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# Semi-inclusive hadron+jet measurement in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV with the STAR experiment

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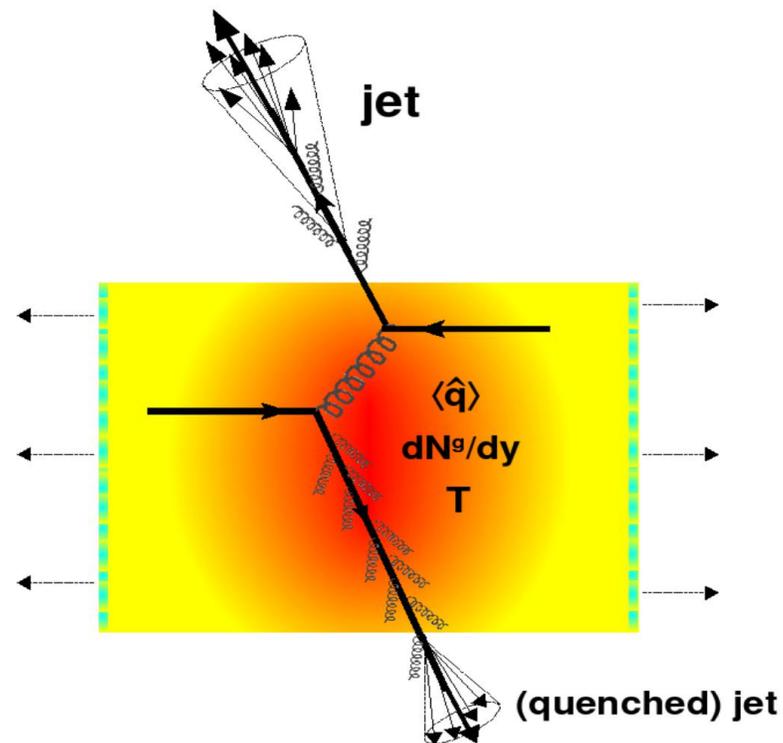
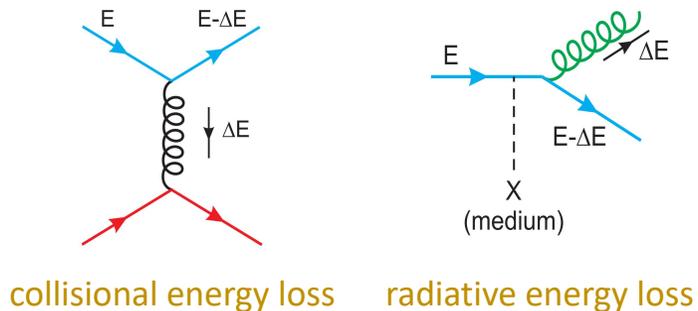
# Jet quenching in QGP

## Hard probe: Jets

- Produced at early stage of the collisions
- Cross section in vacuum is calculable using pQCD

