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# Measurement of jet substructure in $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV } pp$ collisions at STAR

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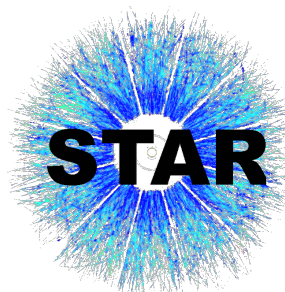
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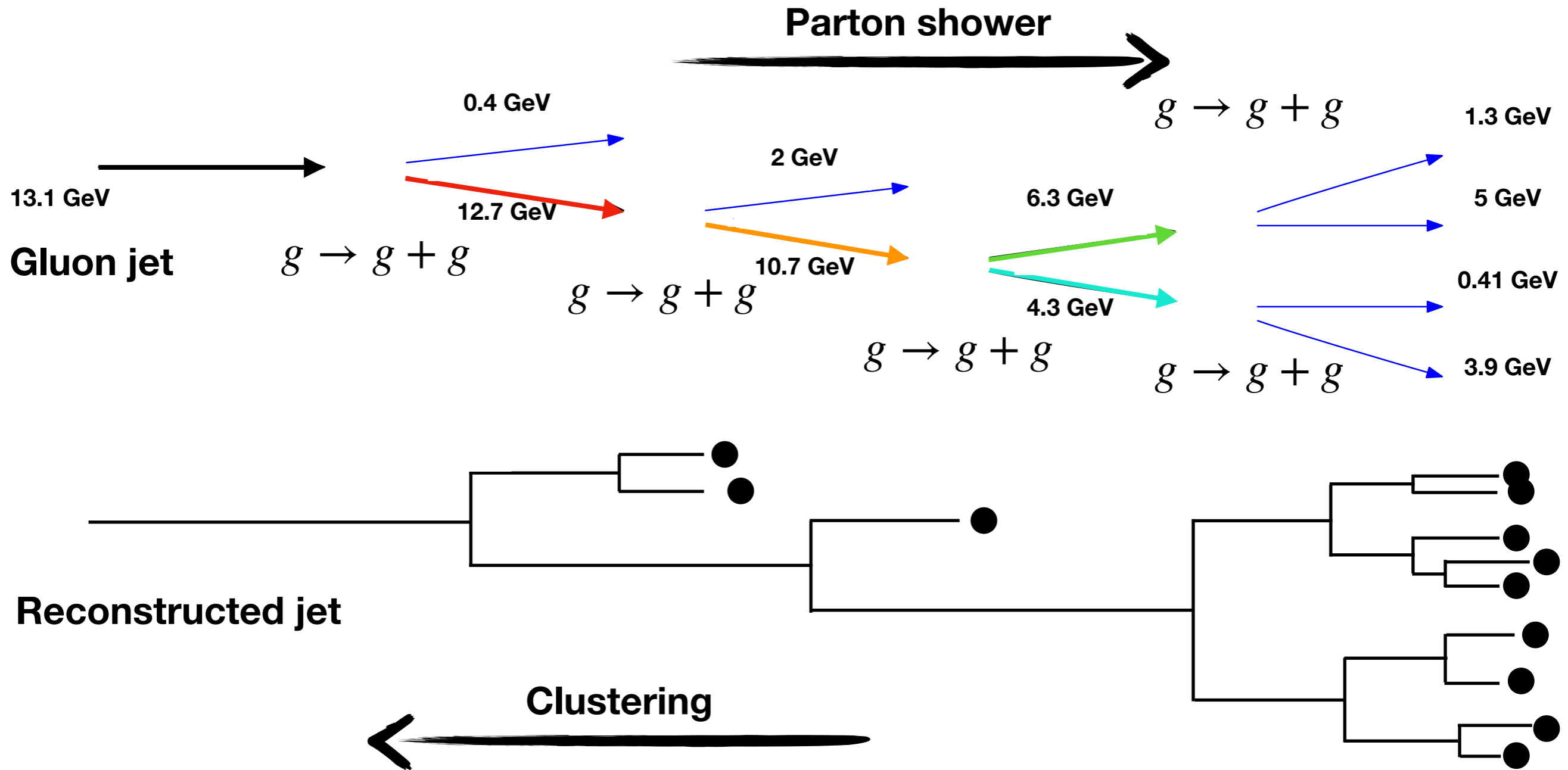
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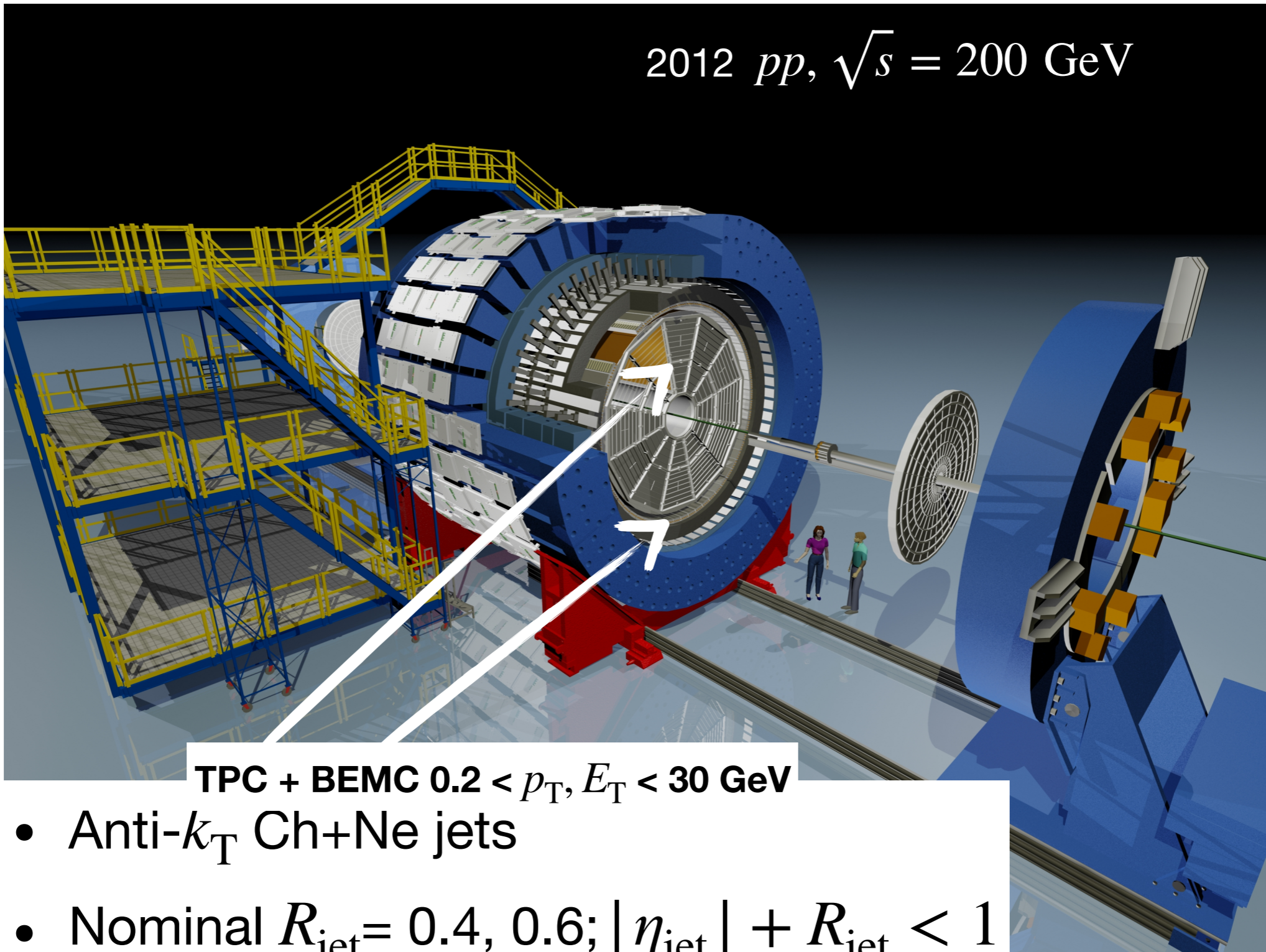


# What do we want to measure?

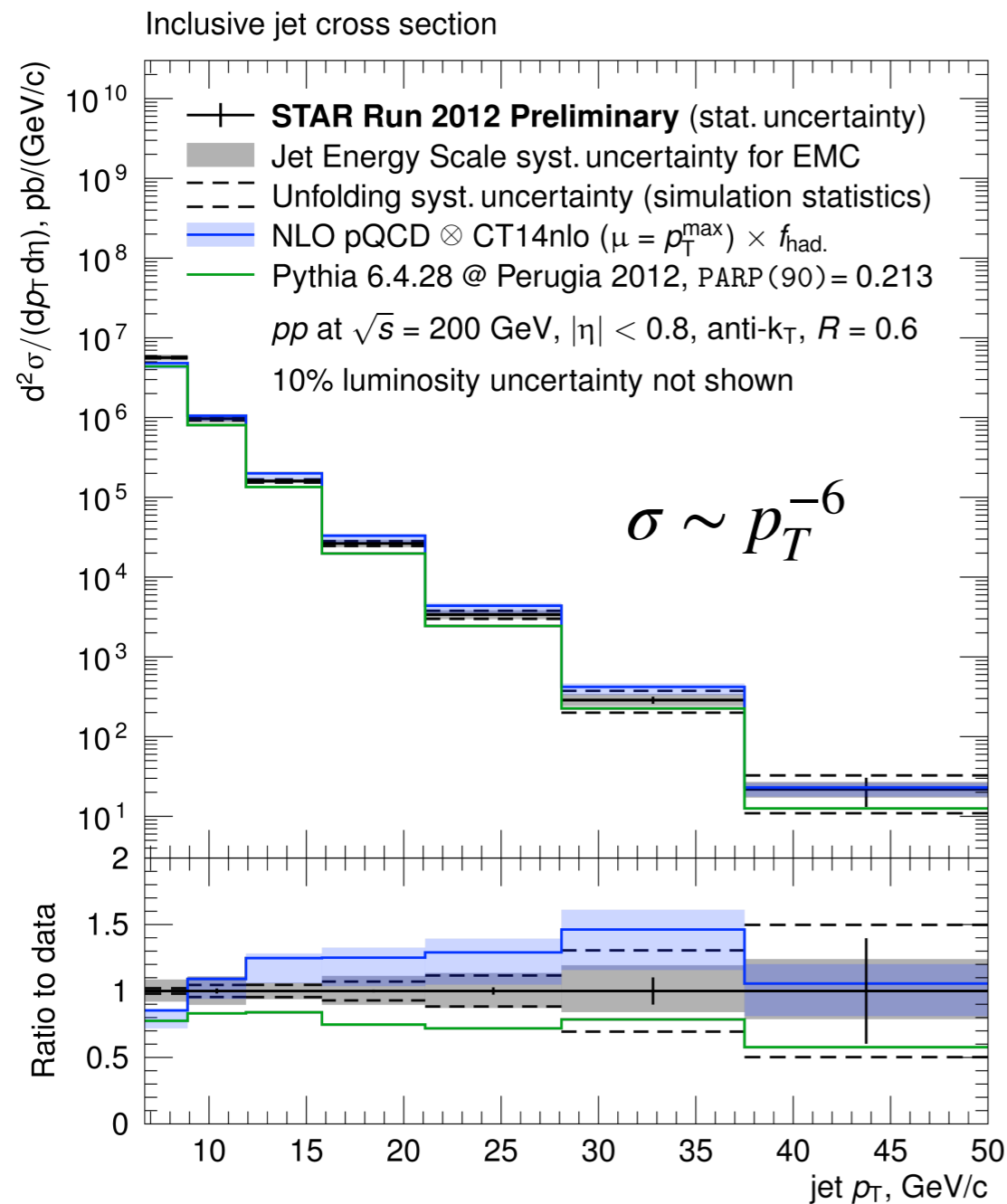
We want to translate an intrinsic (and unmeasurable) parton shower to experimentally accessible observable(s)



# Jet reconstruction at STAR



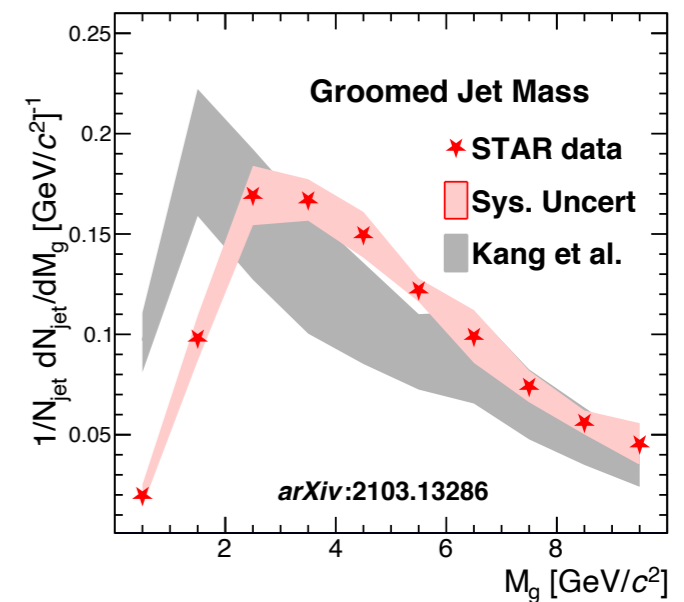
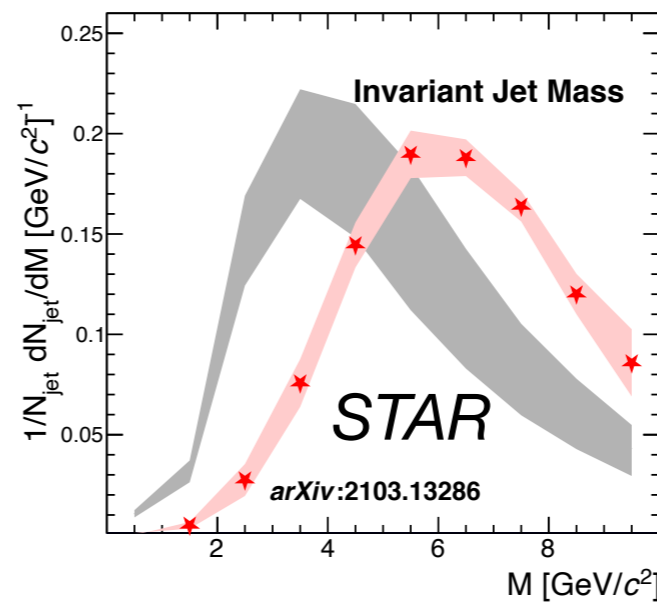
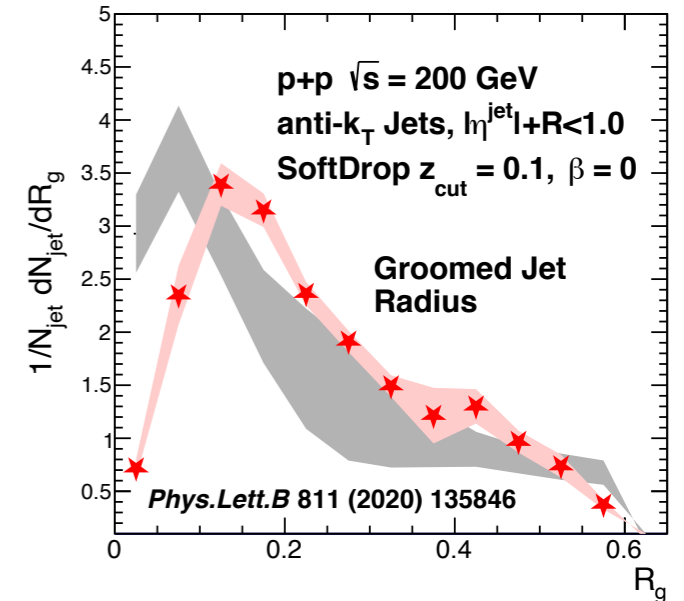
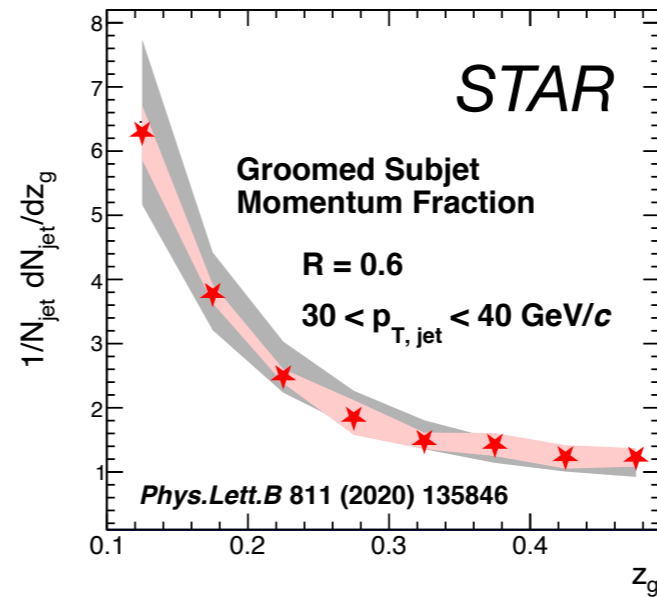
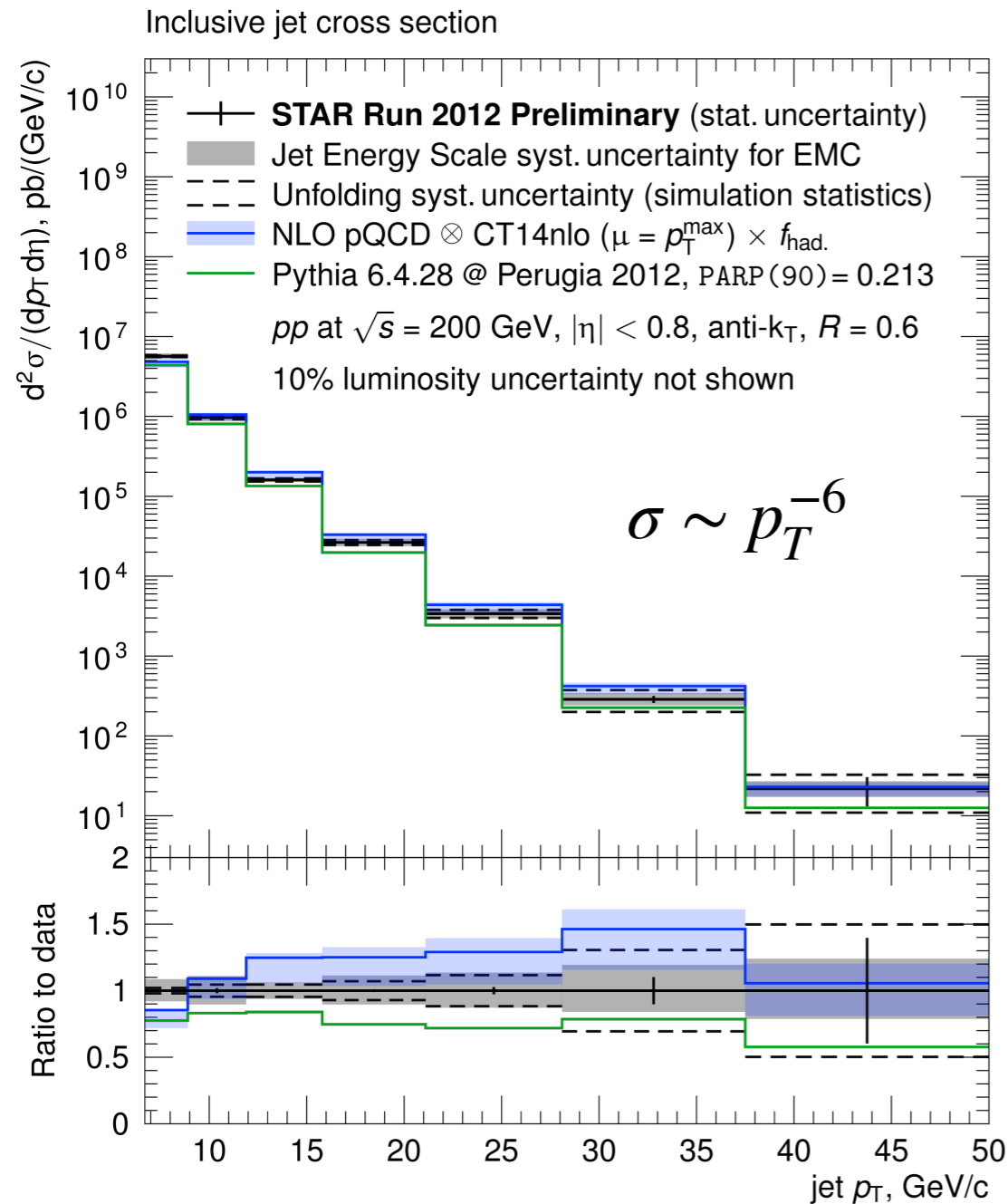
# Jets in $pp$ $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



