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# Lesson 2

# jet substructure

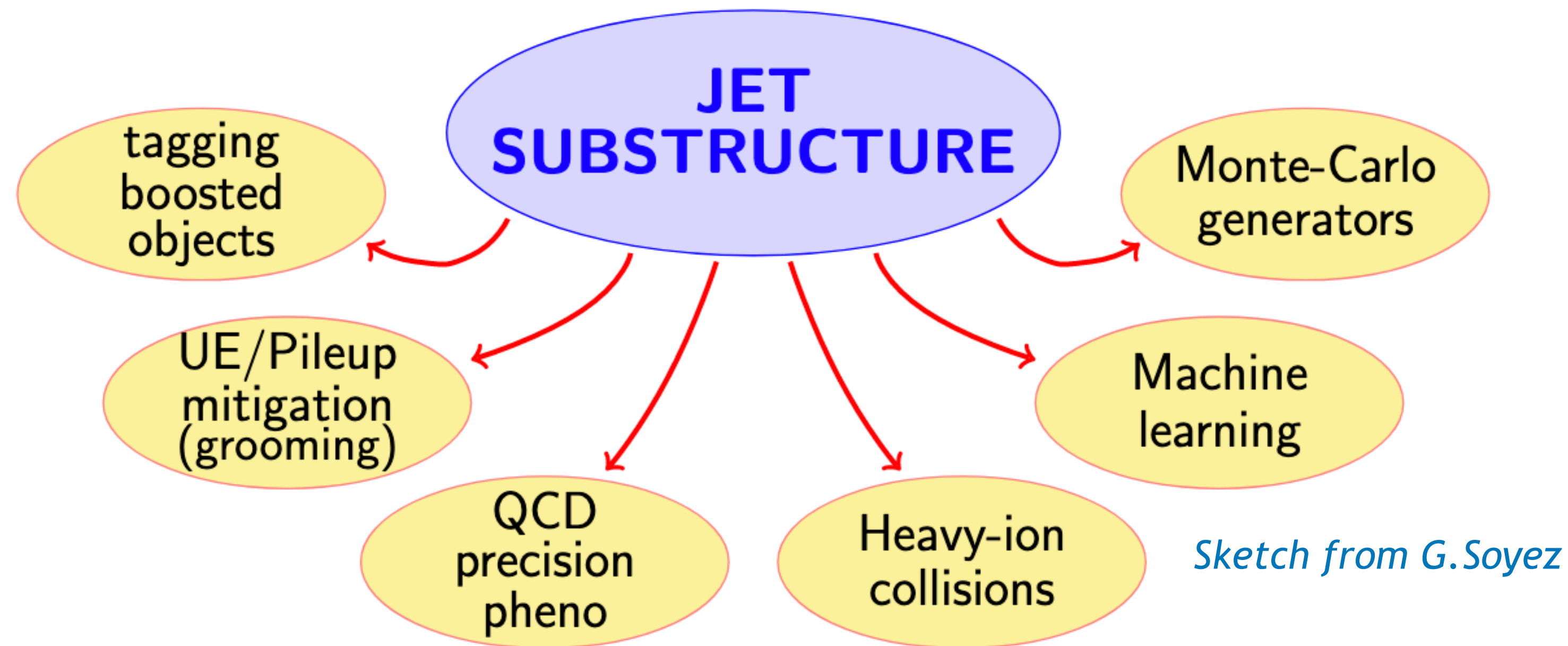
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GDR-QCD:HIC in the QCD phase diagram,  
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# Jet substructure

Jets play a central role at the LHC

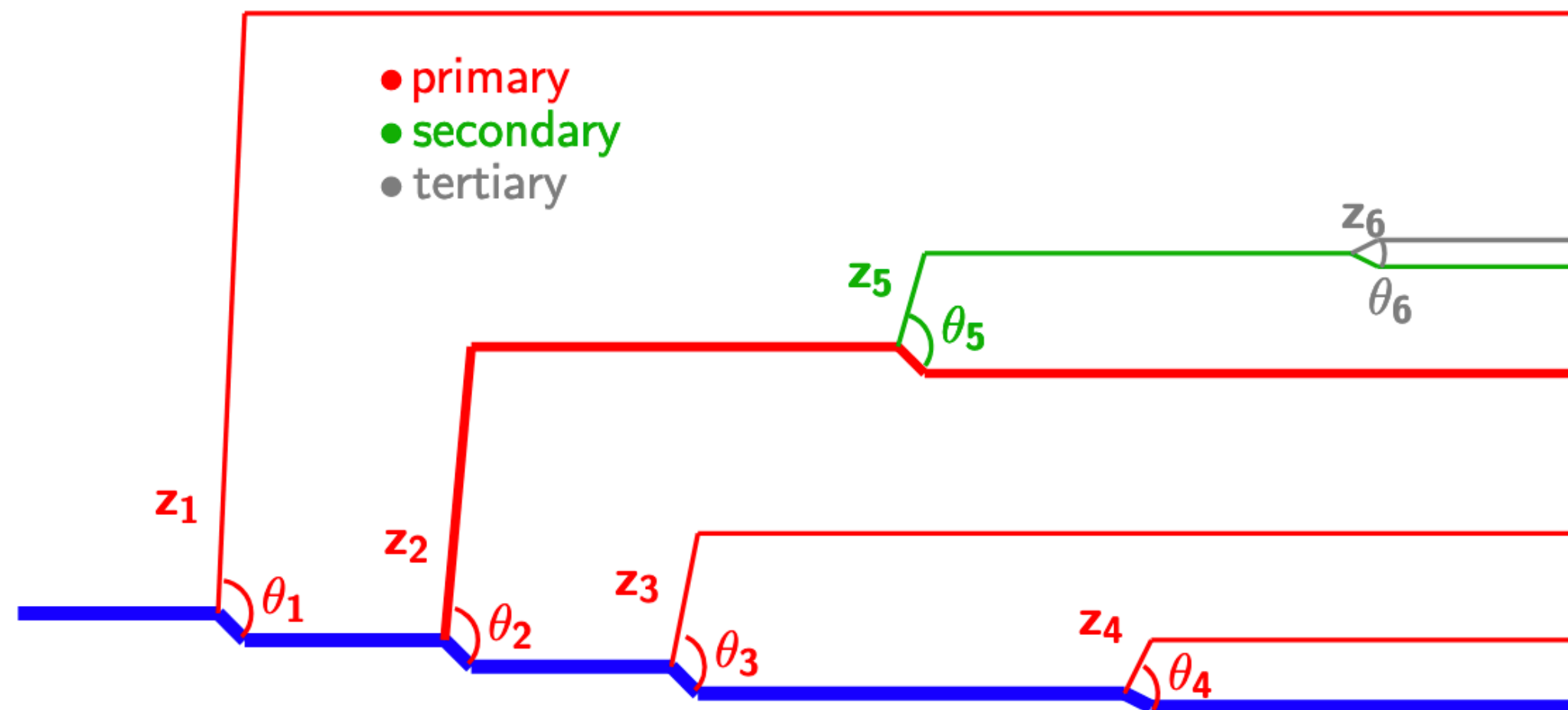
Jet substructure exploits info on internal radiation pattern, many scopes:



Here:

- Recent results that constrain the parton shower modelling and fixed-order calculations
- Few examples where quantum properties are exposed in new ways

# Jet substructure using the clustering history



Another sketch from G.Soyez

The Cambridge/Aachen algorithm sequentially combines the closest pairs

The clustering history can be undone iteratively, following always the hardest branch

At each step, two subjet prongs are obtained, **j1** and **j2**, with  $p_{T,1} > p_{T,2}$

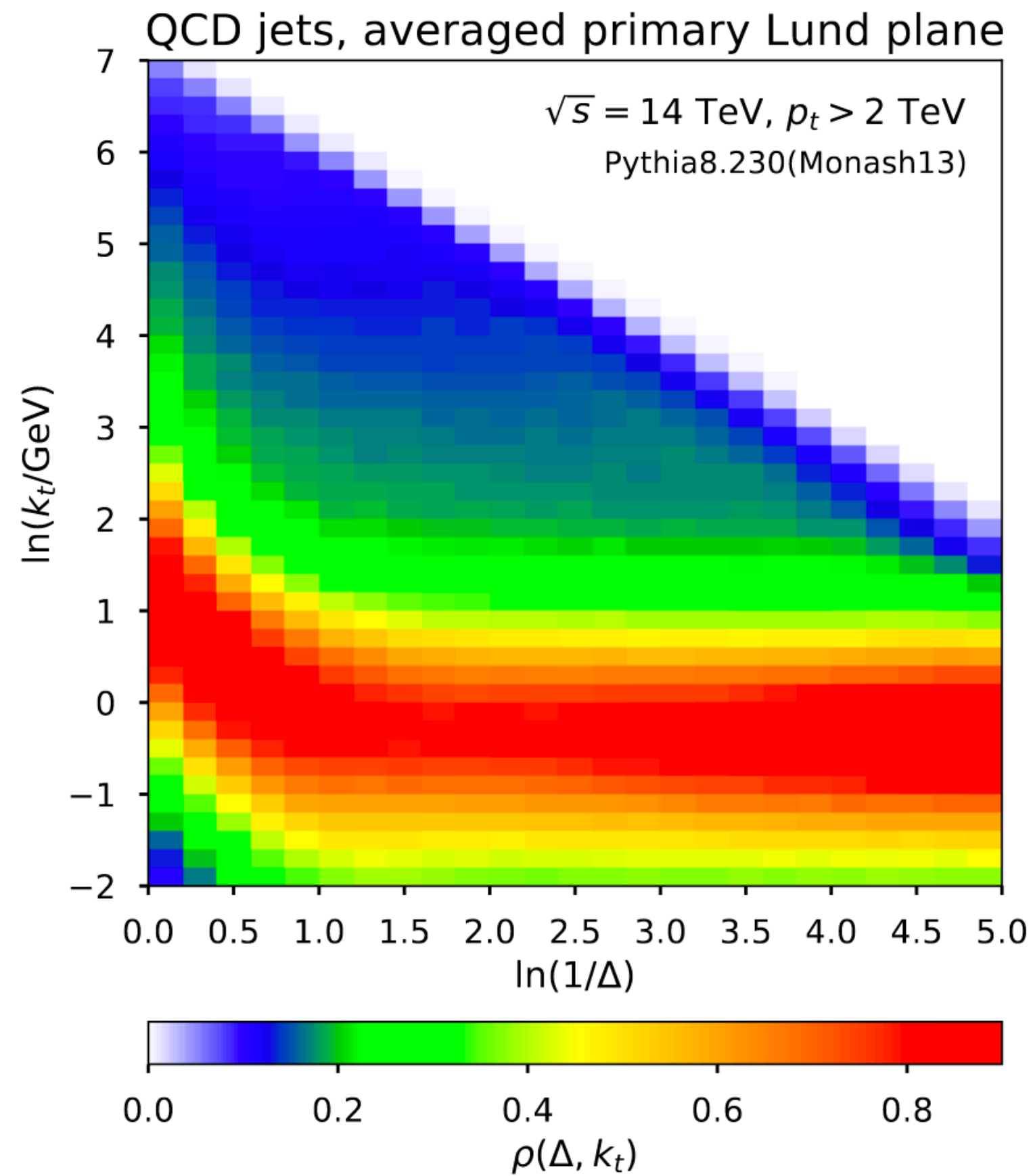
where  $\theta$  is the angle between the prongs,

$$k_T = \theta p_{T,2}$$

$$\text{and } z = p_{T,2} / (p_{T,1} + p_{T,2})$$

The iterative declustering proceeds until substructure is found (grooming) or the jet can be fully declustered to study the kinematics of all the emissions (Lund jet plane)

# The primary Lund plane: visualizing the parton shower



At leading order, emissions populate the plane uniformly and the running of the coupling sculpts the plane

*QCD Splitting probability*

$$d^2 P = 2 \frac{\alpha_s(k_\perp) C_R}{\pi} d\ln(z\theta) d\ln\left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)$$

An all-order calculation is available: *Lifson et al, JHEP 10 (2020) 170*

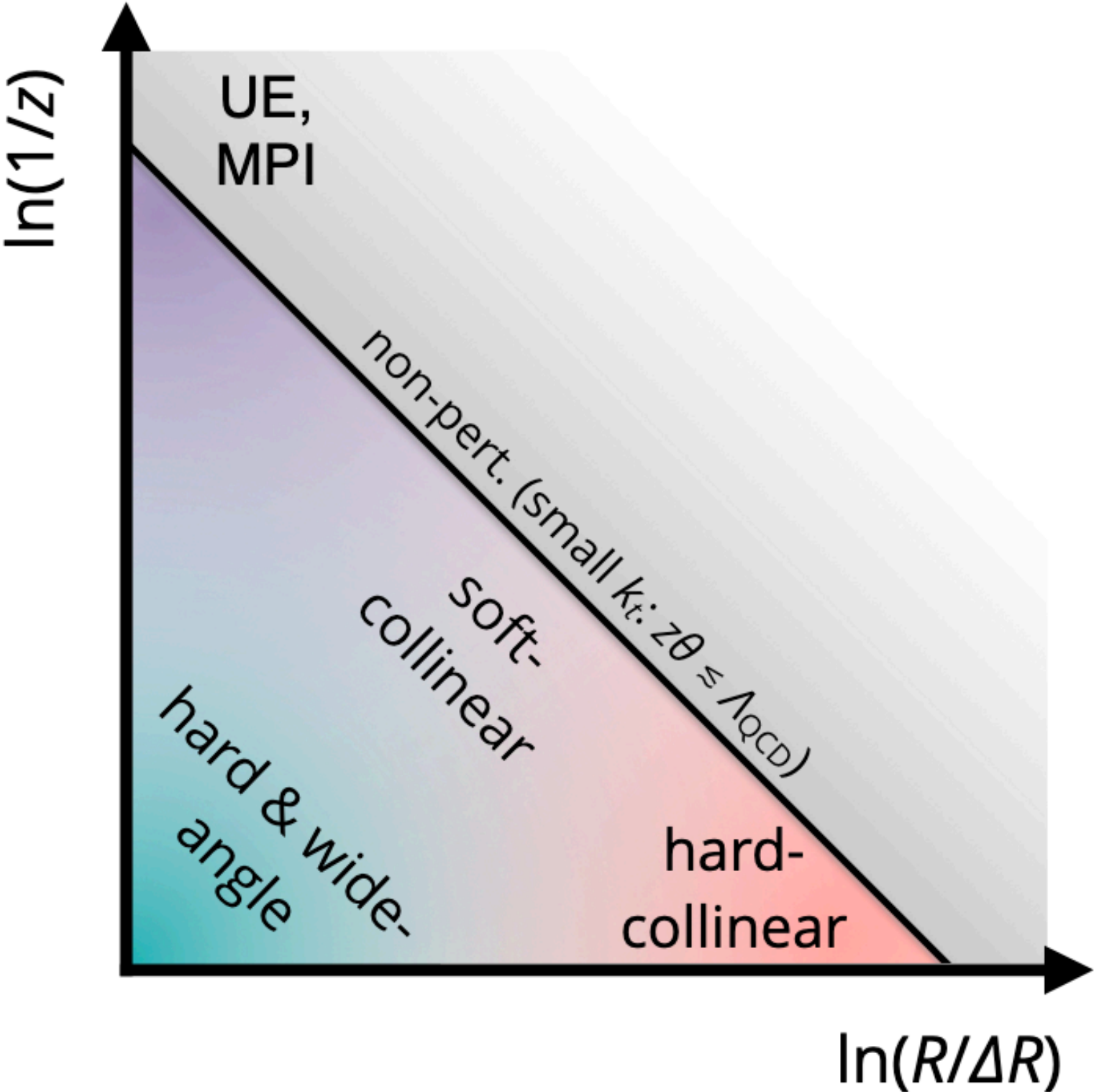
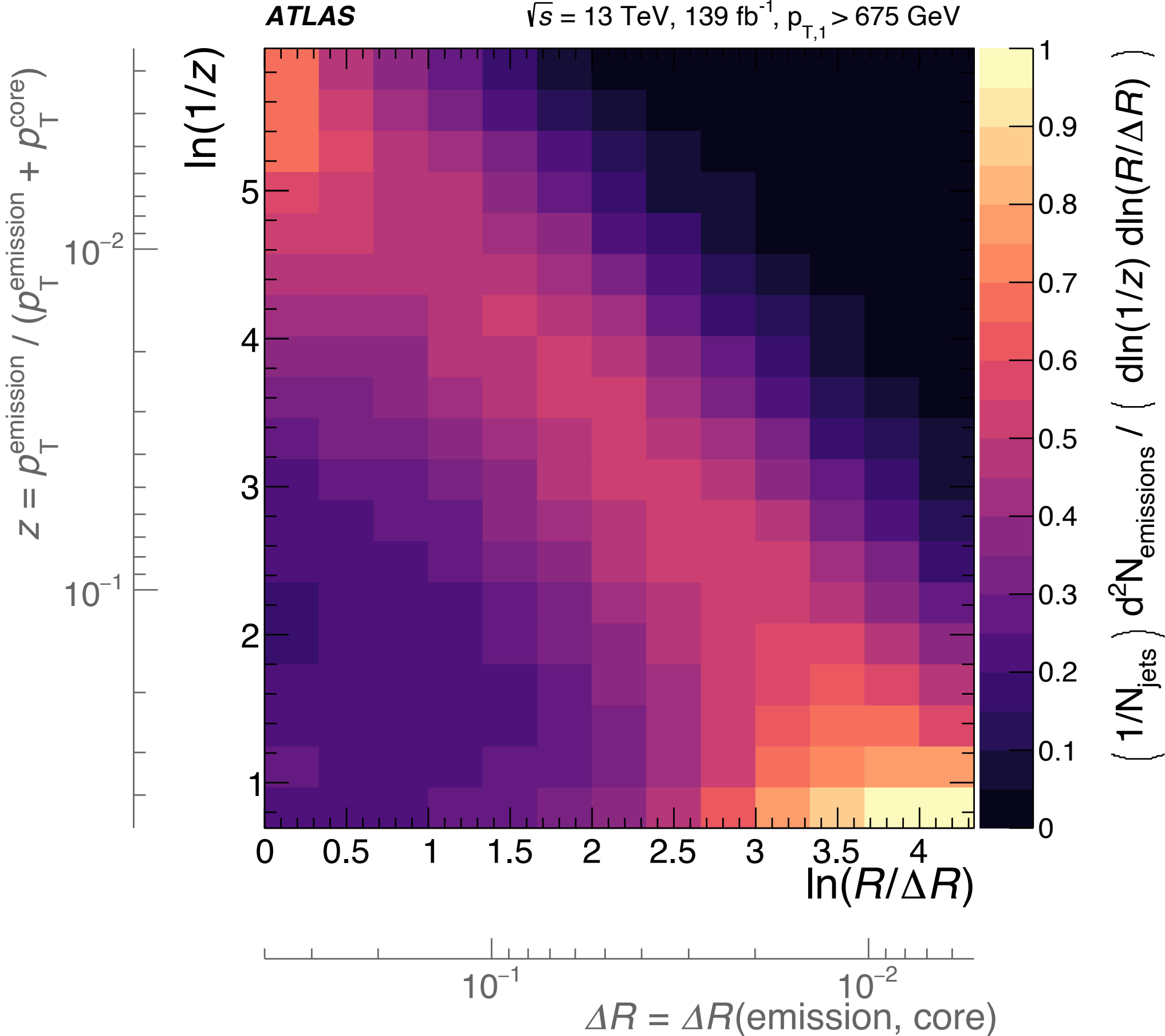
Vast applications, as a tagger and as an observable!

[Dreyer et al, JHEP 12 \(2018\) 064](#)

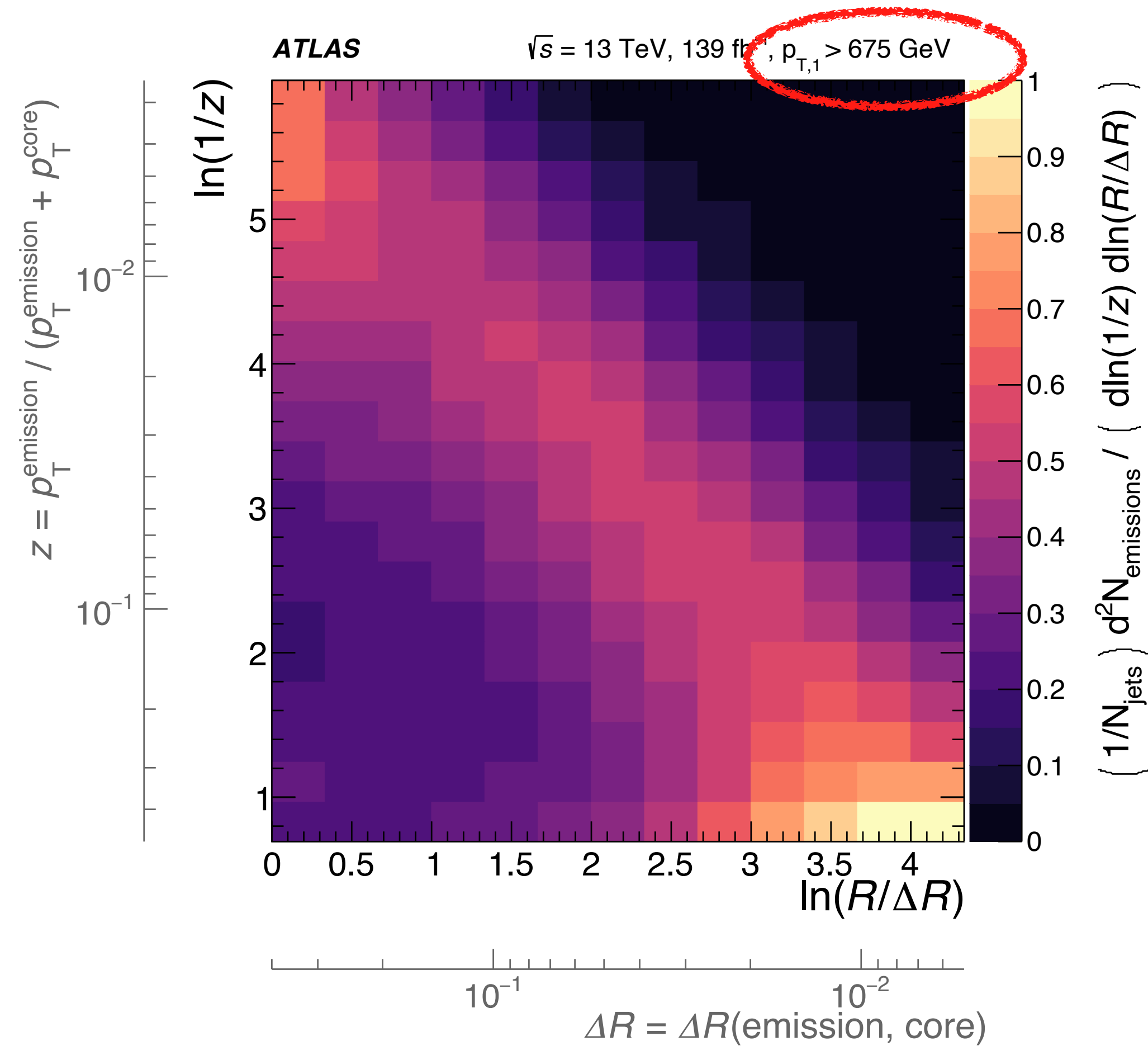


# The primary Lund plane with ATLAS

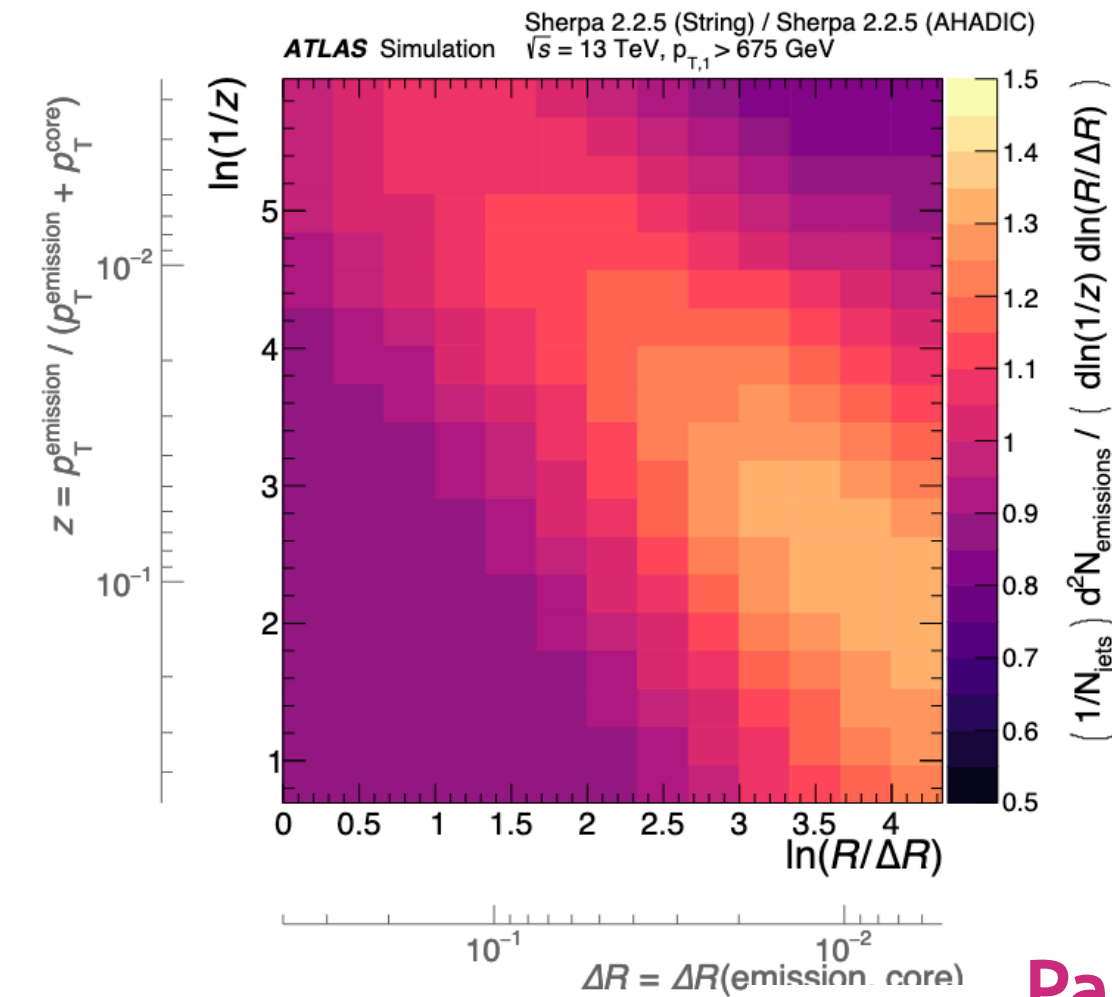
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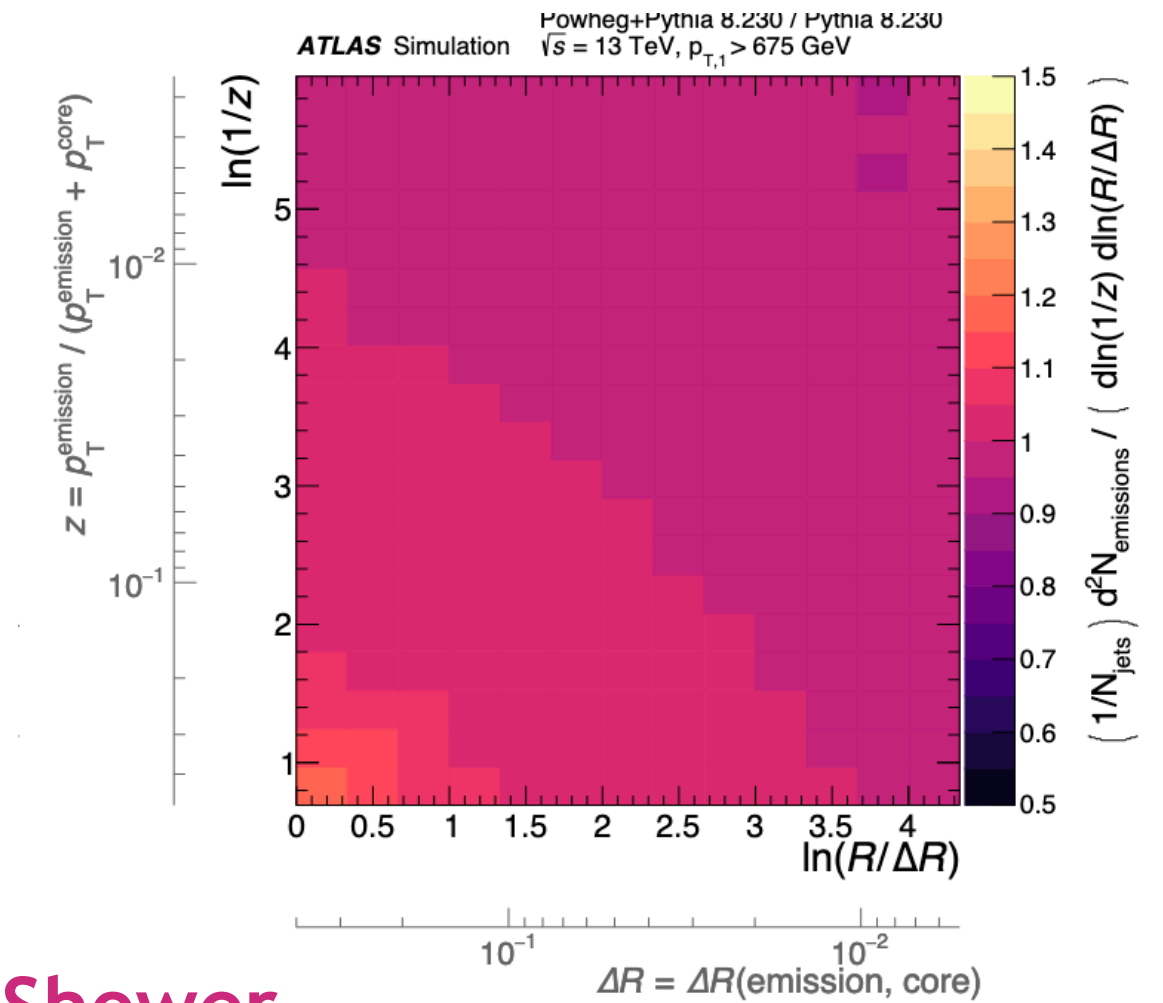
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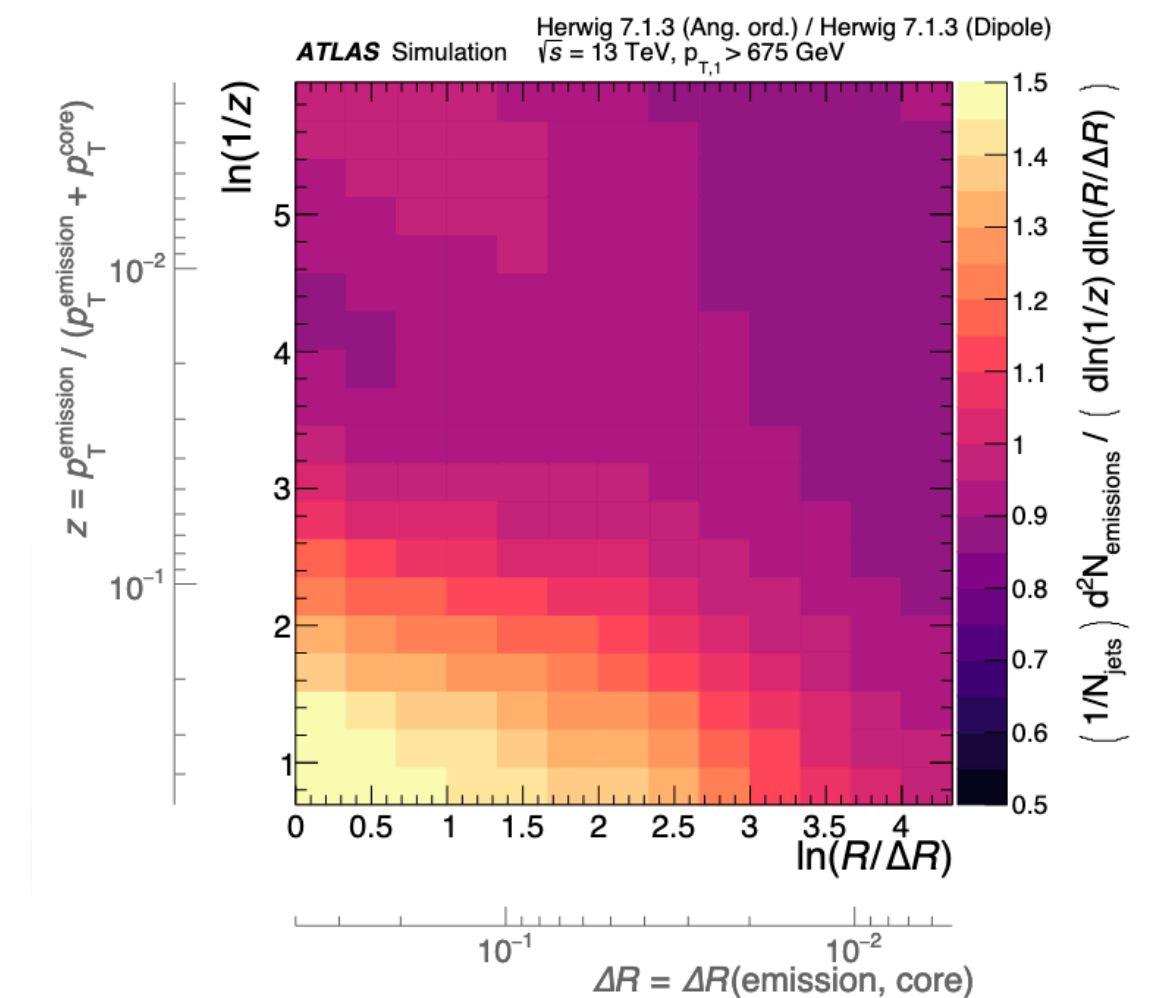
## Hadronization



