



Collective dynamics of heavy ion collisions in ATLAS



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Heavy ion physics program in ATLAS

Complex program of measurements covering

- ➔ Collective flow in small & large systems
- ➔ Colorless probes - electroweak bosons (W/Z) in Pb+Pb
- ➔ Colored probes - jets & heavy flavour quarks
- ➔ Ultra Peripheral Collisions (UPC)

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Recorded datasets

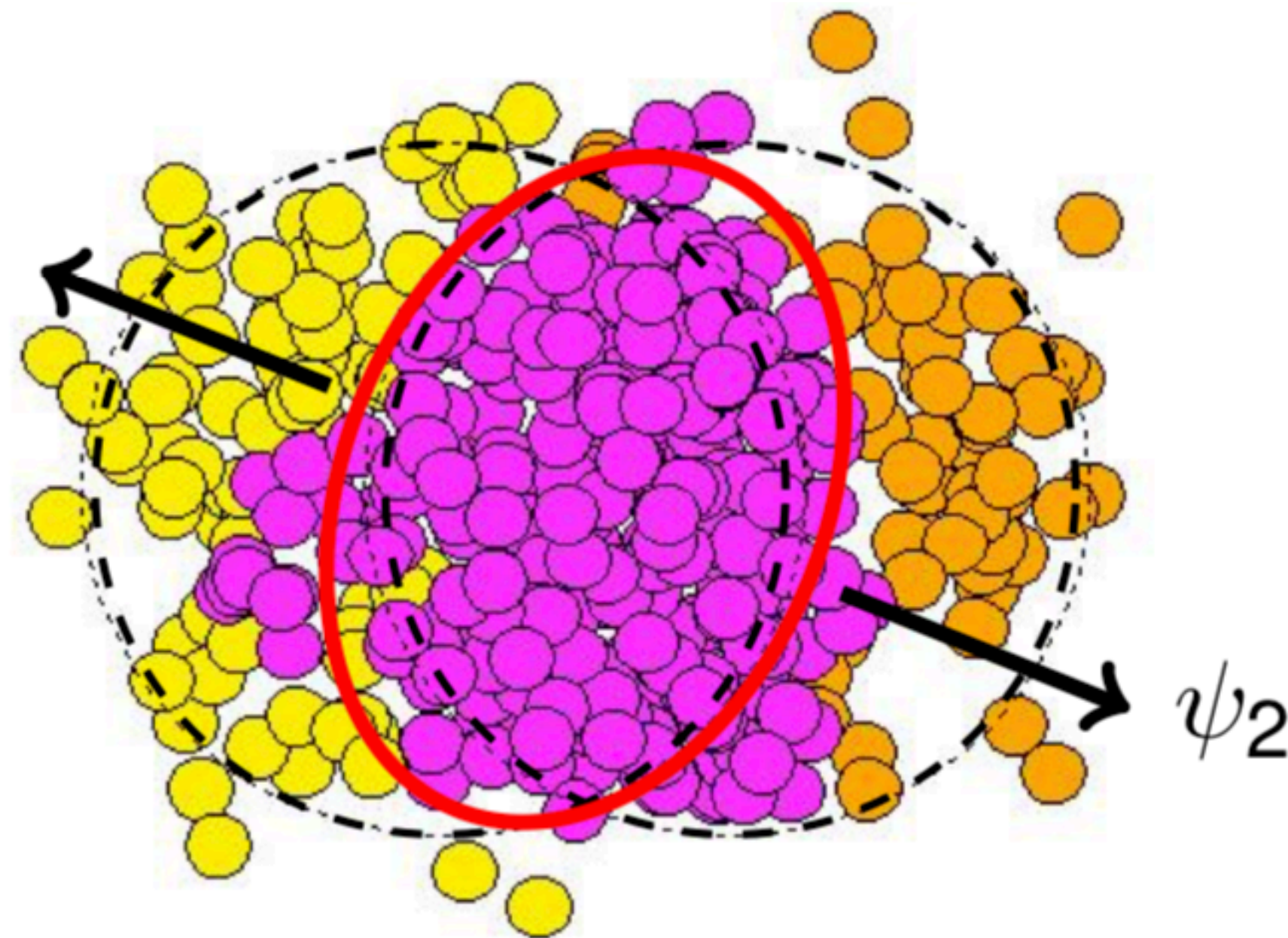
System	Year	sqrt(s _{NN}) [TeV]	L _{int}
Pb+Pb	2010	2,76	7 μb ⁻¹
Pb+Pb	2011	2,76	0.14 nb ⁻¹
pp	2012	8	19.4 fb ⁻¹
pp	2013	2,76	4 pb ⁻¹
p+Pb	2013	5,02	29 nb ⁻¹
low <μ> pp	2015-16	13	0.9 pb ⁻¹
pp	2015	5,02	28 pb ⁻¹
Pb+Pb	2015	5,02	0.49 nb ⁻¹
p+Pb	2016	5,02	0.5 nb ⁻¹
p+Pb	2016	8,16	0.16 pb ⁻¹
Xe+Xe	2017	5,44	3 μb ⁻¹
pp	2017	5,02	270 pb ⁻¹
Pb+Pb	2018	5,02	1.76 nb ⁻¹

Run 1

Run 2

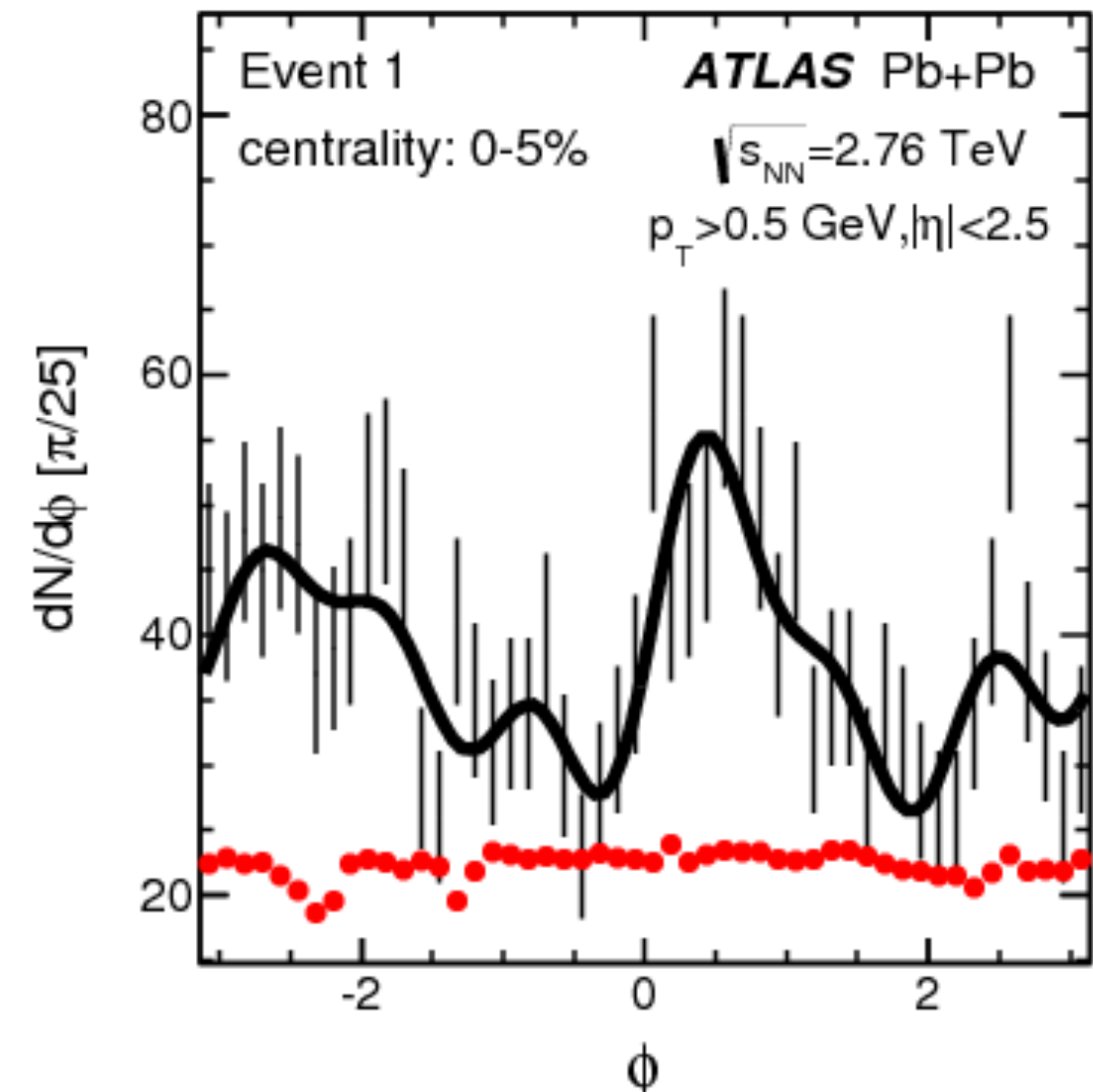
Global observables of heavy ion collision: collective flow

- ➔ 3D hydro description of QGP expansion
- ➔ Role of the initial conditions?



Initial asymmetry in the colliding nucleons distribution

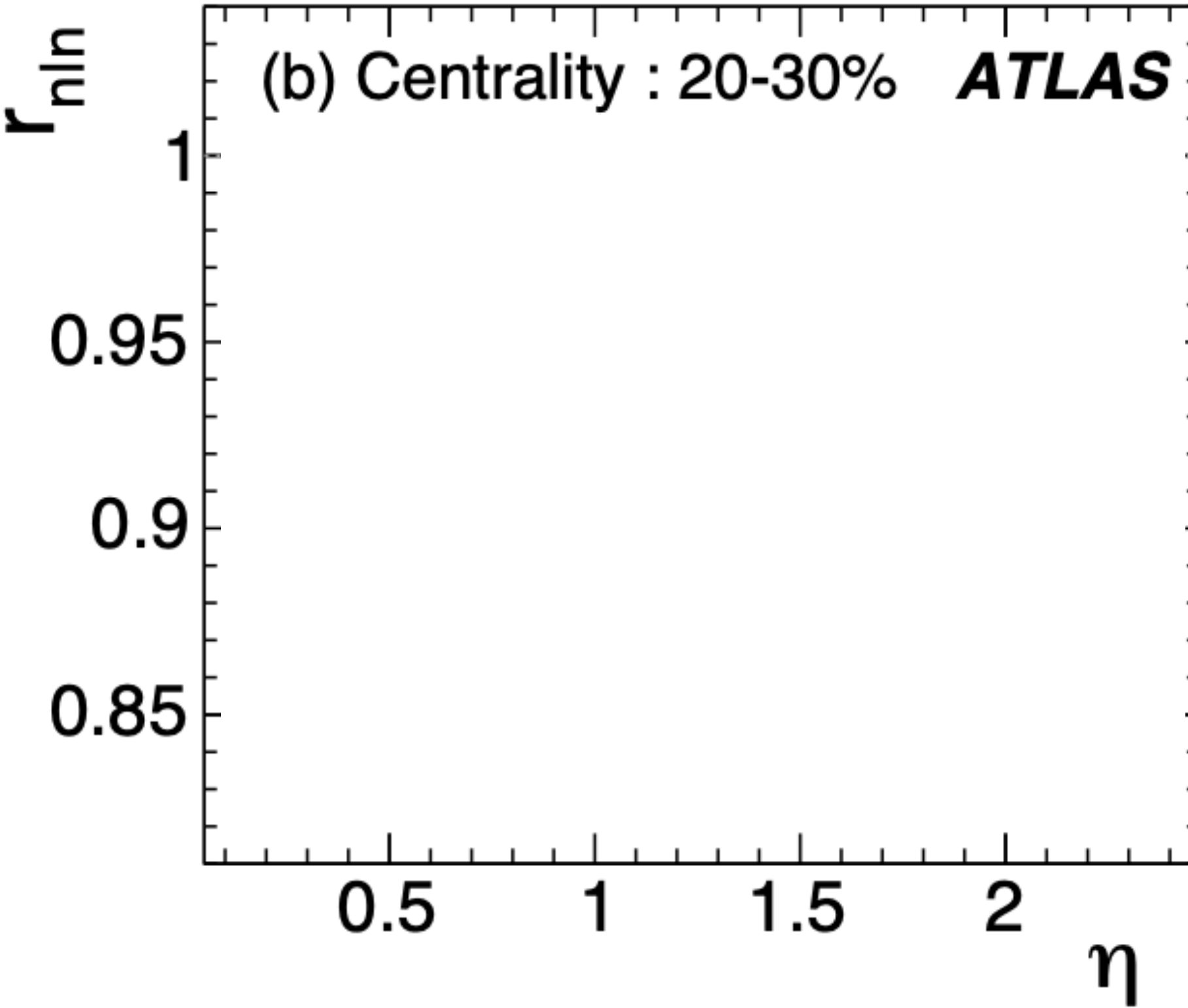
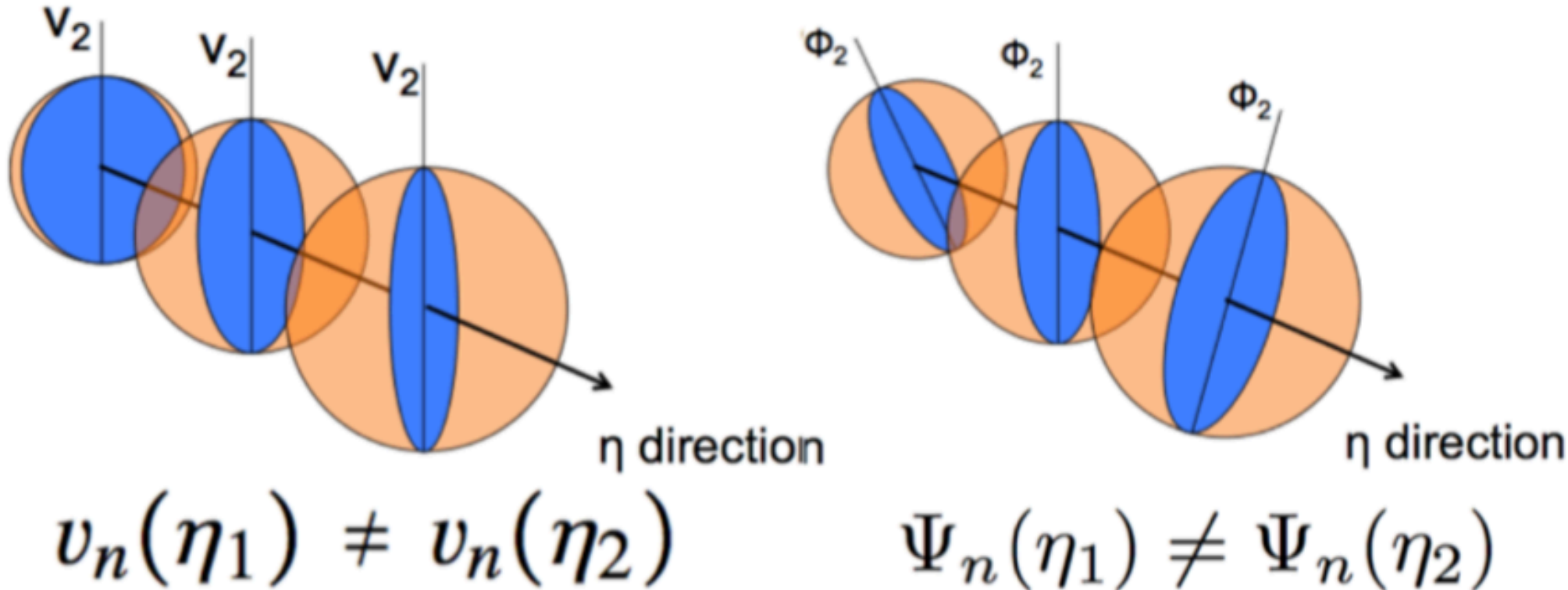
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Final state particles seen in the detector

Longitudinal flow decorrelation Xe+Xe & Pb+Pb

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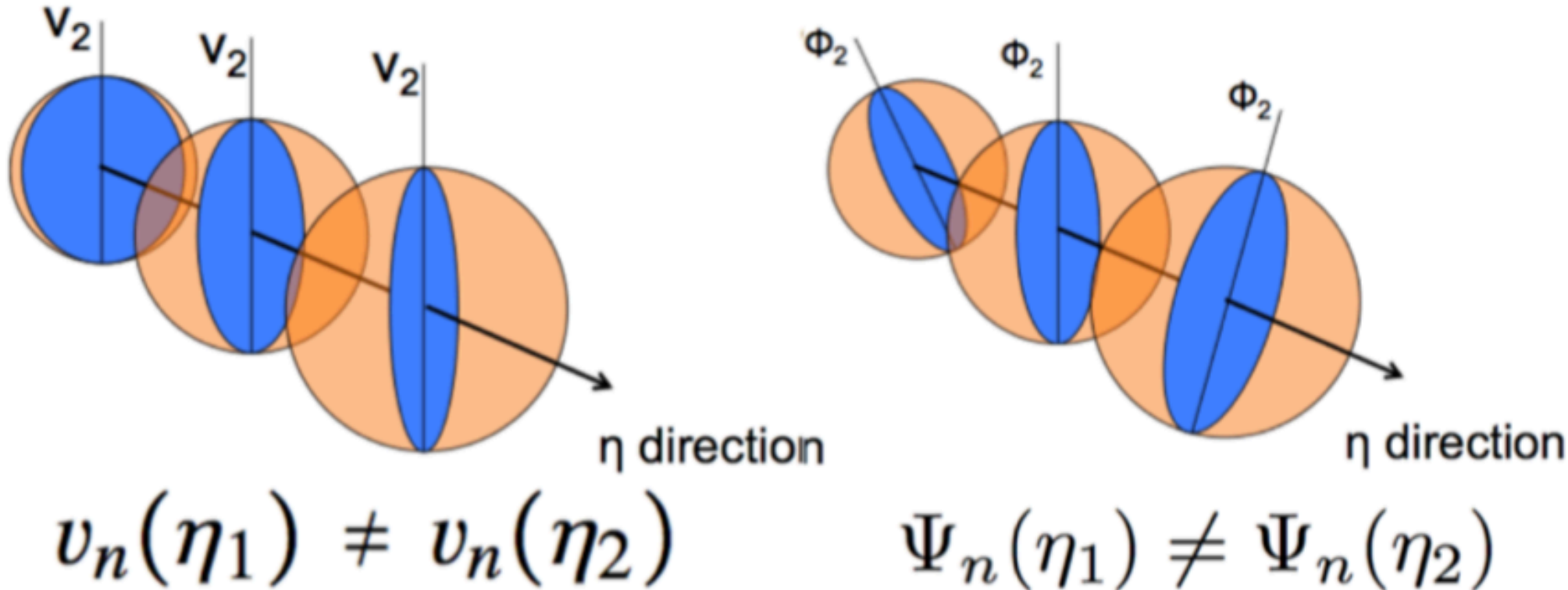
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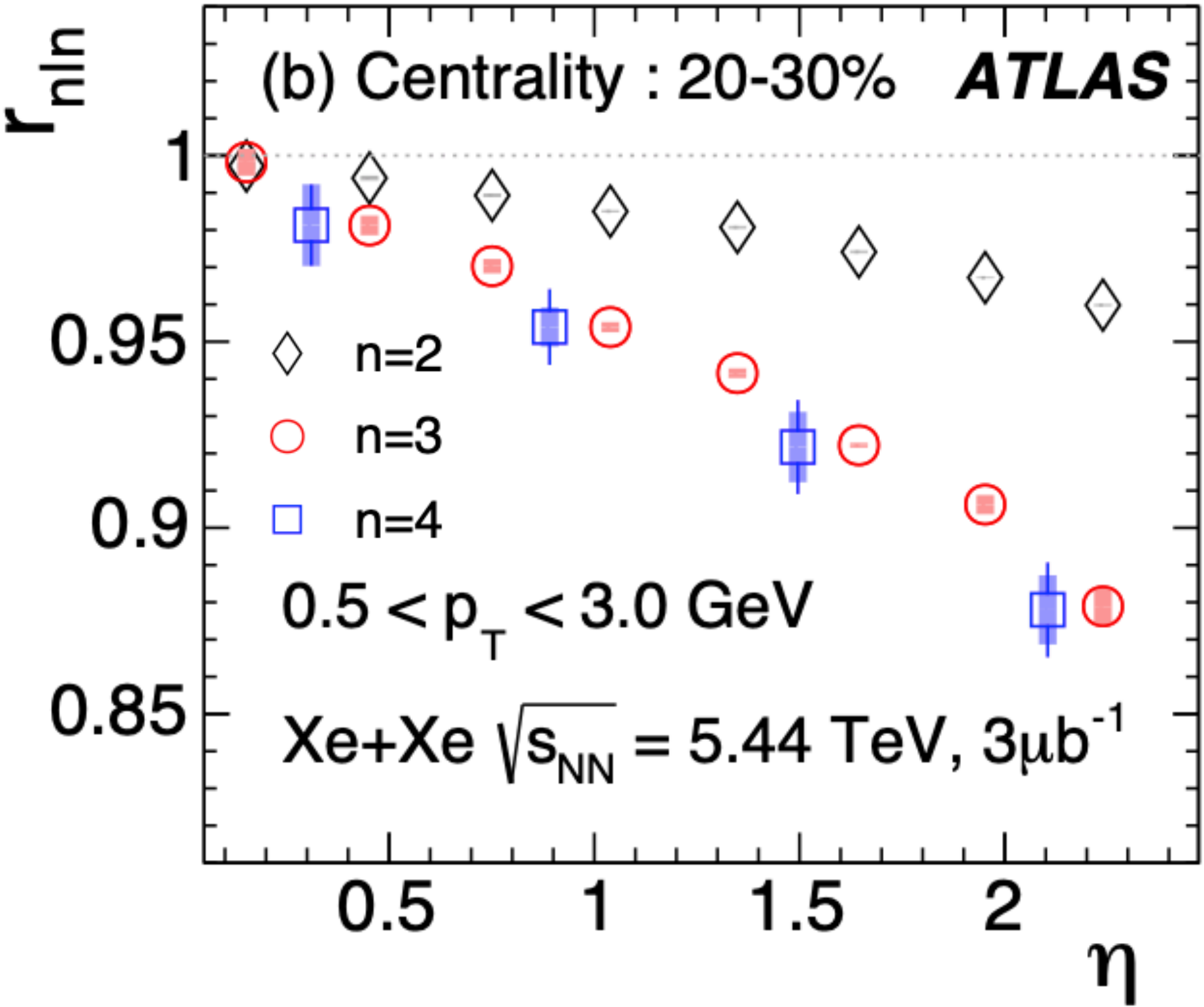
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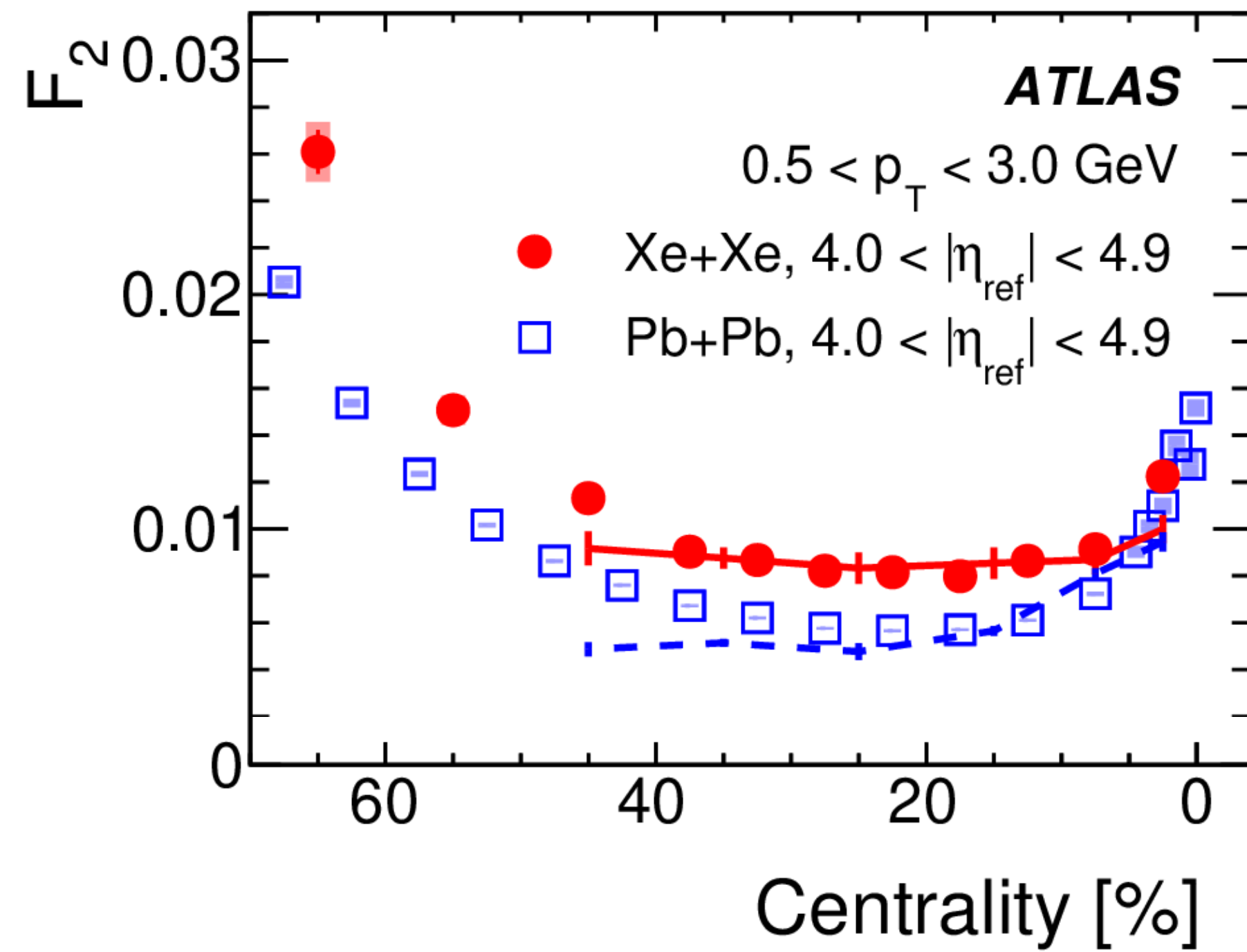
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F_n - slope
of the $r_{n|n;2}$

