

# An Investigation of Charm Quark Jet Spectrum and Shape Modifications in Au+Au Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

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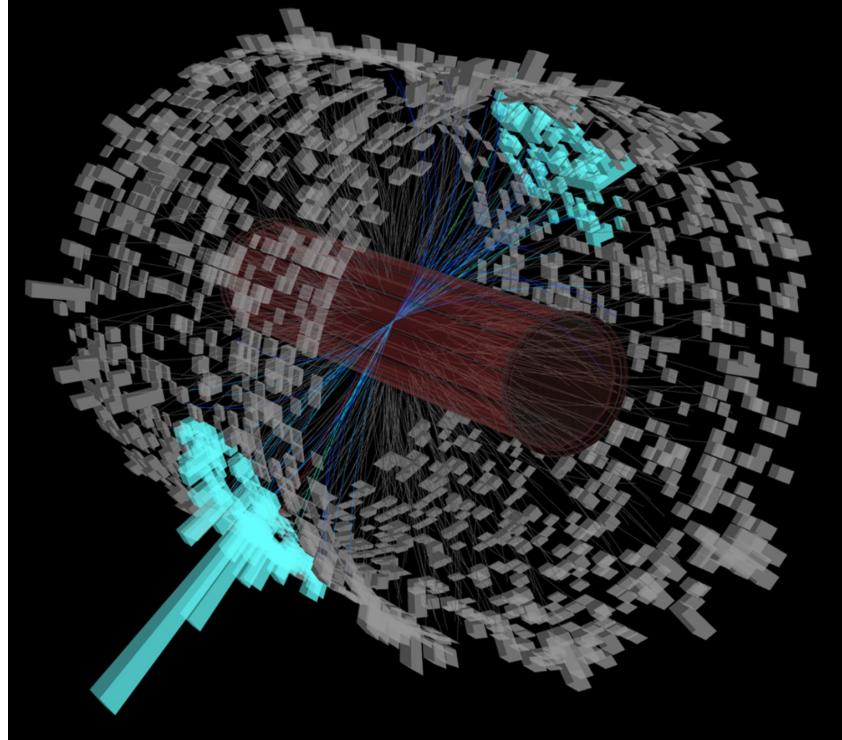
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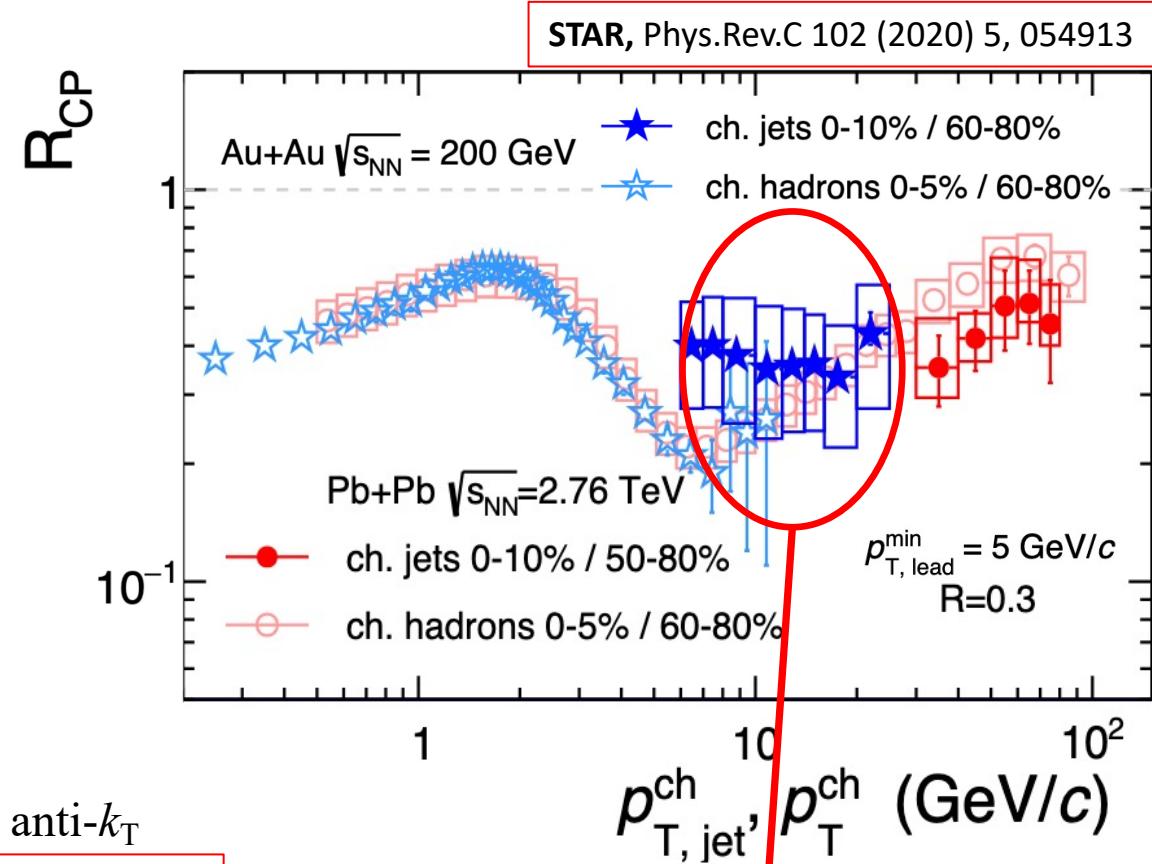
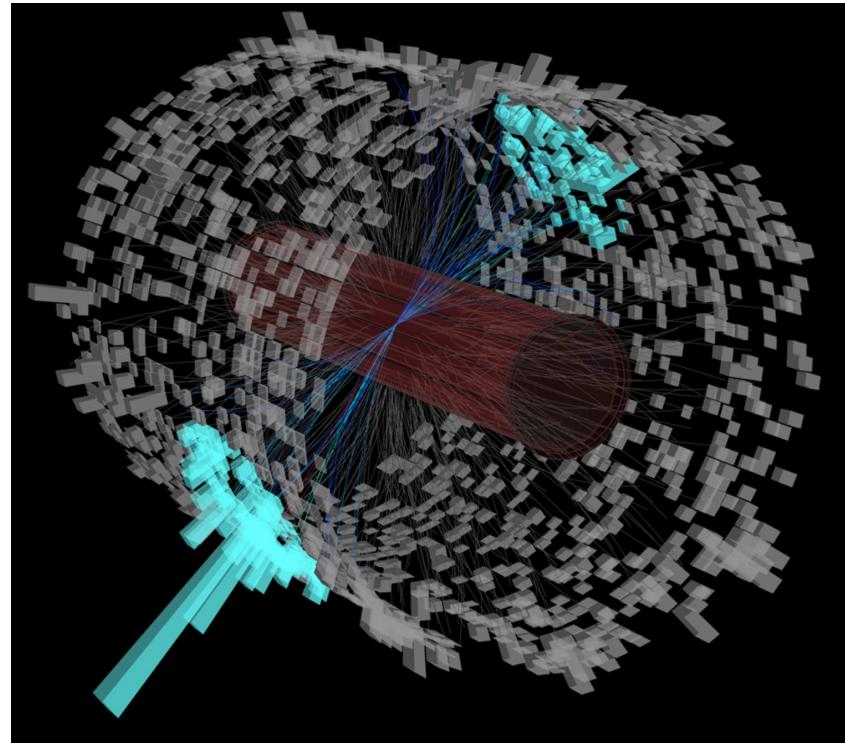
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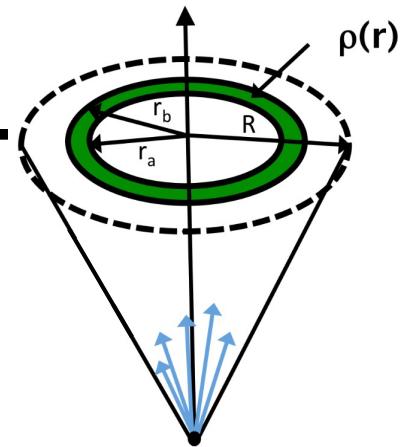
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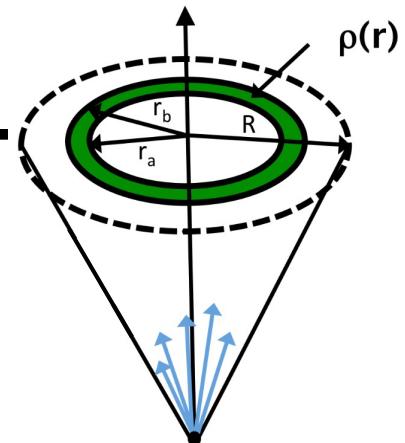
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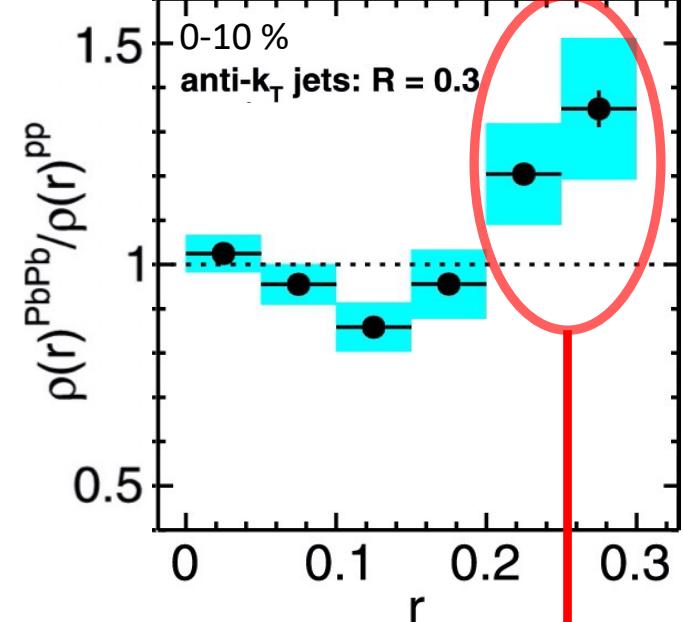
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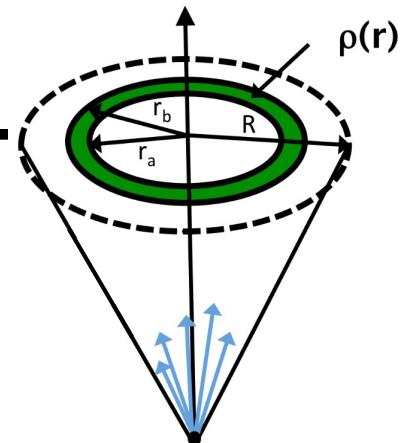
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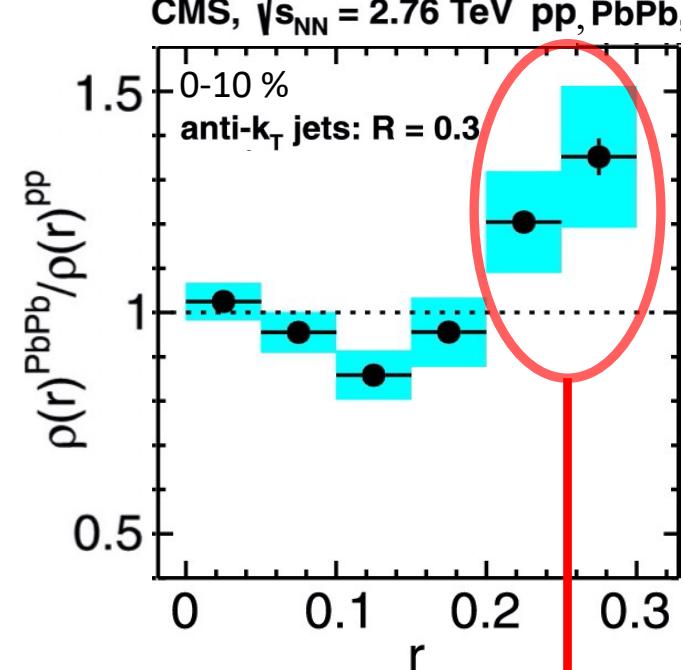
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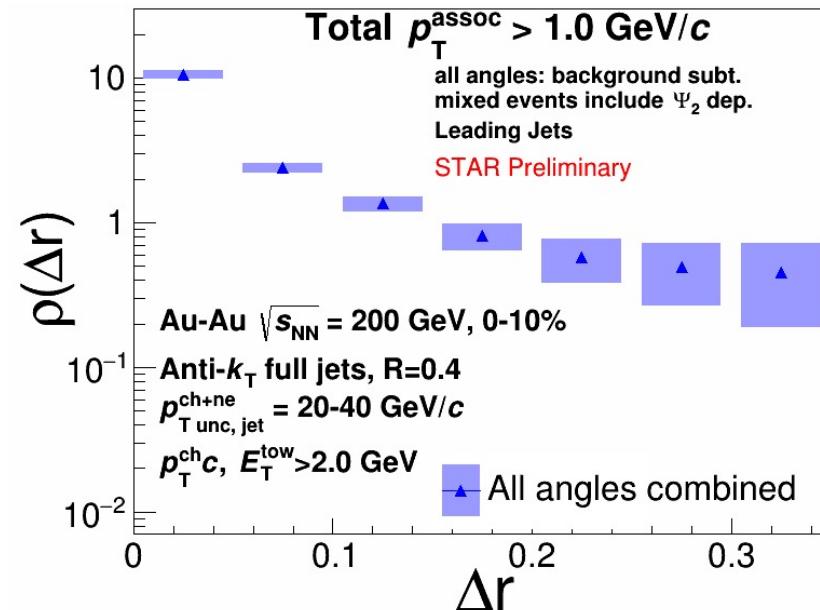
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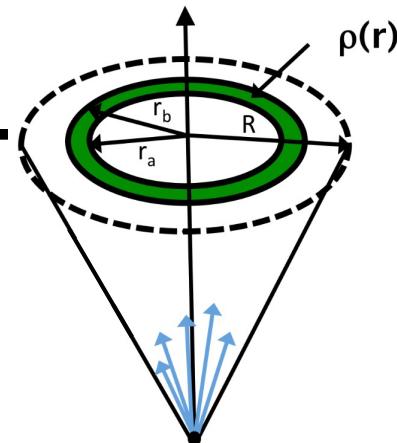


