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Jet substructure and jet quenching in heavy-ion collisions

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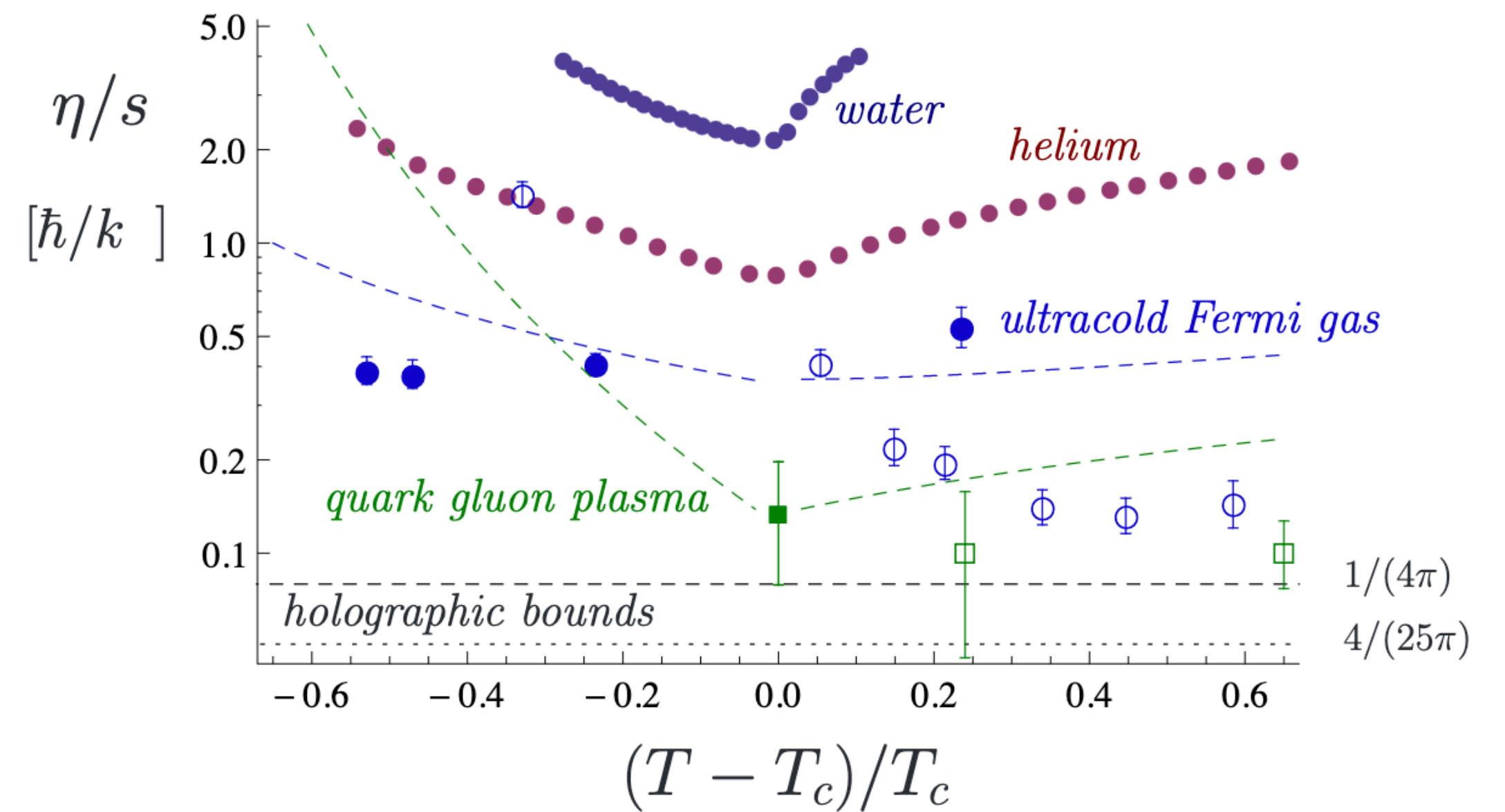
The quark gluon plasma (QGP)

Heavy ion collisions form a droplet of quark gluon plasma

This plasma is measured to be a liquid (not a gas, strongly coupled fluid) with a remarkably low viscosity

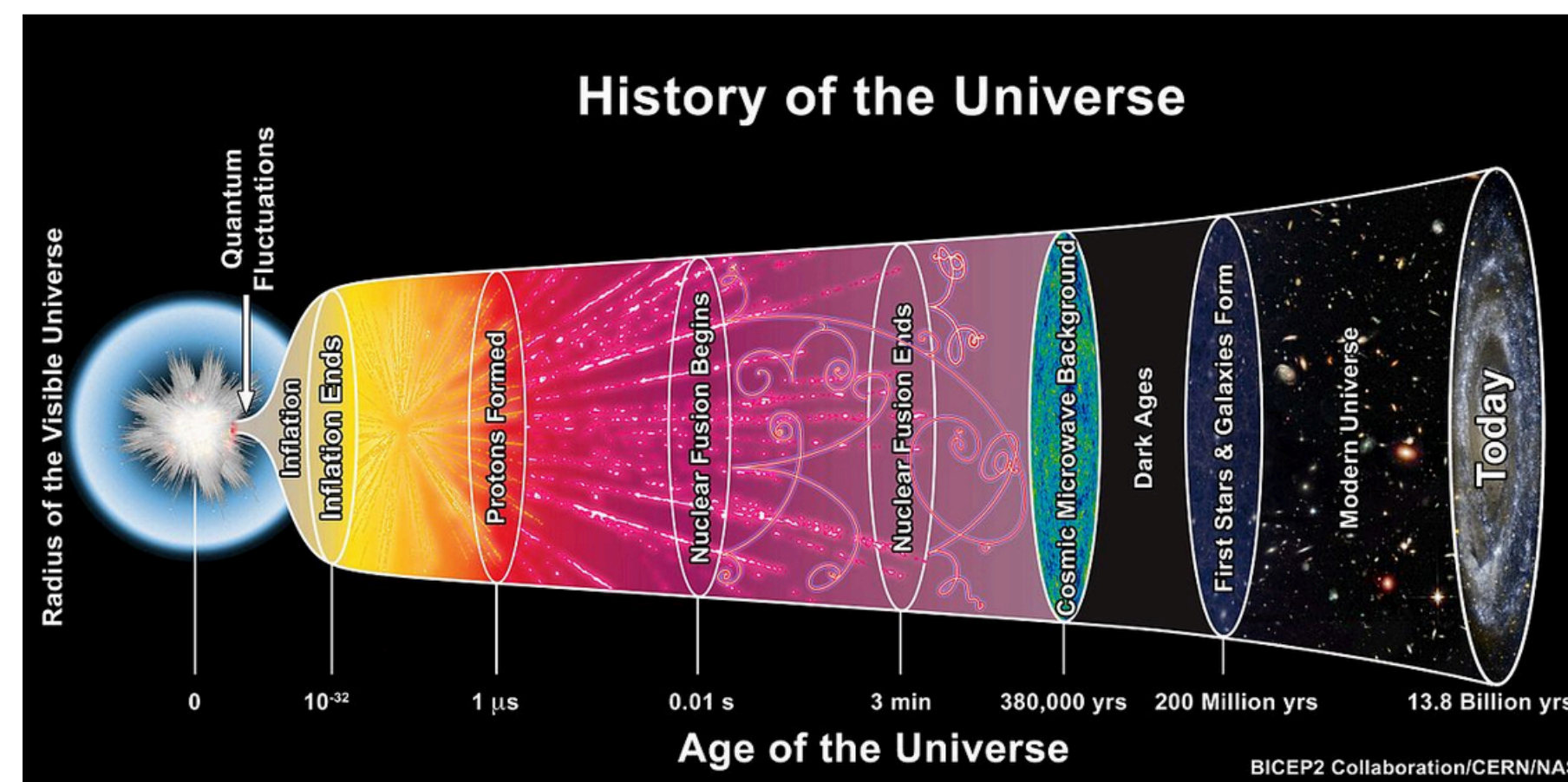
Smallest and hottest droplet of liquid made on earth

Probably the simplest form of complex quantum matter that we know of



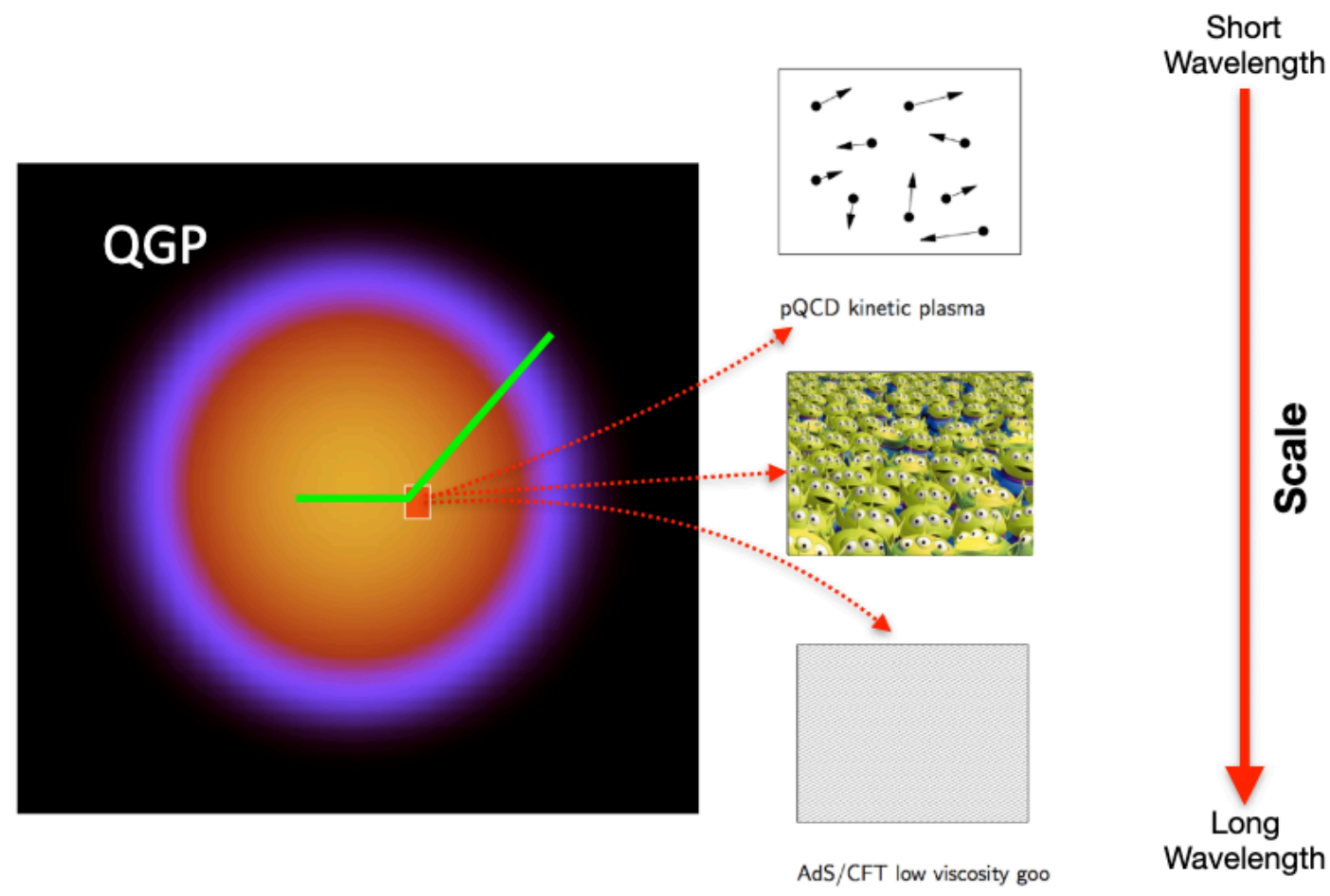
Why is this interesting?

- Cosmology
- Phase diagram of nuclear matter
- Emergence of collectivity



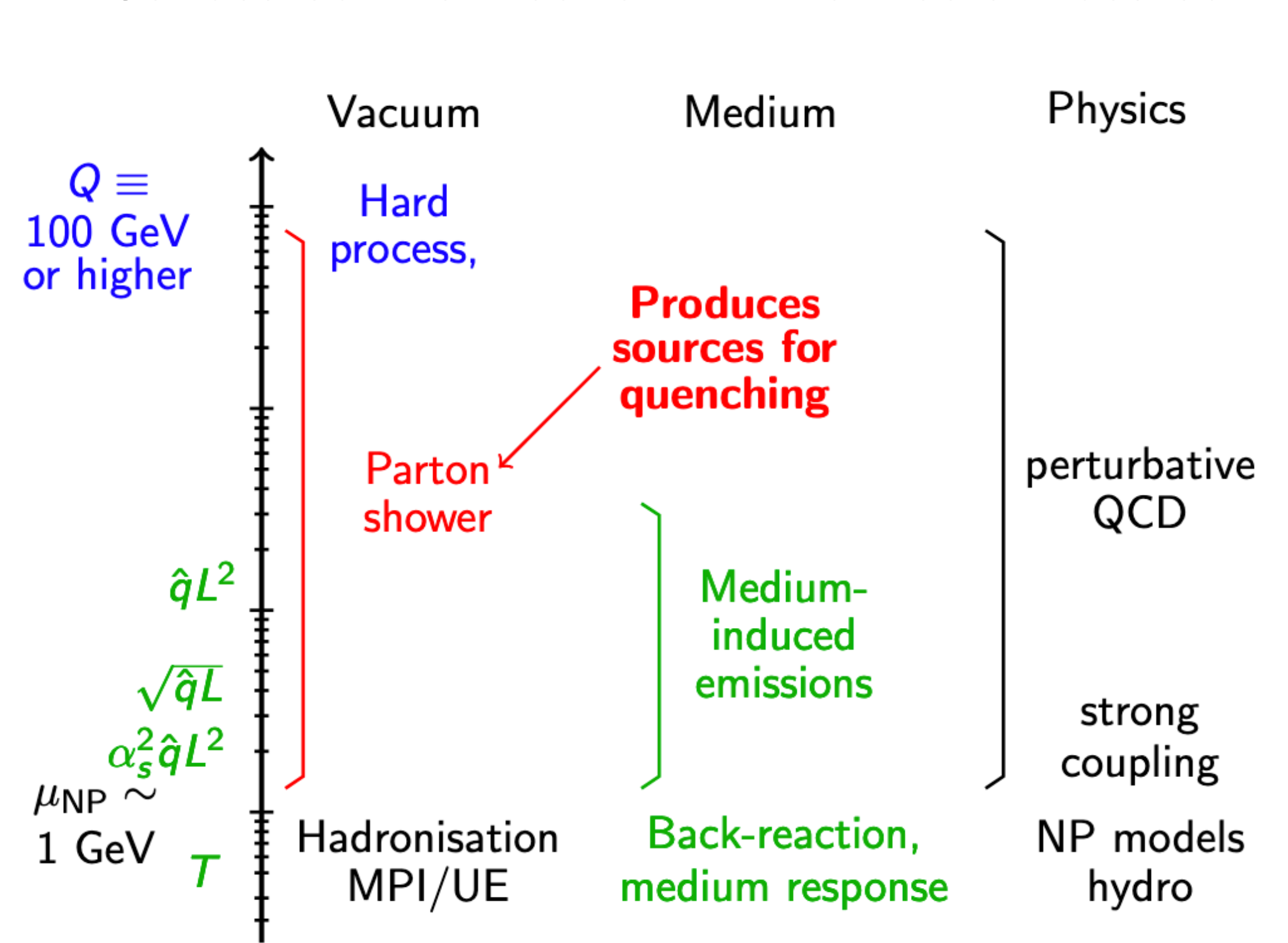
Probing the QGP at varying length scales

What is the microscopic structure of QGP?



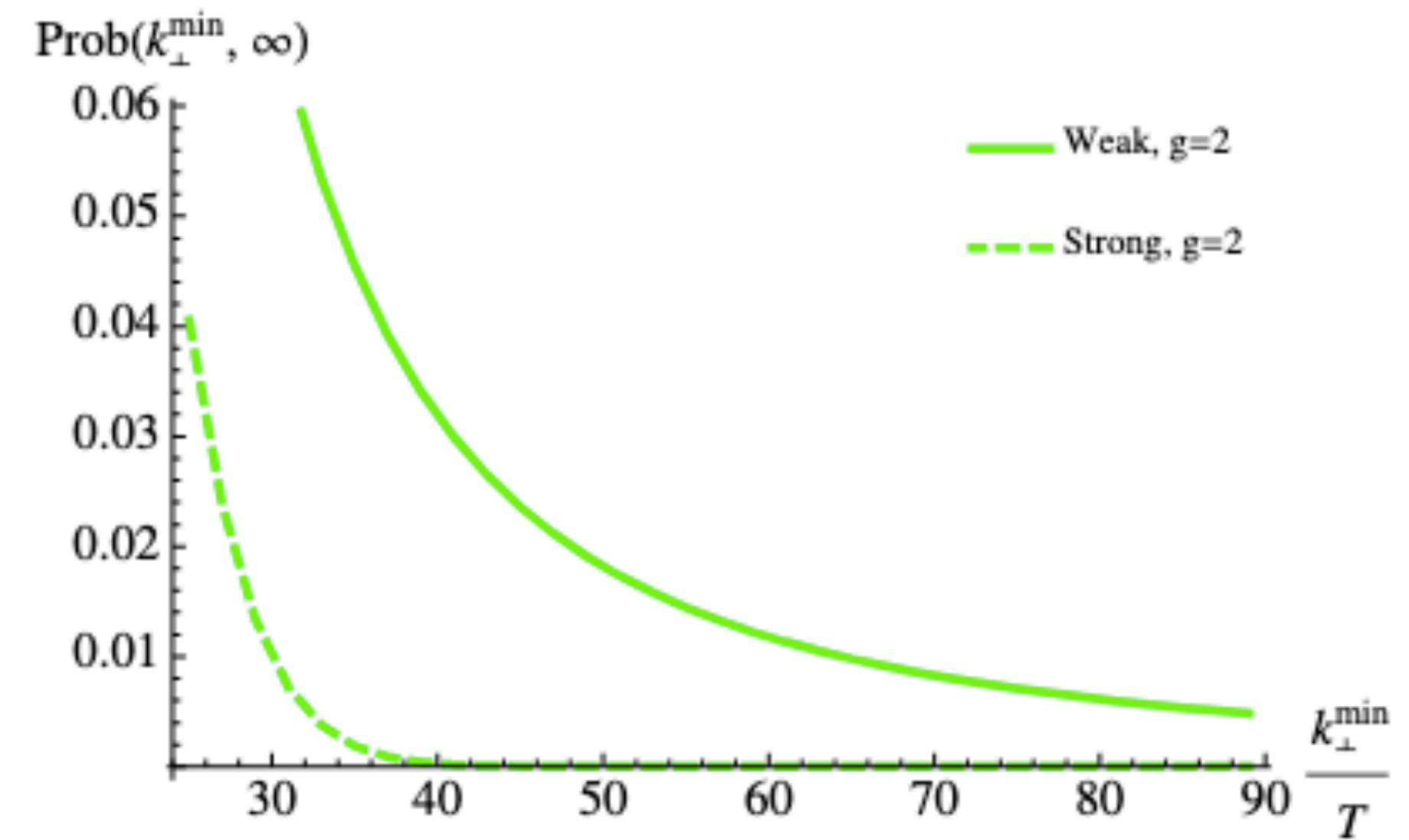
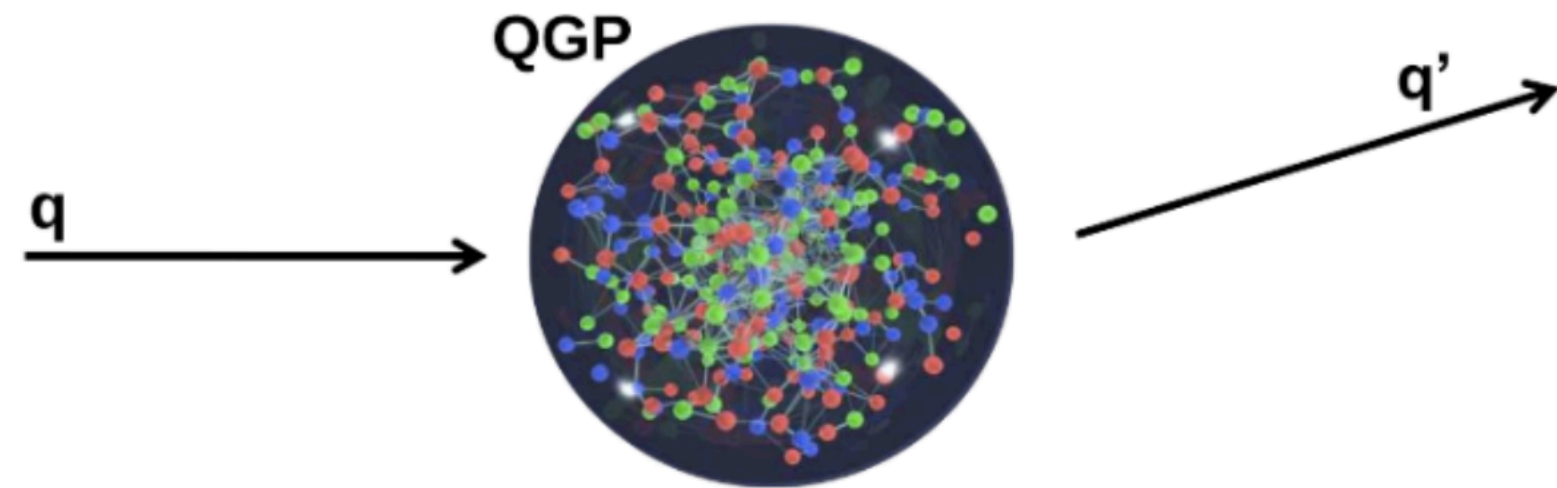
Sketch from Gunter Roland

Jet scales interwound with the medium scales



sketch from G.Soyez

Probing the QGP with jets I



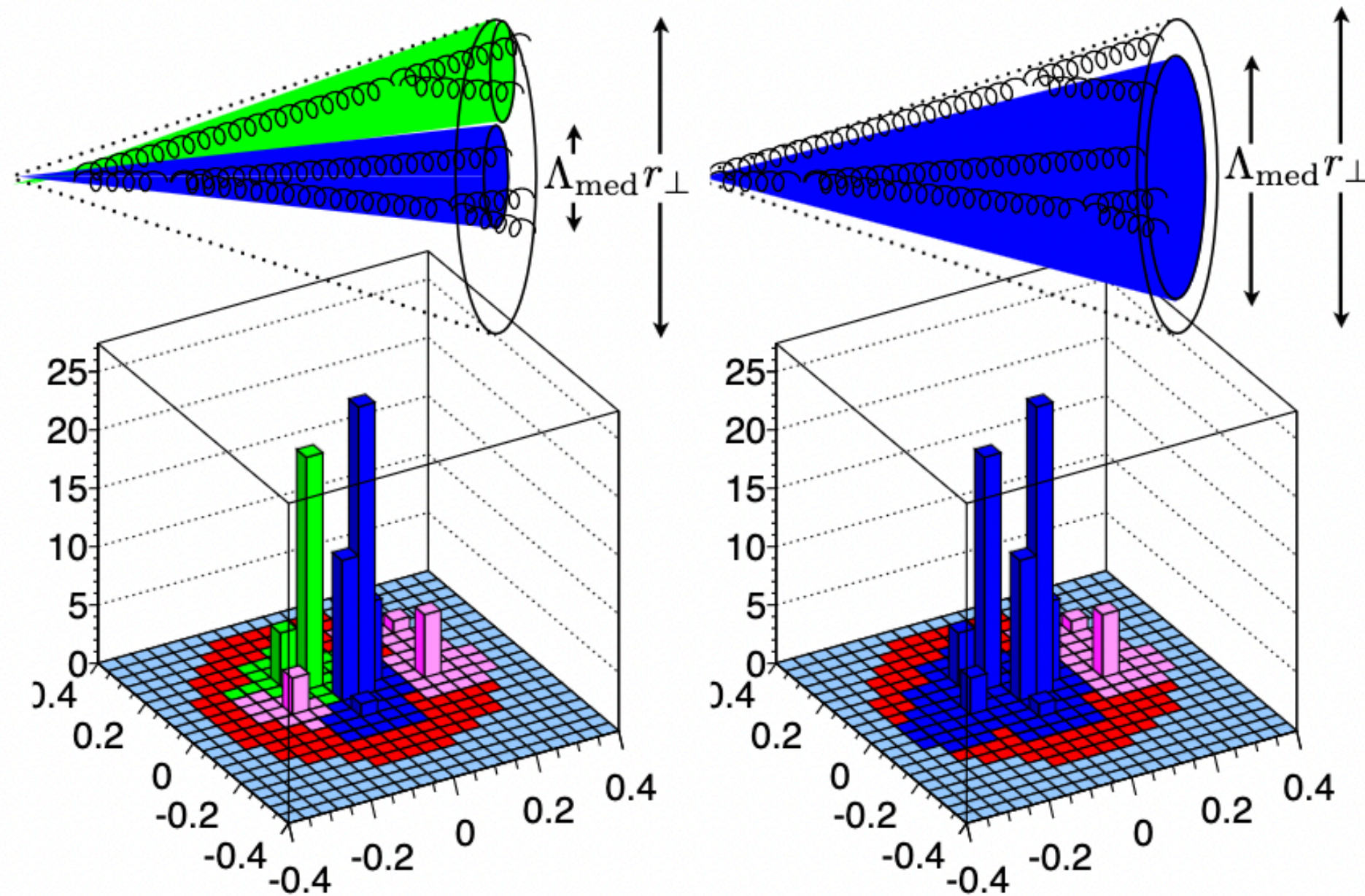
D'Eramo et al, JHEP 05 (2013) 031

When an energetic jet constituent interacts with the QGP:

if the QGP is strongly coupled at all distances, one expects a gaussian distribution for the transverse momentum of the scattered parton

However the underlying rules are QCD's, so if the QGP is probed at sufficiently short distances, the q and g degrees of freedom should emerge and one expects a $1/k_{\perp}^4$ tail, typical from point-like scatterers

Probing the QGP with jets II



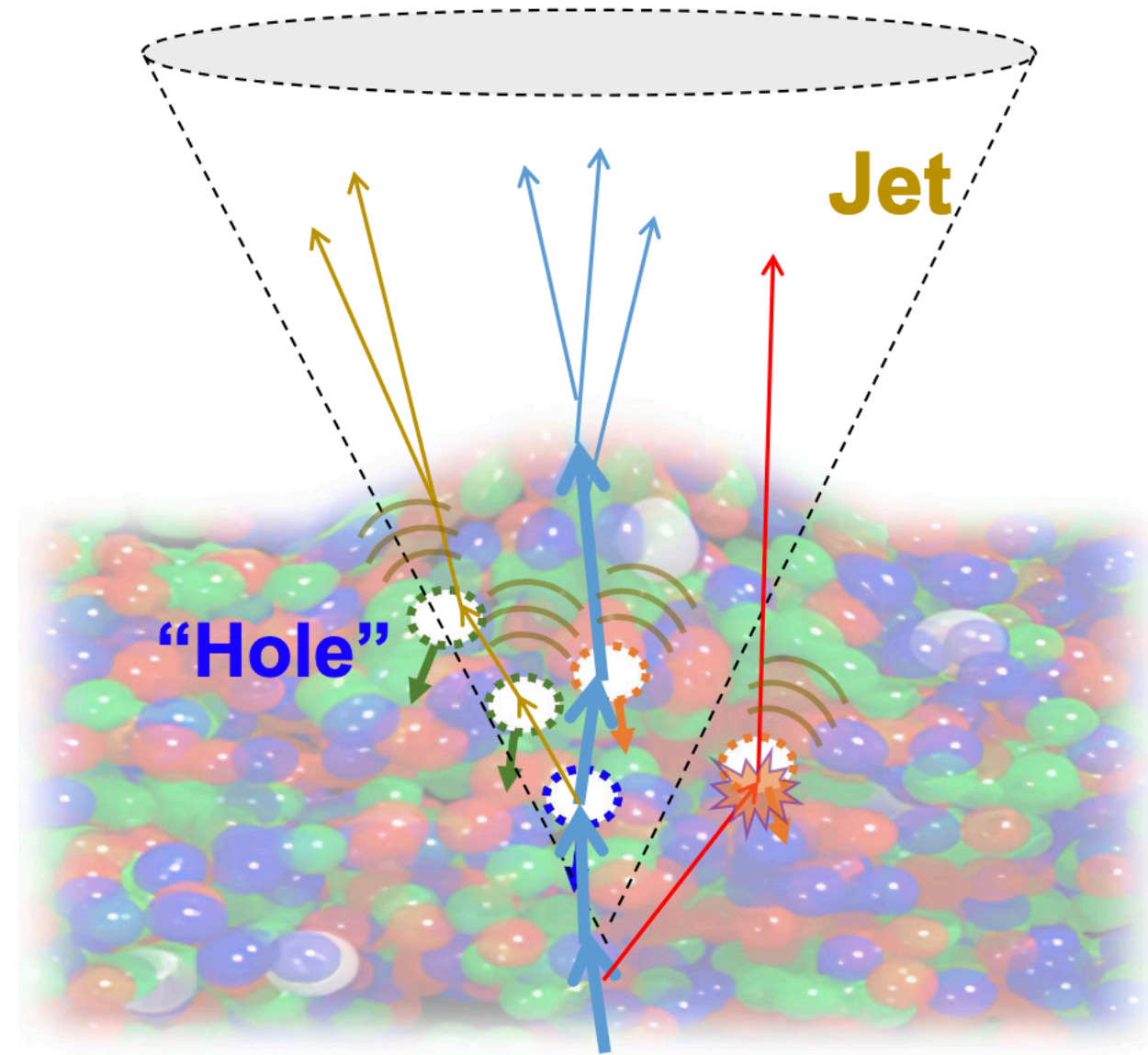
New scales in medium: emissions with $\theta < \theta_C$ are not resolved by the medium

Consequence: jet-QGP interaction depends on the jet internal structure

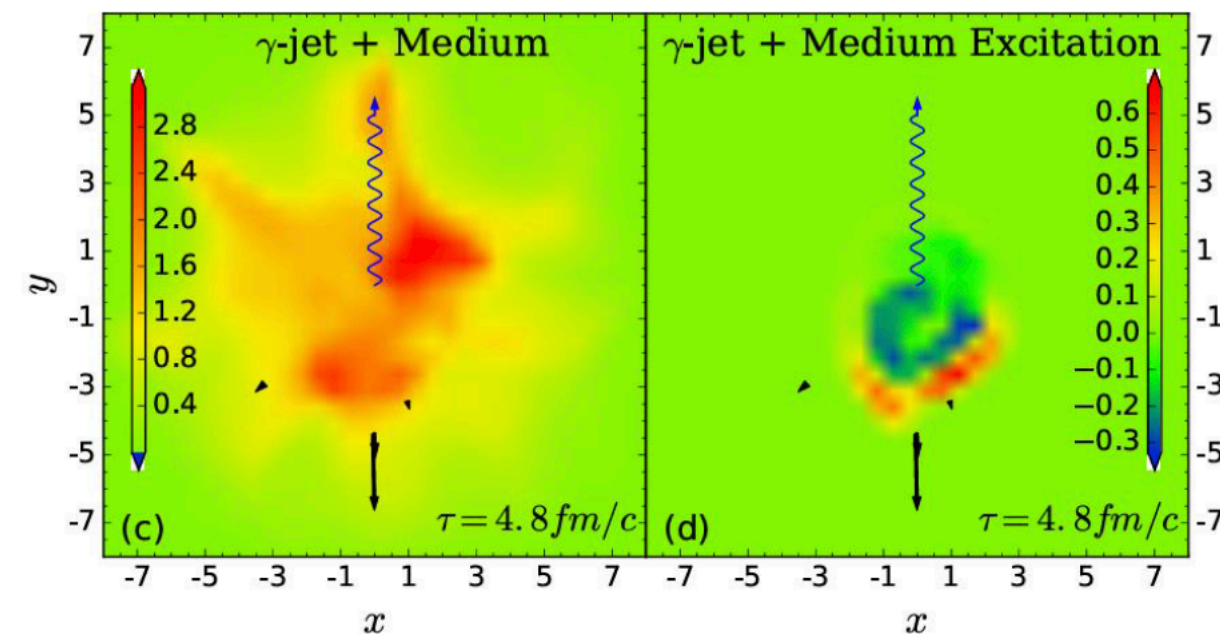
θ_C not yet unambiguously measured

[Casalderrey et al, Phys.Lett.B725 \(2013\)](#)

