

# Isolating perturbative QCD splittings in heavy-ion collisions

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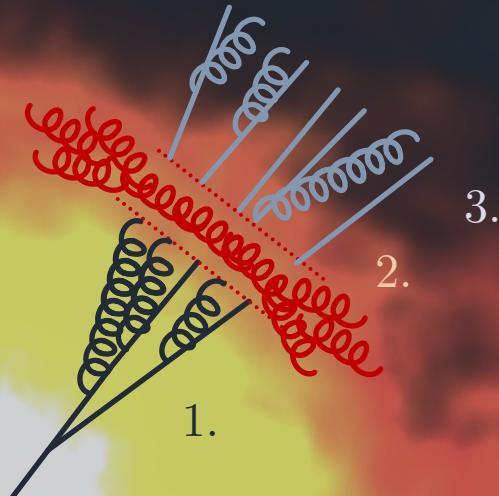
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# Introduction



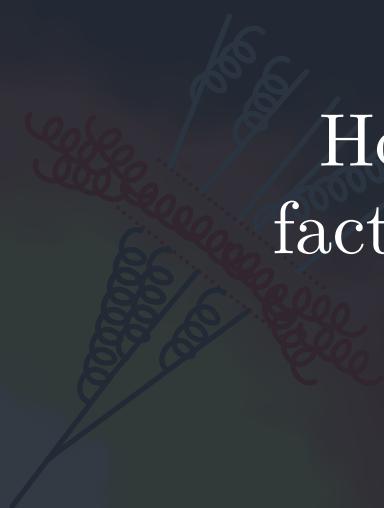
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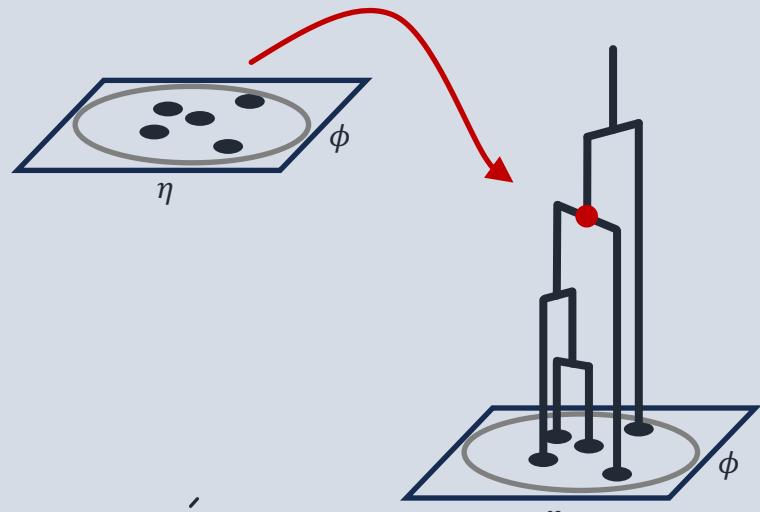
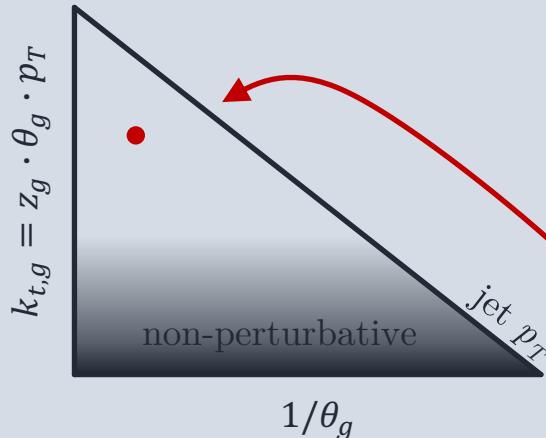
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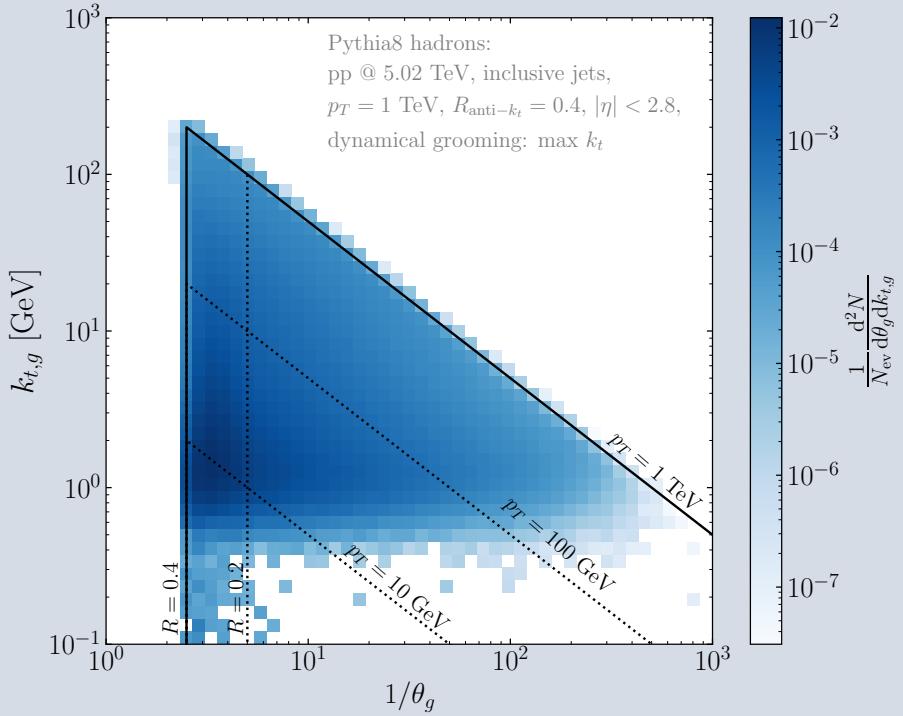
# Hardest splitting in jets

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

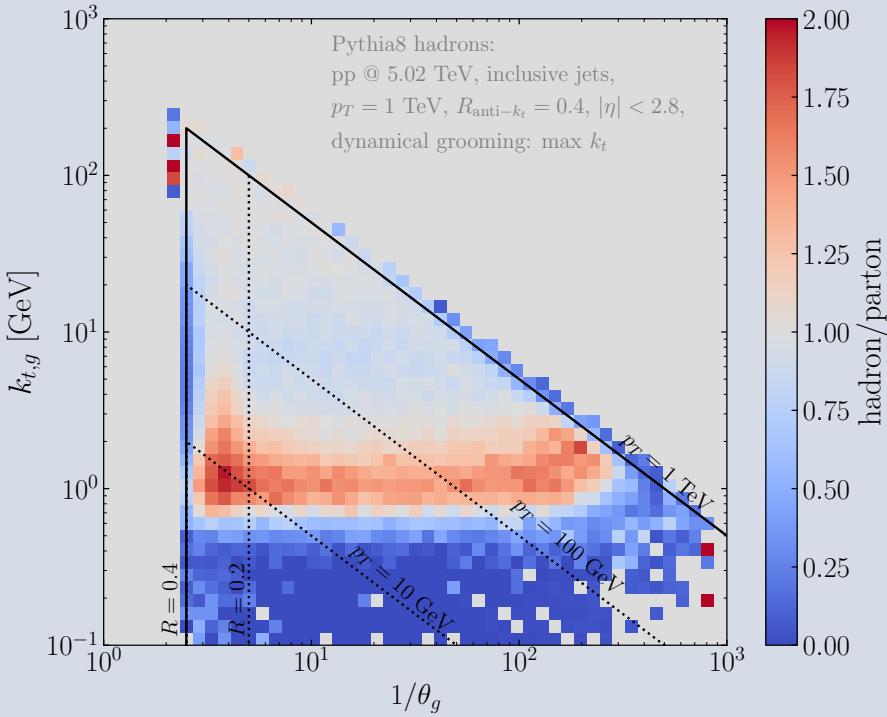
1. Find a jet
2. Recluster with C/A
3. Find branching with hardest  $k_t$



