

# Dilepton Distributions at Backward Rapidities

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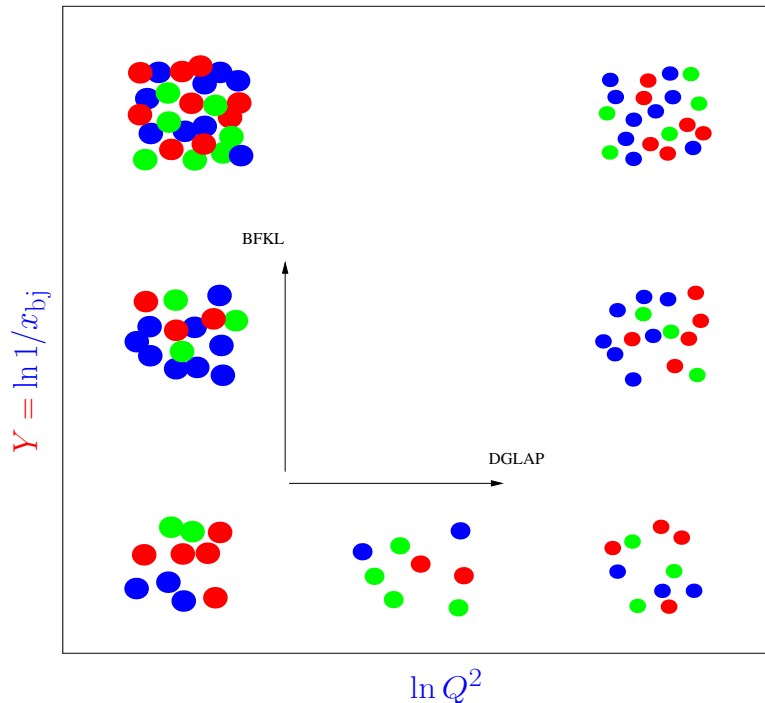
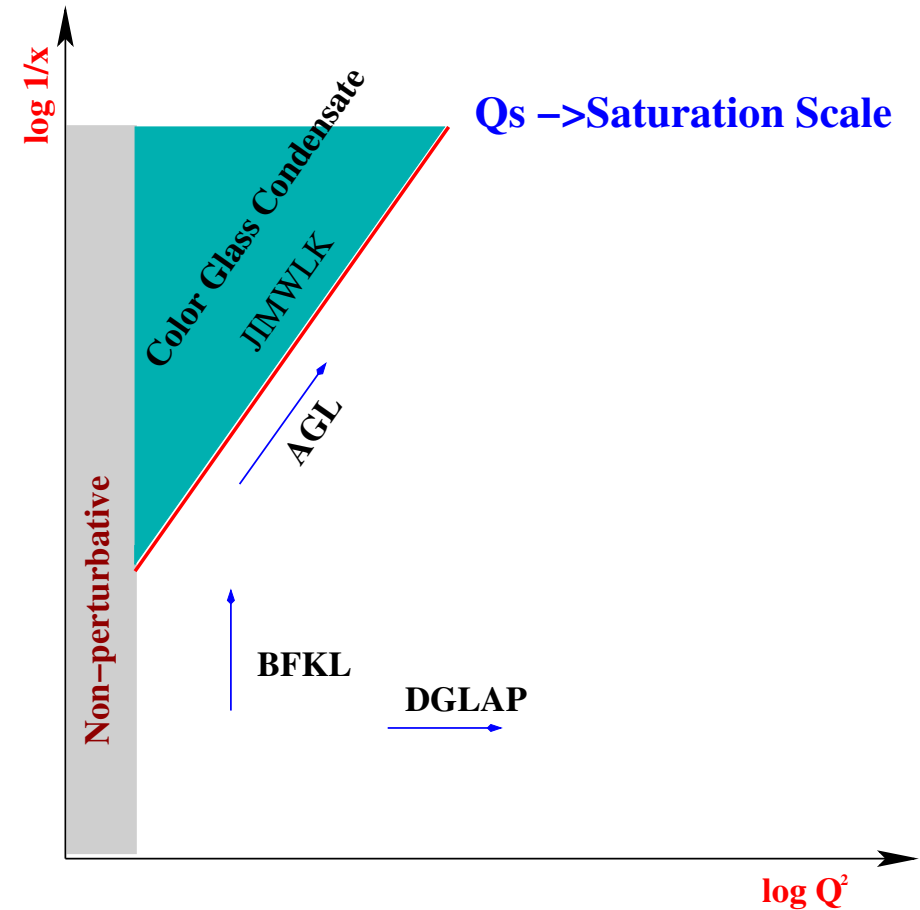
# Motivation

