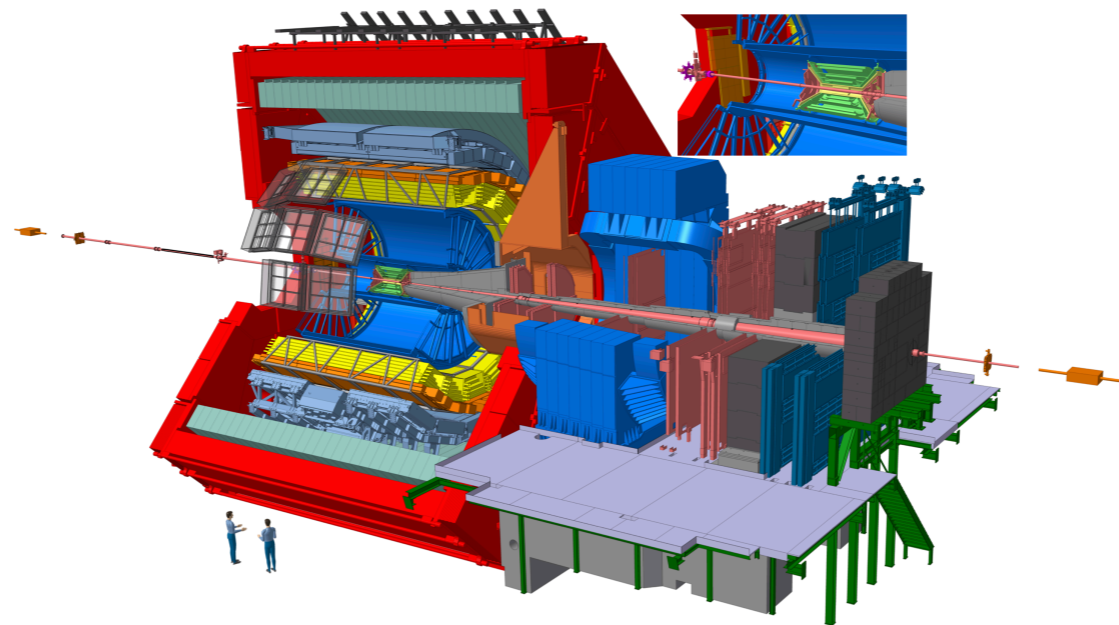


Inclusive jet measurements in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE

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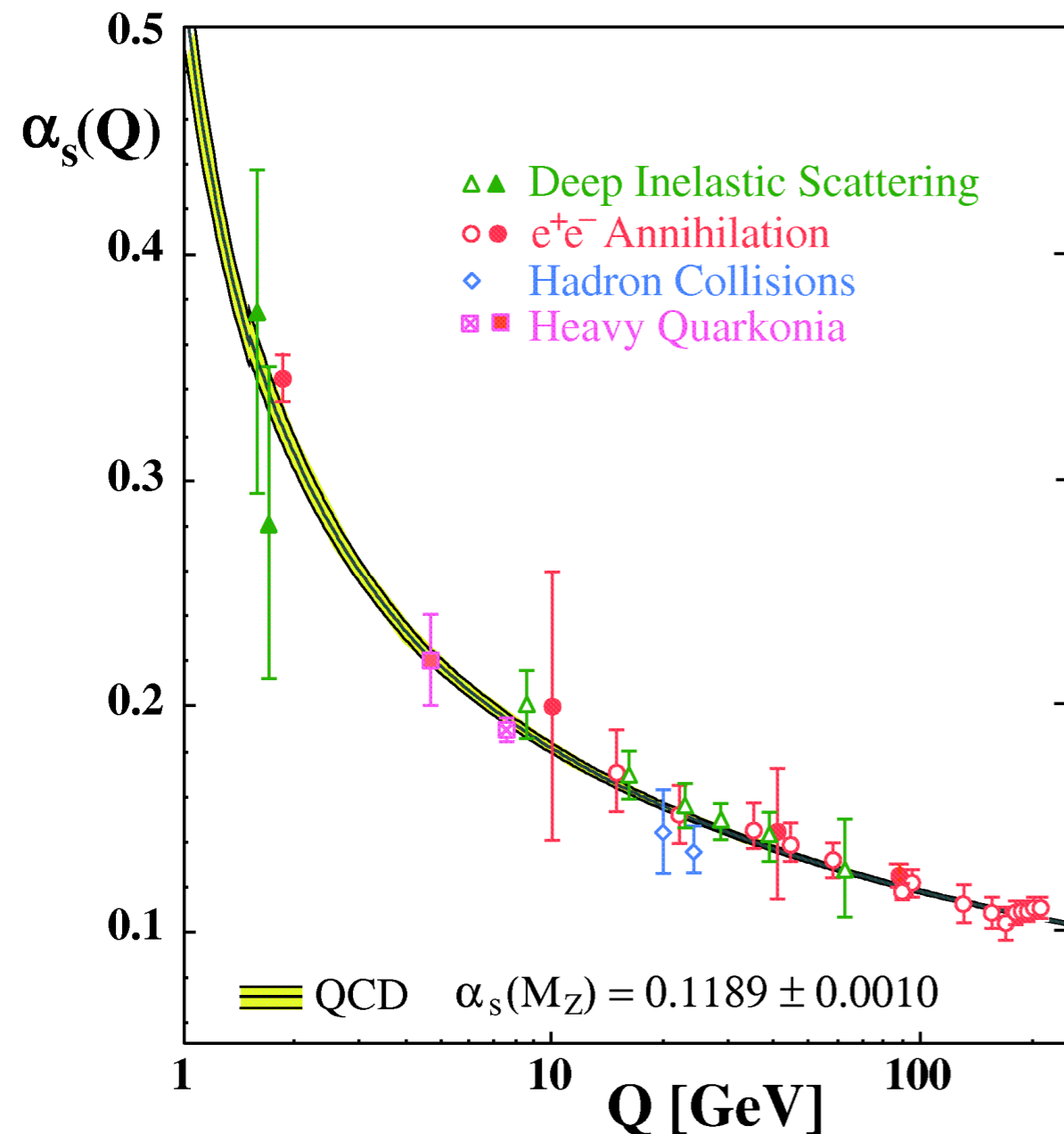
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The diagram shows the QCD Lagrangian equation. Three arrows point from descriptive text below to parts of the equation: one from 'coupling' to the g^2 term, one from 'gluons' to the $F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$ term, and one from '6 quark flavors' to the summation over $j=1$ to 6 .

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- *The origin of confinement*
- *The proton spin puzzle*
- *Certain bound states are unexpectedly observed / not observed*
- *Basic behaviors of de-confined QCD matter*
- *...*

“The strongest and least understood of the fundamental forces”

Outline

1. *Introduction:* The quark-gluon plasma
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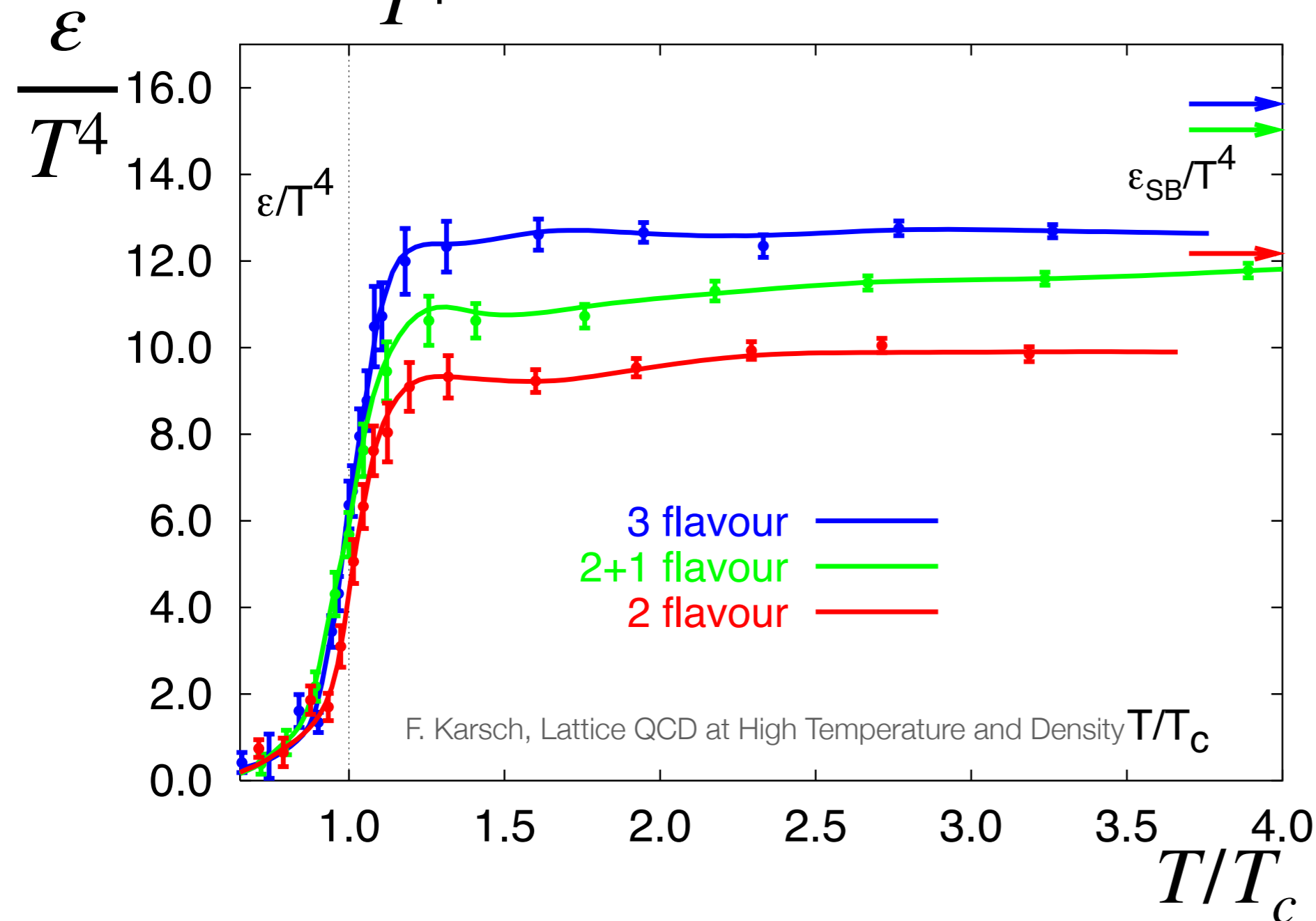
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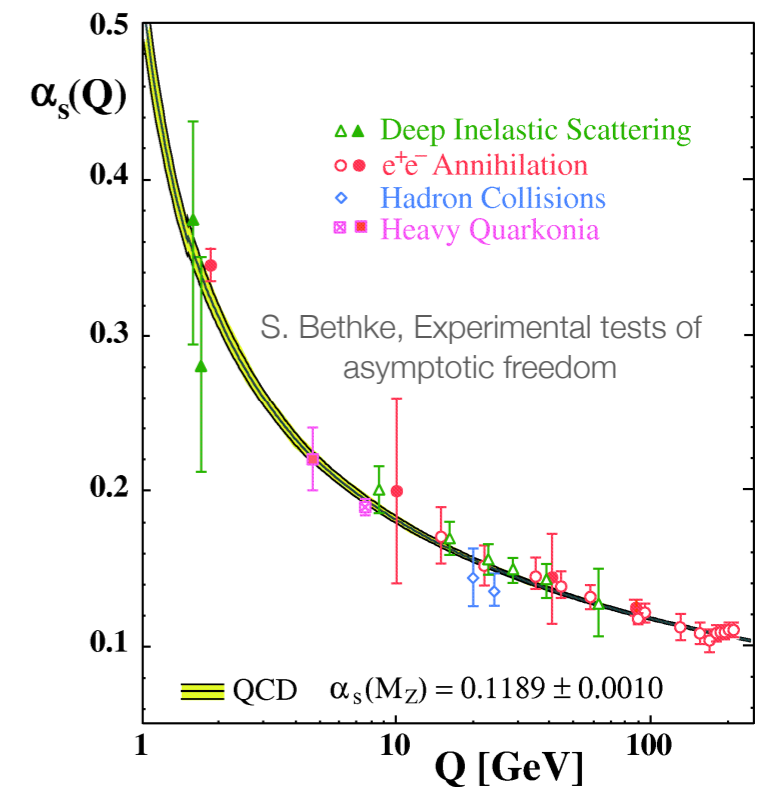
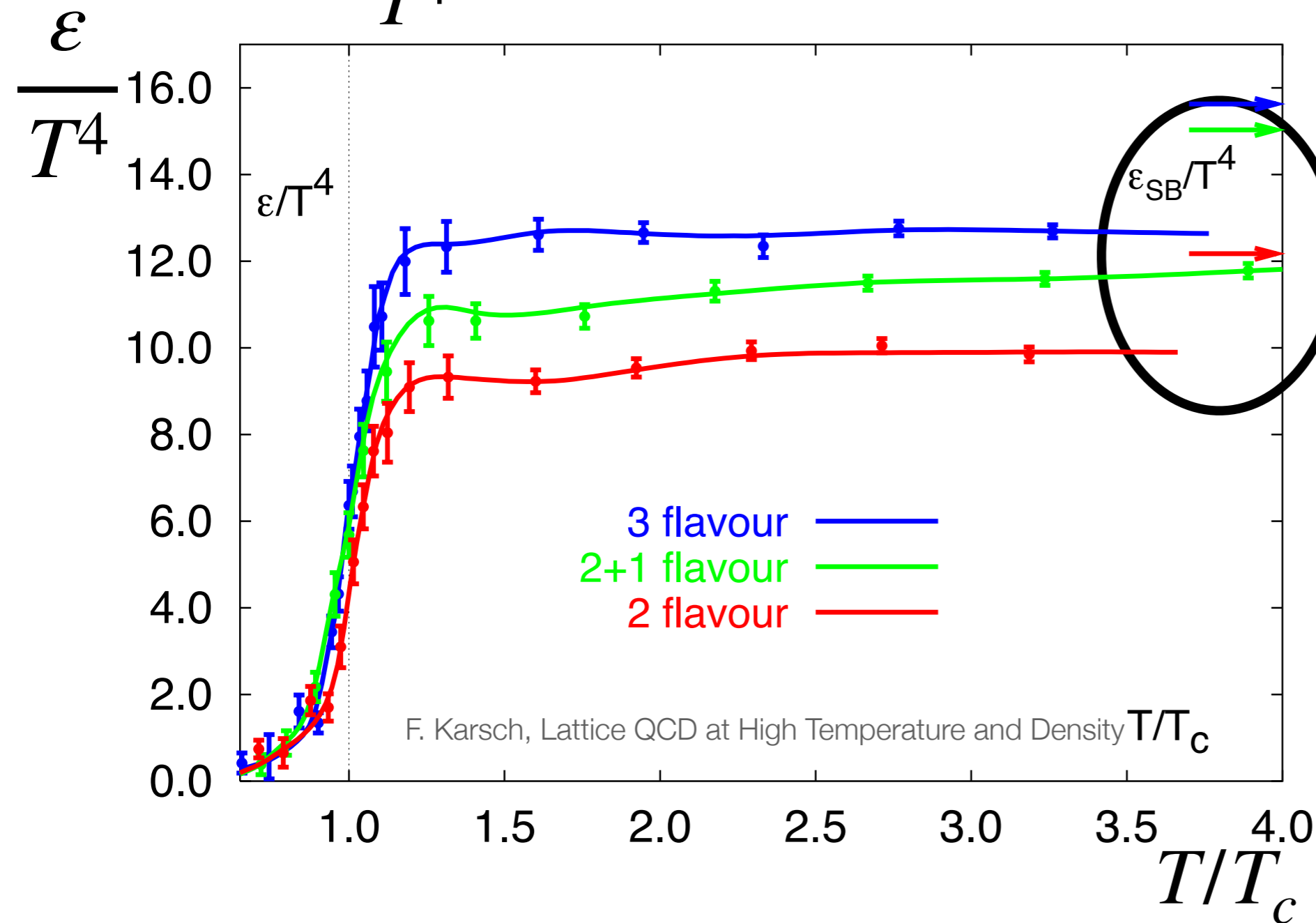
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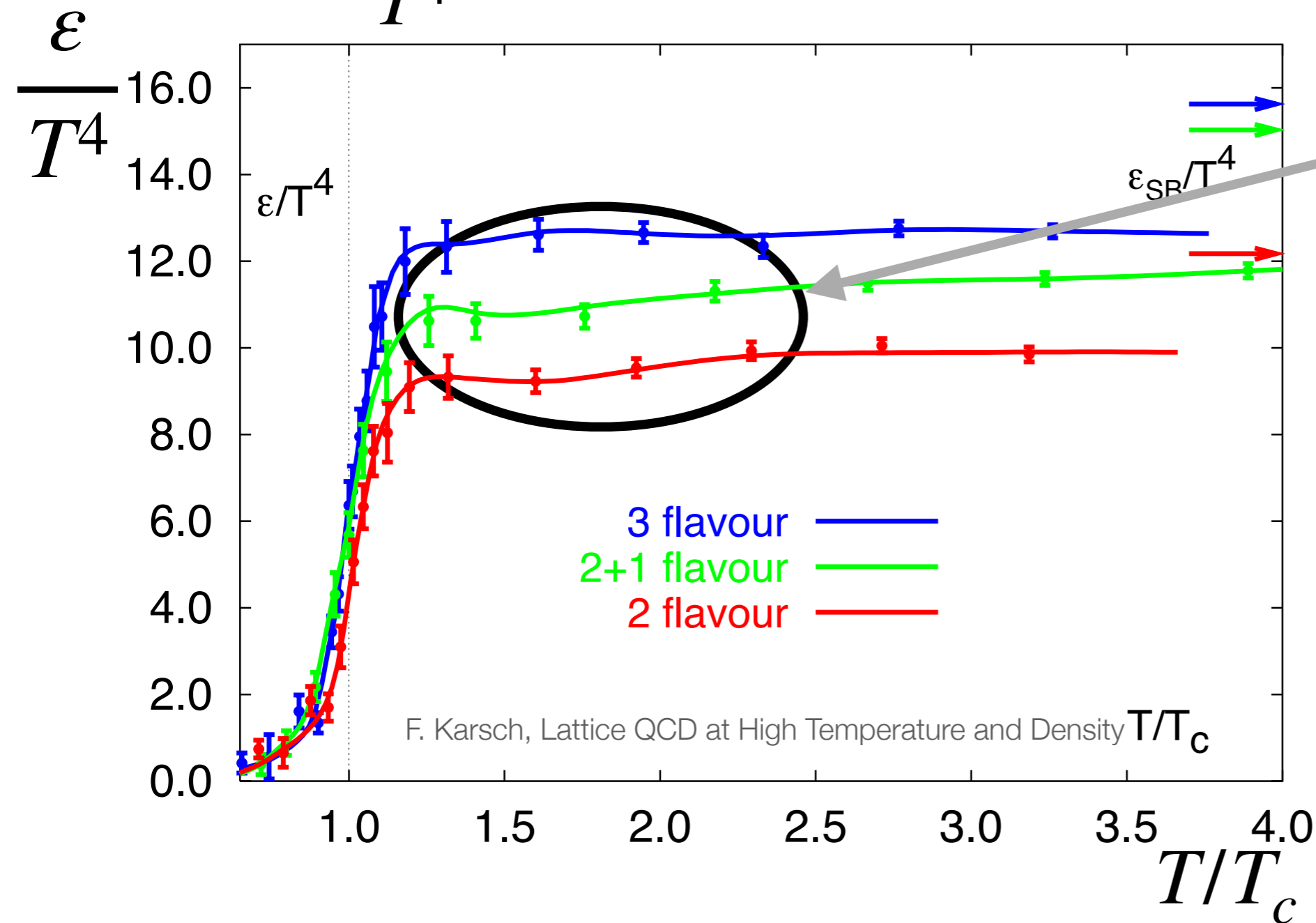
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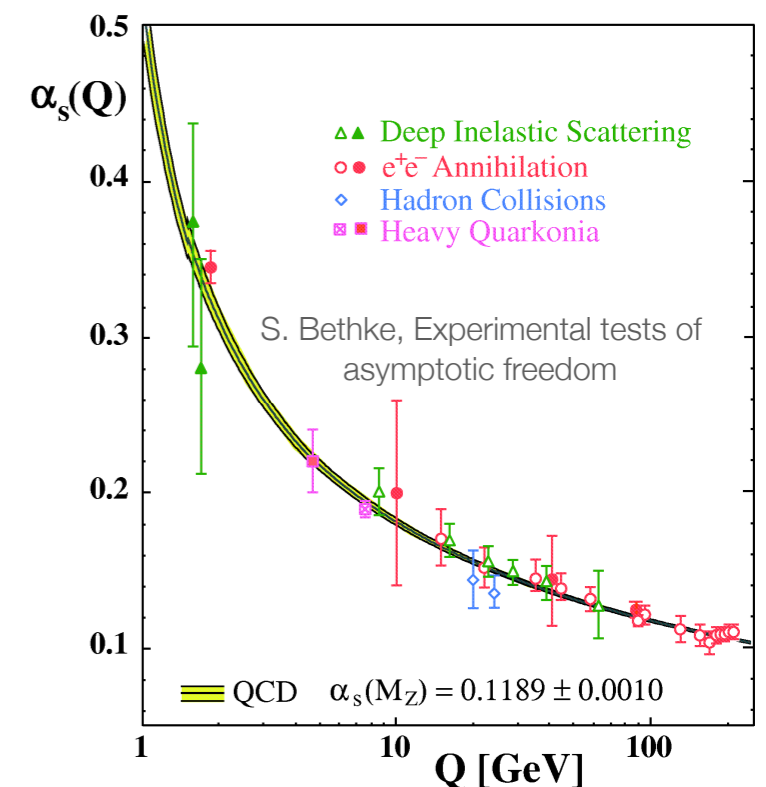
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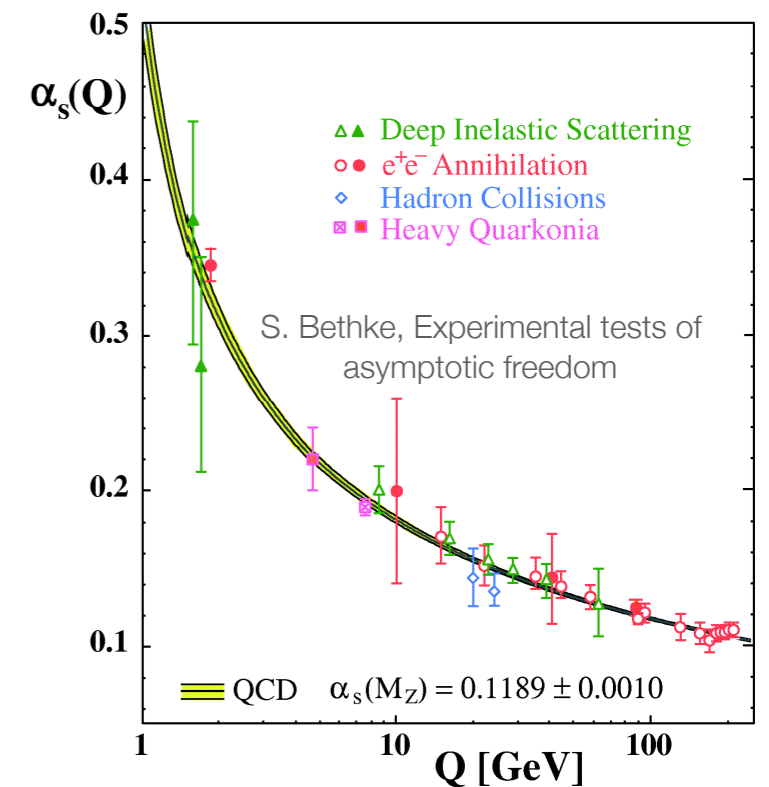
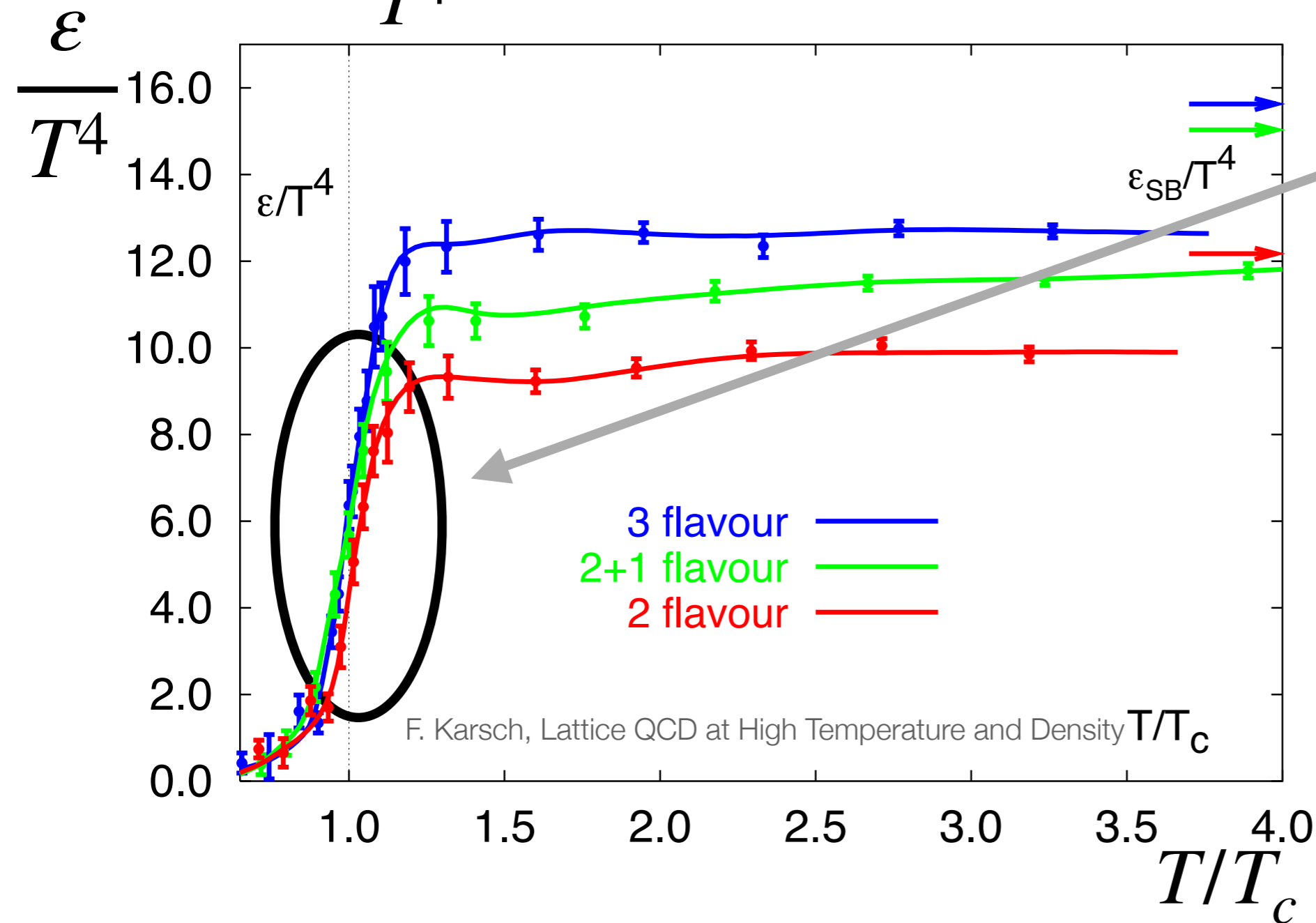
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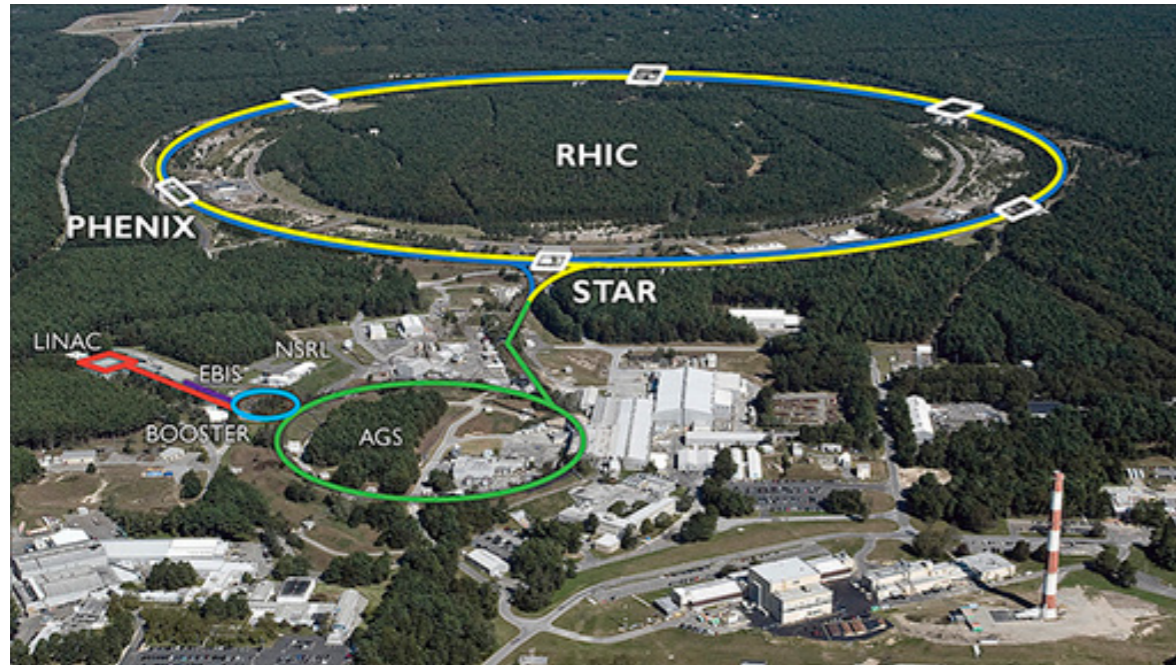
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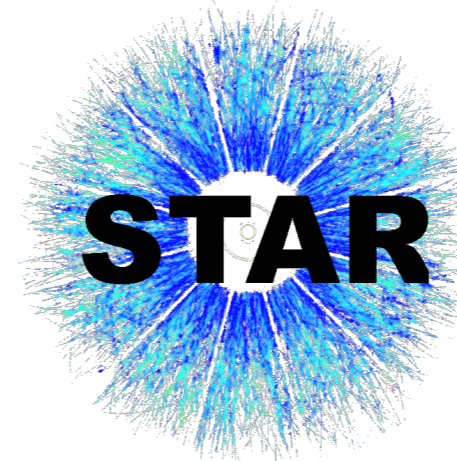
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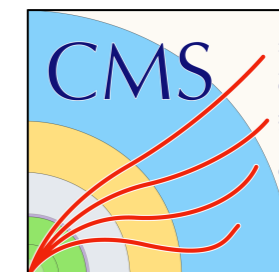
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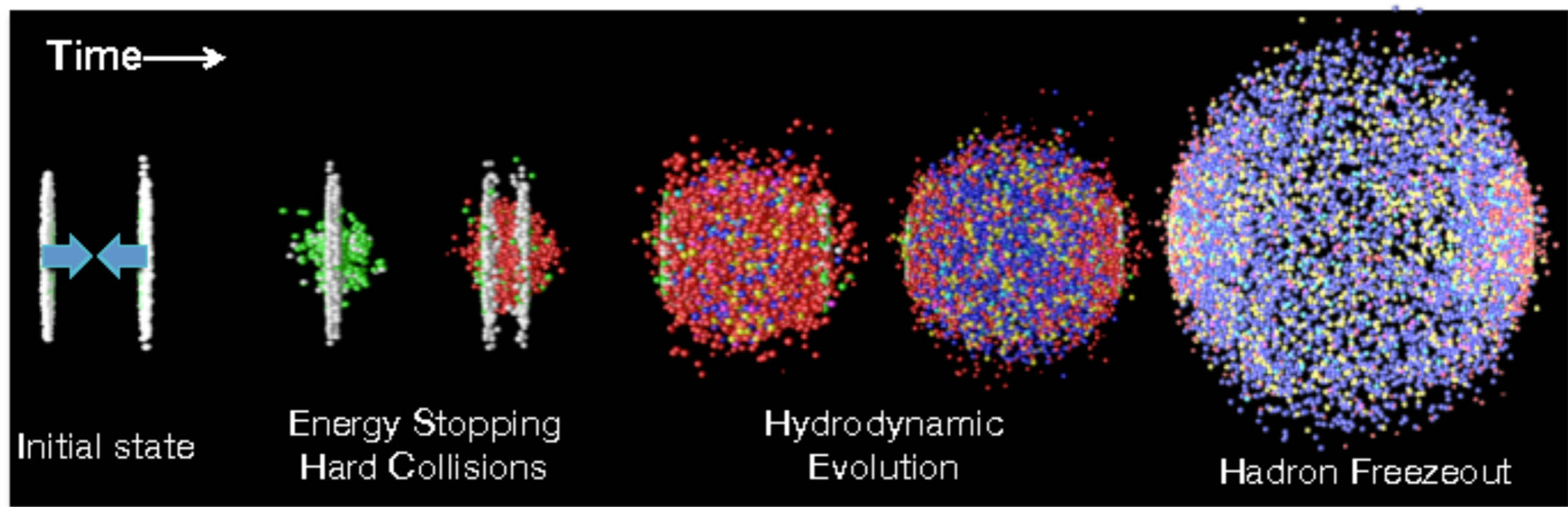


Large Hadron Collider CERN



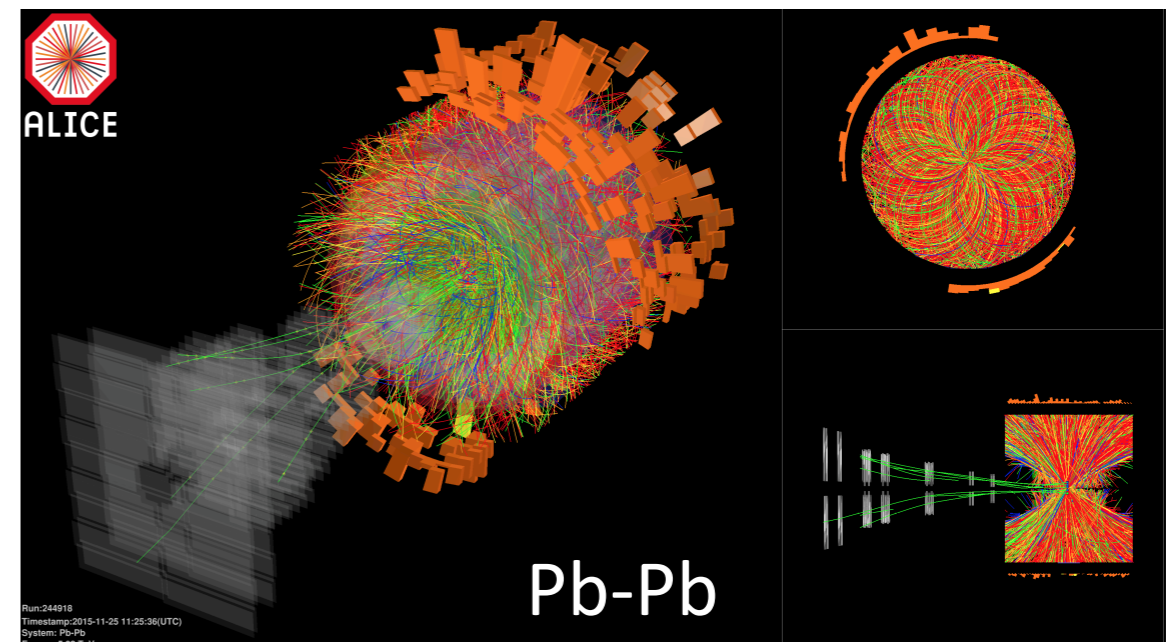
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Heavy-ion collisions create maximal energy density, and therefore allow us to create quark-gluon plasma experimentally

