

Jet Substructure Measurements at STAR

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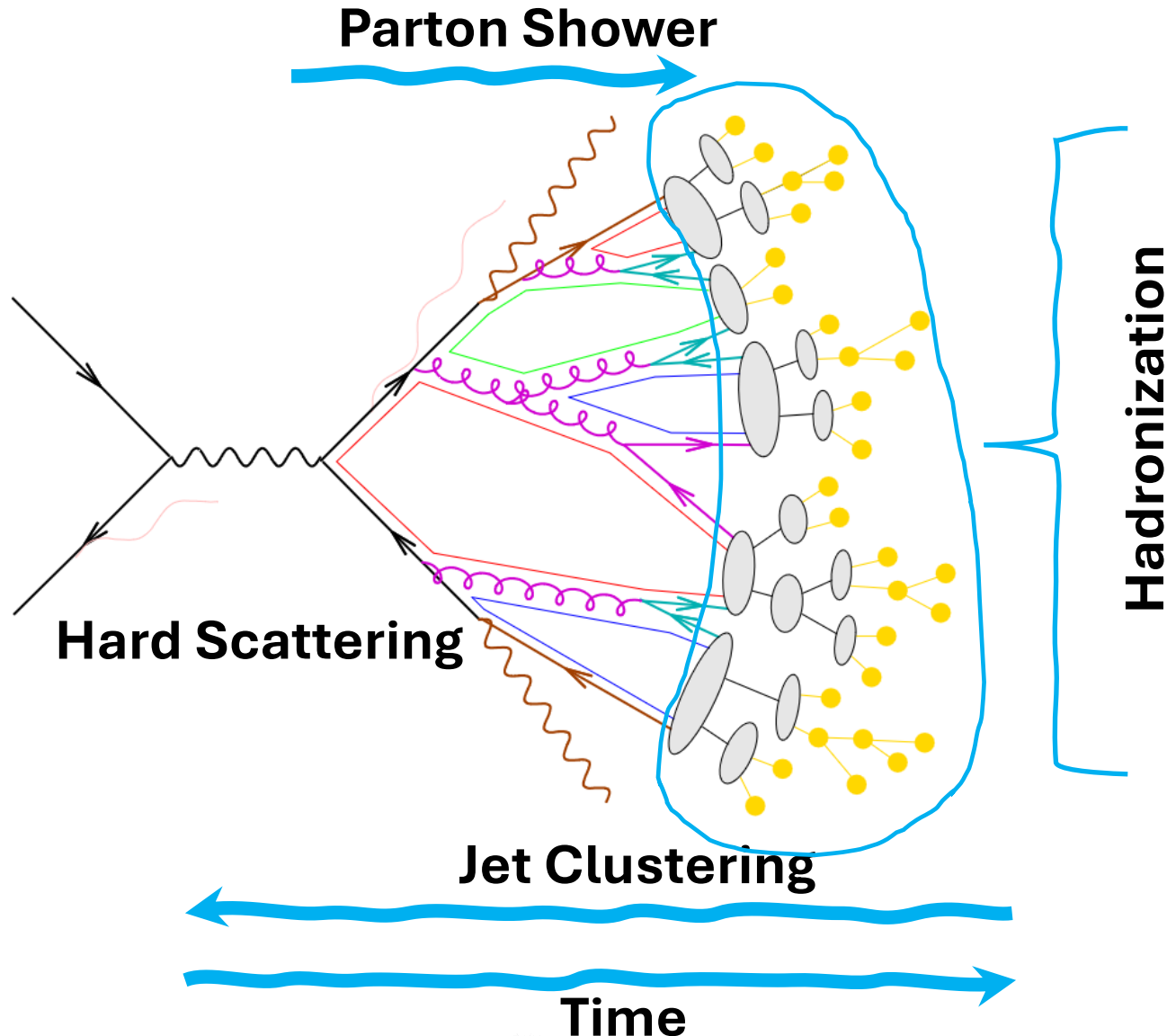
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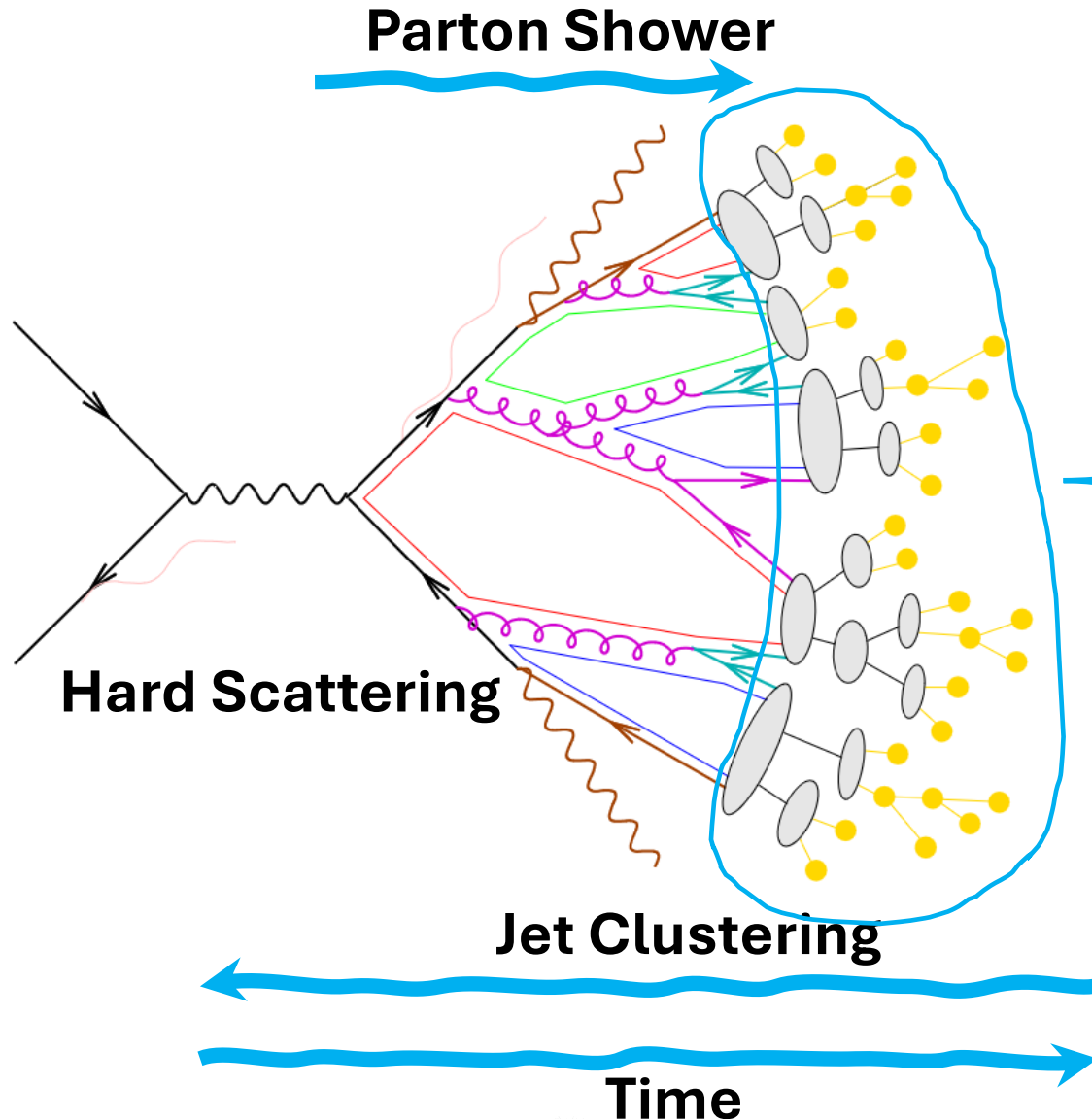


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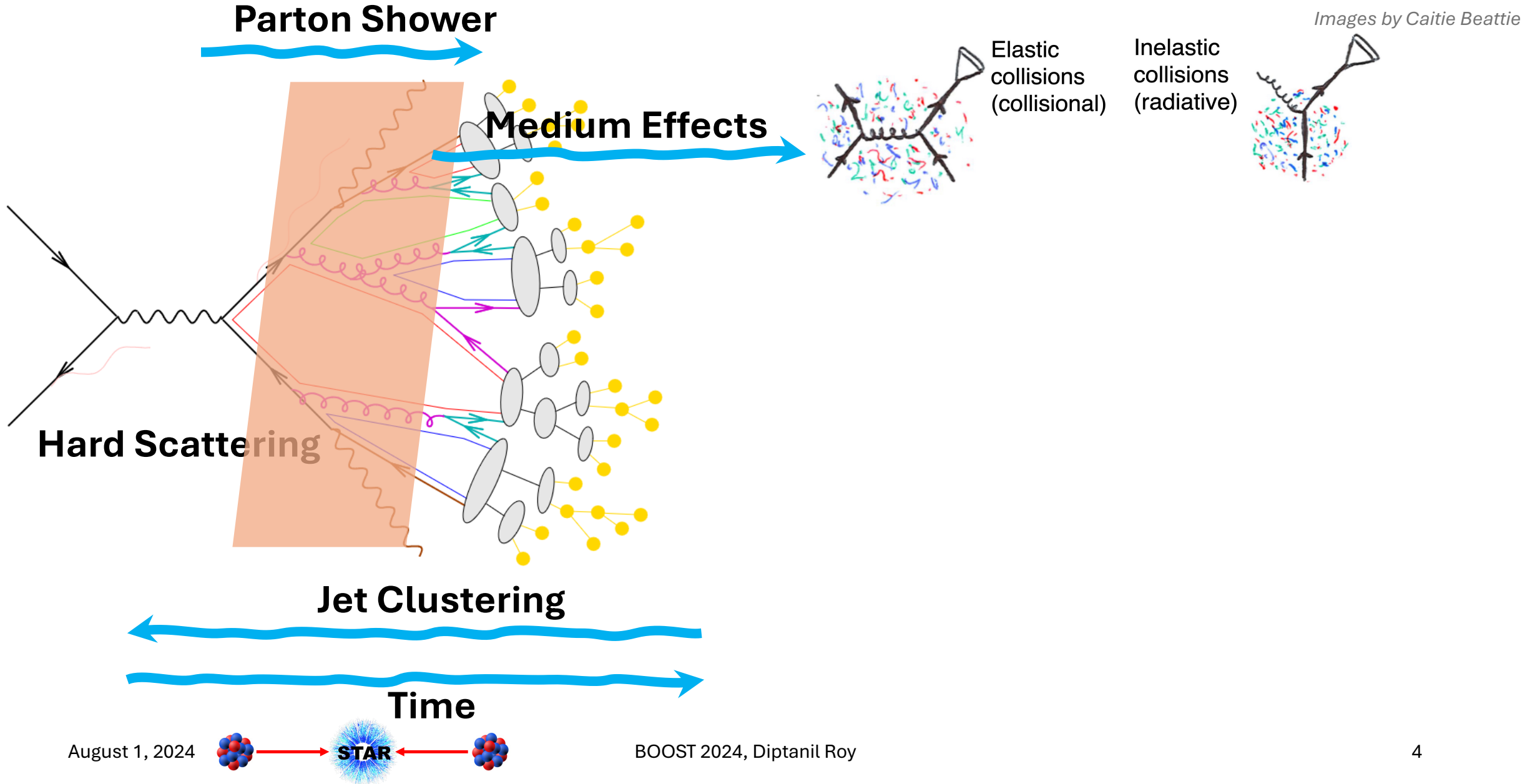
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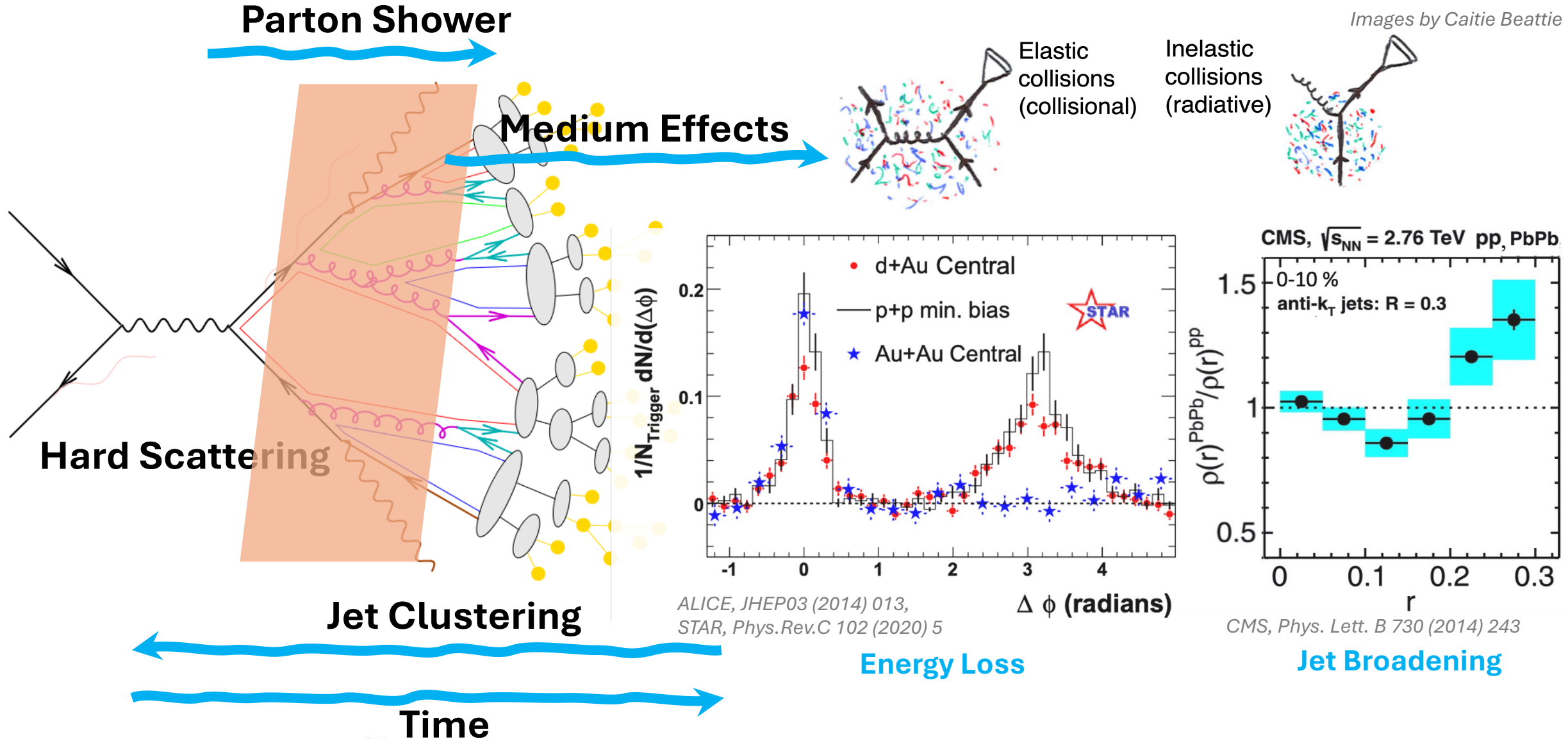


