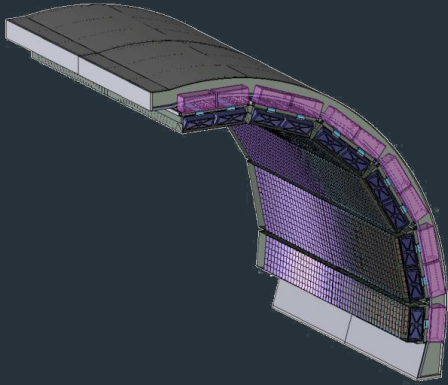
- Increasingly differential picture of parton energy loss
  - Collisional and radiative energy loss, energy re-distributed to large angles
  - $R_{AA}$  observable alone cannot reflect this complexity but still highly popular

**Wish for simple, clear pictures**
- Availability of parton energy loss has become MCs essential
  - Development of new observables
  - Comparison to all existing observables, with evaluation of (event-by-event) biases and separation of effects averaged/washed out in  $R_{AA}$
- Two qualitatively different regimes at LHC
  - Parton  $p_T$  larger  $\approx 100$  GeV: isolation of radiative energy loss
  - Below: mixture of processes and separation of flavor/mass dependence
  - + Energy ( $T$ ) dependence with RHIC





Electro Magnetic Calorimeter (EMCal)



Pb-Scintillator sampling:

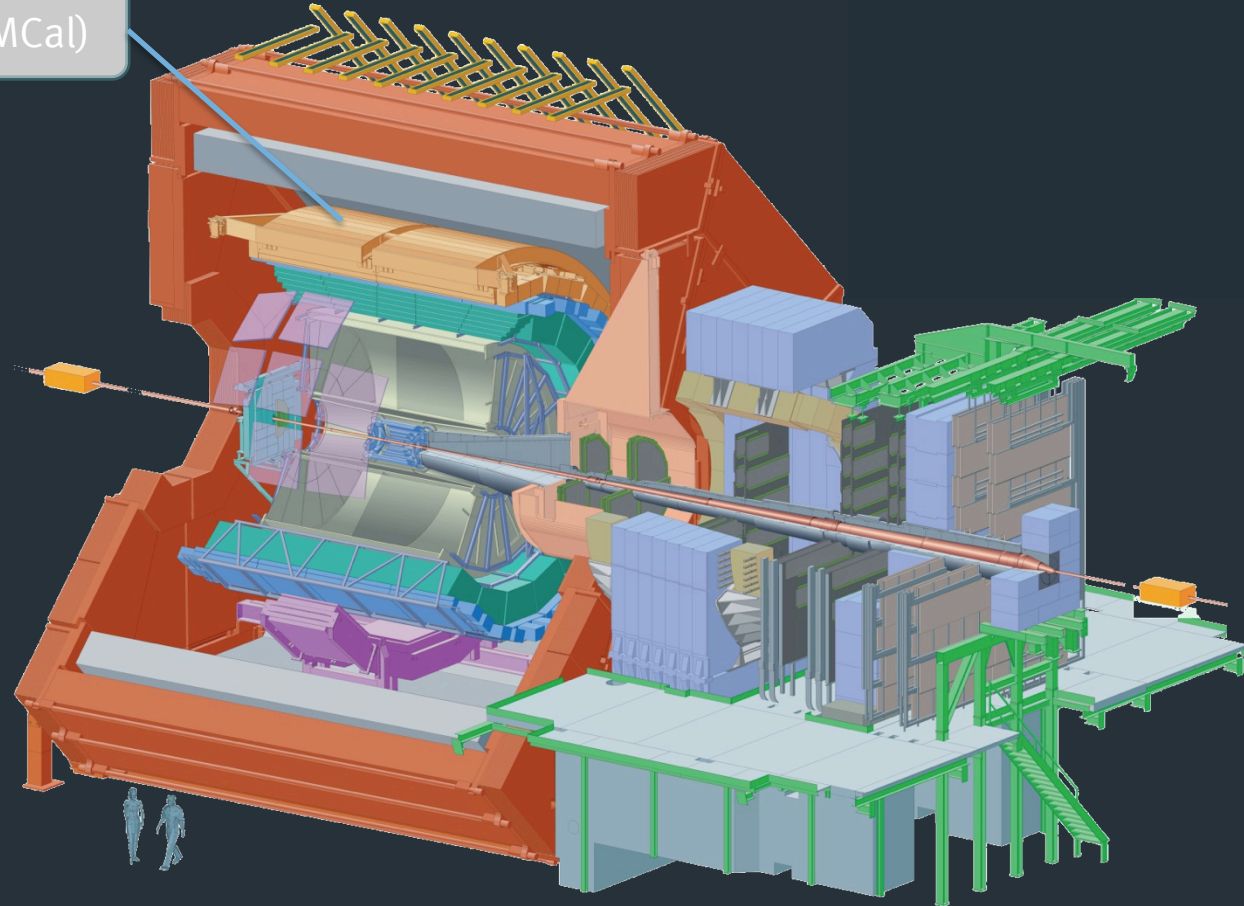
- $|\eta| < 0.7, 1.4 < \varphi < \pi$
- Track matching to account for double counted energy

Neutral constituents

**Full jet**

Charged constituents  
(Charged jet)

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Central barrel tracking

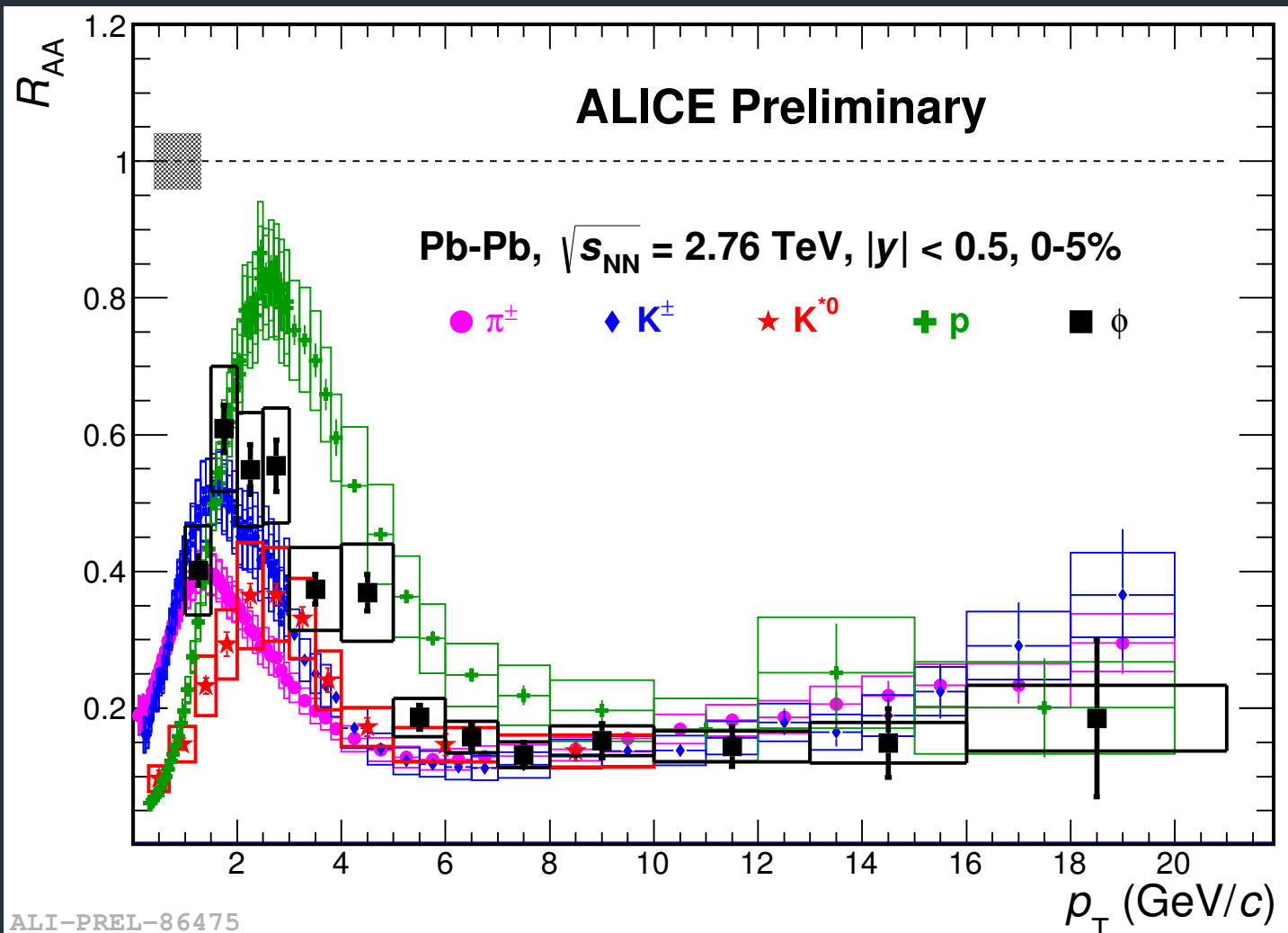
Combined TPC+ITS:

