Isolating perturbative QCD splittings in heavy-ion collisions

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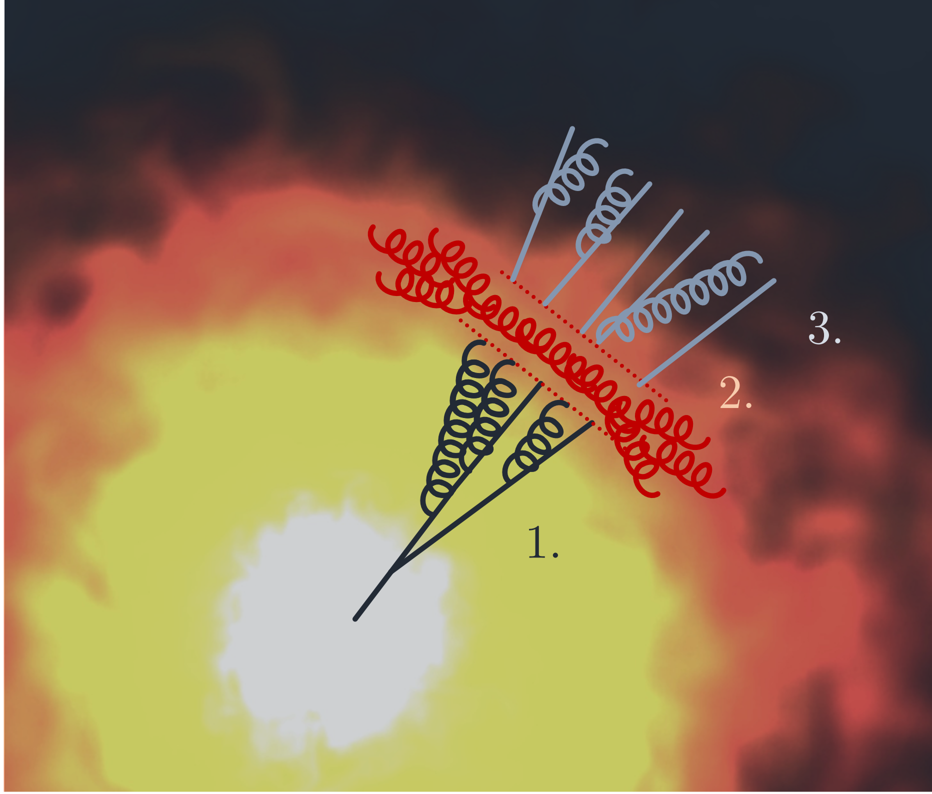
Introduction



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3. Out-of-medium vacuum evol.

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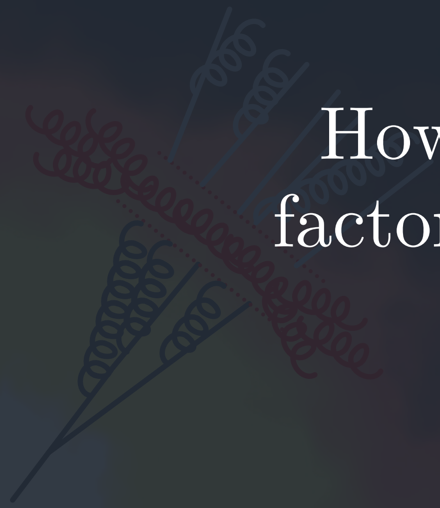

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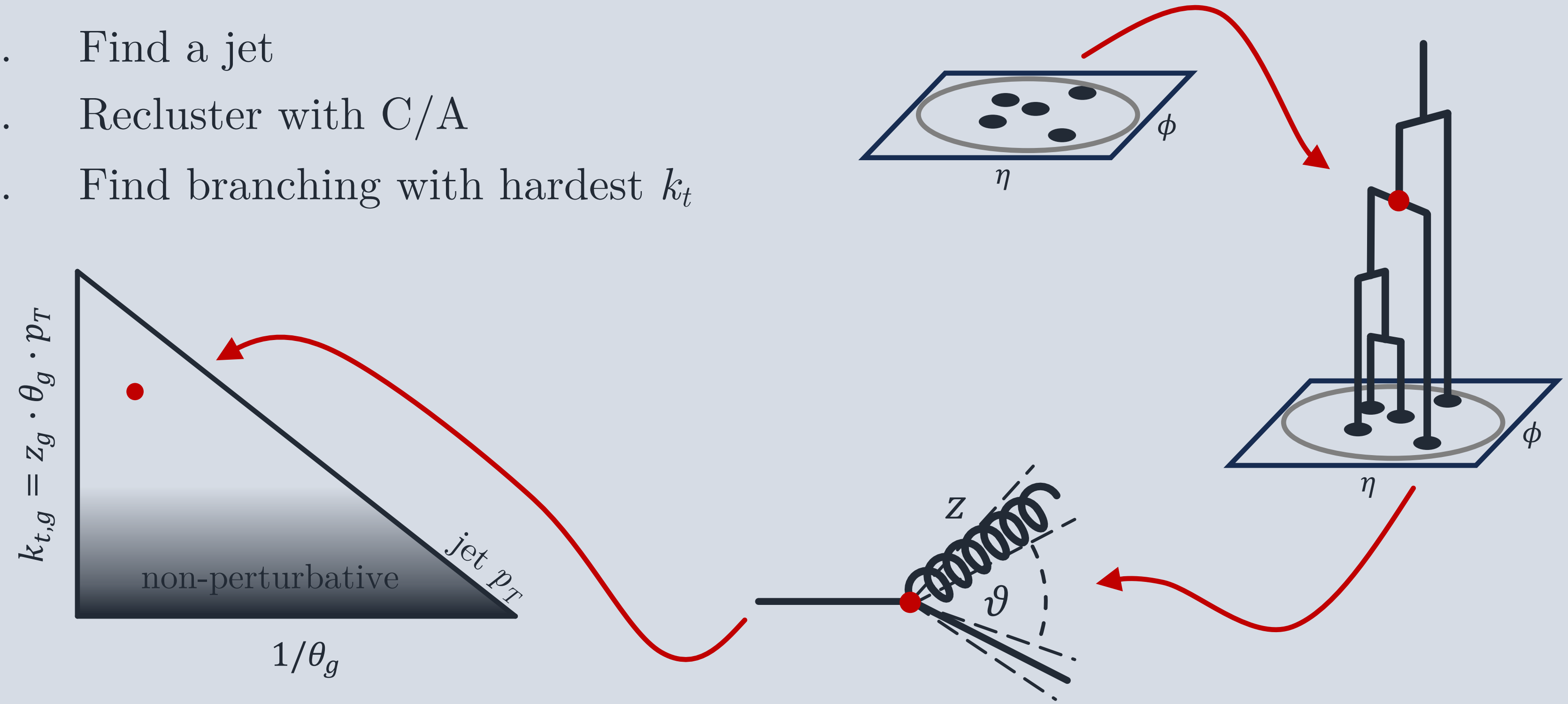
How to test the factorized picture?

