

# Forward Production by Parton Recombination

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## Outline

- Why fragmentation should not be applied to heavy-ion collisions.
- How parton recombination resolves numerous puzzles.
- Pion production at forward rapidities in d+Au collisions.
- Backward-forward asymmetry ratio

A number of puzzles at high  $p_T$  & midrapidity at RHIC

- $R_{p/\pi} \sim 1$  in Au+Au collisions
- $R_{CP}(p) > R_{CP}(\pi)$  in d+Au collisions
- Jet structure in Au+Au different from that in pp
- $v_2(B) > v_2(M)$  in Au+Au collisions

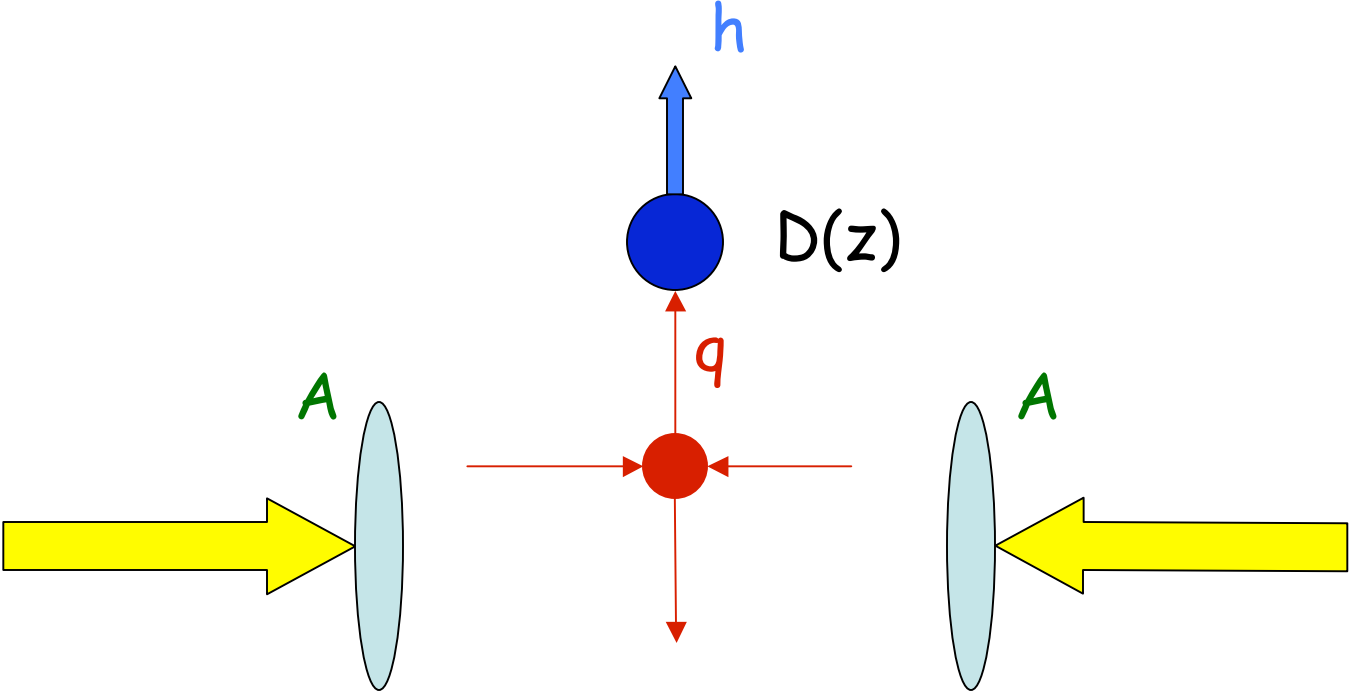
They are puzzling only within the conventional framework of particle production at high  $p_T$ :  
hard scattering  $\times$  fragmentation

We show how recombination works at  $\eta=0$ .

We then extend the same consideration to forward production. Emphasis on hadronization.

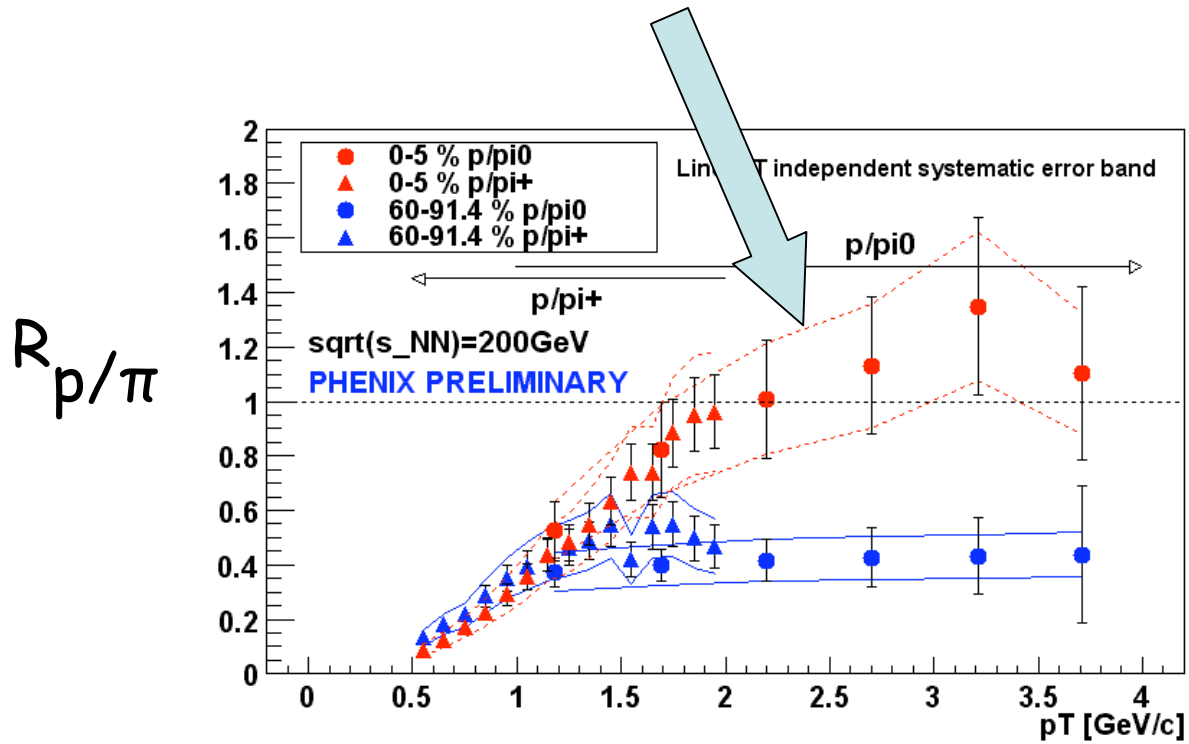
- No change of physics from  $\eta < 0$  to  $\eta > 0$ .
- Whether or not CGC physics is important at  $\eta > 0$ , it is worth examining what happens if the same physics that is successful at  $\eta = 0$  is applied to  $\eta > 0$ .
- Findings: data on  $R_{CP}$  can be well reproduced without new physics.

# Conventional approach to hadronization at high $p_T$



Puzzle #1

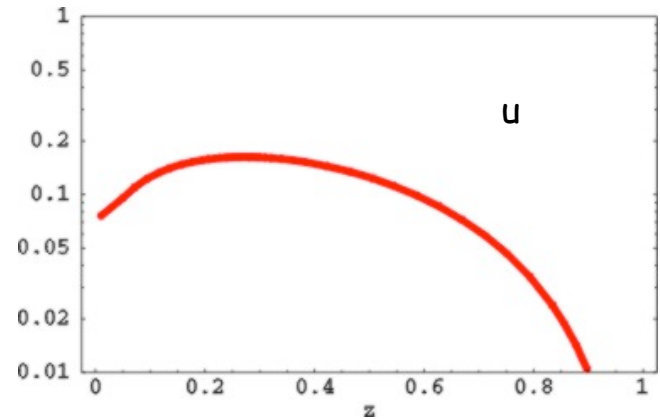
$$R_{p/\pi} > 1$$



Not possible in fragmentation model:

$$D_{p/q} \ll D_{\pi/q}$$

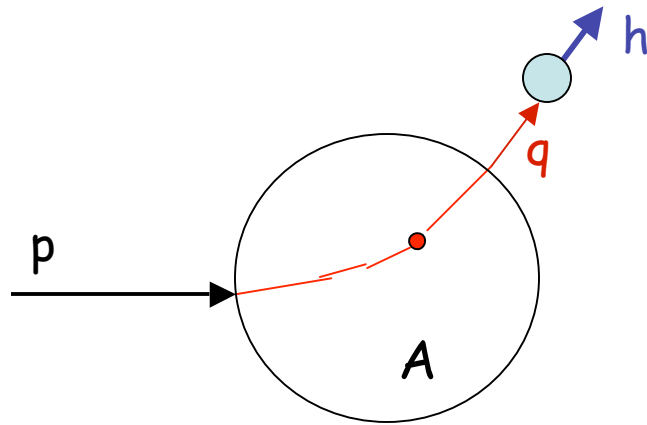
$$\frac{D_{p/q}}{D_{\pi/q}}$$



# Puzzle #2 in pA or dA collisions

## Cronin Effect

Cronin et al, Phys.Rev.D (1975)



$$\frac{dN}{dp_T}(pA \rightarrow \pi X) \propto A^\alpha, \quad \alpha > 1$$

$k_T$  broadening by multiple scattering in the initial state.

Unchallenged for ~30 years.

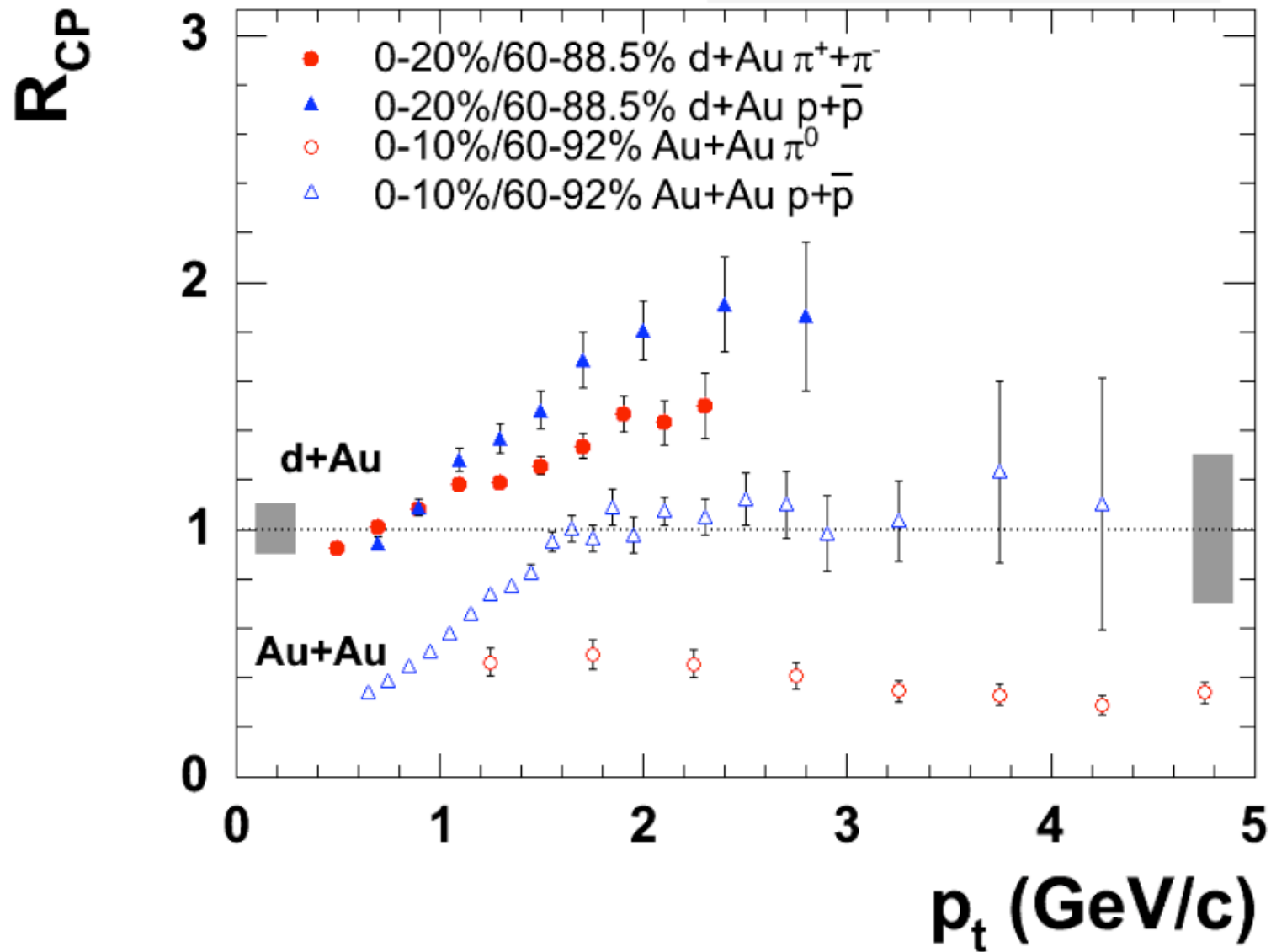
If the medium effect is before fragmentation, then  $\alpha$  should be independent of  $h = \pi$  or  $p$

$$\alpha_p > \alpha_\pi$$

RHIC expt (2003)

