

# Jet Studies at RHIC

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Precision Spectroscopy of QGP Properties  
with Jets and Heavy Quarks (INT-17-1b)

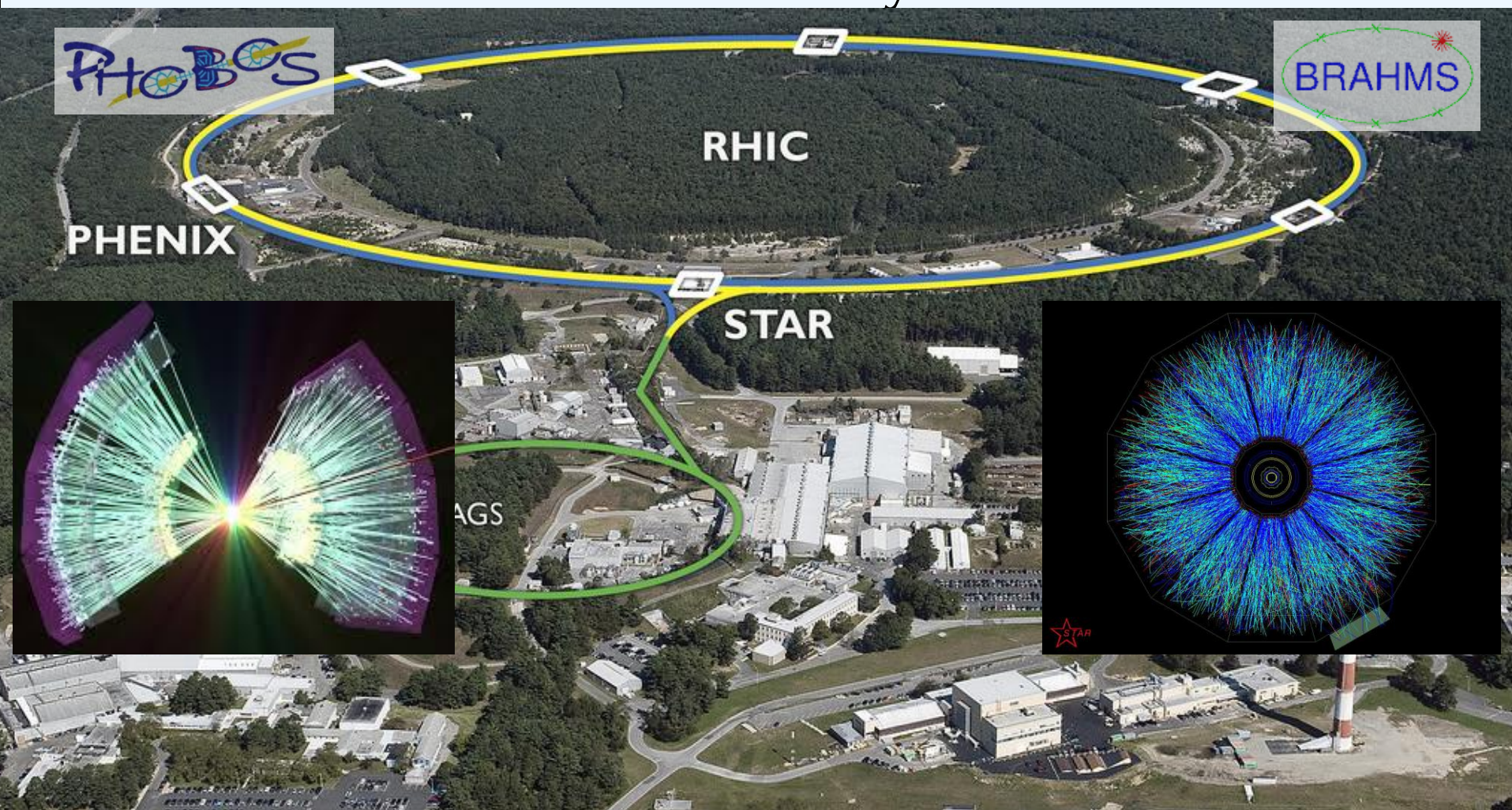


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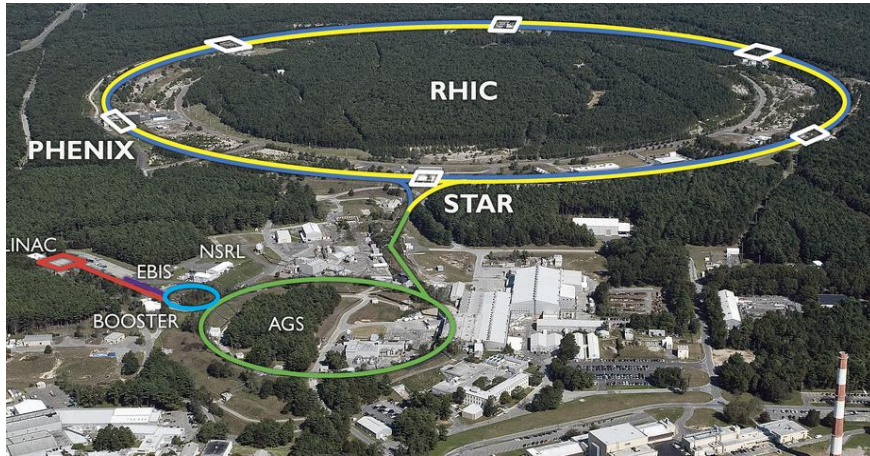


# The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider





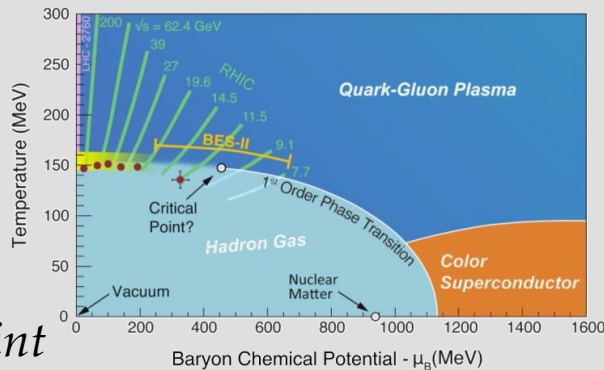
# The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



**HI Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV**  
 - Au+Au, Cu+Cu, Cu+Au, U+U, Cu+Au  
 - Isobars (Ru+Ru & Zr+Zr, planned)

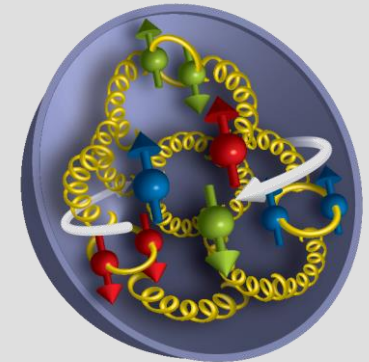
**Small Systems:**  
 - p+p, p+Au, p+Al, d+Au,  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$

Not Covered:  
 BES, BES-2 (7.7 – 62 GeV)



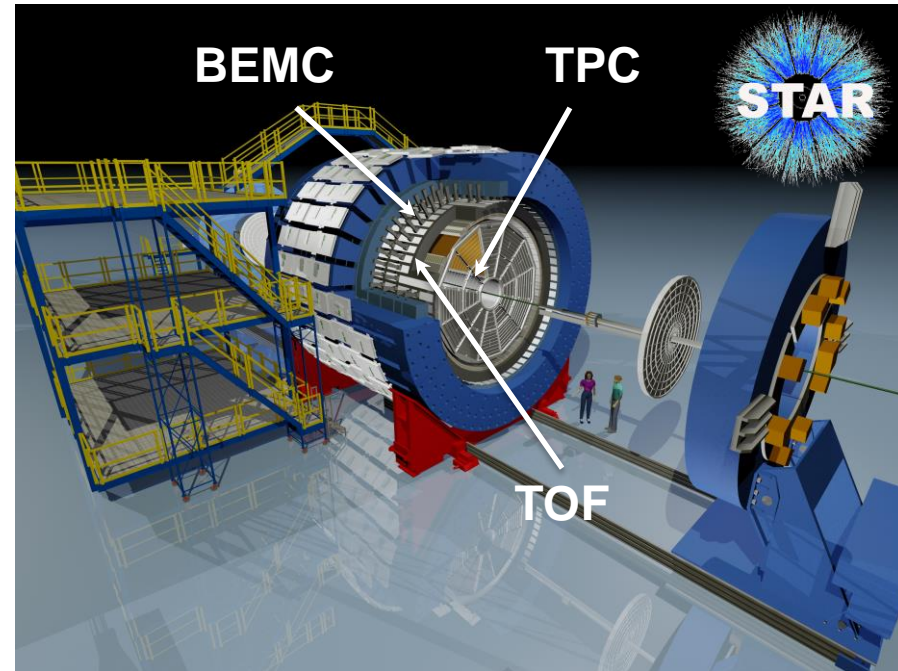
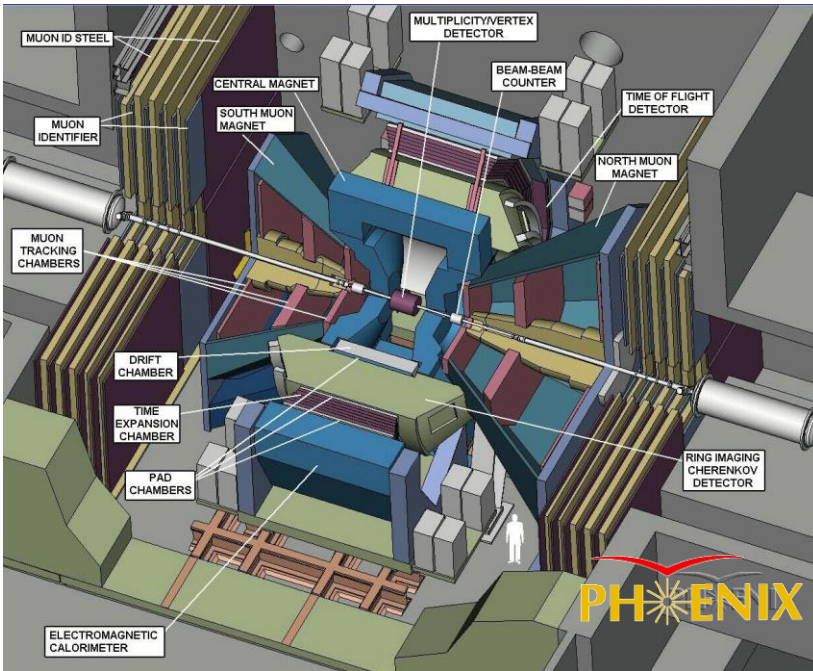
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 Critical Point*

Not Covered:  
 Polarized p+p program (up to 510 GeV)



*Proton Spin Puzzle*

# Detectors



## Focus on **Rare Probes**

- High DAQ rate
- Specialized sub-detectors
- Small acceptance

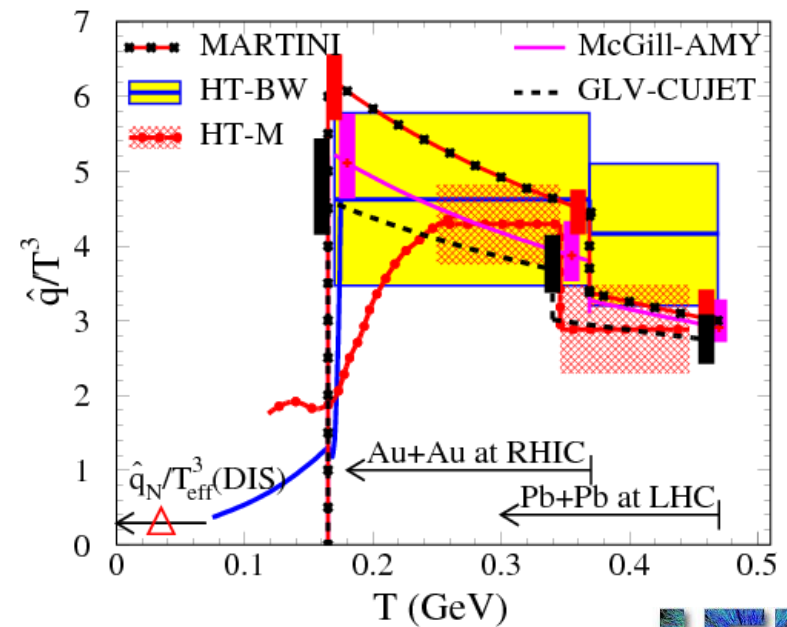
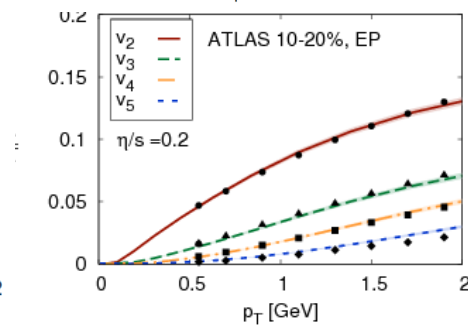
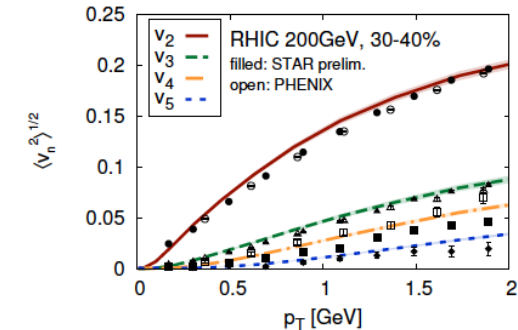
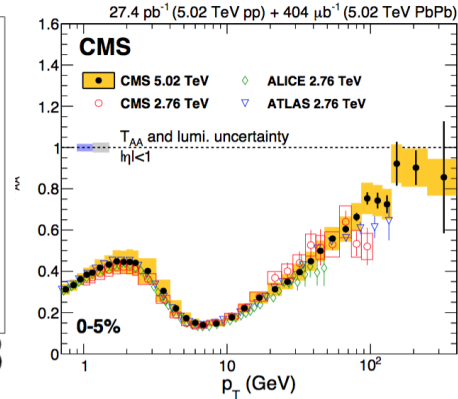
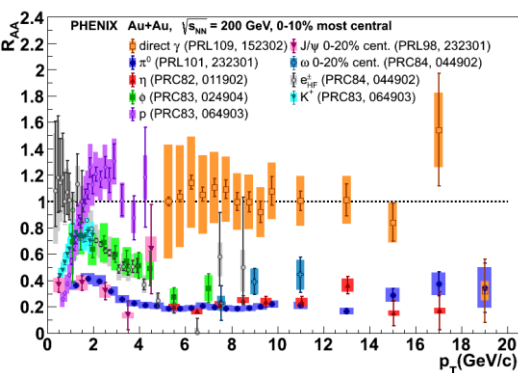
## Focus on **Uniform Acceptance**