Measured decorrelation for v_2 , v_3 and v_4 harmonics in Xe+Xe and compared to that in Pb+Pb.

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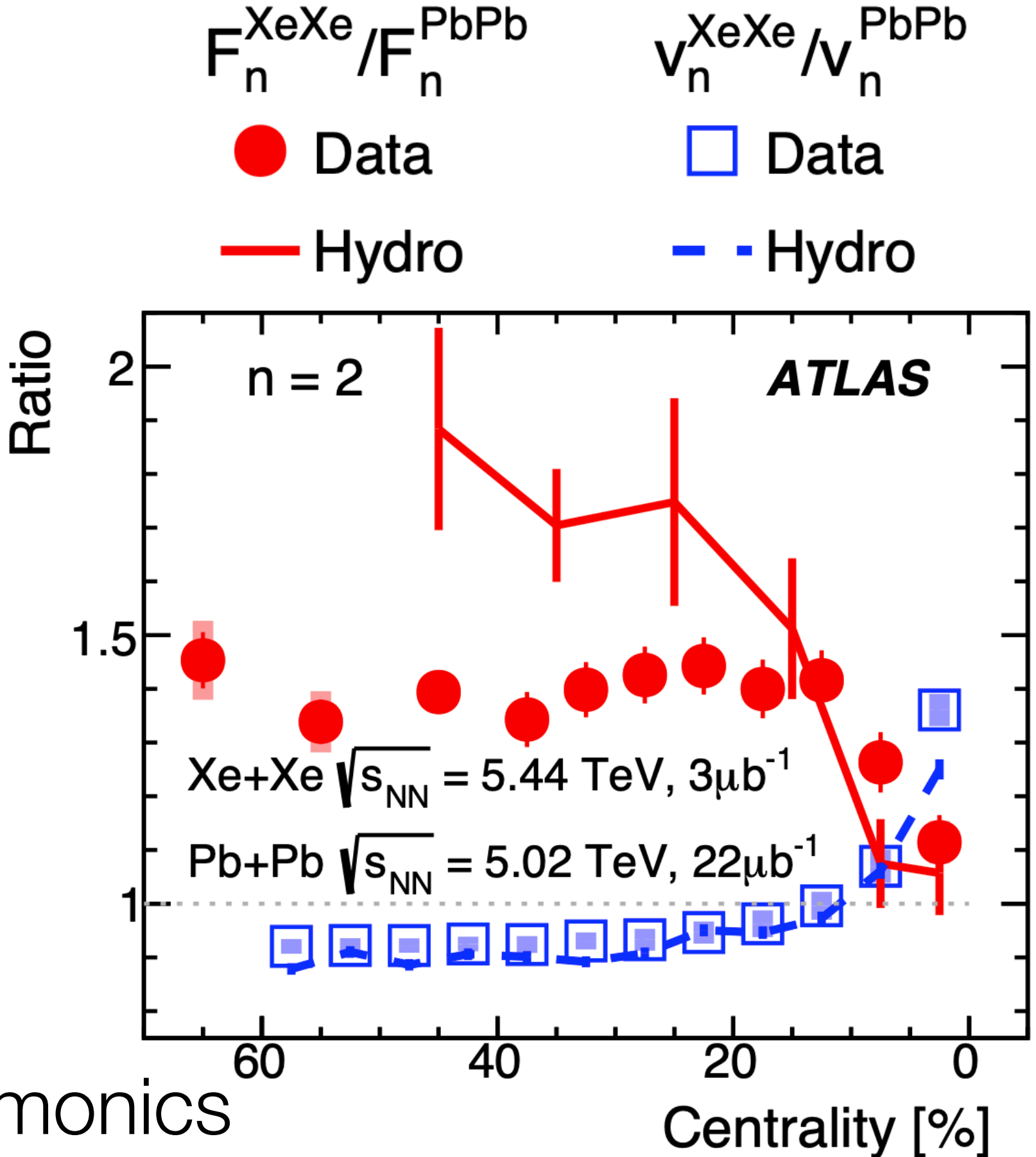
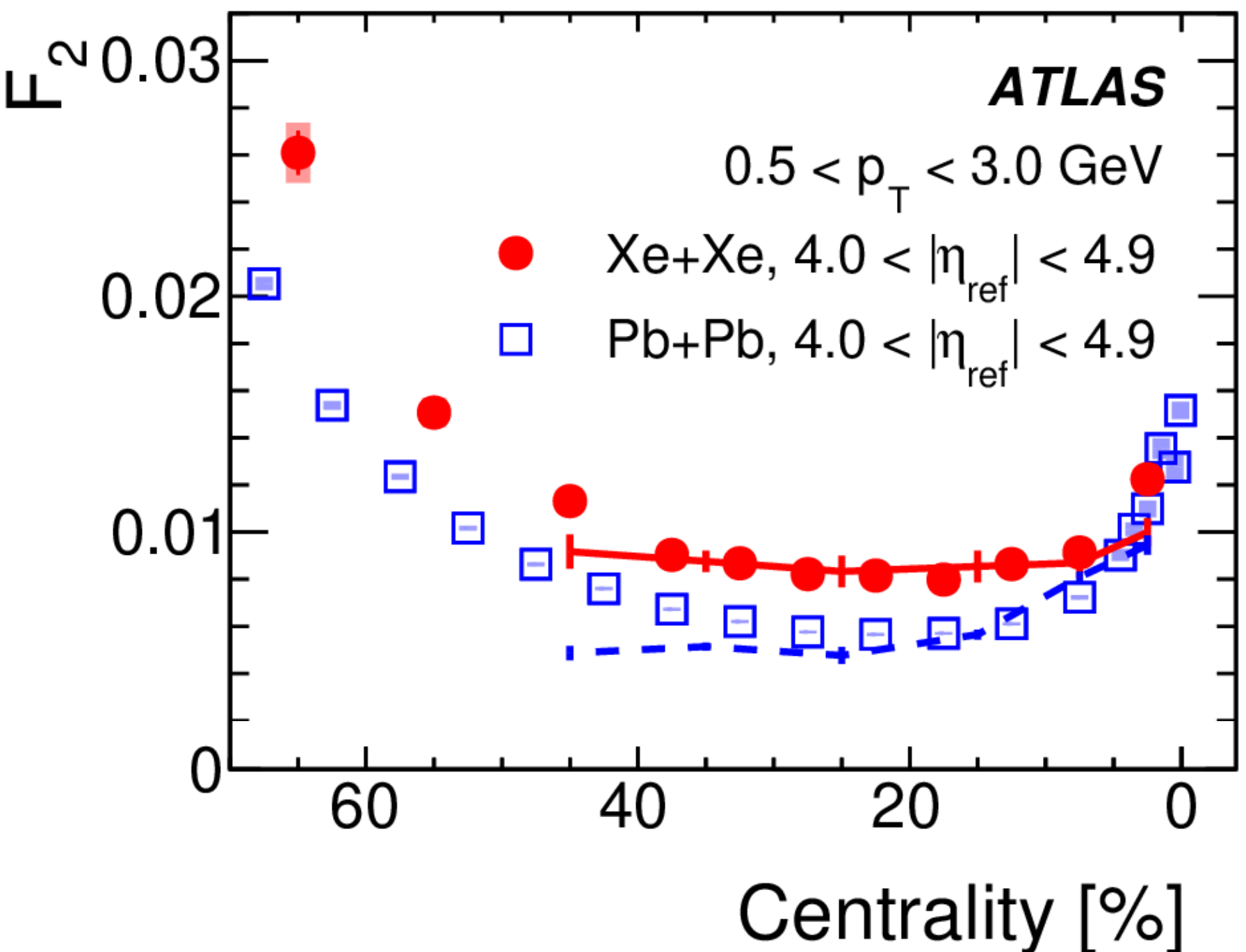
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System size dependence of **longitudinal flow** harmonics **decorrelation**

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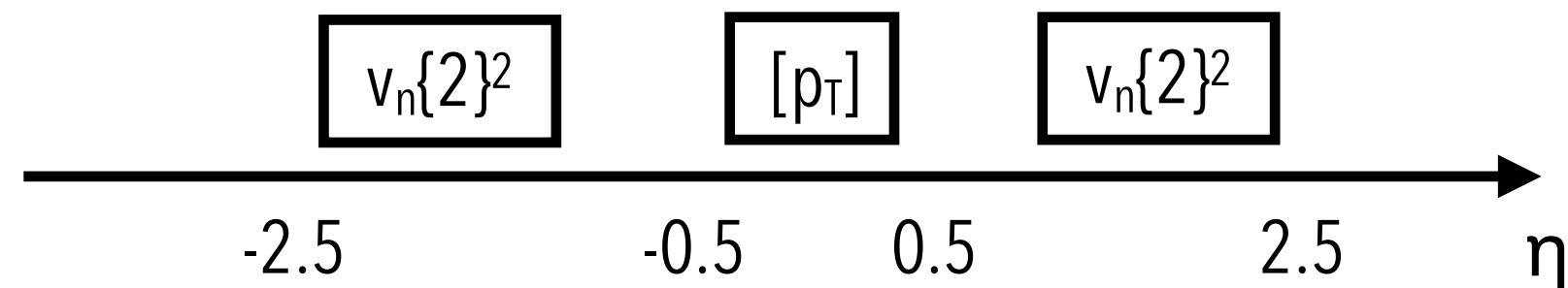


System size dependence of **longitudinal flow** harmonics **decorrelation** and **transverse flow** provides strong constraints for modeling of heavy-ion collisions.

v_n -[p_T] correlation in $Xe+Xe$ & $Pb+Pb$

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and “transverse” evolution of the system
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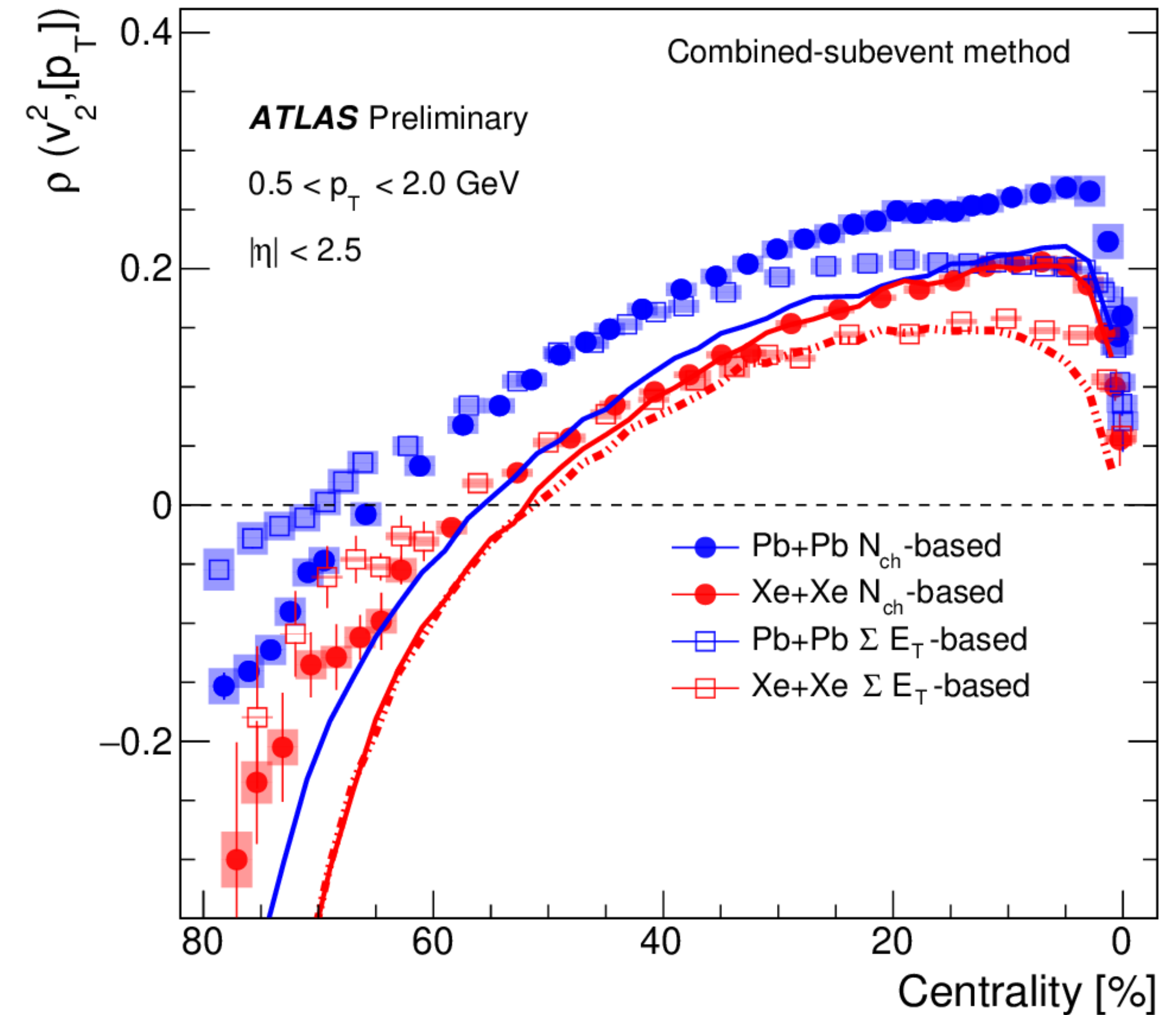
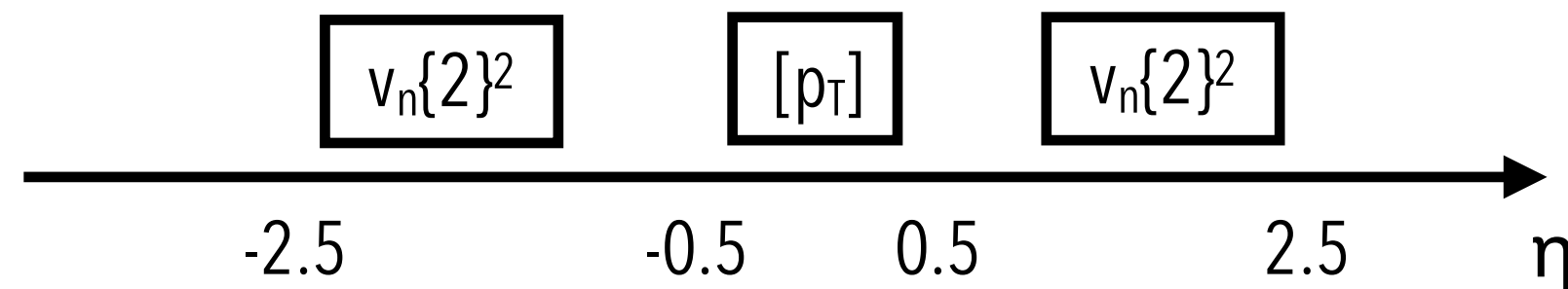


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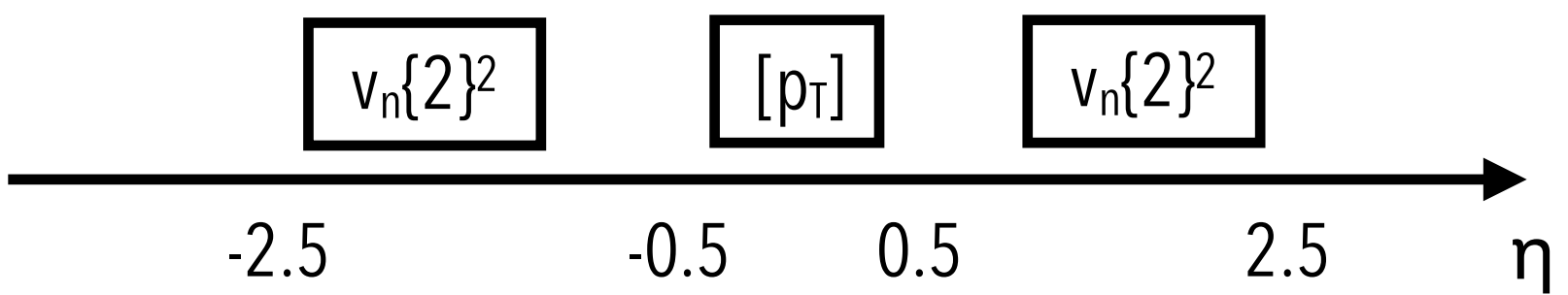
Strong centrality dependence and sensitivity to the event class definition.

