

# Jet Modifications & Medium Response - Theoretical Overview

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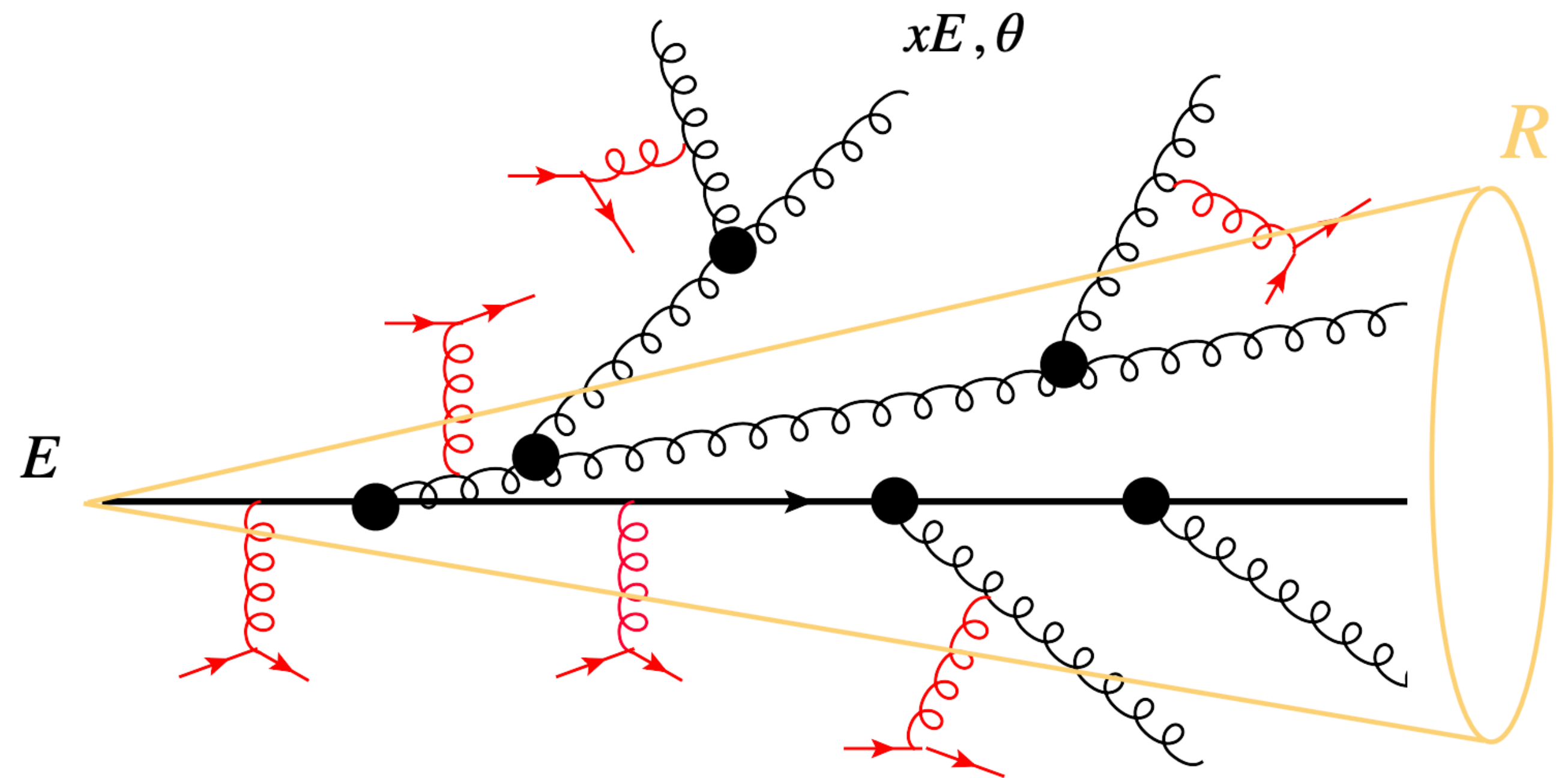
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## pQCD:

Energetic parton emits quanta,  
which in turn emit more quanta.

Turbulent cascade with sink at  $E \sim T$ .



Mehtar-Tani et al. - [2209.10569](#)

Blaizot et al. - [1209.4585](#), [1301.6102](#), [1311.5823](#)



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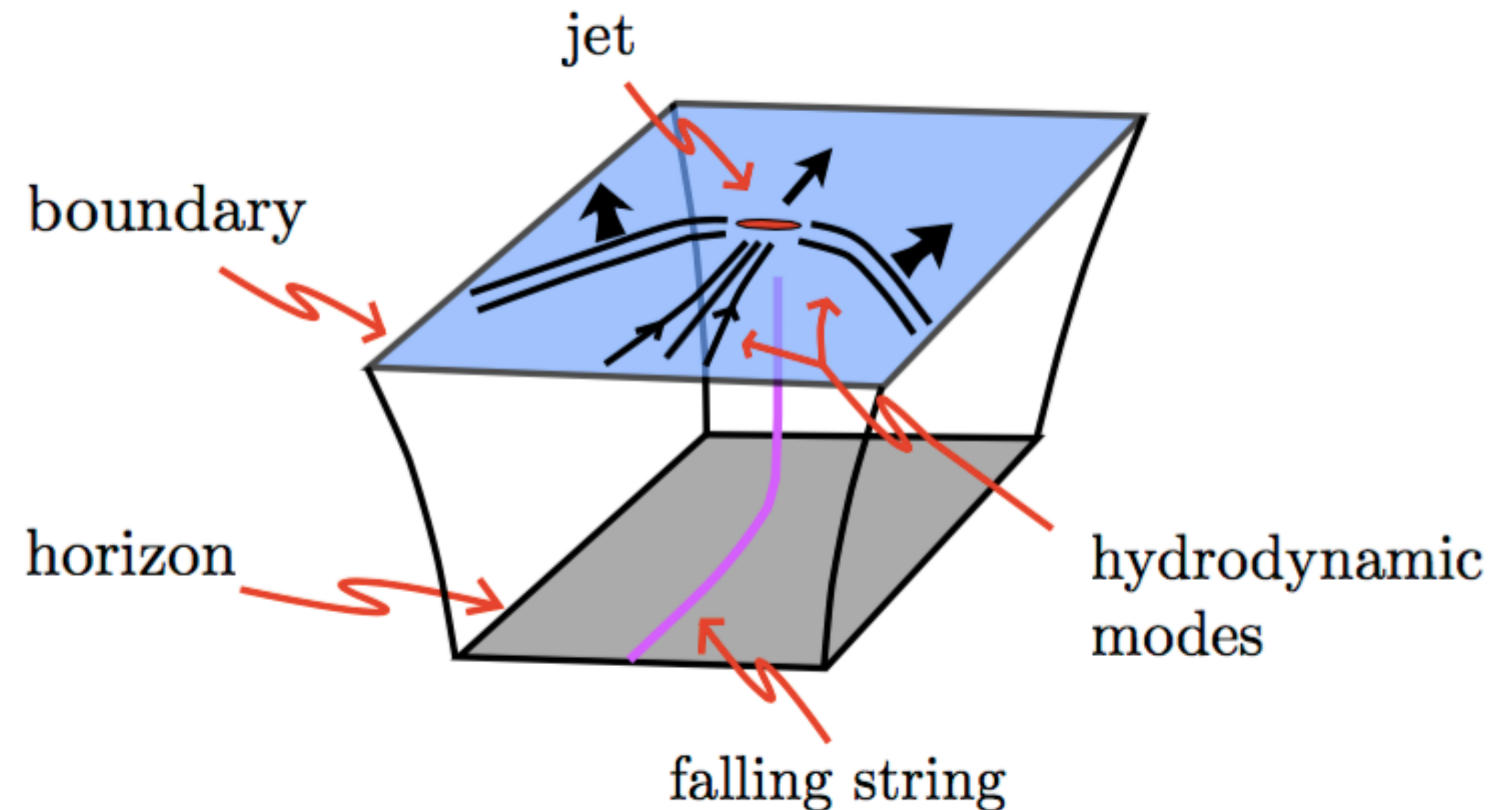
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## npSYM:

Energetic parton dual to string  
falling into a black hole.

Excites hydro modes at distances  $\sim 1/T$ .



Chesler & Rajagopal - [1402.6756](#), [1511.07567](#)

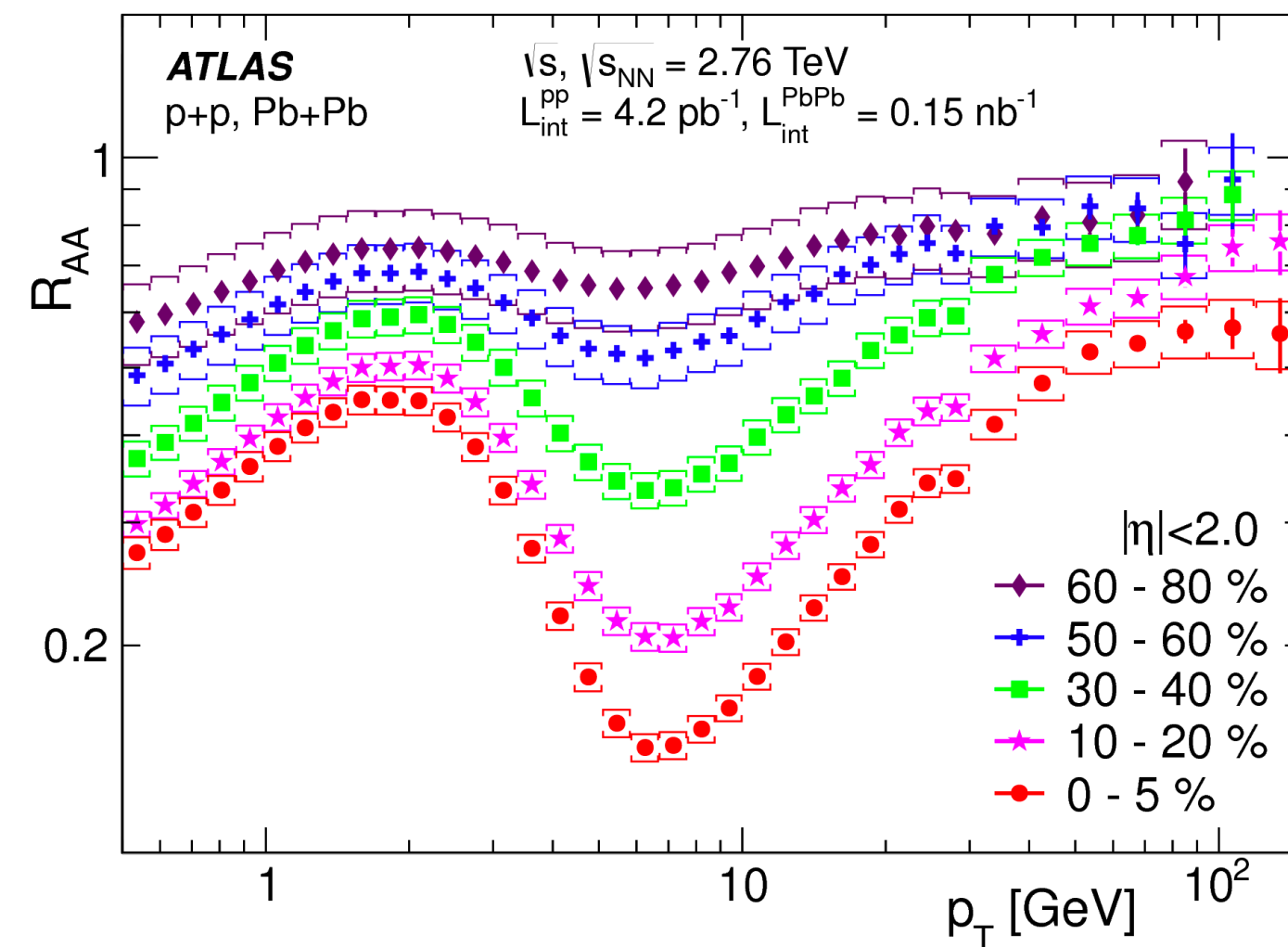
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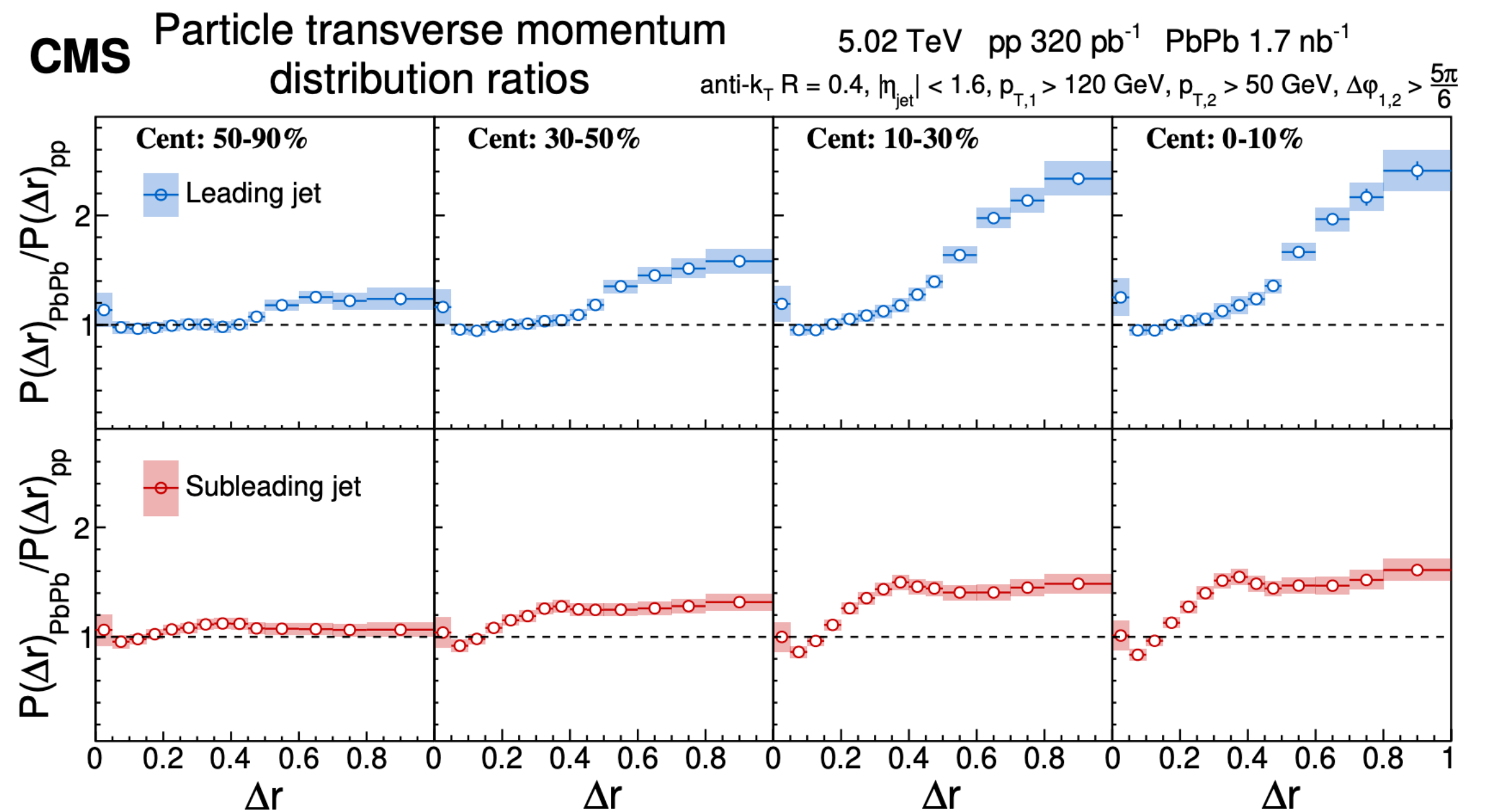
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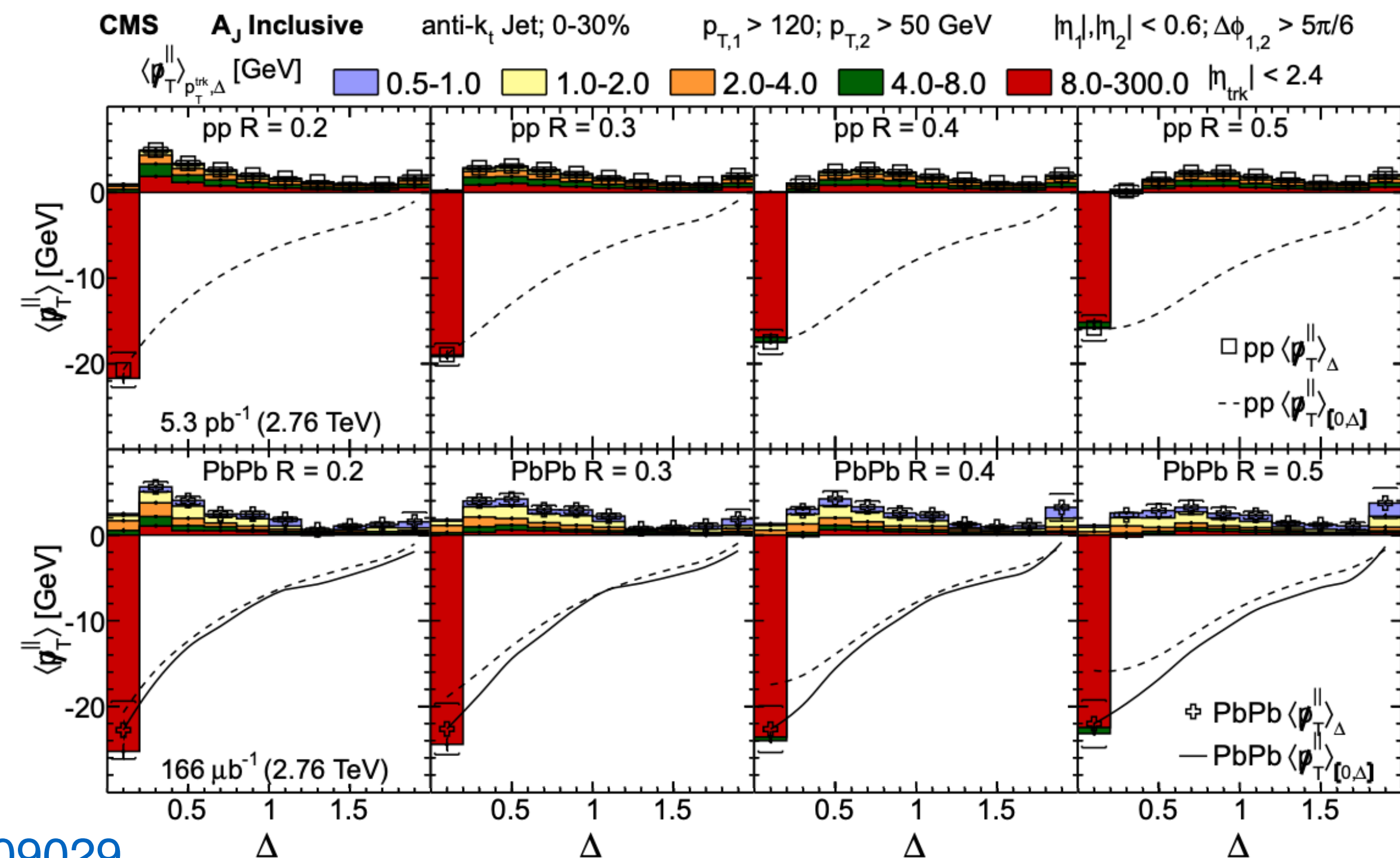
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Lost energy is recovered in the form  
of soft particles at large angles.



CMS - [1509.09029](#)

# Outline

If the **medium** experiences an **hydrodynamic** evolution:

→ Jet modification knows about local properties of the fluid (broadening, radiation).

→ Excitation of recoils, hydro modes correlated with jet direction (wake in the fluid).

Can completely hydrodynamize (all jet becomes part of the medium).

Challenge to use hydrodynamics in small systems (are opacities large enough?).

However, flow-like signatures are there.

See S. Schlichting's talk

If it was not hydro in small systems, was it hydro in large systems only?

*Jets are crucial, complementary evidence tool  
to assess the dynamics of a liquid QGP.*

*Can we find evidence of jet modifications due to a **flowing** medium?*



# Outline

Medium behaves like a fluid at scales  $\sim 1/T$ , but:

Asymptotic freedom



Quark and gluon d.o.f. when probed at small enough lengths.

Jets can trigger high-momentum exchanges  $q$ :

→ Can be perturbative.

→ Can resolve short-length structure of QGP.

$$q < \sqrt{E^{\text{jet}} T}$$

*Can we find evidence that the QGP is not best described as a liquid at all length scales?*

*Can we use this to understand how a strongly coupled liquid emerges as one zooms out?*

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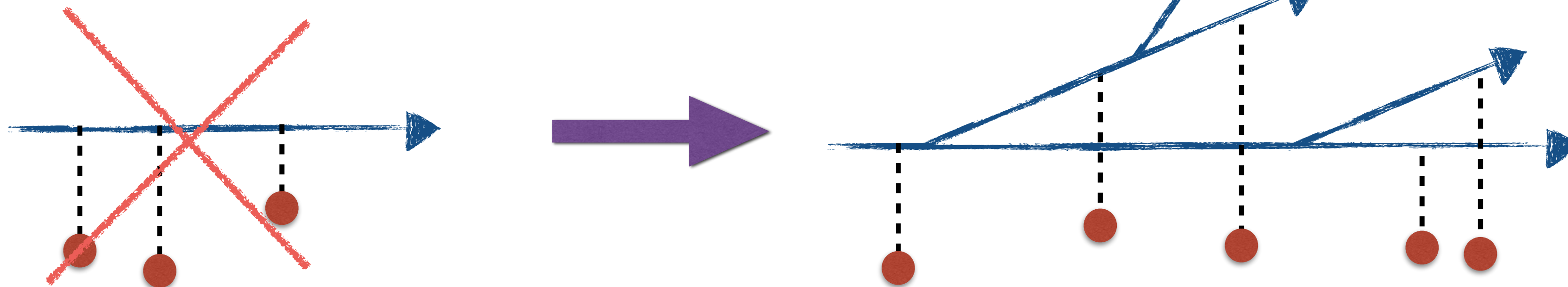
$$E^{\text{jet}} \sim Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

Multiple parton emission suppressed by  $\alpha_s$ ,  
but enhanced by large logarithms due to large scale separation.

Momentum fraction distribution of produced partons will depend on the scale it is probed at.

Evolution with scale determined by DGLAP equations,  
conveniently rewritten in terms of Sudakov form factor (no-splitting probability) for MC.

Jets typically present a **multi-parton structure**, triggered by production scale  $Q$ ,  
as they **interact with the medium**.