Probing the QGP with jets III



More water going on the duck direction

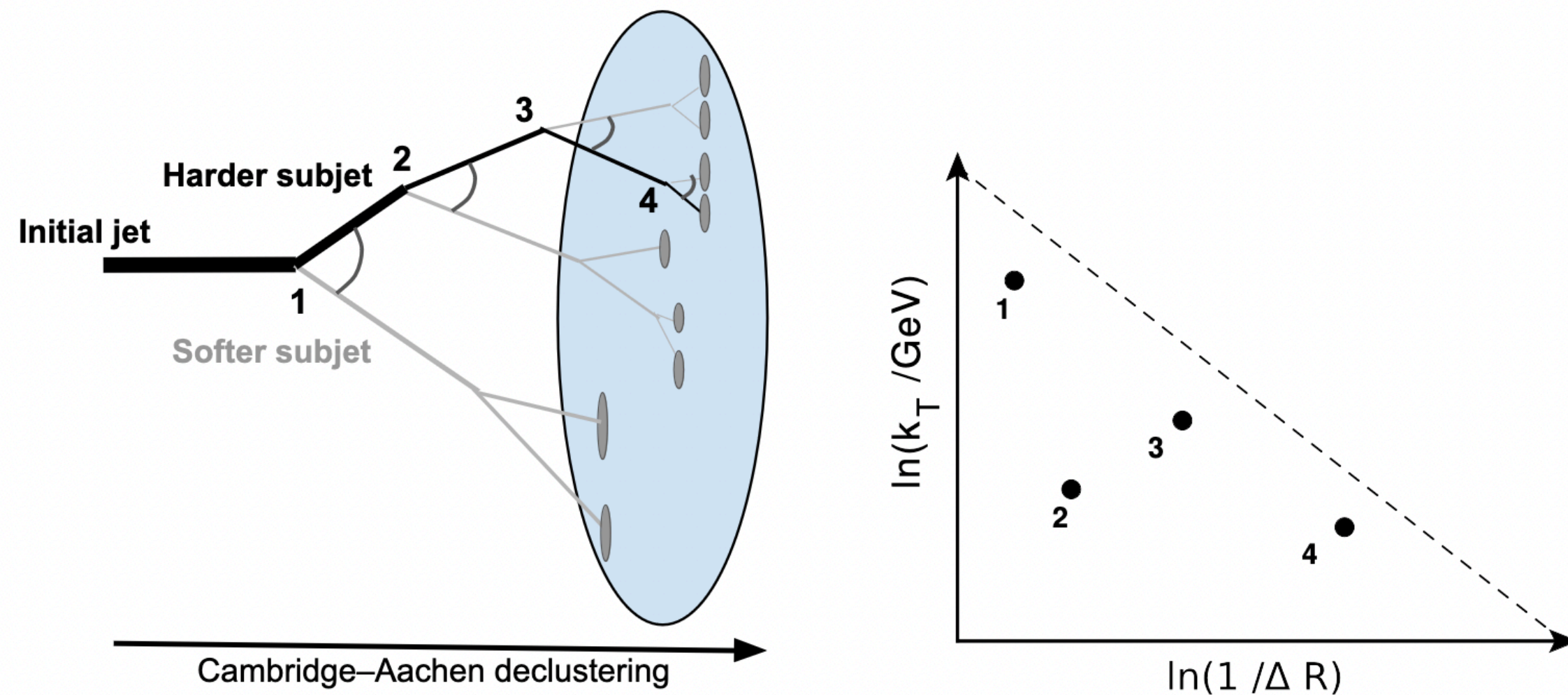


CoLBT Chen, Cao, Luo, Pang, Wang
PLB 777 (2018) 86-90

Jets drag the QGP
Experimentally, correlated background

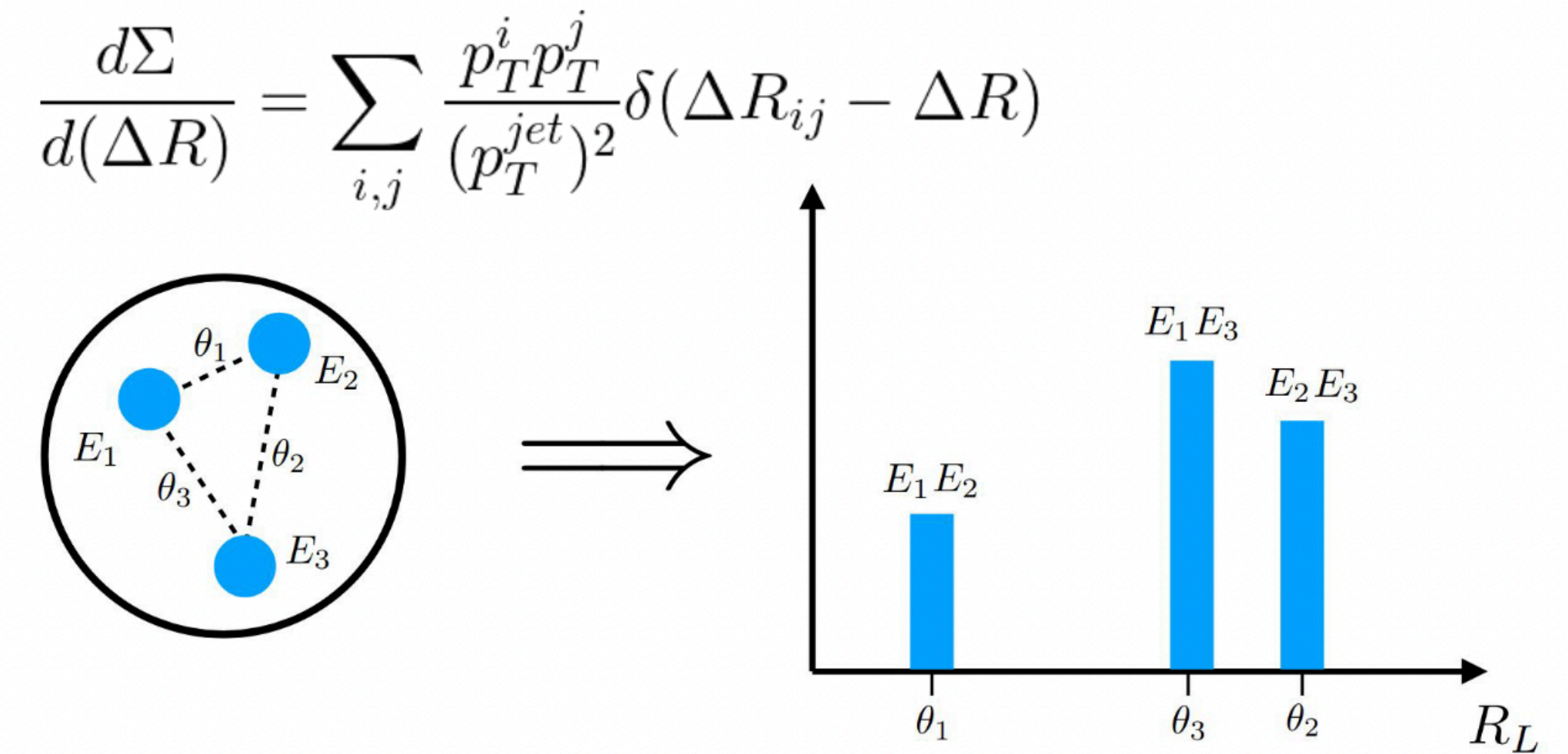
Two recent languages for jet substructure

Using the jet tree



Hierarchical structure of jet constituents by undoing the clustering history

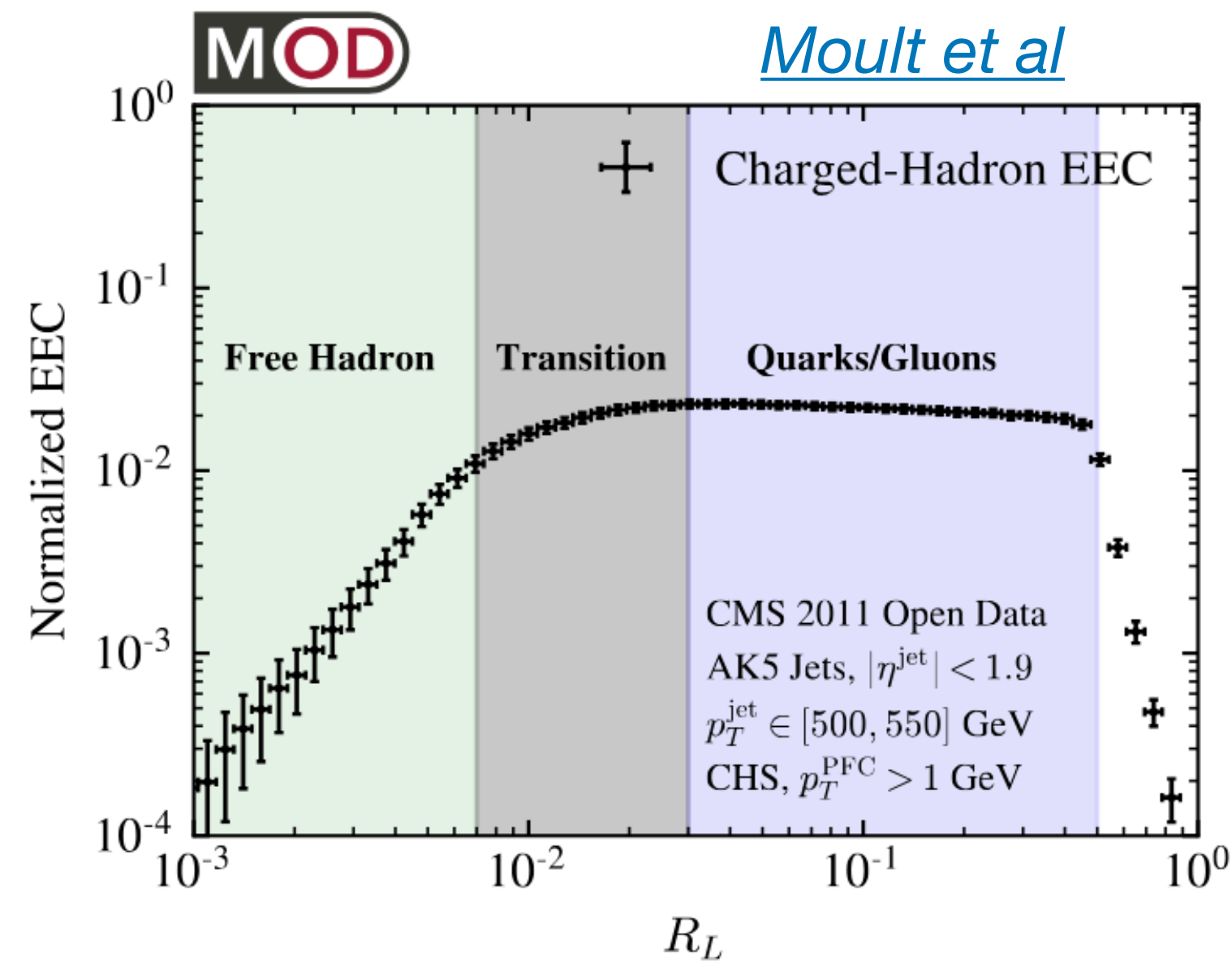
Using the energy flow



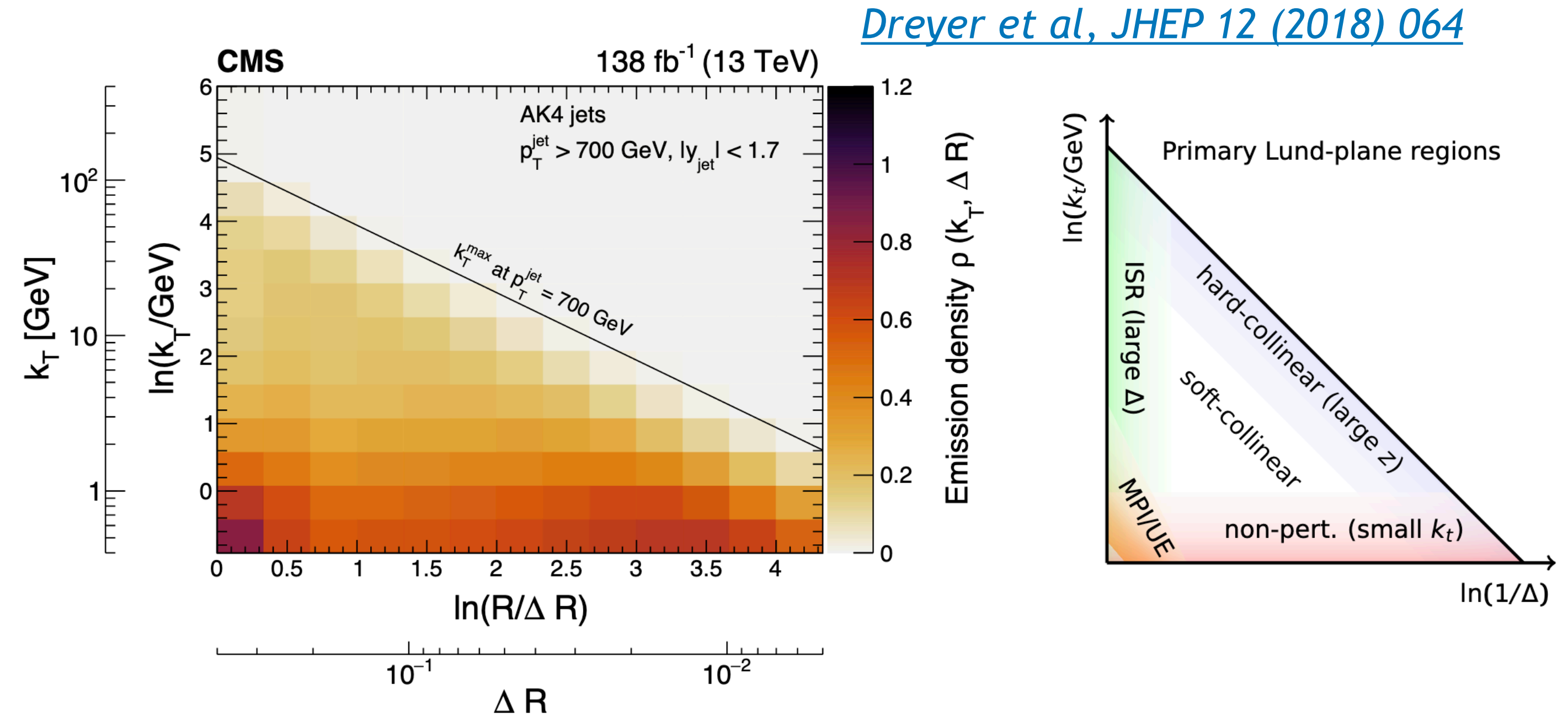
N-point correlation function measured as energy-weighted N-way correlation between configurations of particles

Two recent languages for jet substructure

Energy Energy Correlators



The Lund jet plane



Dreyer et al, JHEP 12 (2018) 064

EEC: p_T -weighted particle correlations

Lund jet Plane: proxy for parton shower via Cambridge-Aachen declustering

Separation large angle/small angle and soft/hard modes

Calculable in pp

Two languages for jet substructure

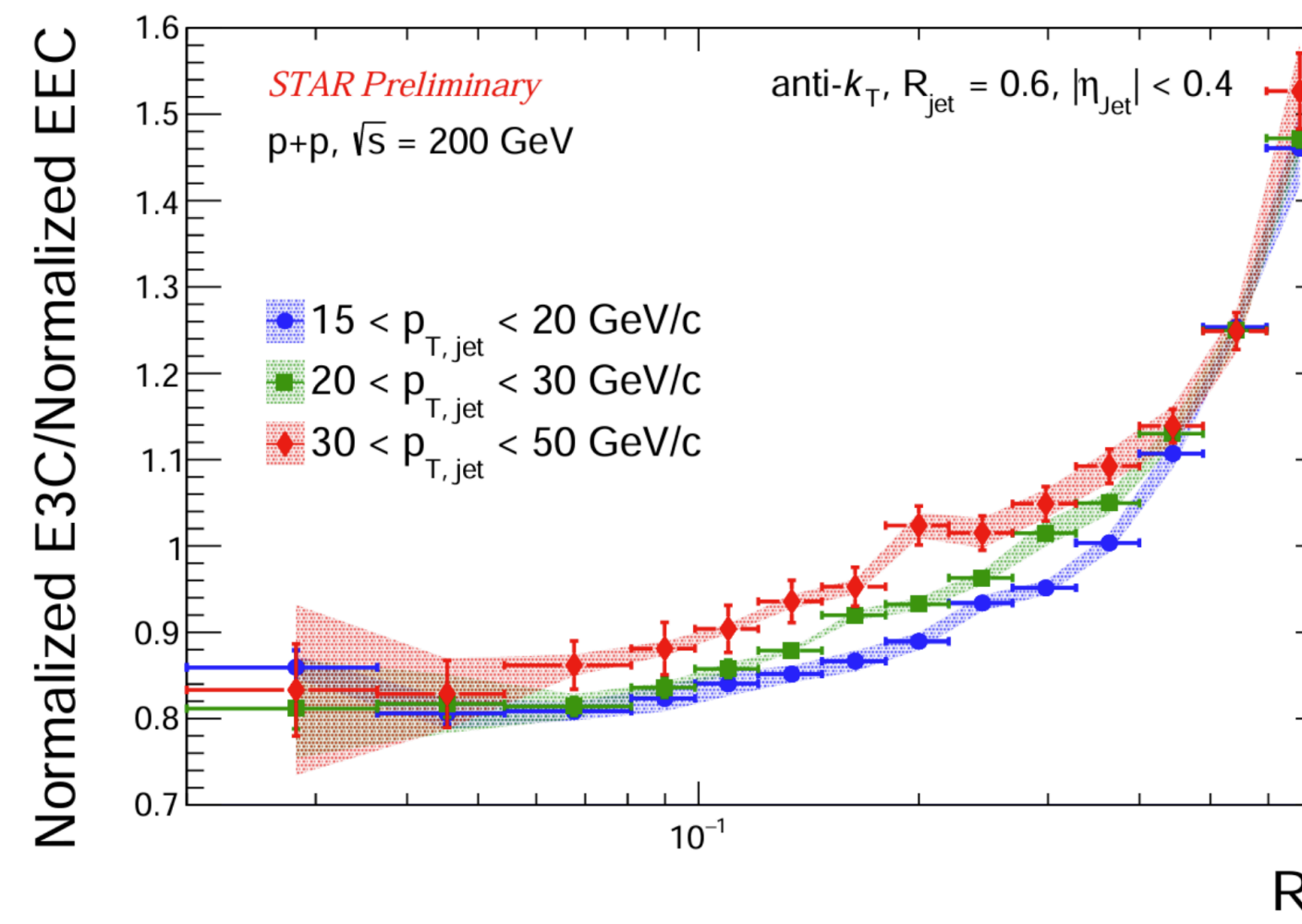
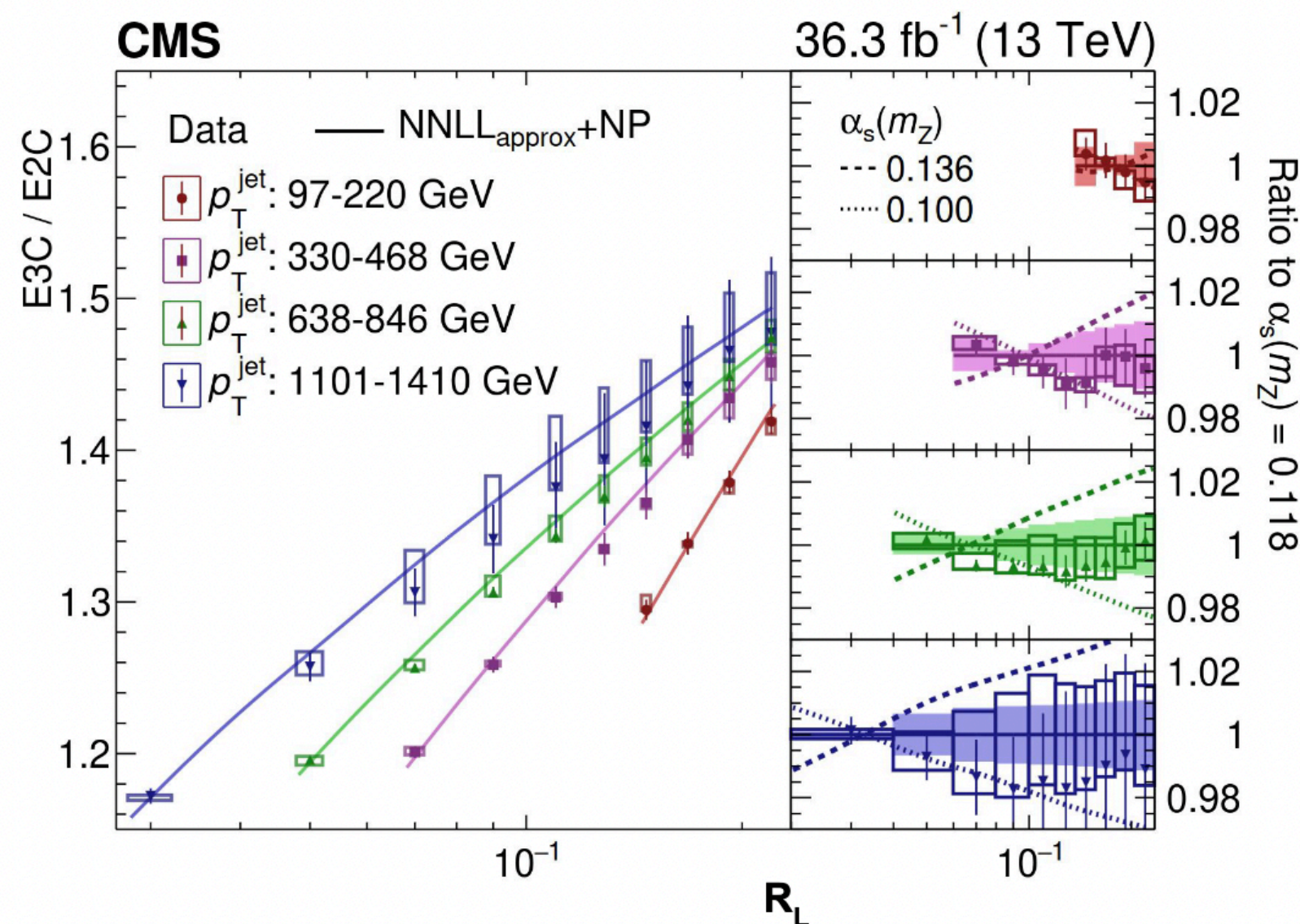
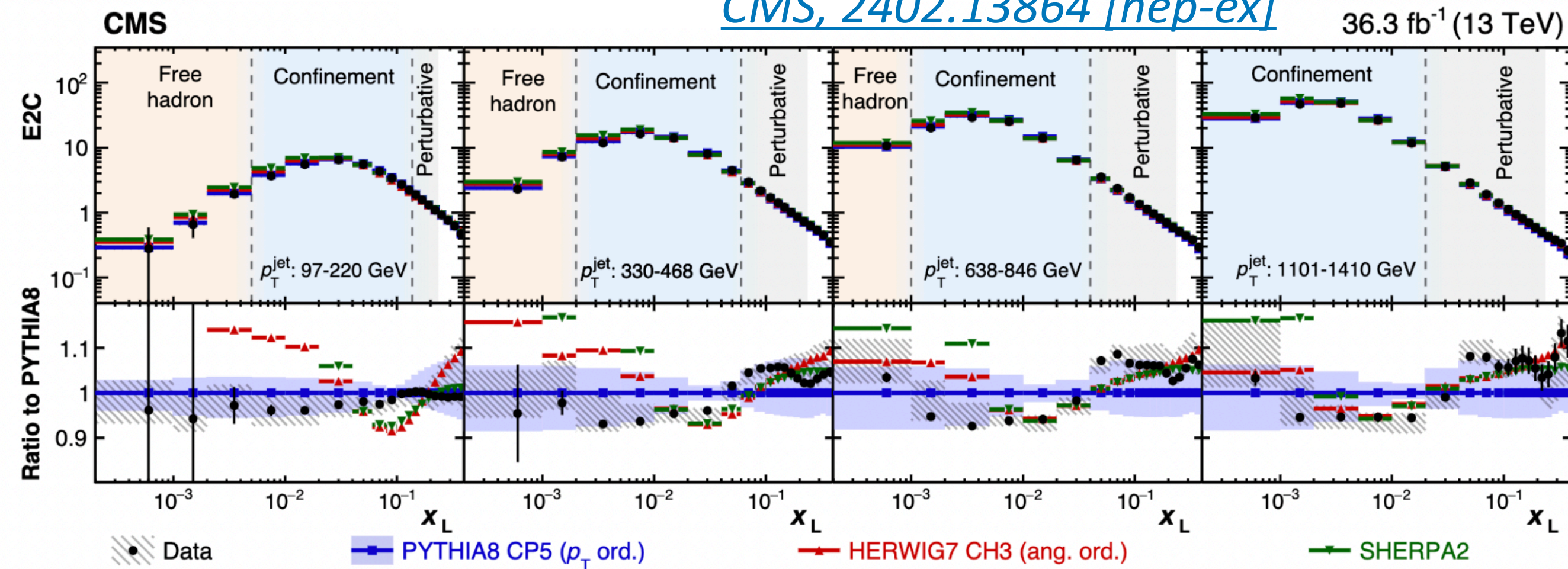
See talk by Ian Moutl

Systematics cancel out in the ratio E3C to E2C

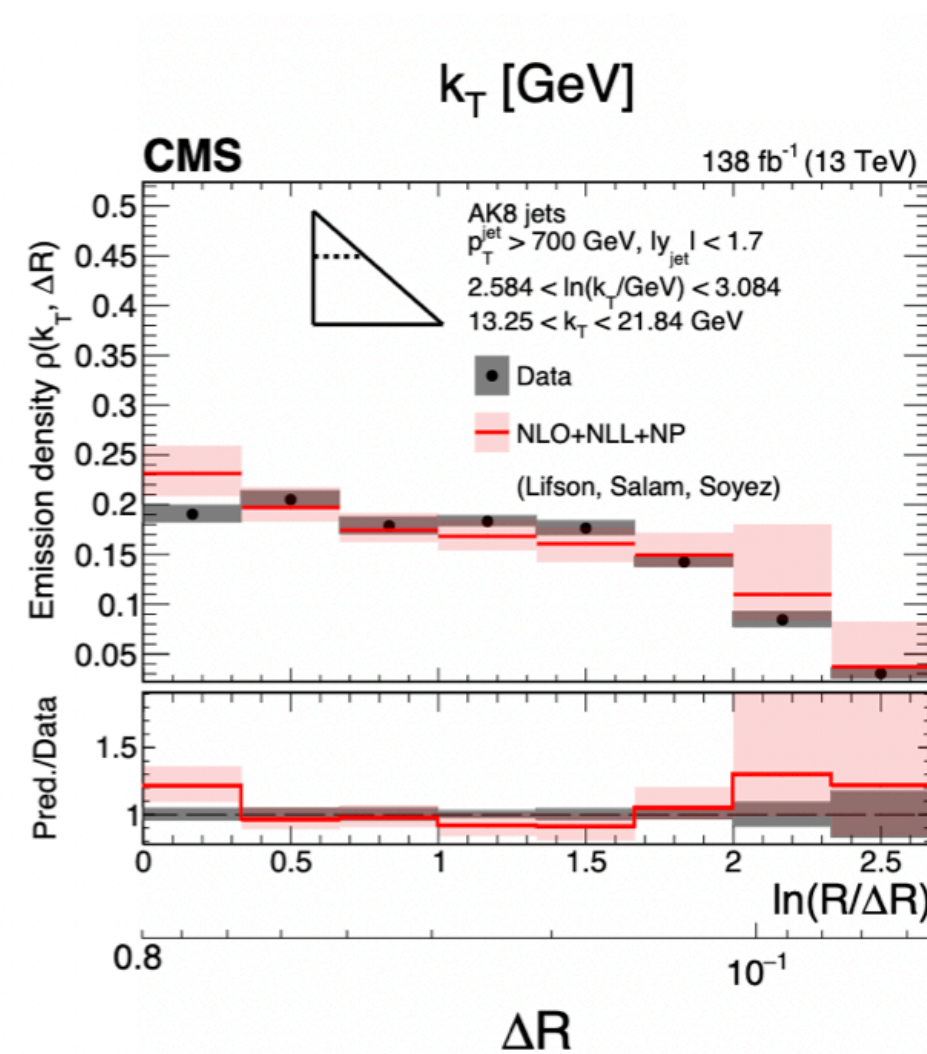
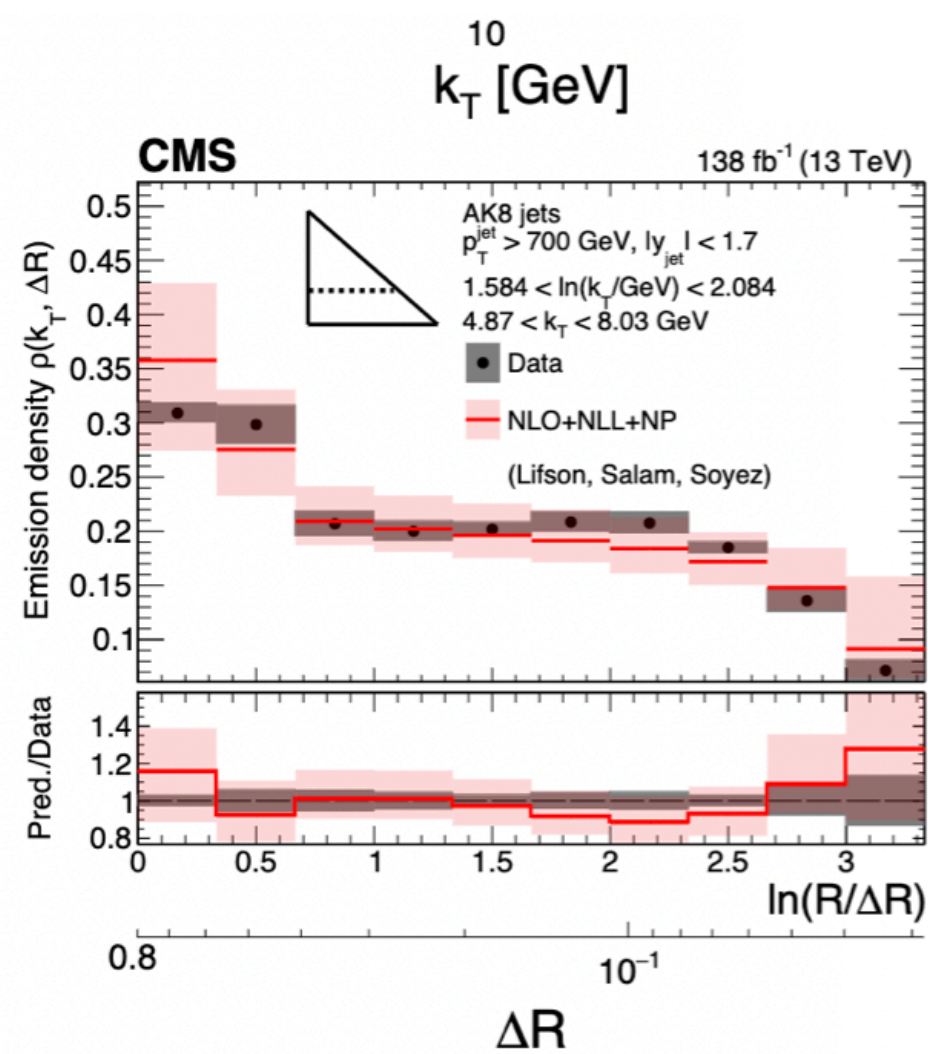
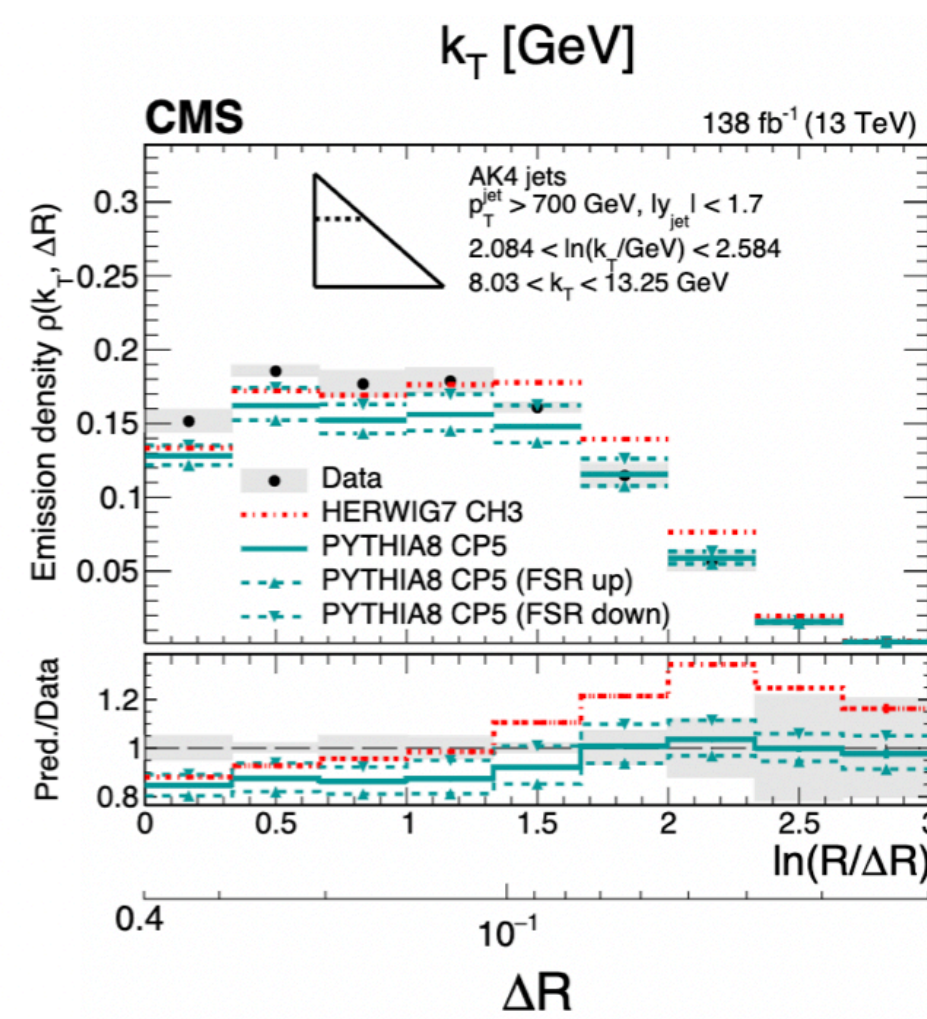
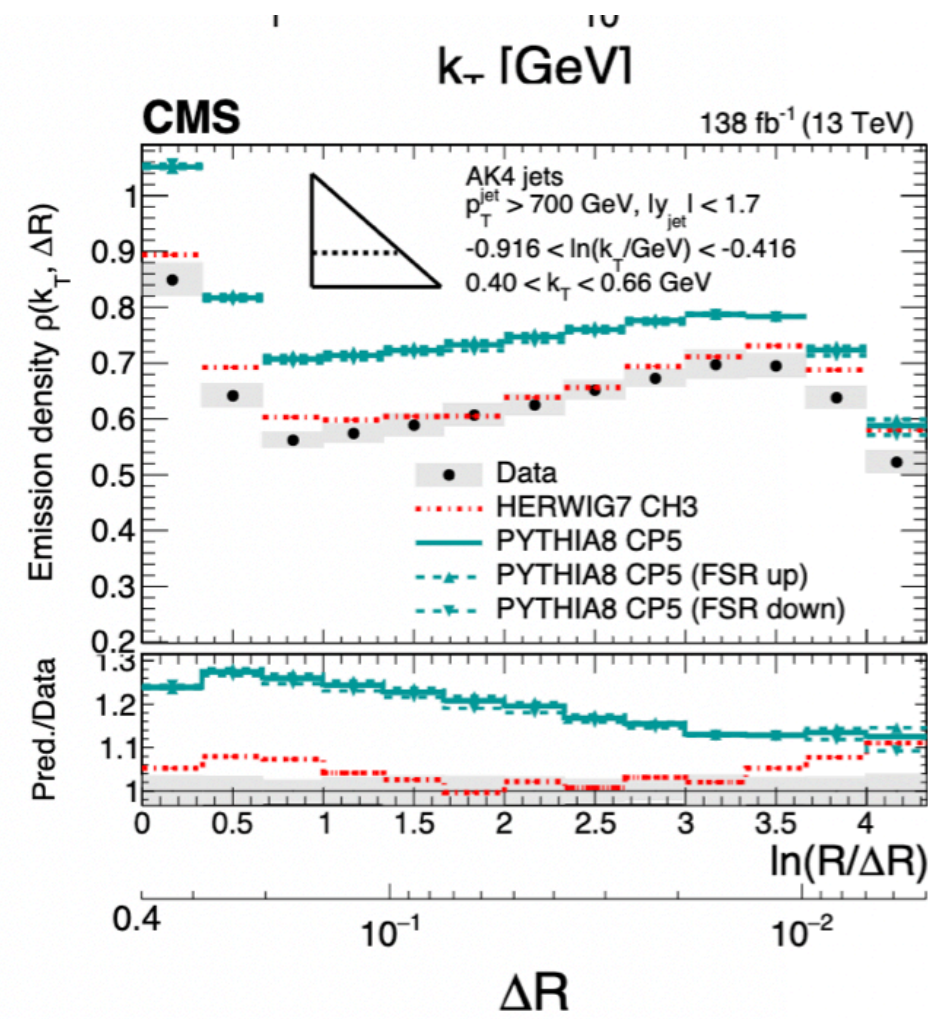
Ratio in the perturbative region proportional to α_S

