

# Measuring jet quenching with Bayesian Inference

(and what's next...)

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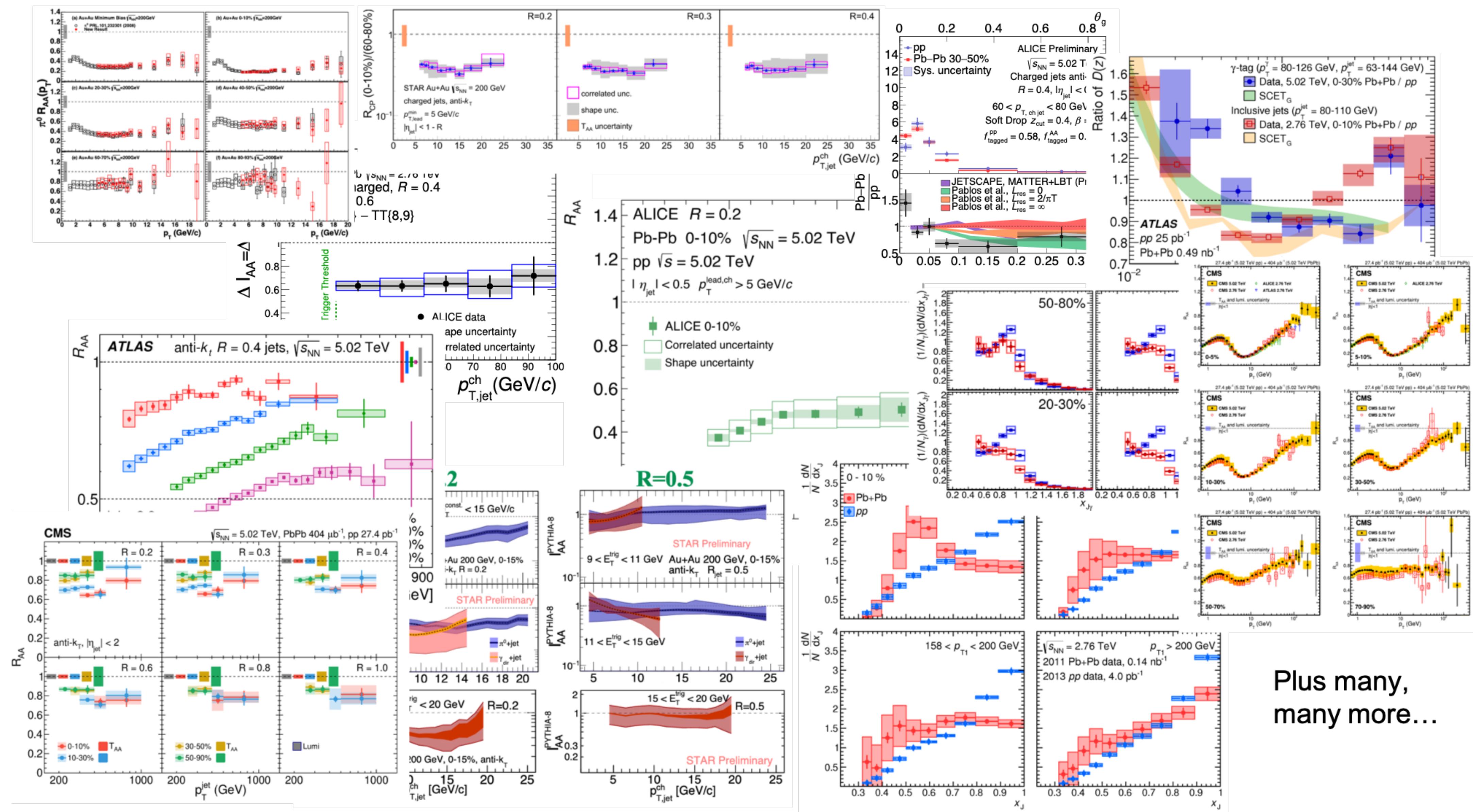
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# Jet quenching measurements



Plus many,  
many more...

## Bayesian inference + jet quenching

1. How can we make a **consistent picture?**
2. What **physics can we extract?**
3. What **information is contained in each observable?**

## Bayesian inference in the EIC era

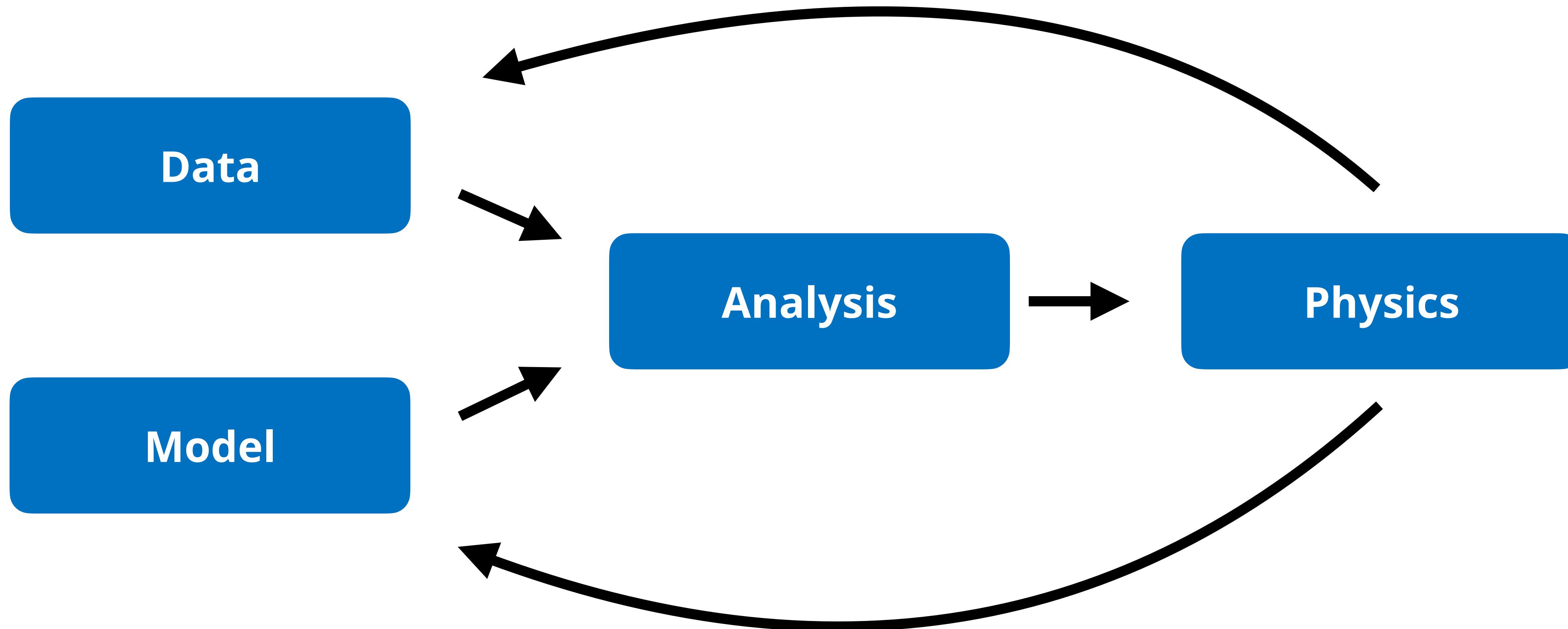
4. **Tools and lessons from present to future**
5. e.g. **EIC + forward LHC/RHIC + Bayesian inference**

# Concept: Bayesian Inference



Insight into physics via **rigorous data-model comparison**

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Insight into physics via **rigorous data-model comparison**  
and provide **feedback on next generation of measurements and models**

# Bayesian inference

- Combine knowledge of theory and experiment to constrain parameters
- Given data  $\vec{x}$  and parameters  $\vec{\theta}$ , we can apply Bayes' theorem