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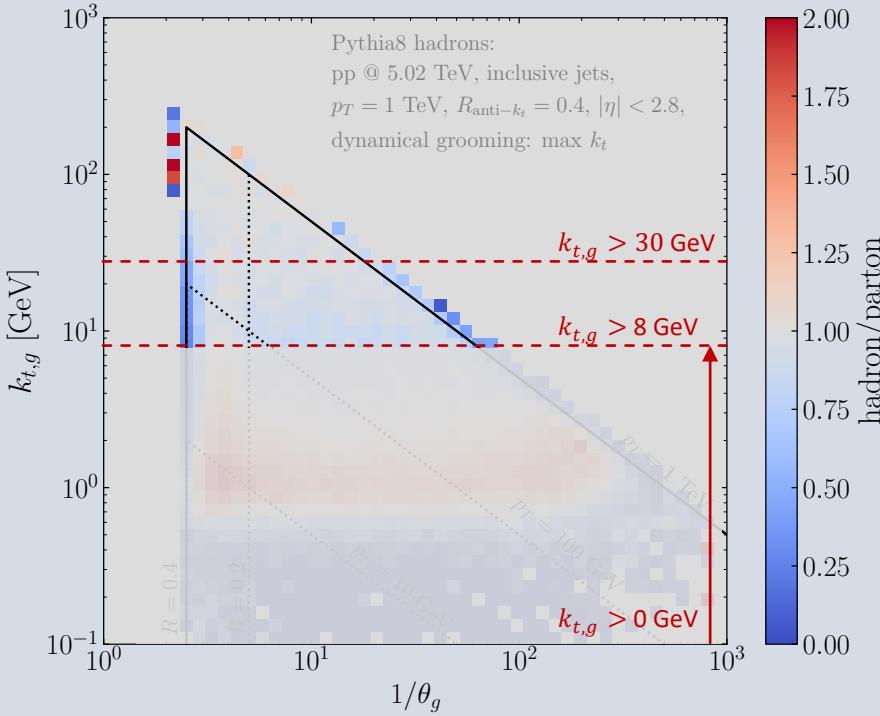


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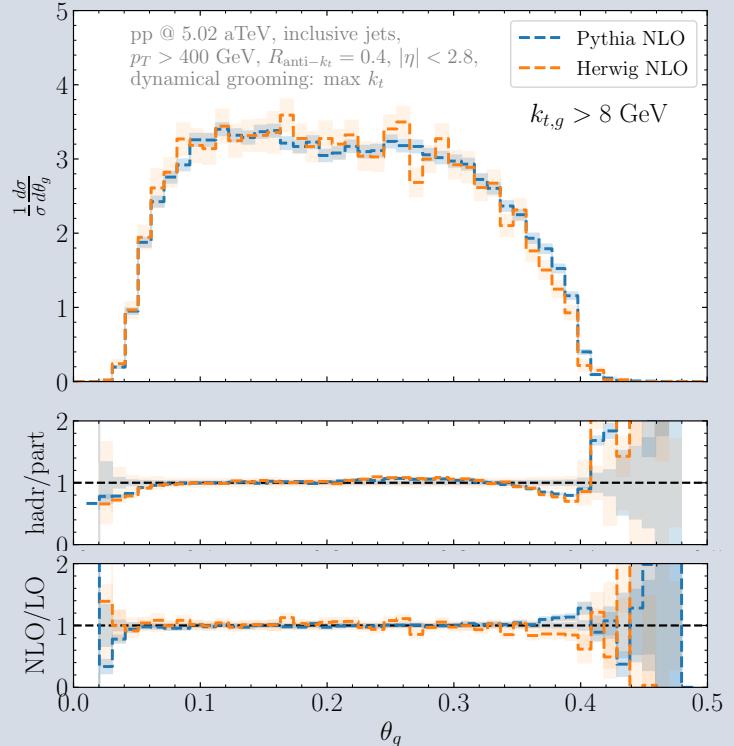
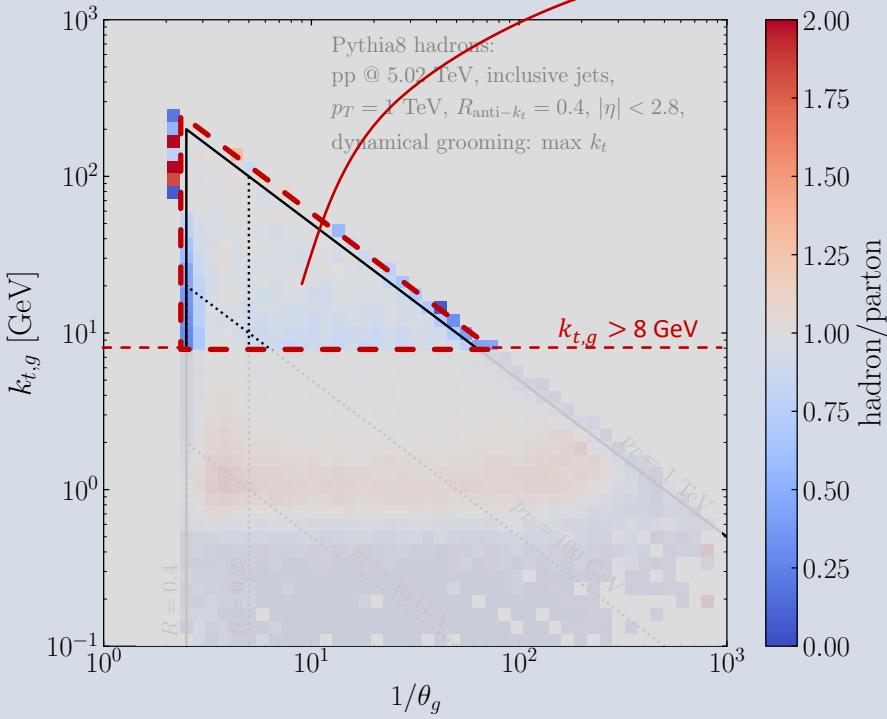
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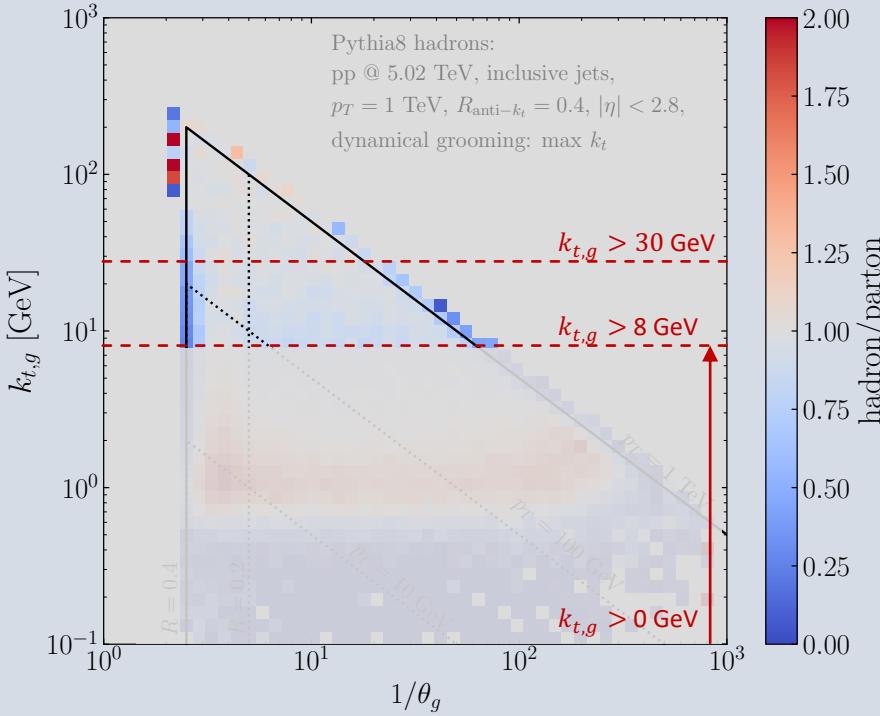


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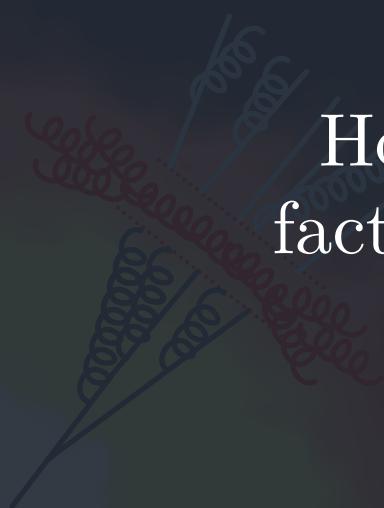