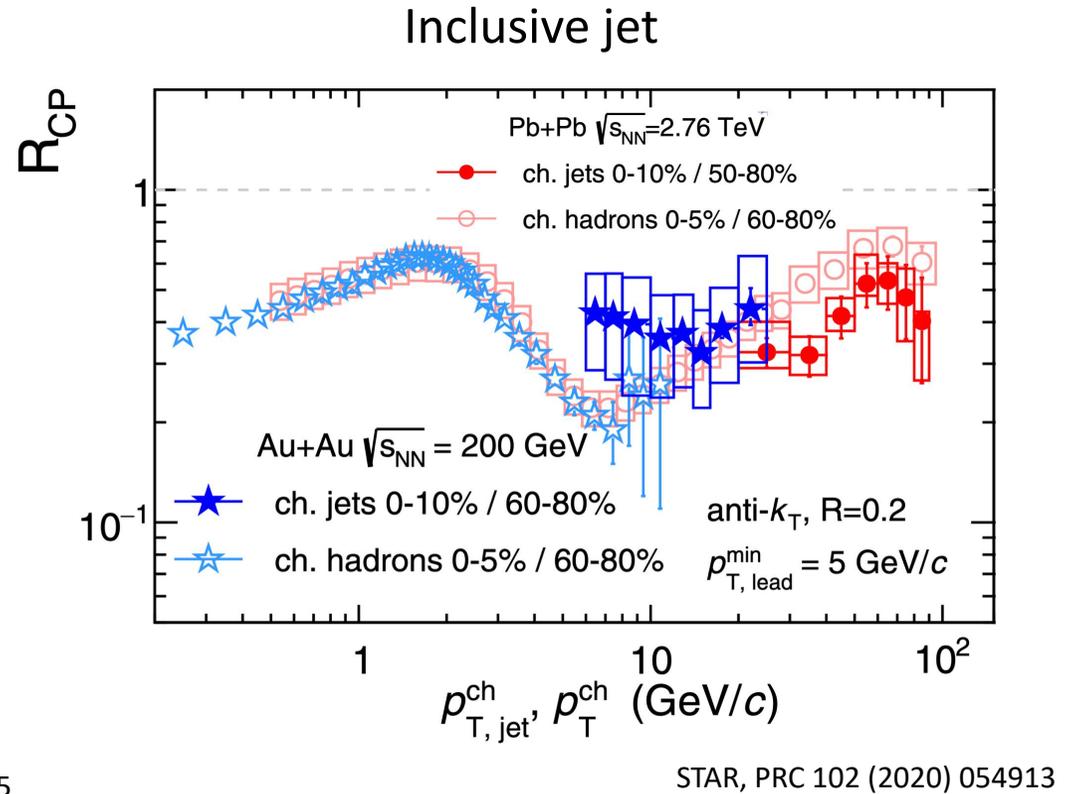
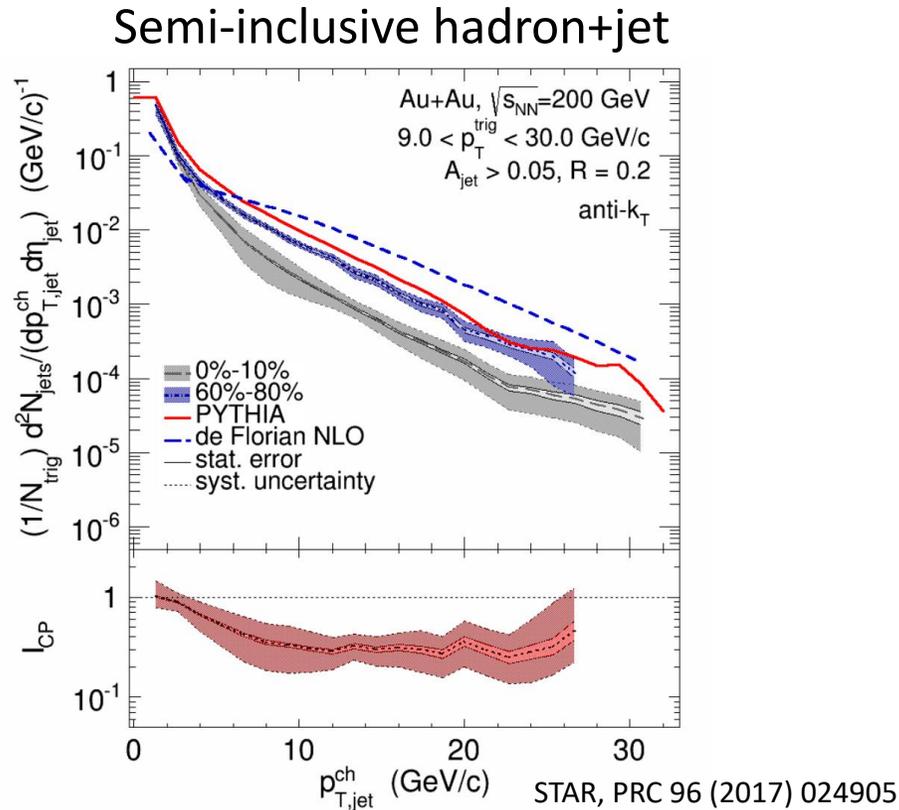
## Parton energy loss in medium:

