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Azimuthal dependence of the fractional parton energy loss in Cu+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

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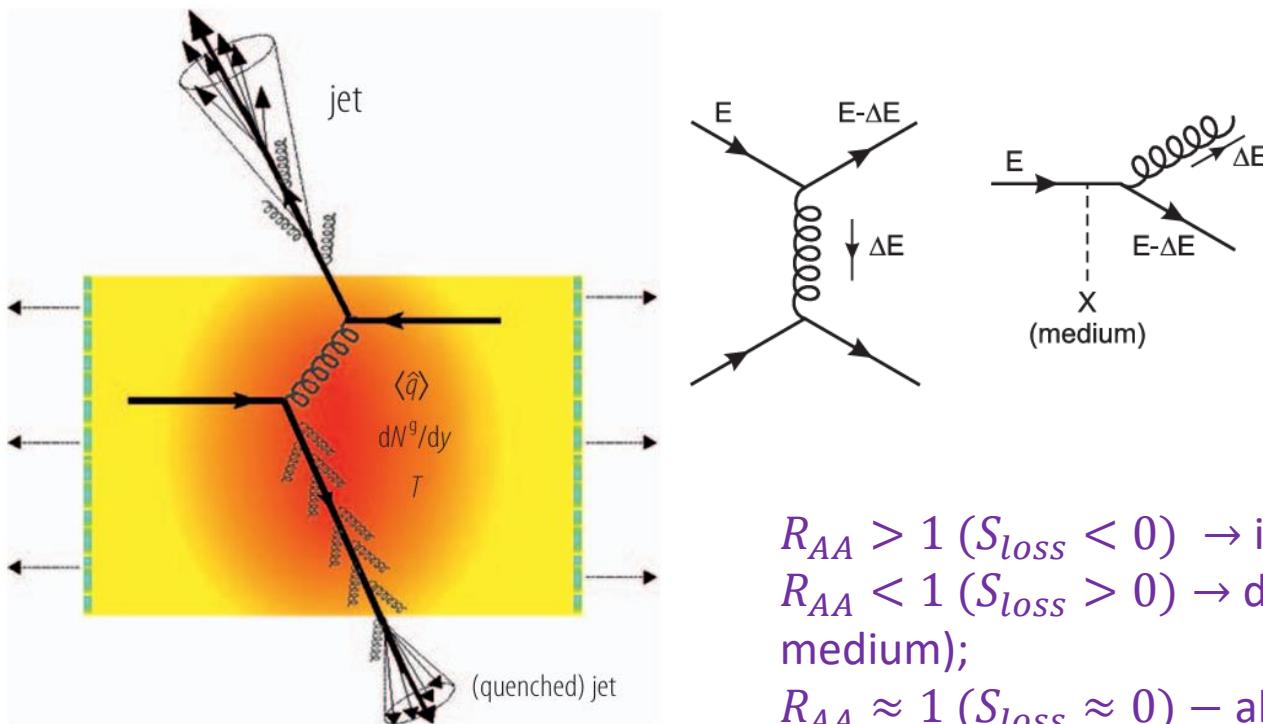
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Energy loss of hard partons in the medium

The production of partons (quarks and gluons) as a result of hard scattering of nucleons:

$$p_T, m \gtrsim Q_0 (= \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})) \gg \Lambda_{QCD} (\approx 0.2 \text{ GeV})$$

Integral energy loss: $\Delta E = f(E_{in}, M, T, \alpha_s, L)$



1. Nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AB}(p_T) = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{d^2 N_{AB}^{\pi^0}/dp_T dy}{d^2 N_{pp}^{\pi^0}/dp_T dy}$$

$\langle N_{coll} \rangle$ – average number of inelastic binary nucleon-nucleon interactions for the given centrality

2. Fractional parton energy loss

$$S_{loss} = \frac{\Delta E}{E_{in}} \Rightarrow S_{loss} = \frac{p_T^{pp} - p_T}{p_T^{pp}} = \frac{\Delta p_T}{p_T^{pp}}$$

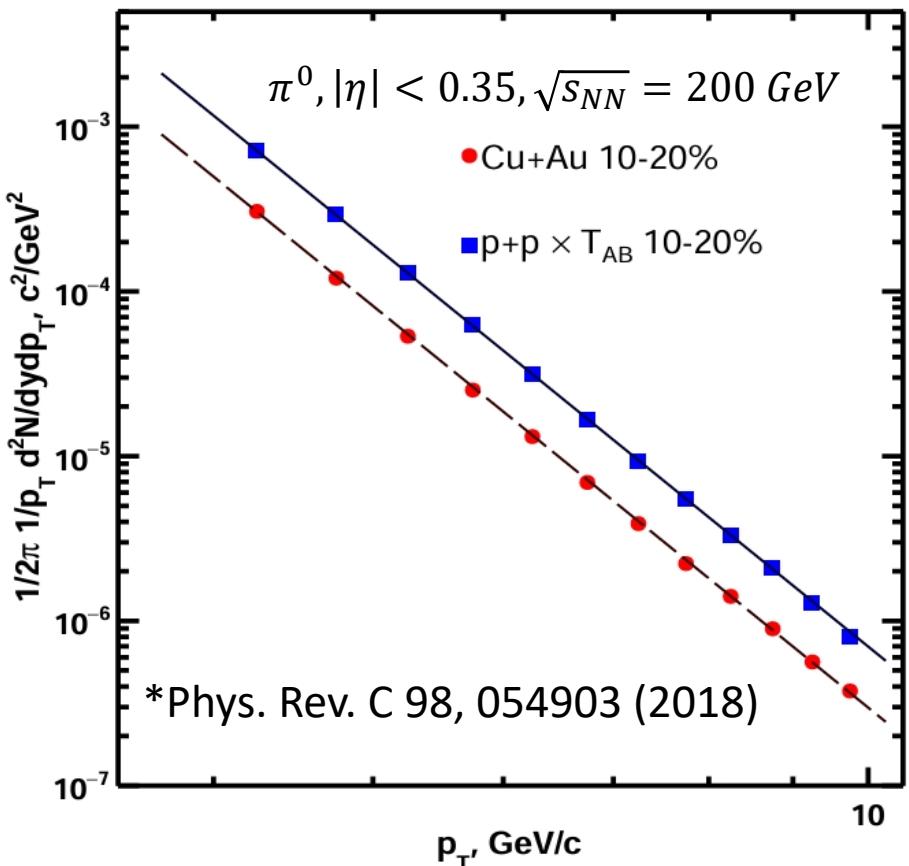
$p_T(p_T^{pp})$ – average transverse momentum of hadrons in A+B (p+p) collisions at fixed invariant yield

