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Measurements of the fractional momentum loss ($S_{\rm loss} \equiv \delta p_T/p_T$) of high-transverse-momentum-identified hadrons in heavy ion collisions are presented. Using π^0 in Au+Au and Cu+Cu collisions at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 62.4$ and 200 GeV measured by the PHENIX experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider and and charged hadrons in Pb+Pb collisions measured by the ALICE experiment at the Large Hadron Collider, we studied the scaling properties of $S_{\rm loss}$ as a function of a number of variables: the number of participants, $N_{\rm part}$, the number of quark participants, $N_{\rm qp}$, the charged-particle density, $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, and the Bjorken energy density times the equilibration time, $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$. We find that the p_T, where $S_{\rm loss}$ has its maximum, varies both with centrality and collision energy. Above the maximum, $S_{\rm loss}$ tends to follow a power-law function with all four scaling variables. The data at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 200$ GeV and 2.76 TeV, for sufficiently high particle densities, have a common scaling of $S_{\rm loss}$ with $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$, lending insight on the physics of parton energy loss.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It has been firmly established that in relativistic heavy ion collisions a hot, dense medium is rapidly formed, capable of interacting with the high p_T partons produced in primordial hard scattering and making them lose some energy while traversing the medium [1–4]. Such energy loss in the medium was first predicted in early 1980's [5]. Quantifying this energy loss is an important issue, because it is directly connected to the properties of the medium. However, this is not straightforward since neither the original parton energy, nor that of the decelerated one is easily accessible. Back-to-back photon-jet pairs in principle give access to both the initial and final parton energy, but such events are rare, because they are suppressed by a factor ~~α_{em}~~ α, the electromagnetic coupling constant. Measurement of jets give more complete information on the parton energy loss, however, their measurement is challenging, particularly at high multiplicities and low parton p_T. To circumvent this, high p_T hadrons are often used as proxies for jets ("leading hadrons"), and the parton energy loss in principle can be calculated by proper comparison of the invariant yields of hadrons in p+p and A+A at a given p_T. For this purpose the p+p yields are usually scaled up by the expected number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions in A+A, estimated from a Glauber Monte-Carlo model, and in the absence of any initial or final state nuclear effects they are expected to coincide with the A+A yields. The partons have steeply falling momentum spectra, so if partons lose energy, that results in a shift of the momentum spectra, and the yield at a given pT will become suppressed [6]. Utilizing this fact, the nuclear-modification factor (R_{AA}) has become a widely used characterization of the energy loss which is defined as:

$$R_{\rm AA}(p_T) = \frac{(1/N^{\rm evt}_{\rm AA}){\rm d}^2N^h_{\rm AA}/{\rm d}p_T{\rm dy}}{\langle T_{\rm AA}\rangle \times {\rm d}^2\sigma^h_{\rm pp}/{\rm d}p_T{\rm dy}}, \tag{1}$$

where σ^h_{pp} is the production cross section of the respective hadron in p+p collisions, $\langle T_{\rm AA}\rangle = \langle N_{\rm coll}\rangle/\sigma^{\rm inel}_{pp}$ is the nuclear overlap function averaged over the relevant range of impact parameters, and $\langle N_{\rm coll}\rangle$ is the number of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions computed with $\sigma^{\rm inel}_{pp}$. If R_{AA} is unity, it is usually assumed that the yield measured in A+A collisions is explained by the primordial hard production as observed in p+p collisions with no nuclear or medium effect. If $R_{AA} < 1$ (suppression) the A+A yield at a given p_T is less than that expected from the scaled p+p.

While the parton energy loss is expected to depend both on system size and collision energy, it is remarkable that R_{AA} is very similar from $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 62.4$ to 200 GeV at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and up to 2.76 TeV at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The reason is that while the energy loss increases with increasing $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ which would tend to decrease R_{AA}, the power n in the ${p_T}^{-n}$ shaped spectra decreases ($n = 10.6$ for 62.4 GeV [7], $n = 8.06$ for 200 GeV Au+Au and $n \approx 6.0$ for 2.76 TeV [8]) and provides a countervailing effect. A numerical calculation showed that the fractional energy loss of partons, $\Delta E/E$, is indeed significantly different between LHC and RHIC even though the R_{AA} is similar [9].

Instead of R_{AA} one can employ the fractional momentum loss ($S_{\rm loss}$) of high p_T hadrons as a measure of parton energy loss which should reflect the average fractional energy loss of the initial partons ($\langle\Delta E/E\rangle \sim S_{\rm loss}$). $S_{\rm loss}$ is defined as

$$S_{\rm loss} \equiv \delta p_T/p_T = \frac{p_T^{pp} - p_T^{AA}}{p_T^{pp}} \tag{2}$$

where p_T^{AA} is the p_T of the A+A measurement and p_T^{pp} is that of the p+p measurement scaled by the nuclear overlap function T_{AA} of the corresponding A+A centrality class at the same yield of the A+A measurement. We calculate $S_{\rm loss}$ as a function of the original momentum of partons that are represented by p_T^{pp}.

Under the assumptions that $N_{\rm coll}$ scaling is applicable and fragmentation functions are unchanged from p+p collisions, δp_T can be directly measured as the shift in p_T needed to get the same yield ($dN/dp_{\rm T}dy$) in A+A as the scaled p+p.

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The PHENIX experiment published a study of the energy loss of partons by converting azimuthal angle (ϕ)-dependent R_{AA} with respect to the event plane to $S_{\rm loss}$ assuming that the spectra follow a power-law function [10]. That study found that $S_{\rm loss}$ scales with L_ϵ, the distance from the center to the edge of the collision area which the partons traverse, for all centrality classes for 3< p_T <8 GeV/c, and also with the density-weighted path length $\rho L/\rho_{\rm cent}$ where $\rho_{\rm cent}$ is the density at the center of the collision zone and the ρ is the density at the given coordinate. The dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ on centrality was also reasonably approximated by ${N_{\rm part}}^{2/3}$. A similar study has been performed using Pb+Pb data available at LHC and Au+Au data from RHIC [11]. The authors found that the scaling in [10] does not hold at p_T higher than 10 GeV/c. Other recent publications tried to obtain ϕ-integrated $S_{\rm loss}$ without assuming the spectral shape [7, 8]. It was found that $S_{\rm loss}$ varies by a factor of six from 62.4 GeV Au+Au to 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions.

These studies showed that the fractional momentum loss $S_{\rm loss}$ has a major advantage over R_{AA}, in that it allows for a direct comparison of parton energy loss between different colliding systems and energies, because it eliminates the bias owing to the $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$-variation of the exponent, n, in the power-law spectra of high p_T particles.

These scaling studies are not a replacement for full quantum-chromodynamics calculations of parton energy loss that must include different quark and gluon admixtures and their different fragmentation functions, initial state effects such as nuclear modified parton distribution functions, and potentially modified harmonization effects. That said, since $S_{\rm loss}$ is merely a new representation of the experimental measurements, any such theoretical calculation would need to describe the observed scalings at the precision of the uncertainties.

In this paper, we extend the previous studies of ϕ-integrated $S_{\rm loss}$ by including additional data sets both from RHIC and LHC and by plotting the fractional momentum loss against several scaling variables to characterize the energy loss mechanism. We average over the event plane dependence to simplify the analysis. Section II describes the method of calculating $S_{\rm loss}$ and introduces the global scaling variables. In section III A, we present values for $S_{\rm loss}$ as a function of centrality for a variety of systems and energies. Section III B presents the main result of this paper, which is the study of the scaling behavior of $S_{\rm loss}$. We conclude in section IV.

TABLE I. Summary of data sets used in this analysis. The $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 62.4 and 200 GeV data are from PHENIX at RHIC and the $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 2.76 TeV data from from ALICE at the LHC.

System	particle	$\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$	year	p_T range	ref.
Au+Au	π^0	200 GeV	2004	1.0–20 GeV/c	[12]
Au+Au	π^0	200 GeV	2007	5.0–20 GeV/c	[8]
Cu+Cu	π^0	200 GeV	2005	1.0–18 GeV/c	[13]
~~p+p~~ p+p	π^0	200 GeV	2005	0.5–20 GeV/c	[14]
Au+Au	π^0	62.4 GeV	2010	1.0–10 GeV/c	[7]
Cu+Cu	π^0	62.4 GeV	2005	1.0–8.0 GeV/c	[13]
~~p+p~~ p+p	π^0	62.4 GeV	2006	0.5–7.0 GeV/c	[15]
Pb+Pb	$h^{+/-}$	2.76 TeV	2010	0.2–50 GeV/c	[16]
Pb+Pb	$\pi^{+/-}$	2.76 TeV	2010-2011	2.0–20 GeV/c	[17]
Pb+Pb	π^0	2.76 TeV	2010	0.5–11 GeV/c	[18]
~~p+p~~ p+p	$h^{+/-}$	2.76 TeV	2009-2011	0.2–50 GeV/c	[19]
~~p+p~~ p+p	$\pi^{+/-}$	2.76 TeV	2010-2011	2.0–20 GeV/c	[17]
~~p+p~~ p+p	π^0	2.76 TeV	2011	0.5–11 GeV/c	[18]

II. DATASET AND ANALYSIS

In this section we describe how fractional momentum loss is calculated and define the various scaling variables. A summary of the data is given in Table I. ~~The numerical values of the scaling variables are listed in Table III.~~ For RHIC energies, data from the PHENIX experiment for π^0 in Au+Au and Cu+Cu collisions both at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 200 GeV and 62.4 GeV were used [7, 8, 12–15], while for the LHC, data on charged hadrons and pions in Pb+Pb collisions, both at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 2.76 TeV, measured by the ALICE experiment [16–19] were used. To calculate the fractional momentum loss, p+p data are also needed: RHIC data were taken from [14, 15], while LHC data were taken from [19].