- Collisional and radiative energy losses



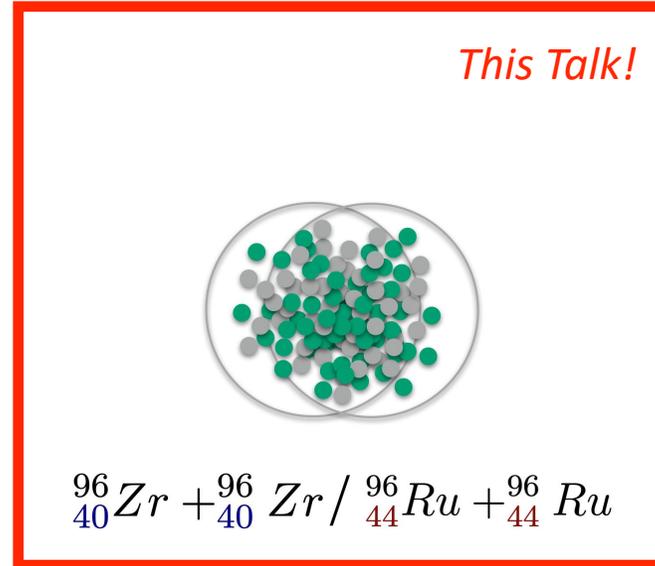
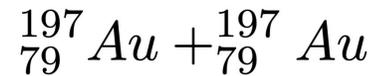
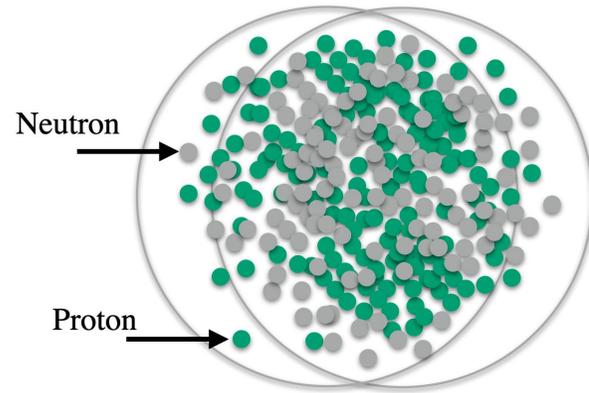
- Depends on traversing parton's initial energy and mass/virtuality, medium temperature and density, strong interaction coupling strength  $\alpha_s$ , and path length, etc.

# Jet measurements in Au+Au@200 GeV



- High  $p_T$  hadron triggered recoil jets and inclusive jets are measured by STAR experiment
- Strong suppression is observed in central Au+Au collisions, with a similar magnitude as at the LHC

# System size dependence of jet suppression?



Study jet quenching in a smaller collision system (Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru) than Au+Au collisions using semi-inclusive h+jet measurement

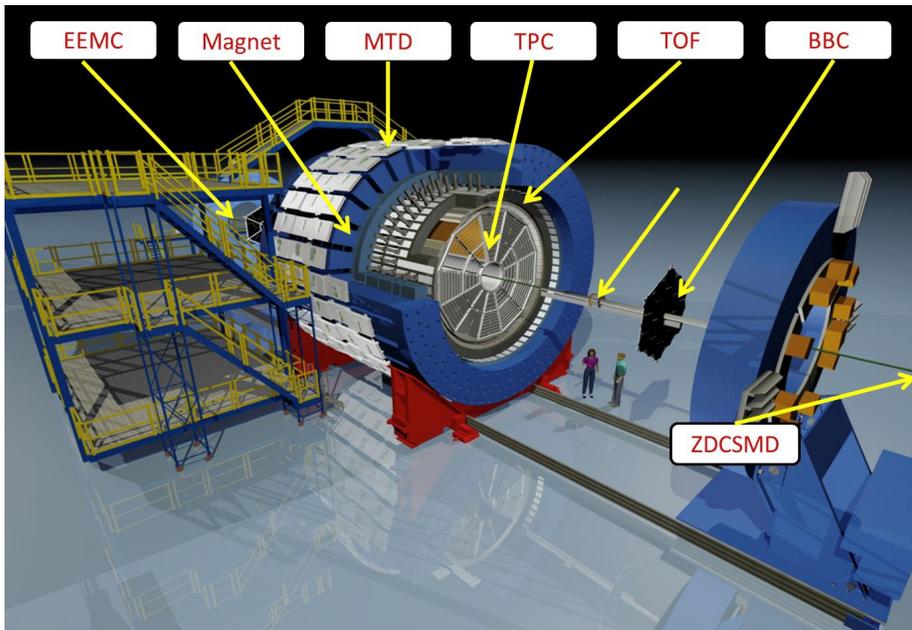
Provide information of parton energy loss for different initial energy density, temperature of the medium, and smaller path length compared to Au+Au collisions

# STAR detector



## Time Projection Chamber (TPC):

Provides tracking for charged particles within  $\pm 1$  unit of pseudo-rapidity and covers  $2\pi$  in azimuth



Year 2018 data taking for Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV  
full production is ready and being actively worked on  
13% statistics are shown in this talk

