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# Dead cone effect and charm quark mass effects in high- $p_T$ D jets

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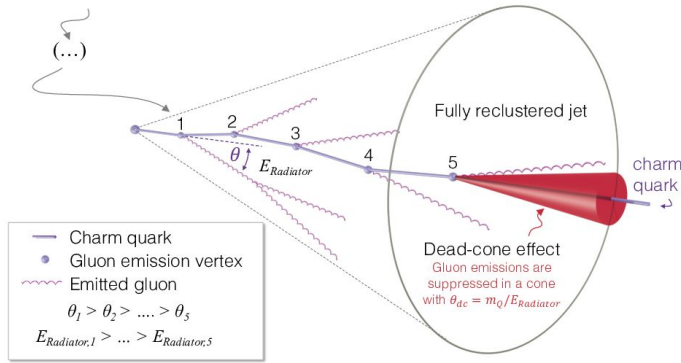


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# The dead-cone effect in QCD

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



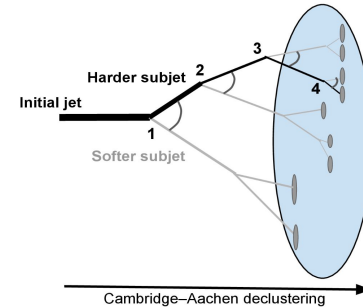
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- Sizeable implications of the dead-cone effect is expected for **charm** and **beauty** quarks
- Experimental measurement of the dead-cone effect very challenging
- The development of **declustering techniques** - reconstructing the evolution of the jet shower, access to the the splittings at the smallest angles

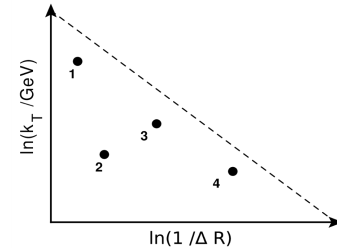
- Measurements sensitive to the heavy-quark mass and how it affects the jet shower - inputs to improve the description of heavy-flavour jet showers
- Dead-cone can potentially be used to understand medium-induced radiation in head-on heavy ion collisions

# Lund plane of D jets in CMS

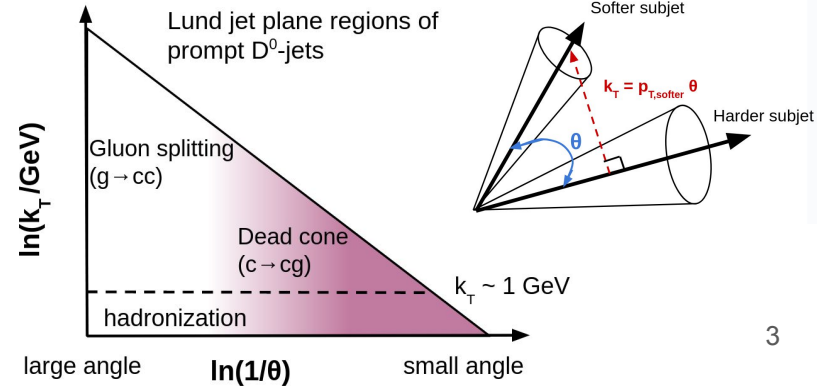
- Declustering using Cambridge-Aachen algorithm:
  - the branch containing the heavy flavour is followed at each step
  - kinematics of the complementary untagged prong is registered
  - kinematics of all the emissions can be studied (**Lund plane**)



[JHEP12\(2018\)064](#)  
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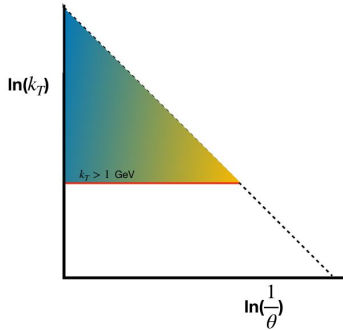


- Measurement of the angular structure of jets containing a **prompt  $D^0$  meson** and of **inclusive jets** in **pp collisions** at the LHC at a center-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV
- High- $p_T$  jet in range **100-120 GeV**
  - description in the framework of perturbation theory
  - visualization of a sizeable impact of the dead cone effect
- Measurement in range doable in PbPb too ( **$R=0.2$** , high jet  $p_T$ )