$R_{AA} > 1$ ($S_{loss} < 0$) → increase in the yield of hadrons (the parton absorbs energy);
 $R_{AA} < 1$ ($S_{loss} > 0$) → decrease in the yield of hadrons (the parton loses energy in the medium);
 $R_{AA} \approx 1$ ($S_{loss} \approx 0$) – absence/compensation of collective effects (no energy loss is observed).

The relationship between $S_{loss}(p_T)$ and $R_{AB}(p_T)$

p+p collisions: The invariant spectrum of π^0 -mesons at p_T is described by a power function at $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$:

$$f_{pp}(p_T) = E \frac{d^3N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = Ap_T^{-n}$$



Cu+Au collisions: for the entire range of p_T (weighted sum of the Hagedorn function and the power function):

$$f_{CuAu}(p_T) = T(p_T) \frac{B}{\left(1 + \frac{p_T}{p_0}\right)^b} + (1 - T(p_T))C p_T^{-m}$$

$p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$ (transition to the power form):

$$f_{CuAu}(p_T) = C p_T^{-m}$$

"Parallel spectra": $\frac{d(\Delta p_T)}{dp_T} = \frac{\Delta p_T}{p_T} = \text{const}(p_T)$

$$n = 8.1 \pm 0.1 \text{ (p + p)}$$

$$m = 8.02 \pm 0.07 \text{ (0 – 10% Cu + Au)}$$

$$m = 8.22 \pm 0.32 \text{ (60 – 90% Cu + Au)}$$

Integral over the azimuthal angle values ($p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$)

$$S_{loss}(p_T) = 1 - (R_{AB}(p_T))^{\frac{1}{n-2}}$$

Azimuthal dependencies $R_{AA}(p_T, \Delta\varphi)$ and $S_{loss}(p_T, \Delta\varphi)$

The invariant spectrum of π^0 -mesons in Cu+Au collisions:

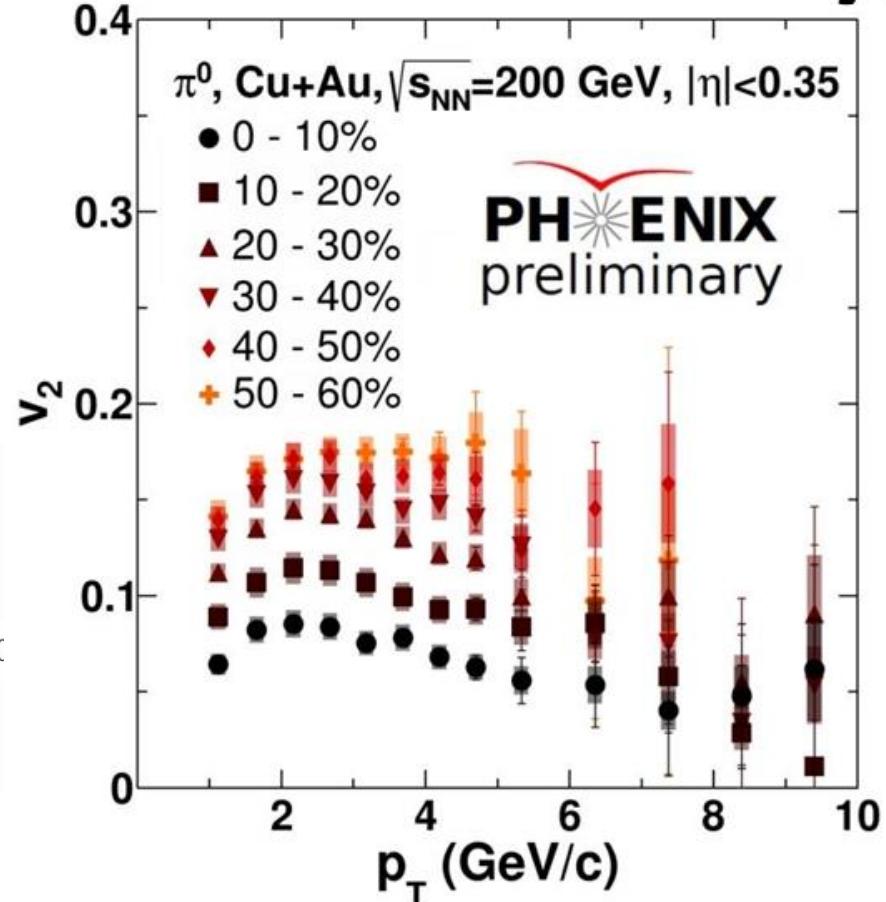
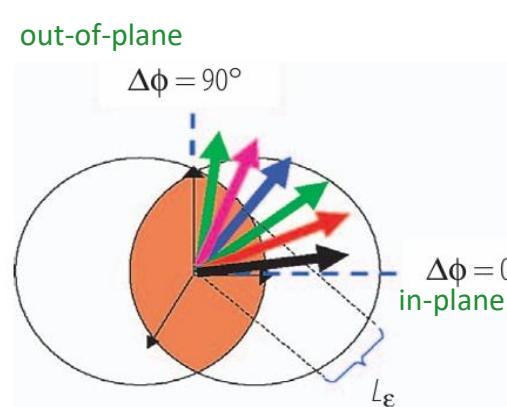
$$f_{CuAu}(p_T, \Delta\varphi, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T dp_T dy} \underbrace{\left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n(p_T, y) \cos(n\Delta\varphi) \right]}_{\frac{2\pi}{N_0} f_{CuAu}(p_T, \Delta\varphi, y)}$$