- $2\pi \times |\eta| < 1$  (and more)  
for tracking, PID, EM Calorimetry

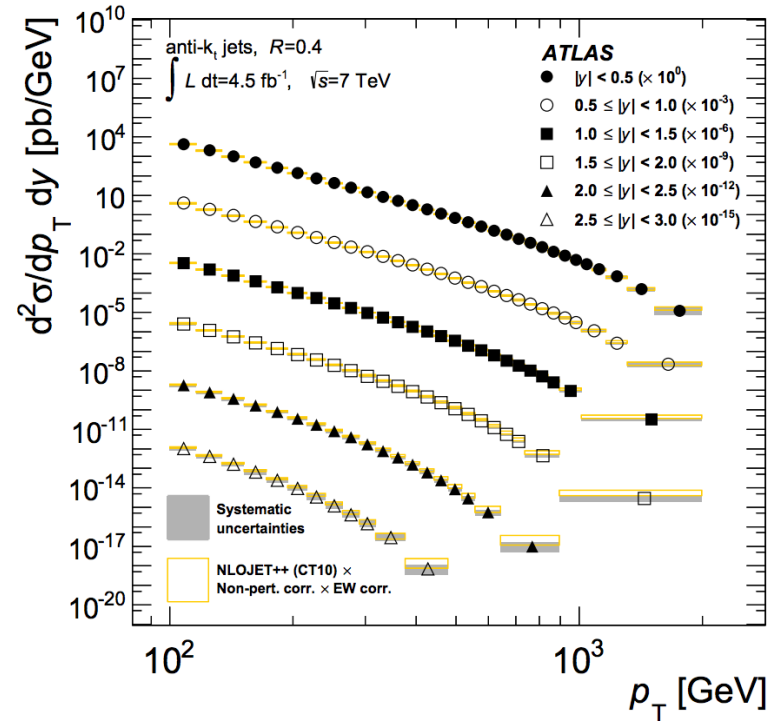
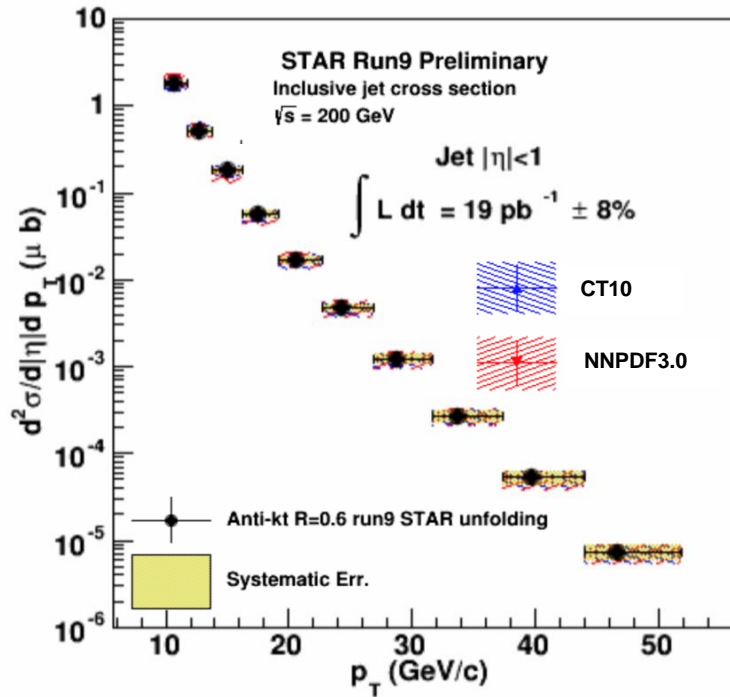
# RHIC and the LHC

- Larger  $Q^2$ , new probes (Z, W, ...) in “similar” QGP  
→ Stronger model constraints

- Qualitative differences?



# Kinematic Reach



RHIC:  $p_T^{\text{Jet}} < \sim 50 \text{ GeV}/c$   
LHC:  $p_T^{\text{Jet}} > 1000 \text{ GeV}/c$   
... But a steep spectrum has its benefits

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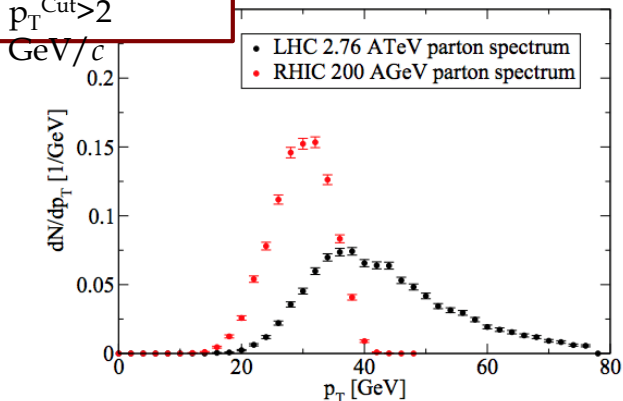
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# Unique RHIC Strengths

$R=0.4,$   
 $p_T^{\text{Cut}} > 2$   
GeV/c

Tr 20-40 GeV

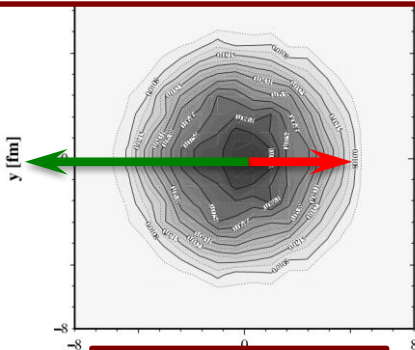


Recoil  $p_T$  off a 20-40 GeV trigger

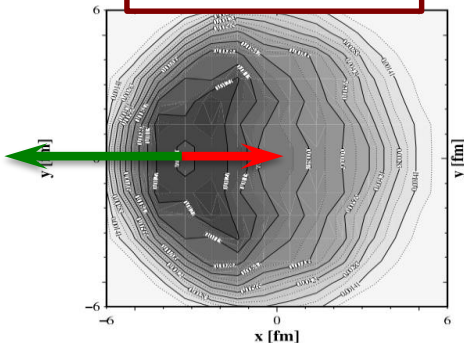
Steeply falling spectrum  
→ Good correlation between  
jet and original energy!

YaJEM, T. Renk  
*arXiv:1212.0646, PRC 87, 024905 (2013),*  
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LHC Imbalanced Dijets

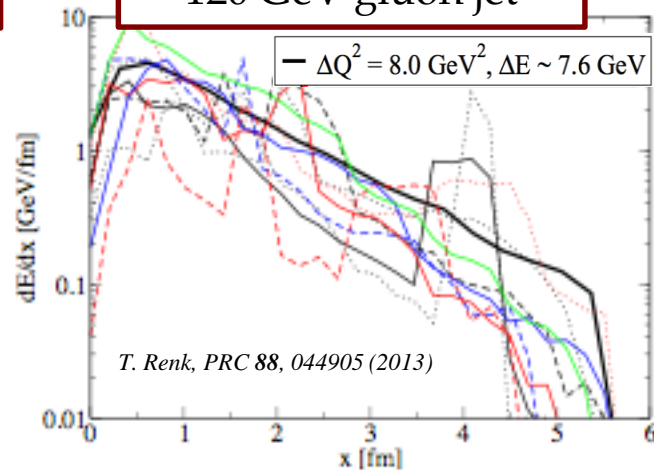


RHIC Jet-h



Path Length Control?

120 GeV gluon jet

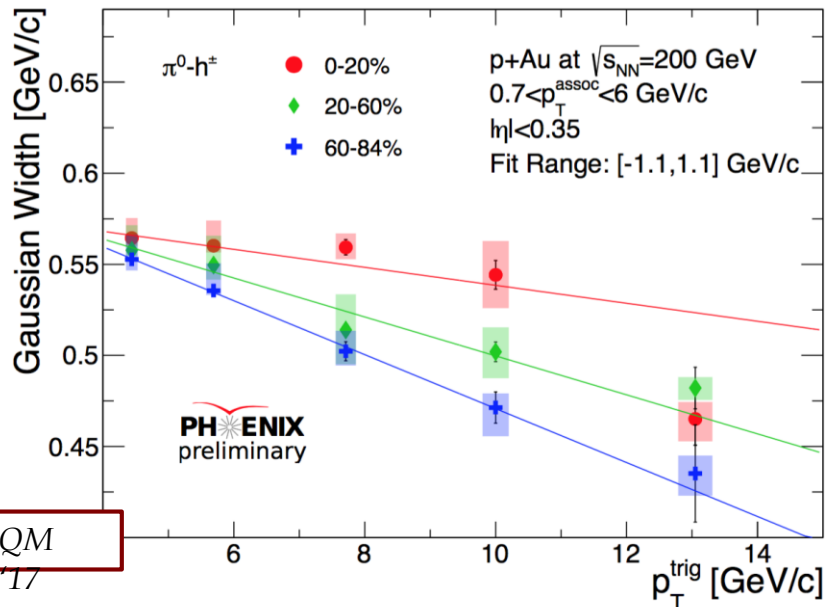


LHC: Larger energy loss  
→ more diffusion  
→ larger angles

# Single-Particle Correlations



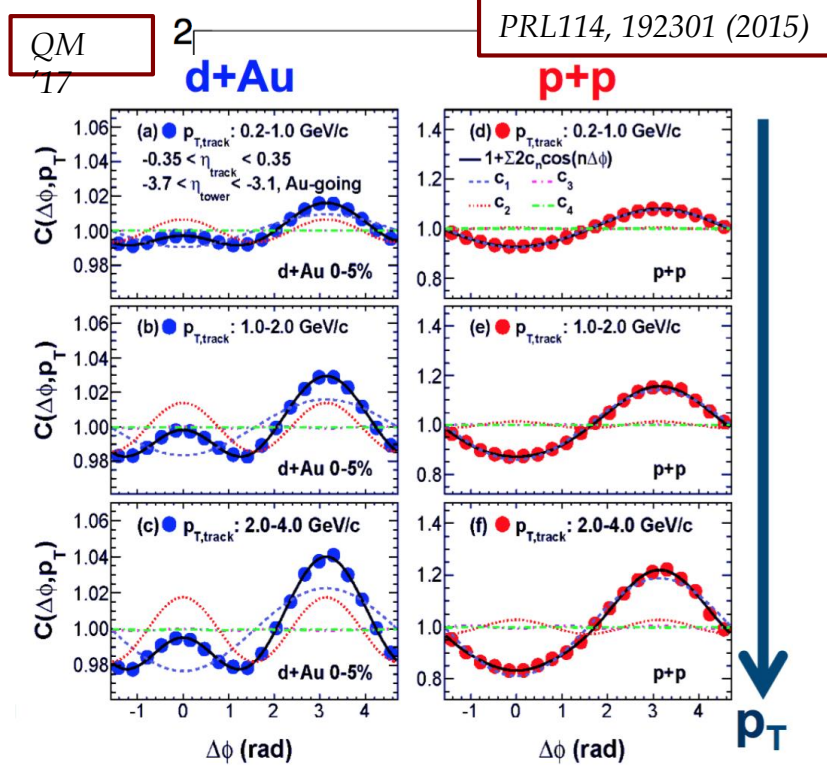
# Di-Hadron Correlations in small systems



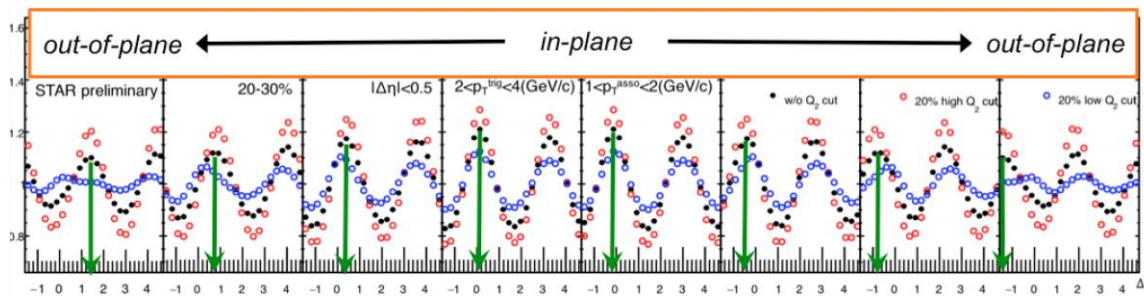
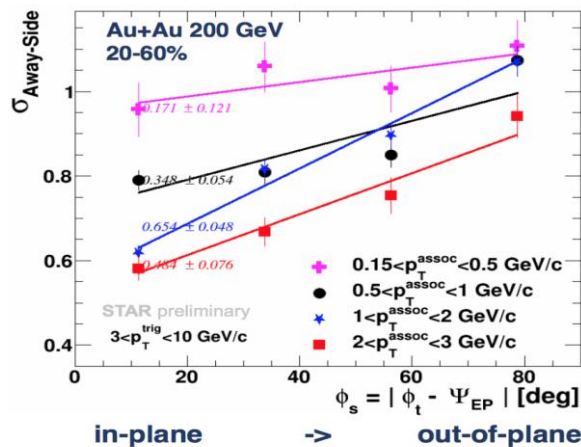
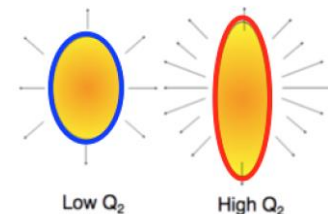
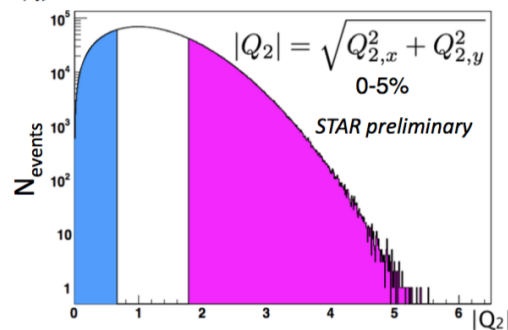
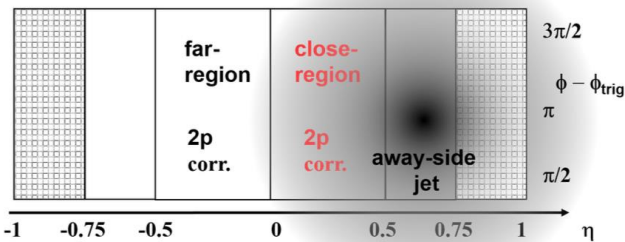
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Gaussian widths in p+Au (and p+Al) show interesting centrality dependence → Interpretations ongoing

