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# Parton interactions in medium Experiment

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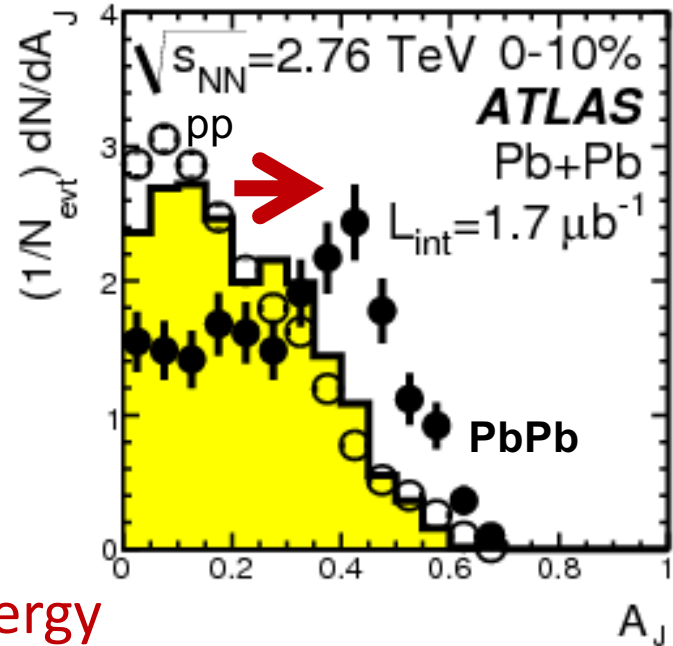
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Jet energy asymmetry

$$A_J = \frac{E_T^{j1} - E_T^{j2}}{E_T^{j1} + E_T^{j2}}$$

In pp: used to calibrate jets

In PbPb: physics signal



Phys. Rev. Lett. 105:252303, 2010

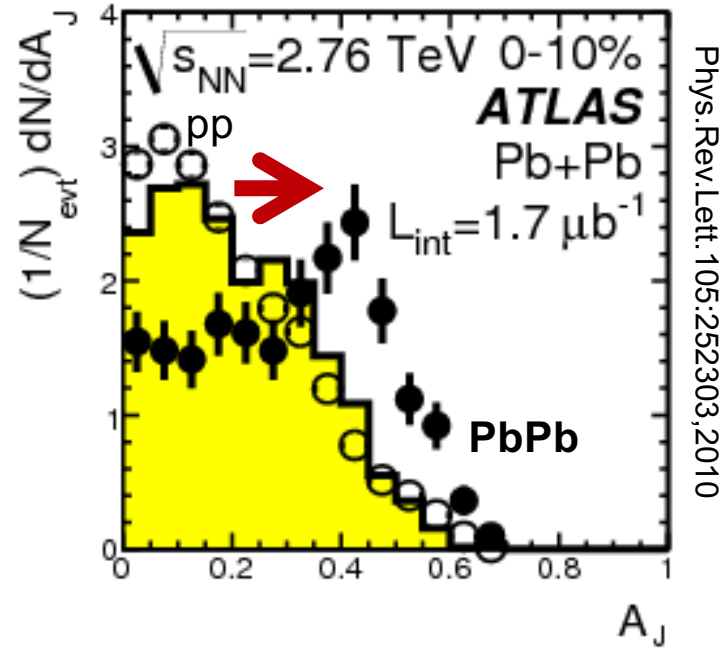
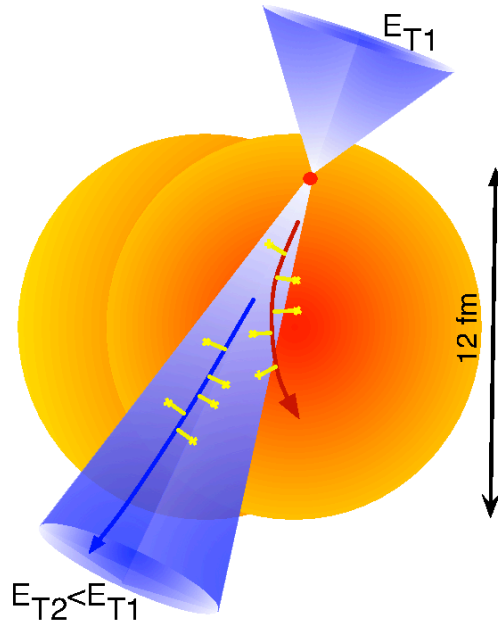
Dijets in PbPb are less balanced in energy

*balanced*

*unbalanced*

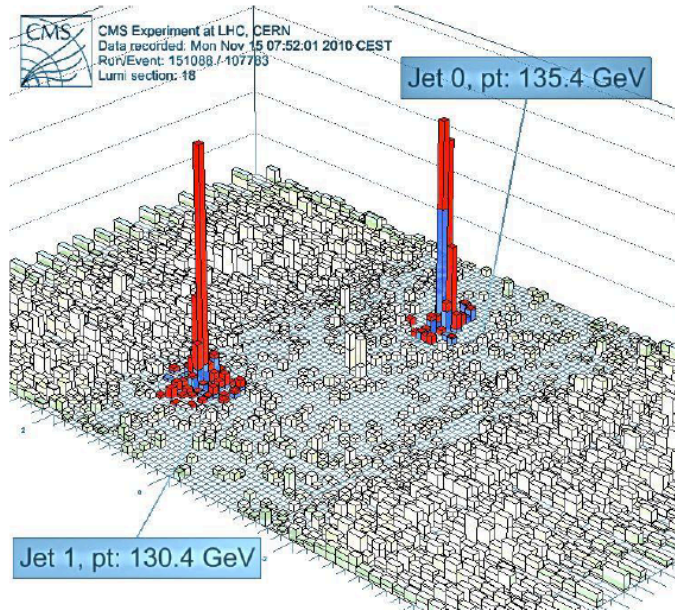
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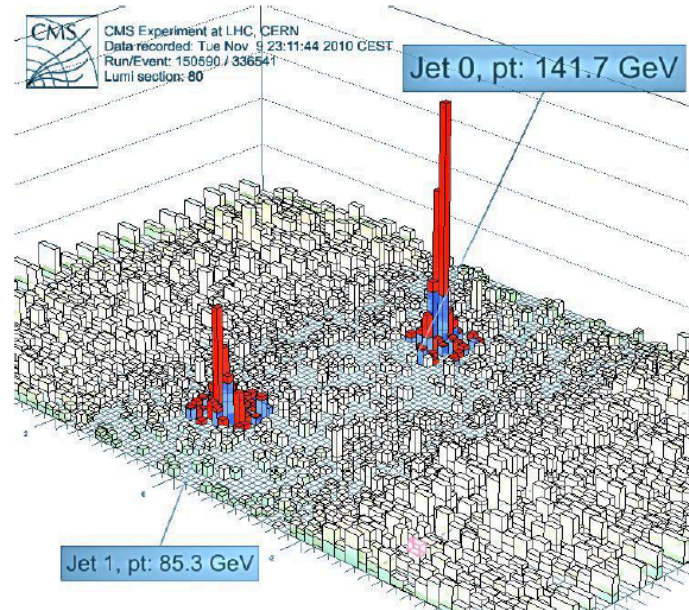


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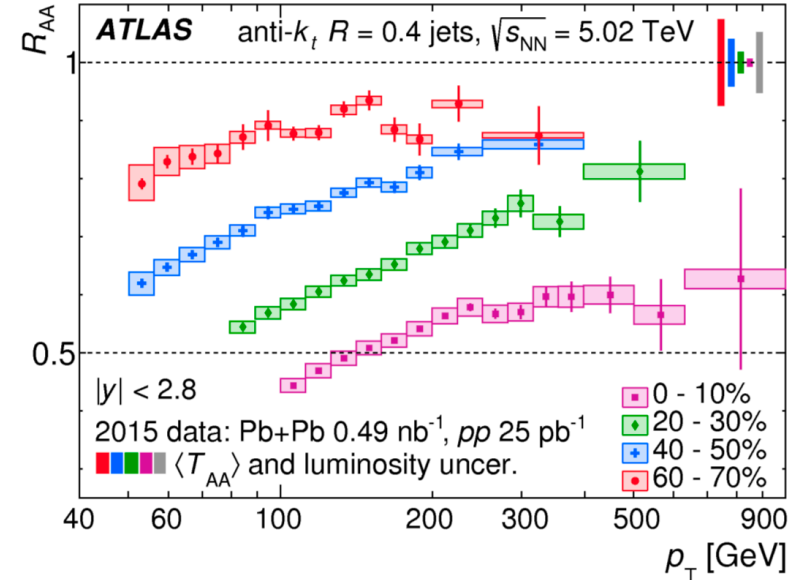
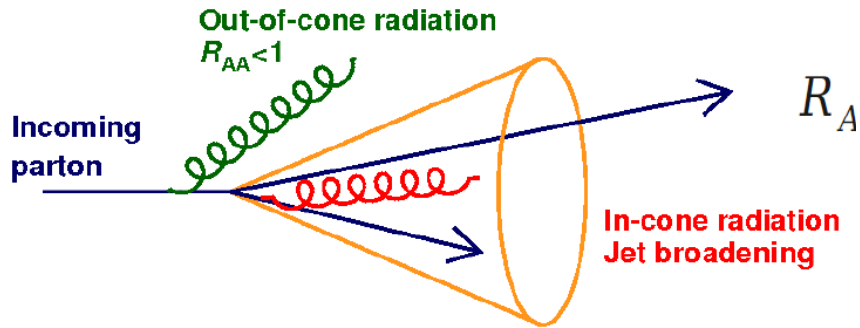
Balanced  
Energy



Unbalanced  
Energy

# Jet $R_{AA}$

Jets don't recover all expected energy  
→ out of the cone

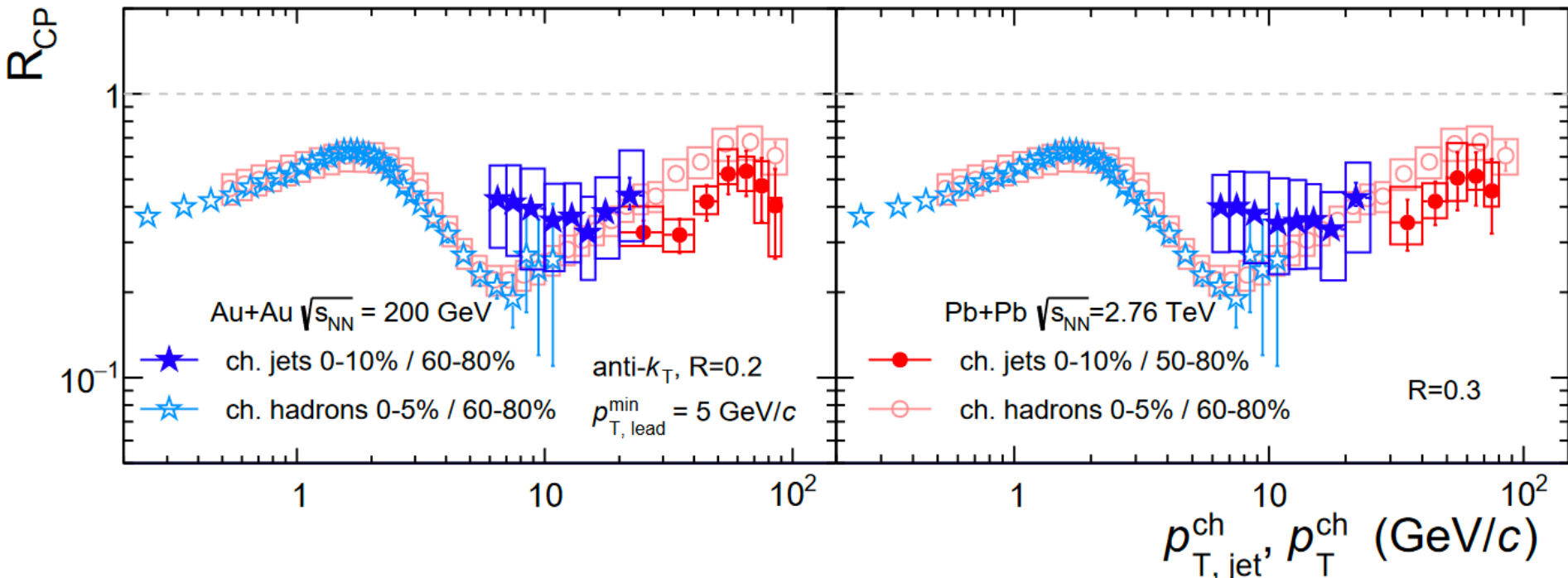


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# Hadron vs Jet $R_{AA}$

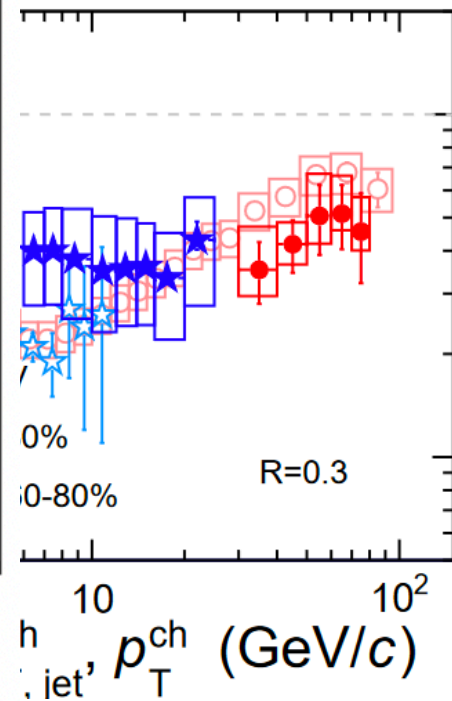
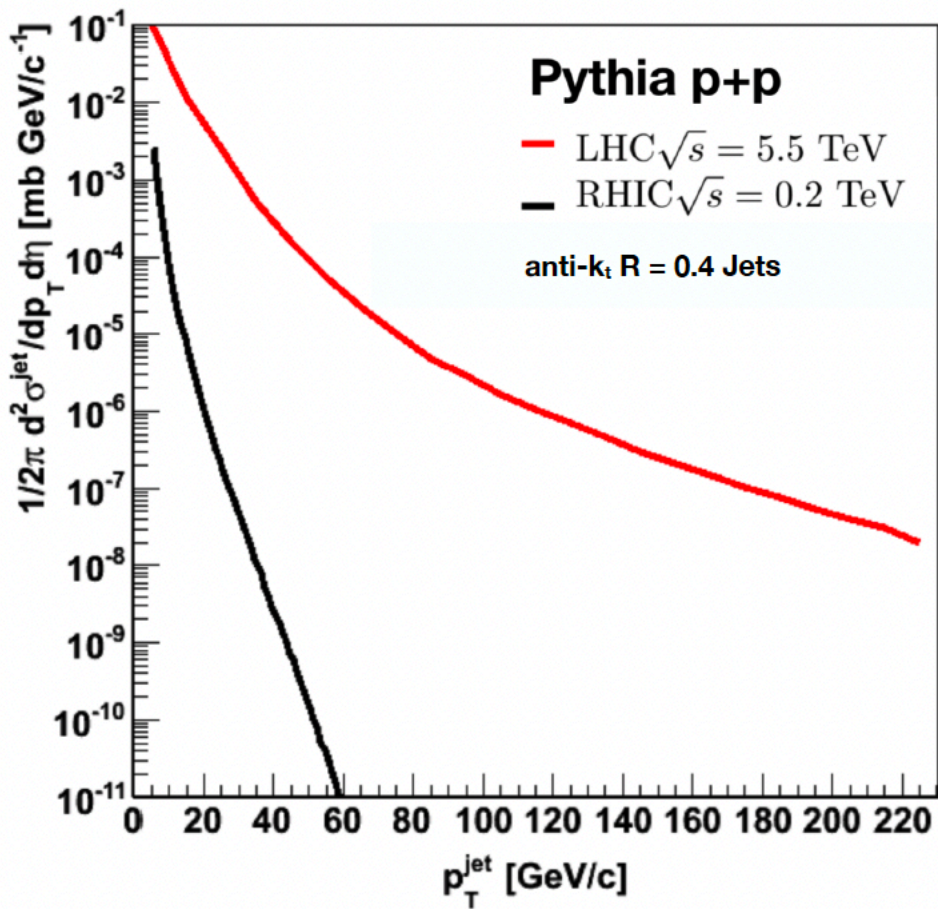
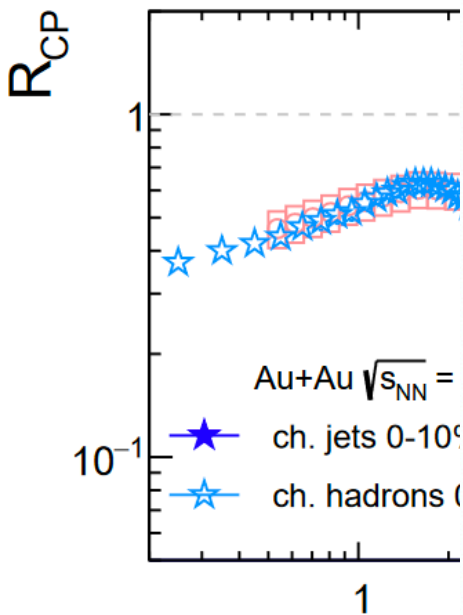
Similar suppression for single hadrons and jets.

