

# Path-length dependence of jet quenching

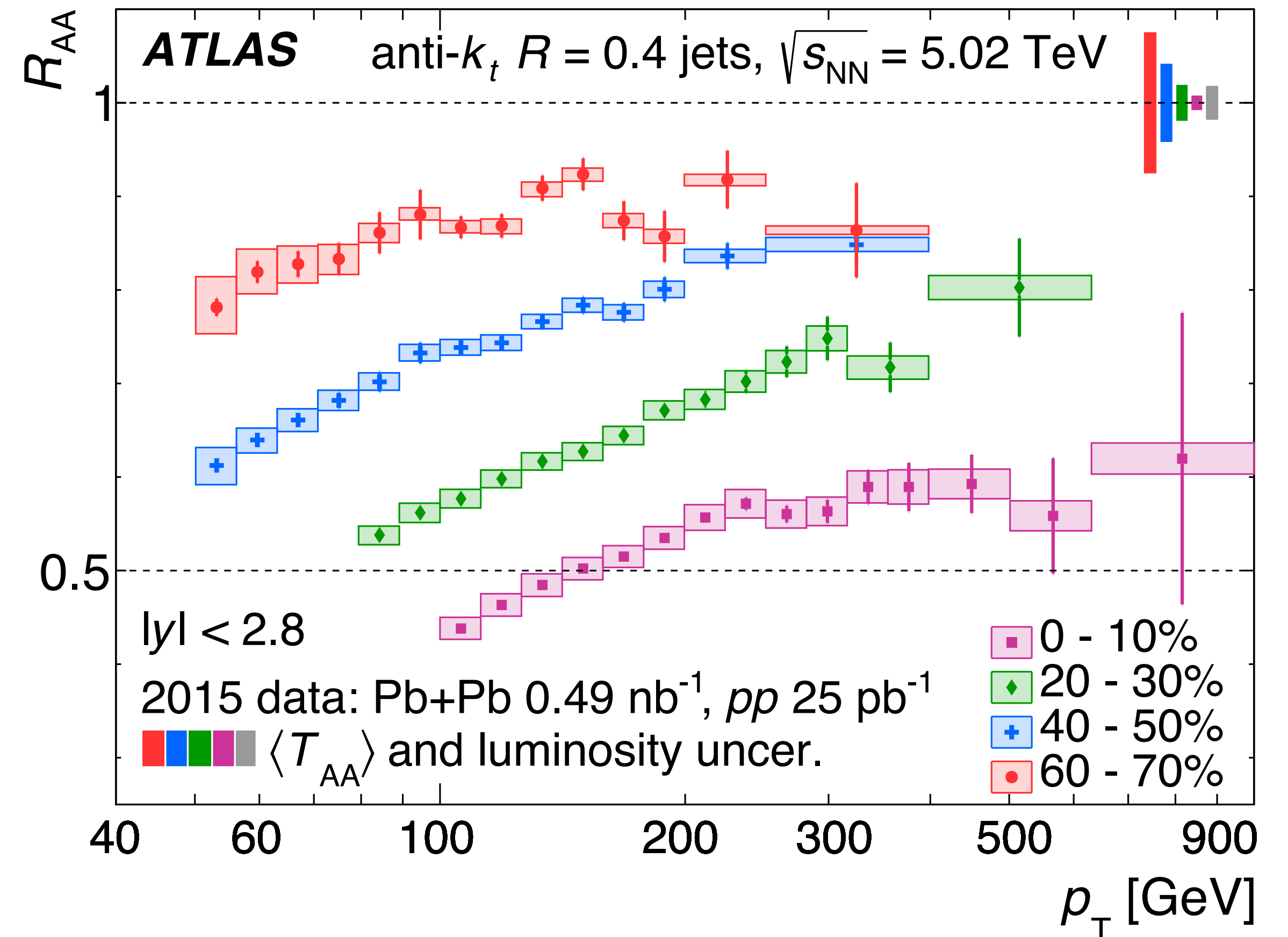


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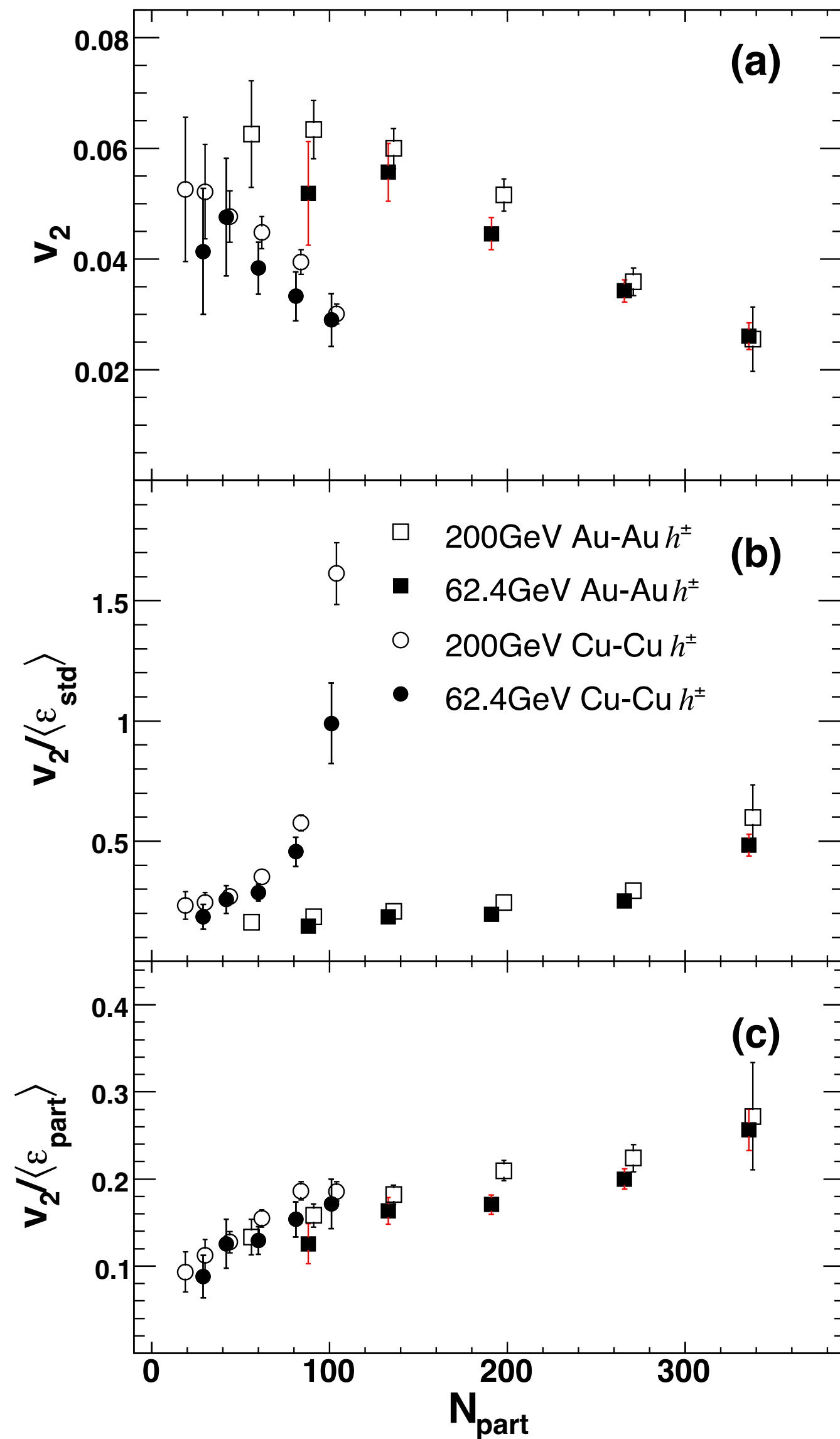
# jet quenching

- $R_{AA}$  tells us jet quenching is important but it integrates over everything except the jet momentum
- the focus of current measurements is to understand how quenching depends on the:
  - structure of the jet
  - amount of QGP the jet sees

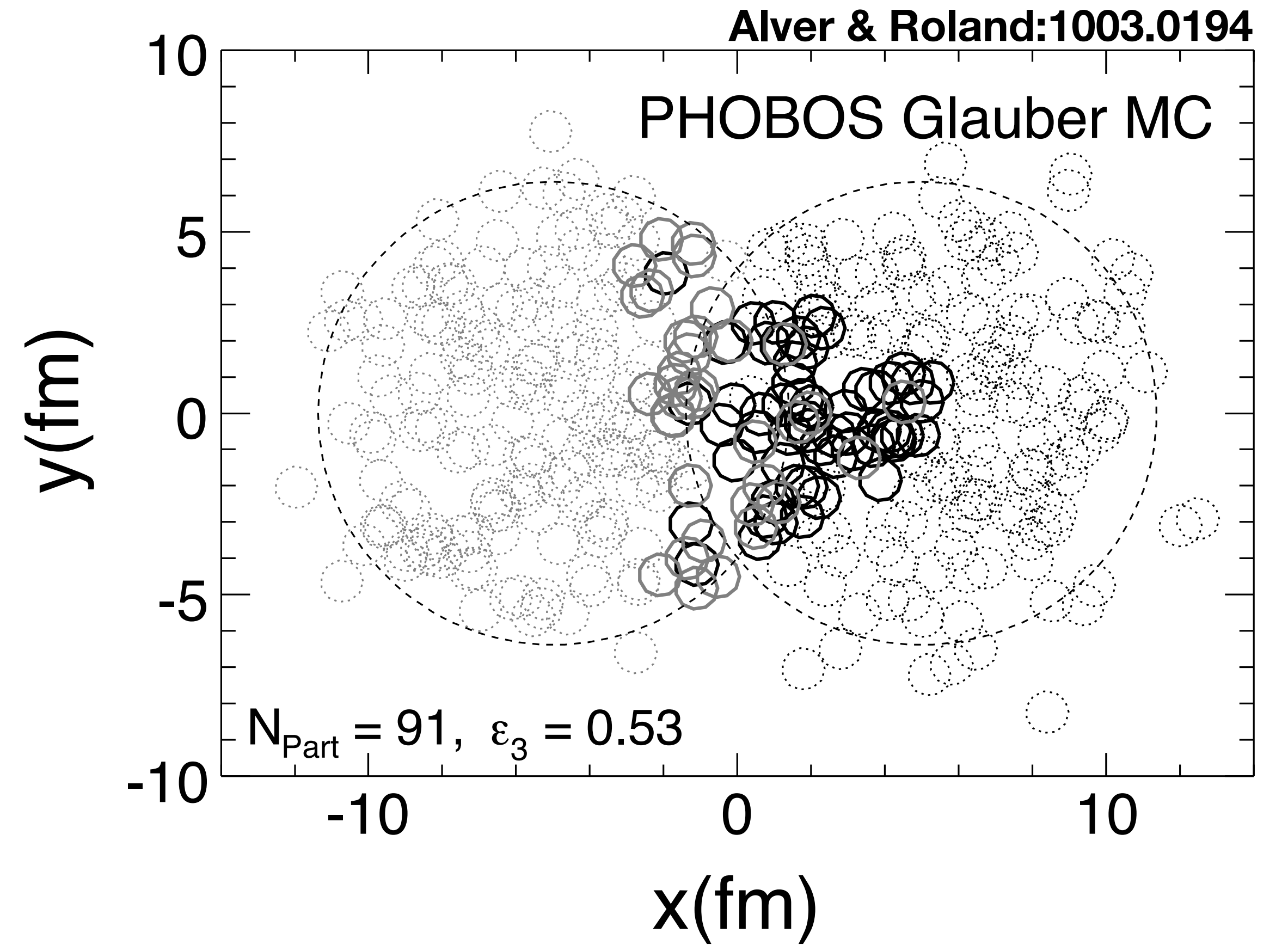




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*geometry & fluctuations in the soft sector are key to the extractions of  $\eta/s$*



# geometry is different in jets

- the jets traverse the entire QGP lifetime as it expands and cools
- both the geometry of the QGP and the sensitivity to it (via the overall strength of quenching) change as a function of time.
- we measure the jets only after quenching



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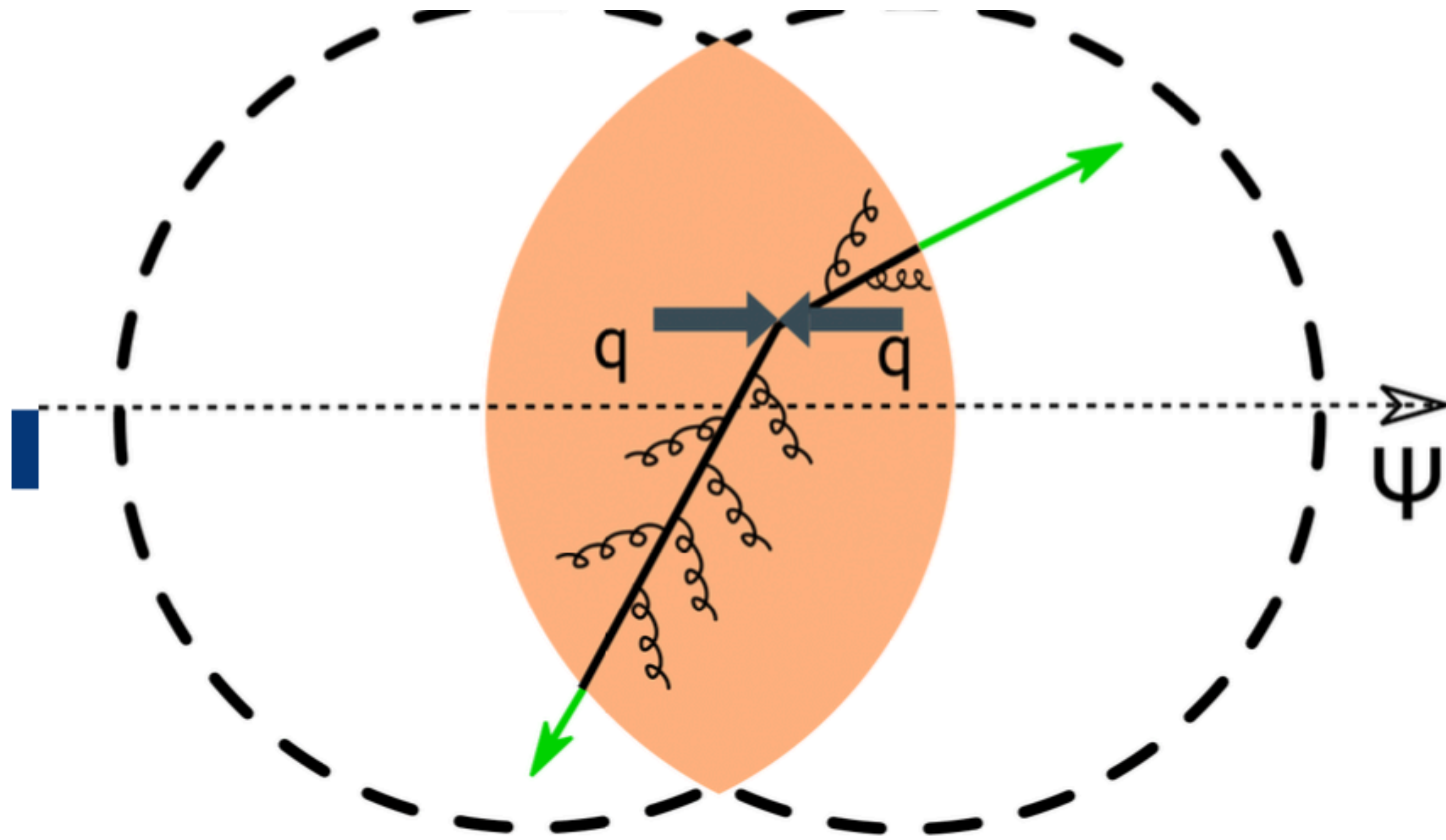
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***this is a biased selection of results and is in no way comprehensive***



# high $p_T$ $V_n$



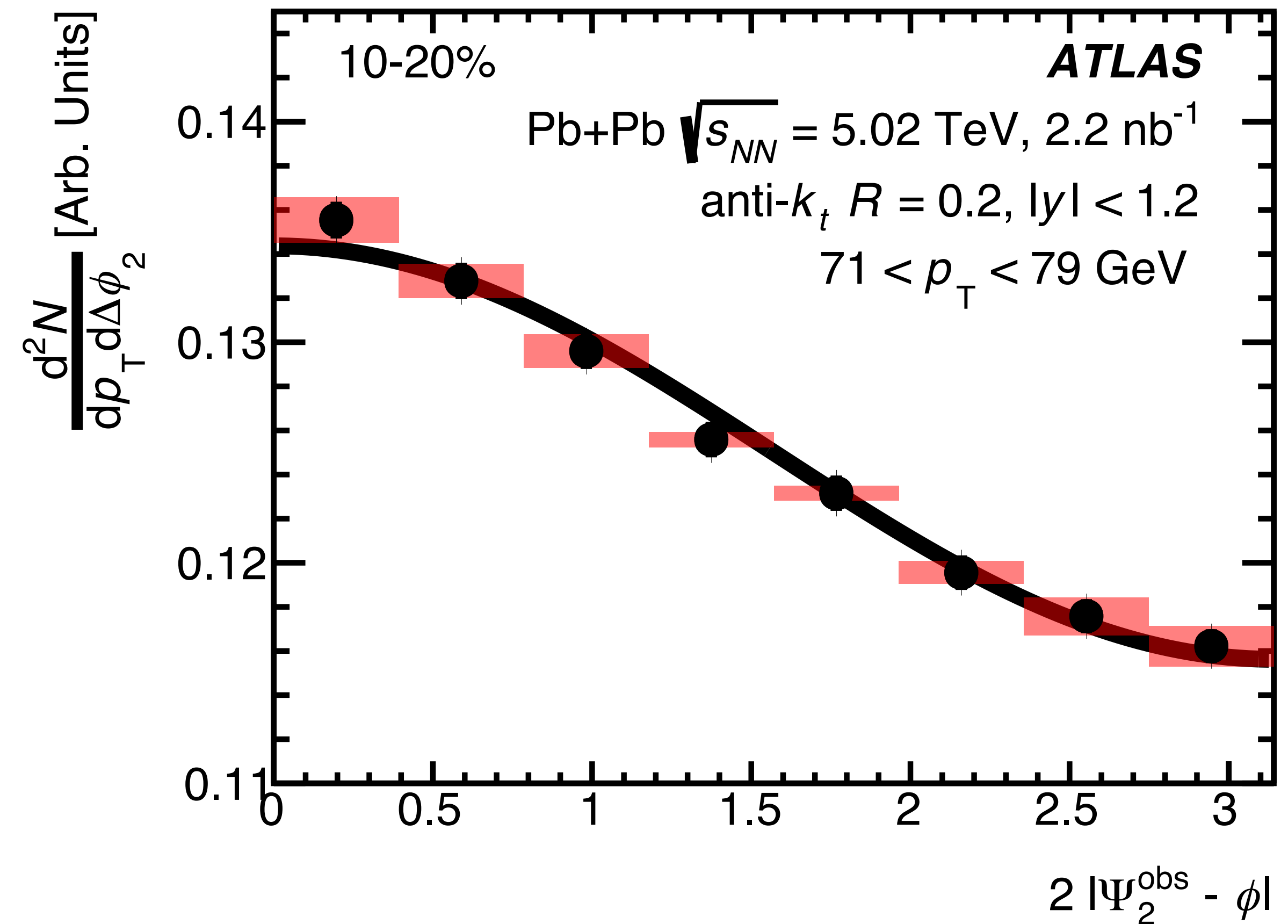
**measurements of the jet rates as a function of 2, 3 & 4th order event planes**

