

# Exploring perturbative QCD splittings in heavy-ion collisions

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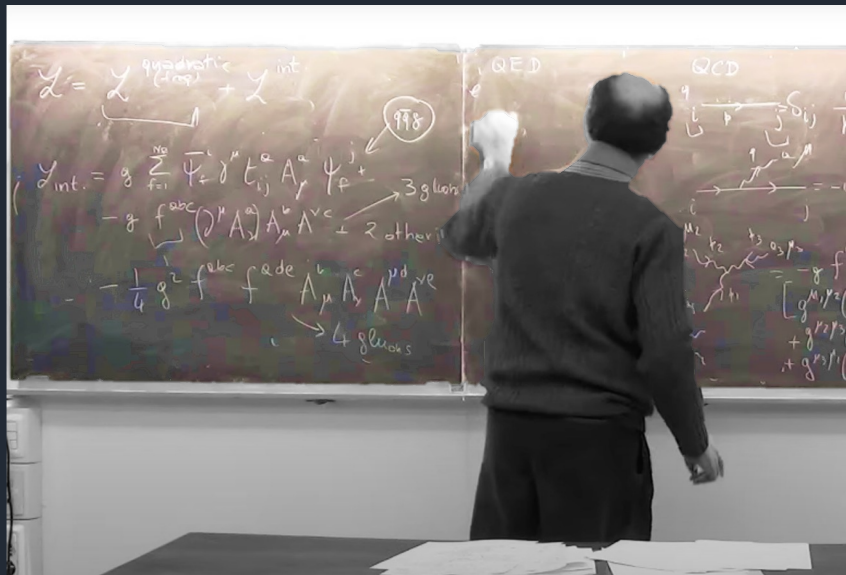
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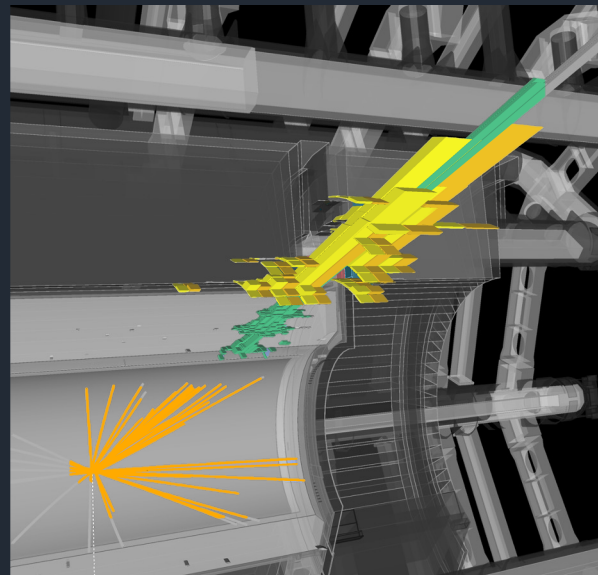
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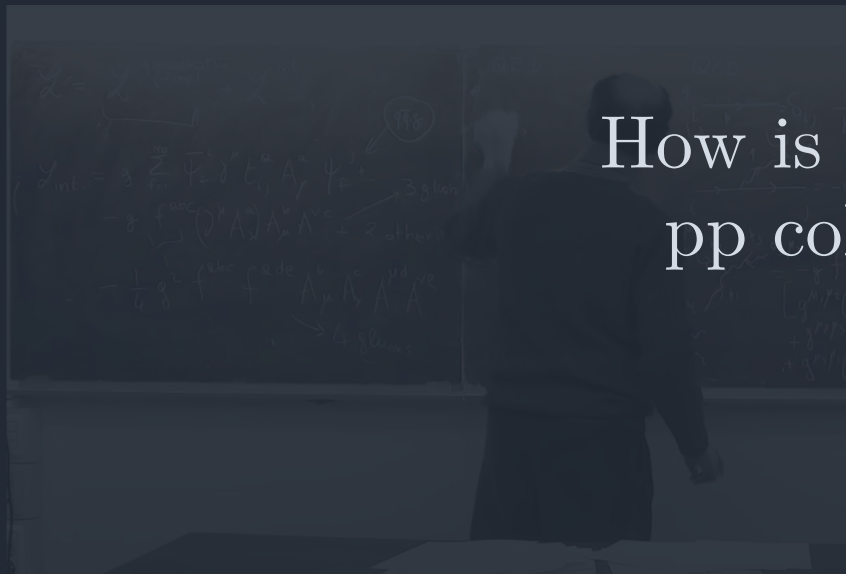
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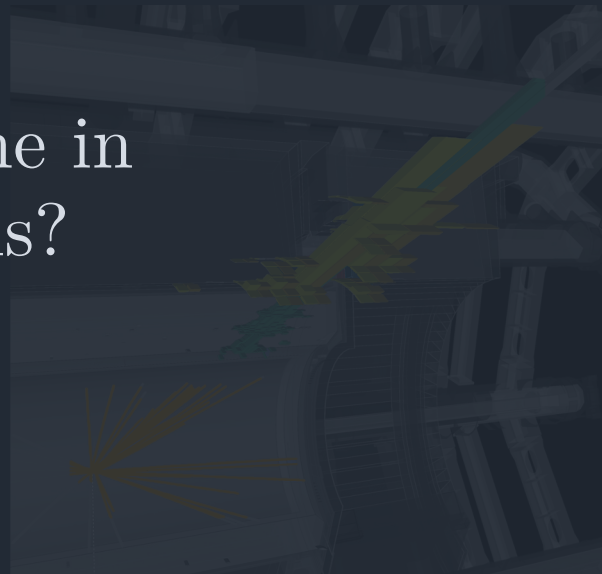
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How is it done in  
pp collisions?

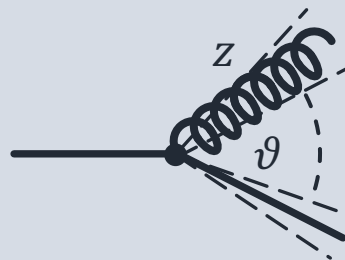
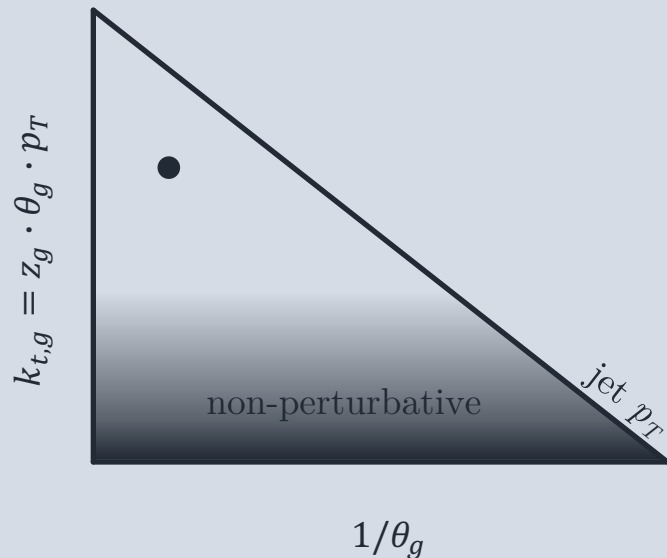
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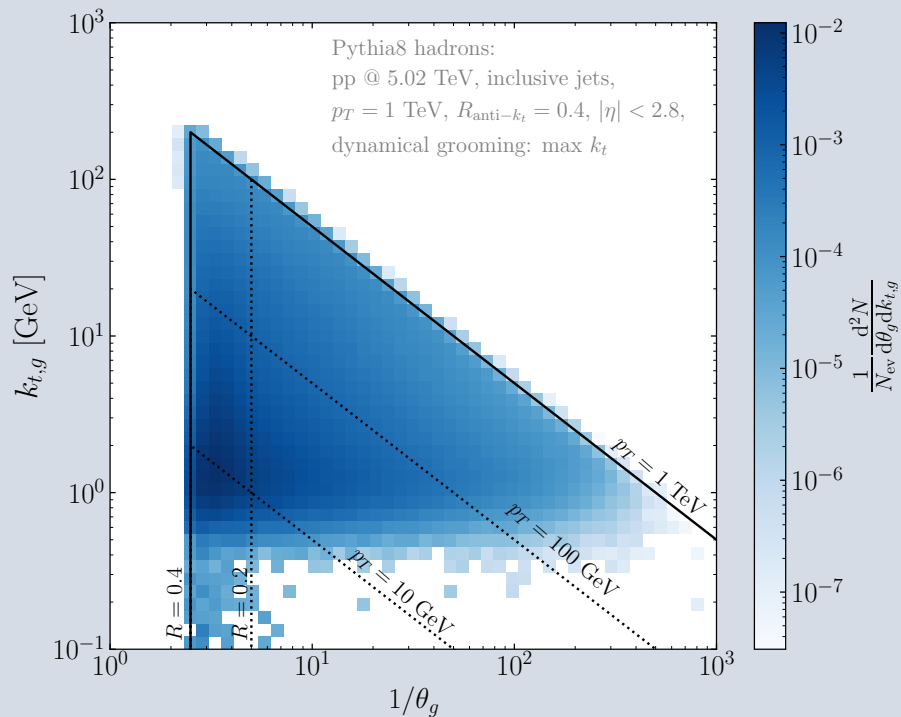
# Hardest splitting in jets