## Matrix elements



## Parton Shower



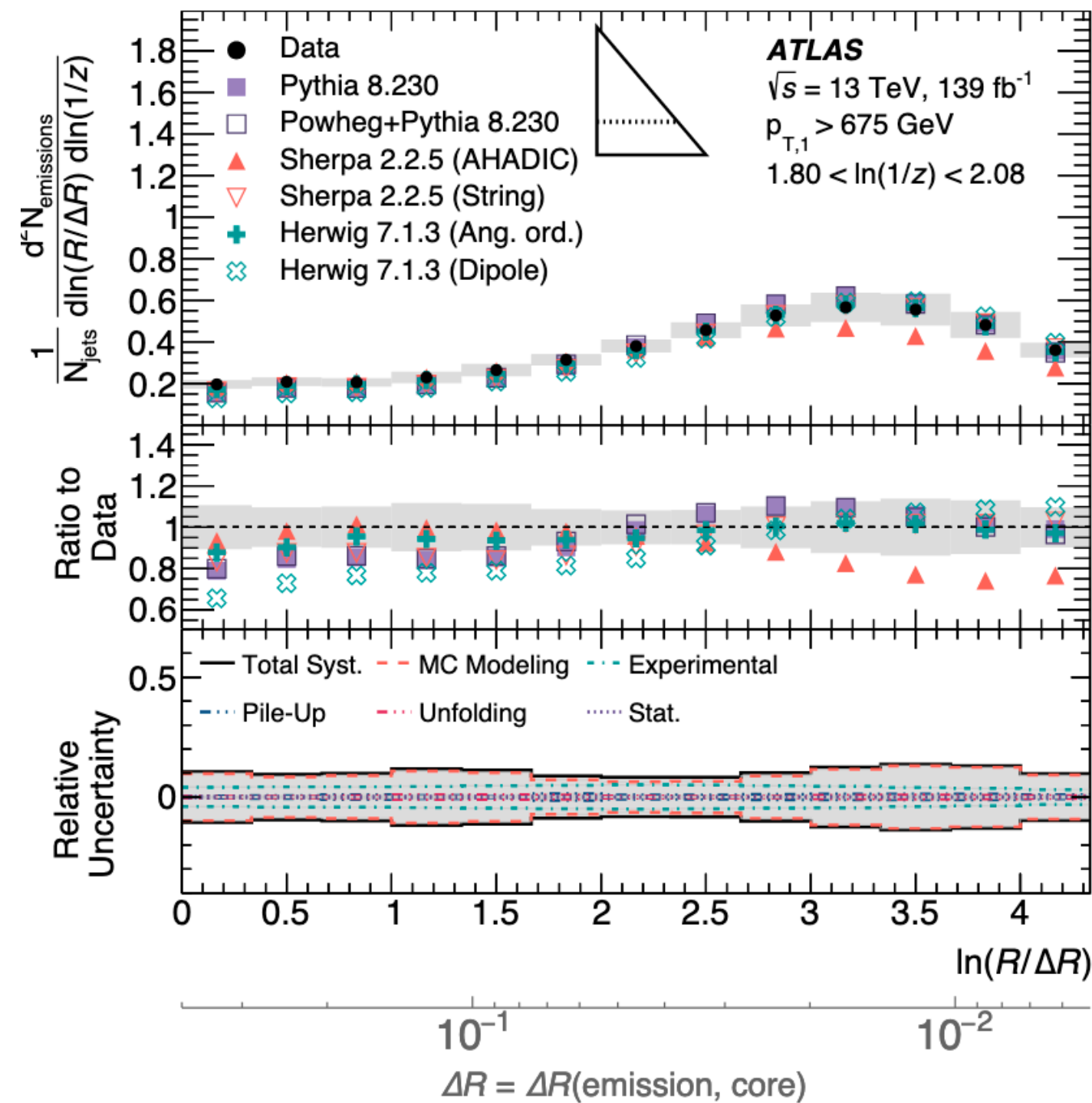
- Multiple physics effects contribute beyond the LO uniformly-filled plane
- However the measurement captures salient features of the q/g parton shower: the running of the coupling sculpts the plane

[ATLAS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 \(2020\) 22, 222002](#)

# The primary Lund plane with ATLAS

## Comparisons to MC generators

Parton shower ← → Hadronisation

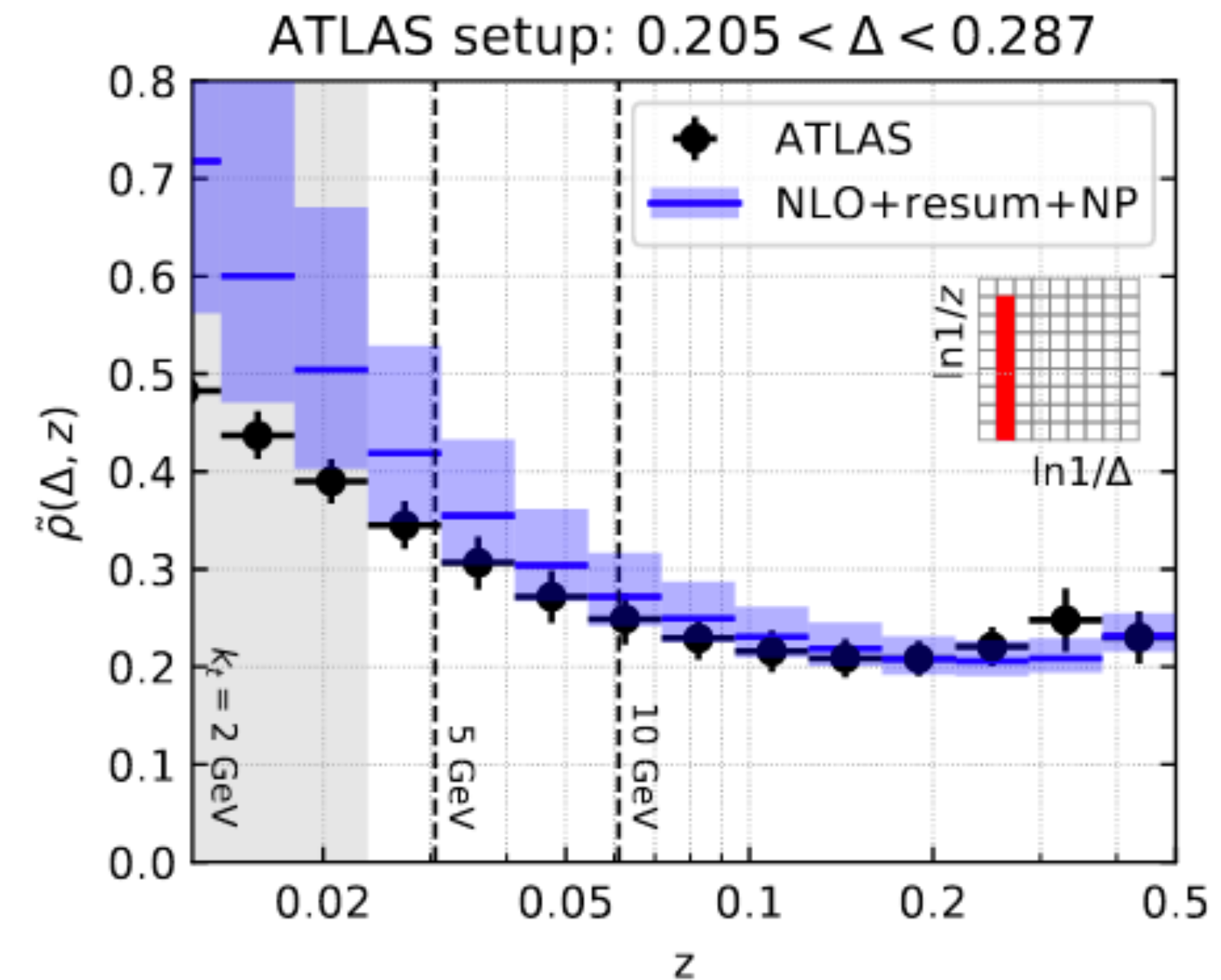


Ability of the Lund Plane to isolate physics effects:

- PS effects (wide angles)
- hadronisation (collinear splits).

Input to (non)perturbative model development and tuning

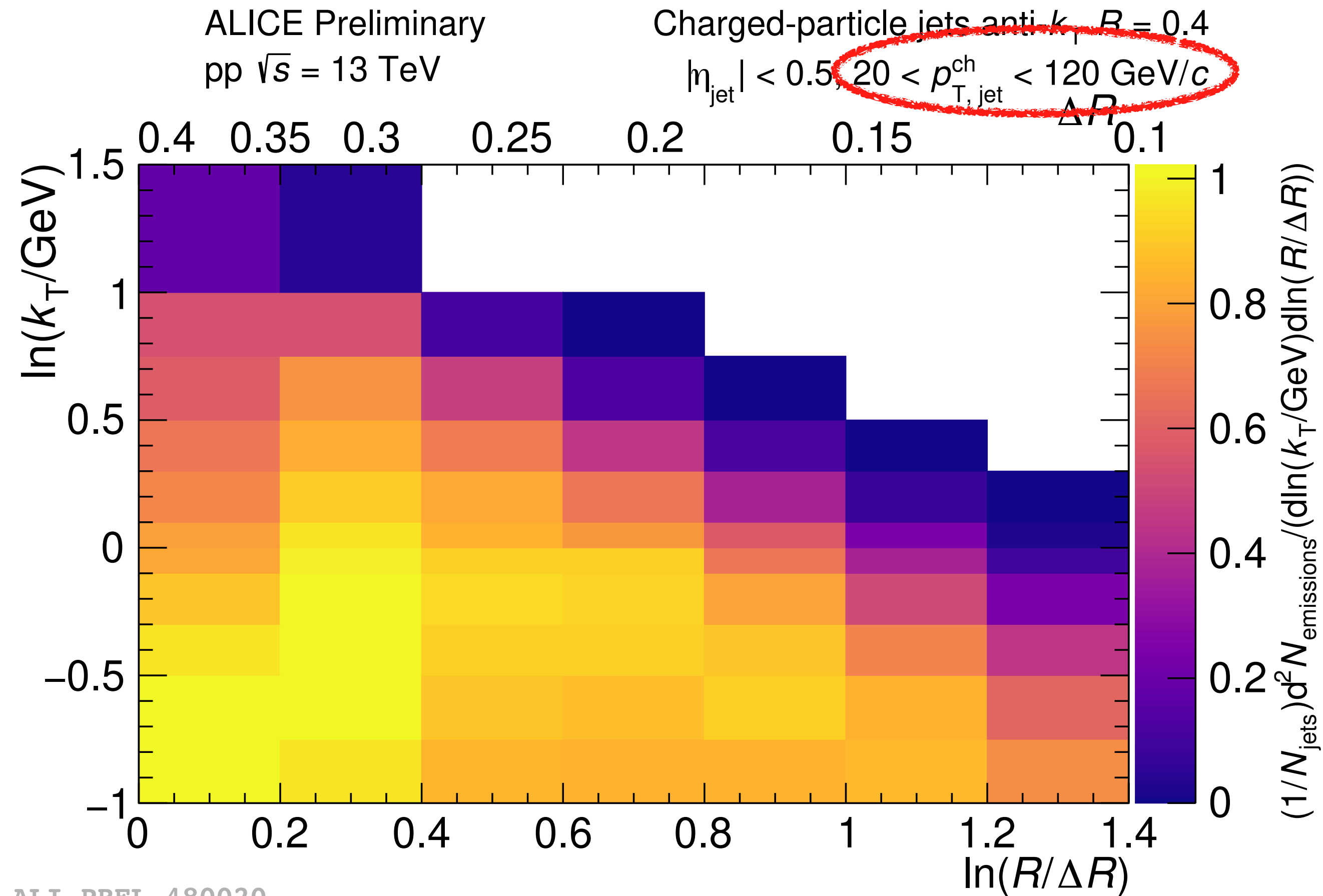
## Comparison to analytical calculations



New all-order single log calculation of the Lund plane density including [Lifson et al, JHEP 10 \(2020\) 170](#)

Precision of the Lund plane density 5-7% at high  $k_T$  while ~20% at the edge of the perturbative region ( $k_T \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ )

# The primary Lund plane with ALICE



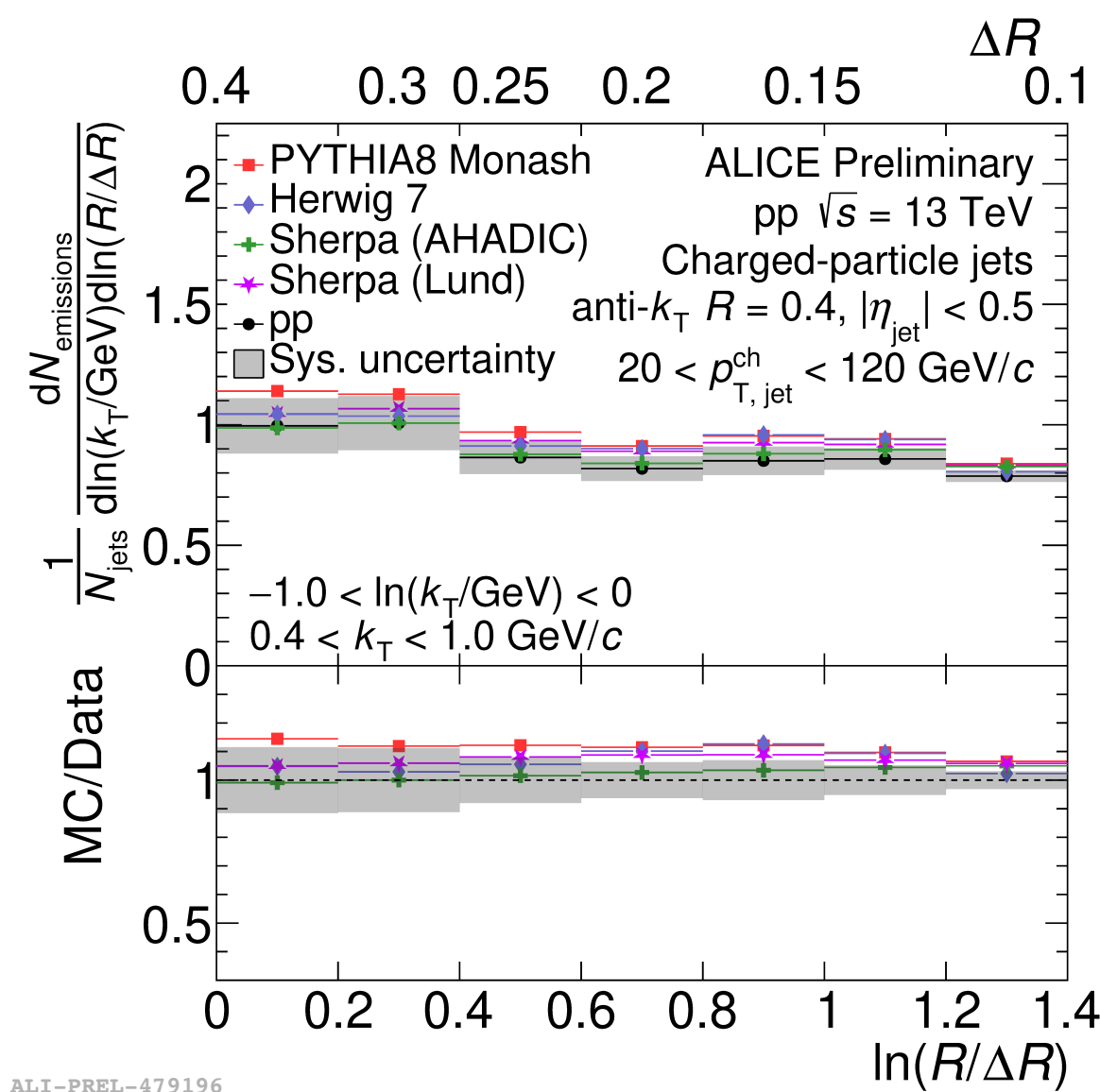
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	ALICE	ATLAS
$p_{T,\text{jet}}$ (GeV)	20-120	>675
max $k_T$ (GeV)	5	>135
$\Delta R$ (rad)	0.1- $R$	0.005 - $R$



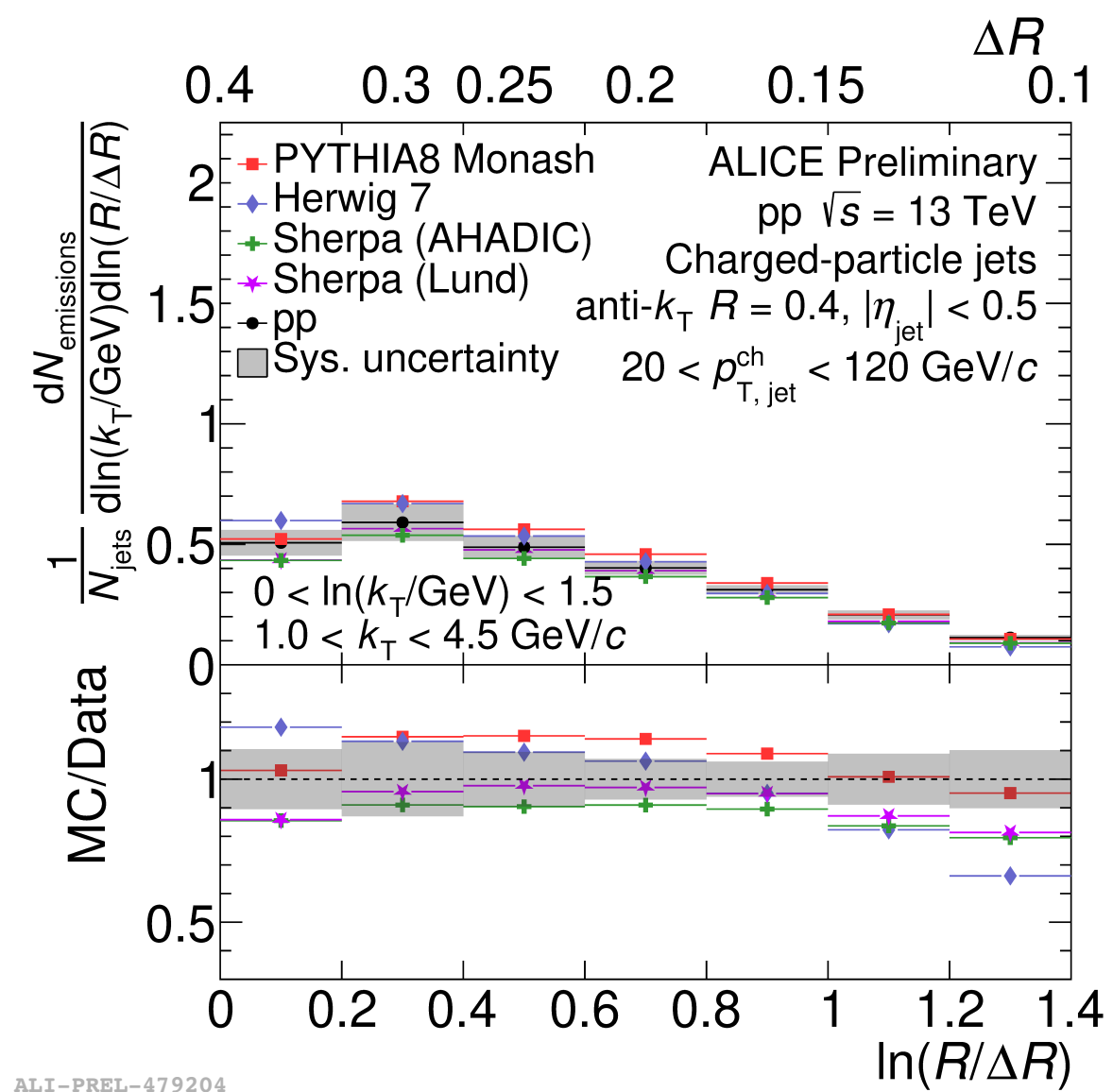
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Soft



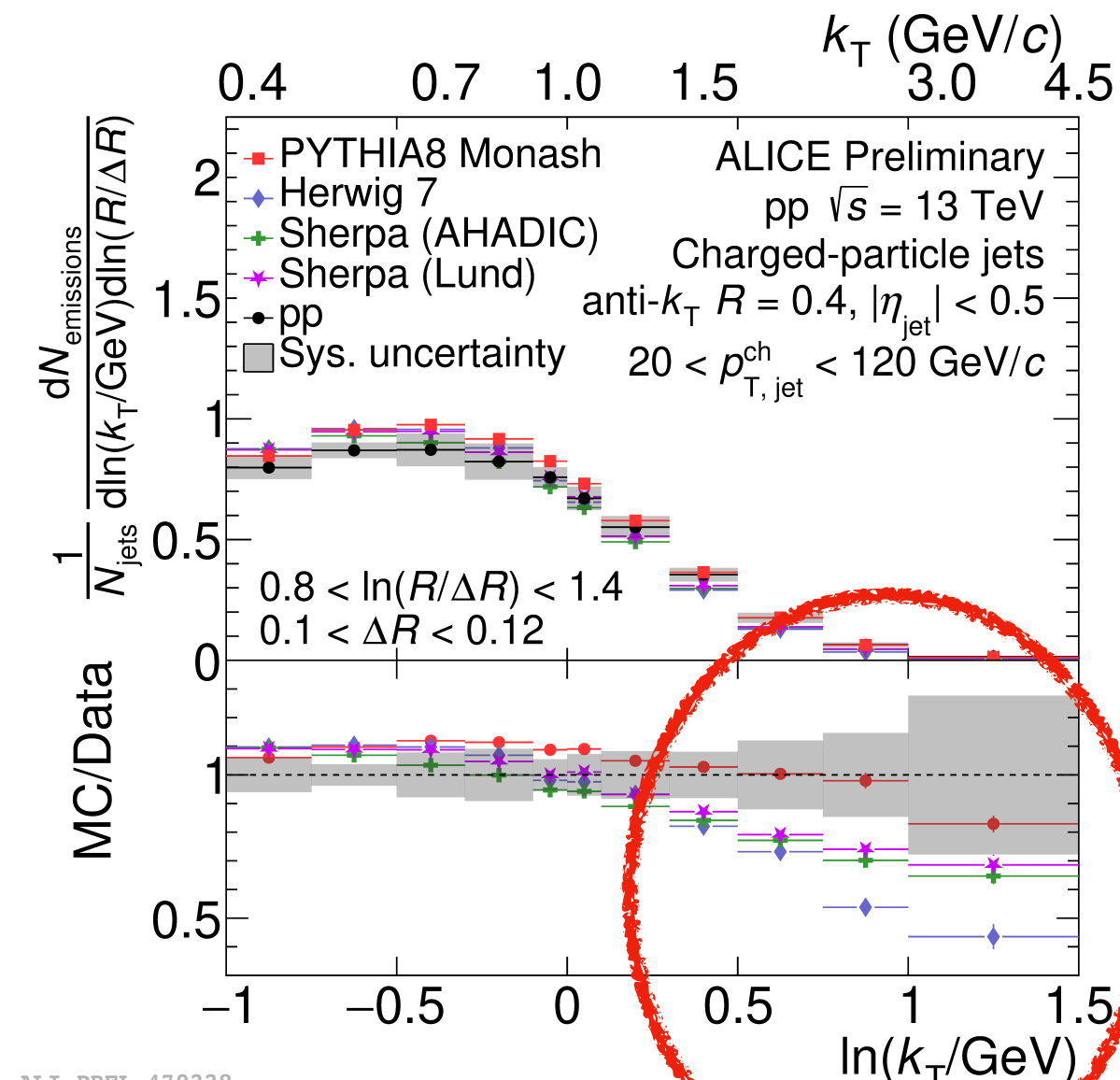
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Harder



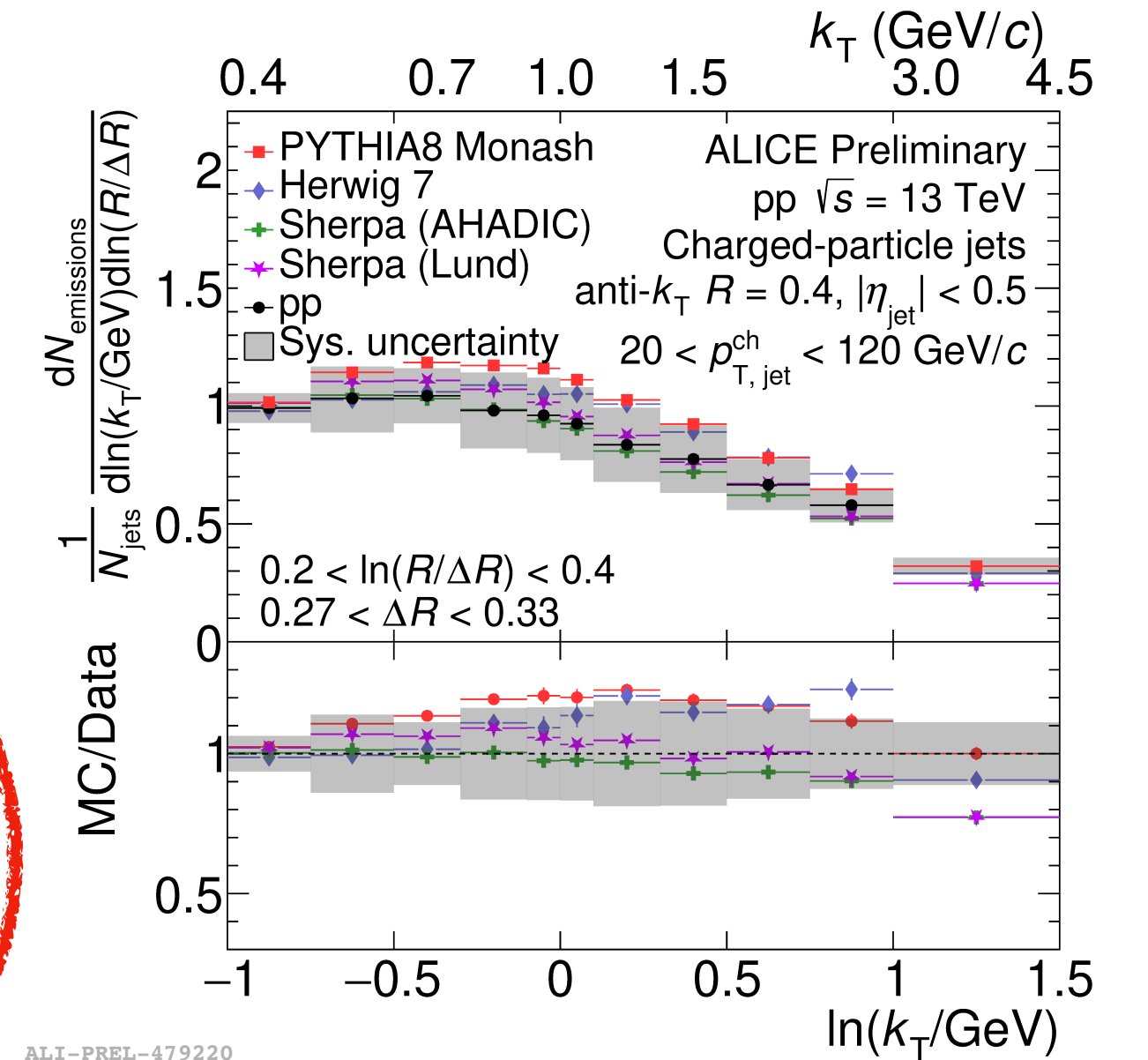
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Small-angle



ALI-PREL-479228

Wide-angle



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- Similarly to ATLAS measurement, model uncertainties (Herwig vs PYTHIA in the response and matching purity/efficiency corrections) are dominant
- Some tensions in the moderately hard, moderately low angles (0.1-0.2 rad)
- Perturbative reach to be extended with triggered samples

[ALICE-PUBLIC-2021-002.](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.002)