Steeply falling jet spectra - Comparable to NLO within uncertainties



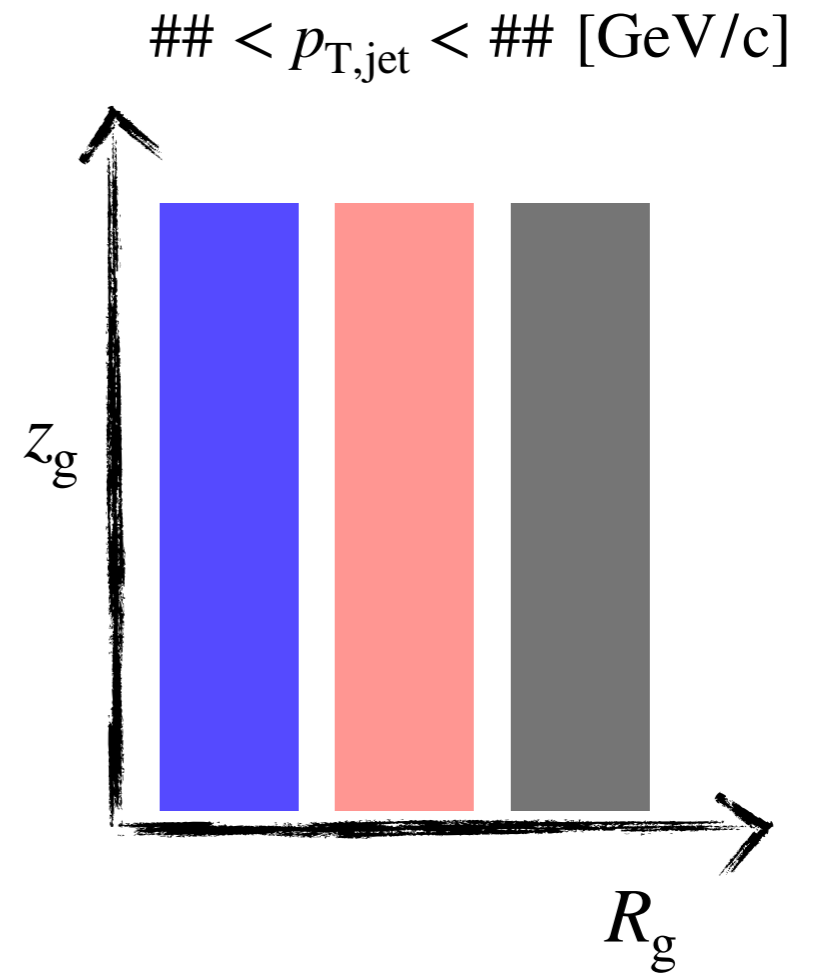
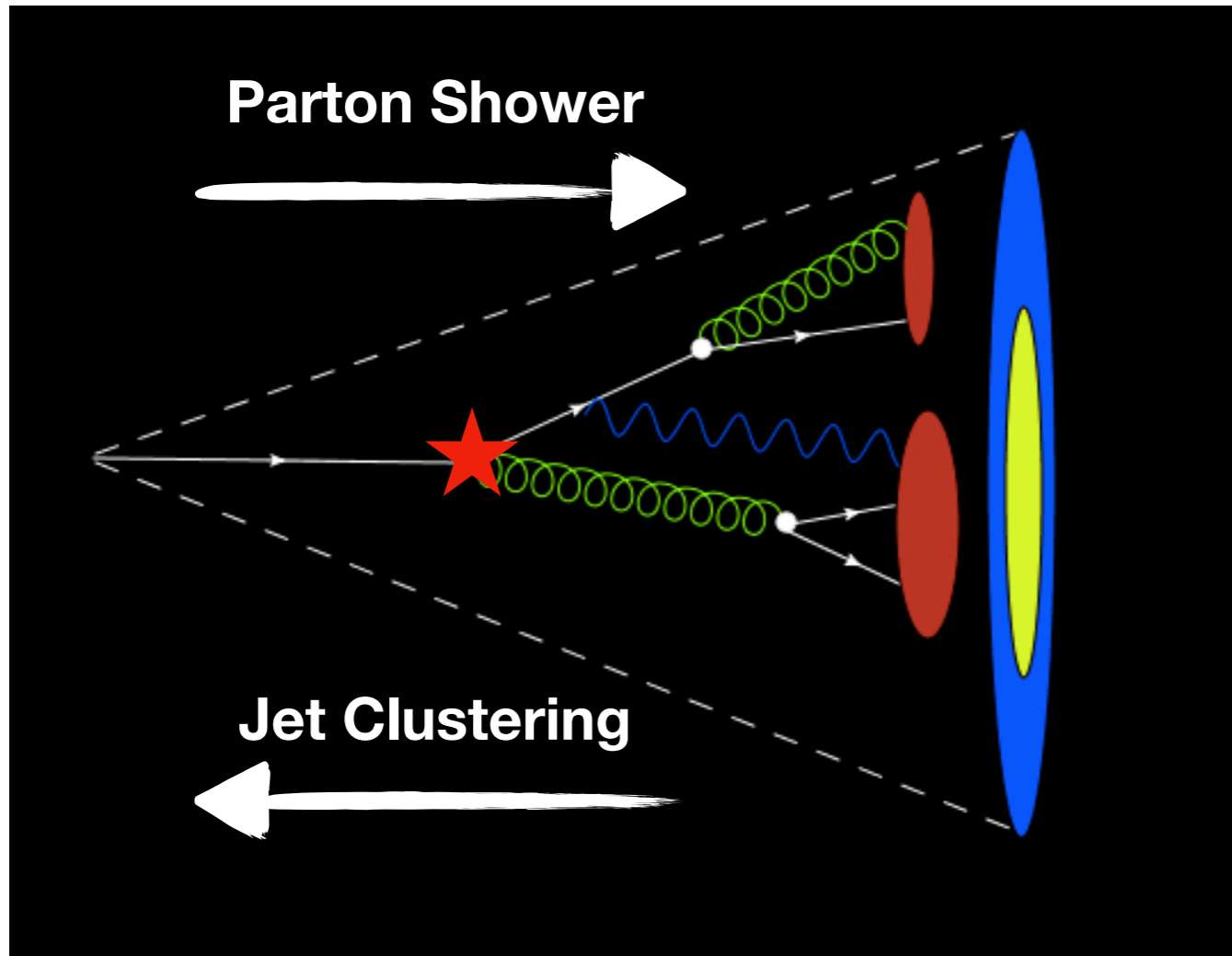
# Jets in $pp$ $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



Unique population of jets with varied substructure!

Scales extend from jet  $p_T \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



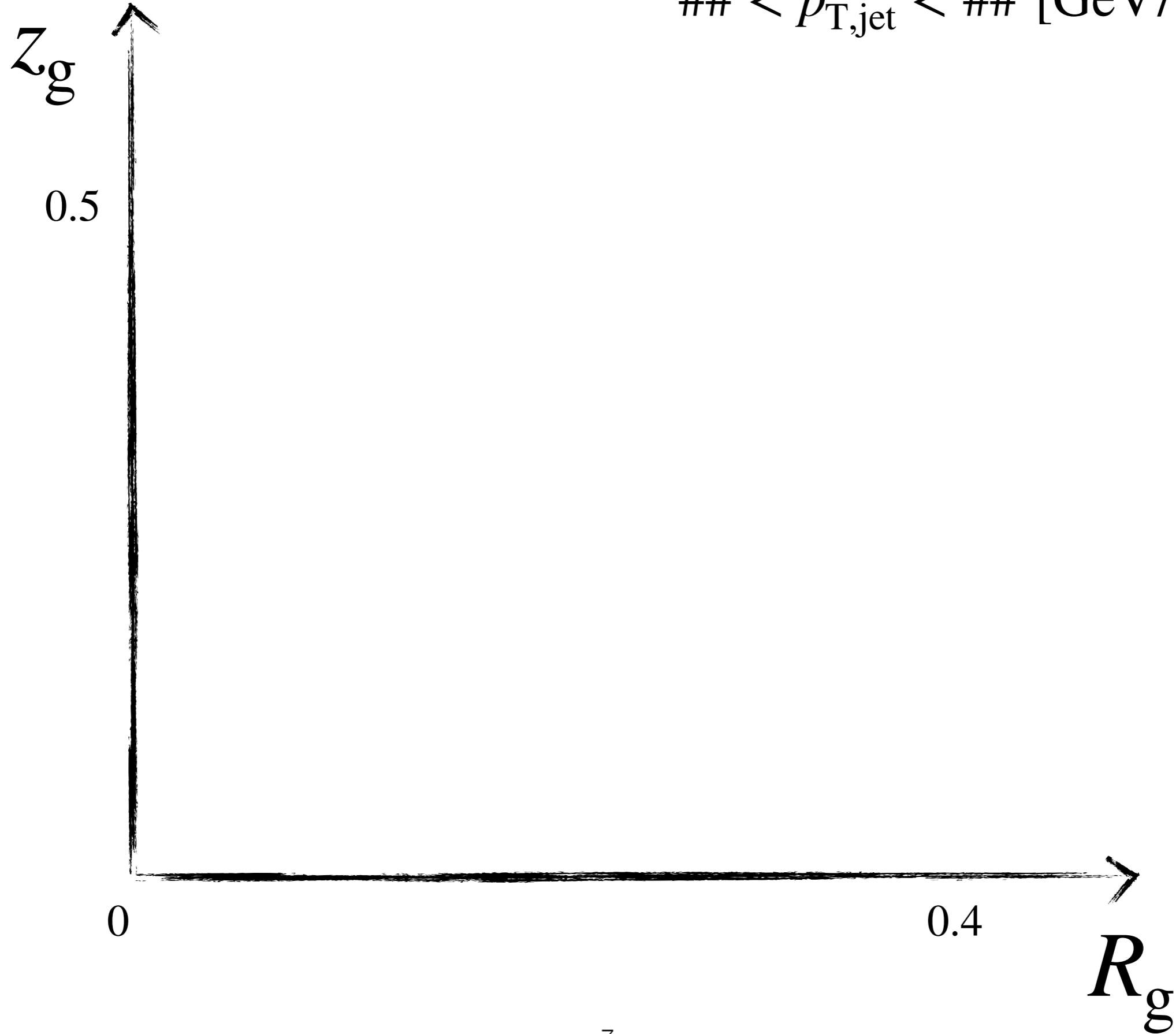


Correlations between substructure observables at the first split

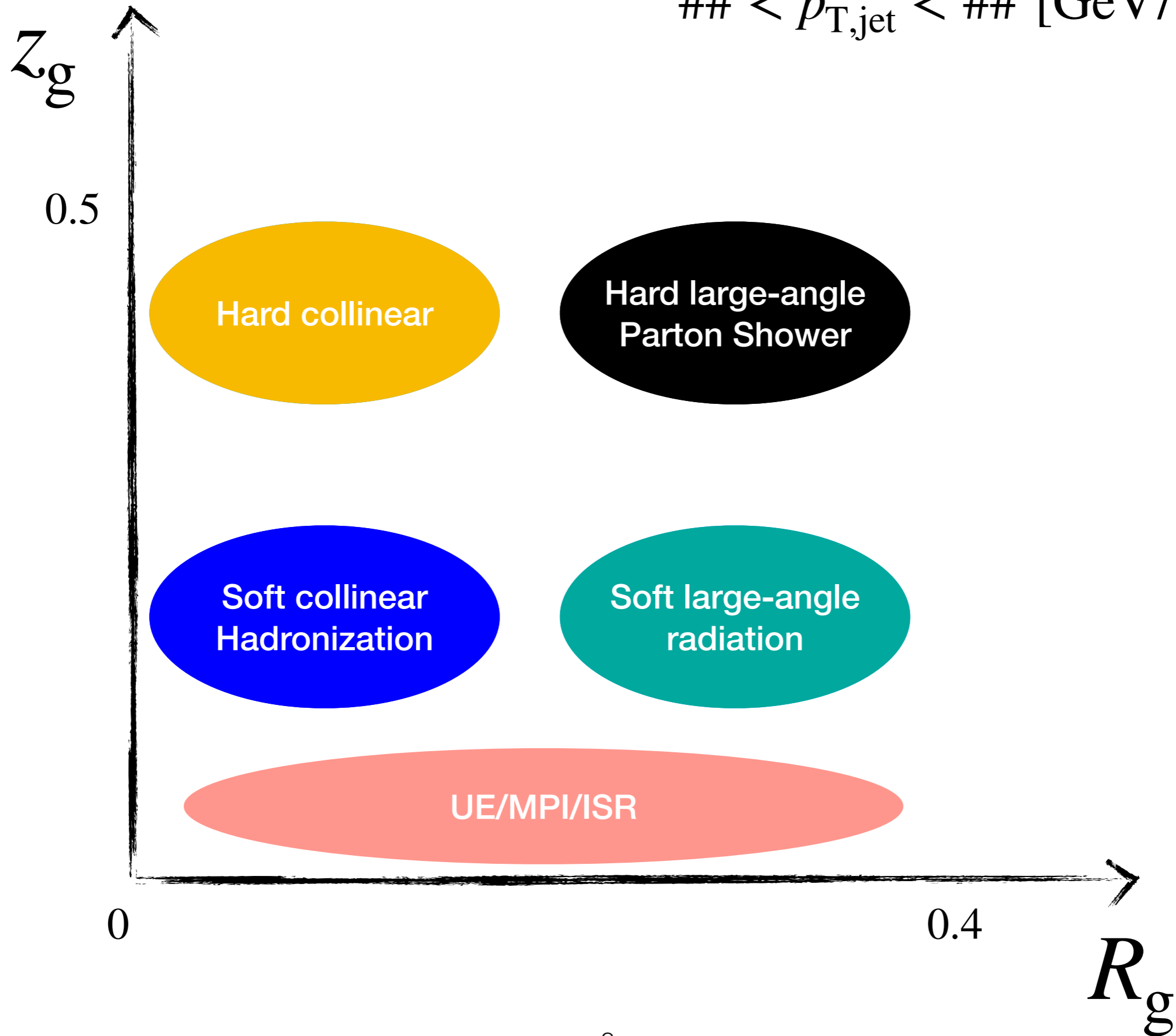
Evolution of the splitting observables as we travel along the jet shower