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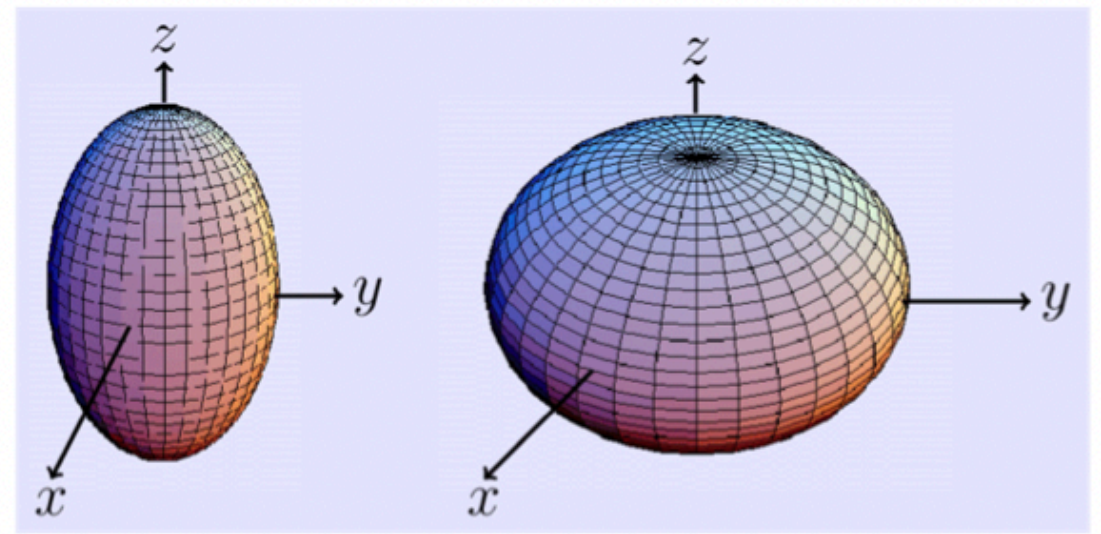
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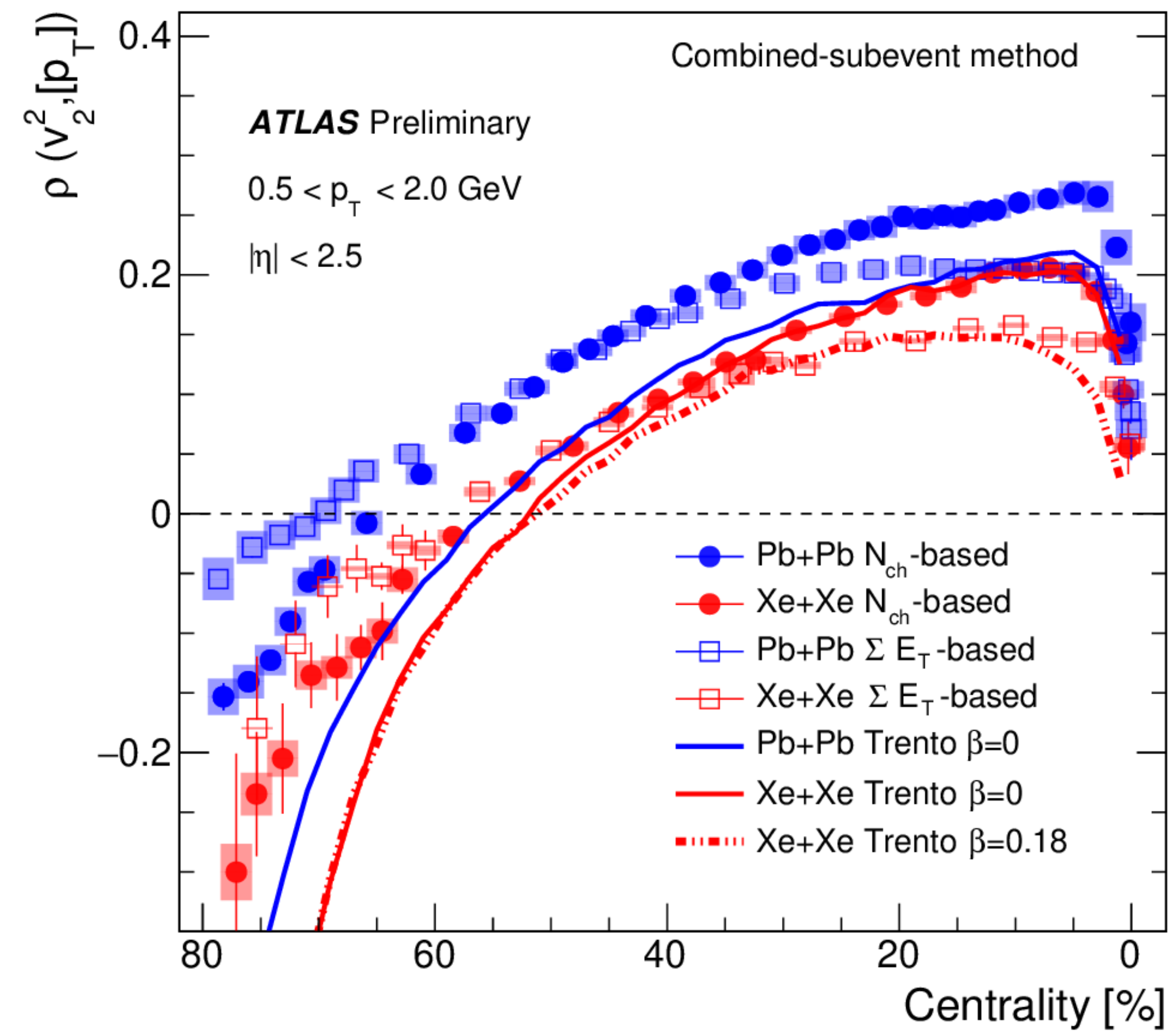
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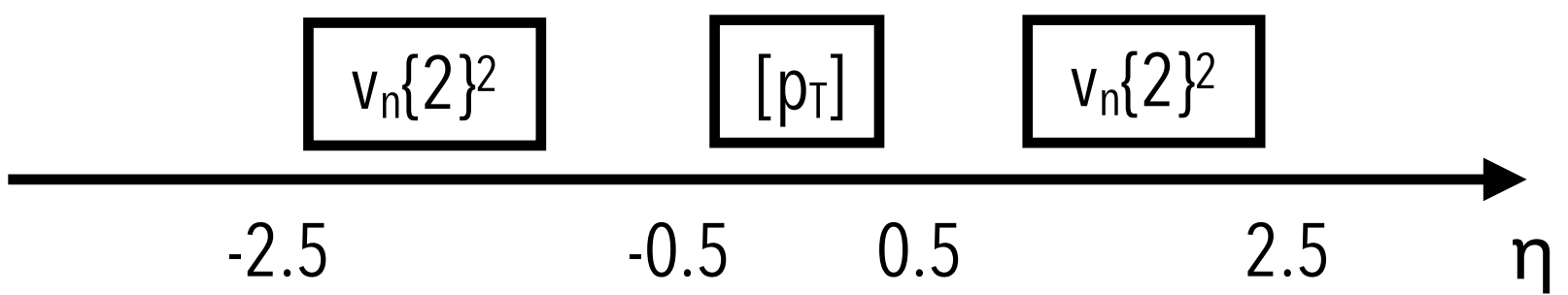
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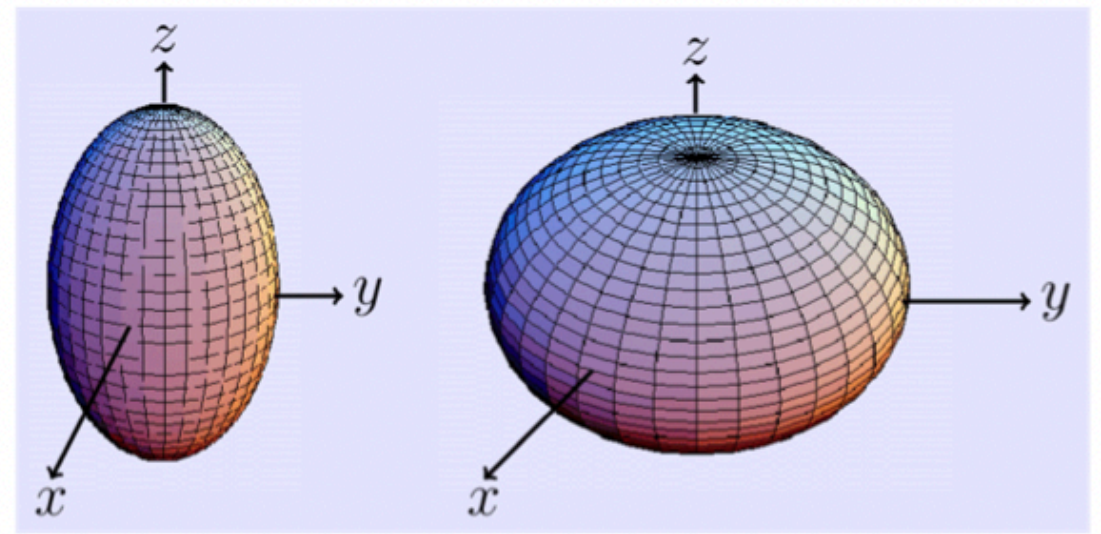
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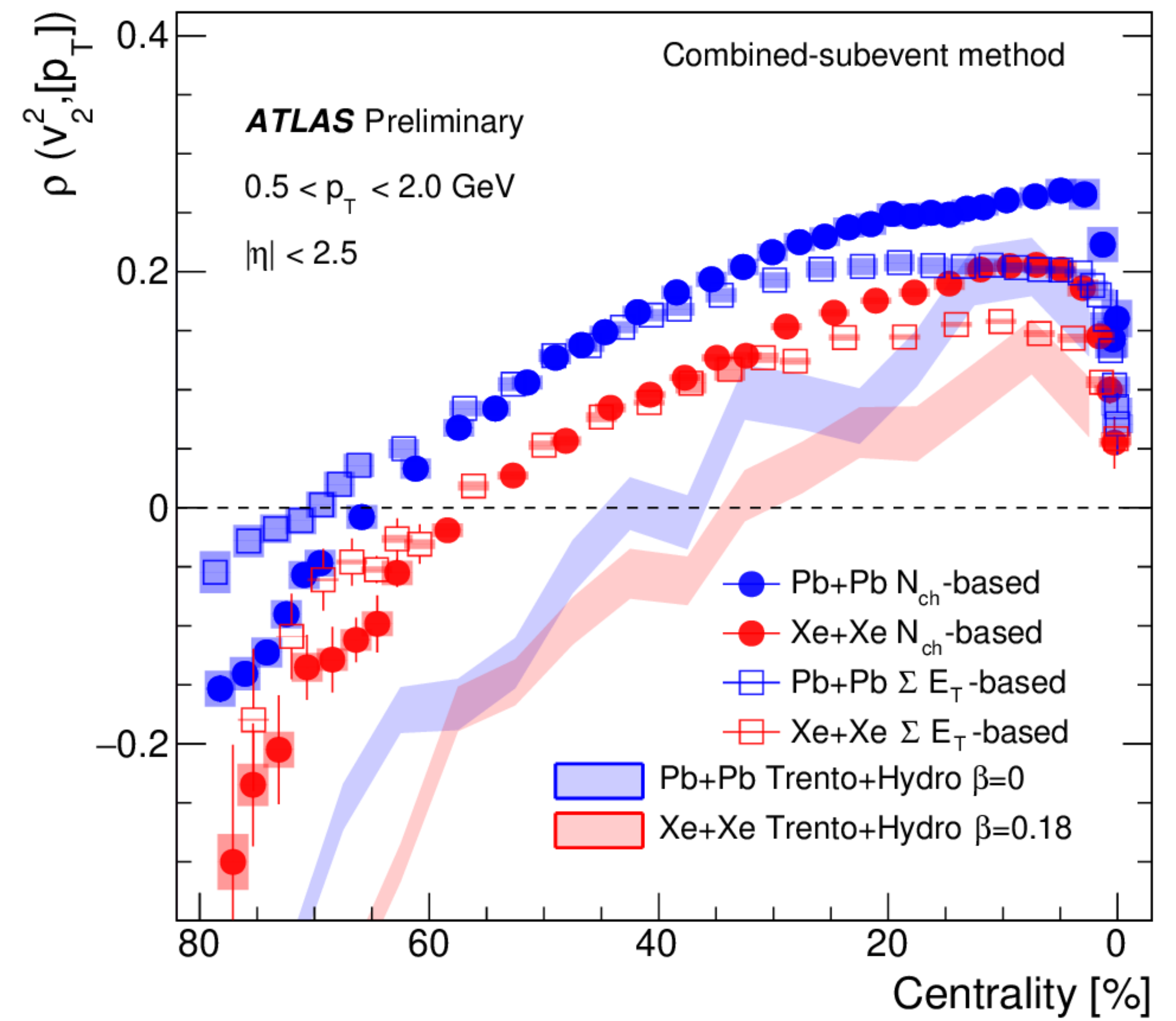
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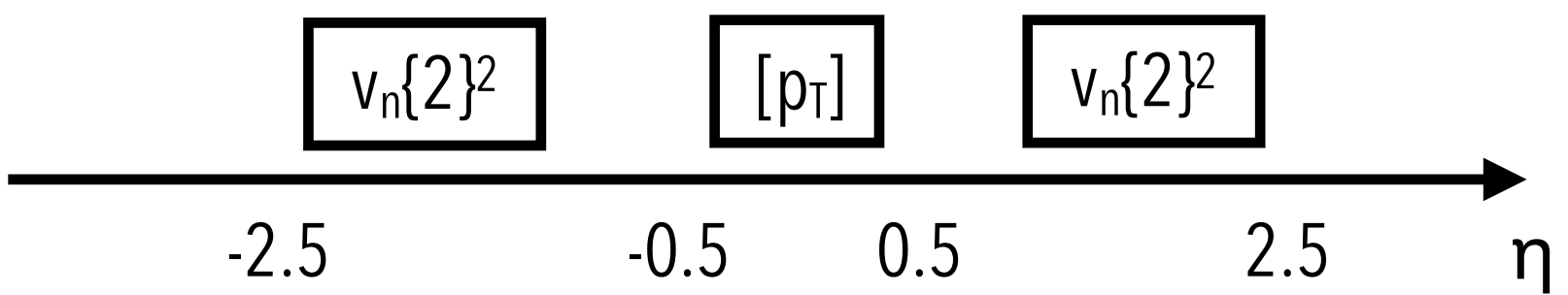
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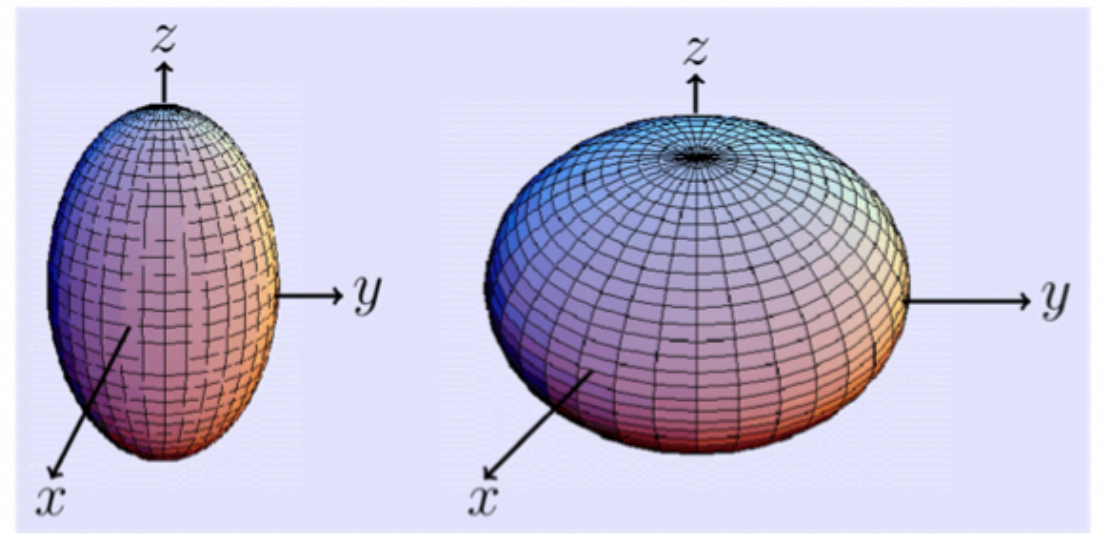
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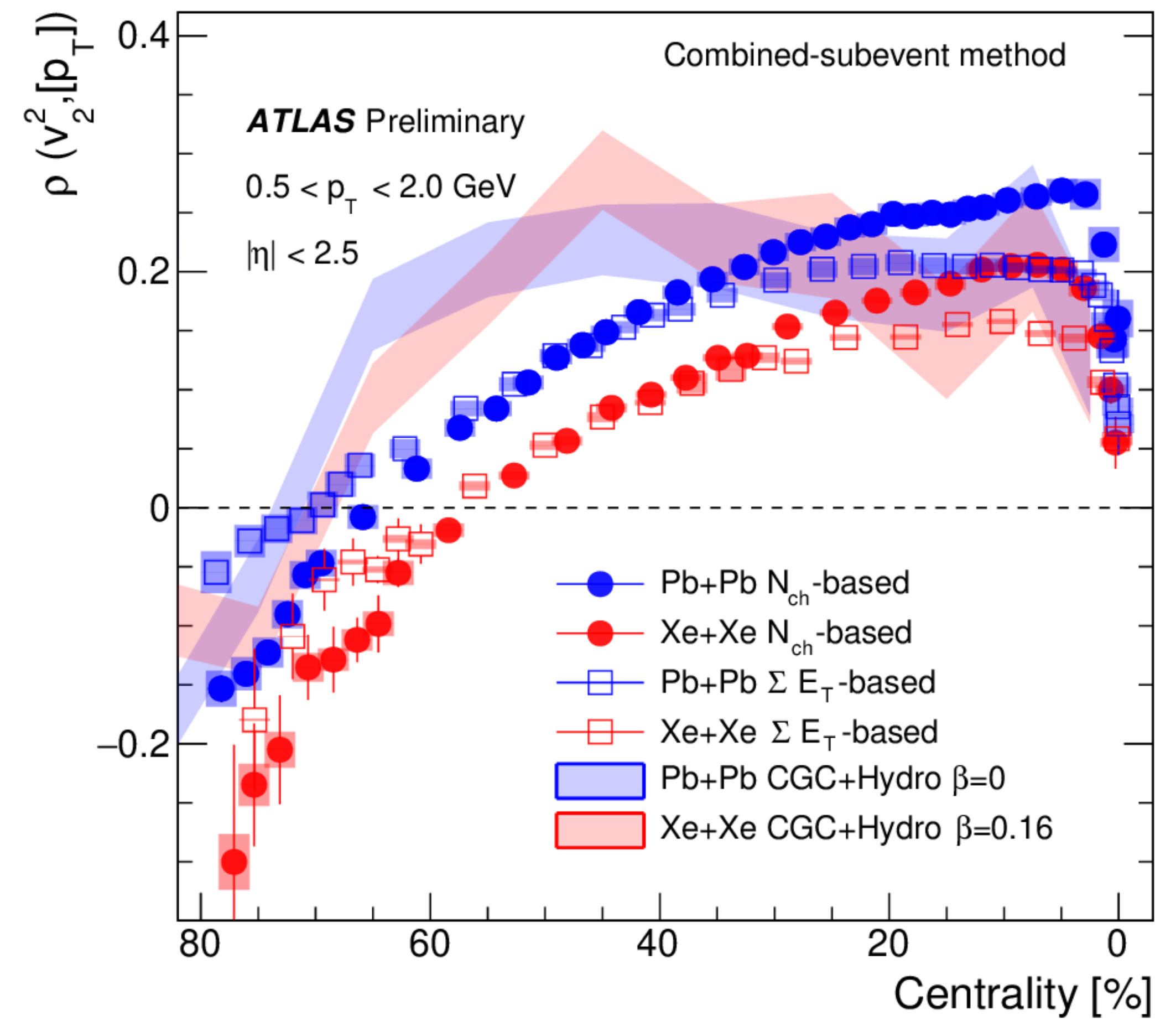
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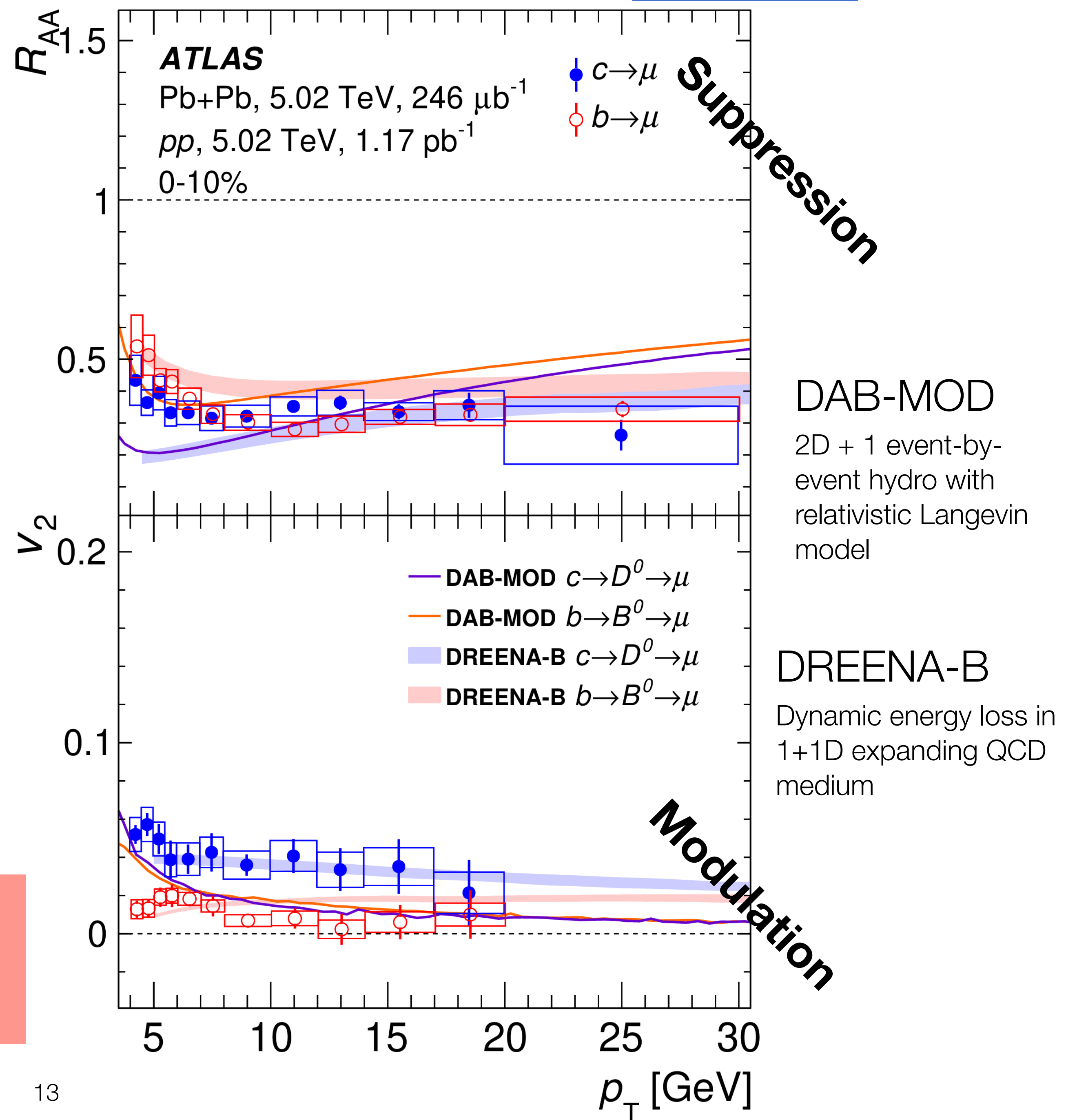
and **CGS + hydro ...**
 not yet able to constrain nuclear deformation

Heavy flavour (*charm* and *bottom*) quarks flow and suppression in Pb+Pb

Simultaneous measurement of R_{AA} and v_2 of muons from *charm* and *beauty* decays test the balance between energy loss mechanism and the QGP expansion