[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  $k_t$

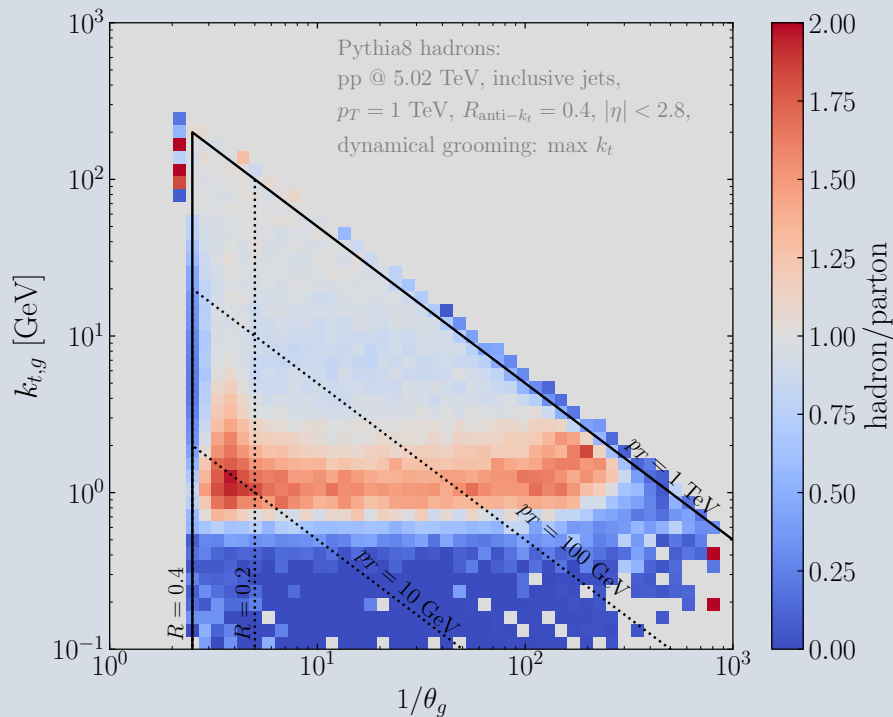


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- Higher energy = more perturbative

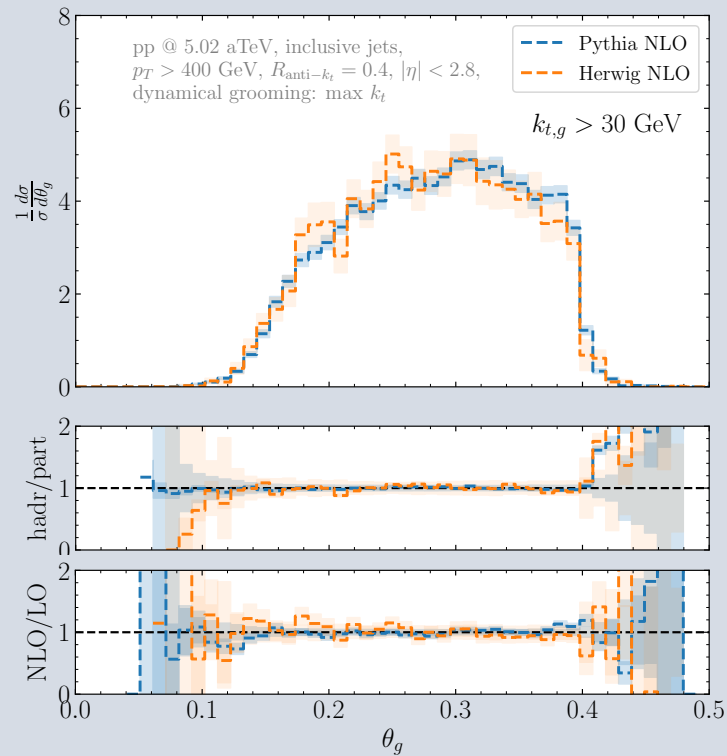
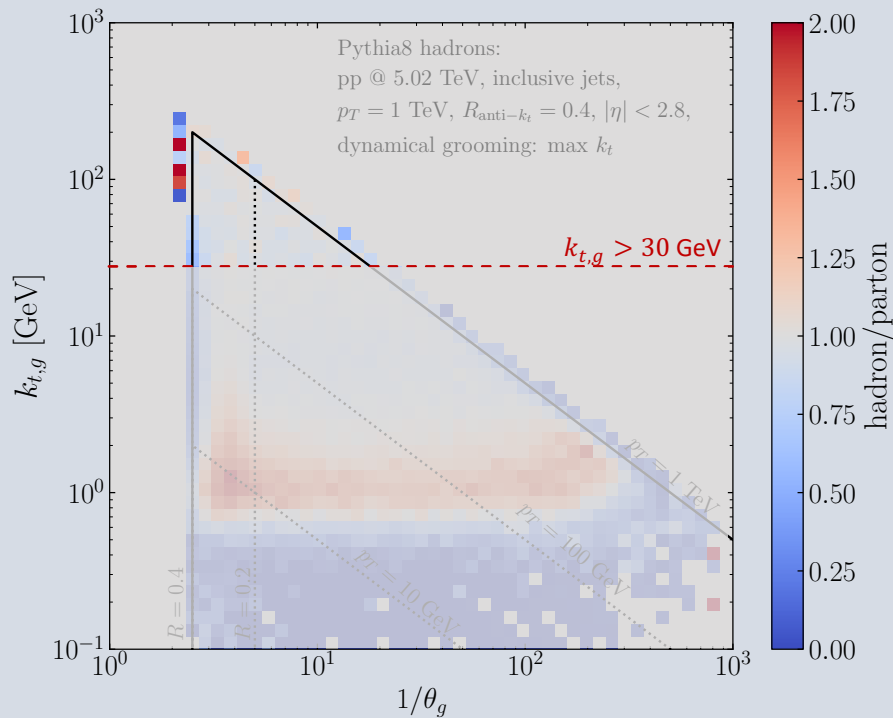
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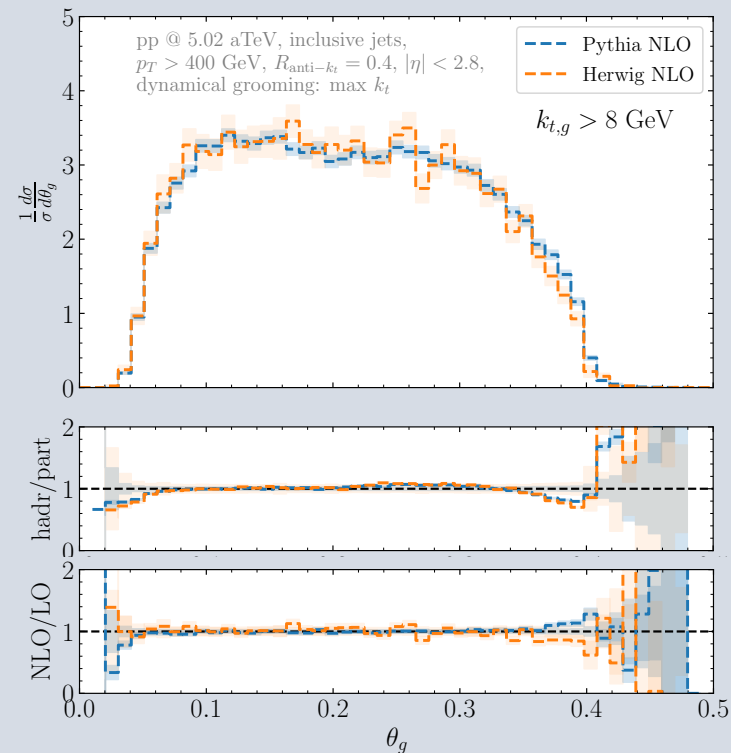
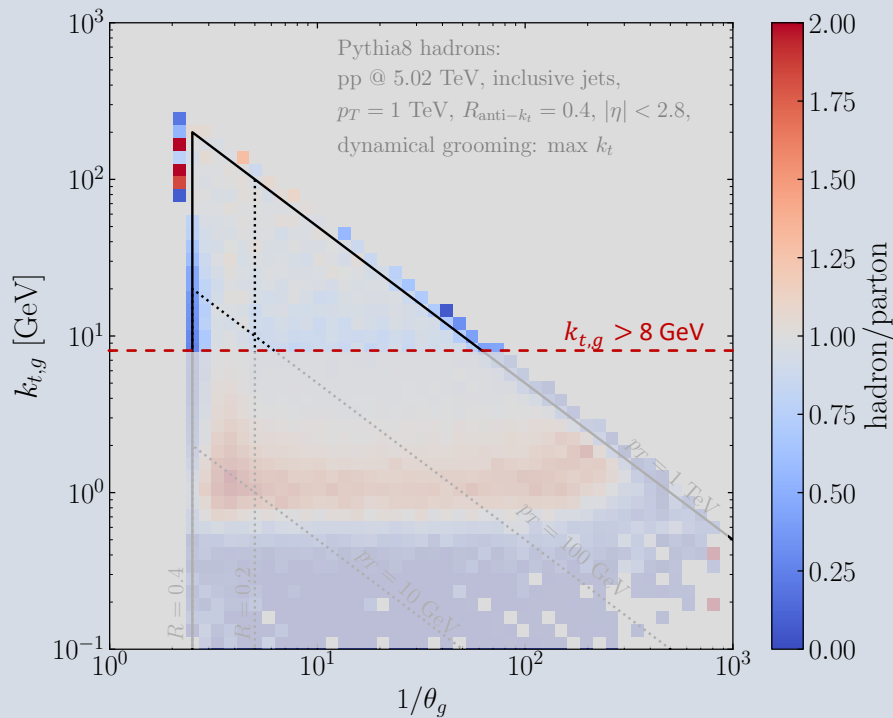
Ask for more explanation!

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- ( $p_T > 400$  GeV to enhance stat.)