**sensitive to the path length dependence of jet energy loss**



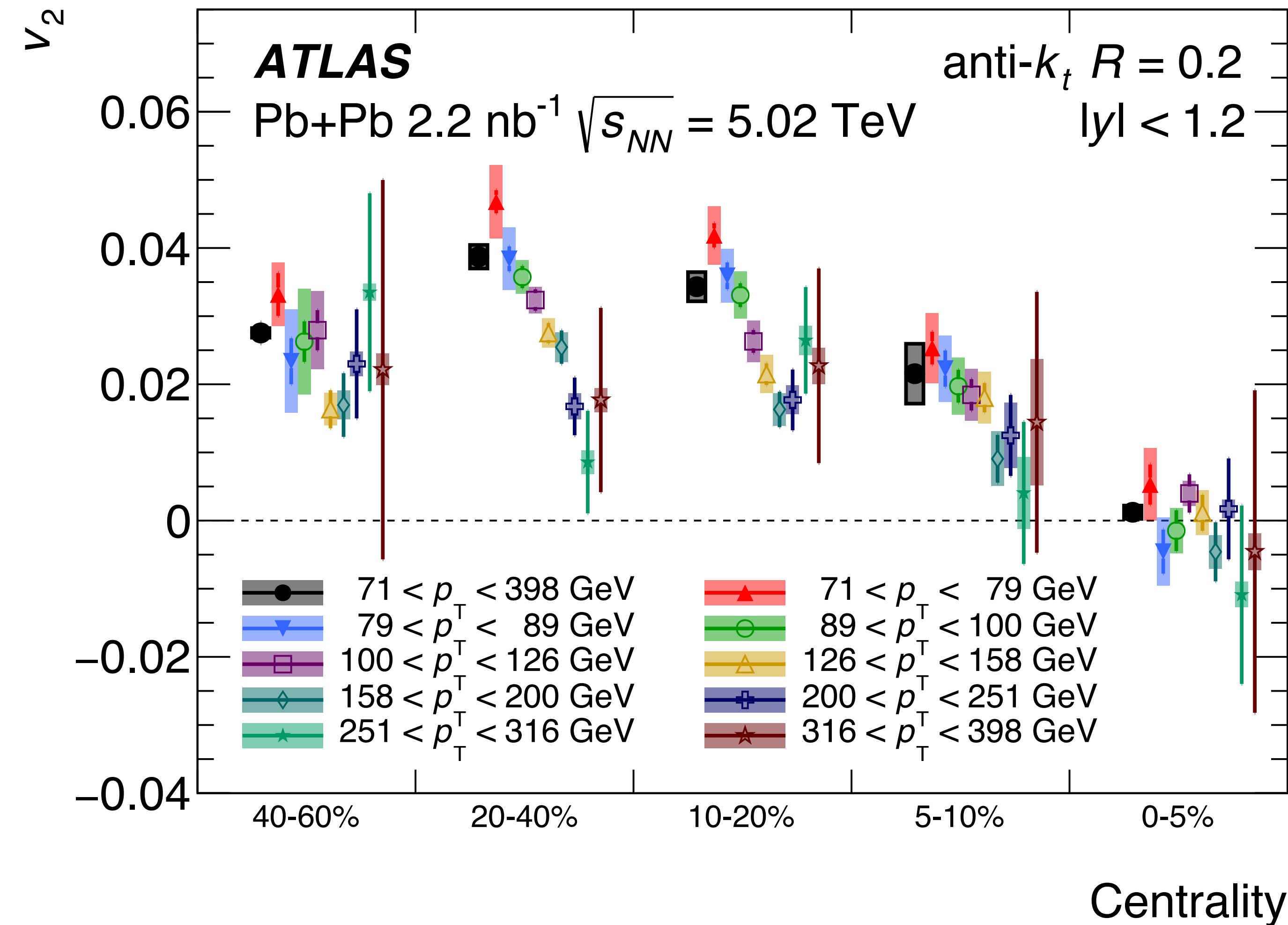
# jet $v_N$ : analysis procedure

- rapidity separation between jet & event plane  $> 2.8$ 
  - justified based on PYTHIA studies of  $\eta$  of away side jet & data driven checks
  - only use outer half of the ATLAS FCal for event plane (in other measurements full detector is used)
- jet momentum is unfolded
- jet position resolution is greatly improved by using small  $R = 0.2$  jets





# jet $v_2$

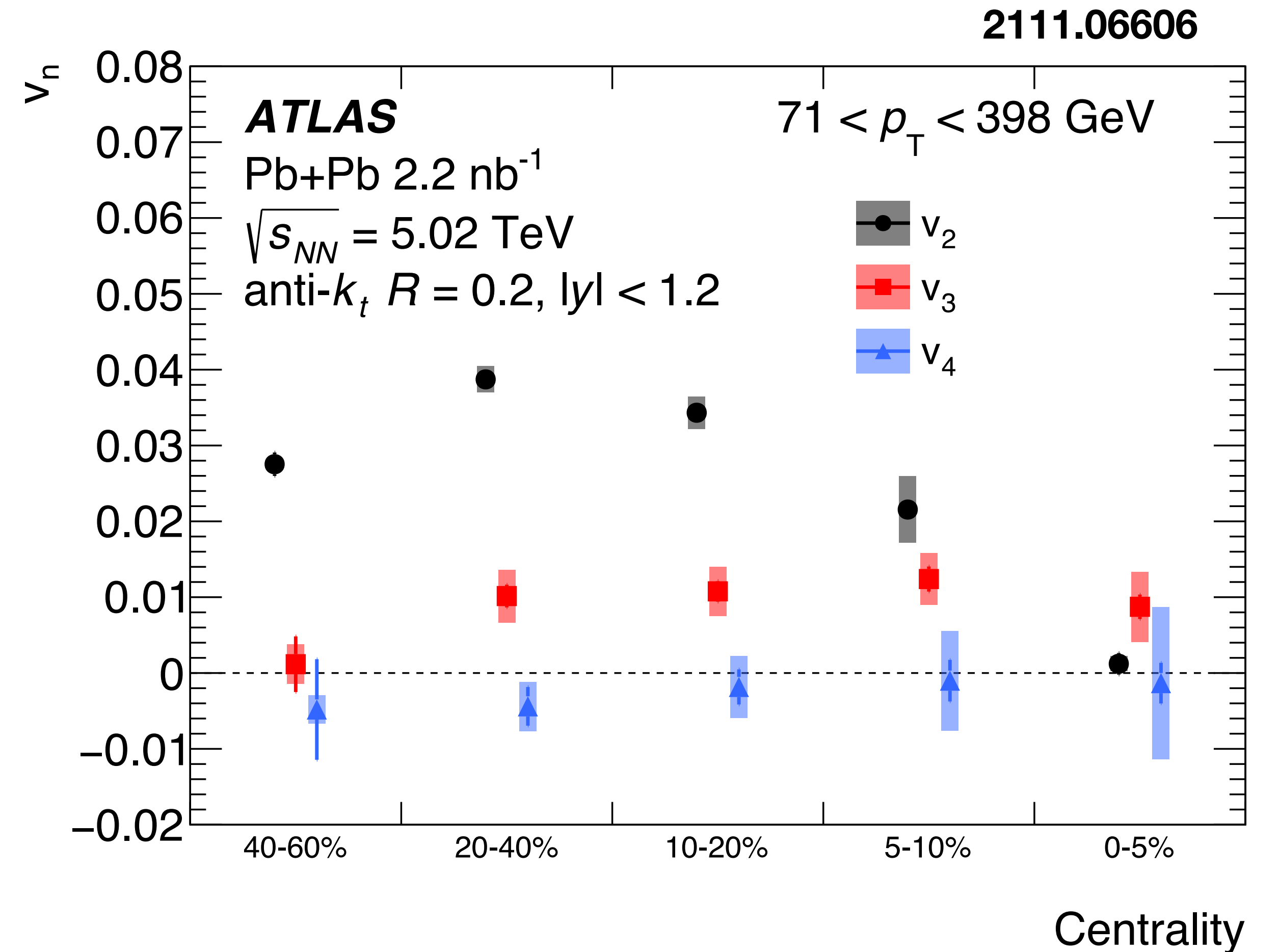


- $v_2 > 0$  observed for all but the most central collisions
- $v_2$  decreases with increasing  $p_T$  but remains  $> 0$  in mid-central collisions up to at least 250 GeV



# centrality dependence of jet $v_n$

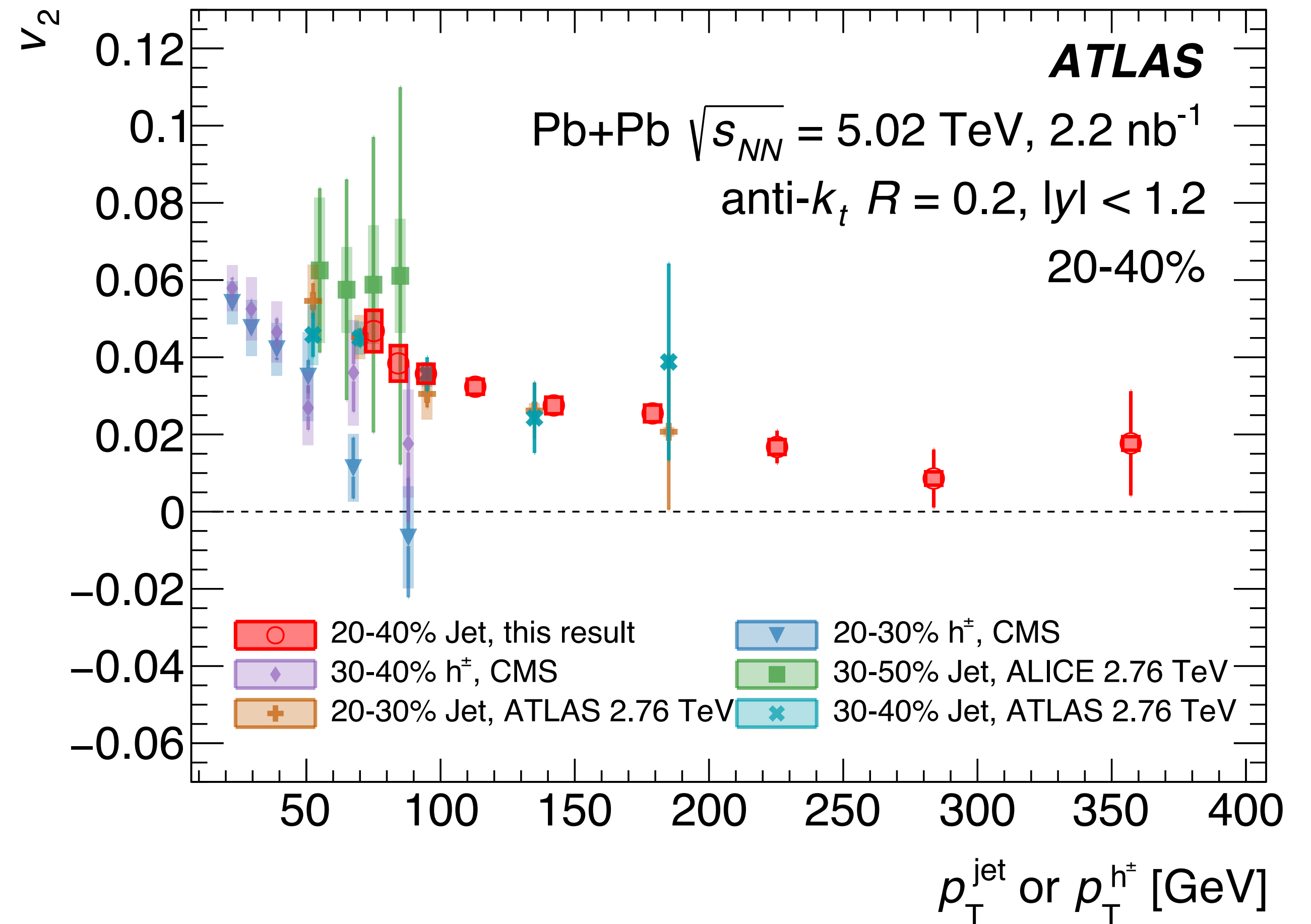
- $v_2$  largest in mid-central collisions; consistent with 0 in the most central collisions
- $v_3 \sim 1\%$  for mid-central/central collisions
  - for both  $v_2$  &  $v_3$  the centrality dependence is similar to that of hydrodynamic  $v_n$  which is driven by the initial collision geometry
  - suggests the same geometry plays a significant role in jet quenching
- $v_4$  consistent with 0
  - larger uncertainties from poor 4th-order event plane resolution





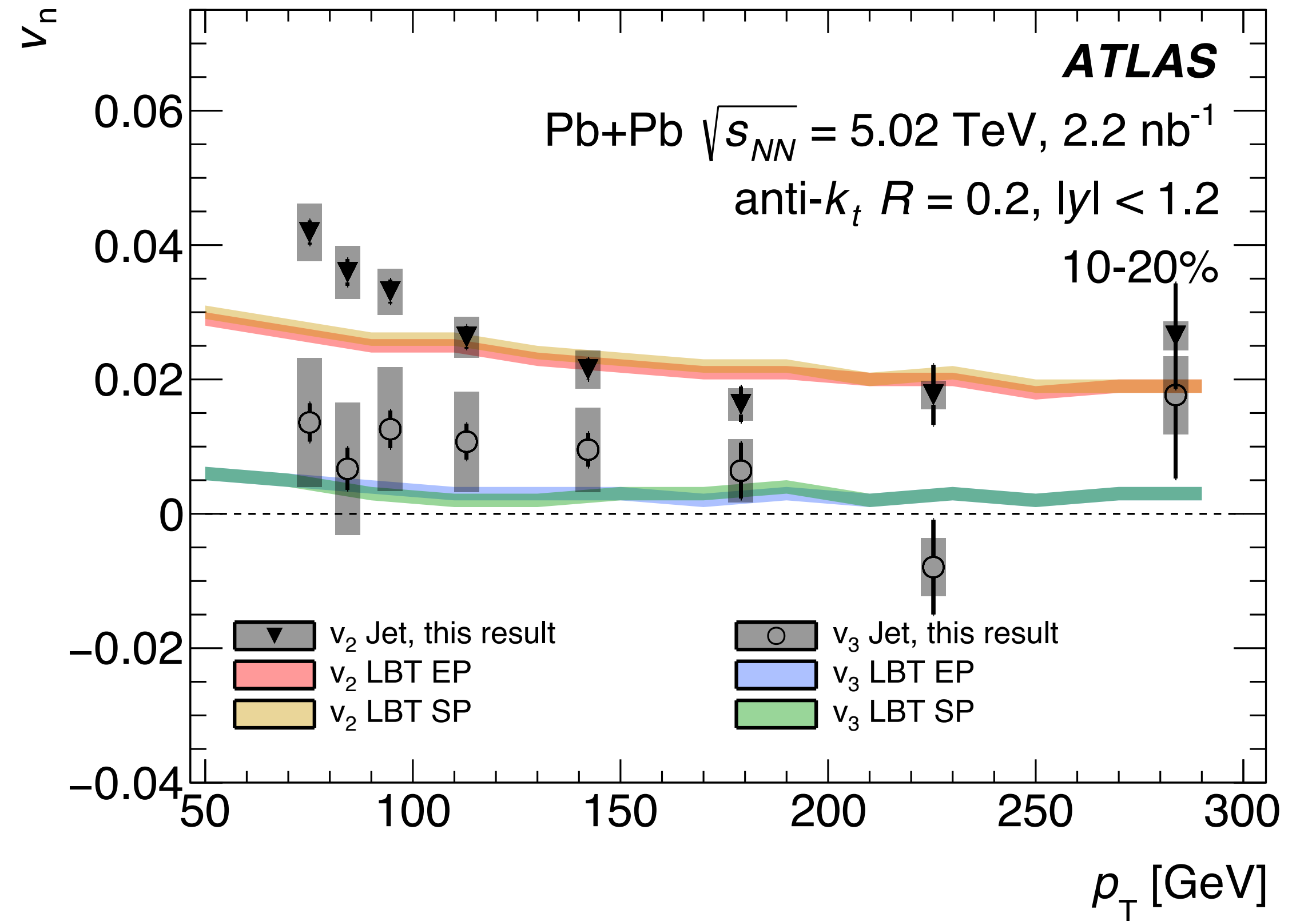
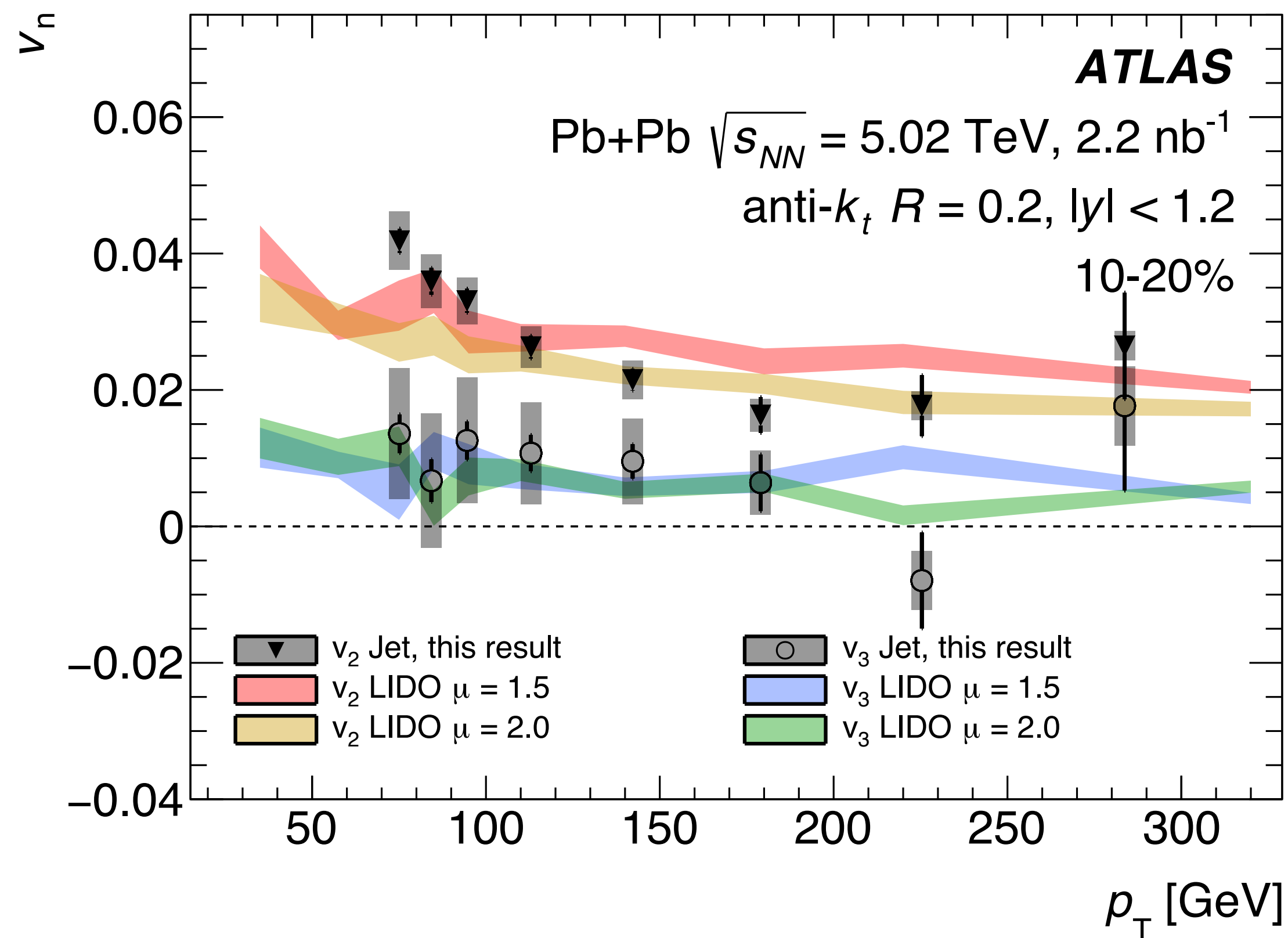
# comparison to previous measurements

- full Run 2 data & jets provide large increase in precision and kinematic range over 2.76 TeV results & charged hadron measurements
- what causes the  $p_T$  dependence to  $v_n$ ? related to quark/gluon mixture or jet structure?