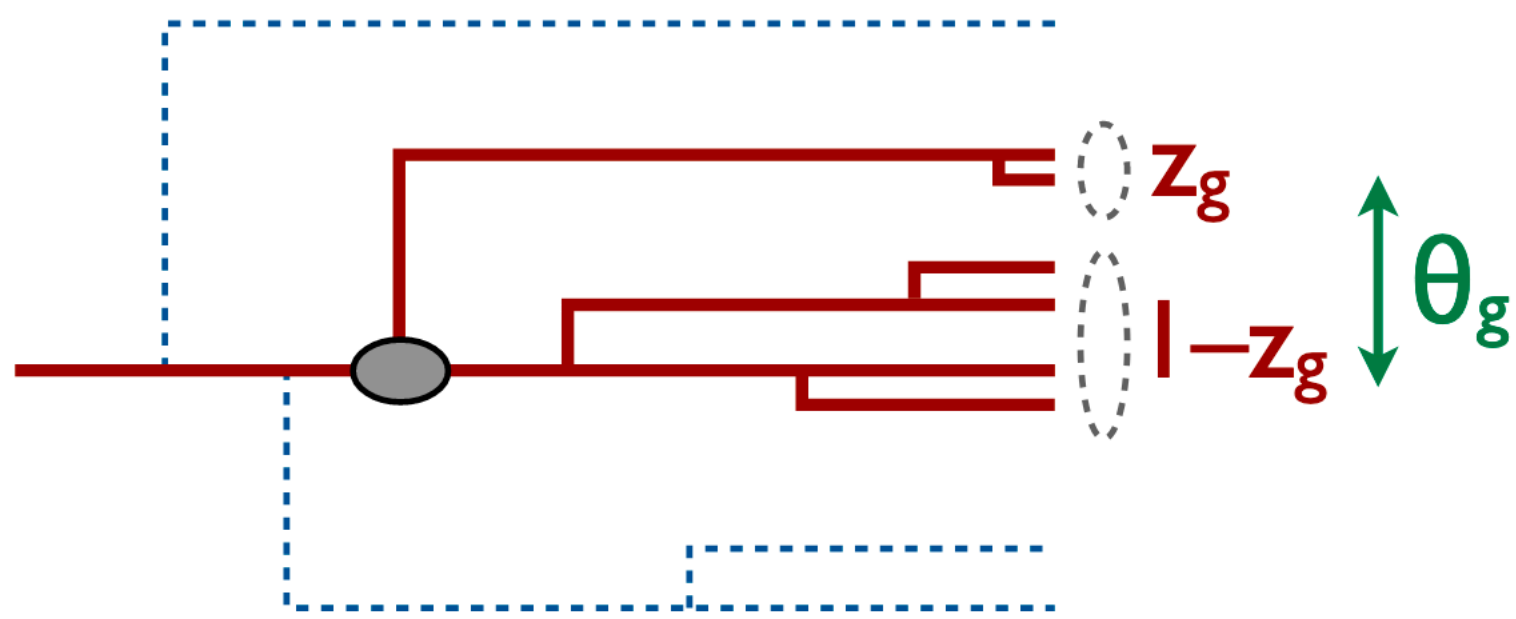
# Grooming

Groom away branches in order to **access hard parts of the jet that are under better theoretical control**

- **mMDT/SofDrop grooming**

Remove branches of an angular-ordered clustering tree until you find a splitting that satisfies:

$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{t,1}, p_{t,2})}{p_{t,1} + p_{t,2}} > z_{\text{cut}} \left( \frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R_0} \right)^\beta$$



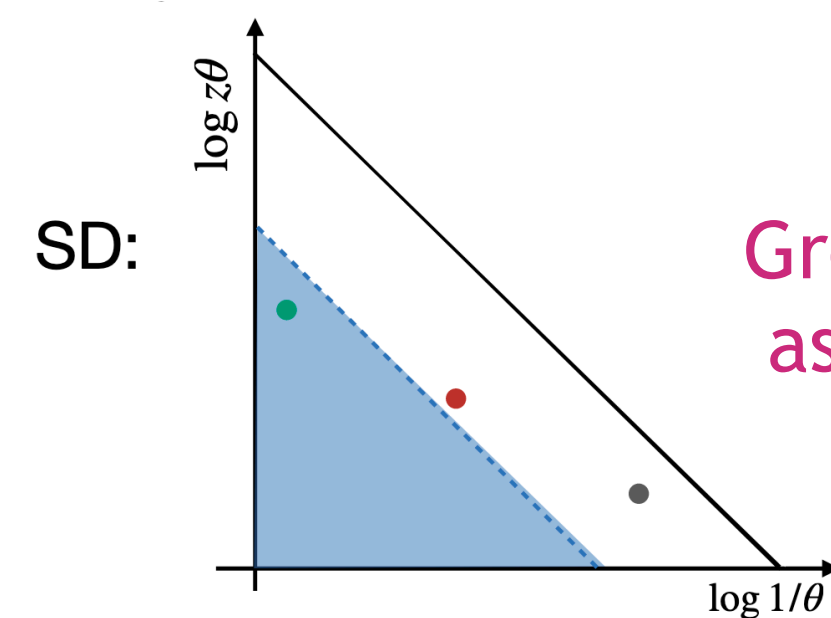
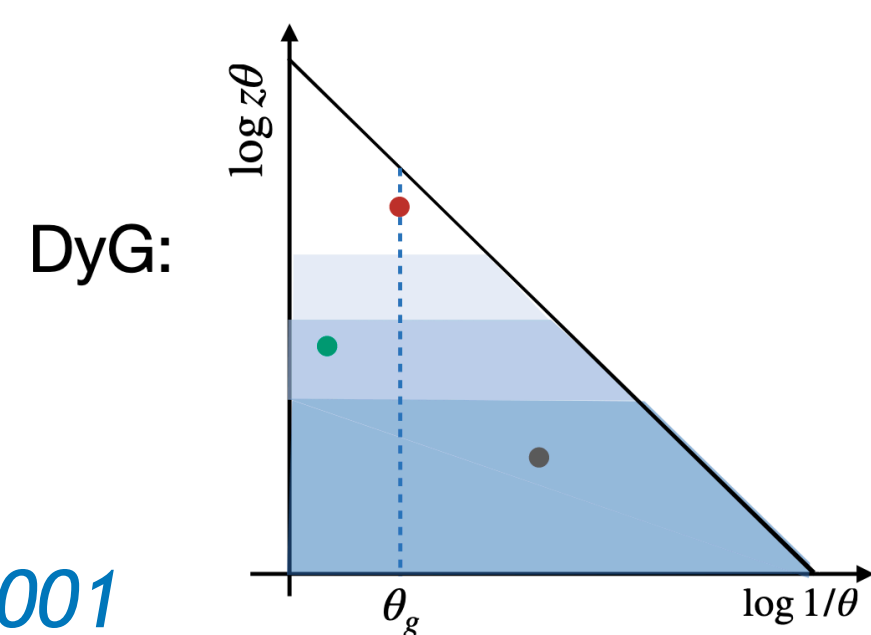
*Larkoski et al, JHEP 05 (2014) 146*  
*(Recursive SD) Dreyer et al, JHEP 06 (2018) 093*  
*Butterworth et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 100 (2008) 242001*

- **New: Dynamical Grooming**

1. Select the hardest branch in the C/A sequence
2. Drop all branches at larger angles

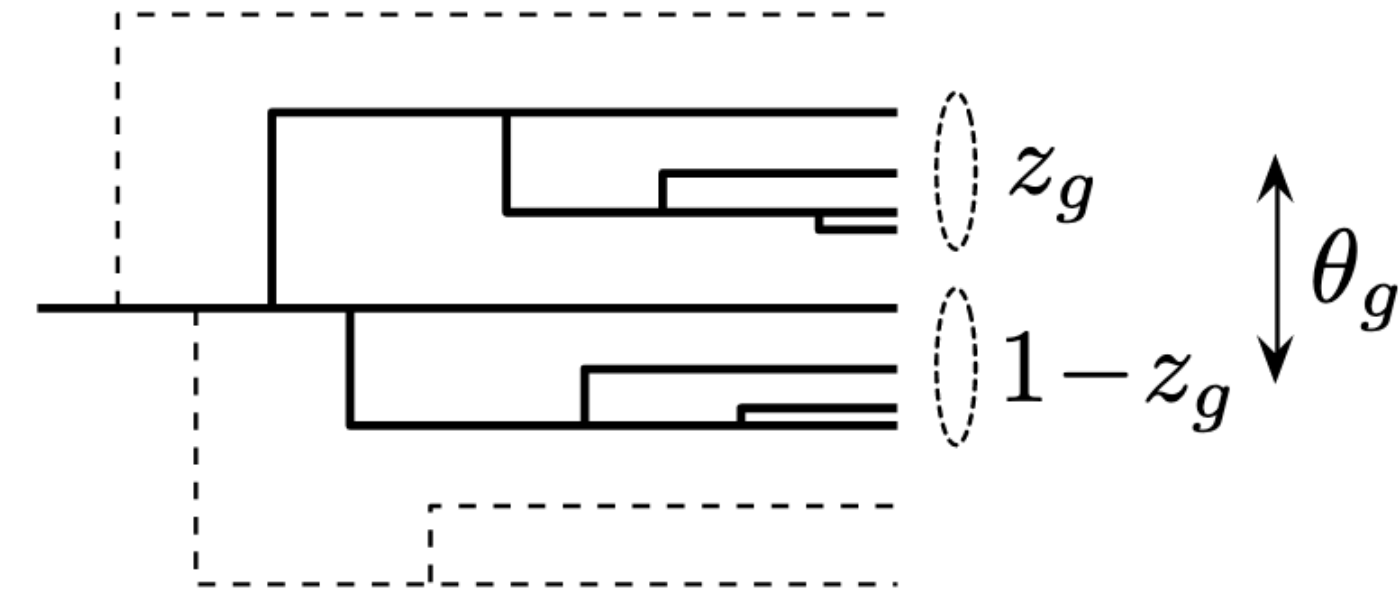
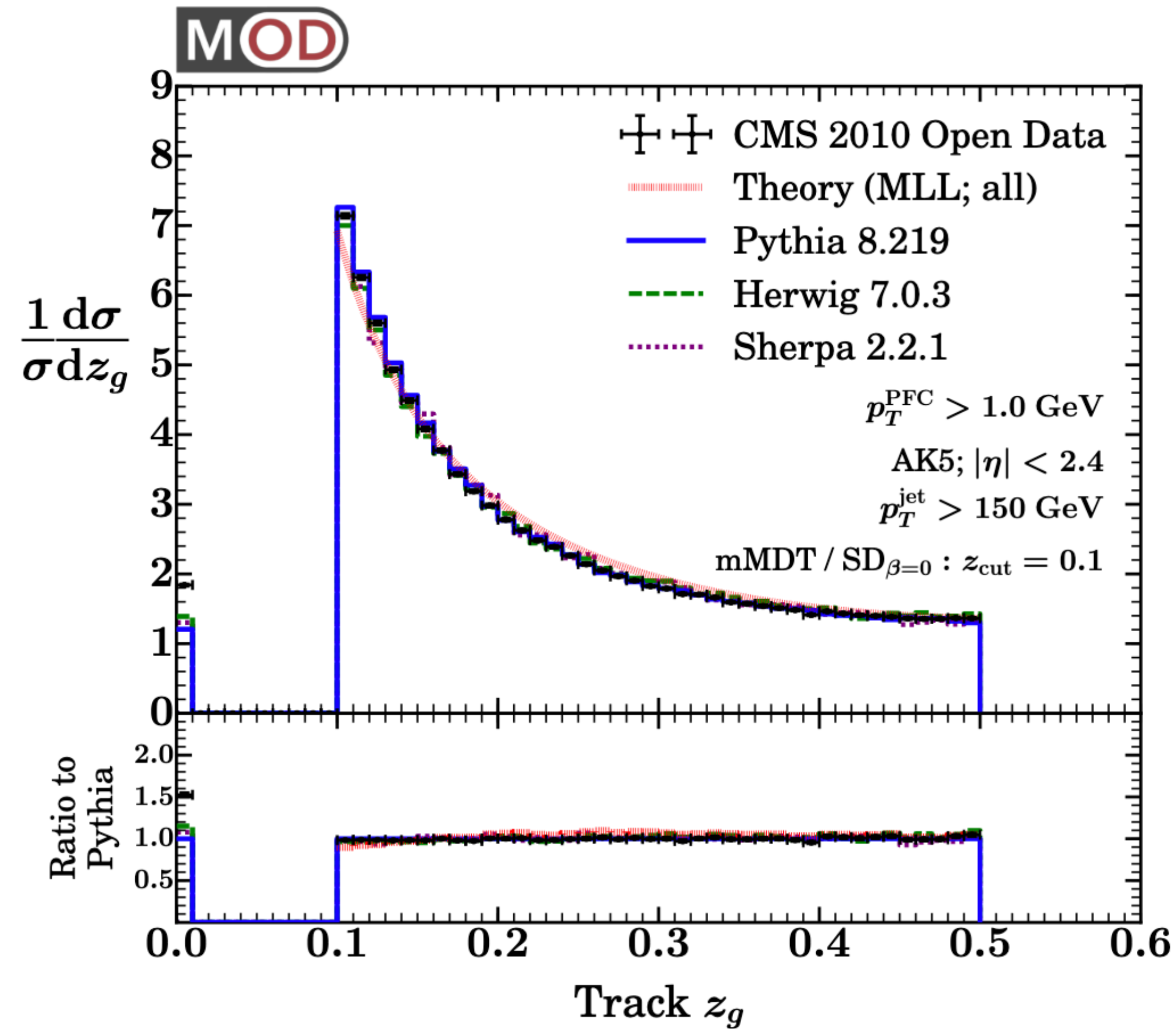
$$\kappa^{(a)} = \frac{1}{p_T} \max_{i \in C/A} z_i (1 - z_i) p_{T,i} (\theta_i/R)^a$$

More aggressive grooming with decreasing parameter  $a$   
*Mehtar-Tani et al, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 3, 034004*



Groomed-away areas can we draw as exclusion regions in the Lund Jet Plane

# The groomed momentum balance



$$\bar{P}_i(z) = \sum_{j,k} [P_{i \rightarrow jk}(z) + P_{i \rightarrow jk}(1 - z)]$$

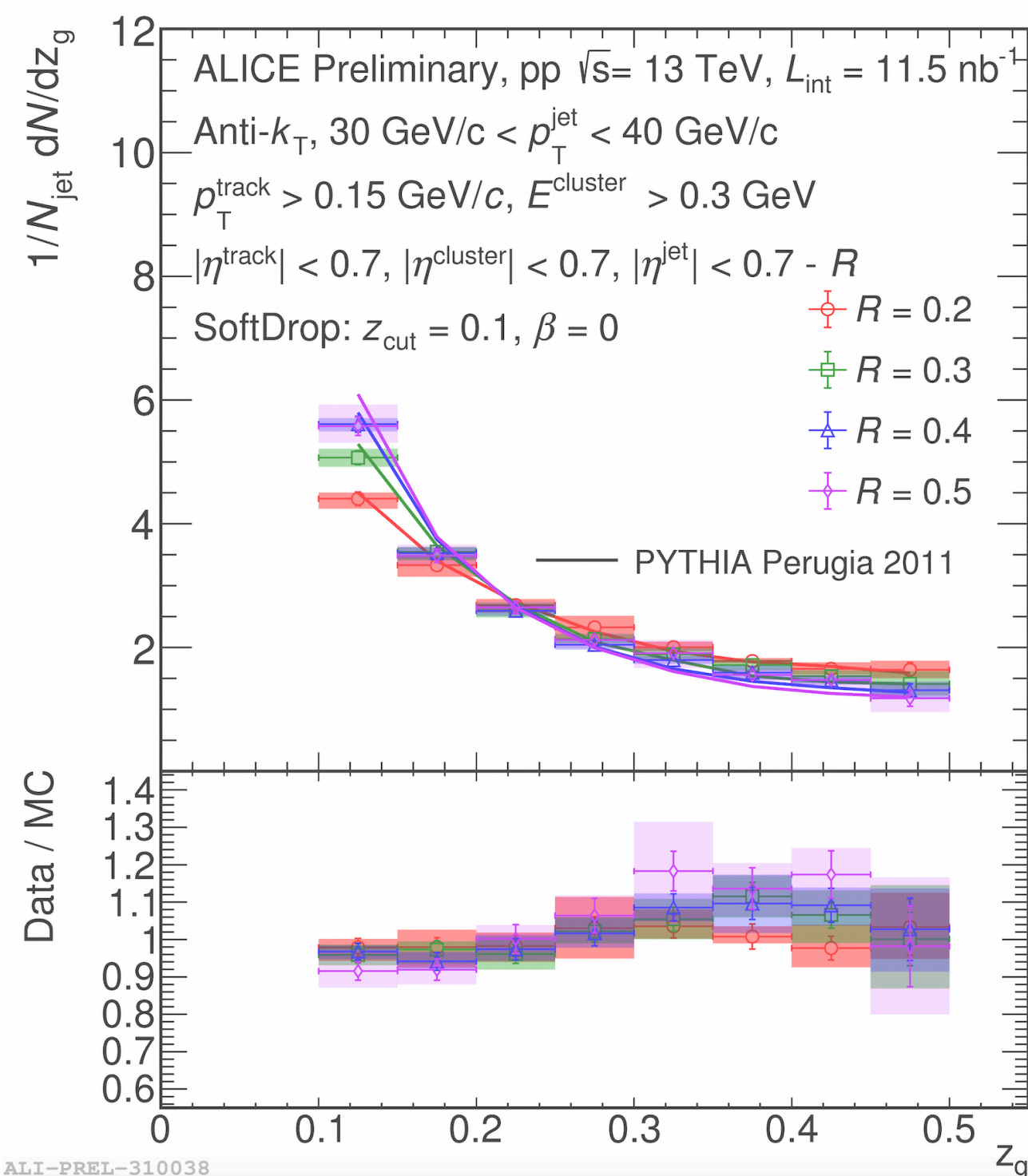
recovers the  $1/z$  universal dependence of the  $z$ -kernel in QCD



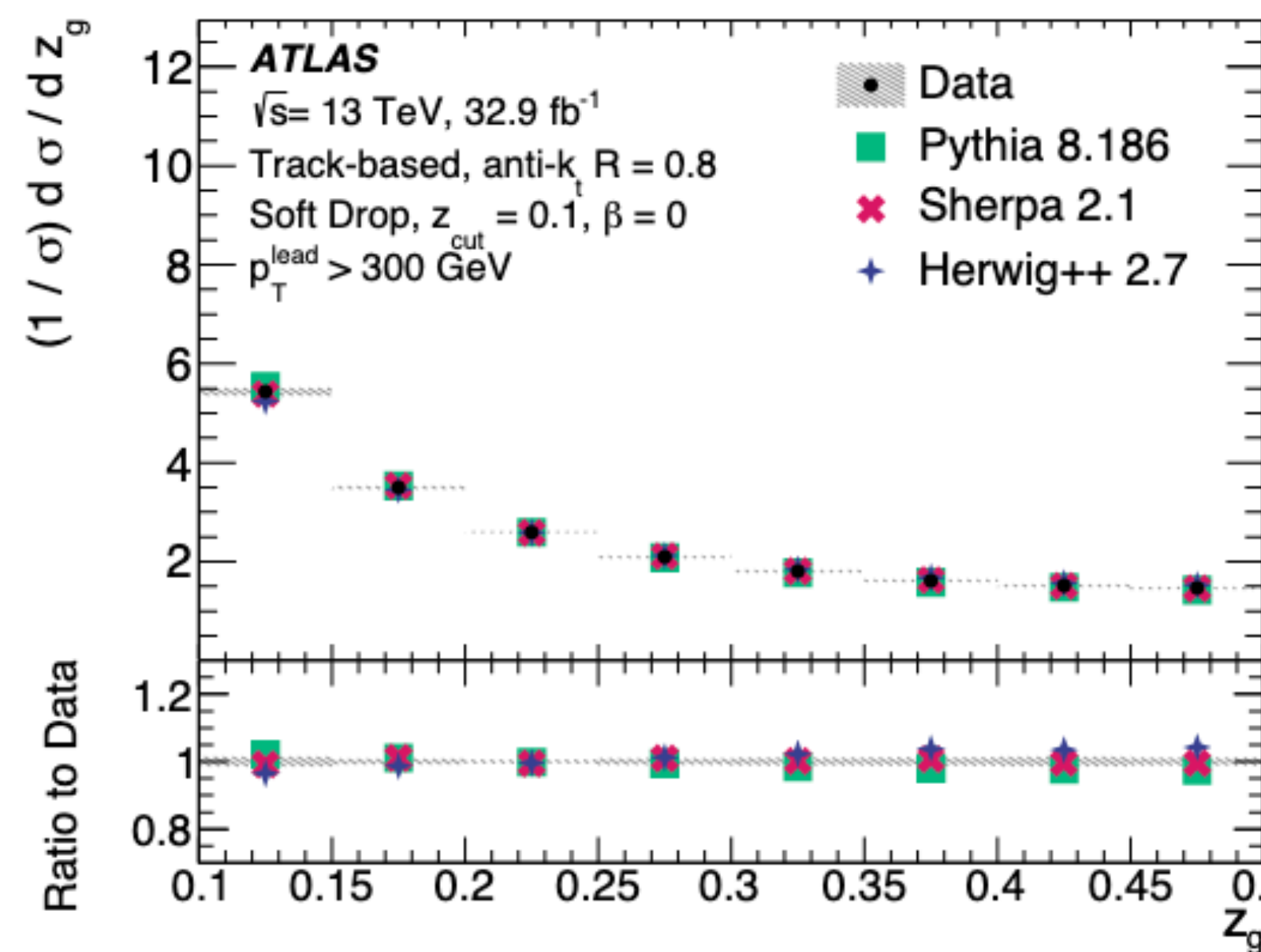
# The groomed momentum balance

$$z_g = \frac{p_{T2}}{p_{T1} + p_{T2}}$$

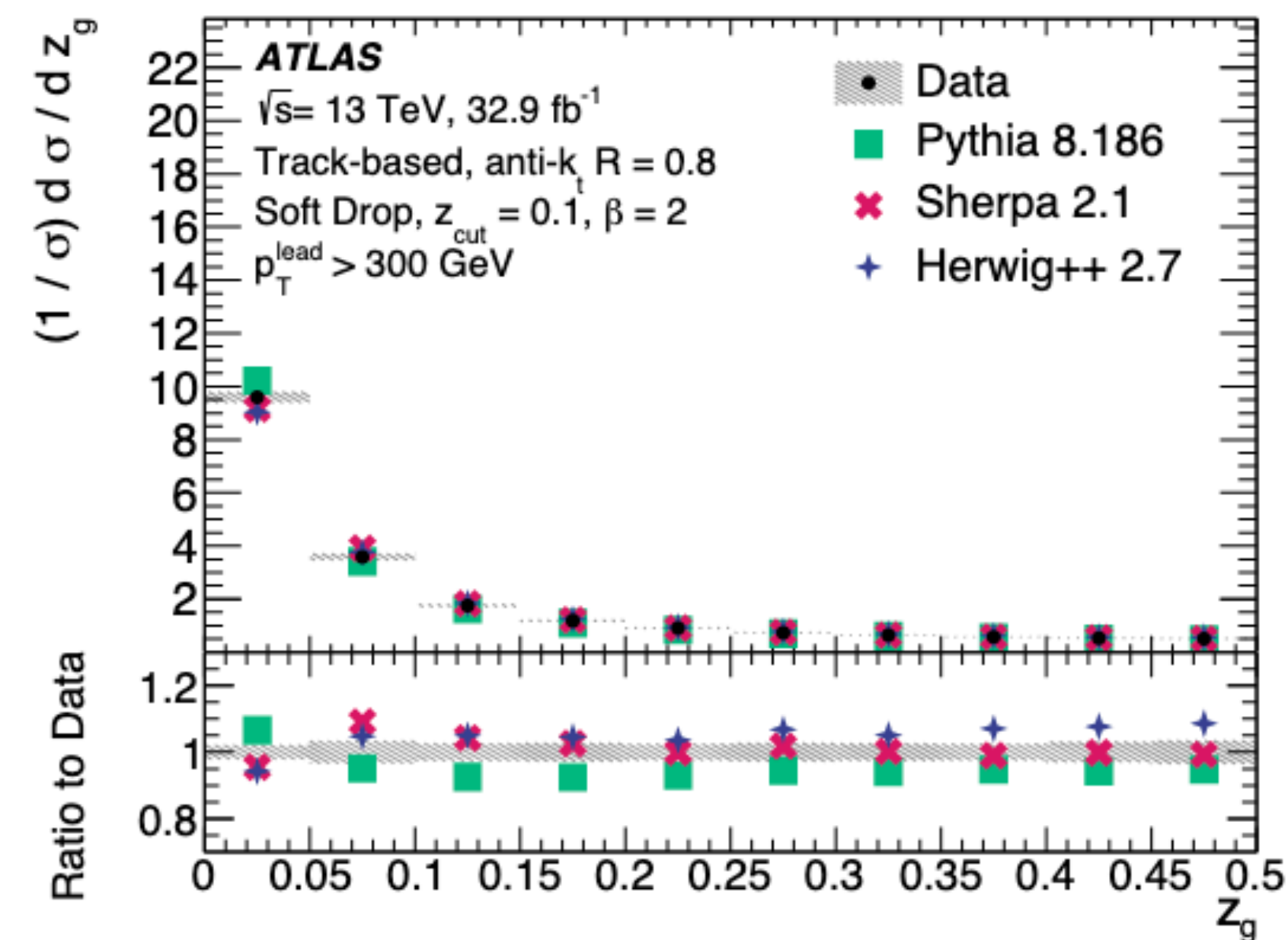
Low  $p_T$ ,  $R$  dependence



High  $p_T$ , large  $R=0.8$ , more grooming



High  $p_T$ , large  $R=0.8$ , less grooming



[Phys. Rev. D 101, 052007 \(2020\)](#)

Good description by MC generators

Largest discrepancies in the regions most affected by non pert. effects (higher  $\beta$ , low  $z_g$ )

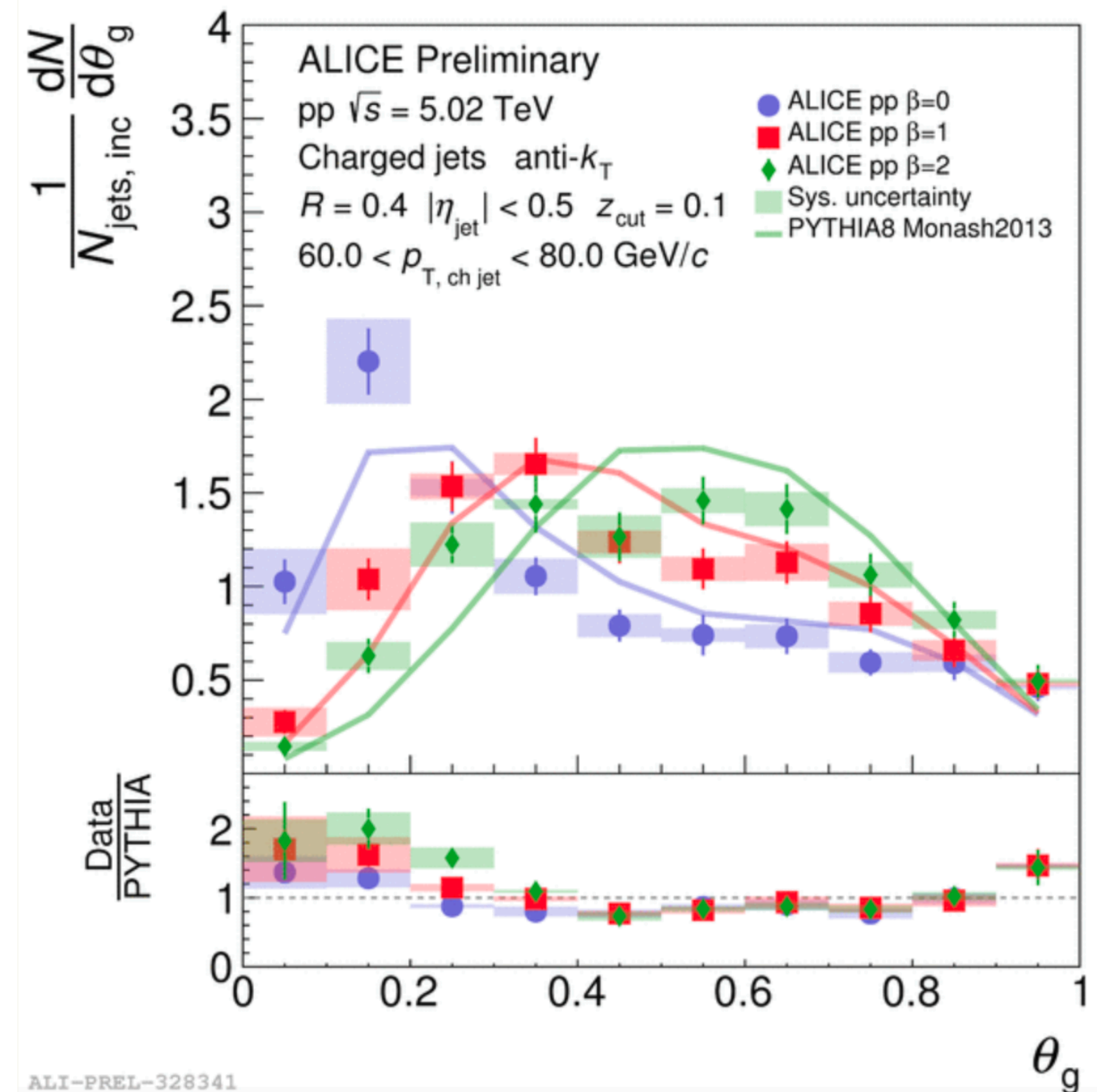
Low  $z_g$  affected by non pert. effects (UE)  
 More soft subleading prongs at large  $R$



