



# Measurements of semi-inclusive $\gamma$ +jet and hadron+jet distributions in heavy-ion collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV with STAR

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Recoil jet study in Au+Au collisions exploring

**Part 1. Jet suppression with different triggers**

**Part 2. Jet acoplanarity with different triggers**

**Part 3. Outlook on jet study in smaller collision systems**

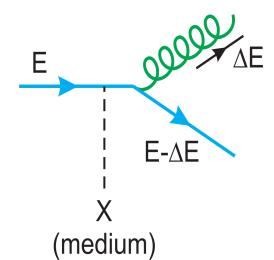
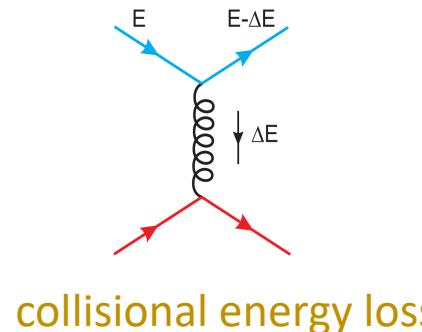
# Probing QGP through jet-medium interaction



**Jet:** a collimated spray of hadrons produced by energetic quark or gluon

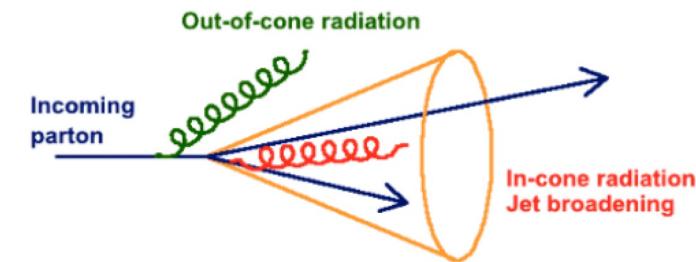
Jet production calculable in QCD

## Parton energy loss in medium



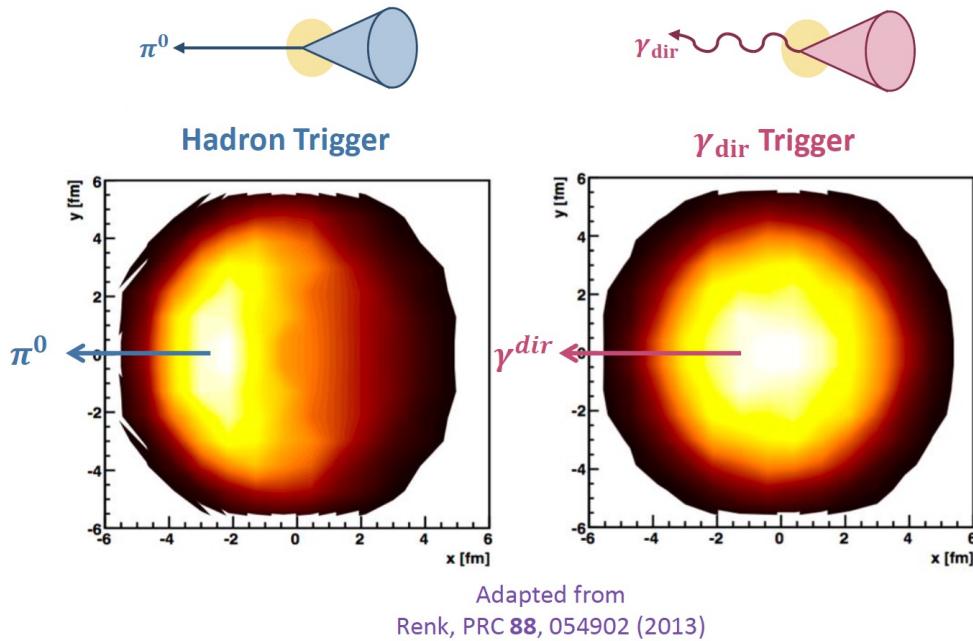
## Consequences of parton-medium interaction

- Jet energy loss
- Acoplanarity
- Substructure modification



Jet energy loss (yield suppression) and jet acoplanarity (excess jet yield away from back-to-back) can be studied using semi-inclusive recoil jet

# $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$ +jet to study jet energy loss



- Direct-photon ( $\gamma_{\text{dir}}$ ) triggers are of great interest as they constrain the scattering kinematics
- Comparison between  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}+\text{jet}$  and  $\pi^0+\text{jet}$  q/g fraction; path length dependence; spectrum shape

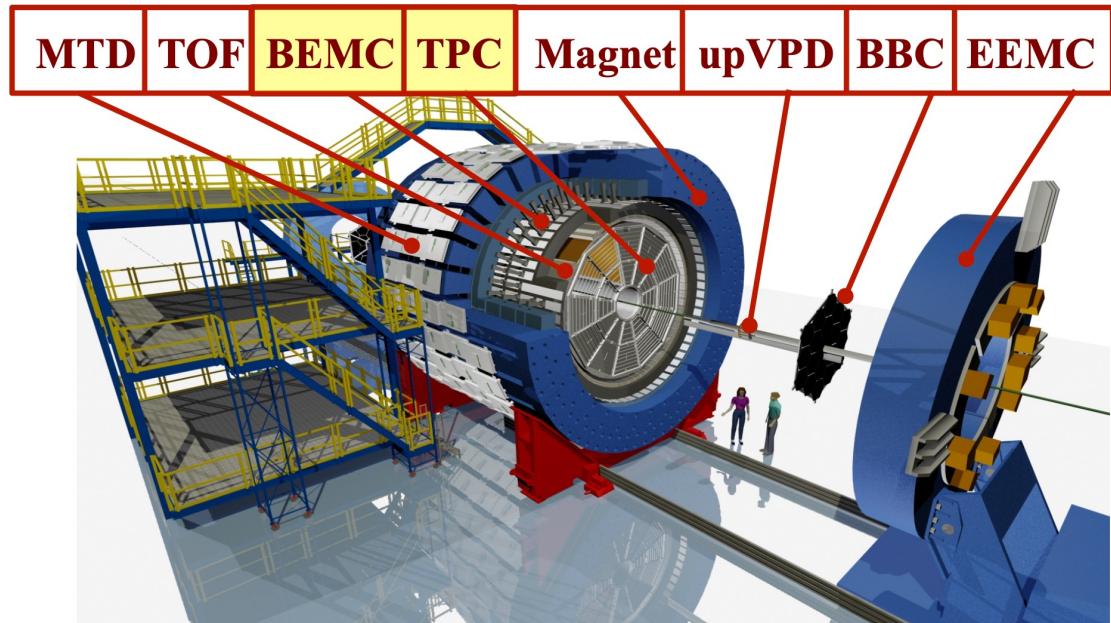
Trigger-normalized yield of jets recoiling from a high  $p_T$  trigger hadron

$$\left. \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}^{\text{AA}}} \cdot \frac{d^3 N_{\text{jet}}^{\text{AA}}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}} d\Delta\phi d\eta_{\text{jet}}} \right|_{p_{T,\text{trig}}} = \left. \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow h+X}} \cdot \frac{d^3 \sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow h+\text{jet}+X}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}} d\Delta\phi d\eta_{\text{jet}}} \right) \right|_{p_{T,\text{trig}}}$$