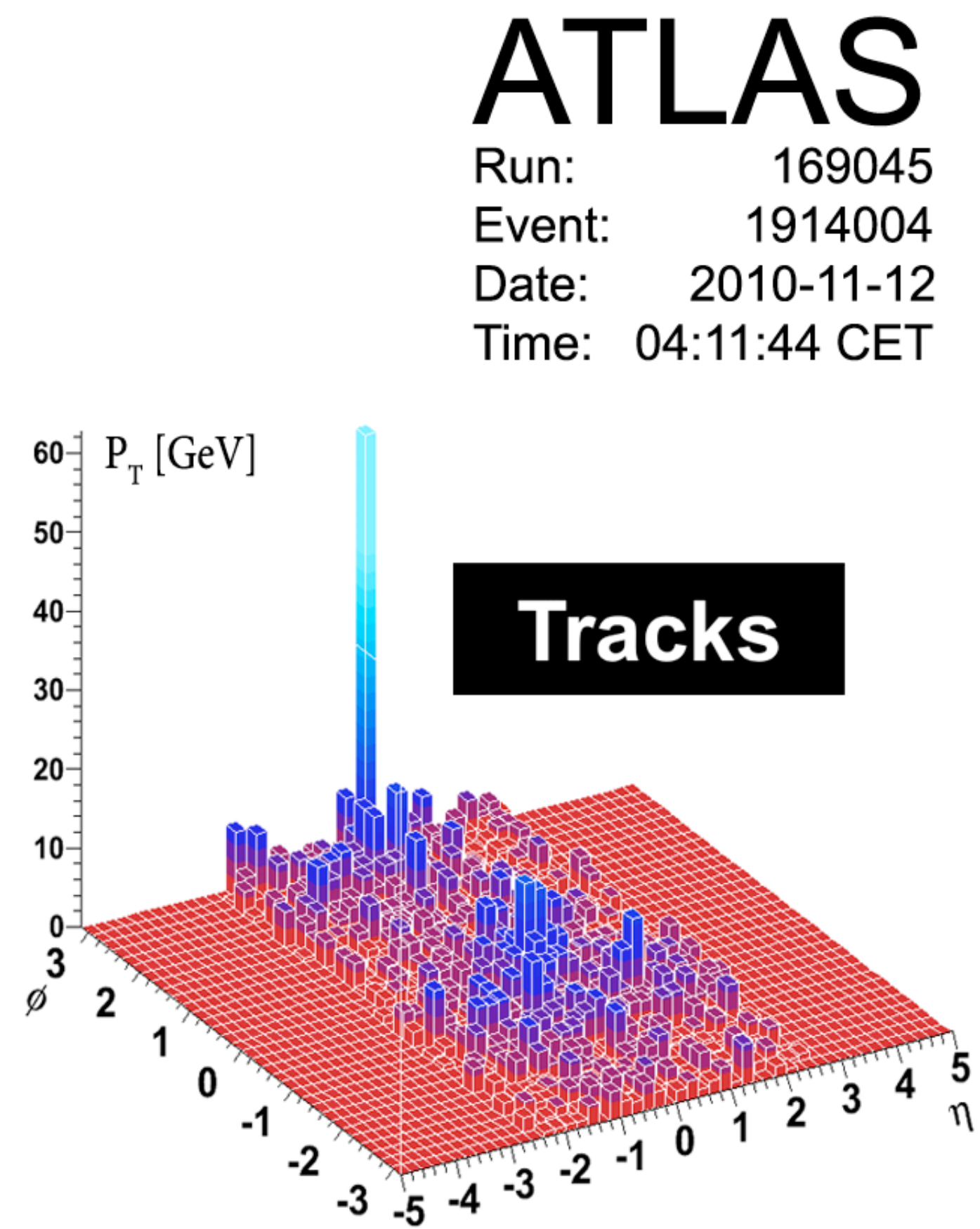
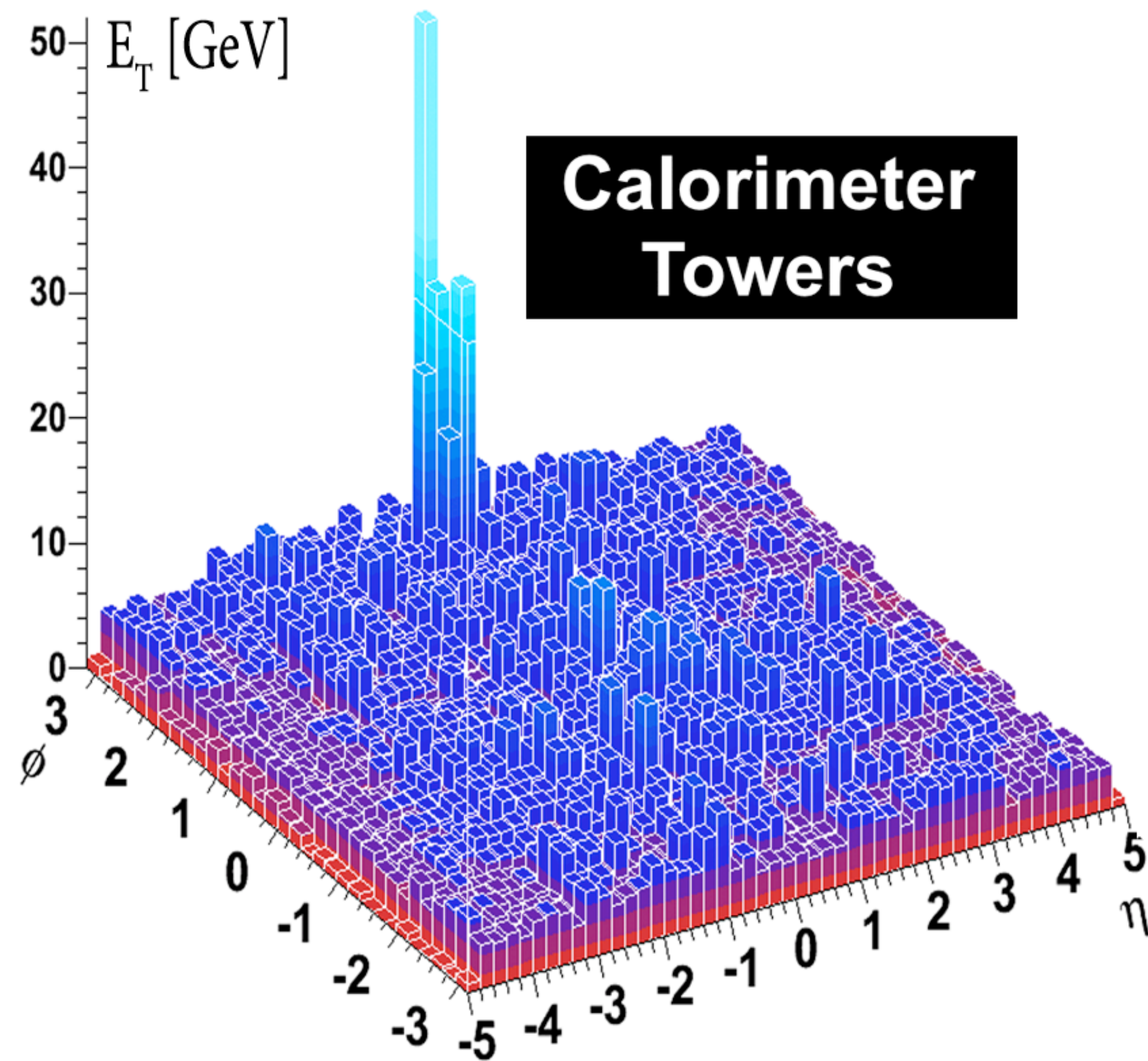
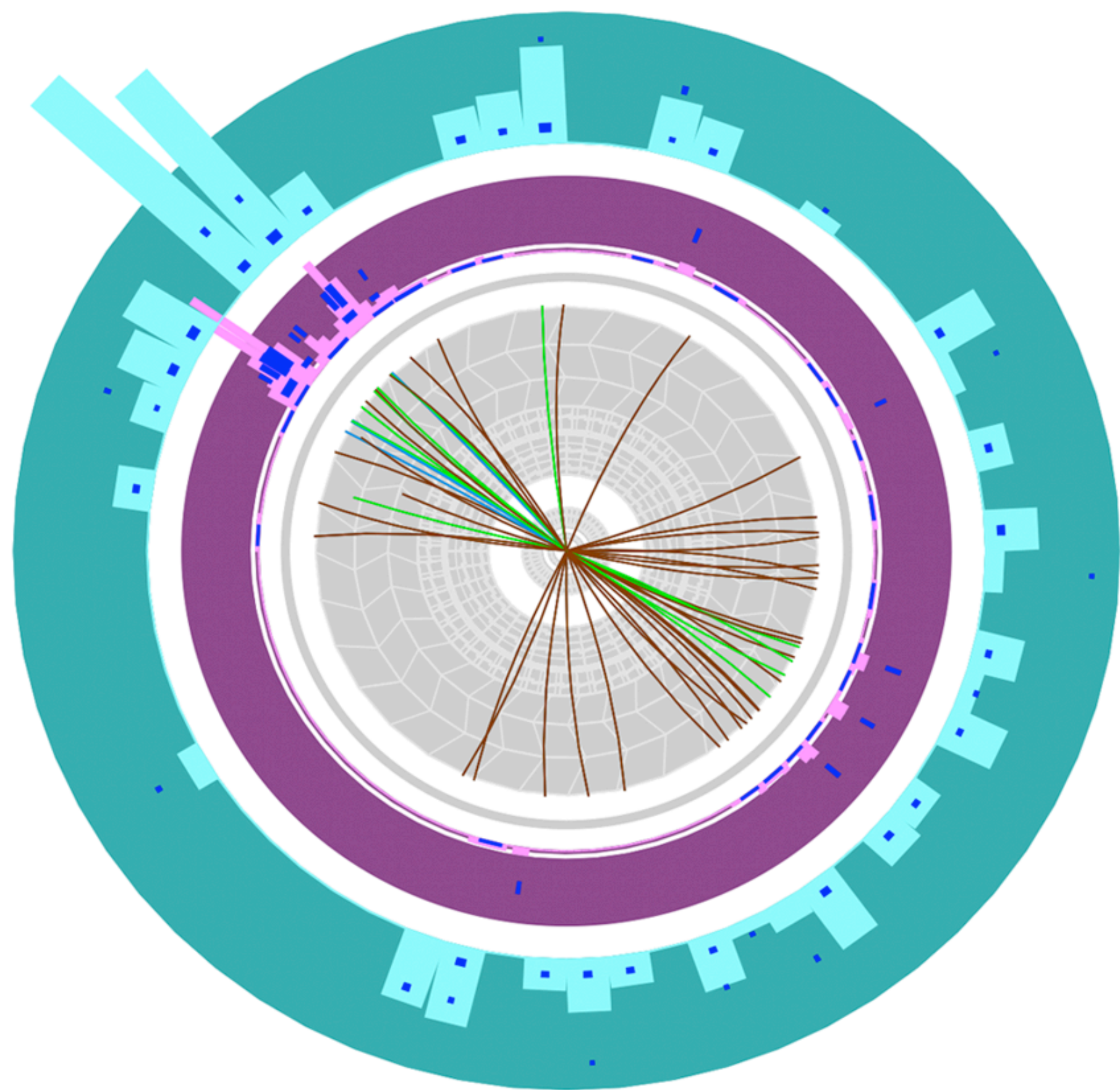


# comparison to theory



**$p_T$  dependence of the  $v_2$  stronger than expected in LBT & LIDO,  
LBT  $v_3$  calculations on the low edge of the data**



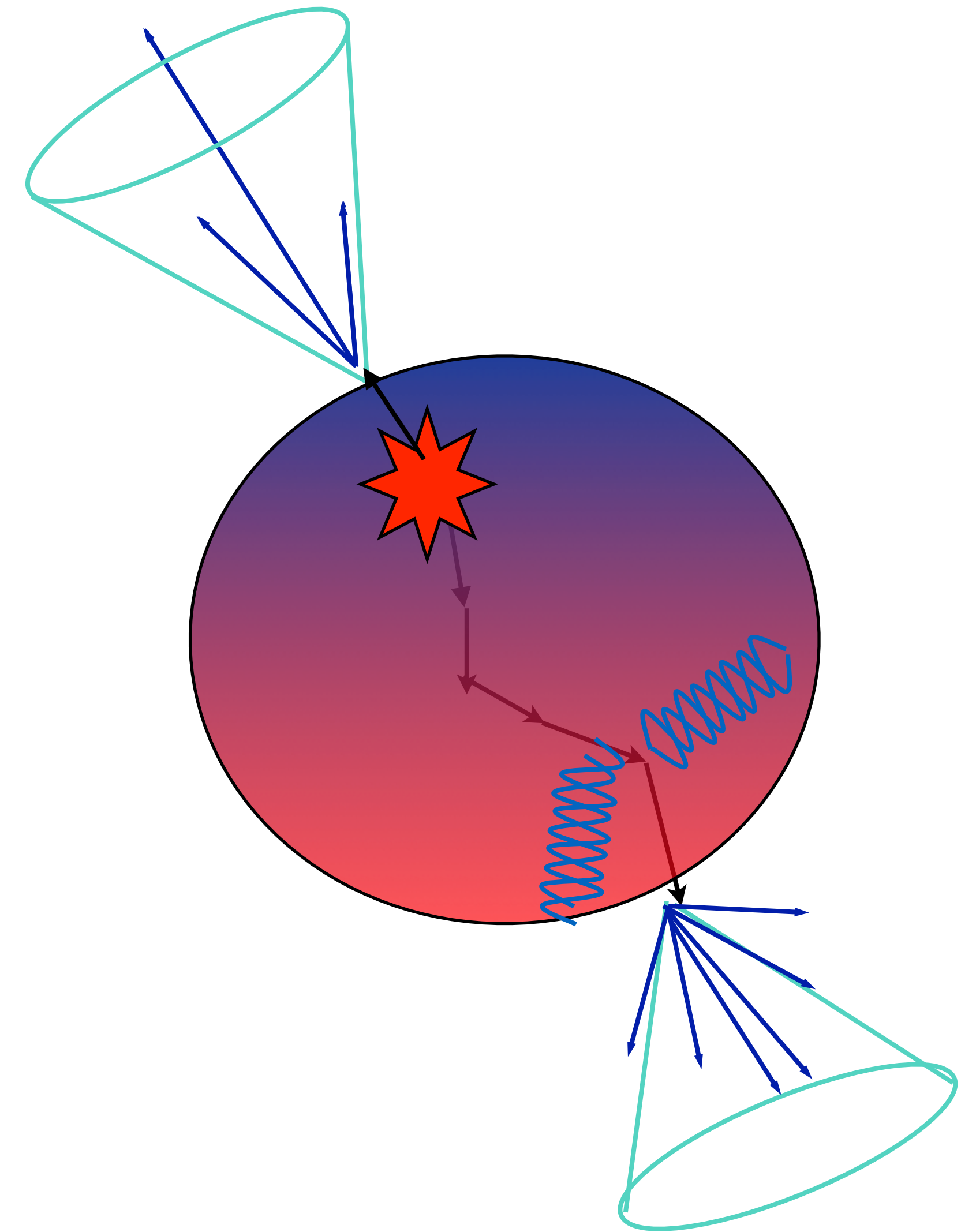




# a picture of dijets

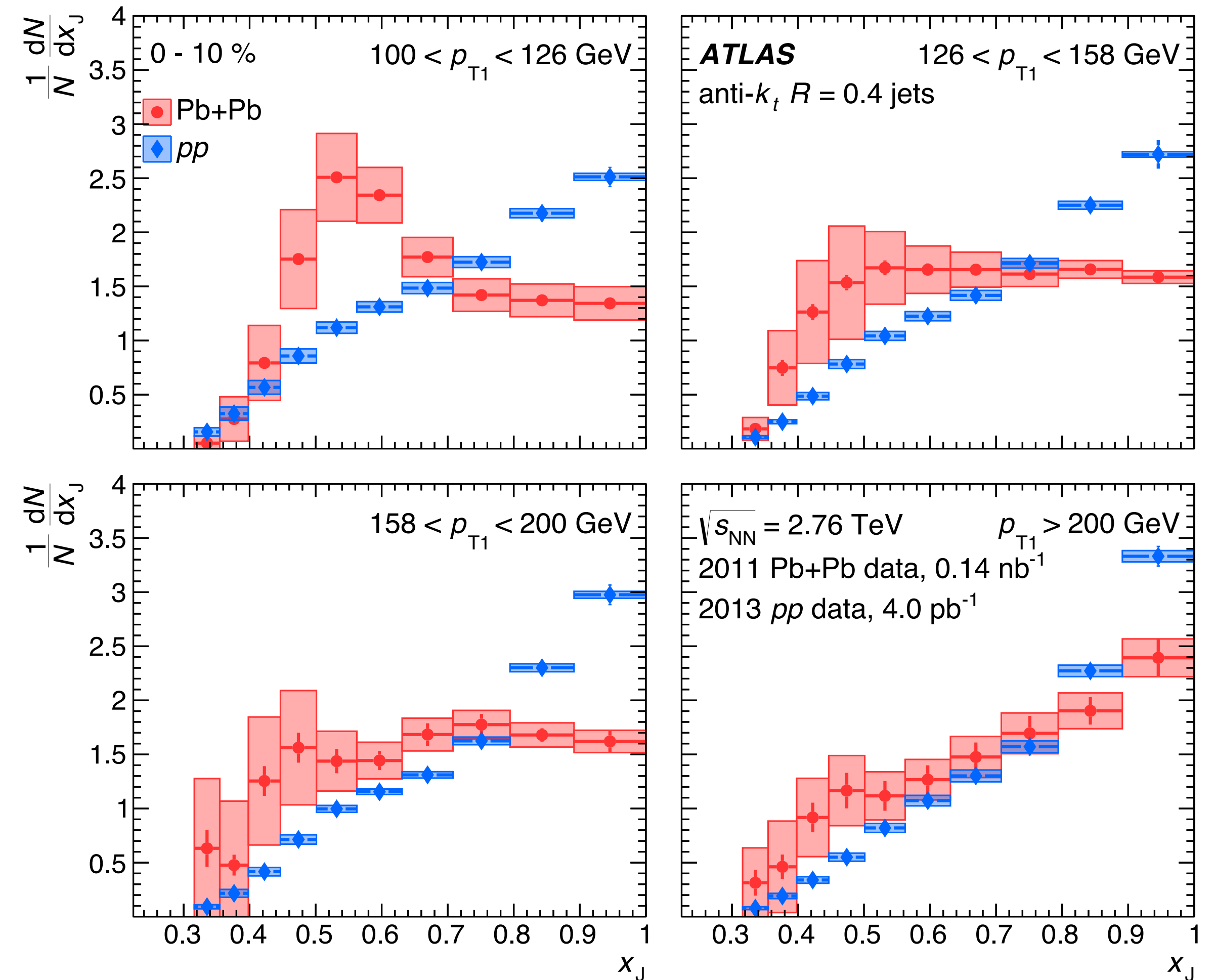
**leading jet:** very short path length through the QGP, nearly no energy loss

**subleading jet:** lots of interactions through the QGP, stronger quenching of the jet



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- however, these distributions are sensitive only to the shape (area normalization)
- which jets are actually being suppressed?
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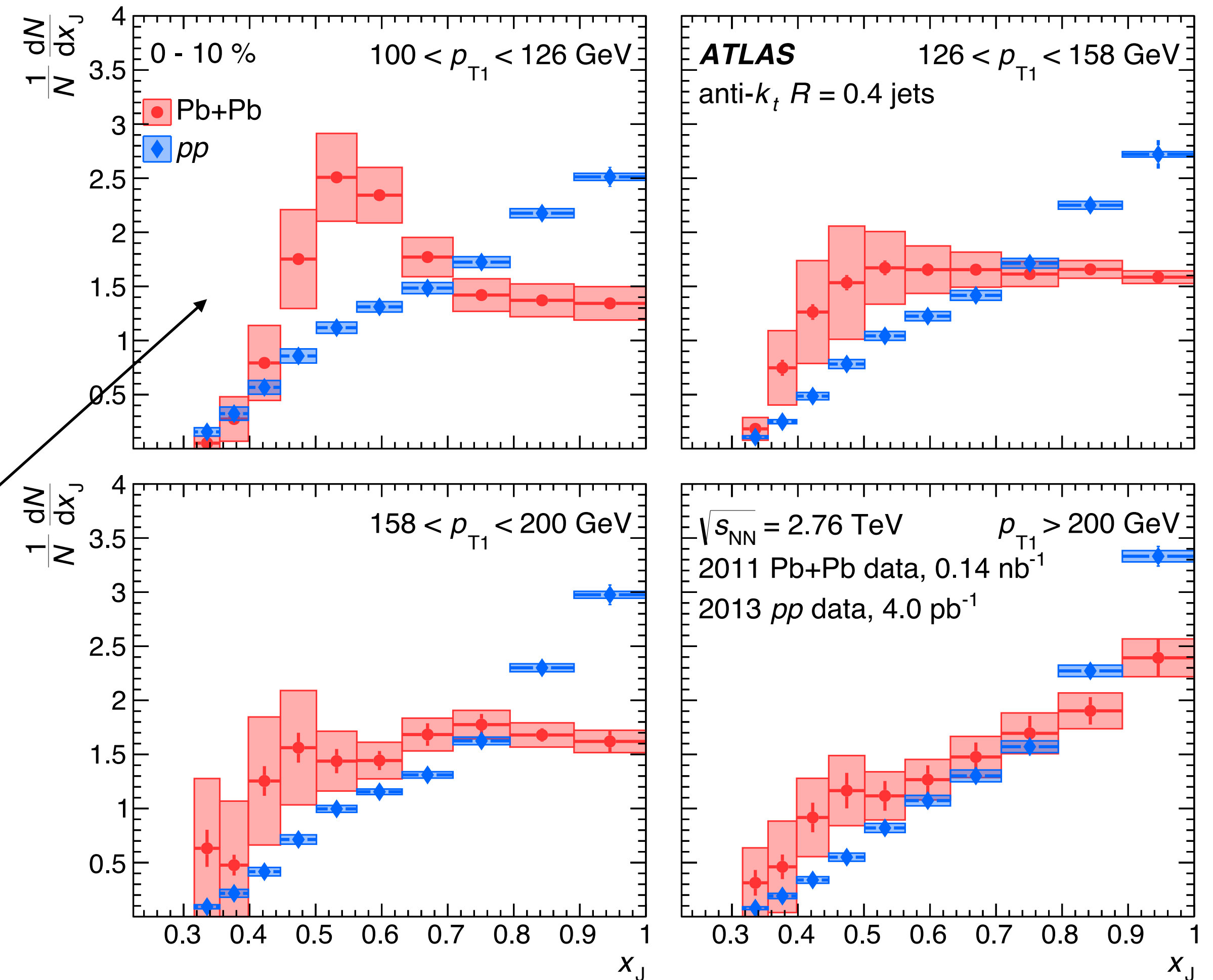
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$x_J = \text{momentum of jet 2} / \text{momentum of jet 1}$