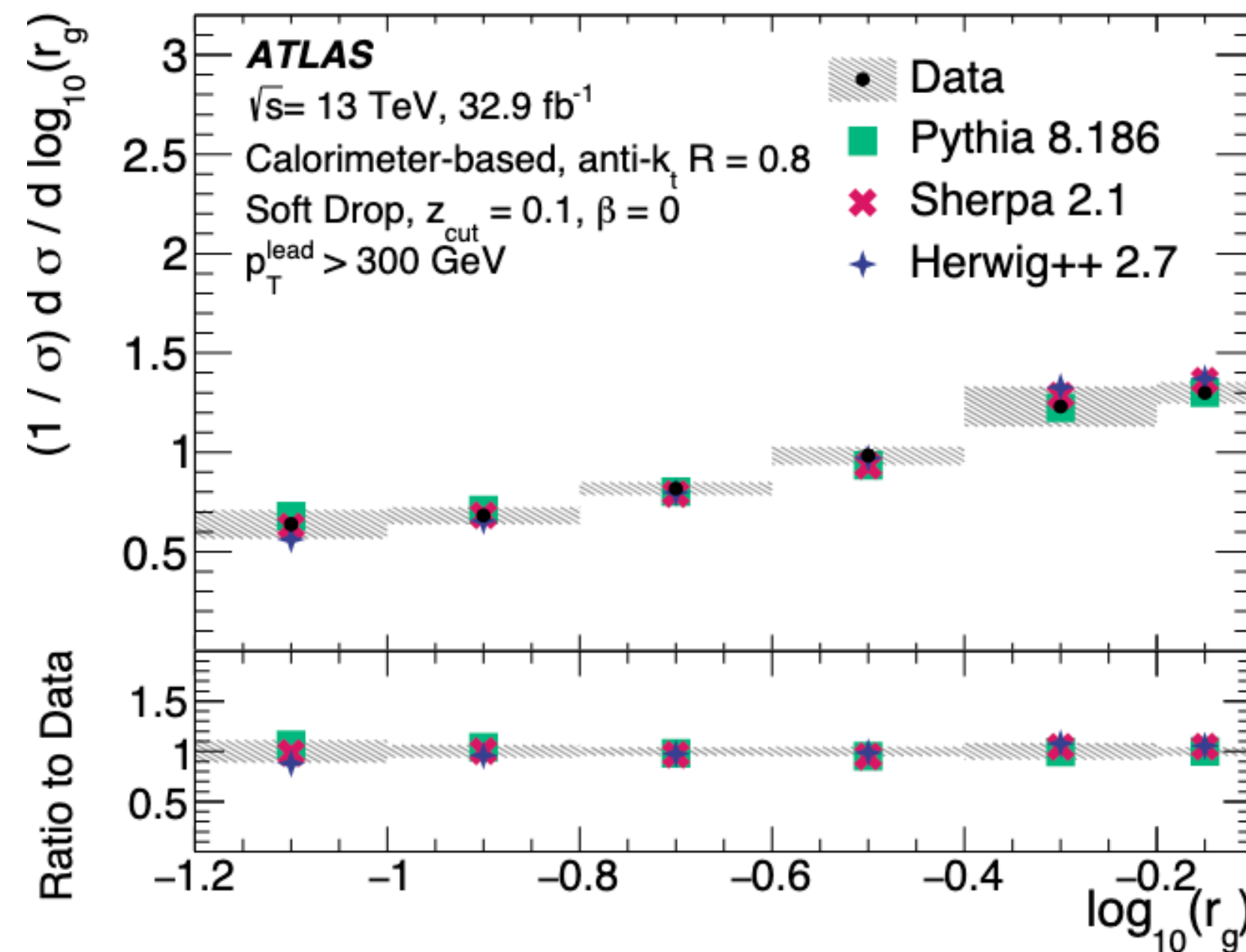
# The groomed jet radius

$$\theta_g = \frac{\Delta R(j_1, j_2)}{R_0}$$

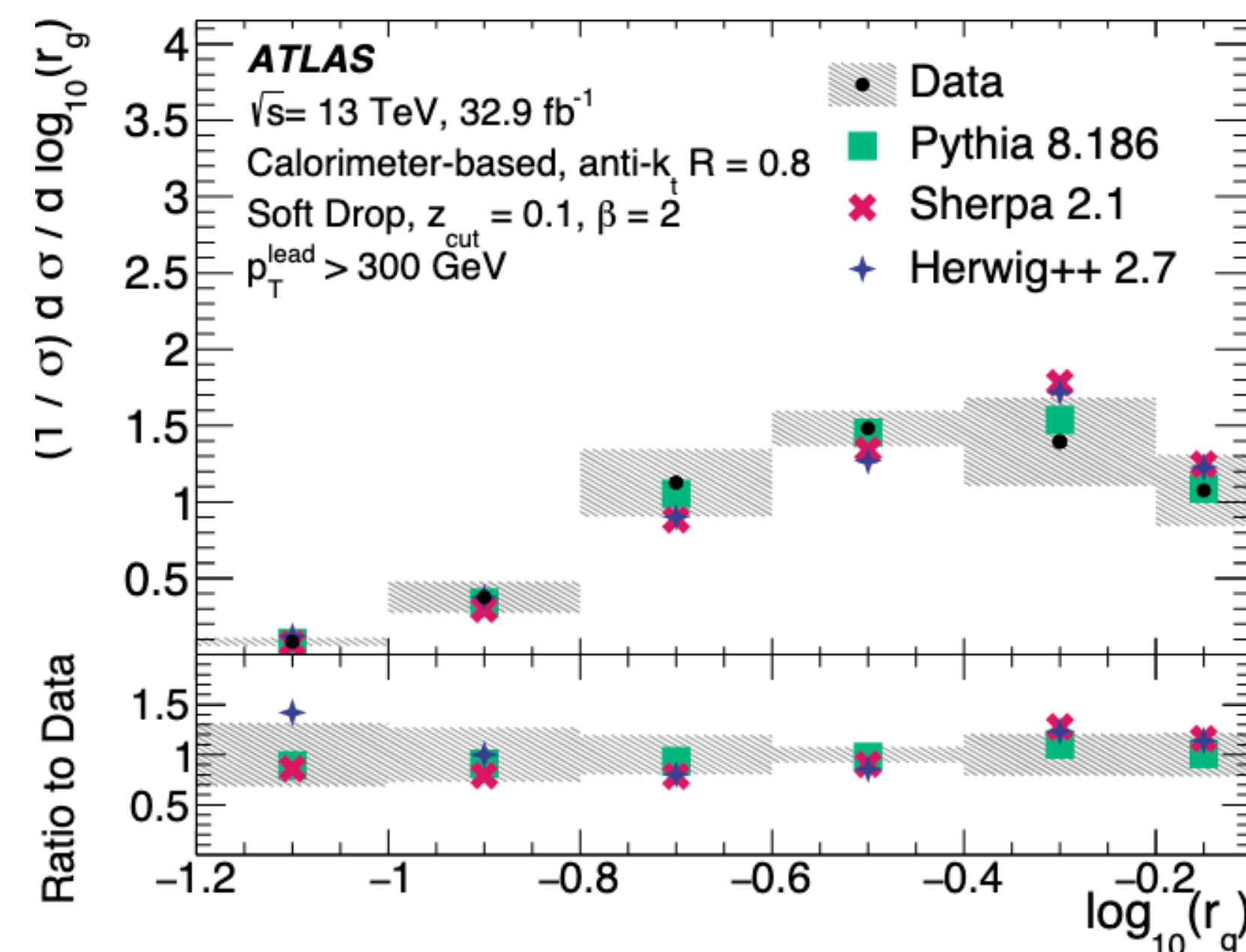
Low  $p_T$ ,  $R=0.4$



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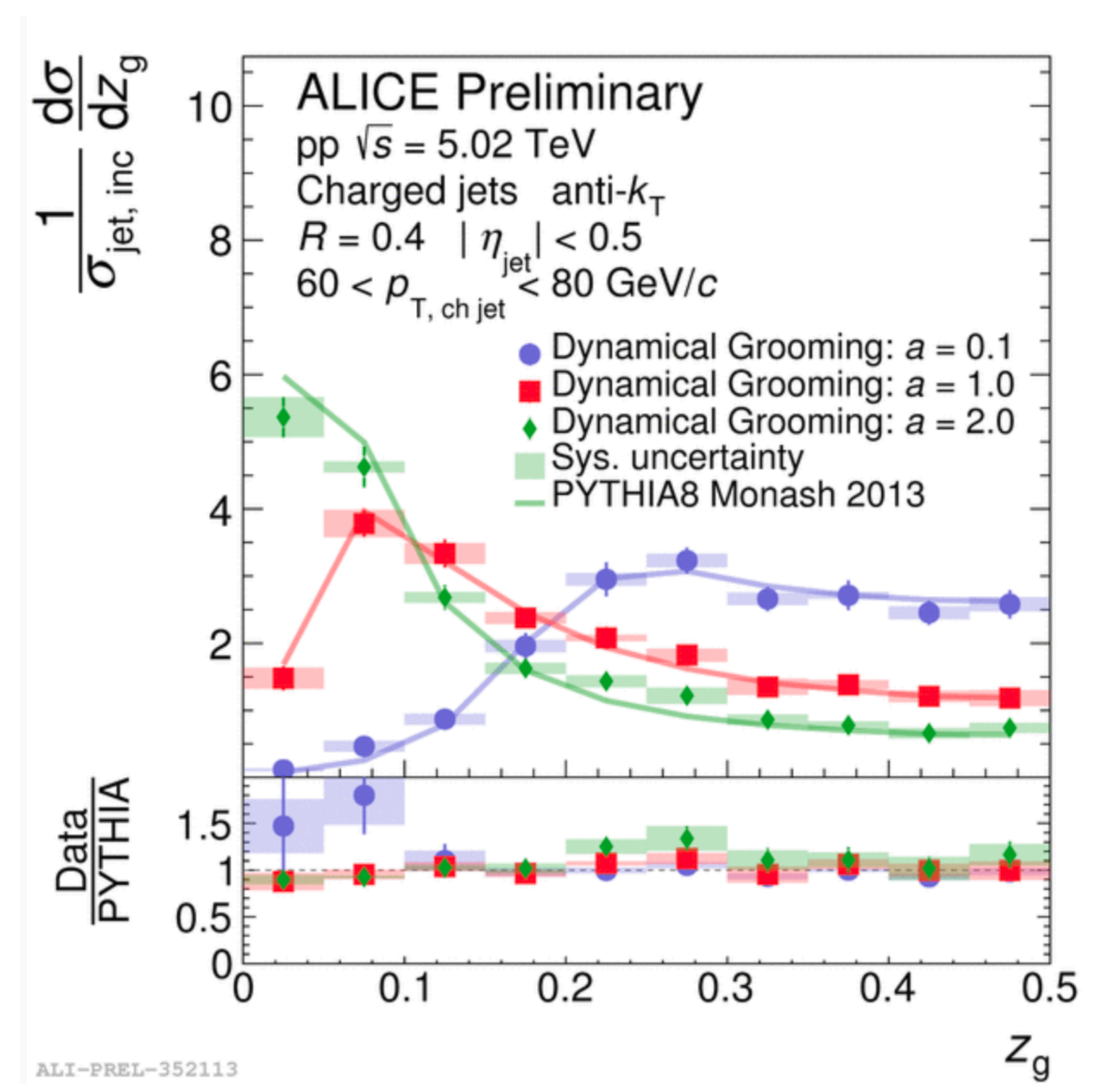
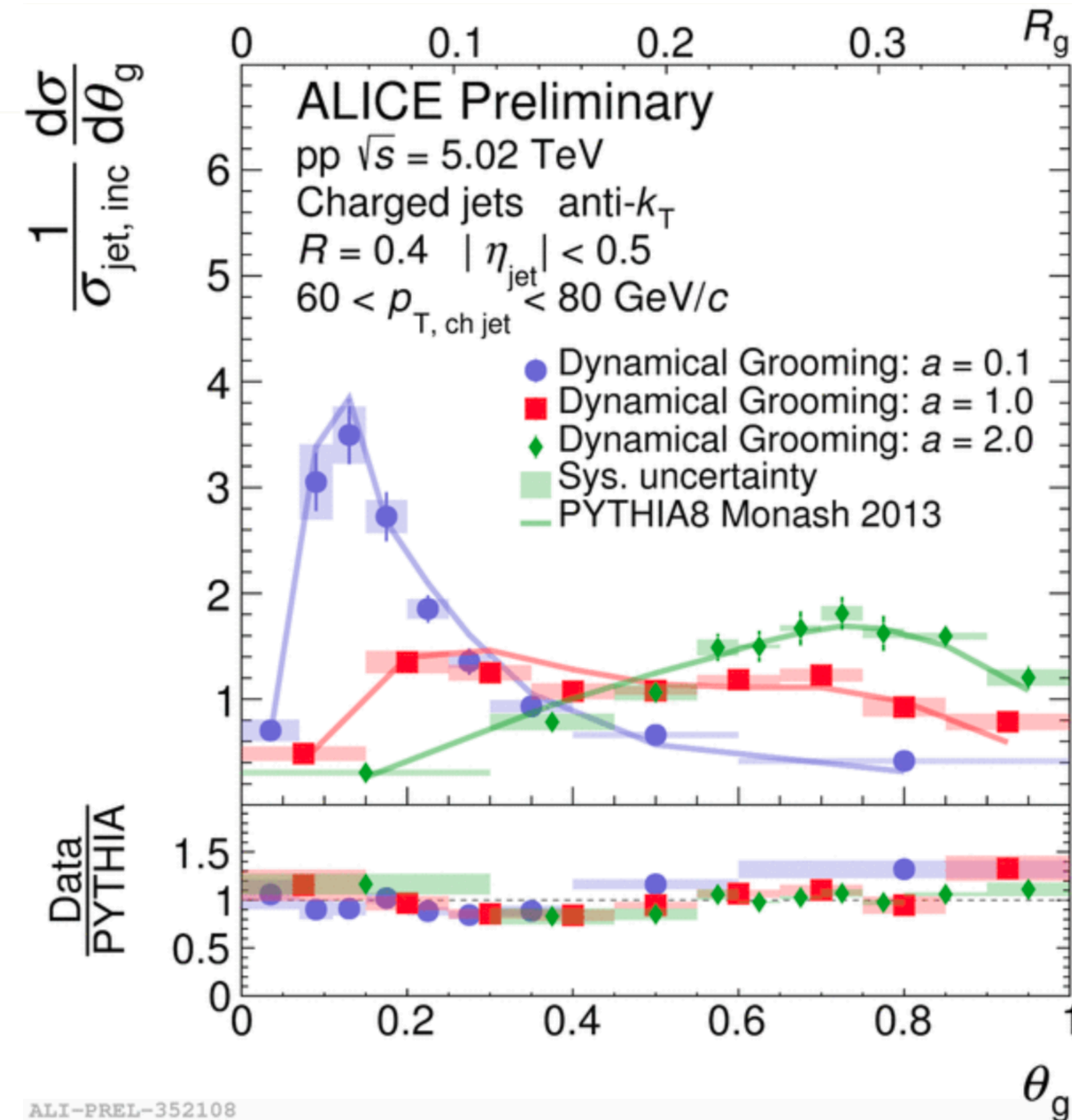
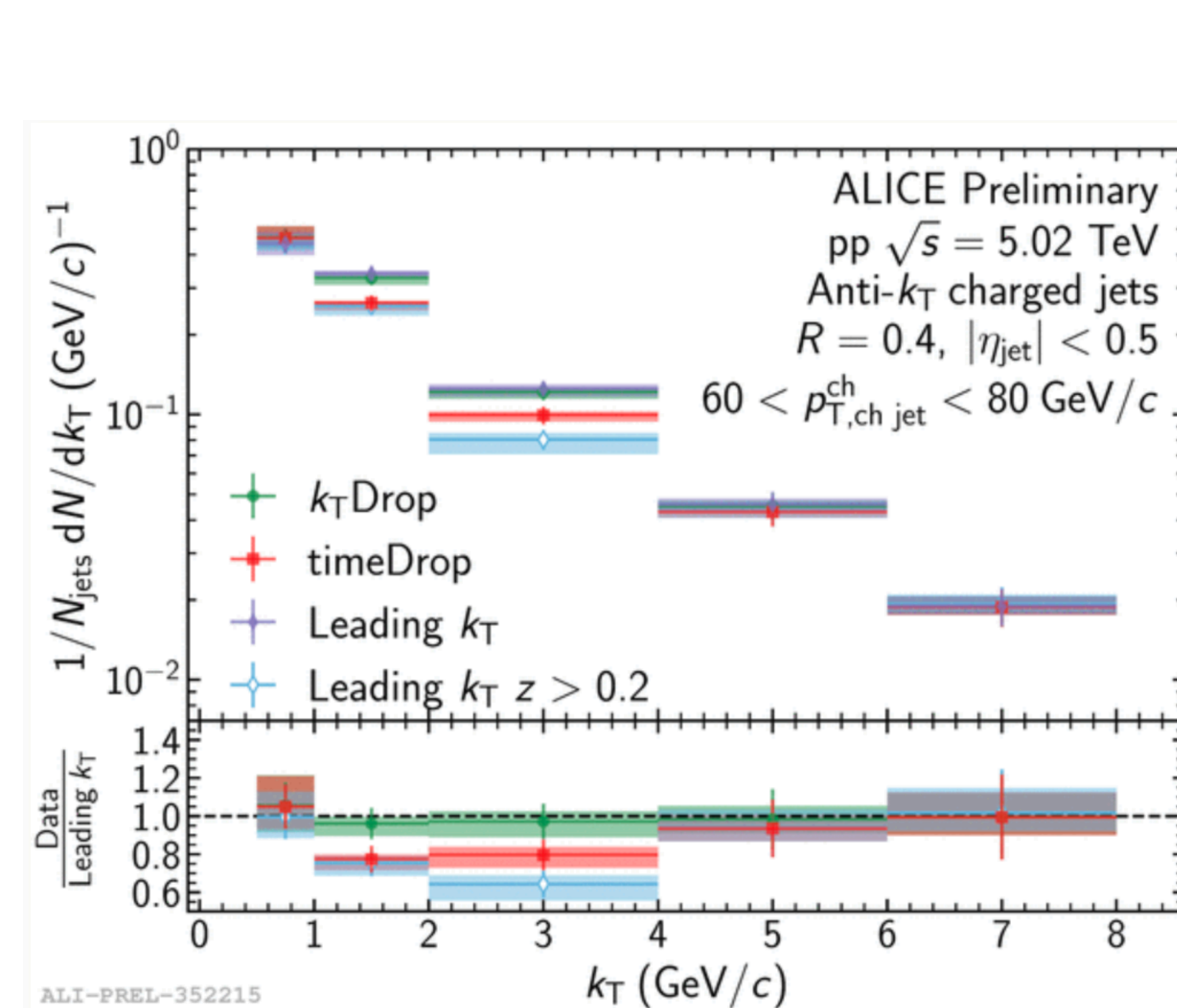


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# Dynamical grooming

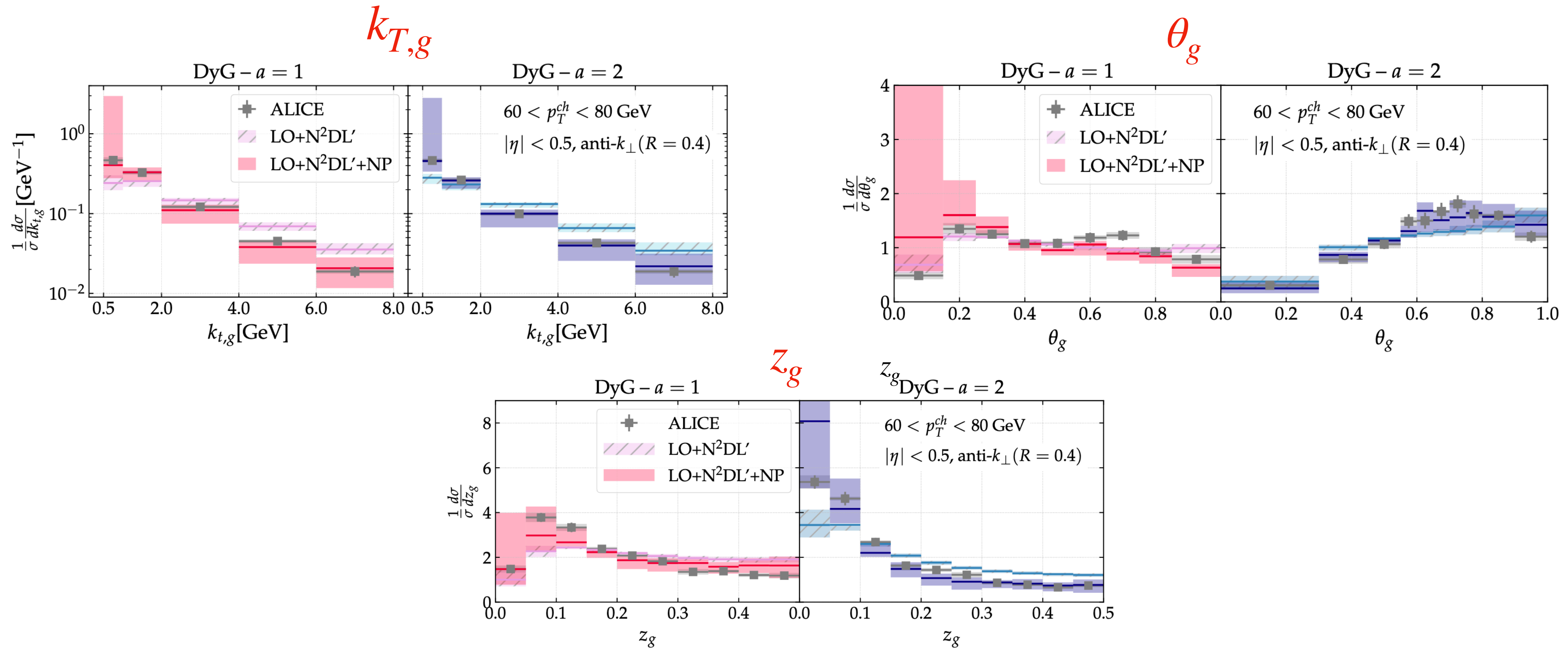


- First measurement of dynamical grooming
- Good agreement between PYTHIA and data
- At high  $k_T$ , different dyn grooming settings seem to select the same splitting
- First comparisons to analytical calculations at LO+N2DL accuracy [Caucal et al, arXiv:2103.06566](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.06566)



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New at LHC

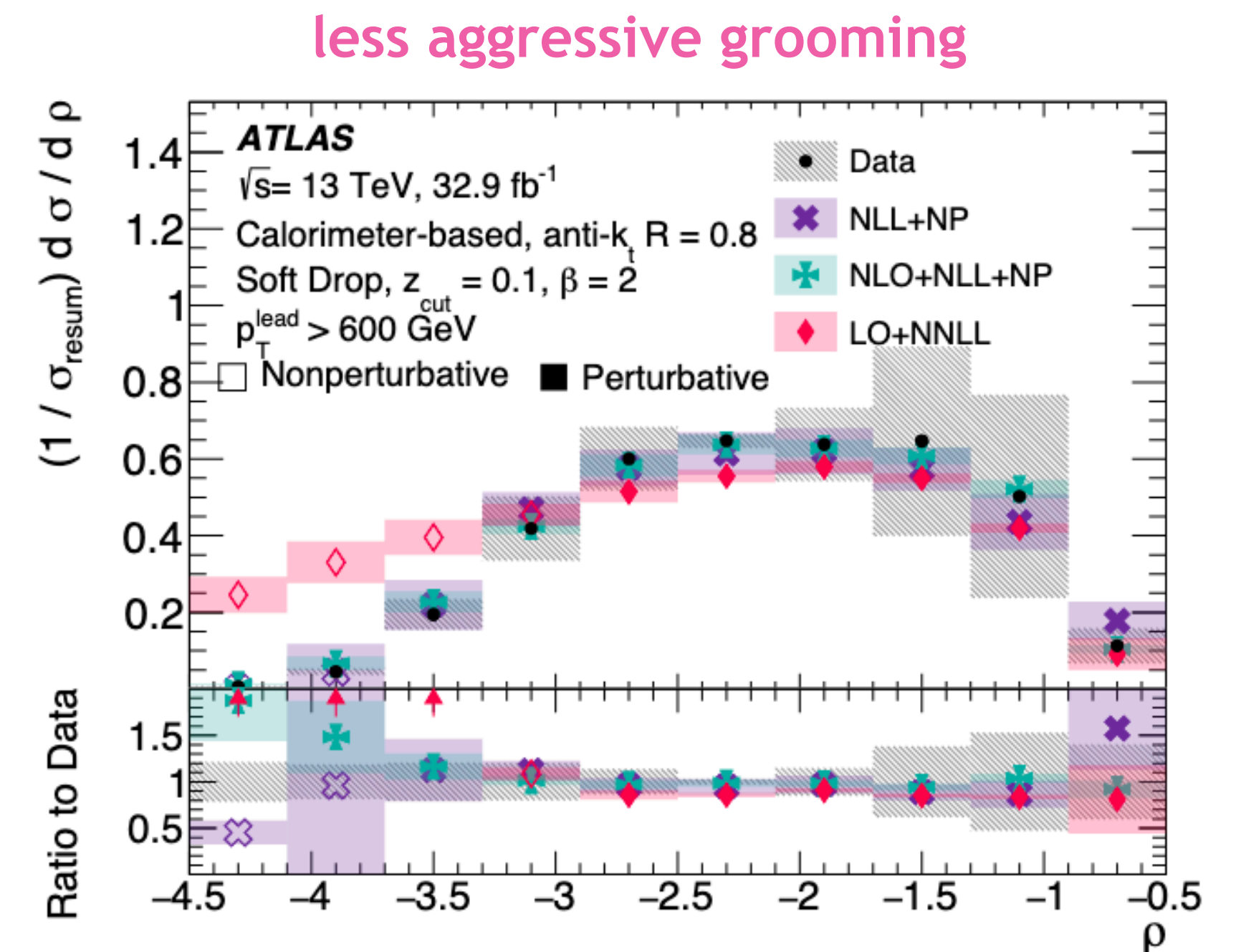
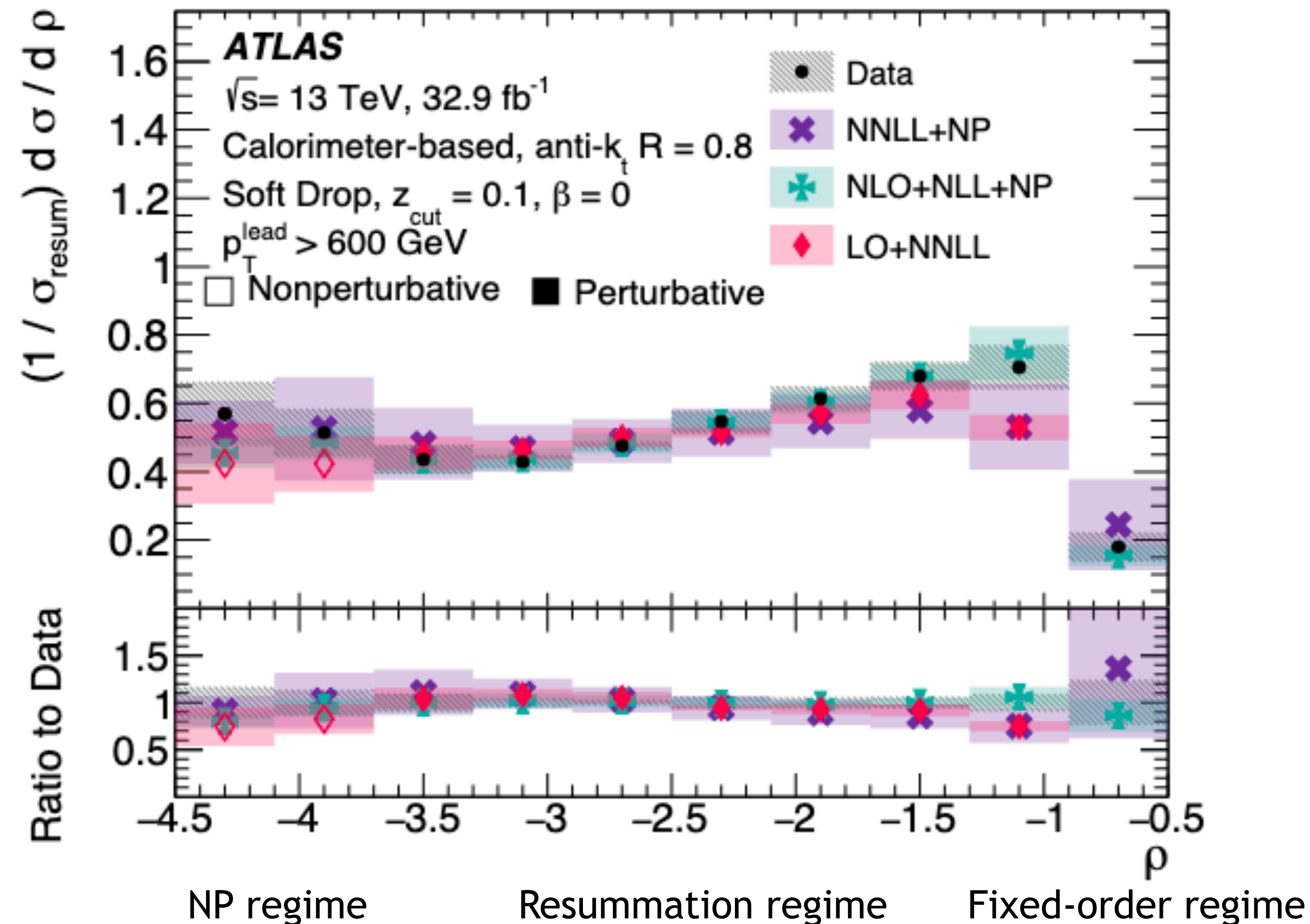


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# The groomed jet mass: precision QCD

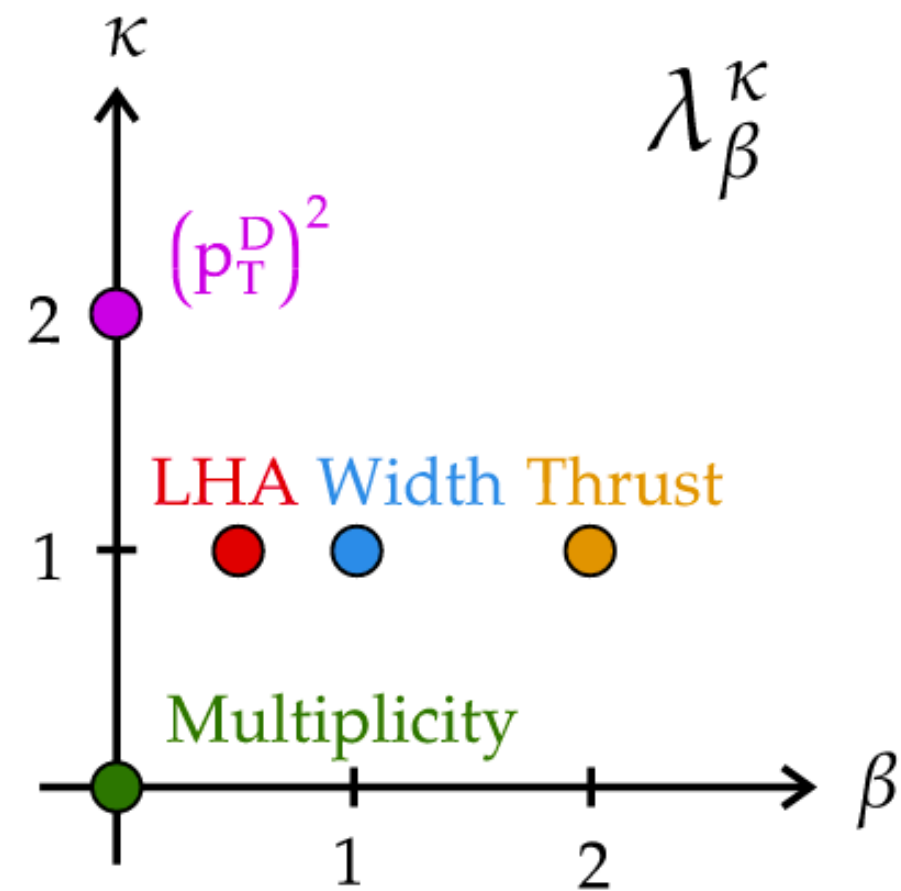
$$\rho = 2 \log_{10} \left( \frac{m_j}{p_{T,j} R} \right)$$

Phys. Rev. D 101, 052007 (2020)



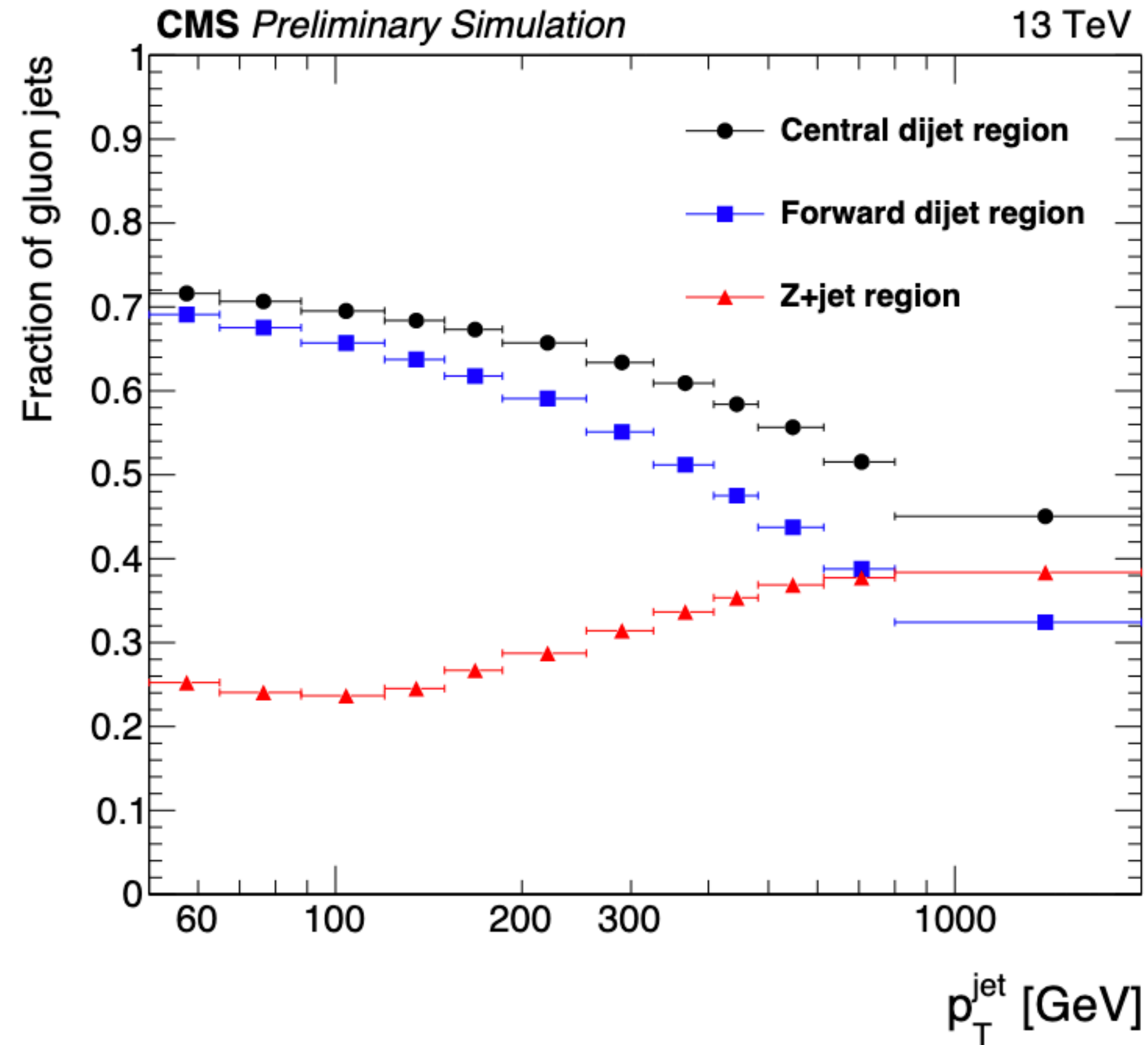
- The calculations are able to describe the data in the resummation regime at the level of 10%
- See also CMS comparisons of groomed and ungroomed mass [CMS, JHEP 11 \(2018\) 113](#)
- $R_g$  comparison to NLL calculations also available (see backup)

