

# Underlying Event Studies at RHIC

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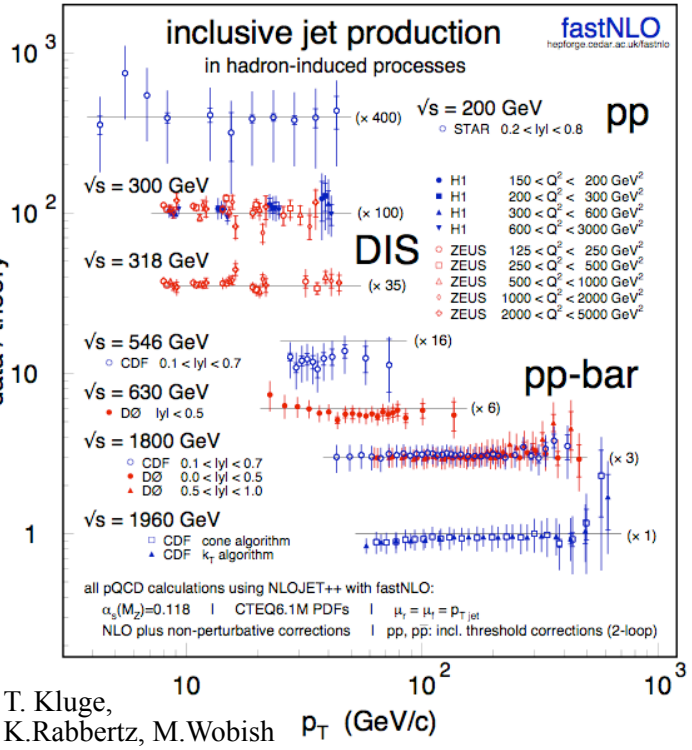
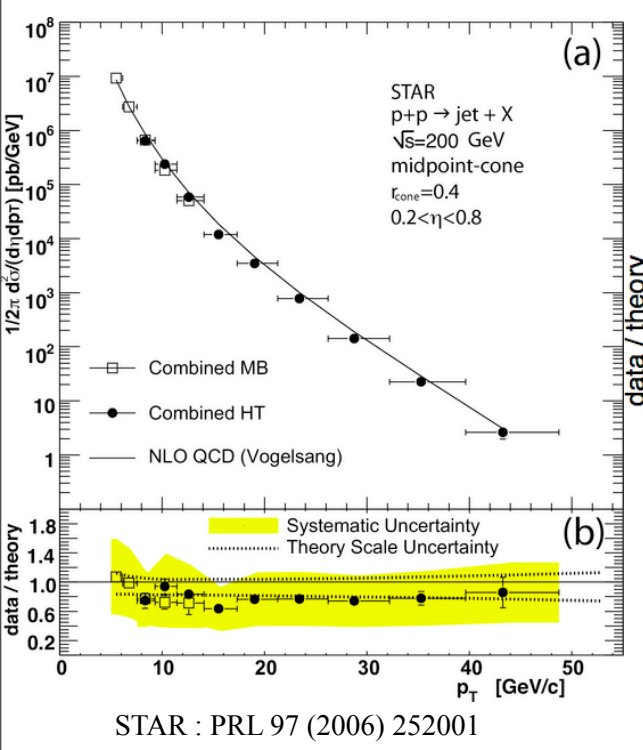
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## Outline

- Jets and our data set
- $z$  and  $\xi$  distributions
- The underlying event
- Summary and outlook

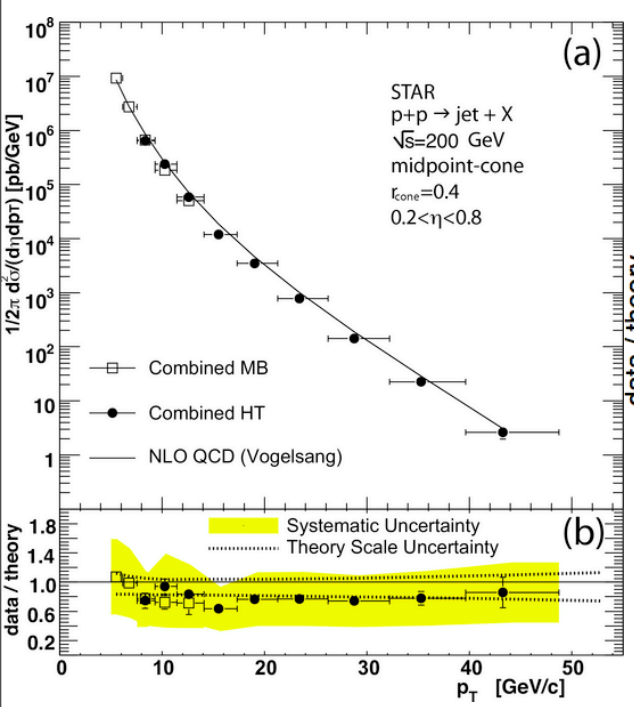


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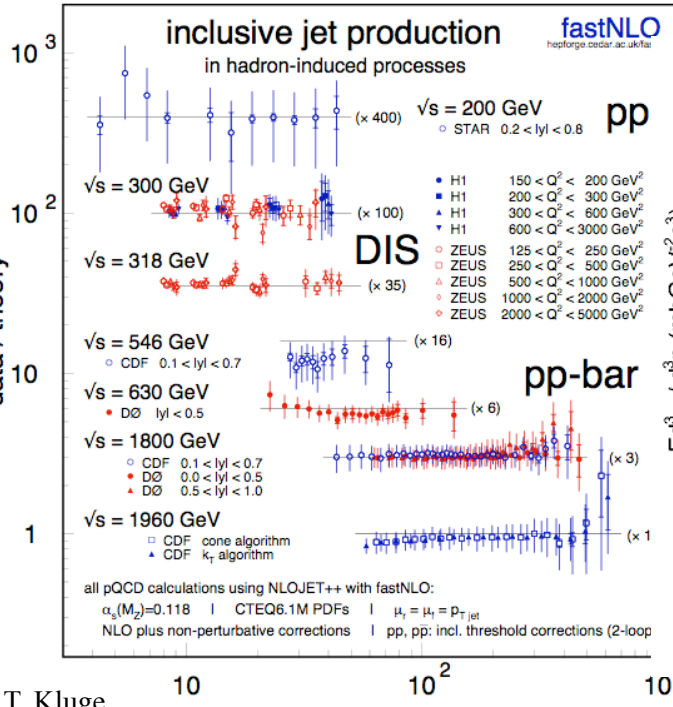


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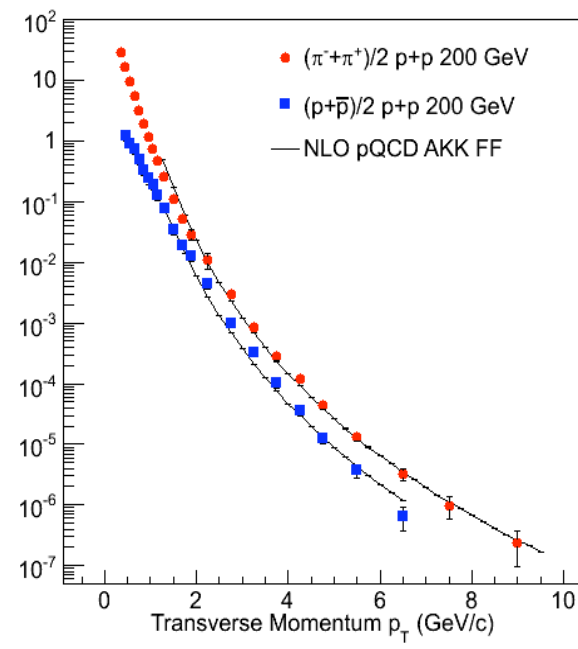
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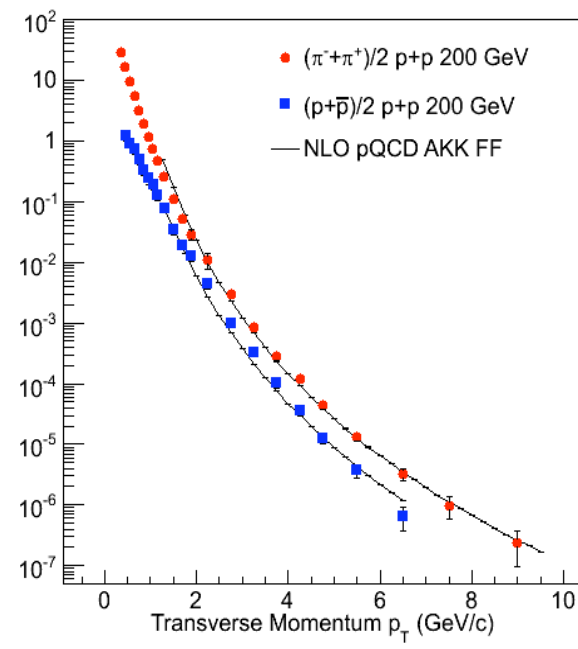
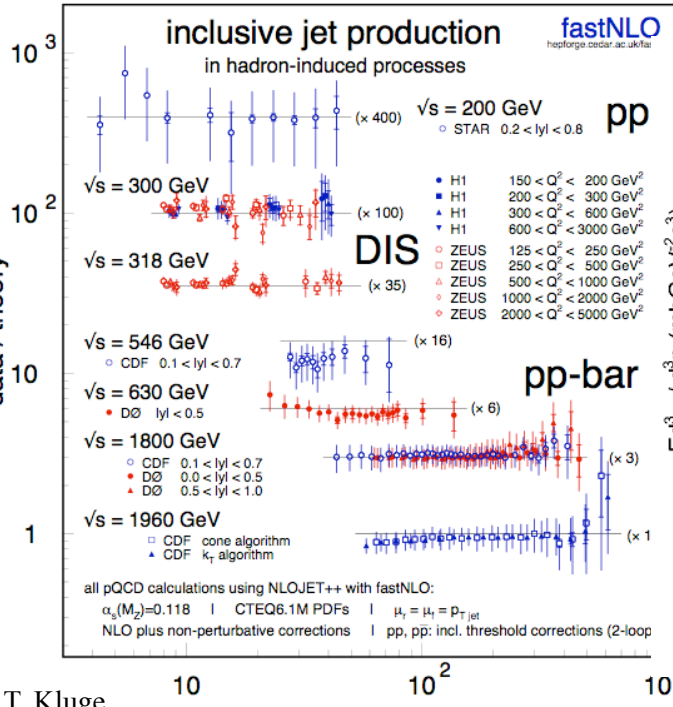
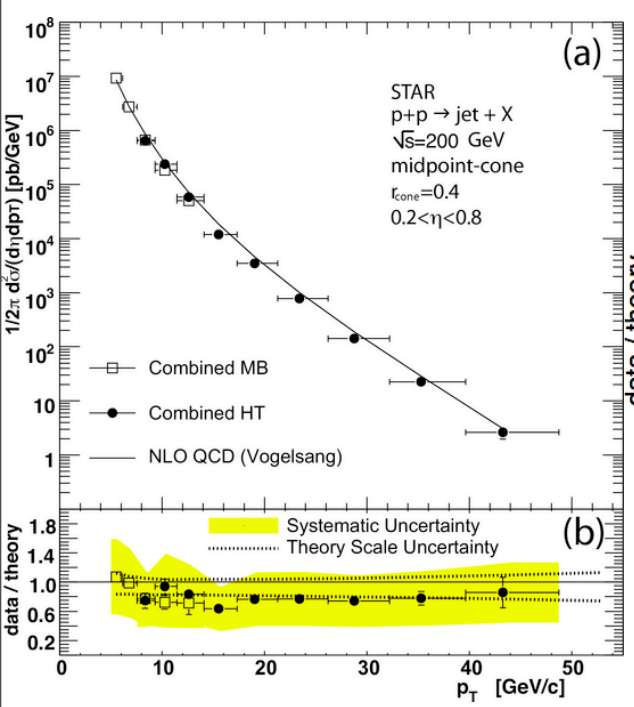
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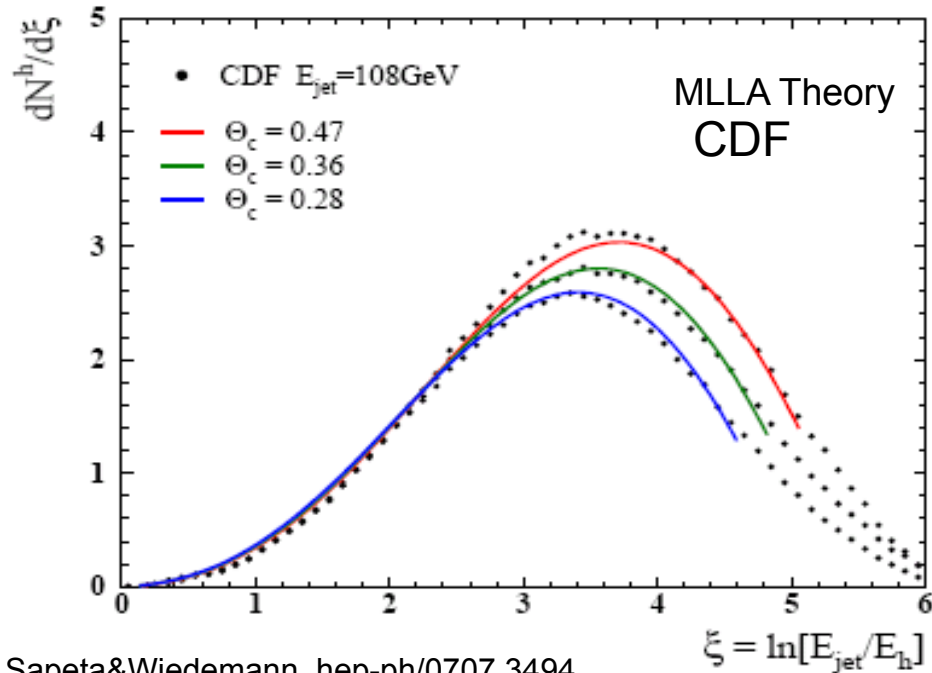
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**What about fragmentation?**

