

Identifying Jet Observables with which to “See” the Short-Scale Structure of QGP

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Why Jets?

- The remarkable utility of hydrodynamics, eg. in describing the dynamics of small lumps in the initial state in AA collisions, tells us that to see the inner workings of QGP, namely to see how the liquid is put together from quarks and gluons, we will need probes with fine resolution.
- Need probes that resolve scales \ll size of lumps coming from the initial state that behave hydrodynamically, and scales $\ll 1/T_{\text{hydrodynamization}}$.
- Jets, as multiscale probes, provide best chance for scattering off a droplet of QGP to see its inner workings.
- Jets in heavy ion collisions *also* offer the best chance of watching how QGP hydrodynamizes. Jets leave a wake in the medium. Can we see how it hydrodynamizes, and then flows? Best shot at experimental access to this physics.
- \rightarrow not easy to decode the wealth of info that jets contain! (Need high statistics LHC and sPHENIX data; and need to use today's data to build baseline of understanding.)

How you can learn from a model

- There are things you can do with a model (here, the Hybrid Model) that you cannot do with experimental data. (Eg, turn physical effects off and on) ...
- ... but that nevertheless teach us important lessons for how to look at, and learn from, experimental data.
- TODAY'S EXAMPLE: identifying which jet observables are more sensitive to the presence of quasiparticles — scatterers — in the QGP-soup. And, which are more sensitive to the wakes that jets make in the soup.
- Disentangling effects of jet modification from effects of jet selection. In simulations; in Z +jet or γ +jet data. 2110.13159 Brewer, Brodsky, KR
- Using jet substructure modification to probe QGP resolution length. Can QGP “see” partons within a jet shower (rather than losing energy coherently)? 1707.05245 ZH, DP, KR; 1907.11248 Casalderrey-Solana, Milhano, DP, KR. (Apparent answer: yes. Eg., 2303.13347 ALICE)
- But first, a *very* brief intro to the Hybrid Model...

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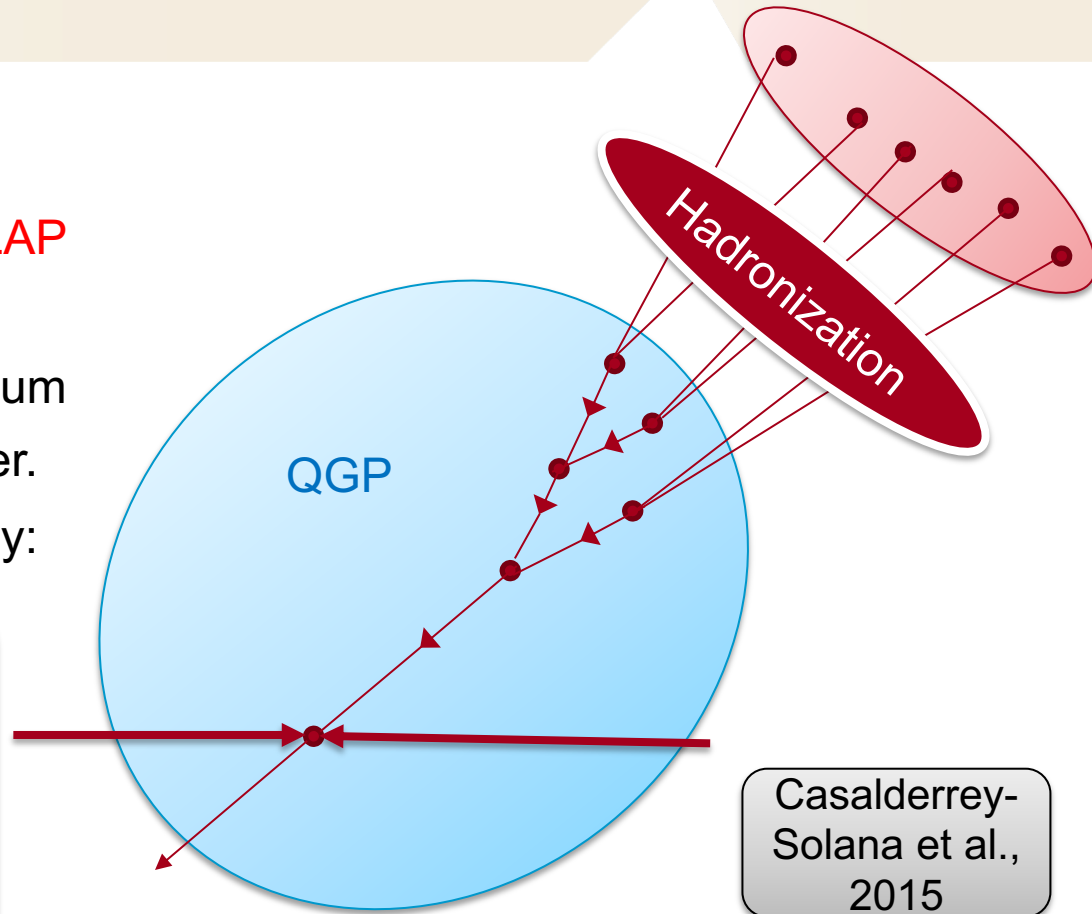
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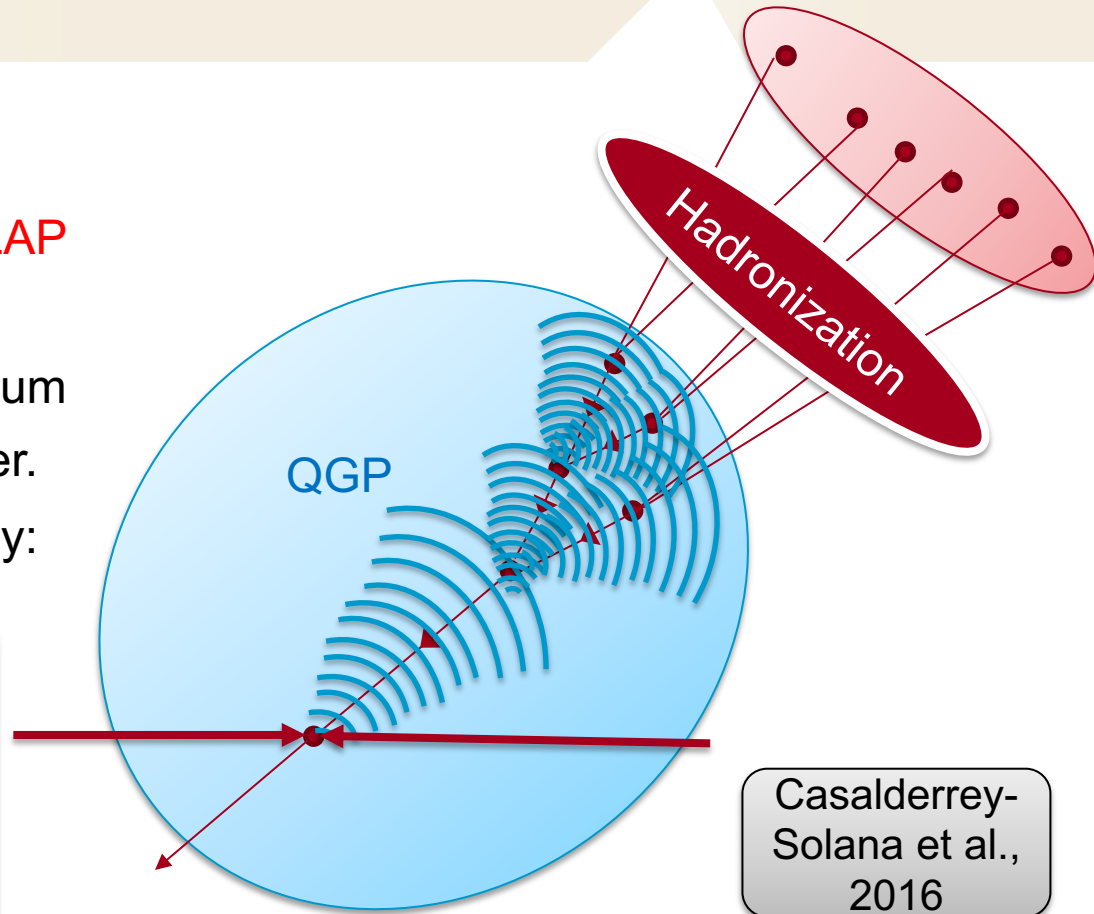
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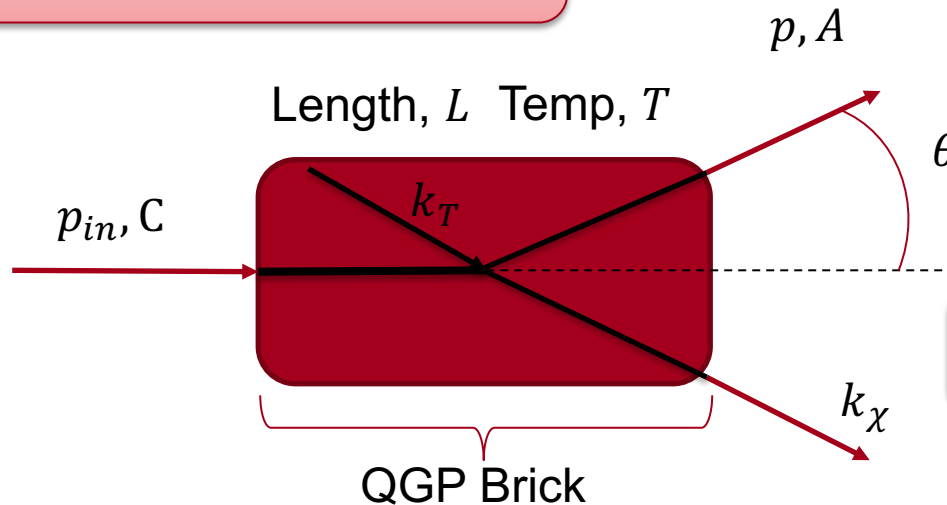
Why add to Hybrid Model?

- QGP, at length scales $\mathcal{O}(1/T)$, is a strongly coupled liquid. Flow, and jet observables sensitive to parton energy loss, are well-described (eg in hybrid model) in such a fluid, without quasiparticles.
- At shorter length scales, probed via large momentum-exchange, asymptotic freedom \rightarrow quasiparticles matter.
- High energy partons in jet showers *can* probe particulate nature of QGP. Eg via power-law-rare, high-momentum-transfer, large-angle, Molière scattering
- “Seeing” such scattering is first step to probing microscopic structure of QGP.
- What jet observables are sensitive to effects of high-momentum-transfer scattering? To answer, need to turn it off/on.
- Start from Hybrid Model – in which any particulate effects are definitively off! Add Molière, and look at effects...

Moliere Scattering in a brick of QGP (D'Eramo, KR, Yin, 2019)

Power-law-rare medium kicks which can probe particle constituents of QGP

In JEWEL, LBT, MARTINI, harder to turn off



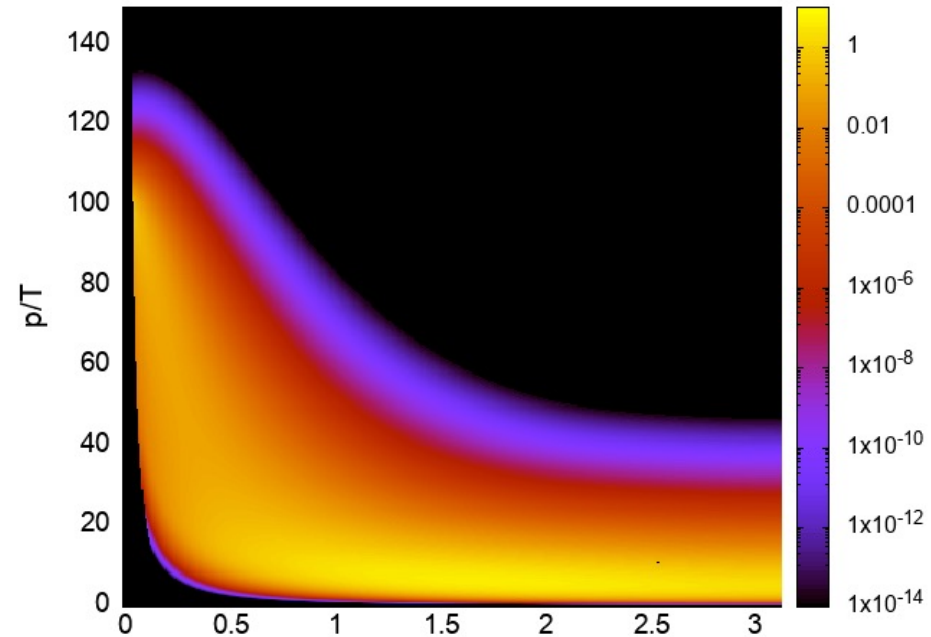
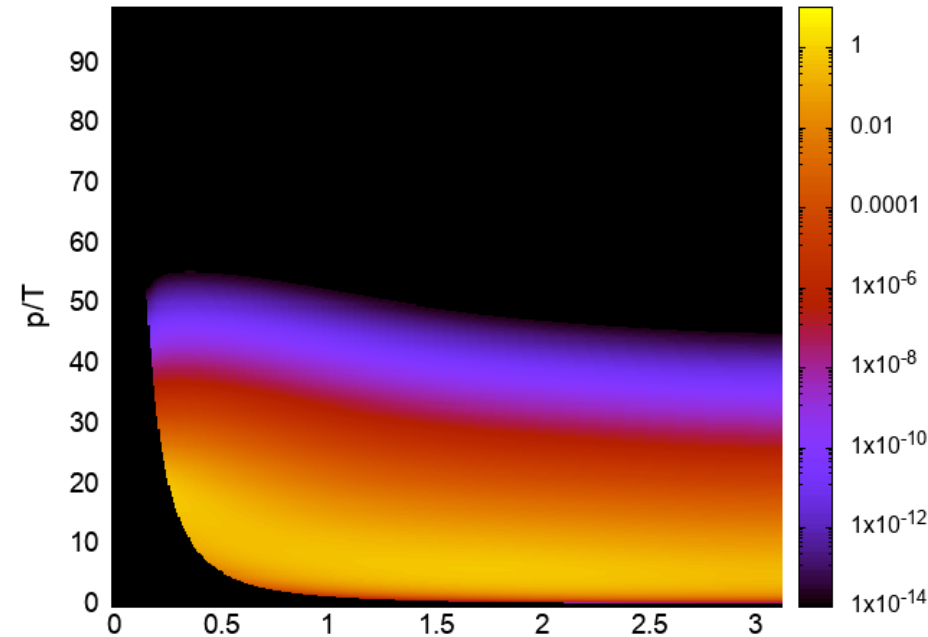
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- Sufficiently hard scattering should be perturbative.
- High p_T particle can be deflected, changing its energy and direction.
- Recoiling particle, k_χ , a new particle to be quenched
- Thermal particle, k_T , from BE/FD distribution, removed from medium.

Tree-Level 2-2 massless scattering amplitudes

$$F^{C \rightarrow A}(p, \theta; p_{in}) = \sum_{nDB} \frac{c_{DBn}^{C \rightarrow A}}{2(4\pi)^3} \left(\frac{p \sin(\theta)}{p_{in} |\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_{in}| T} \right) \int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} dk_T n_D(k_T) [1 \pm n_B(k_\chi)] \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{|M^{(n)}|^2}{g_s^4}$$

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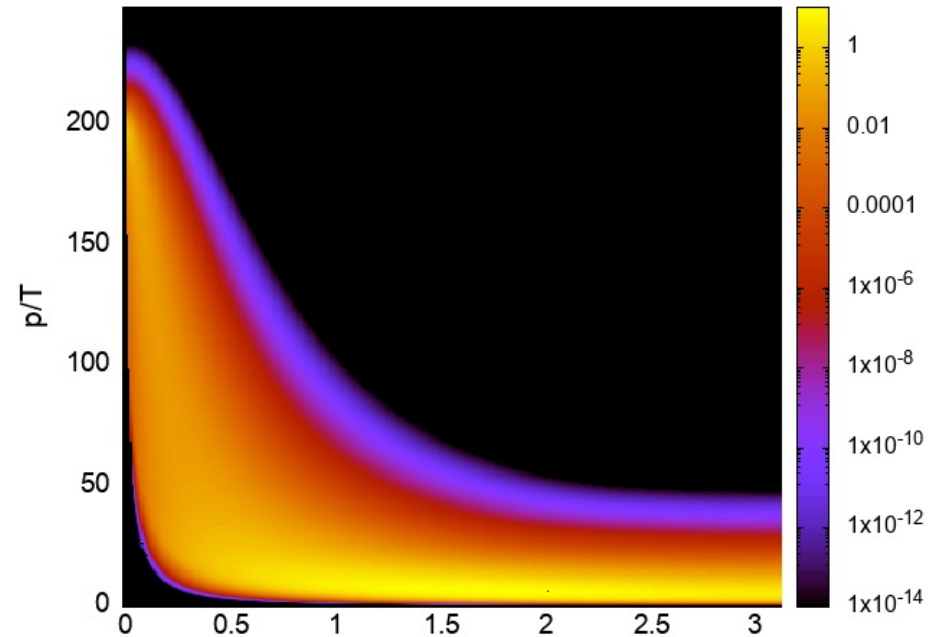
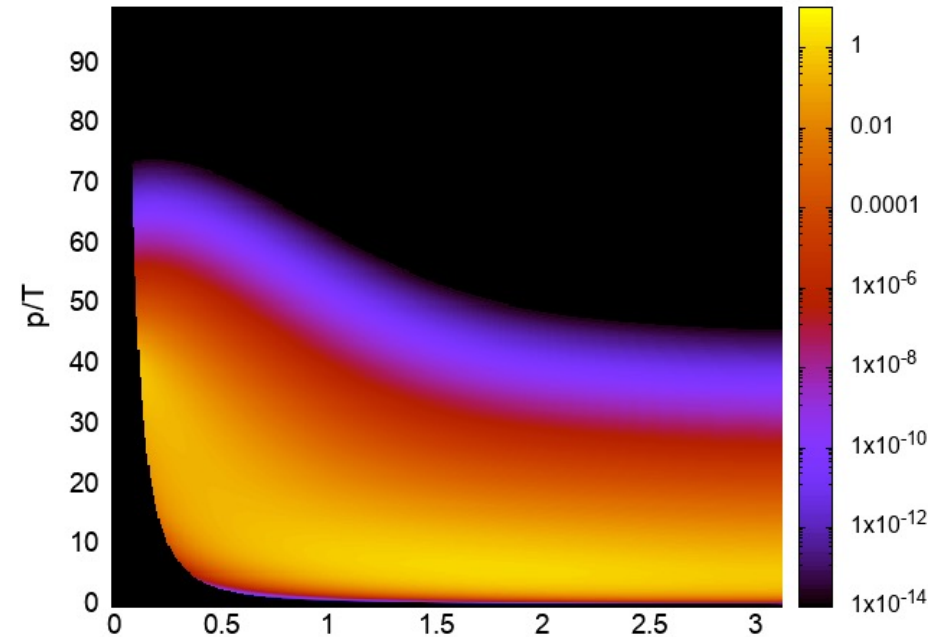


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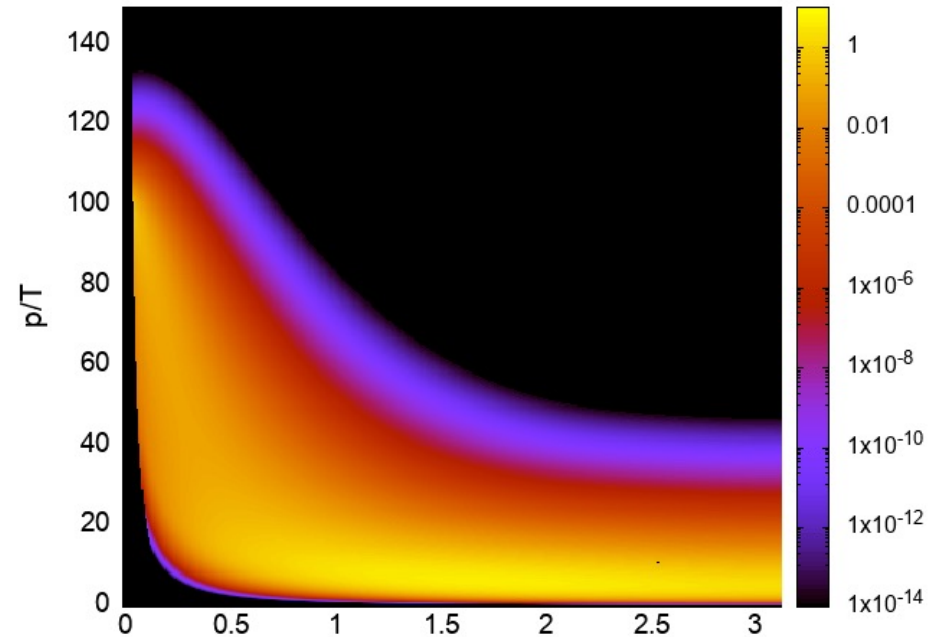
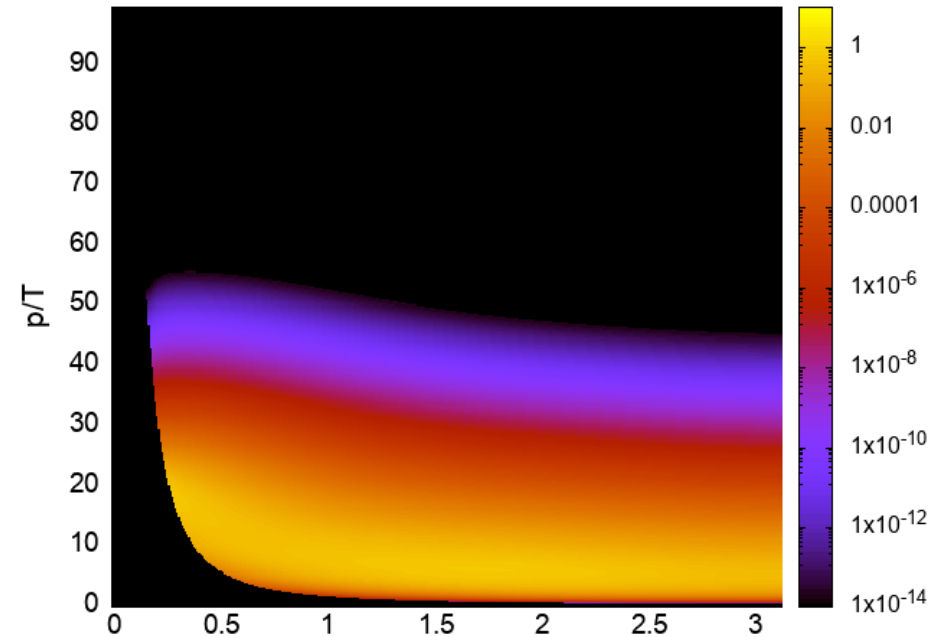