# Quark and gluon fragmentation



$$\lambda_{\beta}^{\kappa} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i^{\kappa} \left( \frac{\Delta R_i}{R} \right)^{\beta}$$

[CMS PAS SMP-20-010](#)



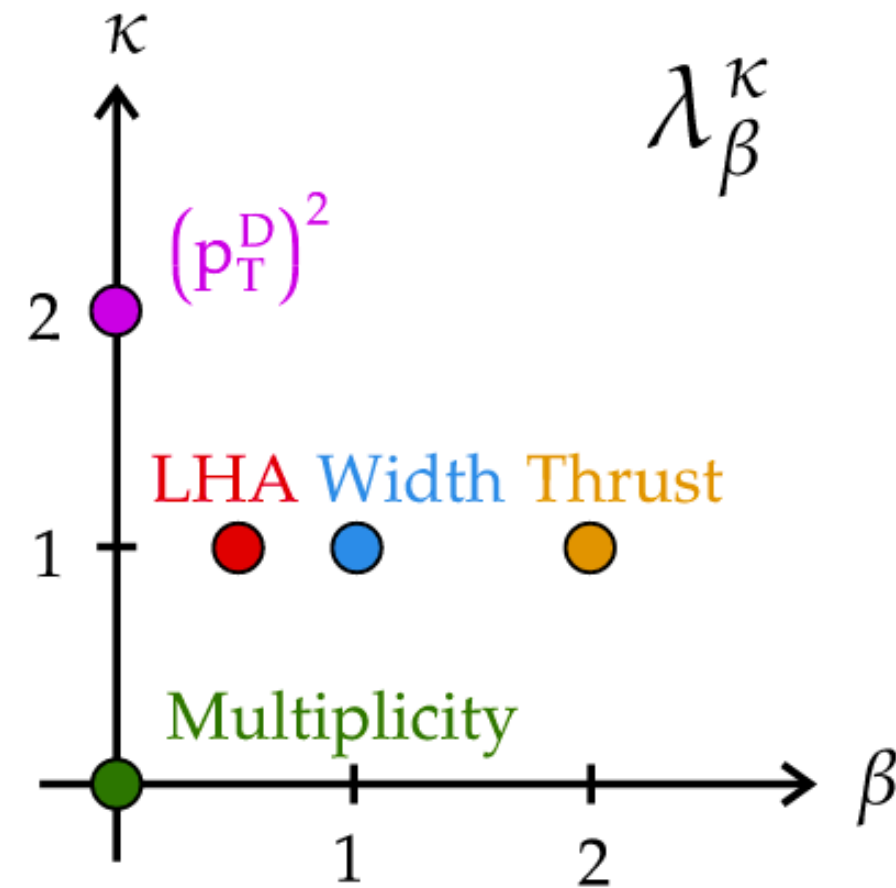
Quark fractions can be enhanced by selecting Z/ $\gamma$ -jet events



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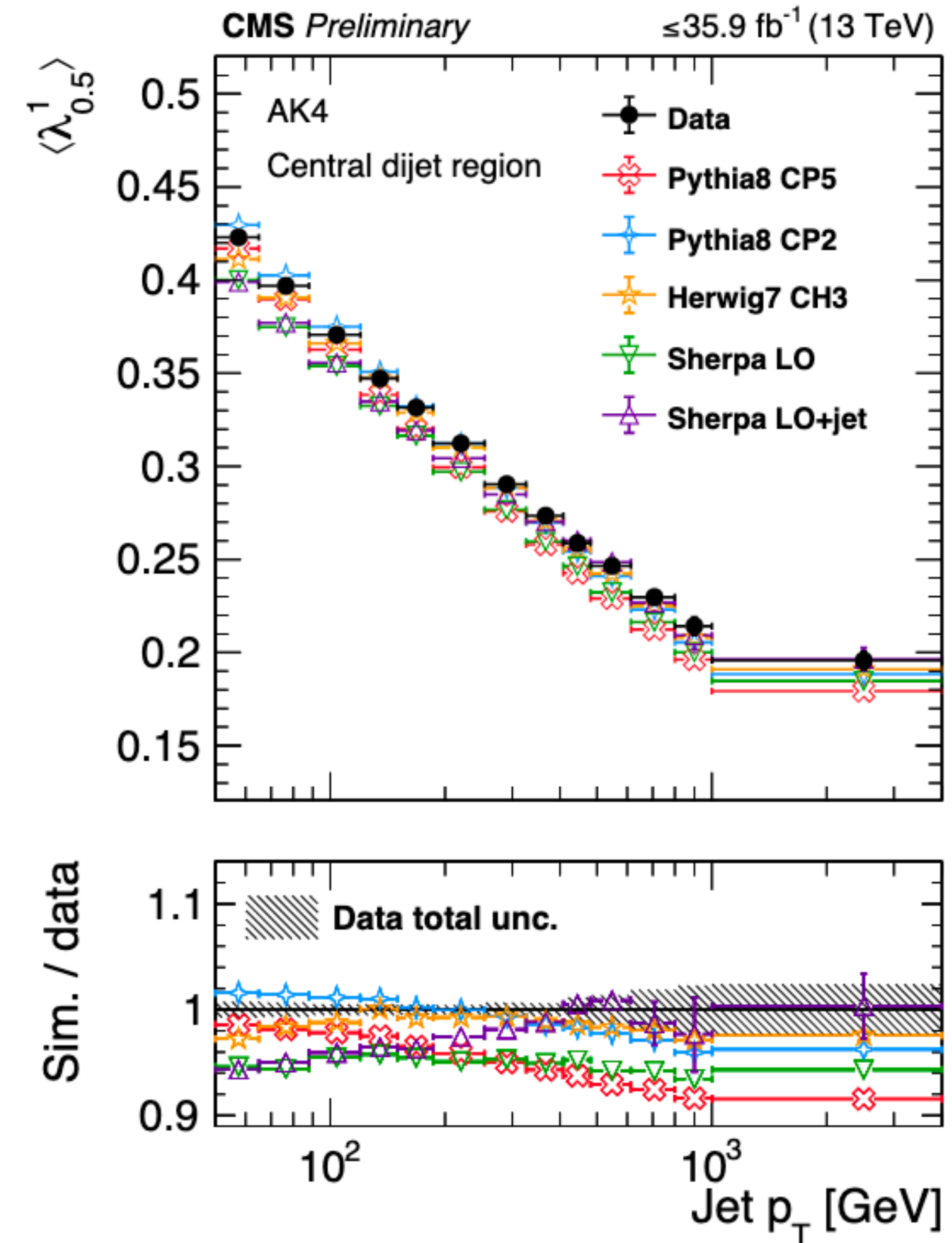
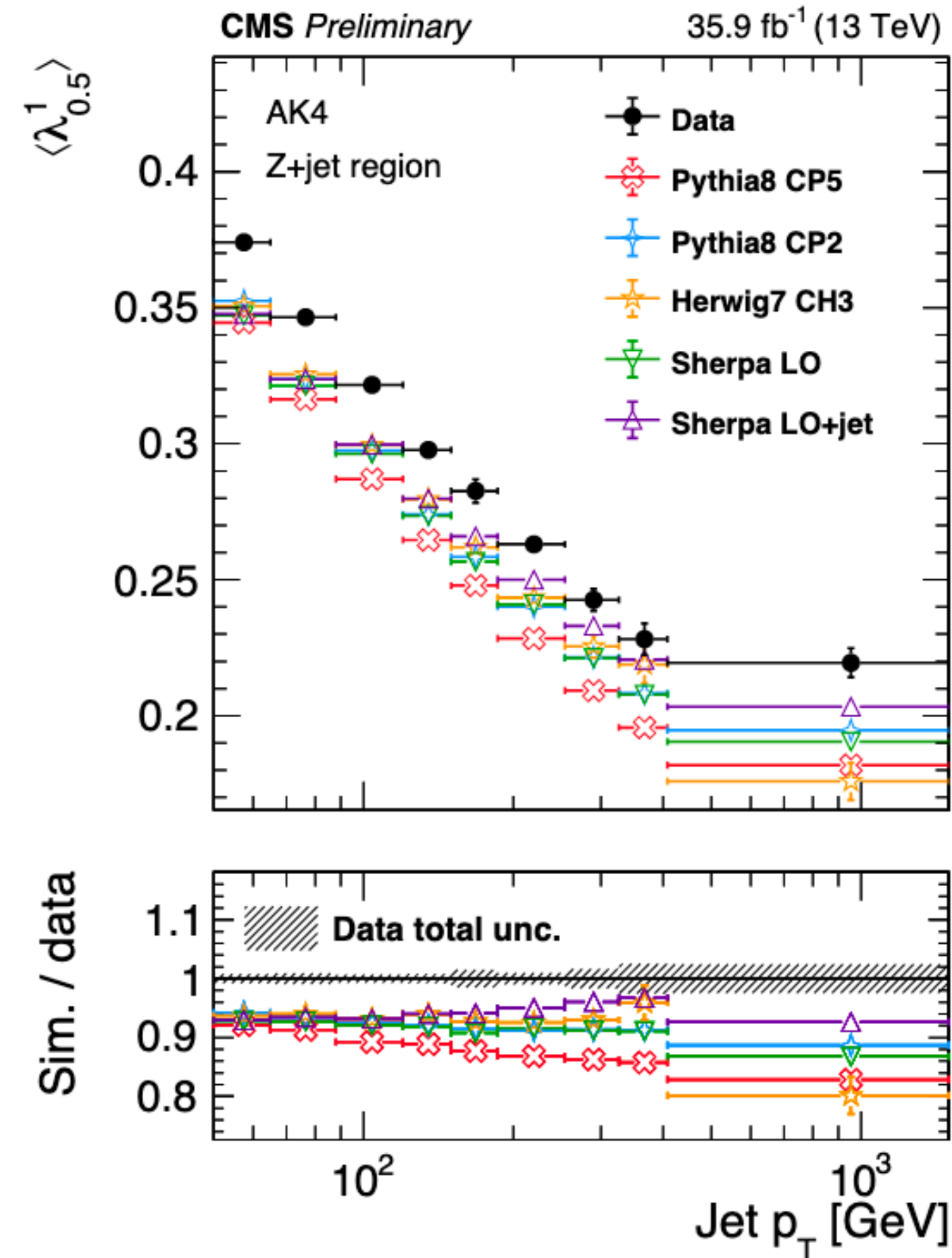
*Z+jet, quark-enriched*

*dijets, gluon-enriched*



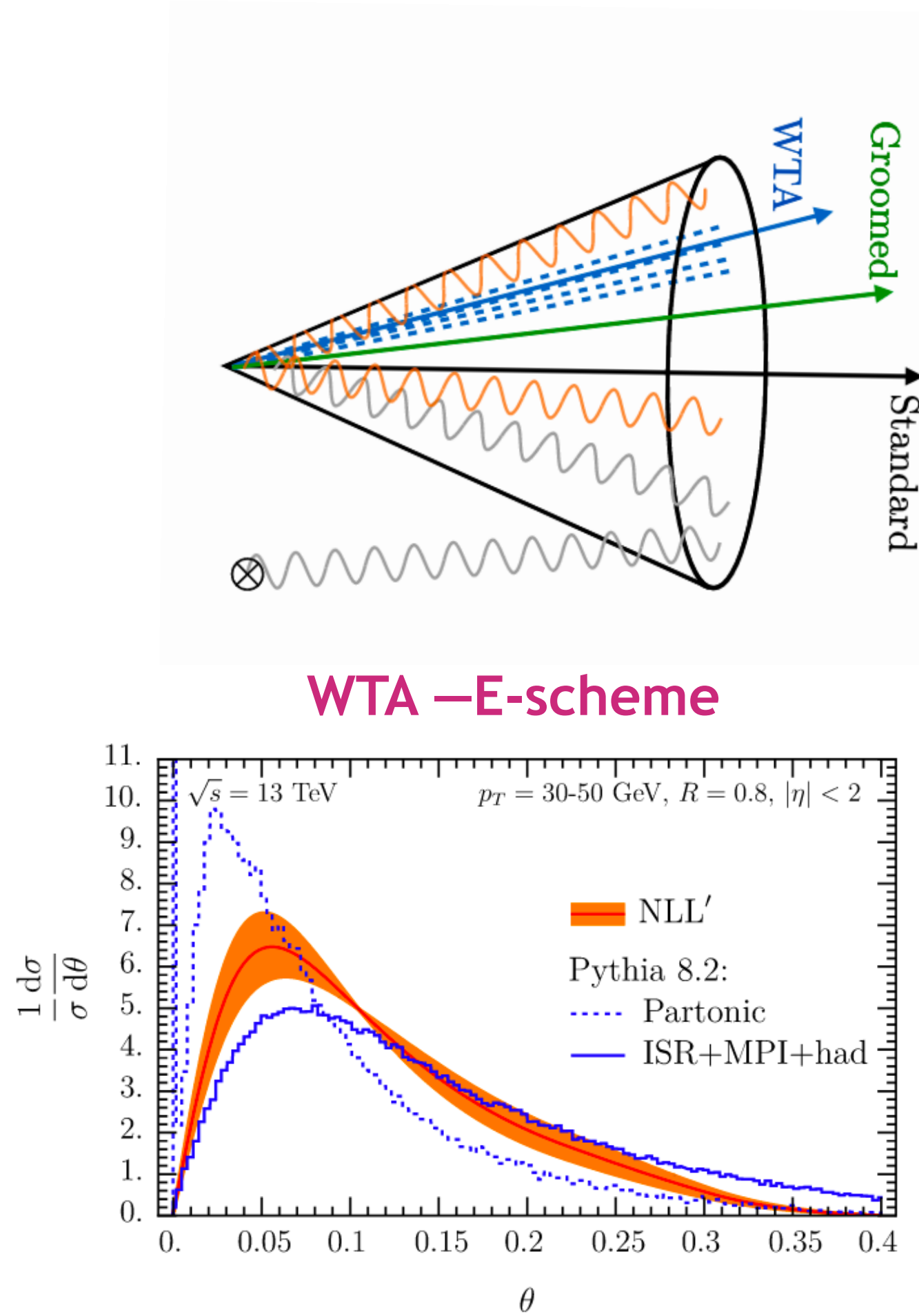
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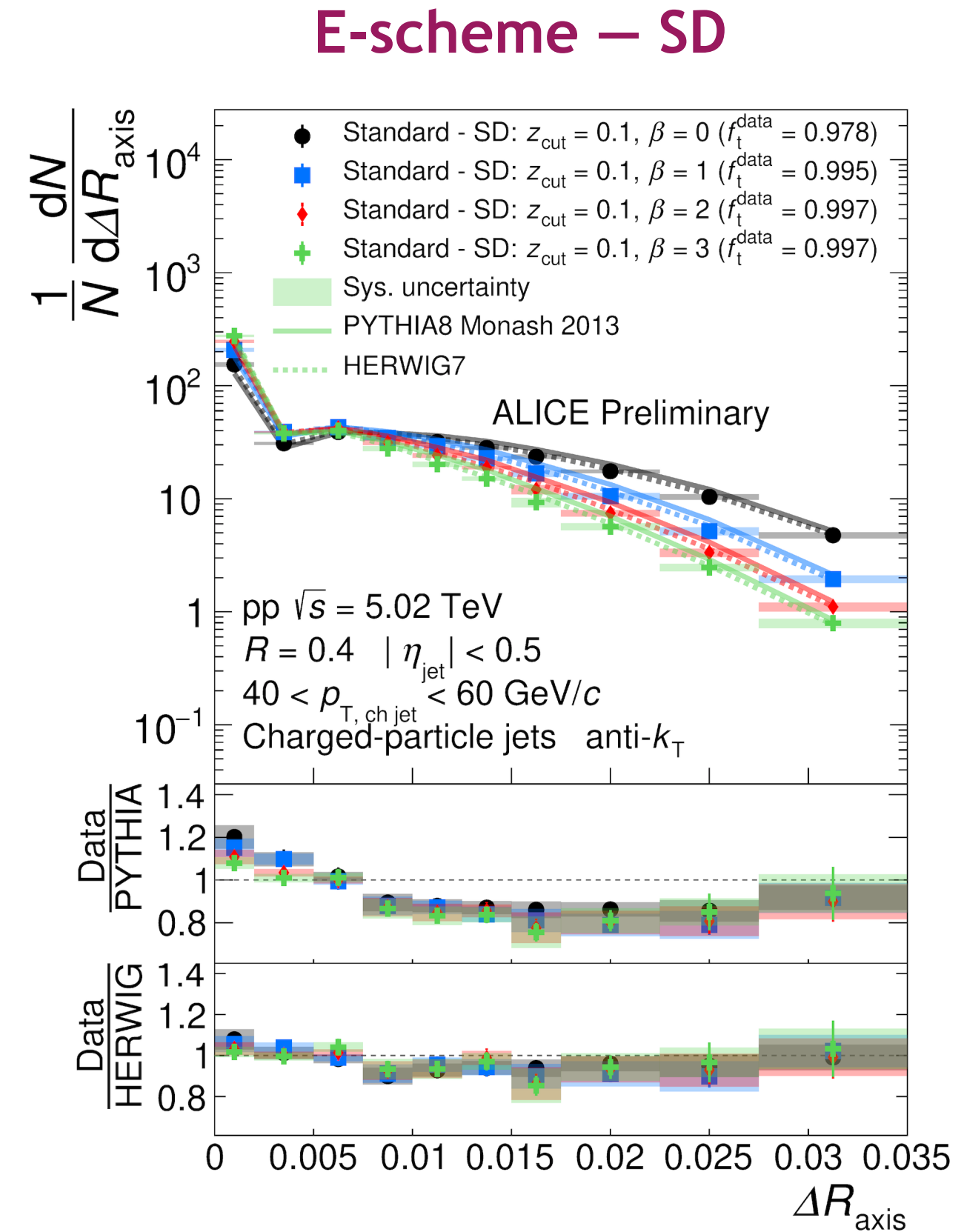


- At LO, LHA, Width, Thrust, Multiplicity, are expected to be higher in gluon-enriched samples
- Quark and gluon initiated jet showers not well described by generators, **important consequences for taggers**

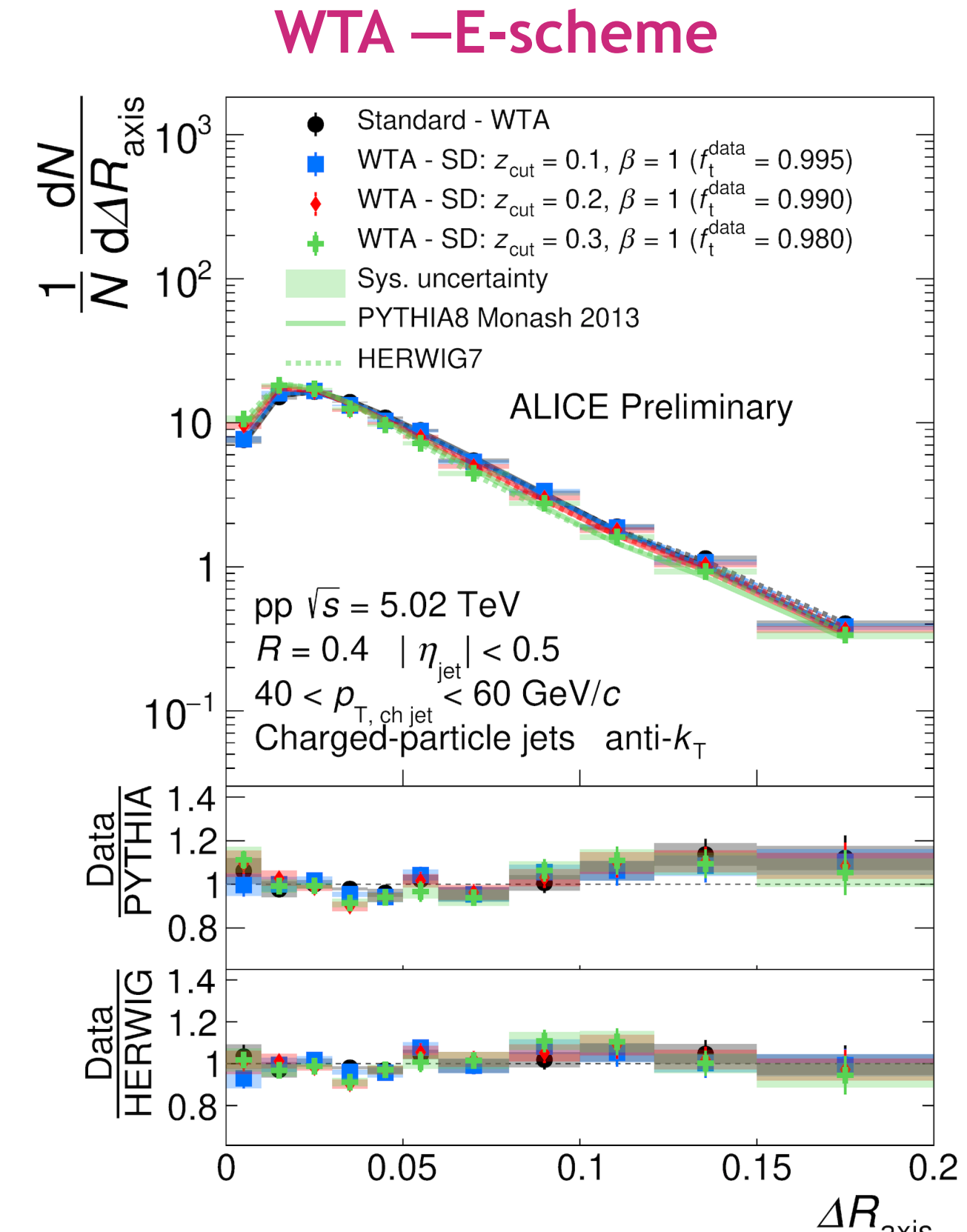
# Measuring the angle between different jet axes



[Cal et al, JHEP 04 \(2020\) 211](#)



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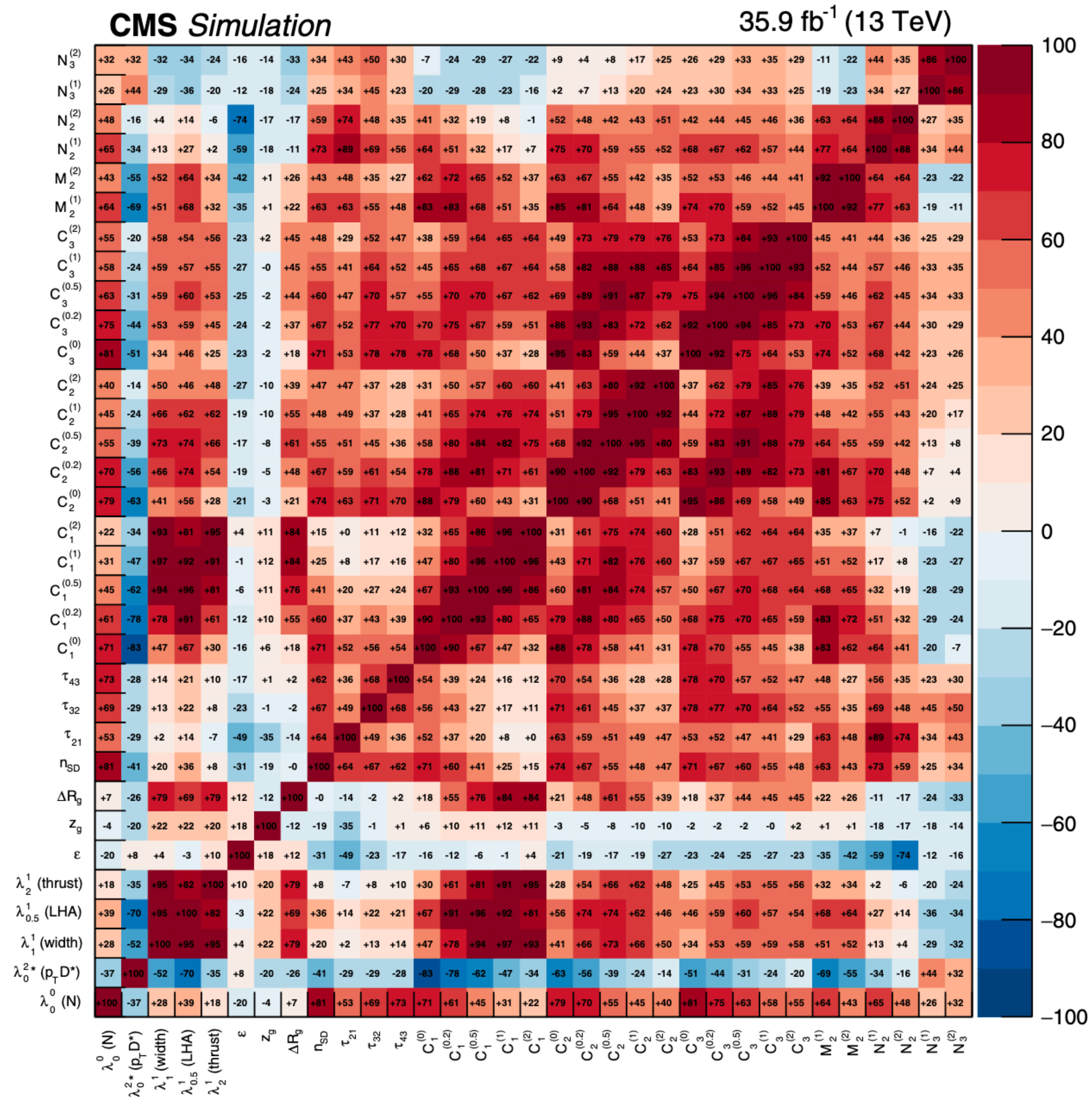


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- Strong correlation between SD and E-scheme axes
- More aggressive grooming ( $\beta=0$ ) -> larger  $\Delta R_{axis}$  for SD and E-scheme
- Negligible dependence on grooming condition for WTA–E-scheme
- Differences sensitive to soft radiation pattern



# Correlation of substructure observables



Most of the considered substructure observables are strongly correlated

Useful to select a set of minimally correlated variables:

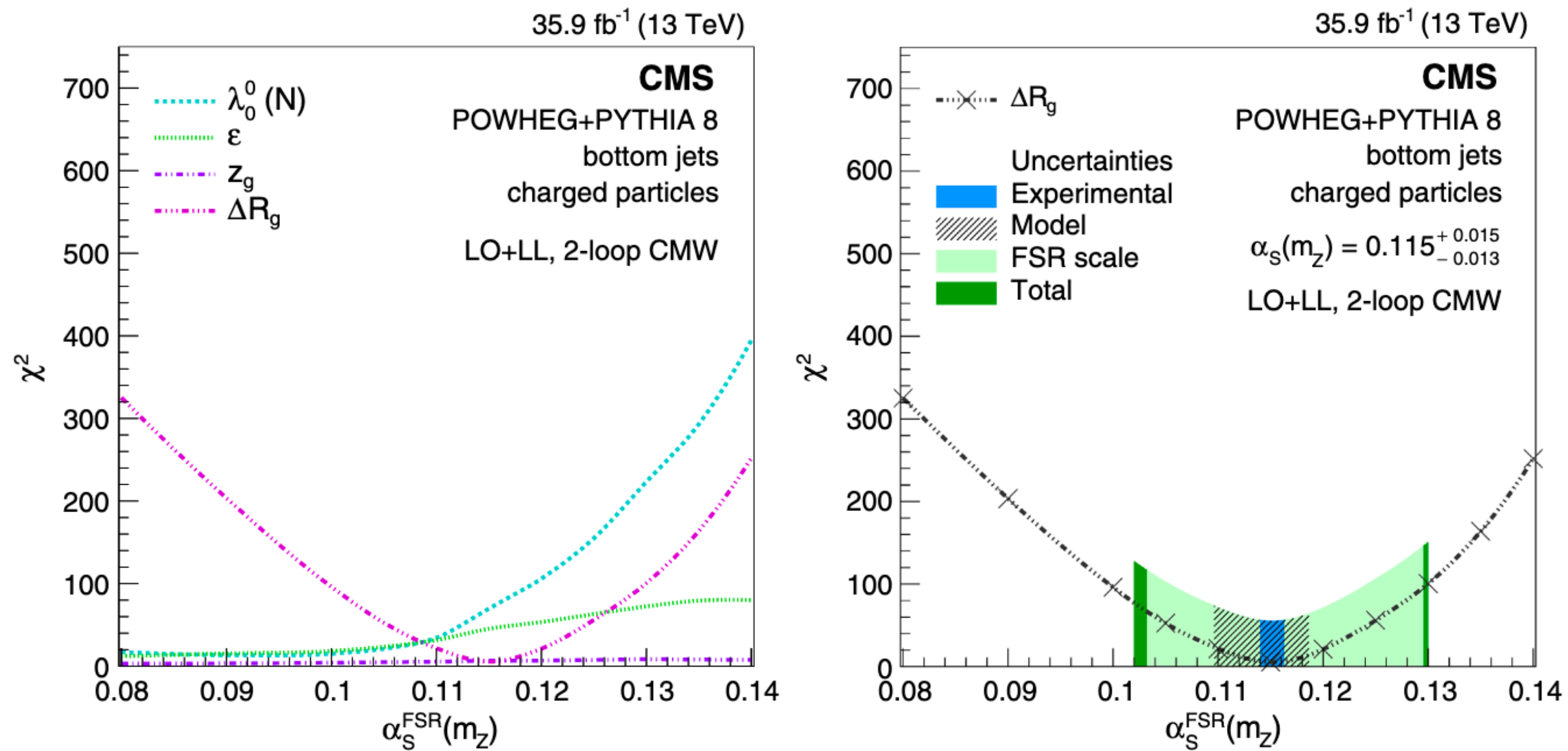
$R_g, z_g, \text{multiplicity}, \epsilon$

And study the best  $\alpha_S(m_Z)$  that describes the data

This kind of consideration has broad scope!