*p/d+A is no longer just a baseline or a simple system*



# Di-Hadrons in Au+Au - EP dependence



- Broadening in-plane  $\rightarrow$  out-of-plane

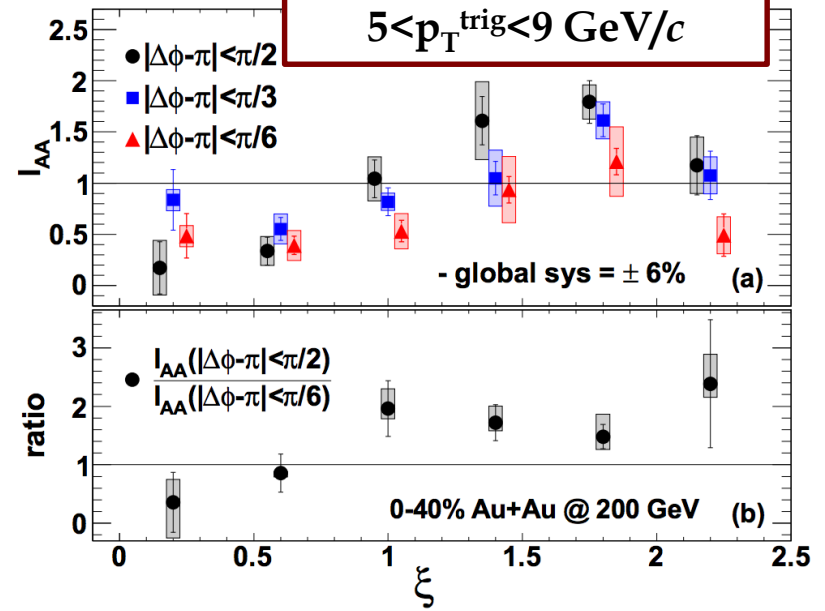
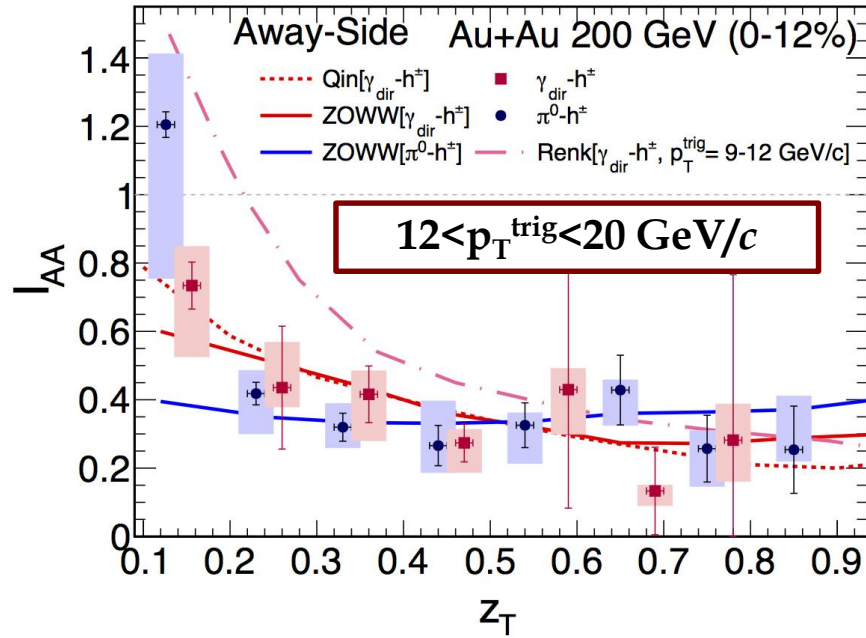
- Event Shape Engineering:  
 $\rightarrow$  Enhance Effect

Path-length dependence of energy loss

# Direct- $\gamma$ +Hadron in Au+Au

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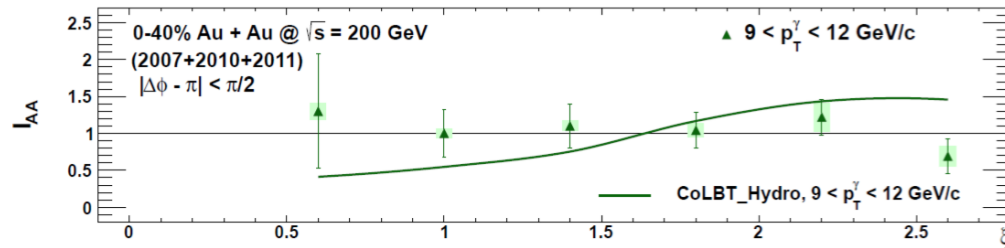
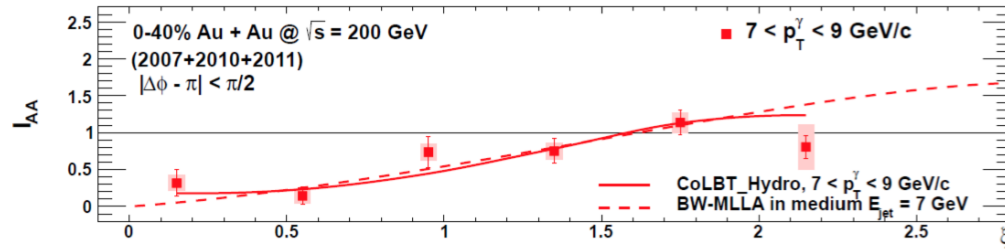
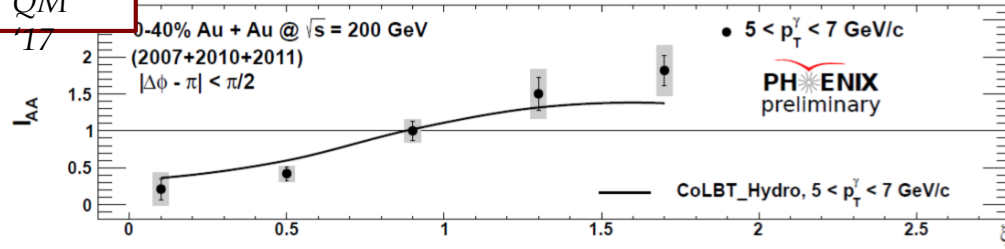


- STAR: Suppression for all measured  $z_T$
- PHENIX: Clear enhancement at large  $\xi$  (= small  $z_T$ )
- Points to: transition depends on  $p_T^{\text{assoc}}$ , not  $z_T$

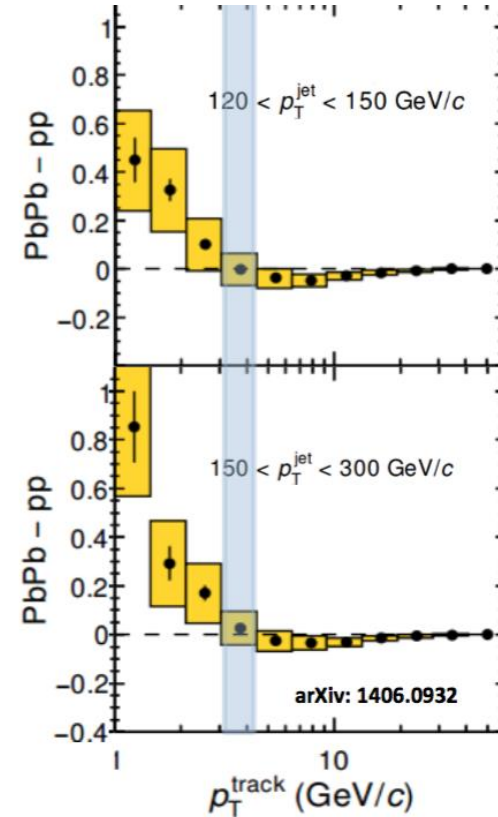


# Transition Point

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- Transition not at fixed  $\xi$



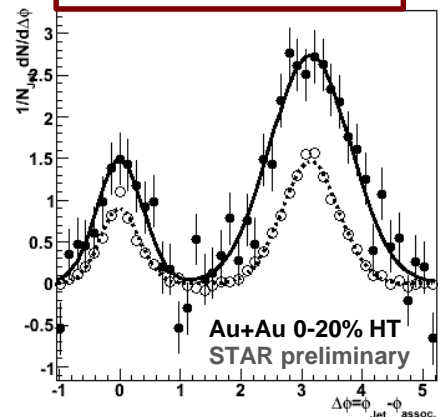
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- LHC:  $p_T^{assoc} \sim 3$  GeV/c
- RHIC:  $p_T^{assoc} = ?$

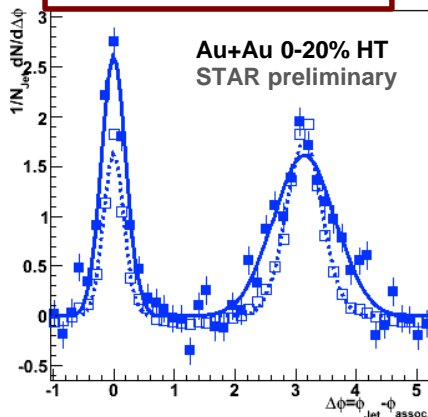
# Transition Point from Jet+hadron

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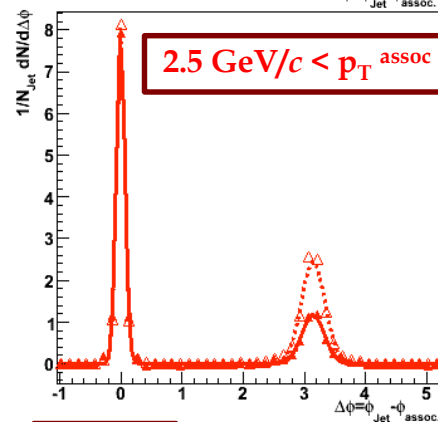
$0.2 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$



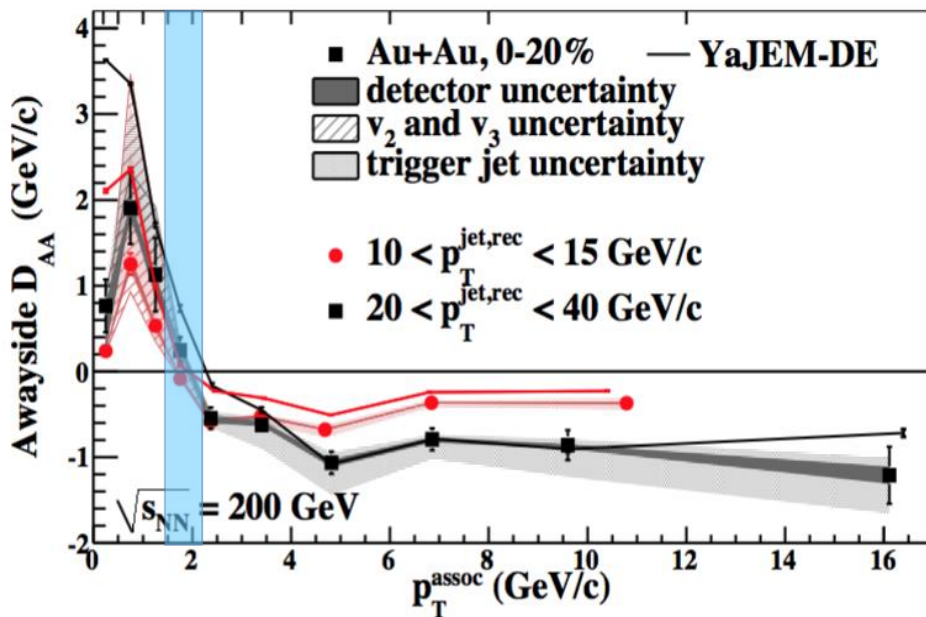
$1 < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$



