

ATLAS highlights from small systems



Light ion collisions at the LHC

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ATLAS heavy ion datasets

	System	Year	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [TeV]	L_{int}
Run 1	Pb+Pb	2010	2.76	7 μb^{-1}
	Pb+Pb	2011	2.76	0.14 nb^{-1}
	pp	2012	8	19.4 fb^{-1}
	p+Pb	2012	5.02	1 μb^{-1}
	pp	2013	2.76	4 pb^{-1}
	p+Pb	2013	5.02	29 nb^{-1}
Run 2	low $\langle\mu\rangle$ pp	2015-16	13	0.9 pb^{-1}
	pp	2015	5.02	28 pb^{-1}
	Pb+Pb	2015	5.02	0.49 nb^{-1}
	p+Pb	2016	5.02	0.5 nb^{-1}
	p+Pb	2016	8.16	0.16 pb^{-1}
	Xe+Xe	2017	5.44	3 μb^{-1}
Run 3	pp	2017	5.02	270 pb^{-1}
	Pb+Pb	2018	5.02	1.76 nb^{-1}
	Pb+Pb	2023	5.36	1.63 nb^{-1}
	pp	2024	5.36	425 pb^{-1}
	Pb+Pb	2024	5.36	
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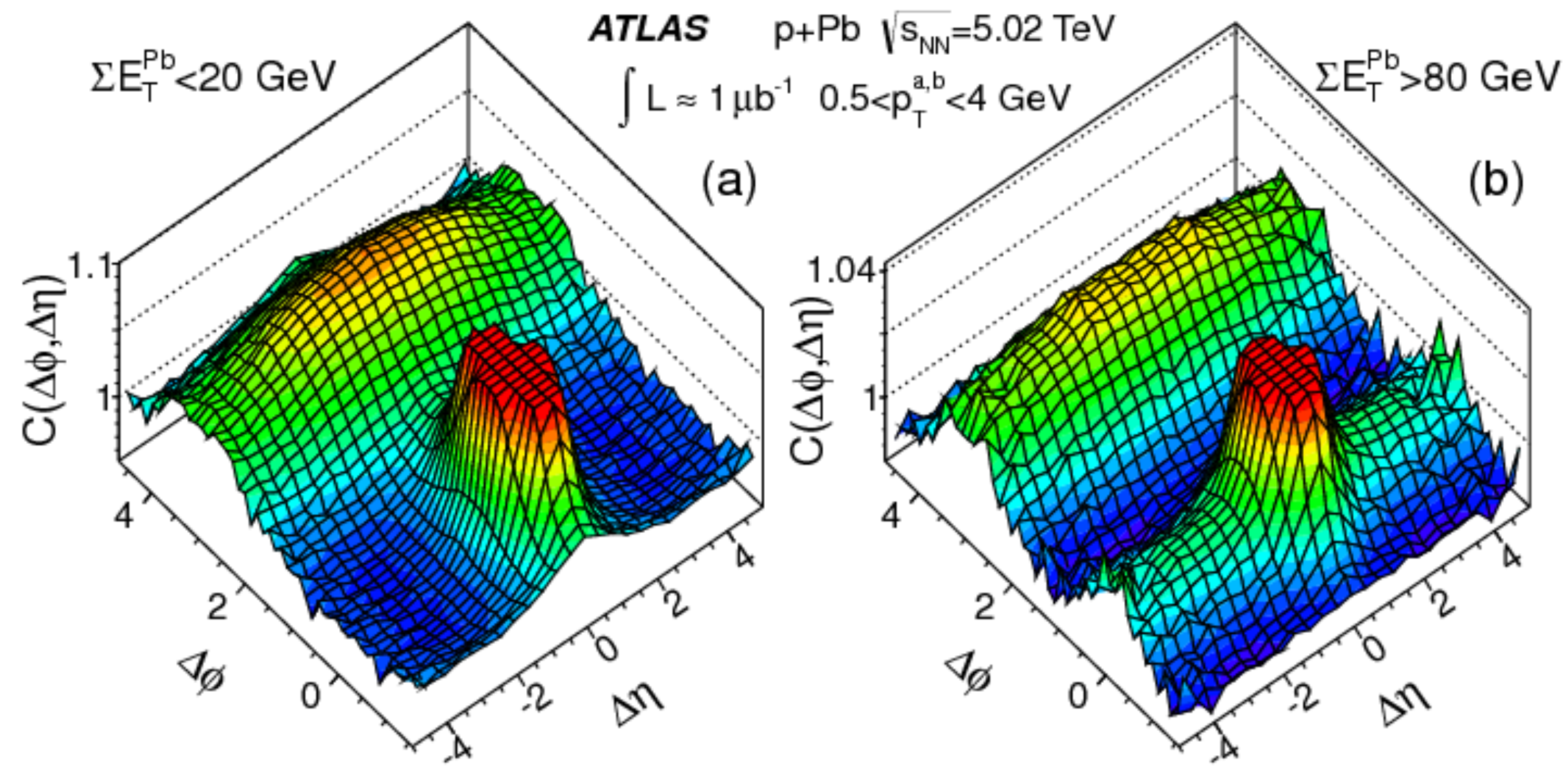
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Chapter 1

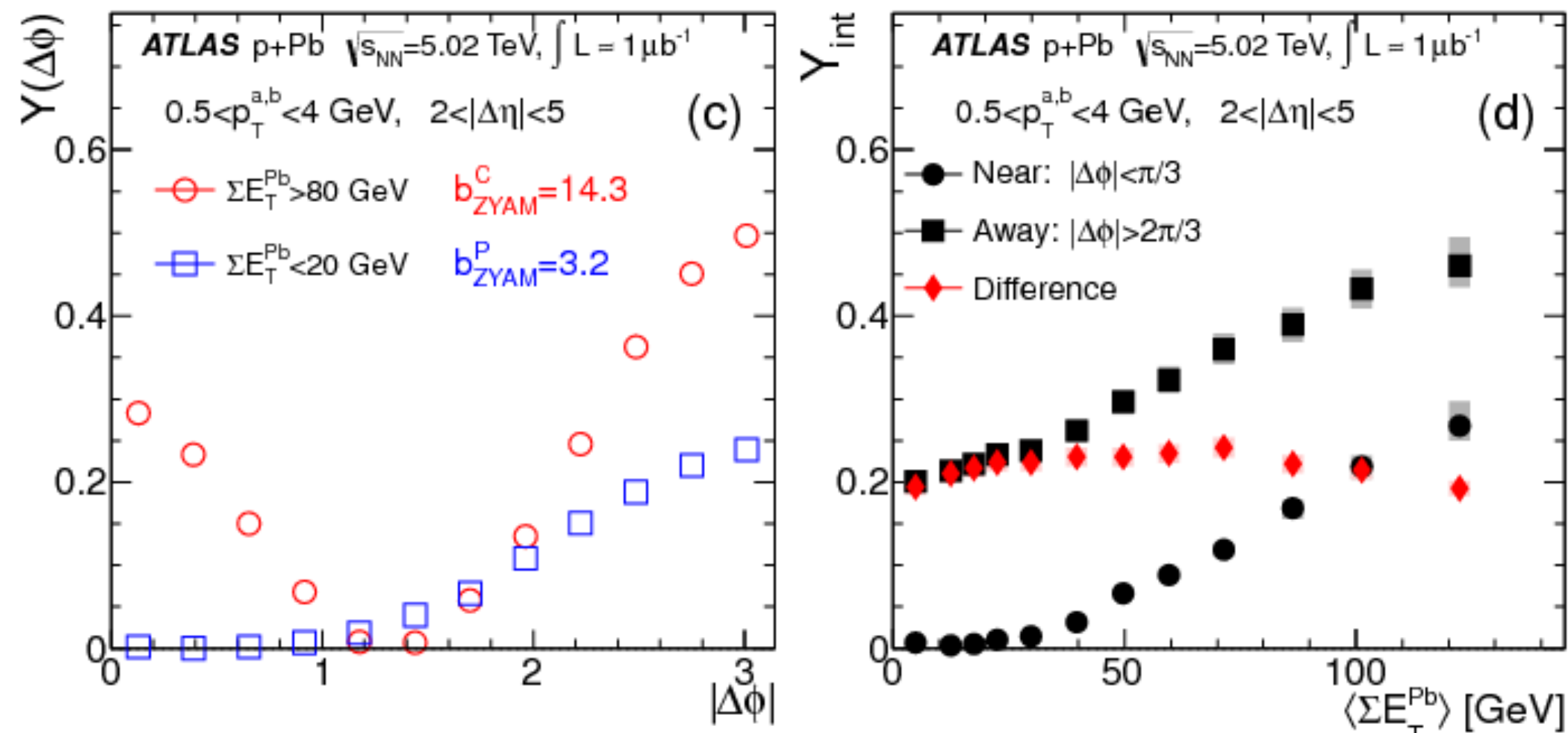
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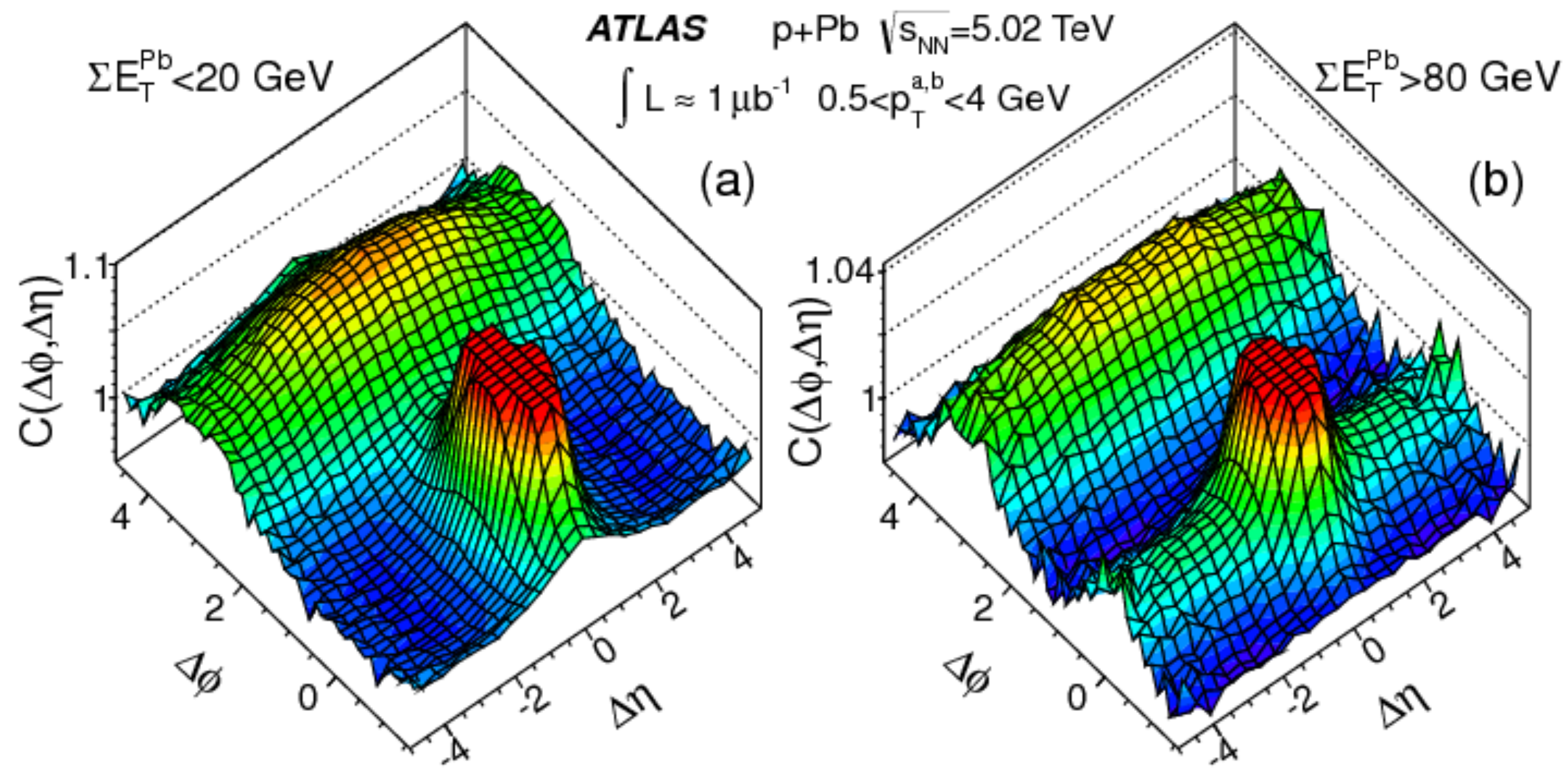
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Strength of the long-range component is quantified by the per-trigger yields with the zero-yield-at-minimum pedestal estimate.

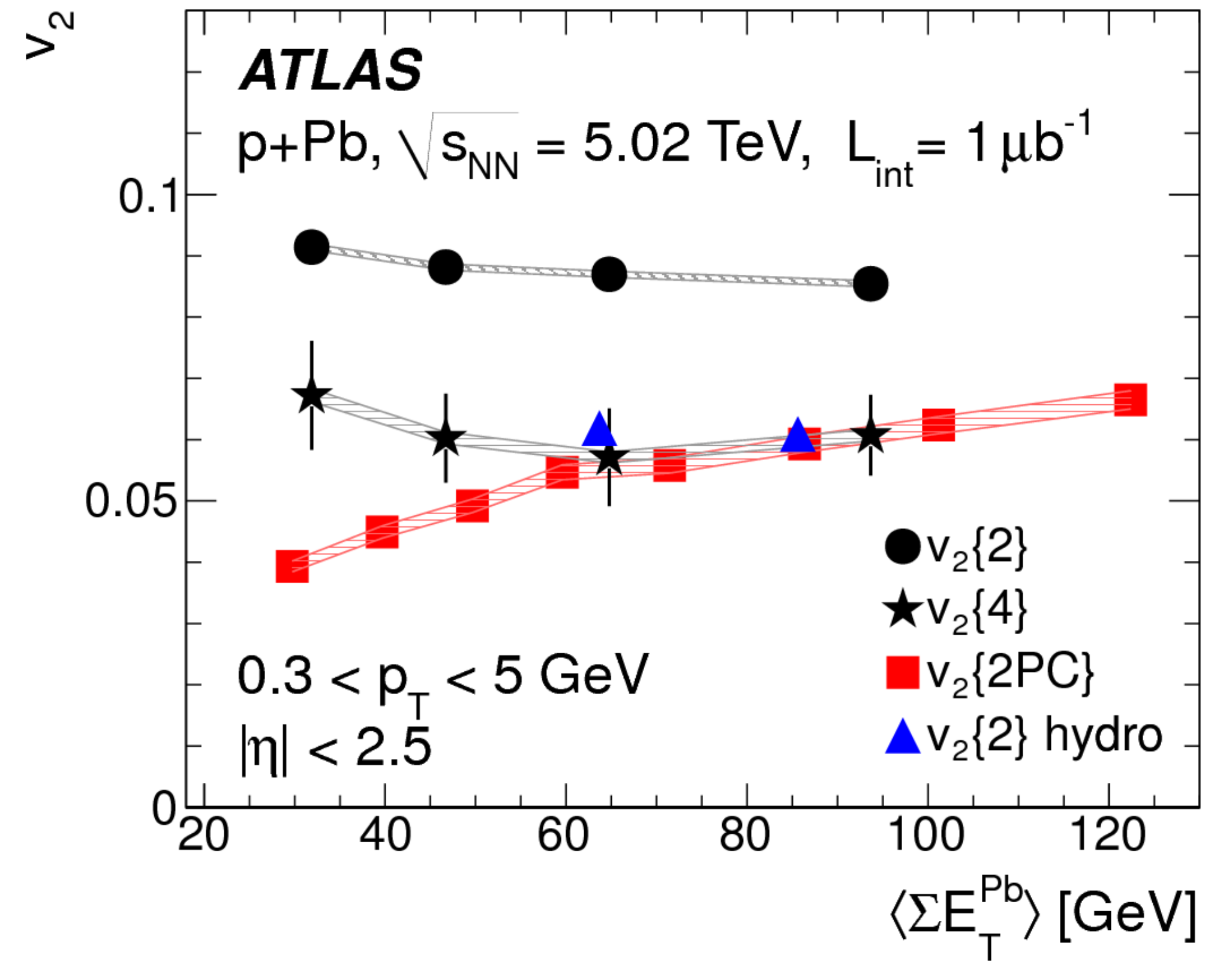
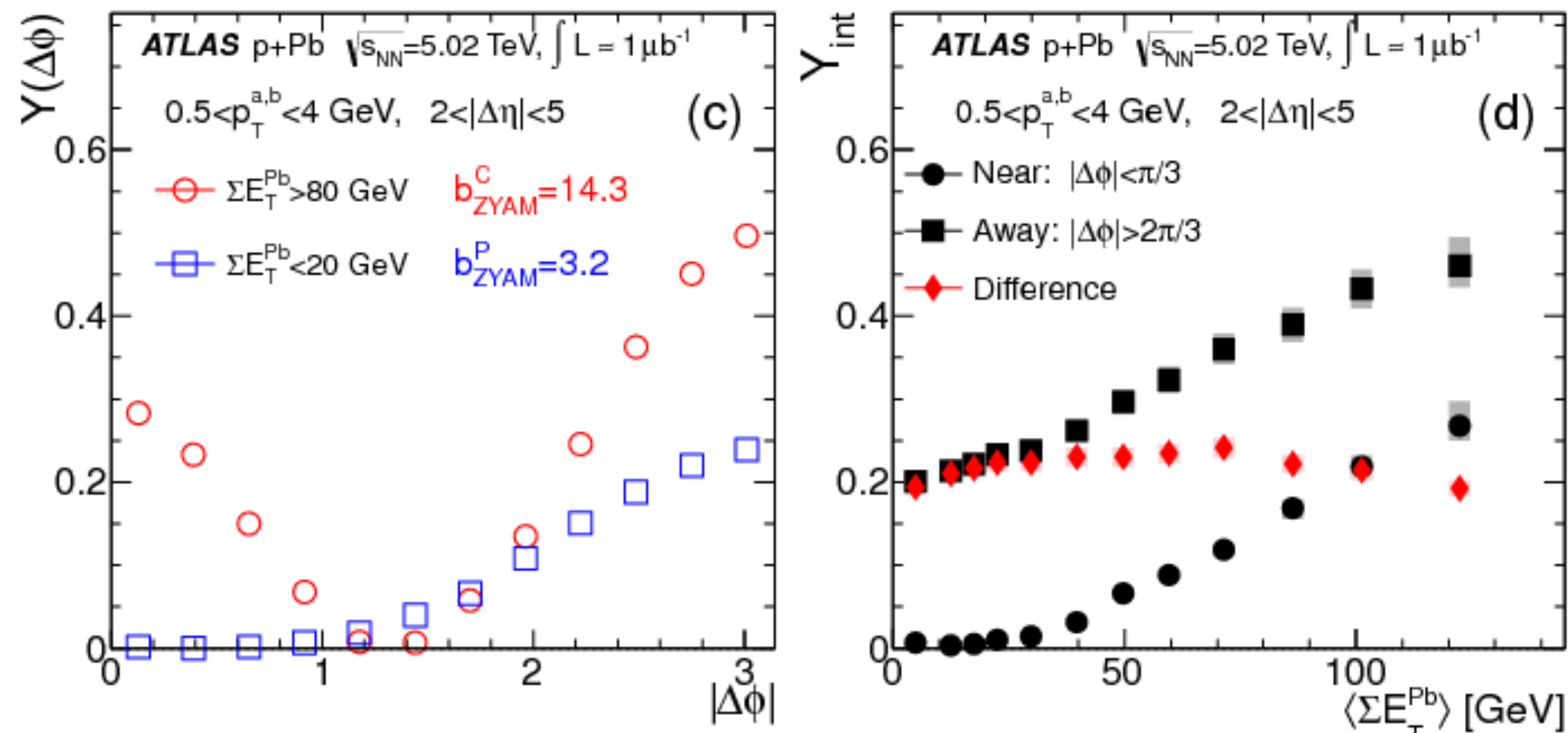
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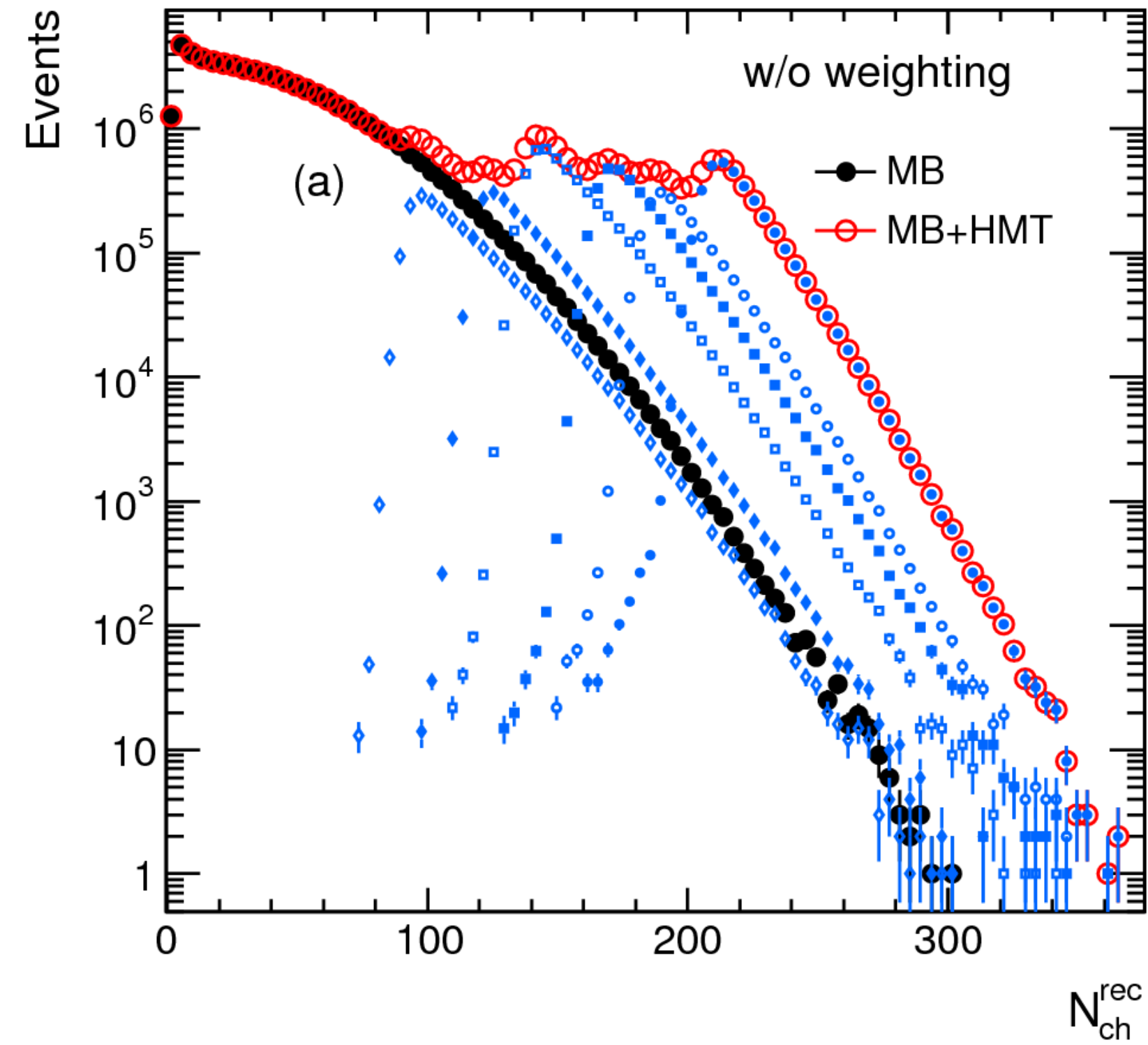
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v_2 extracted with 4 particle cumulants