- 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

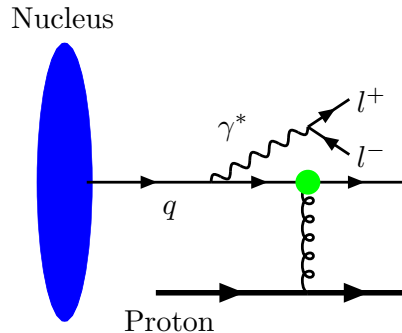
- DGLAP and BFKL
- Consider only emission diagrams
- DGLAP  $\rightarrow$  evolution in  $Q^2$   
( $\rightarrow$  diluted system)
- BFKL  $\rightarrow$  evolution in  $x$ .  
( $\rightarrow$  saturation)
- Saturation  $\rightarrow$  overlap in phase-space  
(small  $x$  and low  $Q^2$ ).

- High density system picture



# Dilepton at Backward Rapidities

- Dipole picture changing nucleus and proton



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

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

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

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

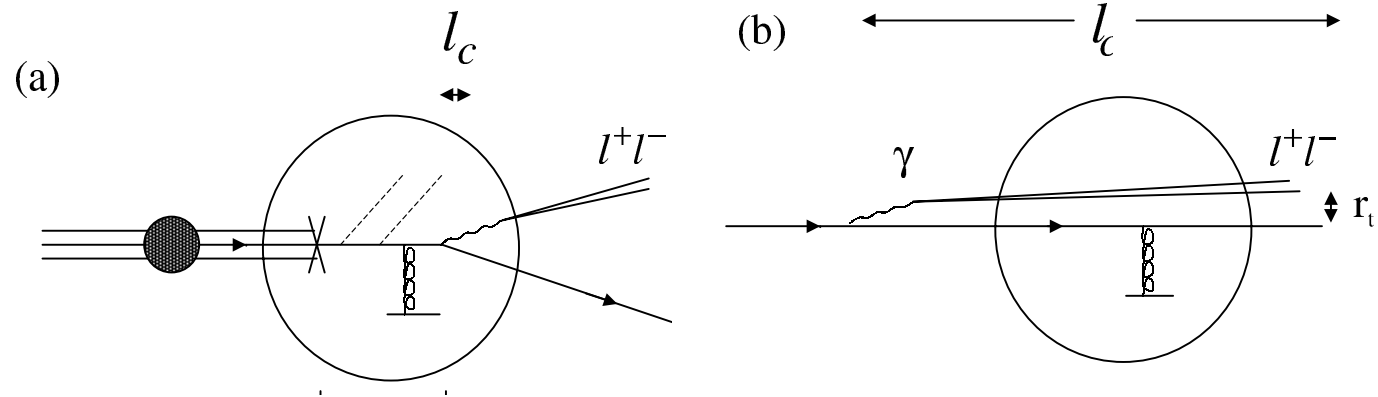
$$T_1(\rho) = \frac{\rho}{\alpha} J_0\left(\frac{p_T \rho}{\alpha}\right) K_0\left(\frac{\eta \rho}{\alpha}\right)$$

