

# Dilepton Backward Rapidity Distributions

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# Outline

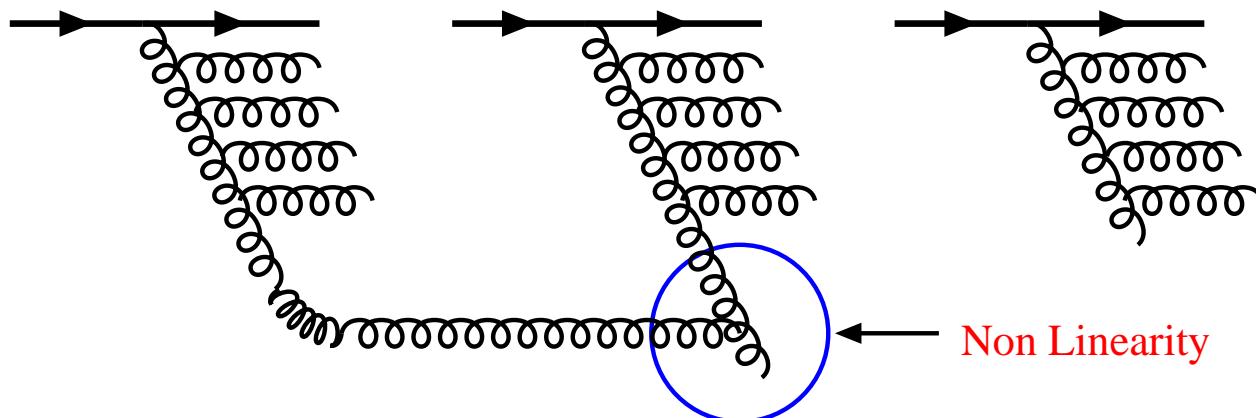
- Motivation;
- High Density System
- Forward rapidities;
  - Color Glass Condensate;
  - Saturation effects;
  - $p_T$  and rapidity distributions;
  - Cronin data on hadron production at forward rapidities.
- Backward rapidities;
  - Dipole approach;
  - nuclear effects at small and large Bjorken  $x$ ;
  - $p_T$  and rapidity distributions;
  - Cronin data on hadron production at backward rapidities.
- Conclusions.

# Motivation

- Dilepton  $\Rightarrow$  Clean probe (electromagnetic interactions);
- Forward rapidities:
  - RHIC and LHC experiments are characterized by a high density of gluons in the nucleus;
  - Those interactions can be described by dense condensates (Color Glass Condensates);
  - Search for signatures of the CGC description of the saturated regime;
  - Cronin peak suppression at forward rapidities for hadrons  $\Rightarrow$  Initial/Final state effect?
  - Dilepton  $\Rightarrow$  presenting the same suppression (**Cronin peak suppression for hadrons  $\Rightarrow$  Initial state effect**)
- Backward rapidities:
  - Nucleus at large Bjorken  $x$ ;
  - Information about large  $x$  nuclear effects;
  - Pronounced Cronin peak at backward rapidities for hadrons  $\Rightarrow$  Initial/Final state effect?
  - Dilepton  $\Rightarrow$  which is the behavior at backward??

# Partonic System Evolution

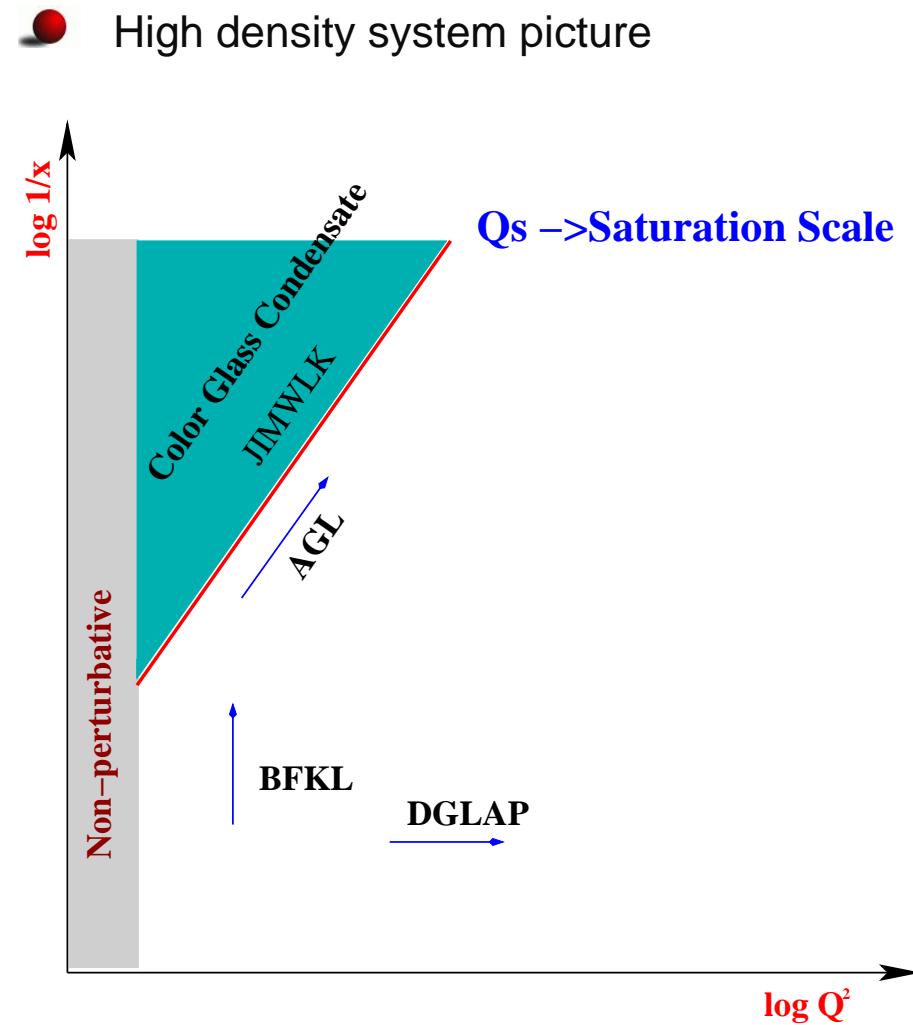
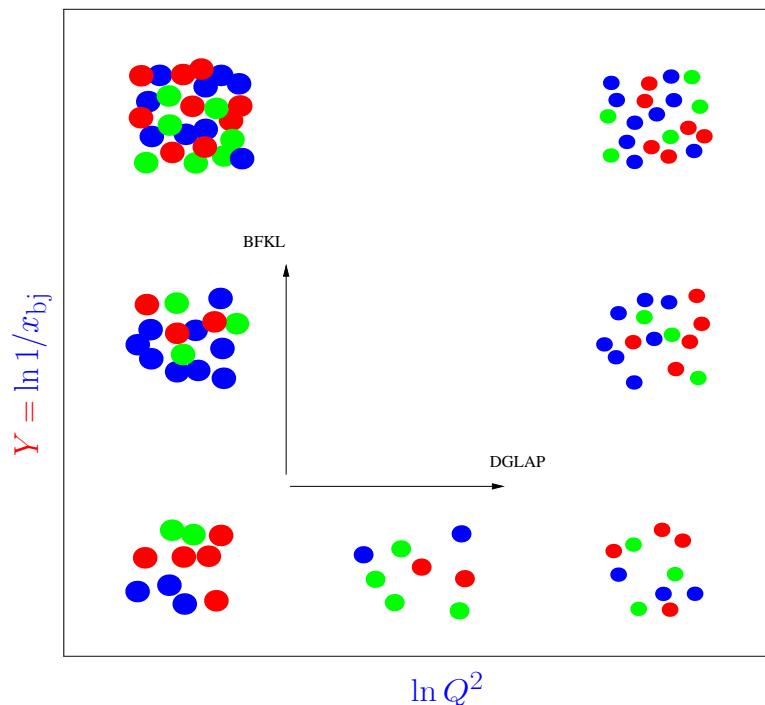
- Parton at large Bjorken  $x \Rightarrow$  Valence quarks.
- Increasing energy  $\Rightarrow$  Sea quarks.
- New partons are emitted.
- Emission probability  $\propto \alpha_s \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .
- DGLAP and BFKL evolution (only emission diagrams).
- At small  $x$  region (high energy limit).
- Density of partons increases.
- Large occupation number (partons eventually overlap).
- Recombination processes (GLR, AGL, BK, JIMWLK).



- Gluon dominance at small  $x$ .