$$\Delta\varphi = \varphi - \Psi_{RP}, \quad v_n = \langle \cos(n\Delta\varphi) \rangle, \quad v_2 = \langle \cos(2\Delta\varphi) \rangle - \text{elliptic flow}$$

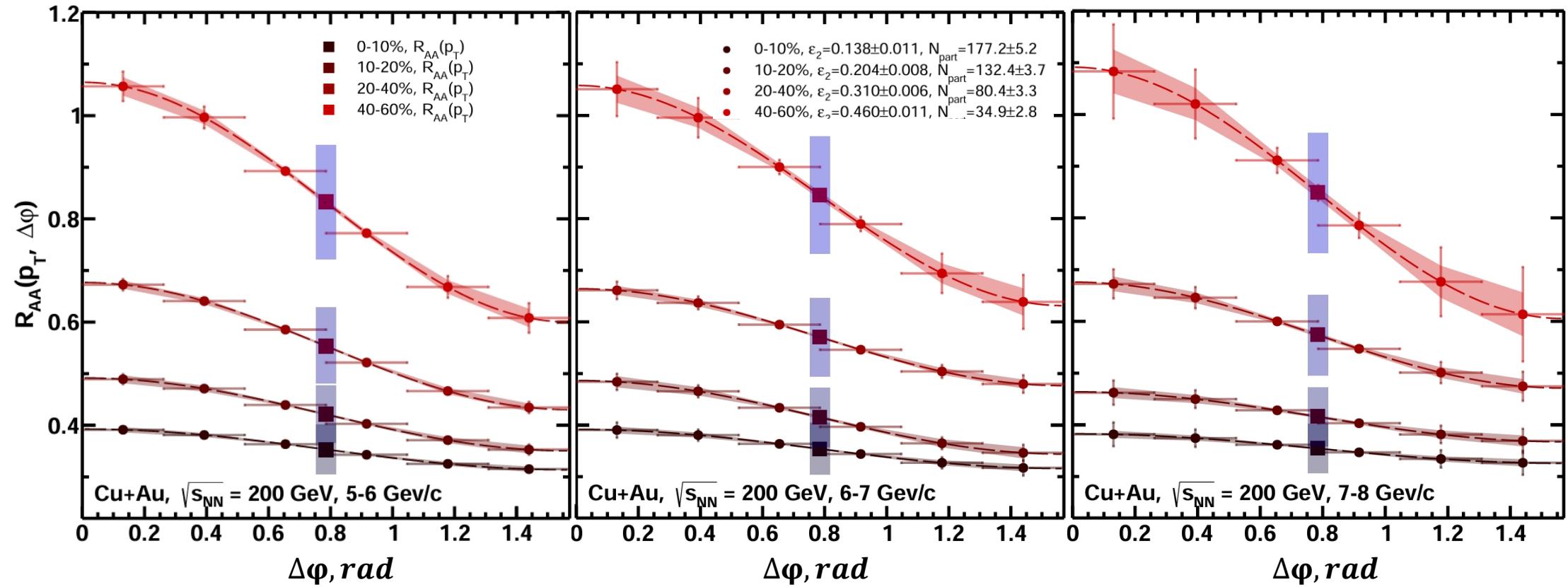
Azimuthal dependencies ($p_T > 4 \Gamma\beta B/c$):

$$R_{AB}(\Delta\varphi, p_T) = \frac{2\pi}{N_0} f_{CuAu}(\Delta\varphi, p_T) \cdot R_{AB}(p_T) \approx \\ \approx (1 + 2v_2 \cos(2\Delta\varphi)) \cdot R_{AB}(p_T)$$

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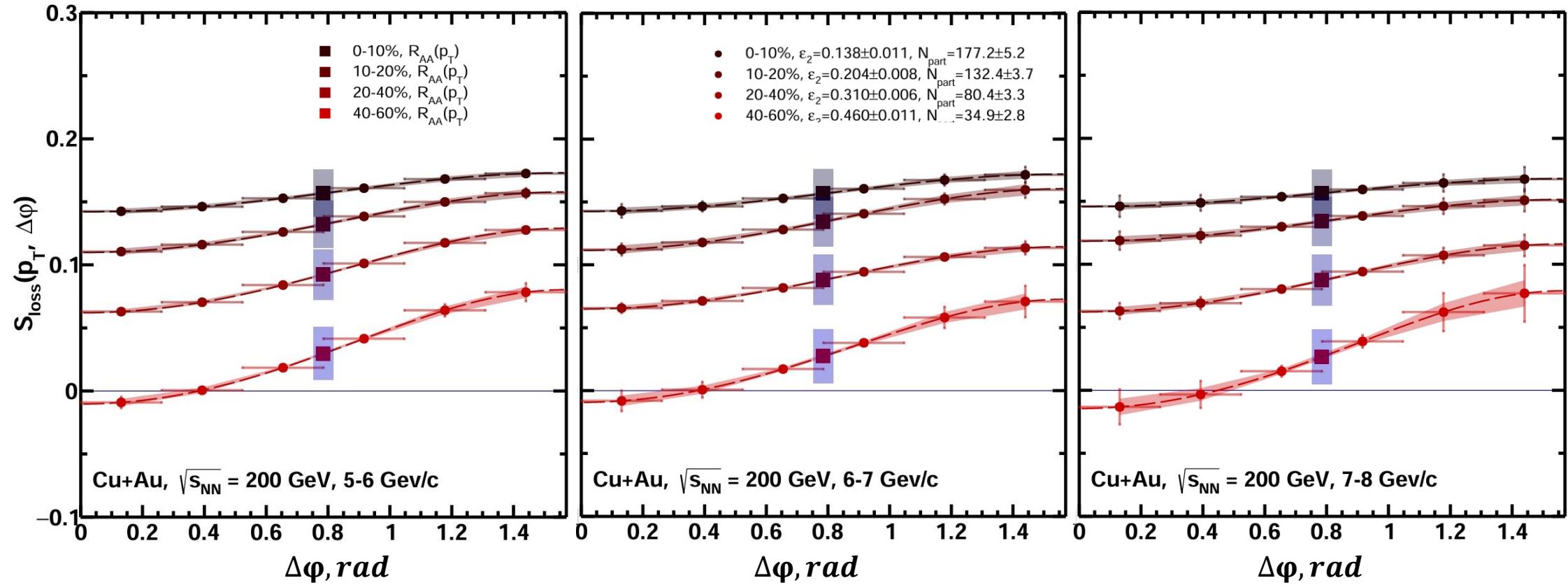