Improved 2PC method for peripheral subtraction

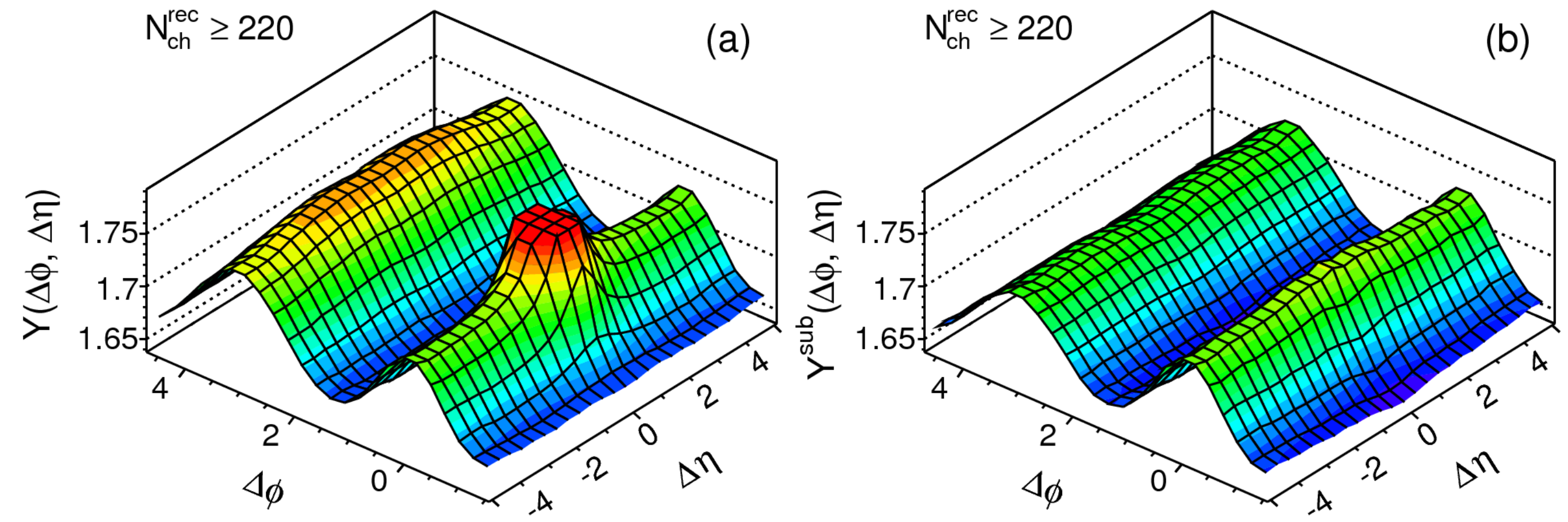
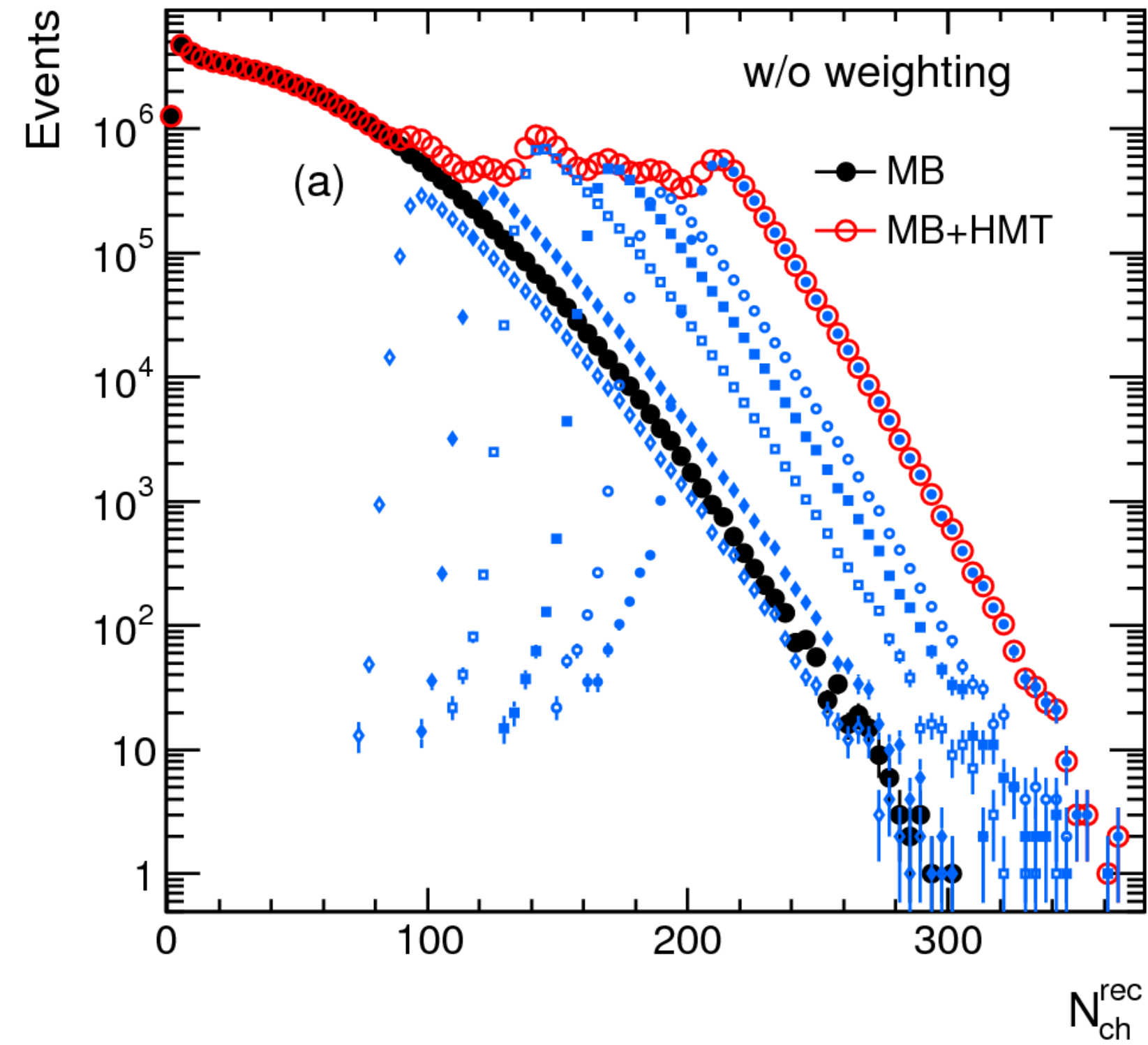
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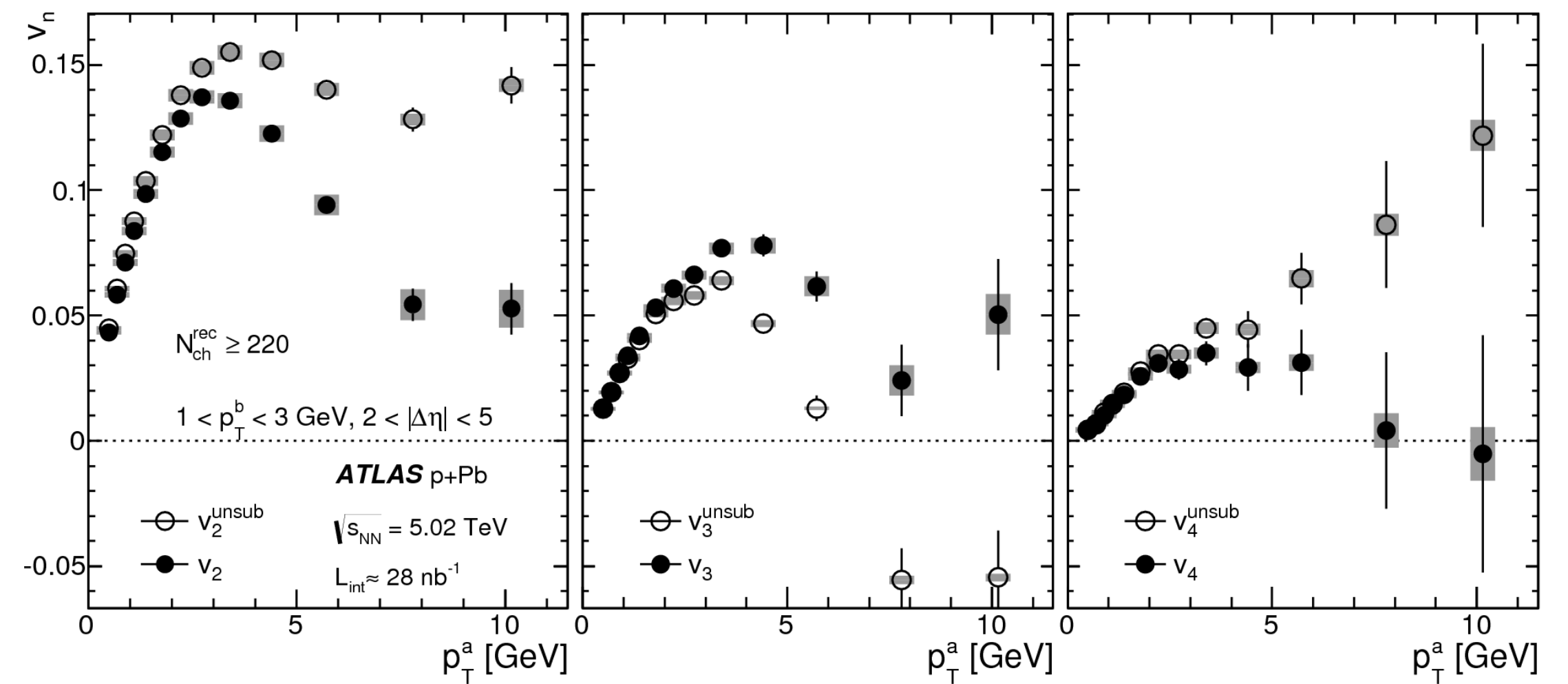
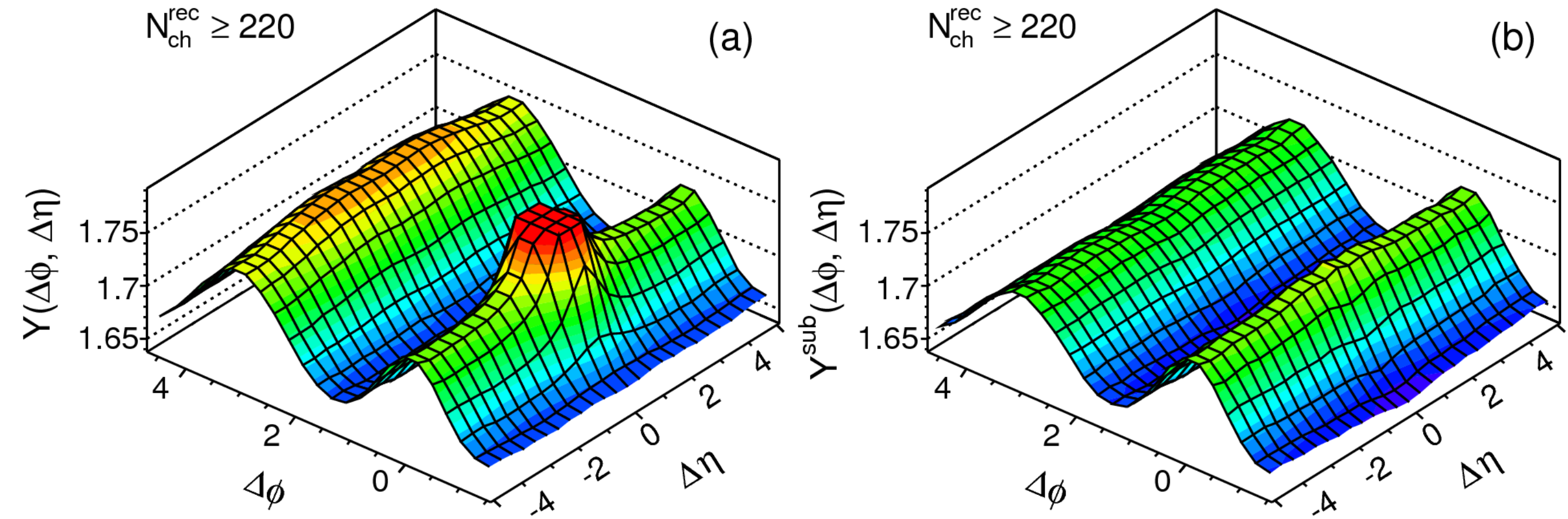
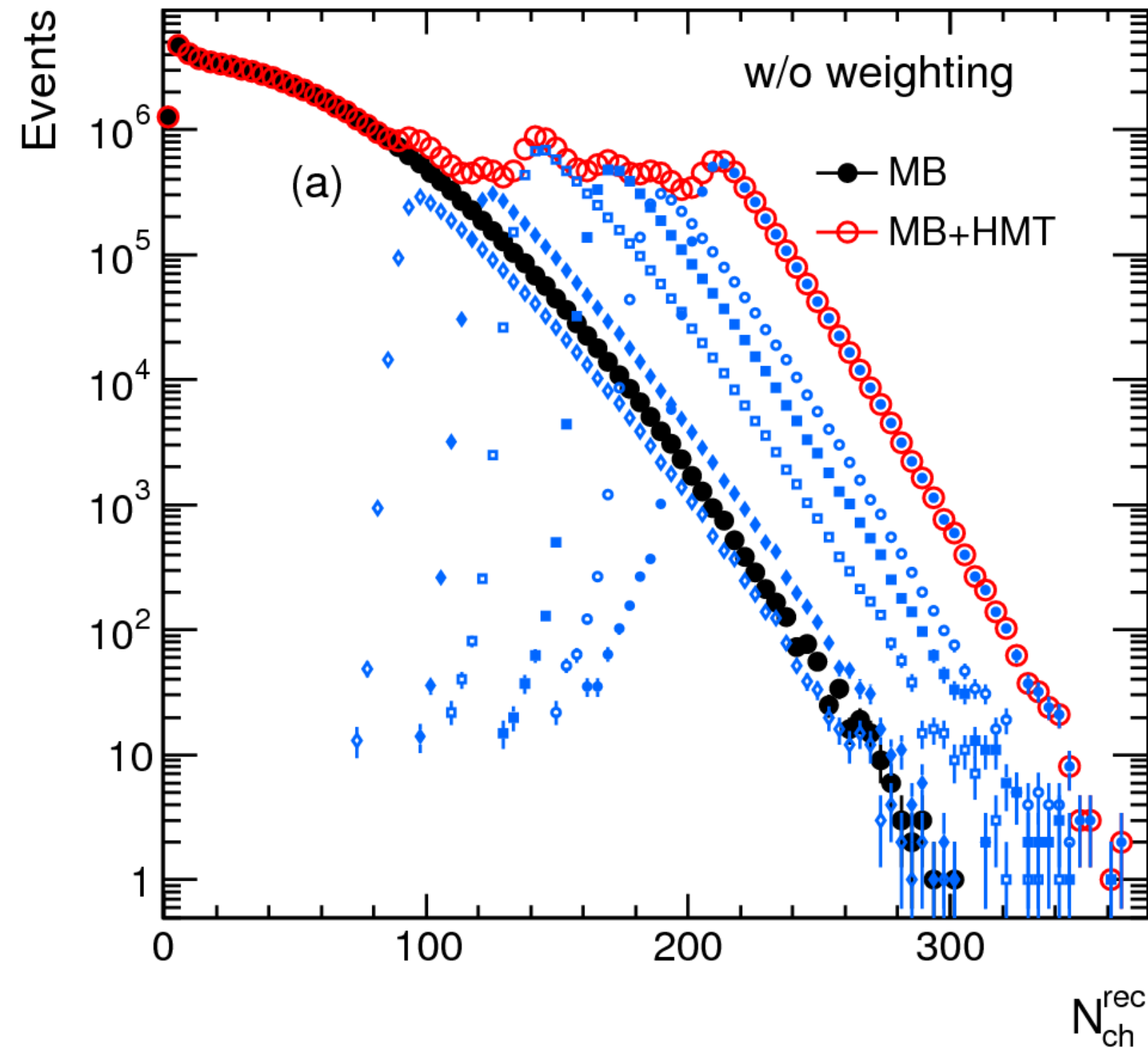
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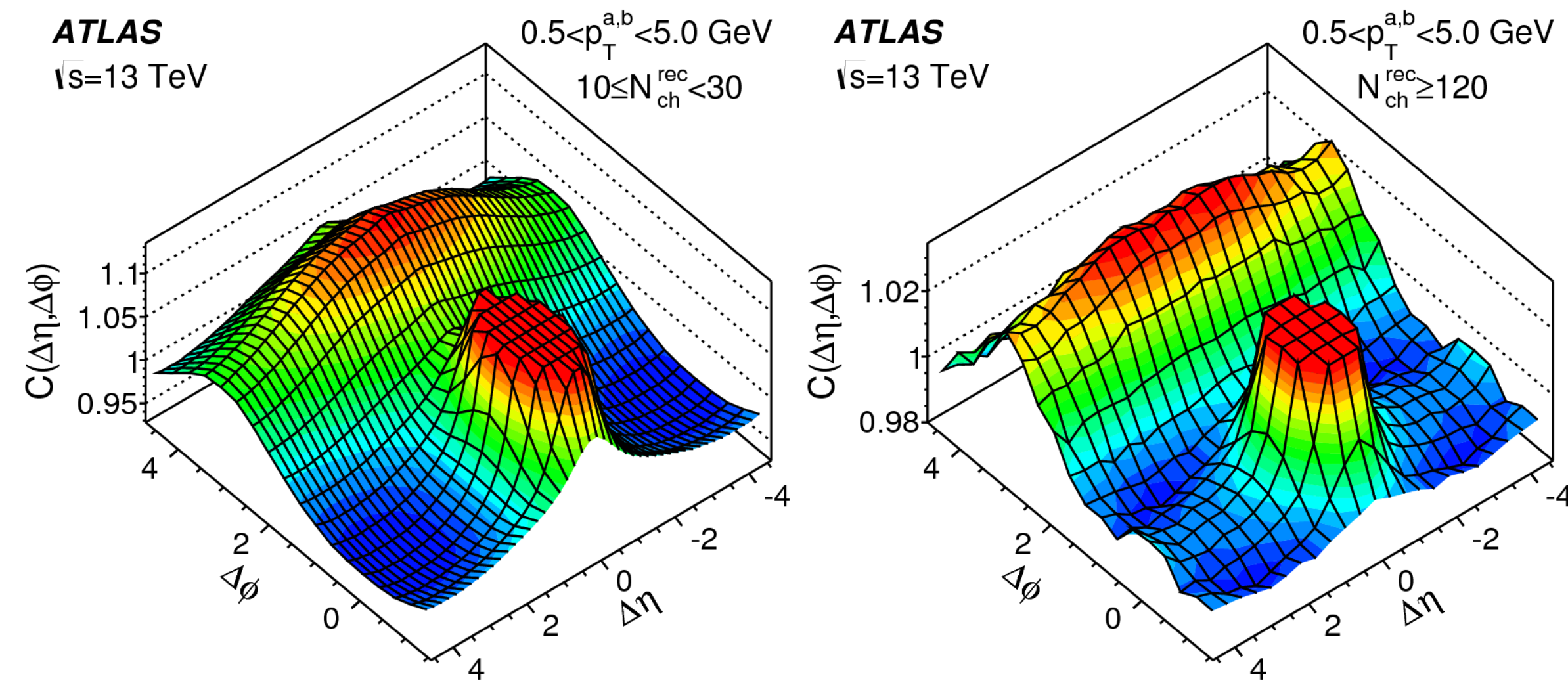


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Subtraction the recoil contribution estimated using the 2PC in low-activity events (but still with ZYAM).

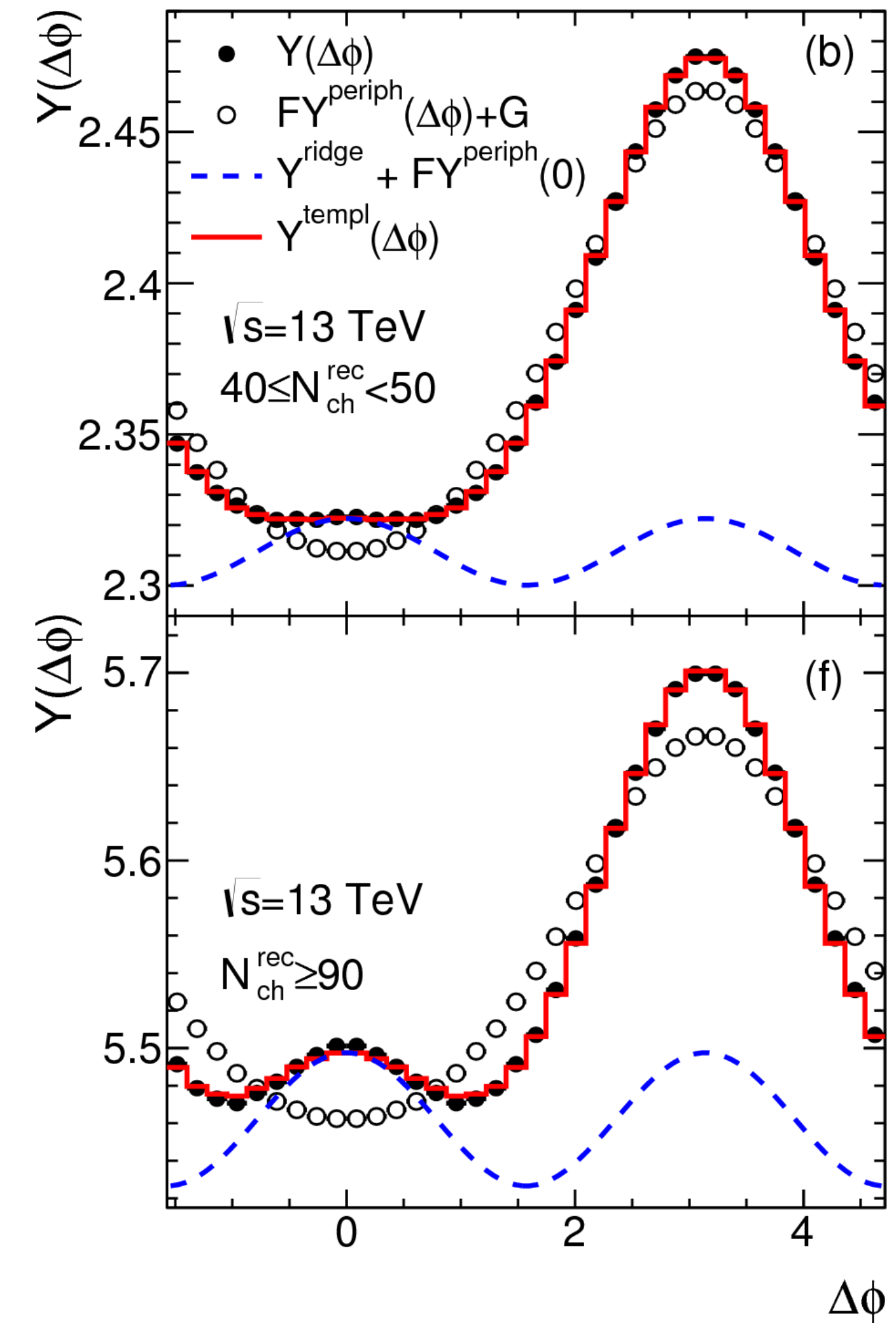
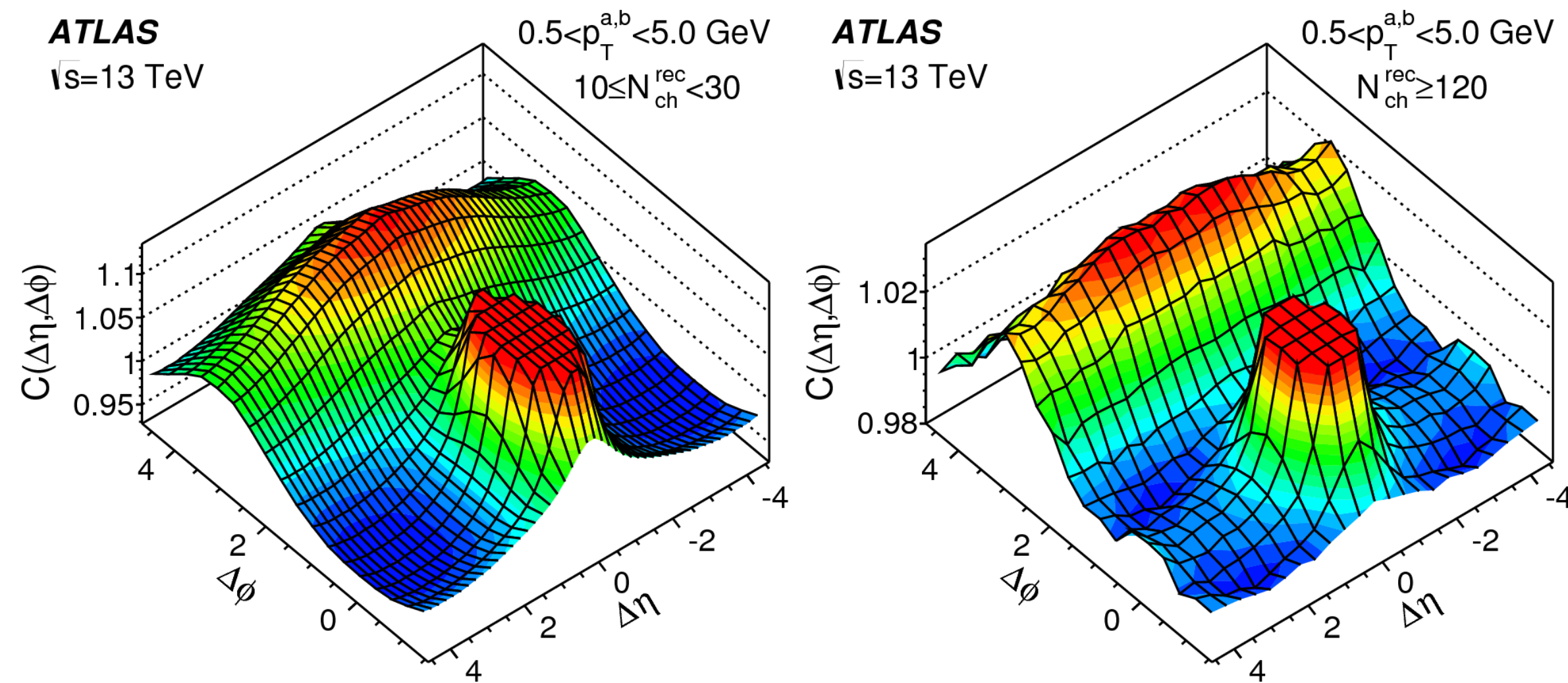
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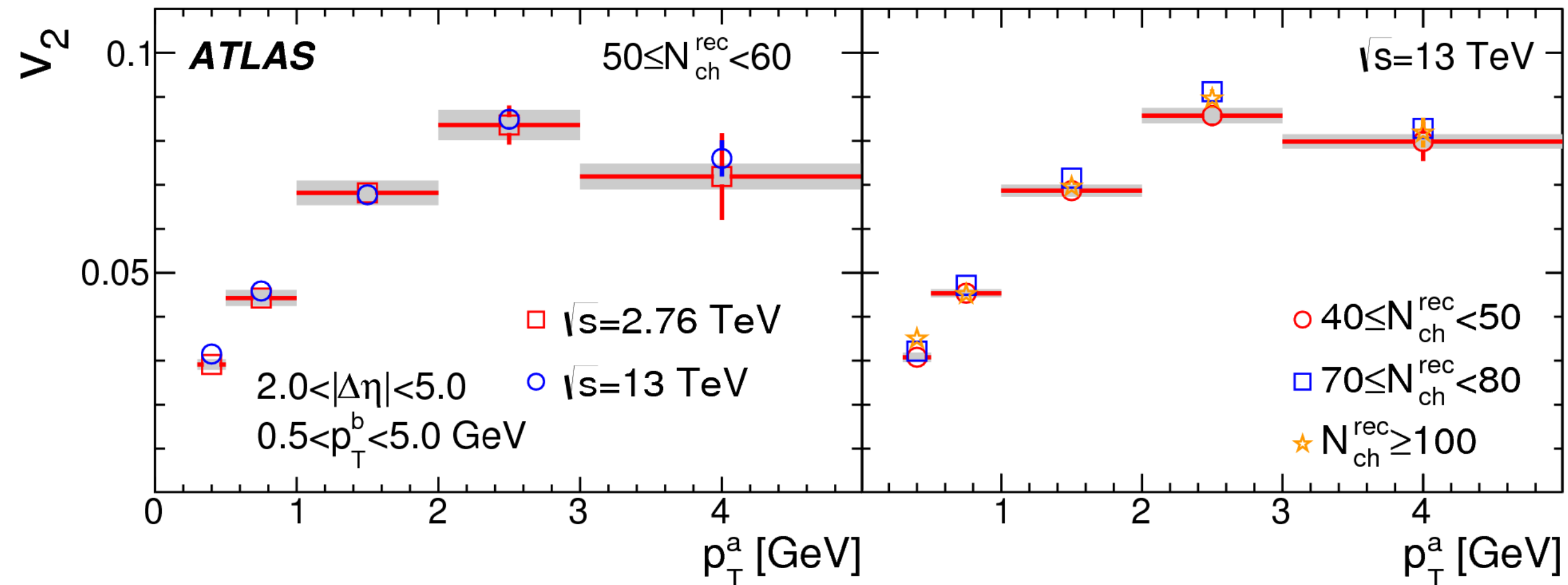
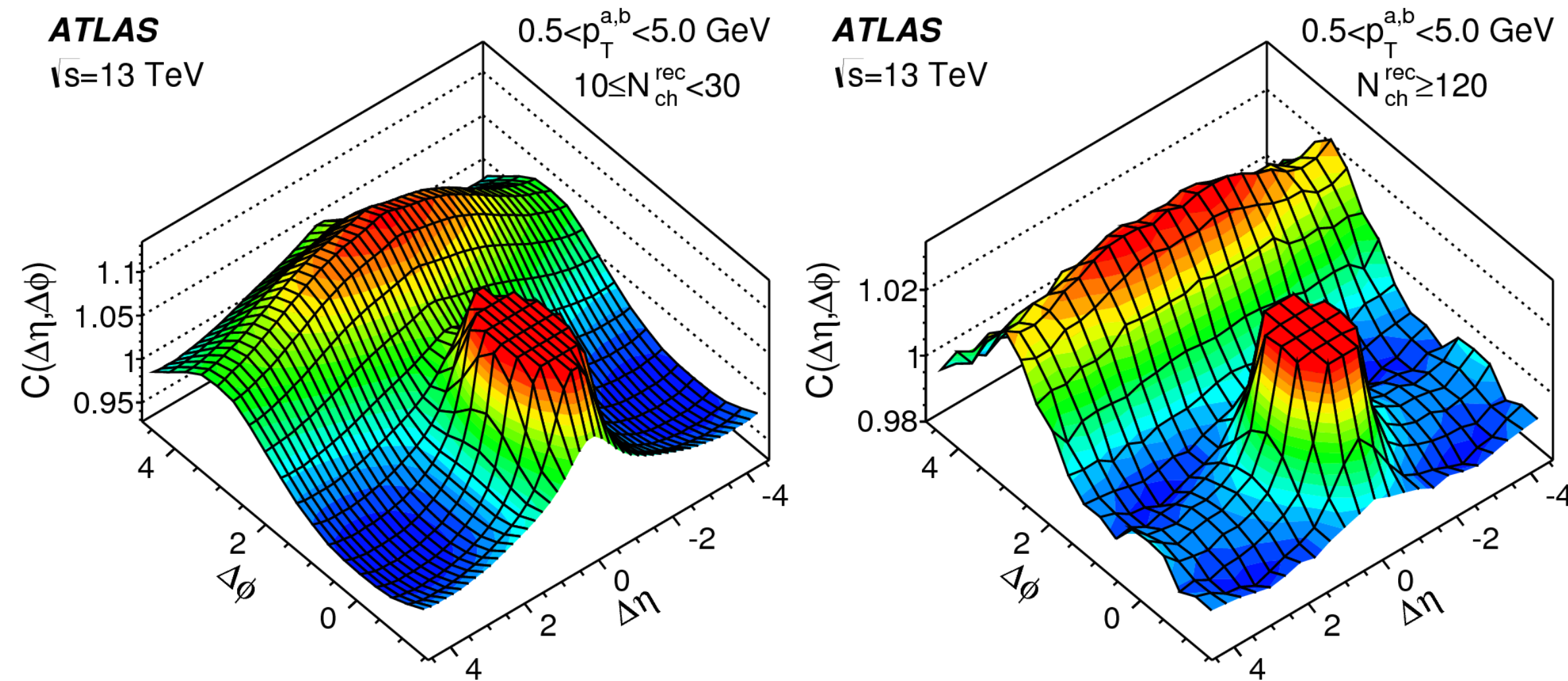
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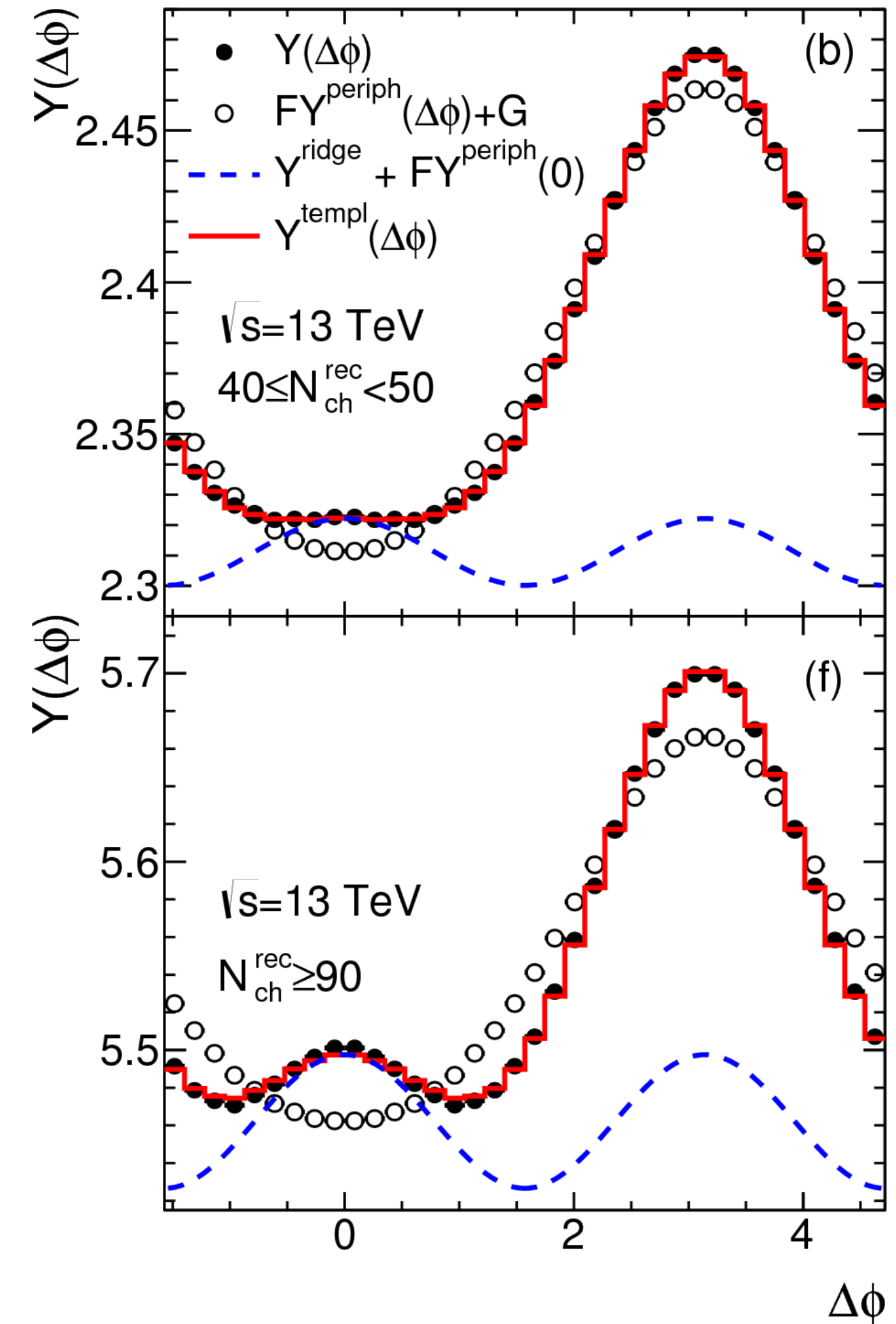
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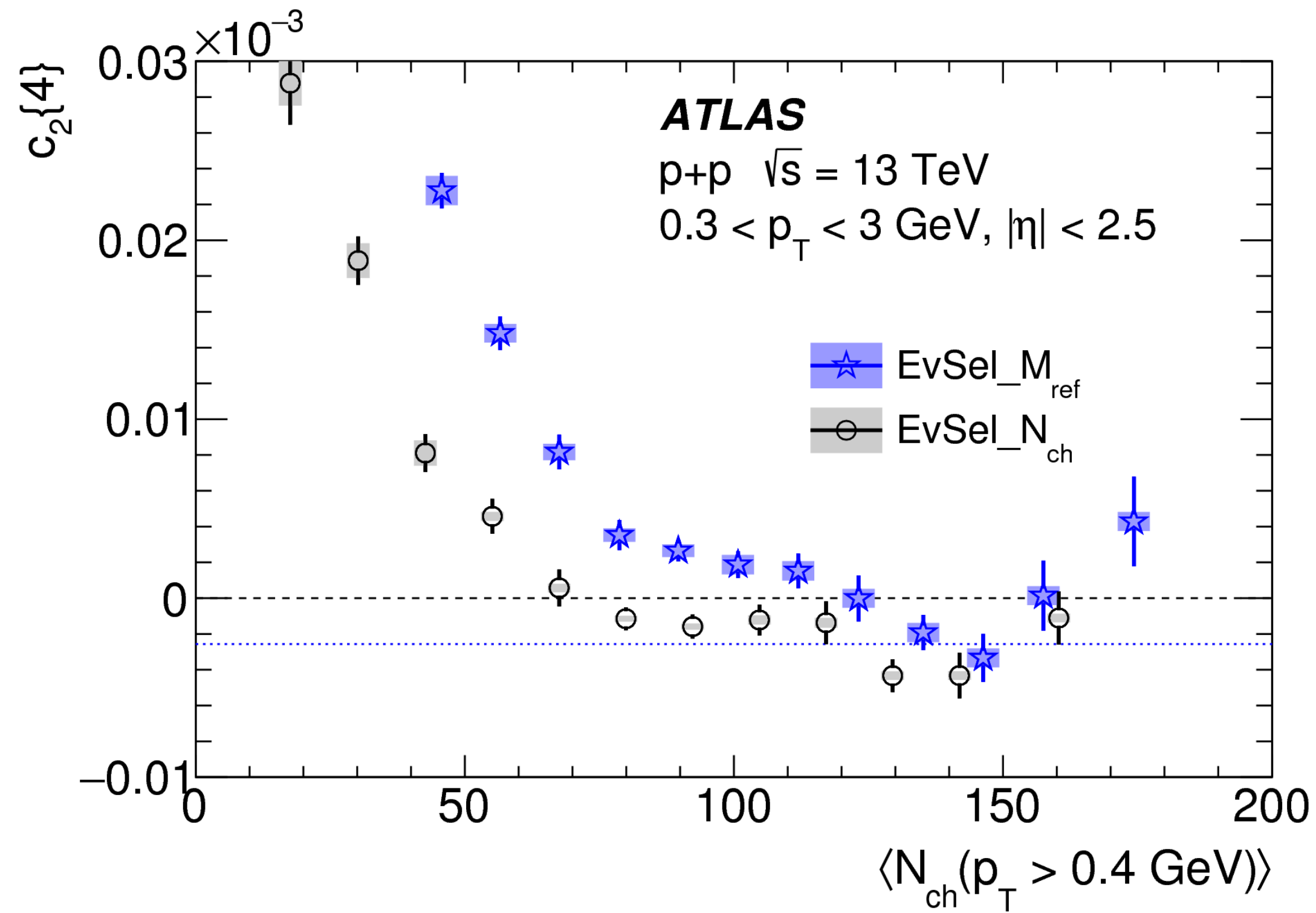
Characteristic hydro p_T dependence
 (independent of energy and N_{ch})



