Semi-inclusive jet mass measurement in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 200$ GeV with STAR

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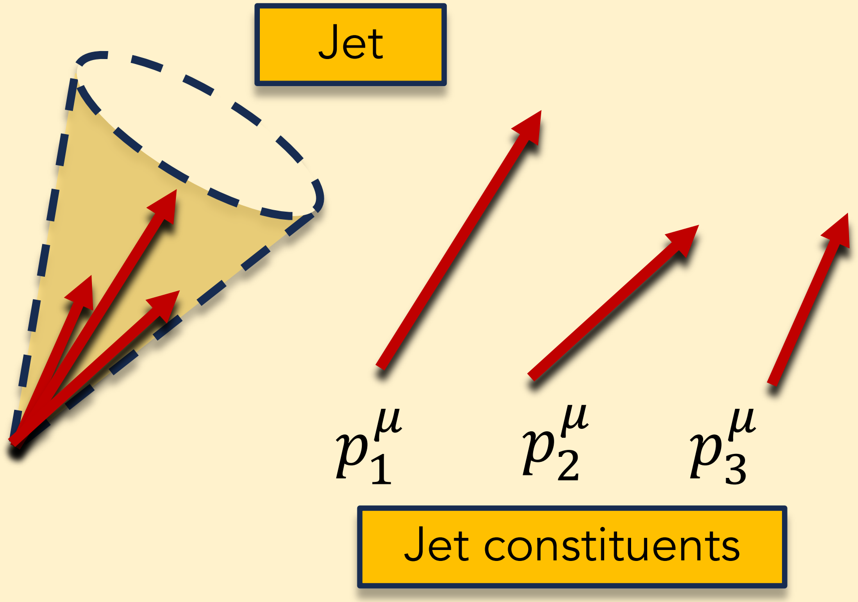
Jet and jet mass (M_{jet})

- Jet
  - Algorithmically clustered final state particles (bunch of stable hadrons)
  - Useful tool to study pQCD in *pp* collisions and properties of QGP in AA collisions
- How to calculate the Jet mass (M_{jet})?
  - $M_{\text{jet}} = |\Sigma_{i \in \text{jet}} p_i| = \sqrt{E^2 - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}}$



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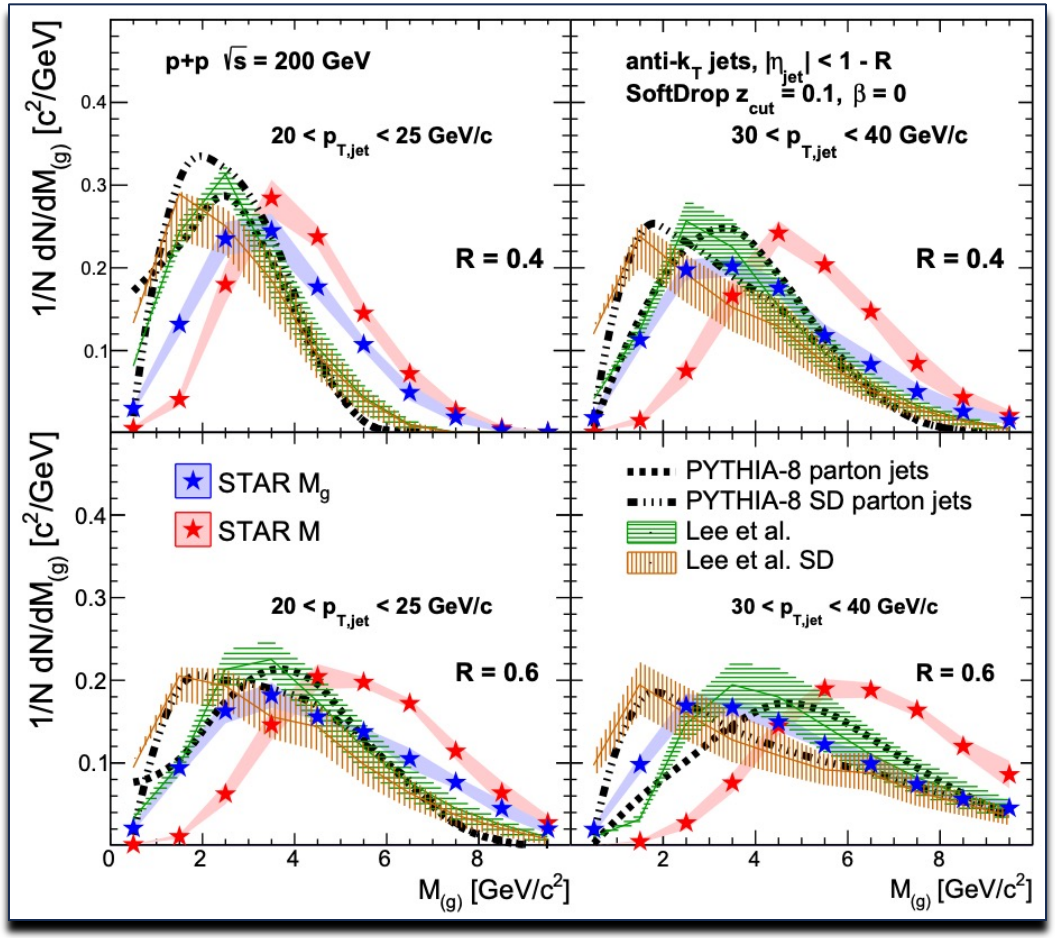
Why do we measure jet mass?

- Jet 'invariant mass' $\overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow}$ ➢Substructure

➢Jet mass cross-section

- QCD radiation induces the momentum transfer (~virtuality) to the massless parton
- QCD radiation assigns peak and width to $\sigma(M_{\mathrm{jet}})$
- $\sigma(M_{\mathrm{jet}})$ contains radiation pattern info in jets



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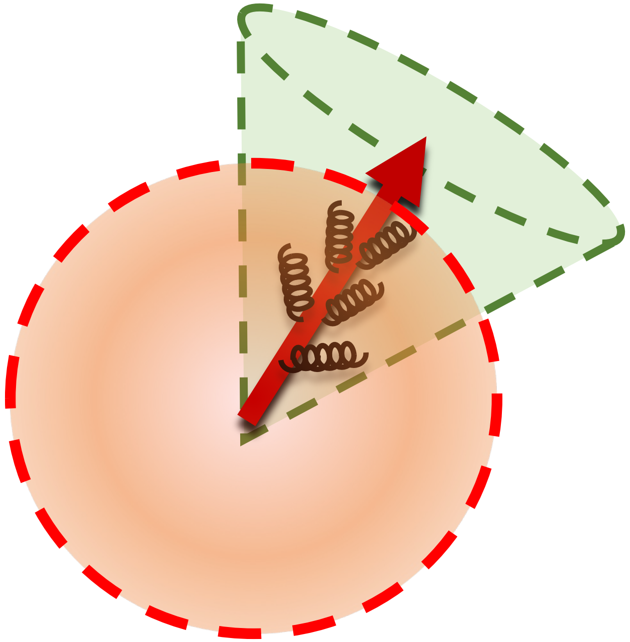
Jet mass in heavy-ion collisions

- ➢The goal of this study
- ➢Measuring M_{jet} in wide $p_{\text{T,jet}}$ range
- ➢Searching modification of final–state radiation pattern in AA
- ➢Searching modification of parton virtuality evolution
  - *pp* : gradually decreased
  - AA : ?



Difficulties of jet measurements in AA

- Combinatorial background
  - Lage background particles uncorrelated with hard scattering are created in AA collisions
  - We cannot clearly distinguish signal jets and background jets on an event-wise basis, especially at low p_T and large R
  - M_{jet} and $p_{T,jet}$ of signal jets are distorted due to the background particles
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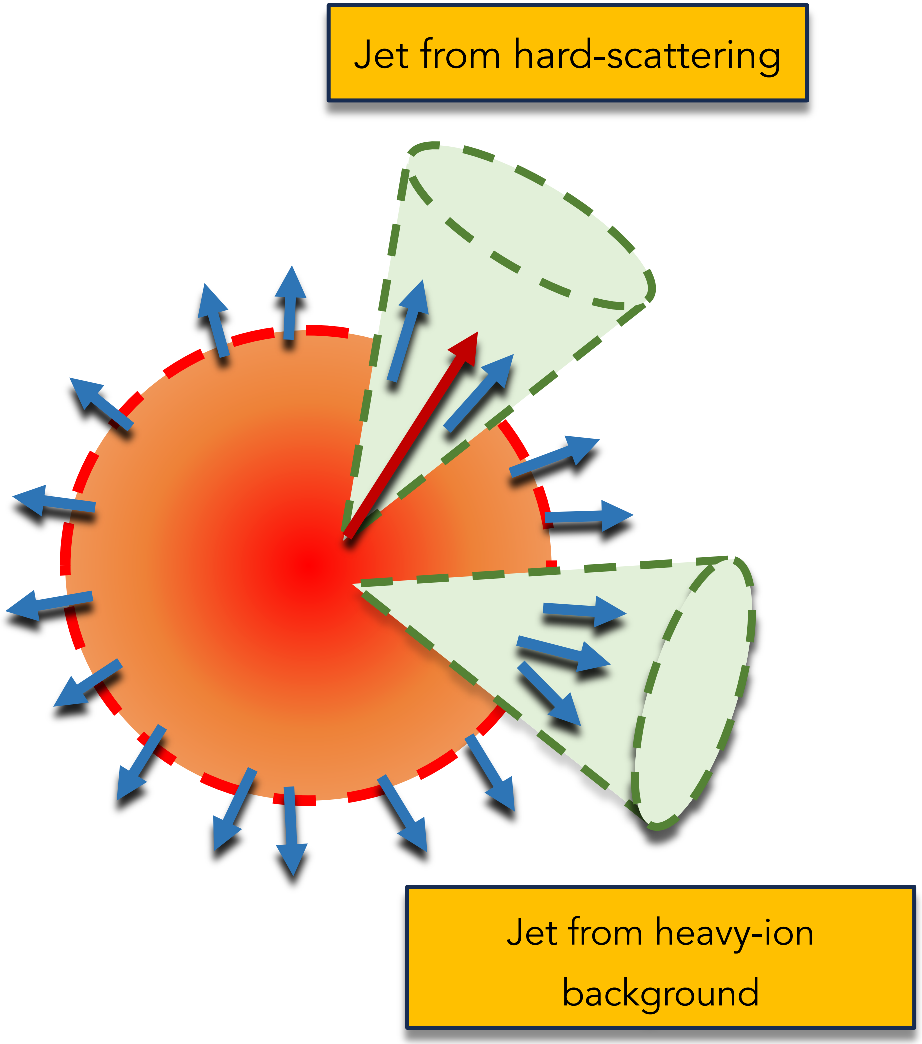

