



COMPLEXITY, HIGH-ENERGY COLLISIONS, AND DIFFERENTIAL OBSERVABLES

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- ❖ In this lecture we discuss the nonadditive entropy proposed by Constantino Tsallis in 1988.

C. Tsallis, J. Stat. Phys. 52, 479 (1988)

Entropy

Boltzmann-Gibbs

$$S_{\text{BG}} = - \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

$$q \rightarrow 1$$



Tsallis

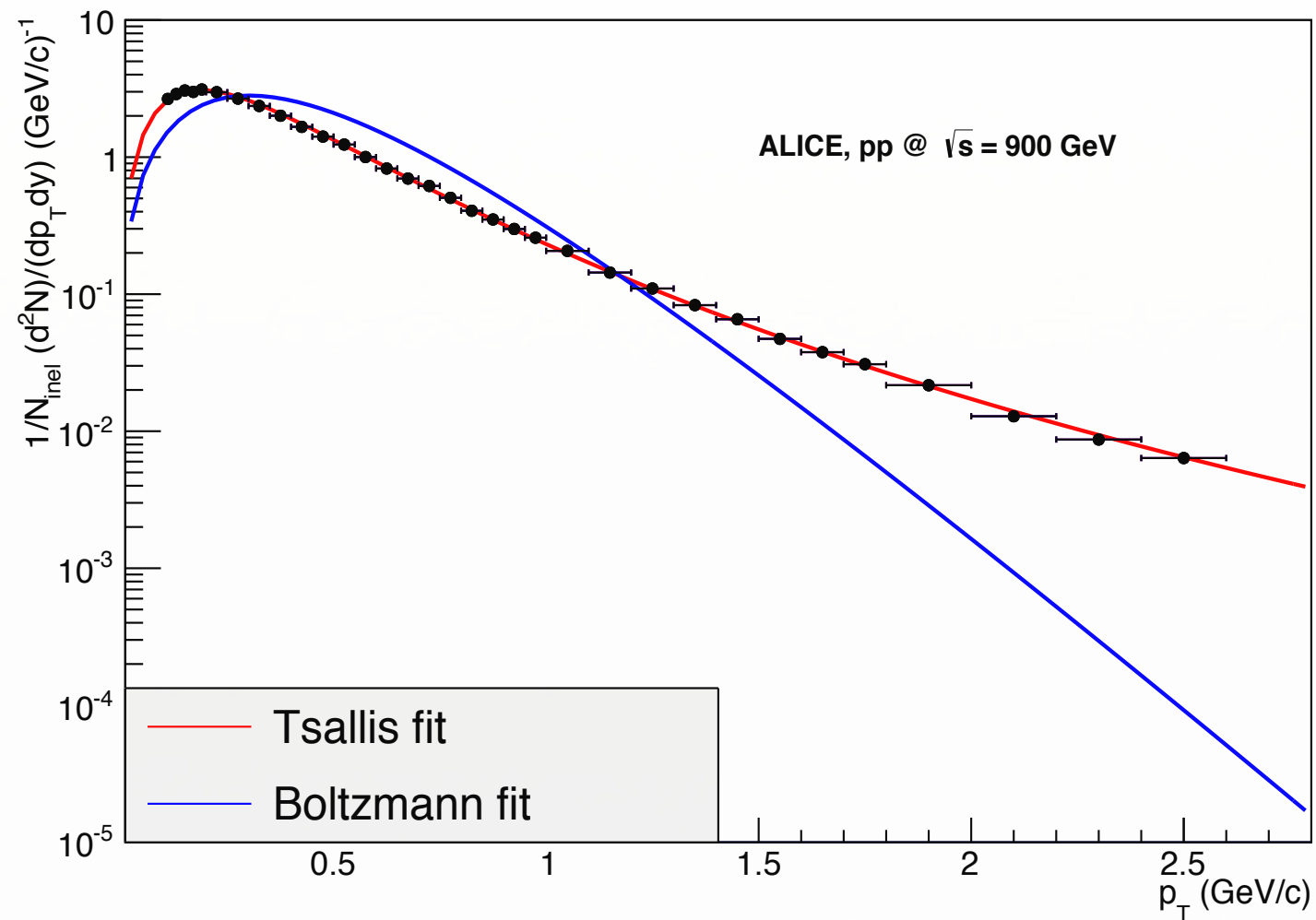
$$S_{\text{T}} = - \sum_i p_i^q \ln_q p_i$$

$$\ln_q p_i = \frac{1 - p_i^{1-q}}{q - 1} \quad q \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq}$$

Complexity in high-energy collisions

Tsallis vs Boltzmann

Transverse momentum spectrum of charged π^+ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV



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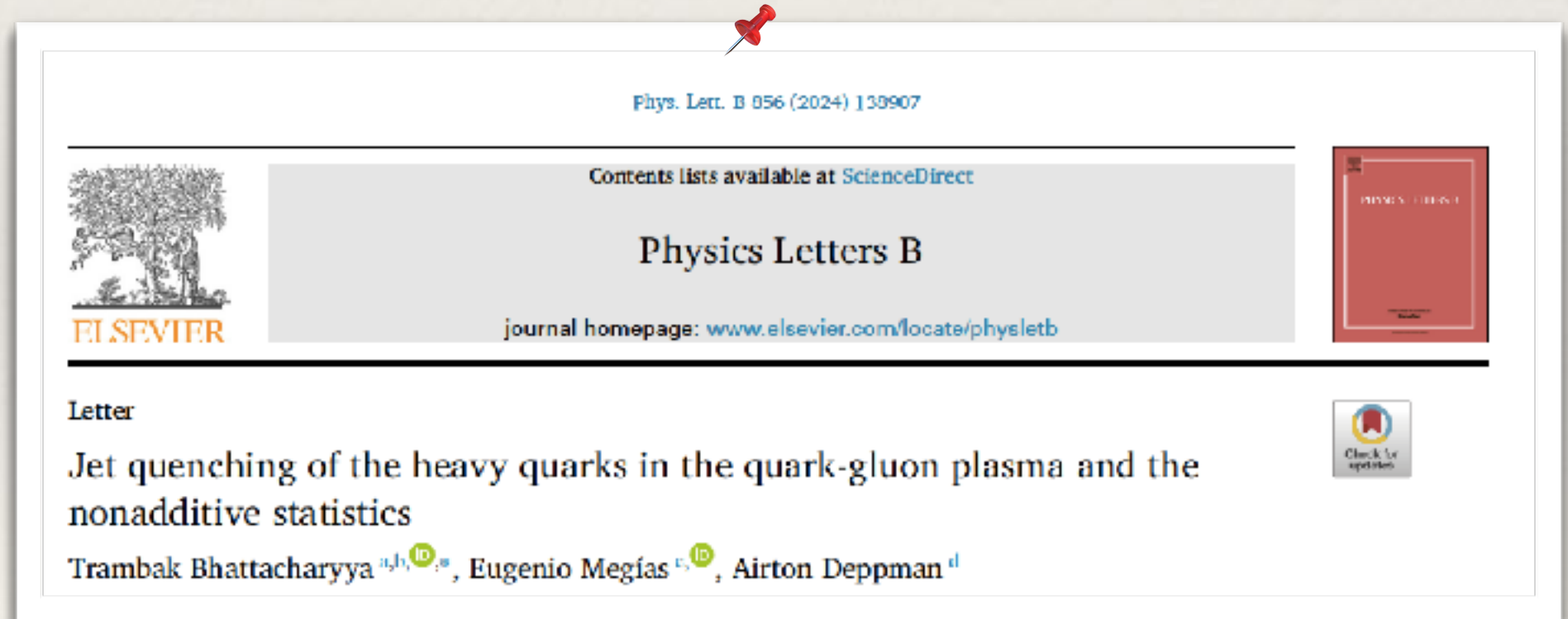
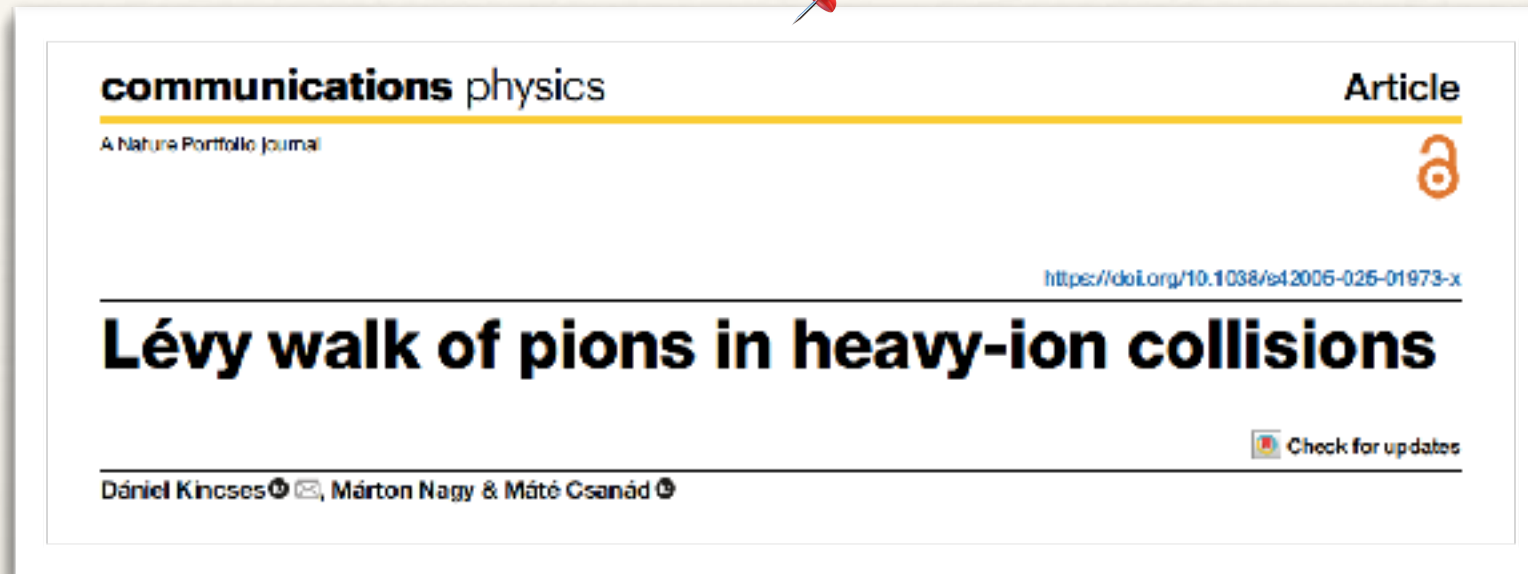
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Lévy walk of pions in heavy-ion collisions