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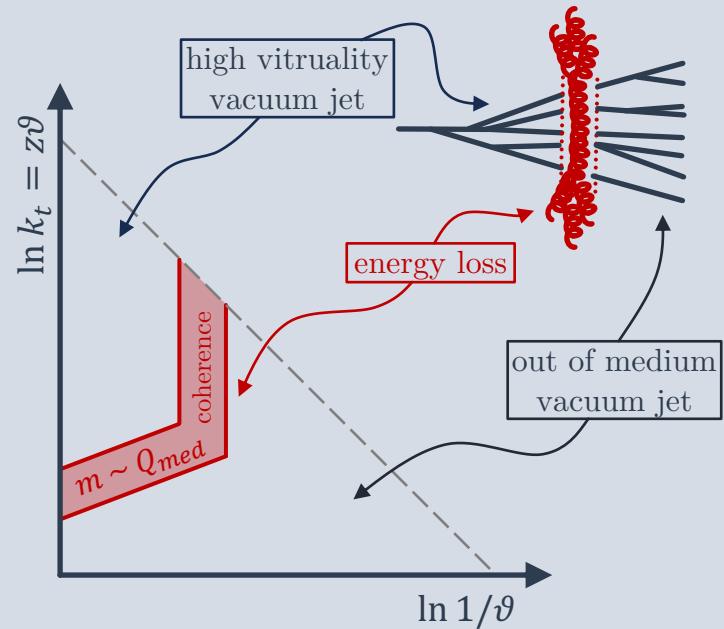


# Jet evolution in QGP

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

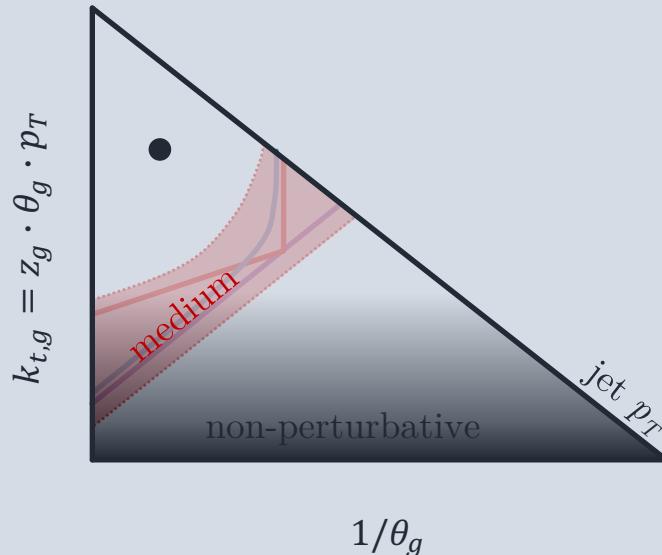
Factorized picture:

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)



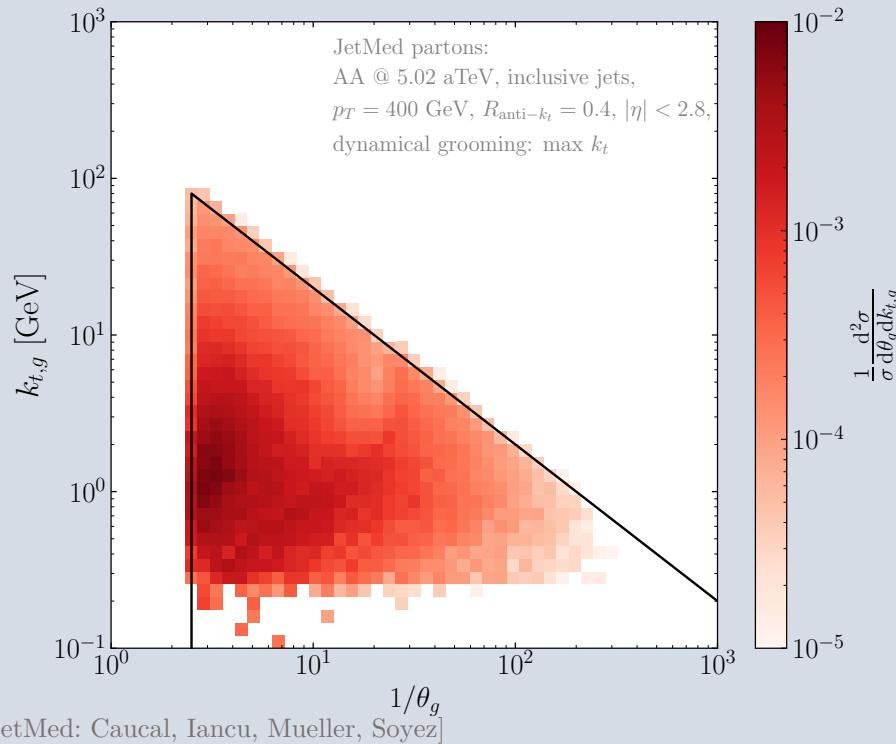
\*Modifications appear beyond the leading accuracy.

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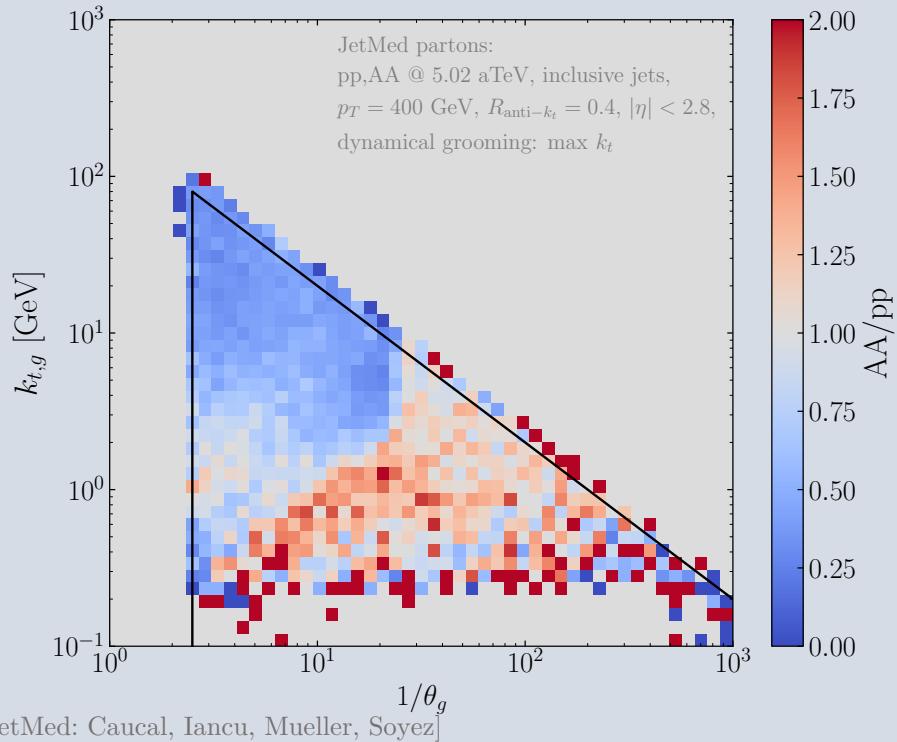
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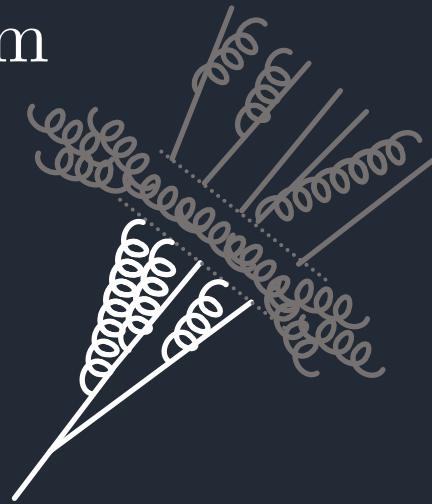
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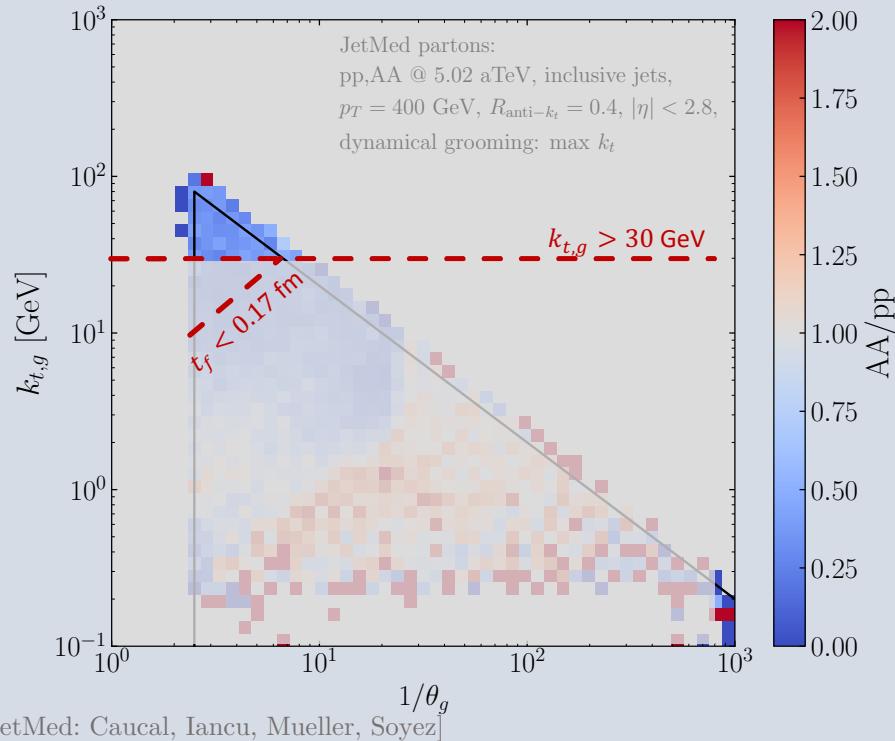