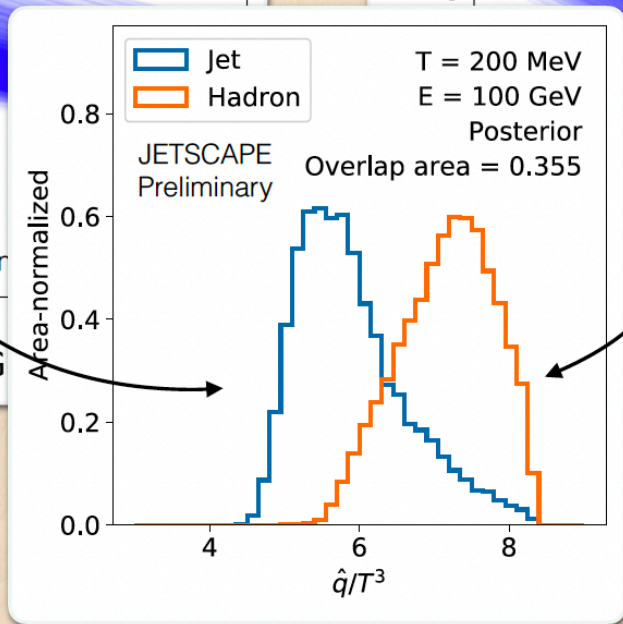
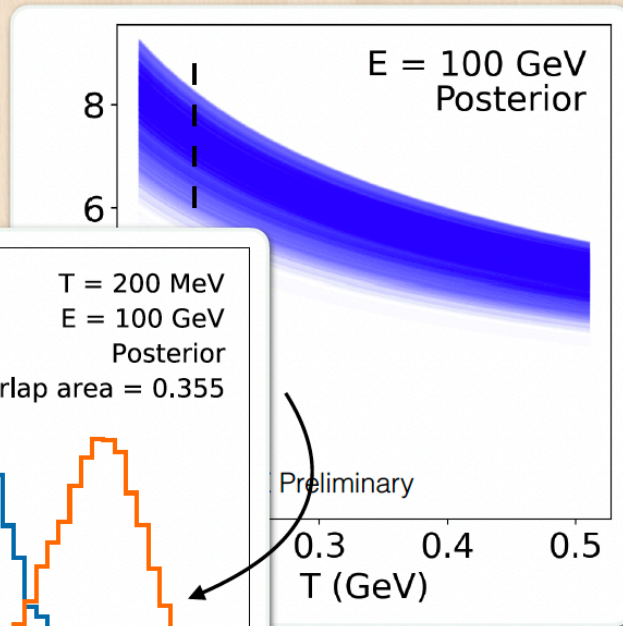
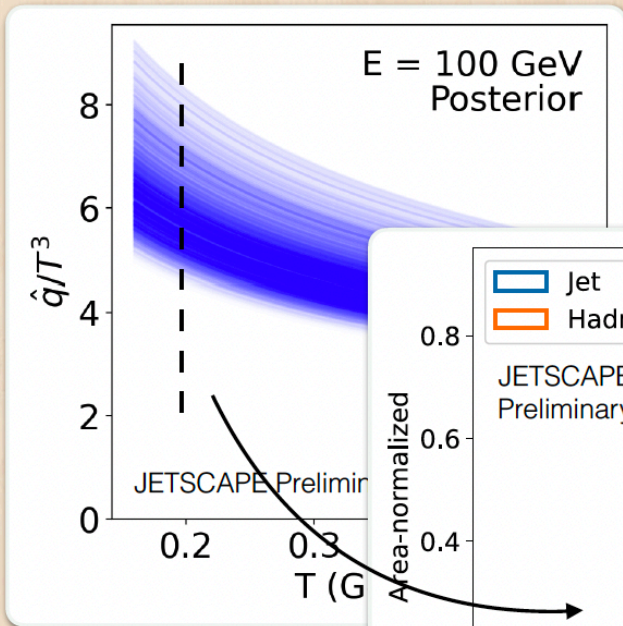
Devil is in the details.



# Hadron vs Jet R...

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Intriguing difference 🤔

[Slide from Yi Chen]

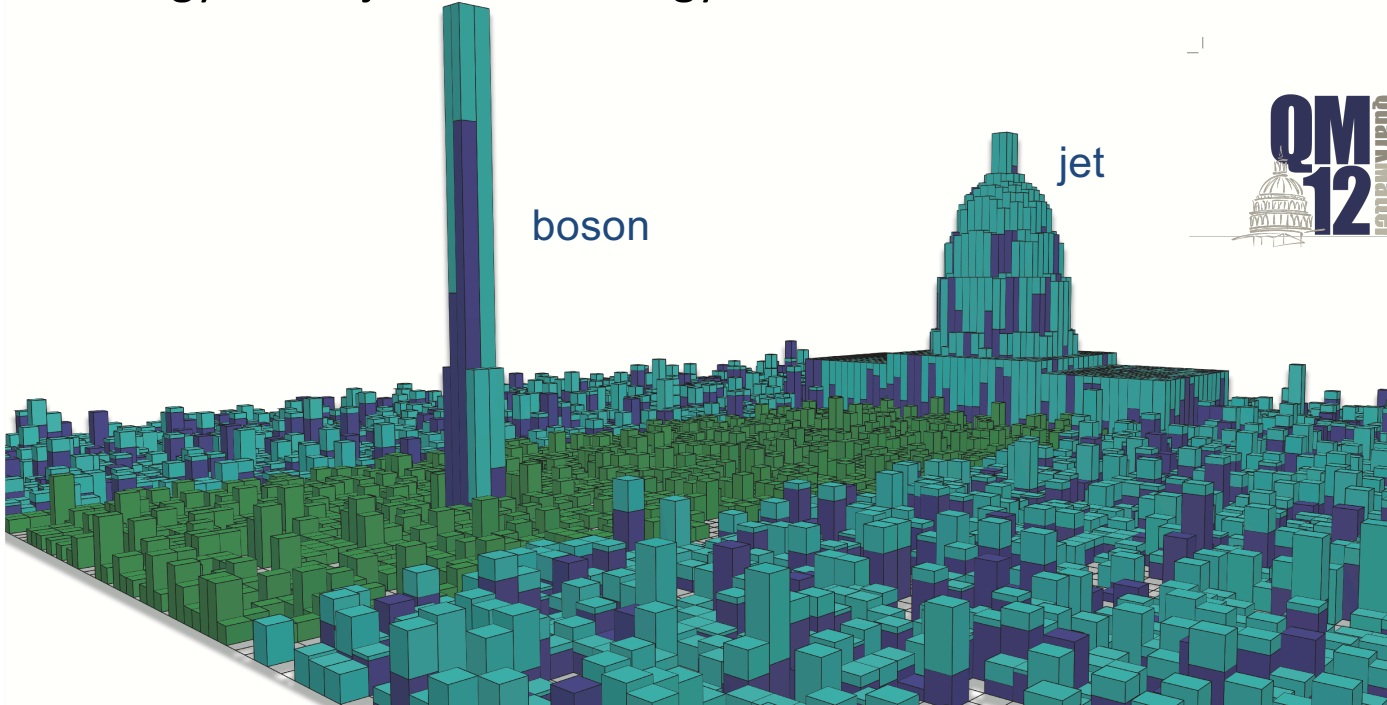
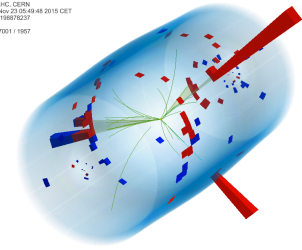


# Boson-jet correlation

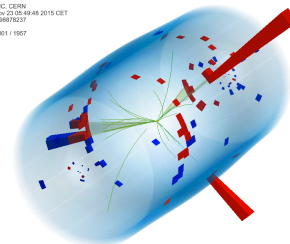
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Z bosons and photons aren't affected by medium

You know the energy of the jet before energy loss



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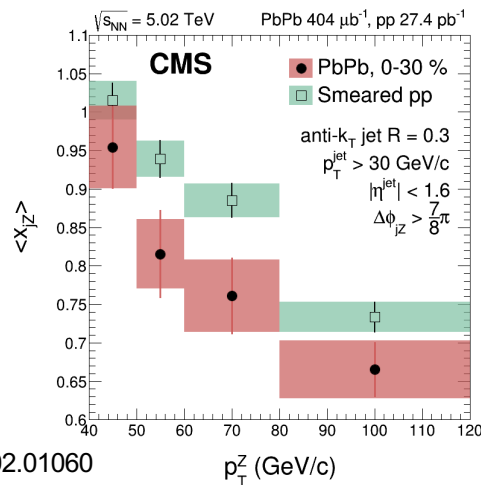


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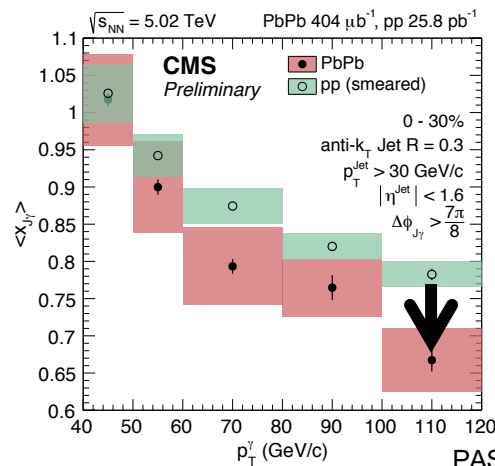
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Z-jet



photon-jet



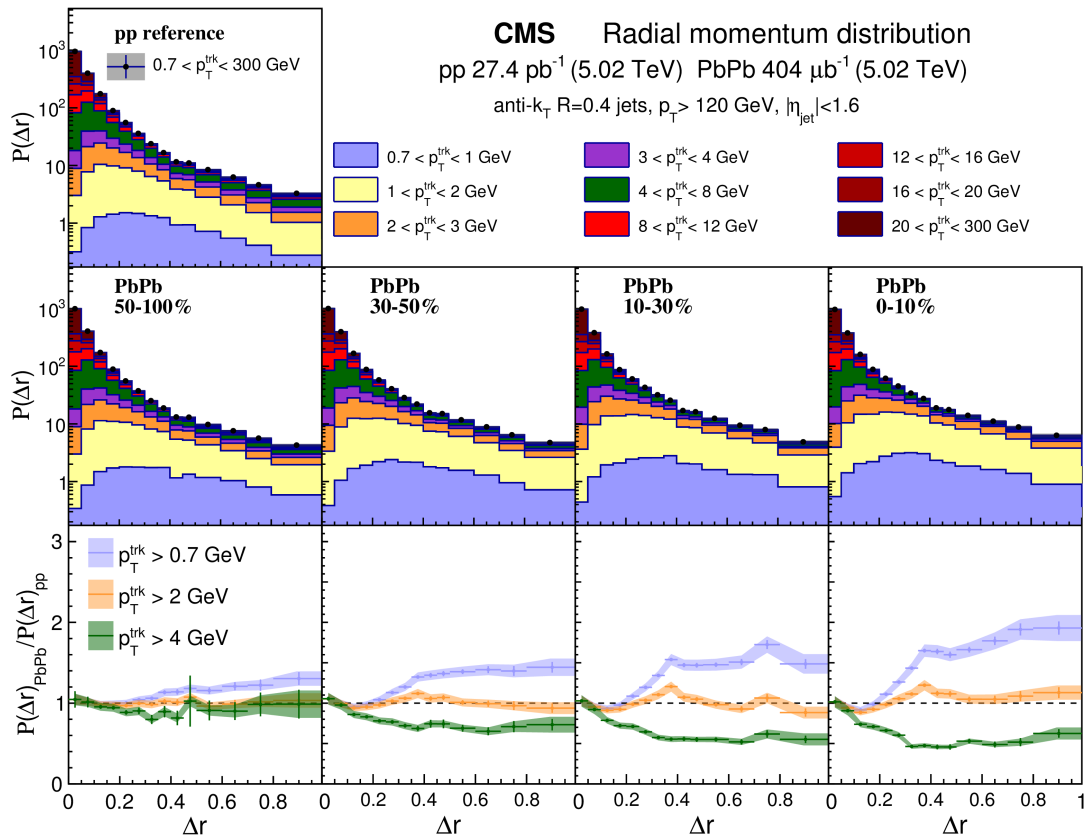
$$x_{J\gamma} = \frac{p_T^{\text{jet}}}{p_T^\gamma}$$

pp

PbPb

Jets loose ~15% energy due to medium interaction

# Where did the energy go?

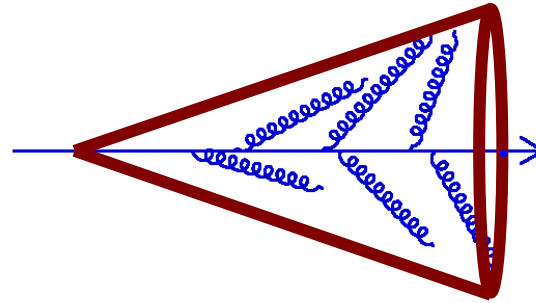


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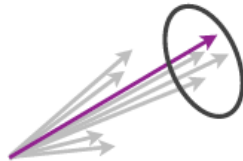
# What is jet substructure?