$R_{AB}(N_{part}, p_T, \Delta\varphi)$ for π^0 -mesons in Cu+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



- $R_{AB}(\Delta\varphi)|_{N_{part}}, R_{AB}|_{N_{part}} \approx const(p_T)$
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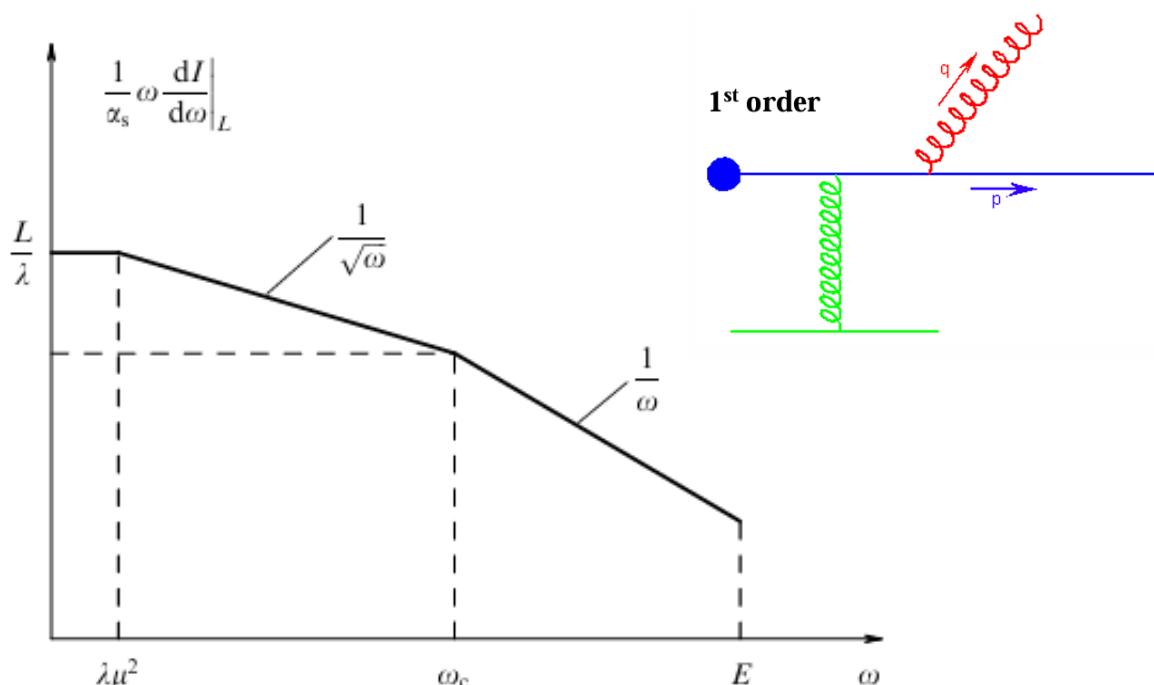
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Radiative energy loss in the medium

pQCD calculations for light quarks and gluons ($E \gg \frac{M^2}{T}$)

Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal regime (LPM) ($L \gg \lambda$):

$$\omega \frac{dI_{rad}}{d\omega} \sim \alpha_s C_R \begin{cases} L/\lambda & \omega < \omega_c \\ \sqrt{\omega_c/\omega} & \omega_c < \omega \\ \omega_c/\omega & \omega > \omega_c \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Delta E_{rad}^{LPM} = \int_{\omega_c}^E \omega \frac{dI_{rad}}{d\omega} d\omega \sim \alpha_s C_R \begin{cases} Lm_D^2, & \omega < \lambda m_D^2 (\text{vac form} \sim \omega/m_D^2 < \lambda) \\ \omega_c, & \omega_c < \omega \\ \omega_c \ln(E/\omega_c), & \lambda m_D^2 < \omega < \omega_c \end{cases}$$



$\hat{q} \equiv \frac{\langle q_T^2 \rangle}{\lambda} = \frac{m_D^2}{\lambda}$ – the transport coefficient

m_D – the Debye mass ($m_D(T) \sim gT$)

λ – the mean free path

$\omega_c = \frac{\hat{q}L^2}{2} \cong \frac{2\langle \Delta E_{rad} \rangle}{\alpha_s C_R}$ – characteristic gluonstrahlung energy

For the dominant part of the spectrum:

$$\Delta E_{rad}^{LPM} \propto \alpha_s \hat{q} L^2$$

$$\Delta E_{rad}^{LPM} \propto \ln(E) \quad (\omega_c < \omega)$$

Effective parton path-length

- The traversing partons can be produced at any initial point within the fireball;
- $T(\mathbf{r}, \tau), \rho(\mathbf{r}, \tau), m_D(\mathbf{r}, \tau), \hat{q}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \Rightarrow$ including azimuthal anisotropy;
- The produced plasma is expanding with large longitudinal (transversal) velocities.