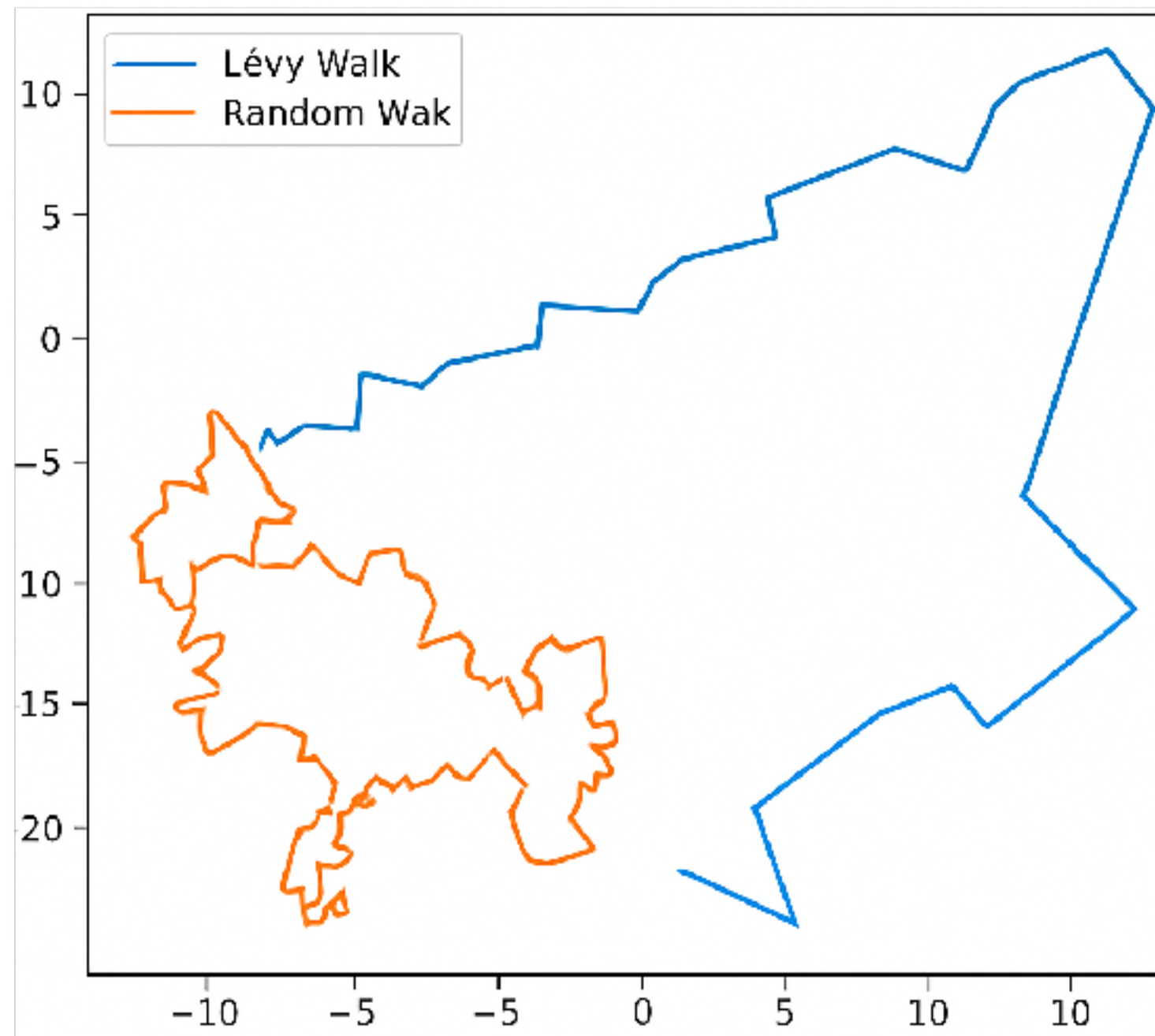
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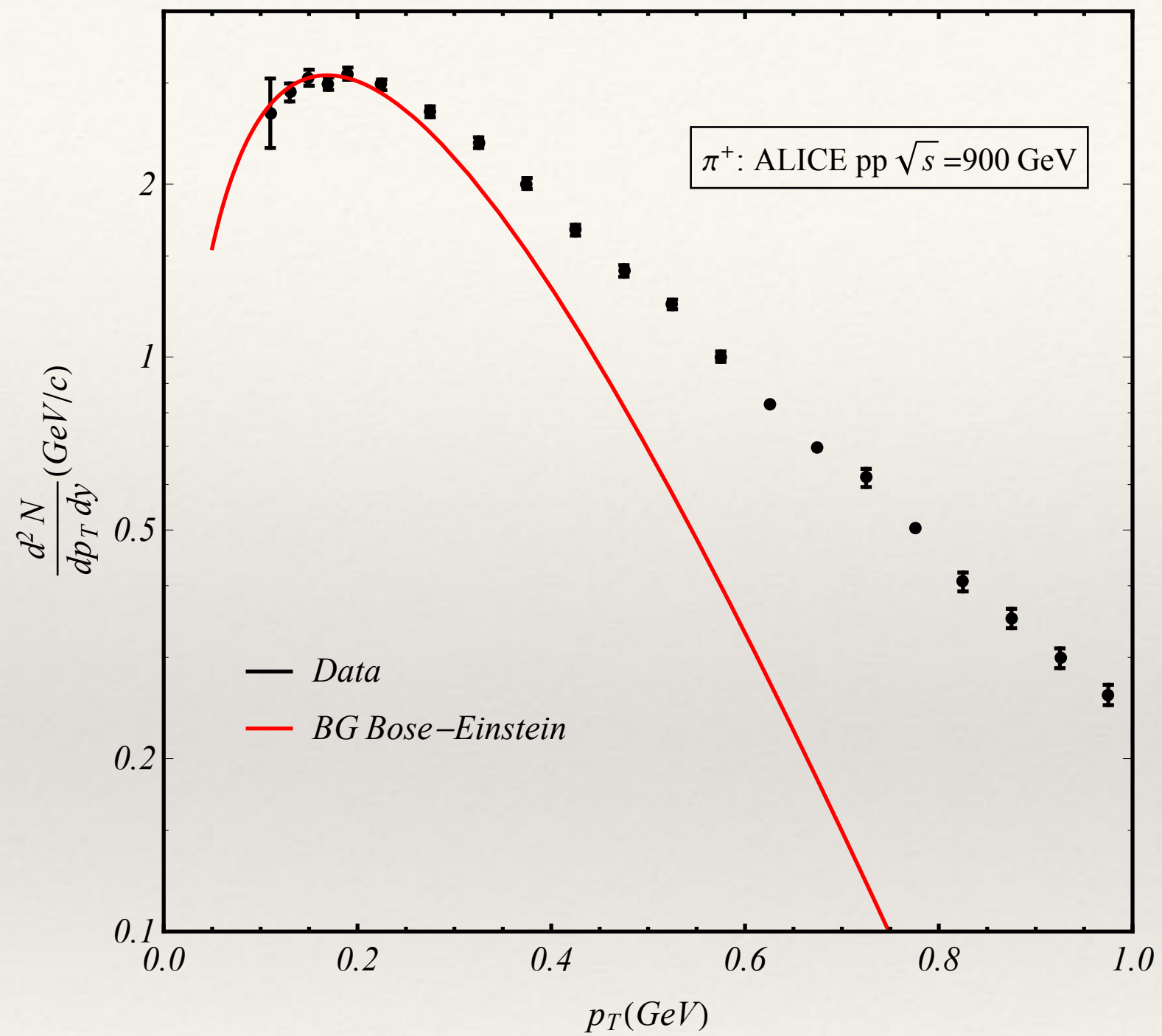
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- ❖ In complex systems, extreme events are not so 'rare'