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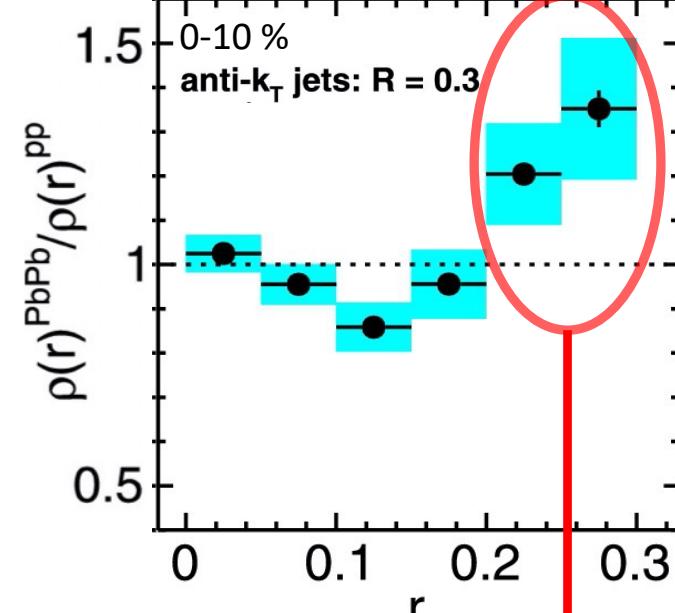
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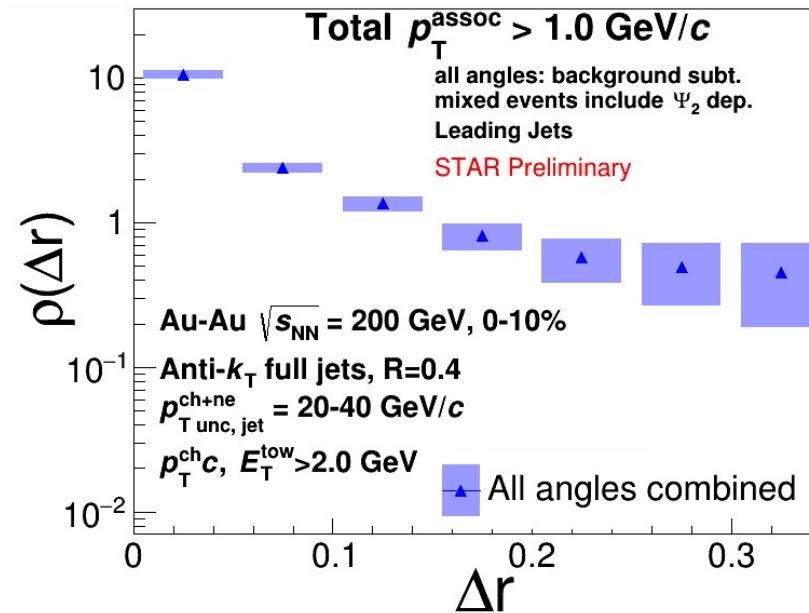


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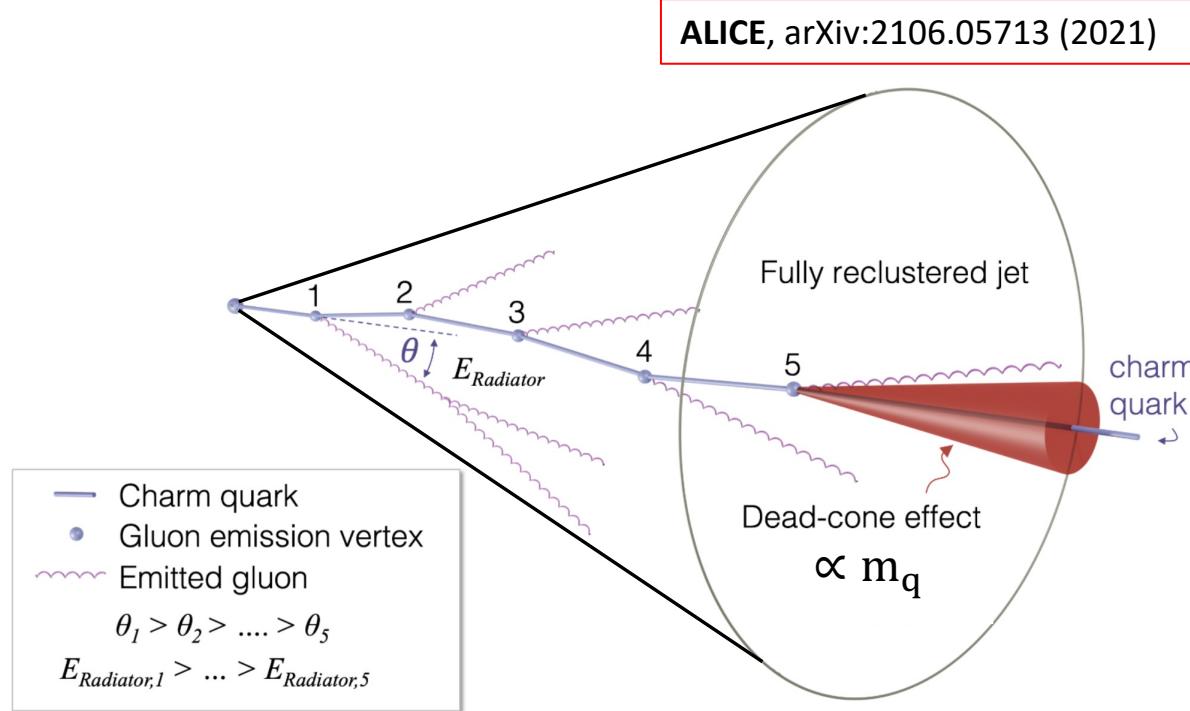
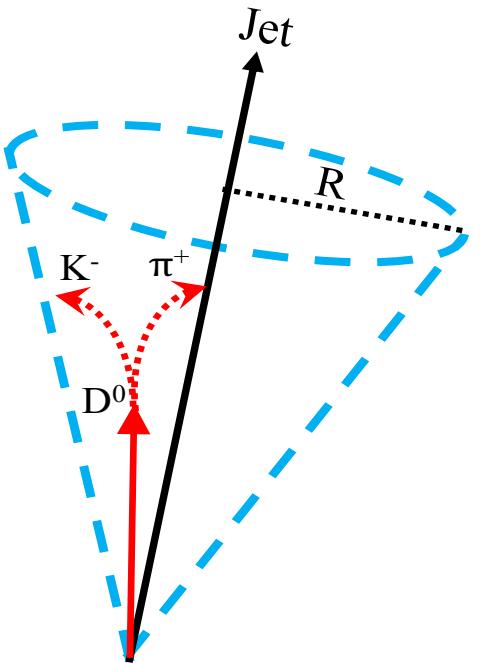
## Possible mechanisms:

- Multiple scattering
- Medium-induced Bremsstrahlung
- Medium response

Dependent on the mass of the underlying parton

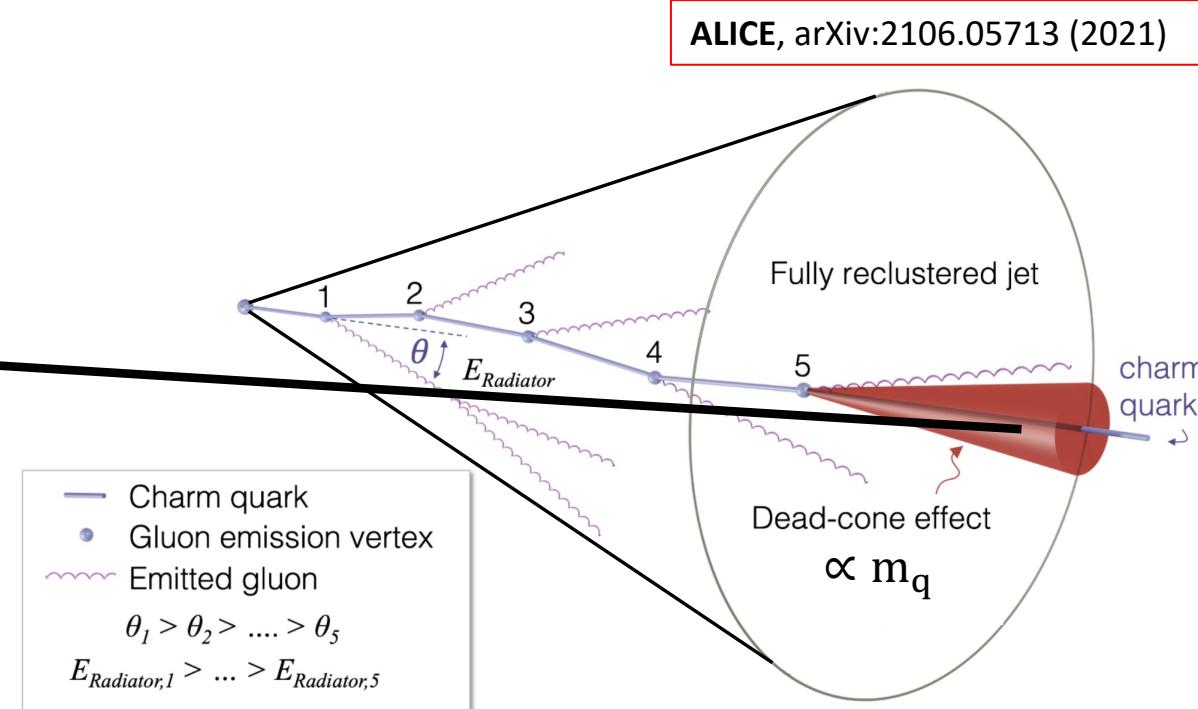
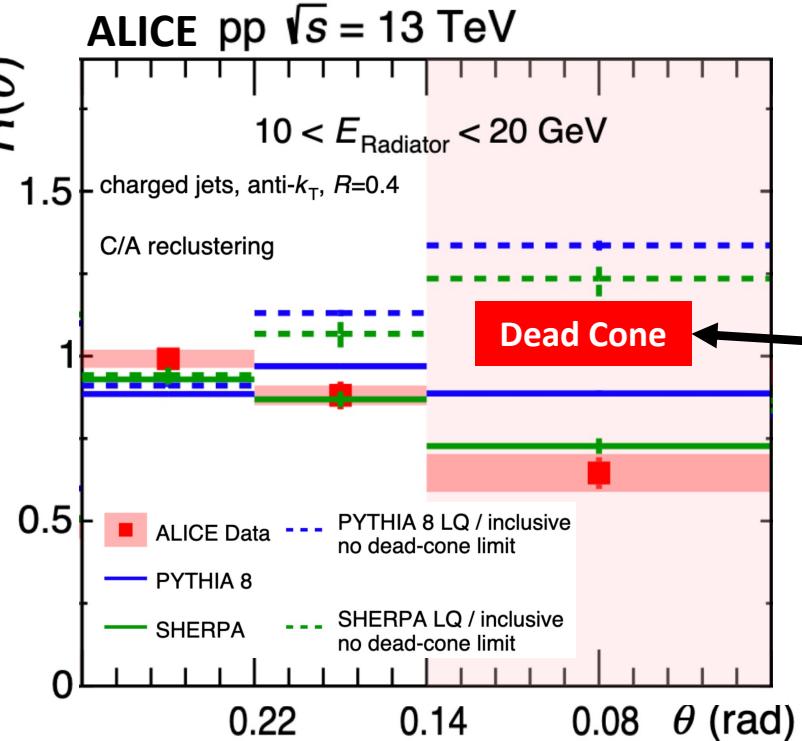
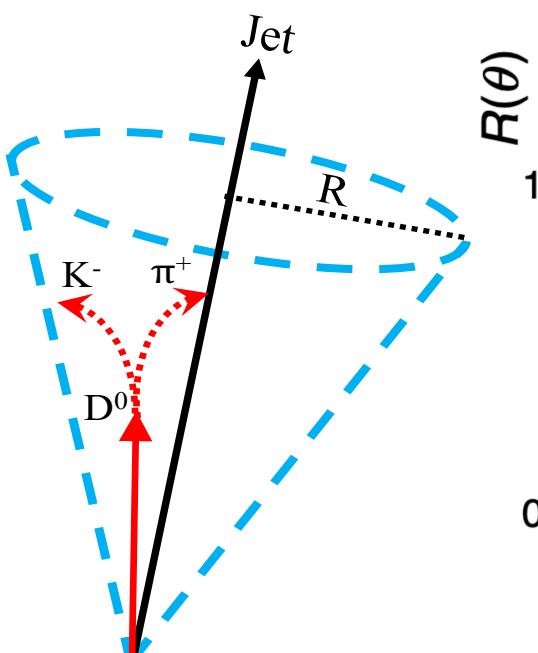
Motivation to study heavy-flavor jets