Jet quenching observable  
 $I_{\text{AA}} < 1$  quantifies jet energy loss

$$I_{\text{AA}} = \frac{Y^{\text{AuAu}}}{Y^{\text{pp}}}$$

# STAR detector and dataset



**Au+Au (2014) and p+p (2009) at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$**

BEMC trigger ( $E_T^{tower} \gtrsim 6 \text{ GeV}$ )

Charged particles:  $| \eta | < 1$

**Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr (2018) at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$**

Charged particles:  $| \eta | < 1$

**Time Projection Chamber (TPC)**

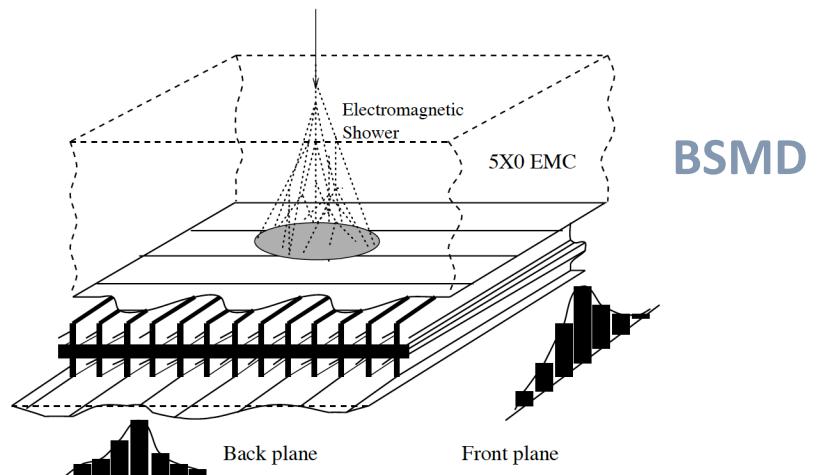
charged particles ( $| \eta | < 1$ , full azimuth)

**Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC)**

trigger on energetic  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$

**Barrel Shower Maximum Detector (BSMD)**

discriminates  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$  based on transverse shower profile



# Analysis procedure of recoil jet yield



Discrimination of  
 $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$

Recoil jet yield

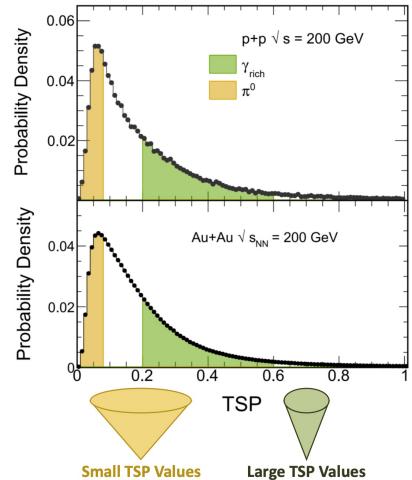
Uncorrelated background subtraction

Correction for detector  
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effects (Using unfolding)

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$$TSP \equiv \frac{E_{\text{cluster}}}{\sum_i e_i r_i^{1.5}}$$

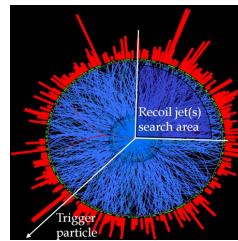
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 $|\eta_{jet}| < 1 - R_{jet}$   
 $|\phi_{trig} - \phi_{jet}| < \pi/4$



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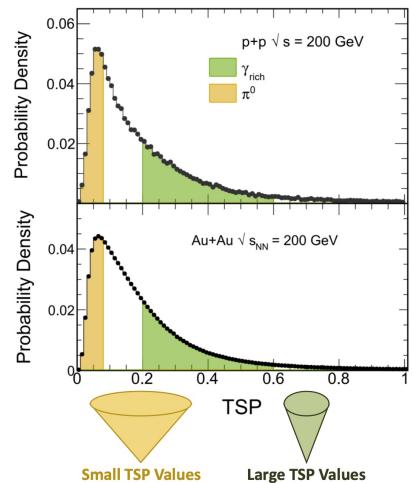
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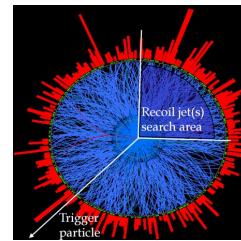
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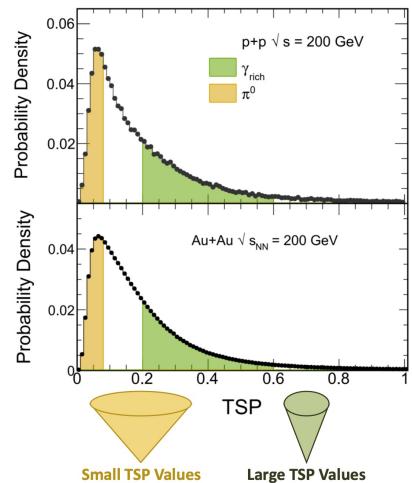
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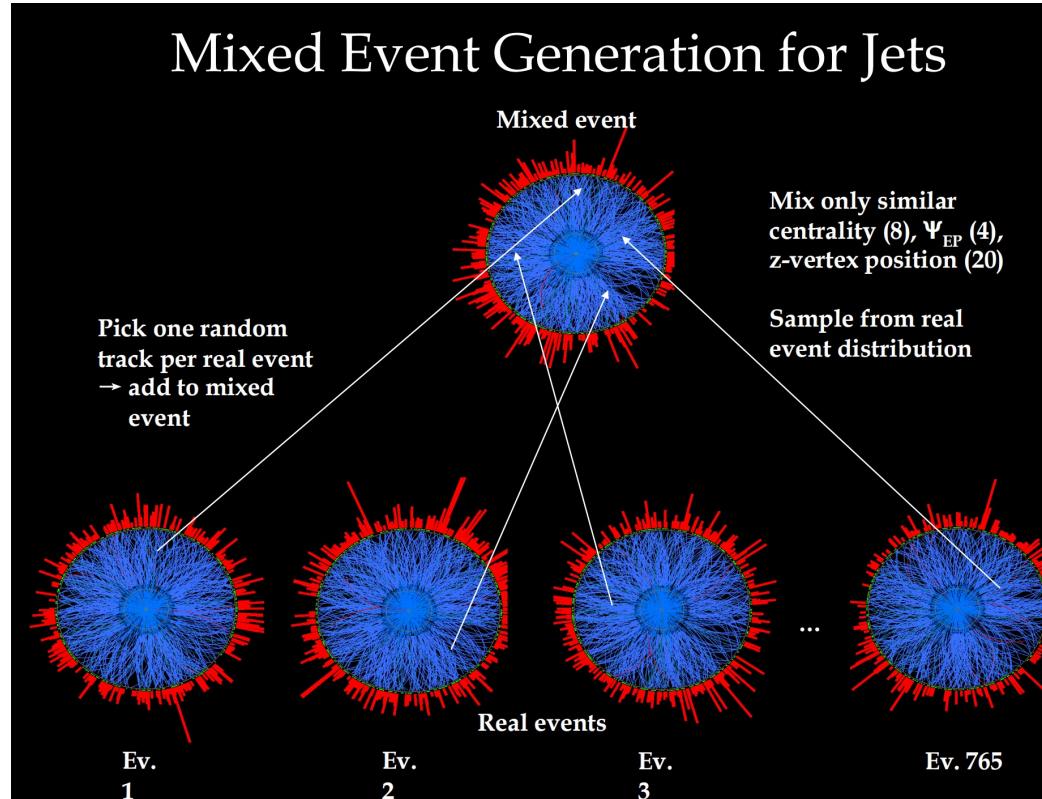