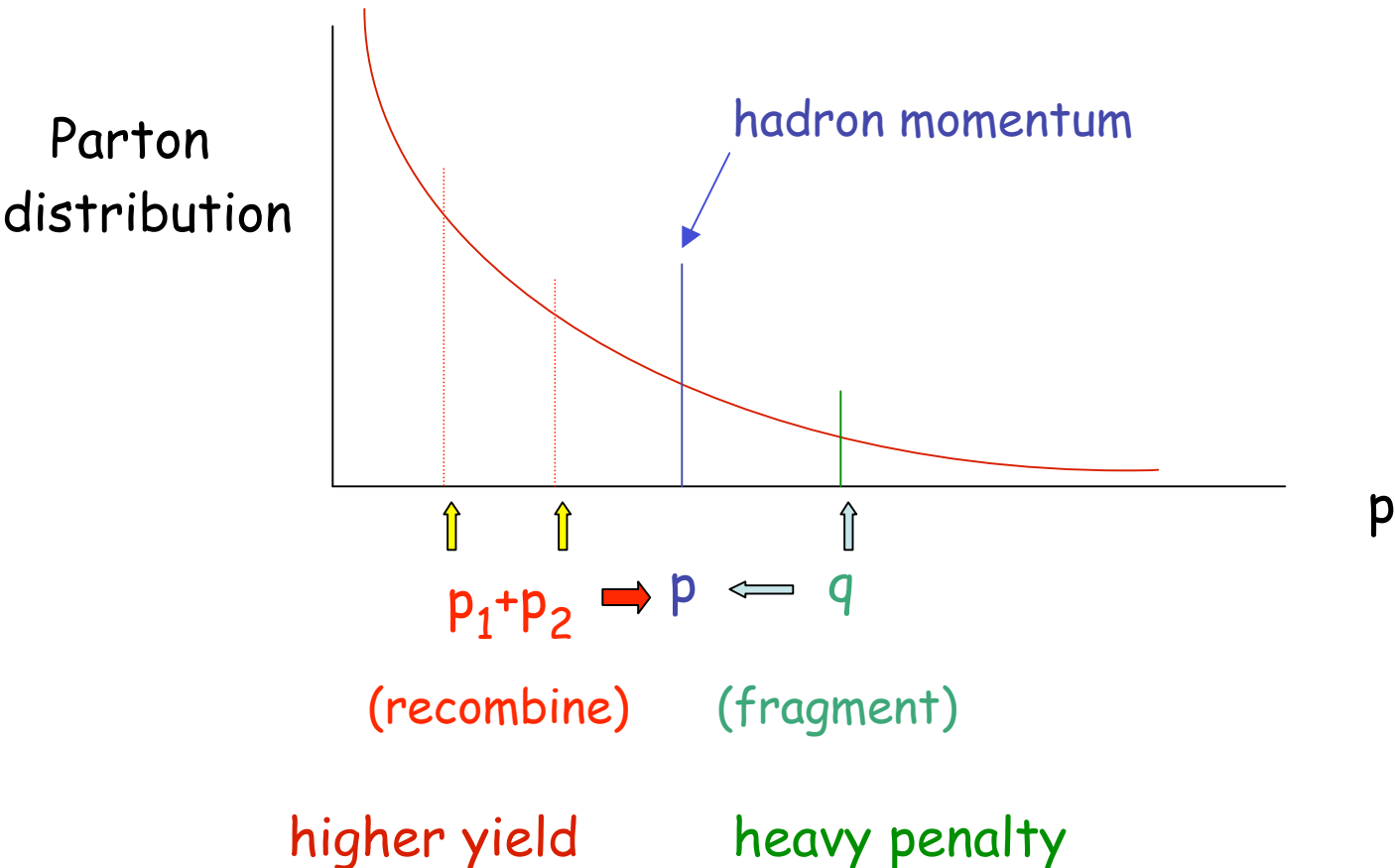
$$R_{CP}^p(p_T) > R_{CP}^\pi(p_T)$$

PHENIX d+Au PRELIMINARY

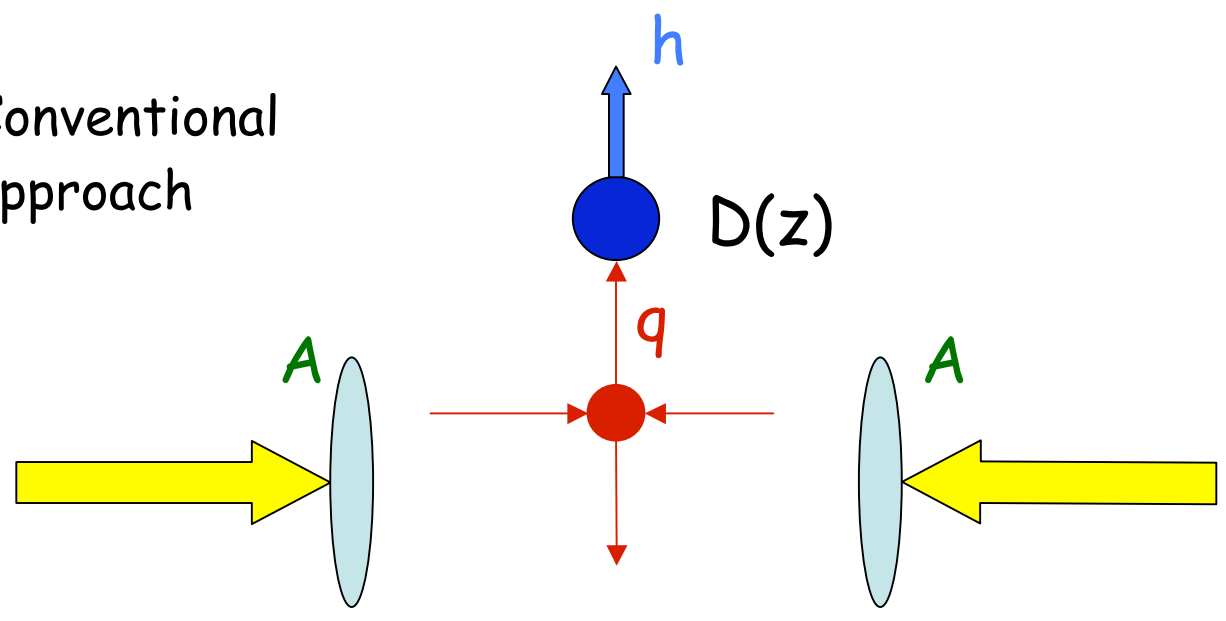




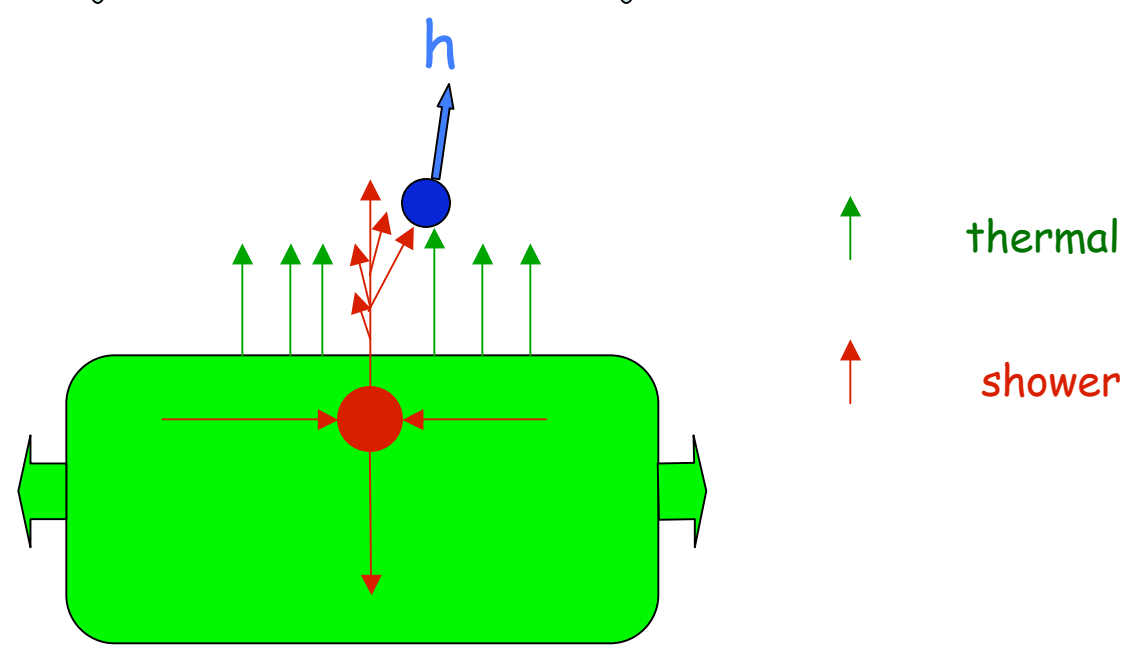
# How can recombination solve the puzzles?



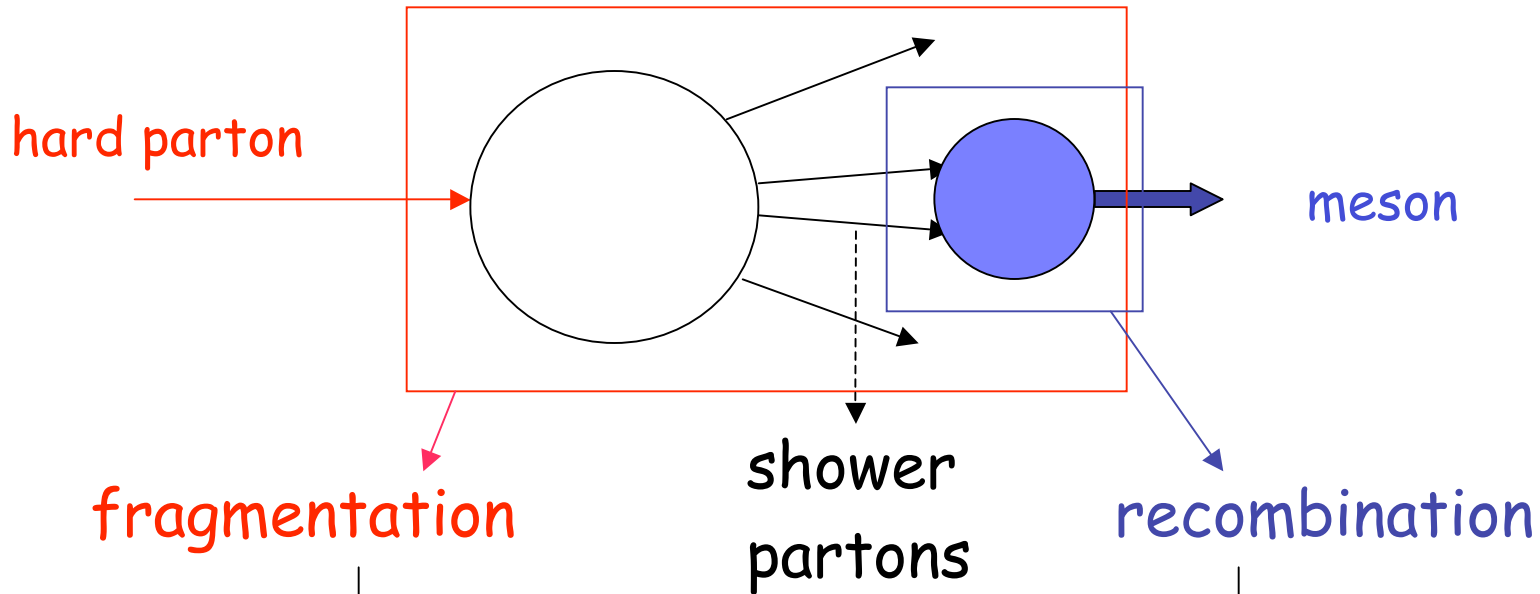
Conventional approach



Thermal-shower recombination



# Shower partons



$$xD_i^h(x) = \int \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \frac{dx_2}{x_2} S_i^j(x_1) S_i^j(x_2) R_{jj}^h(x_1, x_2, x)$$

known from data ( $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu p$ , ...)

can be  
determined

known from  
recombination model

# Shower parton distributions

$$F_{q\bar{q}}^{(i)}(x_1, x_2) = S_i^q(x_1) S_i^{\bar{q}} \left( \frac{x_2}{1-x_1} \right)$$

$$S_i^j = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u & d & s \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} K & L & L_s \\ L & K & L_s \\ L & L & K_s \\ G & G & G_s \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} u \\ d \\ s \\ g \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$K = \overset{\text{valence}}{\downarrow} K_{NS} + L \longleftarrow \text{sea}$$

$$S_u^{d, \bar{d}, \bar{u}, u(\text{sea})} = L$$

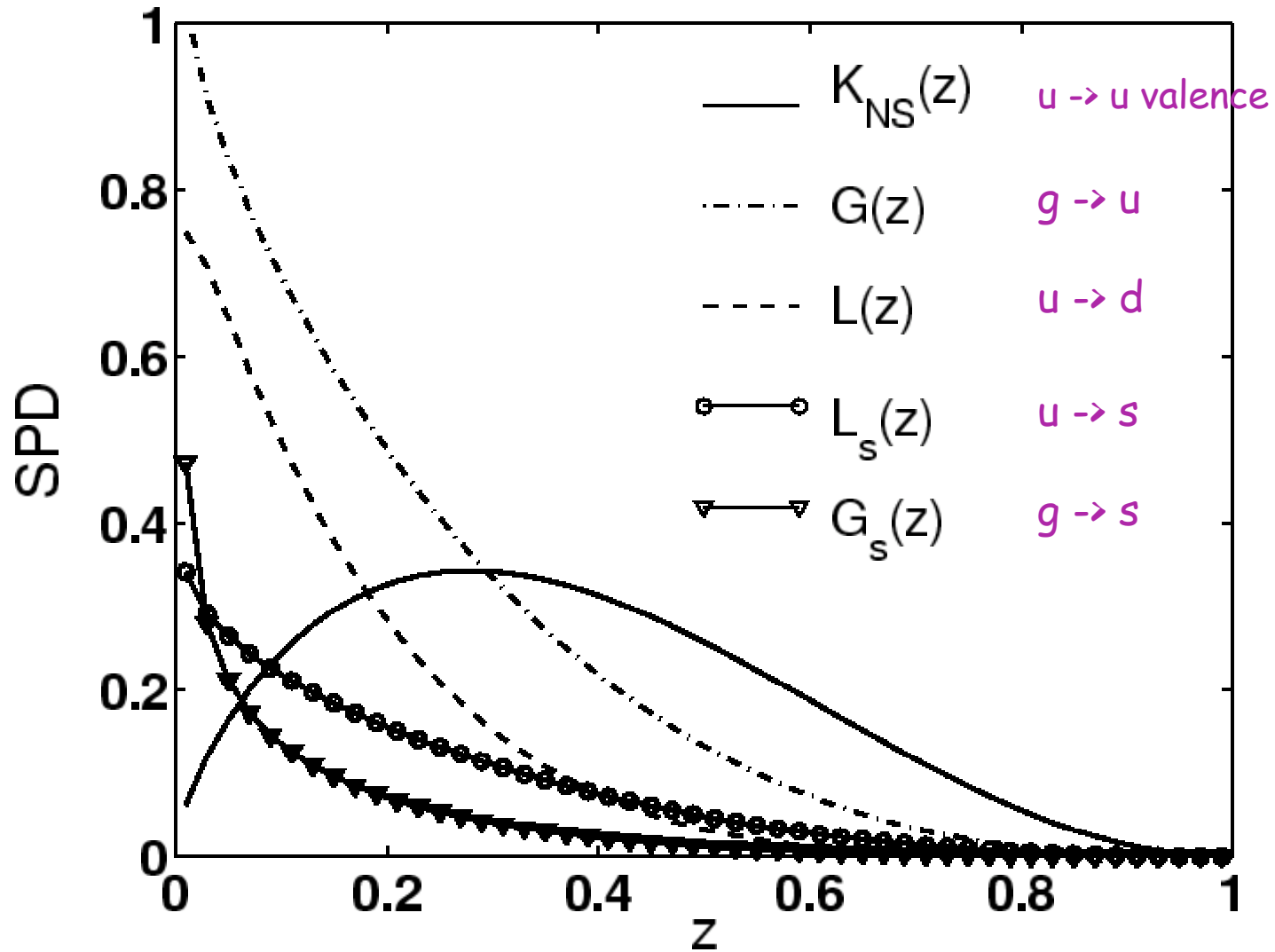
$$K_s = K_{NS} + L_s$$

5 SPDs are determined from 5 FFs.

$$\left. \begin{matrix} LL \\ K_{NS} L \\ GG \end{matrix} \right\} R^\pi \begin{matrix} \rightarrow D_{\text{Sea}}^\pi \\ \rightarrow D_V^\pi \\ \rightarrow D_G^\pi \end{matrix}$$

