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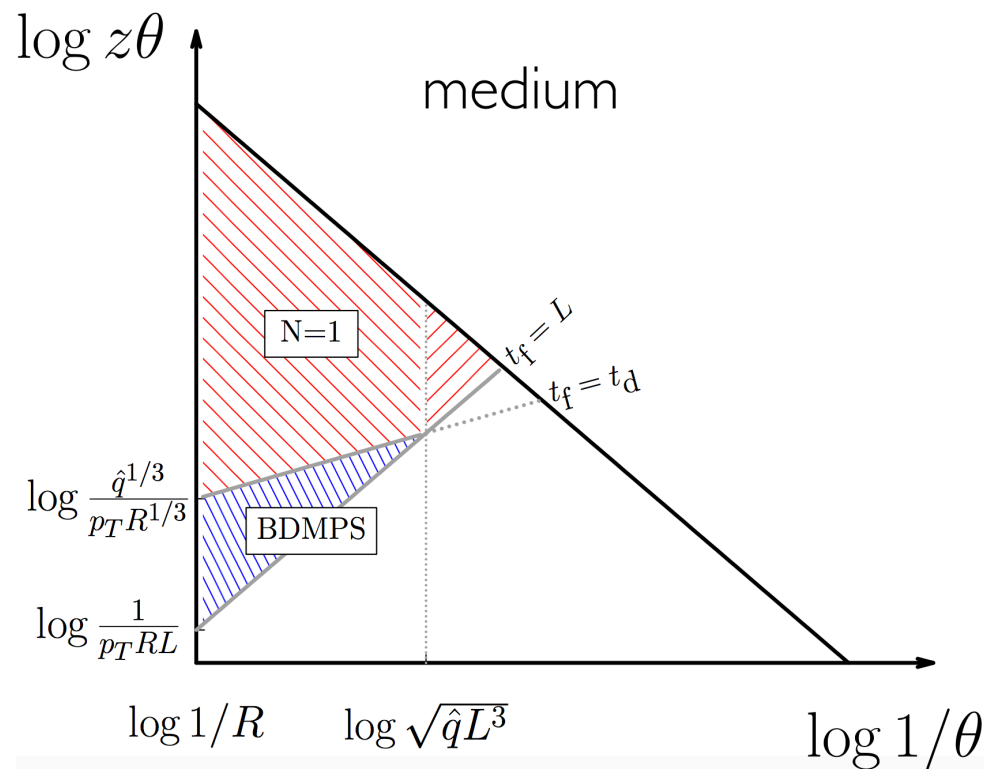
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# Exploring Phase Space of Jet Splittings at ALICE using Grooming and Recursive Techniques

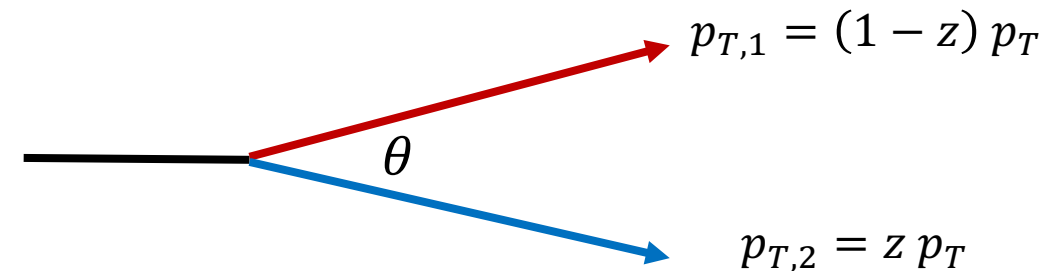
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# Map of Splittings in Medium

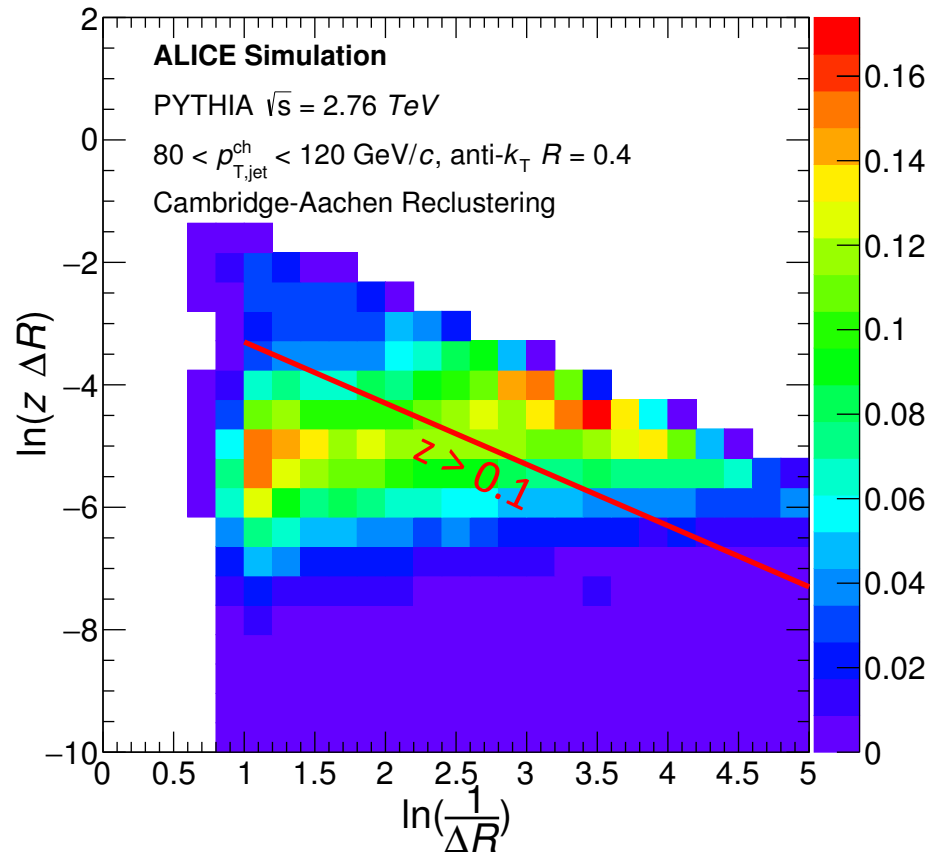


Tywniuk et al. 5th Heavy Ion Jet Workshop/CERN TH institute



- ❖ Lund diagrams represent phase space of splittings using momentum fraction and opening angle
- ❖ Allow to differentiate regions where different medium induced signal can dominate
- ❖ Relevant medium scales shown on axes

# Iterative Declustering



- ❖ Iterative declustering unwinds jet clustering and stores splitting information
- ❖ In vacuum Cambridge-Aachen declustering populates Lund diagram with a density proportional to  $\alpha_s$  <sup>[1]</sup>
- ❖ Imposing different grooming conditions can isolate regions of phase space where medium-induced signal is expected

$$z > z_{\text{cut}} \theta^\beta$$

Soft Drop<sup>[2]</sup> /mMDT Grooming<sup>[3]</sup>

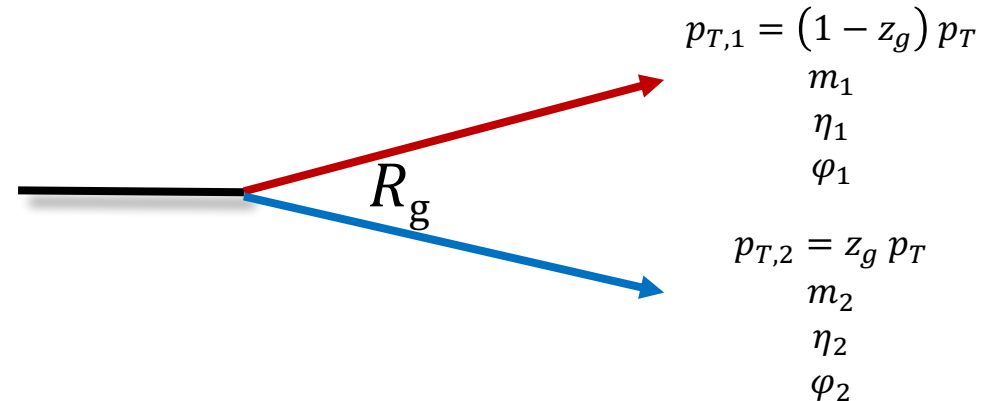
[1] G. Salam [gitlab.cern.ch/gsalam/2017-lund-from-MC](https://gitlab.cern.ch/gsalam/2017-lund-from-MC)

[2] M. Dasgupta et al. JHEP 1309 (2013) 029

[3] A. Larkoski et al. JHEP 1405 (2014) 146

# Variable Definitions

- ❖ This talk will discuss the analysis of jet grooming using Soft Drop
- ❖ The algorithm is used to identify hard splittings in jet evolution and parametrise them using 3 observables, the **symmetry parameter ( $z_g$ )**, **angular separation ( $R_g$ )** and **multiplicity ( $n_{SD}$ )**
- ❖ Note:  $z_g$  and  $R_g$  both measure the **first splitting** identified by grooming while  $n_{SD}$  counts the **number of splittings** that pass grooming conditions in jet by **declustering iteratively**





# Analysis Details

## Common Analysis Details

❖ Charged jets (TPC+ITS tracks)  $p_{T,\text{cutoff}}^{\text{const}} = 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c$