$2.5 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T^{\text{assoc}}$



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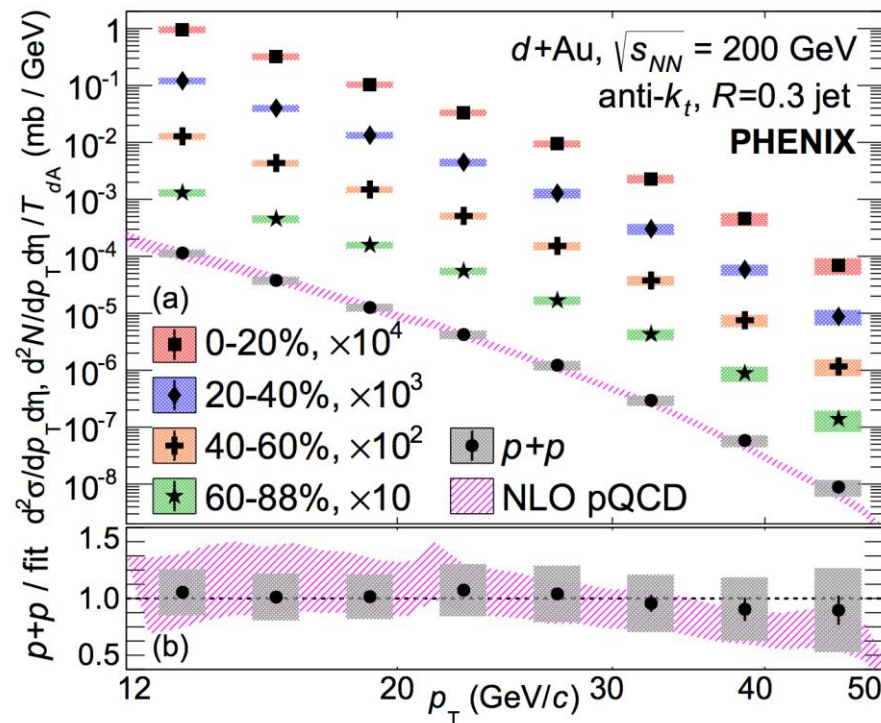
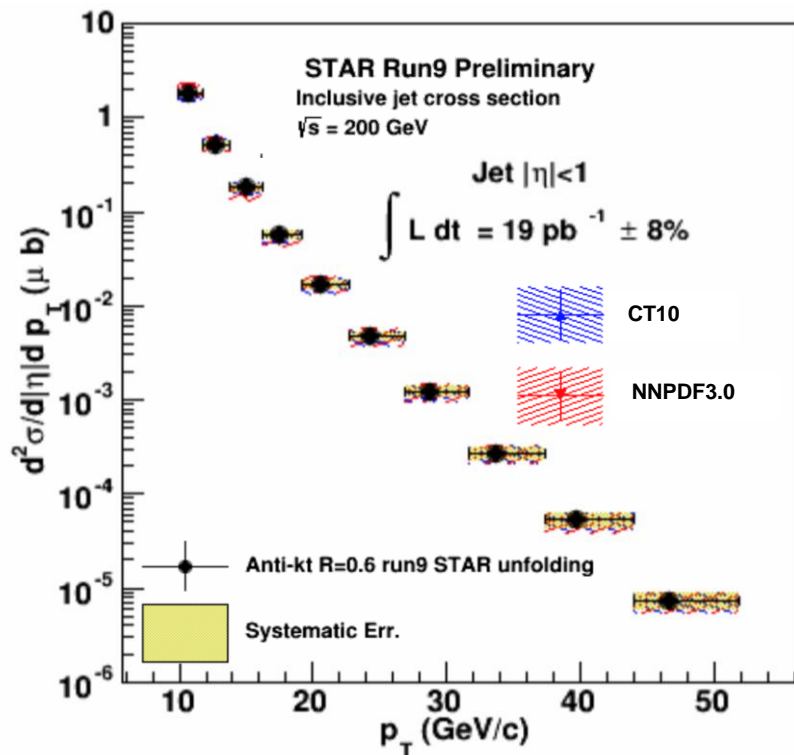


RHIC:  $p_T^{\text{assoc}} \sim 2 \text{ GeV}/c!$

# Reconstructed Jets



# Jet Cross Section in p+p and d+Au

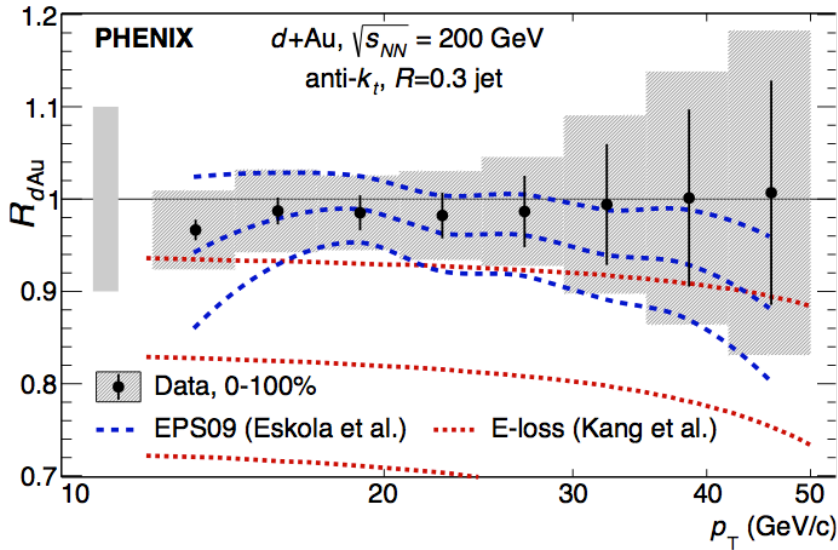


High-precision baseline, well described in NLO  
→ Calibrated probe

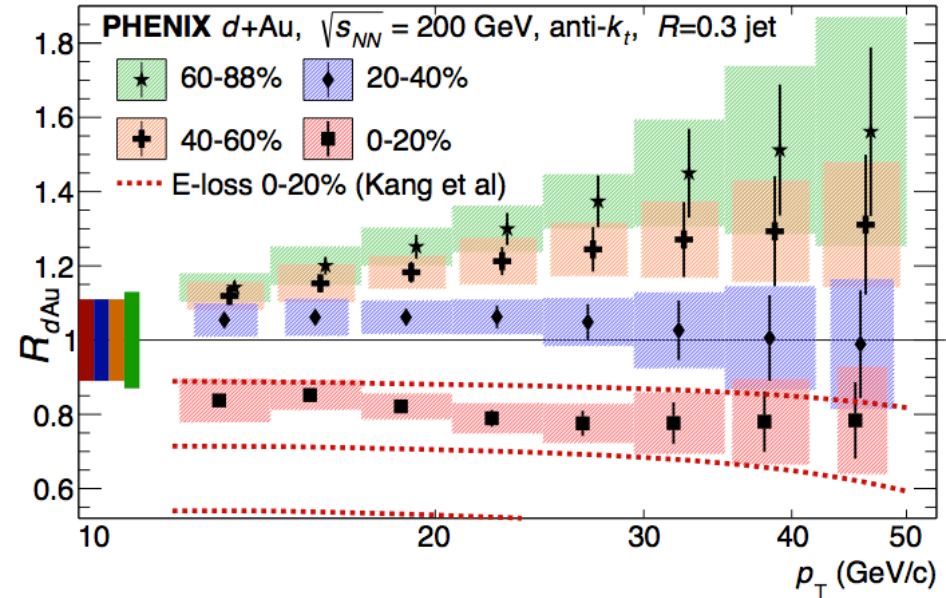
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# Jets in d+Au



Minimum bias jets show no energy loss

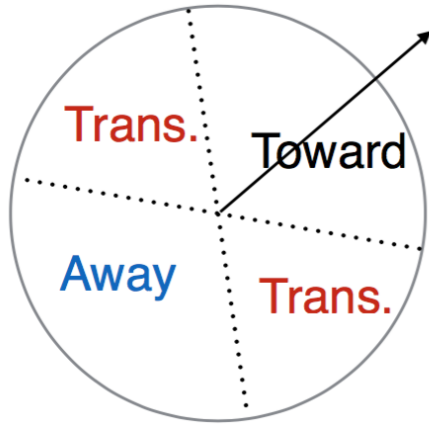


- Surprising centrality dependence
- Peripheral: High- $p_T$  enhancement
- Central: High- $p_T$  suppression
- Challenge to conventional models.

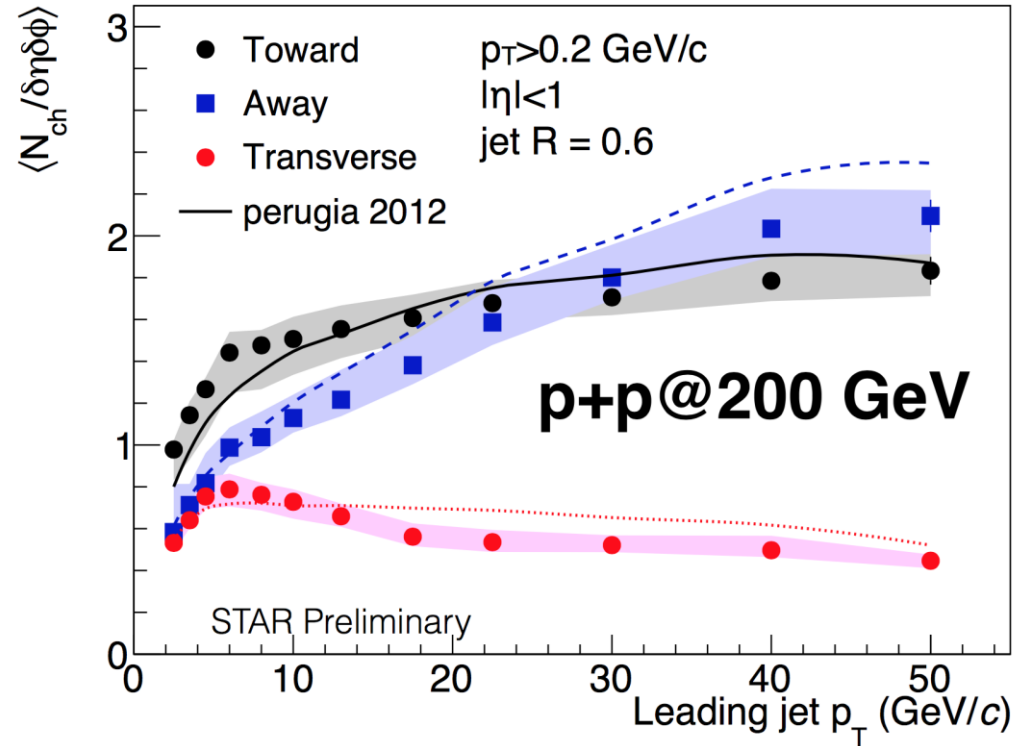
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# Underlying Event Activity in p+p

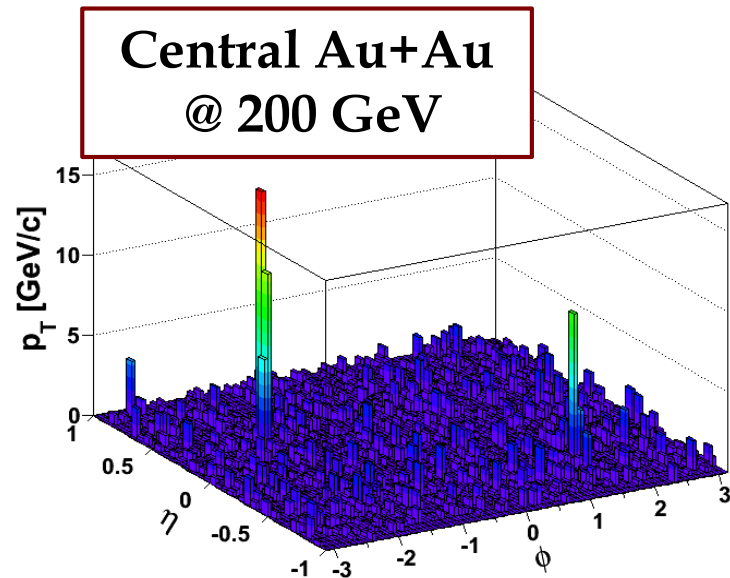
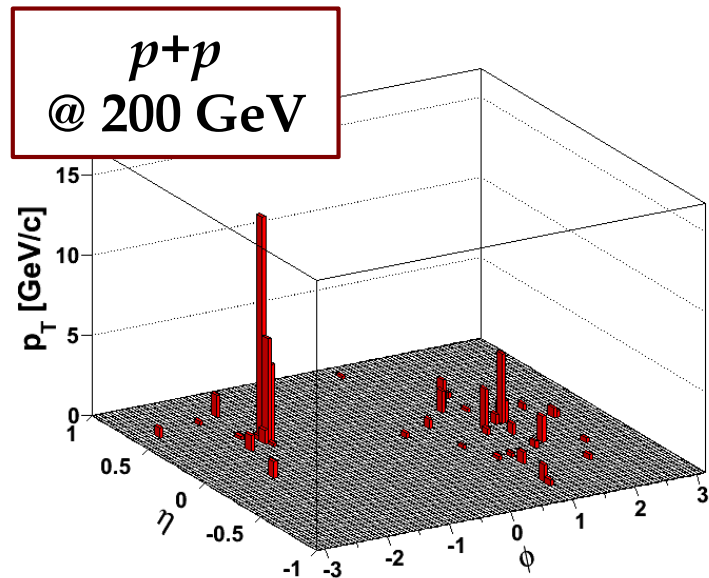


- Transverse charged particle multiplicity slightly decreases for higher leading jet  $p_T$
- PYTHIA perugia 2012 over-predicts transverse charged multiplicity by 25% +/- 15%





# The Underlying Heavy Ion Event



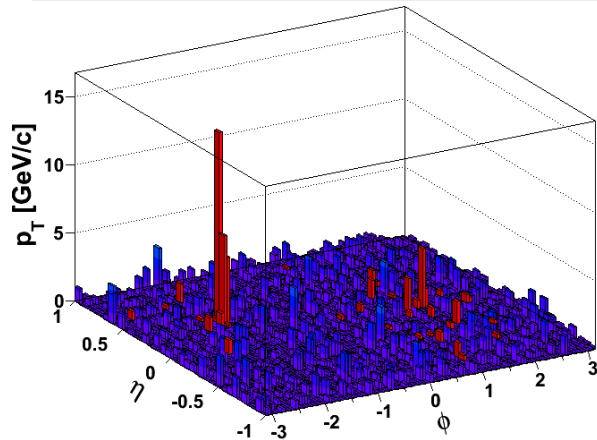
- $\langle \Sigma p_T \rangle$  in an  $R=0.4$  cone is  $\sim 25$  GeV/c
- Intra-event fluctuations:  $\sim 6$  GeV/c
- 20 GeV fluctuations are rare ( $\sim 3\sigma$ )  
– but 20 GeV jets are rare as well
- Challenge to identify “true” hard scatters