Charged particles:

$$|\eta| < 1, 0.2 < p_T < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Jet reconstruction:

$$\text{anti-}k_T \text{ algorithm, } R_{\text{jet}} = 0.2 \text{ and } 0.4, |\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 1 - R_{\text{jet}}$$

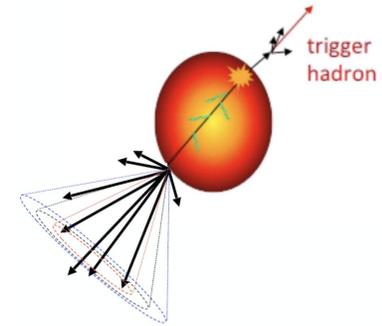
	0-10% centrality	60-80% centrality
Current statistics for this presentation (~13%)	~124k (trigger events $7 < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$ )	~14k (trigger events $7 < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
Full statistics (ongoing)	~0.94M	~0.10M

# Semi-inclusive hadron+jet to study jet quenching



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

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



- Jet yield is integrated over a recoil region in azimuth relative to the trigger hadron direction

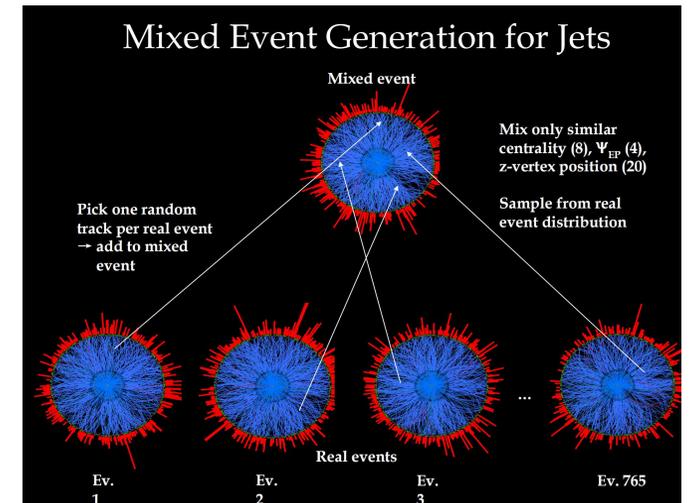
$$Y(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}) = \int_{3\pi/4}^{5\pi/4} d\Delta\phi \left[ \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}^{\text{AA}}} \cdot \left. \frac{d^3 N_{\text{jet}}^{\text{AA}}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}} d\Delta\phi d\eta_{\text{jet}}} \right|_{p_{T,\text{trig}} > p_{T,\text{thresh}}} \right]$$

- Jet quenching observable:

$$I_{\text{CP}} = \frac{Y(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}) \Big|_{0-10\%}}{Y(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}) \Big|_{60-80\%}}$$