❖ Anti- $k_T$  clustered jets,  $R = 0.4$ ,  $E$ -scheme recombination

### pp Analysis

❖ MB collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

❖ No subtraction

❖ Particle level corrected  
measurement  $p_T$  range 40-60 GeV/c

### Pb-Pb Analysis

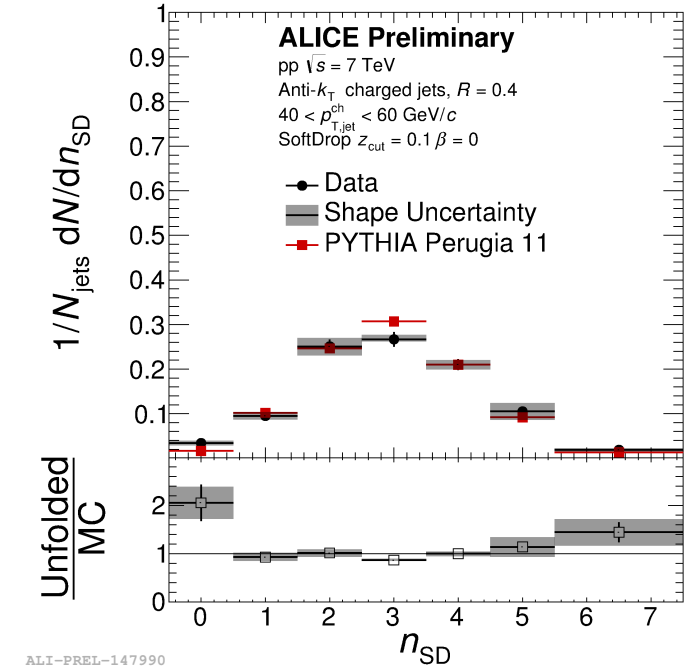
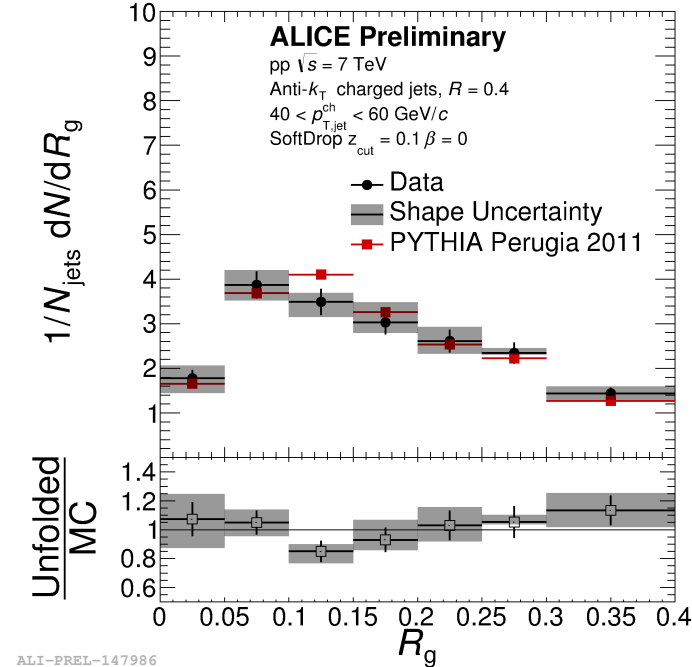
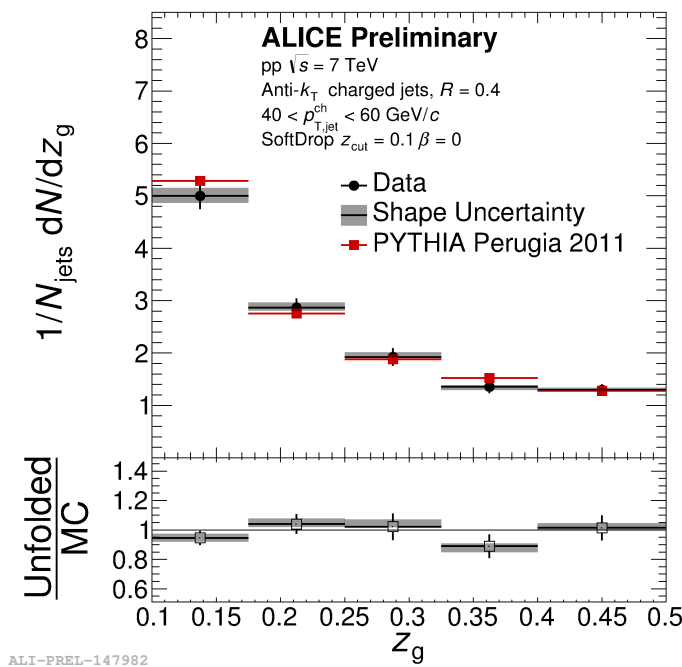
❖ Central collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

❖ Constituent subtraction

❖ Detector level measurement  
 $p_T$  range 80-120 GeV/c

❖ Compared to smeared reference

# pp Substructure Results



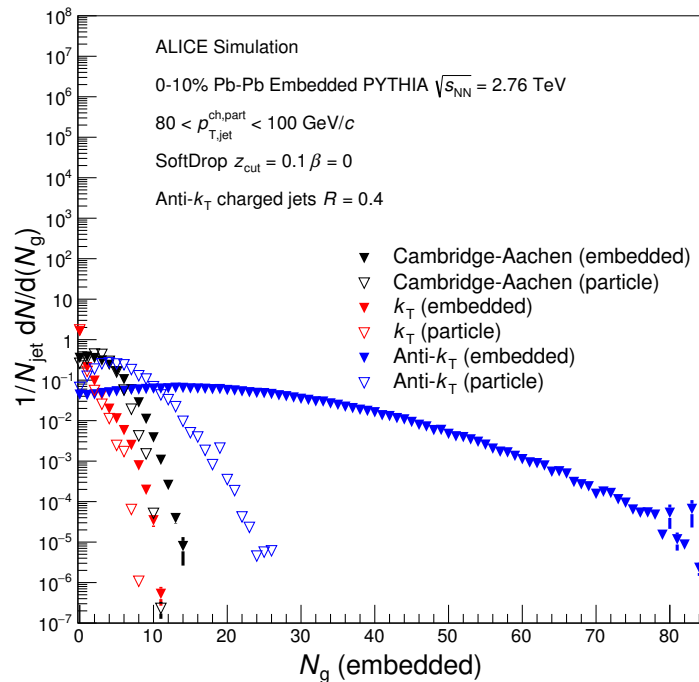
❖ Jets satisfying  $z > z_{cut} = 0.1$ :

1. Data 97.3(0.5)%
2. **PYTHIA 98.9(0.1)%**

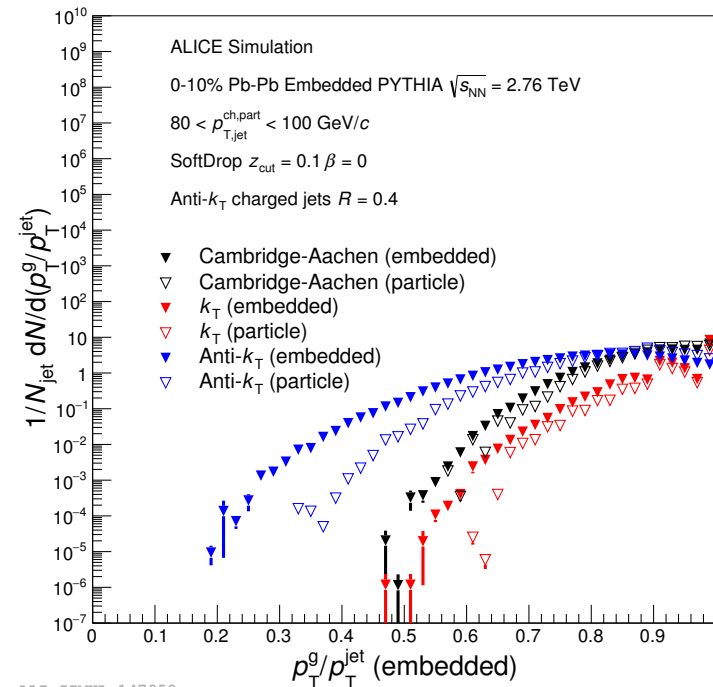
❖ Good agreement observed between data and PYTHIA Perugia 2011