# Comparing A+A to p+p

- Subtract average density:

$$p_T^{\text{Jet}} = p_T^{\text{rec}} - \rho A$$

- Fluctuations, Detector Effects: **Embed reference**
  - p+p in Au+Au
  - PYTHIA in GEANT



pp @ Au+Au

## Two Approaches:

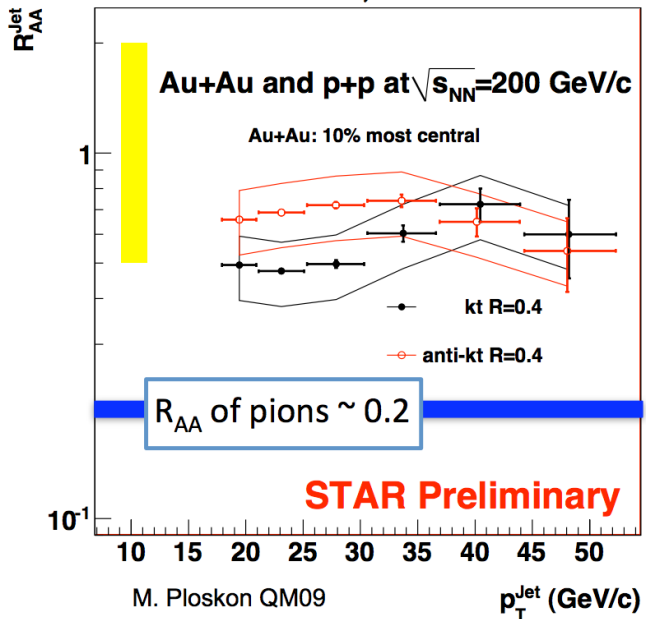
- Compare at **detector level**:
  - + Simple, robust
  - + No additional systematics
  - Hard to compare to theory
- Unfold (invert response)
  - Compare at **particle level**
  - + Facilitate model comparison
  - Complex, sensitive

# Inclusive Jet $R_{AA}$

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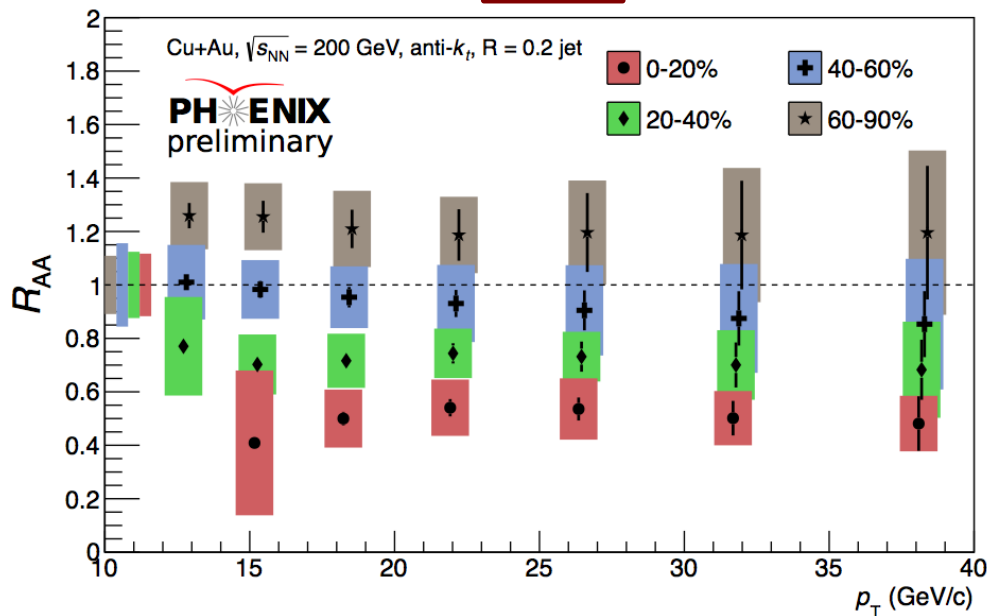
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R=0.4



R=0.2

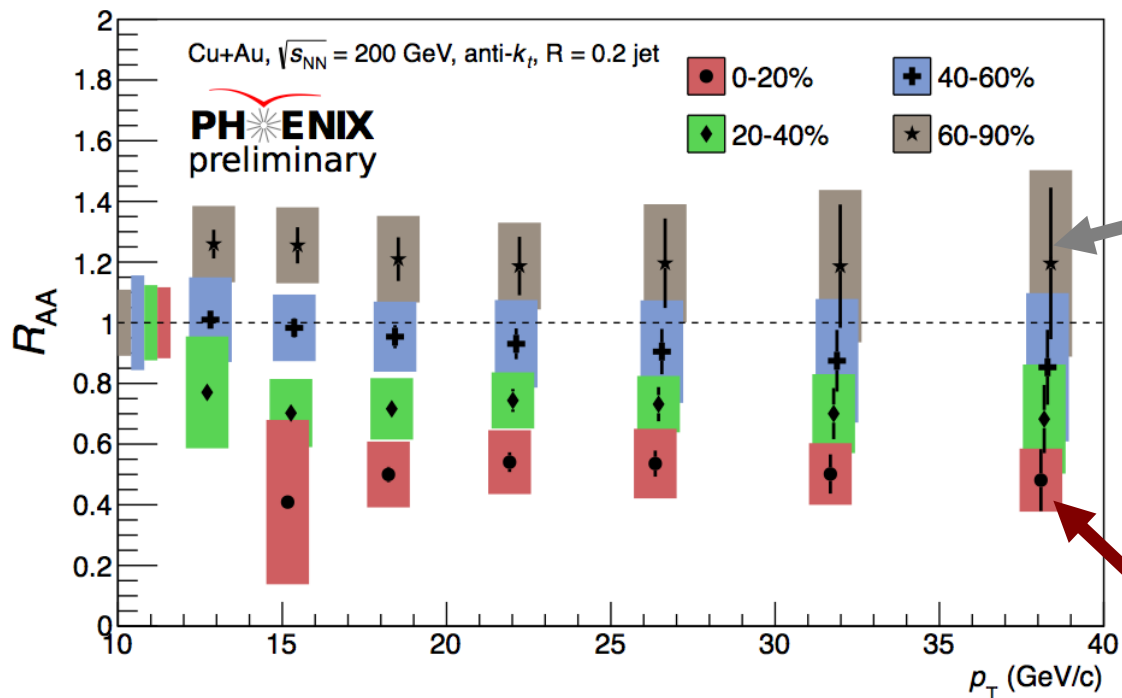
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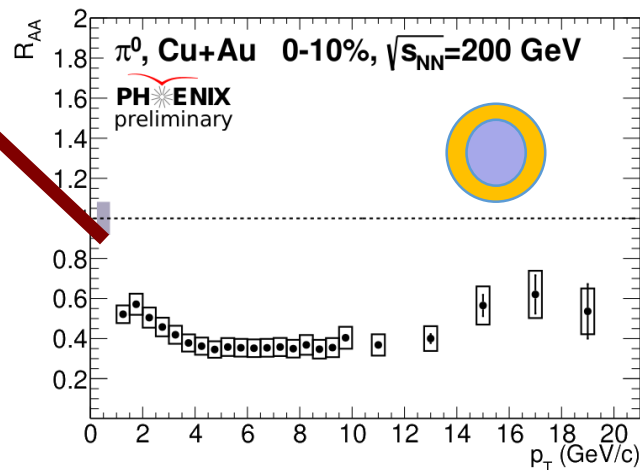
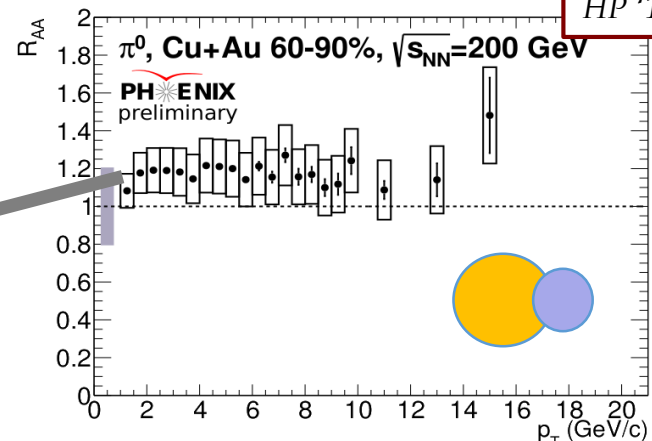
- Jets suppressed by  $\sim$ factor of 2 in central Cu+Au collisions.
- Suppression shows **no  $p_T$  dependence**,
  - similar to LHC at much higher energies.



# Inclusive Jet $R_{AA}$



•  $R=0.2$ : Comparable to  $\pi^0 R_{AA}$

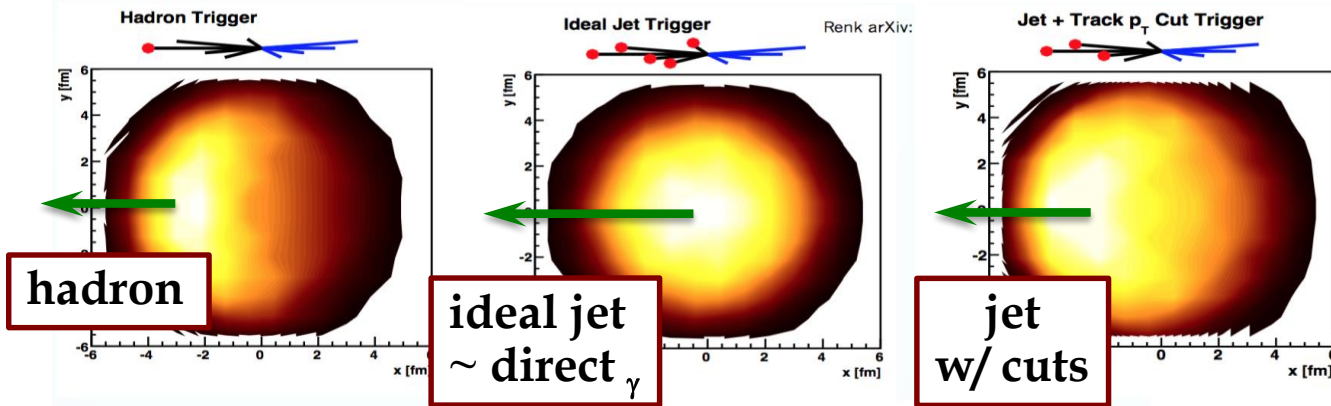


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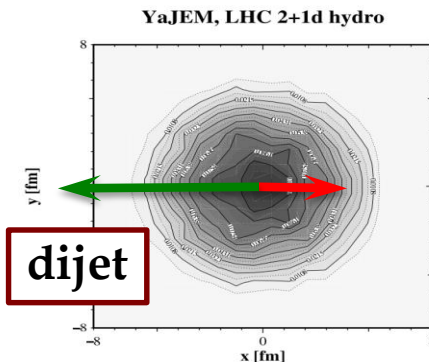
# A+A: Geometries and Strategies

YaJEM: *T. Renk arXiv:1212.0646, PRC 85, 064908 (2012), PRC 87, 024905 (2013)*

## RHIC



## LHC Dijets



### Selecting a hard scatter:

- High-p<sub>T</sub> hadron
- High-p<sub>T</sub> direct photon
- Jet, with cuts
- LHC: Geometry ~unaffected

**Exploit bias at RHIC for Jet Geometry Engineering**

### Analyze the recoil

- Correlation
- Semi-inclusive jets  
→ maximum path length
- Jet, with cuts  
→ shorter path length?

# h-Triggered Recoil Jets

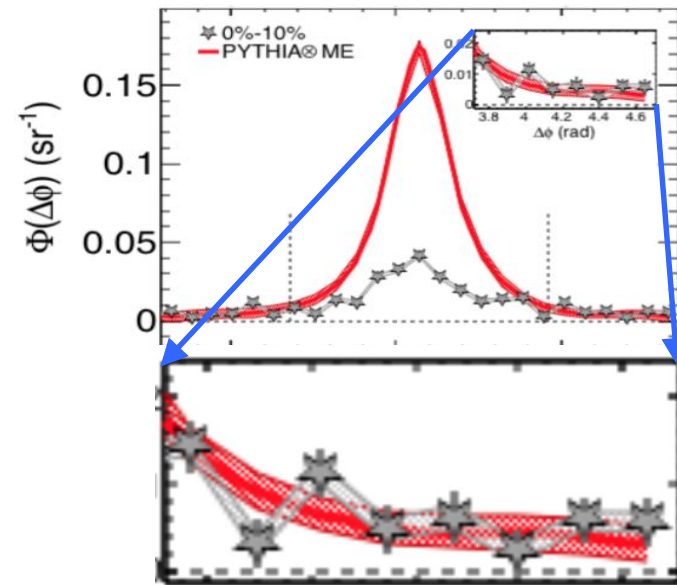
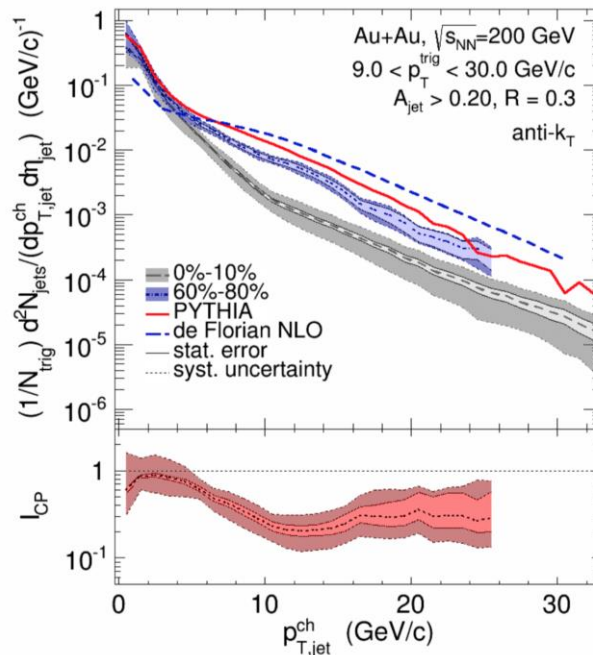
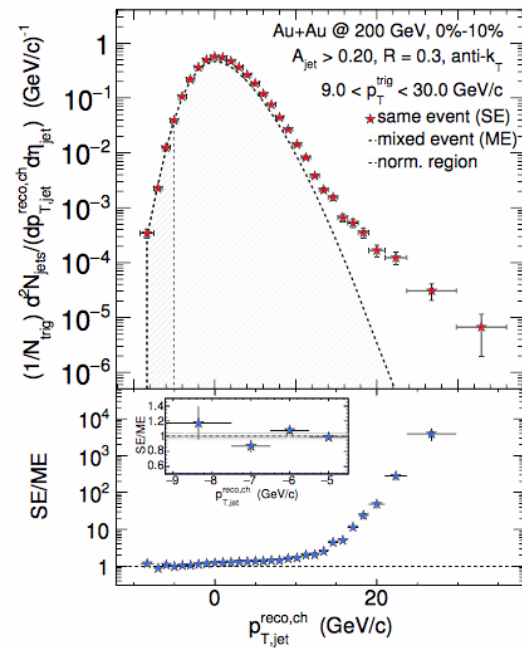
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Raw