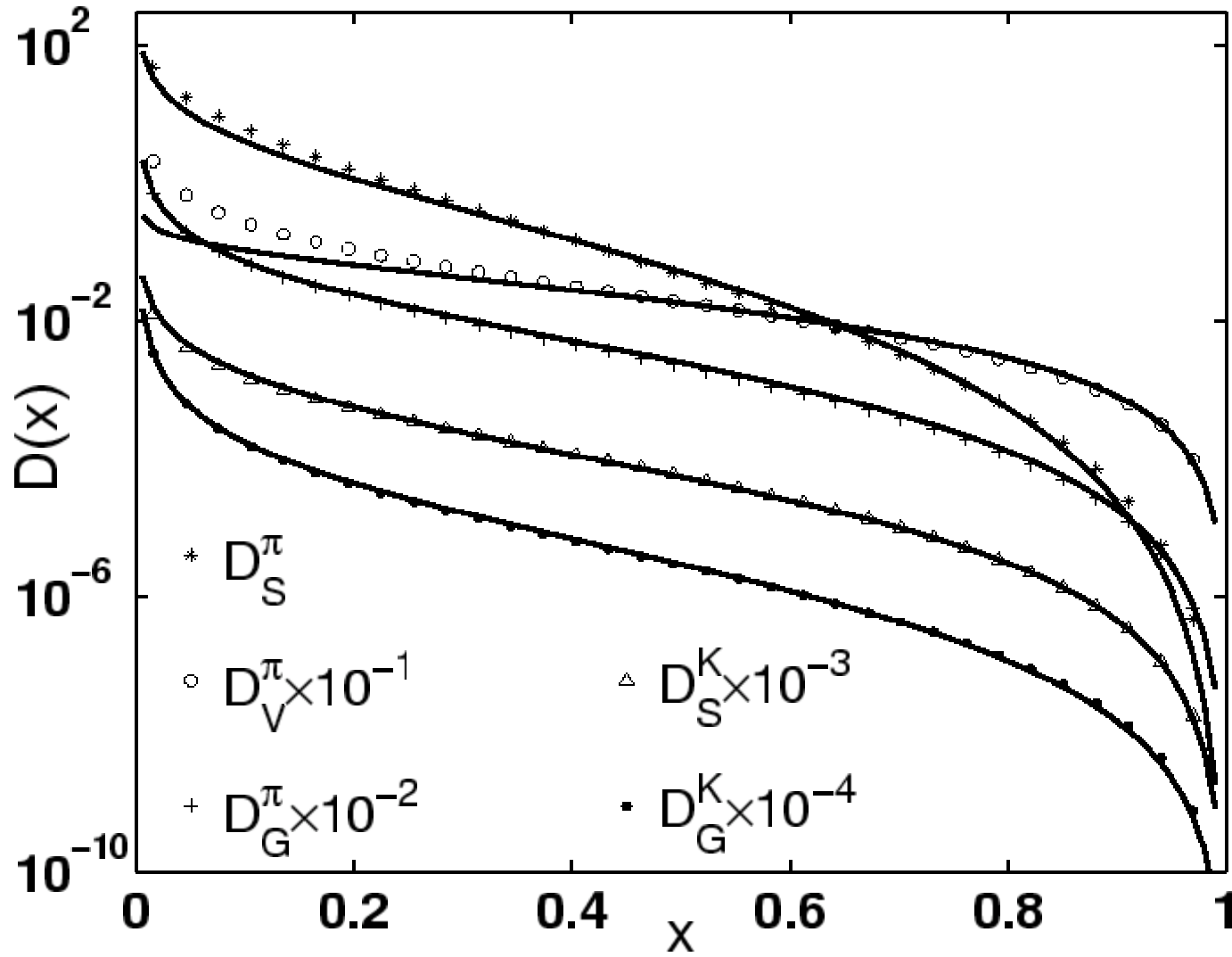
$$\left. \begin{matrix} LL_s \\ GG_s \end{matrix} \right\} R^K \begin{matrix} \rightarrow D_{\text{Sea}}^K \\ \rightarrow D_G^K \end{matrix}$$

# Shower Parton Distributions

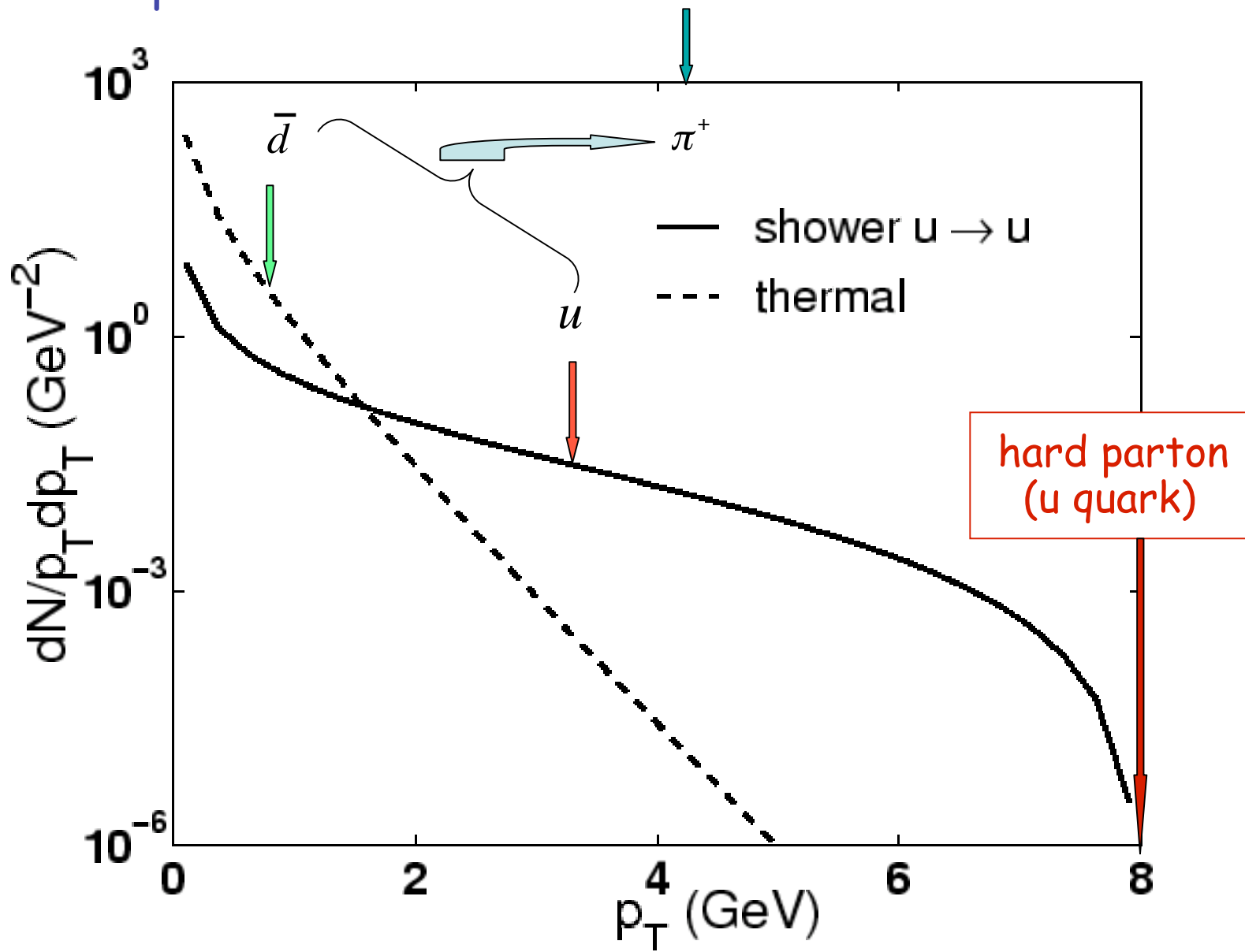


Hwa & CB Yang, PRC (2004)

# BKK fragmentation functions



# An example



# Inclusive distribution of pions in any direction

$$p \frac{dN_\pi}{dp} = \int \frac{dp_1}{p_1} \frac{dp_2}{p_2} F_{q\bar{q}}(p_1, p_2) R_\pi(p_1, p_2, p)$$

Determine T by fitting  $dN_\pi/dp_T$   
at low  $p_T$  ( $< 2\text{GeV}/c$ )

$$\frac{p_1 p_2}{p} \delta(p_1 + p_2 - p)$$

Pion formation:  $q\bar{q}$

$$F_{q\bar{q}} = \mathbf{TT} \rightarrow \text{soft pions at low } p_T$$

T thermal

S shower

Proton formation:  $uud$  distribution

$$F_{uud} = \mathbf{TTT} + \mathbf{TTS} + \mathbf{T(SS)}_1 + (\mathbf{SSS})_1$$



## Thermal partons

$$T(p_1) = p_1 \frac{dN_q^{th}}{dp_1} = Cp_1 \exp(-p_1/T)$$

Determine  $C$  and  $T$  by fitting low- $p_T$  data on  $\pi$  production

## Shower partons

$$S(p_2) = \xi \sum_i \int dk k f_i(k) S_i^j(p_2/k)$$

fraction of hard partons that get out of medium to produce shower

hard parton momentum

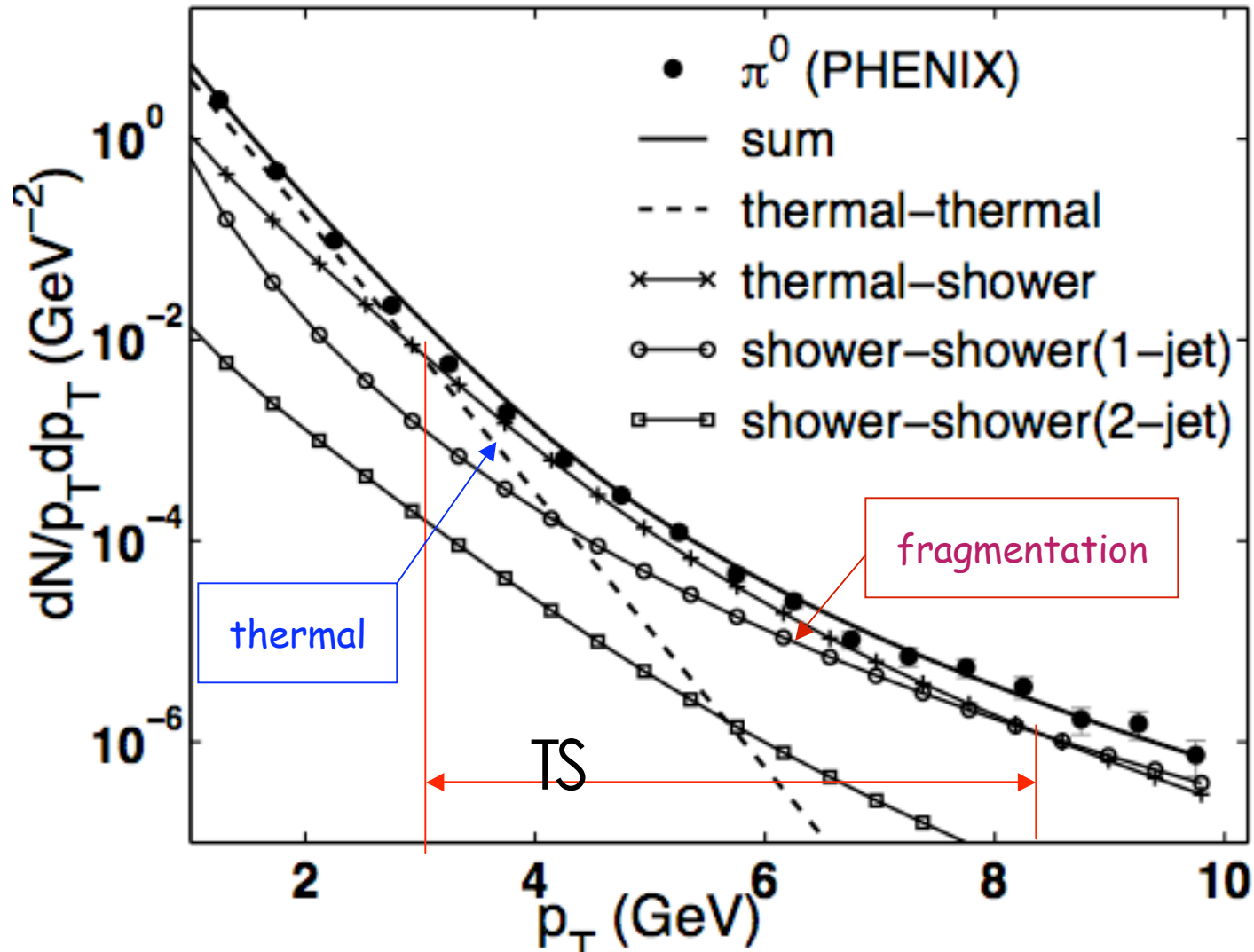
distribution of hard parton  $i$  in AuAu collisions