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- ✓ *Can we disentangle perturbative and non-perturbative physics in vacuum?*
- ✓ *Can we use jet substructure to understand hadron formation better?*

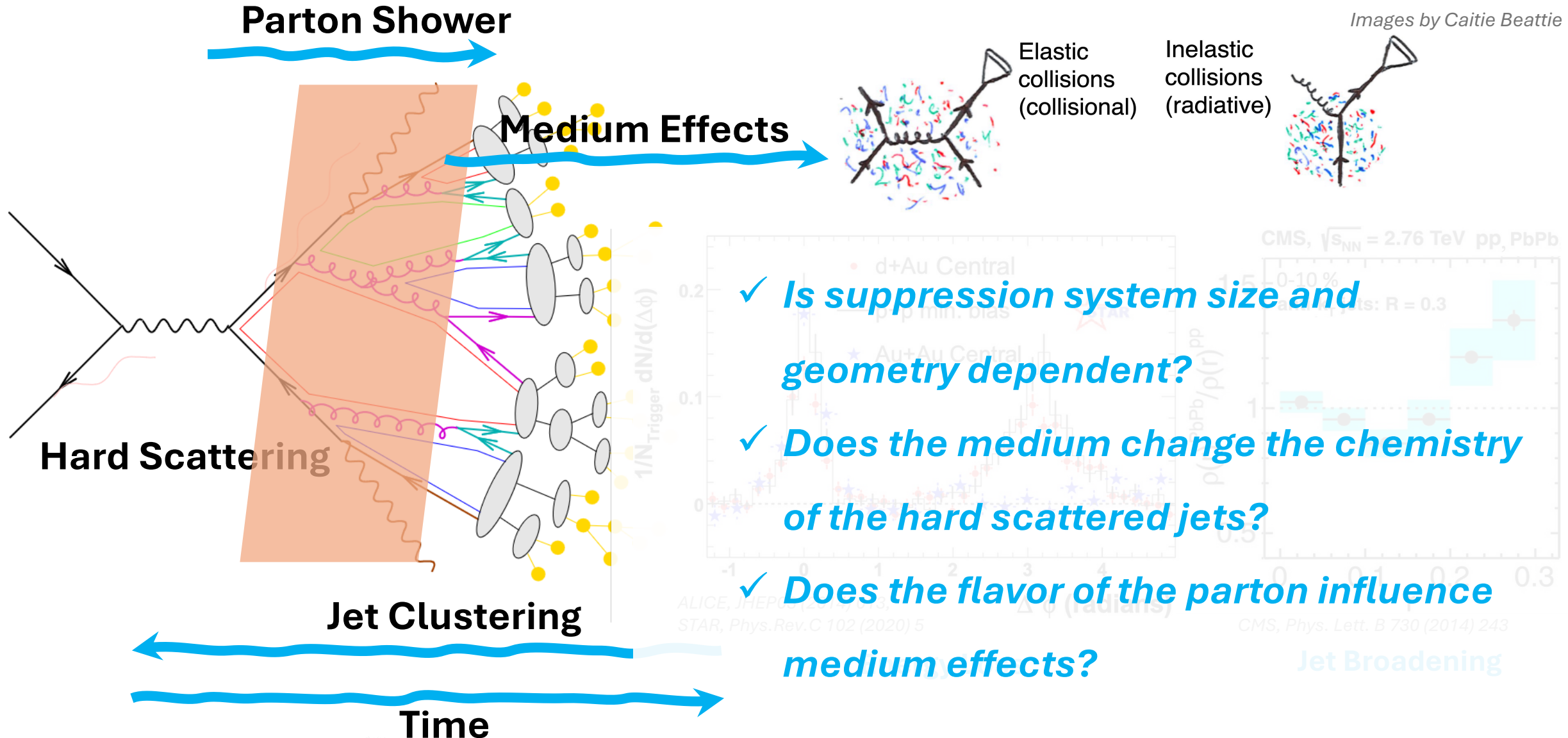
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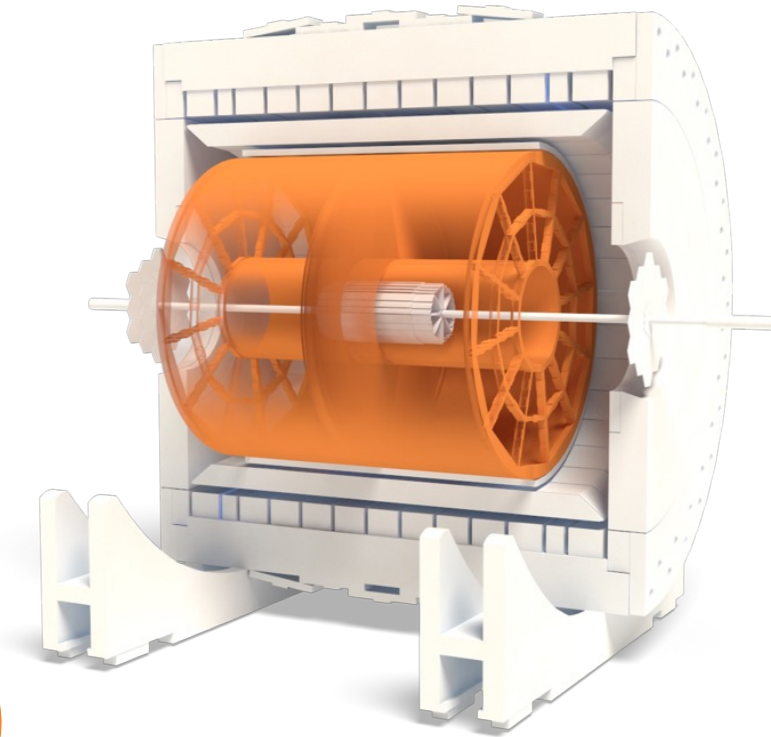
Jets in medium



- ✓ *Is suppression system size and geometry dependent?*
- ✓ *Does the medium change the chemistry of the hard scattered jets?*
- ✓ *Does the flavor of the parton influence medium effects?*



STAR at RHIC



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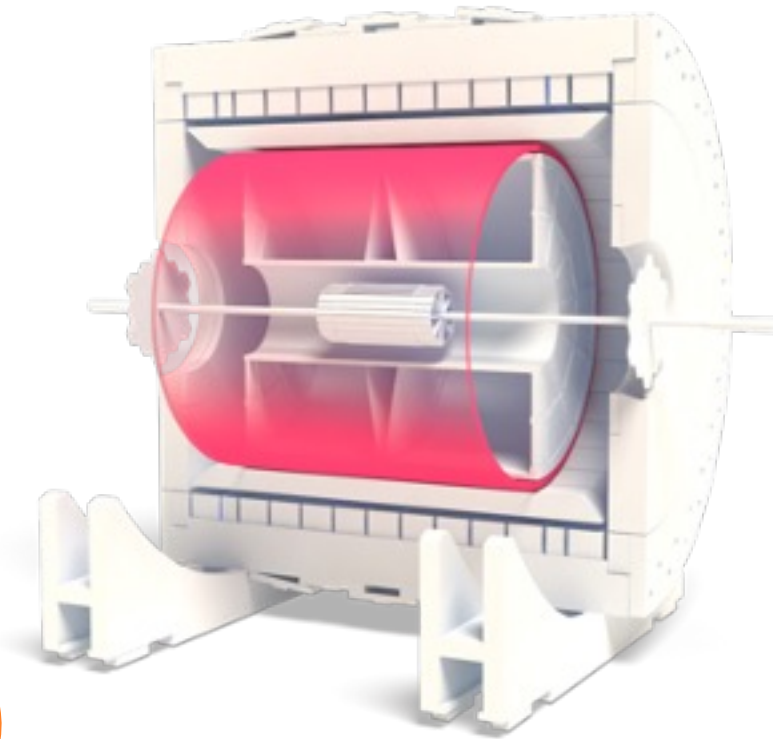
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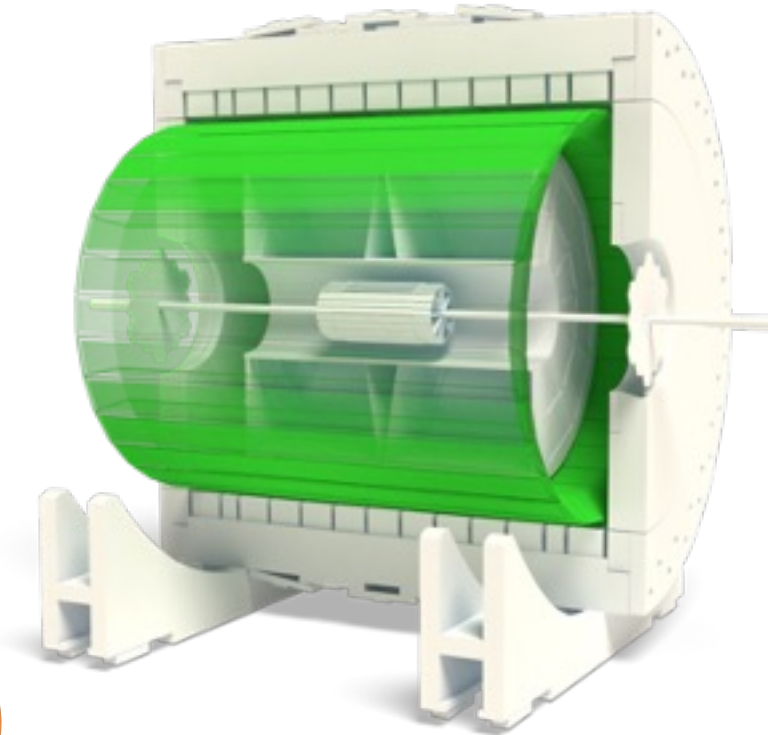
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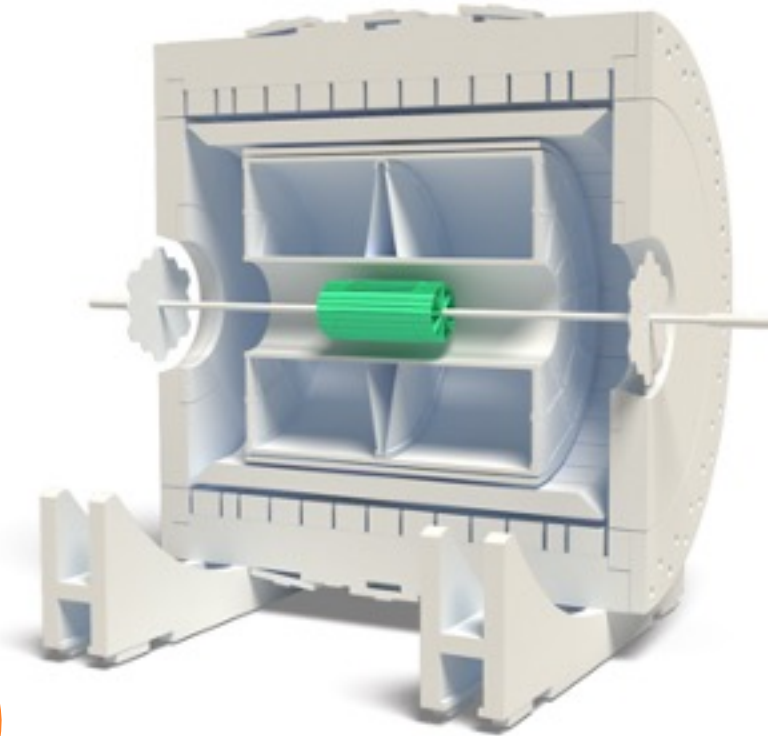
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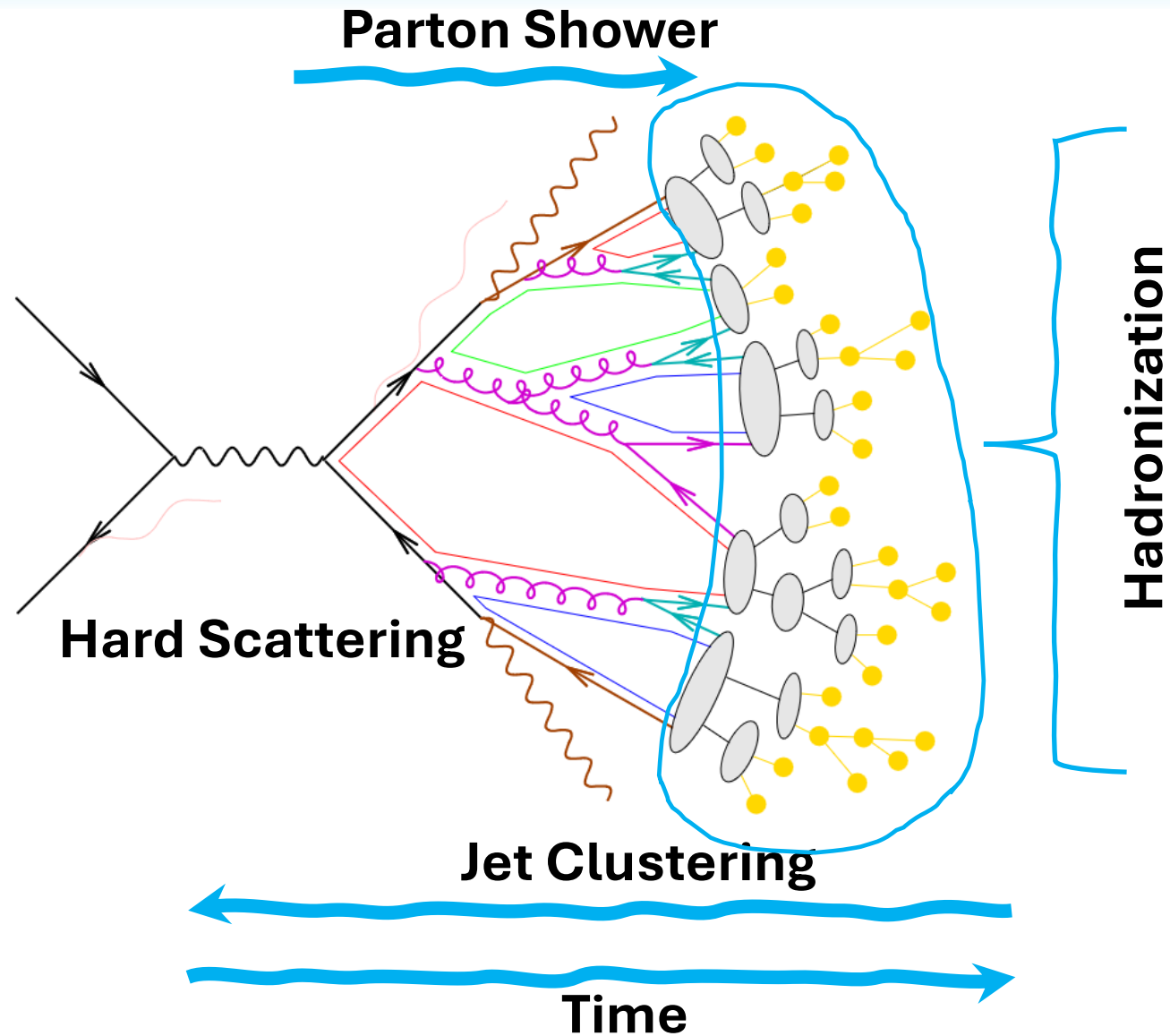
Heavy Flavor Tracker (2014-2016)