*CMS, Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 9, 092014*

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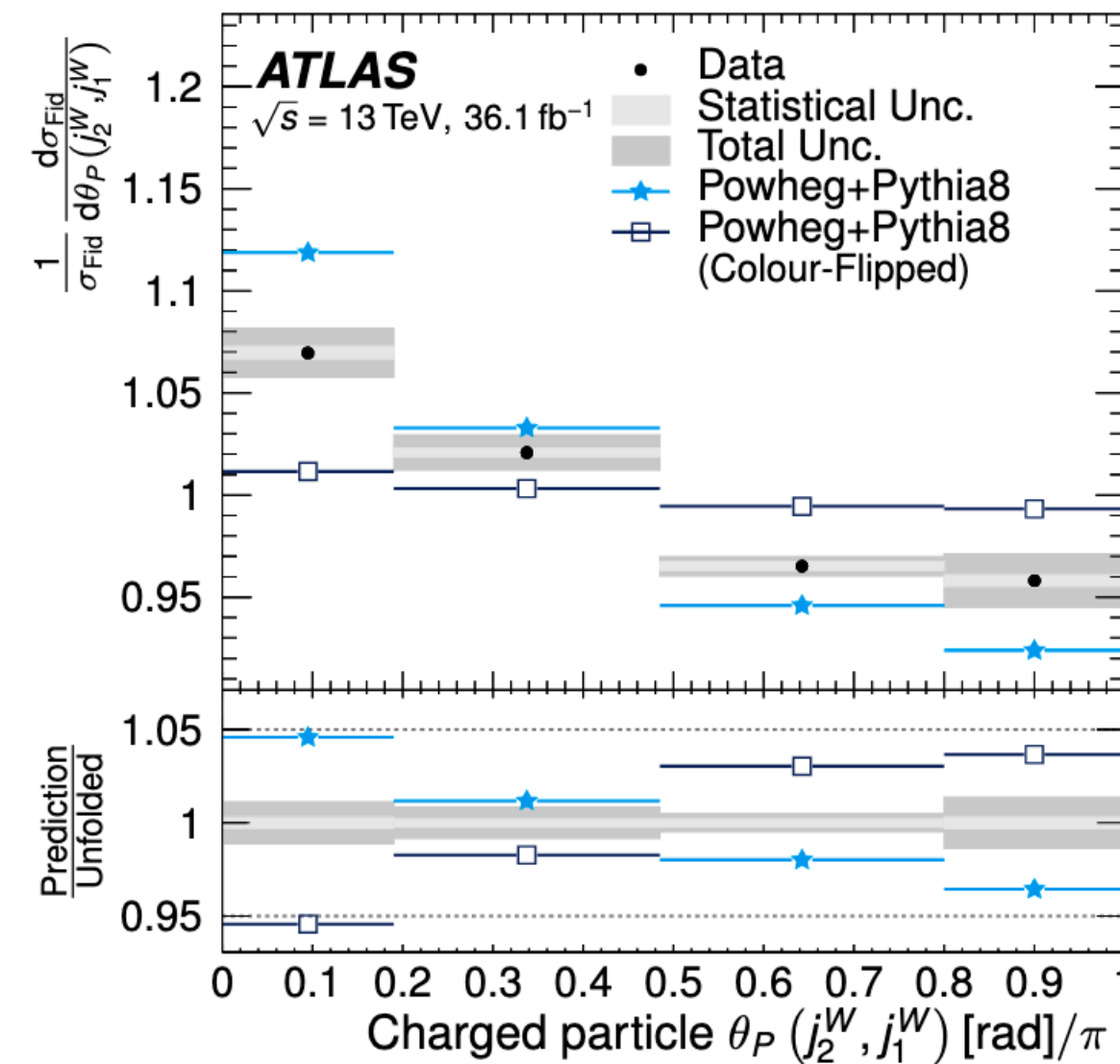
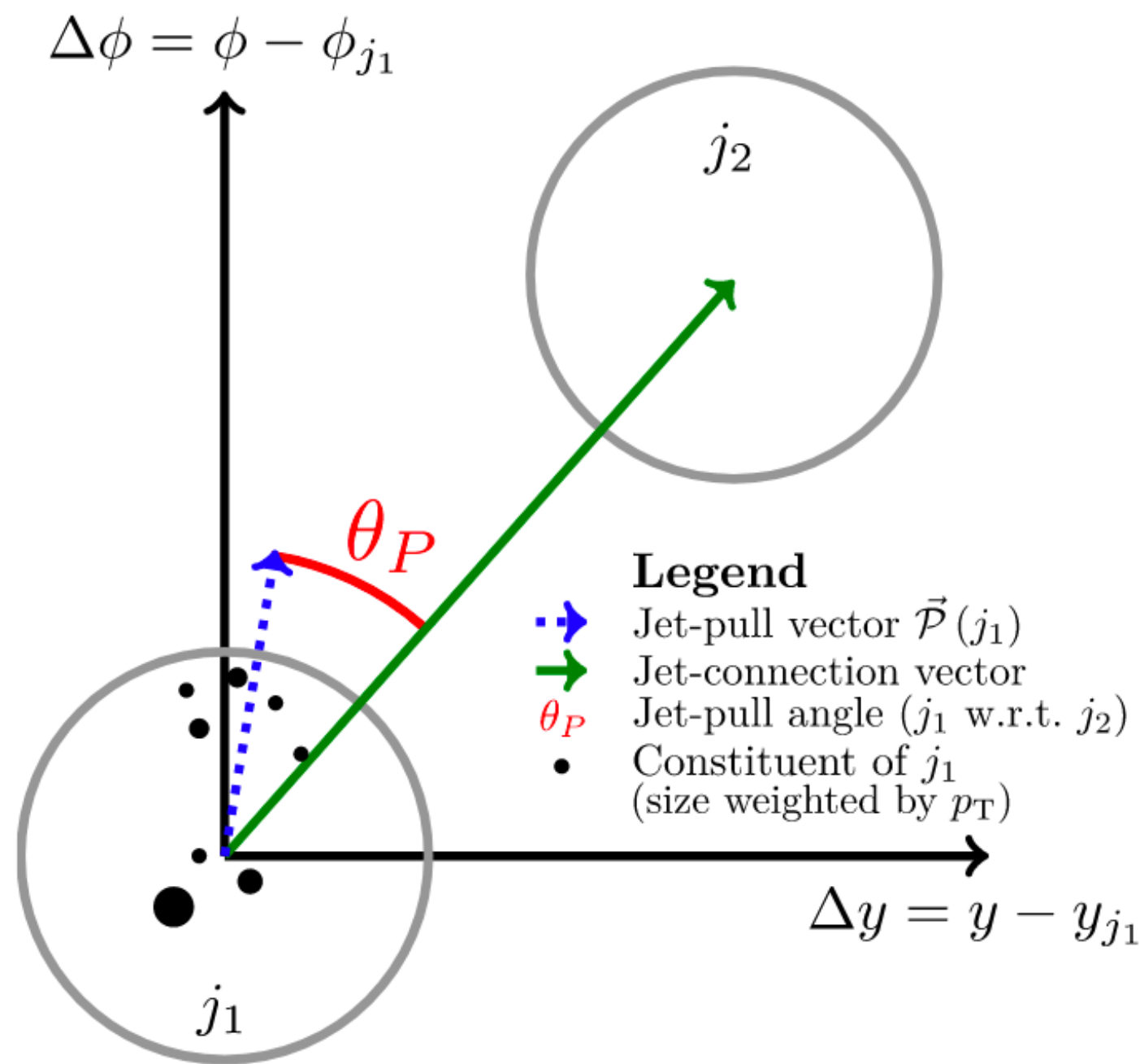
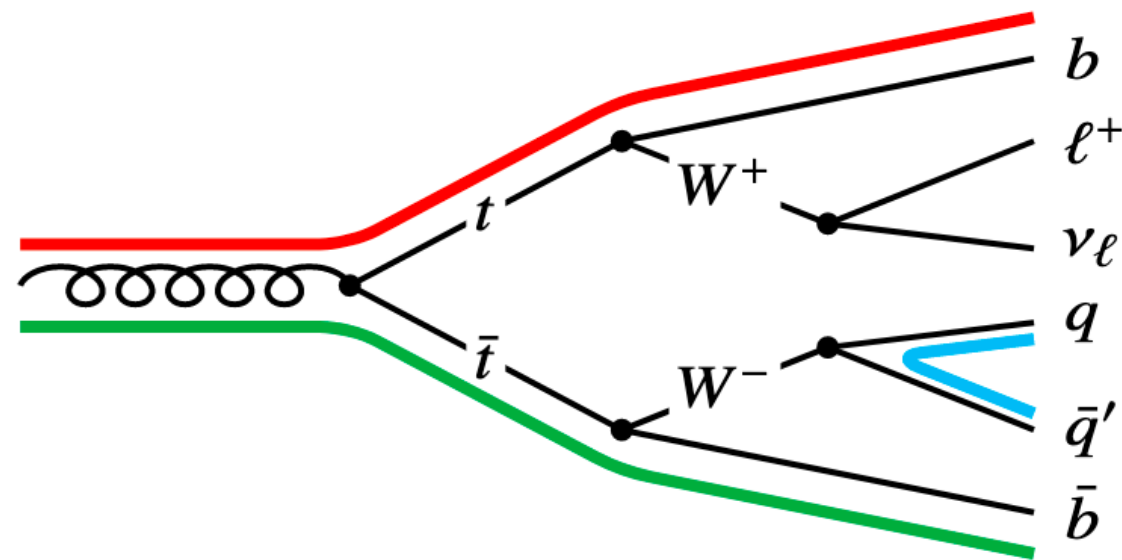
- $z_g$  independent on  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  (LO expectation)
- Multiplicity expected to be highly affected by non pert. effects
- $R_g$ ; lower impact of non pert. radiation, sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$

[CMS, Phys.Rev.D 98 \(2018\) 9, 092014](#)

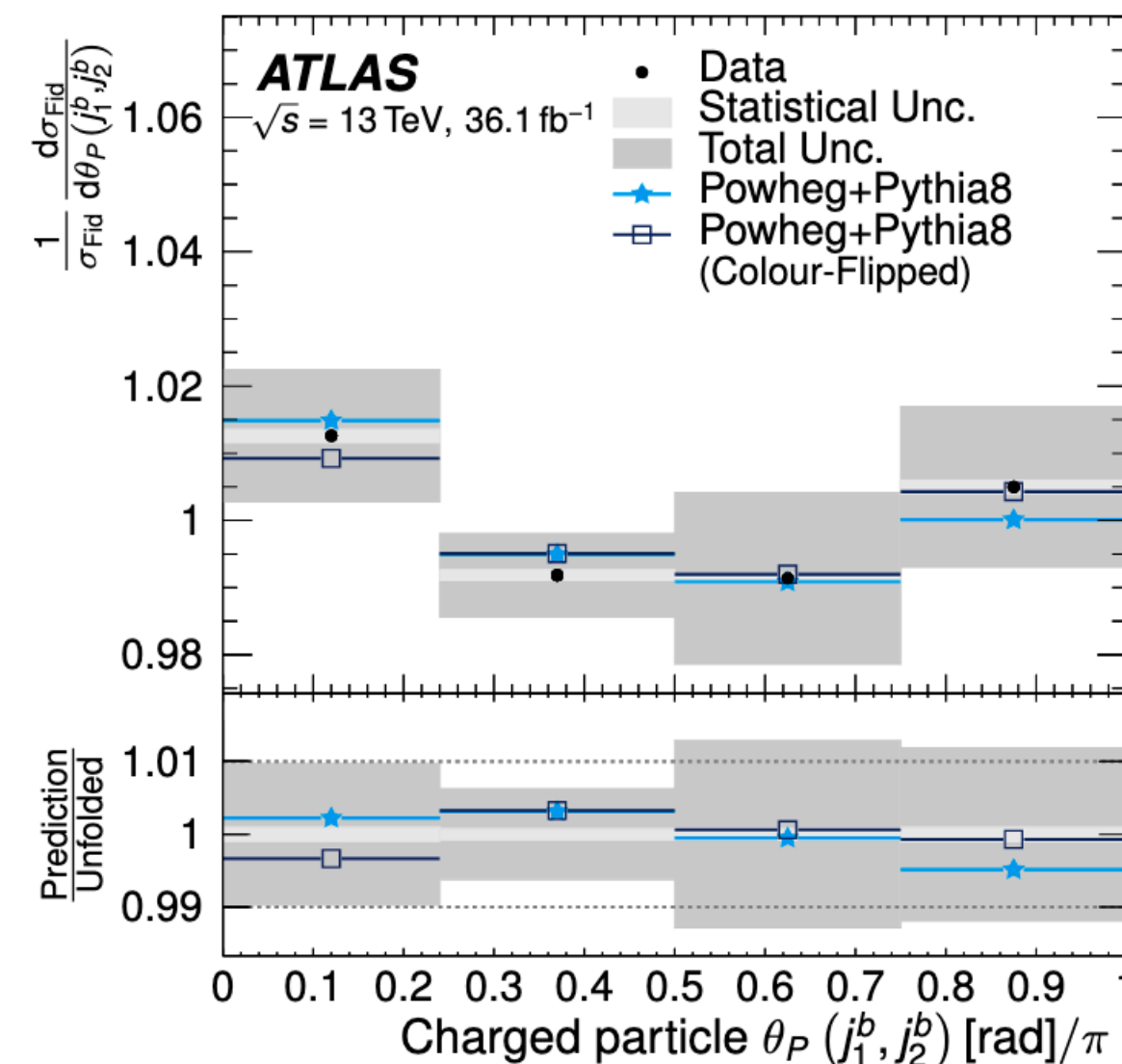


# What about colour flow?

## Color singlet vs octet decays



(b)  $\theta_P(j_2^W, j_1^W)$



Pull angle: measurement of how much the radiation pattern from one jet leans towards another

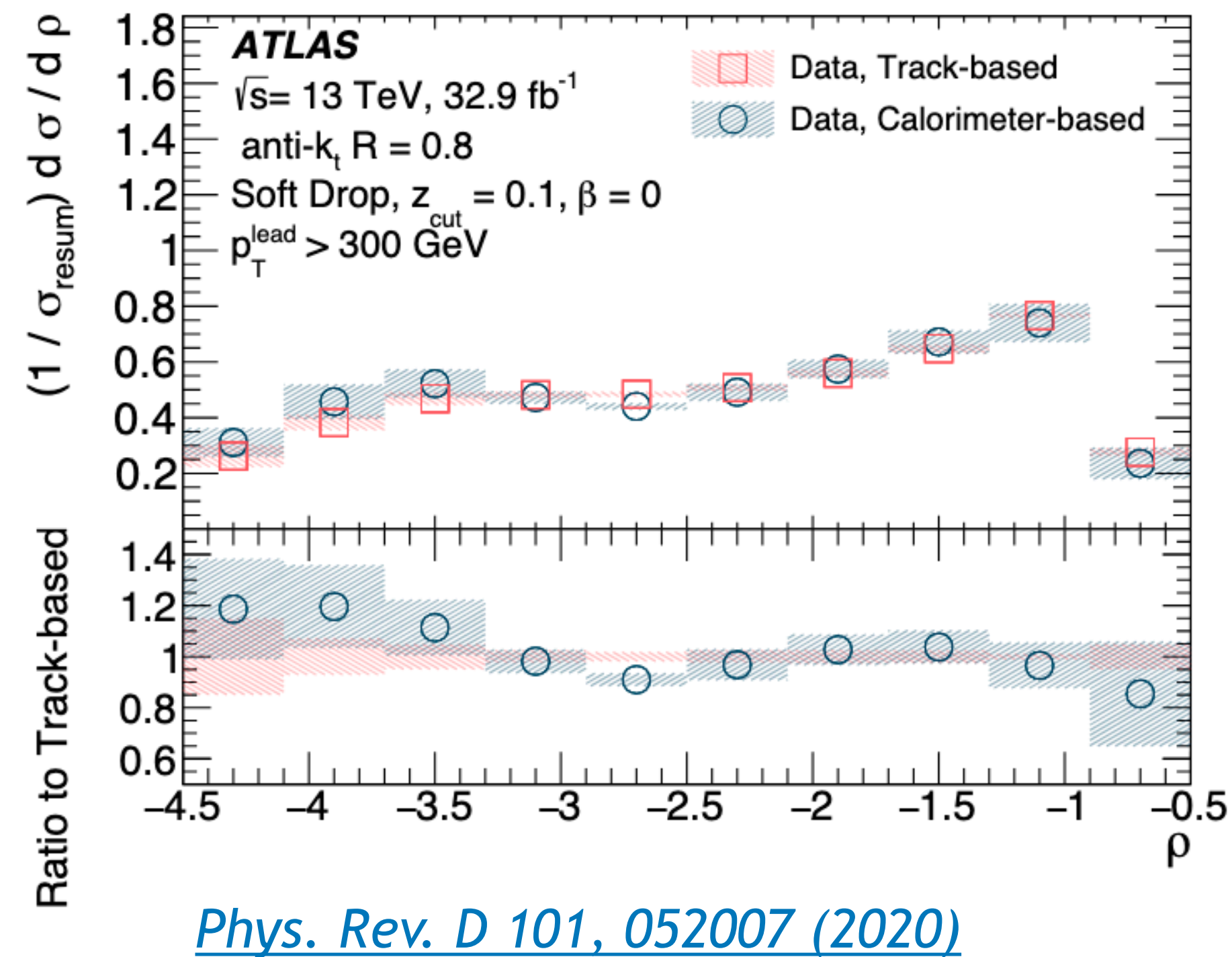
Color flow not well constrained in QCD

Color info could complement kinematic properties to select specific topologies

New IRC-safe version (pull magnitude and projections)

*Larkoski et al, JHEP 01 (2020) 104*

# A note on calorimetric vs track-based results



Track-based measurements are more precise due to the angular resolution of tracks

Relevant question with substructure entering precision regime: can jet substructure be formulated in a manner that facilitates more precise calculations?

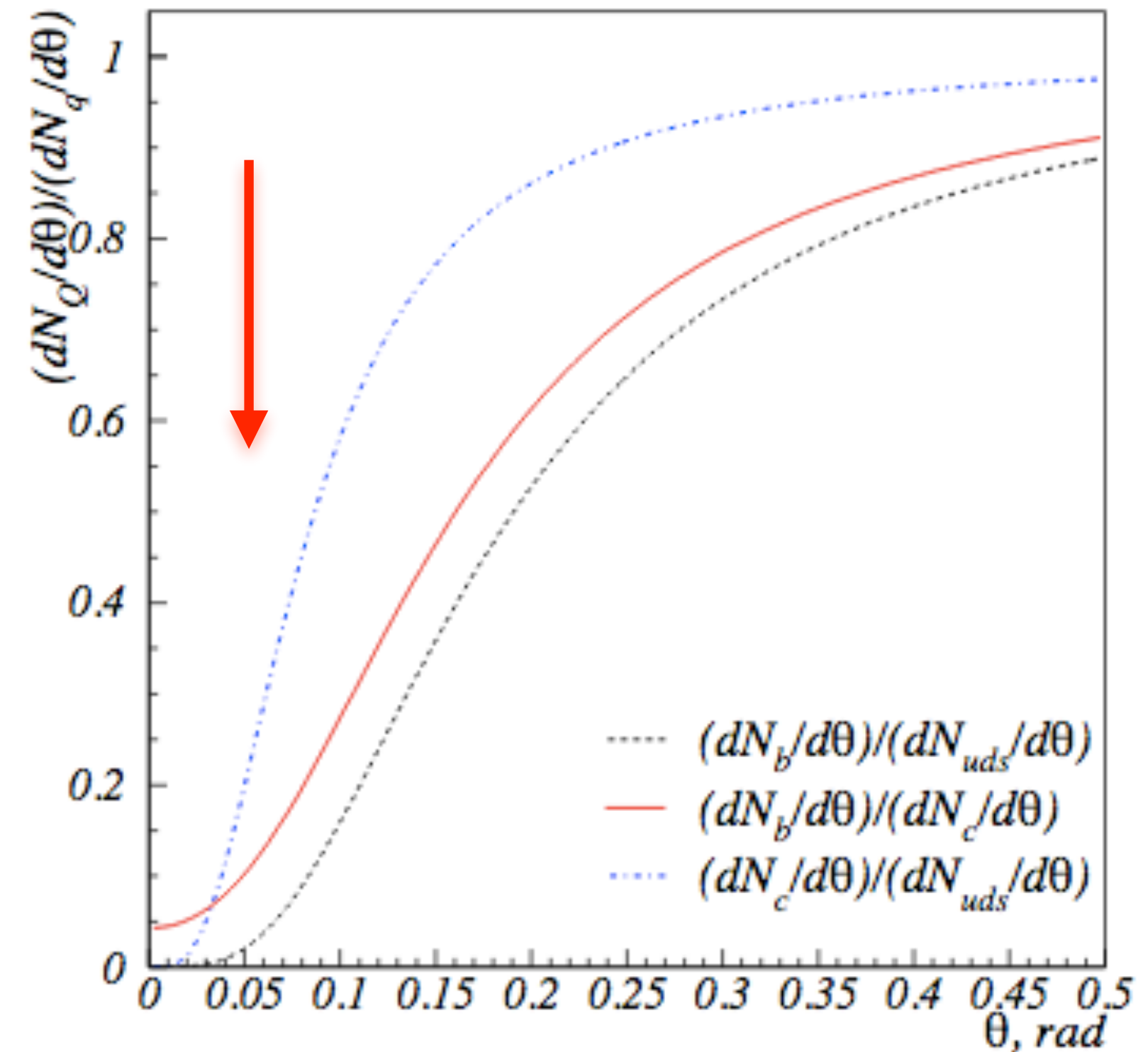
- Track functions: [Chan et al Phys.Rev.Lett. 111 \(2013\) 102002](#)
- Interesting proposal that incorporates non-perturbative info from tracks or charges into pert. calculation and connects to formal developments in QFT  
[Chen et al, Phys. Rev. D 102, 054012 \(2020\)](#)

# The dead-cone effect in QCD

Gluon radiation by a particle of mass  $m$  and energy  $E$  is suppressed within a cone of angular size  $m/E$  around the emitter

$$\frac{\frac{dN_Q}{d\theta}}{\frac{dN_q}{d\theta}} \propto \frac{\theta^4}{(\theta^2 + \theta_0^2)^2} \quad \theta_0 = \frac{m_Q}{E_Q}$$

Parametric dependence of the dead cone effect



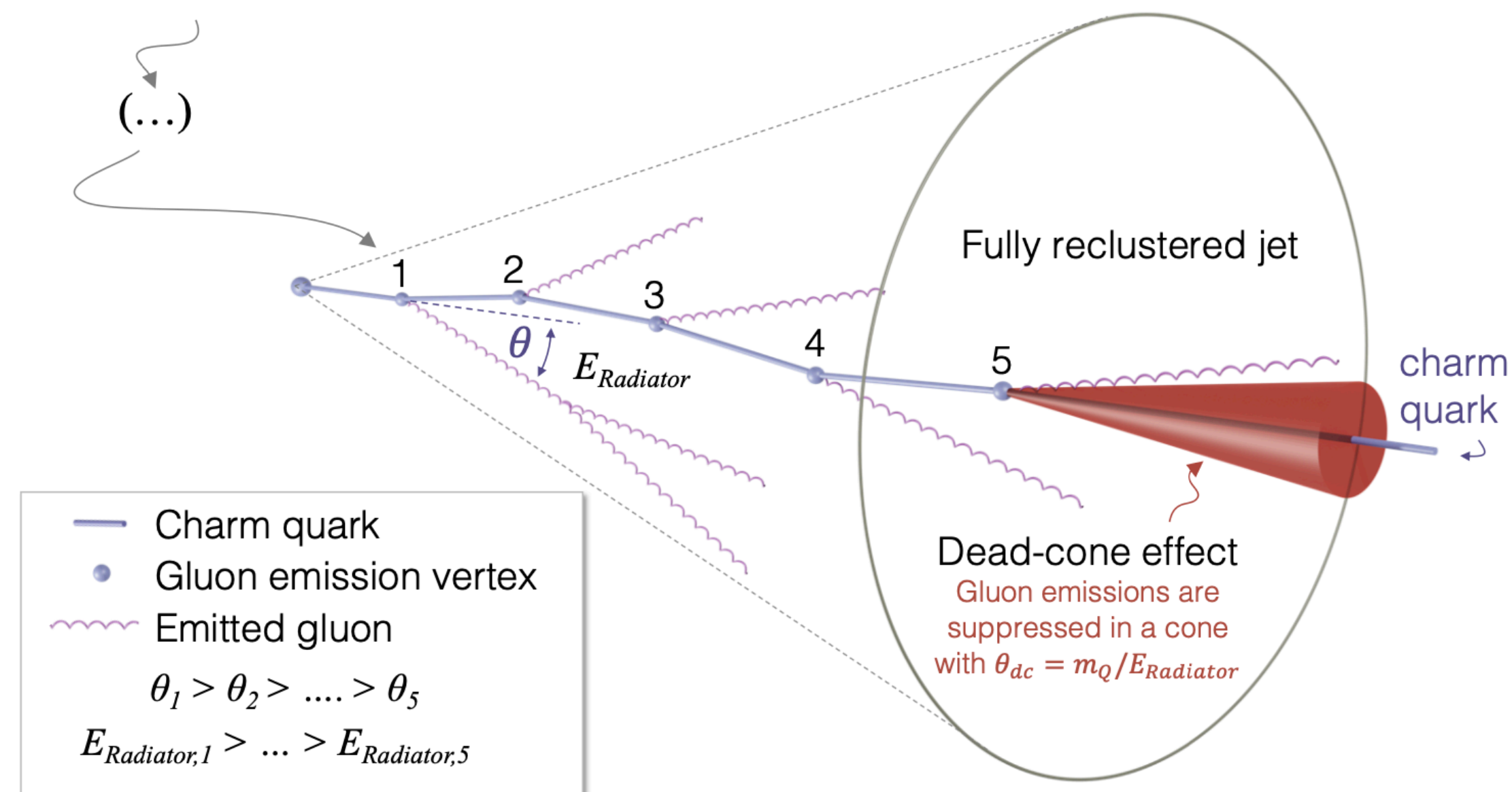
Battaglia et al, DELPHI-2004-037 CONF 712



# The dead-cone effect in QCD

## Direct consequences of the dead cone:

- Restriction of hard gluons with small  $k_T$   
—> reduction of emissions, FF peaked at larger  $z$
- Lower intrajet multiplicities

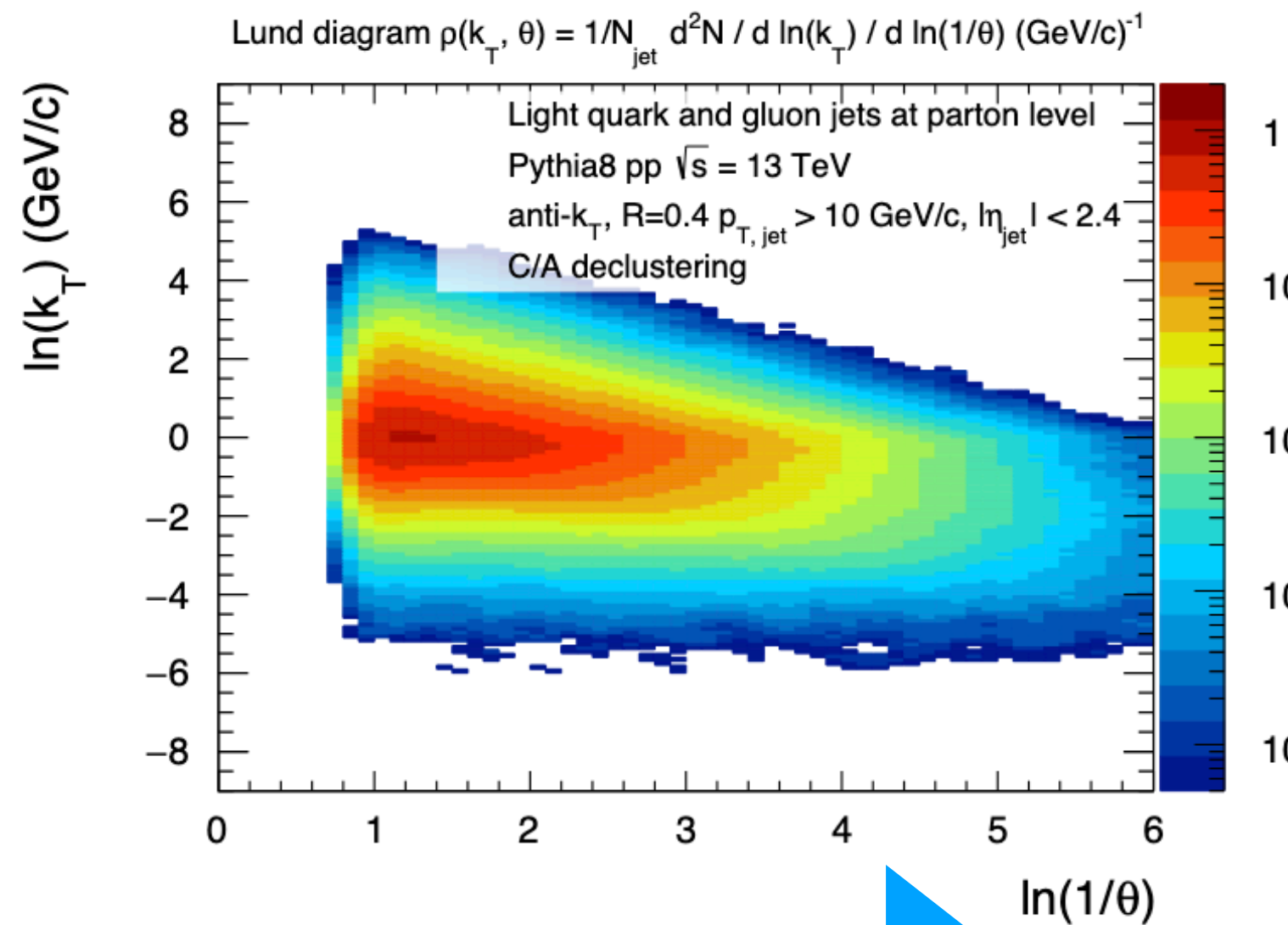


## Experimental challenges for a direct measurement

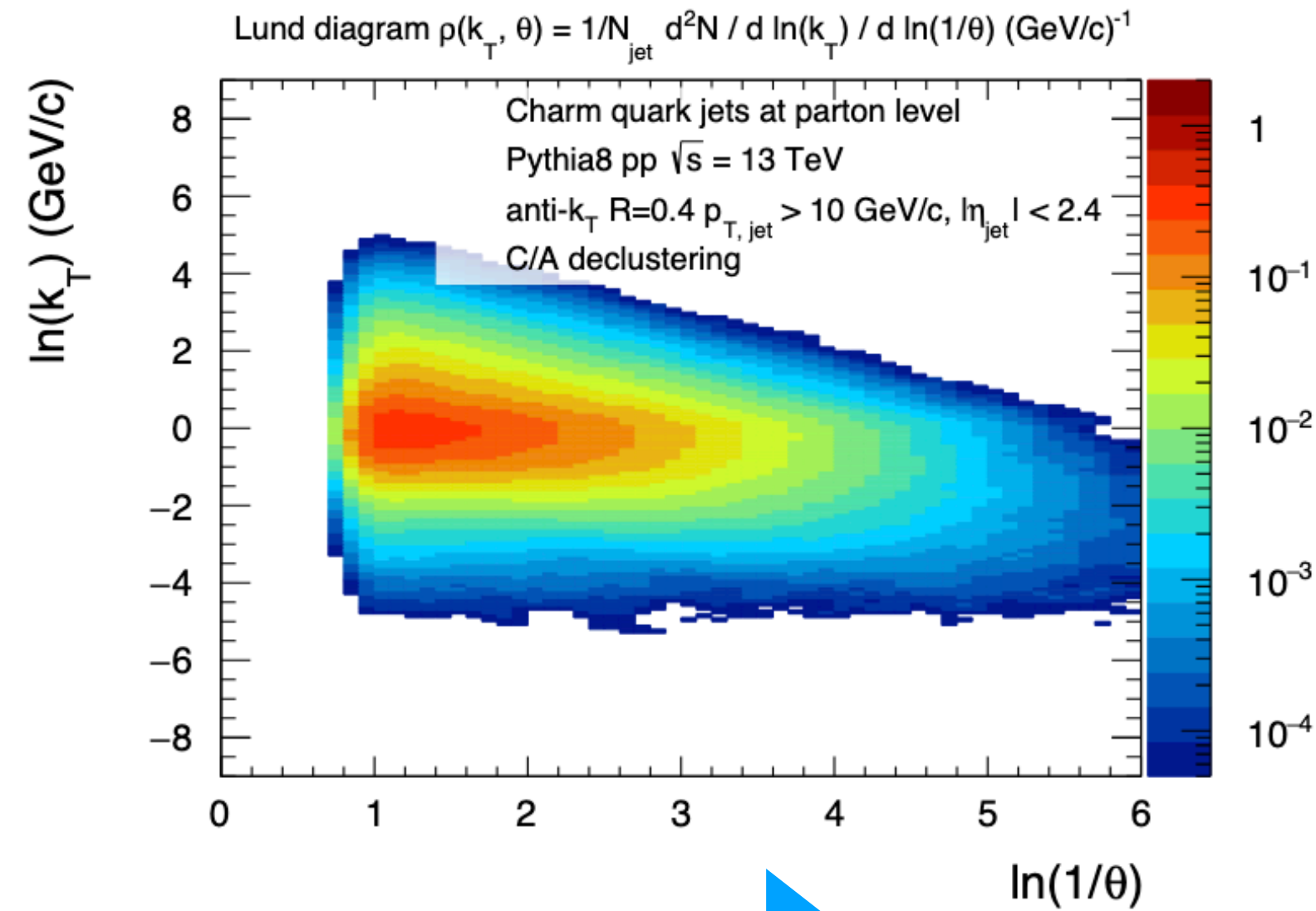
- The decays of the heavy flavour particles happen at similar angular scales and fill the dead cone
- Accurate determination of the dynamically evolving direction of the heavy-flavour particle relative to which radiation is suppressed