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

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

# 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



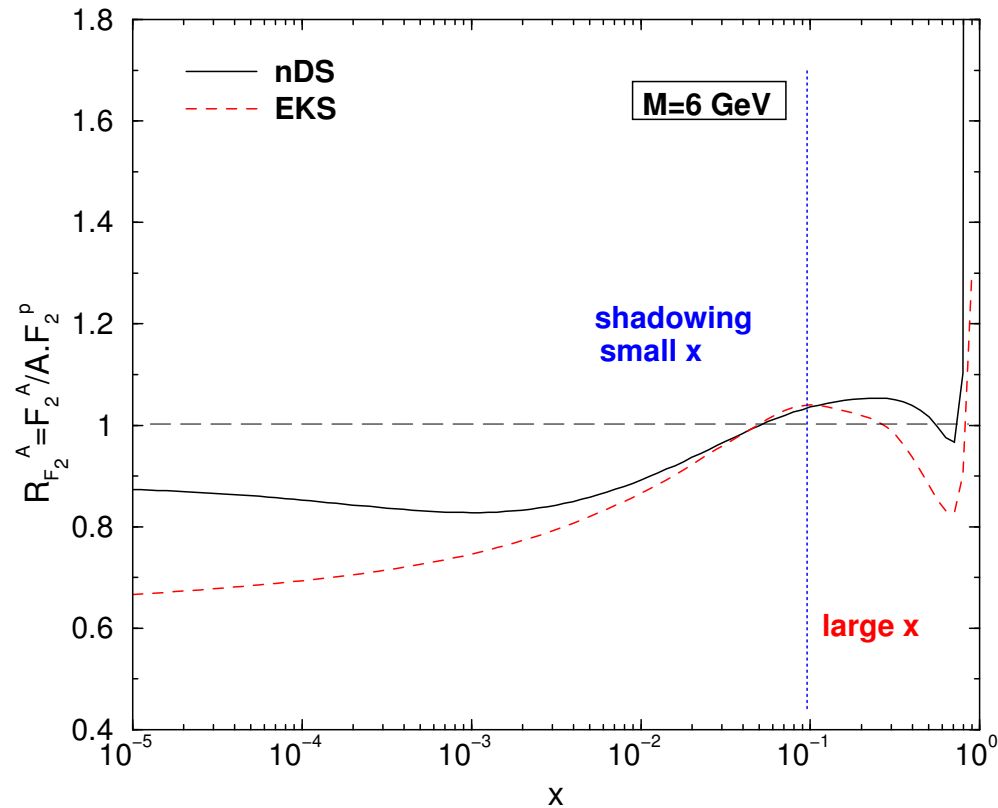
M.B.Johnson, et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **86**, 4483 (2001).

## $l_c$ 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  $\sigma_{dip}(x, r) = \sigma_0 \left( 1 - \exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{r^2 Q_0^2}{4(x/x_0)^\lambda} \right) \right\} \right)$
- 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

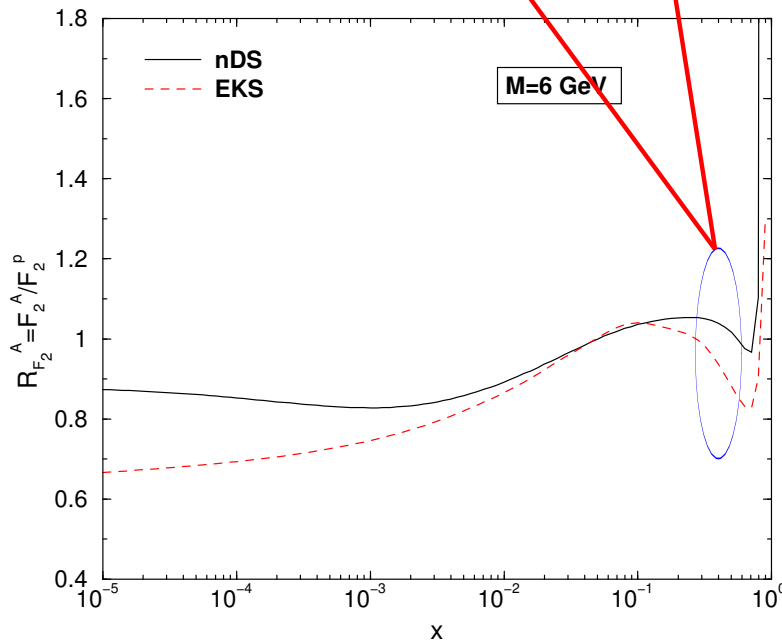
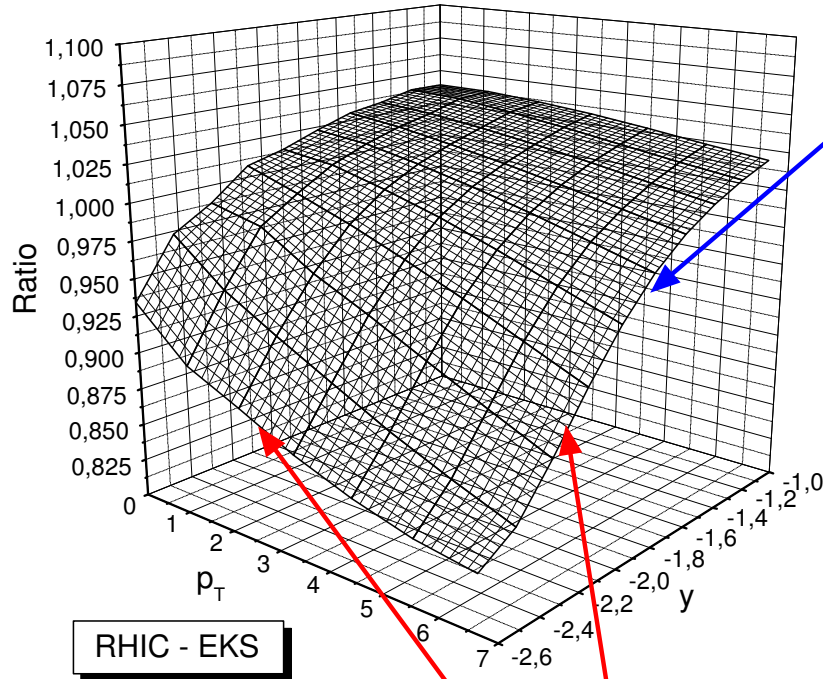
- Investigating effects in the backward region,