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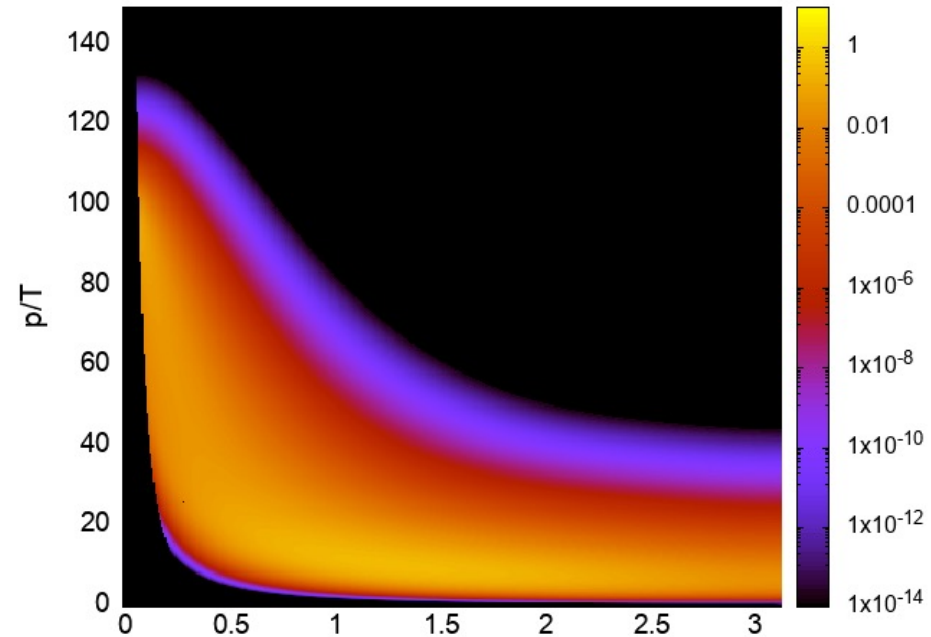
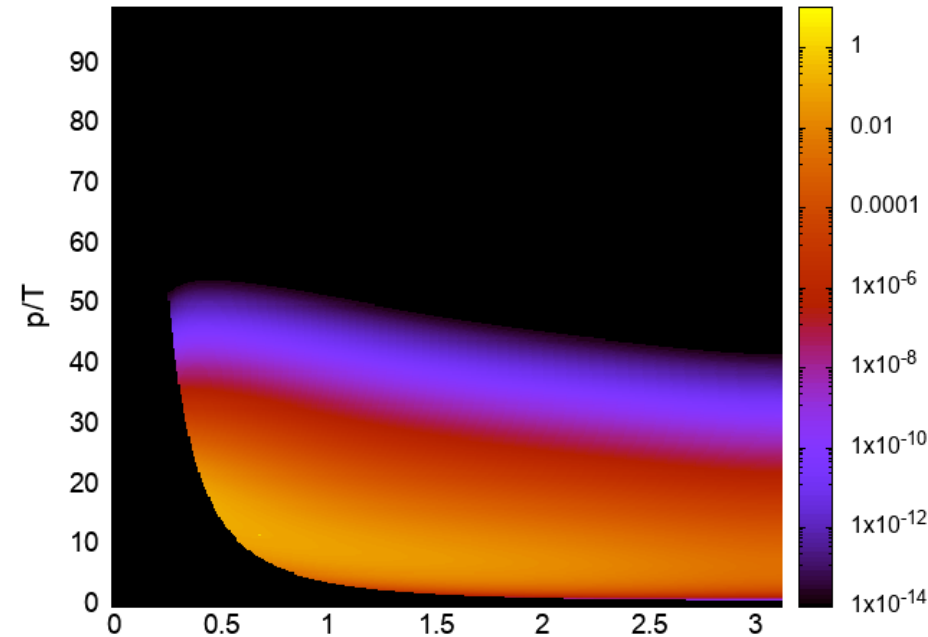


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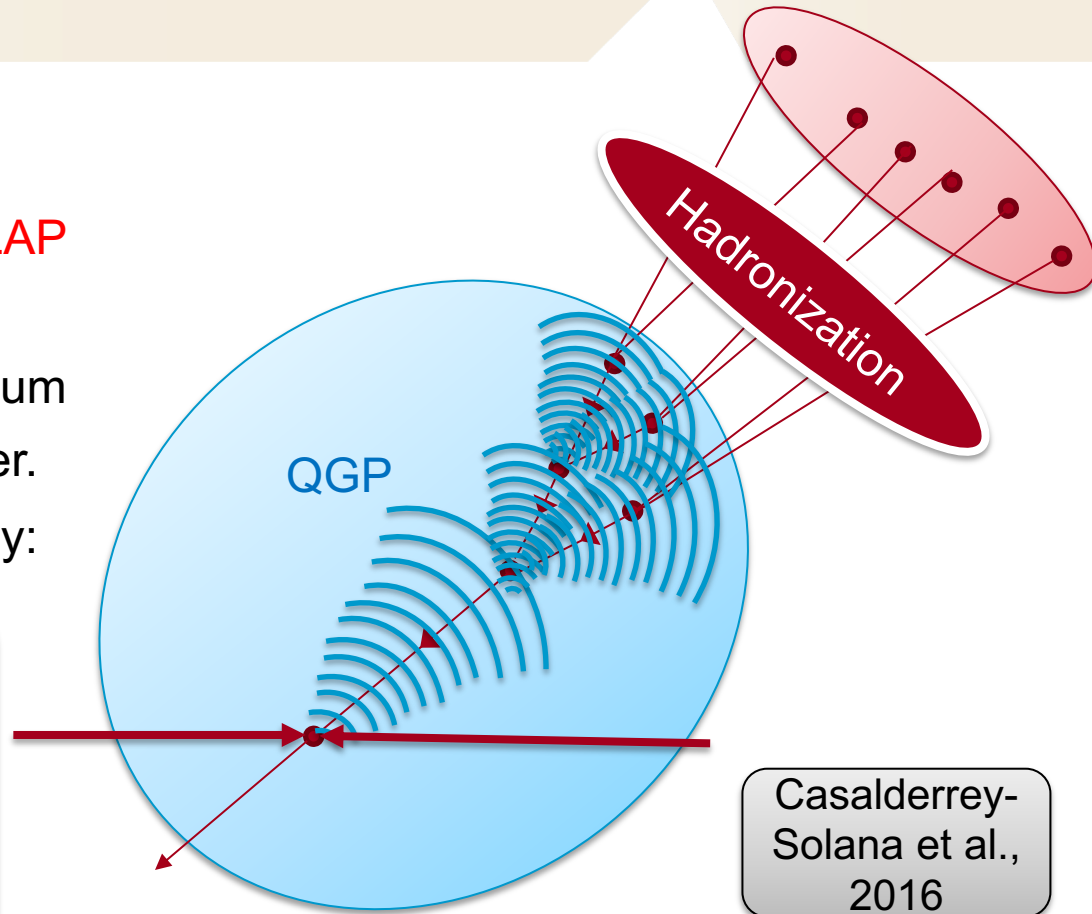
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Adding Moliere Scattering to Hybrid Model

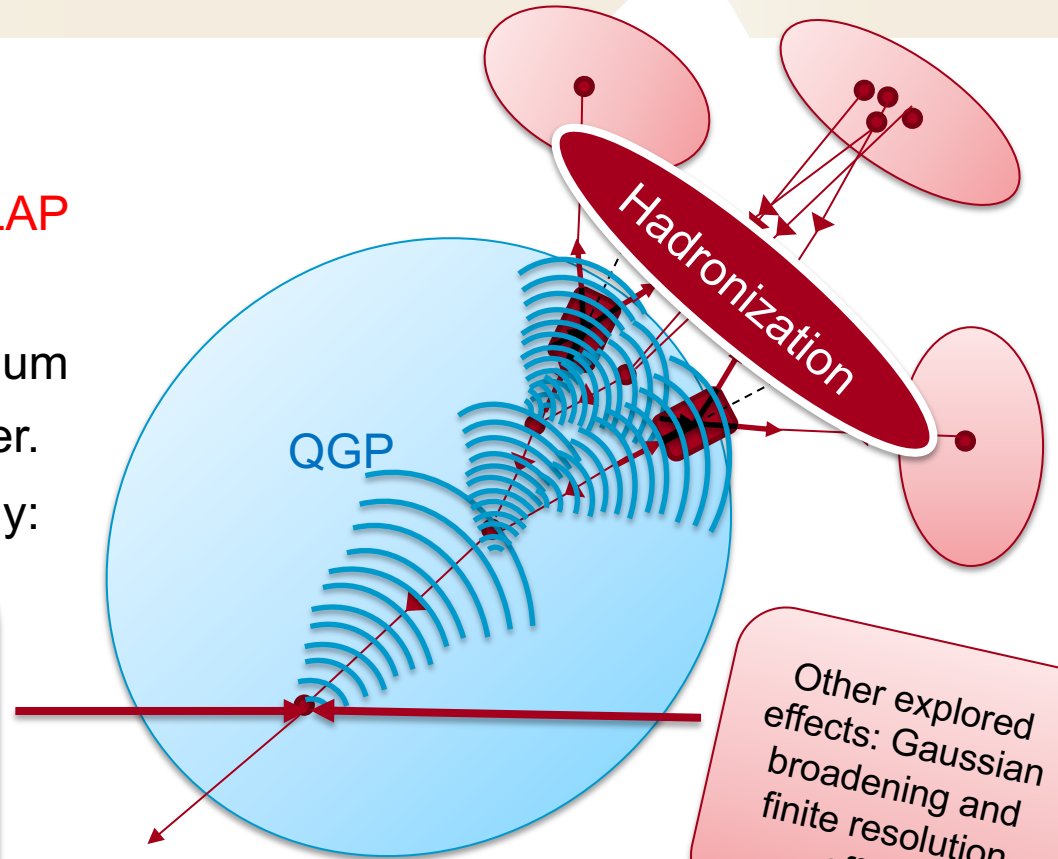
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Other explored effects: Gaussian broadening and finite resolution effects

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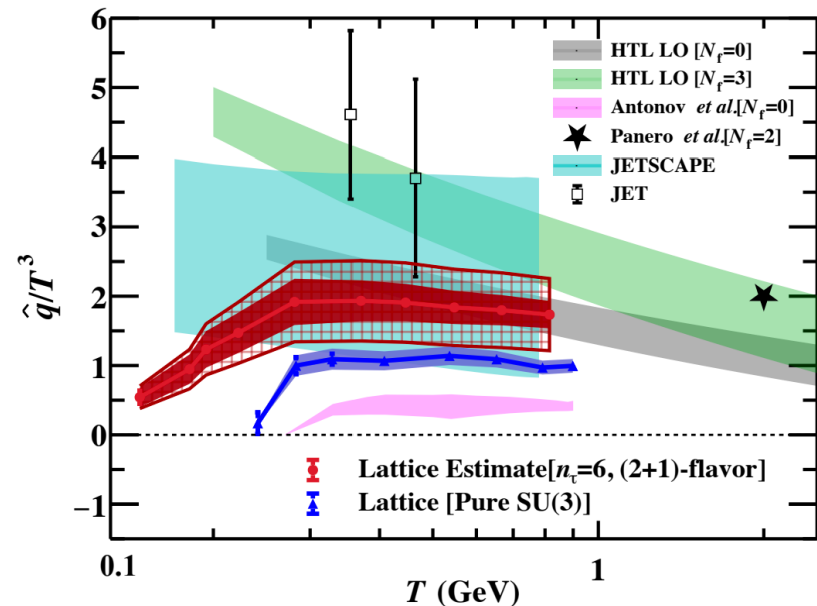
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From Weber's HP2023 talk

D'Eramo et al., 2011, 2018

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Mehtar-Tani et al., PRD 2021

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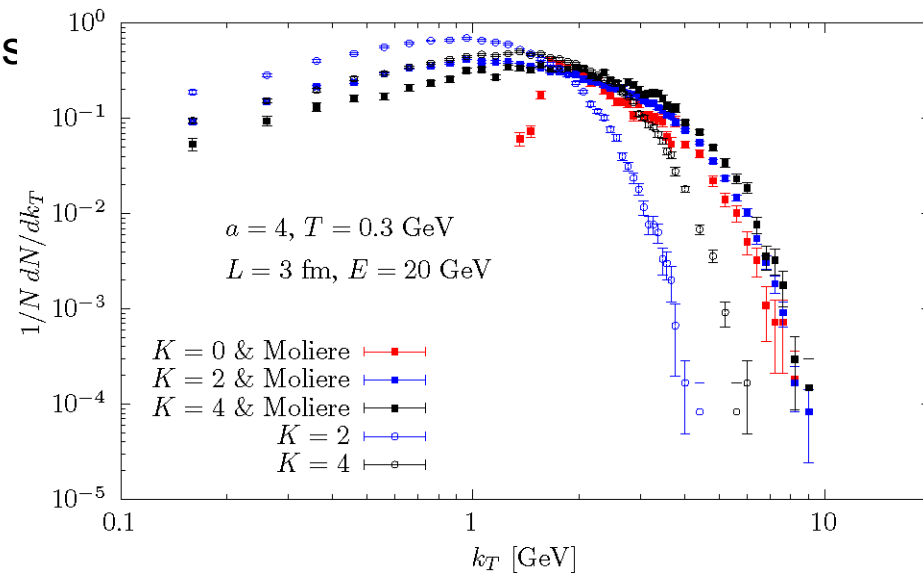
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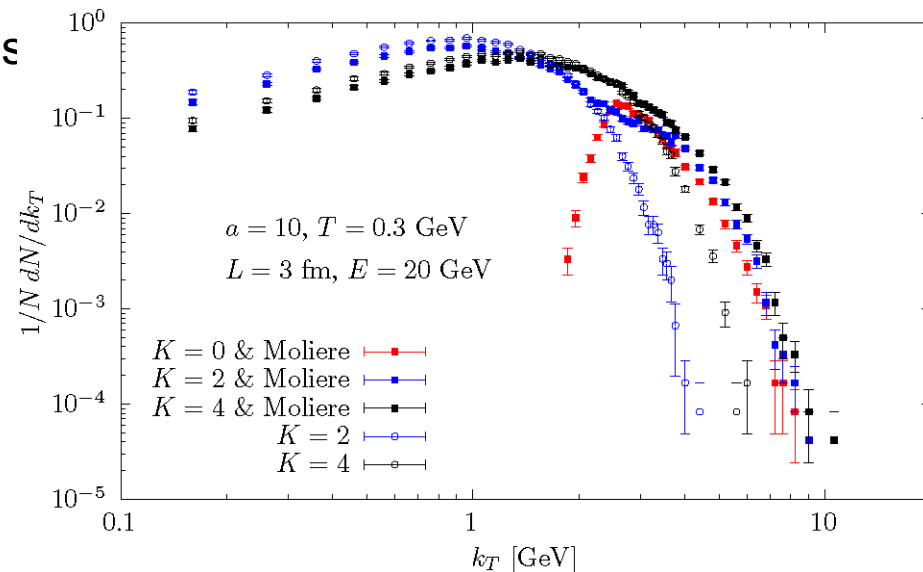
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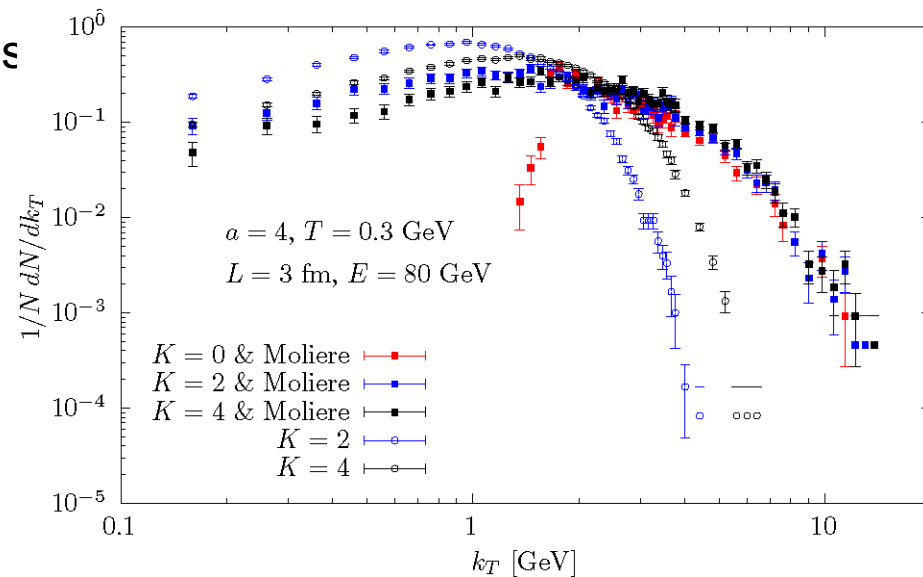
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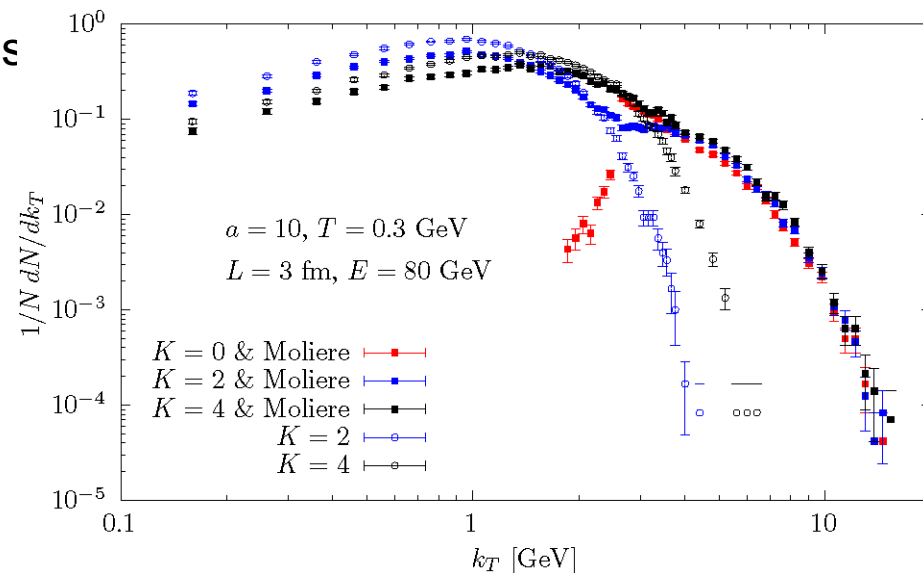
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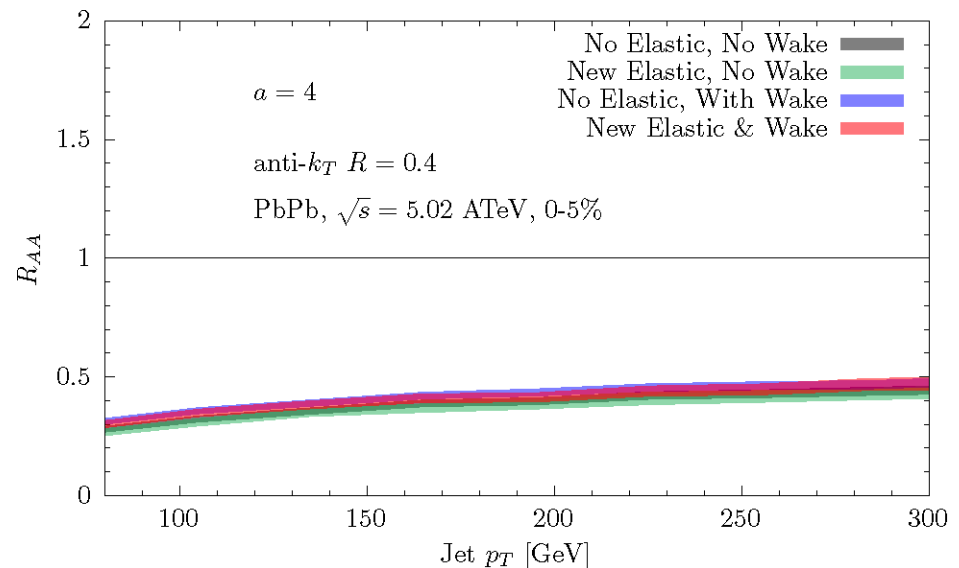
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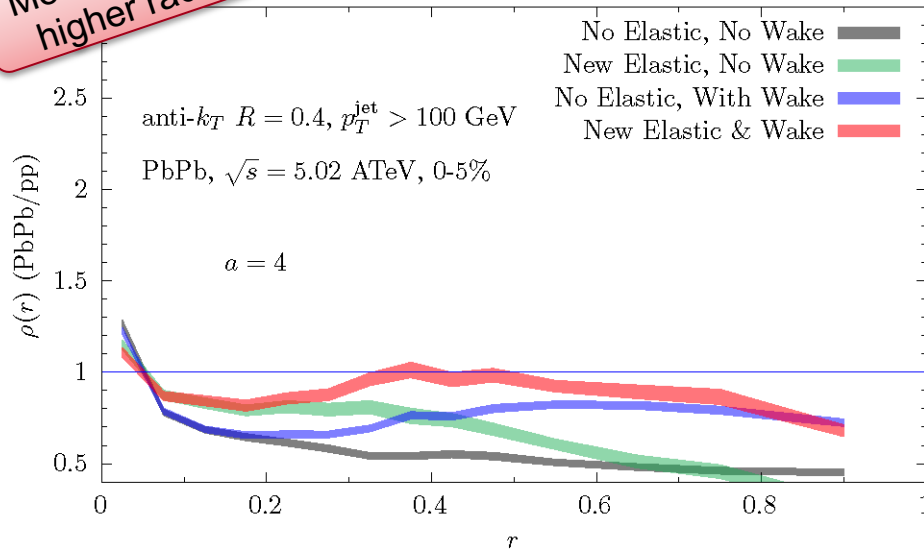
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- κ_{SC} previously fit with jet and hadron suppression data from ATLAS+CMS at 2.76+5.02 TeV
- Elastic scatterings lead to slight additional suppression; refit κ_{SC} . That means red is on top of blue in this plot by construction. (Addition of the elastic scatterings yields only small change to value of κ_{SC} .)
- Adding the hadrons from the wake allows the recovery of part of the energy within the jet cone; blue and green slightly below red and blue.