- $|\eta| < 0.9, 0 < \varphi < 2\pi$

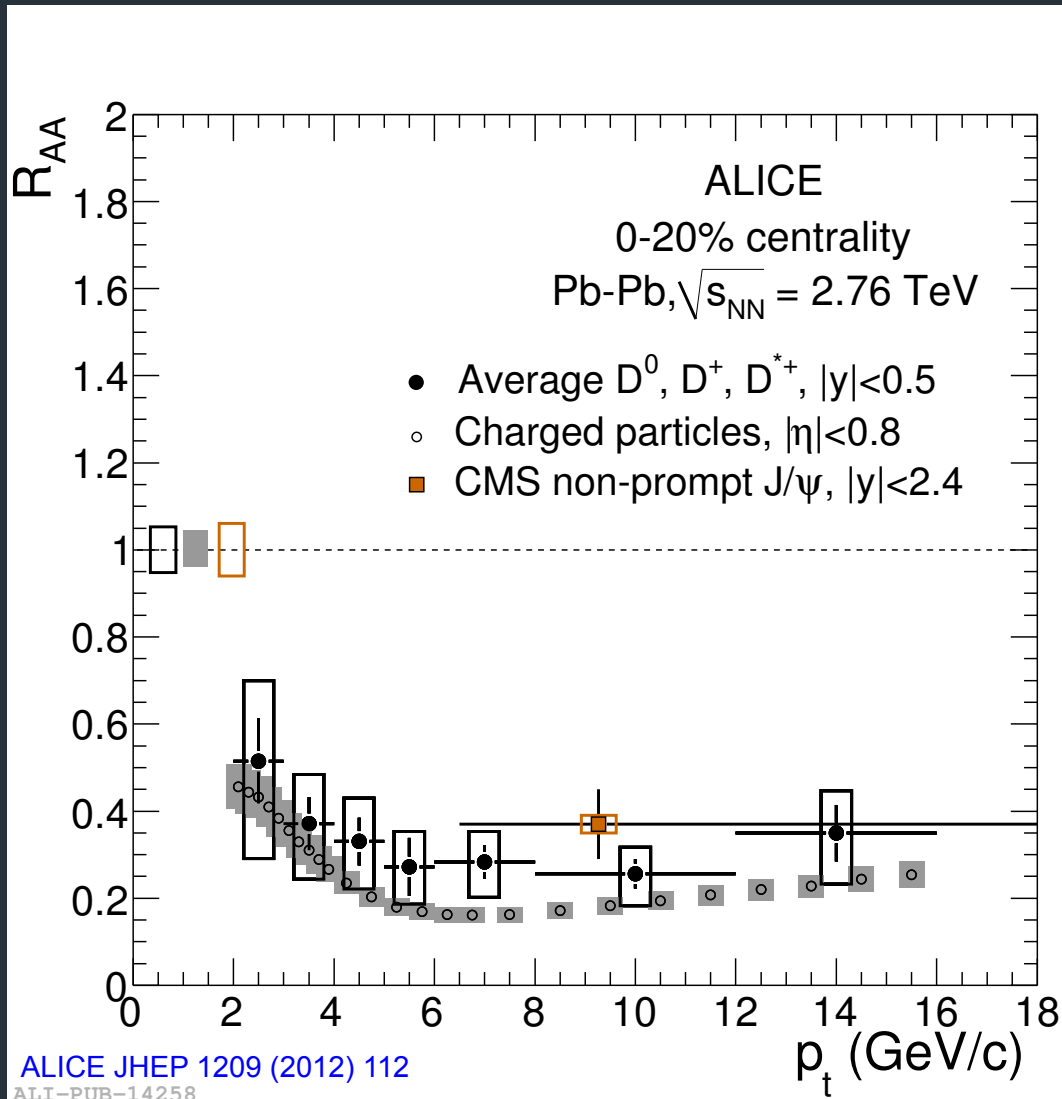
**Converted photon**

V0 topology

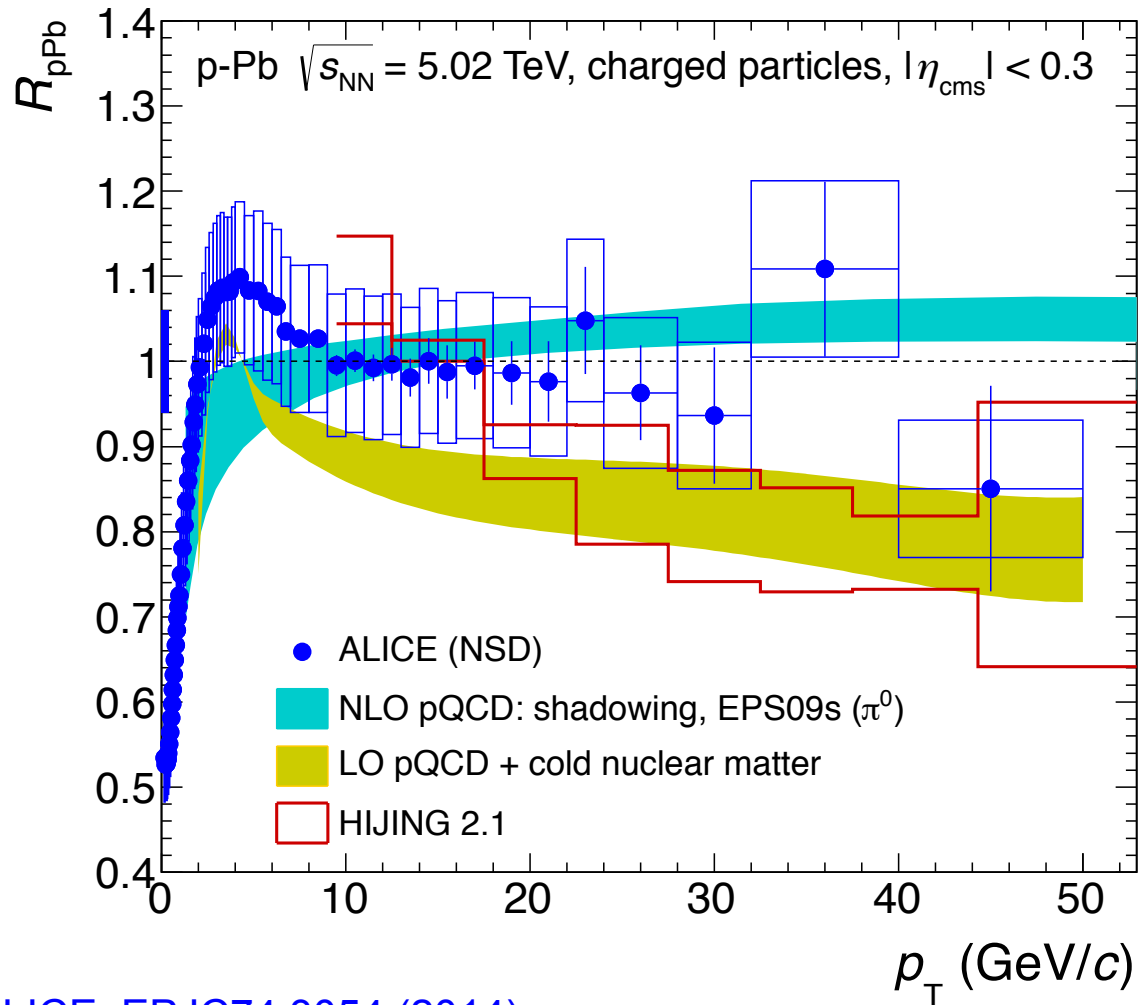




Low  $p_T$ : Flow and possible quark-recombination (baryon-anomaly).  
 $p_T > 8$  GeV: Common suppression pattern, parton energy loss dominant.

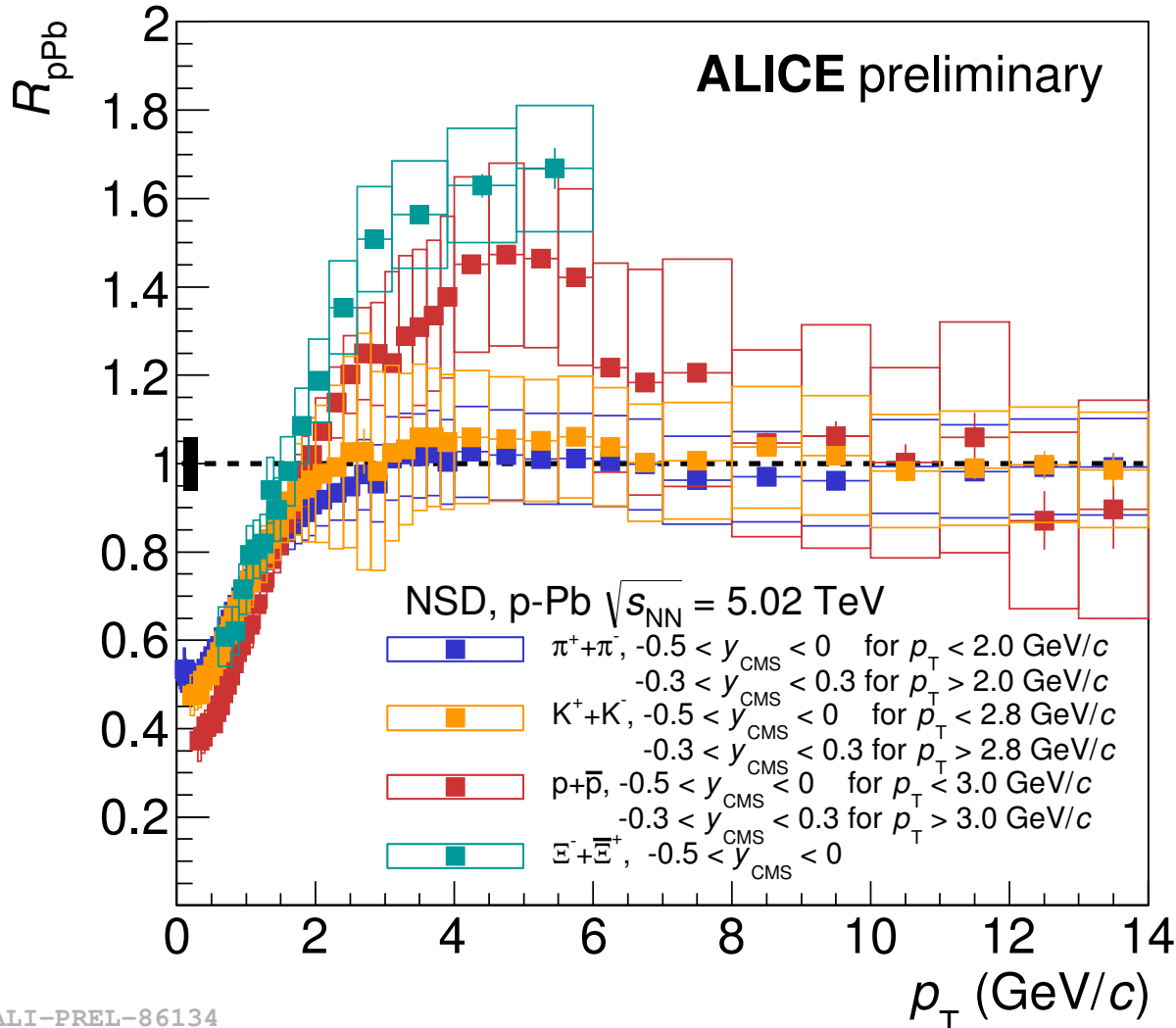


**Prompt D mesons compatible with charged hadrons and below non-prompt  $J/\psi$ .**



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**No strong nuclear modification at high  $p_T$ .**  
**Hint for peak below 10 GeV.**  
**Confirmed with PID:**  
**Mass ordering, baryons enhanced**

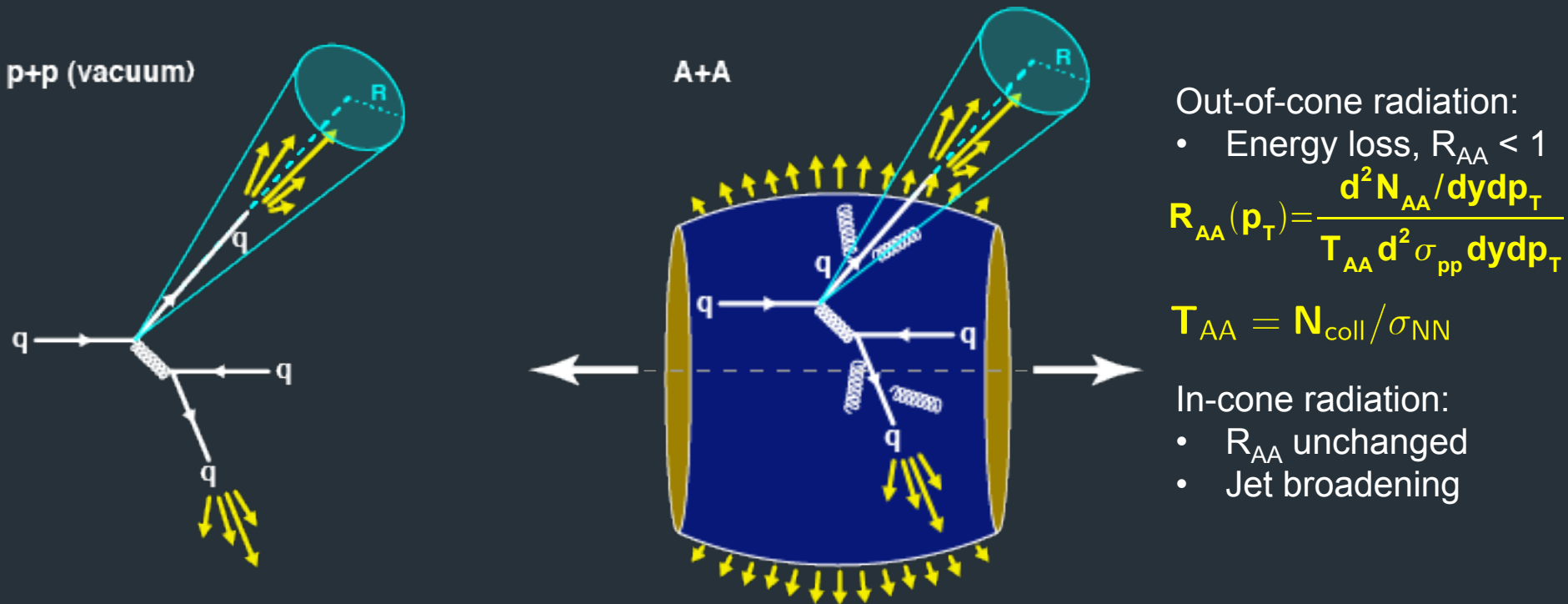


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See talk by Alexander Kalweit

Separation of Baryons and Mesons.  
“Classical”-Explanation cannot account for this.  
Flow and recombination in pPb?

Interactions of the hard parton with the medium modify the jet relative to pp, but a jet is not uniquely defined (algorithm, radius,  $p_T$  cuts, ...)



**Experimental challenge in A+A:  
Separate jet signal/constituents  
from large soft background**

- Input to jet reconstruction
  - Charged tracks (ITS+TPC):  $p_T > 150$  MeV/c
  - Neutral energy clusters (EMCal):  $E_T > 300$  MeV
    - Correction for matched tracks avoids energy double counting
  - High precision at single particle level down to very low  $p_T$
- Jet reconstruction via FastJet\*
  - Anti- $k_T$  for signal
  - $k_T$  for background density
  - Boost invariant  $p_T$  recombination scheme
- Correction for detector effects via unfolding
  - Momentum resolution
  - Energy resolution
  - Track matching

Charged jets

Full jets



**N.B.: Different parton  $p_T$  scale at same jet  $p_T$  for charged and neutral jets.**

\*Cacciari et al. EPJ C72:1896 (2012)

Need simultaneous comparison to several measurements to constrain geometry and E-loss

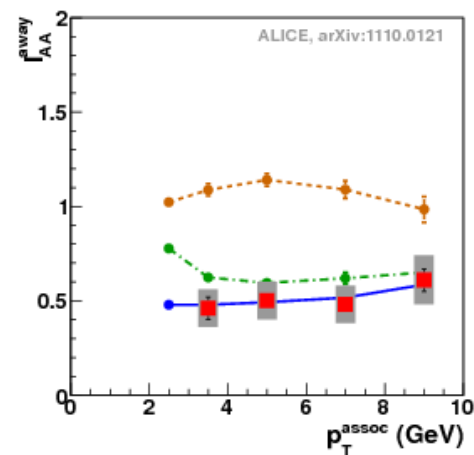
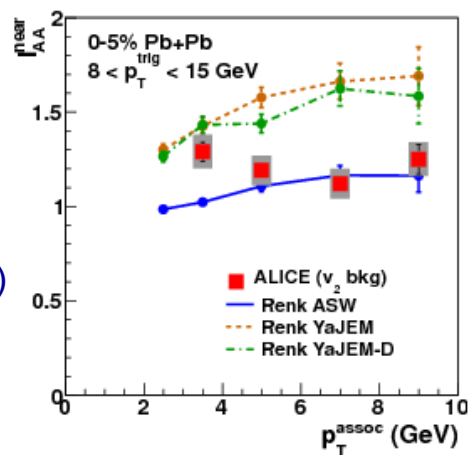
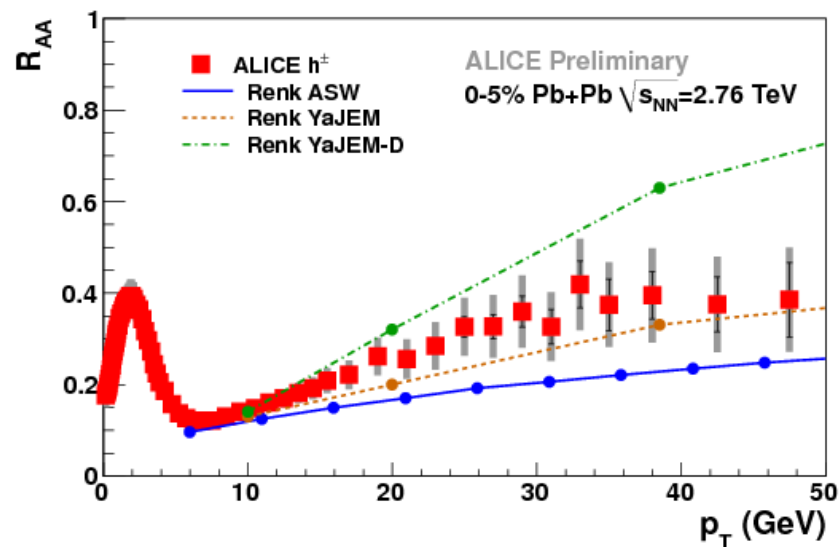
Here:  $R_{AA}$  and  $I_{AA}$