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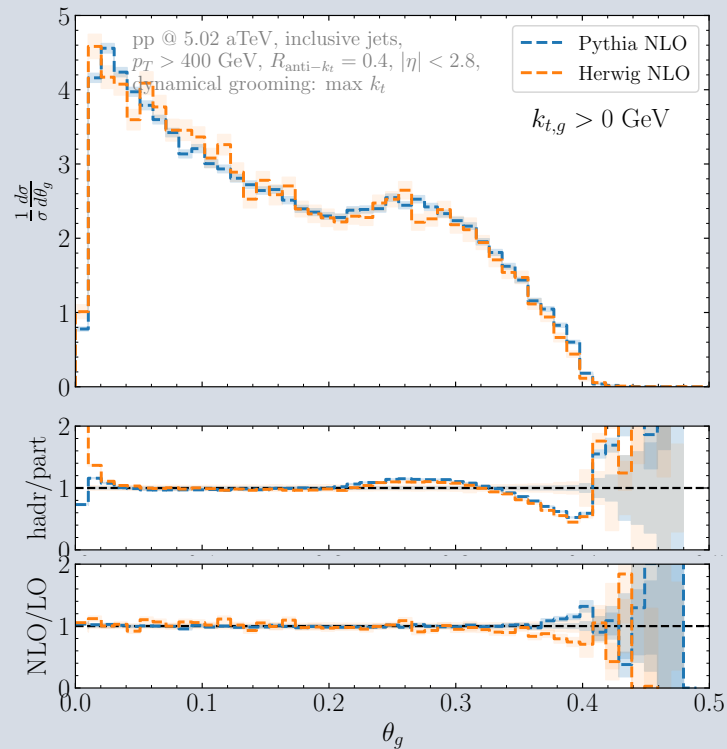
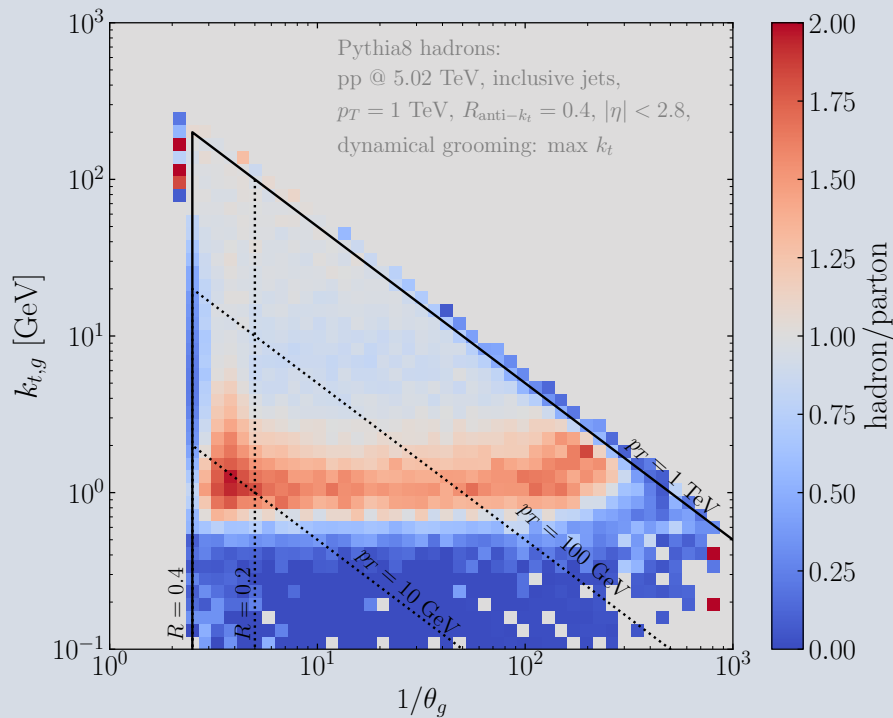


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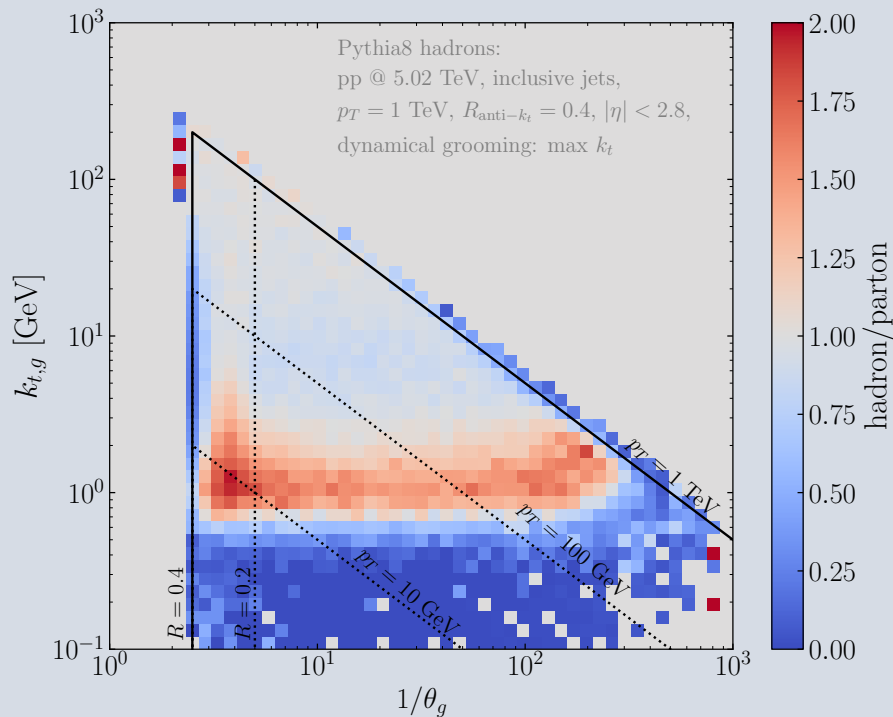




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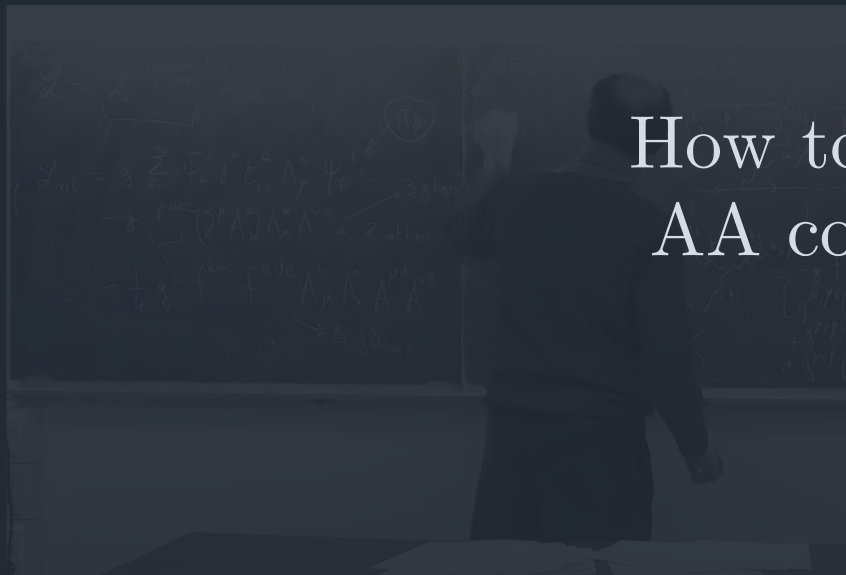
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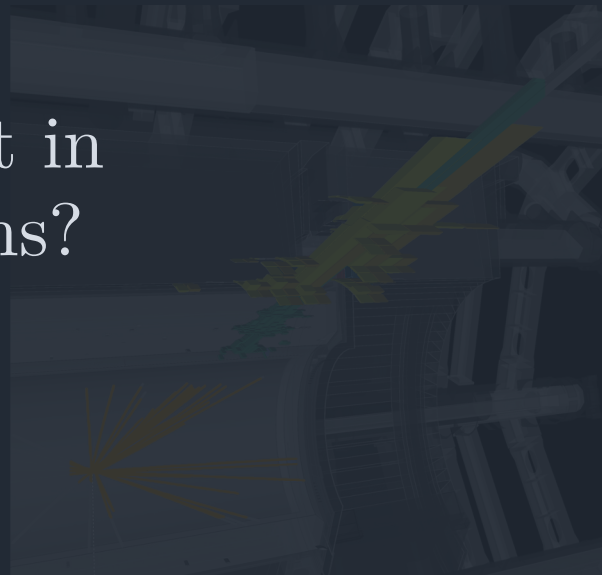
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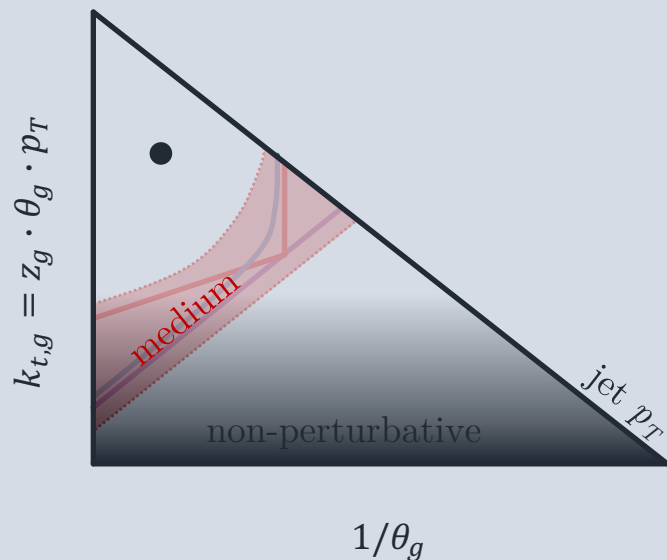
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How to do it in  
AA collisions?