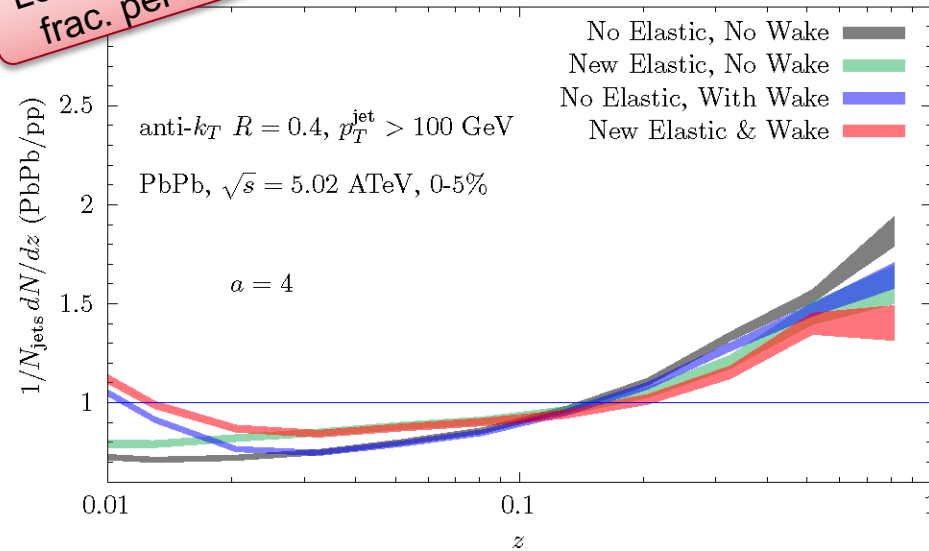


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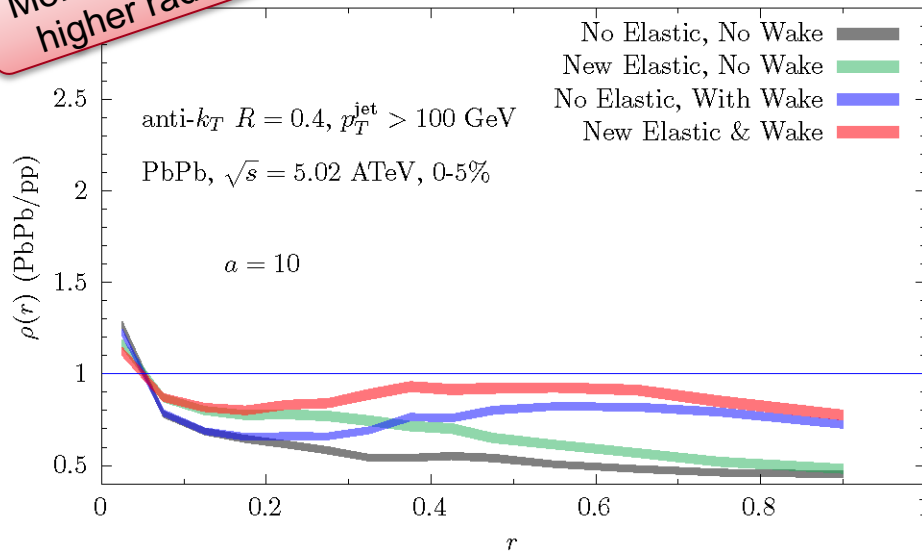


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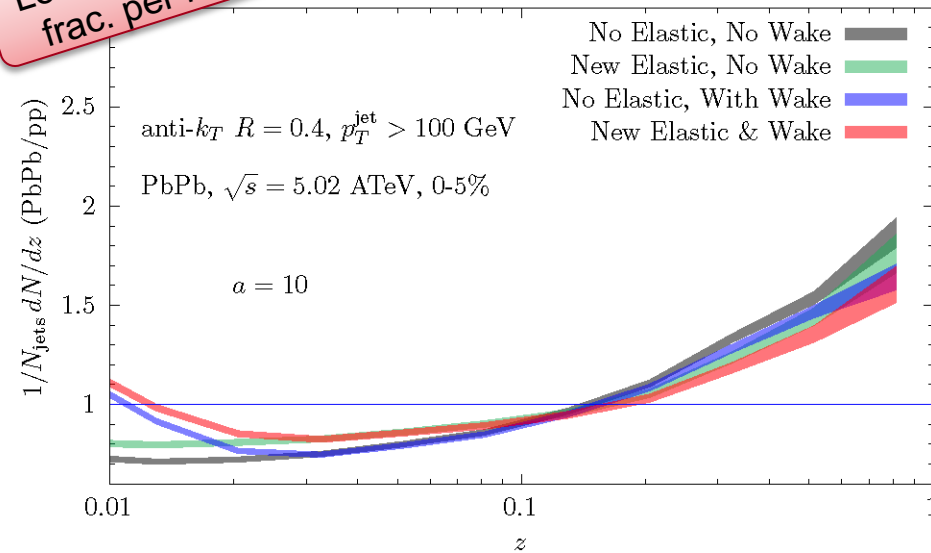
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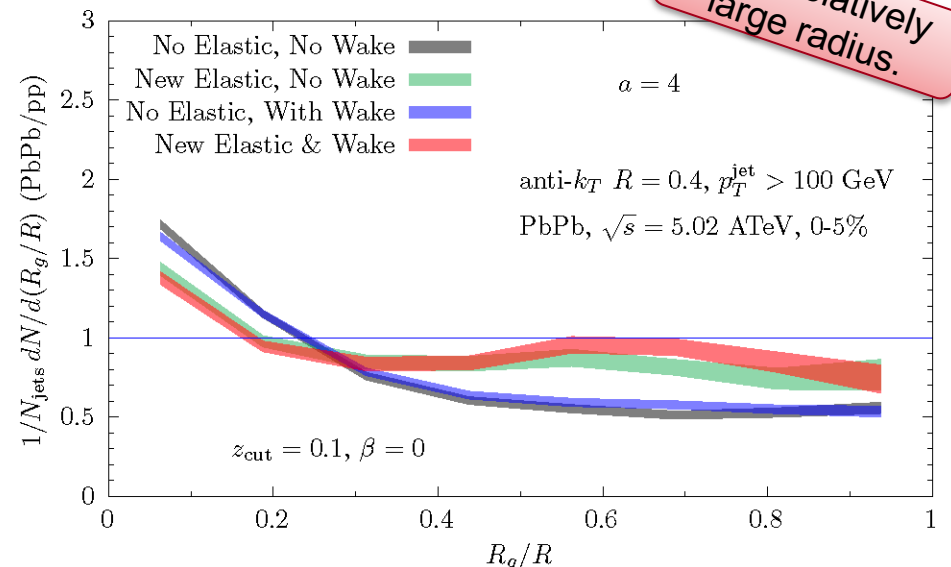
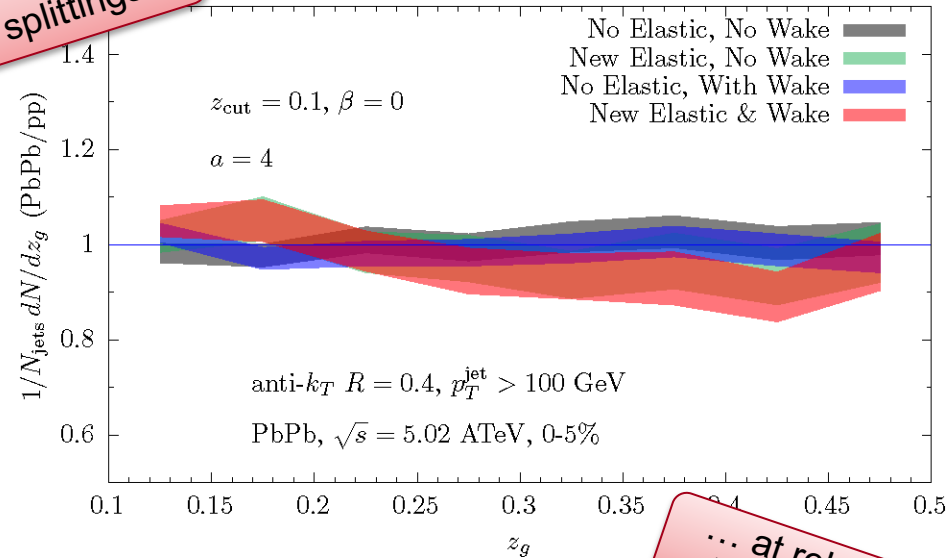
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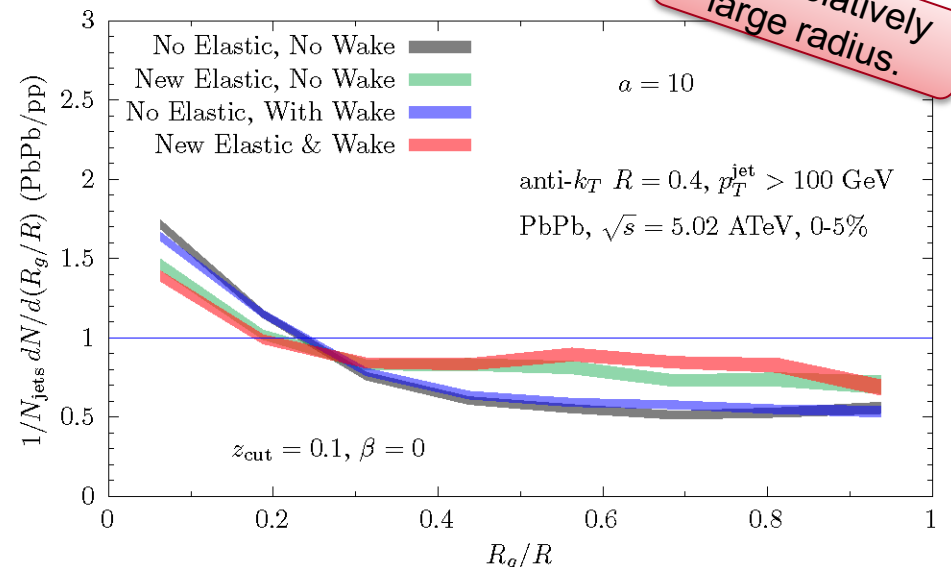
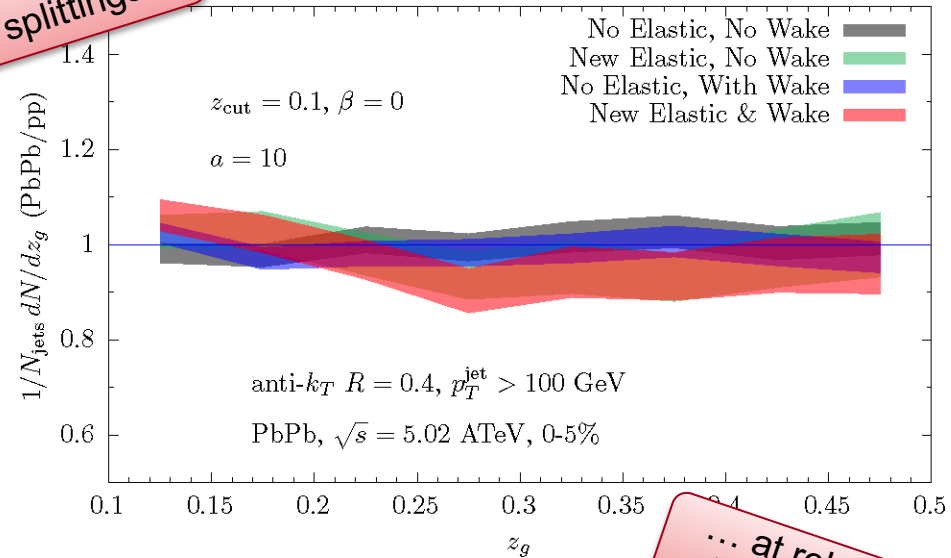
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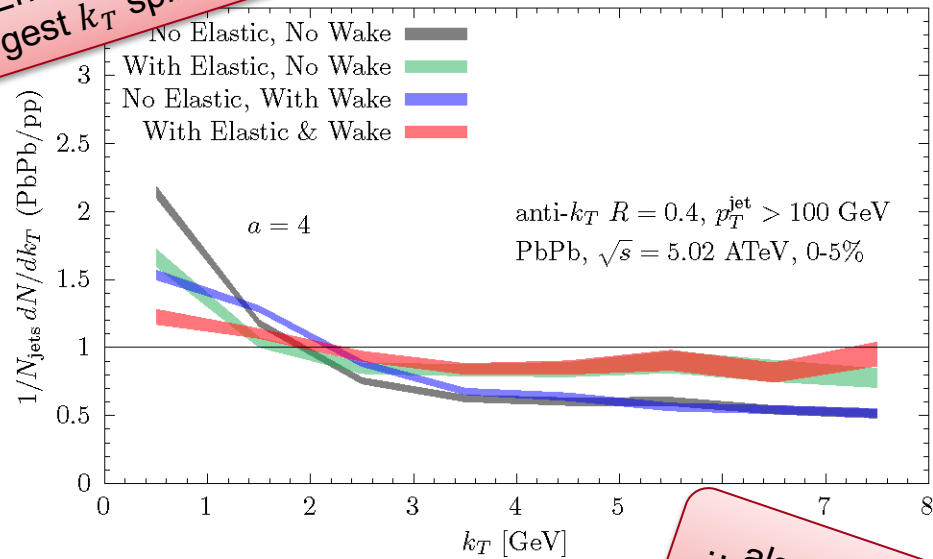
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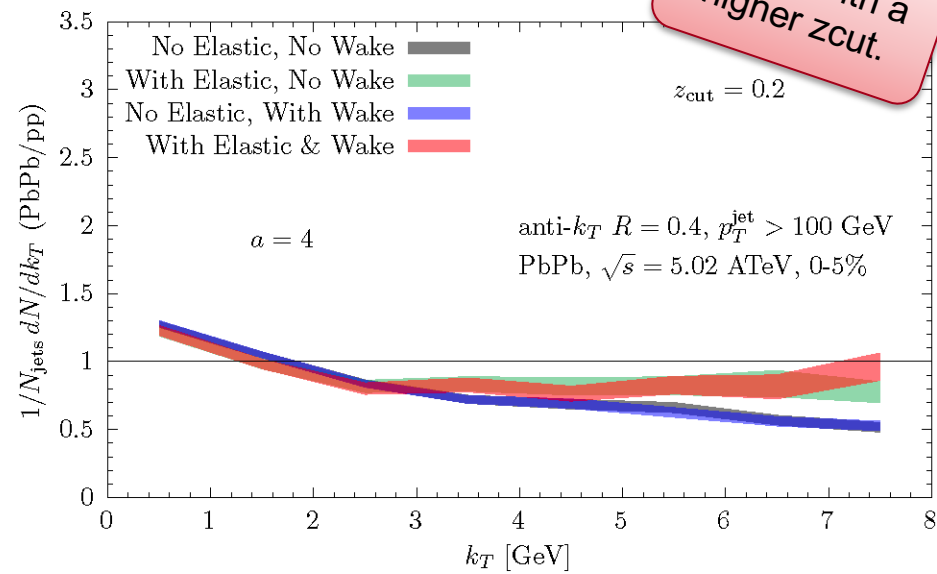
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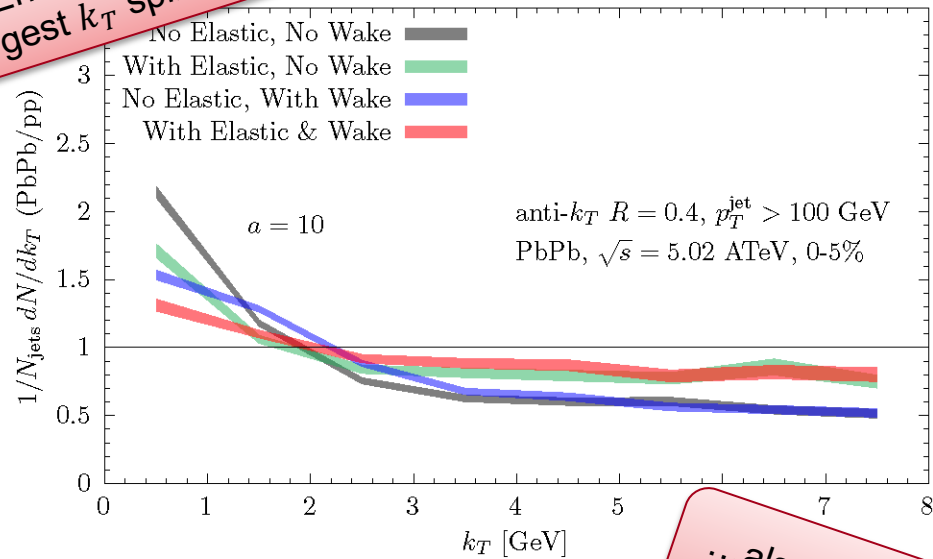
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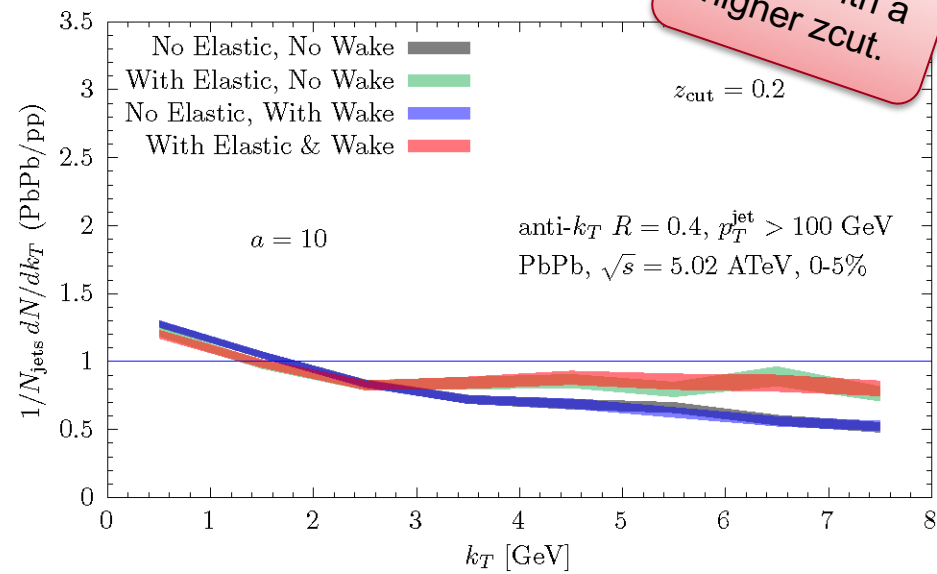
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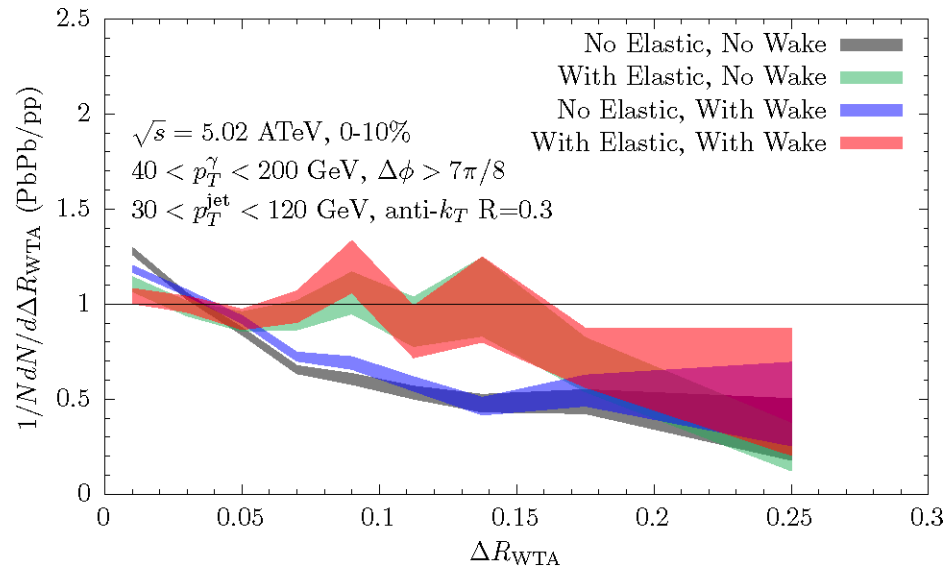
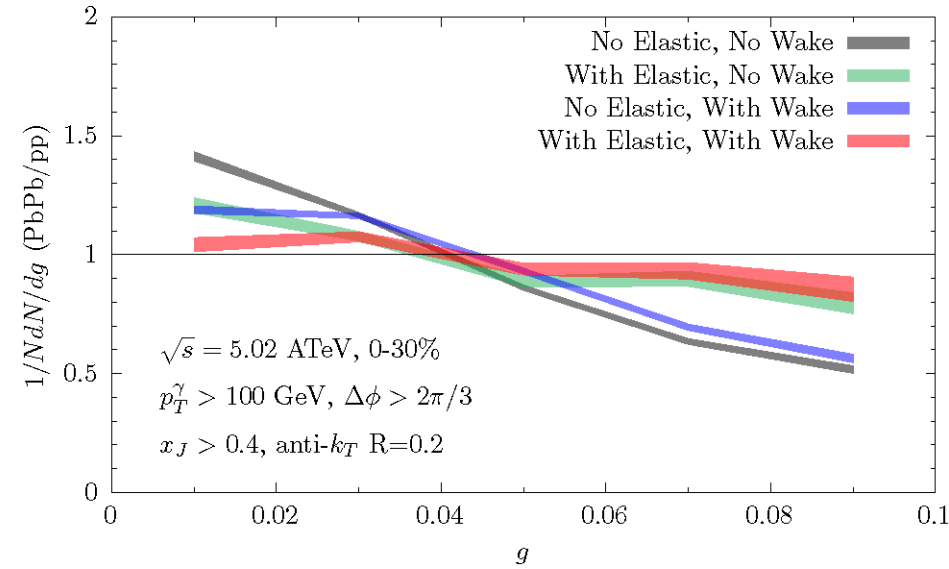
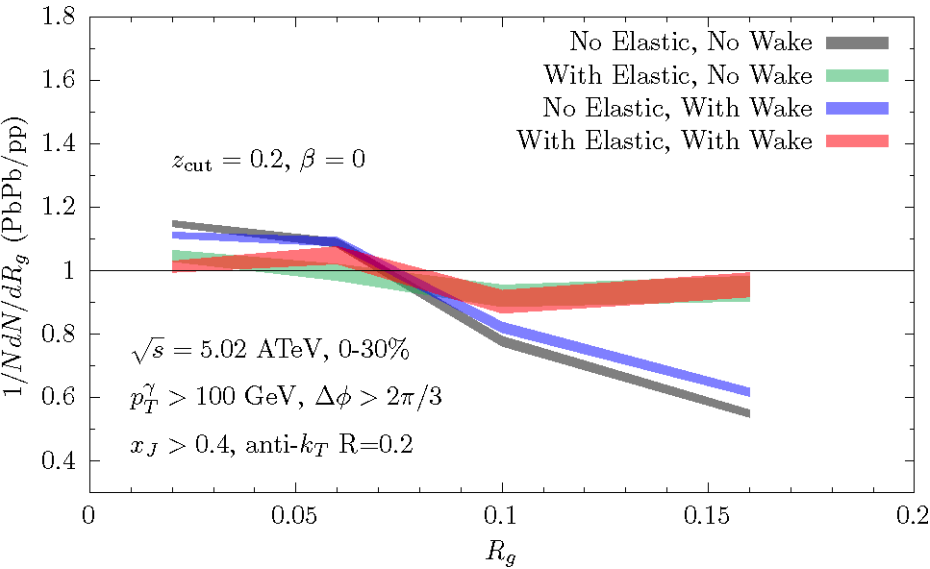
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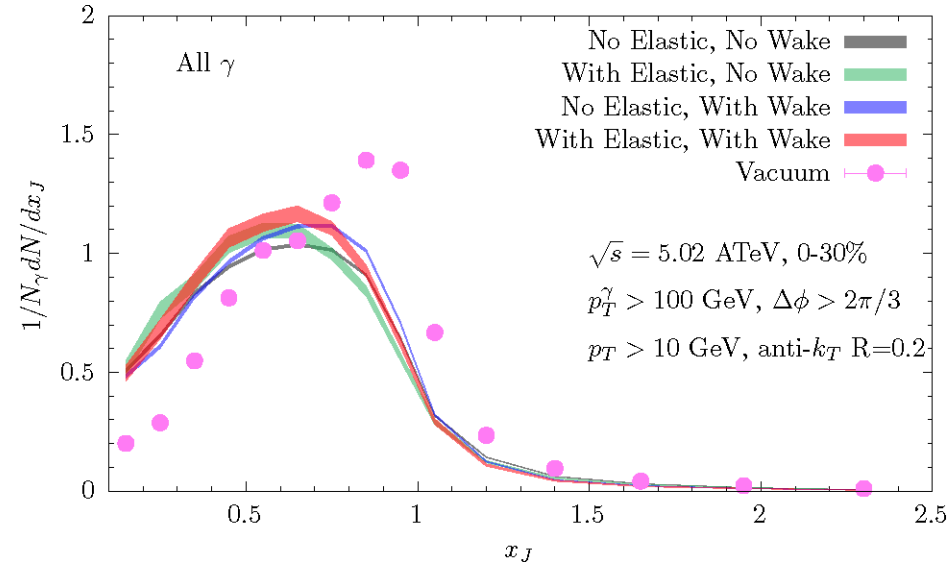
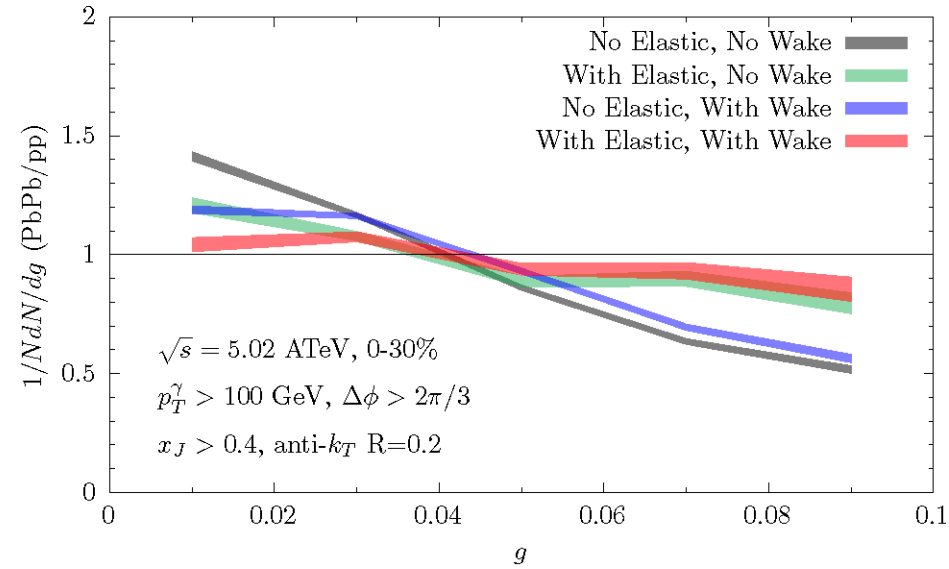
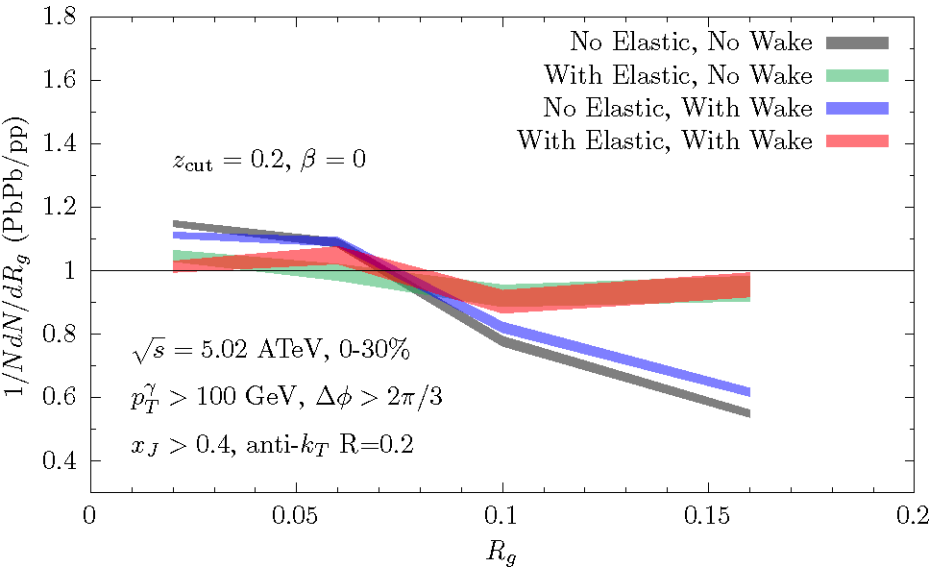