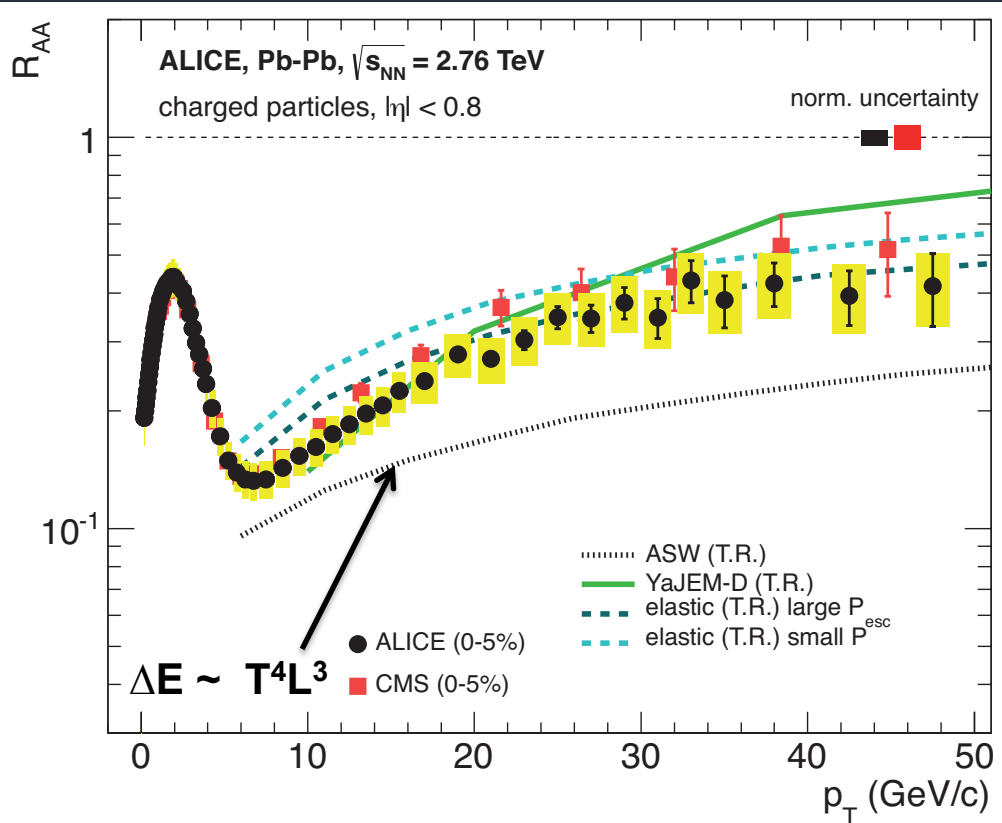
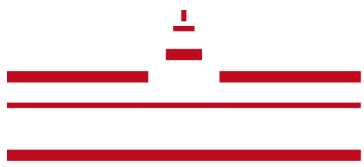
Three models:

**ASW**: radiative energy loss

**YaJEM**: medium-induced virtuality

**YaJEM-D**: YaJEM with L-dependent virtuality cut-off (induces  $L^2$ )

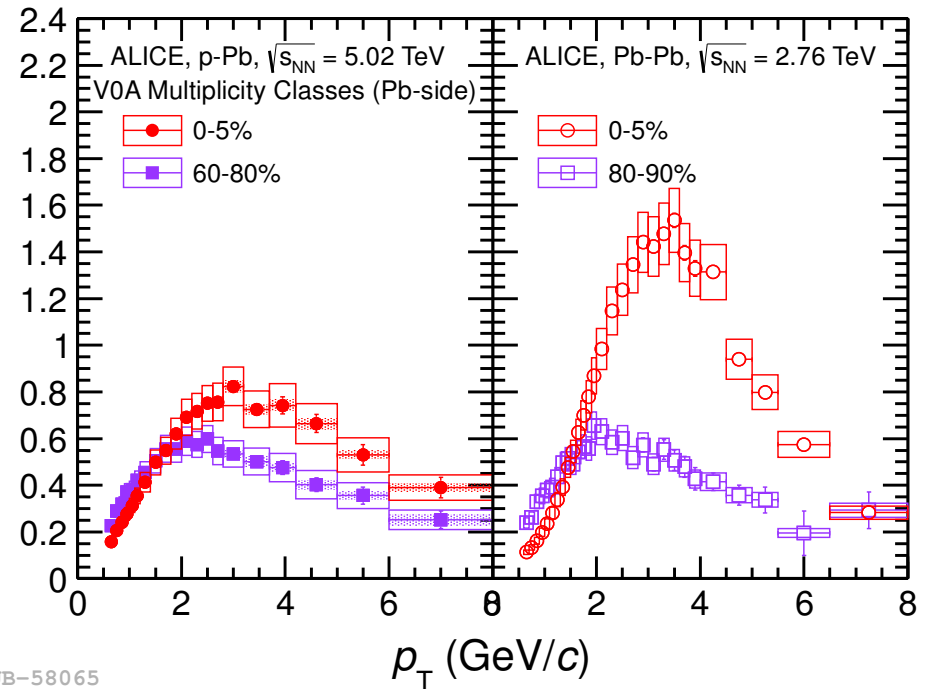
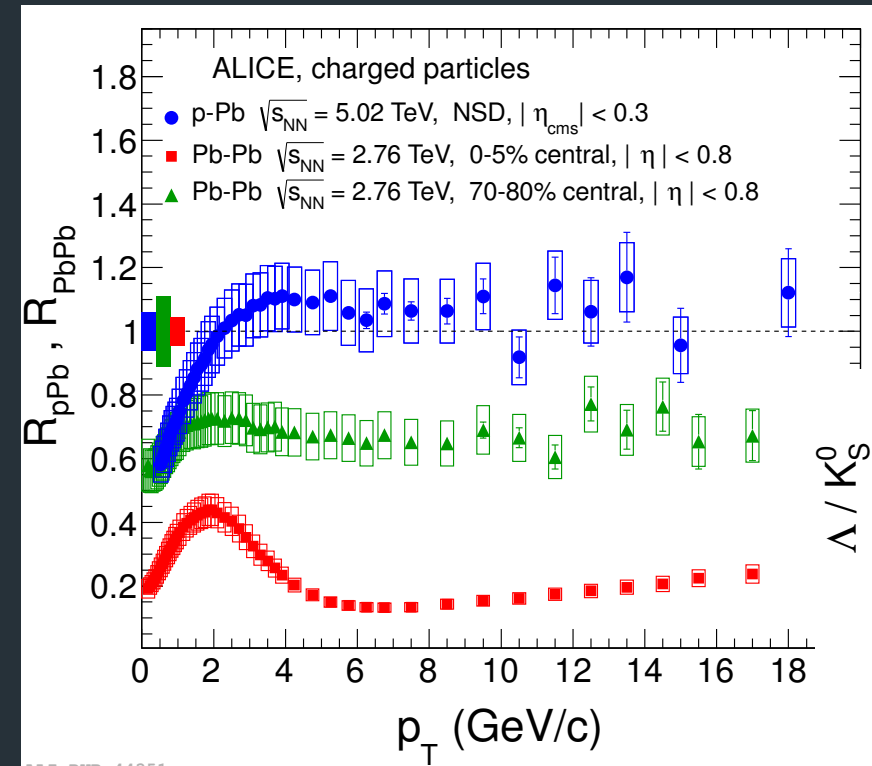
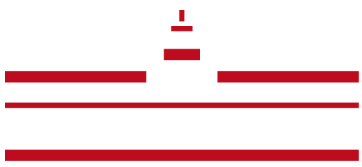


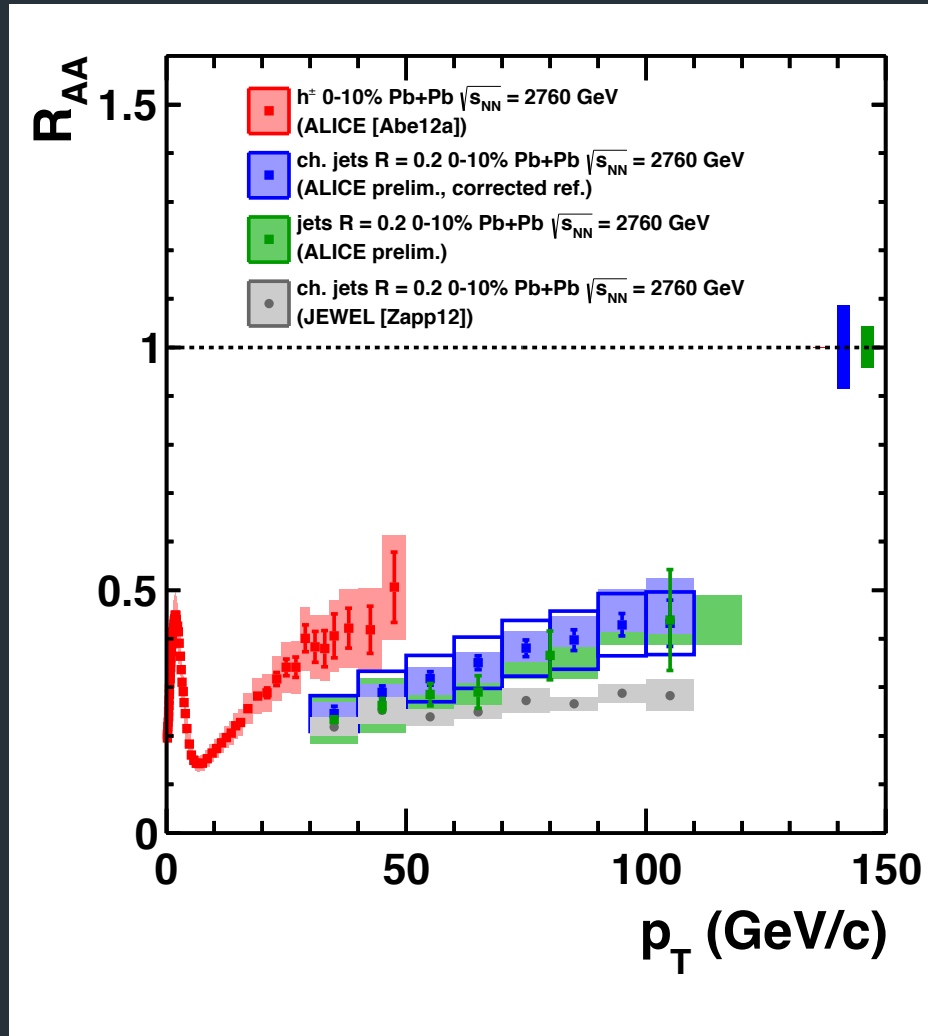


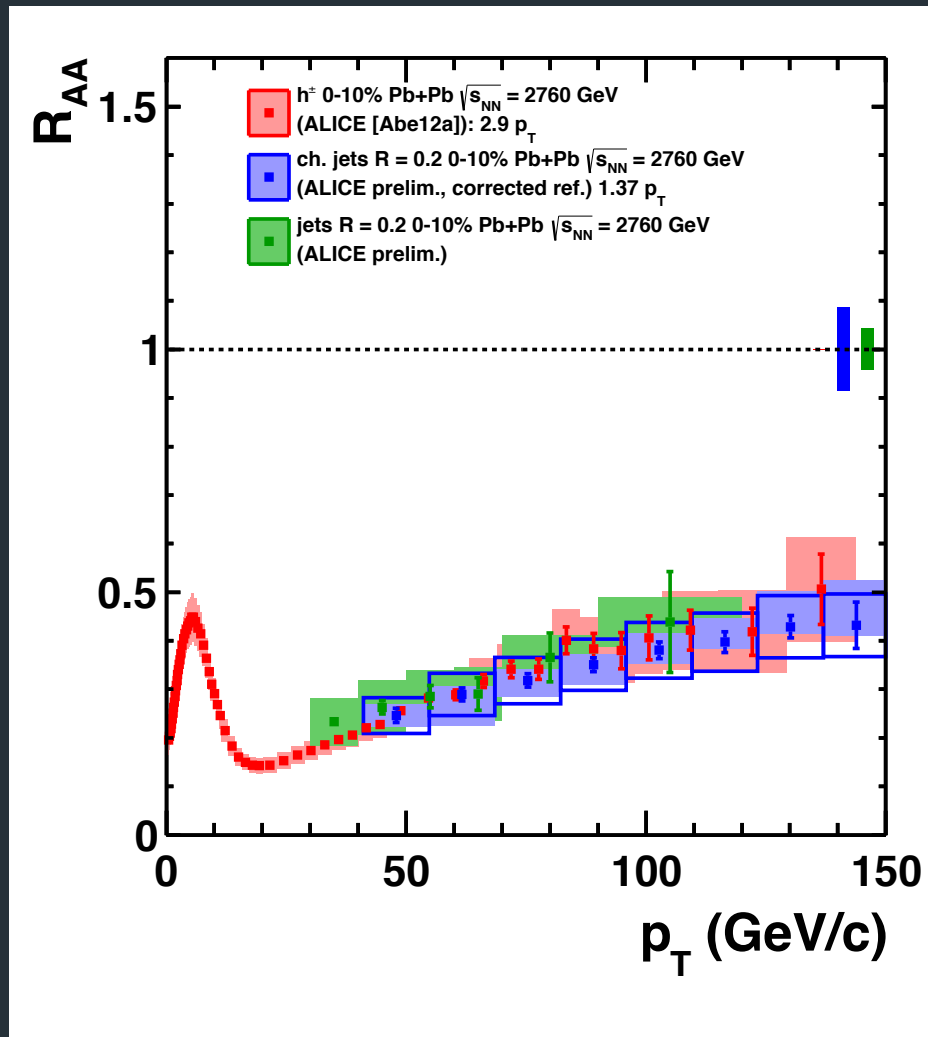
- Models tuned to RHIC data
  - Identical expansion model  
Renk PRC85 044903 (2012)
  - LHC-extrapolation: Test of T-dependence
- Flattening of  $R_{AA}$ 
  - Generic property of all models
- LHC data favor
  - $\Delta E \sim T^3 L^n$  ( $n \leq 2$ )