- ✓ Improves position resolution for secondary vertices

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Jets in vacuum



Isolating pQCD and npQCD in vacuum

$$\Delta M = M - M_g \text{ [GeV]}$$

Image: Larkoski, Marzani, Thaler, Xue, [PRL 119 \(2017\) 13, 132003](#)

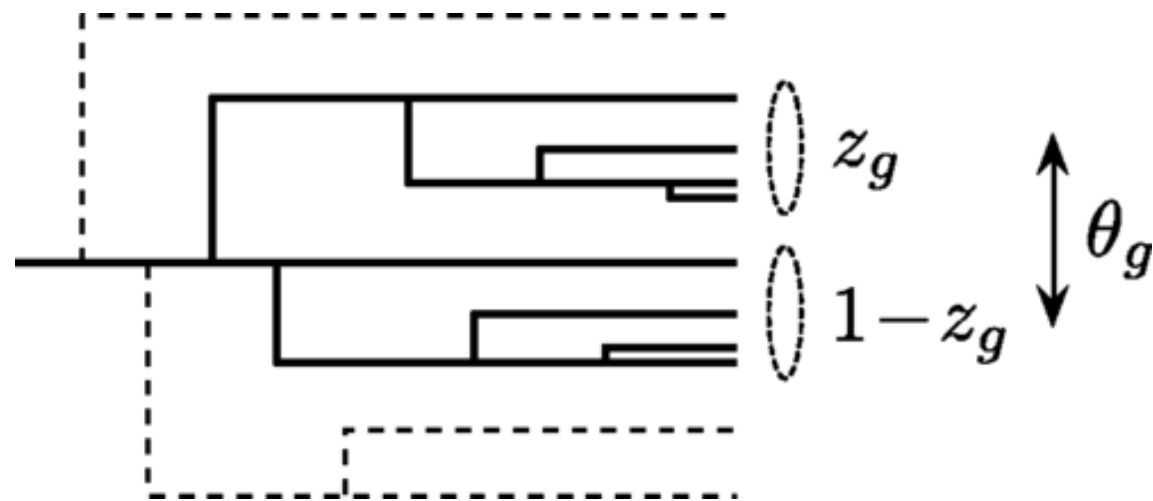
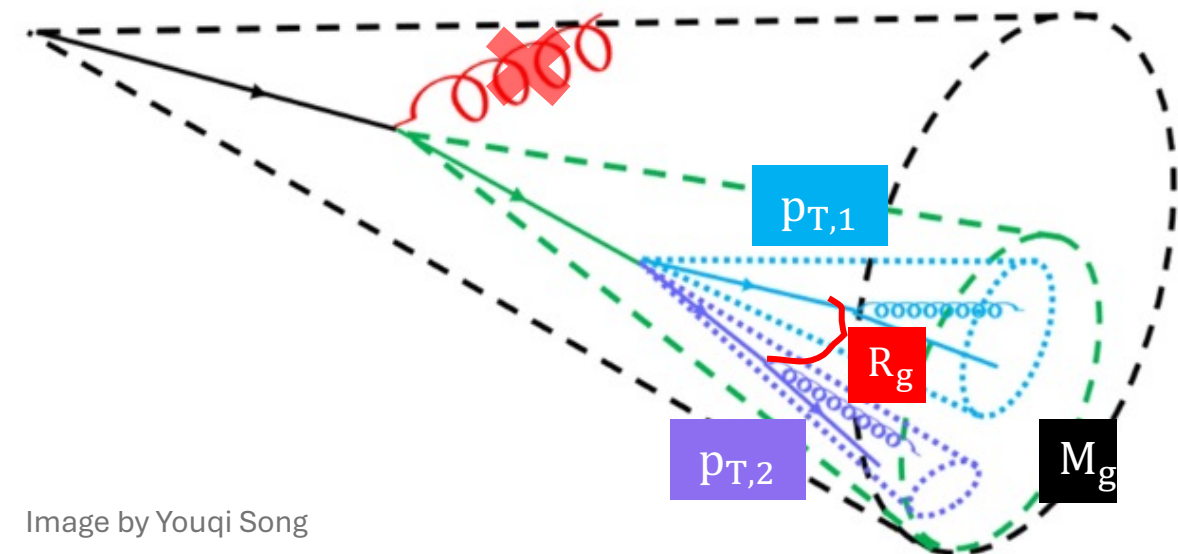


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- **SoftDrop**: Groom a reconstructed jet to remove wide-angle soft radiation
- **CollinearDrop**: Difference of an observable for an ungroomed vs groomed jet \rightarrow Access to soft component of jet
- **Iterative SoftDrop**: Access to 1st, 2nd, 3rd splits of the shower

z_g = Shared momentum fraction

R_g = Distance of subjects at split

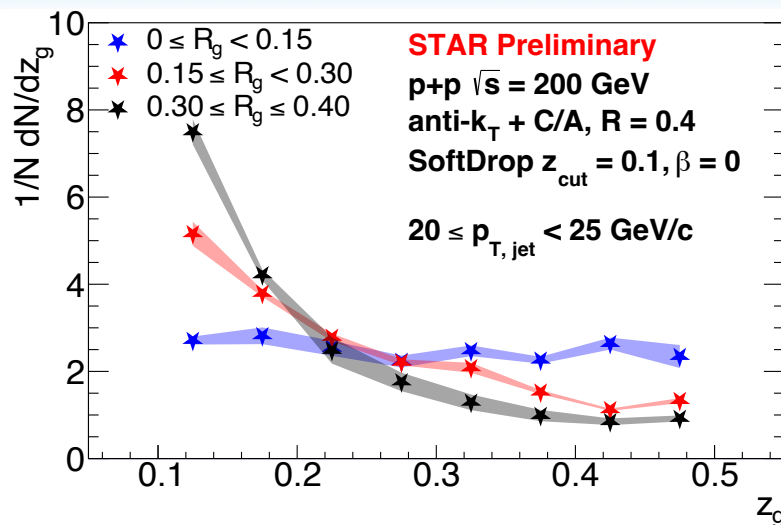
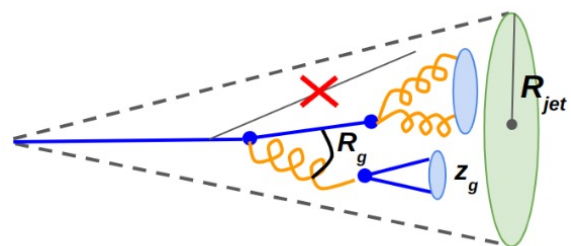
$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}} > z_{\text{cut}} (R_g / R_{\text{jet}})^\beta \quad \begin{matrix} z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1 \\ \beta = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}} > 0.1$$



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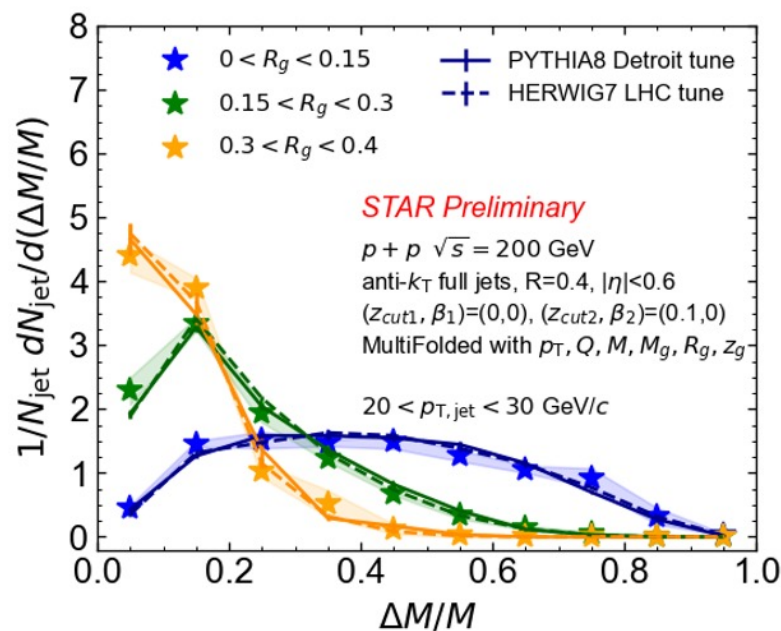
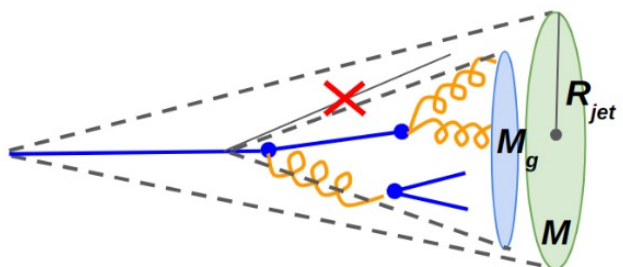
1st split



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Perturbative

Larger $R_g \rightarrow$ Smaller $\langle \Delta M/M \rangle \rightarrow$ Steeper z_g



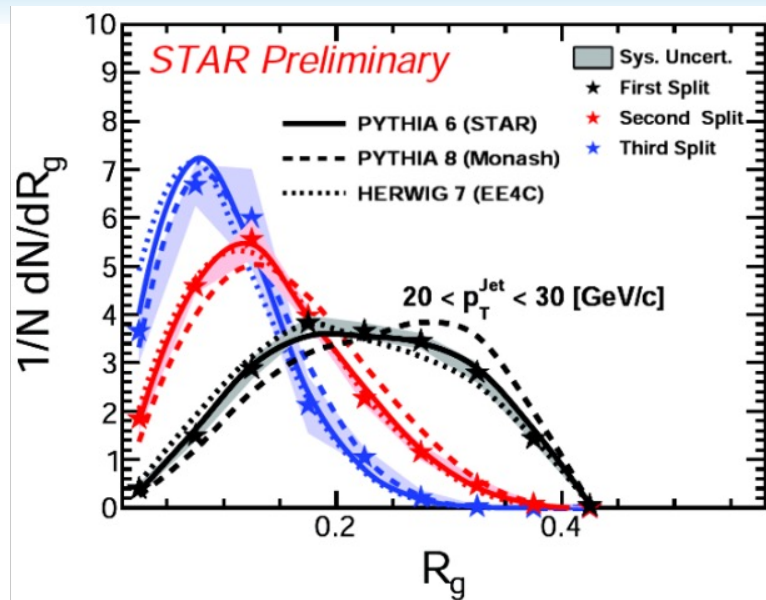
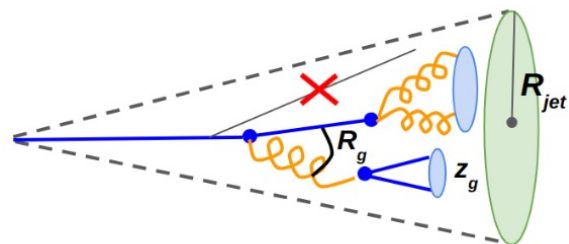
Non-perturbative

Smaller $R_g \rightarrow$ Larger $\langle \Delta M/M \rangle \rightarrow$ Flatter z_g



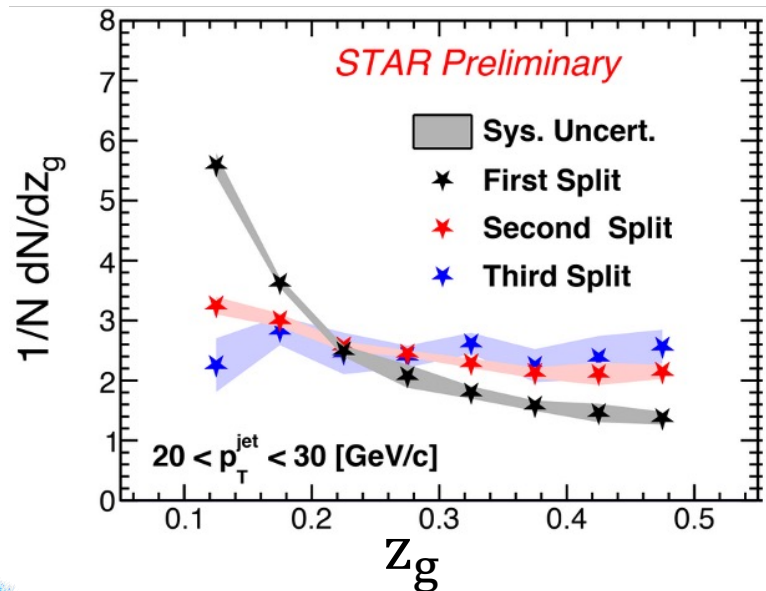
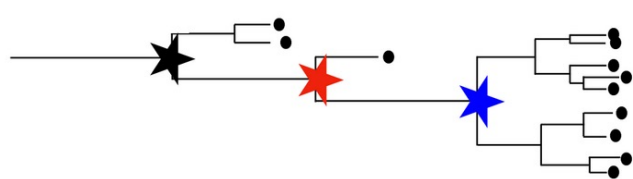
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1st, 2nd, 3rd splits



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R_g becomes narrower from 1st to 3rd split
 Change from soft wide-angle to hard collinear
 splitting



z_g becomes flatter from 1st to 3rd split
 Perturbative to Non-perturbative transition

Can we pinpoint a distinct transition region?