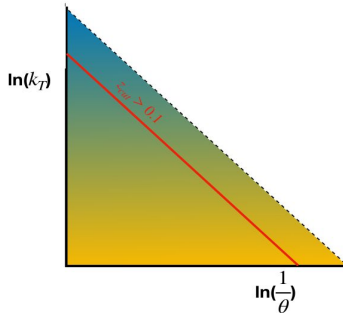
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## Late- $k_T$ groomer ( $\theta_l$ )

- most collinear among the perturbative splittings in the jet tree
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## Modified SoftDrop groomer ( $\theta_{SD}$ )

- first splitting that satisfy:

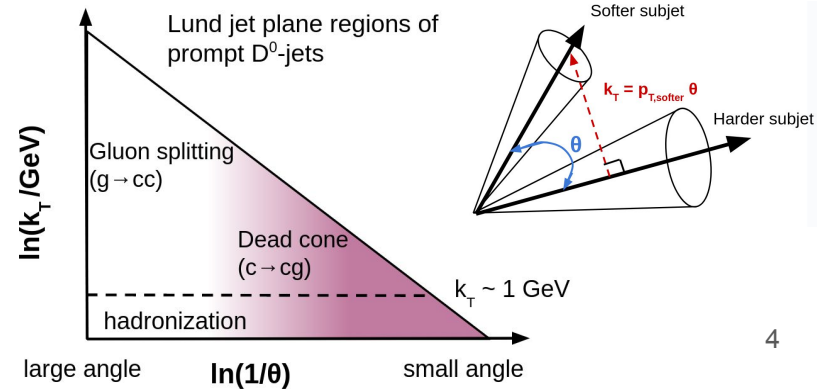
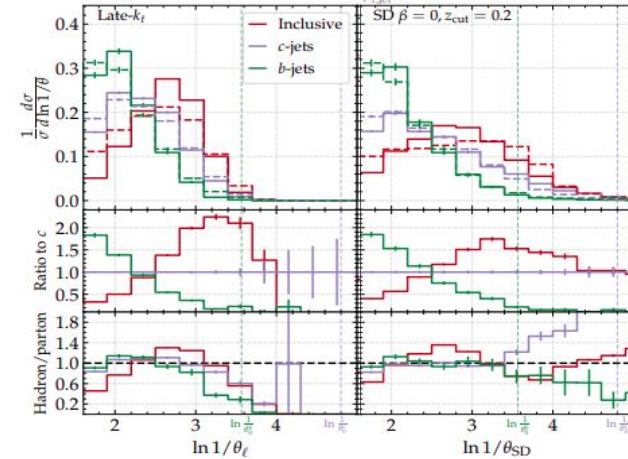
$$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$$

$$\beta = 0$$

$$k_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$z$  - momentum fraction between the two prongs  
 $k_T$  - relative transverse momentum of the pair

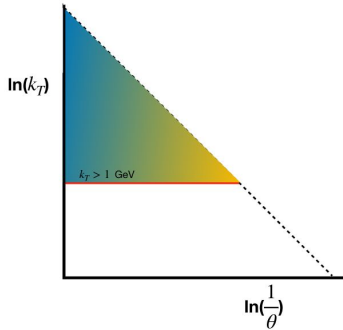
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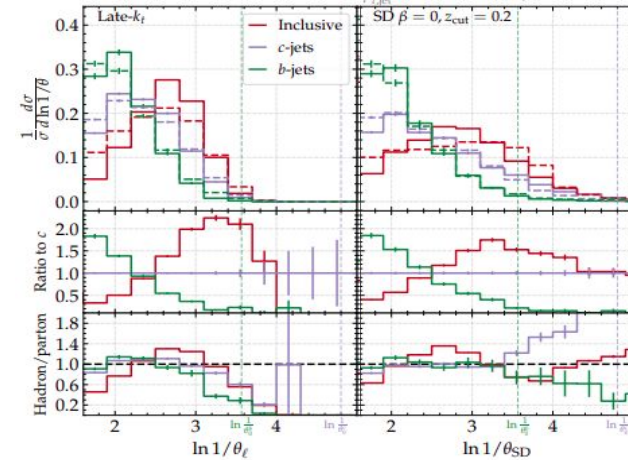
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z - momenta  
k<sub>T</sub> - relative