~~Global variables for Au+Au and Cu+Cu collisions at RHIC from PHENIX and Pb+Pb collisions at the LHC from ALICE . Collision Centrality GeV/fm² Au+Au 200 GeV 0 5353±10.0 957±16.2 687±37.0 5.42±0.59 0 10327±9.5 873±15.8 624±32.4 5.17±0.56 10 20235±7.7 597±13.4 415±20.0 4.28±0.47 20 30166±6.3 403±11.3 274±15.1 3.48±0.40 30 40114±5.3 263±10.1 177±11.6 2.74±0.34 40 5075.0±4.5 162±6.1 110±9.2 2.06±0.28 50 6046.4±4.0 91.5±6.2 61.6±7.1 1.38±0.23 60 7026.1±3.5 51.3±6.9 31.6±5.0 0.83±0.18 Cu+Cu 200 GeV 0 1096.9±3.9 238±12.2 178±14.2 3.00±0.36 10 2074.3±3.9 175±10.5 123±9.9 2.43±0.27 20 3053.7±2.7 121±8.7 85.0±6.8 2.00±0.25 30 4039.9±3.8 87.1±9.0 57.7±4.6 1.58±0.19 40 5028.1±3.3 59.0±7.9 38.2±3.0 1.24±0.17 Au+Au 62.4 GeV 0 10317±6.1 824±21.0 405±32.4 3.41±0.36 10 20225±9.3 560±17.4 273±20.9 2.95±0.30 20 40131±8.5 310±12.9 151±13.1 2.17±0.22 40 6054.7±6.0 118±8.0 57.5±4.3 1.31±0.13 Cu+Cu 62.4 GeV 0 1095.9±2.1 222±9.1 122±8.9 1.98±0.22 10 2073.7±2.6 164±8.4 84.5±6.5 1.65±0.19 20 3055.2±2.5 118±7.0 58.0±4.5 1.35±0.16 30 4040.5±2.4 83.6±6.7 39.0±3.0 1.10±0.13 40 5028.2±2.2 56.0±5.1 25.5±2.0 0.89±0.11 Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV 0 5383±3.1 1086±14.1~~

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A. Fractional momentum loss

Figure 1 shows the method of calculating the $S_{\rm loss}$ using measured A+A and ~~p+p~~ p+p spectra at the same collision energy. First, the π^0 ($\pi^{+/-}$, $h^{+/-}$) cross section in p+p is scaled by T_{AA} corresponding to the centrality selection of the A+A data. Second, the scaled p+p cross section is fit with a power-law function. Third, the scaled p+p point, p_T^{pp}, corresponding to the yield at the Au+Au point of interest, is found using the fit to interpolate between scaled p+p points. The δp_T is calculated as p_T^{pp}-p_T^{AA}. To obtain $S_{\rm loss}$, the δp_T is divided by p_T^{pp}.

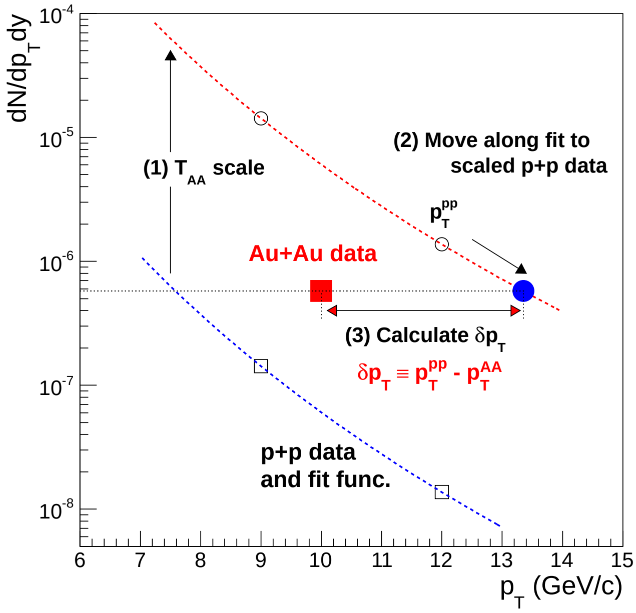

FIG. 1. (Color online) Method of calculating the fractional momentum loss ($S_{\rm loss} \equiv \delta p_T/p_T$). This plot is for illustration only; uncertainties are not shown. The procedure: (1) scale the p+p data by T_{AA} corresponding to the centrality selection of A+A data, (2) fit the p+p data and choose the scaled p+p point closest in yield to the A+A along the fit,(3) calculate the difference of scaled p+p and A+A transverse momenta, $\delta p_T \equiv p_T^{pp} - p_T^{AA}$, at the same yield.

It is important to realize that the effective fractional energy loss, $S_{\rm loss}$, estimated from the shift in the p_T spectrum, is actually less than the real average energy loss at a given p_T. This is true because, for a given observed p_T^{AA}, the events at much larger p_T with larger energy loss are lost under the events at smaller p_T with a correspondingly smaller energy loss owing to the steeply falling spectrum. We evaluated this bias to the $S_{\rm loss}$ measurement with a simple Monte Carlo calculation using the power of the spectra obtained in the measurements, and found that it is ~10% for collisions at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 200 GeV and 62.4 GeV, and ~18% for $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 2.76 TeV. This systematic effect is not reflected in the final data uncertainties.

The uncertainties of the $S_{\rm loss}$ are obtained as follows. We first estimated the errors of yields for the A+A and the p+p points in three categories; the quadratic sum of the statistical and p_T-independent systematic uncertainties ("Type A"), p_T-correlated systematic uncertainties ("Type B"), and the overall scale uncertainties which allow all the data points to move to the same direction with a certain fraction of the central values ("Type C"). The Type B is the quadratic sum of the systematic uncertainties related to the measurement of π^0 for the PHENIX result, including those of photon identification efficiency, energy scale, and background subtraction. The Type C is the quadratic sum of the T_{AA} and p+p normalization uncertainties in this analysis. The uncertainties for the A+A and p+p points in three categories are separately summed in quadrature, and projected to the p_T^{pp} axis using the p+p fit function.

B. Number of Nucleon and Quark Participants

To study the systematics of fractional momentum loss, we introduce several scaling variables. Here we briefly describe how the number of nucleon participants ($N_{\rm part}$) and quark participants ($N_{\rm qp}$) [20] are obtained. The $N_{\rm part}$ for the Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 2.76 TeV was taken from [21]. The number of quark-participants is calculated for all systems as part of this work, as explained below.

A Monte-Carlo-Glauber (MC-Glauber) model calculation [22] is used to obtain estimates for the number of nucleon participants at each centrality using the procedure described in [23]. A similar procedure can be used to estimate the number of quark participants, $N_{\rm qp}$, at each centrality [20]. The MC-Glauber calculation is modified such that the fundamental interactions are quark-quark rather than nucleon-nucleon collisions. The nuclei are assembled by distributing the centers of the nucleons according to a Woods-Saxon distribution. Once a nucleus is assembled, three quarks are then distributed around the center of each nucleon. In our model, we assume the spatial distribution of the quarks follows an exponential charge distribution as measured in electron-proton elastic scattering:

$$\rho^{proton}(r) = \rho_0^{proton} \times e^{-ar}, \qquad (3)$$

where $a = \sqrt{12}/r_m = 4.27$ fm^{-1} and $r_m = 0.81$ fm is the rms charge radius of the proton [24]. The coordinates of the two colliding nuclei are shifted at random relative to each other by a vector $\vec{b}$, the impact parameter, which covers an area larger than the maximum possible impact parameter. A pair of quarks, one from each nucleus, interact with each other if their distance d in the plane transverse to the beam axis satisfies the condition

$$d < \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{qq}^{\text{inel}}}{\pi}}, \tag{4}$$

where $\sigma_{qq}^{\text{inel}}$ is the inelastic quark-quark cross section, which is varied for the case of nucleon-nucleon collisions until the known inelastic nucleon-nucleon cross section is reproduced; this $\sigma_{qq}^{\text{inel}}$ is then used for the A+A calculations. The inelastic quark-quark cross sections are tabulated in Table II. Figure 2a shows the number of quark participants as a function of the number of nucleon participants [20]. The relationship is nonlinear, especially for low values of N_{part}. The nonlinearity is clearly seen in Fig. 2b where the ratio of the number of quark participants to the number of nucleon participants as a function of the number of nucleon participants is shown.

TABLE II. The inelastic quark-quark cross sections used for each collision energy to reproduce the inelastic nucleon-nucleon cross section.

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	$\sigma_{NN}^{\text{inel}}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{qq}^{\text{inel}}$ (mb)
2760	64.0	18.4
200	42.3	9.36
62.4	36.0	7.08

C. Charged Particle Multiplicity

Another scaling variable used is charged particle multiplicity, or multiplicity density, $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$, measured at midrapidity ($y \approx \eta \approx 0$). This quantity is closely related to the gluon density, dN_{gluon}/dy [25], as well as to the number of participating nucleons N_{part}, which in turn is a measure of the system size. In a previous publication [23] it has been shown that

$$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \propto N_{\text{part}}{}^{\alpha} \tag{5}$$

where α=1.16 in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV. For the RHIC data $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ values were taken from the PHENIX experiment [20, 23], where charged particle multiplicities are measured in the $|\eta| < 0.35$ pseudorapidity region in two pad chamber detectors [26] in zero magnetic field. For the LHC data $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$, values are quoted from the ALICE publication [21], where charged particles are measured in their silicon-pixel detector and quoted in the restricted $|\eta| < 0.5$ pseudorapidity range.

D. Bjorken Energy Density

Finally, we introduce a measure of the energy density. In relativistic heavy ion collisions, the Bjorken energy density is frequently used for this purpose [27]. The Bjorken energy density is defined as

$$\epsilon_{Bj} = \frac{1}{\tau_0 A_\perp}\frac{dE_T}{dy} \tag{6}$$

where τ_0 is the proper time when the QGP is equilibrated, $A_\perp$ is the transverse area of the system. The $A_\perp$ can be written as $\sim \sigma_x\sigma_y$, where σ_x and σ_y are the widths of x and y position distributions of the participating nucleons in the transverse plane, and was estimated using a Monte-Carlo Glauber simulation [22]. The equilibration time τ_0 is strongly model-dependent, therefore, we decided to use $\varepsilon_{\text{Bj}}\tau_0$ as a scaling variable, which then contains only well-established experimental quantities. The measured $dE_T/d\eta$ is converted to dE_T/dy by applying a factor that compensates the phase space difference between rapidity and pseudorapidity which is obtained by a simple numerical calculation. The factor is found to be 1.25 for $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 62.4 GeV and $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV [23], and 1.09 for $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV [28]. The uncertainties on these scale numbers are ∼3%. The $dE_T/d\eta$ for the $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions are obtained from the literature [29].

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The numerical values of the scaling variables introduced in the previous section are listed in Table III.

A. p_T dependence of the fractional momentum loss

Figure 3 shows the p_T dependence of the fractional momentum loss of π^0 for various centralities in Au+Au 200 GeV collisions, using 2007 data [8]. The error bars represent the projection of Type A uncertainties to the p_T^{pp} axis, while the boxes are the same projection of Type B uncertainties. $\delta_{\text{sys}}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ shown in the following plots stands for the projection of Type C uncertainties to the p_T^{pp} axis. Note that $\delta_{\text{sys}}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ indicate the absolute amount that the data points would move.