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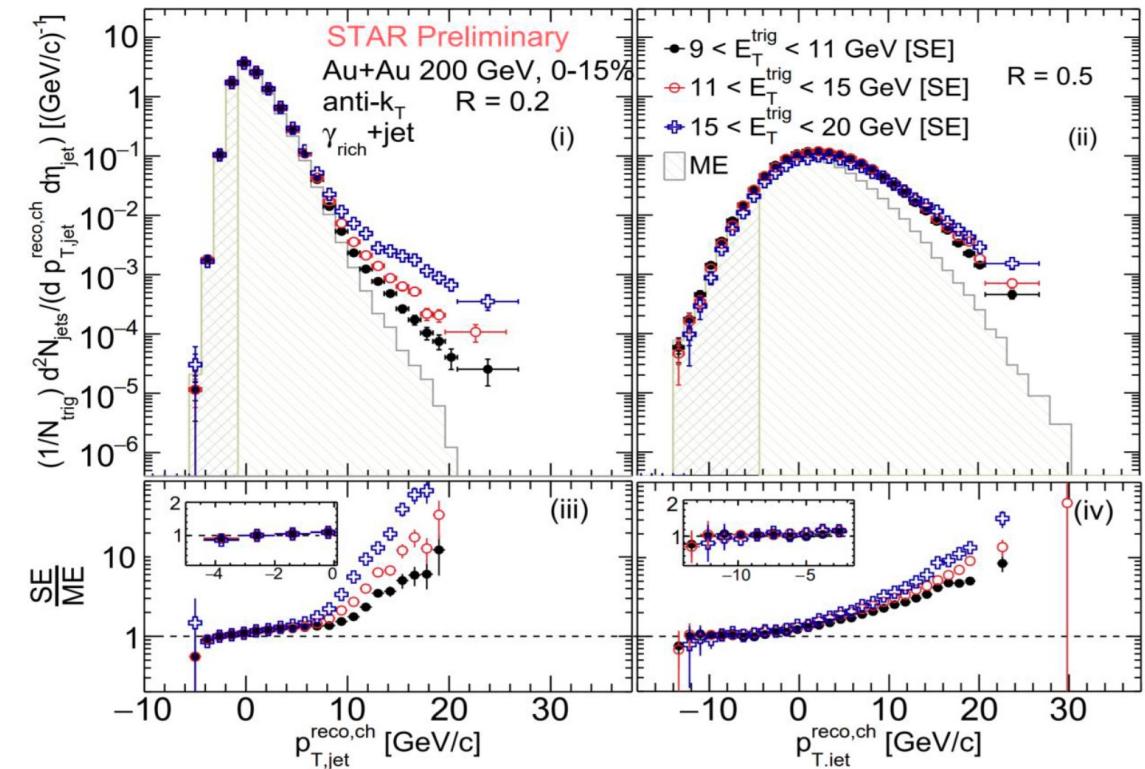


Courtesy of A. Schmah

All ME tracks are fully uncorrelated to estimate combinatorial jet background

$$\text{jet yield} = \text{Same Event} - f^{ME} * \text{Mixed Event}$$

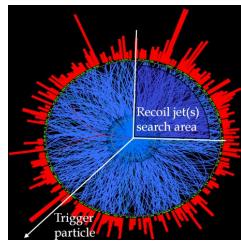
( $f^{ME}$ : normalization factor extracted from data)



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Unfold measured to true jet population

Discrimination of  $\gamma_{dir}/\pi^0$

Recoil jet yield

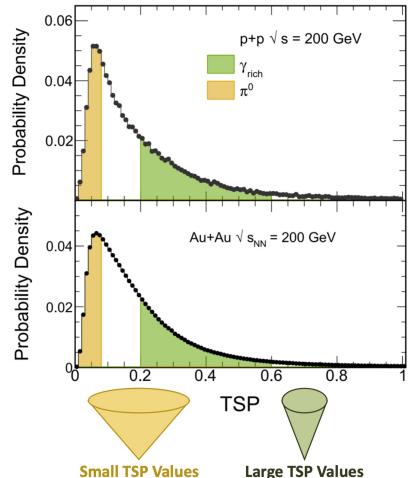
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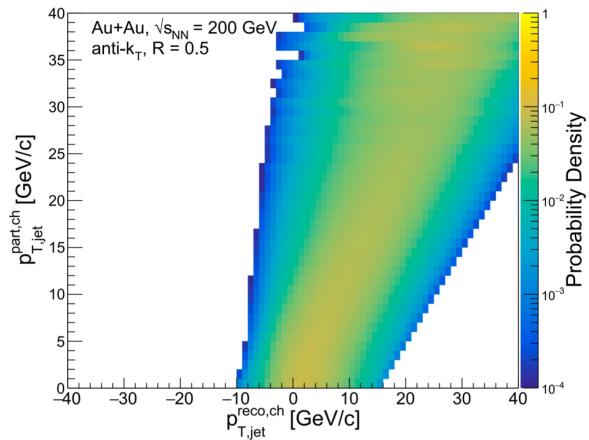
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Mixed-Event(ME) approach

Mapping from “truth” to “measured”



# Semi-inclusive recoil jet spectra



Trigger  $E_T$ :