# Partonic System Evolution

- DGLAP and BFKL
- Consider only emission diagrams
- DGLAP → evolution in  $Q^2$   
→ diluted system)
- BFKL → evolution in  $x$ .  
→ saturation)
- Saturation → overlap in phase-space  
(small  $x$  and low  $Q^2$ ).
- High density system picture



# Evolution Equations



## Linear evolution

- DGLAP ( $\sim 1977$ ) evolve quark and gluon distributions in  $Q^2$ .

$$\frac{dg(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[ P_{gq} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) q_i^S(y, Q^2) + P_{gg} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right) g(y, Q^2) \right],$$

(Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi)

- BFKL ( $\sim 1977$ ) evolve non-integrated gluon distribution in  $x$ .

$$\frac{\partial \phi(x, k_\perp^2)}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \frac{3\alpha_s}{\pi} k_\perp^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dk'^2_\perp}{k'^2_\perp} \left\{ \frac{\phi(x, k'^2_\perp) + \phi(x, k_\perp^2)}{|k'^2_\perp - k_\perp^2|} + \frac{\phi(x, k_\perp^2)}{\sqrt{4k'^4_\perp + k^4}} \right\},$$

(Balitsky, Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov)



## Non-linear evolution

- GLR (1983) evolve  $xg(x, Q^2)$  in  $x$  and  $Q^2$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 xg(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2 \partial \ln 1/x} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} xg(x, Q^2) - \frac{\alpha_s^2 \gamma}{Q^2 R^2} [xg(x, Q^2)]^2$$

(Gribov-Levin-Ryskin)

- AGL (1997) evolve  $\kappa_G(x, Q^2) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s \pi}{2Q^2 R^2} xg(x, Q^2)$  in  $x$  and  $Q^2$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 \kappa_G(x, Q^2)}{\partial (\ln 1/x) \partial (\ln Q^2)} + \frac{\partial \kappa_G(x, Q^2)}{\partial (\ln 1/x)} = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{\pi} [C + \ln(\kappa_G) + E_1(\kappa_G)]$$

(Ayala-MBGD-Levin)

- BK (1996-1999) evolve the dipole density ( $N$ ) in  $x$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 N(\vec{x}_{01}, \vec{b}_0, Y)}{\partial Y \partial \ln(1/x_{01}^2 \Lambda_{QCD}^2)} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} [2 - N(\vec{x}_{01}, \vec{b}_0, Y)] N(\vec{x}_{01}, \vec{b}_0, Y)$$

(Balitsky-1996; Kovchegov-1999)

- JIMWLK ( $\sim 1997$ -2001) evolve the color charge sources correlation in  $\tau = \ln(1/x)$ .

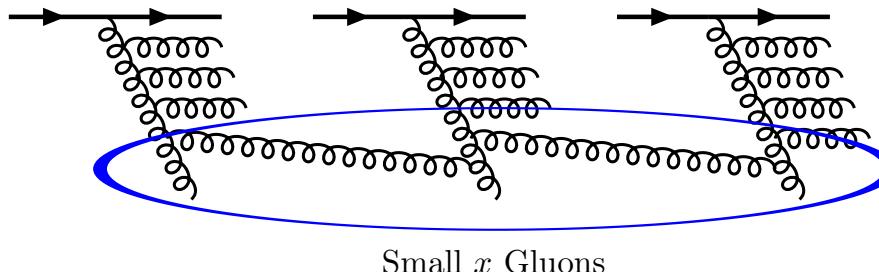
$$\frac{\partial W_\tau[\rho]}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho_\tau^a(x_\perp)} \chi_{ab}(x_\perp, y_\perp)[\rho] \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho_\tau^b(y_\perp)} \mathcal{W}_\tau[\rho],$$

(Jalilian-Marian, Kovner, Leonidov, Weigert, Iancu, McLerran)

# Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

L. McLerran, R. Venugopalan (1994)

Developed to describe the nucleus at high energy limit.



- **Color**  $\Rightarrow$  Gluonic field dominance at small  $x$ .
- **Glass**  $\Rightarrow$  Internal dynamics evolves slowly compared with the typical interaction scale time.
- **Condensate**  $\Rightarrow$  Dense and saturated gluonic field.

## The theory:

- Separation of small  $x$  and large  $x$  modes.
- Small  $x$  modes  $\Rightarrow$  large occupation number
  - Described by classical color field  $A^\mu$  (CGC)
- Large  $x$  modes  $\Rightarrow$  acts as sources of the small  $x$  modes
  - Described by frozen color sources  $\rho_a$

# Color Glass Condensate

- $\mathcal{A}^\mu$  obeys classical Yang-Mills's equations

$$[D_{\mu\nu}, F_a^{\mu\nu}] = \delta^{\mu+} \rho_a(x^-, x_\perp)$$

- $\rho_a(x, x_\perp)$  stochastic variable with zero expectation value.
- average over all  $\rho_a$  configurations, with the gauge-invariant weight functional  $\mathcal{W}_{\Lambda^+}[\rho_a]$
- $\mathcal{W}_{\Lambda^+}[\rho_a]$  driven by JIMWLK evolution equation.
- $p^+ > \Lambda^+$  fast gluons,  $p^+ < \Lambda^+$  soft gluons.
- Observables are calculated by averaging over the sources configurations by means of

$$\langle A_a^i(x^+, \vec{x}) A_b^j(x^+, \vec{y}) \dots \rangle_{\Lambda^+} = \int \mathcal{D}\rho \mathcal{W}_{\Lambda^+}[\rho] \mathcal{A}_a^i(\vec{x}) \mathcal{A}_b^j(\vec{y}).$$

# Color Glass Condensate: Phenomenology

## Phenomenology:

- Local Gaussian (can accomodate BFKL evolution and the gluon saturation)

$$\mathcal{W}[x, \rho] = \exp \left\{ - \int dz_{\perp} \frac{\rho_a(z_{\perp}) \rho^a(z_{\perp})}{2\mu^2(x)} \right\}$$

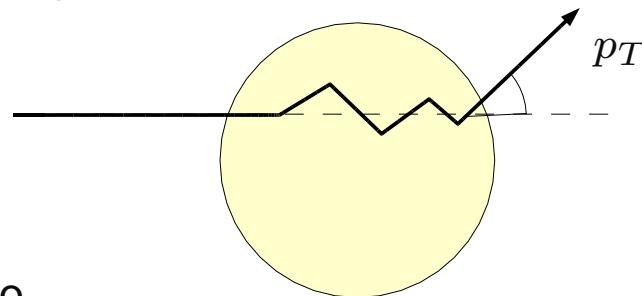
- Non local Gaussian (Predicted by the mean field asymptotic solution of the JIMWLK evolution equations)

$$\mathcal{W}[x, \rho] = \exp \left\{ - \int dy_{\perp} dx_{\perp} \frac{\rho_a(x_{\perp}) \rho^a(y_{\perp})}{2\mu^2(x)} \right\}$$

- $\mu^2(x)$  is the average color charge squared of the valence quarks per unit transverse area and color.
- The color source distribution employed here is a **Non-local Gaussian**.

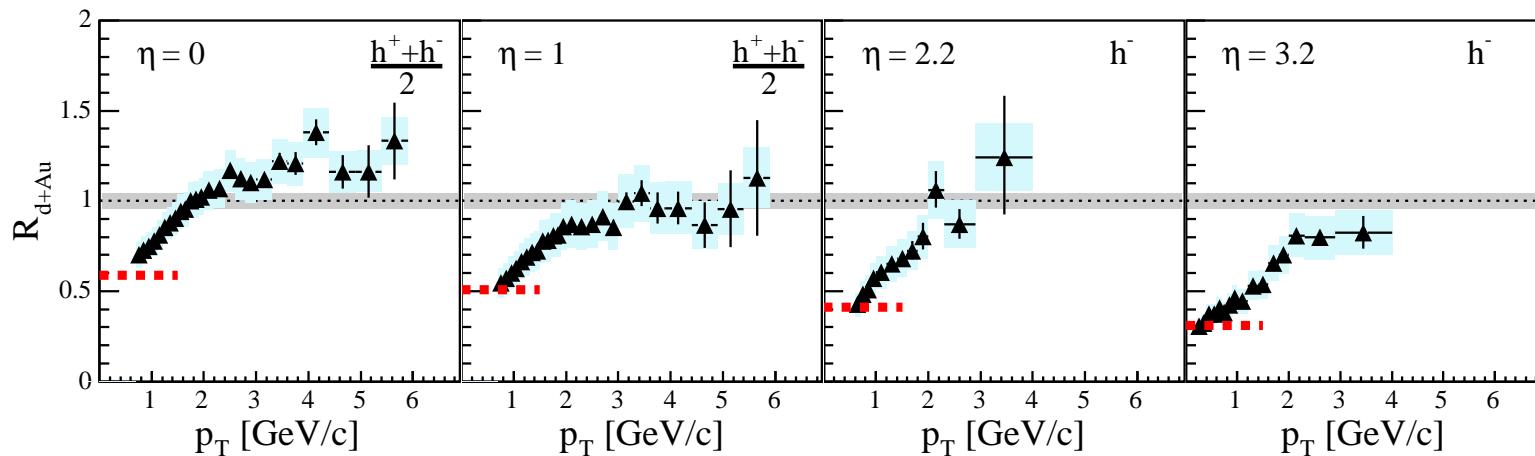
# Investigating the CGC

- Cronin Effect at forward rapidities.
- Multiple scatterings of the quark with the nucleus environment  $\Rightarrow$  transverse momentum broadening.