Complexity and observables



An observable and theoretical modelling

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = \frac{gV}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \, p_T \, \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}} \, \langle n_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle$$

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Single-particle distribution

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We observe that the Boltzmann-Gibbs
Bose-Einstein single-particle
distribution does not describe pion
data

$$\left. \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \right|_{y=0, \mu=0} = gV \frac{p_T m_T}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{m_T}{T}} - 1}$$

Is there any generalized Bose-Einstein
single-particle distribution that
explains pion data?

SPDs obtained from maximization

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Tsallis entropy

$$S_T = - \sum_i p_i^q \ln_q p_i$$

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- Normalization of probabilities (constraint)

$$\varphi = \sum_i p_i - 1 = 0$$

- **Define averaging scheme** *Tsallis et al. proposed three schemes (C. Tsallis, R. Mendes, A.R. Plastino, Physics A 261, 534 (2018)).*

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_i p_i A_i$$

- Define potential $\Omega = \langle H \rangle - TS - \mu \langle N \rangle$
- Extremise $\Phi = \Omega - \lambda \phi$ w. r. t. p_i to solve for

$$\varphi = \sum_i p_i - 1 = 0$$

$$p_i = \left(1 + \frac{q-1}{q} \frac{\Lambda - E_i + \mu N_i}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}}$$

$$\Lambda = \lambda - T$$

Equilibrium set of probabilities



$$p_i = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{1-q}\right)} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{1-q}} e^{-t\left(1 + \frac{q-1}{q} \frac{\Lambda - E_i + \mu N_i}{T}\right)} dt$$

Integral representation

$$\sum_i p_i = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{1-q}\right)} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{1-q}} e^{-t\left(1 + \frac{q-1}{q} \frac{\Lambda - \Omega_G(\beta')}{T}\right)} dt = 1$$

$$\beta' = t(1-q)/qT, \quad \Omega_G(\beta') = -\frac{1}{\beta'} \ln Z_G(\beta'),$$

and $Z_G(\beta') = \sum_i e^{-\beta'(E_i - \mu N_i)}$

Probability normalization

Nonadditive SPD expressed in terms of BG SPD

$$\langle n_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{q-1}} e^{-t} e^{\beta' \Lambda} Z_G(\beta') \langle n_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle_G dt$$