SPD of parton  $j$  in shower of hard parton  $i$

$$\xi = 0.07$$

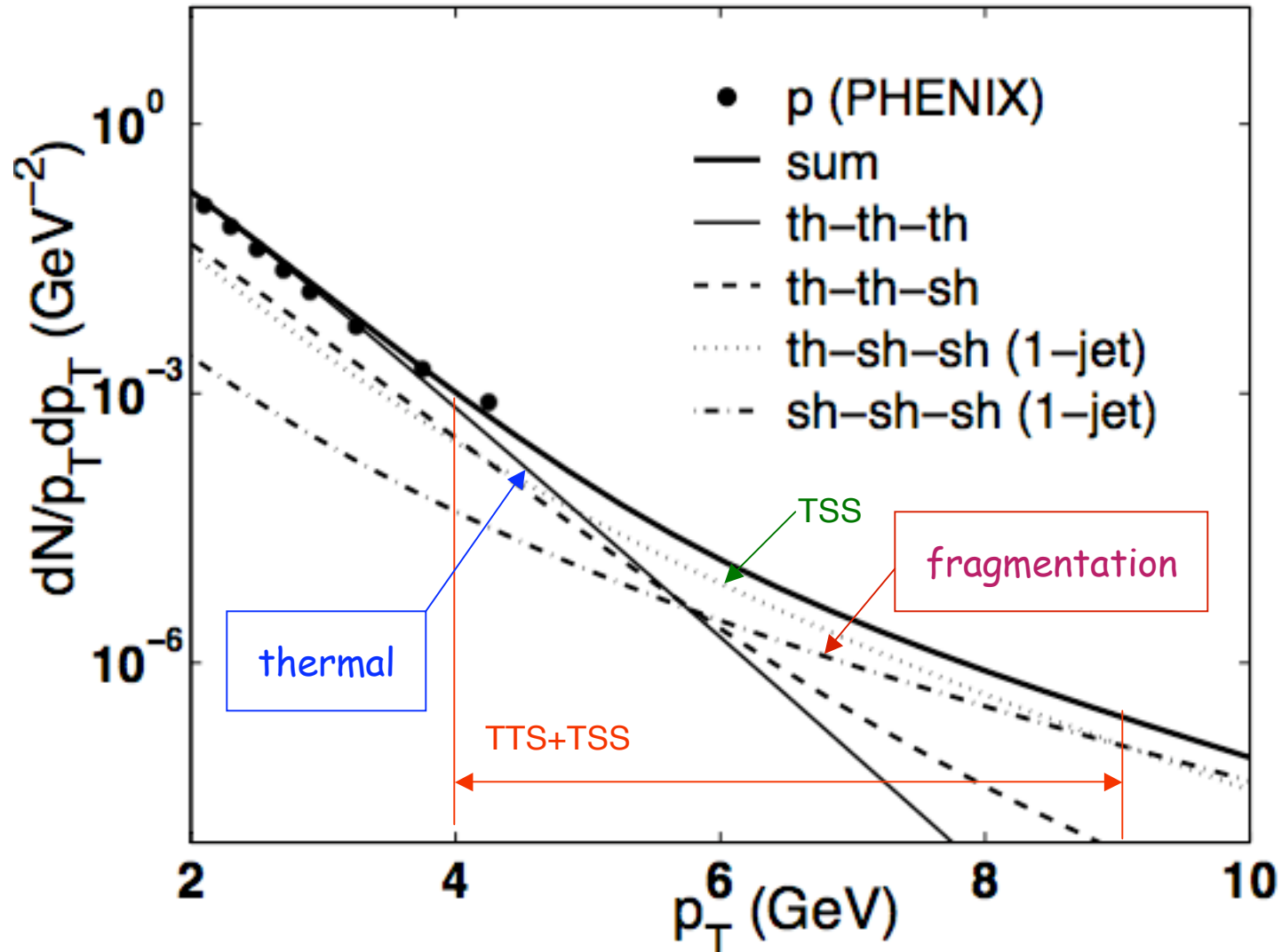
calculable

# $\pi$ production in AuAu central collision at 200 GeV



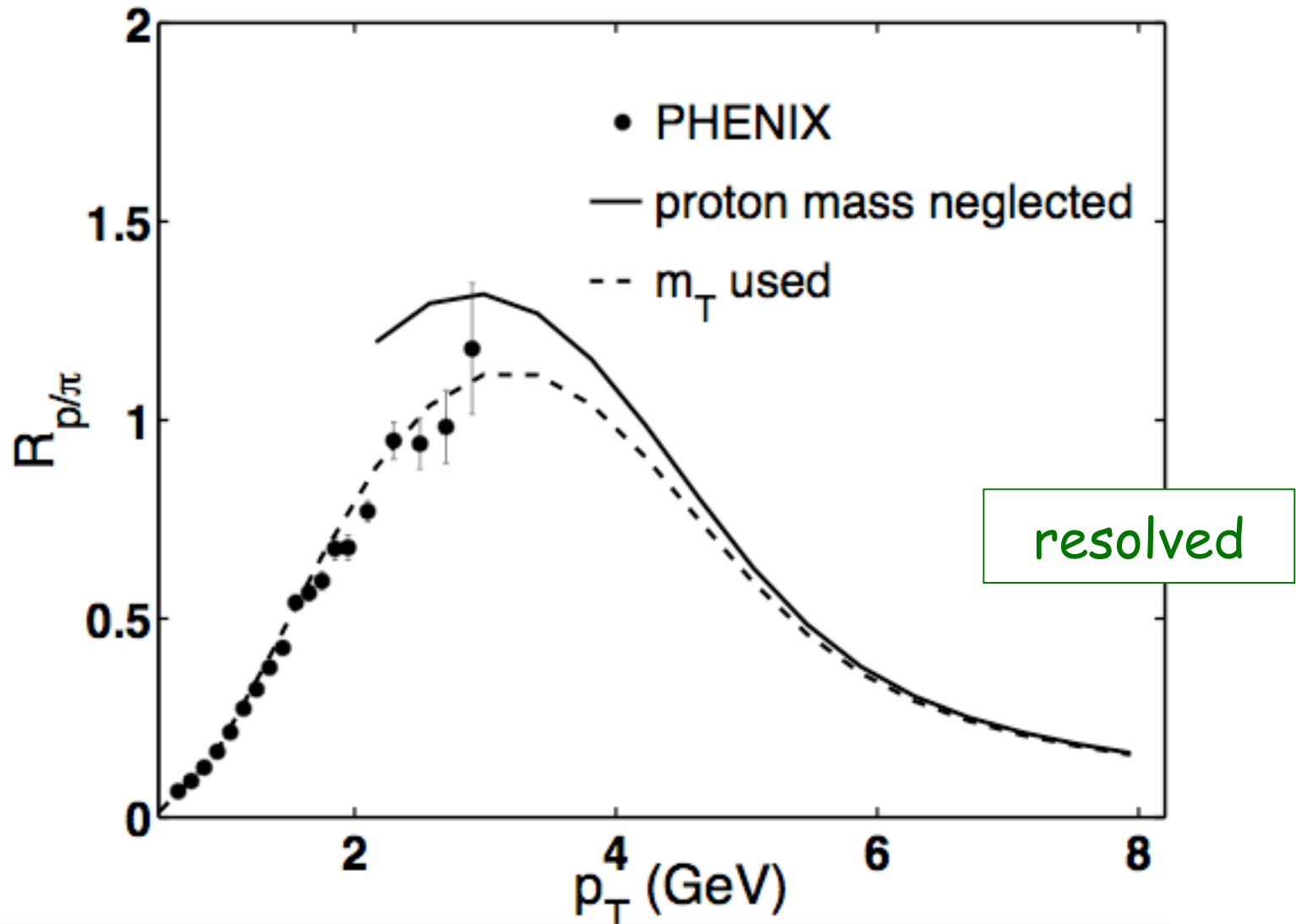
Hwa & CB Yang, PRC70, 024905 (2004)

# Proton production in AuAu collisions



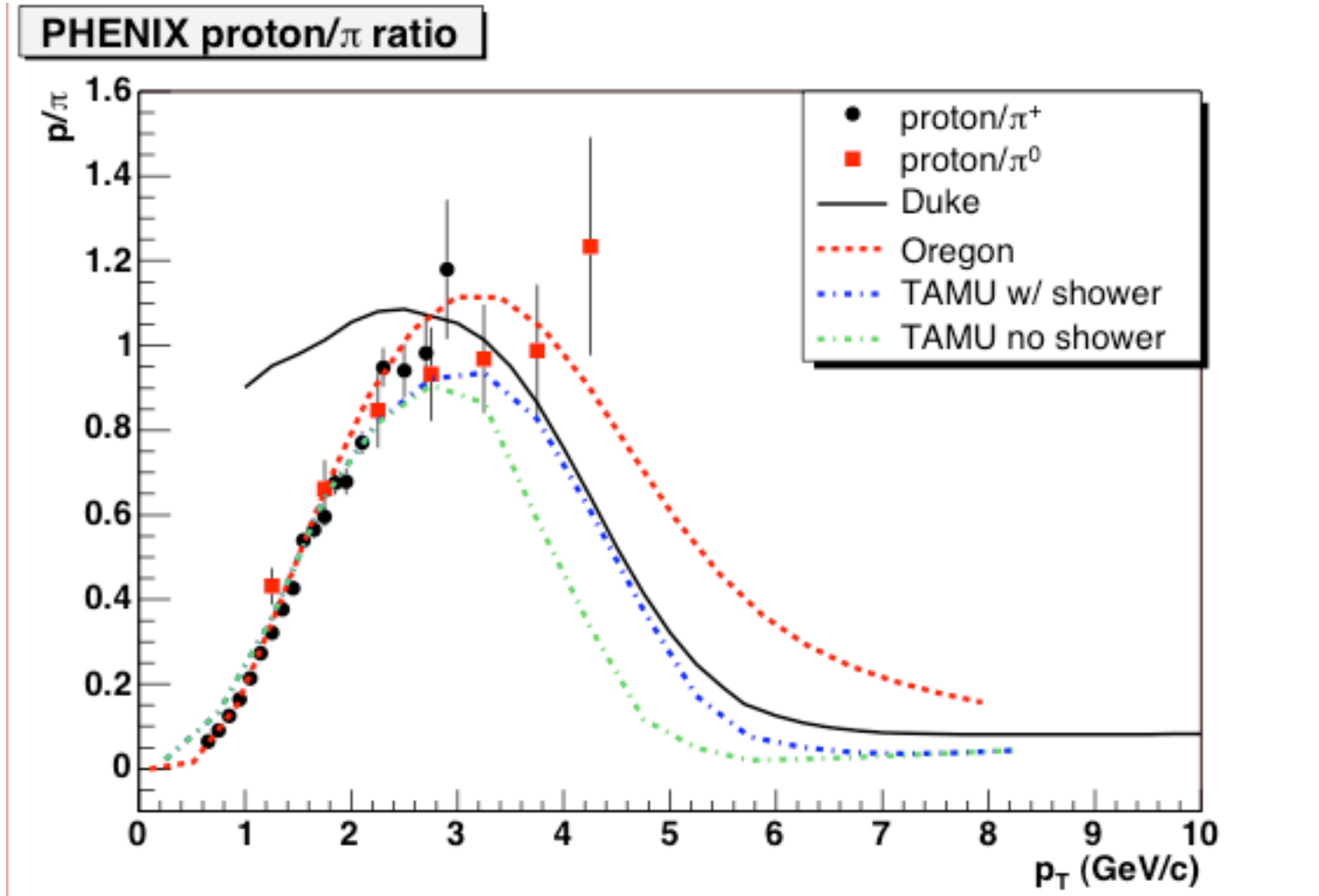
# Puzzle #1

# Proton/pion ratio



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## Compilation of $R_{p/\pi}$ by R. Seto (UCR)



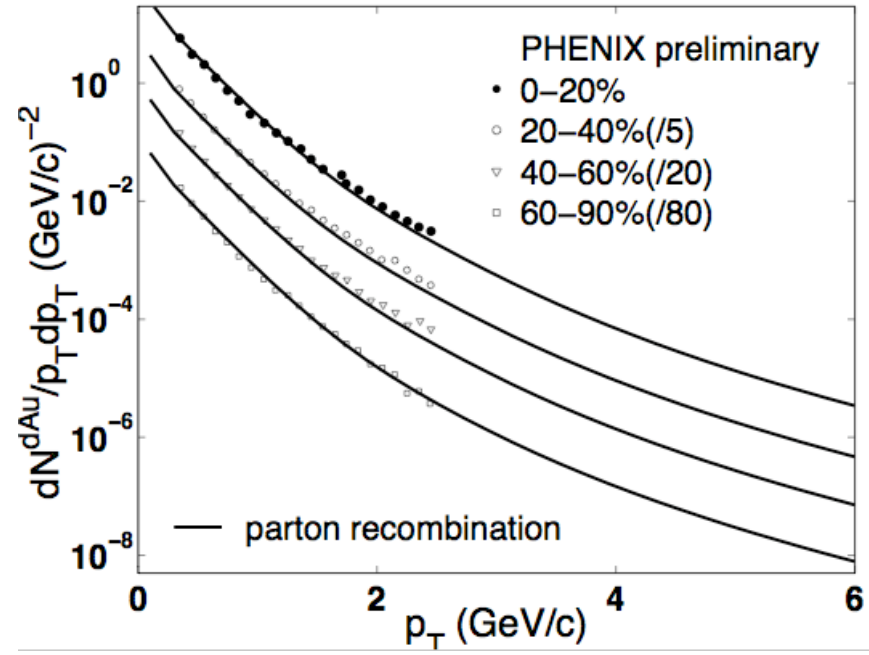
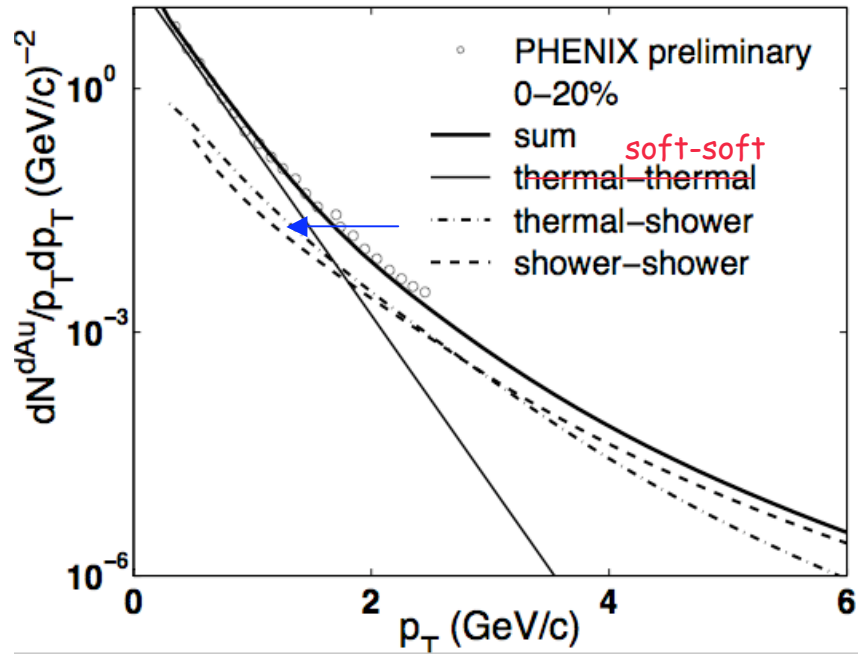
Duke: Fries, Mueller, Nonaka, Bass, PRL90,202303(2003);PRC68,044902(2003).

TAM: Greco, Ko, Levai, PRL,90,202302(2003); PRC68,034904(2003).