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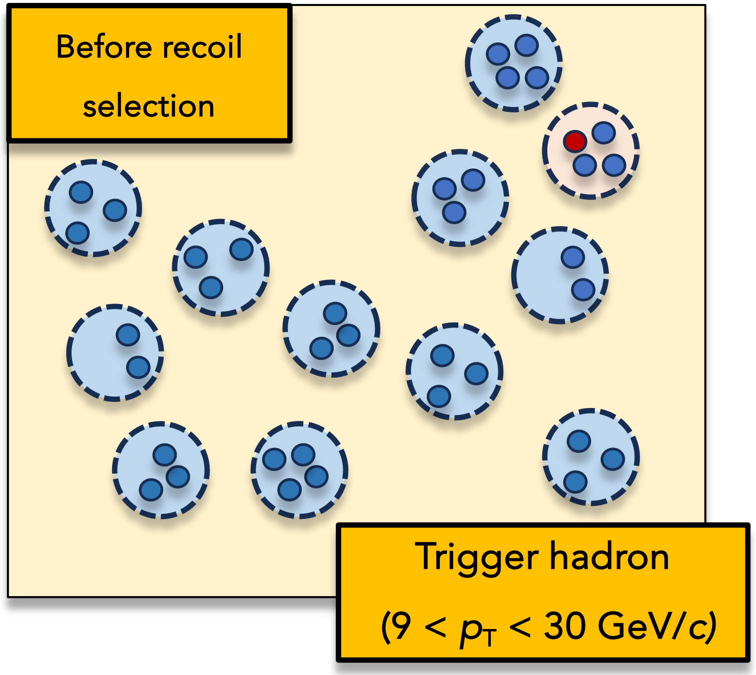

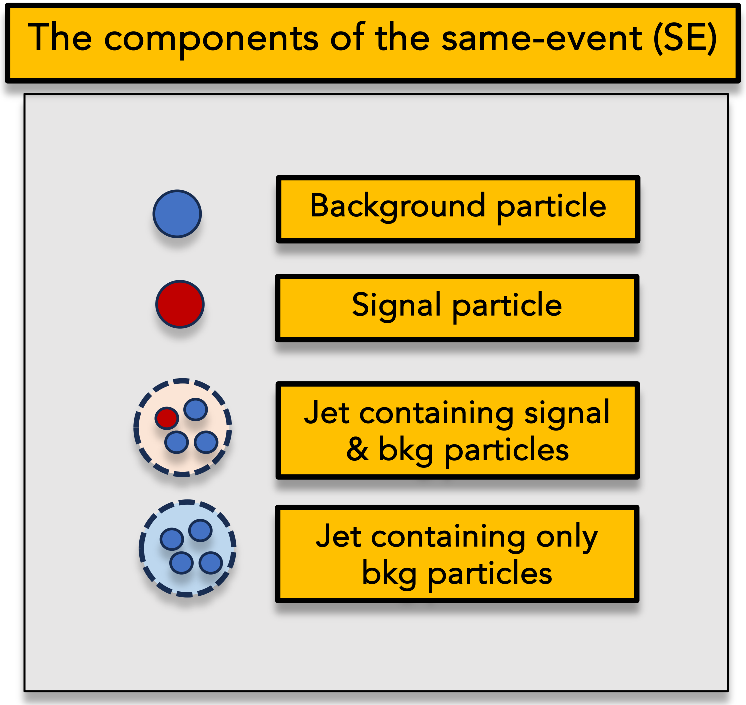

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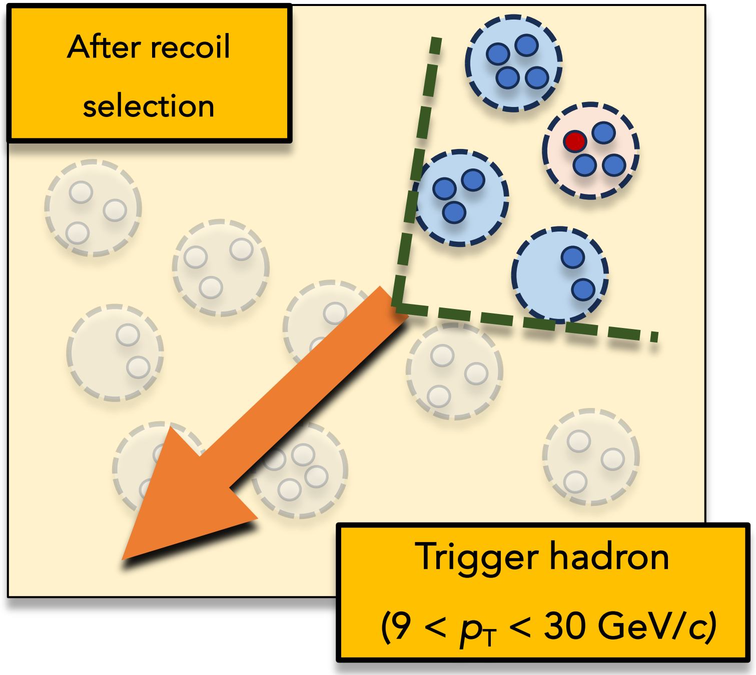

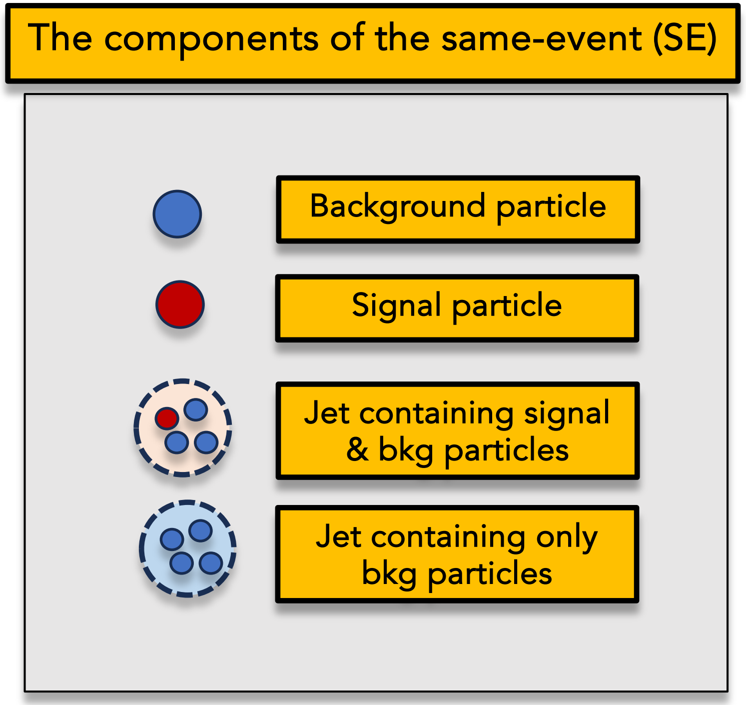

➢ Many of background jets can be easily discarded by selecting recoil-side jets from the hard trigger particle

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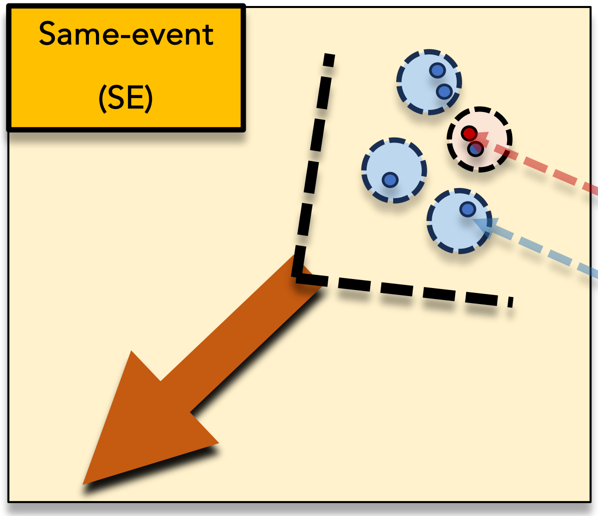

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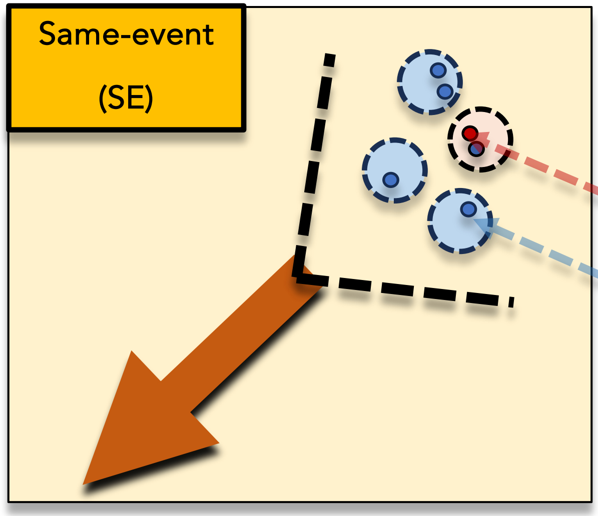

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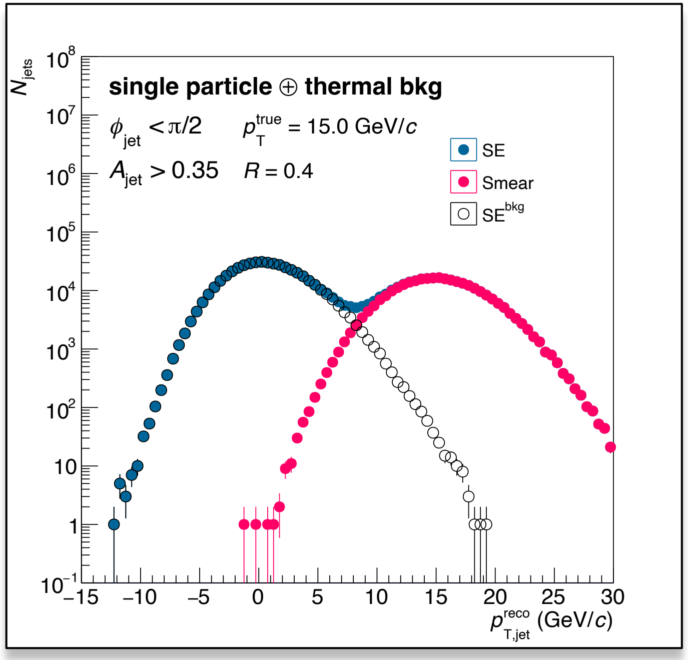