Challenge!  
& Opportunity

*Need to understand this interplay before more subtle effects can be assessed.*



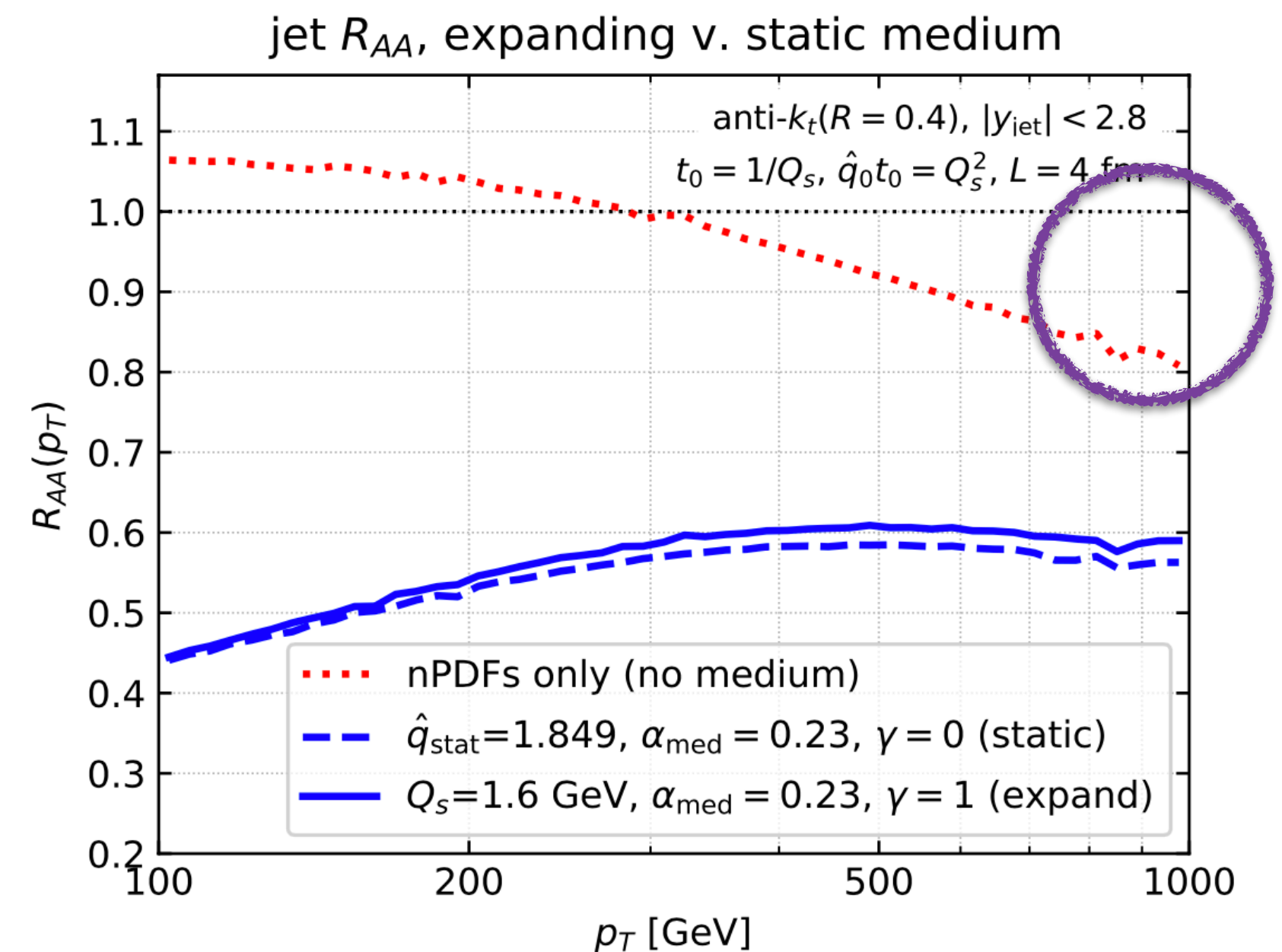
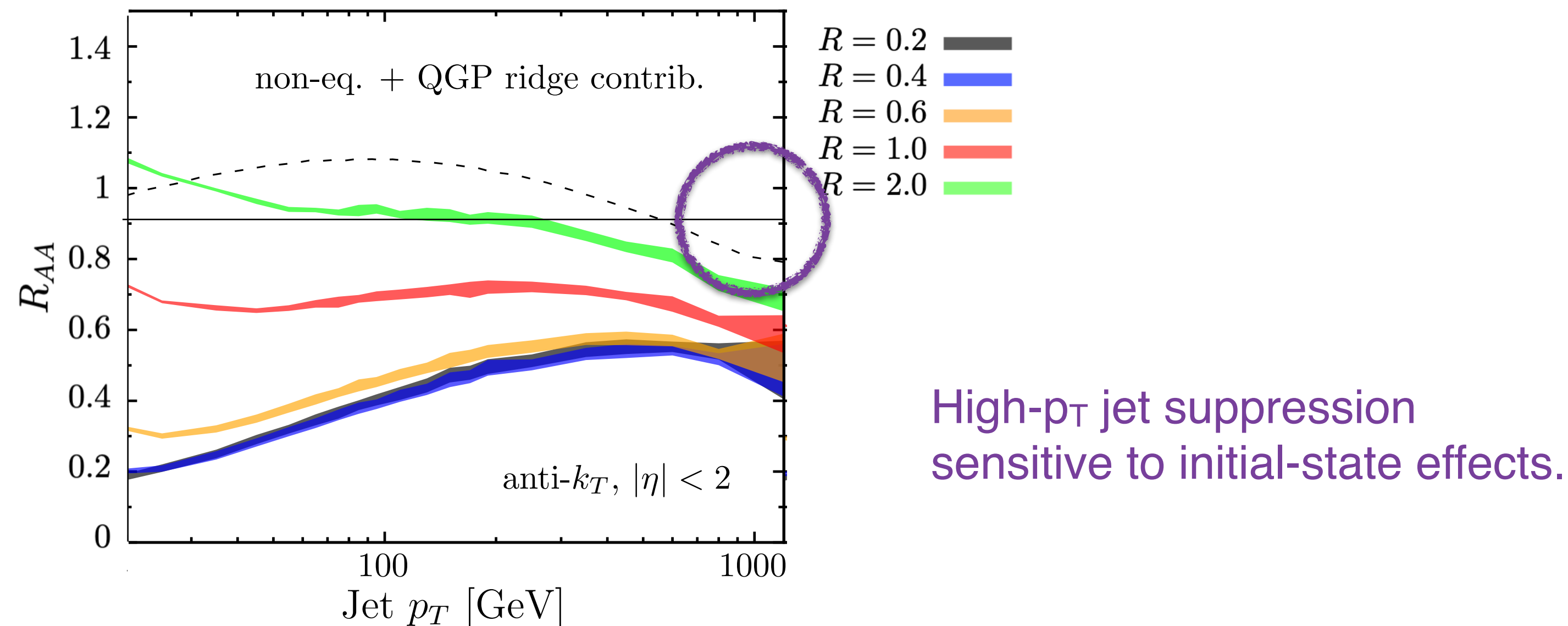
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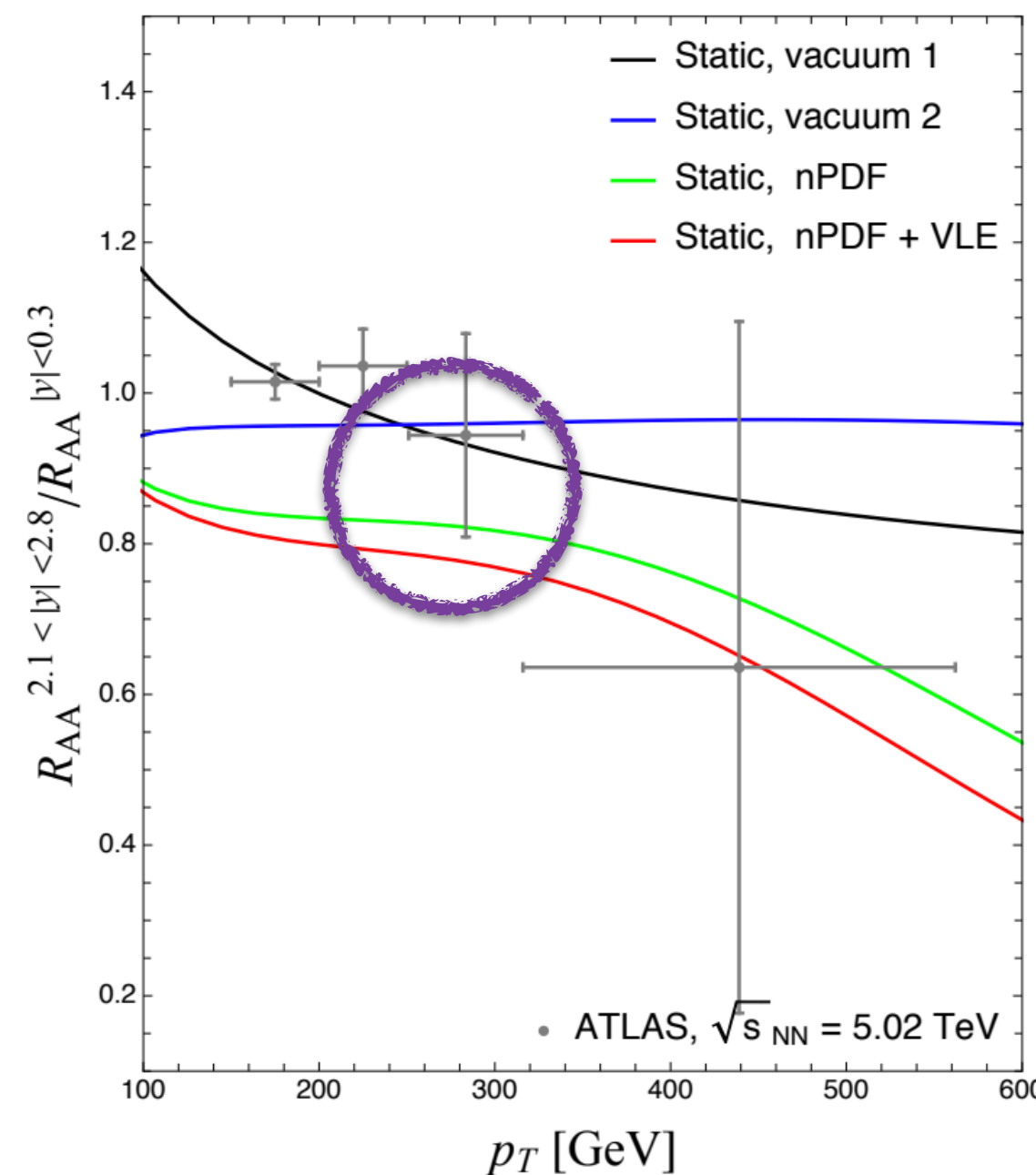
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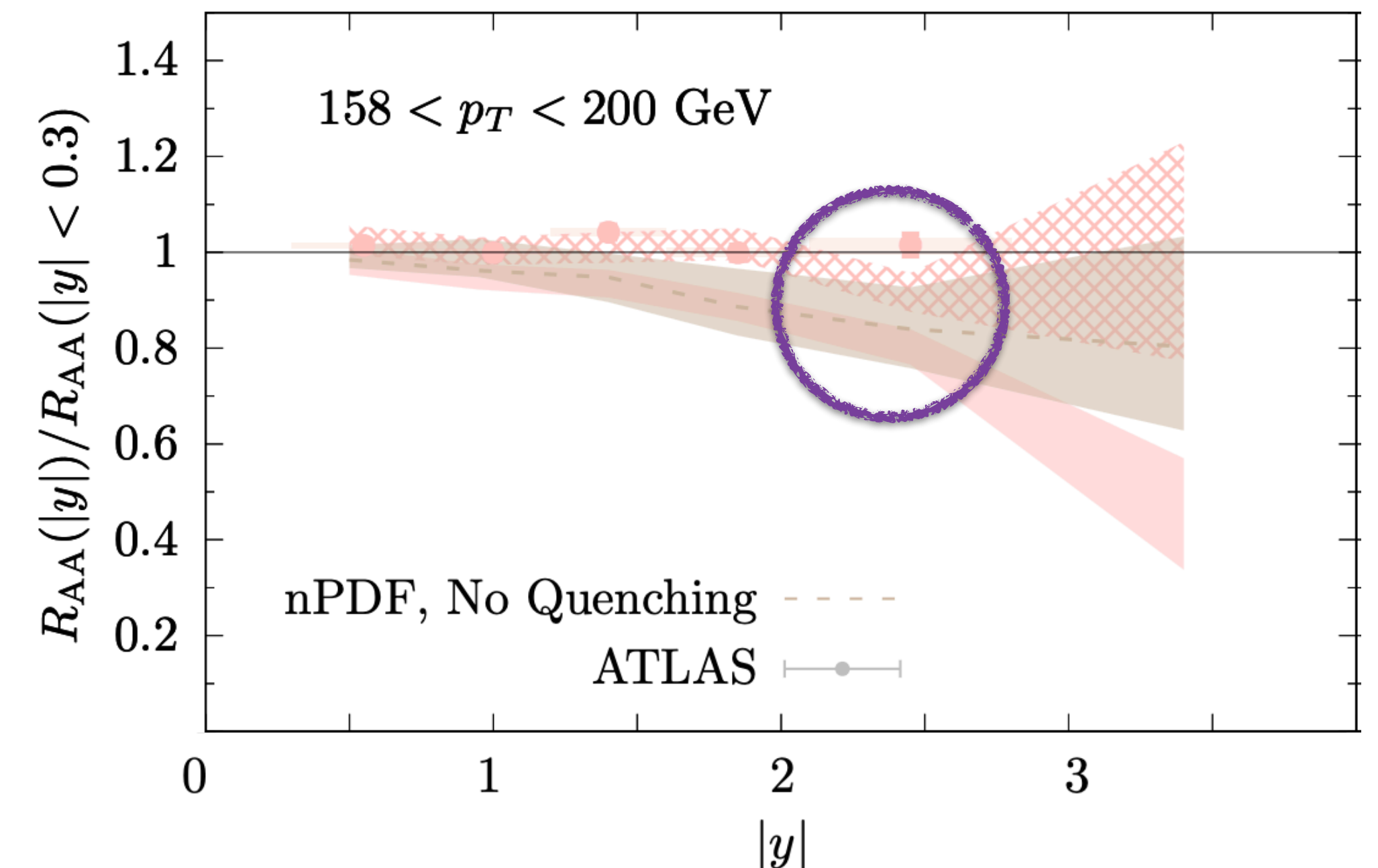
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Rapidity dependence  
of jet suppression  
sensitive to initial-state effects.

Adhya et al. - [2106.02592](#)

DP & A. Soto-Ontoso - [2210.07901](#)





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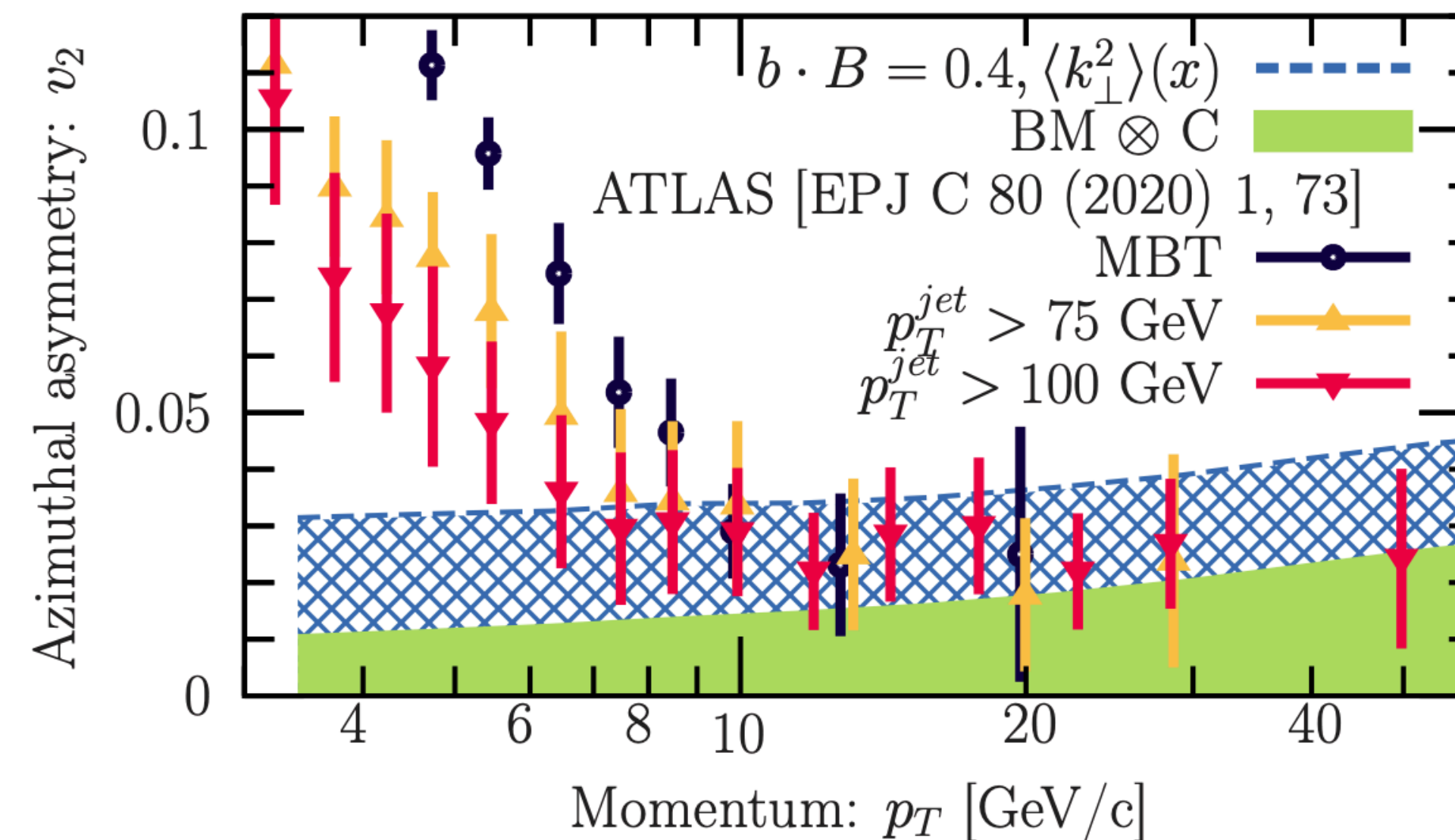
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Soudi & Majumder - 2308.14702

Jet  $v_2$  in nucleon-nucleus  
(without quenching)  
if intrinsic  $k_T$  large enough.

See I. Soudi's talk



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*Initial-state effects on jet quenching observables need to be included and quantified for a correct interpretation of results.*



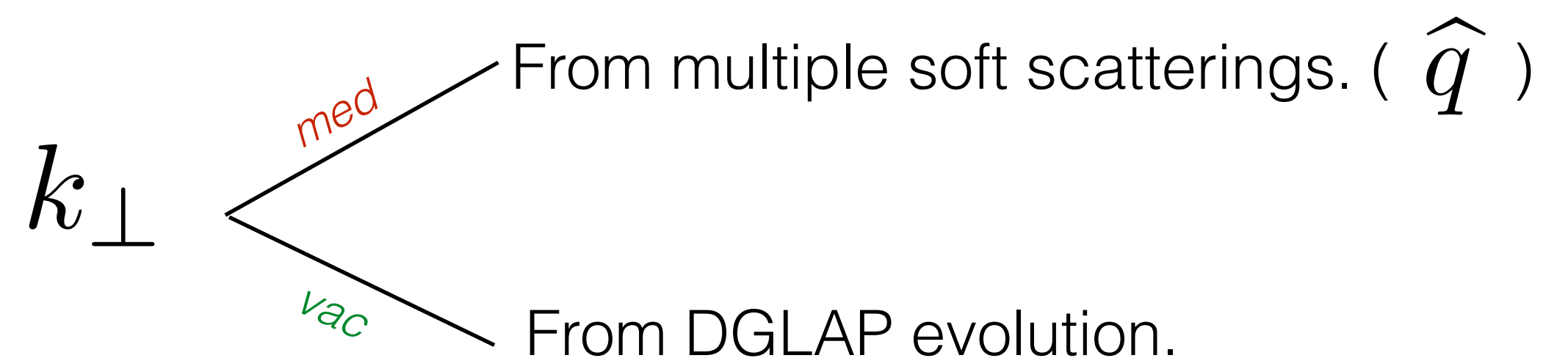
# Vacuum-like Jets in the Medium

Jets experience part of their evolution as if they were in vacuum, *formation times arguments*.

Formation time  $\tau_f$  : when wavelength of emitted gluon resolves transverse separation.

A given emission is vacuum-like (VLE) if:

$$\tau_f \ll \tau_{\text{med}} \quad \text{Implies separation of momenta.}$$



A given dipole is resolved (both legs lose energy) if:

$$\tau_{\text{coh}} < L \quad \longrightarrow \quad \theta > \theta_c \sim 1/\sqrt{\hat{q}L^3}$$

Time it takes a dipole to decohere via multiple color rotations.

All VLE are angular ordered, since  $\tau_v < \tau_{\text{coh}}$ . [Caucal et al. - 1801.09703](#)

*VLEs included in MC, either full factorization, or allowing corrections from rare kicks (JEWEL, MATTER).*

# Evidence for VLEs

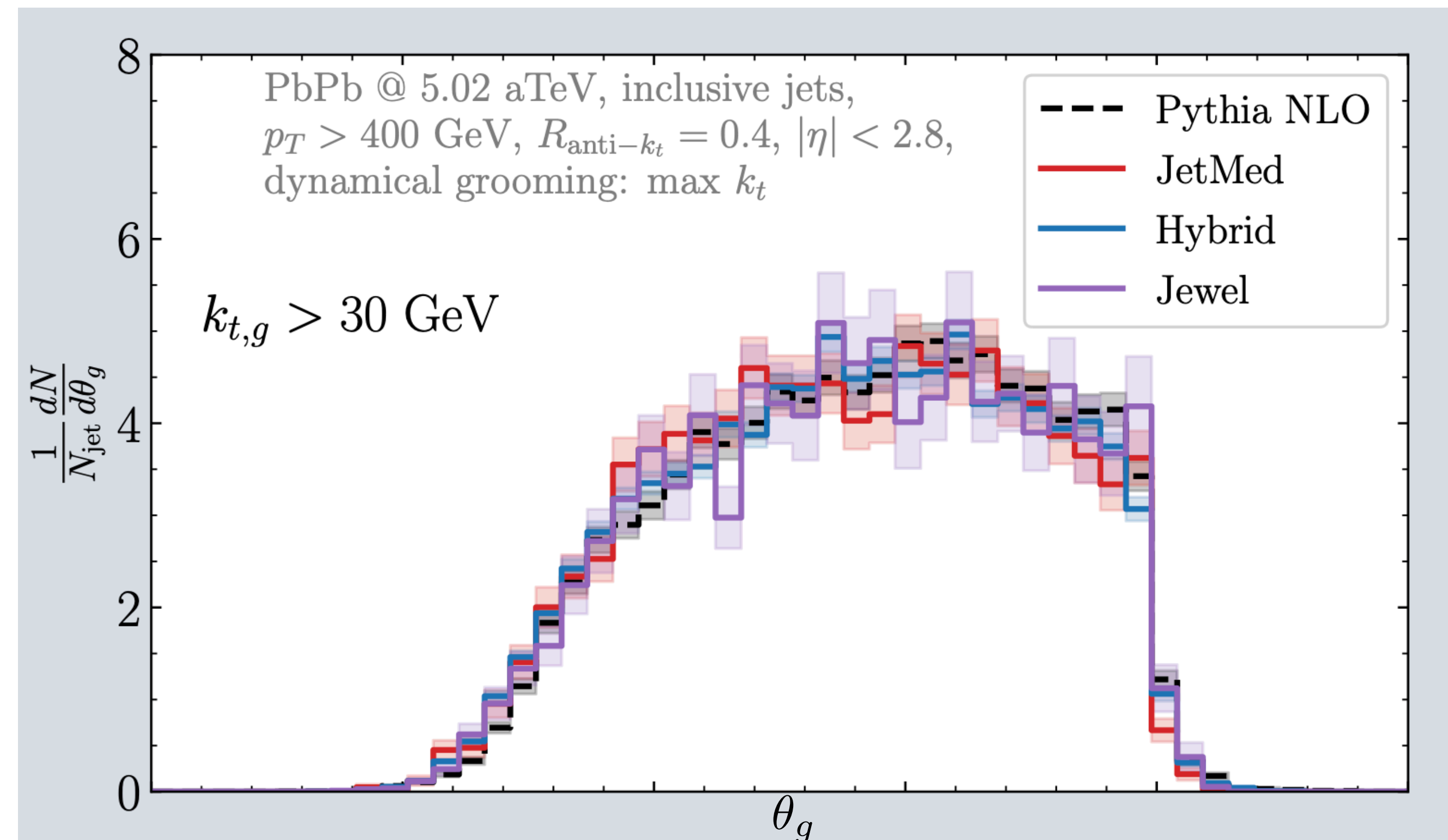
Exploit jet clustering techniques to scan energy scales of parton splittings.

See A. Takacs' talk

Models indeed show dominance of vacuum physics at large  $k_T$ .

Accessing energetic resolved prongs, formed within QGP, possible with high  $p_T$  jets.

See also  $z_g$  measurement by ALICE.  
[2107.12984](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.12984)



*What would we see in data? At which scale does the medium actually contribute?*



# Wide vs Narrow, Gluon vs Quark

The presence of the **initial partonic distribution** coming from vacuum physics, heavily **affects total energy loss** of jet.

Medium sensitive to **vacuum-set scales**, and so to **jet substructure fluctuations**.

**Selection bias** towards jet who experienced a **narrower fragmentation** (if steeply falling spectrum).

Depends on whether vacuum-like **sources are resolved**, i.e. if  $\theta > \theta_c$ .

However, a gluon-initiated jet:

Wider fragmentation in vacuum,  $\propto C_A$  (this we know)

Interact more strongly with the medium, also  $\propto C_A$  (this we would like to measure)

Species dependence can lead to jet narrowing without having to resolve jet substructure.

Confounding factors.

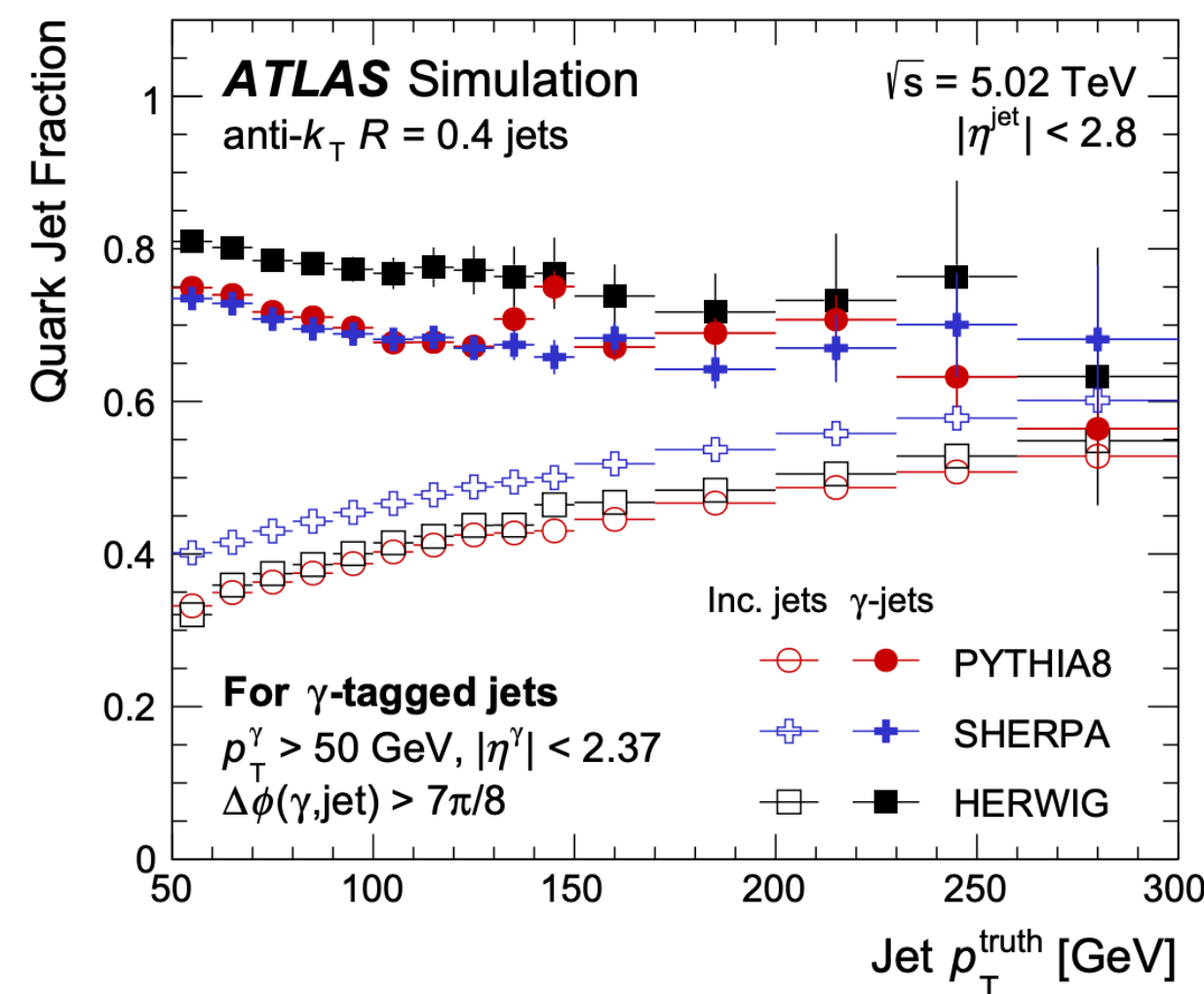
# Enriched Samples

Get access to quark-enriched samples.