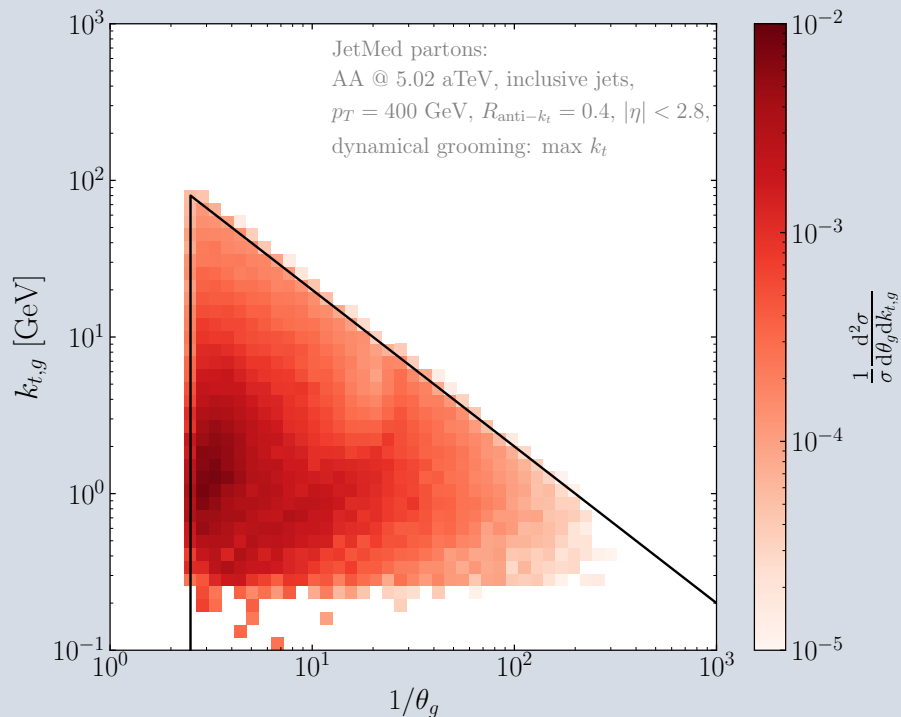


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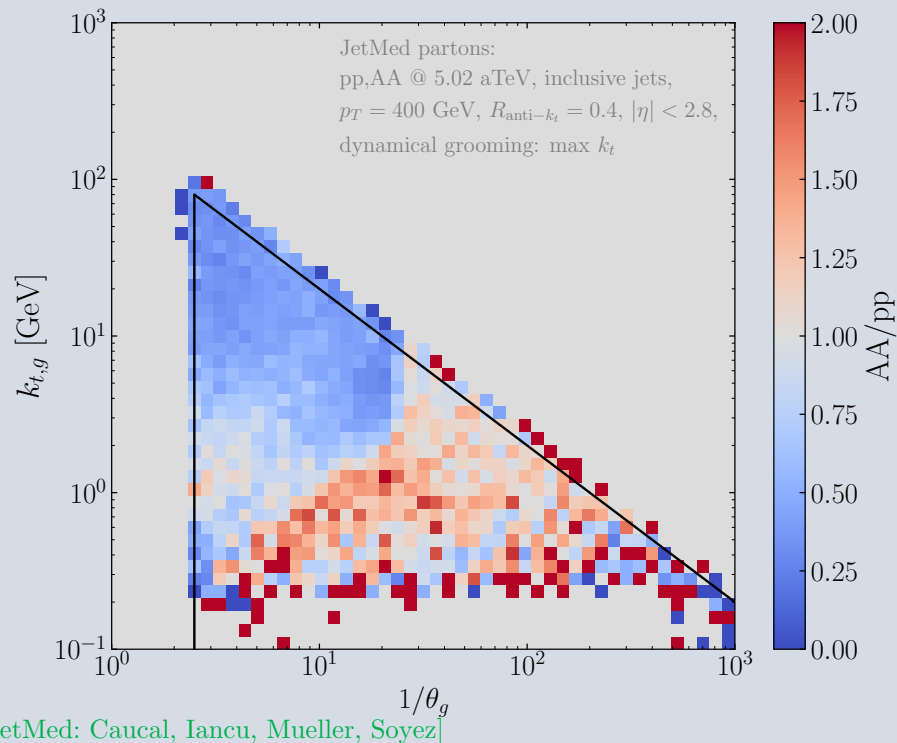
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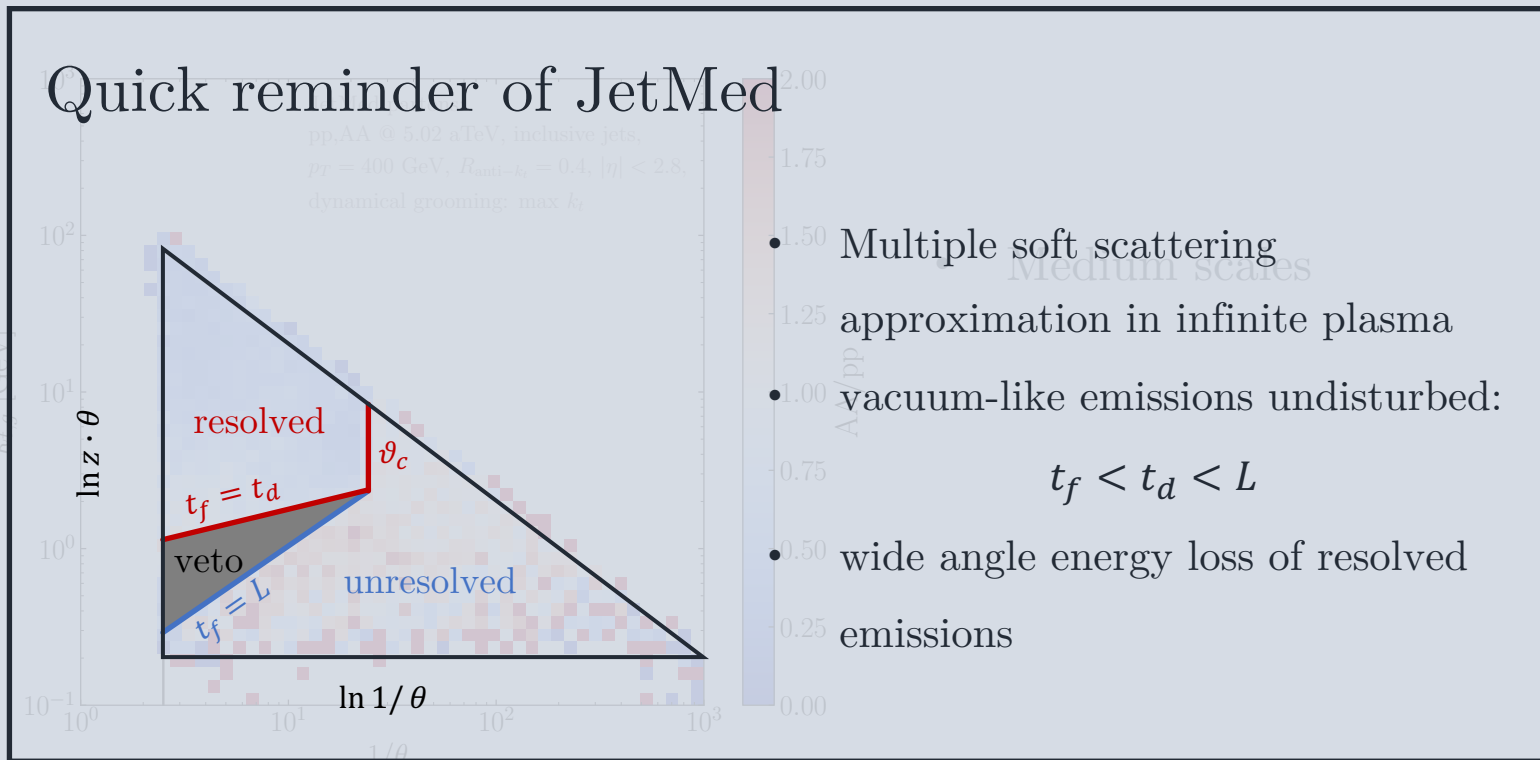
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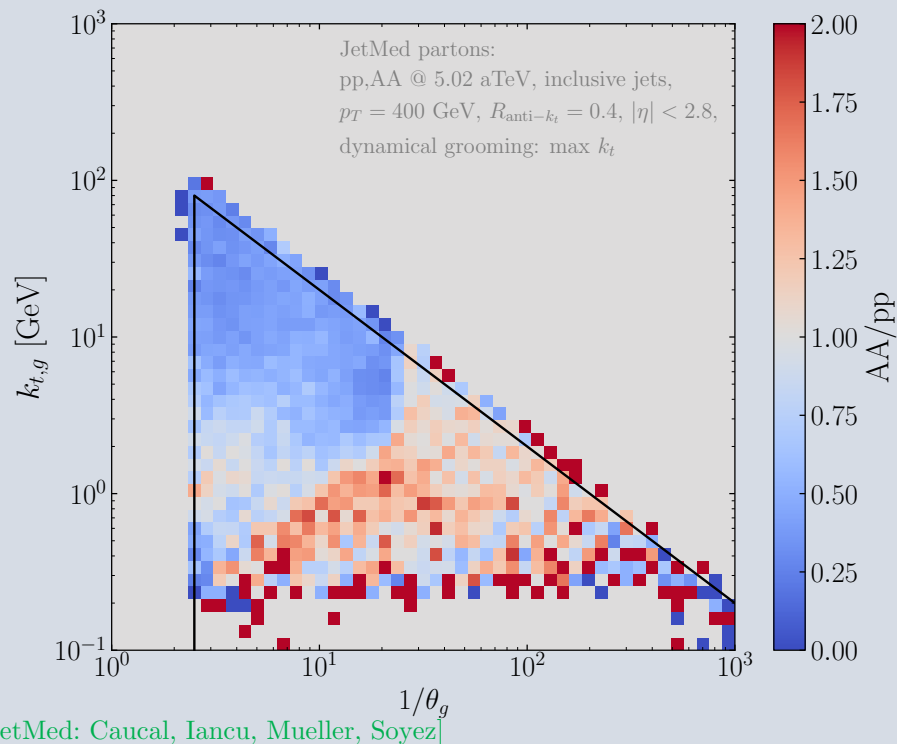
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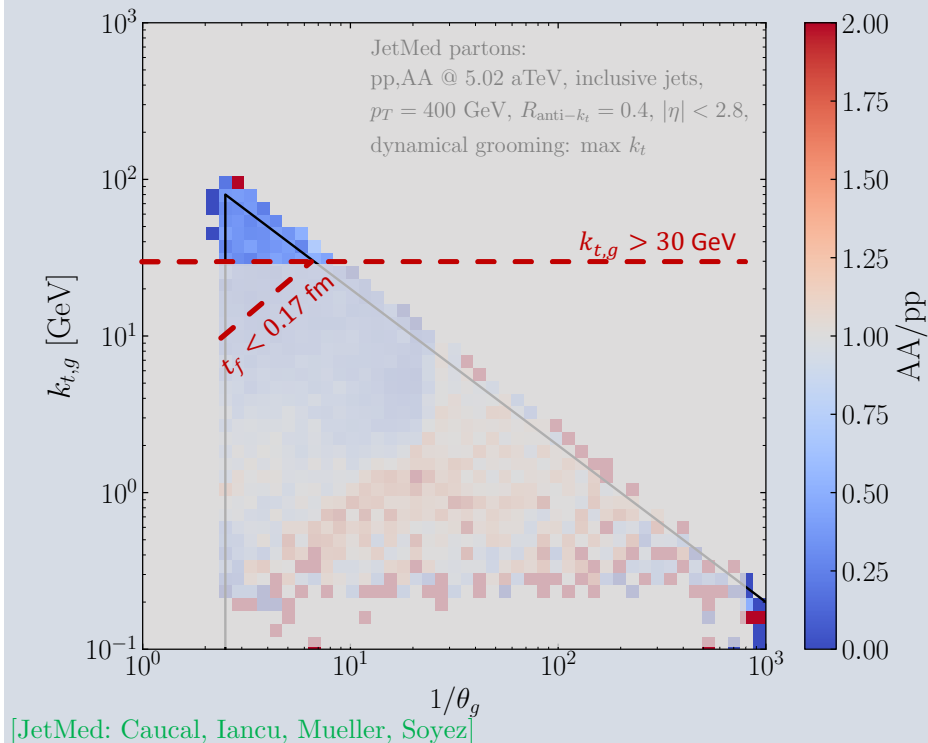
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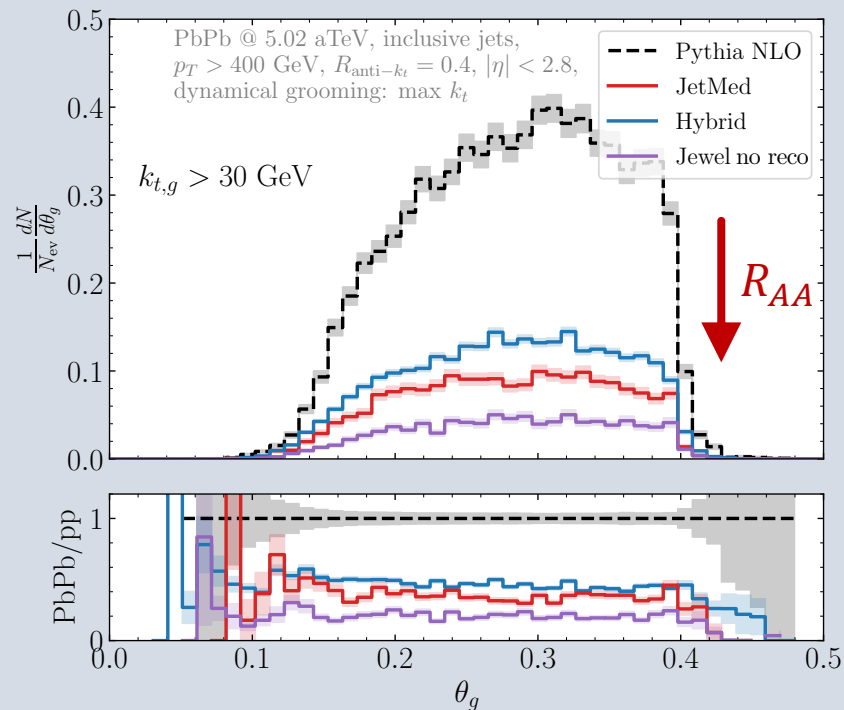
# Hardest splitting in quenched jets (high- $k_t$ )