R=0.3

Unfolded

Recoil jets azimuthal distribution



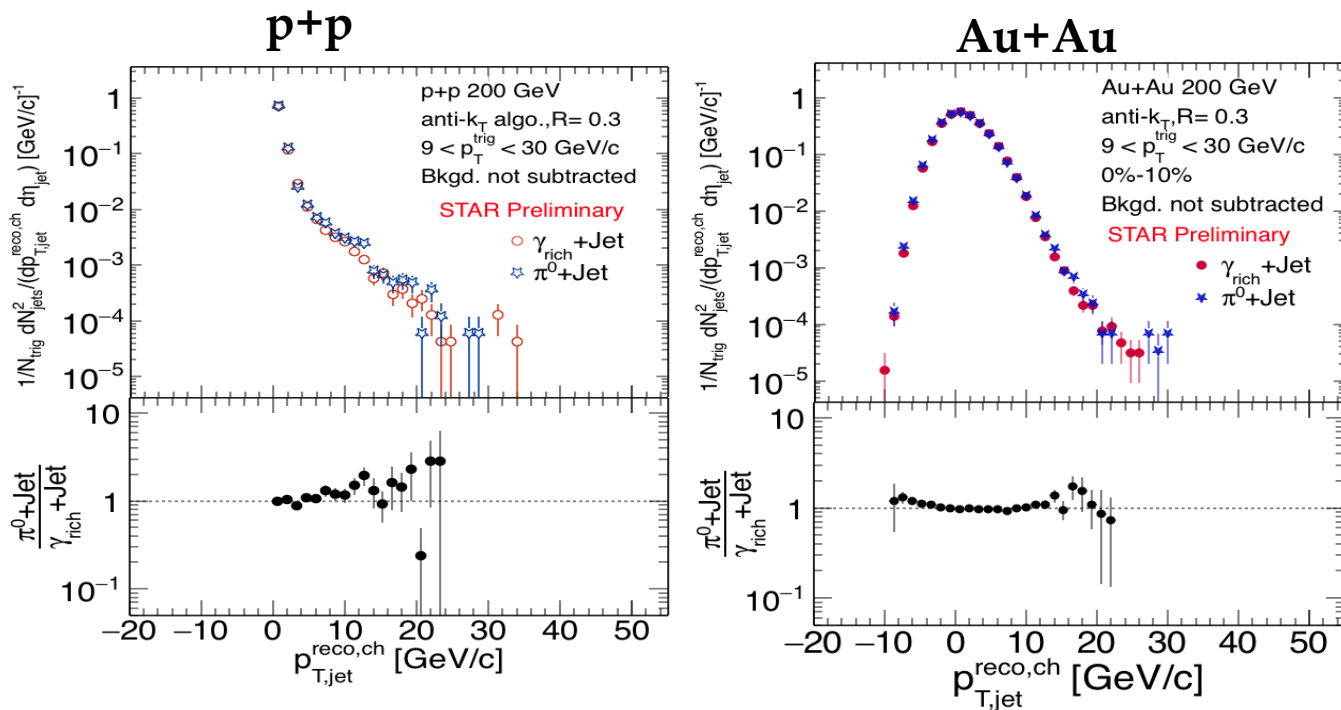
- $h^{+/-}$ -triggered charged recoil jets:  
 $\rightarrow I_{CP}$  shows strong suppression  
 ( $\sim 0.2-0.3$  for  $R=0.3$ )

- New limit on large-angle Molière scattering in central Au+Au

# $\gamma$ -Triggered Recoil Jets

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Purity of  $\gamma_{\text{dir}}$  :

p+p ~40%

Au+Au (0-10%) ~70%

- p+p: Modest difference between  $\pi^0$  and  $\gamma$ -rich triggers
- To extract medium effects for  $\pi^0$ +jet vs.  $\gamma$ +jet for p+p need full corrections, detailed study and large statistics



# Shapes and Internal Structures

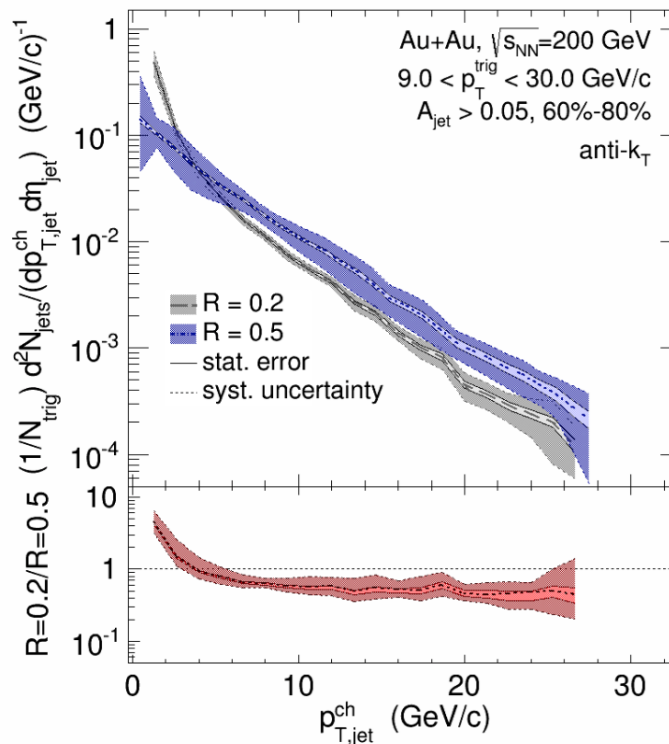
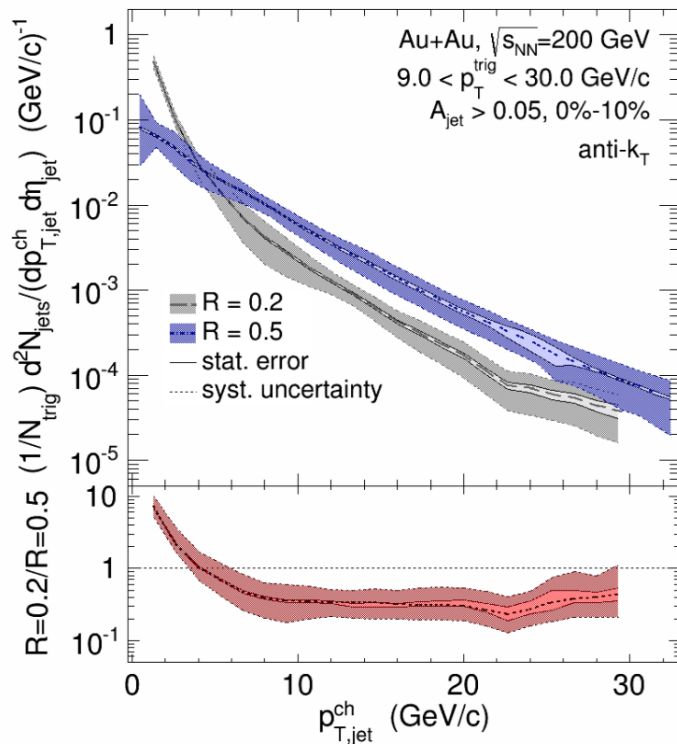
# h-Triggered Recoil Jets

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0-10%

R=0.2 vs. R=0.5

60-80%



- Medium-induced broadening between  $R=0.2$  and  $R=0.5$

# Di-Jet Imbalance

## “Hard Core” Selection

High Tower trigger  $E_T > 5.4$  GeV

$p_T^{\text{Cut}} = 2$  GeV/c

→ Reduce background

→ Reduce combinatorial jets

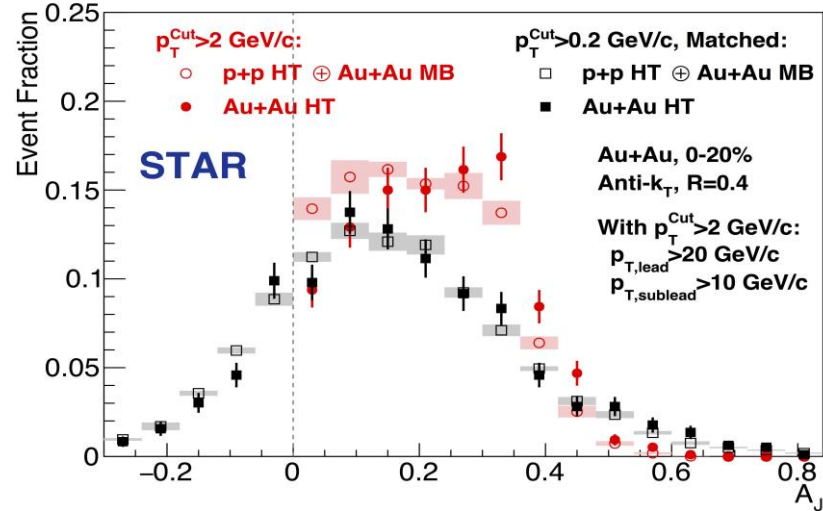
Jet  $p_T^{\text{Lead}} > 20$  GeV/c

Jet  $p_T^{\text{SubLead}} > 10$  GeV/c

Recover soft component:

match to  $p_T^{\text{Cut}} = 0.2$  GeV/c

Compared at detector level

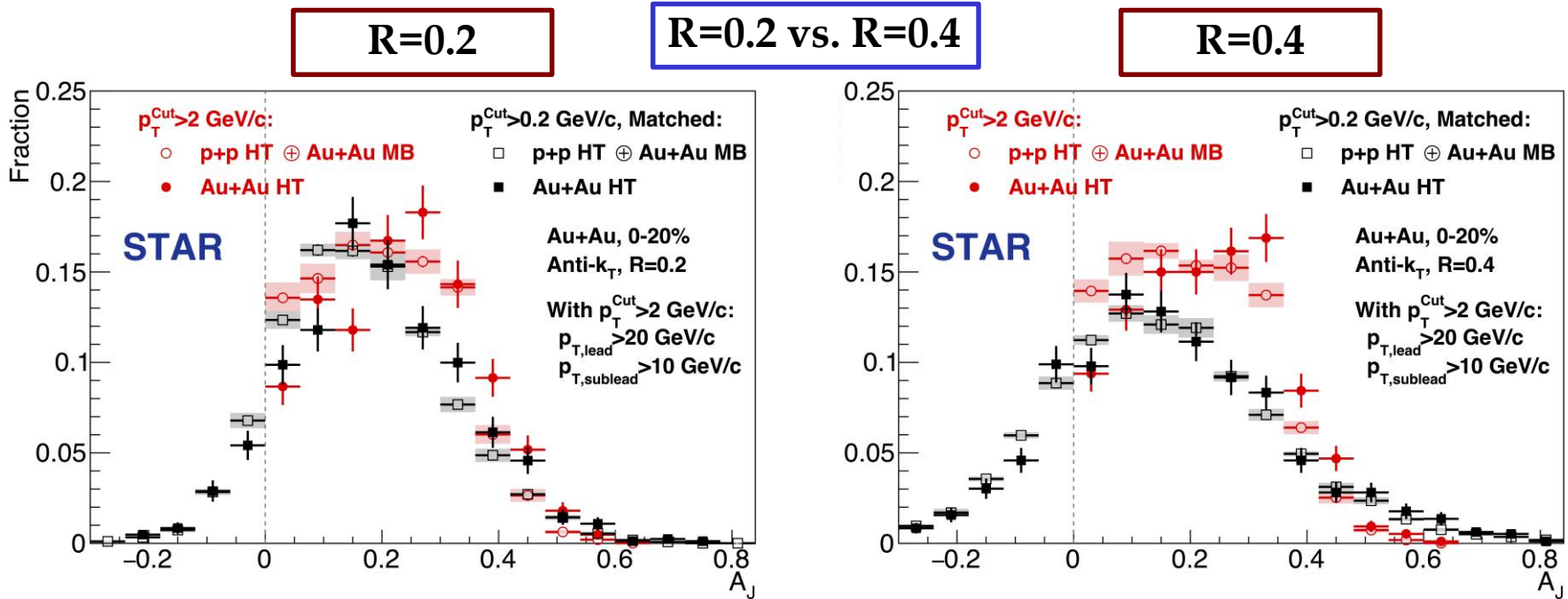


$$A_J = \frac{p_T^{\text{Lead}} - p_T^{\text{SubLead}}}{p_T^{\text{Lead}} + p_T^{\text{SubLead}}}$$

arXiv:1609.03878

- Au+Au di-jets more imbalanced than p+p for “hard core” selection
- p+p balance recovered in matched di-jets for  $R=0.4$