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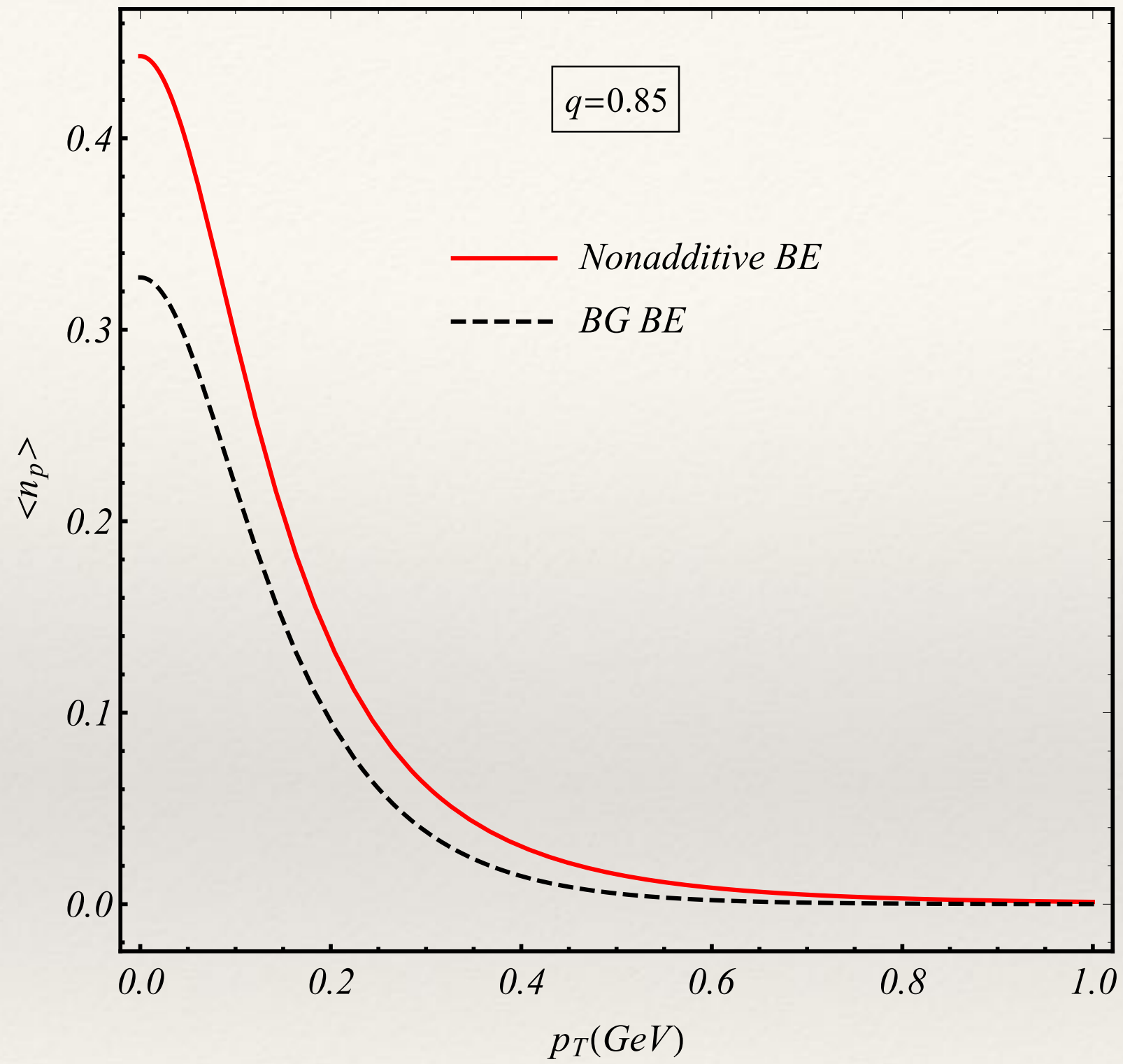
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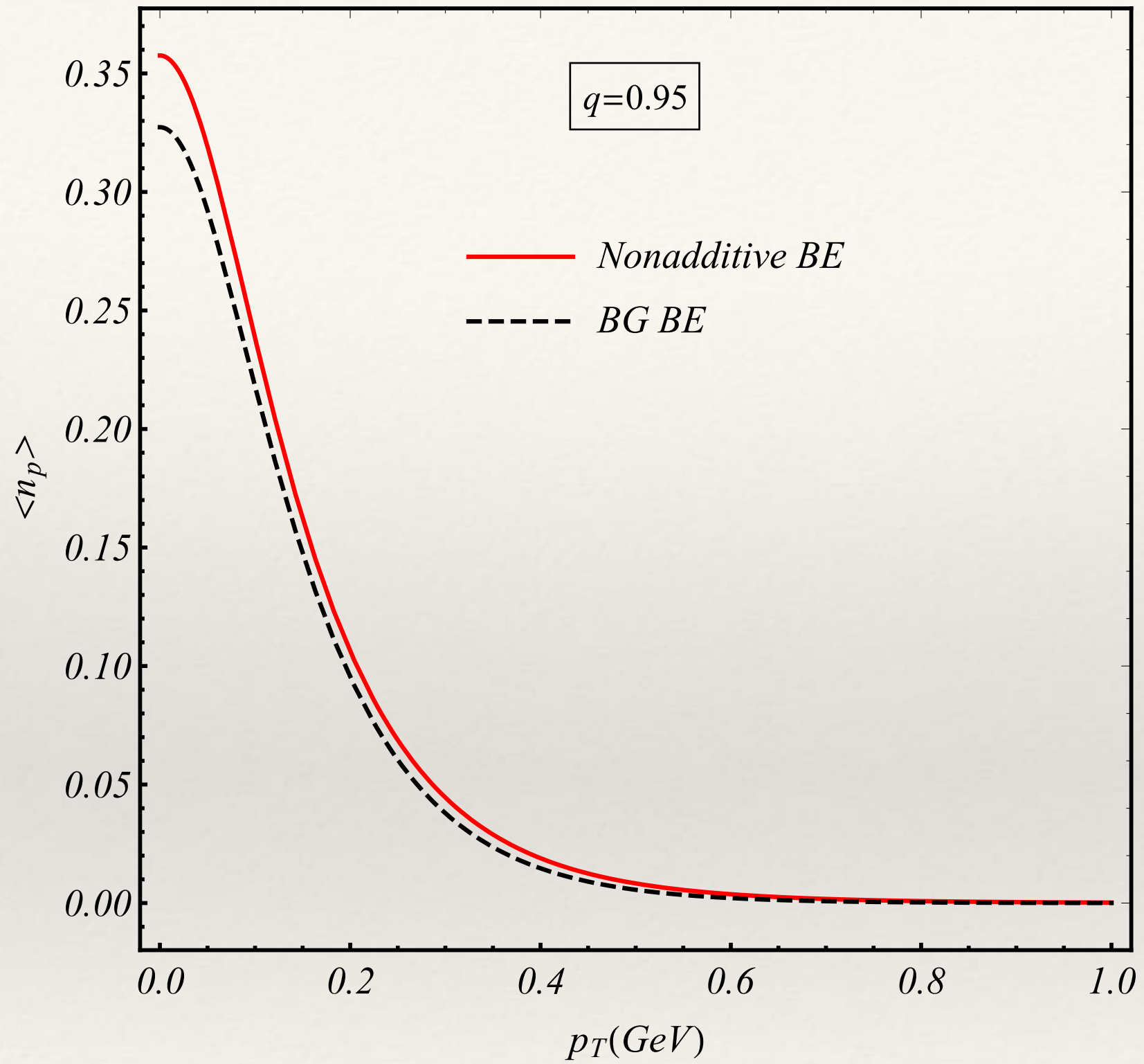
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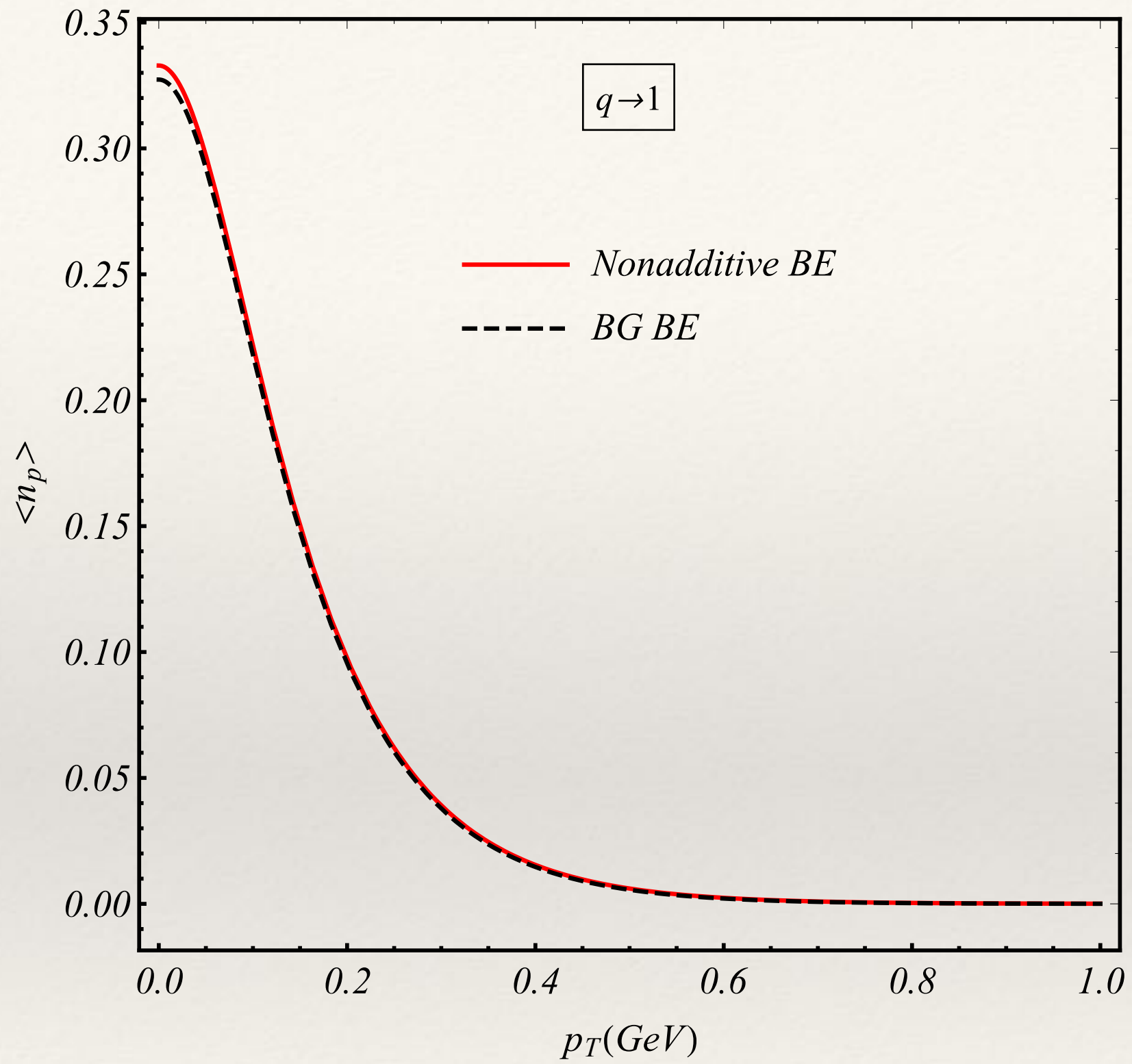
$$\langle n_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle = \left(\frac{qT}{(1-q)\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \zeta \left(\frac{q}{1-q}, \frac{qT}{(1-q)\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} - \frac{\Lambda}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) - \left(\frac{qT}{(1-q)\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} - \frac{\Lambda}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) \left(\frac{qT}{(1-q)\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \zeta \left(\frac{1}{1-q}, \frac{qT}{(1-q)\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} - \frac{\Lambda}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}} \right)$$