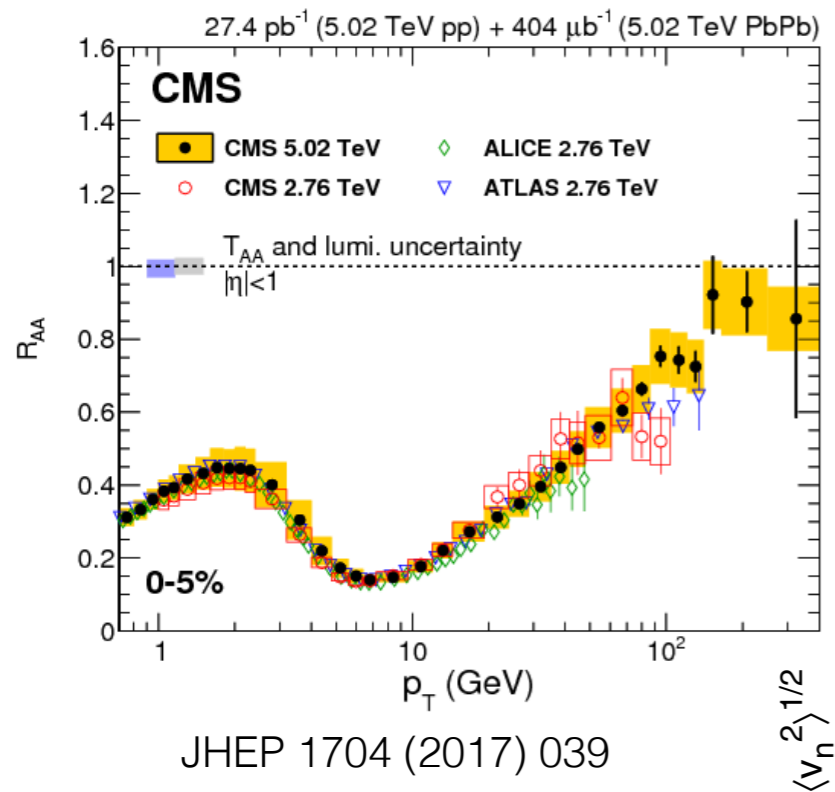
- The hottest matter created ($T \sim 500$ MeV)
- The most dense matter created ($\epsilon \sim 1-10 \epsilon_{\text{hadron}}$)



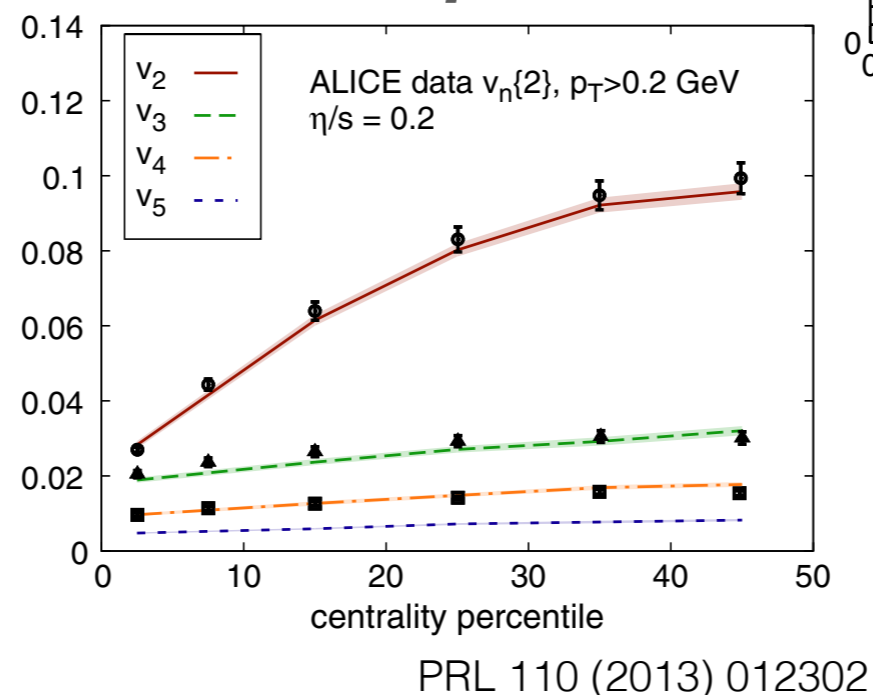
Signatures of the quark-gluon plasma

A variety of experimental signatures confirm that deconfined QCD matter is created in heavy-ion collisions

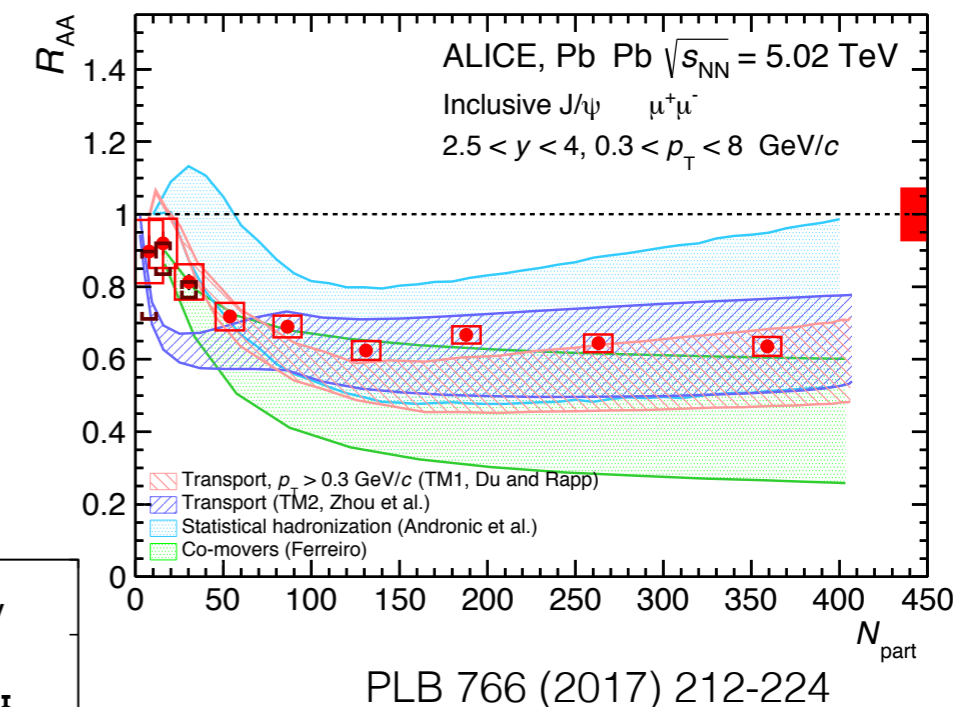
Suppression of high- p_T hadrons



Anisotropic flow



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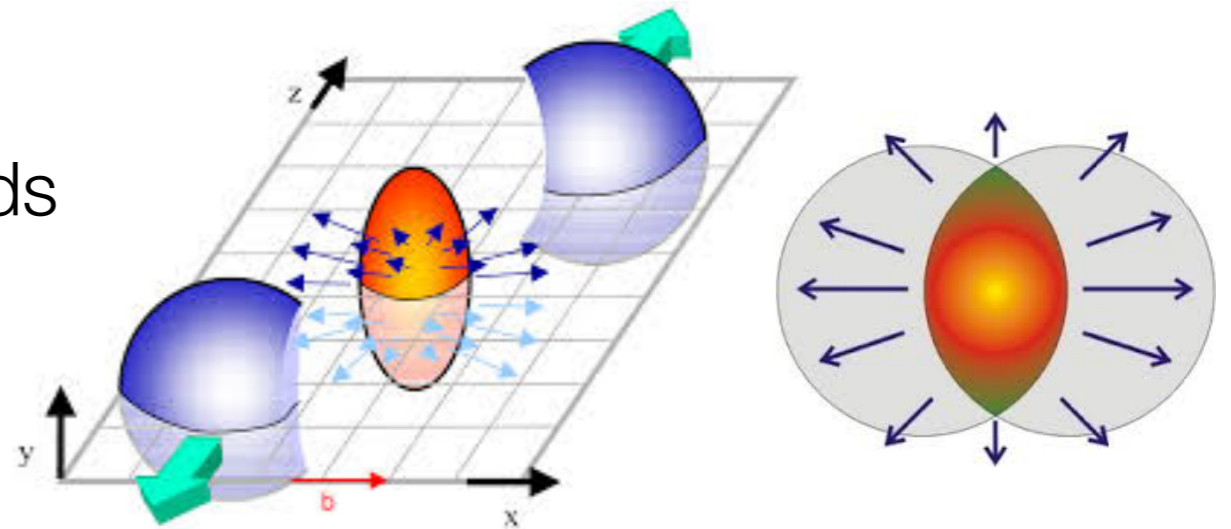
And more...

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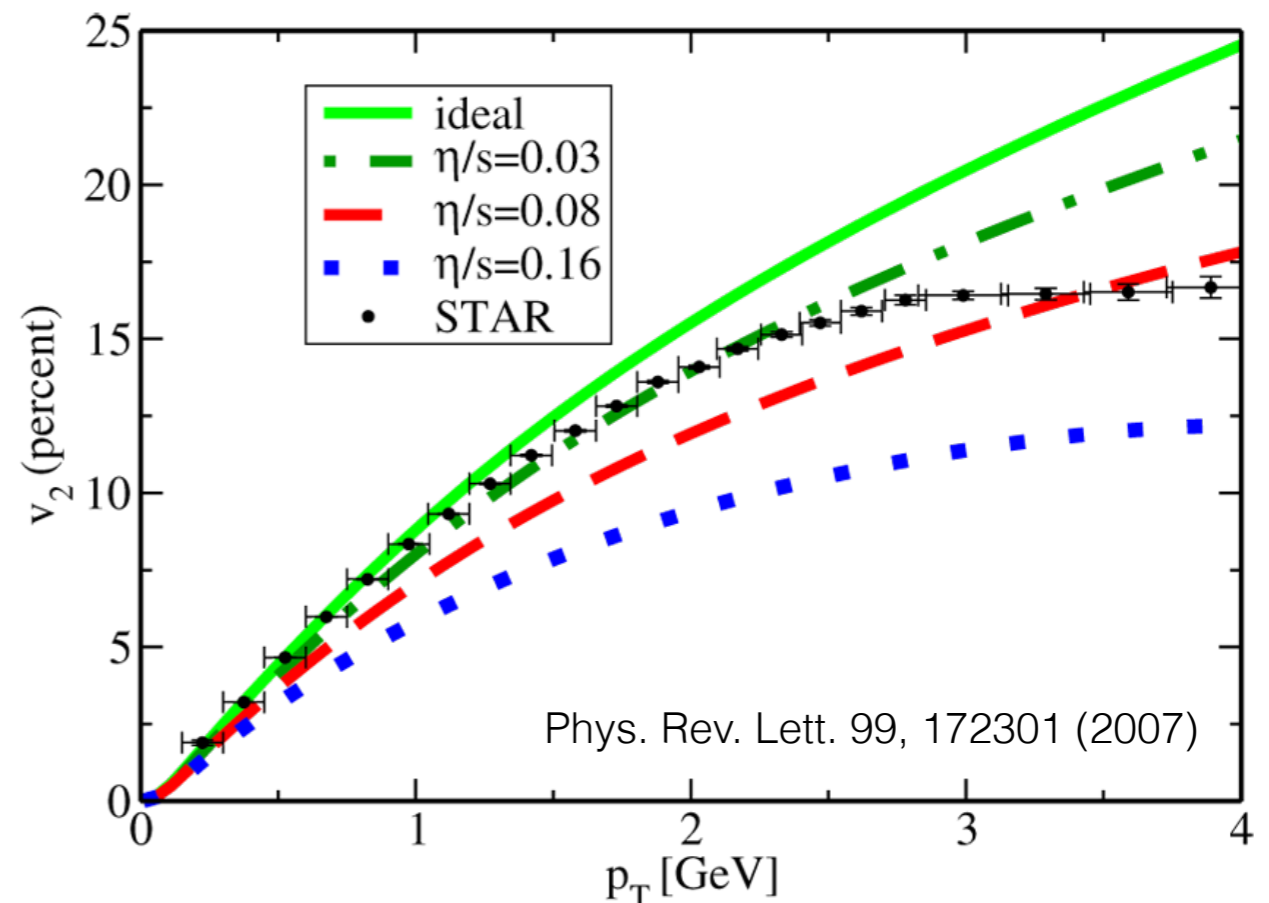
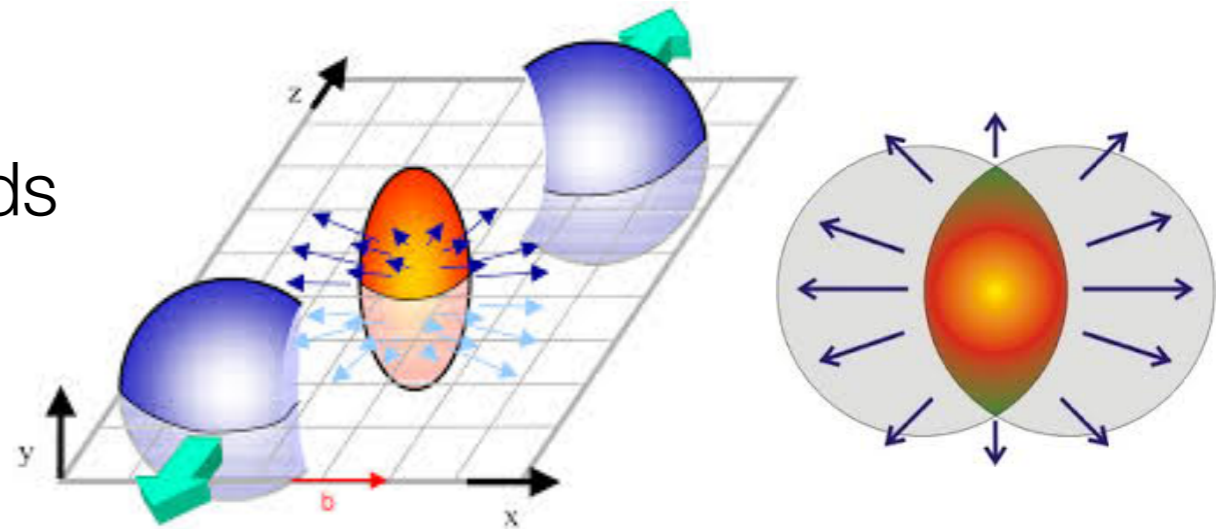
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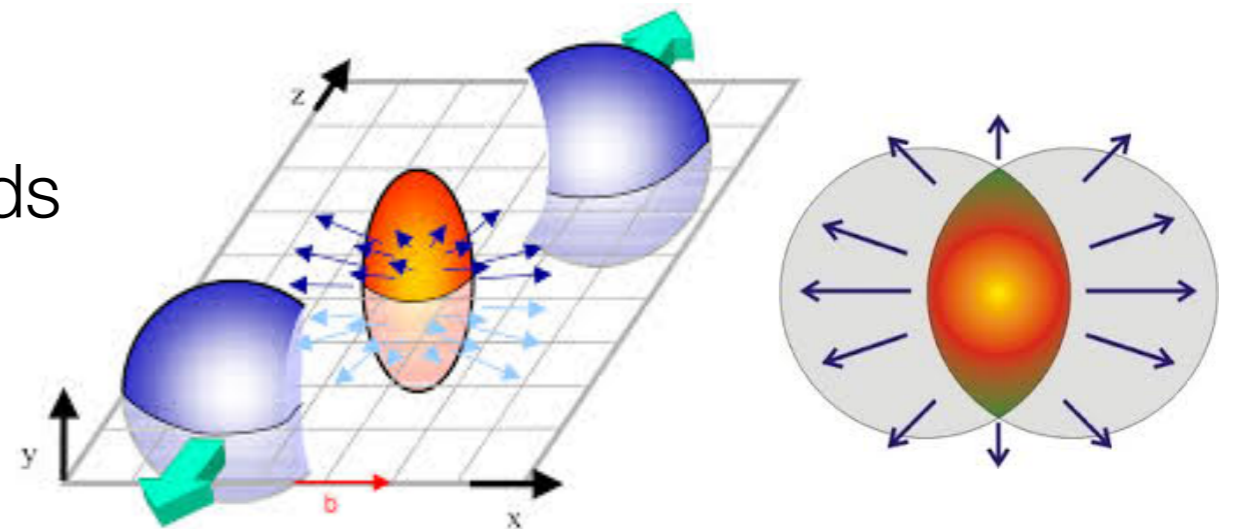


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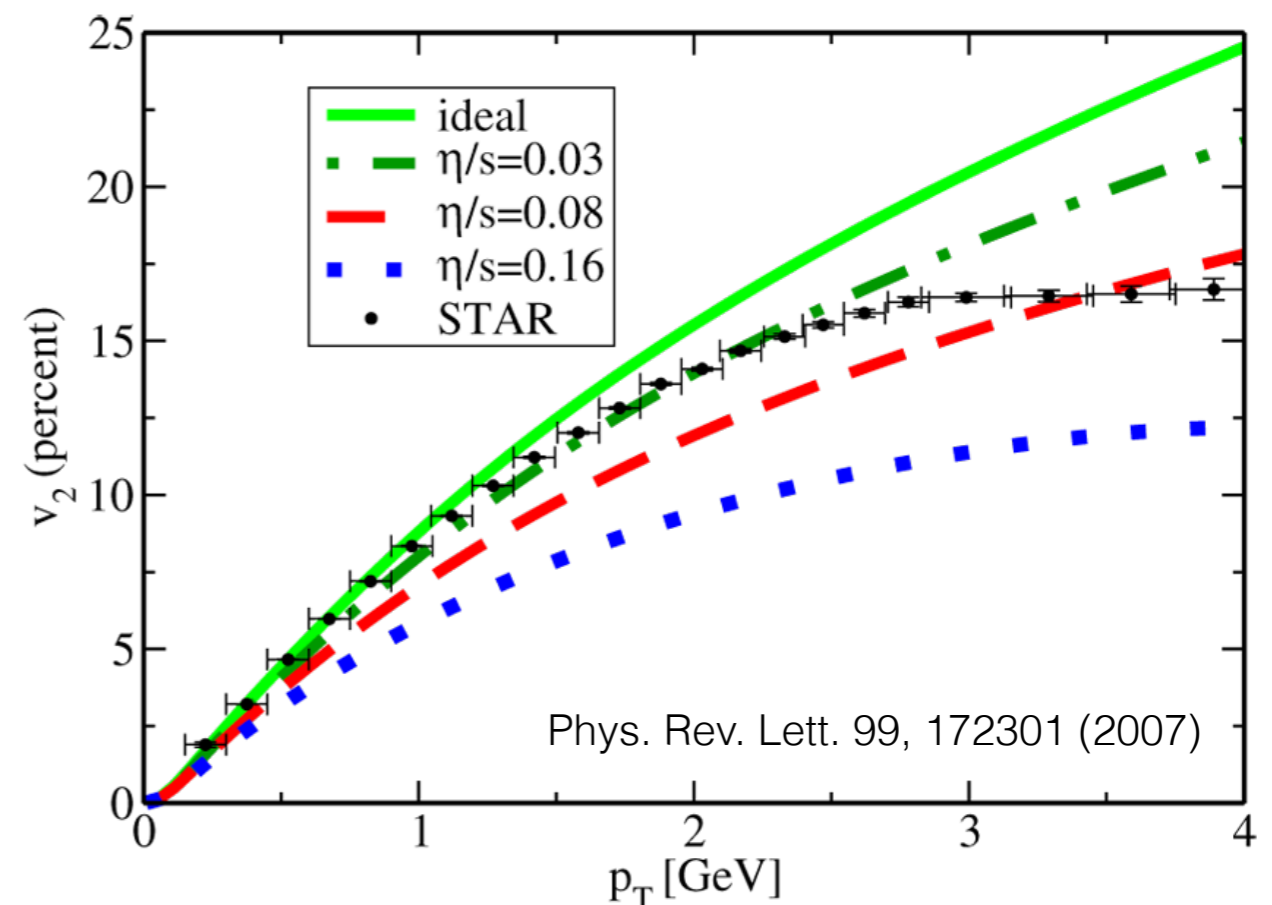


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➔ **“The perfect fluid”**

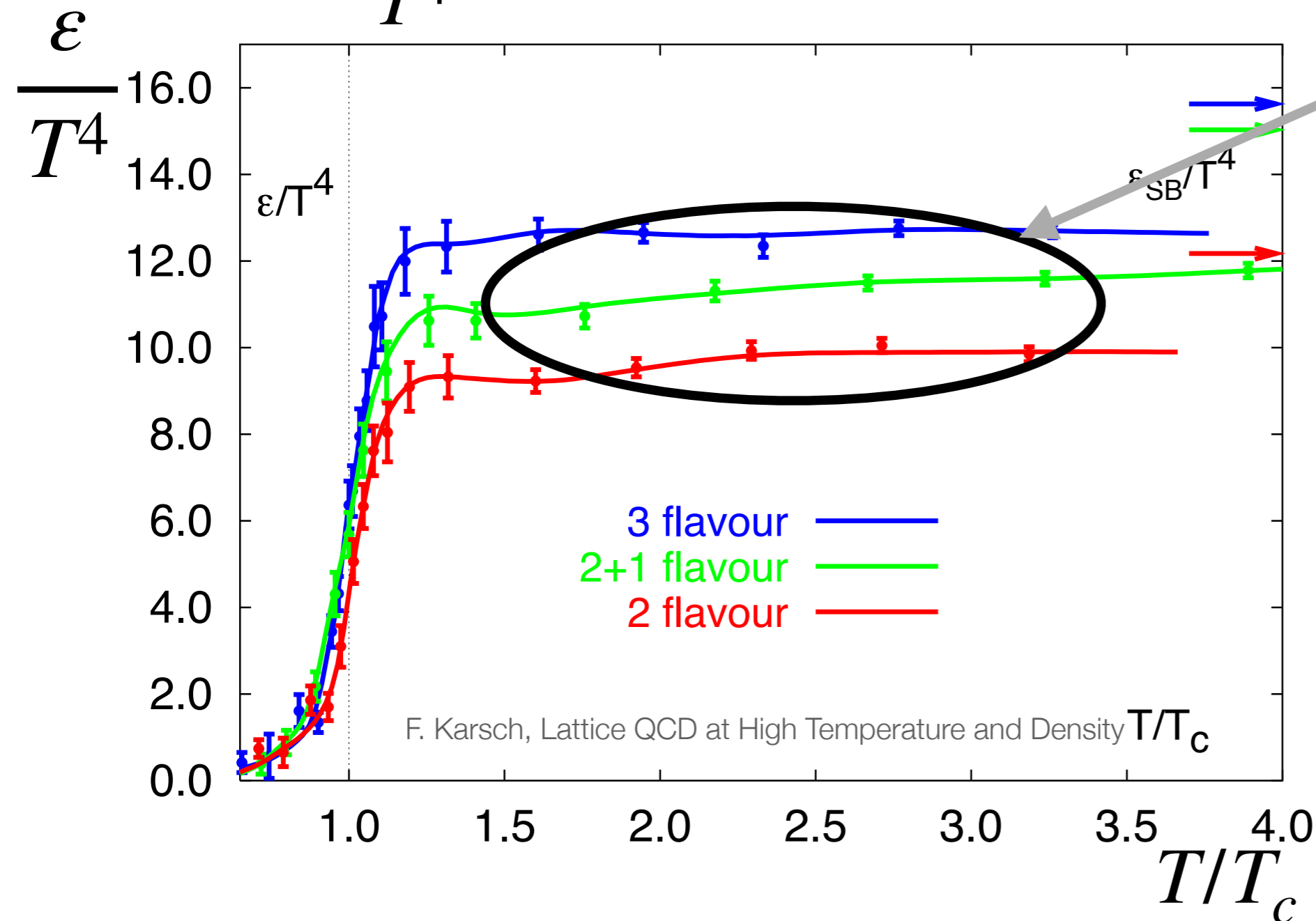
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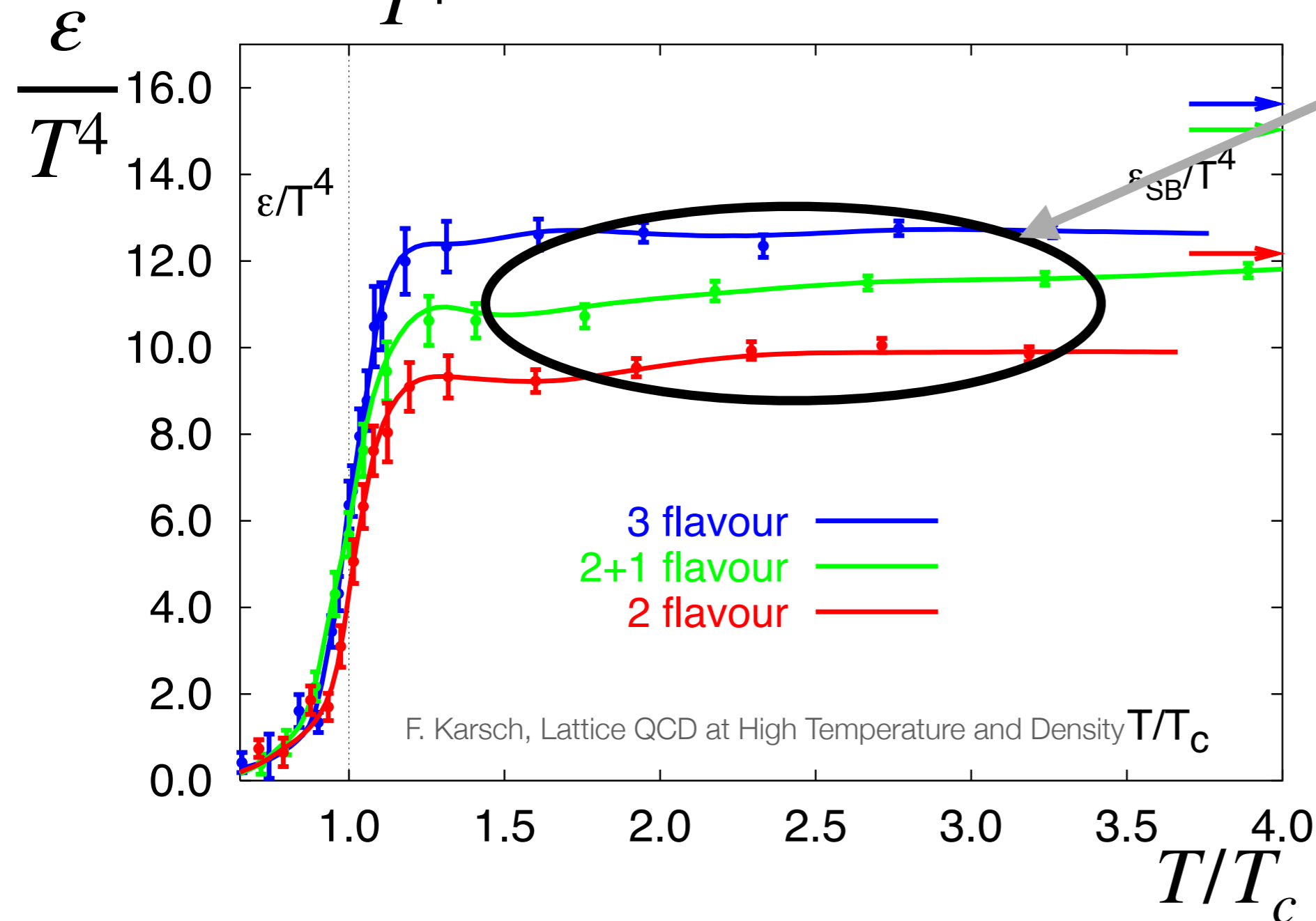
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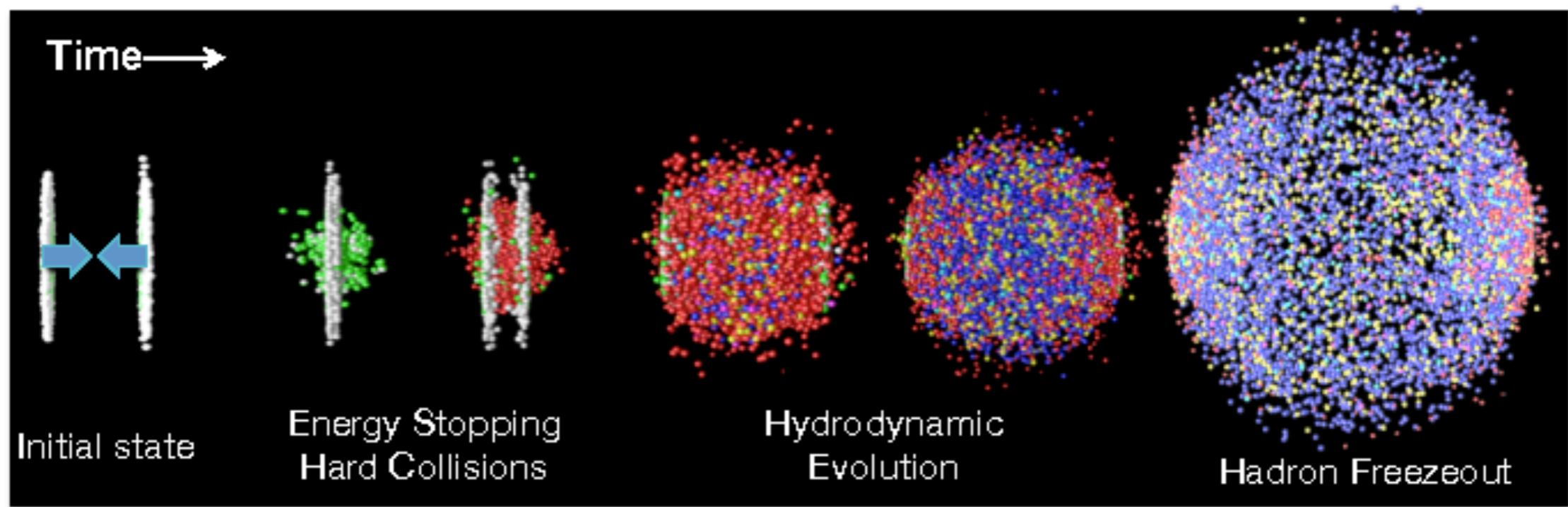
How does this strongly-coupled fluid emerge?

Does deconfined QCD have quasi-particle structure?

How does confinement emerge?