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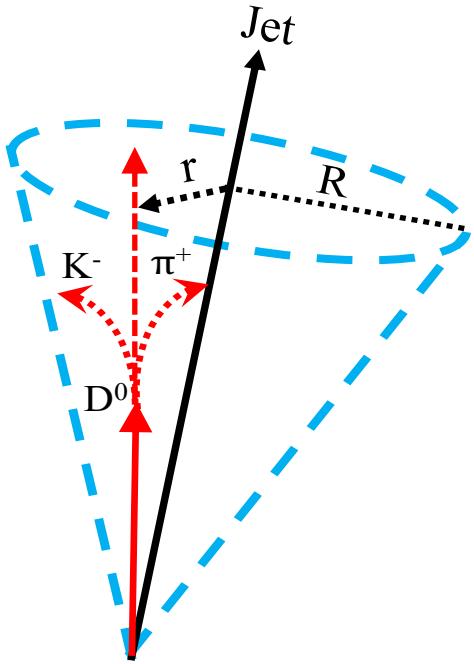
$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{D^0\text{jet}}} \frac{dn_{D^0\text{jet}}}{d \ln(1/\theta)} / \frac{1}{N_{\text{inclusive jet}}} \frac{dn_{\text{inclusive jet}}}{d \ln(1/\theta)}$$



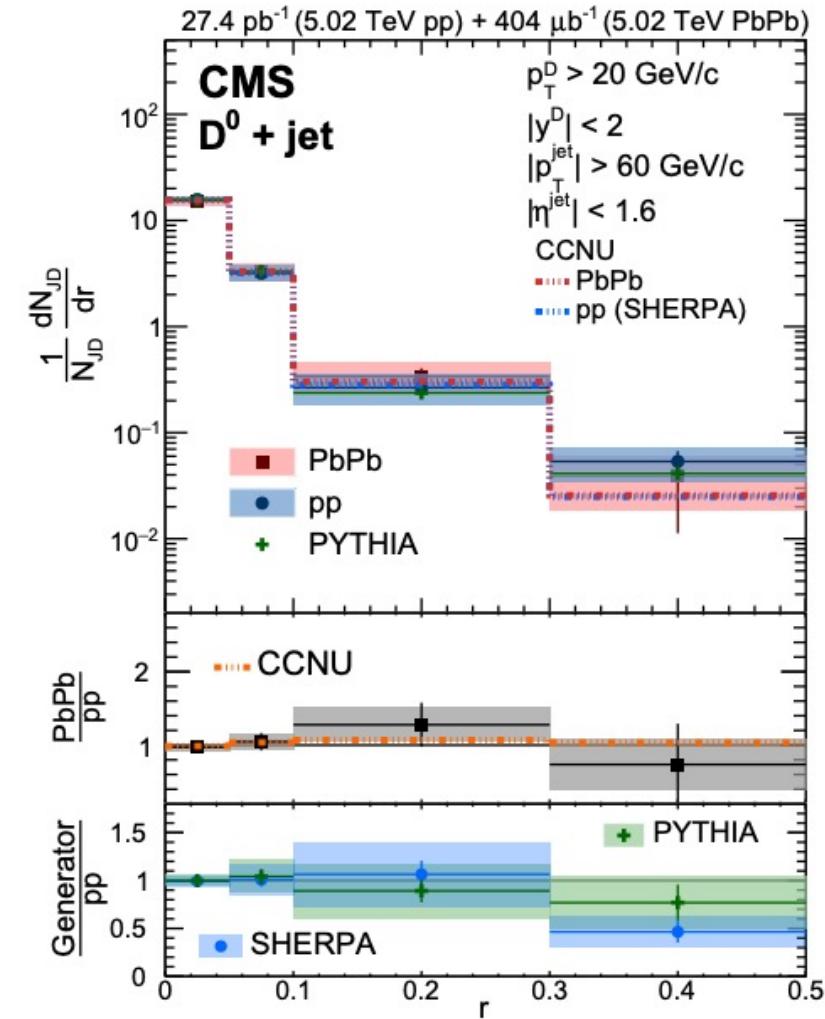
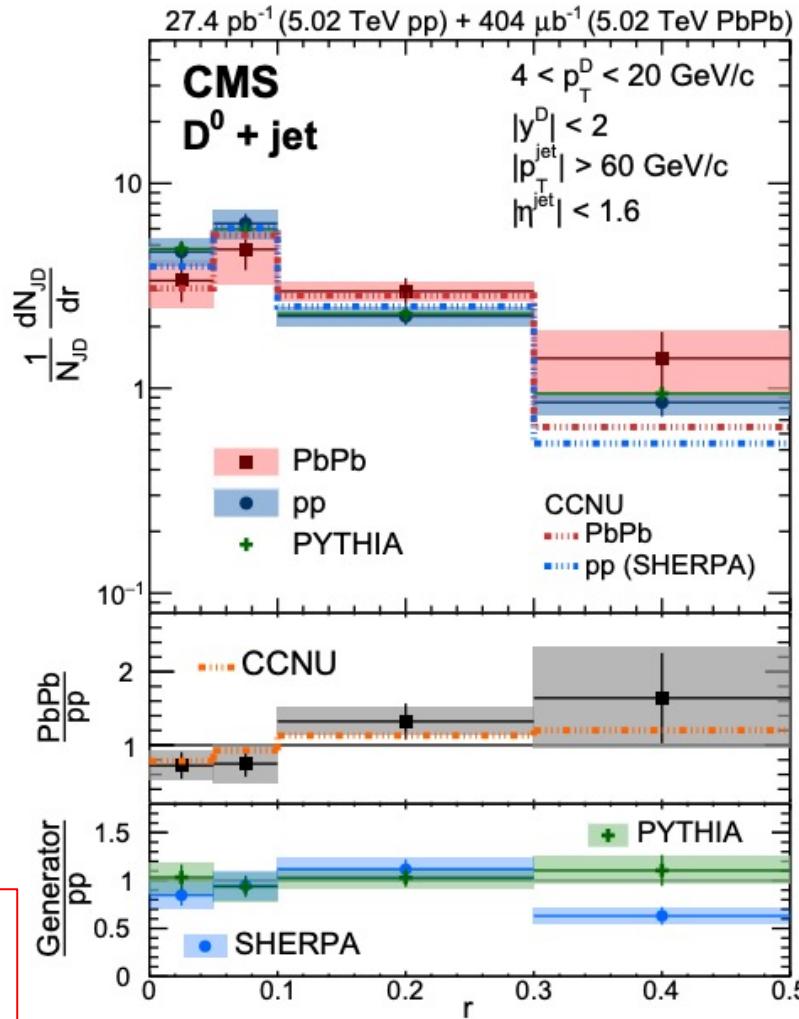
**Heavy-flavor emission spectra at small angles suppressed due to **dead-cone effect****

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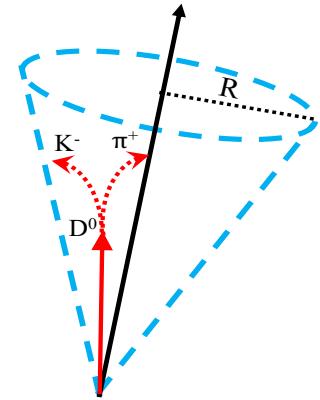


Low  $p_T$   $D^0$  mesons appear to be diffused in the presence of QGP at LHC



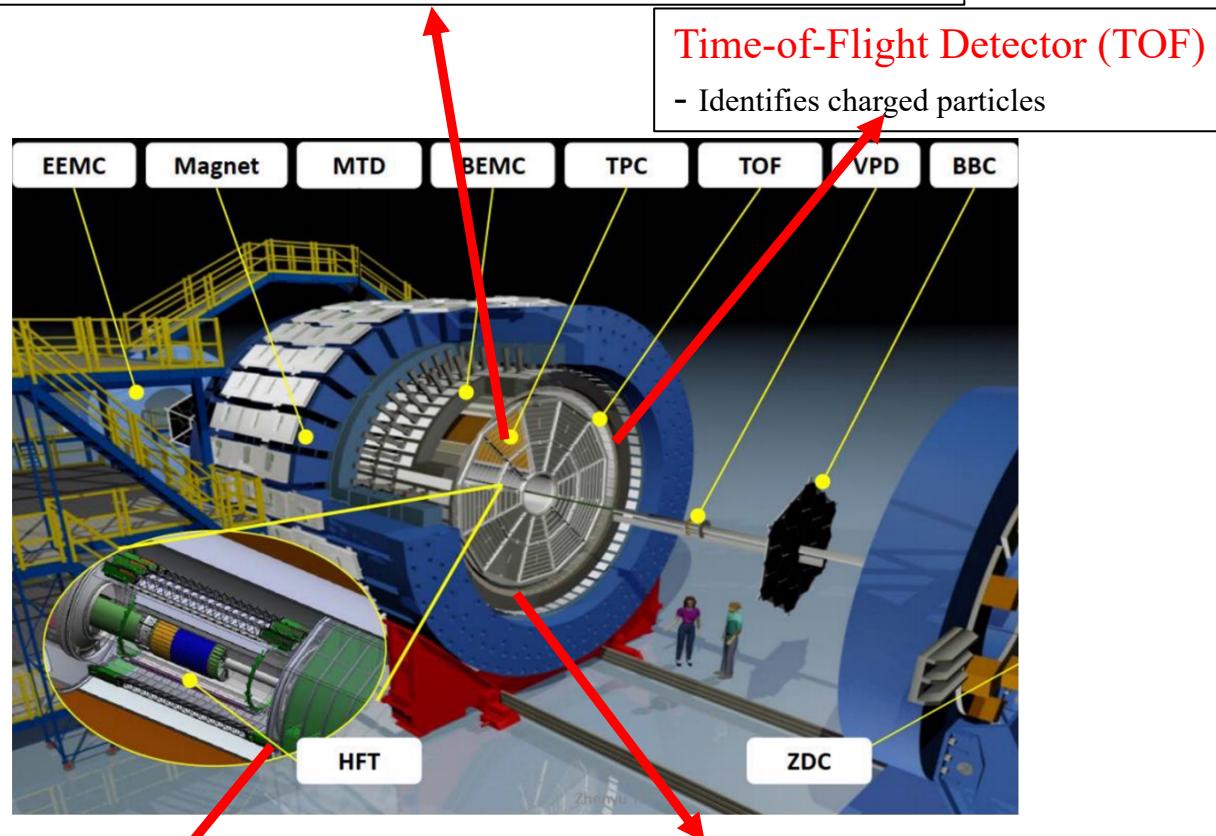
- Lower  $p_T$   $D^0$  mesons can be reconstructed at RHIC energies
- Contribution from the underlying background is smaller at RHIC