Hardest splitting in jets

Dynamical grooming:
[Mehtar-Tani, Soto-Ontoso, Tywoniuk]
[Caucal, Soto-Ontoso, Takacs]
[ALICE, JHEP 05 (2023) 244]
[ATLAS, PRC 107 (2023) 054909]

1. Find a jet
2. Recluster with C/A
3. Find branching with hardest k_t



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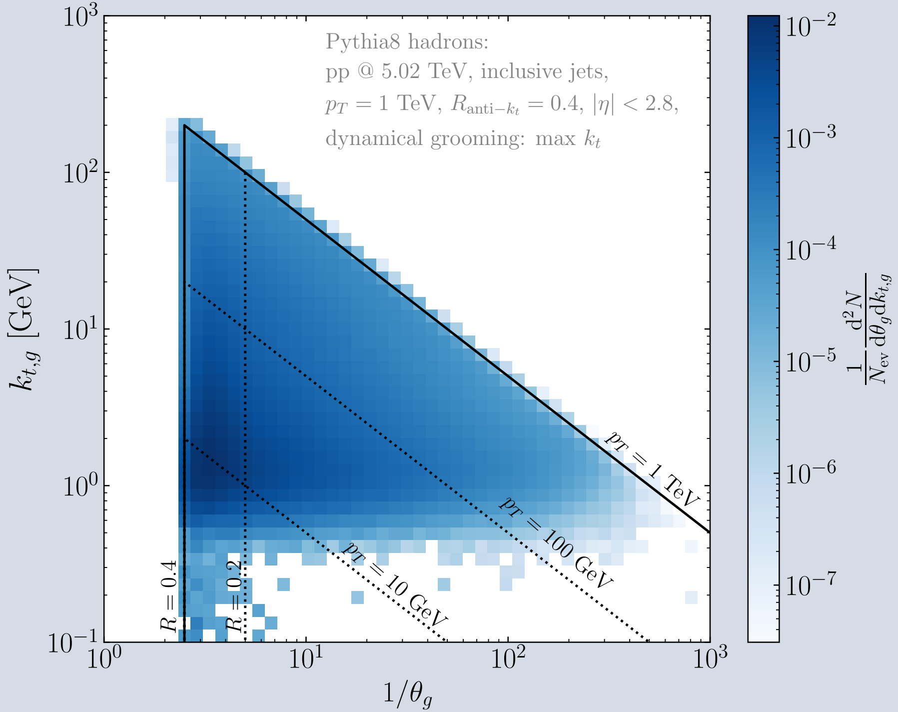

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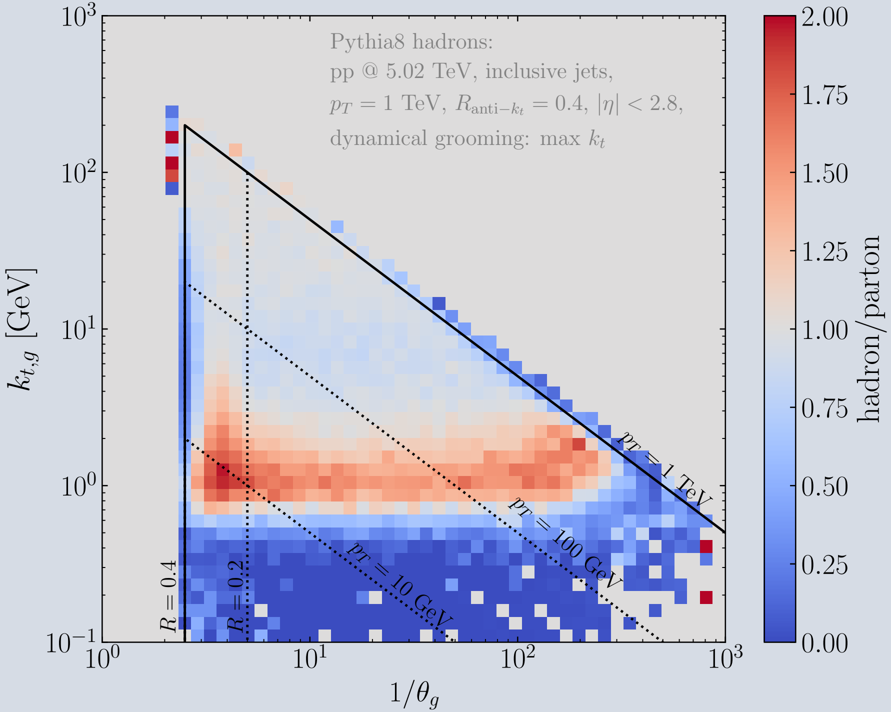

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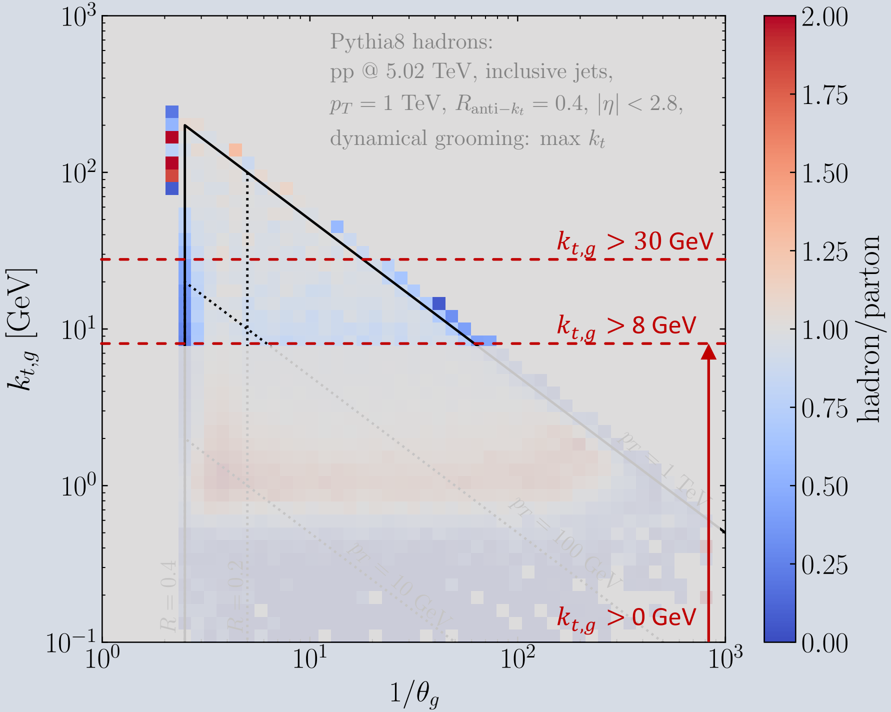