$\pi^0$ : [9, 11], [11, 15] GeV

$\gamma_{\text{dir}}$ : [9, 11], [11, 15], [15, 20] GeV

Statistical errors: dark band

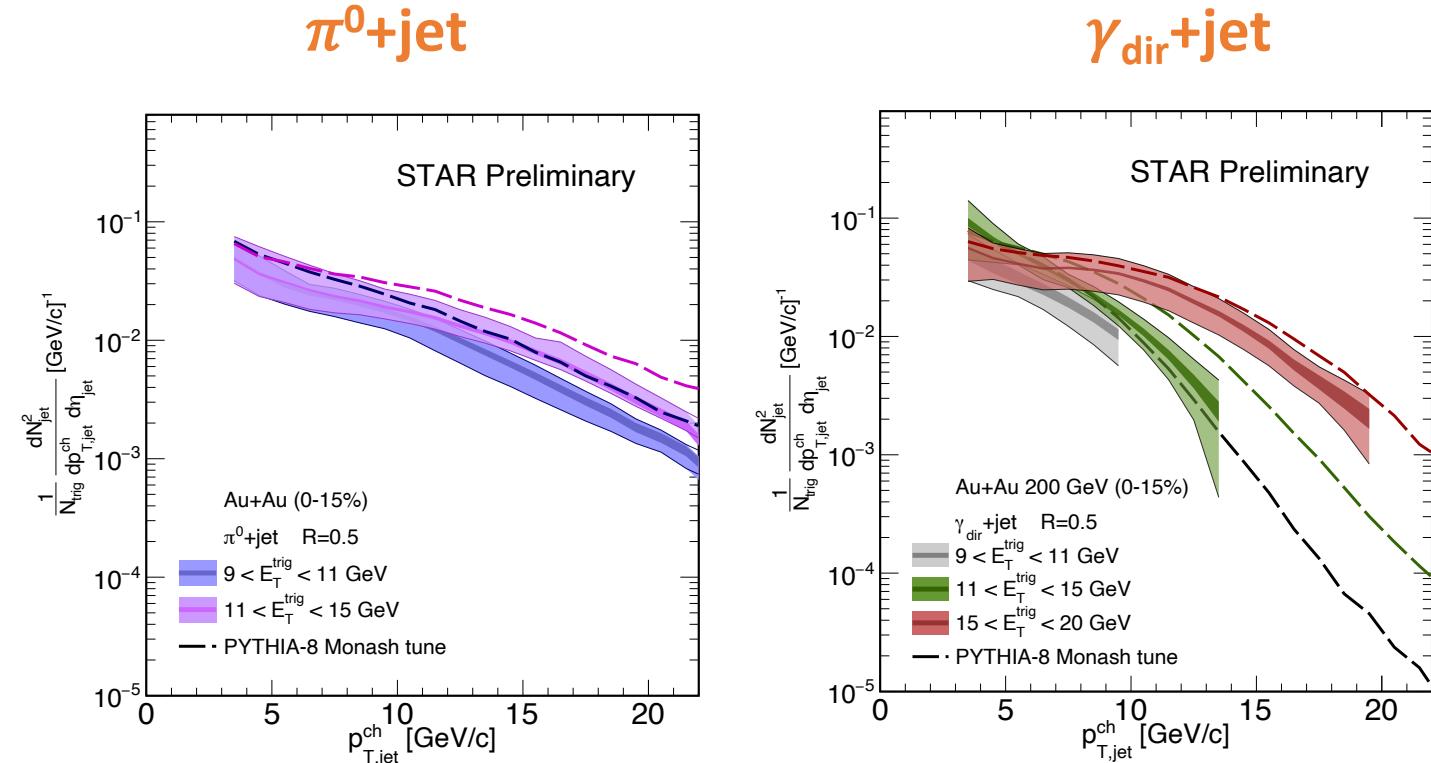
Systematic uncertainty (light band) is  
dominated by:

Unfolding procedure

Tracking efficiency

Direct photon purity

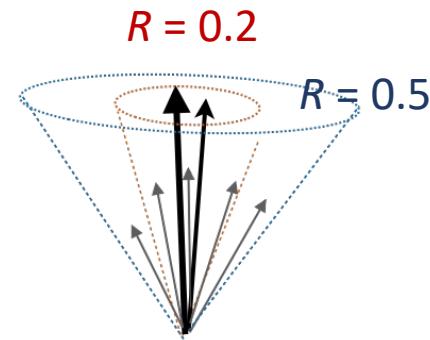
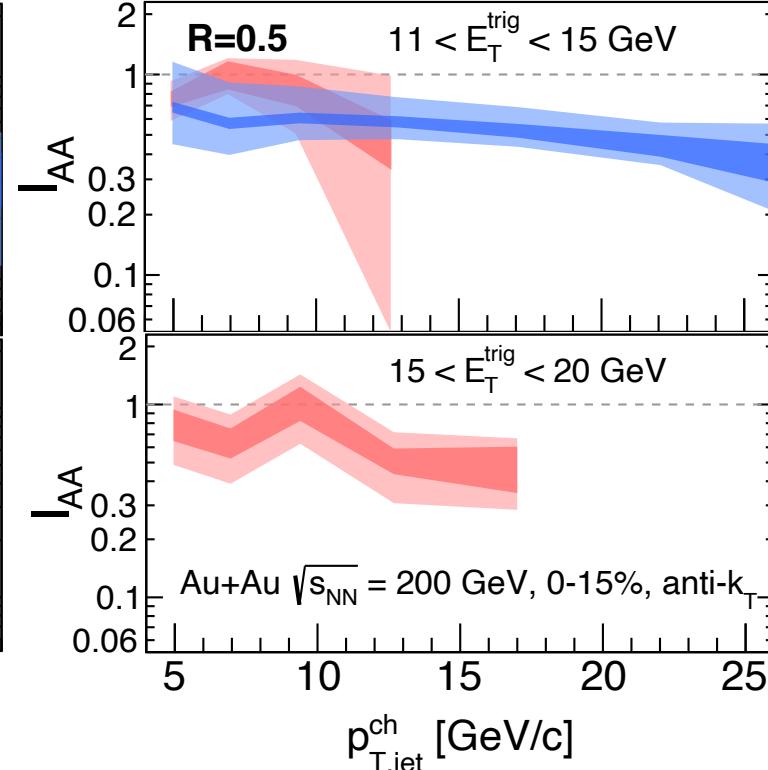
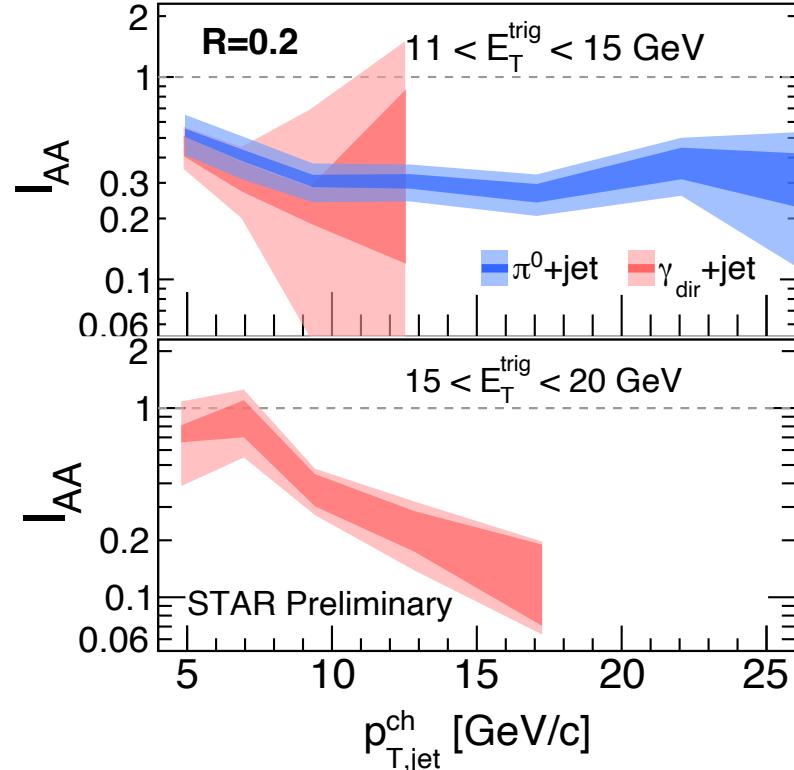
Dashed line: PYTHIA-8 (MONASH tune)