# Di-Jet Imbalance

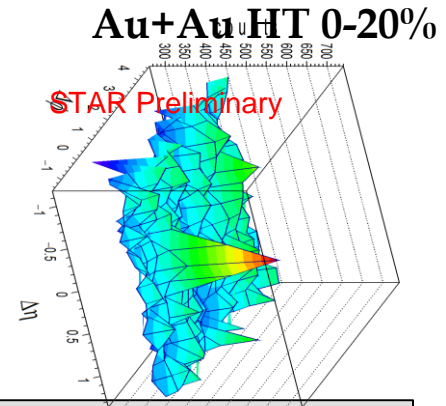
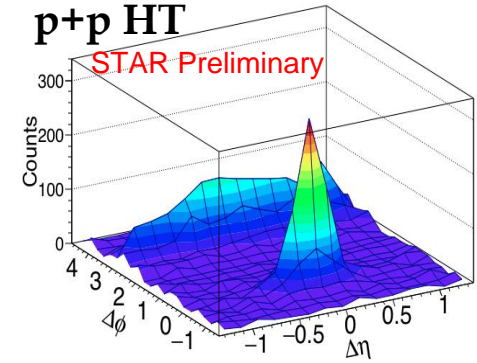
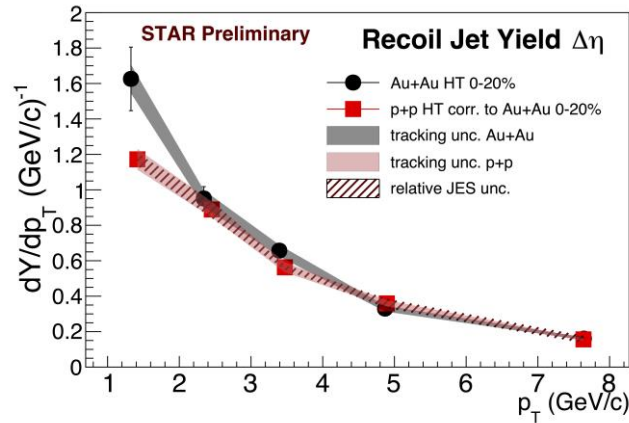
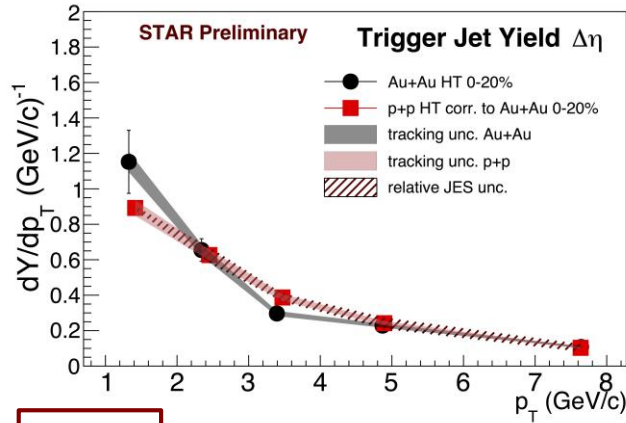


- p+p balance **no longer recovered**
- Energy shifted outward, yet remains inside 0.4
- Leading or sub-leading jet?  $A_J$  can't answer

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# Di-Jet+Hadron Correlations

Updated Hard Core selection:  
**Trigger Jet contains HT with  $E_T > 6$  GeV**



- No modification relative to p+p on the trigger side  $\rightarrow$  Surface Bias
- Hints of excess soft yield on the recoil side
- Integration over balanced jets (no  $A_J$  cut) may dilute recoil suppression



# Groomed Momentum Sharing $z_g$

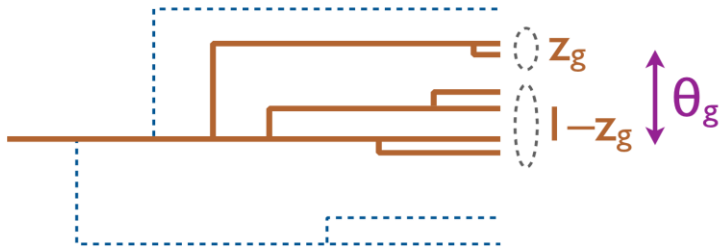
- Soft Drop: Remove wide angle soft radiation



Soft Drop Condition:

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

↑ energy threshold
↑ angular exponent



Based on declustering an angular-ordered tree

With  $\beta=0$  and Cambridge/Aachen:  
**“Groomed Momentum Sharing”**  
 Relative  $z$  of the softer prong

$$z_g = \frac{\min(p_{T1}, p_{T2})}{p_{T1} + p_{T2}}$$

In vacuum:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dz_g} \propto \overline{P}_i(z_g) + \cancel{\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)}$$

**$P_i$ : AP splitting functions**

- ~ independent of  $\alpha_s$
- ~ independent of  $p_T$  (in UV limit)
- ~ independent of quark/gluon jet

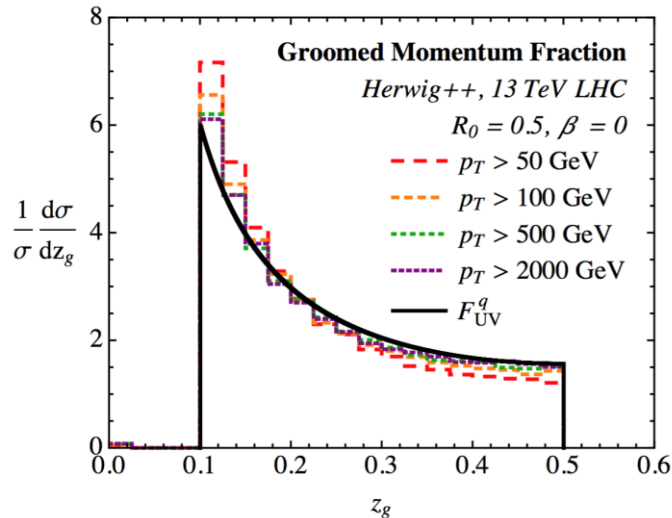
**Connection to fundamental QCD**

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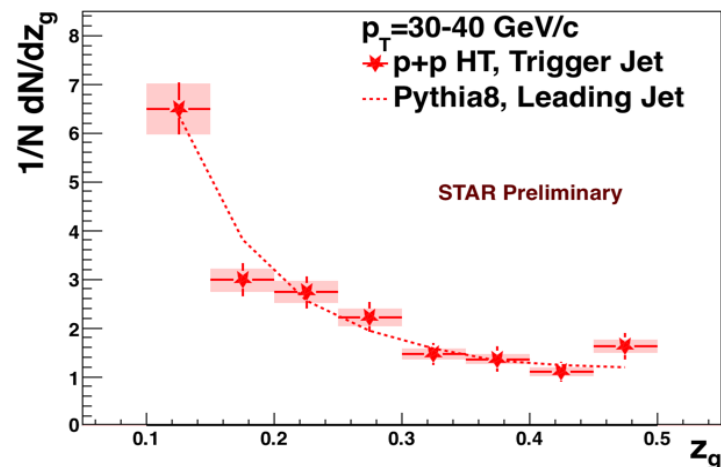
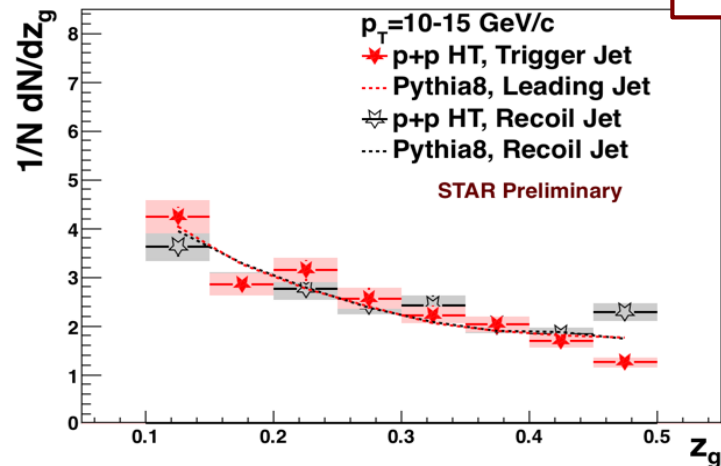
# $z_g$ in p+p at 200 GeV

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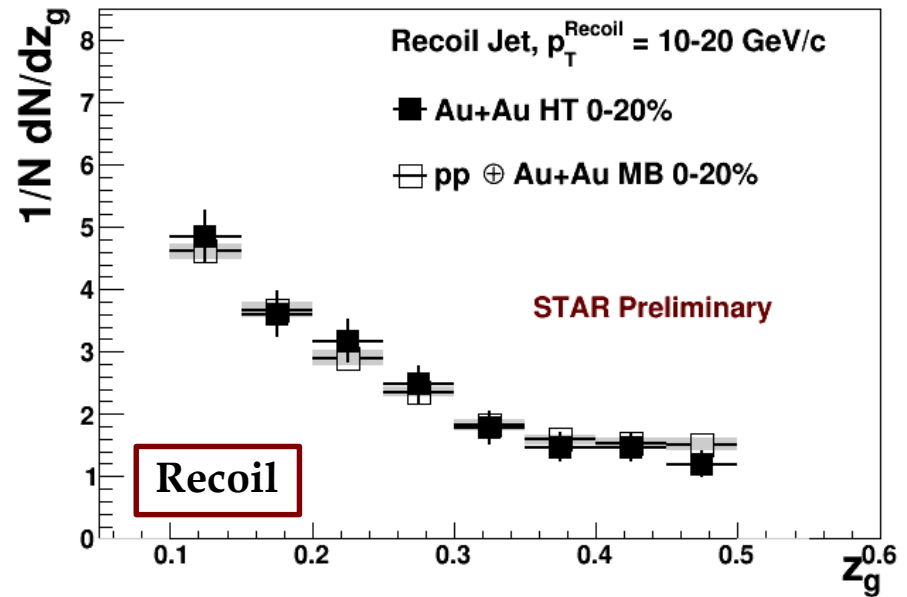
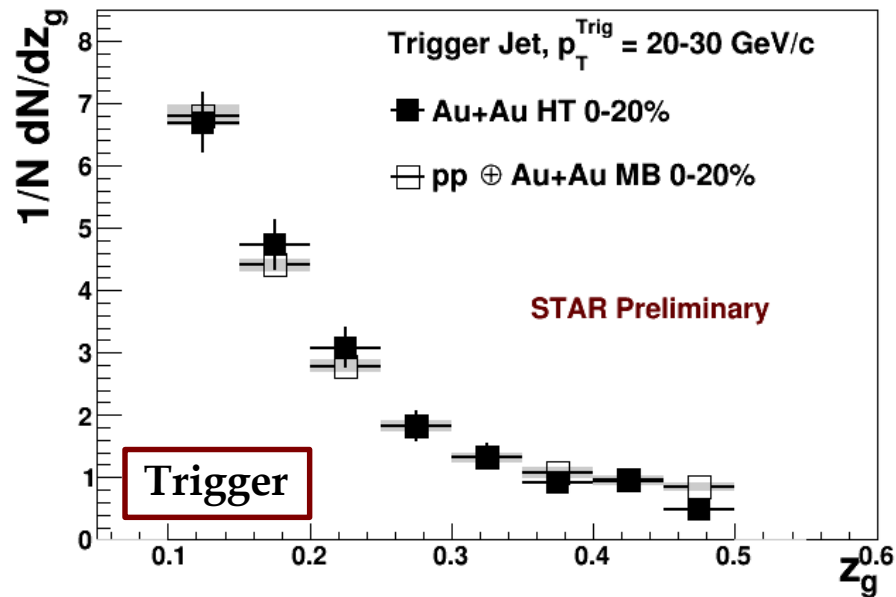
- Bin-by-bin correction to particle level
- Good agreement with PYTHIA in  $p_T = 10-40$  GeV/c

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# Di-Jet $z_g$ in Au+Au and p+p

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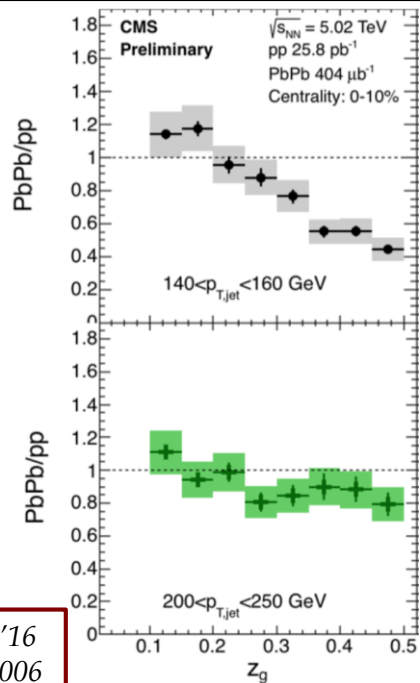


$z_g$  found in matched jets  
with  $p_{T,\text{cut}} > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$   
Trigger Jet contains HT  
with  $E_T > 5.4 \text{ GeV}$

- No significant splitting modification on near- or away-side  
– but  $A_J$  is modified!

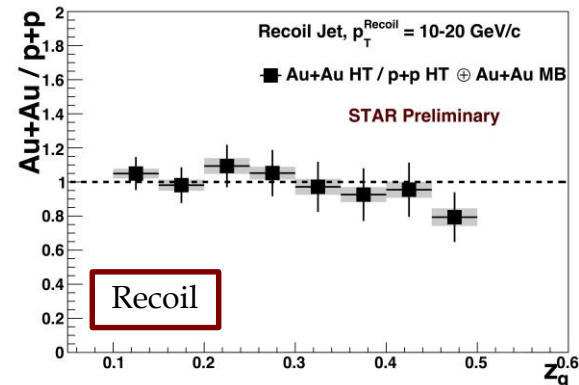
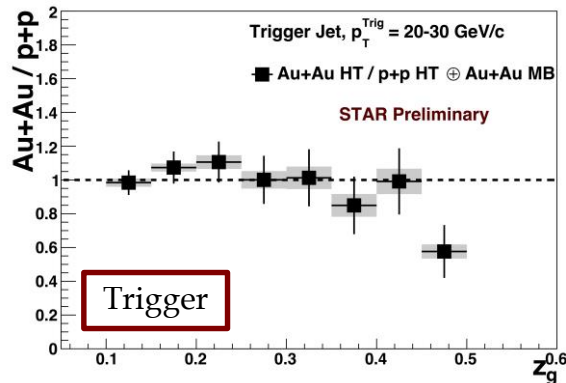
# Contrast to LHC

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BOOST '16  
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- CMS Inclusive Jets: Significant modification in central Pb+Pb below 250 GeV/c



- STAR Biased Di-Jets: No  $z_g$  modification found

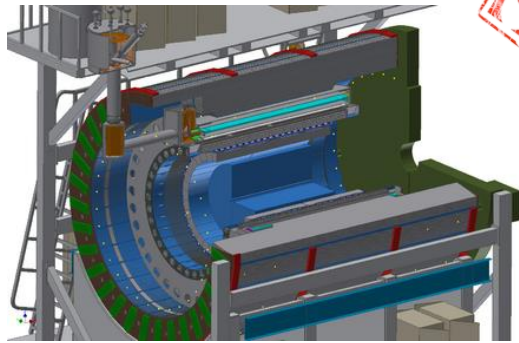
- Possible Reasons:
- Split as measured with  $z_g$  occurs outside the medium?
    - Or before formation?
  - Splitting function not affected by medium interactions?
  - Other explanations?