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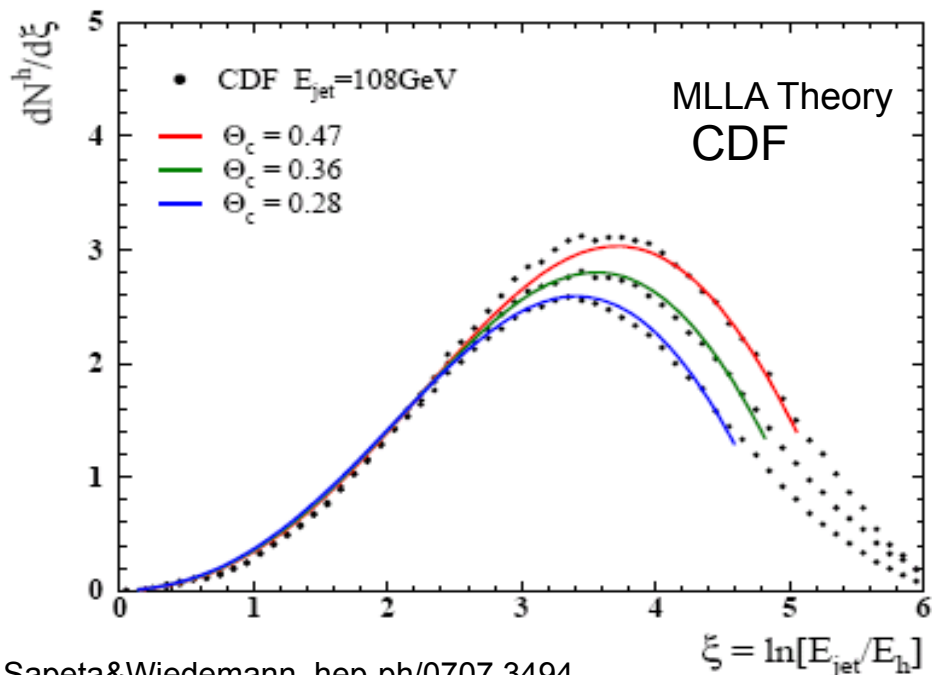


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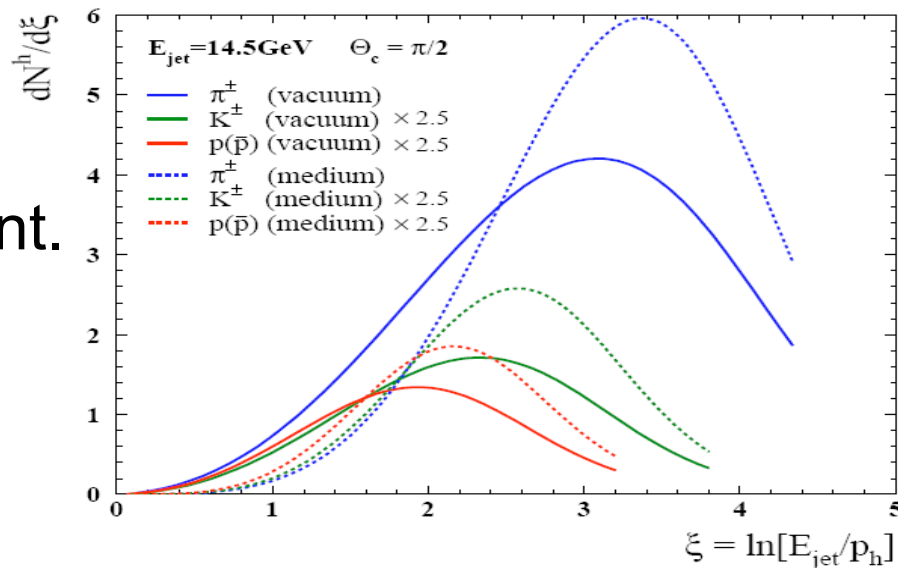
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- FF are particle species dependent.

Need to study composition of jets and complete event.

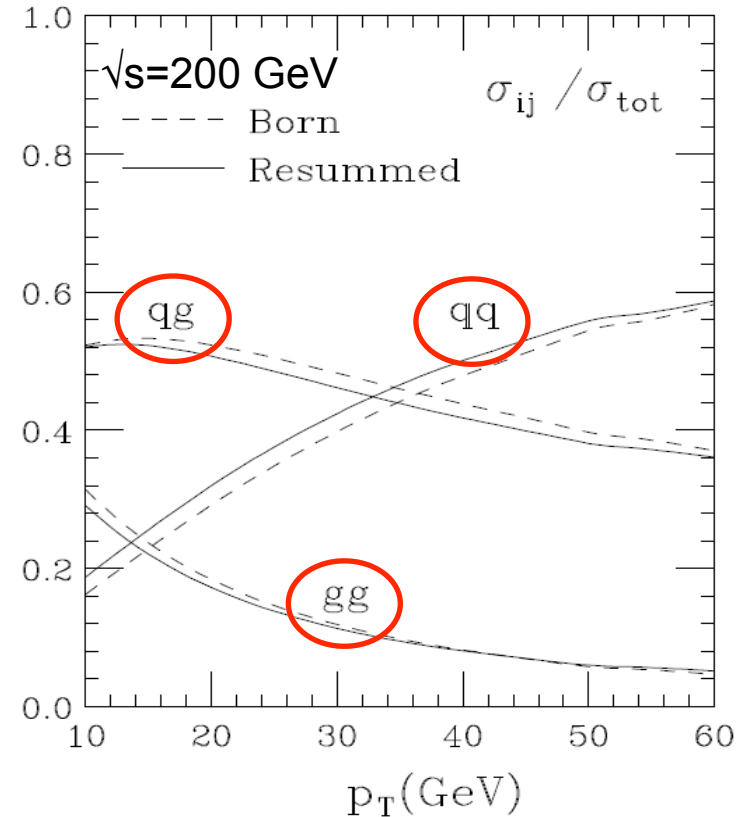
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# Jets at RHIC: $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV p+p

- Unpolarized measurements are a crucial part of the RHIC program
- Inclusive hadron and jet cross section measurements at RHIC add new results to existing data from other accelerators at different energies
- Constrain fragmentation functions:
  - Fits currently dominated by  $e^+e^-$  data
  - Still large uncertainties, especially in the gluon fragmentation functions

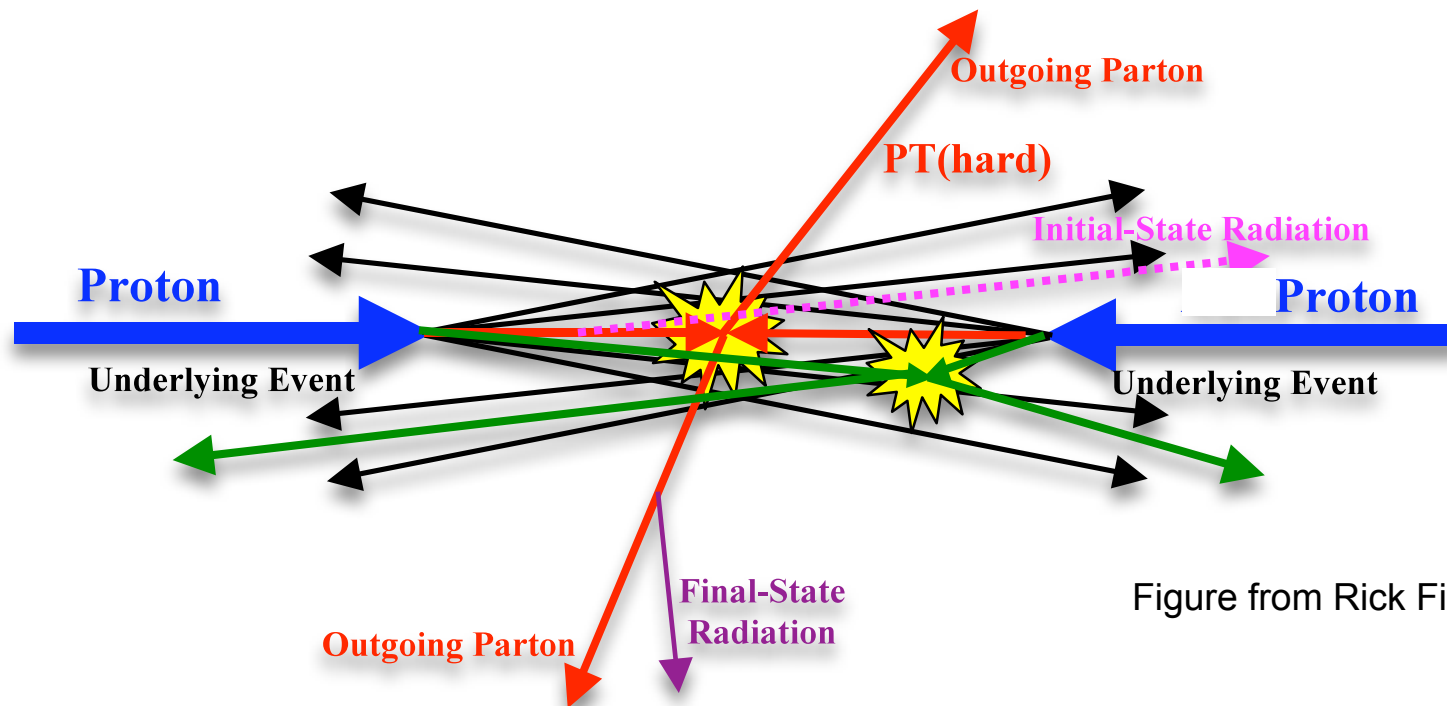


De Florian, Vogelsang, hep-ph 0704.1677

Significant contribution from gluons in the RHIC regime

# There is also the Underlying Event

- p-p events are complicated. More than just hard scattering.
- Underlying Event: soft or semi-hard multiple parton interactions (MPI), initial & final state radiation, beam-beam remnants



The Underlying Event is everything BUT the hard scattering



# Energy Scaling of the Underlying event

- PYTHIA is tuned to 1.8 TeV - does the tune scale to another collision energy.

- An important scaling factor is the hard scattering cut-off for the MPI in UE:

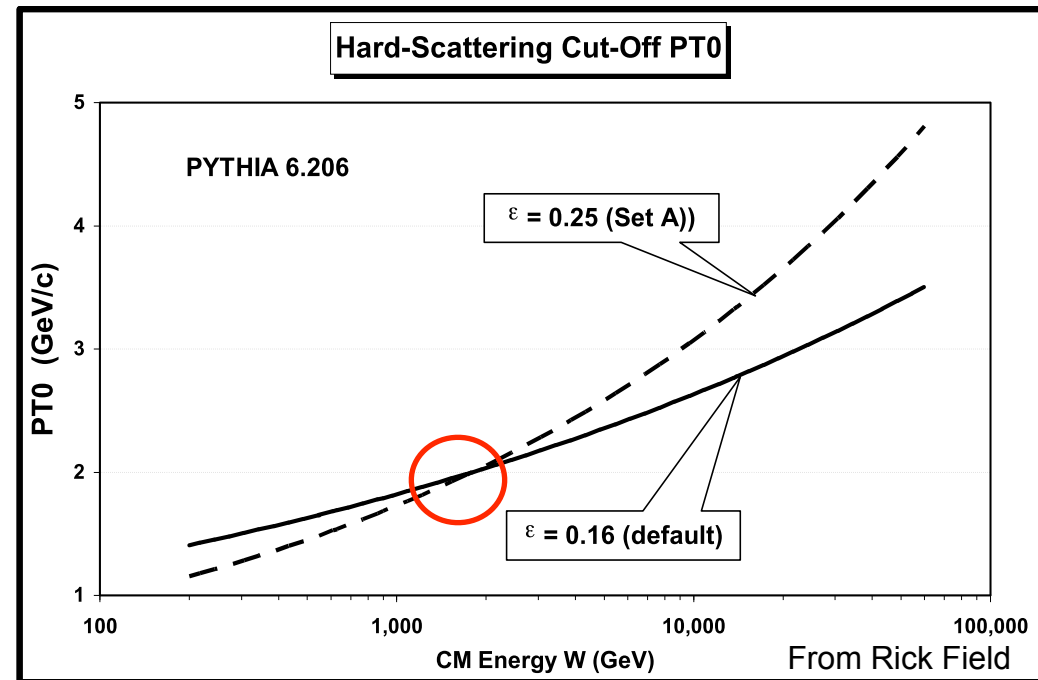
$$P_{T0}(E_{cm}) = P_{T0}(E_{cm}/E_0)^\epsilon$$