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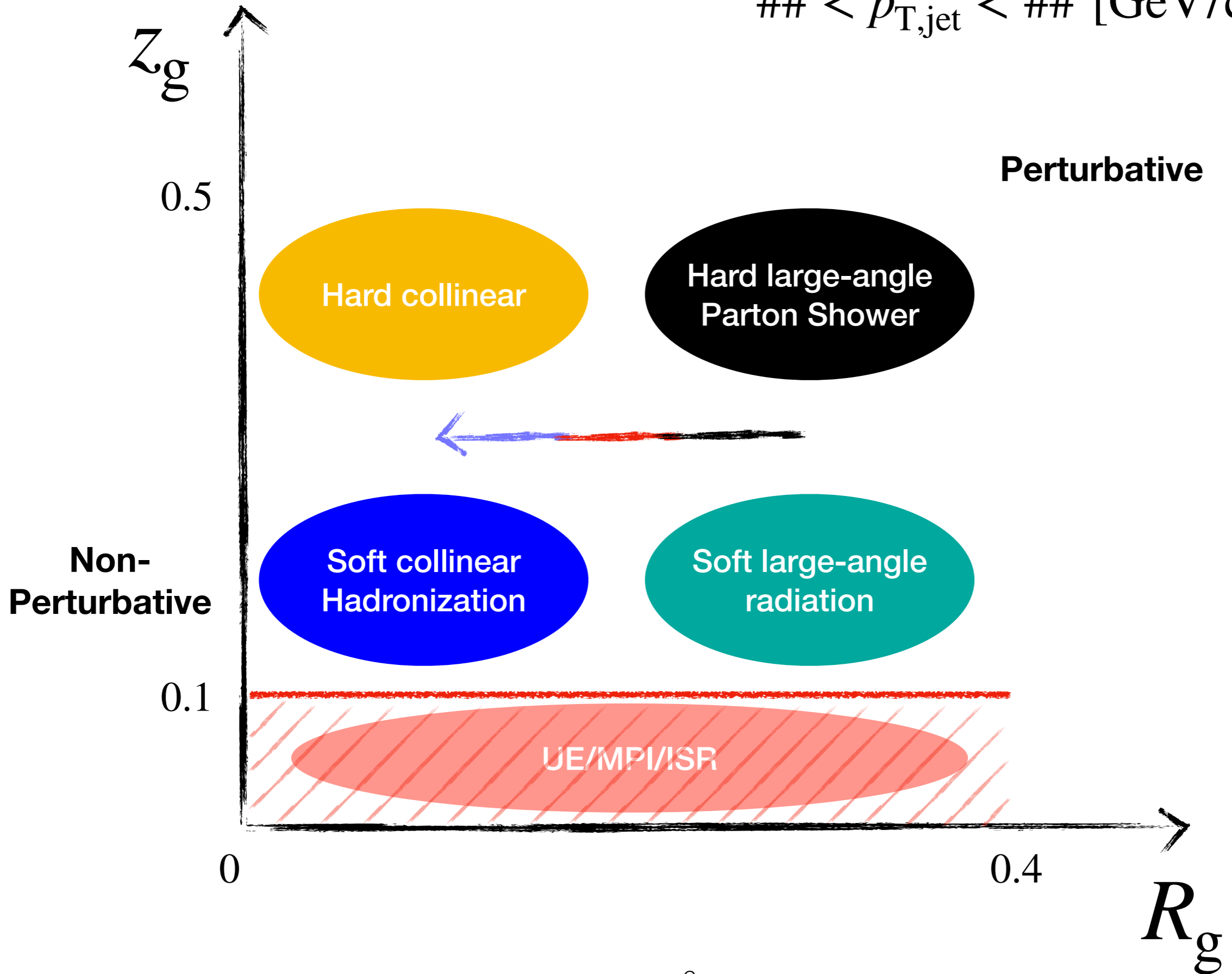


$## < p_{T,jet} < ##$  [GeV/c]





$$\#\# < p_{T,\text{jet}} < \#\# \text{ [GeV/c]}$$



# Corrections in 3-D

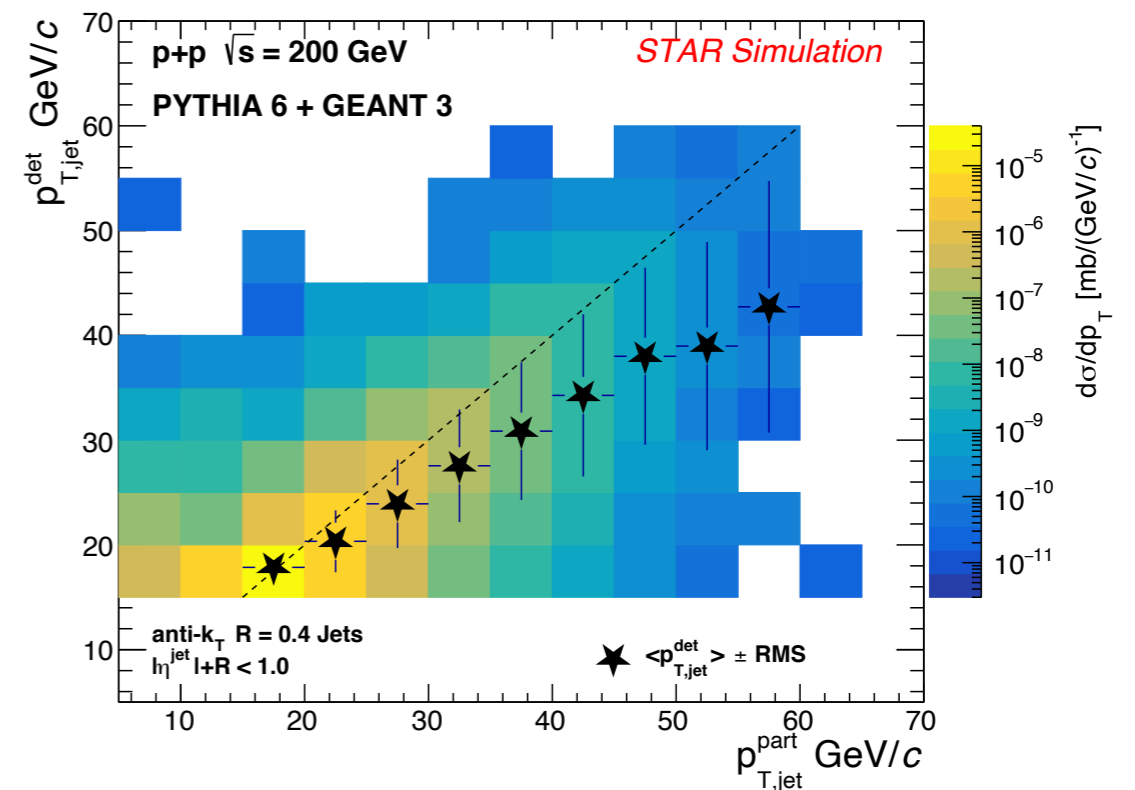
## Jet $p_T, z_g, R_g$

- Correlations between  $z_g$  vs.  $R_g$  at fixed detector-level jet  $p_T$  unfolded by iterative Bayesian procedure =  $U(z_g, R_g) |_{\text{det}-p_T}$

- Since results are presented for true/particle-level jet momentum selections, corrections are done by weighted sum according to the  $p_T$  response matrix

$$\sum_{i \in \text{det}-p_T} \omega_i \cdot U(z_g, R_g) |_{\text{det}-p_T}$$

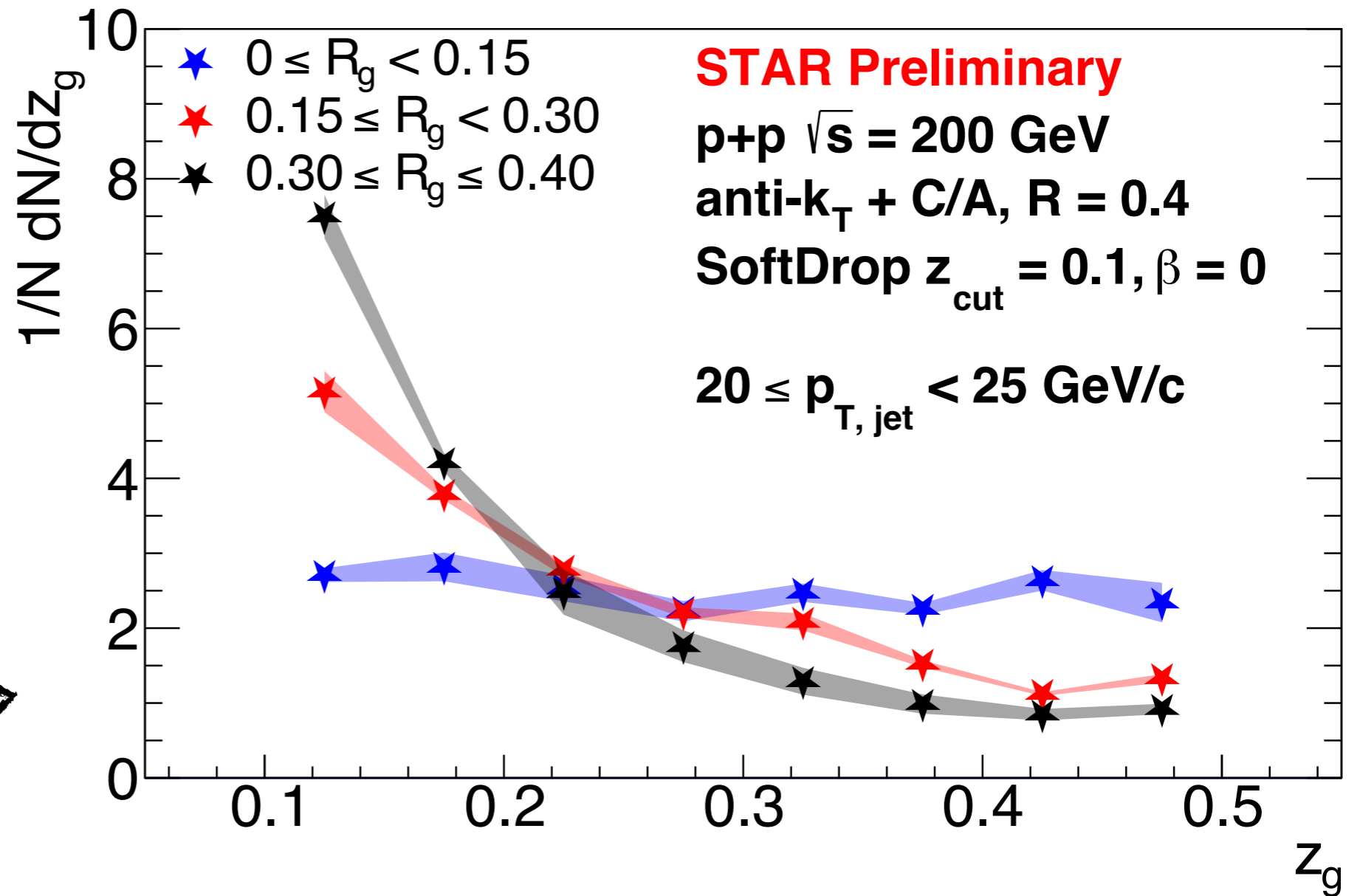
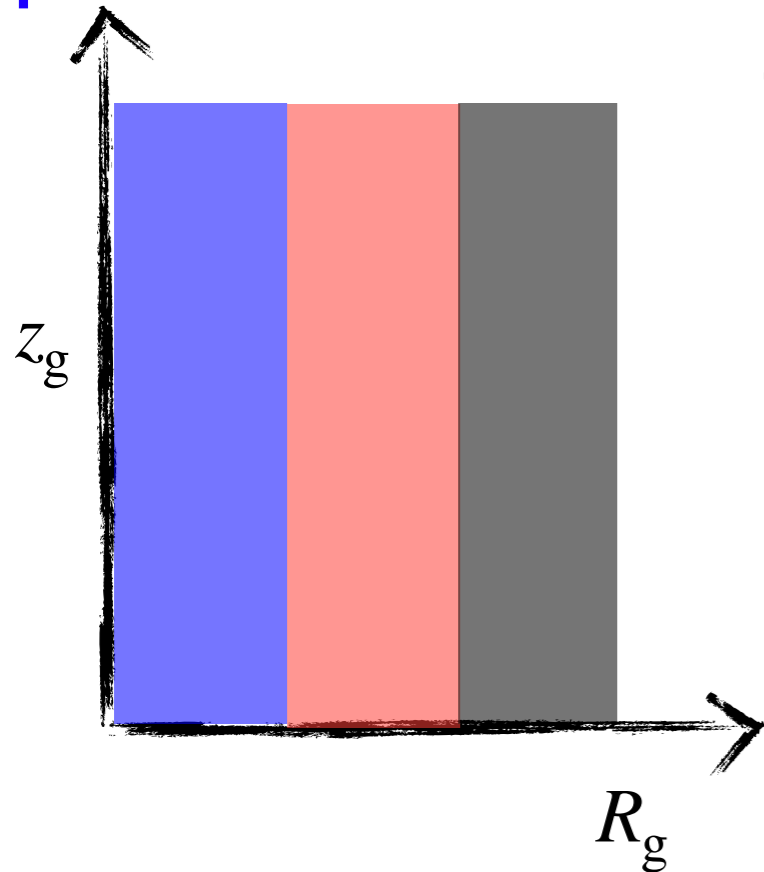
Details on systematic uncertainties available in backup



# Fully corrected results

$z_g$  for various  $R_g$  at  $p_{T,jet}$  range

Non-perturbative

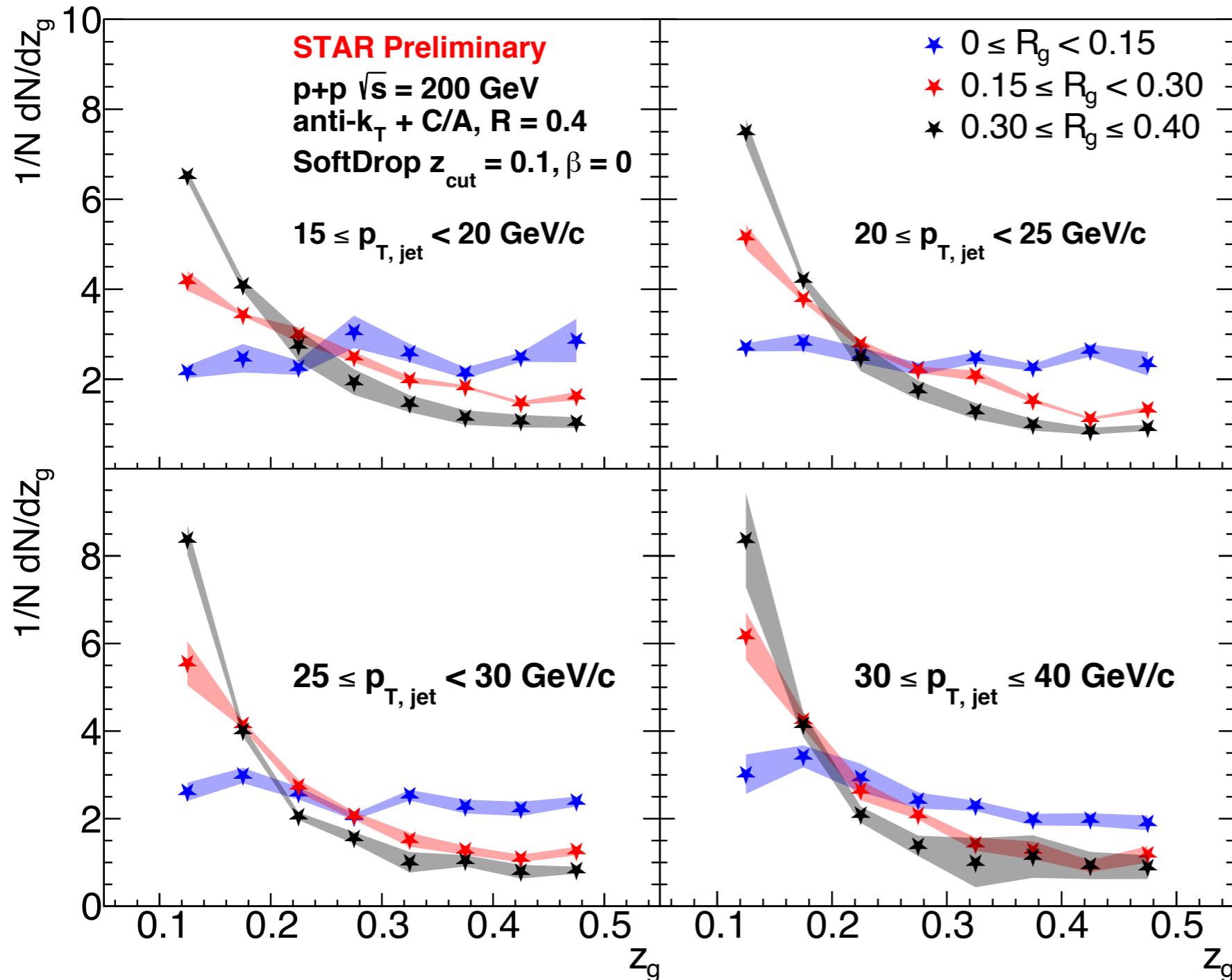


- Significant variation from selecting on  $R_g$
- Evolution from **soft-wide angle splits** to **hard-collinear splits**