# Nuclear modification factor $I_{AA}$

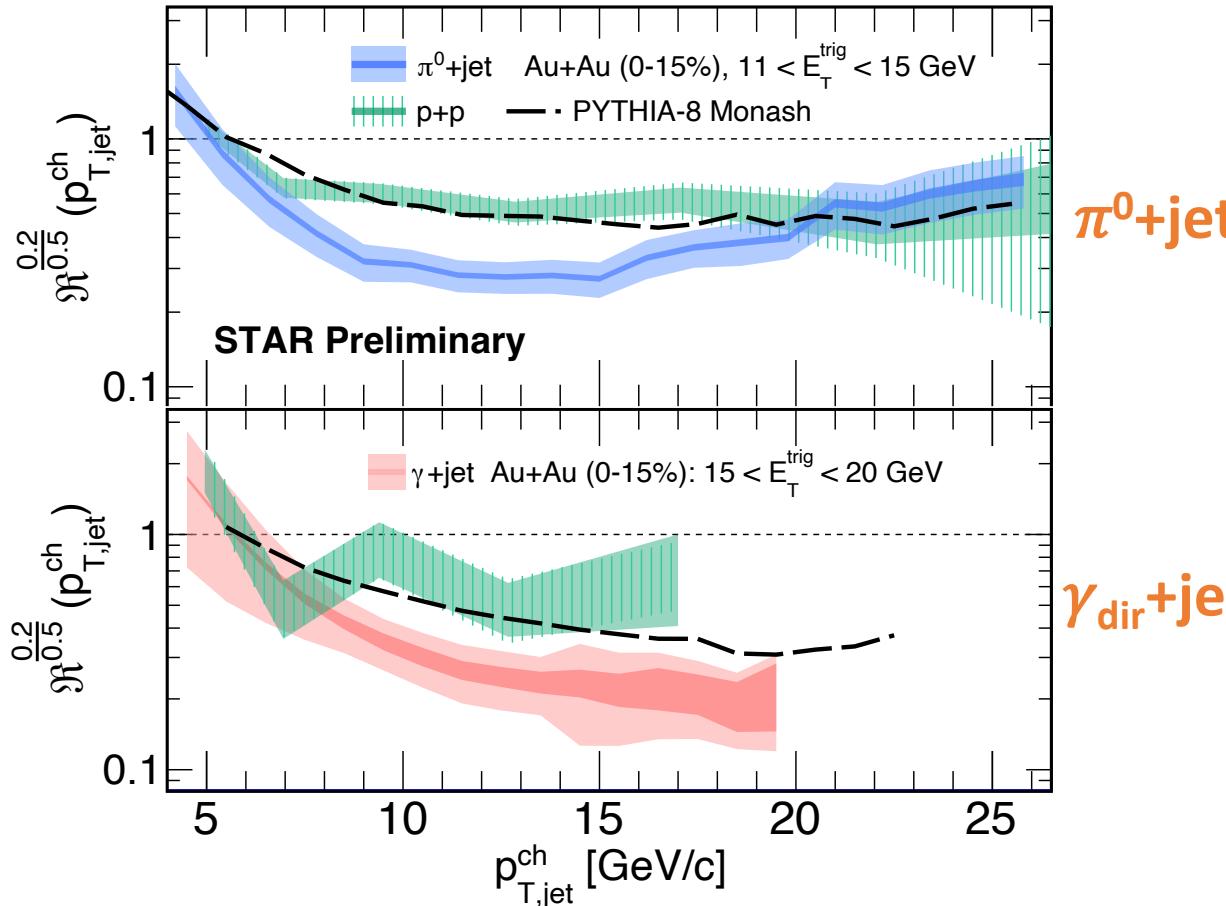


$$I_{AA} = \frac{Y^{AuAu}}{Y^{pp}}$$



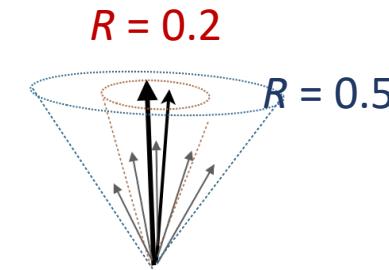
- Recoil jet yield is more suppressed for  $R=0.2$  than  $R=0.5$  indicating jet energy redistribution
- $\gamma_{\text{dir}} + \text{jet}$  and  $\pi^0 + \text{jet}$  show similar level of suppression

# Recoil jet yield dependence on jet R



$\pi^0 + \text{jet}$

$\gamma_{\text{dir}} + \text{jet}$



$$\mathfrak{R} = \frac{Y^{R=0.2}}{Y^{R=0.5}}$$

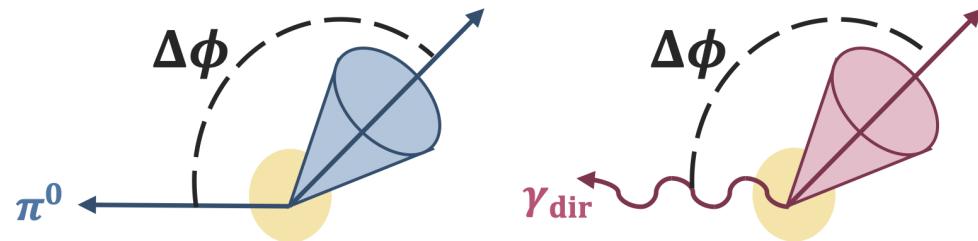
- $\mathfrak{R}^{0.2/0.5} < 1$  in p+p collisions due to jet radial profile in vacuum
- $\mathfrak{R}^{0.2/0.5}$  is smaller in Au+Au than in p+p indicating in-medium broadening of jet shower