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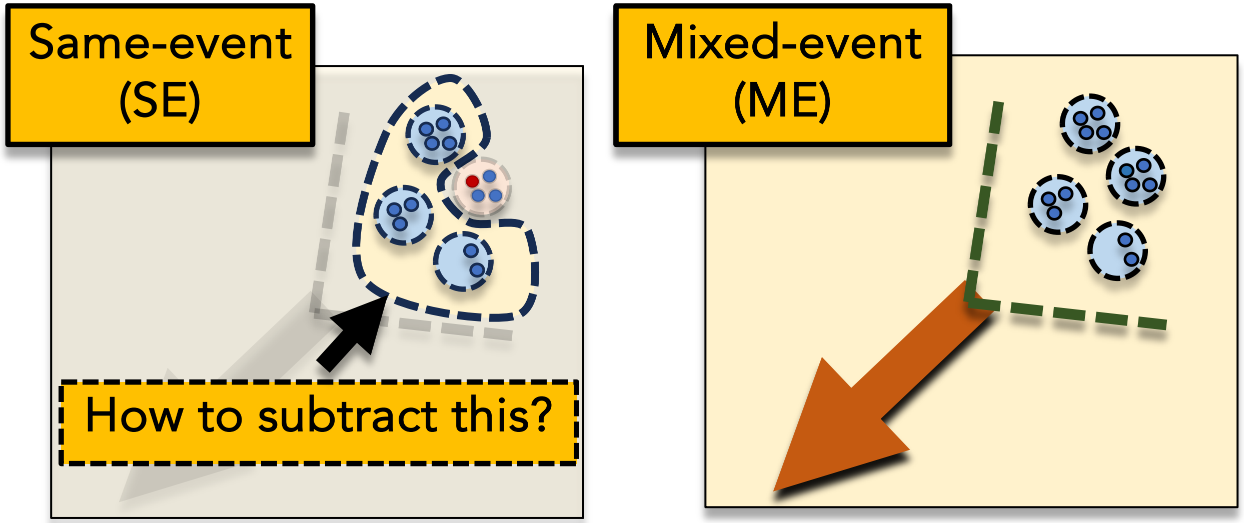

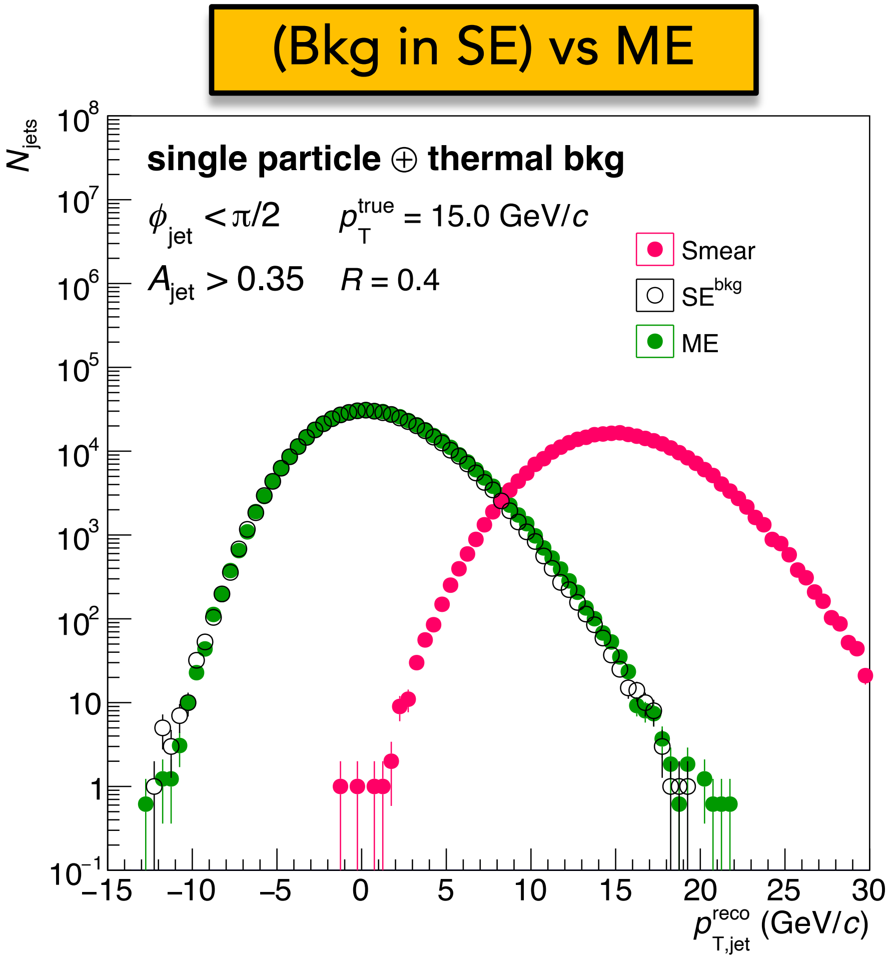

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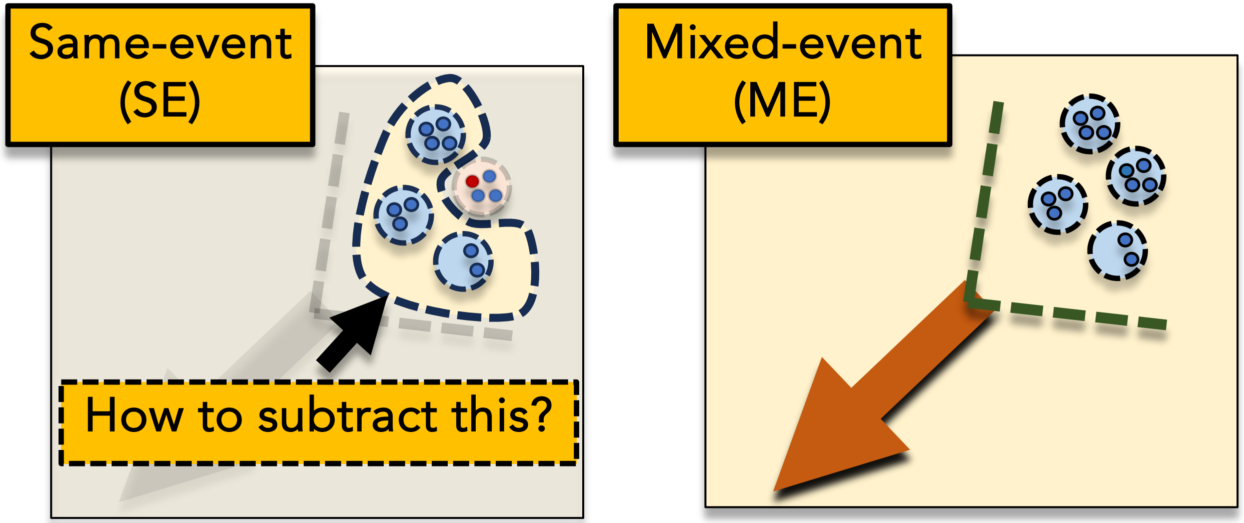
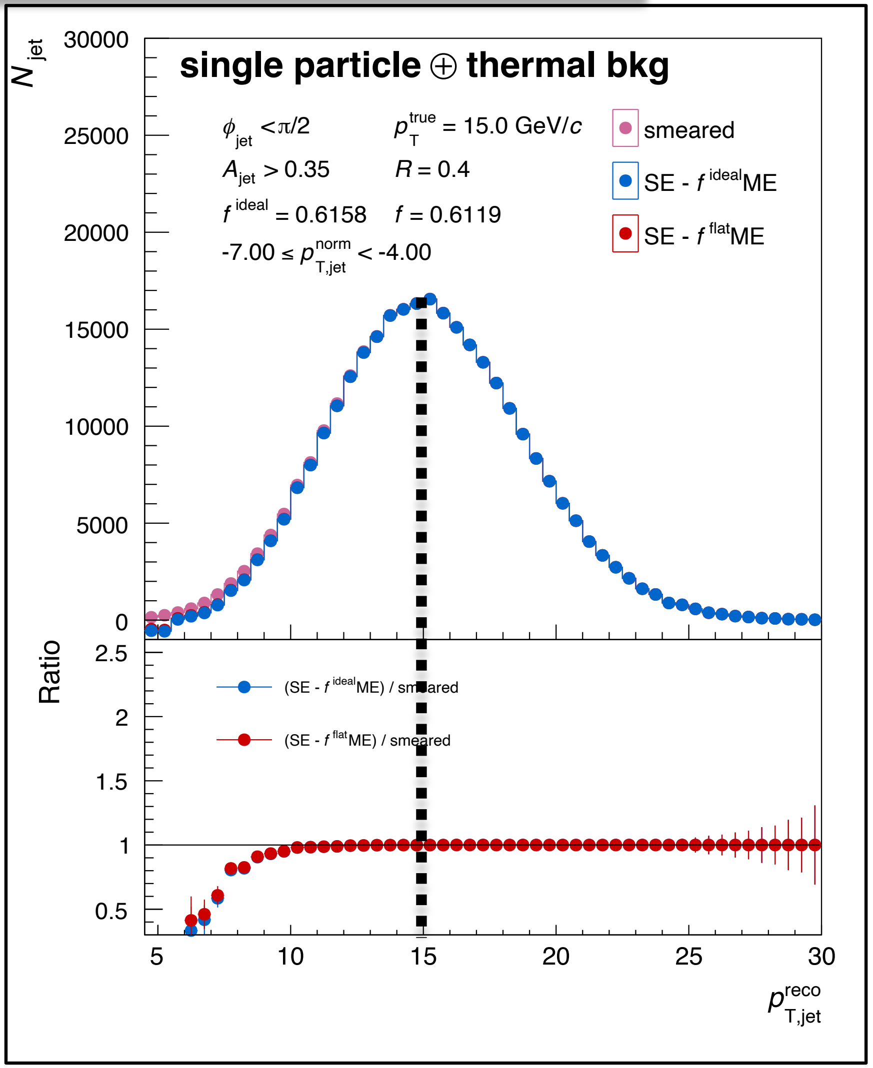


(SE-ME) vs Smeared true



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Uncorrelated background effect