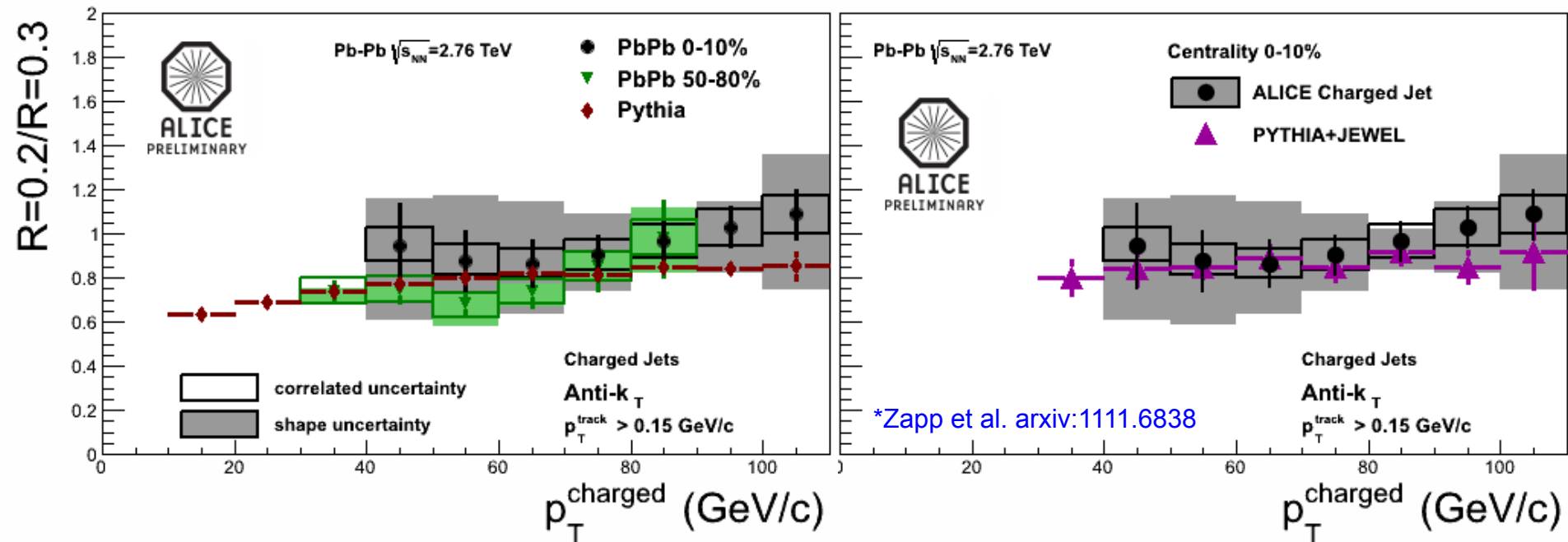
**Further constraint of energy loss scenarios.**



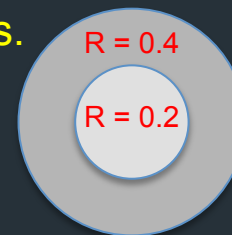


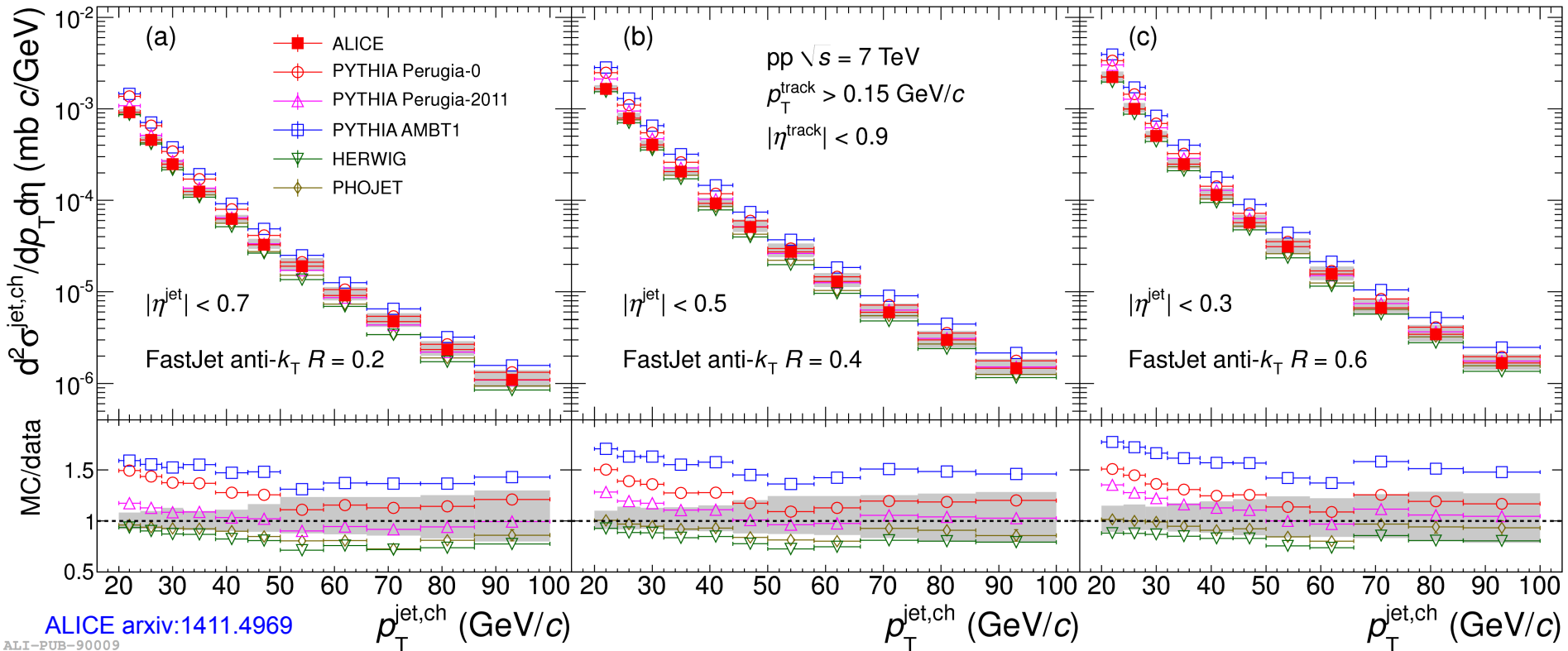




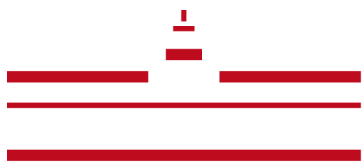


Ratio consistent with vacuum jets for peripheral and central collisions.  
No significant jet broadening.  
Consistent with expectation from JEWEL\* energy loss MC.

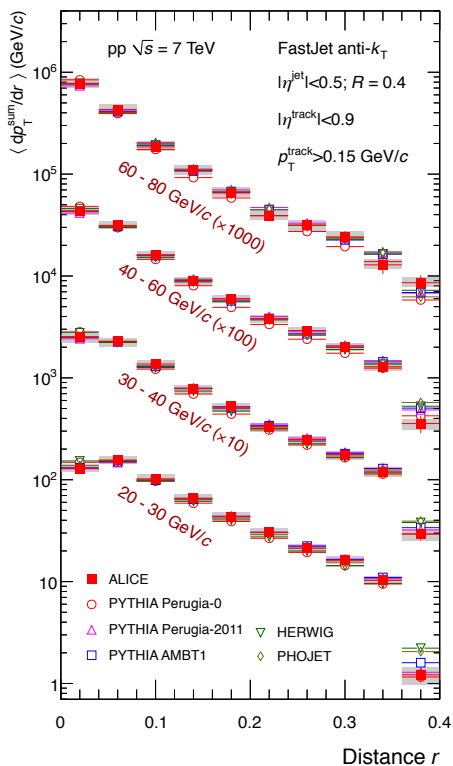




Larger variance of MC/tunes at higher  $\sqrt{s}$  (important for increased LHC energy)



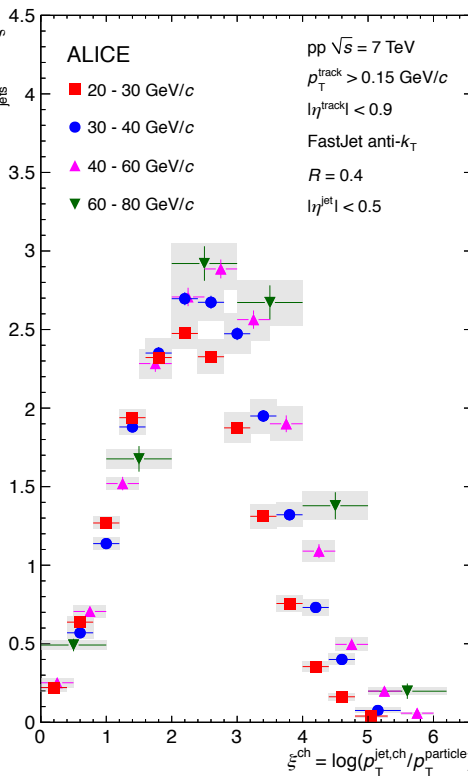
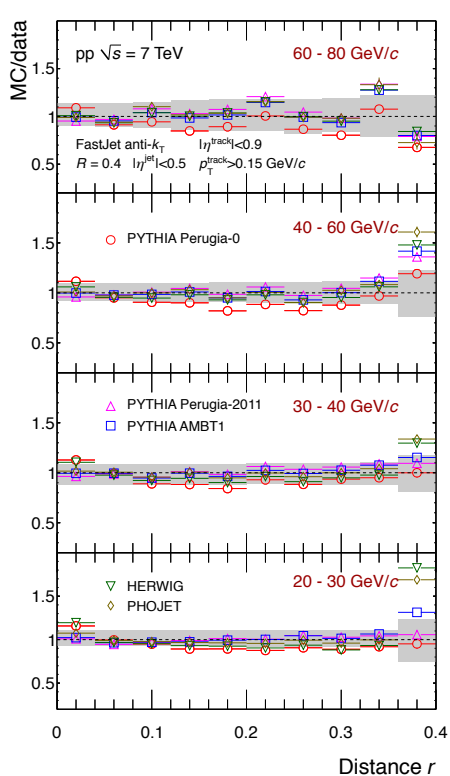
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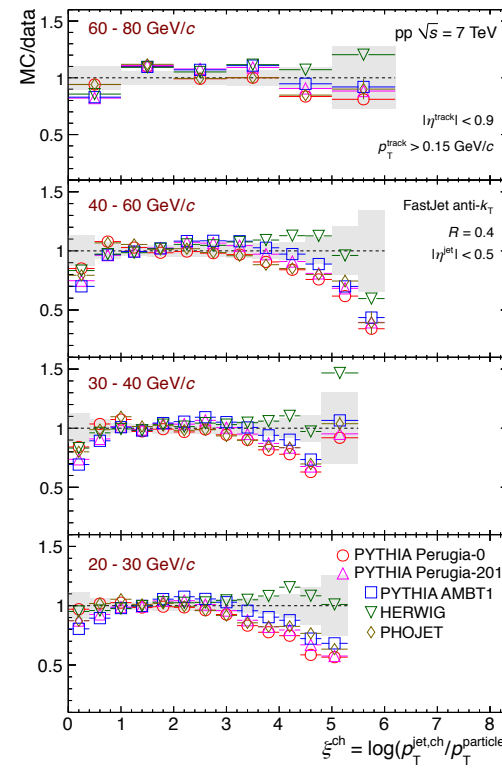
Radial structure well reproduced by MC.