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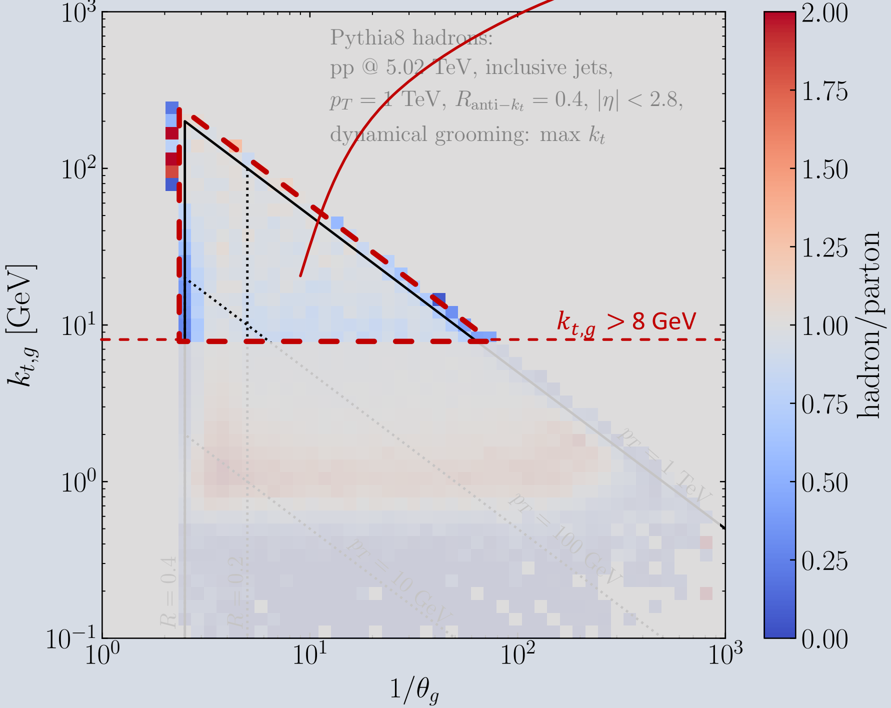

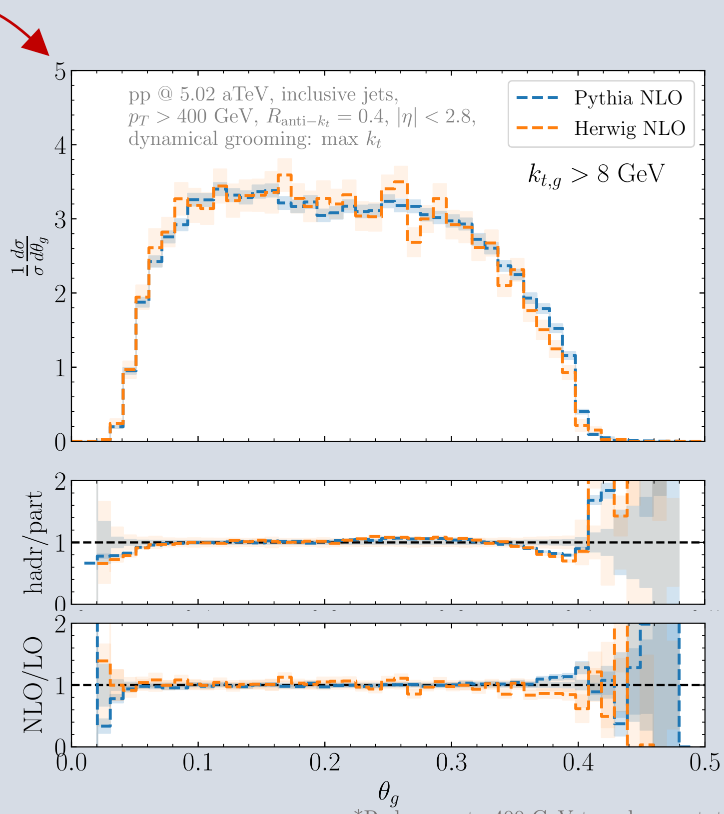

*Reduce p_T to 400 GeV to enhance statistics.

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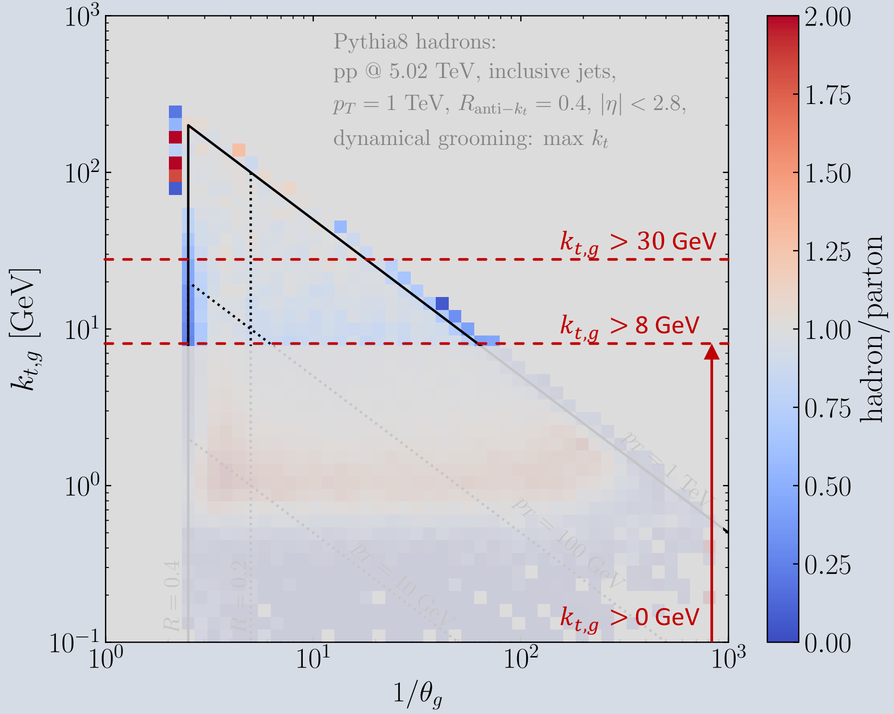

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- Solid pp baseline!