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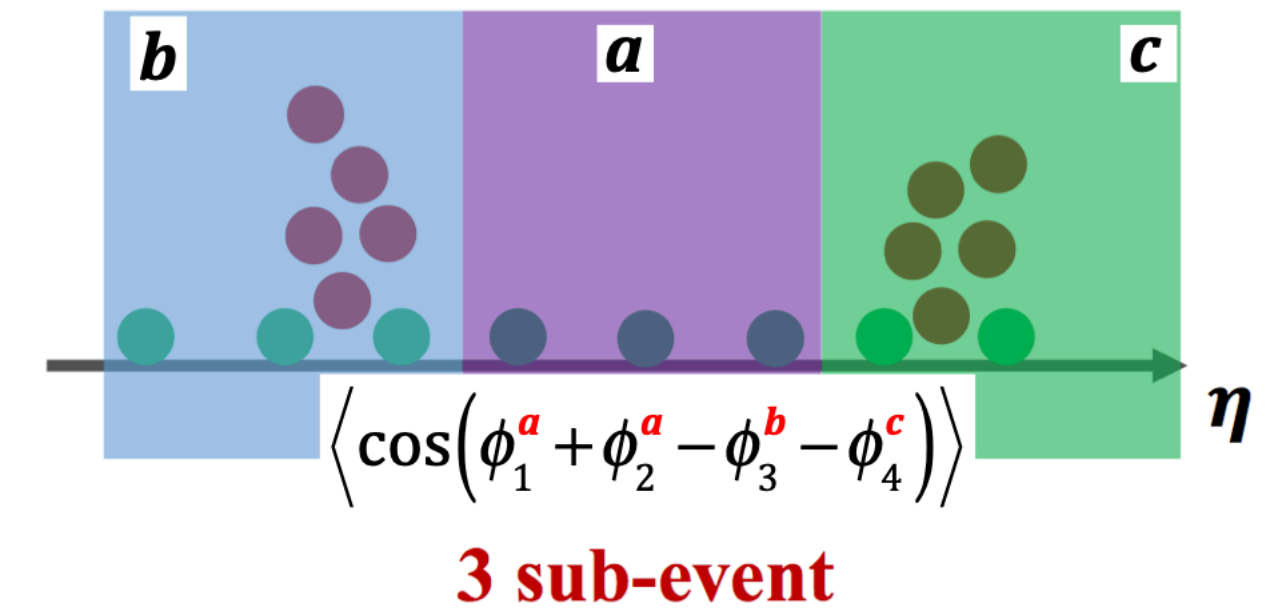
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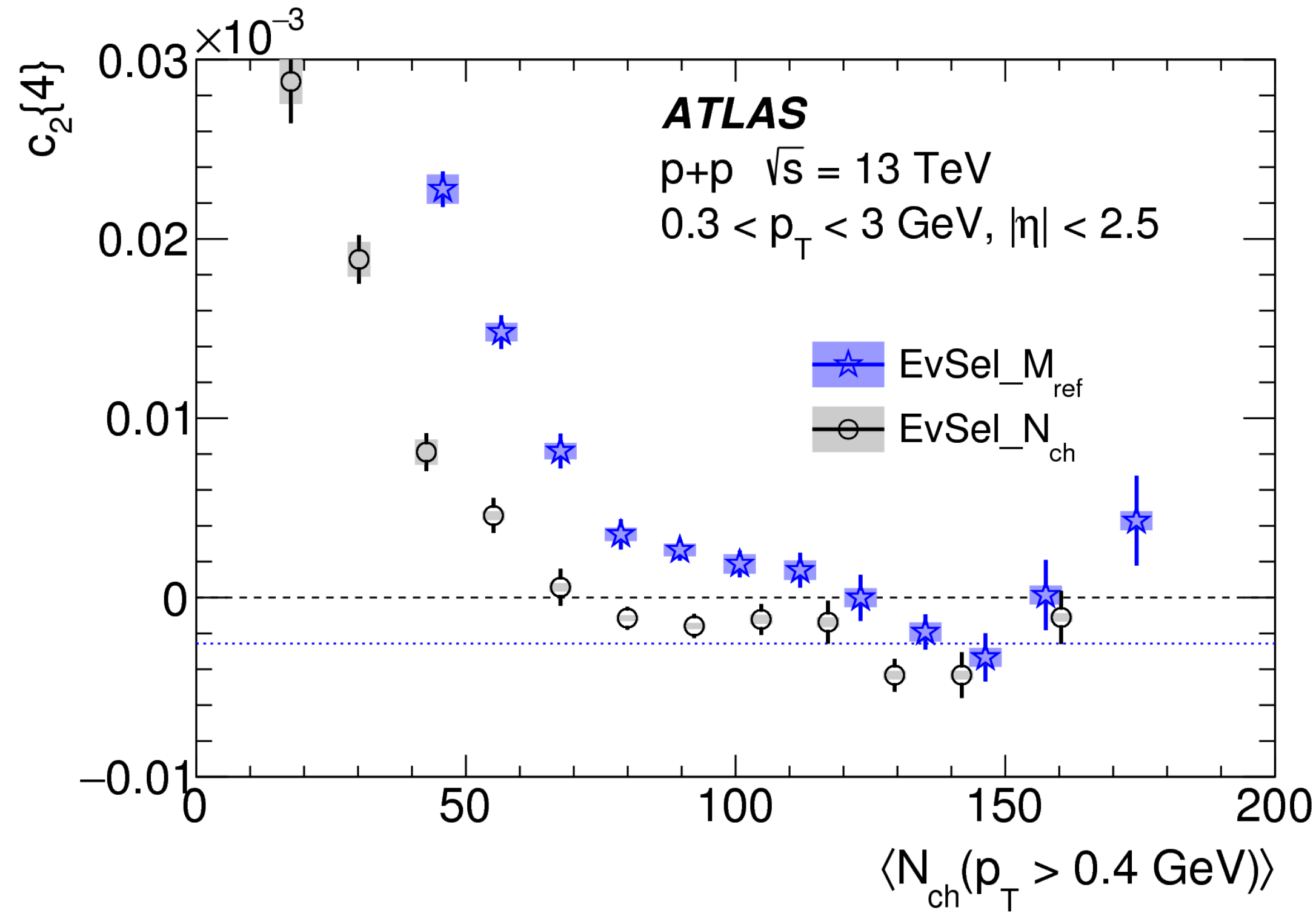
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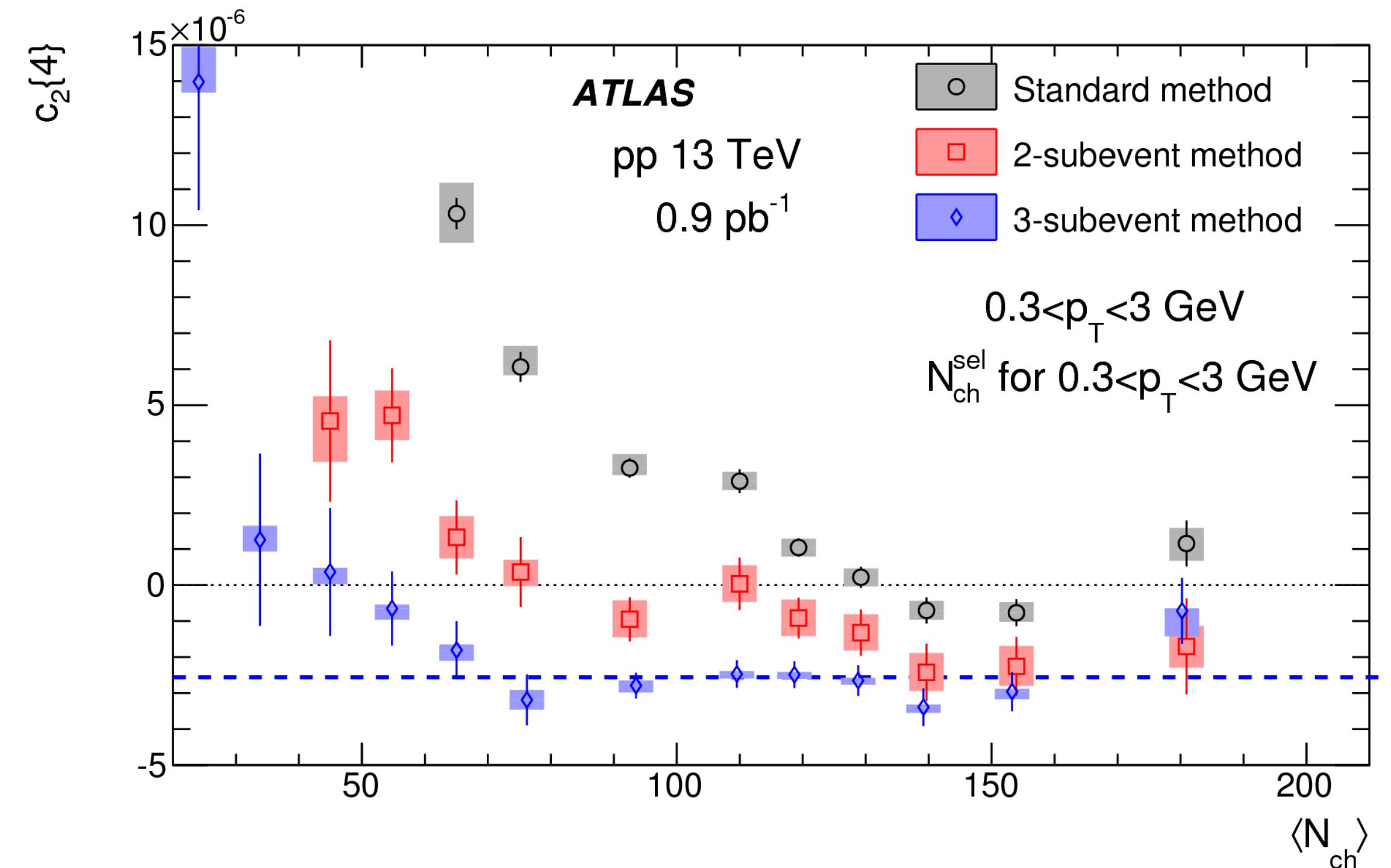


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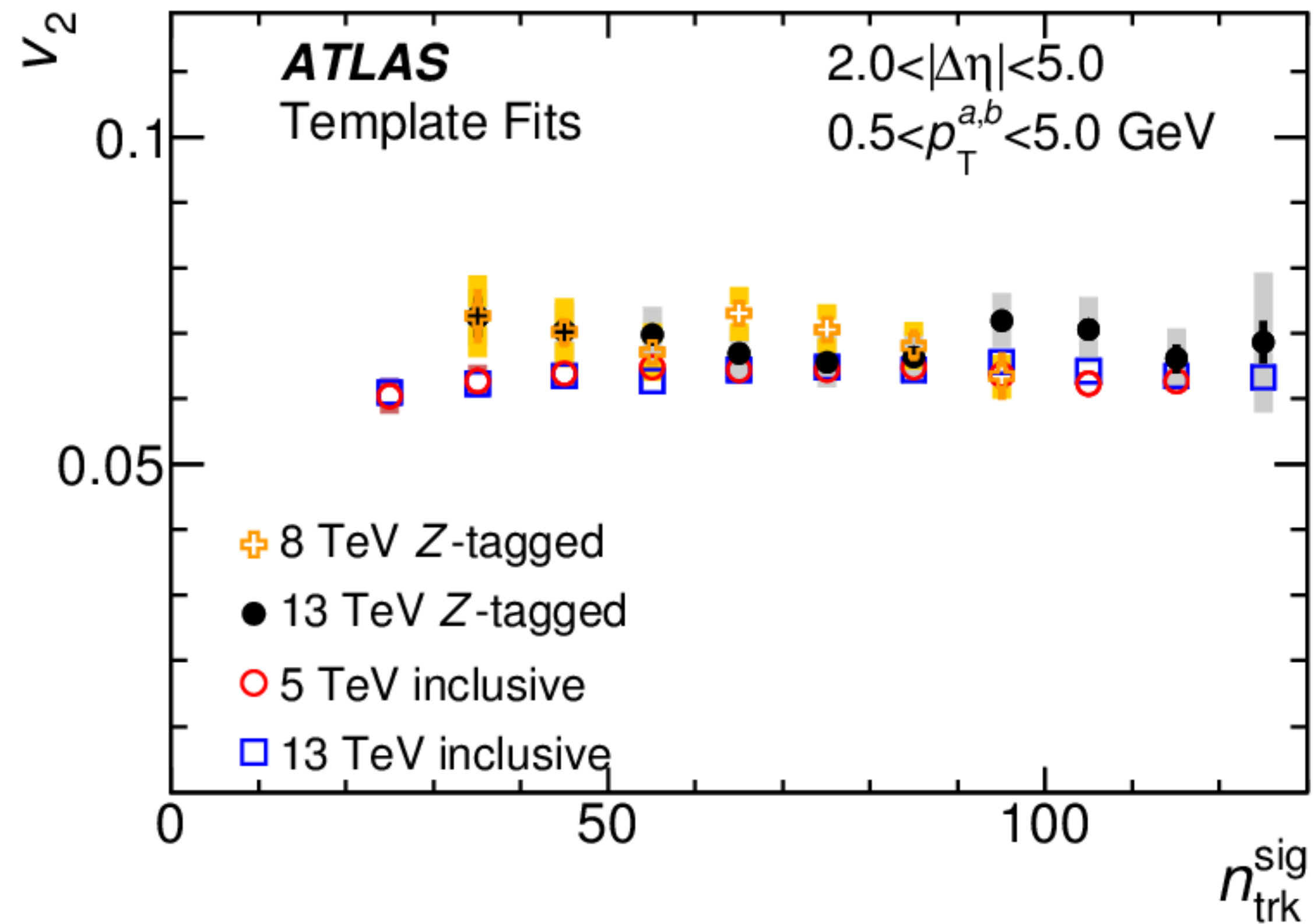
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Sub-event cumulants gives a way to handle remaining non-flow correlation in pp.

Detailed collectivity studies with 2PC template fit method

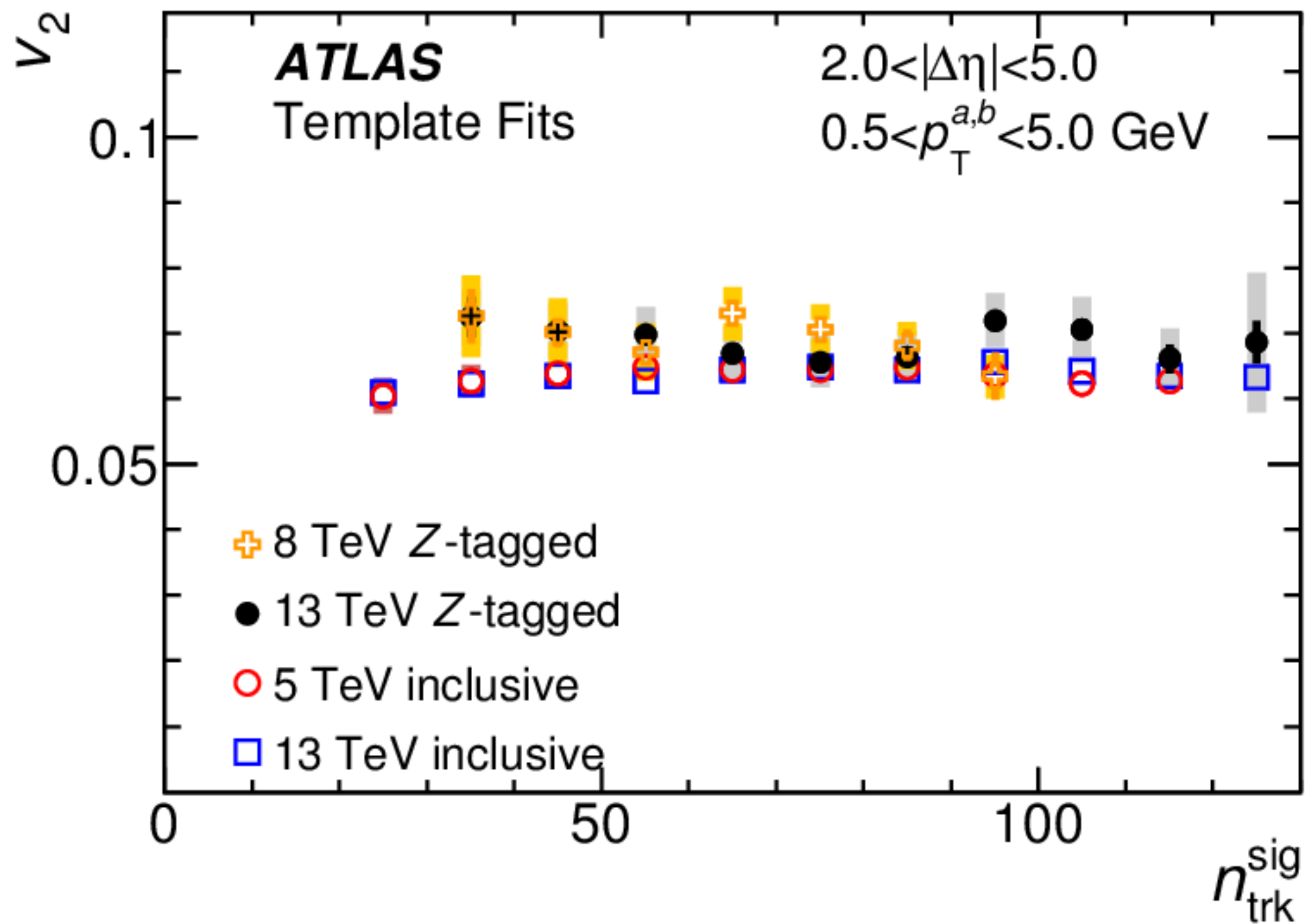
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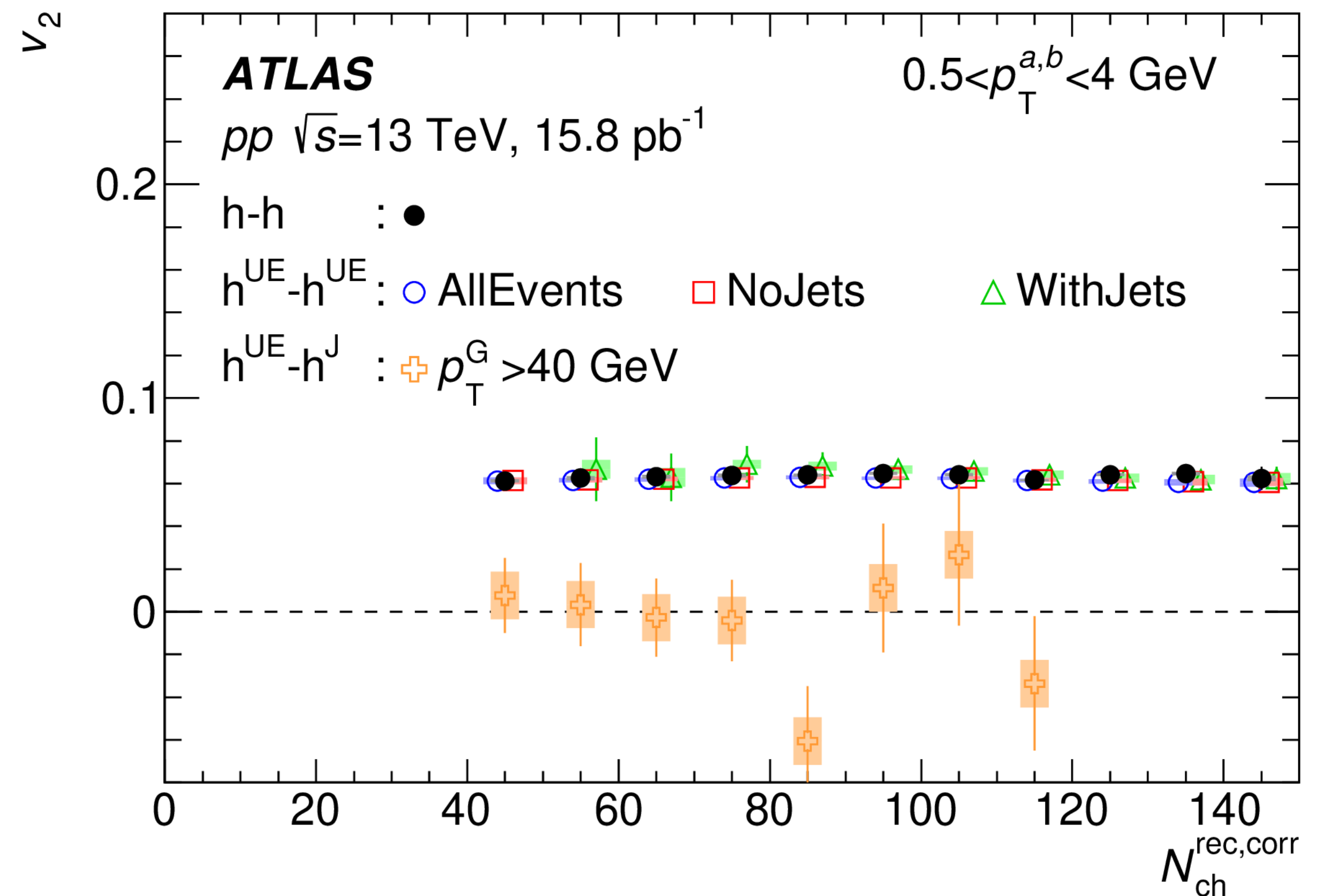
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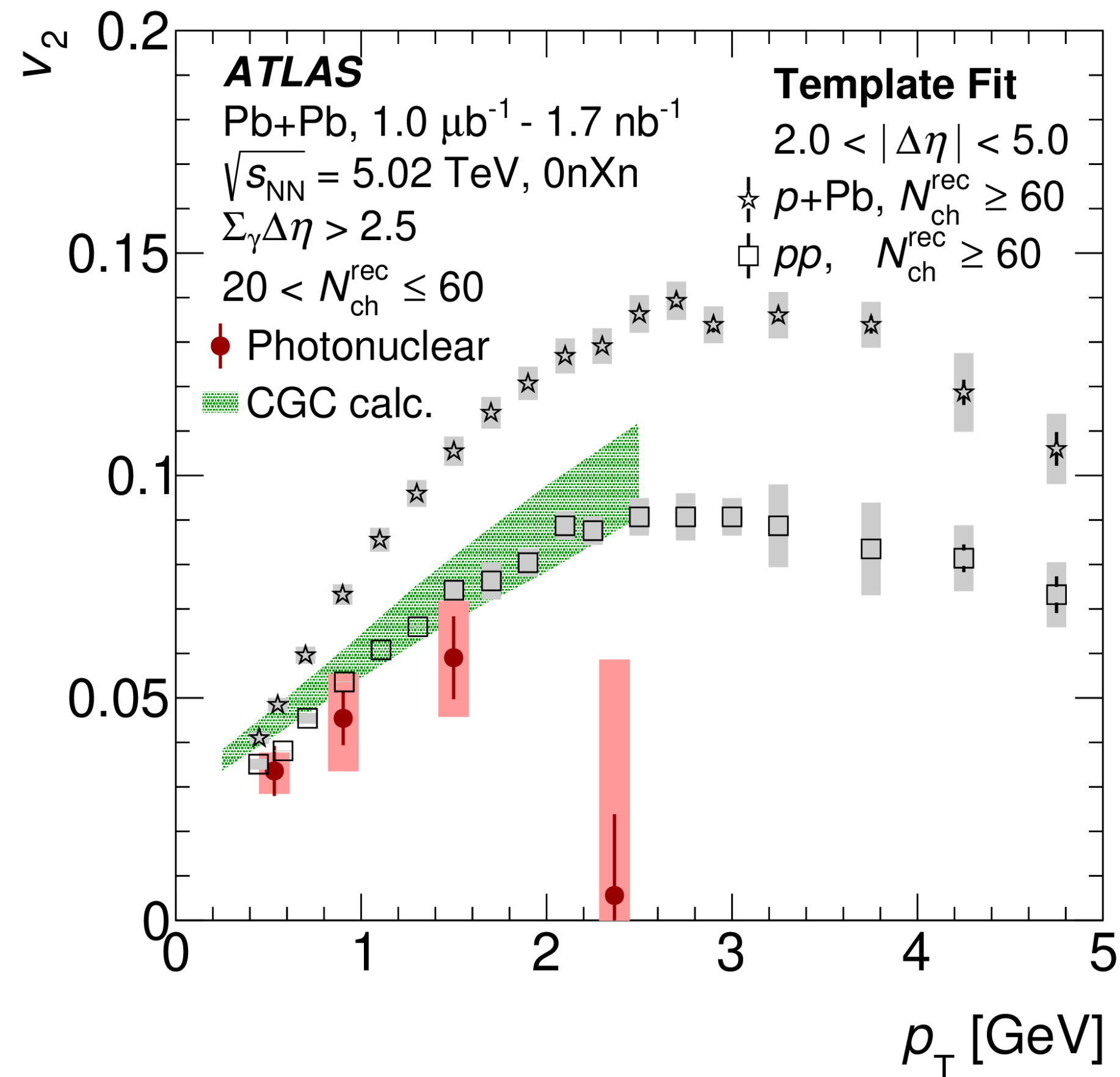
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The same for pp events with jets.
Also corrections between jet particles and UE is consistent with zero.