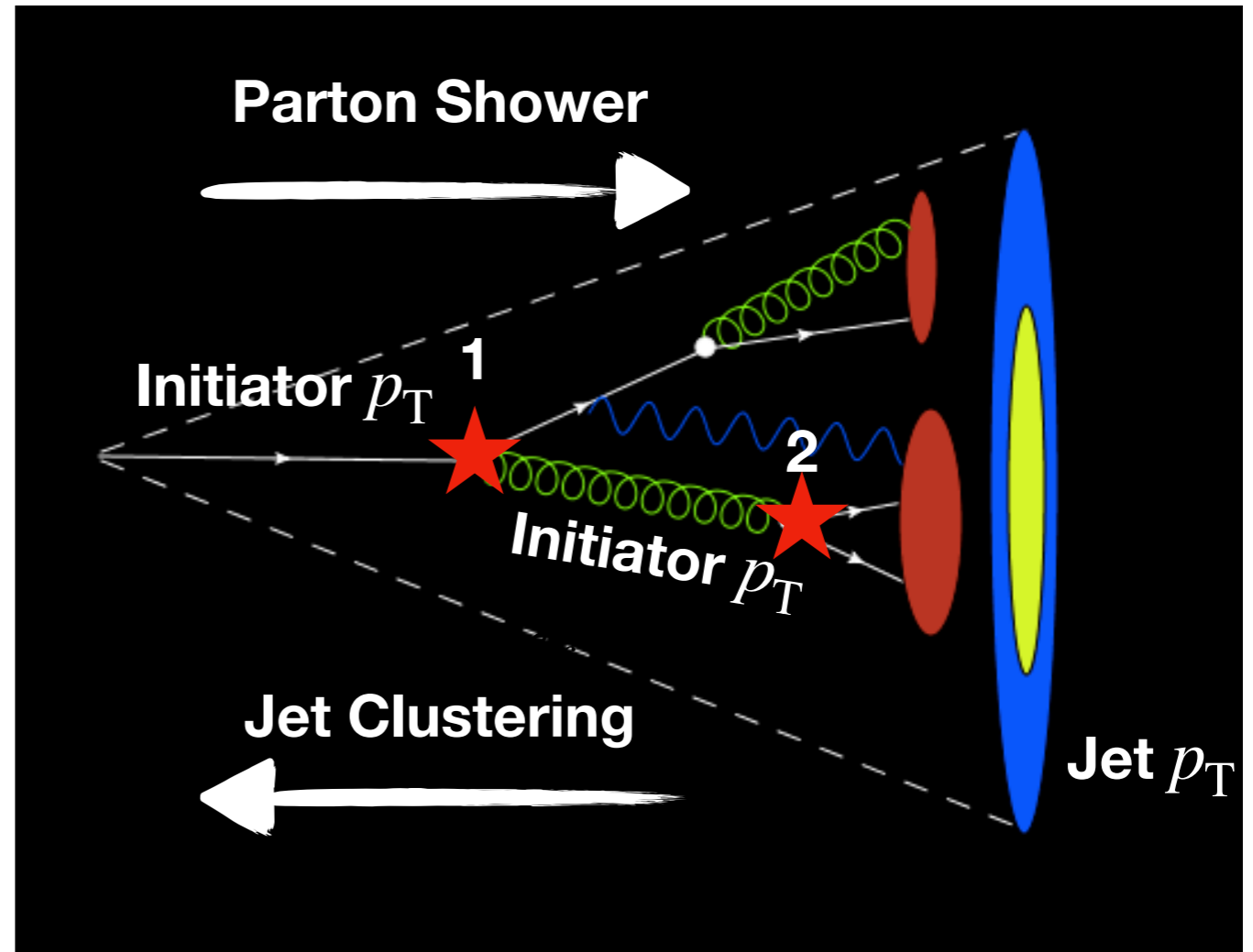
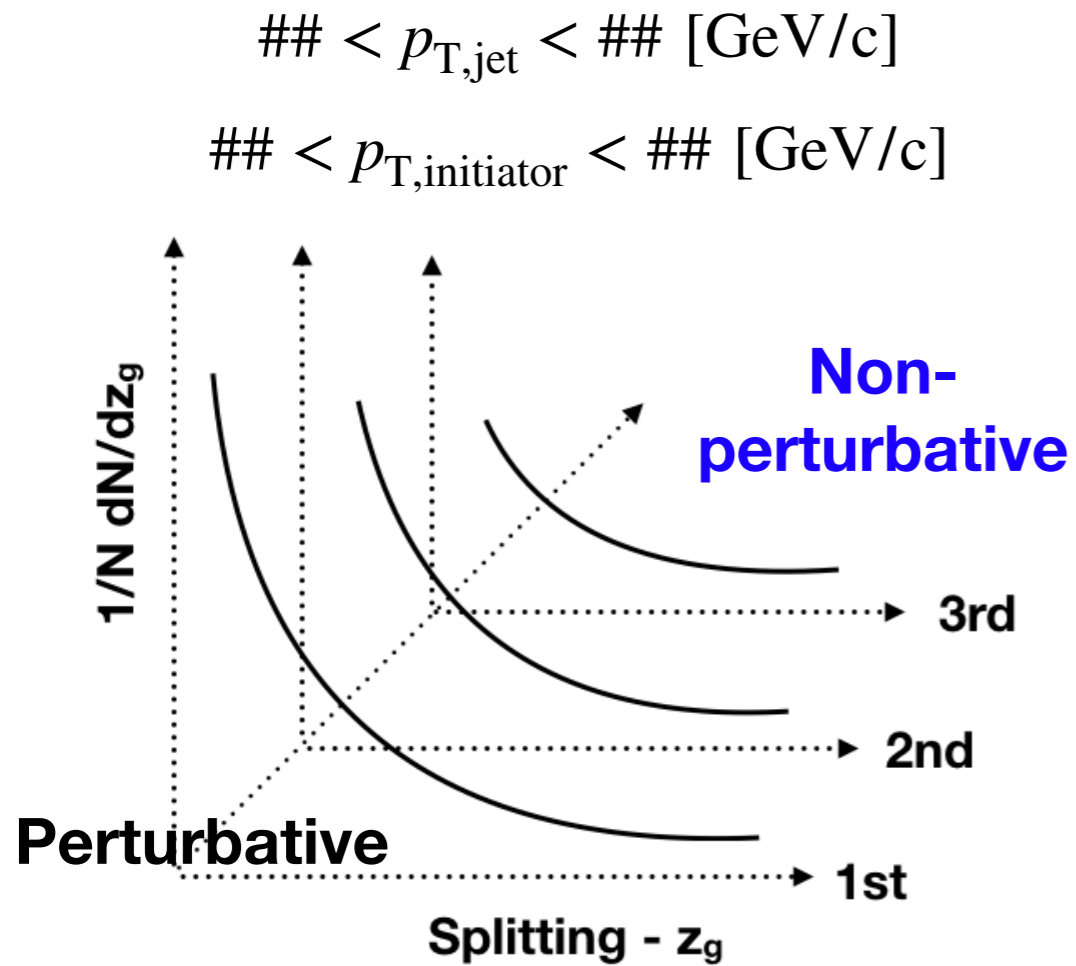
# Evolution vs. $p_{T,jet}$

$z_g$  for various  $R_g$  and  $p_{T,jet}$



- Increasing jet  $p_T$  has a small to mild effect on substructure
- Selection on  $R_g$  determines **the  $z_g$  shape** - high degree of correlation
- **Phase space restrictions matter!**





Correlations between substructure observables at the first split

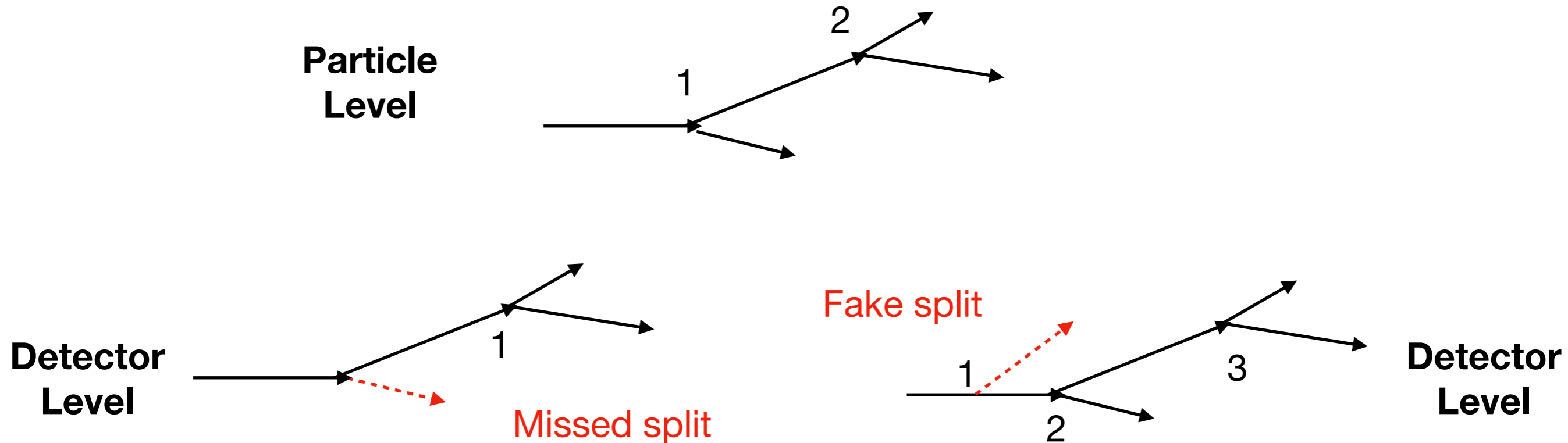
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# Corrections in 3-D

## Jet/Initiator $p_T, z_g/R_g, n$

Finite detector efficiency and resolution can alter the splits that are reconstructed in the detector



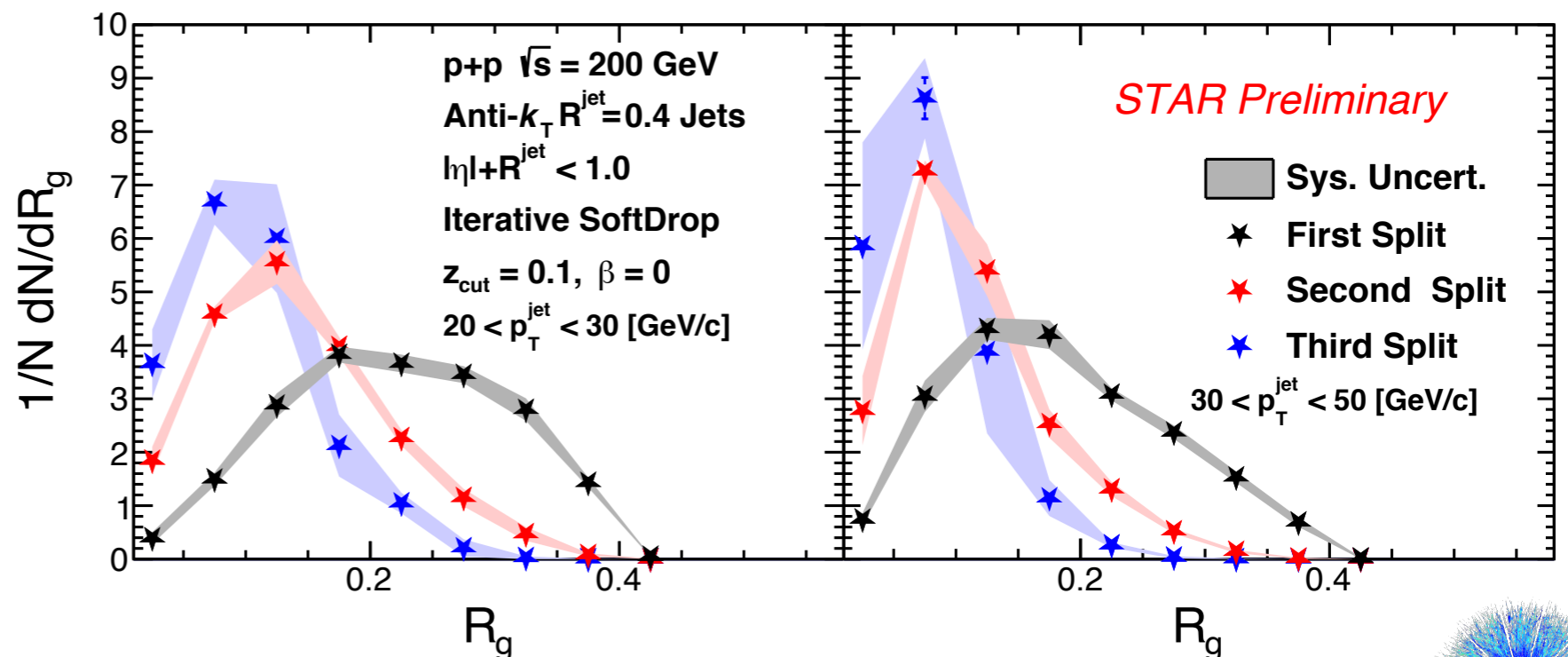
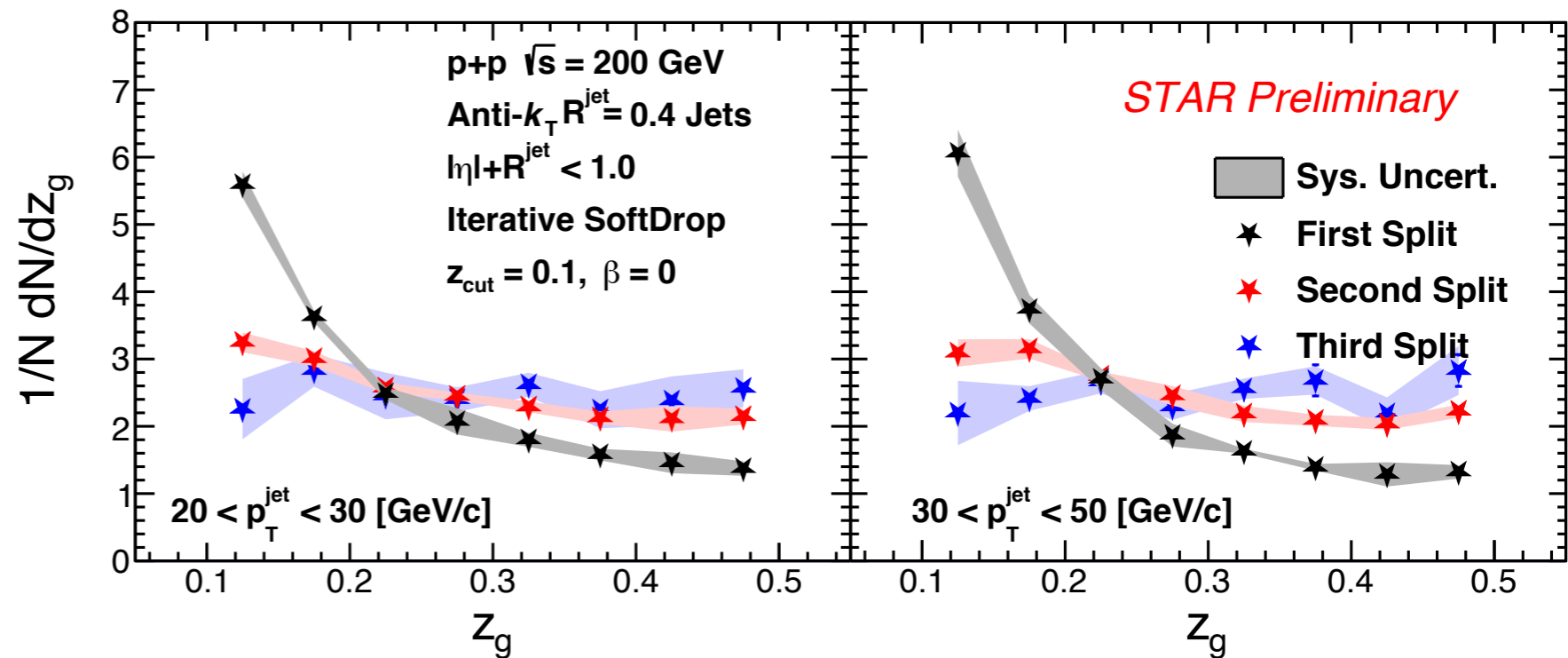
- Observables ( $p_{T,\text{jet/initiator}}, z_g, R_g$ ) at a given split are smeared
- Splitting hierarchy also modified going from particle to detector level jets

Details of unfolding and systematic uncertainties available in backup

# Fully corrected results

1st, 2nd, 3rd splits for various  $p_{T,jet}$

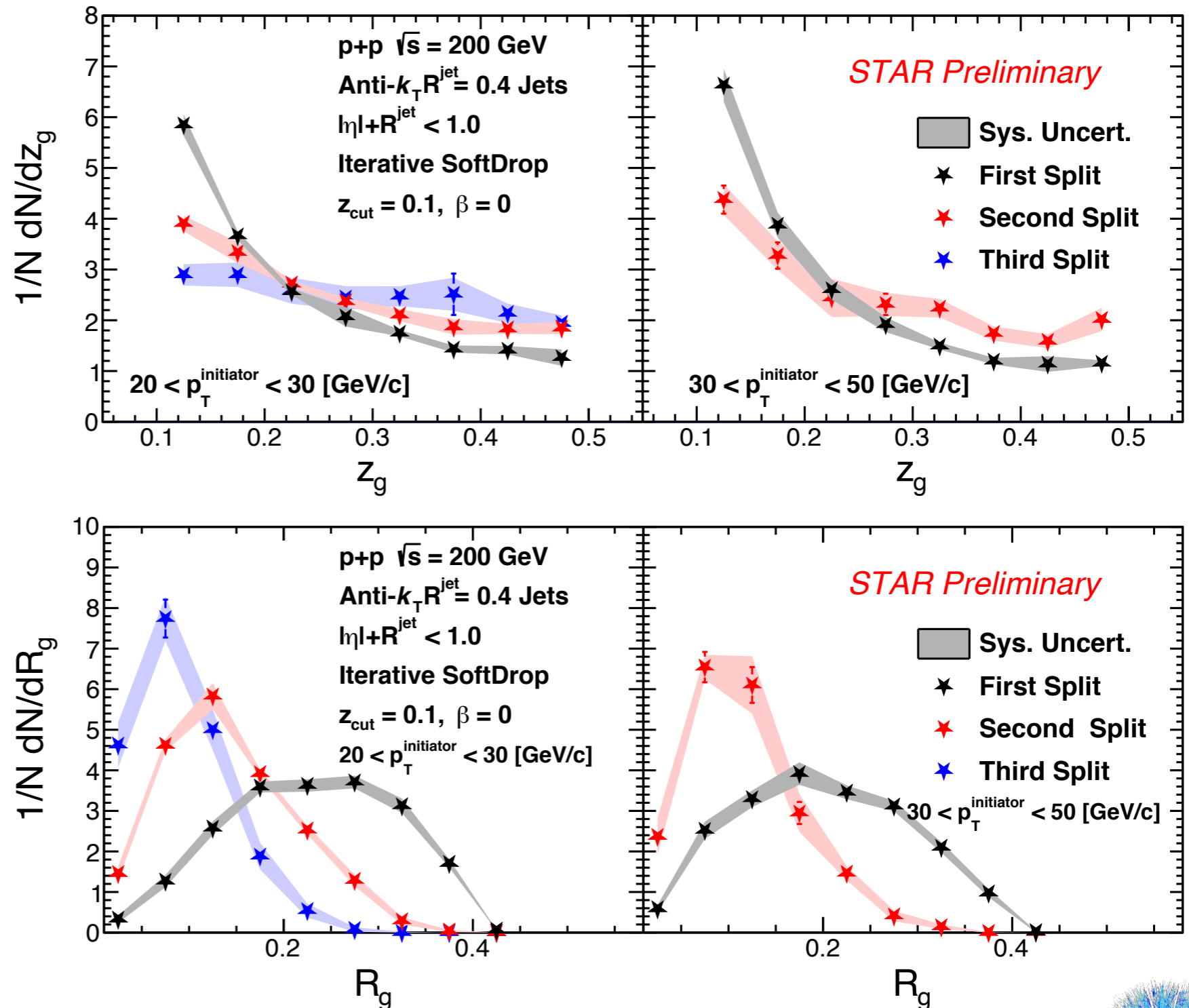
- For a given jet  $p_{T,jet}$ , what are the  $z_g, R_g$  at 1st, 2nd and 3rd splits? Follow a jet...
- Significant differences between first, second and third splits
- Splitting ' $z$ ' becomes flat and the  $R_g$  quite narrow for the third split where we observe collinear emissions