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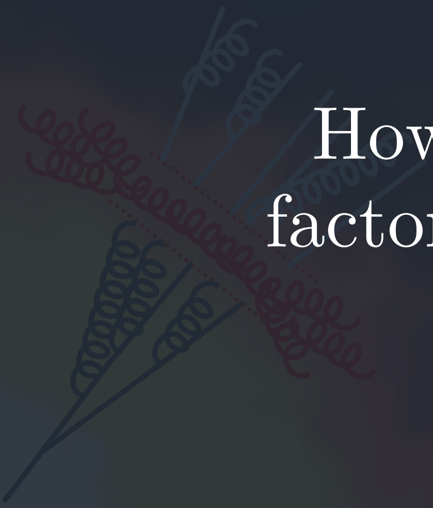

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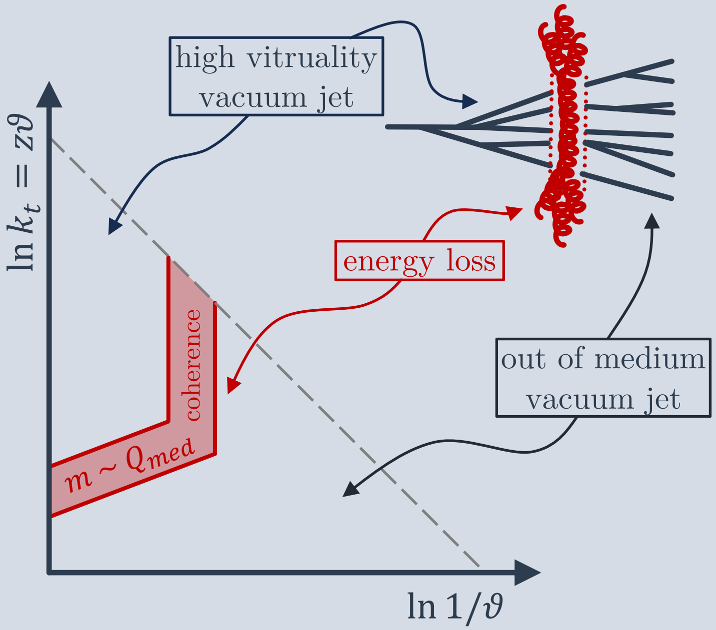
Jet evolution in QGP

[Mehtar-Tani, Tywoniuk, Salgado]
[Caucal, Iancu, Mueller, Soyez]

Factorized picture:

1. High virtuality: vacuum evolution*
   (not all model has this)
2. Low virtuality $\sim Q_{med}$: energy loss
   (very different eloss models)
3. Out of medium: vacuum evolution*
   (not all model has this)



*Modifications appear beyond the leading accuracy.

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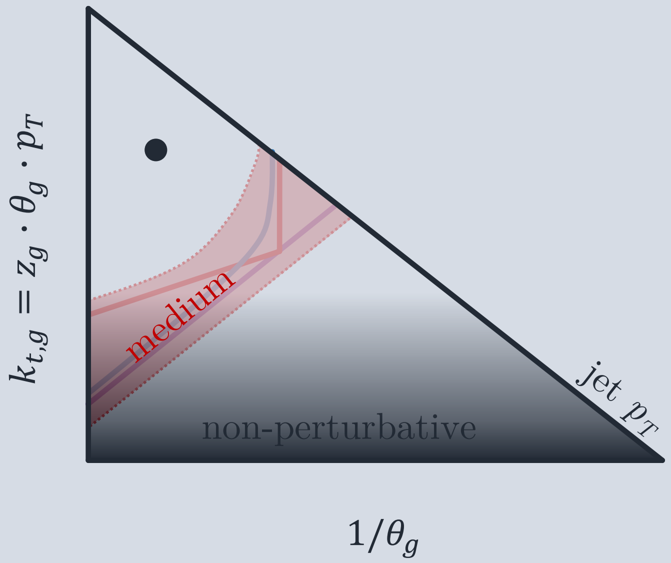

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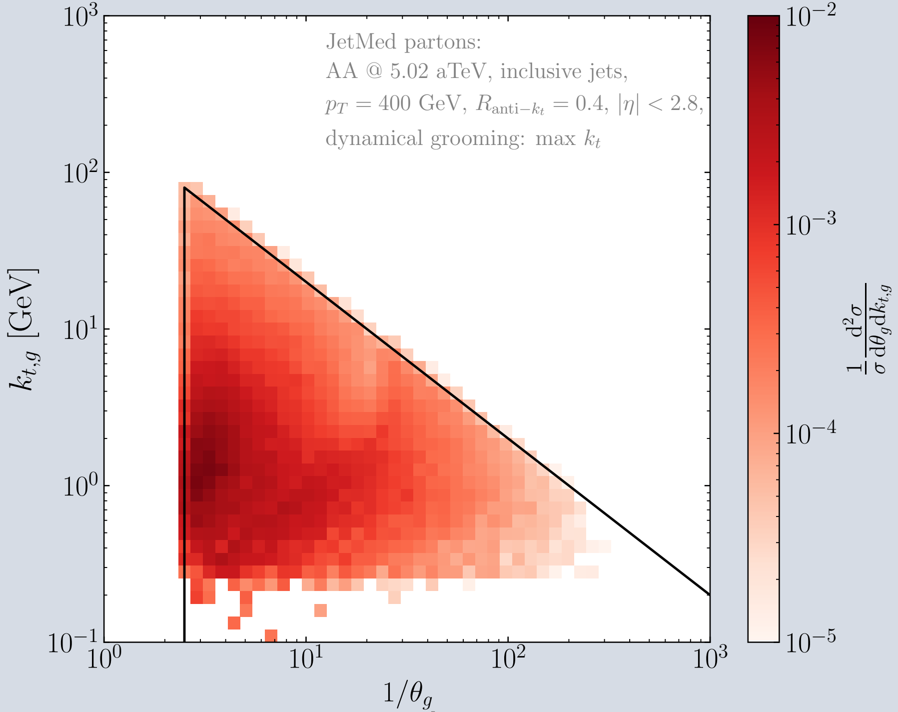