# STAR Detector & Selection Criteria



## Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- Measures momentum, track trajectory, and identifies charged particles



## Time-of-Flight Detector (TOF)

- Identifies charged particles

## Event Selection:

- Au+Au  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ , Year 2014
- Minimum bias (MB)
- Centrality  $\in [0, 80]\%$  (3 bins: [0-10], [10-40], [40-80])

## Constituent Selection:

- $0.2 < p_{\text{T},\text{track}} [\text{GeV}/c] < 30 ; 0.2 < E_{\text{T},\text{tower}} [\text{GeV}] < 30$
- $|\eta_{\text{track}}| < 1 ; |\eta_{\text{tower}}| < 1$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^\mp + \pi^\pm$  [B.R. = 3.82 %]
- For  $D^0$  reconstruction: Tracks need at least three hits on HFT
- $5 < p_{\text{T},D^0} [\text{GeV}/c] < 10$

## $D^0$ Jet Selection:

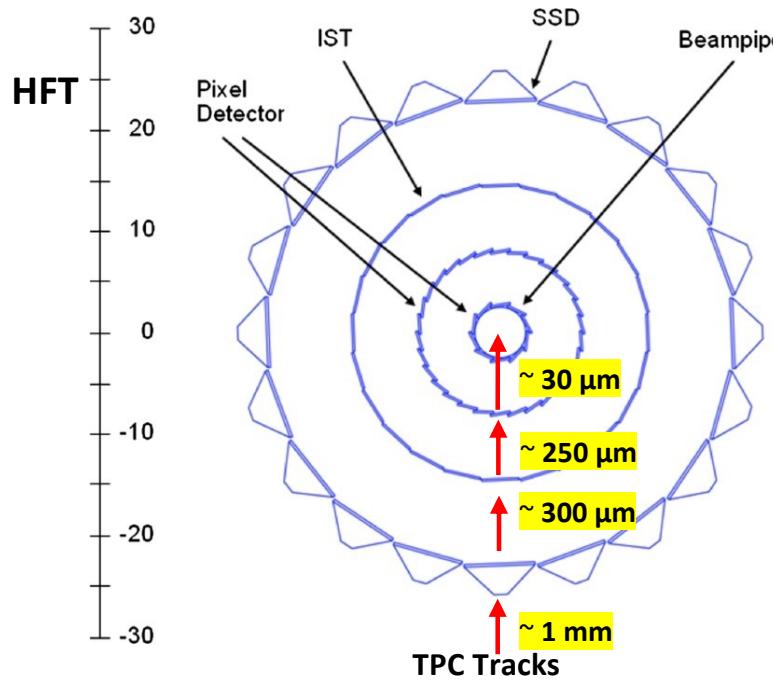
- Anti- $k_{\text{T}}$  full jets of radius  $R = 0.4$ , area-based background subtraction
- $|\eta_{\text{Jet}}| < 0.6$

## Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)

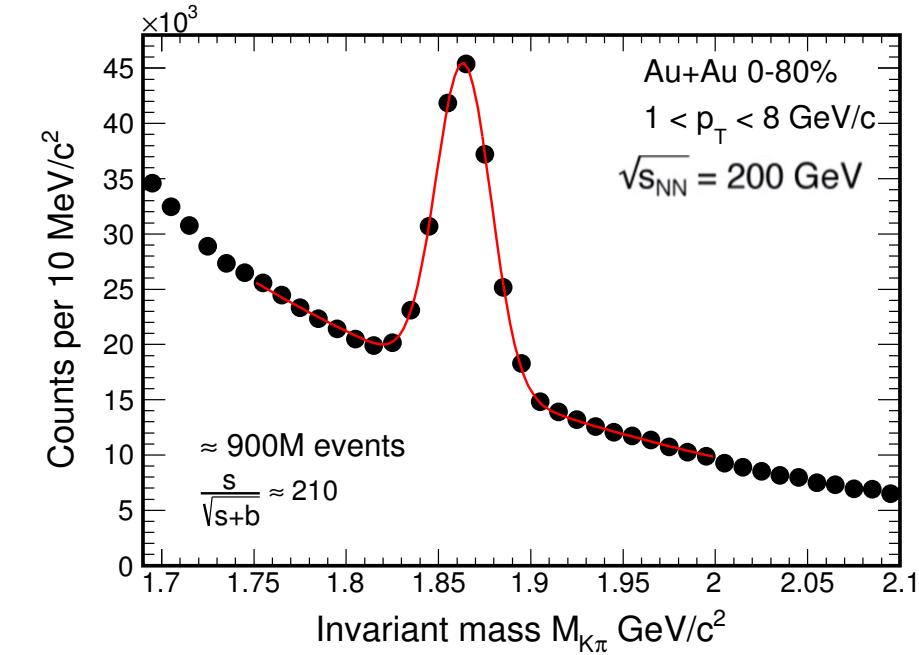
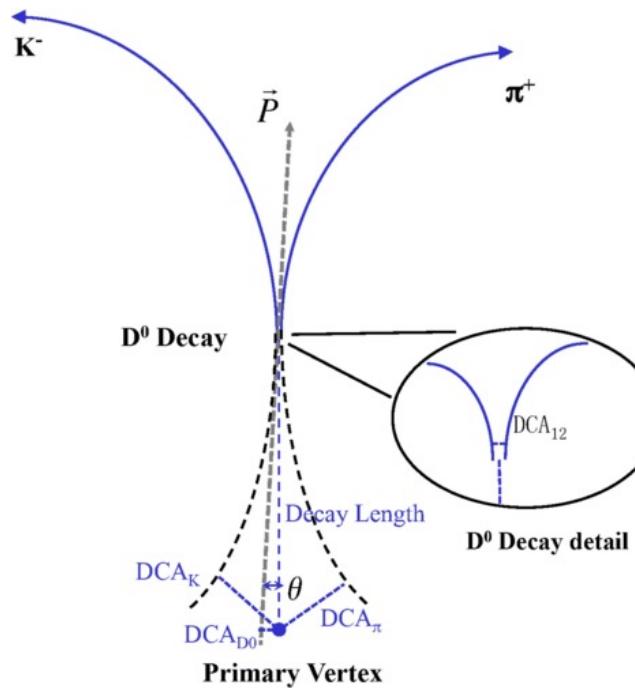
- Improves position resolution for tracks

# D<sup>0</sup> Reconstruction

- Kaons and Pions identified using TPC and TOF



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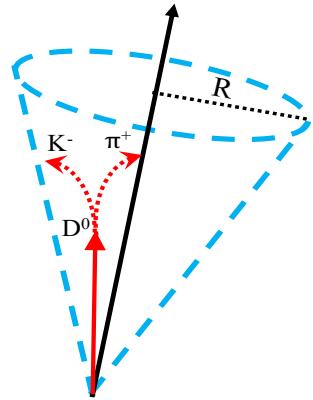
- Decay length of D<sup>0</sup>  $\sim 123 \mu\text{m}$ .
- HFT has a resolution of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  for kaons at  $\sim 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- HFT can reconstruct D<sup>0</sup> candidates based on the decay topology

Topological cuts on the D<sup>0</sup> candidates improve signal significance

# D<sup>0</sup>-Jet Yield Extraction

*s*Plot

Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., A (2005) 555



- Native class in RooStats, and widely used in HEP
- Unbinned maximum likelihood fit to invariant mass integrated over all kinematics
- $p_{T,\text{jet}}$  and radial distributions with all D<sup>0</sup>-tagged jet candidates using sWeights
- Easy to include reconstruction efficiencies versus D<sup>0</sup> kinematics

$${}^s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_T} V_{nj} f_j(m_{K\pi,i})}{\sum_{k=1}^{N_T} N_k f_k(m_{K\pi,i})}$$

Unbinned max. likelihood fit

$n$  =  $n$ -th fit component(sig/bkg)

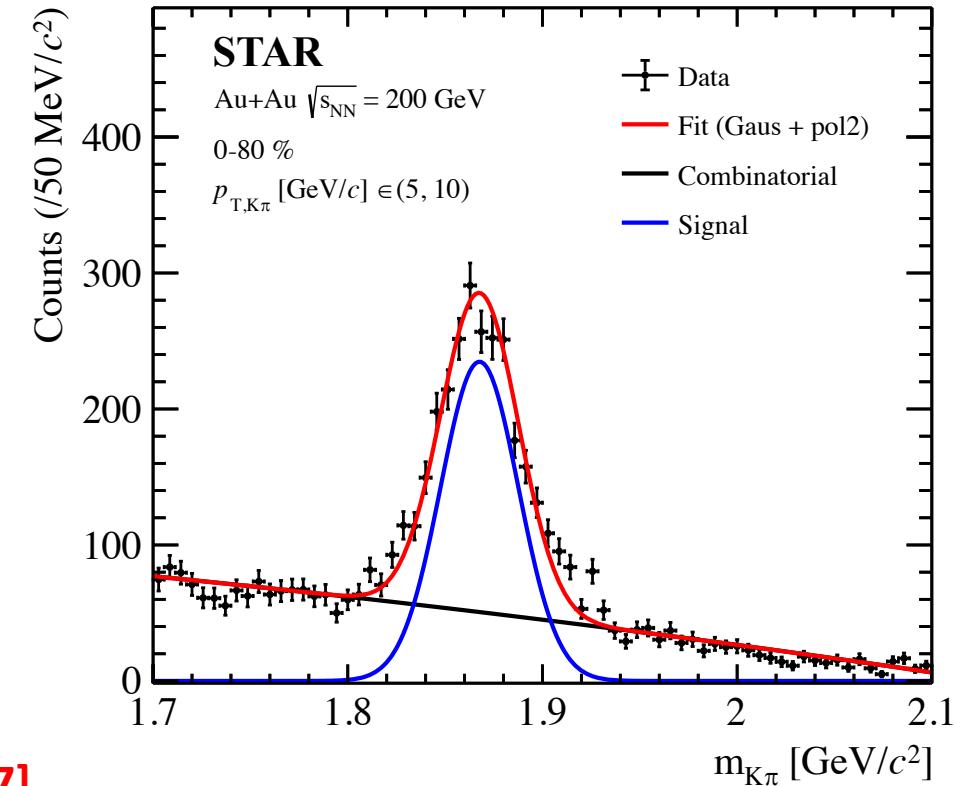
$N_k$  =  $k$ -th yield (T=2)

$f_k(m_{K\pi,i})$  = per-event PDF value with  $k^{\text{th}}$  hypothesis

$V$  = cov. matrix

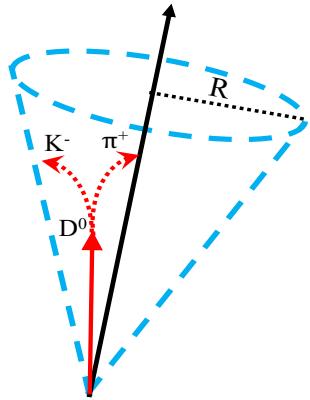
Efficiency Correction →

$${}^s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) \rightarrow \frac{{}^s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i})}{\varepsilon(m_{K\pi,i})}$$

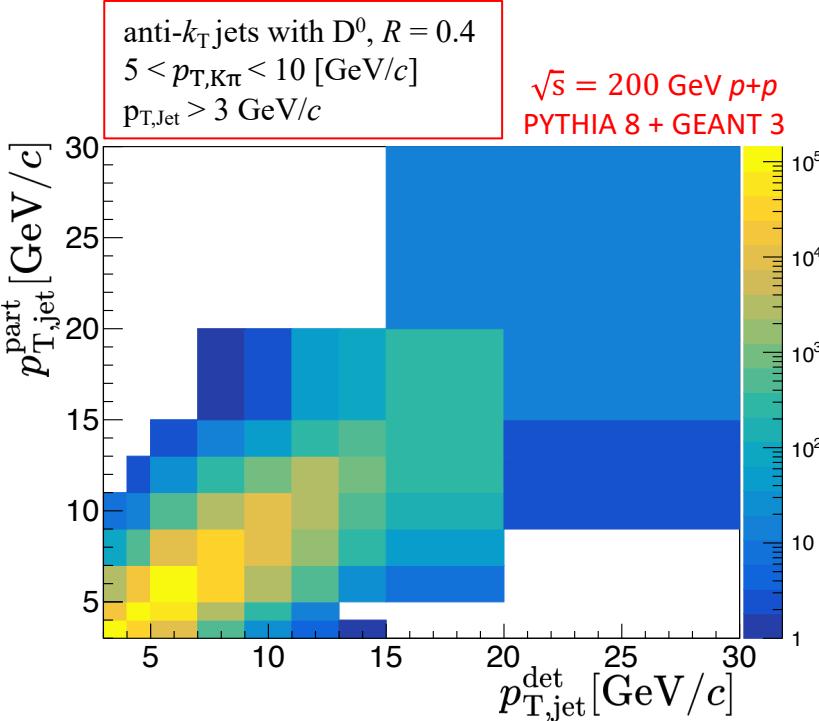


For more information about *s*Plot, visit poster by Matthew Kelsey [T11\_2, #367].