1. Definition of L_{ef}

Time-averaged transport coefficient along the direction of propagation of the parton:

$$\langle \hat{q} \rangle(b, \Delta\varphi) = \frac{2}{L^2} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_0+L} (\tau - \tau_0) \hat{q}(\tau) d\tau$$

τ_0 is the formation time of the expanding system
 L – medium length along the propagation

The following effective quantities are introduced:

$$I_0(b, \Delta\varphi) = \langle \hat{q} \rangle L_{\text{eff}}(b, \Delta\varphi) \equiv \int_0^\infty \hat{q}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$I_1(b, \Delta\varphi) = \omega_{c_{\text{eff}}}(b, \Delta\varphi) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{q} \rangle L_{\text{eff}}^2 = \int_0^\infty \tau \hat{q}(\tau) d\tau$$

The effective parton path-length is determined as follows:

$$L_{\text{eff}}(b, \Delta\varphi) = \frac{2I_1(b, \Delta\varphi)}{I_0(b, \Delta\varphi)}$$

$$L_{\text{eff}}(b) = \frac{2I_1(b)}{I_0(b)}$$

Effective parton path-length

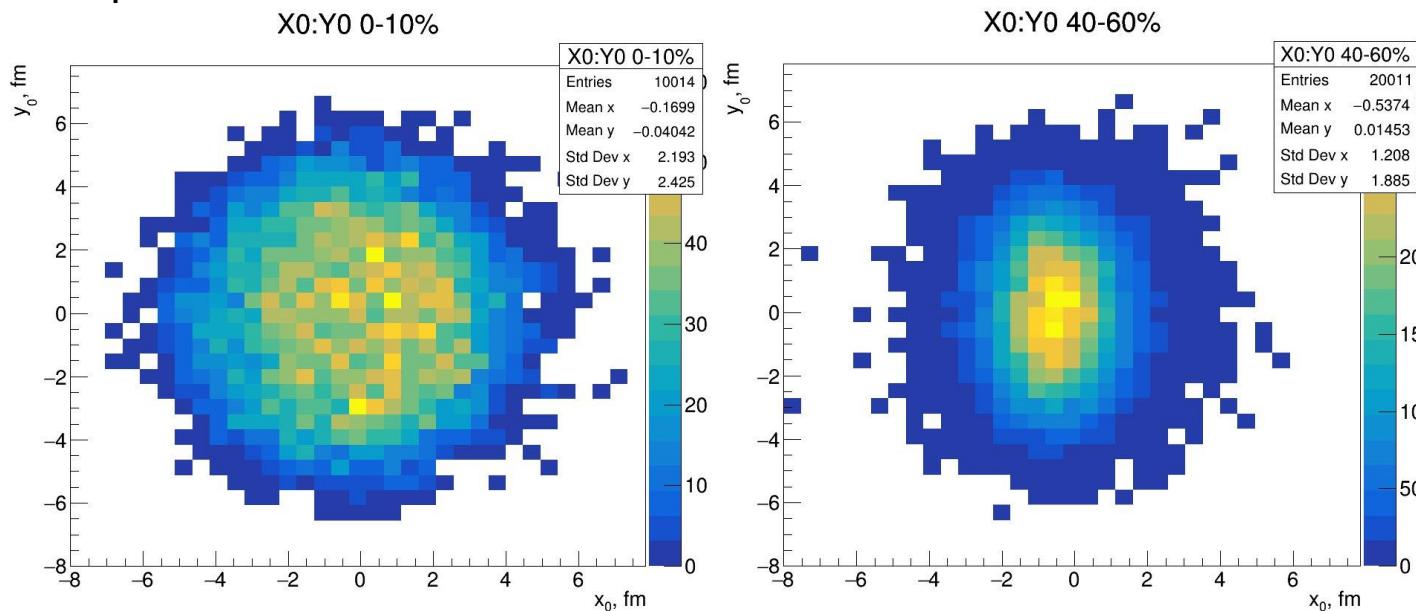
2. Glauber model

The local transport coefficient $\hat{q}(\tau; b)$ is proportional to the participant density in the transverse plane $\rho_{part}(\tau; b)$ ($\hat{q}(\tau; b) \propto \rho_c(\tau; b) \propto \rho_{part}(\tau; b)$):

$$\hat{q}(\tau; b) = \rho_c(\tau; b) \int d^2 q_T q_T^2 \frac{d\sigma}{d^2 q_T} = k(b) \rho_{part}(\tau; b)$$

$$\rho_{part}(\tau; b) = \rho_{part}(x_0 + \beta\tau \cos(\varphi_0 - \psi_2), y_0 + \beta\tau \sin(\varphi_0 - \psi_2); b)$$

A parton creation point (x_0, y_0) and the direction of movement φ_0 is generated in a plane transverse to the reaction plane



Density decreases with distance from the center

$$f(x_0, y_0) = A \rho_{coll}(x_0, y_0)$$

Isotropic distribution:

$$f(\varphi_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

Effective parton path-length

3. Longitudinal (1D) expansion of the plasma

$$\rho_c(\tau) = \rho_c(\tau_0) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)^\alpha \Rightarrow (\alpha = 1 \text{ -- Bjorken expansion}) \Rightarrow \rho_c(\tau) = \rho_c(\tau_0) \frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \Rightarrow \Delta E \propto L$$