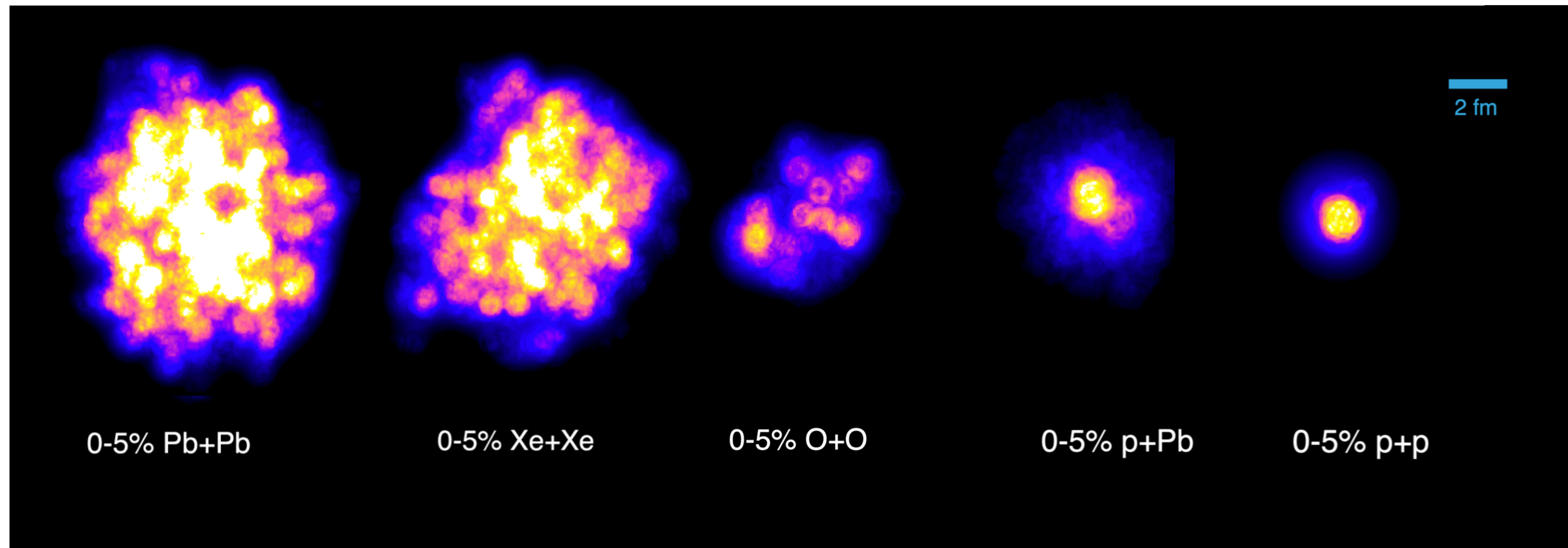
- ➔ At lower muon p_T , clear mass effect in overall suppression and flow magnitude
- ➔ Similar level of suppression at higher p_T , while still significantly different flow

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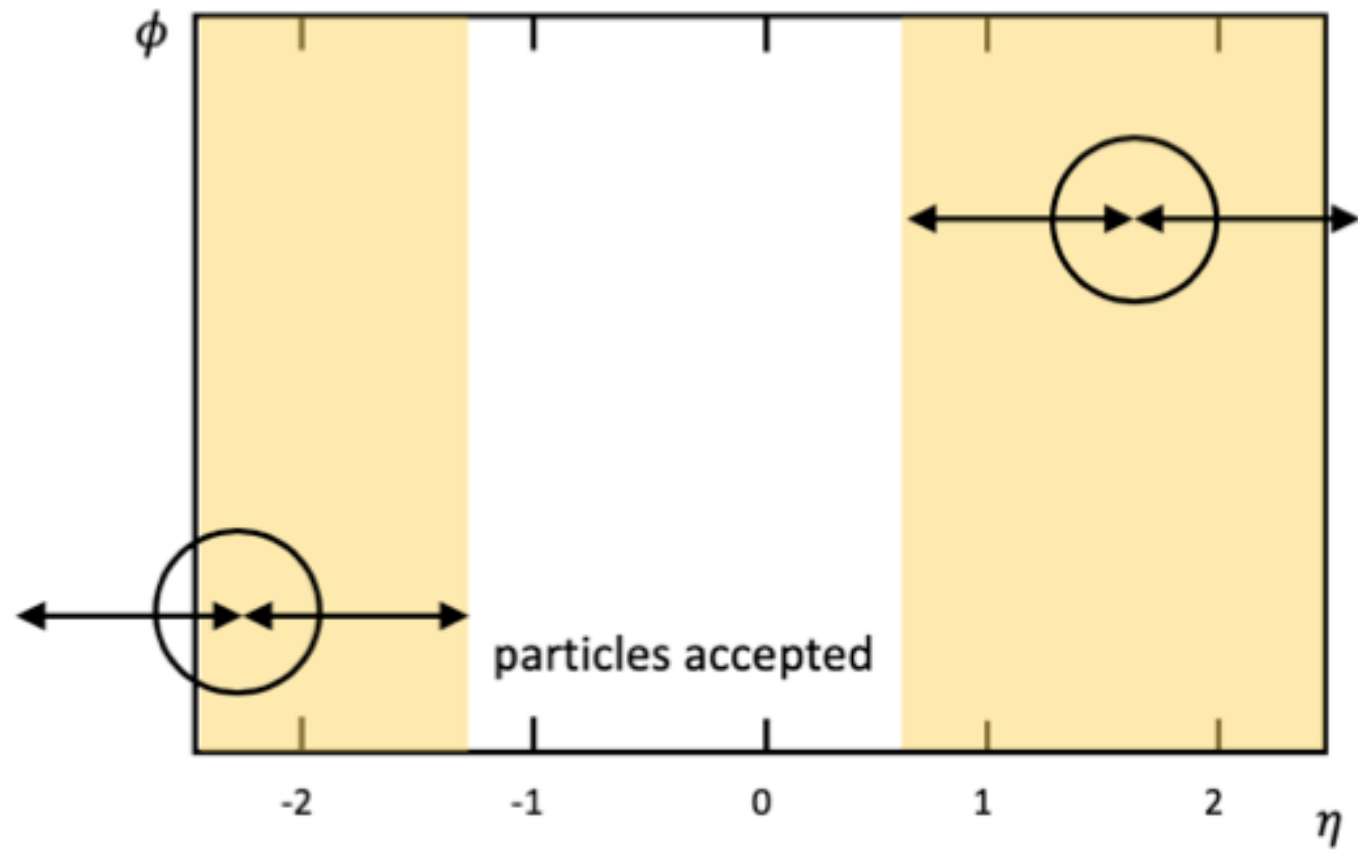


Flow in small systems

- ➔ How the flow in pp collision is affected by hard processes?
- ➔ Can we constrain the geometry of the pp collision?

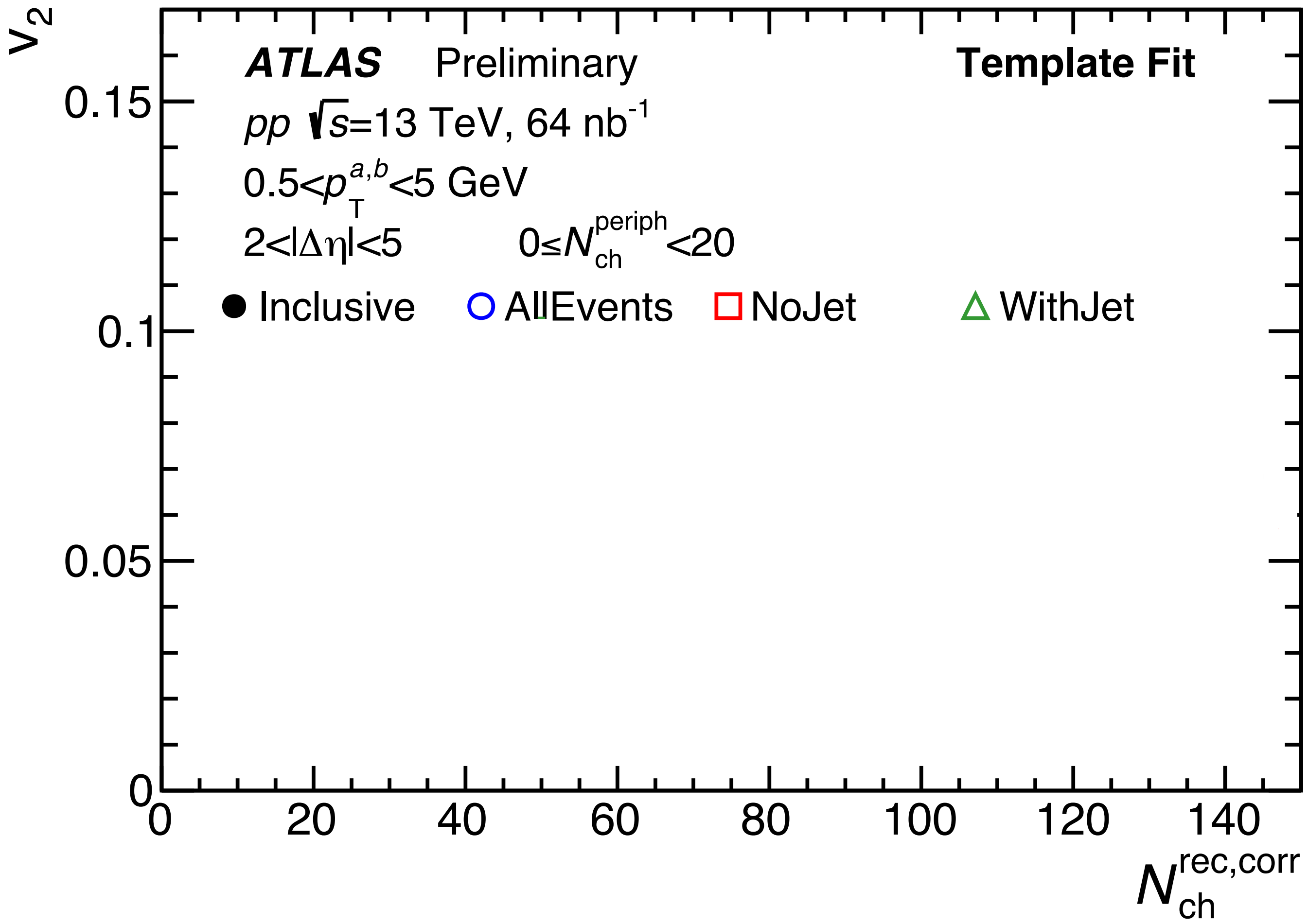


Flow in pp with jet particle rejection

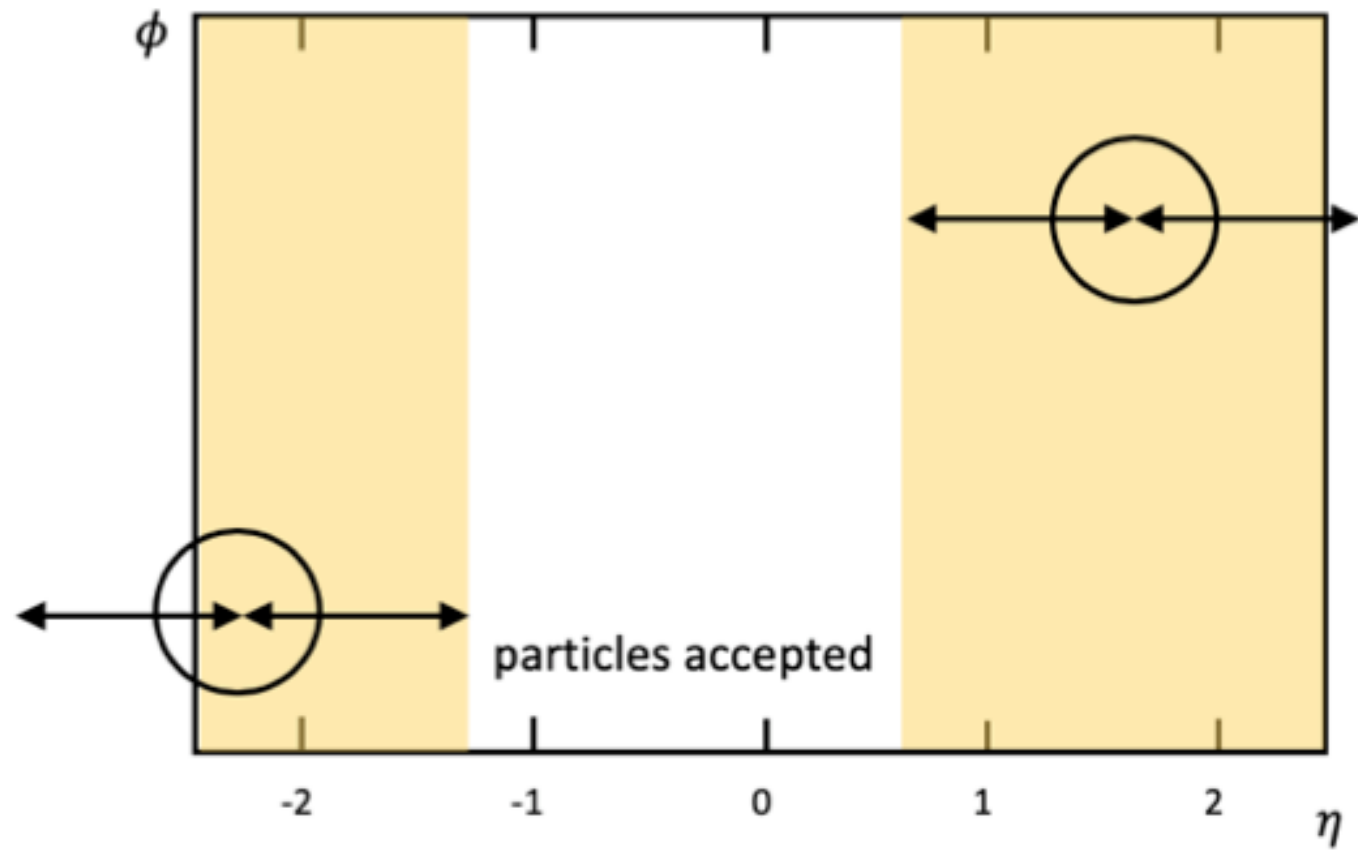


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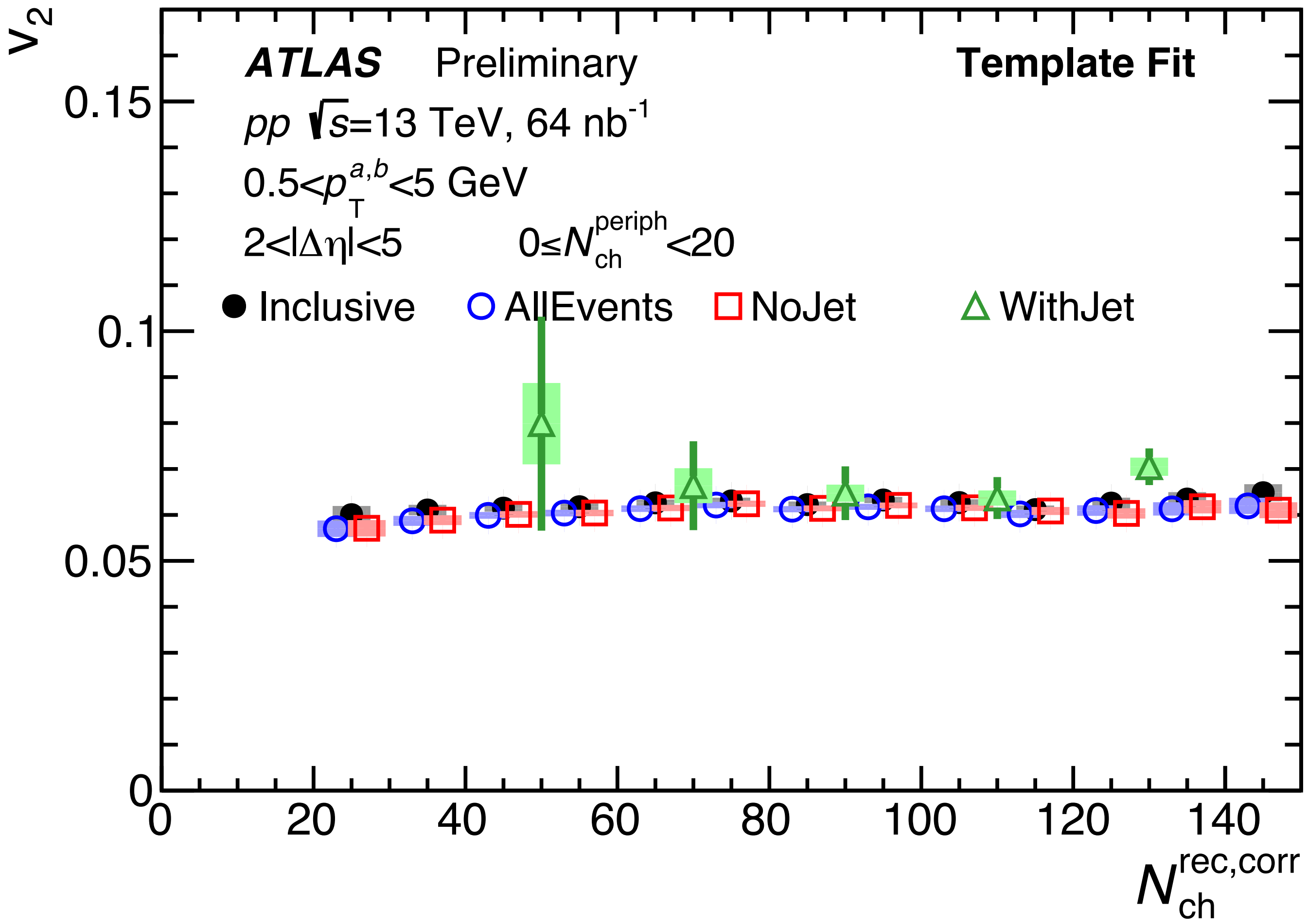


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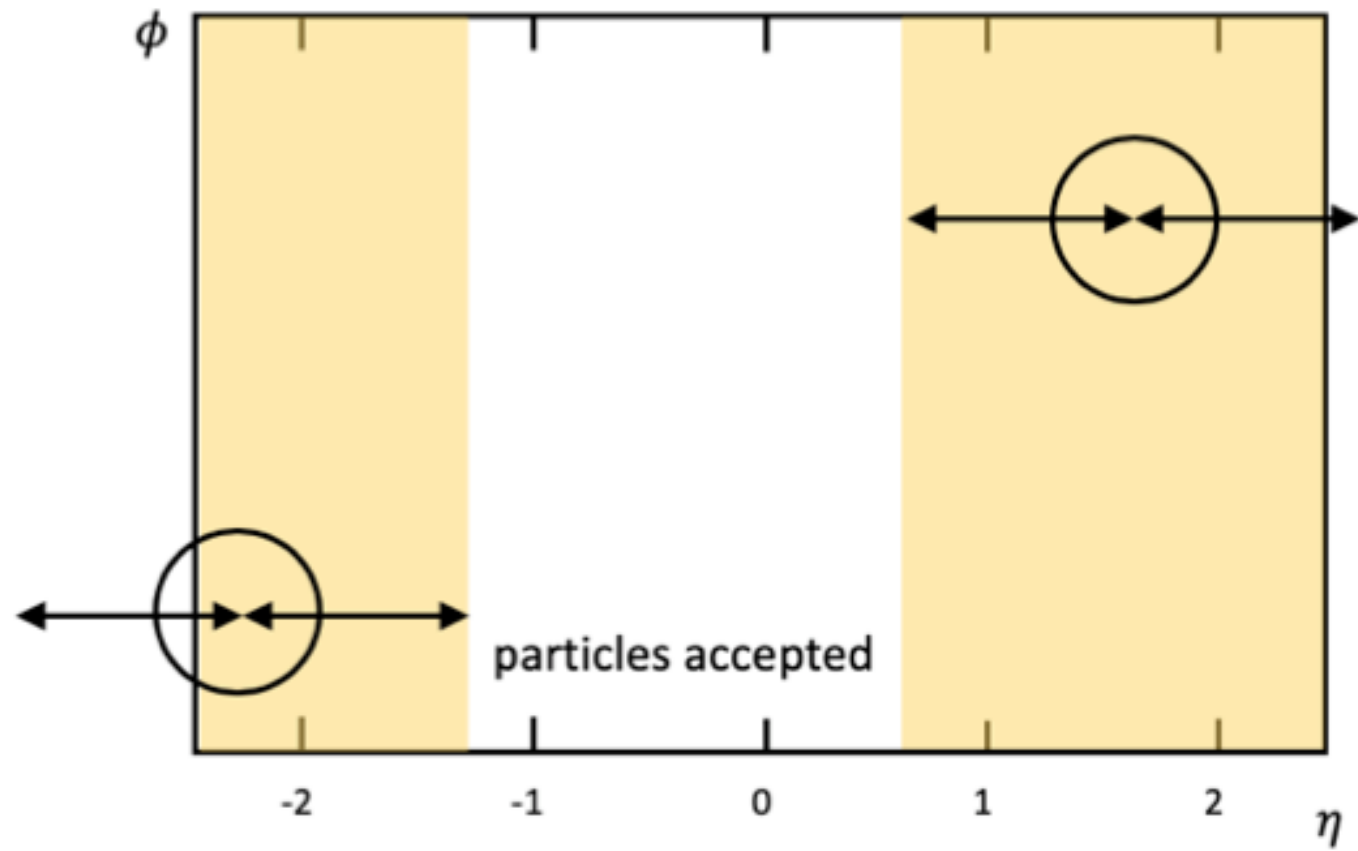