# Grooming in Heavy Ion Collisions

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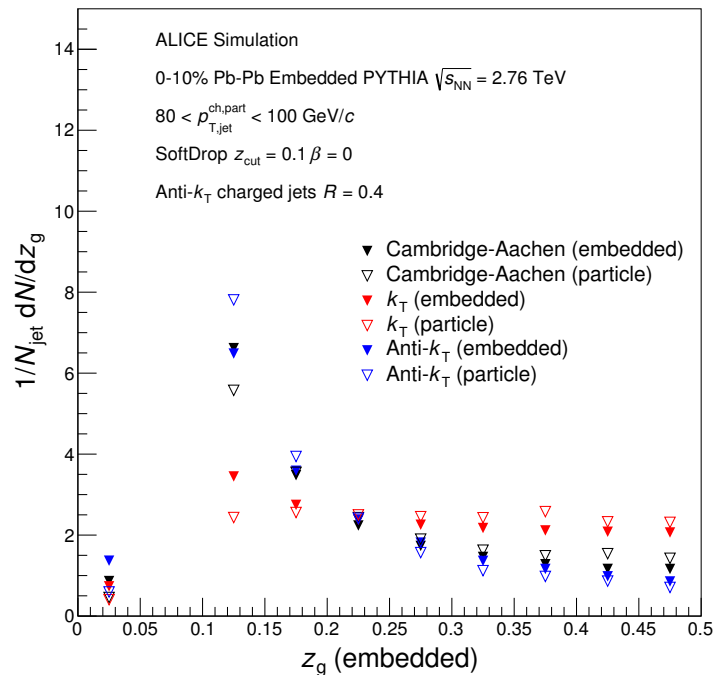
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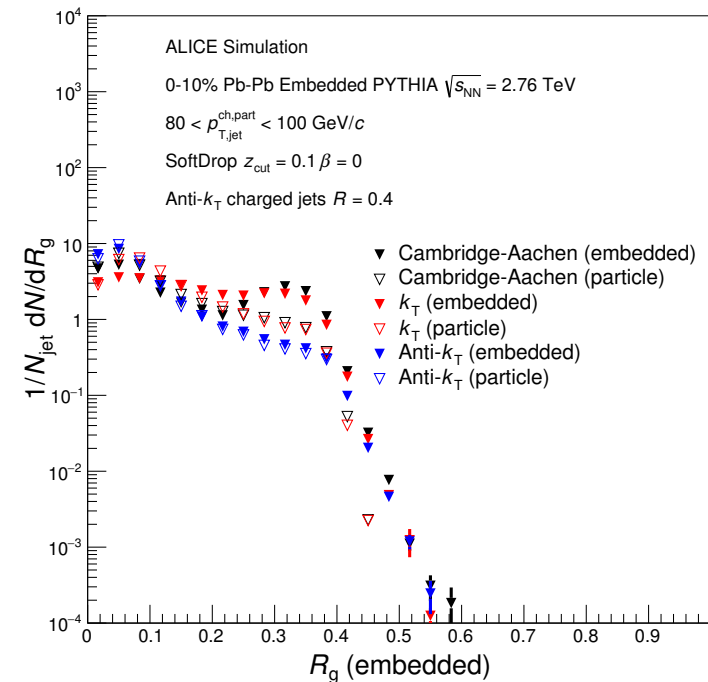
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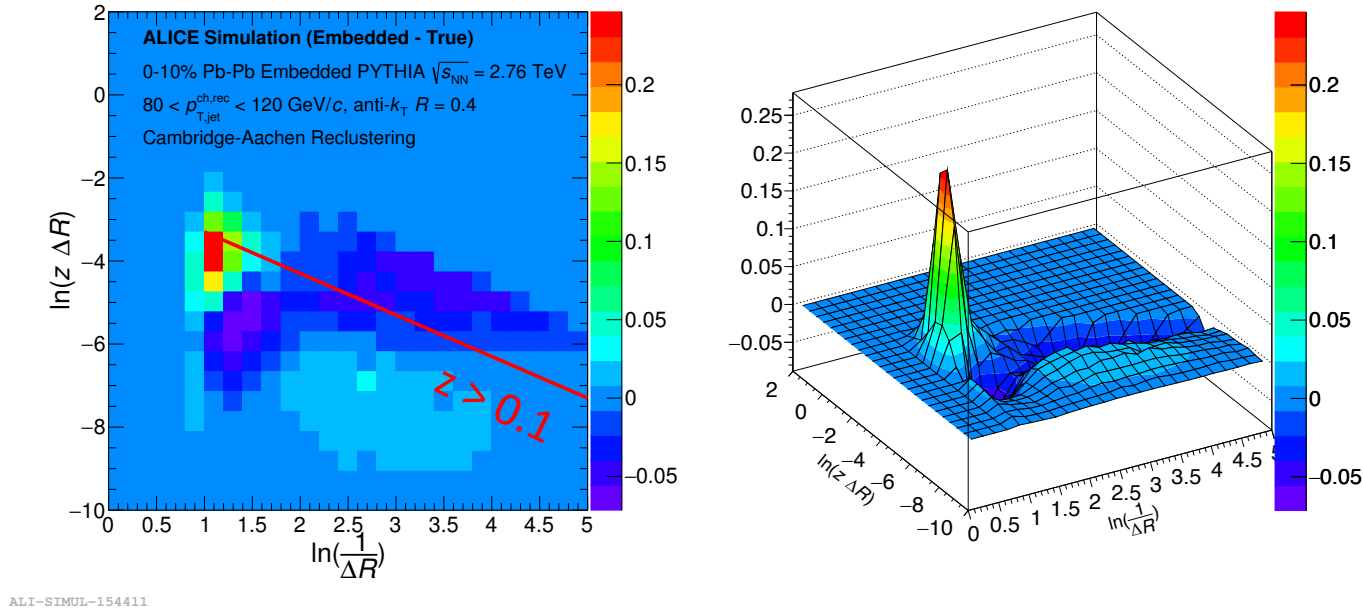
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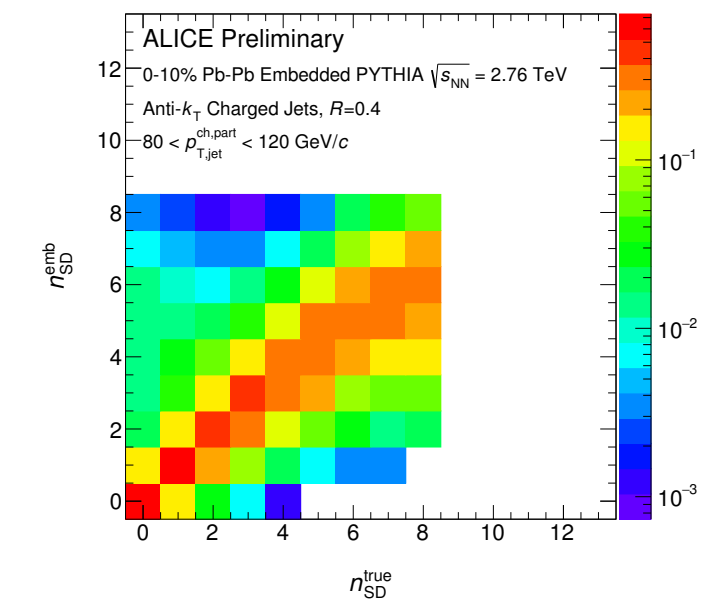
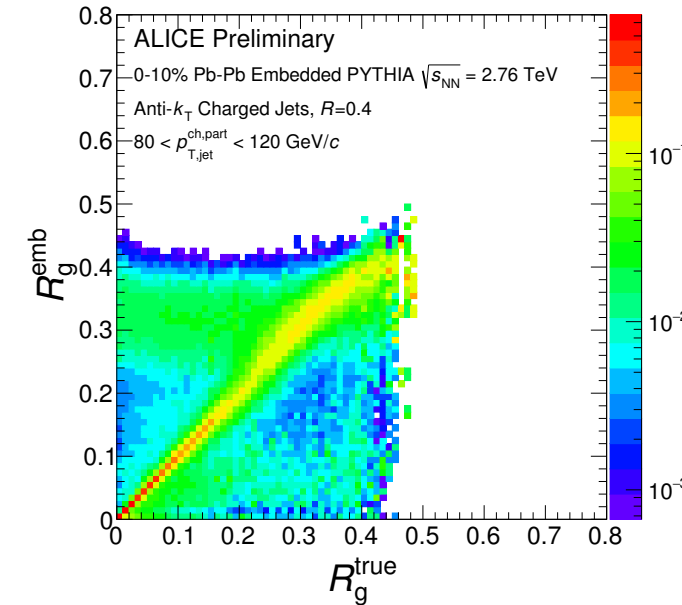
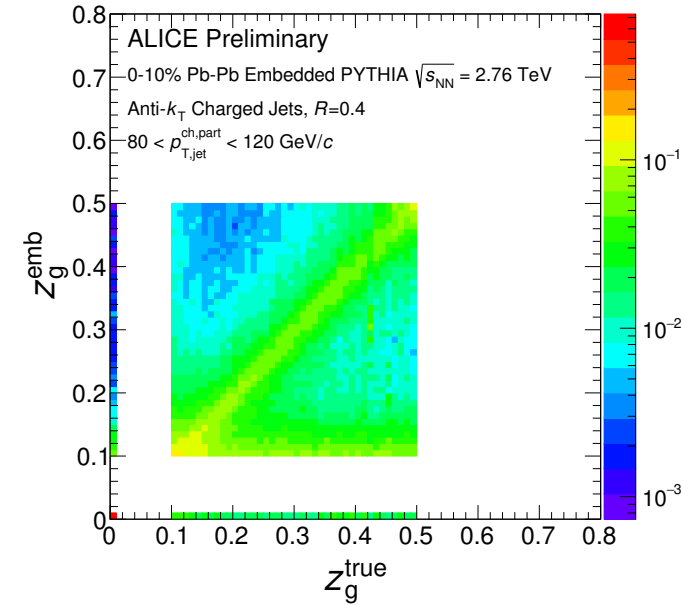
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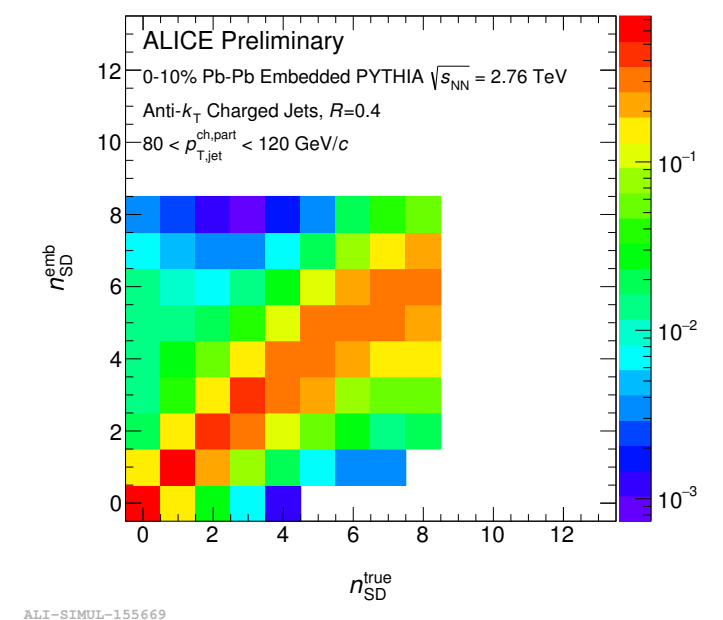
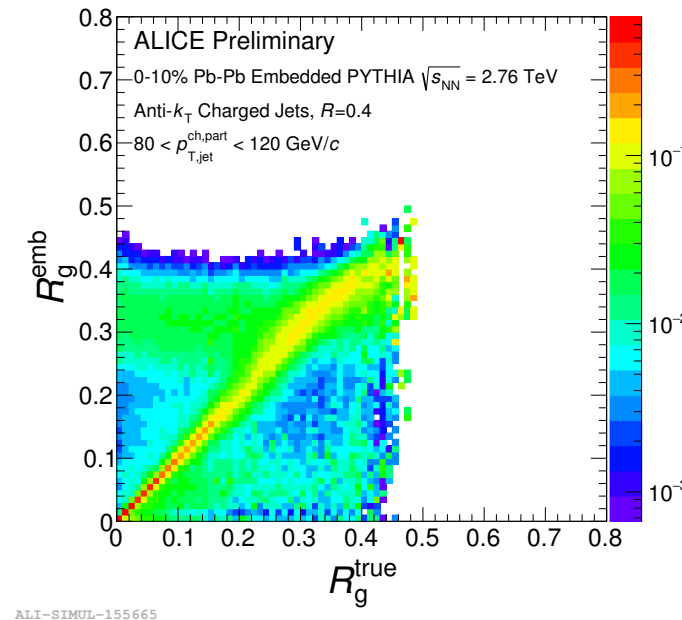
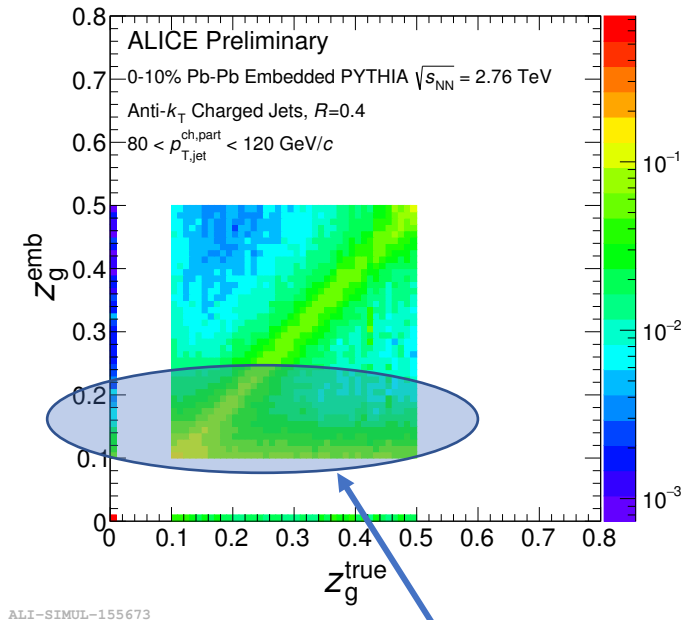
- ❖ Compare Lund diagrams of two populations:
  1. PYTHIA jets in vacuum
  2. PYTHIA jets embedded into central PbPb
- ❖ Observe a clear enhancement of splittings at large angular separation:  
**purely a background effect, not physical**