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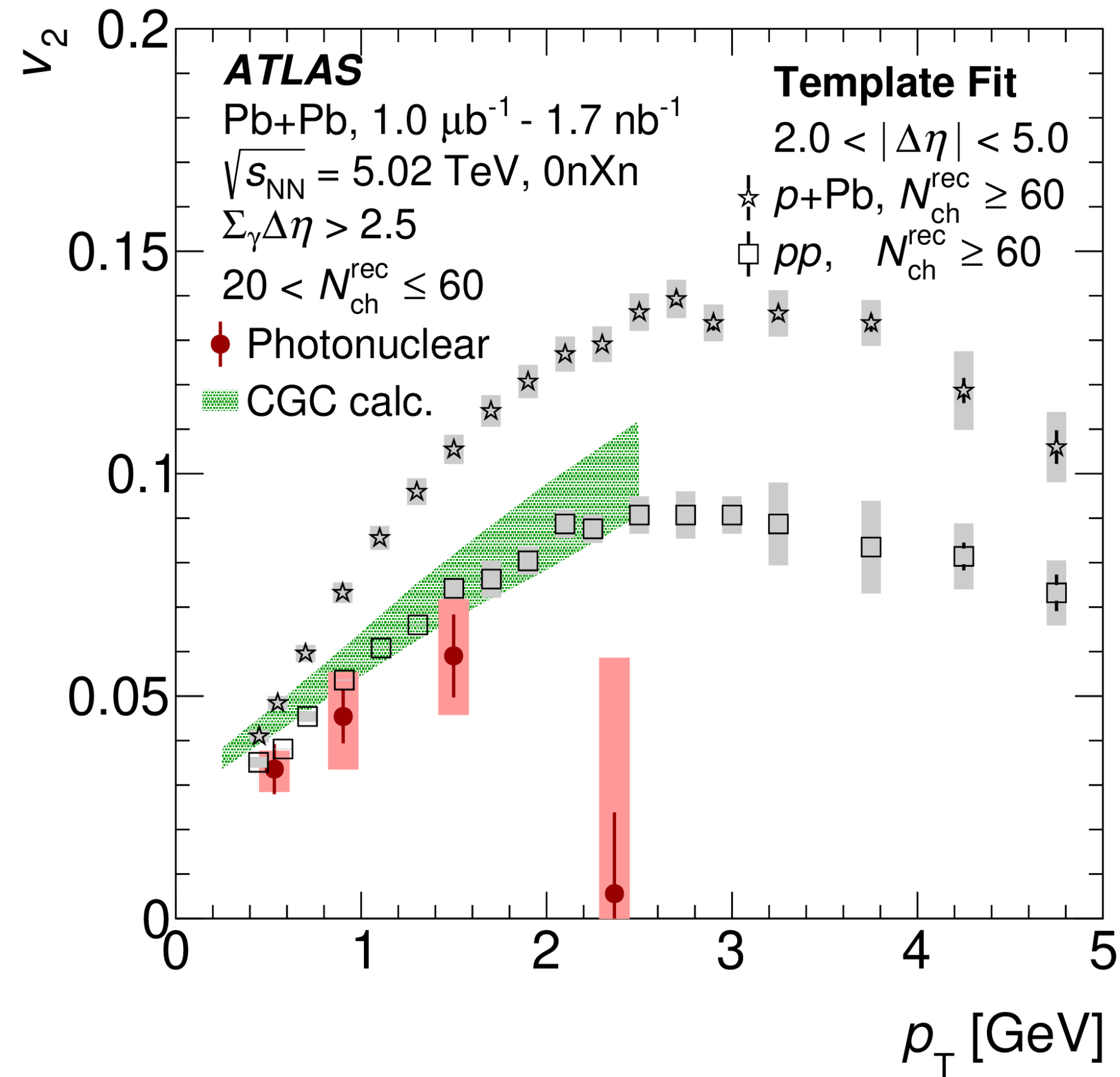
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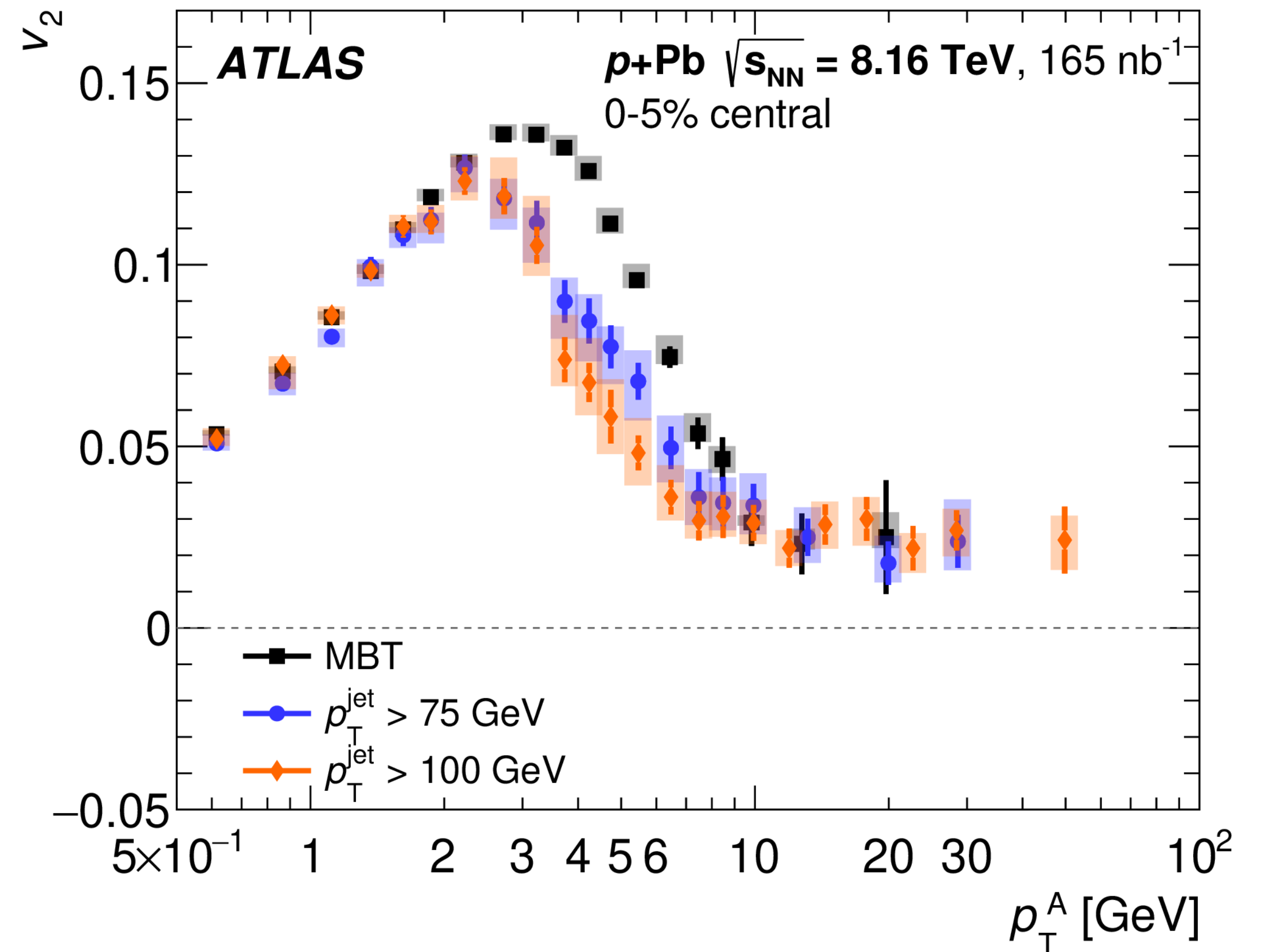
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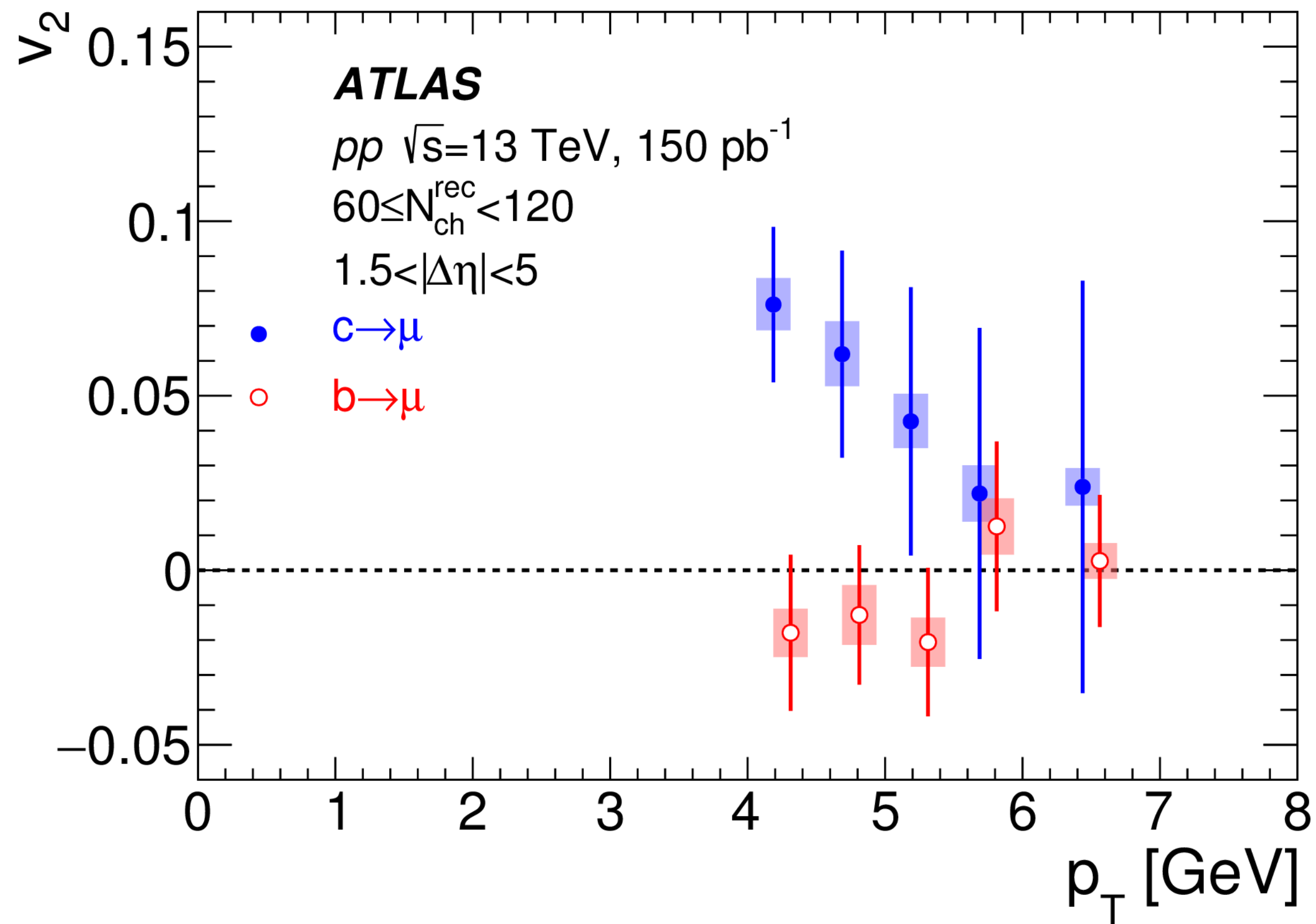


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Non zero v_2 at high p_{T} in p+Pb (will come back to this in chapter 2)

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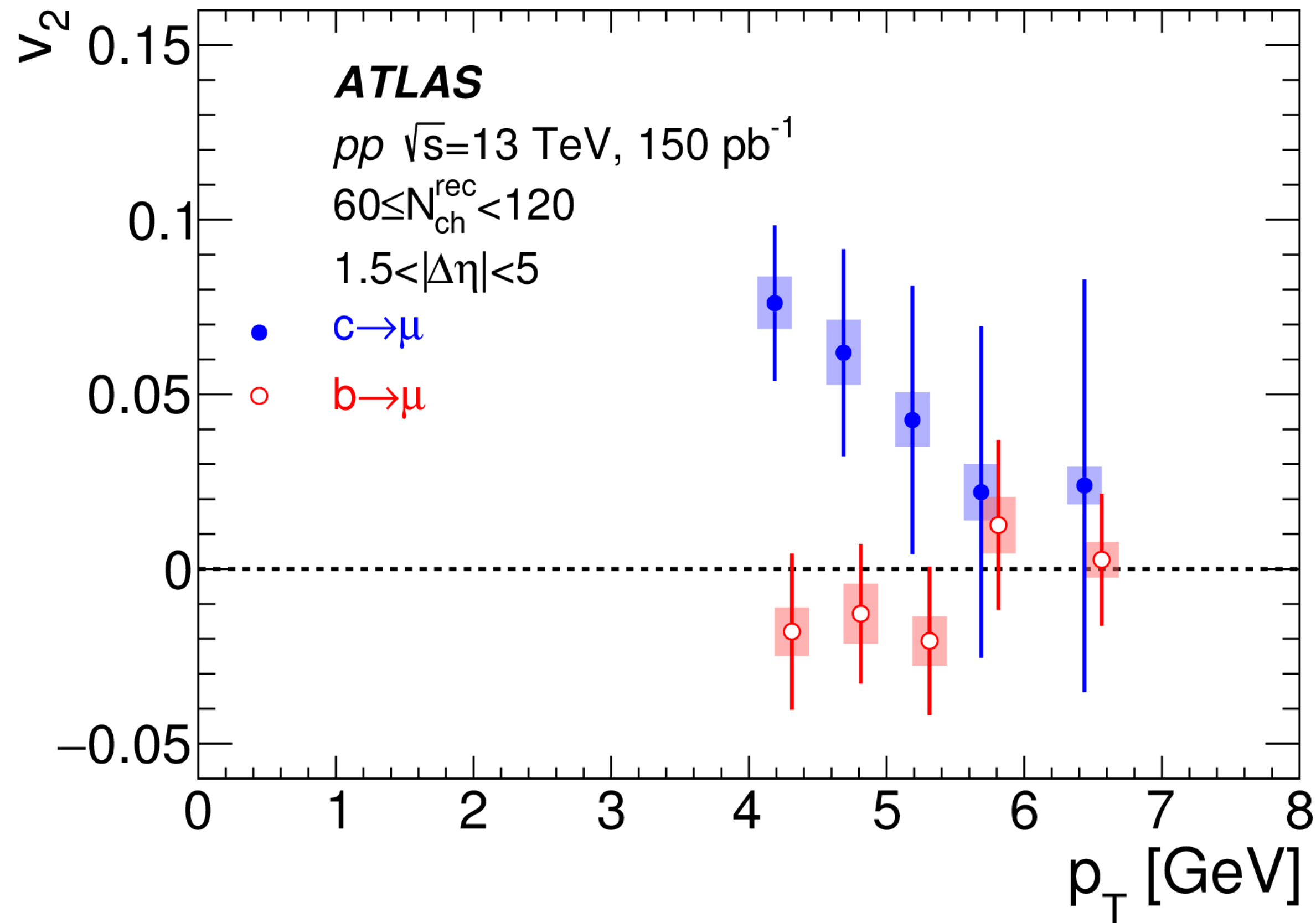
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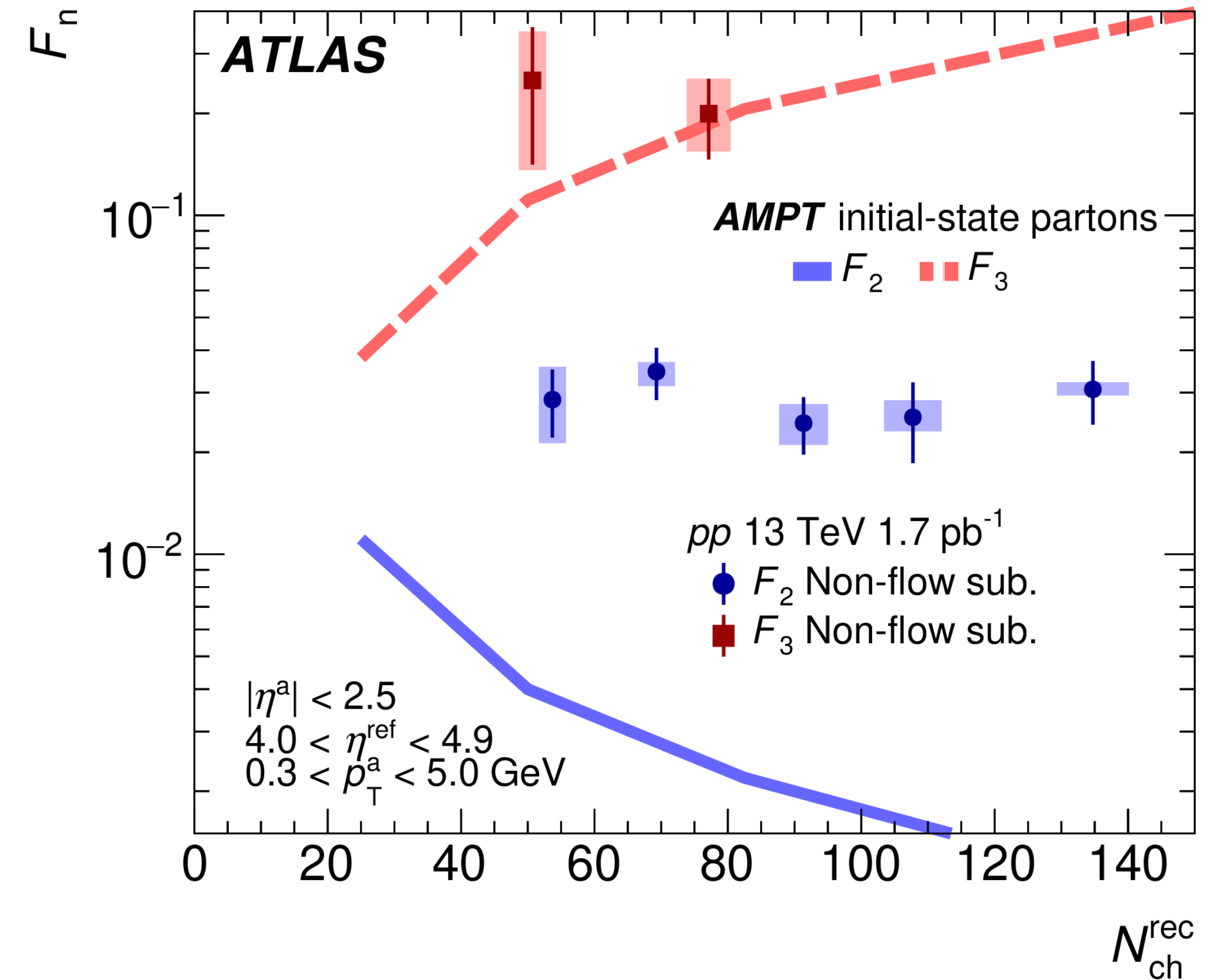
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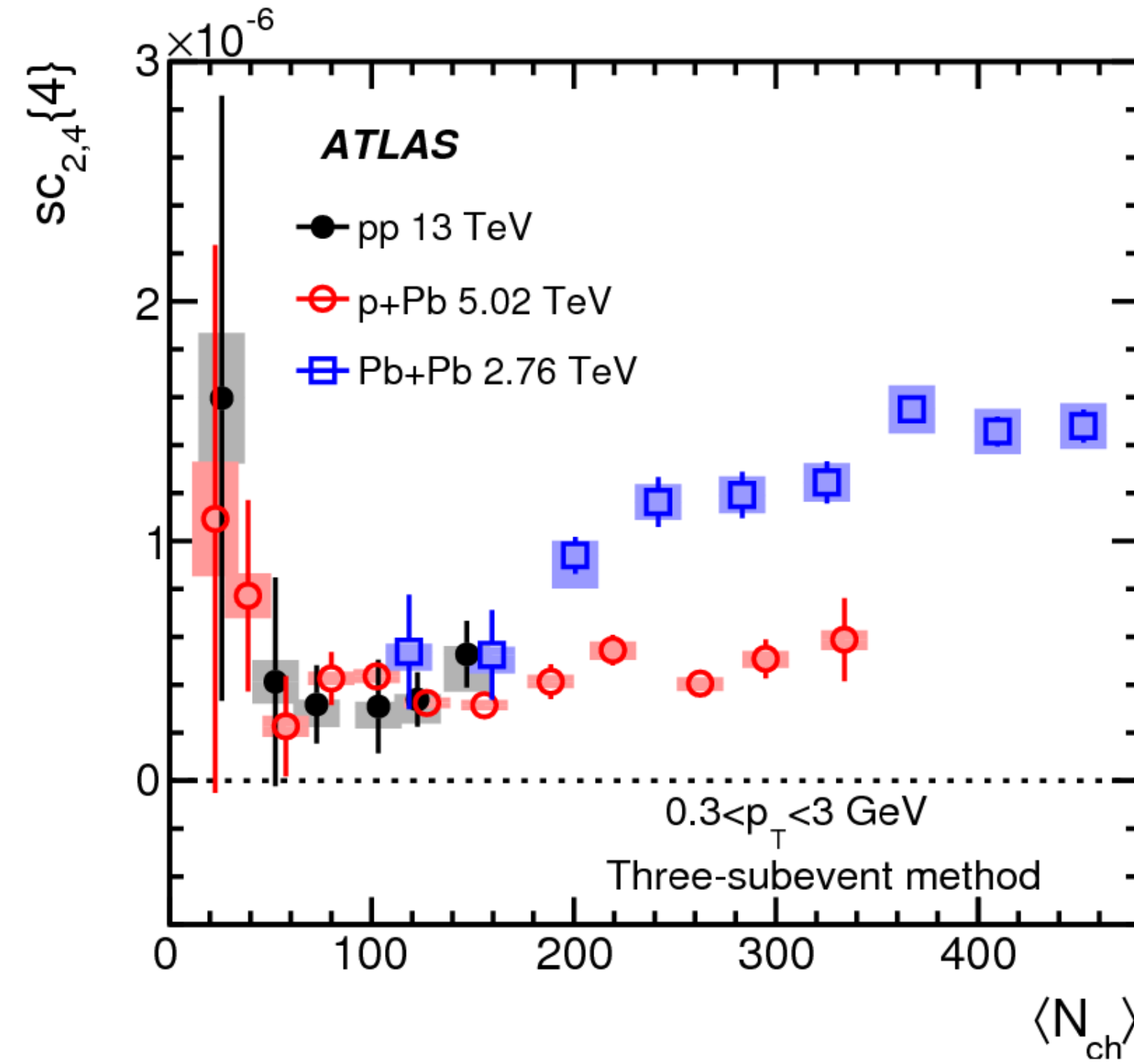
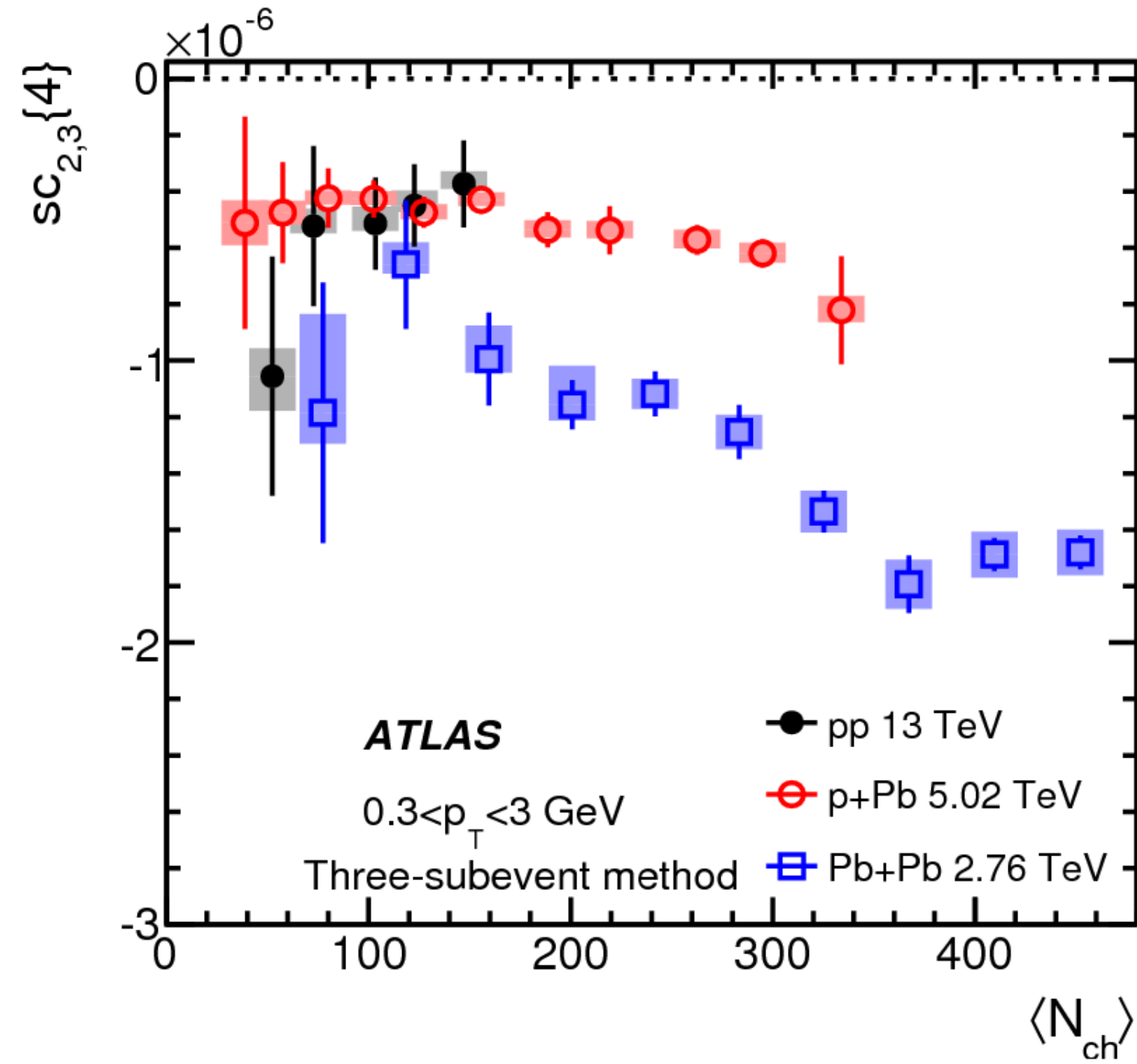
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Flow decorrelation in pp - constrain geometry in longitudinal direction (2PC in two regions of η).

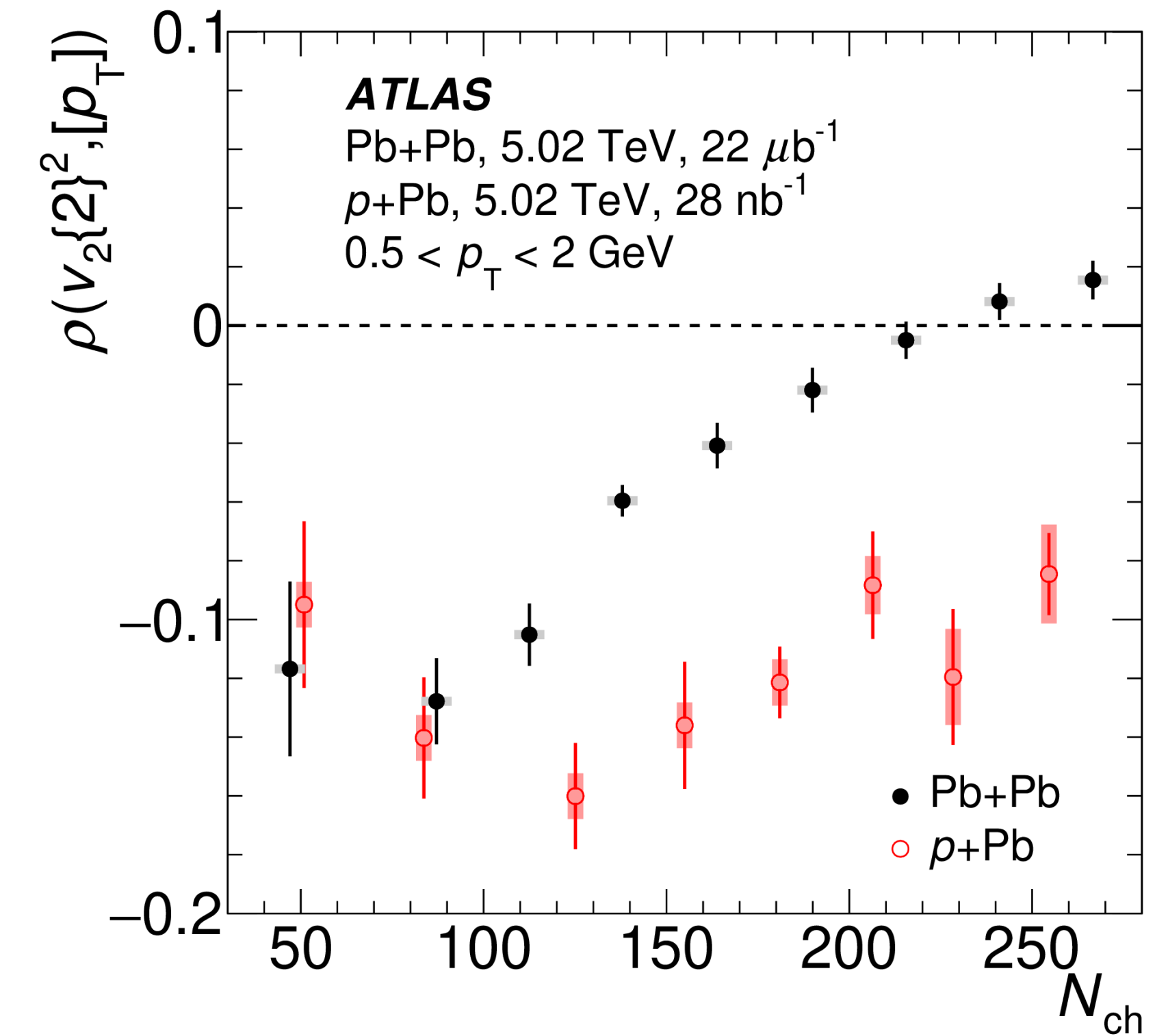
Collectivity across collision systems

[Phys. Lett. B 789 \(2019\) 444](#)



Symmetric cumulants measure ($sc_{2,3}\{4\}$ and $sc_{2,4}\{4\}$) correlations strength between harmonics of different orders.

[Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 985](#)



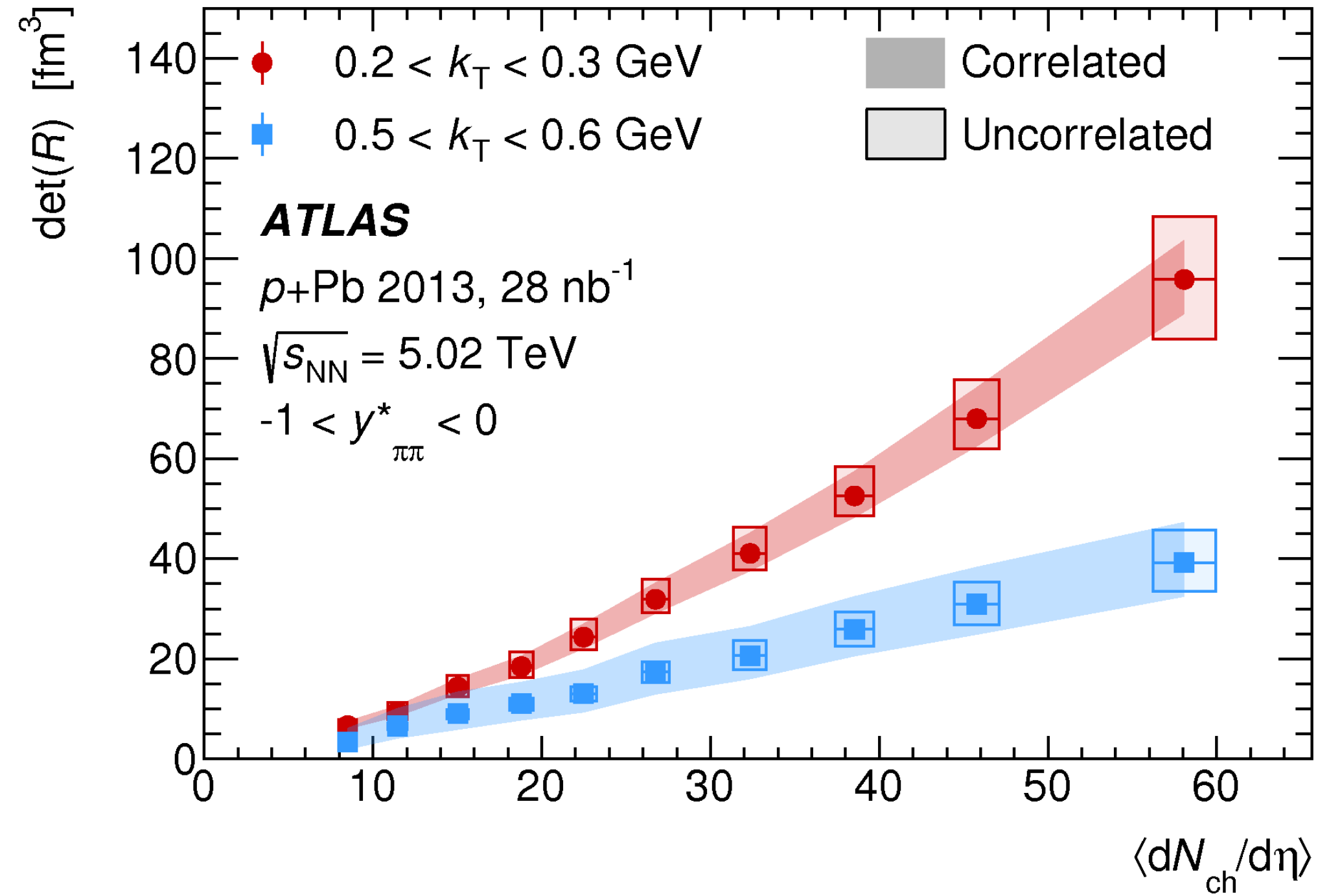
Correlation between v_n and mean p_T in the event.

Chapter 2

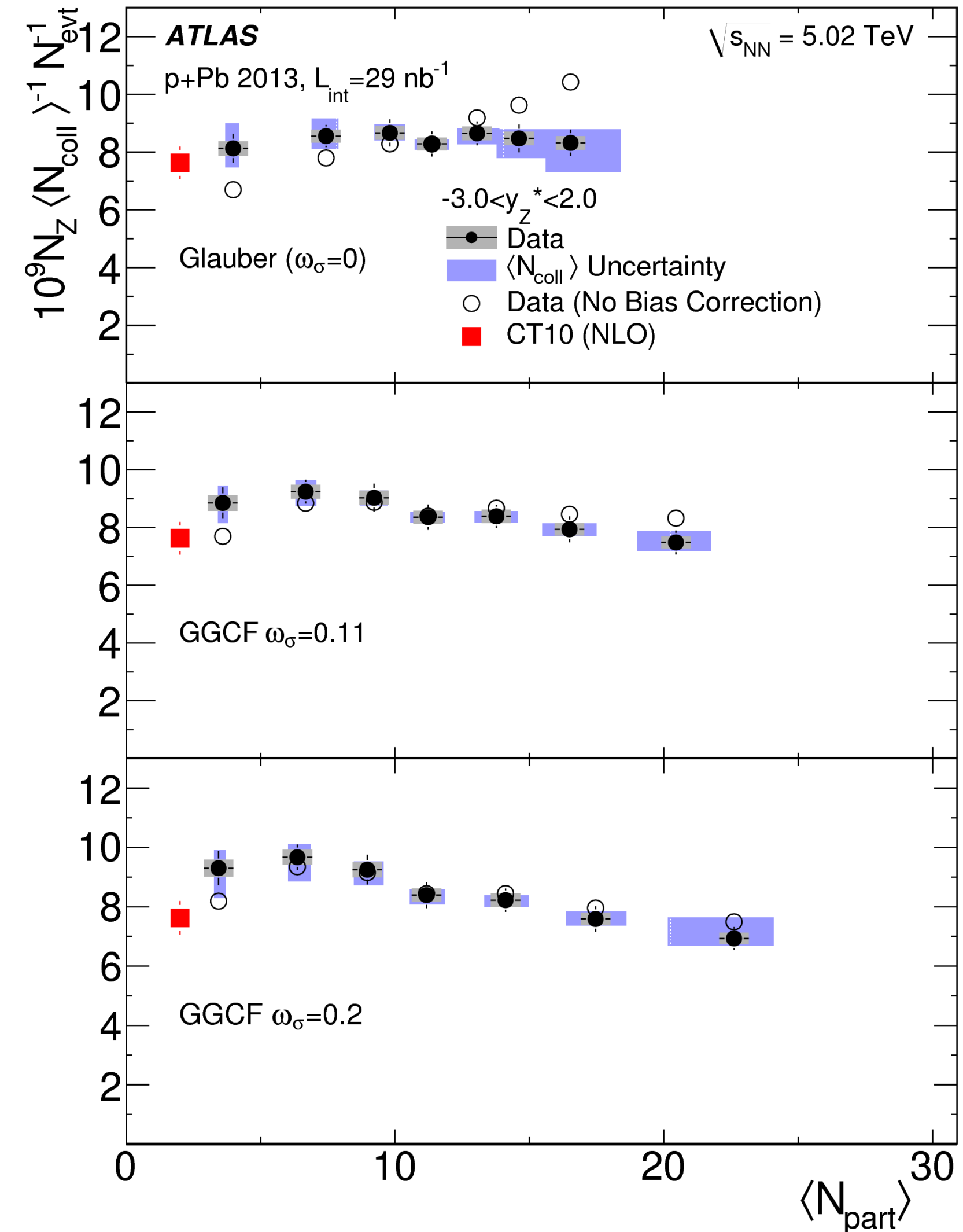
Search of the effect of energy loss in small systems

Setting the stage

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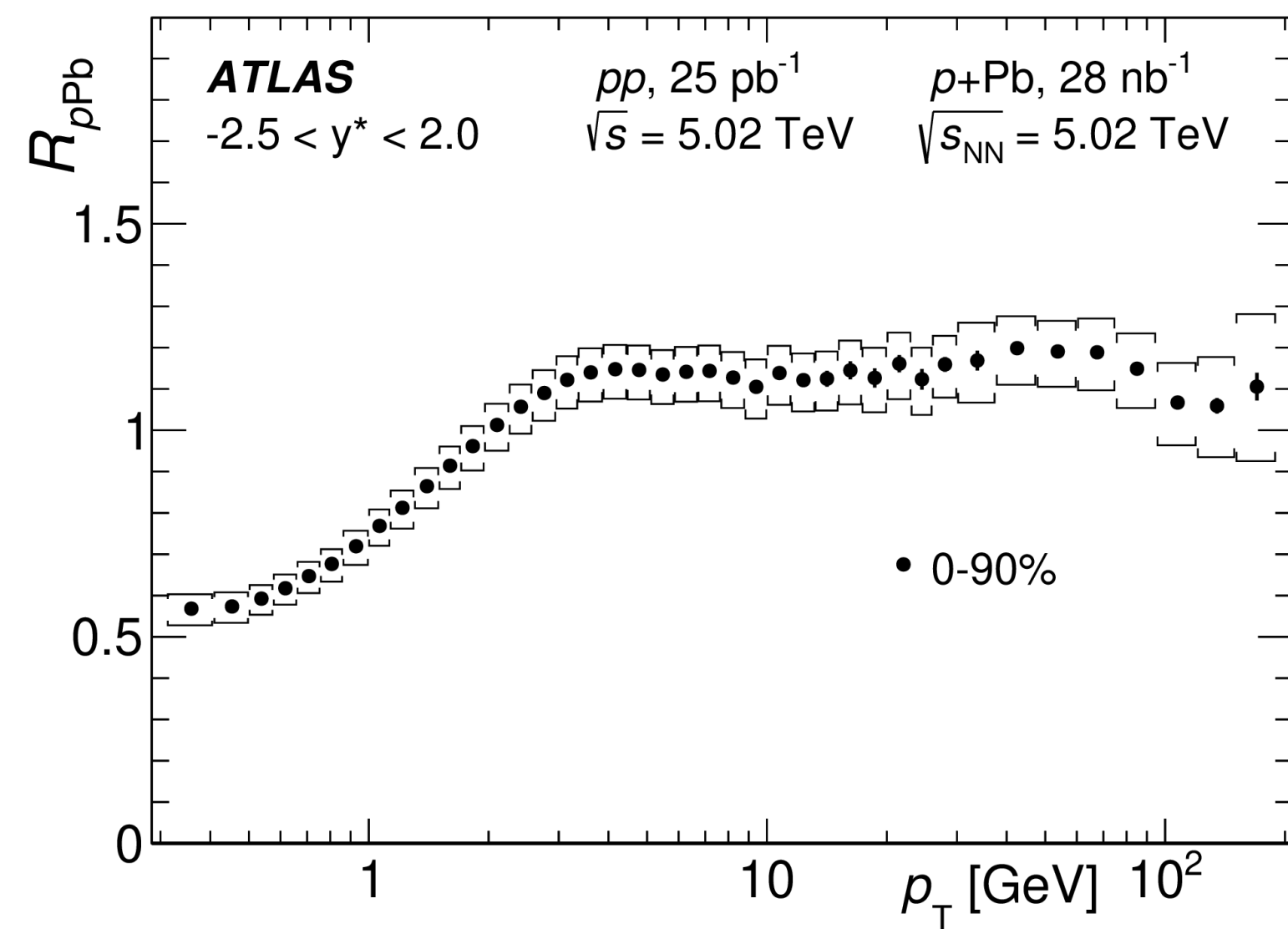


Measurements of HBT correlations in p+Pb.
All there radii (as well as source volume) show linear scaling with N_{ch} .

Centrality-dependent Z boson yield is found to scale with $\langle N_{coll} \rangle$.

Nuclear modification factors in p+Pb

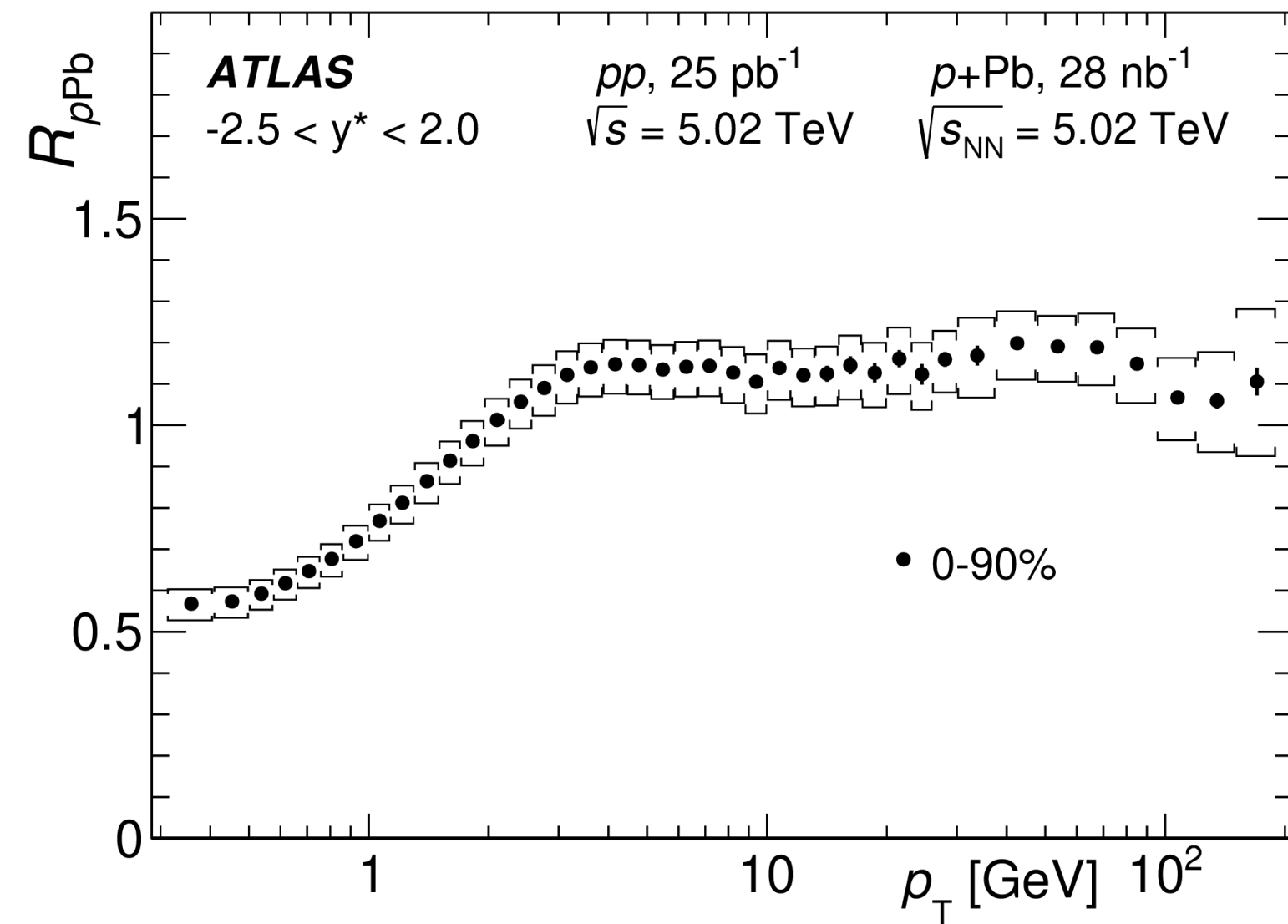
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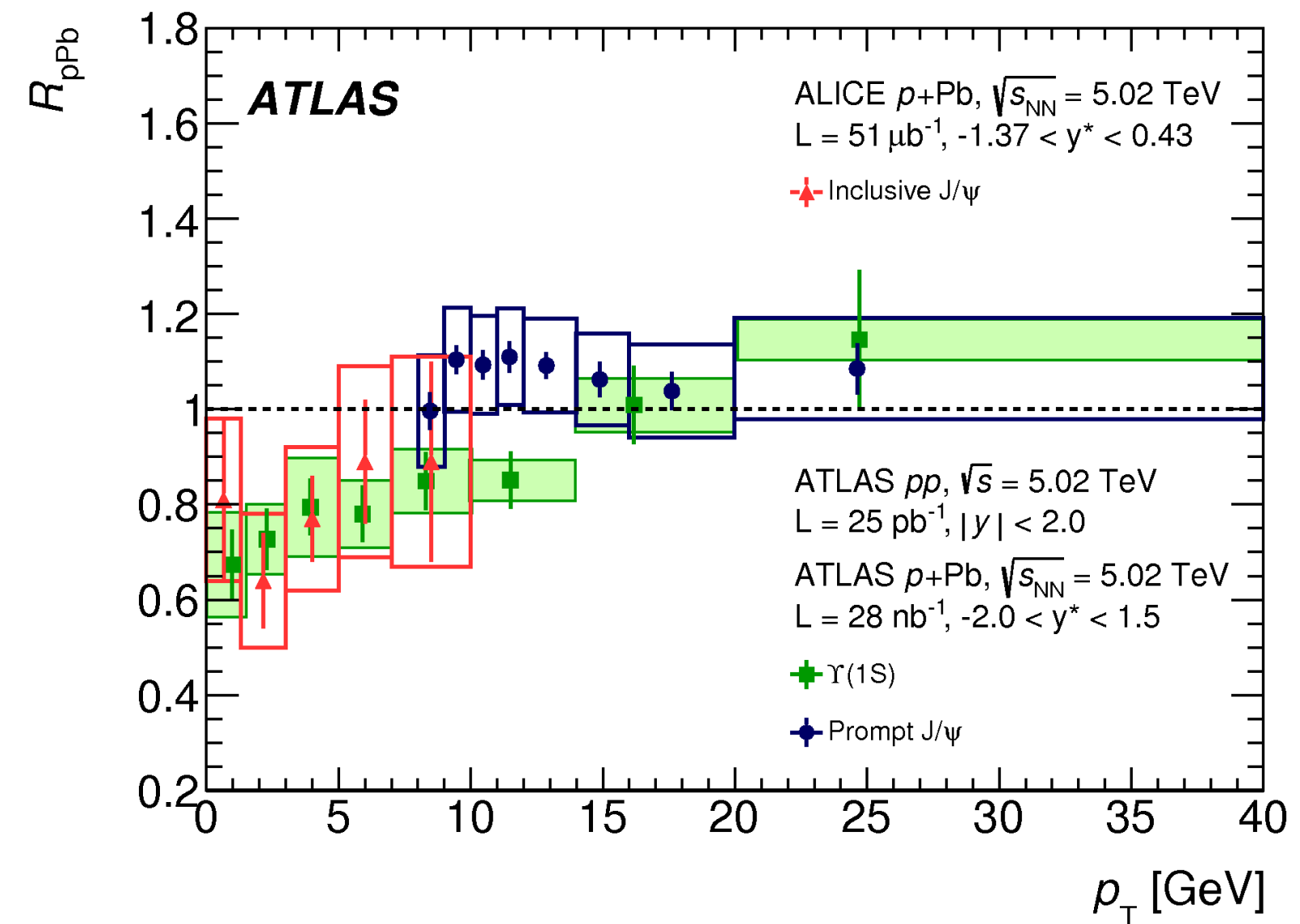
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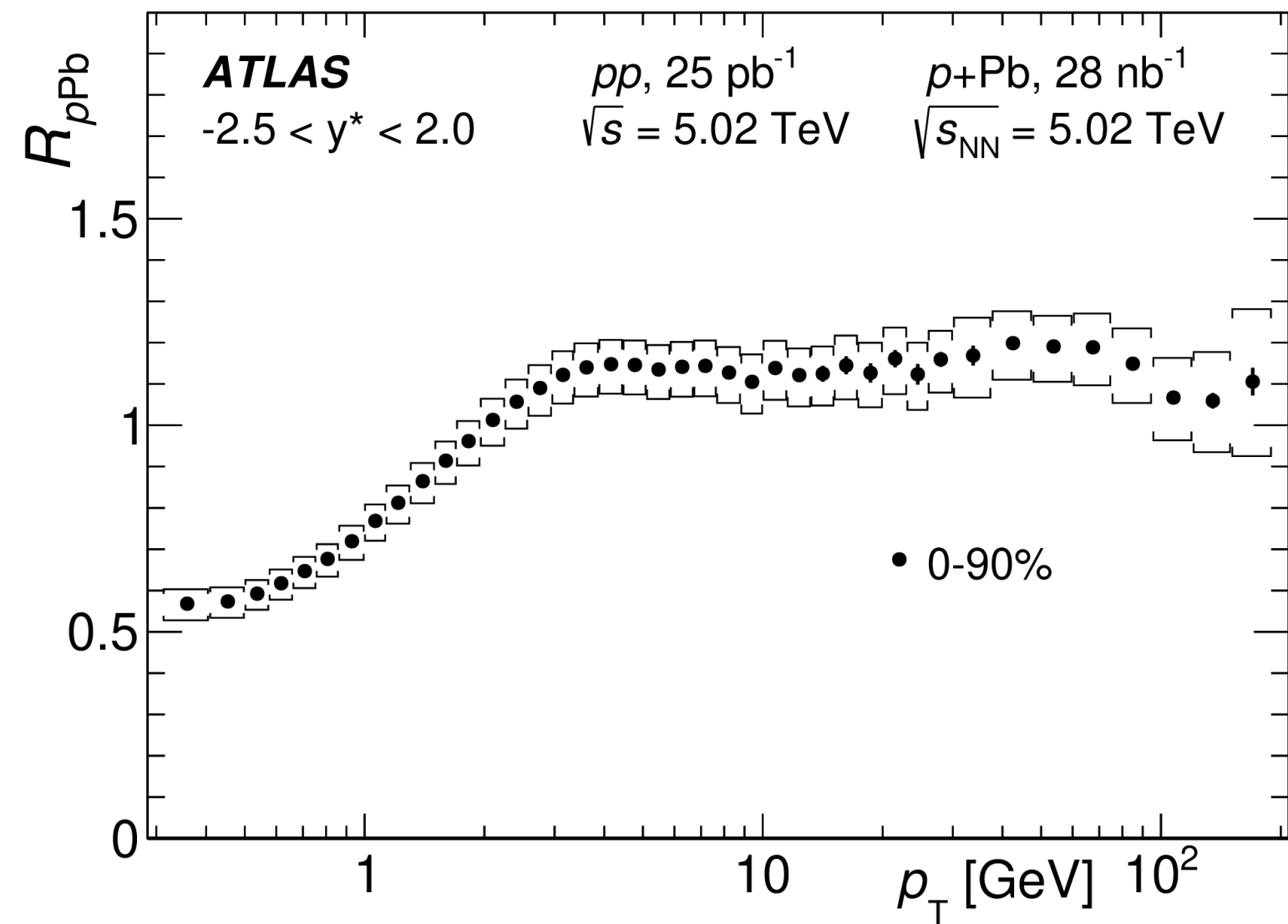
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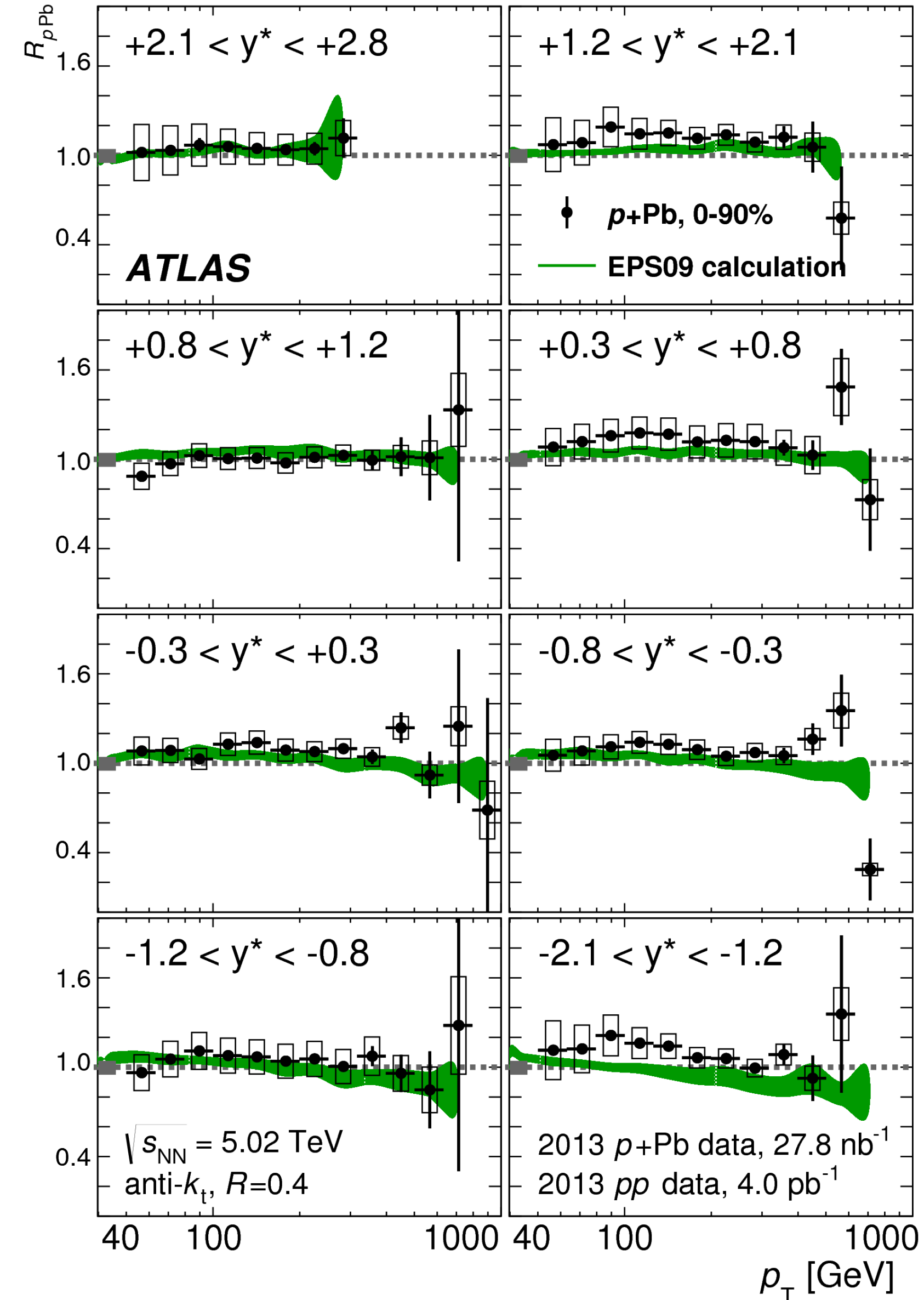
Similar trend
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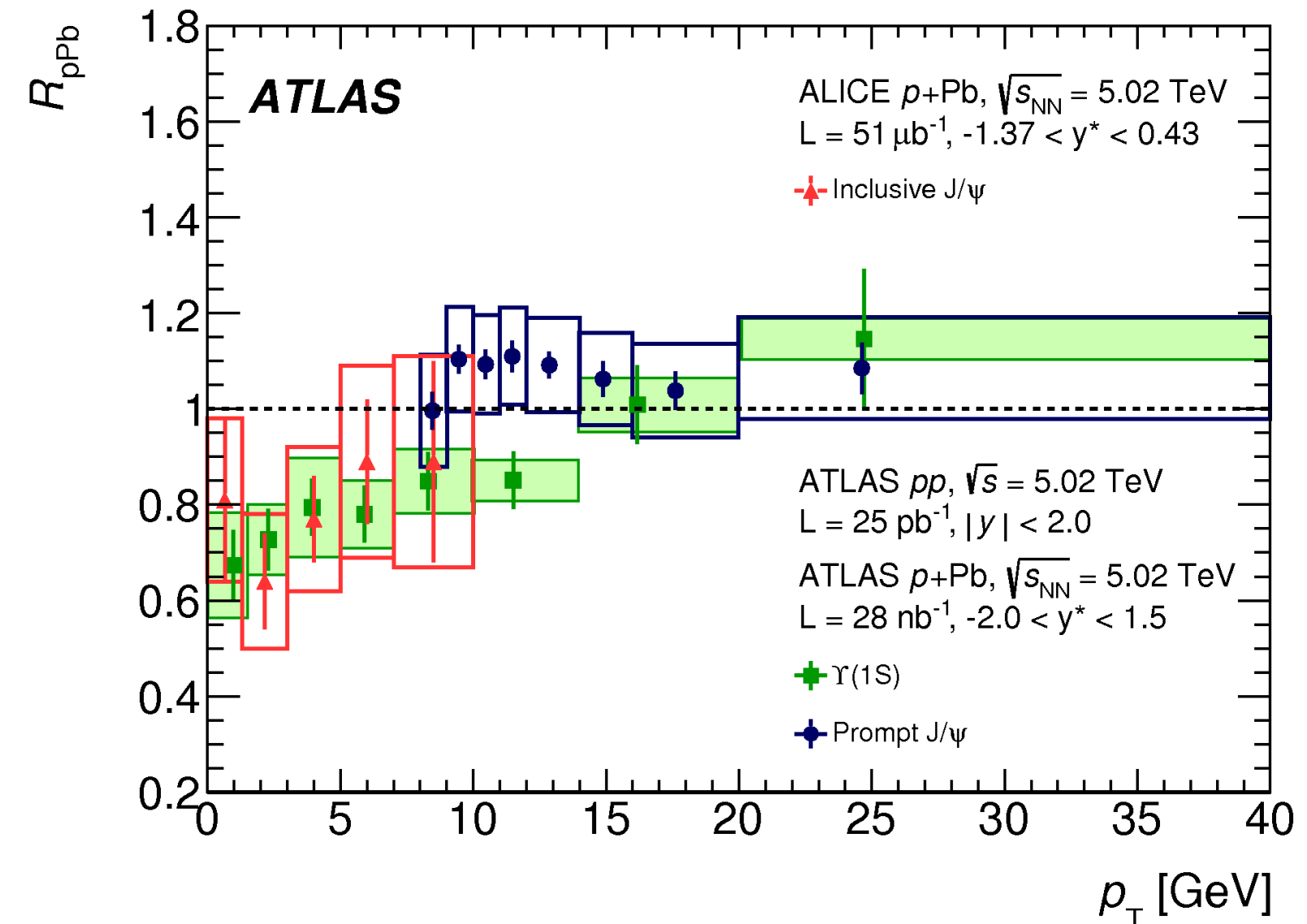
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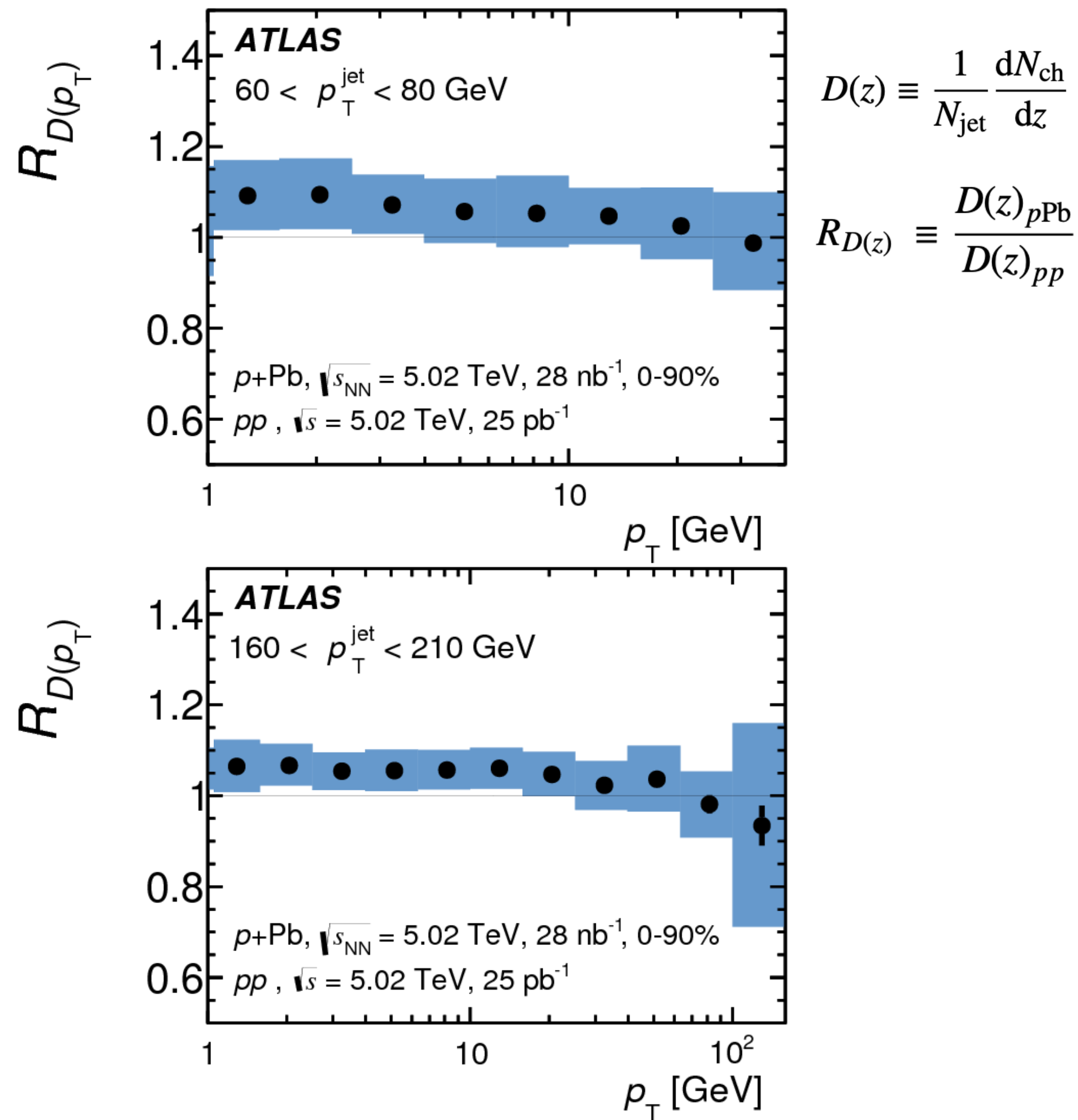