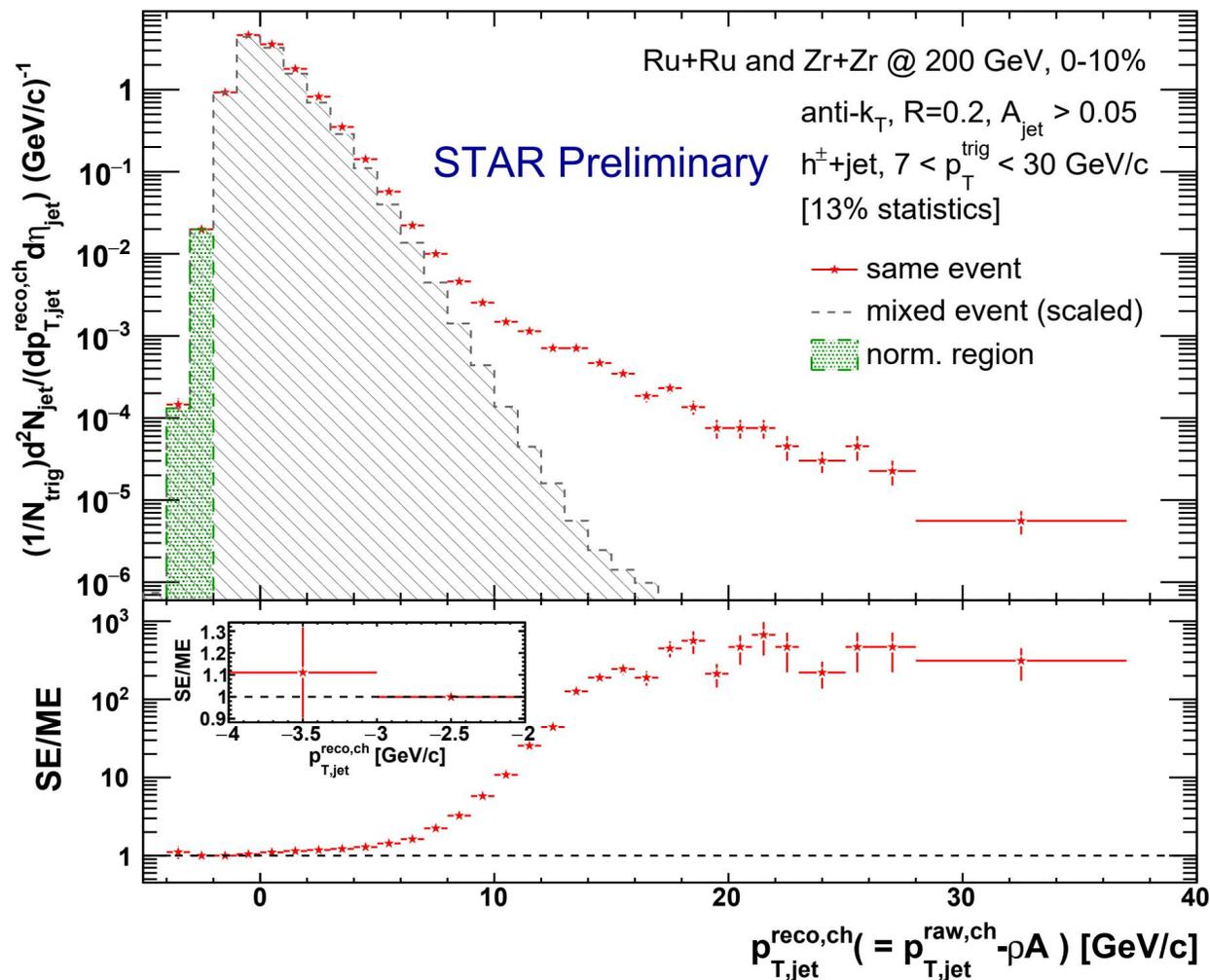
$I_{\text{CP}} < 1$  quantifies the magnitude of the jet quenching

- Advantage: Combinatorial jets removed statistically by a mixed-event approach



# h+jet $p_T$ spectrum for jets with $R = 0.2$

0-10% centrality in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions

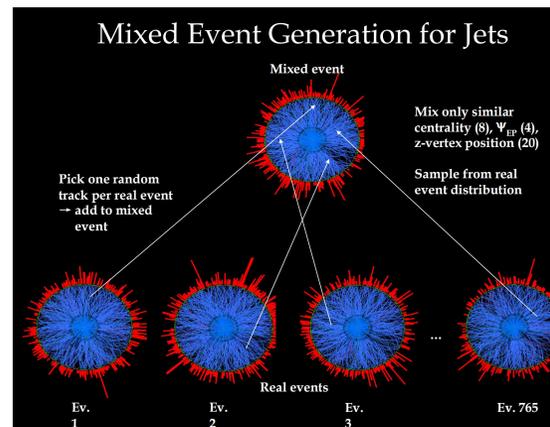


$$7 < p_T^{trig} < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$p_{T,jet}^{reco} < 0$  : Almost identical between the same-event (SE) and mixed-event (ME) jet  $p_T$  spectra