The 2007 data set has been analyzed only above p_T = 5 GeV/c, which also limits the p_T where S_{loss} can be extracted. For lower p_T the 2004 data were used [12], and the results are shown in open symbols in Fig. 3. The consistency of R_{AA} from 2004 and 2007 data has already been shown in Fig. 11 of [12]. The same consistency can be seen in the extracted S_{loss}. In the central collisions S_{loss} is slightly increasing up to ∼6 GeV/c, then flattens out and finally decreases at the highest measured p_T. As expected, S_{loss} increases monotonically with centrality.

We show the fractional momentum loss of π^0 for various centralities in Cu+Cu 200 GeV collisions in Fig. 4.

We already found in a previous publication that R_{AA} is similar at the same N_{part} between Cu+Cu and Au+Au

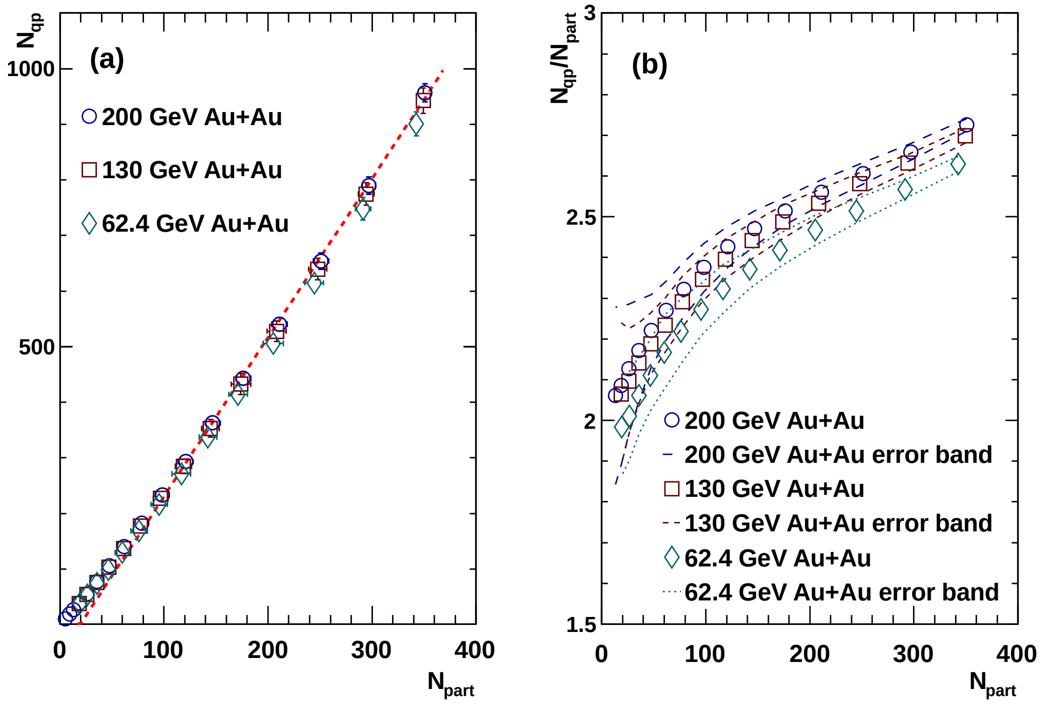

FIG. 2. (Color online) (a) The number of quark participants as a function of the number of nucleon participants. The error bars represent the systematic uncertainty estimate on the MC-Glauber calculation. The dashed line is a linear fit to the 200 GeV Au+Au points with $N_{\rm part} > 100$ to illustrate the nonlinearity of the correlation at low values of $N_{\rm part}$. (b) The ratio of the number of quark participants to the number of nucleon participants as a function of the number of nucleon participants. The error bands represent the systematic uncertainty estimate on the MC-Glauber calculation. This figure is reproduced from [20].

collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV [13]. The $N_{\rm part}$ for 0%–10% centrality in Cu+Cu collisions is similar to the one for 30%–40% centrality in Au+Au collisions. We can see that the $S_{\rm loss}$ is similar in these collision from Figs. 3 and 4.

The fraction of hard-scattering is smaller and therefore results in a steeper p_T spectrum at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 62.4 GeV. Figure 5 shows the fractional momentum loss of π^0 for various centralities in Au+Au 62.4 GeV collisions.

The $S_{\rm loss}$ is much smaller than at 200 GeV even for the most central collisions. Note that soft production in $A+A$ collisions still contributes to the p_T^{pp} range of 2-6 GeV/c, where R_{AA} is not reaching to its minimum [7]. In the $S_{\rm loss}$, this will result in smaller values. Figure 6 shows the $S_{\rm loss}$ of π^0 for various centralities in 62.4 GeV Cu+Cu collisions [7].

The trends are similar for the Cu+Cu and Au+Au collision data. Note that in the 62.4 GeV data set the systematic uncertainties from π^0 reconstruction, overall energy scale and trigger efficiency were larger [13] than in the 200 GeV Au+Au data, which explains the larger overall systematic uncertainties. It is again interesting to mention that within the uncertainties, the 0%–10% Cu+Cu collisions give the similar $S_{\rm loss}$ as the 20%–40% Au+Au collisions even at this energy.

In Fig. 7, we show the fractional momentum loss for charged hadrons in Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV measured by the ALICE experiment [16, 19].

A clear increase of the $S_{\rm loss}$ is seen in the 4-10 GeV/c region with the maximum being dependent on centrality. Despite the ≈10%–fold difference of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ between RHIC and LHC, the trend is rather consistent, but more pronounced at the LHC and without a region of constant $S_{\rm loss}$ as is most evident in the PHENIX 0%–10% data in Fig. 3.

The ALICE experiment recently published the spectra for charged pions for two centrality classes [17]. We computed the fractional momentum loss for charged pions and compared with those for charged hadrons as shown in Fig. 8. For peripheral collisions, we plot the results for charged hadrons in 60%–70% and 70%–80% bins. For 0%–5 % centrality, the $S_{\rm loss}$ for charged hadrons are systematically lower than that of charged pions at p_T <10 GeV/c, and both of them become similar above 10 GeV/c. This observation is consistent with the enhanced baryon production in p_T <10 GeV/c compared to mesons in the central collisions [17]. Charged hadron spectra include protons, and thus the suppression is smaller for them in the medium p_T region. In the 60%–80% centrality, the charged pions and charged hadrons

TABLE III. Global variables for Au+Au and Cu+Cu collisions at RHIC from PHENIX [7, 8, 12, 13] and Pb+Pb collisions at the LHC from ALICE [16, 17, 30].

Collision	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Centrality	$N_{\rm part}$	$N_{\rm qp}$	$dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$	$\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ [GeV/fm^2]
Au+Au	200 GeV	0%–5%	353±10.0	957±16.2	687±37.0	5.42±0.59
		0%–10%	327±9.5	873±15.8	624±32.4	5.17±0.56
		10%–20%	235±7.7	597±13.4	415±20.0	4.28±0.47
		20%–30%	166±6.3	403±11.3	274±15.1	3.48±0.40
		30%–40%	114±5.3	263±10.1	177±11.6	2.74±0.34
		40%–50%	75.0±4.5	162±6.1	110±9.2	2.06±0.28
		50%–60%	46.4±4.0	91.5±6.2	61.6±7.1	1.38±0.23
		60%–70%	26.1±3.5	51.3±6.9	31.6±5.0	0.83±0.18
Cu+Cu	200 GeV	0%–10%	96.9±3.9	238±12.2	178±14.2	3.00±0.36
		10%–20%	74.3±3.9	175±10.5	123±9.9	2.43±0.27
		20%–30%	53.7±2.7	121±8.7	85.0±6.8	2.00±0.25
		30%–40%	39.9±3.8	87.1±9.0	57.7±4.6	1.58±0.19
		40%–50%	28.1±3.3	59.0±7.9	38.2±3.0	1.24±0.17
Au+Au	62.4 GeV	0%–10%	317±6.1	824±21.0	405±32.4	3.41±0.36
		10%–20%	225±9.3	560±17.4	273±20.9	2.95±0.30
		20%–40%	131±8.5	310±12.9	151±13.1	2.17±0.22
		40%–60%	54.7±6.0	118±8.0	57.5±4.3	1.31±0.13
Cu+Cu	62.4 GeV	0%–10%	95.9±2.1	222±9.1	122±8.9	1.98±0.22
		10%–20%	73.7±2.6	164±8.4	84.5±6.5	1.65±0.19
		20%–30%	55.2±2.5	118±7.0	58.0±4.5	1.35±0.16
		30%–40%	40.5±2.4	83.6±6.7	39.0±3.0	1.10±0.13
		40%–50%	28.2±2.2	56.0±5.1	25.5±2.0	0.89±0.11
Pb+Pb	2.76 TeV	0%–5%	383±3.1	1086±14.1	1601±60	11.5±1.43
		5%–10%	330±4.6	915±11.9	1294±49	10.5±1.27
		10%–20%	261±4.4	706±10.6	966±37	9.05±1.41
		20%–30%	186±3.9	488±8.3	649±23	7.35±1.21
		30%–40%	129±3.3	325±7.5	426±15	5.99±0.91
		40%–50%	85.0±2.6	205±5.9	261±9	4.69±0.75
		50%–60%	52.8±2.0	118±3.5	149±6	3.47±0.49
		60%–70%	30.0±1.3	60.9±2.0	76±4	2.11±0.35
		70%–80%	15.8±0.6	26.3±0.9	35±2	1.17±0.22

give similar results. This feature is again consistent with the observation of enhanced baryon production both at RHIC and LHC which only occurs in the central collisions. The ALICE experiment also published neutral pion data very recently, from which we calculated the $S_{\rm loss}$ for the data set as shown in Figure 9 [18].

The neutral pion results have finer centrality selections, but have a limited p_T range and larger uncertainties, therefore, they were not considered in further studies of scaling variable dependence. We can see that the $S_{\rm loss}$ for neutral pions are similar to that of charged pions and hence are consistent with charged hadrons for p_T >10 GeV/c.