Comparisons to NLO+ NNLL +NP allow for the most precise value of the strong coupling constant using jet substructure today

[CMS, 2402.13864 \[hep-ex\]](#)



Two languages for jet substructure



As an example, see comparison between Herwig7 CH3 and Pythia8 CP5 :

In the nonperturbative region, Pythia overestimates the number of emissions and Herwig describes better the data

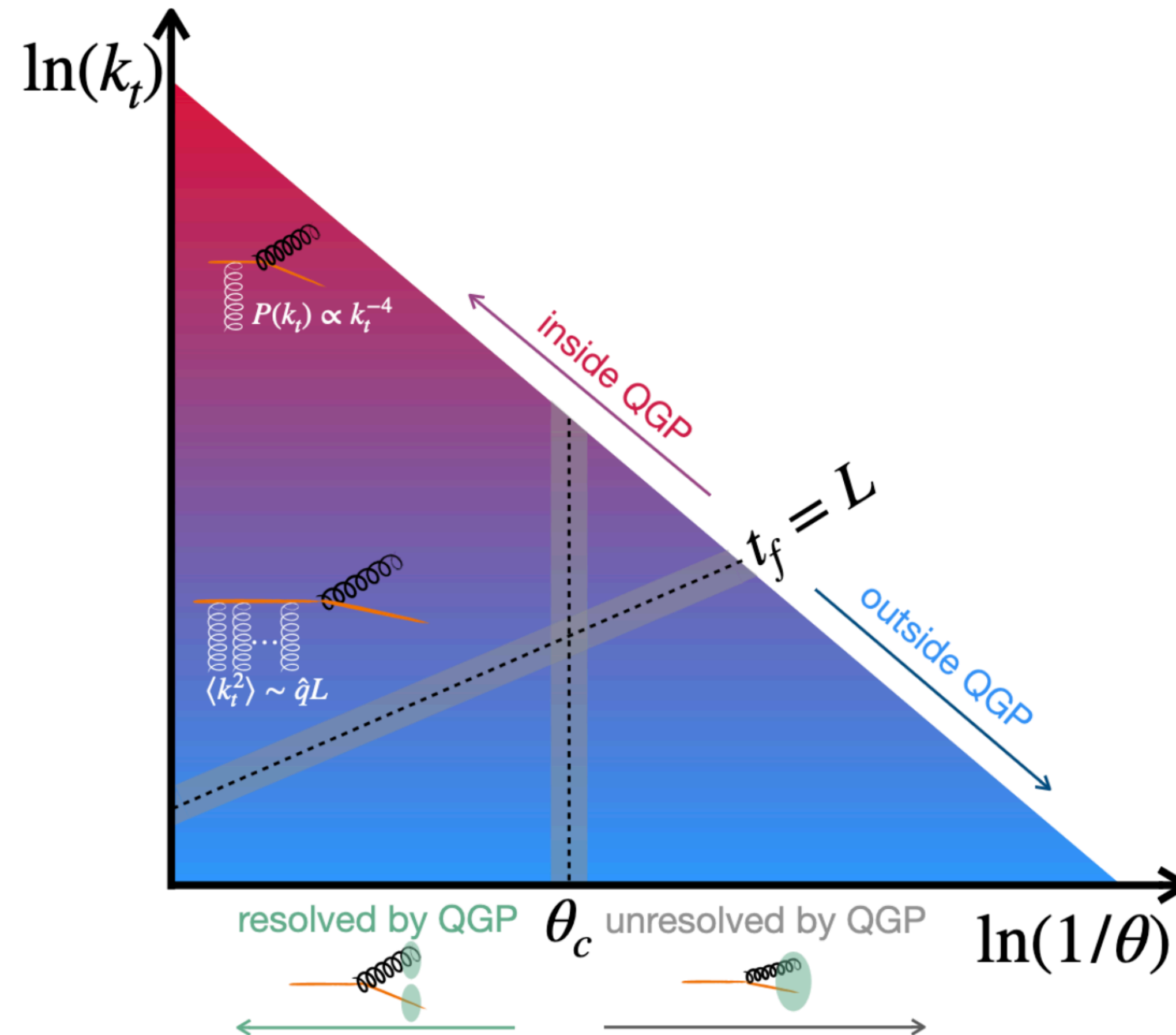
In the perturbative region, sensitivity to FSR scale variations

Comparison to NLO+NLL+NP analytical calculations adapted from [Lifson et al, JHEP 10 \(2020\) 170](#)

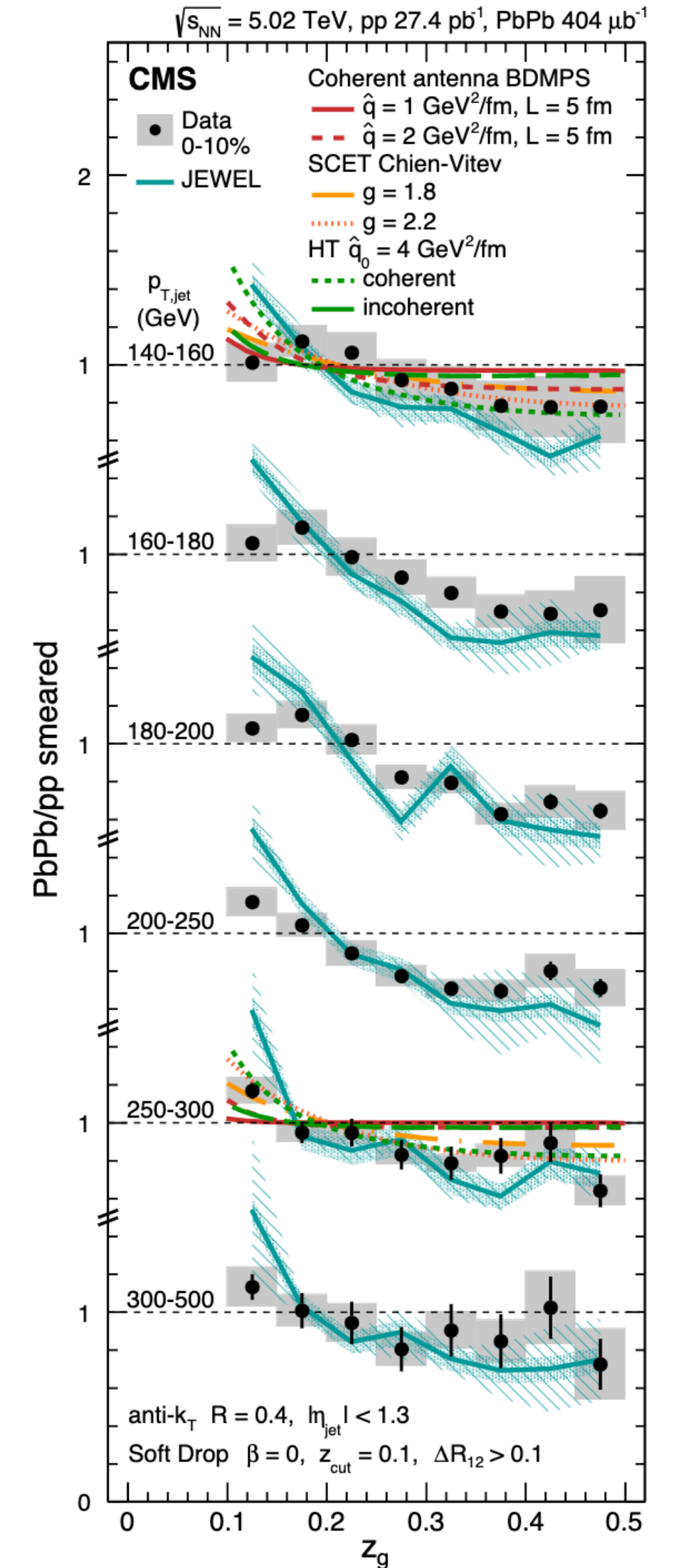
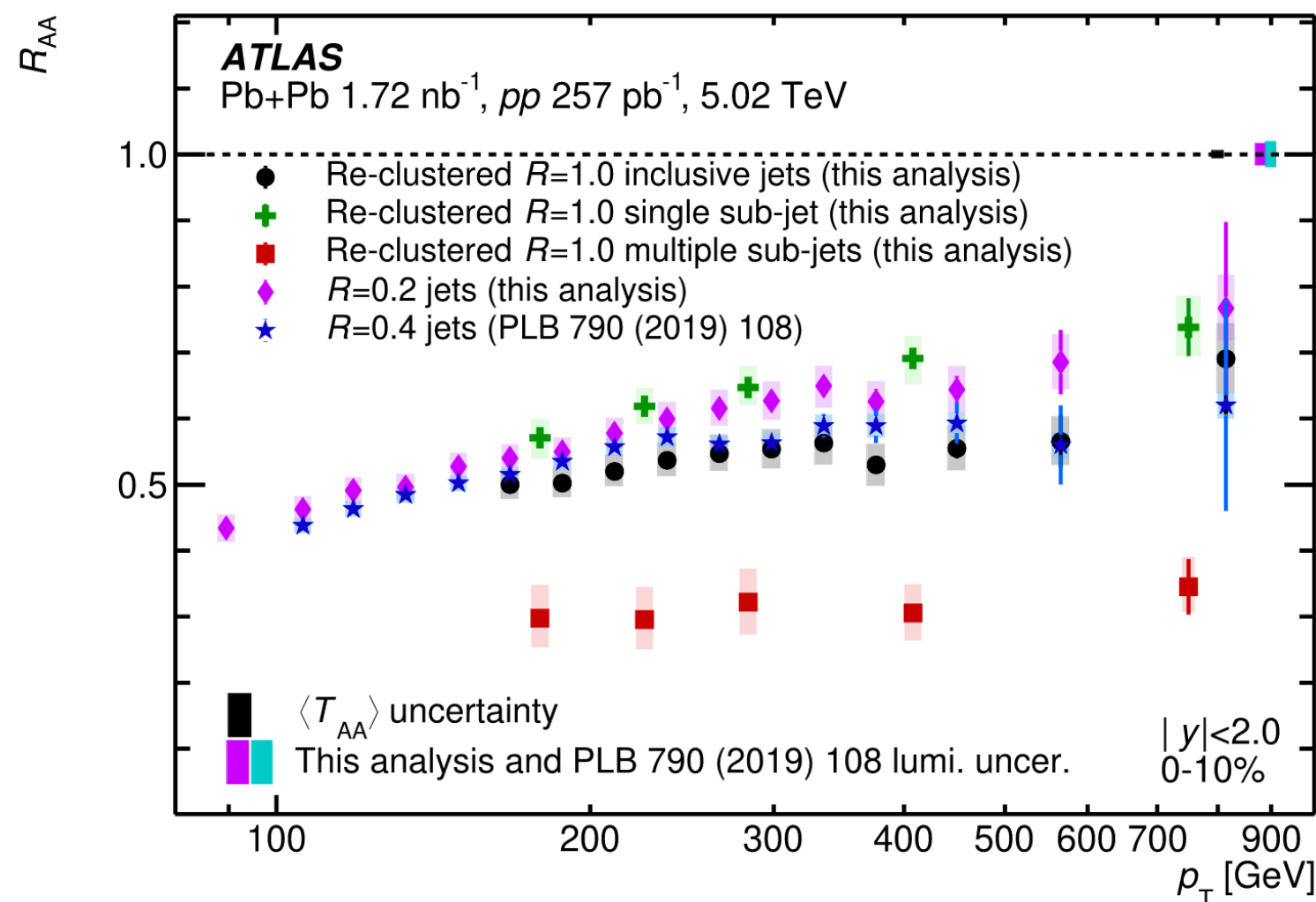
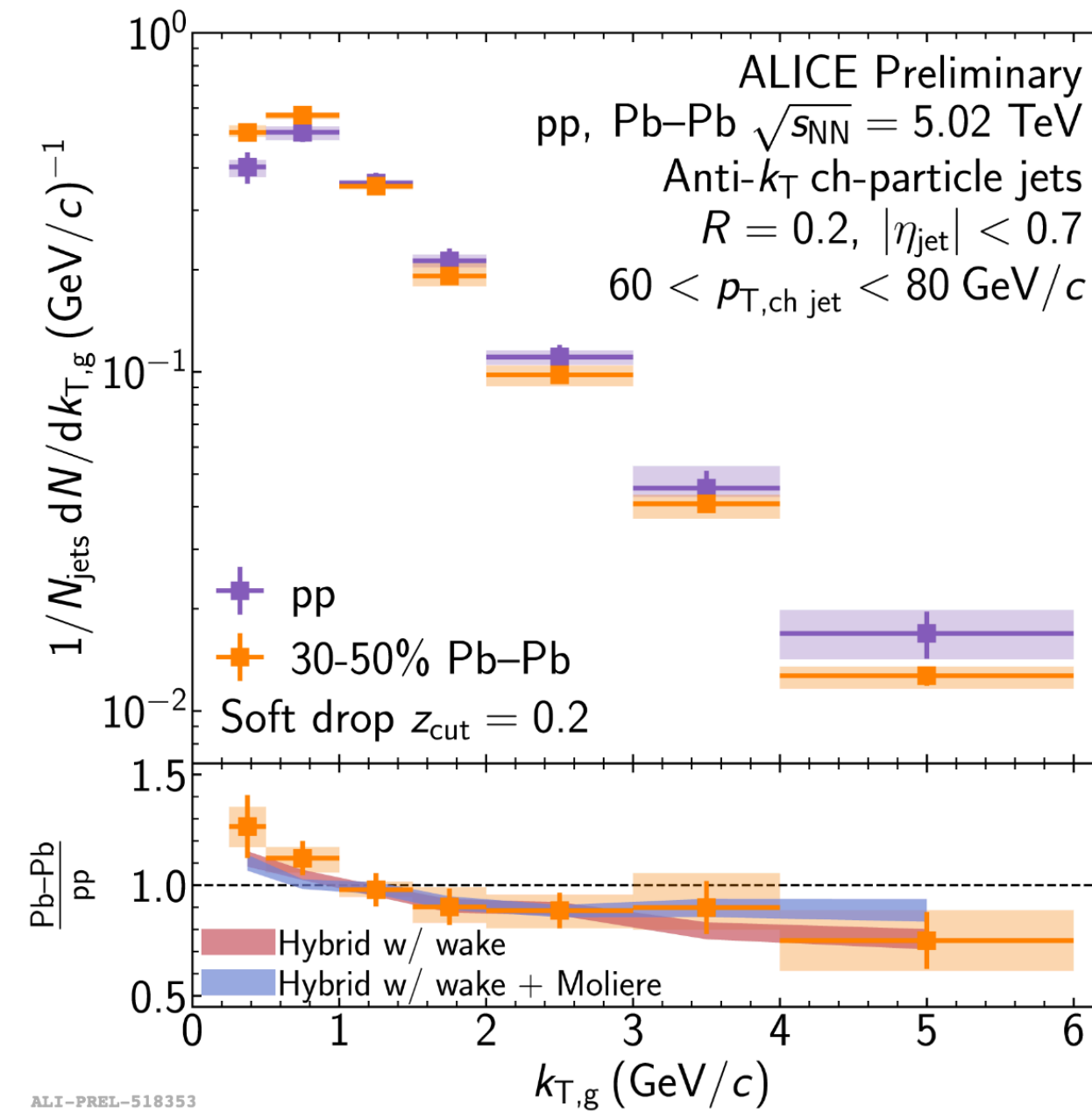
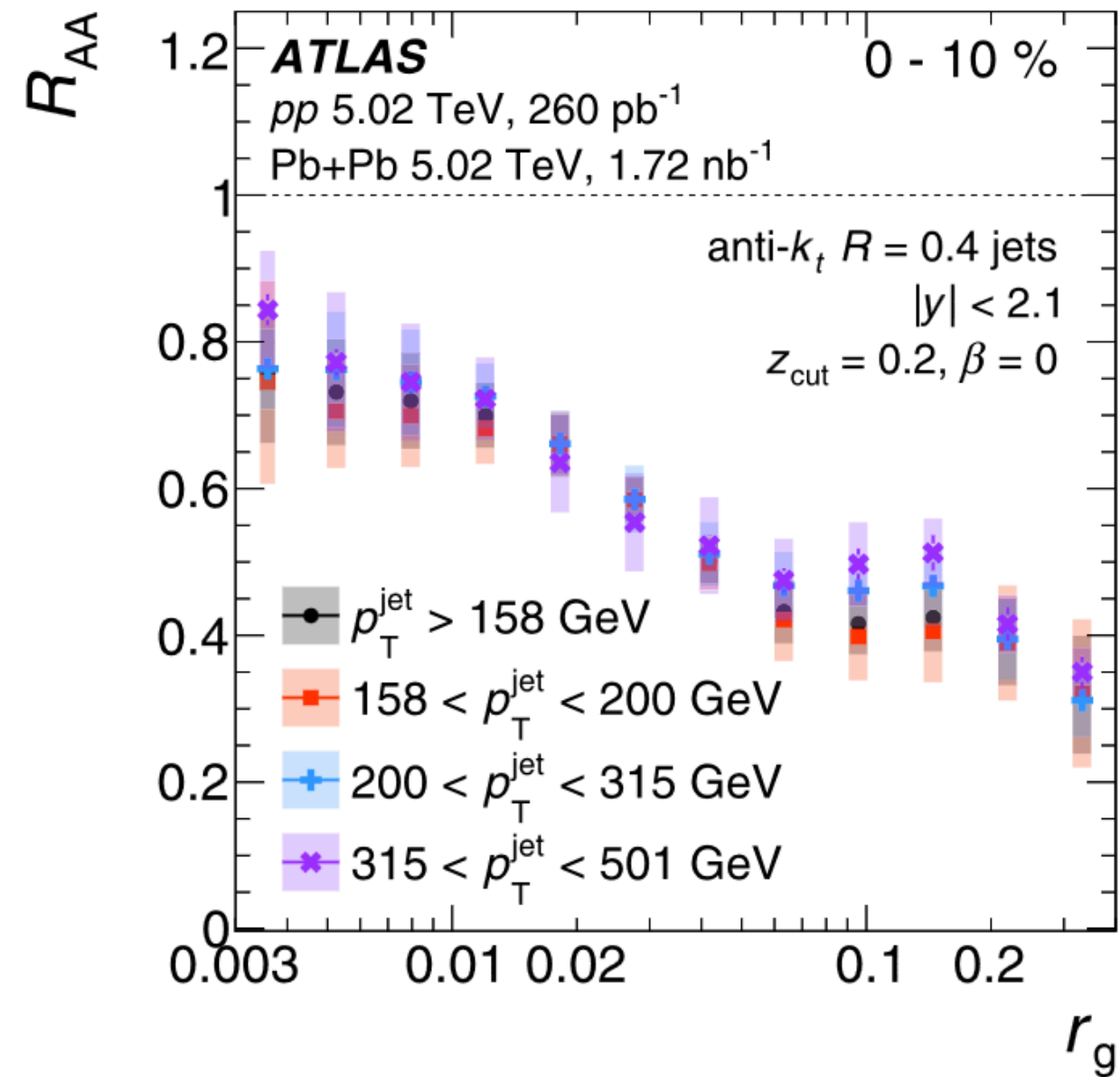
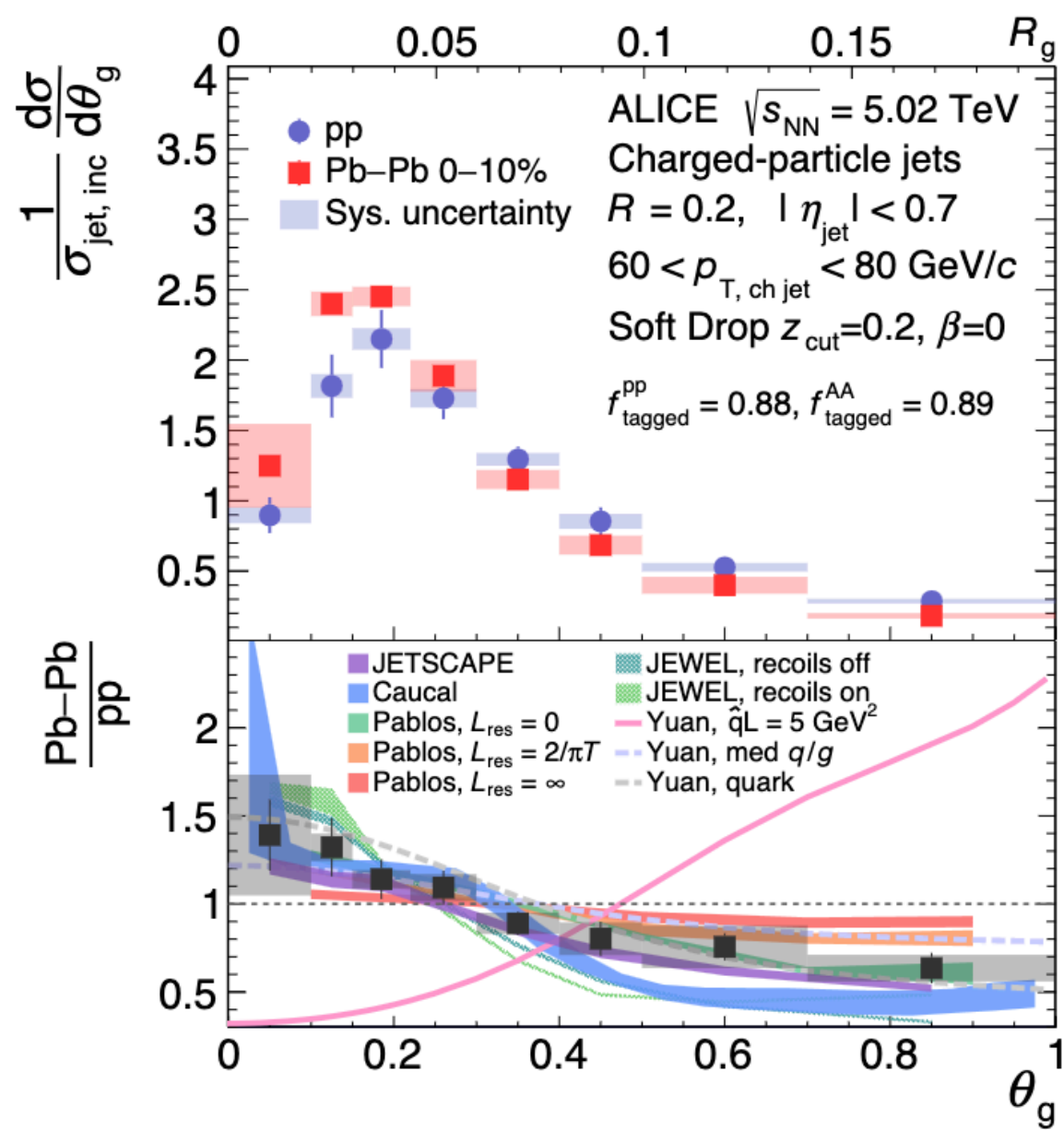
Predictions in agreement with the data within theoretical and experimental uncertainties

The Lund plane in PbPb collisions

The Lund plane density in PbPb is not expected to be filled uniformly at LO like in vacuum



Scans of the Lund plane in PbPb: collage of results

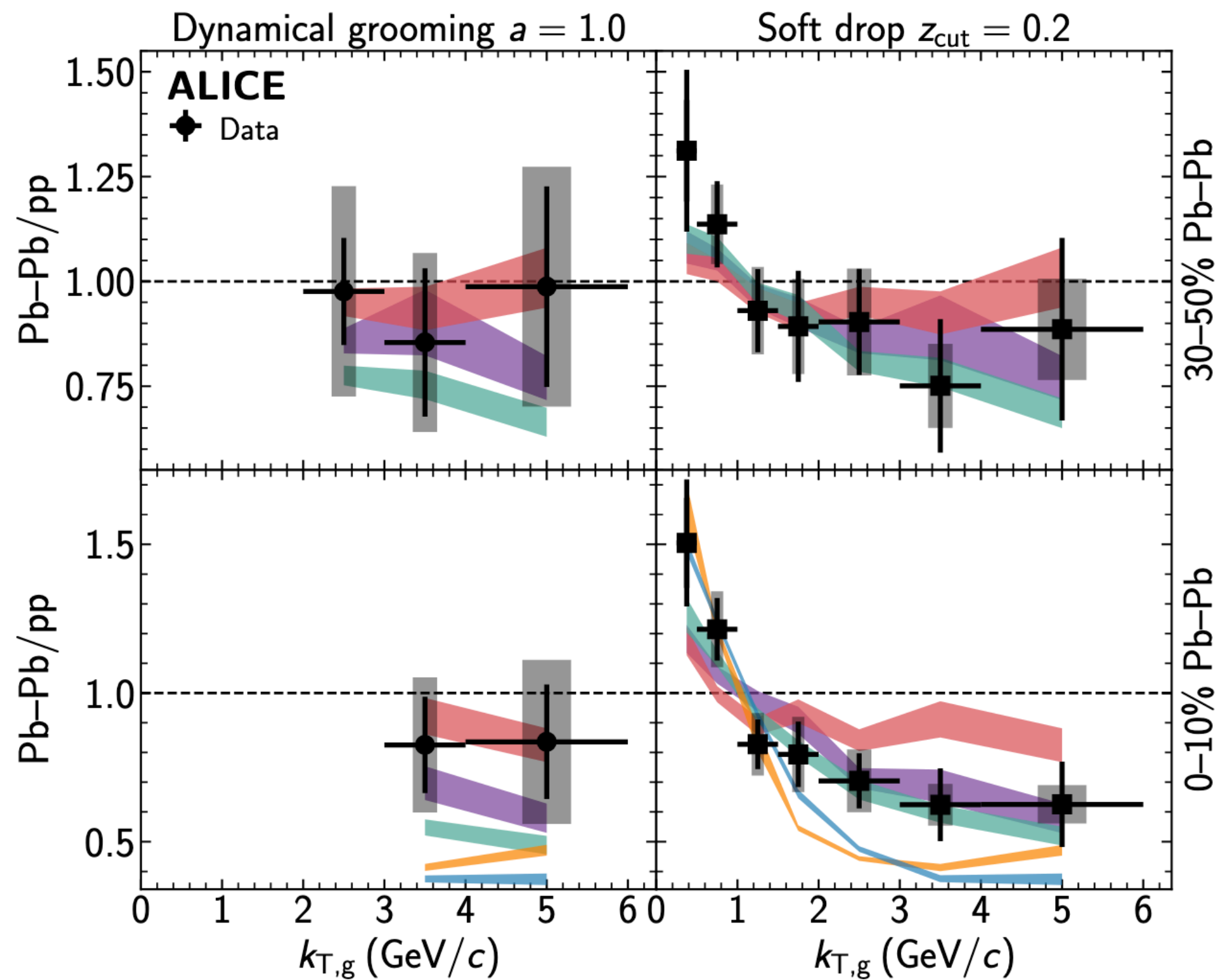


In general all we see is a suppression of broad substructures, also at the level of jet shapes