# Summary

- **RHIC offers unparalleled flexibility and unique strengths for jet studies**
- **Small Systems  $p+p$ ,  $p+A$ ,  $d+A$ ,  $^3\text{He}+A$ :**  
 *$p/d+A$  no longer just a baseline, nor a simple system*
- **Large Systems  $\text{Au}+\text{Au}$ ,  $\text{Cu}+\text{Au}$ ,  $\text{U}+\text{U}$ :**
  - Common theme across all inclusive and differential measurements of E-loss:  
*Energy redistributed to larger angles and softer particles*
    - *LHC: Lost quickly to large angles*
    - *RHIC: Can be recovered at small R for some selections*
  - Interesting contrast to LHC data in splitting via  $z_g$



# The Future



- State-of-the-art jet detector at RHIC
  - uniform acceptance
  - HCAL and EMCal
- High Statistics
  - $10^7$  jets above 20 GeV
  - $10^4$  direct  $\gamma$  above 20 GeV
- CD0!
- Interdisciplinary: physicists, computer scientists, statisticians
- Mission: Comprehensive software framework for systematic, rigorous, unified comparison of theory and experiment

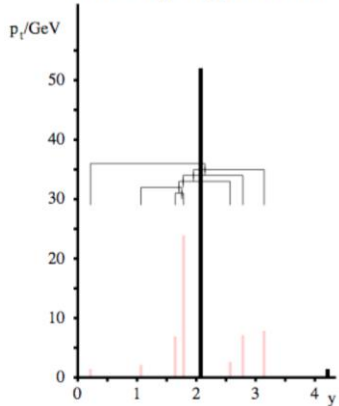
# BACKUP

# Sequential recombination algorithms

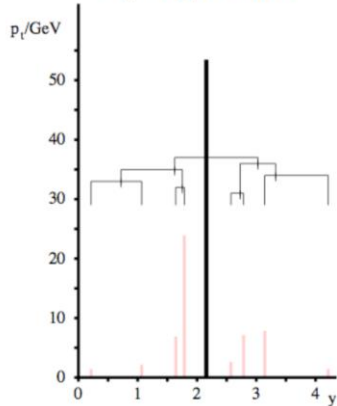
1. Calculate **distance**  $d_{ij}$  between two particles and **beam distance**  $d_{iB}$  for all particles
2. Find **smallest** of all  $d_{ij}$ ,  $d_{iB}$
3. If it's a  $d_{ij}$ , **recombine** particles  $i$  &  $j$ . If it's a  $d_{iB}$ , call particle  $i$  a **jet**
4. **Repeat** until no particles are left

- Resulting clusters are **jets**.
  - **Operational** definition. No unambiguous jet definition exists!
- Advantages:
  - Minimize sensitivity to hadronization: **IR-safe** and **collinear-safe** algorithm and instrumentation
  - Measure energy flow: connect to dynamics of **partons**
  - Comparison to **QCD** calculations beyond event generators

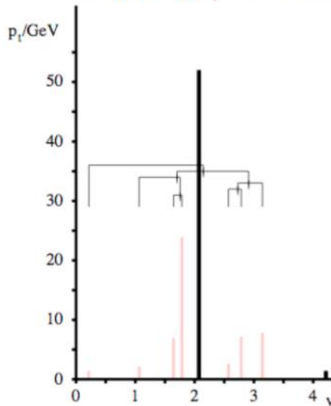
anti- $k_t$  algorithm



$k_t$  algorithm

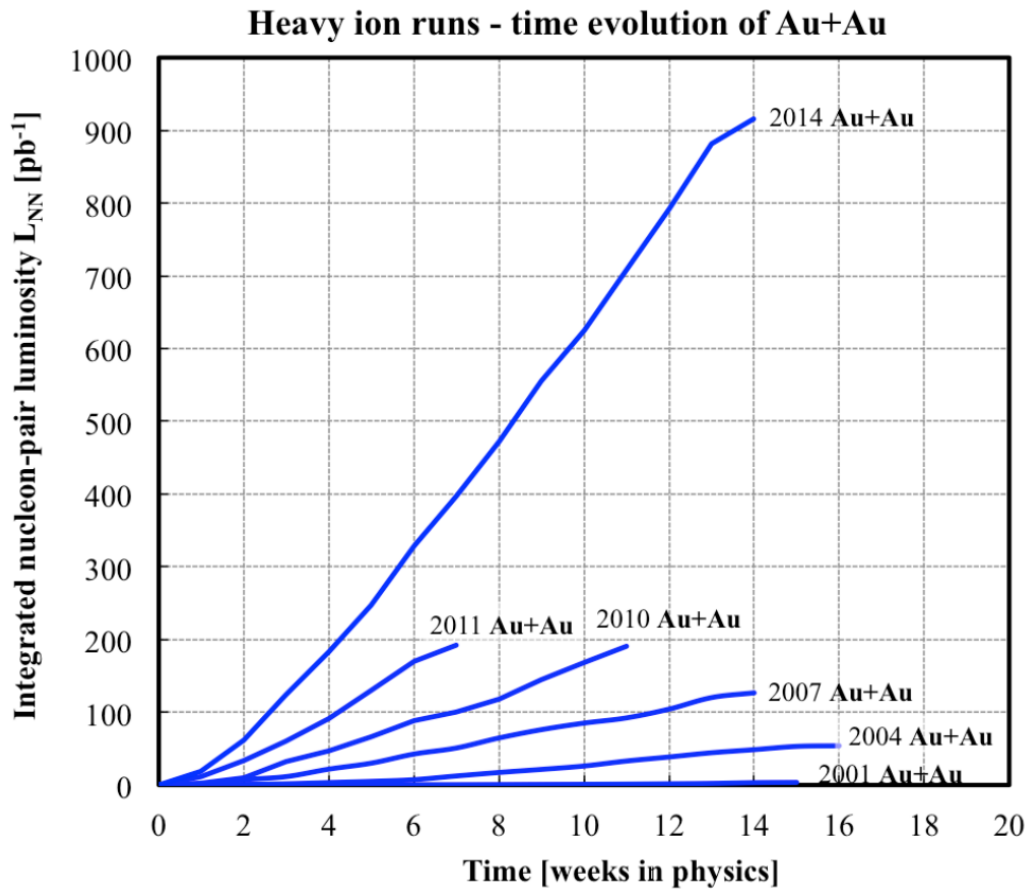


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**FastJet3**

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Phys. Lett. B 641, 57 (2006)*



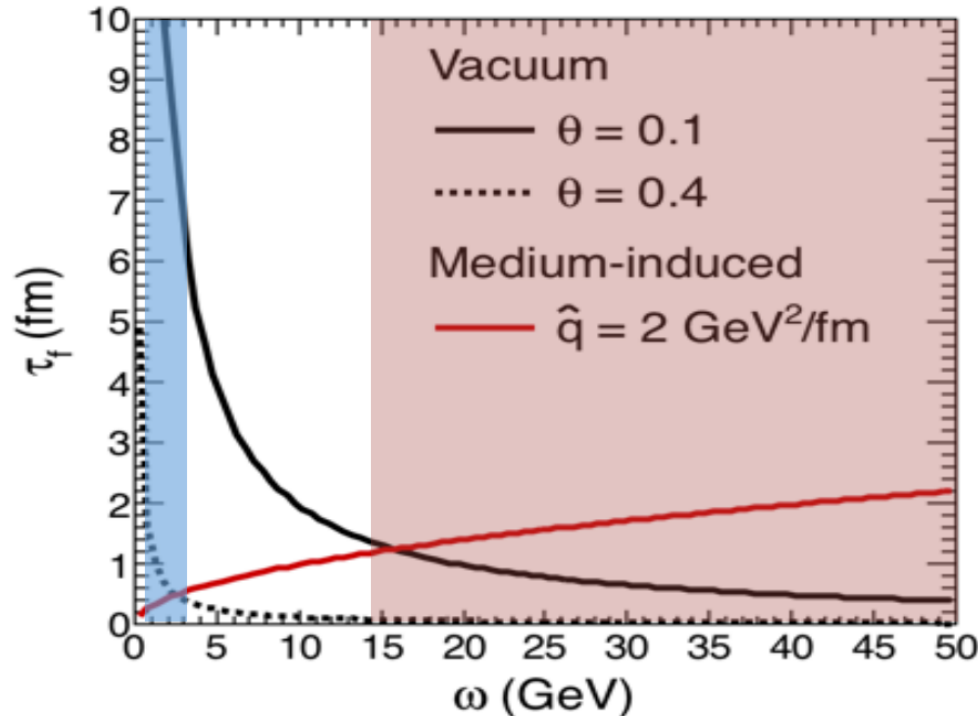
# $z_g$ – RHIC vs LHC

Vacuum and **medium** formation times

Hard medium-induced radiation happens late in the shower

$$\tau_f^{vac} \approx \frac{\omega}{k_T^2} = \frac{1}{\theta^2 \omega}$$

$$\tau_f^{med} \approx \frac{\omega}{k_T^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$



Phase space covered for  $z_g=0.1$

STAR

CMS

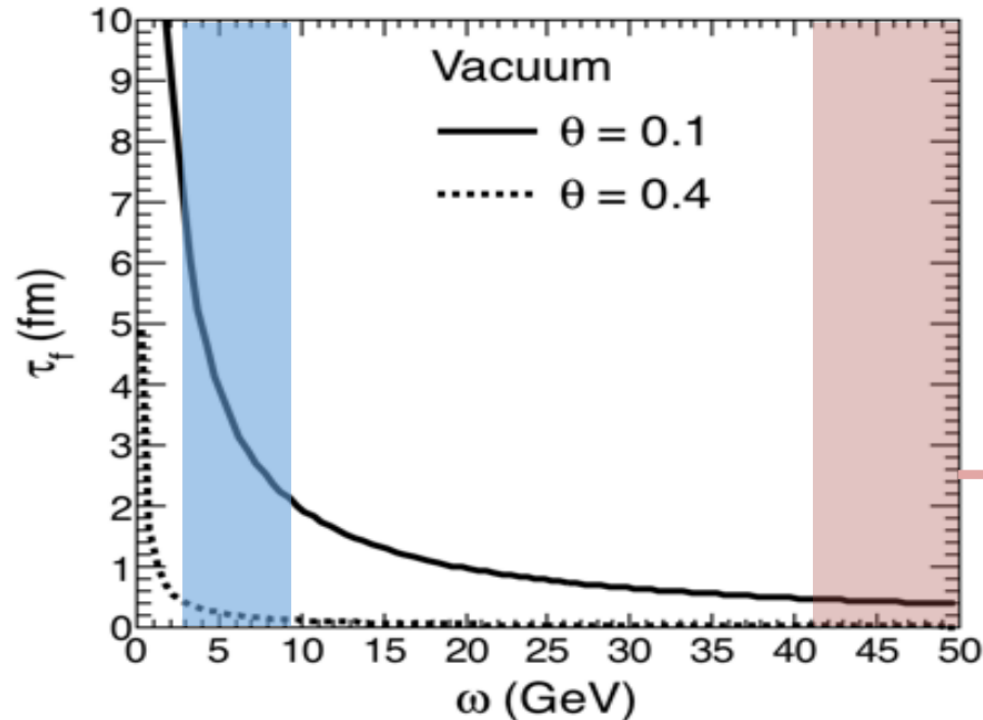
At RHIC can only see medium for rare large angle emissions or even splittings. Larger  $z_{cut}$  and/or  $\Delta R_{12}$  selection would increase sensitivity



# $z_g$ – RHIC vs LHC

Vacuum formation time of gluons with certain energy

$$\tau_f^{vac} \cong \frac{\omega}{k_T^2} = \frac{1}{\theta^2 \omega}$$



Phase space covered for

$z_g = 0.3$

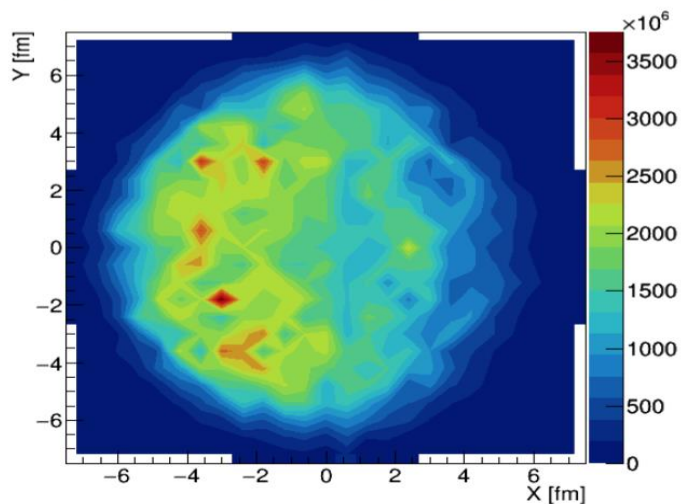
STAR

CMS

STAR and CMS are probing very different formation times. No overlap

# YaJEM Calculation for STAR Dijets (First Look)

$p_{T1} > 20$  &  $p_{T2} > 10$



Courtesy of Kirill Lapidus

1D hydro

$R = 0.4$

constituent bias 2 GeV

5.5 hard track in either of two jets  
back-to-back

Signs of creation hot spots shift by 2-4 fm

Needs further investigation

-- Be mindful of fluctuations and  
hydrodynamic expansion

$p_T^{\text{SubLead}}$  & Constituent  $p_T \rightarrow$  **systematically** dial in the **path length** of the recoil jet

Dijet Imbalance = Recoil E-loss?  
Found a “**sweet spot**”  
Lost energy seems to be **contained within  $R=0.4$**

**Matching:** *Differentially* study  
Broadening – *jet-by-jet*  
Softening – *jet-by-jet*