# Fully corrected results

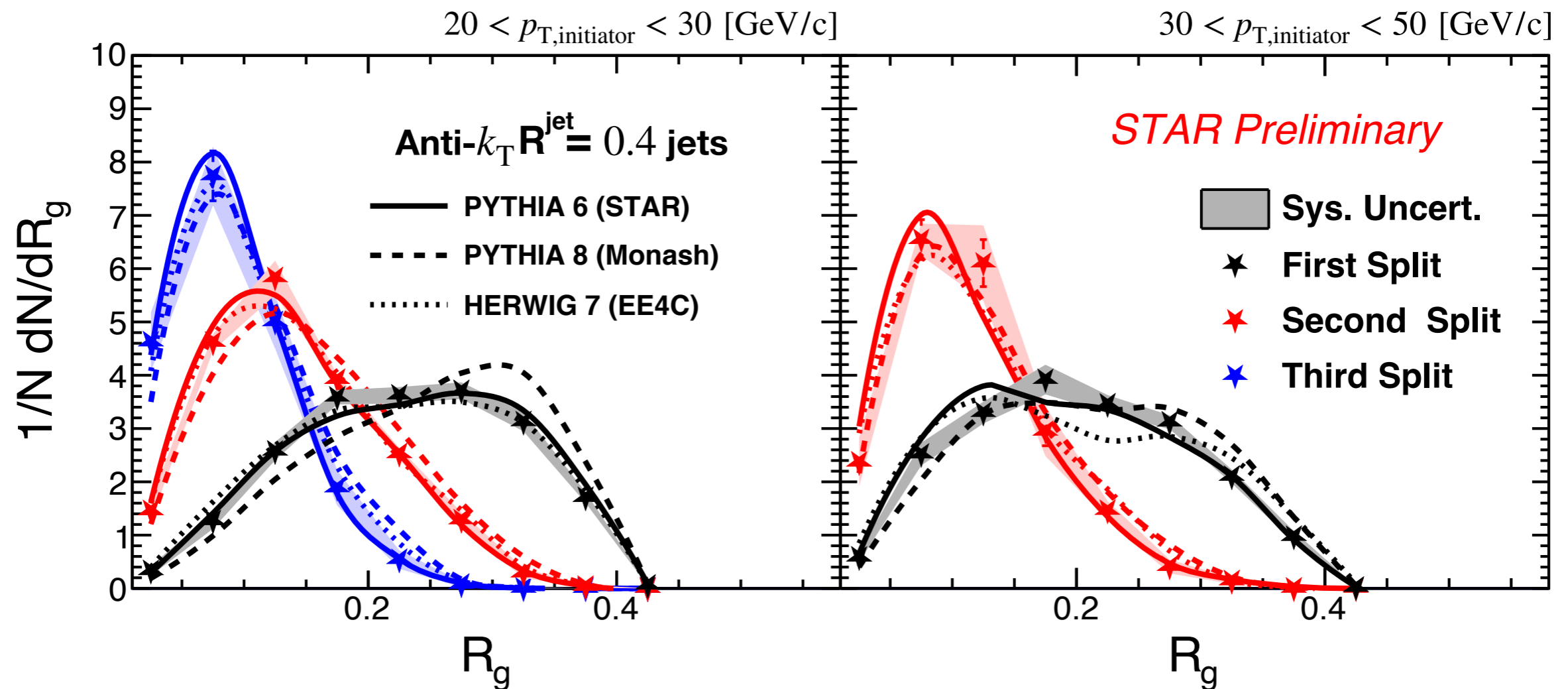
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- For a given split with  $p_{T, \text{initiator}}$ , what are the  $z_g, R_g$  for 1st, 2nd and 3rd splits? Follow a split...
- Splits are directly comparable with each other - only difference is where they occur in the shower
- Hint of differences between **second split**  $z_g$  (similar  $R_g$ ) for initiator vs. jet momenta selection





# Comparisons with leading order MC - $R_g$ for various initiator $p_T$



- Three MC (PYTHIA 6, PYTHIA 8, HERWIG 7) **models describe the overall trend of narrowing** of jet substructure for higher splits
- Availability of emission phase space depends on both jet momenta and split # - similar peaks of  $R_g$  for **third splits** on the left to **second splits** on the right



# Conclusions

- Jet substructure program at STAR aims at **mapping jet evolution** at RHIC energies
- Data show a **gradual variation in the available phase space**
  - leading to modifications (e.g. virtuality evolution) in the observed splitting kinematics
- Observe increased probability of **significantly harder/symmetric splittings** at the **third/narrow split** compared to the first and second splits
- Subjets at RHIC allow to **disentangle perturbative and non-perturbative dynamics of jet evolution** - these **third and narrow splits** for our low  $p_T$  jets end up quite close to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



# Next steps

- In our upcoming final results we will delve further into comparisons
  1. Various handles in the MC -

	Parton Shower	Hadronization	UE Tune
PYTHIA-6	$k_T$	Lund	RHIC
PYTHIA-8	Dipole/Vincia/ $p_T$	Lund	RHIC/LHC
HERWIG-7	Angular/Dipole	Cluster	LHC
SHERPA	Dipole	Lund/Cluster	LHC

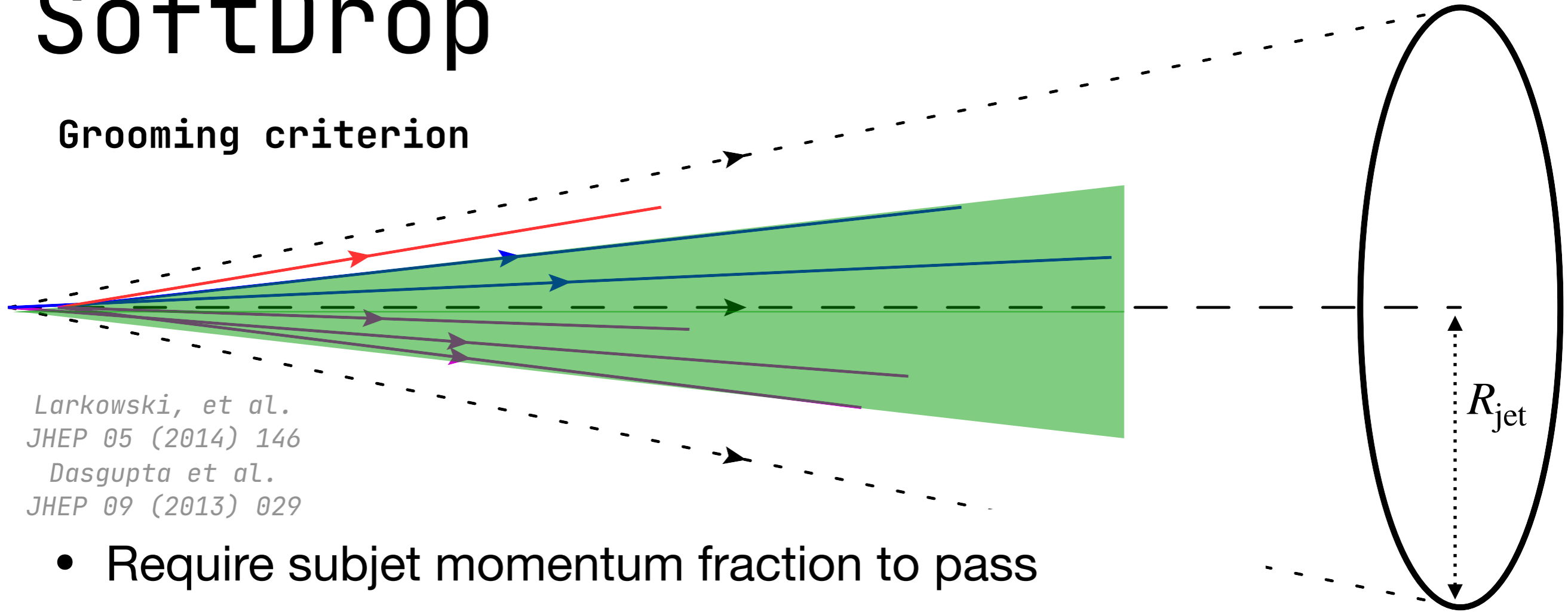
2. In discussion with our theory colleagues on feasibility of calculations
- First measurement that can potentially **distinguish experimental quantities according to a 'time scale'** via formation time of splits
    - Extremely useful in a heavy ion environment



# Backup

# SoftDrop

Grooming criterion

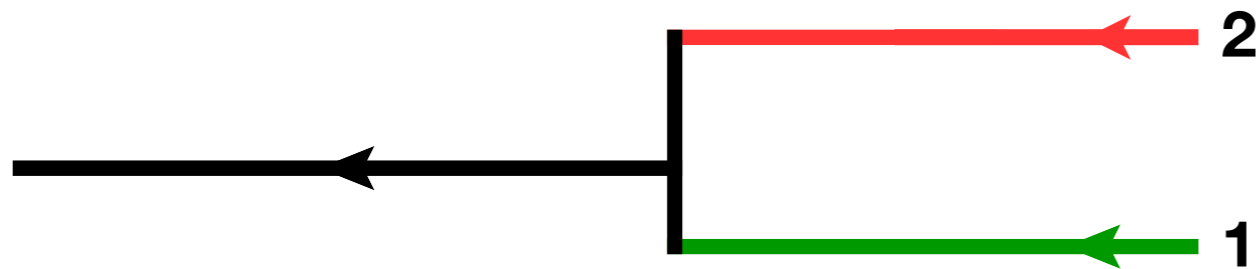


Larkowski, et al.  
JHEP 05 (2014) 146  
Dasgupta et al.  
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- Require subjet momentum fraction to pass

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

$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$   
 $\beta = 0$

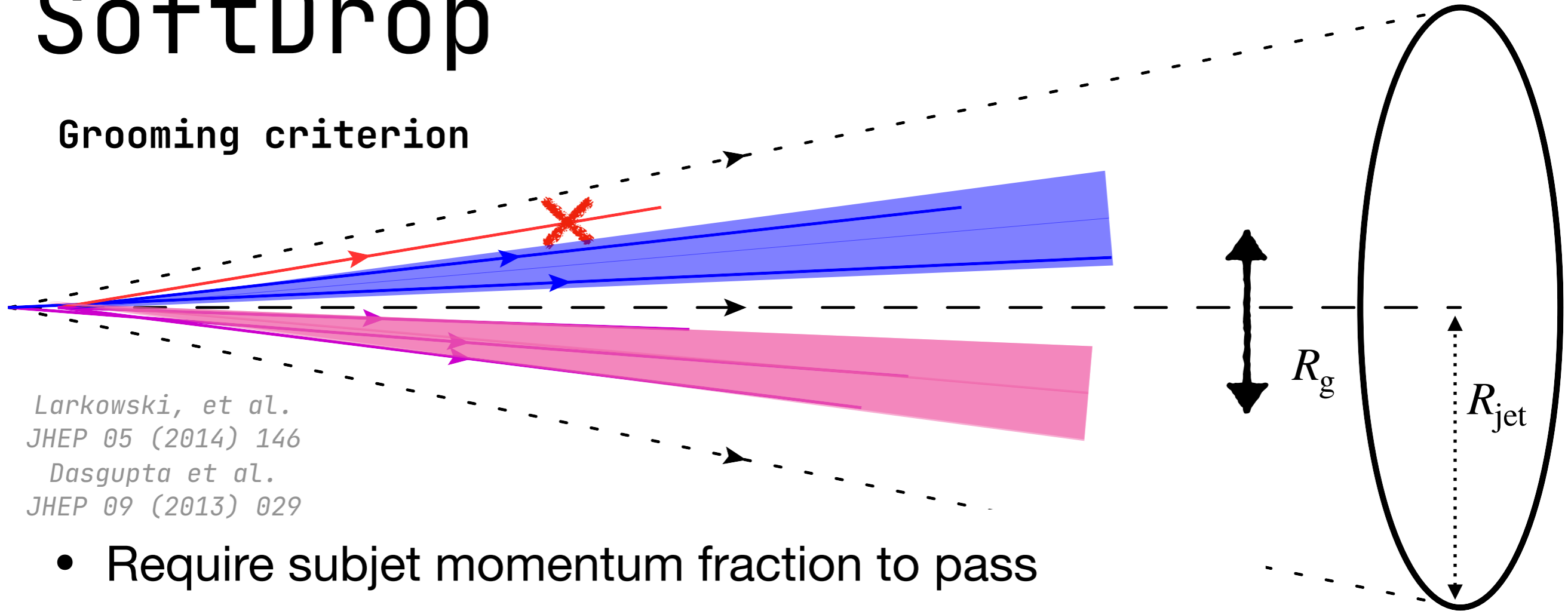


Clustering



# SoftDrop

Grooming criterion



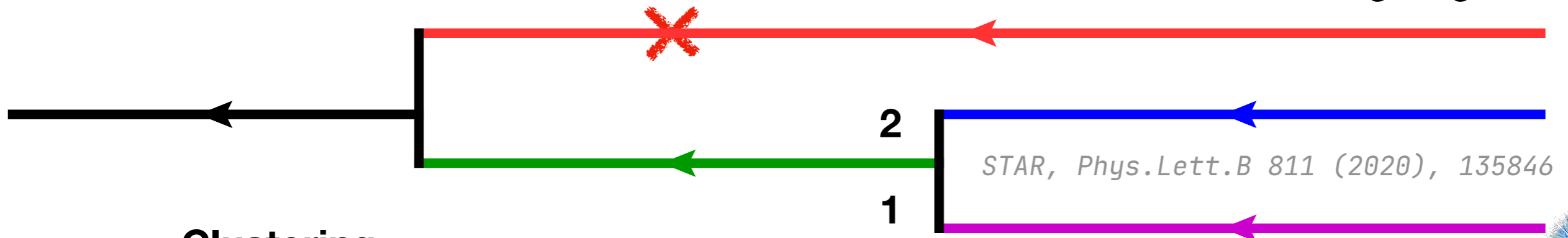
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- With the two surviving branches (first hard split) - we define observables that characterize jet substructure  $z_g, R_g$