Dynamics of particles inside the jet

Two scales: angular + momentum space



Fragmentation  
Functions



*Single hadron*

Classic  
Jet Shapes



*All hadrons*

Groomed  
Observables



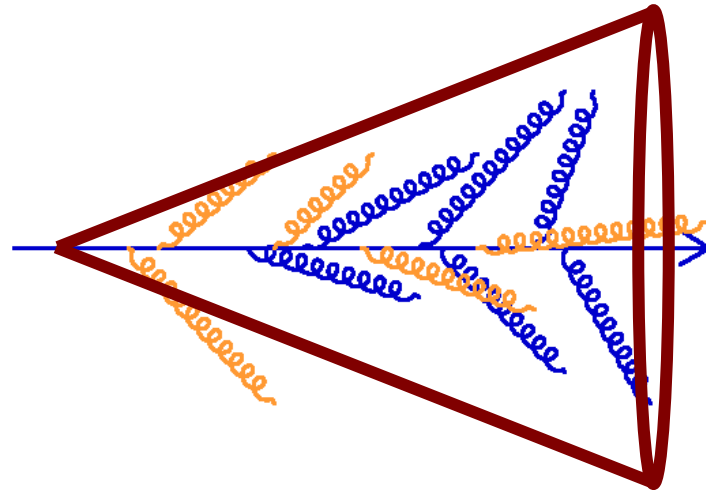
*Subset of hadrons*

Sketches by  
J. Thaler

# Why jet substructure?

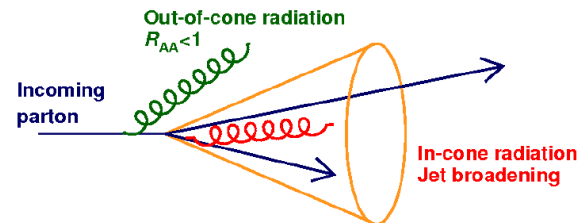
Structure of quenched jet different from unquenched?

- How is the parton shower modified?
- What is the exact mechanism modifying the shower?
- Can we relate shower modifications to medium properties?

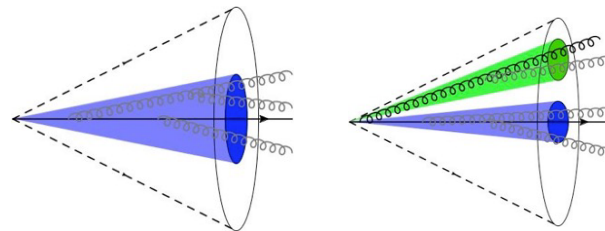


# Jet modification in hot QCD medium

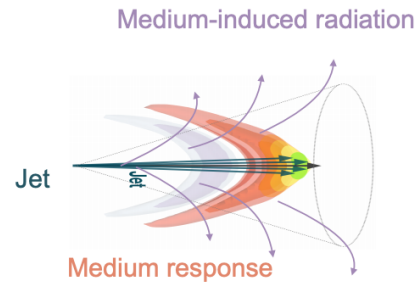
Medium-induced energy loss



Coherence effects



Medium recoil

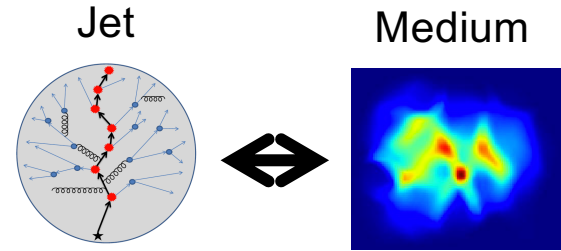
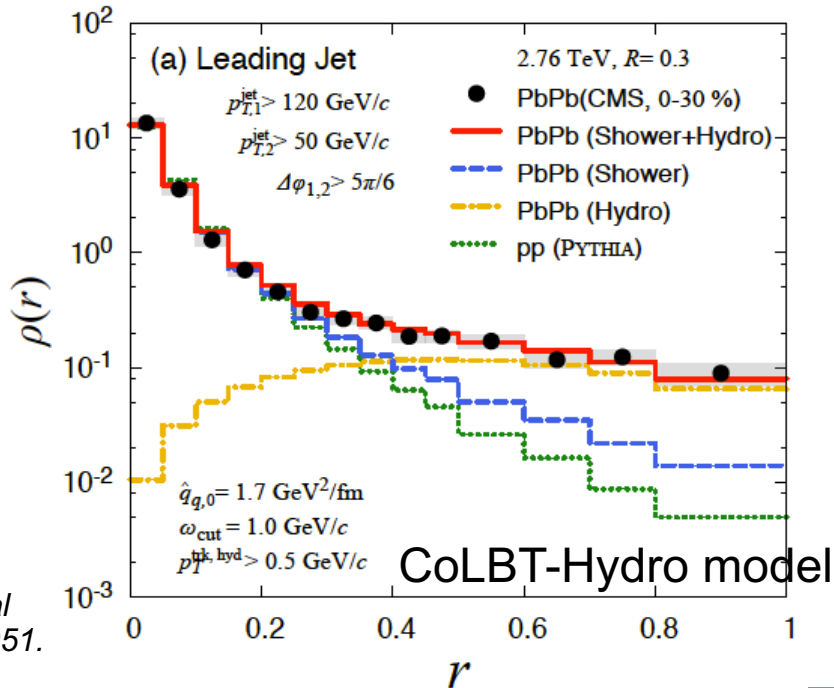


# Medium response

Medium excitation | wake | jet-correlated medium

=> a bit of the medium becomes part of the jet

→ Causing excess of soft particles at large angle



Quenched parton shower  
+ medium excitation

Quenched parton shower

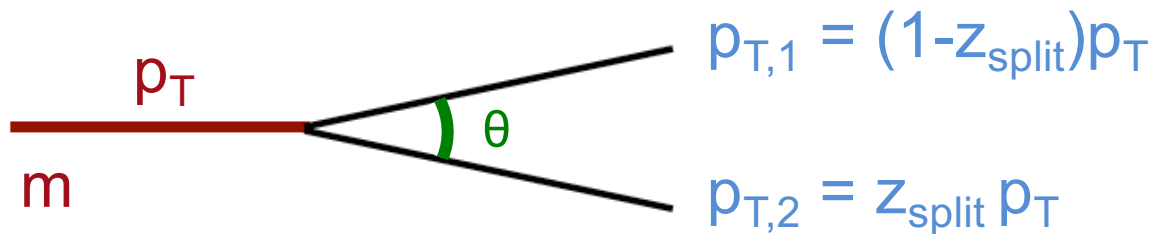
Vacuum parton shower

Medium response  
needed to explain large  
angle measurements

# Hard splitting as probe of medium

Idea: let a high  $p_T$  parton that splits into two other partons (antenna) propagate through the medium

Then study the influence of the medium on the antenna

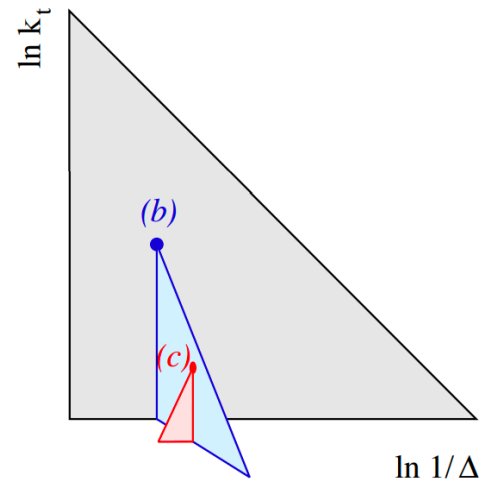
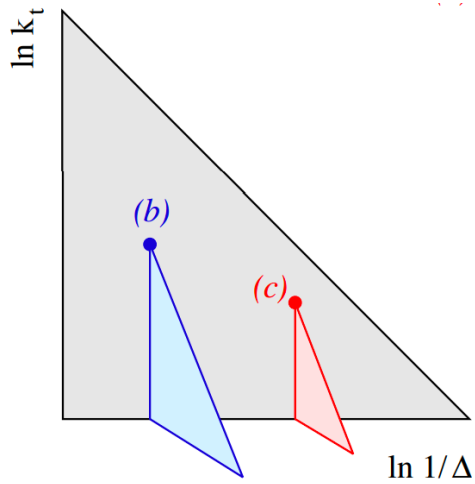
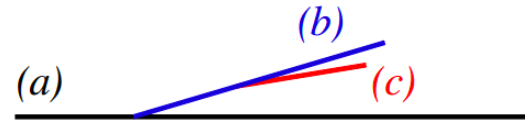
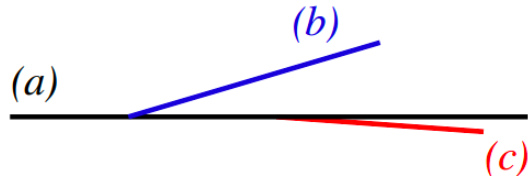


Splitting probability in vacuum:

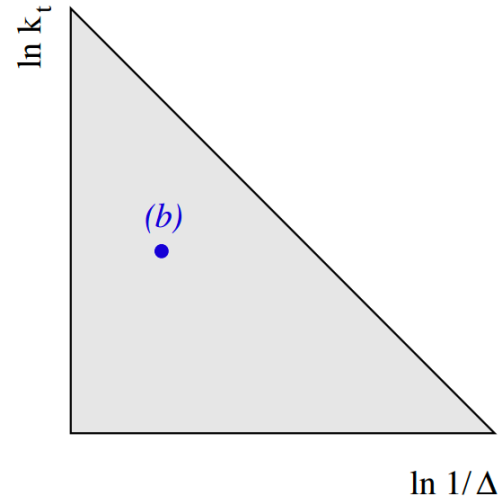
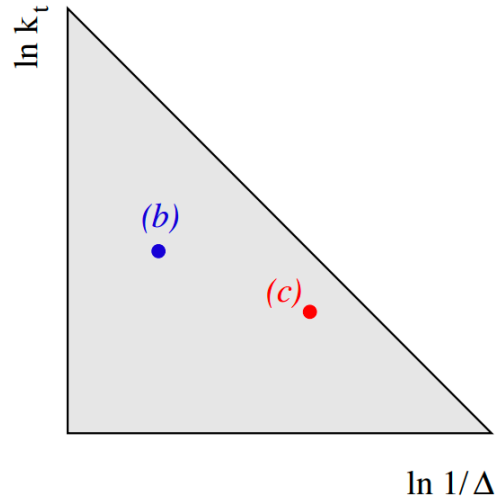
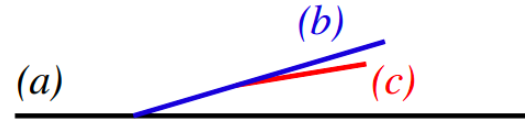
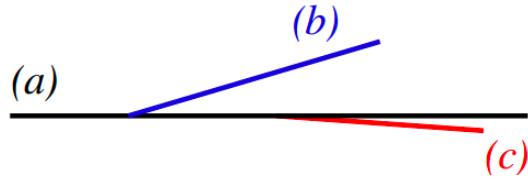
$$d\mathcal{P}_{\text{vac}} = 2 \frac{\alpha_s C_R}{\pi} d \log z \theta d \log \frac{1}{\theta}$$



# Jet Lund Plane

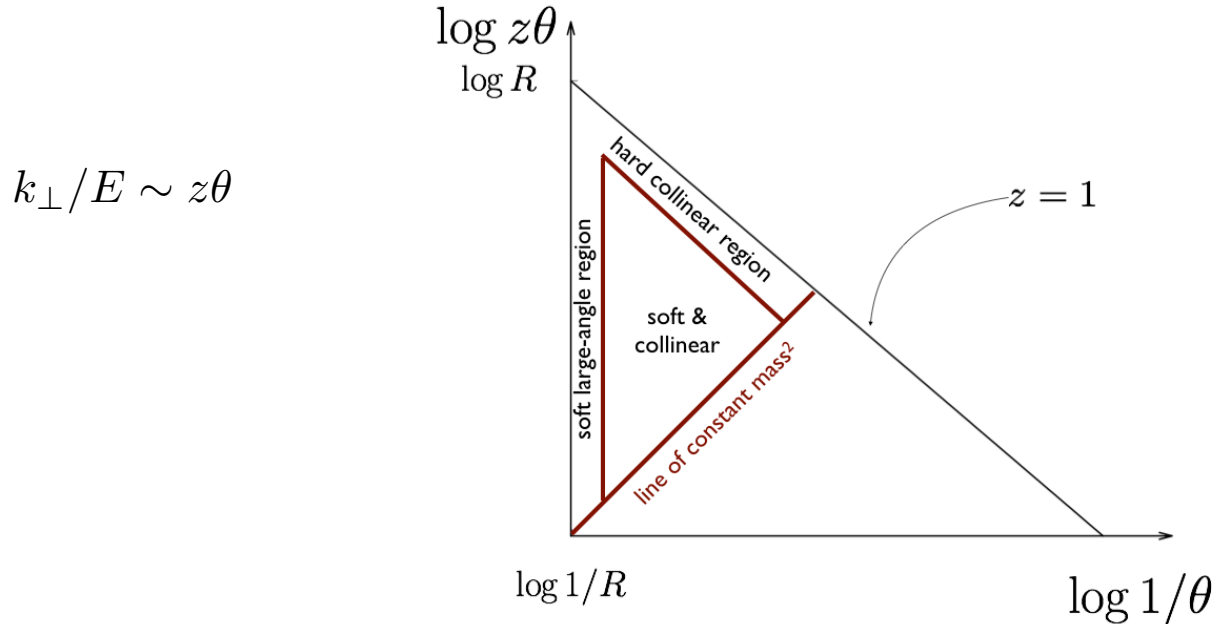


# Primary Jet Lund Plane



# The Lund diagram

Just a plane to depict parton splittings



$$\rho(\Delta, k_t) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{d^2 n_{\text{emissions}}}{d \ln \frac{1}{\Delta} d \ln k_t}$$

$$\rho_{\text{soft-coll.}}^{\text{LO},i}(\Delta, k_t) = \frac{2\alpha_s C_i}{\pi}$$