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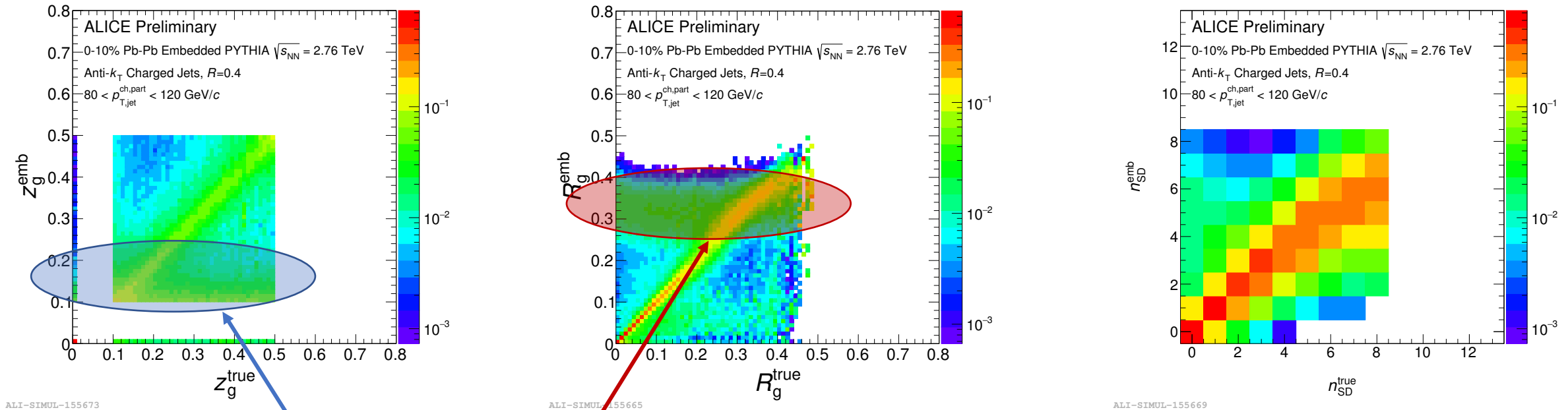
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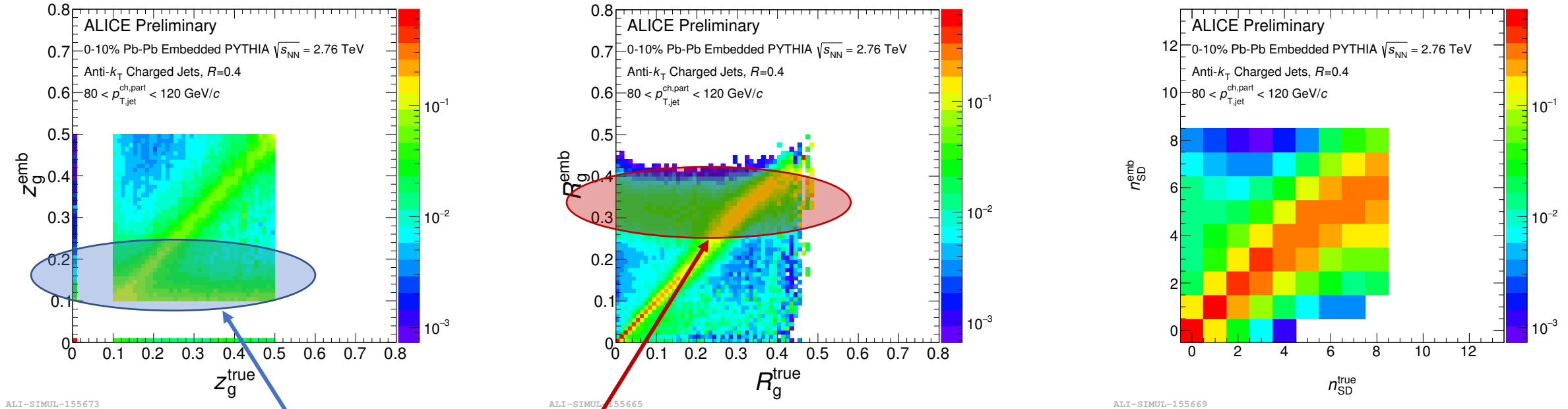
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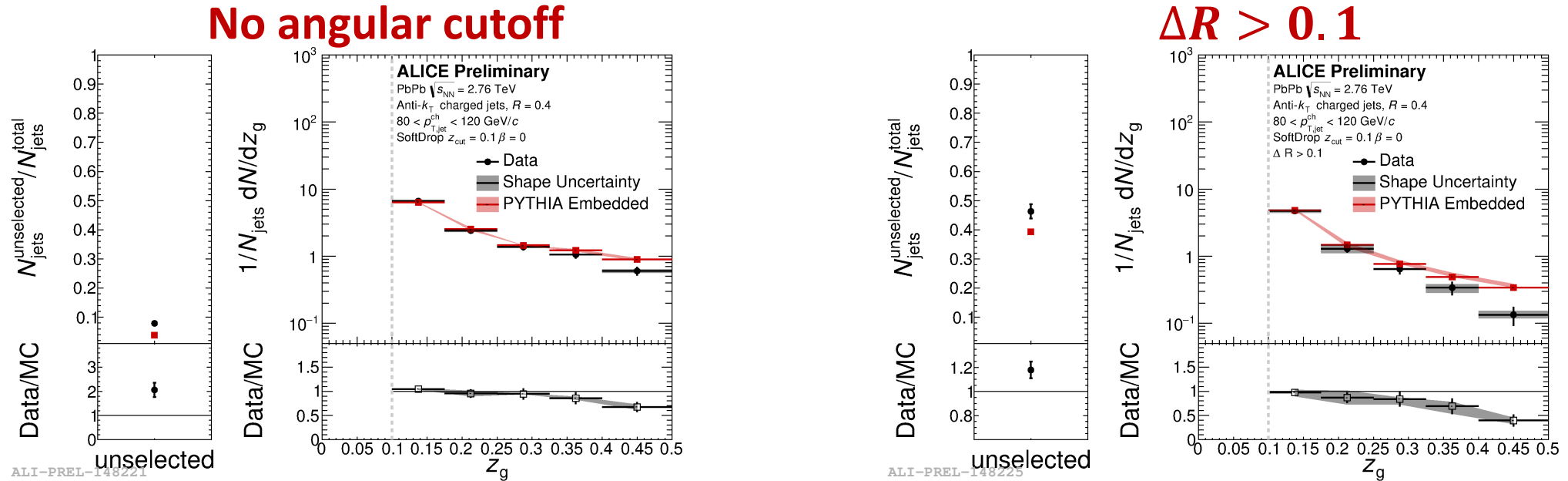
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- ❖ Effects fully accounted for using PYTHIA jets embedded in real events as smeared reference

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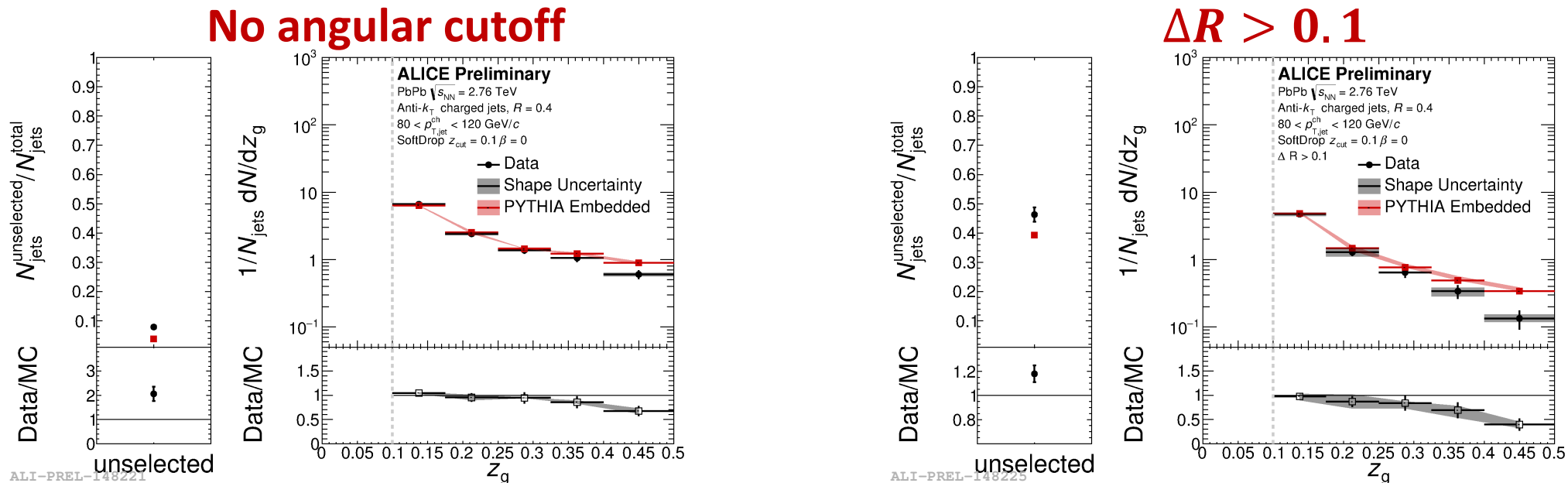
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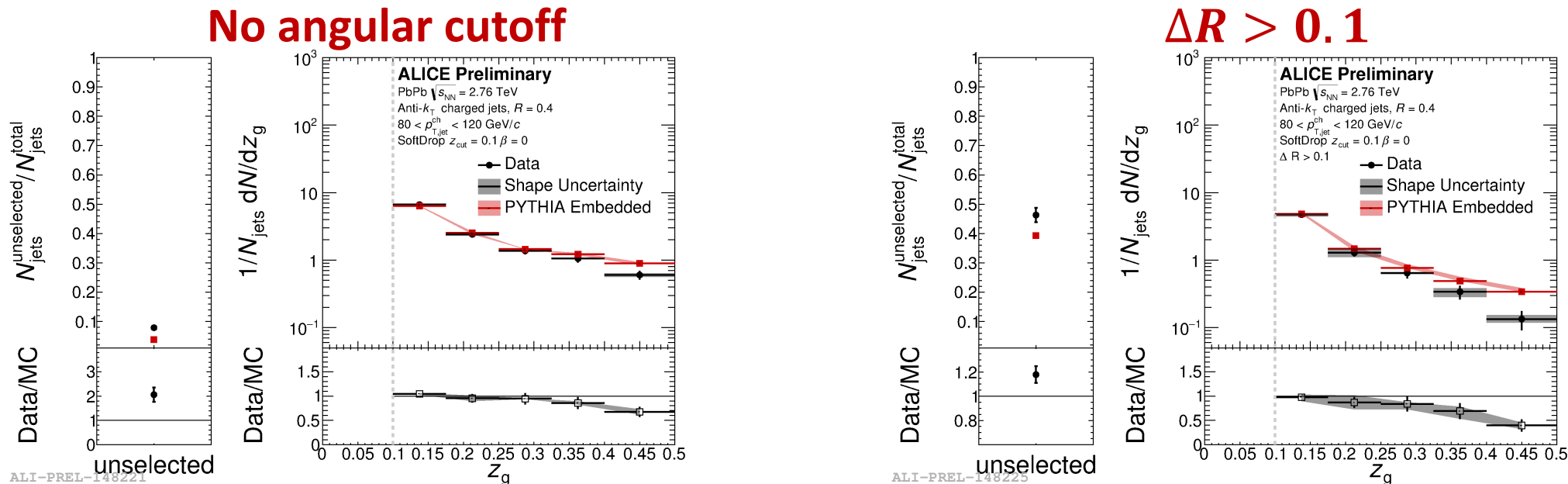