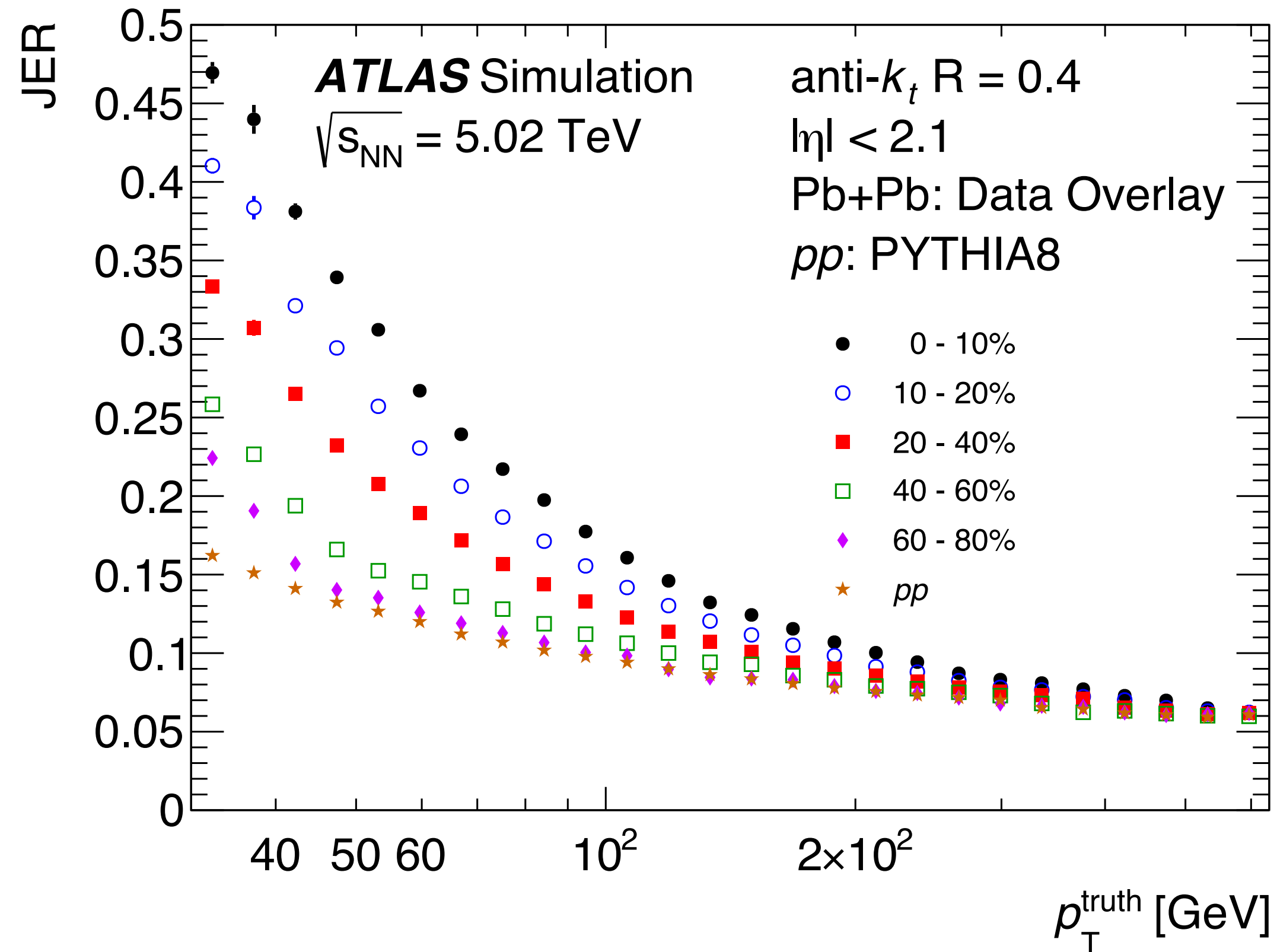


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# effect of UE fluctuations



jet energy resolution up to **50%** in central collisions at **~30 GeV**

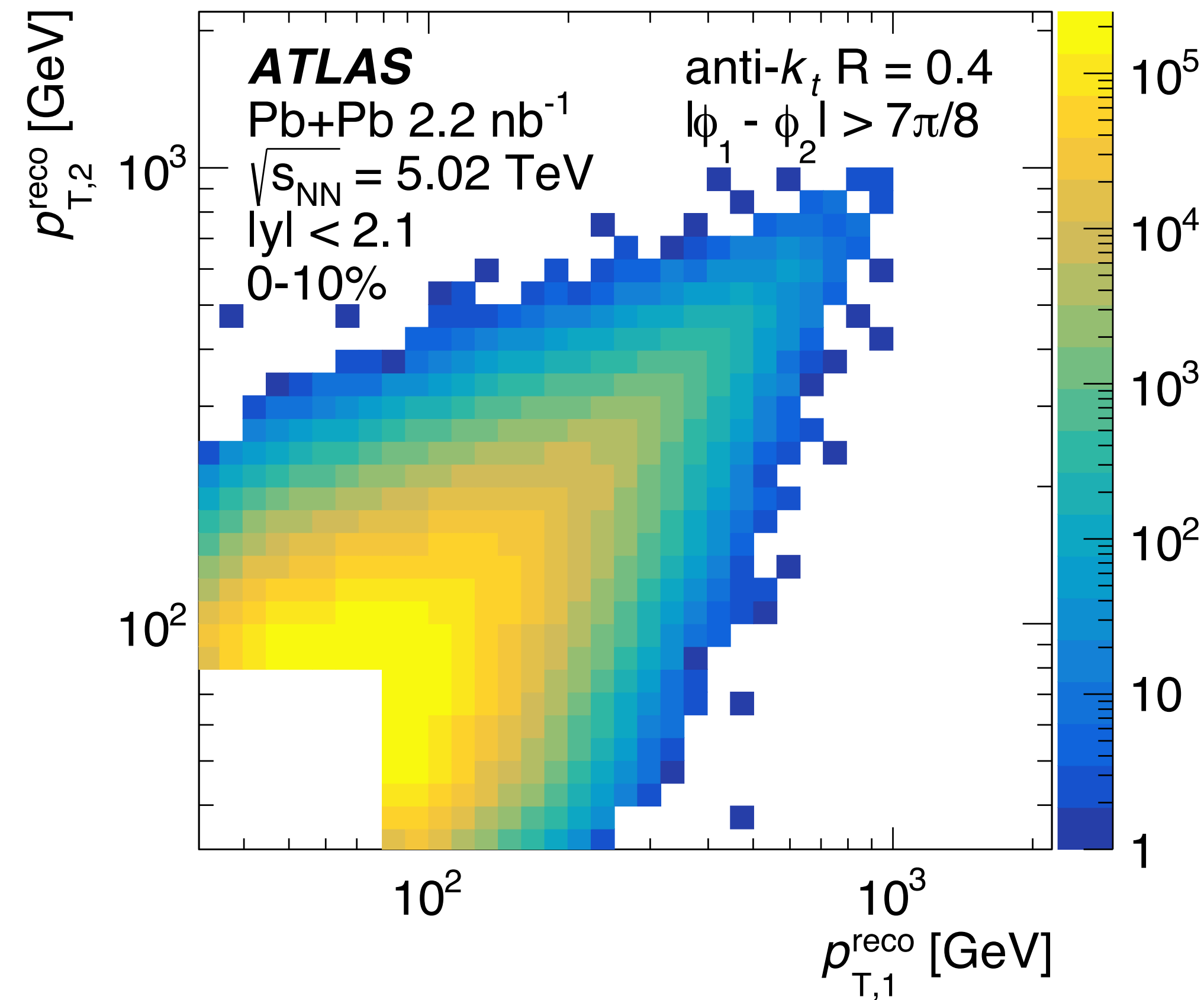
due to fluctuations of the underlying event

**JER dominates the  $x_J$  distributions without unfolding**

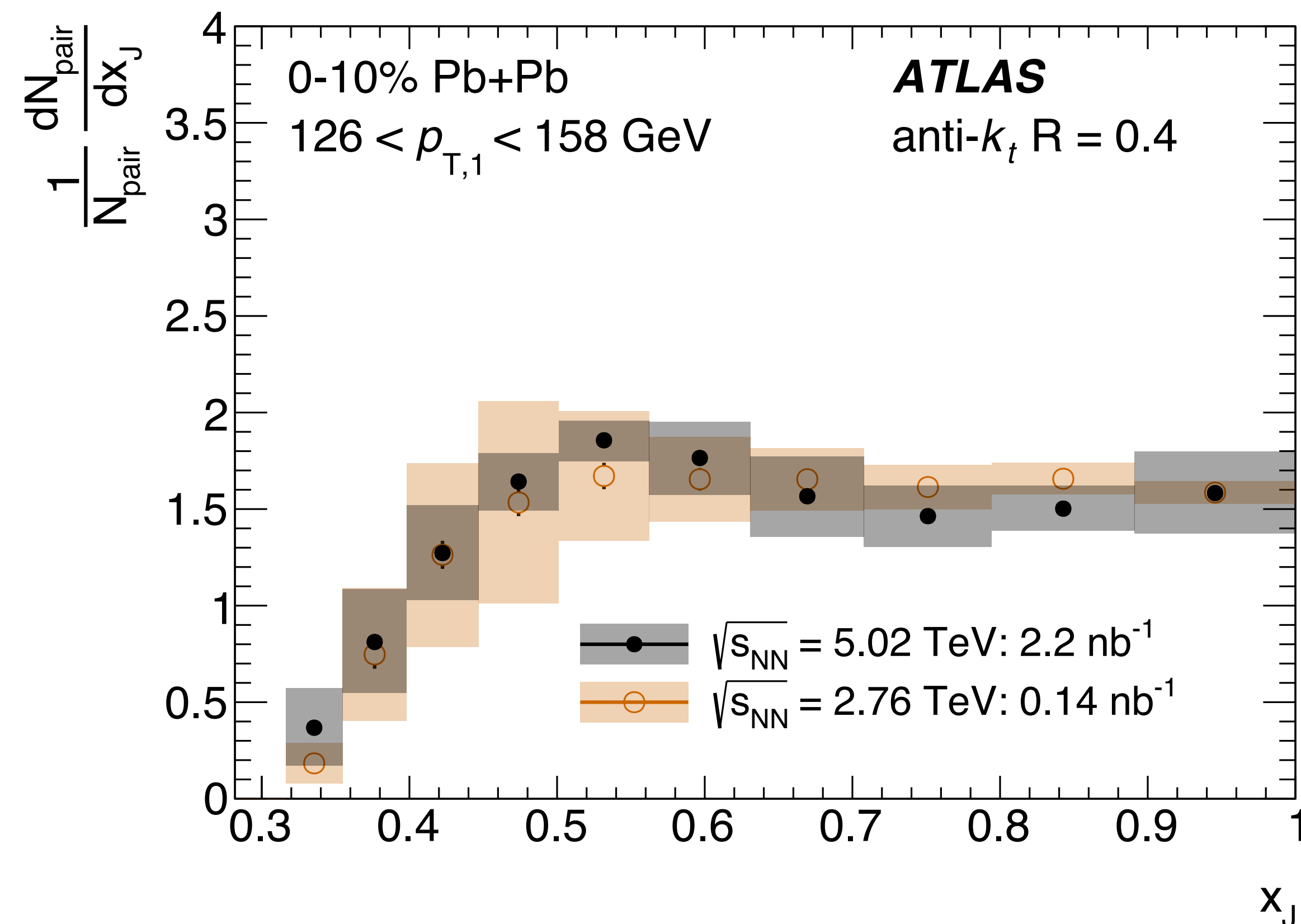
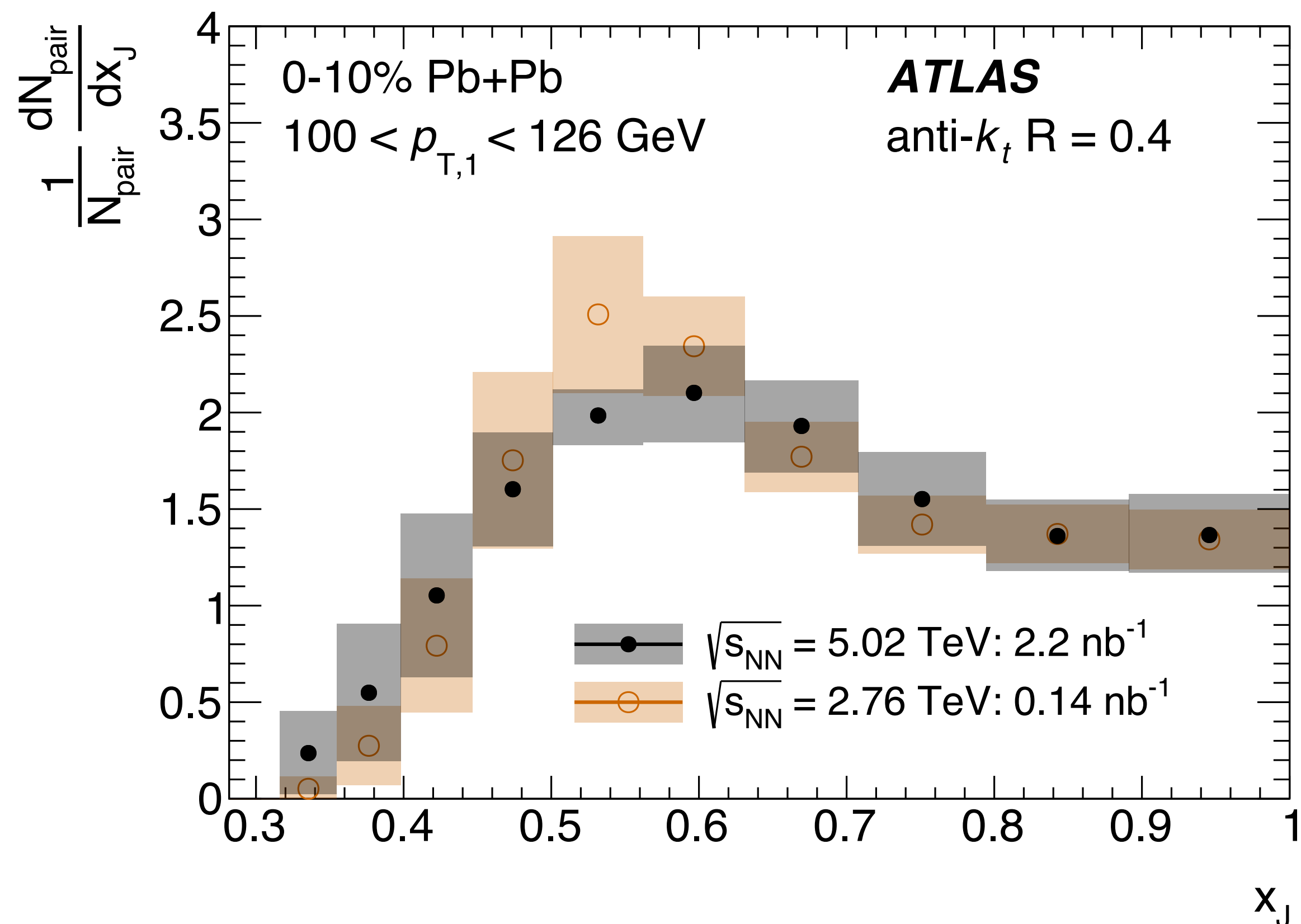


# Run 2 dijet measurement

- use the same jet cuts as the 2.76 TeV measurement & compatible binning to facilitate direct comparisons
- the leading  $p_T$  jets in the event have  $|\Phi_1 - \Phi_2| > 7\pi/8$ ,  $|y_{\text{jet}}| < 2.1$ , other events are rejected from the measurement
- fully unfold in  $p_{T1}$  &  $p_{T2}$ ,  $x_J = p_{T2}/p_{T1}$  constructed from unfolded  $p_{T1}$  &  $p_{T2}$  distribution



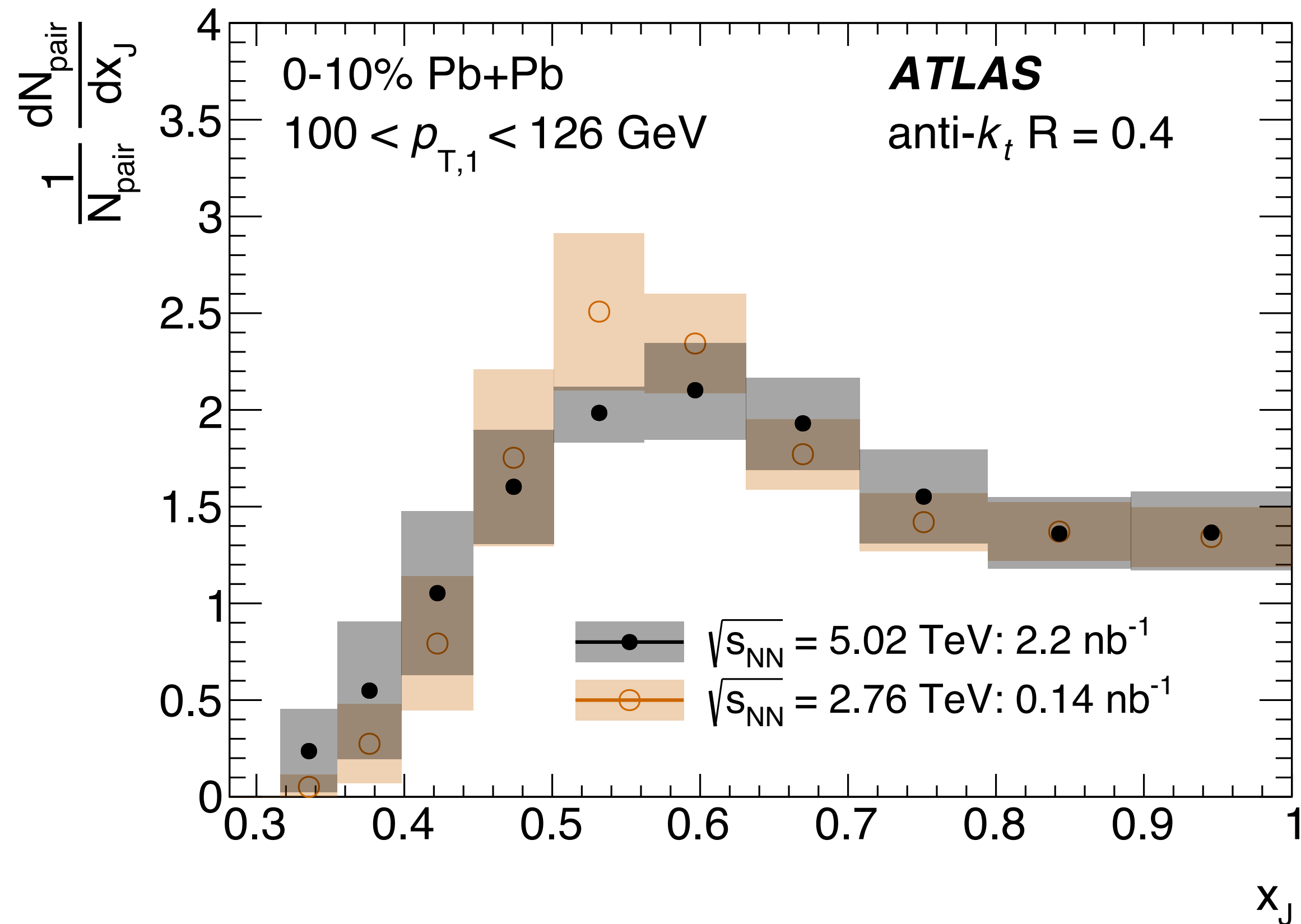
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**$x_J$  distributions have consistent shapes at the two collision energies**