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Ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions



Heavy-ion collisions provide a rich laboratory for physics

Hadronization and confinement

Relativistic fluid properties

The AdS/CFT correspondence

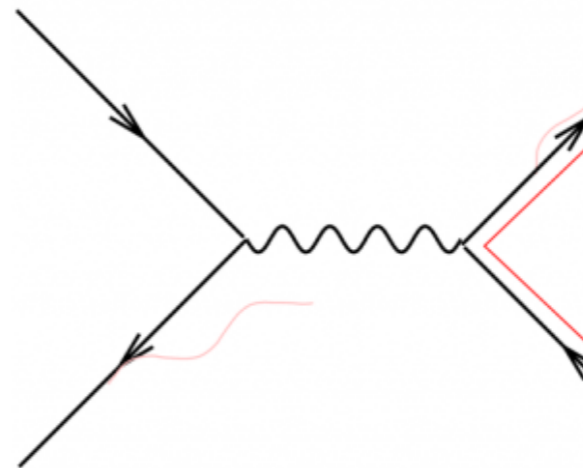
Chiral symmetry restoration

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Unforeseen physics that we may learn in such a rich system

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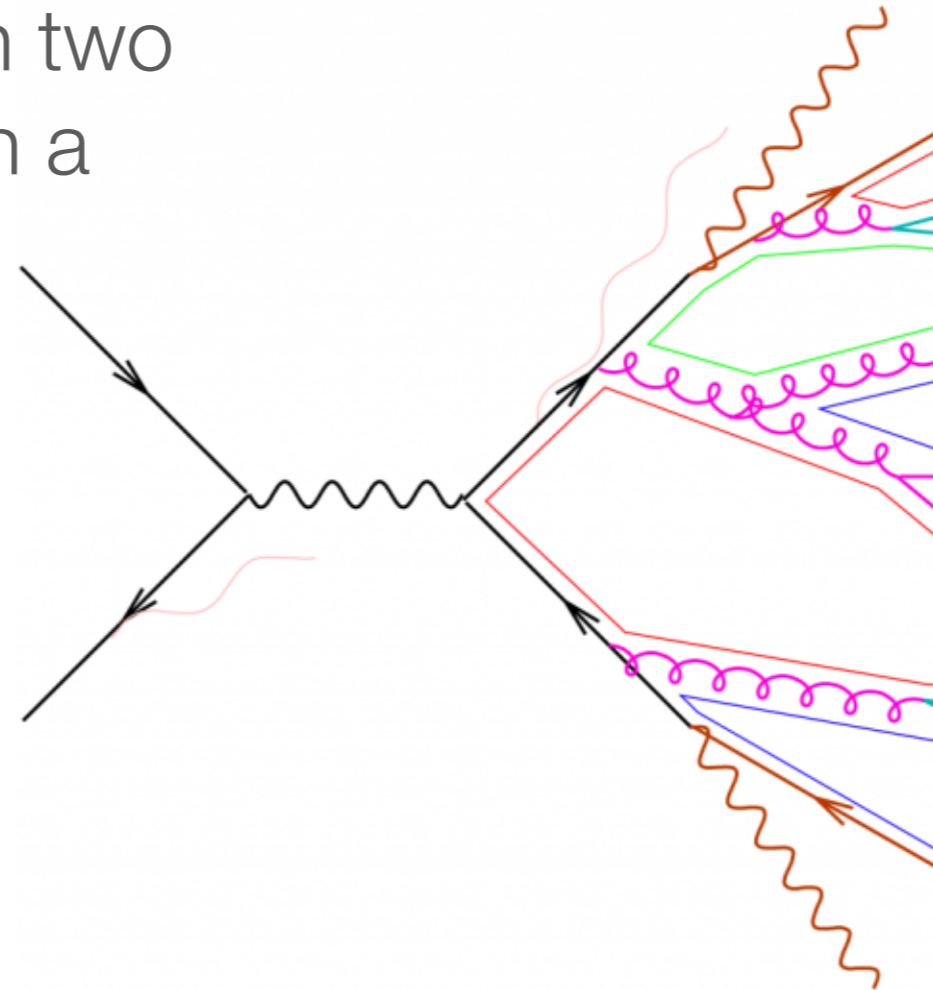
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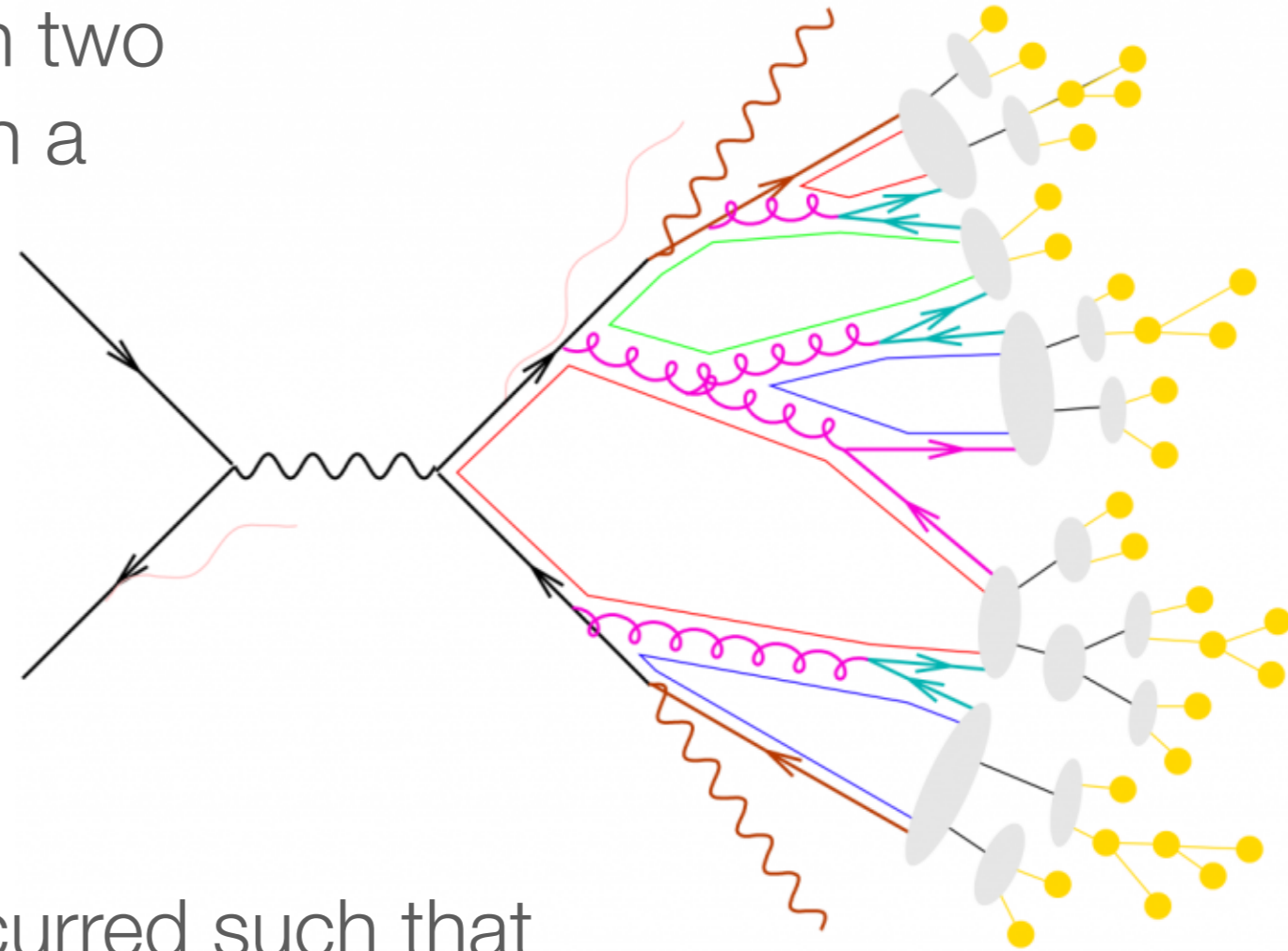


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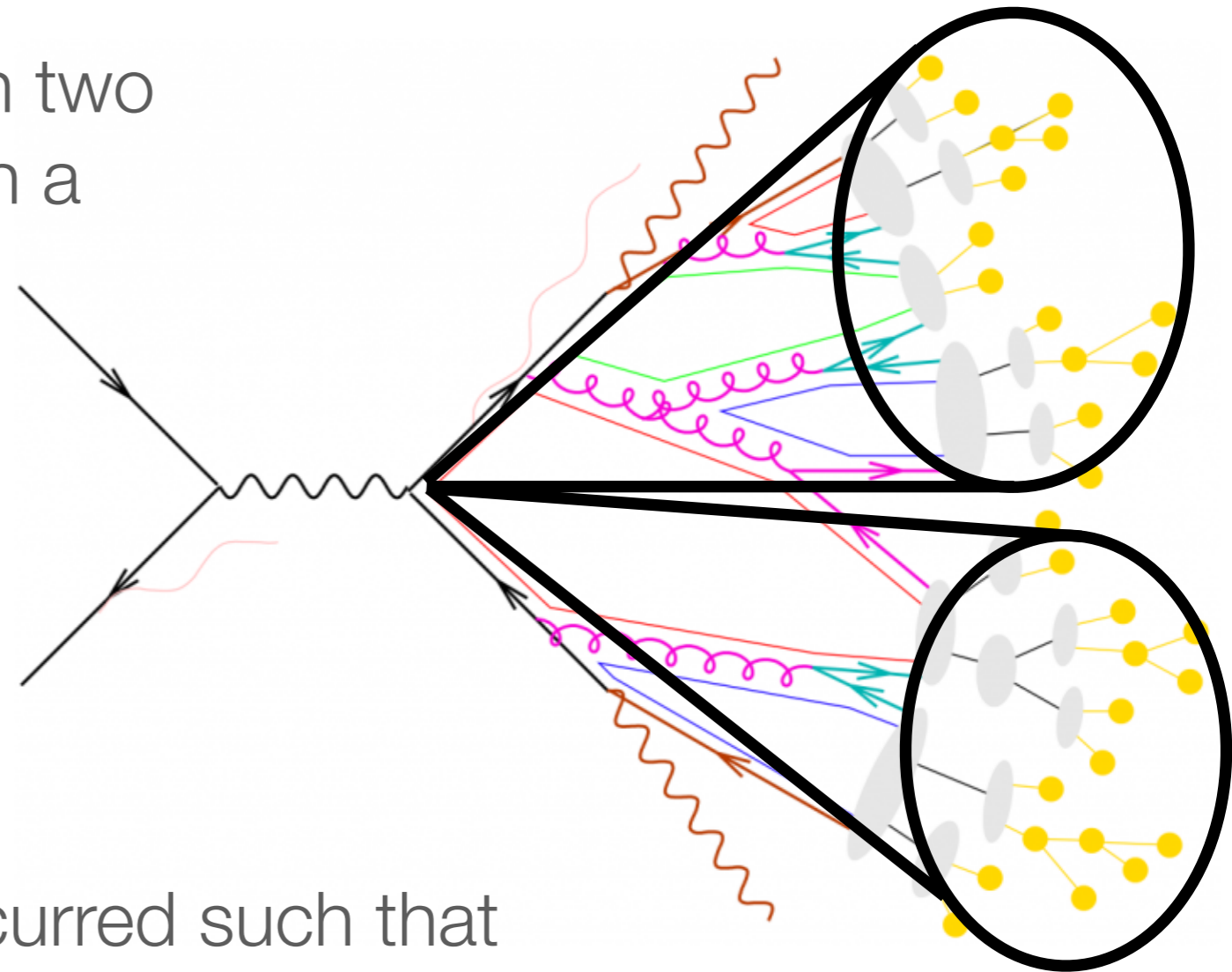
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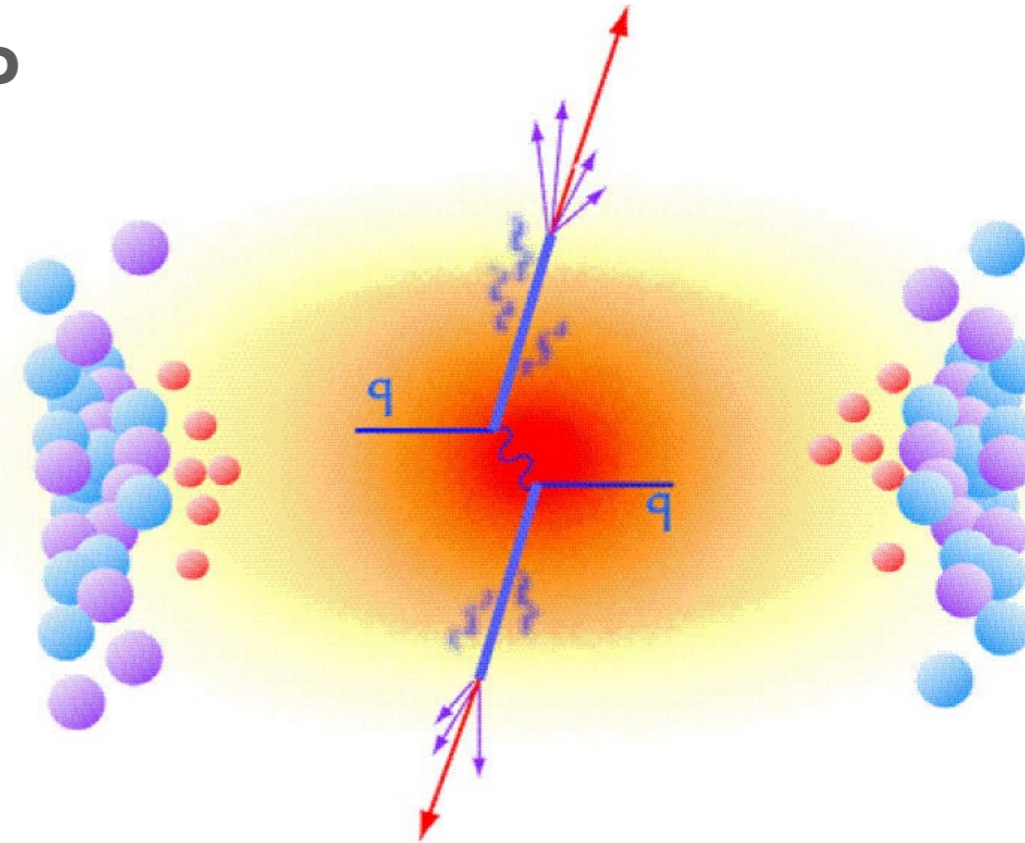
Jets in heavy-ion physics

Jets are produced early in the heavy-ion collision, and propagate through the QGP

Jet production is calculable in pQCD

Jets are sensitive to a wide range of scales

Jets allow a rich set of observables to be constructed

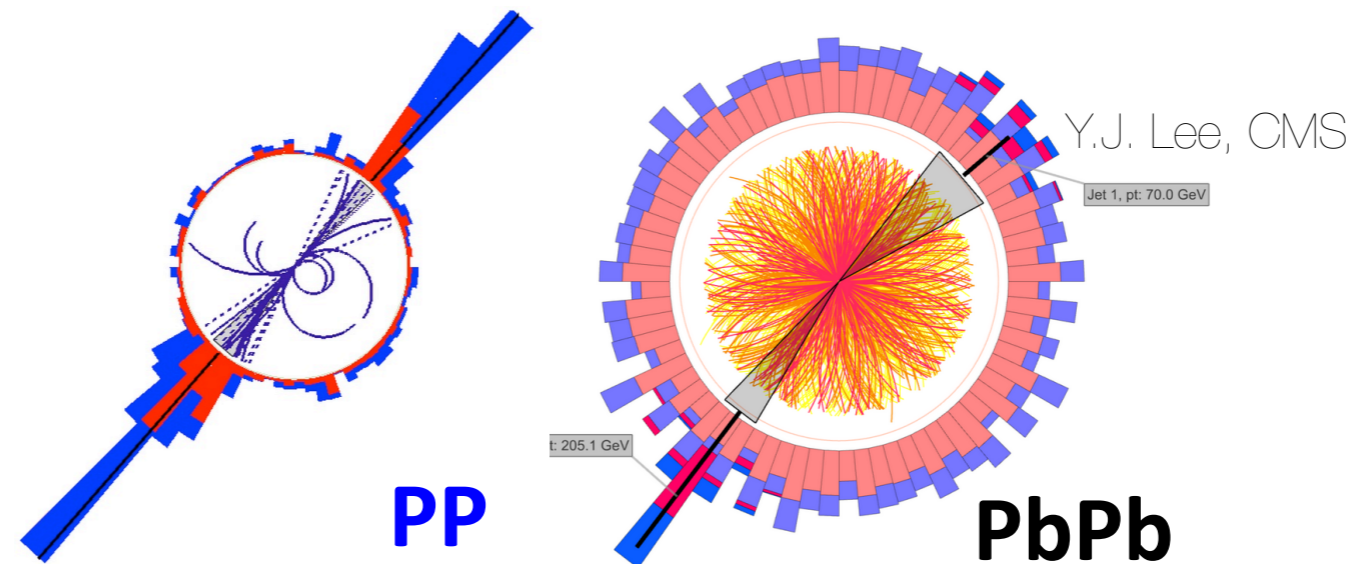


Use jets to study the quark-gluon plasma

- The past: Jet suppression as proof of the QGP
- The goal: Learn about the structure of the hot QCD medium by understanding how jets interact with it

Jets in heavy-ion physics

The basic idea is simple: Compare jet observables in heavy-ion collisions to those in proton-proton collisions



In practice:

- *Which observables?*
- *How to disentangle background?*
- *How to address multi-stage and multi-scale evolution?*
- *How to compare experiment to theory?*
- ...

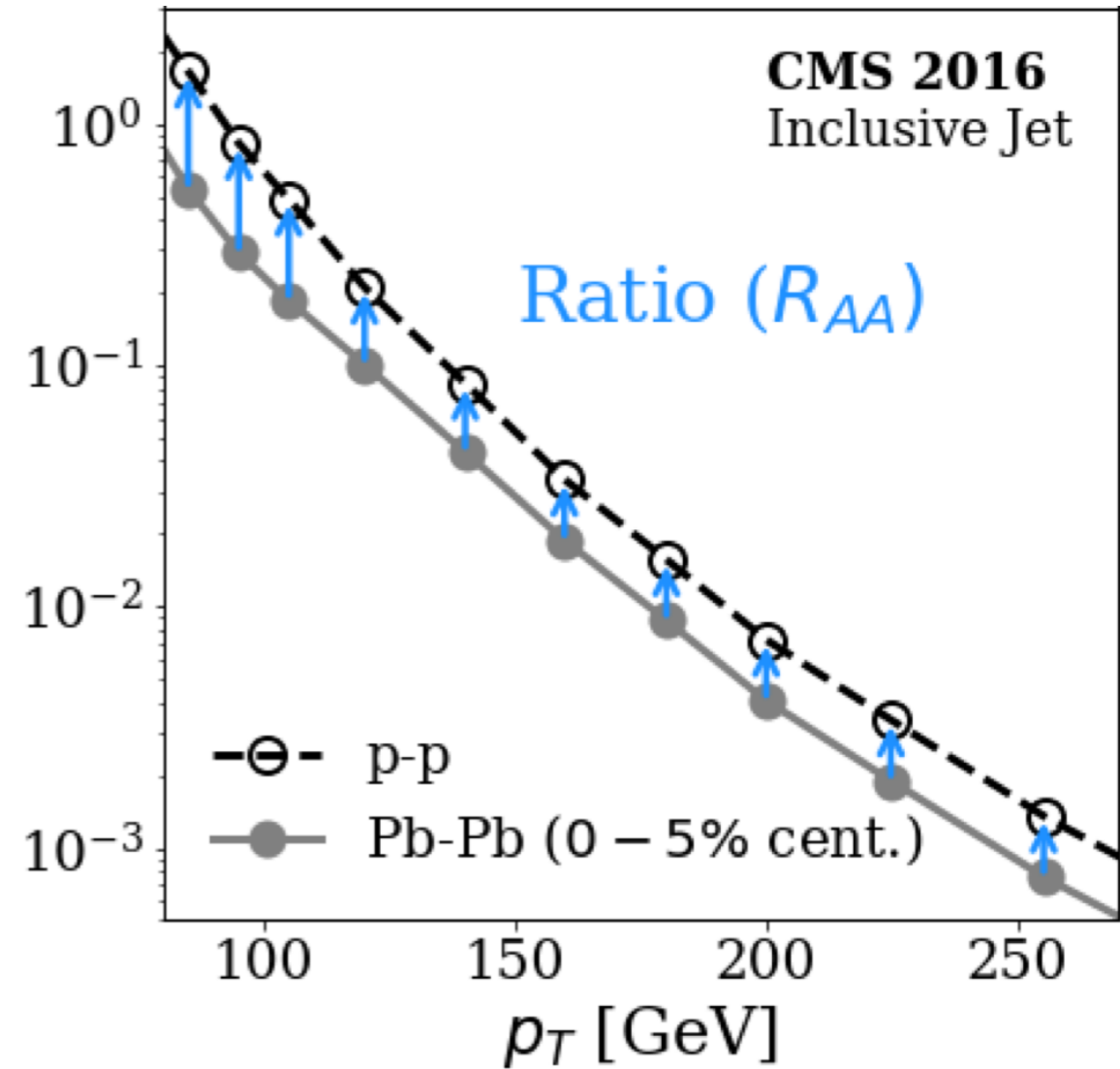
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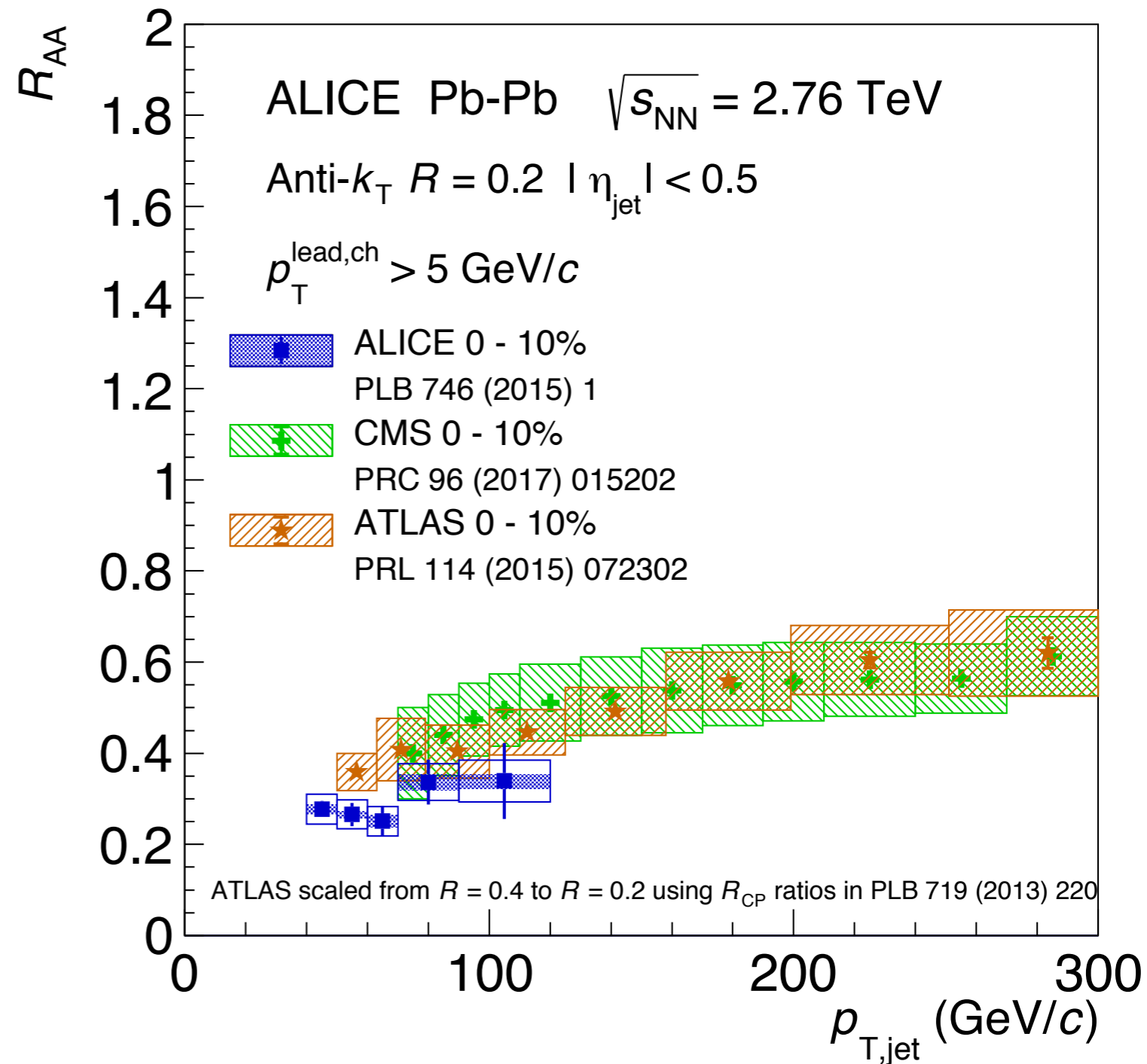
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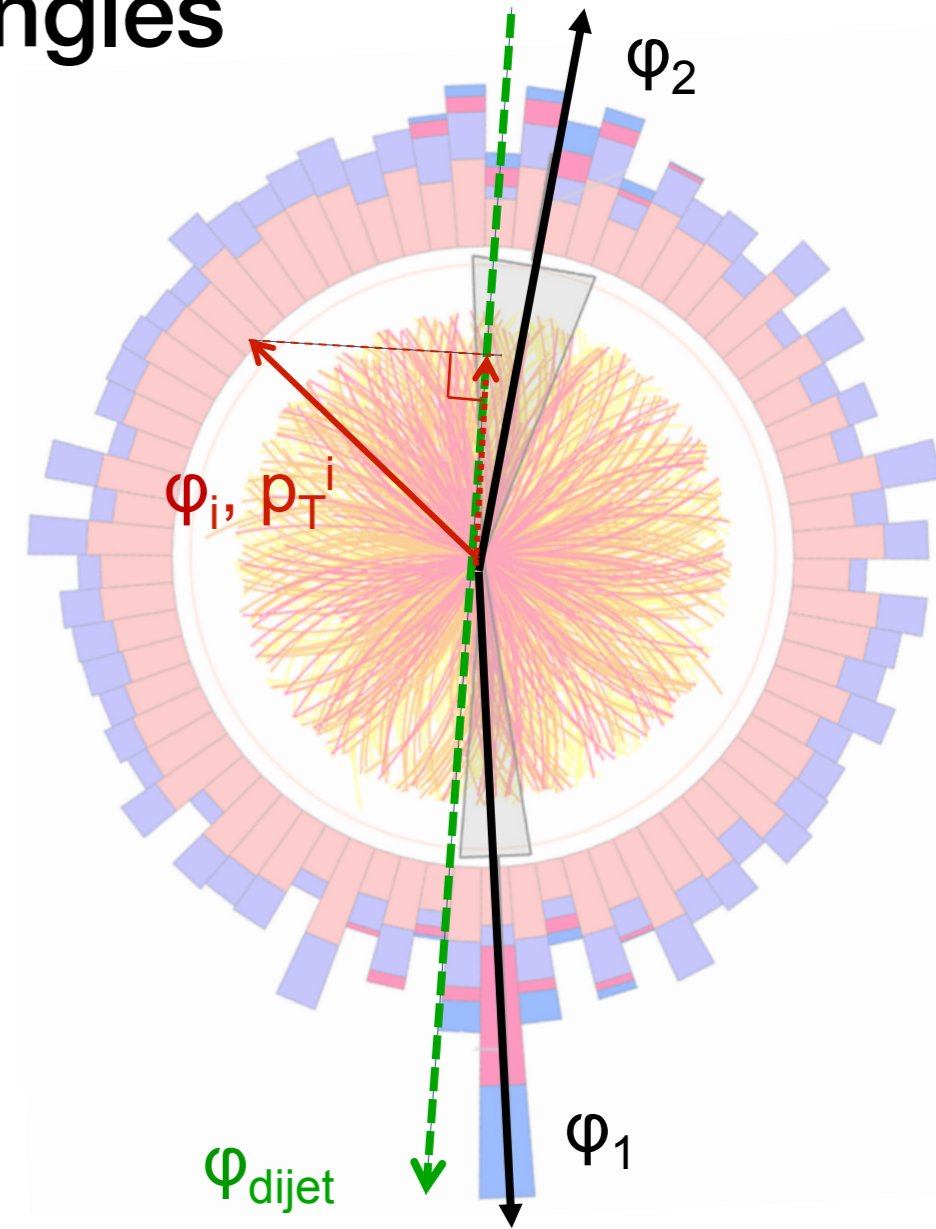


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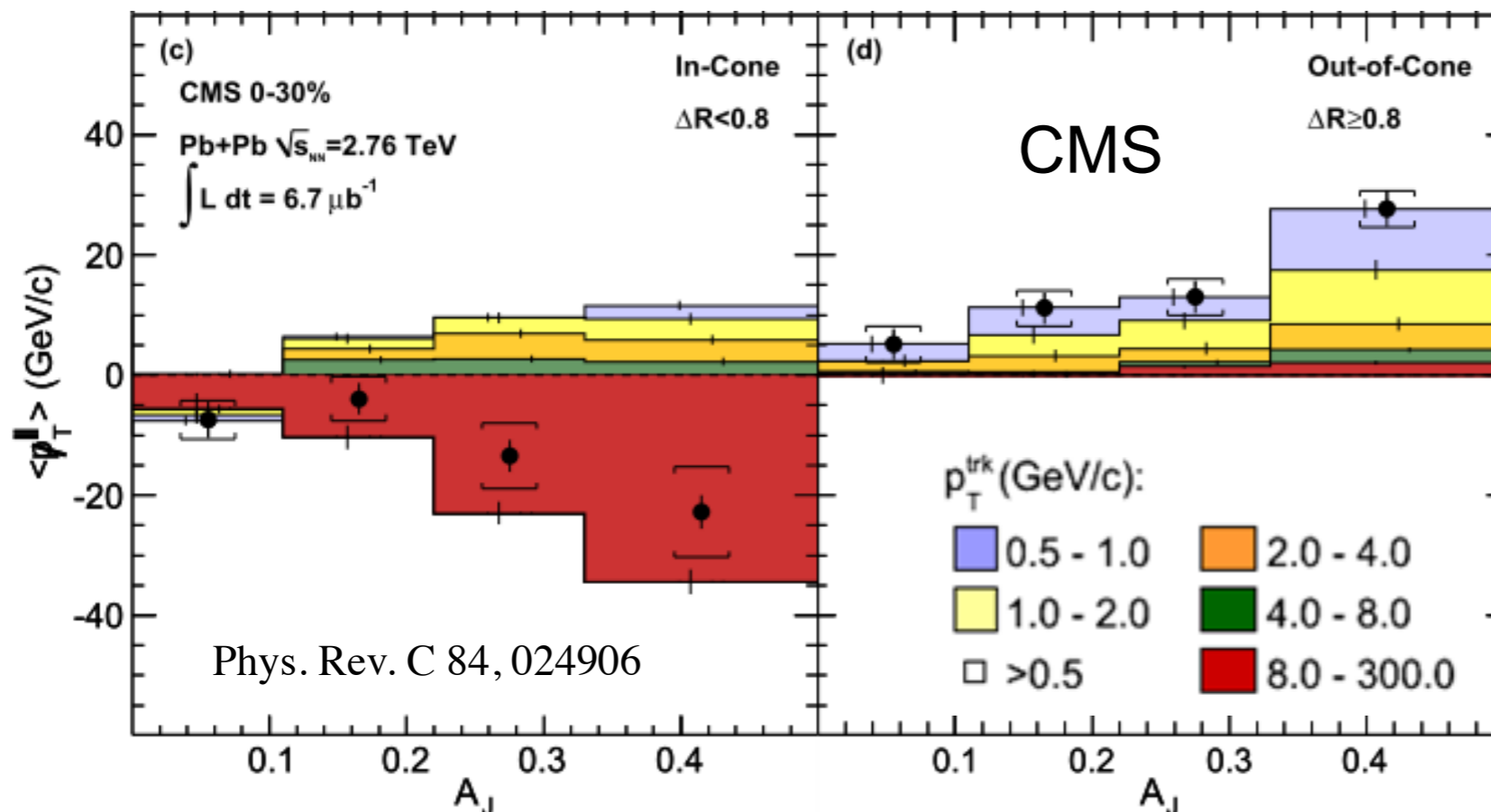
2. Soft energy is distributed to large angles

Di-jets with large p_T imbalance have an excess of soft particles at large angle

The origin of this effect remains debated



$$A_J = \frac{p_{T,1} - p_{T,2}}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$



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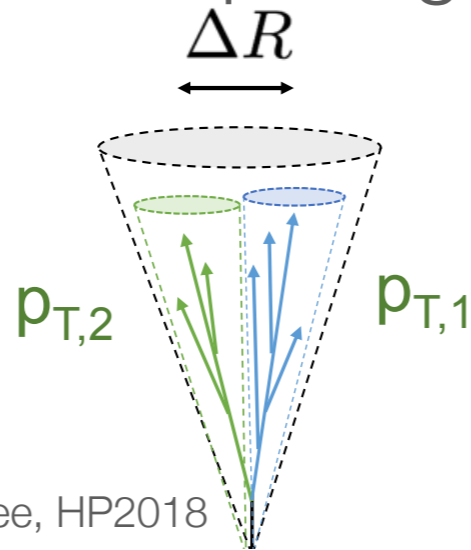
3. The fragmentation pattern of a jet impacts modification

A. Jets with wide-angle hard splittings lose more energy than jets with collinear hard splittings

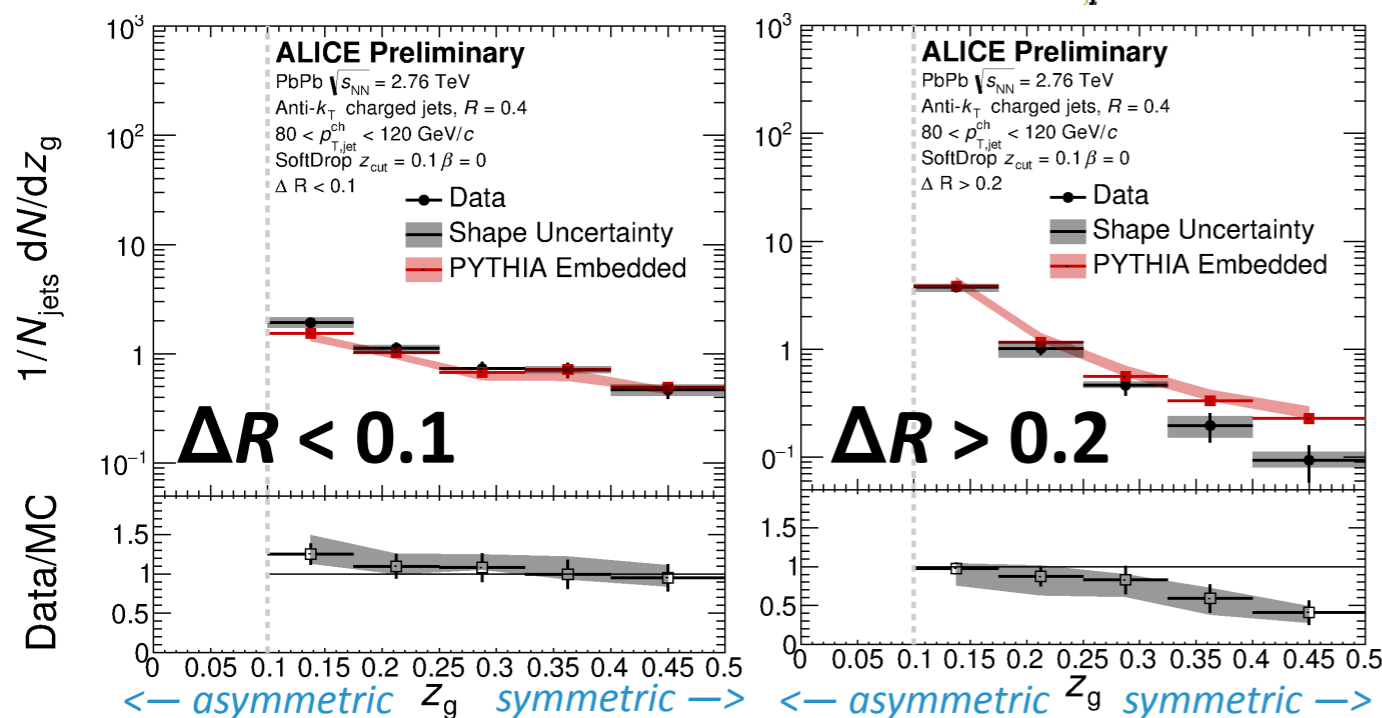
B. Gluon-like jets lose more energy than quark-like jets

Re-cluster a jet into two sub-jets, and examine their momentum share

$$z = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

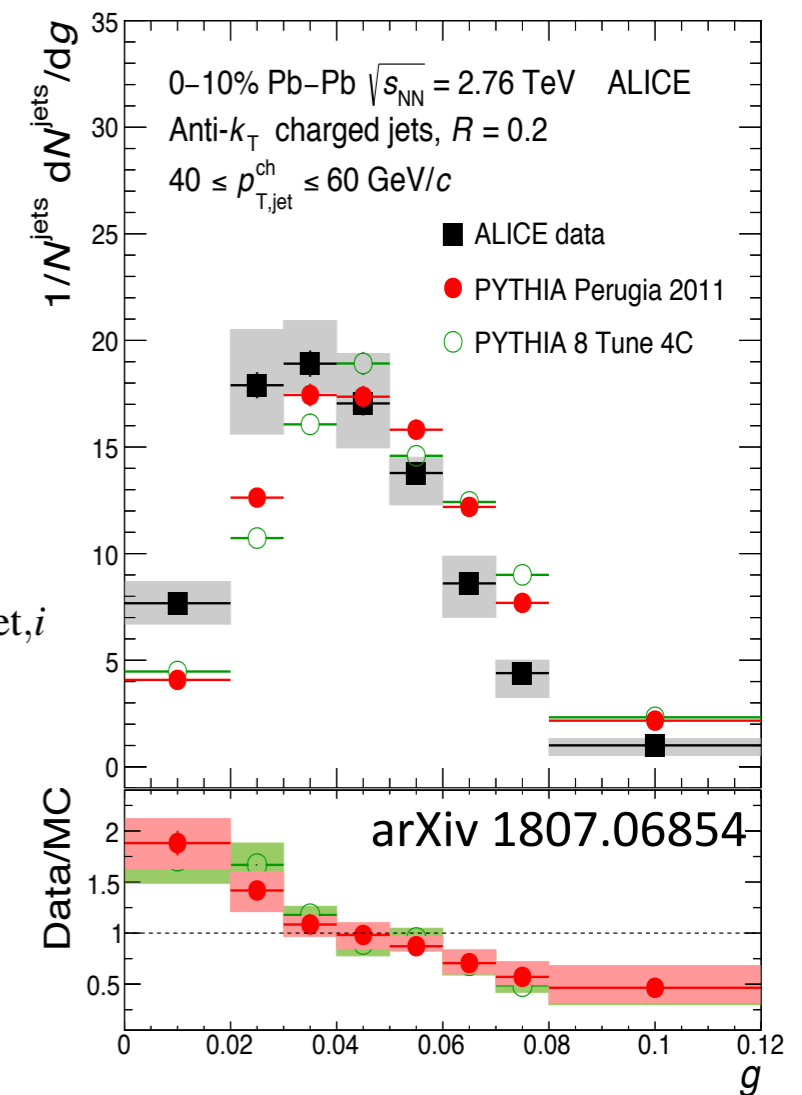


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Radial moment

$$g = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} \frac{p_{T,i}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}} \Delta R_{\text{jet},i}$$