- Nuclear modification ratio

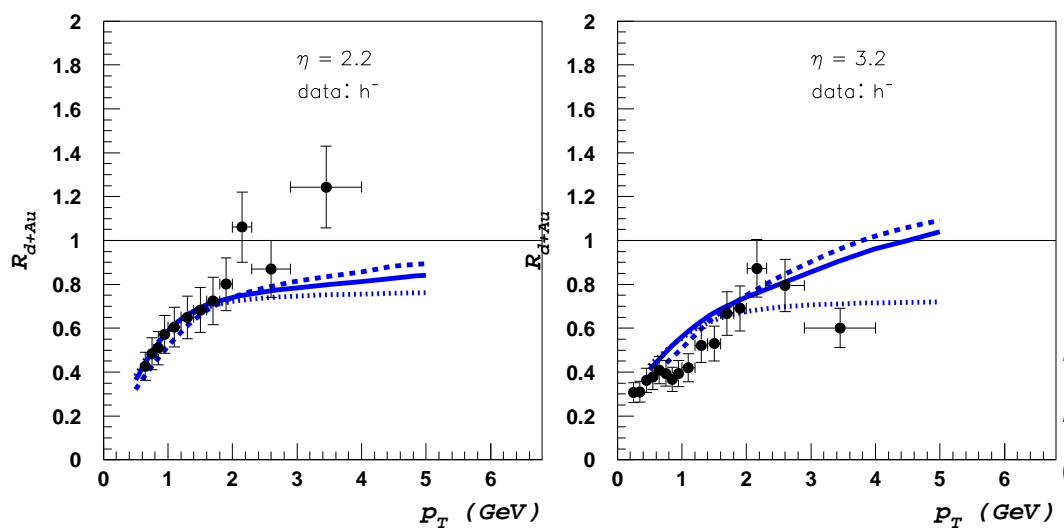
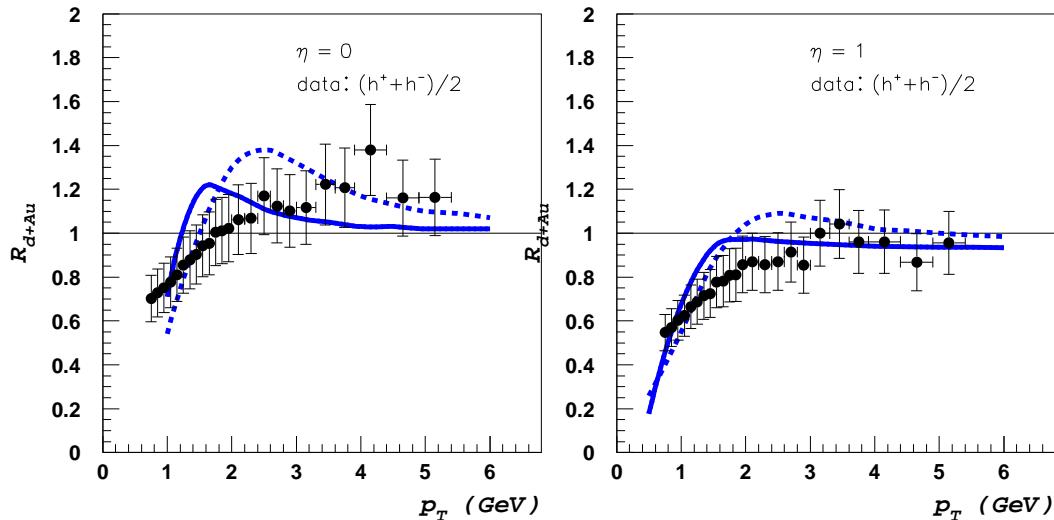
$$R_{dA} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma^{dA \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}{\mathcal{N}_{coll} \frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}$$



- Central rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  Cronin peak
- Suppression of the ratio with the rapidity;

# Cronin effect in the CGC approach

charged hadrons



$$R_{dA} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma^{dA \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}{\mathcal{N}_{coll} \frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}$$

- Data from  $dA$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV.
  - BRAHMS data.
  - KKP fragmentation function (*Nucl. Phys. B597*, 337 (2001))
  - dipole-nucleus forward scattering (CGC)
  - Consider valence quarks
  - Introduce a function to take into account large  $x$  gluon behavior
  - Suppression at large rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  saturation.
- D. Kharzeev, Y. V. Kovchegov, K. Tuchin, Phys. Lett. B 599, 23 (2004).*

*(J. P. Blaizot, F. Gelis and R. Venugopalan, Nucl. Phys. A 743, 13 (2004))*

# Why dilepton production?

Comparing dilepton and hadron productions

- Inclusive hadron production

- To calculate the  $p_T$  and  $y$  (rapidity) distributions

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy_h} = \frac{d\sigma^{ij \rightarrow kX}}{dp_T^2 dy_j} \otimes f_i(y_i, Q_h^2) \otimes f_j(y_j, Q_h^2) \otimes D_{k \rightarrow h}(z, Q_h^2)$$

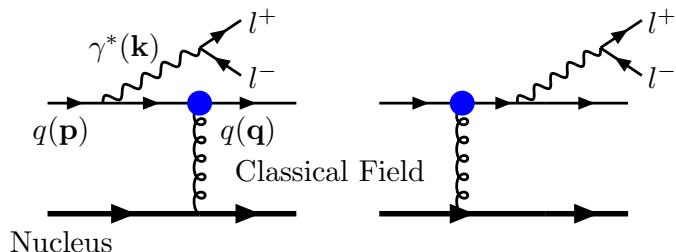


- Needs a fragmentation function  $\Rightarrow$  strongly dependent on the final state interactions
- Dilepton production

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow l^+ l^- X}}{dp_T^2 dy} = \frac{d\sigma^{ij \rightarrow kX}}{dp_T^2 dy} \otimes f_i(y_i, Q_h^2) \otimes f_j(y_j, Q_h^2).$$

- Final state interactions are disregarded (electromagnetic interaction).
- Cleaner analysis

# Dilepton Production in CGC



The cross section of dilepton production at forward rapidities can be written as

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow q l^+ l^- X}}{dp_T^2 dM dy} = \frac{4\pi^2}{M} R_A^2 \frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{3\pi} \int \frac{dl_T}{(2\pi)^3} l_T W(p_T, l_T, x_1) C(l_T, x_2, A),$$

- $W(p_T, l_T, x_1)$  analytical calculations  $\Rightarrow$  wave function in the momentum space.
  - $C(l_T, x_2, A)$  color field correlation  $\Rightarrow$  interaction of the quark with the condensated gluonic field (Classical field)  $\Rightarrow$  information about the CGC.
  - Saturation  $\Rightarrow$  low  $p_T$
- $$C(l_T) \equiv \int d^2 x_\perp e^{il_T \cdot x_\perp} \langle U(0) U^\dagger(x_\perp) \rangle_\rho,$$
- $U(x_\perp)$   $\Rightarrow$  interaction of the quark with the color field of the nucleus.
  - Here is where the non-local Gaussian is used to obtain  $\langle U(0) U^\dagger(x_\perp) \rangle_\rho$

$$\langle U(0) U^\dagger(x_\perp) \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}_\rho \mathcal{W}_\Lambda + [\rho] U(0) U^\dagger(x_\perp).$$

F. Gelis, J. Jalilian-Marian, Phys. Rev. D **66**, 094014 (2002).

M.A. Betemps, MBGD, Phys. Rev. D **70**, 116005 (2004). Eur. Phys. J. C **43**, 365 (2005).

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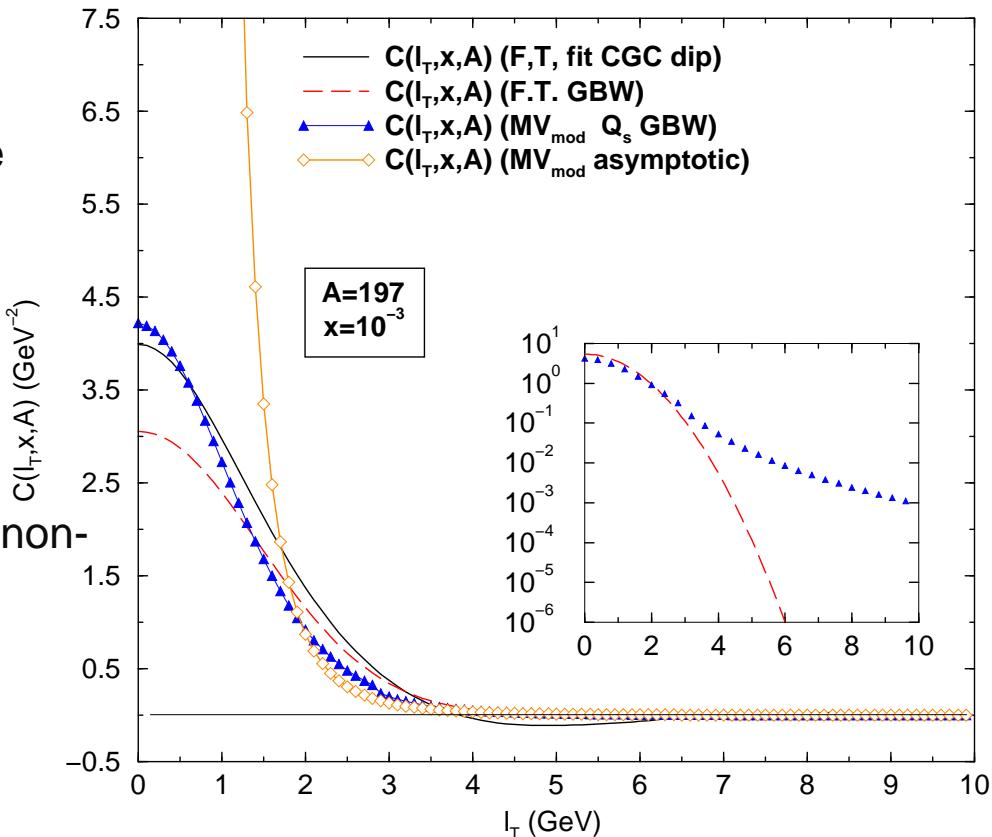
# Color Field Correlation

$$C(l_T) \equiv \int d^2x_\perp e^{il_T \cdot x_\perp} \langle U(0)U^\dagger(x_\perp) \rangle_\rho,$$

- Related to the Fourier transform of non-integrated gluon distribution

$$C(l_T) = \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \int d^2r e^{il_T \cdot r} [\sigma_{dip}(r \rightarrow \infty) - \sigma_{dip}(r)],$$

- We have analyzed some models for the correlation function
  - McLerran-Venugopalan
  - GBW
  - Iancu, Itakura and Munier (CGCfit)
- We use McLerran-Venugopalan with non-local Gaussian



How to investigate the saturation effects considering dilepton production?