➤ Expose modification of the angular scale in D jets relative to inclusive jets

➤ Study different regions of the Lund jet plane using different grooming algorithms  
 ➔ sensitivity to the c mass, gluon splitting, and hadronization effects

➤ First measurement of c jet substructure in the hard and collinear region of the jet shower (contribution from hadronization effects reduced, parton-level picture is more direct)

Lund jet plane regions of  
 ↑ Softer subject  
 ↗ Harder subject

# Analysis workflow

## Inclusive jets

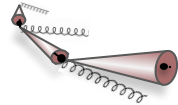
Jet selection:

$$100 < p_T^{jet} < 120 \text{ GeV}$$

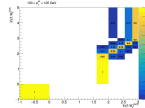
$$R=0.2$$

$$|\eta| < 1.6$$

Select splitting  
following hardest prong

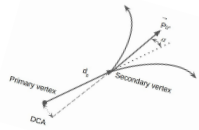


Unfolding

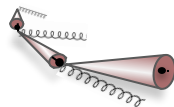


## D-tagged jets

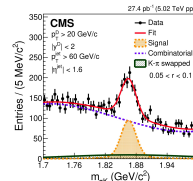
D candidate and D jet  
selection



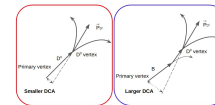
Select splitting  
following hardest prong + contains D



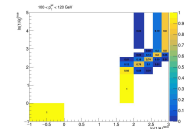
Combinatorial background  
reduction



Nonprompt subtraction



Unfolding

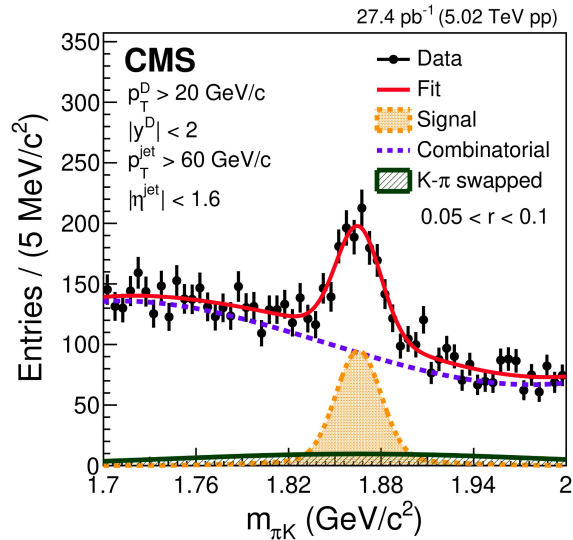


For declustering - D meson aggregated and its daughters removed from procedure

# D-tagged jets

- $D^0$  candidates are reconstructed through the decay  $D^0 \rightarrow K \pi$
- $D^0$  meson candidate is selected with a  $p_T > 4$  GeV and  $|y| < 1.2$
- The  $D^0$  meson yield in each  $p_T$  and  $\theta_1$  ( $\theta_{sd}$ ) interval is extracted with a fit to the invariant mass distributions in the range  $1.7 < m_{\pi K} < 2.0$  GeV

Example fit from [Phy. Rev. Lett. 125 \(2020\) 102001](#)

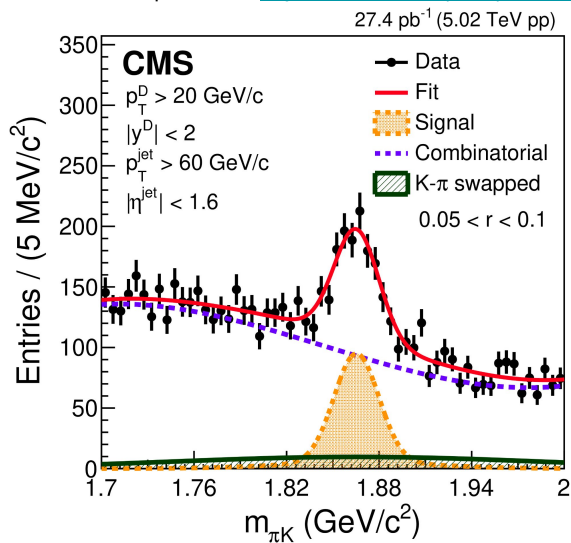


- Mass distribution fitted by:
  - Double Gaussian to model the **signal**
  - Gaussian to model the  $D^0$  invariant mass shape of candidates with wrong mass assignment (**swap**)
  - Powerlaw to model the **combinatorial background**
- The shape of signal and swapped components is fixed by MC