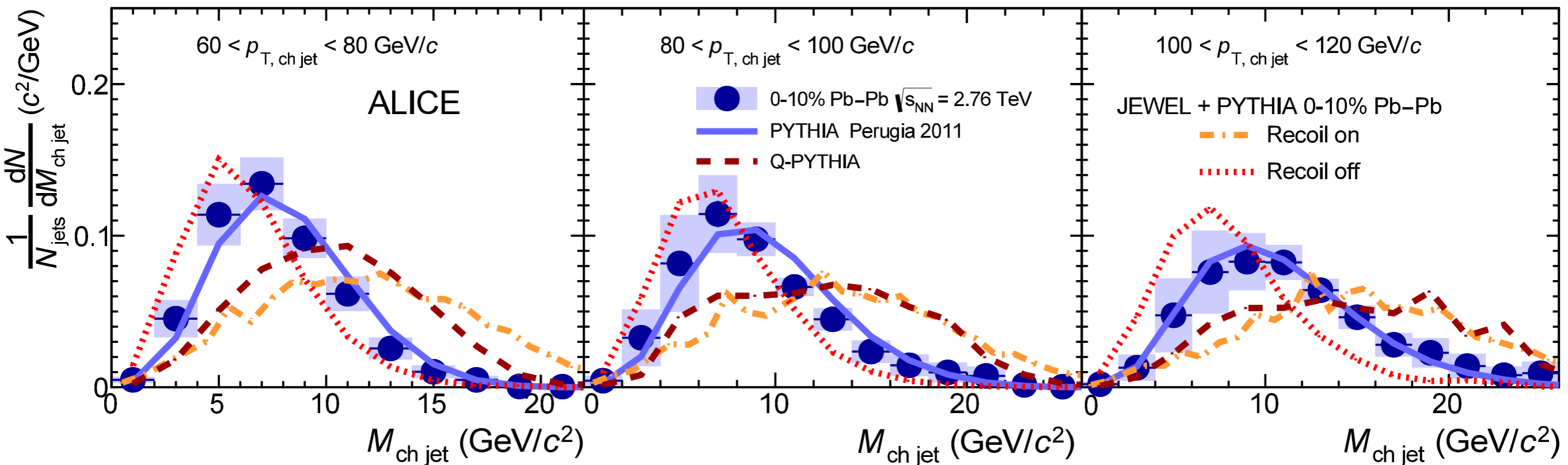
The **jet core** becomes **more collimated and harder-fragmenting**

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4. Medium recoil is important to understand

As a jet propagates through the medium, it induces medium particles to flow in the direction of the jet

The **jet mass** in Pb-Pb for $R = 0.4$ measured by ALICE may be highly sensitive to medium recoil



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Measuring jets in ALICE



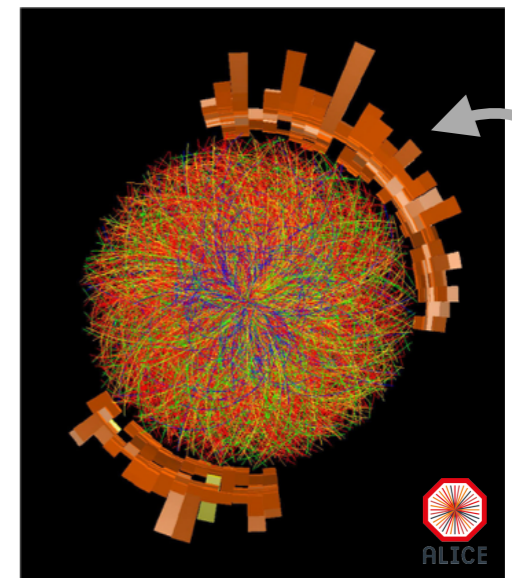
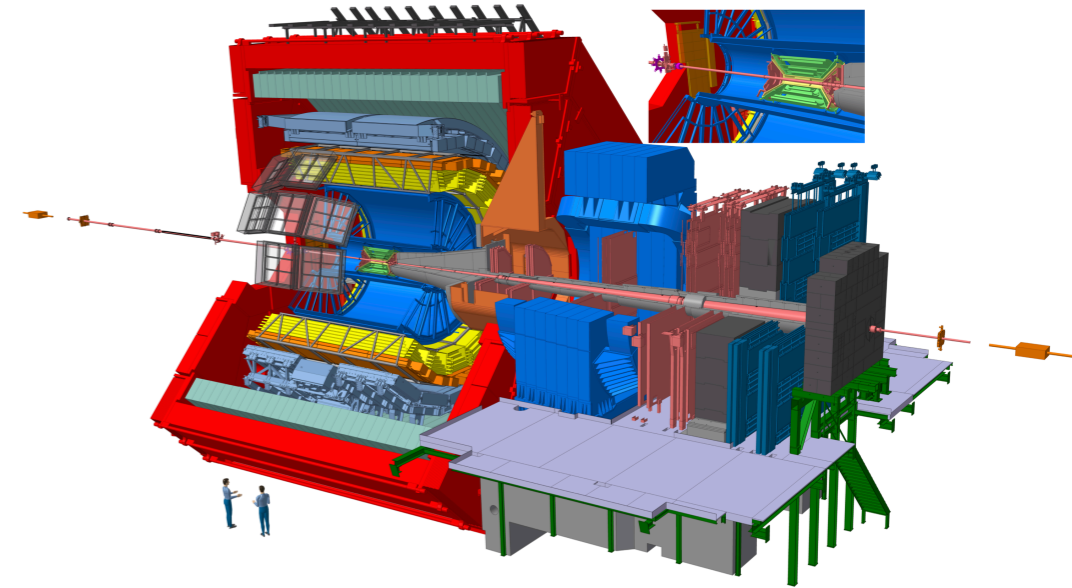
ALICE reconstructs jets at mid-rapidity ($\eta < 0.7$) in pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76 - 13 \text{ TeV}$

Charged particle jets (*charged jets*)

- High-precision tracking down to $p_{\text{T,track}} = 150 \text{ MeV}/c$

Jets (*full jets*)

- Addition of particle information from the EM calorimeter down to $p_{\text{T,cluster}} = 300 \text{ MeV}/c$



EMCal φ acceptance: 108°

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1. Measure jet R_{AA} for $R=0.2-0.4$
2. Measure Pb-Pb jet cross-section ratio

How well do we understand jet R_{AA} ?

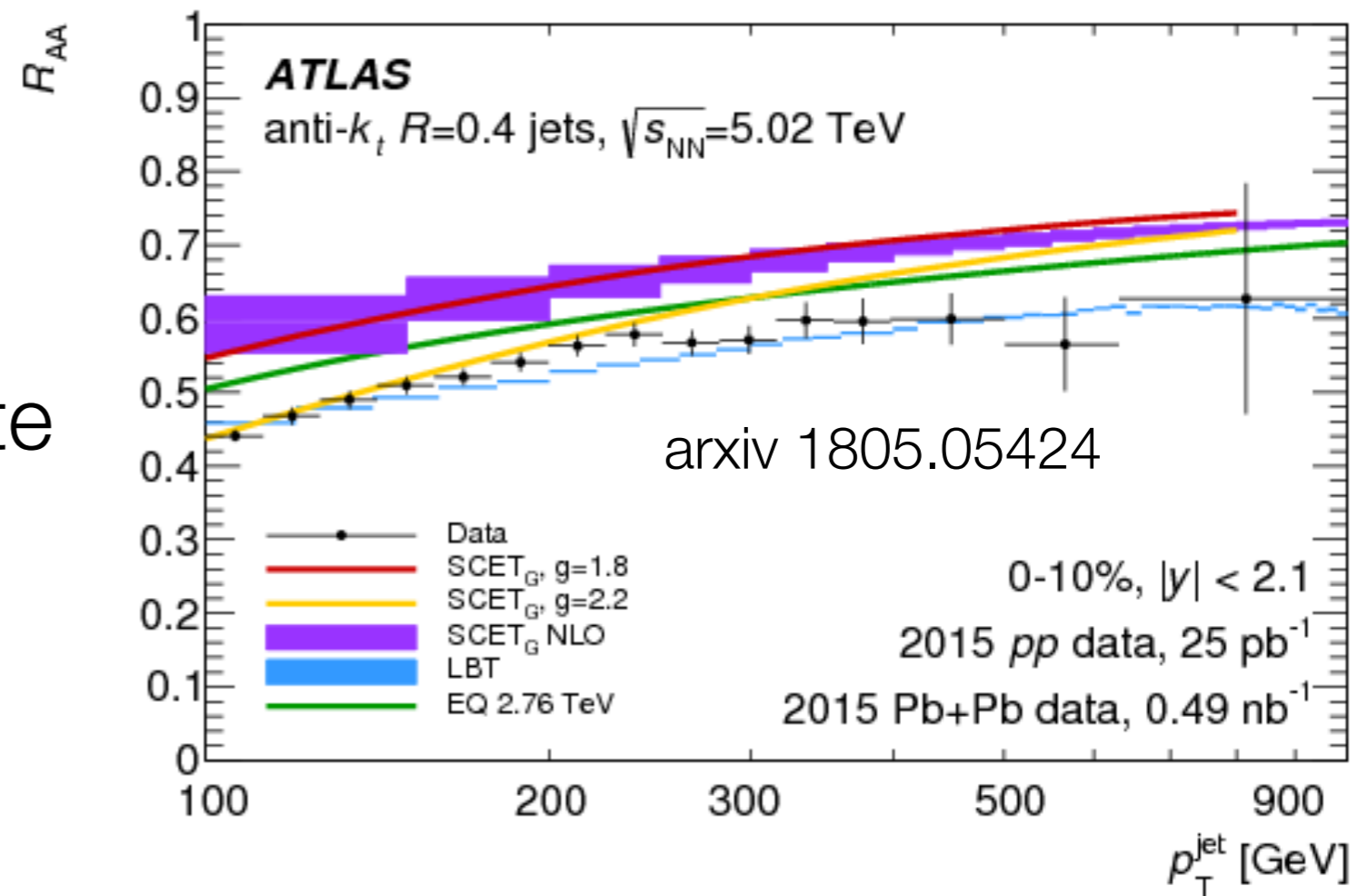


Can we distinguish jet energy loss models using jet R_{AA} ?

- All models have strong quenching, decreasing with p_T
- There are slight differences in the absolute level of quenching, and the p_T -dependence of quenching

ATLAS jet R_{AA} measurement at 5.02 TeV from $p_T = 100-1000$ GeV

High precision!

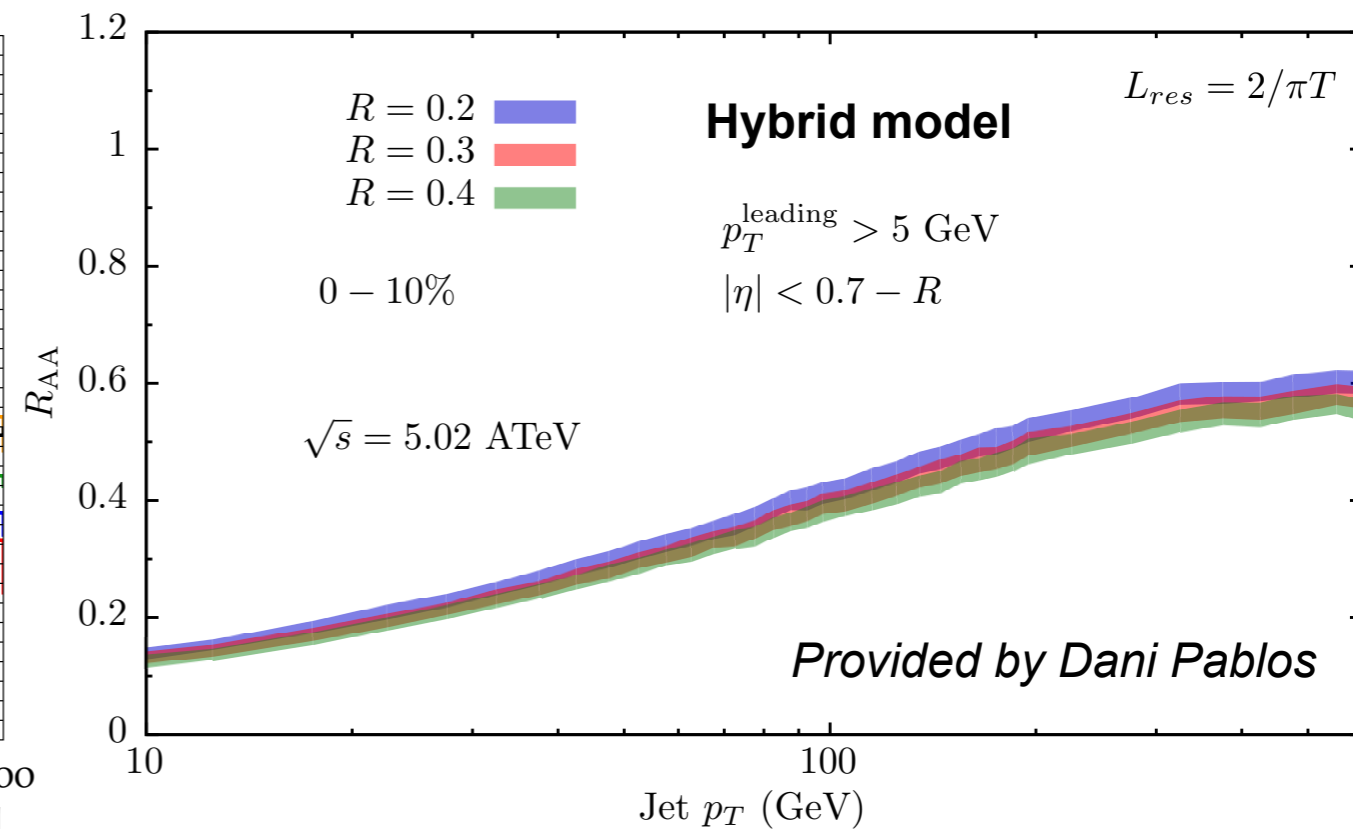
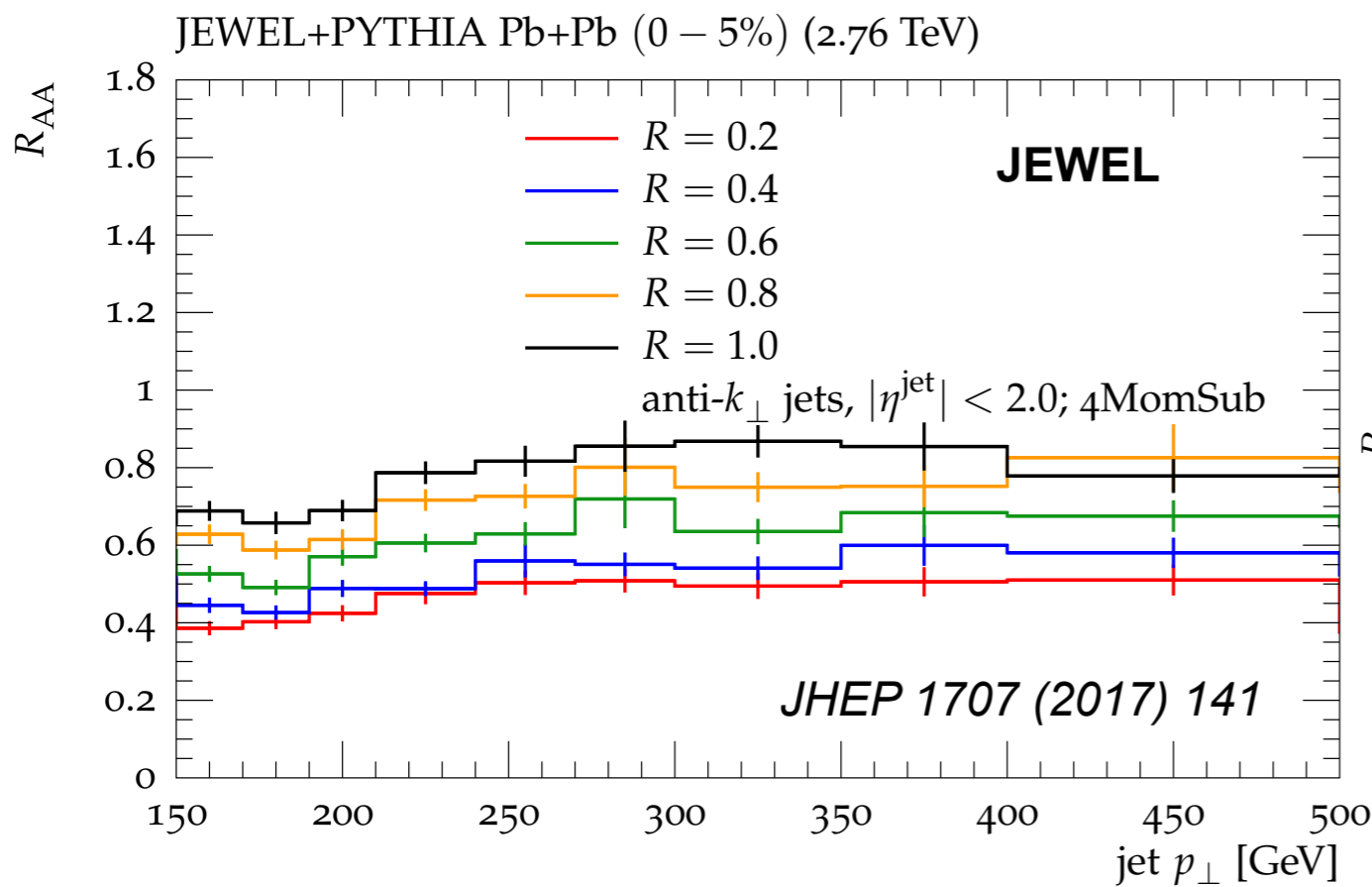


What about at low p_T ? → Strongest p_T -dependence

How well do we understand jet R_{AA} ?

Can we distinguish the R -dependence of jet energy loss?

- *Do we recover induced gluon radiation and/or medium recoil?
(Less suppression as R increases)*
- *Or do smaller R jets tend to be more collimated, and therefore less quenched?
(More suppression as R increases)*

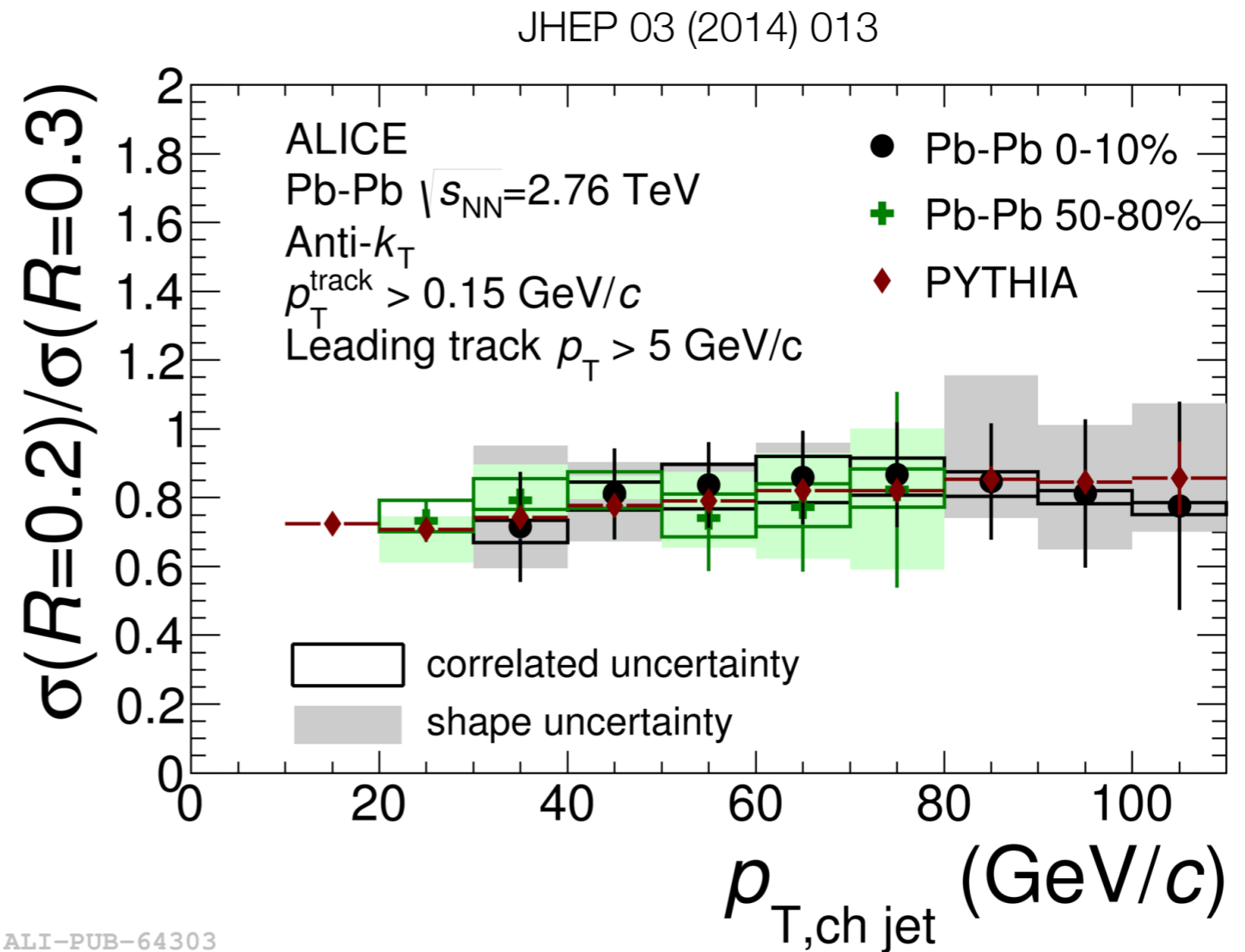


➔ Can we achieve sufficient experimental precision to distinguish whether jet R_{AA} increases or decreases with jet R ?

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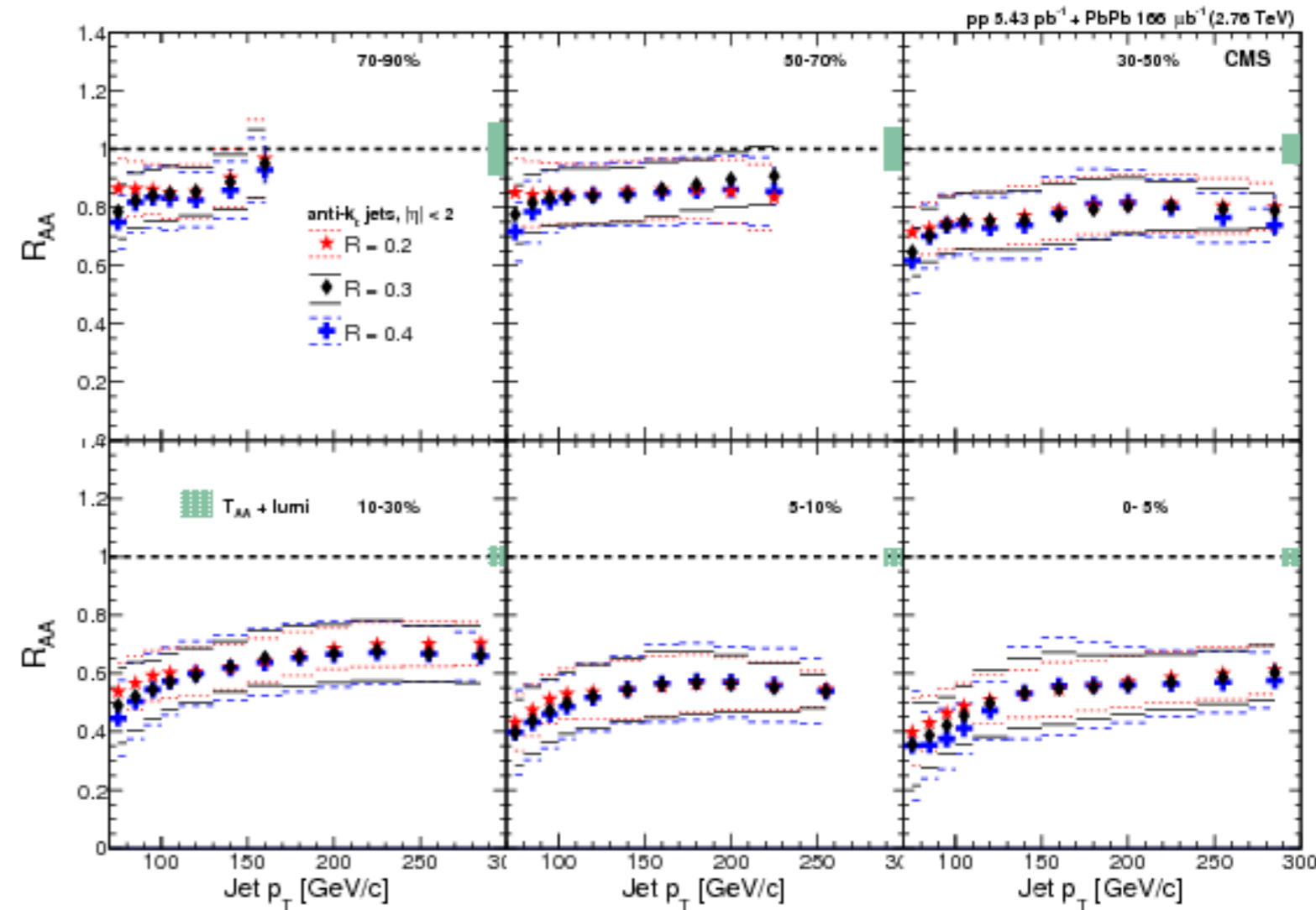
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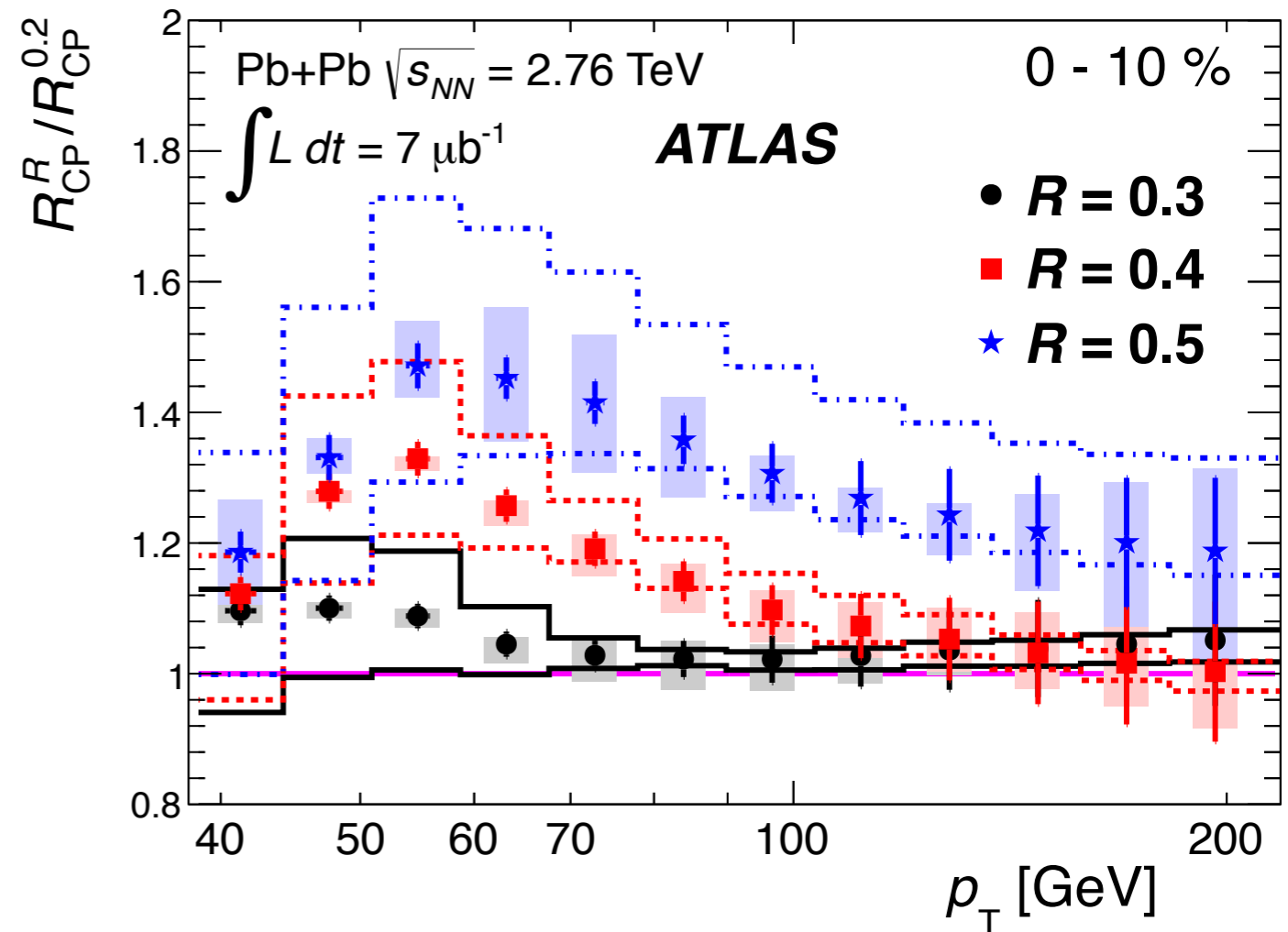


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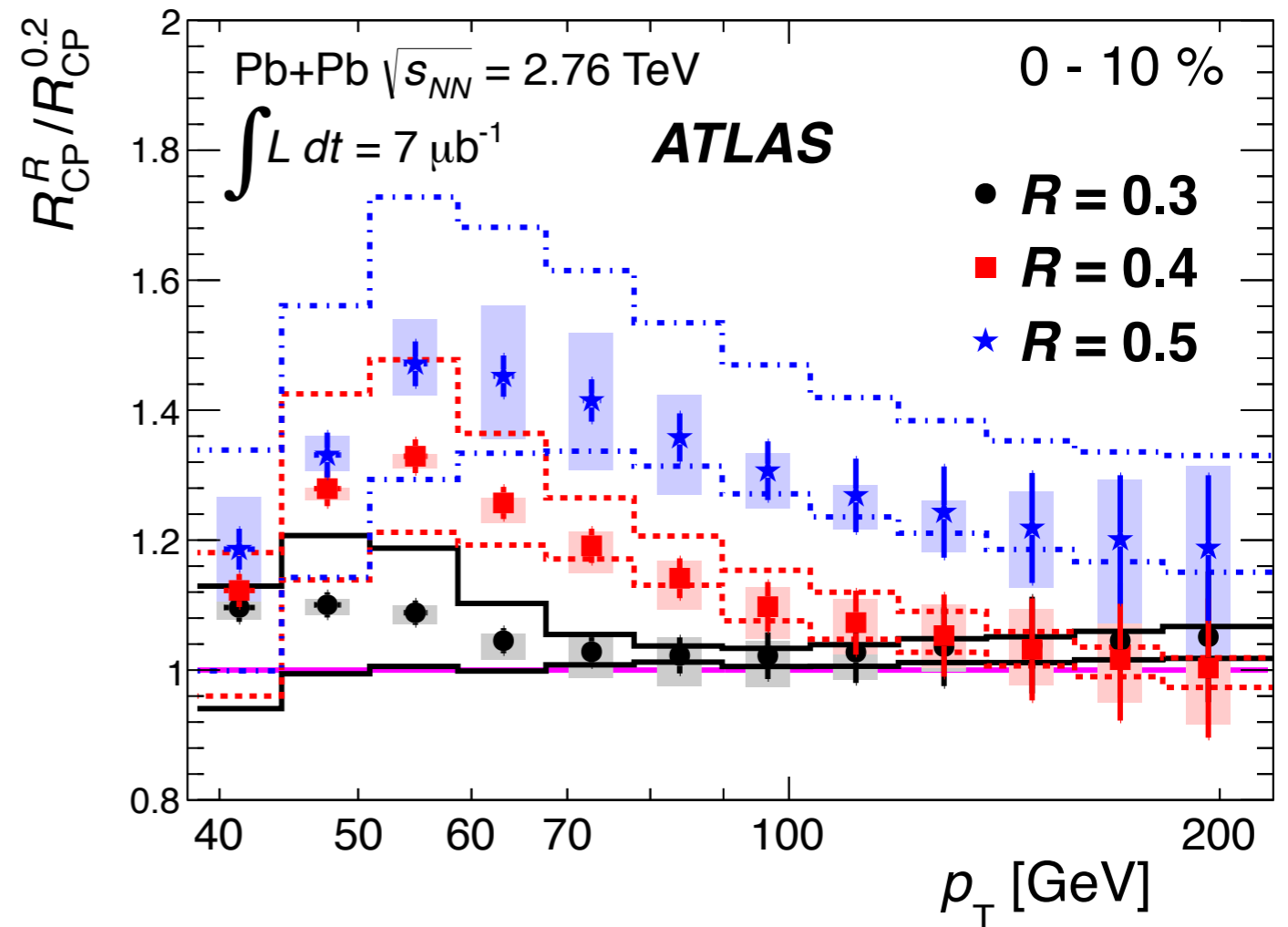


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Measurements do not provide a clear picture

There is no measurement of R -dependence at 5.02 TeV

Analysis strategy

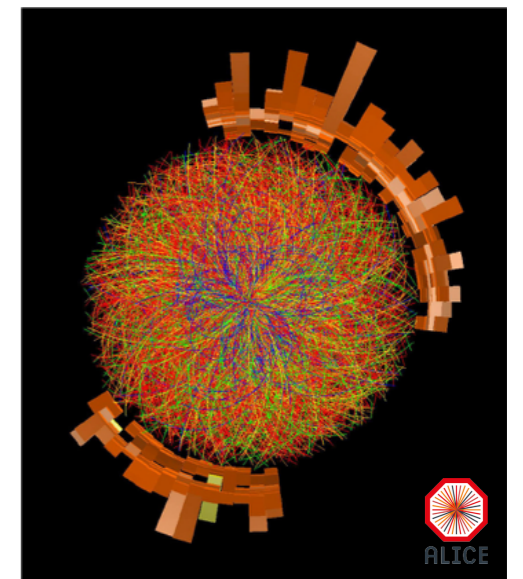
- **Four main pieces to the analysis:**
 - Reconstruct the jet p_T from tracks and EMCal clusters
 - Reject the combinatorial background
 - Correct the jet p_T for detector and resolution effects
 - Correct for the jet reconstruction efficiency and kinematic efficiency
- **Improvements relative to the 2.76 TeV ALICE analysis**
 - Extend to $R=0.4$
 - Allows examination of modification to jet shape
 - Refine analysis technique
 - Better understanding of our tracking and calorimetry
 - Utilization of embedding-based jet p_T correction

Analysis strategy — jet reconstruction

First, we reconstruct charged tracks and EMCal clusters

- A variety of calibrations and cuts are performed on these objects: track fitting requirements, EMCal energy calibrations, ...