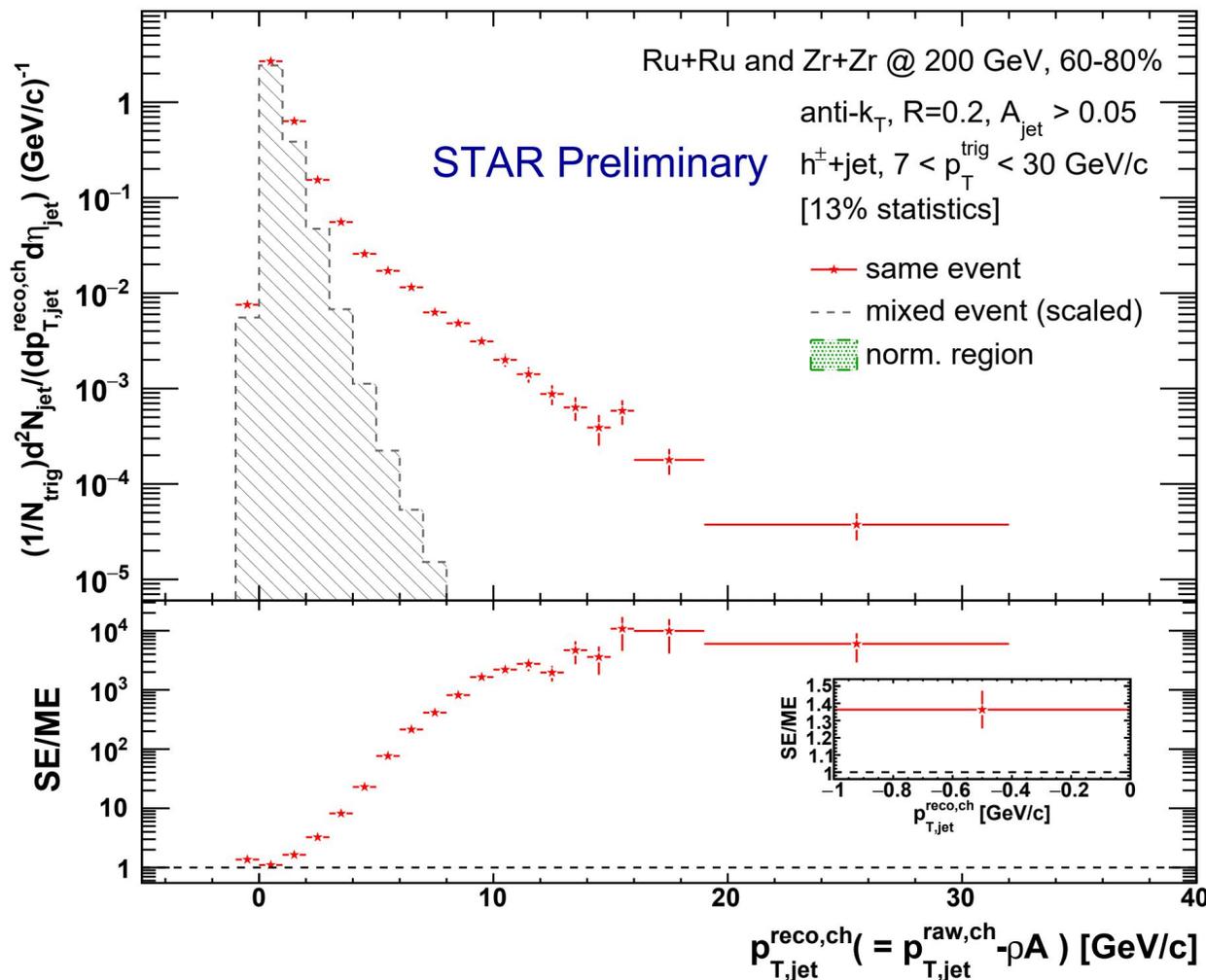
$p_{T,jet}^{reco} > 0$  : Correlated (w.r.t. trigger particles) jet contribution dominates over combinatorial jet contribution at high  $p_{T,jet}^{reco}$

ME works very well for this analysis



# h+jet $p_T$ spectrum for jets with $R = 0.2$

60-80% centrality in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions



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$p_{T, \text{jet}}^{\text{reco}} < 0$  : Almost identical between SE and ME jet  $p_T$  spectra