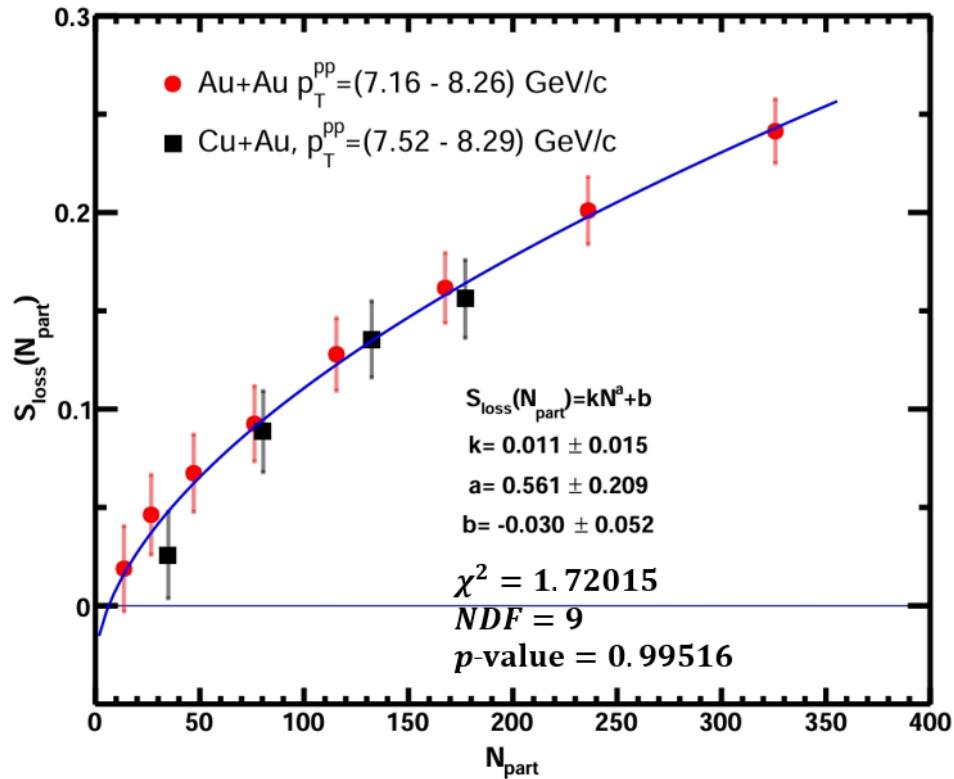
The regularized form:

$$\rho_c(\tau) = \rho_{c0} \left(\frac{\tau^2/\tau_0^2}{1 + \tau^2/\tau_0^2} \right) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)$$

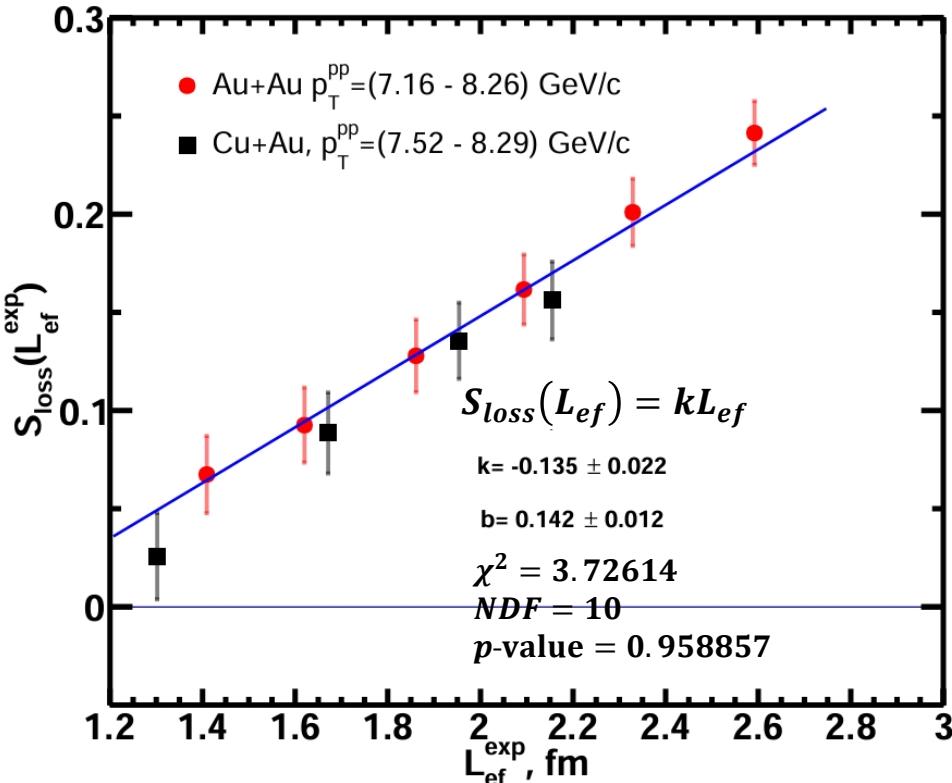
We have the following formula for calculation $L_{\text{ef}}(b, \Delta\varphi)$:

$$L_{\text{ef}}(b, \Delta\varphi) = \frac{2 \int_0^\infty \beta^2 \tau \rho_{part}(x_0 + \beta\tau \cos(\Delta\varphi), y_0 + \beta\tau \sin(\Delta\varphi); b) \left(\frac{\tau^2/\tau_0^2}{1 + \tau^2/\tau_0^2} \right) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right) d\tau}{\int_0^\infty \beta \rho_{part}(x_0 + \beta\tau \cos(\Delta\varphi), y_0 + \beta\tau \sin(\Delta\varphi); b) \left(\frac{\tau^2/\tau_0^2}{1 + \tau^2/\tau_0^2} \right) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right) d\tau}$$