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

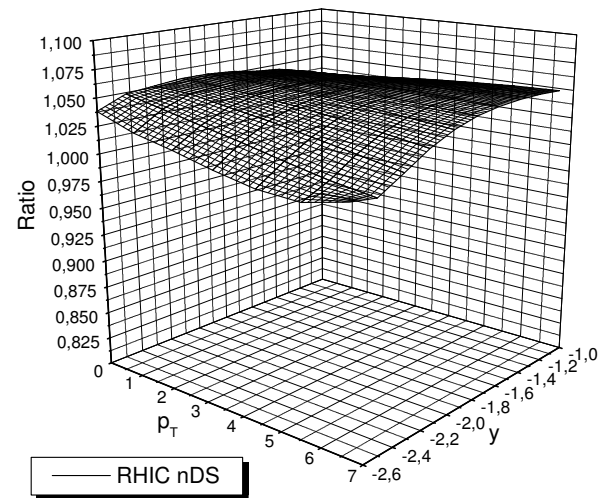
- Dilepton mass  $M = 6$  GeV.
- RHIC energies  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV.
- LHC energies  $\sqrt{s} = 8800$  GeV.
- Rapidity and  $p_T$  spectra.
- Normalization factor  $A \Rightarrow$  nucleus configuration  $\rightarrow$  there is no  $R_A^2$  in the cross section.