# d+Au collisions

Pions

$\xi = 1$

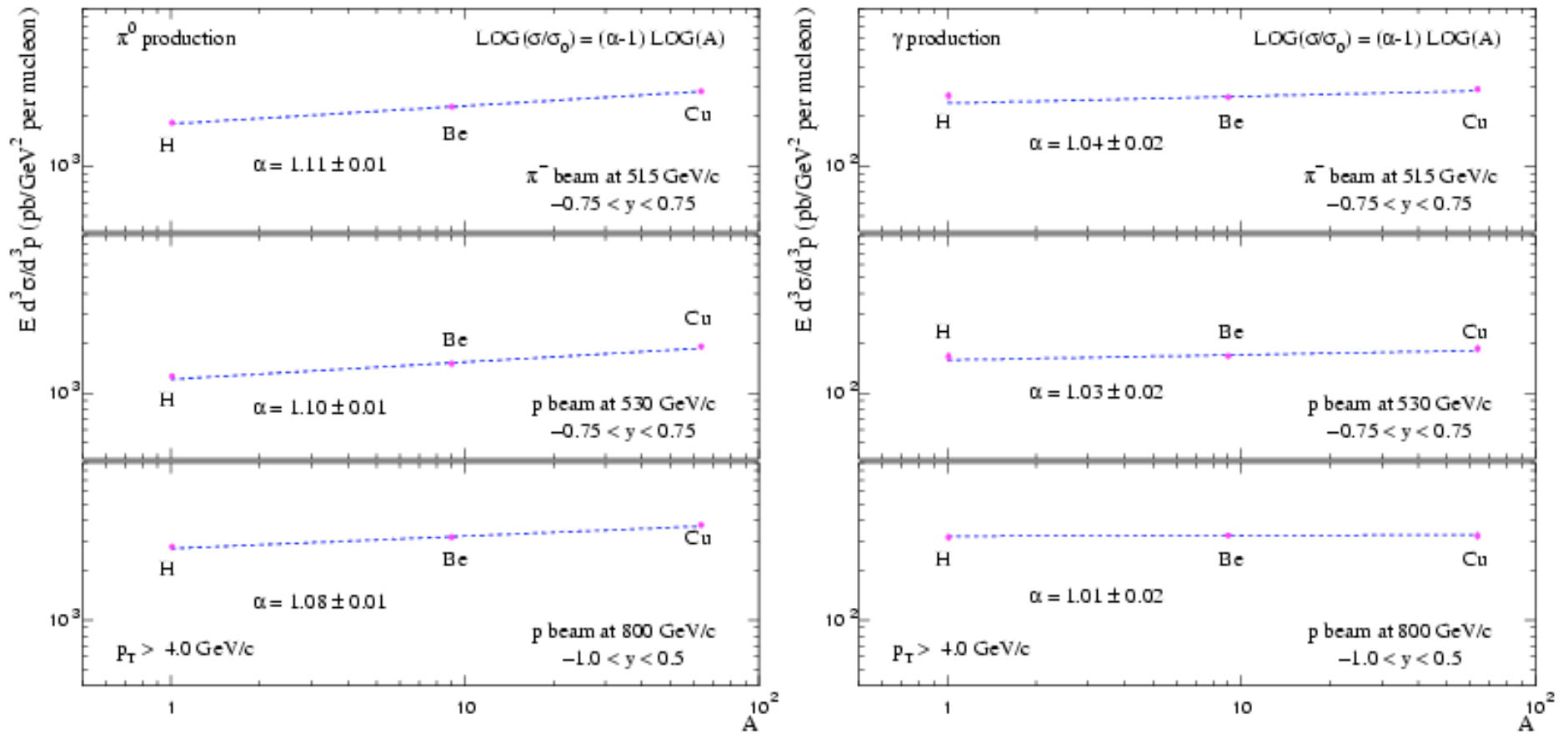


☆ No  $p_T$  broadening by multiple scattering in the initial state.

Medium effect is due to thermal (soft)-shower recombination in the final state.

Hwa & CB Yang, PRL 93, 082302 (2004)

# $\pi^0, \gamma$ production in p+A collisions

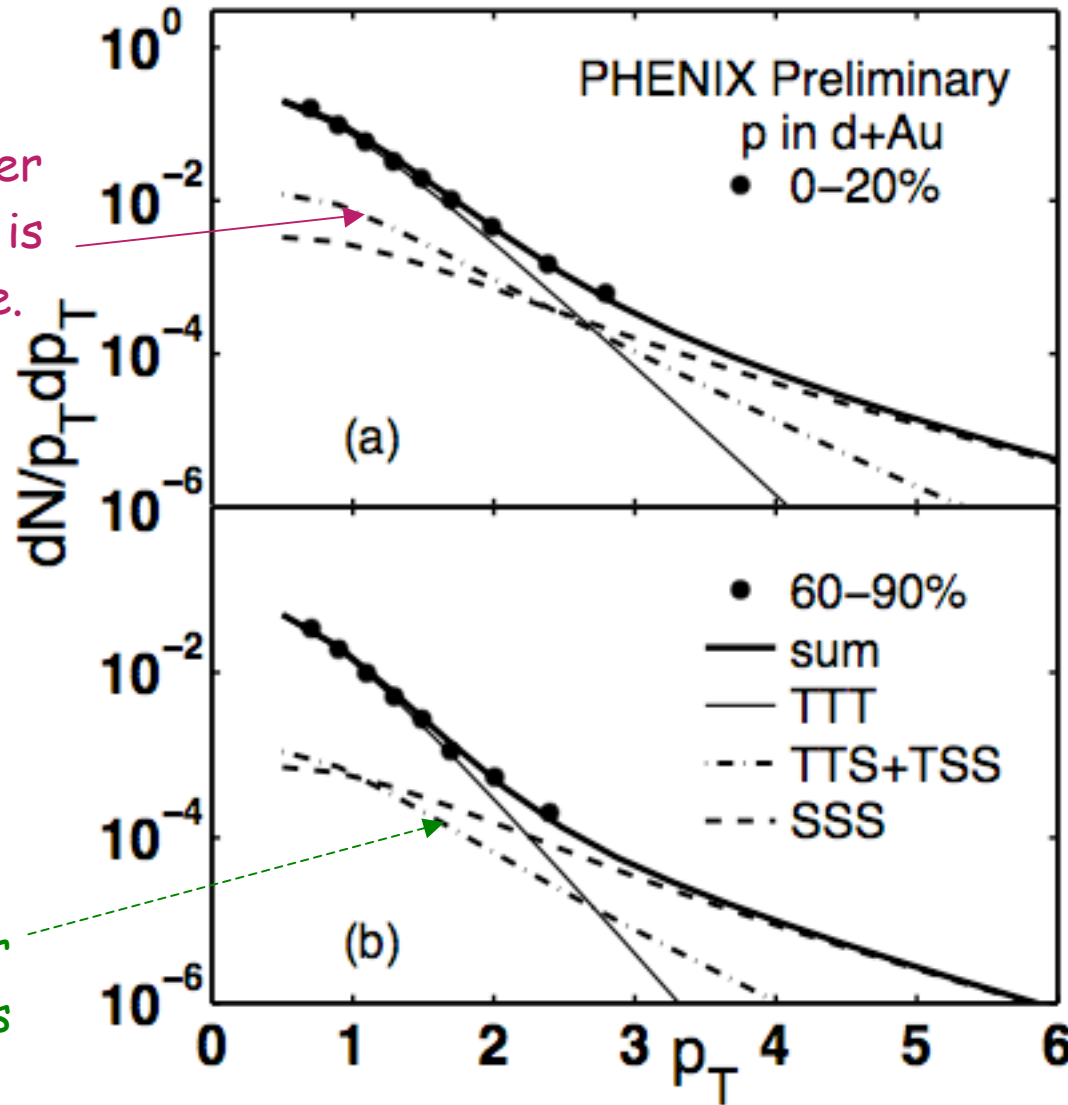


$\pi^0: \alpha = 1.1$

$\gamma: \alpha = 1.0$

# Proton

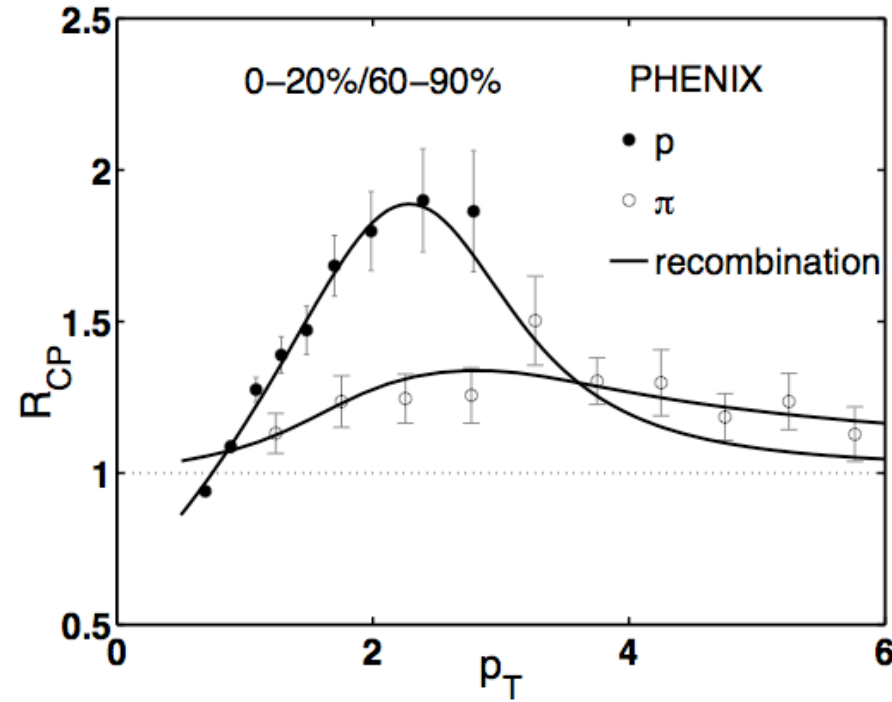
Thermal-shower recombination is NOT negligible.



Thermal-shower recombination is negligible.



# Nuclear Modification Factor



Puzzle  
resolved

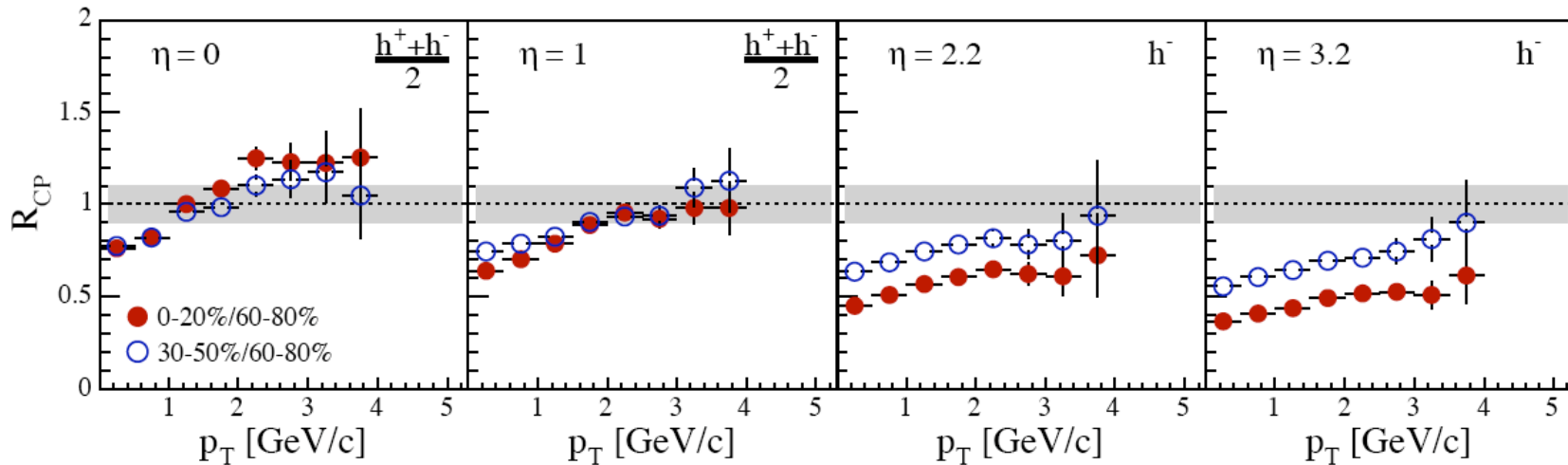
$$R_{CP}^p > R_{CP}^\pi$$

because  $3q \rightarrow p, 2q \rightarrow \pi$

# Rapidity dependence of $R_{CP}$ in d+Au collisions

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$R_{CP} < 1$  at  $\eta = 3.2$   $\longrightarrow$

Central more suppressed  
than peripheral collisions

Let's see how this can be understood by parton recombination.

# Forward production in d+Au collisions

Soft component:  $\Gamma(p_1) = p_1 \frac{dN_q^{soft}}{dp_1} = Cp_1 \exp(-p_1/T)$

Pion distribution  $\left. \frac{dN_\pi^{soft}}{p_T dp_T d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} = \frac{C^2}{6} \exp(-p_T/T)$

$C(\beta, \eta)$

Notation:

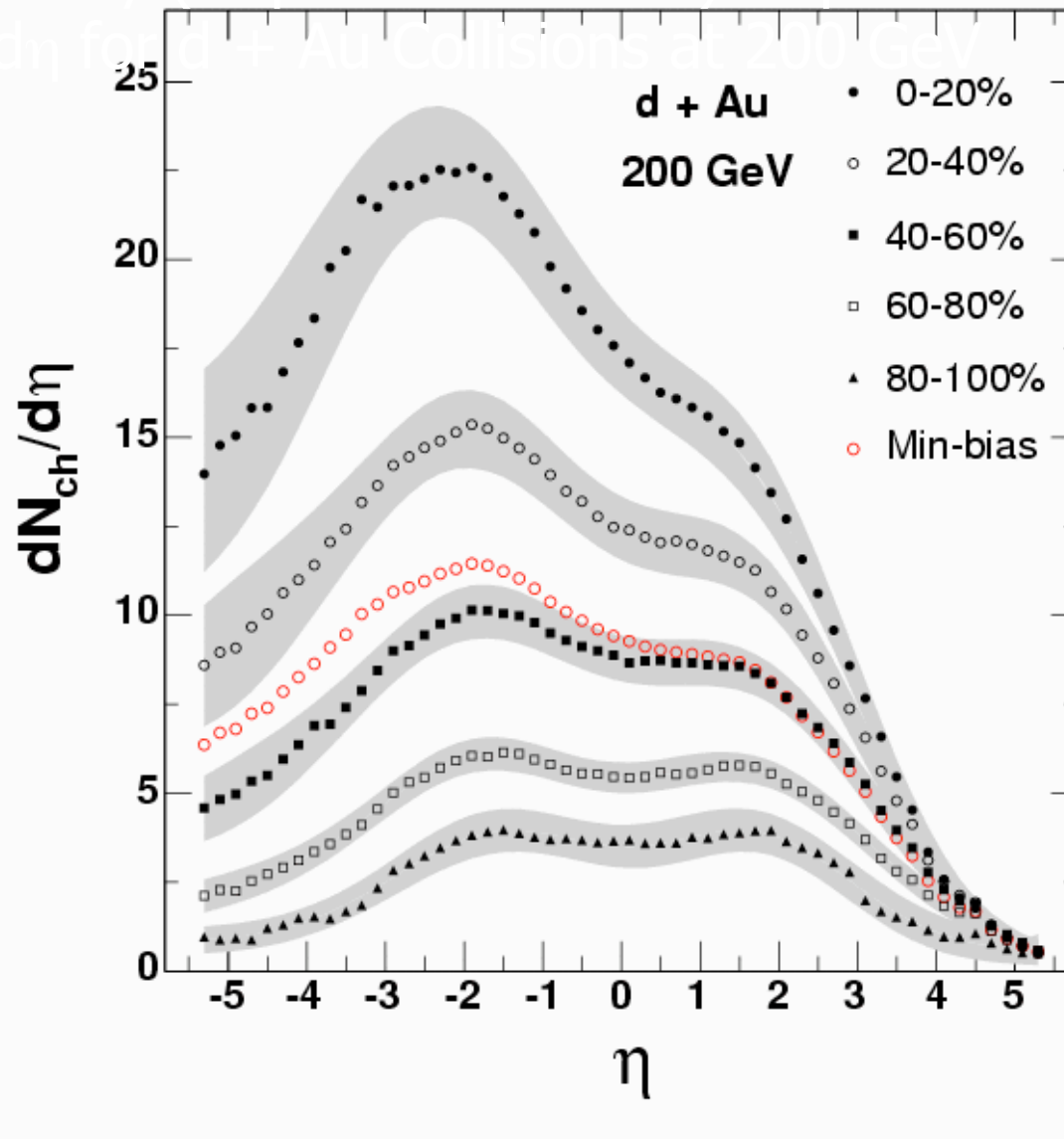
Centrality 0-20%  $\longrightarrow$   $\beta = 0.1$   
 60-80%  $\qquad\qquad\qquad$   $0.7$

$C(\beta, \eta)$   
 for all  $\beta$  and  $\eta$

$$C(\beta, \eta) = C(\beta, 0) \left[ \frac{dN_{ch} / d\eta(\beta)}{dN_{ch} / d\eta|_{\eta=0}(\beta)} \right]^{1/2}$$

Centrality (Impact Parameter) Dependence  
 $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  for d + Au Collisions at 200 GeV

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$\therefore C(\beta, \eta)$  can be calculated.