B. Scaling variable dependence

To understand how the fractional momentum loss changes with collision systems, we plot $S_{\rm loss}$ against the scaling variables defined in the section II. Figures 10 and 11 show the $S_{\rm loss}$ as a function of $N_{\rm part}$, $N_{\rm qp}$, $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ at p_T^{pp} = 7 and 12 GeV/c, respec-

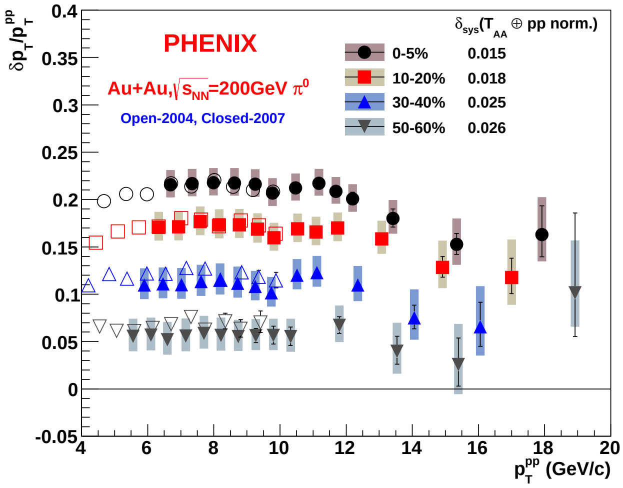

FIG. 3. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for π^0 in 200 GeV Au+Au collisions from (solid symbols) 2007 data [8] and (open symbols) 2004 data from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC for p_T <10 GeV/c [12]. The error boxes corresponding to Type-B errors are not shown for Year-2004 data, but the magnitude are same as the ones for Year-2007 data. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \rm pp\ norm)$ are Type-C errors and show the absolute amount that the data points would move.

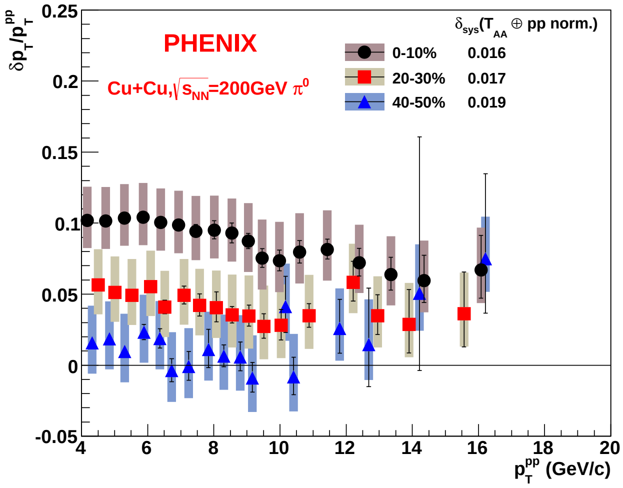

FIG. 4. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for π^0 in 200 GeV Cu+Cu collisions using the spectra measured by PHENIX at RHIC in 2005 [13]. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \rm pp\ norm)$ are Type-C errors and show the absolute amount that the data points would move.

tively. Note that at these p_T^{pp} values, only data from 200 GeV and 2.76 TeV are available. When a value at the exact p_T^{pp} was not available, we interpolated the fractional momentum loss from the closest two p_T points that we obtained in the previous section. The error bars represent Type A and the boxes are Type B uncertainties; Type C uncertainties are not shown here. The scaling variable dependencies show clearer power-law behavior at $p_T = 12$ GeV/c than at $p_T = 7$ GeV/c, implying that the Sloss is dominated by a single source, i.e., hard scattering. At fixed $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, the $S_{\rm loss}$ values for the Cu+Cu and Au+Au systems converge as $N_{\rm part}$ grows. For the different $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ values, a clear separation of $S_{\rm loss}$ values is seen even at the highest $N_{\rm part}$, and the separation increases with increasing p_T (see Fig. 12).

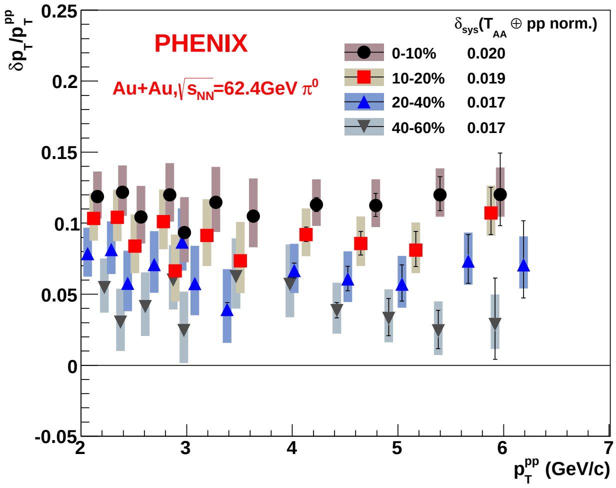

FIG. 5. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for π^0 in 62 GeV Au+Au collisions using the spectra measured by PHENIX in 2010 [7]. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \rm pp\ norm)$ are Type-C errors and show the absolute amount that the data points would move.

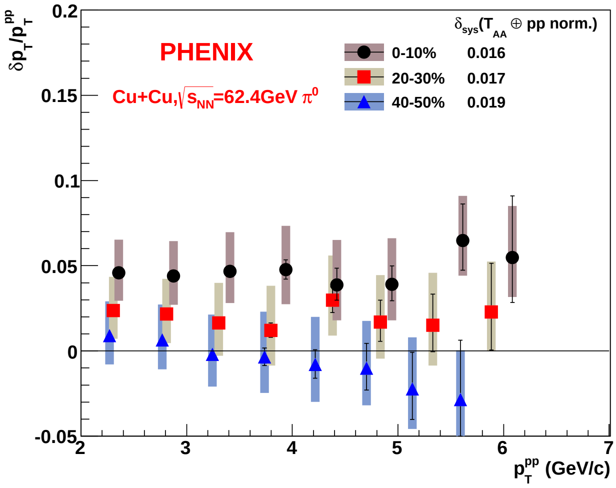

FIG. 6. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for π^0 in 62.4 GeV Cu+Cu collisions using the spectra measured by PHENIX in 2005 [13]. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \rm pp\ norm)$ are Type-C errors and show the absolute amount that the data points would move.

Figures 12–15 show the same $S_{\rm loss}$ dependencies for additional p_T^{pp} values of 5–15 GeV/c. For the lowest two p_T^{pp} values, the results now also include Cu+Cu and Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ GeV. Note that the PHENIX and ALICE data show parallel trends as a function of $N_{\rm part}$, especially at higher $N_{\rm part}$. This fact, albeit the magnitudes

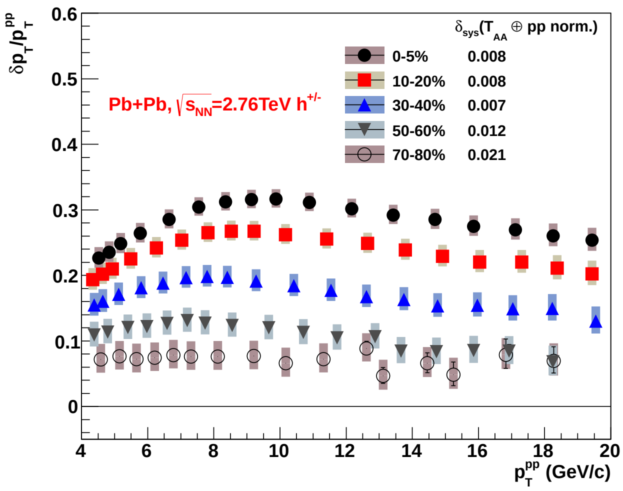

FIG. 7. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for charged hadrons in 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions using the result from the ALICE experiment [16, 19]. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus$ pp norm) are Type-C errors and show the absolute amount that the data points would move.

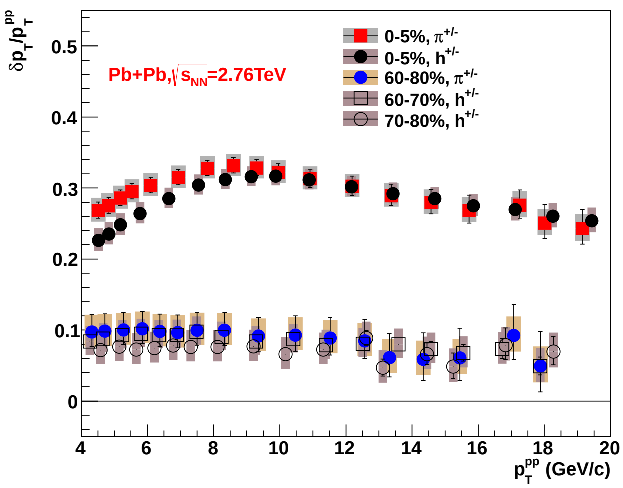

FIG. 8. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for charged pions in 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions together with those for charged hadrons from the same collision system. The charged pion result is from the ALICE experiment [17].

are different, can be associated with the observation that ALICE and PHENIX data exhibit a similar $N_{\rm part}$ dependence of the $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta/(0.5N_{\rm part})$ shapes [16]. When looking at $N_{\rm qp}$ dependence, as expected from the discussion in the section explaining $N_{\rm qp}$, the points are shifted up by a factor of 2-3 along the x-axis. The overall trends are similar as for $N_{\rm part}$ dependence, but the slopes are somewhat different. Comparing the data from different collision systems at the same $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ reveals no significant improvement of the alignment from $N_{\rm part}$ to $N_{\rm qp}$ scaling. When we plot the $S_{\rm loss}$ against $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, the situation is different.

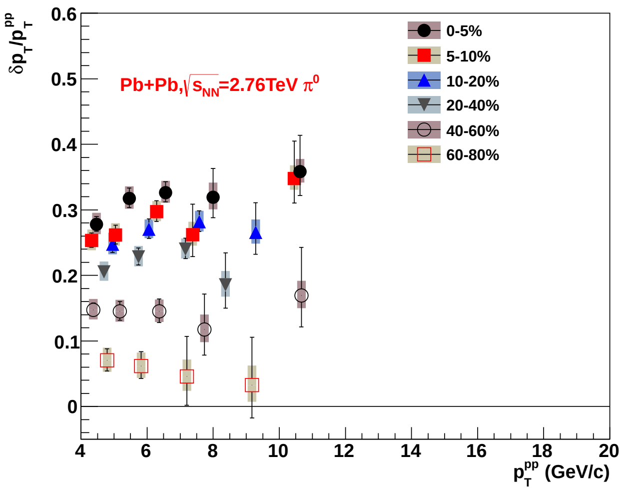

FIG. 9. (Color online)p_T^{pp} dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ for neutral pions in 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb collisions using the result from the ALICE experiment [18].