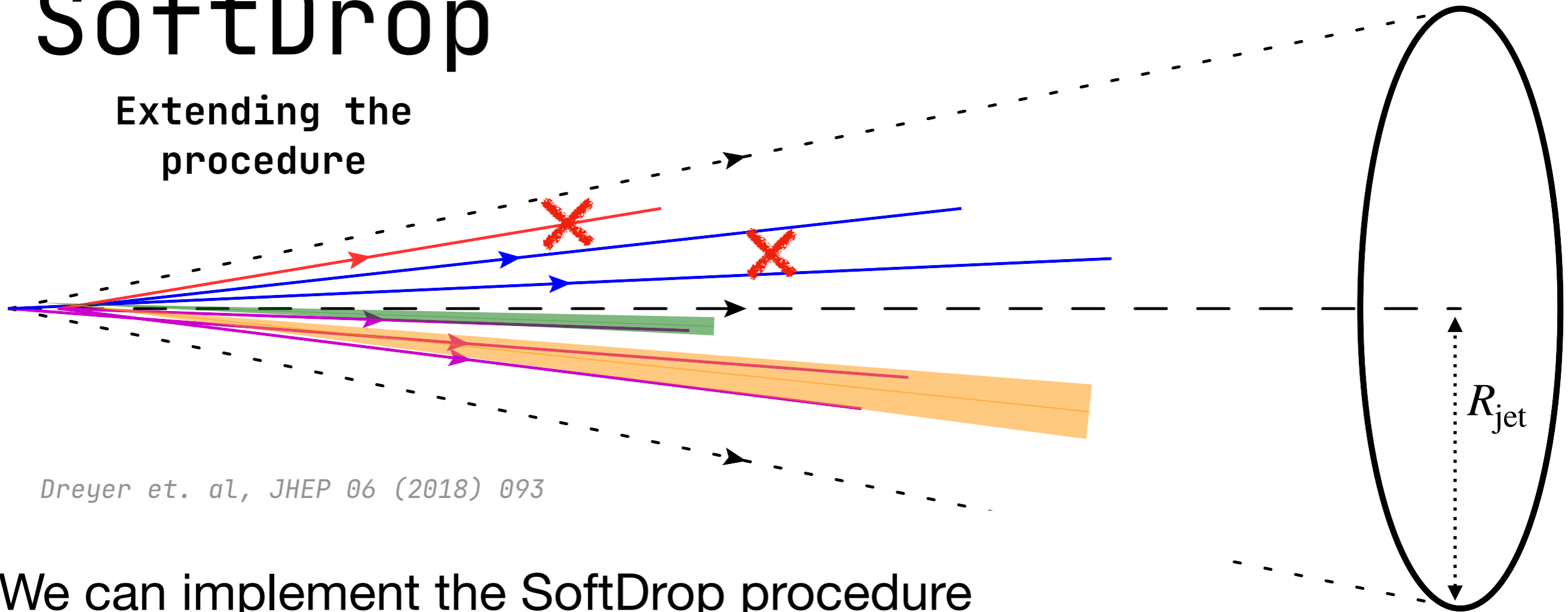


STAR, Phys.Lett.B 811 (2020), 135846



# SoftDrop

Extending the procedure

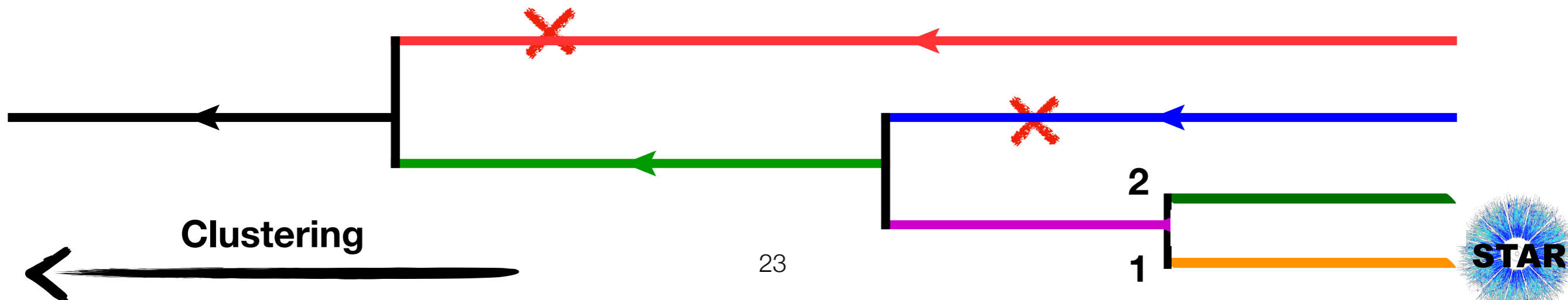


*Dreyer et. al, JHEP 06 (2018) 093*

We can implement the SoftDrop procedure throughout the C/A tree -

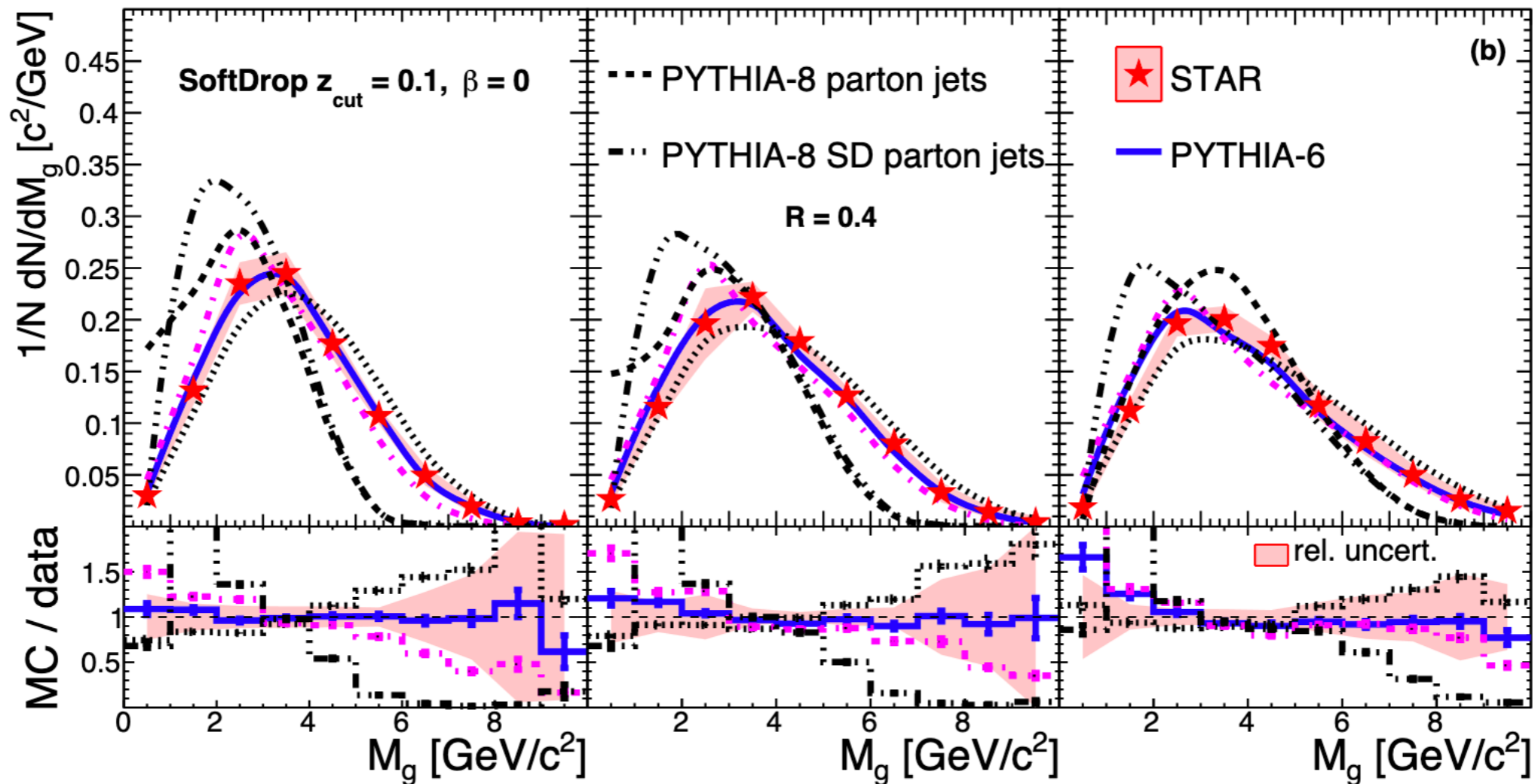
- Follow the hardest branch - Iterative SoftDrop
- Following all branches - Recursive SoftDrop

$$n_{SD}, z_g^n, R_g^n$$



# Groomed Jet Mass

STAR arXiv:2103.13286, Accepted in PRD



RHIC-tuned **PYTHIA-6** describes **data**

**HERWIG-7** under-predicts and **PYTHIA-8** over-predicts

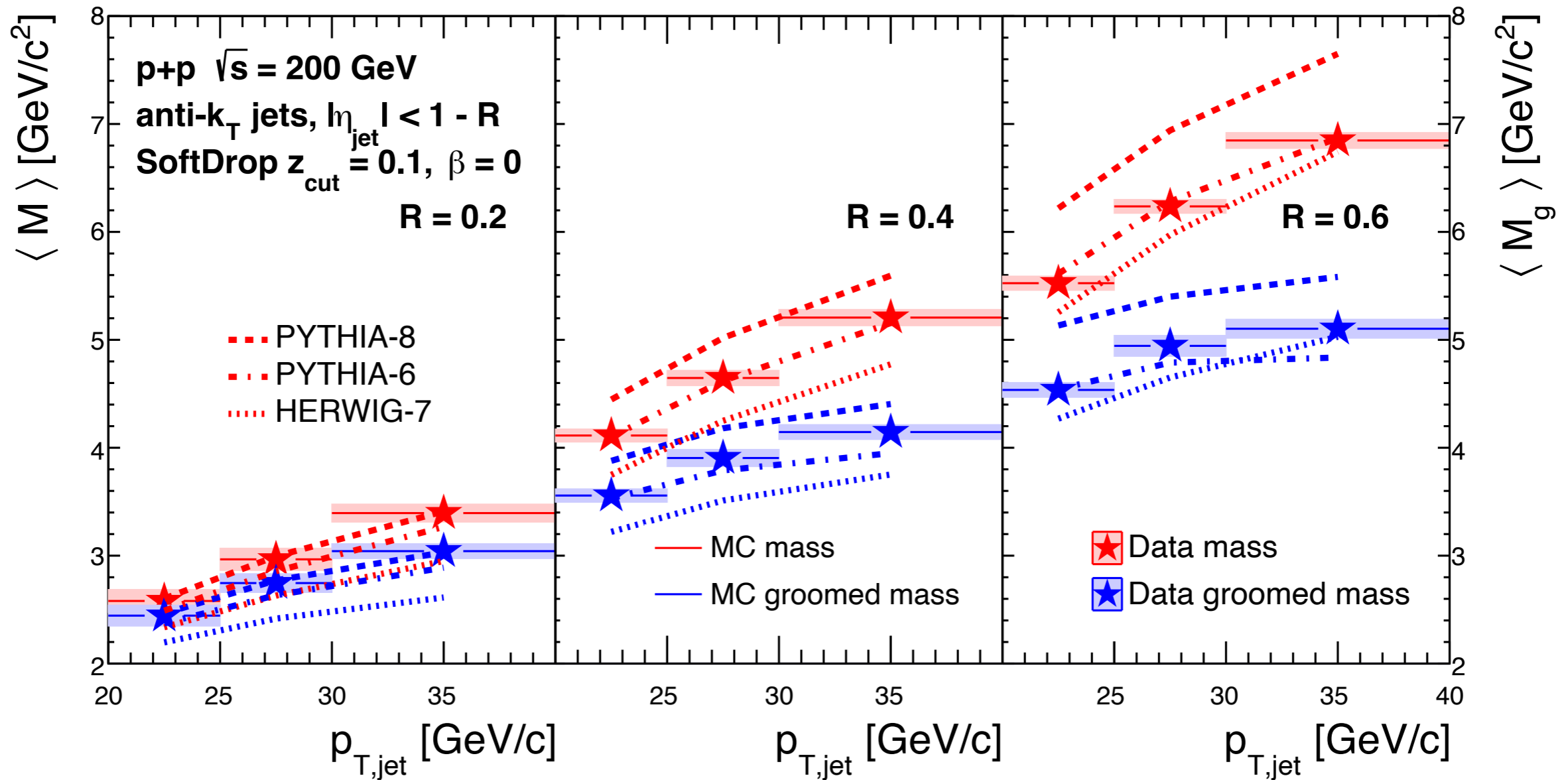
**Mass (angularity)  $\sim z\theta^2$**  Can we isolate these two scales in jets?





# Evolution of jet mass as a function of jet momenta and radii

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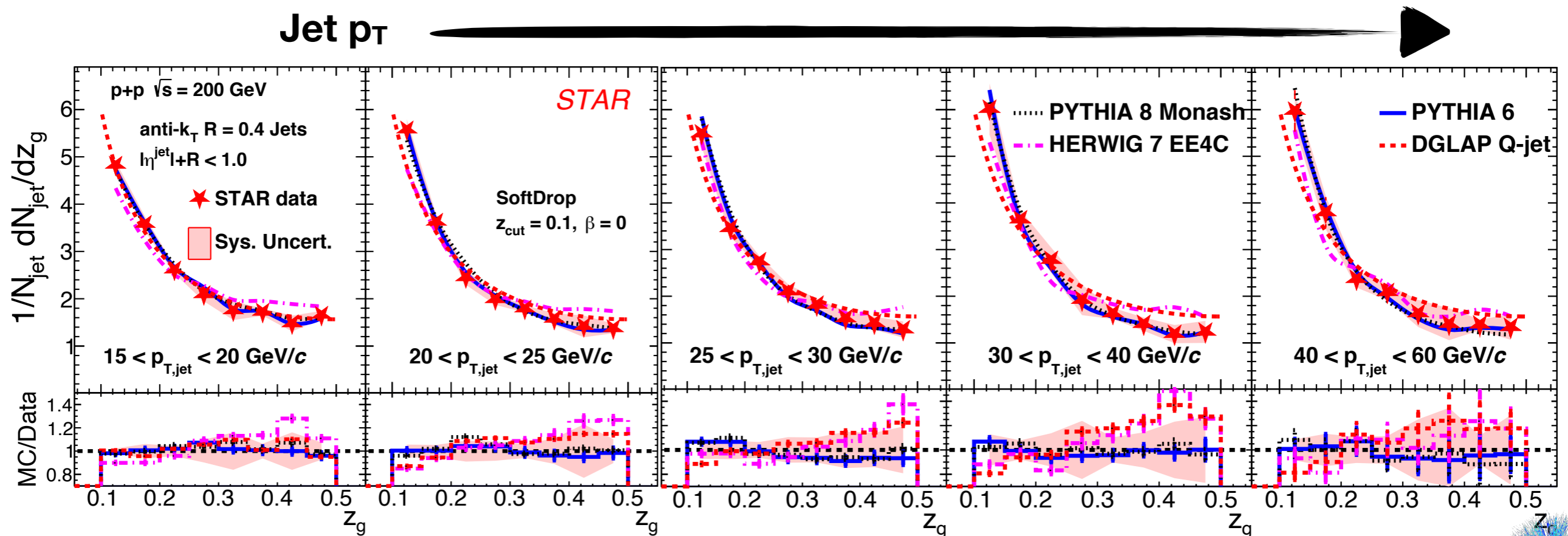
Increase in jet mass with increasing  $p_T$  and  $R$  is reduced with grooming - reduces overall impact of non-perturbative contributions to jets



# SoftDrop $z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$

- ★ Recover the universal  $1/z$  behavior starting from  $p_T \sim 25$  GeV/c
- ★ **PYTHIA-6** and **PYTHIA-8** describe **data**
- ★ **HERWIG-7** predicts harder splitting

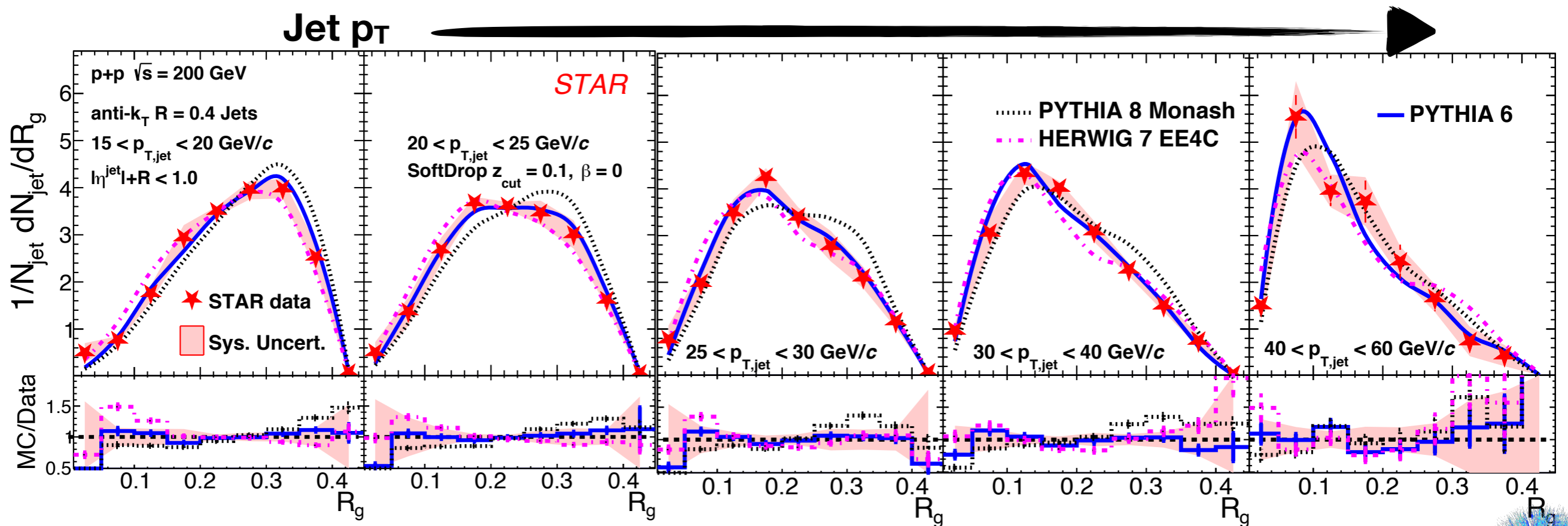
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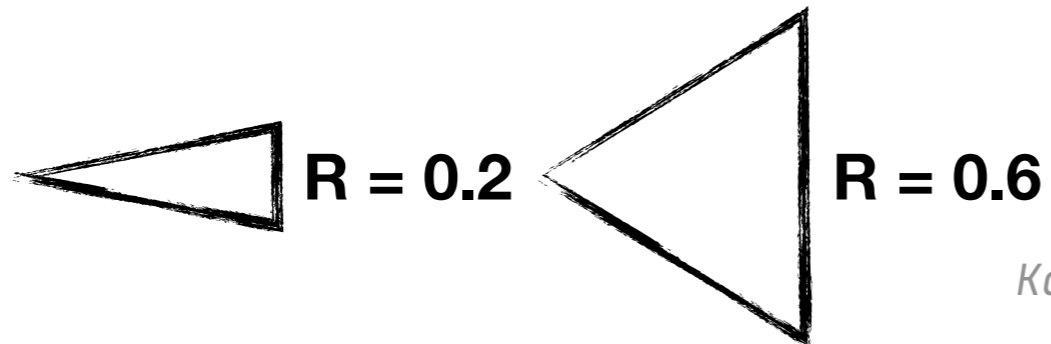


# SoftDrop $R_g$ $R_g = \Delta R(1,2)$

- ★  $R_g$  reflects momentum-dependent narrowing of jet structure
- ★ **PYTHIA-6** describes **data**
- ★ **PYTHIA-8** predicts larger groomed jet angular scale