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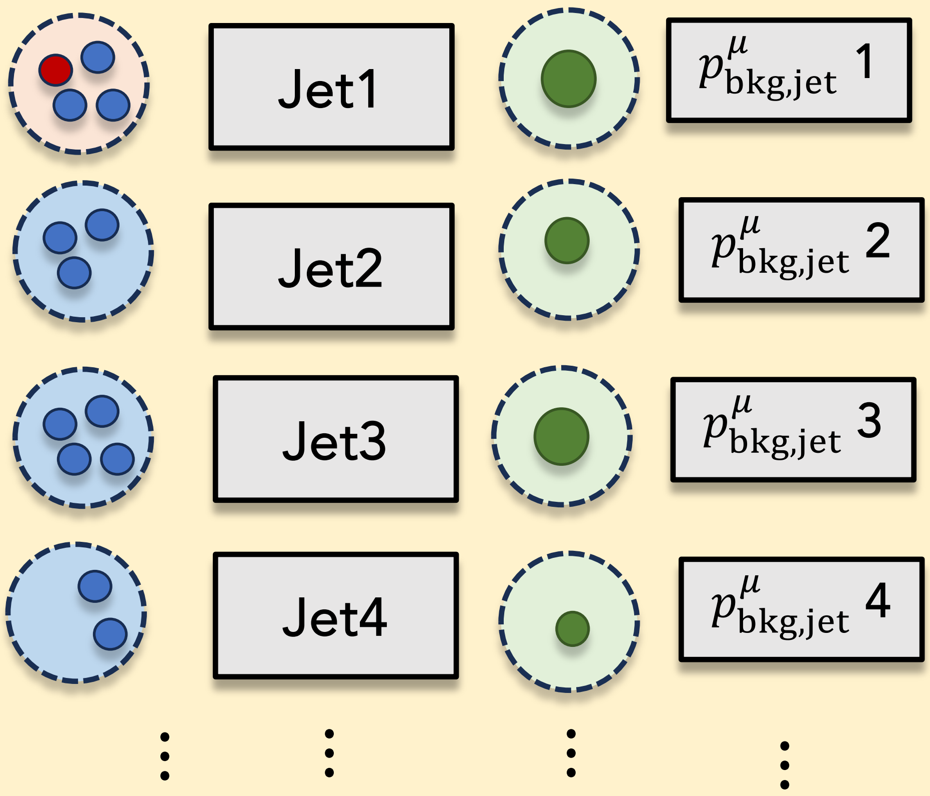
Each jet has it's own background jet 4-vector



- Jet reconstruction has been applied in event-by-event
- Proxy of background jet four-vector ($p^{\mu}_{\mathrm{bkg,jet}}$)
  - Calculated by $p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ and $m_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ density (ρ, ρ_m) based on median value estimation
- Reconstructed $p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ and M_{jet} ($p^{\mathrm{reco}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}}, M^{\mathrm{reco}}_{\mathrm{jet}}$)
  - $p^{\mathrm{reco}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}} = p^{\mathrm{raw}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ - ($p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ of $p^{\mu}_{\mathrm{bkg,jet}}$) = $p^{\mathrm{raw}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}} - \rho A_{\mathrm{jet}}$
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- Smearing effect (uncorrelated background effect)
  - $M^{\mathrm{reco}}_{\mathrm{jet}} = M^{\mathrm{signal}}_{\mathrm{jet}} \pm \sigma_{M_{\mathrm{jet}}}$
  - $p^{\mathrm{reco}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}} = p^{\mathrm{signal}}_{\mathrm{T,jet}} \pm \sigma_{p_{\mathrm{T}}}$

Unfolding

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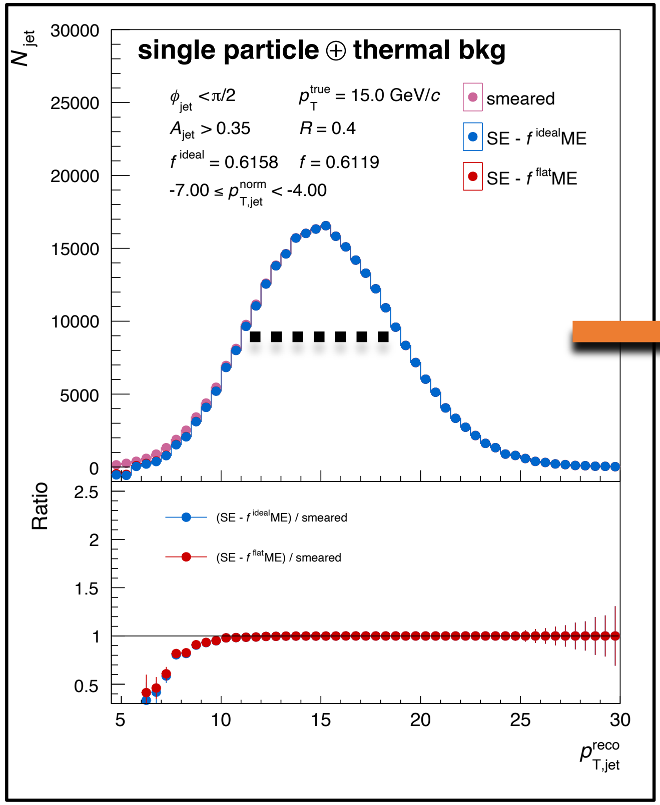
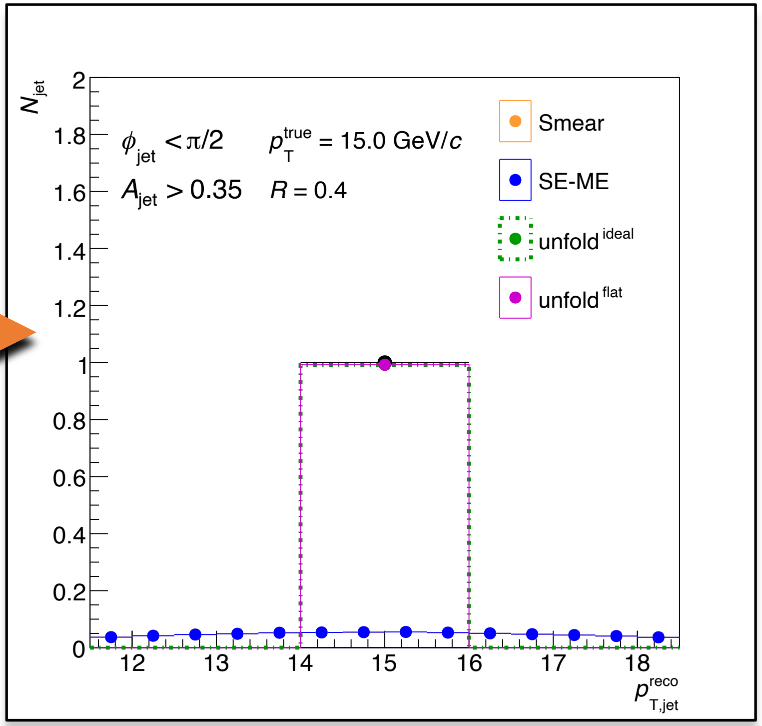
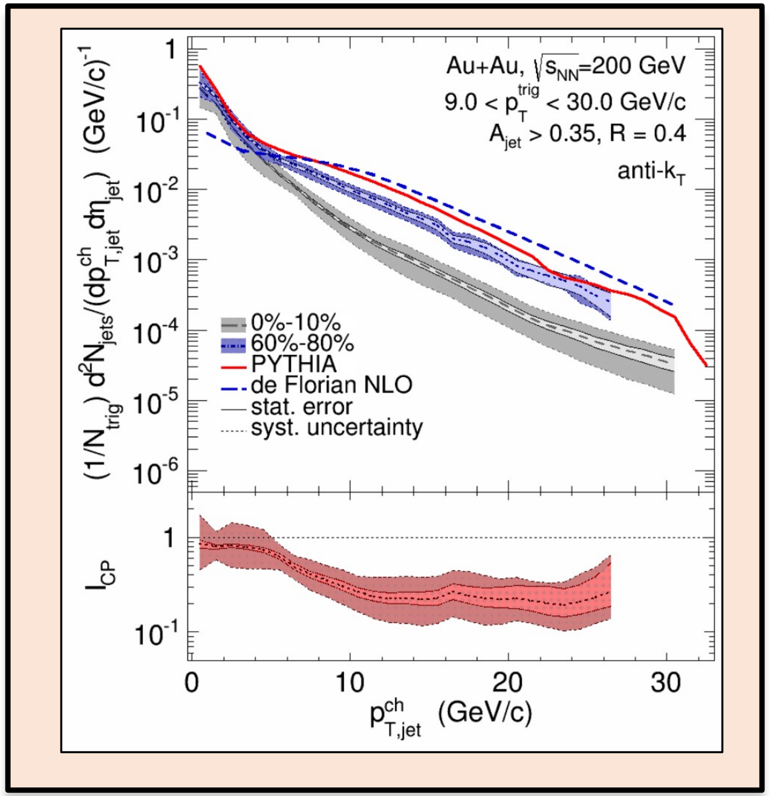




Previous $p_{T,jet}$ measurement with this analysis chain



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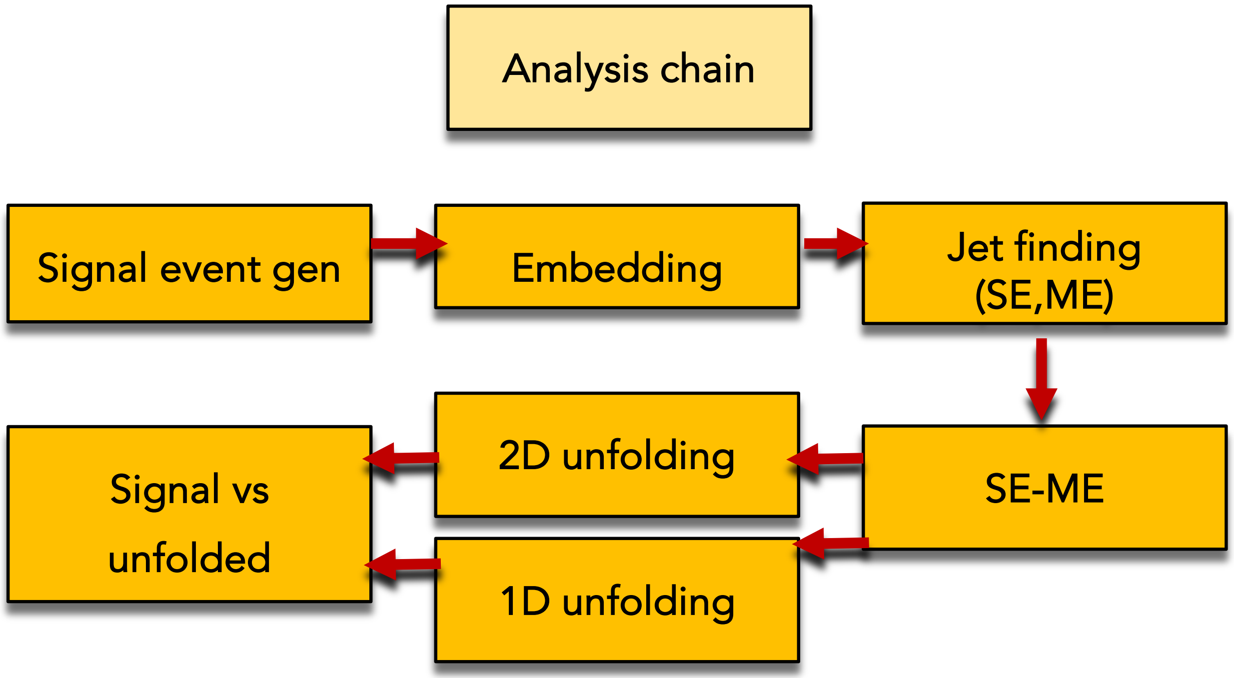
➢ Correction of uncorrelated background effect using RooUnfold package