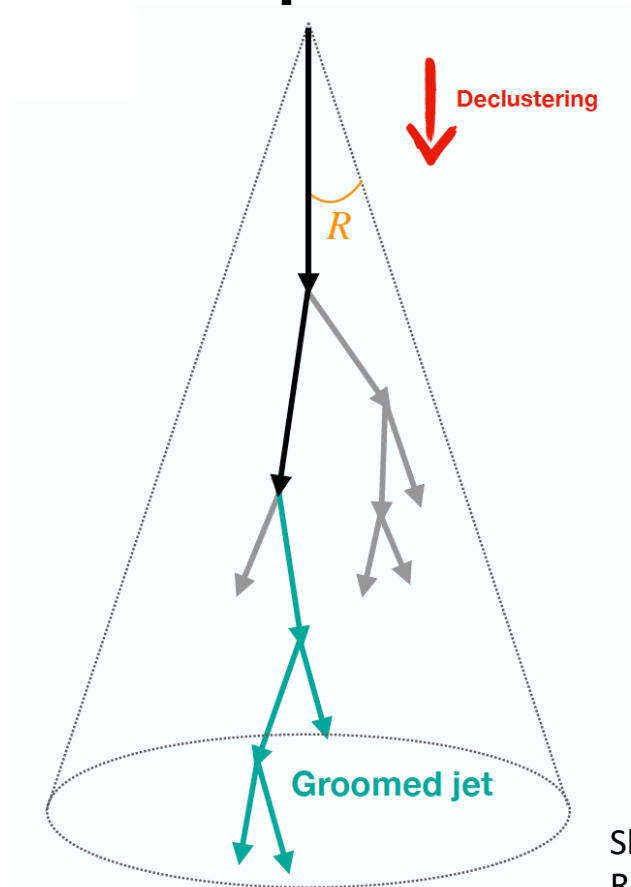
Triangle uniformly filled for a vacuum parton shower at LO

B. Andersson, G. Gustafson, L. Lönnblad and U. Petterson, Z. Phys. C 43 (1989) 625  
F. Dreyer, G. Salam, G. Soyez arXiv:1807.04758

# Access to splittings in experiment

Order constituents in the jet

Walk back in history to identify splittings of interest



Sketch by  
Rey Torres

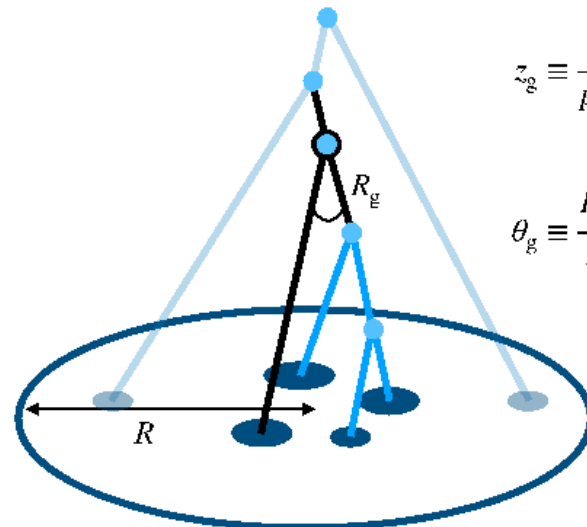
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Define your observable

- can be one specific splitting;
- but also multiple in one jet;

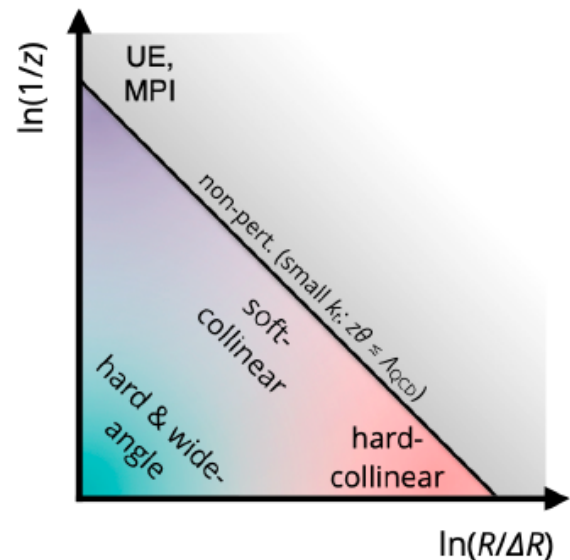


$$z_g \equiv \frac{P_{T,\text{subleading}}}{P_{T,\text{leading}} + P_{T,\text{subleading}}}$$

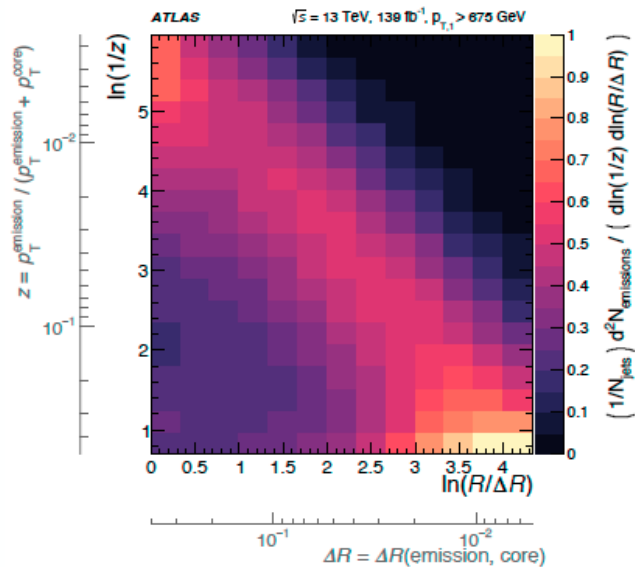
$$\theta_g \equiv \frac{R_{g\sigma}}{R} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{\Delta y^2 + \Delta\phi^2}}{R}$$

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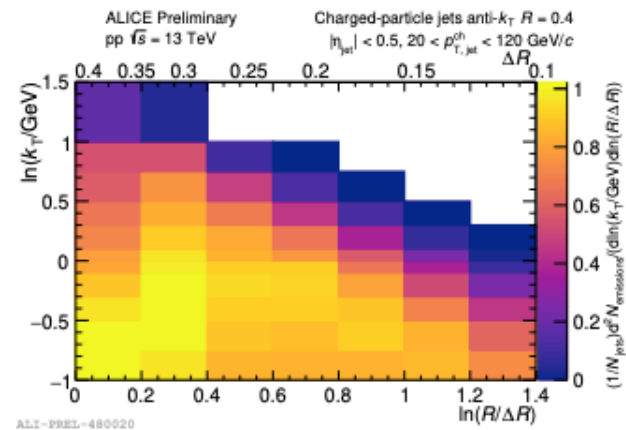
# Vacuum Lund Plane



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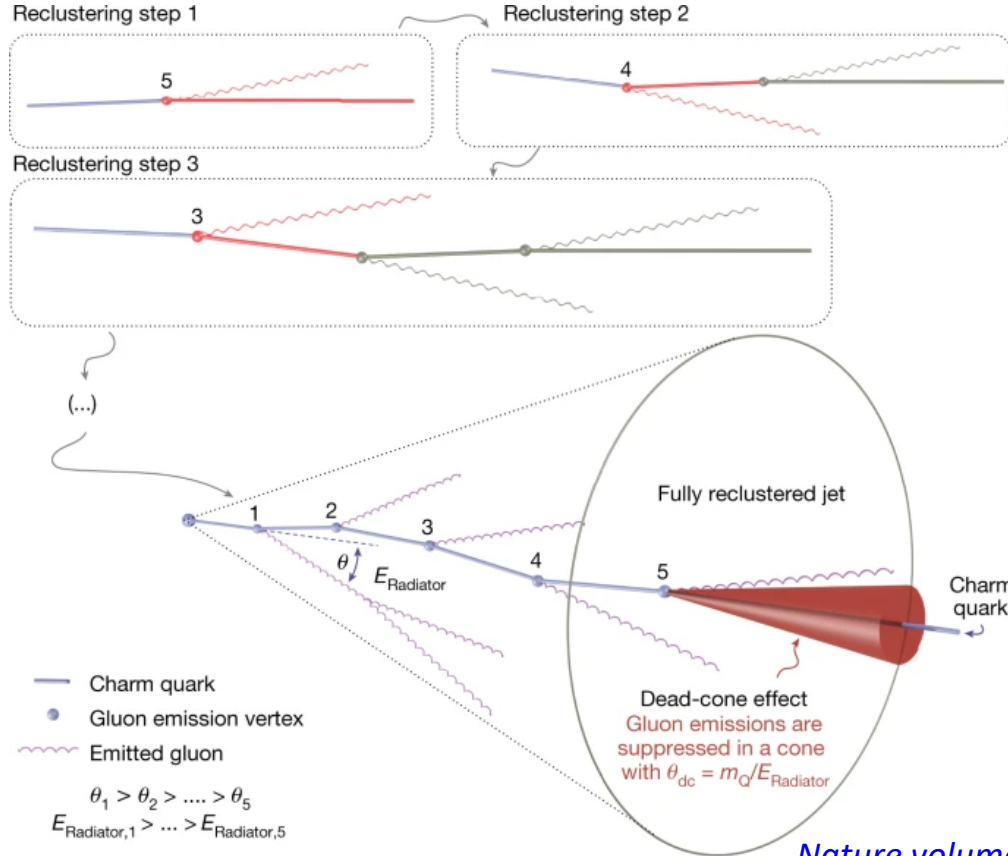


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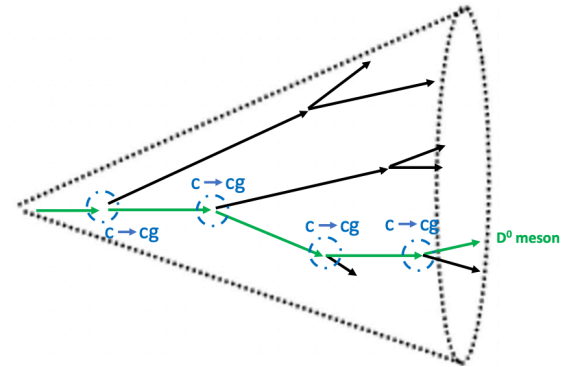
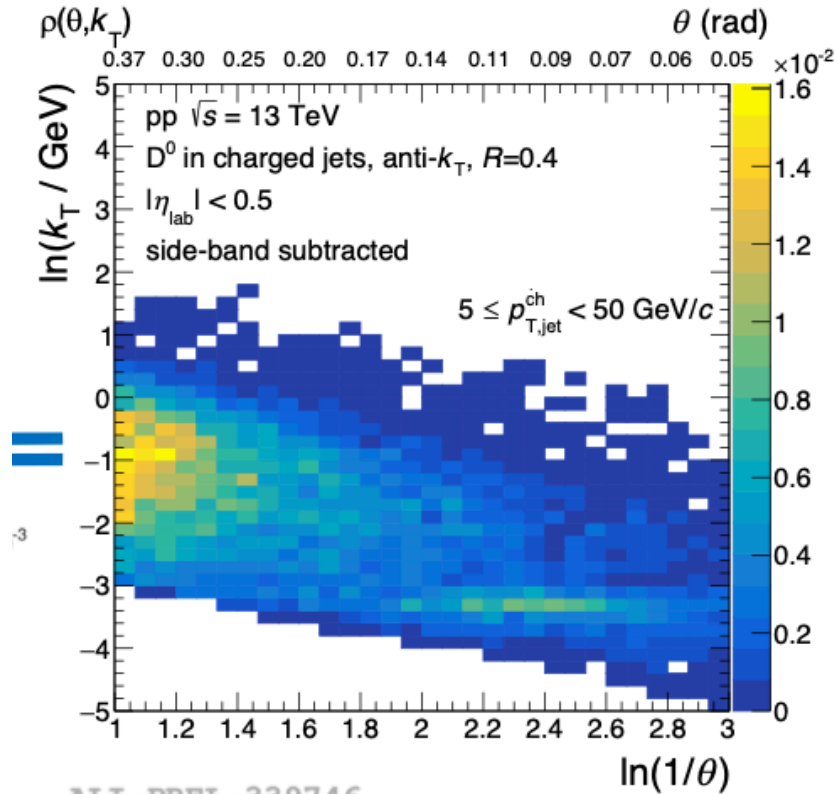
Running of  $\alpha_s$  sculpts the plane

# Dead Cone



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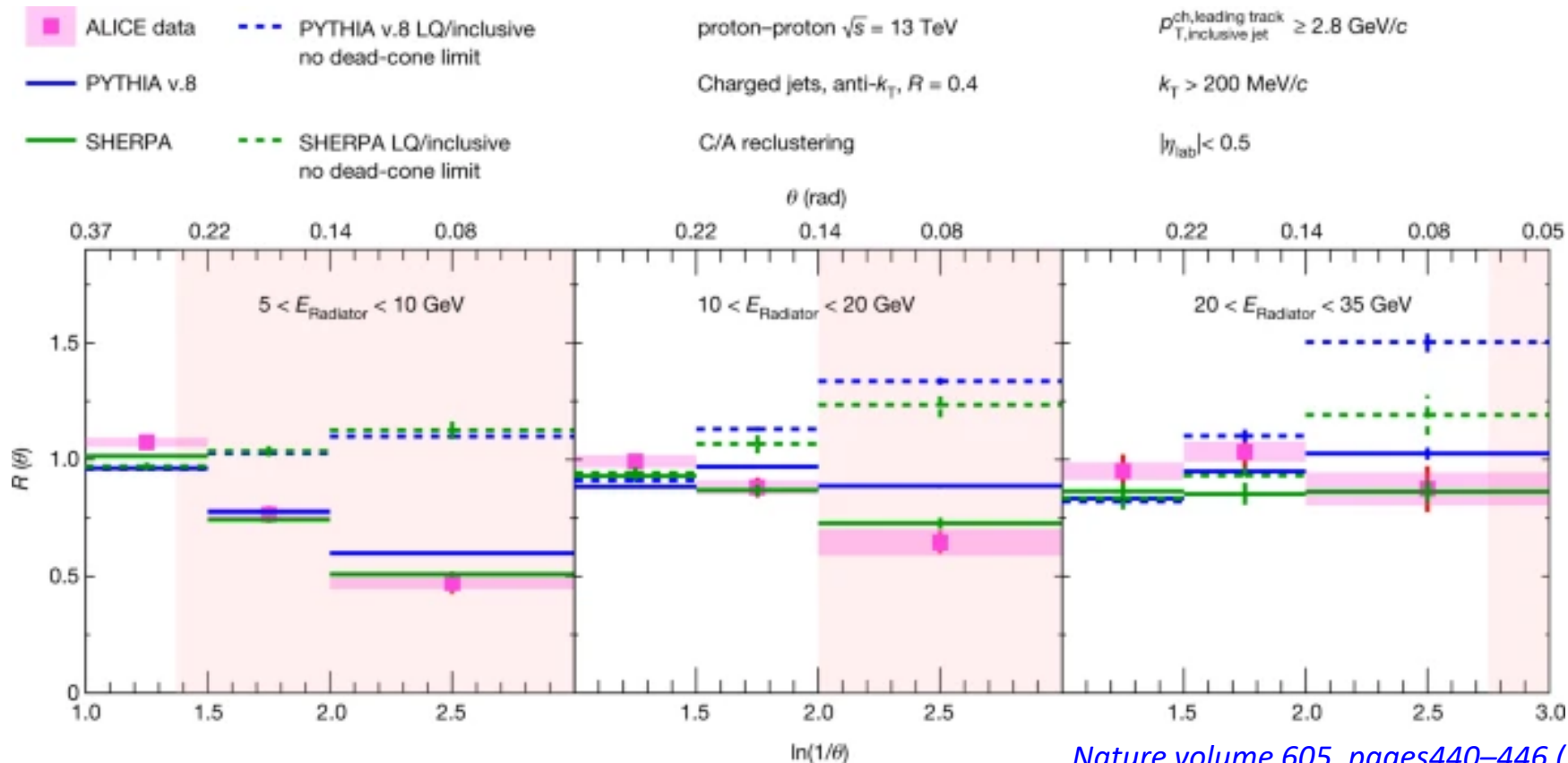
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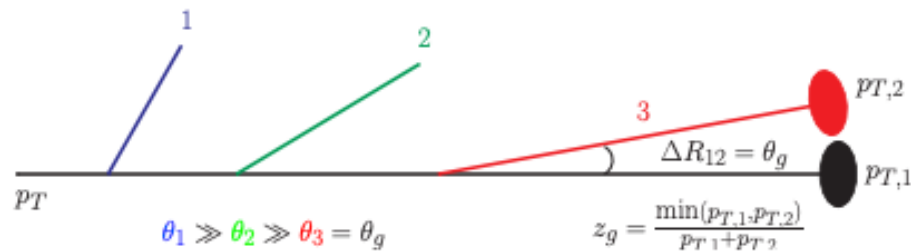
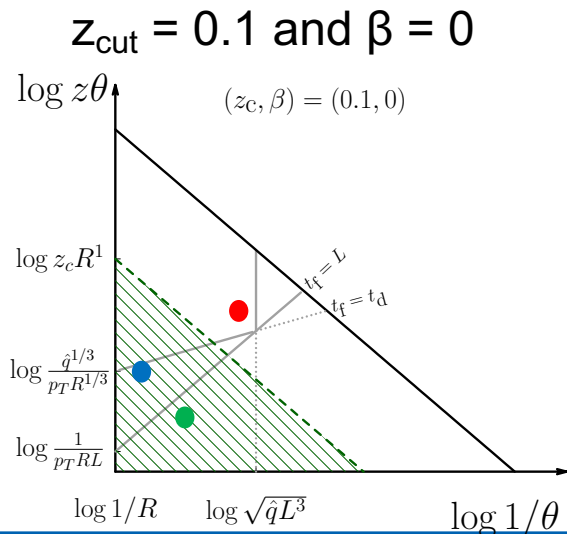
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# Lund plane and grooming