- **Pivots around the tuning energy**

- $\epsilon = 0.16$  - initial estimate

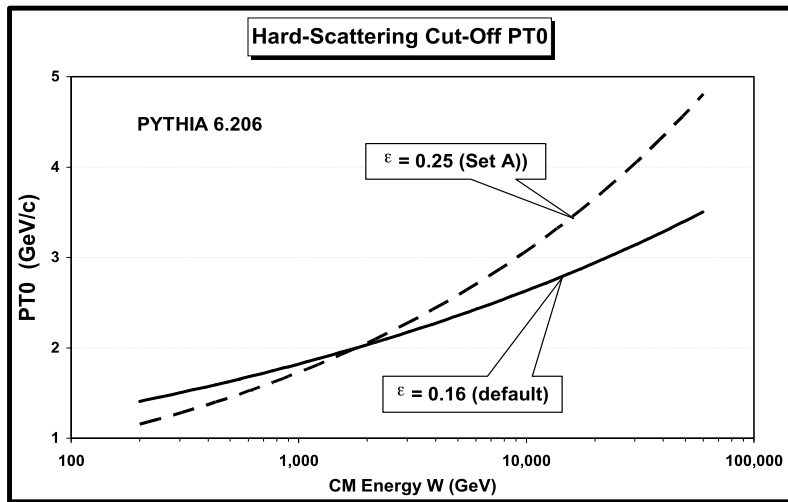
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(suggested by 630 GeV Tevatron)

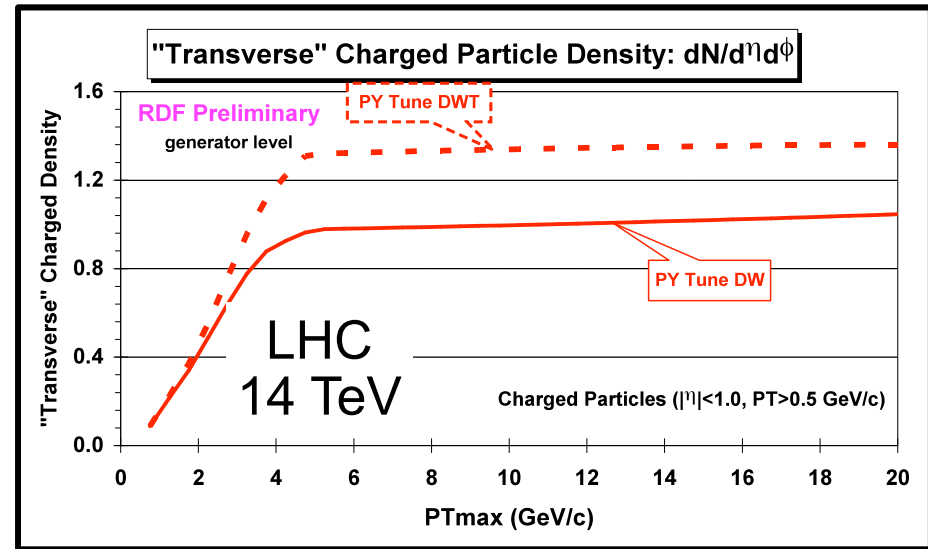
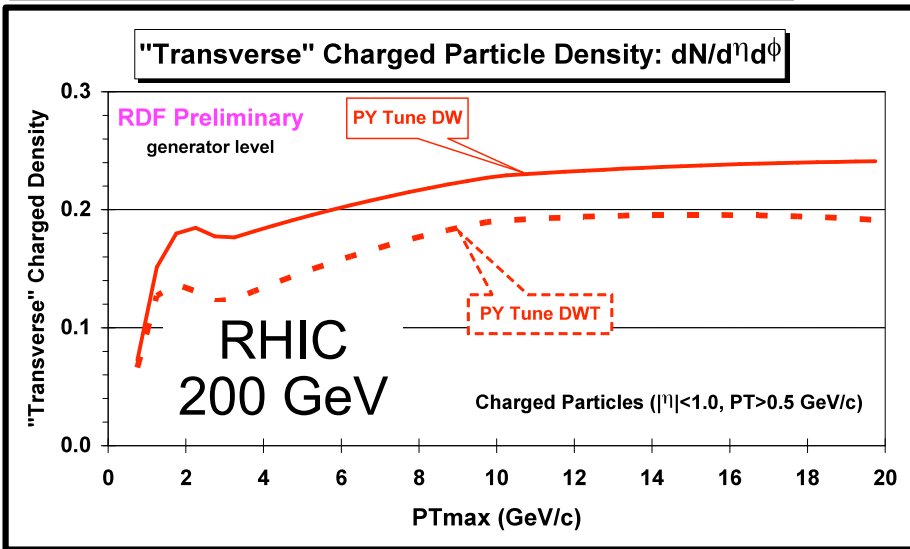


Correct scaling could improve LHC predictions prior to turn-on

# Effect of hard scattering cut-off scaling



- $\epsilon = 0.16$  (DWT)  $\rightarrow$  0.25 (DW)
  - Increasing  $\epsilon$  creates smaller energy dependence for UE
- $\rightarrow$  35% more RHIC  
 $\rightarrow$  26% less LHC

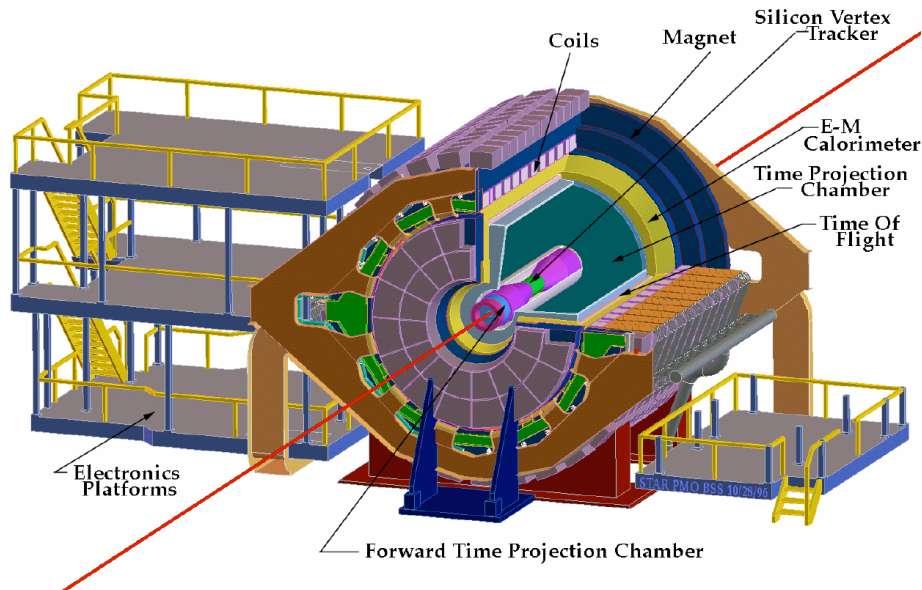


**Measurable effect at RHIC**

From Rick Field

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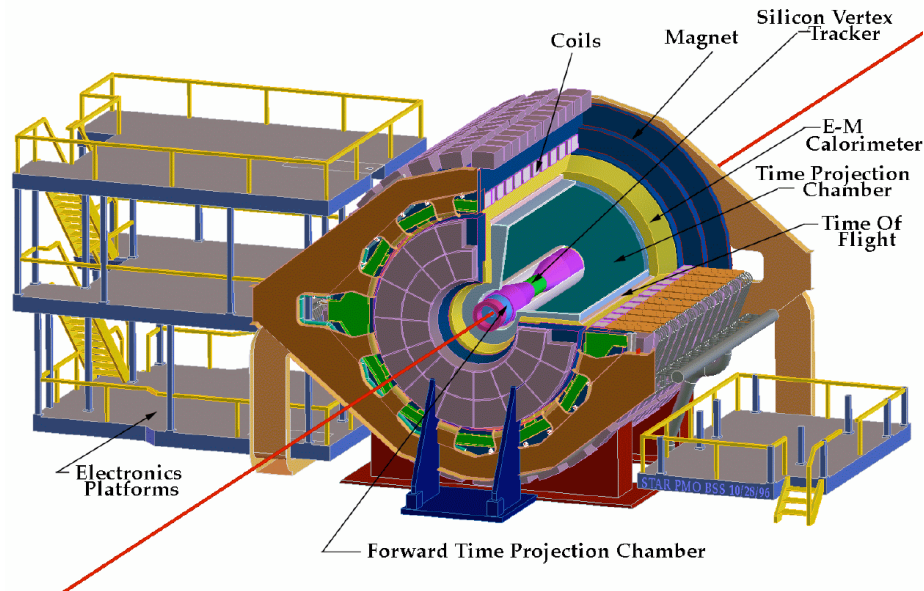
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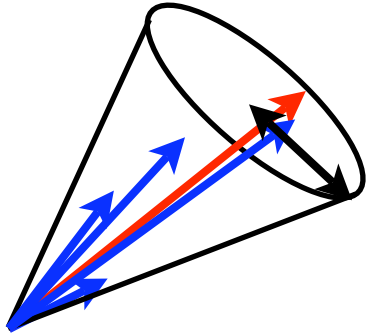
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Jet-Patch - NEF FF bias - use non-triggered jet for studies.