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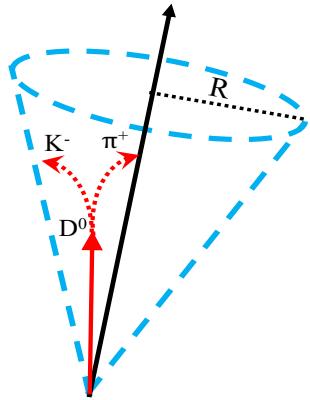


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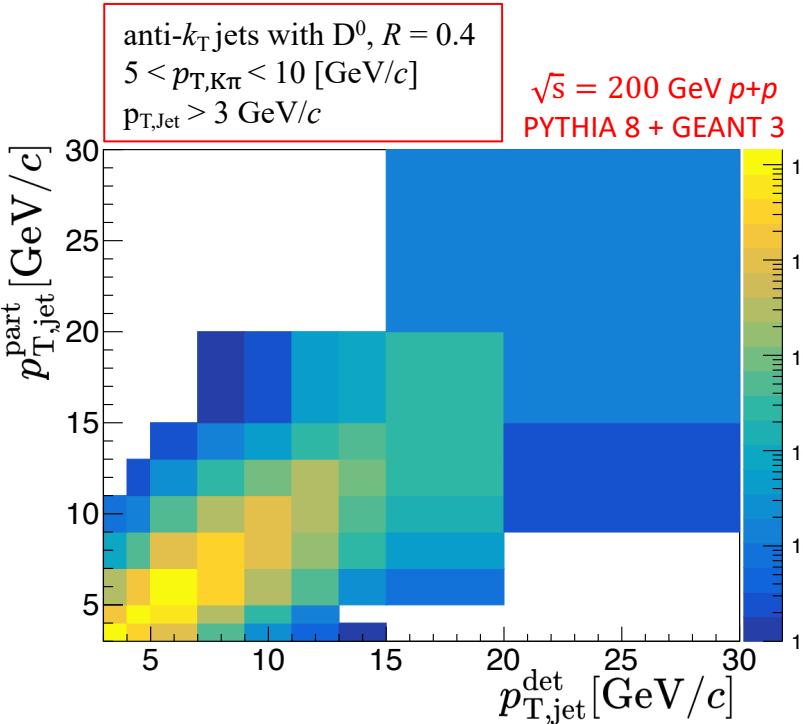


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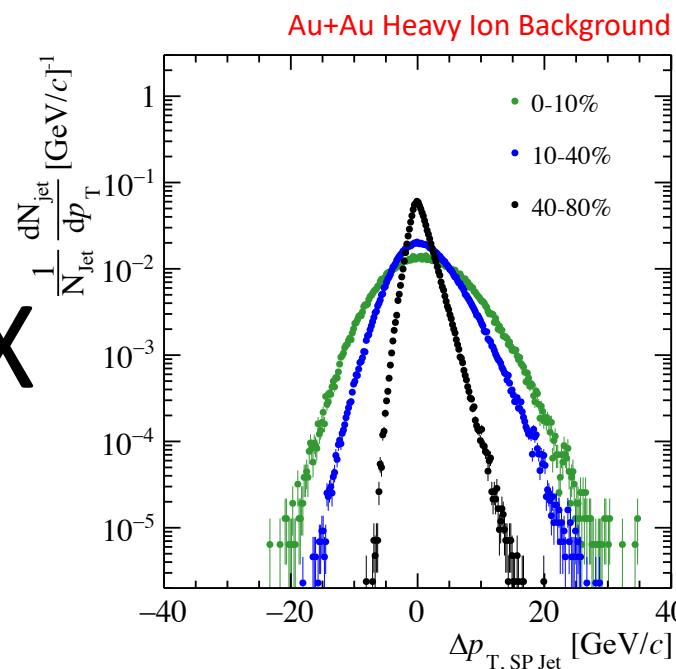


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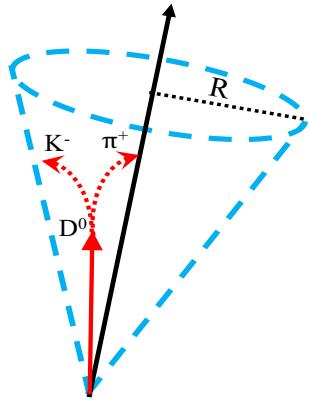
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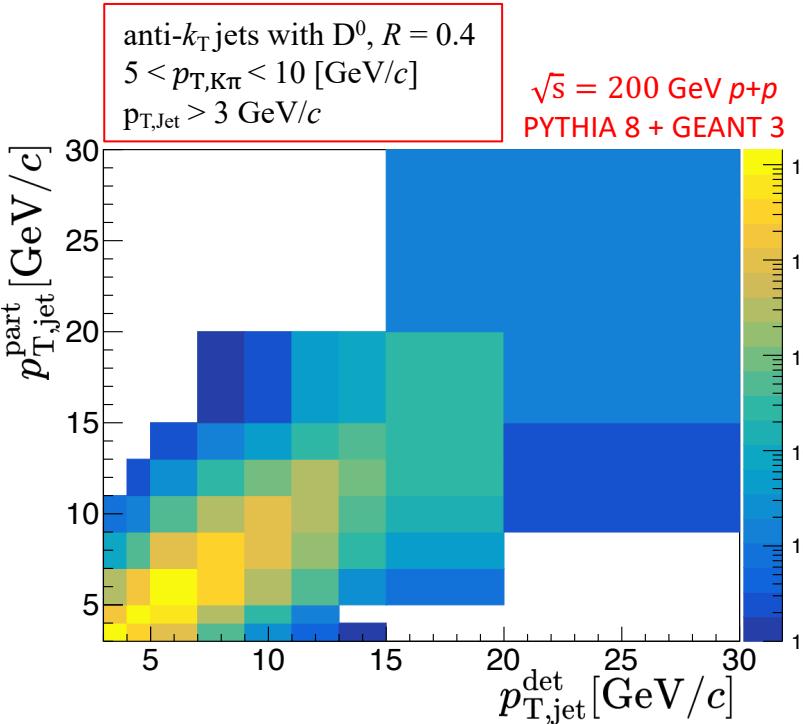


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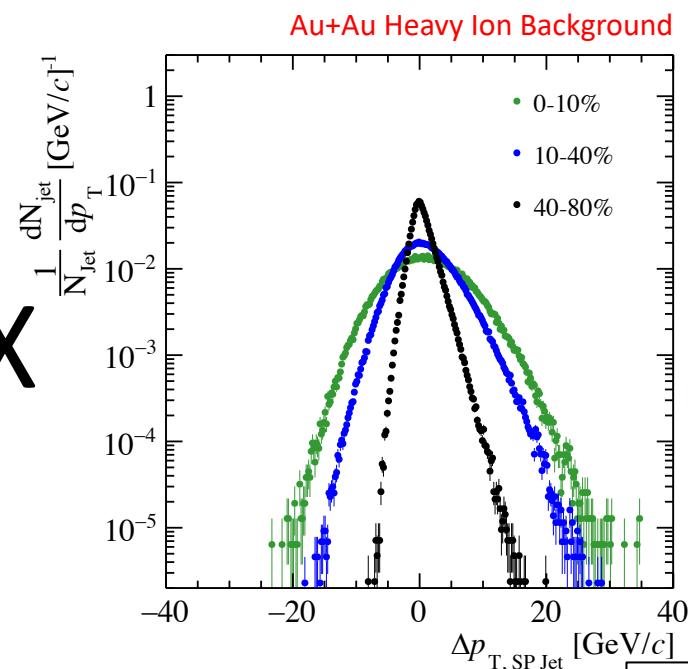


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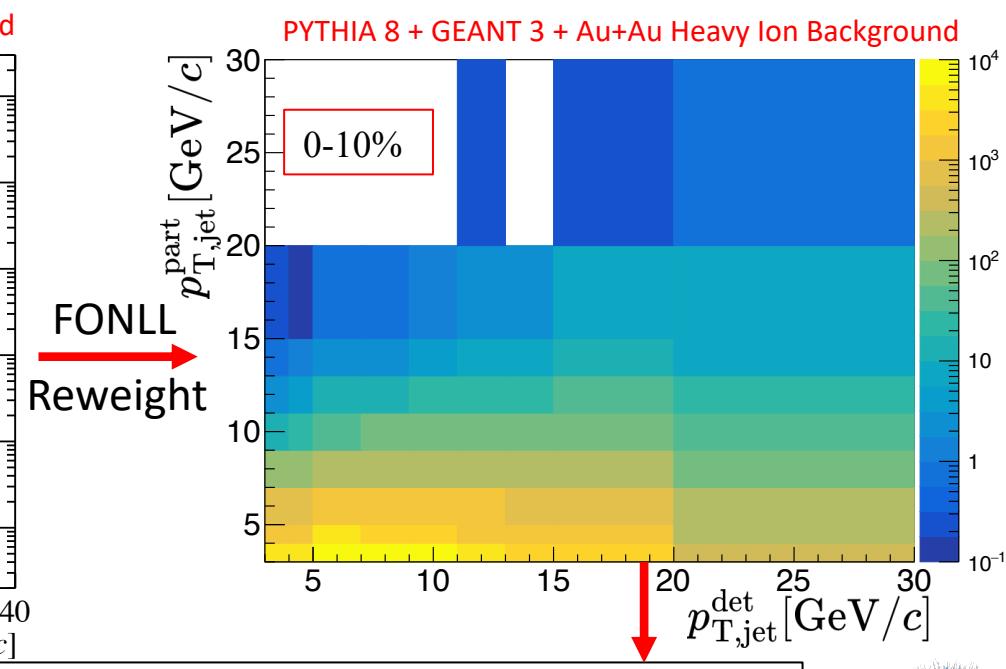


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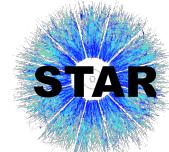
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Complete response matrix to unfold  $p_{T,\text{Jet}}$