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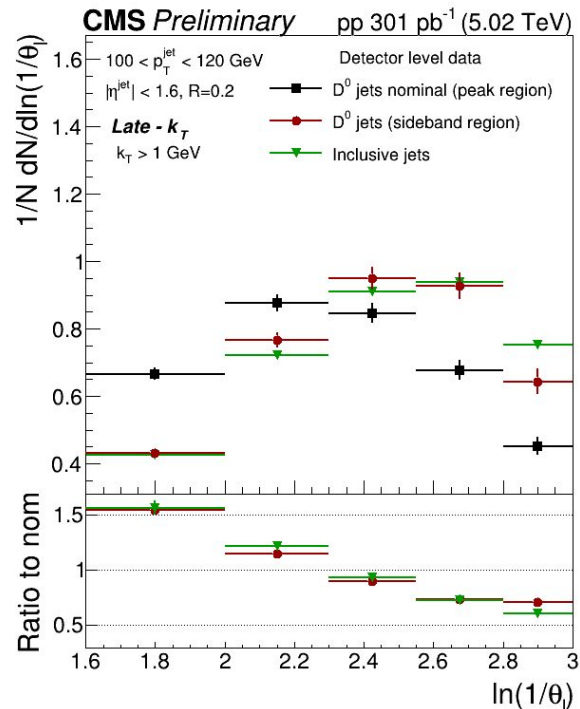
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## Sideband study

- Check for possible biases introduced with different procedure for D jets compared to inclusive jet
  - D jets from sideband of invariant mass distribution are compared with inclusive distribution
- Sideband distribution is shown to be consistent with inclusive

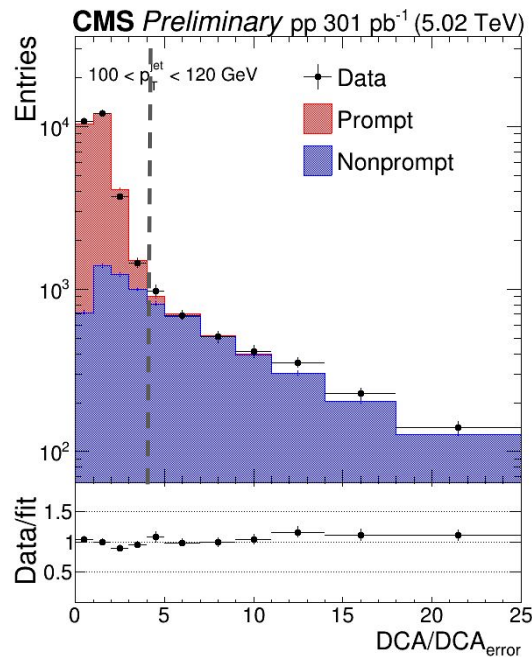
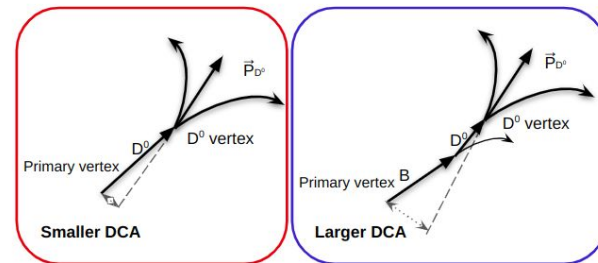
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# Contributions from nonprompt D