$S_{loss}(L_{ef})$ for π^0 -mesons in Cu+Au and Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



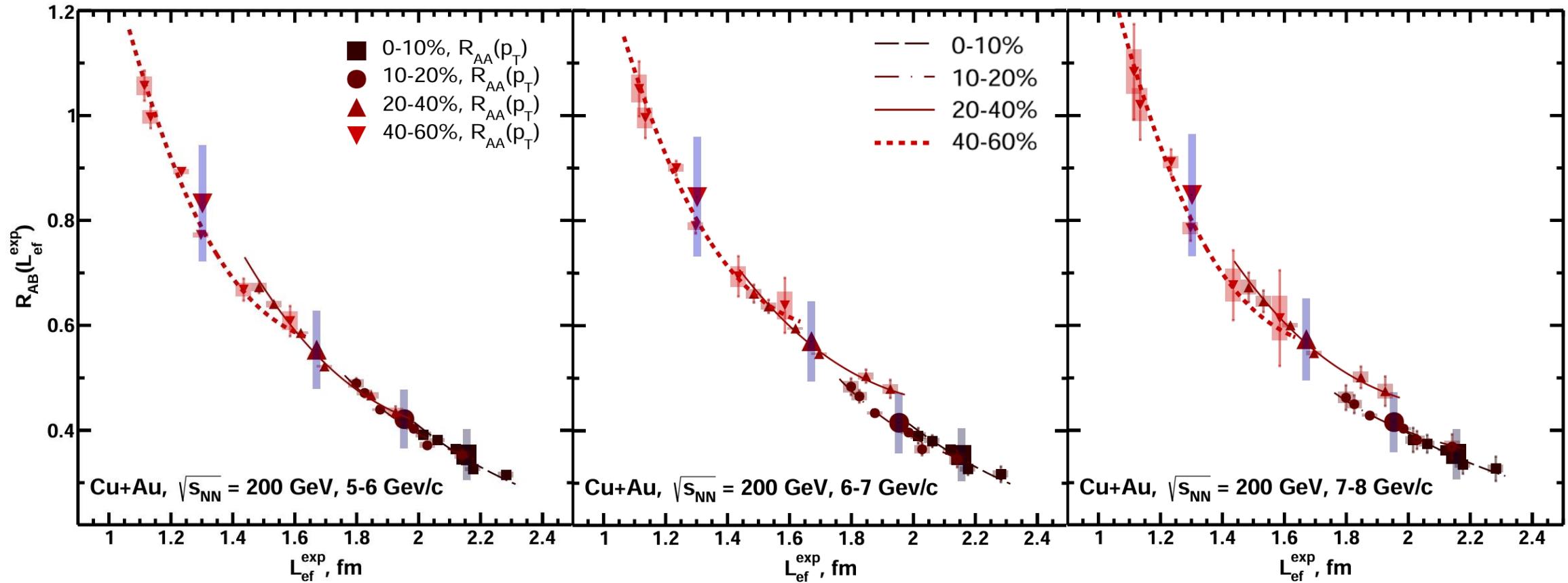
$$S_{loss} = kN_{part}^{2/3}$$



$$S_{loss} = kL_{eff}$$

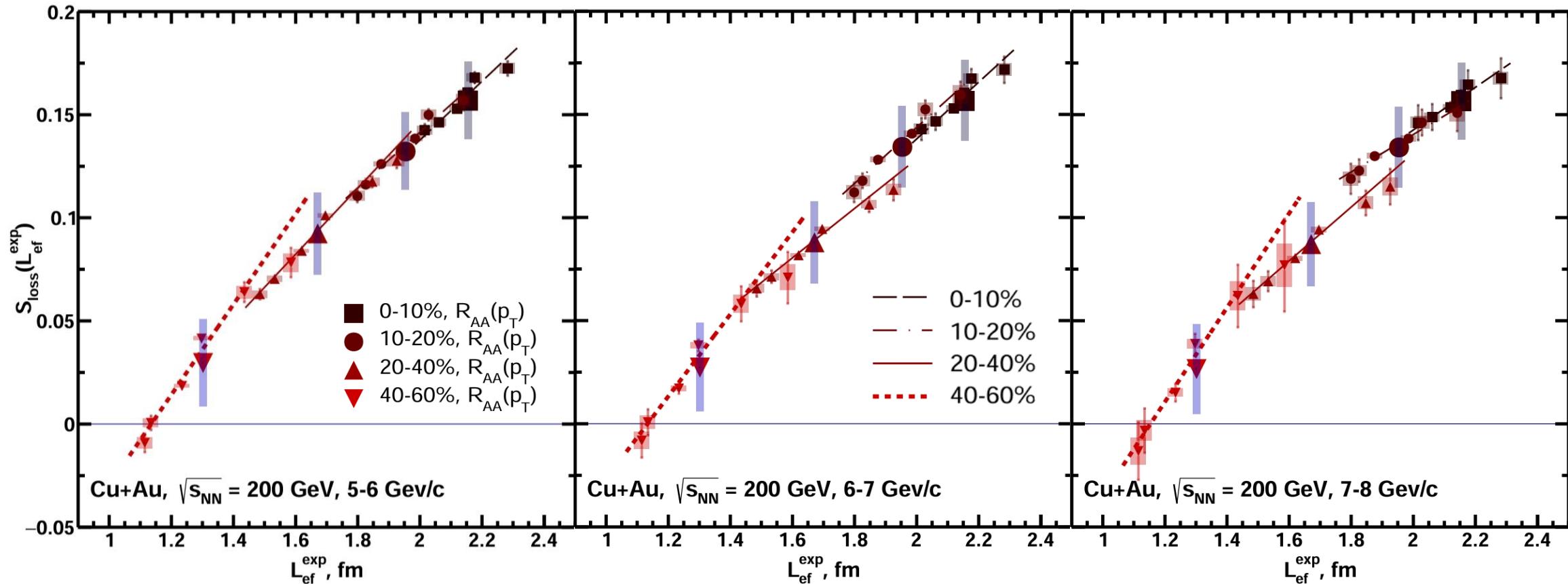
$$\Delta E \propto \alpha_s^3 C_R \times \frac{1}{A_{\perp} \propto N_{part}^{2/3}} \times \frac{dN^g}{dy \propto \frac{dN_{ch}}{dy} \propto N_{part}} \times \frac{L_{\perp} \propto N_{part}^{1/3}}{} \propto N_{part}^{2/3}$$