The value of Λ is obtained from probability normalization

So, we have derived a generalized
Bose-Einstein distribution

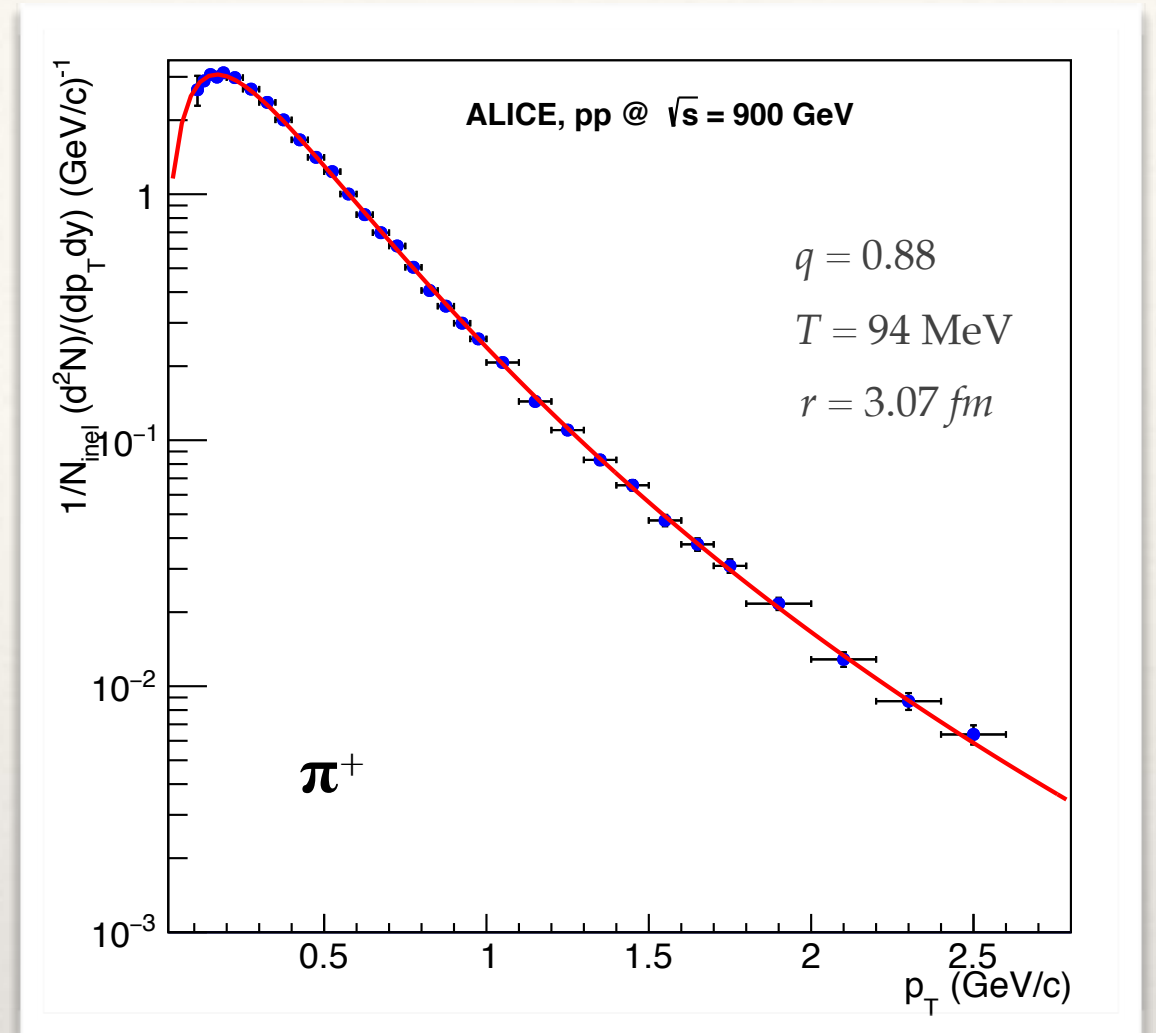
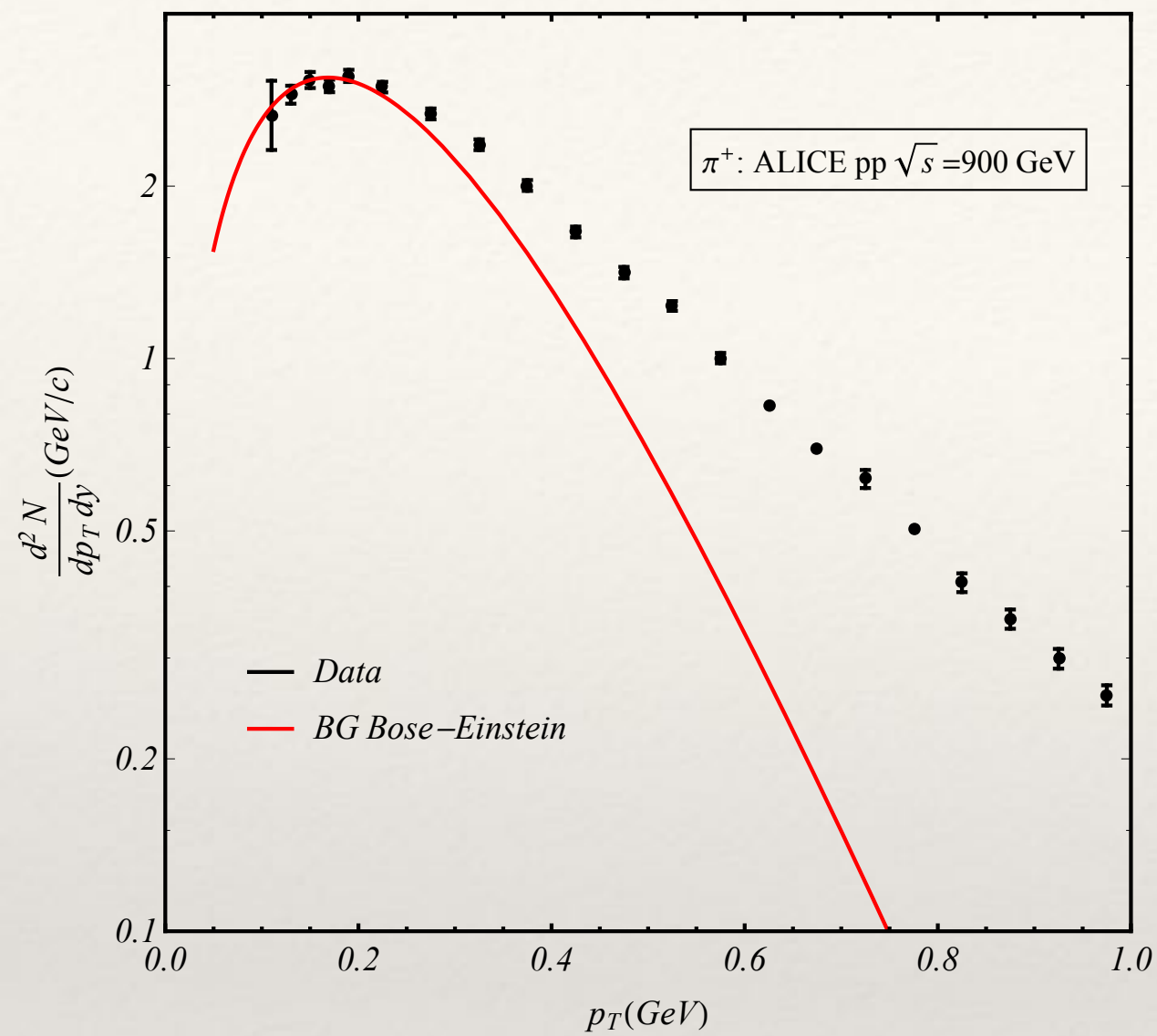






The generalized Bose-Einstein distribution is clearly different from the Boltzmann-Gibbs Bose-Einstein distribution when $q \neq 1$

Does it describe pion data?