Soft partons:  $T(p_1) = p_1 \frac{dN_q^{soft}}{dp_1} = Cp_1 \exp(-p_1/T)$

Normalization  $C(\beta, \eta)$  decreases with increasing  $\eta$  and increasing  $\beta$

Table 1: Values of  $C(\beta, \eta)$  in  $(\text{GeV}/c)^{-1}$

		$\eta$			
		0	1	2.2	3.2
$\beta$	0-20%	12.0	11.1	9.01	7.05
	30-50%	9.0	8.5	7.9	6.0
	60-80%	6.55	6.6	6.1	5.1

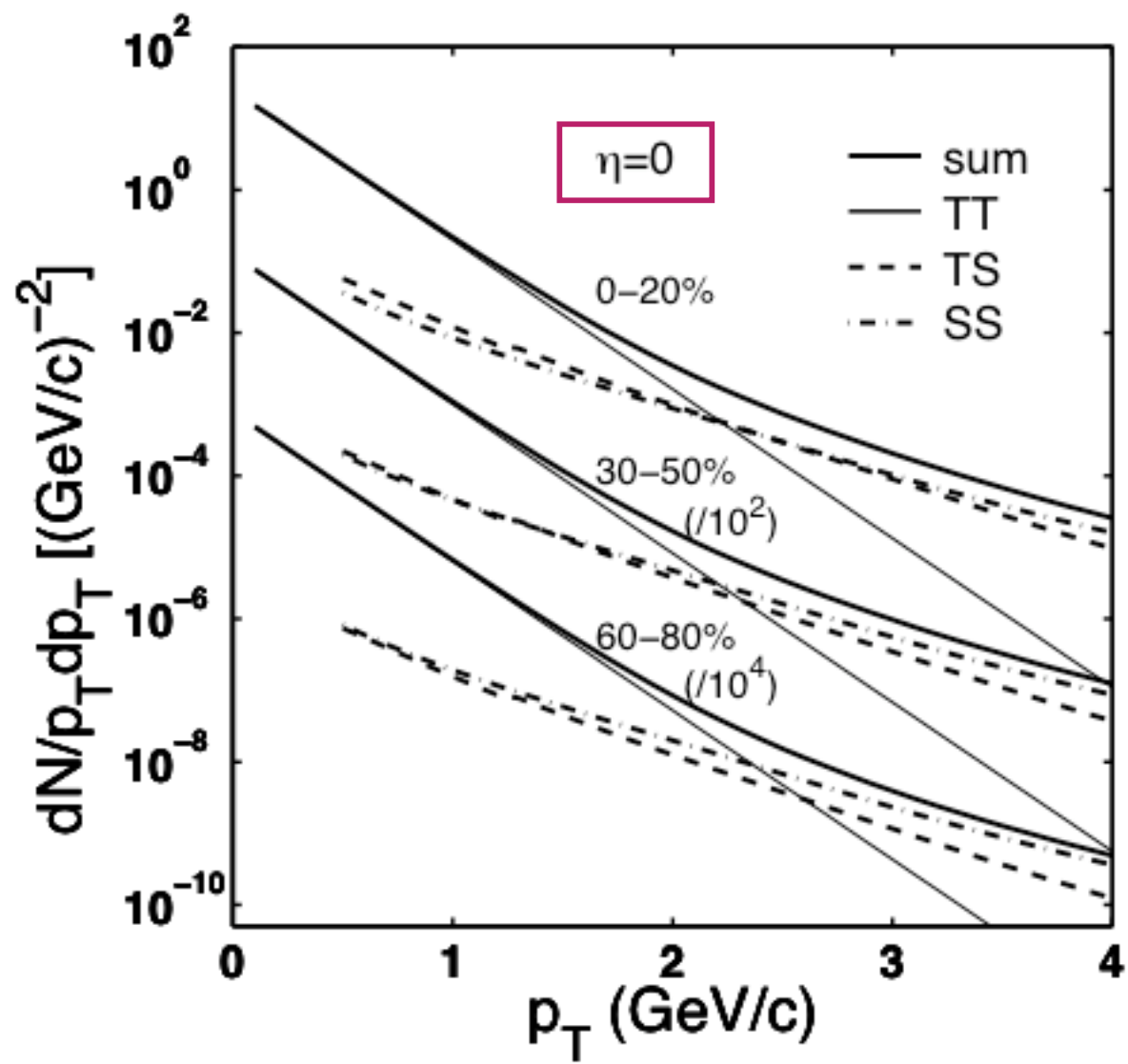
Inverse slope  $T$  should also decrease:

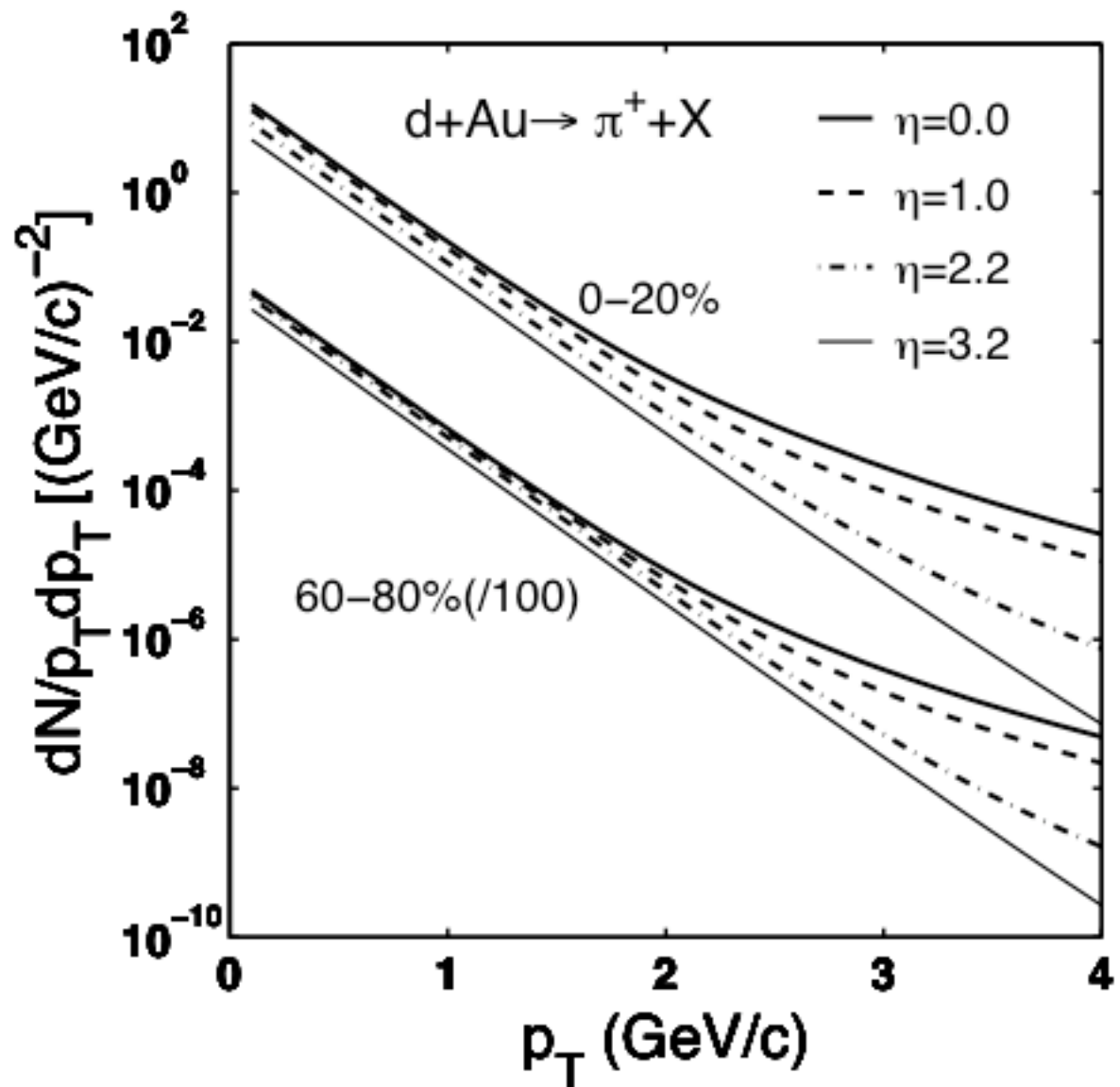
$$T(\beta, \eta) = T_0(1 - \varepsilon\beta\eta)$$

$T_0$  known from  $\eta=0$ : 0.208 GeV/c

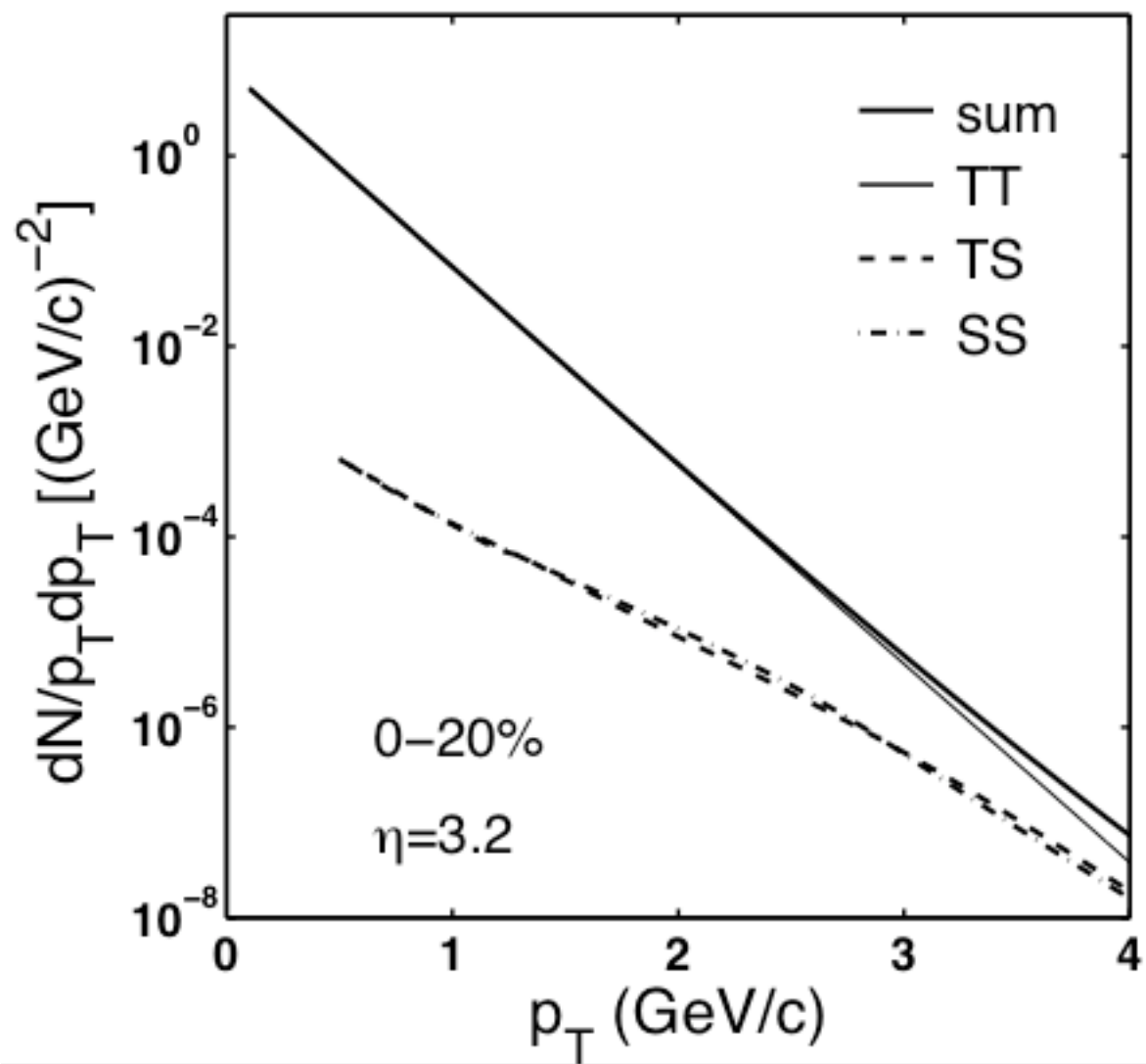
$\varepsilon$  is the only parameter

(we let  $\varepsilon=0$  initially.)