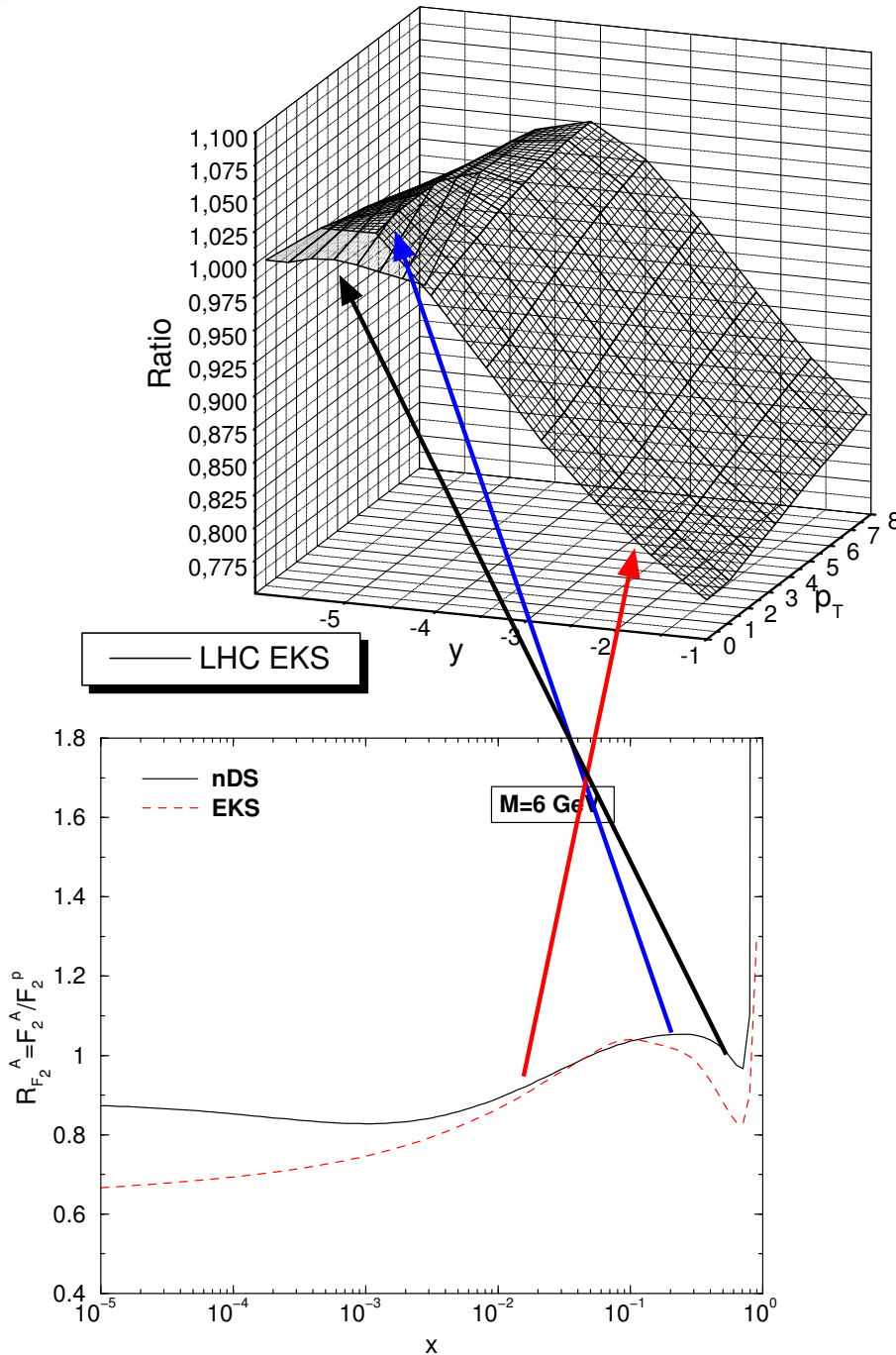
# Backward rapidity and $p_T$ at RHIC



- $0.08 < x_2 < 0.5$ .
- 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).