Three “groomed” gamma-Jet Observables: R_g , Girth, and angle between standard and WTA axes



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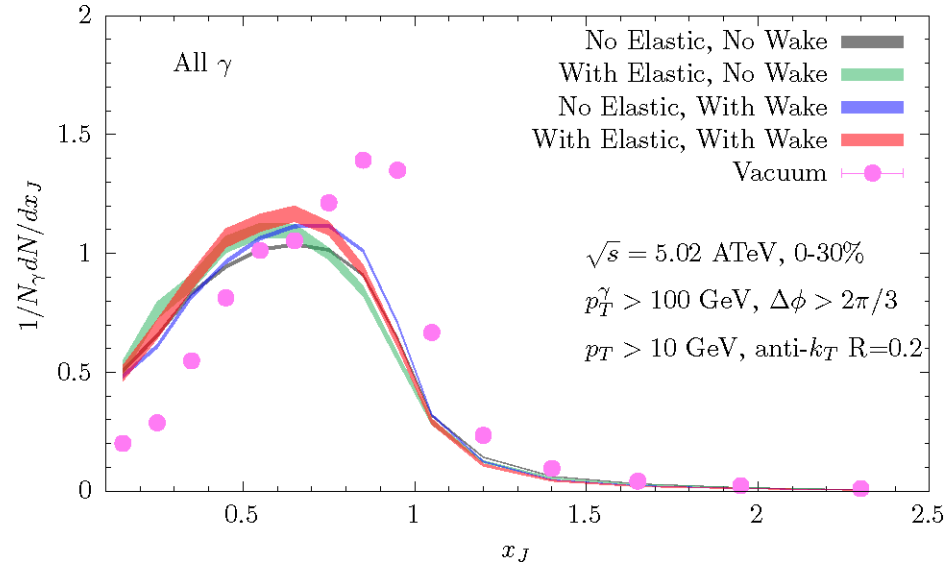
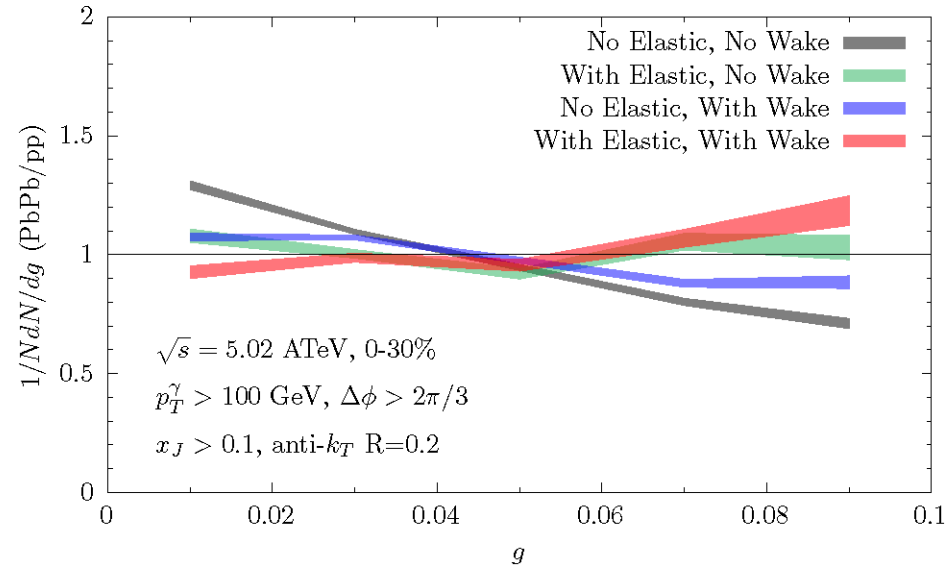
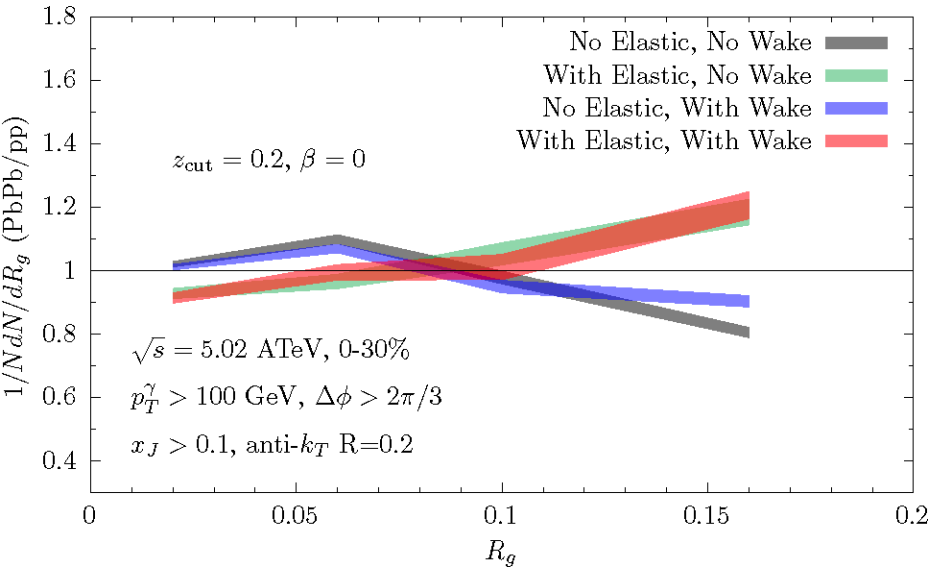
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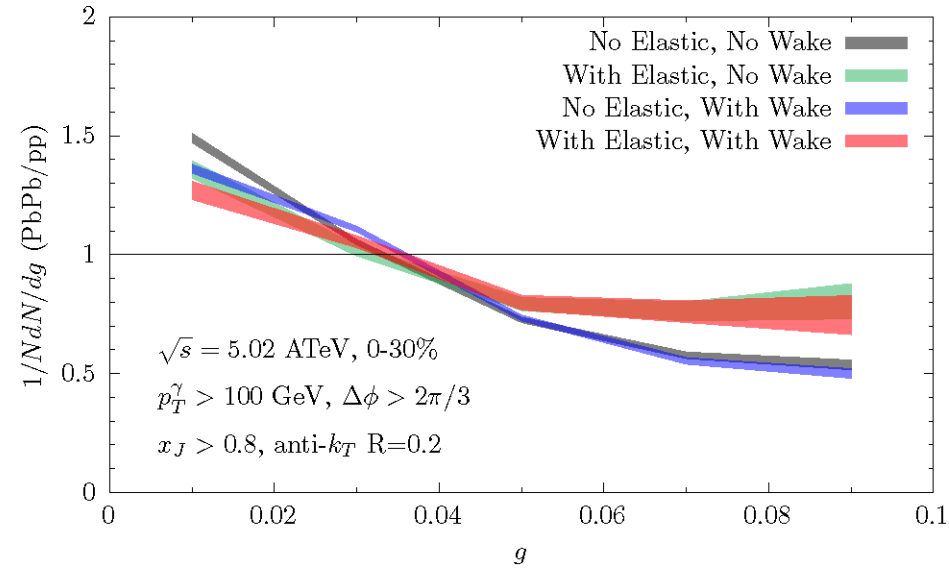
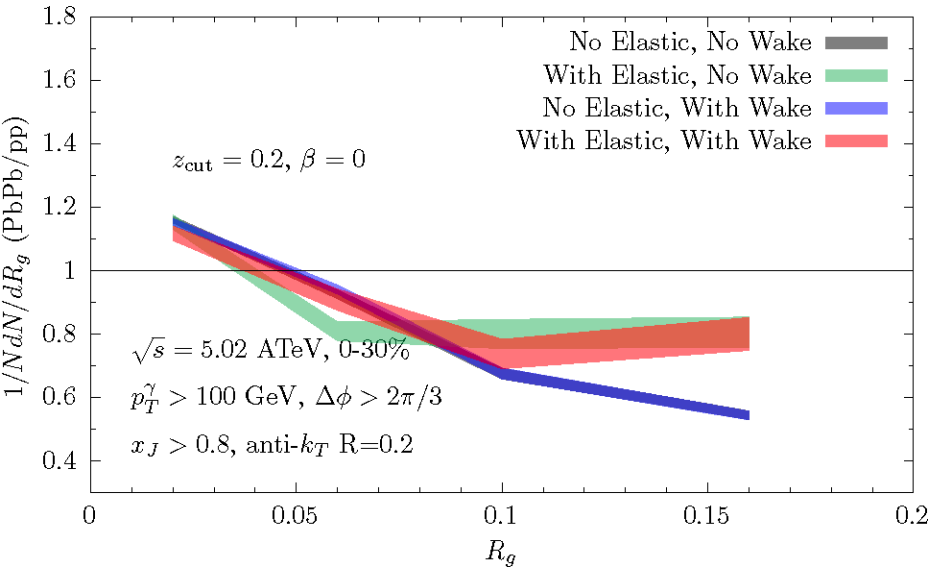
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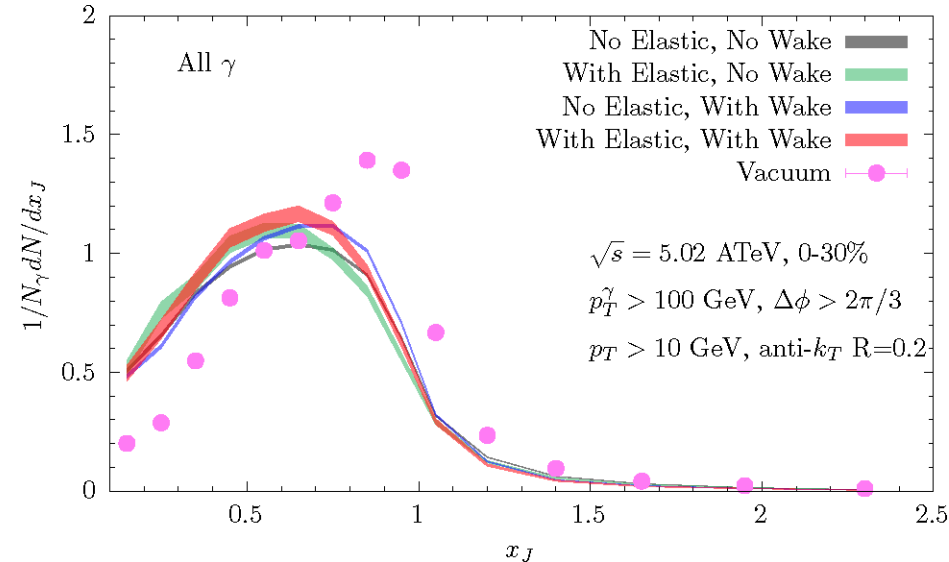
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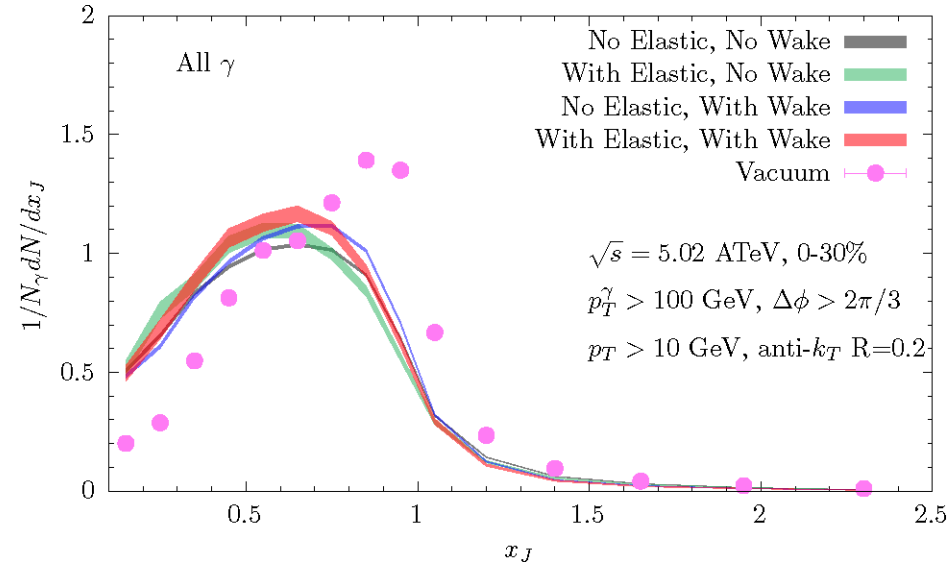
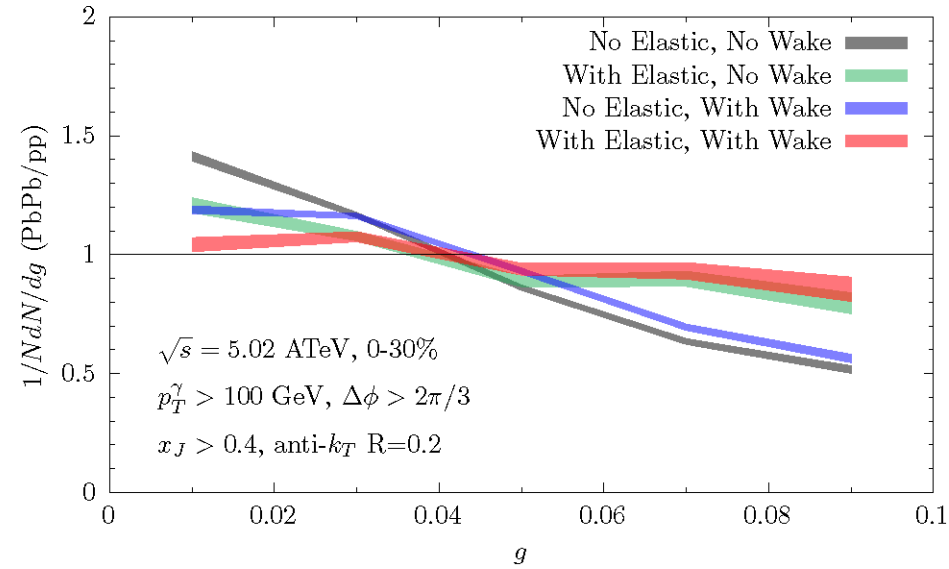
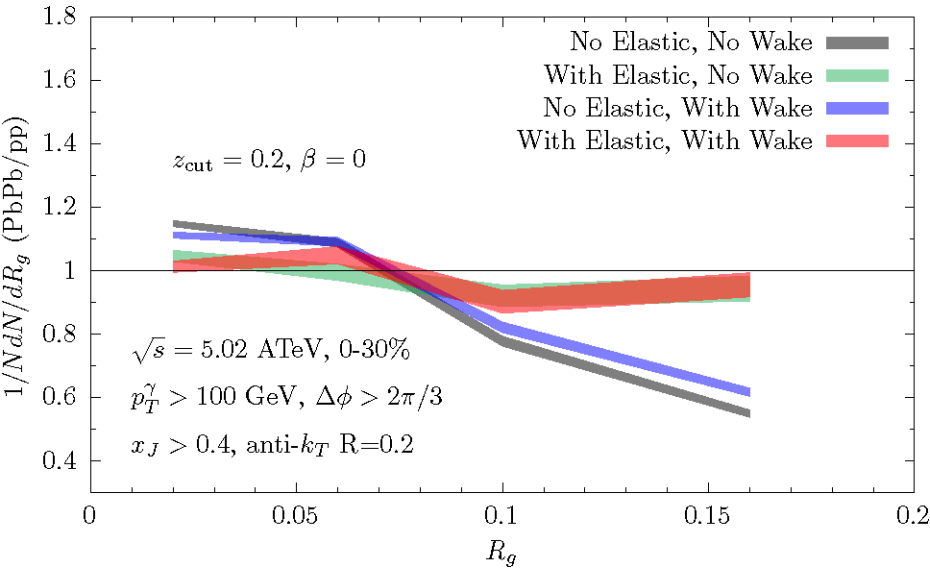


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Moliere scattering still important, and but selection bias so strong that it does not yield $R_{AA} > 1$.