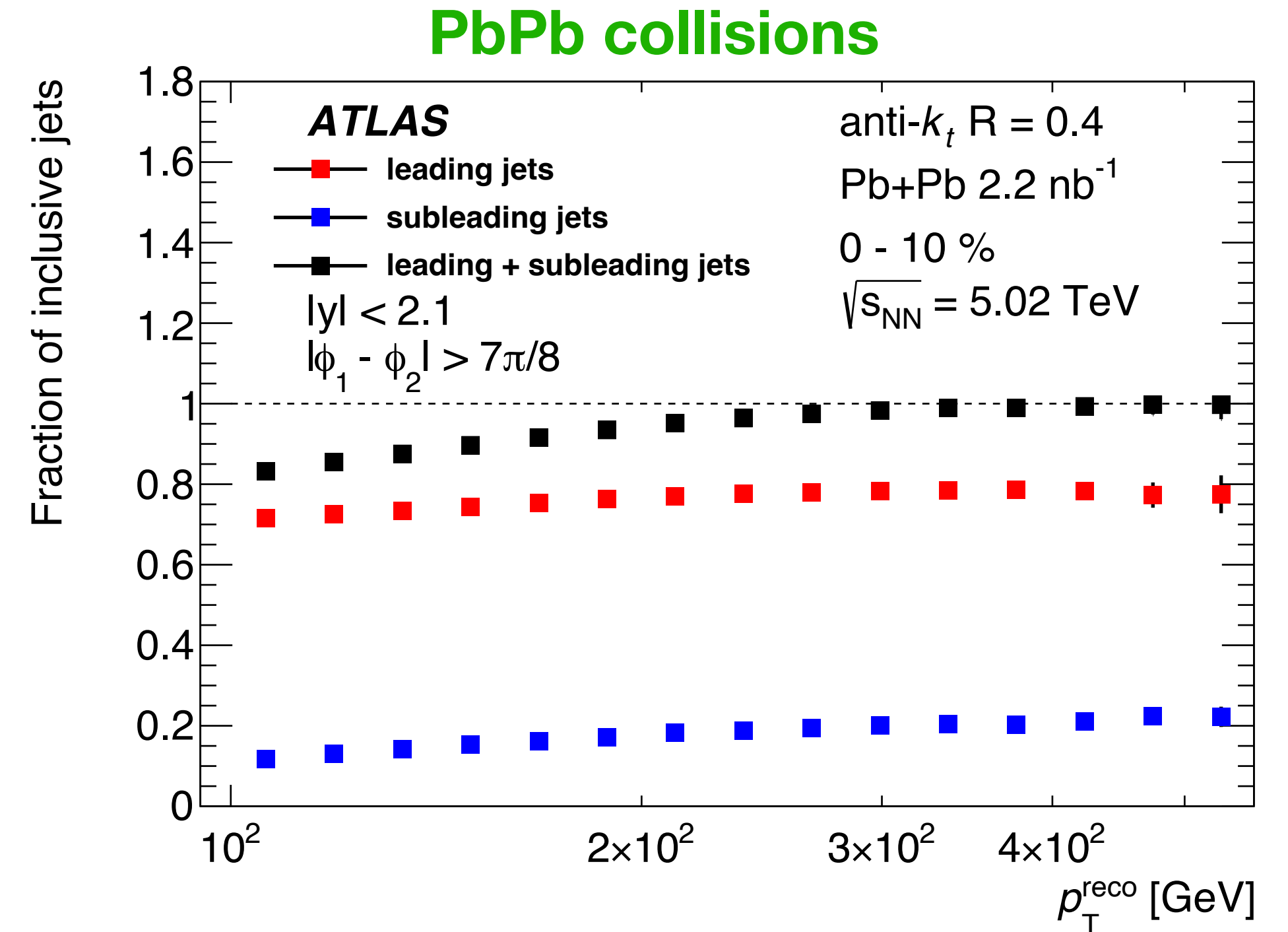
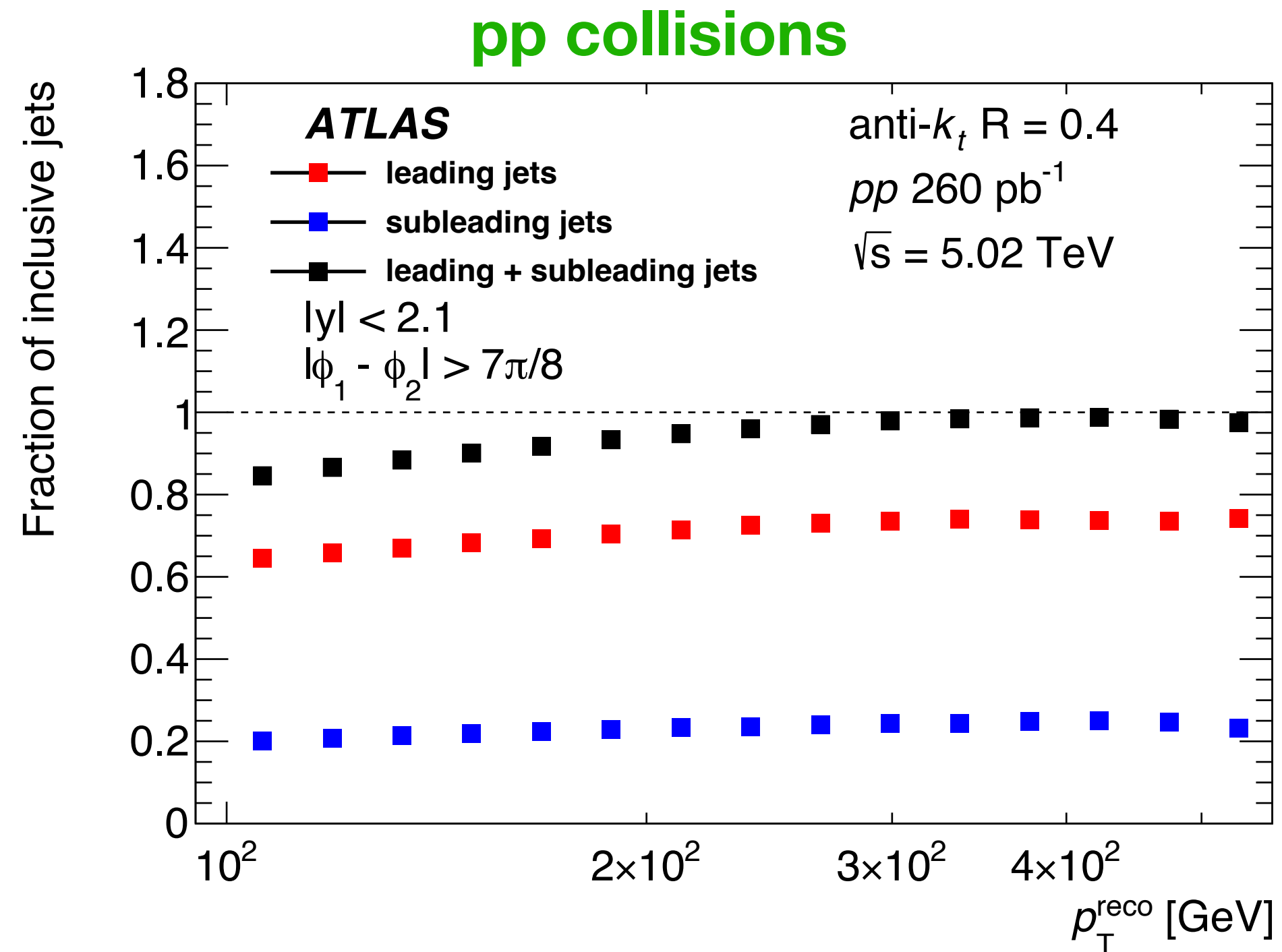
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**is there an enhancement of imbalanced dijets or a suppression of balanced dijets?**

*to answer that, look at the absolute rate of dijets, not the relative rate*

# most jets $> 100$ GeV are in dijet pairs



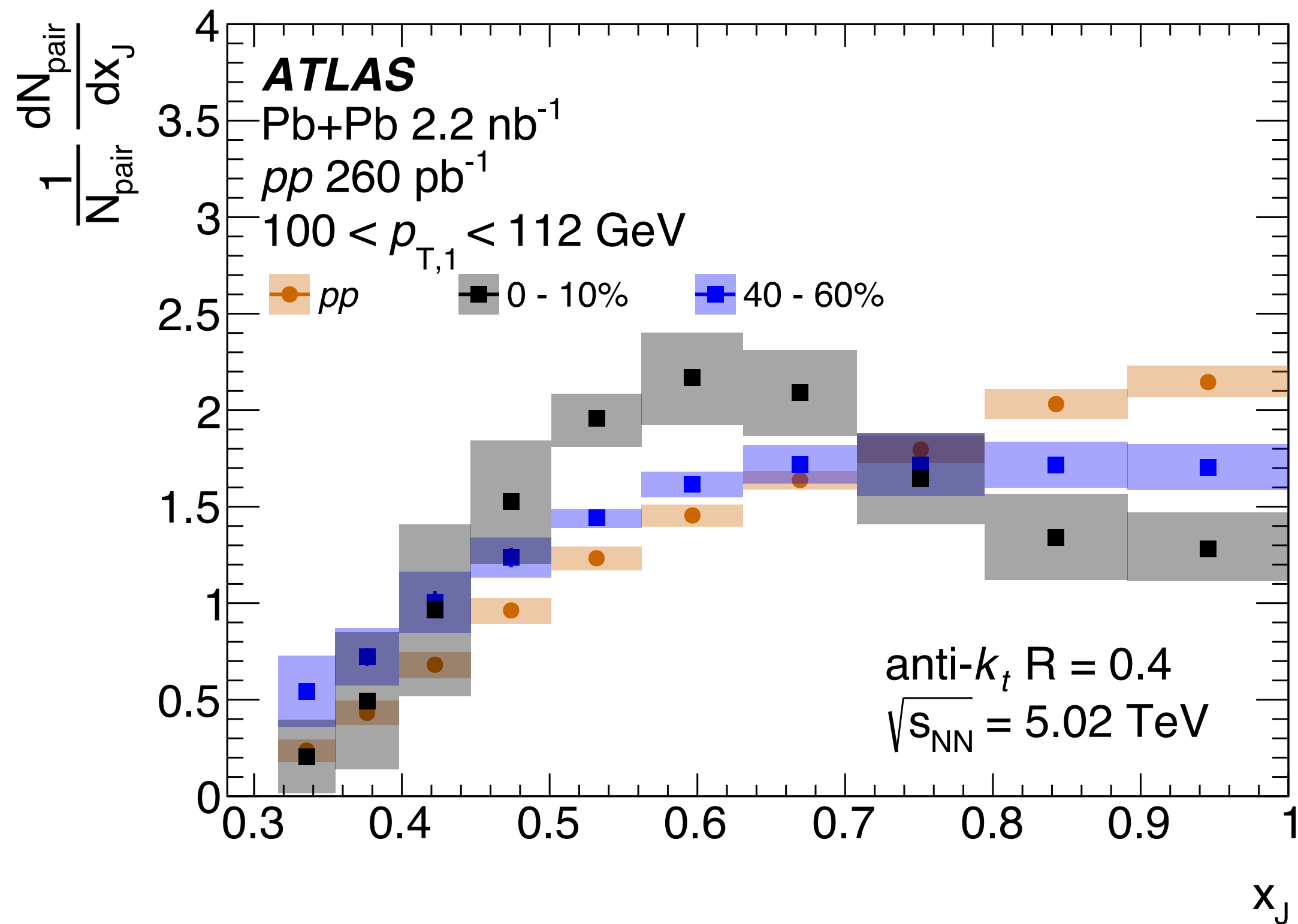
at 100 GeV over 80% of all jets are included in a leading dijet pair; at 200 GeV it is over 95%  
at a given  $p_T$  most jets are **leading jets**, rather than **subleading jets**

*since the bulk of the jets above 100 GeV are in dijet pairs, the overall rate of dijets must be suppressed at a level similar to that of inclusive jets*



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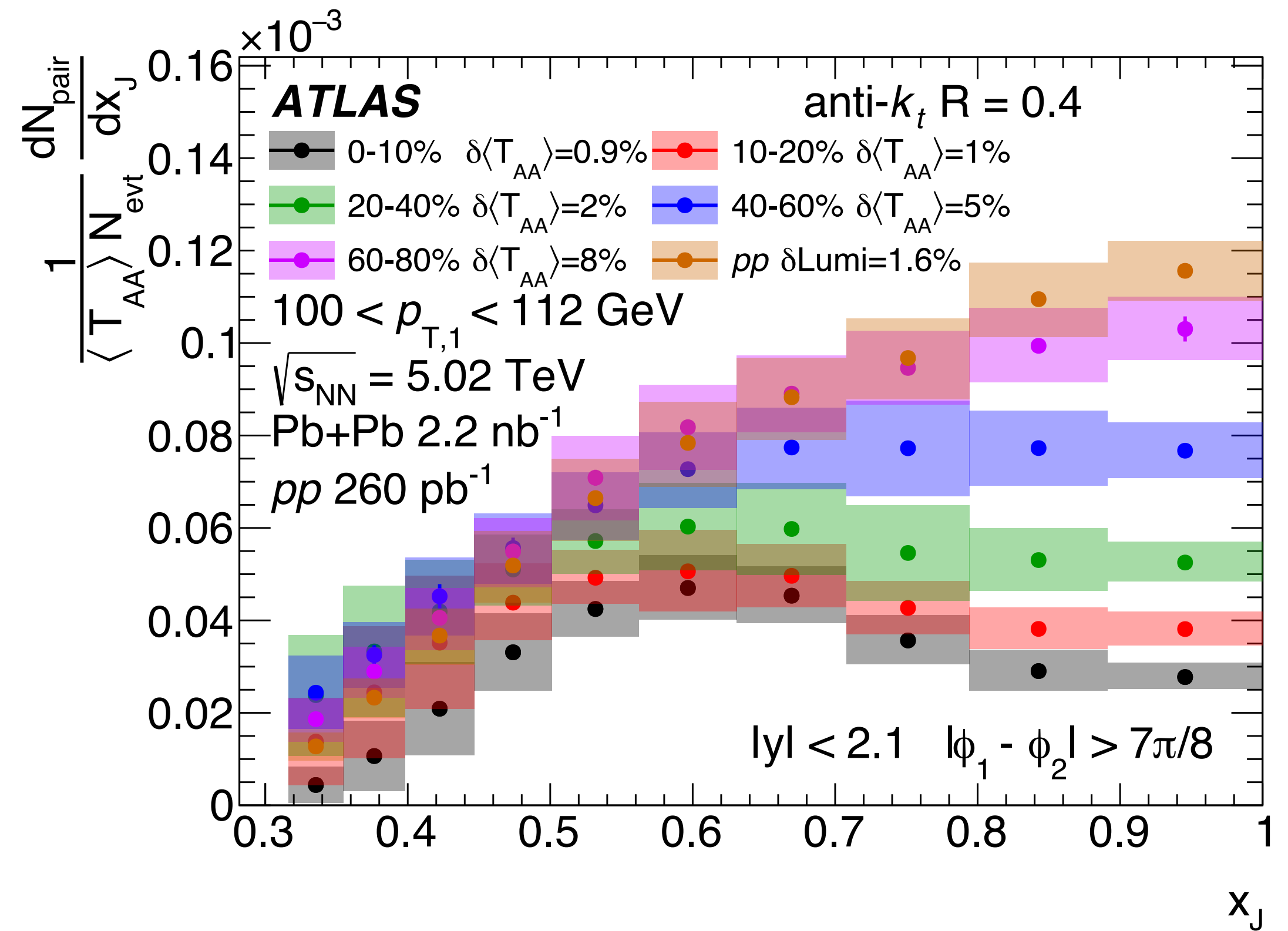
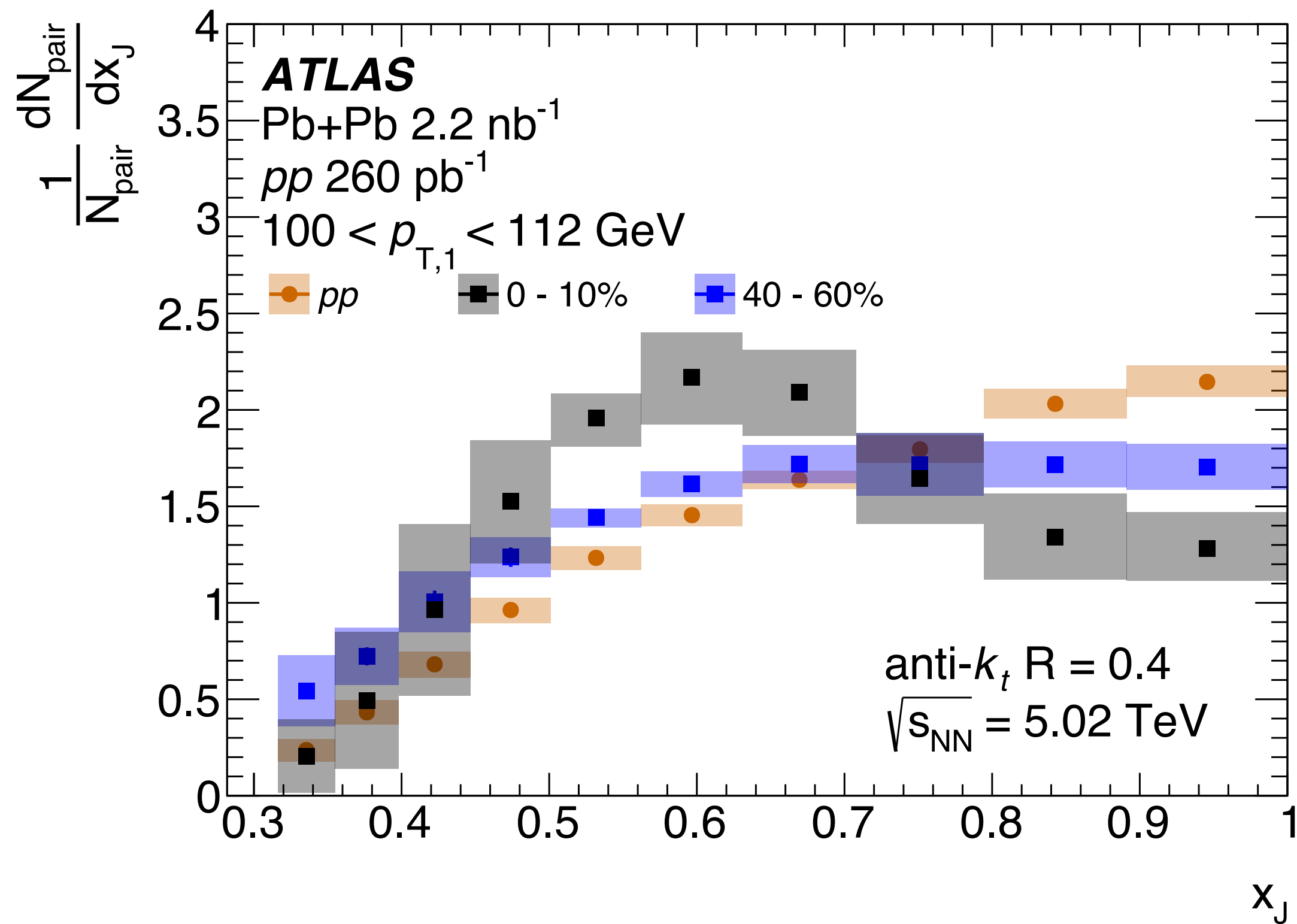
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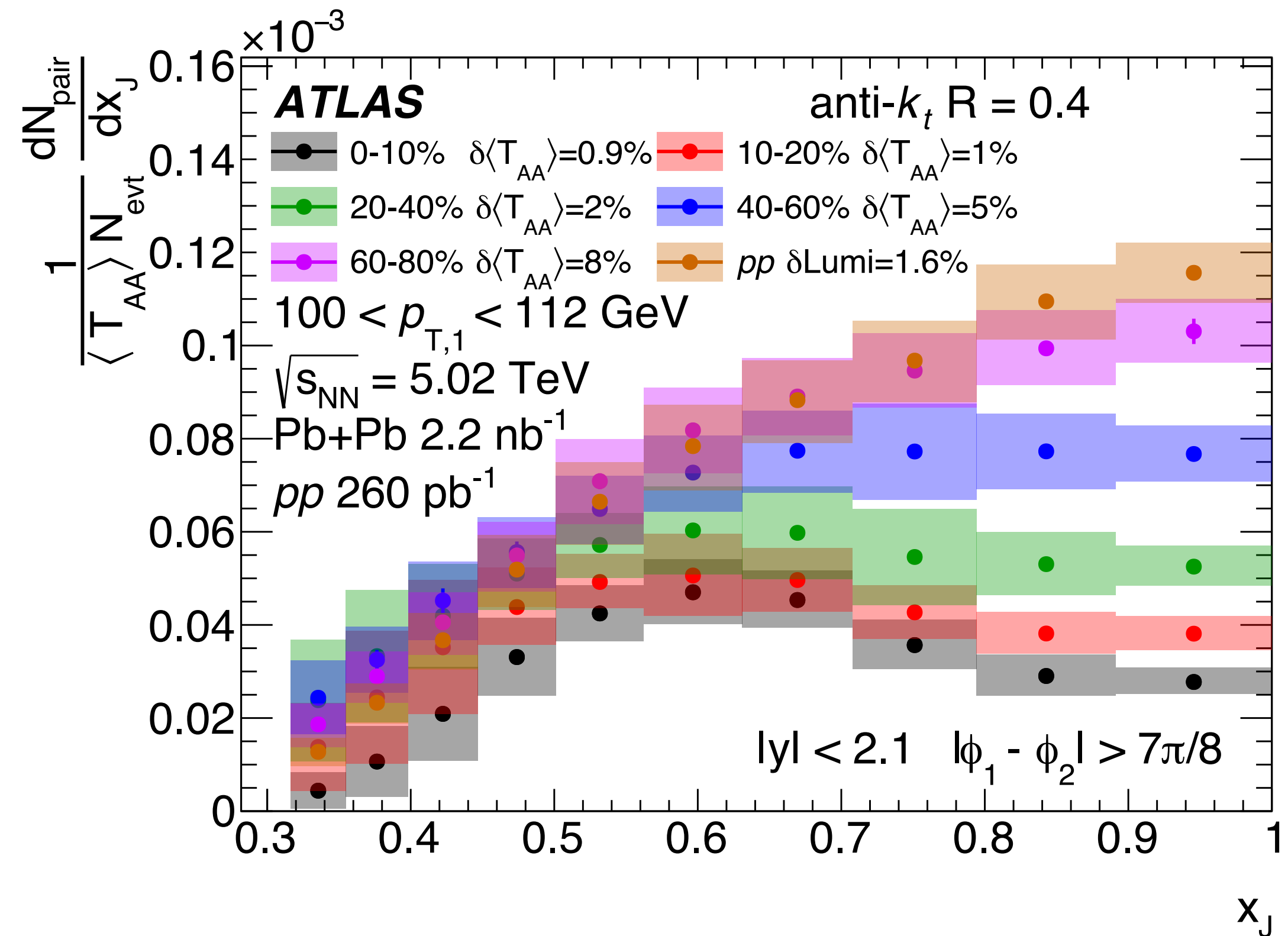
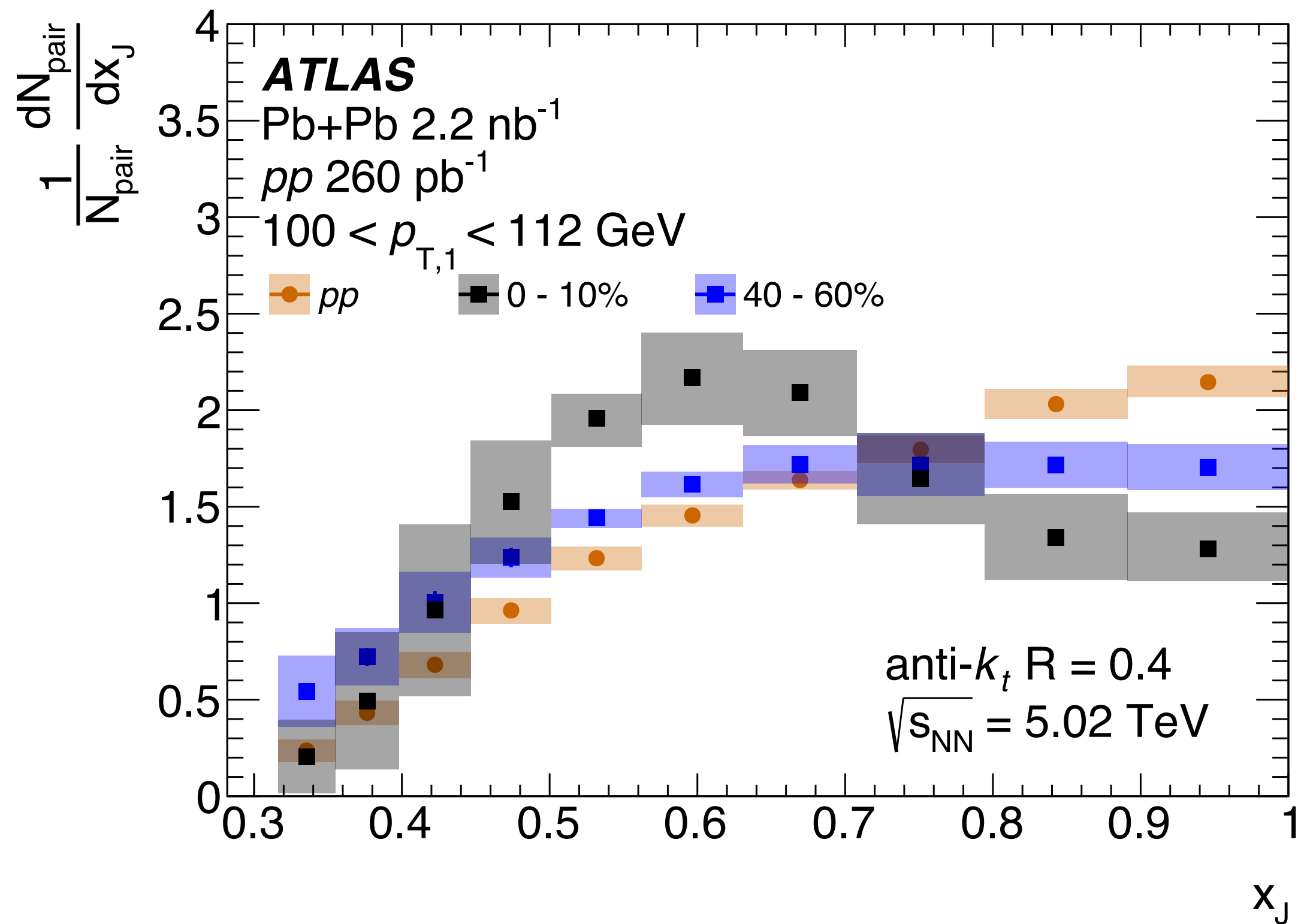