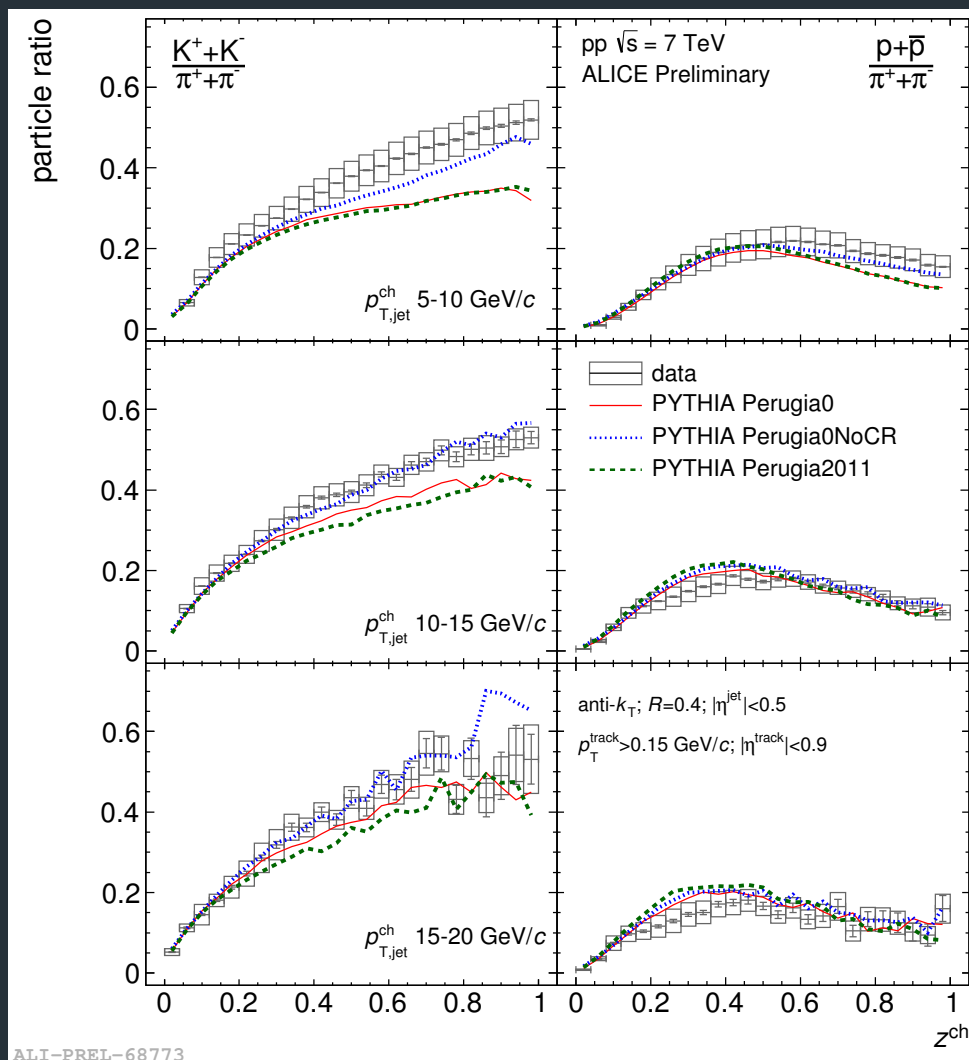
## Longitudinal structure

Scaled transverse momentum:  $\xi = -\ln \frac{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}}{p_{T,\text{track}}}$

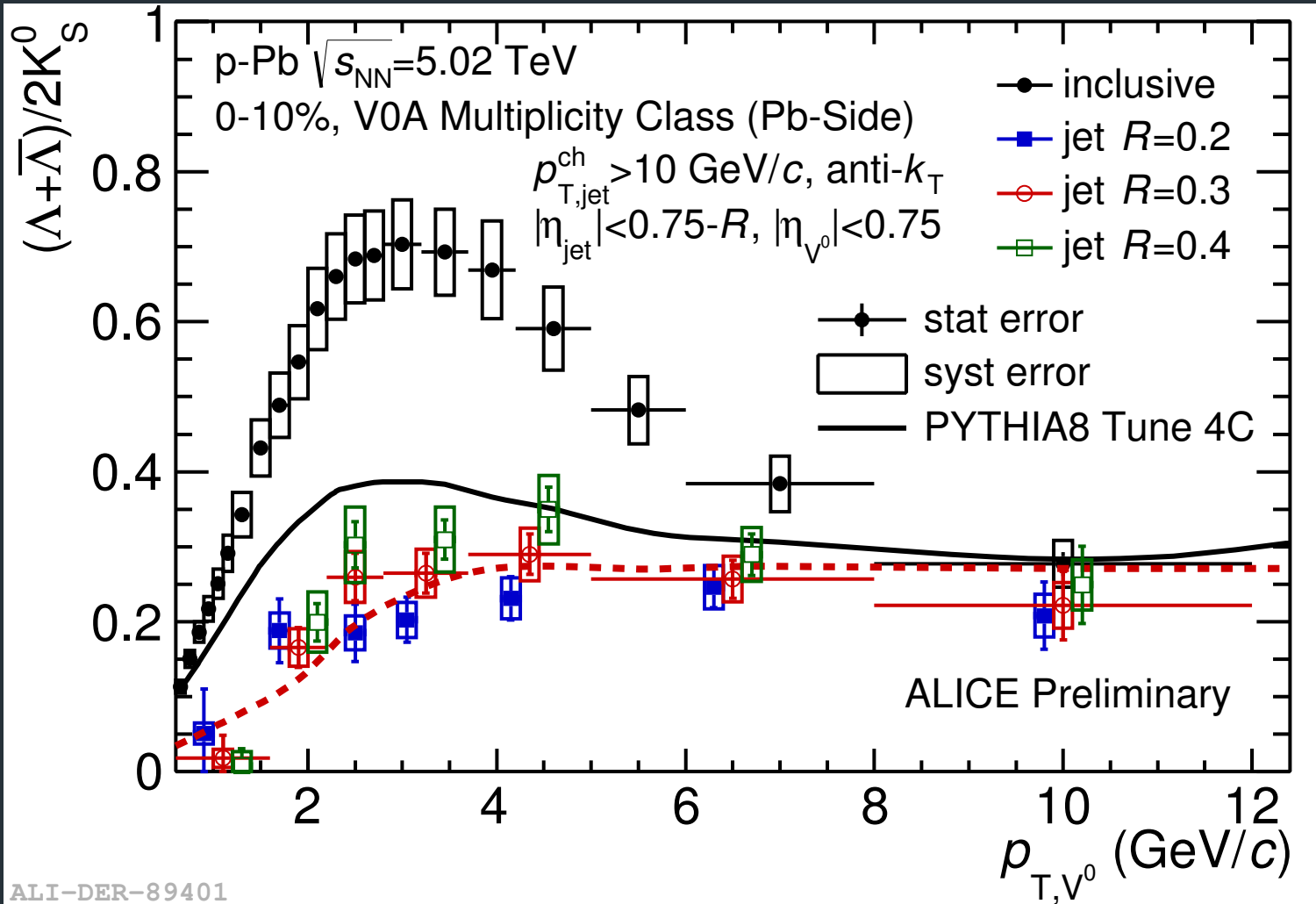


Hump-backed plateau, well reproduced by MC.





More discriminating between different MC tunes.



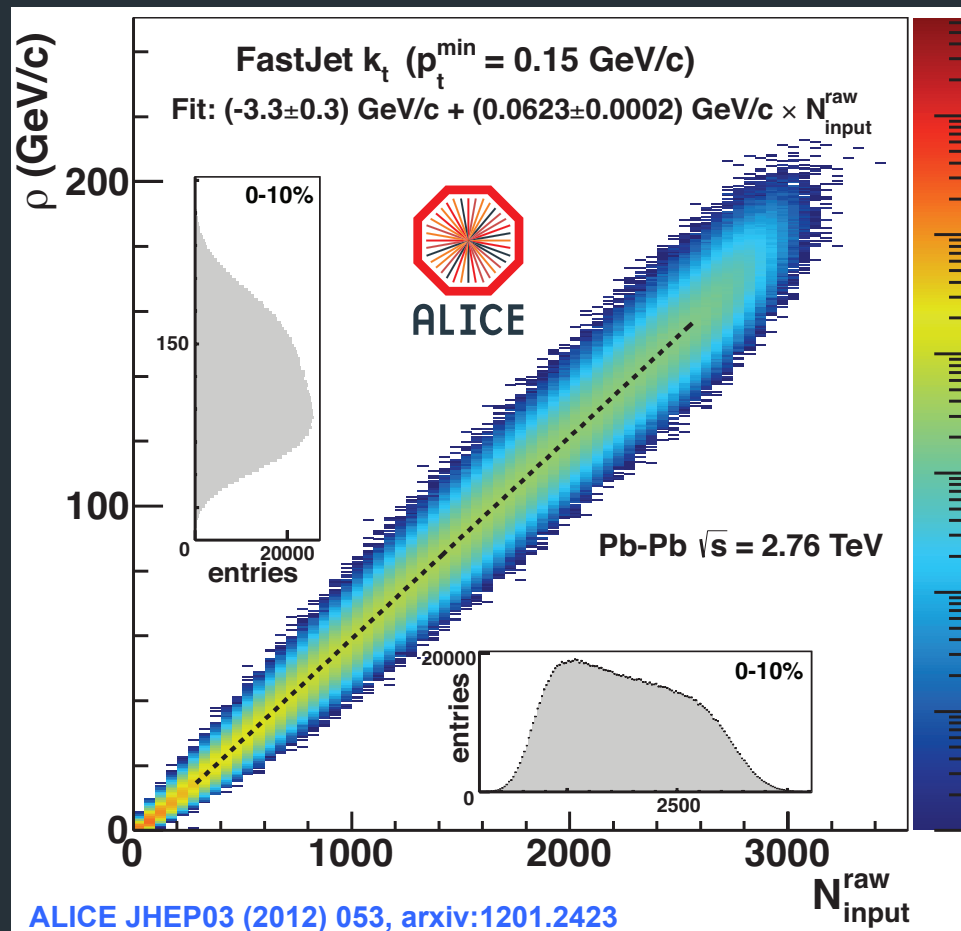
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$$p_{T, \text{jet}} = p_{T, \text{jet}}^{\text{rec}} - \rho \times A_{\text{jet}}$$

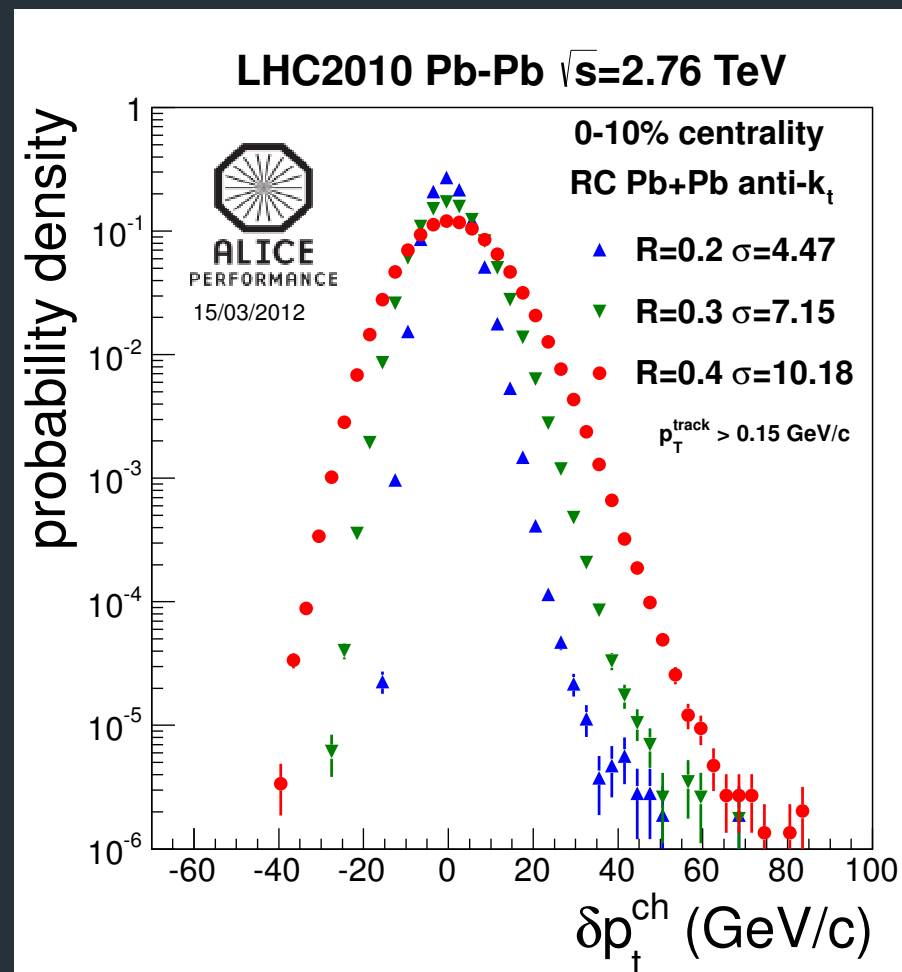
- $\rho$ : Median of  $p_T$ /area, determined event by event via  $k_T$  clustering
  - Here  $k_T$  clusters  $|\eta| < 0.5$ , excluding two leading clusters
  - Advantage: robust statistical measure
- Natural connection of  $\rho$  to event properties/characteristics of  $p_T$  spectrum
  - $\rho \approx N \langle p_T \rangle$
- Typical value for  $R = 0.4$ ,  $A \approx 0.5$ 
  - 50 – 100 GeV/c background for 0-10%

**Background increases linearly with input raw multiplicity. Depends on  $p_T$  cuts and  $R$ .**

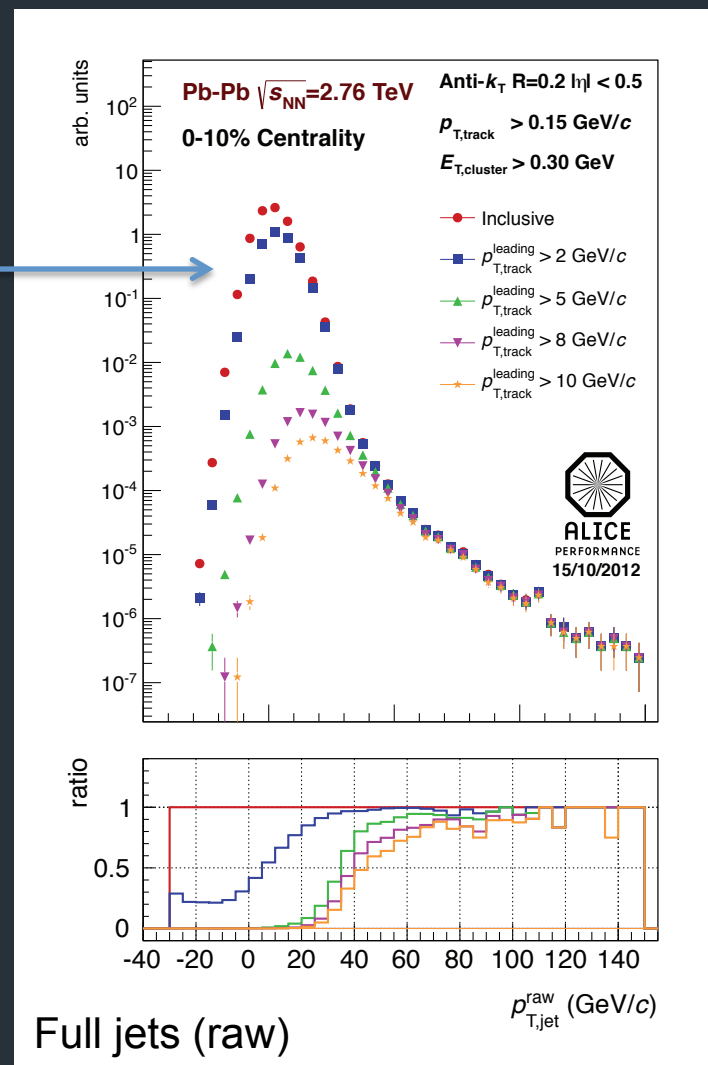


- Region-to-region deviations from median
  - Statistical fluctuations ( $\sim\sqrt{N}$ )
  - Collective effects ( $\sim v_2 N$ )
  - Mini-jets
  - Non-uniform detection
- Data driven determination
  - Random cone, probe embedding in Pb-Pb events
$$\delta p_T = p_{T,rec} - A \cdot \rho - p_{T,probe}$$
  - Width of distribution dependent on R and  $p_T$  cuts
    - These change multiplicity within cone