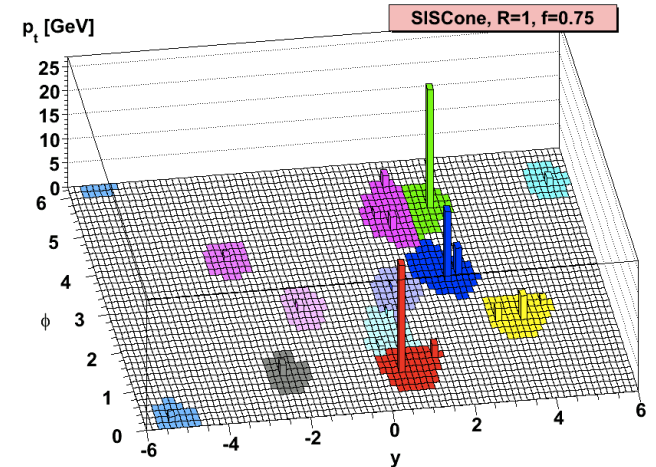
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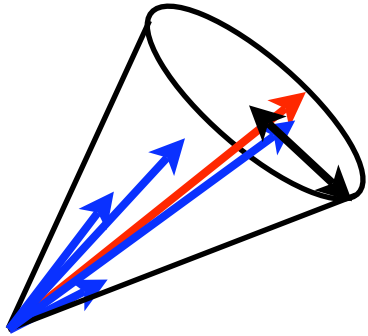
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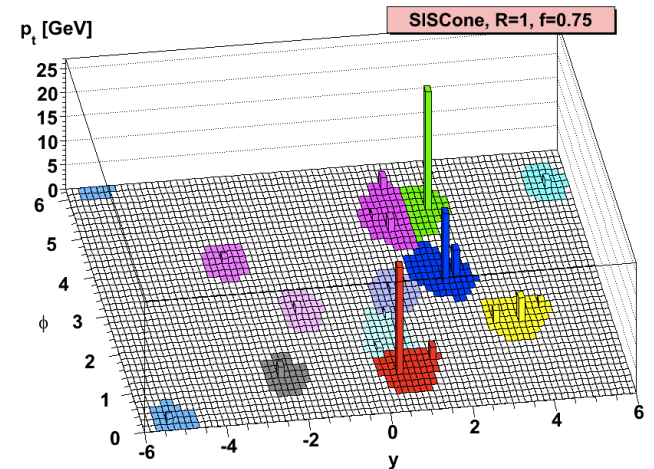
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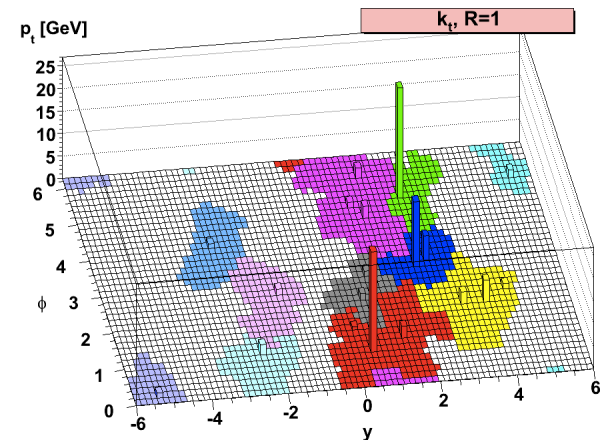
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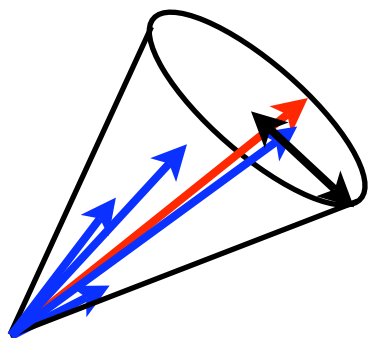
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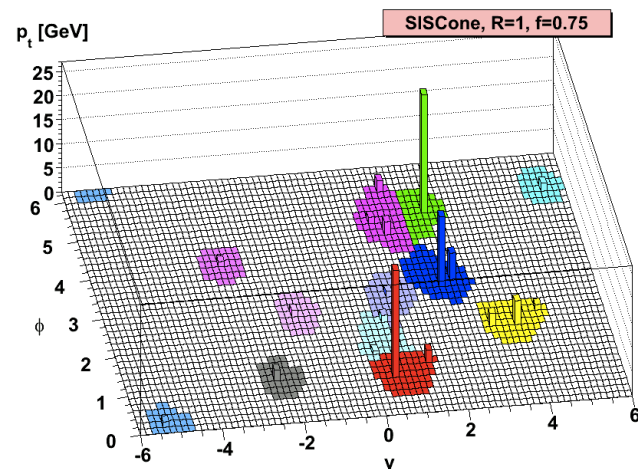
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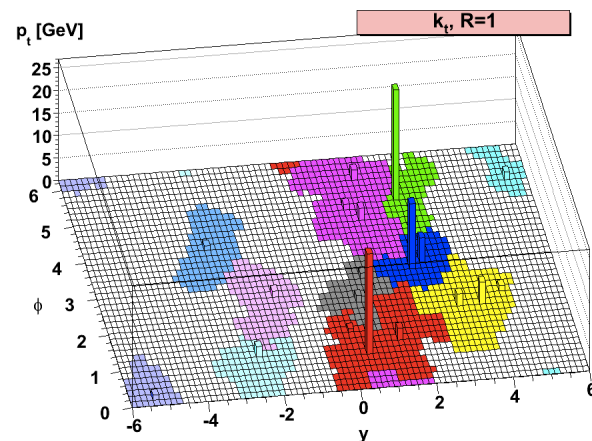
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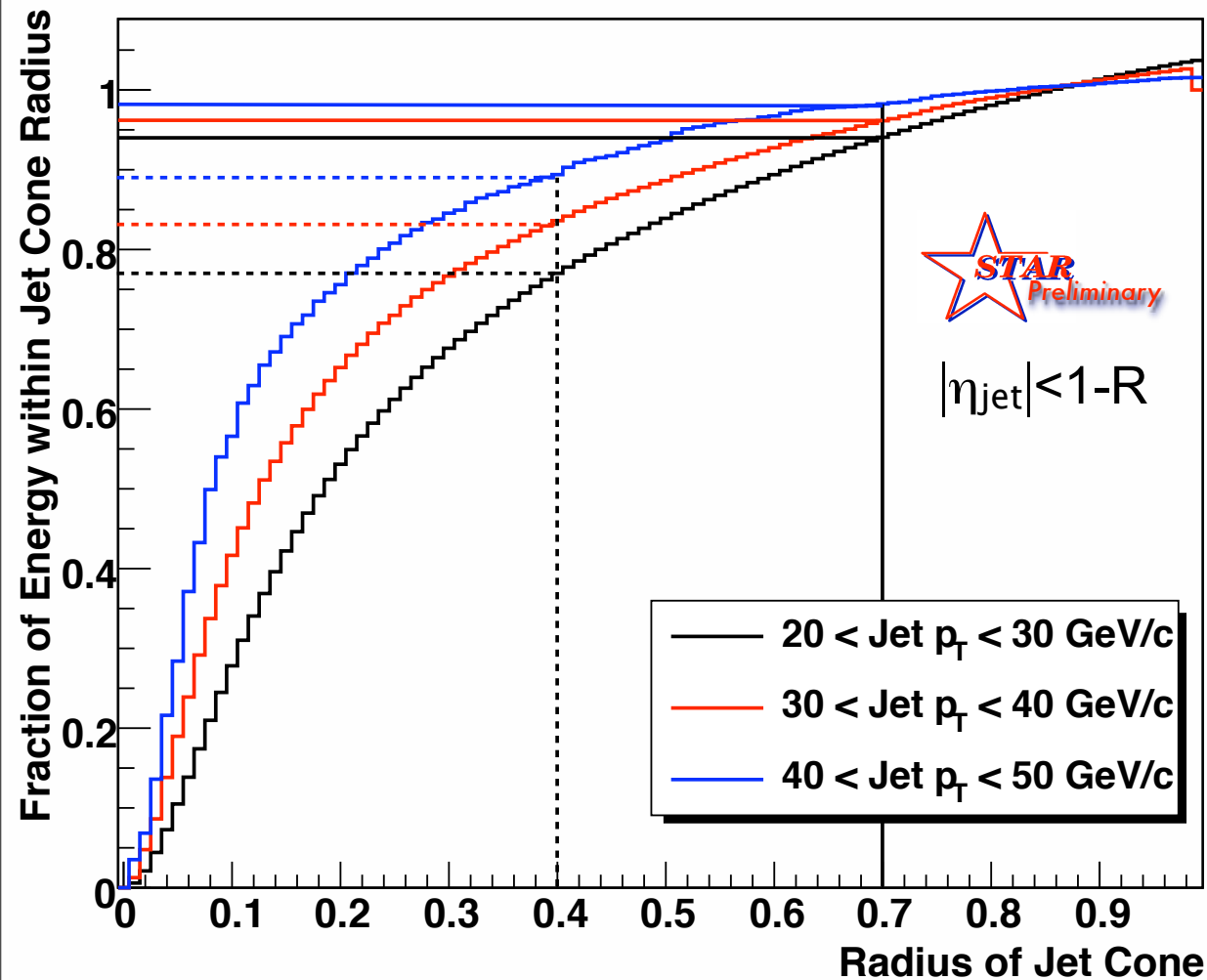
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Compare results to explore effects in data

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# Jet reconstruction - the resolution parameter



% Energy within resolution parameter R

$p_T$ (GeV/c)	R	R
20-30	0.4	0.7
30-40	83%	96%
40-50	89%	98%

- Larger energy  $\rightarrow$  more focussed jet.
- CDF > 80% R=0.3. (Jet  $p_T \sim 50$  GeV)

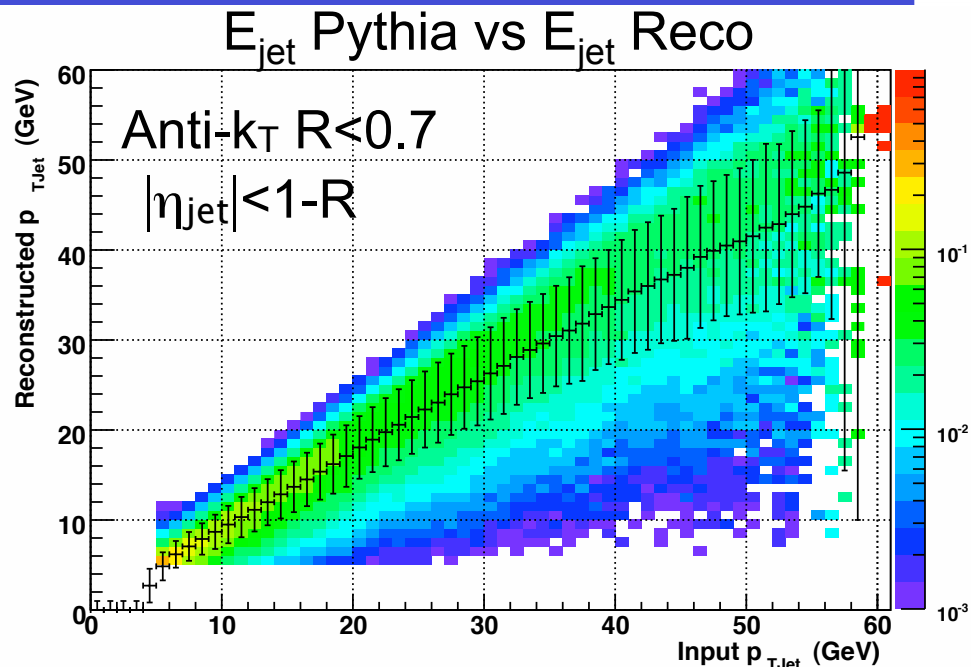
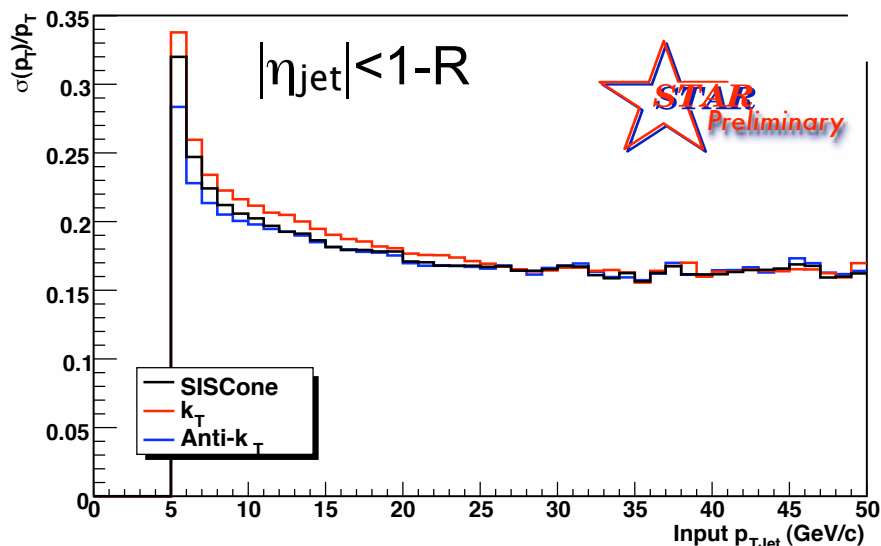
Compare FF using different radii.



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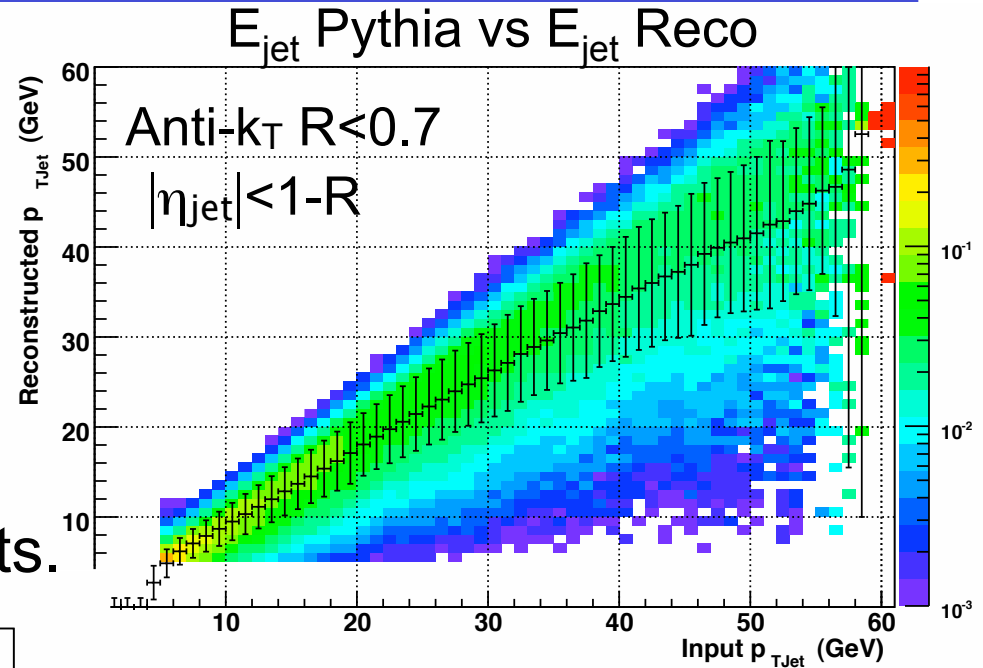
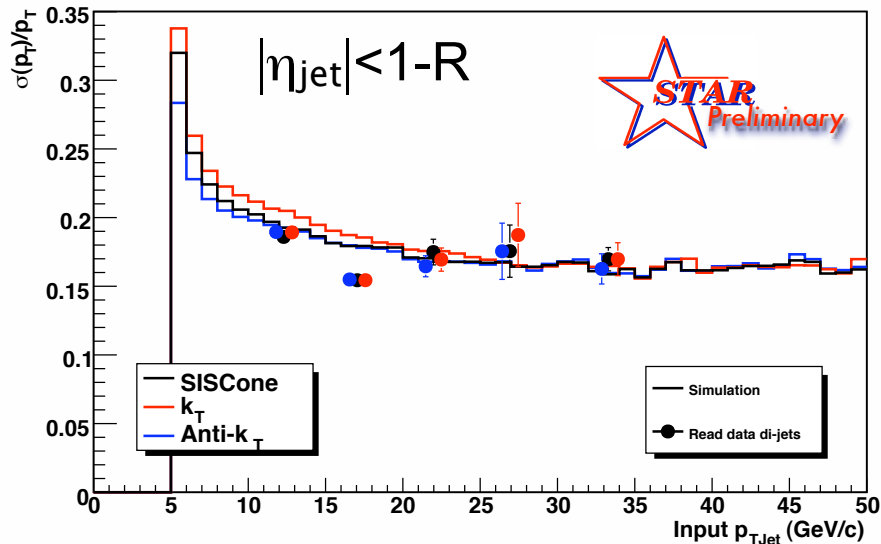