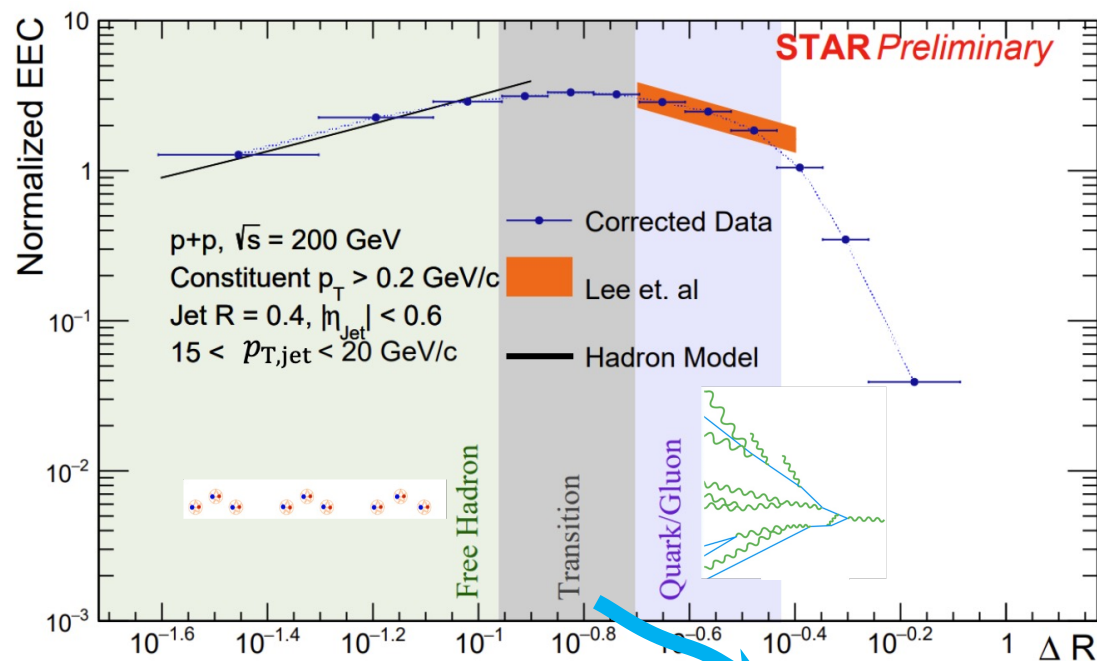
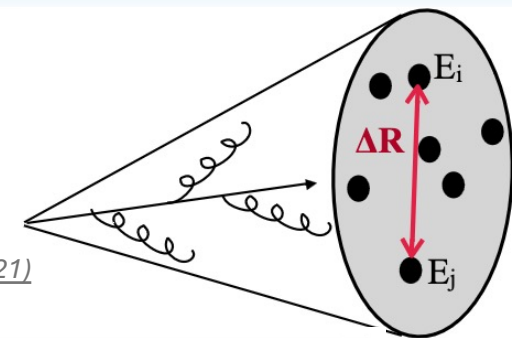
Time evolution of jets in vacuum

Energy-Energy Correlators

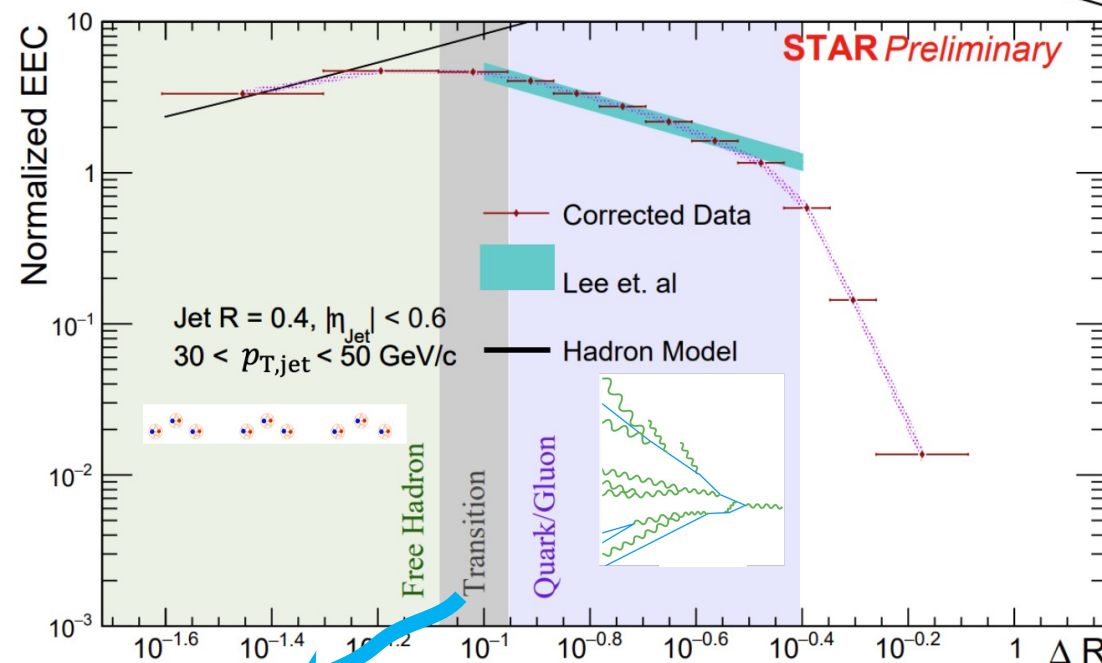
$$\text{Normalized EEC} = \frac{1}{\sum_{\text{Jets}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{E_i E_j}{p_{T, \text{Jet}}^2}} \frac{d \left(\sum_{\text{Jets}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{E_i E_j}{p_{T, \text{Jet}}^2} \right)}{d(\Delta R)}$$

$$\text{Formation Time: } t_f \propto \frac{1}{\Delta R^2}$$

Apolinário, Cordeiro, & Zapp EPJC 81 (2021)



Lee, Mecaj, Mout, arxiv:2205.03414



Transition Region at $\Delta R_{\text{Turnover}} \times p_T^{\text{Jet}} \sim 2 - 3$ GeV \rightarrow No p_T^{Jet} dependence

Universal scale for confinement of quark/gluon to hadrons



Probing npQCD region in vacuum

Charge Correlators

$$r_c(X) = \frac{d\sigma_{h_1 h_2}/dX - d\sigma_{h_1 \bar{h}_2}/dX}{d\sigma_{h_1 h_2}/dX + d\sigma_{h_1 \bar{h}_2}/dX}$$

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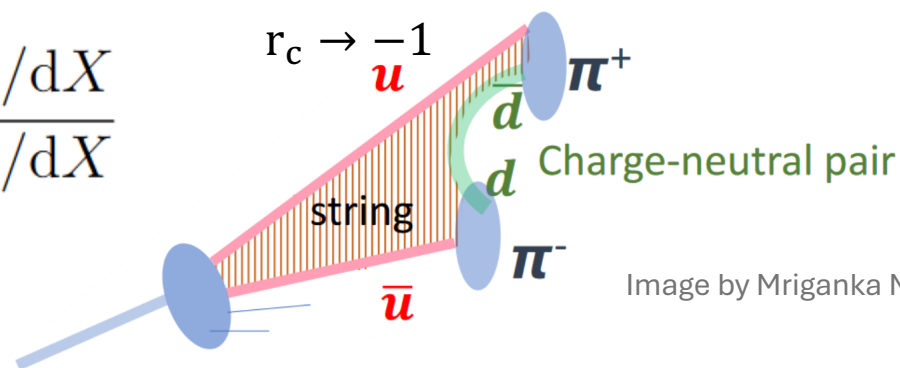


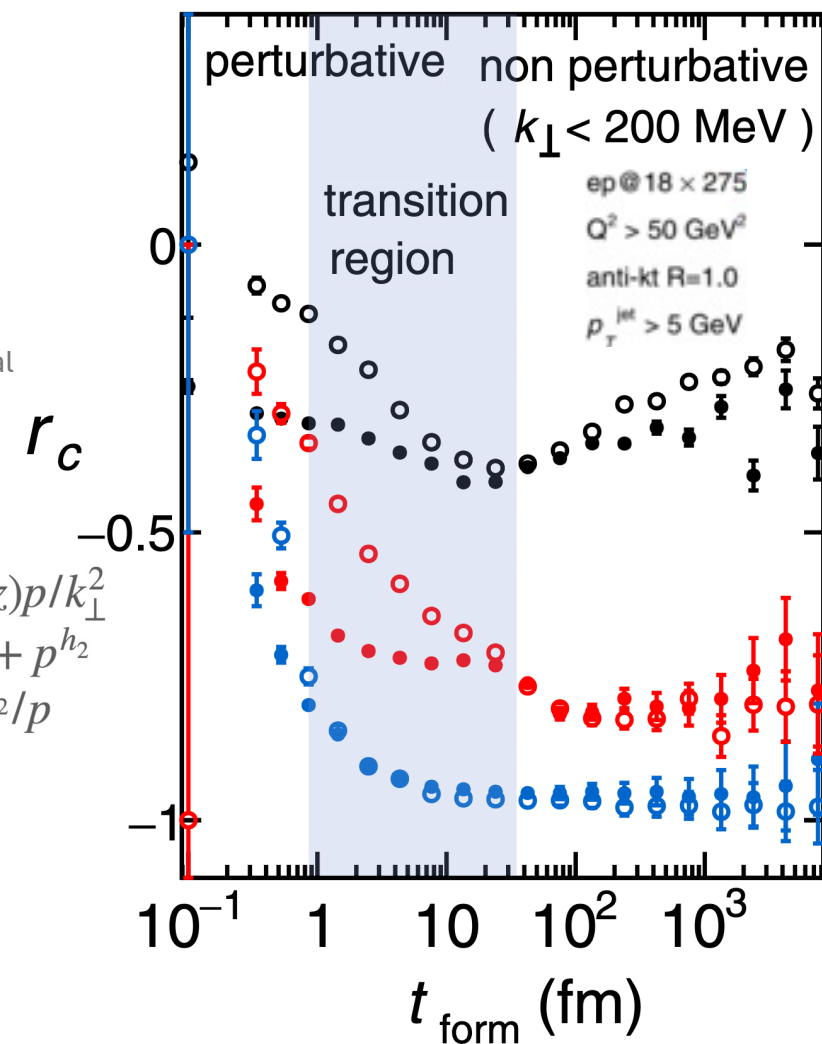
Image by Mriganka Mondal

Chien, Deshpande, Mondal, Sterman, *PRD* 105 (2022) 5, L051502

$$t_{\text{form}} = z(1-z)p/k_{\perp}^2$$

with $p = p^{h_1} + p^{h_2}$
 and $z = p^{h_2}/p$

- r_c can probe for evidence of string-like fragmentation
- In vacuum, can establish baseline for studying medium modification of hadronization