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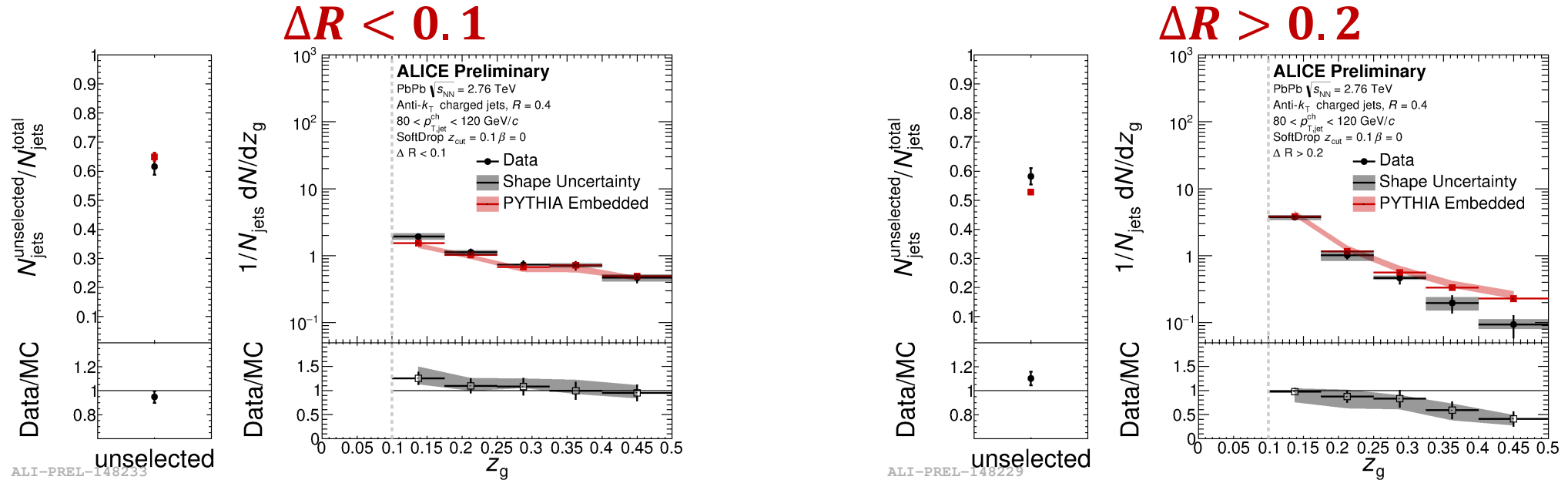
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❖ Cutting on angular separation as in other analysis<sup>[1]</sup> leads to a stronger modification of  $z_g$  distribution driven by an increase of fraction unselected jets in data

[1] A. M. Sirunyan *et al.*  
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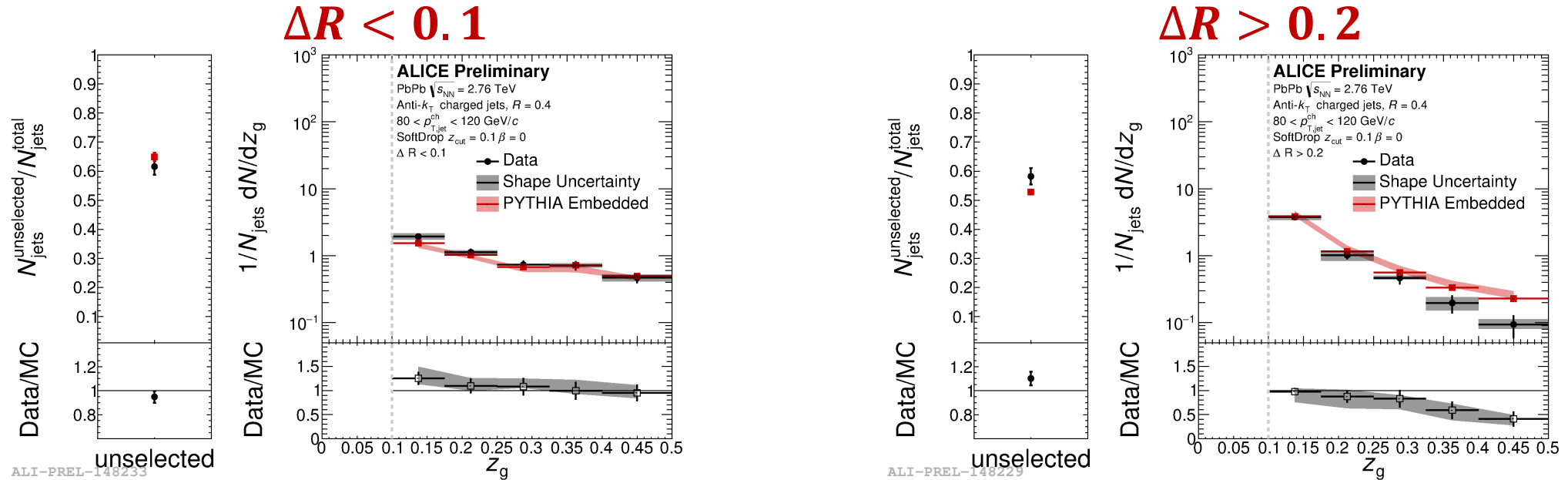
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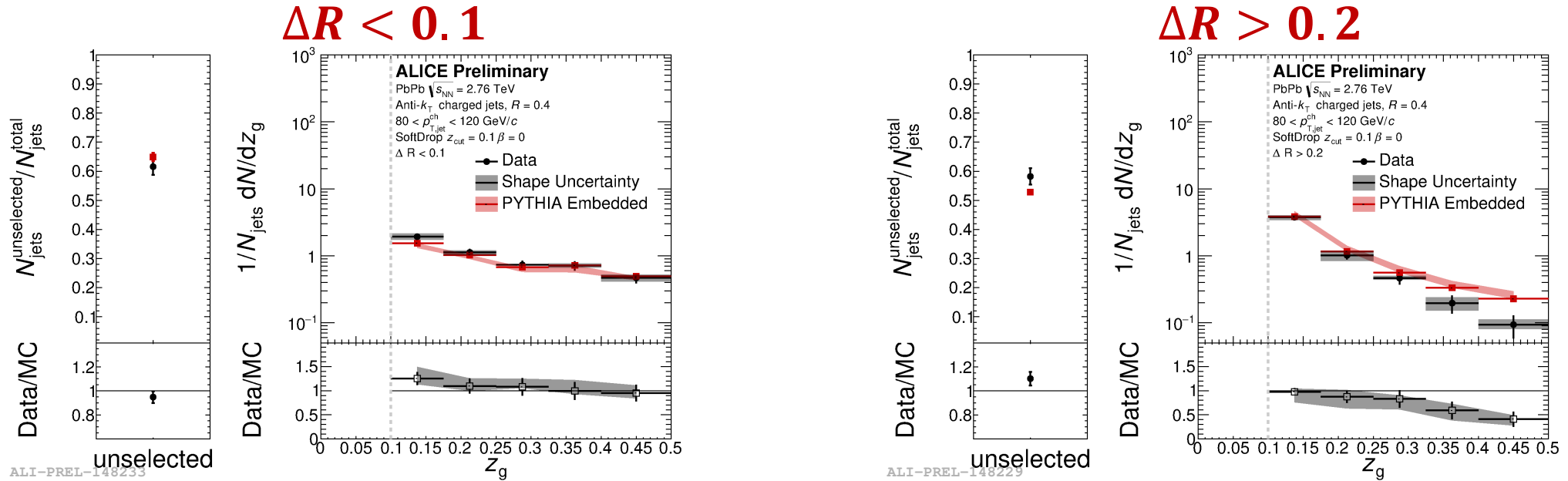
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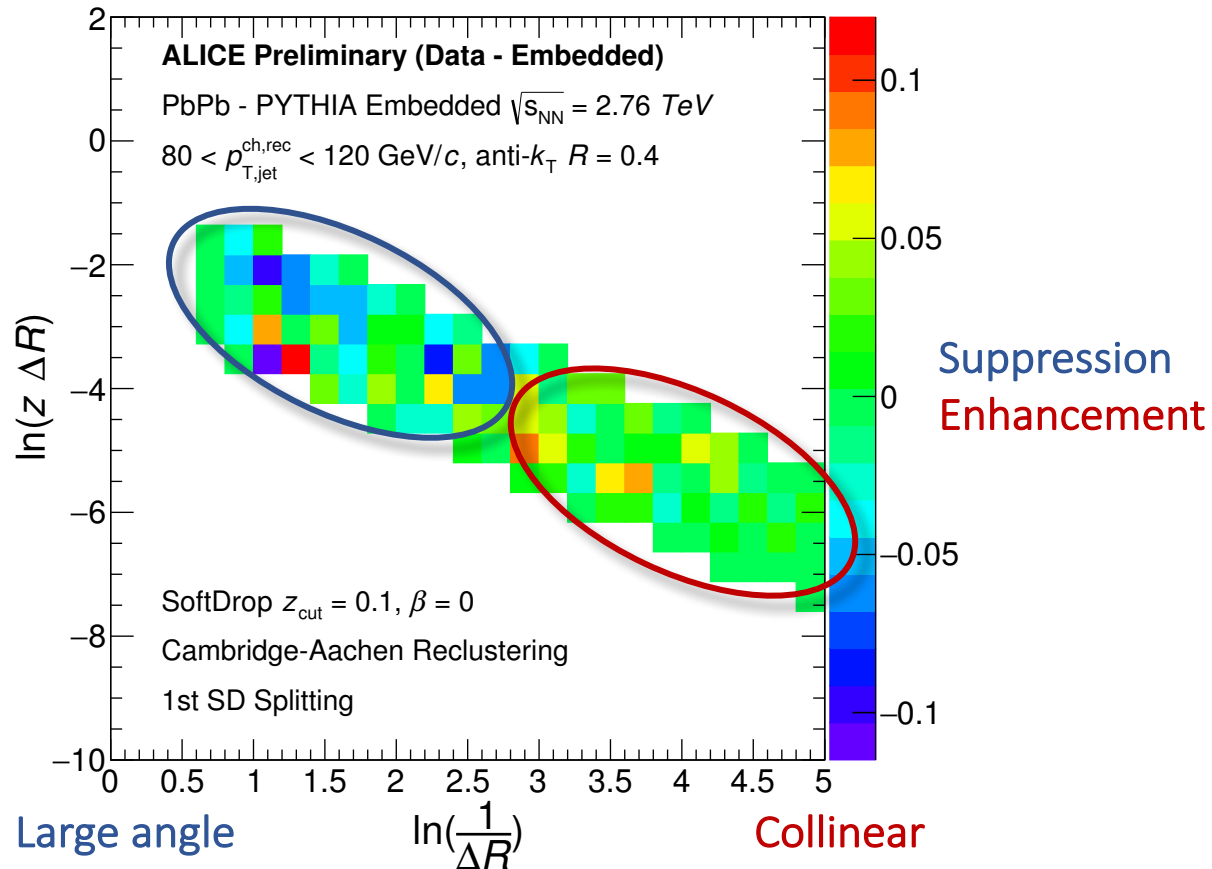
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- ❖ In large angle limit observe no evidence for excess of low  $z_g$  splittings