Scans of the Lund plane in PbPb: collage of results

0–10%, 30–50% Pb–Pb, pp $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV
 Anti- k_T ch-particle jets, $R = 0.2$, $|\eta_{jet}| < 0.7$
 $60 < p_{T, ch jet} < 80$ GeV/c

Hybrid w/ wake
 Hybrid w/ wake + Moliere
 JETSCAPEv3.5 AA22
 JEWEL (recoils)
 JEWEL (no recoils)



Hardest k_T emission inside the jet

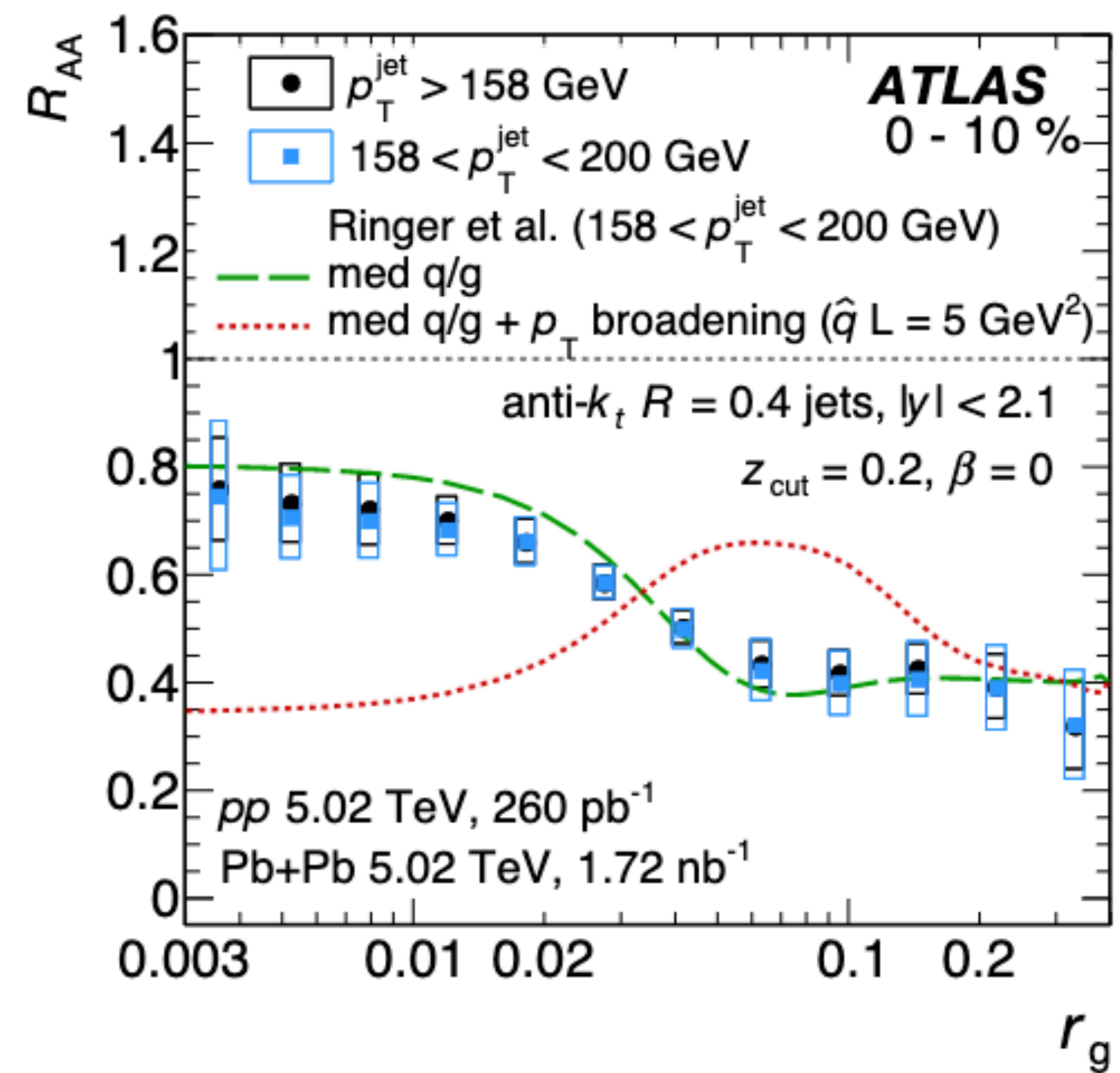
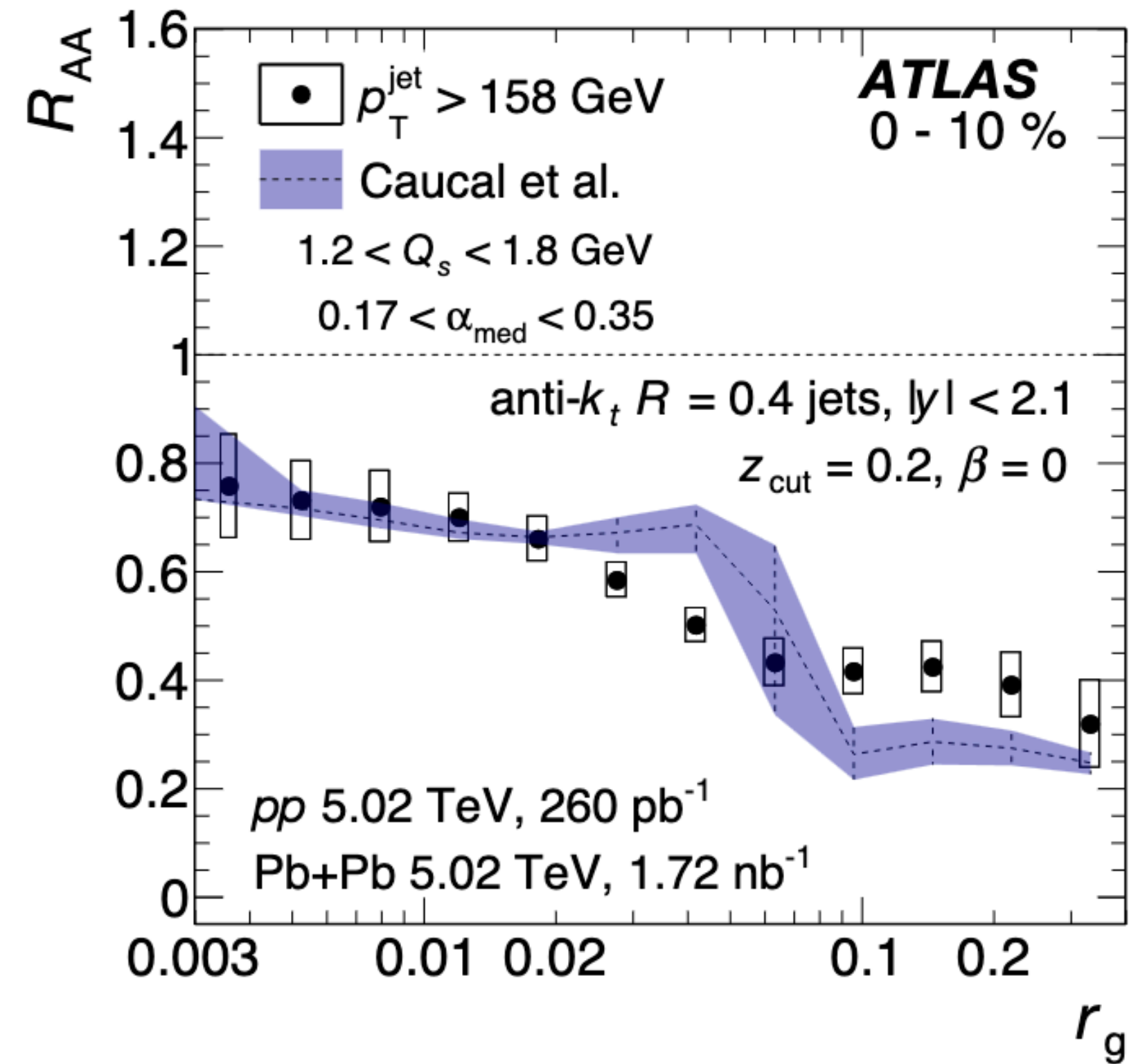
Sensitivity to hard elastic scattering

Suppression of wake effects with small R jets

Sensitivity possibly darkened by the selection bias effect

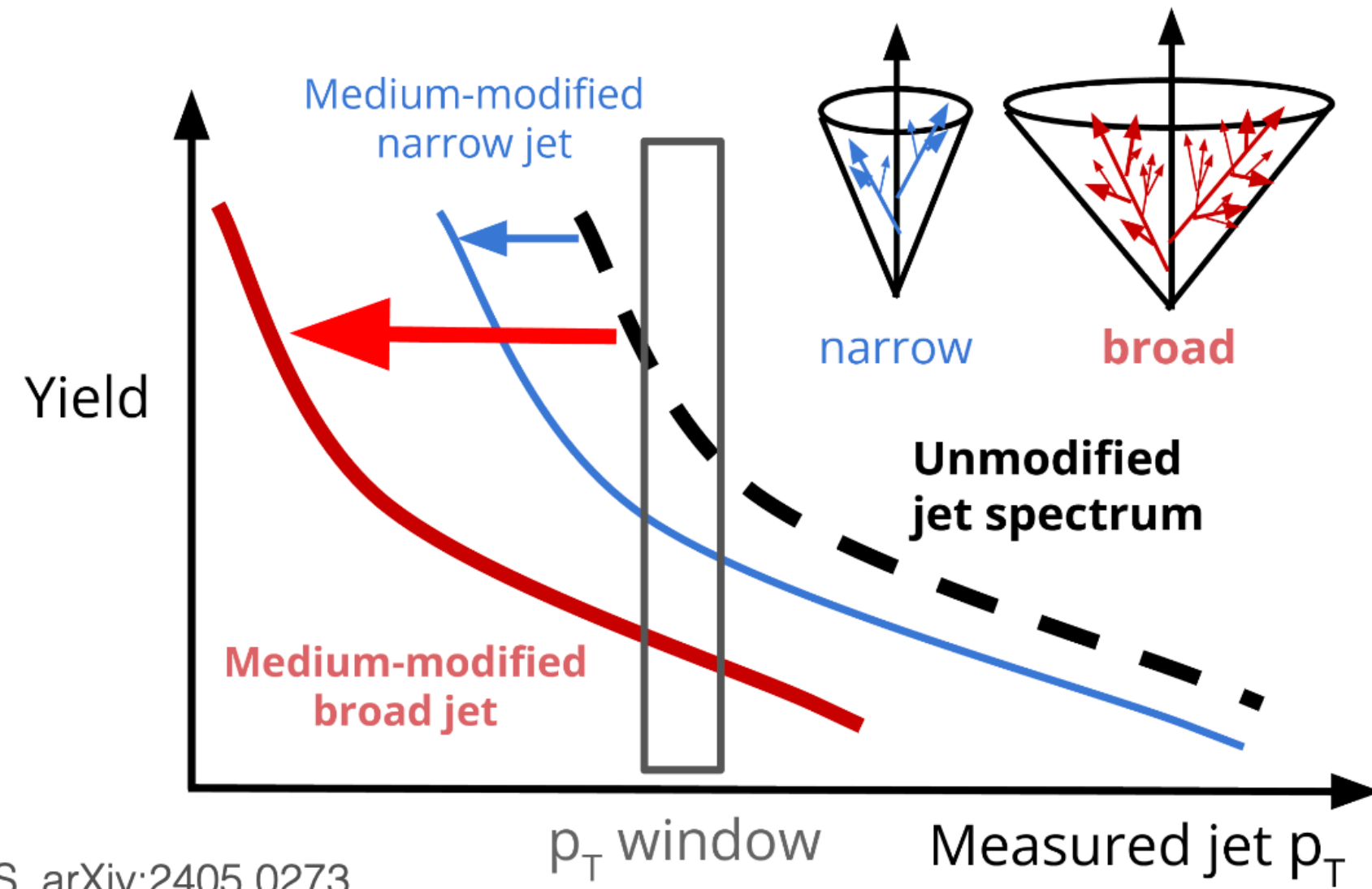
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ATLAS, Phys. Rev. C 107 (2023) 054909



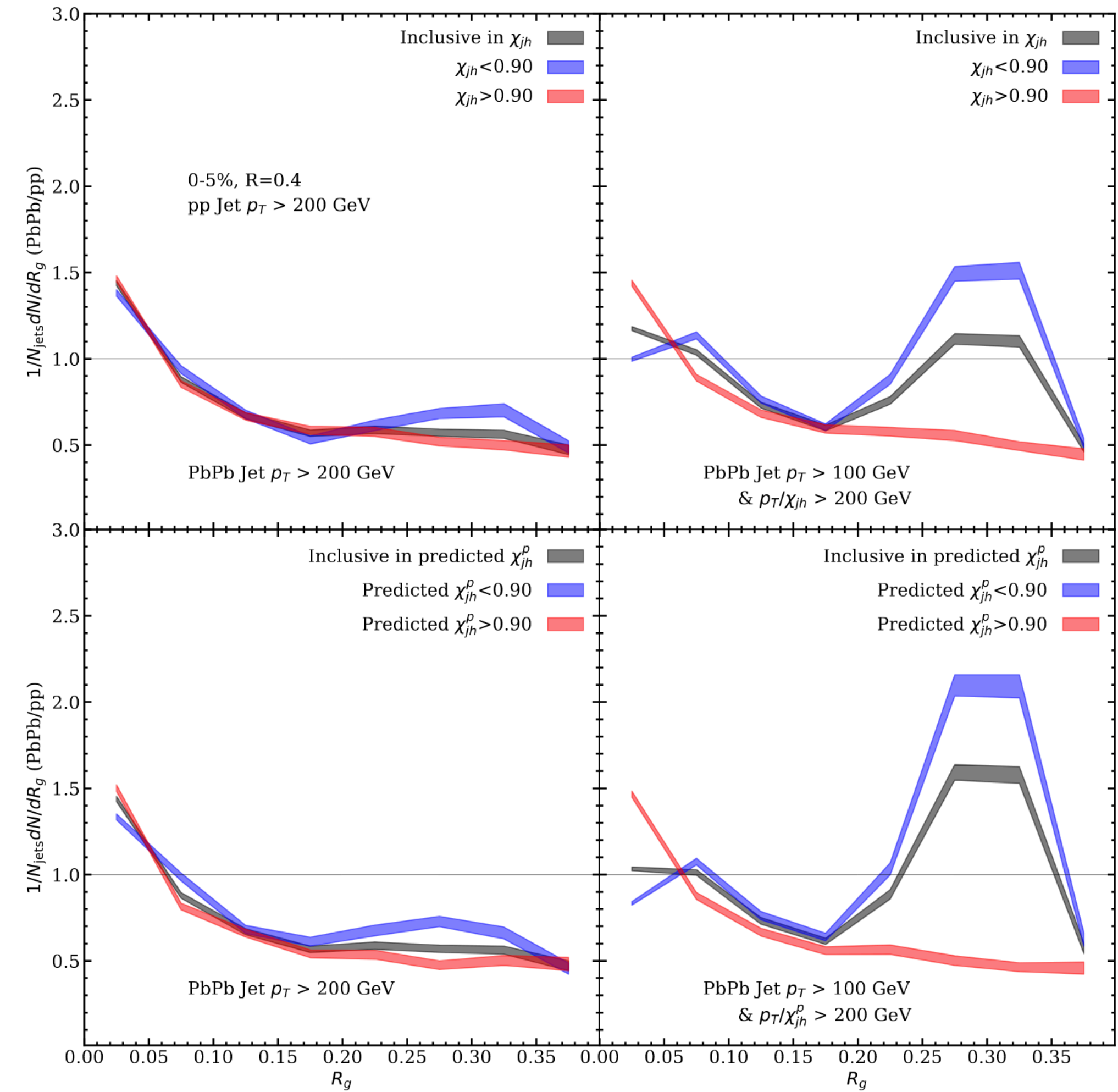
An intriguing step behaviour around the coherence angle in the implementation of Caucal et al
 But step function also present in a model with no explicit implementation of coherence angle

The selection bias: comparing pp and PbPb



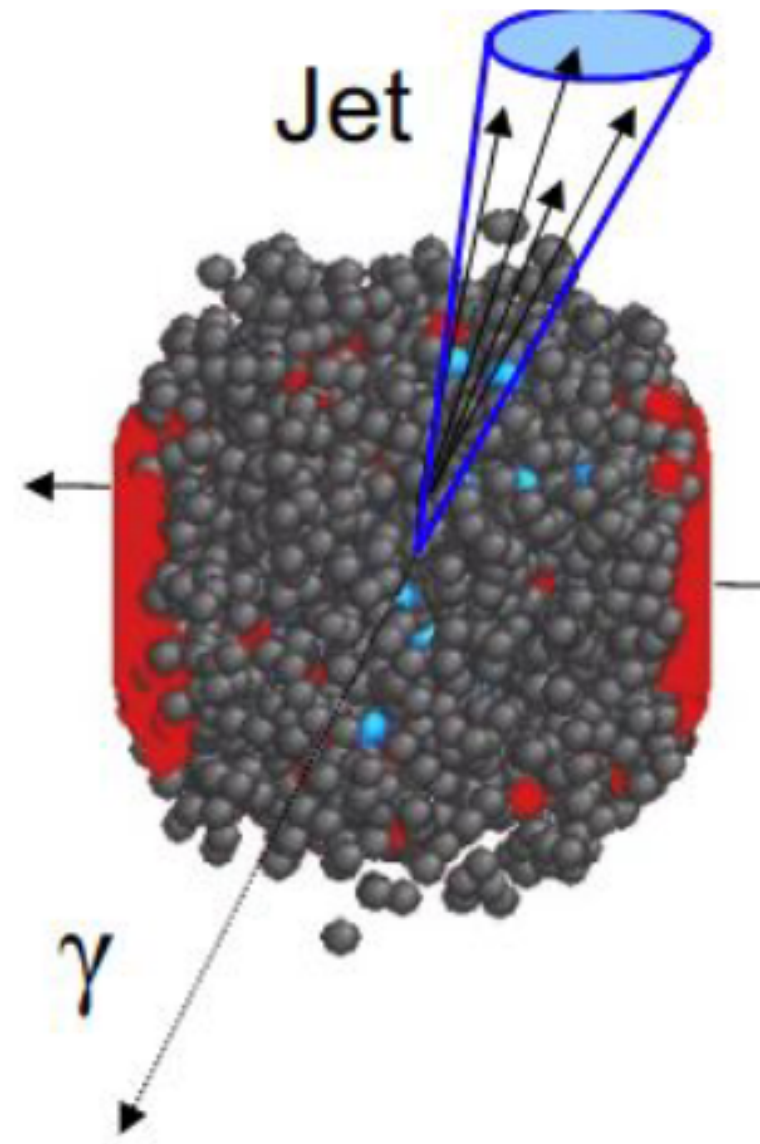
CMS, arXiv:2405.0273

When one compares pp and PbPb at the same reconstructed jet p_T , PbPb biased selection of less quenched jets: strongly quenched jets are filtered out to lower jet p_T

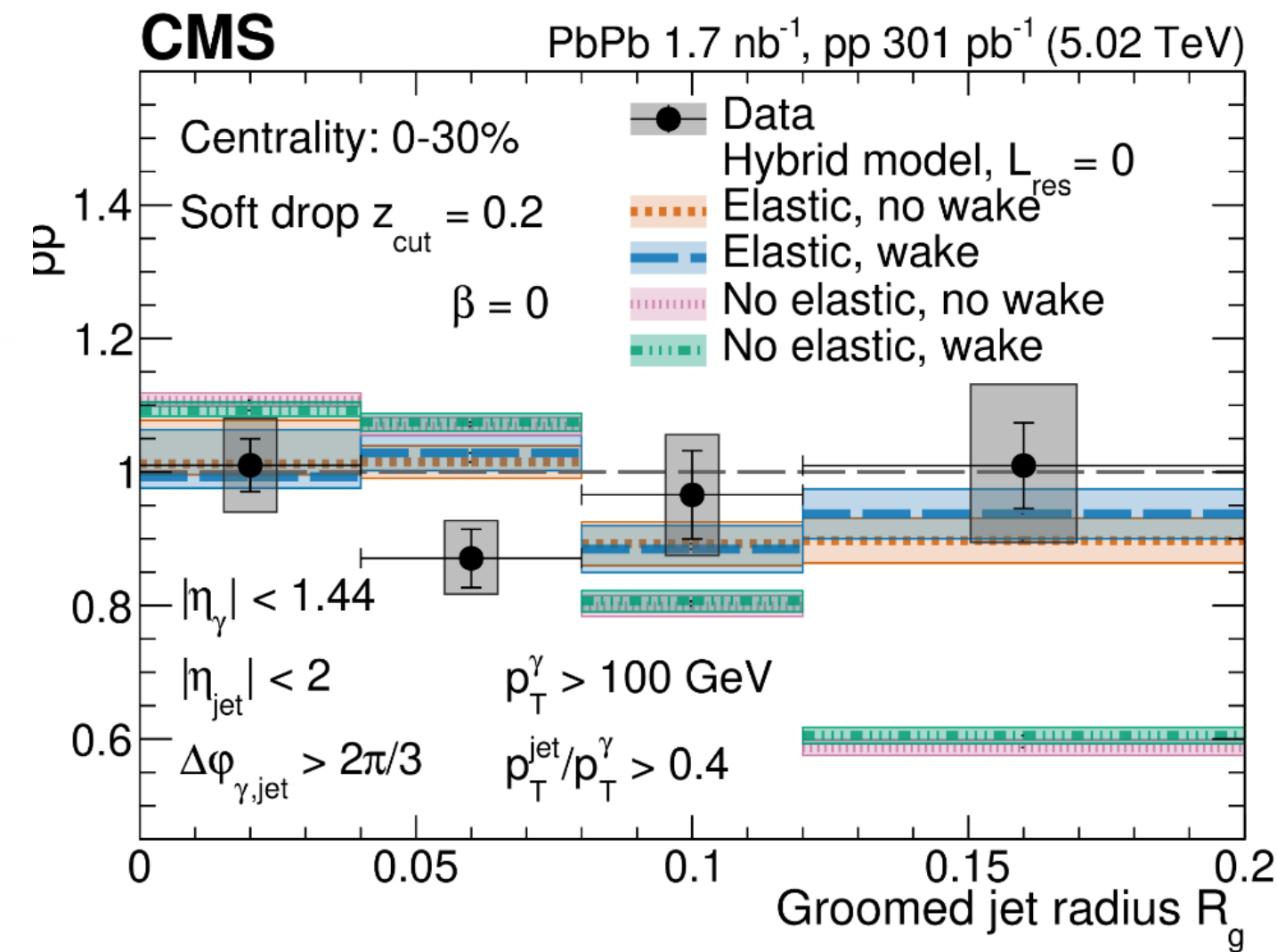


Du et al, 2106.11271, Brewer et al, 2009.03316

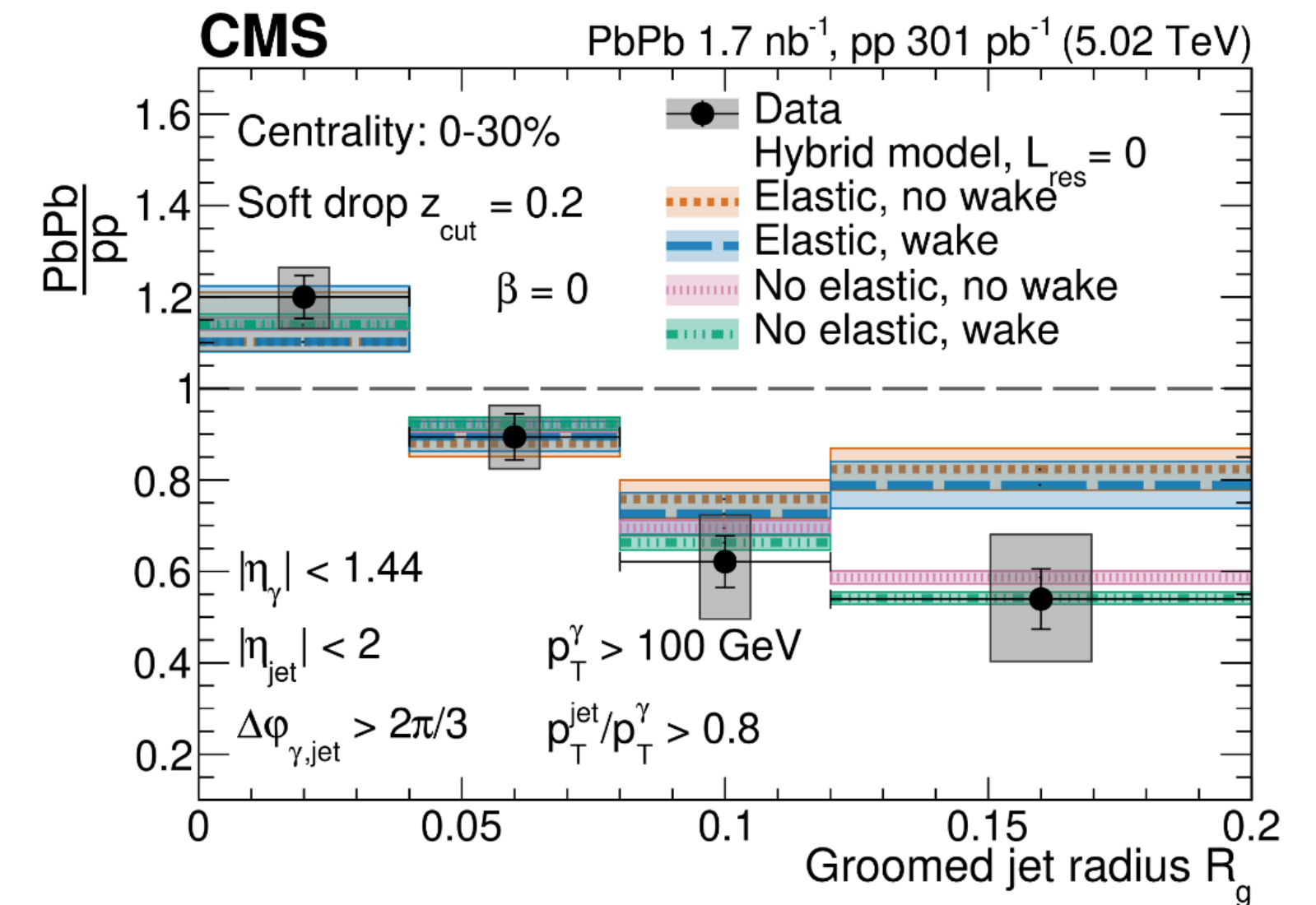
Substructure of jets recoiling from an energetic γ



$x_{\gamma j} > 0.4$ (w/ quenched jets):
no narrowing observed



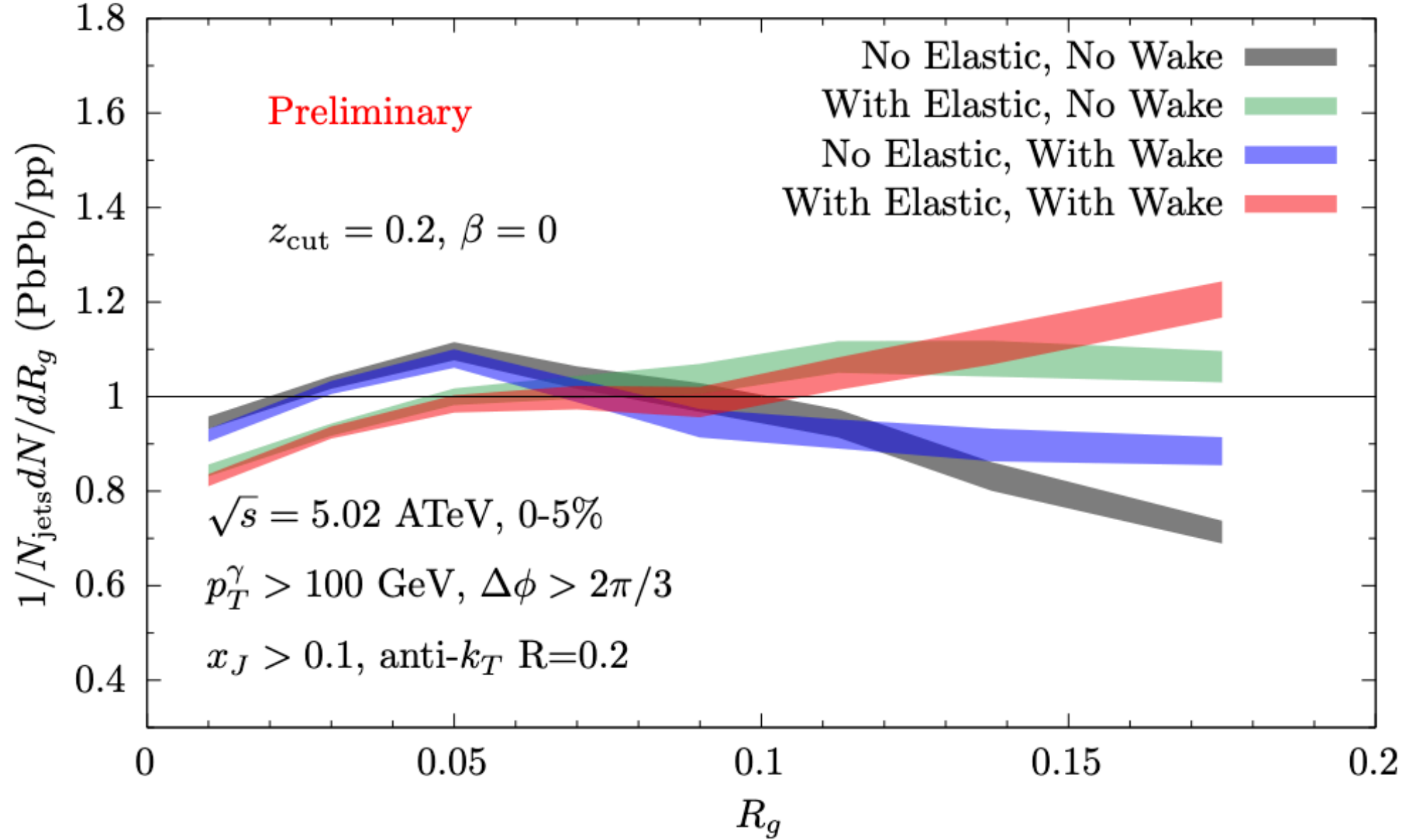
$x_{\gamma j} > 0.8$ (less quenched jets):
narrowing is restored



[CMS, arXiv:2405.0273](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.0273)

Sensitivity to hard scatterings in the the medium
 Sensitivity enhanced when more quenched jets are included in the sample
 Selection bias under control!