We then propagate reconstructed tracks to the EMCal, and if they overlap geometrically with a cluster, the track p_T is subtracted from the cluster p_T



Finally, we reconstruct jets with the anti- k_T jet clustering algorithm with $R = 0.2, 0.4$

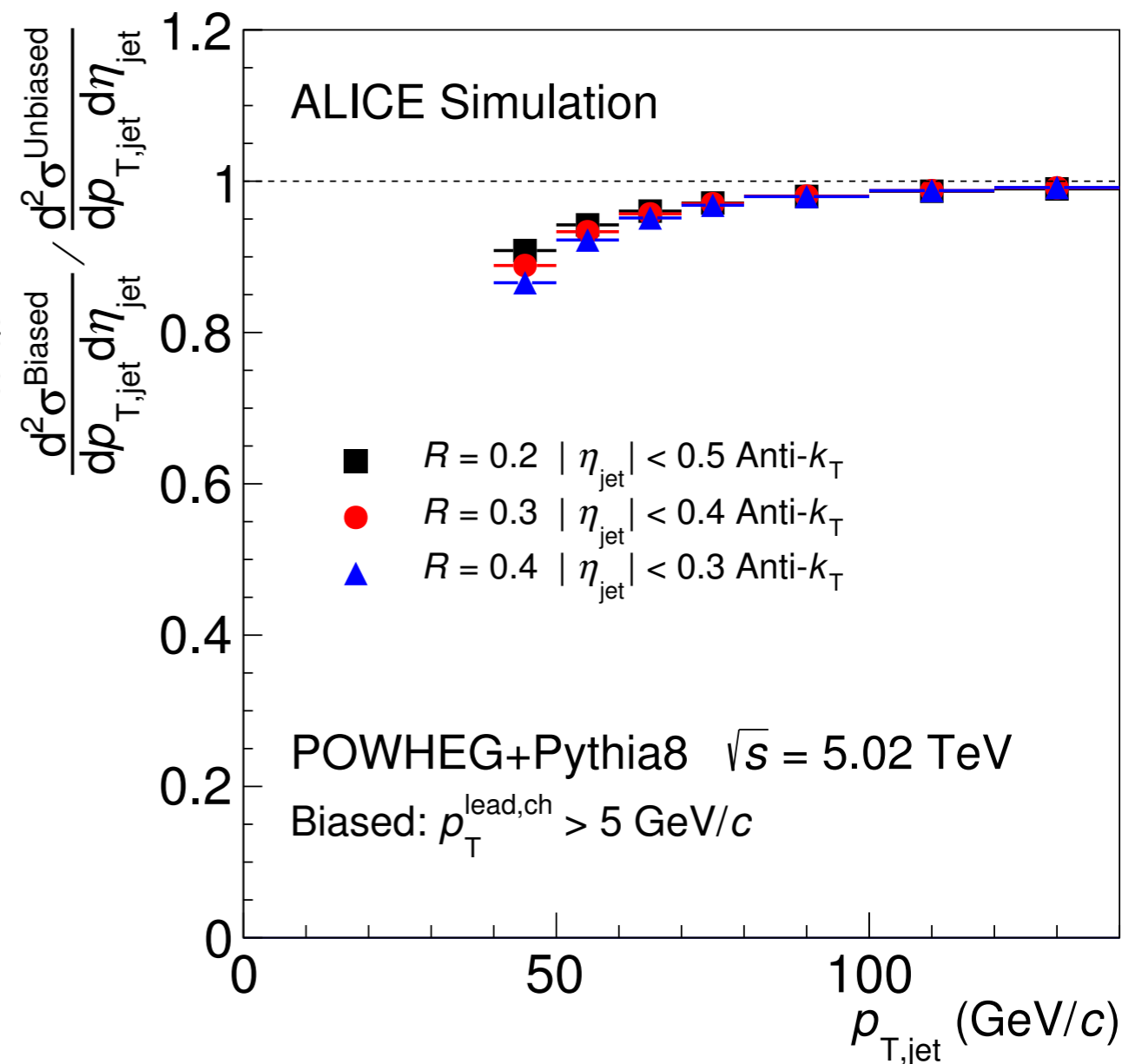
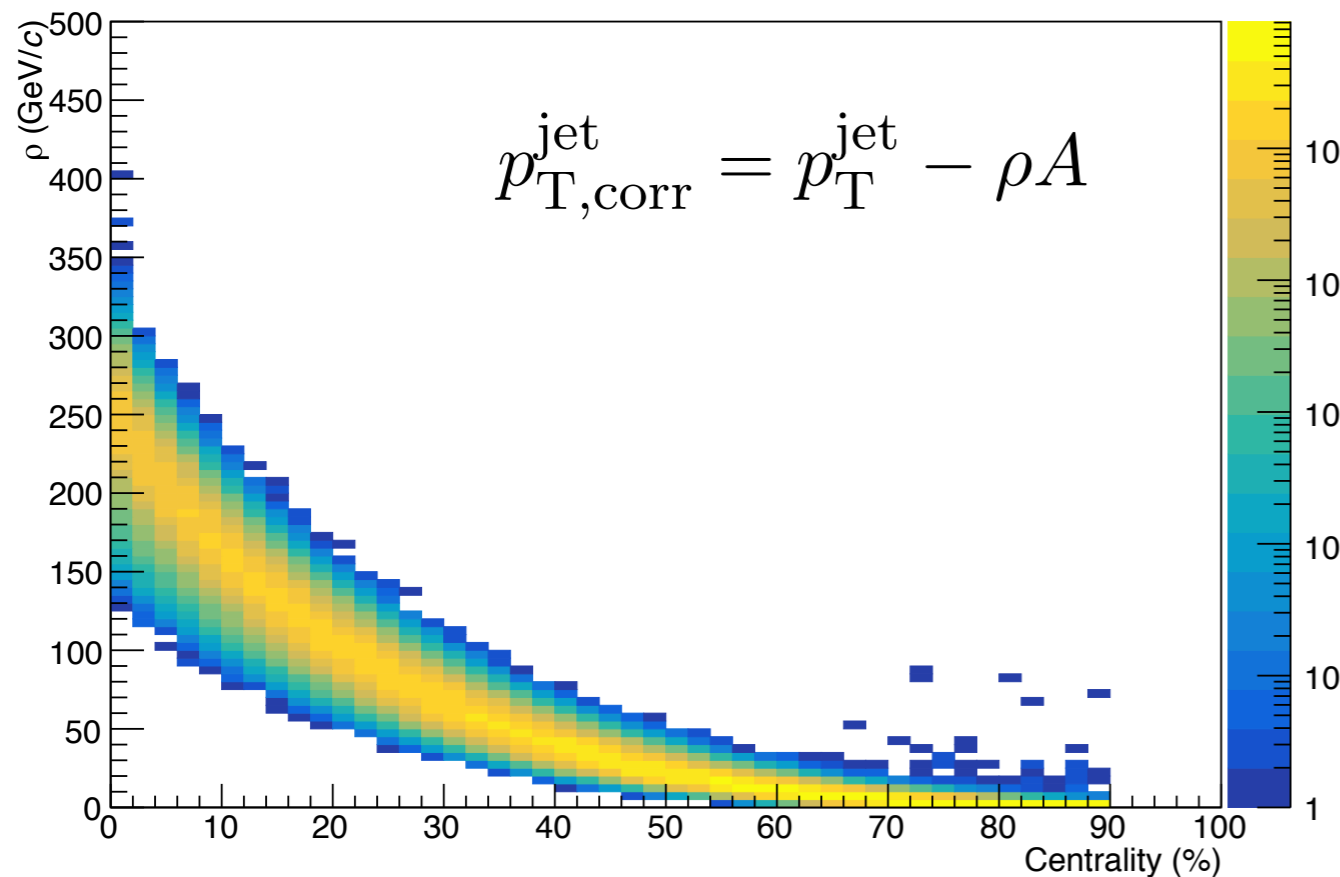
$$p_T^{\text{jet}} = \sum_i p_{T,i}^{\text{track}} + \sum_j p_{T,j}^{\text{cluster}}$$

Analysis strategy — background

The average combinatorial background is subtracted from each jet event-by-event using the event-averaged background density

Suppress combinatorial jets by requiring jets to contain a 5 GeV/c charged track

Rho vs. Centrality, Full Jets



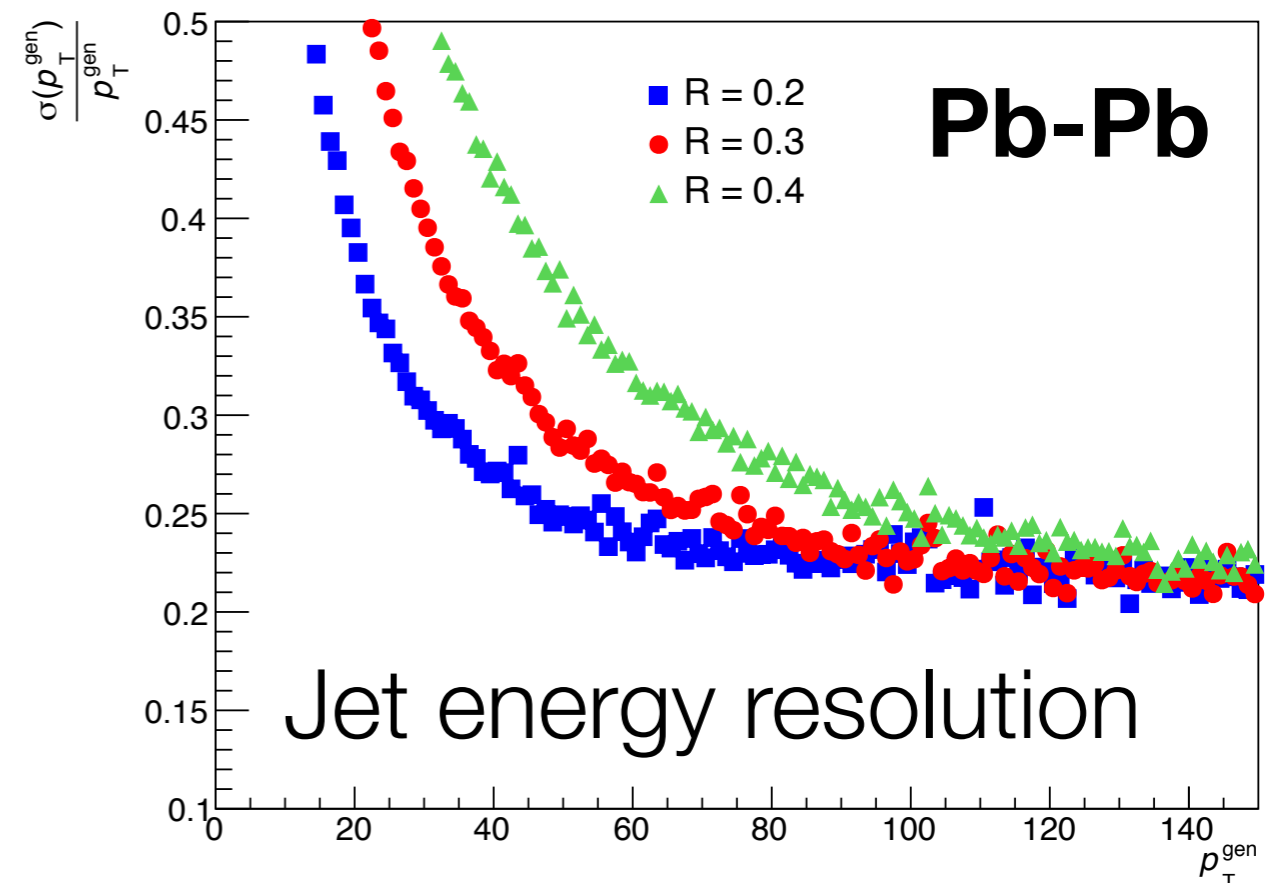
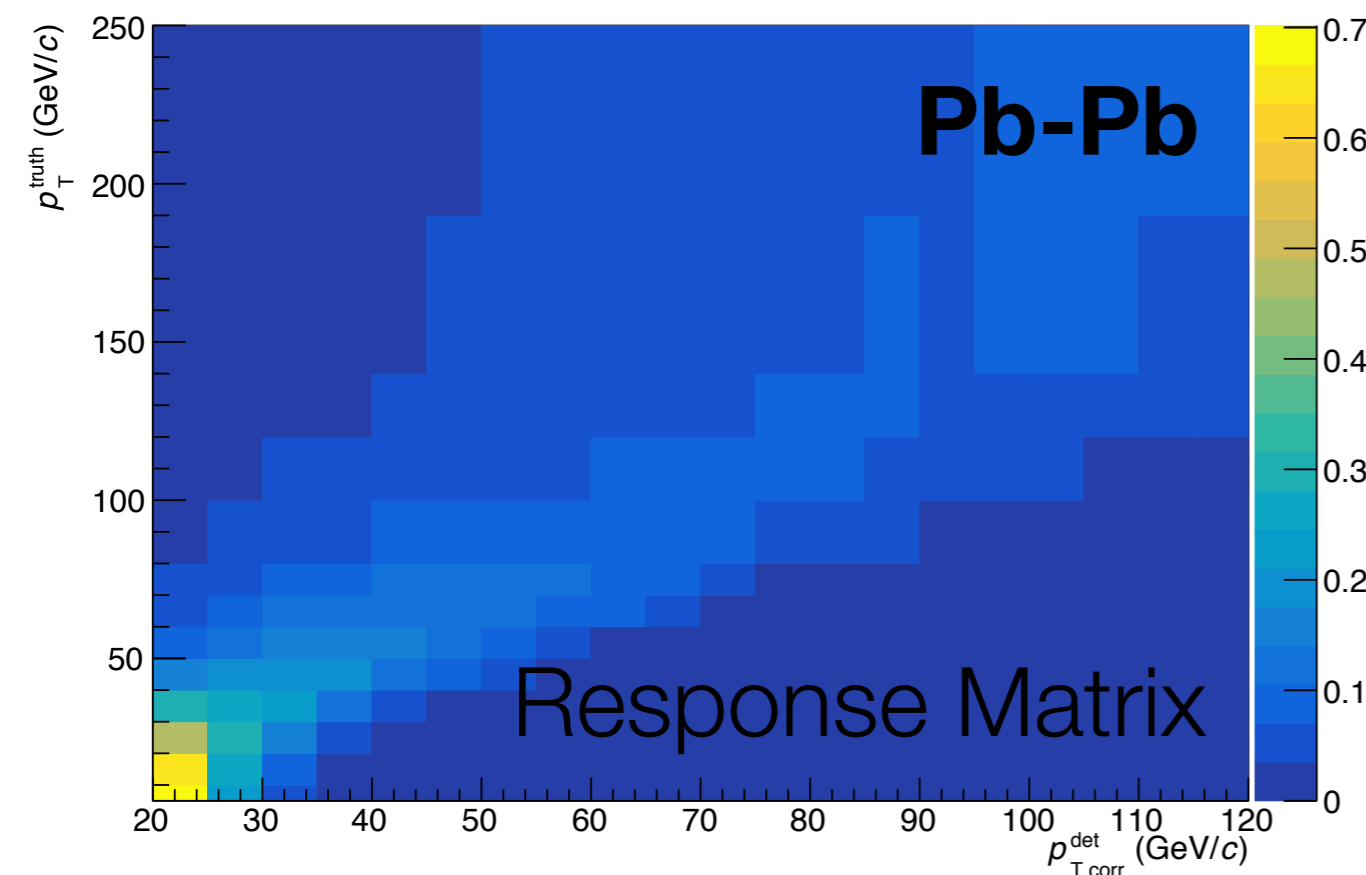
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Analysis strategy — jet p_T correction

The measured jet p_T must be corrected for detector effects (tracking efficiency, bad channels, ...) and smearing by background fluctuations

We deconvolute or “unfold” the jet p_T spectrum for the detector response and background fluctuations by building a response matrix **embedding** Pythia8 events into Pb-Pb data

- Properly accounts for centrality-dependent detector effects
- Corrects for any residual background contribution

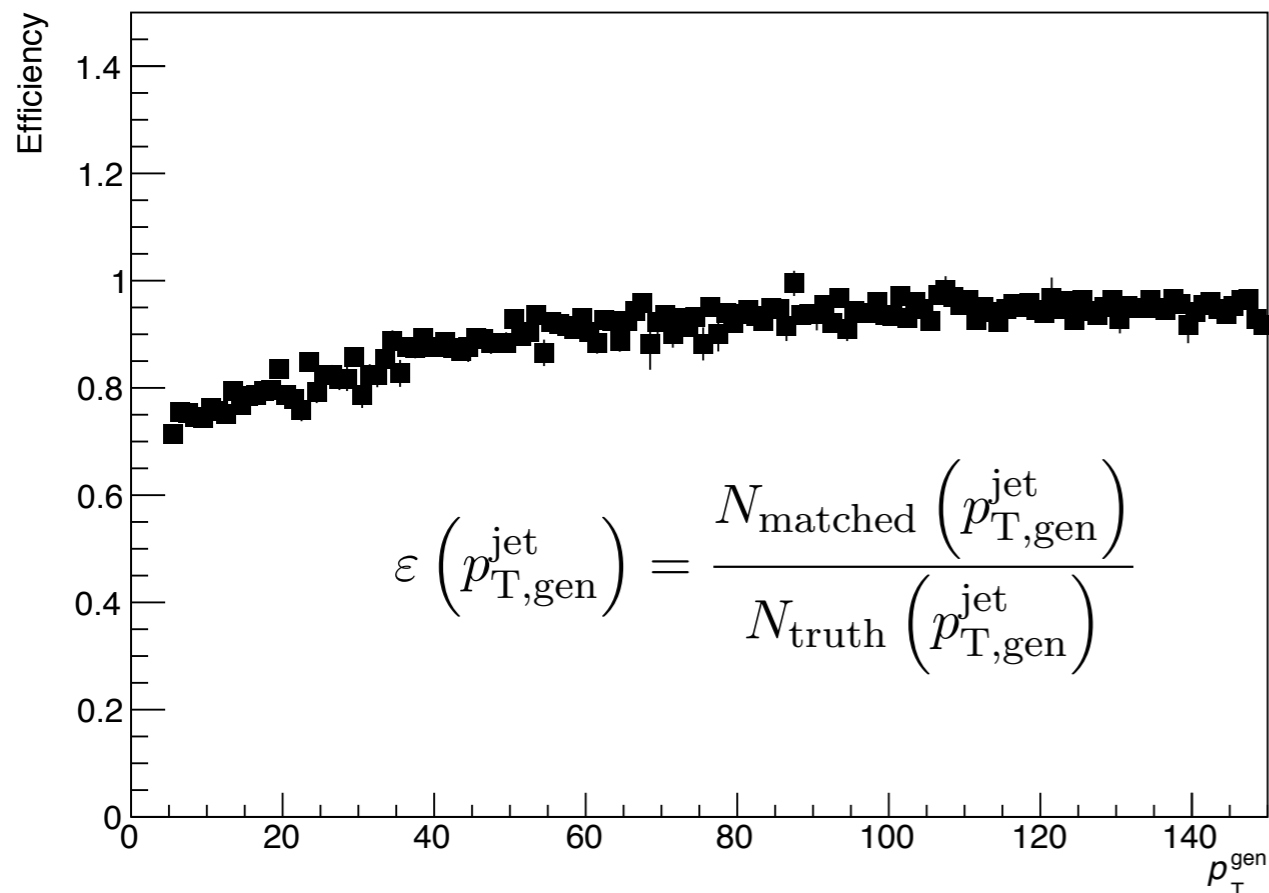


Analysis strategy — efficiency corrections

There are two further efficiency corrections we must apply:

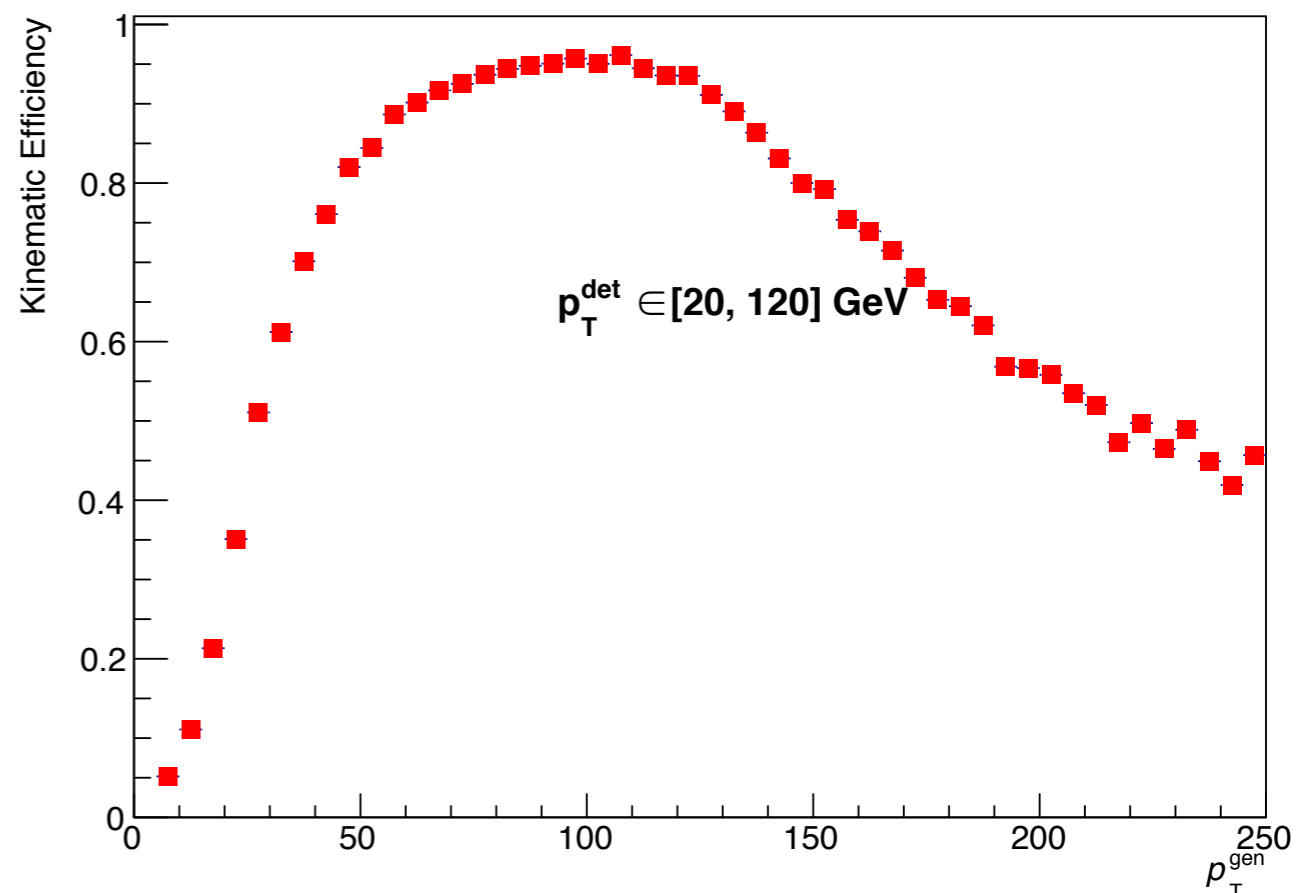
Jet reconstruction efficiency

Probability to successfully reconstruct a jet at detector-level (including leading track requirement), given a truth-level jet



Kinematic efficiency

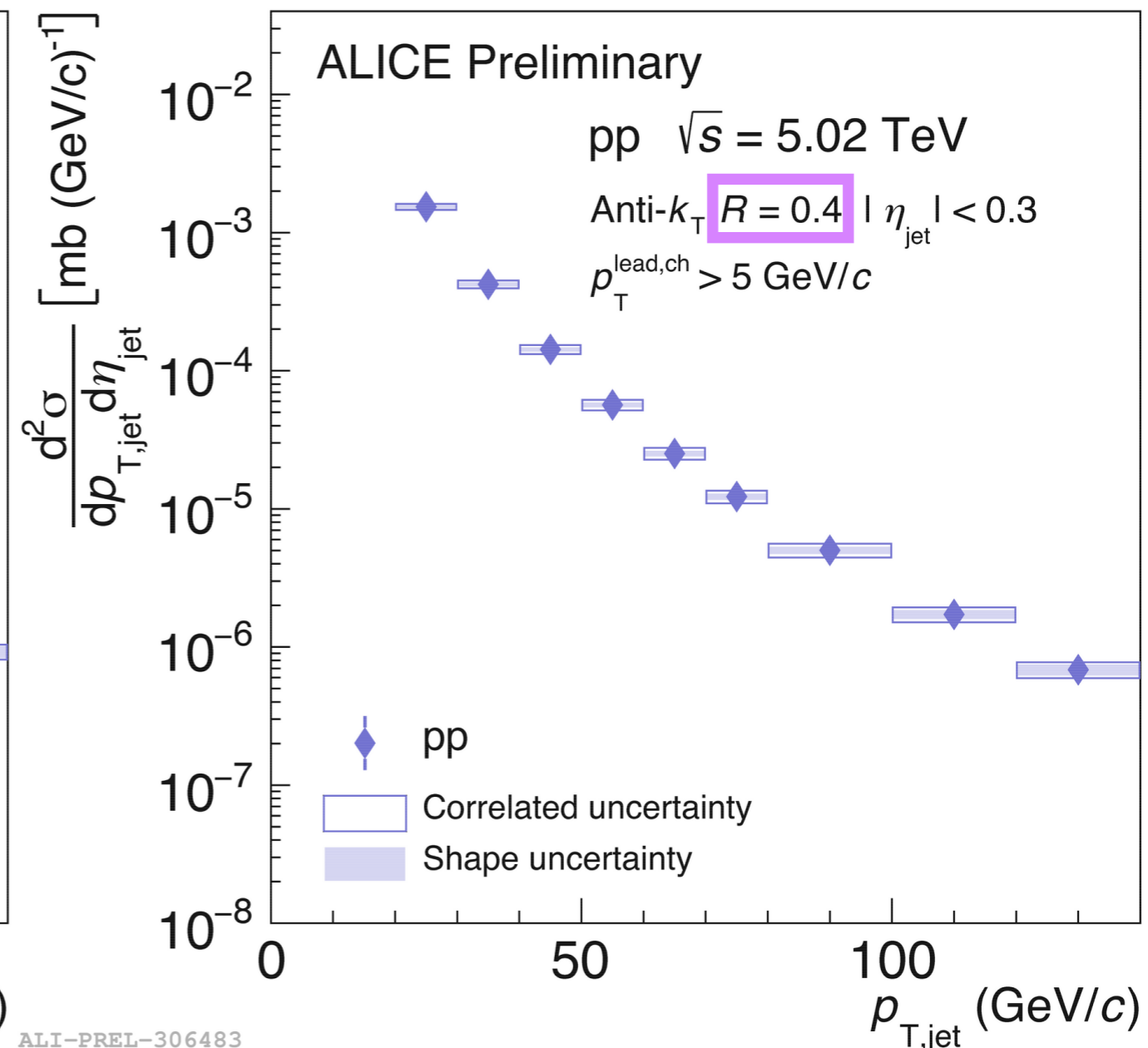
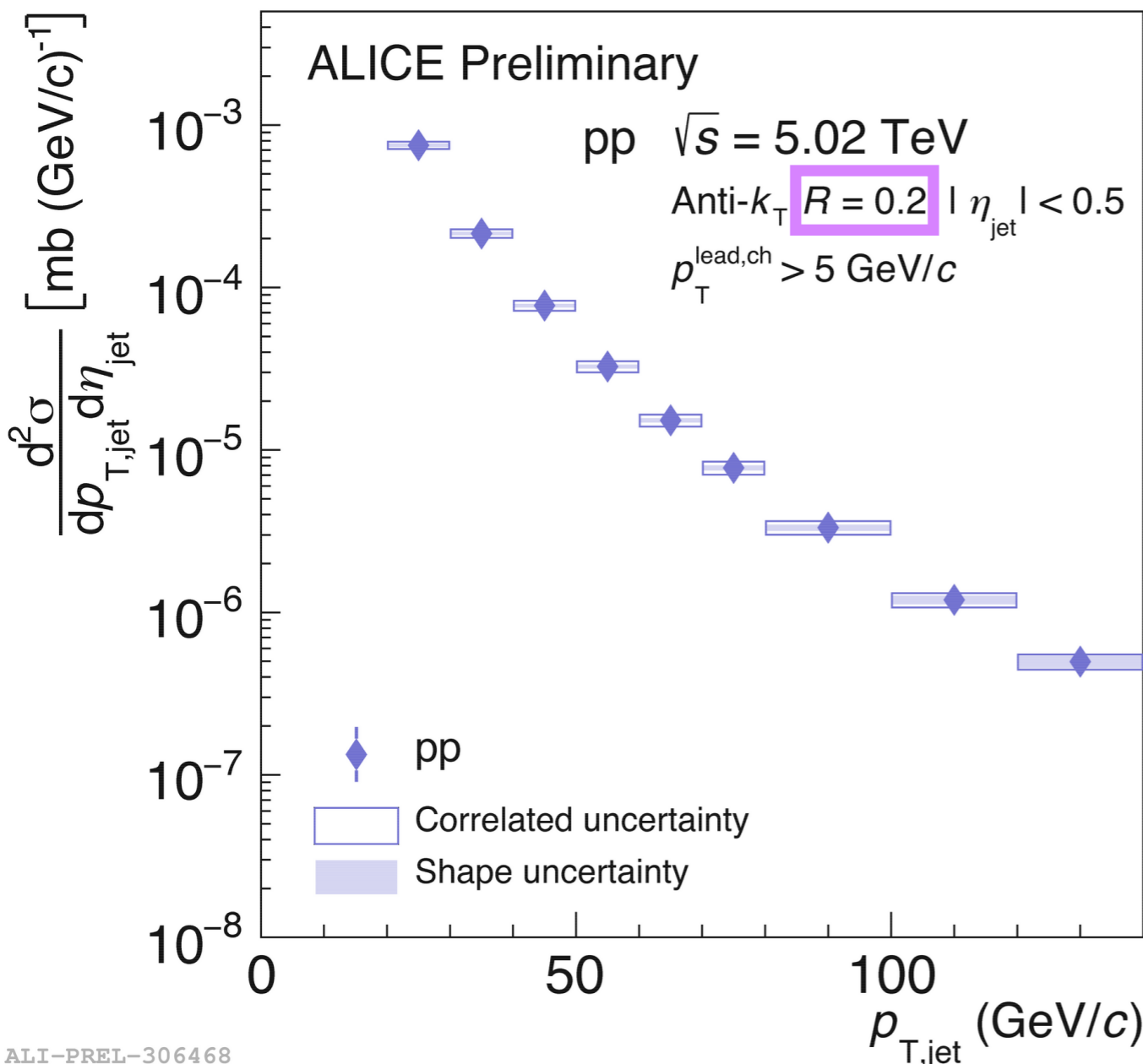
Probability to successfully reconstruct a jet within the measured detector-level p_T range, given a truth-level jet at a given p_T



Results — pp jet cross-section

Eliane Epple + JM

We measure the inclusive pp jet cross-section for $p_{T,\text{jet}} = 20\text{-}140$ GeV/c at 5.02 TeV as a reference for jet R_{AA}



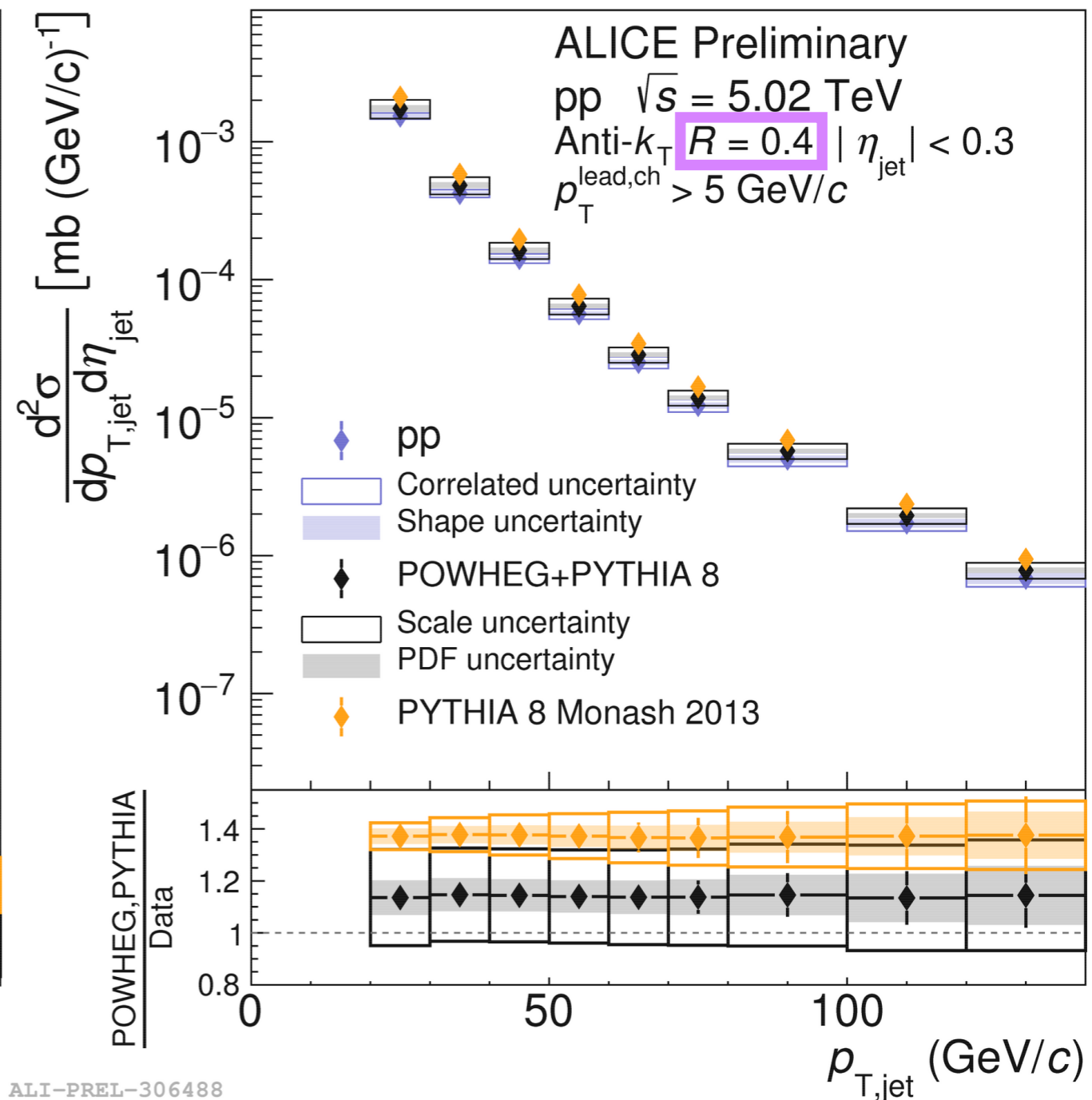
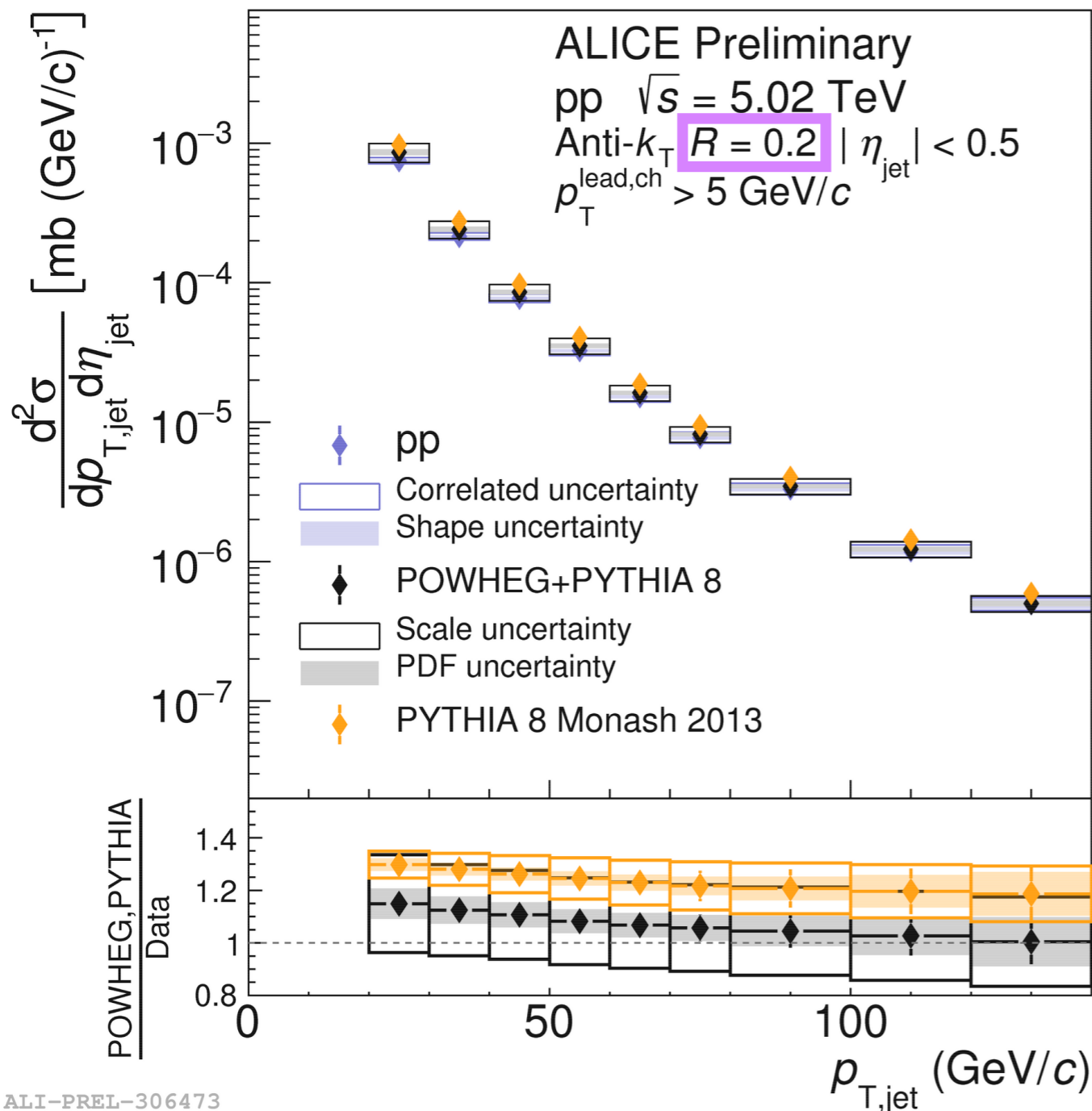
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Results — pp jet cross-section