$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

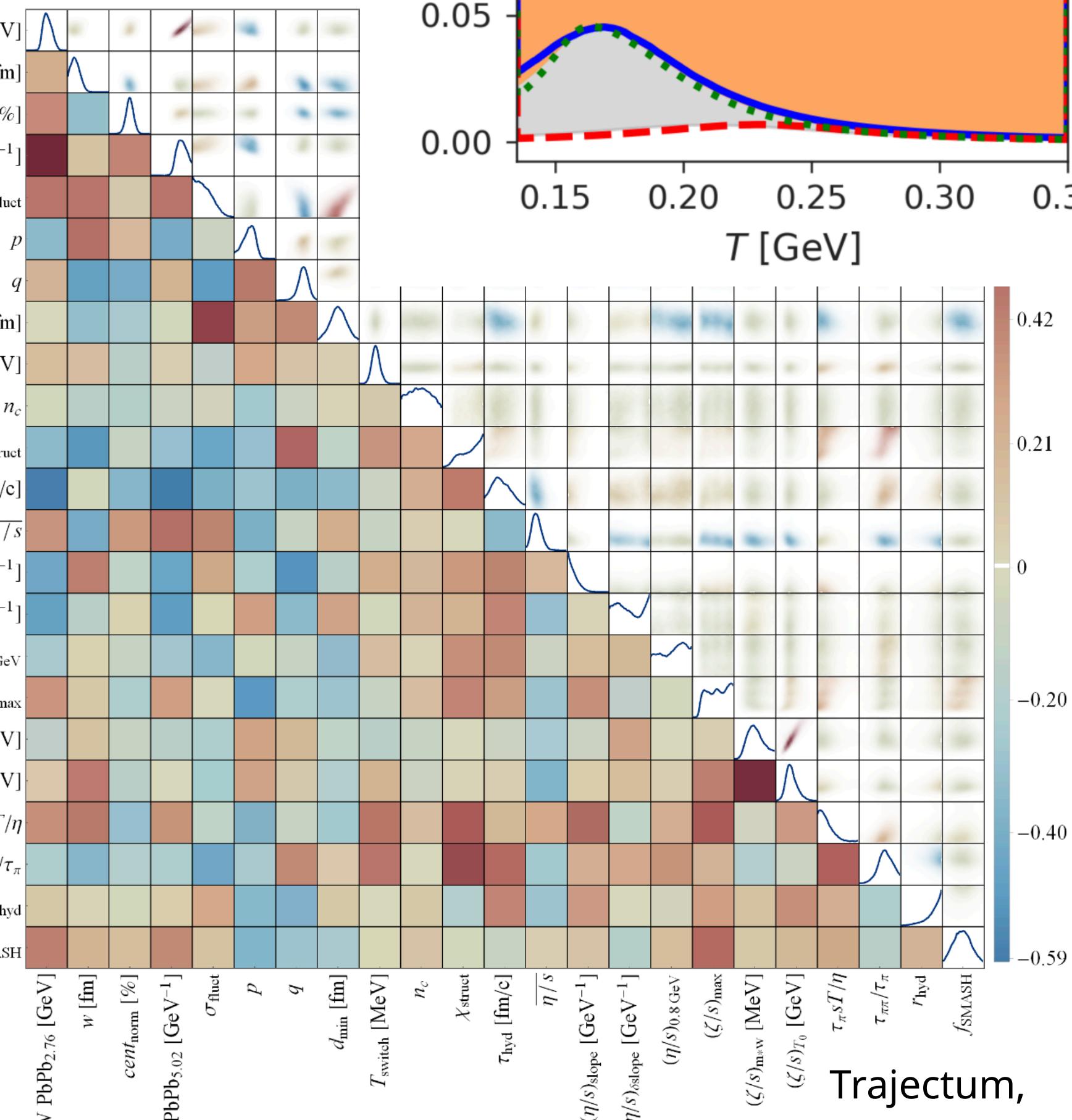
- $P(\theta|x)$ : posterior dist.:  
prob of  $\theta$  given  $x$
- Most prob. value  
→ best description of data
- $P(x|\theta)$ : likelihood  
 $x$  is described by  $\theta$
- Depends on covariance,  
**data + theory uncert.**
- $P(\theta)$ : prior  
distribution for  $\theta$
- Choice makes assumptions explicit

→ Posterior encodes everything we want to learn

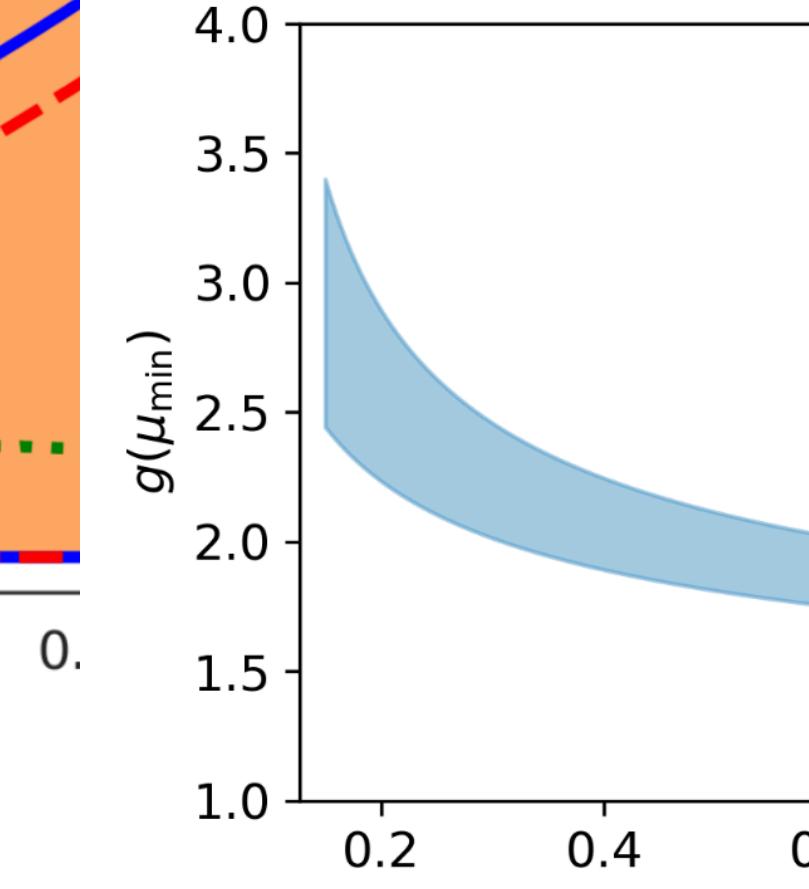
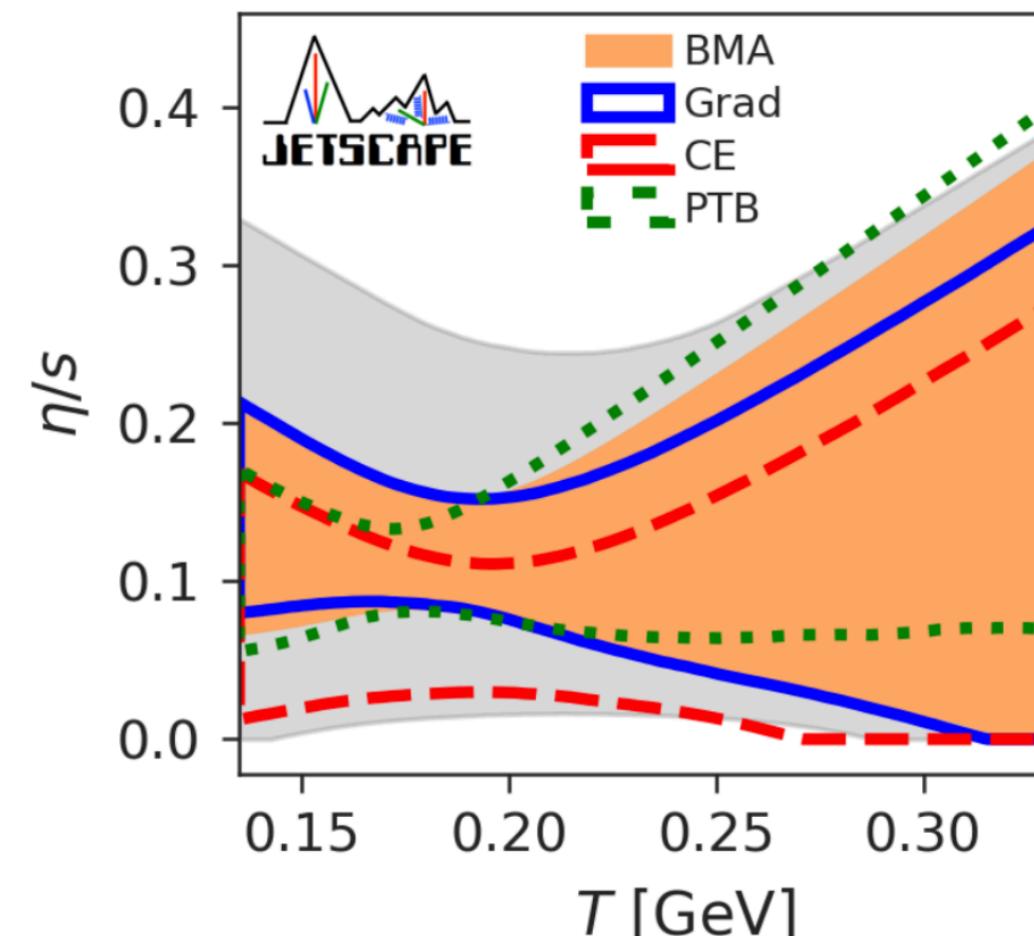
- Approach enables computationally tractable approach to extract parameters
- Although still CPU intensive!