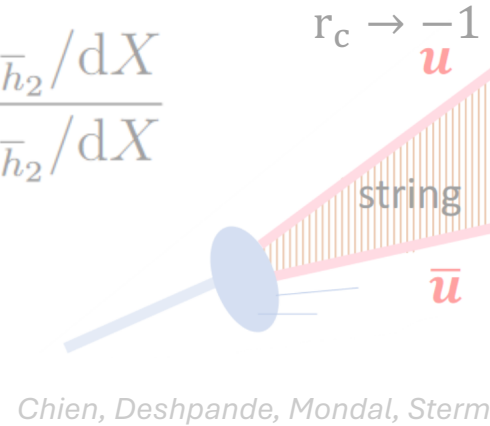


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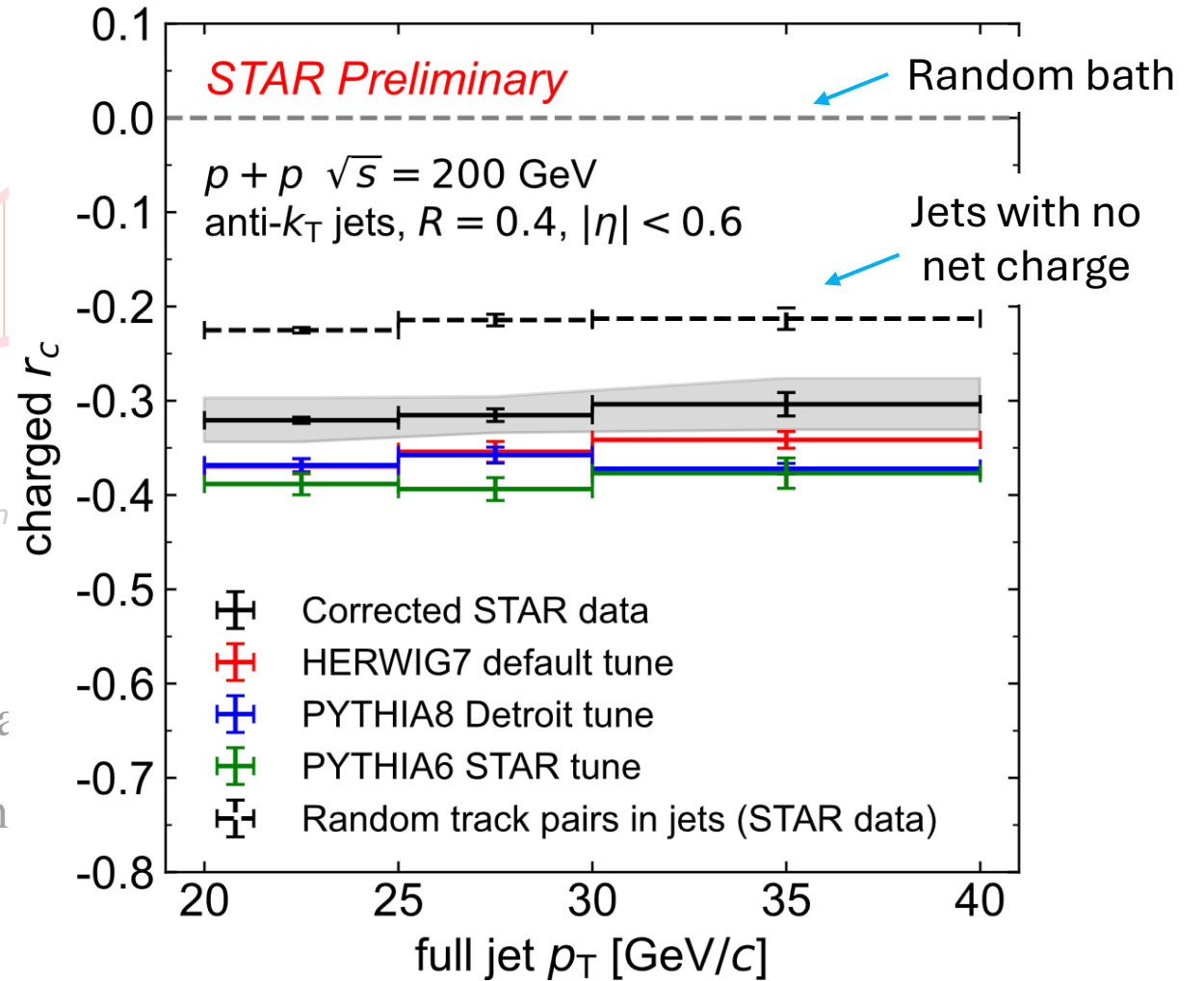
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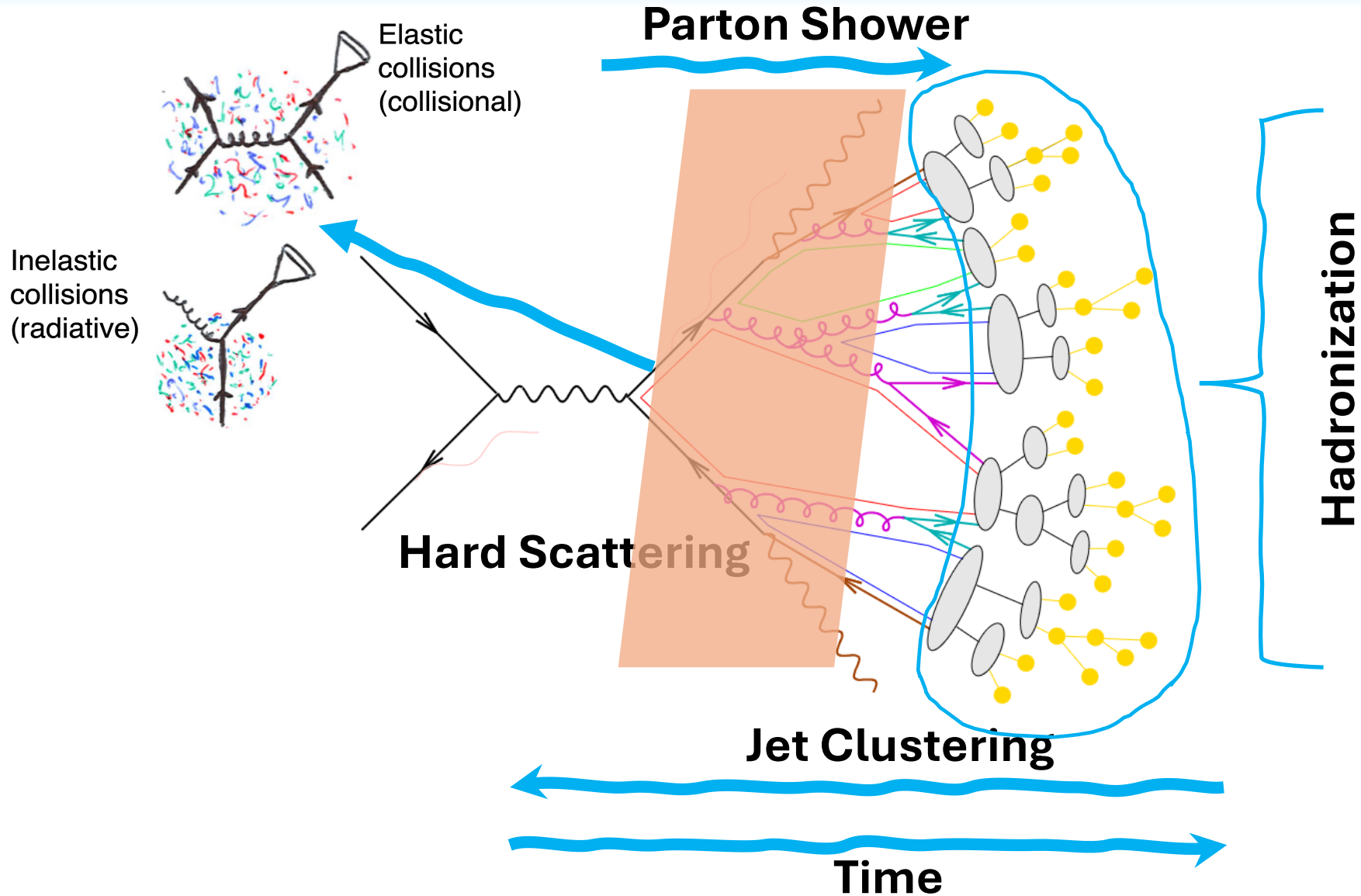
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First measurement in p+p: Both string-like and cluster hadronization underpredict STAR data
 More model tuning required.



Jets in medium



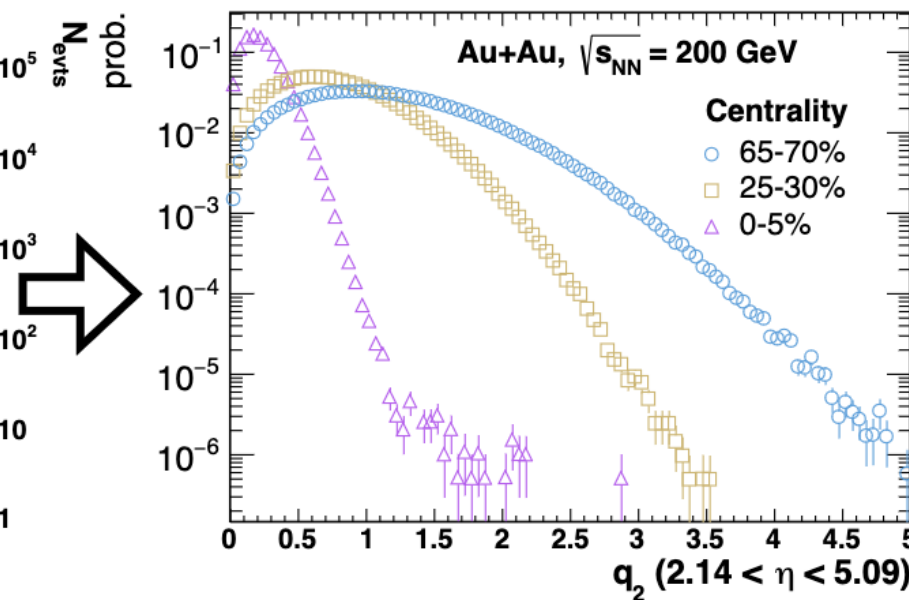
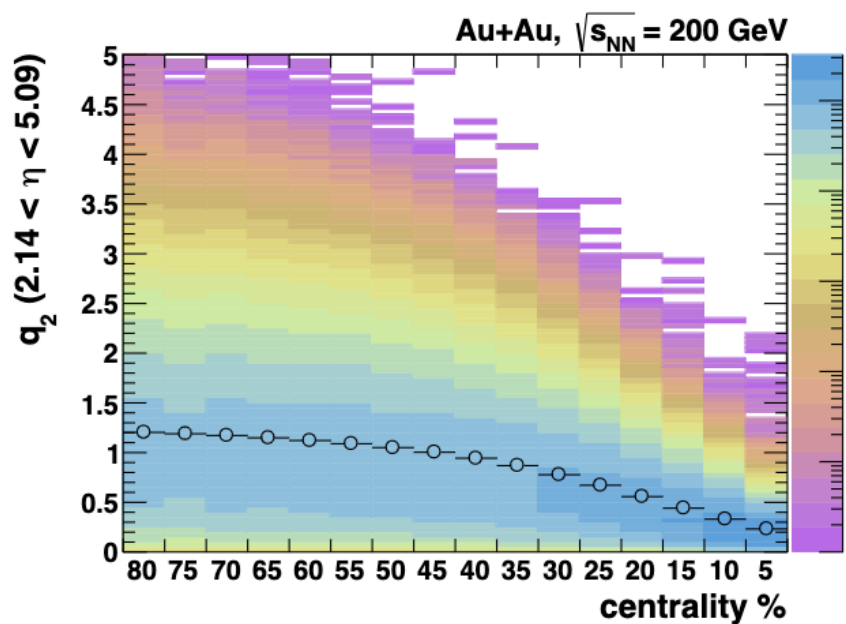
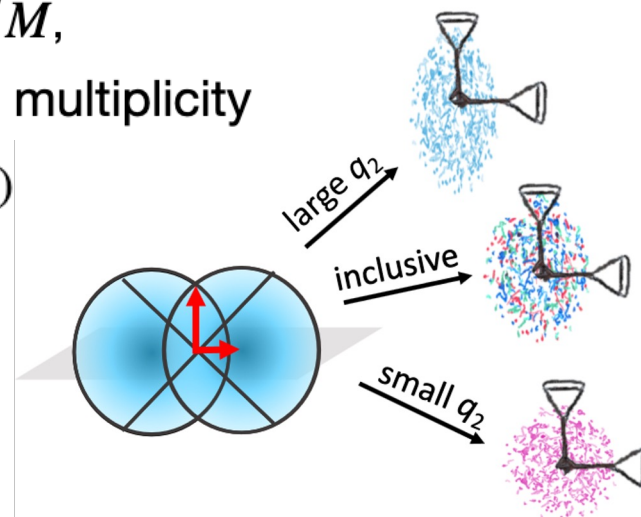
Event shape engineering

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w_i : nMIP weight, M : multiplicity

$$v_2 = \langle \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_2)) \rangle$$

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- Centrality and q_2 are correlated, event selection based on both centrality and q_2
- Charged particle spectra from TPC, q_2 from EPD-W to avoid autocorrelation



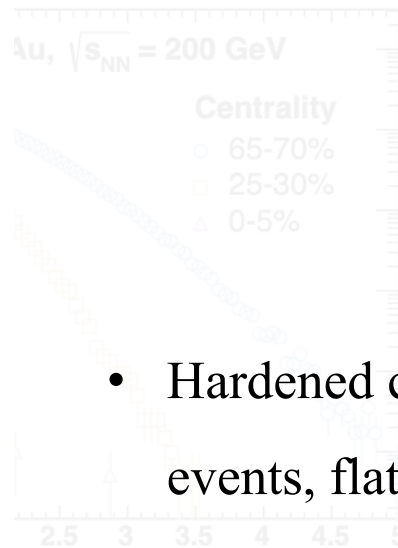
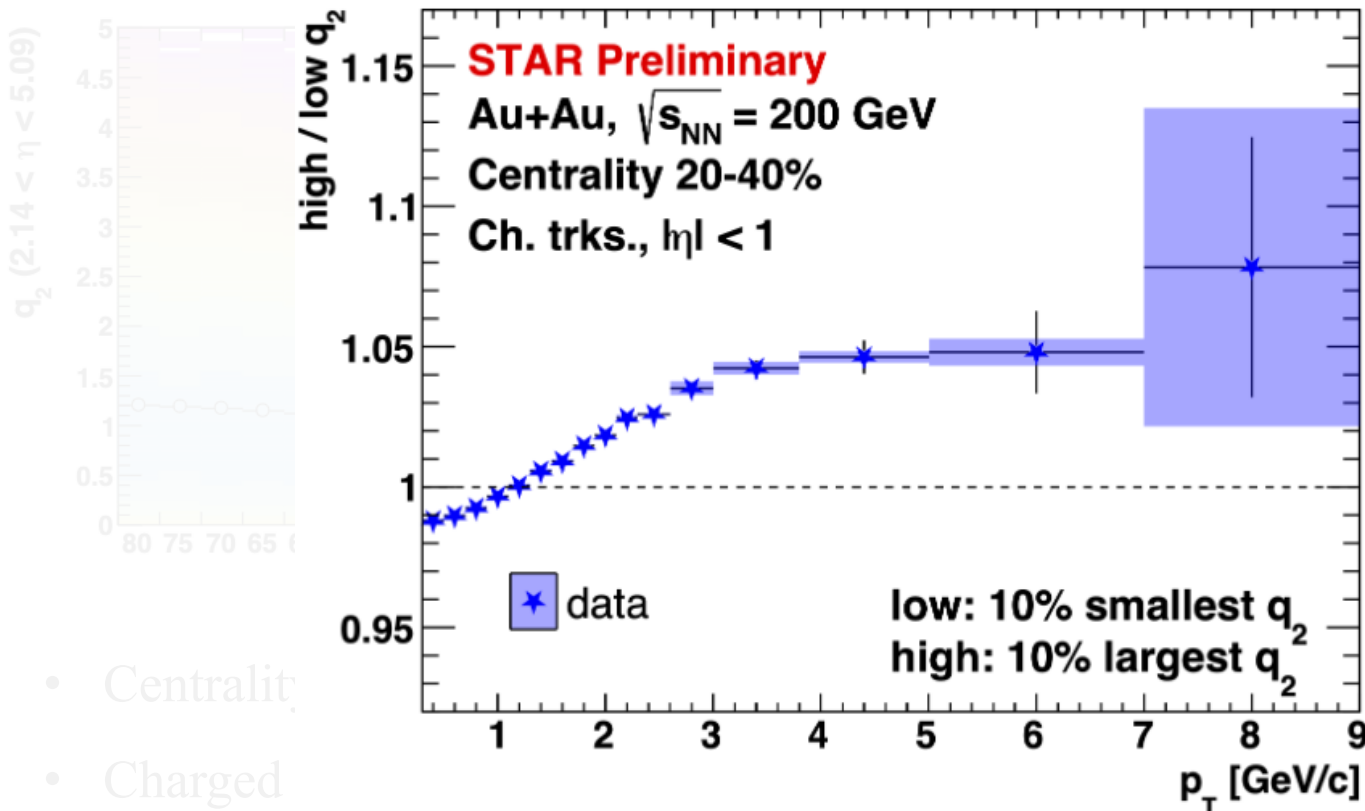
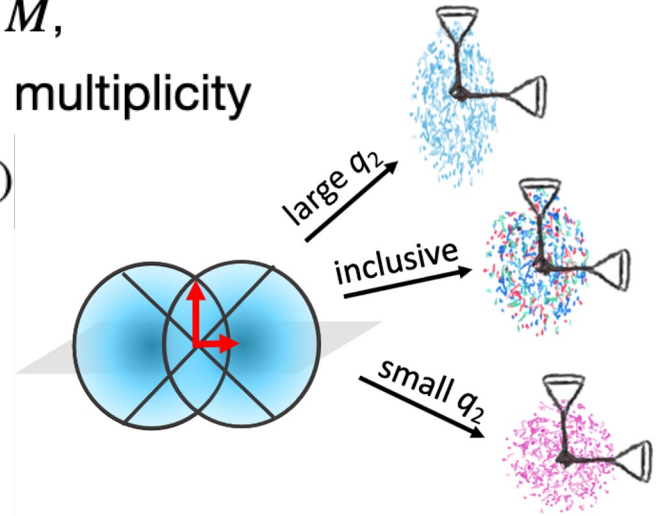
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- Hardened charged particle spectra in high- q_2 events, flattened at high p_T
- Consistent with ALICE results at 2.76 TeV