At higher centralities (increasing $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$) the LHC points line up very well with the 200 GeV RHIC Au+Au data, moreover, at higher p_T the two results are consistent for all but the most peripheral collisions. This clearly shows that $S_{\rm loss}$ scales with $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, which is energy density dependent and thus $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ dependent. Finally, plots of $S_{\rm loss}$ as a function of $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ 15 show remarkable universal trends for the data from different systems from 200 GeV to 2.76 TeV. Among the scaling variables, $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ seems to serve best across the collision systems, especially between 200 GeV Au+Au and 2.76 TeV collisions. This investigation shows that the $S_{\rm loss}$ does not scale with simple geometry descriptions across the $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, but do scale with the quantities related to the energy density of the system, hence the opacity of the system is energy-density dependent.

We have investigated $S_{\rm loss}$ against the four scaling variables at six p_T^{pp} points including the two already shown in Figs. 10 and 11. The scaling plots at all p_T^{pp} are shown in Figs. 12 – 15. For p_T of 5 and 6 GeV/c, we used the 2004 data, because the 2007 data has a software threshold in p_T, as mentioned earlier. At the same two lowest p_T, we also show the $S_{\rm loss}$ scaling for 62.4 GeV Cu+Cu and Au+Au collisions. For higher p_T the 62.4 GeV points are not available owing to the lack of a p+p baseline. Deviations seen in the 62.4 GeV data may indicate that in the measured p_T range hard scattering is not completely dominant yet, in accordance with the observations of [7].

Lastly, to quantify the scaling trends, we fit $S_{\rm loss}$ for all four scaling variables and each collision system, except for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ GeV system, with a power-law function:

$$\delta p_T/p_T = \beta(SV/SV^0)^\alpha \tag{7}$$

where SV is one of the four scaling variables we used above, and the SV^0 is the normalization factor introduced to cancel the dimension of the SV. We took the

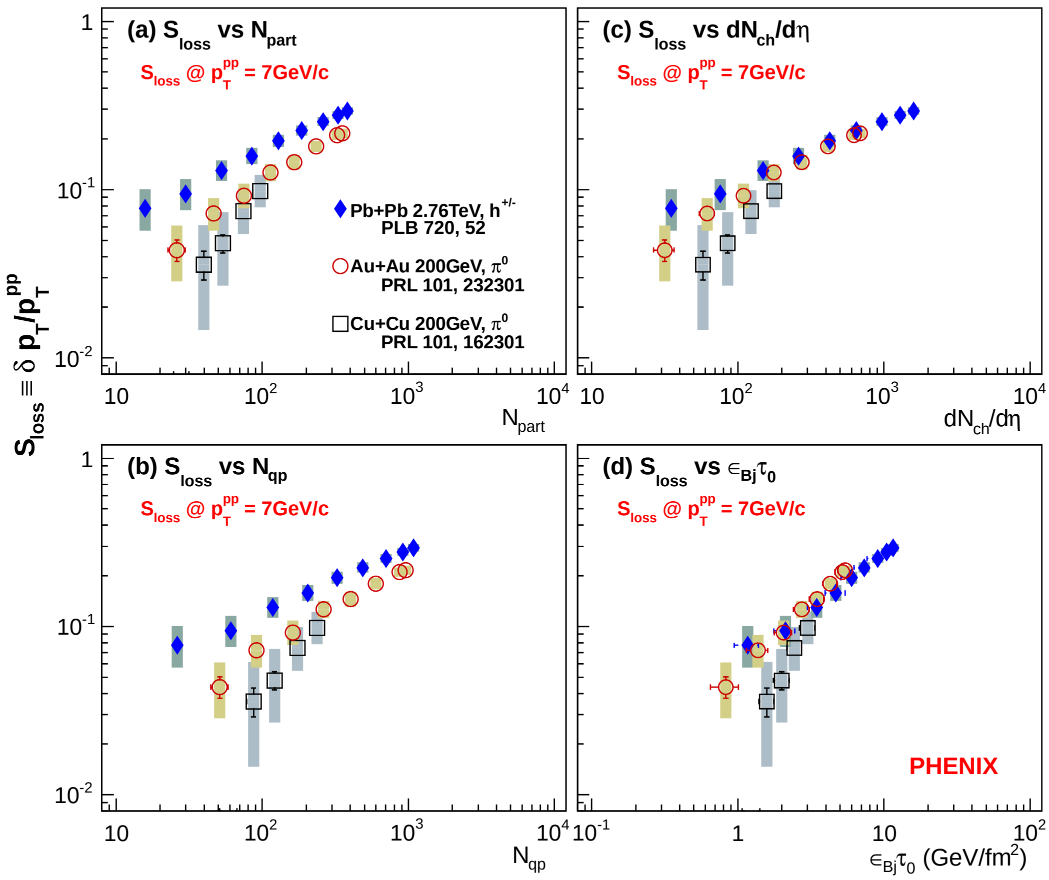

FIG. 10. (Color online) Scaling variables dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ at $p_T^{pp} = 7$ GeV/c. (a) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $N_{\rm part}$, (b) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $N_{\rm qp}$, (c) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, and (d) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$. $N_{\rm qp}$ are all calculated by PHENIX. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ is not shown in these plots.

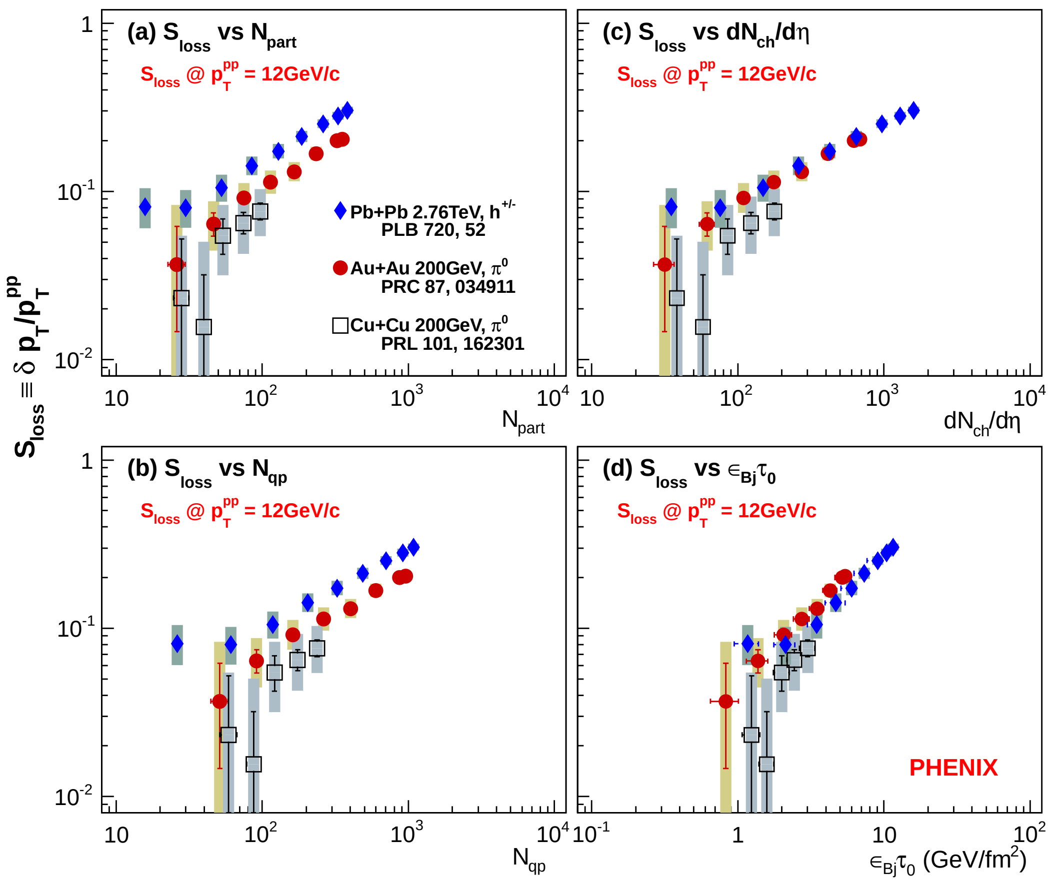

FIG. 11. (Color online) Scaling variables dependence of $S_{\rm loss}$ at $p_T^{pp} = 12$ GeV/c. (a) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $N_{\rm part}$, (b) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $N_{\rm qp}$, (c) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$, and (d) shows $S_{\rm loss}$ vs $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$. $N_{\rm qp}$ are all calculated by PHENIX. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ is not shown in these plots.

scaling variables for the most central LHC points as SV^0. Use of the power-law function is motivated by an energy loss model that predicts that $\Delta E/E \propto {N_{\rm part}}^{2/3}$ [31]. In the fitting process the statistical and systematic uncertainties were taken into account according to the prescription of [32]. The errors on the scaling variable (horizontal errors in the plots) are not taken into account in the fitting, but they are small compared to the uncertainties of $S_{\rm loss}$ values.

The fit parameters α and β obtained by fitting $\delta p_T/p_T$ vs $N_{\rm part}$ and $N_{\rm qp}$, plus $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ to Eq. 7 for Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 200 GeV and Pb+Pb at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 2.76 TeV are shown in Fig. 16. All fit parameters, including for Cu+Cu, are tabulated in Table VII.

The fit parameters α and β are anti-correlated. At and above 10 GeV/c, the χ^2/ndf values ~~are small~~ become smaller and the powers α converge for all scaling variables, although they do not become fully consistent within uncertainties. Among the scaling variables, $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ is found to give relatively consistent α and β between two systems. The $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$, which is more related to the energy density of the system, also gives reasonably consistent numbers within uncertainties. More interestingly, $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ gives the α closest to 1.0 (linear scaling). The similarities are striking as is the fact that $S_{\rm loss}$ obeys such a simple scaling with global observables over the entire p_T range where hard scattering is dominant. This implies that the empirical fractional momentum loss and the assumed underlying energy loss of partons scale with energy density of the medium, independent of the collision energies or systems, once $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ is sufficiently high. We cross-checked our current result with one published earlier for a slightly different quantity [12], and found consistent for $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ = 200 GeV Au+Au collisions.