➢ Response matrix $R^{bkg}(p_{T,jet}^{reco}, p_{T,jet}^{signal}) = R^{bkg}(p_{T,jet}^{reco}, 15\ \mathrm{GeV}/c)$

Closure test for $(p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}, M_{\mathrm{jet}})$ measurement

- Semi-inclusive jet mass measurement with ME technique
  - Extension of previous $p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ measurement
  - $p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ to $(p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}, M_{\mathrm{jet}})$ measurement
- MC closure test
  - PYTHIA events are embedded to thermal background model and tested



$p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}$ closure test result

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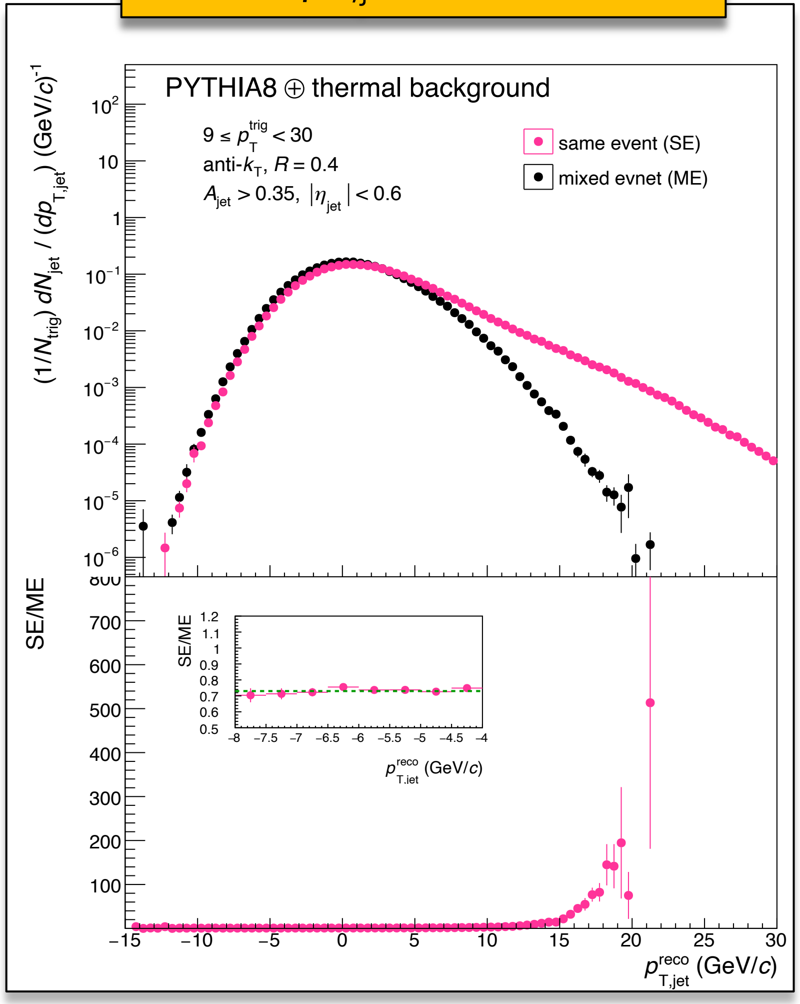

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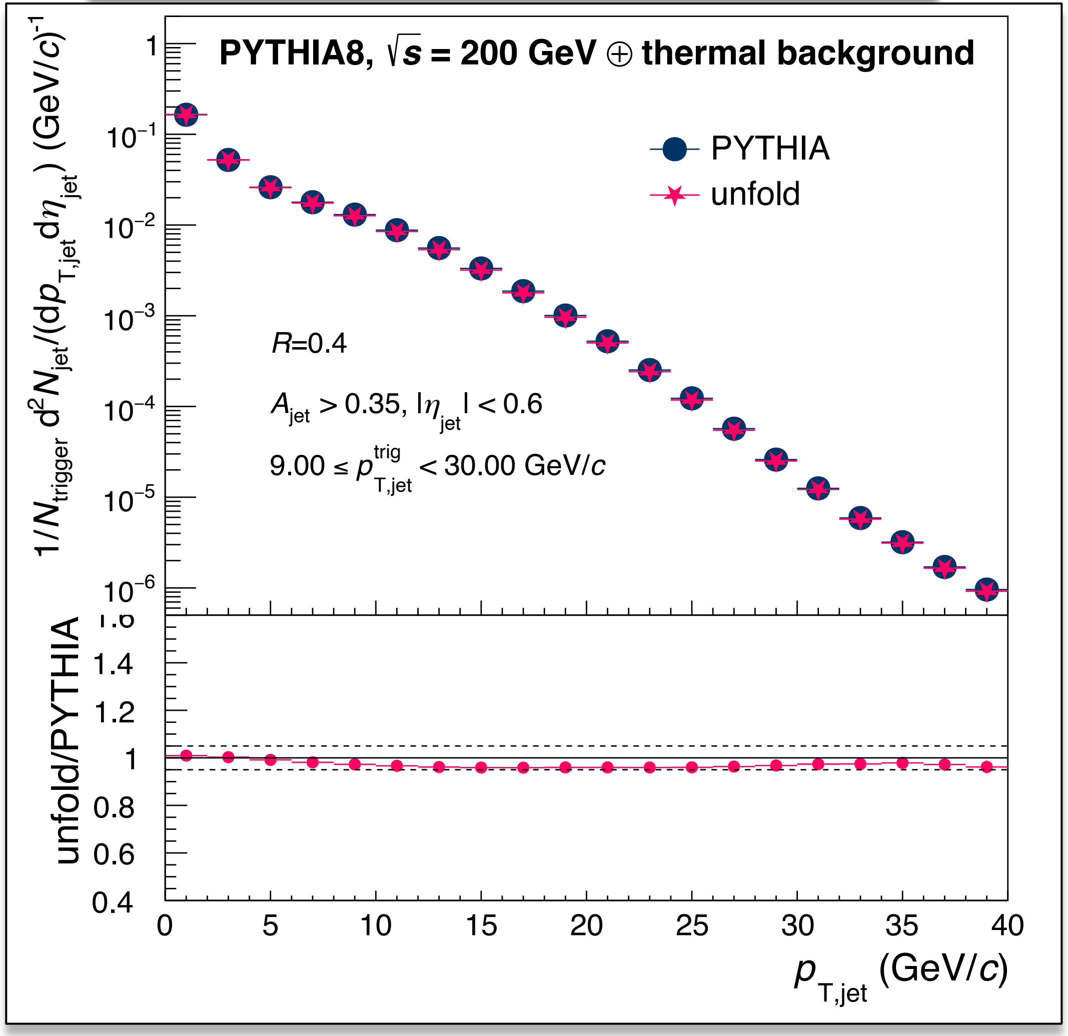

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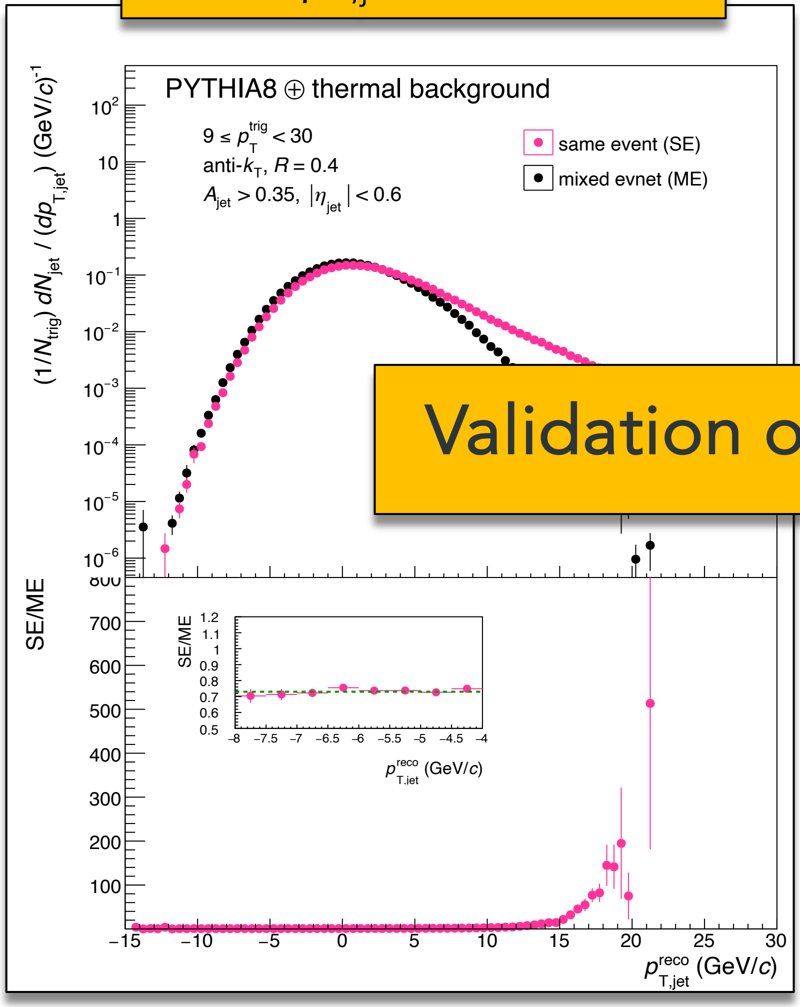