More direct access to the physics of the interplay between medium and vacuum scales, coherence.

Via, e.g.:

## Boson-jet samples



See C. McGinn's talk

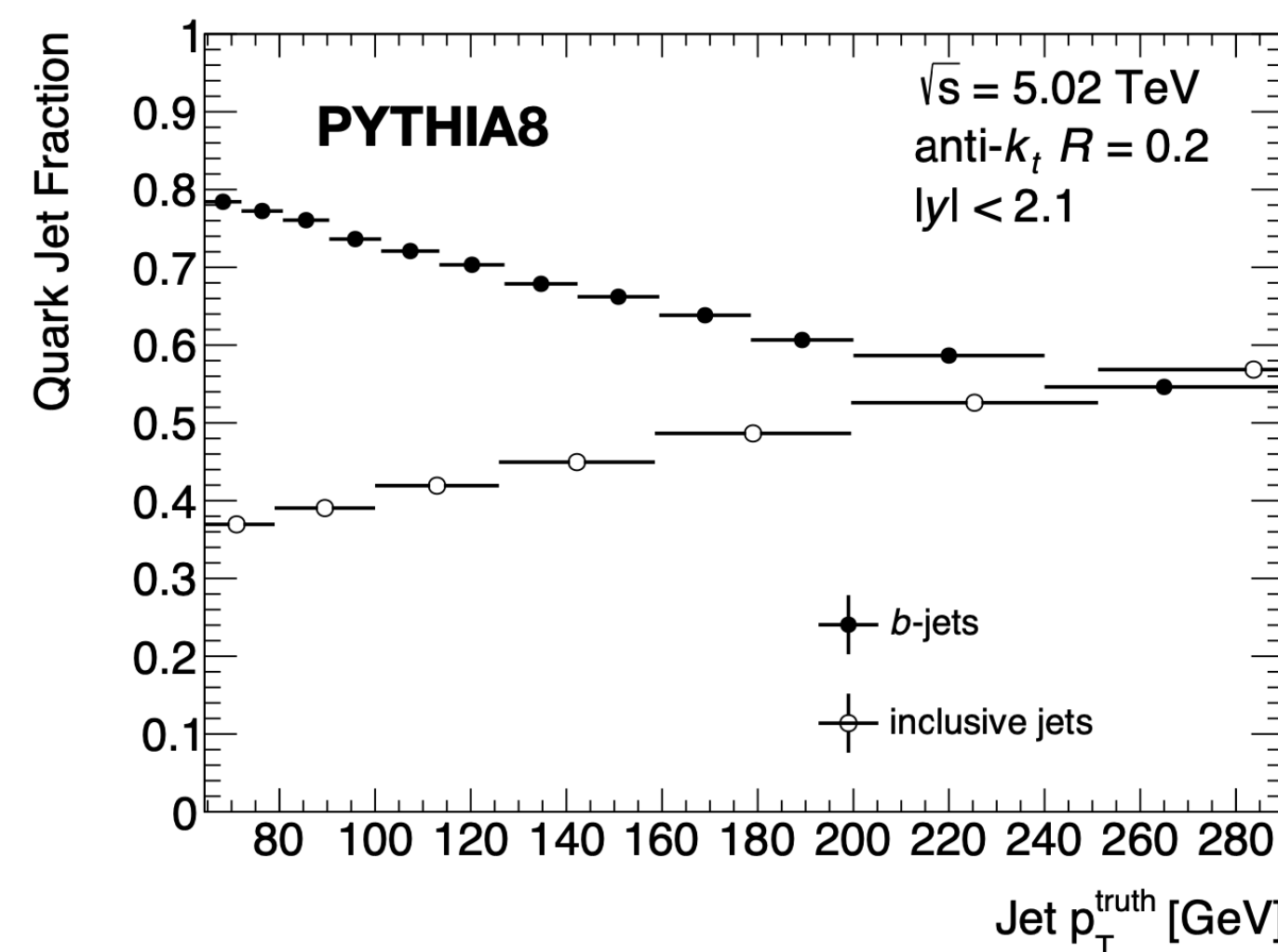
See M. Park's talk

See C. Sirimanna's talk

ATLAS - [2303.10090](#)

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## Heavy flavour-tagged jets

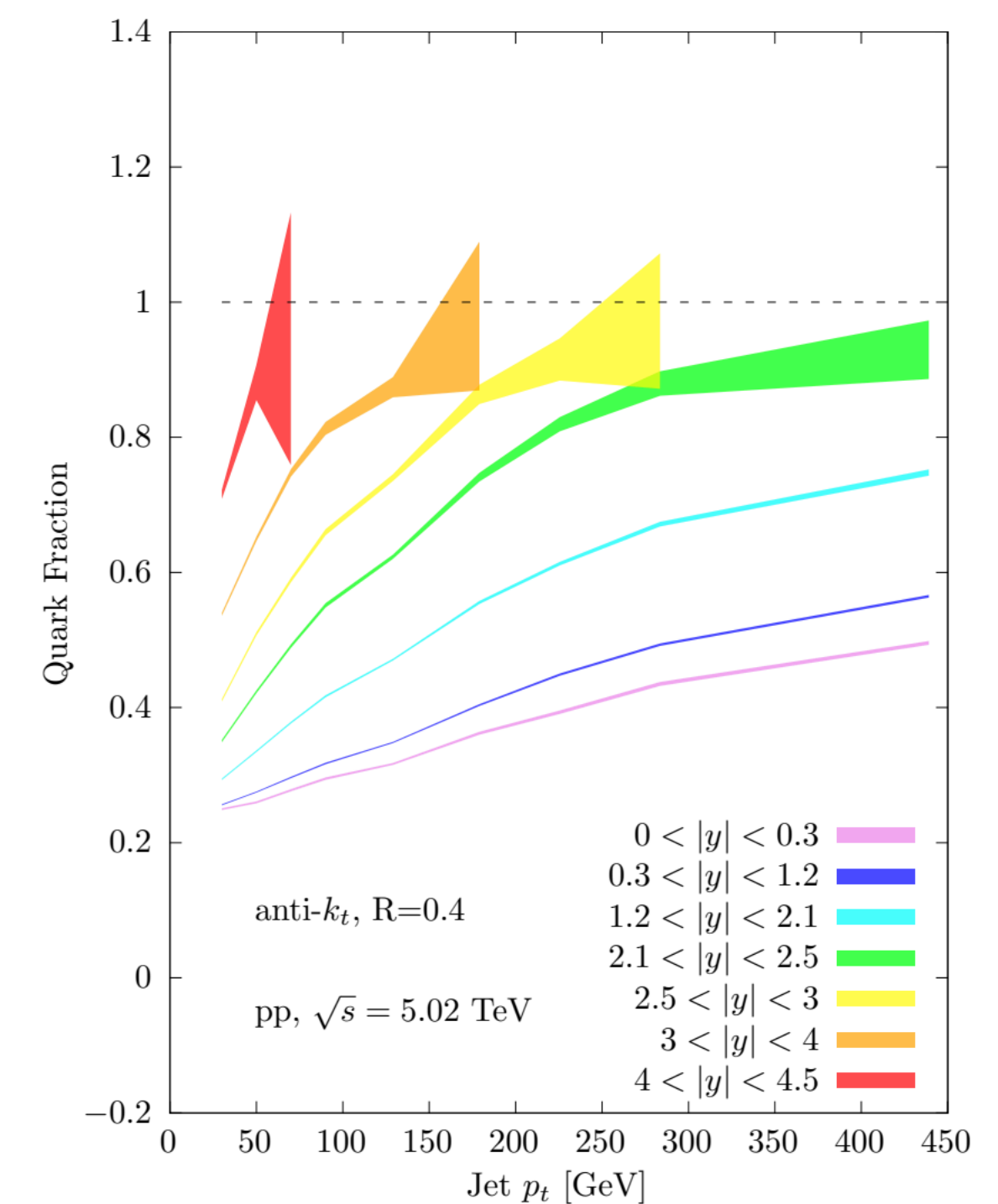


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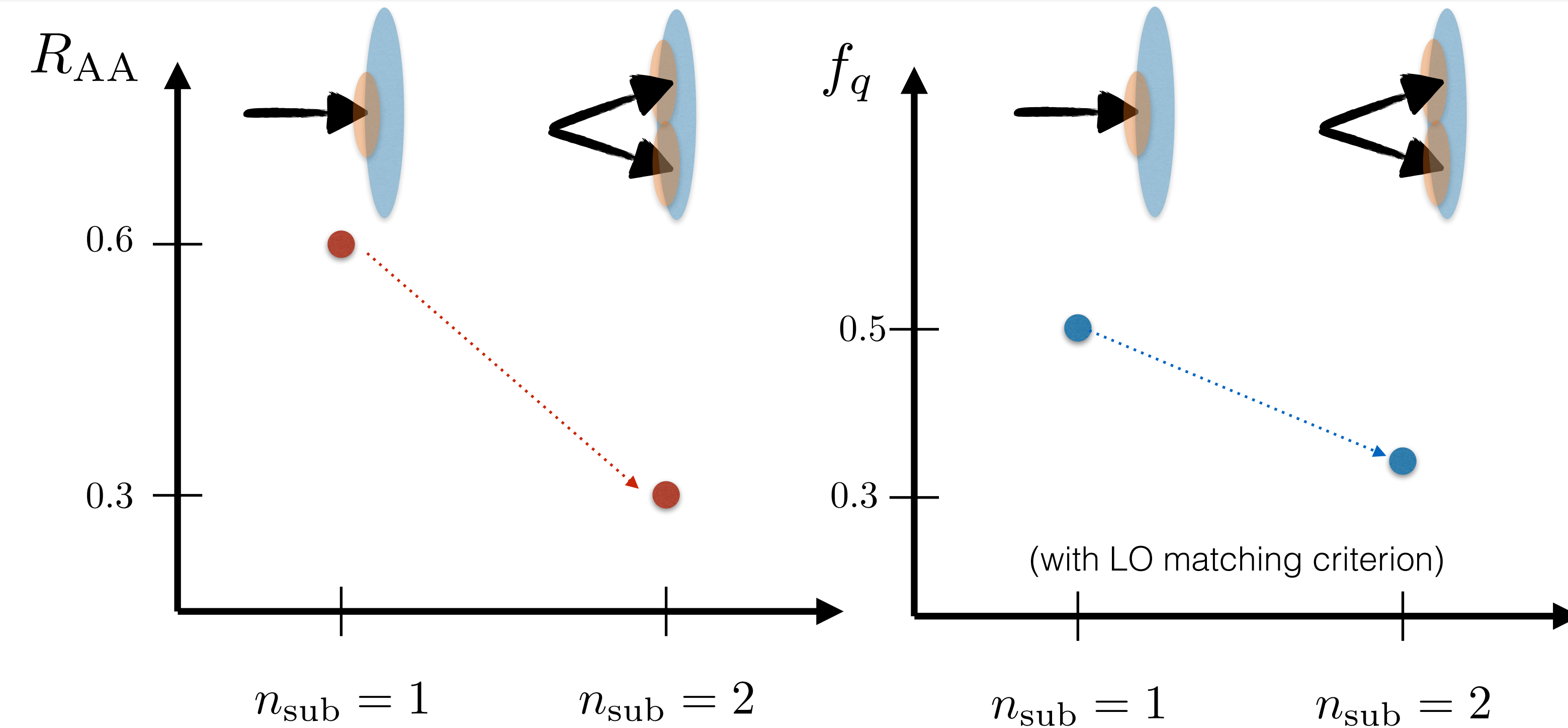
## Rapidity scans

DP & A. Soto-Ontoso - [2210.07901](#)





# ATLAS' Jets from Jets & Coherence



See D. Hangel's talk [ATLAS - 2301.05606](#)

## Reconstruct $R=1$ jets from $R=0.2$ jets:

If 2 or more subjets, more suppressed than single subjet.

If 2 or more subjets, quark-fraction decreases.

Illustration (with many caveats) that structures *form within*, and *interact with*, the medium independently.

If single resolved subjet:

$$\underbrace{f_q Q_q}_{\rightarrow} + (1 - f_q) \underbrace{Q_g}_{\sim} = R_{AA}$$

If two resolved subjets:

$$\underbrace{f_q Q_q Q_g}_{\rightarrow} + (1 - f_q) \underbrace{Q_g^2}_{\sim} = R_{AA}$$

Physical solution only when assuming two *resolved* subjets, with

$$\frac{\log Q_g}{\log Q_q} \sim 2 \sim C_A/C_F$$

# EEC Species Dependence

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{ij \in \{g, q, \bar{q}\}} \int dE_{i,j} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\text{vac}}}{d\theta dE_i dE_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}} \Big|_{n=1}$$

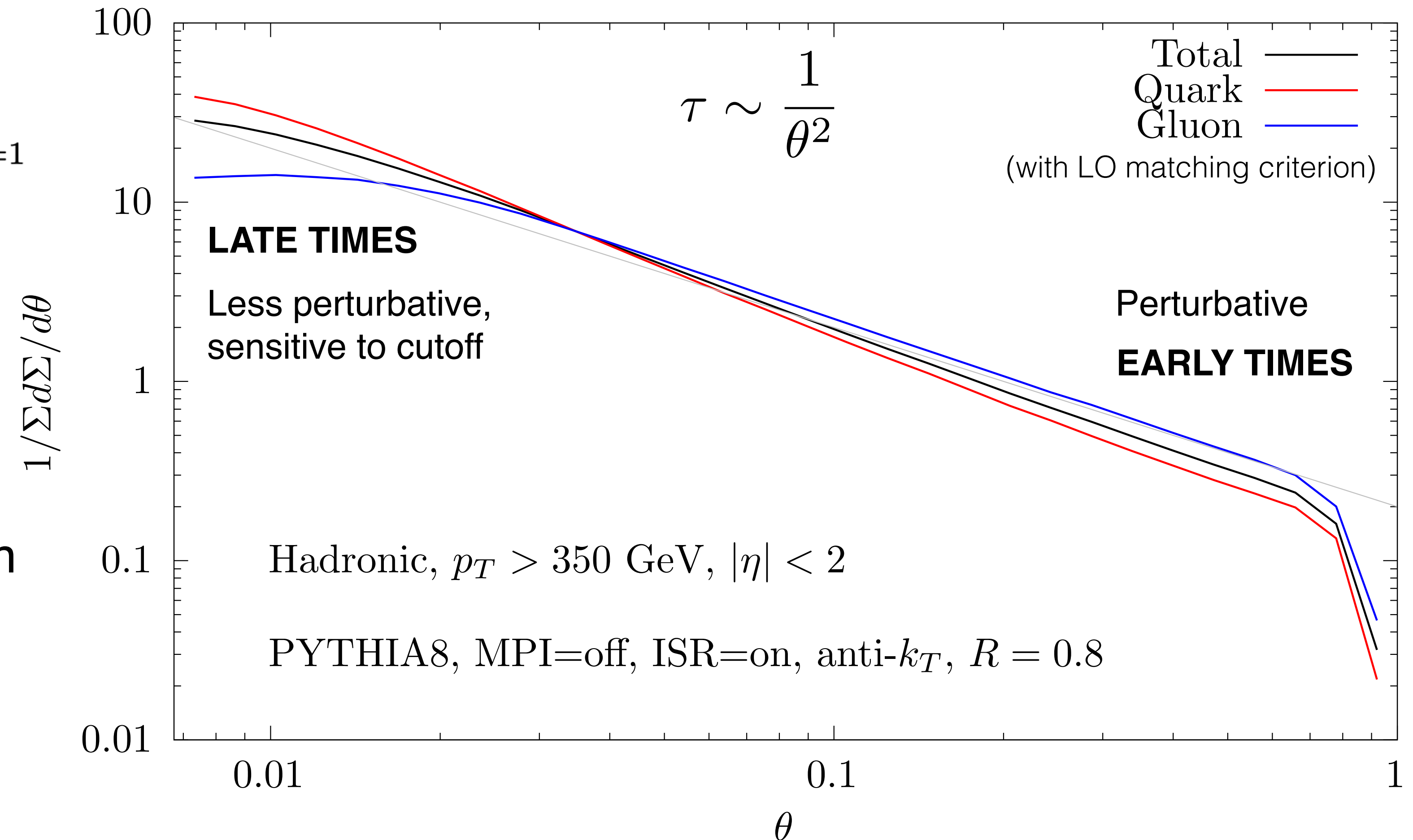
$$\equiv J_{\text{EEC}}^{(1)} = C \frac{1}{\theta^{1-\gamma(3)}} + \mathcal{O}(\theta^0)$$

Hofman & Maldacena - [0803.1467](#)

EECs display different quark vs gluon slope due to anomalous dimension:

$$\gamma_{gg}(3) > \gamma_{qq}(3)$$

Quark jets present less structure at wider angles.





# EECs & Coherence

C. Andrés et al. - [2209.11236](#), [2303.03413](#)

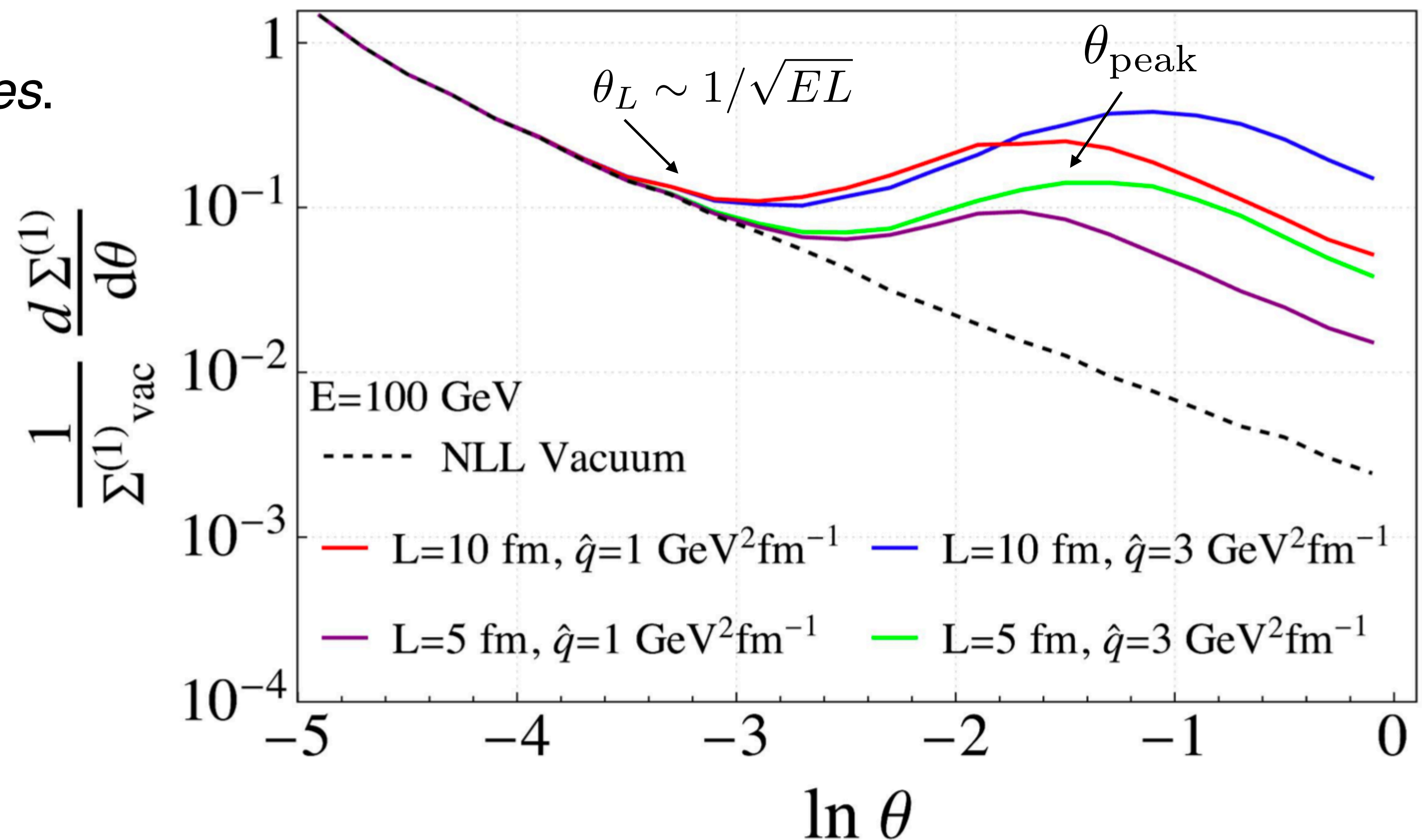
EEC in the medium expected to have *little sensitivity to initiator species*.

Onset of medium-induced radiation at  $\theta_L$  ( $\tau_f < L$  condition).

Peak position of EEC more sensitive to coherence, distinguish between:

$\theta_L \gg \theta_c$  Decoherent, all emissions resolved.

$\theta_c \ll \theta_L$  Partially coherent, some emissions resolved.



See C. Andrés' talk

# Jet $v_2$ & Coherence

Jet suppression depends on the size of the **resolved phase-space**.

- Shorter L, smaller resolved phase-space.
- Longer L, larger resolved phase-space.

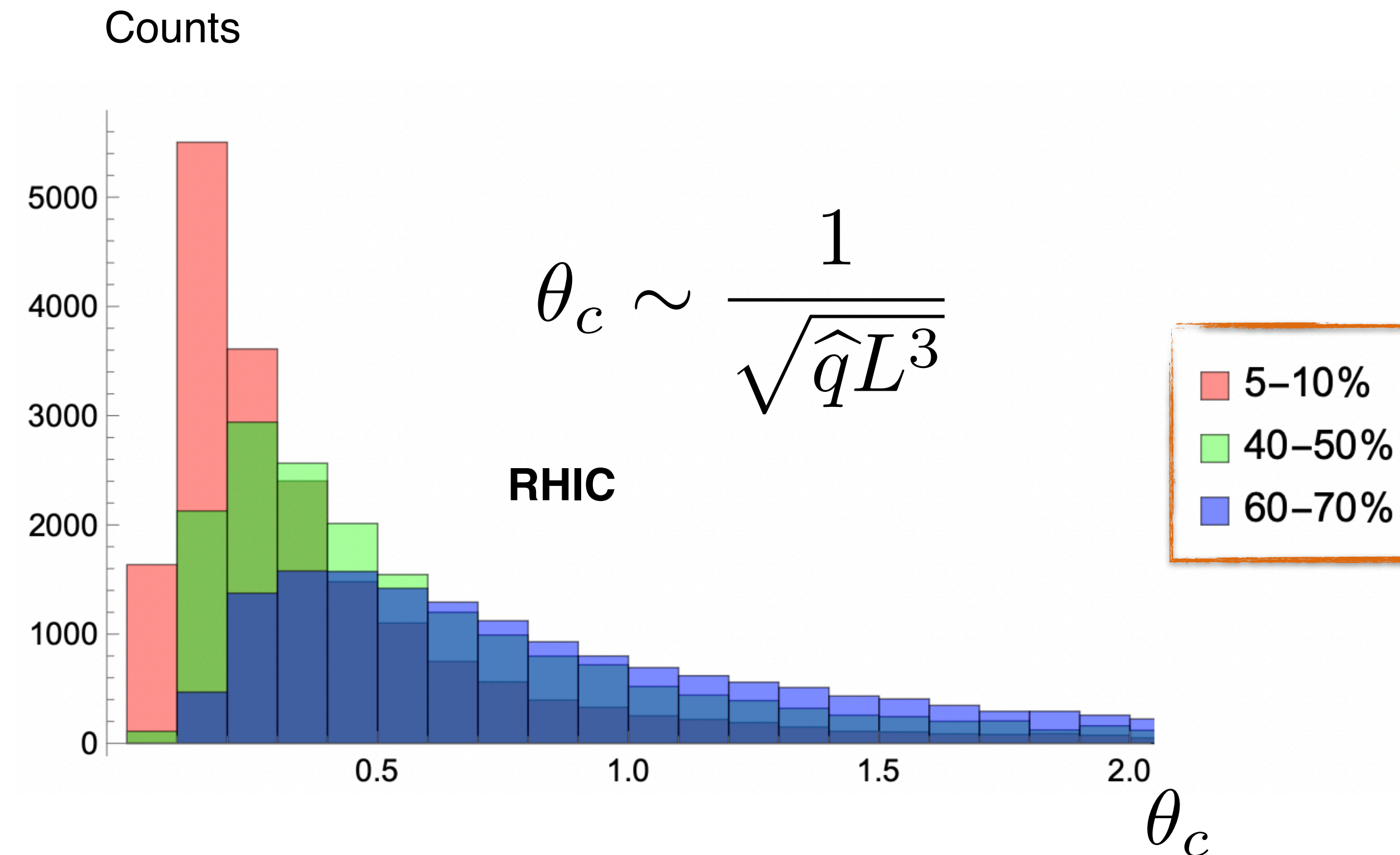
Important contribution to **jet  $v_2$** , unless

$$R < \theta_c(L_{\text{in}}, L_{\text{out}})$$

Can use **centrality classes** to target different values of L, different values of  $\text{Med}(\theta_c)$ .

Study evolution of  $v_2(R)$  vs centrality to explore the effect.