# Bayesian Inference in heavy-ion collisions (non-exhaustive)

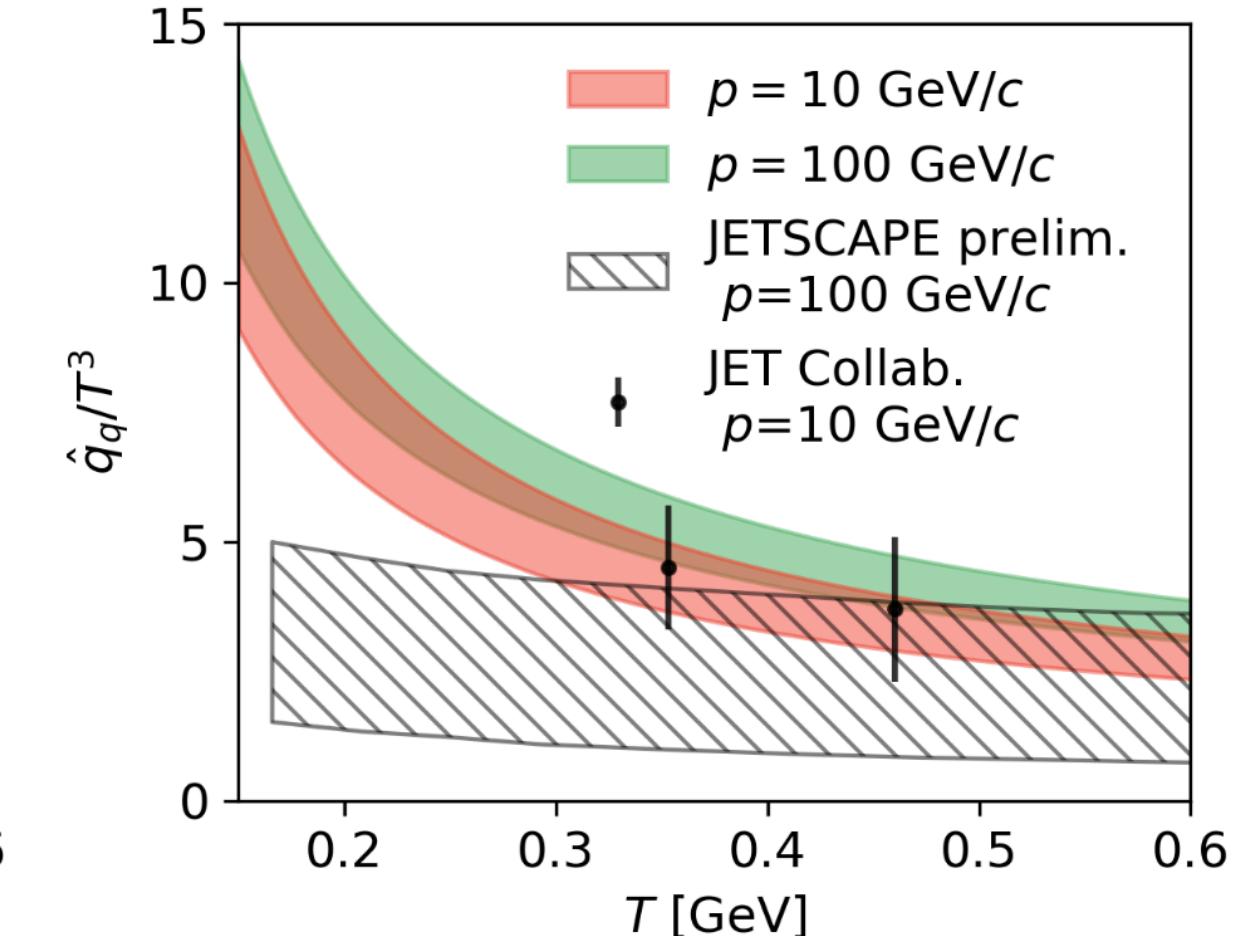
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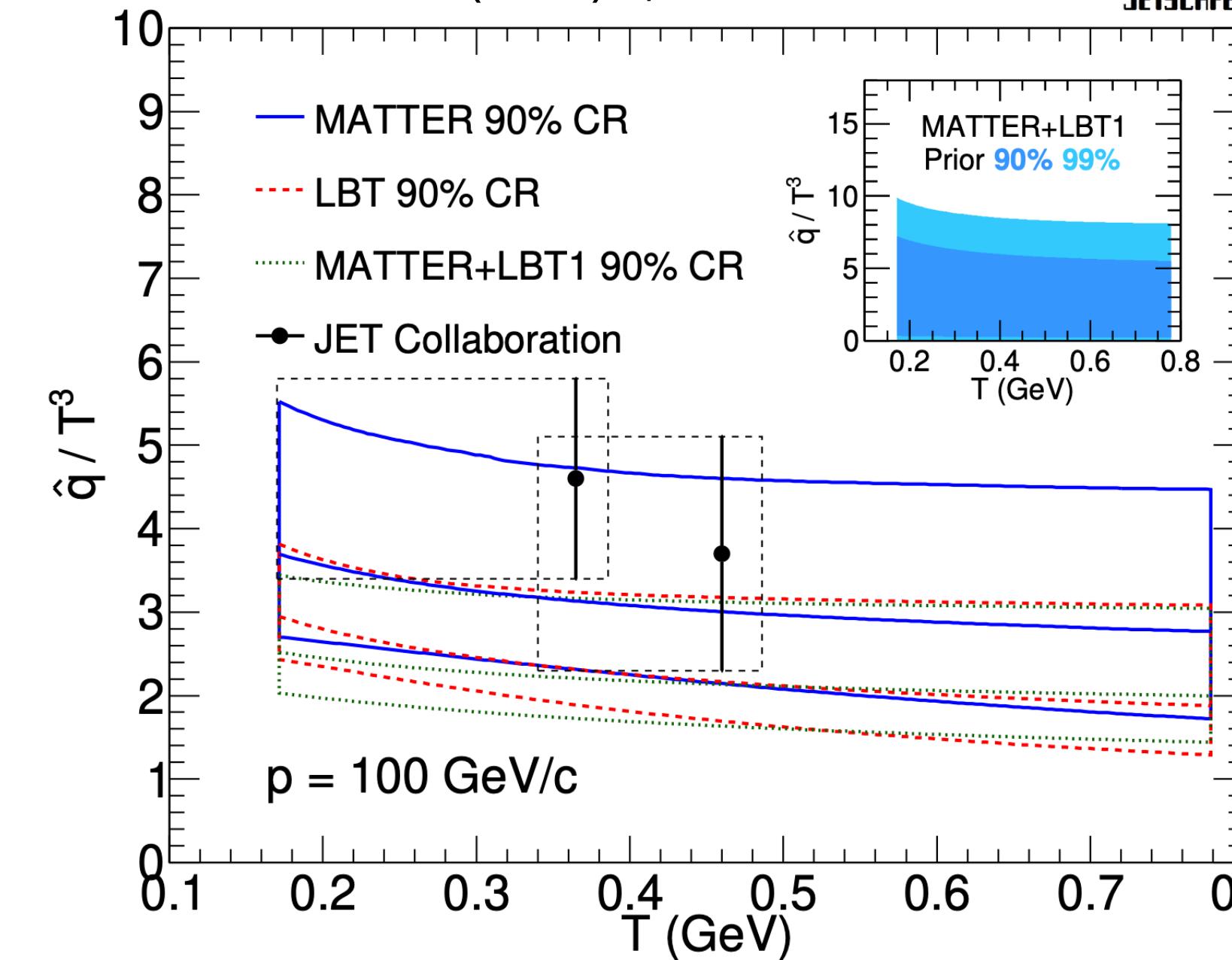
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**Next step in program:  
Comprehensive  
hadron + jet  
calibration...**

# Bayesian inference with inclusive hadron and jet $R_{AA}$

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## Data

- Hadron + jet  $R_{AA}$
- $3\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ , all eligible data
- Treat experimental uncertainty correlations where possible

## Model

- Multi-stage: MATTER+LBT
- Calibrated 2+1D hydro
- Extract parametrized  $\hat{q}(T, E, Q)$
- Goal: What do jets bring to the analysis?

## Strategy

- Active learning to determine design points
- Significant computing effort: O(10M) CPU hours
- Calculated many more observables for differential studies

Bayesian Inference analysis of jet quenching using inclusive jet and hadron suppression measurements

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The JETSCAPE Collaboration reports a new determination of the jet transport parameter  $\hat{q}$  in the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) using Bayesian Inference, incorporating all available inclusive hadron and jet yield suppression data measured in heavy-ion collisions at RHIC and the LHC. This multi-observable analysis extends the previously published JETSCAPE Bayesian Inference determination of  $\hat{q}$ , which was based solely on a selection of inclusive hadron suppression data. JETSCAPE is a modular framework incorporating detailed dynamical models of QGP formation and evolution, and jet propagation and interaction in the QGP. Virtuality-dependent partonic energy loss in the QGP is modeled as a thermalized weakly-coupled plasma, with parameters determined from Bayesian calibration using soft-sector observables. This Bayesian calibration of  $\hat{q}$  utilizes Active Learning, a machine-learning approach, for efficient exploitation of computing resources. The experimental data included in this analysis span a broad range in collision energy and centrality, and in transverse momentum. In order to explore the systematic dependence of the extracted parameter posterior distributions, several different calibrations are reported, based on combined jet and hadron data; on jet or hadron data separately; and on restricted kinematic ranges of the jet and hadron data.