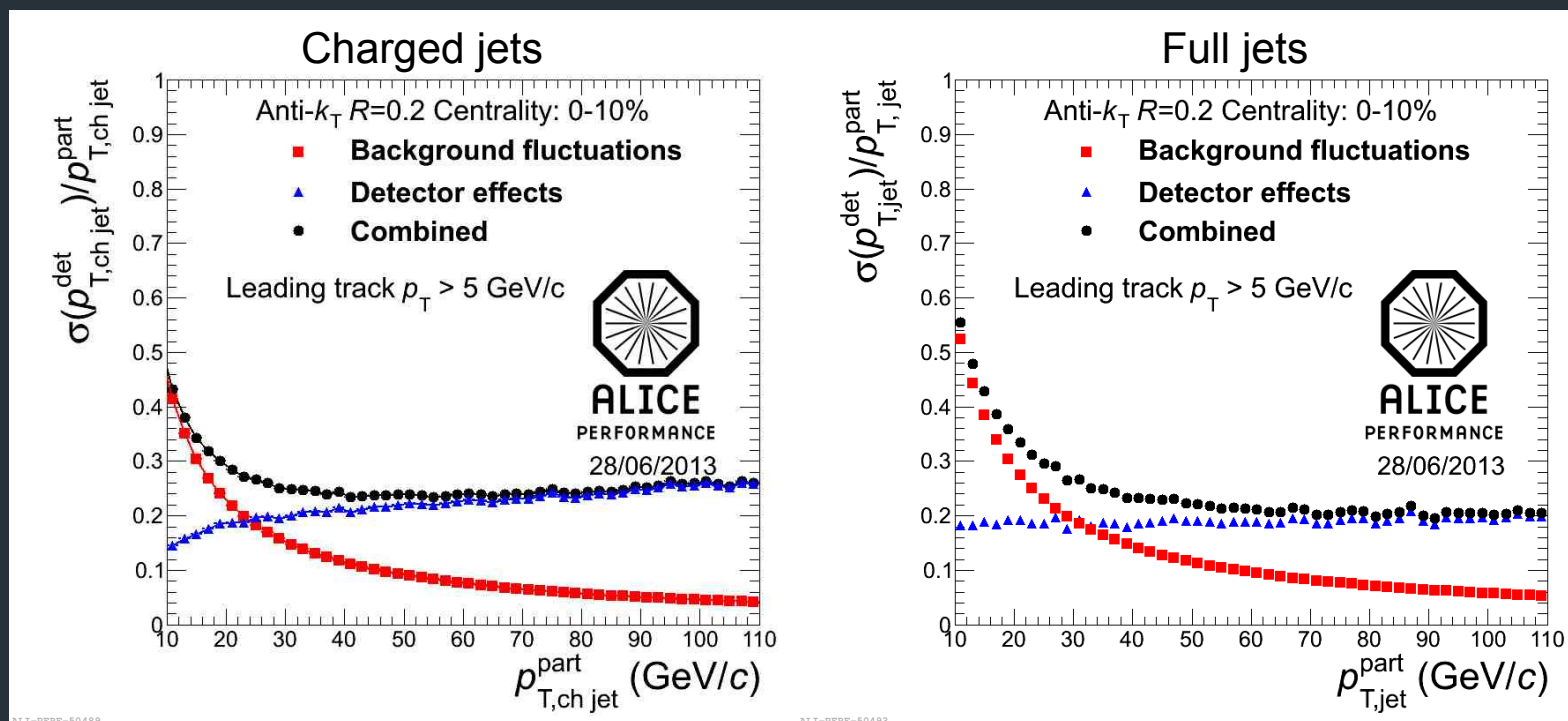
**ALICE tracking capabilities essential to characterize background properties.**



- Reconstructed jet clusters which do not originate from hard process
  - Determined by fluctuations of particle number and  $p_T$
  - Bump around zero after background subtraction similar to  $\delta p_T$
- No clear separation possible
  - Impact reduced for smaller jets
- Leading track bias to tag a hard process
  - $p_T > 5, 8, 10 \text{ GeV}/c$  **after** jet reconstruction
  - No reconstruction bias, only fragmentation
- Hard jets dominate beyond  $p_T \approx 60 \text{ GeV}/c$

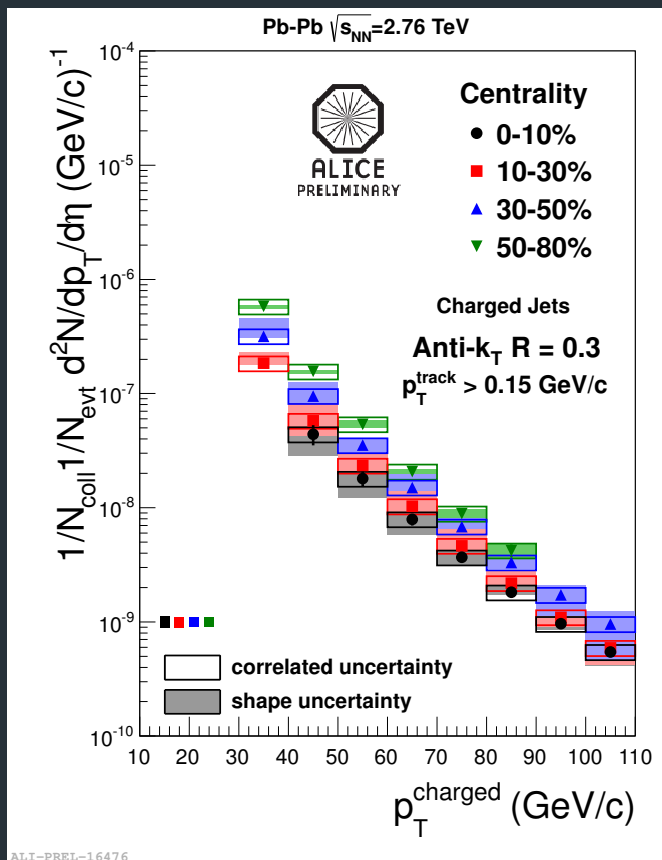


- Background fluctuations and detector effects partially compensate
  - Low jet  $p_T$ : background fluctuations dominate
  - High jet  $p_T$ : detector effects dominate

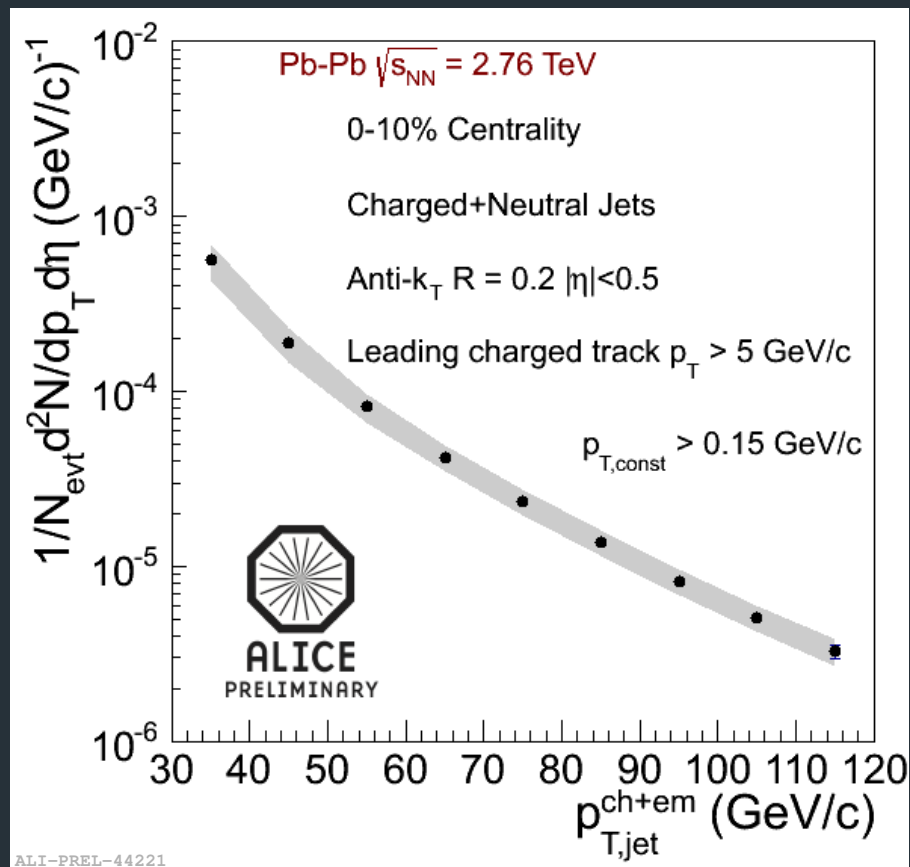


Resolution main effect on jet spectra: Corrected via unfolding ( $\chi^2$ , SVD, Bayesian)

Charged jets,  $R = 0.3$   
4 centralities, no leading track bias



Full jets,  $R = 0.2$   
central events

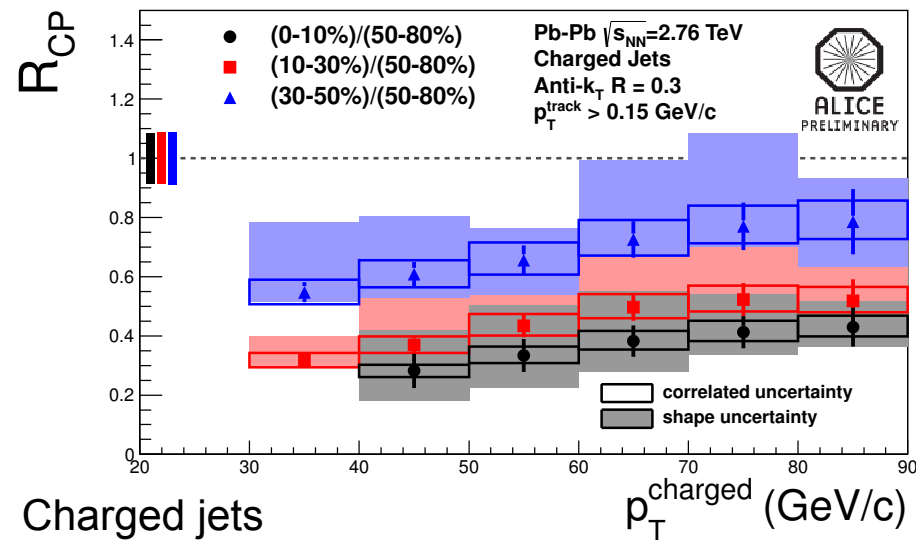
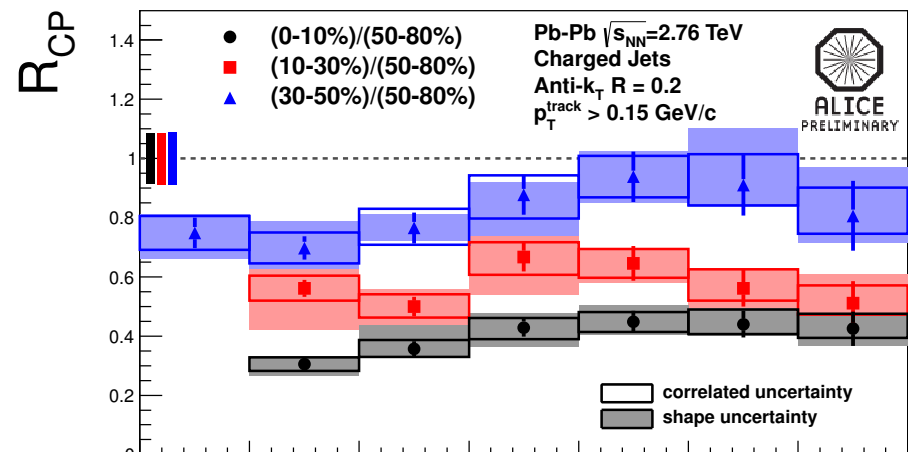