See Y. Mehtar-Tani's talk





# Cascading down to T

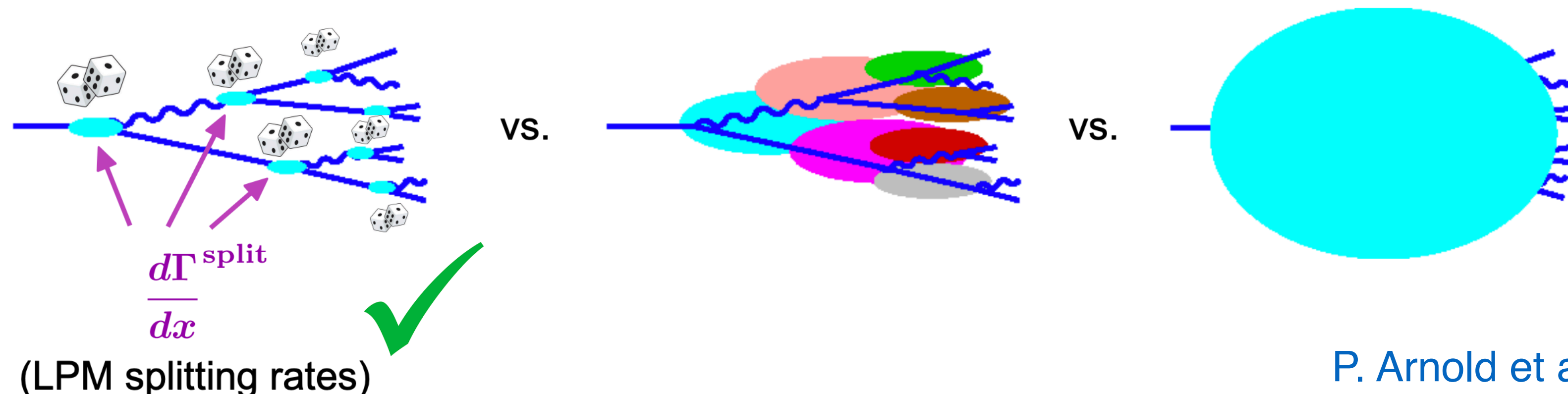
While semi-hard VLE do not in general emit soft gluons independently (coherence),

**Soft induced radiation** experience successive **independent democratic branchings**.

One-gluon distribution admits description in terms of rate equation,  
turbulent cascade result within multiple soft scattering approx.

Main thermalization mechanism in pQCD.

Very recently it has been shown that **hard induced emissions** can **also** be assumed to **happen independently**.

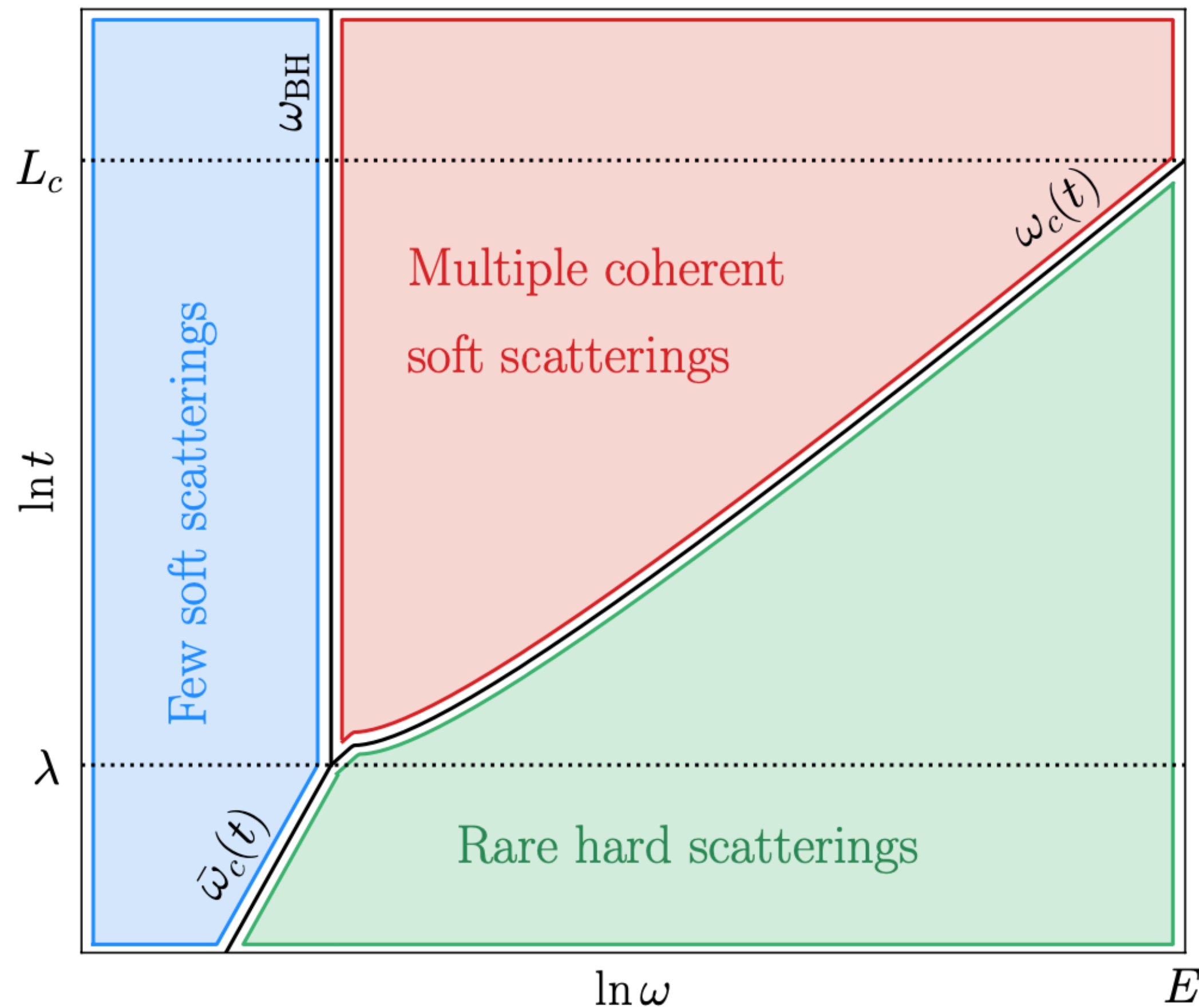


P. Arnold et al. - [2212.08086](#), many more

# Role of Single Scatterings

Recent developments highlight the role of single scatterings  
(**BH** at small energy, **GLV** at high energy).

Isaksen et al. - [2206.02811](#)



Analytical results for all the different regimes, including **Bethe-Heitler**.

Can account for their relative contribution, at each emitted energy, at each time step in the evolution.

Cascade picture is modified by single scatterings:

Rare hard scatterings (**GLV**) modify distribution of initiator (extra source).

Common soft scatterings (**BH**) modify soft tail, break turbulent flow.

*Important to understand jet thermalization in pQCD when path-lengths are not too large (realistic geometries, smaller systems).*



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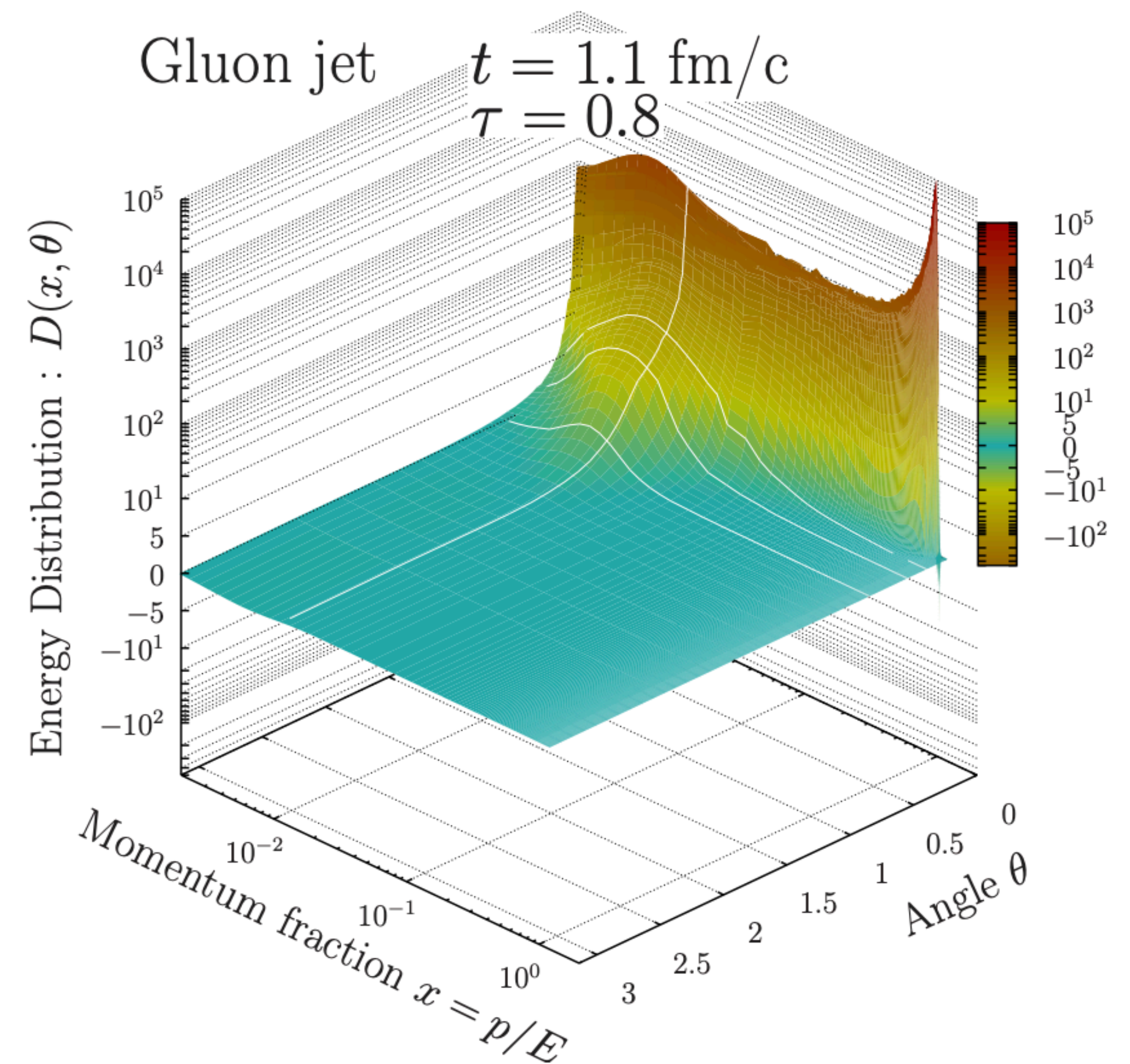
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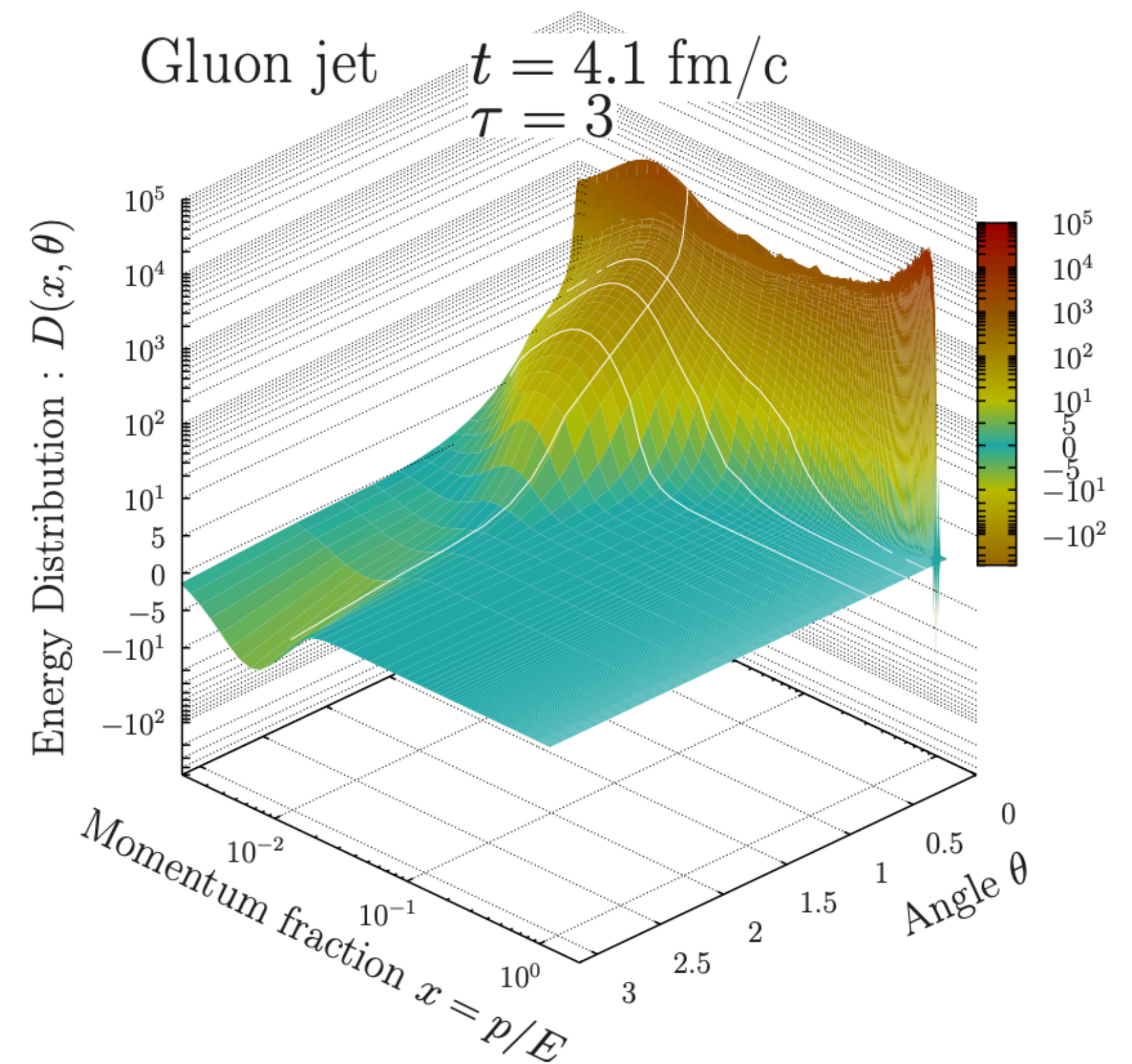
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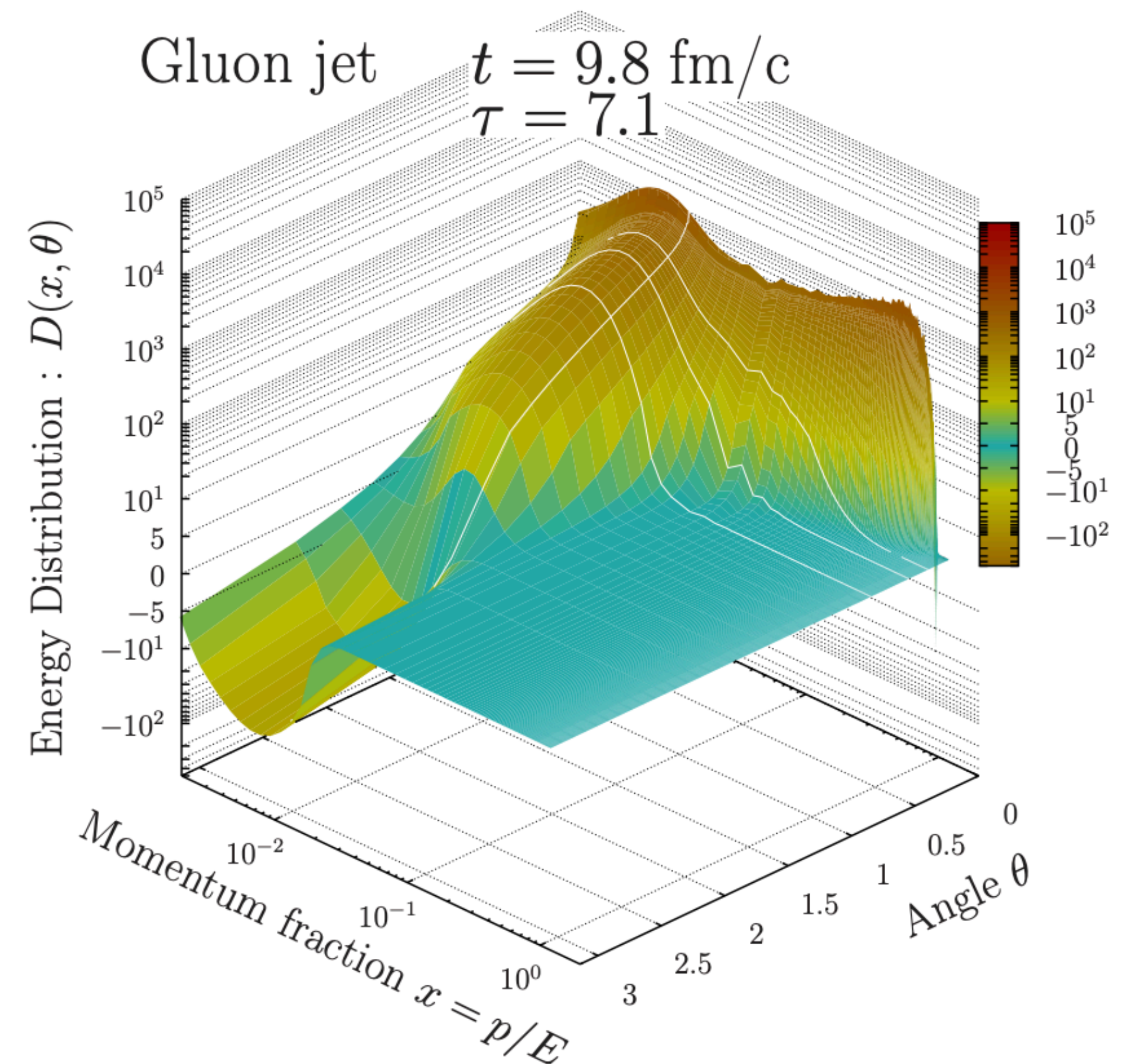
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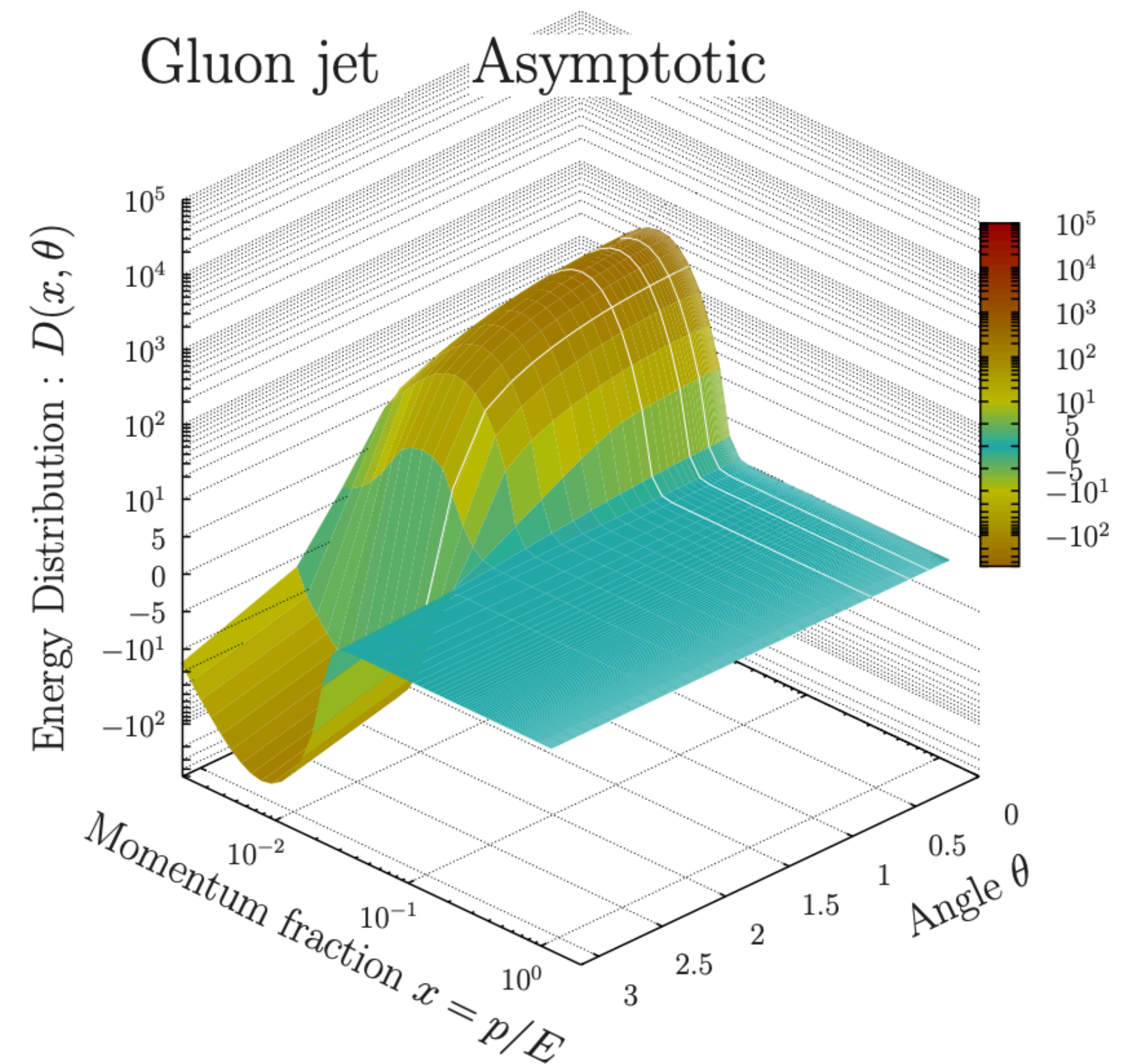
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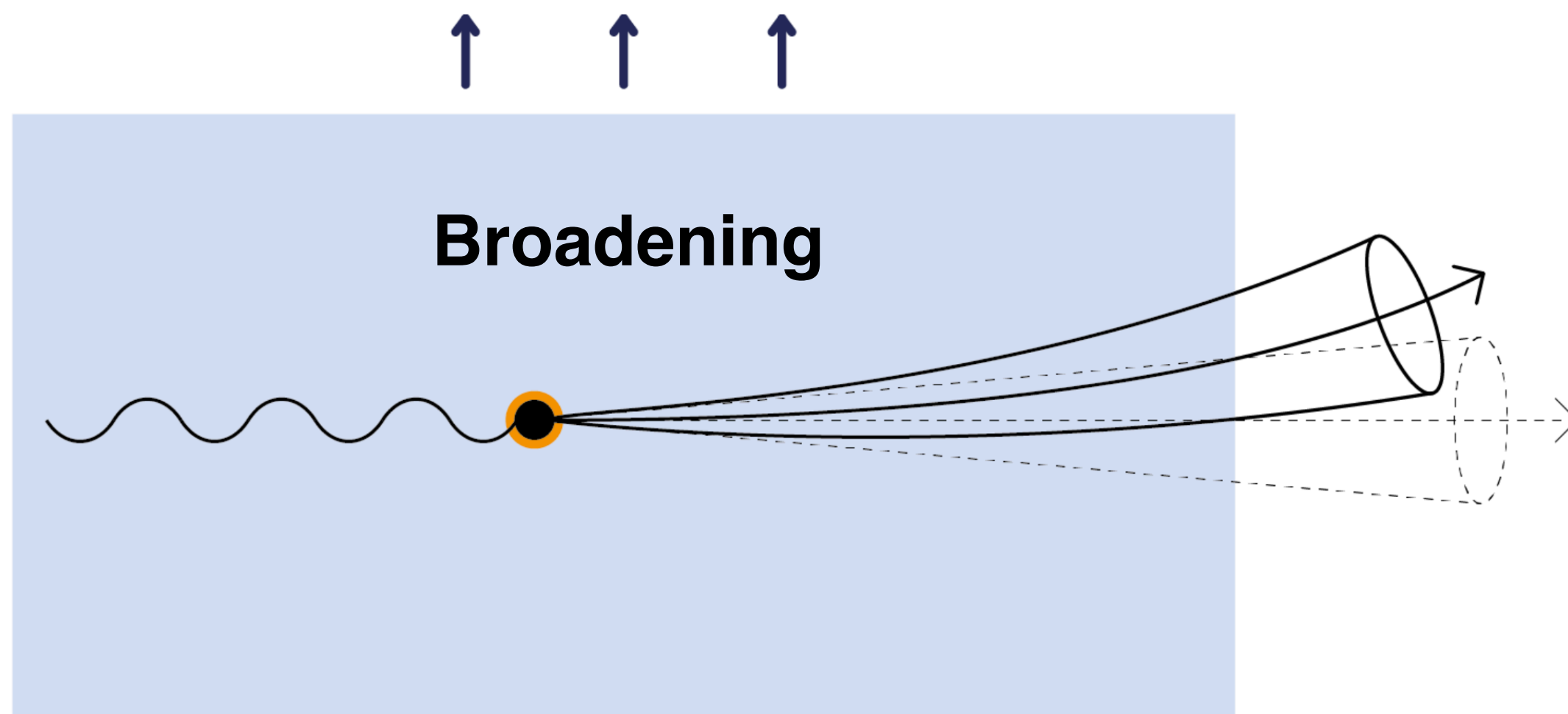
Accessing **imprints of spacetime evolution** of fluid QGP have required **new theoretical results**.