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

# Hardest splitting in quenched jets

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



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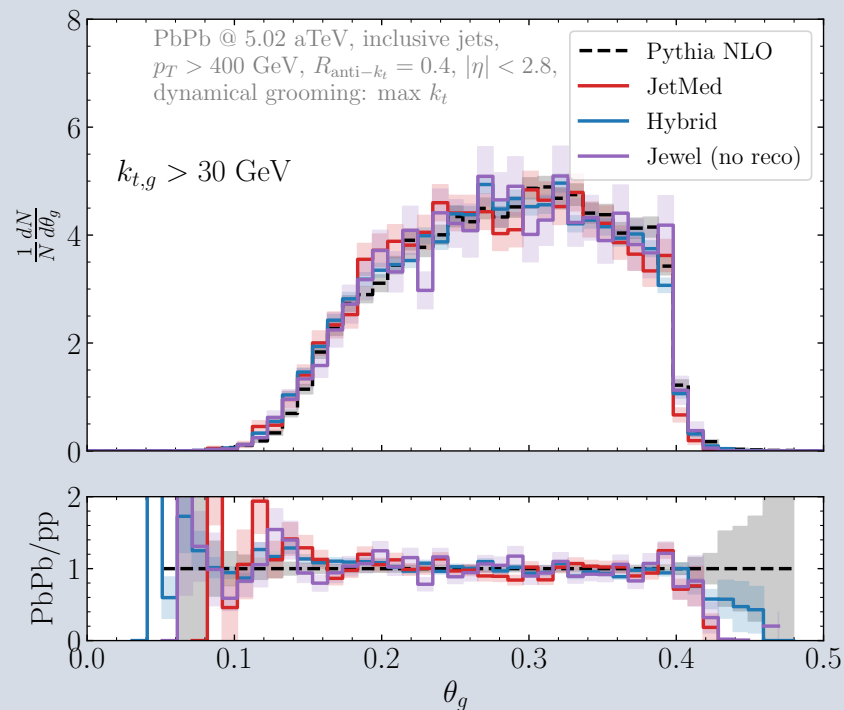
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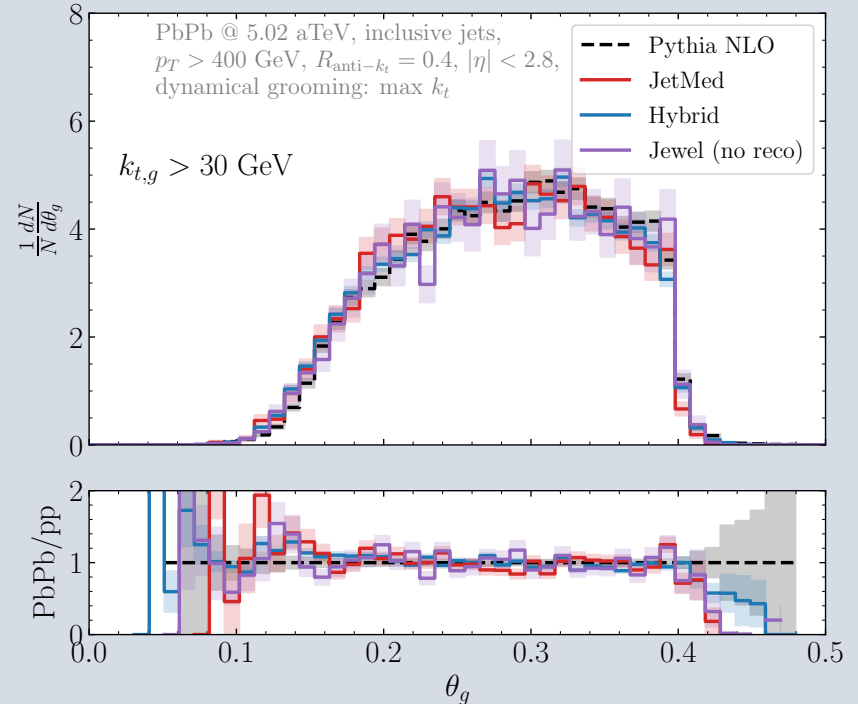
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- vacuum-like baseline in AA!

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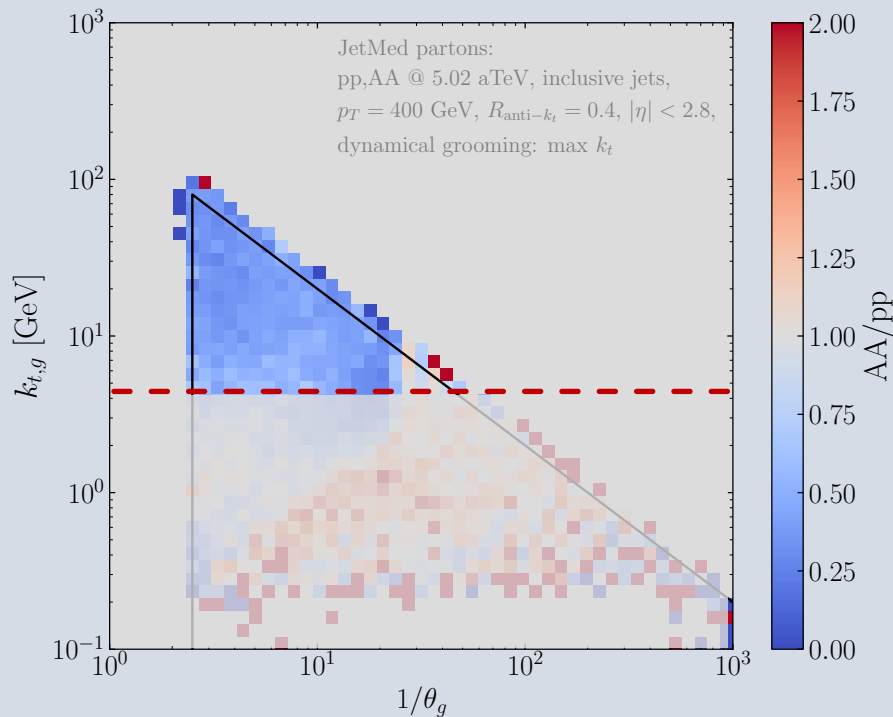
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## II. Test of color resolution