*T. Bhattacharyya, M. Rybczyński, G. Wilk, and Ż. Włodarczyk, Phys. Lett. B **867**, 139588 (2025)*

Summary II and a brief outlook

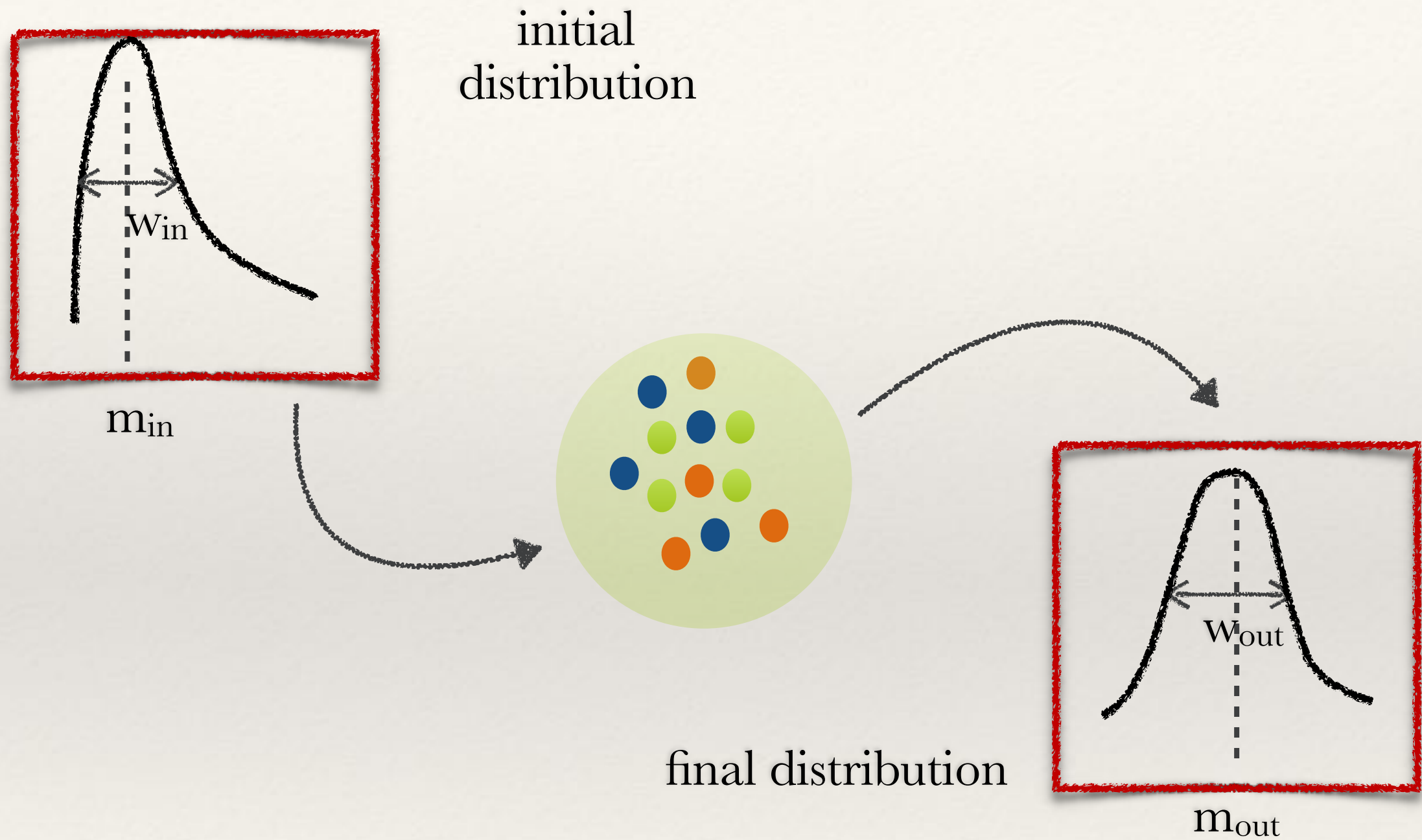
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- ❖ This generalised BE distribution is not phenomenological
- ❖ Also, compare with the superstatistics approach
*G. Wilk, Ź. Włodarczyk, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 2770(2000) C. Beck, E. G. D. Cohen, Physica A **322**, 267 (2003)*

More observables: I

$$R_{AA} = \frac{(d^2 N / dp_T dy)^{A+A}}{N_{\text{coll}} \times (d^2 N / dp_T dy)^{p+p}}.$$

Nuclear suppression factor

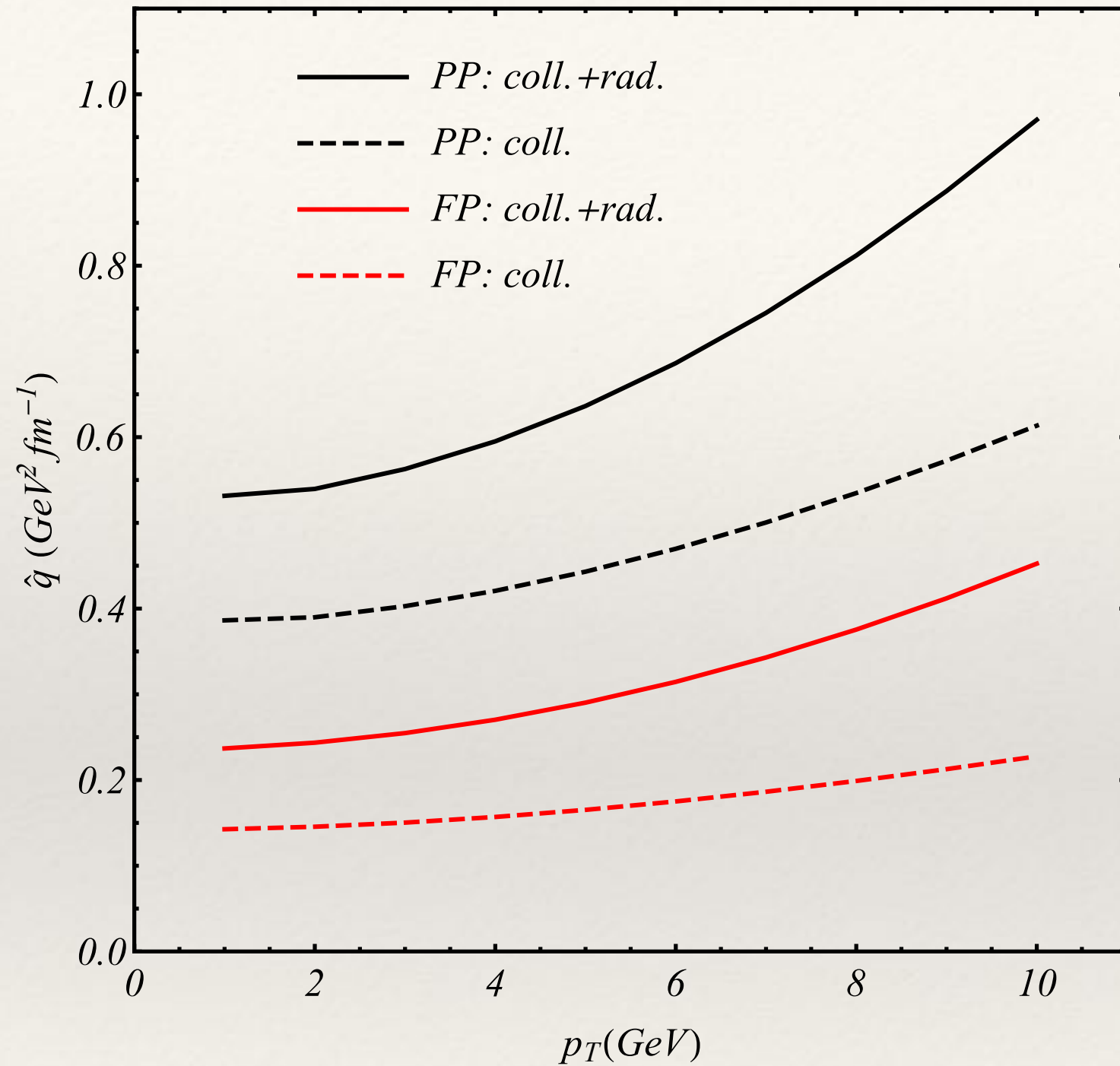
Theoretical modelling



$$R_{\text{AA}}^{\text{h}}(P_{\text{T}}, \ell) \simeq \exp \left[-\frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\sqrt{\pi}} \ell \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q} \mathcal{L}_h^{\text{abs}}}{P_{\text{T}}}} + \frac{16\alpha_s C_F}{9\sqrt{3}} \ell \left(\frac{\hat{q} m^2}{m^2 + P_{\text{T}}^2} \right)^{1/3} \right].$$