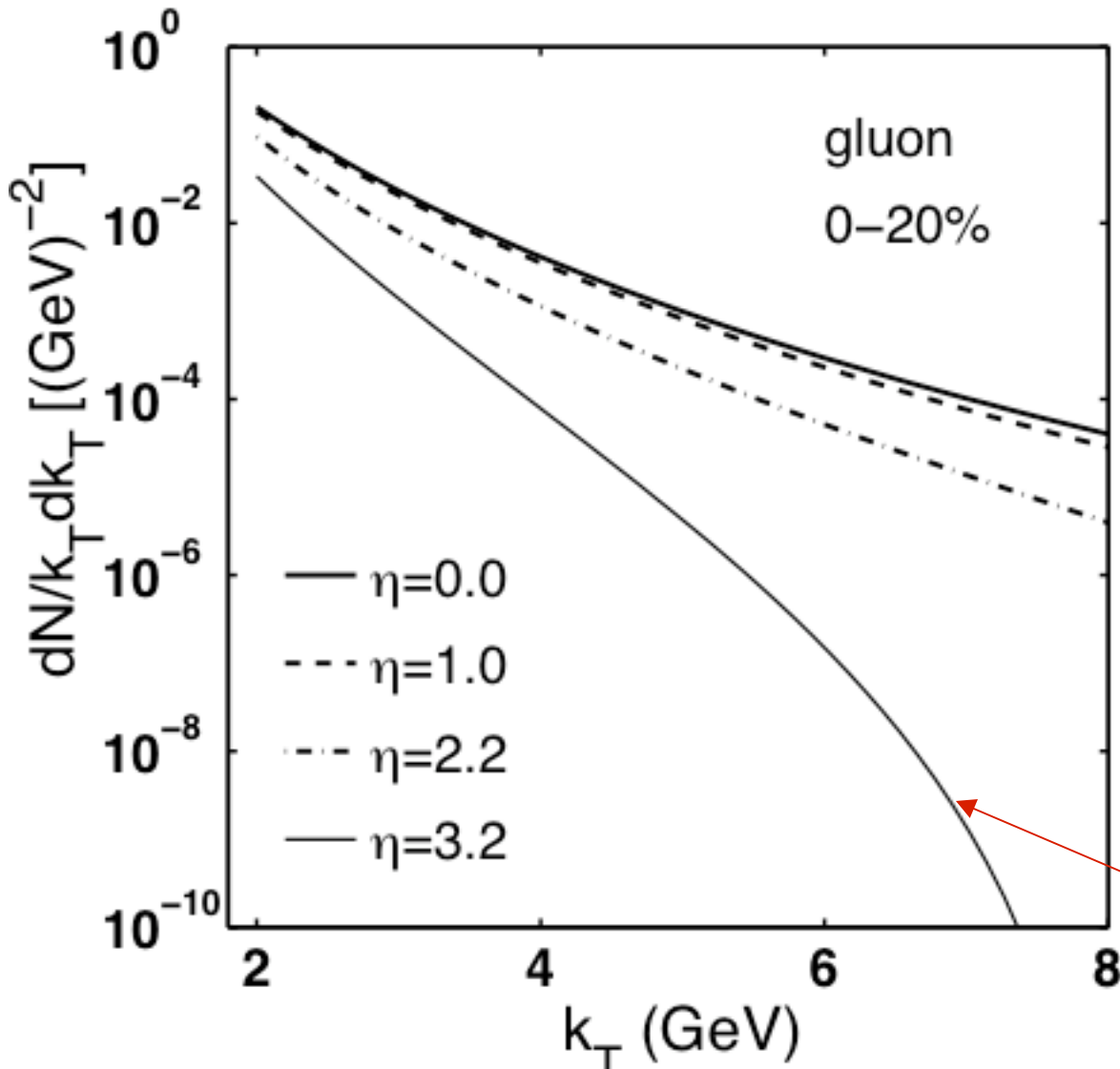




Hwa, Yang, and Fries (to appear)







LO minijet calculation

CTEQ5 pdf

EKS98 shadowing

Strong damping due  
to kinematical limit

No multiple scattering in the initial state.

No effects of gluon saturation considered.

(not explicitly)

Since we have calculated the pion spectra at all  $\beta$  and  $\eta$ , we can determine  $R_{CP}$ .

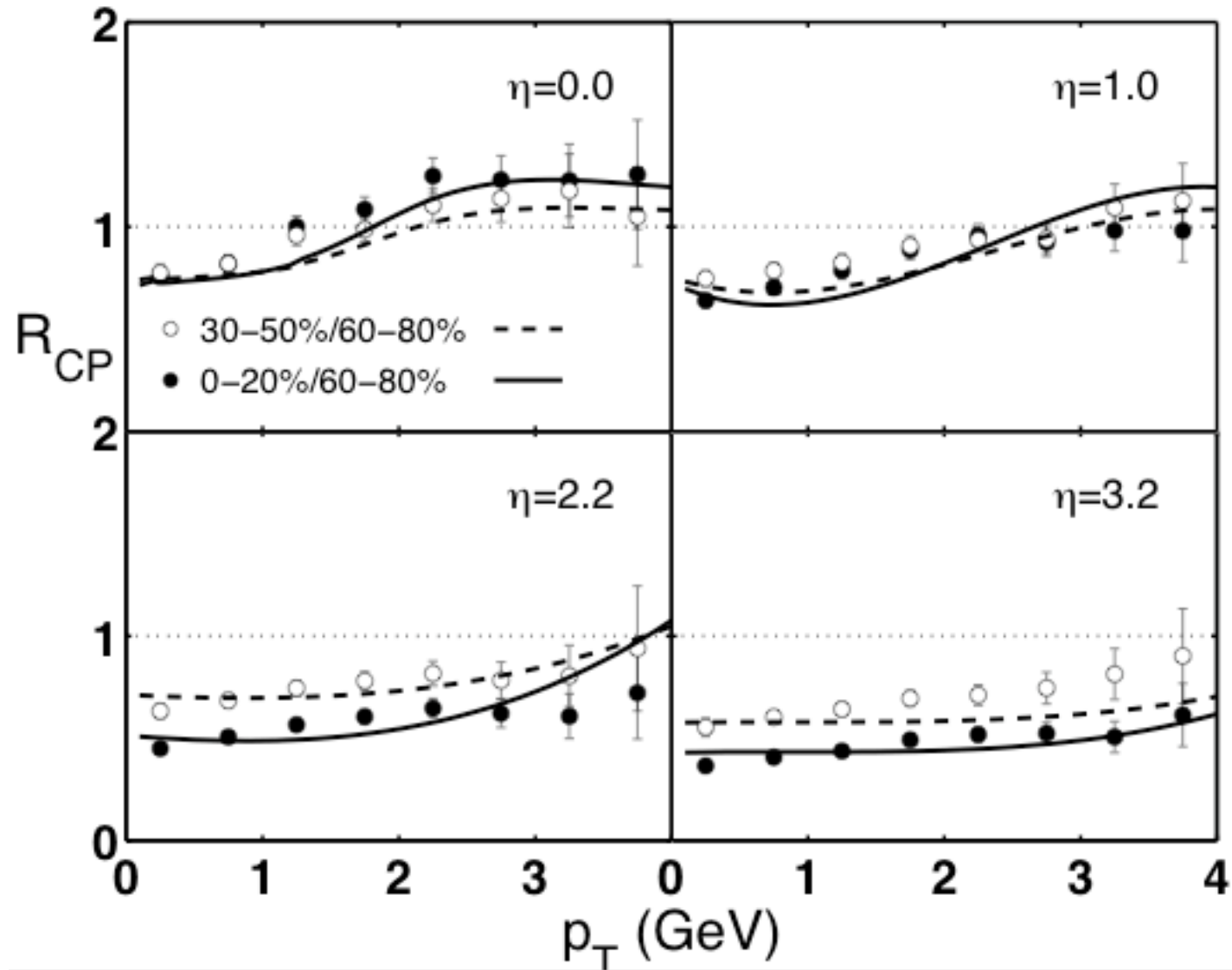
$$R_{CP}^h(p_T) = \frac{\frac{dN_h}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{Coll} \rangle} (central)}{\frac{dN_h}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{Coll} \rangle} (peripheral)}$$

The only adjustable parameter is  $\varepsilon$ .

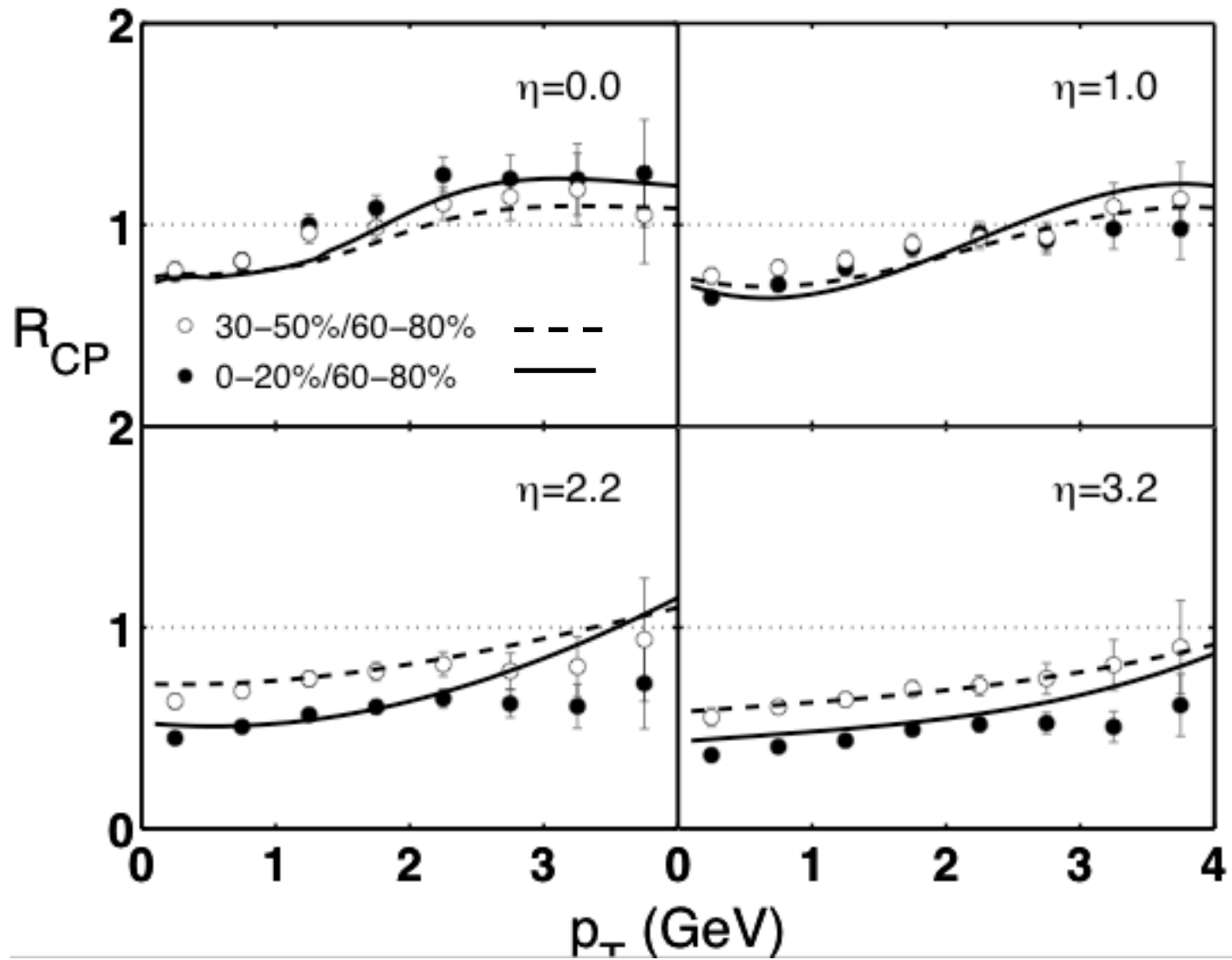
$$T(\beta, \eta) = T_0 (1 - \varepsilon \beta \eta)$$

- $\varepsilon = 0$
- $\varepsilon$  adjusted to fit later

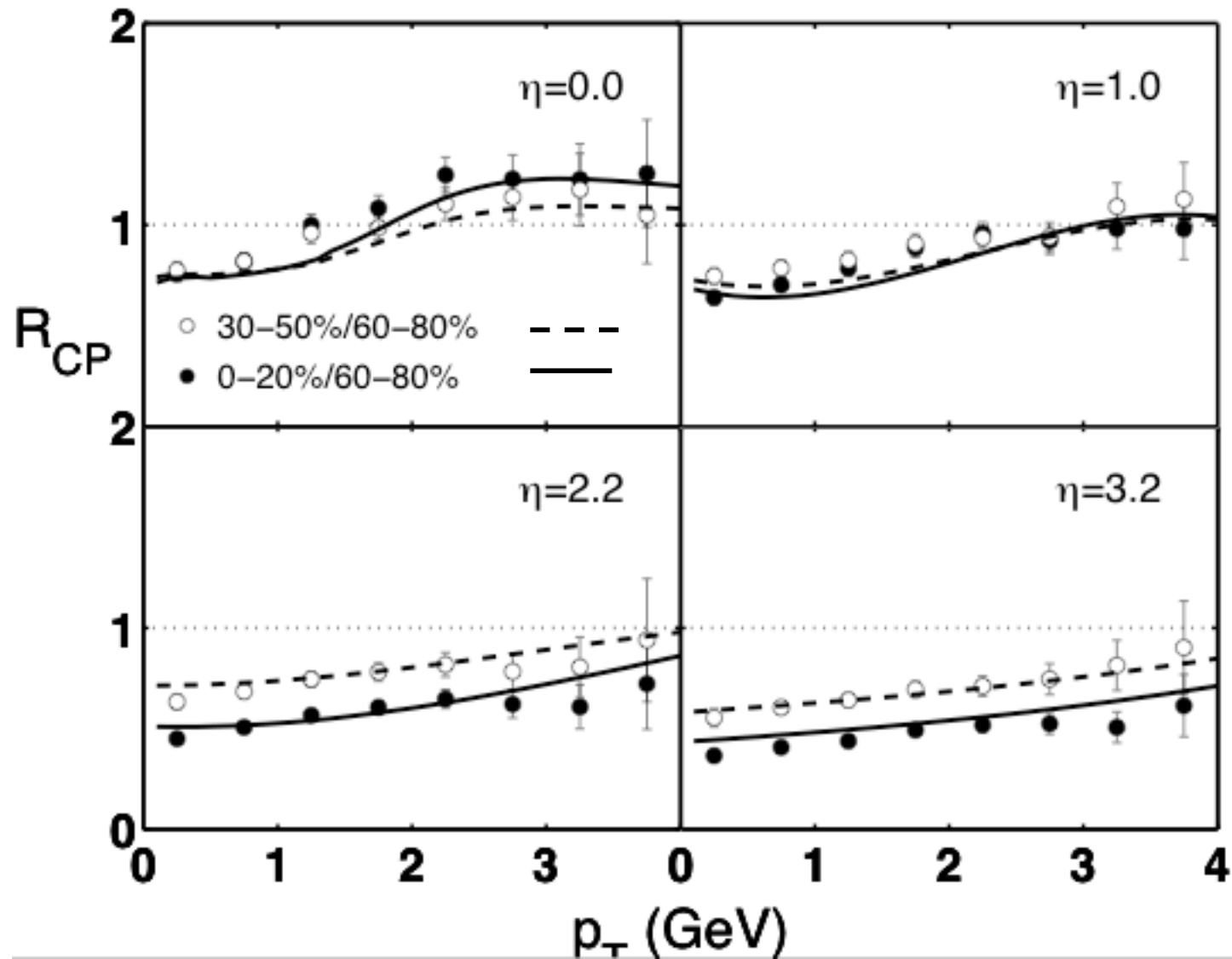
$\varepsilon=0$ ,  $T=\text{constant}$ , no free parameter



$\varepsilon = 0.02$  determined by fitting  $R_{CP}$  at  $\beta=0.4$  and  $\eta=3.2$