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Closer look at the jet fragmentation

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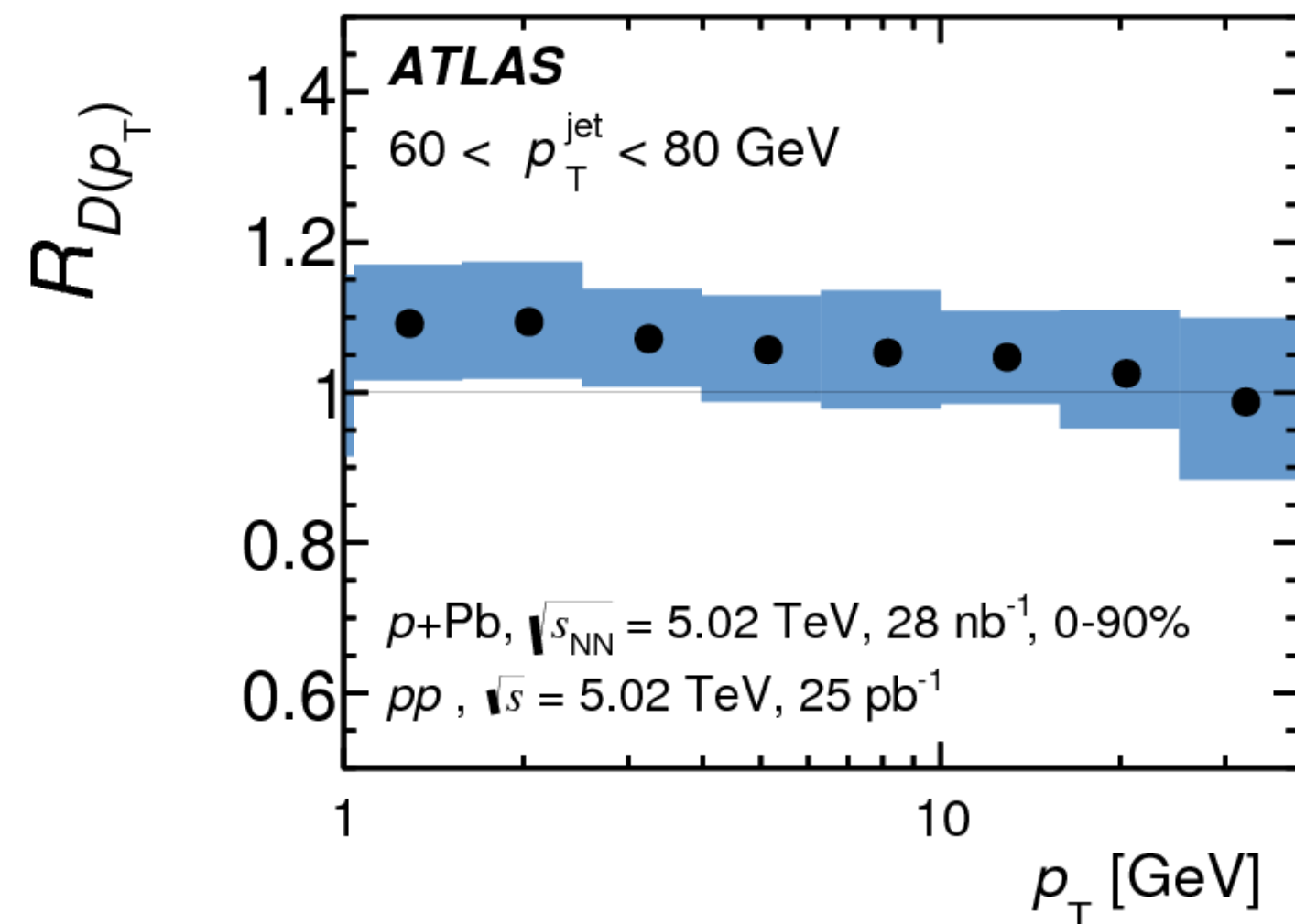


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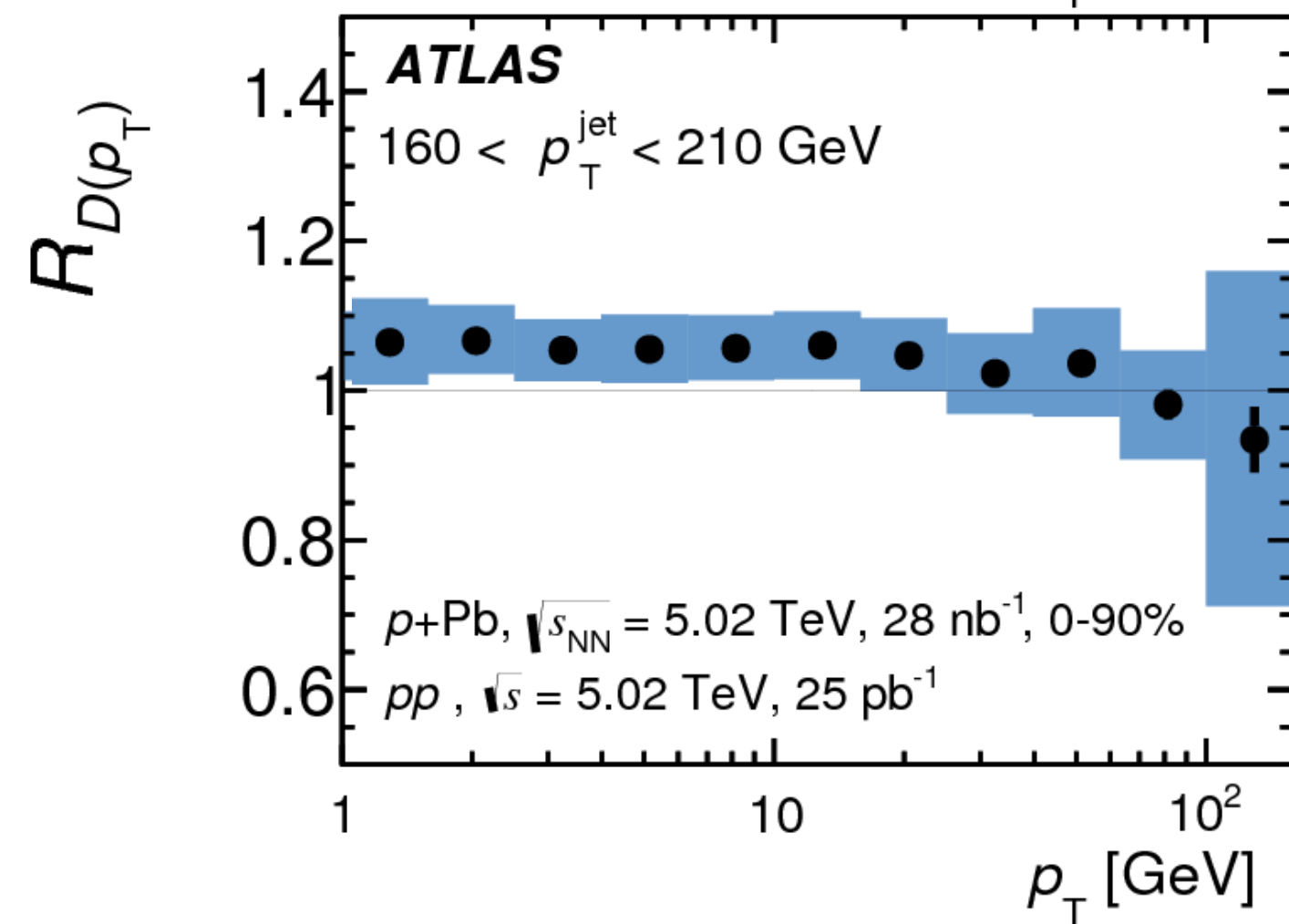
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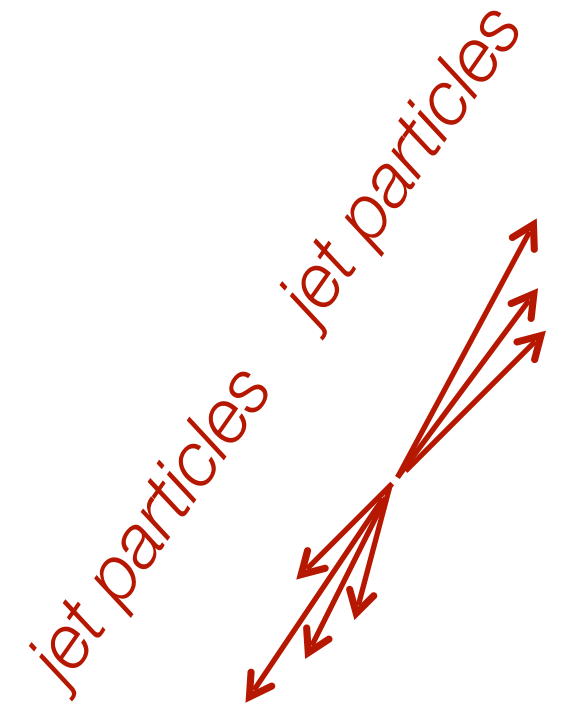
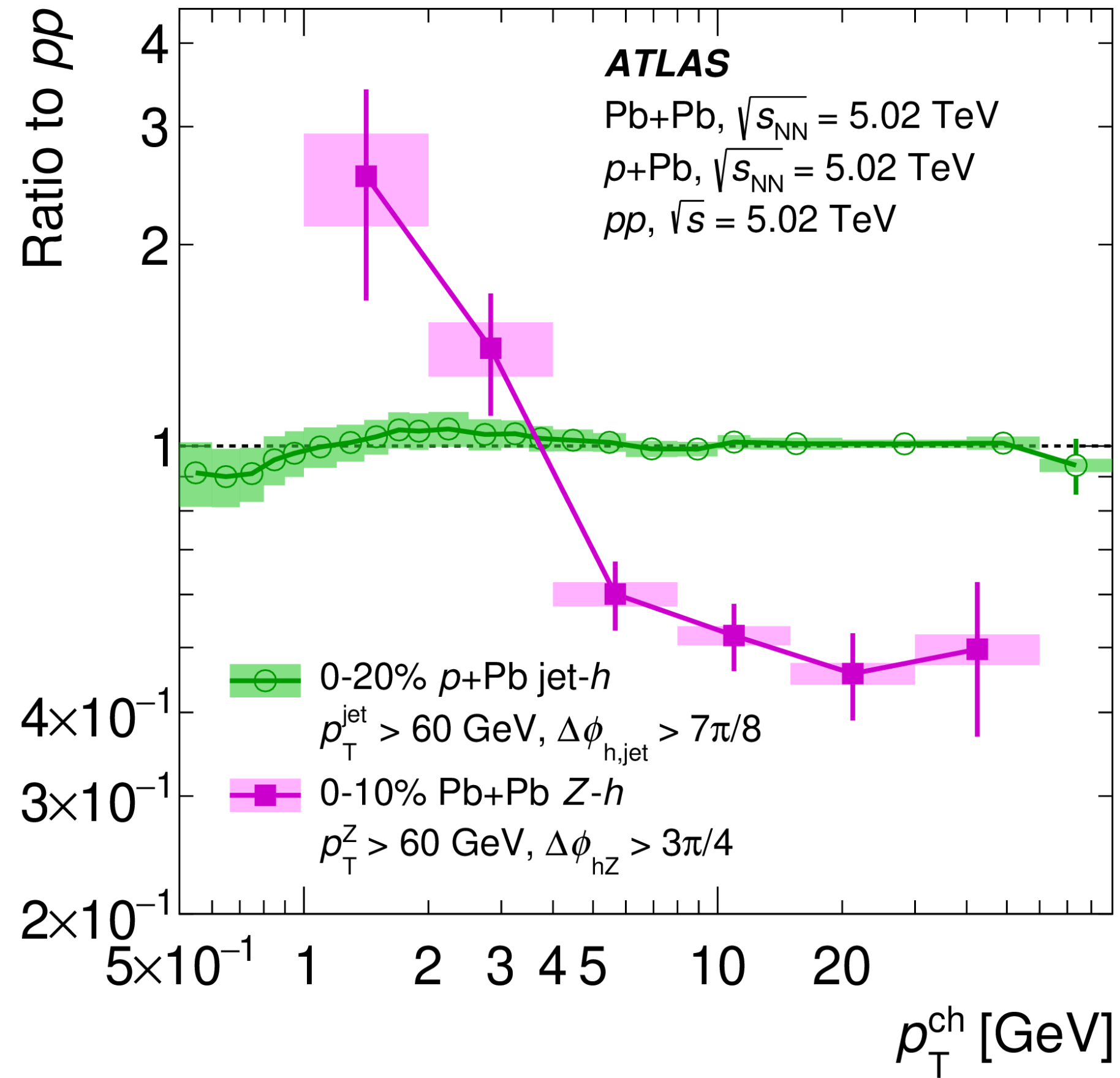


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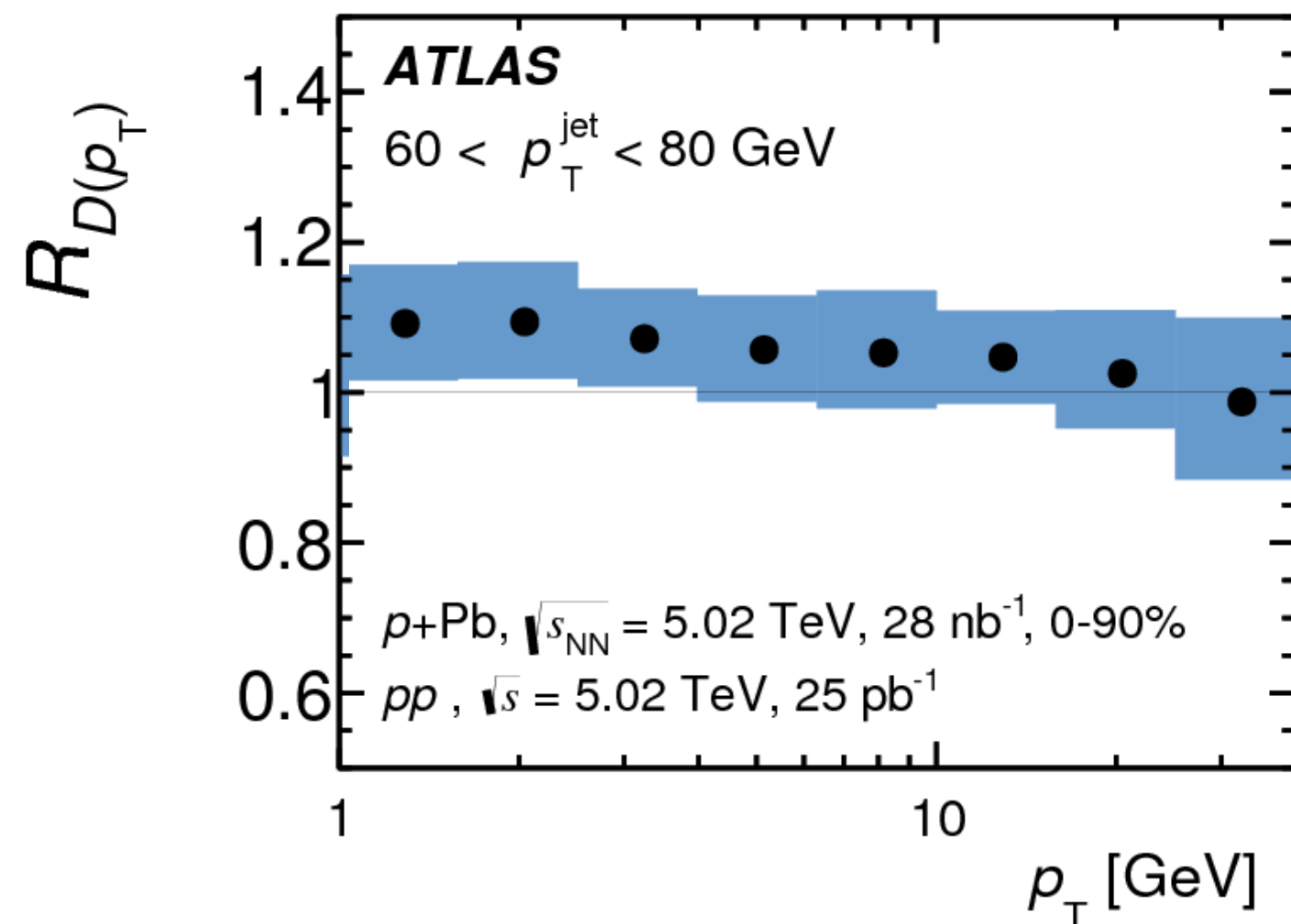
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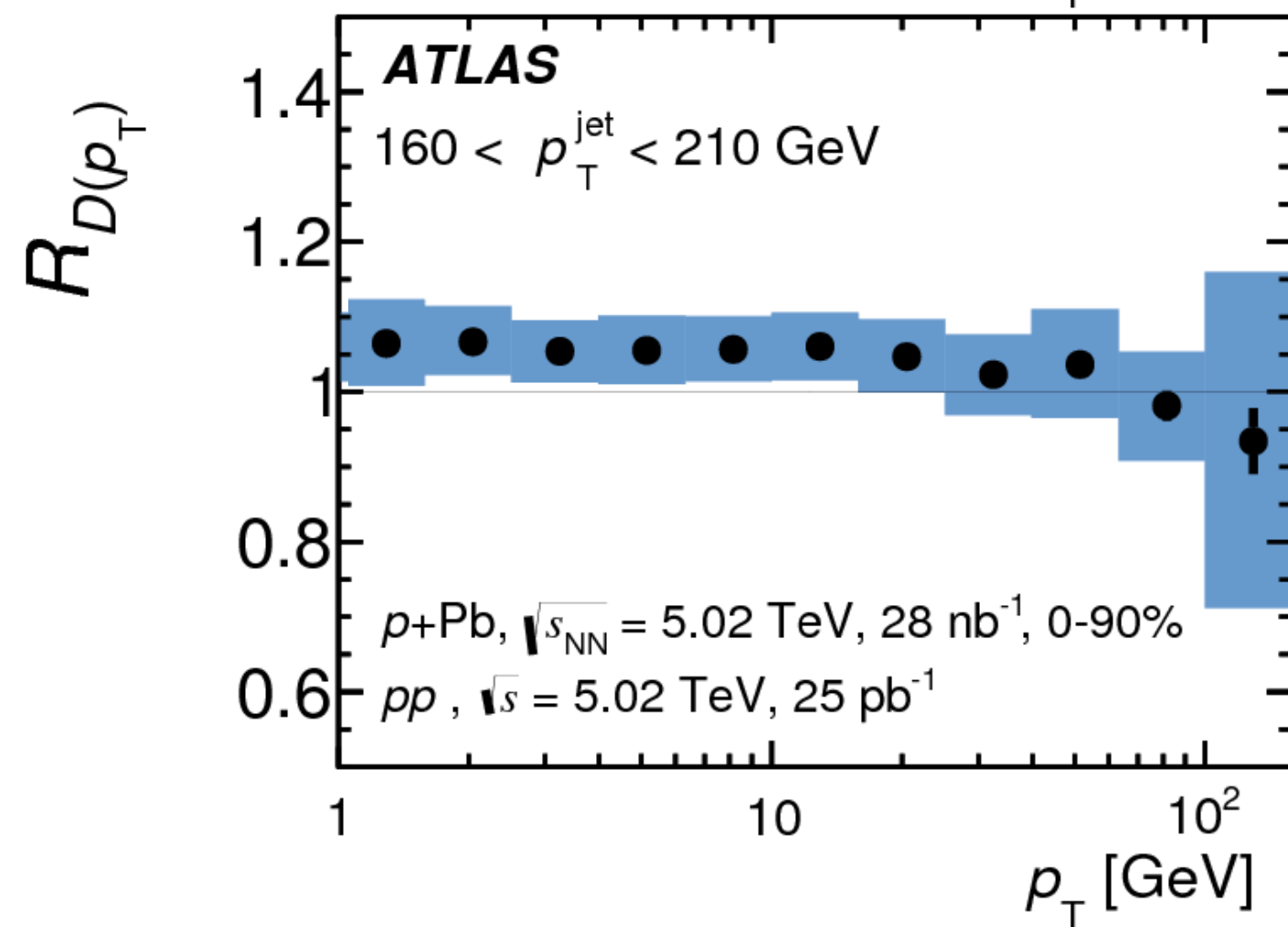
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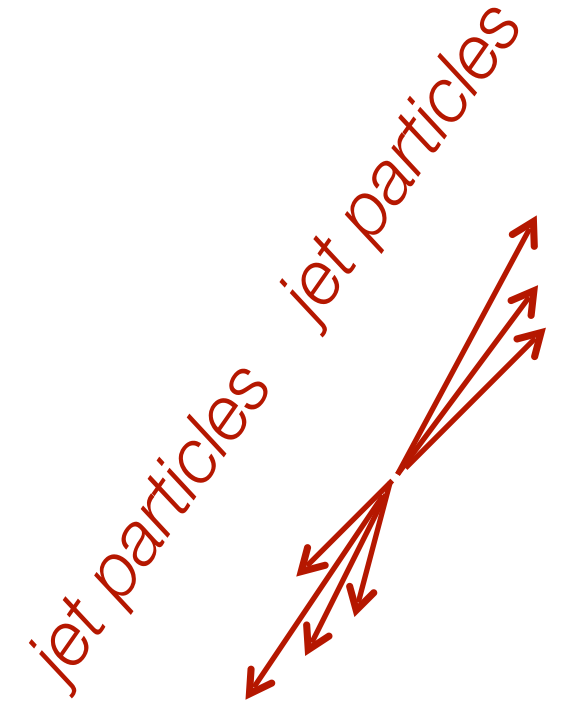
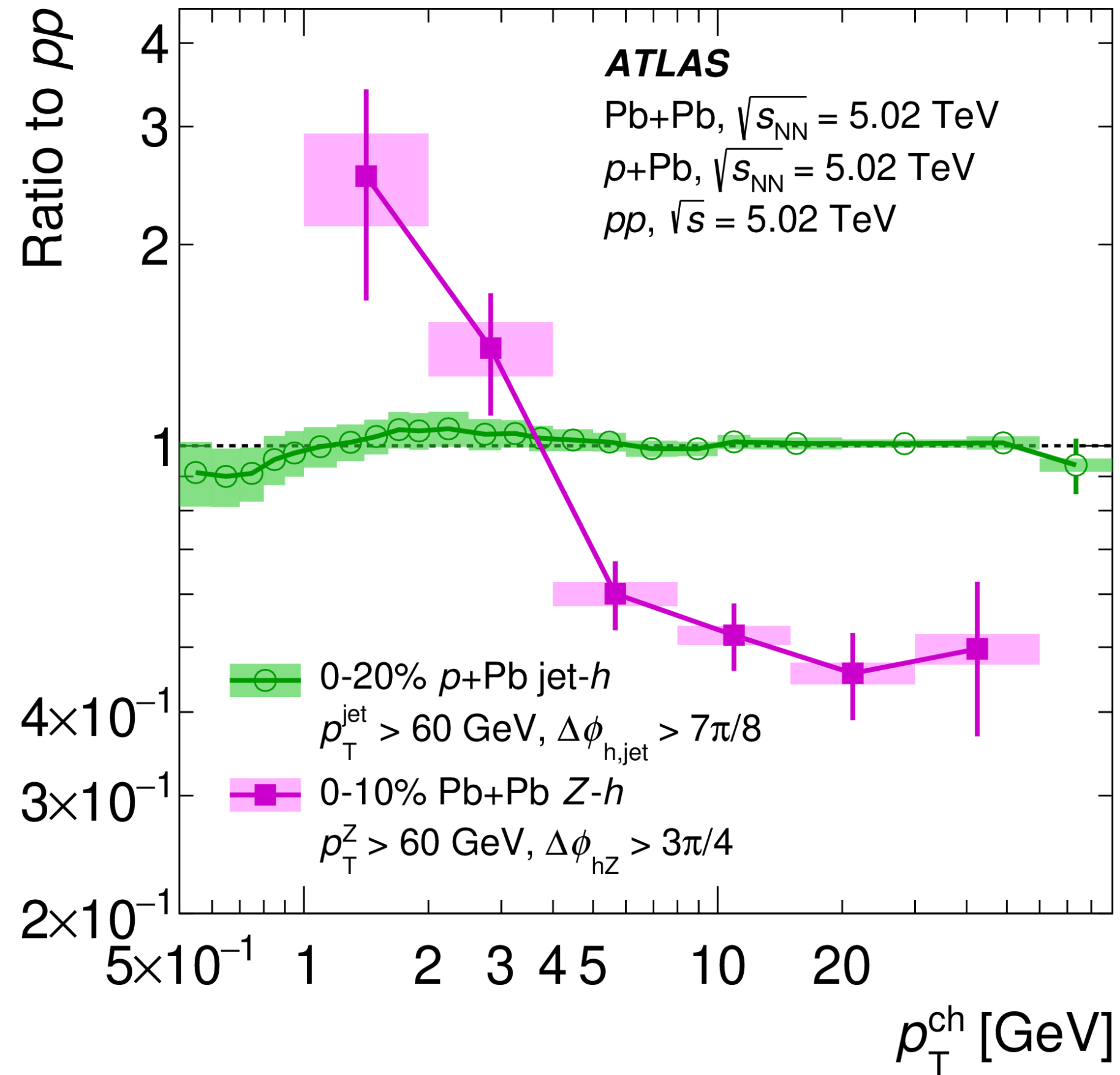
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No jet quenching observed in **p+Pb** despite of collectivity of high p_T particles

Chapter 3

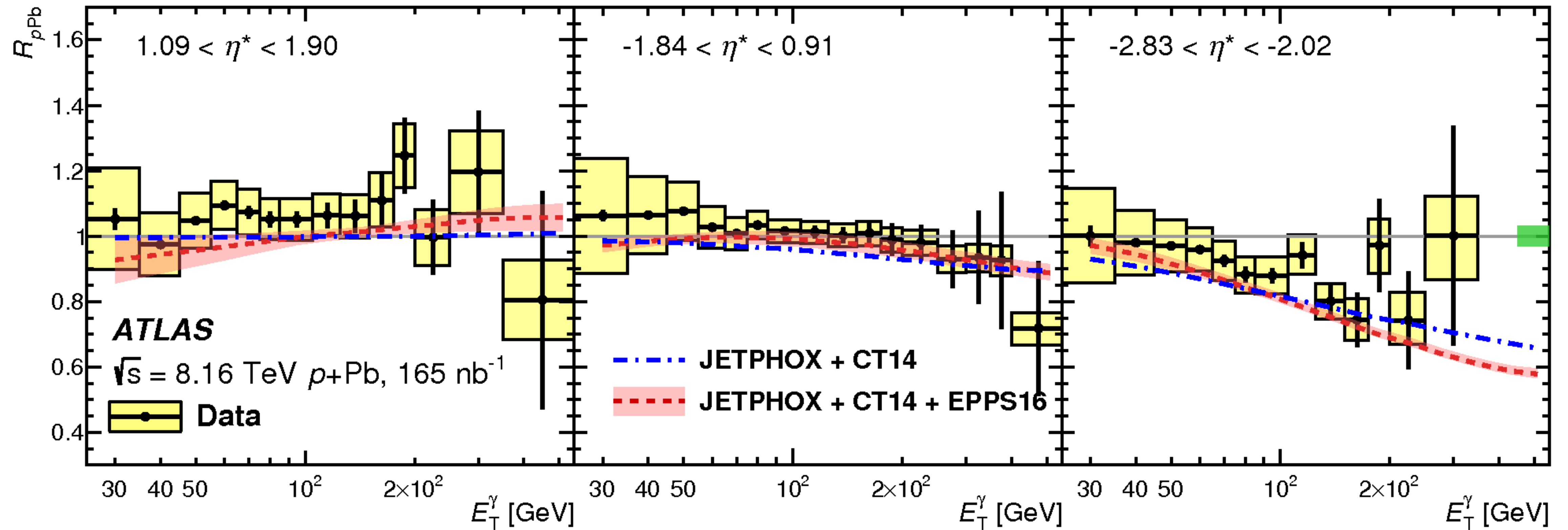
Nuclear modification of parton densities

Inclusive photons in p+Pb

At forward and central rapidity R_{pPb} consistent with unity.