# Inclusive hadron and jet $R_{AA}$ data

- We adopt an **agnostic approach**: all qualified dataset by a cutoff time (Feb 2022) are included<sup>1</sup>
  - “Qualified” = right category, in target phase space, possible to compare rigorously
- In total **729 data points** used, jump up from previous iteration of analysis of similar nature
- Reported uncertainty sources + estimate for the res

Inclusive hadron $R_{AA}$						
Collab./ref.	System; $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ [TeV]	Species	Accept.	centr. %	$p_T$ range [GeV/c]	
STAR [101]	Au–Au; 0.2	charged	$ \eta  < 0.5$	[0,40]	[9,12]	
ALICE [102]	Pb–Pb; 2.76, 5.02	charged	$ \eta  < 0.8$	[0,50]	[9,50]	
ATLAS [99]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	charged	$ \eta  < 2$	[0,40]	[9,150]	
CMS [103]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	charged	$ \eta  < 1.0$	[0,50]	[9,100]	
CMS [100]	Pb–Pb; 5.02	charged	$ \eta  < 1.0$	[0,50]	[9,400]	
PHENIX [104]	Au–Au; 0.2	$\pi^0$	$ \eta  < 0.35$	[0,50]	[9,20]	
ALICE [105, 106]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	$\pi^0$	$ \eta  < 0.7$	[0,50]	[9,20]	
ALICE [107, 108]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	$\pi^\pm$	$ \eta  < 0.8$	[0,40]	[9,20]	
ALICE [109]	Pb–Pb; 5.02	$\pi^\pm$	$ \eta  < 0.8$	[0,50]	[9,20]	

Inclusive jet $R_{AA}$						
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STAR [110]	Au–Au; 0.2	charged	[0.2,0.4]	$ \eta  < 1 - R$	[0,10]	[15,30]
ALICE [111]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	full	0.2	$ \eta  < 0.5$	[0,30]	[30,100]
ALICE [22]	Pb–Pb; 5.02	full	0.2,0.4	$ \eta  < 0.5$	[0,10]	[40,140]
ATLAS [112]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	full	0.4	$ \eta  < 2.1$	[0,50]	[32,500]
ATLAS [113]	Pb–Pb; 5.02	full	0.4	$ \eta  < 2.8$	[0,50]	[50,1000]
CMS [114]	Pb–Pb; 2.76	full	[0.2,0.4]	$ \eta  < 2.0$	[0,50]	[70,300]
CMS [115]	Pb–Pb; 5.02	full	[0.2,1.0]	$ \eta  < 2.0$	[0,50]	[200,1000]

<sup>1</sup>: ATLAS Hadron  $R_{AA}$  @ 5.02 TeV after cutoff date

# $\hat{q}$ parametrization

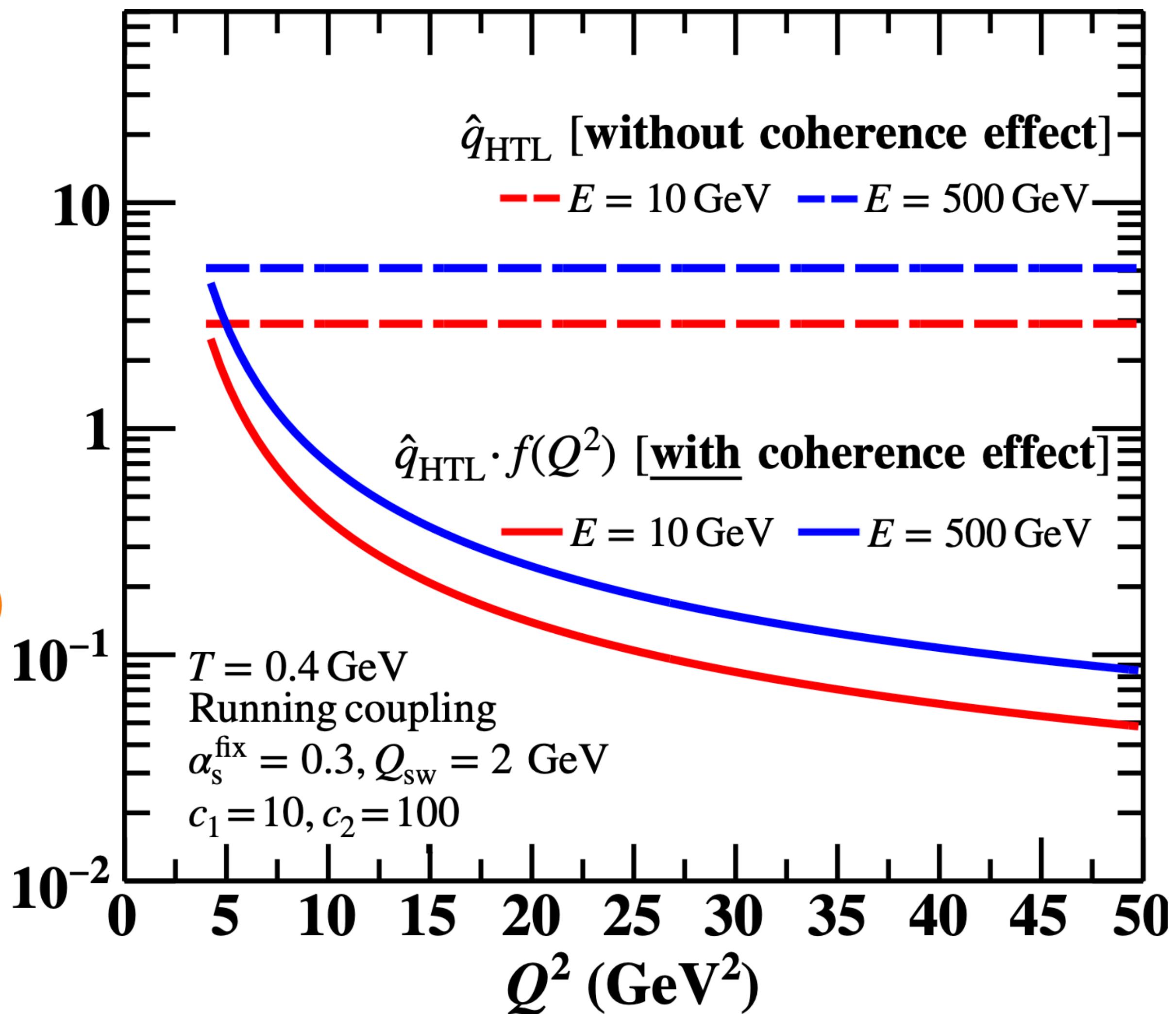
$$\hat{q}(E, T, Q) = \hat{q}_{\text{HTL}}^{\text{run}} \times f(Q^2)$$

$$\hat{q}_{\text{HTL}}^{\text{run}} = \alpha_{s,\text{fix}} \times \alpha_s(\mu^2) C_a \frac{42\zeta(3)}{\pi} T^3 \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{6\pi T^2 \alpha_{s,\text{fix}}}\right)$$