# Nuclear modification ratio

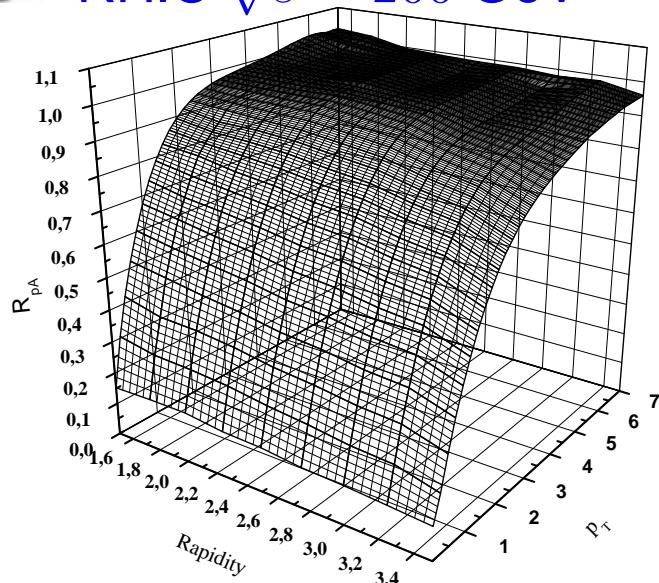
- Investigating the saturation effects,

$$R_{pA} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma(pA)}{R_A^2 dp_T^2 dy dM}}{A^{1/3} \frac{d\sigma(pp)}{R_p^2 dp_T^2 dy dM}}.$$

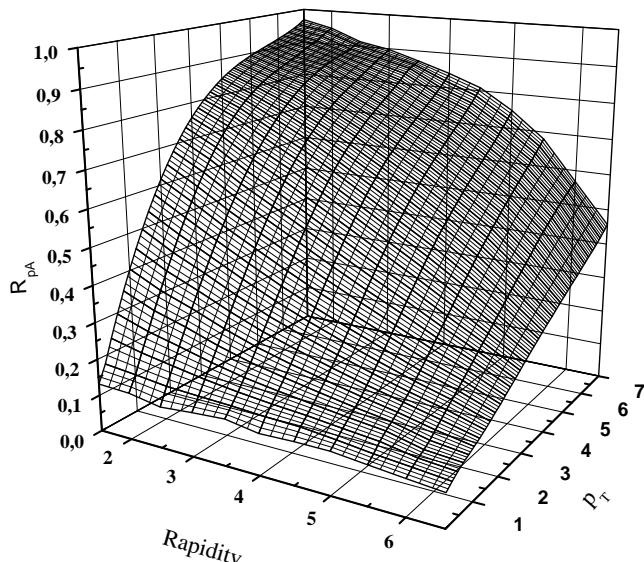
- Dilepton mass  $M = 6$  GeV.
- RHIC energies  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV.
- LHC energies  $\sqrt{s} = 8800$  GeV.
- Rapidity and  $p_T$  spectra.
- Normalization factor  $A^{1/3}$   $\Rightarrow$  cylindrical nucleus  $\Rightarrow R_A^2$  in the cross section  $\Rightarrow R_A^2 \propto A^{2/3}$ .

# $R_{pA}$ Forward rapidity and $p_T$

- RHIC  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV



- LHC  $\sqrt{s} = 8.8$  TeV

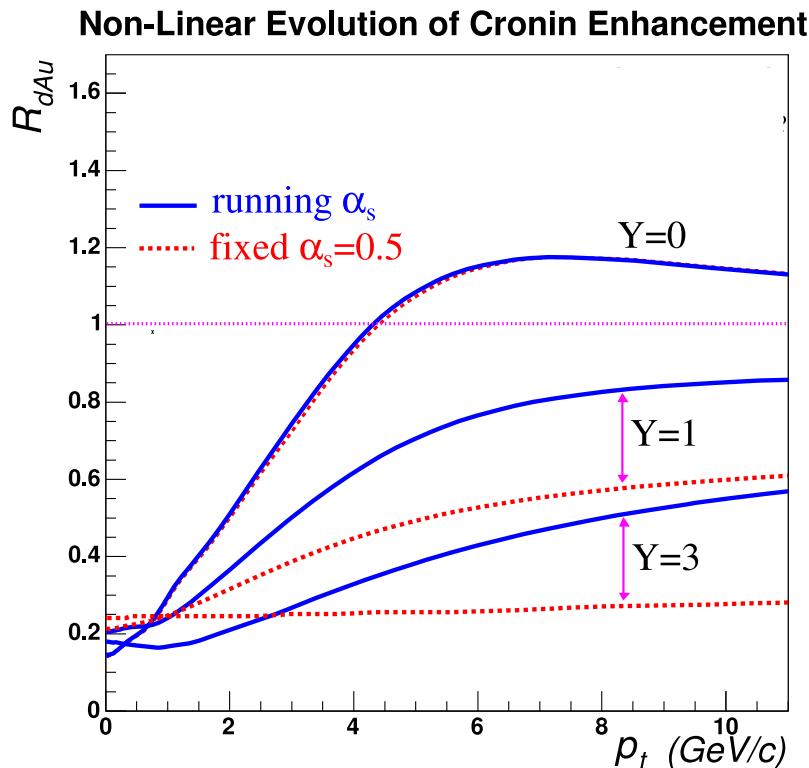


- Lepton pair mass  $M = 6$  GeV
- Suppression at small  $p_T$ ;
- Suppression of the Cronin peak;
- RHIC
  - small effects in the rapidity spectra;
  - Effects are independent of the  $p_T$  value;
- LHC
  - Suppression in the rapidity spectra is intensified for large  $p_T$
- Similar behavior of the ratio in  $p_T$  at  $M = 3$  GeV.

# Cronin effect at forward rapidities

- BK/BFKL  $\Rightarrow$  suppression of the Cronin peak (suppression at small  $x$  for all  $p_T$ ).

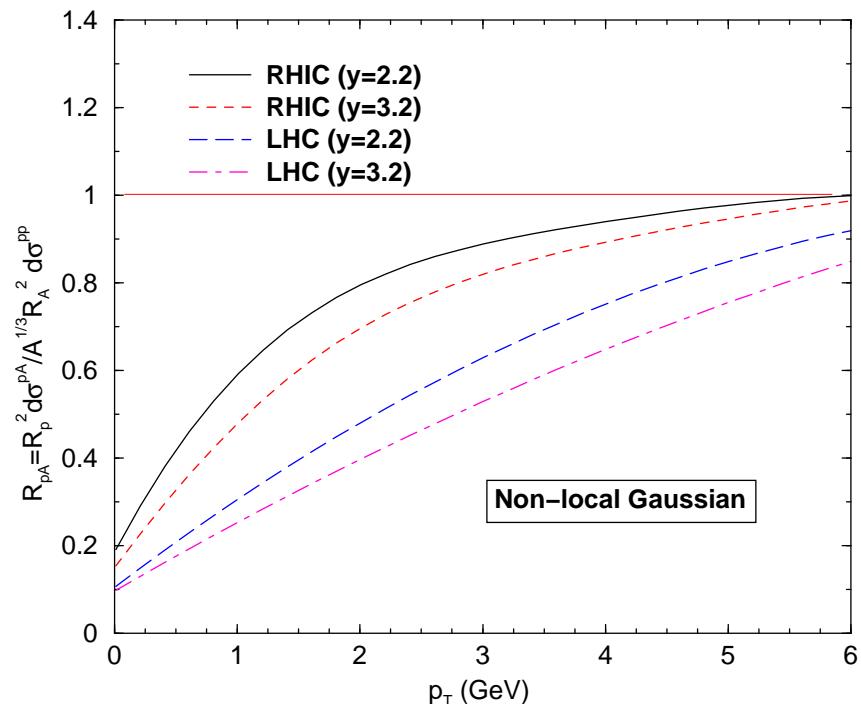
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J.V. Albacete et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **92**, 082001 (2004).

- Ratio suppression with the rapidity;
- Suppression at forward rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  quantum evolution at small  $x$ .