# Recursive Splittings

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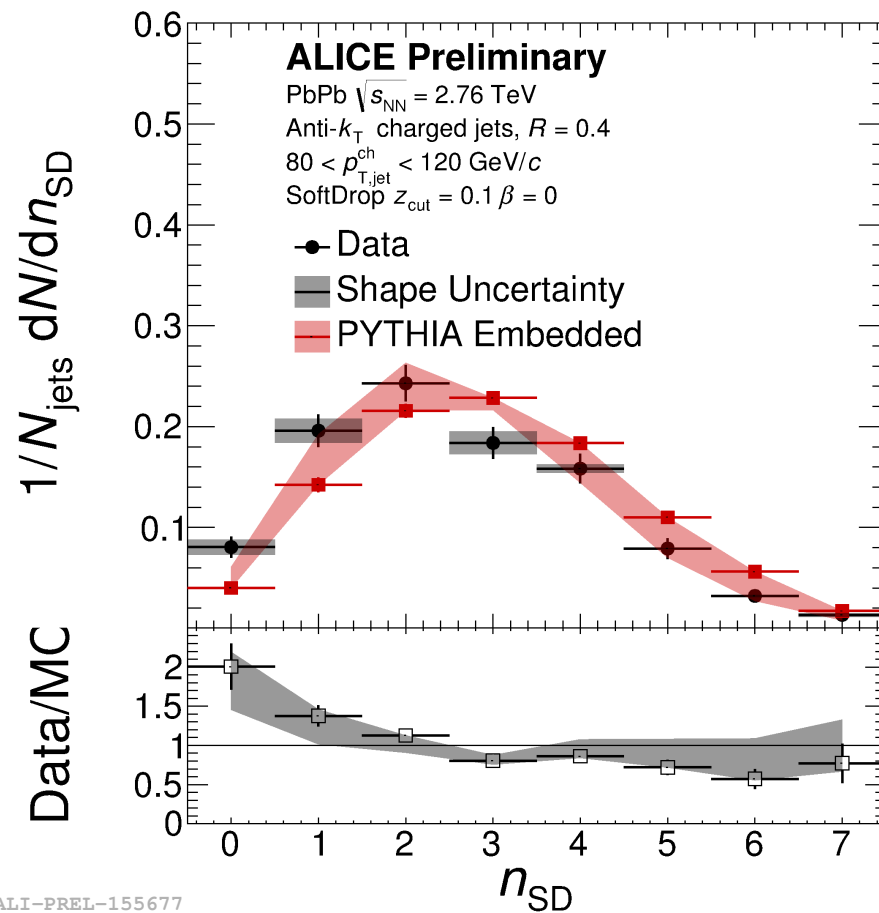


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- ❖ Lund diagram for the difference in the first hard splitting identified in Pb-Pb jets and embedded PYTHIA jets
- ❖ A **suppression of large angle splittings** and **enhancement of collinear splittings** is observed – consistent with observation in  $z_g$  measurement



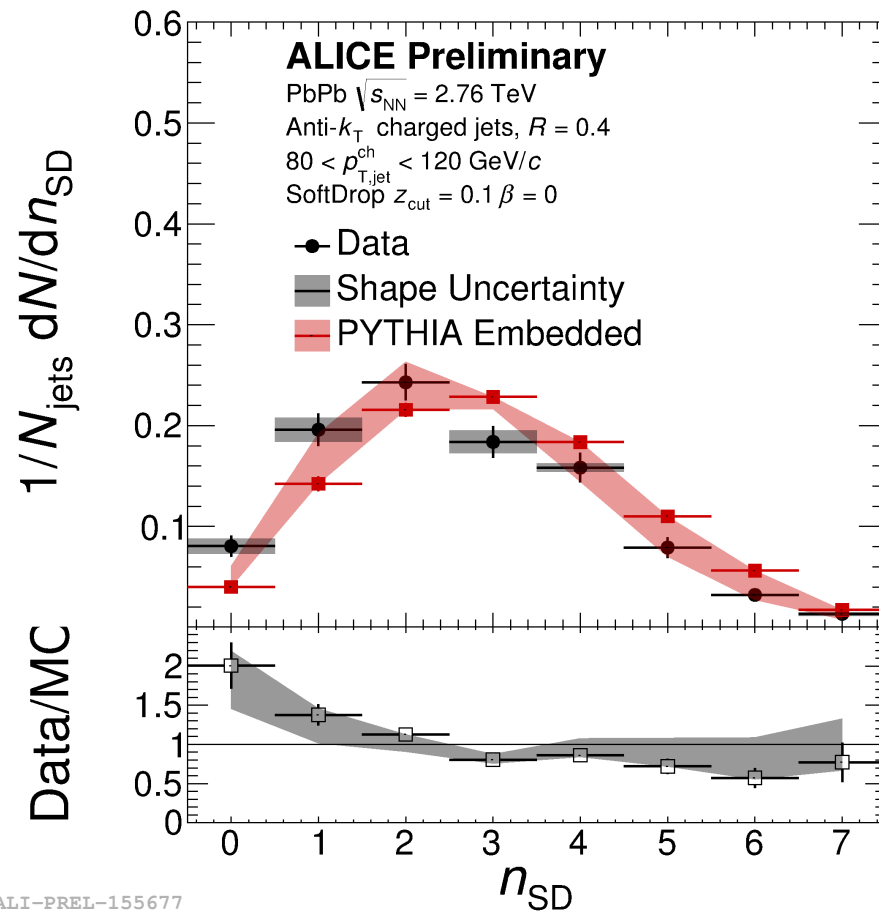
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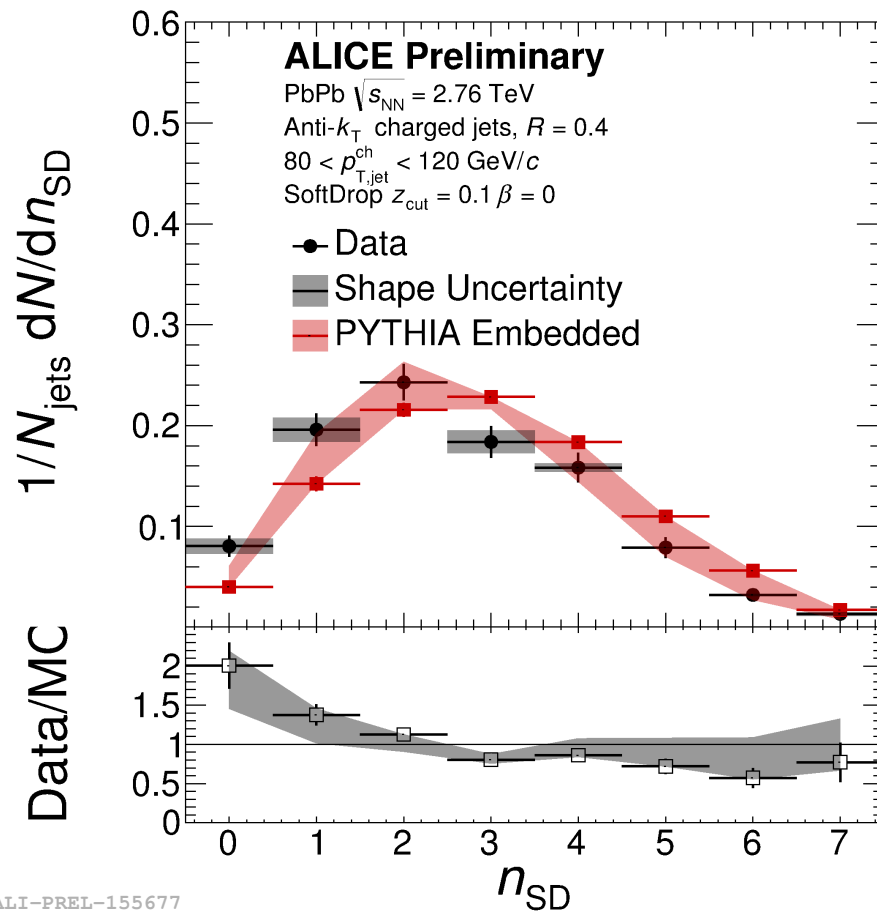


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- ❖ Contrast to expectations from correlated medium response or coherent collinear emissions

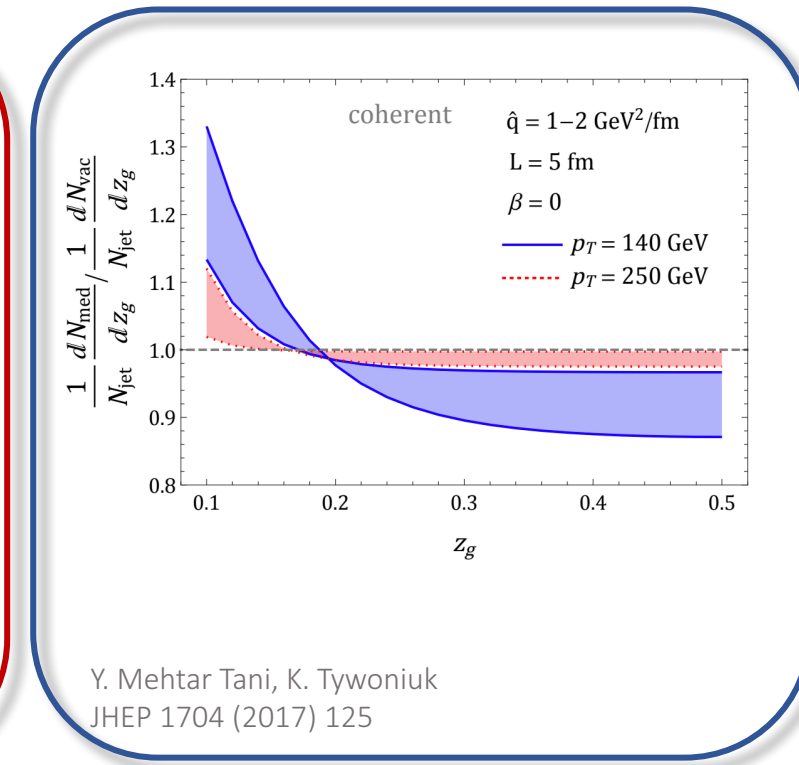
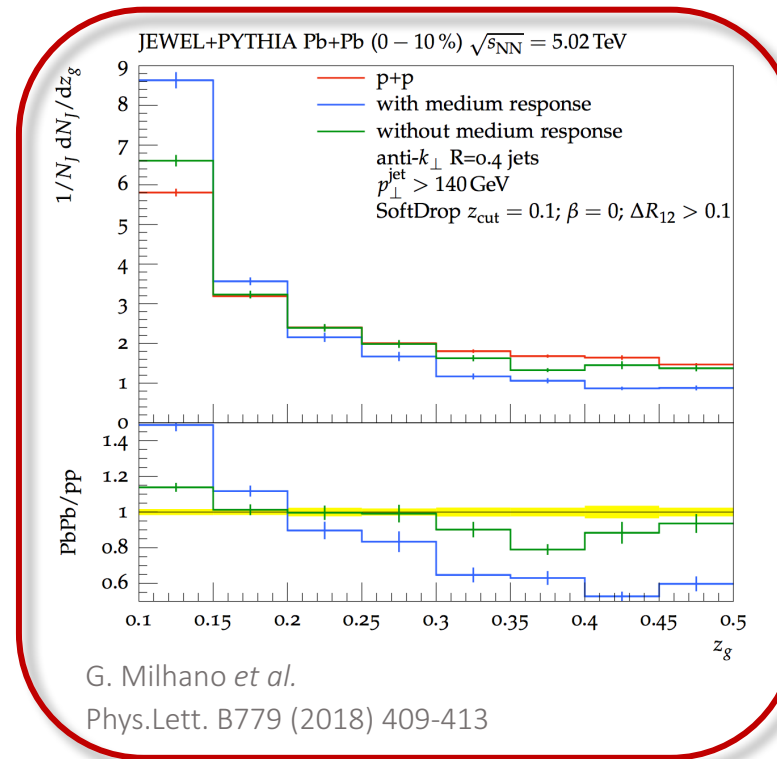
# Some Considerations