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$$z > z_{\text{cut}} \theta^\beta$$

↑ energy threshold     ↙ angular exponent

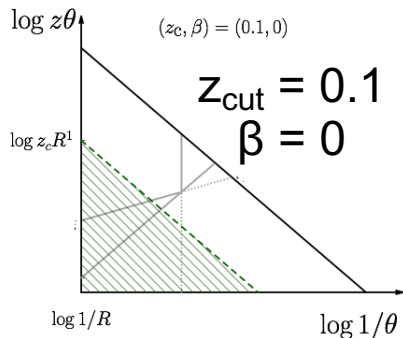


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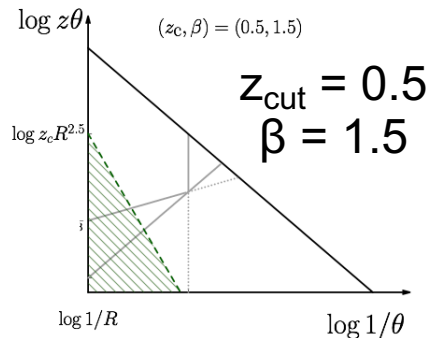
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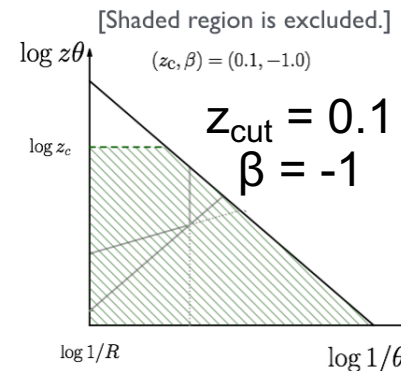
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cuts only on the energy sharing fraction



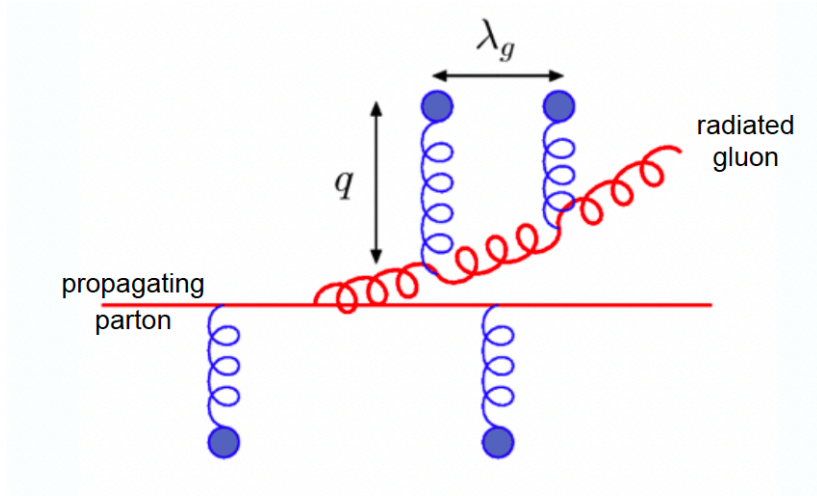
stronger grooming at large angle



only hard radiation remains

Varying the grooming condition allows to select different regions of radiation phase space

# Transport Coefficient



$$\hat{q} \equiv \frac{\langle q_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{\lambda}$$

Mean transverse kick per unit path length  
Depends on density through mean free path  $\lambda$ :

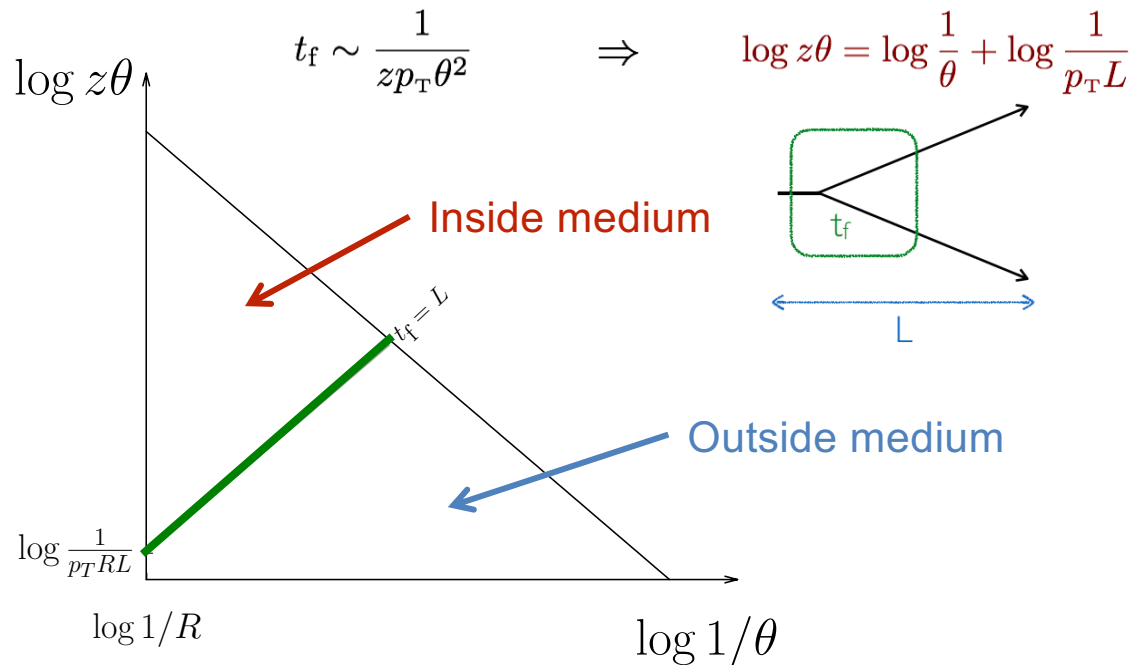
$$\lambda \propto \frac{1}{\rho}$$

Energy loss depends on  $\hat{q}$  and medium length (L)

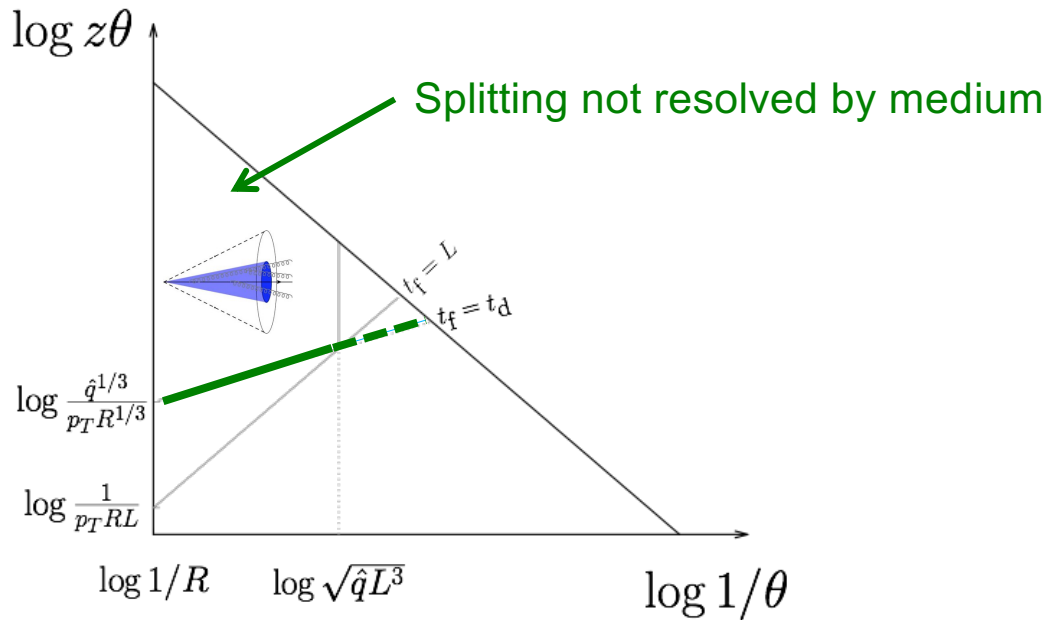
$$\Delta E_{med} \sim \alpha_S \hat{q} L^2$$

# In or outside the medium

A splitting can either occur inside or outside the medium  
→ depends on the formation time of the splitting



# Coherent or incoherent splitting



Formation time:  $t_f \sim \frac{1}{z p_T \theta^2}$

Decoherence time:  $t_d \sim \frac{1}{(\hat{q}\theta^2)^{1/3}}$

$$\log z\theta = \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{1}{\theta} + \log \frac{\hat{q}^{1/3}}{p_T},$$

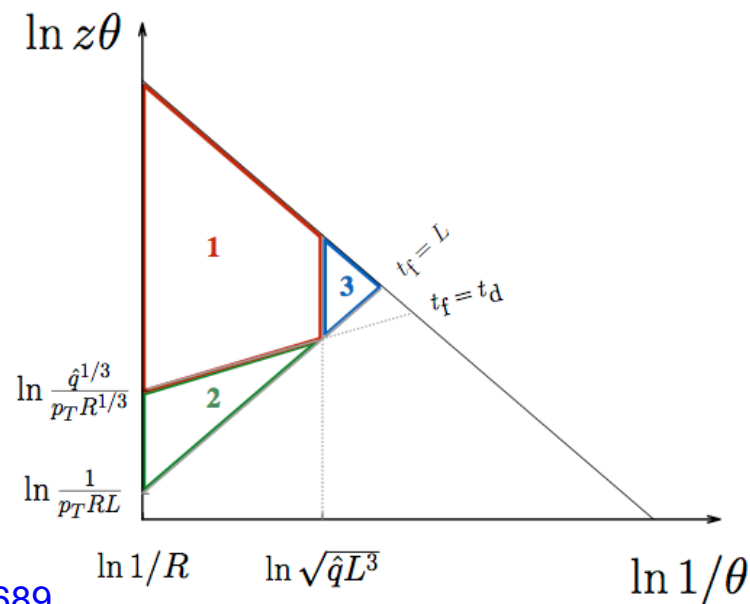
# Phase space in medium

3 regions for a splitting happening in medium

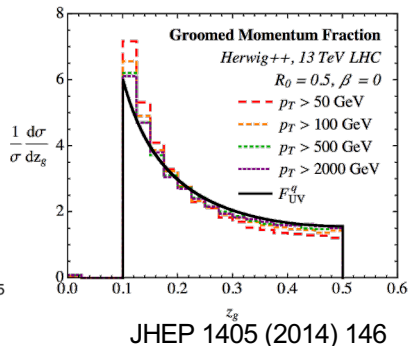
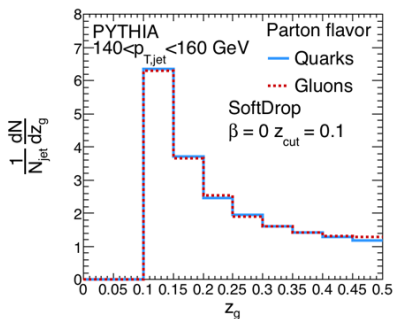
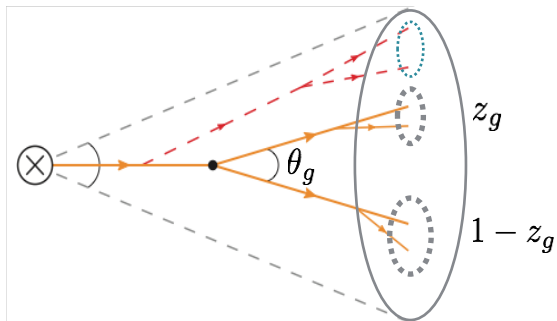
1) vacuum-like splitting inside medium that will be quenched

2) medium-induced splitting  $\rightarrow$  not uniform in Lund plane

3) unresolved splitting



# Shared momentum fraction



No flavor dependence  
 Weak jet  $p_T$  dependence  
 In vacuum: Altarelli-Parisi splitting function

Observable:  
 Momentum balance  
 between the two subjects  
 as defined by grooming  
 procedure

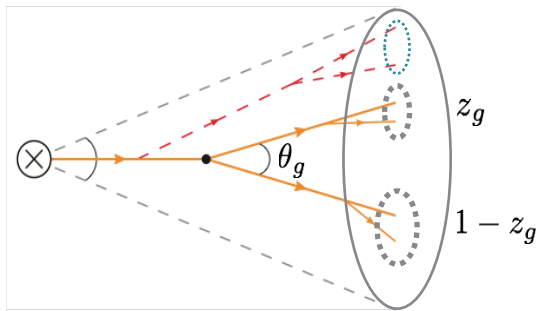
$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

Momentum fraction  
 carried by the  
 subleading branch



# Jet splitting function

Robust observable: Momentum fraction carried by the subleading branch of first hard splitting