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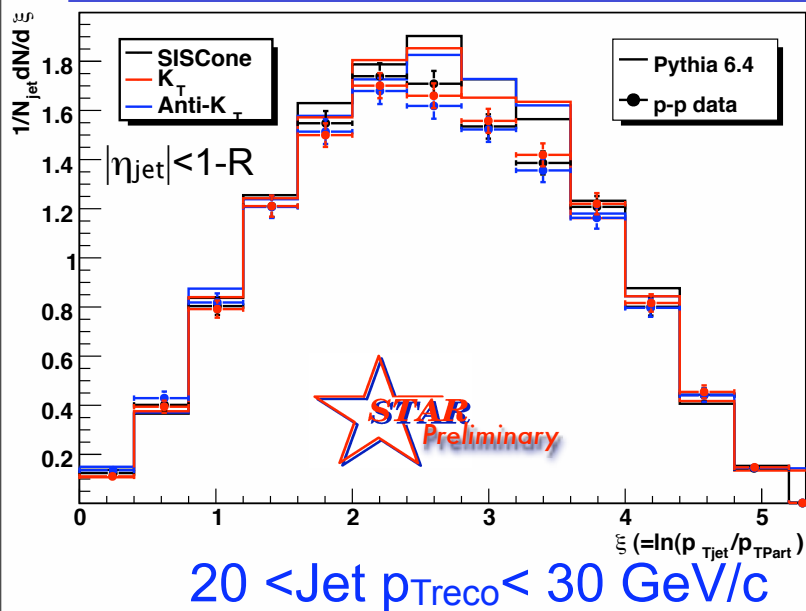
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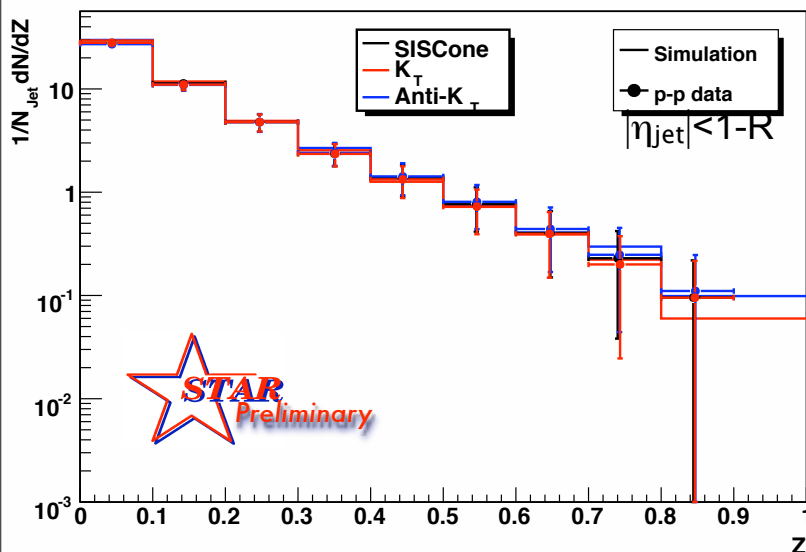
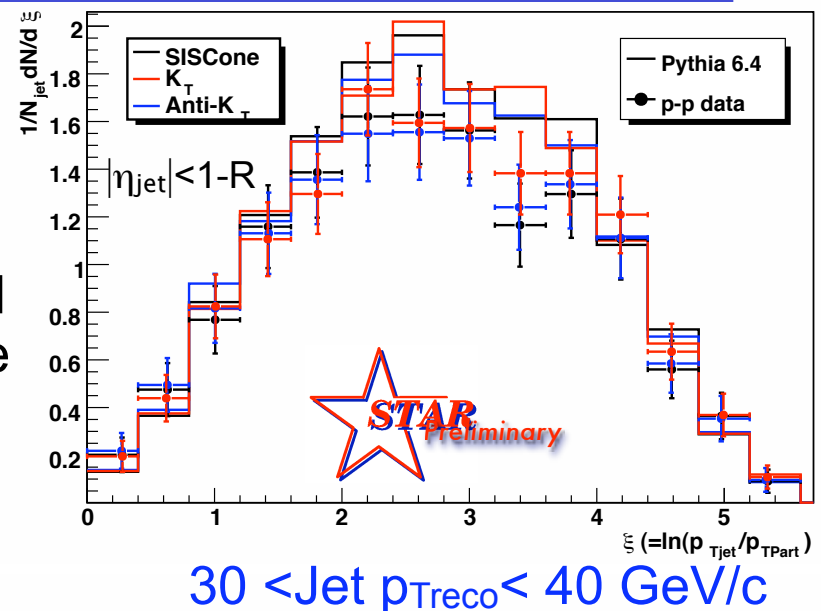
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# $\xi$ and $z$ distributions for charged hadrons

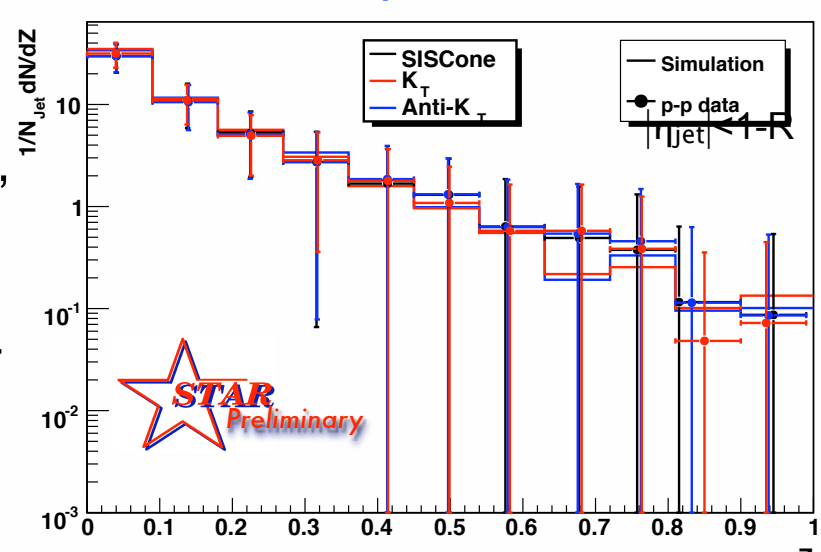


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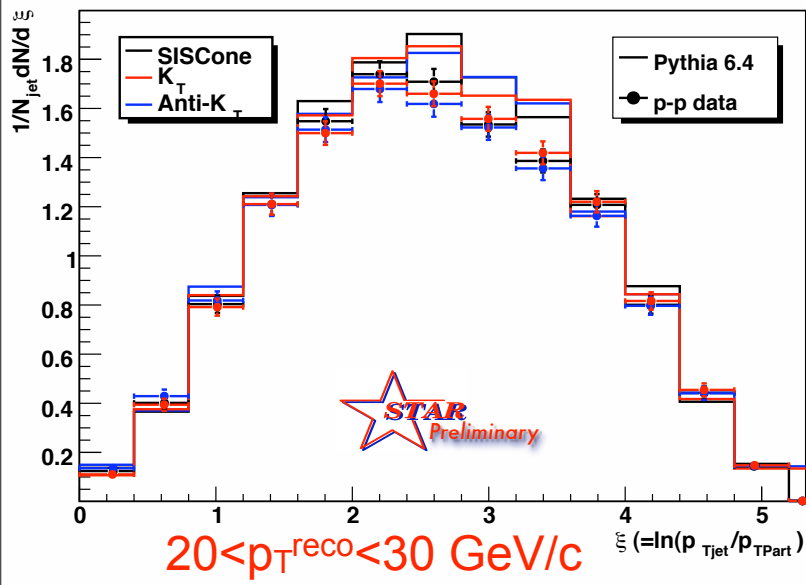


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Reasonable agreement between data and PYTHIA+GEANT. 12

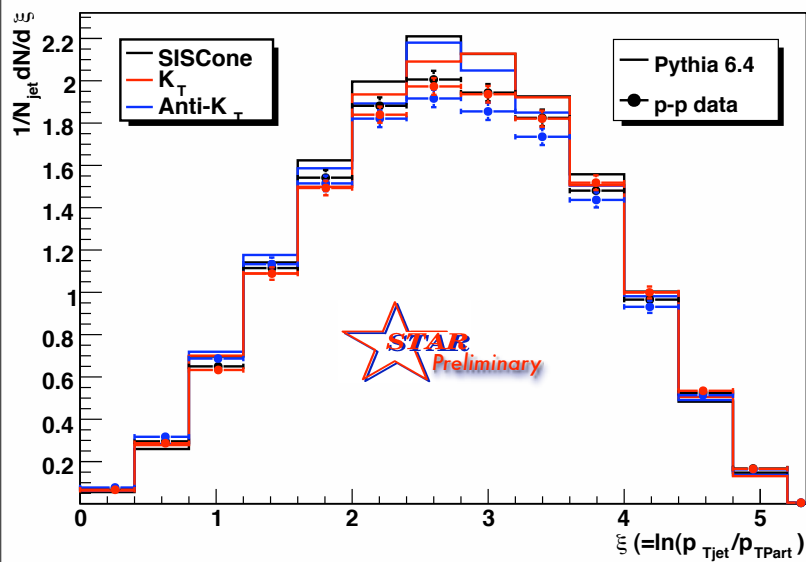
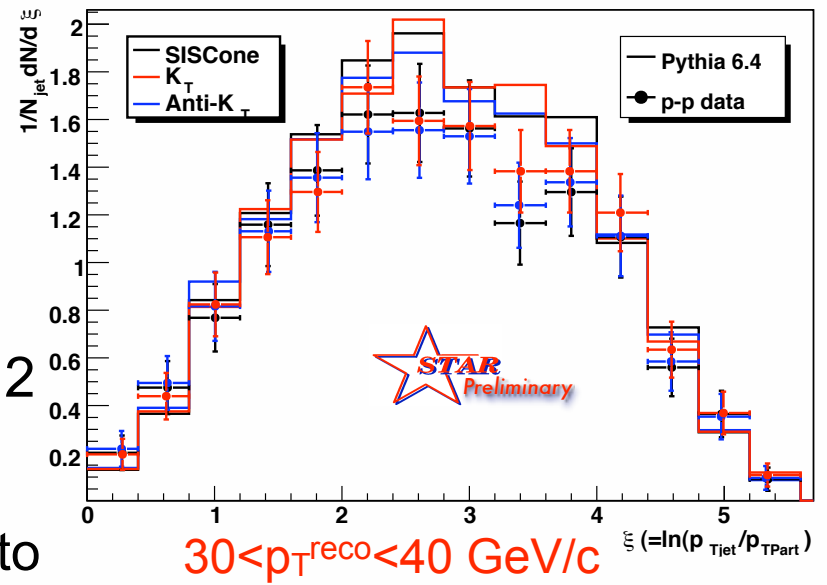
# Charged hadrons $\xi$ for different R and jet $p_T$



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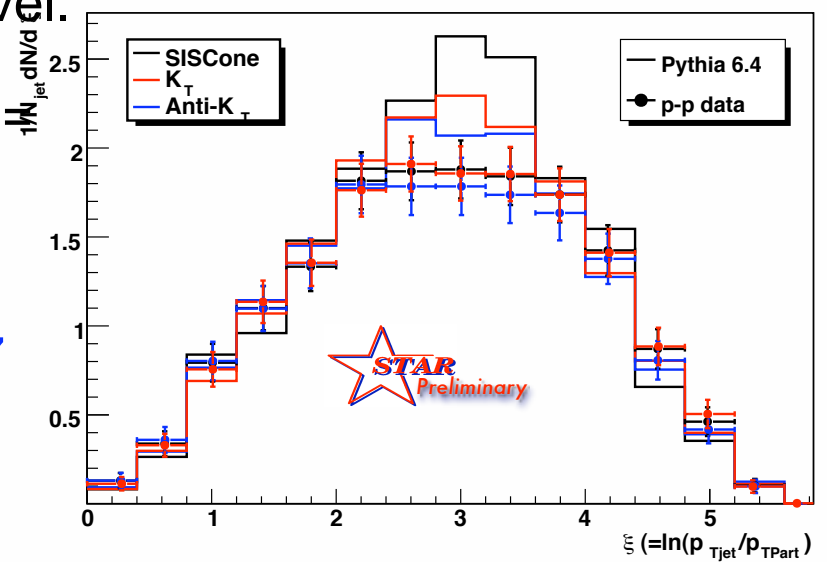
$|\eta_{jet}| < 1-R$   
 $p_{Ttrack} > 0.2$

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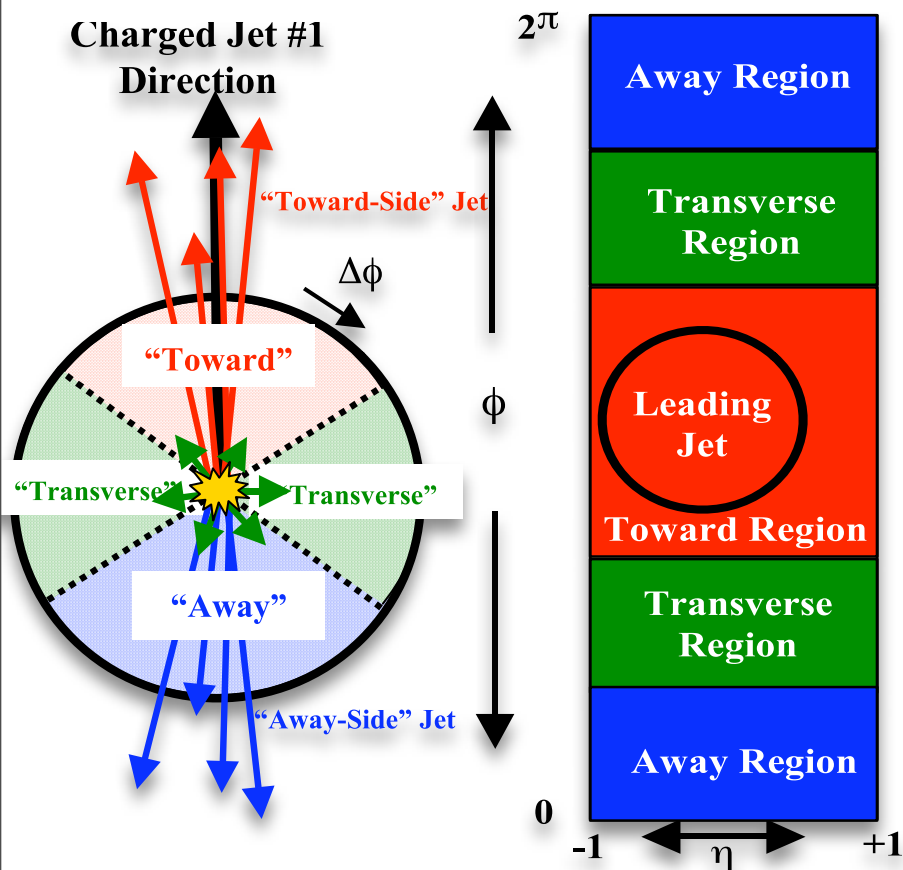
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# Measuring the Underlying Event



## Define:

- $|\Delta\phi|$  – Angle relative to leading jet
- **“Toward”**  $|\Delta\phi| < 60^\circ$
- **“Away”**  $|\Delta\phi| > 120^\circ$ .
- **“Transverse”**  $60^\circ < |\Delta\phi| < 120^\circ$ 
  - **TransMax** - Trans. region with highest  $\Sigma p_T$  or  $\Sigma N_{\text{track}}$
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Underlying Event is the data in the Transverse regions.