Substructure of jets recoiling from an energetic γ



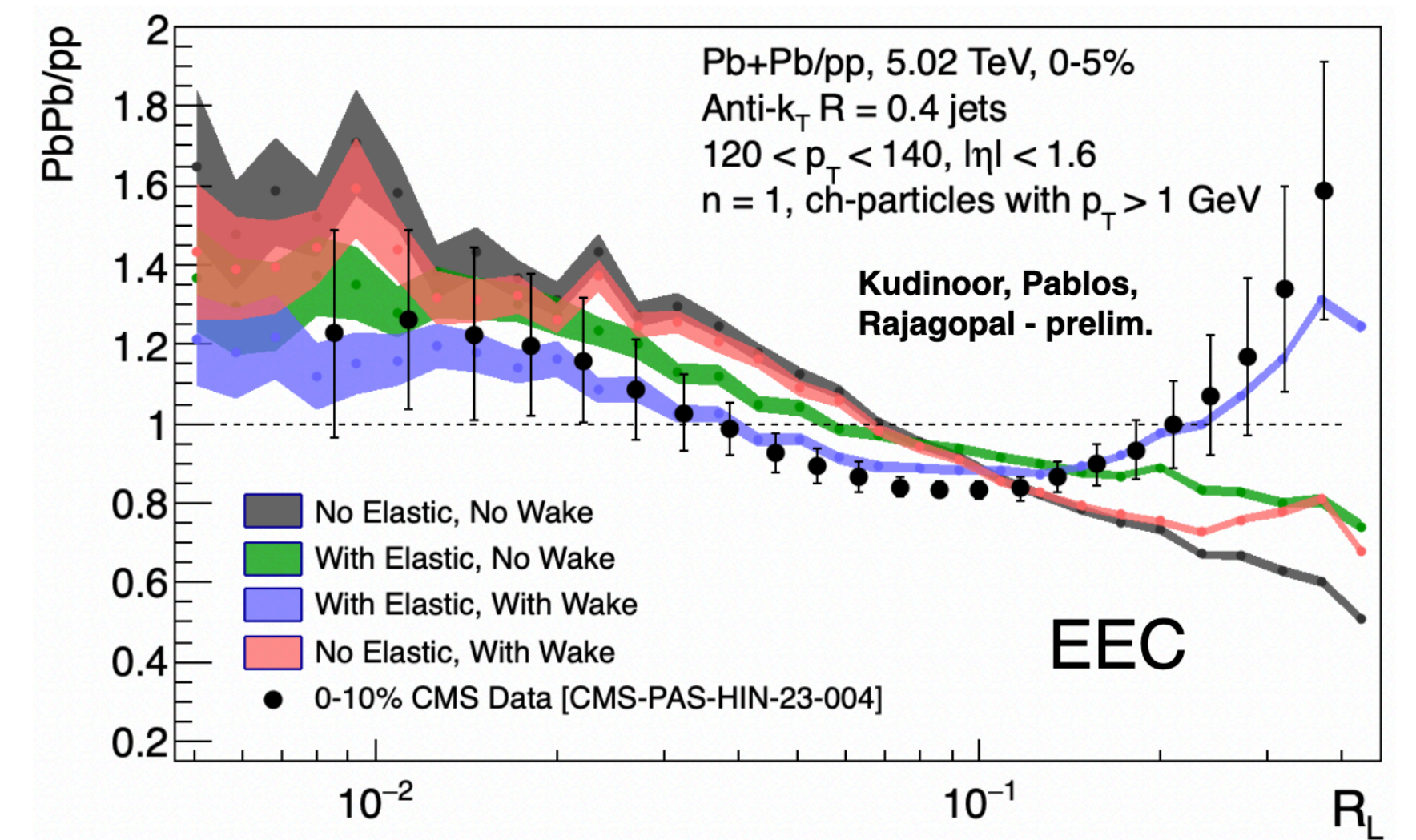
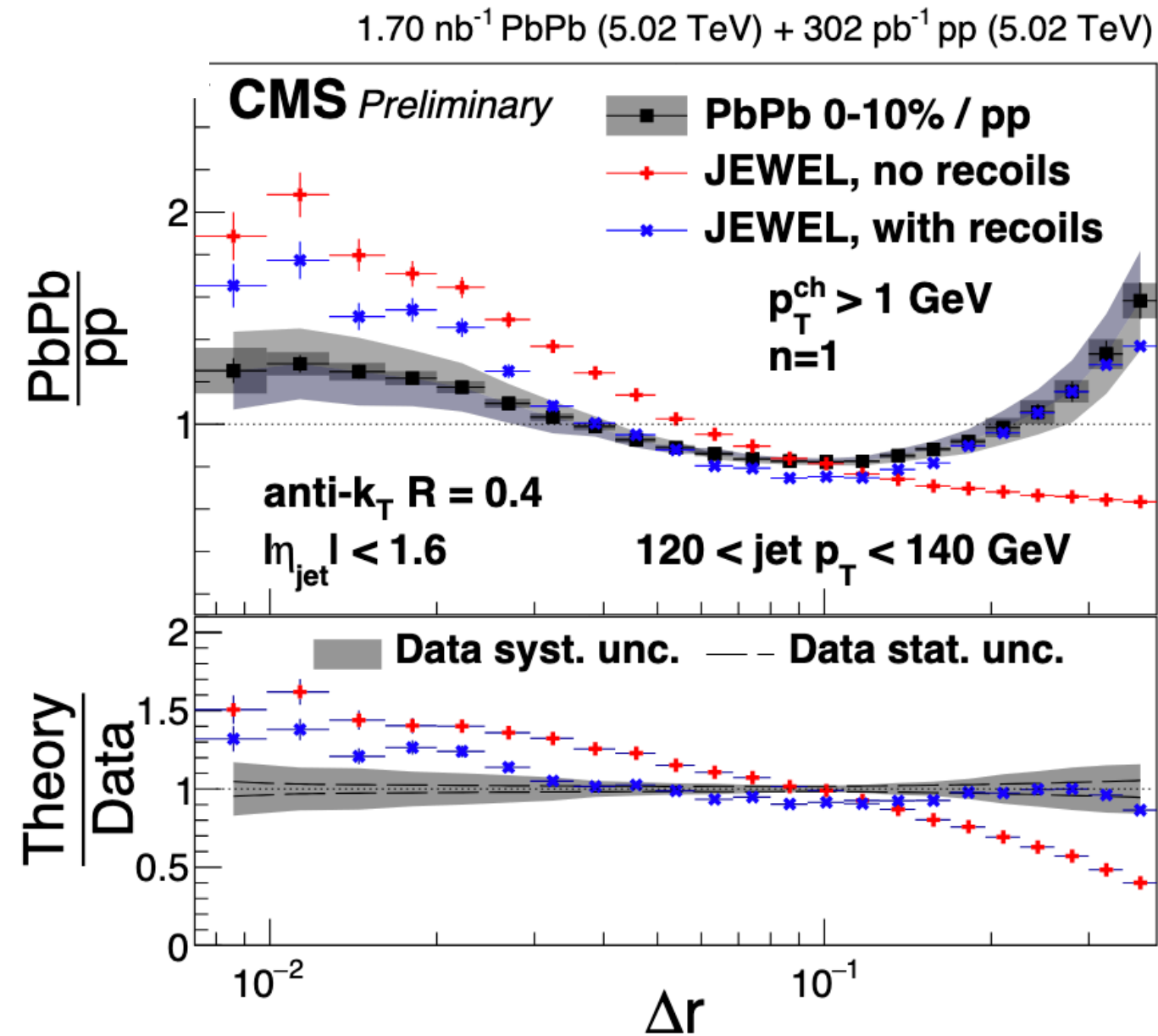
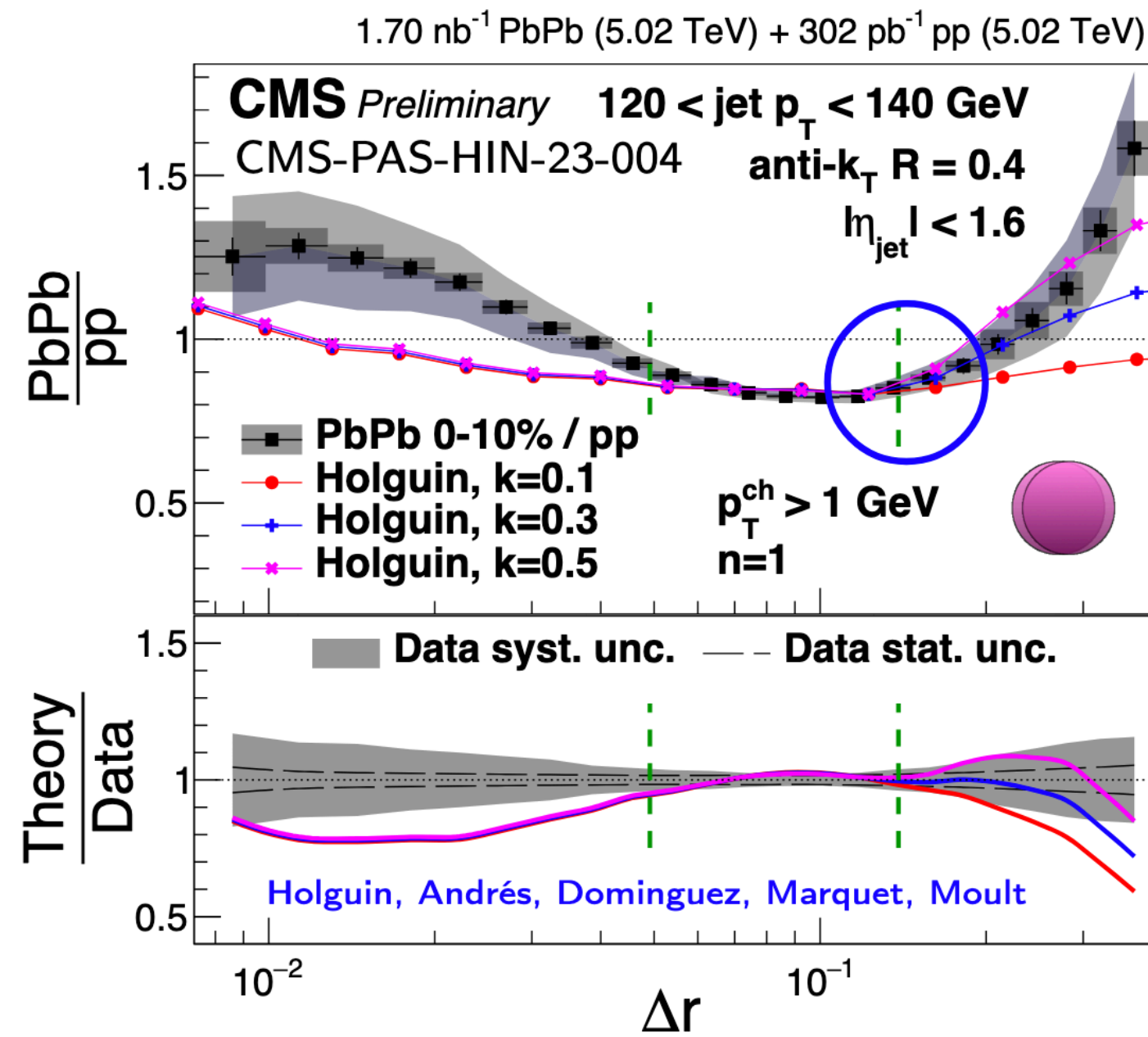
Ideal limit $x_J \rightarrow 0$ to include the jets that are quenched the strongest

Experimentally, low x_J s are achieved via increasing the energy of the photon (there's a lower limit in jet reconstruction)

Statistically hungry!

The hybrid model shows a big leak of quenched jets below $x_J=0.4$

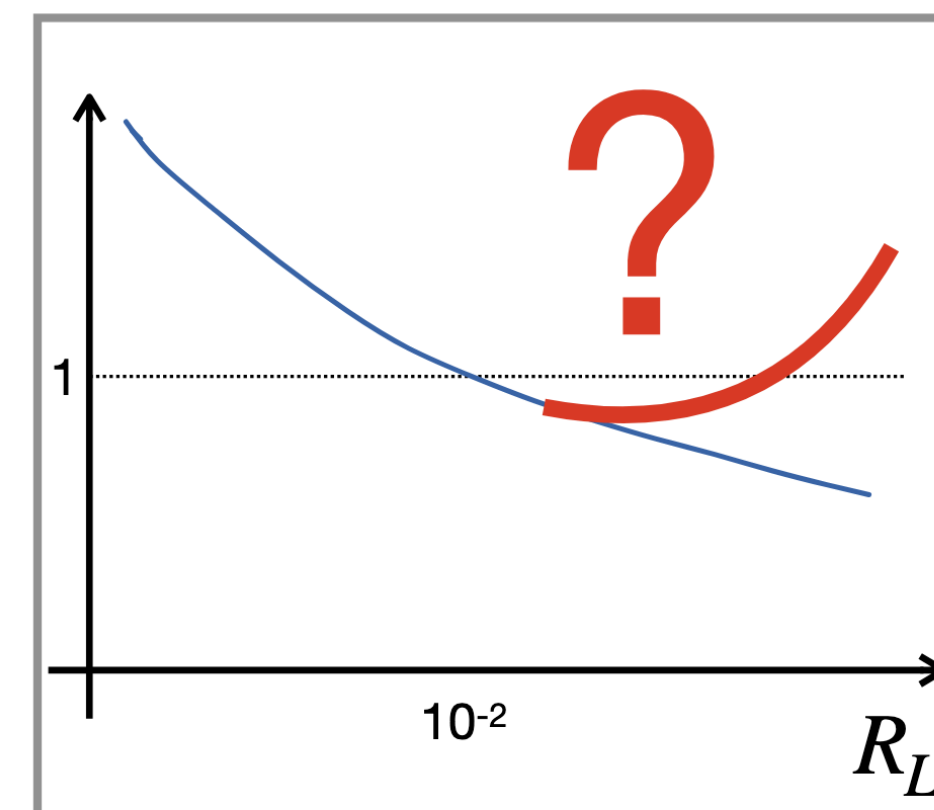
EEC in PbPb



Nice surprise: first substructure observable not showing the narrowing pattern

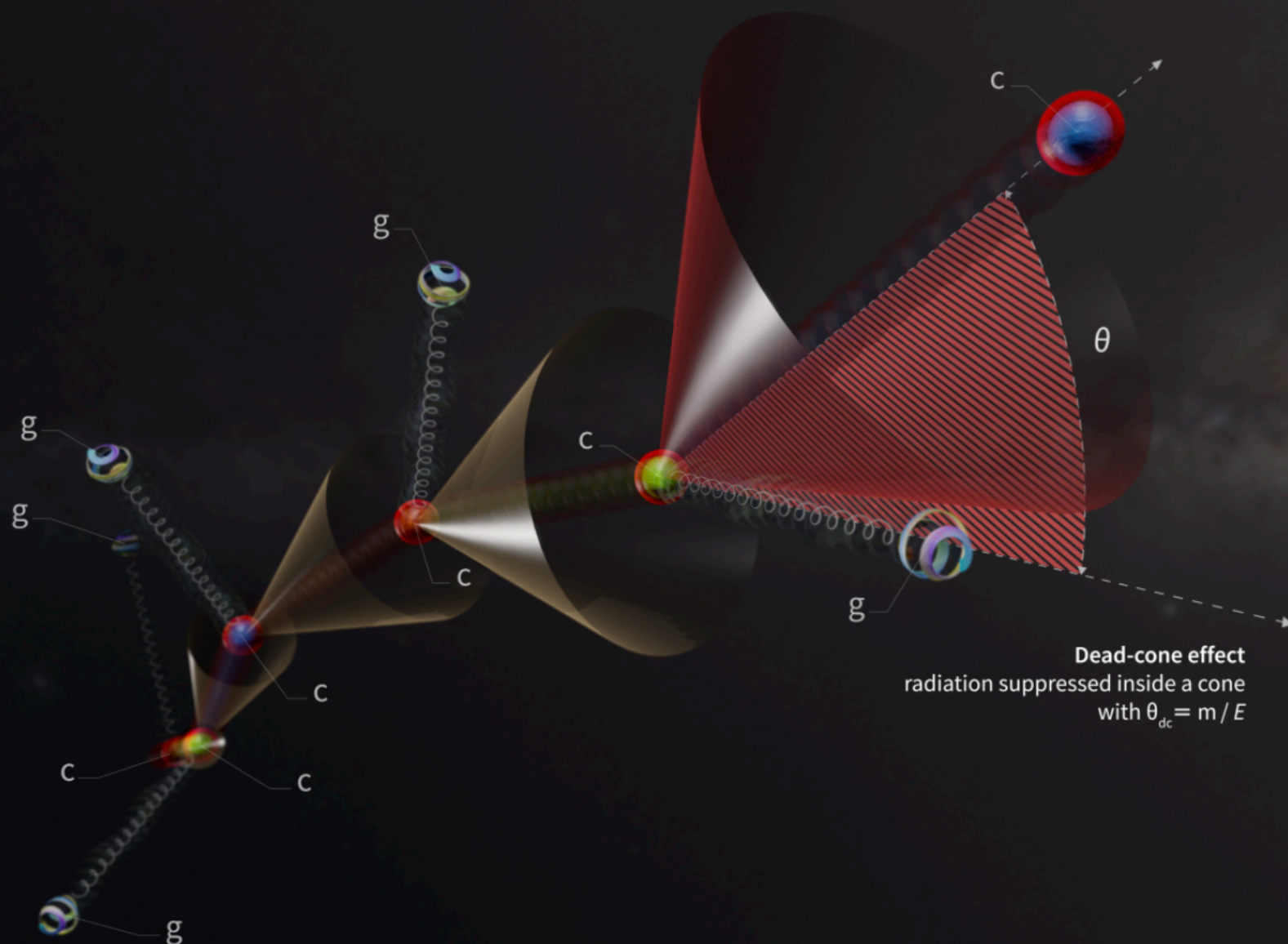
Several competing mechanisms contributing to large angles, great new opportunity

Selection bias can be corrected at inclusive level using scaling properties of the observable [Carlota Andres et al, arXiv:2409.07514](#)



Heavy flavours and the Lund plane

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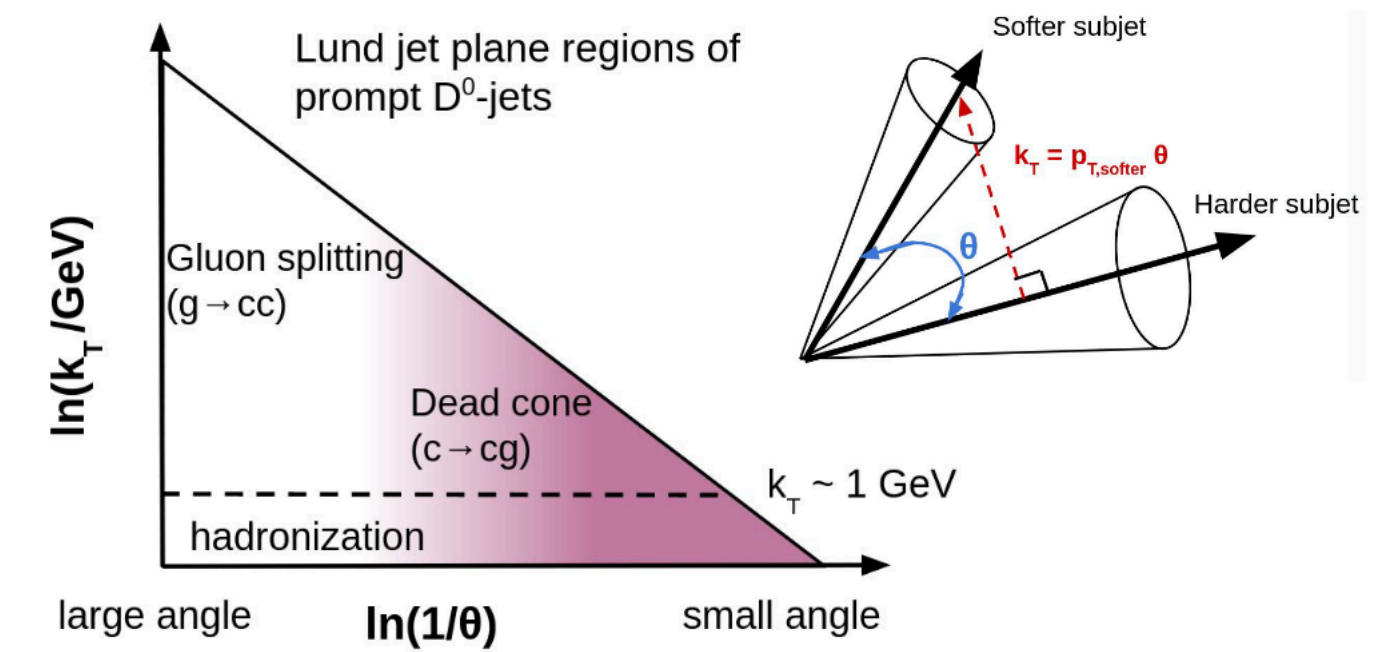


CA jet tree for heavy flavour hadrons

m_Q/p_{Tjet} sets the scale of the minimum dead cone angle in the jet tree, ie that of the first emission

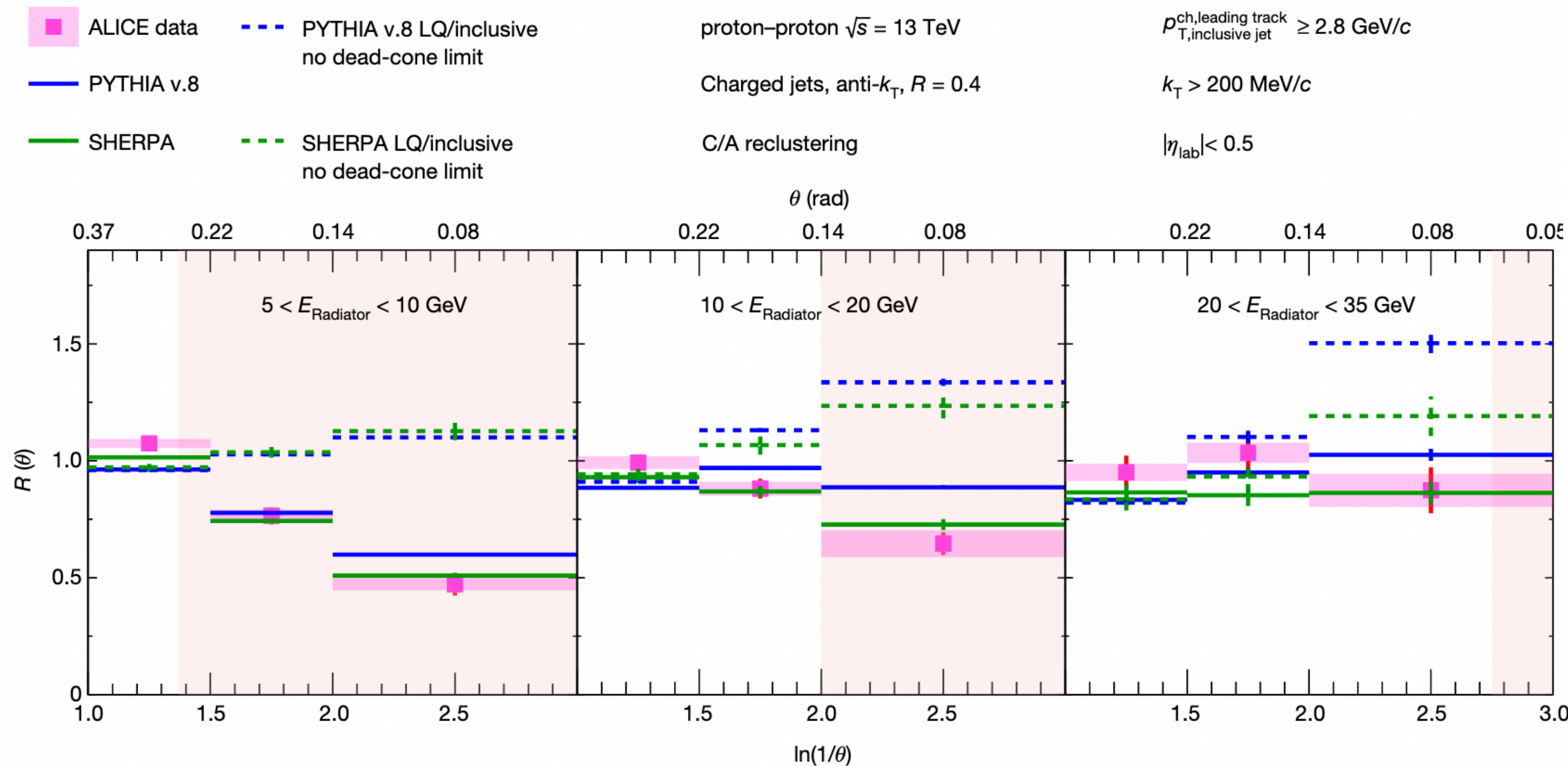
Nodes deeper in the tree ($E_{emitter} \ll p_{Tjet}$) have bigger dead cones

Sensitivity to quark mass ->access hard&collinear emissions



Seeing the dead cone

ALICE, Nature 605, 440-446 (2022)



$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{n^{D^0 \text{ jets}}} \frac{dn^{D^0 \text{ jets}}}{d \ln(1/\theta)} \bigg/ \frac{1}{n^{\text{inclusive jets}}} \frac{dn^{\text{inclusive jets}}}{d \ln(1/\theta)} \bigg|_{k_T > x \Lambda_{QCD}}$$

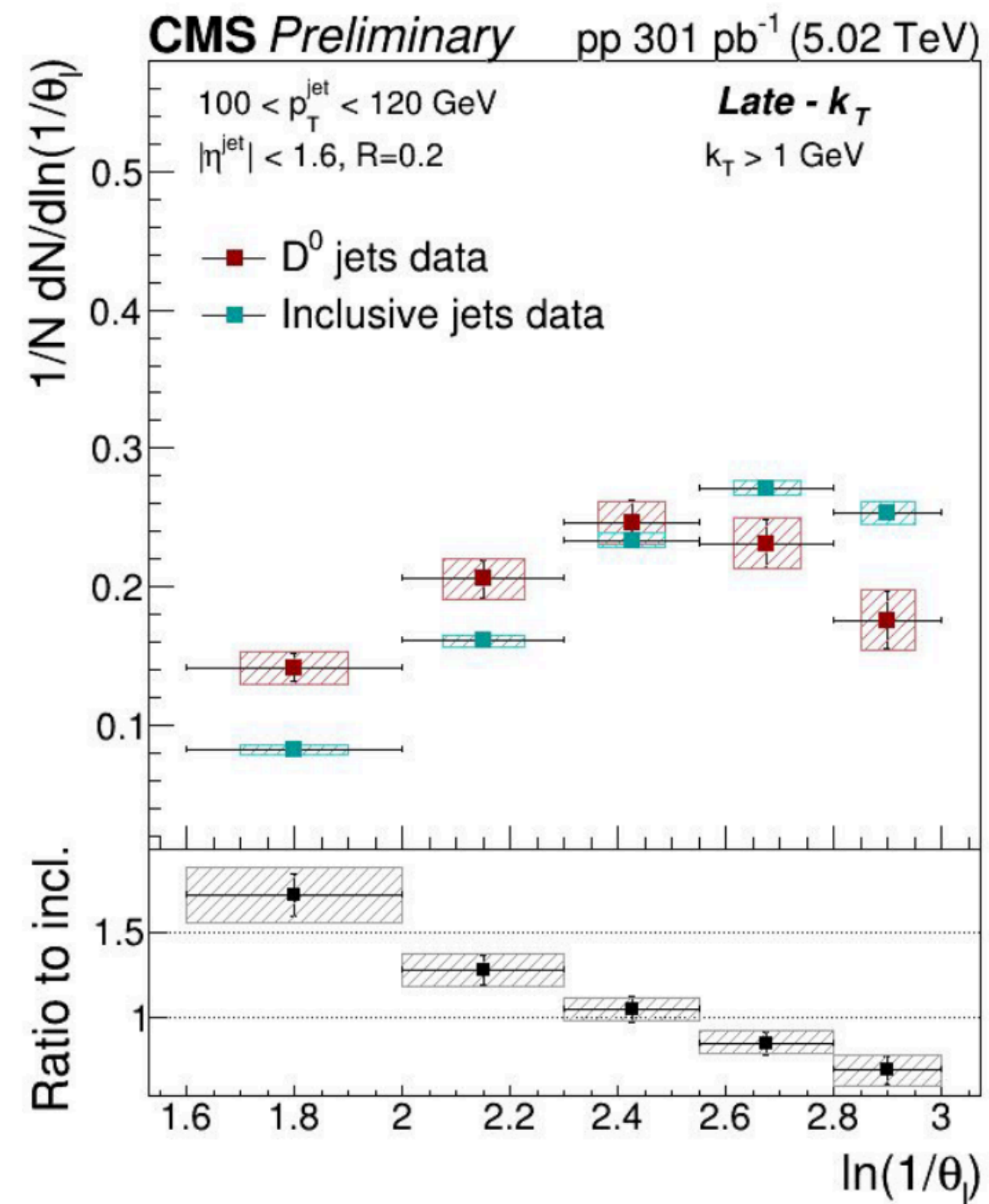
Strong suppression in the lowest E_{radiator} bin

Pink areas represent the vetoed regions given by m_c/E

Accessing the $Q \rightarrow Qg$ splitting and testing its mass dependence requires:

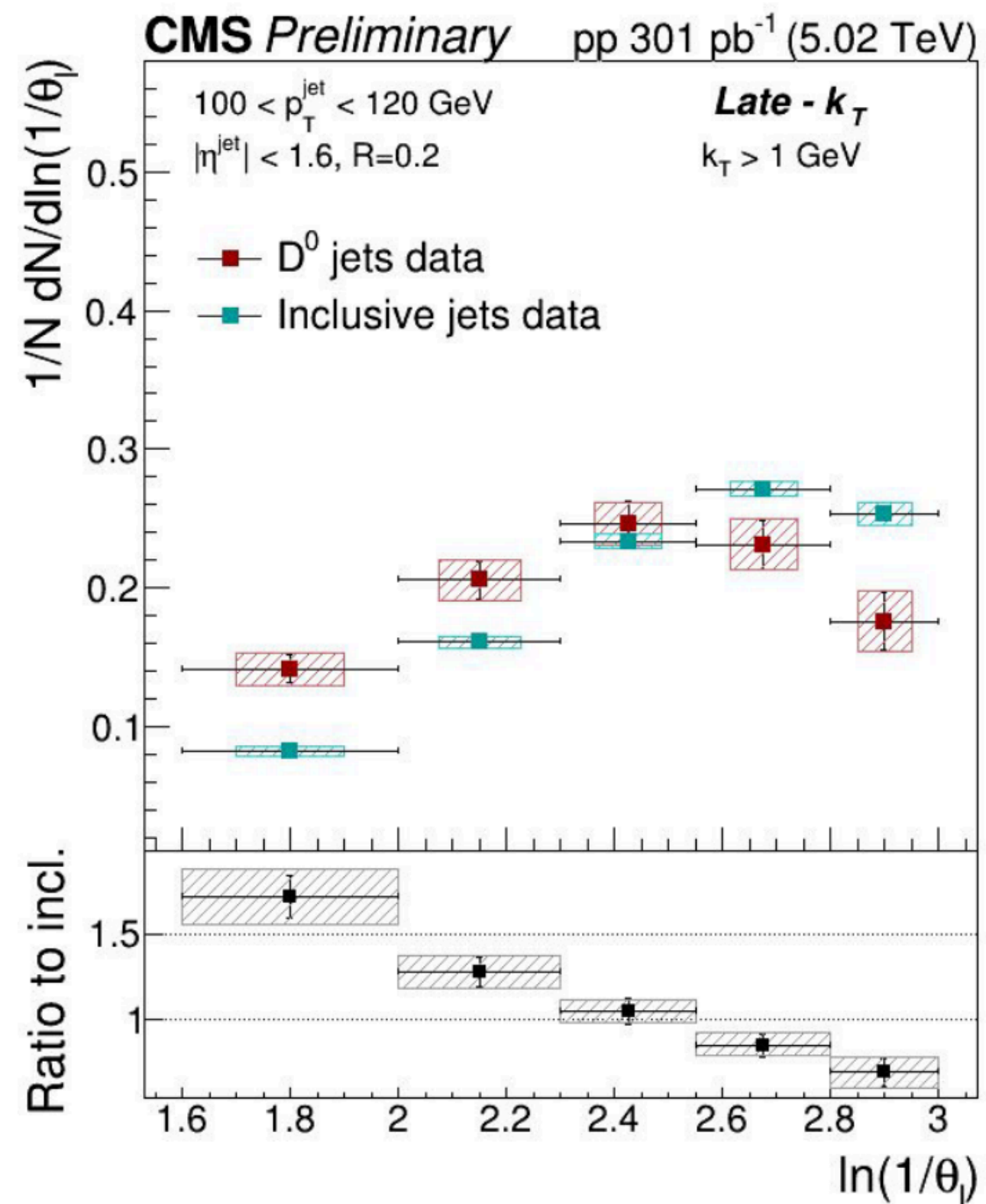
1. To penetrate the jet tree down to the splittings at the smallest angles
2. To suppress hadronisation effects, by imposing a cut on the hardness of the splittings -on k_T
3. To fully reconstruct the heavy flavour hadron: decay products interfere with the jet tree and create extra splittings at small angles that darken the dead cone