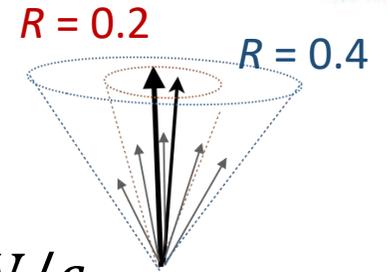
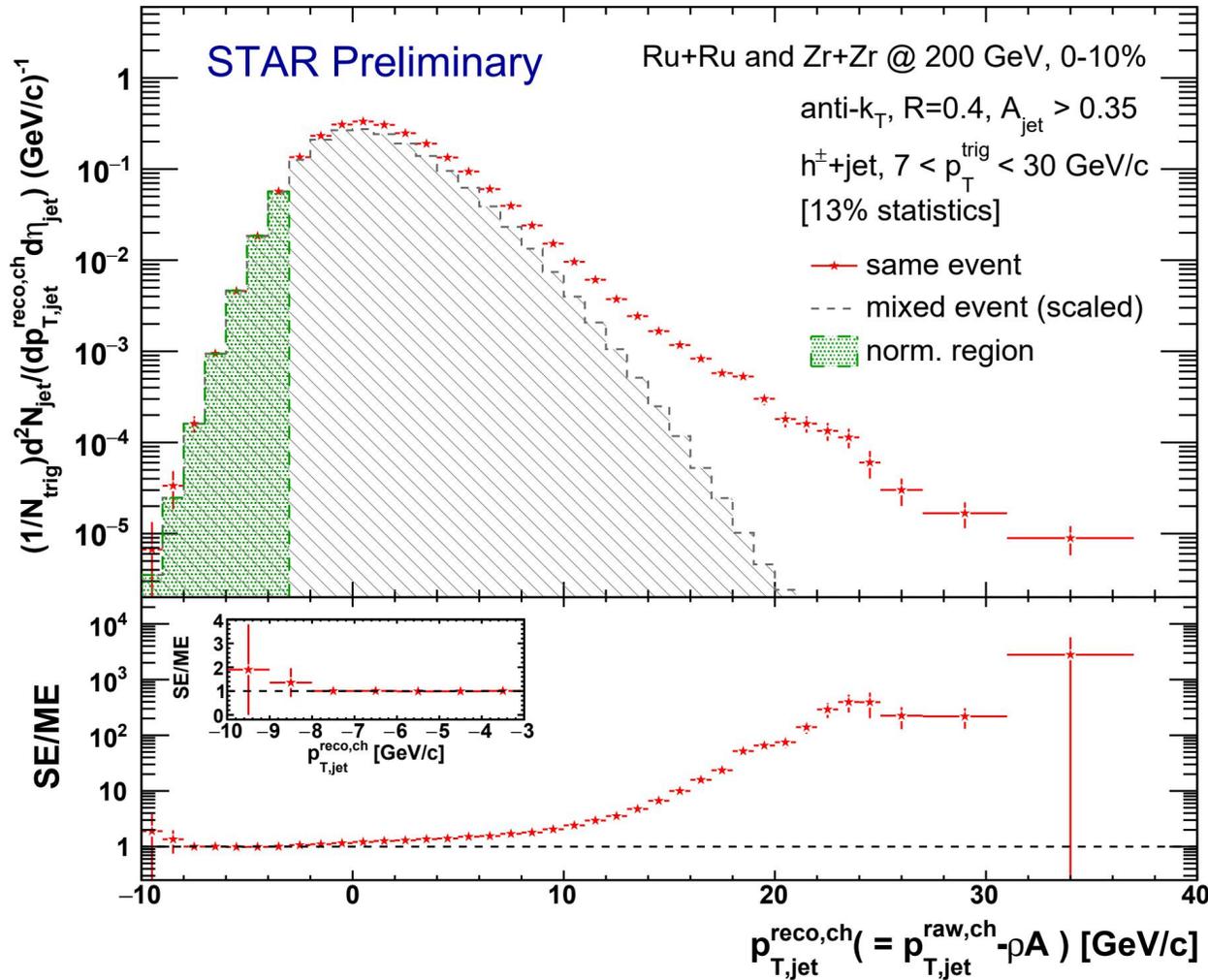
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# h+jet $p_T$ spectrum for jets with $R = 0.4$



0-10% centrality in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions



$$7 < p_T^{trig} < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$p_{T,jet}^{reco} < 0$  : Almost identical between between SE and ME jet  $p_T$  spectra