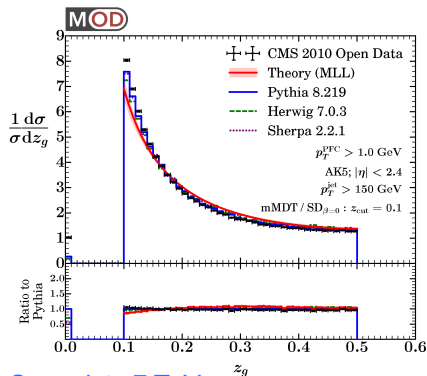


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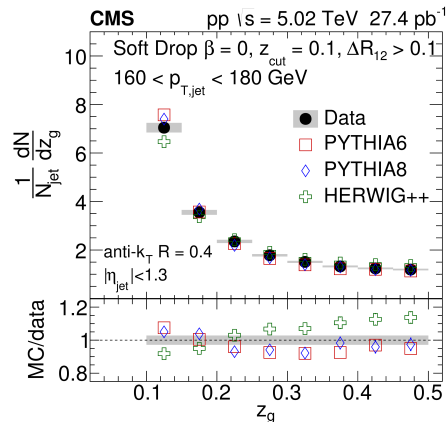
With groomed jets: soft large angle radiation removed to define the hardest splitting

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{dN_i}{dz_g} \propto \overbrace{\bar{P}_i(z_g)}^{\text{measure splitting function!}} \sim \frac{1}{z_g}$$

- Weak dependence on  $\alpha_s$
- Weak dependence on jet  $p_T$
- In vacuum: Altarelli-Parisi Splitting Function



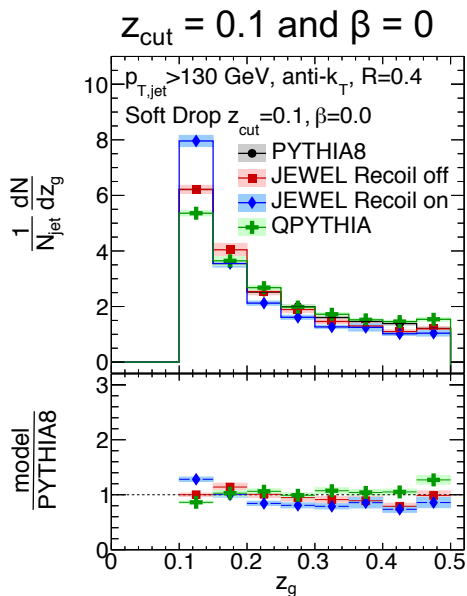
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PRL 119 (2017), 132003  
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Comparison of jet quenching MCs (JEWEL, QPYTHIA) with vacuum model (PYTHIA)



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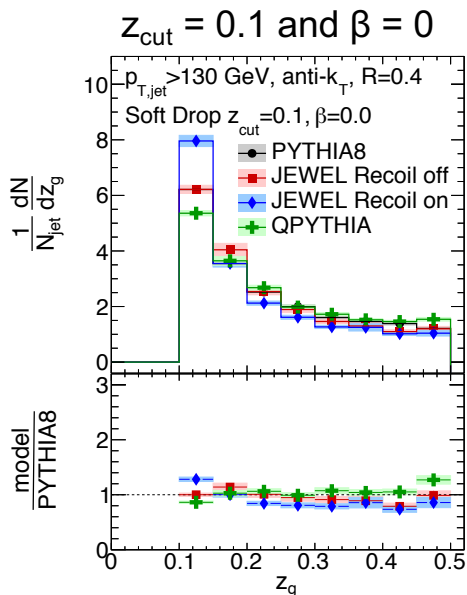
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Transport coefficient  
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Length of  
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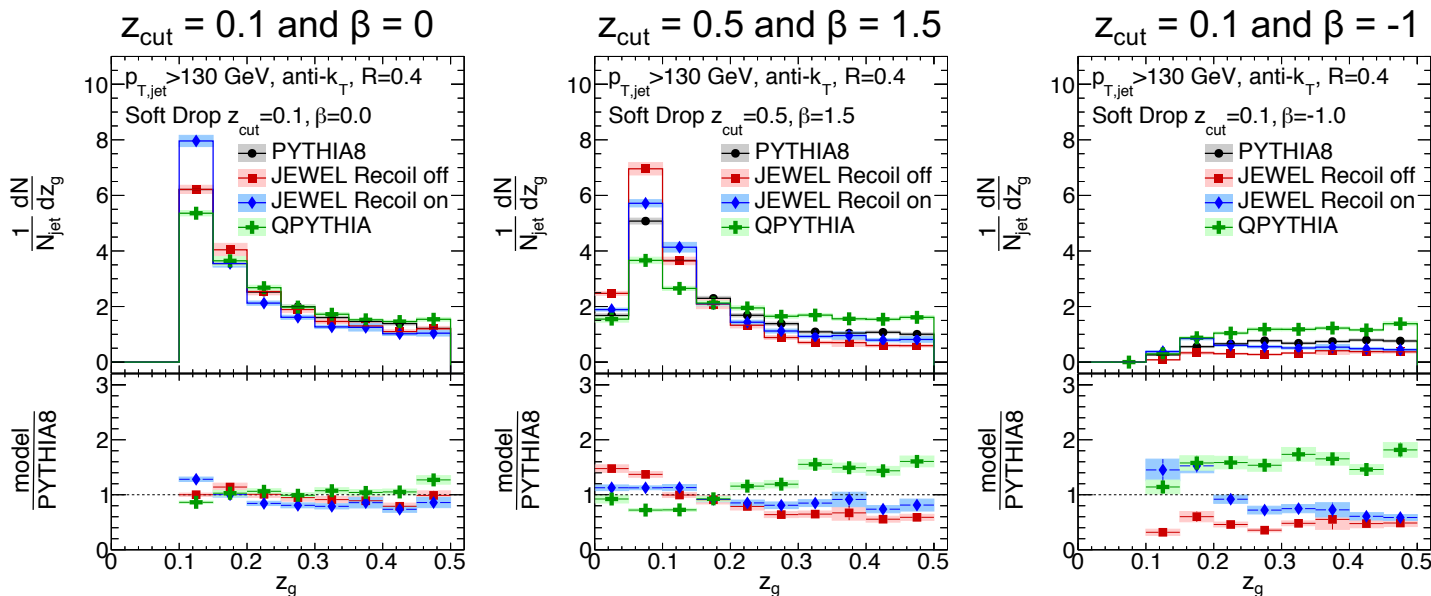


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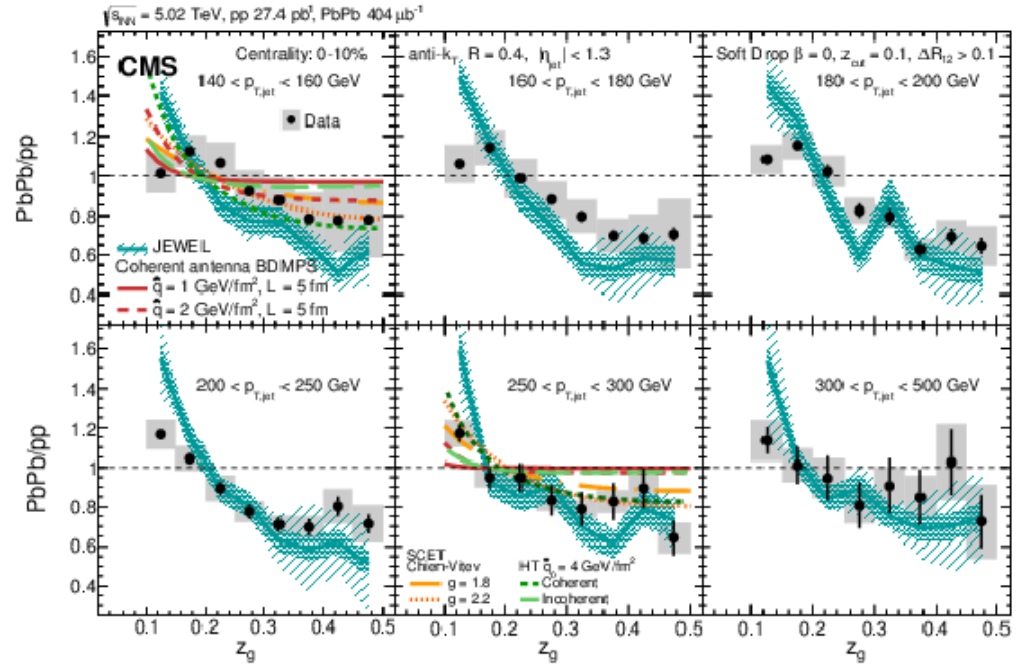
Not all grooming settings equally sensitive to different physics assumptions

# Splitting fraction

For first measurements, pp reference was smeared.  
Distributions were self-normalized

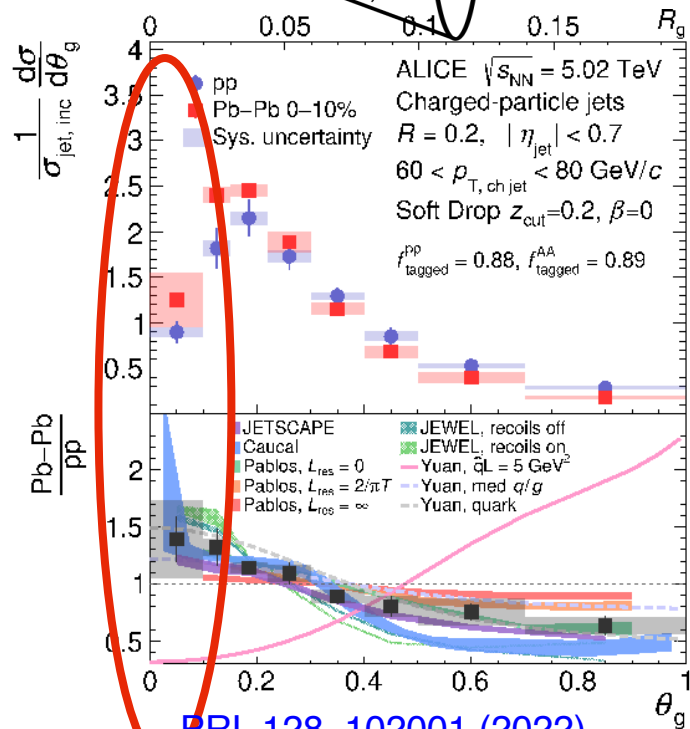
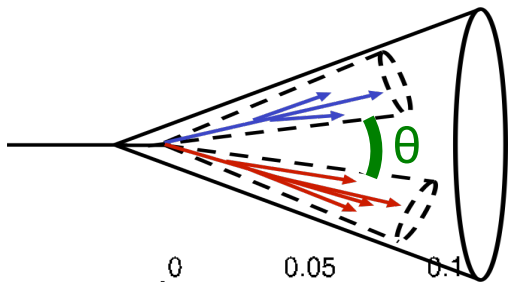
Data suggested:  
Splittings in quenched jets  
are a bit less balanced

Models capture the trend  
but different physics  
mechanisms responsible



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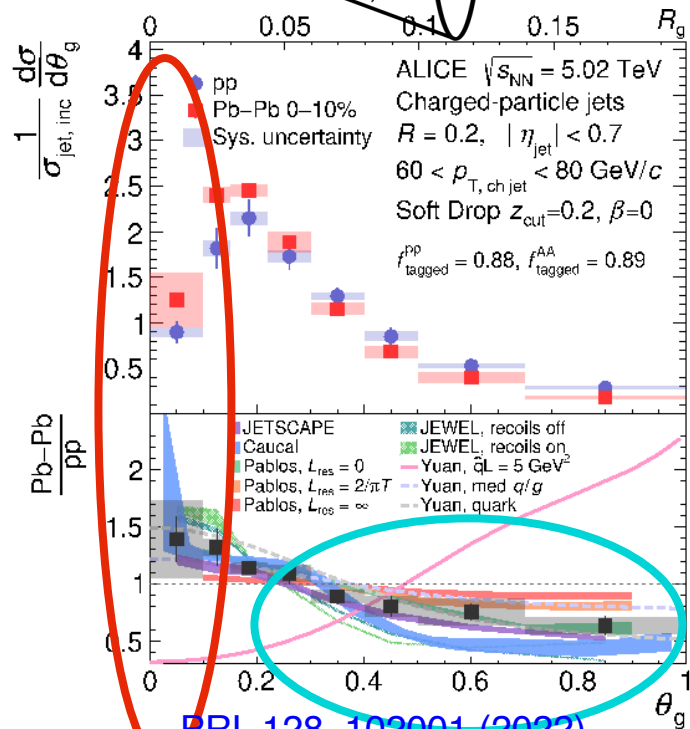
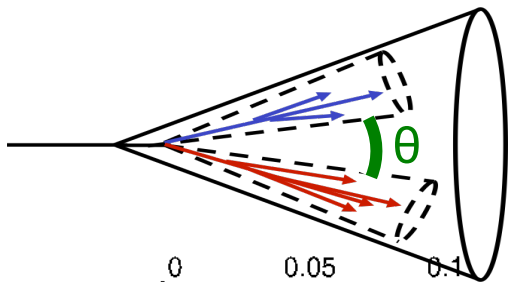
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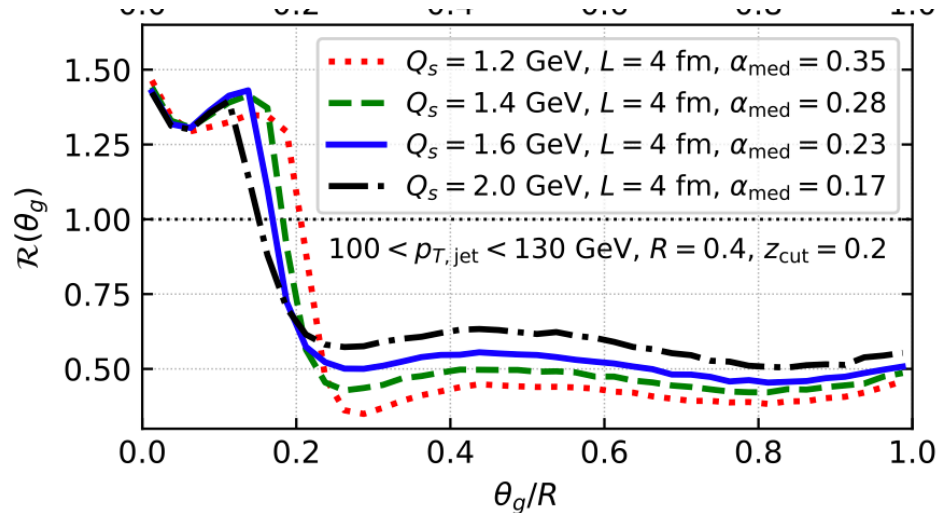
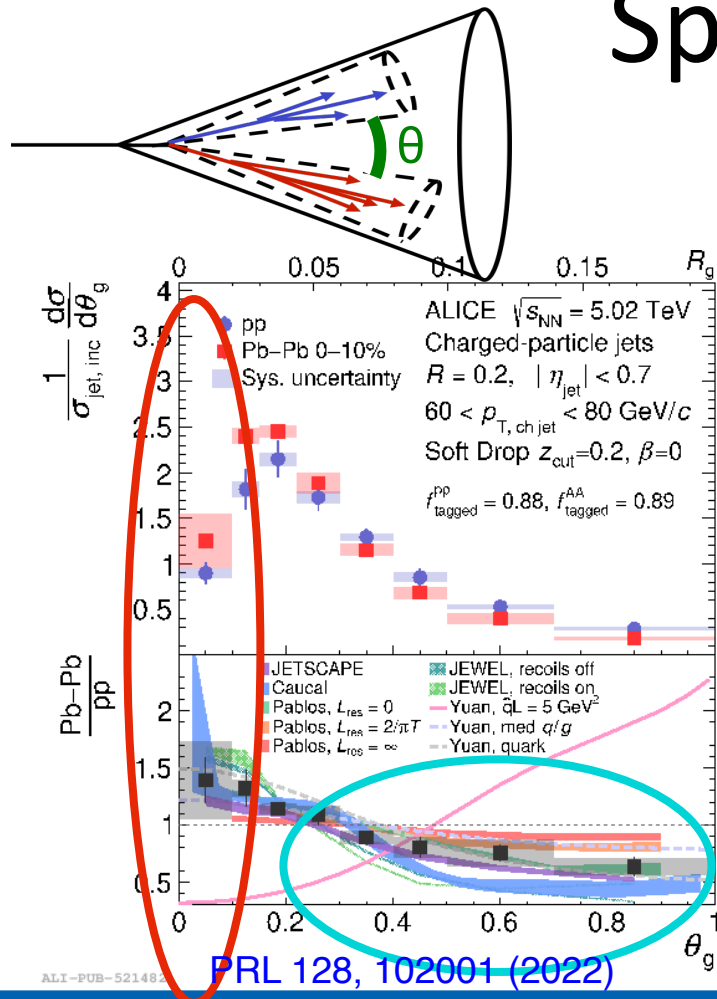
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Caucal, Iancu, Soyez, 1907.04866 & 2012.01457