New calculations of *single and multiple scatterings* regimes using scattering potential with:

**Gradients in temperature, density** (not uniform): *broadening & radiation*.

**A. Sadofyev et al. - 2021-2023**

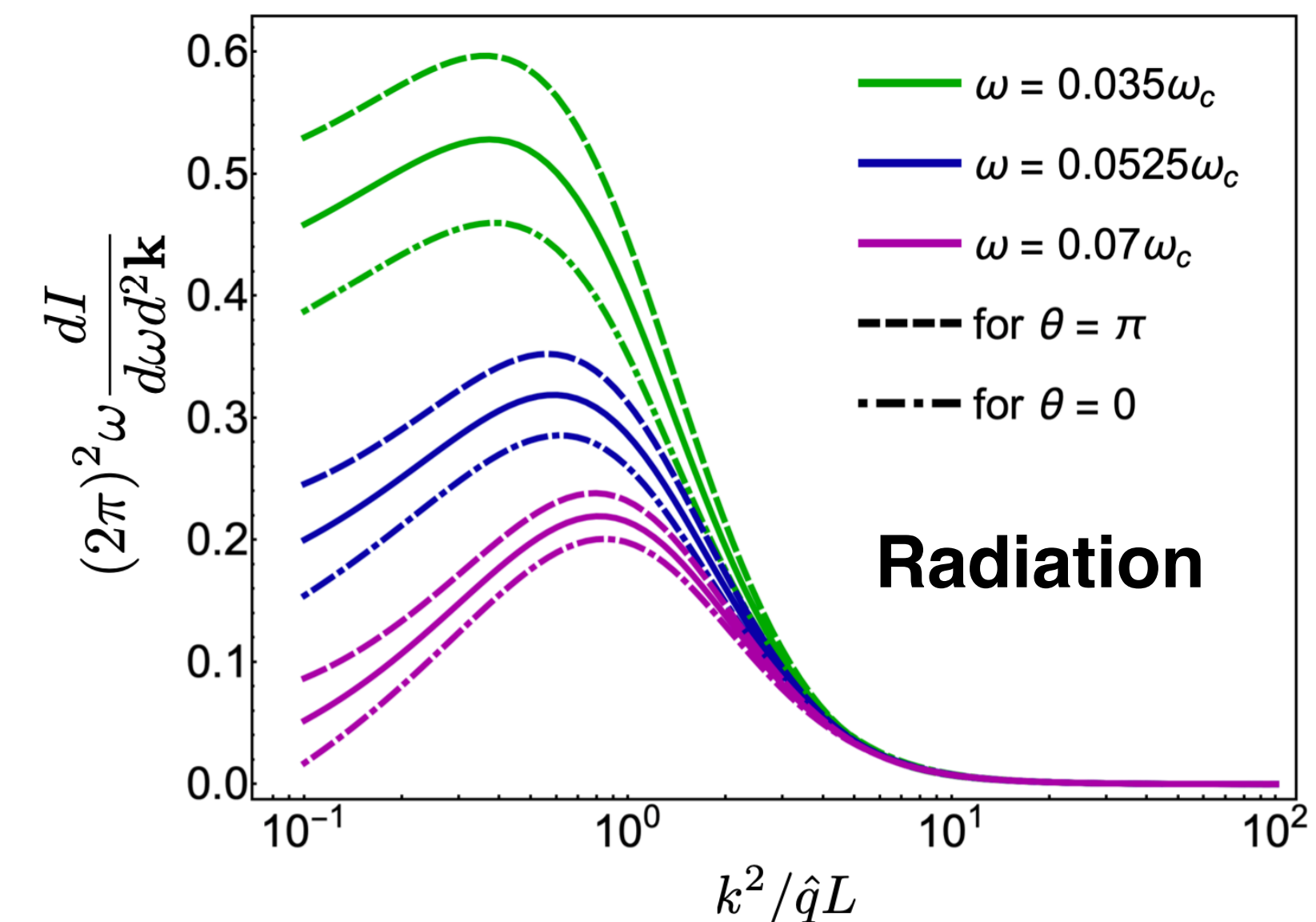
**Flowing matter** (not static): *broadening*.



$$\langle \mathbf{p} p_{\perp}^2 \rangle \simeq \chi^2 \frac{L \nabla T}{2T} \frac{\mu^4}{E} \left( \log \frac{E}{\mu} \right)^2 \quad \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle \simeq 3 \chi \mathbf{u} \frac{\mu^2}{E} \log \frac{E}{\mu}$$

See also S. Hauksson et al. - PRC '21, '22

Primarily affects soft radiation.



$$\left| \frac{\nabla T}{T^2} \right| = 0.05$$

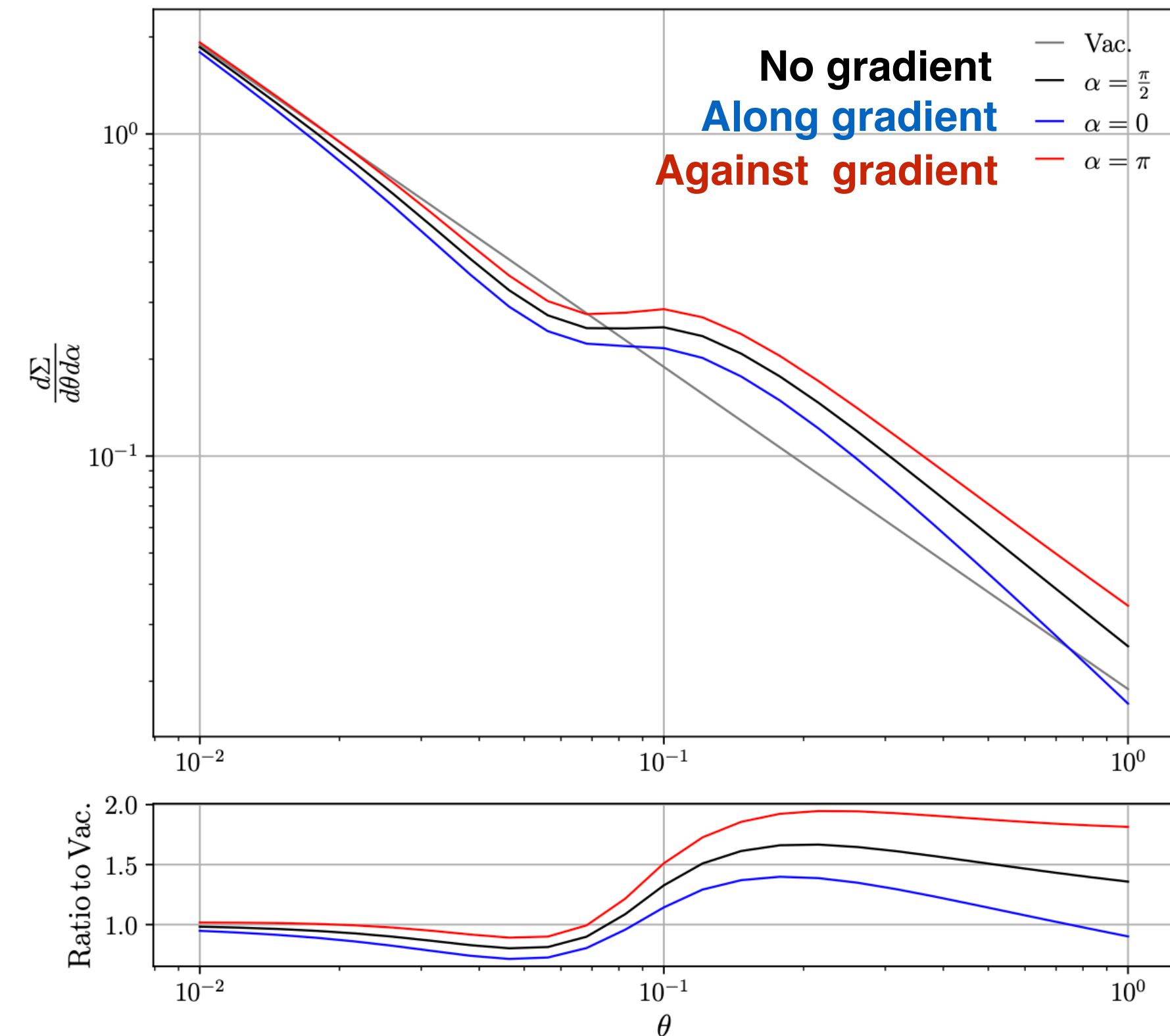
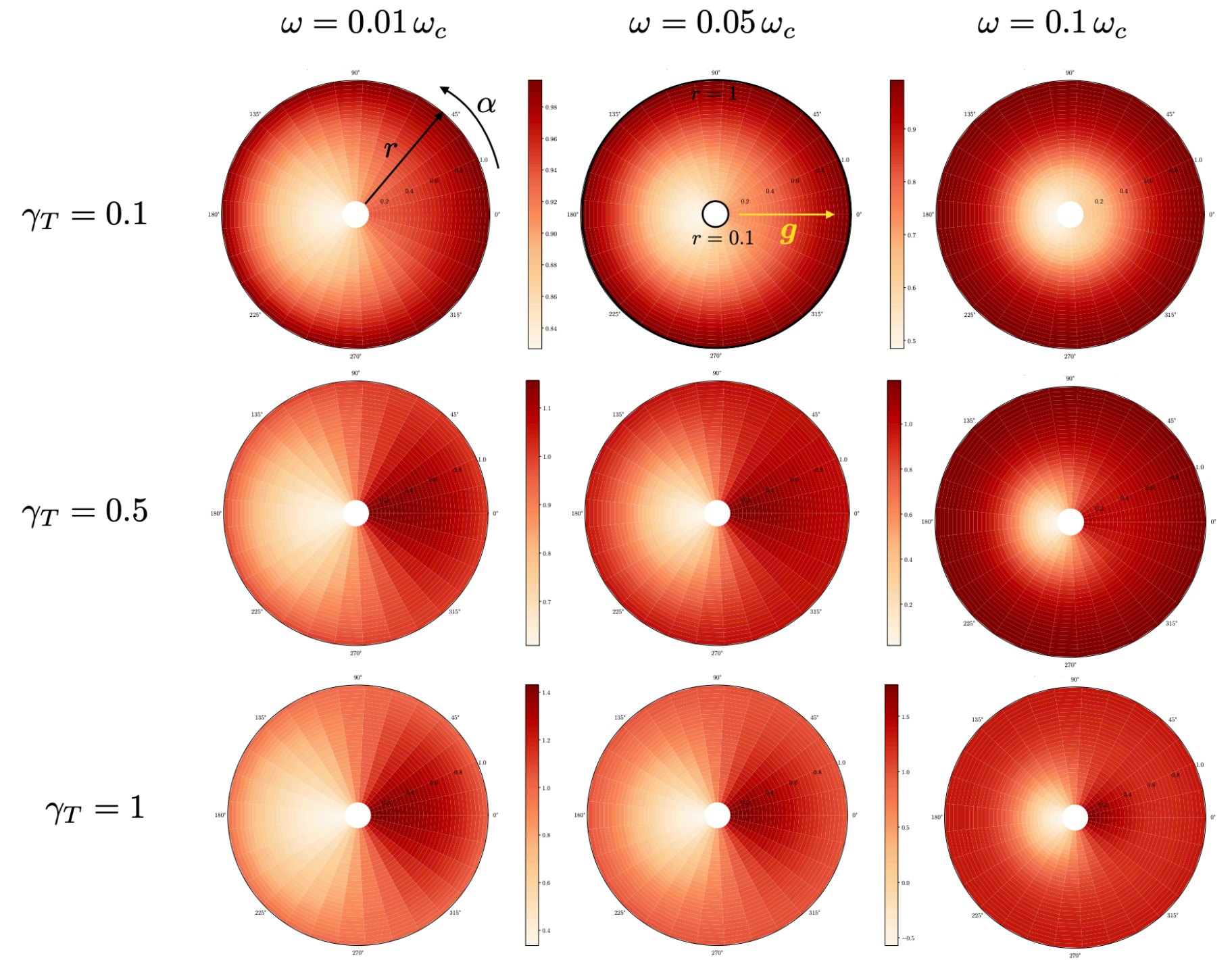


# Anisotropic Jet Shapes & EEC

Barata et al. - [2308.01294](#)

$p_T^{\text{jet}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

$p_t^{\text{jet}} = 50 \text{ GeV}$



$$\rho(r) = \int_0^r dr' \frac{p_t(r')}{p_t^{\text{jet}}}$$

$\gamma_T$  is gradient strength

Transverse energy profile (jet shape) shows that gluons slightly pushed along gradients direction.

EEC's sensibility to gradient effects relatively robust under VLEs over a larger phase-space.

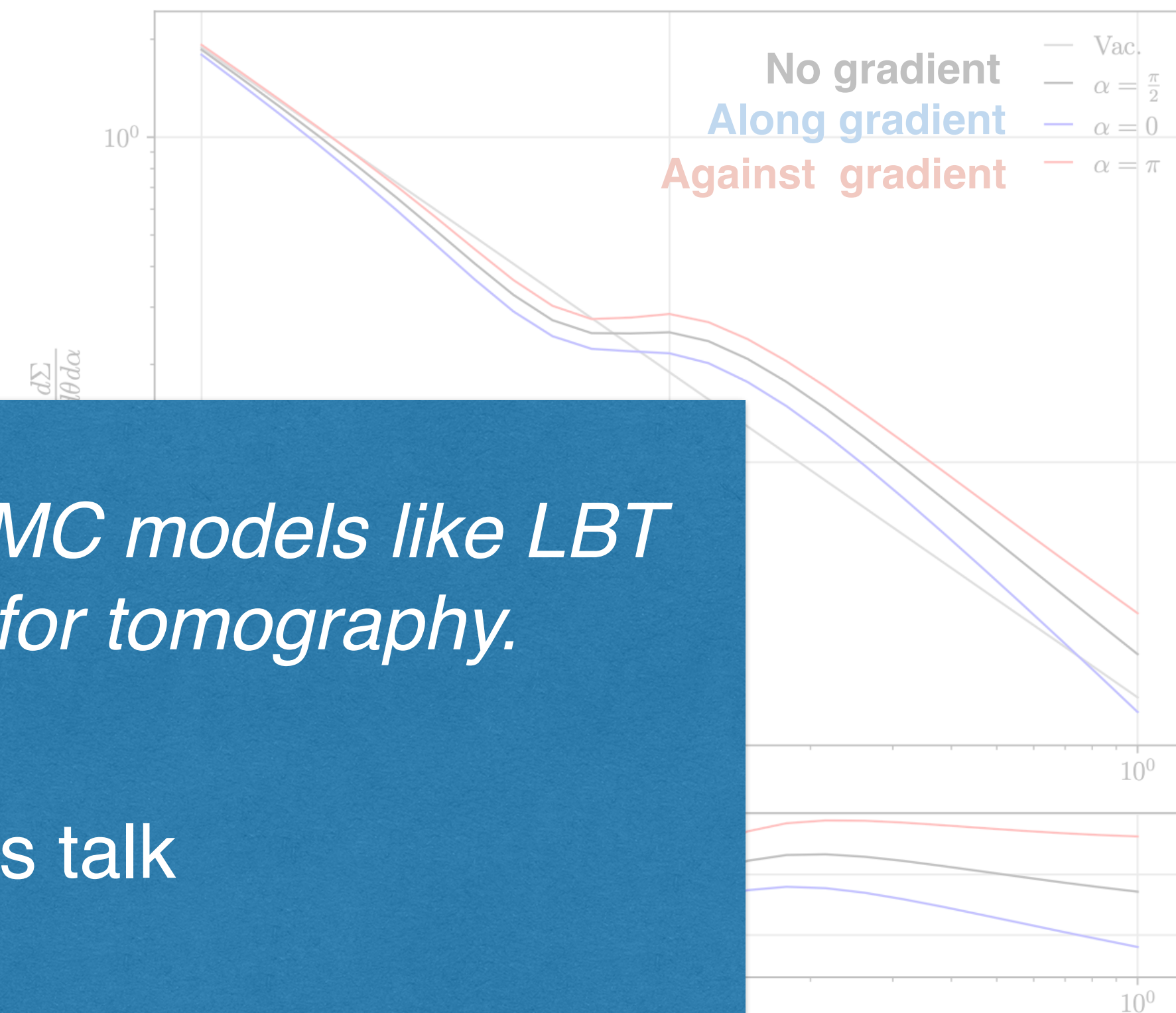
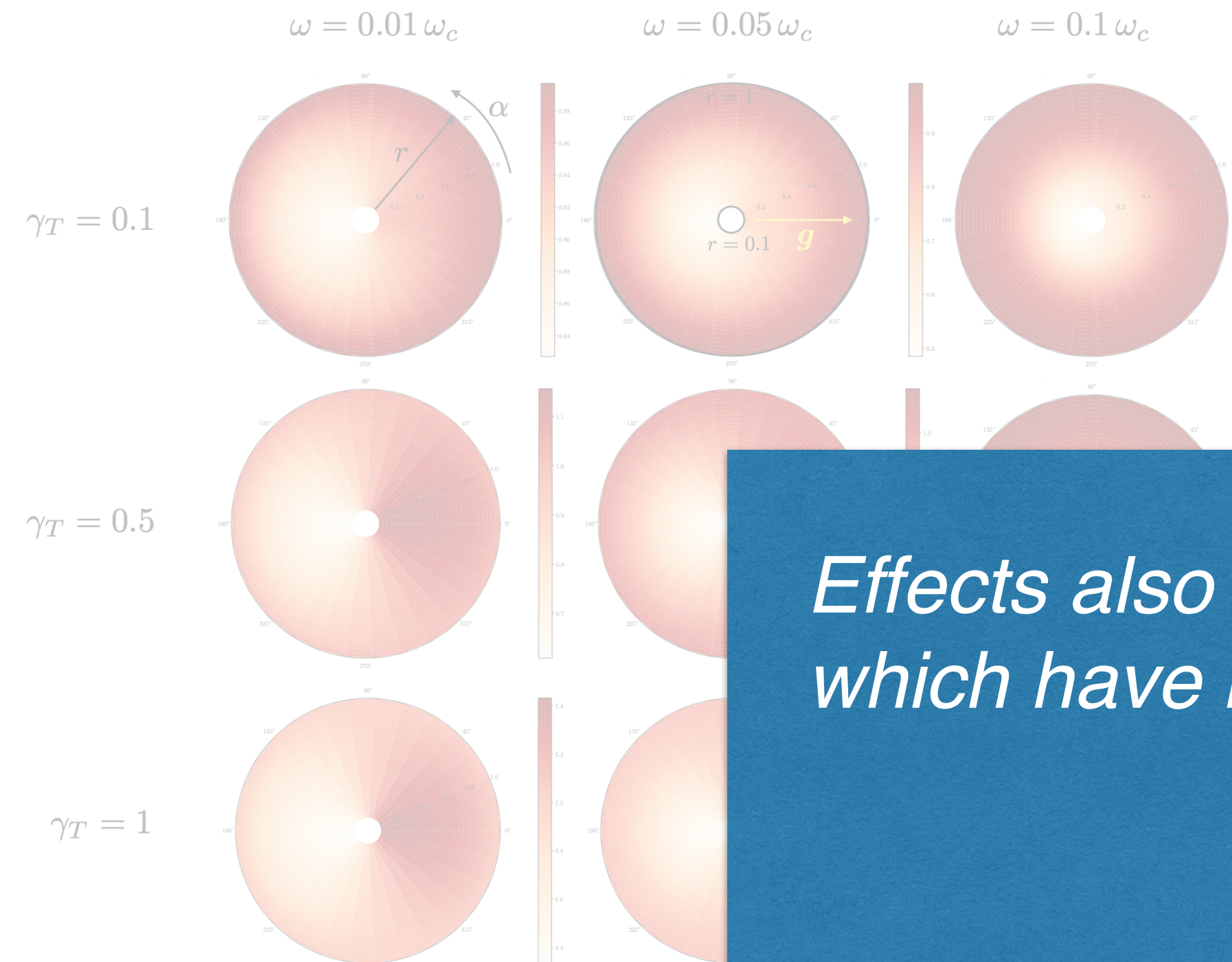


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*Effects also present in MC models like LBT which have been used for tomography.*

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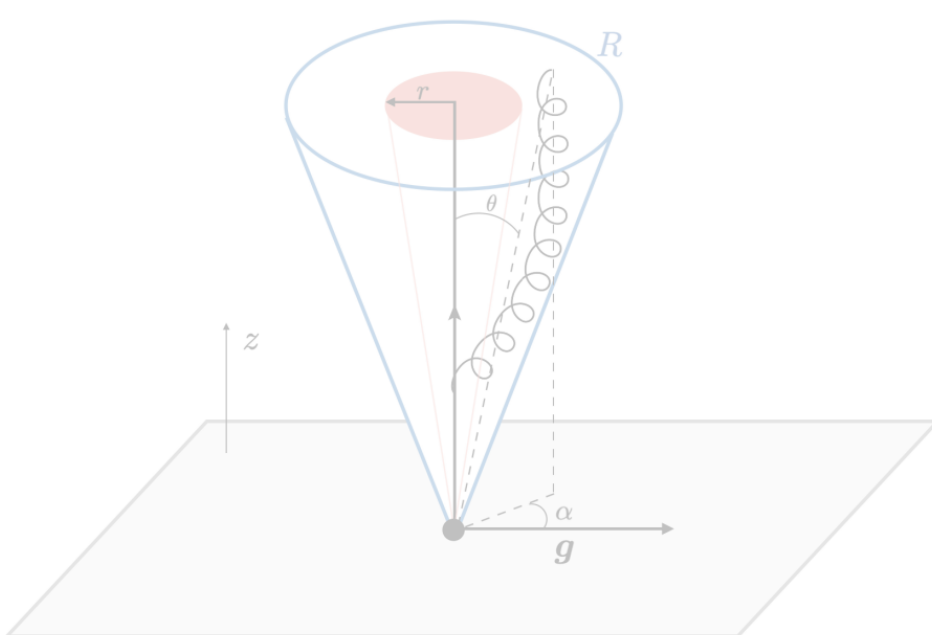
He et al. - [2001.08273](#)

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# Sourcing Hydro with Jets

Adding gradient and flow effects in broadening and radiation provides key information about fluid QGP.

But when quanta reach thermal scale (?), they become part of the medium.

Treat them as source of energy and momentum into the hydro e.o.m.

$$\partial_\mu T_{\text{hydro}}^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$$

Common approach: Gaussian functional form for the source term.

However, need better motivated form. Causal diffusion eq. used in [Y. Tachibana et al. - 2001.08321](#).

Detailed studies of equilibration using EKT can provide answers.

$$J_\nu ?$$

Mini-jet in an expanding background:

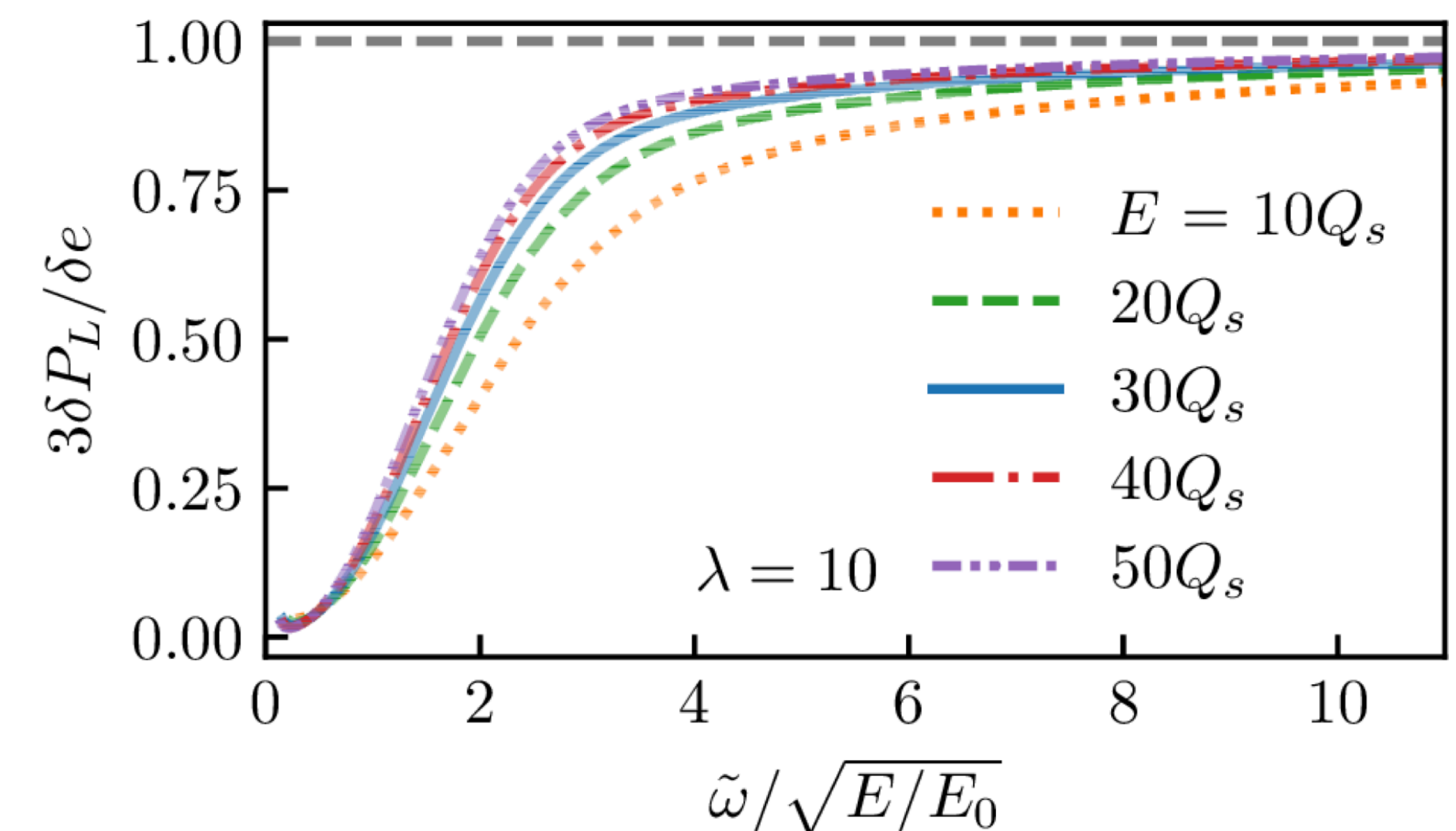
Hydrodynamizes slower than bkgd.

Hydro. times scales with  $\sqrt{E}$ .

Green's functions à la KØMPØST?