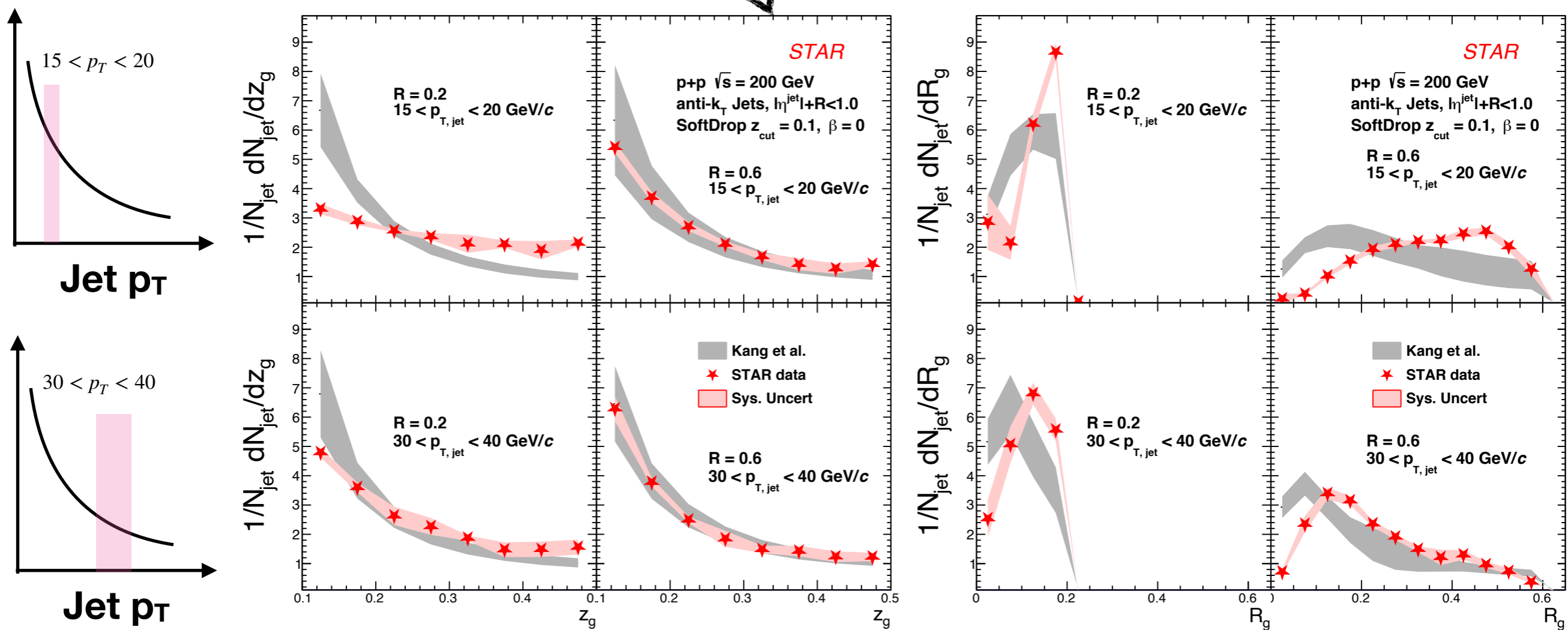
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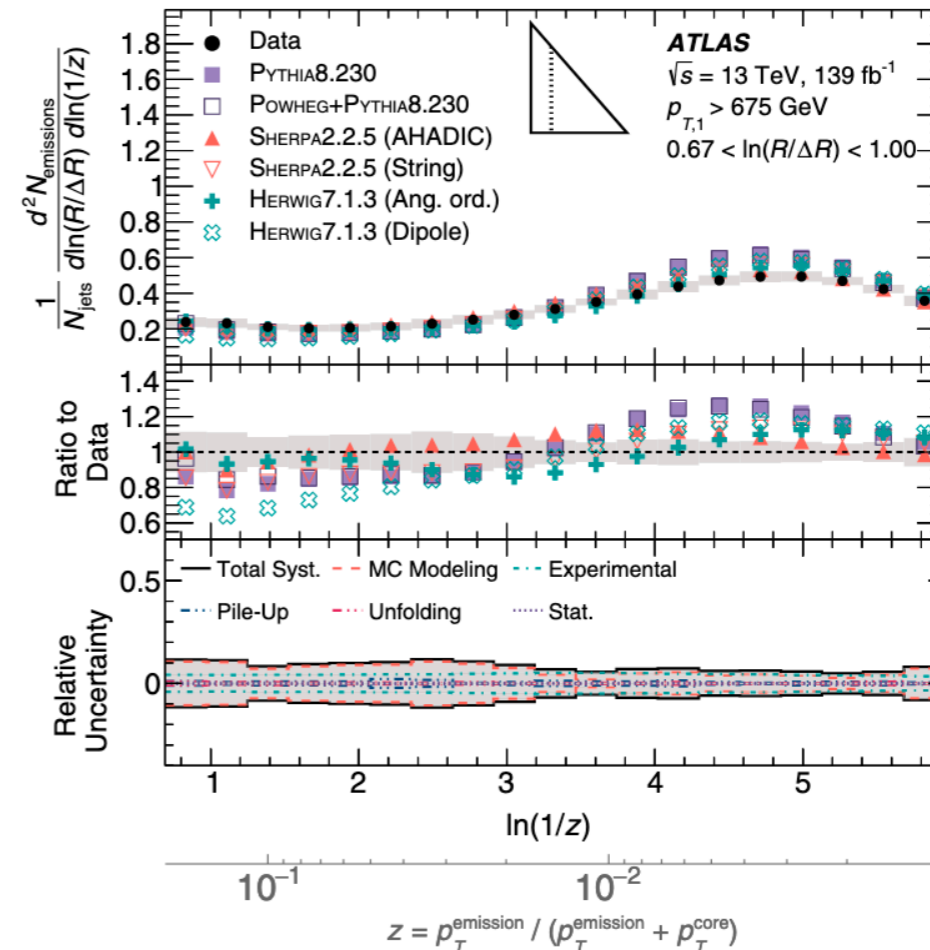
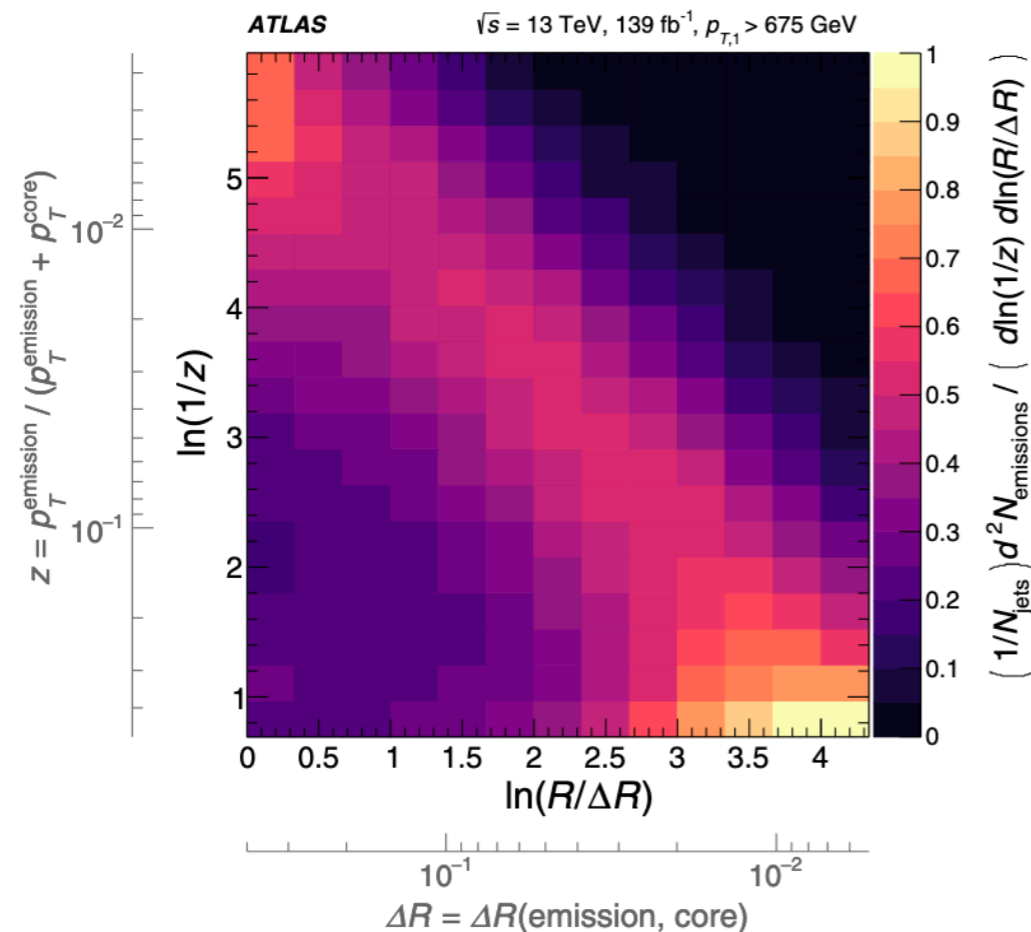


- NLL calculations (w/o non-perturbative corrections) matches data at large jet  $R$  and  $p_T$
- Significantly worse for jets of narrow  $R$  and low  $p_T$  - tighter constraints on jet splittings



# Recent measurements of Lund Plane and their projections at the LHC

ATLAS, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 124, 222002 (2020)

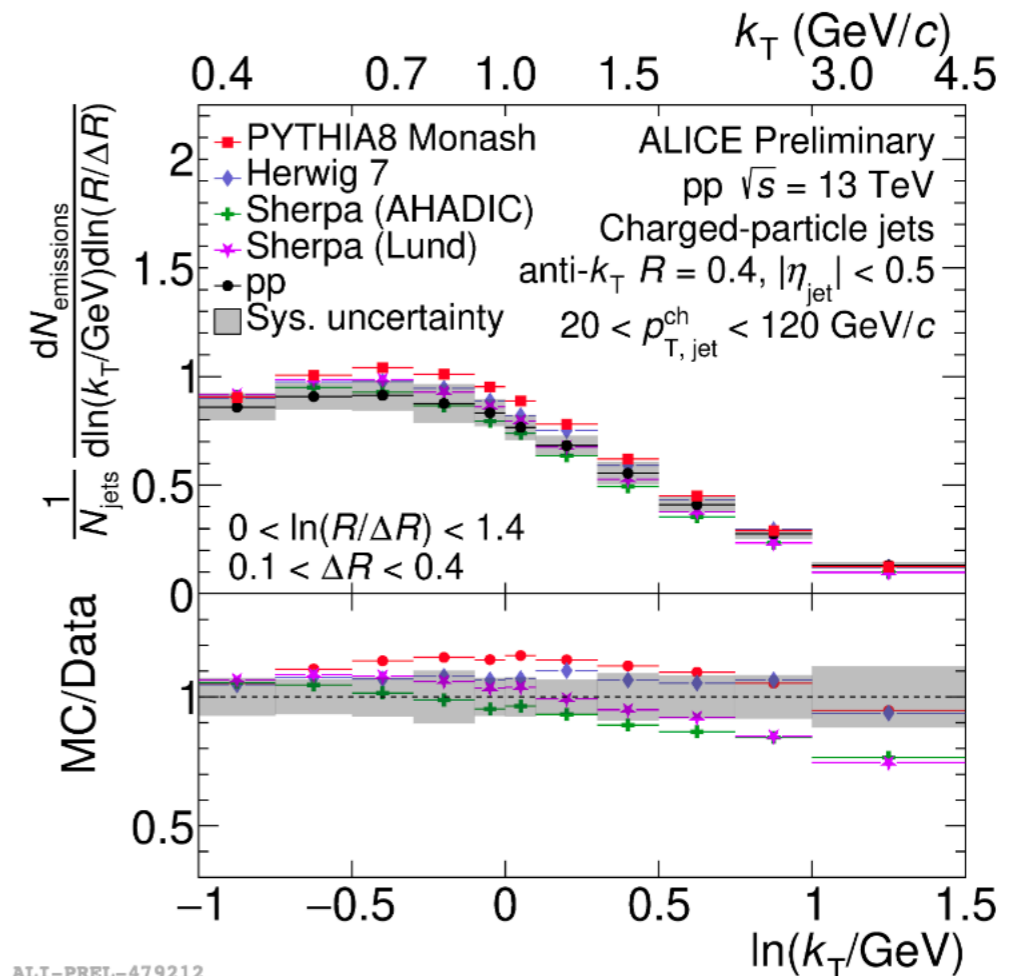
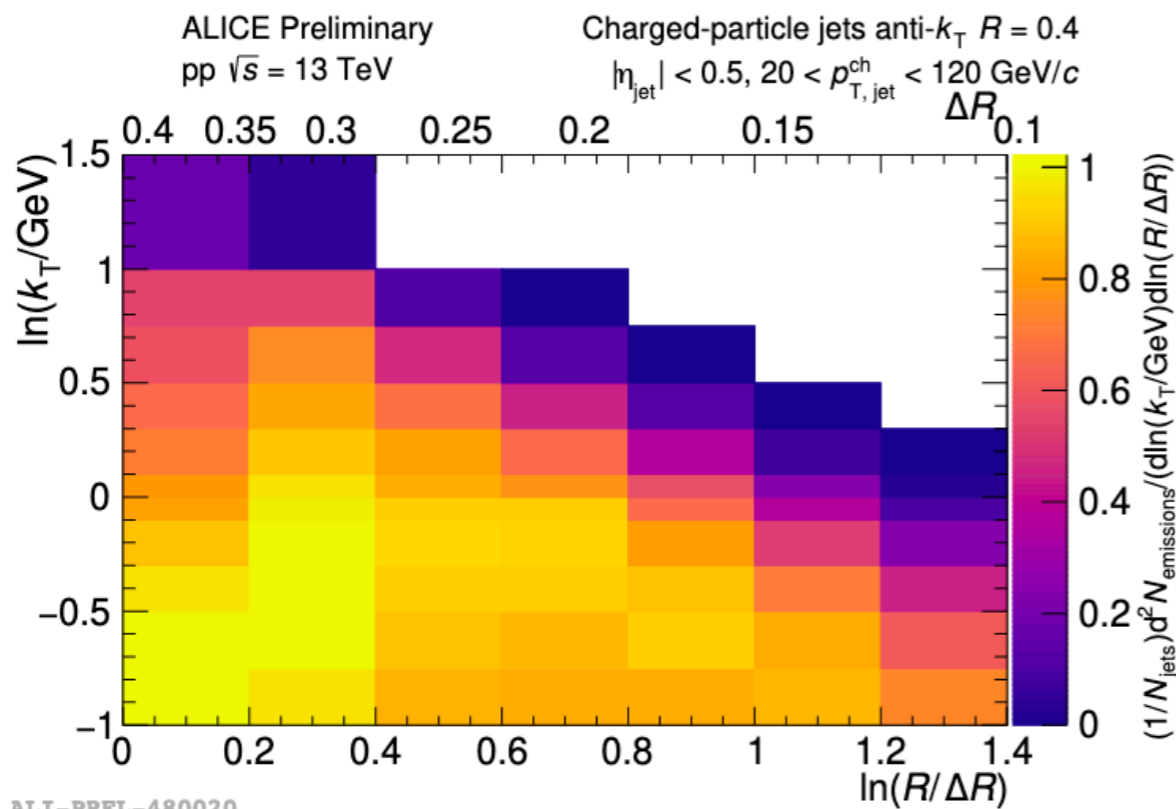


- Each split along the harder branch makes an entry here in the 2D Lund plane
- Comparison with particle level MC w/ varied shower/hadronization models showcase differences