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# I. Test of early vacuum evolution



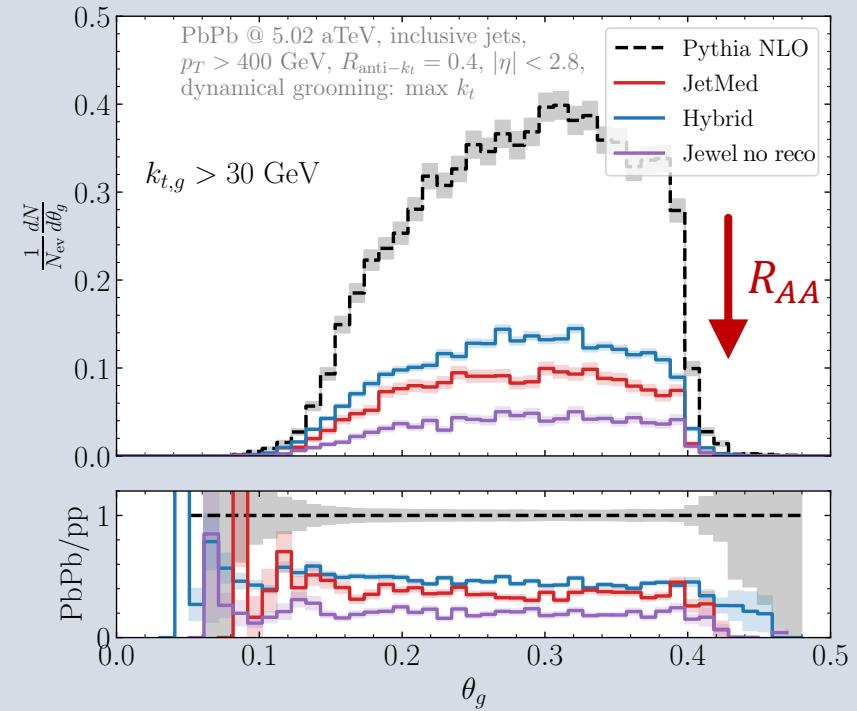
# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (high- $k_t$ )



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

# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (high- $k_t$ )

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



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[Hybrid: Casalderrey-Solana, Gulhan, Milhano, Pablos, Rajagopal]

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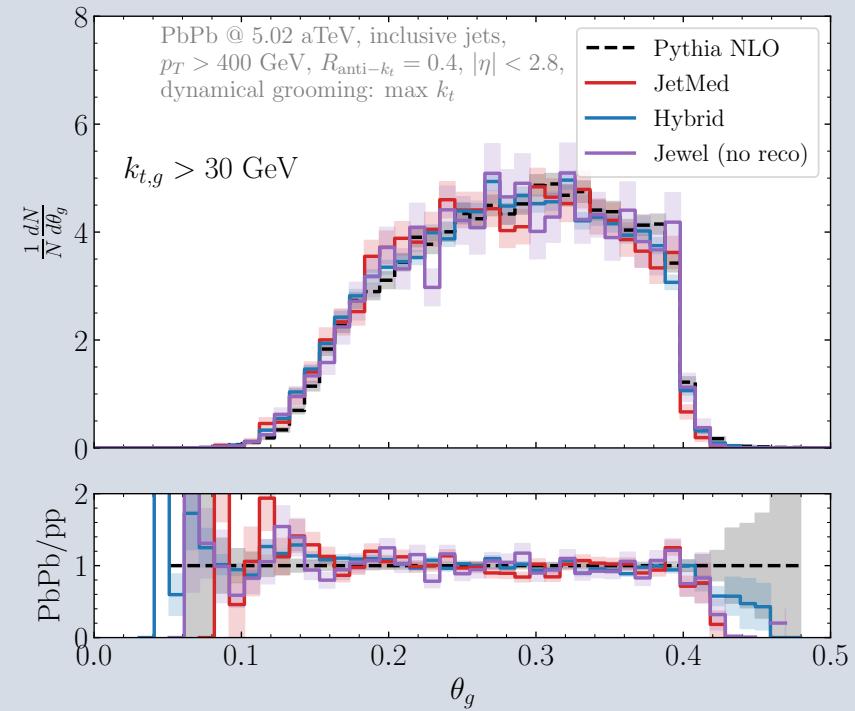
# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (high- $k_t$ )

- less jets =  $R_{AA}$ , self-normalize!
- no modification:  
pp = AA = most models
- vacuum-like baseline in AA!

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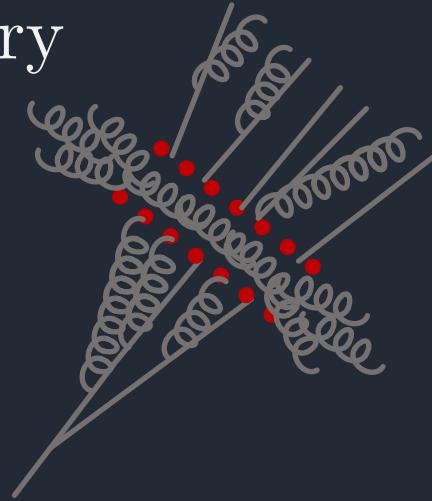
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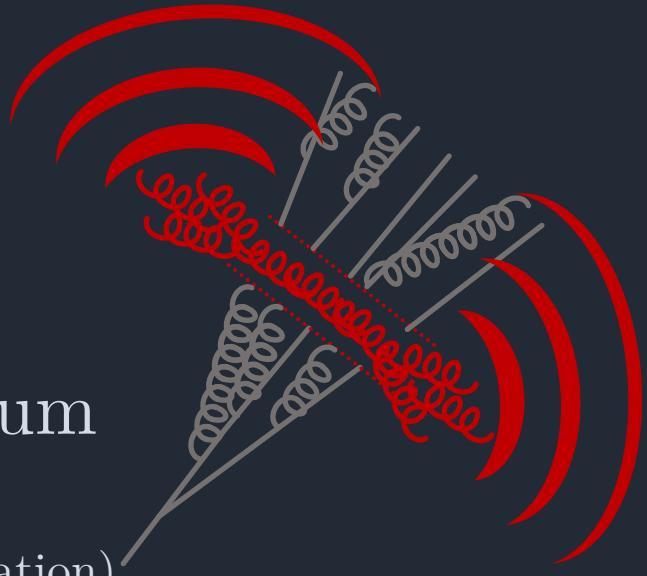