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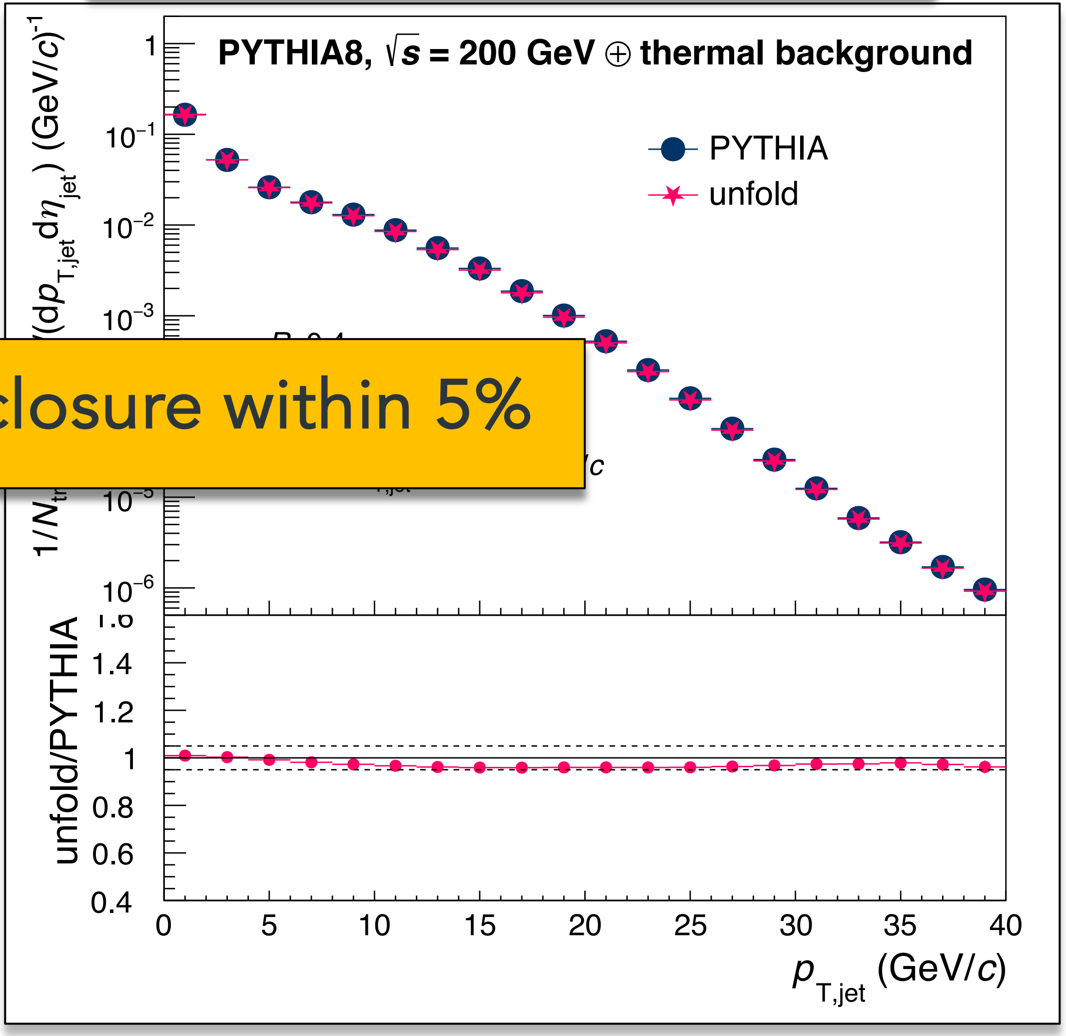
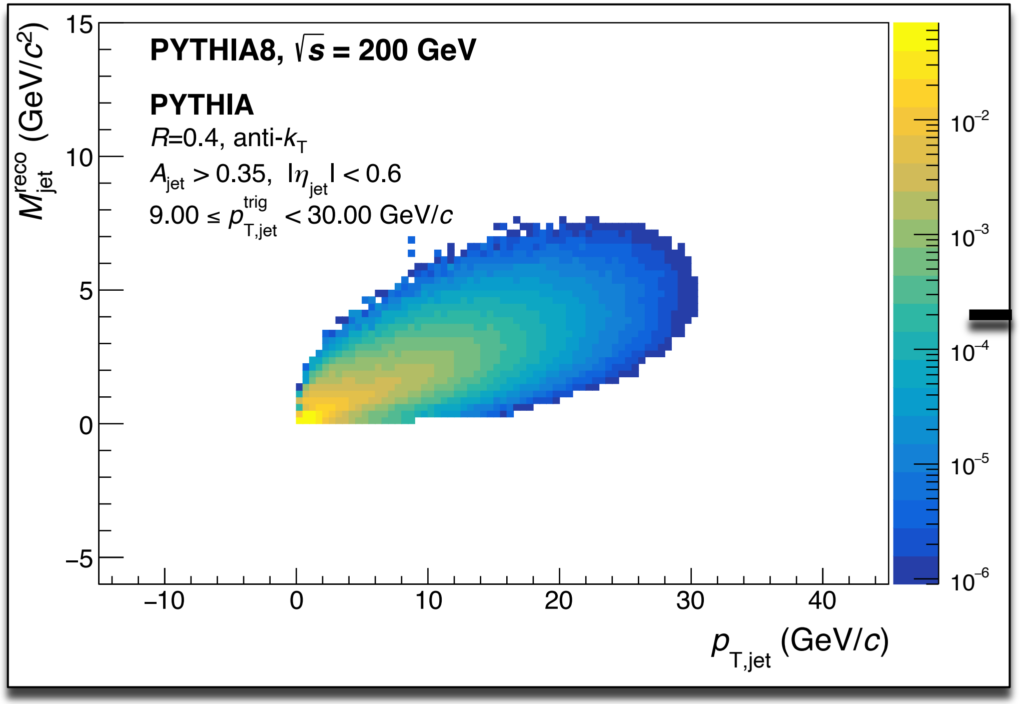


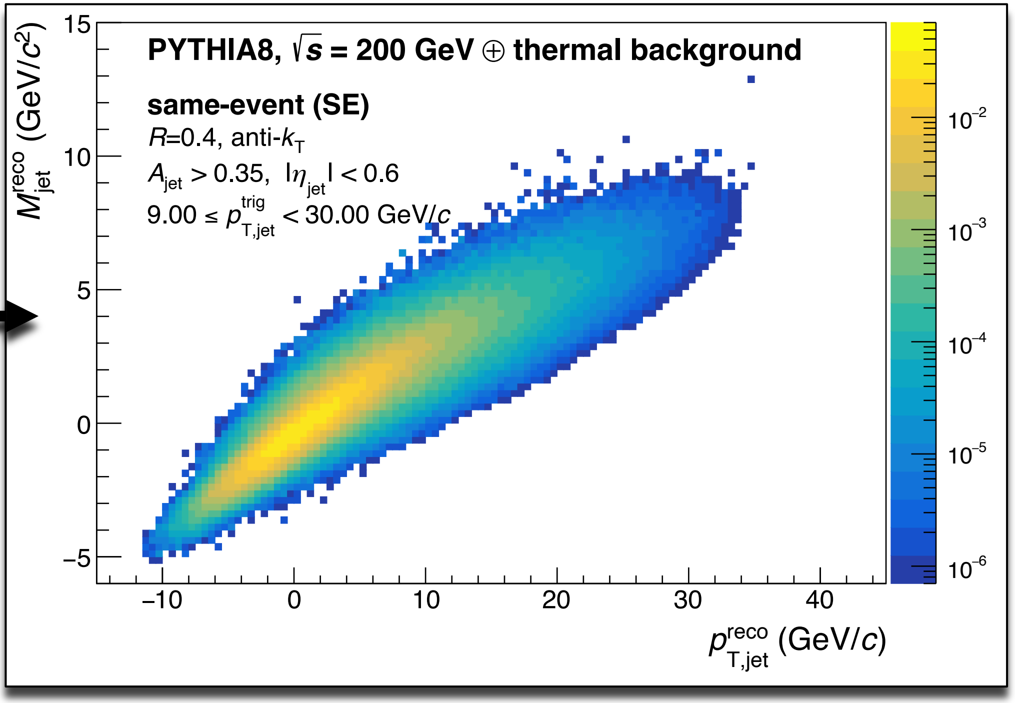
Validation of closure within 5%

M_{jet} Closure test result (PYTHIA and SE)

Signal (PYTHIA)



Smeared signal + bkg



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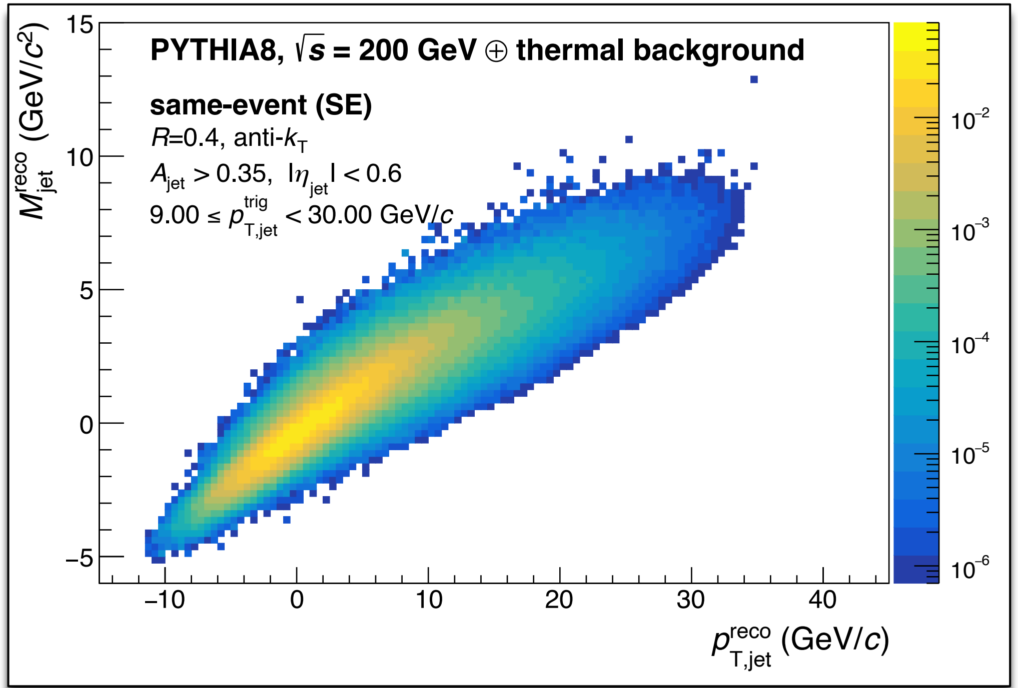
Same-event (Smeared signal + bkg)