Dileptons



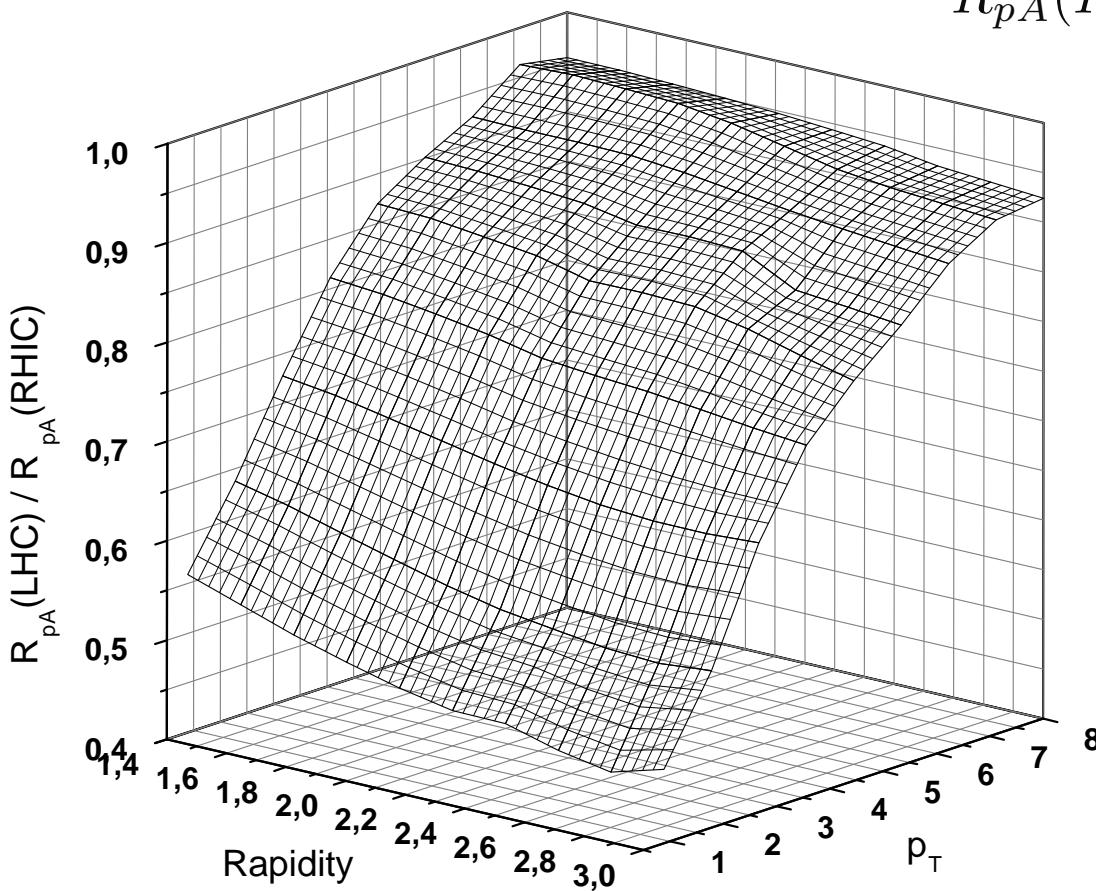
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- Similar behavior of the hadrons;
- Cronin suppression at forward rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  Initial state effect;
- Dileptons carry information about the high density QCD system (CGC);

# Comparing RHIC and LHC

- Comparing saturation effects at RHIC and LHC.
- Defining the ratio,

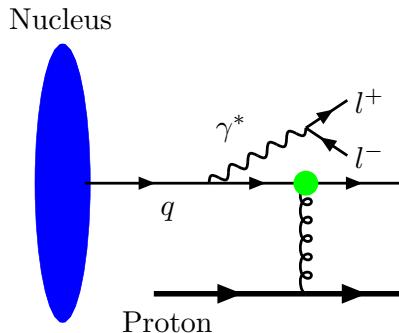
$$Ratio = \frac{R_{pA}(LHC)}{R_{pA}(RHIC)}$$



- Small saturation effects in rapidity comparing RHIC and LHC (**RHIC range only**).
- Large saturation effects at LHC comparing with RHIC in the  $p_T$  distribution.

# Dilepton at Backward Rapidities

- Dipole picture changing nucleus and proton



$$\frac{d\sigma^{DY}}{dM^2 dy d^2 p_T} = \frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{6\pi^3 M^2} \int_0^\infty d\rho W(x_2, \rho, p_T) \sigma_{dip}(x_1, \rho),$$

$x_{\binom{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{M^2 + p_T^2}{s}} e^{\pm y}$ . Large  $x_2$  (nucleus) and small  $x_1$  proton.

$$W(x_2, \rho, p_T) = \int_{x_2}^1 \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha^2} F_2^A\left(\frac{x_2}{\alpha}, M^2\right) \left\{ [m_q^2 \alpha^2 + 2M^2(1-\alpha)^2] \left[ \frac{1}{p_T^2 + \eta^2} T_1(\rho) - \frac{1}{4\eta} T_2(\rho) \right] \right. \\ \left. + [1 + (1-\alpha)^2] \left[ \frac{\eta p_T}{p_T^2 + \eta^2} T_3(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} T_1(\rho) + \frac{\eta}{4} T_2(\rho) \right] \right\},$$

$\alpha \Rightarrow$  momentum fraction of the quark carried by the virtual photon

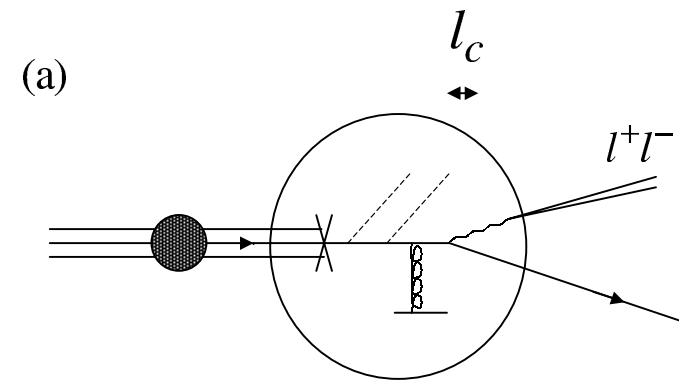
$$T_1(\rho) = \frac{\rho}{\alpha} J_0\left(\frac{p_T \rho}{\alpha}\right) K_0\left(\frac{\eta \rho}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$T_2(\rho) = \frac{\rho^2}{\alpha^2} J_0\left(\frac{p_T \rho}{\alpha}\right) K_1\left(\frac{\eta \rho}{\alpha}\right) \quad (\eta^2 = (1-\alpha)M^2 + \alpha^2 m_q^2)$$

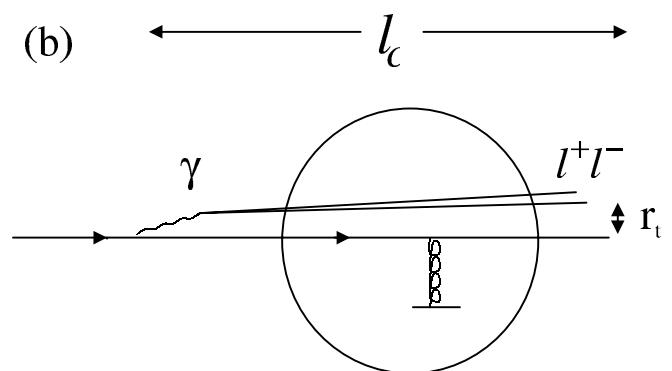
$$T_3(\rho) = \frac{\rho}{\alpha} J_1\left(\frac{p_T \rho}{\alpha}\right) K_1\left(\frac{\eta \rho}{\alpha}\right).$$

# Coherence length ( $l_c$ ) at backward

- mean lifetime of fluctuation  $|ql^+l^-\rangle$ .
- Important quantity controlling  $\Rightarrow$  nuclear effects.
- $l_c$  smaller than the target (Fig (a))  
 $\Rightarrow$  energy loss in the target (there is no significative energy loss with proton target).



- $l_c$  larger than the target (Fig (b))  $\Rightarrow$  cross section in the factorized form



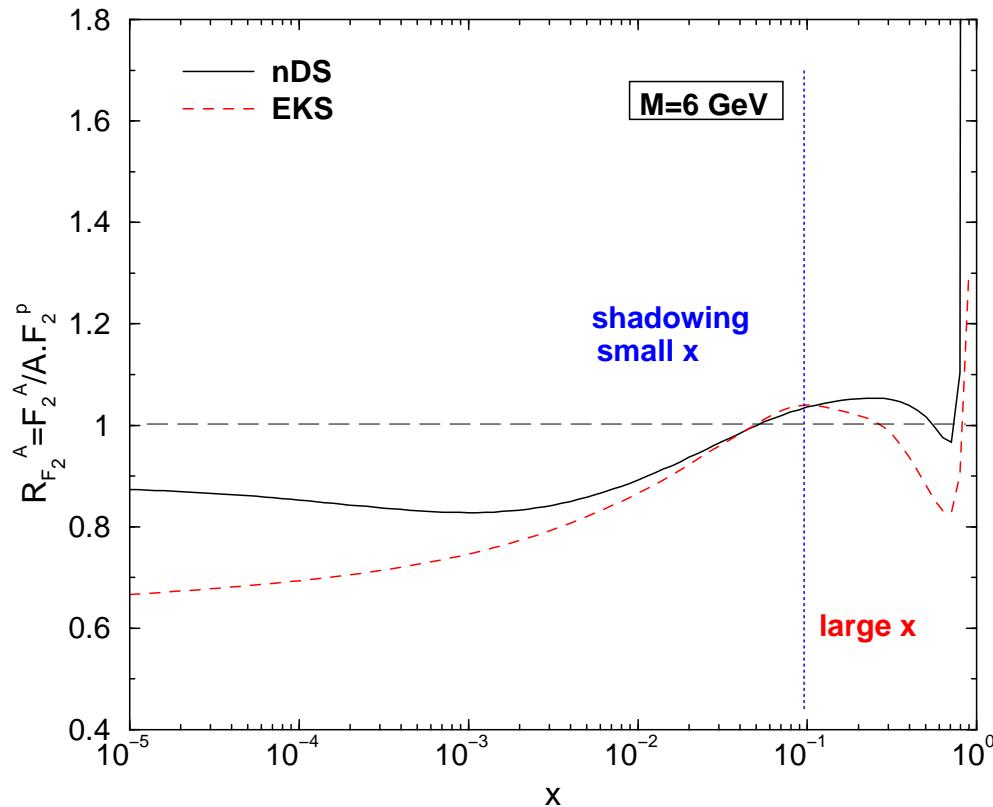
M.B.Johnson, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 4483 (2001).