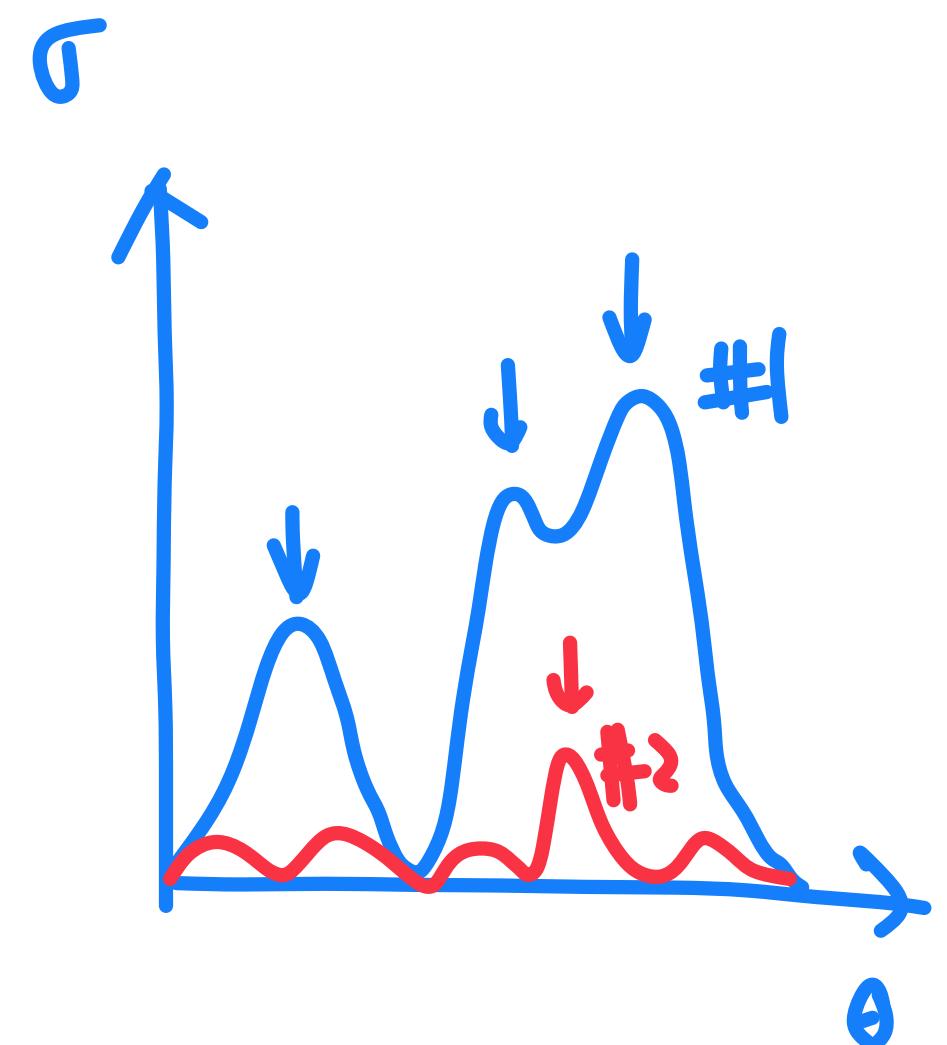
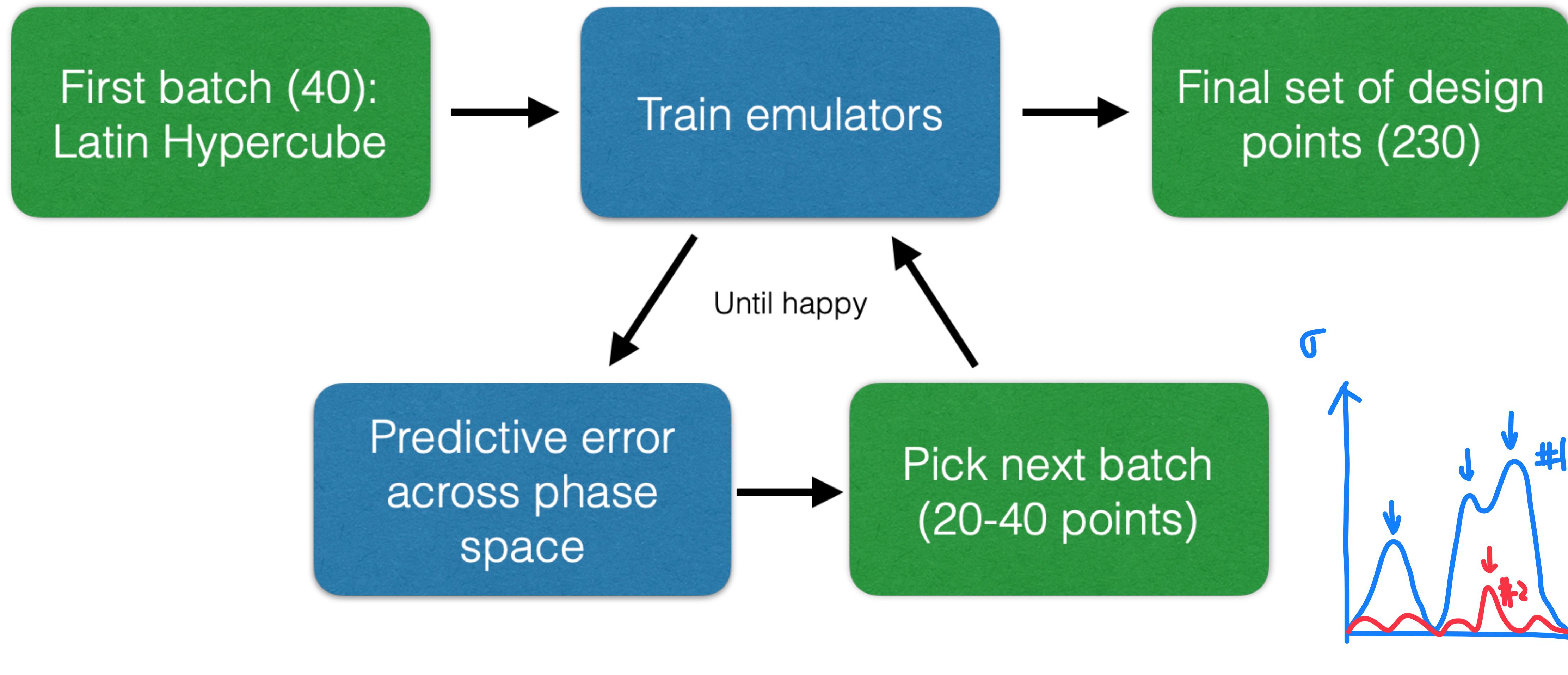
$$f(Q^2) = \frac{N(\exp(\mathbf{c}_3(1 - x_B)))}{1 + \mathbf{c}_1 \ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) + \mathbf{c}_2 \ln^2(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)} \Big|_{Q \geq Q_0}$$

- 6 total parameters:
  - $\alpha_s$
  - $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3$
  - $Q_0$  (switching virtuality)
  - $\tau_0$  (start time)

- Taken as one possible **candidate** model
- Later: take advantage of JETSCAPE as a modular framework



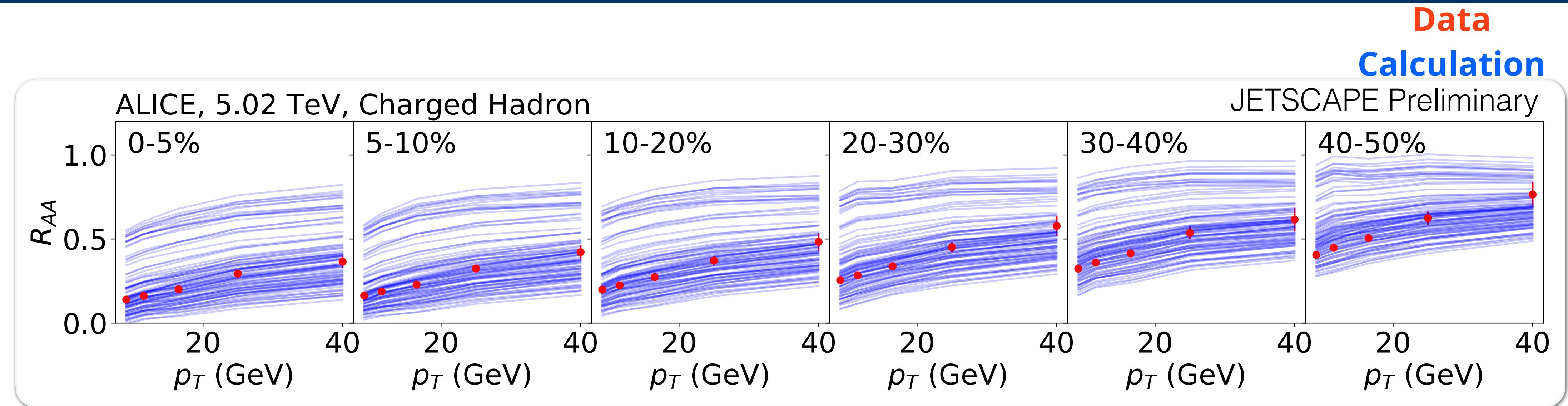
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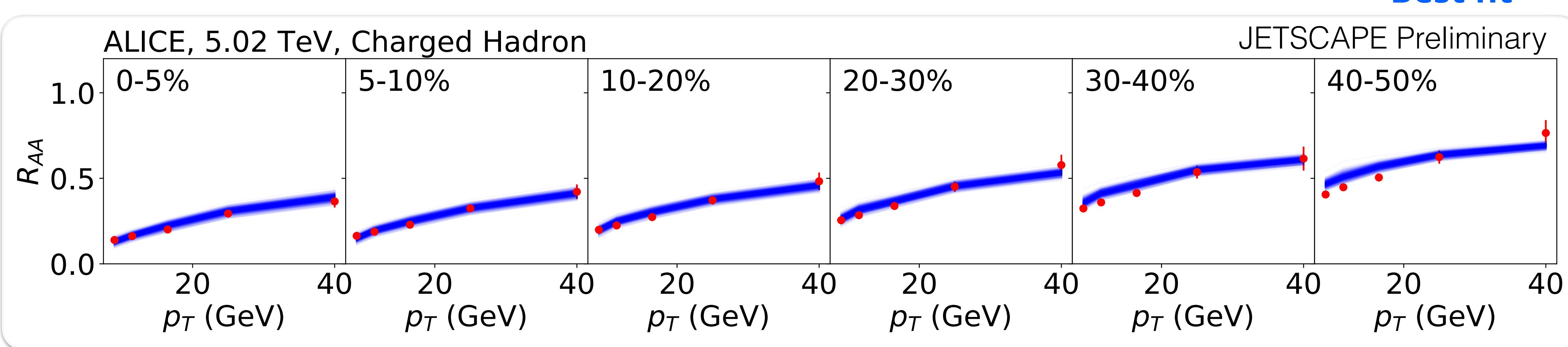
Prioritize **reducing predictive error across the full space**