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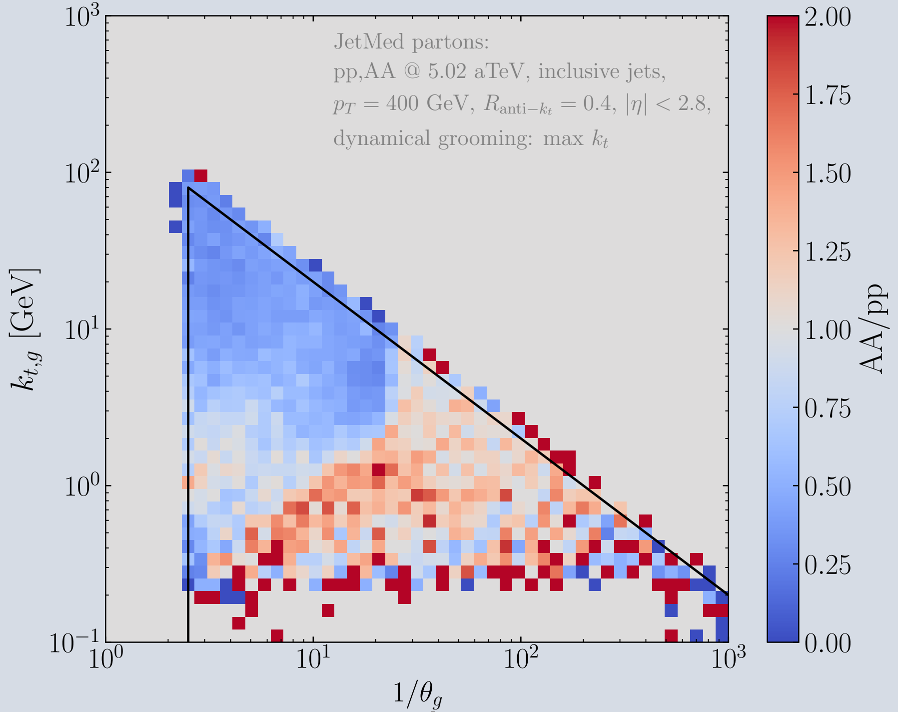

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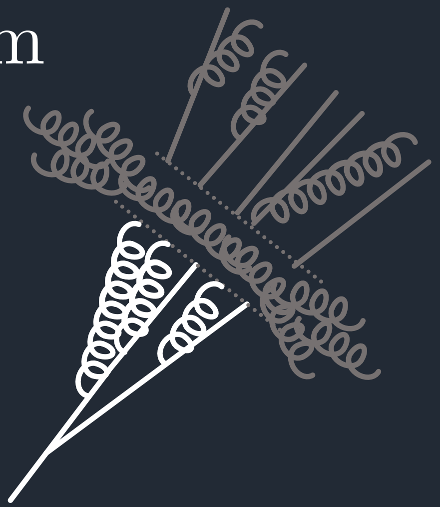
I. Test of early vacuum evolution



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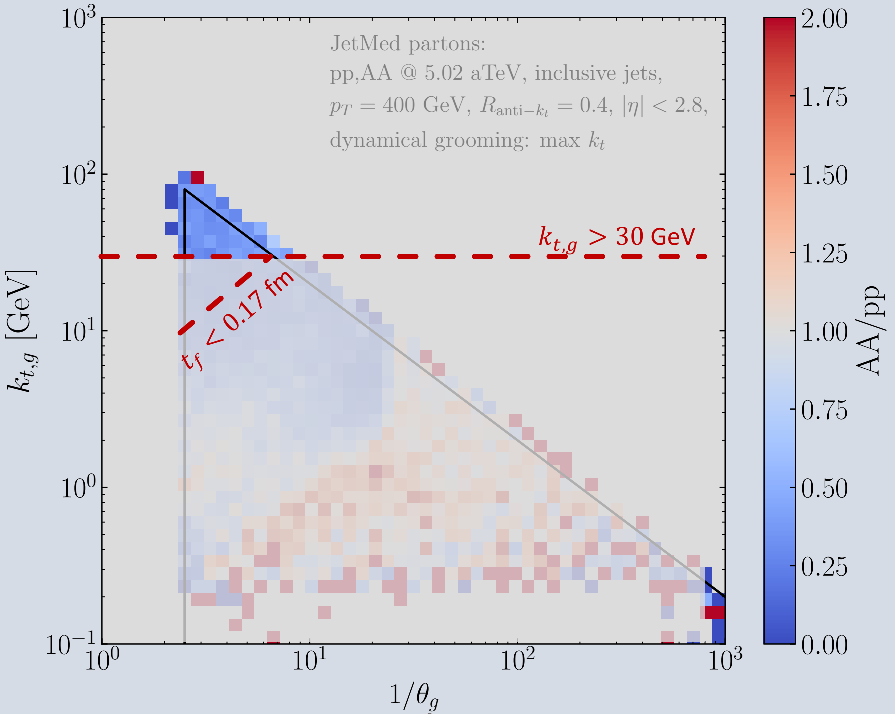

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- Different boundaries
- $k_{t,\text{cut}}$ for very hard emissions
- very early emissions!

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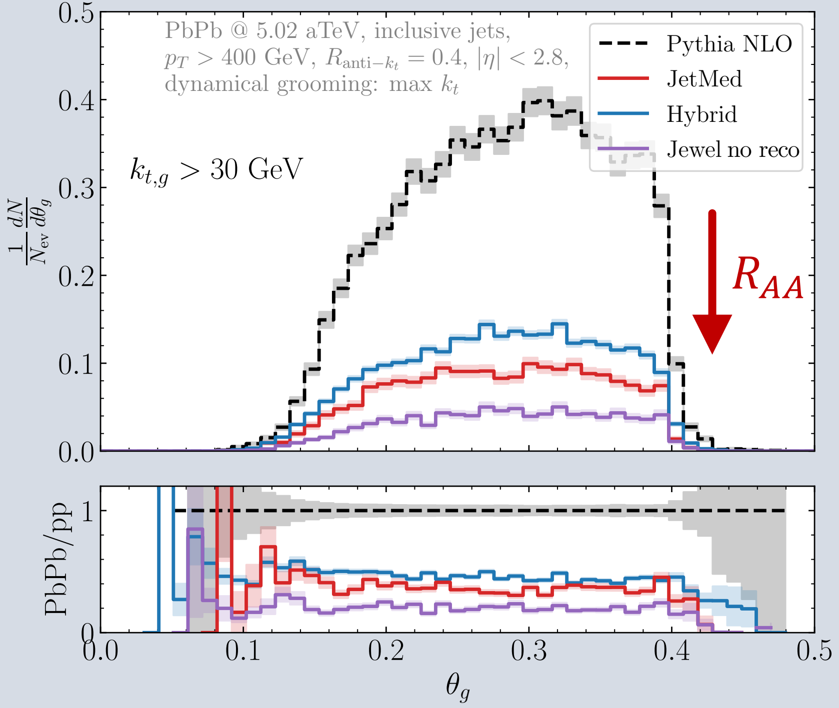
- less jets = R_{AA}, self-normalize!