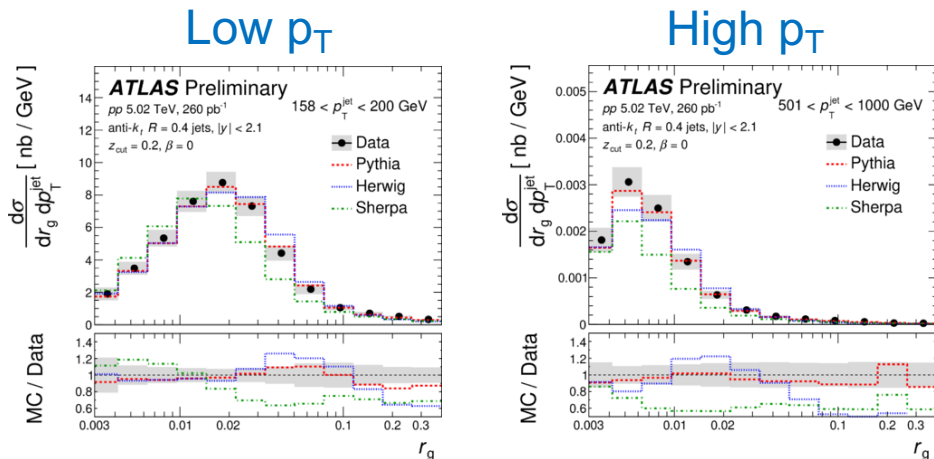
Jets with  $\theta_g \geq \theta_c$  are suppressed while jets with  $\theta_g \leq \theta_c$  are relatively enhanced.

Is ALICE seeing color coherence effect?  
 Or is this due to the number of emitters?  
 Or a selection bias?



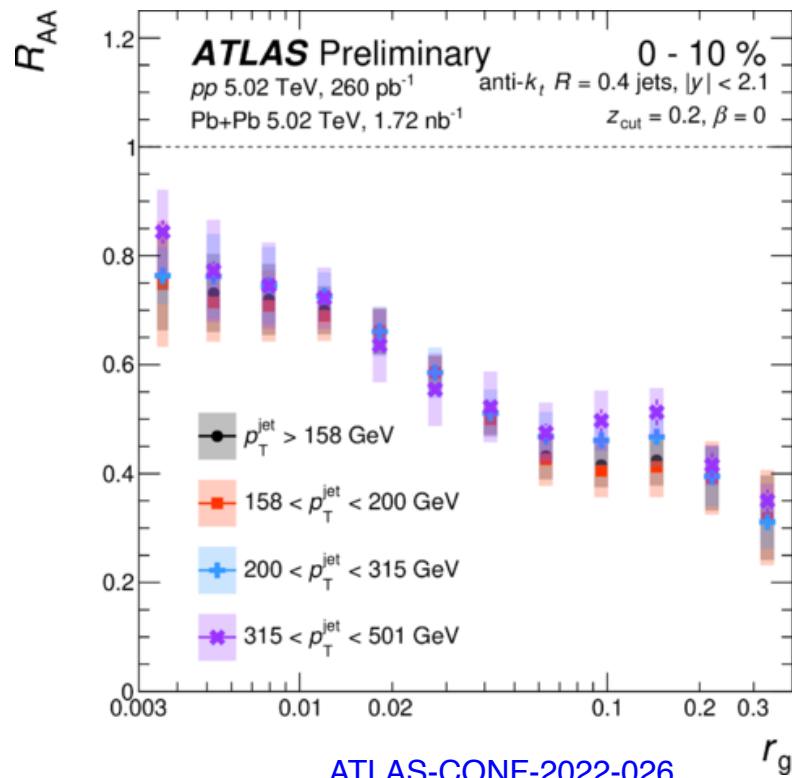
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Jet  $p_T$  selection + energy loss results in observed  $r_g$  dependence

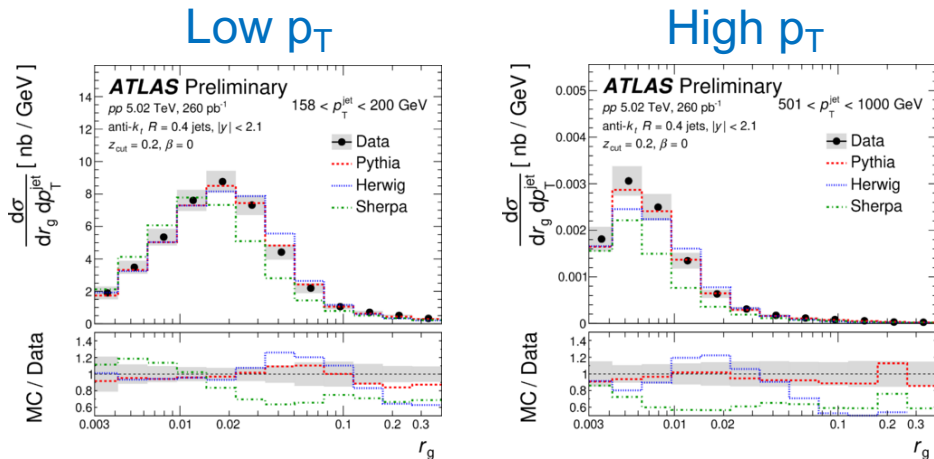
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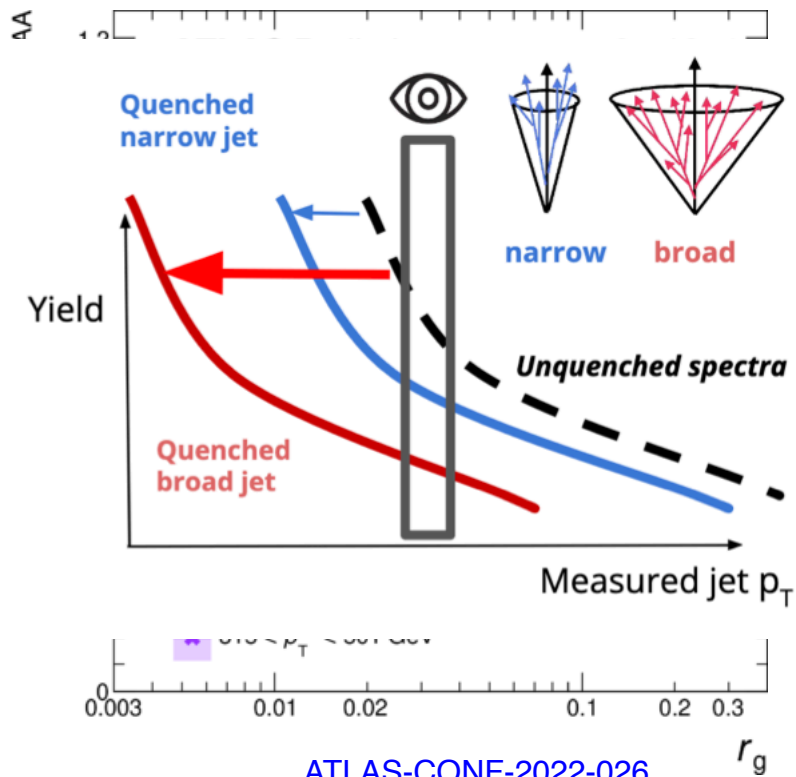
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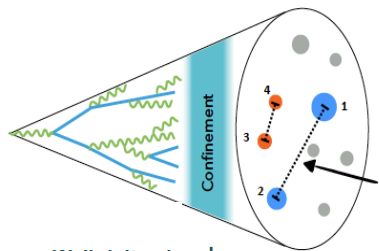
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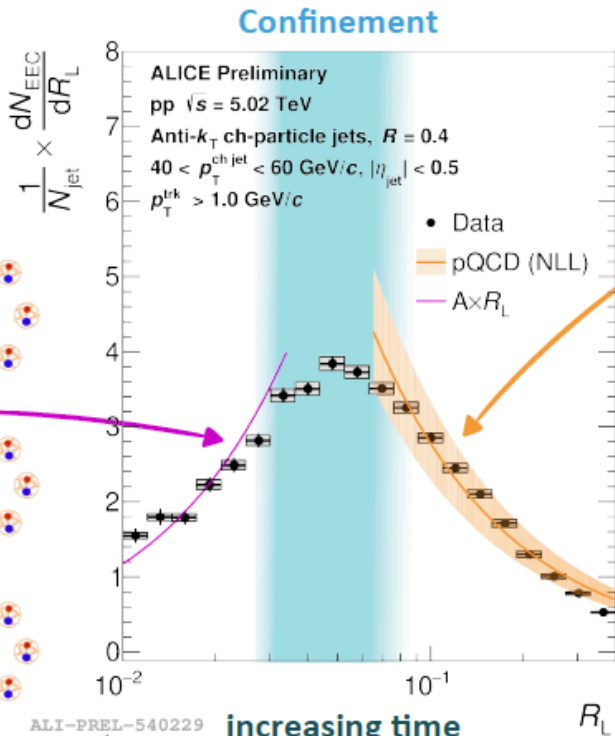
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dR_L^2} = \text{constant}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dR_L} \propto R_L$$

Free hadron scaling  
(hadronic degree of freedom)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{EEC}}}{dR_L} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma(R'_L) \left( \frac{p_{T,i} p_{T,j}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^2} \right) \delta(R'_L - R_{L,ij})$$

Energy weight



Small angle

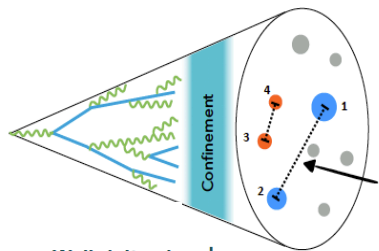
← increasing time  
decreasing energy scale →

Large angle

pQCD scaling (partonic degree of freedom)

Perturbative Evolution

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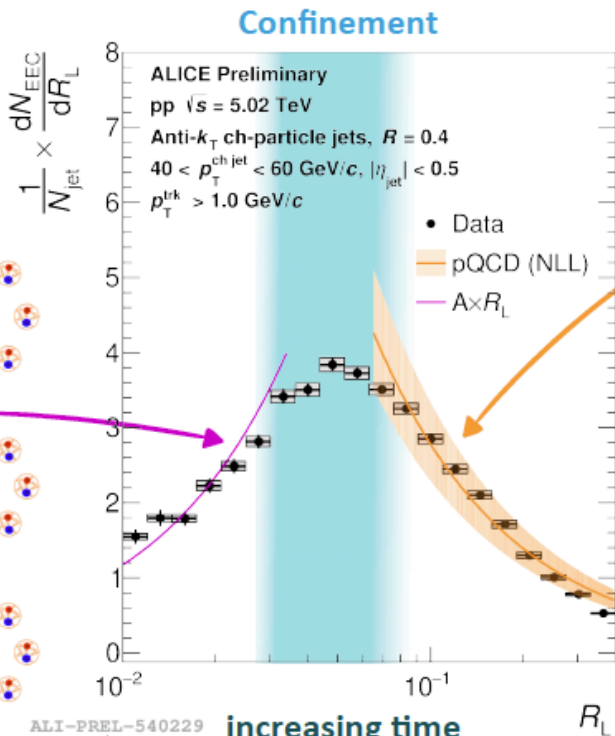
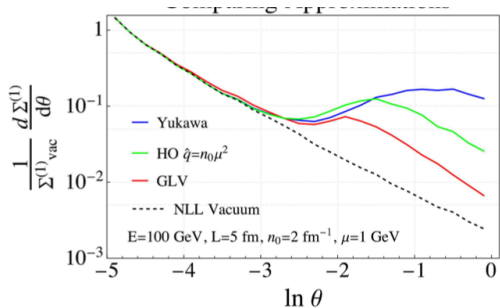


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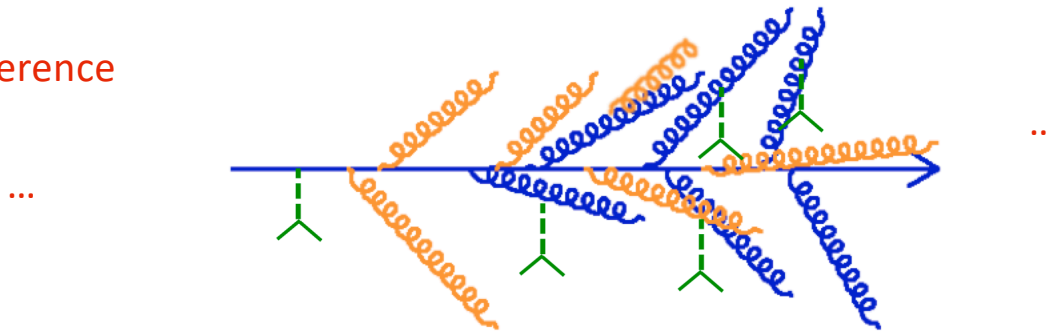
In experiment we see the end of the parton shower.  
A convolution of many effects. Multi-scale problem

Decorrelation of radiated gluons

All partons in shower 'see' medium

Role of coherence

Medium response



Each jet observable has different sensitivity

# Summary

Jets are never simple.