**Do not look at experimental data** during this process

# From Prior to Posterior



↓ Analysis



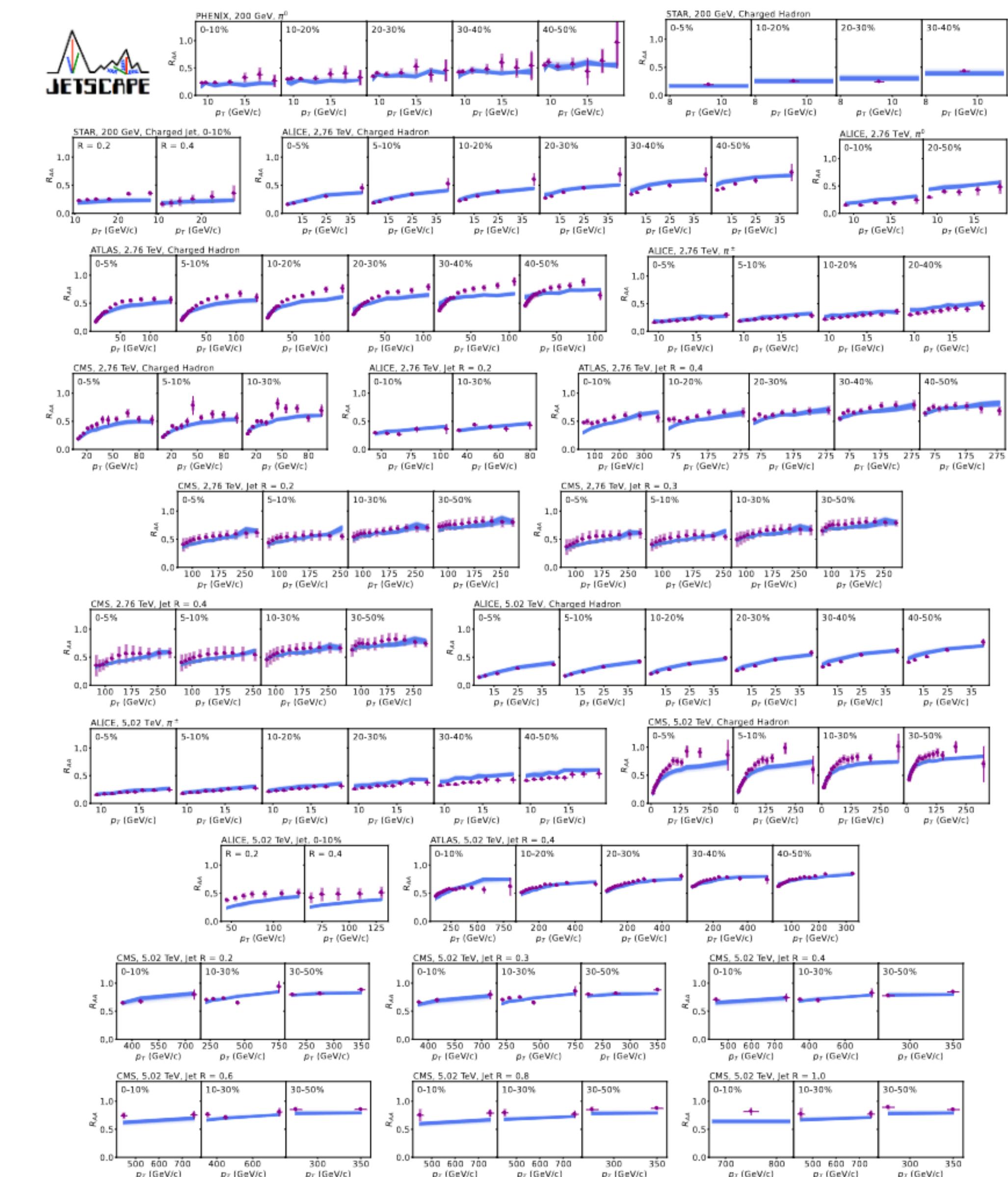
# Data-posterior comparison

Reasonable overall  
agreement

Some tension for  
particular measurements

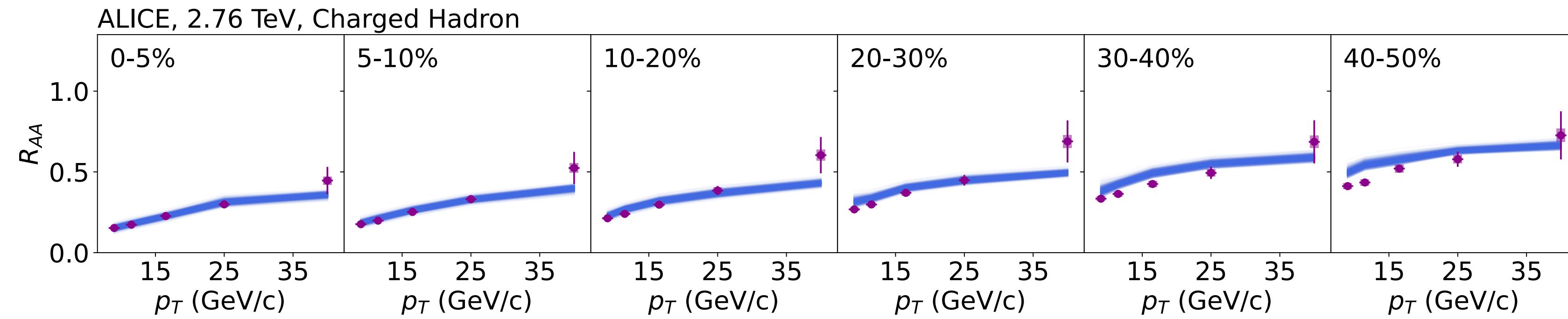
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Data  
Best fit