# Semi-inclusive $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$ +jet azimuthal correlation



Acoplanarity: recoil jet deflected from  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$  axis

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_{\text{trig}} - \phi_{\text{jet}}$$



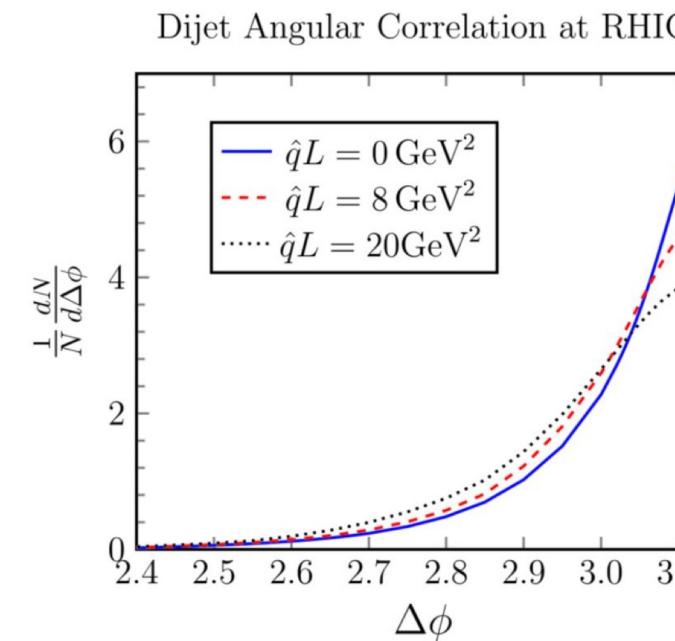
Trigger-jet azimuthal correlation distributions

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \cdot \frac{dN_{\text{jet}}}{d(\Delta\phi)} \Big|_{E_T^{\text{trig}}} = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow \text{trig}}} \cdot \frac{d\sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow \text{trig+jet}}}{d(\Delta\phi)} \right) \Big|_{E_T^{\text{trig}}}$$

Contributions to the azimuthal de-correlation

In vacuum: Sudakov radiation

In medium: multiple soft scattering (pT broadening)  
scattering off QGP quasi-particles



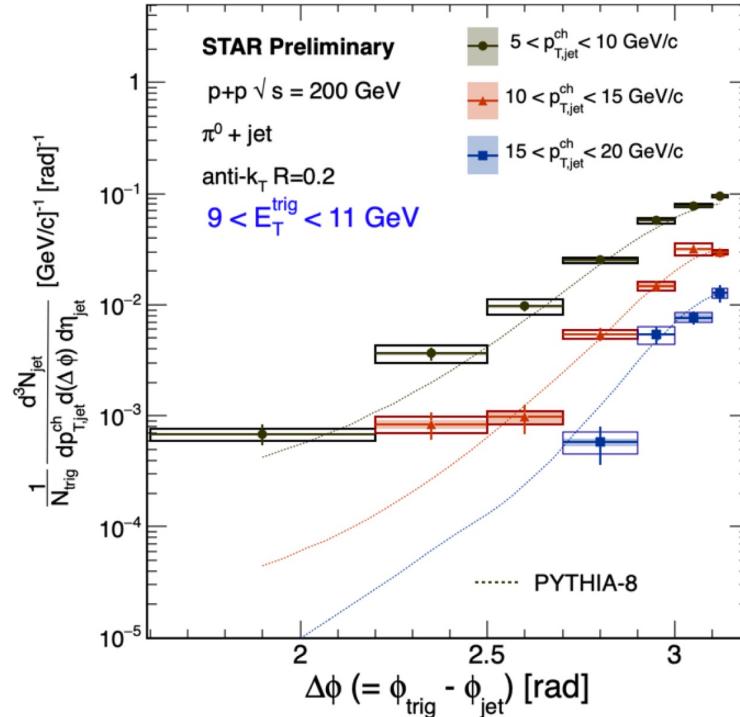
Mueller et al, PLB 763, 208 (2016)

# $\pi^0 + \text{jet}$ azimuthal correlation in p+p collisions



$$E_T^{trig} = [9,11] \text{ GeV/c}$$

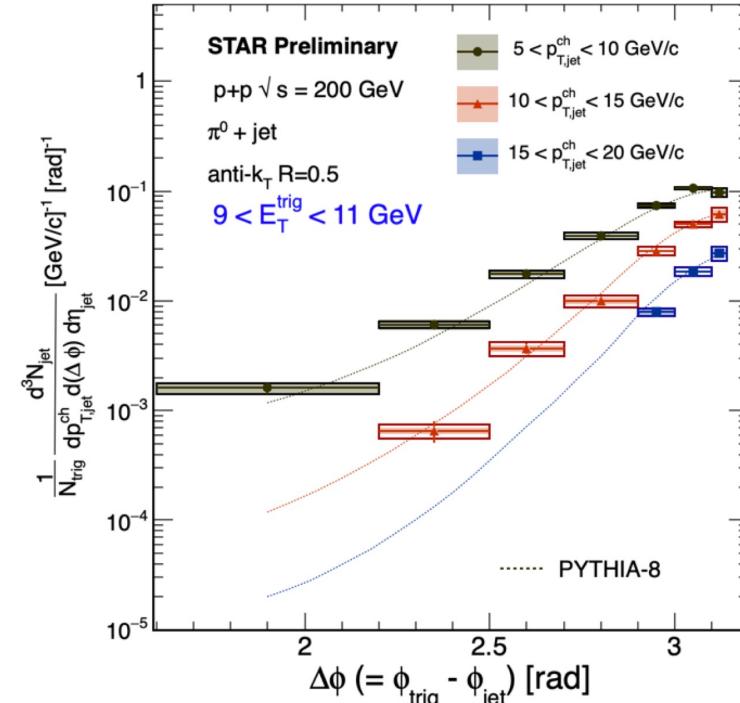
R=0.2



$\Delta\phi$  spectra measurements:

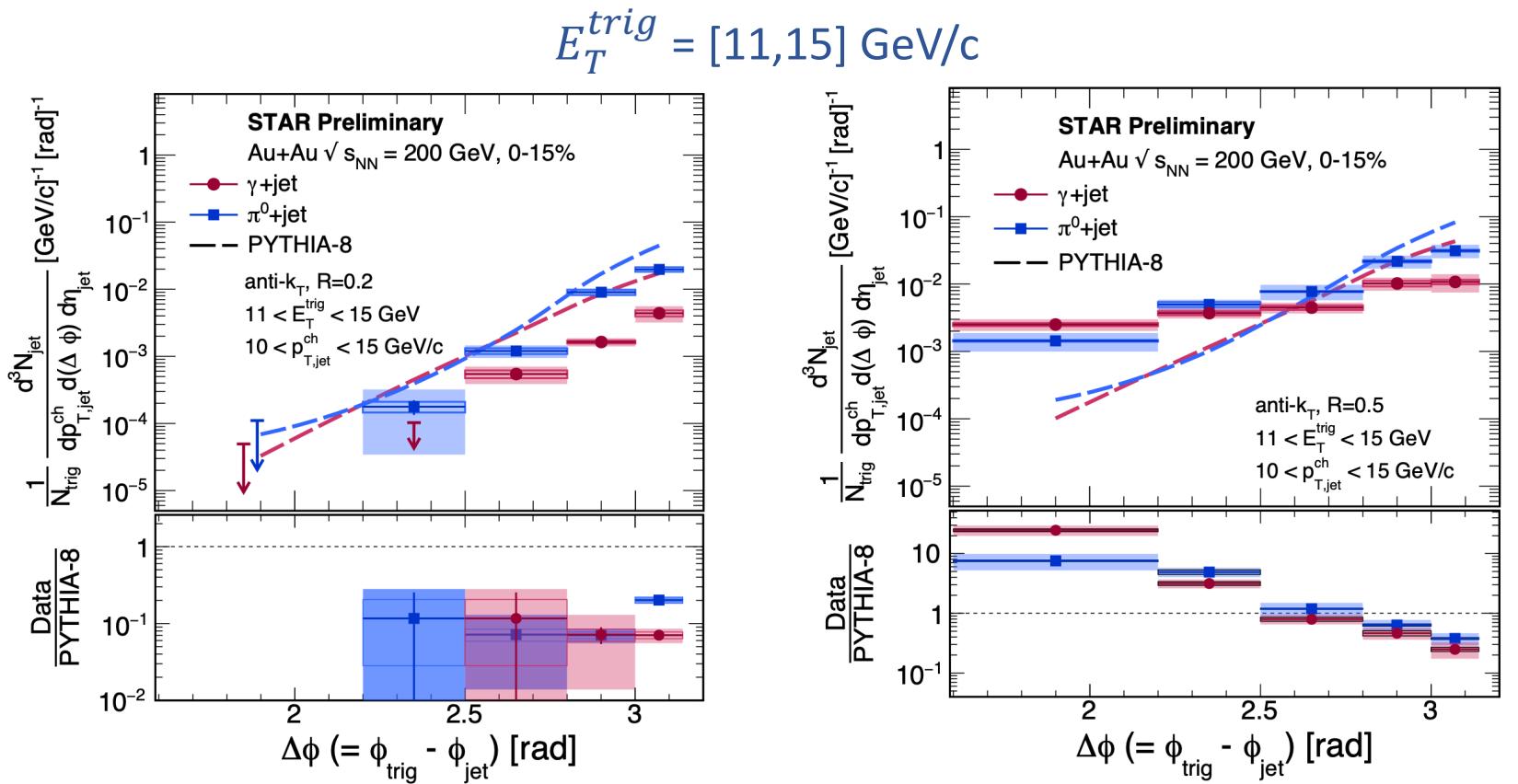
$$\left. \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \cdot \frac{dN_{jet}}{d(\Delta\phi)} \right|_{E_T^{trig}} = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow \text{trig}}} \cdot \frac{d\sigma^{\text{AA} \rightarrow \text{trig+jet}}}{d(\Delta\phi)} \right) \Big|_{E_T^{trig}}$$

R=0.5



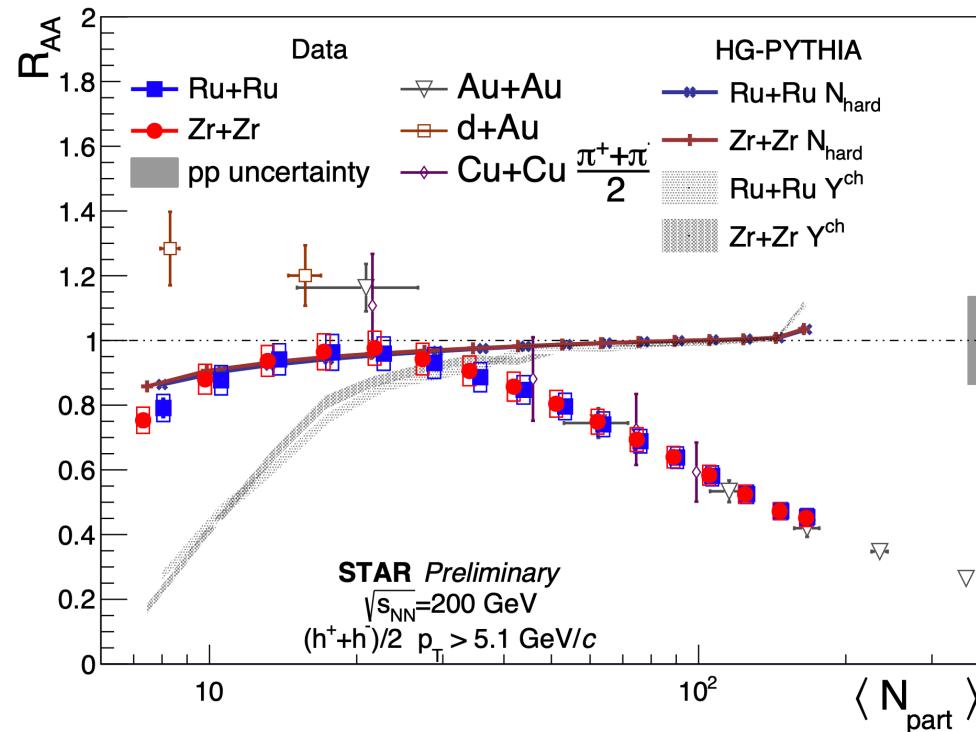
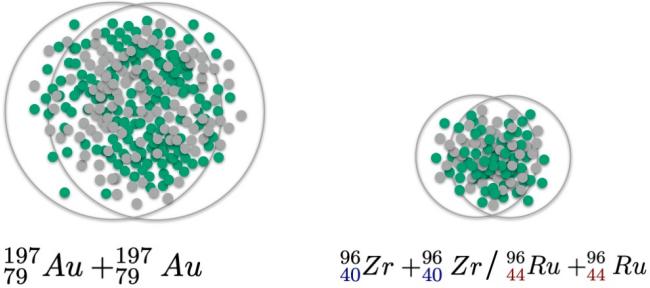
PYTHIA-8 (MONASH tune) is consistent with p+p data

# $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0$ +jet azimuthal correlation in Au+Au collisions



Evidence for medium-induced acoplanarity in the QGP for  $R = 0.5$  jets  
 Jet deflection in the medium? Medium response? ...