## II. Test of the boundary and color coherence

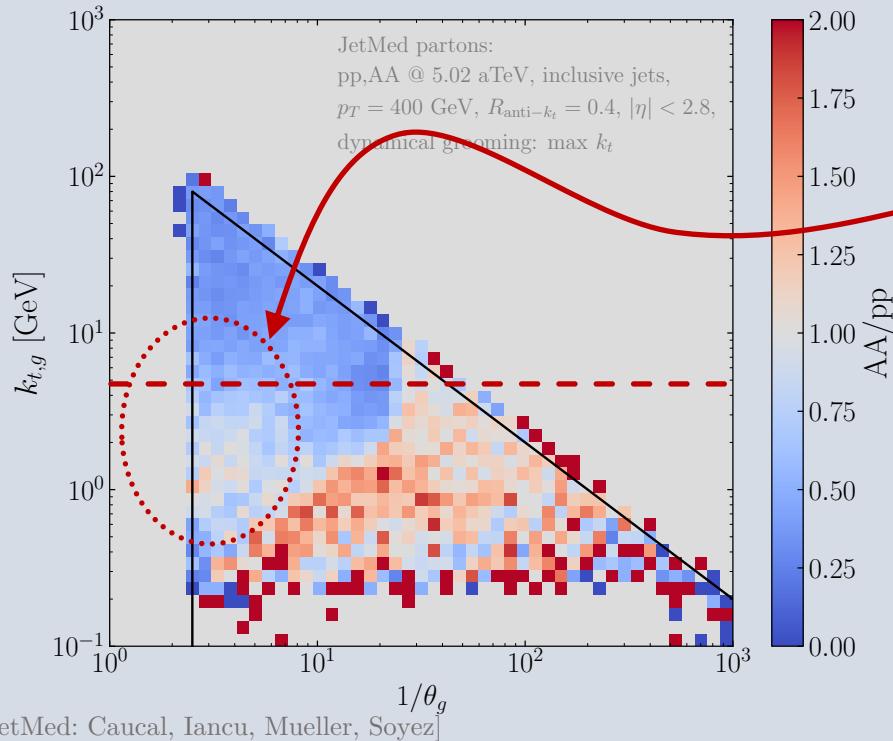
(more on this in Hard Probes)



### III. Test of medium response (and medium induced radiation)



# Hardest splitting in quenched jets

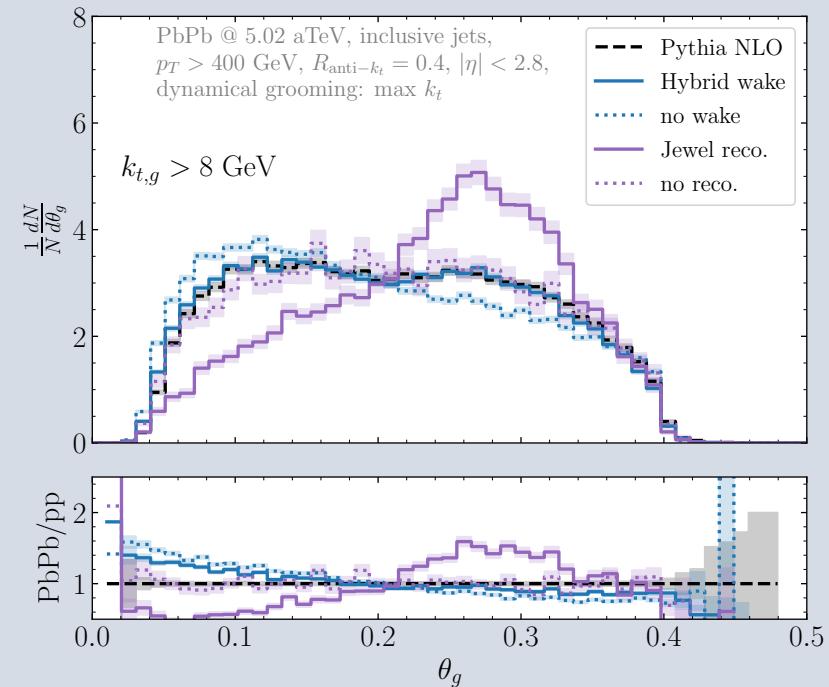


- Medium response (and medium induced radiation): not collinear, not hard

# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (mid- $k_t$ )

- less jets =  $R_{AA}$ , self-normalize!
  - modification in shape!
  - test of jet thermalization!
- +1 study soft?

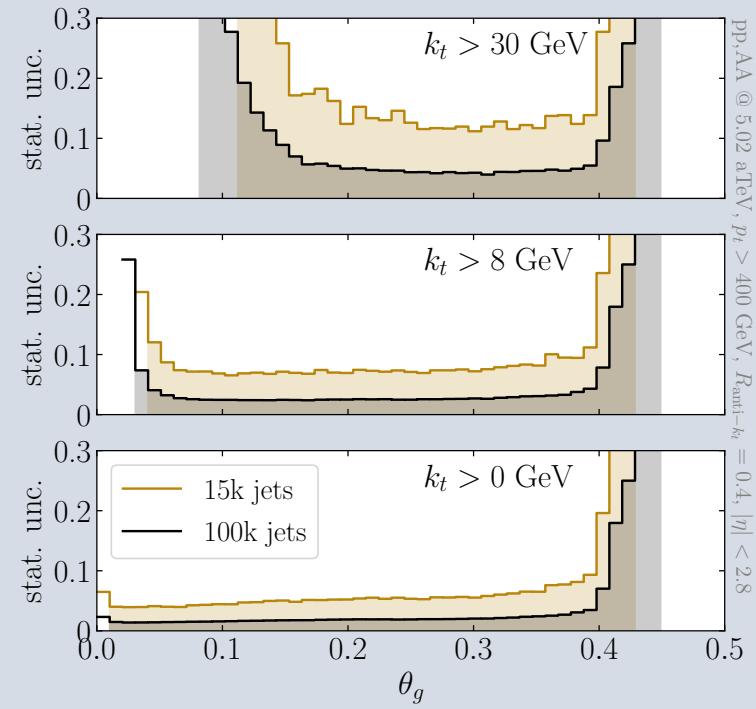
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## IV. Experimental aspects