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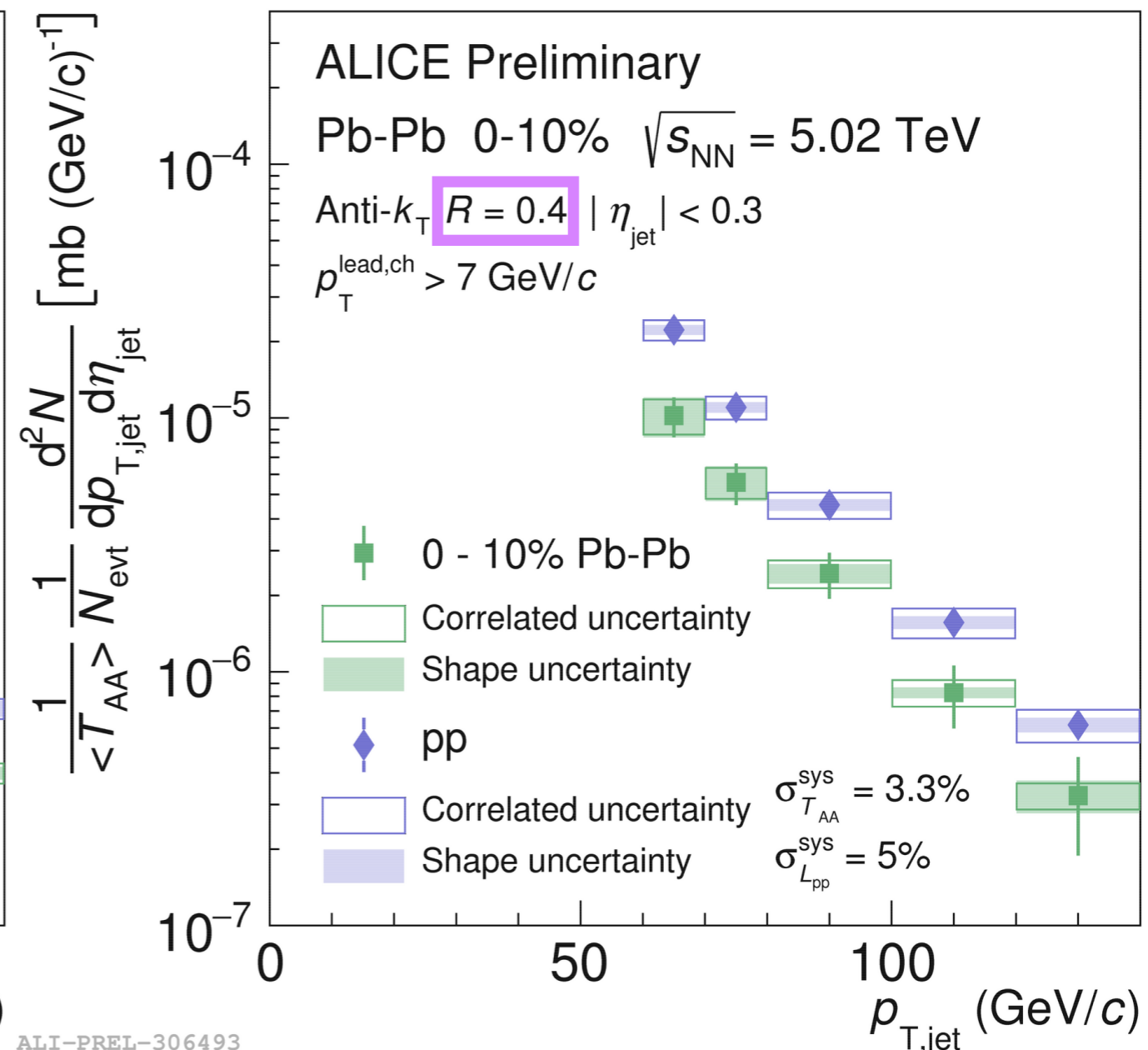
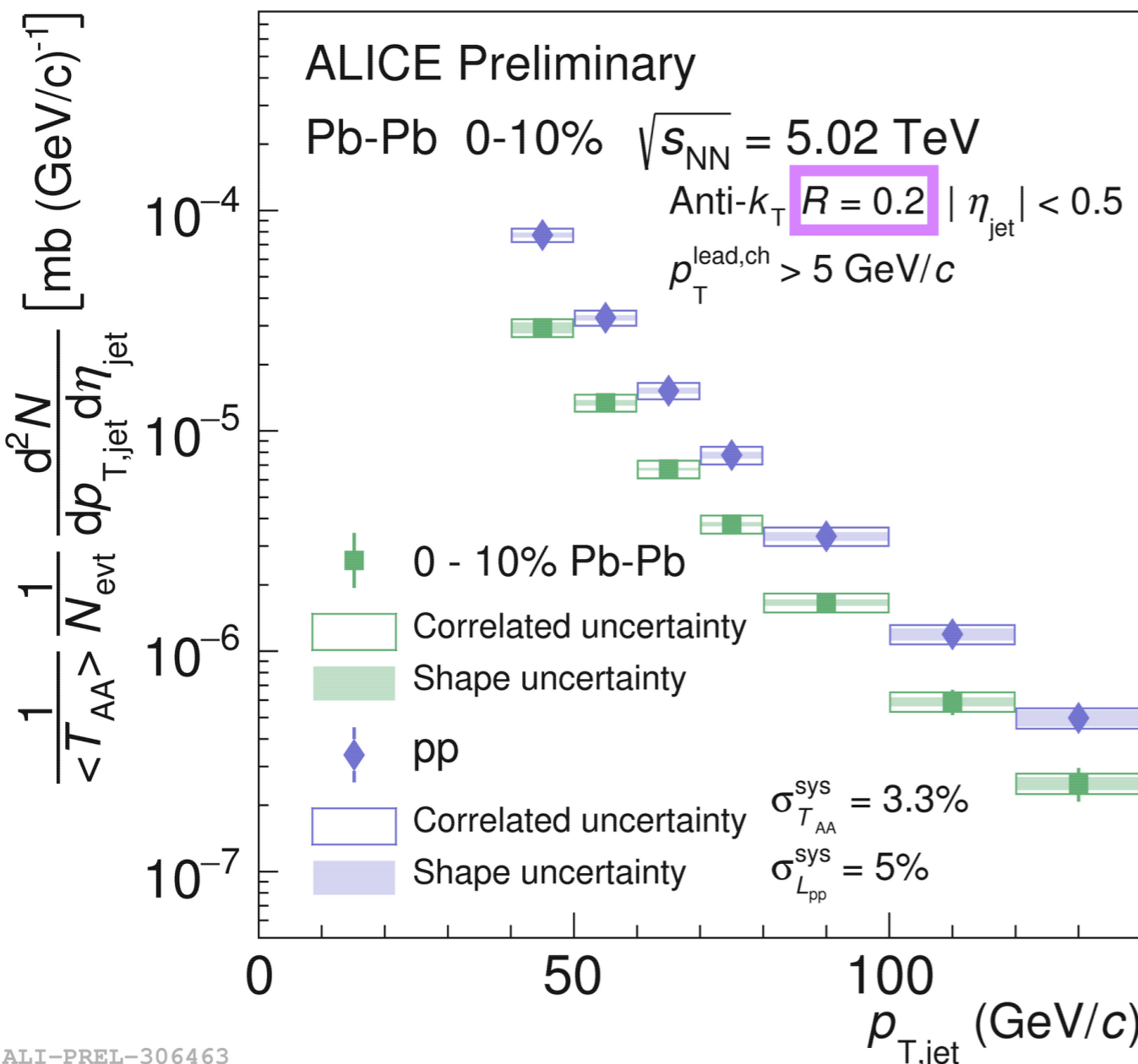
The measurement is consistent with POWHEG + Pythia8



Results — Pb-Pb jet spectra

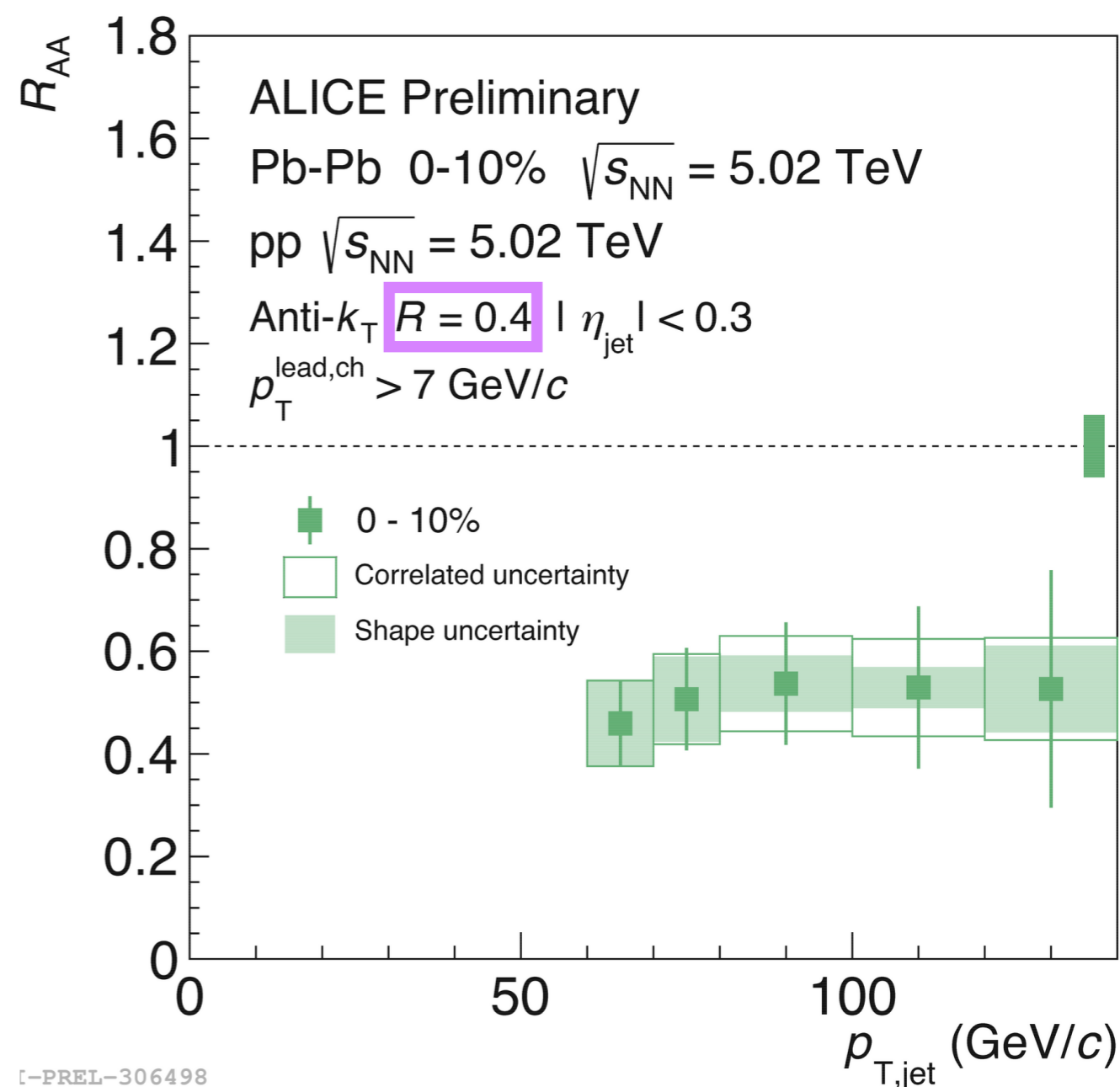
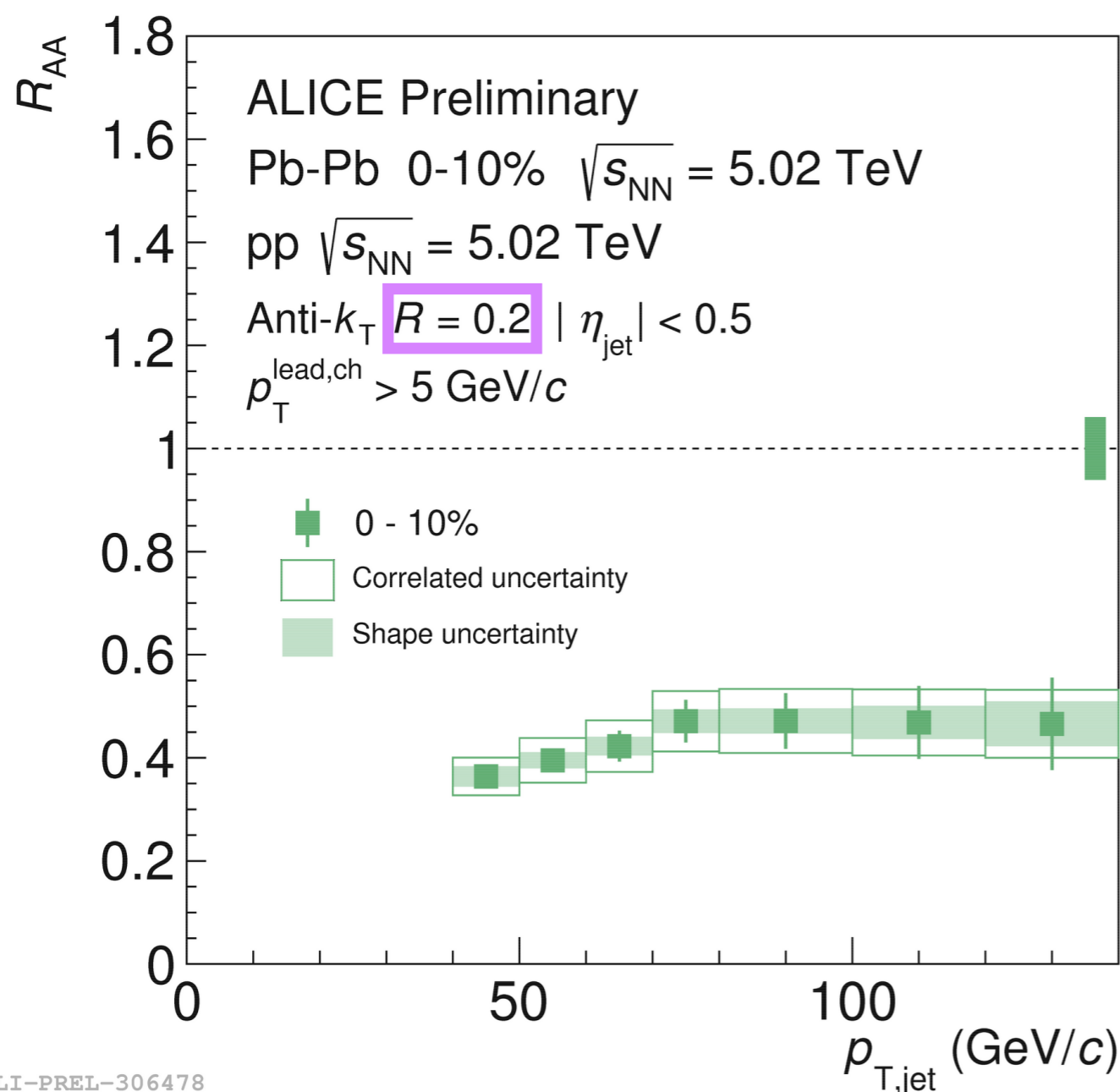
Publication in preparation

We measure the Pb-Pb jet spectrum in 0-10% centrality for $p_{T,\text{jet}} = 40\text{-}140$ GeV/c



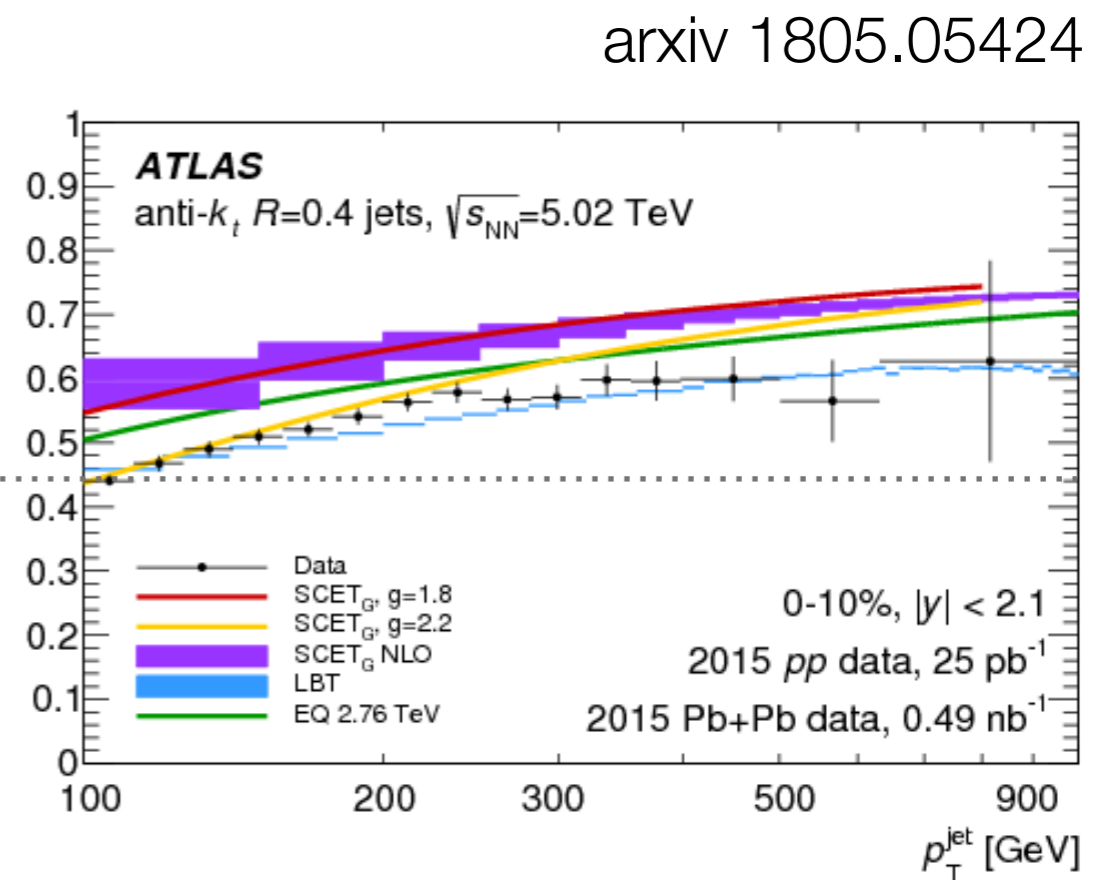
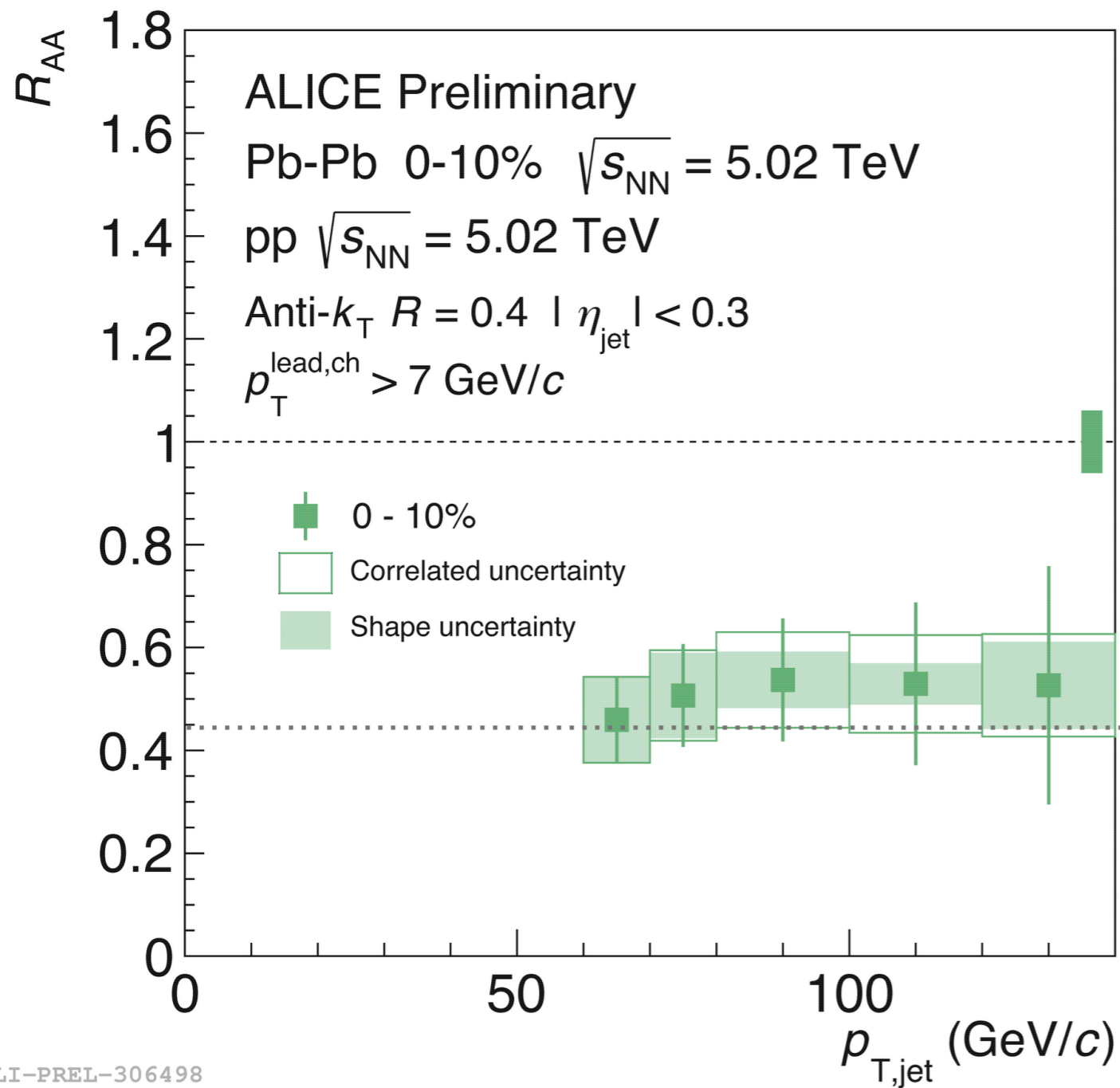
The first full jet R_{AA} measurement at $p_{T,jet} < 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ at 5.02 TeV

Similar suppression observed in $R=0.2$ and $R=0.4$



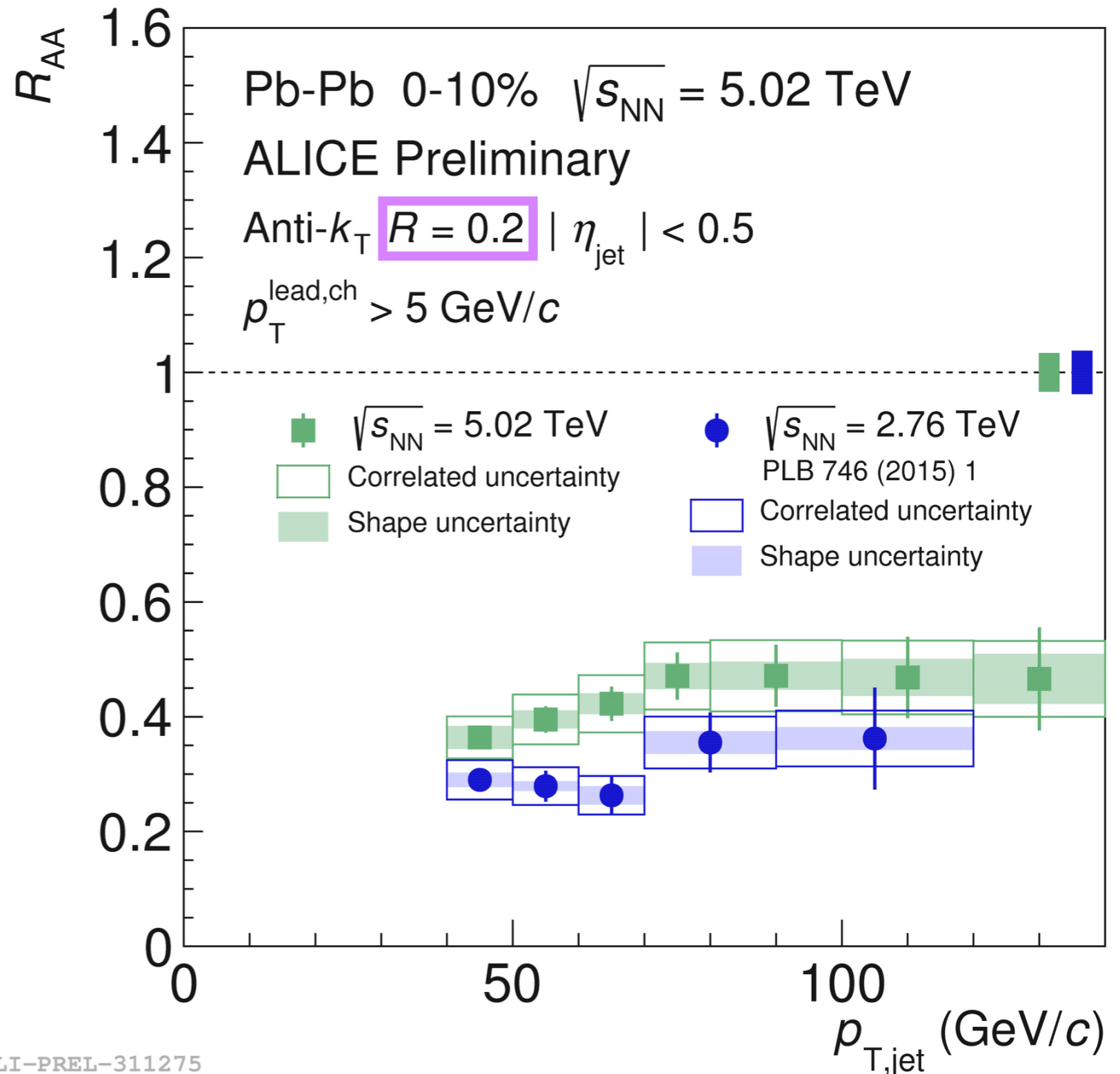
Results — Jet R_{AA}

ALICE $R=0.4$ jet R_{AA} is consistent with ATLAS $R=0.4$ jet R_{AA}



Results — Jet R_{AA}

ALICE full jet R_{AA} at 5.02 TeV is similar to 2.76 TeV for $R=0.2$, with hint of increase



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Results — Jet R_{AA}

Measurements compared to theoretical predictions:

LBT provided in arxiv:1809.02525

PRC 91 (0549098)

Hybrid model provided by Daniel Pablos

JHEP 10 (2014) 19

JHEP 03 (2016) 53

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SCET_G provided by Haitao Li

arxiv:1801.00008

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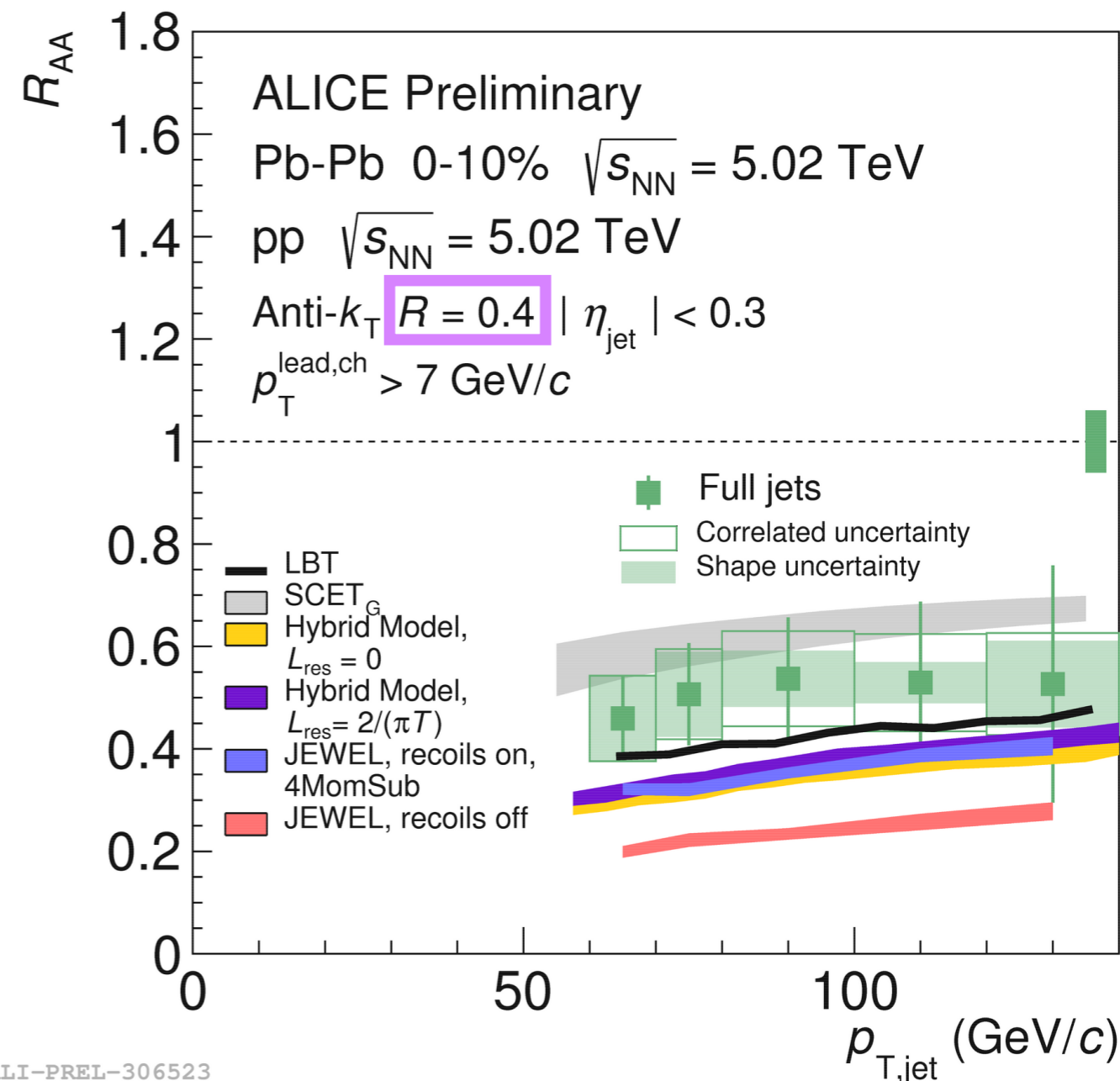
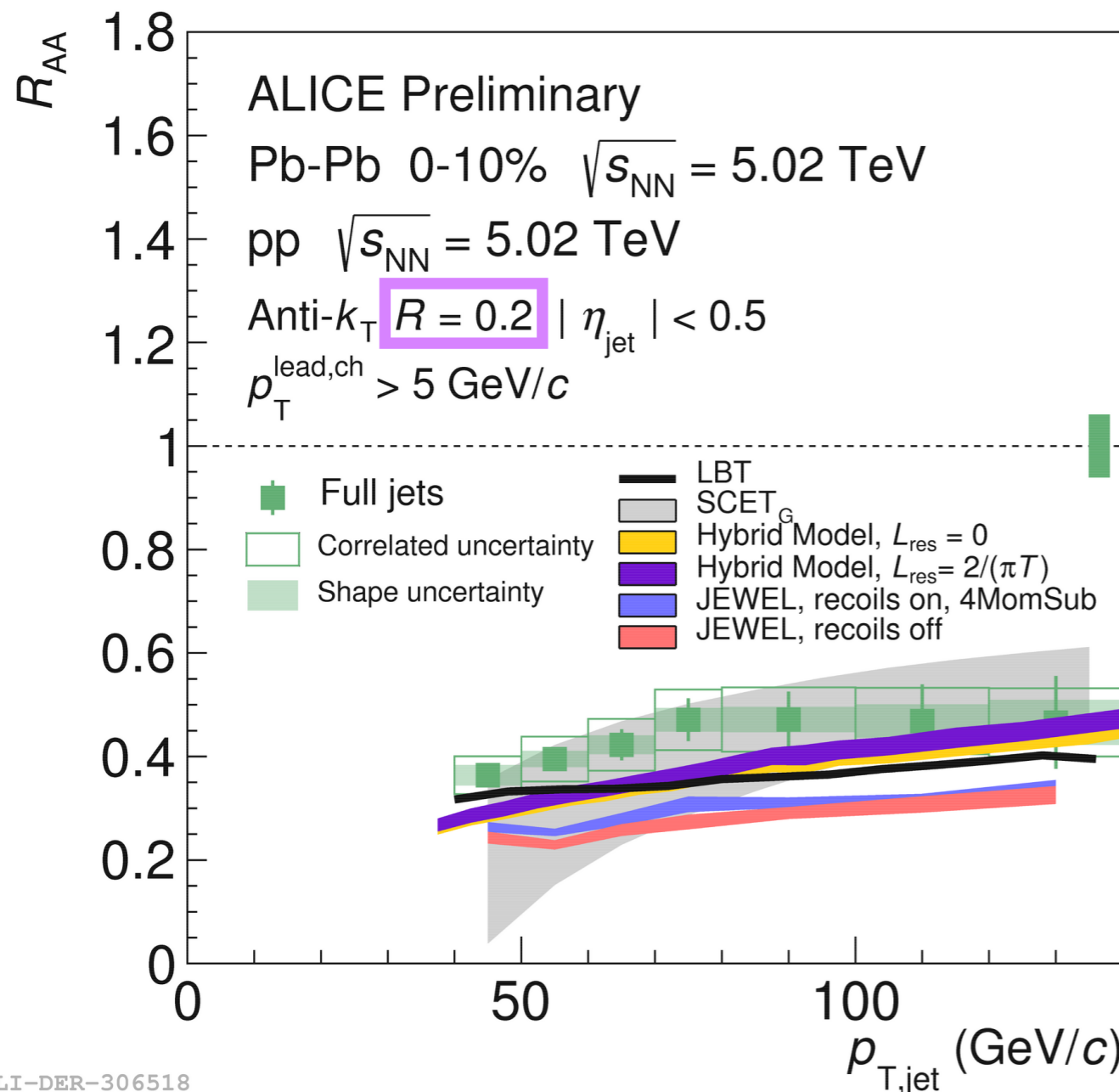
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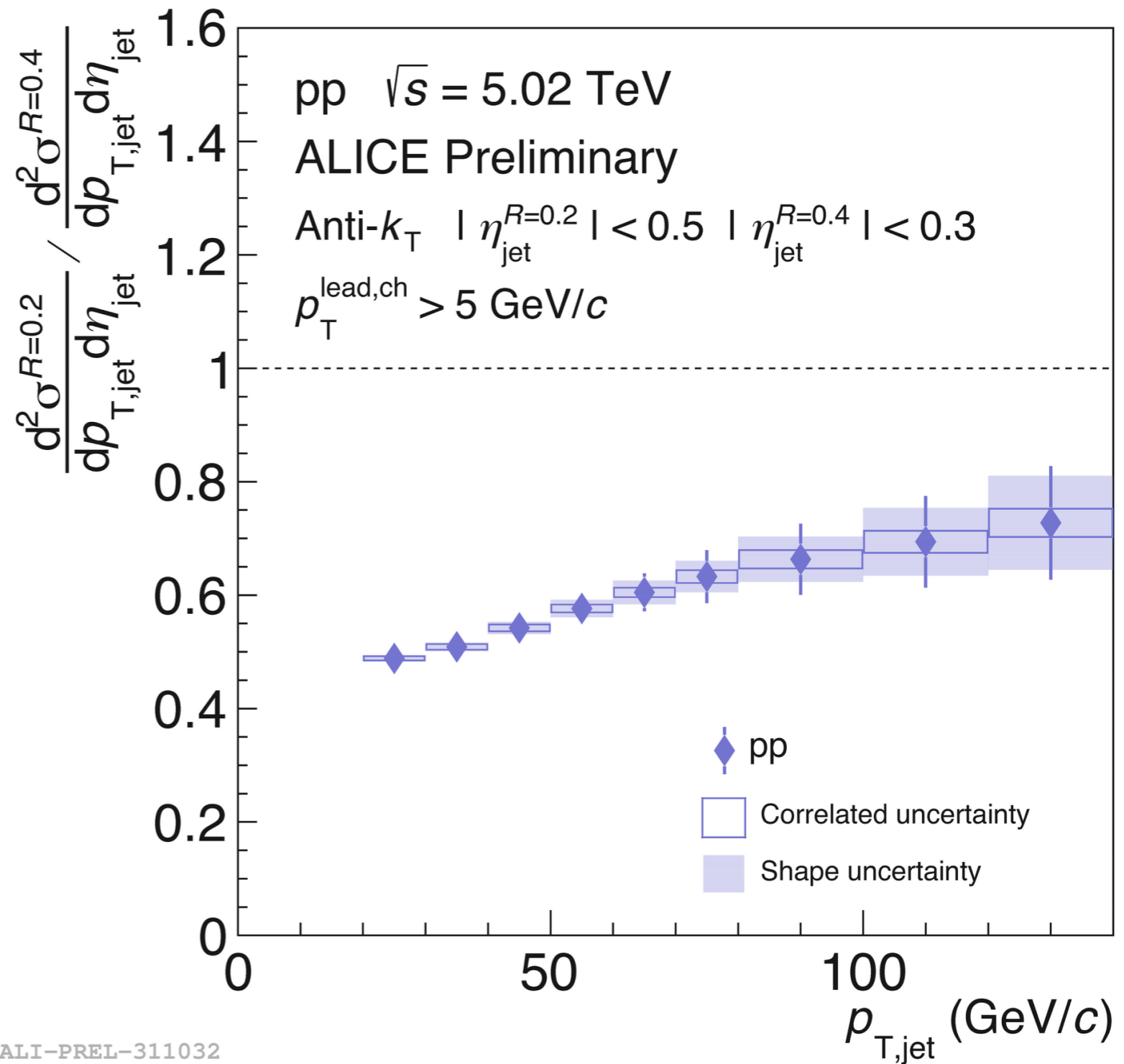
All models qualitatively describe the R_{AA}