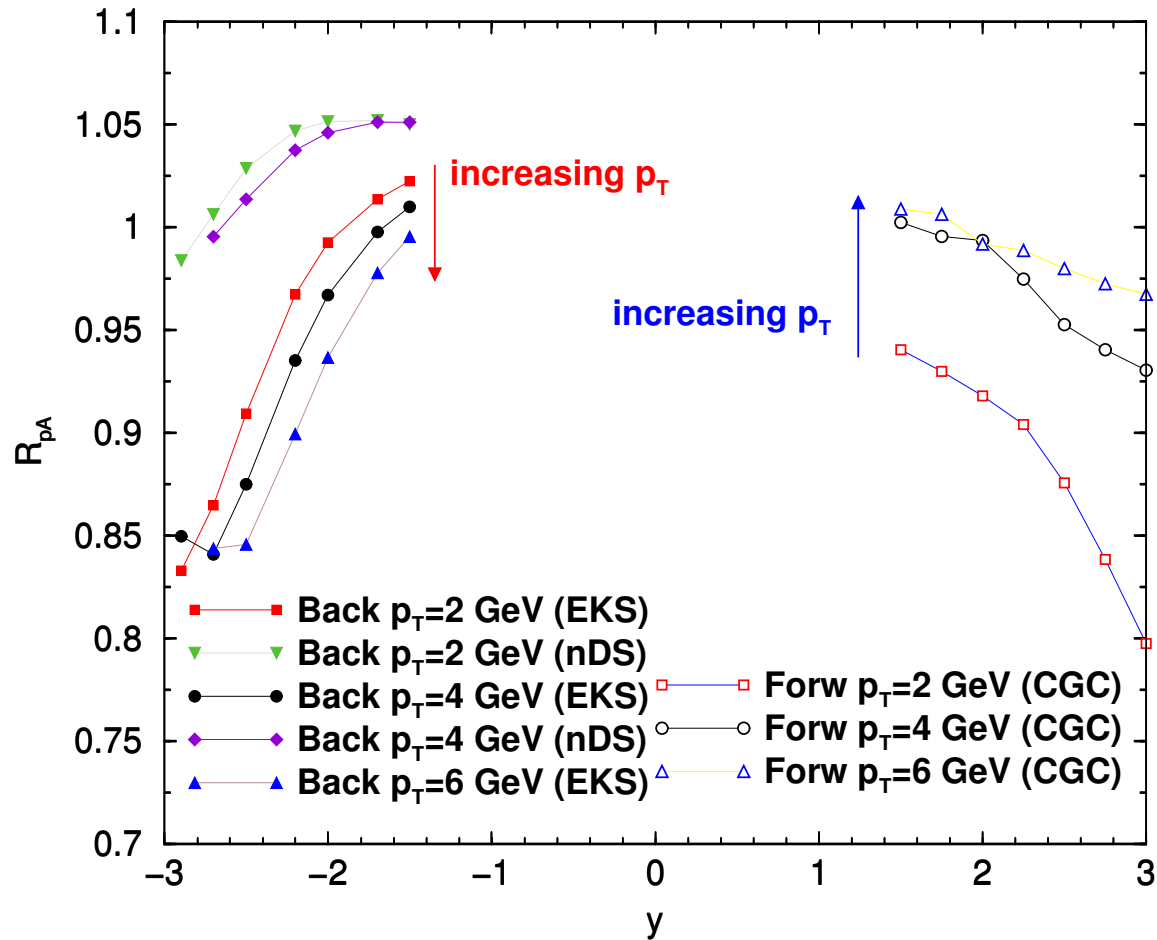
# Backward rapidity and $p_T$ at LHC



- $0.002 < x_2 < 0.3$ .
- antishadowing and shadowing nuclear effects;
- Peak at  $y \sim -4.5 \rightarrow$  antishadowing effect;
- Two behaviors with  $p_T$ :
  - Suppression in  $p_T \rightarrow$  large  $x$  effect (very backward);
  - Decreasing with  $p_T \rightarrow$  shadowing effect;
- EKS  $\times$  nDS (similar behavior)
- Caution with the terminology (pdf's).

# Dilepton at backward-forward rapidities

● RHIC energies.

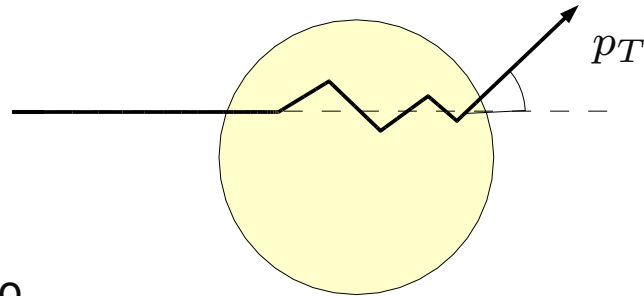


●  $R_{pA} \Rightarrow$  Different  $p_T$  behavior.

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| { | Forward  | $\Rightarrow$ | $p_T$ increases $\Rightarrow R_{pA}$ enlarged (saturation)       |
|   | Backward | $\Rightarrow$ | $p_T$ increases $\Rightarrow R_{pA}$ reduced (large $x$ effects) |