$R_{pPb} < 1$ for $\eta^* < -2$ due to isospin effects.

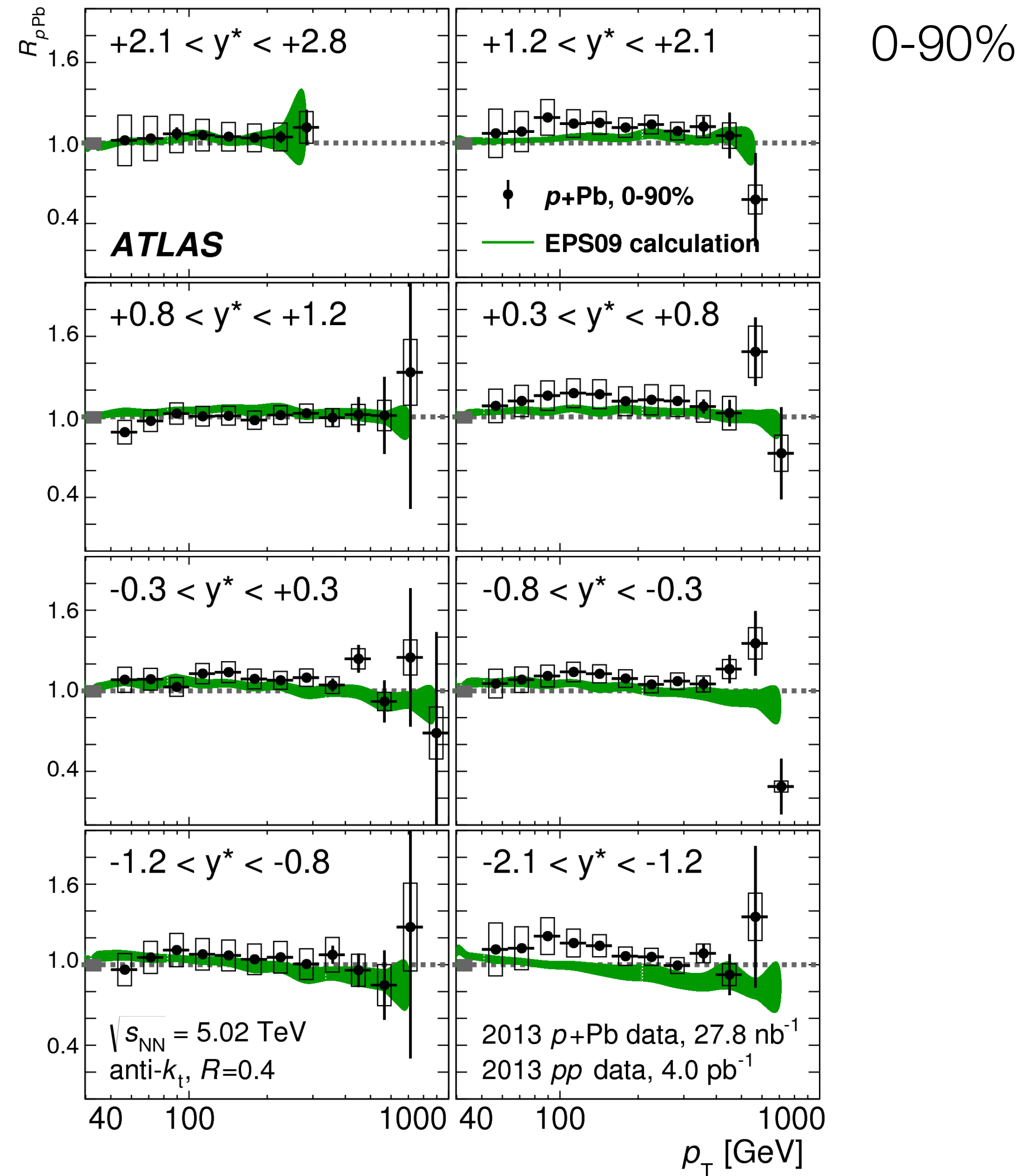
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With the current uncertainties, the data is unable to constraint nPDF.

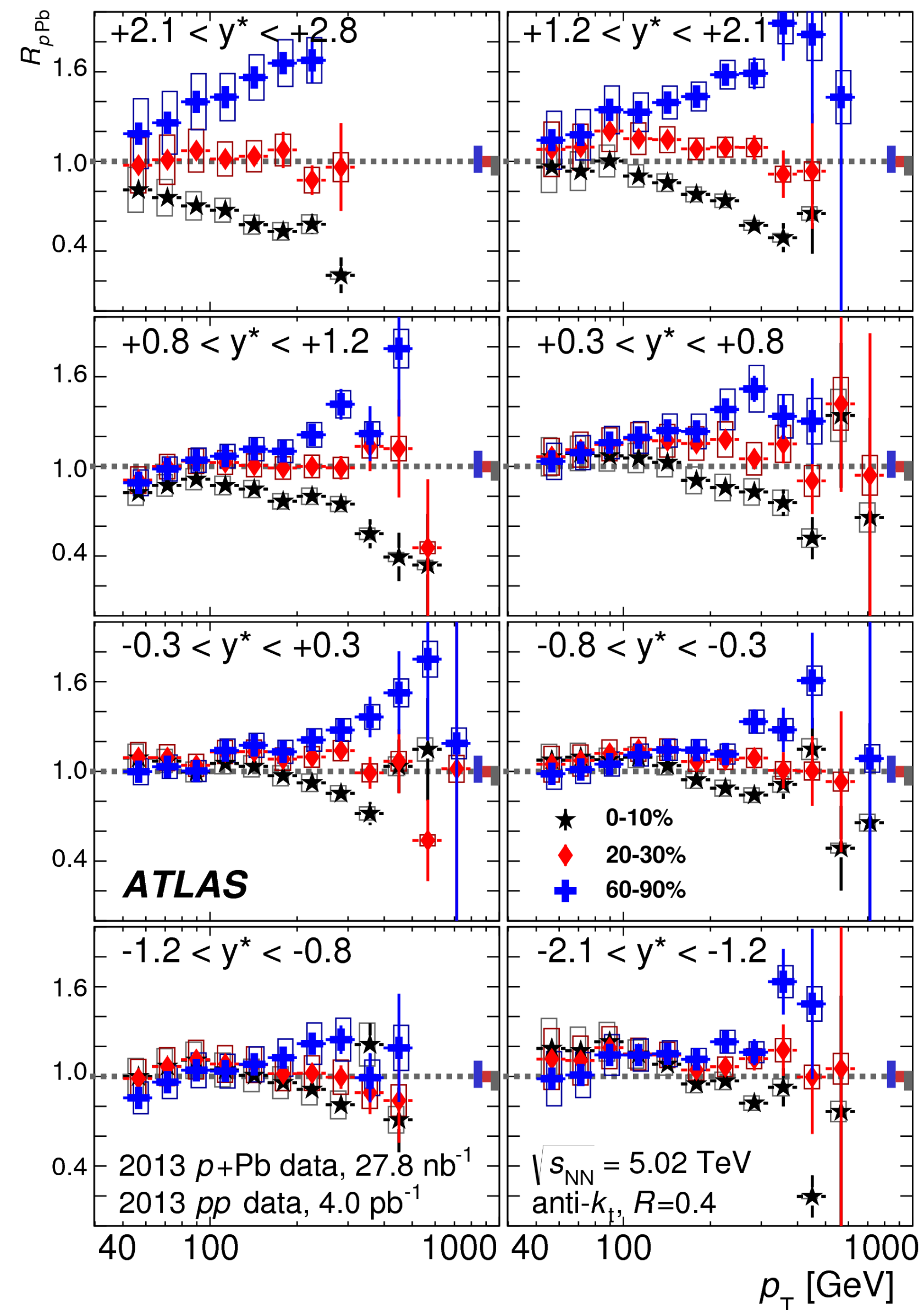
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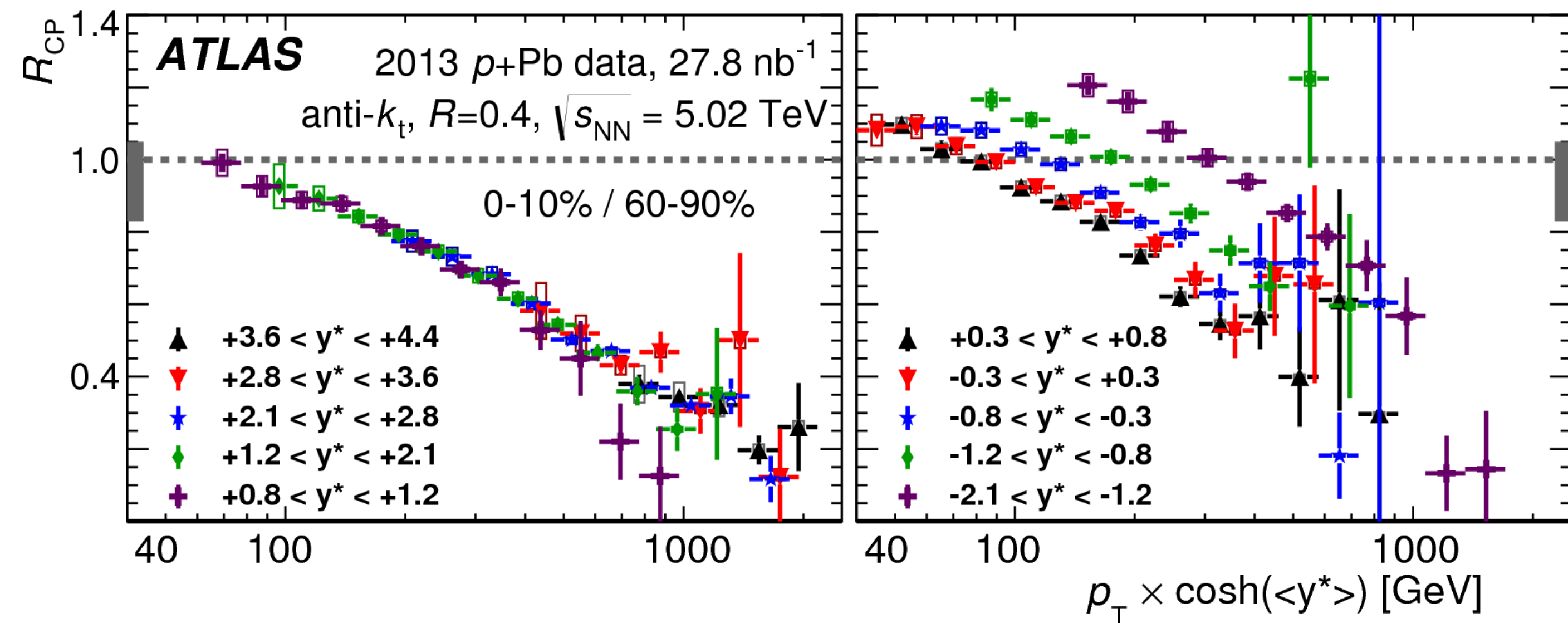
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0-10%
20-30%
60-90%

Interesting kinematic dependence: increases with ρ_T with a slope that depends on rapidity (looks like $\cosh y$)

In the forward region depends on $E \sim \rho_T \cdot \cosh y$

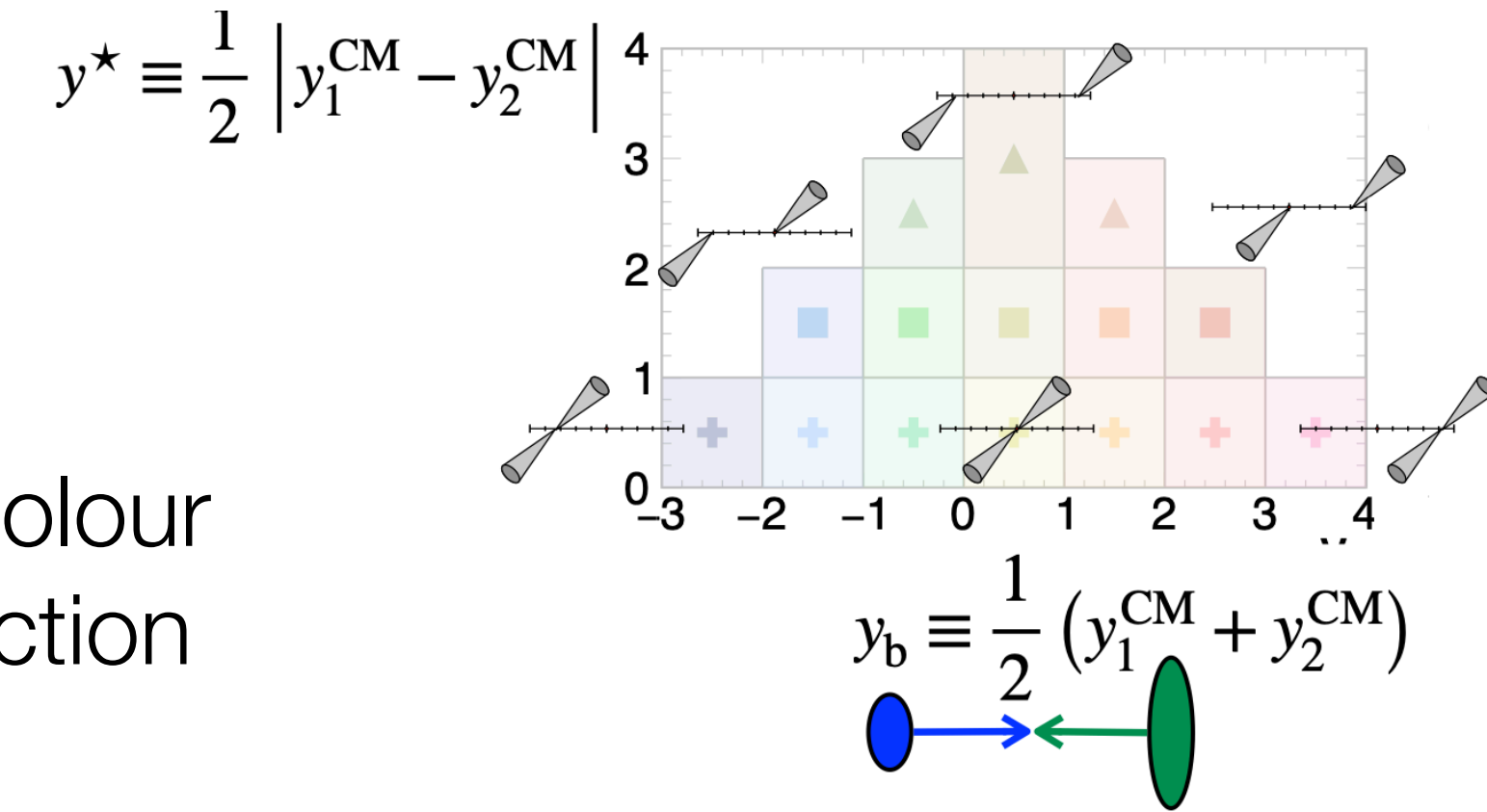


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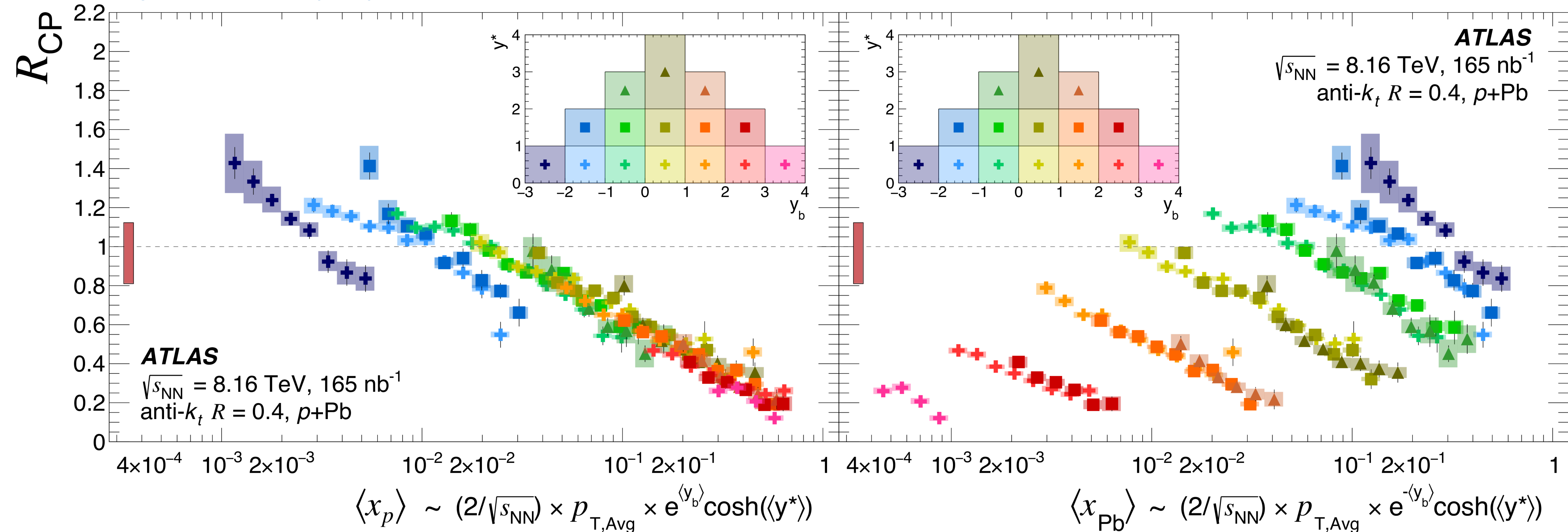
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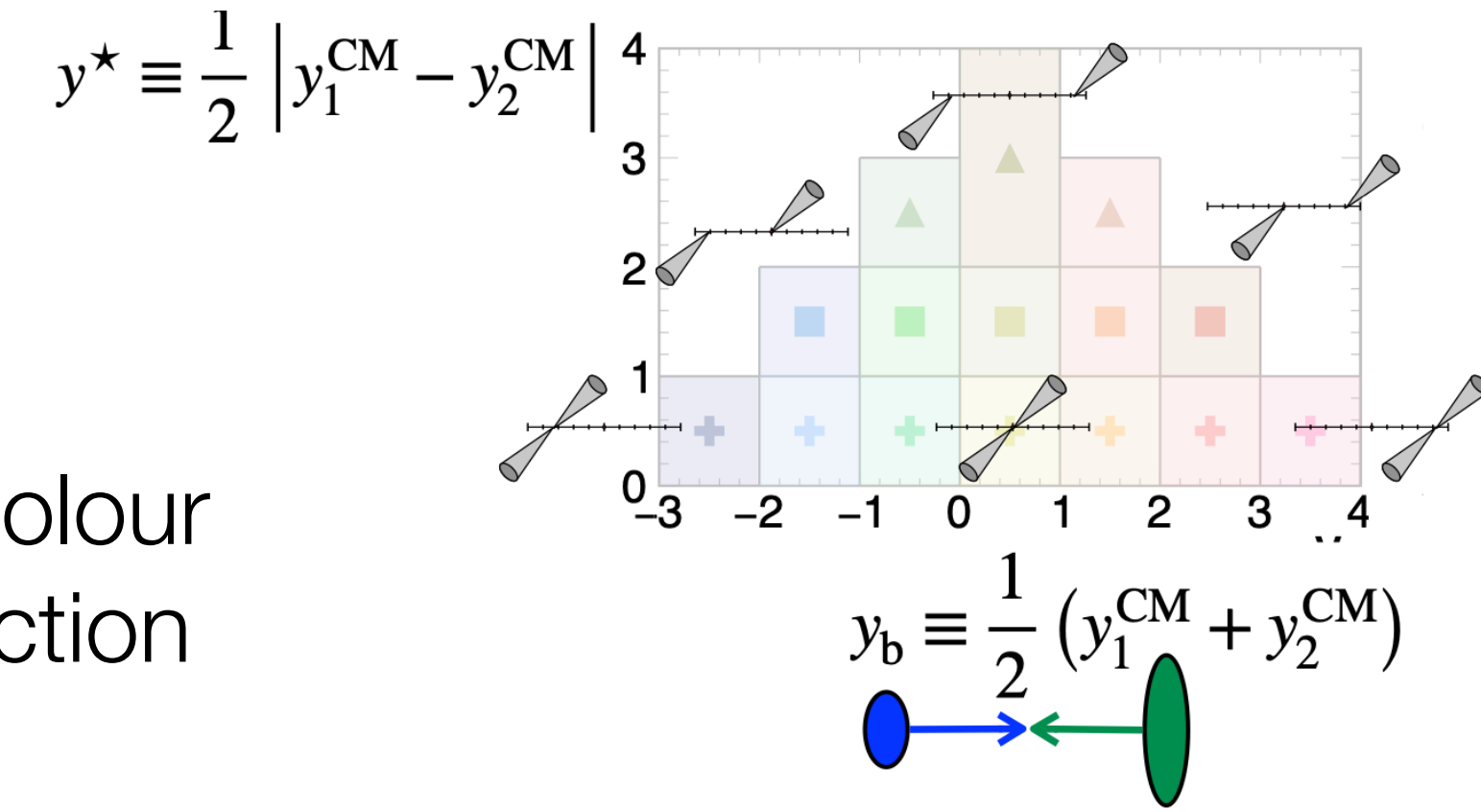


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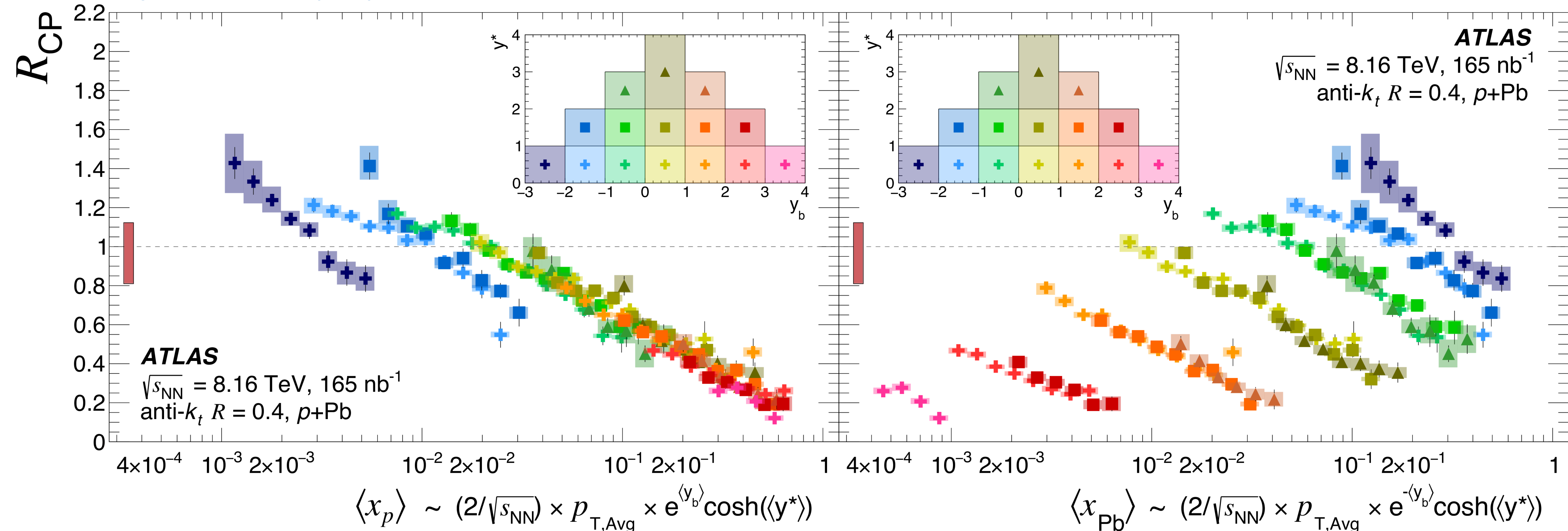
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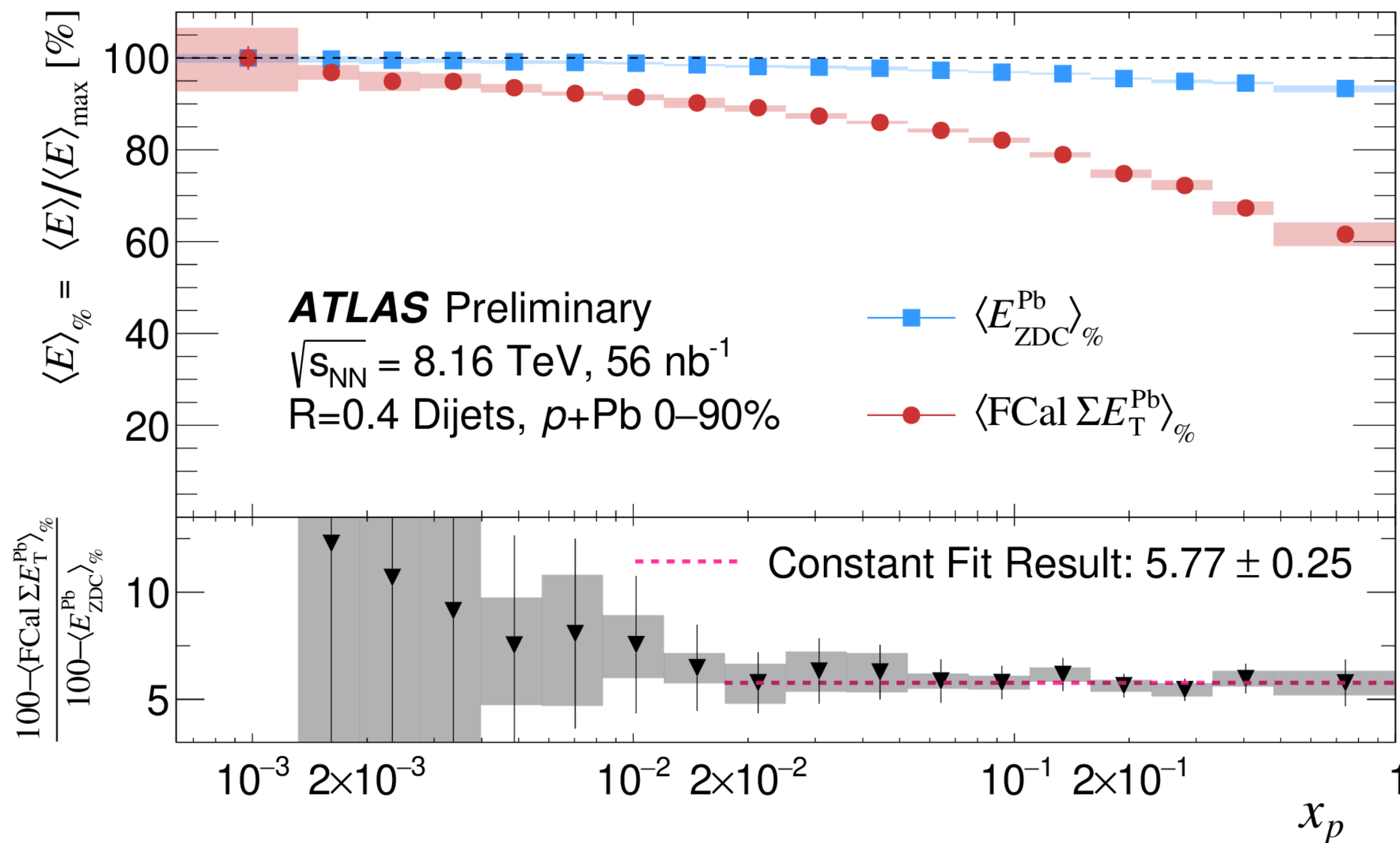
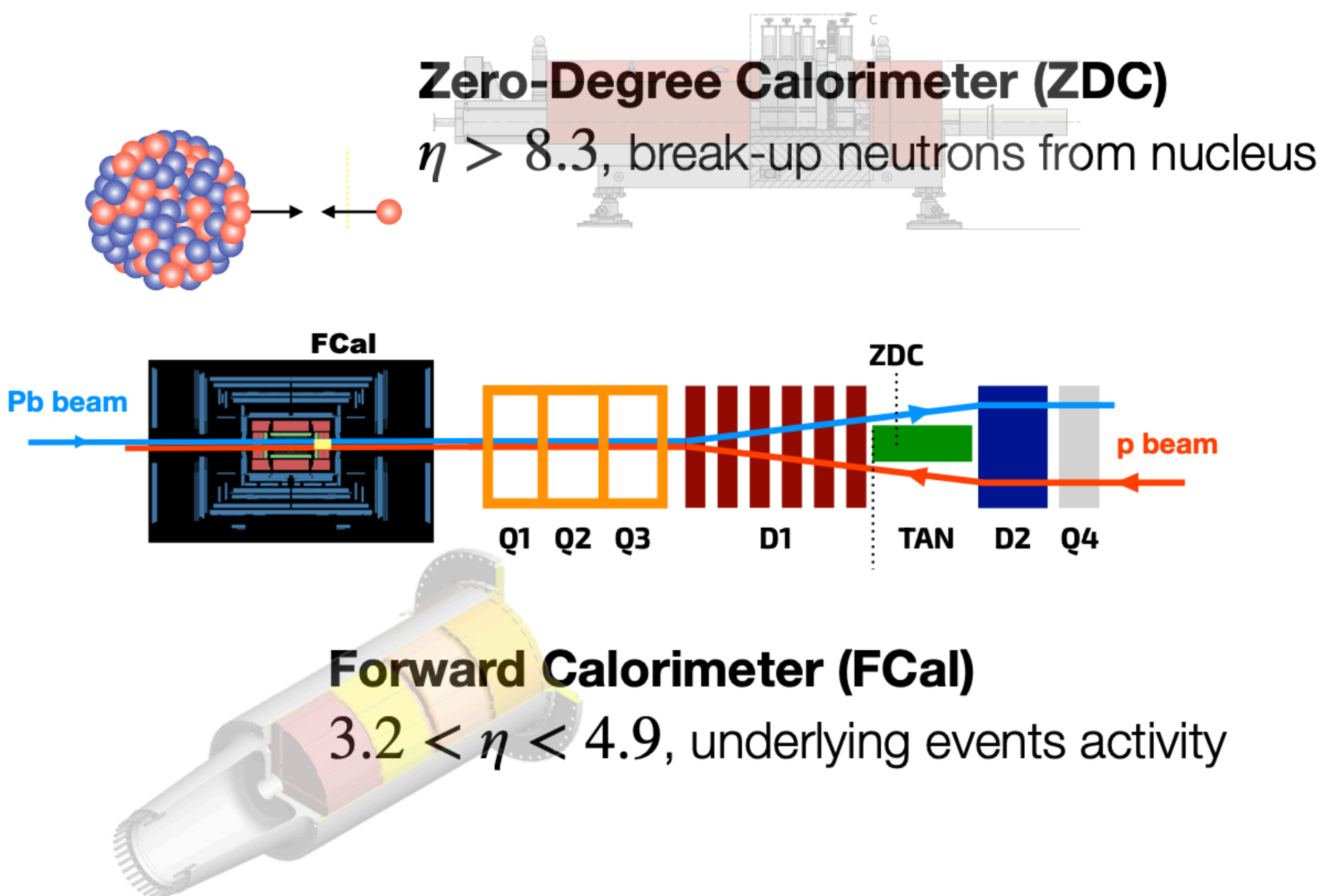