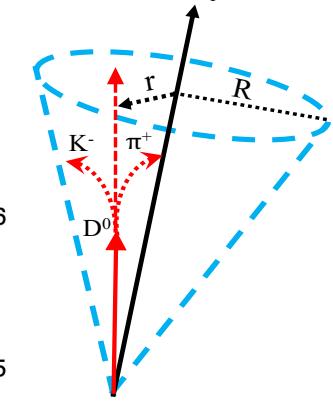
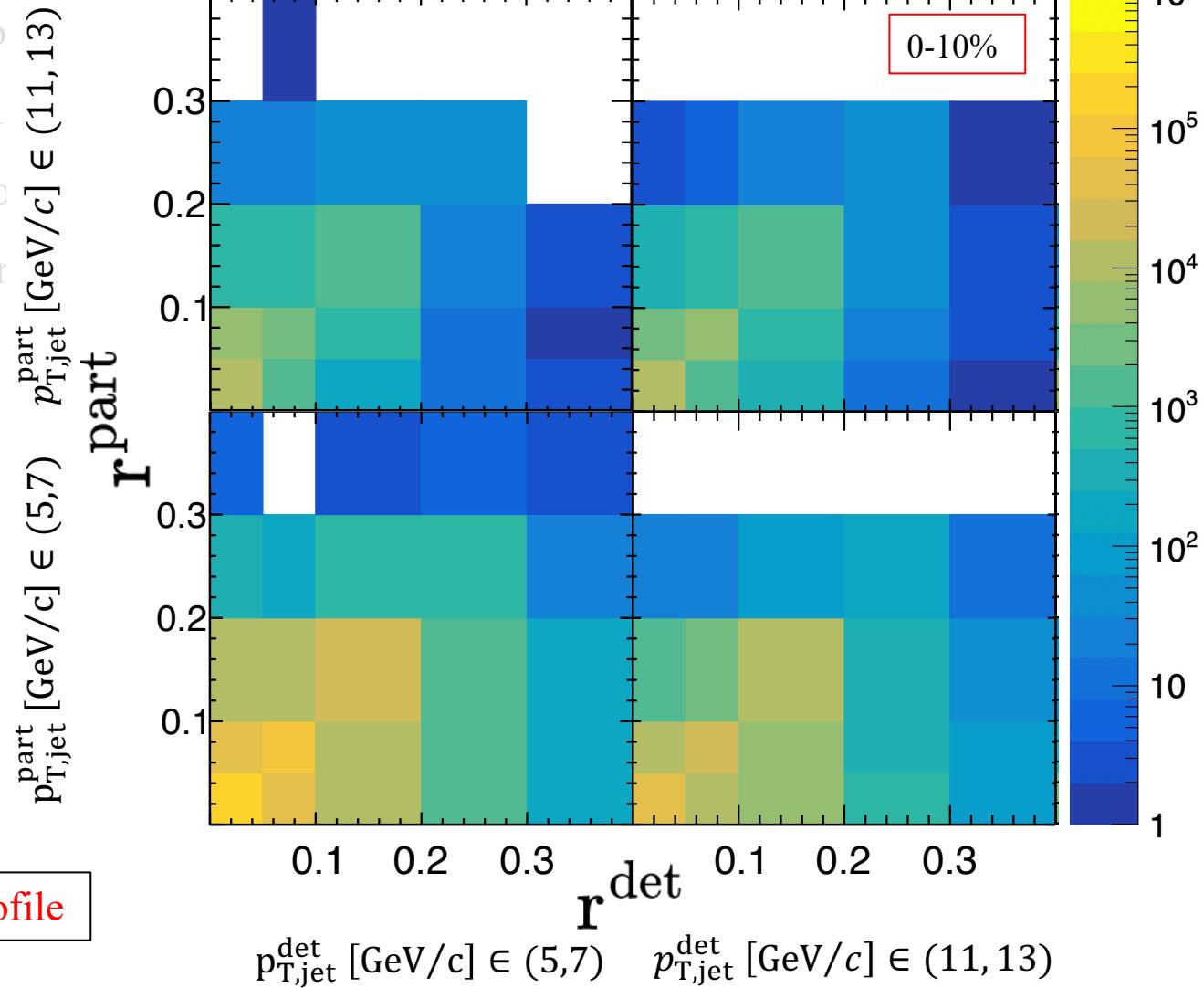
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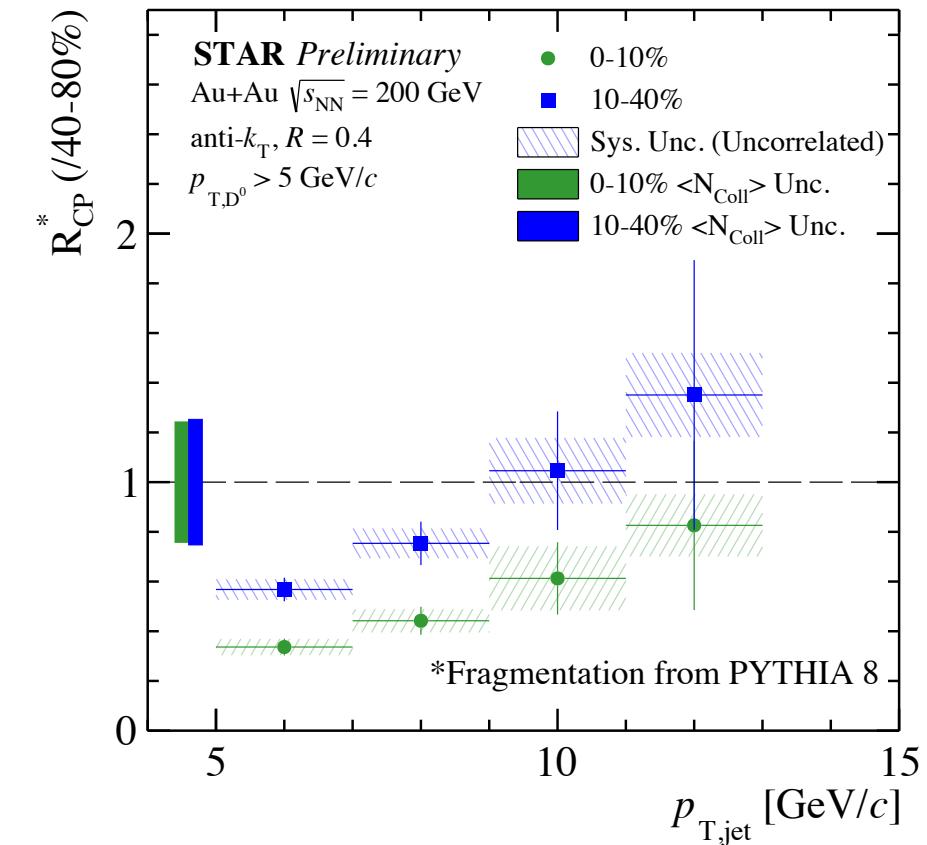
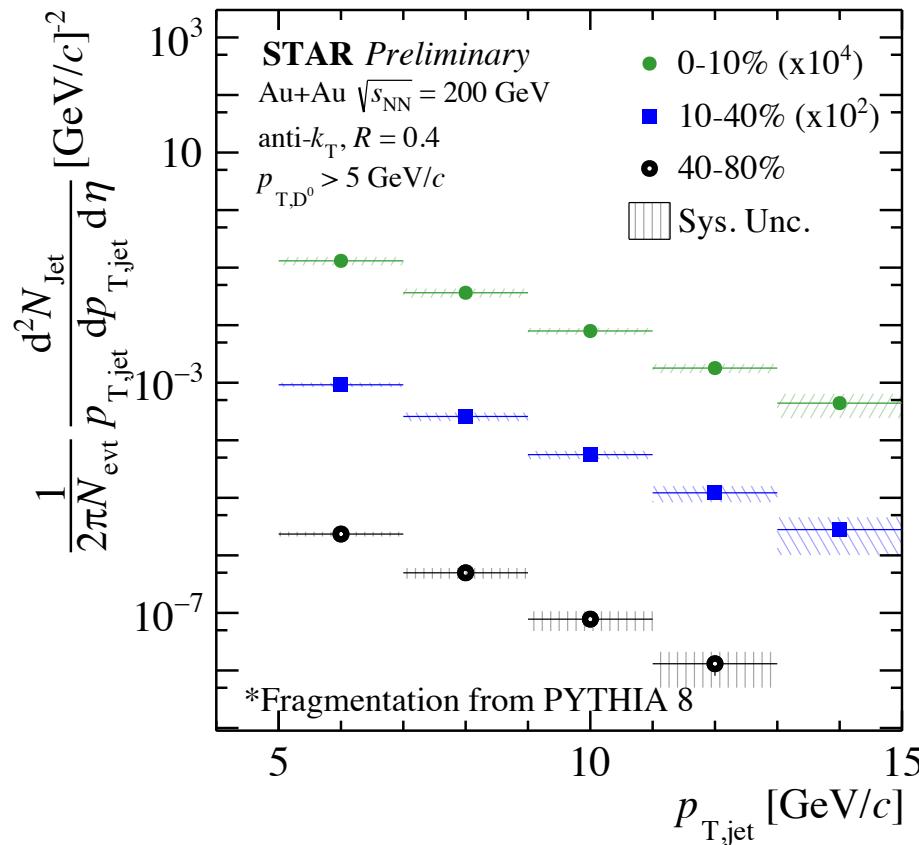
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PYTHIA 8 + GEANT 3  
Au+Au Heavy Ion Background



# Jet Spectra

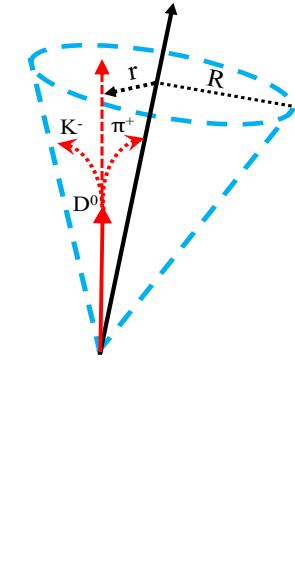
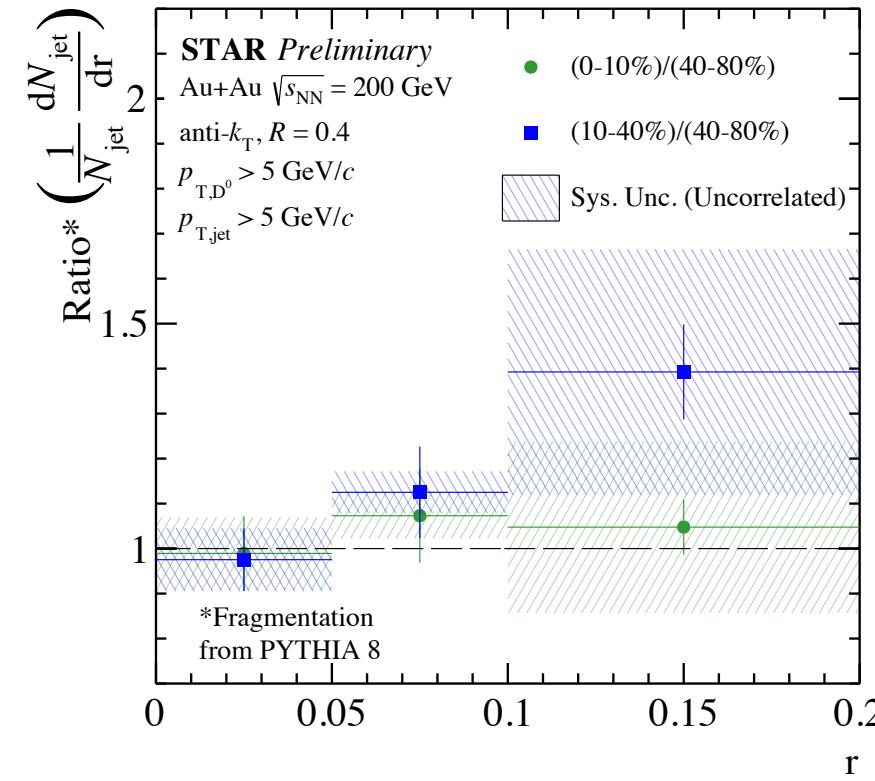
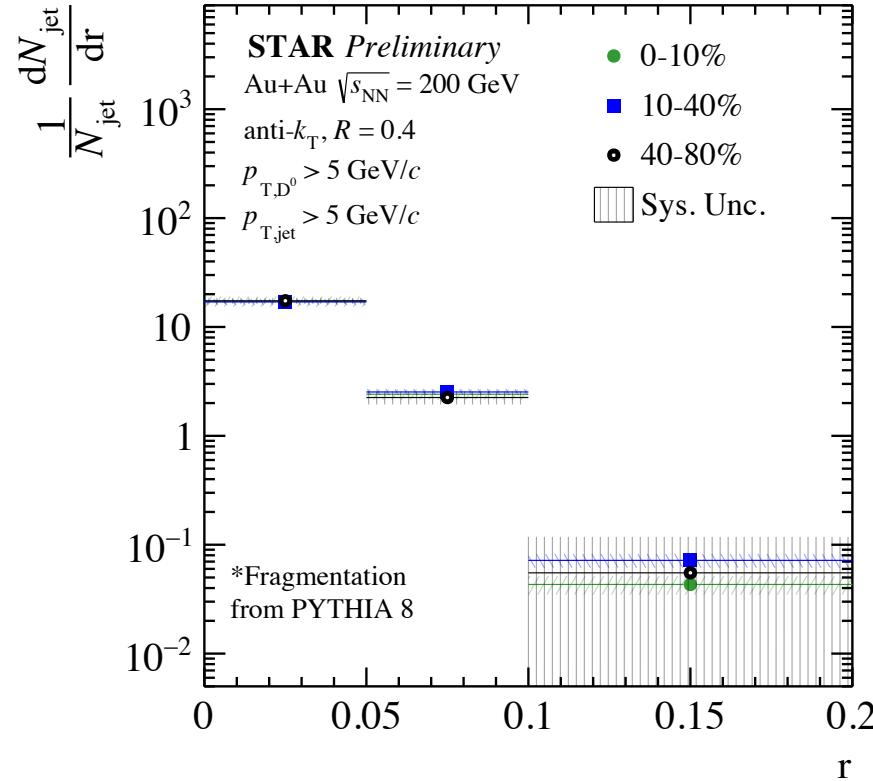
New For QM22