But quantitatively, most models have slight tension with the data



The ratio of jet cross-sections $R=0.2 / R=0.4$ in pp provides a baseline for Pb-Pb

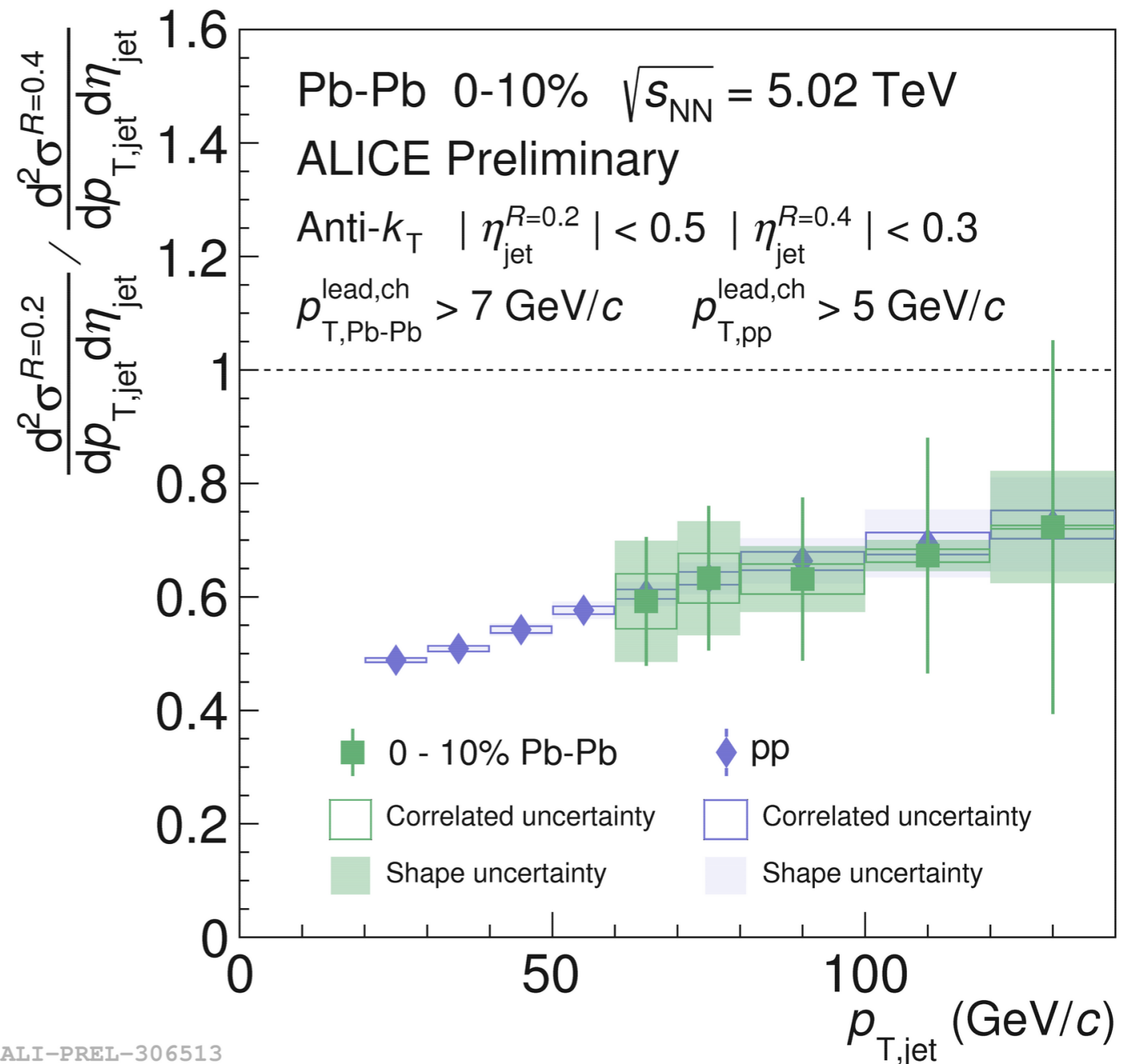
In pp, the jet cross-section ratio is also useful to disentangle hadronization and underlying event effects



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No modification in Pb-Pb is observed compared to pp

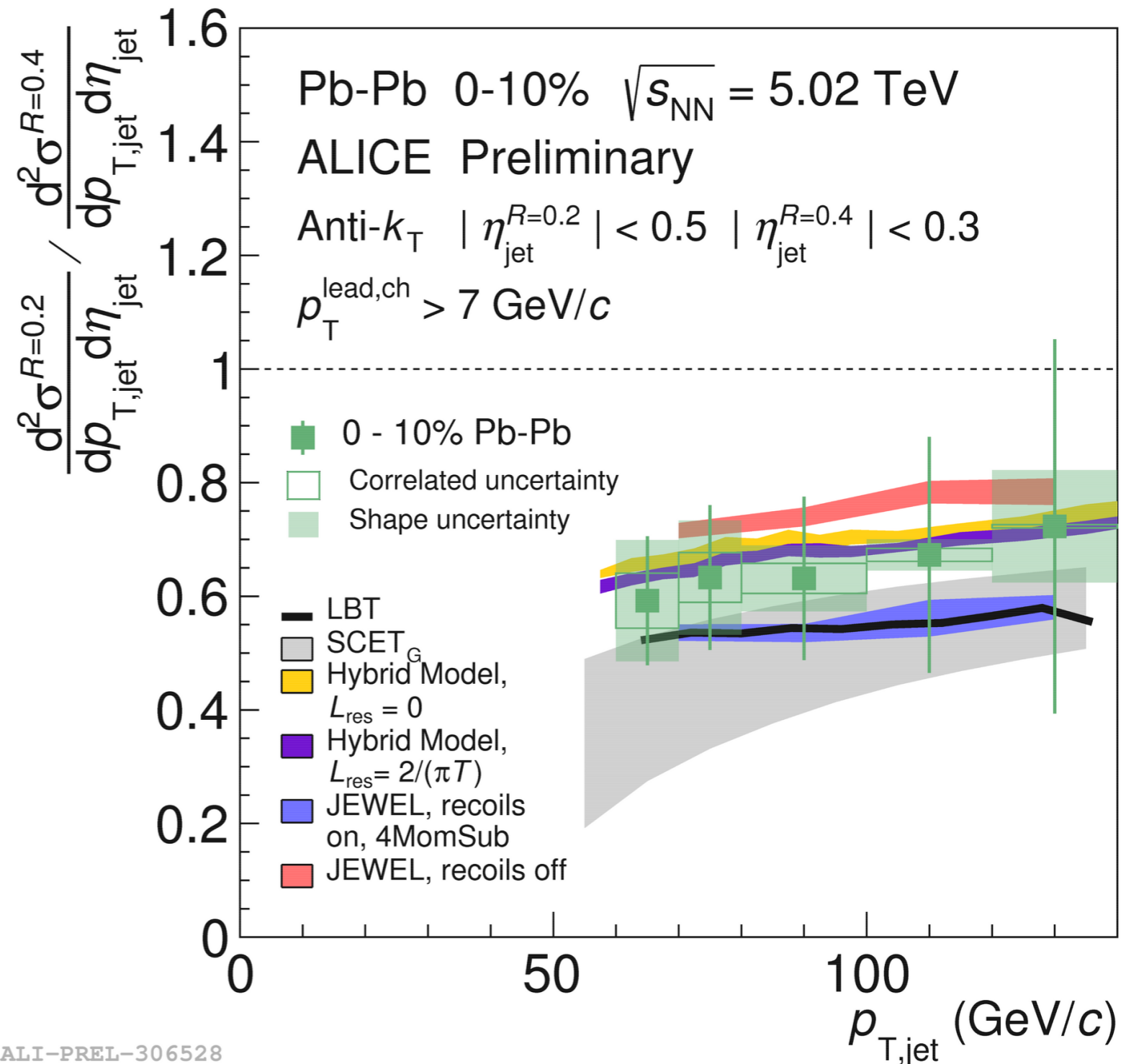
Generally consistent with previous measurements at 2.76 TeV showing no significant modification in $R \sim 0.2-0.4$



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No modification in Pb-Pb is observed compared to pp

Models predict some modification, but our resolution is not good enough to distinguish them



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Summary

We have measured the level of inclusive full jet suppression in heavy-ion collisions at low- p_T for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, as well as the R -dependence of the suppression

- *Jet R_{AA} shows strong suppression and significant p_T -dependence at low p_T*
- *Jet R_{AA} and the jet cross-section ratio show no significant dependence on R for $R=0.2-0.4$*

Several models exhibit slight tension with the jet R_{AA}

- *However, the models use different input spectra, different medium evolution, different hadronization, different leading track biases, and different ways of fixing model parameters...*
- *What does it mean for a model to be “consistent” or “inconsistent” with measured R_{AA} ?*

Outlook

Big picture questions remain in heavy-ion jet physics:

1. *Can we converge on a description of jet energy loss in deconfined QCD matter?*
2. *Does deconfined QCD matter contain quasiparticles? If so what are they?*

Rich program ahead as we try to answer these questions:

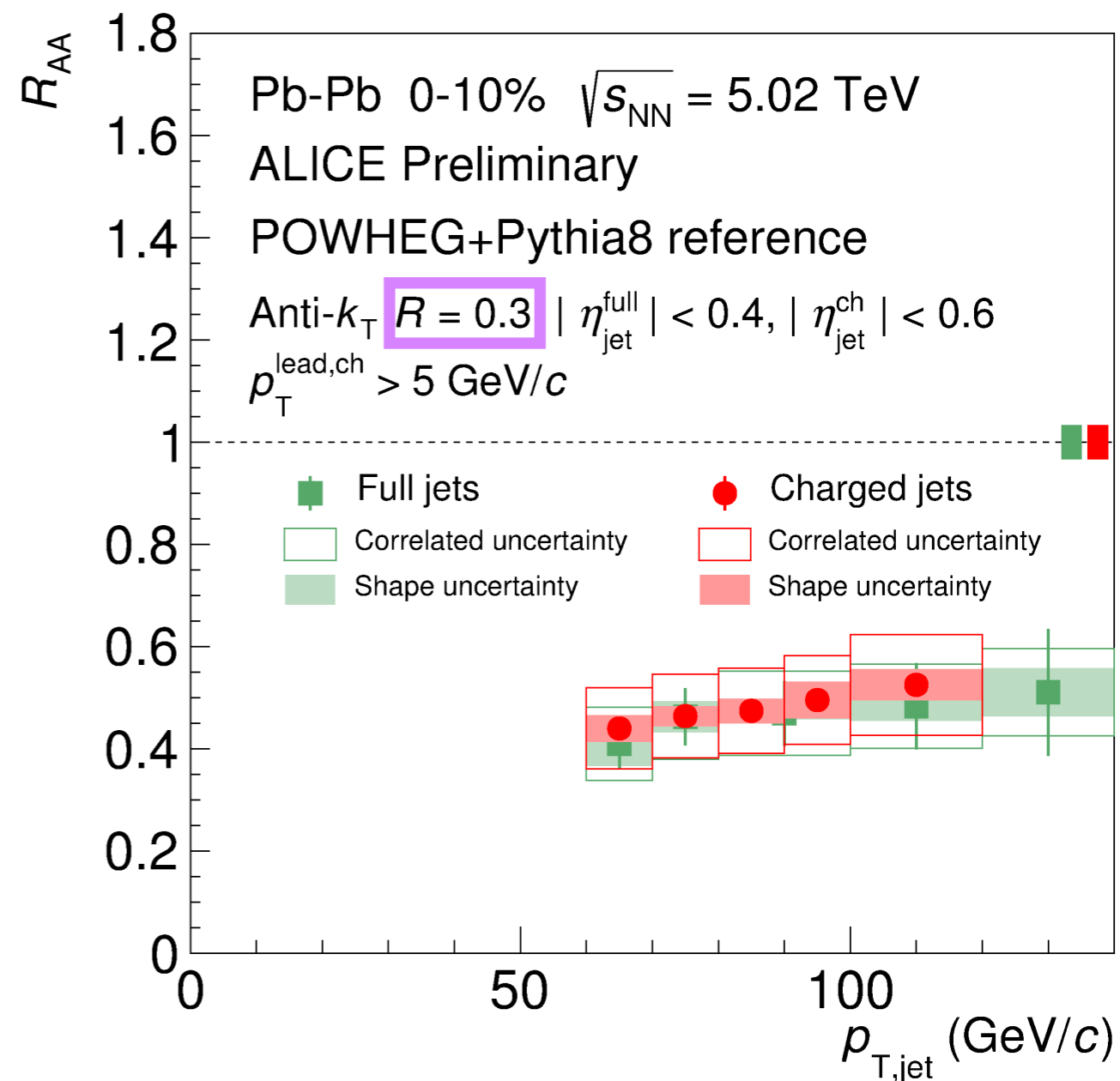
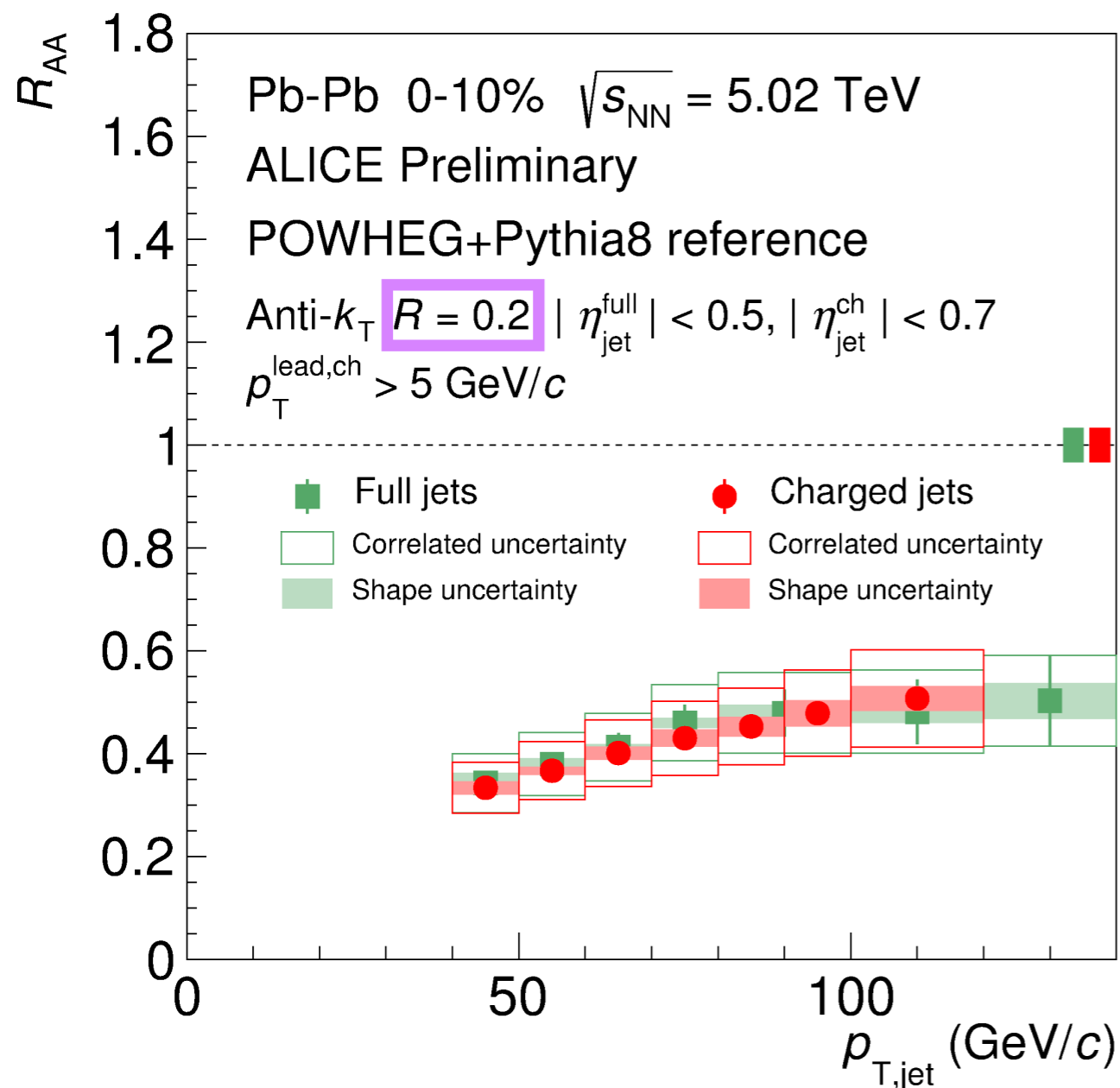
- *Search for quasiparticles with large-angle scatterings*
- *Jet substructure*
- *Heavy-flavor jets*
- *...*

Multiple avenues to explore jet modification in new ways and greater detail, and a big boost in Pb-Pb statistics coming by the end of 2018!

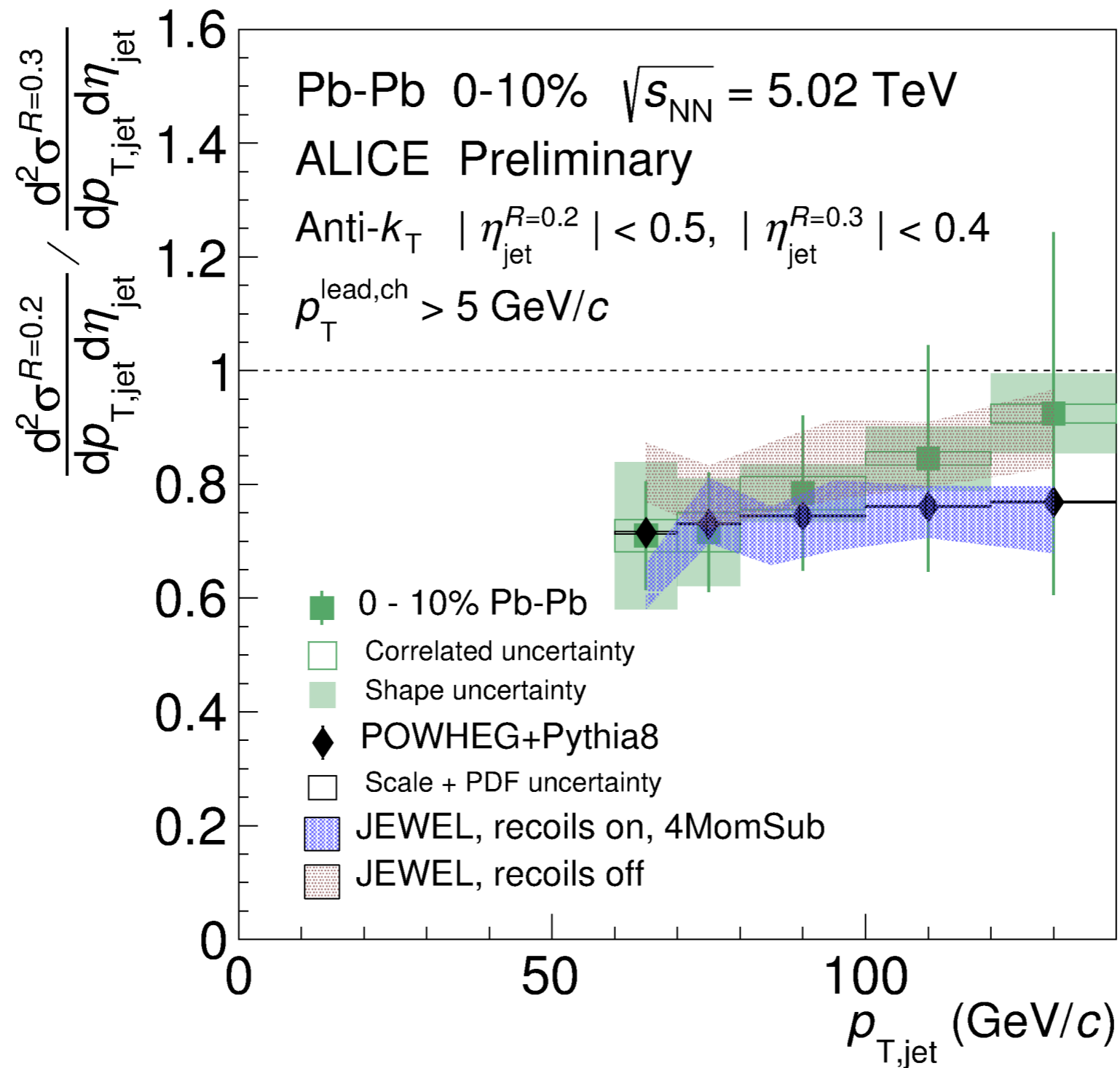
Thank you!

Backup

Charged particle jets and full jets are consistent



R=0.2 / R=0.3 jet cross-section ratio



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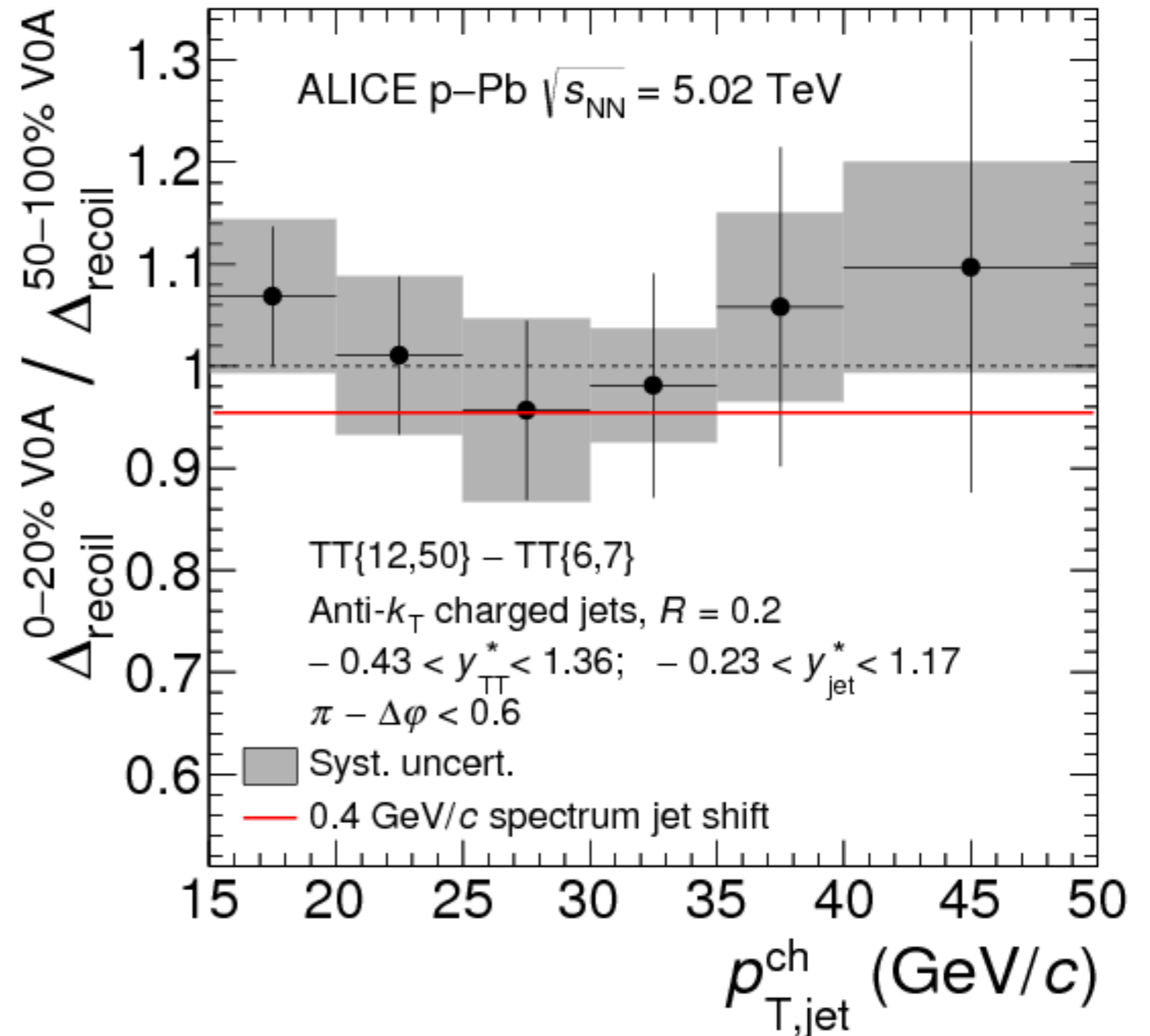
What have we learned about jet modification?

1. Jet yields are suppressed

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No jet suppression is observed in p-Pb

$$\Delta_{\text{recoil}}(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{jets}}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}} \Big|_{p_{T,\text{trig}} \in \text{TT}_{\text{Sig}}} - c_{\text{Ref}} \cdot \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{jets}}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}} \Big|_{p_{T,\text{trig}} \in \text{TT}_{\text{Ref}}}$$



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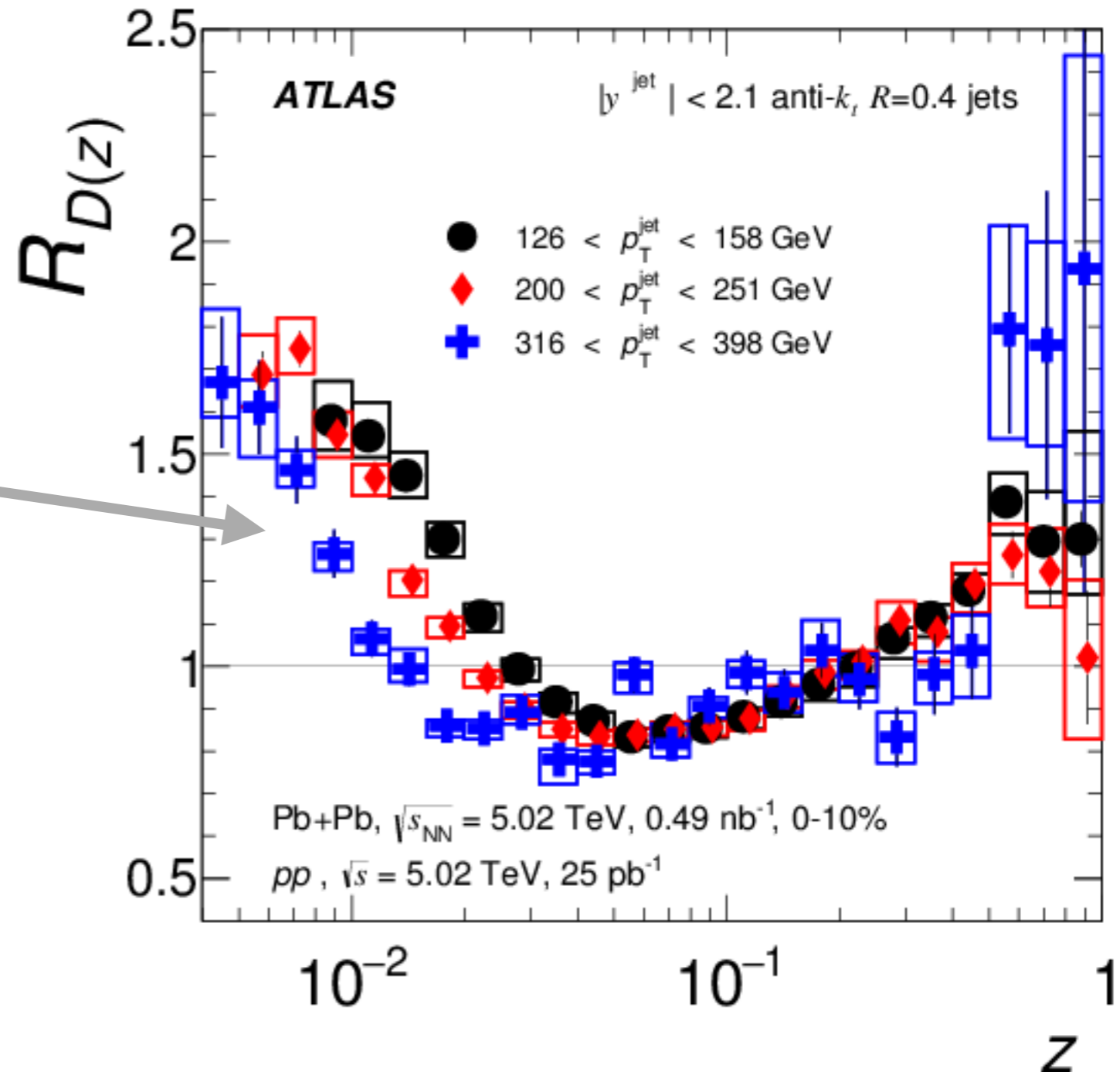
3. Soft energy is distributed to large angles