[See S. Ochsenfeld's talk](#)

[See A. Mazeliauskas' talk](#)



# The Jet Wake

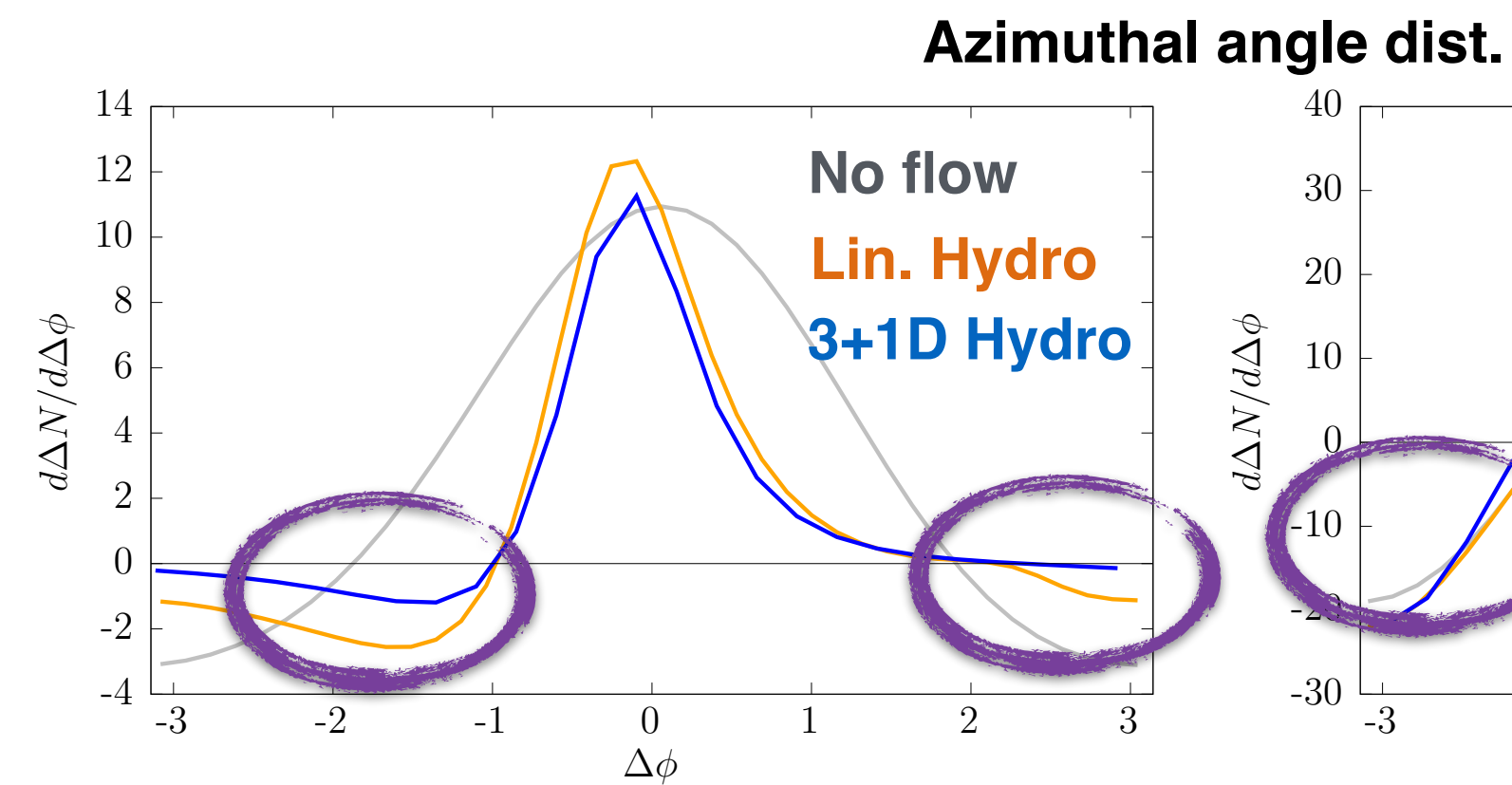
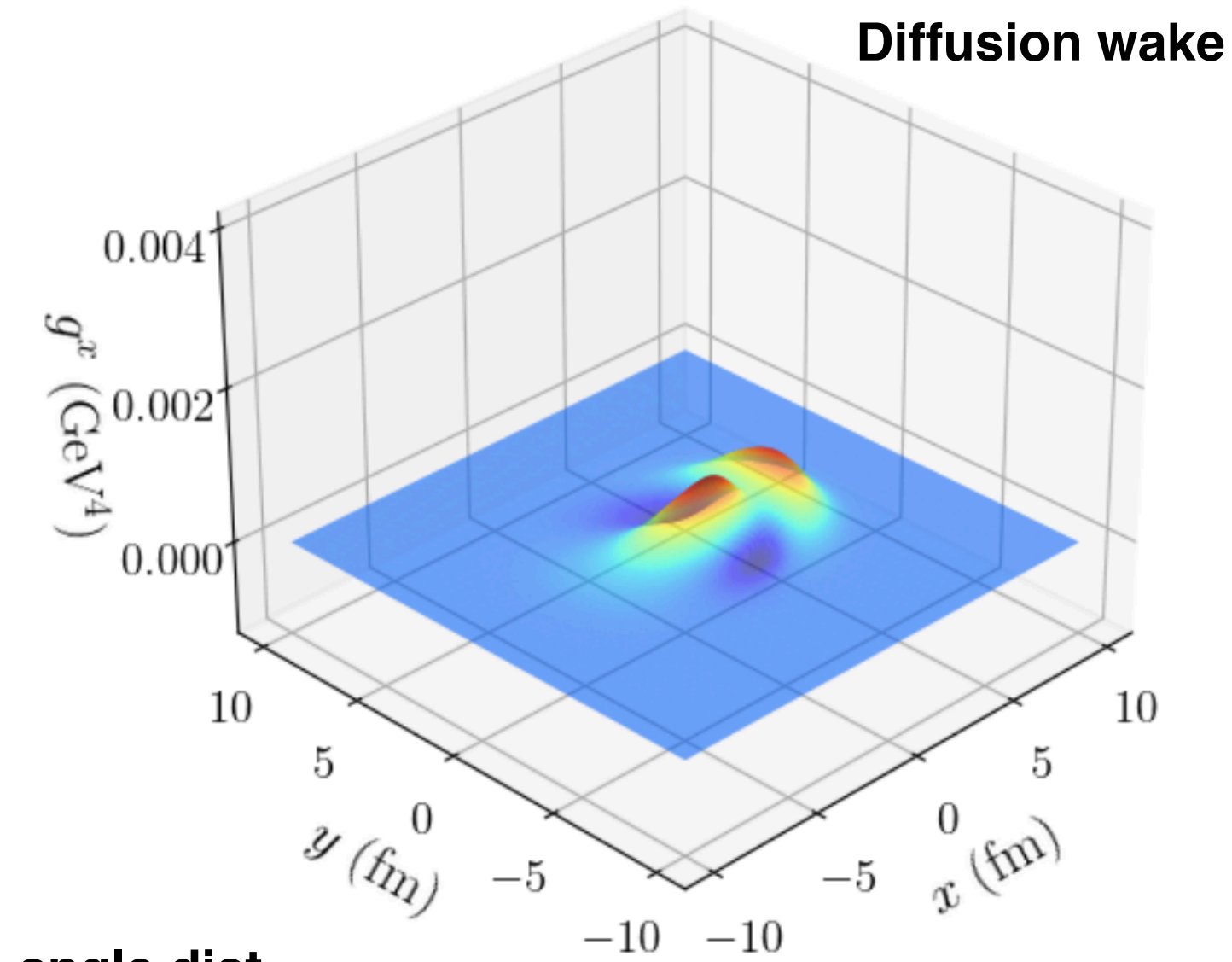
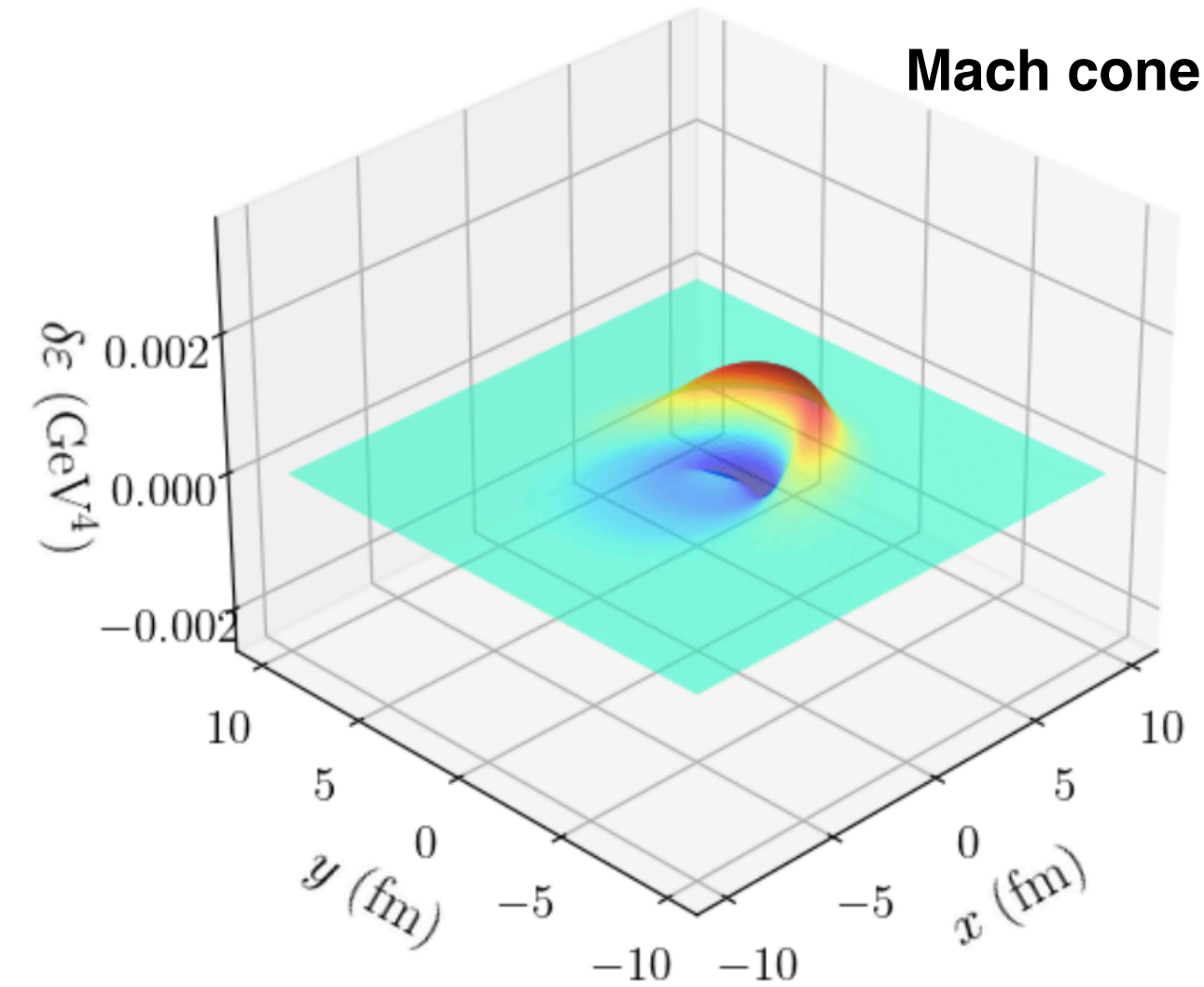
Jet-induced perturbation excites sound and diffusive modes.

Sensitive to fluid viscosity.

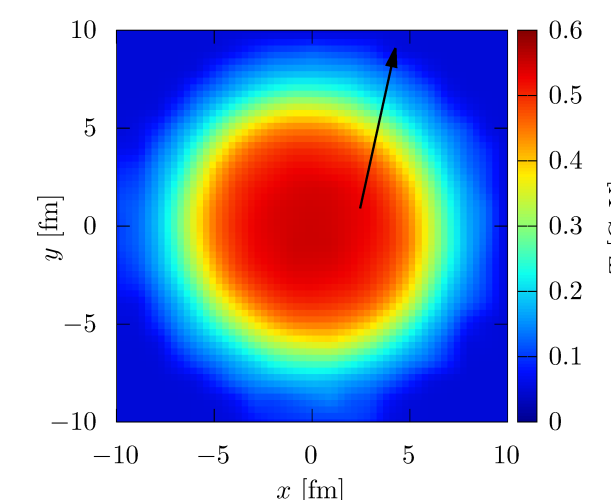
Sound modes spread energy in rapidity; break long. boost invariance.

Final hadron distribution result of interplay of evolution time and flow at freezeout.

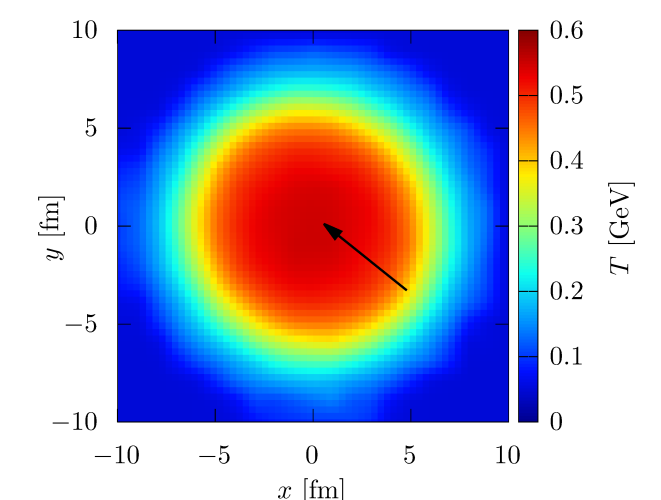
Lin. hydro speeds up by factor  $\sim 10.000$ .



**Diff. wake**



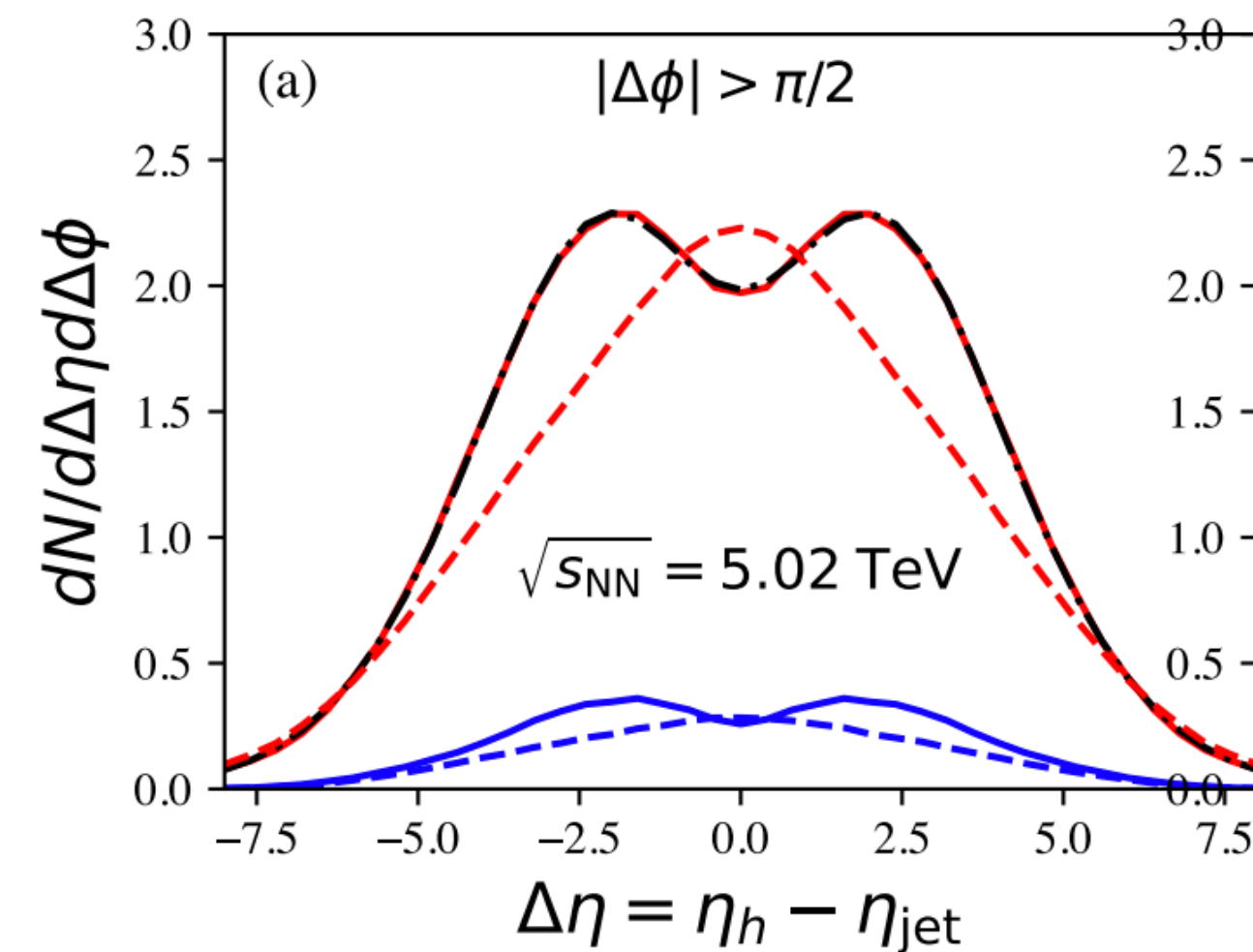
See X. Yao's poster





# Looking for Smoking Guns

## Boson-Jet Yang et al. - [2203.03683](#)



Depletion on top of multi-parton interactions (double peak in rapidity).

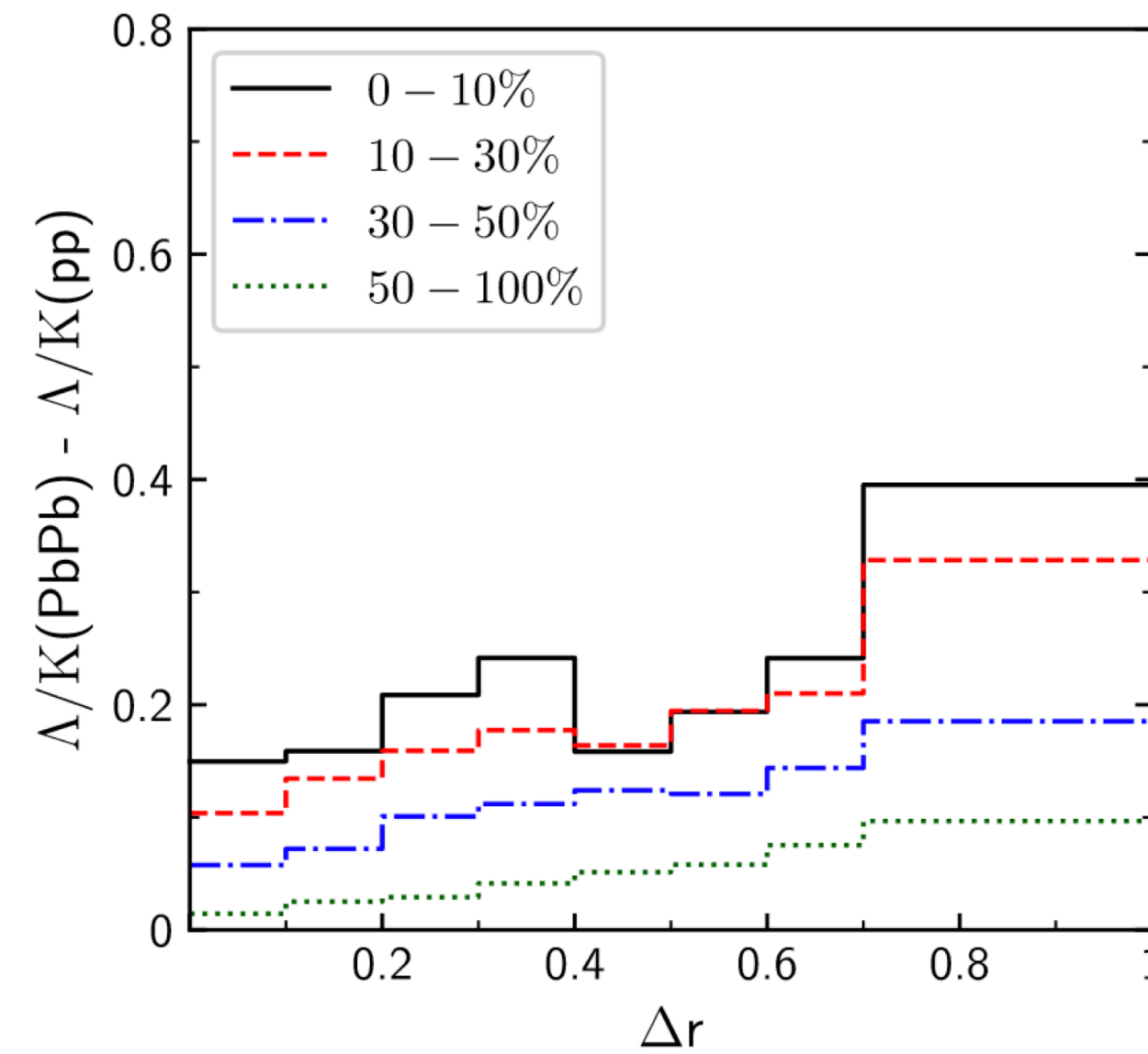
See Z. Yang's talk

Diffusion wake causes depletion of soft particles:

Opposite to the jet in  $\phi$ .

Close to jet in  $\eta$ .

## Inclusive Jets Luo et al. - [2109.14314](#)



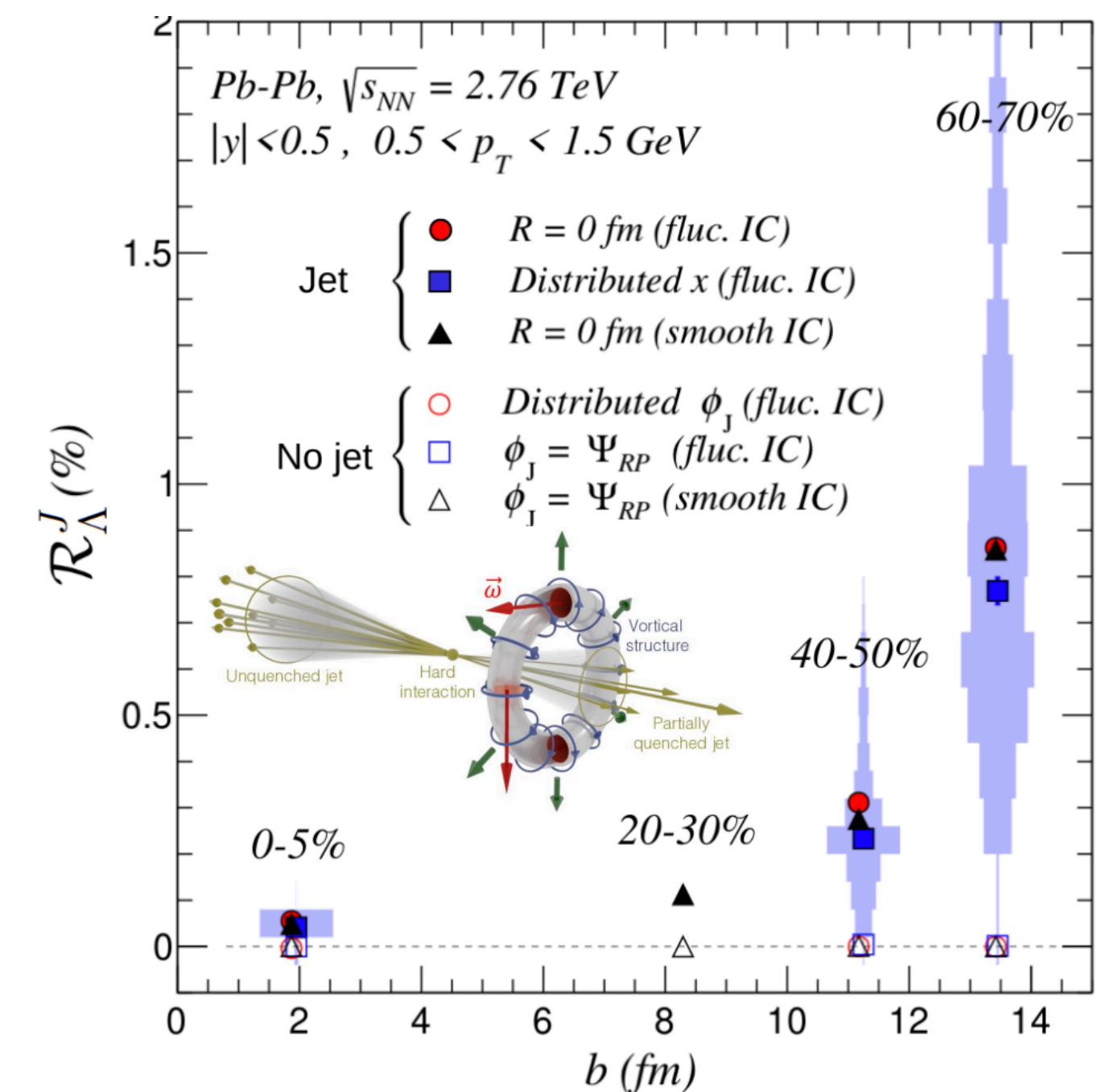
Baryon to meson enhancement around the jet axis.

See G. Qin's talk

Medium recoils coalesce at intermediate  $p_T$ .