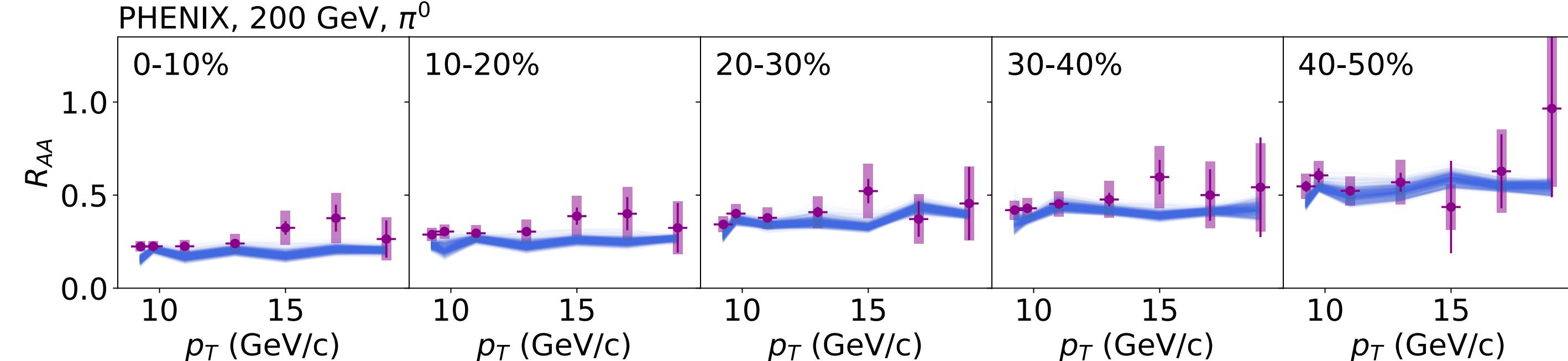
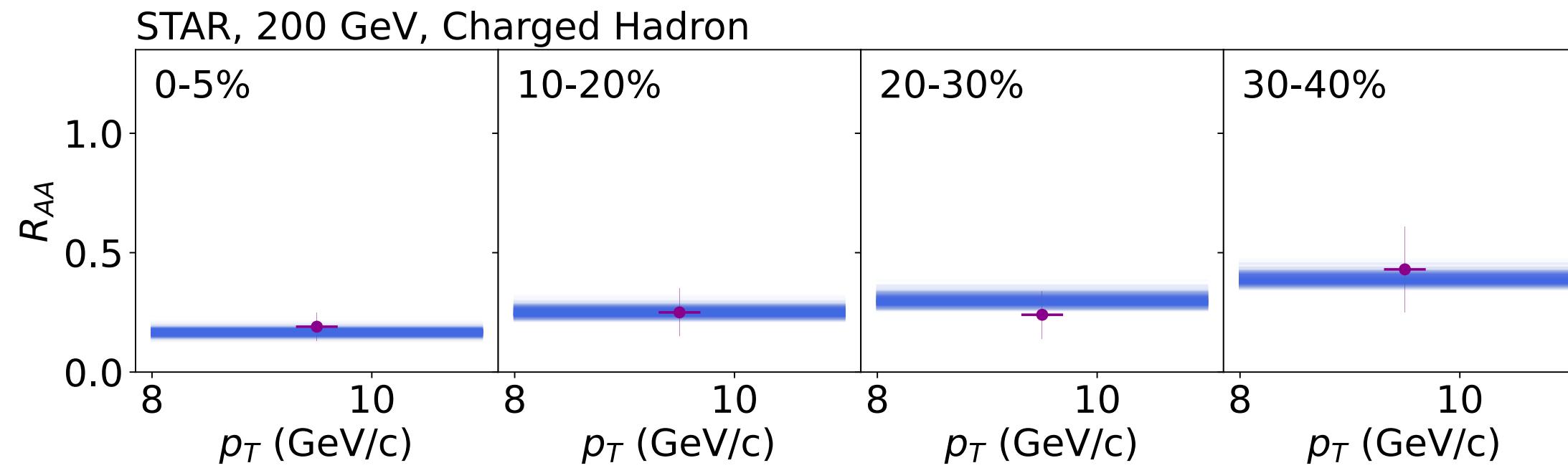
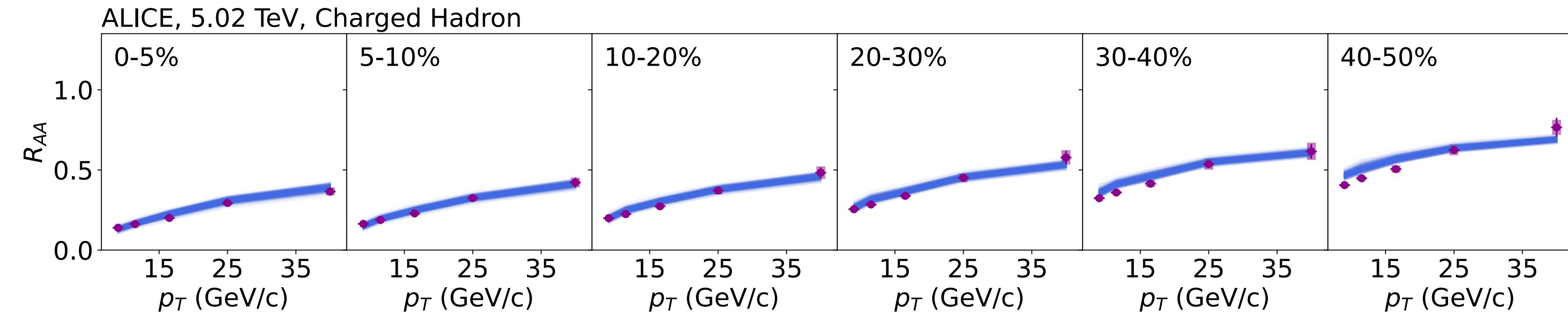


# Posteriors: hadron $R_{AA}$ at low $p_T$

**Good agreement  
at lower  $p_T$**



Fairly **consistent**  
across experiments

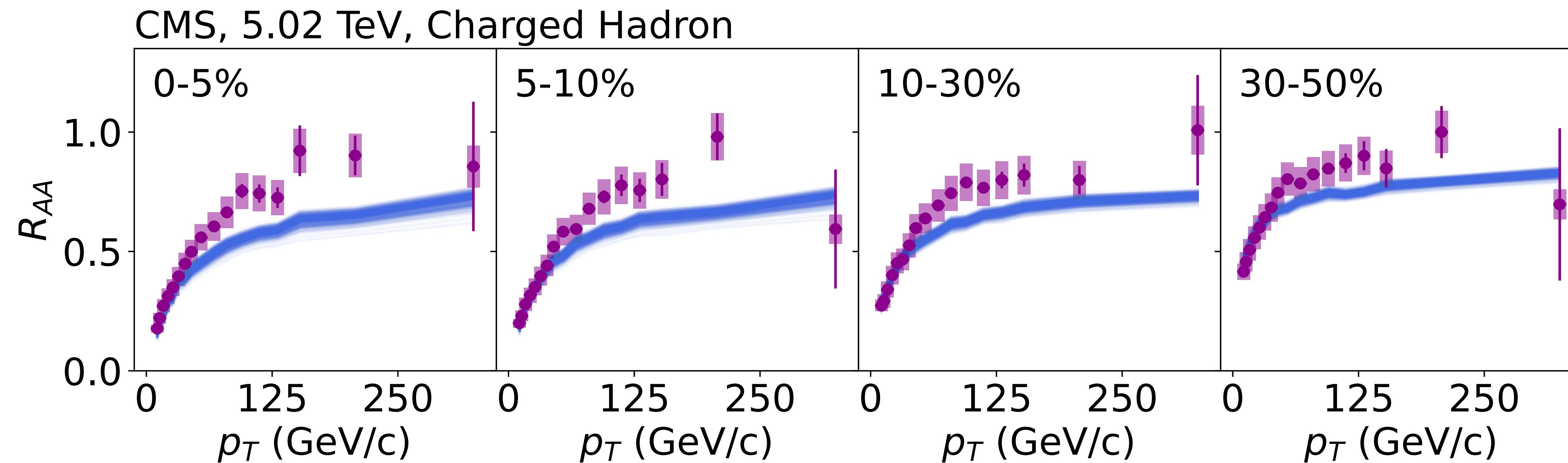


# Posteriors: hadron $R_{AA}$ at high $p_T$

Some **tension at higher  $p_T$**

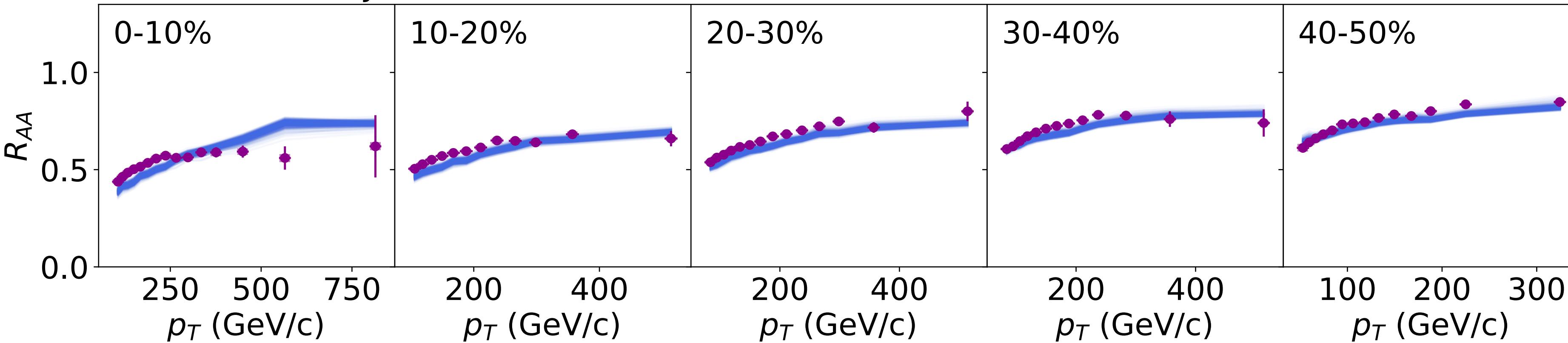
**Uncertainty smallest at lower  $p_T$**