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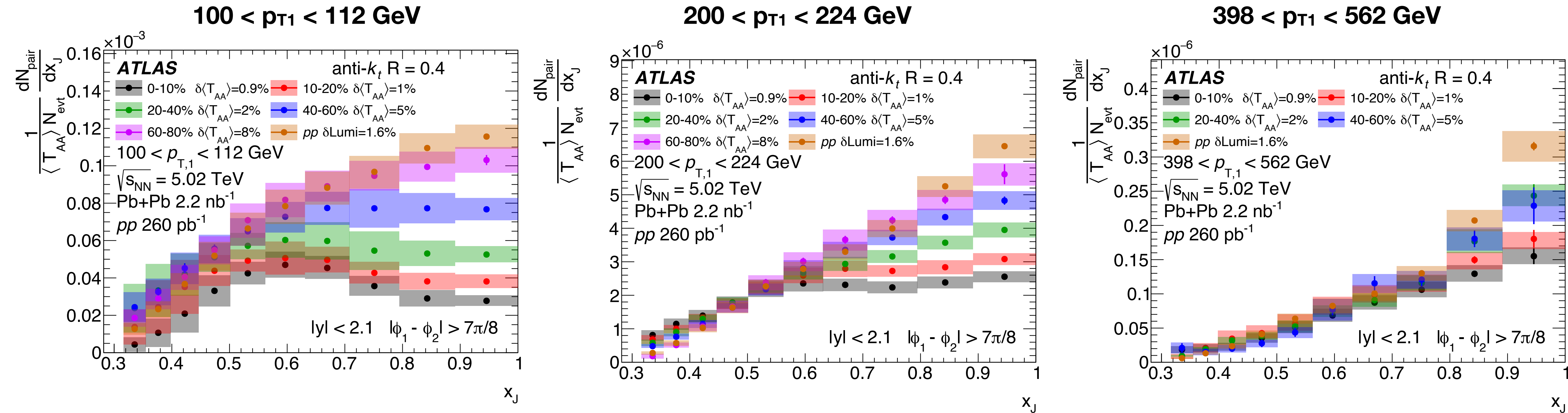
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absolutely normalized distributions show that *balanced* jets are preferentially suppressed

# suppression of balanced dijets

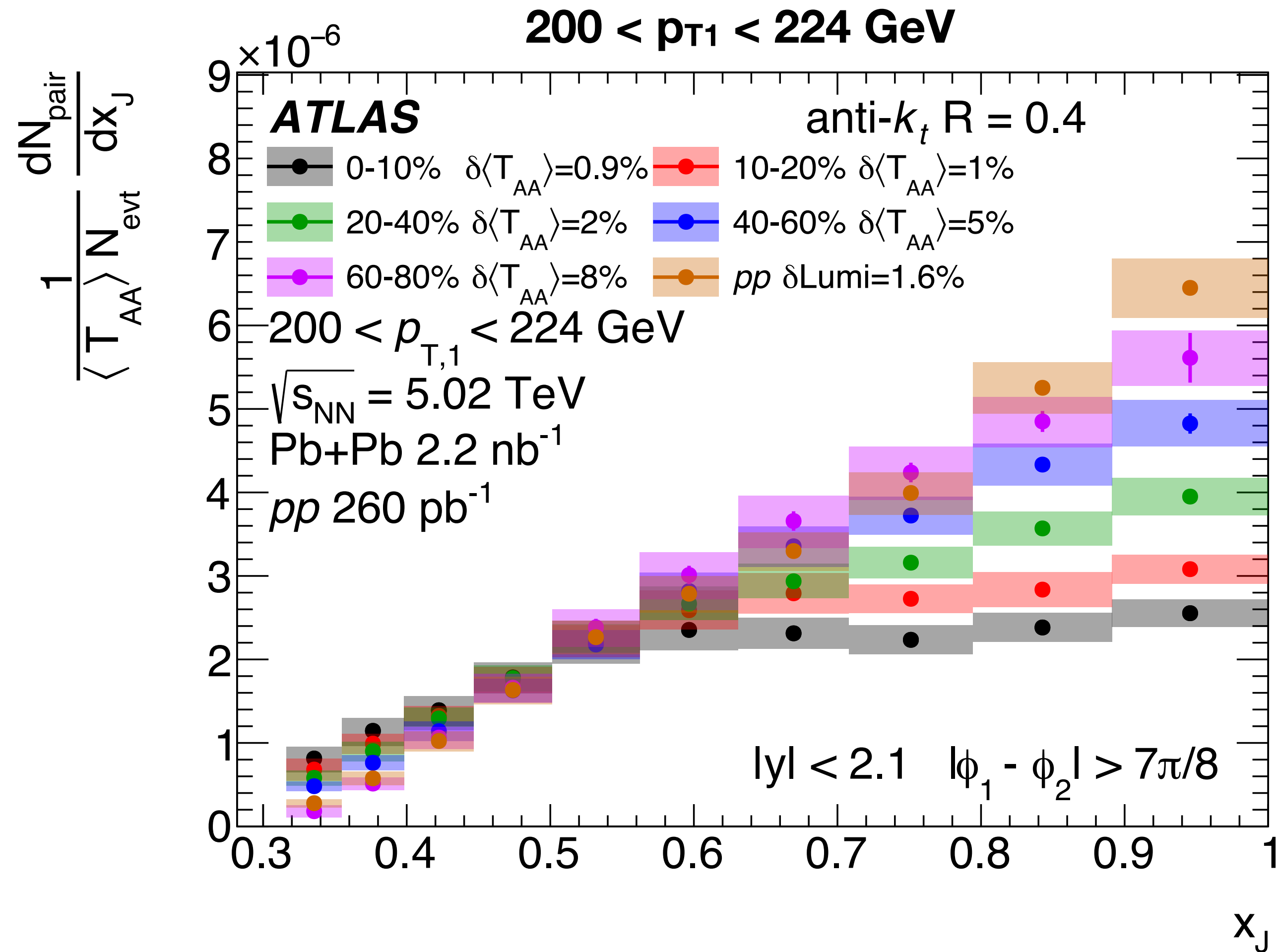


viewed in this way the “peak” is an artifact of the suppression of balanced jets which persists over all leading jet  $p_T$

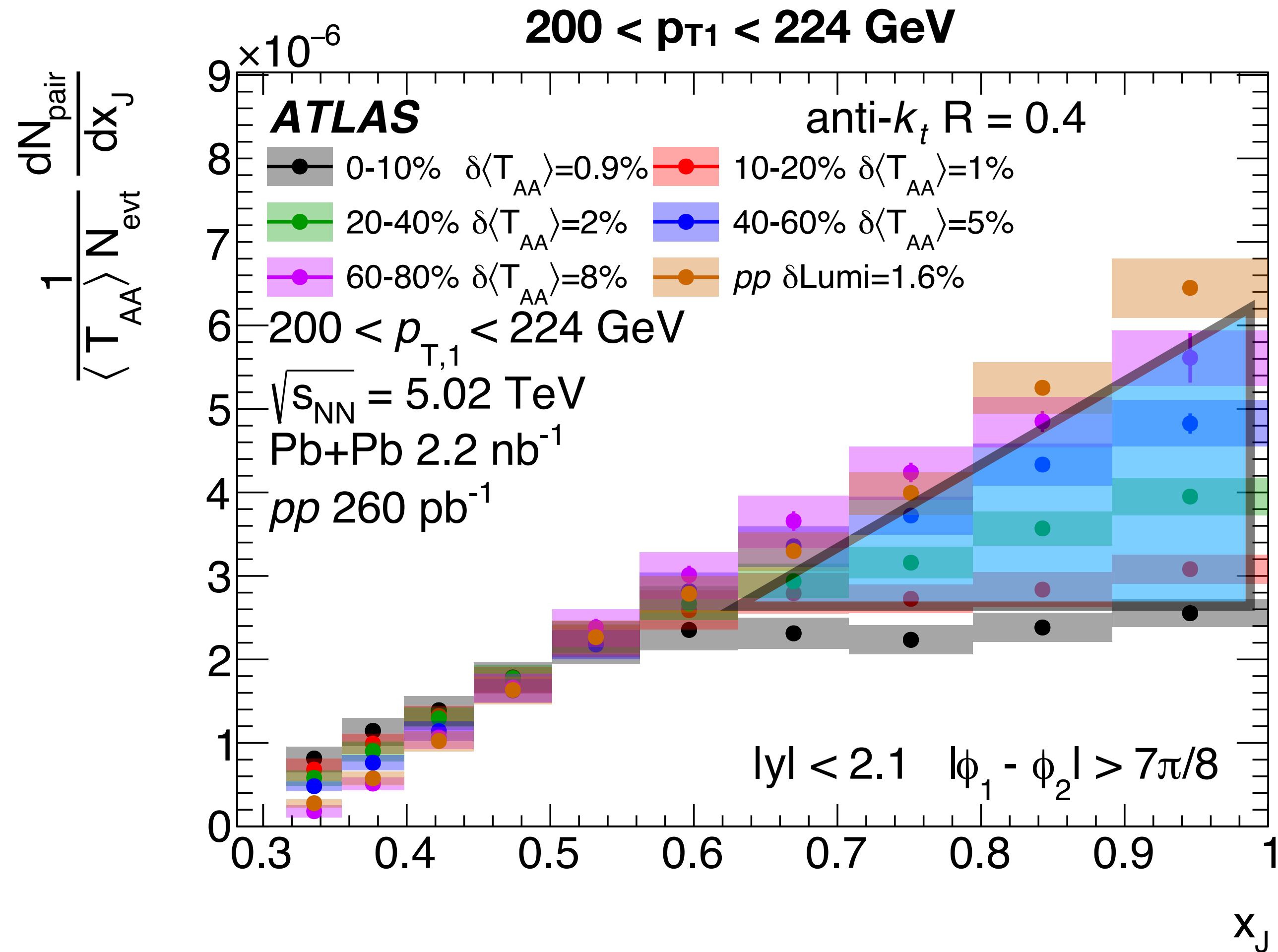
suppression of *both* jets important!