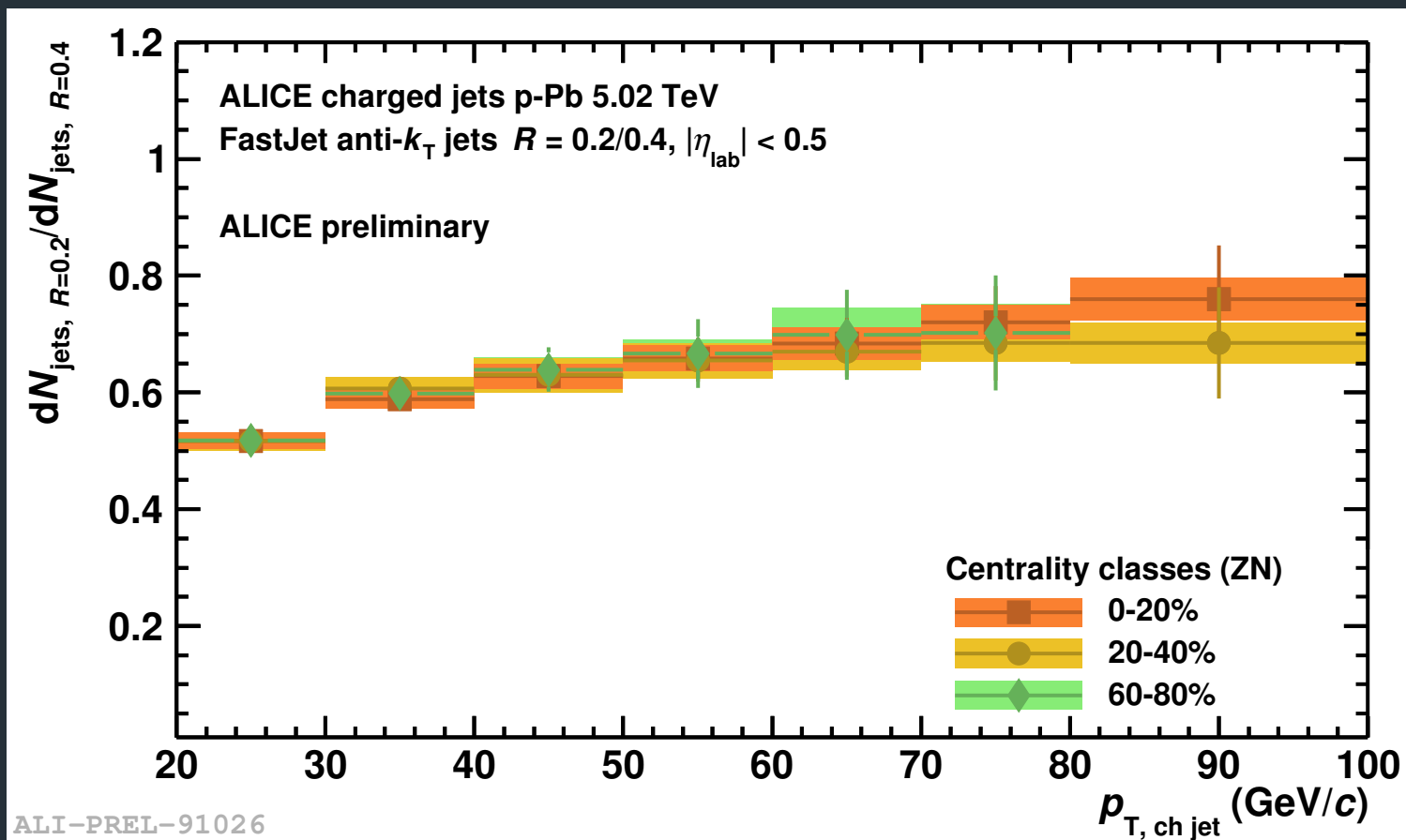


$$R_{CP} = \frac{N_{coll}^{peri} \cdot d^2N/dydp_T|_{cent}}{N_{coll}^{cent} \cdot d^2N/dydp_T|_{peri}}$$

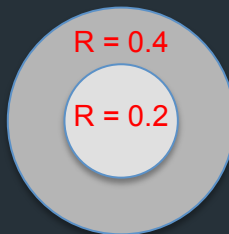
Jets clearly suppressed in central collisions.  
Centrality ordered suppression pattern.

No strong  $p_T$  dependence



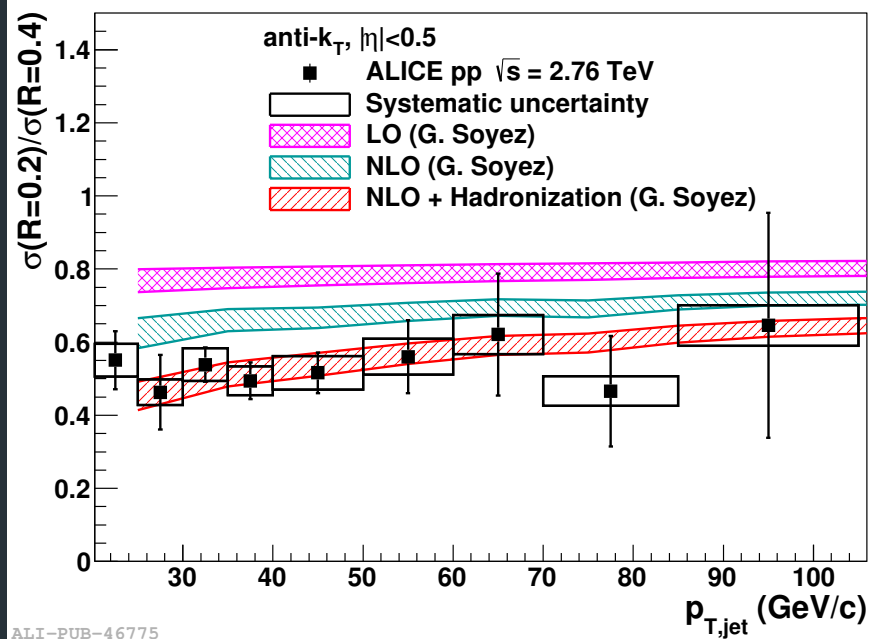
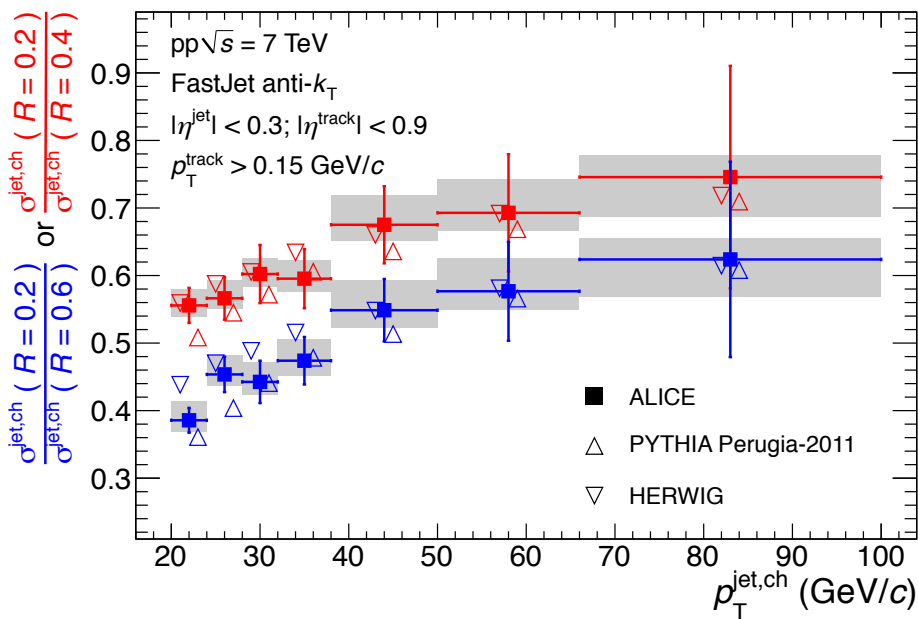


Cross section ratio tests  
jet collimation



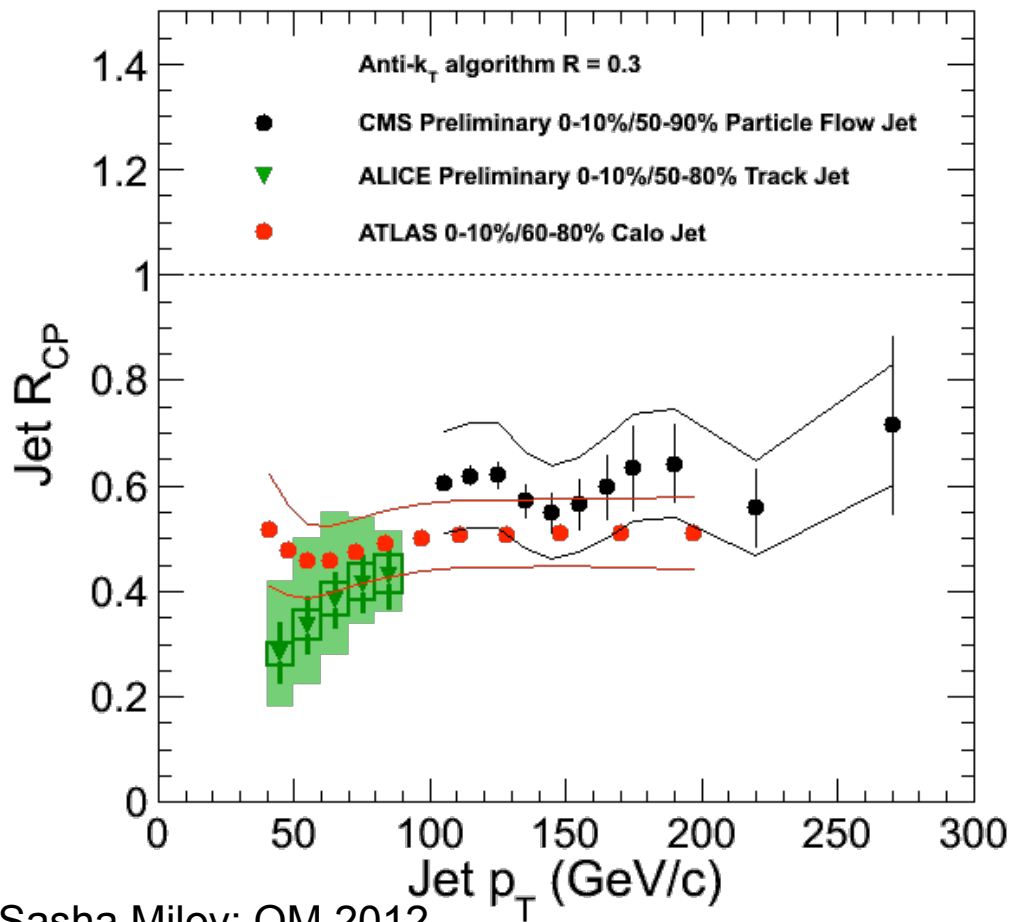
Charged jets

Full jets



Consistent with PYTHIA, pQCD+hadronization.  
Larger collimation at high jet  $p_T$ .  
Spectra approach similar slope.

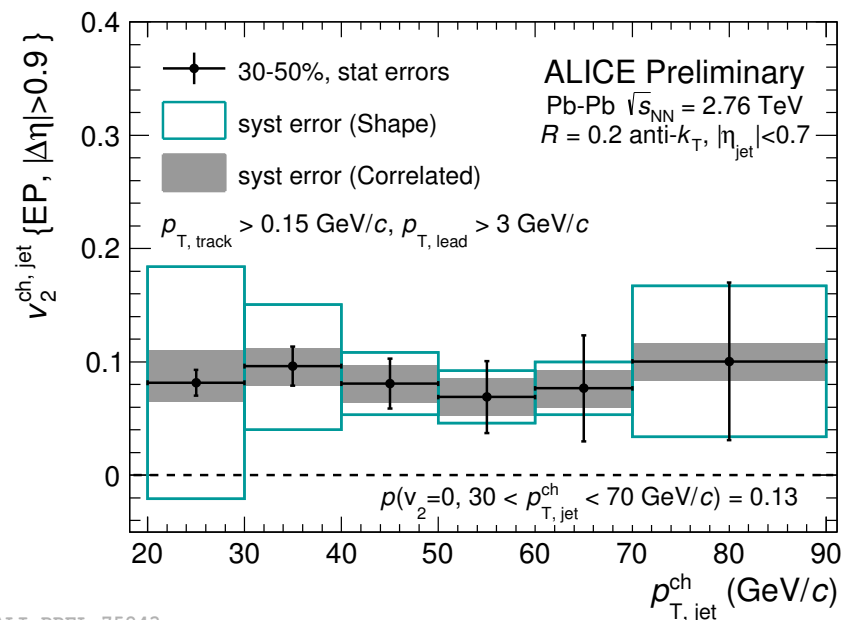
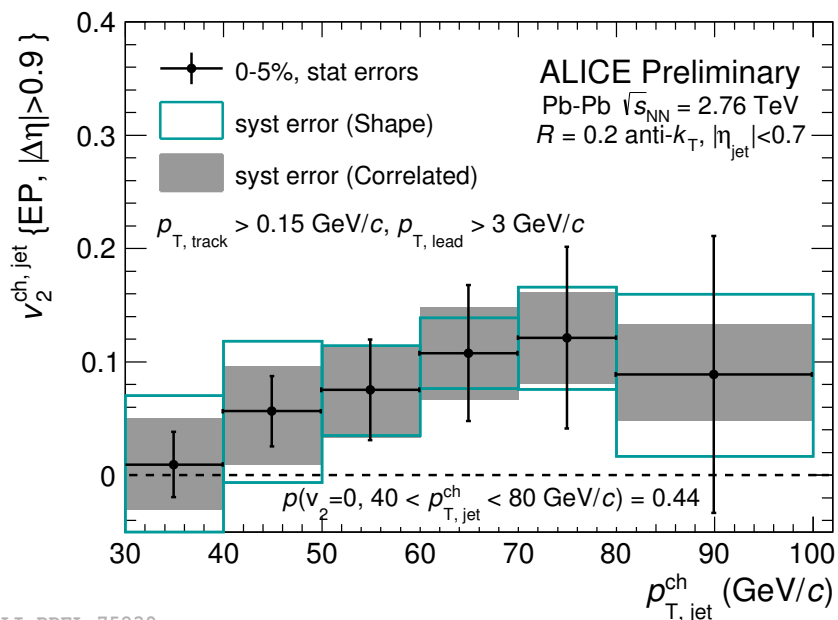