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The soft excess is also observed in the fragmentation function

$$R_{D(z)} \equiv \frac{D(z)_{\text{PbPb}}}{D(z)_{pp}}$$

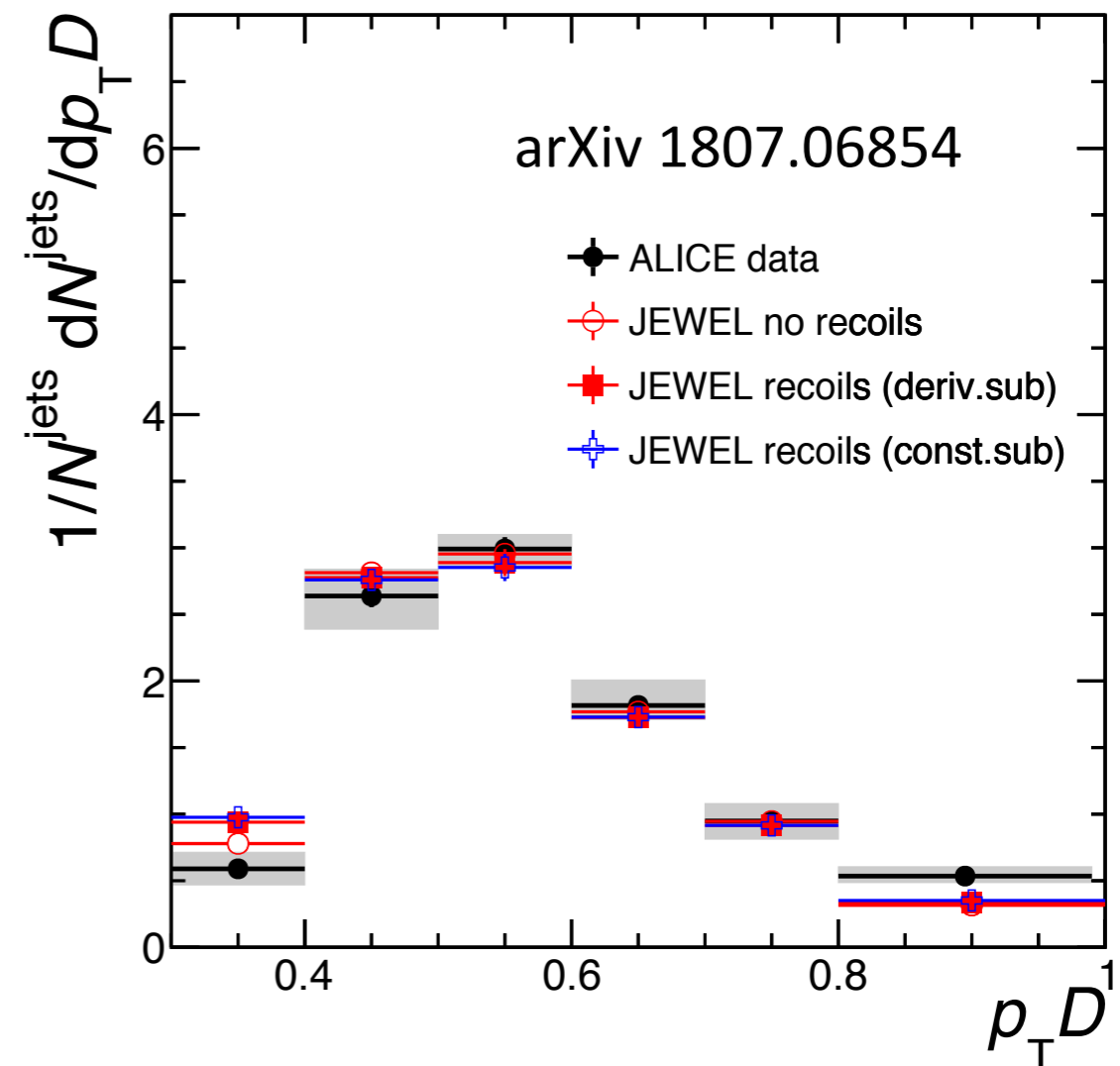
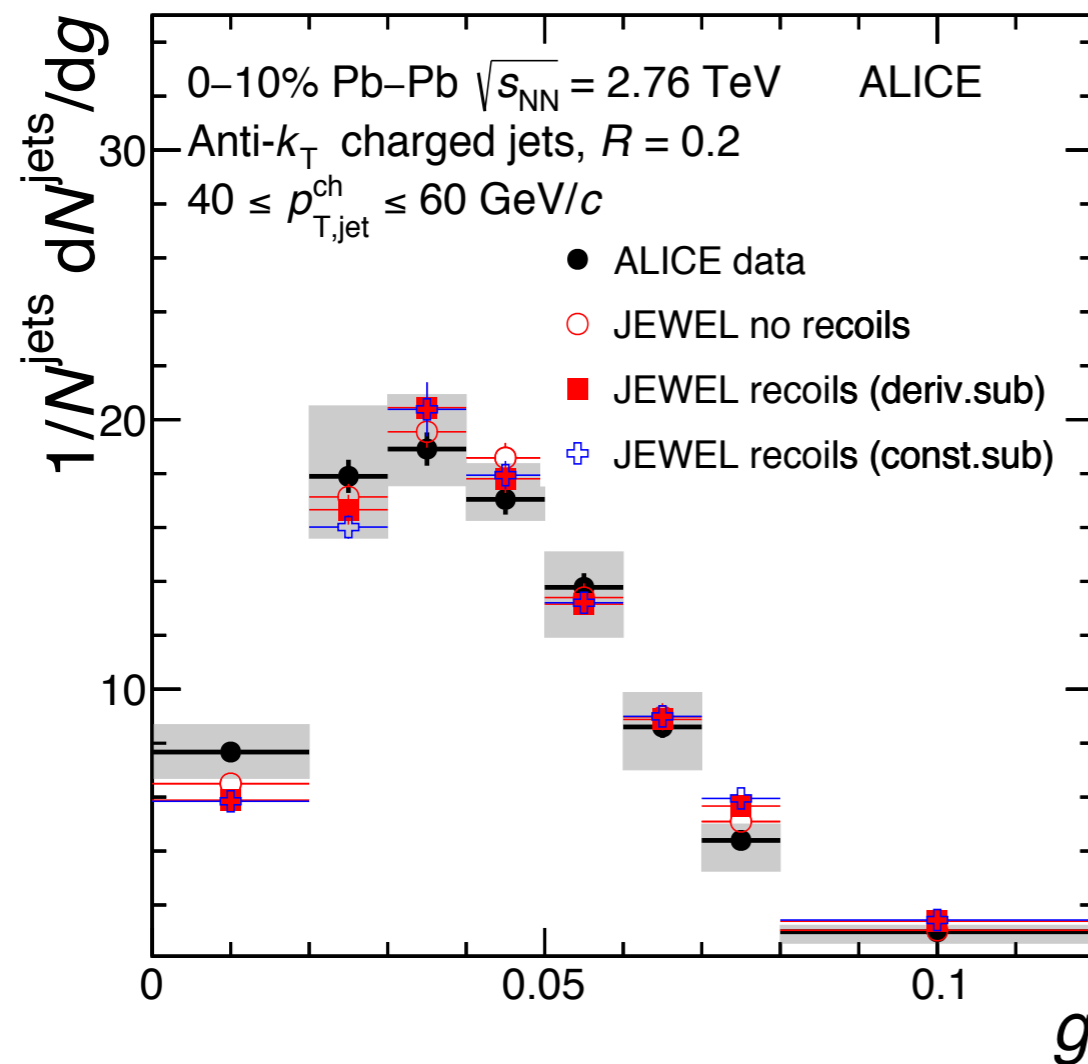
$$D(z) \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dn_{\text{ch}}}{dz}$$



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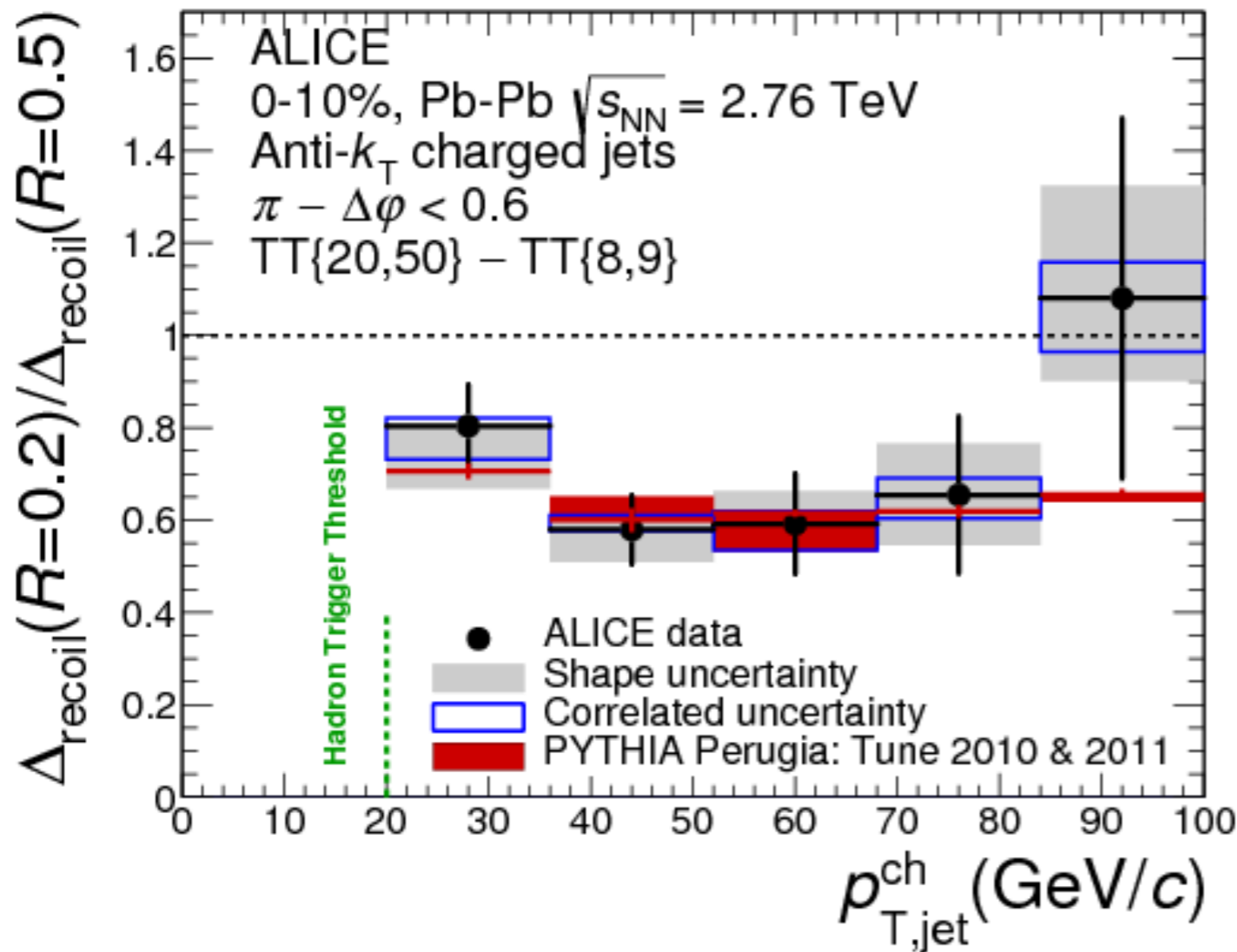
4. Medium recoil is important to understand

However the radial moment and momentum dispersion for $R=0.2$ jets in Pb-Pb does not appear to be sensitive to medium recoil



R -dependence of jet suppression at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV

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ALICE hadron-jet coincidence measurement shows no significant intra-jet broadening from $R=0.2$ to $R=0.5$

Quark-gluon ratio

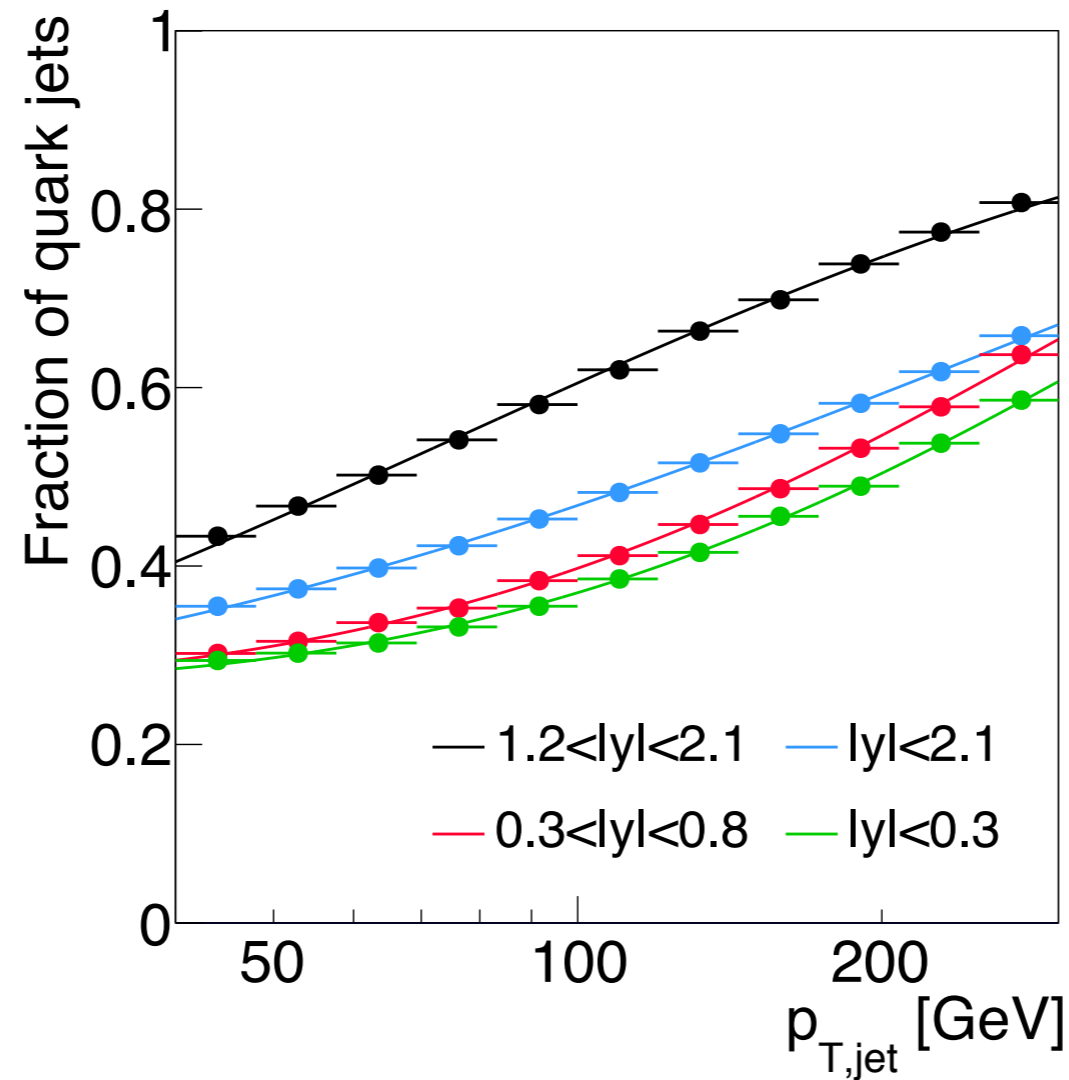
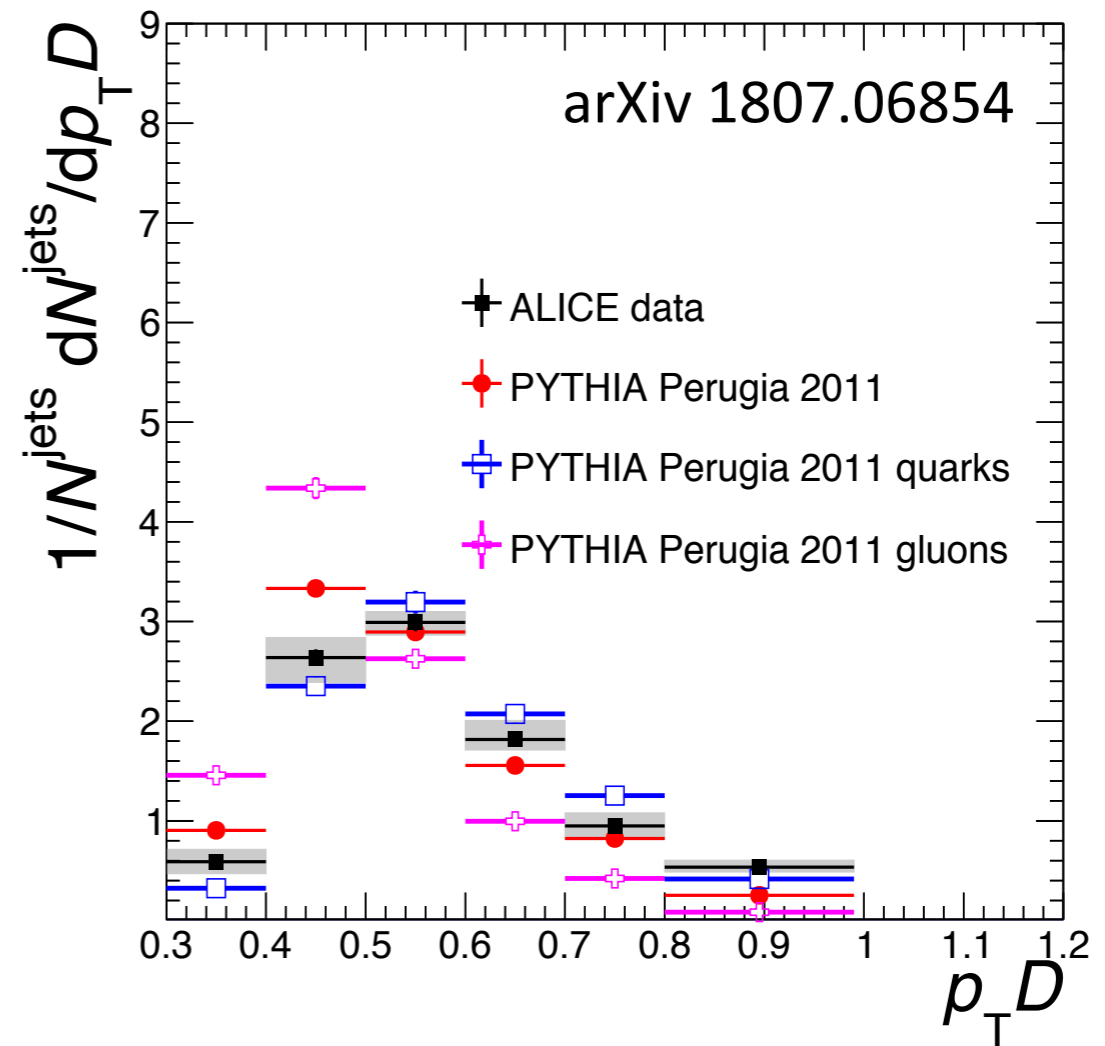
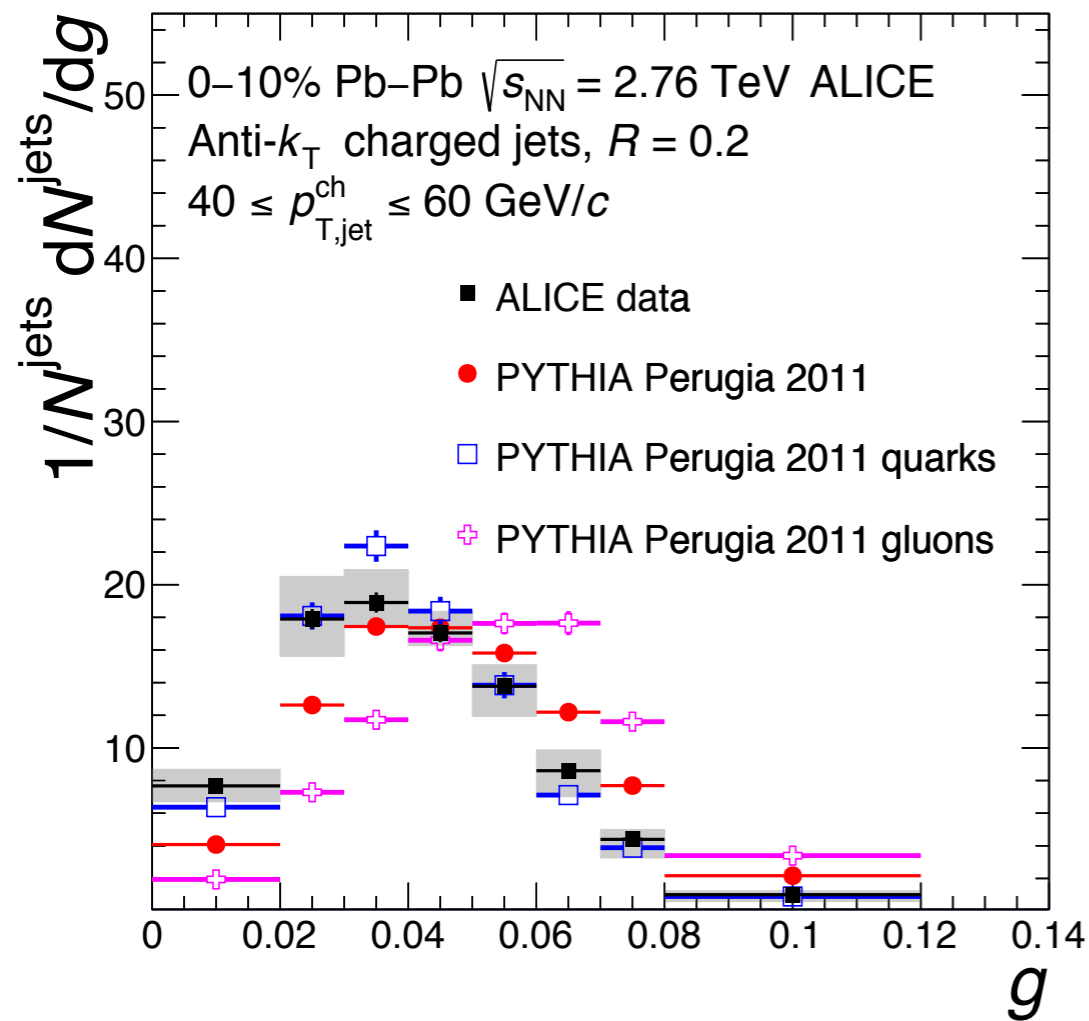


Figure 2: Jet quark fraction as a function of p_T^{jet} in the different jet rapidity intervals used in this study. The points show results obtained from PYTHIA8 simulations, the solid lines represent results obtained from extended power-law fits with the parameters shown in Table 1.

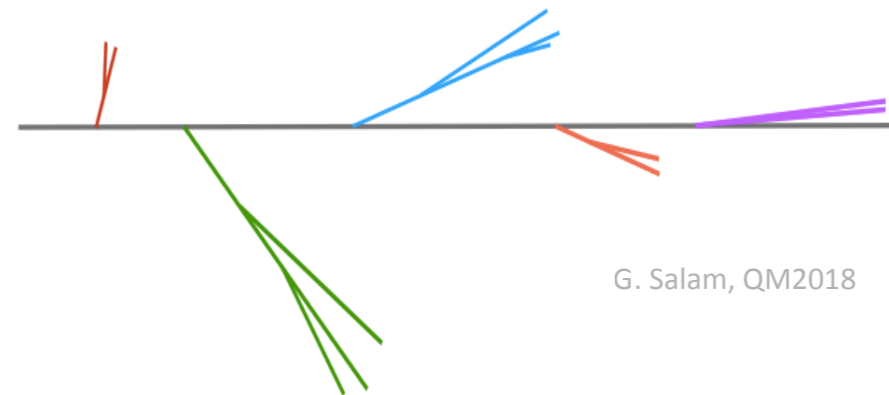
How is the jet core modified?

The Pb-Pb results agree fairly well with Pythia quark jets



Groomed jet substructure

- Measurement procedure
 1. Cluster jets with the anti- k_T algorithm, then re-cluster each jet using the C/A algorithm
 - This produces an angularly ordered tree, similar to a parton shower
 2. Unwind the last clustering step and check the Soft Drop condition: $z > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} \right)^\beta$
 3. Discard the softer sub-jet and repeat
- The resulting hard splittings are described by:
 - n_{SD} is the number of splittings that pass the Soft Drop condition
 - z_g, R_g describe the momentum fraction and angular separation of the **first** splitting



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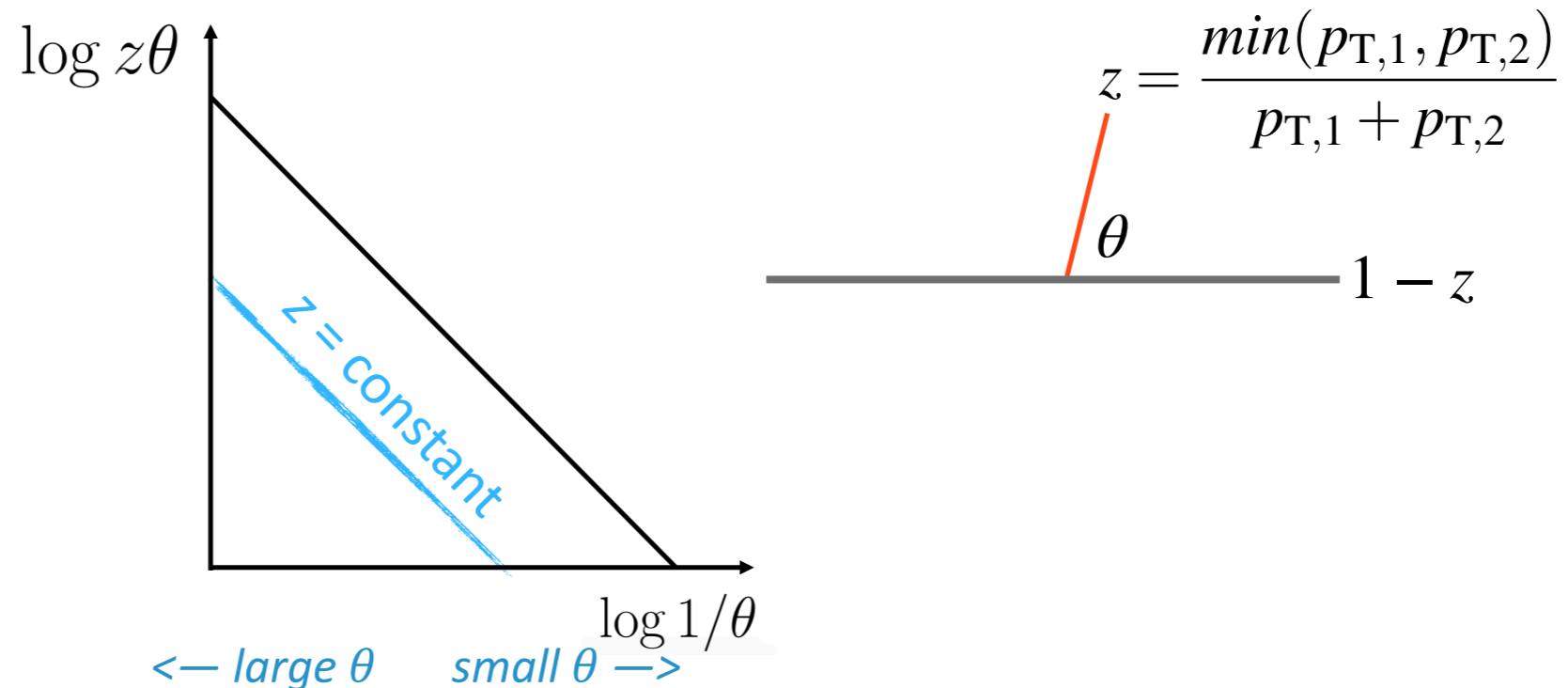
$$z = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

A horizontal line represents a jet. From a point on this line, a red line branches out downwards at an angle θ . The remaining part of the jet is labeled $1 - z$.

We use
 $(z_{\text{cut}}, \beta) = (0.1, 0)$

Groomed jet substructure

- Lund diagram:
 - Represents the phase-space density of $\rightarrow 2$ splittings, described by (z, θ)

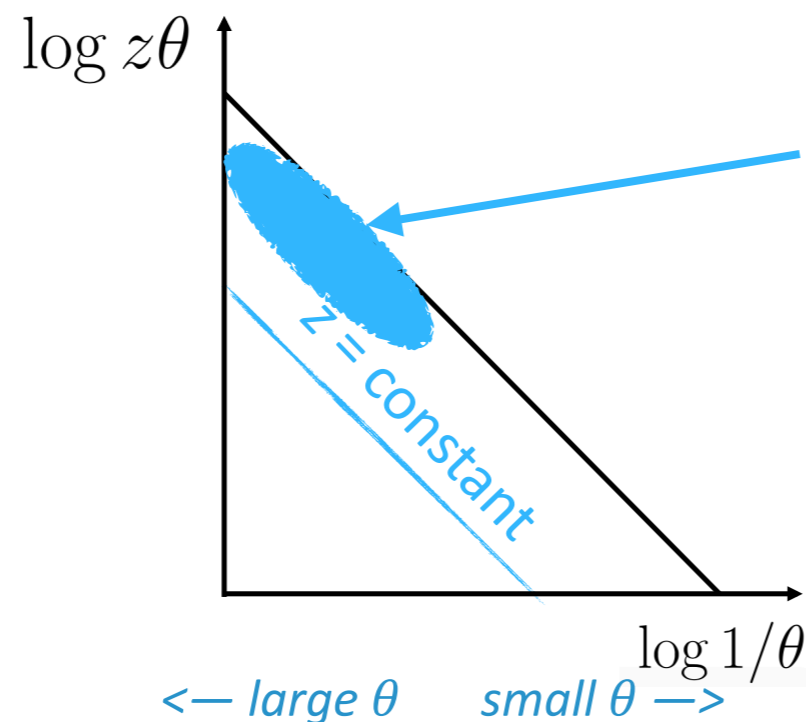


- By varying the Soft Drop parameters z_{cut} , β one can vary the phase space populated in the Lund diagram

$$z > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} \right)^\beta$$

Groomed jet substructure

- Lund diagram:
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Large θ hard splittings are predicted to be resolved by the medium and suppressed

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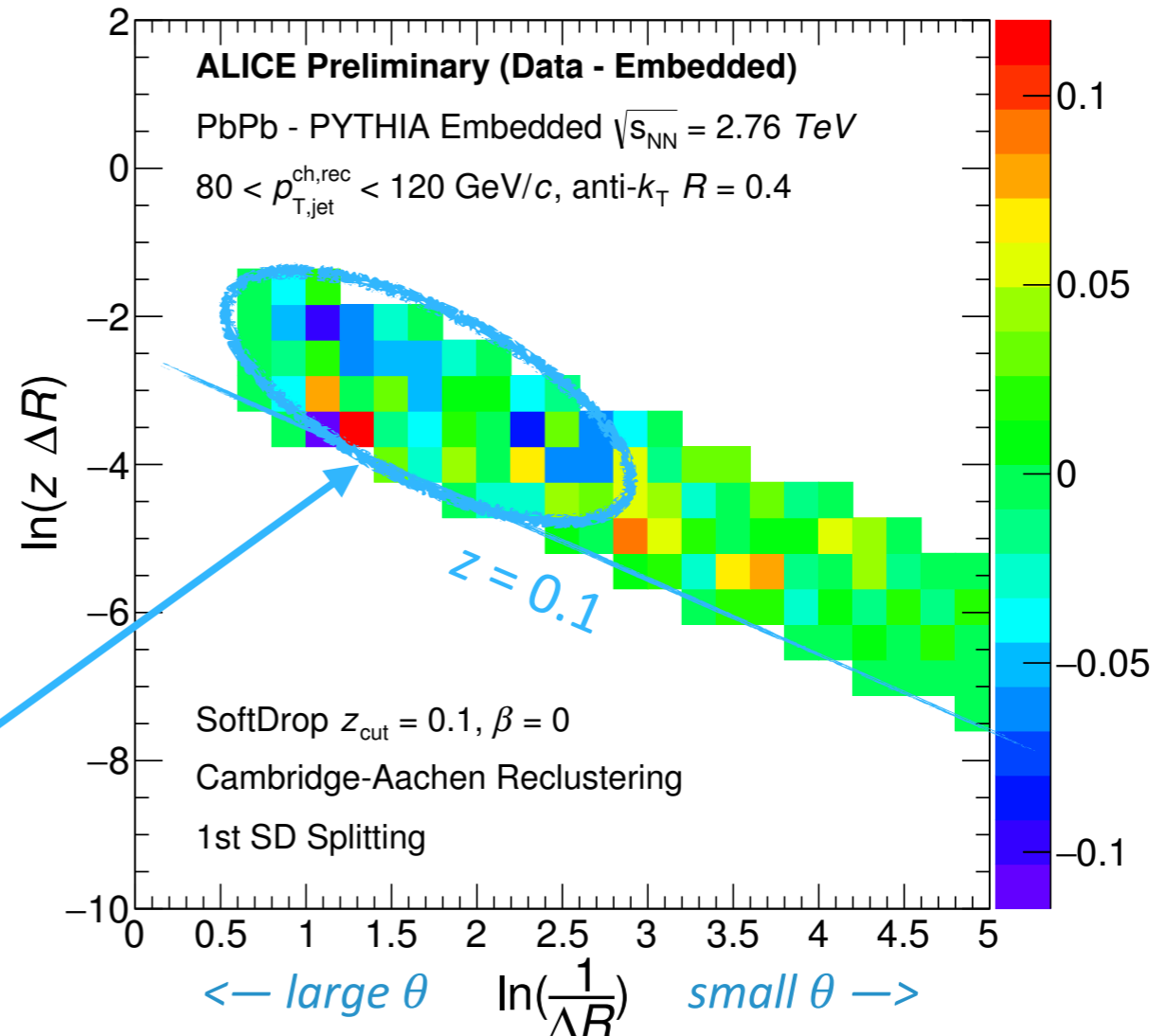
$$z > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R}{R_0} \right)^\beta$$

Groomed jet substructure – Pb-Pb

- Pb-Pb measurement at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$
 - $R = 0.4, p_{\text{T}} = 80\text{-}120 \text{ GeV}/c, |\eta| < 0.5$
 - Detector-level measurement, compared to Pythia embedded

Note: Soft Drop grooming removes below the constant diagonal line $z = 0.1$

- There is a depletion of the large-angle splittings in Pb-Pb!



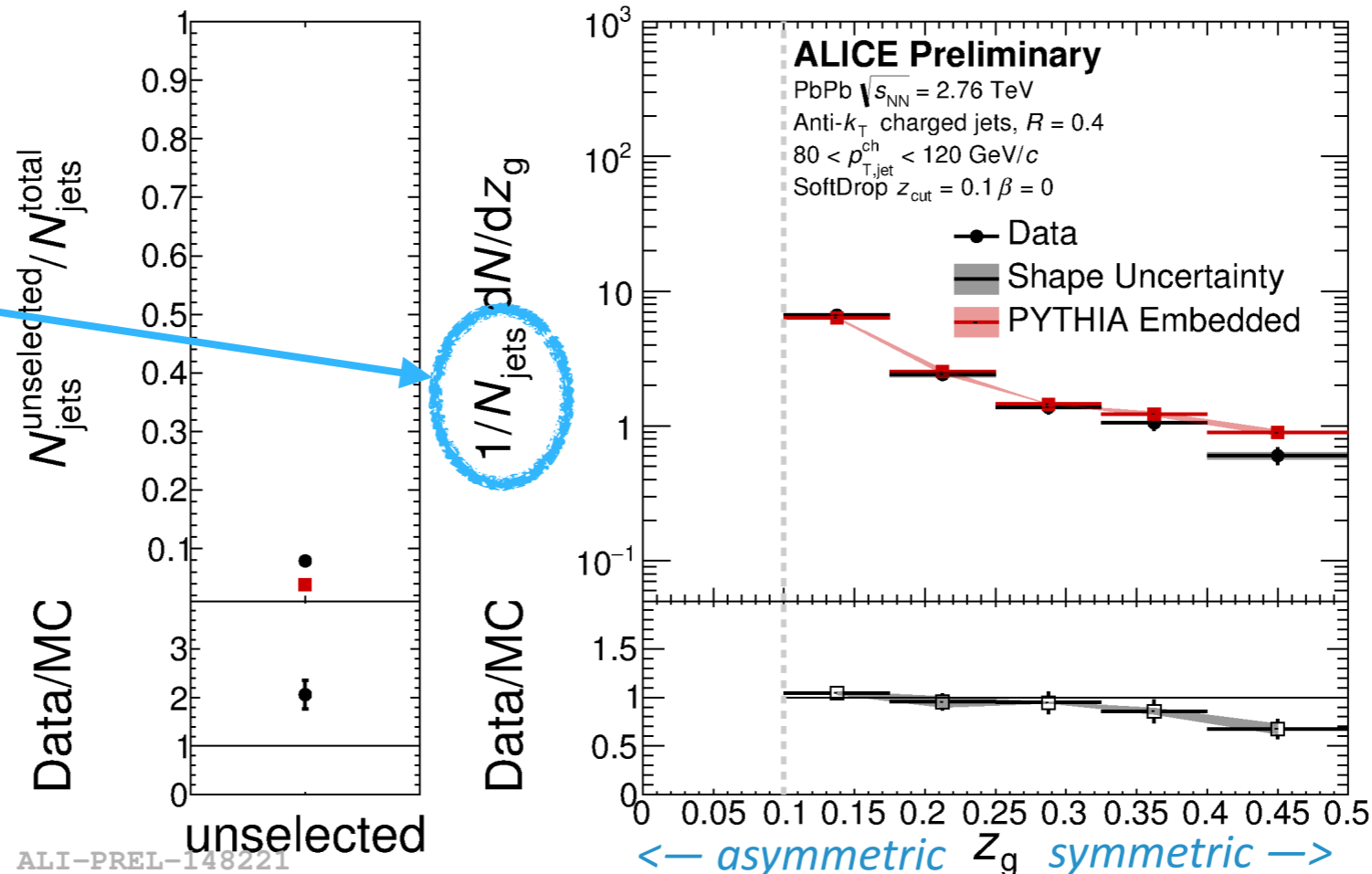
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Groomed jet substructure – Pb-Pb

- The z_g distribution shows suppression at high z_g
 - That is, the hardest splittings are suppressed in Pb-Pb
- No enhancement at small z_g

$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

In order to interpret the results as absolute suppression/enhancement, **must normalize by the number of inclusive jets**, including those that do not pass the Soft Drop condition



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