ALICE, PRC 93 (2016) 3, 034916

- Centrality
- Charged

th centrality and q_2
d autocorrelation



Jet substructure in medium

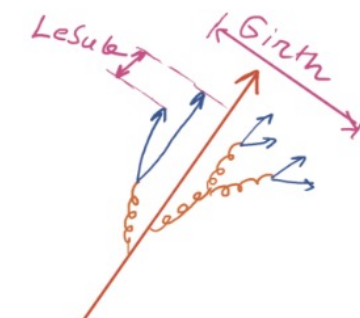
Generalized Angularities

$$\lambda_{\beta}^{\kappa} = \sum_{\text{const} \in \text{jet}} \overbrace{\left(\frac{p_{T,\text{const}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}} \right)^{\kappa}}^{\text{soft/hard radiation}} \times \overbrace{r(\text{const}, \text{jet})^{\beta}}^{\text{collinearity sensitive}}$$

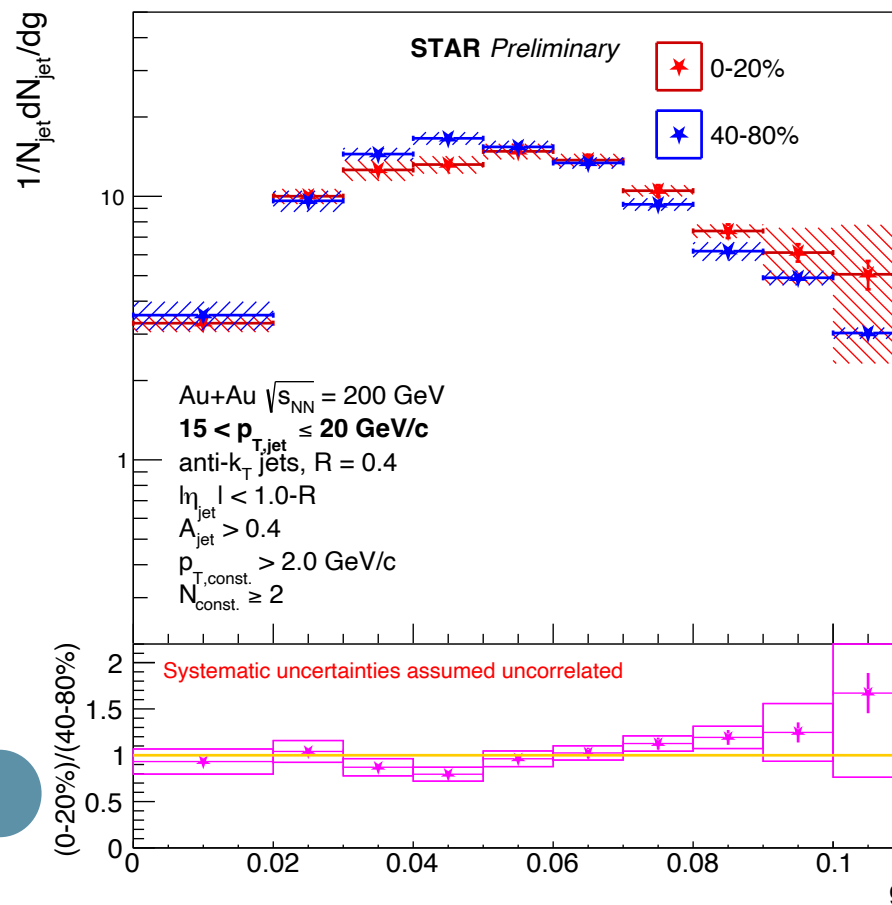
$$\lambda_1^1 = g - \text{girth}$$

$$\lambda_2^1 - \text{thrust}$$

$$\lambda_0^2 = (p_T^D)^2 - \text{momentum dispersion}$$



- Angularities, tunable sensitivities to energy, angular scales – some of them are IRC safe
- Can probe the modification of radiation pattern in medium



Girth consistent in central and peripheral collisions

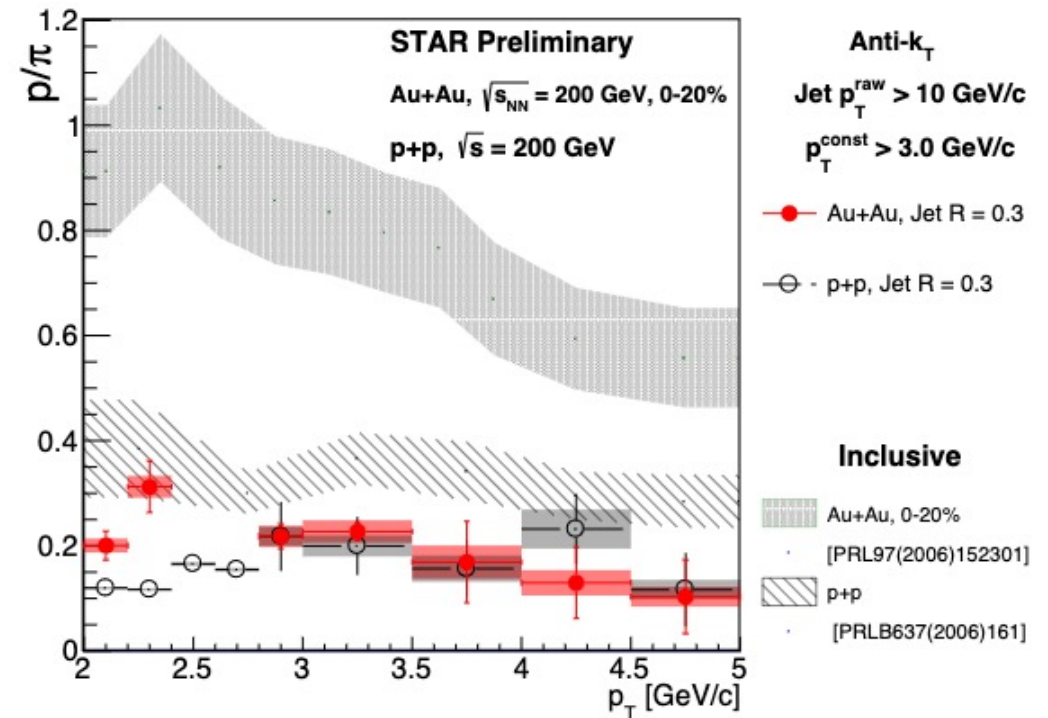
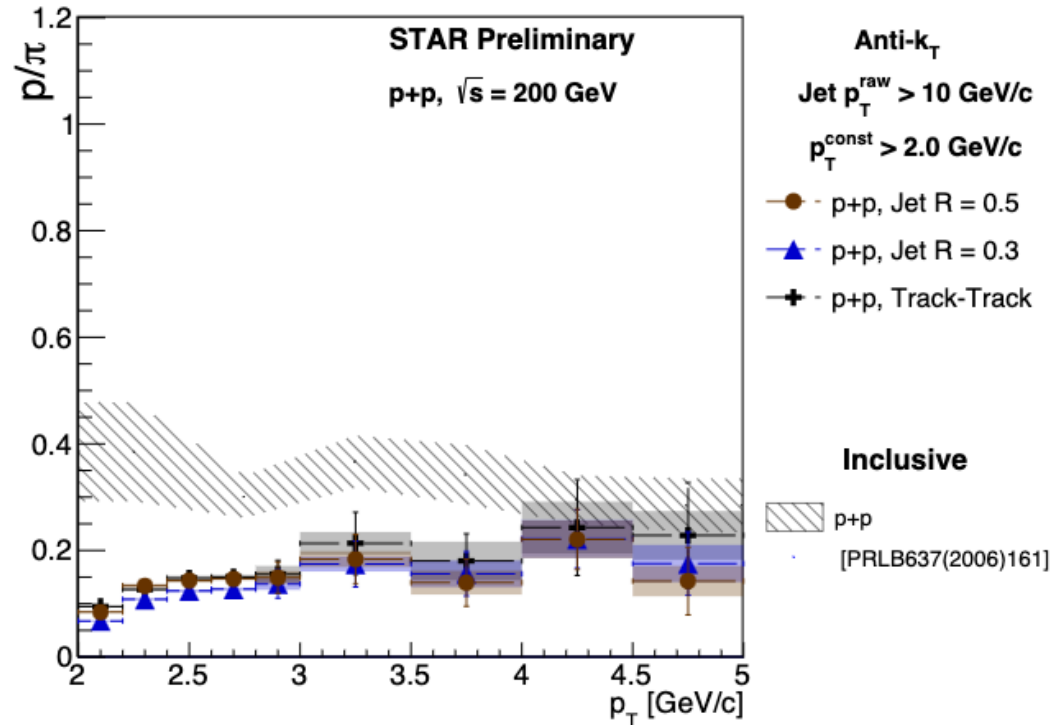
Better handle on systematics and sample bias being explored



Jet chemistry

Baryon-To-Meson Ratio in p-p and Au-Au

$$\frac{p^+ + p^-}{\pi^+ + \pi^-}$$



Pion production preferred over proton in jets

No significant difference in Au+Au p/π ratio compared to p+p

Stronger preference for pions in jets compared to inclusive p+p

Hard-core selection bias (?) Survivor bias(?)

Studies ongoing with jets with different hard-core definitions



Flavor dependence – D⁰ jets

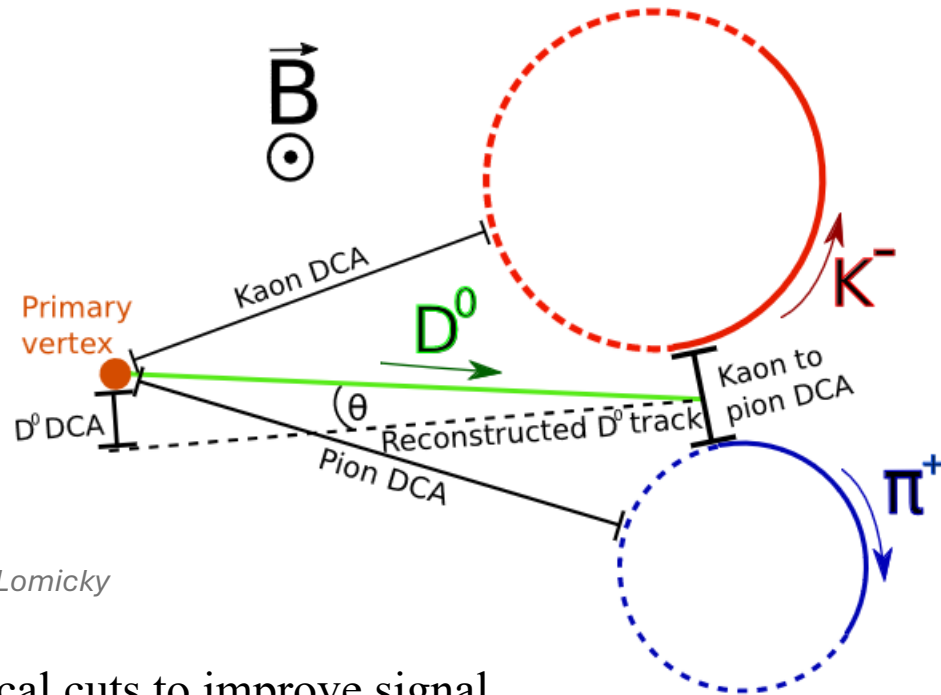


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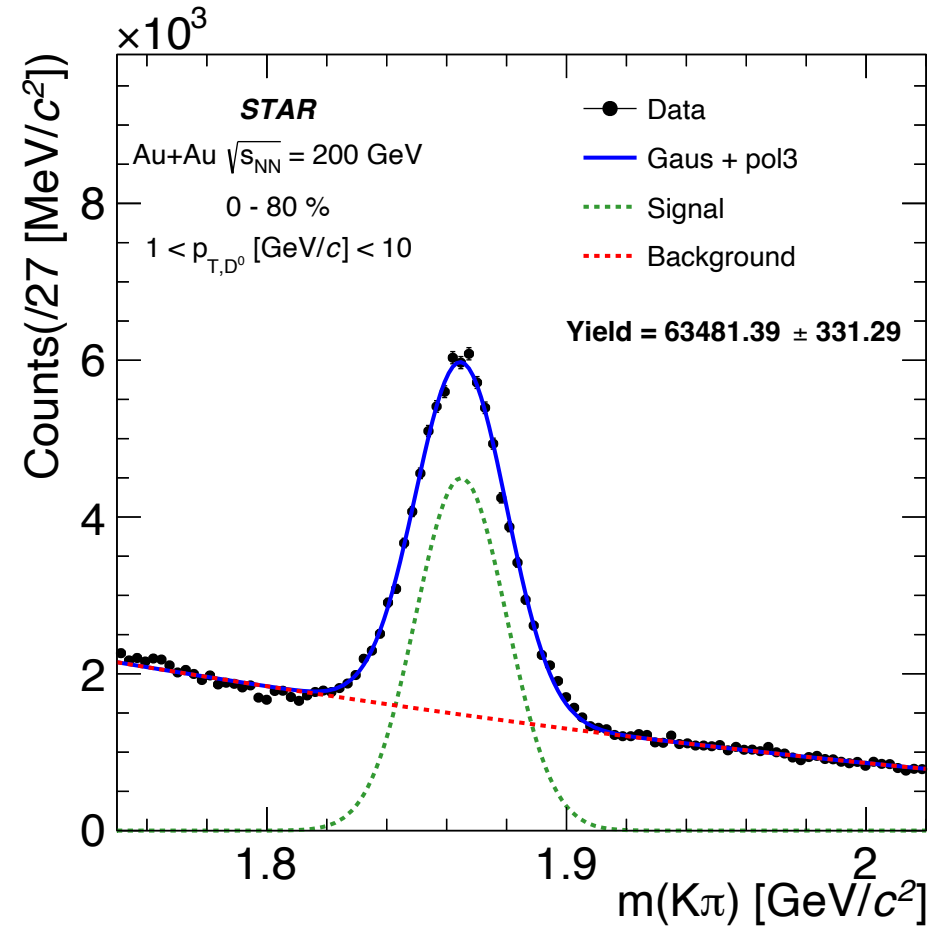
- Topological cuts to improve signal significance of D⁰
- Yield calculation using sPlot method

$$sPlot \quad s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_T} V_{nj} f_j(m_{K\pi,i})}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_T} N_k f_k(m_{K\pi,i})}$$