Seeing the dead cone at high jet p_T

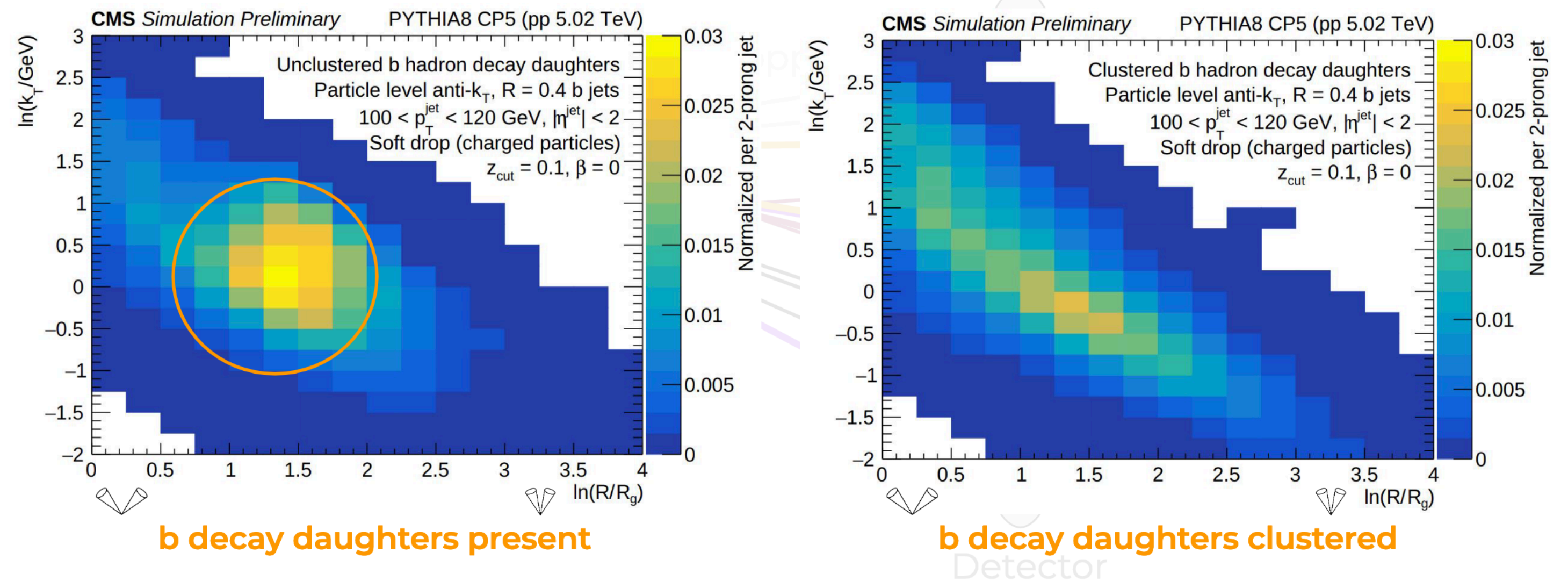


New algorithms designed to select hard&collinear emissions
Charm quark mass effects for energetic jets
No impact of gluon splittings, contrary to SoftDrop

Seeing the dead cone at high jet p_T



The decay problem in the Lund plane

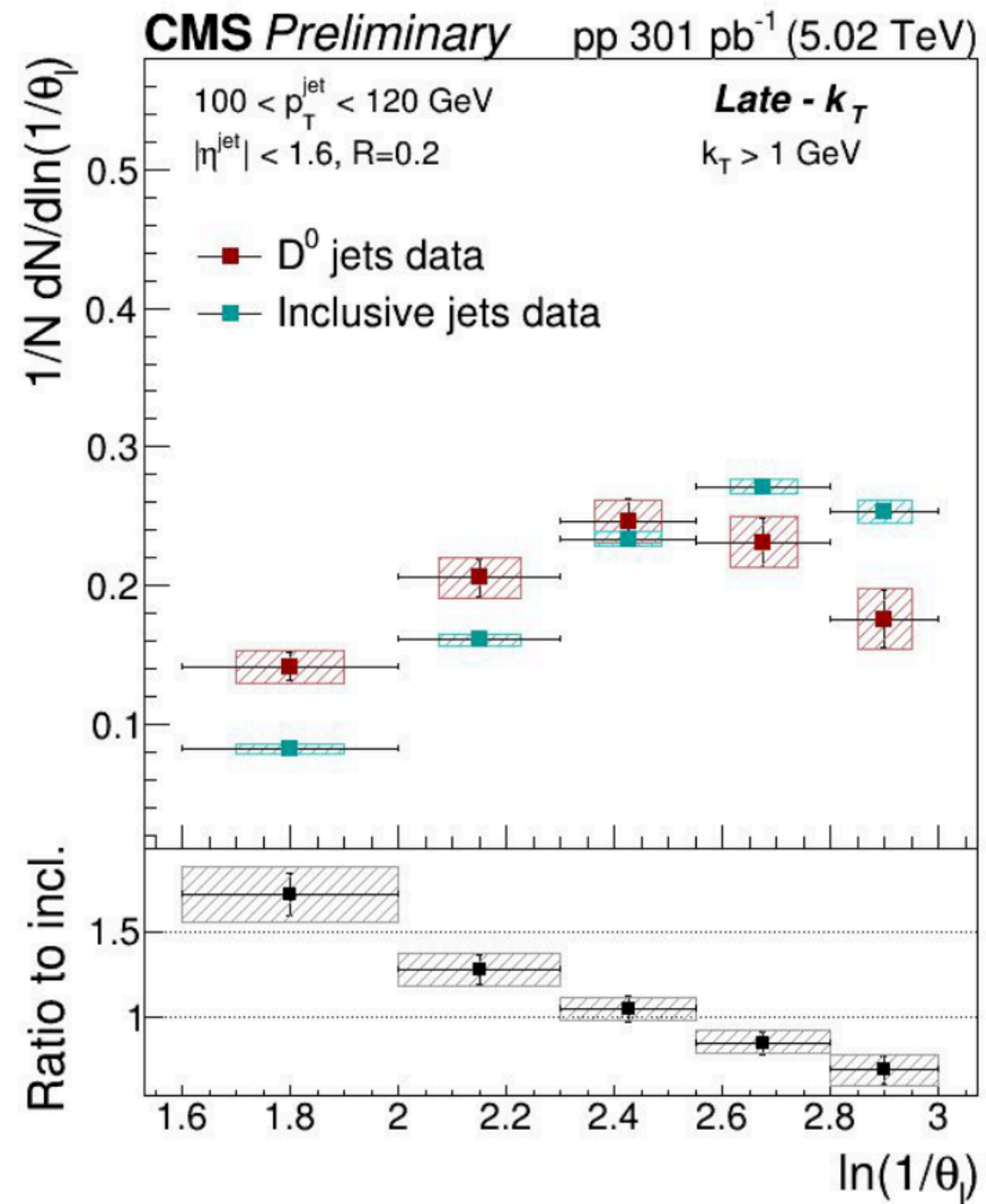


New method to aggregate the particles from the secondary vertex into a B pseudohadron

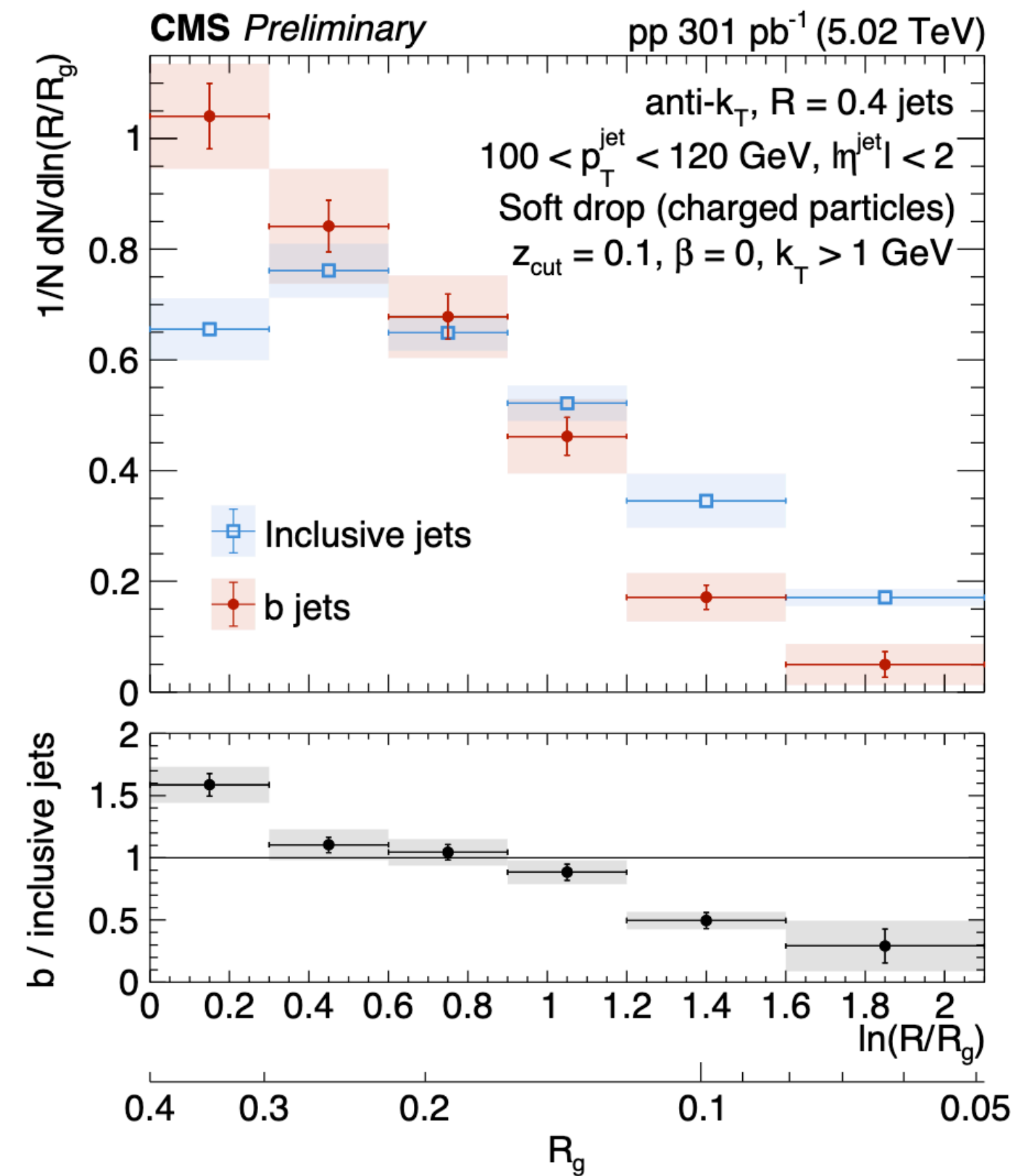
Allows to exploit the high statistics of b-tagging as compared to full B hadron reconstruction

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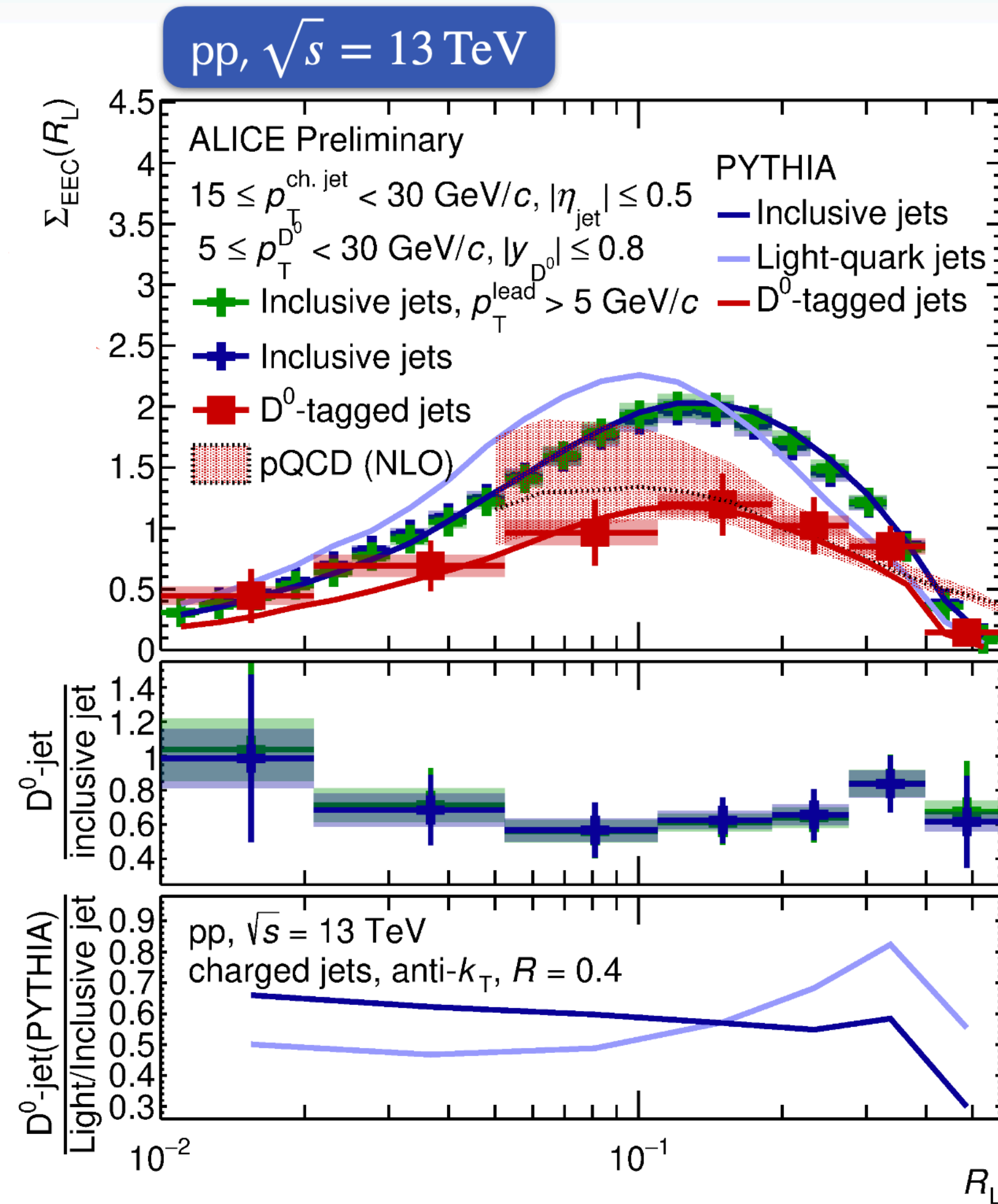
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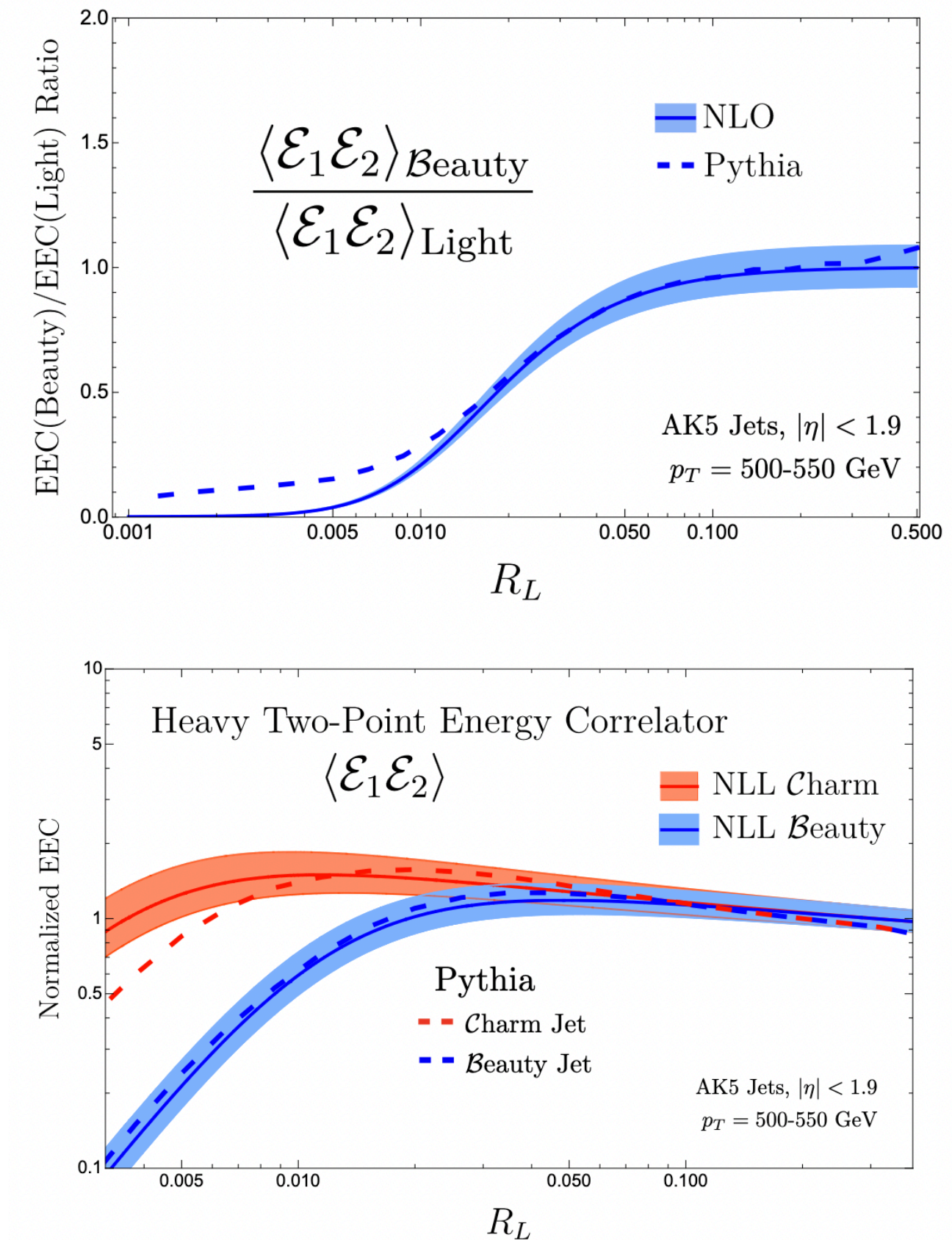
Suppression of collinear emissions for both D-jets and b-jets due to quark masses

Heavy flavours and the EEC

Craft, Lee, Mecca, Moulton, [2210.09311](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.09311)



Strong suppression of the yield of emissions
Reference is currently PYTHIA



First NLL calculation of a heavy-flavoured jet substructure observable in pp collisions
Clear suppression of small angles for b-jets, same scaling behaviour as massless for large angles

Heavy flavour jet substructure prospects for HIN

In medium, an interesting interplay of scales appears:

$$\theta_C < \theta < \theta_{dead}$$

Salgado et al, Phys.Rev.D 69 (2004) 114003
Cunqueiro et al, Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 9, 094008
Andres et al, Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 3, L031503

To be filled by medium-induced radiation, the dead cone angle needs to be larger than the decoherence angle θ_C

Strong enhancement of collinear splittings is expected for b-jets while c-jets dead cone remains intact

Predictions from both the Lund Plane and EEC languages

No notion of Dead Cone in strongly coupled description. Observing it, would it be a validation of weakly coupled approaches?

Summary: what HL-LHC brings to jet substructure in HIN

Harder probes

Possibility to go down to $x_J \rightarrow 0$ to explore the most strongly quenched jets

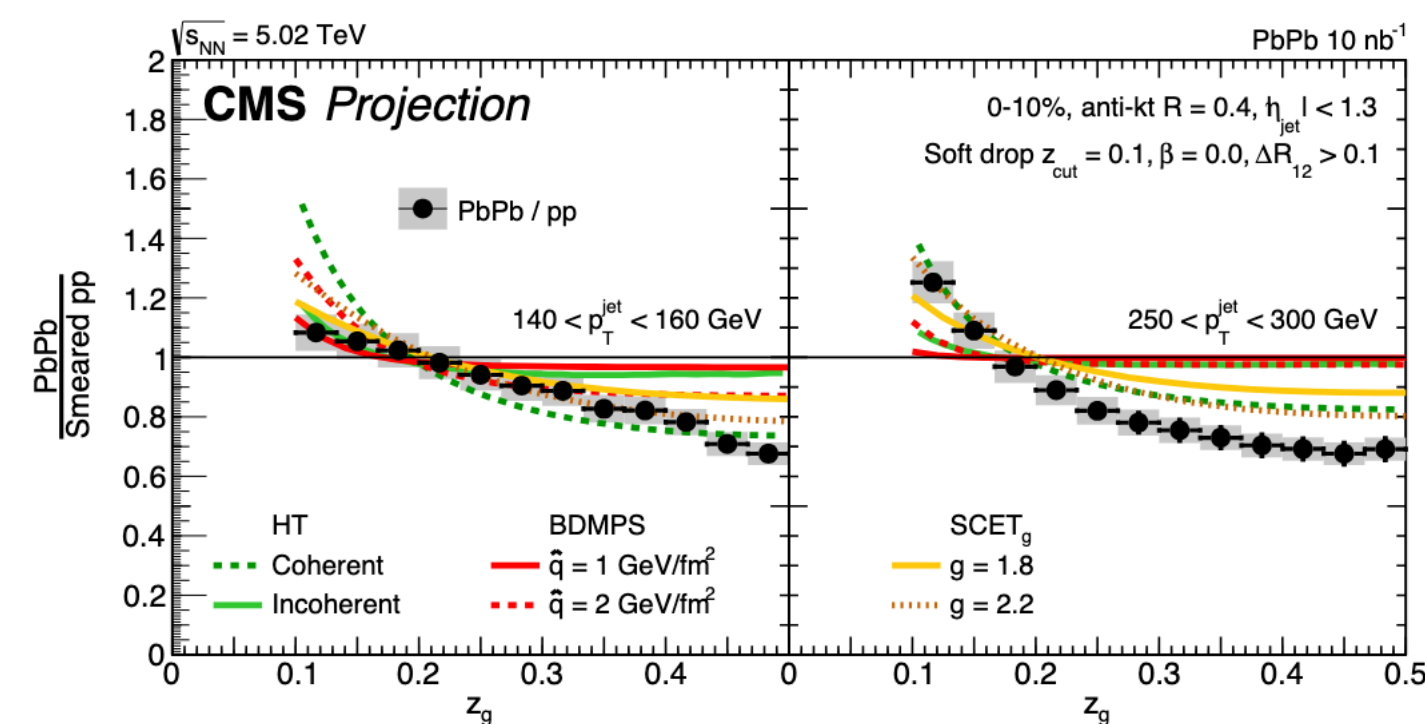
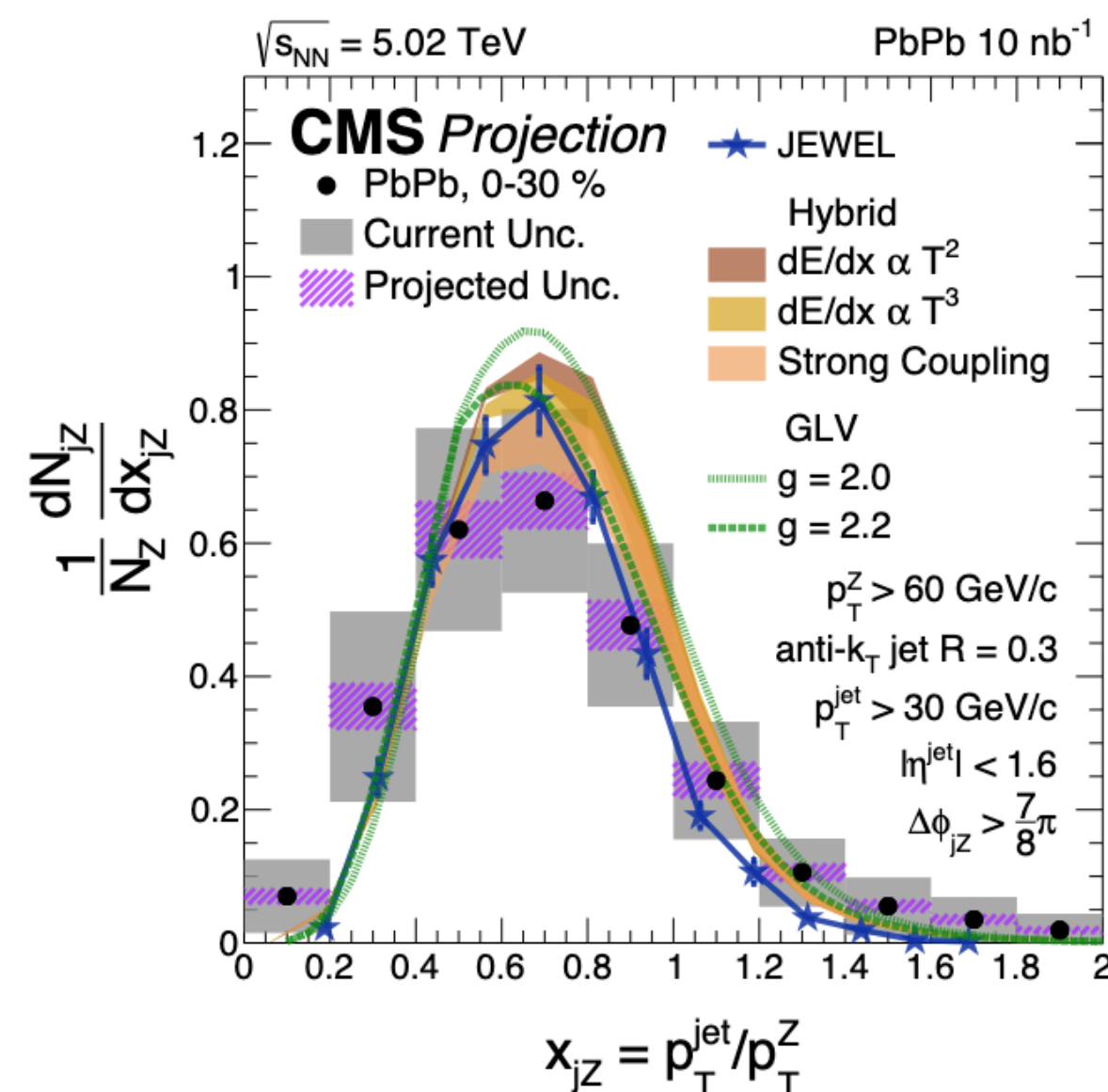
Possibility to perform jet substructure recoiling from Z bosons too. Zs are cleaner proxies of the energy

loss of recoiling jets than γ s (no fragmentation component)

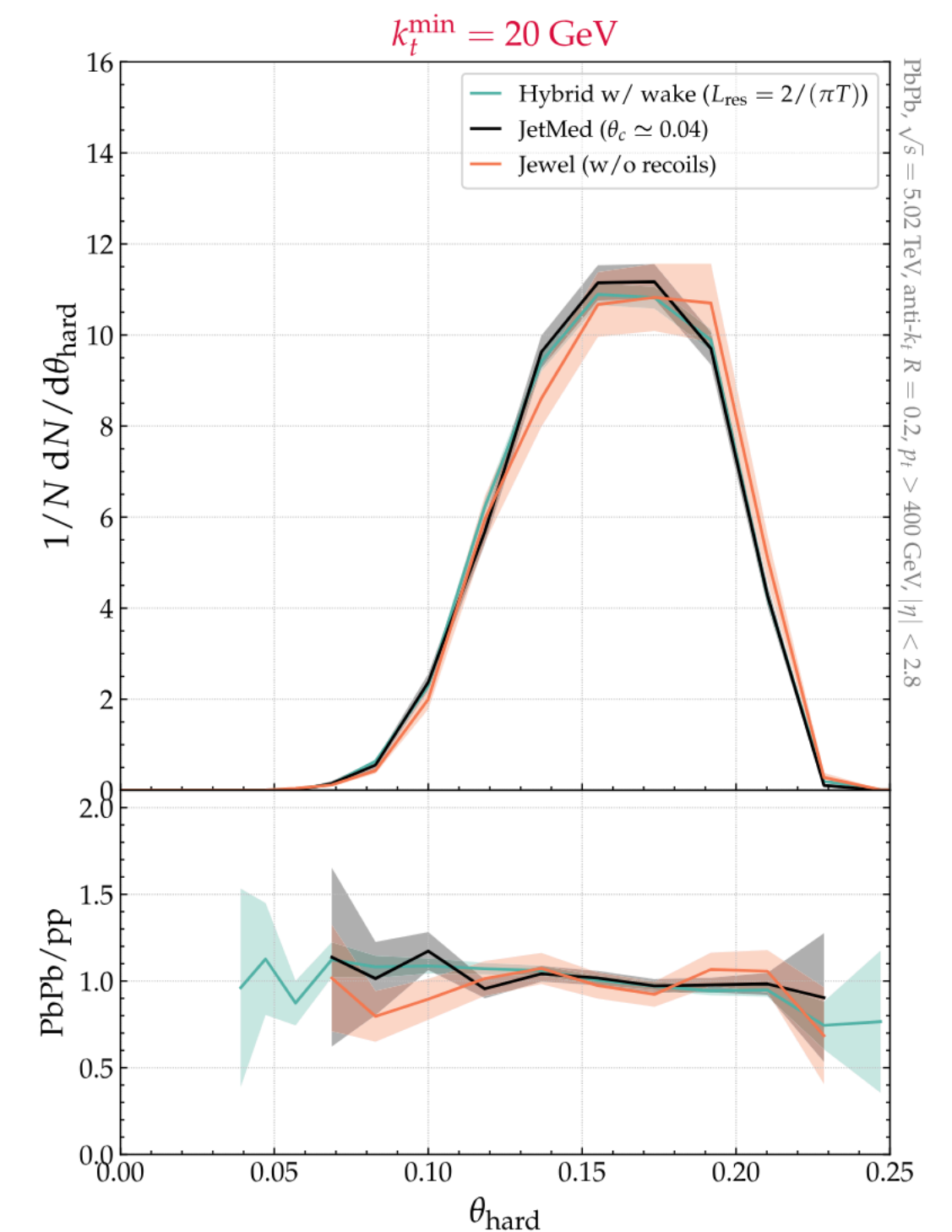
New access to the upper corner of the Lund plane of very energetic jets, potentially dominated by vacuum splittings

More differential hard probes

Possibility to combine EW bosons and heavy flavour jet substructure



two examples from <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.06772>



Cunqueiro et al, Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 1

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Harder probes

Possibility to go down to $x_{jZ} \rightarrow 0$ to explore the most strongly quenched jets