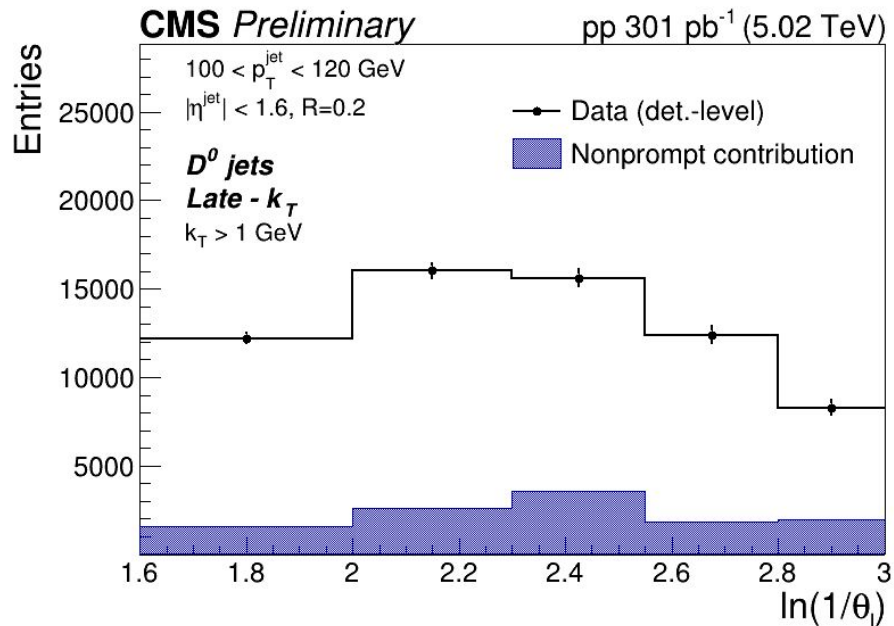
- The reconstructed  $D^0$  signal in data includes both prompt  $D^0$  and nonprompt  $D^0$
- To suppress nonprompts selection applied on **Distance of Closest Approach (DCA)** normalized by its error



- Selection on DCA significance -  $DCA/DCA_{err} < 4$
- Contributions of nonprompts still present
- Fractions of prompt determined by performing template fit of DCA significance
- The shape of **prompts** and **nonprompts** distribution extracted from simulation

# Nonprompt subtraction

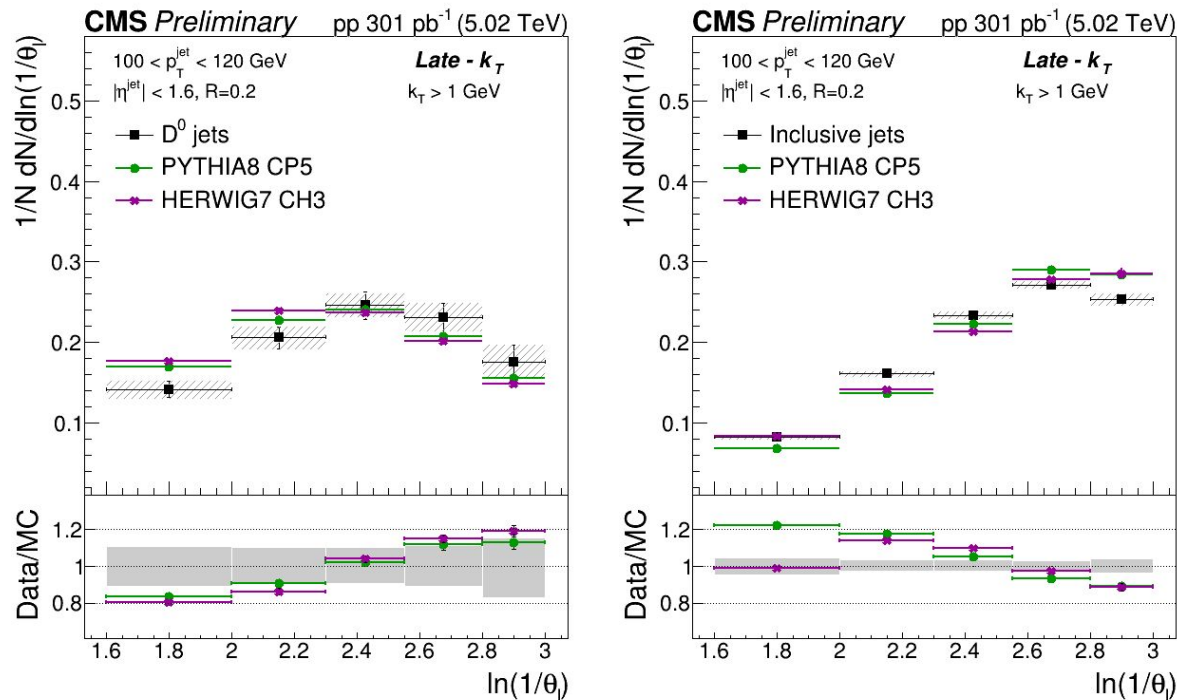
- The nonprompt  $D^0$  subtraction causes a reduction of the uncorrected yield and a change in the shape of the substructure