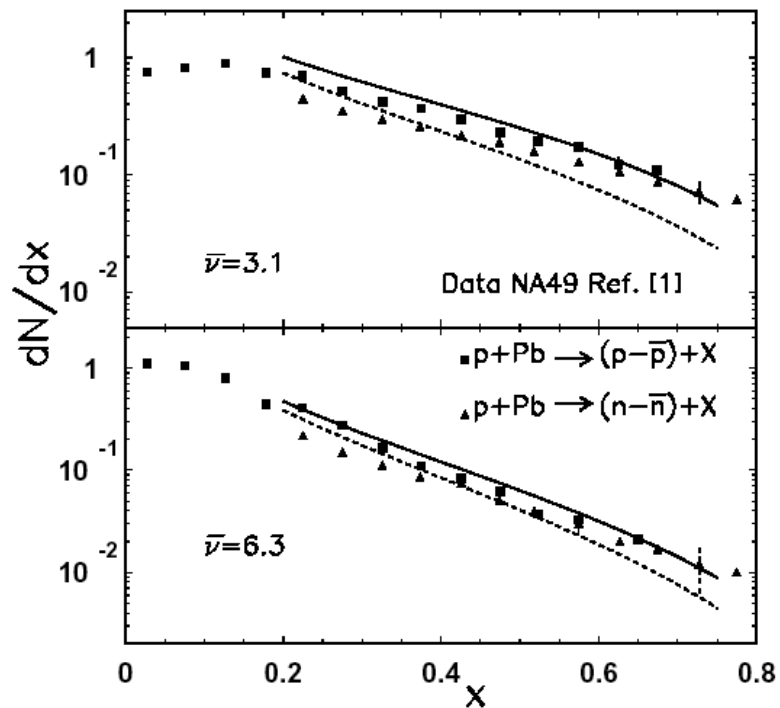
## Momentum degradation effect considered



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# Momentum degradation

## "Baryon stopping" in p-A collisions



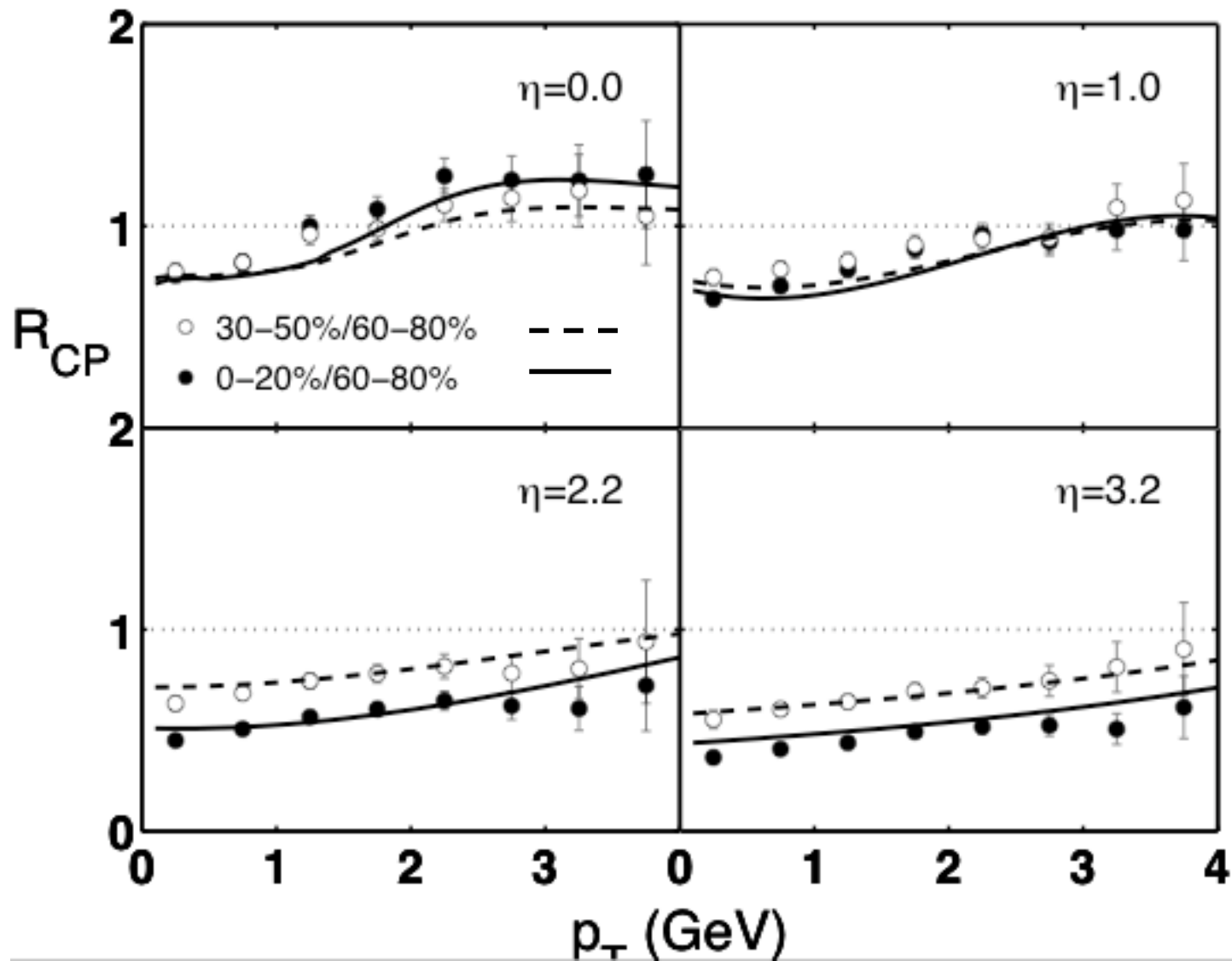
$$\frac{dN_N}{dx_F} \propto \exp[-\Lambda(\nu)x_F]$$

$\Lambda(\nu)$  increases with  $\nu$

Corresponds to a  
suppression factor

$$\xi(\beta, \eta) = \exp[-\kappa(N_c - 1)\eta]$$

$$\kappa \approx 0.01$$



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Little room for any other physics to play a major role unless the neglect of soft partons can be justified.

Suppression of  $R_{CP}$  at high  $\eta$  is due mainly to the reduction of the soft parton density at large  $\eta$ .

The slight reduction of  $T$  and momentum degradation are minor effects.

For  $\eta=3.2$ , and  $p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$ , pions are mostly produced by the recombination of soft partons.

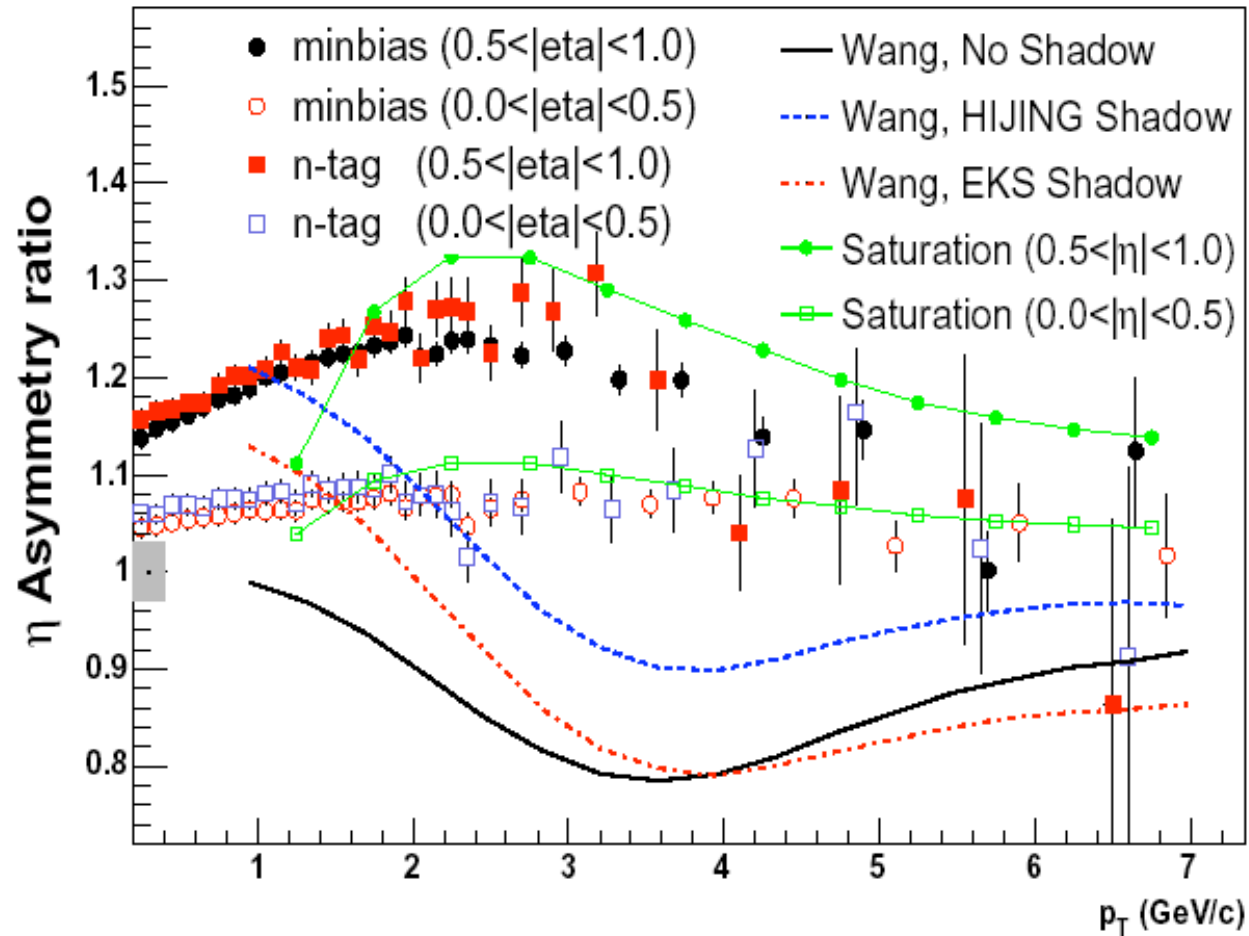
We expect protons to have similar behavior.



# Backward-forward asymmetry ratio

in d+Au collisions

$\frac{\text{backward}}{\text{forward}}$



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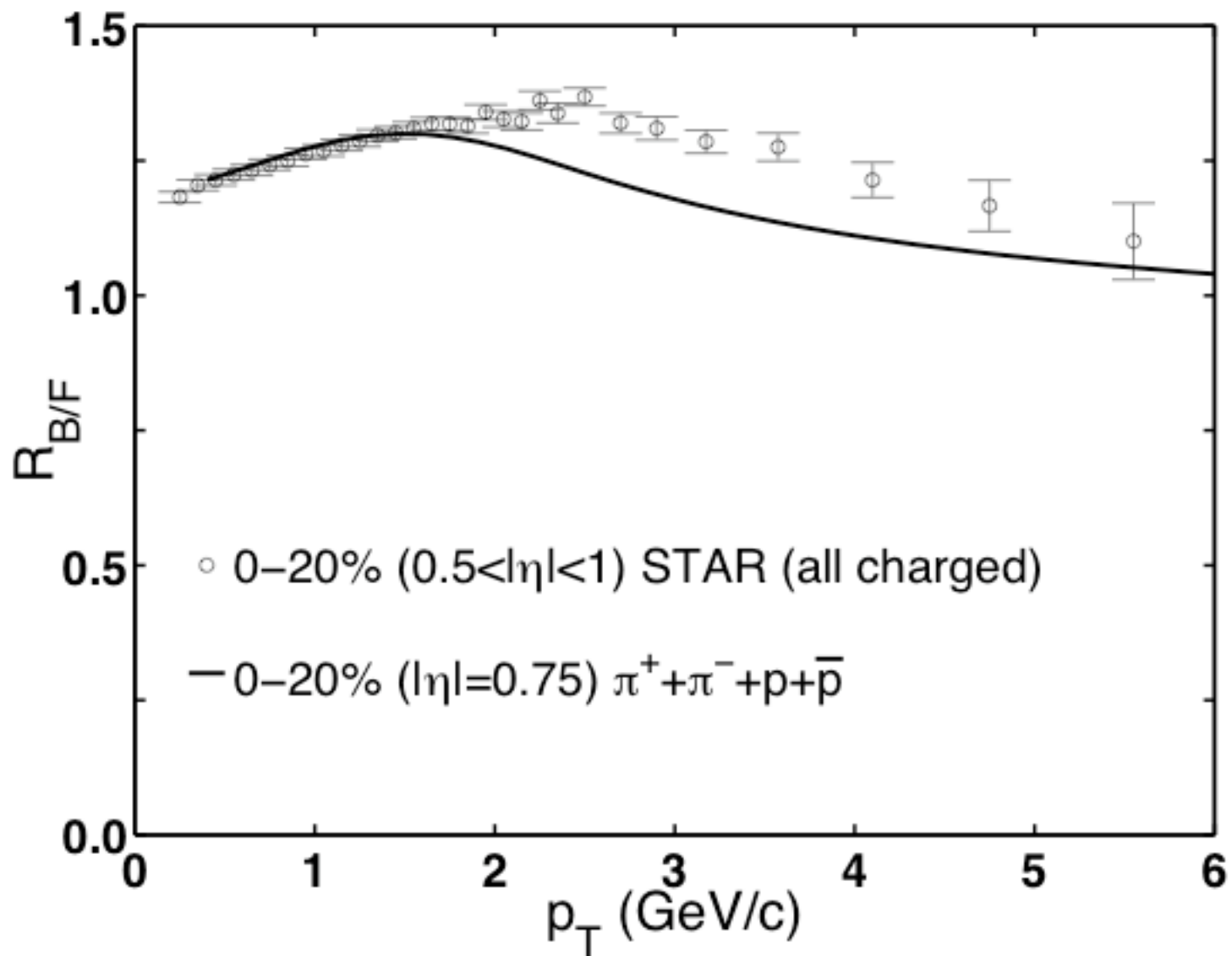
## Backward-forward asymmetry

$$R_{B/F}(p_T, |\eta|) = \frac{dN_\pi / dp_T d\eta(\eta = -|\eta|)}{dN_\pi / dp_T d\eta(\eta = +|\eta|)}$$

We can do the calculation without any new parameters,  
using what we have already

$C(\beta, \eta)$  and  $T(\beta, \eta)$

for  $\beta=0-20\%$  and  $\eta=\pm 0.75$



# Conclusion

$R_{CP}$  well reproduced with only the recombination of soft and shower partons.

No change of physics from  $\eta < 0$  to  $\eta > 0$ .

No multiple scattering or gluon saturation put in explicitly.

No conflict between CGC and recombination, only question is where?

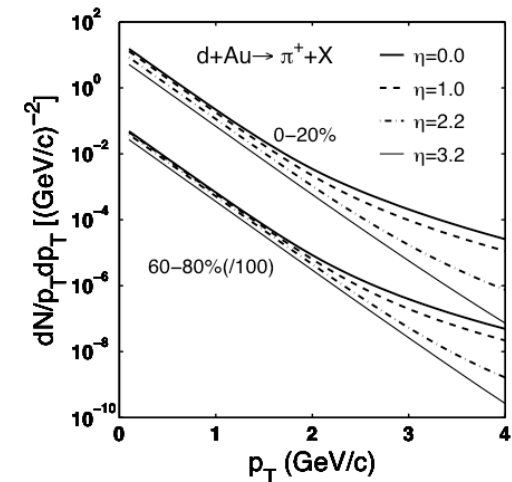
## Behaviors to check

$p_T$  spectra (a) pions  $\beta, \eta$  dependences

(b) protons If  $p/\pi > 0.2$ , difficult for fragmentation

Di-hadron correlations

Back-to-back jets



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