# System size dependence of hadron suppression



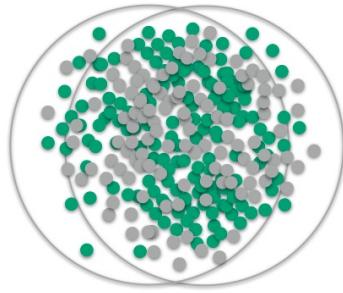
$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{ev}^{AA}} \frac{d^2 N^{AA}/d\eta dp_T}{T_{AA} d^2 \sigma^{NN}/d\eta dp_T}$$

Similar  $R_{AA}$  suppression at comparable  $\langle N_{part} \rangle$   
energy density drives the quenching, rather than  
the collision geometry

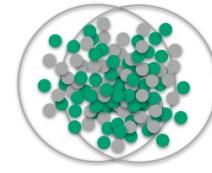
How about jets?

Talk: Tristan Protzman (Mar. 29th, 15:00)  
Poster: Isaac Mooney (HMHC-8)

# Outlook on system size dependence of jet quenching



$^{197}_{79} Au + ^{197}_{79} Au$



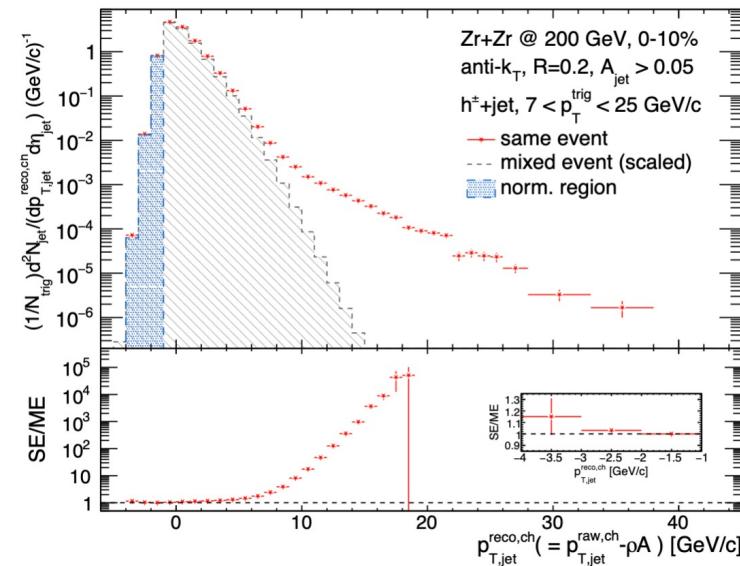
$^{96}_{40} Zr + ^{96}_{40} Zr / ^{96}_{44} Ru + ^{96}_{44} Ru$

Trigger statistics for  $7 < p_{T,\text{trig}} < 25 \text{ GeV}/c$

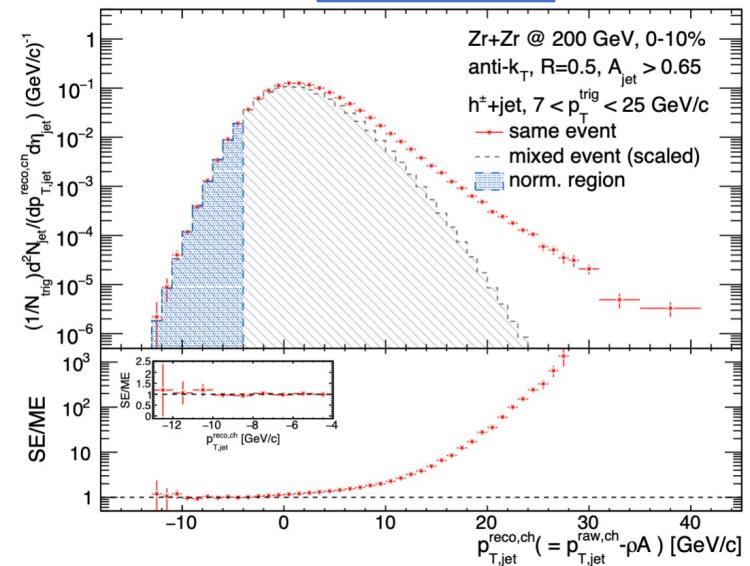
	0-10%	60-80%
Zr+Zr	~454 k	~60 k
Ru+Ru	~457 k	~62 k

**Jet quenching comparison for different collision systems:**  
gain further insights into parton energy loss dependence on initial energy density vs. collision geometry

R=0.2

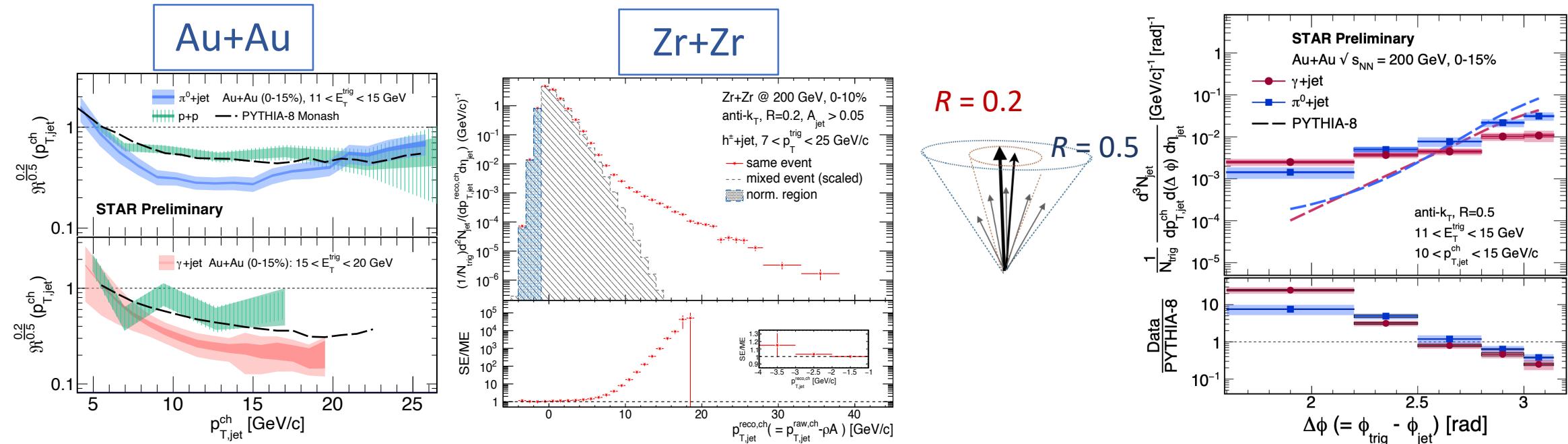


R=0.5



Ongoing measurement...

# Summary



- Au+Au
  - $I_{AA}$  are consistent between  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}+\text{jet}$  and  $\pi^0+\text{jet}$
  - $\Re^{0.2/0.5}$  demonstrate intra-jet broadening
- h+jet study in Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru is ongoing
- $\Delta\phi$  distributions of  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}/\pi^0+\text{jet}$  in Au+Au: observed excess of jet yield away from back-to-back
  - Jet scattering?
  - Medium response?