See Y. Go's talk for more

## $\Lambda$ Ribeiro et al. - [2305.02428](#)



See W. Serenone's talk

$\Lambda$  hyperons polarize due to jet-induced vortex ring:

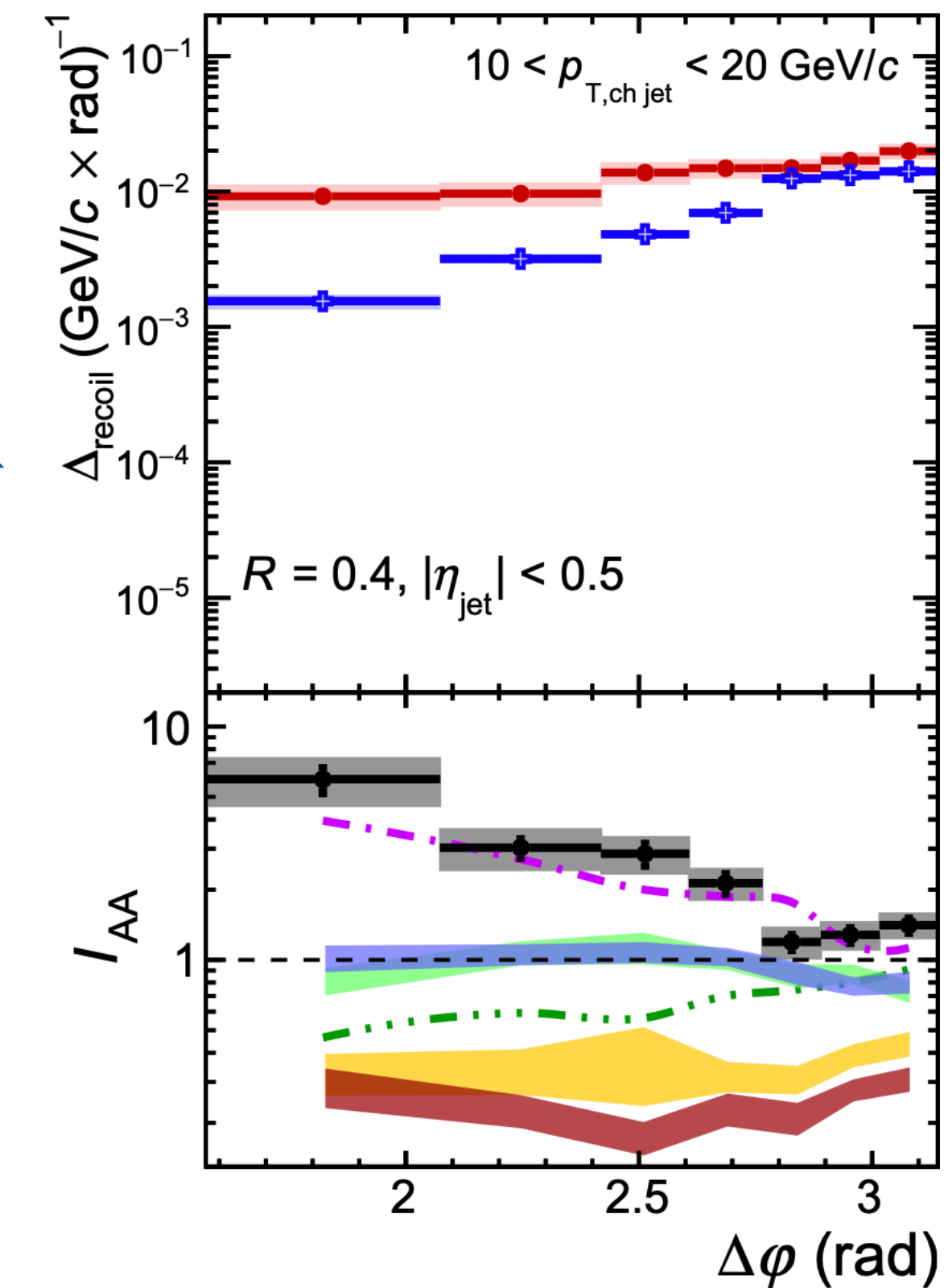
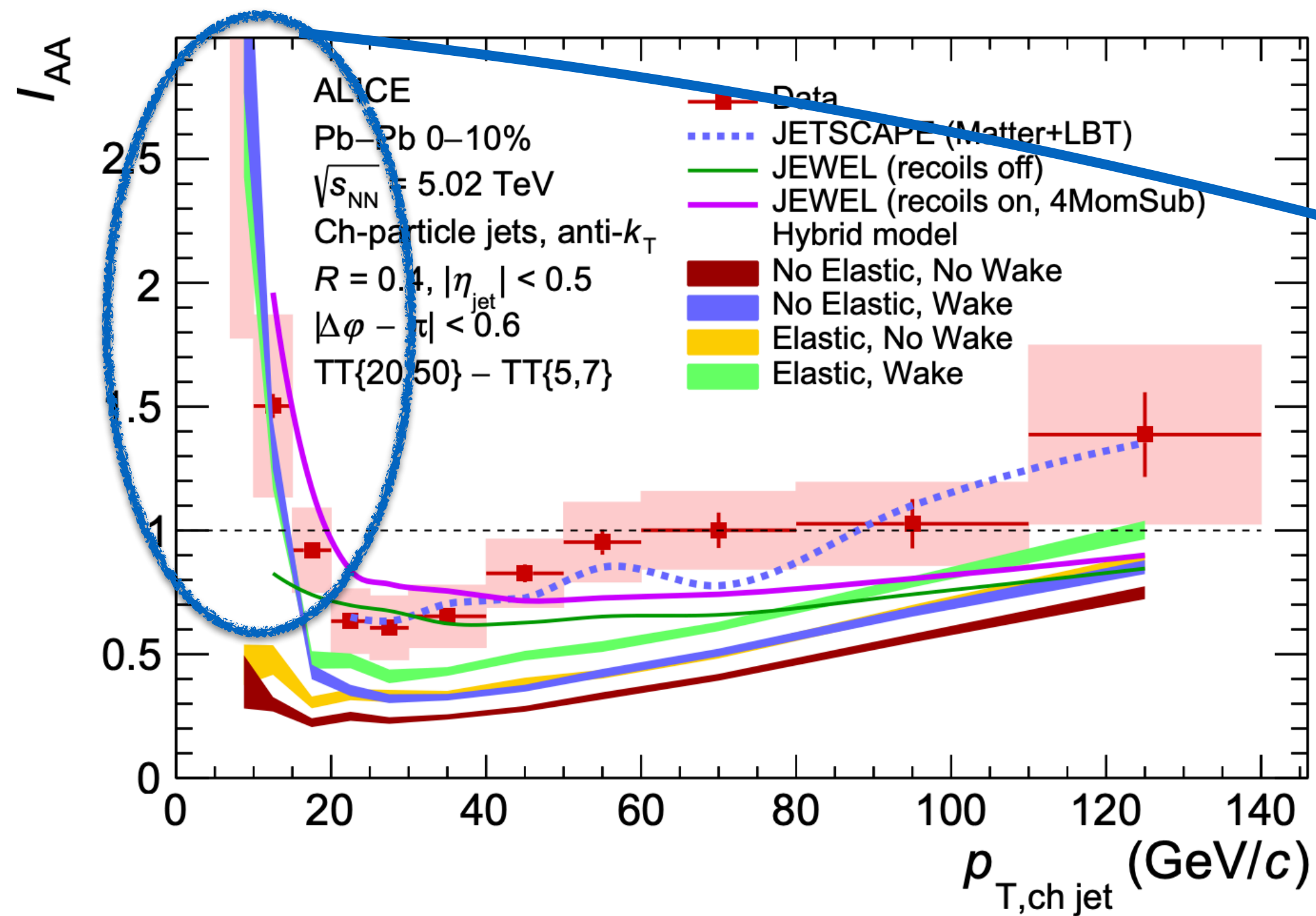
Decouple from system expansion vortices.

Promising tomographic tool.

# As Low as It Jets

ALICE - [2308.16131](#), [2308.16128](#)

See talk by J. Norman



Study of very low  $p_T$  semi-inclusive jets:

Overcomes survival bias.

Completely thermalized jets?

Look at the angular distribution of low  $p_T$  jets:

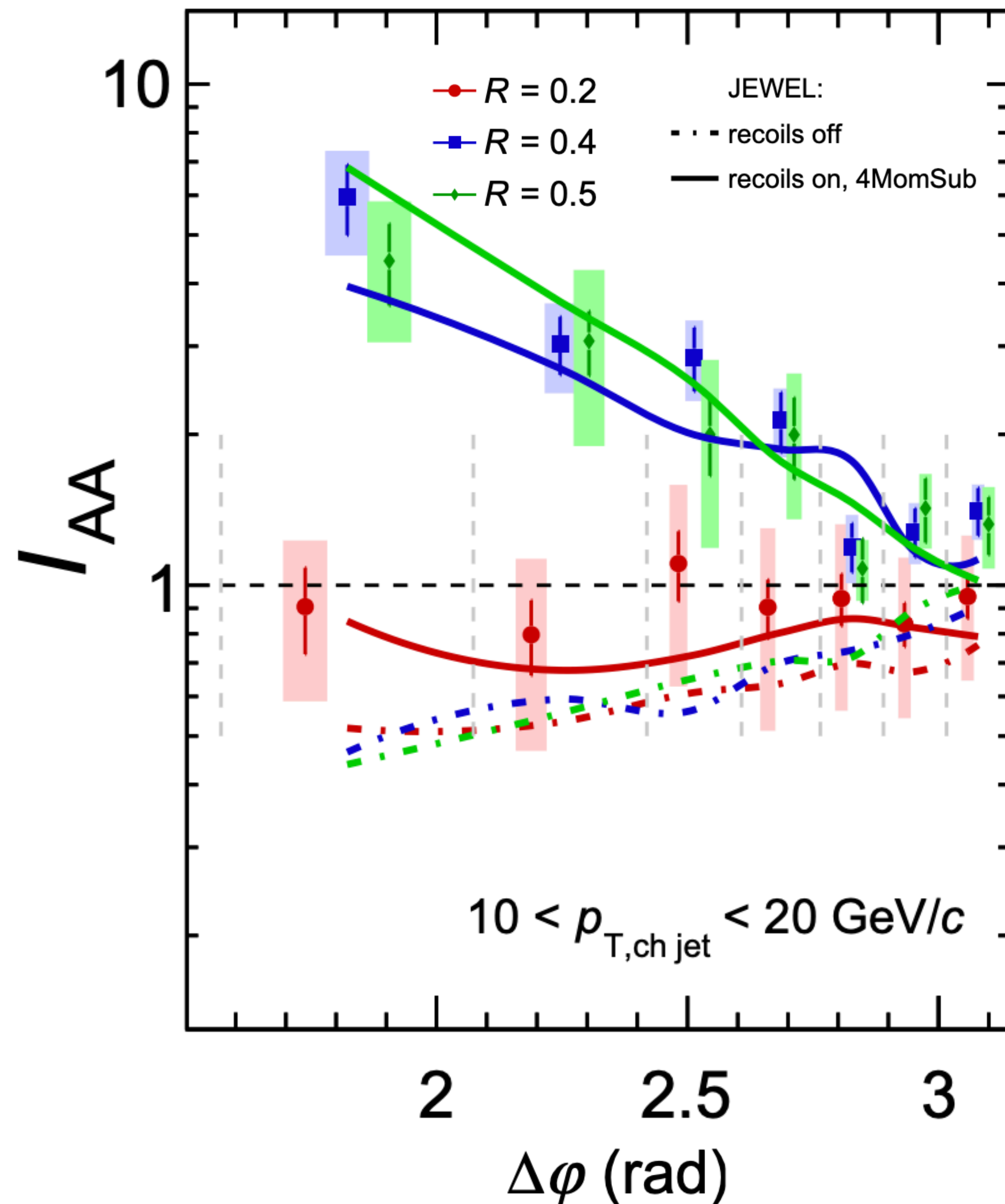
Huge effect! Challenge for models.



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Acoplanarity not present in  $R=0.2$  jets:

Disfavours explanation based on Molière scatterings.

Could point to strong broadening / diffusion causing uncertainty on reconstruction of jet direction.

Substructure of these jets?

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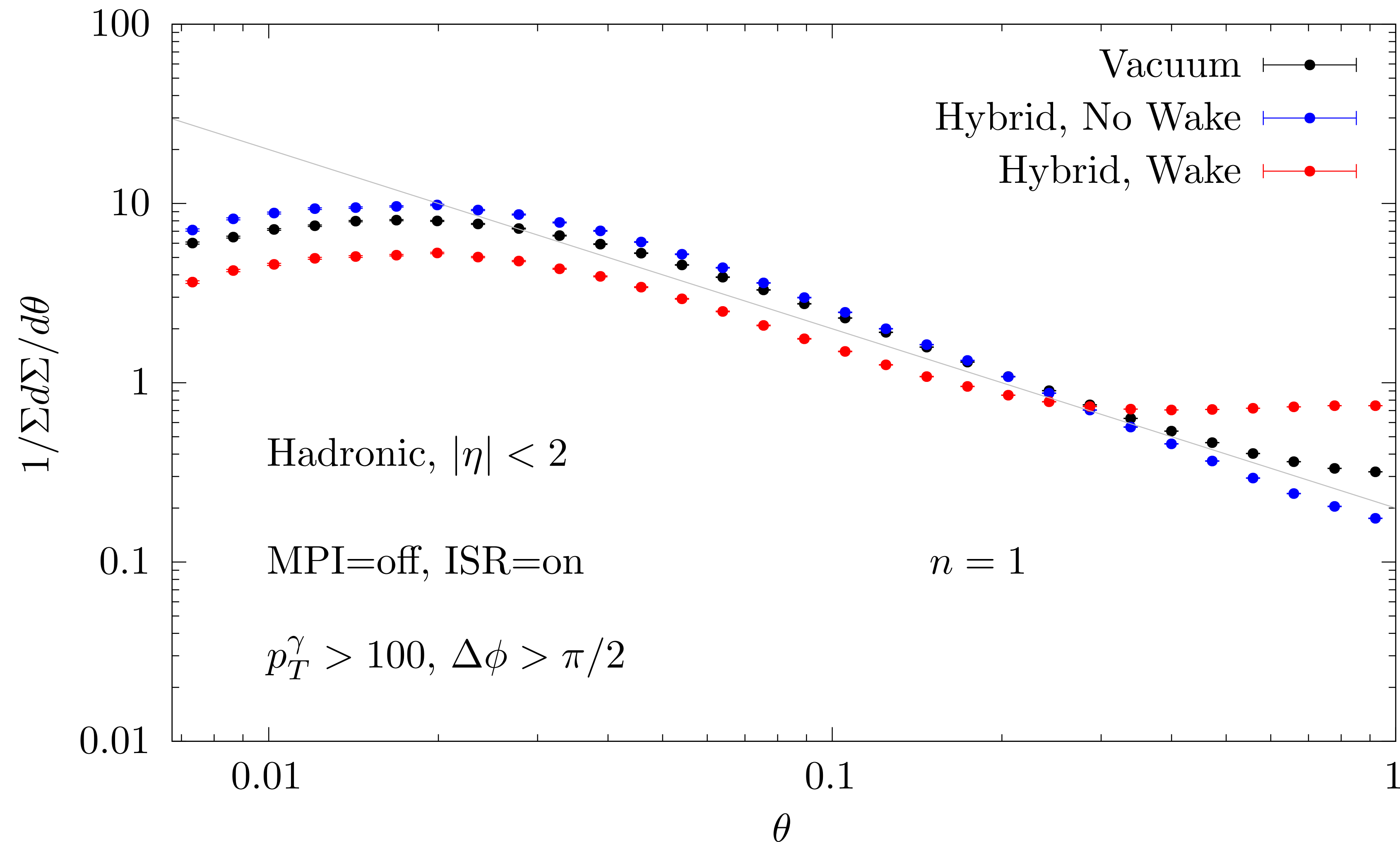
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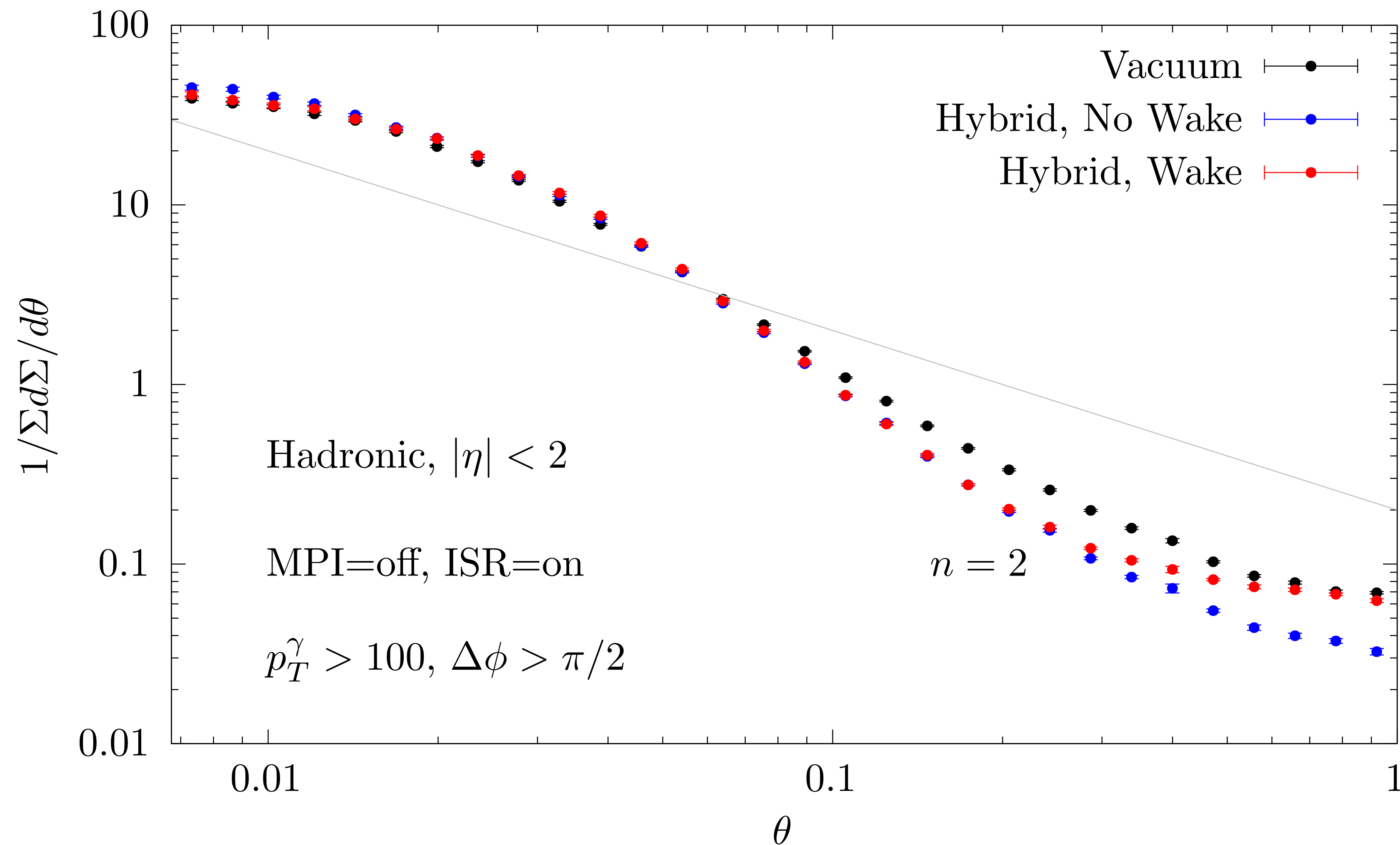
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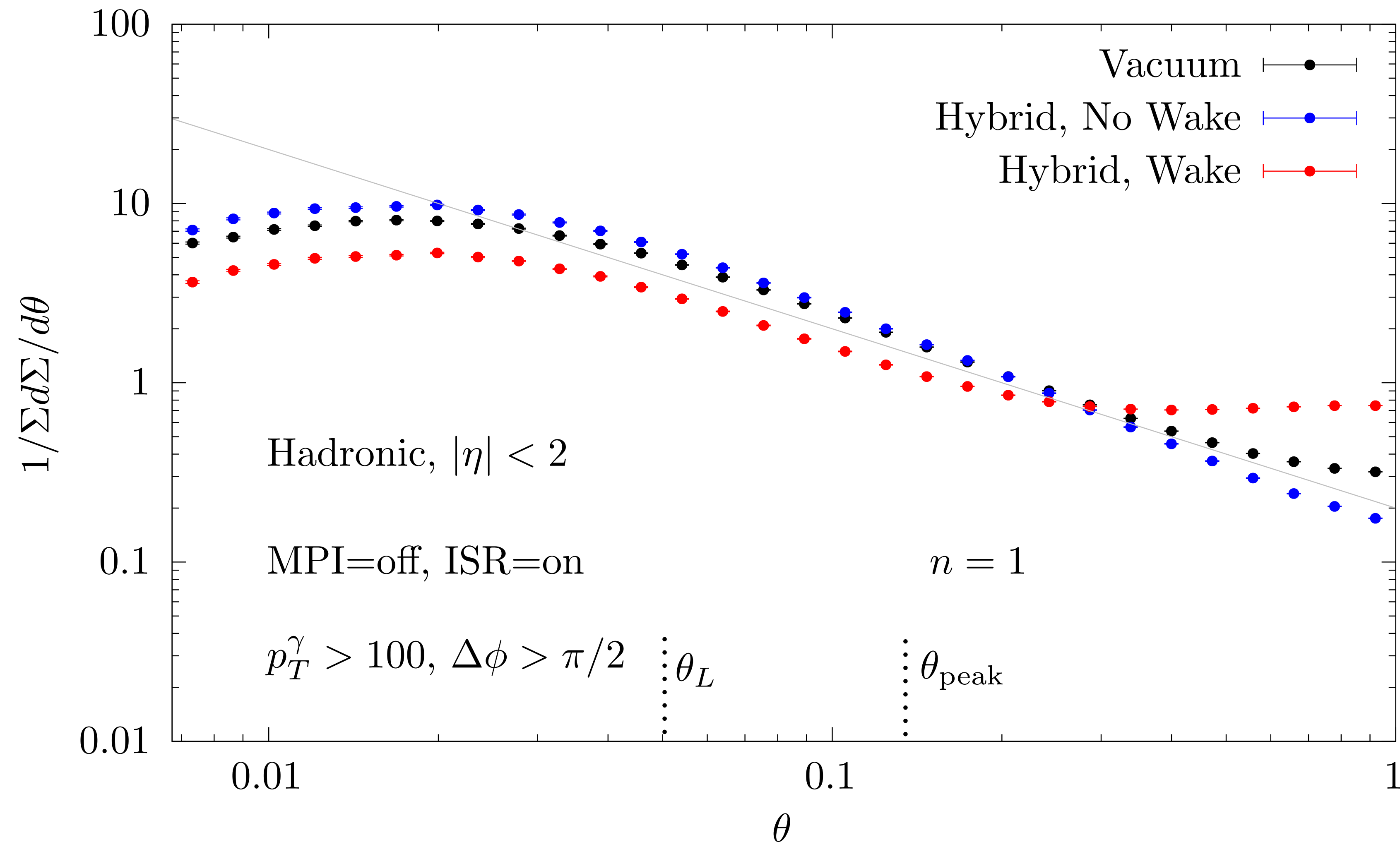
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# Jets as Part of the Medium

See also M. Kuha's poster

Jets no longer a perturbation when represent a sizeable part of multiplicity (mini-jets).

Stopping time  $\sim 2-3$  fm  $>$  hydro. time: concurrent evolution.

Deposit energy and momentum in random orientations (mini-wakes).

New source of fluctuations that affect extraction of  $\eta/s$ .

Desirable to include in global Bayesian fits of Heavy-Ion Standard Model parameters.

See C. Shen's talk  
See U. Heinz's talk  
See A. Mankolli's talk

Modified hydro evolution can affect electromagnetic probes, jet quenching.

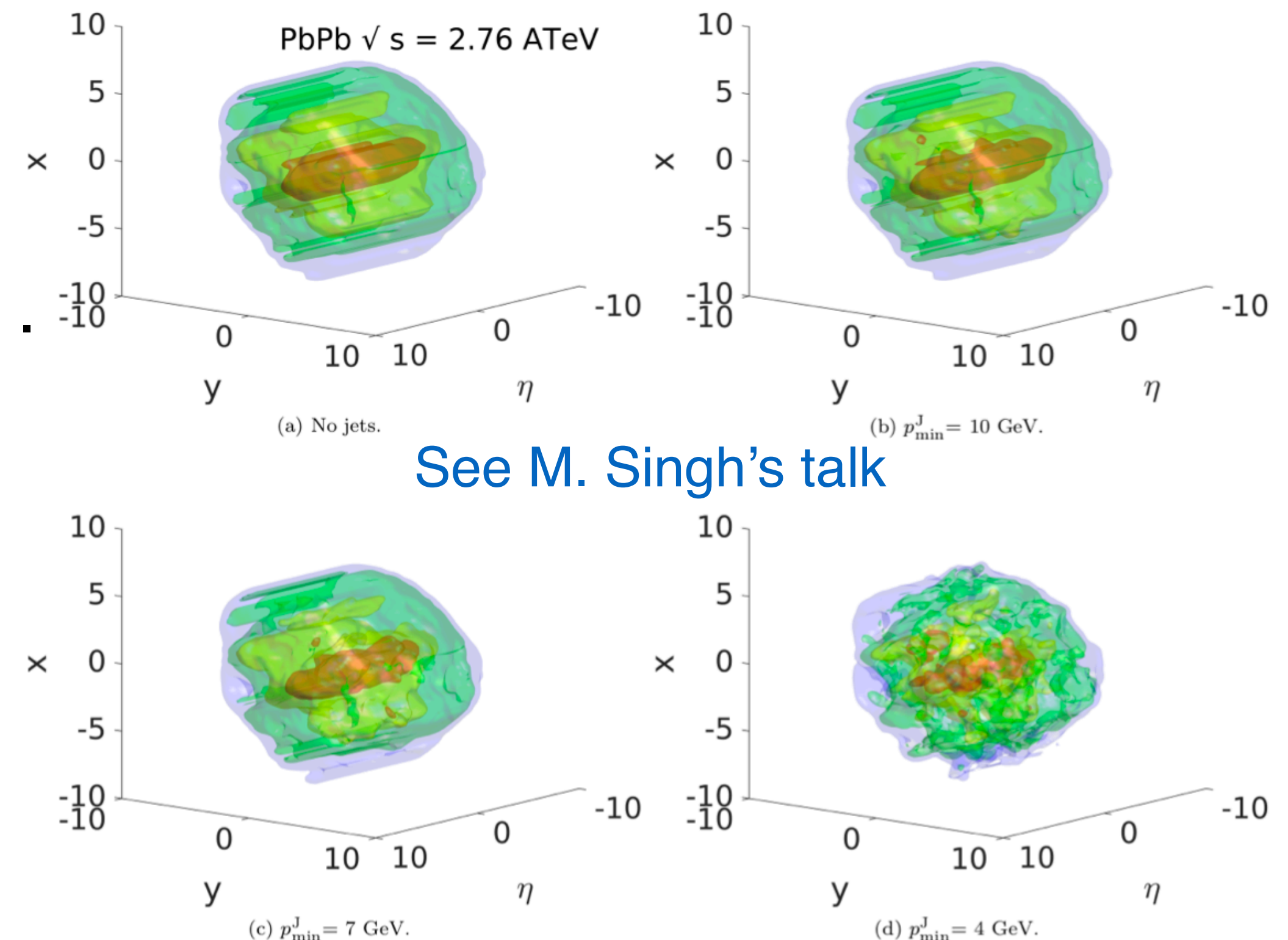
However, hard+soft studies do suffer important theoretical uncertainties.

Quenching in non-eq. phase.

Separation scale w.r.t saturation physics.