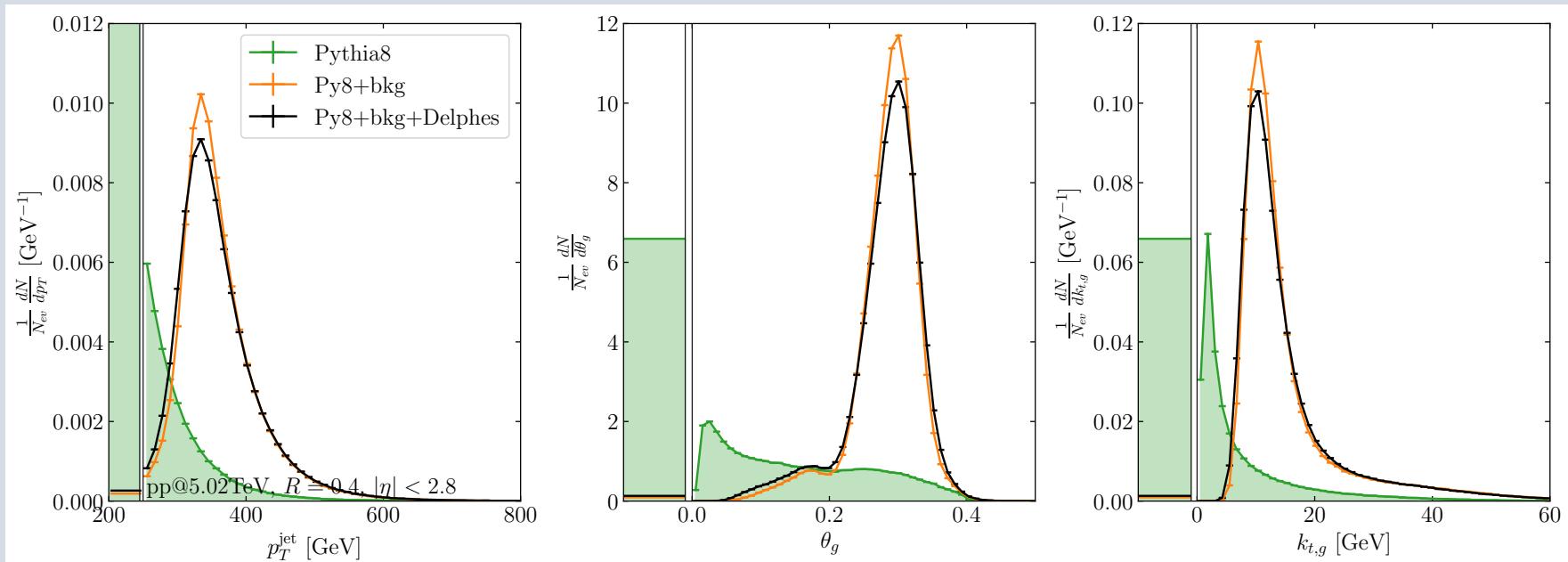
# Reconstructing the hardest splitting

- Expected luminosity  $\sim 13 \text{ nb}^{-1}$   
(15k jets above 400 GeV)
- Measuring small angles:  $\theta_g \sim 0.01$   
(for color coherence)
- Unfolding at small  $k_t$  cut  
(for soft wake and medium induced radiation)



# Unfolding example

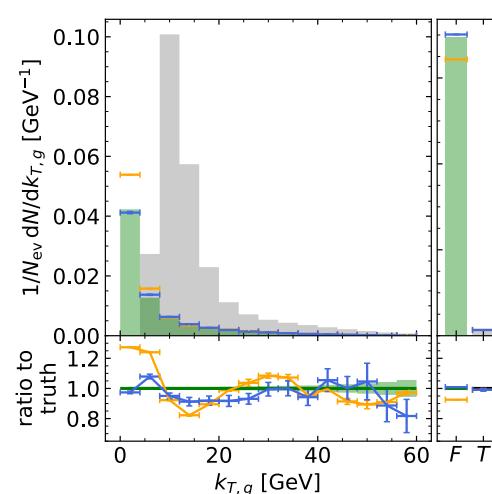
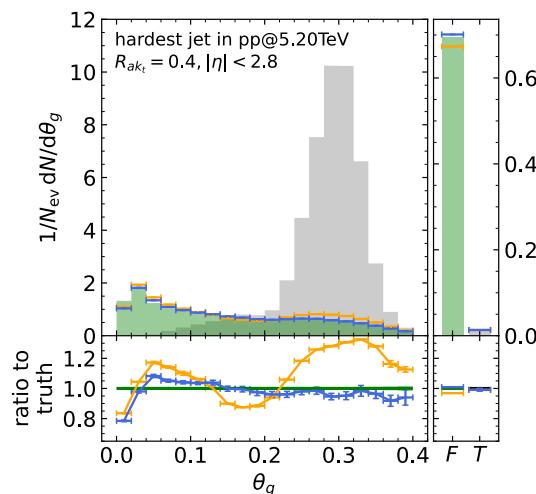
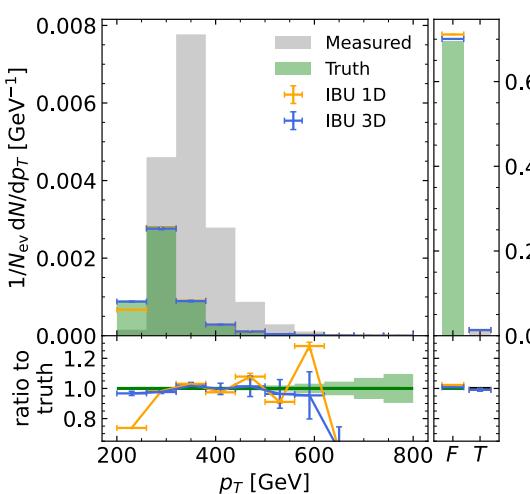
- 3 observables:  $p_T^{jet}, \theta_g, k_{t,g}$



# Unfolding example

- Iterative Bayesian Unfolding:  $p(\text{tru}) = \int d\text{meas} \underbrace{p(\text{tru}|\text{meas}) p(\text{meas})}_{\text{response matrix}}$

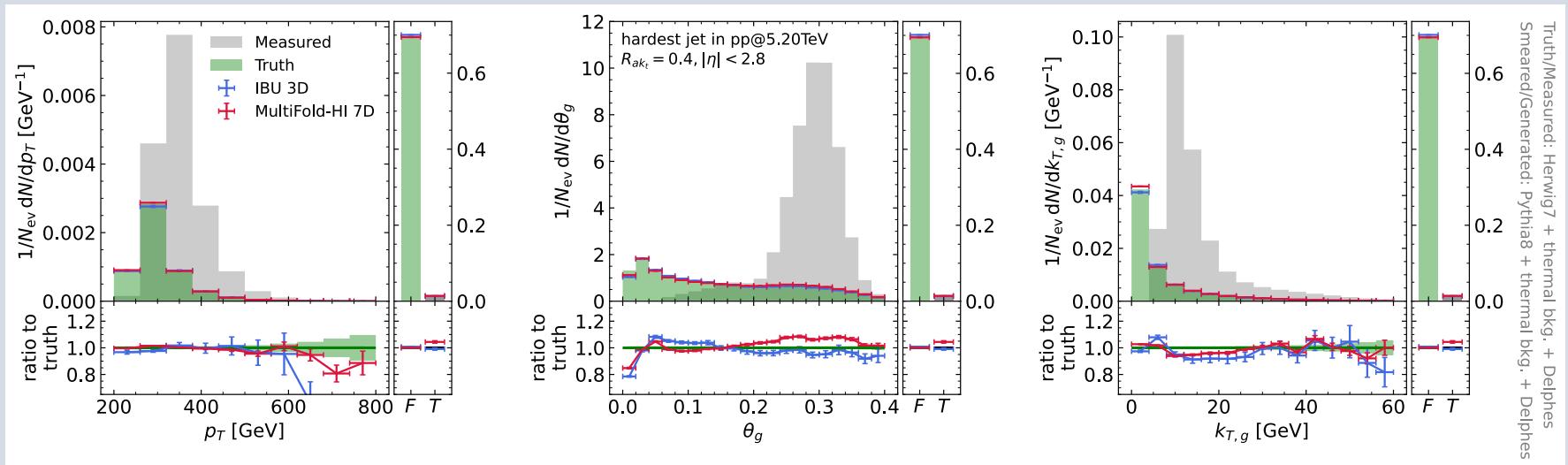
(includes bkg+Delphes)



Truth/Measured: Herwig7 + thermal bkg, + Delphes  
Smeared/Generated: Pythia8 + thermal bkg, + Delphes