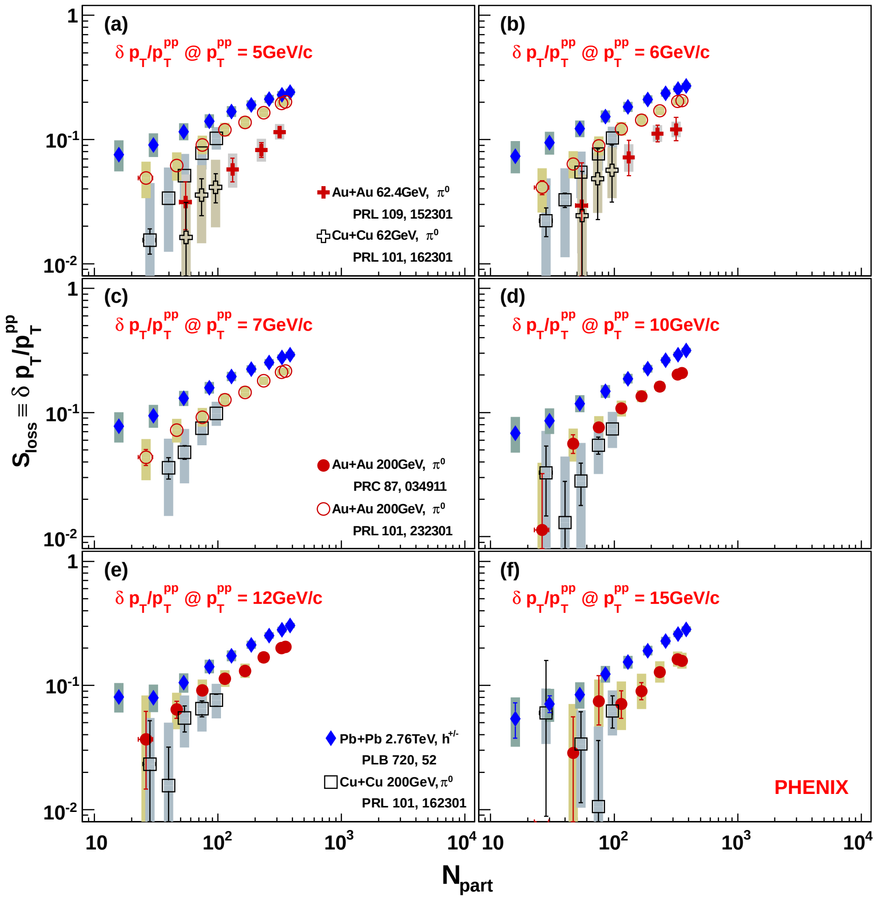

FIG. 12. (Color online) N_{part} dependence of the fractional momentum loss in bins of p_T^{pp} for various systems and $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$. $\delta_{\text{sys}}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ is not shown in these plots.

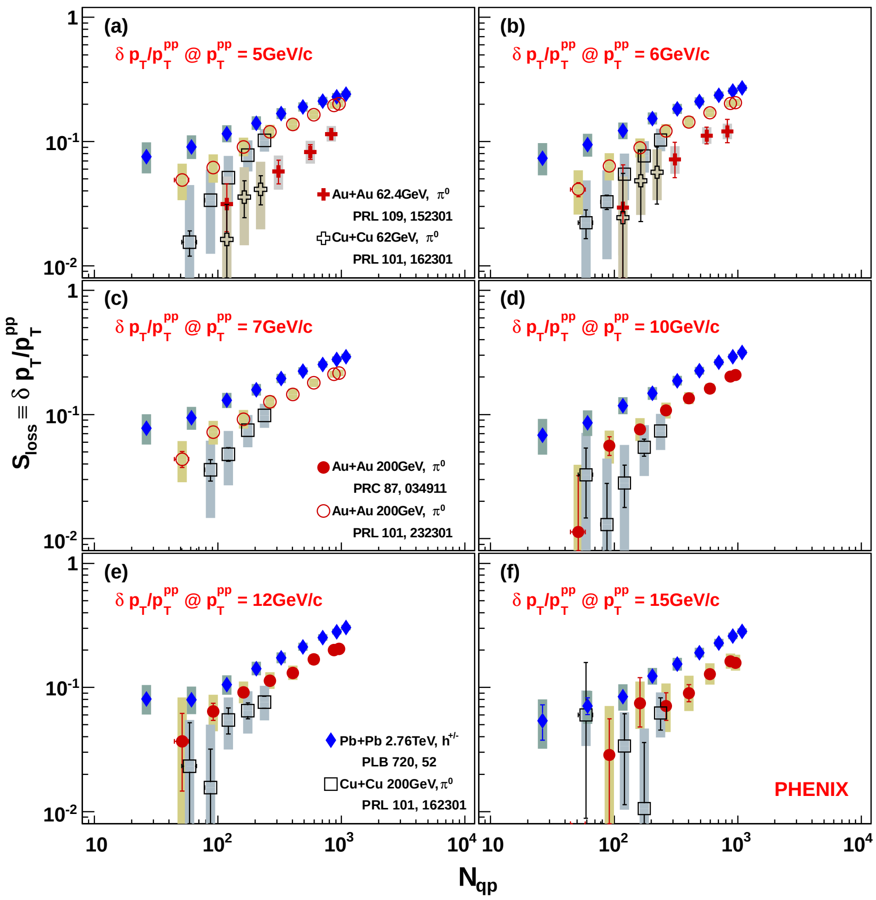

FIG. 13. (Color online) N_{qp} dependence of the fractional momentum loss in bins of p_T for various systems and $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$. $\delta_{\text{sys}}(T_{AA} \oplus \text{pp norm})$ is not shown in these plots. N_{qp} are all calculated by PHENIX.

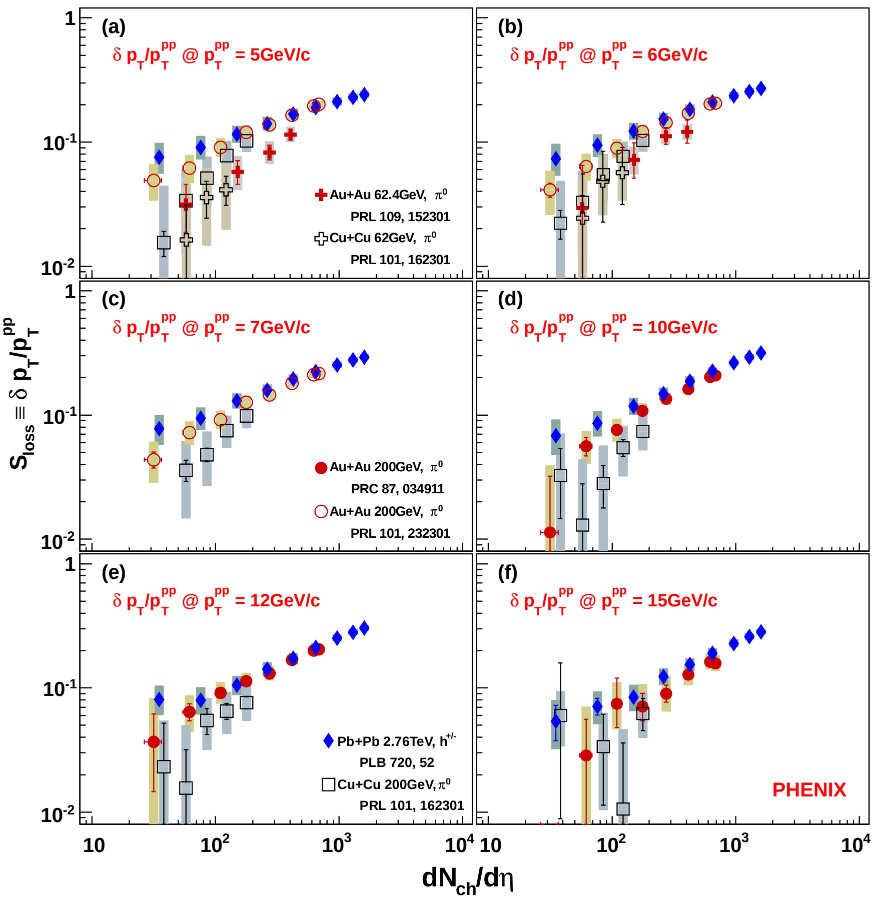

FIG. 14. (Color online) $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ dependence of the fractional momentum loss. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus {\rm pp\ norm})$ is not shown in these plots.

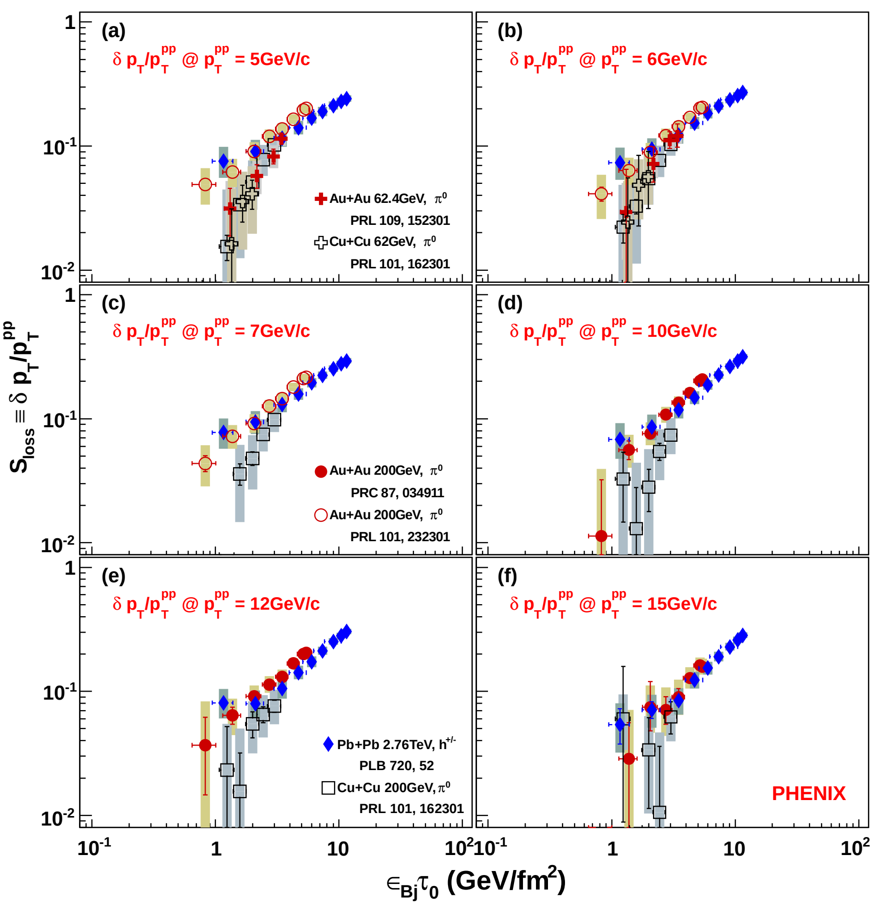

FIG. 15. (Color online) $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ dependence of the fractional momentum loss. $\delta_{\rm sys}(T_{AA} \oplus {\rm pp\ norm})$ is not shown in these plots.