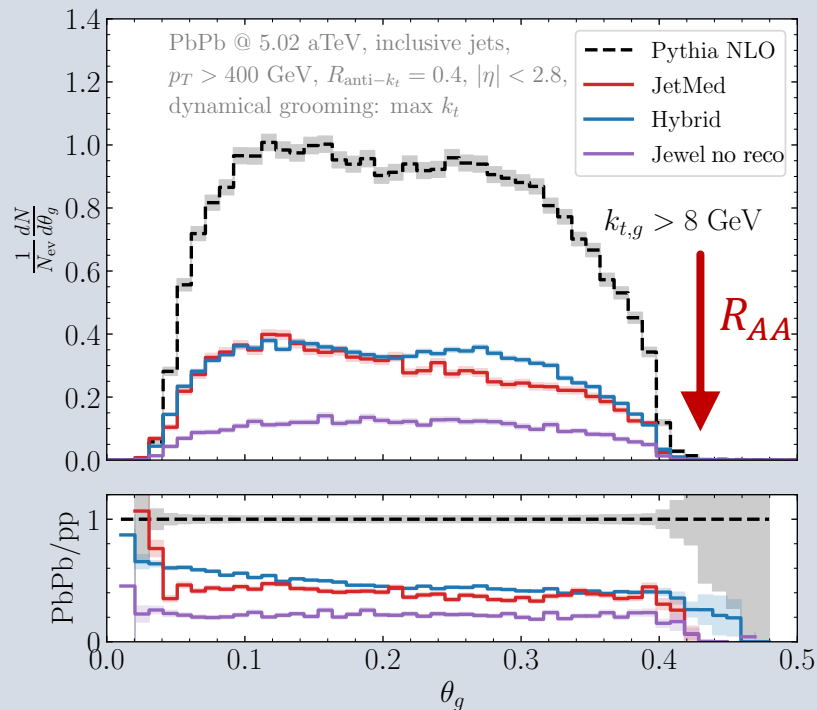
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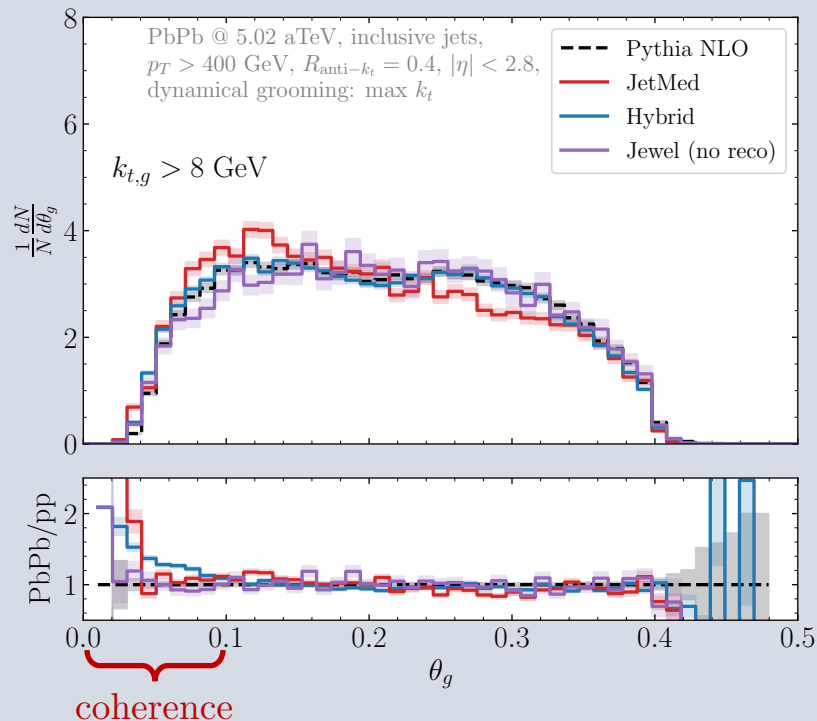
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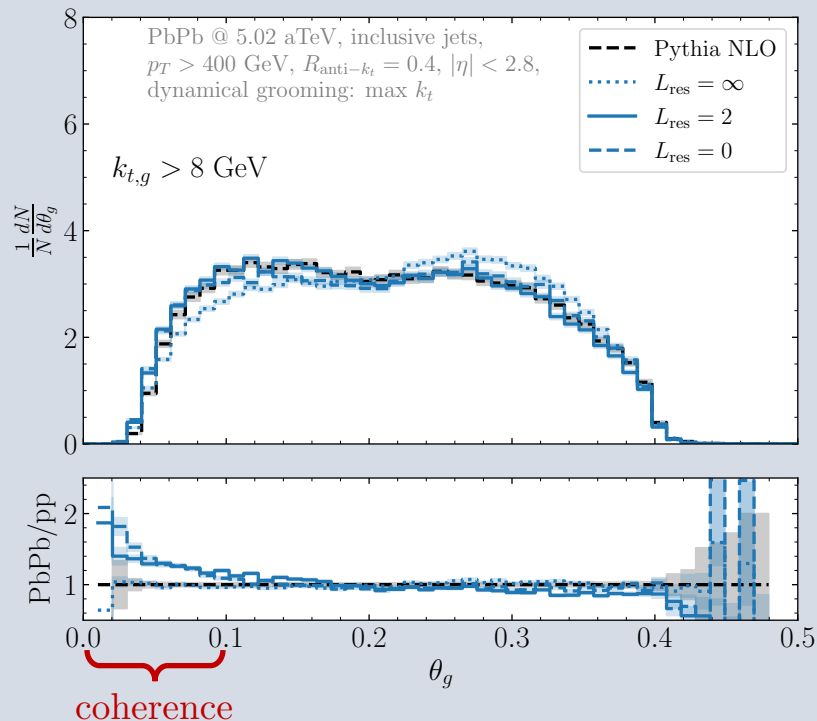
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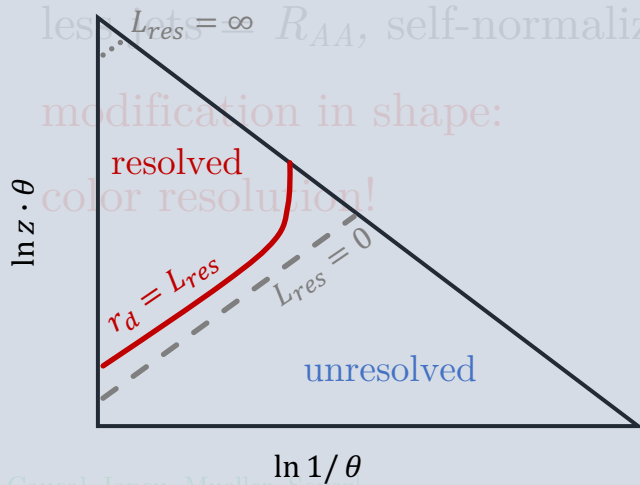
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## Quick reminder of Hybrid

- less jets,  $L_{res} = \infty$ ,  $R_{AA}$ , self-normalize!

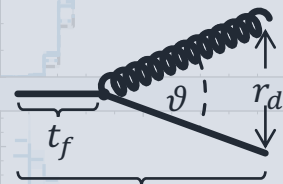
- modification in shape: color resolution!



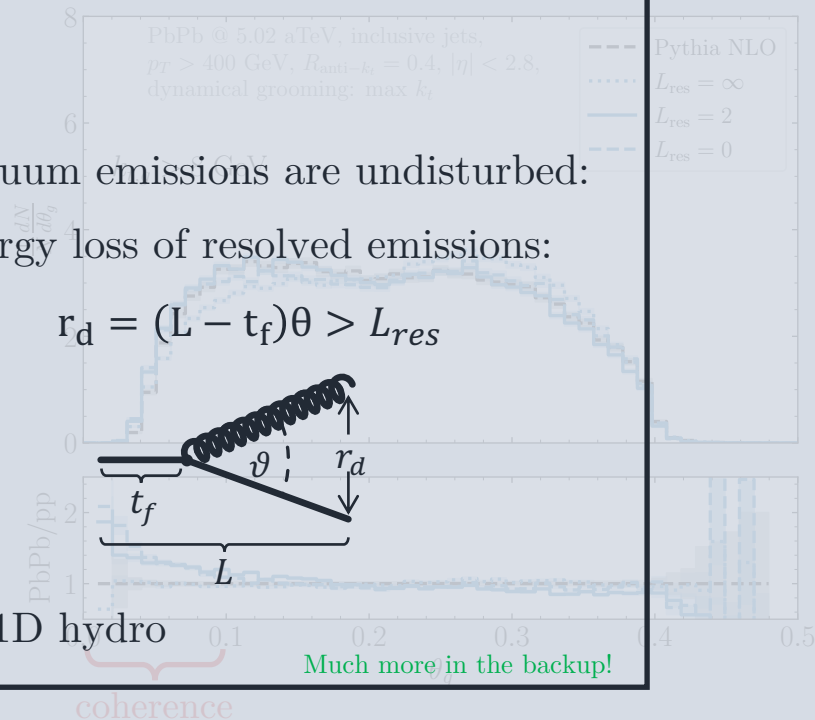
- vacuum emissions are undisturbed:

- energy loss of resolved emissions:

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



- 2+1D hydro



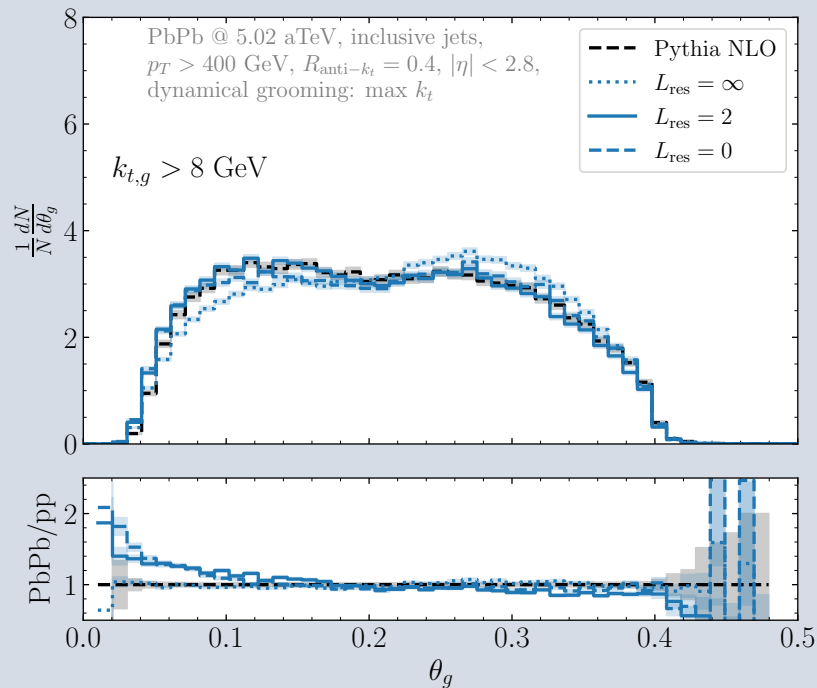
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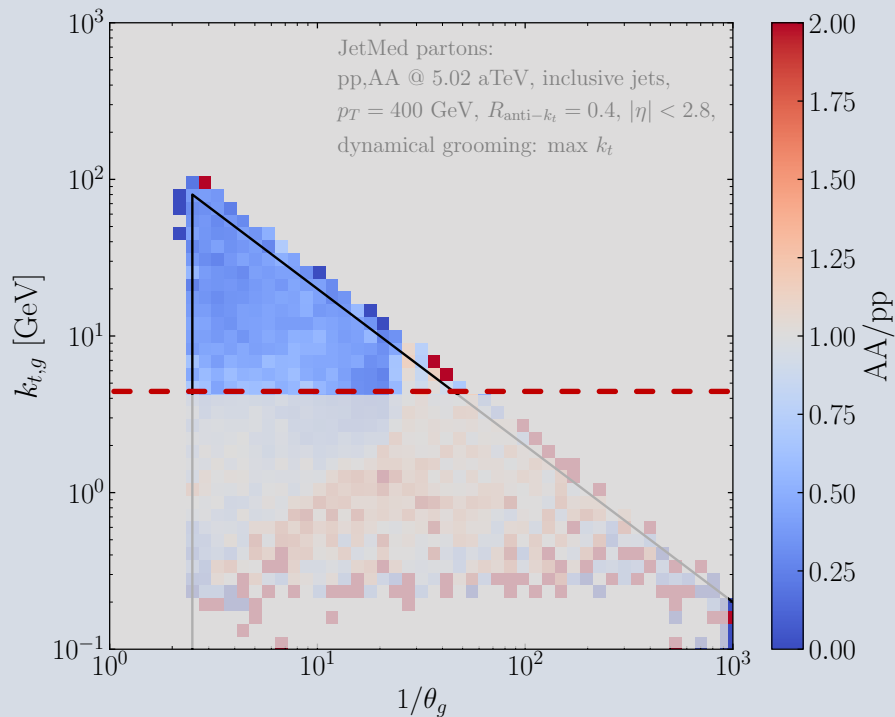
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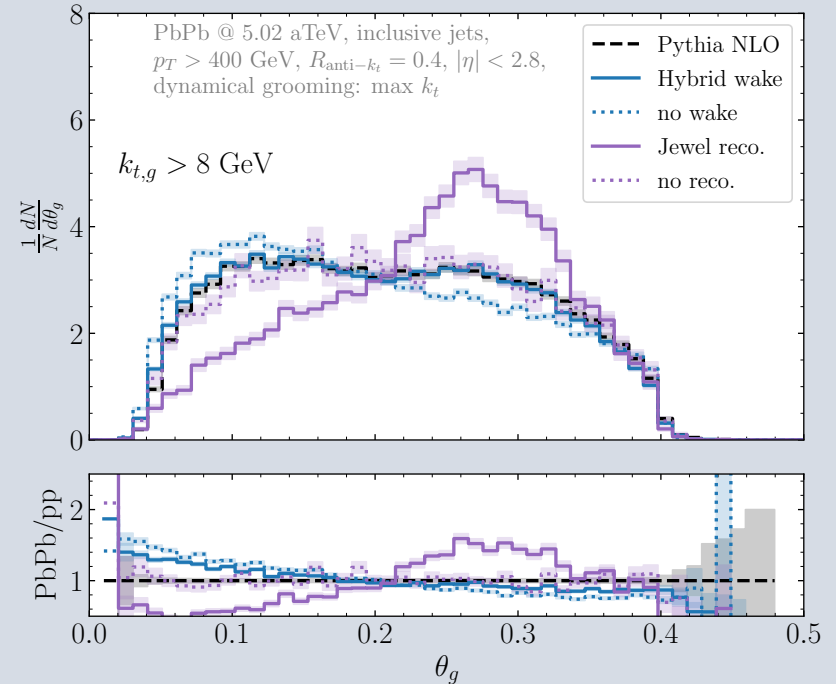
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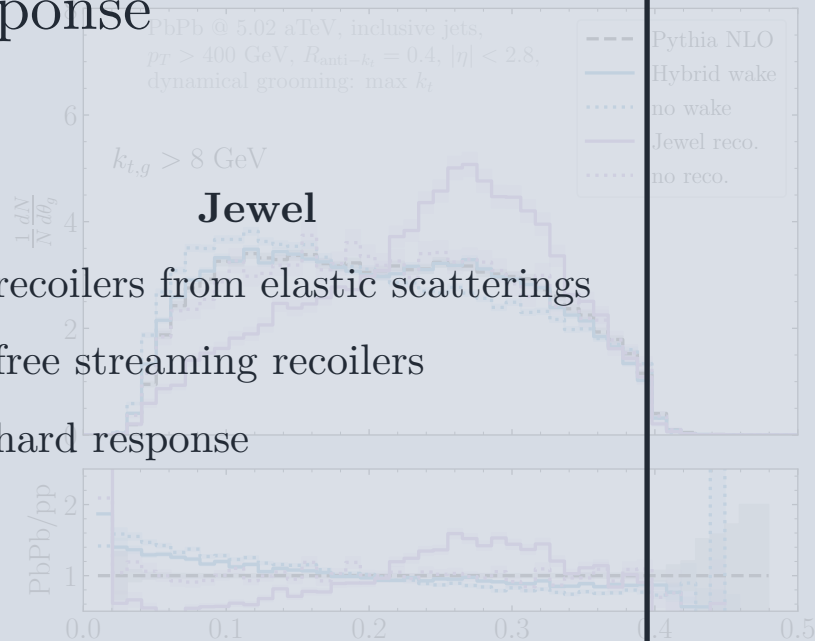
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### Hybrid

- modification in shape!
  - lost jet energy sources hydro
  - test of color resolution!
    - instant thermalization
  - test of thermalization!
    - soft response

### Jewel

- recoilers from elastic scatterings
- free streaming recoilers
- hard response



[Jewel: J. Casalderrey-Solana, Iancu, Mueller, Soyez]

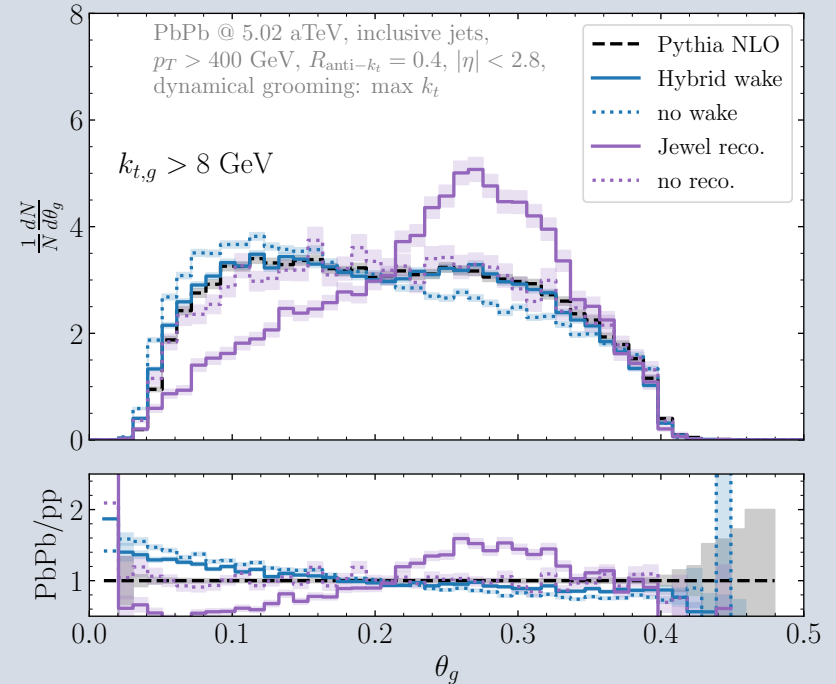
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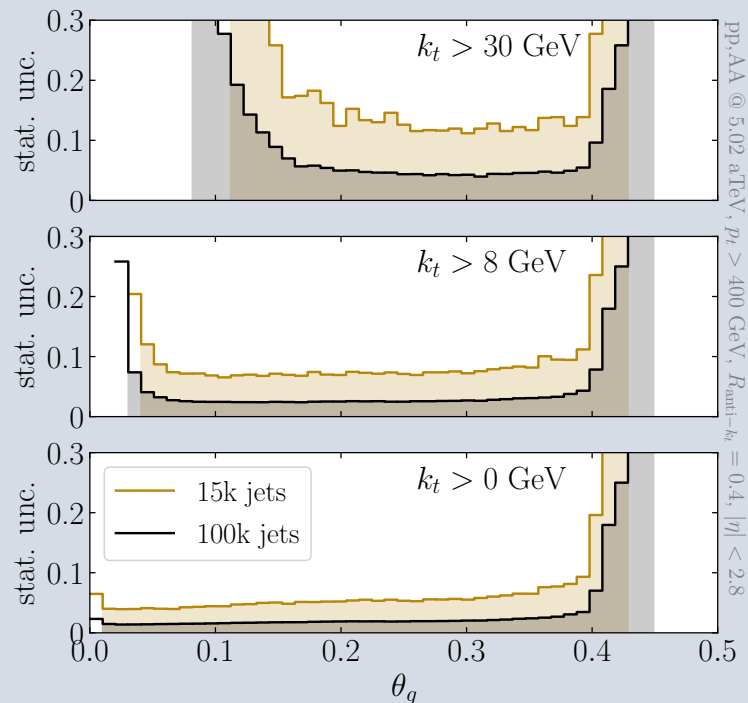
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## IV. Experimental aspects