Possibility to perform

loss of recoiling

New access to the

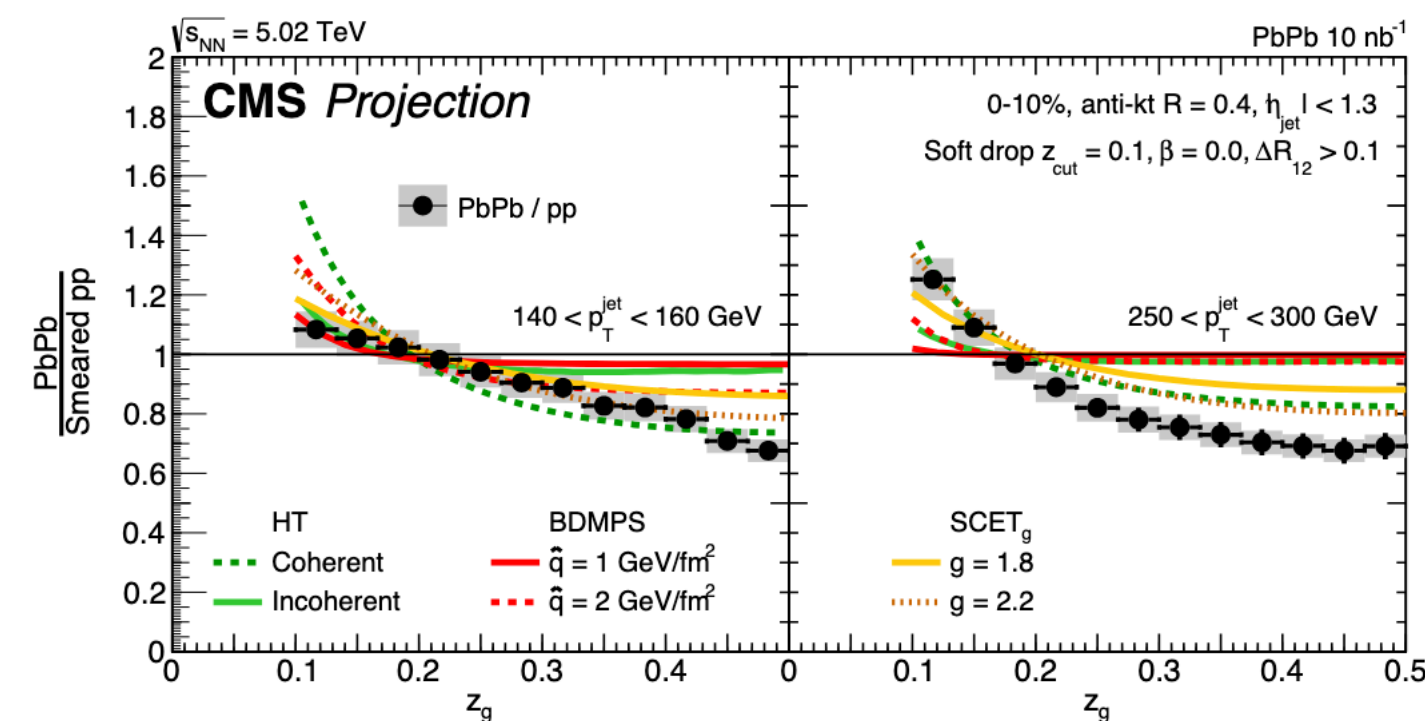
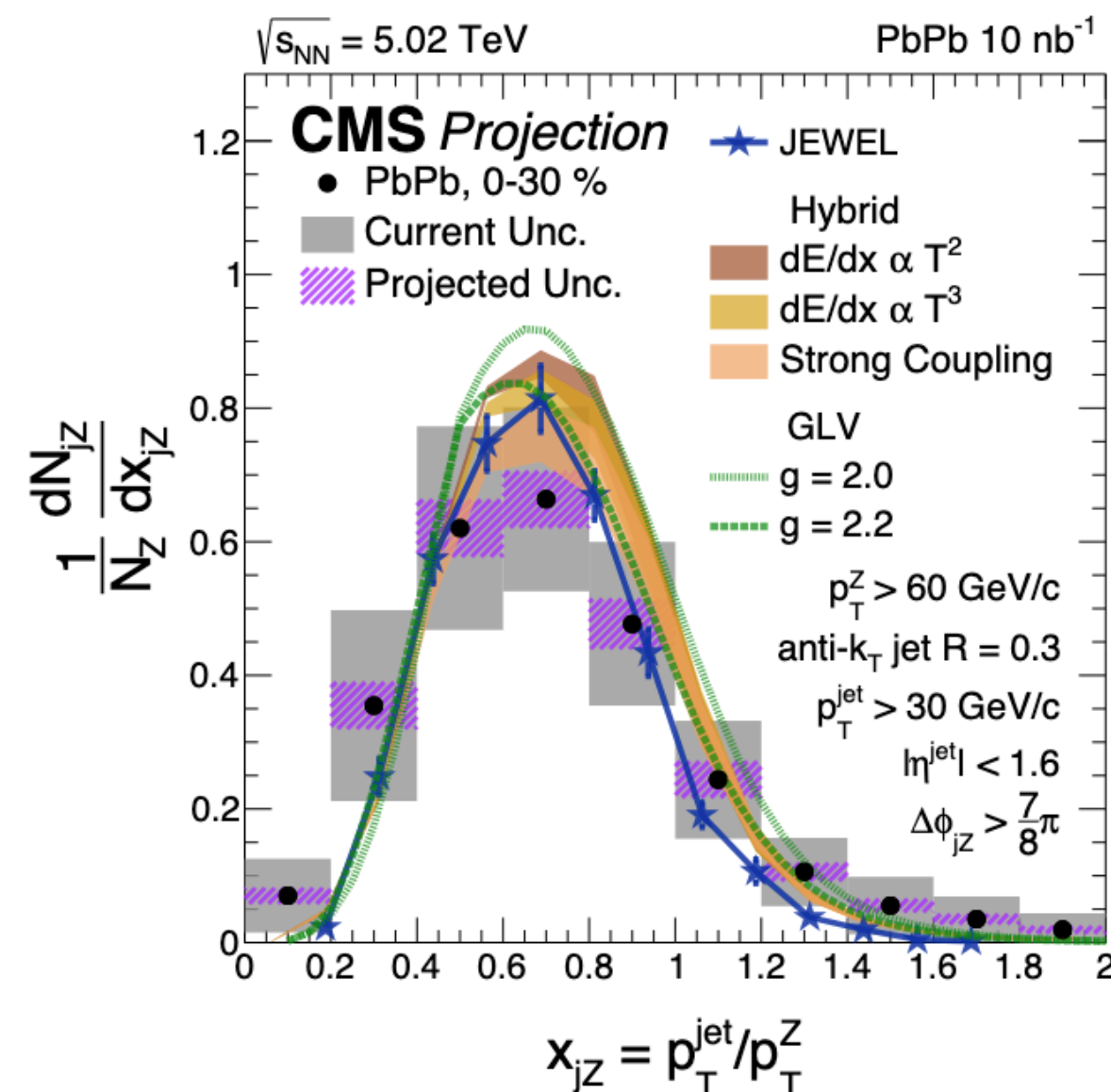
other proxies of the energy

vacuum splittings

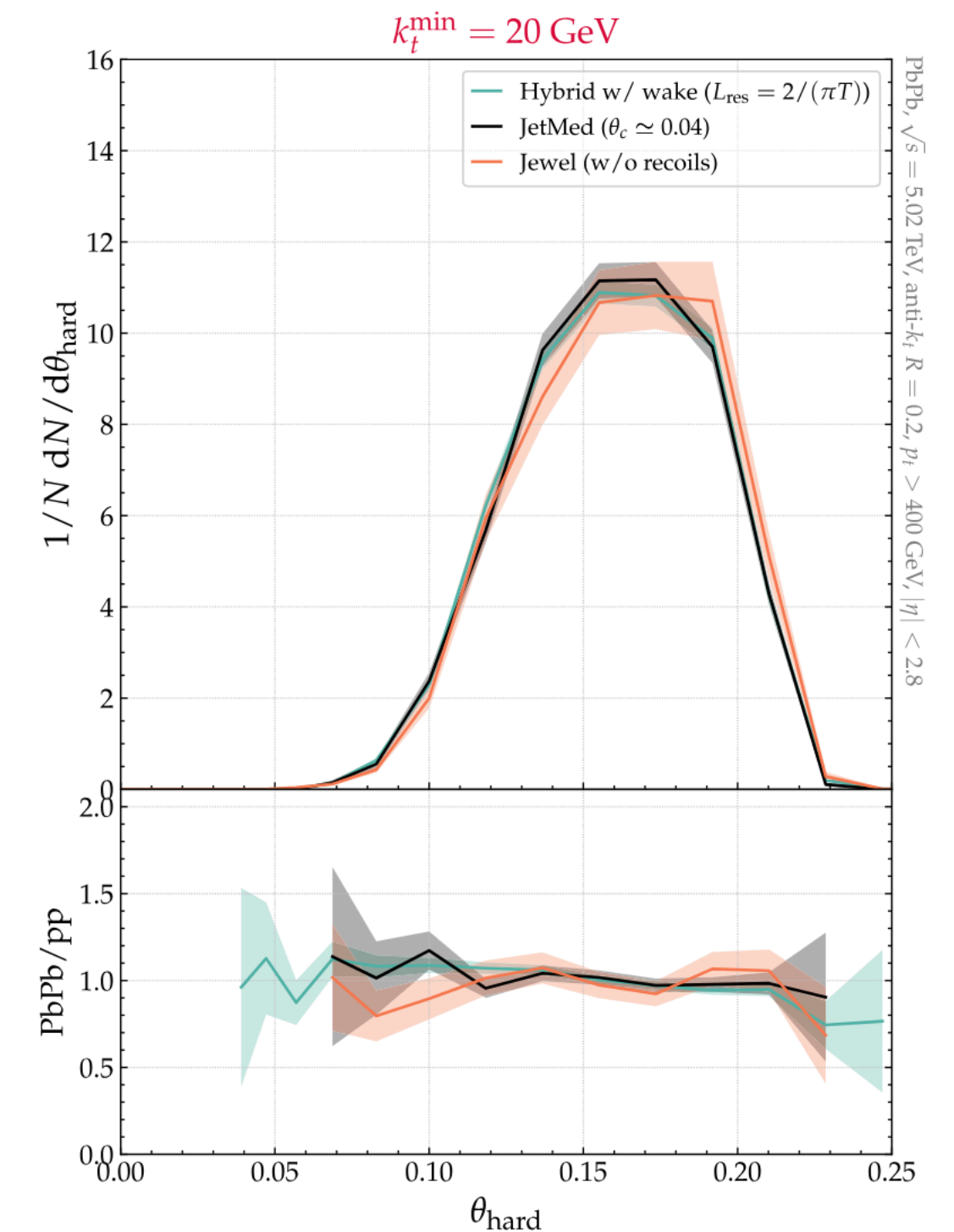
More differential hard probes

Possibility to compare

Probing the microscopic structure of the QGP within reach



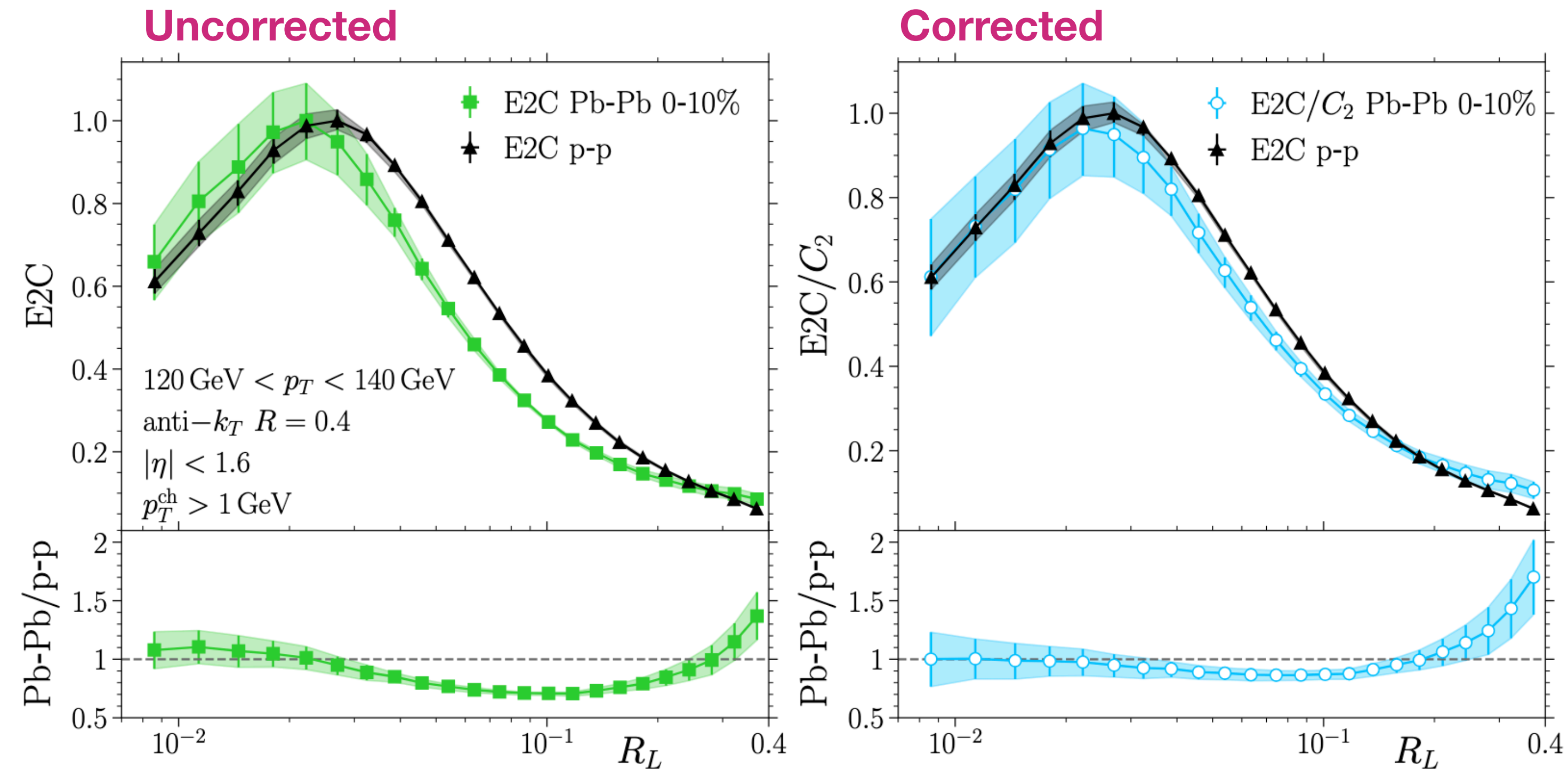
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Mitigation of selection bias for inclusive jets



Carlota Andres, Holguin,
Kunnawalkam Elayavalli, Viinikainen
[arXiv:2409.07514](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.07514)

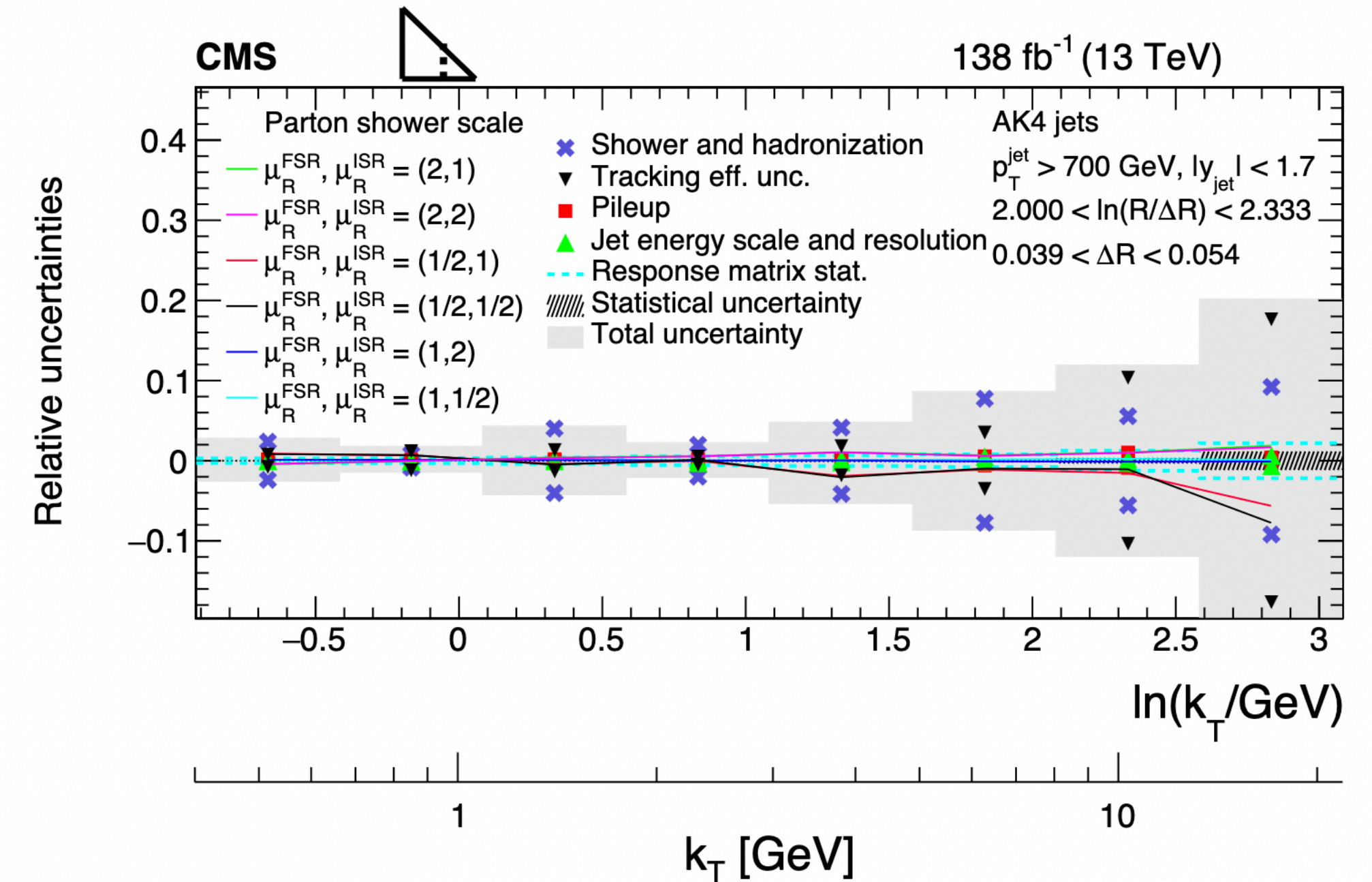
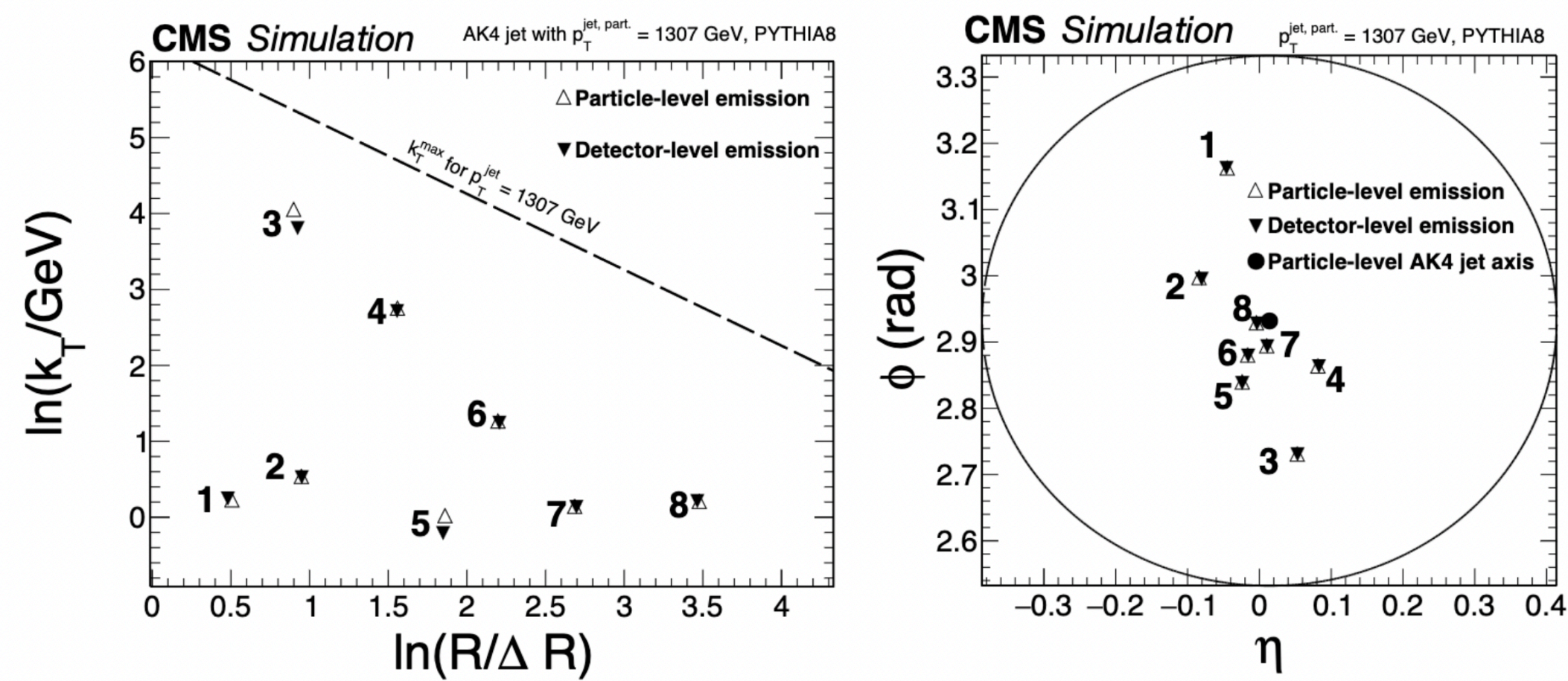
Exploit scaling properties of the observable to suppress the effect of energy loss

Or one can avoid it completely by measuring the EEC in the full Z-tagged event, see [talk by Yi Chen for the upcoming measurement](#)

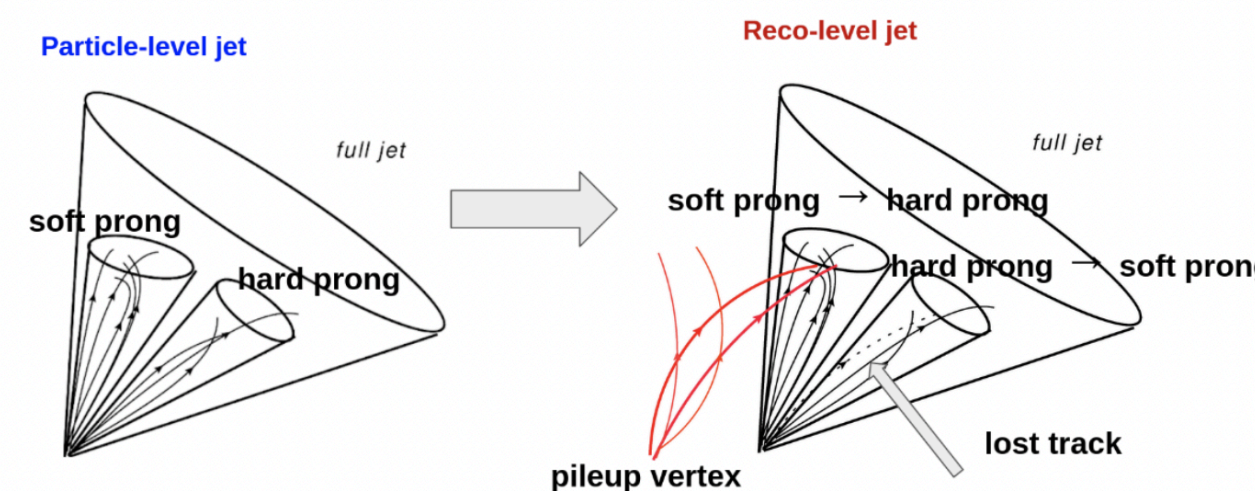
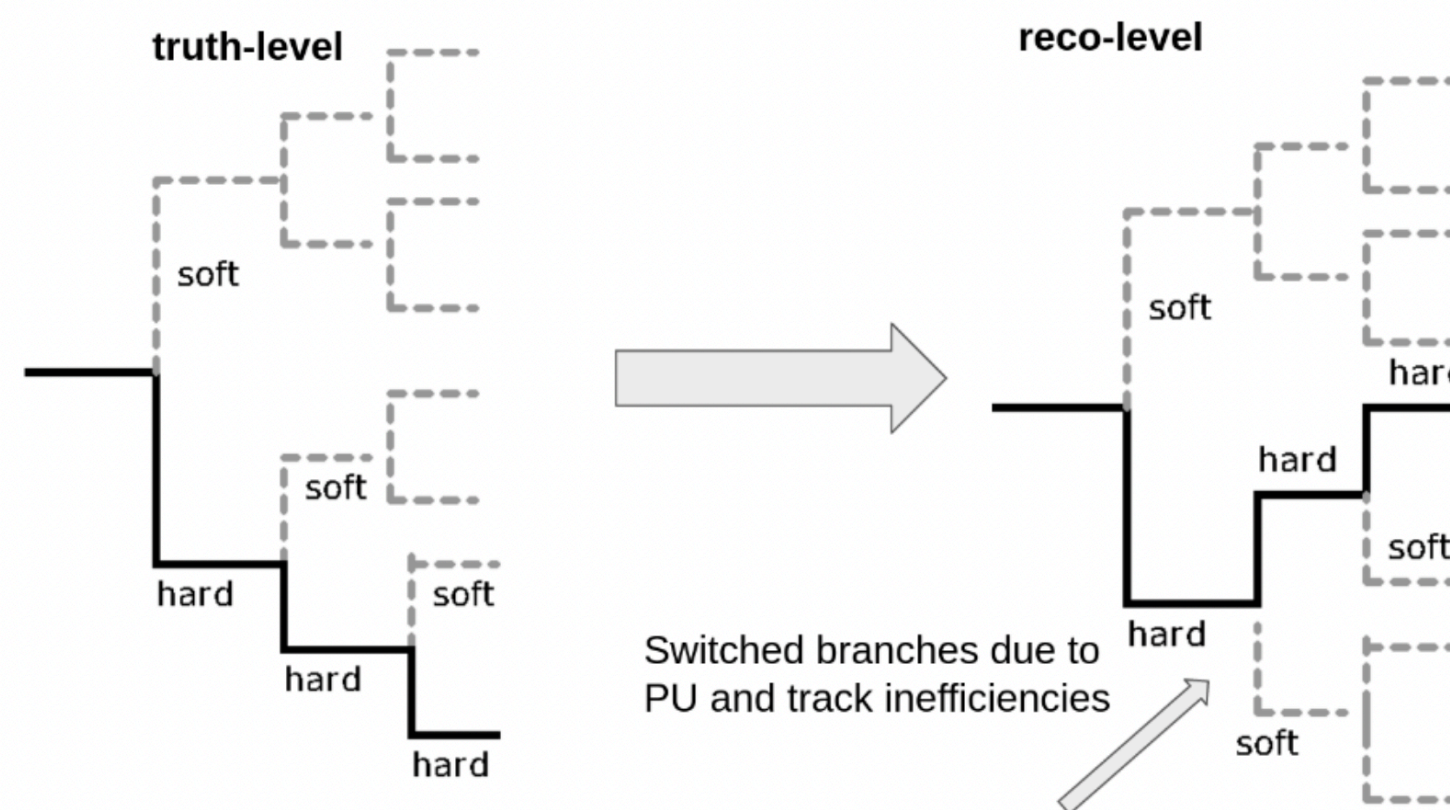
Technical challenges: the Lund Jet Plane in pp