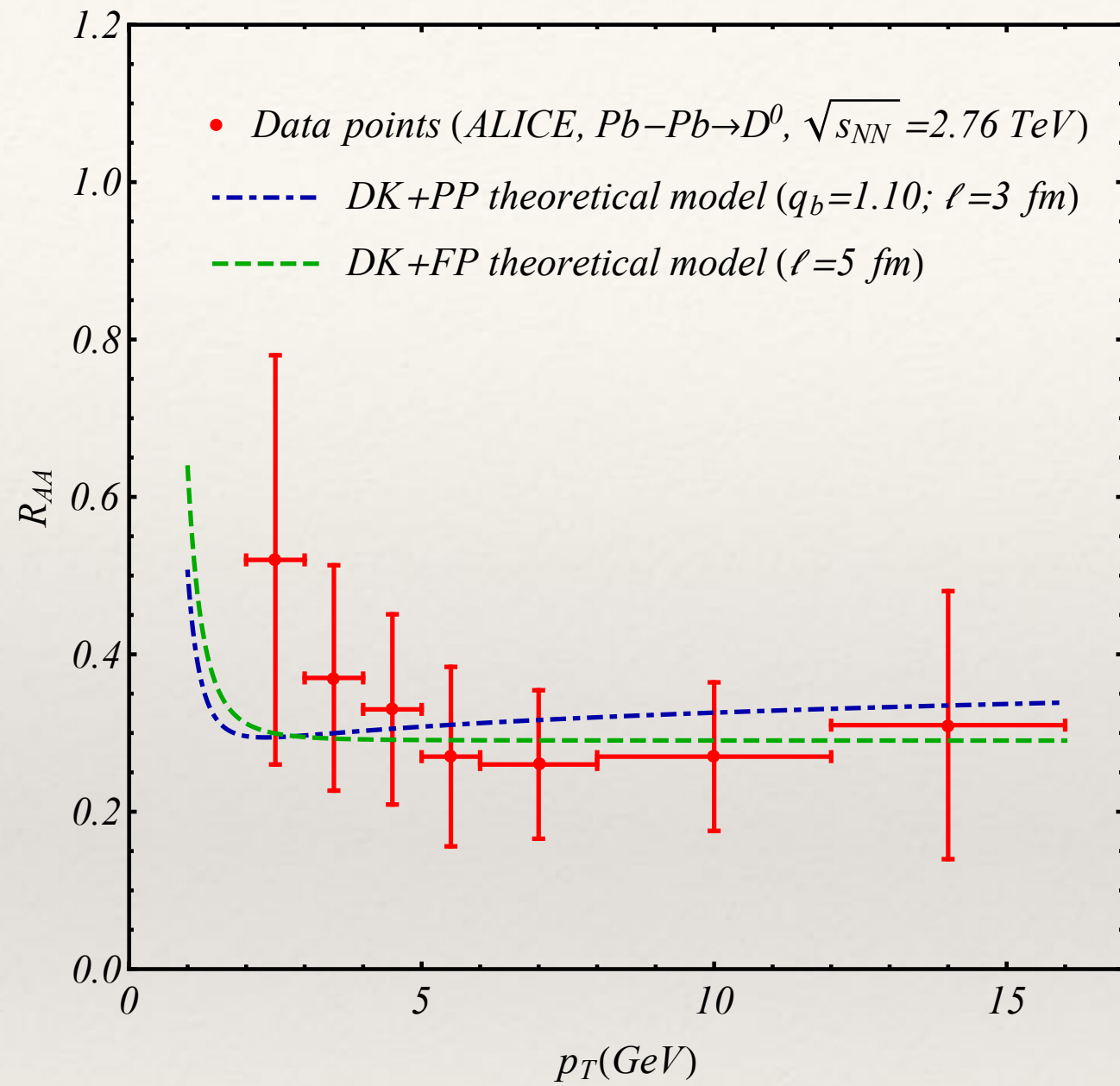
*Y. Dokshitzer and D. Kharzeev, Phys. Lett. B **519**, 199 (2001)*

Jet quenching parameter



$$\hat{q} = \frac{\langle\langle k_T^2 \rangle\rangle}{v_L} \sim B_{\perp}$$

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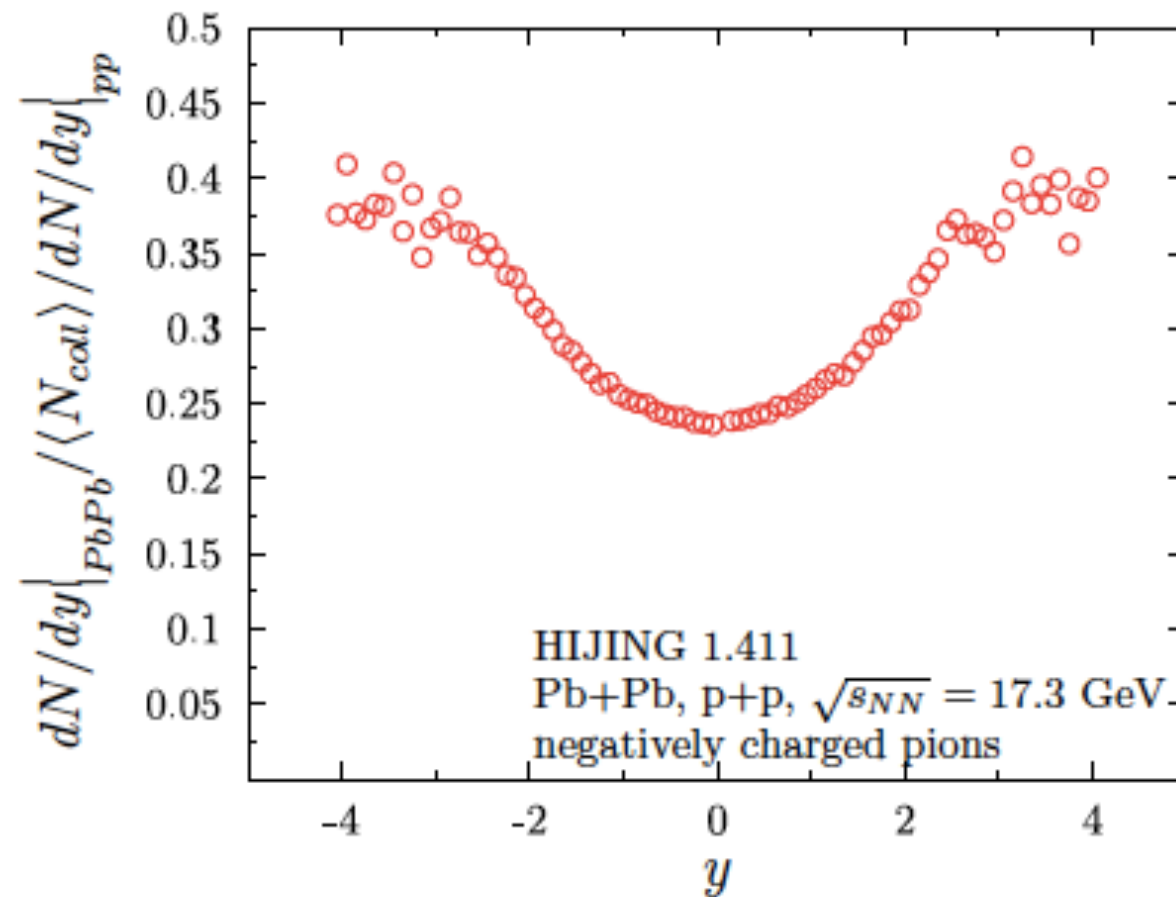
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More observables: II

$$R_{dN/dy} = \frac{\frac{dN^{\text{Pb-Pb}}}{dy}}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle \frac{dN^{pp}}{dy}}$$