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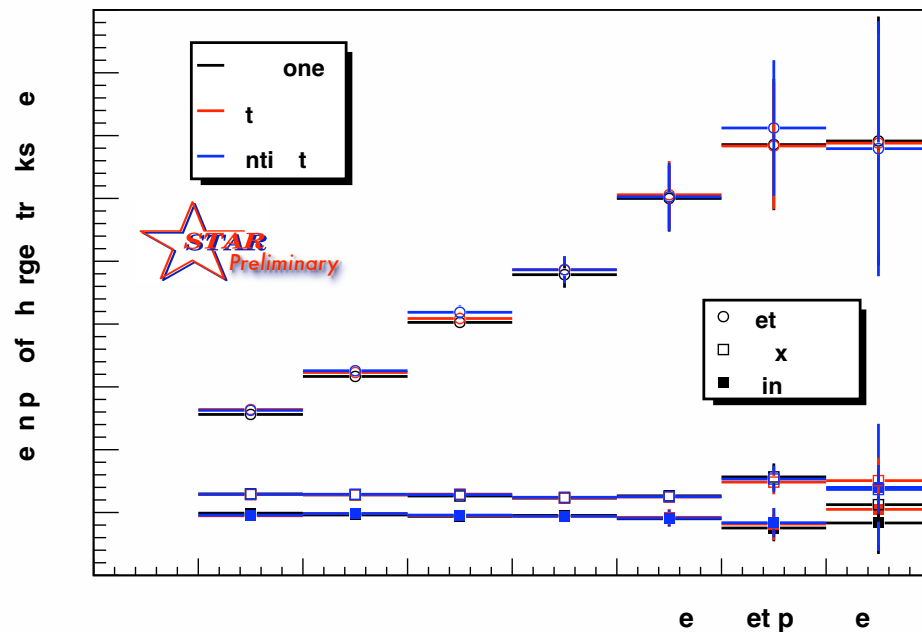
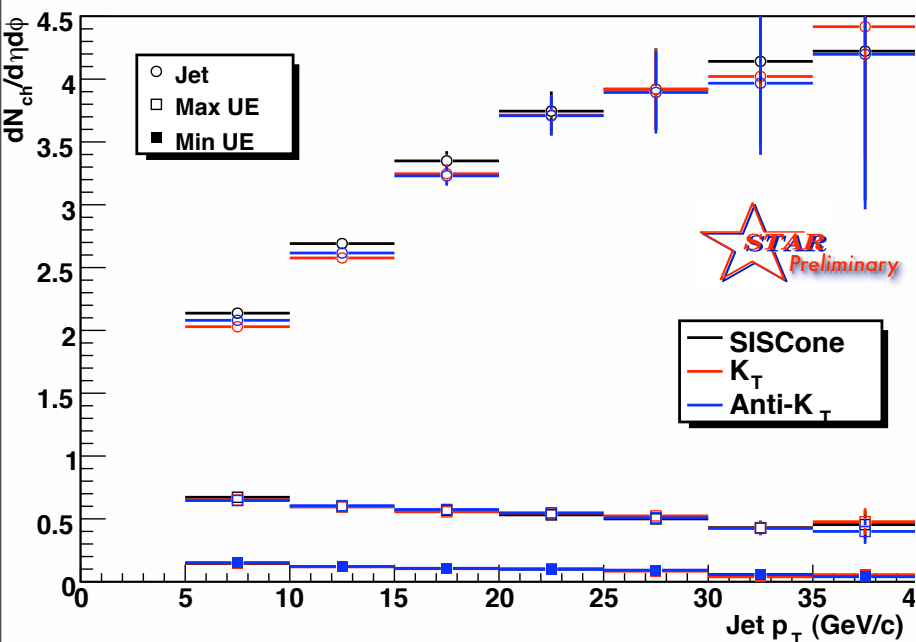
Information about large angle initial/final state radiation.

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# Underlying event vs jets properties

Back-to-Back,  $R=0.7$ ,  $|\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 1-R$ ,  $p_{T\text{track}} > 0.2$  GeV/c

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- Jet charged track density and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  rise with jet  $p_T$  as expected

UE largely independent of jet  $p_T$

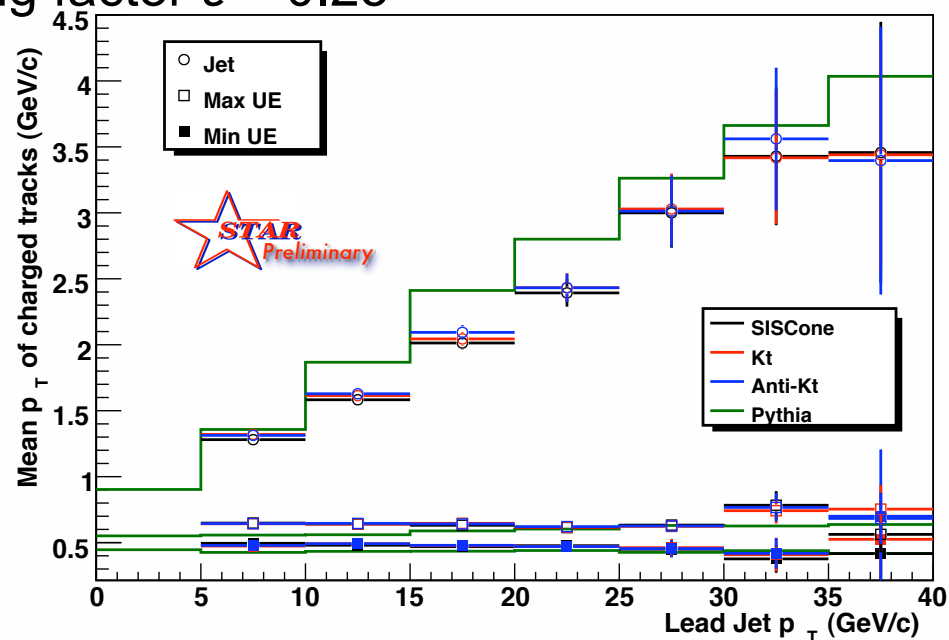
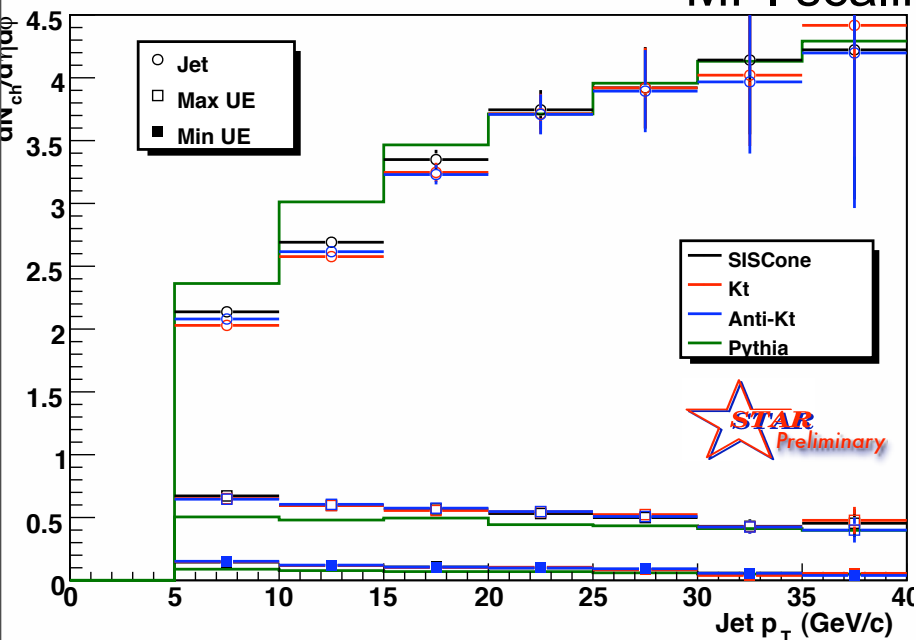


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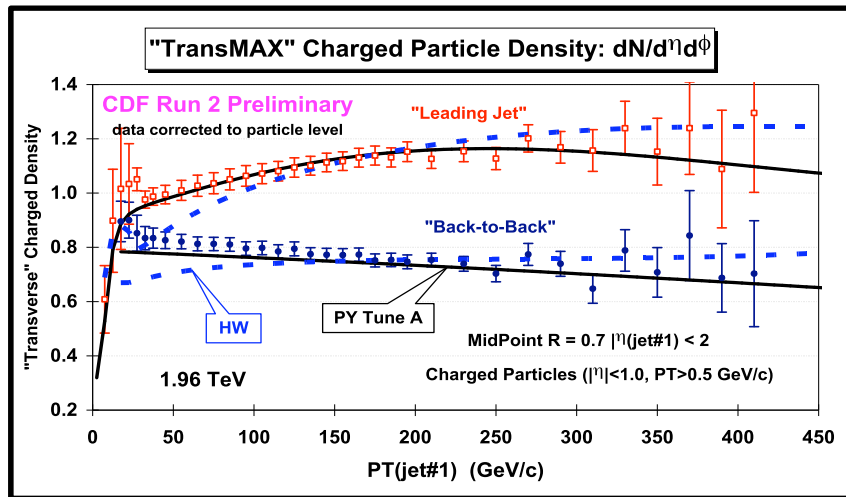
MPI scaling factor  $\epsilon = 0.25$



**RHIC data support  $\epsilon = 0.25$**

- Many standard PYTHIA tunes (including those labeled "ATLAS" in PYTHIA) tunes have  $\epsilon = 0.16$  this is **INCORRECT** activity in min-bias events wrong