- The nonprompt  $D^0$  meson contribution is found to be around **15%**
- The nonprompt and prompt  $D^0$  templates derived using PYTHIA8 CP5
  - Nonprompt fraction from HERWIG7 compatible in shape with the ones derived from PYTHIA8

# Results: late- $k_T$ selected splitting angle

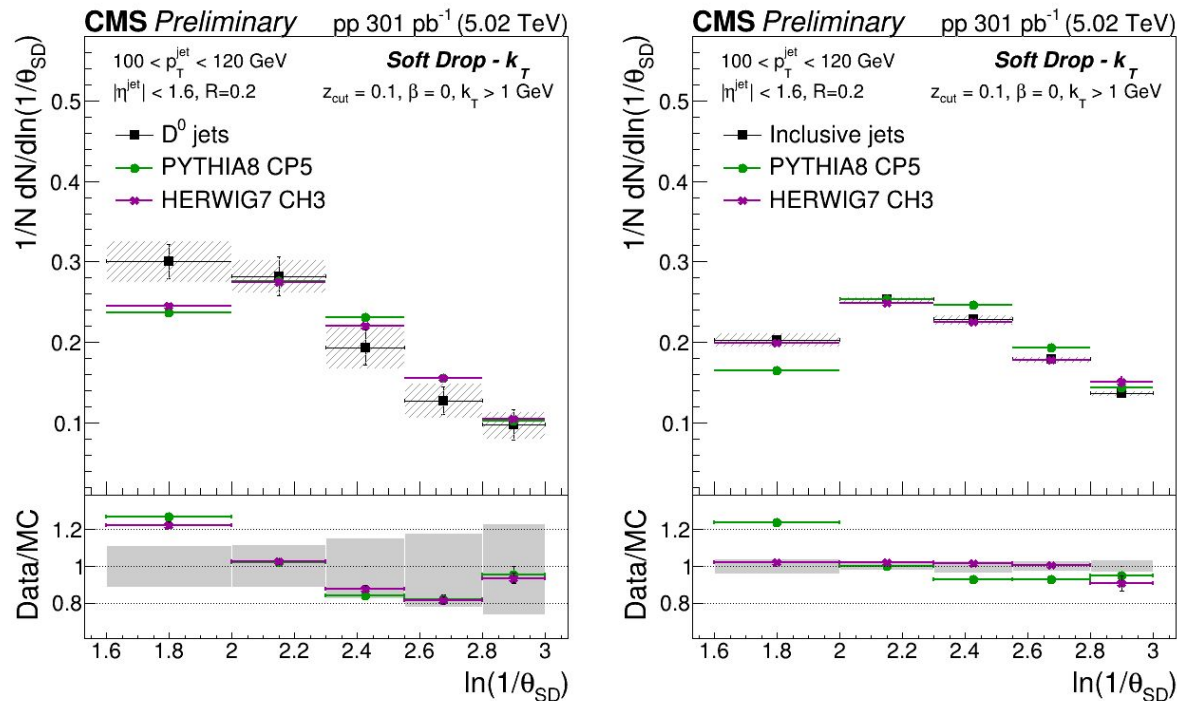
- Measured detector-level distributions are corrected to the particle level using corrections derived from simulation
- Bin-to-bin migrations due to detector effects - two-dimensional unfolding of the **jet  $p_T$**  and  **$\theta_1(\theta_{SD})$**