$R_{AA}(N_{part}, p_T, L_{ef})$ for π^0 -mesons in Cu+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



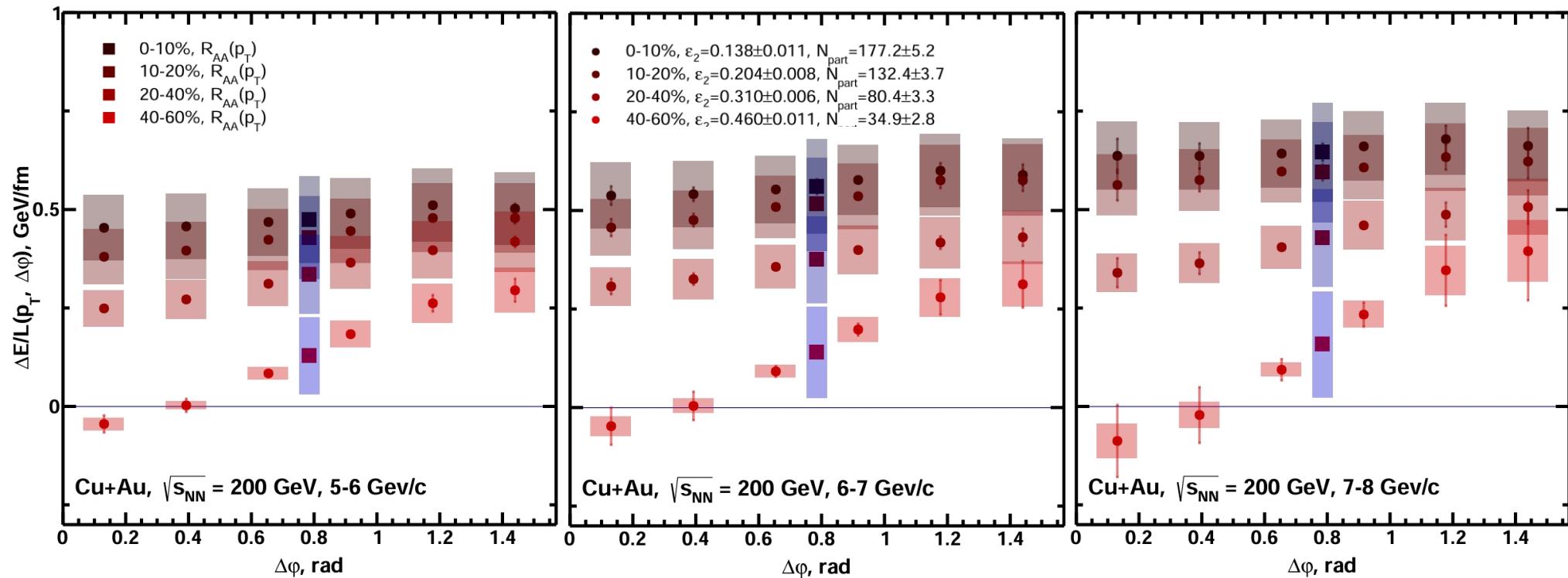
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$\Delta E/L_{ef}(N_{part}, p_T, \Delta\varphi)$ for π^0 -mesons in Cu+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



- $\left. \frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}} \right|_{max}^{5-6 \text{ Gev}/c} \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV}/fm, \left. \frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}} \right|_{max}^{7-8 \text{ Gev}/c} \sim 0.7 \text{ GeV}/fm (0-10\%)$
- $\frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}} \sim \text{const}(\Delta\varphi)$ for 0-10%, 10-20%
- $\frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}}$ varies slightly for 20-40%
- Significant anisotropy for 40-60%

Conclusions

- The form of dependencies $S_{loss}(N_{part})$, $S_{loss}(L_{ef})$ for Cu+Au matches with Au+Au,

$$S_{loss} \propto k N_{part}^{2/3}, \quad S_{loss} \propto k L_{ef}$$

- There is a clear azimuthal dependence $R_{AB}(\Delta\varphi)$ и $S_{loss}(\Delta\varphi)$ in the centralities 20-40% и 40-60%

- $R_{AB}\left(\frac{\pi}{24}\right)|_{40-60\%} \gtrsim 1, S_{loss}\left(\frac{\pi}{24}\right)|_{40-60\%} \lesssim 0$ in 40-60%

- The universal forms $R_{AB} \propto (1 - kL)^{n+1}$ and $S_{loss} \propto kL$ (for 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-40%)

- Deviation from $R_{AB} \propto (1 - kL)^{n+1}$ and $S_{loss} \propto kL$ for 40-60%

- $\frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}} \sim \text{const}(\Delta\varphi)$ for 0-10%, 10-20% ($\sim 0.7 \text{ GeV/fm}$ for $p_T = 7 - 8 \text{ GeV}/c$)

- Significant anisotropy $\frac{\Delta E}{L_{ef}}$ for 40-60%

- In peripheral collisions there is significant anisotropy in the density distribution and other effects (corona effect etc.)

Thank you for your attention!