- Most central spectrum is more suppressed than mid-central
- $R_{CP}^*$  shows strong suppression at low  $p_{T,\text{jet}}$ , hint of an increasing trend with  $p_{T,\text{jet}}$
- Peripheral events have limited statistics with the  $D^0$   $p_T$  selections
- $D^0$ -tagged jet measurement for  $R_{AA}$  will be explored using high-statistics  $p+p$  data in 2024

# Radial Profile of D<sup>0</sup> Mesons in Jets

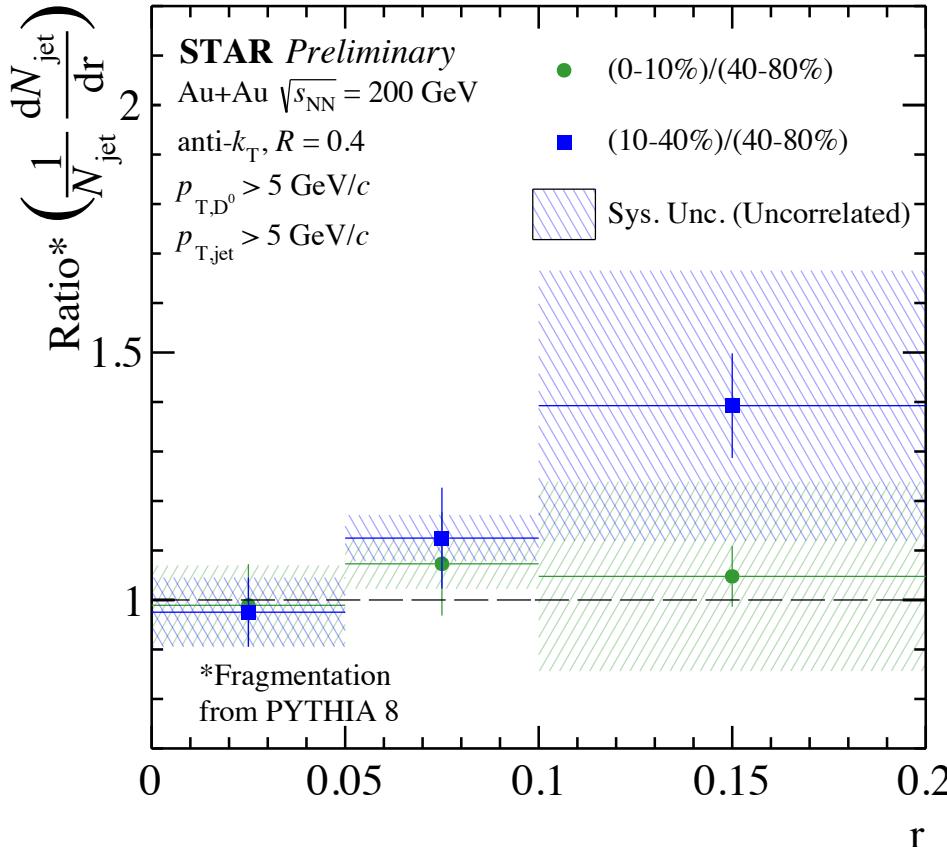
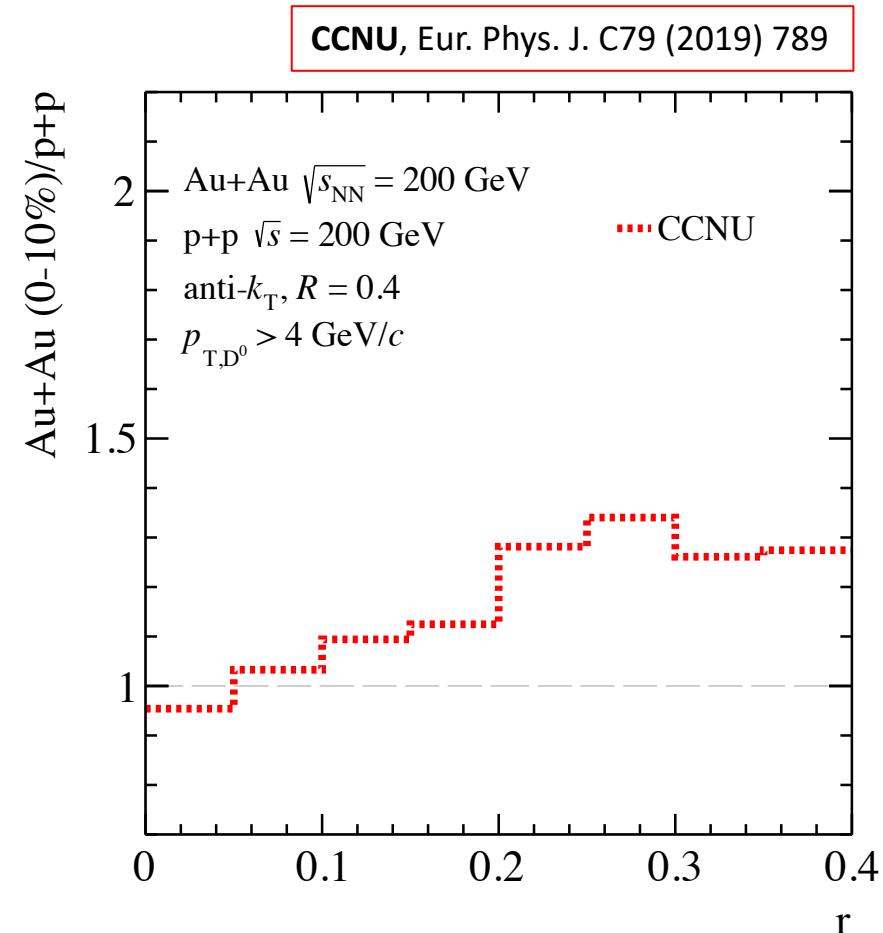
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- For  $D^0 p_T > 5$  GeV/ $c$ , the ratio of radial distributions is consistent with unity within uncertainties
- Extending the analysis to lower  $D^0$  kinematics is essential to study  $D^0$  diffusion

# Radial Profile: Data vs Model

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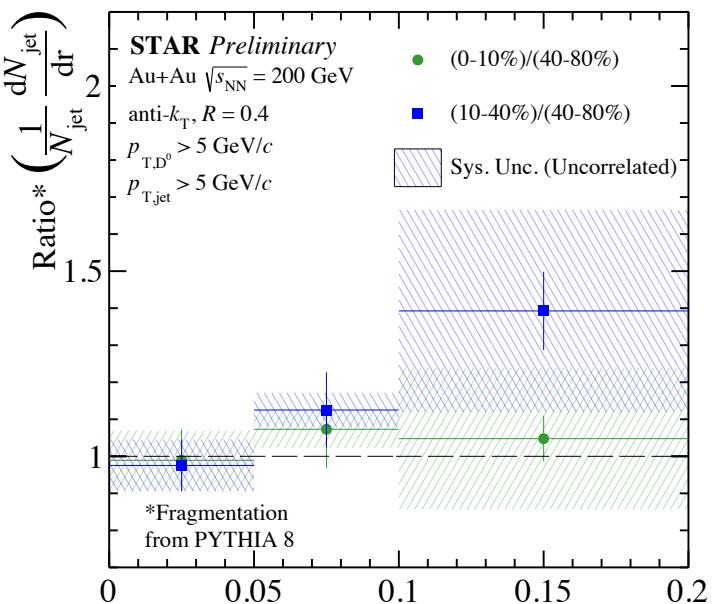
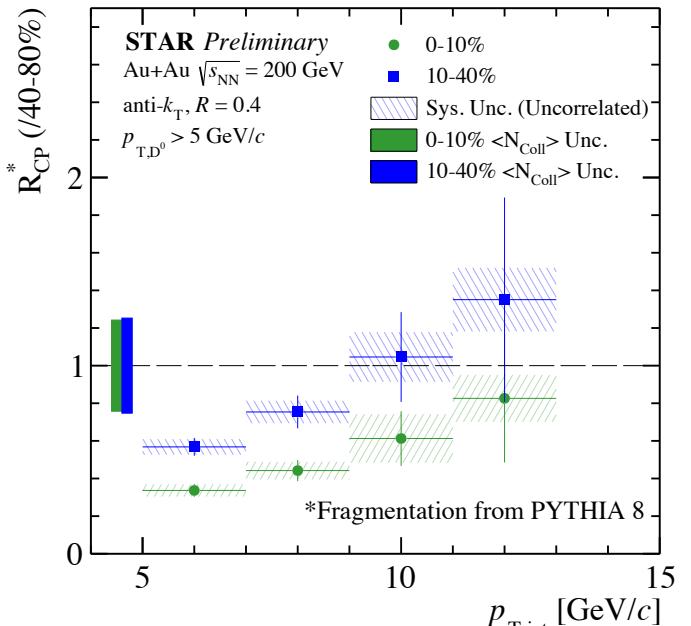


Note: calculation uses  $p+p$  as reference

Theory calculation shows small amount of diffusion - consistent with data within uncertainties

# Summary

- First D<sup>0</sup>-tagged jet measurement at RHIC energies
- Fragmentation from PYTHIA 8 used for correcting jet momenta and substructure
  - ✓ Spectra for D<sup>0</sup>-tagged jets in central and mid-central events consistent with being suppressed with respect to peripheral events
  - ✓ Ratio of radial profile of D<sup>0</sup> mesons in jets consistent with unity within uncertainties.



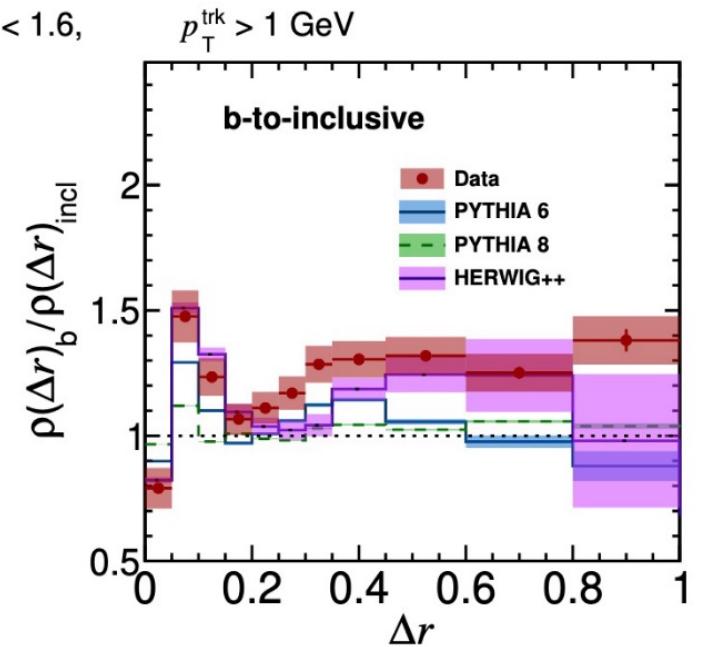
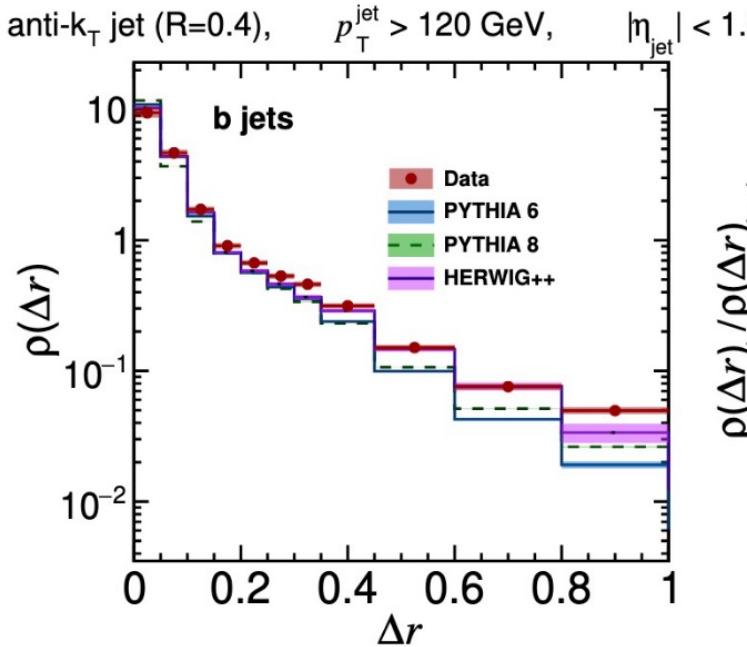
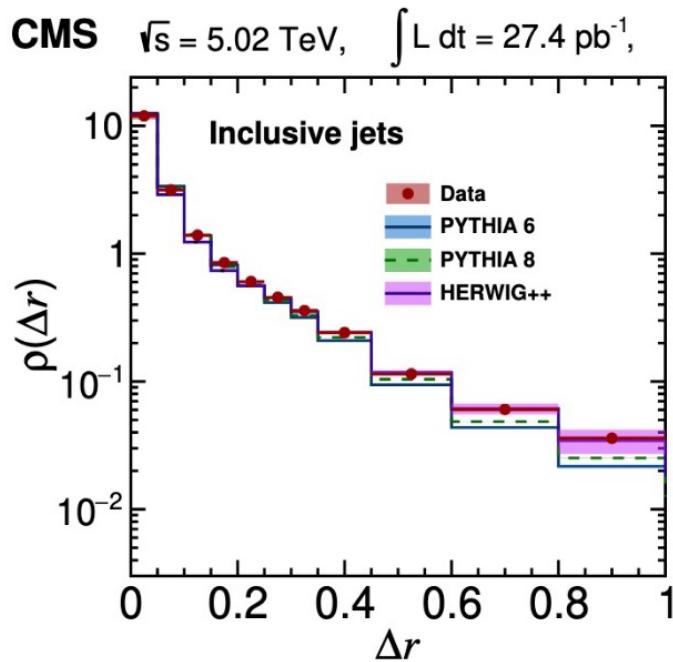
# Outlook