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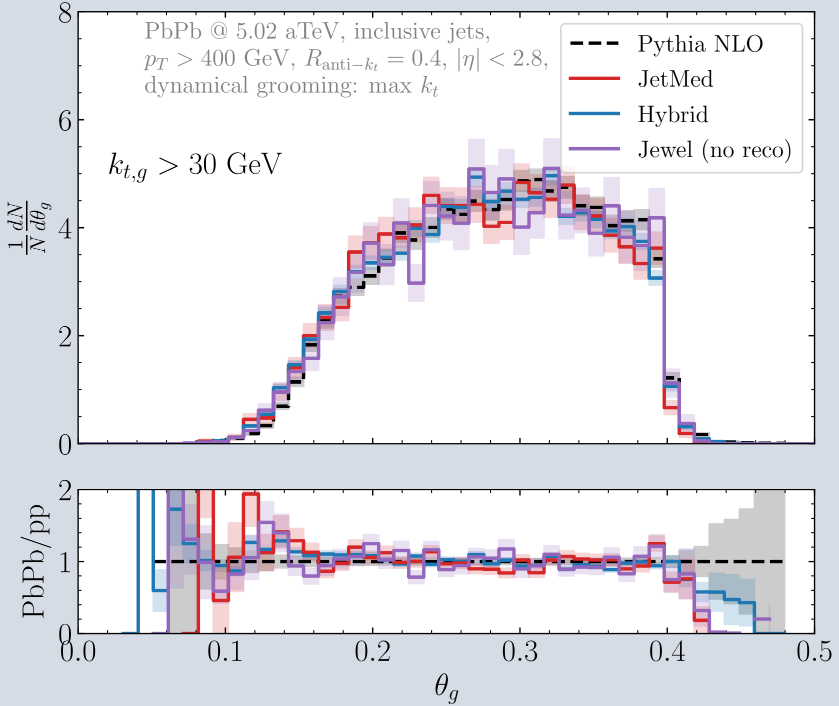
Hardest splitting in quenched jets (high-k_t)

- less jets = R_{AA}, self-normalize!
- no modification:

  pp = AA = most models
- vacuum-like baseline in AA!



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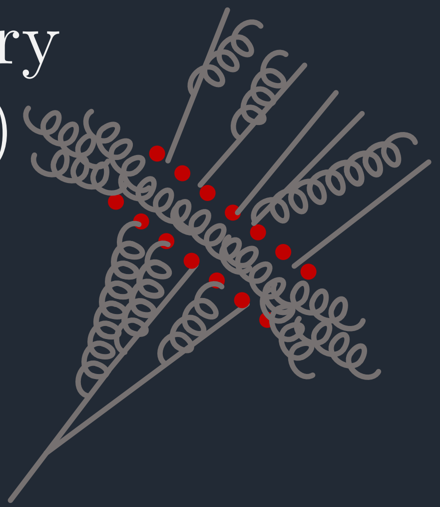
II. Test of the boundary (and color coherence)



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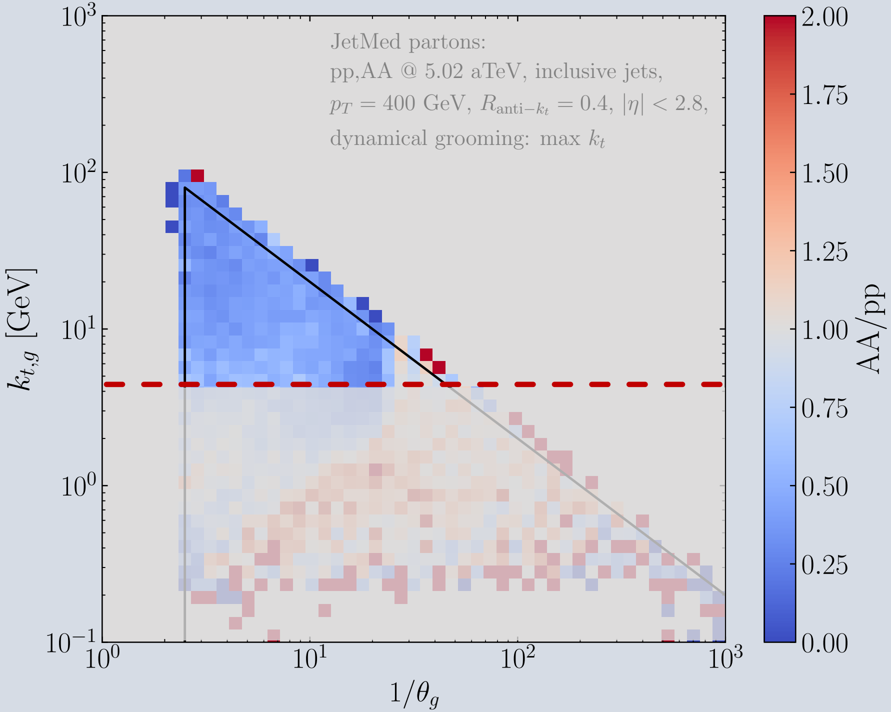

- Different boundaries
- $k_{t,\text{cut}}$ for perturbative emissions
- not so early emissions!

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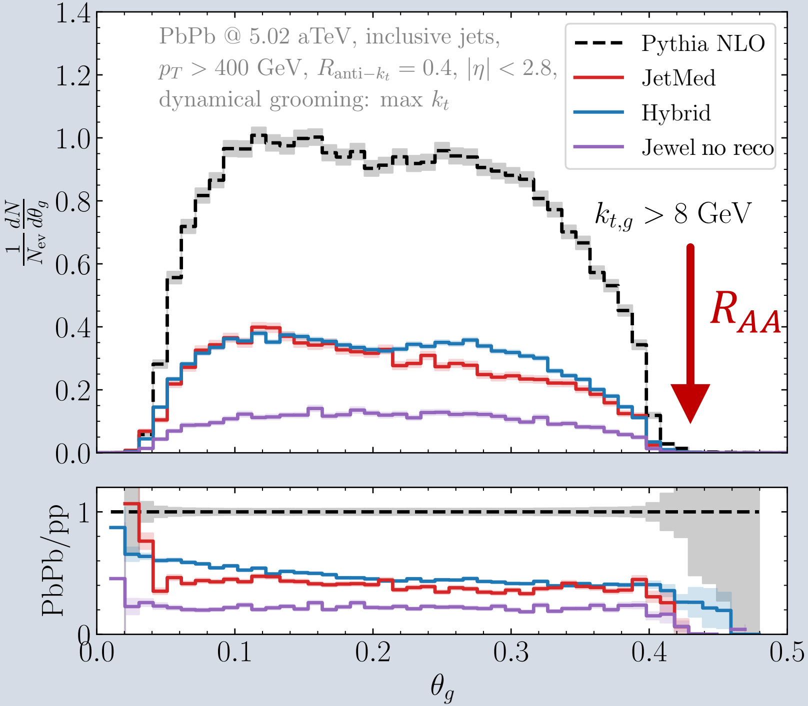