## $l_c$ at backward (our case - insight for backward)

- Consider here large  $l_c \propto \frac{1}{x_1} \Rightarrow x_1$  momentum fraction of the proton target.
- Applicable only at small  $x_1$  (proton).
- Explain the exchange between proton and nucleus in the dipole approach.

# Nuclear parton distributions and $\sigma_{dip}$

- Eskola, Kolhinen and Salgado (EKS parametrization) *Eur. Phys. J. C* **9**, 61 (1999)
- D. de Florian and R. Sassot (nDS parametrization) *Phys. Rev. D* **69**, 074028 (2004)



- $\sigma_{dip} \Rightarrow$  GBW dipole cross section  $\sigma_{dip}(x, r) = \sigma_0 (1 - \exp \left\{ \left( \frac{r^2 Q_0^2}{4(x/x_0)^\lambda} \right) \right\}$
- Fit to the HERA data ( $\sigma_0 = 23.03 \text{ mb}$ ,  $x_0 = 3.04 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $\lambda = 0.288$ )

*K. Golec-Biernat, M. Wusthoff, Phys. Rev. D* **59**, 014017 (1999)

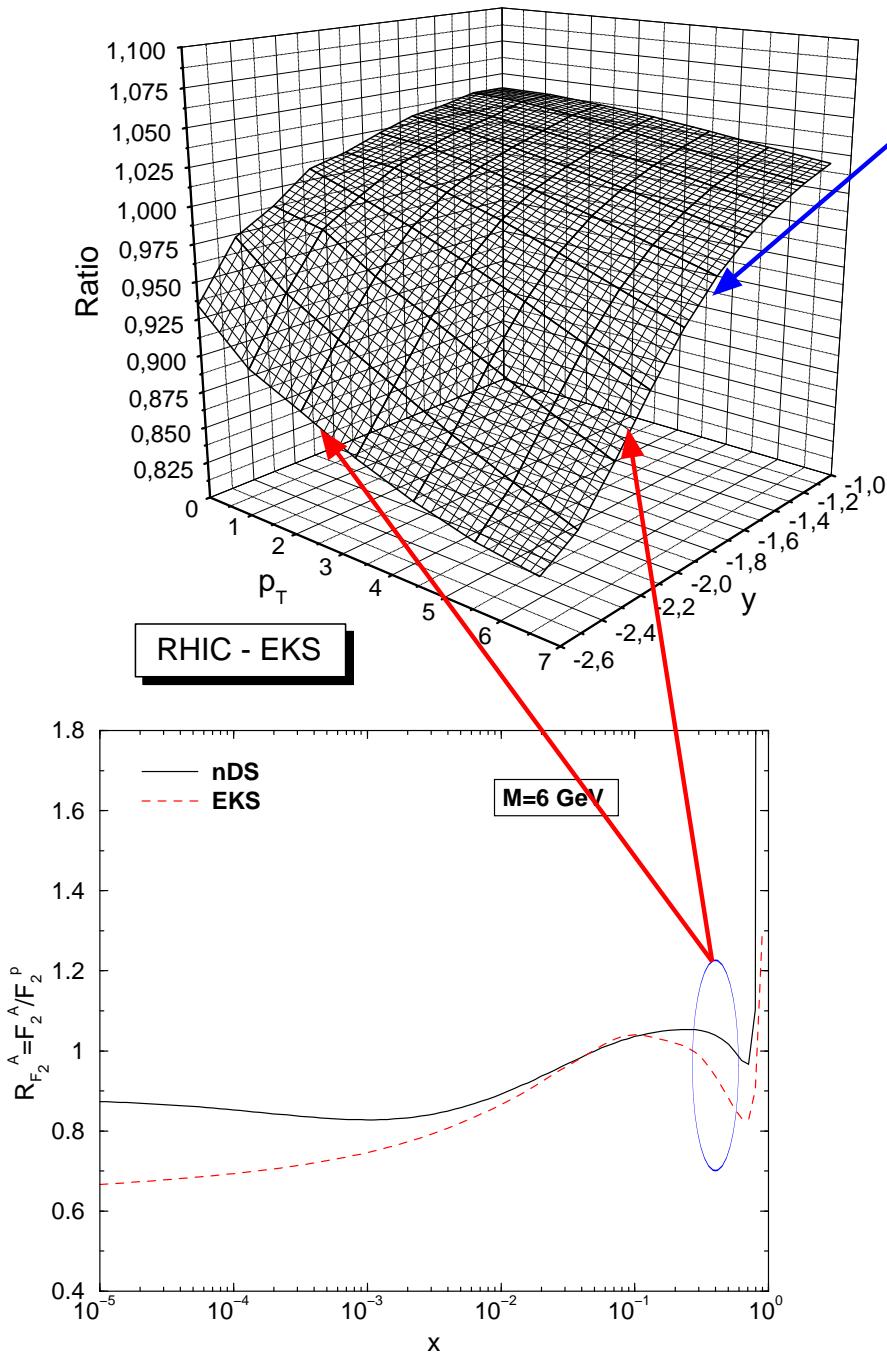
# Nuclear modification ratio

- Investigating effects in the backward region,

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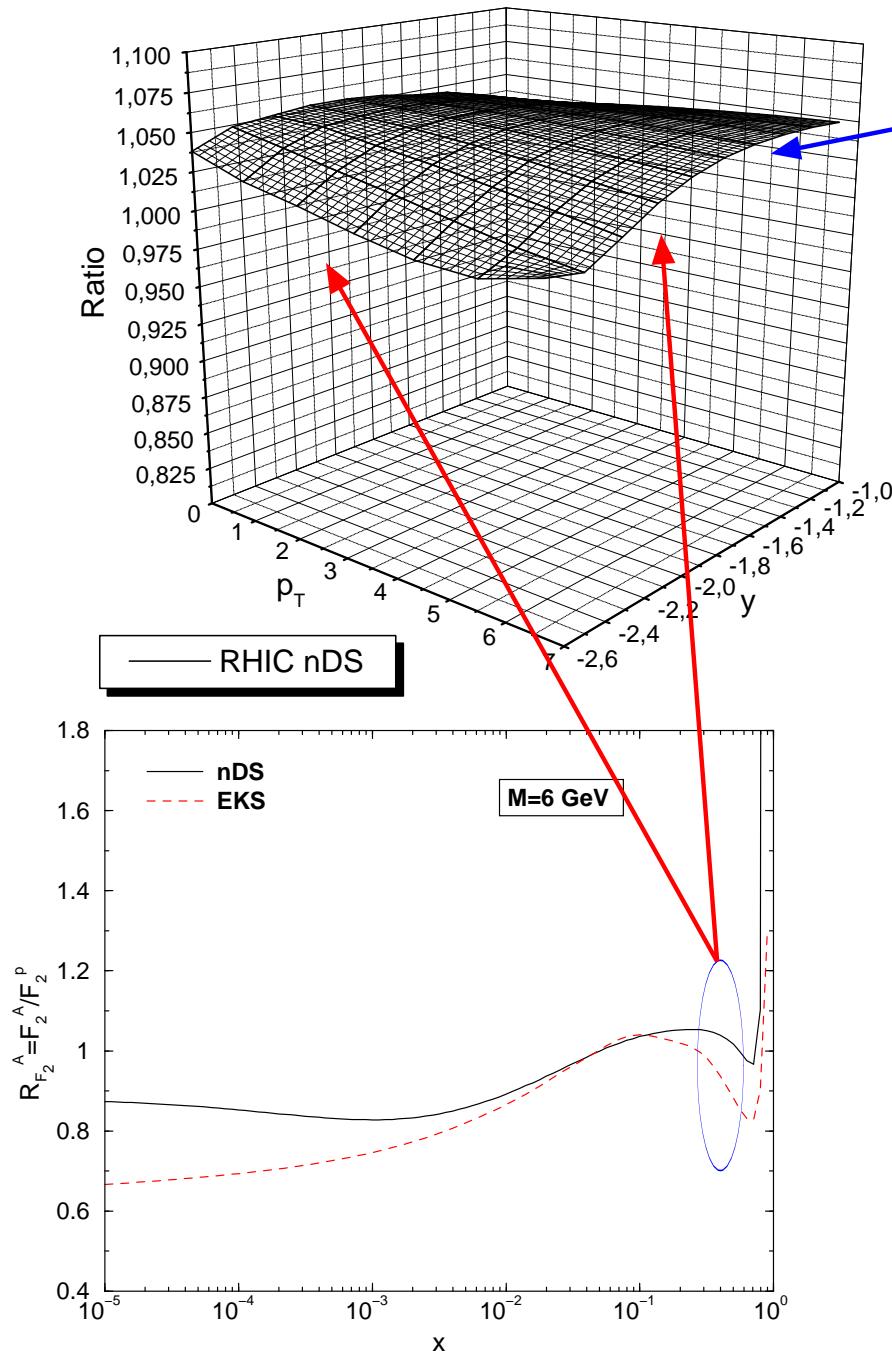
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- Normalization factor  $A \Rightarrow$  nucleus configuration → there is no  $R_A^2$  in the cross section.