- Measure fragmentation function for D<sup>0</sup>-tagged jets in Au+Au collisions
- Extend kinematic reach to low D<sup>0</sup>  $p_{\text{T}}$  to get closer to charm quark mass

# Backup



# Differential jet shape for heavy quark in vacuum

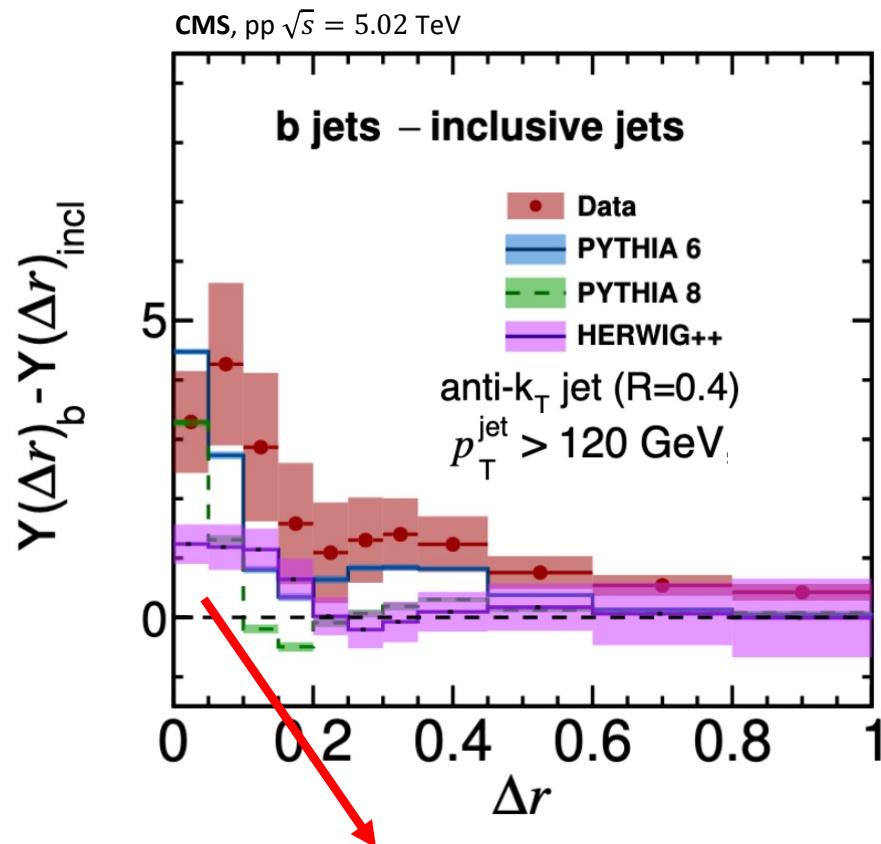


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Bottom quark jet (b-jets) shapes modified in vacuum,  
possibly due to dead cone

# Fragmentation pattern for heavy quark

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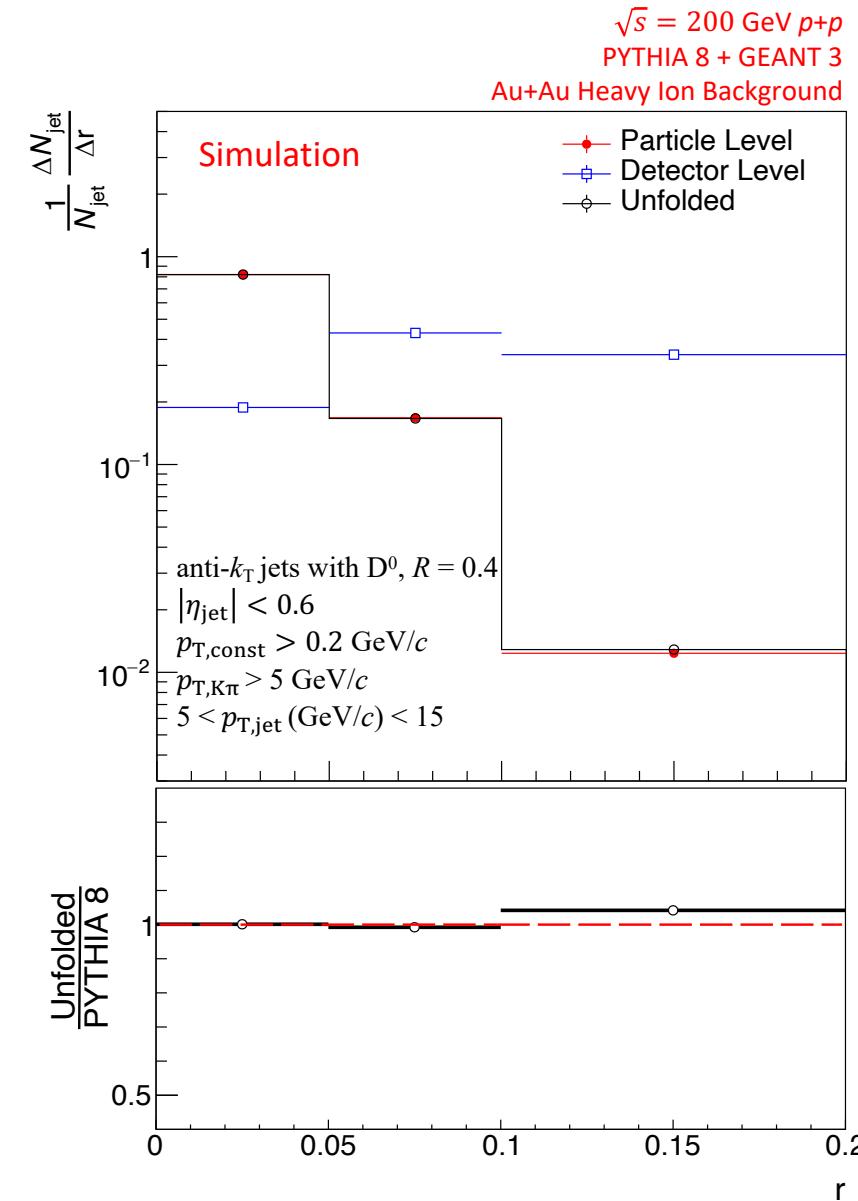
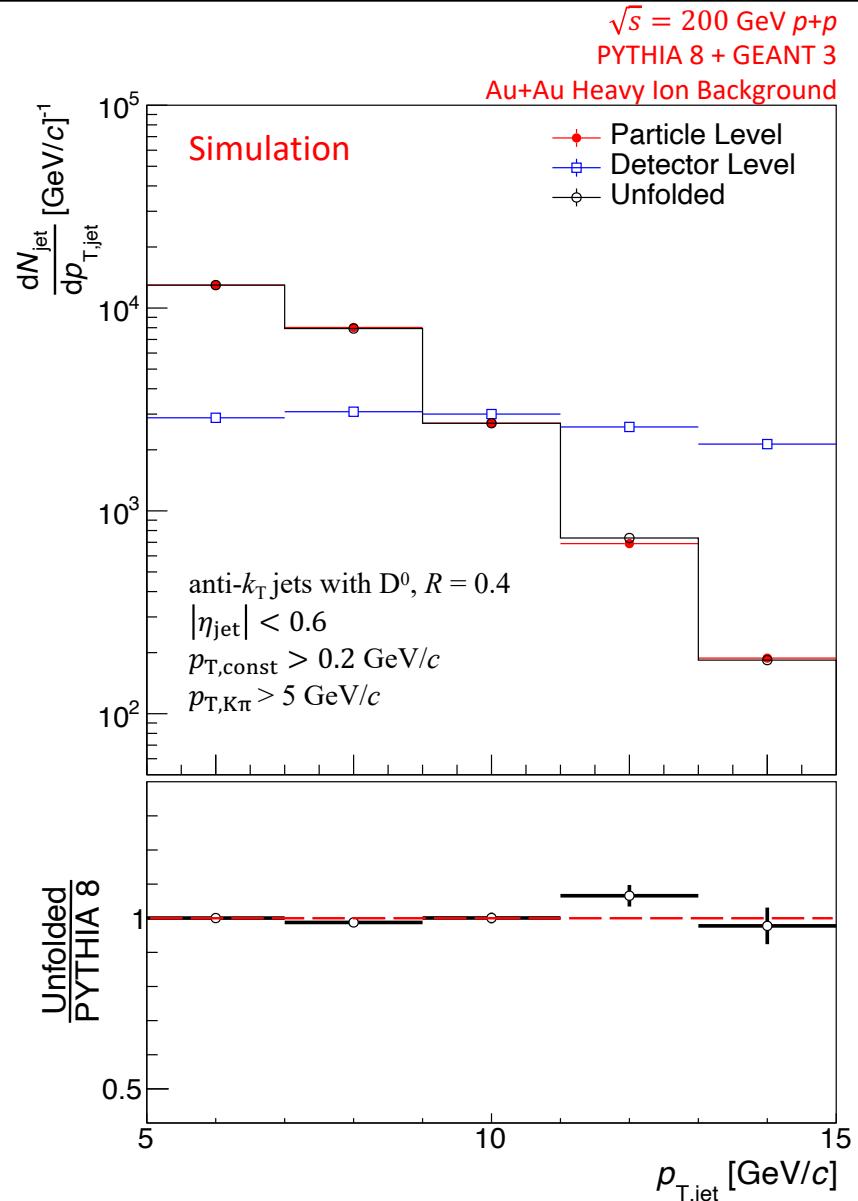


$$Y(\Delta r) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{track}}}{d\Delta r dp_{T,\text{track}}}$$

Higher yields of low  $p_T$  charged-particle close to jet axis in b-Jets  
vs inclusive jets in vacuum

~ Different fragmentation pattern for heavy quarks

# Closures For Unfolding



# Sources of Systematics

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*Dominant systematic uncertainties are:*

- Difference in yield extraction from the two methods,  $_s\mathcal{P}lot$  and like sign subtraction
- Systematics from  $D^0$  reconstruction (Details here: Phys. Rev. C 99 (2021) 034908)

*Sub-dominant systematic uncertainties are:*

- FONLL as a prior vs PYTHIA 8 as a prior for the jet spectrum for unfolding
- Iteration parameter in unfolding