IV. SUMMARY

We have studied fractional momentum loss ($S_{\rm loss} \equiv \delta p_T/p_T$) over various systems and collision energies as a function of p_T and four scaling variables: $N_{\rm part}$, $N_{\rm qp}$, $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$. We found that the same universal function of $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ or $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ describes $S_{\rm loss}$ at RHIC ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV) and LHC ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.76 TeV), while $N_{\rm part}$ and $N_{\rm qp}$ do not. This finding shows that the $S_{\rm loss}$ does not scale simply with system size across the $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, but does scale with quantities related to the energy density of the system, implying that the opacity of the system is energy-density dependent. We quantitatively evaluated the slope of the universal curves for $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 and 2.76 TeV and again found that $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta$ and $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ give relatively consistent α and β between two systems, and especially, that the the α for $\varepsilon_{\rm Bj}\tau_0$ is close to 1.0 (linear scaling). It is striking that $S_{\rm loss}$ obeys such a simple scaling with global observables over the entire p_T range where hard scattering is dominant. This implies that the empirical fractional momentum loss and the assumed underlying energy loss of partons scale with energy density of the medium, independent of the collision energies or systems, once $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ is sufficiently high.

We propose that measurements of $S_{\rm loss}$ as well as the conventional R_{AA}, in the future, would provide important additional information to investigate the global feature of the energy loss of partons.

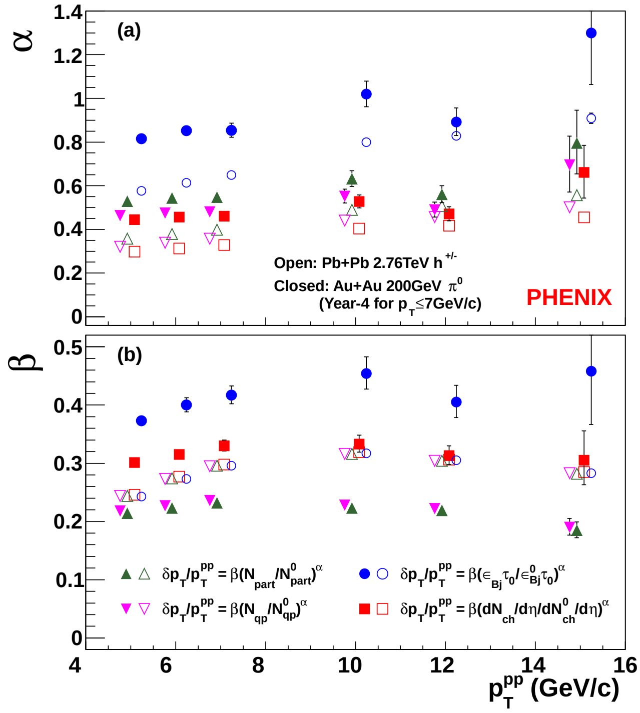

FIG. 16. (Color online) p_T^{pp} dependence of fitting parameters for $S_{\rm loss}$ vs scaling variables. Open symbols correspond to Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV, and closed symbols correspond to Au+Au 200 GeV. (a) α and vs p_T^{pp} (b) β vs p_T^{pp}. The Cu+Cu 200 GeV points are not shown, instead are tabulated in Table VII.

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APPENDIX

Tables of the centrality dependence of $\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$ and parameters for fitting four different power-law functions for Au+Au and Cu+Cu data from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC and Pb+Pb data from the ALICE experiment at the LHC [16, 17, 30].

TABLE IV. Centrality dependence of $\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV from 2007 and 2004 data from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC.

	2007 data				2004 data			
Centrality	p_T^{pp} [GeV/c]	$\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$	Stat error	Syst error	p_T^{pp} [GeV/c]	$\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$	Stat error	Syst error
0%–5%	7.0	0.216	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$	5.0	0.202	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	10.0	0.209	$^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	6.0	0.206	$^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	12.0	0.204	$^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.013}$	7.0	0.216	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	15.0	0.157	$^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.021}$				
0%–10%	7.0	0.210	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.013}$	5.0	0.196	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	10.0	0.202	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	6.0	0.202	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	12.0	0.200	$^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.013}$	7.0	0.211	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	15.0	0.162	$^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.020}$				
10%–20%	7.0	0.172	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	5.0	0.165	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.162	$^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	6.0	0.171	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	12.0	0.168	$^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$	7.0	0.180	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	15.0	0.128	$^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.022}$				
20%–30%	7.0	0.140	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$	5.0	0.137	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.135	$^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	6.0	0.144	$^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	12.0	0.131	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$	7.0	0.145	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	15.0	0.090	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$	$^{+0.034}_{-0.026}$				
30%–40%	7.0	0.110	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$	5.0	0.120	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.108	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$	6.0	0.122	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	12.0	0.113	$^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$	7.0	0.126	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	15.0	0.071	$^{+0.020}_{-0.016}$	$^{+0.037}_{-0.027}$				
40%–50%	7.0	0.080	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$	5.0	0.091	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	10.0	0.076	$^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$	6.0	0.089	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	12.0	0.091	$^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$	7.0	0.092	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	15.0	0.075	$^{+0.045}_{-0.027}$	$^{+0.037}_{-0.028}$				
50%–60%	7.0	0.055	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$	5.0	0.062	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	10.0	0.056	$^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$	6.0	0.064	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	12.0	0.064	$^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.023}_{-0.019}$	7.0	0.072	$^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	15.0	0.029	$^{+0.027}_{-0.022}$	$^{+0.042}_{-0.031}$				
60%–70%	7.0	0.028	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$	5.0	0.049	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	10.0	0.011	$^{+0.021}_{-0.019}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.024}$	6.0	0.041	$^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
	12.0	0.037	$^{+0.025}_{-0.022}$	$^{+0.046}_{-0.037}$	7.0	0.044	$^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
	15.0	-0.098	$^{+0.046}_{-0.063}$	$^{+0.053}_{-0.077}$				

TABLE V. Centrality dependence of $\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$ GeV and Cu+Cu collisions at at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ and 62.4 GeV from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC.

System $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Centrality	p_T^{pp} [GeV/c]	$\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$	stat uncert.	syst uncert.
Au+Au	0%–10%	5.0	0.115	$^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
62.4 GeV		6.0	0.120	$^{+0.030}_{-0.023}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
	10%–20%	5.0	0.083	$^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
		6.0	0.112	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
	20%–40%	5.0	0.057	$^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.016}$
		6.0	0.072	$^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$
Cu+Cu	0%–10%	5.0	0.102	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
200 GeV		6.0	0.103	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
		7.0	0.098	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
		10.0	0.074	$^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.027}_{-0.022}$
		12.0	0.076	$^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$	$^{+0.027}_{-0.022}$
		15.0	0.062	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.023}$
	10%–20%	5.0	0.078	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
		6.0	0.077	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
		7.0	0.075	$^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.025}_{-0.020}$
		10.0	0.054	$^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.022}$
		12.0	0.065	$^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.022}$
		15.0	0.011	$^{+0.025}_{-0.021}$	$^{+0.036}_{-0.027}$
	20%–30%	5.0	0.051	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.025}_{-0.021}$
		6.0	0.054	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.025}_{-0.021}$
		7.0	0.048	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.021}$
		10.0	0.028	$^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.023}$
		12.0	0.055	$^{+0.014}_{-0.012}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.023}$
		15.0	0.034	$^{+0.028}_{-0.022}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.023}$
Cu+Cu	30%–40%	5.0	0.034	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.021}$
200 GeV		6.0	0.033	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.021}$
(continued)		7.0	0.036	$^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.021}$
		10.0	0.013	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$	$^{+0.031}_{-0.025}$
		12.0	0.016	$^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$	$^{+0.035}_{-0.028}$
		15.0	-0.001	$^{+0.028}_{-0.035}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.035}$
	40%–50%	5.0	0.015	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.024}$
		6.0	0.022	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.027}_{-0.022}$
		7.0	-0.002	$^{+0.015}_{-0.016}$	$^{+0.034}_{-0.042}$
		10.0	0.033	$^{+0.021}_{-0.018}$	$^{+0.038}_{-0.031}$
		12.0	0.023	$^{+0.029}_{-0.023}$	$^{+0.031}_{-0.025}$
		15.0	0.060	$^{+0.099}_{-0.051}$	$^{+0.034}_{-0.026}$
Cu+Cu	0%–10%	5.0	0.041	$^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.022}$
62.4 GeV		6.0	0.057	$^{+0.034}_{-0.025}$	$^{+0.030}_{-0.023}$
	10%–20%	5.0	0.036	$^{+0.013}_{-0.011}$	$^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$
		6.0	0.048	$^{+0.035}_{-0.026}$	$^{+0.030}_{-0.023}$
	20%–30%	5.0	0.016	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$	$^{+0.029}_{-0.022}$
		6.0	0.024	$^{+0.031}_{-0.024}$	$^{+0.028}_{-0.022}$
	30%–40%	5.0	0.005	$^{+0.028}_{-0.024}$	$^{+0.056}_{-0.044}$
		6.0	-0.010	$^{+0.127}_{-0.163}$	$^{+0.137}_{-0.180}$
	40%–50%	5.0	-0.019	$^{+0.018}_{-0.021}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.033}$
		6.0	-0.034	$^{+0.035}_{-0.050}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.024}$

TABLE VI. Centrality dependence of $\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$ Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV from the spectra measured by the ALICE experiment at the LHC [16, 17, 30].