- Distributions are compared to **PYTHIA8** and **HERWIG7**
  - ⇒ Agreement with  $D^0$  jets within experimental uncertainties
  - ⇒ **PYTHIA8** and **HERWIG7** predictions consistent between each other for  $D^0$  jets

# Results: SD& $k_T$ selected splitting angle

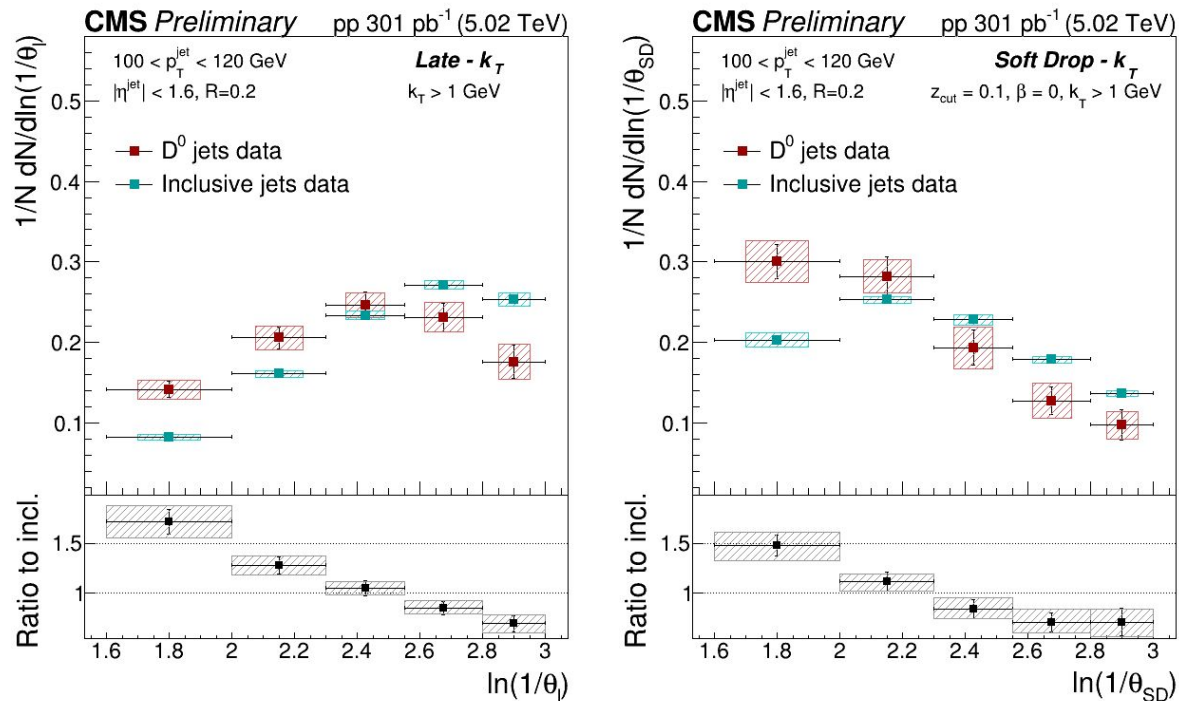
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  - ⇒ In inclusive case **HERWIG7** describes the data better than **PYTHIA8**

# Results: $D^0$ jets and inclusive jets

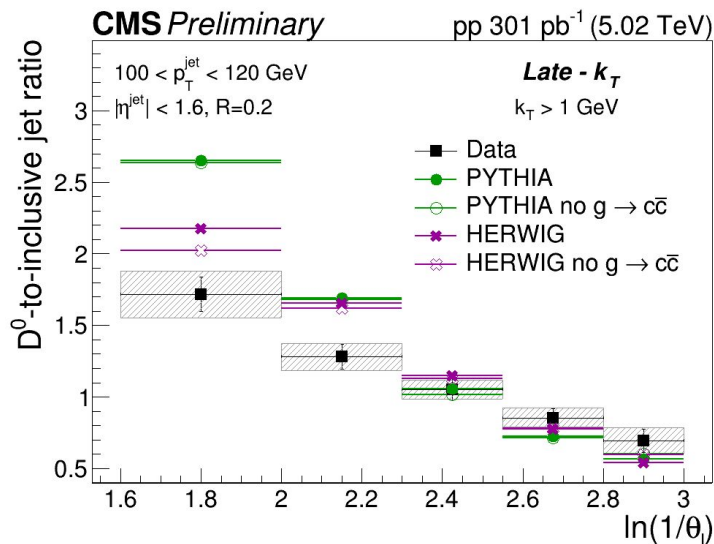
- Fully corrected  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_{SD}$  distributions for  $D^0$  jets and inclusive jets and their ratios