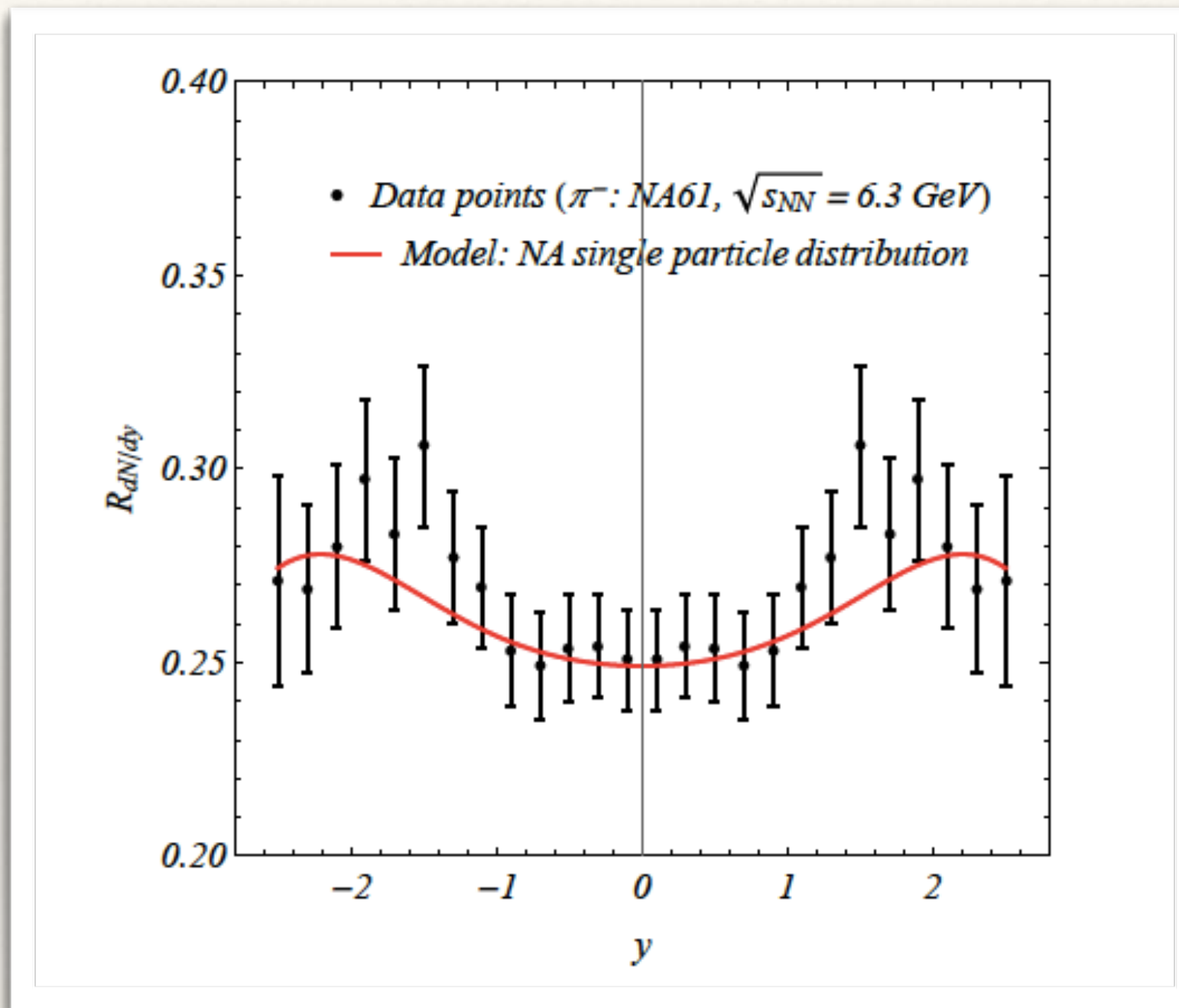
Longitudinal suppression factor

Approach I: numerical modelling



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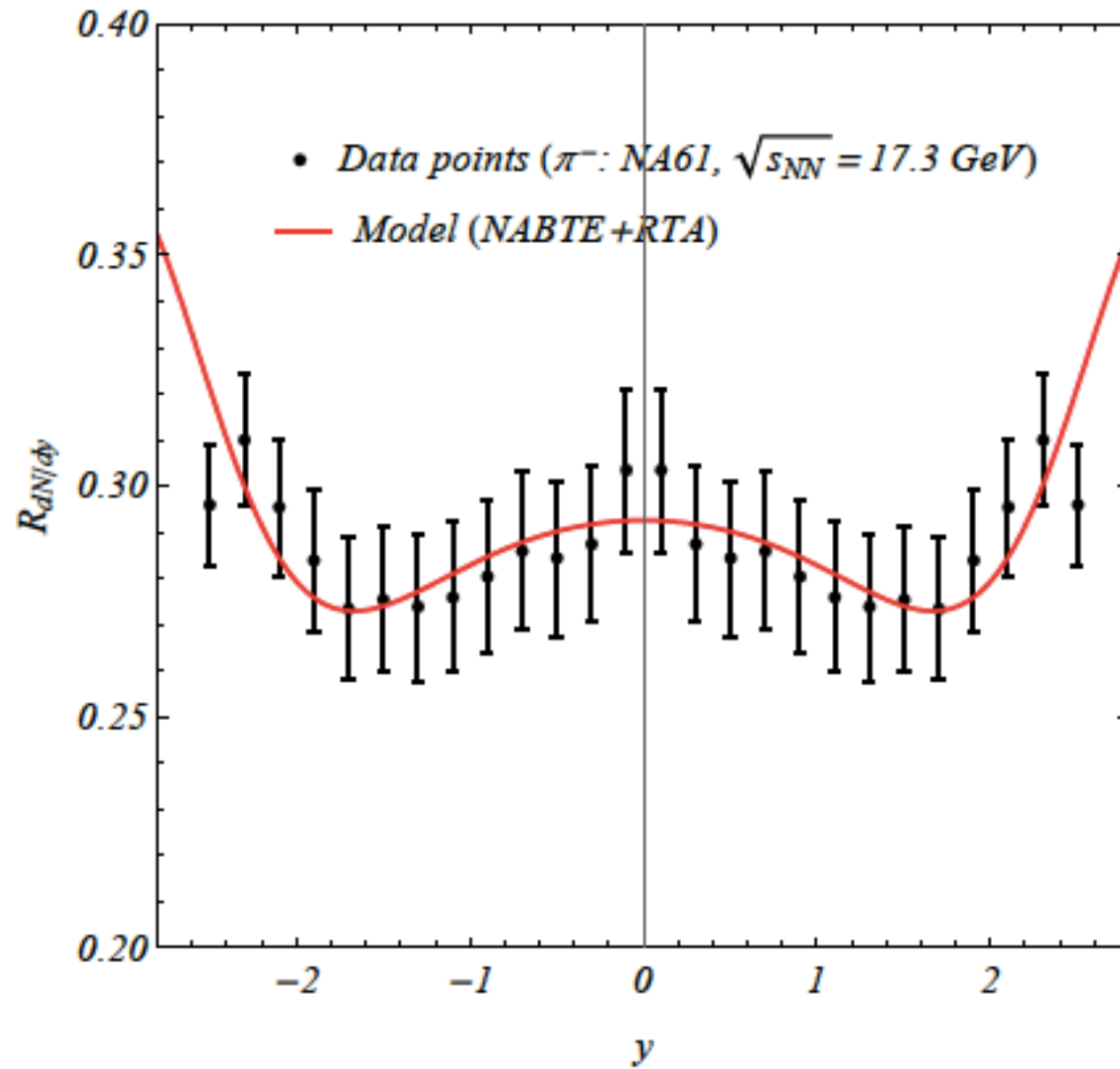
Approach 2: phenomenological



$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= 1.12, \\ q_2 &= 1.10, \\ T_1 &= 0.086 \text{ GeV}, \\ T_2 &= 0.101 \text{ GeV}, \\ V_1 &= 75.9 \text{ GeV}^{-3}, \\ V_2 &= 10^4 \text{ GeV}^{-3}, \\ N_{coll} &= 808 \end{aligned}$$

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Approach 3: transport



$q_{in}=1.06,$
 $q=1.01,$
 $T_{in}=0.08$ GeV,
 $T=0.09$ GeV,
 $t/\tau=0.839,$
 $\mu_{in}=0.16$ GeV,
 $\mu=0.04$ GeV

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Final summary and outlook

- ❖ Complexity in systems created in high-energy collisions is manifested through power-law differential observables
- ❖ We discussed three examples: a) transverse momentum spectra; b) transverse nuclear suppression; c) longitudinal nuclear suppression
- ❖ Starting from a nonadditive entropy, we derived a generalized Bose-Einstein distribution suitable to describe bosonic spectra produced in high-energy collisions.
- ❖ We also outlined a modified transport approach for describing nuclear suppression
- ❖ More rigorous approaches: numerical solutions with the input of transport coefficients, collectivity, centrality dependence of path length, comparison with interferometry, connection with quantum field theory

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