Efficiency Correction

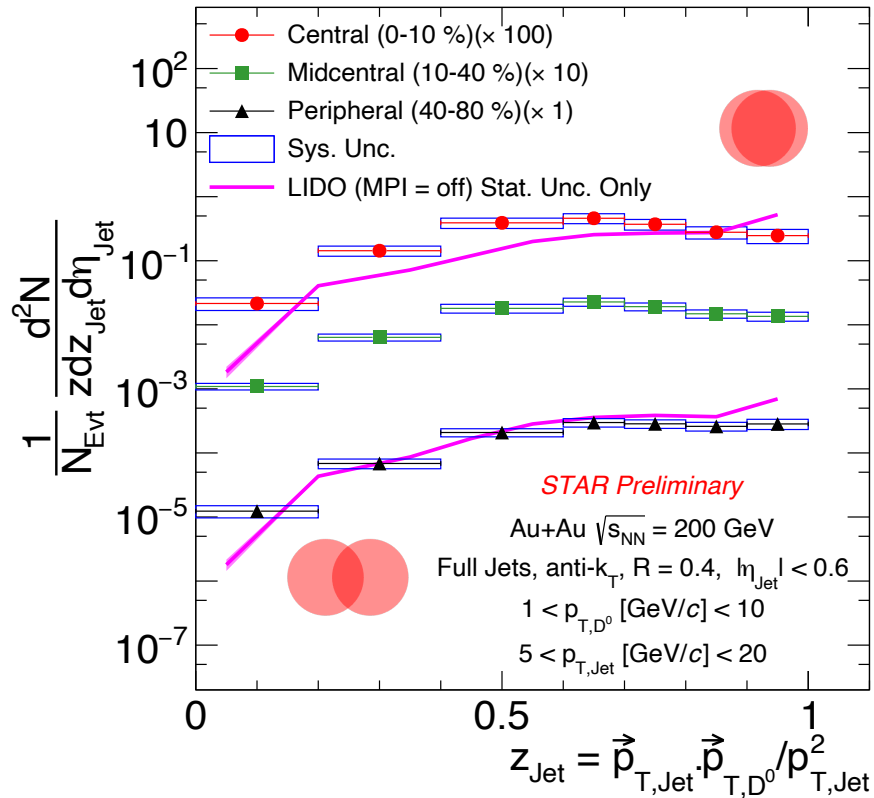
$$s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) \rightarrow \frac{s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i})}{\varepsilon(m_{K\pi,i})}$$

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Flavor dependence – Fragmentation of D^0 jets

LIDO, Phys. Rev. C 98, 064901



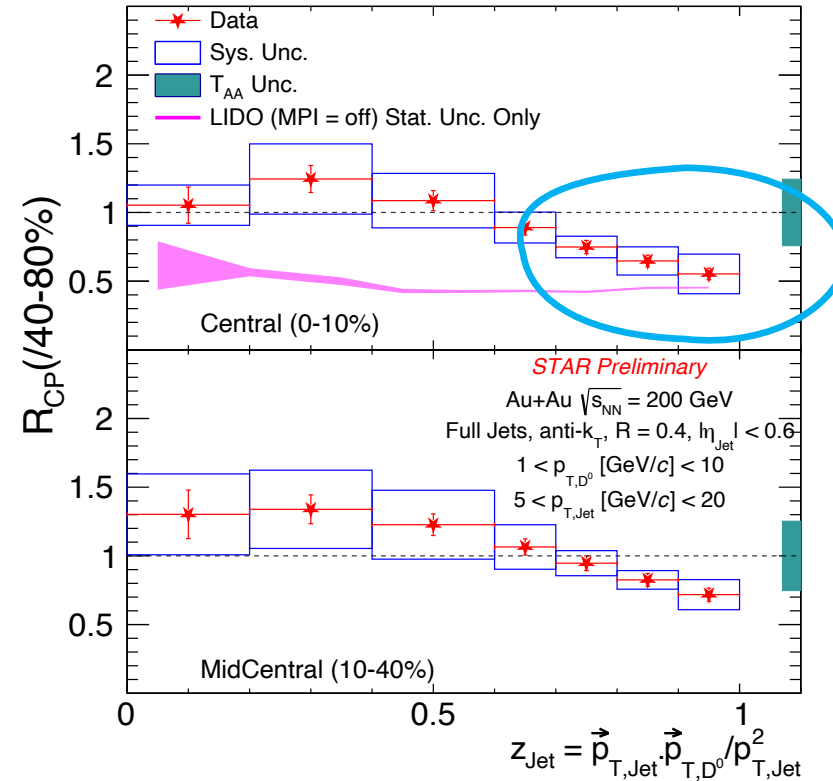
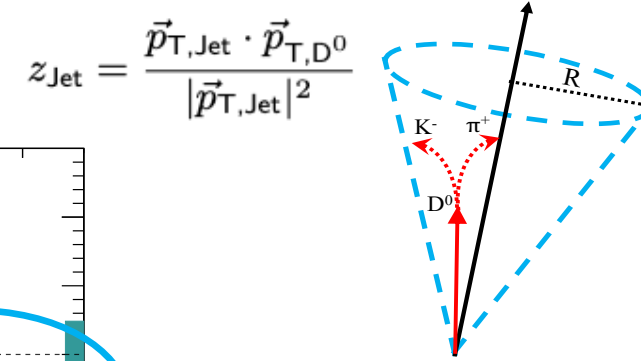
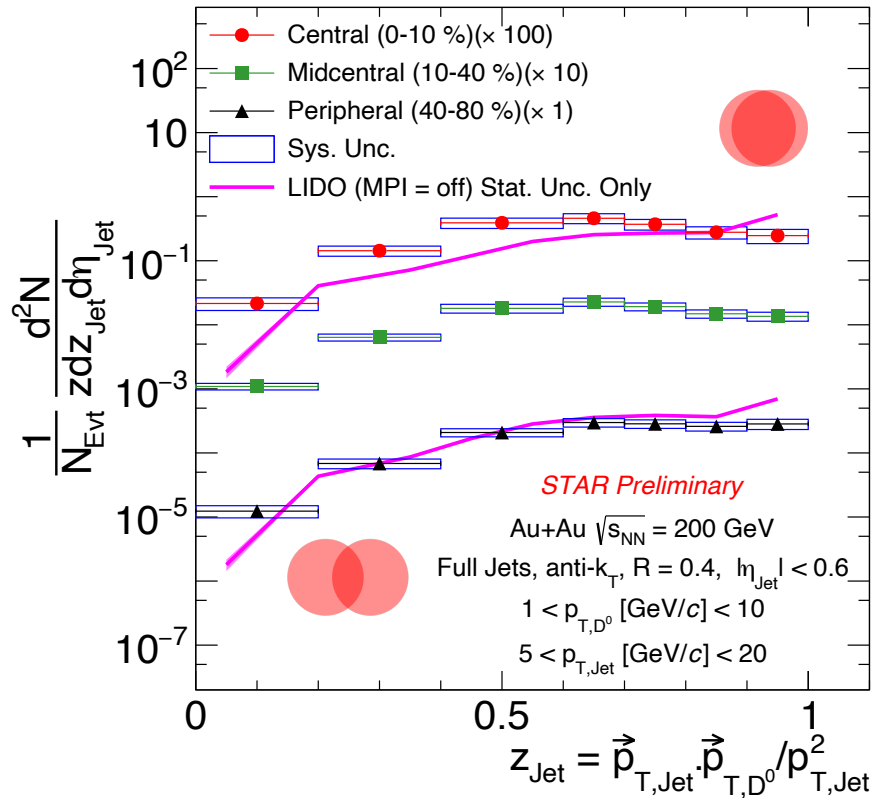
$$z_{\text{Jet}} = \frac{\vec{p}_{T,\text{Jet}} \cdot \vec{p}_{T,D^0}}{|\vec{p}_{T,\text{Jet}}|^2}$$

- 2D unfolded with $p_{T,\text{Jet}}$
- LIDO overestimates hard fragmented D^0 jets \rightarrow Data shows softer fragmentation



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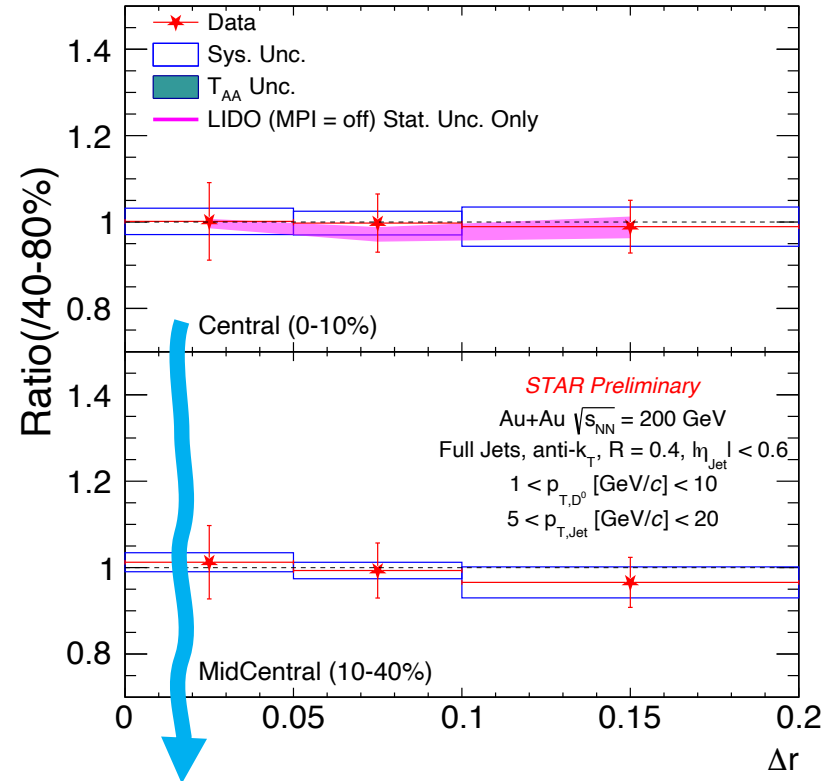
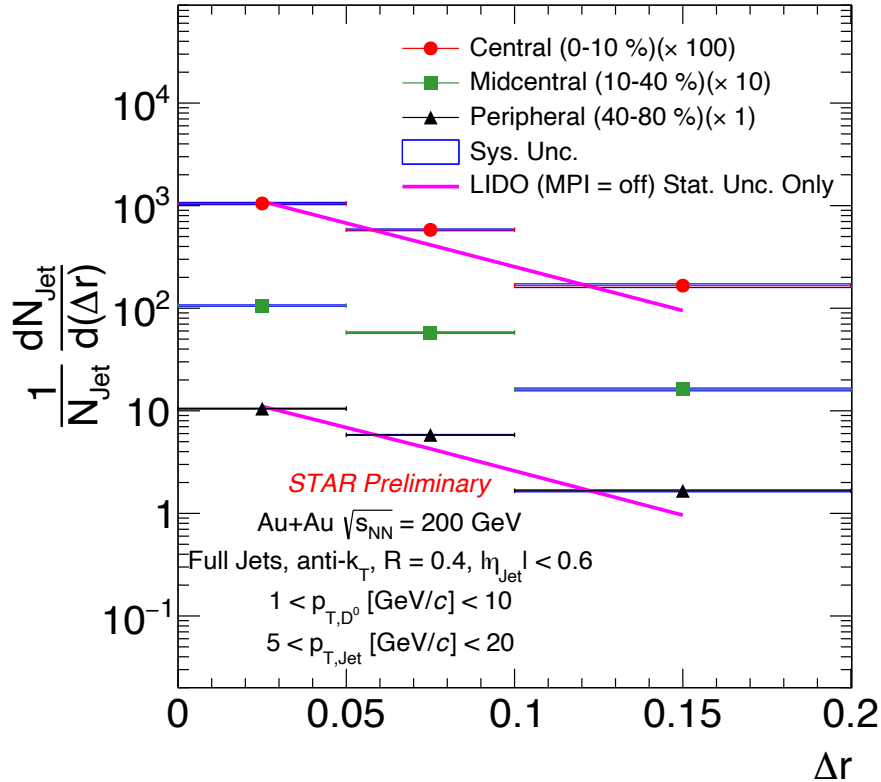
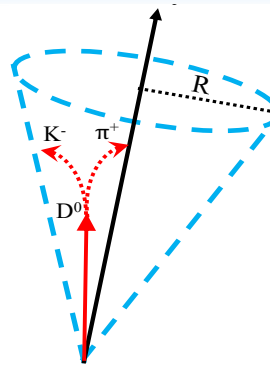
Suppression for hard fragmented D^0 jets in central collisions

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Flavor dependence – Radial profile of D^0 jets

LIDO, Phys. Rev. C 98, 064901



- 2D unfolded with $p_{T,Jet}$
- LIDO qualitatively explains radial profile trends, along with ratio of central and peripheral

Ratio of radial profile consistent with 1



What's next for STAR?

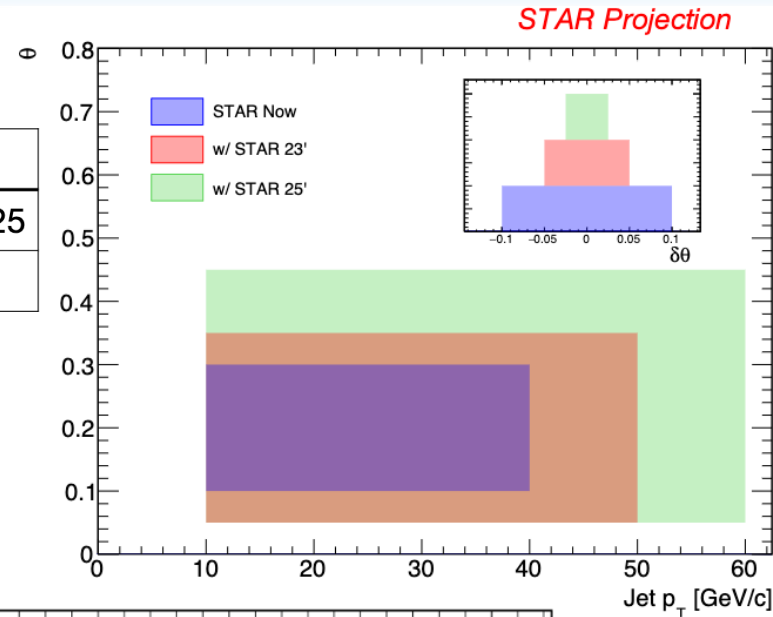
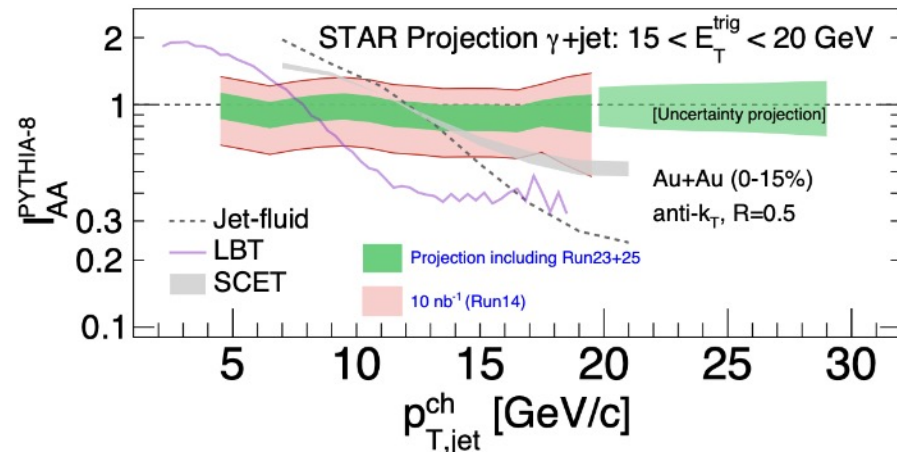
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Species	Sampled Luminosity	Year
200	Au+Au&p+Au	AuAu 32.7 nb ⁻¹ / pAu 0.69 pb ⁻¹	2023+2025
200	p+p	142 pb ⁻¹	2024