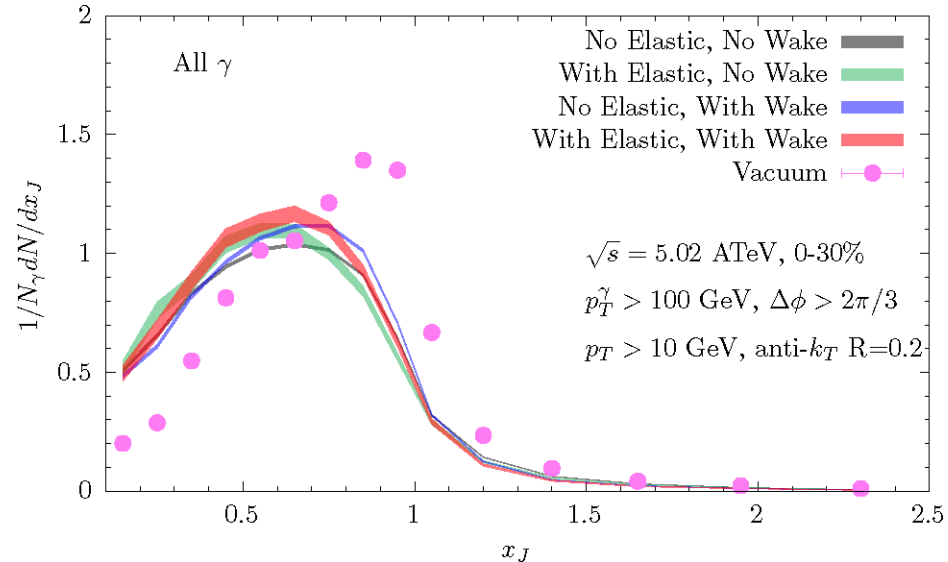
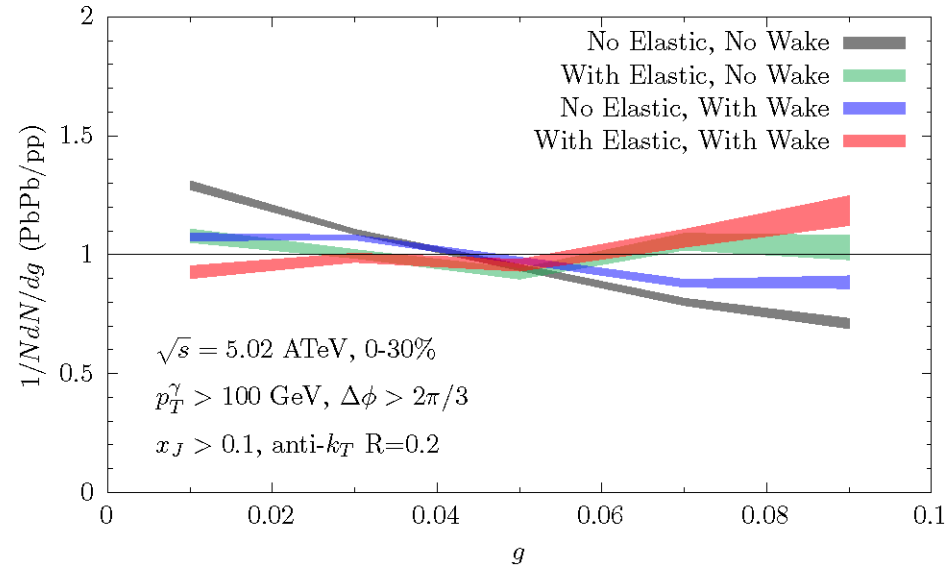
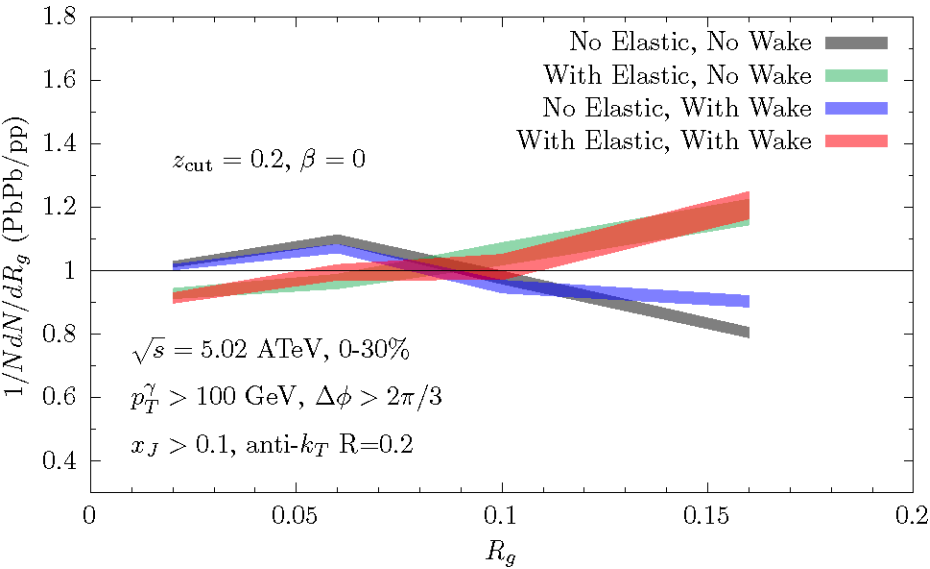
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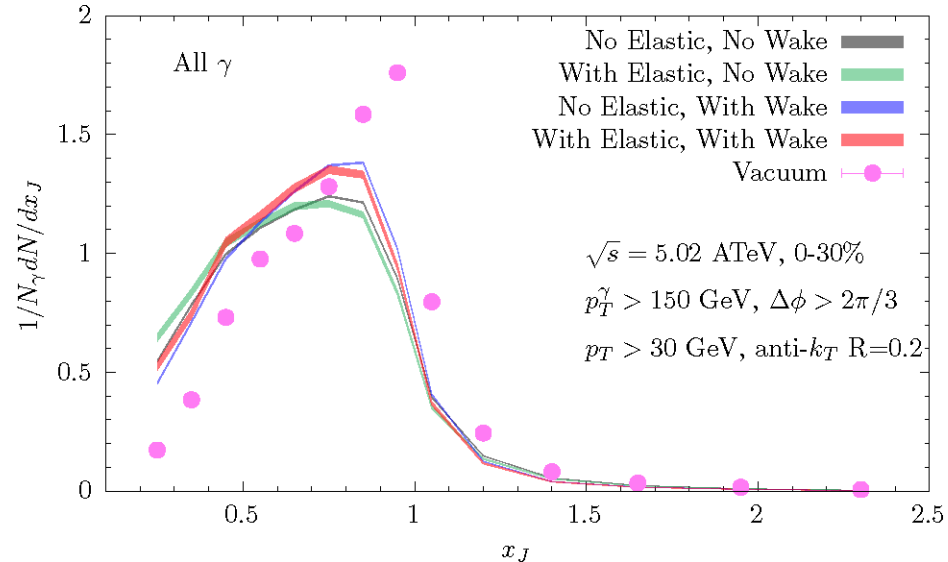
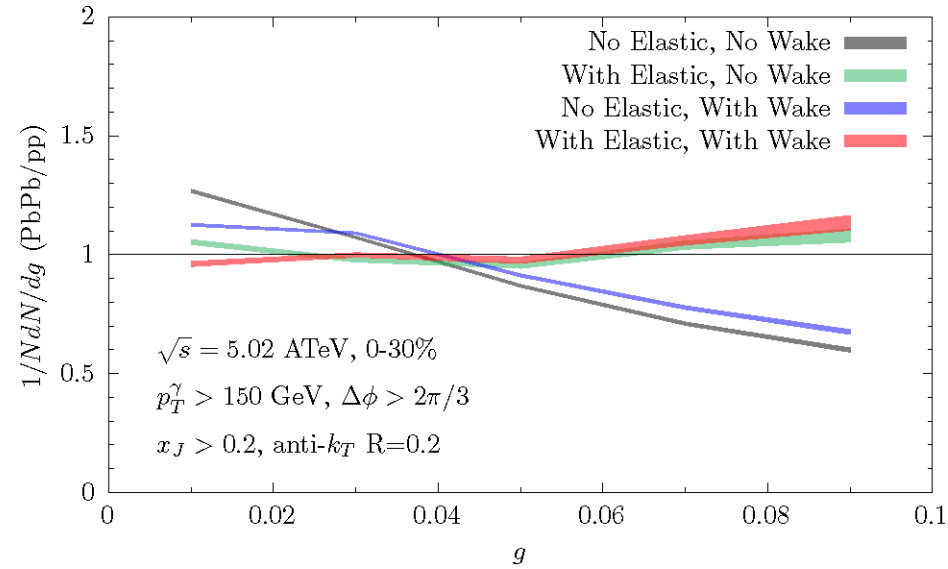
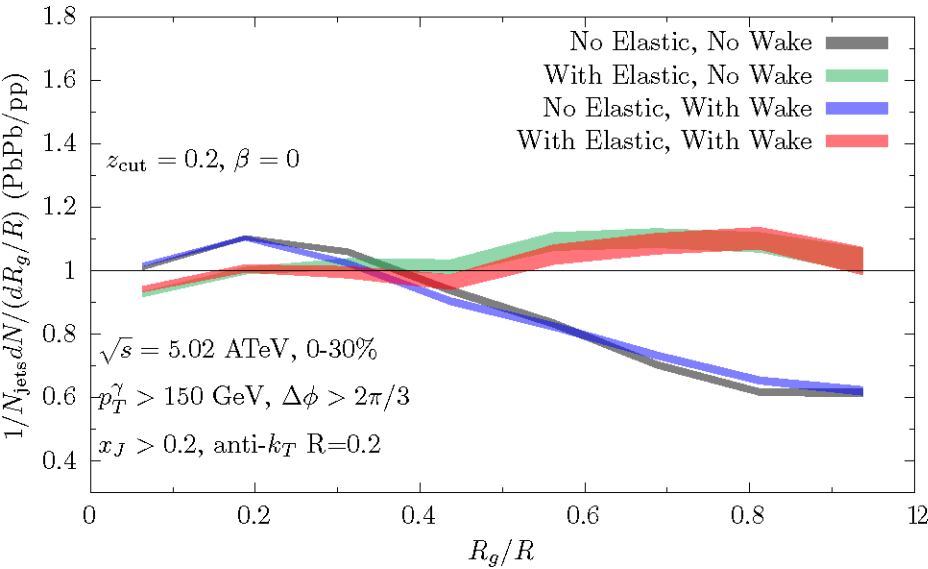
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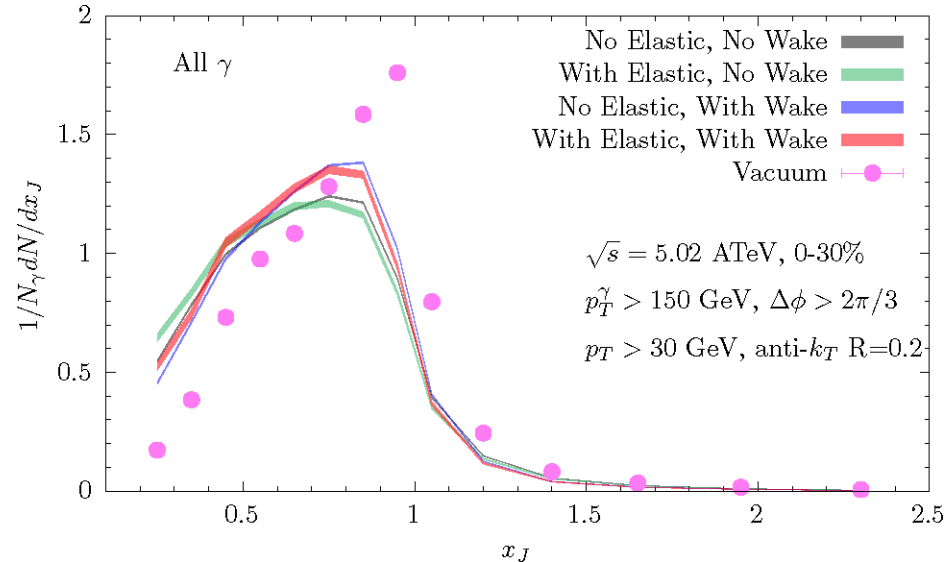
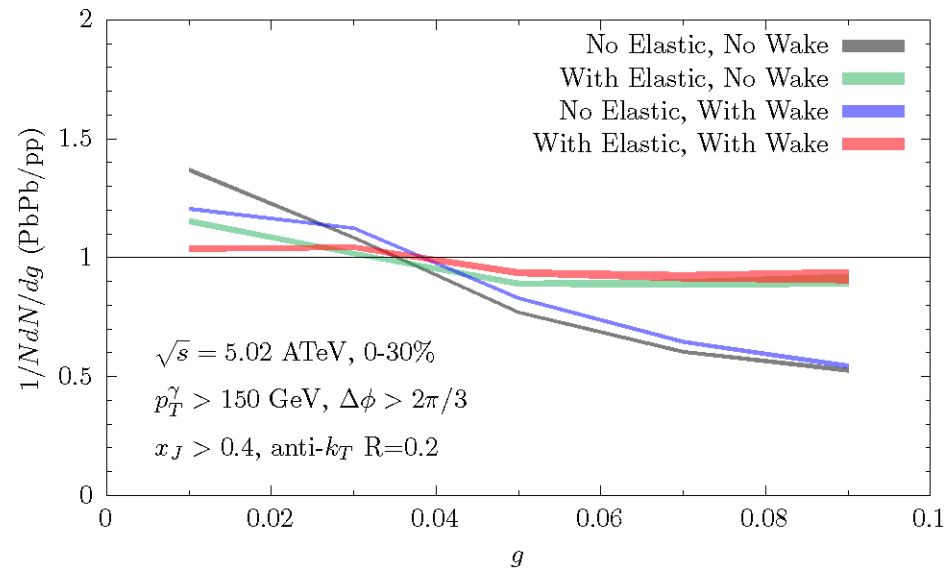
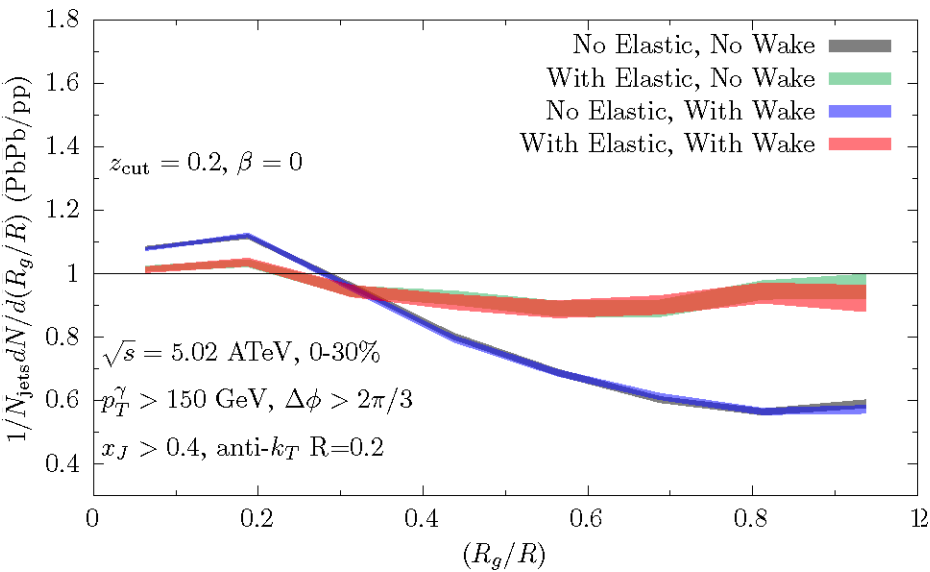
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Moliere effects substantial;
selection bias reduced; wake
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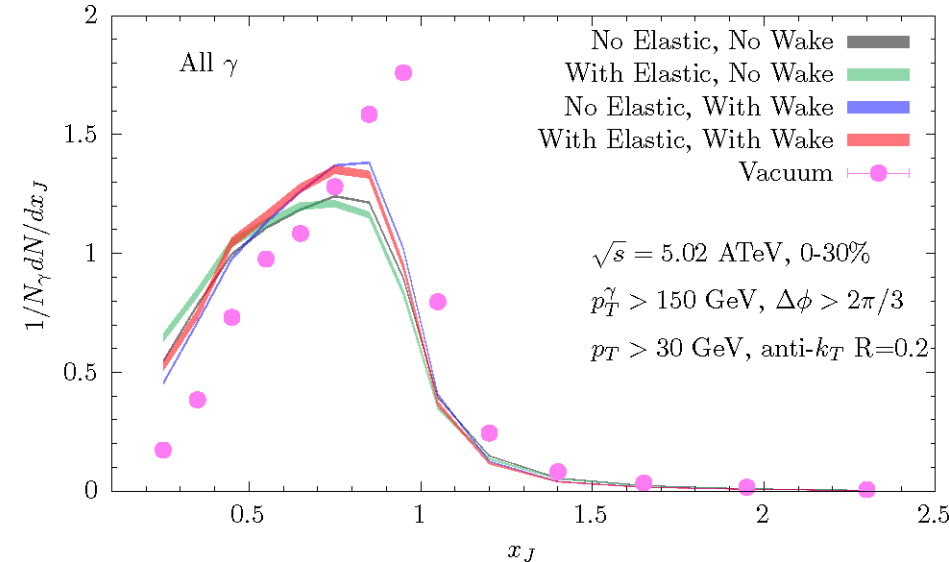
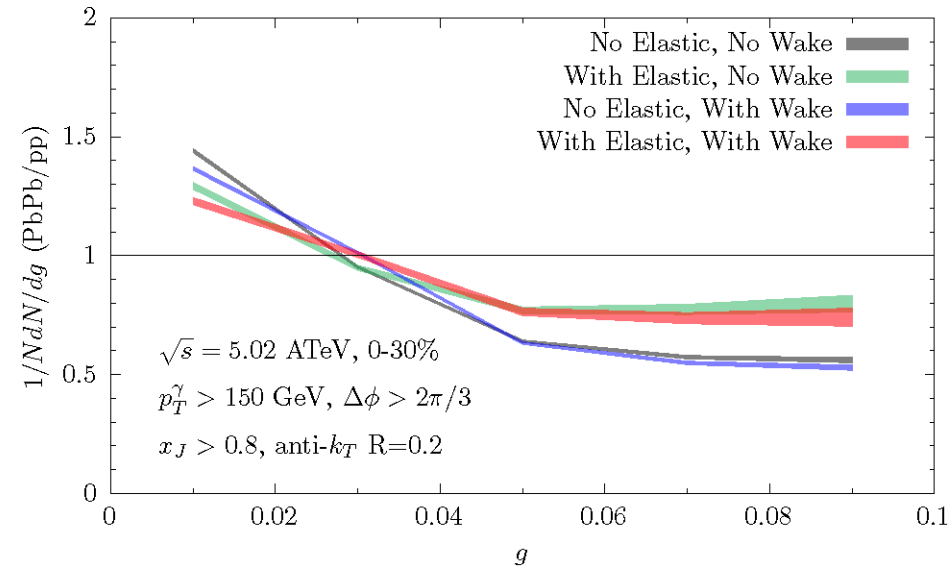
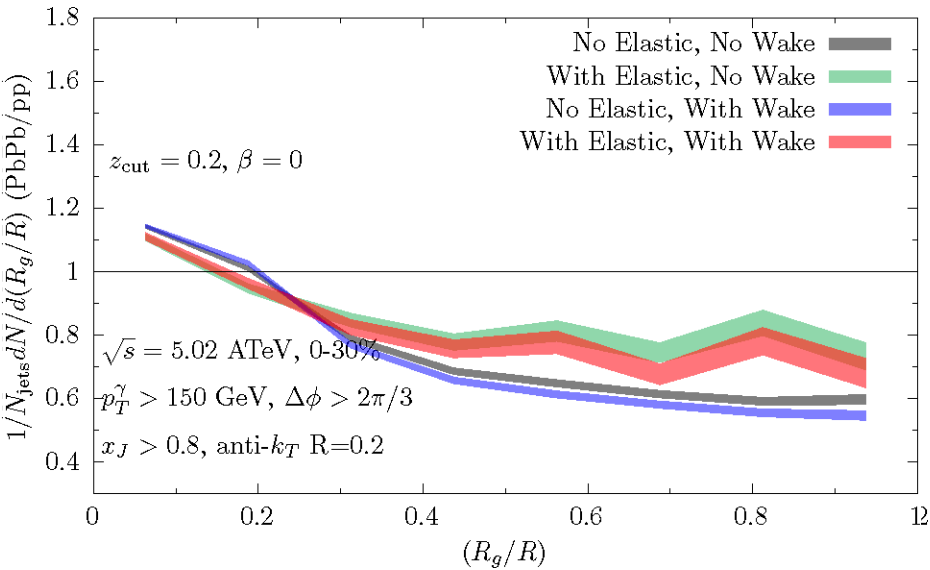
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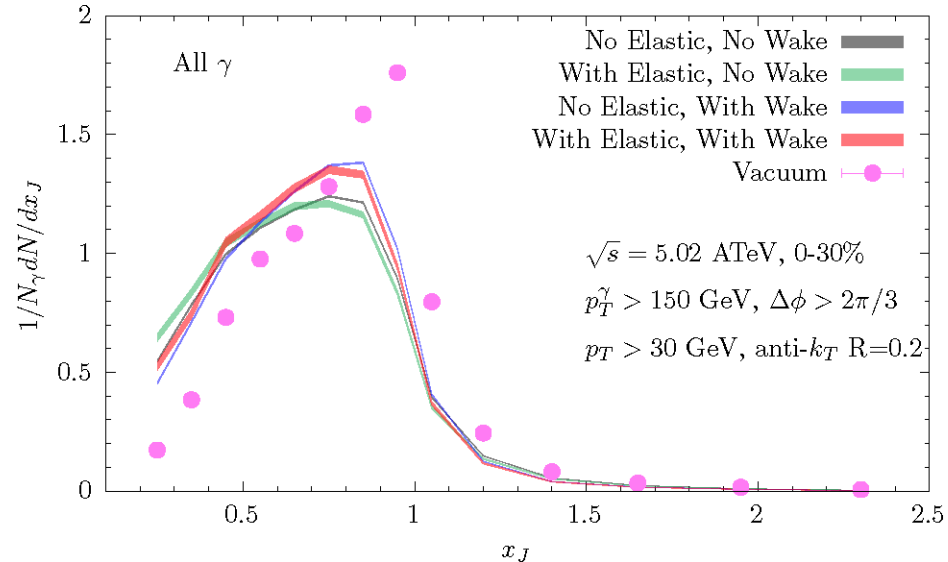
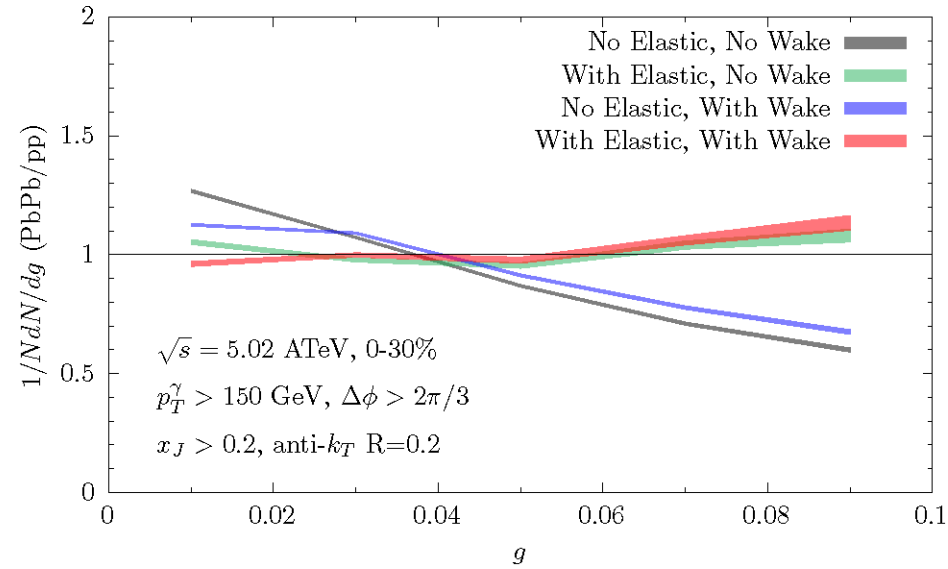
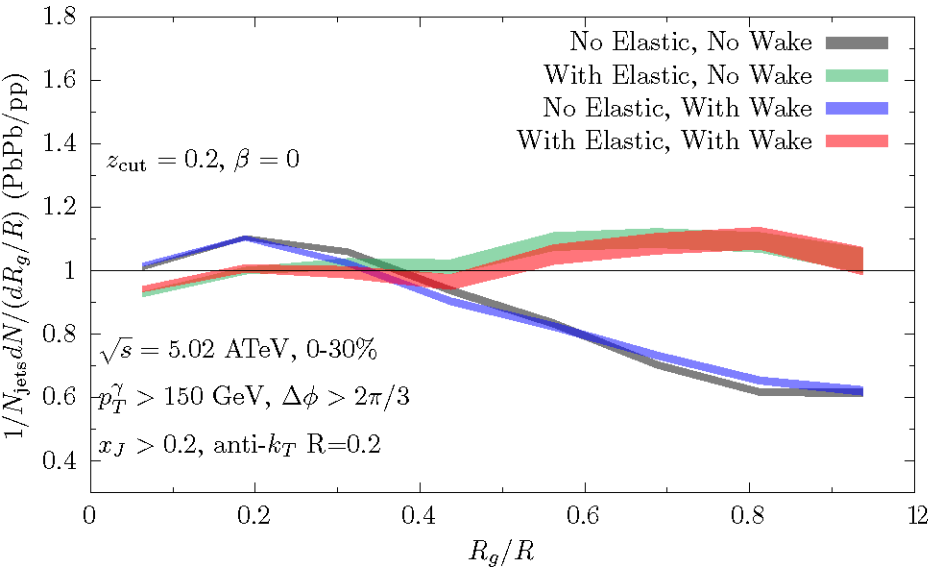
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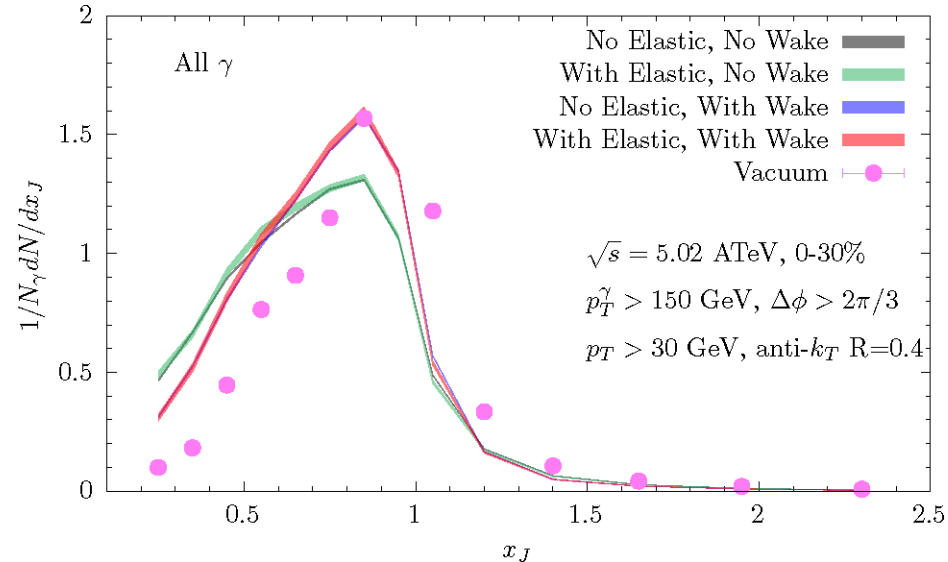
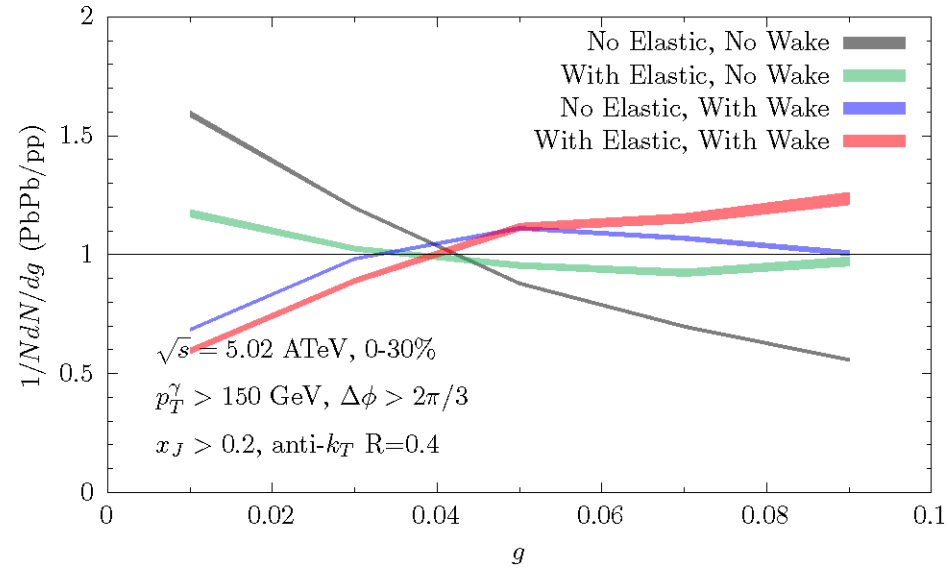
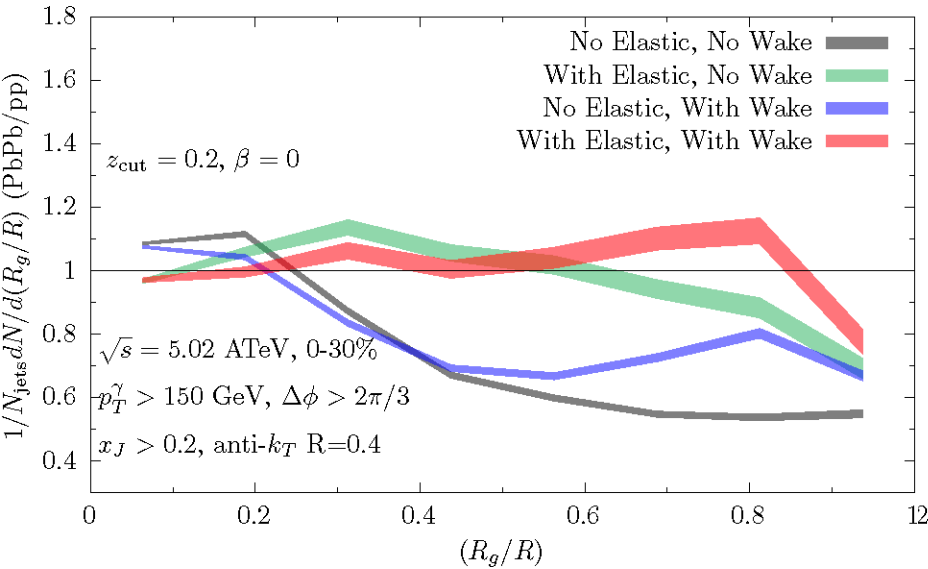
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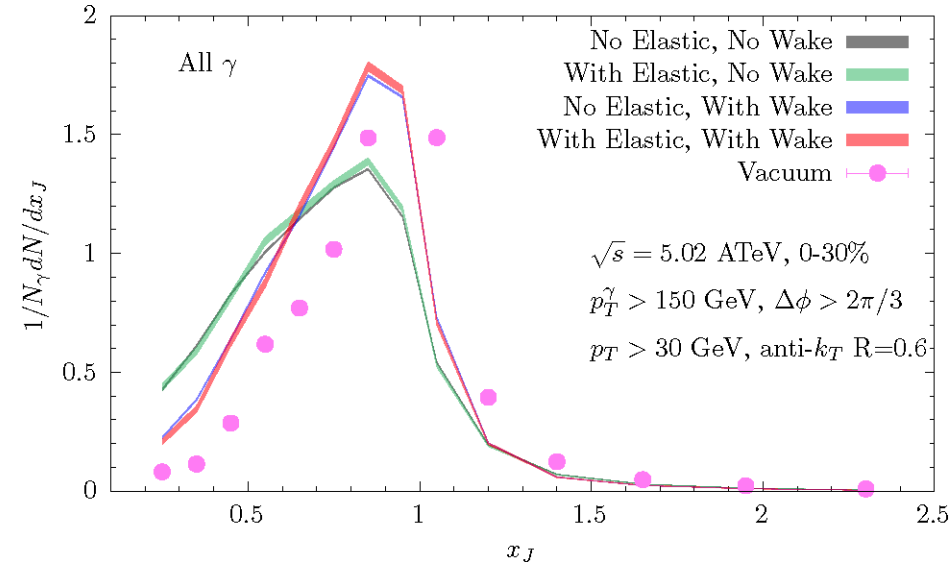
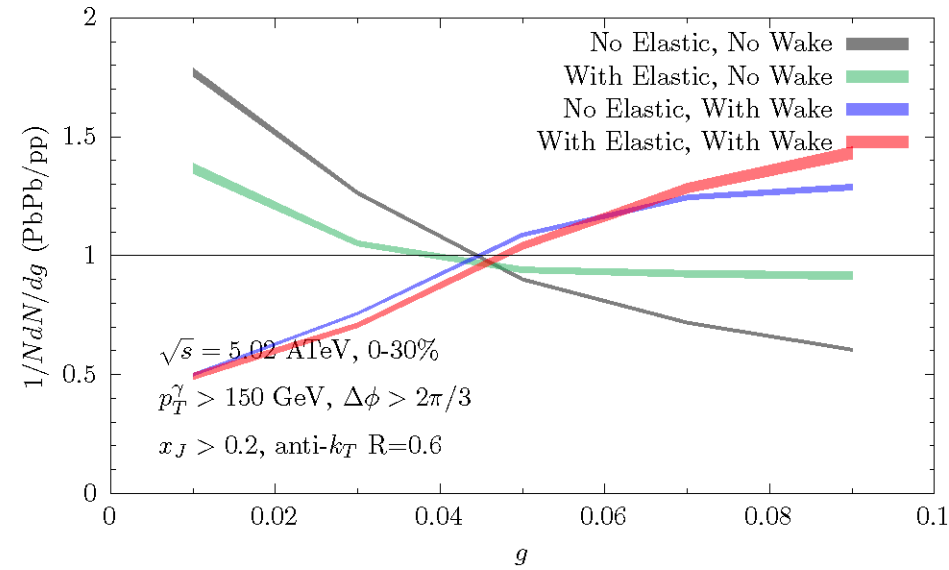
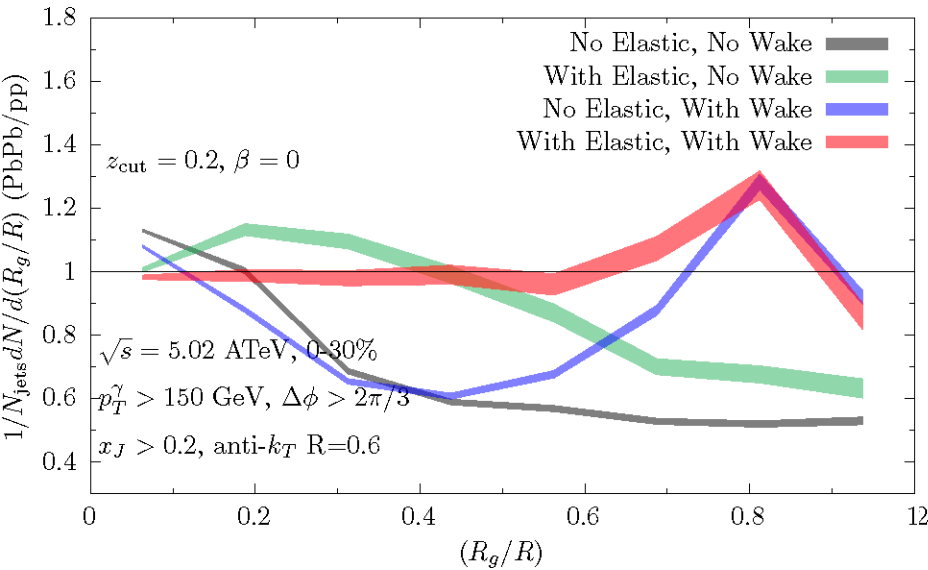
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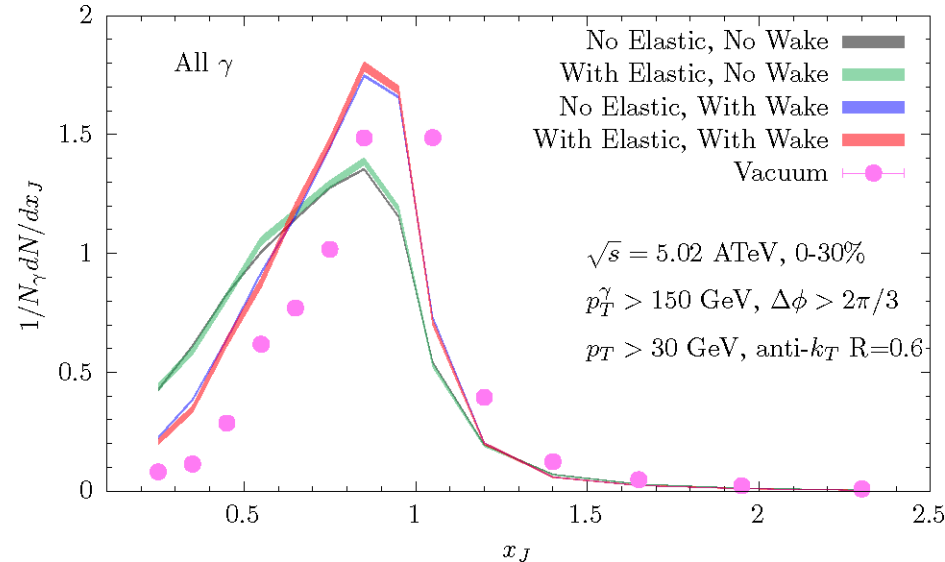
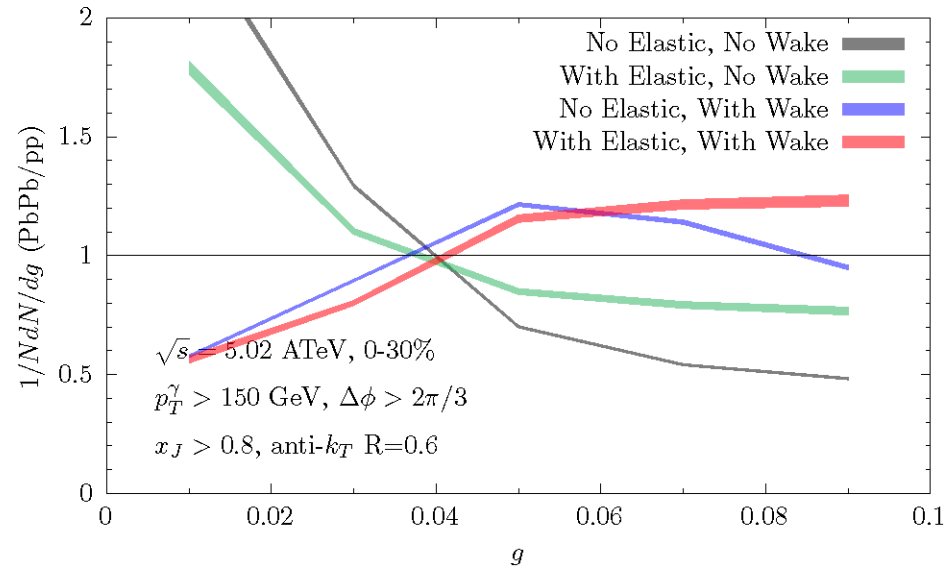
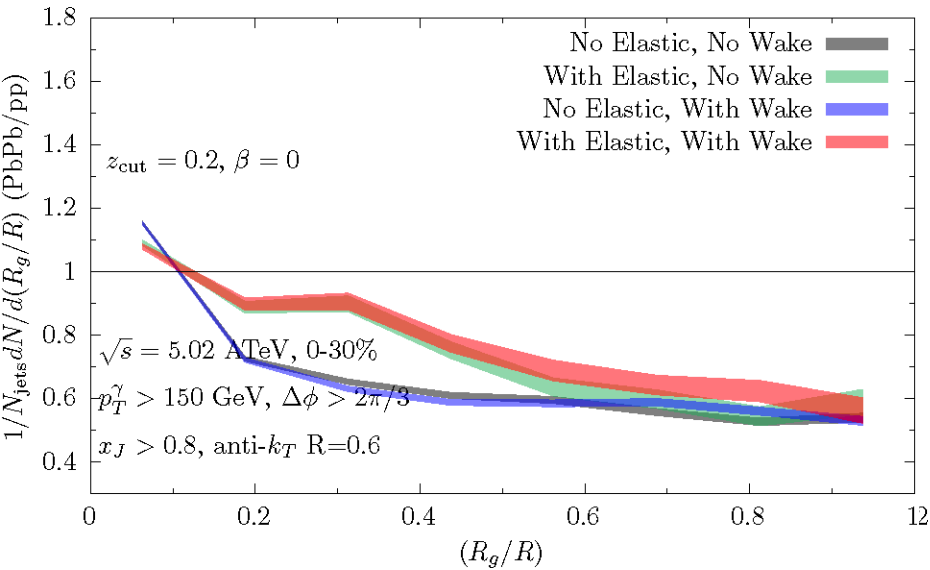
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Moliere effects substantial; selection bias reduced; wake effects enormous, and as in Brewer+Brodsky+KR.