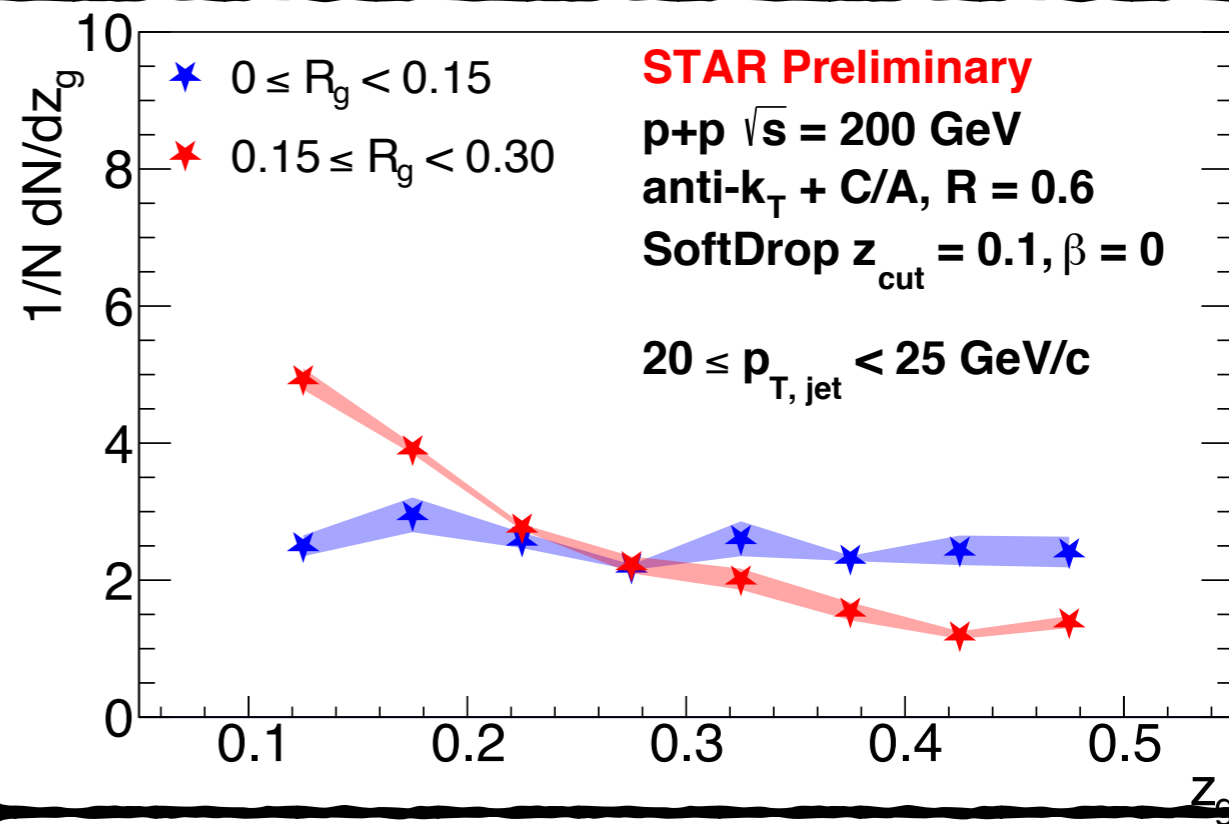
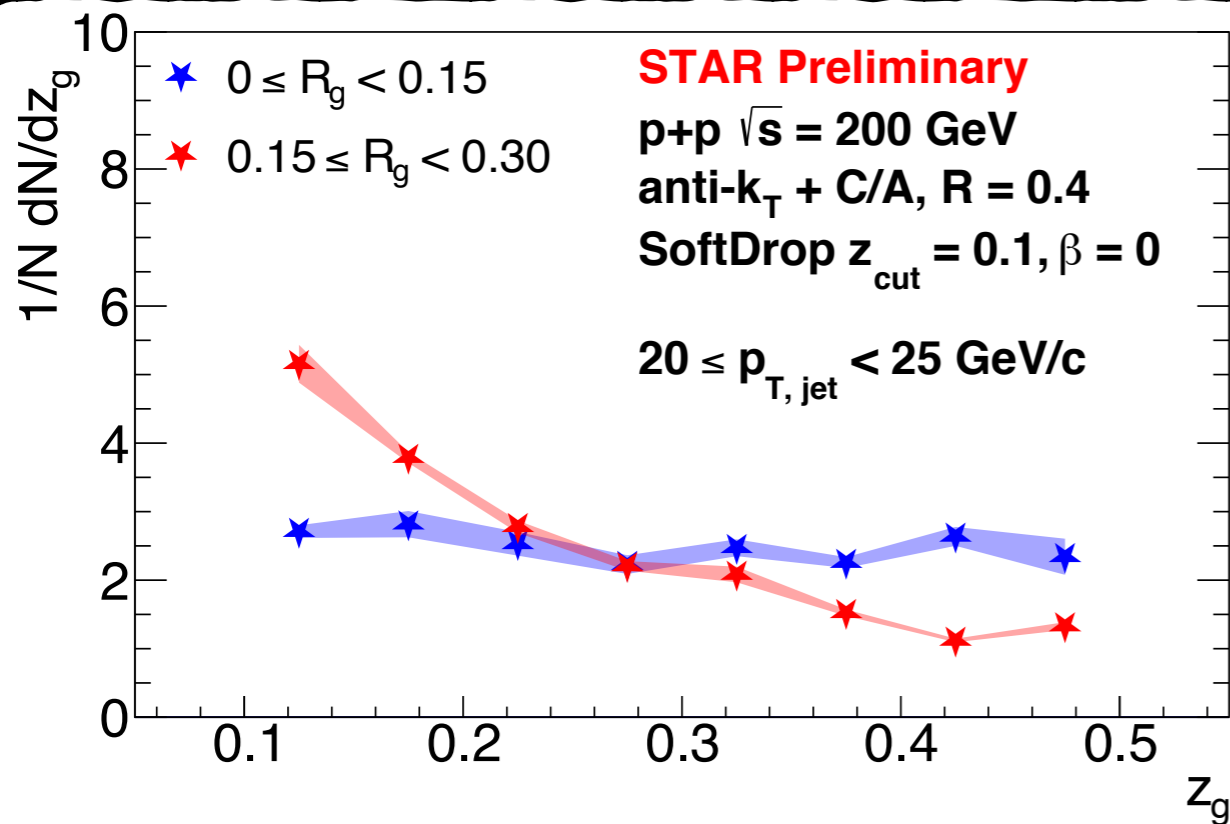
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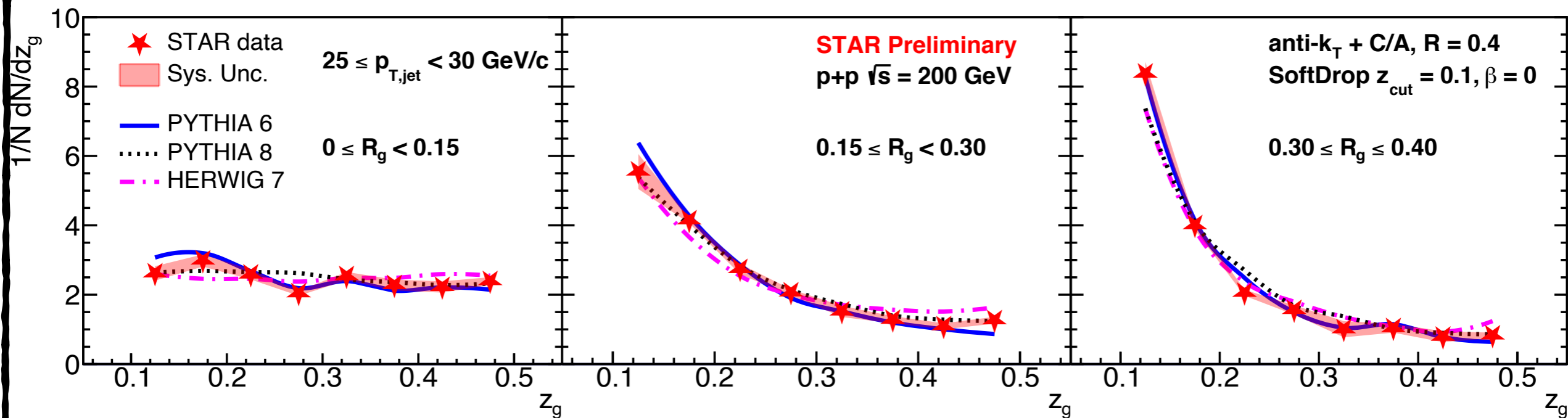
- Lower  $p_T$  jets at ALICE (20 - 120 GeV) also show interesting differences for large  $k_T$  splits
- Lund plane integrates over splits - can we measure the evolution of these observables along the jet shower?



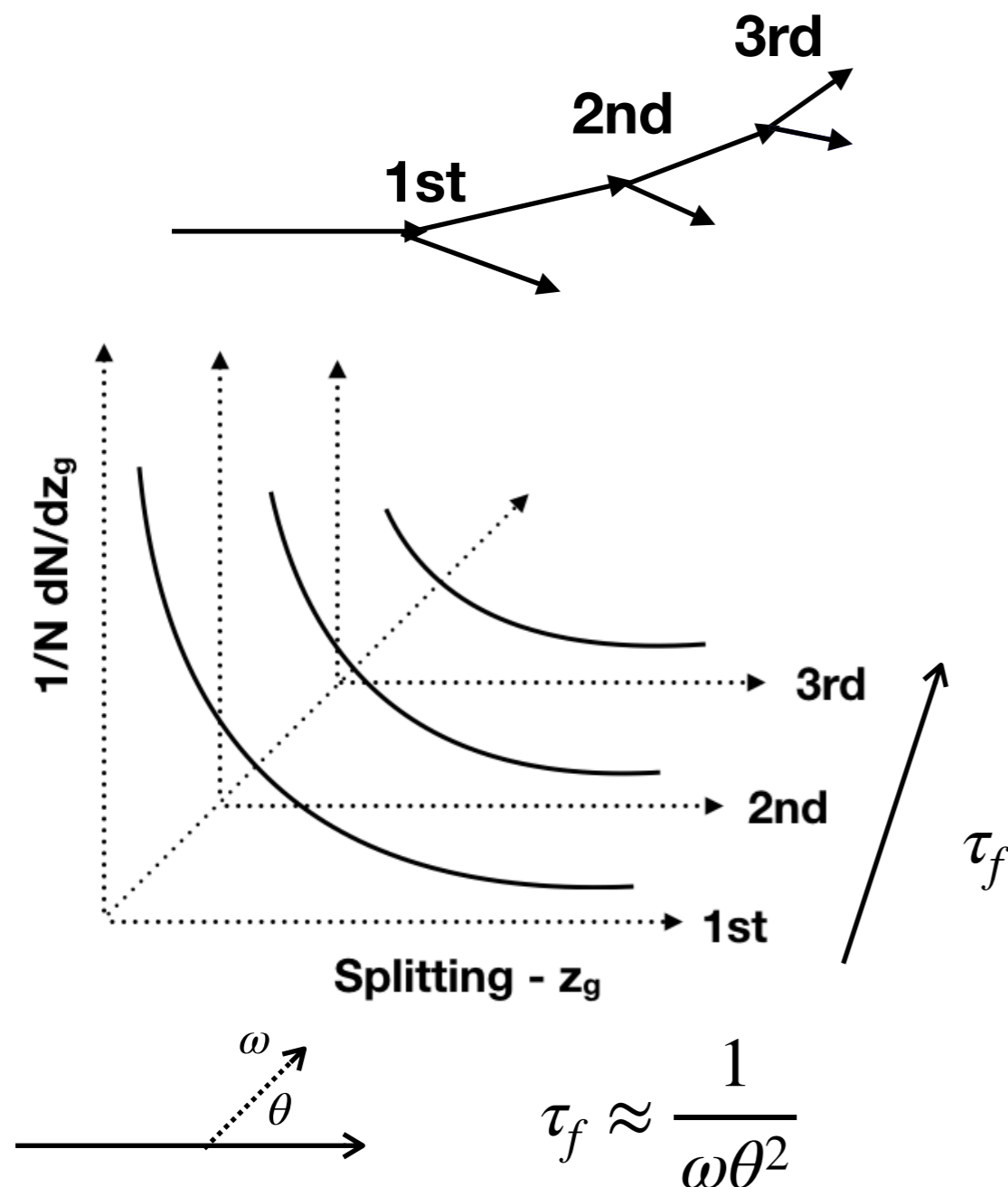


- No significant differences in substructure due to jet radius selections

- Leading order monte carlo models reproduce the evolution with different hadronization models



# Measure the splittings along the jet clustering tree



- Enables a study of self-similarity and effect of restricting available phase space for radiation due to virtuality evolution
- **Given a jet ( $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ )** what are the  $z_g, R_g$  at 1st, 2nd and 3rd splits? **Follow a jet**
  - Compare these distributions at varying jet kinematics
  - Indirect constraint on splitting kinematics
- **Given a split ( $p_T^{\text{initiator}}$ )**, what are the  $z_g, R_g$  for 1st, 2nd and 3rd splits? **Follow a split**
  - Compare these at varying initiator kinematics (direct handle on splits)
  - Indirect constraint on jet kinematics



PYTHIA Event

GEANT

Det-event

Jet Finding and SoftDrop

JP2 trigger

Yes

No

Pass

Fail

Trigger Efficiency (Misses)

Discard Event

Split Matching

Jet Finding and SoftDrop

Yes

No

Missed Split

Yes

No

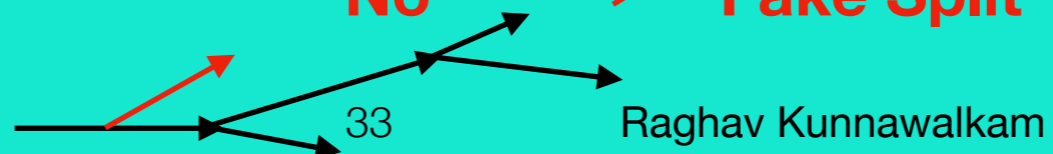
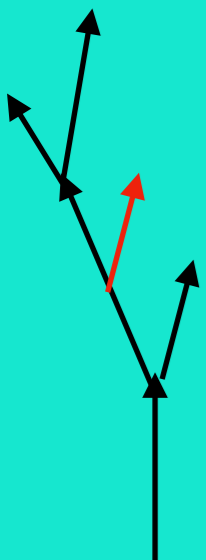
Jet Finding Efficiency

Split Matching

Yes

No

Fake Split



# Shape correction

Particle Level Split #

5  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0  
-1  
-2

Unmatched splits/jets  
via matching criterion

Unmatched shape

Split Matching done via  
geometric matching

Trigger Inefficiency  
no matching geant  
event for pythia event

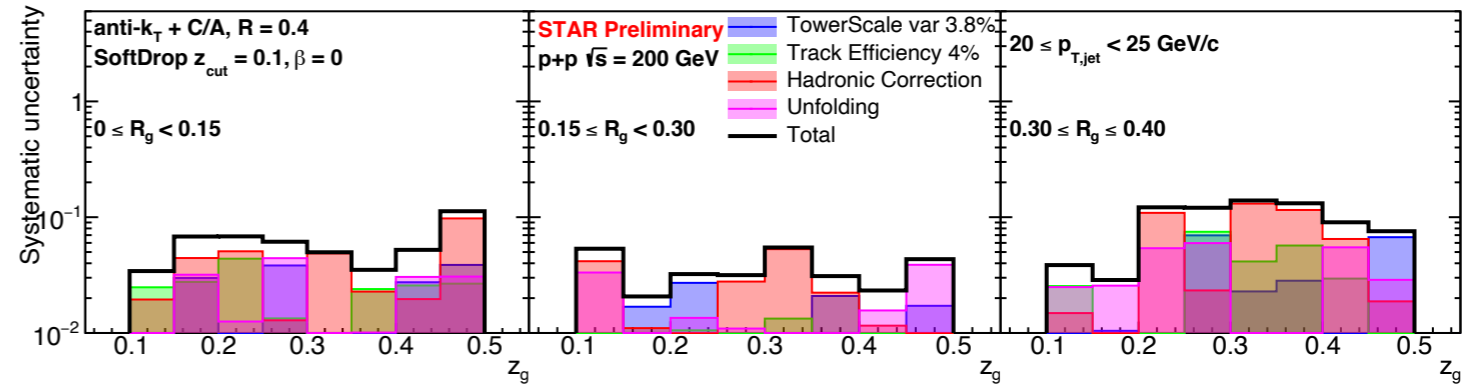
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Detector Level Split #



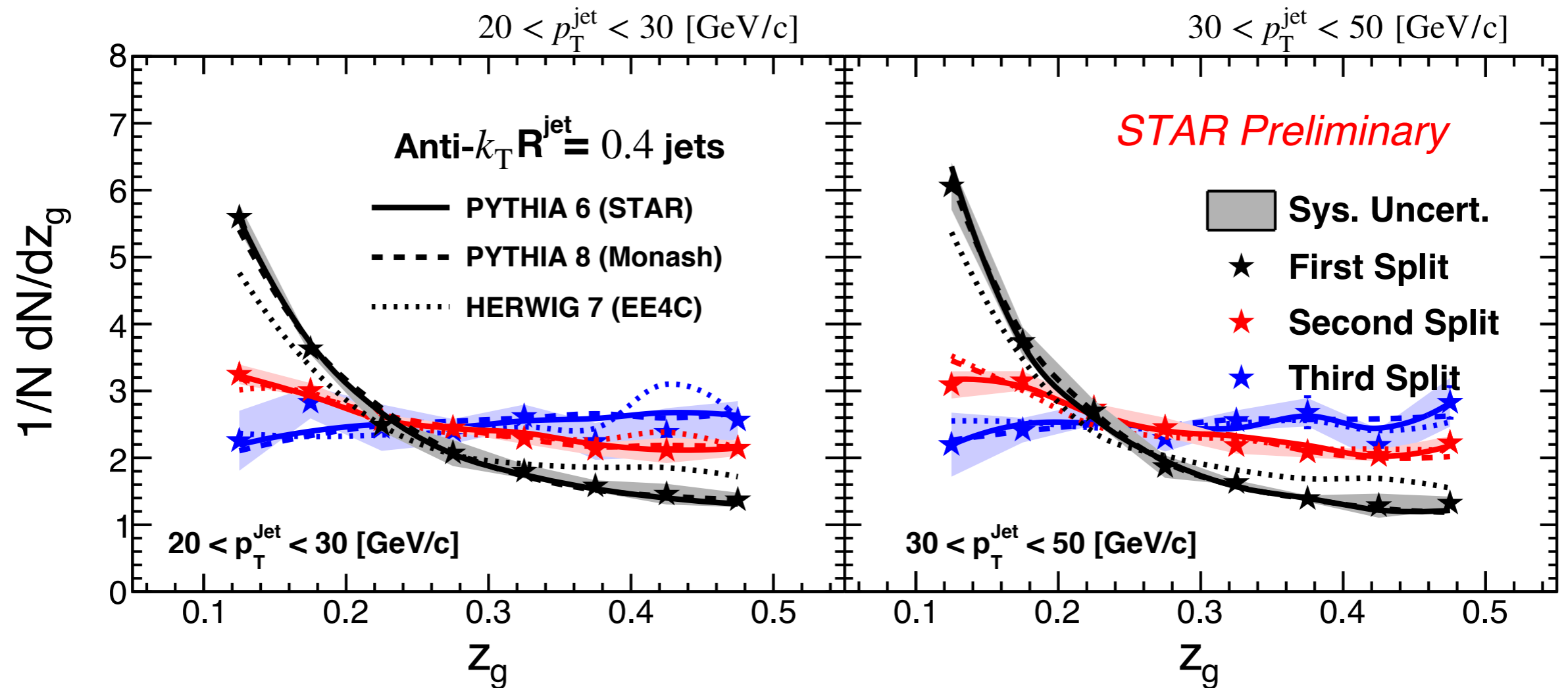
# Systematic Uncertainties



- Tracking efficiency : 4%
- Tower energy scale : 3.8%
- Hadronic correction (Matched track-tower energy subtraction) : 50% - 100%
- Bayesian unfolding iteration parameter : 2 - 6
- Prior shape variation : Priors reweighed at 1st, 2nd and 3rd split as seen in PYTHIA 6 vs PYTHIA 8 and HERWIG 7
- Split Matching criteria :  $\Delta R < 0.075, 0.1, 0.125$
- Variation in truth level shape correction for trigger and jet finding efficiencies via differences observed in PYTHIA 6 vs PYTHIA 8 and HERWIG 7



# Comparisons with leading order MC - $z_g$ for various jet $p_T$



- **Flattening of the splitting  $z_g$  as we increase split number** captured by the MC
- Small differences between PYTHIA and HERWIG seen in the **first** split appear to be reduced at the **second/third** splits