# dijet suppression picture

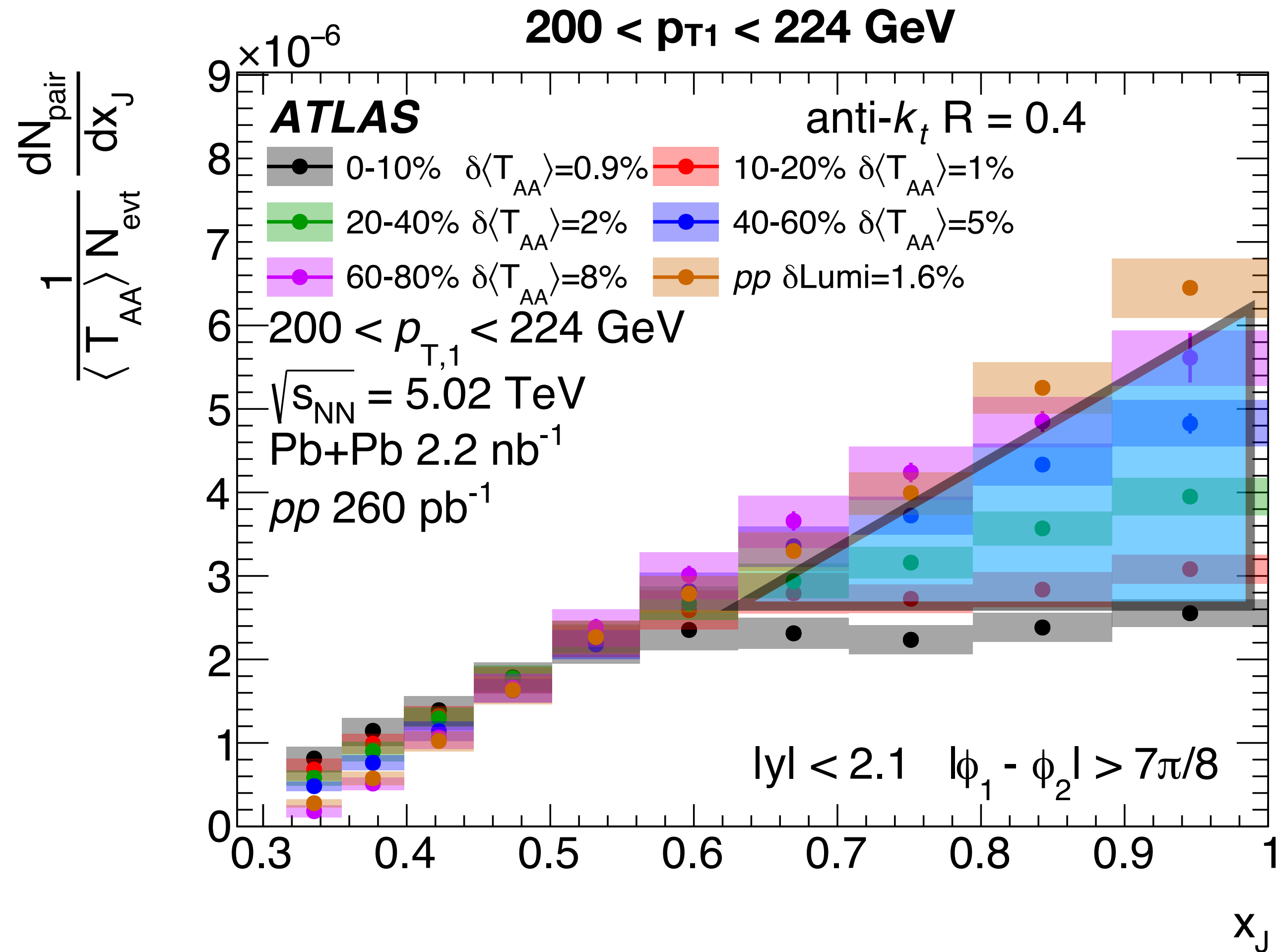


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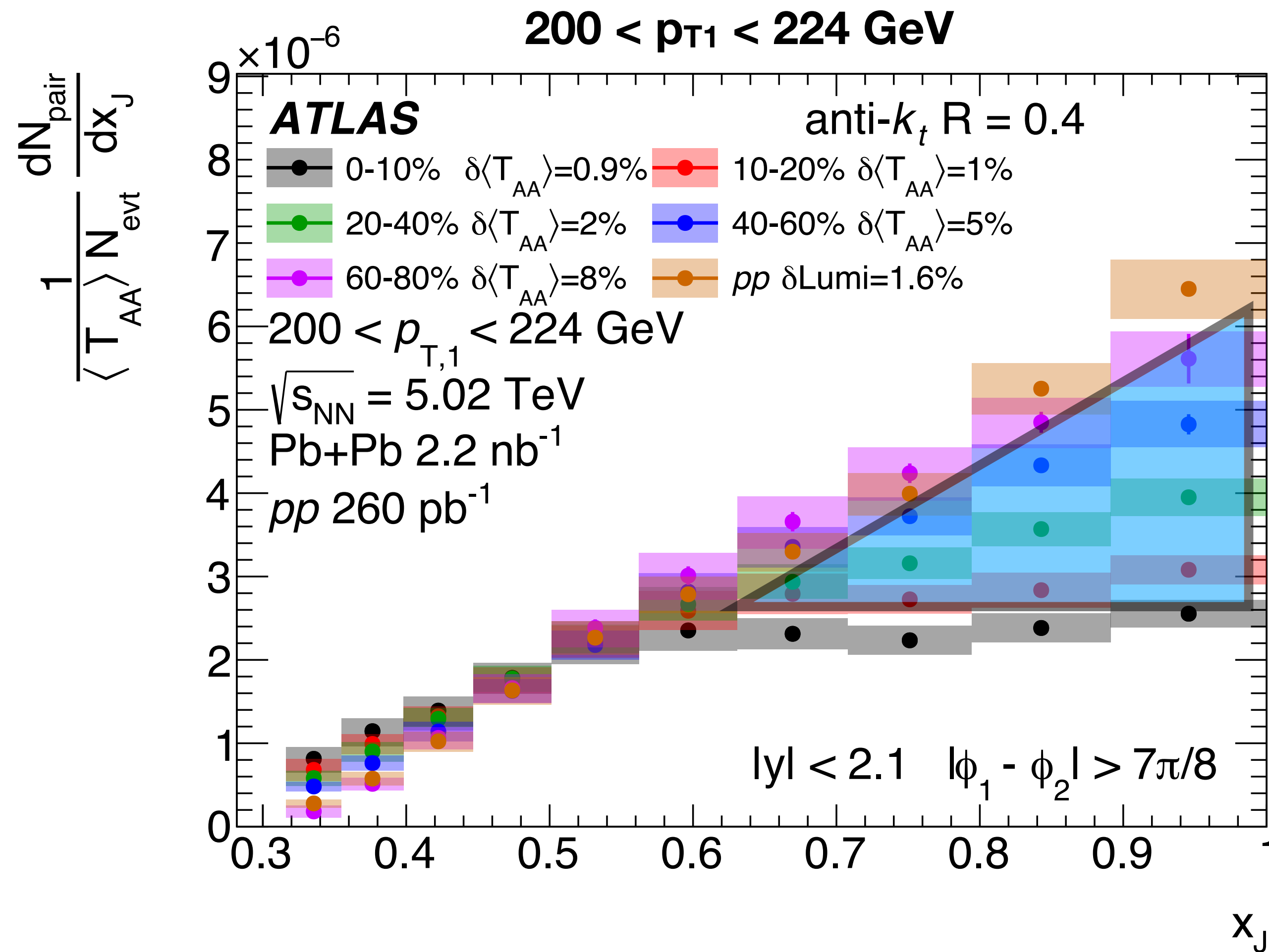
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which balanced dijets are suppressed?

– is it due to the path length dependence?

*measure  $x_J$  as a function of  $\psi_2$*

– is it due to the jet structure?

*measure  $x_J$  as a function of substructure (very hard – 4D unfolding) and/or jet radius*

# overall suppression of leading/subleading jets

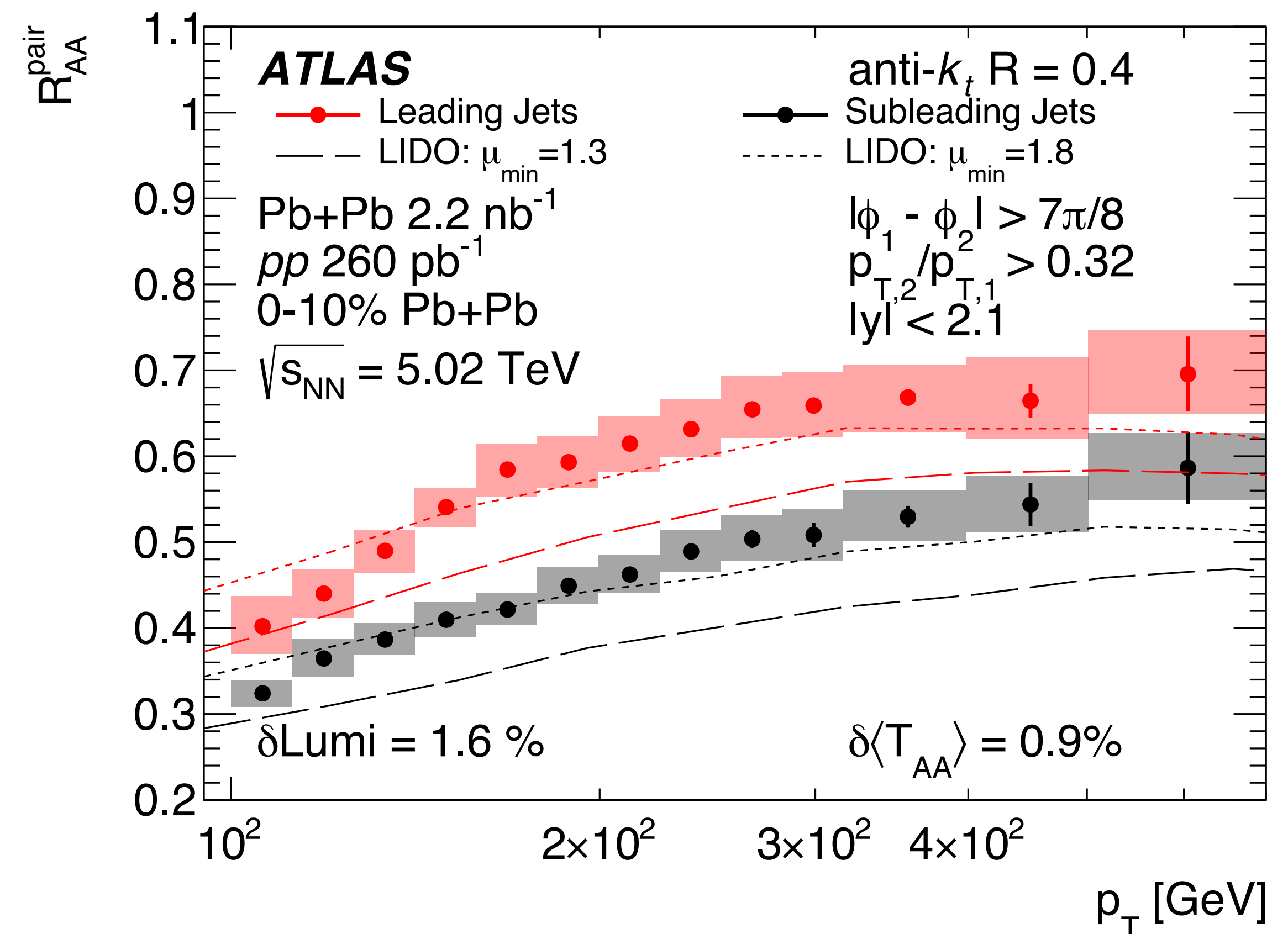
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$R_{AA}$  of subleading jets after integrating over all leading jet  $x_j$

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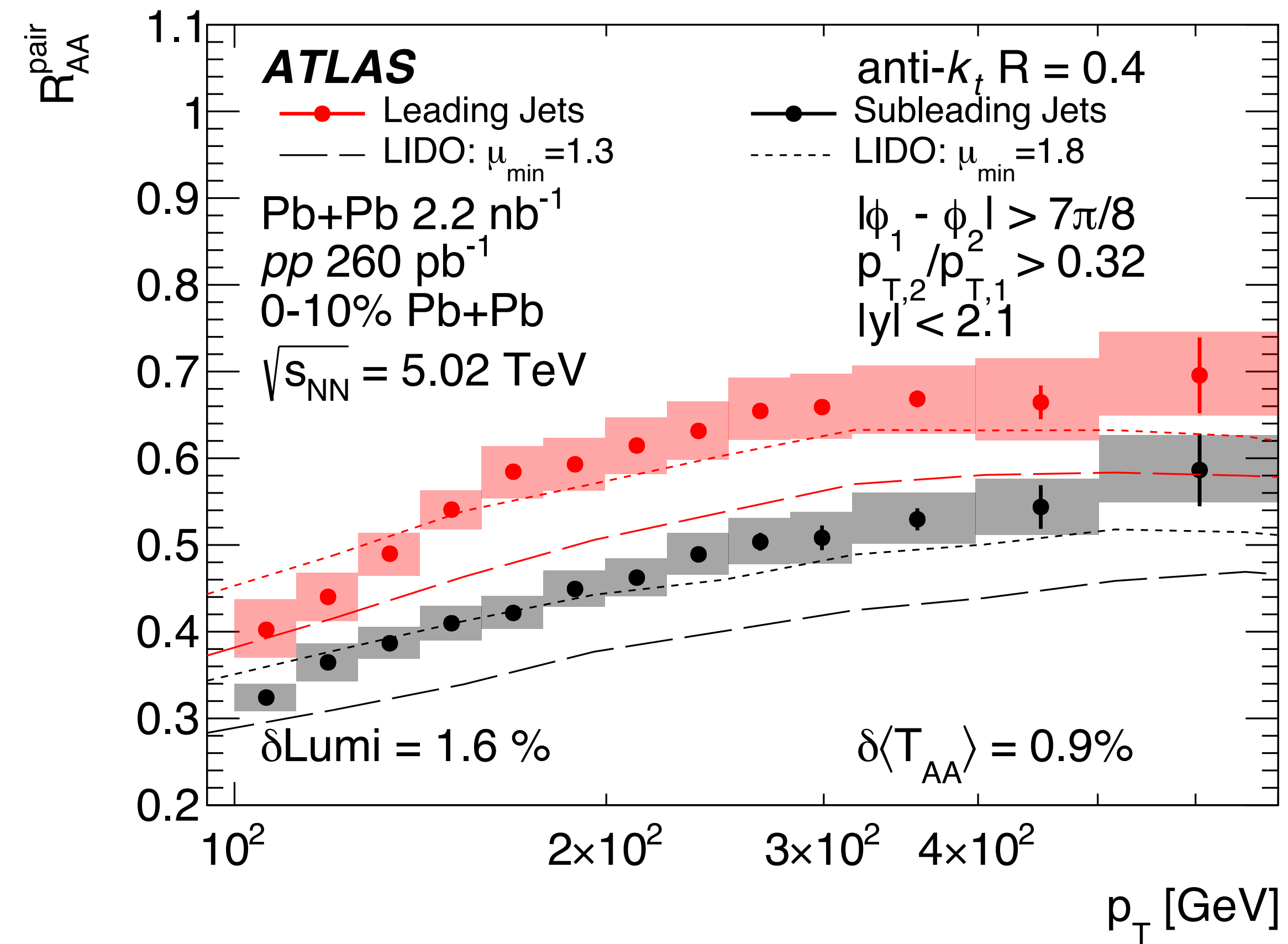
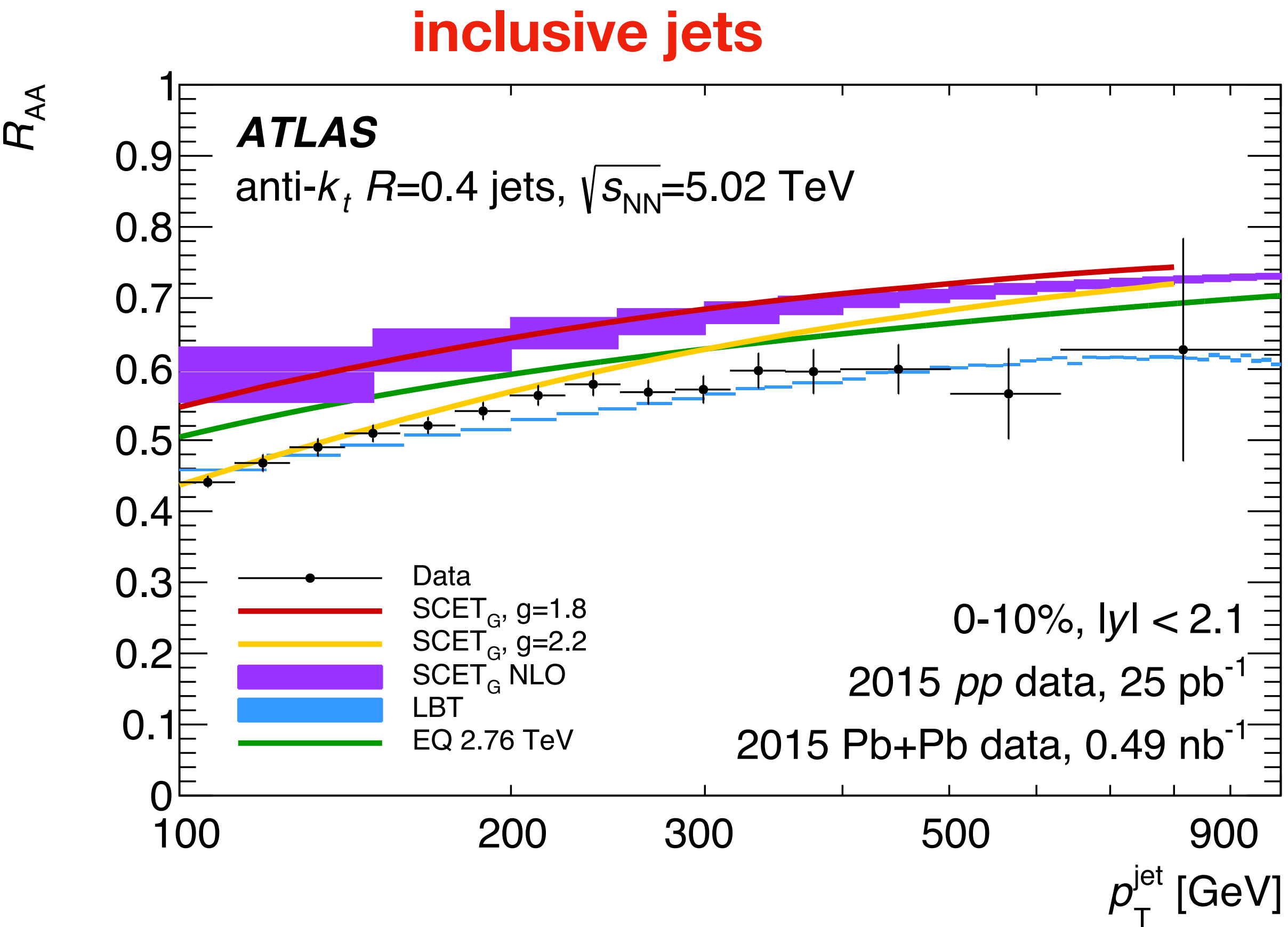
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leading jets are significantly suppressed in central collisions



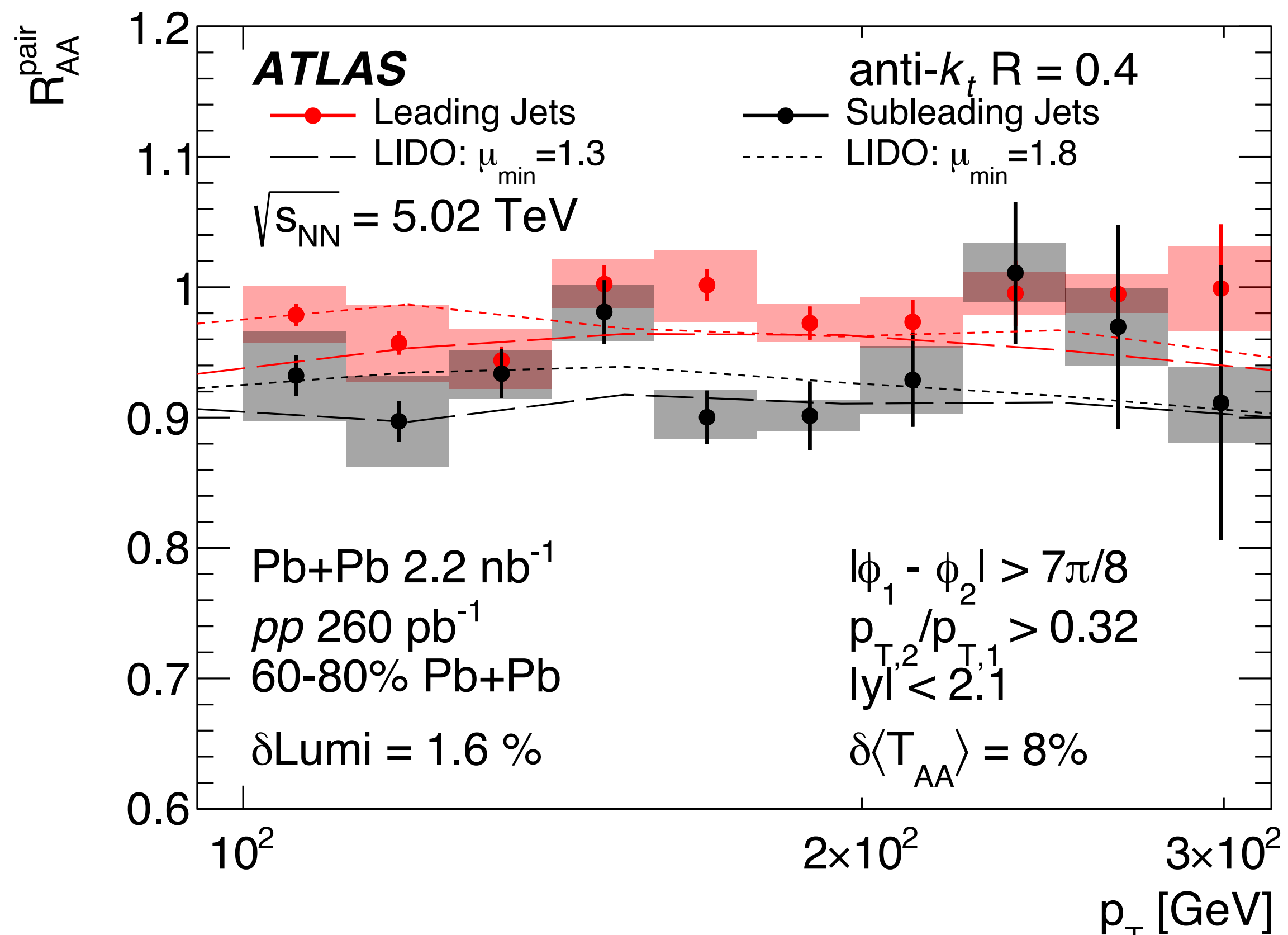
# comparison of leading/subleading jets to inclusive jets