EPD for triggering
Independent event-plane determination

Event shape Engineering

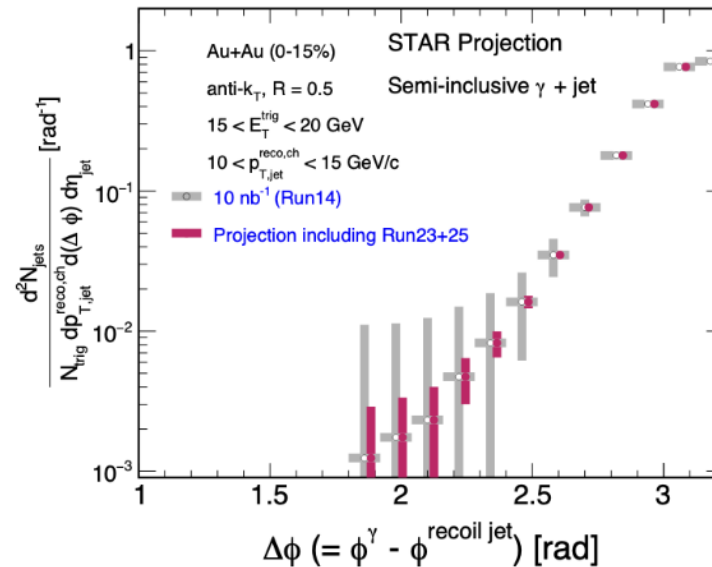
Recoil Jets triggered by γ^{dir}

$$I_{AA} = \text{Yield in Au+Au} / \text{Yield in p+p}$$



Increased statistics for jet-substructure measurements
Use jet substructure as taggers

Access to high p_T jets
Access to wide-angle radiation
Increased resolution in angular scale

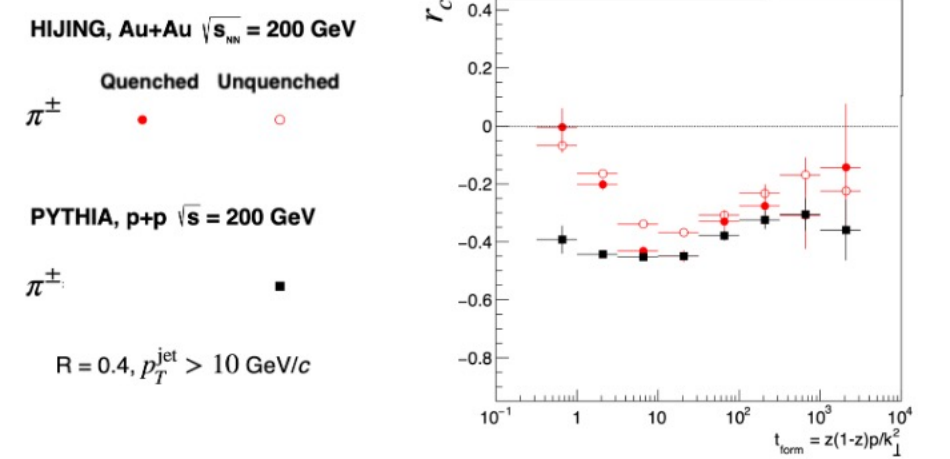


Wider kinematic range for I_{AA} and acoplanarity measurements
Access to forward rapidity
Larger statistics \rightarrow Improved uncertainty

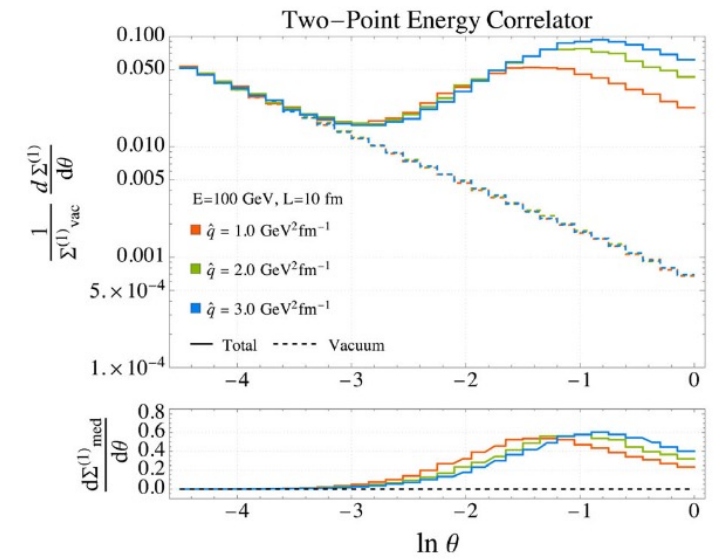


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- Charge correlators in heavy ion collisions
- HERWIG tune to RHIC kinematics ongoing
- Jet chemistry in unbiased sample (constituent p_T dependence)
- Generalized angularities for D^0 -jets
- Higher order EECs, charge dependence, medium modifications
- Event shape engineering: Probing event-plane angle dependence



Esha, *Hard Probes 2023*

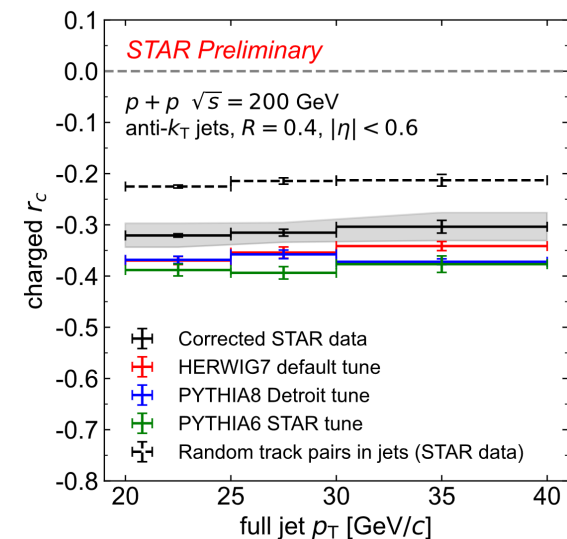
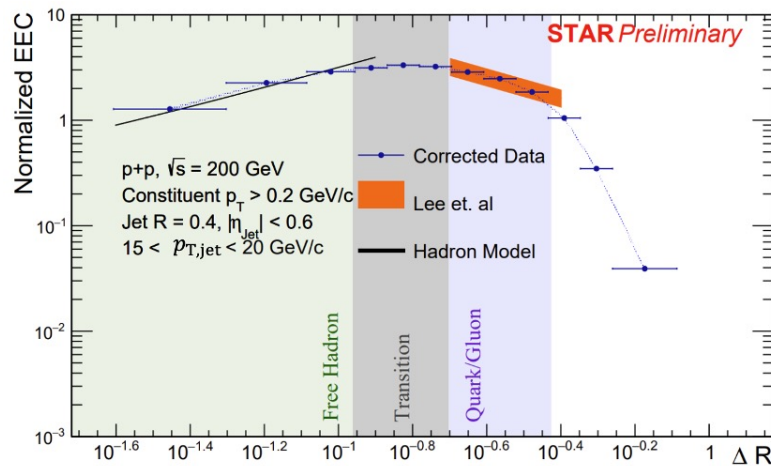
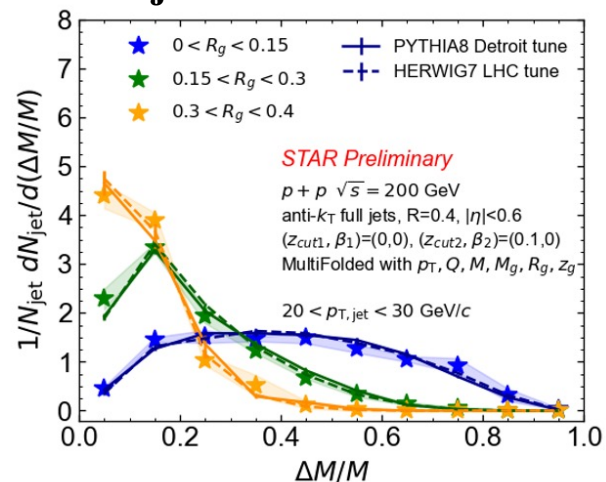


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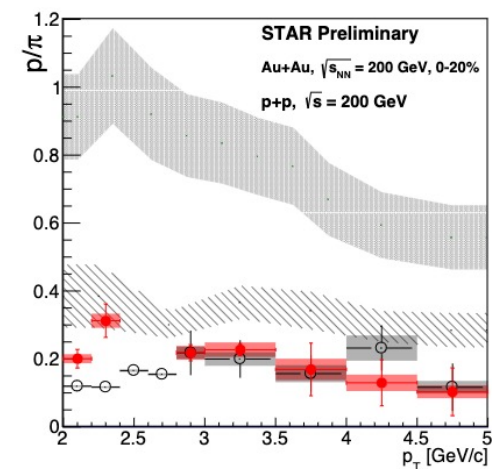
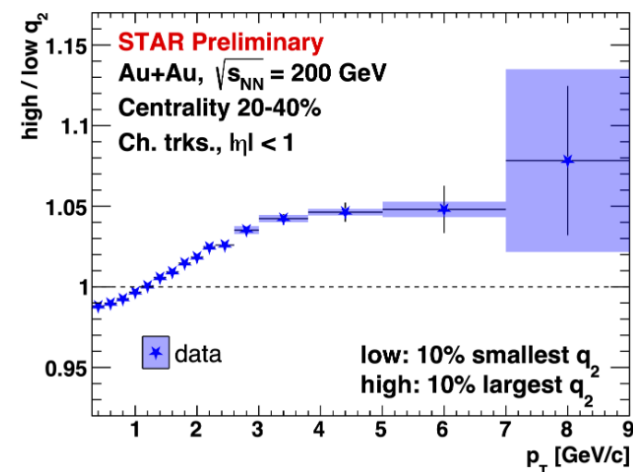
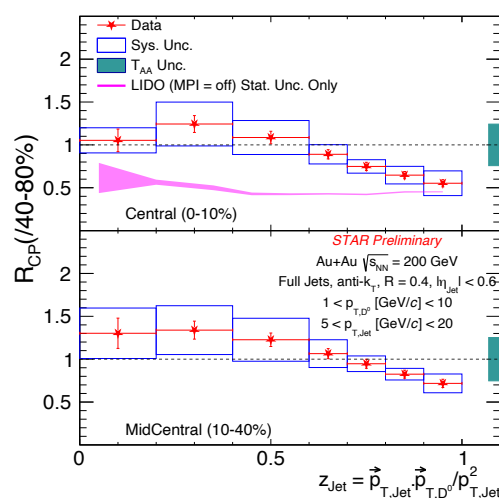
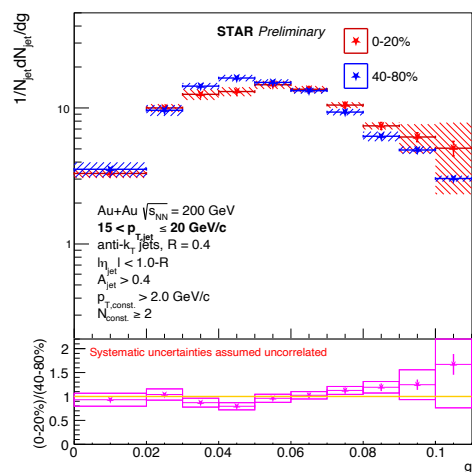


Summary

Precision era of jet substructure



Substructure measurements in medium



Thank You



Flavor dependence – Generalized angularities

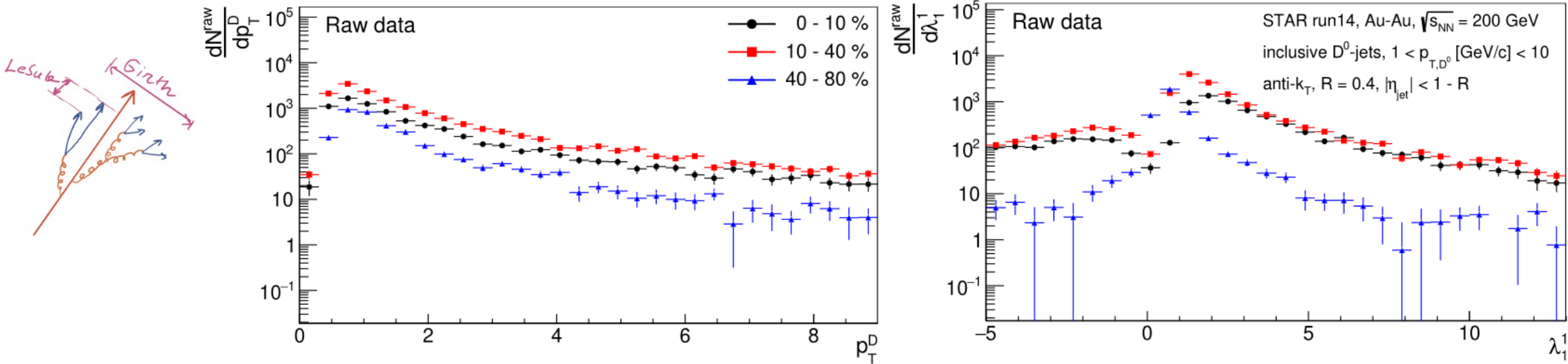
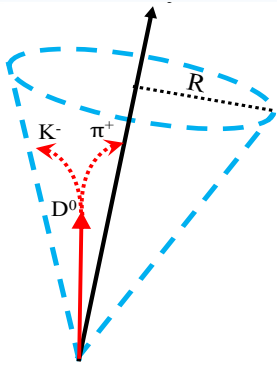
Generalized Angularities

$\lambda_1^1 = g$ - girth

λ_2^1 - thrust

$\lambda_0^2 = (p_T^D)^2$ - momentum dispersion

$$\lambda_\beta^\kappa = \sum_{\text{const} \in \text{jet}} \overbrace{\left(\frac{p_{T,\text{const}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}} \right)^\kappa}^{\text{soft/hard radiation}} \times \overbrace{r(\text{const}, \text{jet})^\beta}^{\text{collinearity sensitive}}$$



Ongoing measurements for angularities

- Unphysical results caused by median background subtraction → Unfolding required