## Medium Recoil

- ❖ Medium recoil promotes soft branches above threshold
- ❖ Expect to observe additional splittings in jet declustering to pass Soft Drop – not observed in  $n_{SD}$  measurement

## Coherent Collinear Emission

- ❖ Coherent hard, rare, BDMPS emissions expected to occur at narrow angles
- ❖ Induced splittings increase probability of low  $z_g$  splittings



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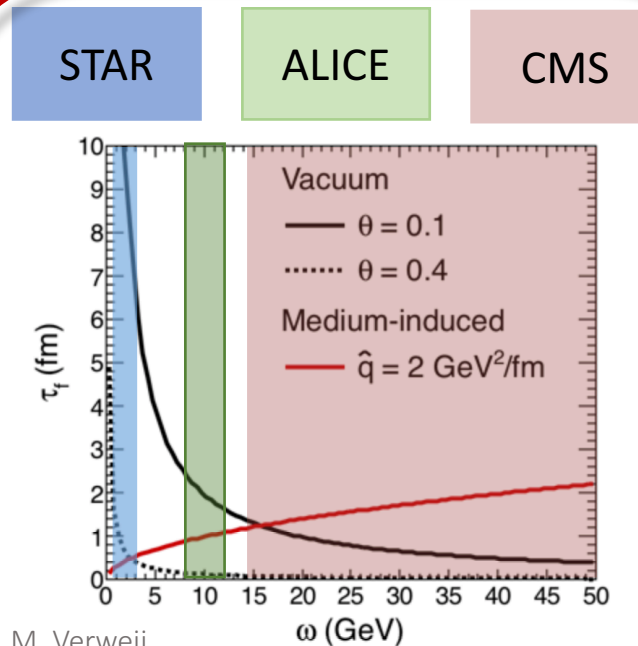
## Formation Time

- ❖ Vacuum splitting formation time inversely proportional to splitting angle
- ❖ Vacuum splittings at large angle and/or large  $z$  are more likely to form in medium – unmodified vacuum splittings suppressed

## Colour Coherence

- ❖ Decoherence effects also suppress 2-prong probability at large angles
- ❖ Predictions of over 50% suppression at large angles, in data observe  $\approx 10\%$  suppression at  $\theta = 0.2$

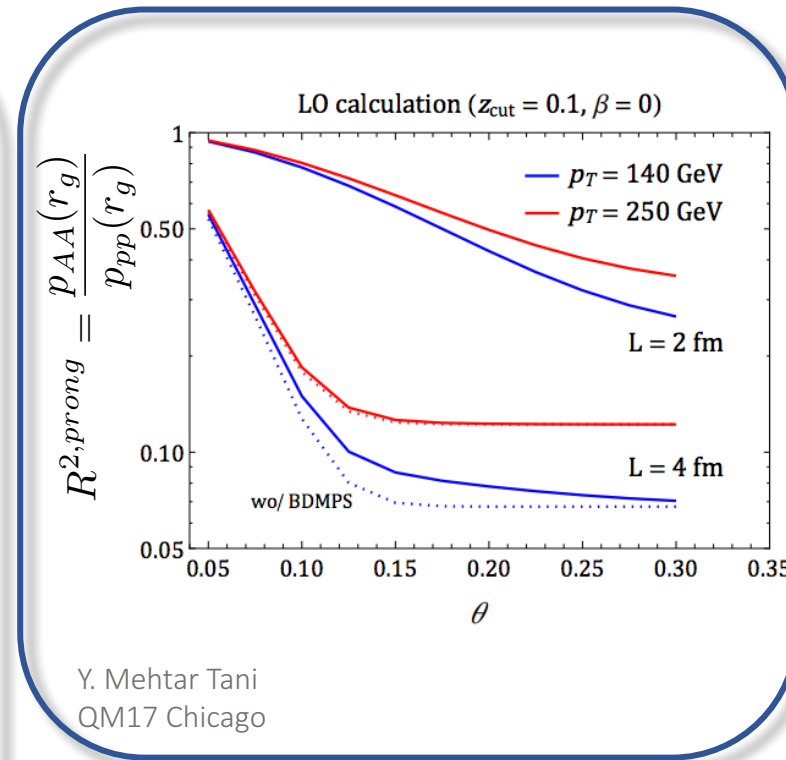
Phase space covered by  $z_g = 0.1$



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$$t_f^{vac} \approx \frac{1}{\theta^2 \omega}$$

$$t_f^{med} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$



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# Summary + Outlook

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- ❖ Results of grooming using Soft Drop  $z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$ ,  $\beta = 0$  have been presented
- ❖ Observe significant modification of  $z_g$  distribution in Pb-Pb collisions
- ❖ Large angle splittings suppressed in data
- ❖ No enhancement of number of hard splittings in Pb-Pb collisions
- ❖ Use pp data as reference with measurements at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV
- ❖ With increased statistics can explore the Lund map of splittings in more detail

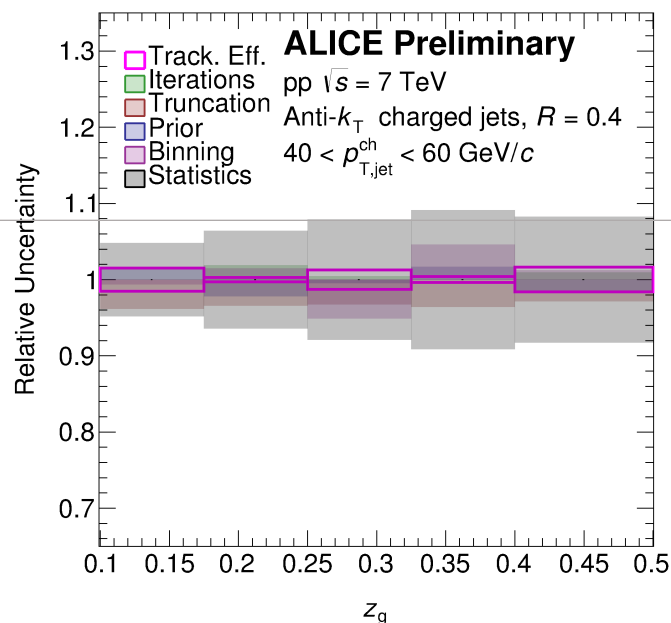


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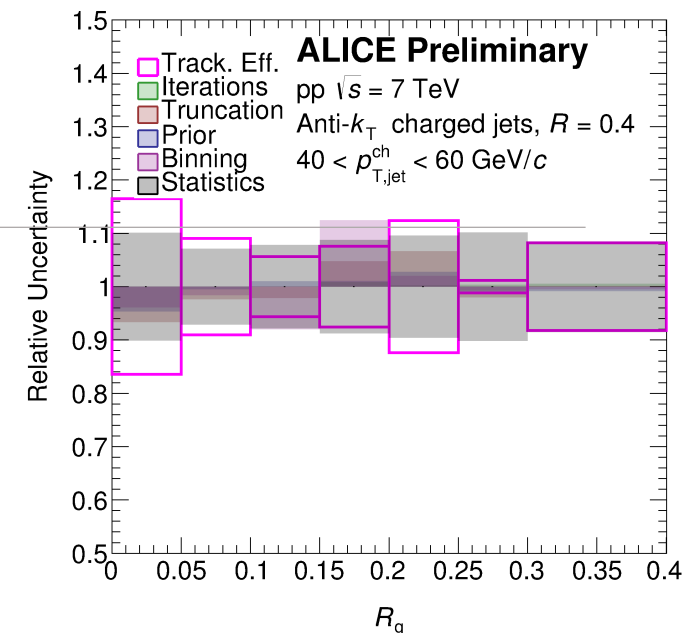
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# Backup

# Systematics: pp



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❖ Systematic uncertainties include:

❖ Tracking efficiency uncertainty

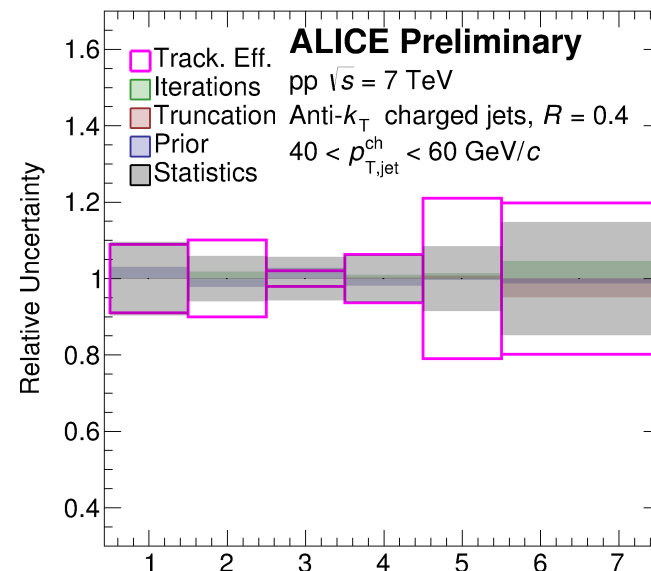
❖ Unfolding:

❖ Regularisation (modifying chosen iteration +/- 1)

❖ Truncation (varying input jet  $p_T$  cut off by 10 GeV and shape bins to exclude untagged jets)