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Di-jet production in p+Pb - nuclear break-up

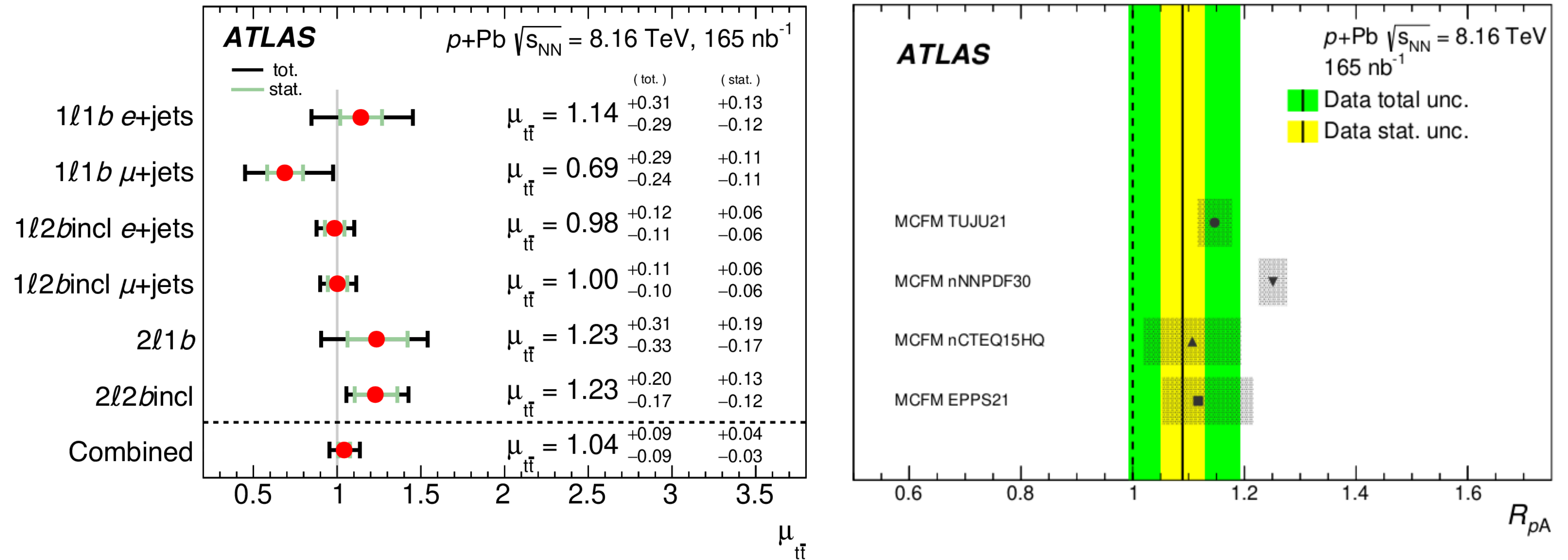
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Decreasing UE energy (FCal E_T) and break-up neutrons (ZDC E) with increasing x_p

ttbar production in p+Pb

[arXiv:2405.05078](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.05078)

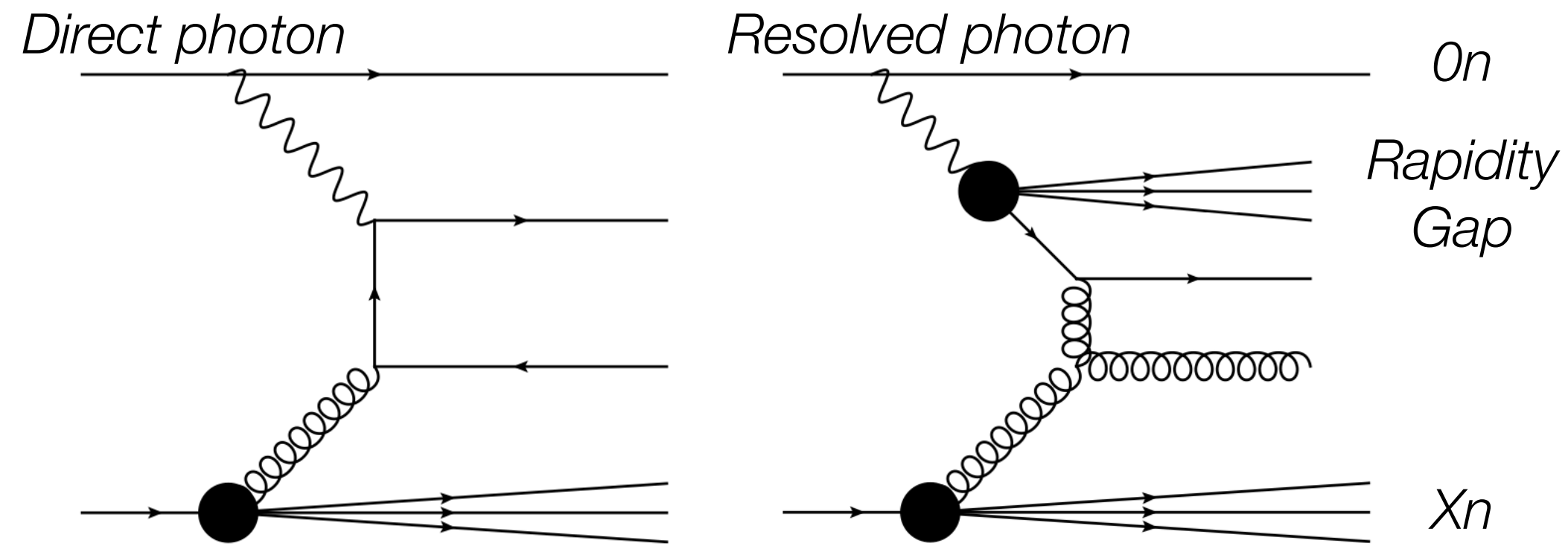


ttbar cross section measured to be $58.1 \pm 2.0^{+4.8}_{-4.4} \text{ nb}^{-1}$

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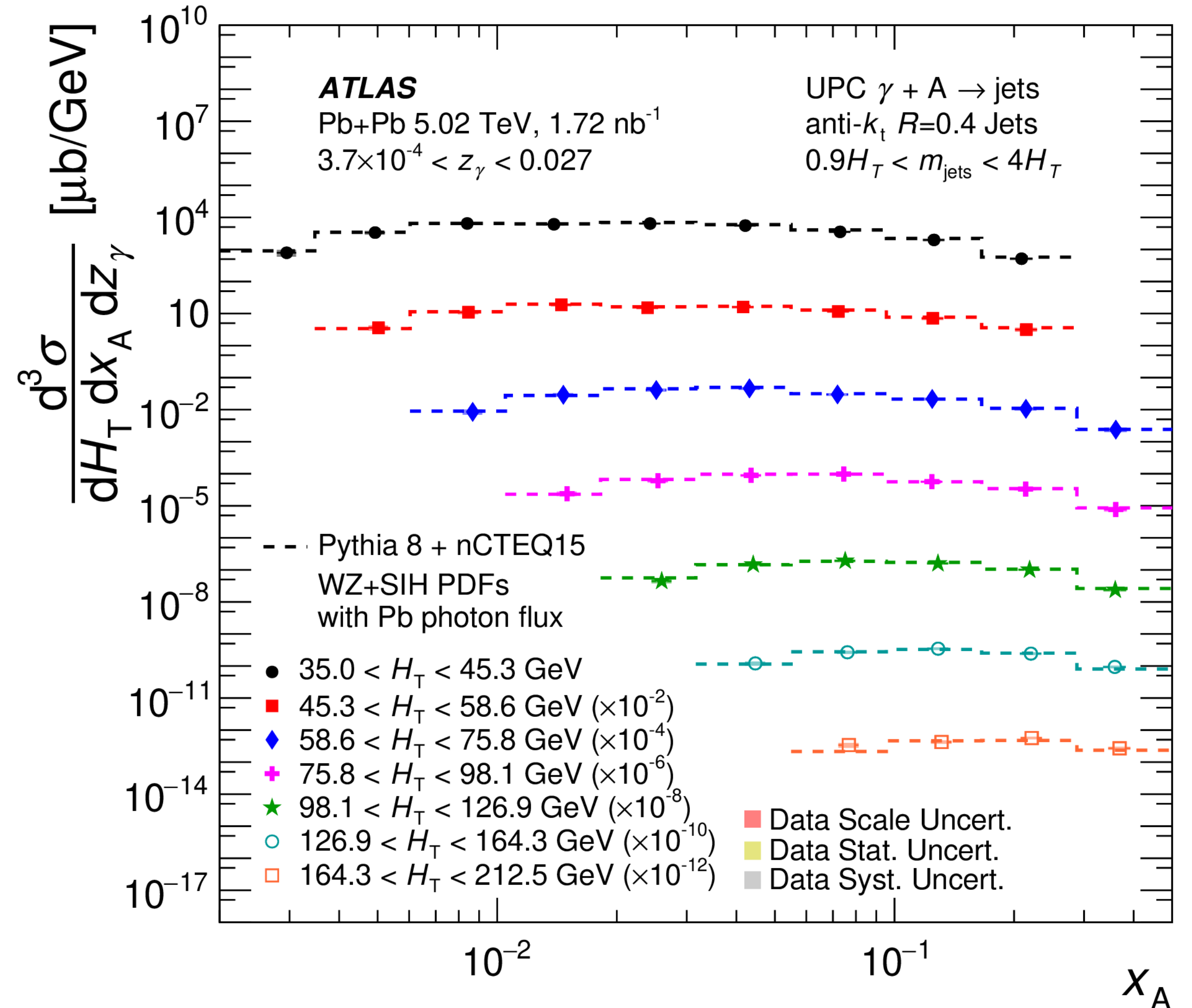
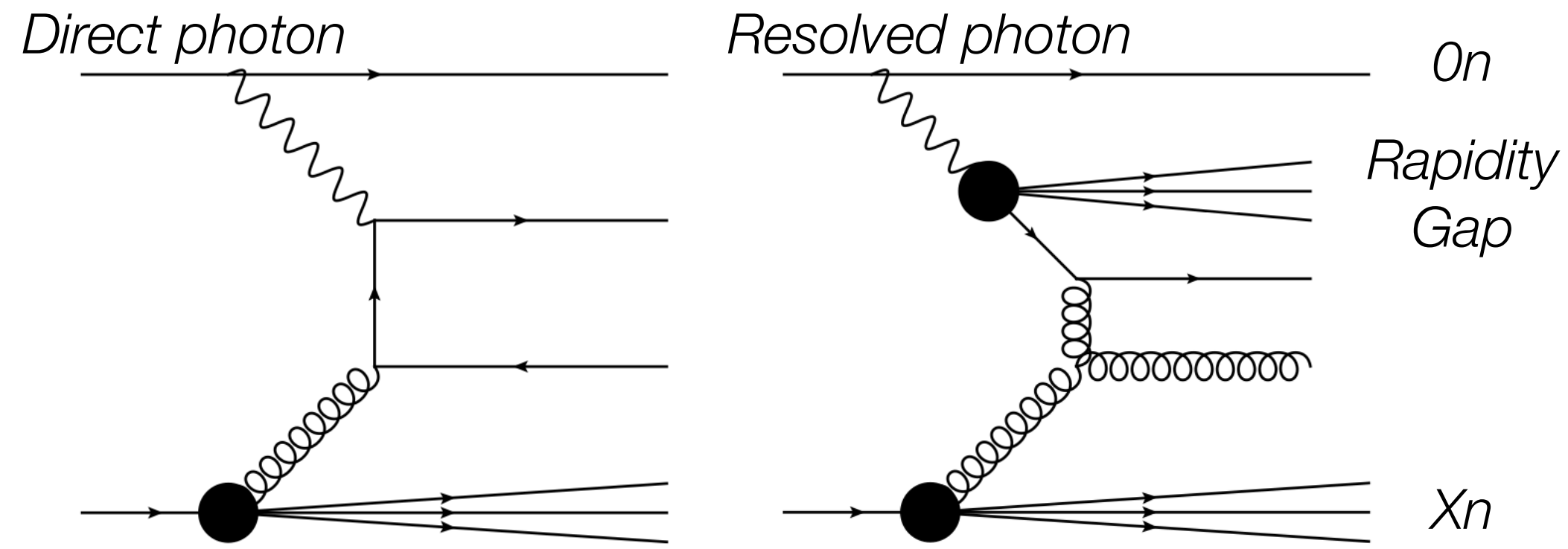


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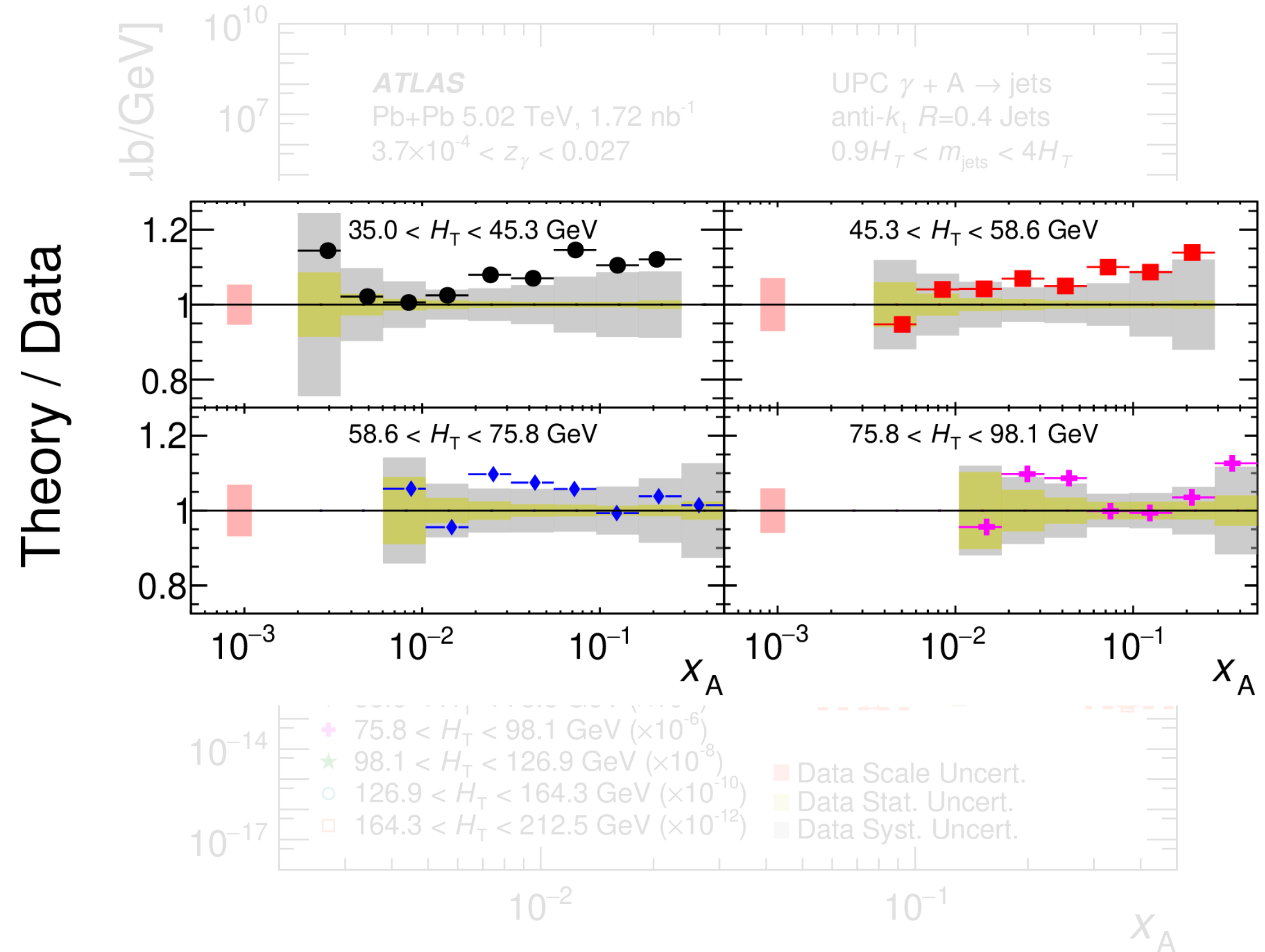
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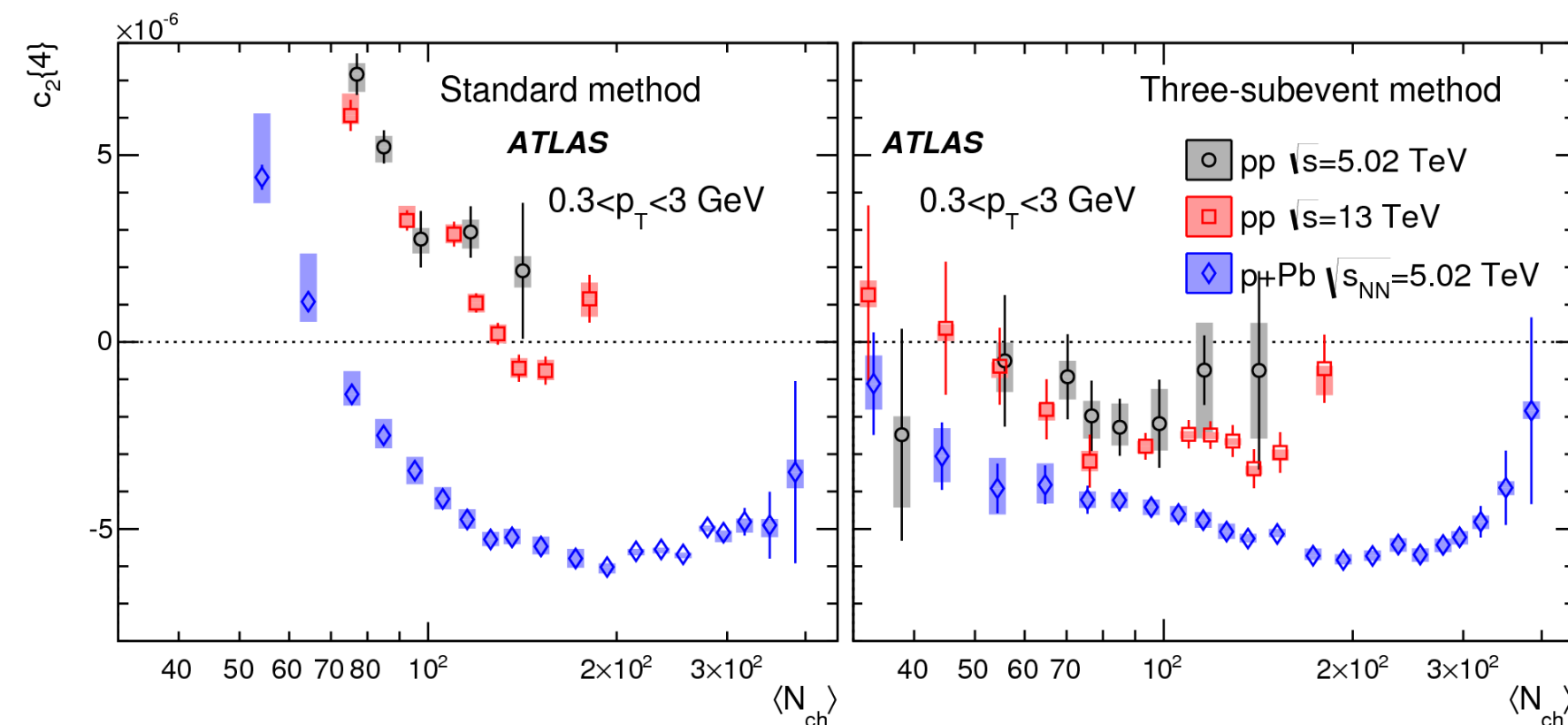
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Summary

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Well establish collective behaviour in small system
Many developments on the measurements technics that also benefit in large systems.

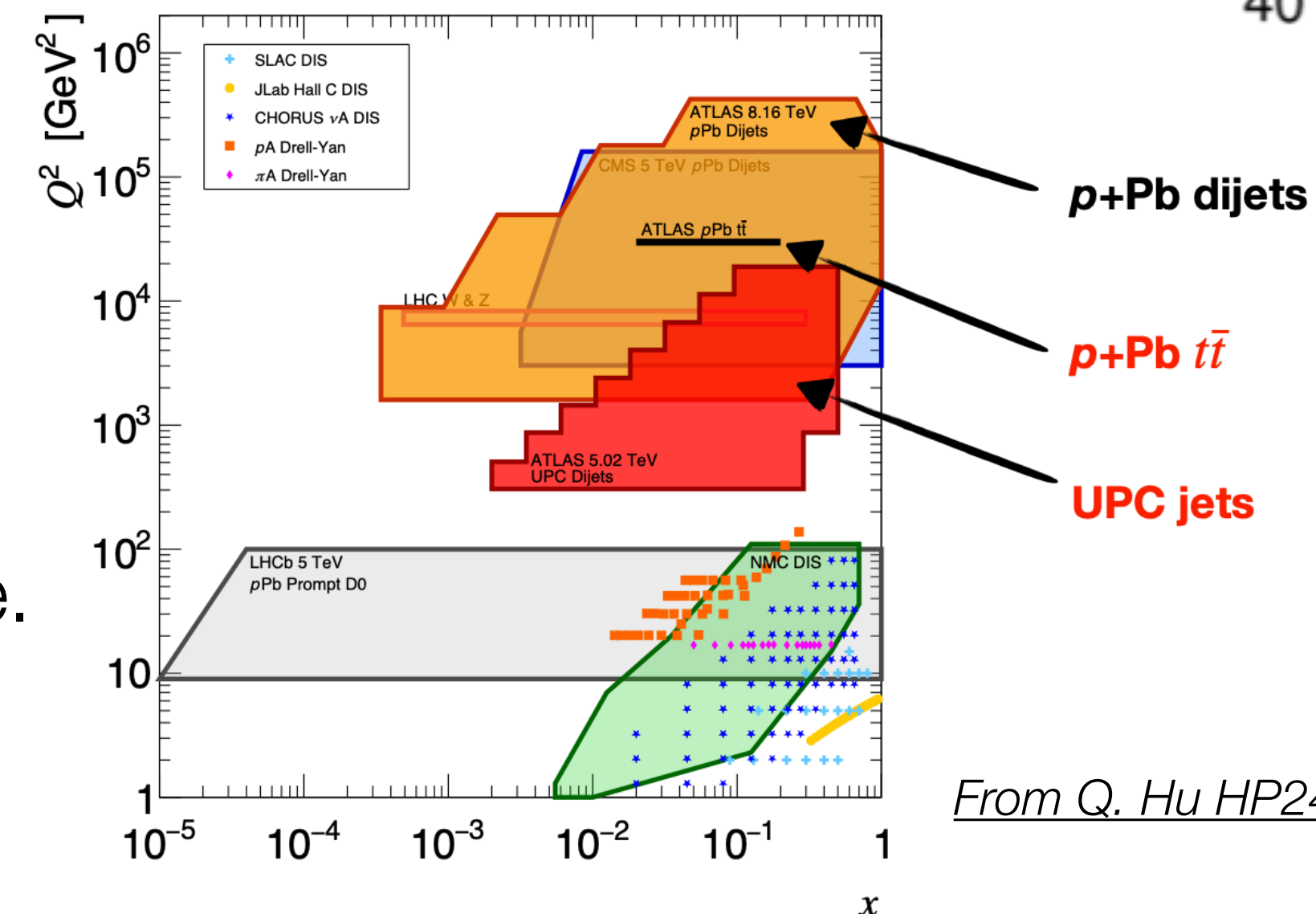
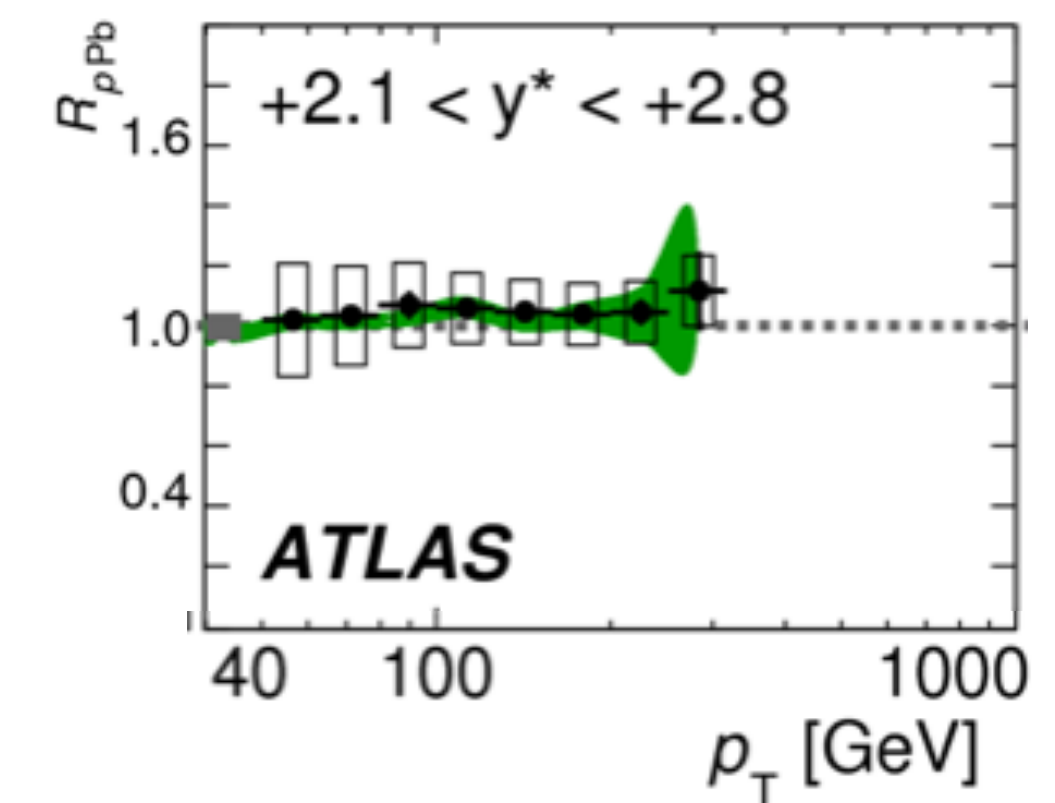


Chapter 3 Nuclear modification of parton densities

Potential to constraint nPDFs if more data available.

Chapter 2 Search of the effect of energy loss in small systems

Still no sign of energy loss while we see signs of collectivity at high p_T



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