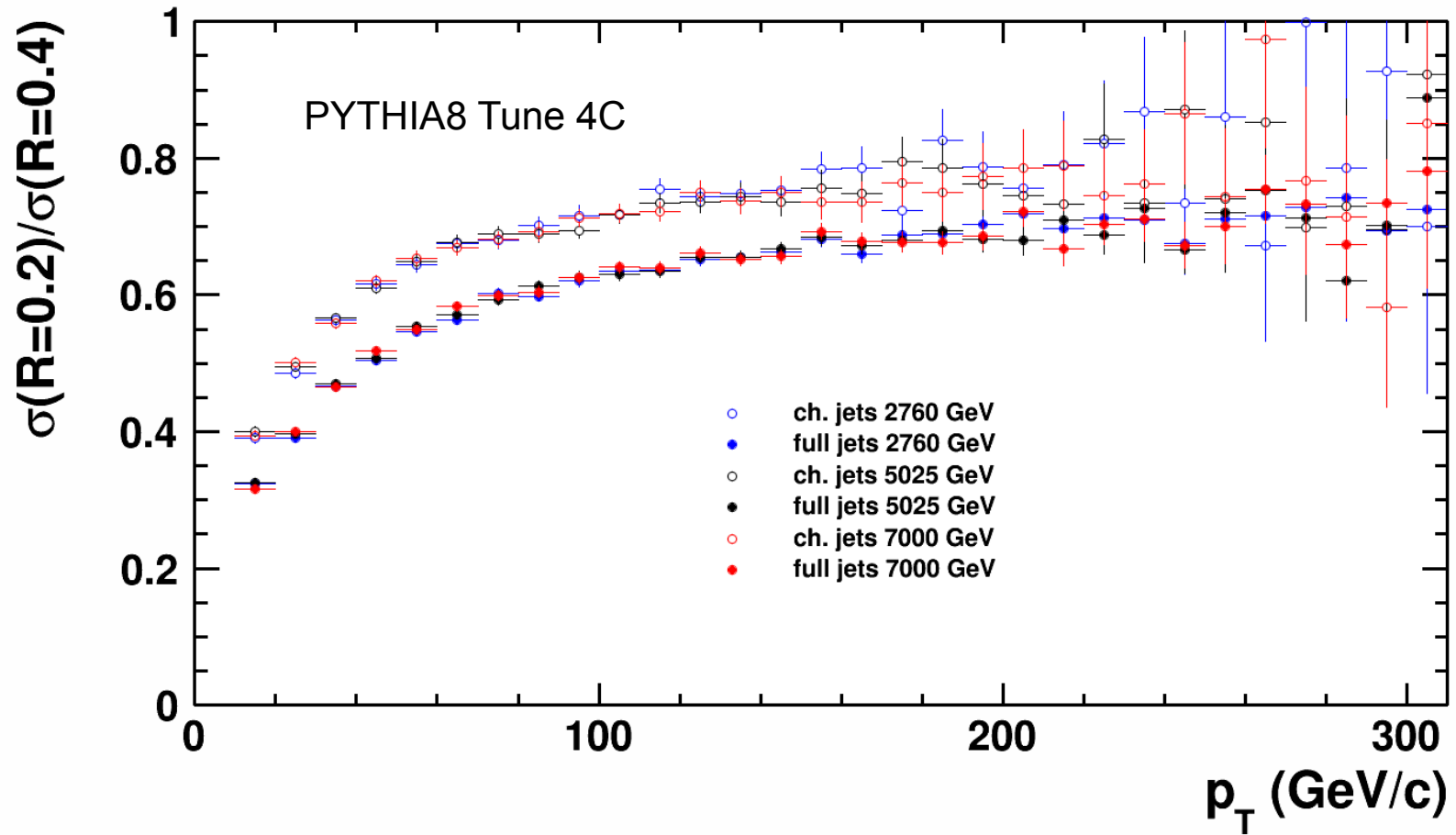


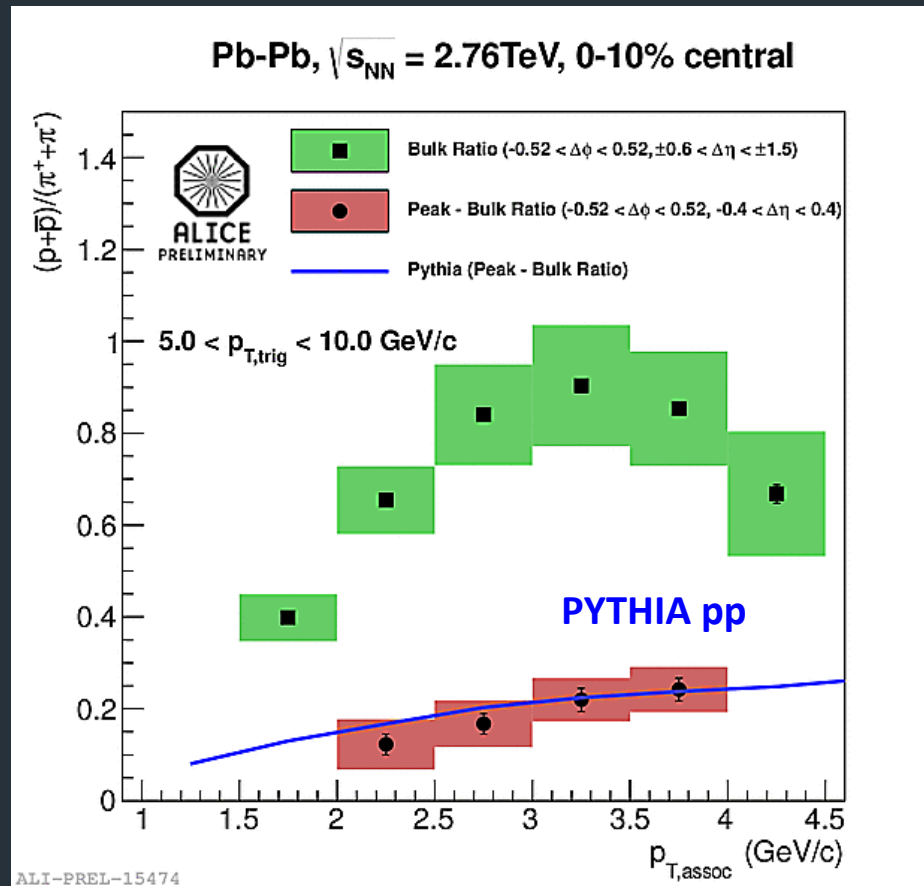
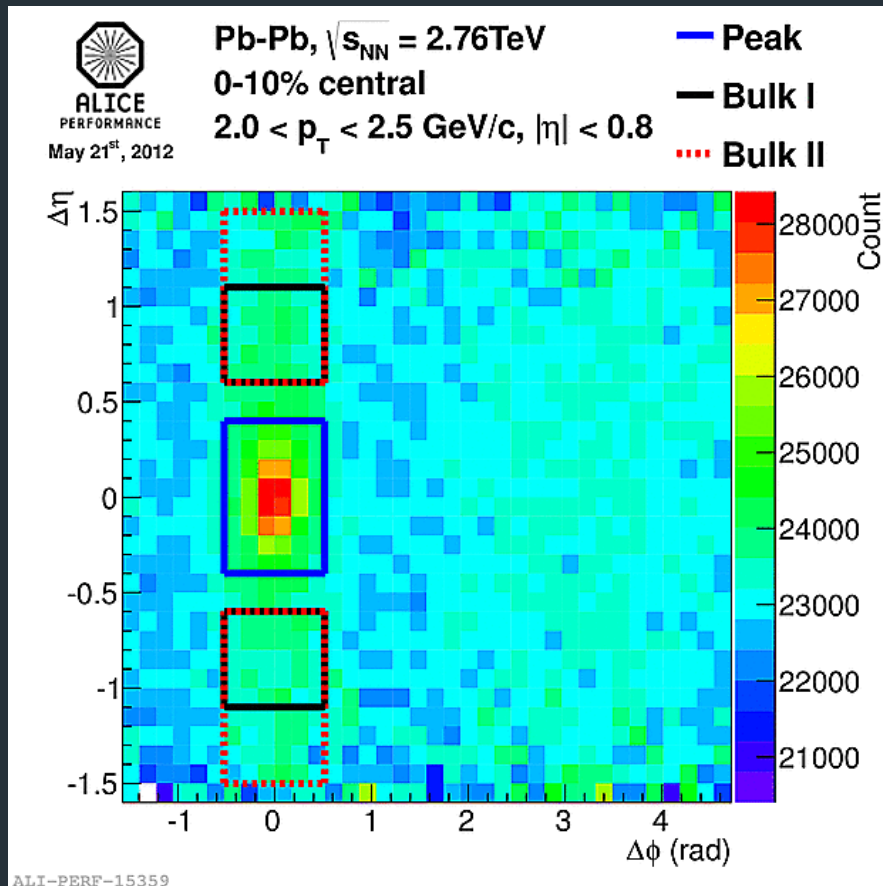
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- N.B.: Different
  - Jet constituent objects
  - Momentum cut-offs
  - Treatment/suppression of UE background fluctuations

**Similar message from all LHC experiments: Jets are strongly suppressed over a broad  $p_T$  range. Low  $p_T$  region (rise?), most difficult/interesting. Other methods to explore reconstructed jets?**

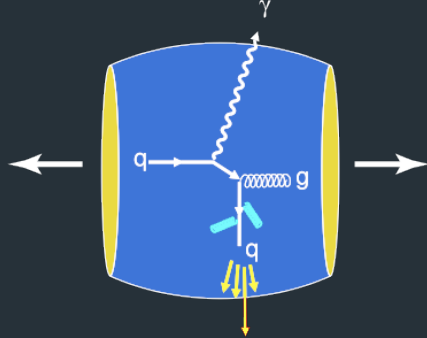




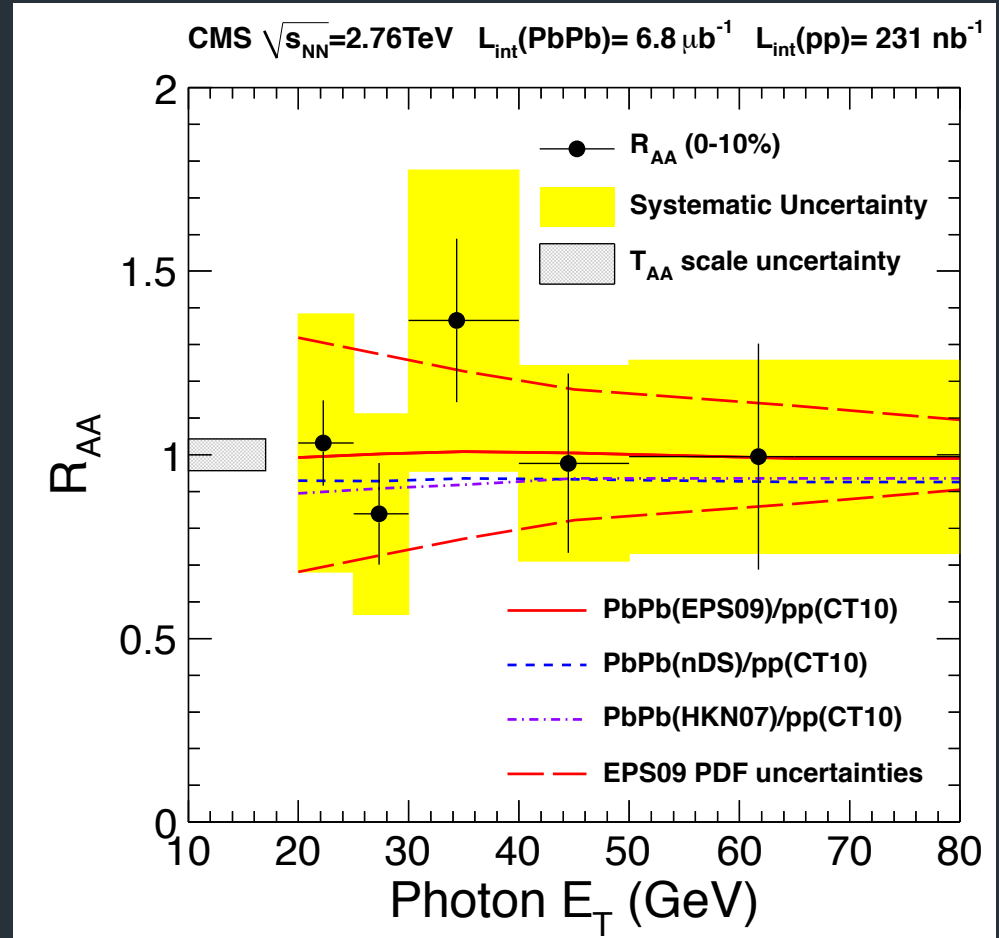


Near-side peak (after bulk subtraction):  $p/\pi$  ratio compatible with that of pp (PYTHIA)  
Bulk region:  $p/\pi$  ratio strongly enhanced – compatible with overall baryon enhancement  
Jet particle ratios not modified in medium? Could this still be surface bias?

- Also hard production
  - $t \sim 1/Q \ll 1 \text{ fm}/c$
  - Not affected by medium
  - Effective quark-jet tag



- $p_T < 20 \text{ GeV}/c$ : fragmentation photons start to dominate
- Other sources
  - Production from thermalized partons and hadrons
  - Jet-medium interaction



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**Direct photons are produced and escape throughout the full evolution of the system!**

- Probe the created medium
    - Parton scattering prior to QGP formation ( $t \approx 1/Q \ll 1 \text{ fm}/c$ )
  - History imprinted into jet structure
    - High  $p_T$  partons interact strongly with QCD medium prior to fragmentation (“jet tomography”)
  - Experimental access
    - Single particles at high  $p_T$
    - Two-particle correlations
    - Reconstructed jets
    - Jet fragmentation pattern
- increasing  
influence of  
underlying event  
background on  
observable

**Direct effect on high  $p_T$ /jet observables compared to p+p.**