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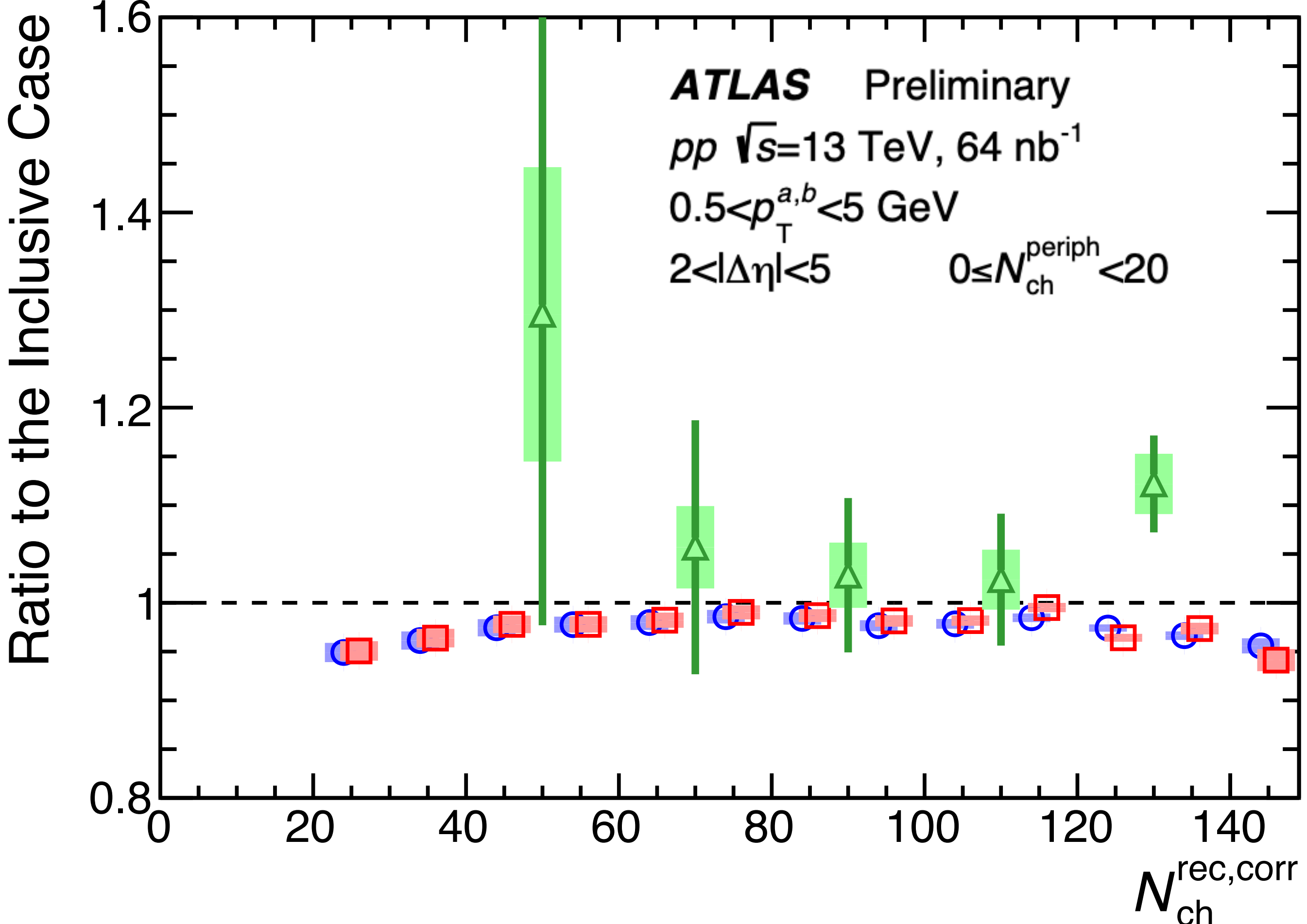
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Charged particles close ($|\Delta\eta| < 1$) to the jet (track jet with $p_T > 10$ GeV) removed from the 2PC (both trigger and associated)

The v_2 integrated over the 0.5–5 GeV p_T range decreases only marginally (2-5%) when applying jet particle rejection

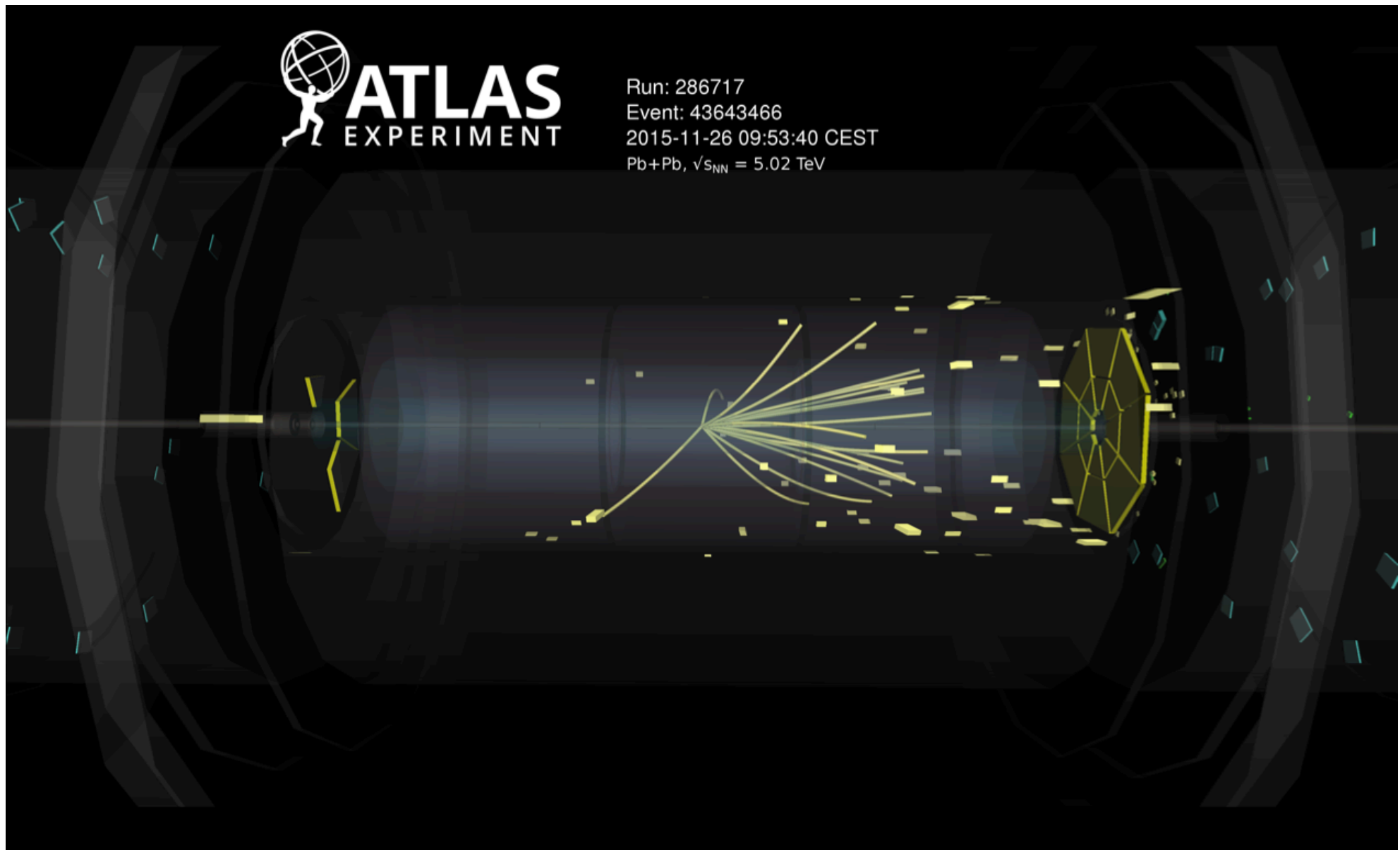
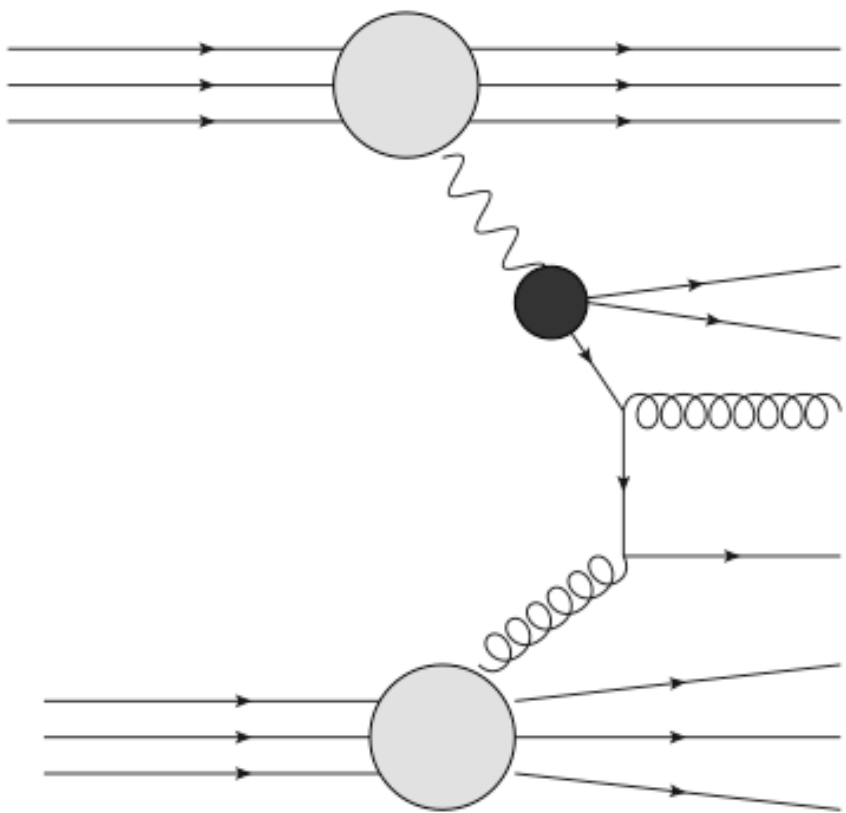
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Flow in UPC

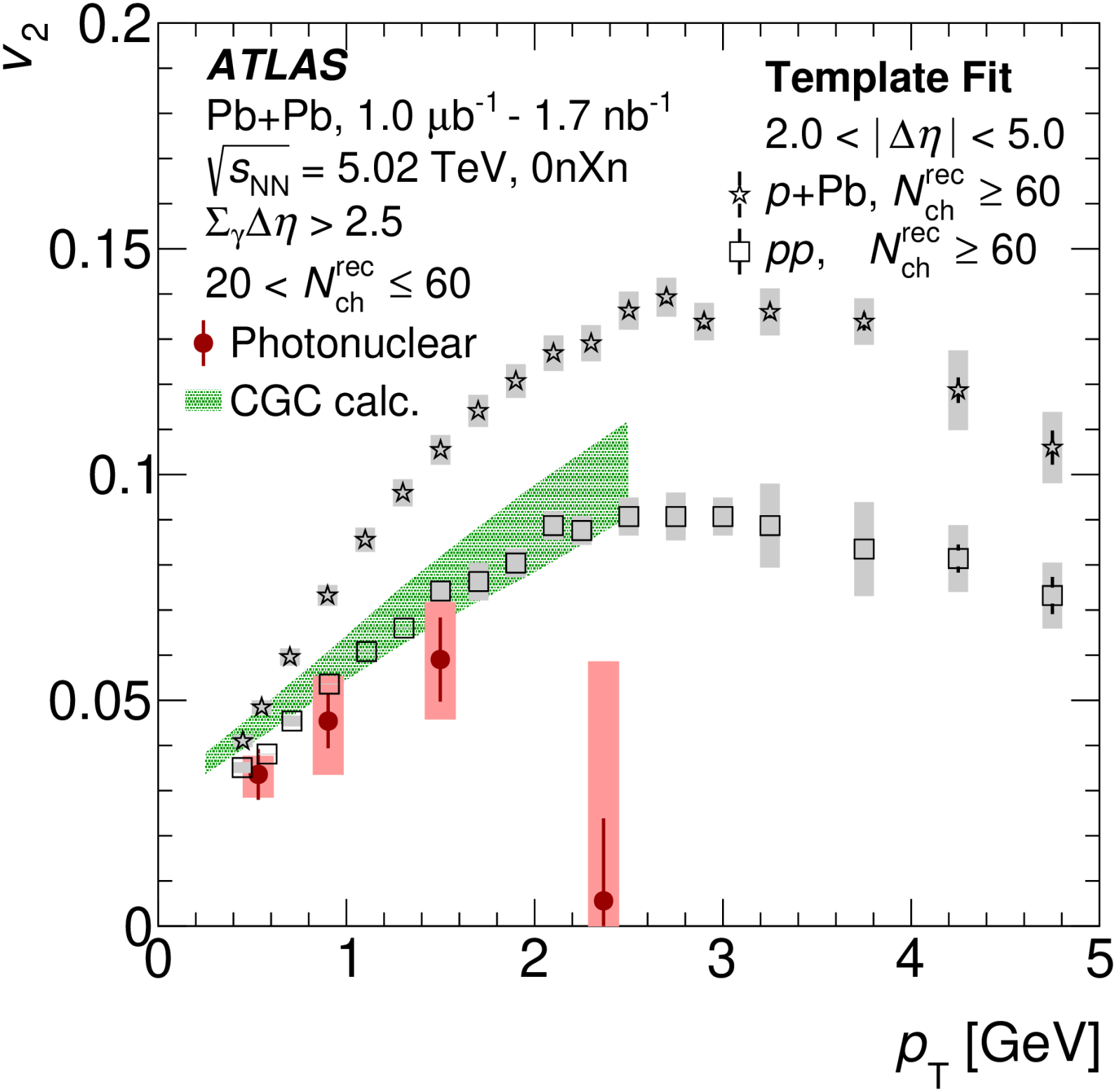
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UPC γ +Pb (p +Pb)



- ➔ Looking in the class of high multiplicity photonuclear collision
- ➔ Good separation from peripheral Pb+Pb due to the characteristic asymmetric topology

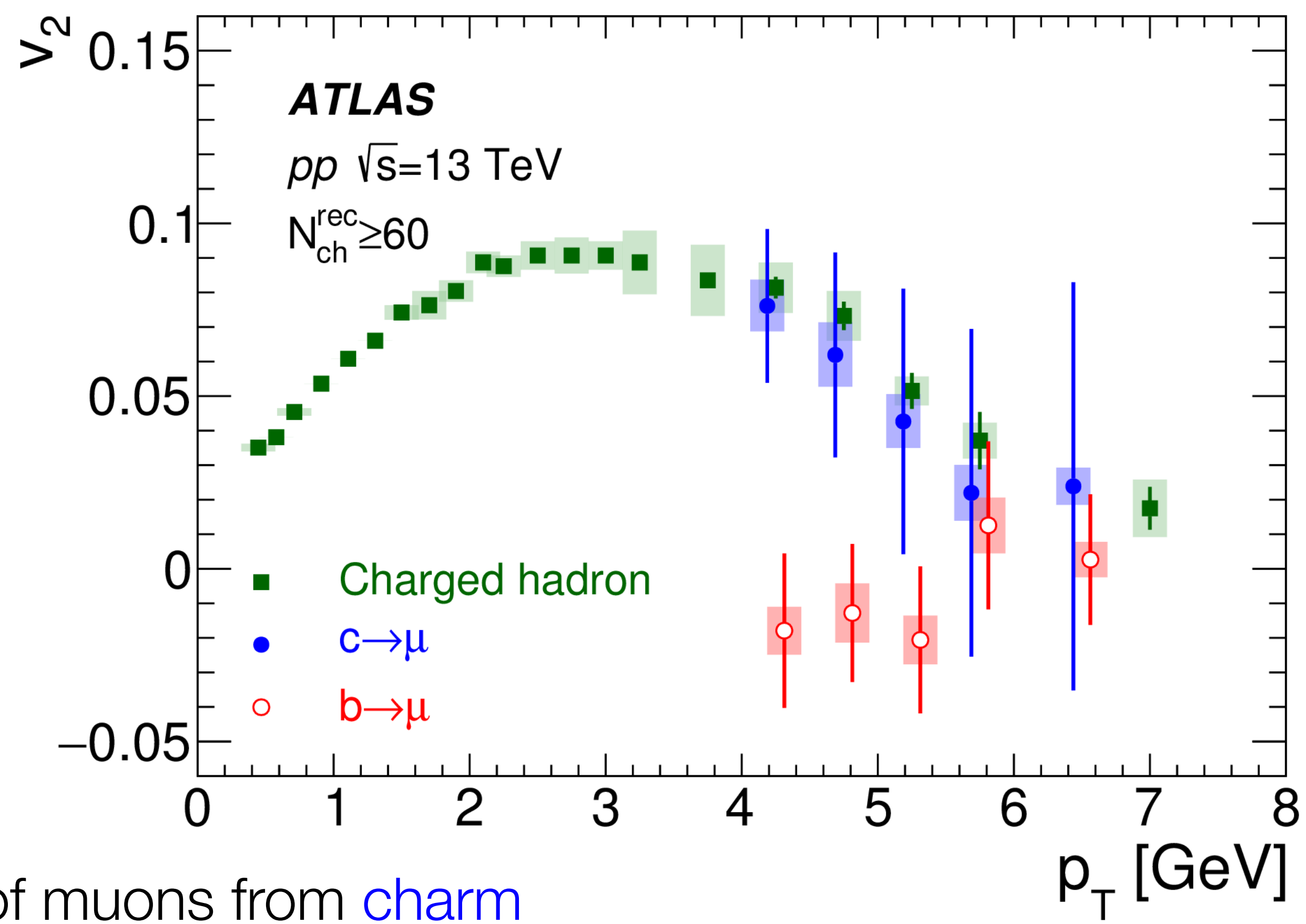
[arXiv:2101.10771](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.10771)



Observed significant v_2 , but smaller than p +Pb and pp

Heavy flavour flow in pp

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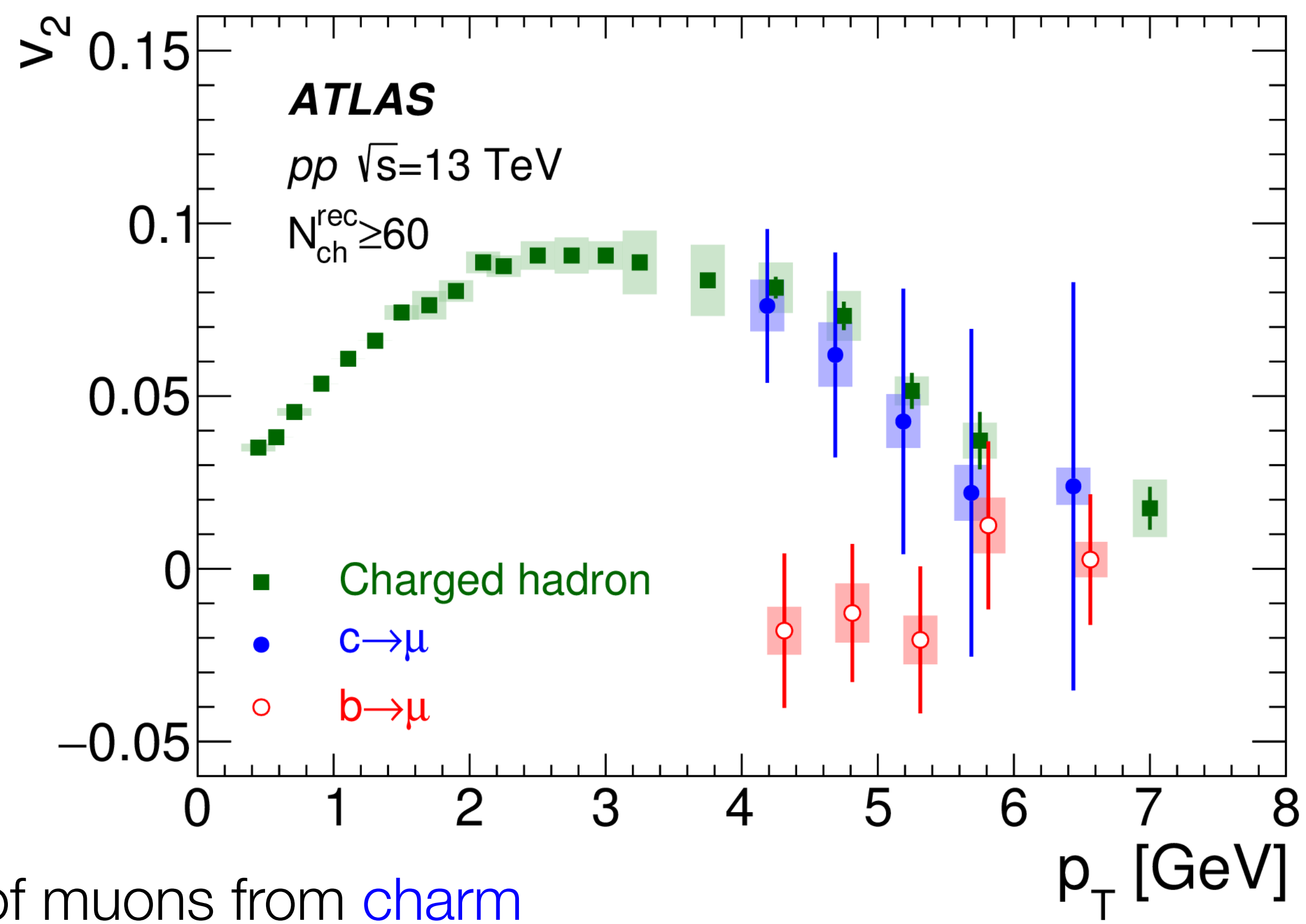