# The Lund plane of heavy-quark jets: exposing the dead cone

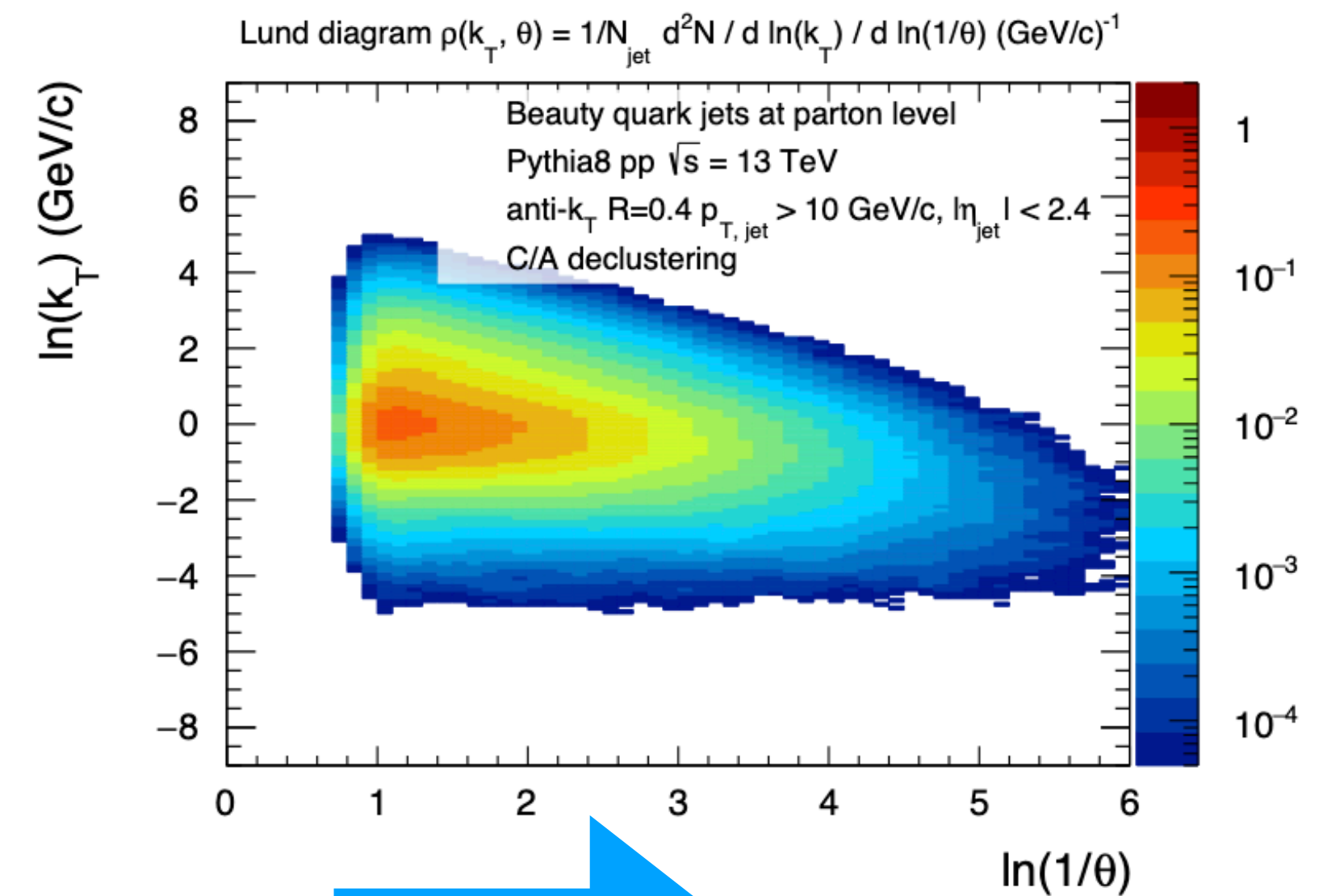
## Inclusive jets



## D jets

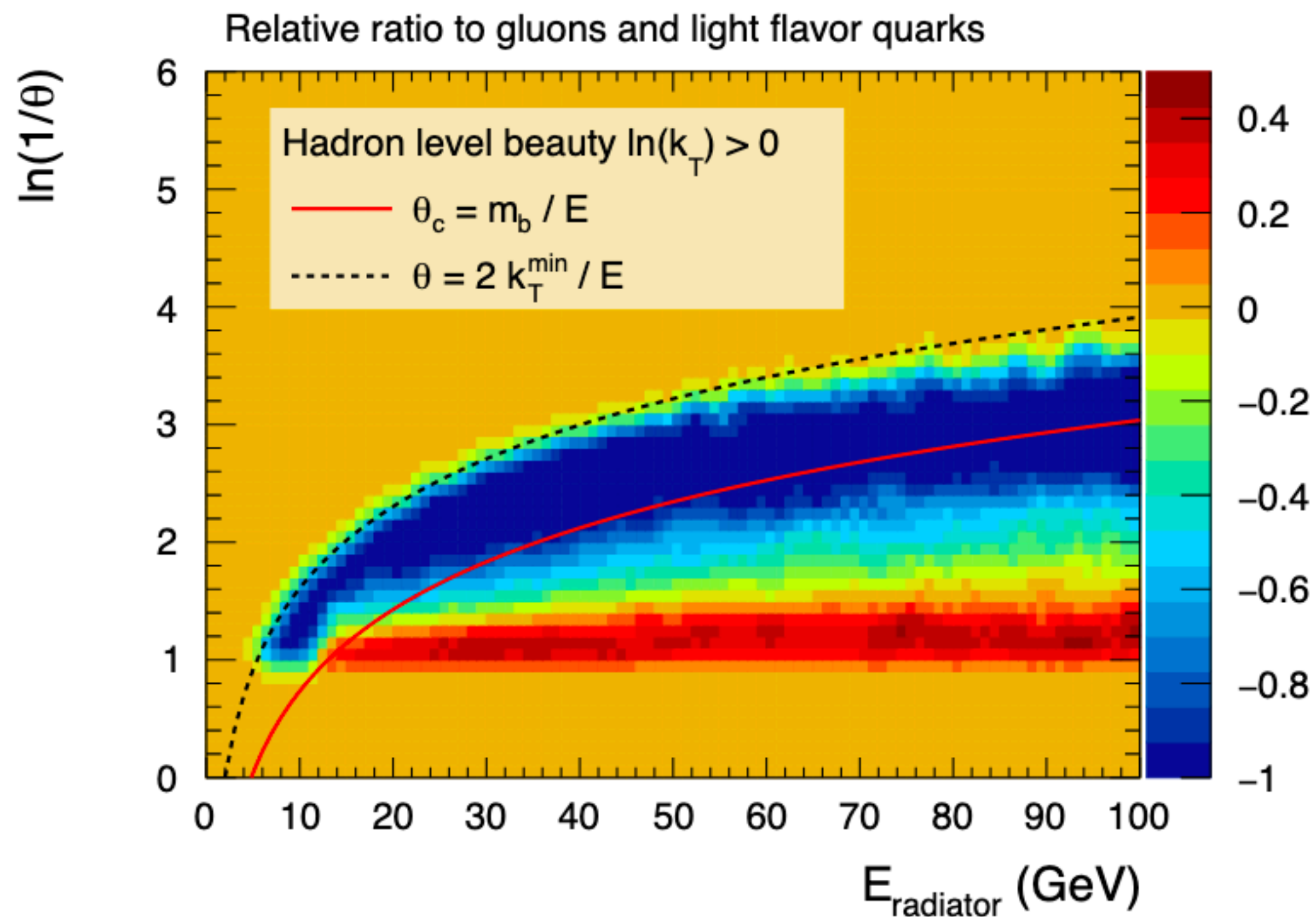


## B jets



- Iteratively decluster jets with a fully reconstructed D or B meson among its constituents
- Follow always the prong containing the heavy flavour hadron
- At the deepest levels of the jet tree, splittings are at sufficiently small angles to be sensitive to quark mass

# The Lund plane of heavy-quark jets: exposing the dead cone



$E_{\text{radiator}}$ =energy of the splitting prong at each declustering step

- Iteratively decluster jets with a fully reconstructed  $D^0$  among its constituents
- Follow always the prong containing the  $D^0$
- Register the splitting energy  $E_{\text{radiator}}$  and the splitting  $k_T$  at each step

Define:

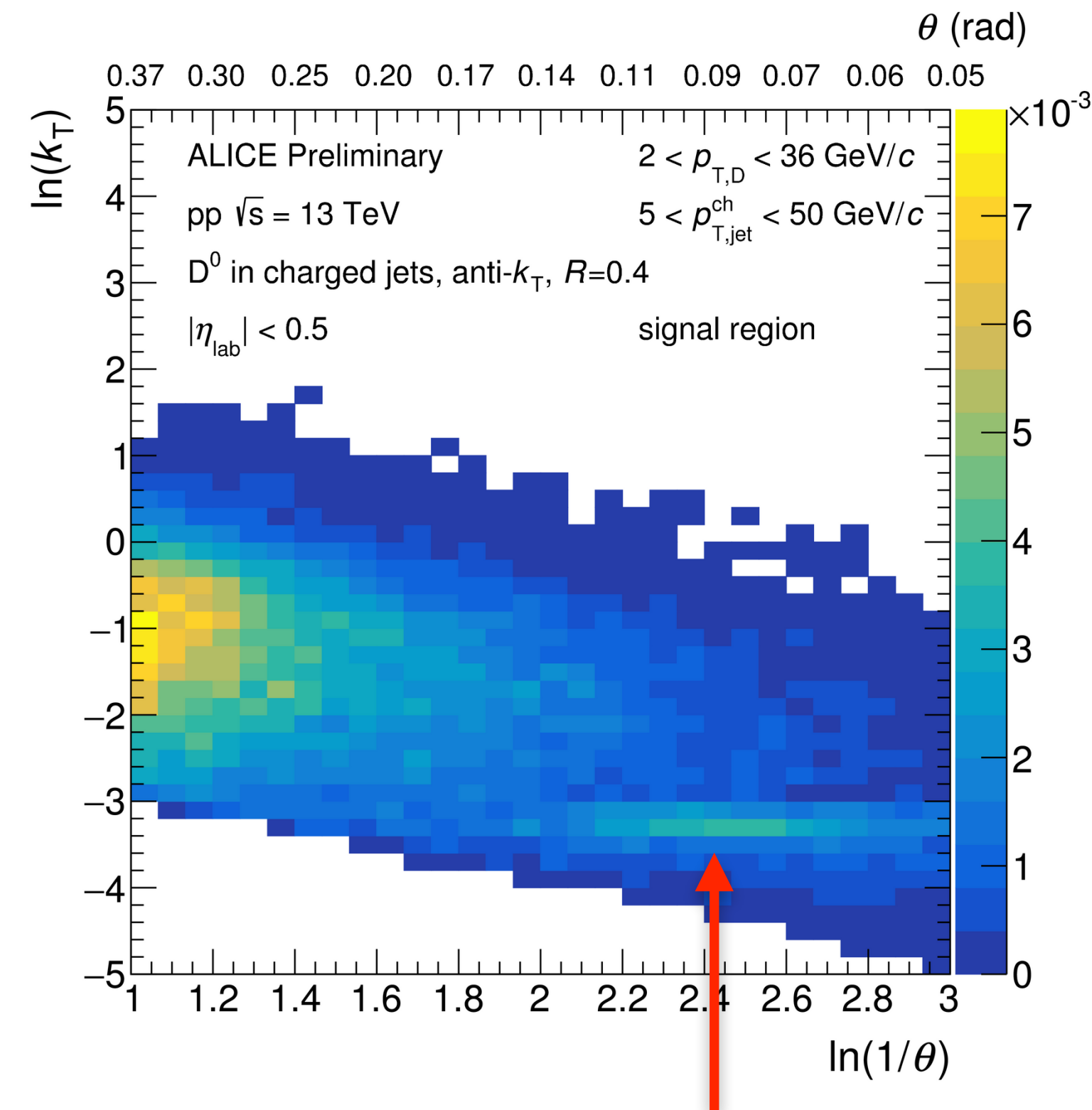
$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N^{D^0 \text{ jets}}} \frac{dn^{D^0 \text{ jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)} \bigg/ \frac{1}{N^{\text{inclusive jets}}} \frac{dn^{\text{inclusive jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)} \bigg|_{k_T, E_{\text{Radiator}}}$$

The deepest levels of the jet tree are splittings at small angles/lower energies  
 -> most sensitive to mass and the dead cone effect

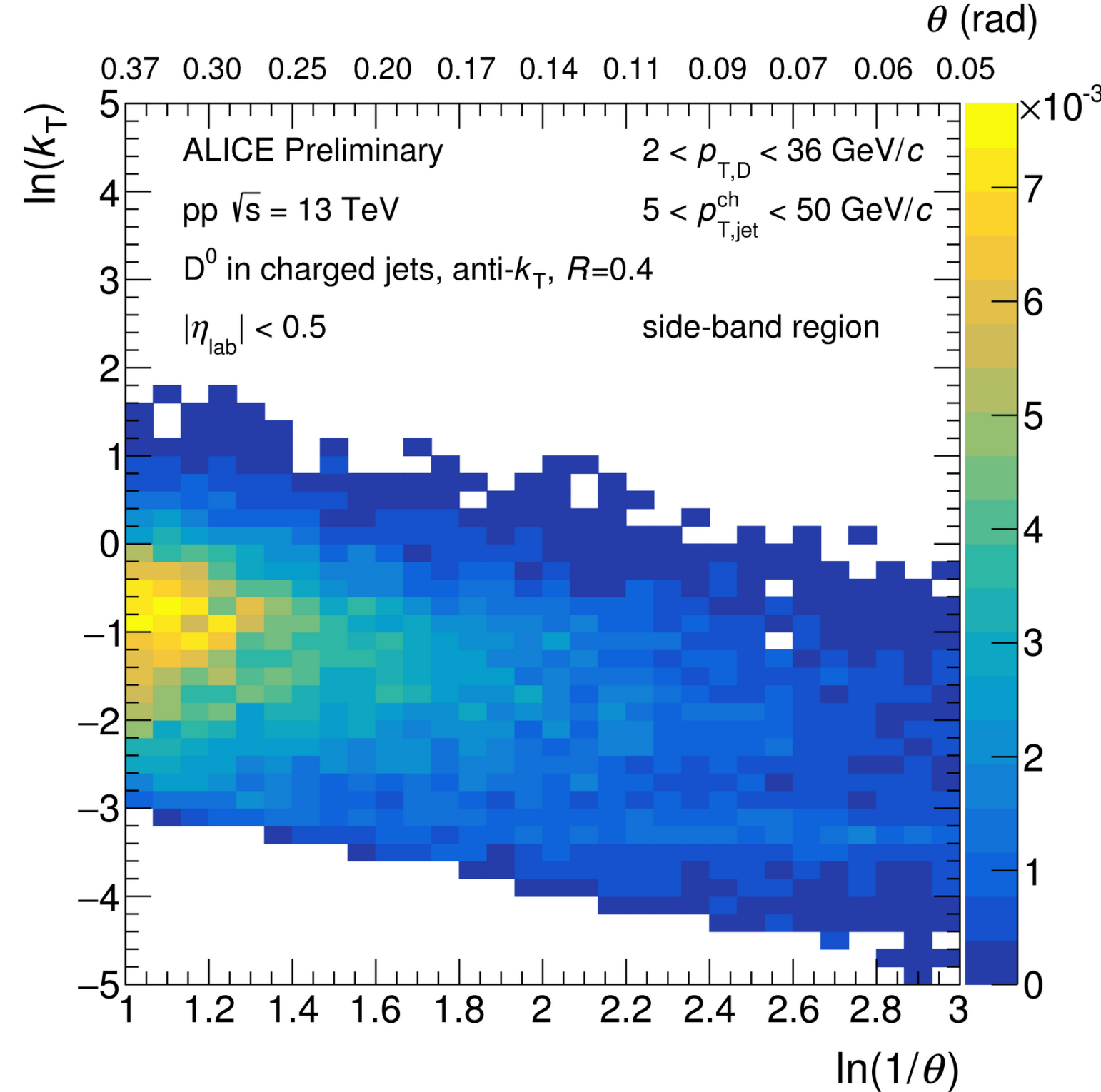


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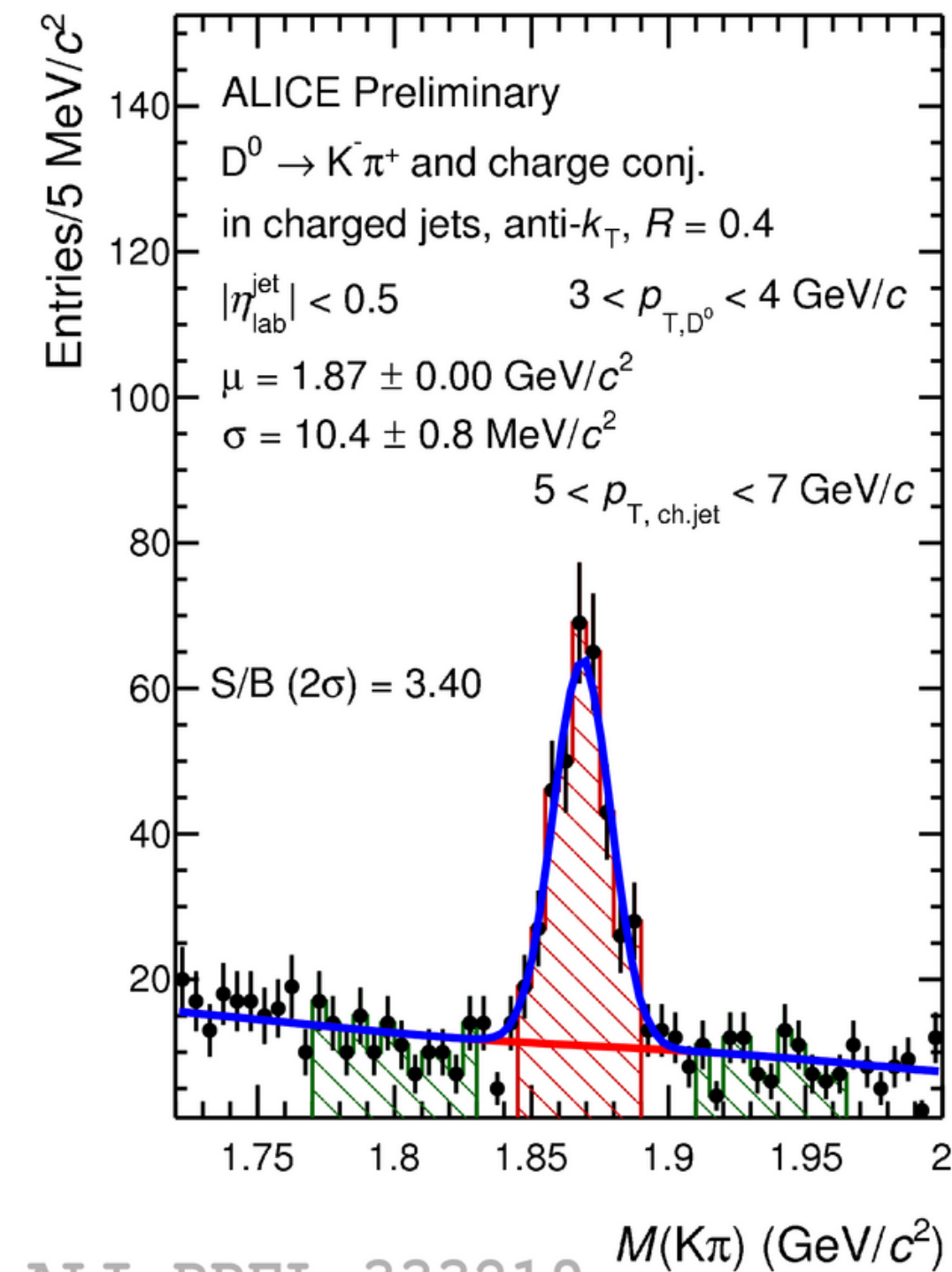
## D jets (signal region)



## D jets (bkg region)



## $D^0 \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^\mp$ (BR=3.8%)



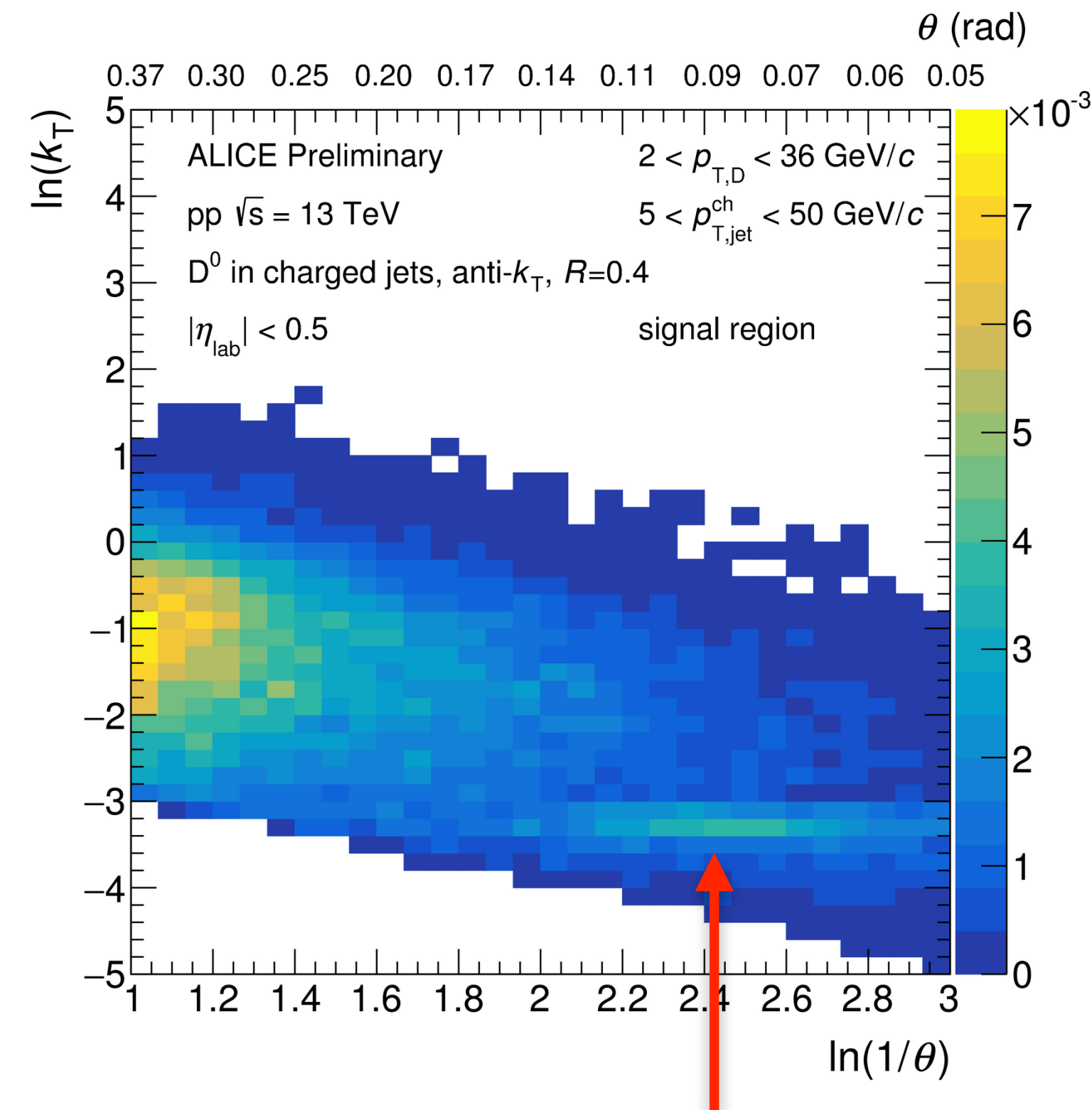
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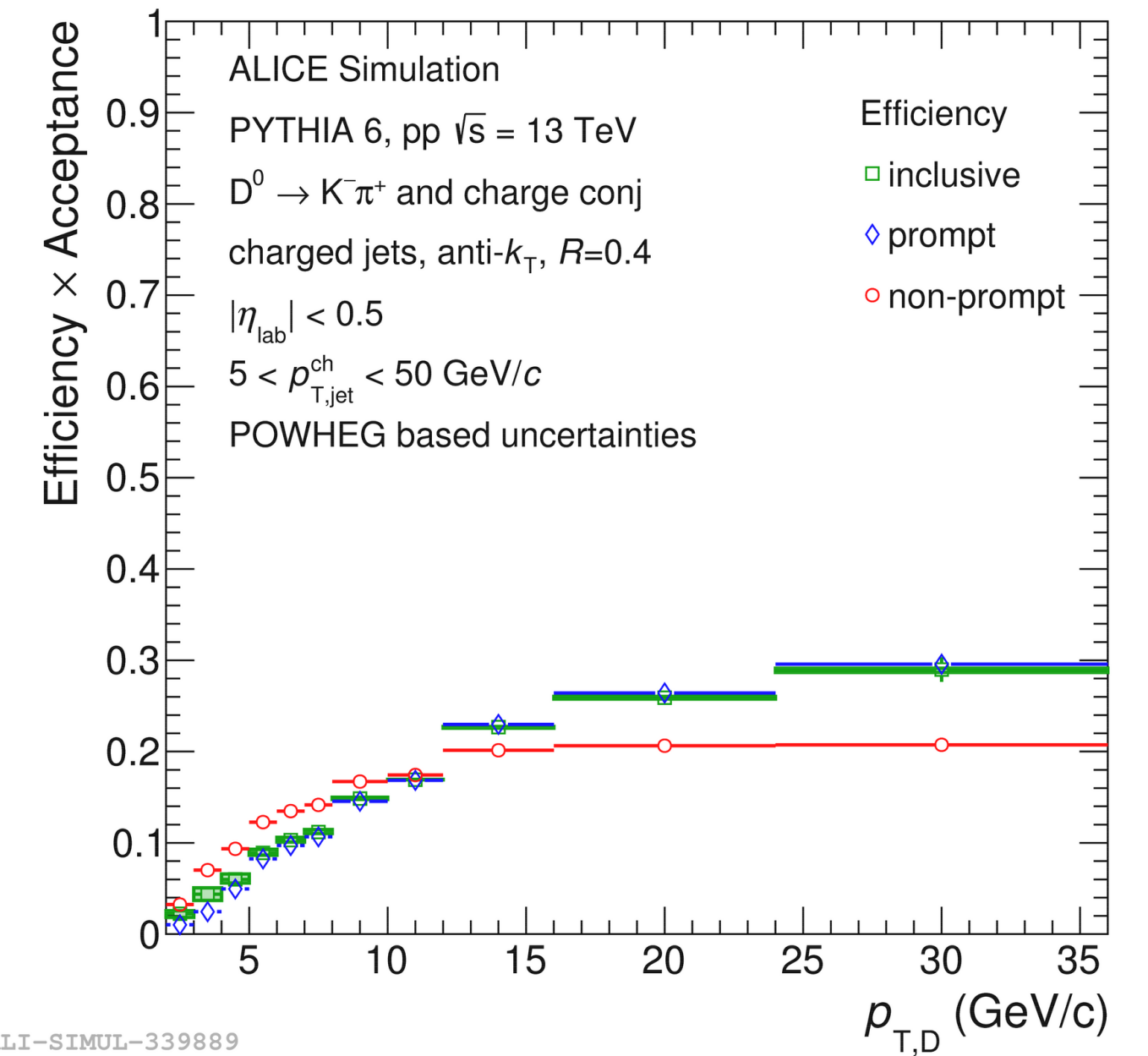
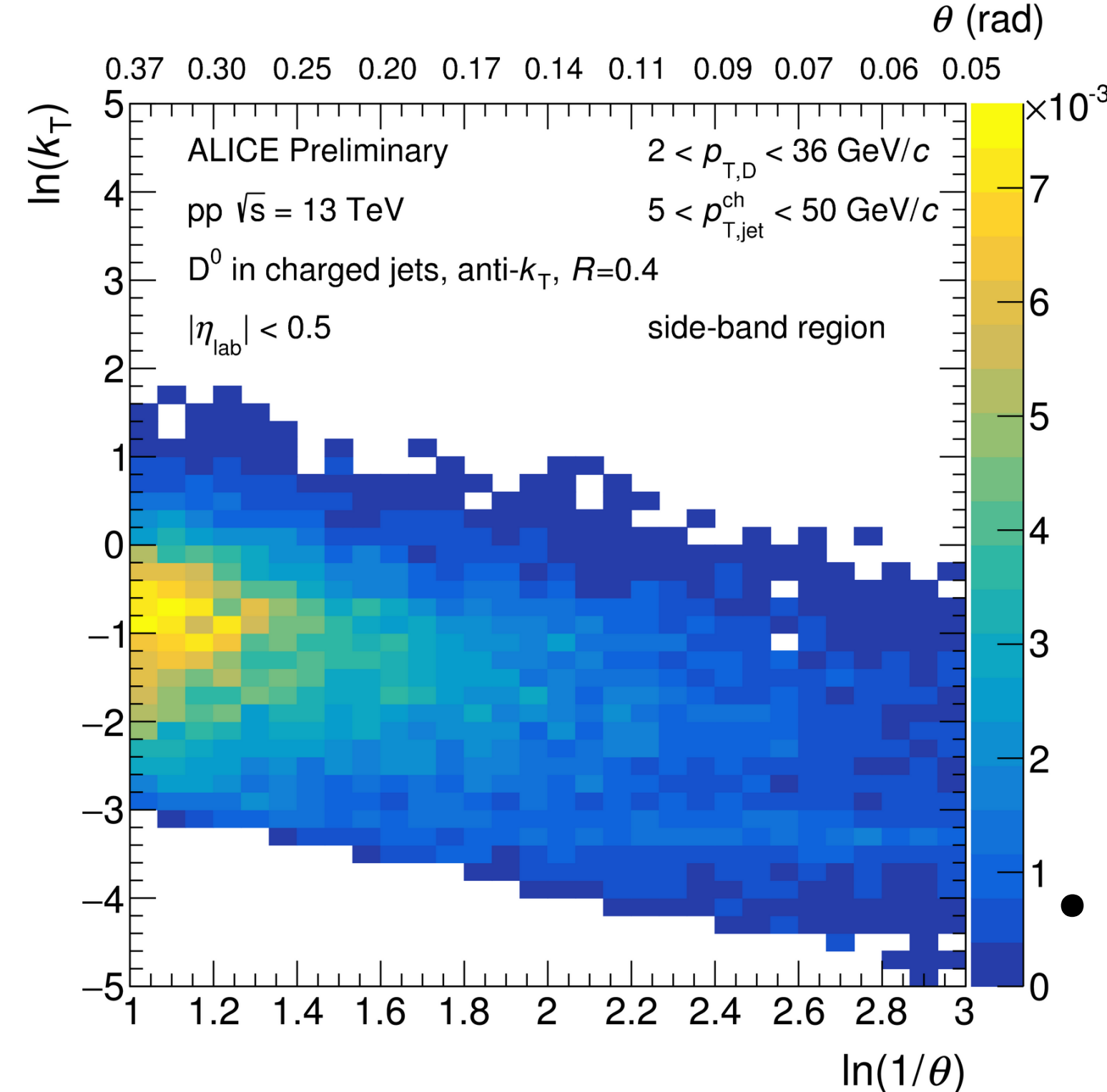
- Invariant mass distribution of the  $K^\pm, \pi^\mp$  in bins of  $p_{T,D}$
- Side-band subtraction procedure in 2D on Lund Maps
- Correction by  $D^0$  reconstruction efficiency