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(15k jets above 400 GeV)
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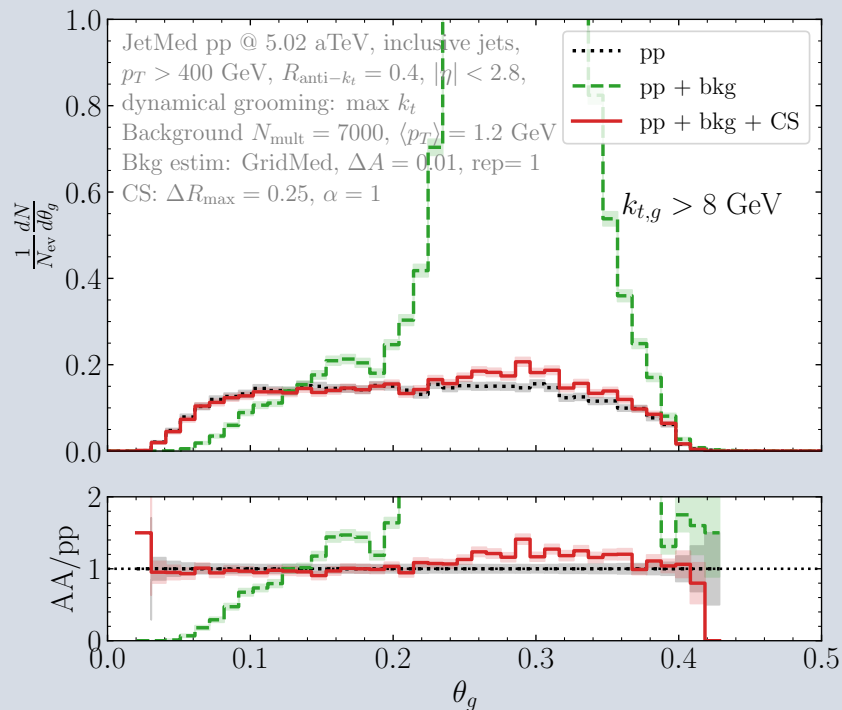


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- Unfolding is stable (fakes  $< 5\%$ ):

$$R = 0.4, k_t > 7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$R = 0.2, k_t > 2.8 \text{ GeV}$$



[Berta,Spusta,Miller,Leitner]

# Summary: perturbative splittings in AA

## 1. high $kt$ :

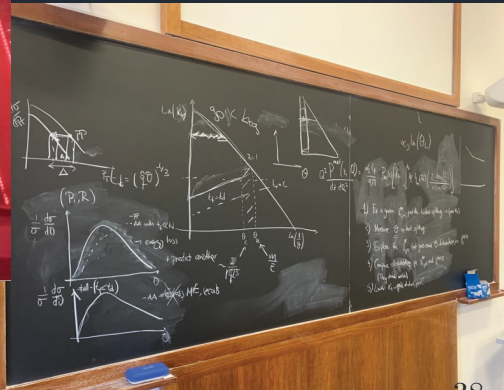
- test of mode separation
- vacuum-like baseline in AA collisions

## 2. moderate $kt$ :

- test of color resolution
- test of jet thermalization
- new baseline for AA collisions



Thank you for your attention!

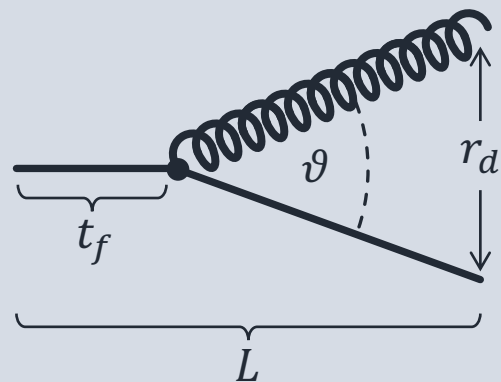
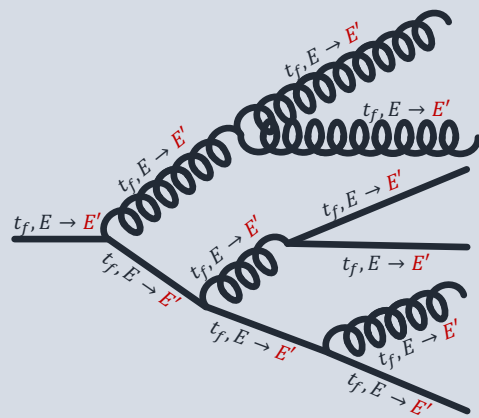


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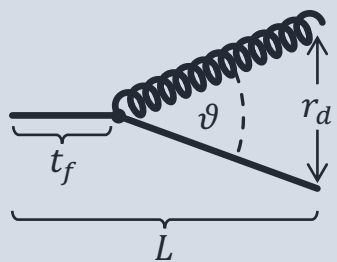
1. Generate Pythia8 event with nPDFs
2. Space-time structure using formation time
3. Remove energy according to holography:  $\frac{dE}{dx}(E, T)$
4. Energy only lost for resolved partons

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

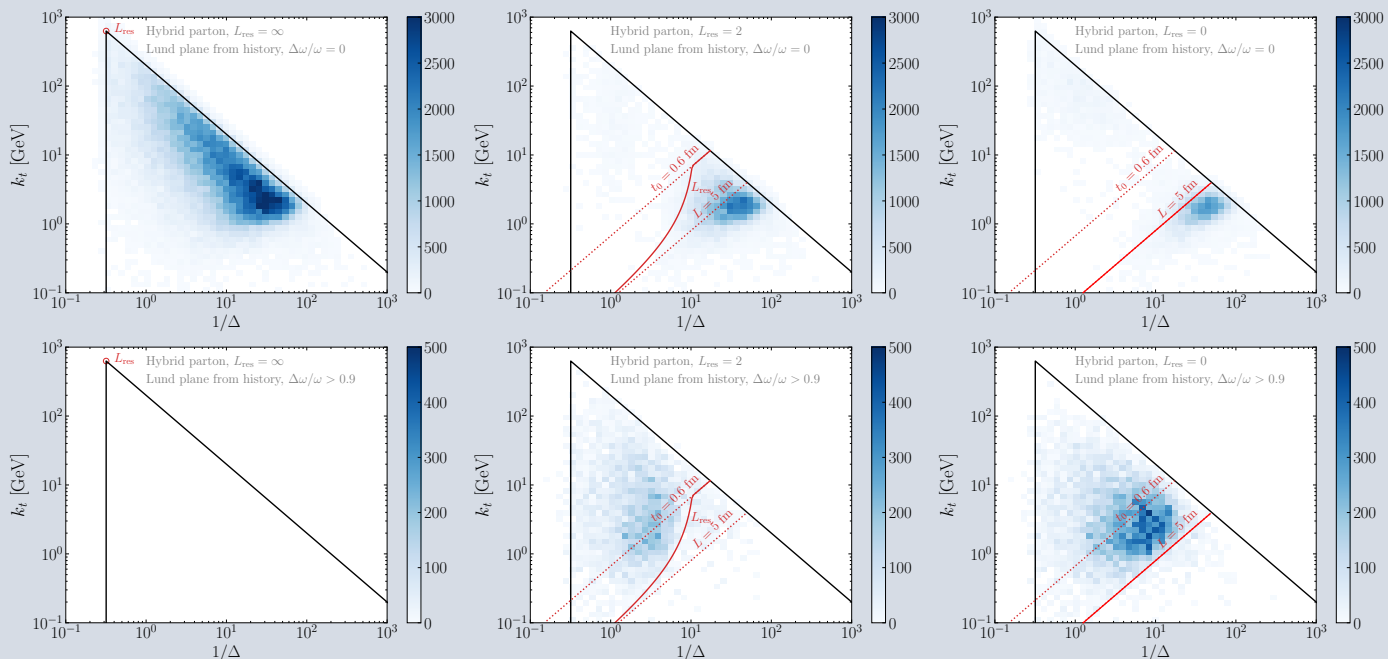
5. The lost energy sources additional freeze out.



# Hybrid model: primary Lund plane (from shower history)



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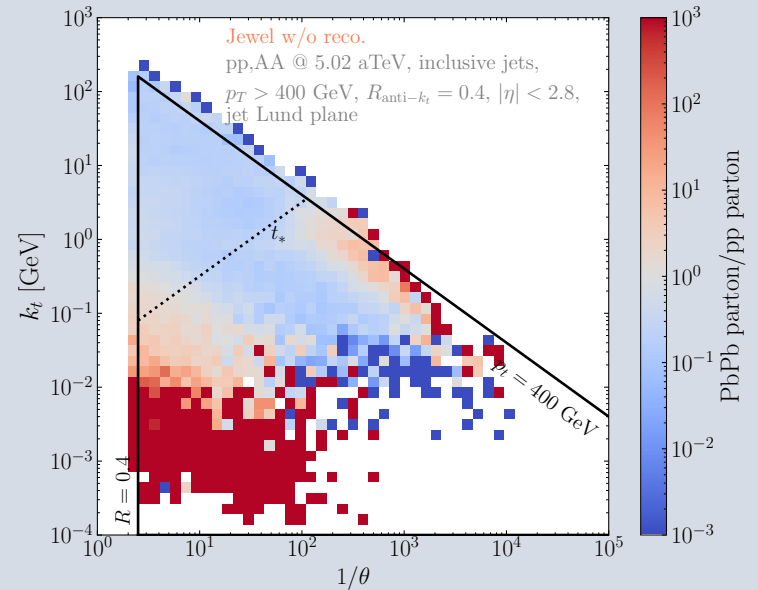
# The Jewel model

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



# Jewel model: Lund plane