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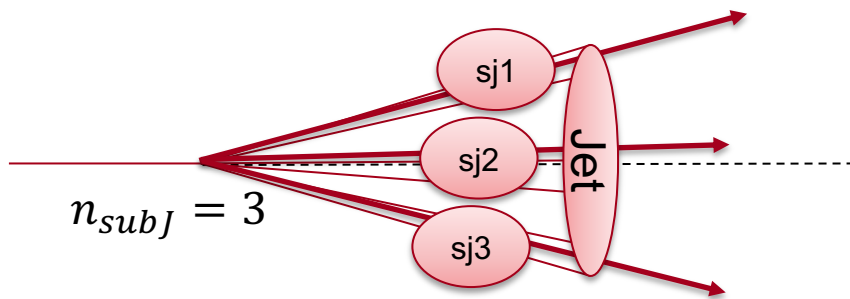


On previous slides, $p_T^\gamma > 150$ GeV with $R=0.2$. Here, $R=0.6$. But, we've turned the selection bias back ON.

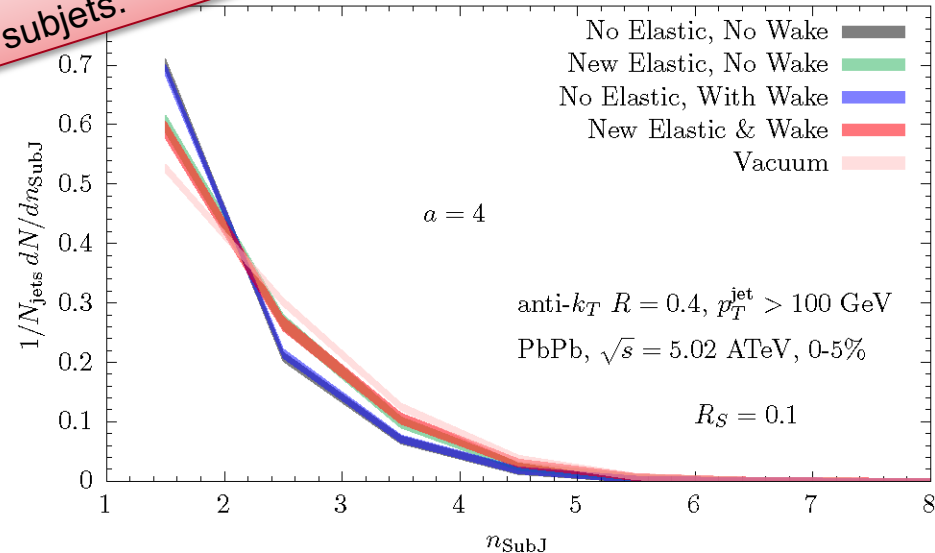
Moliere effects still substantial; selection bias dominant; wake effects *greatly reduced*, as in Brewer+Brodsky+KR.

Inclusive Jets within Inclusive Jets: Inclusive Subjets

1. Reconstruct jet with $R=0.6$
2. Recluster each jet's particle content into subjets with $R=0.15$



Increase in number of subjets.



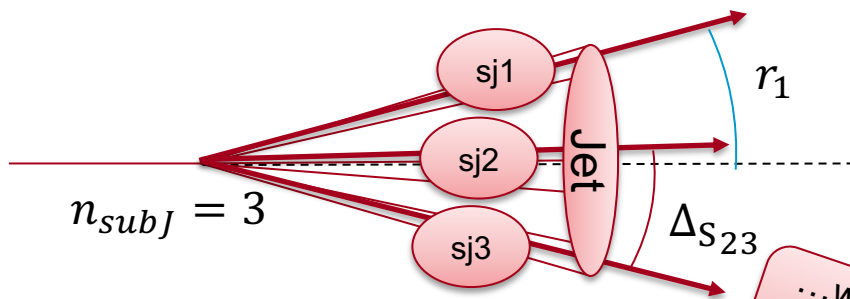
Moliere scattering visible as increase in number of subjets; no such effect coming from wake at all.

Moliere scattering also yields more separated subjets...

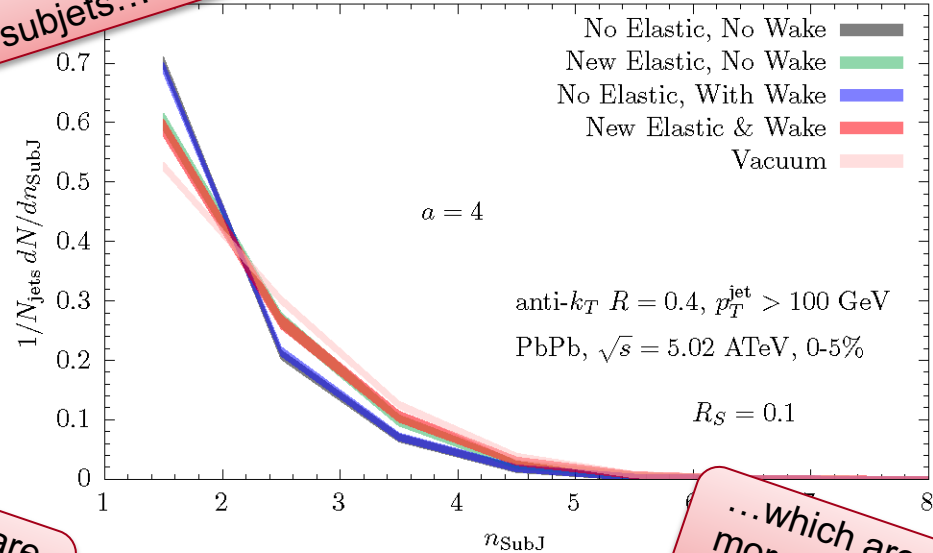
These observables are directly sensitive to “sprouting a new subjet” the intrinsic feature of Moliere scattering which makes it NOT just a bit more wake.