v_2 of muons from charm decays consistent with light hadrons flow

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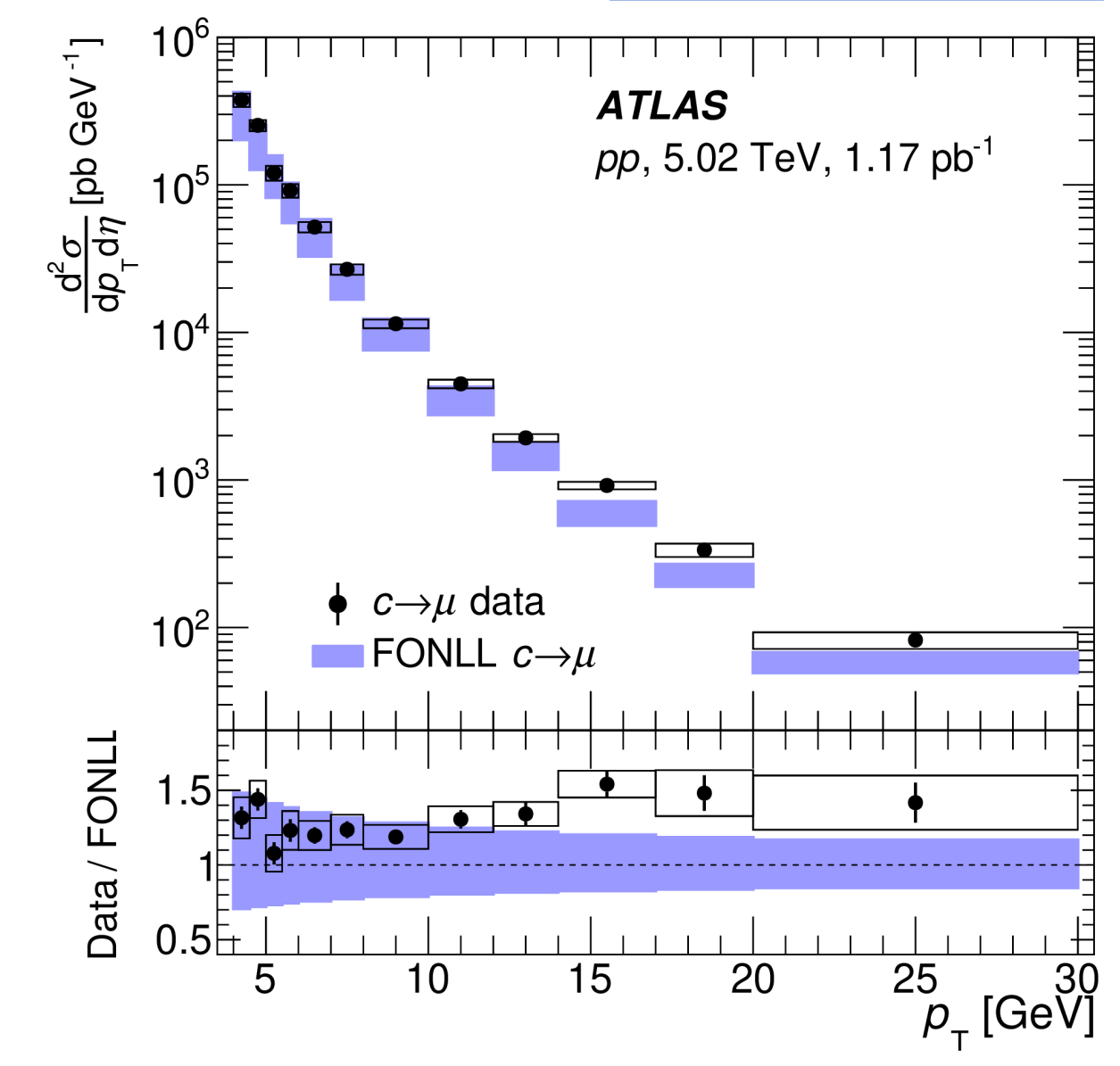
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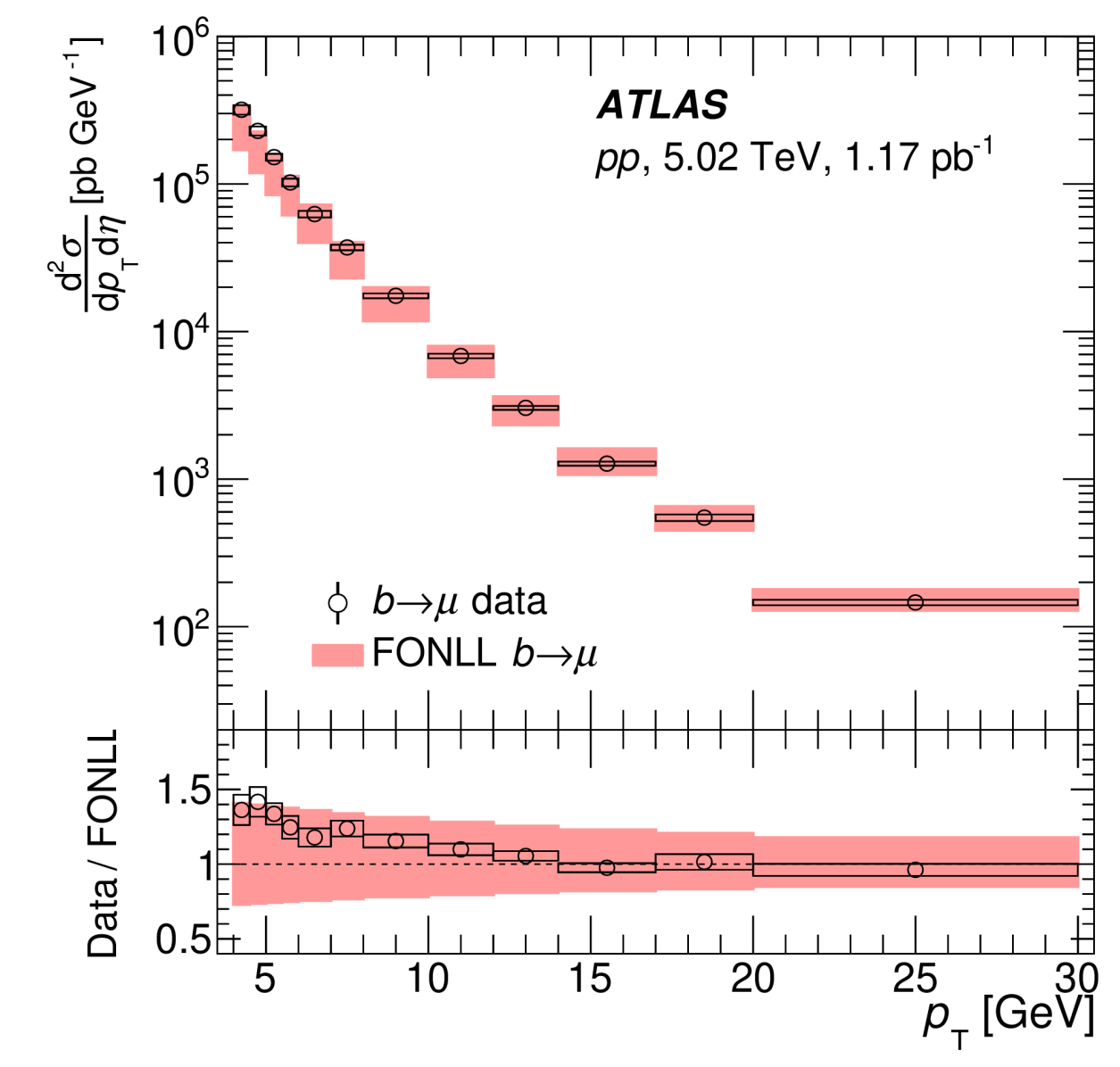
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[arXiv:2109.00411](#)



Minimal if any modification to yield of muons from charm decays in pp



Summary

Lots of results based on the Run2 data

➔ Full list of ATLAS heavy ion results

Good prospects for the future:

Run 3

Run 4

Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Time	L_{int}
2021	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	2.3 nb ⁻¹
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 300 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb ⁻¹ (LHCb)
2022	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.9 nb ⁻¹
	O–O, p–O	1 week	500 μ b ⁻¹ and 200 μ b ⁻¹
2023	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE, LHCb)
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 100 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
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2029	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	4 weeks	3 nb ⁻¹
Run-5	Intermediate AA	11 weeks	e.g. Ar–Ar 3–9 pb ⁻¹ (optimal species to be defined)
	pp reference	1 week	

Run 1 L_{int} 0.17 nb⁻¹

Run 2 L_{int} 2.2 nb⁻¹

Run 3 & 4 L_{int} ~ 13 nb⁻¹ !!!

Possibility of using lighter ion species (test of O-O configuration in Run 3).

Nucleon nucleon luminosity equivalent to:

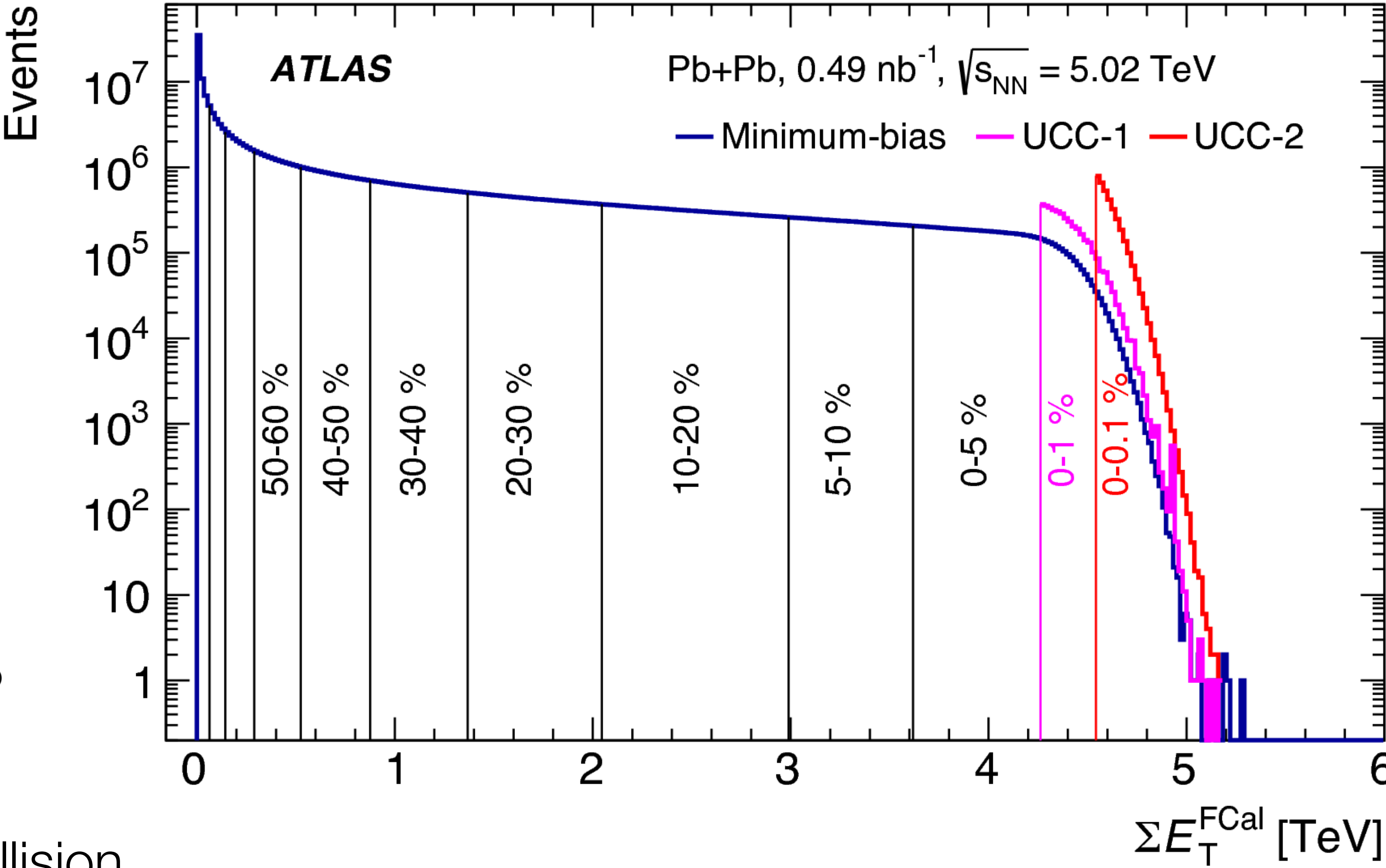
Pb-Pb @ L_{int} 75-250 nb⁻¹.

From HL/HE-LHC Physics Workshop Working Group 5 report

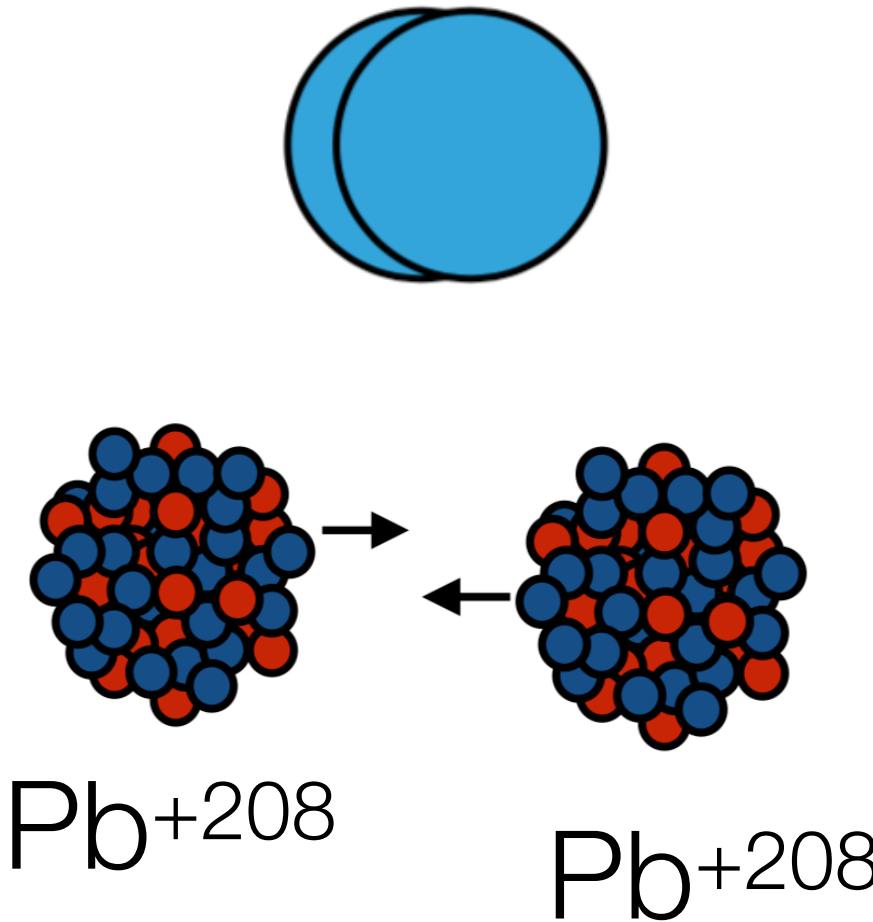
Backup

Centrality in Heavy Ion collisions

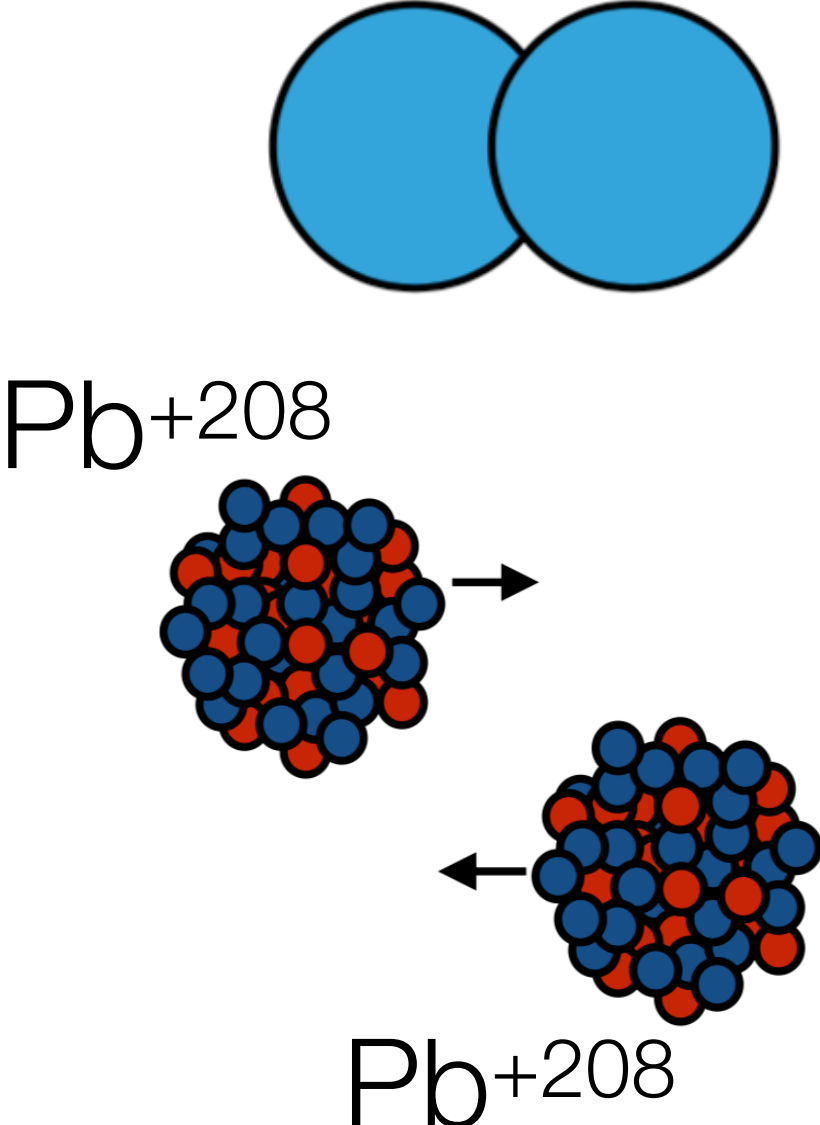
2015 Pb+Pb data



Negligible pile-up!



Central collision



Peripheral collision

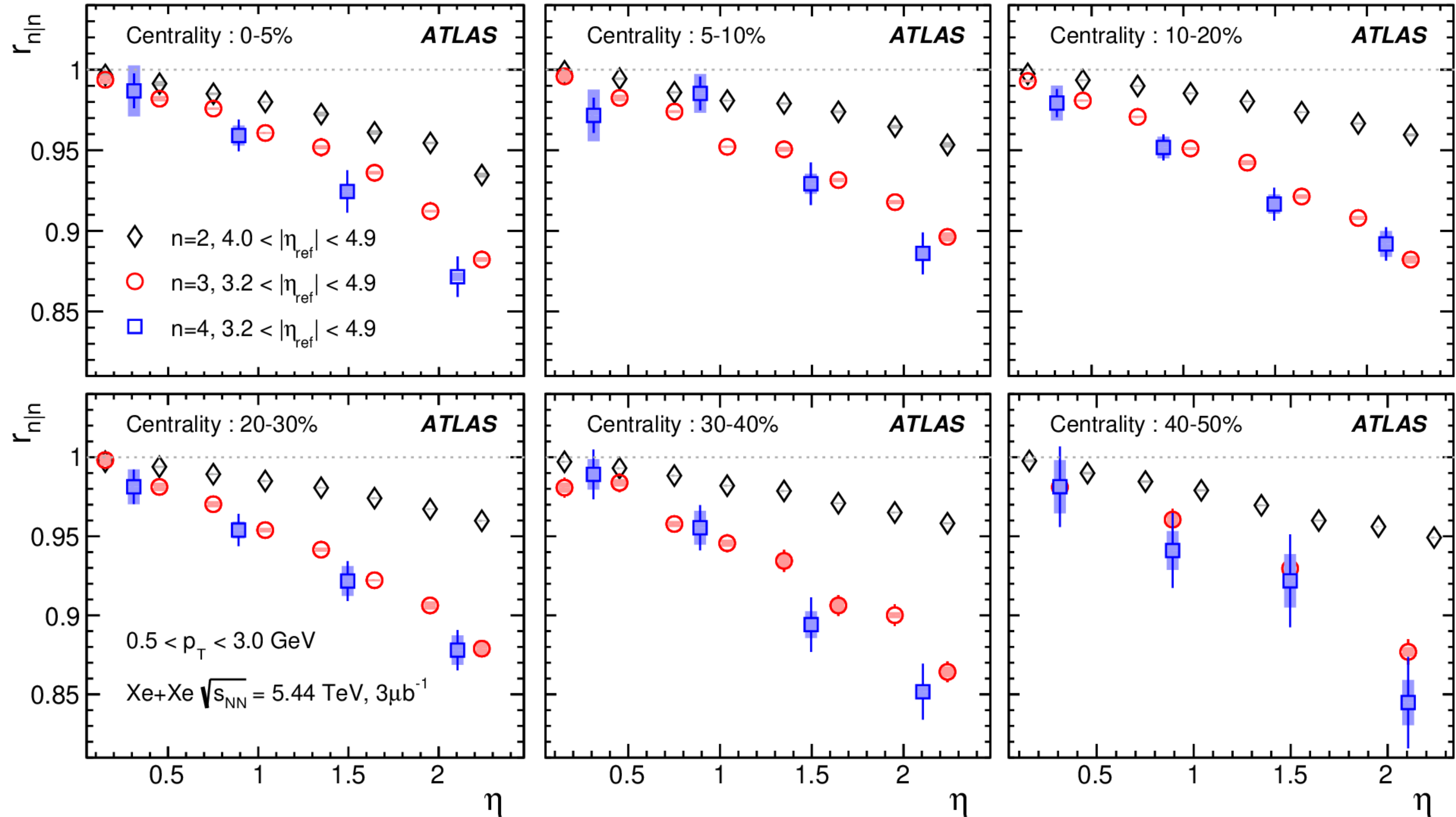
Centrality is parametrized using the energy deposited in the Forward calorimeter ($|\eta| > 3.2$)

Centrality intervals and their corresponding geometric quantities

Centrality [%]	$\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$	$\langle T_{\text{AA}} \rangle [\text{mb}^{-1}]$	Centrality [%]	$\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$	$\langle T_{\text{AA}} \rangle [\text{mb}^{-1}]$
0–2%	399.0 ± 1.6	28.30 ± 0.25	20–25%	205.6 ± 2.9	9.77 ± 0.18
2–4%	380.2 ± 2.0	25.47 ± 0.21	25–30%	172.8 ± 2.8	7.50 ± 0.17
4–6%	358.9 ± 2.4	23.07 ± 0.21	30–40%	131.4 ± 2.6	4.95 ± 0.15
6–8%	338.1 ± 2.7	20.93 ± 0.20	40–50%	87.0 ± 2.4	2.63 ± 0.11
8–10%	317.8 ± 2.9	18.99 ± 0.19	50–60%	53.9 ± 2.0	1.28 ± 0.07
10–15%	285.2 ± 2.9	16.08 ± 0.18	60–80%	23.0 ± 1.3	0.39 ± 0.03
15–20%	242.9 ± 2.9	12.59 ± 0.17	80–100%	4.80 ± 0.36	0.052 ± 0.006
			0–100%	114.0 ± 1.1	5.61 ± 0.06