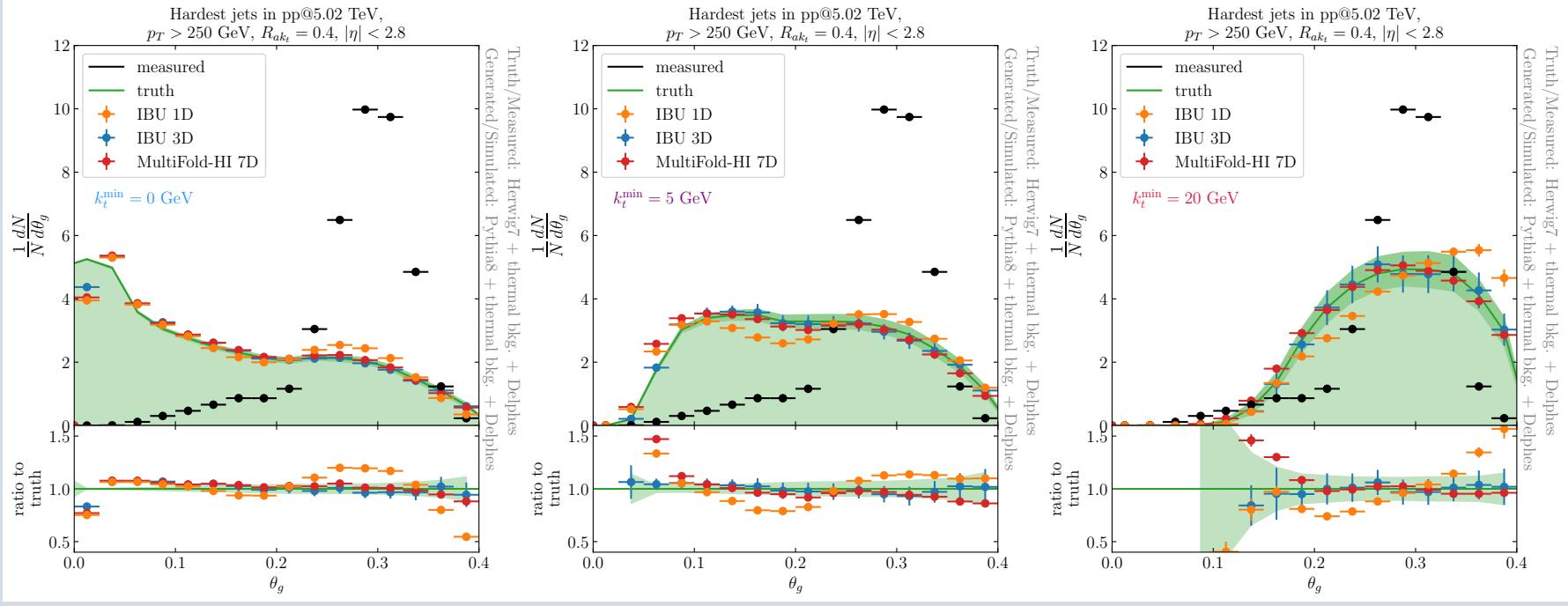
# Unfolding example

- Iterative Bayesian Unfolding extending to higher dimensions (OmniFold-HI)



# Unfolding example

- Applying the ktg cuts!



# 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:

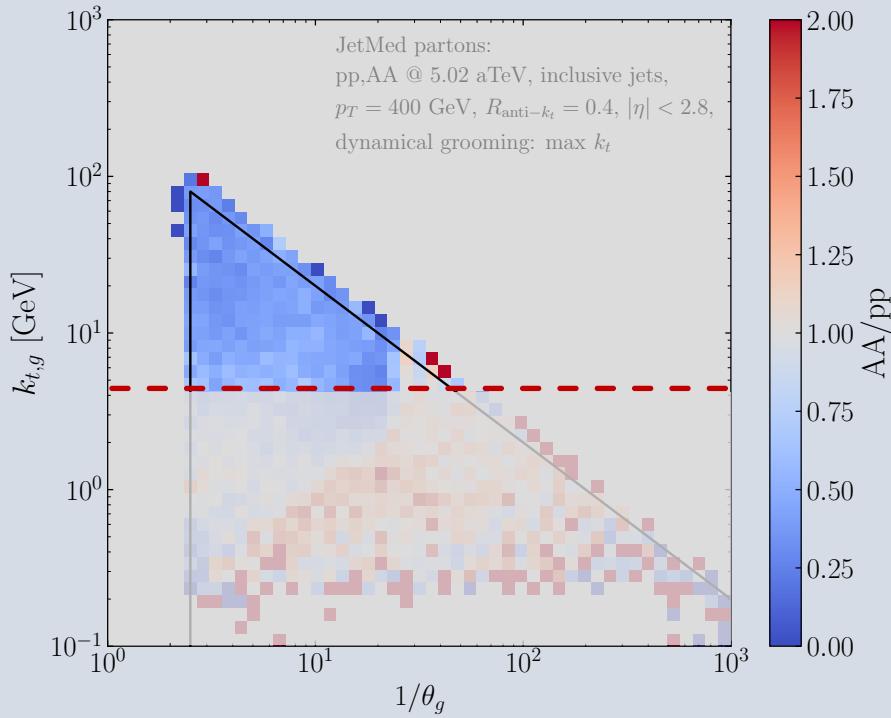
- low kt: test of induced emissions
- measurement

[Alexander Falcao talk on Tue]

[Vangelis Vladimirov (CMS) talk on Mon]