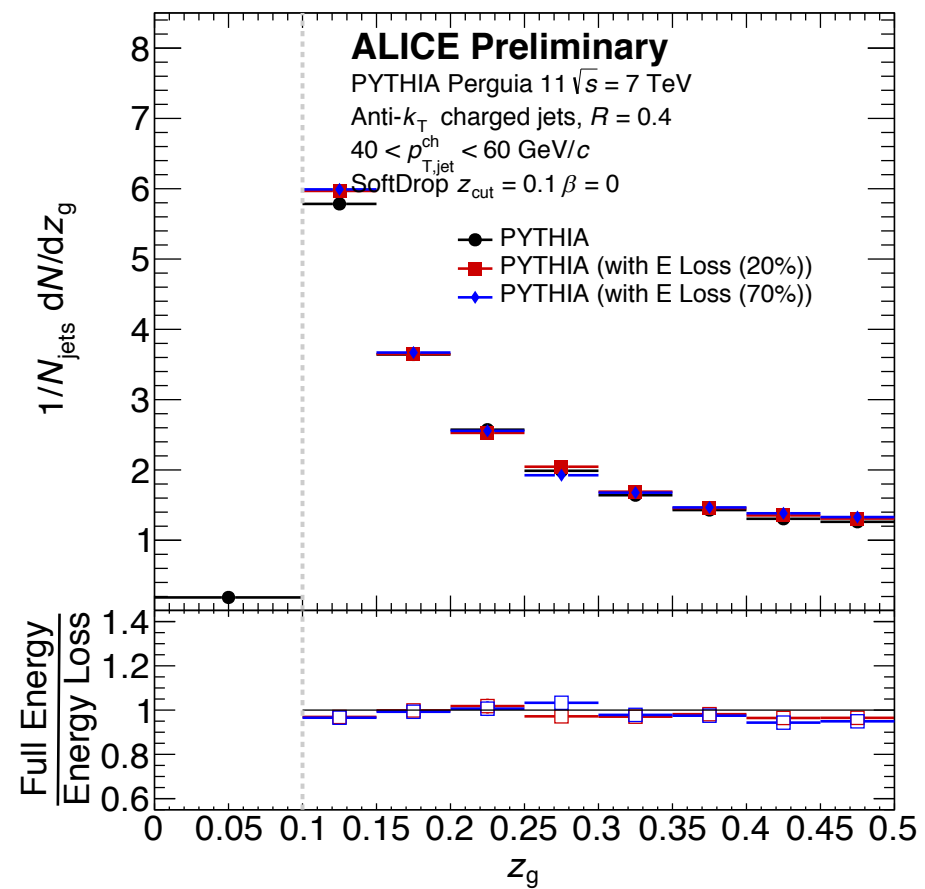
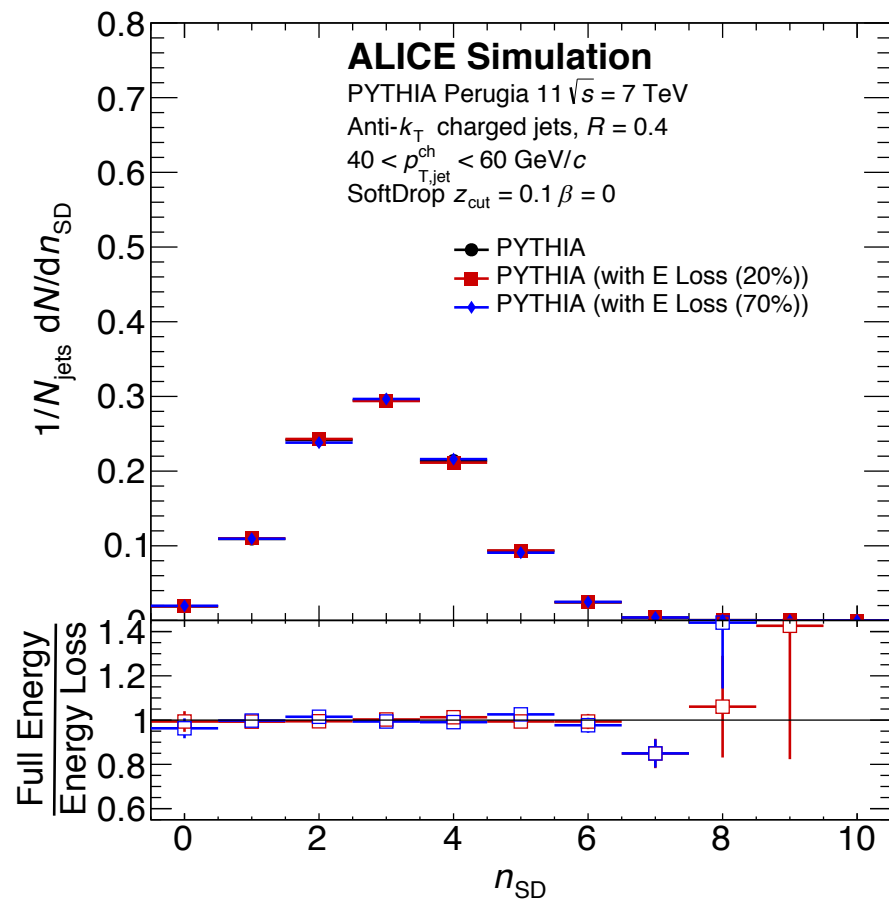
❖ Prior (reweighting prior of unfolding by ratio of chosen unfolded solution and truth distribution)

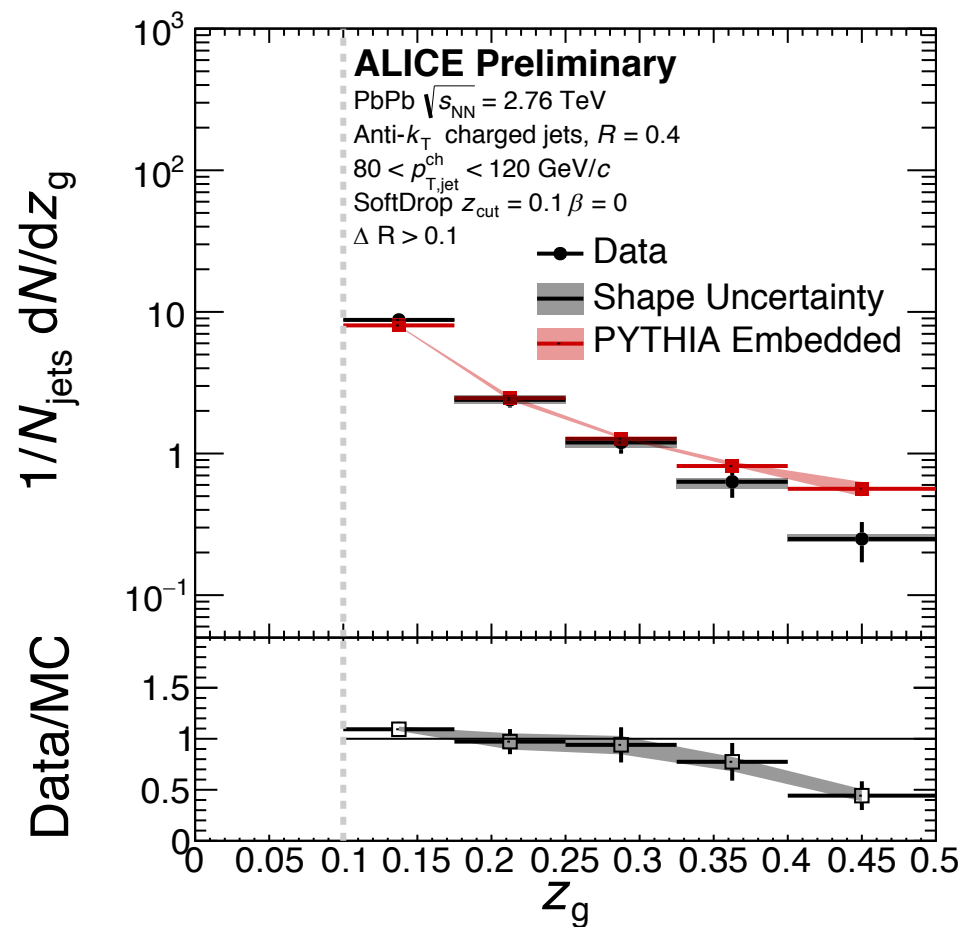
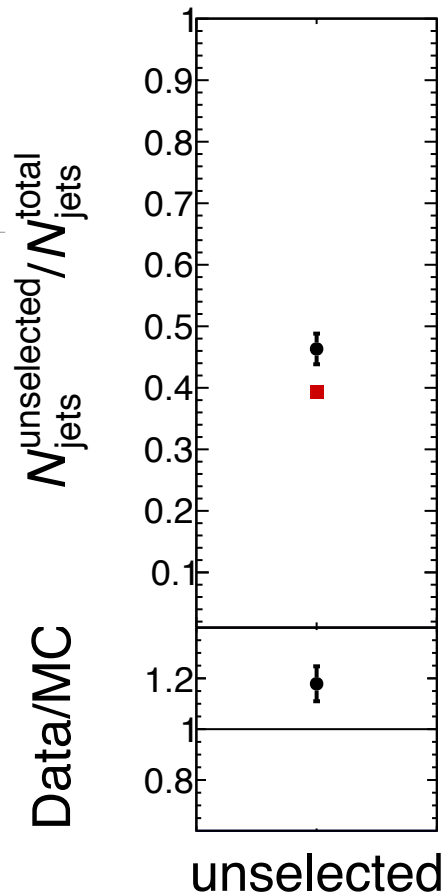
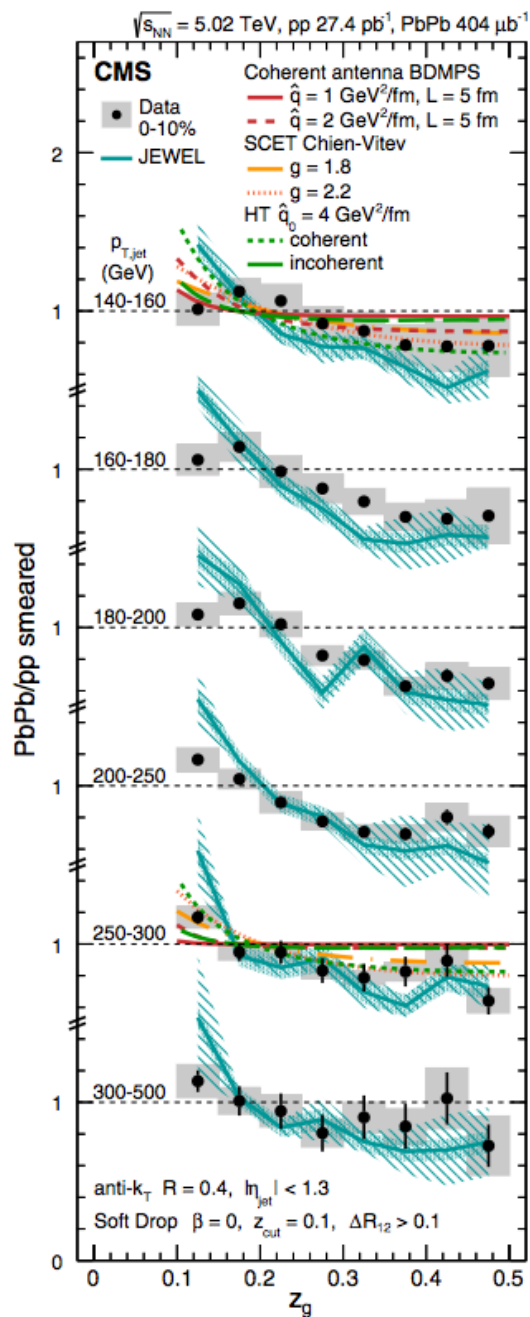
❖ Binning (modification of input binning used in unfolding)





# Jet Energy Loss





❖ Normalising by the population selected by Soft Drop and cut on  $\Delta R$

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