# Backward $y$ and $p_T$ at RHIC (EKS)

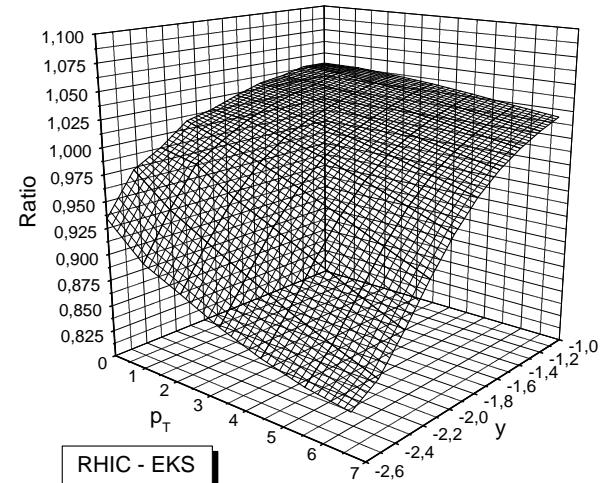


- $0.08 < x_2 < 0.5$ .
- Large  $x$  nuclear effect;
- lower  $y \rightarrow$  large  $x_2$
- Suppression in  $y \rightarrow$  large  $x$  effect;
- large  $p_T \rightarrow$  large  $x_2$ ;
- Suppression in  $p_T \rightarrow$  large  $x$  effect  $\rightarrow$  less intense;
- Comparison EKS  $\times$  nDS (large  $x$  effect predictions).

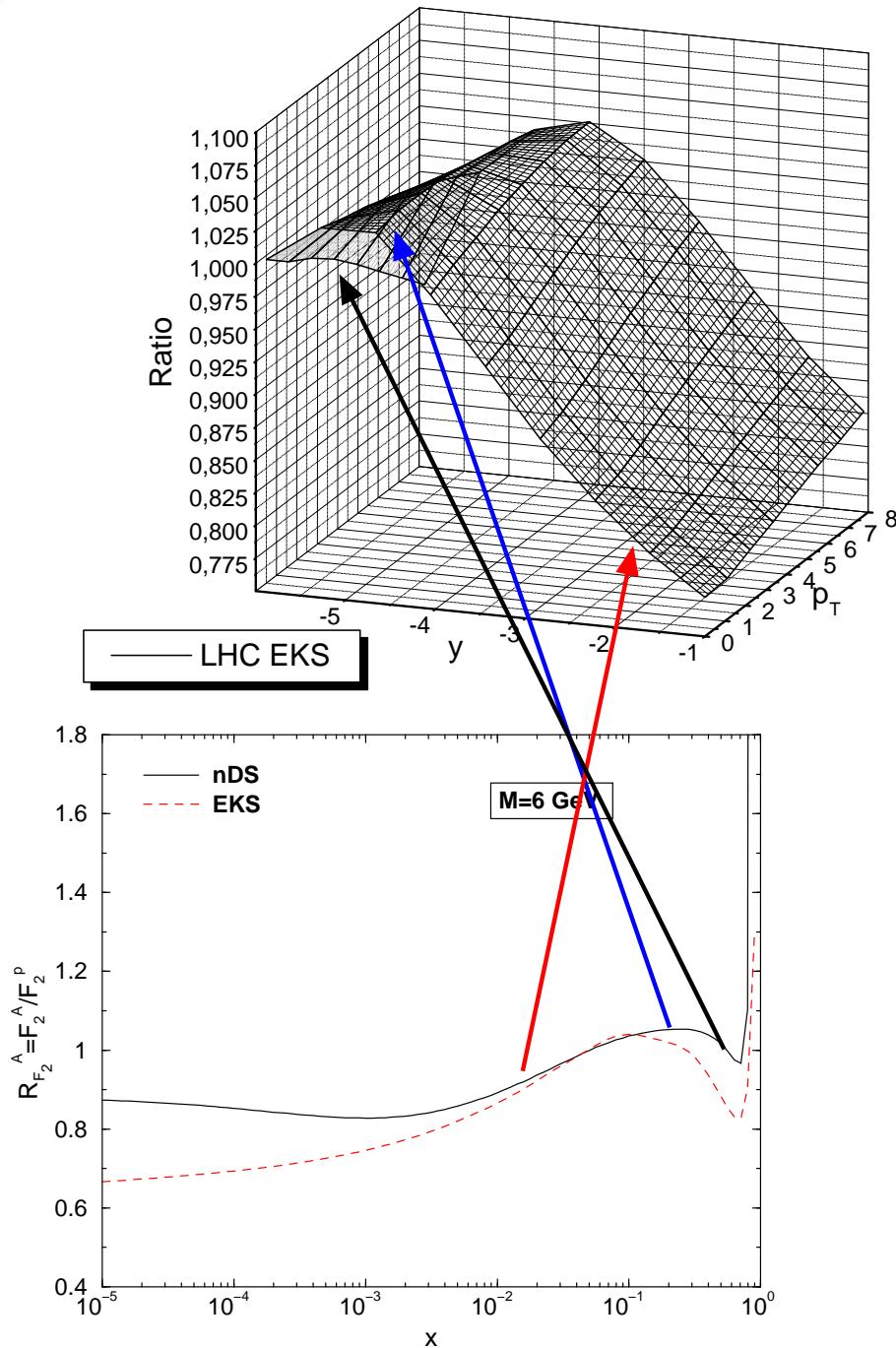
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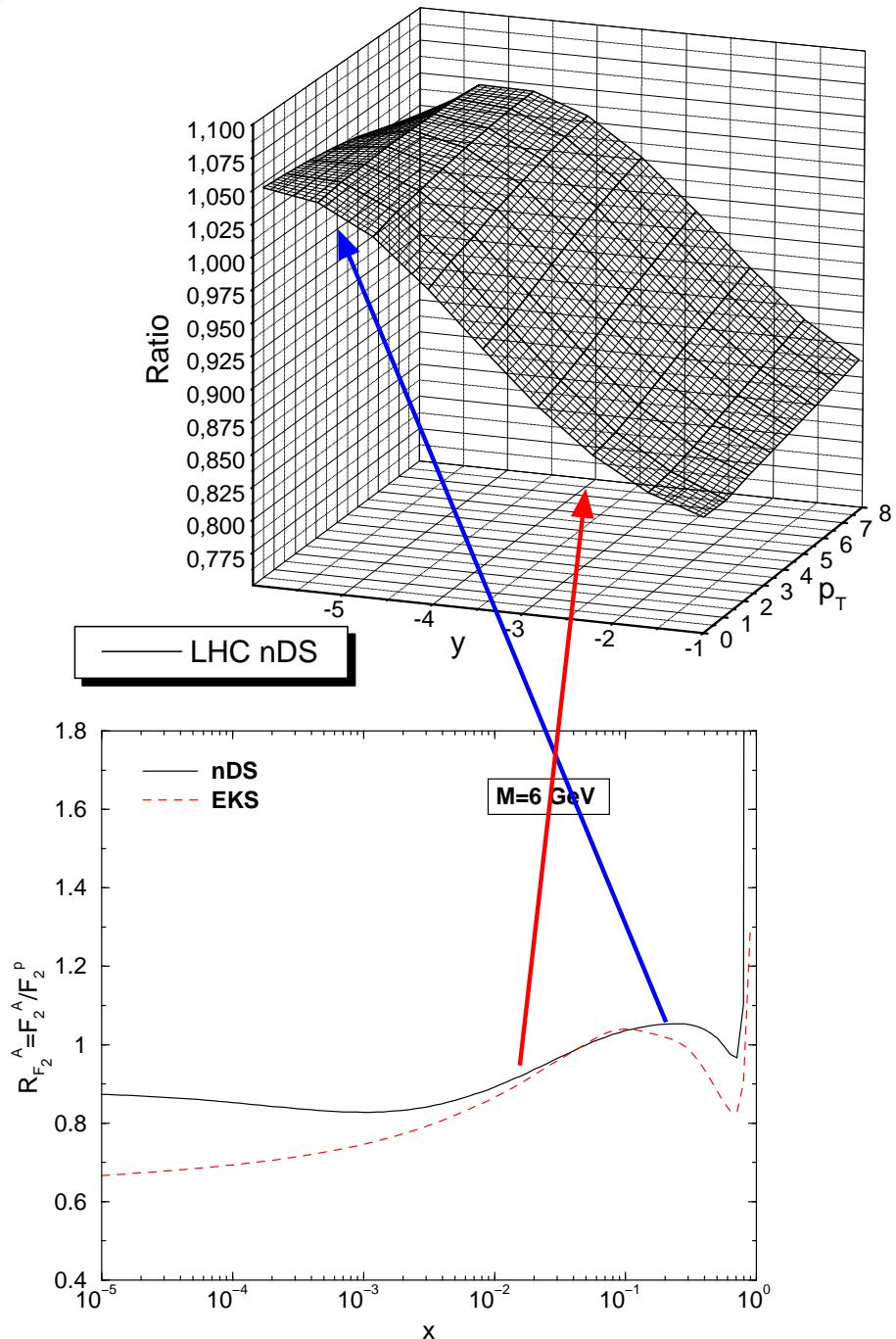