Inclusive Subjects

1. Reconstruct jet with $R=0.4$
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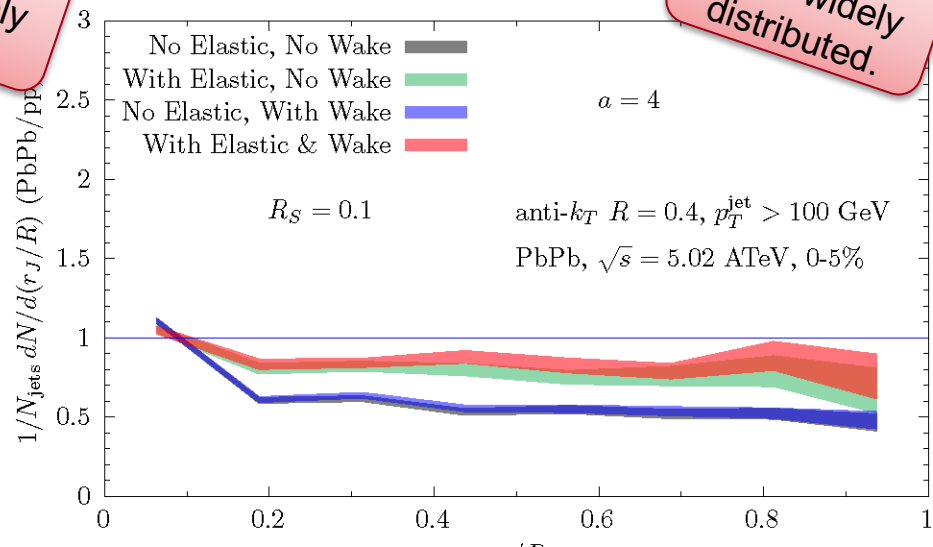
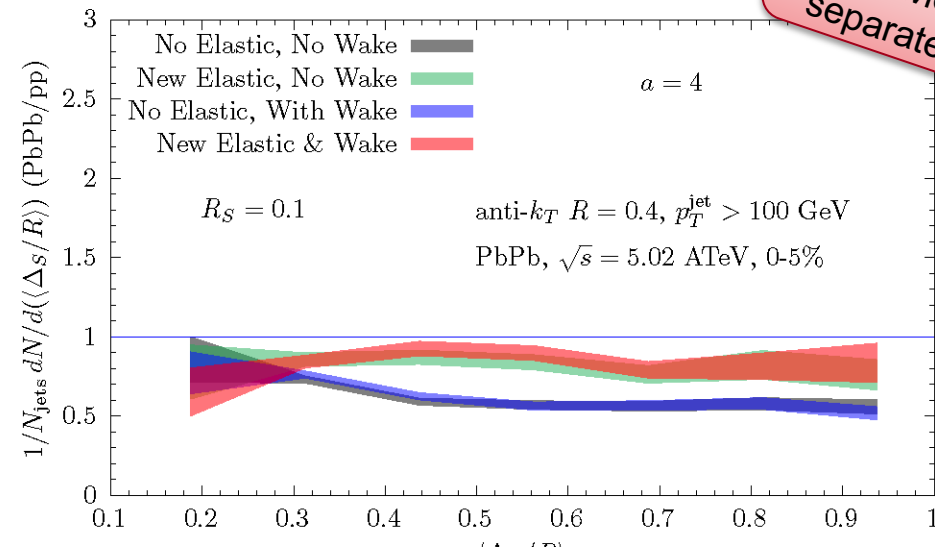


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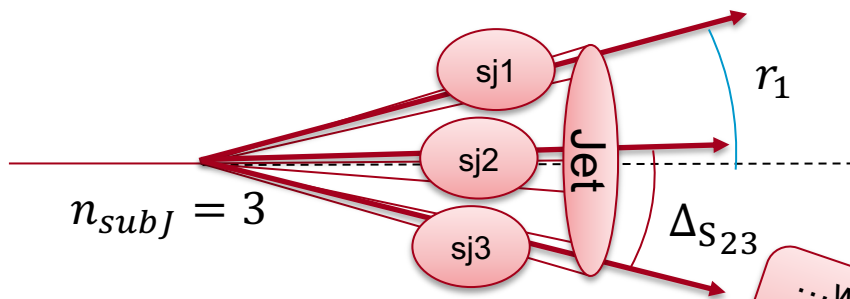
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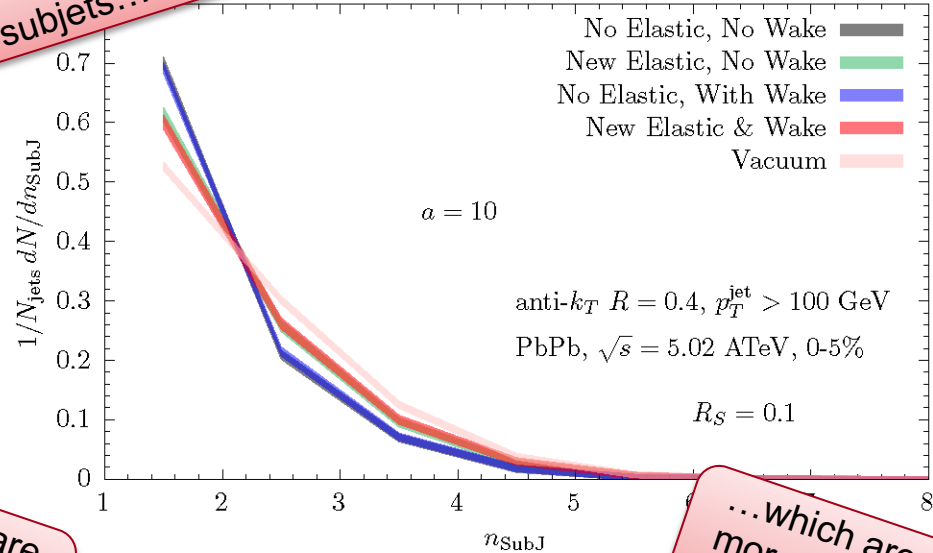


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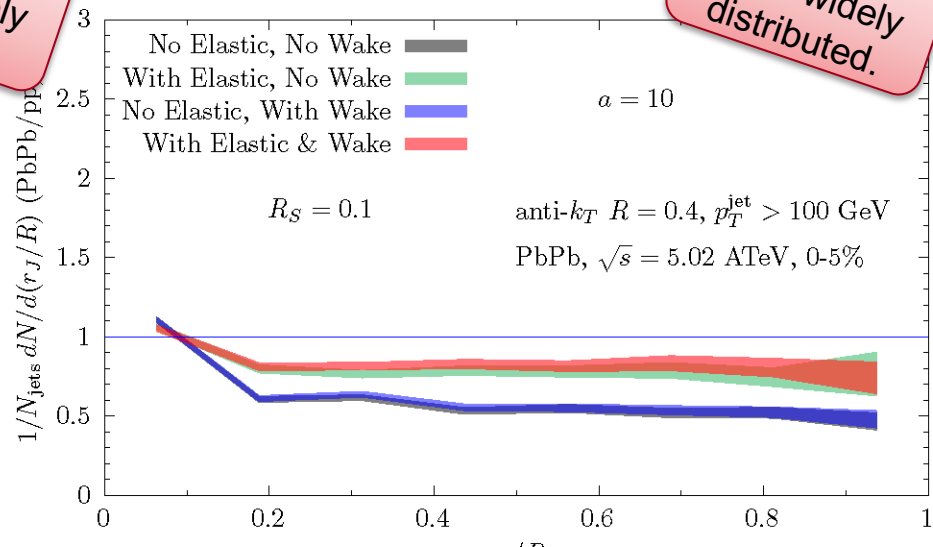
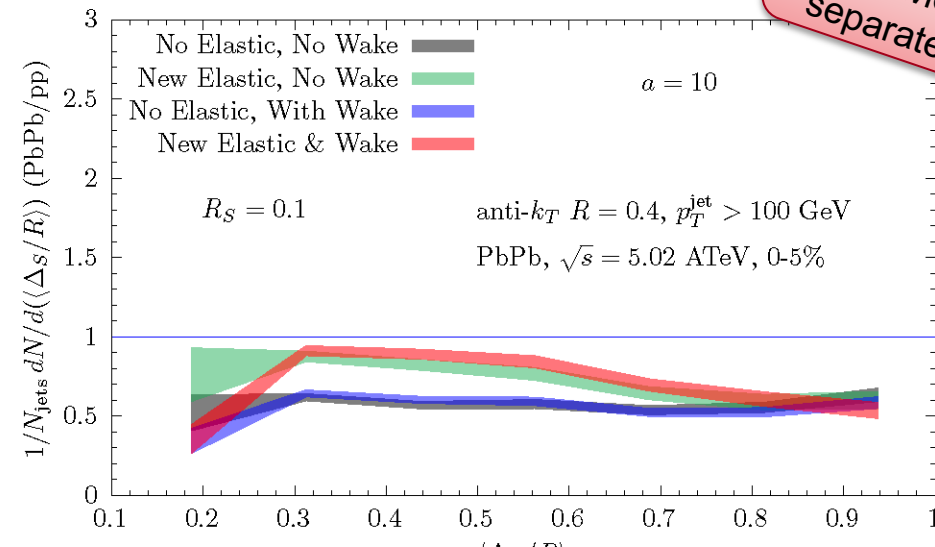
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Increase in number of subjects...



...which are more widely distributed.



R=1.0 Jets made of R=0.2 Jets

- Another interesting observable, introduced by ATLAS at QM19 in Wuhan. See ATLAS publication 2301.05606.
- First reconstruct anti- k_t - $R = 0.2$ jets, call them subjets, with $p_T^{\text{subjet}} > 35$ GeV; then reconstruct anti- k_t - $R = 1.0$ jets (p_T 's from ~ 90 to ~ 900 GeV) from these objects.
- Find R_{AA} for $R = 1.0$ jets with 1 (≥ 2) subjets is less (more) suppressed. For those with 2 subjets, look at distributions of angular separation and splitting parameter.
- A way to find pairs of $R = 0.2$ jets with a chosen ΔR_{12} .
- Arjun Kudinoor, Dani Pablos and KR are investigating this observable using the hybrid model, turning Moliere off and on, turning wake off and on.
- Moliere effects seem to be small in magnitude; motivates repeating this study with somewhat lower- p_T subjets.
- Can pick two $R = 0.2$ jets with a specified separation up to $\Delta R_{12} = 1.0$ and look at the wake between and around them. An interesting arena in which to test how well models describe the dynamics of jet wakes.

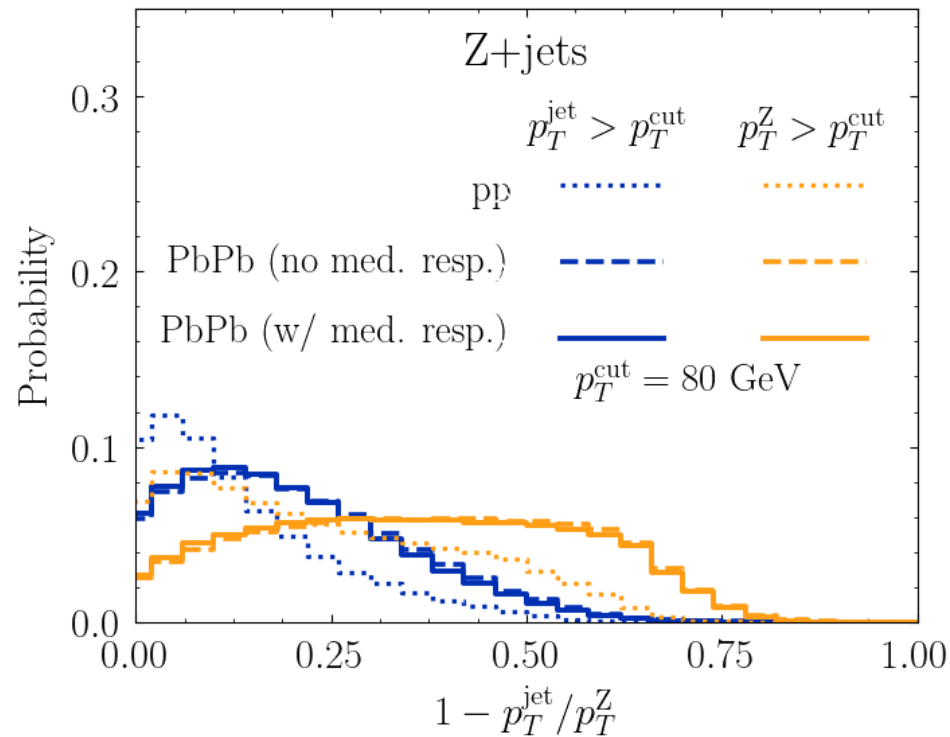
Conclusions

- Studied the effect of elastic Moliere scattering of jet partons off medium partons on jet observables in the perturbative regime.
- For “overall shape observables” (jet shapes; FF) effects of Moliere scattering are similar to, and smaller than, effects of wake.
- Grooming helps, by grooming away the soft particles from the wake. Effects of Moliere scattering dominate the modification of several groomed observables (R_g , Leading k_T , Girth, WTA axis angle.)
- R_g and girth observables in γ +jet events can be “engineered” to reduce (or enhance) selection bias by selecting with $x_J >$ a low (or high) threshold. When selection bias is reduced, Moliere scattering yields $R_{AA} > 1$.
- R_g and girth observables in γ +jet events can be “engineered” to remove (or highlight) effects of the wake by choosing small R (or large R with $x_J >$ a low threshold).
- Modification of inclusive subjet observables (number, and angular spread, of subjets) are especially sensitive to the presence of Moliere scatterings. These observables are unaffected by the wake. They reflect what it is that makes the effects of scattering different from those of the wake.
- Subjet and γ +jet observables may also be influenced by other ways in which jet shower partons “see” particulate aspects of the QGP. That’s great!
- Acoplanarity observables that we have investigated to date show little sensitivity to Moliere scattering; significant sensitivity to the wake in many cases.

Jets as Probes of QGP

- Theorists taking key steps...
- Disentangling jet modification from jet selection.
- Showing that QGP *can* resolve structure within jet shower.
- Jet wakes in droplets of QGP.
- Selecting those jet substructure observables that *are* sensitive to scattering of jet partons off QGP partons, and are *not* sensitive to particles coming from the wake: 2208.13593 and in progress, Hulcher, Pablos, KR.
 - Builds upon theoretical framework for computing Molière scattering in QGP, and finding point-like scatterers in a liquid developed in: 1808.03250 D'Eramo, KR, Yin
- Next several years will be the golden age of HIC jet physics: sPHENIX, LHC runs 3 and 4, new substructure observables. *Many* theory advances, here and elsewhere, whet our appetite for the feast to come. We shall learn about the microscopic structure of QGP, and the dynamics of rippling QGP.

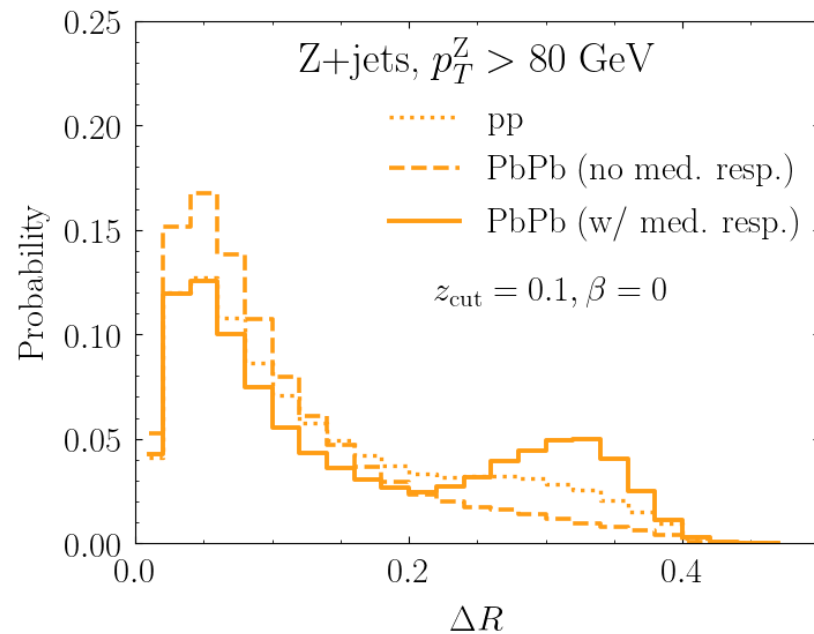
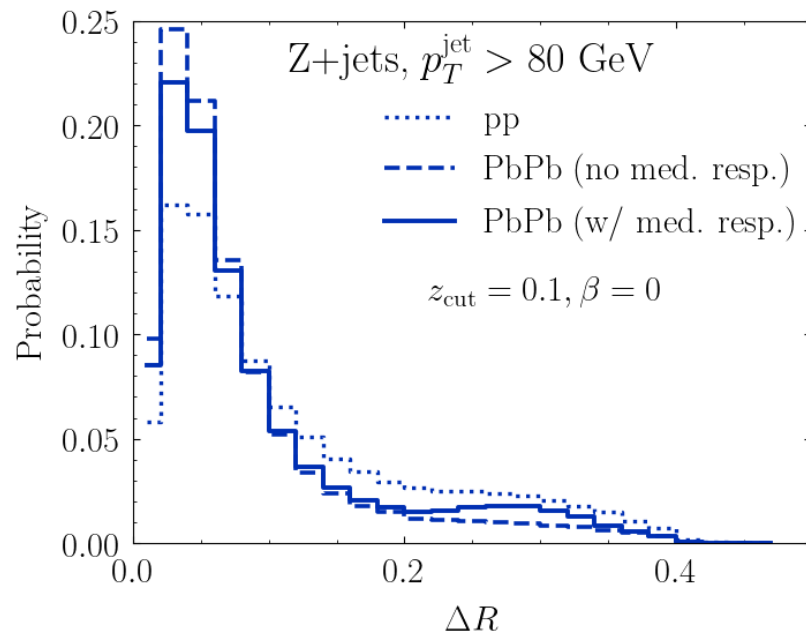
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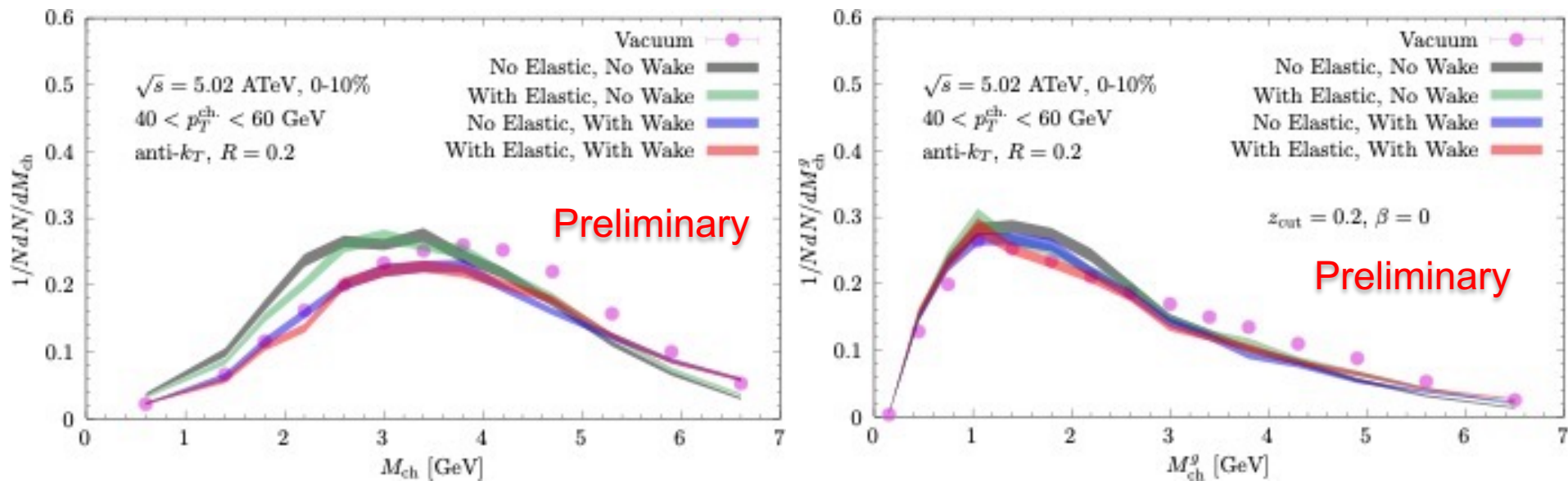
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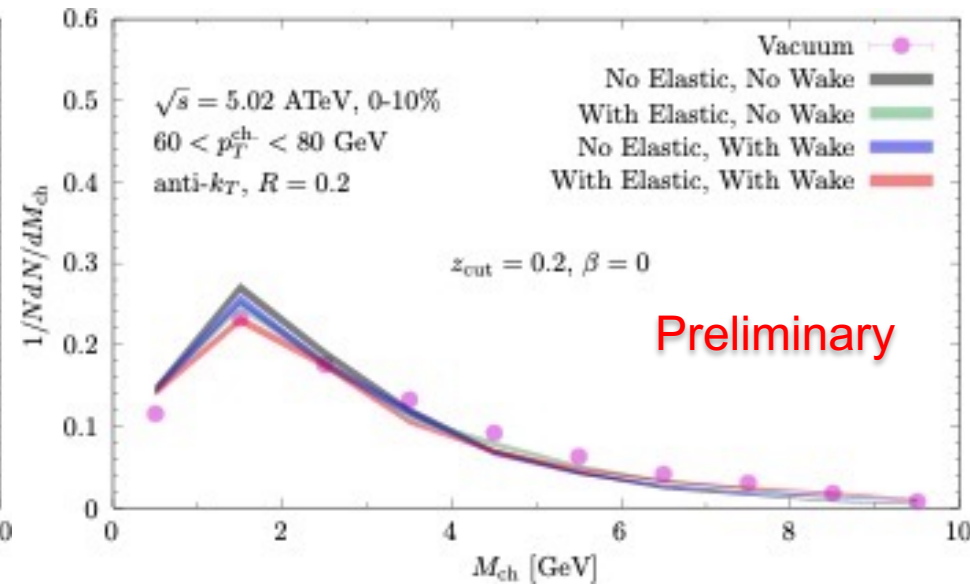
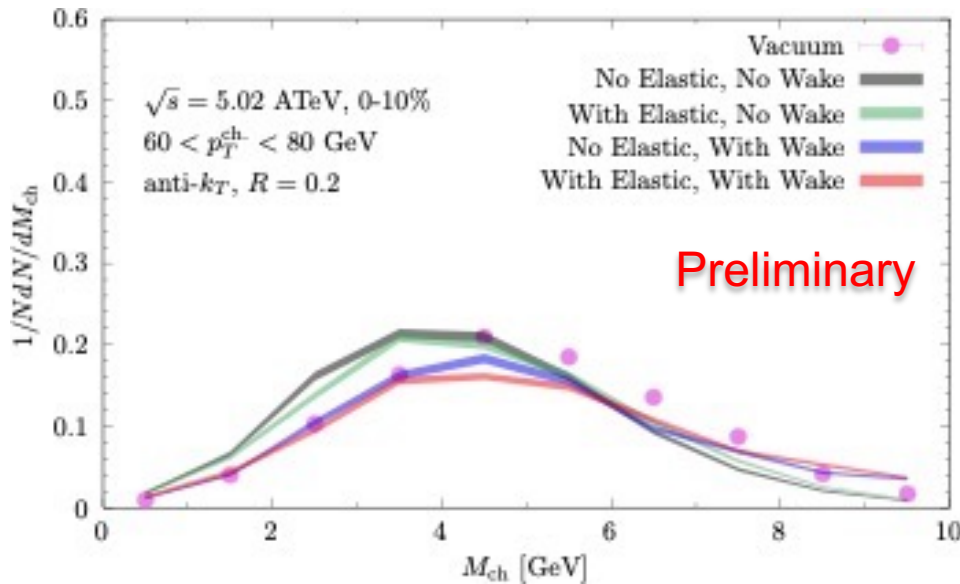
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- Yes, but not every groomed observable is sensitive to hard scattering...