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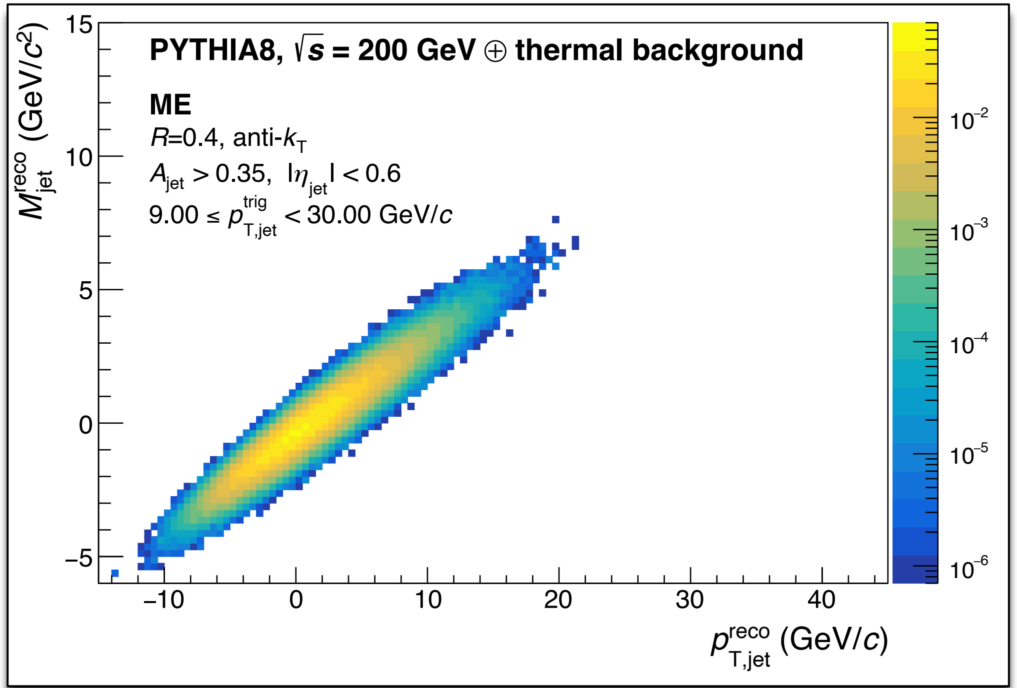

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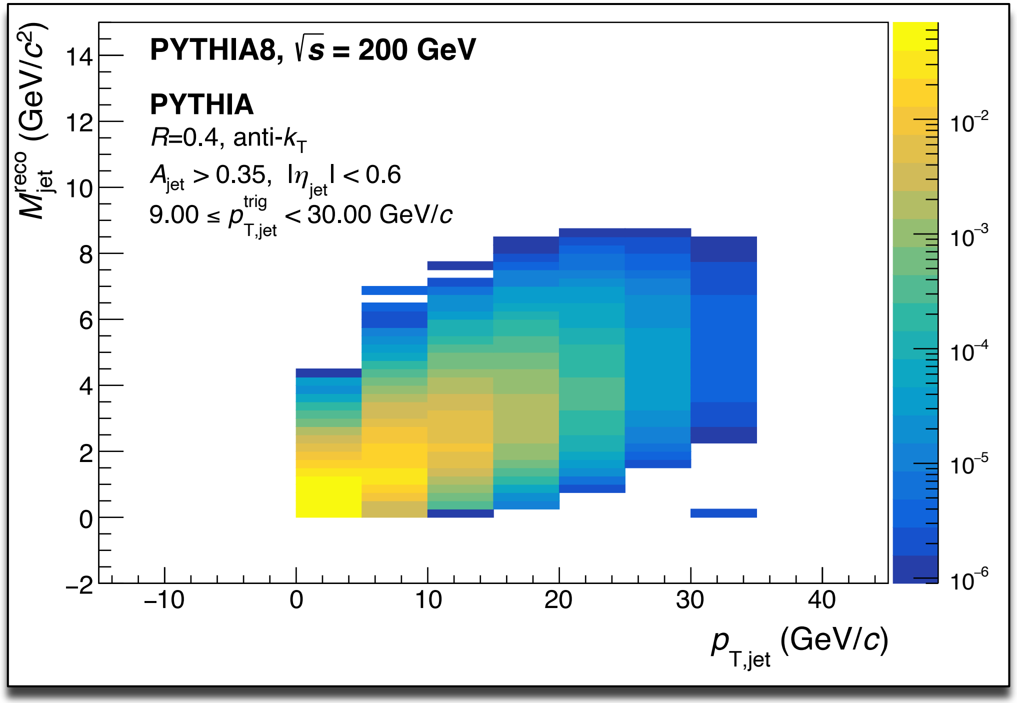

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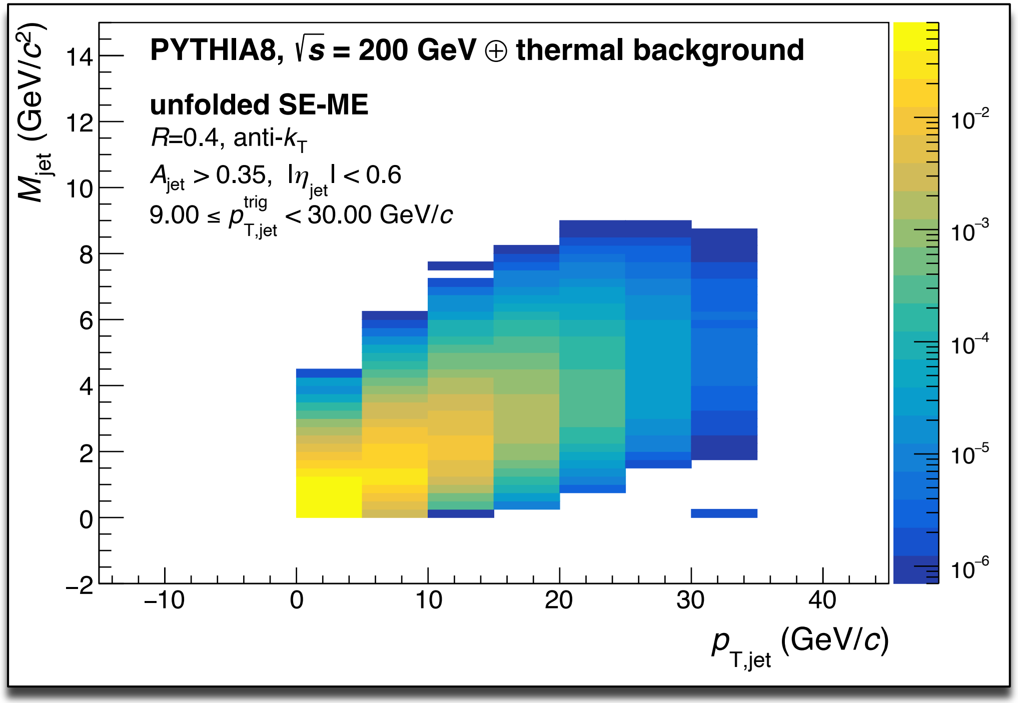

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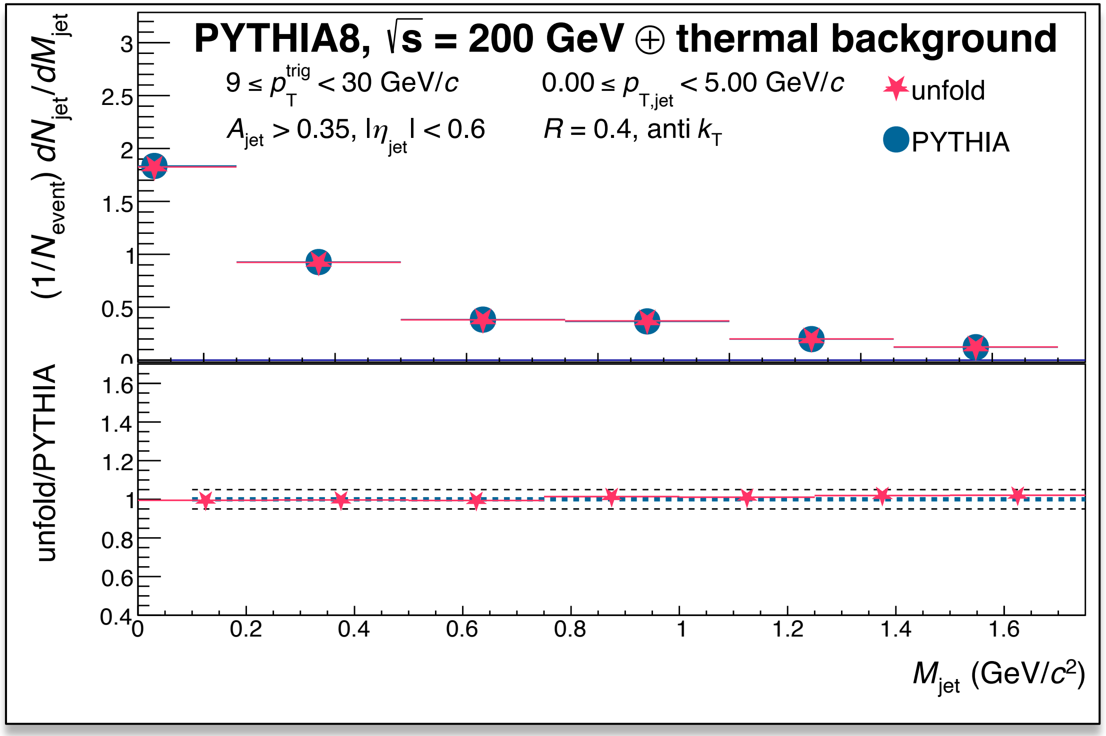

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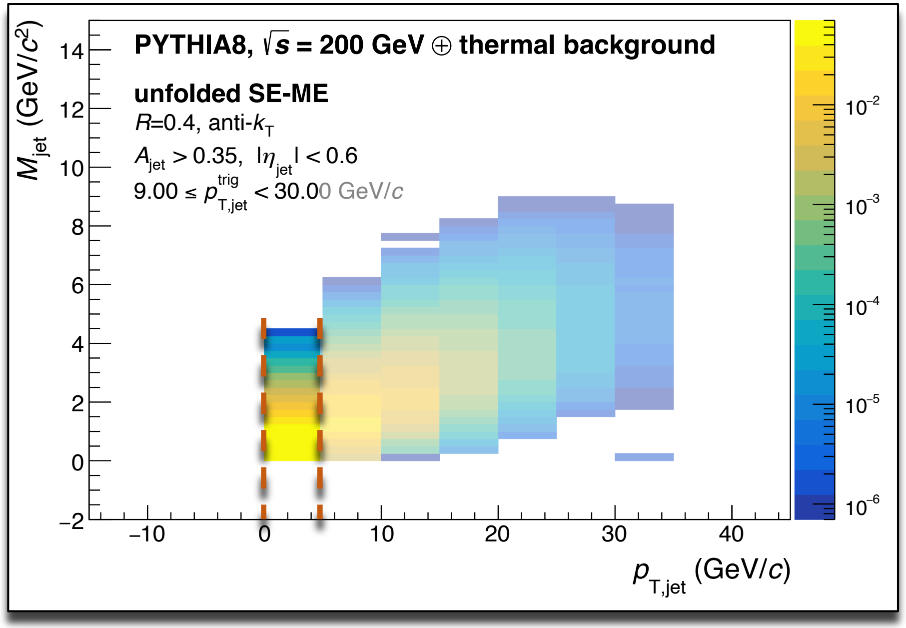