# Backward $y$ and $p_T$ at LHC (EKS)



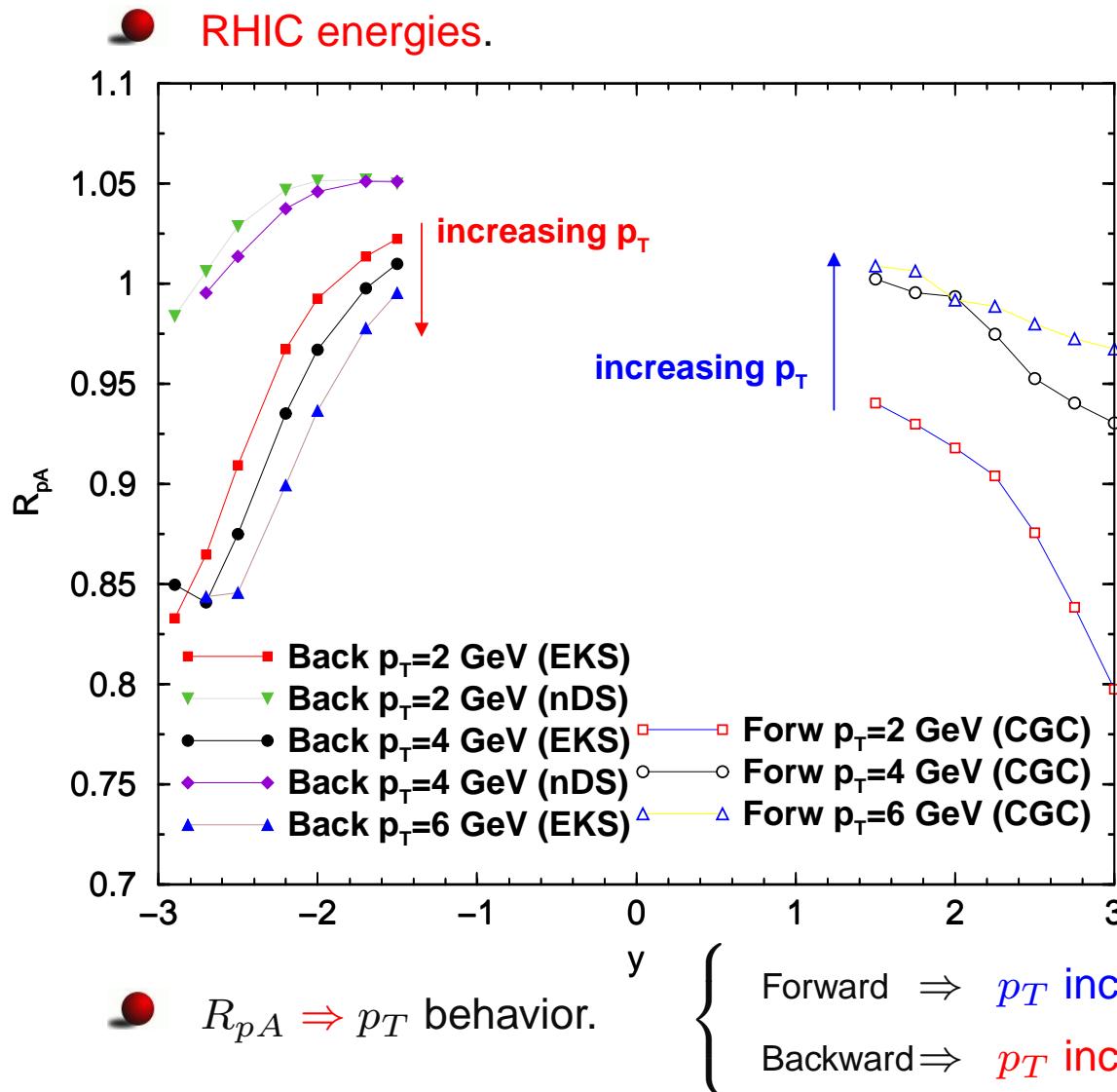
- $0.002 < x_2 < 0.3$ .
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# Backward $y$ and $p_T$ at LHC (nDS)



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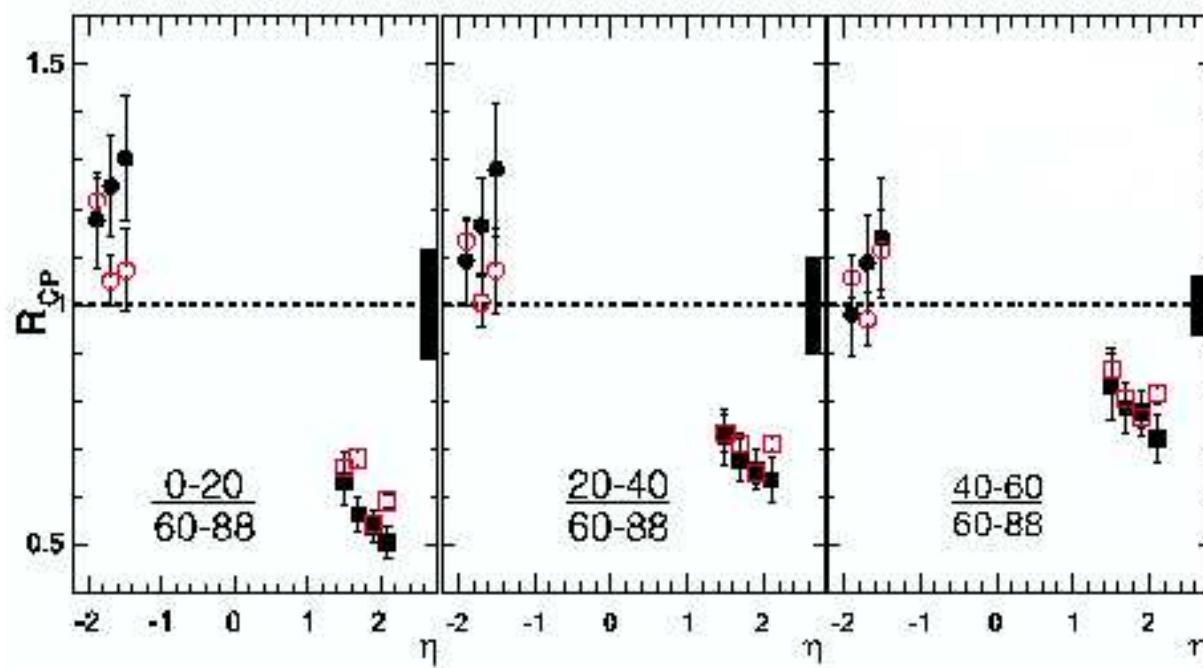
# Dilepton at backward-forward rapidities



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# Cronin at backward-forward rapidities

- Hadrons



- Pronounced peak at backward rapidities ( $0.5 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 4 \text{ GeV}$ ).
- $R_{pA}$  for dileptons prediction for RHIC does not present such a peak.
- Cronin peak at backward rapidities at RHIC energies  $\Rightarrow$  **large  $x$  effects + final state effect.**

# Dilepton $\times$ Hadrons

$R_{pA}$	Forward	Backward
Dileptons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suppression of Cronin peak.</li> <li>- Saturation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rapidity Spectra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weak enhancement of <math>R_{pA}</math> in comparison with forward.</li> <li>- (RHIC) - Large <math>x</math> nuclear effects.</li> <li>- (LHC) - Large and small <math>x</math> nuclear effects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transverse Momentum</b></p> <p>(RHIC) - <math>R_{pA}</math> reduces as <math>p_T</math> increases (large <math>x</math> effects)</p> <p>(LHC) - two behaviors (small and large <math>x</math> effects)</p>
Hadrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suppression of Cronin peak.</li> <li>- Saturation</li> <li>- Initial state effect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhanced Cronin peak in the rapidity spectra in comparison with forward (DATA).</li> <li>- Large <math>x</math> nuclear effects + final state effects (Dileptons indicate that).</li> </ul>

# Conclusions

- Saturation effects should be present at RHIC, hadrons and dileptons, at forward rapidities.
- Nuclear modification ratio suppression at forward rapidities for dileptons indicates the Cronin suppression for hadrons as initial state effect.
- At backward rapidities dileptons present different  $p_T$  dependence at RHIC (large  $x$  nuclear effects) comparing with the forward ones (saturation) (**non symmetric**).
- At LHC energies and backward rapidities, the  $p_T$  distribution for the ratio  $R_{pA}$  present distinct behaviors comparing very backward (**large  $x$  effects**) and more central rapidities (**shadowing**).
- Cronin effect peak in the rapidity spectra for hadrons at backward rapidities should be due to ⇒ **final state effects** + **large  $x$  nuclear effects**.