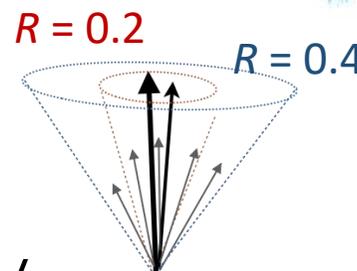
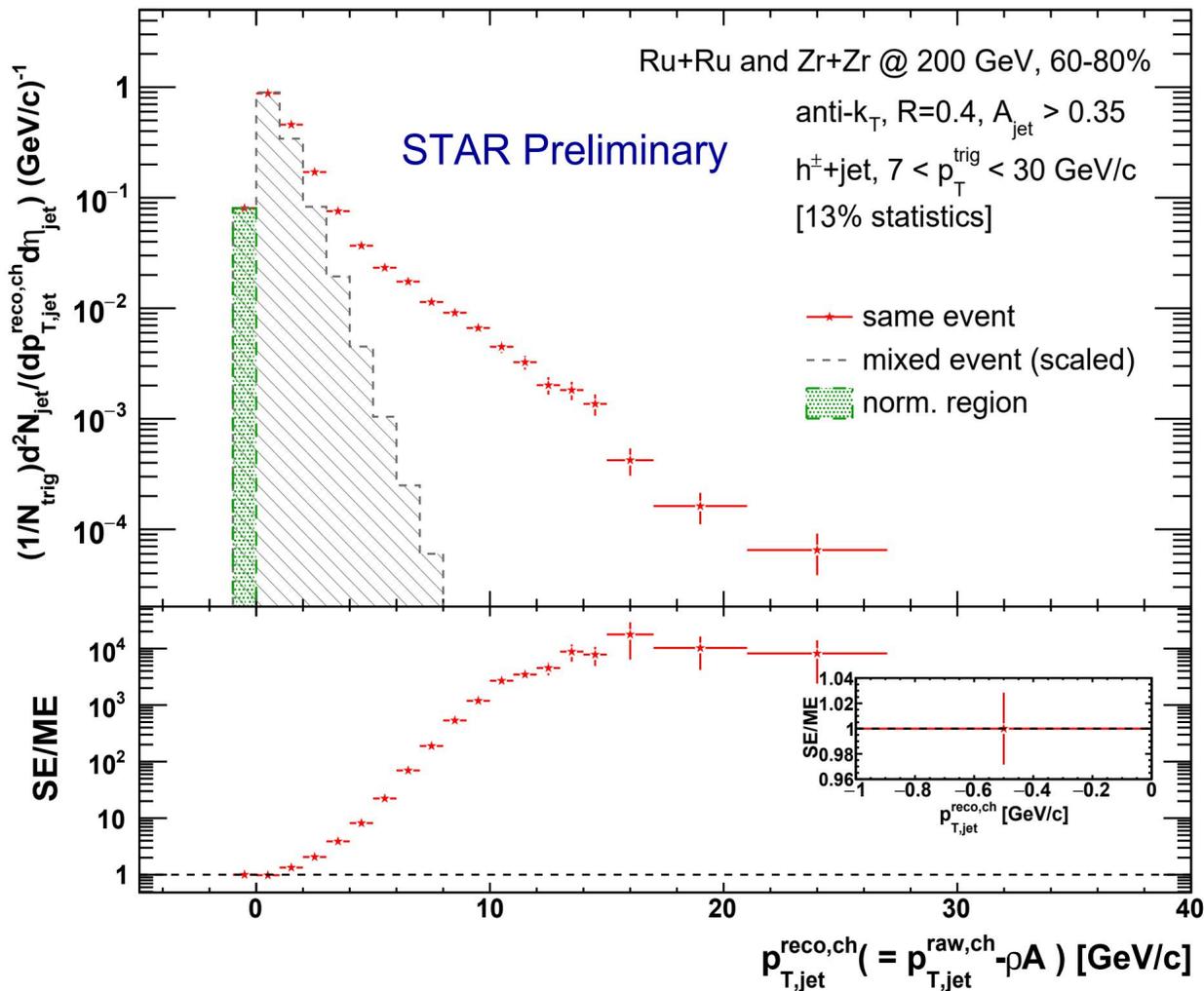
Larger background fluctuation for  $R = 0.4$  than  $R = 0.2$

$p_{T,jet}^{reco} > 0$  : Correlated (w.r.t. trigger particles) jet contribution dominates over combinatorial jet contribution at high  $p_{T,jet}^{reco}$



# h+jet $p_T$ spectrum for jets with $R = 0.4$

60-80% centrality in Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions



$$7 < p_T^{trig} < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$p_{T, jet}^{reco} < 0$  : Almost identical between SE and ME jet  $p_T$  spectra

Combinatorial jet contribution is less in 60-80% centrality compared to 0-10% centrality

$p_{T, jet}^{reco} > 0$  : Correlated (w.r.t. trigger particles) jet contribution dominates over combinatorial jet contribution at high  $p_{T, jet}^{reco}$

# Stay tuned



We are working on full statistics for Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions

- 13% statistics for this presentation
- Full statistics have a large impact for this measurement
- We expect to have a higher jet  $p_T$  reach
- Smaller systematic uncertainties in these data than Au+Au collisions for the 0-10% centrality

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Ongoing work: fully corrected recoil charged jet  $p_T$  spectrum and calculation of nuclear modification factor ( $I_{CP}$ )

# Summary

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- STAR has observed strong jet suppression in central Au+Au collisions
- Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr collisions can help to study system size dependence of the parton energy loss
  - In this talk, we presented preliminary results with 13% statistics
  - ME approach for precise background removal works well
  - Work on full statistics and corrections for detector response and background fluctuation

# Thank You!