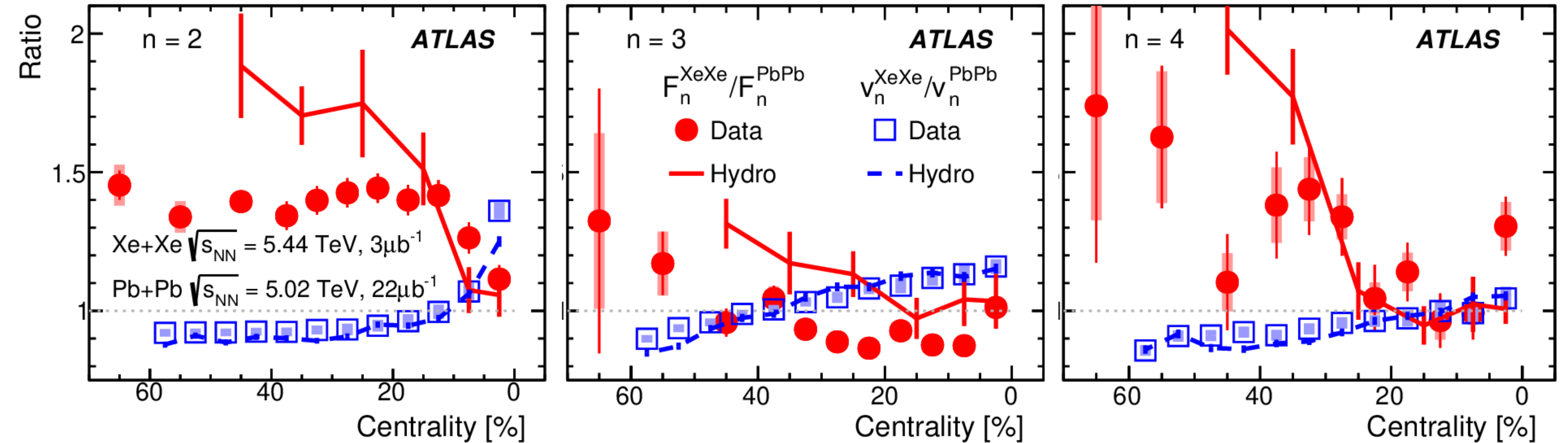
Flow decorrelation

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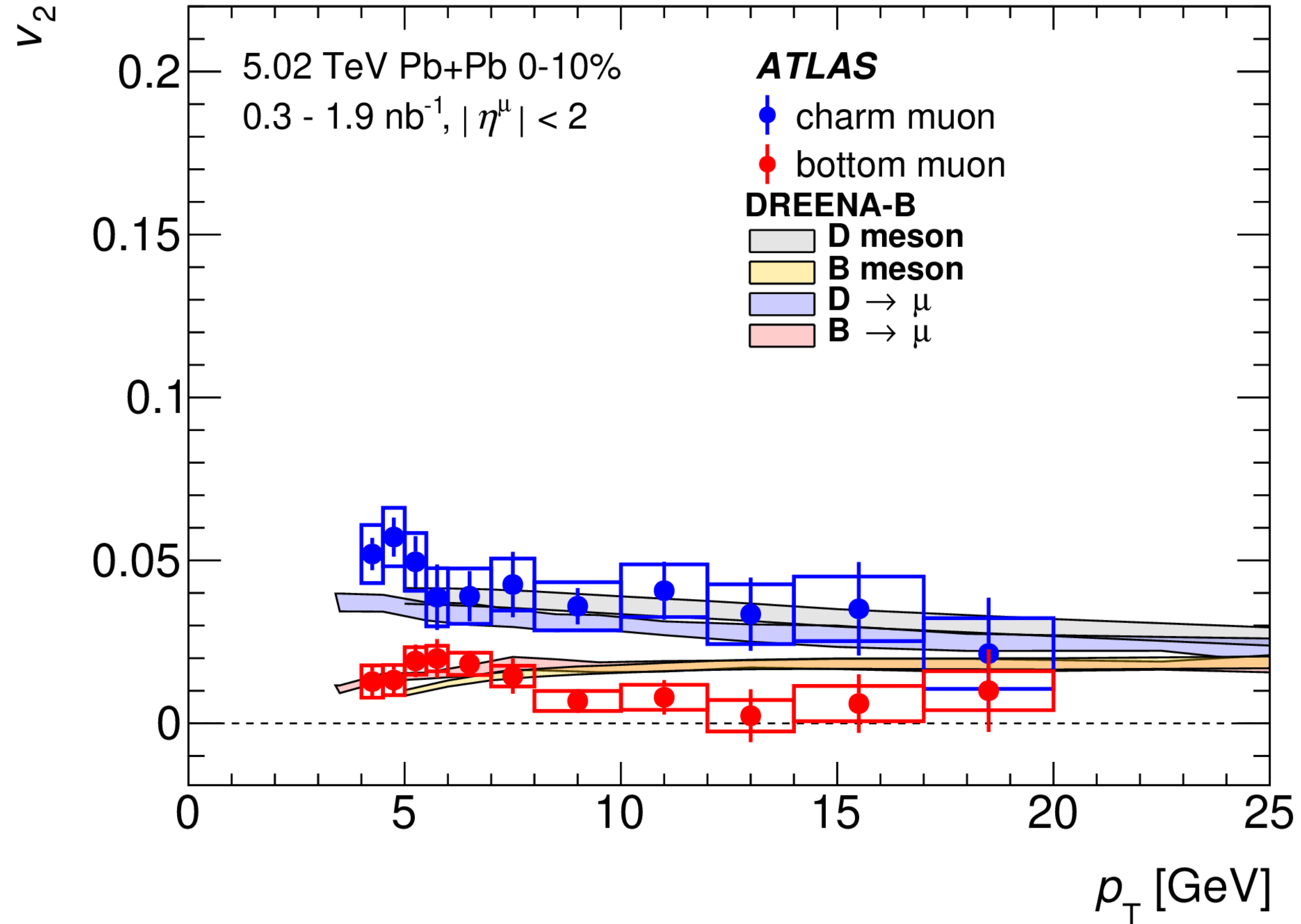
Flow decorrelation and flow harmonics ratios all harmonics

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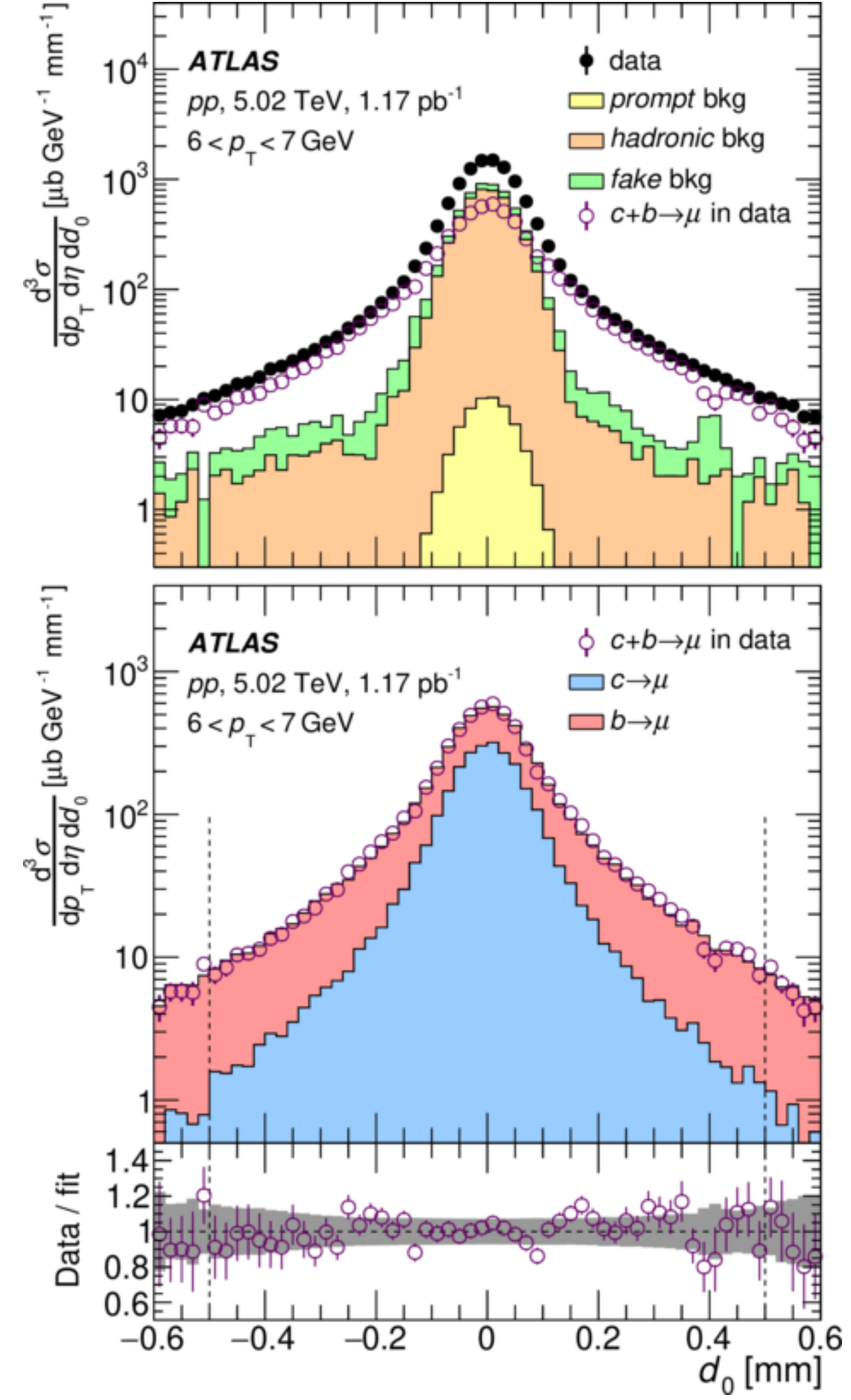
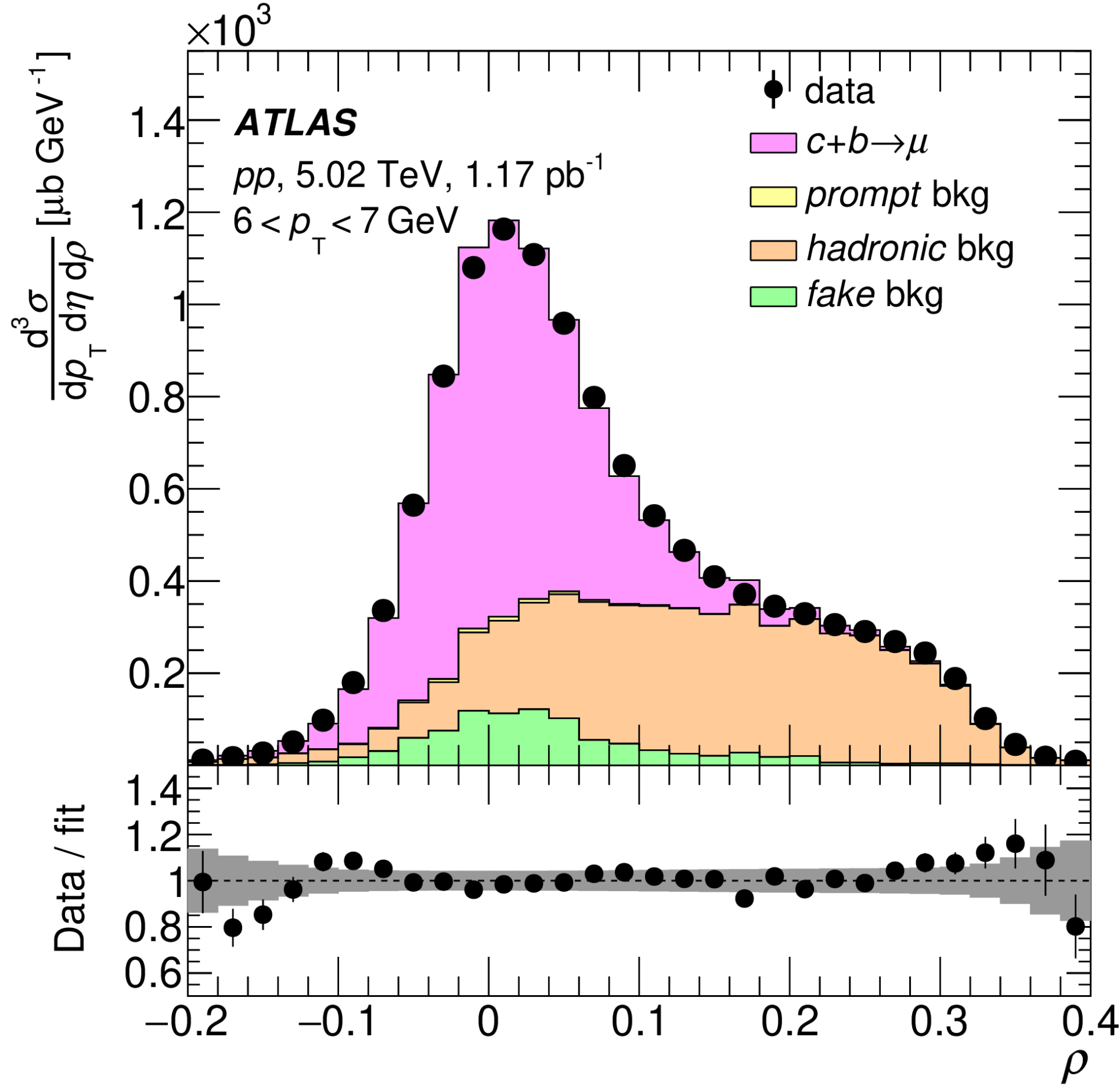
Heavy flavor muon versus heavy flavor meson flow

[arXiv:2003.03565](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.03565)



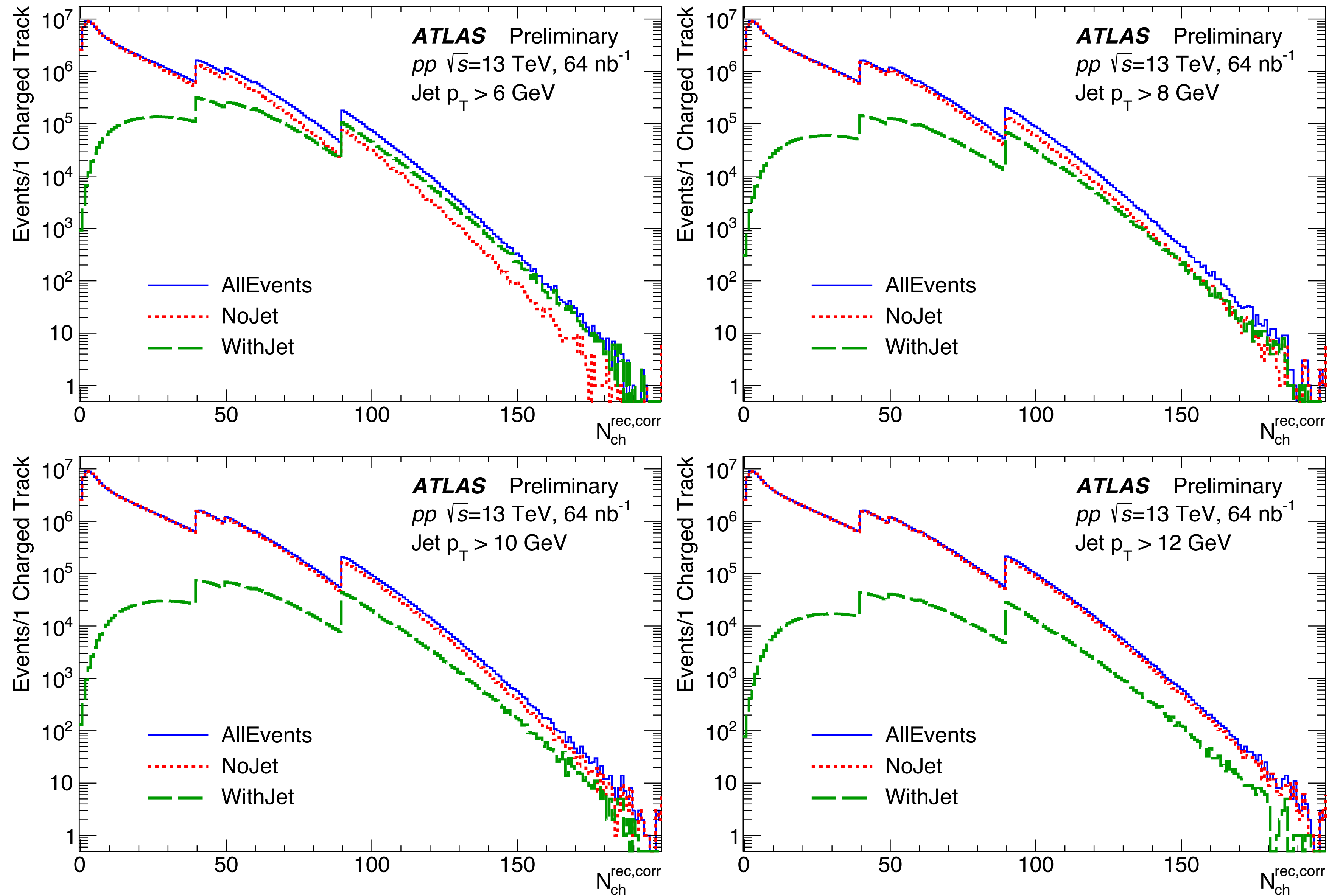
Muons from heavy flavour decay

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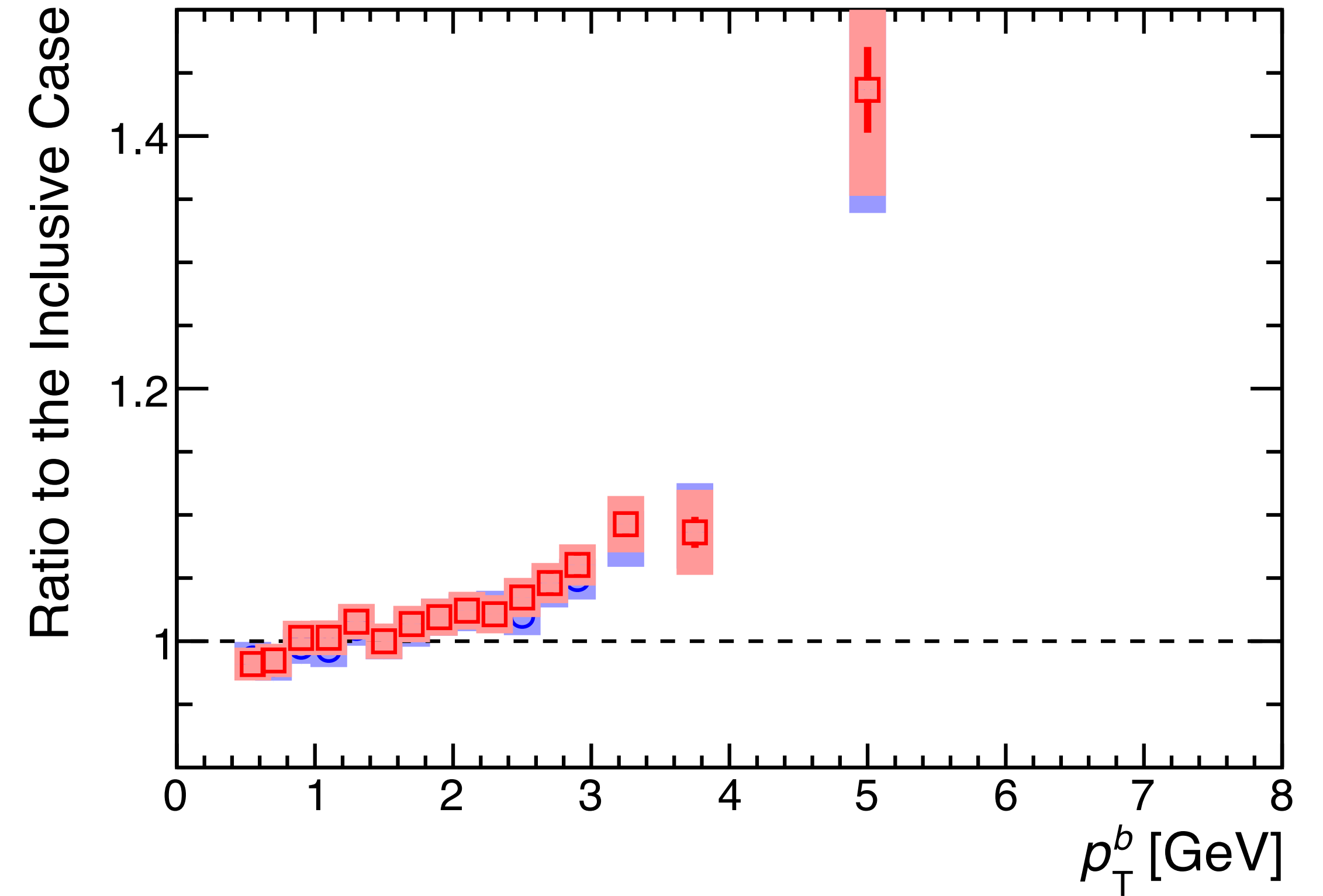
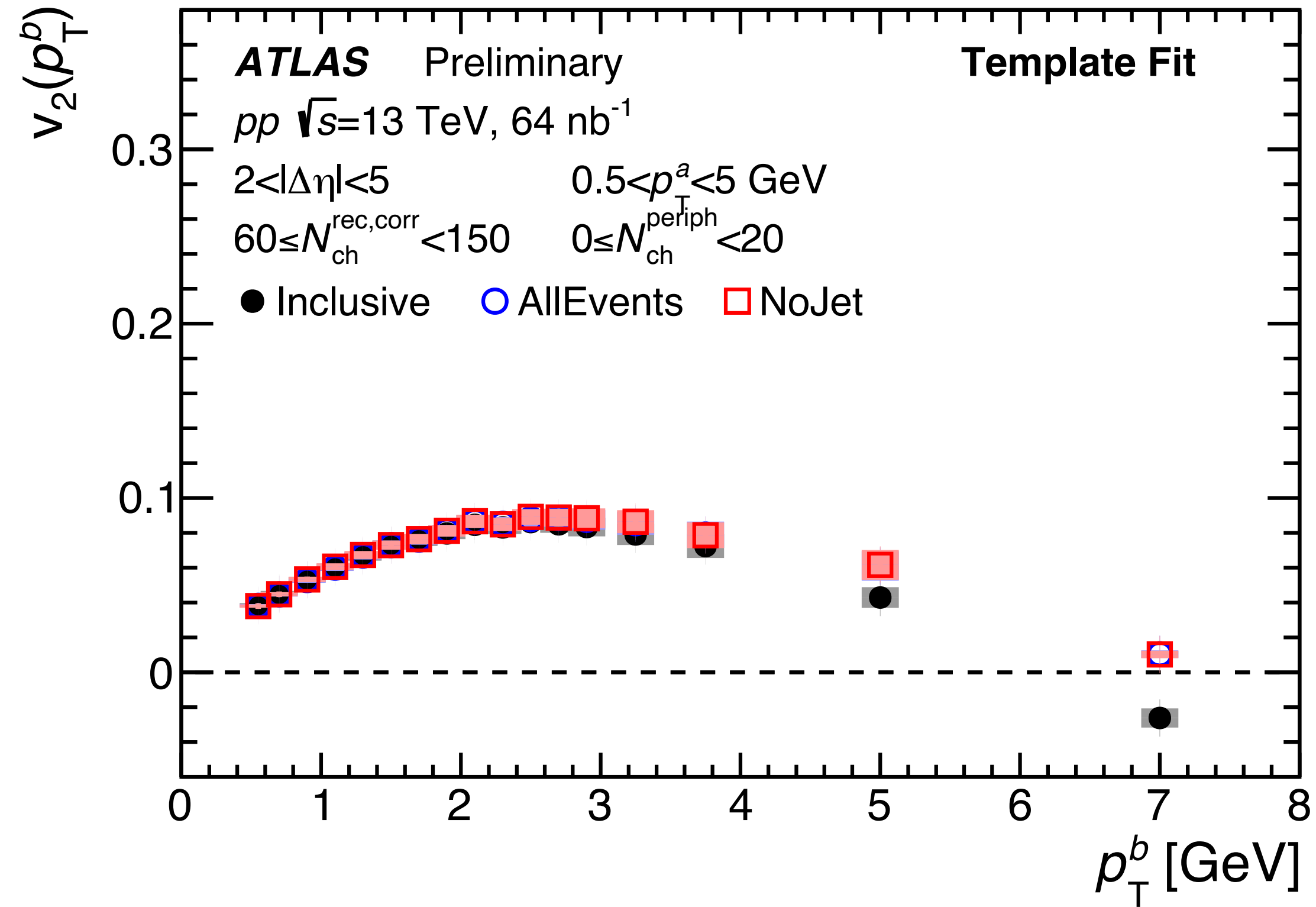
Events with and without track jet of certain threshold in pp