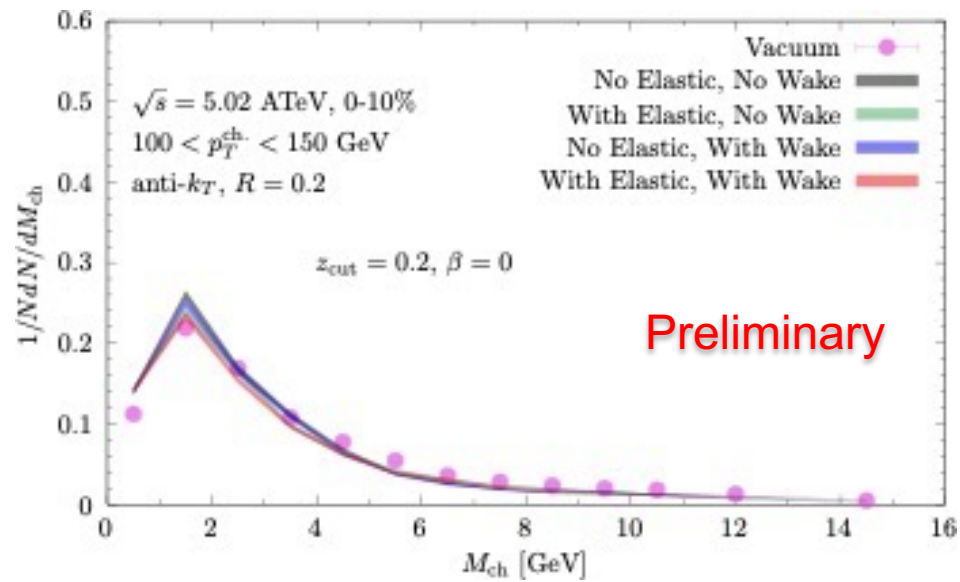
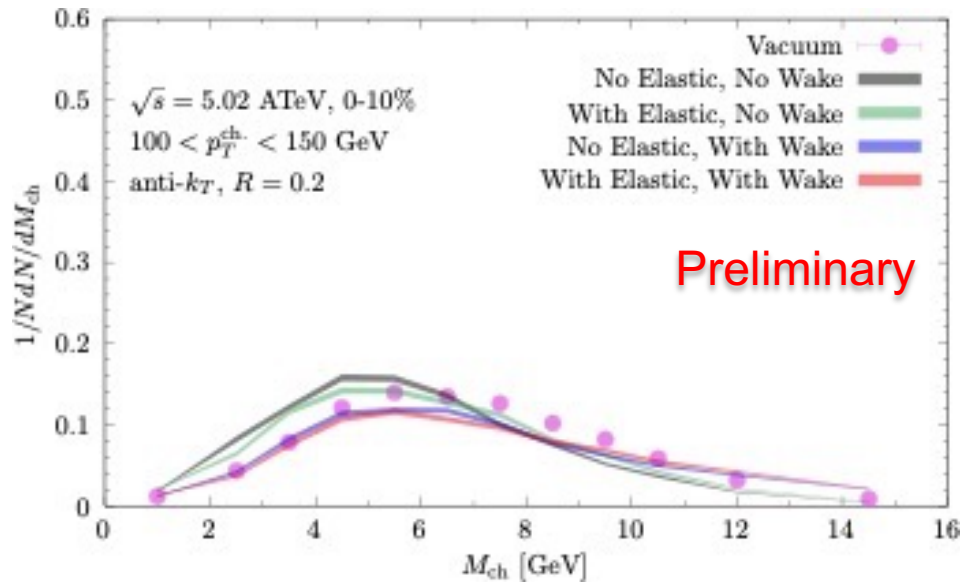
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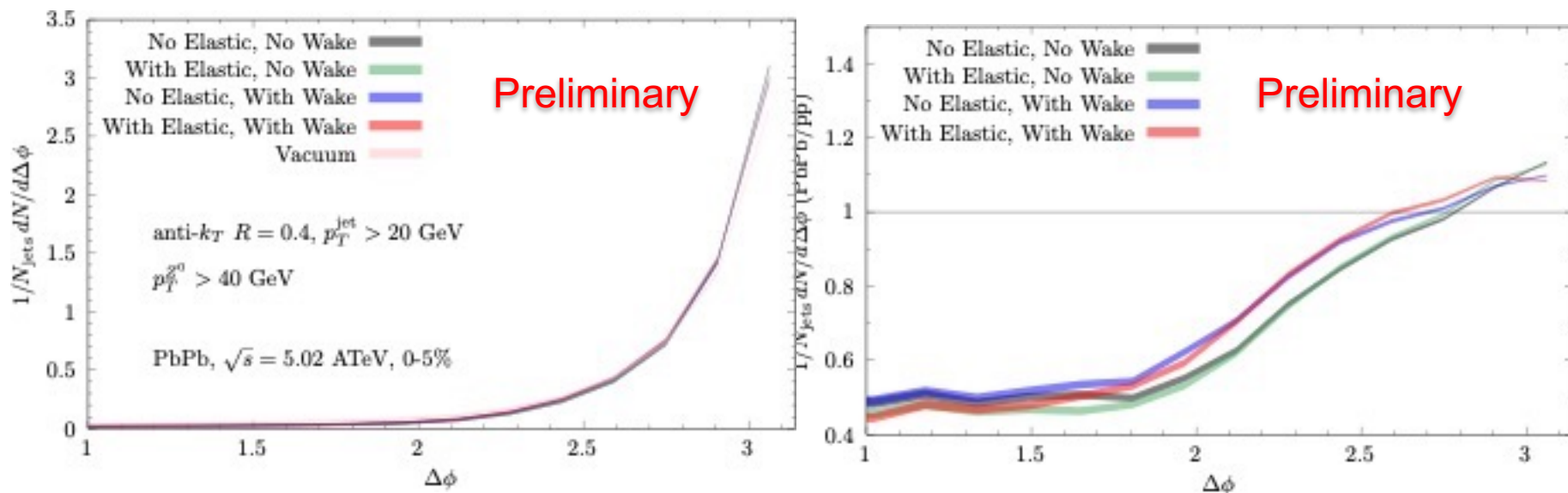
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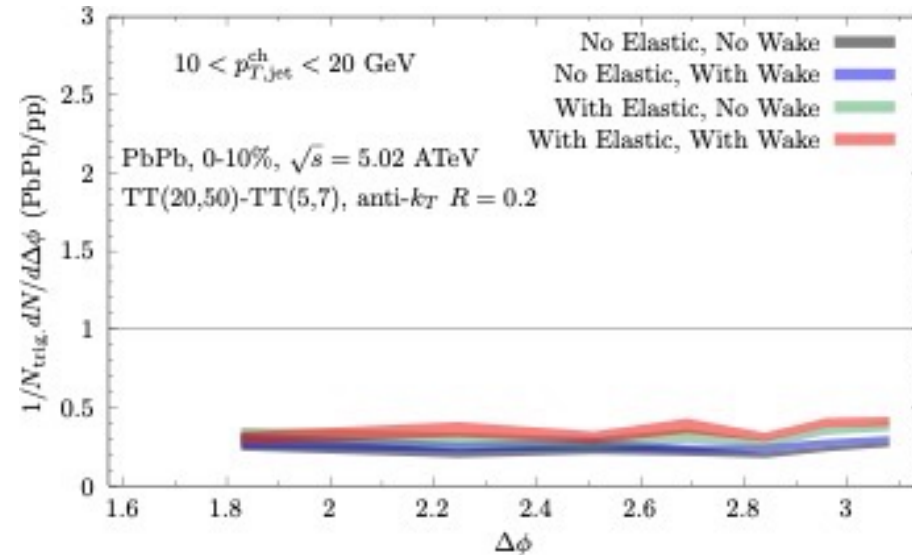
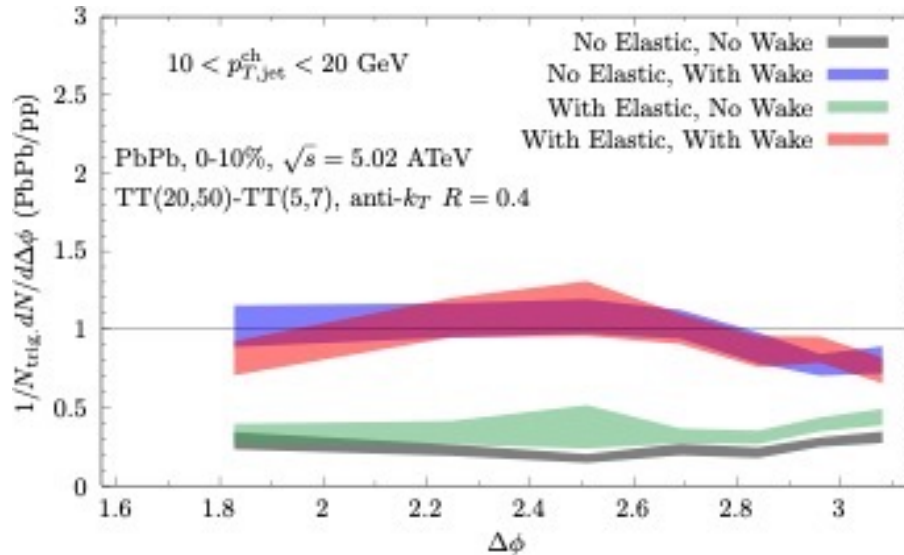
Z-Jet Acoplanarity



- Study acoplanarity in boson-jet system: Z-jet.
- Very little effect from Moliere scattering; increase in acoplanarity that we see is almost entirely due to the wake.
- Similar conclusions for acoplanarities at even lower p_T , via hadron—charged-jet correlations. Should look also Gamma-D, $D\bar{D}$ correlations....
- Groomed z_g and R_g , leading k_T , and in particular inclusive subjet observables all more sensitive to Moliere scattering.
- Moliere scattering: jet sprouts added prongs, not much overall deflection

Hadron--Charge-Jet Acoplanarity, LHC energy

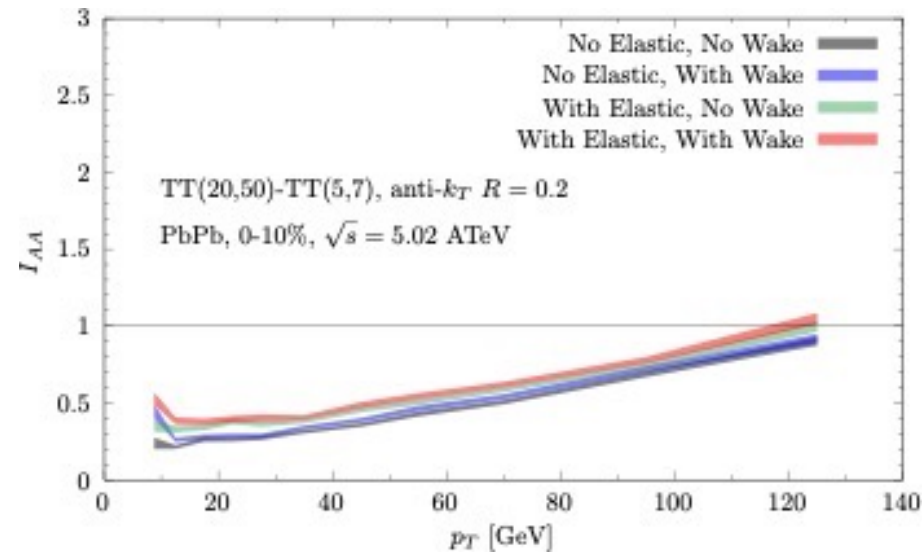
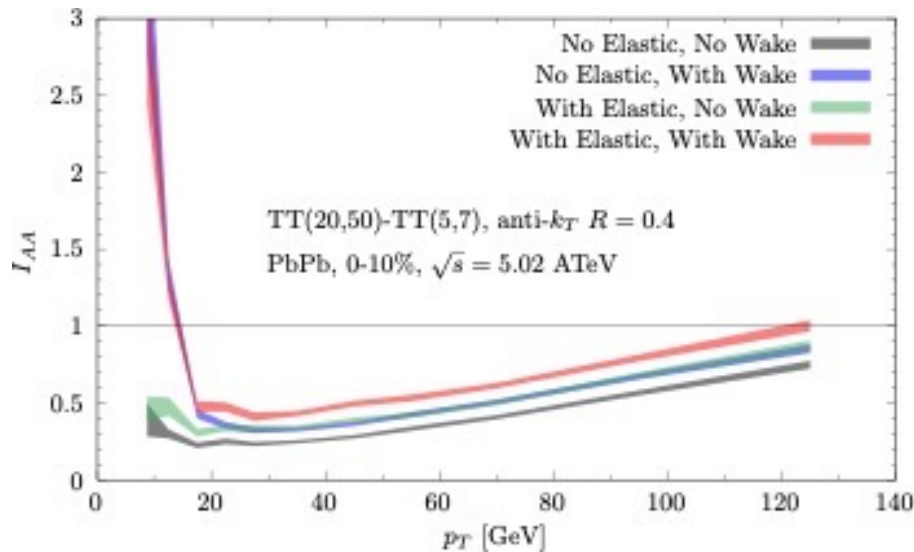
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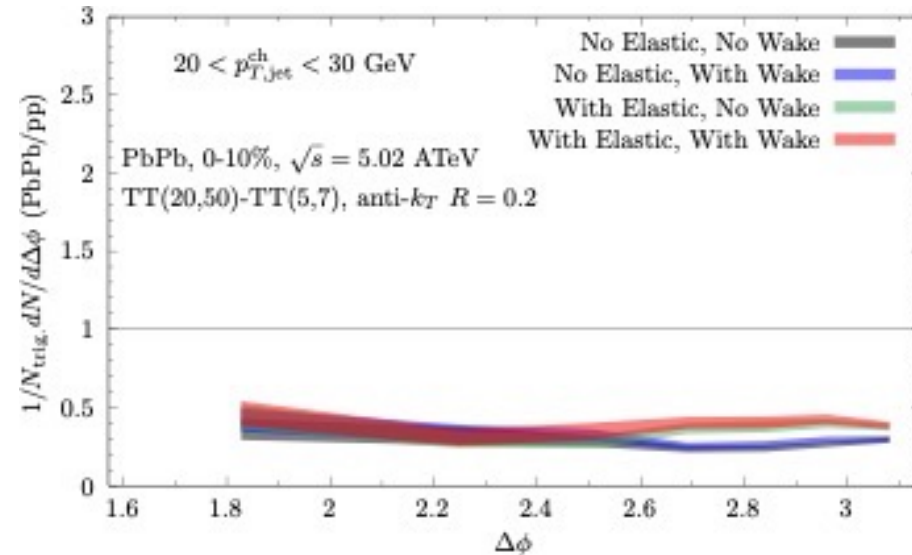
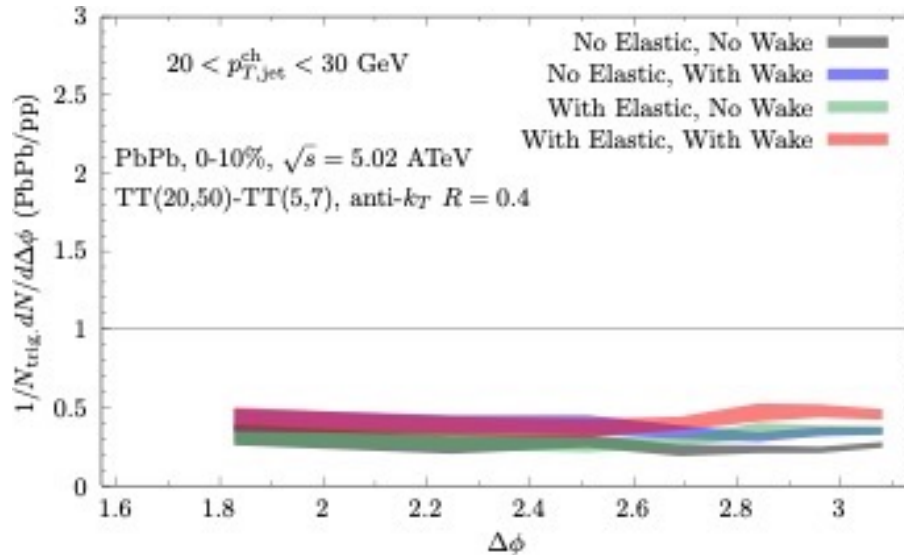
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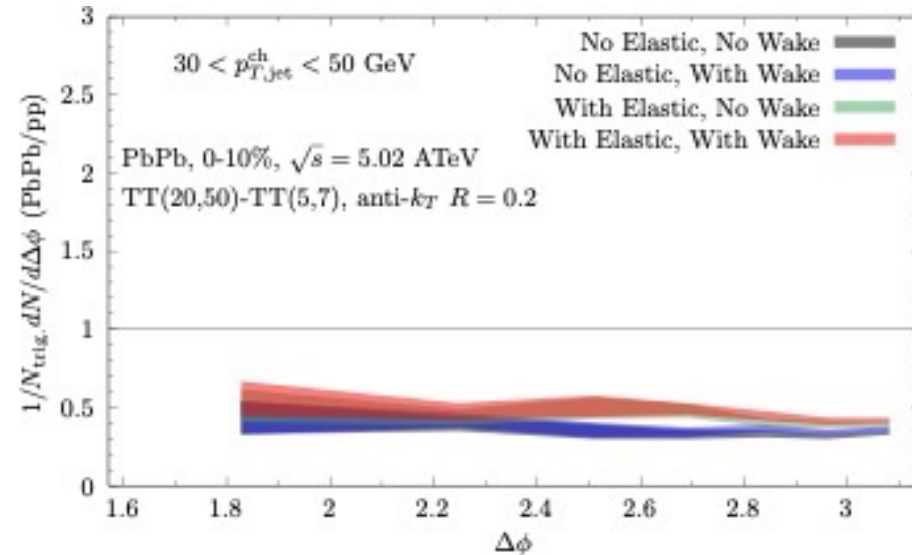
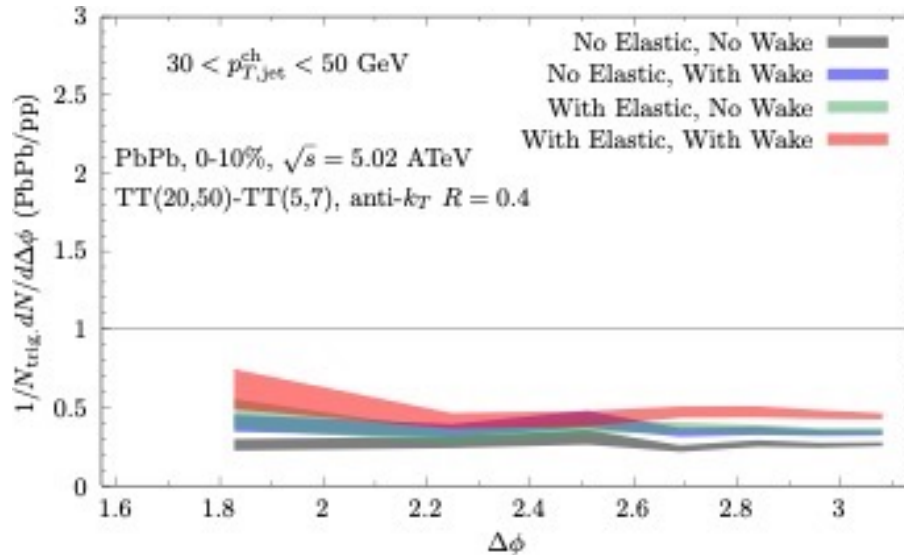
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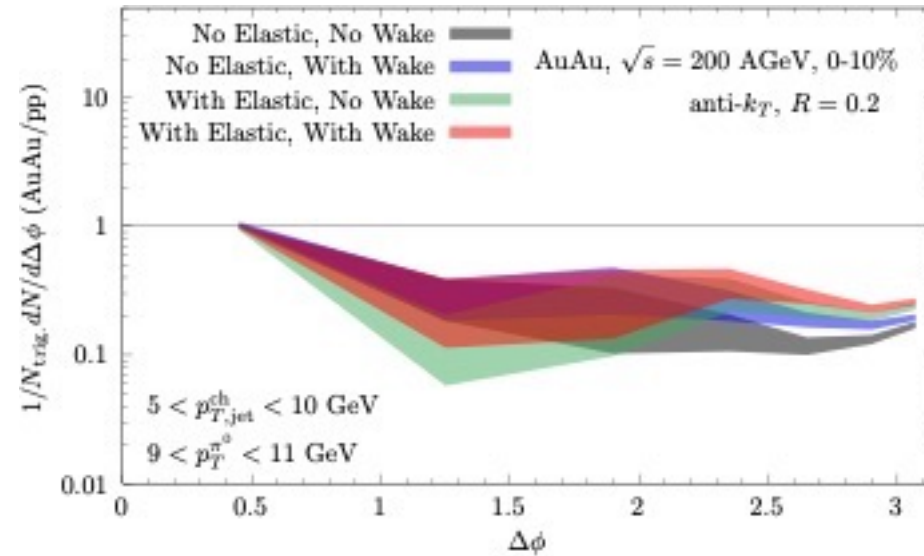
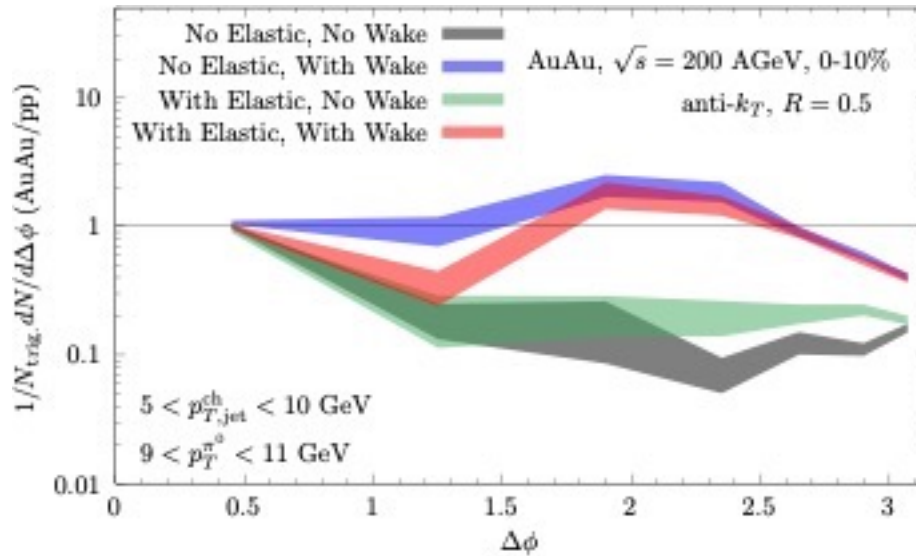
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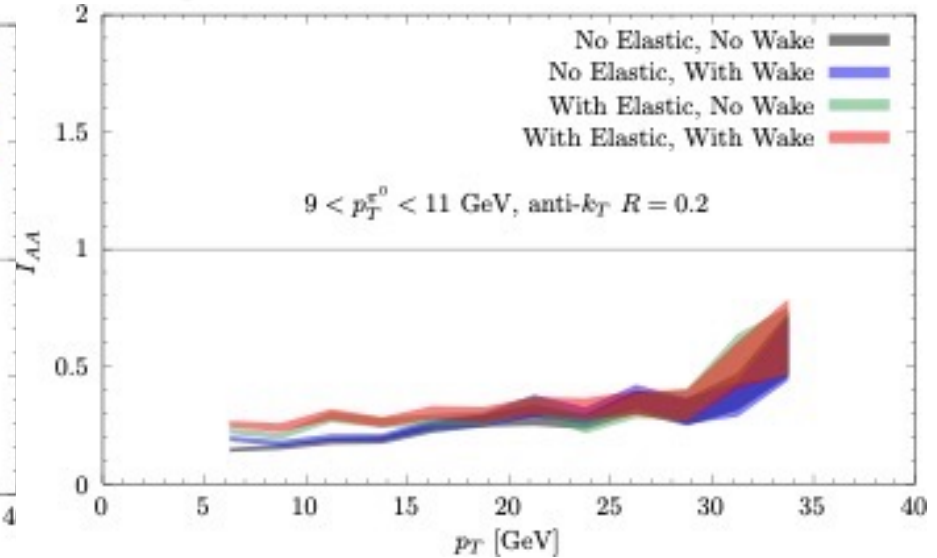
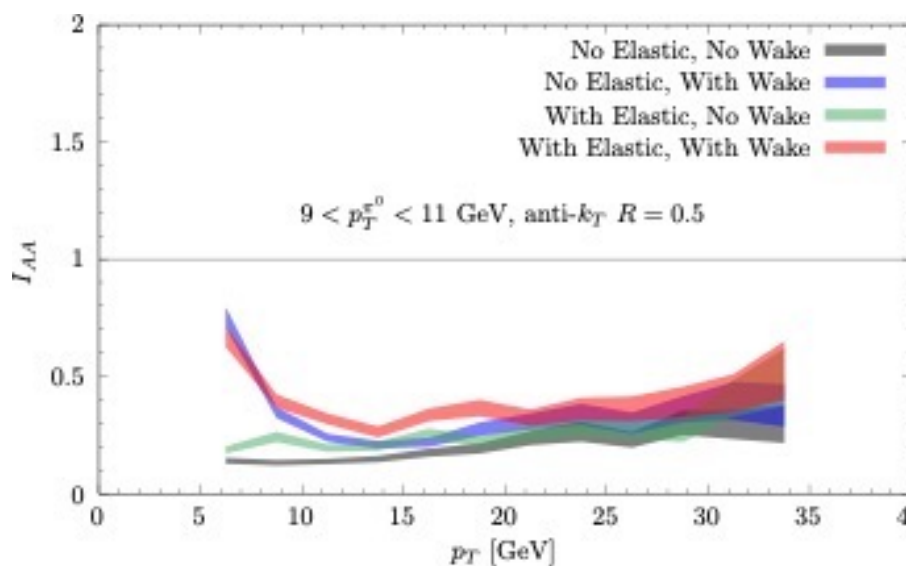
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