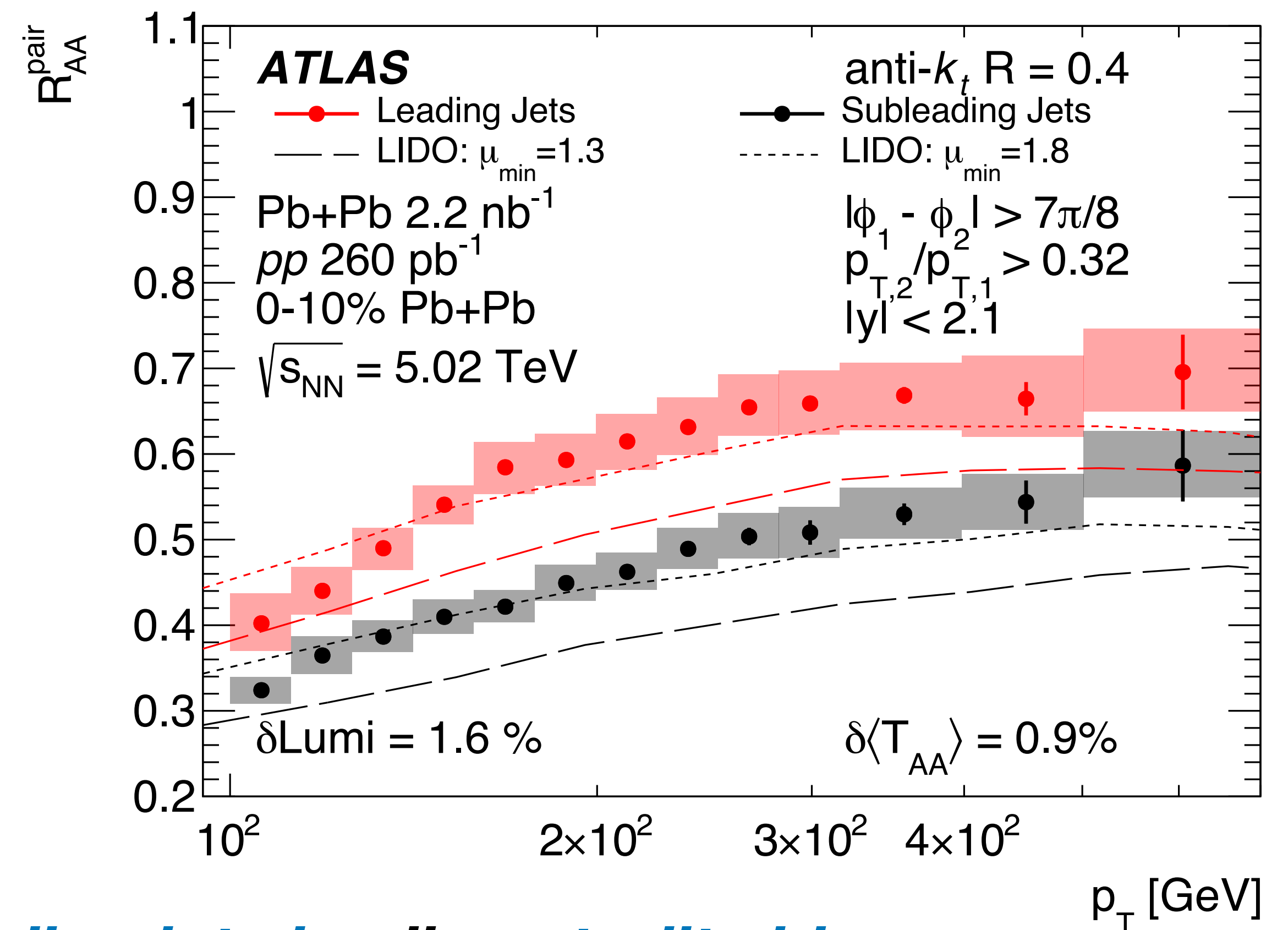
$$R_{AA}^{\text{pair,subleading}} < R_{AA,\text{inc}} < R_{AA}^{\text{pair,leading}}$$

# overall suppression of leading/subleading jets

## 60-80% central events



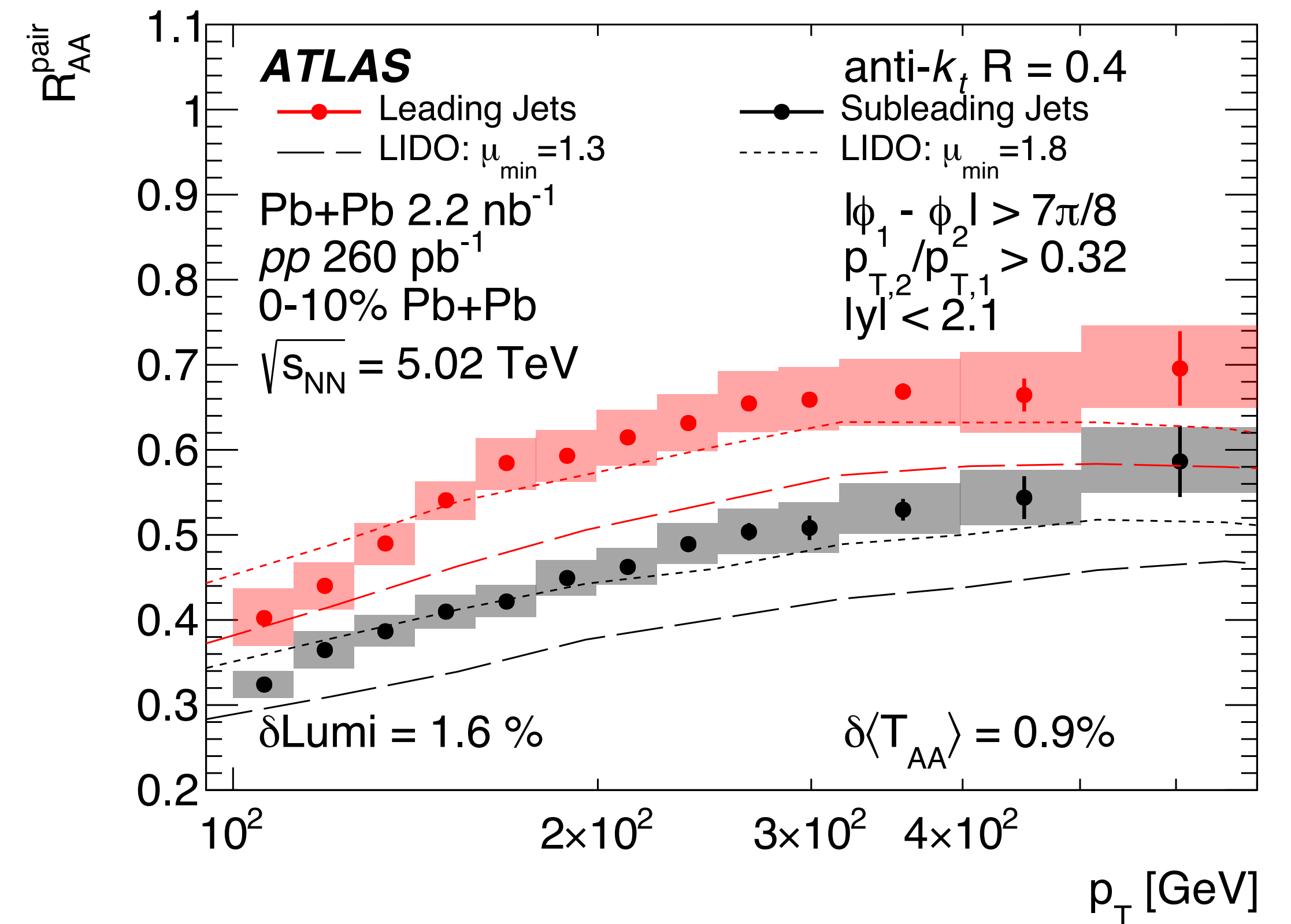
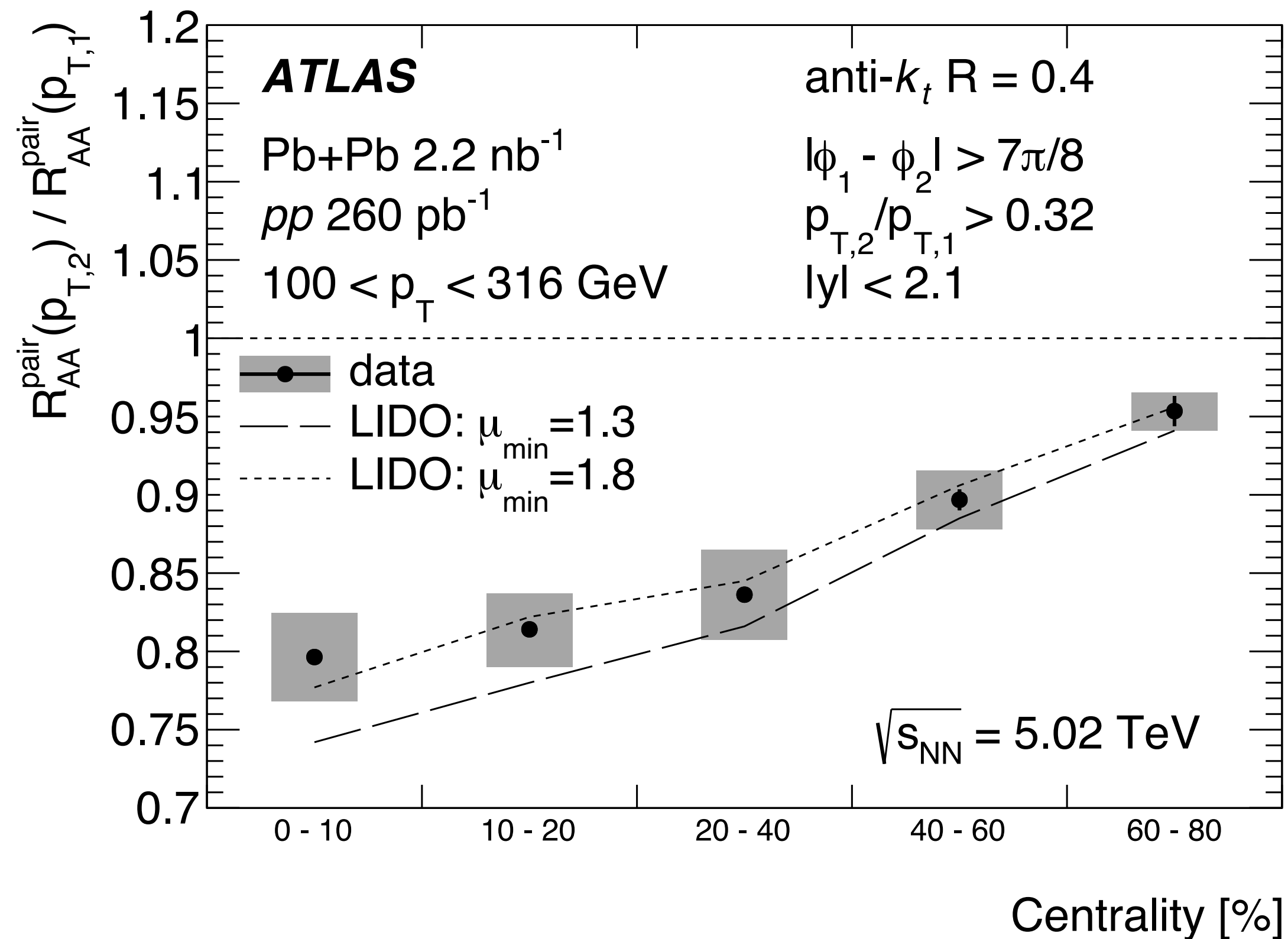
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**significant suppression of subleading jets in all centrality bins**

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$R_{AA}(\text{subleading jet}) / R_{AA}(\text{leading jet})$



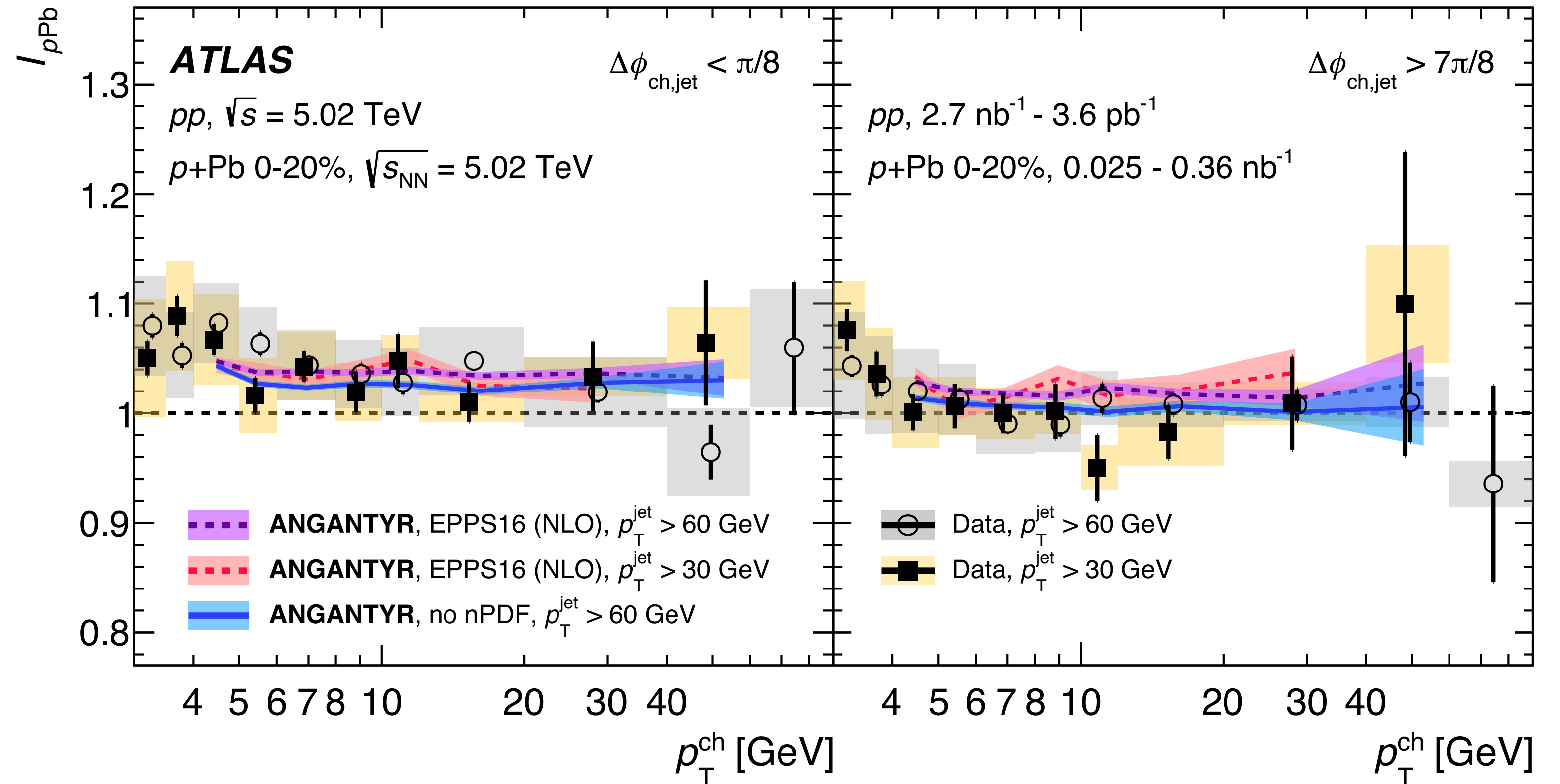
*subleading jets suppressed more than leading jets in all centralities*



# what is the small size limit of jet quenching?

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**new ATLAS paper looking at  
jet-hadron correlations in pPb  
collisions;  
still no evidence of jet  
quenching in pPb collisions**



***this lack of suppression highlights the importance of the OO data at STAR & upcoming LHC data in understanding the small path length limit of jet quenching***



# sPHENIX

inner HCal insertion June 2022

- the kinematic reach of the LHC measurements has been key to extracting the physics
- with sPHENIX we will be able to fully exploit the RHIC luminosity and have large samples of jets in pp & AuAu collisions over most the available kinematic range



Year	Species	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [GeV]	Cryo Weeks	Physics Weeks	Rec. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm	Samp. Lum. $ z  < 10$ cm
2023	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	9 (13)	3.7 (5.7) nb <sup>-1</sup>	4.5 (6.9) nb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	200	24 (28)	12 (16)	0.3 (0.4) pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 4.5 (6.2) pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	45 (62) pb <sup>-1</sup>
2024	$p^\uparrow$ +Au	200	–	5	0.003 pb <sup>-1</sup> [5 kHz] 0.01 pb <sup>-1</sup> [10%-str]	0.11 pb <sup>-1</sup>
2025	Au+Au	200	24 (28)	20.5 (24.5)	13 (15) nb <sup>-1</sup>	21 (25) nb <sup>-1</sup>

***both sPHENIX & the LHC jet measurements are necessary to constrain the physics of jet quenching***



<https://www.bnl.gov/sphenix2022/>



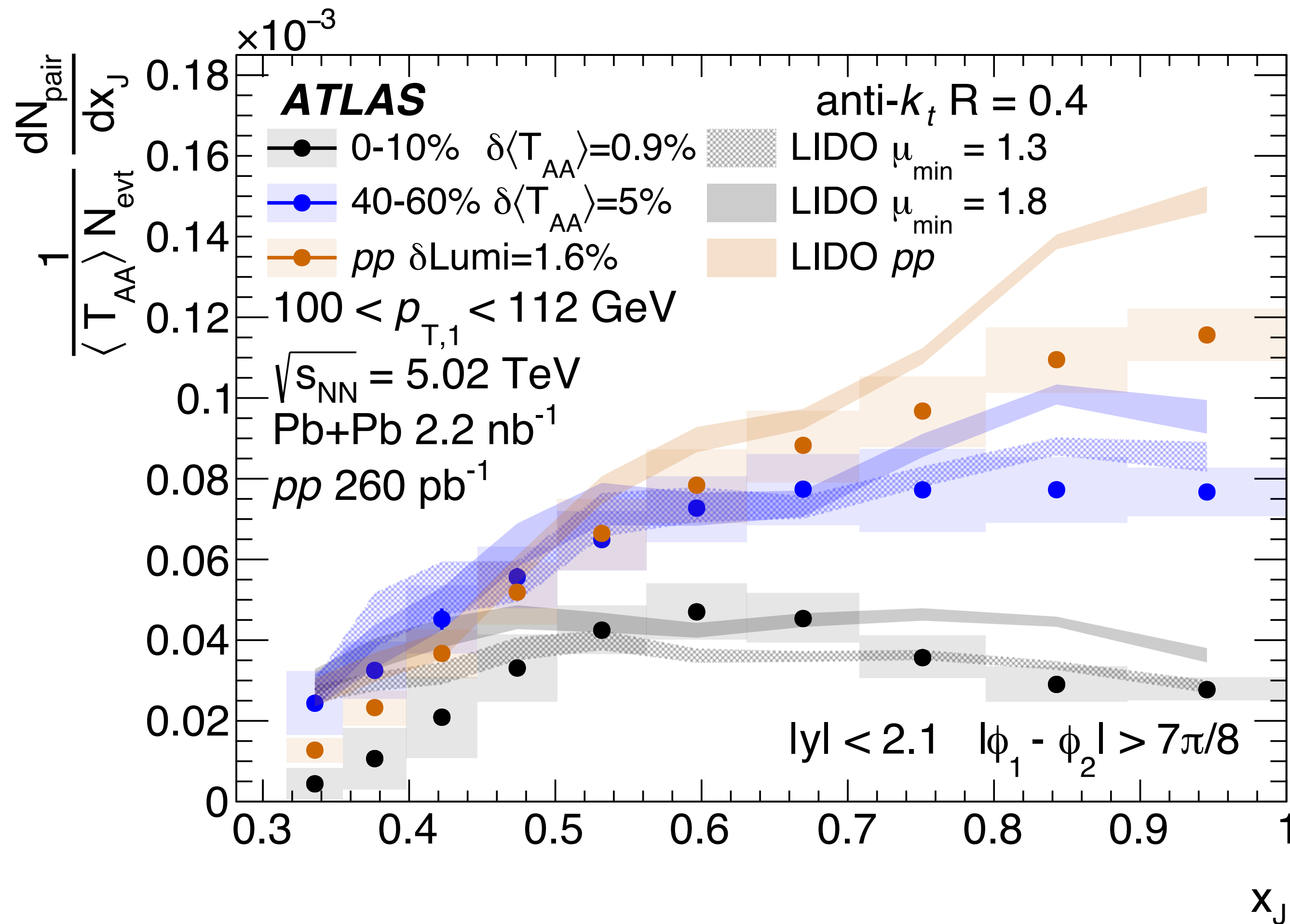
# summary

- precision measurements of jet  $v_2$  & non-zero jet  $v_3$  shows quenching is sensitive to path length differences of the size generated by  $\epsilon_3$
- balanced dijet rate reduced in PbPb collisions
- new strong limits on the effects of quenching in pPb collisions
- challenge: all the measurements shown here integrate over all the jet structures; would be extremely powerful to disentangle these effects
- new opportunities with LHC Run 3, OO (STAR & LHC), & sPHENIX, along with increasingly sophisticated theory make the next several years an excellent time to study jets



**backups**

# LIDO compared to data



significant differences between LIDO and data in at high  $x_J$  in pp collisions

key to bench-mark models and data in the reference system in addition to heavy-ions

# jet $v_n$ systematic uncertainties