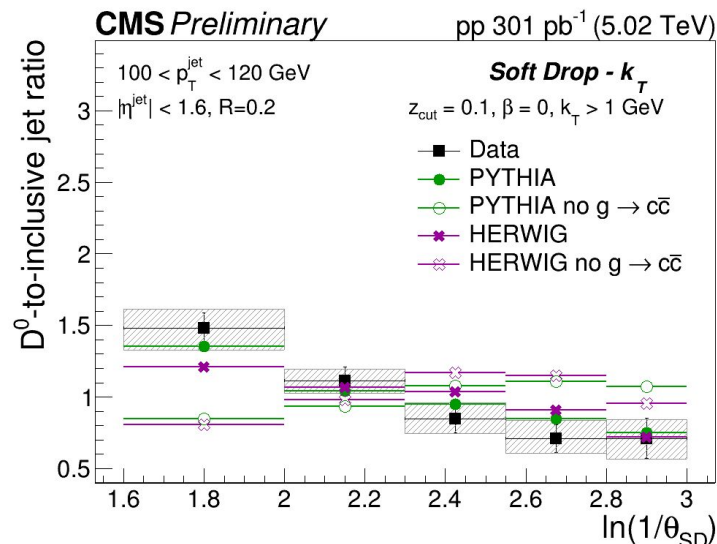
- **Shift observed towards bigger angles** with respect to the inclusive jets - expected from dead cone effect
- More prominent shift observed with late- $k_T$  algorithm

# Results: $D^0$ jets and inclusive jets

- Study of contribution of the gluon splittings to the substructure of prompt  $D^0$  jets
- Impact checked with **PYTHIA8** and **HERWIG7** generators for the ratio of the distributions of prompt  $D^0$  jets to inclusive jets



**Late- $k_T$** : the gluon splitting contribution is negligible and has an effect mostly at large angles.



**SD**: the gluon splitting contribution stronger

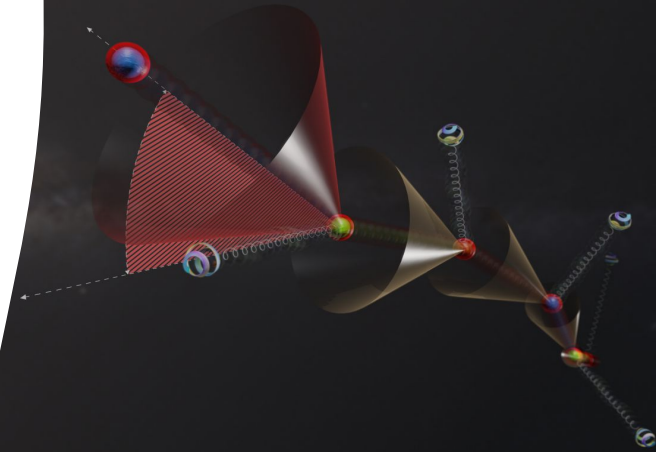
- emissions at larger angles than the ones found by late- $k_T$

# Summary



- Measurement of splitting angles using two different groomers, late- $k_T$  and modified Soft Drop, for  $D^0$  jets and inclusive energetic jets of  $100 < p_{T,\text{jet}} < 120$  GeV performed
- Measurement performed using 5.02 TeV pp data from 2017 collected by CMS experiment
- First measurement of charm quark jet substructure that probes the hard and collinear region of the jet shower
  - b-jets results - [Lida's talk](#)

- The comparison of the angular distribution of late- $k_T$  and Soft Drop splittings in prompt  $D^0$  jet and inclusive jets shows a **shift toward larger angles for heavy-flavour splittings**
- The shift observed in late- $k_T$ - **consistent with dead cone effect**
- Soft Drop selected splittings shown to be more sensitive to effects of gluon splitting



Thank you for your attention!