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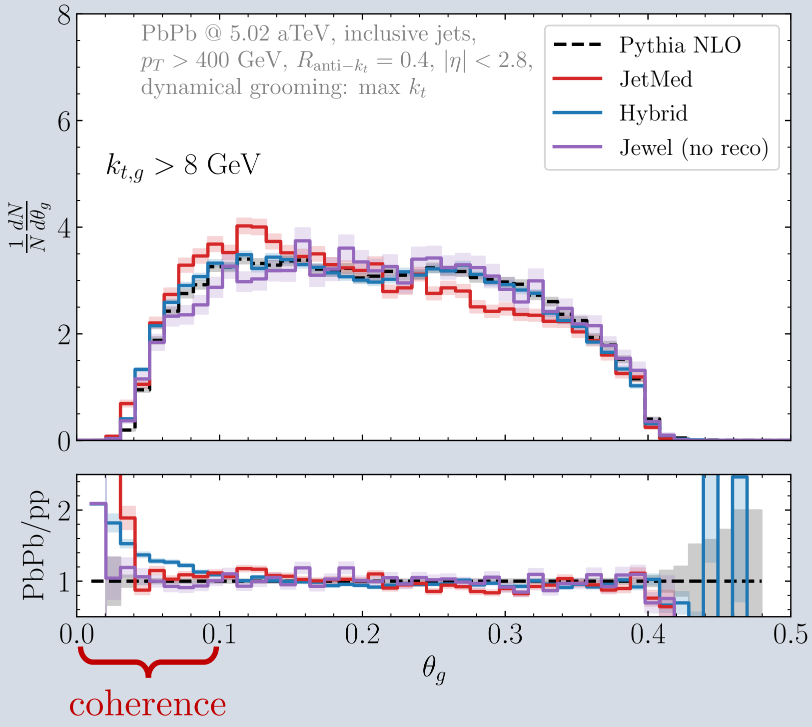
- less jets = R_{AA}, self-normalize!
- modification in shape!
- test of color resolution!



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III. Test of medium response

(more in the Tokyo meeting)

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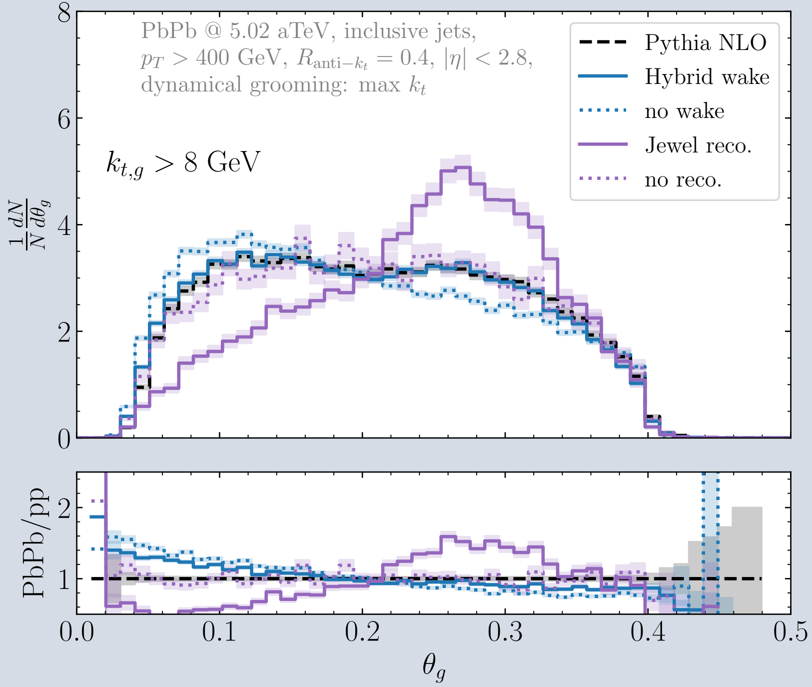
- modification in shape!
- test of color resolution!
- test of jet thermalization!



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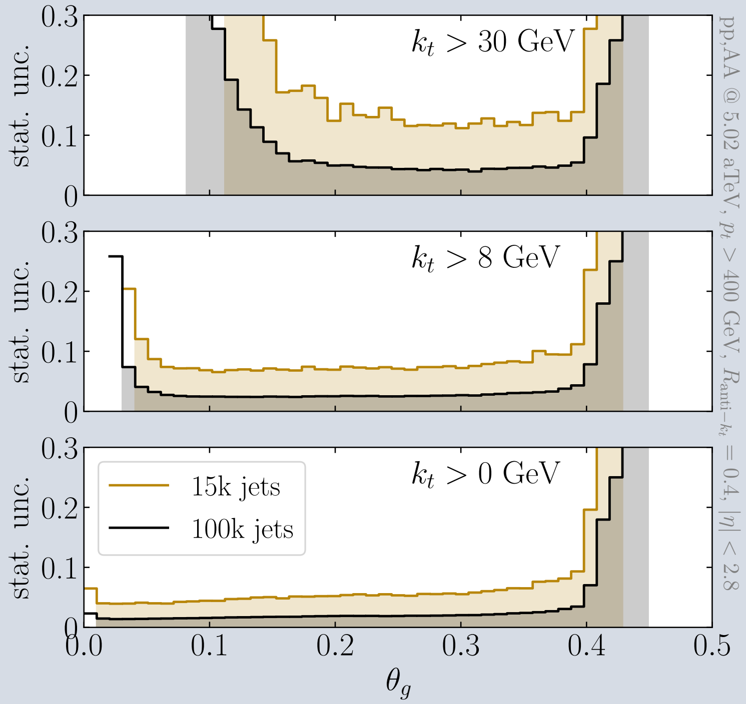
IV. Experimental aspects

Reconstructing the hardest splitting

- Expected luminosity ~ 13 nb^{-1}

  (15k jets above 400 GeV)