# TransMin vs TransMax regions of UE



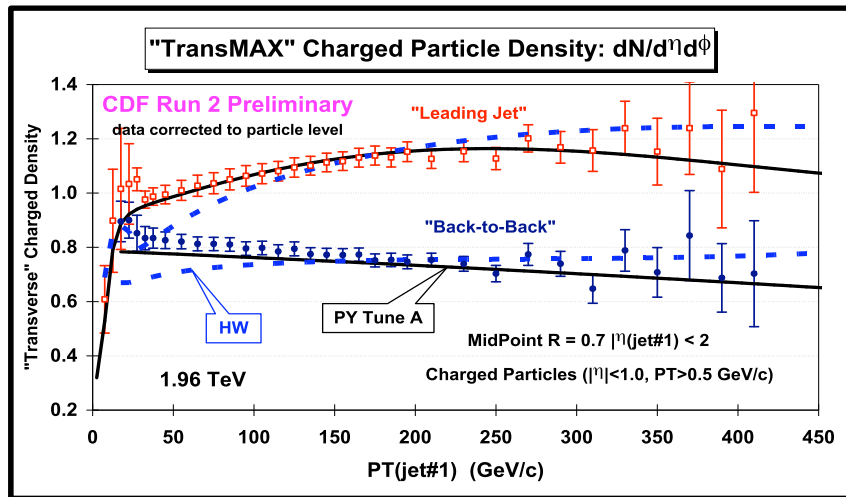
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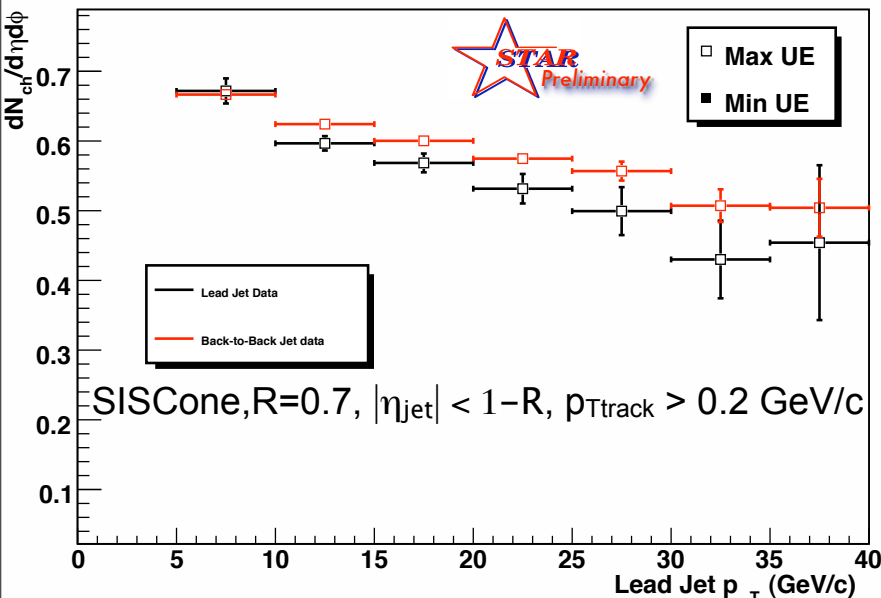
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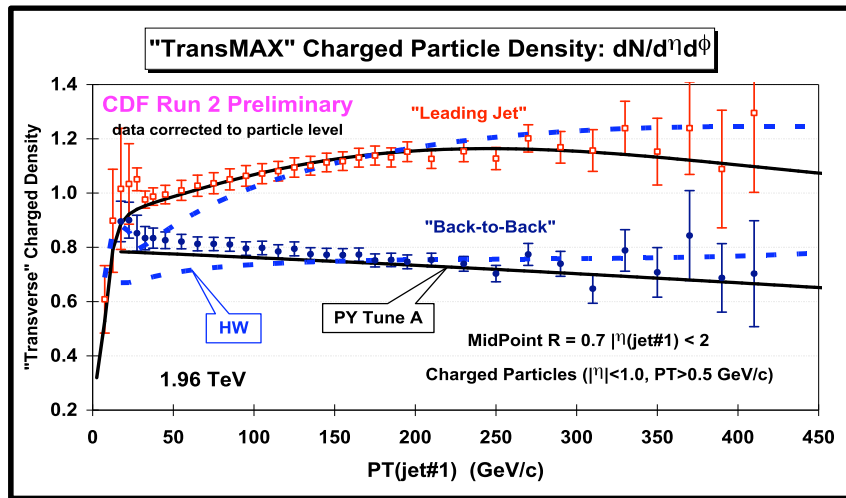
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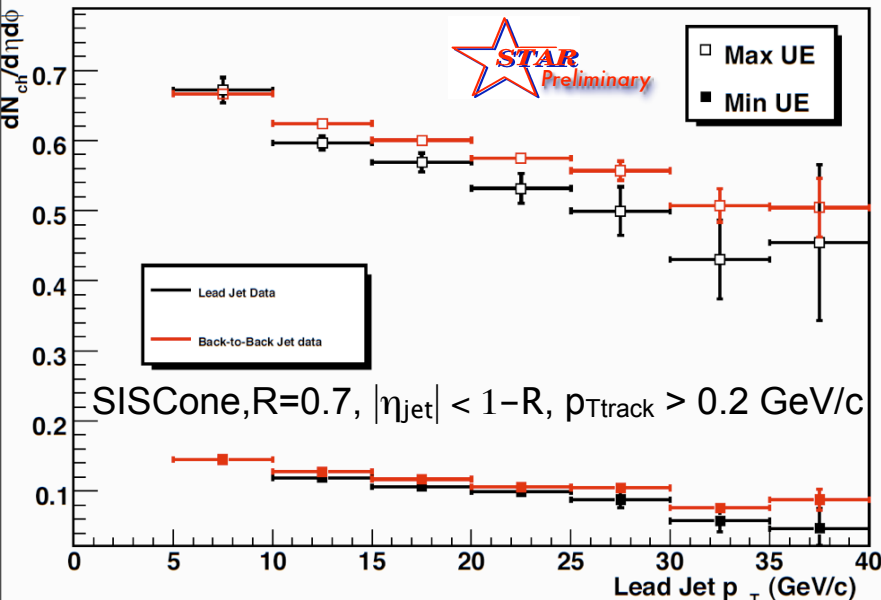
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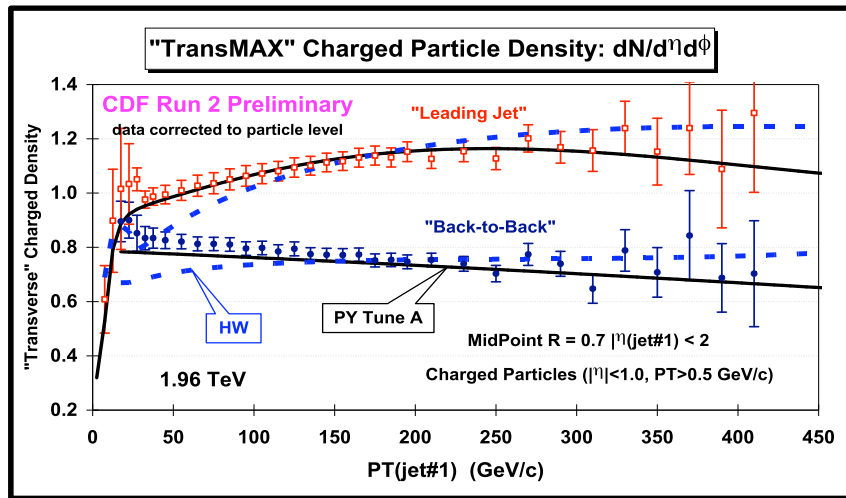
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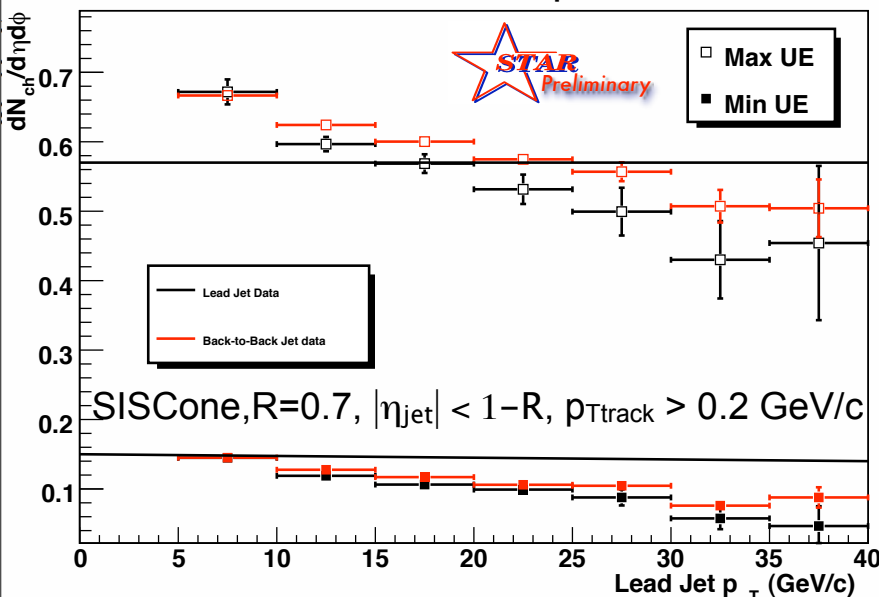
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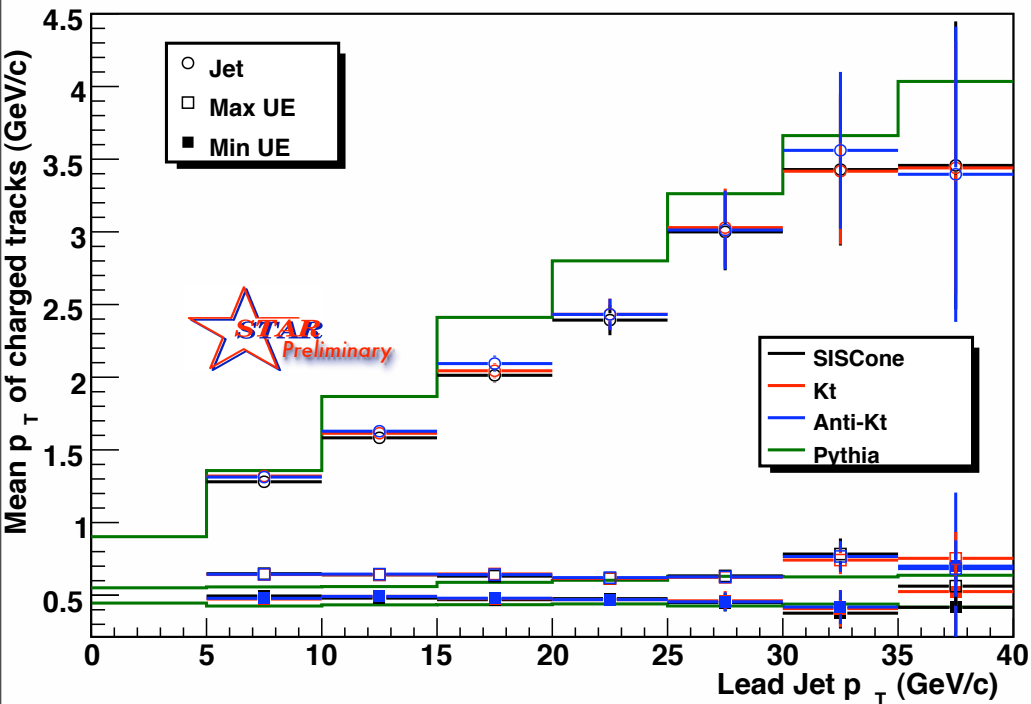
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Poisson distribution with average  $dN_{ch}/d\eta d\phi = 0.36$