Vangelis Vladimirov

Flat geometrical matching of prongs

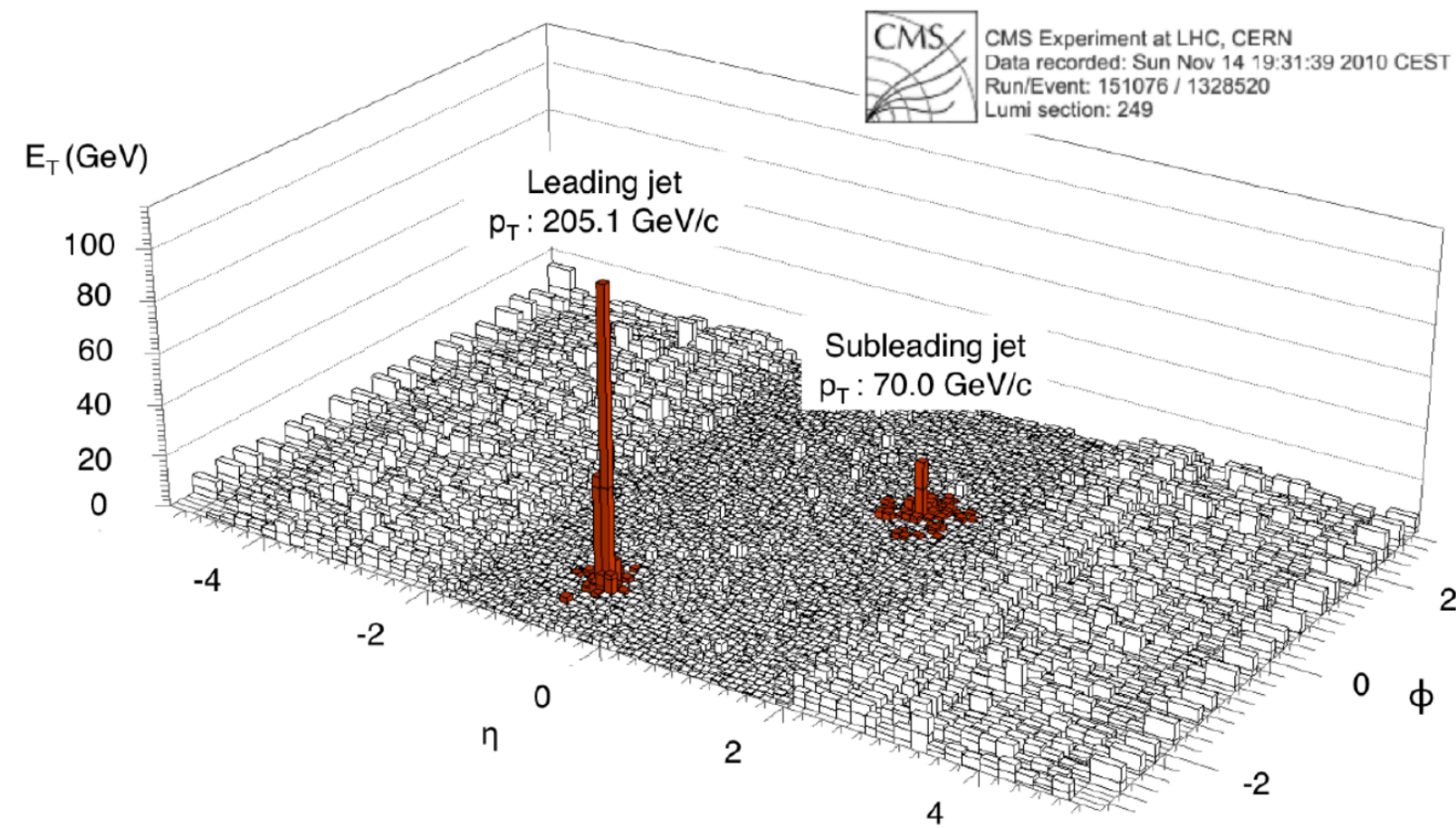


Residual mismatches, induce offdiagonalities in the response

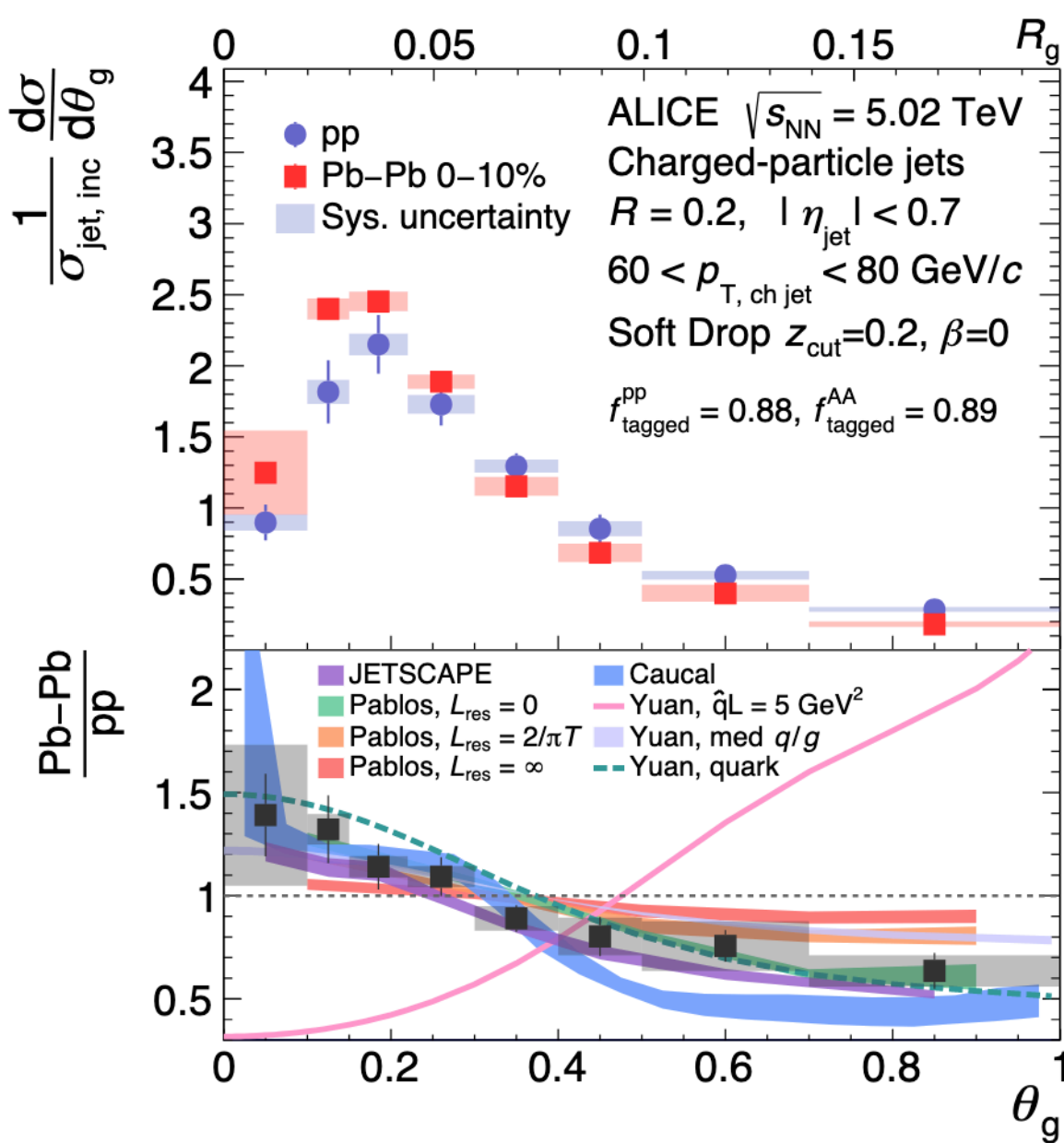
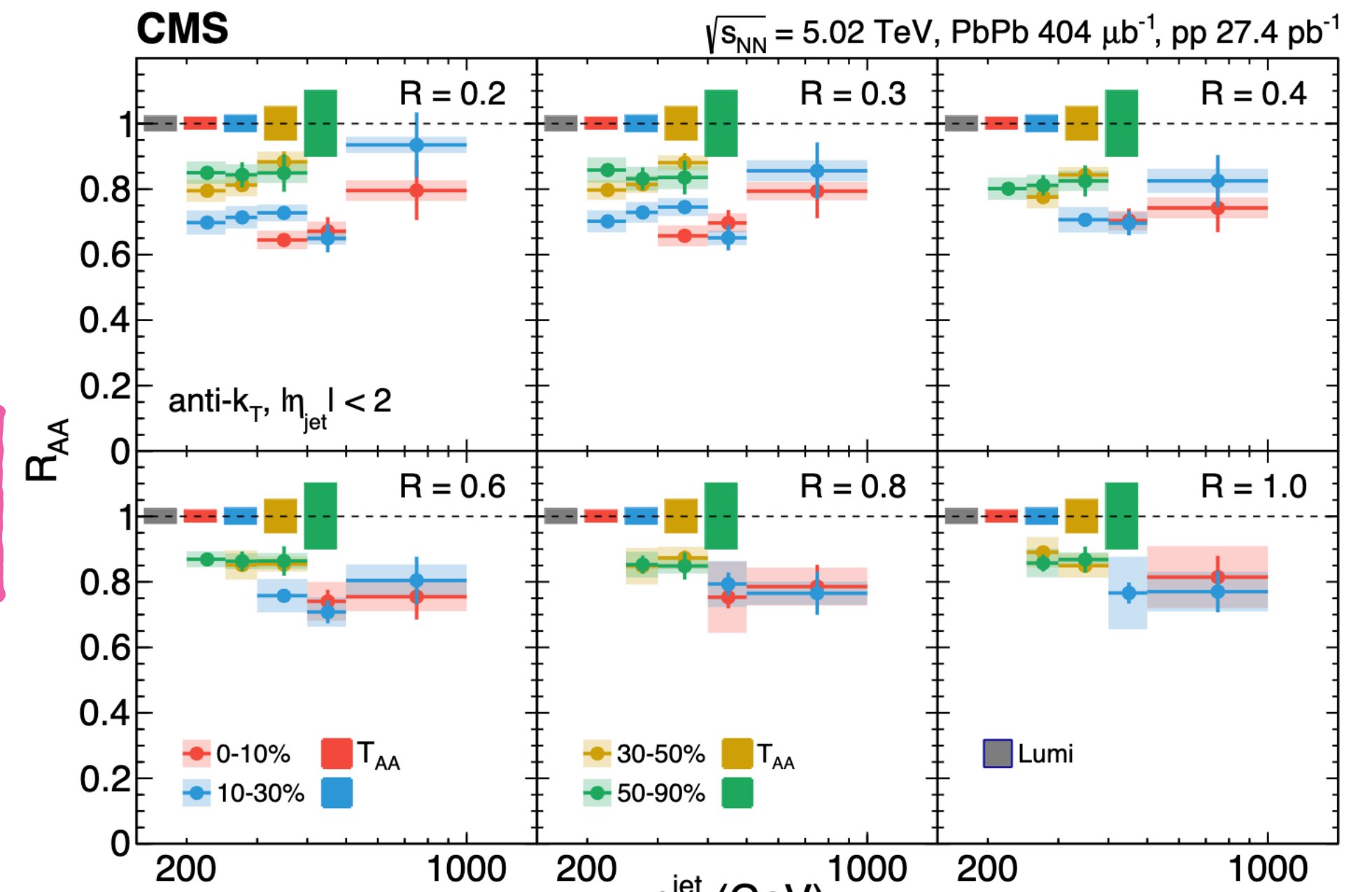


In the high k_T perturbative domain:
 track. eff. uncert ~20%
 model uncert ~10%

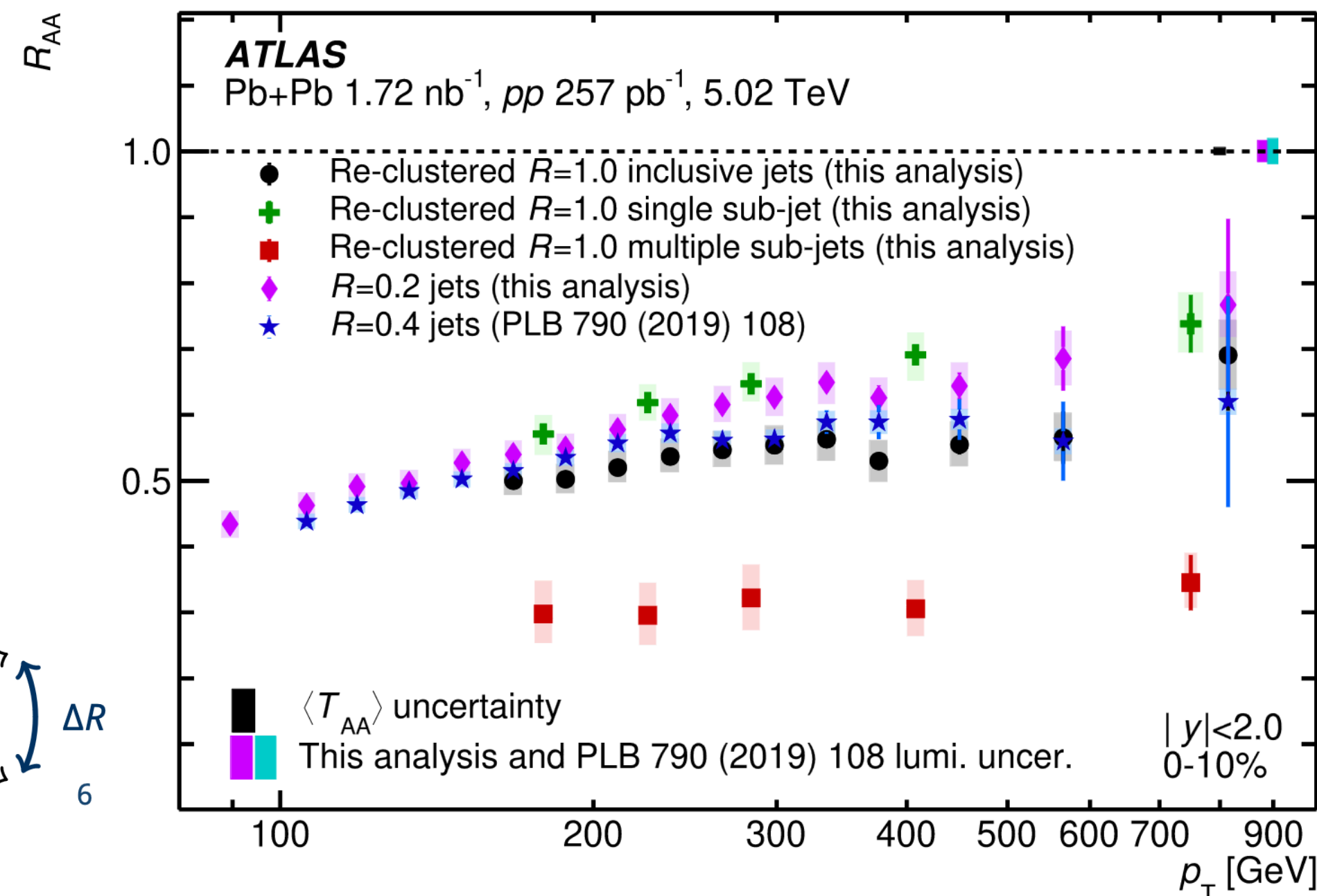
Jets in heavy-ion collisions in three plots



jets are "stopped" in the QGP



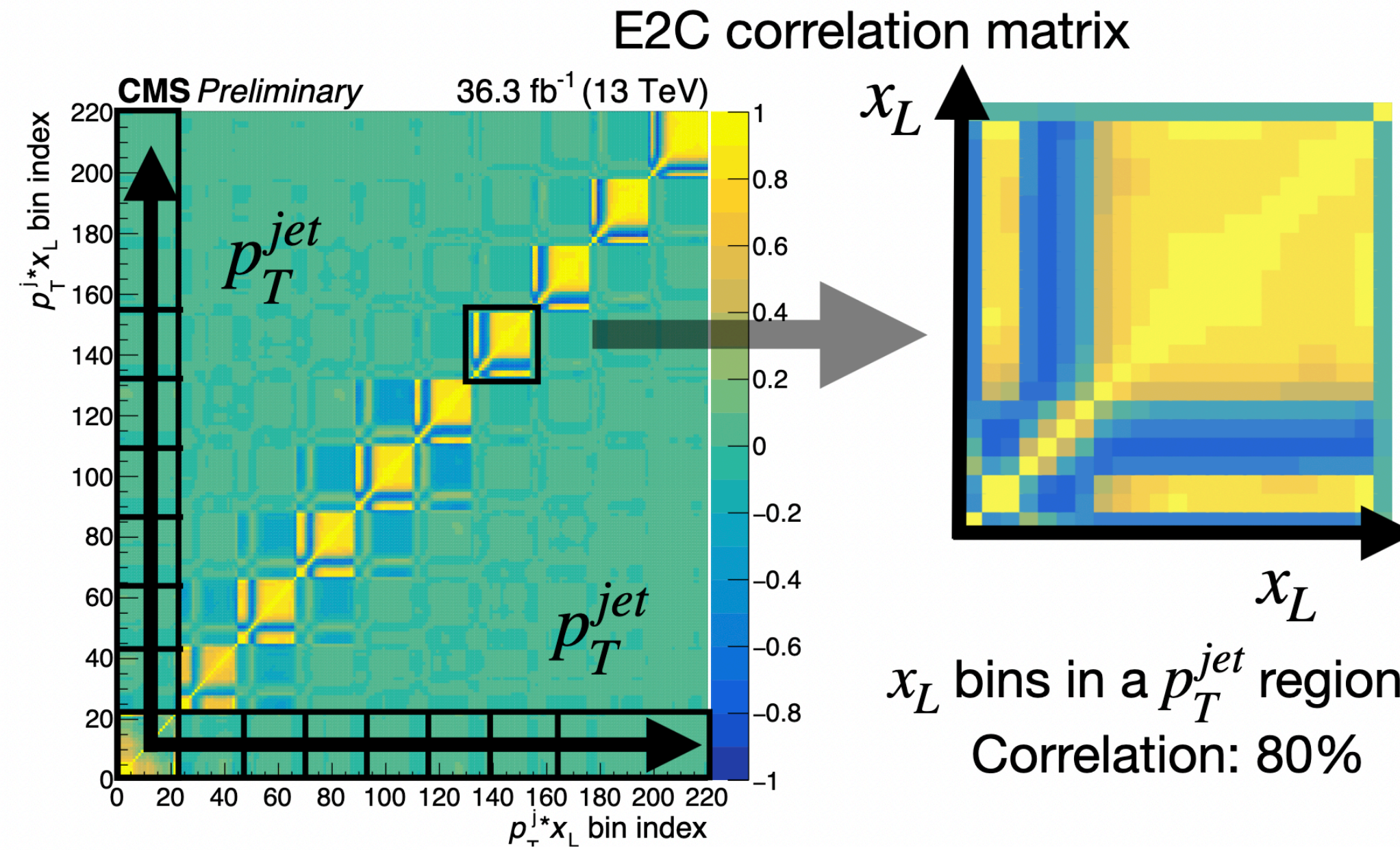
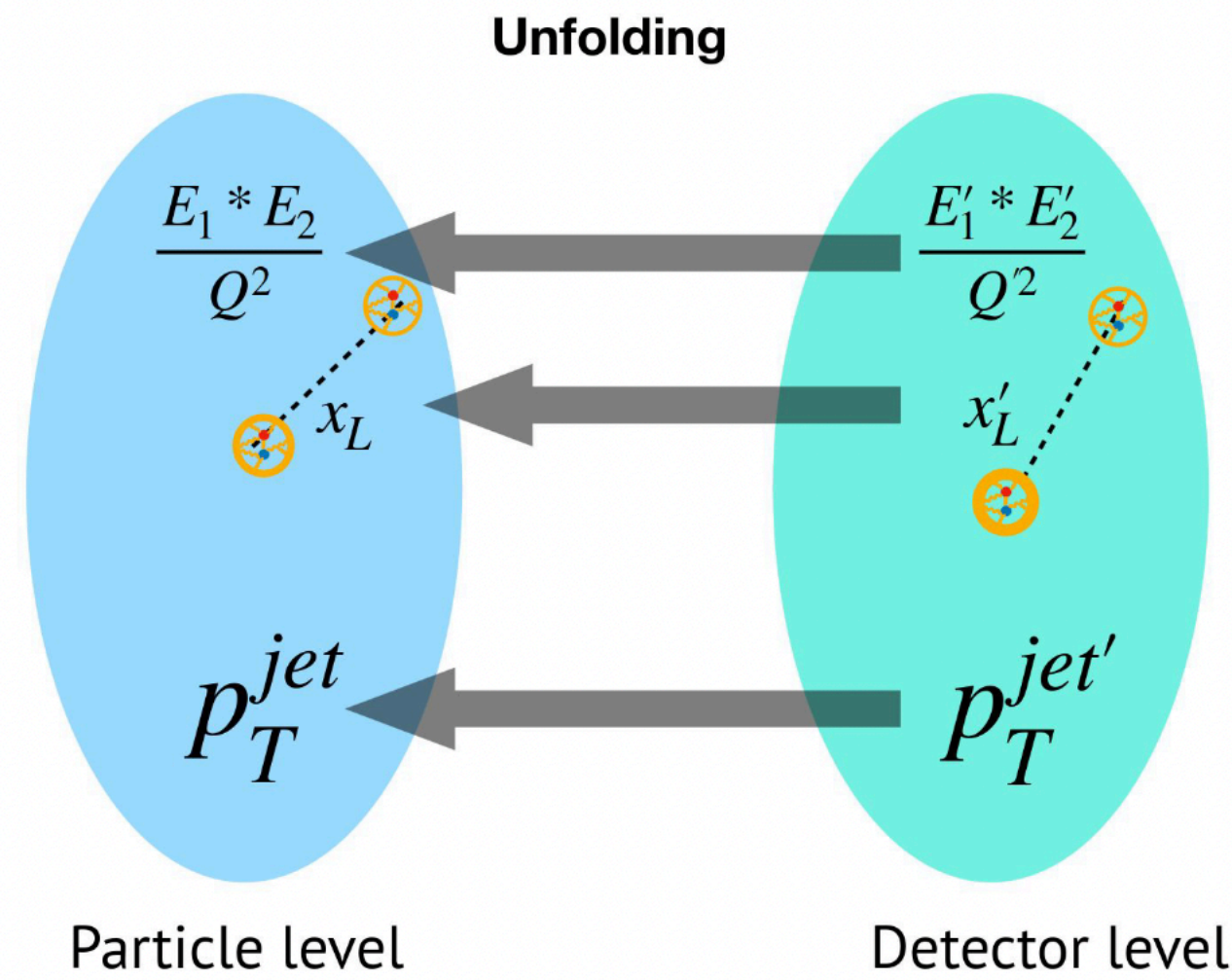
broad structures more suppressed



level of suppression depends on internal structure

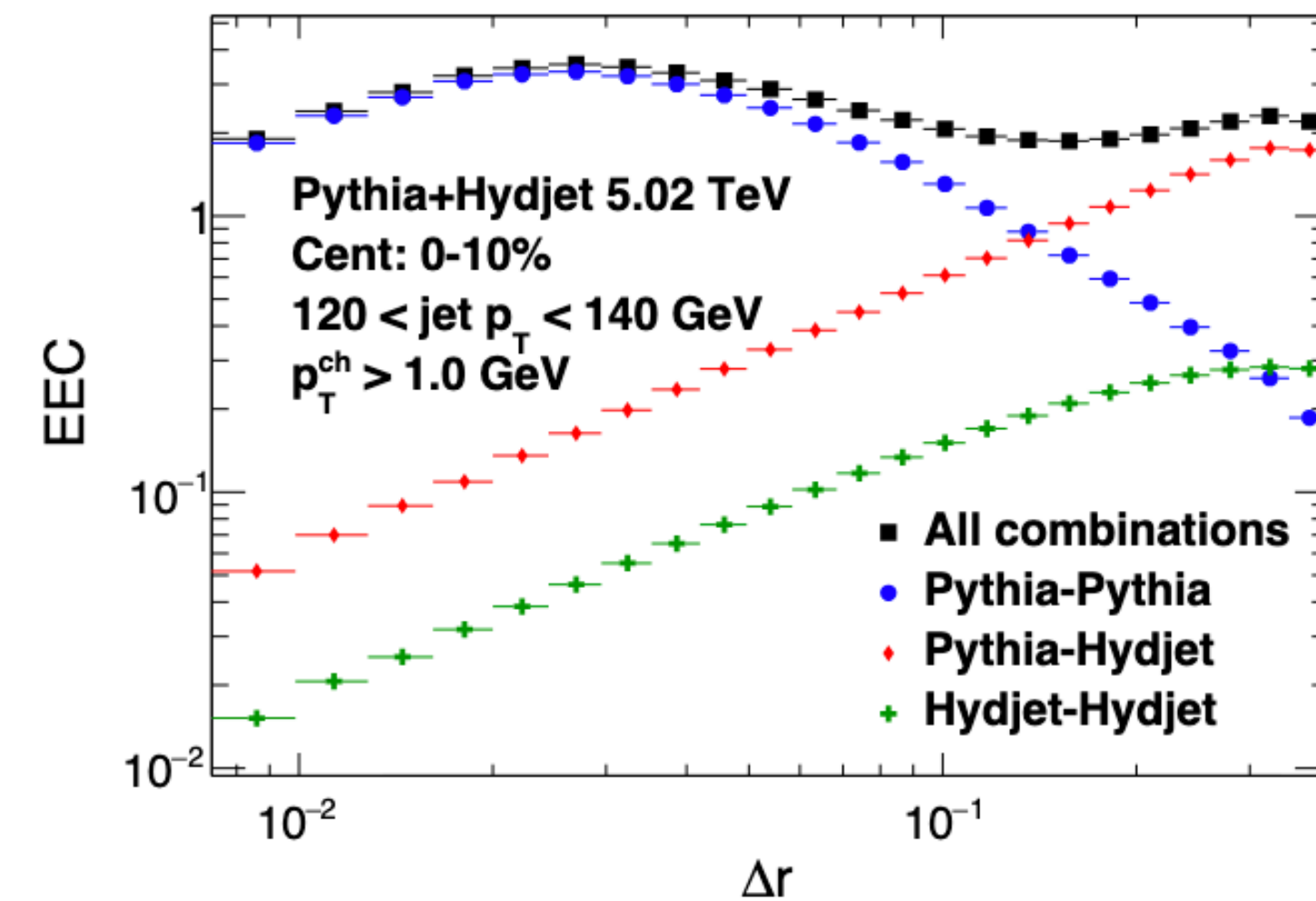
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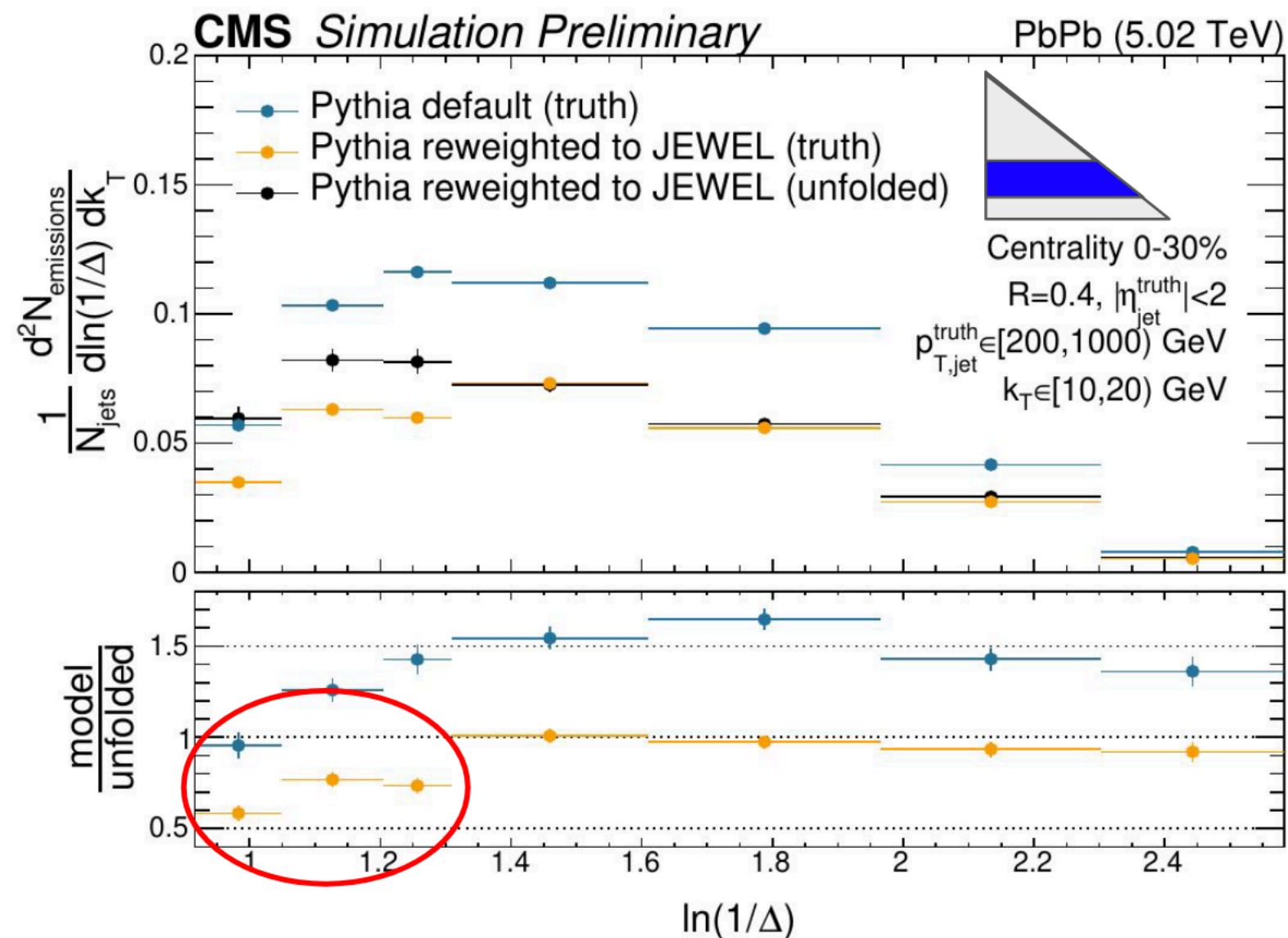
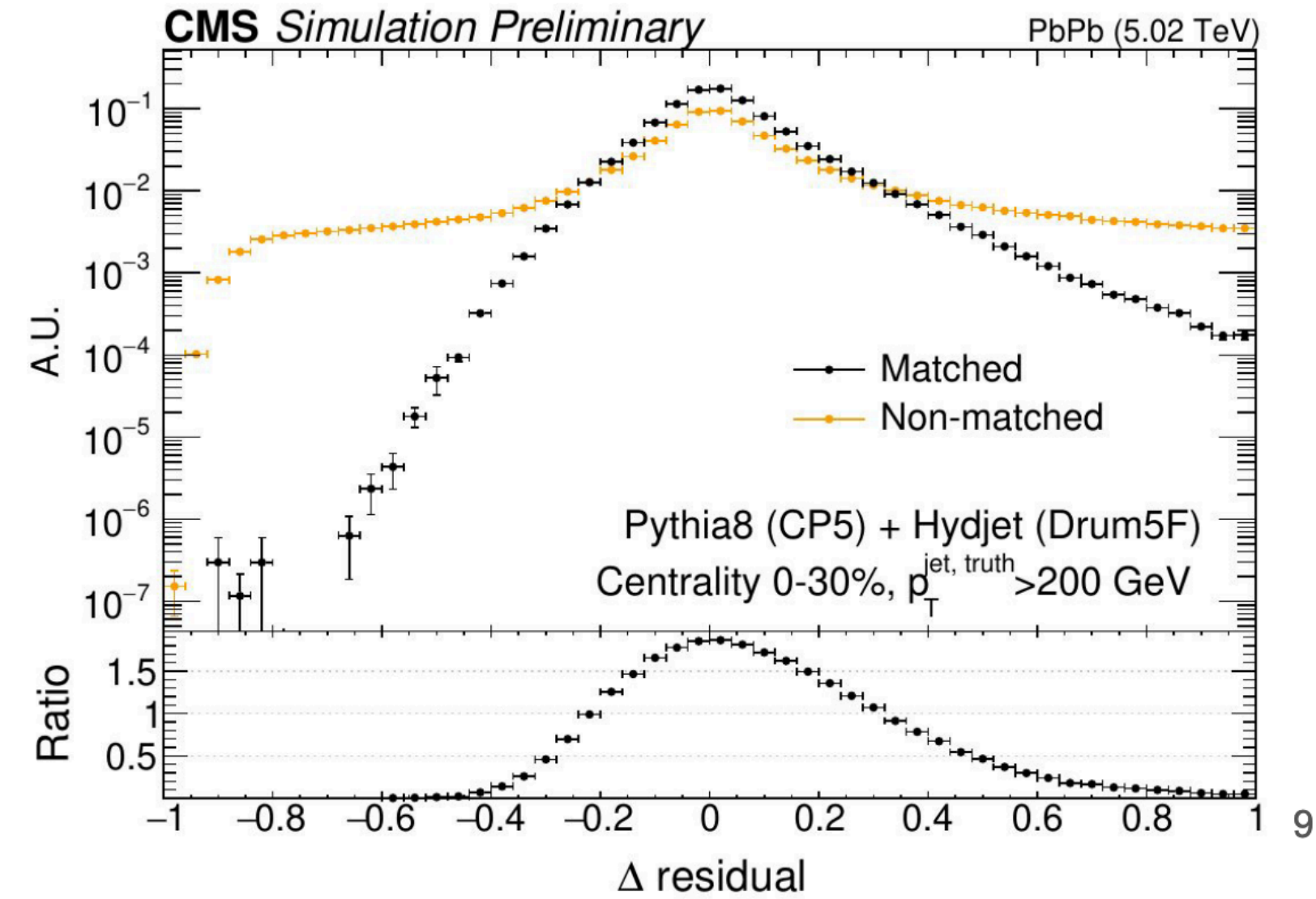
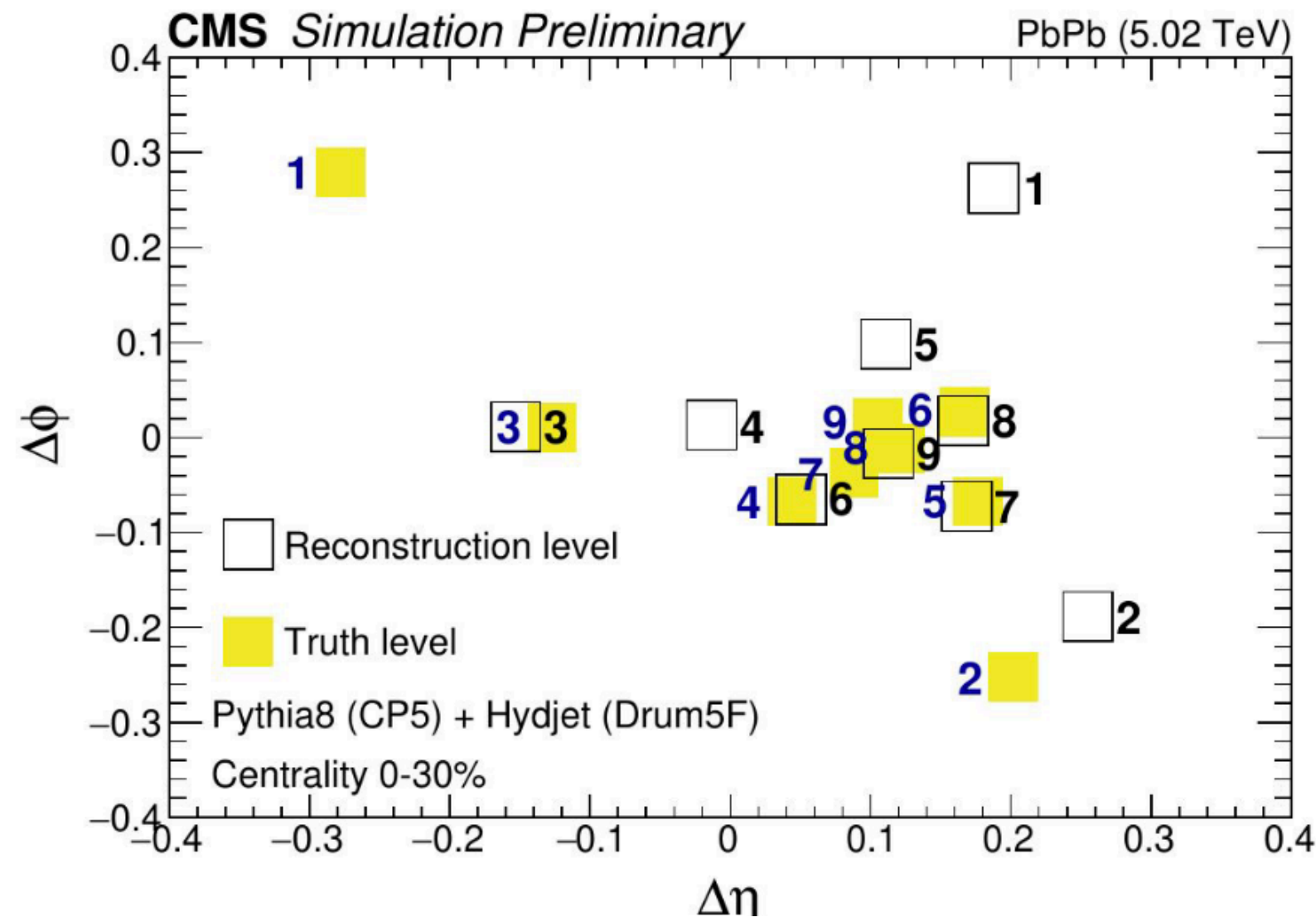
3-dimensional unfolding of jet p_T , x_L and weight (4400 bins)
Multi entry distribution for every jet, statistical correlations important

Subtraction of the different background components,
see *talks by Jussi Viinikainen and Andrew Tamis*



Technical challenges: The Lund Jet Plane in PbPb

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The mapping between detector and true level emissions gets strongly distorted by detector and underlying event background effects

Splitting purity very low at low k_T and large angles

Strong prior dependence at low k_T and large angles