- Small angles: $\theta_g \sim 0.01$



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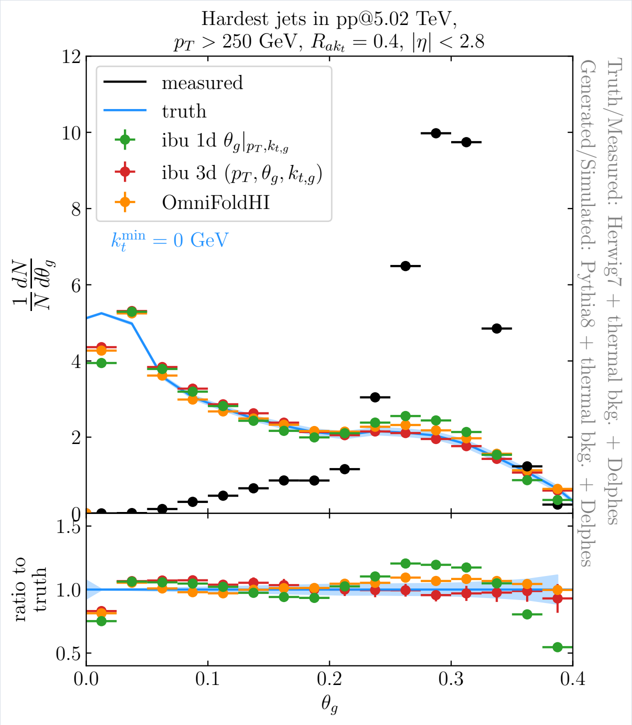
- Unfolding:

  (MC + bkg + Delphes)



[Alexander Falcão talk on OmniFoldHI, Tue]

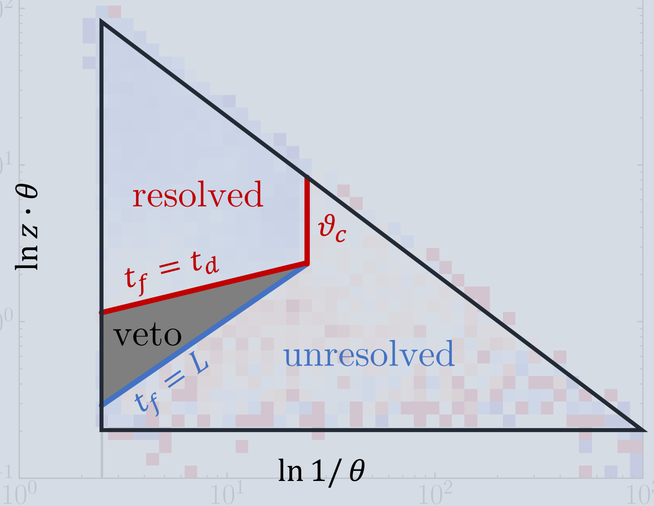
Summary: perturbative splittings in AA

1. high kt:
   - test of mode separation
   - vacuum-like baseline in AA collision
2. moderate kt:
   - test of color resolution
   - test of jet thermalization
   - new baseline for AA collision
3. Outlook:
   - low kt: test of induced emissions [Alexander Falcao talk on Tue]
   - measurement [Vangelis Vladimirov (CMS) talk on Mon]

Thank you for your attention!

Hardest splitting in quenched jets

Quick reminder of JetMed



- Multiple soft scattering approximation in infinite plasma
- vacuum-like emissions undisturbed:

$$t_f < t_d < L$$

- wide angle energy loss of resolved emissions

Medium scales

[JetMed: Caucal, Iancu, Mueller, Soyez]

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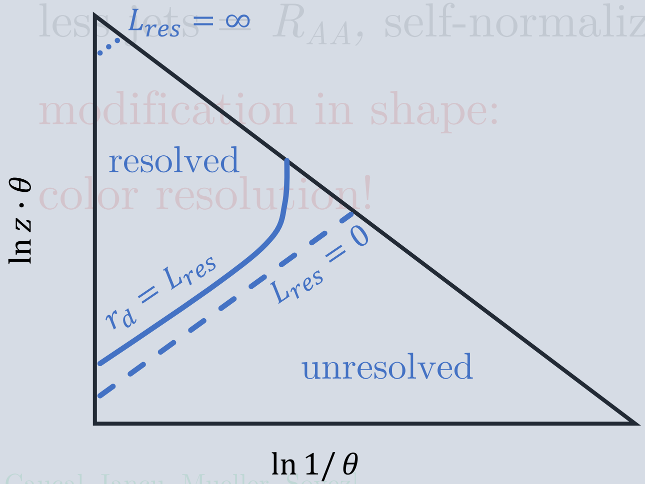
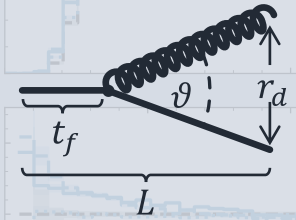
coherence

Quick reminder of Hybrid



- vacuum emissions are undisturbed:
- energy loss of resolved emissions:

$$r_d = (L - t_f)\theta > L_{res}$$



- 2+1D hydro

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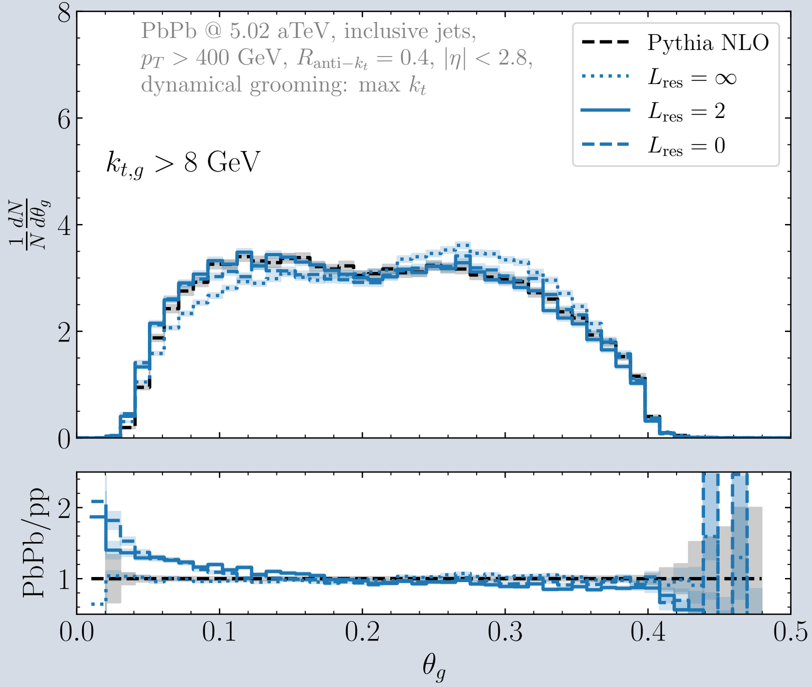

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The Jewel model

1. Generate Pythia6 event with nPDFs without FSR

2. Time and formation time are the same

3. Vacuum radiation or elastic scattering every timestep

$$-\ln S_{rad}(t,t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t} \frac{dt}{t} \int dz \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} P(z)$$

$$-\ln S_{el}(t,t_0) = \frac{t-t_0}{\lambda_{mfp}}$$

4. Elastic scatterings reset the shower scale, multiple scatterings are suppressed ("LPM")

5. The recoiler from 2-2 scatterings freestream