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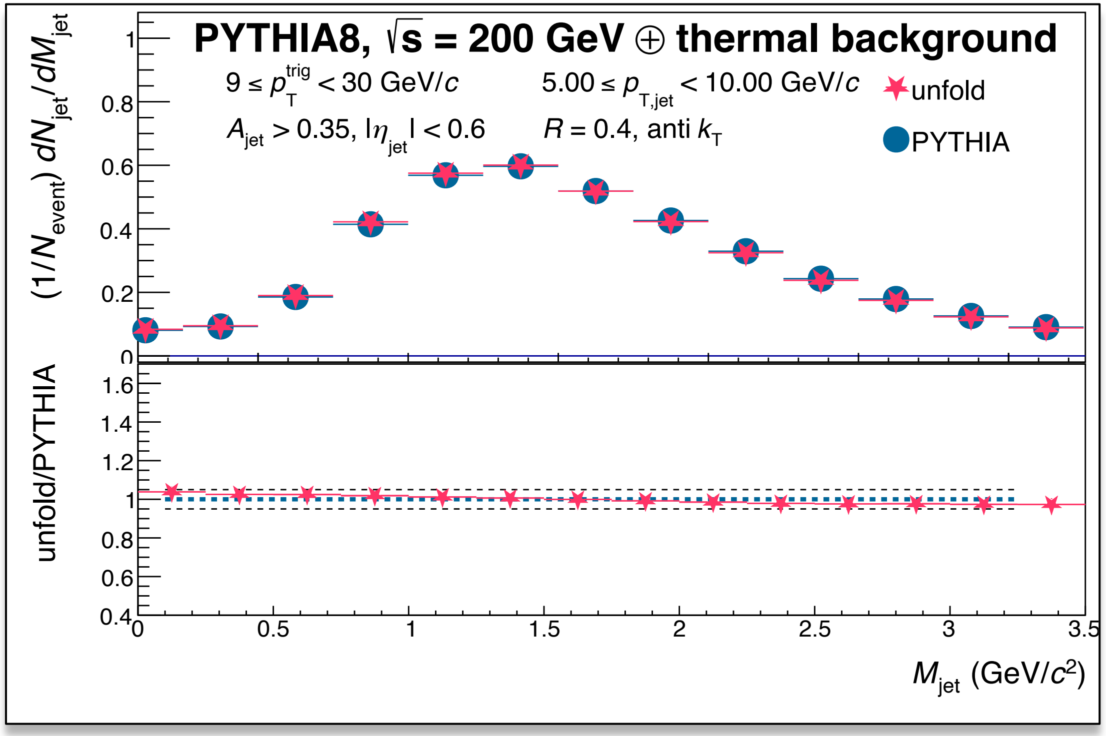

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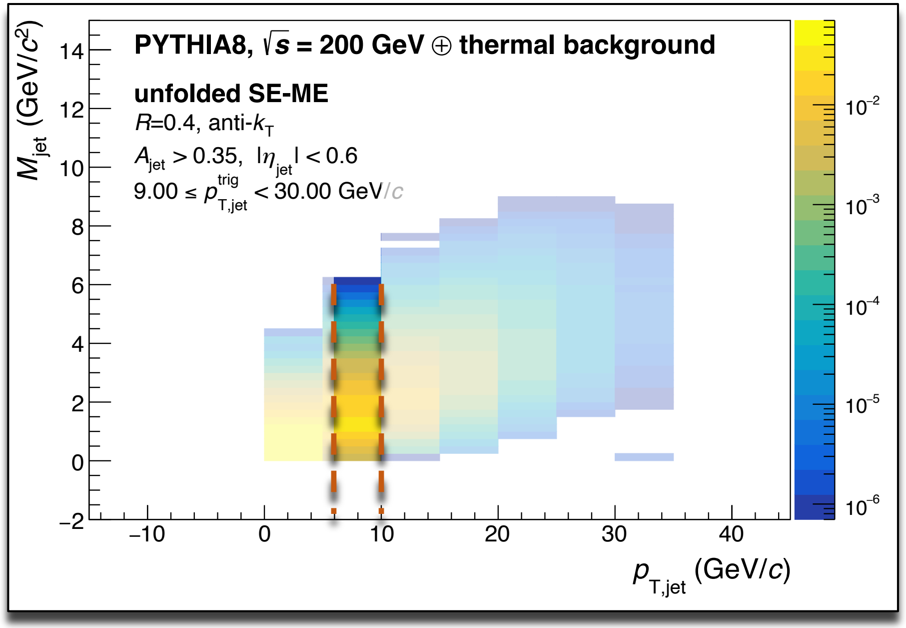

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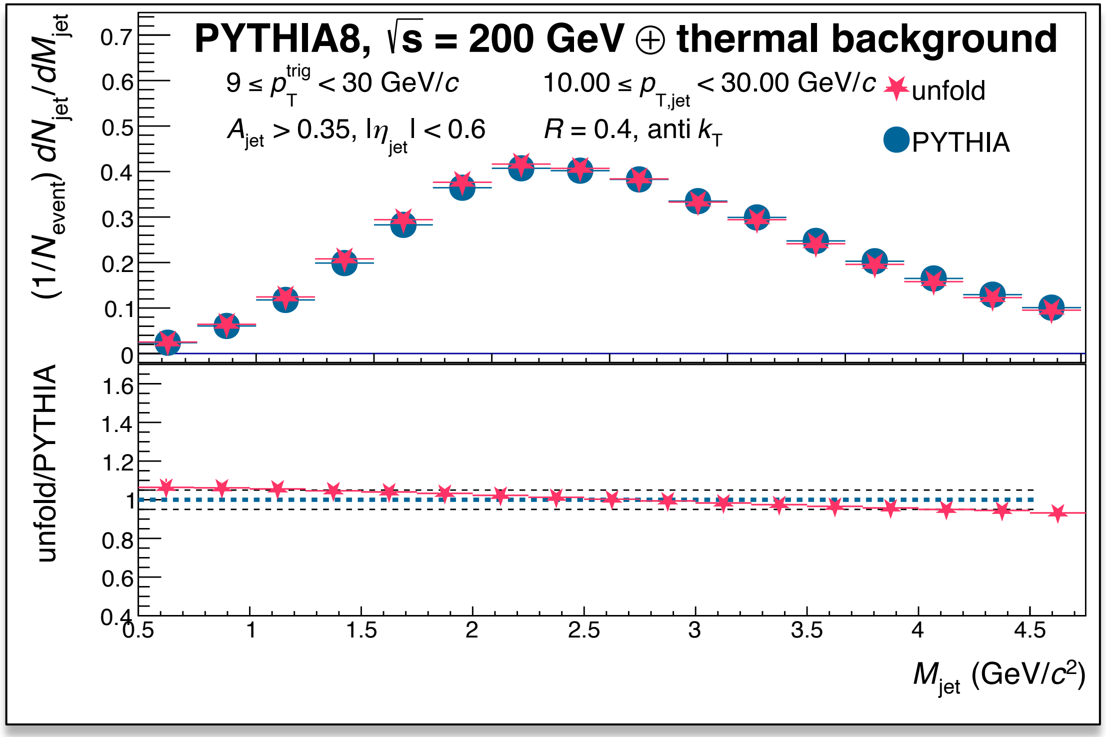

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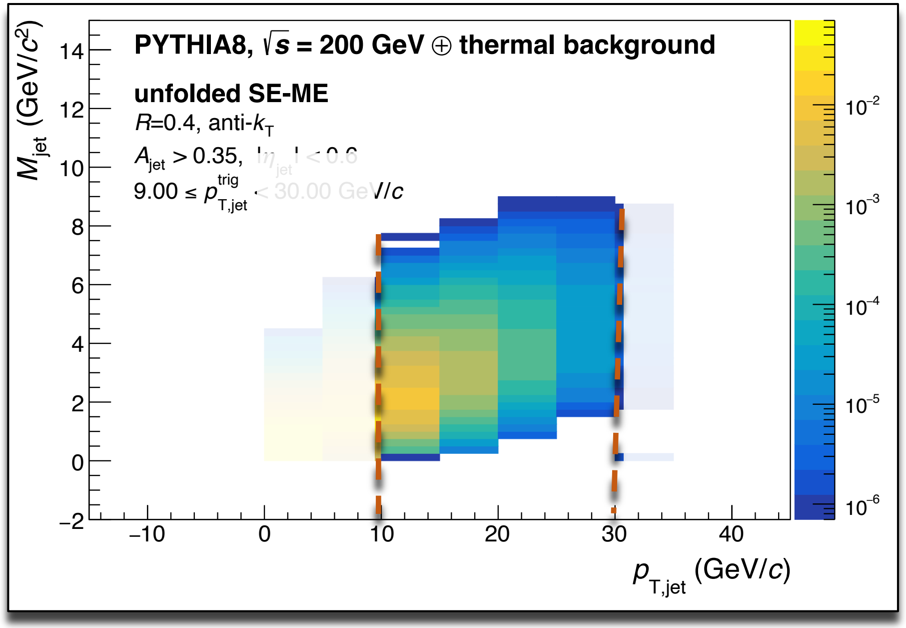

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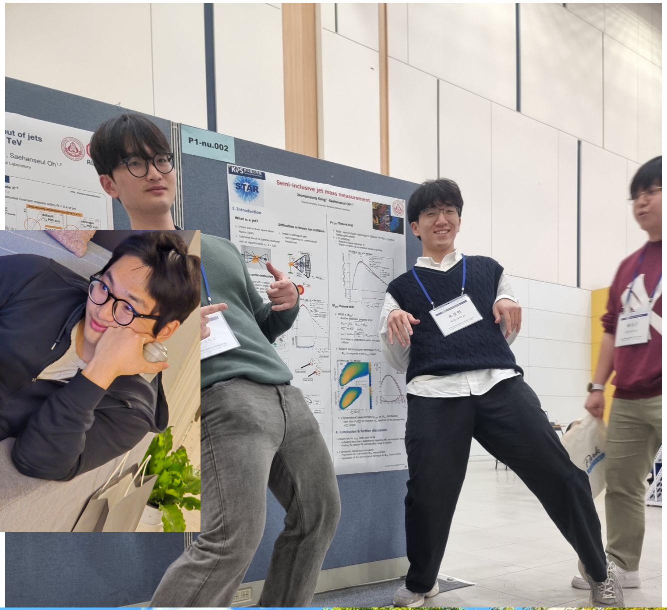
Summary

- Jet is a useful tool to study QGP and we can access to the parton virtuality evolution in AA by measuring precise jet mass in heavy-ion collisions
- As a correction of combinatorial background for jet mass measurement, framewrok of semi-inclusive measurement as a function of ($p_{T,jet}$, M_{jet}) is developed and tested via PYTHIA embedding
- Both $p_{T,jet}$, M_{jet} closure tests are showing reasonable closure result
- Next step
    - Apply to the data (200 GeV Au+Au collisions with STAR collaboration)



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