Centrality	p_T^{pp} [GeV/c]	$\delta p_T/p_T^{pp}$	Stat error	Syst error
0%–5%	5.0	0.241	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	6.0	0.270	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	7.0	0.293	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.316	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	12.0	0.303	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
	15.0	0.282	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
5%–10%	5.0	0.229	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	6.0	0.255	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	7.0	0.277	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.293	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.015}_{-0.014}$
	12.0	0.281	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	15.0	0.259	$^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
10%–20%	5.0	0.211	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	6.0	0.236	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	7.0	0.253	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	10.0	0.263	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	12.0	0.252	$^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.016}_{-0.014}$
	15.0	0.228	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
20%–30%	5.0	0.190	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
	6.0	0.210	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	7.0	0.224	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	10.0	0.224	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	12.0	0.212	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
	15.0	0.190	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
30%–40%	5.0	0.168	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$
	6.0	0.183	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$
	7.0	0.195	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.015}$
30%–40%	10.0	0.187	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$
(continued)	12.0	0.173	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$
	15.0	0.154	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$
40%–50%	5.0	0.141	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$
	6.0	0.153	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
	7.0	0.158	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$
	10.0	0.148	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$
	12.0	0.142	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$
	15.0	0.123	$^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$^{+0.021}_{-0.018}$
50%–60%	5.0	0.116	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$
	6.0	0.122	$^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$
	7.0	0.130	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.017}$
	10.0	0.118	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.020}_{-0.018}$
	12.0	0.105	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.021}_{-0.018}$
	15.0	0.084	$^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	$^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$
60%–70%	5.0	0.091	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.021}_{-0.019}$
	6.0	0.094	$^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.021}_{-0.019}$
	7.0	0.094	$^{+0.003}_{-0.002}$	$^{+0.021}_{-0.019}$
	10.0	0.086	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$
	12.0	0.080	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$
	15.0	0.071	$^{+0.011}_{-0.010}$	$^{+0.023}_{-0.020}$
70%–80%	5.0	0.075	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.023}_{-0.020}$
	6.0	0.074	$^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
	7.0	0.077	$^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$^{+0.023}_{-0.020}$
	10.0	0.068	$^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.021}$
	12.0	0.081	$^{+0.010}_{-0.009}$	$^{+0.024}_{-0.020}$
	15.0	0.054	$^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$	$^{+0.026}_{-0.022}$

TABLE VII. Parameters from fitting the indicated power-law functions for $\delta p_T/p_T$ to the data as a function of p_T^{pp} for Au+Au collisions from 2004 and 2007 data and for Cu+Cu collisions from 2005 data at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV.

System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	year	hadron	$\delta p_T/p_T =$	p_T^{pp}	α	β	χ^2/ndf
Au+Au	200 GeV	2004	π^0	$\beta(N_{\rm part}/N^0_{\rm part})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.529^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	$2.14^{+0.04}_{-0.03}\times10^{-1}$	25.45/5
					6 GeV/c	$0.543^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$	$2.23^{+0.04}_{-0.04}\times10^{-1}$	15.56/5
					7 GeV/c	$0.548^{+0.020}_{-0.020}$	$2.32^{+0.05}_{-0.04}\times10^{-1}$	7.11/5
				$\beta(N_{\rm qp}/N^0_{\rm qp})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.463^{+0.010}_{-0.010}$	$2.18^{+0.04}_{-0.04}\times10^{-1}$	23.35/5
					6 GeV/c	$0.475^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$2.27^{+0.04}_{-0.04}\times10^{-1}$	15.23/5
					7 GeV/c	$0.480^{+0.017}_{-0.017}$	$2.36^{+0.05}_{-0.05}\times10^{-1}$	7.50/5
				$\beta(dN_{ch}/d\eta/dN^0_{ch}/d\eta)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.445^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$	$3.01^{+0.06}_{-0.06}\times10^{-1}$	27.78/5
					6 GeV/c	$0.456^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$3.15^{+0.08}_{-0.07}\times10^{-1}$	18.56/5
					7 GeV/c	$0.460^{+0.017}_{-0.016}$	$3.30^{+0.10}_{-0.09}\times10^{-1}$	8.50/5
				$\beta(\epsilon\tau_0/\epsilon^0\tau_0)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.815^{+0.018}_{-0.018}$	$3.73^{+0.09}_{-0.09}\times10^{-1}$	14.67/5
					6 GeV/c	$0.852^{+0.025}_{-0.025}$	$4.00^{+0.12}_{-0.12}\times10^{-1}$	3.79/5
					7 GeV/c	$0.854^{+0.032}_{-0.032}$	$4.17^{+0.16}_{-0.15}\times10^{-1}$	4.23/5
Au+Au	200 GeV	2007	π^0	$\beta(N_{\rm part}/N^0_{\rm part})^\alpha$	10 GeV/c	$0.632^{+0.036}_{-0.035}$	$2.23^{+0.06}_{-0.06}\times10^{-1}$	3.31/5
					12 GeV/c	$0.561^{+0.040}_{-0.038}$	$2.19^{+0.07}_{-0.07}\times10^{-1}$	1.75/5
					15 GeV/c	$0.795^{+0.151}_{-0.141}$	$1.85^{+0.14}_{-0.13}\times10^{-1}$	4.68/5
				$\beta(N_{\rm qp}/N^0_{\rm qp})^\alpha$	10 GeV/c	$0.552^{+0.032}_{-0.031}$	$2.28^{+0.06}_{-0.06}\times10^{-1}$	3.32/5
					12 GeV/c	$0.490^{+0.035}_{-0.034}$	$2.22^{+0.07}_{-0.07}\times10^{-1}$	1.78/5
					15 GeV/c	$0.695^{+0.132}_{-0.124}$	$1.90^{+0.15}_{-0.14}\times10^{-1}$	4.74/5
				$\beta(dN_{ch}/d\eta/dN^0_{ch}/d\eta)^\alpha$	10 GeV/c	$0.528^{+0.030}_{-0.029}$	$3.33^{+0.15}_{-0.14}\times10^{-1}$	3.72/5
					12 GeV/c	$0.471^{+0.033}_{-0.032}$	$3.13^{+0.17}_{-0.15}\times10^{-1}$	1.59/5
					15 GeV/c	$0.661^{+0.124}_{-0.117}$	$3.05^{+0.51}_{-0.42}\times10^{-1}$	4.69/5
				$\beta(\epsilon\tau_0/\epsilon^0\tau_0)^\alpha$	10 GeV/c	$1.020^{+0.060}_{-0.058}$	$4.54^{+0.29}_{-0.26}\times10^{-1}$	2.05/5
					12 GeV/c	$0.892^{+0.064}_{-0.063}$	$4.05^{+0.29}_{-0.27}\times10^{-1}$	2.43/5
					15 GeV/c	$1.300^{+0.255}_{-0.237}$	$4.58^{+1.23}_{-0.91}\times10^{-1}$	4.36/5
Cu+Cu	200 GeV	2005	π^0	$\beta(N_{\rm part}/N^0_{\rm part})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$1.210^{+0.046}_{-0.045}$	$5.45^{+0.41}_{-0.37}\times10^{-1}$	8.28/3
					6 GeV/c	$1.180^{+0.082}_{-0.079}$	$5.21^{+0.70}_{-0.60}\times10^{-1}$	1.48/3
					7 GeV/c	$1.200^{+0.148}_{-0.141}$	$5.17^{+1.31}_{-1.01}\times10^{-1}$	2.92/3
				$\beta(N_{\rm qp}/N^0_{\rm qp})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$1.060^{+0.040}_{-0.039}$	$5.21^{+0.38}_{-0.35}\times10^{-1}$	9.71/3
					6 GeV/c	$1.030^{+0.072}_{-0.069}$	$4.99^{+0.65}_{-0.56}\times10^{-1}$	1.69/3
					7 GeV/c	$1.060^{+0.130}_{-0.124}$	$4.94^{+1.21}_{-0.94}\times10^{-1}$	3.07/3
				$\beta(dN_{ch}/d\eta/dN^0_{ch}/d\eta)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.940^{+0.035}_{-0.035}$	$8.22^{+0.74}_{-0.67}\times10^{-1}$	15.46/3
					6 GeV/c	$0.917^{+0.063}_{-0.061}$	$7.80^{+1.26}_{-1.06}\times10^{-1}$	2.26/3
					7 GeV/c	$0.931^{+0.113}_{-0.108}$	$7.70^{+2.39}_{-1.77}\times10^{-1}$	3.81/3
				$\beta(\epsilon\tau_0/\epsilon^0\tau_0)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$1.670^{+0.063}_{-0.061}$	$9.83^{+0.96}_{-0.86}\times10^{-1}$	15.29/3
					6 GeV/c	$1.630^{+0.112}_{-0.108}$	$9.28^{+1.64}_{-1.35}\times10^{-1}$	1.92/3
					7 GeV/c	$1.650^{+0.202}_{-0.192}$	$9.18^{+3.12}_{-2.25}\times10^{-1}$	3.88/3

TABLE VIII. Parameters from fitting the indicated power-law functions for $\delta p_T/p_T$ to the data as a function of p_T^{pp} for Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV.

System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	year	hadron	$\delta p_T/p_T =$	p_T^{pp}	α	β	χ^2/ndf
Pb+Pb	2.76 TeV	2010-11	$h^{+/-}$	$\beta(N_{\rm part}/N^0_{\rm part})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.357^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$2.44^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	44.19/7
					6 GeV/c	$0.378^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	90.44/7
					7 GeV/c	$0.398^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$	$2.96^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	70.86/7
					10 GeV/c	$0.490^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$3.16^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	10.32/7
					12 GeV/c	$0.507^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$	$3.04^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	11.41/7
					15 GeV/c	$0.557^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$	$2.82^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	2.29/7
				$\beta(N_{\rm qp}/N^0_{\rm qp})^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.320^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.44^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	34.51/7
					6 GeV/c	$0.339^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.73^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	71.06/7
					7 GeV/c	$0.358^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.95^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	59.14/7
					10 GeV/c	$0.440^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$3.16^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	9.62/7
					12 GeV/c	$0.456^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	$3.04^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	13.94/7
					15 GeV/c	$0.501^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$2.83^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	2.30/7
				$\beta(dN_{ch}/d\eta/dN^0_{ch}/d\eta)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.298^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.46^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	66.71/7
					6 GeV/c	$0.313^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.77^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	145.00/7
					7 GeV/c	$0.329^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$2.98^{+0.05}_{-0.05} \times 10^{-1}$	123.28/7
					10 GeV/c	$0.404^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$3.19^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	30.94/7
					12 GeV/c	$0.417^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$3.06^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	26.21/7
					15 GeV/c	$0.455^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	$2.85^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	5.76/7
				$\beta(\epsilon\tau_0/\epsilon^0\tau_0)^\alpha$	5 GeV/c	$0.576^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$2.43^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	53.83/7
					6 GeV/c	$0.614^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$2.73^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	91.36/7
					7 GeV/c	$0.649^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$	$2.96^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	79.47/7
					10 GeV/c	$0.799^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$	$3.17^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	32.58/7
					12 GeV/c	$0.829^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$3.05^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	30.78/7
					15 GeV/c	$0.909^{+0.023}_{-0.023}$	$2.83^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \times 10^{-1}$	6.28/7

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