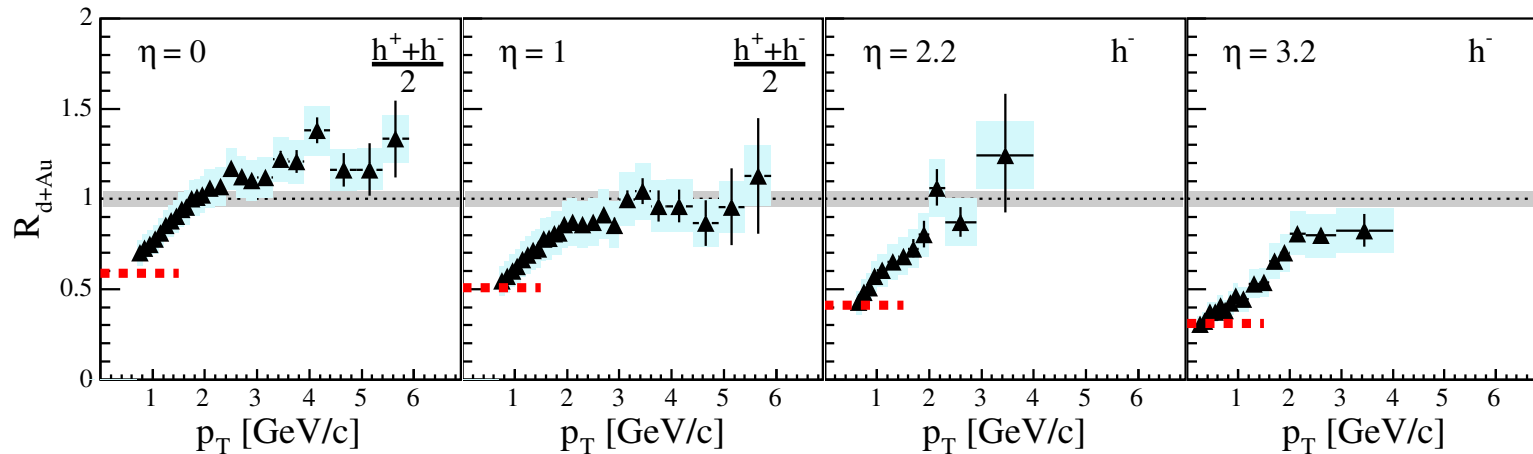
# Cronin Effect

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



- Nuclear modification ratio

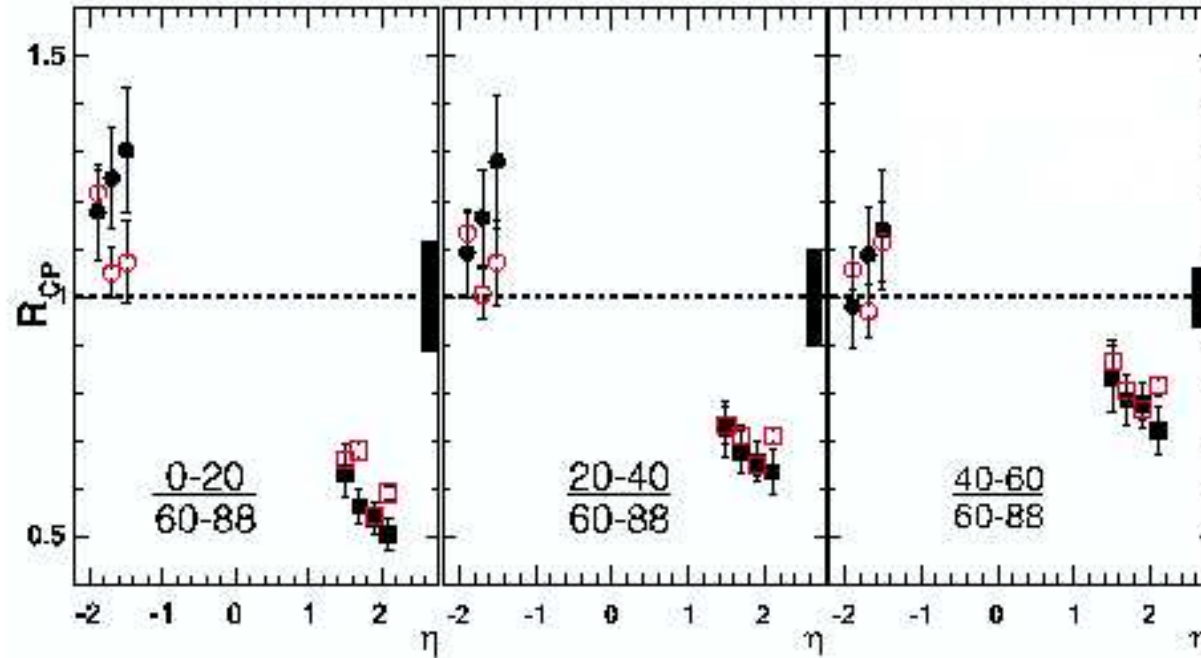
$$R_{dA} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma^{dA \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}{\mathcal{N}_{coll} \frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow hX}}{dp_T^2 dy}}$$



- Central rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  Cronin peak
- Suppression of the ratio at forward rapidities  $\Rightarrow$  Quantum evolution;

# 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 (<b>DATA</b>).</li> <li>- Large <math>x</math> nuclear effects + final state effects (<b>Dileptons indicate that</b>).</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  $\Rightarrow$  **final state effects** + **large  $x$  nuclear effects**.