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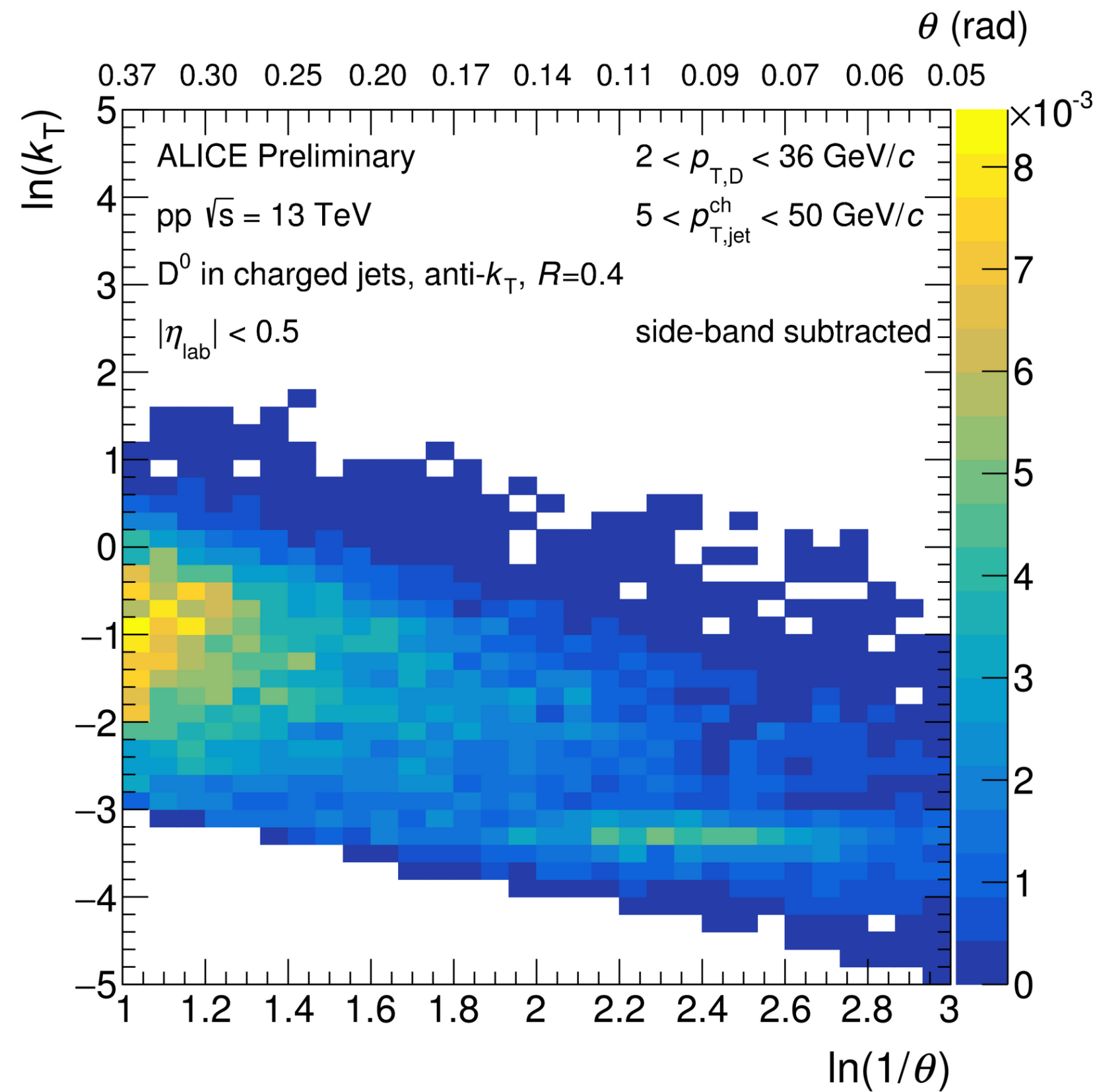
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- The topological and PID cuts used for the D candidate selection have finite efficiency
- The prompt and non-prompt fractions at detector level are estimated by weighting POWHEG cross sections with the experimental efficiencies

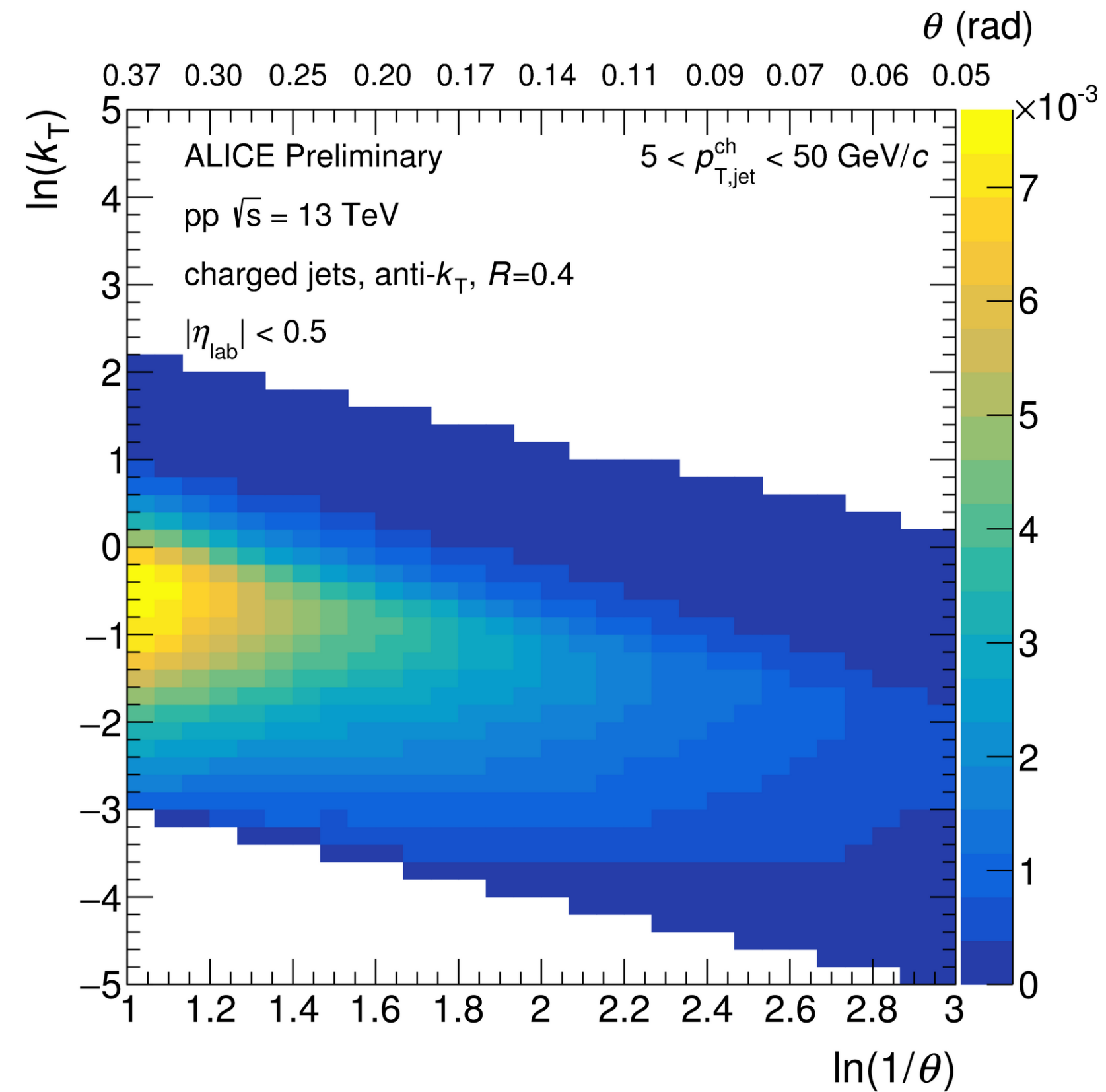
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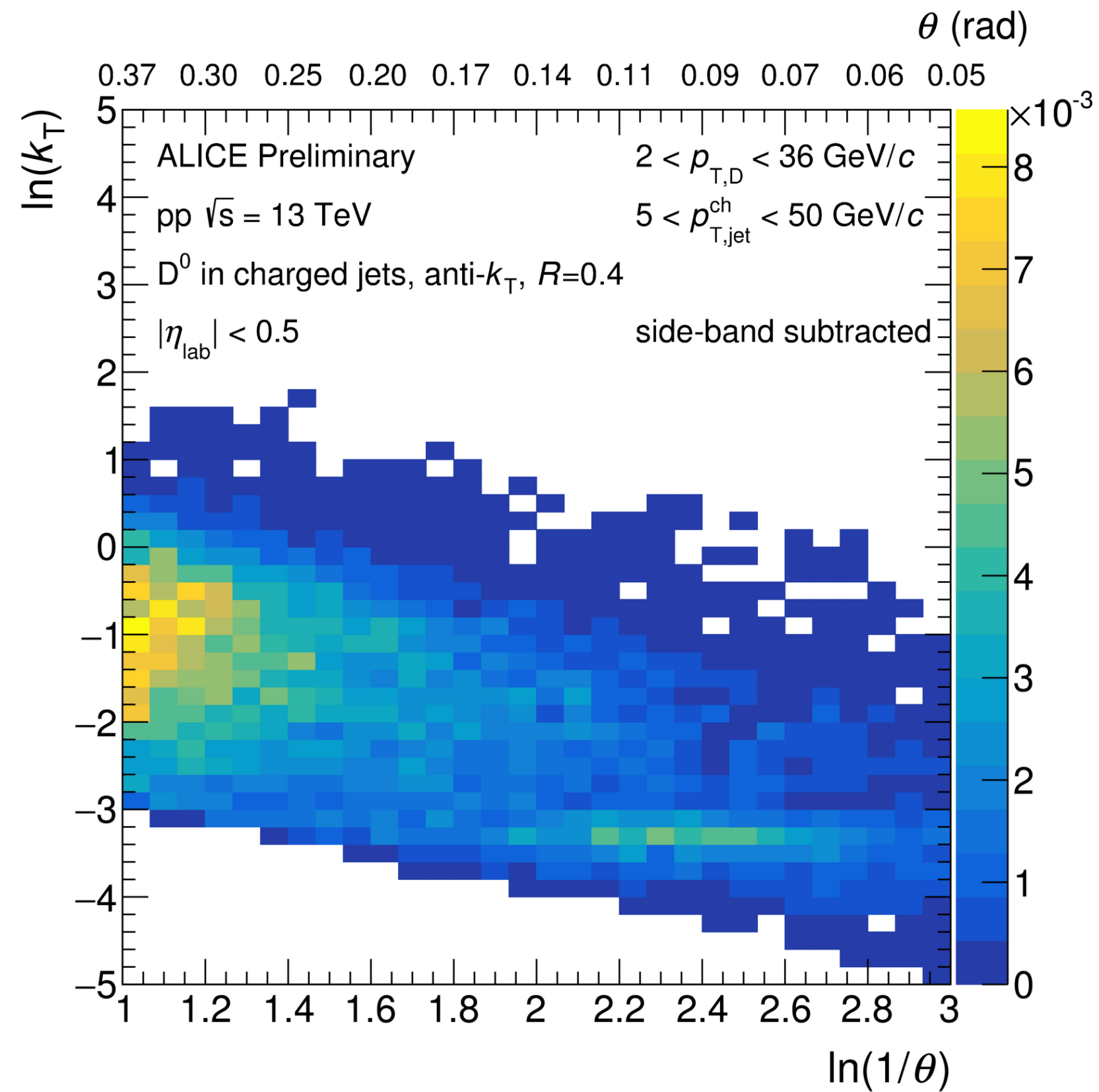
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Our main observable is the ratio of projections onto the  $\theta$  axis for D and inclusive jets



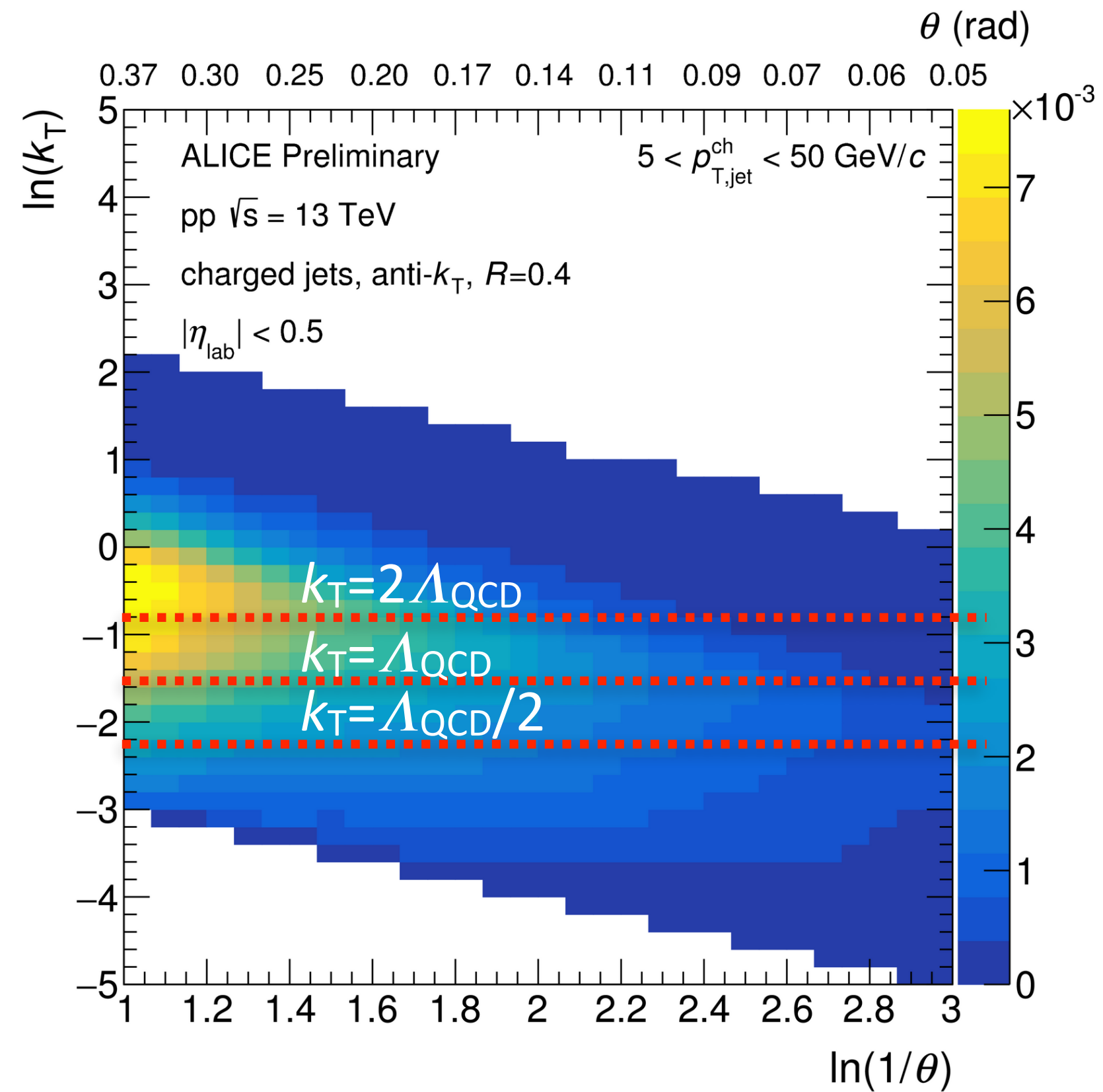
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$k_T$  cuts are applied to suppress hadronisation effects

Detector effects cancel out in the ratio

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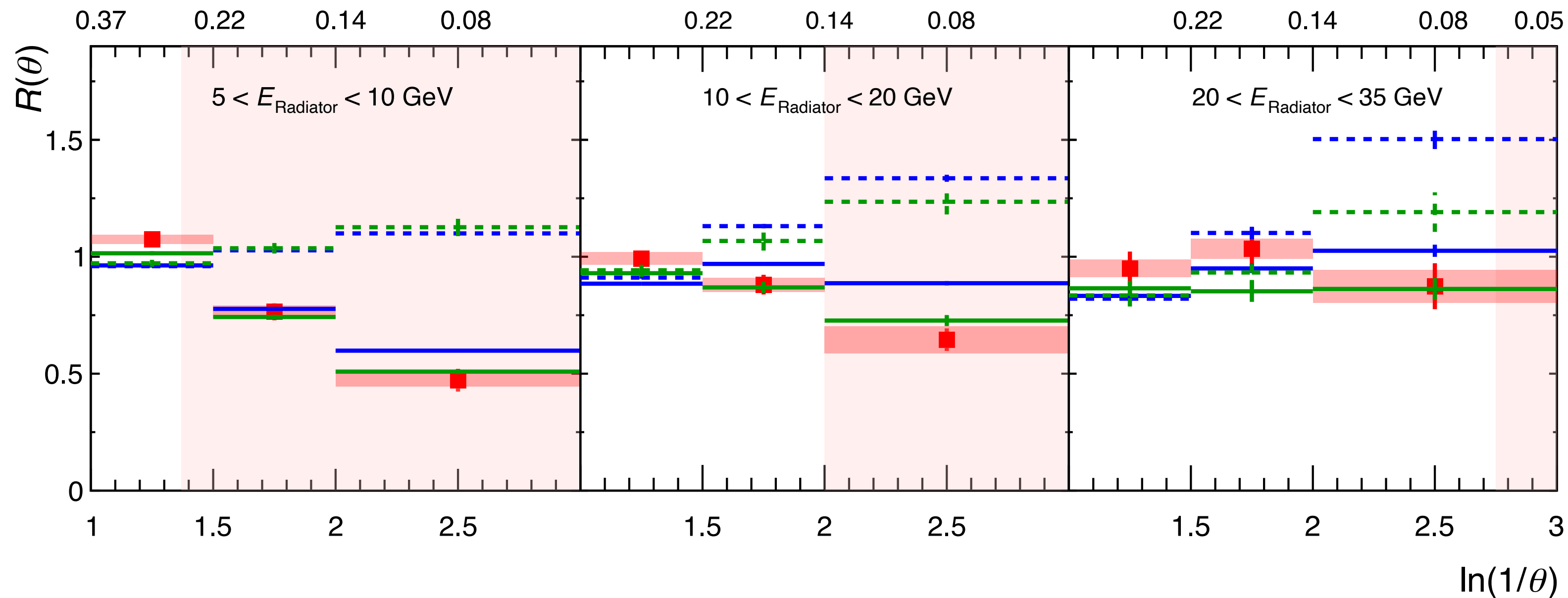
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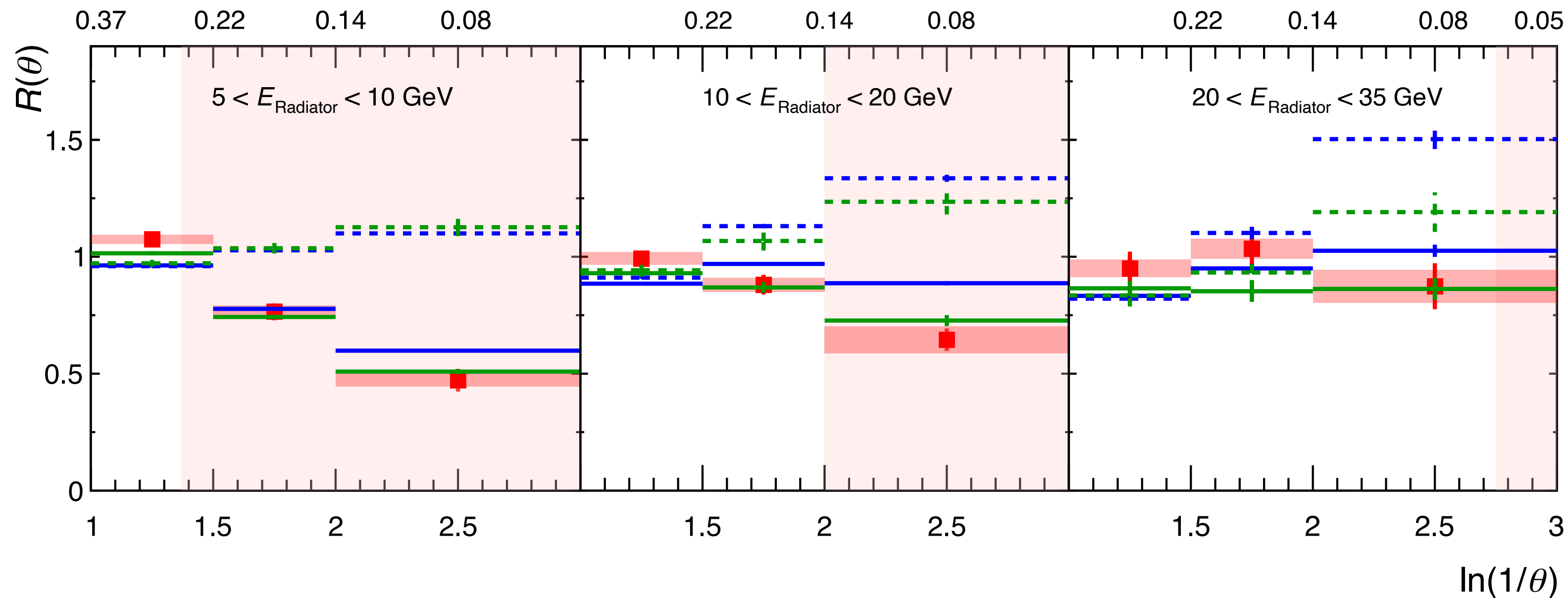
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shaded regions are expected dead cone for charm mass of 1.275 GeV in each  $E_{\text{rad}}$  bin

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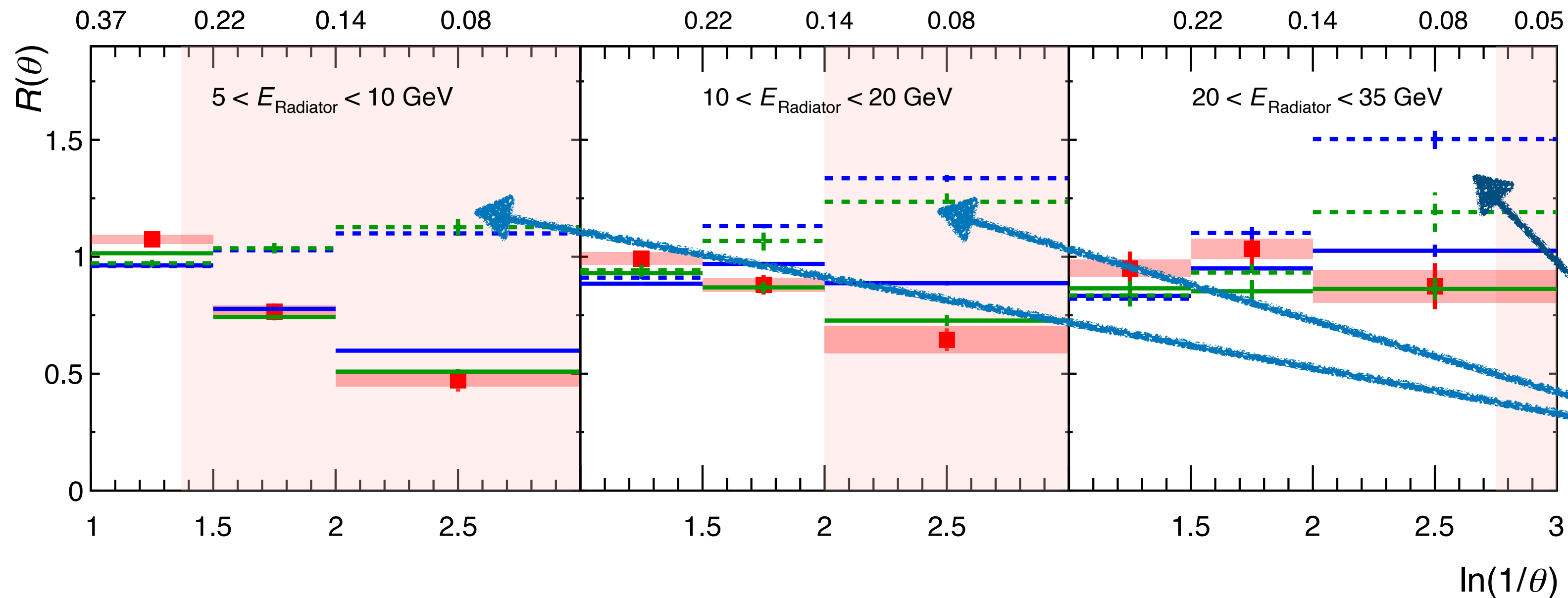
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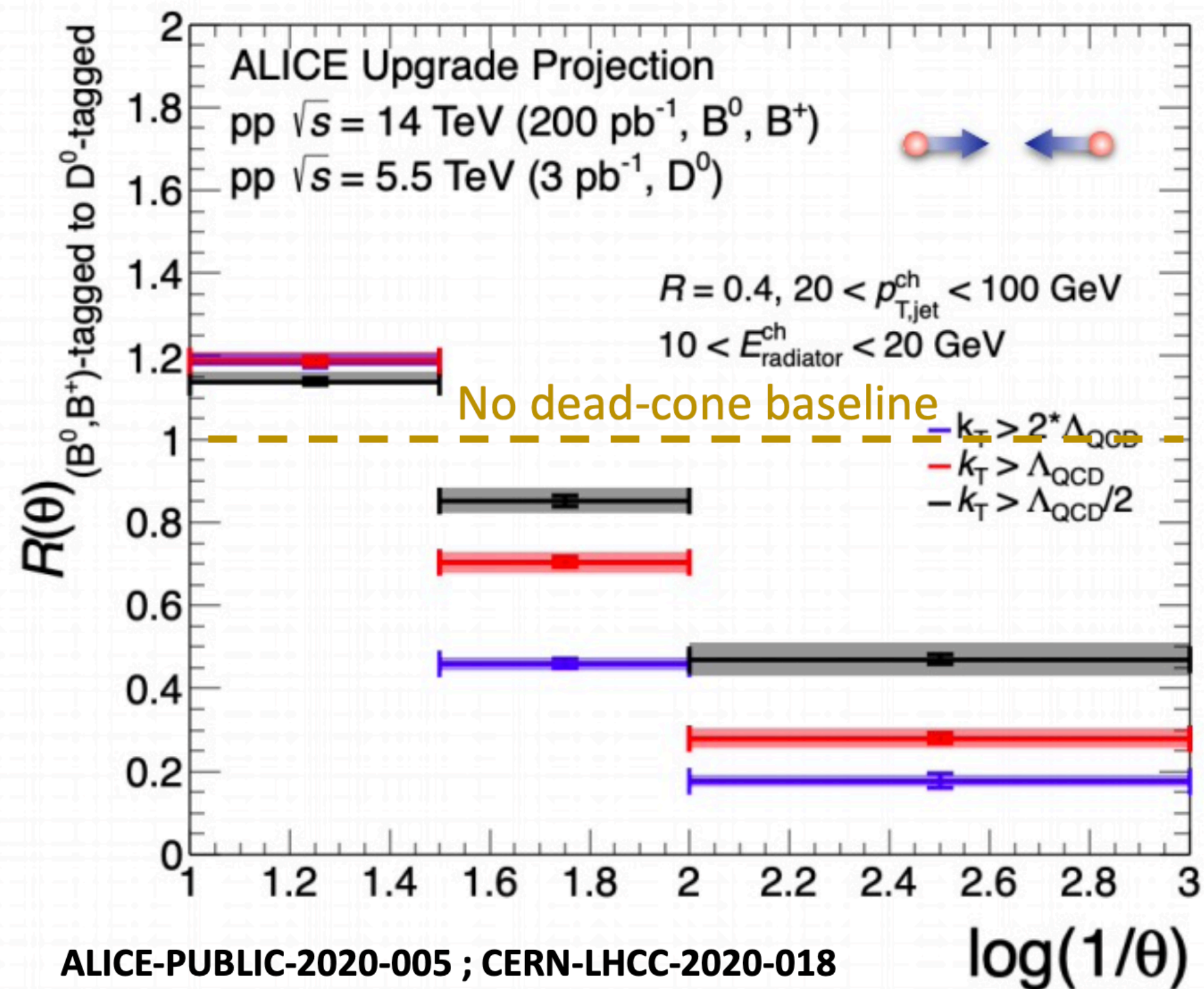
real baseline is the ratio of light quark to inclusive emissions and it is dictated by differences in quark and gluon fragmentation

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# HF jet substructure prospects

Dead cone of  $B^+$  - tagged jets  
 Dead cone of  $D^0$  - tagged jets



Mass scan: access to fully reconstructed beauty and charmed hadrons

Possibility to isolate mass effects by cancelling out color effects in B to D ratios, unambiguous baseline

Ideal: full reconstruction of heavy flavour hadrons. If not, deal with decay prongs

Very interesting scenario in PbPb where medium-induced radiation can fill the dead cone

# Summary Lessons 1-2

Jet definitions allow us to access the parton kinematics

Modern algorithms used at colliders are IRC safe. Anti- $k_T$  is used as default due to its resilience against soft background

New techniques like grooming or the iterative declustering allow to isolate different physics effects and constrain the parton shower -> prominent example is the Lund Jet Plane

Beyond utility for searches and constraining SM calculations, new techniques expose building blocks of QCD like the splitting function, or quantum properties like the dead cone effect or the color flow. This opens up a wide window of opportunities in the context of heavy ion collisions as we will see in the next lessons