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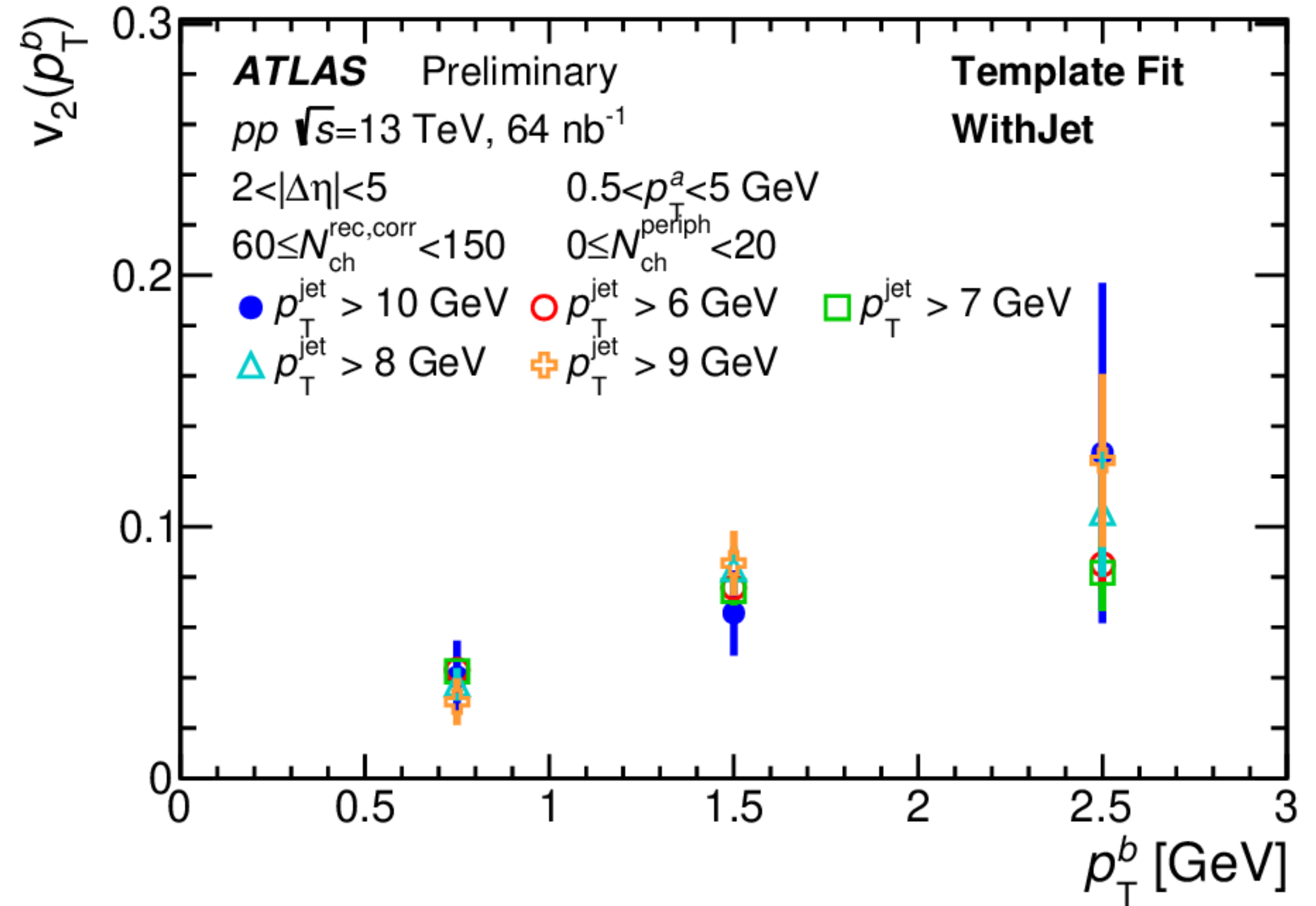
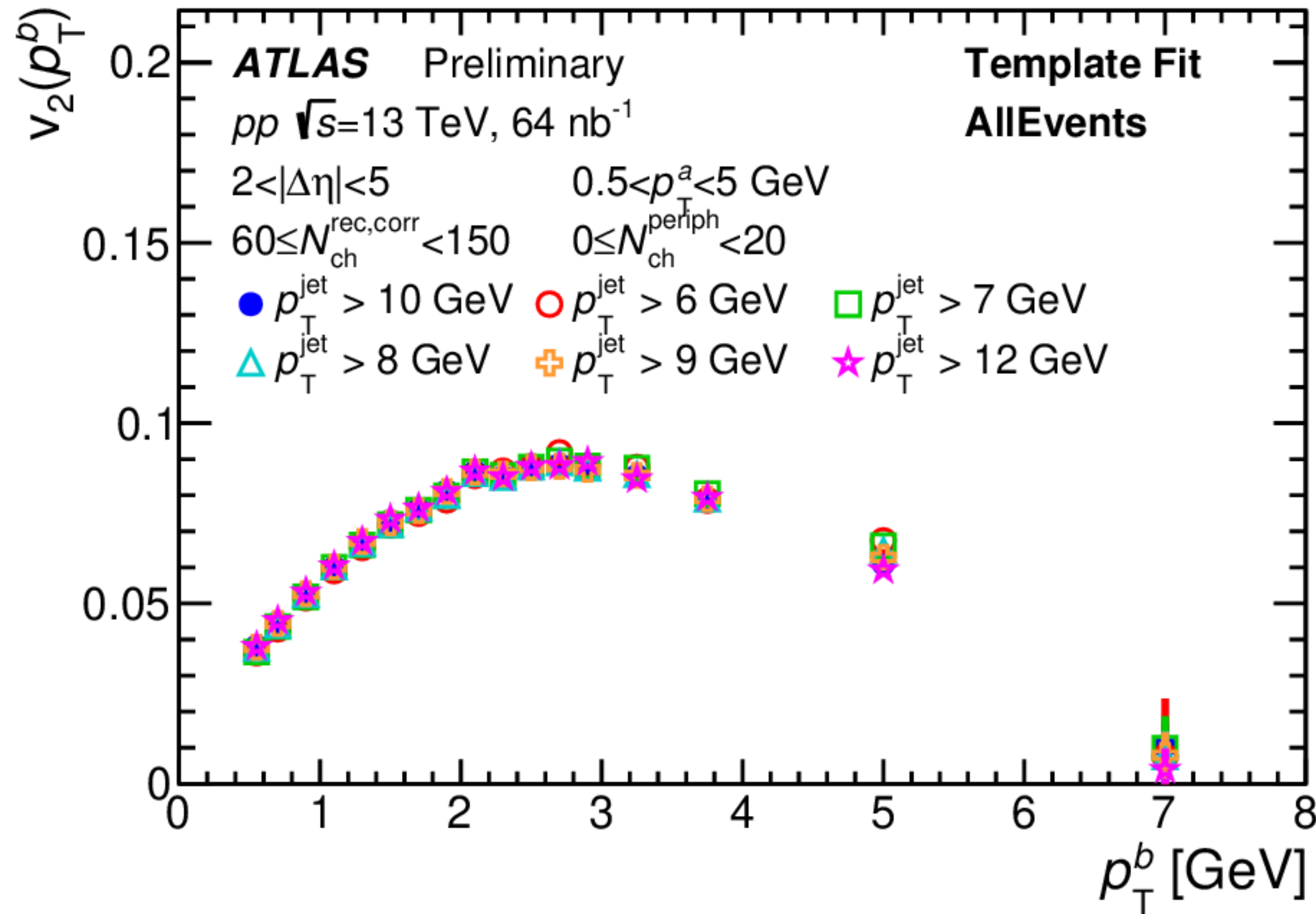
Flow in pp with jet particle rejection - p_T dependence

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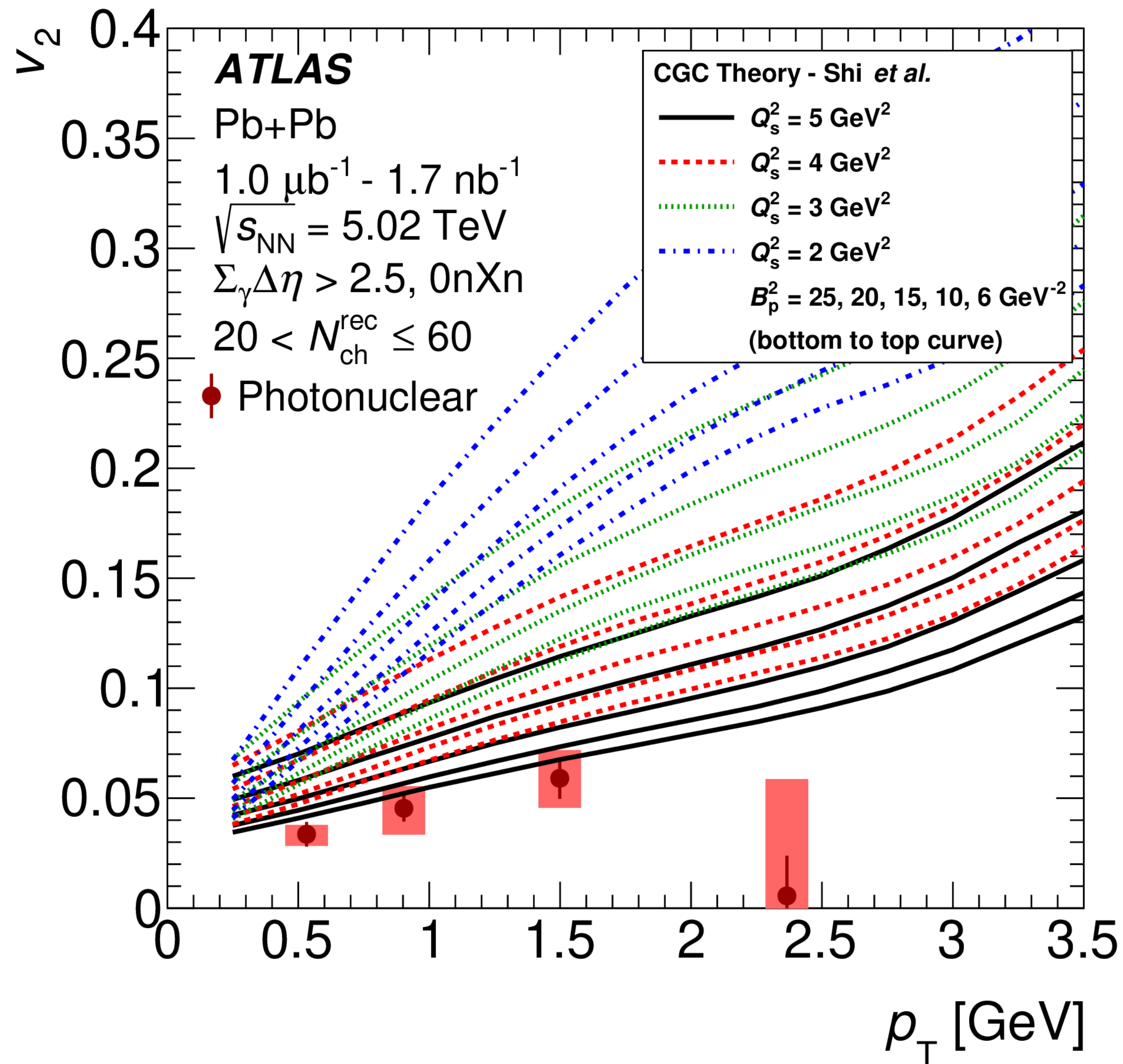
Flow in pp with jet particle rejection - jet threshold

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Flow in UPC - details of the CGC calculations

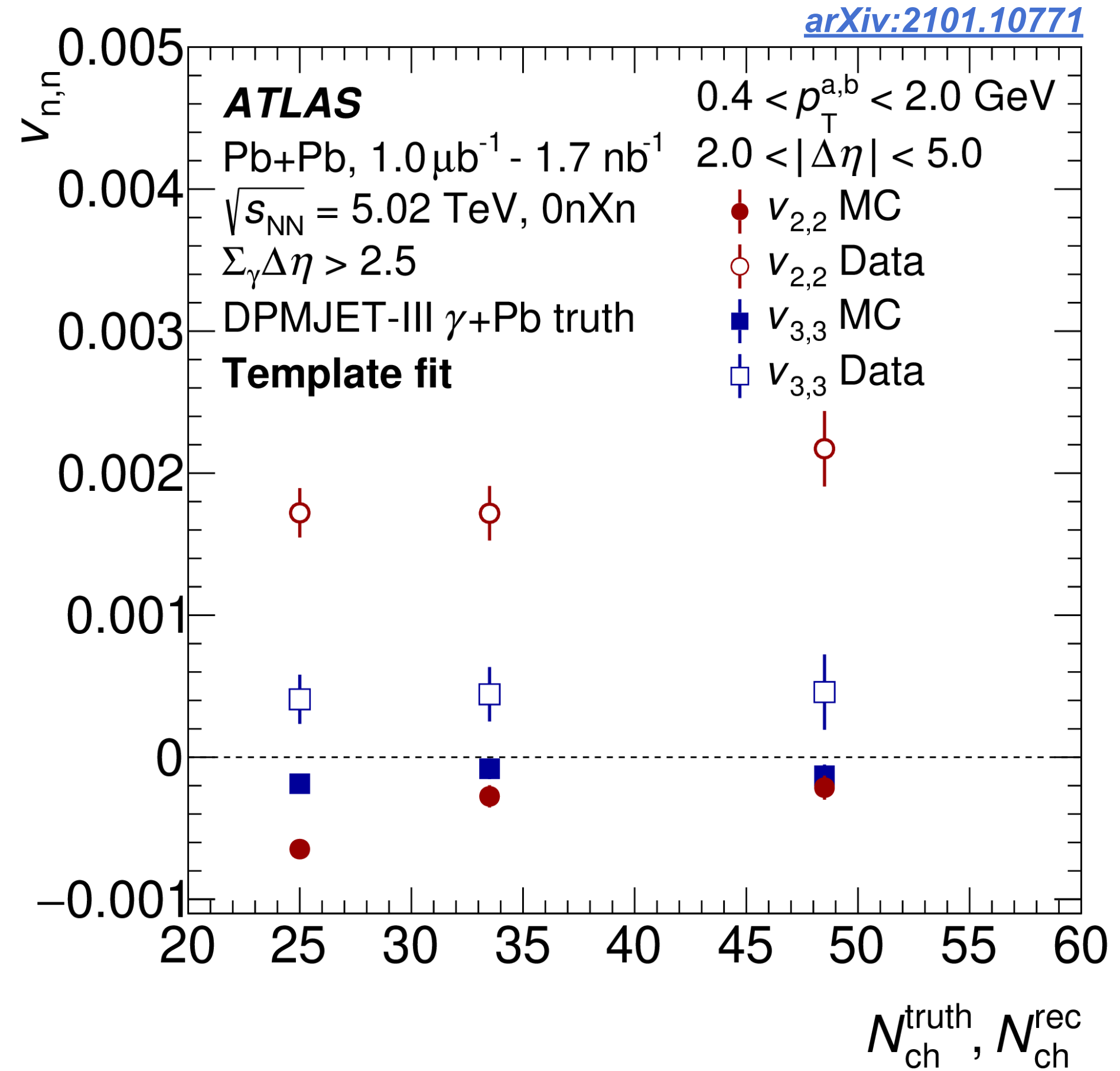
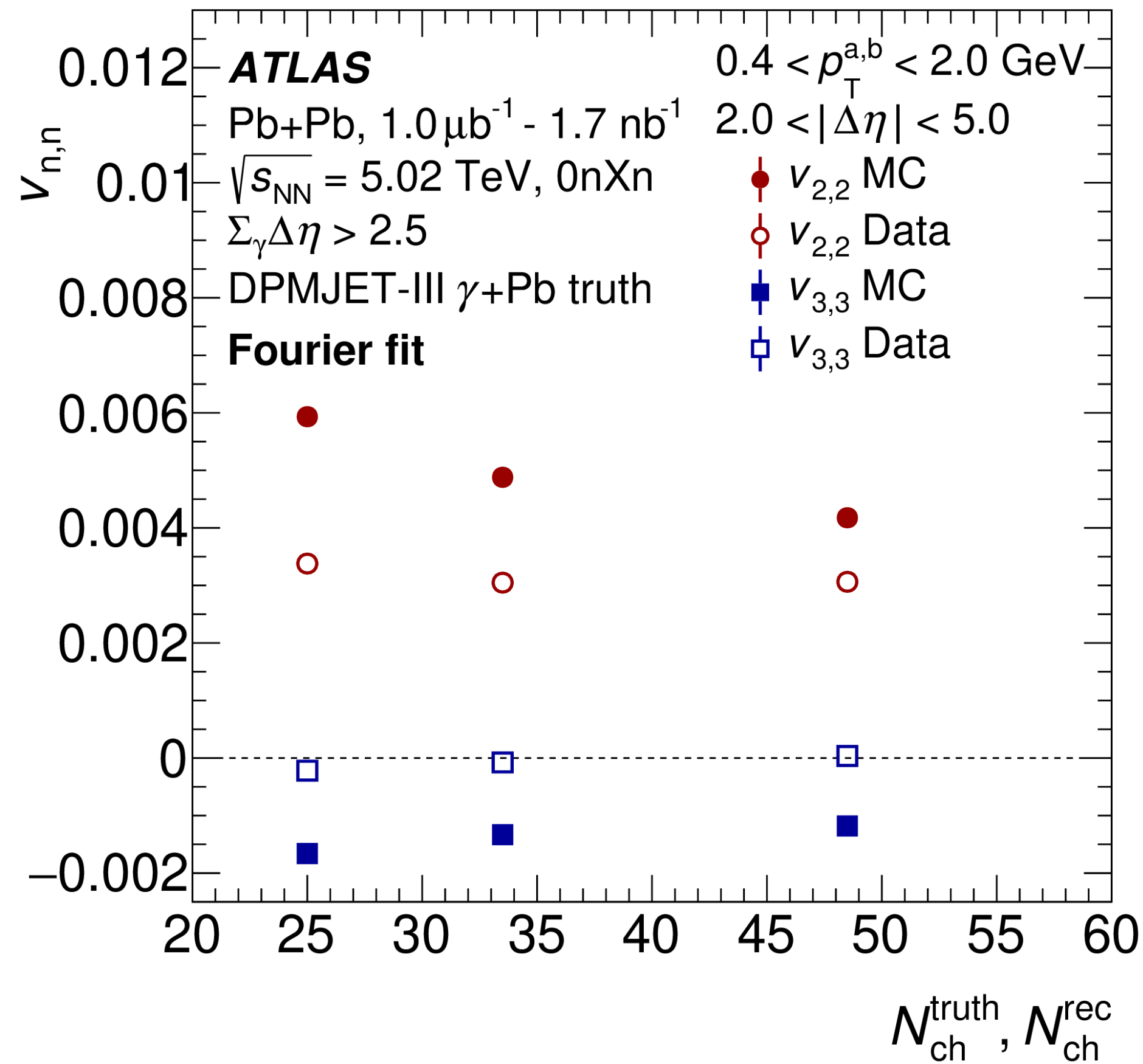
<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/HION-2018-27/>



Q_s^2 - saturation scale
 B_p^2 - controls the
transverse area of the
interaction

Flow in UPC - pure photonuclear MC

Without (left) and with (right) non-flow subtraction

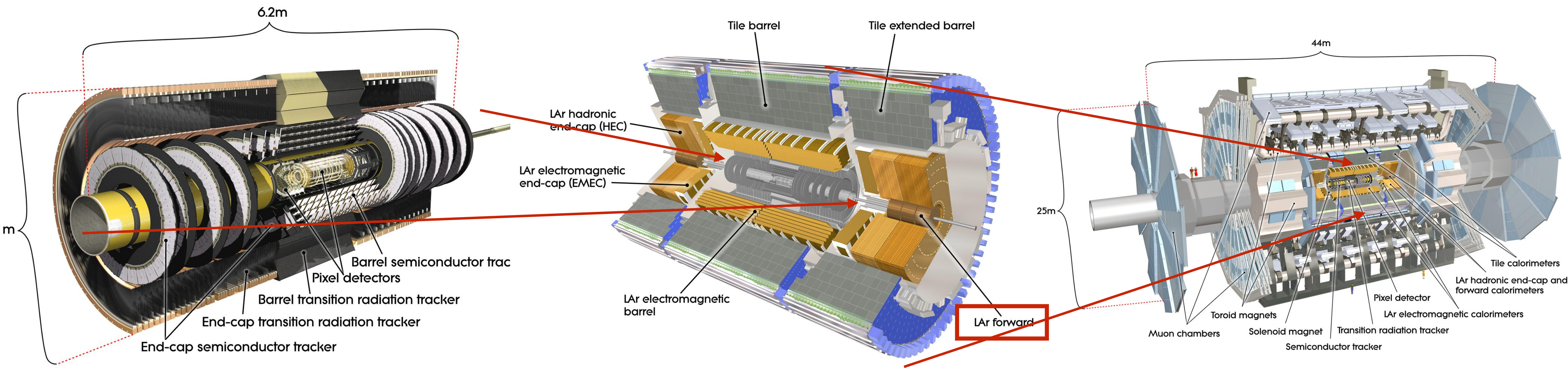


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ATLAS detector

Tracker $|\eta| < 2.5$

Calorimeters $|\eta| < 4.9$



→ And forward detectors located far far away from the interaction point ZDC (140m), AFP & ALFA (~240m)