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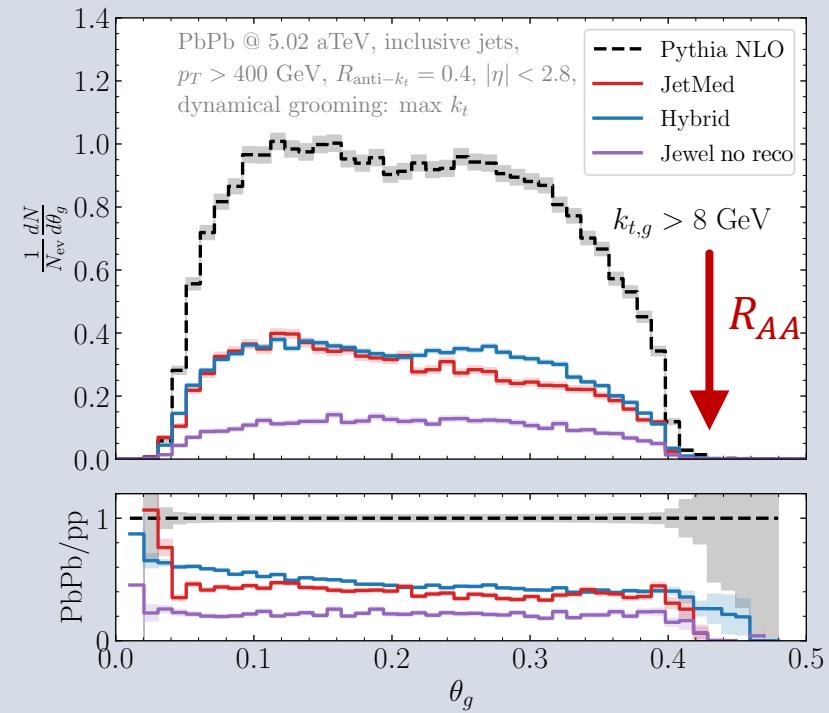
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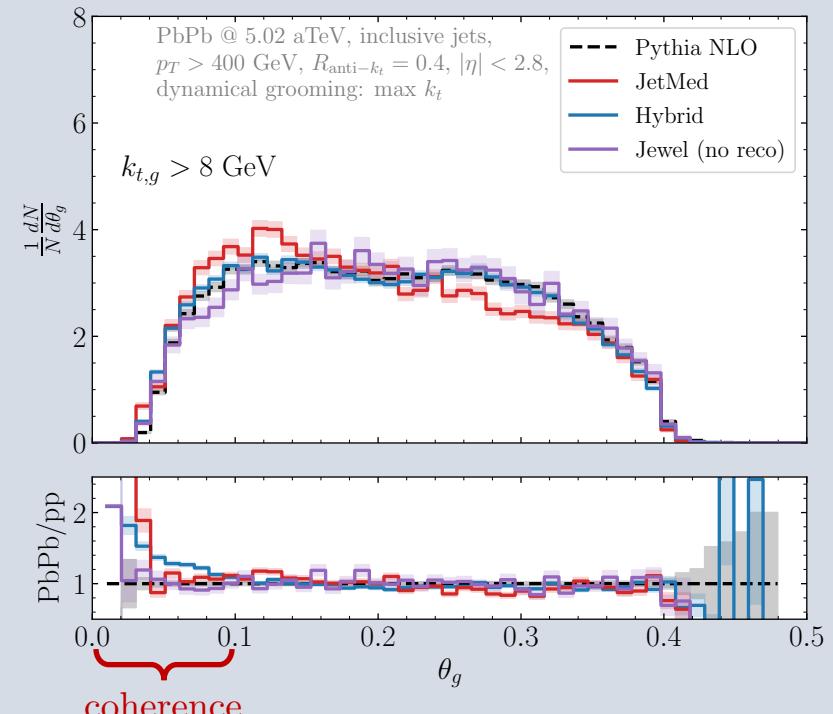
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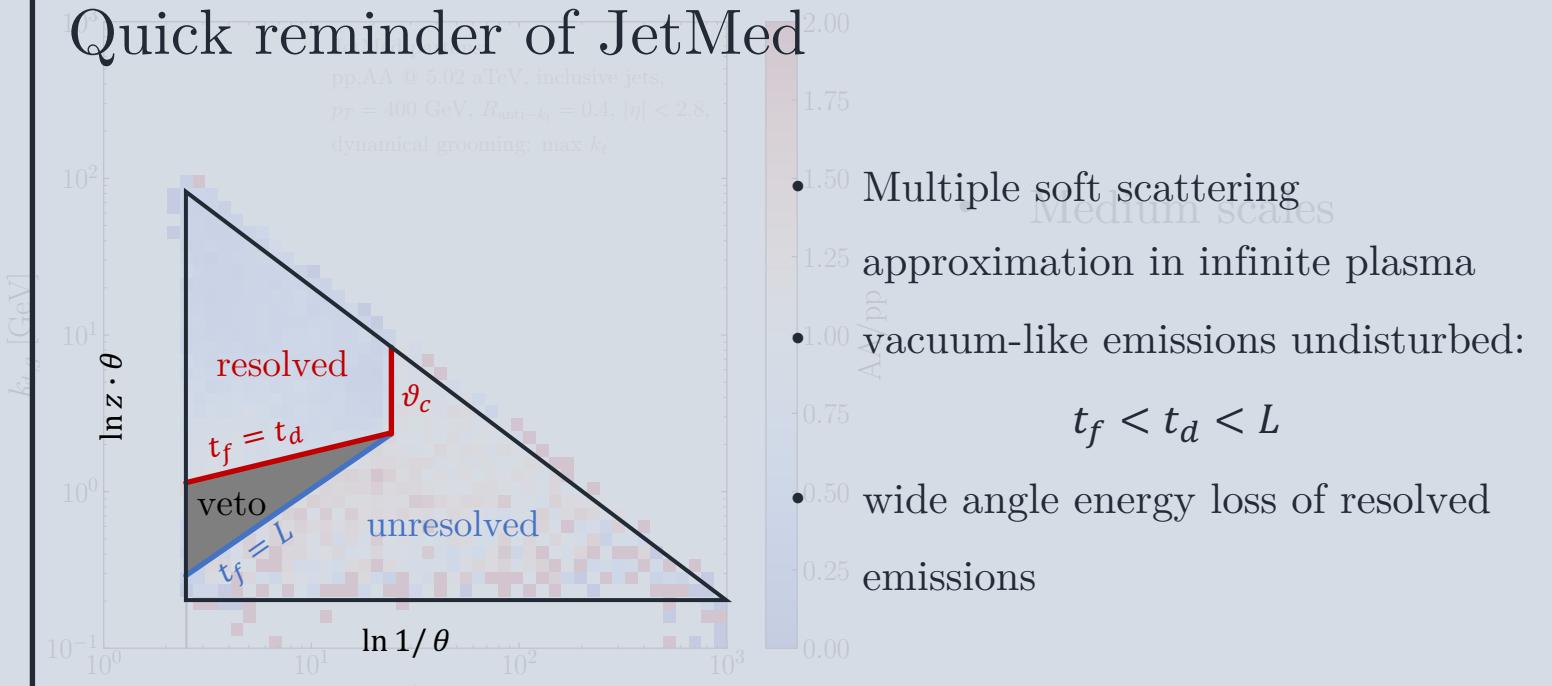
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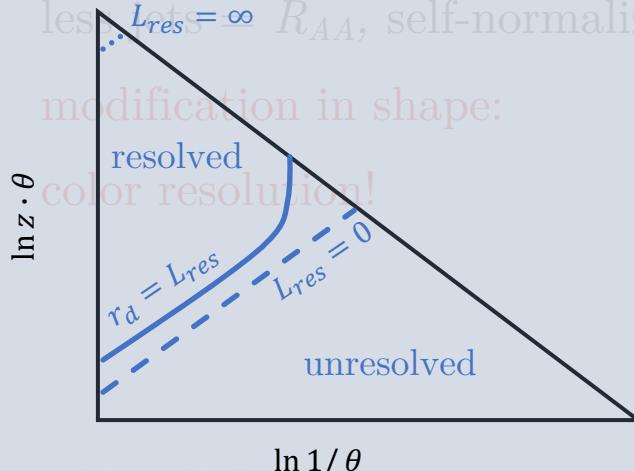


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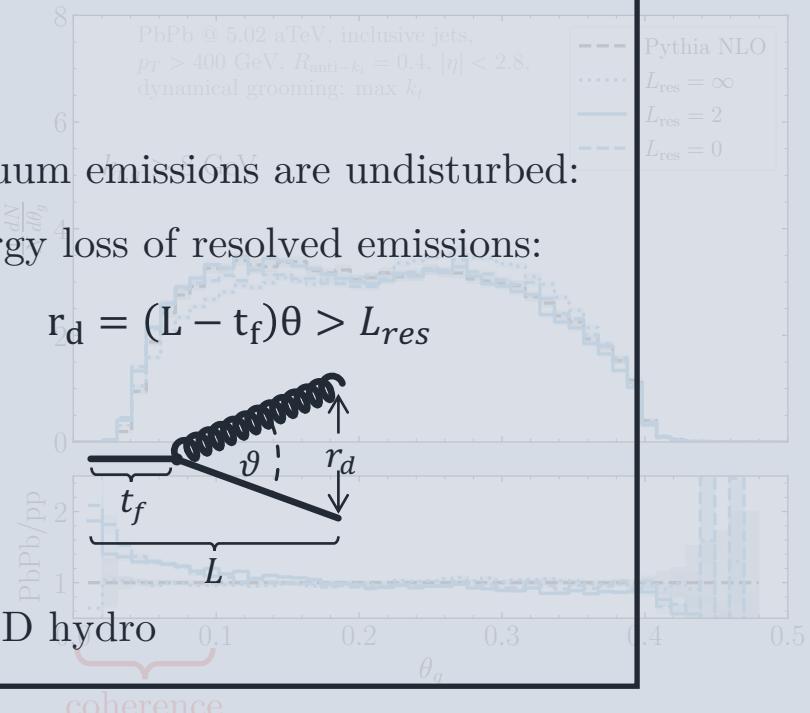
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## Quick reminder of Hybrid

- less  $L_{res} = \infty$   $R_{AA}$ , self-normalize!
- modification in shape:



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



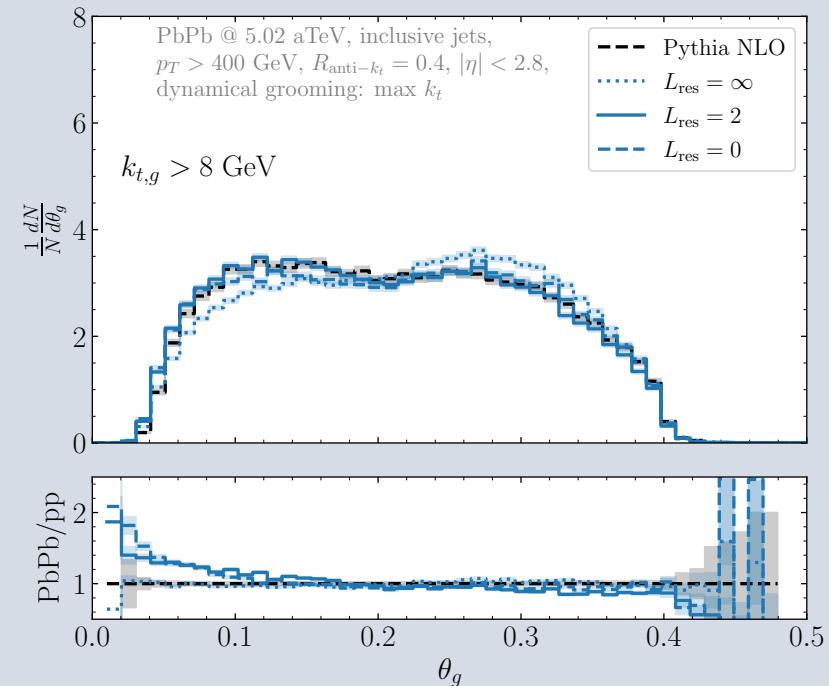
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# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (coherence)

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- test of color resolution!



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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