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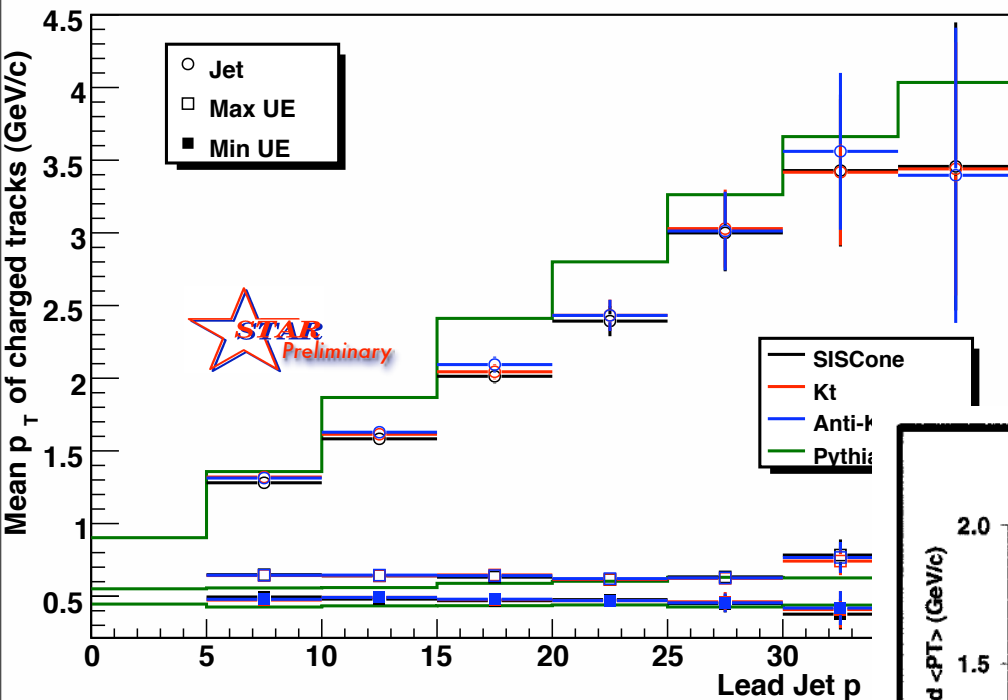
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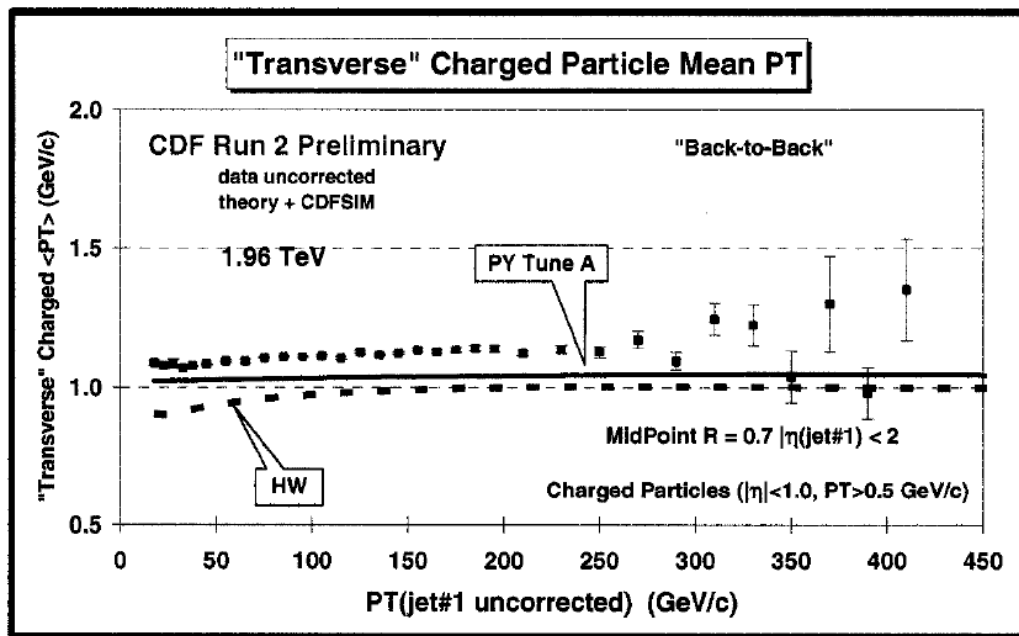
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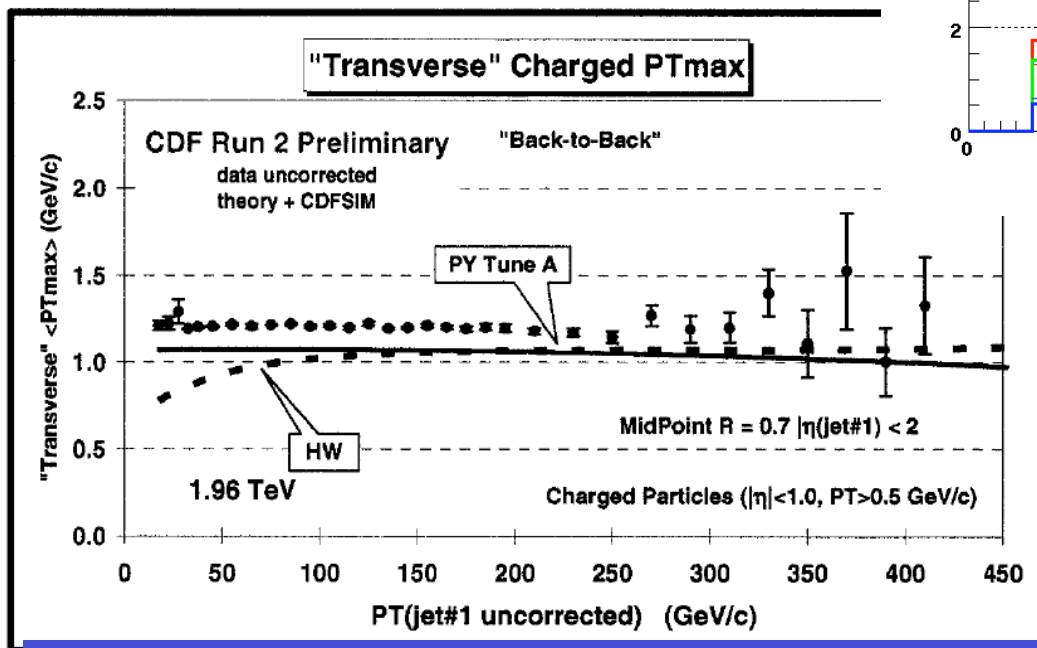
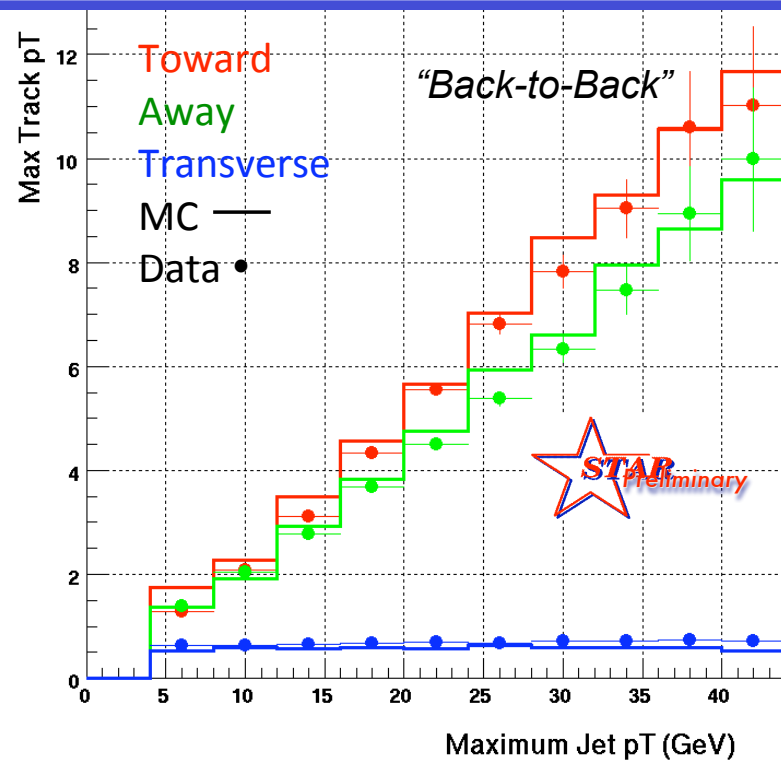
CDF higher than STAR  
 merely due to lower  $p_T$  cut?



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**RHIC UE is a little softer**

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# Summary & outlook

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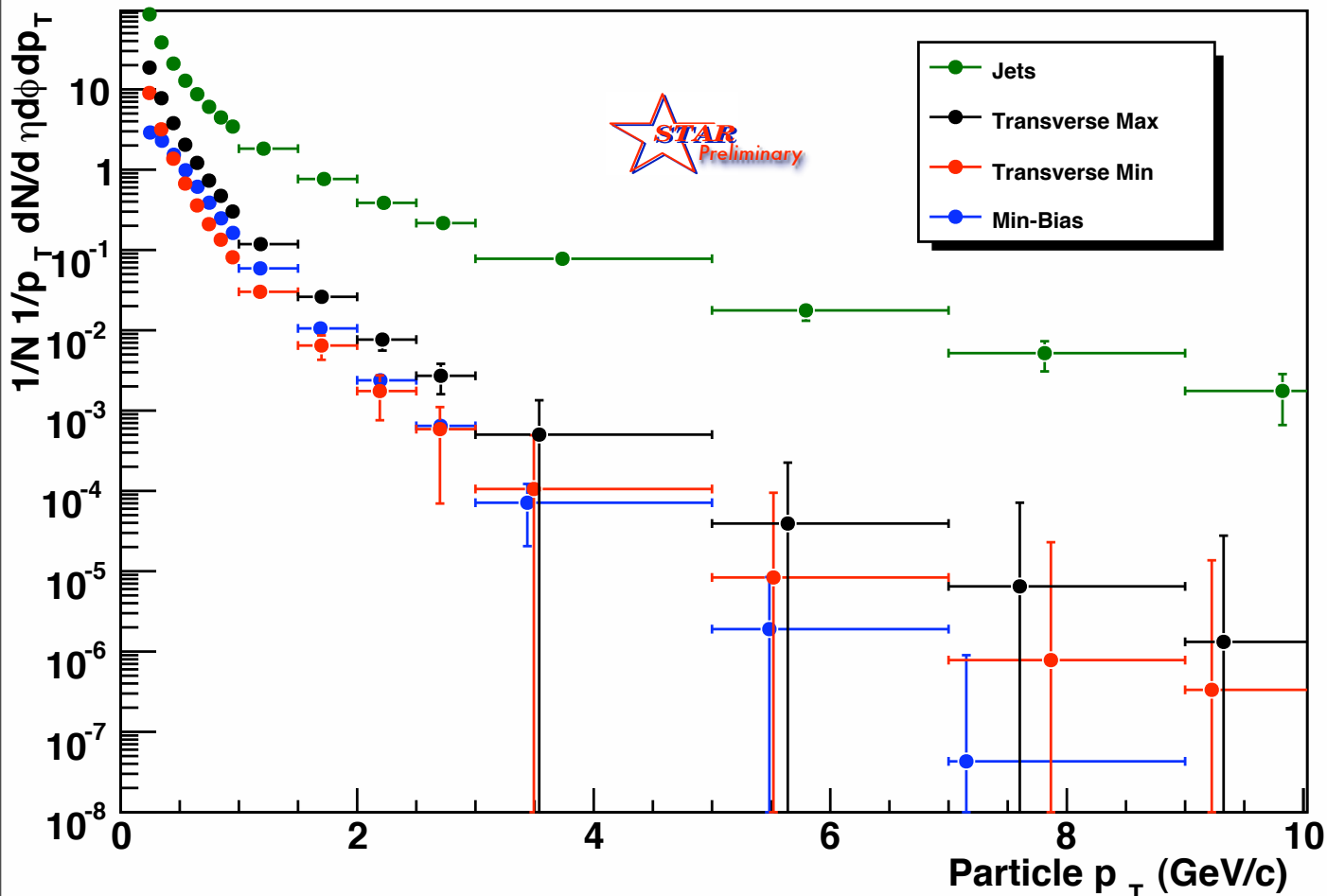
- Different jet algorithms produce consistent results
- Charged hadron  $\xi$  and  $z$  distributions at  $\sqrt{s}=200$  GeV similar to PYTHIA 6.4.
- Underlying Event largely decoupled from hard scattering.
- The energy scaling suggested by PYTHIA for the MPI more accurate in the newer tunes - better predictions for LHC
- Large angle initial/final state radiation is small.
- Particle  $p_T$  spectra are significantly softer out of the jet cone compared to in the jet.

## Outlook

- Compare more jet-variables ( $k_T$ ,  $j_T$ , etc) to pQCD models.
  - Look at particle composition in and out of jets
  - Repeat measurements at  $\sqrt{s}=500$  GeV.
  - Measure PID FF in heavy ion collisions.
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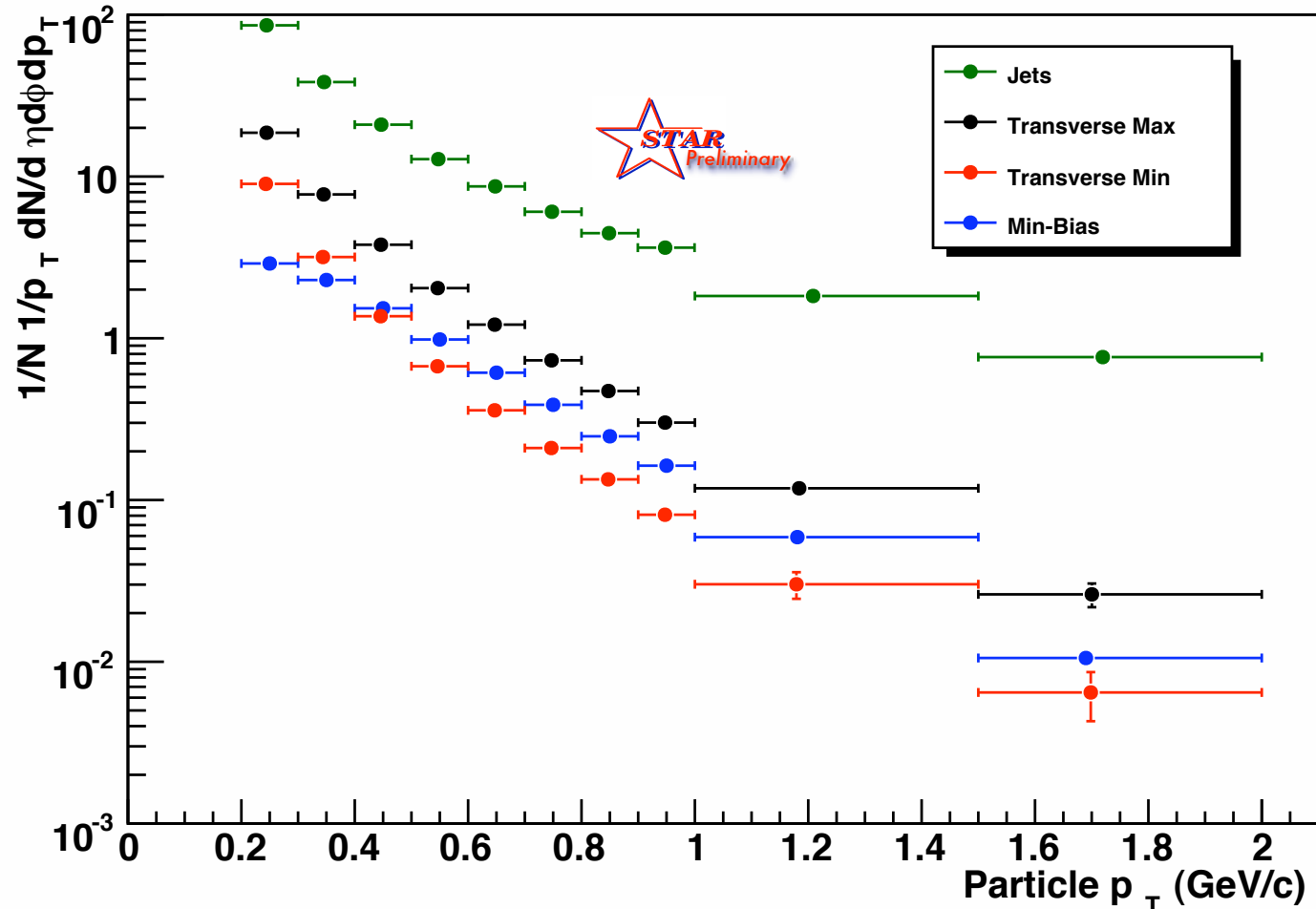
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