And even more complicated when traversing a quark-gluon plasma.

Making progress on understanding in-medium parton shower

→ This leads to more accurate extraction of QGP properties (transport coefficient  $\hat{q}$ , (de)coherence angle  $\theta_c$ , ...)

But there are open questions

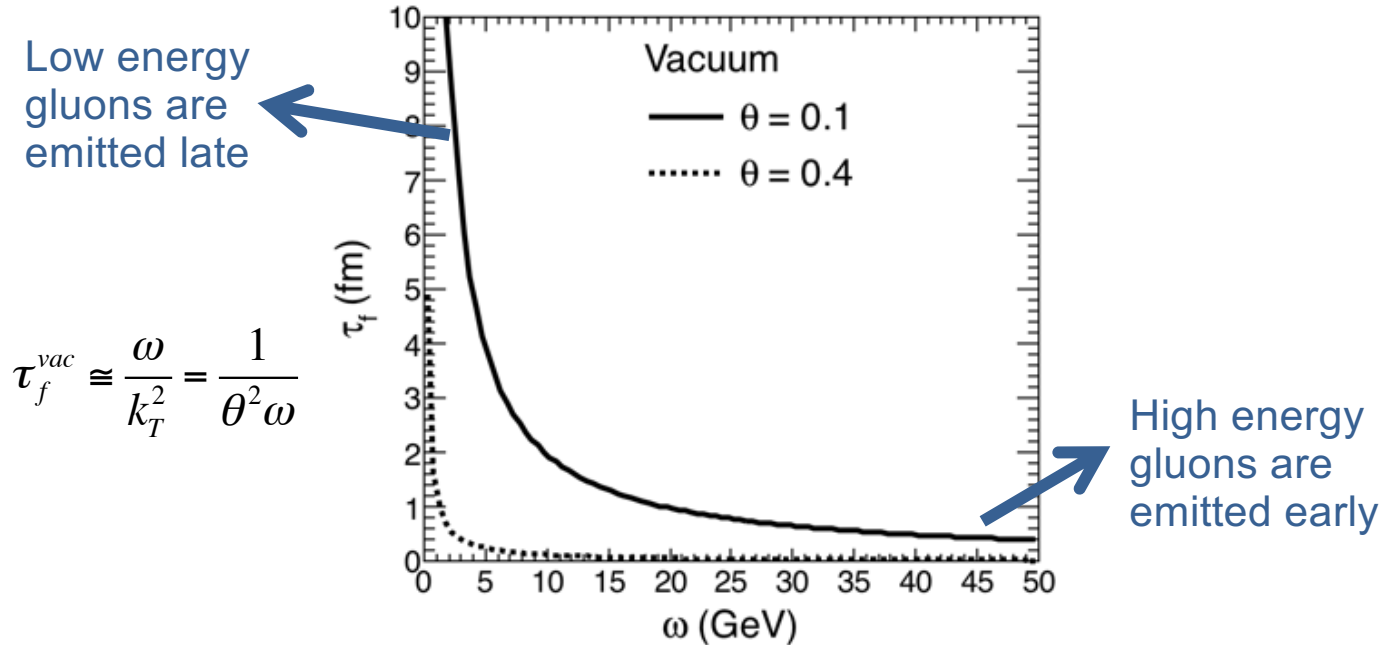
- Role of medium response? Resolution scale of QGP? Quasi-particles?

Exciting times ahead with new data runs at RHIC and LHC

Thank you

# $z_g$ – formation times

Vacuum formation time of gluons with certain energy



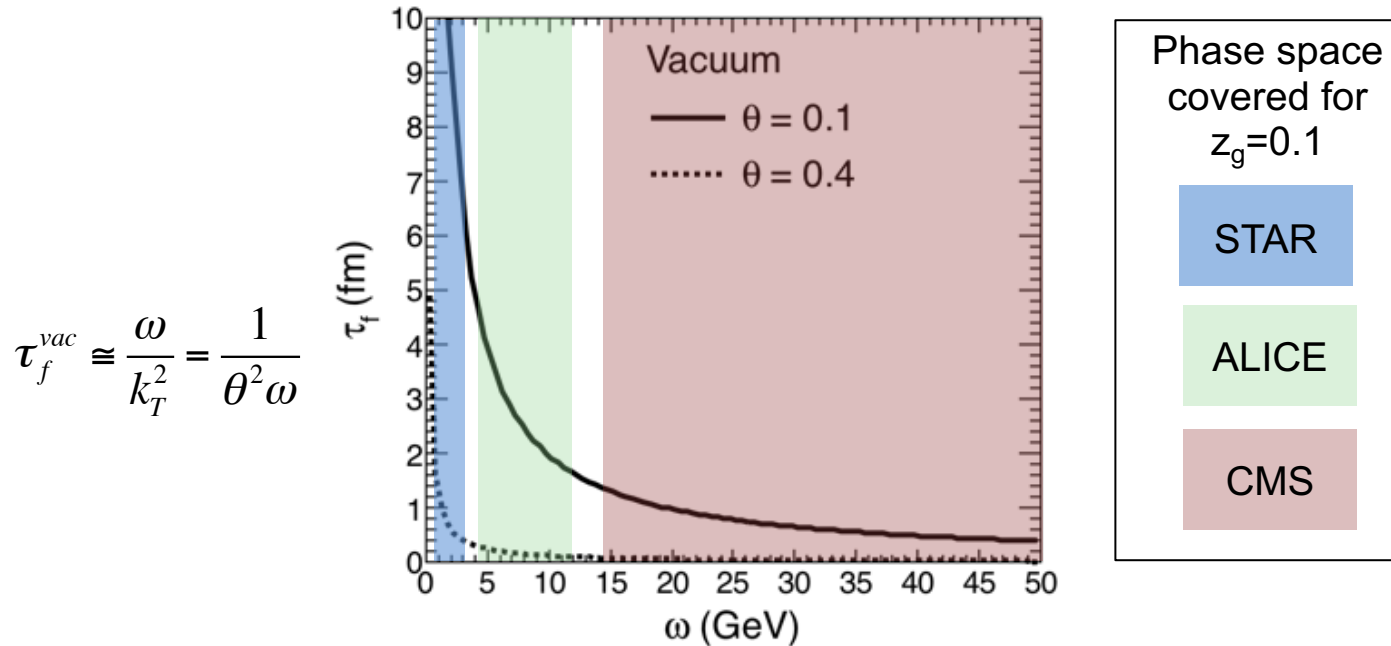
Large angle radiation first, small angle later

→ A lot of the vacuum radiation is created too late to see the medium



# $z_g$ – RHIC vs LHC

Vacuum formation time of gluons with certain energy



Different experiments probing very different formation times. No overlap

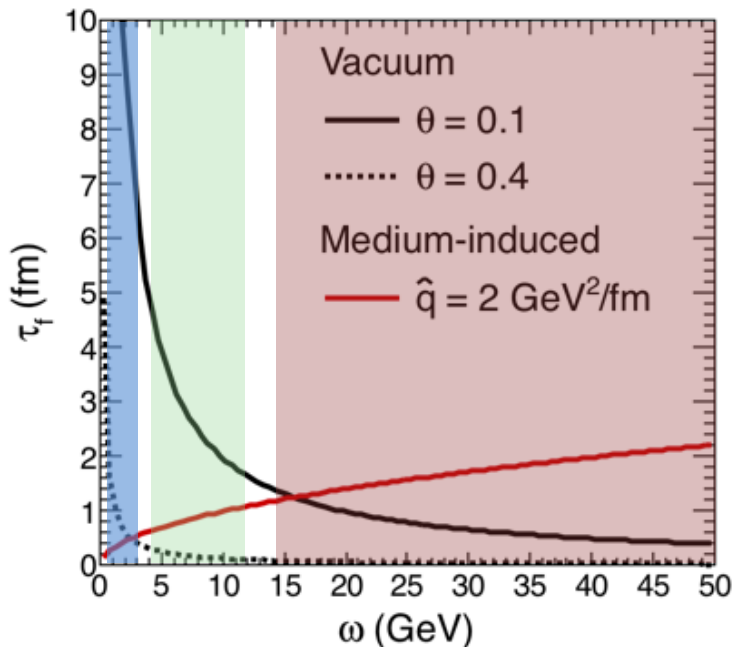
# $z_g$ – RHIC vs LHC

Vacuum and **medium** formation times

Hard medium-induced radiation happens late in the shower

$$\tau_f^{vac} \cong \frac{\omega}{k_T^2} = \frac{1}{\theta^2 \omega}$$

$$\tau_f^{med} \cong \frac{\omega}{k_T^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$



Phase space covered for  $z_g=0.1$

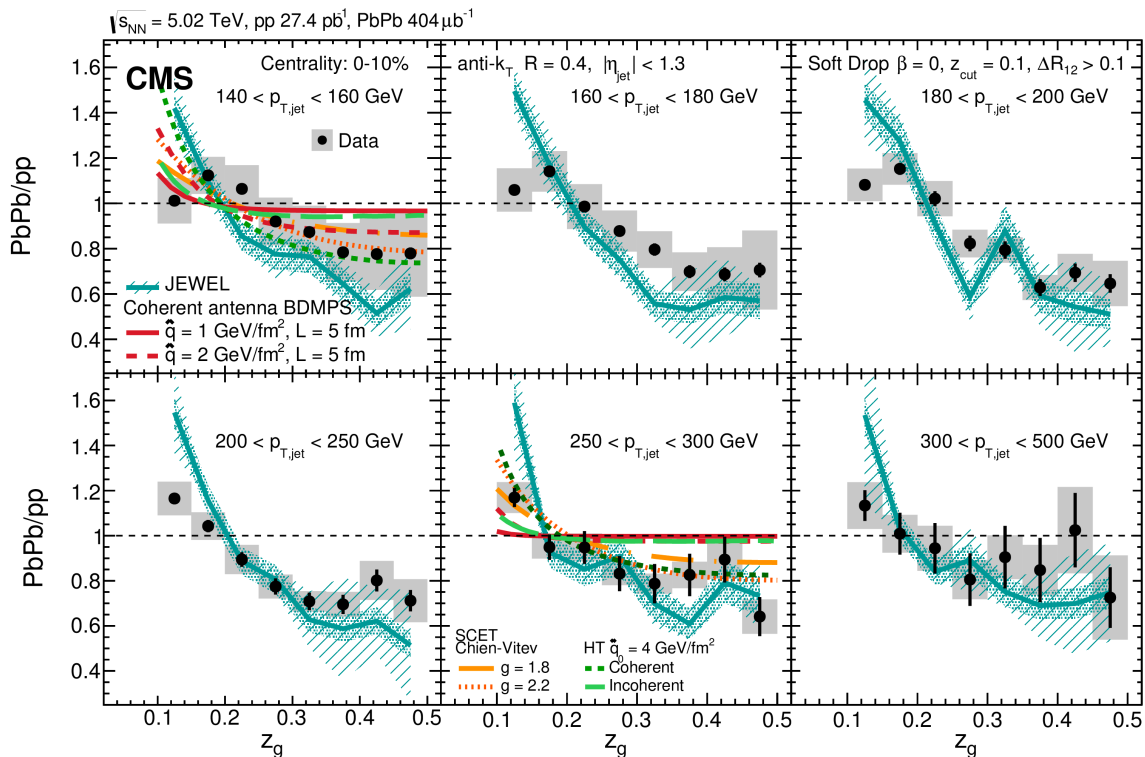
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# Jet $p_T$ dependence

Modification gets slightly weaker when increasing jet  $p_T$



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Due to normalization, cannot distinguish between increase at low  $z_g$  or suppression at high  $z_g$

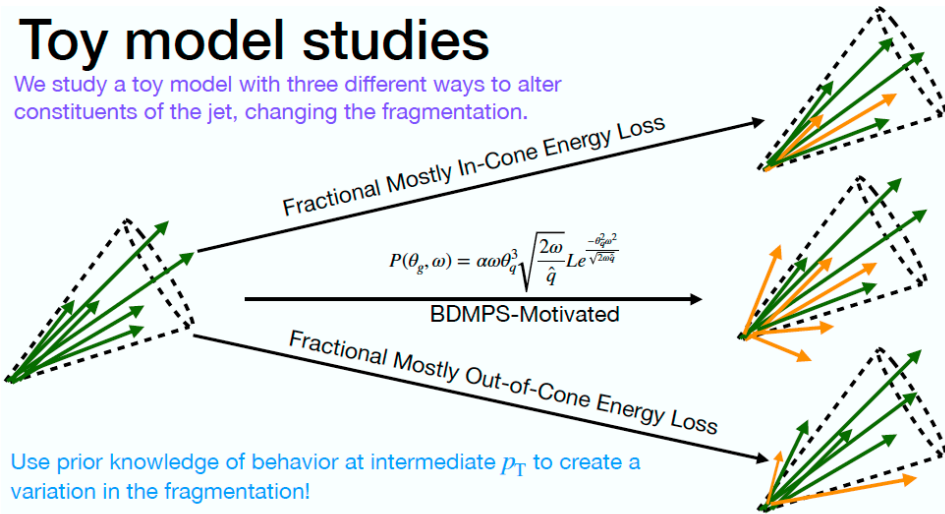
# Machine Learning Biases

Machine learning used to improve  $p_T$  resolution

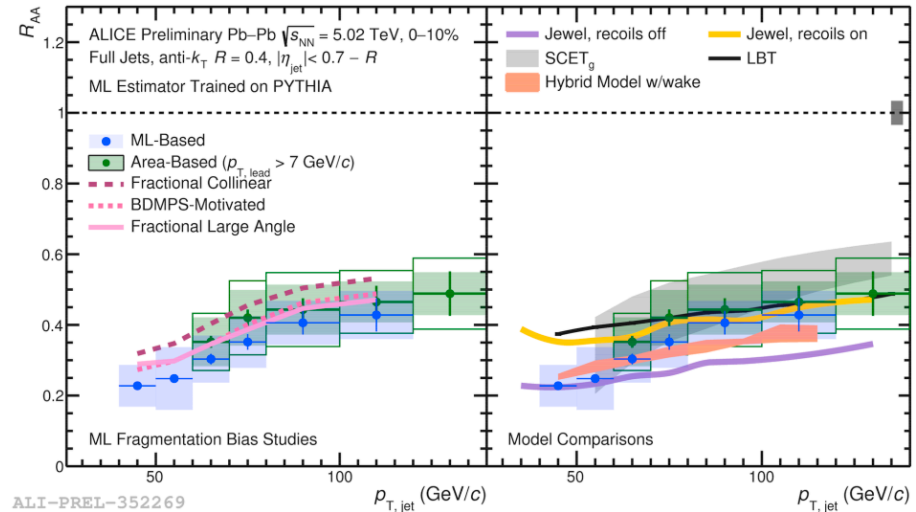
But how sensitive is the training to the fragmentation model?

## Toy model studies

We study a toy model with three different ways to alter constituents of the jet, changing the fragmentation.



Use prior knowledge of behavior at intermediate  $p_T$  to create a variation in the fragmentation!



Effects of up to 40% are observed

Future: need method less dependent on model and/or constrain FF