EKT: See J. Peuron's talk   See F. Lindembauer's poster

Glasma: M. Carrington et al. - [2112.06812](#)   D. Avramescu et al. - [2303.05599](#)



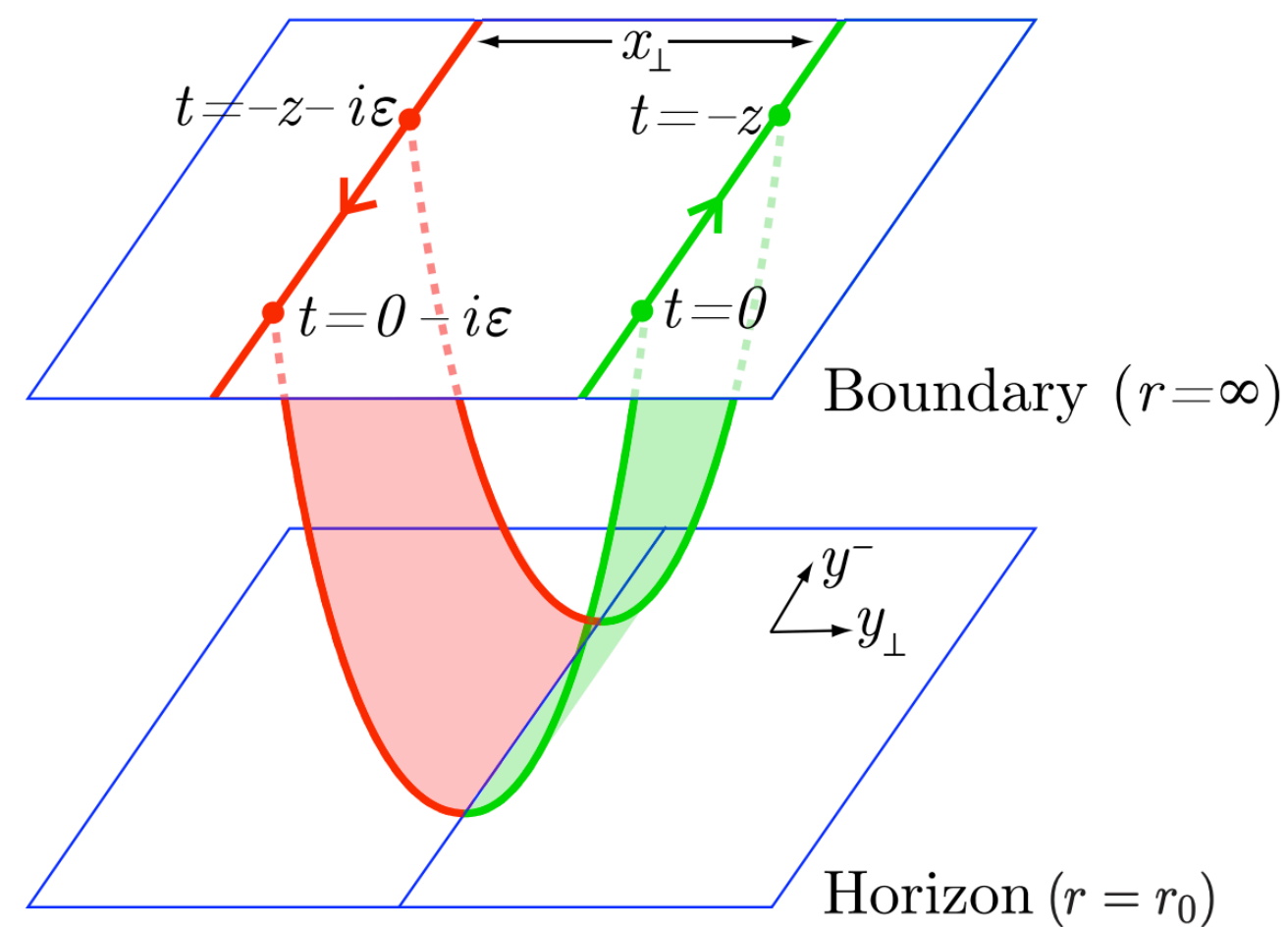
See M. Singh's talk

# Looking for Point-Like Scatterers

Transverse momentum broadening dist. dominated by *soft scatterings*, leading to Gaussian broadening, diffusion.

However, there is also broadening in strongly coupled plasma:

See J. Grefa's talk



Computation of Wilson loops in AdS-Schwarzschild background, yield Gaussian broadening with jet quenching parameter

$$\hat{q} = \frac{\pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} \sqrt{\lambda} T^3$$

Liu et al. - [hep-ph/0605178](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0605178)

(not proportional to number density of scatterers)

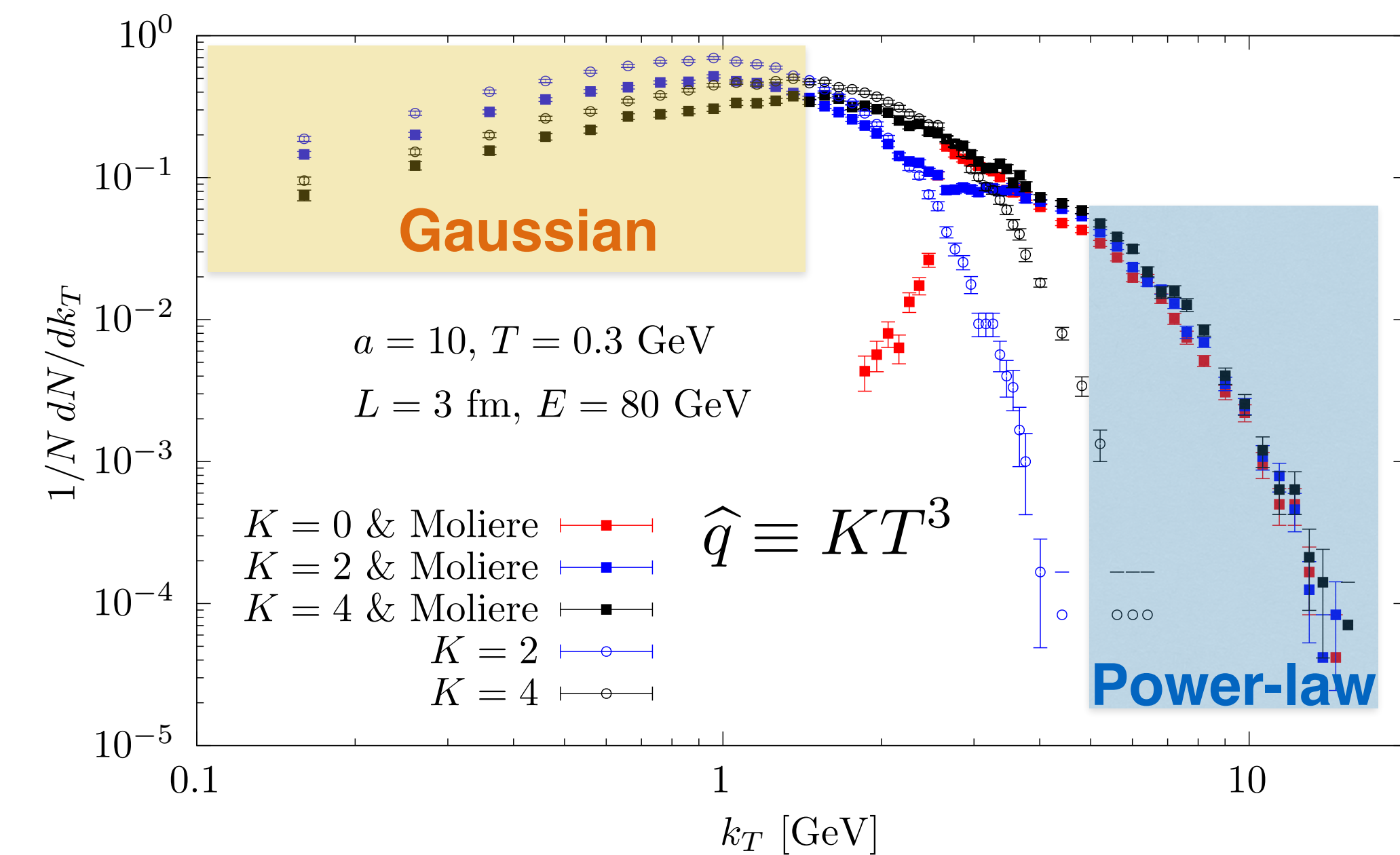
Therefore, Gaussian broadening is not evidence for probing individual quark and gluon d.o.f.

As it also arises in a fluid with no quasiparticles.

*Look for scatterings with large momentum transfers.*



# Looking for Point-Like Scatterers



See also Barata et al. - [2009.13667](#), [2106.07402](#)

## Hybrid Strong/Weak Coupling Model:

Perturbative DGLAP (vacuum-like splittings)

Non-perturbative energy loss (feeding the wake).

Gaussian broadening.

*Perturbative elastic scatterings.*  $t, u > a m_D^2$

(Naturally present in other MC, where elastic scatterings down to arbitrarily low momentum exchange)

See K. Rajagopal's talk

## Elastic scatterings:

Produce semi-hard recoils boosted along jet direction (in contrast to large angle soft wake).

Increase number of subjets inside the jet (competes with selection bias).

Enhance probability of finding large angle /  $k_T$  prong inside jet (competes with selection bias).

# Non-Linear Radiative $\hat{q}$ Corrections

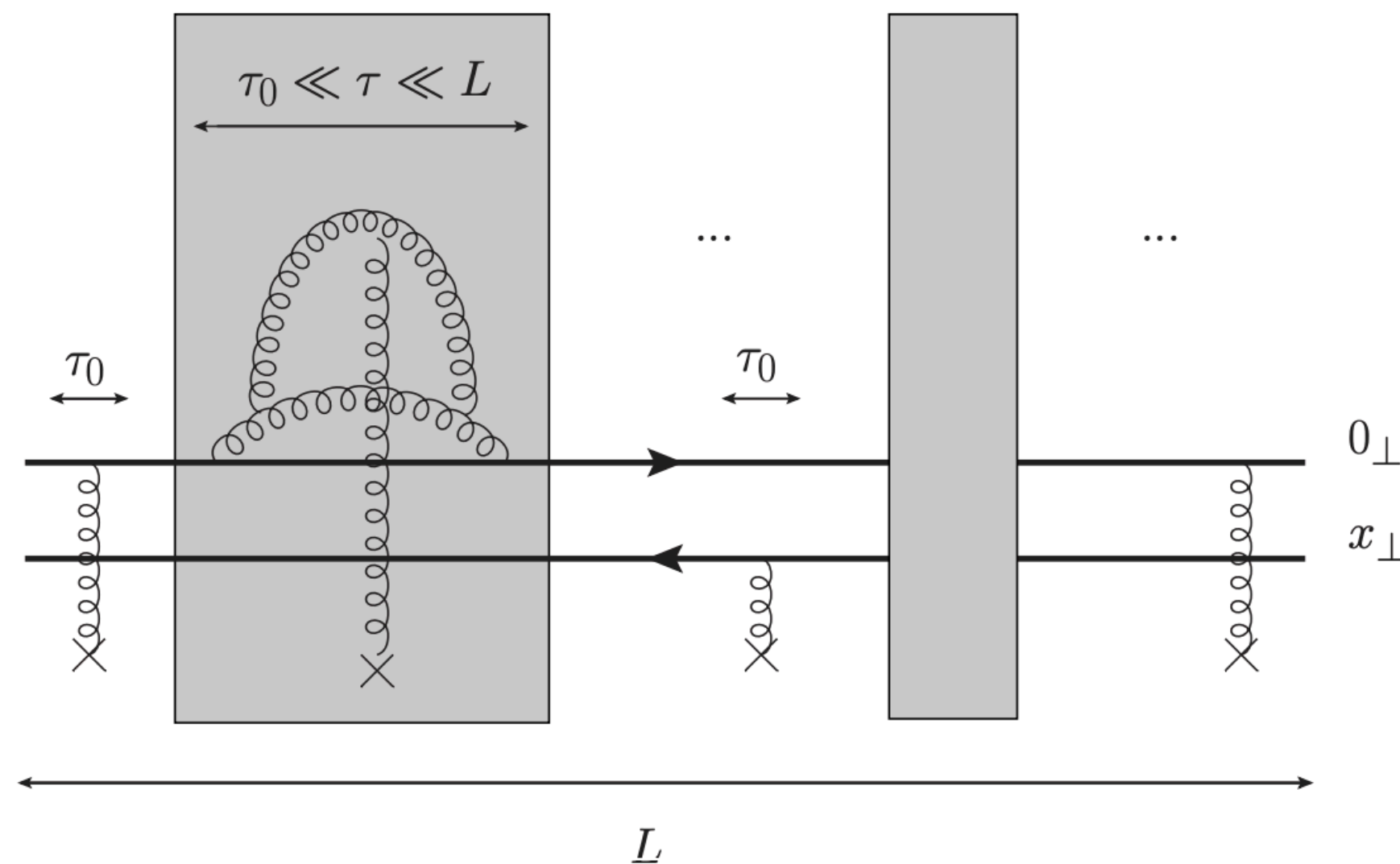
Radiative corrections due to soft emissions contribute to broadening as recoils.

Suppressed by  $\alpha_s$ , but enhanced by double medium length logs (non-local). [Liou et al. - 1304.7677](#)

New analytic solution for the fully non-linear tower of fluctuations for  $\hat{q}$ .

Typical transverse momentum transferred  $\sim L^{1/2+\sqrt{\alpha_s}}$  (vs  $\sim L^{1/2}$ ) (super-diffusive)

Harder large  $k_T$  tail  $\sim 1/k_T^{4-2\sqrt{\alpha_s}}$  (vs Rutherford-type  $\sim 1/k_T^4$ ) (heavy-tailed dist.)

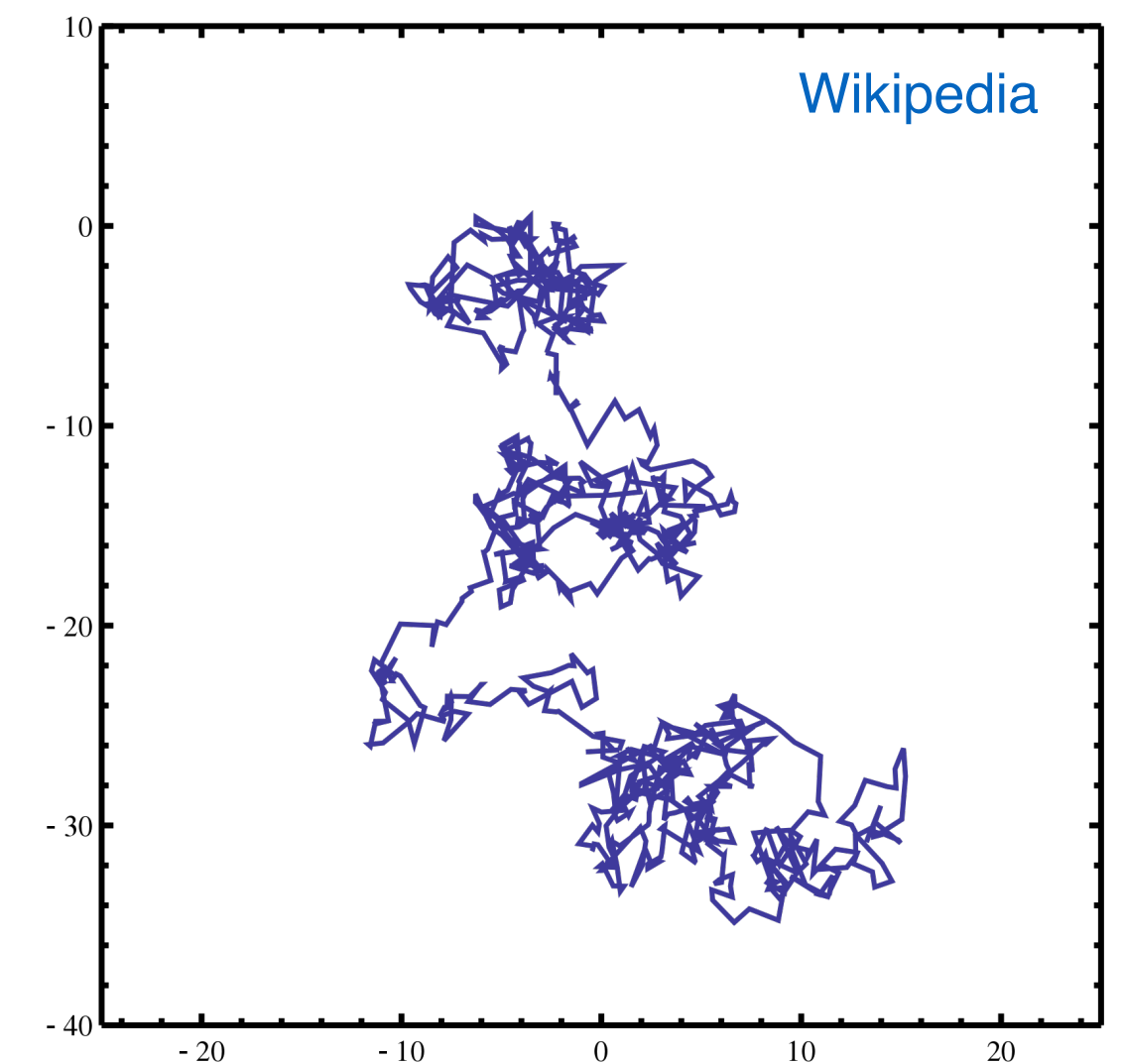


Lévy flights:

Self-similar gluon fluctuations.

Non-local jet-medium interactions.

[Caucal & Mehtar-Tani - 2109.12041, 2203.09407](#)



*Harder tail increases probability to observe large momentum exchanges.*



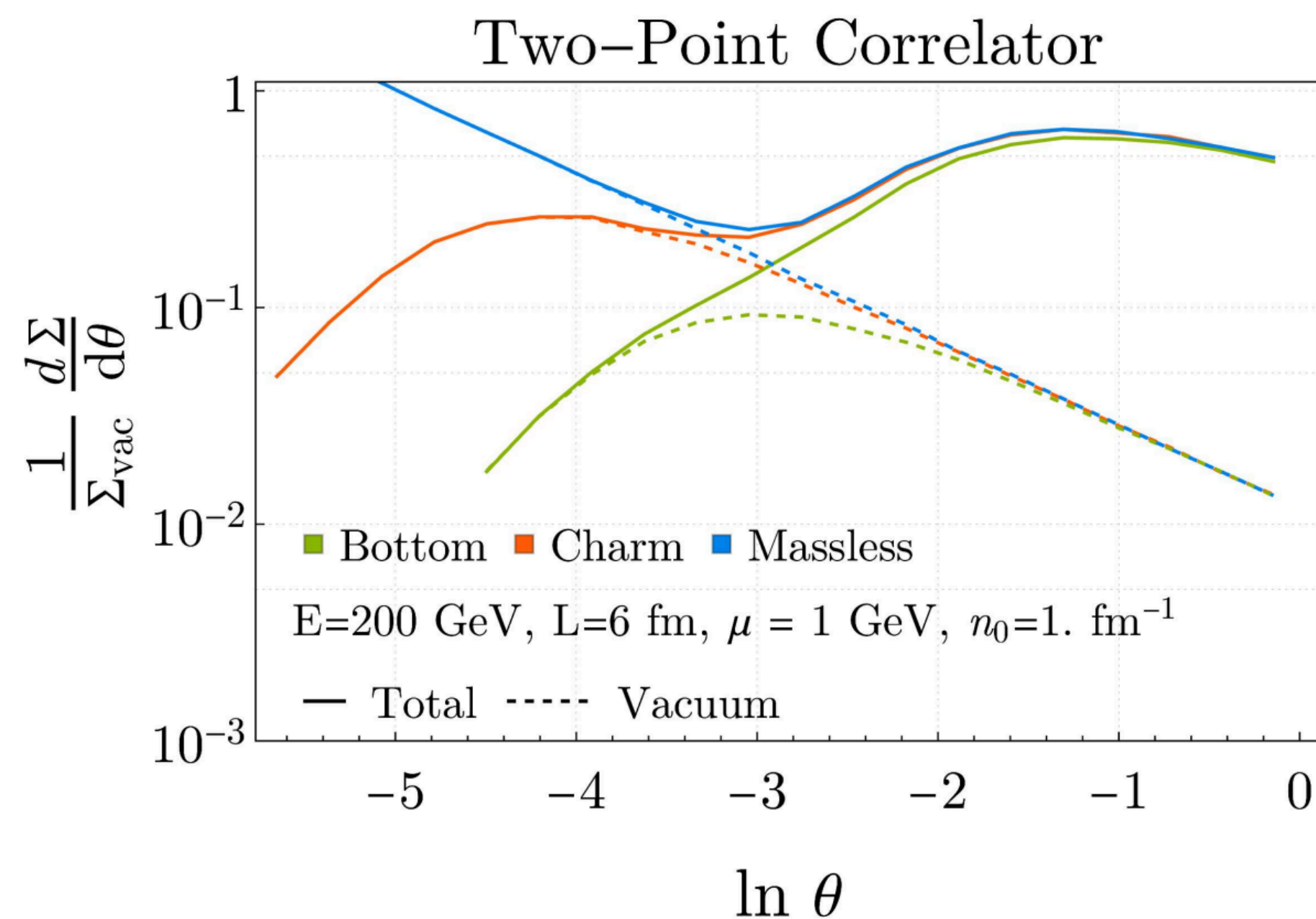
# Singling Out Medium-Induced Radiation (MIR)

Soft cloud of particles around the jet cannot be unambiguously attributed to MIR (wake?)

Want to gain detailed access to the physics of pQCD energy loss.

Exploit special setups.

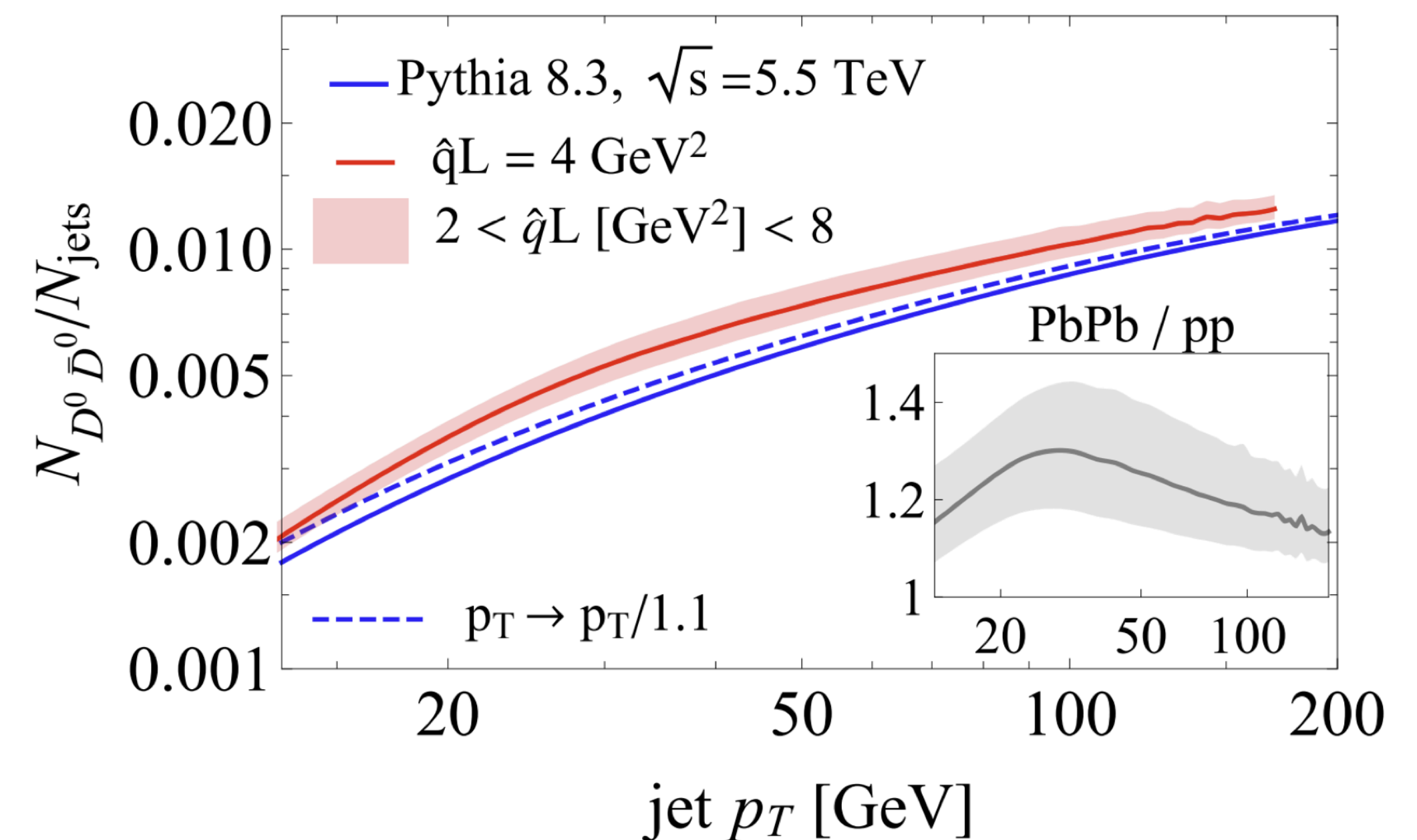
Dead cone region of charm & beauty.



See I. Moul't's talk

also L. Cunqueiro et al. - [2211.11789](#)

Enhanced  $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  radiation.



See W. van der Schee's talk

# Conclusions

If the medium possesses an **hydrodynamic spacetime evolution**, jets will see it:

- **Preferred orientations** of broadening and radiation depending on thermodynamic gradients and flow.
- **Ripples on the fluid** due to hydrodynamized energy and momentum.

*Crucial piece of evidence in the fluid QGP paradigm.*

**Many pieces falling into place** to develop more accurate jet quenching models. Main **obstacles**:

- **Interplay** between **vacuum**-like evolution and **medium**-induced radiation.
- Functional forms for **sources** of energy and momentum from jets **into hydro**.
- Quenching in the **initial stages**.

**Quasi-particle nature** of the QGP at short length scales **can be revealed with jets**:

- Look for **large momentum transfers** from the scattering of a parton within the jet, that **modifies the jet substructure**.
- Begun to identify **specific observables**, selection criteria, and kinematic regimes where **hard scattering** off medium partons are **important**. More and better ways to see this physics still to be found.

*Remarkable new advances in theory need to be put together to honour the upcoming data from RHIC and LHC.*



# Thank You!