→ drives result



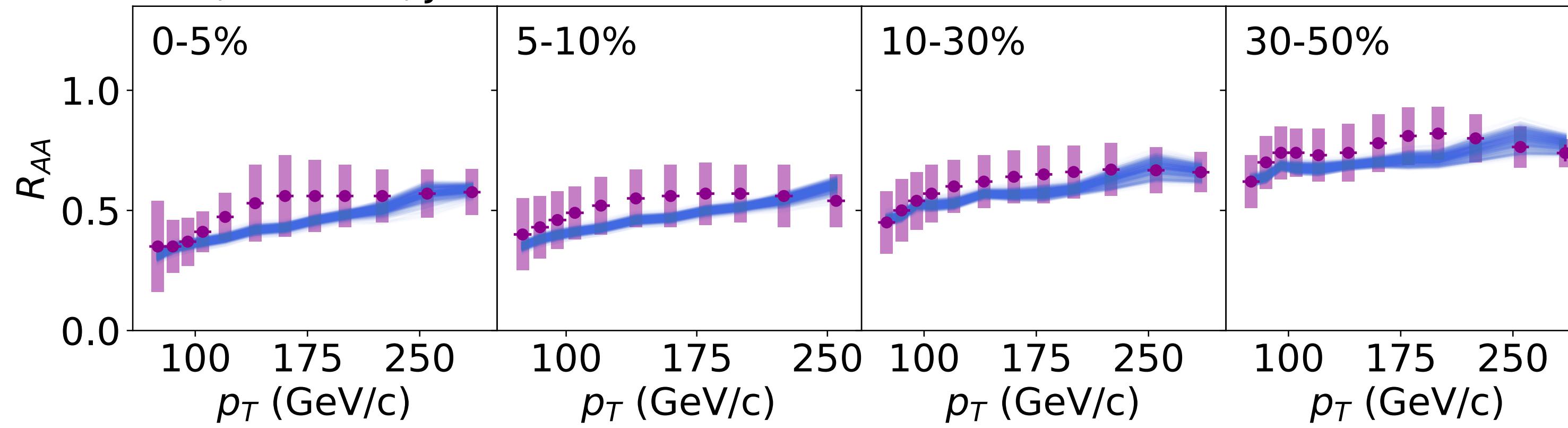
# Posteriors: jet $R_{AA}$

ATLAS, 5.02 TeV, Jet R = 0.4

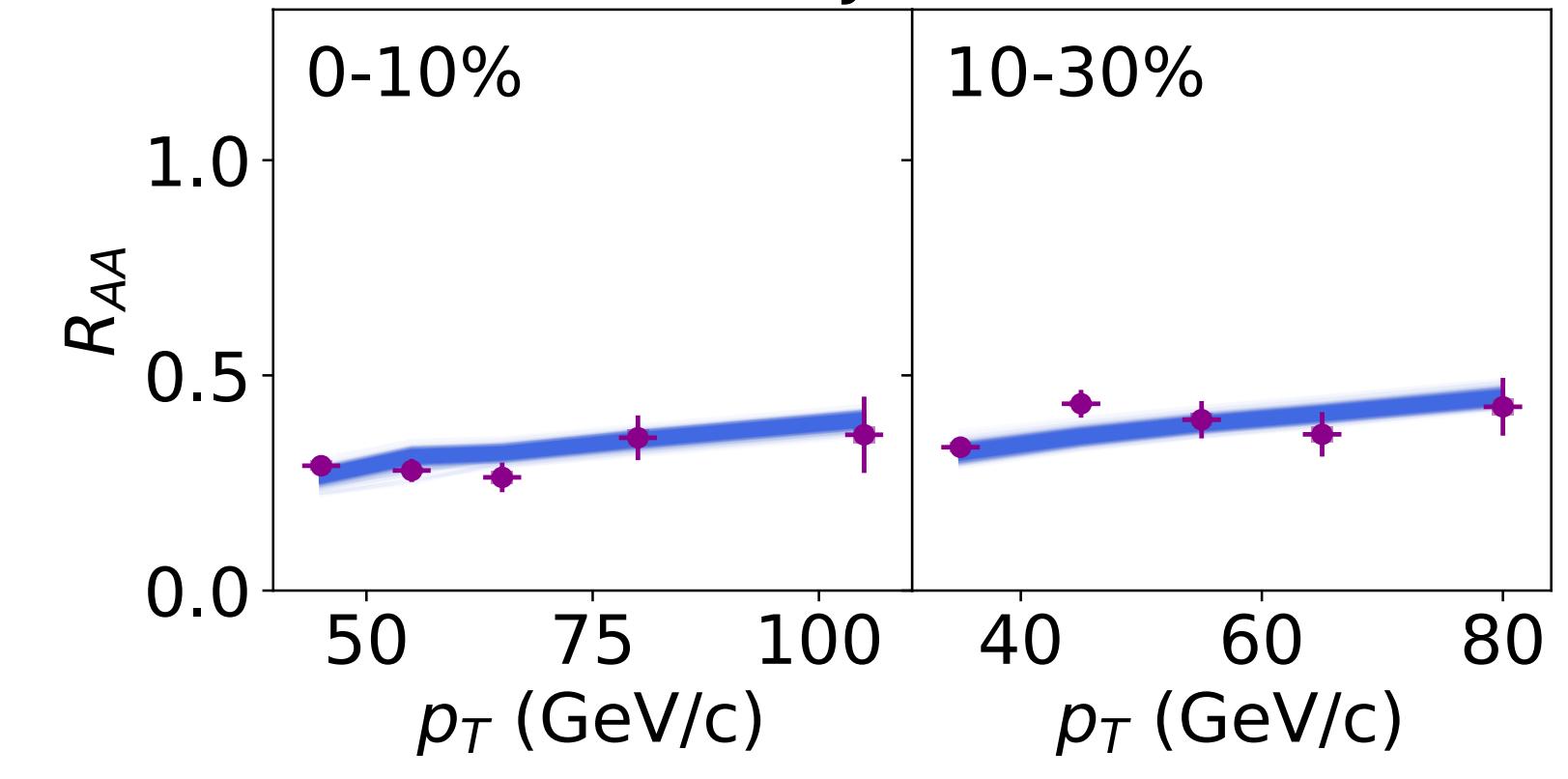


Generally **reasonable**  
**agreement**

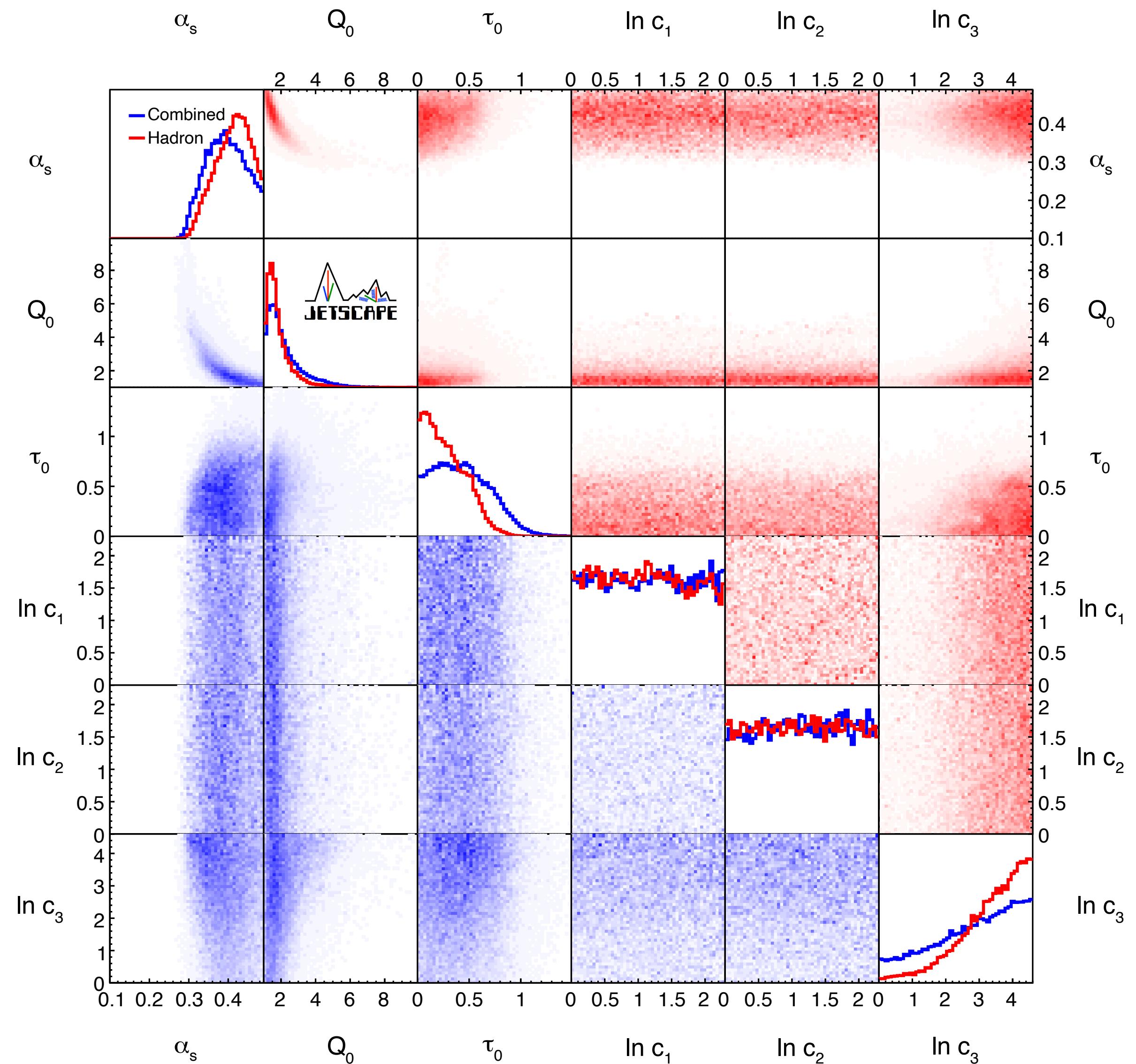
CMS, 2.76 TeV, Jet R = 0.4



ALICE, 2.76 TeV, Jet R = 0.2

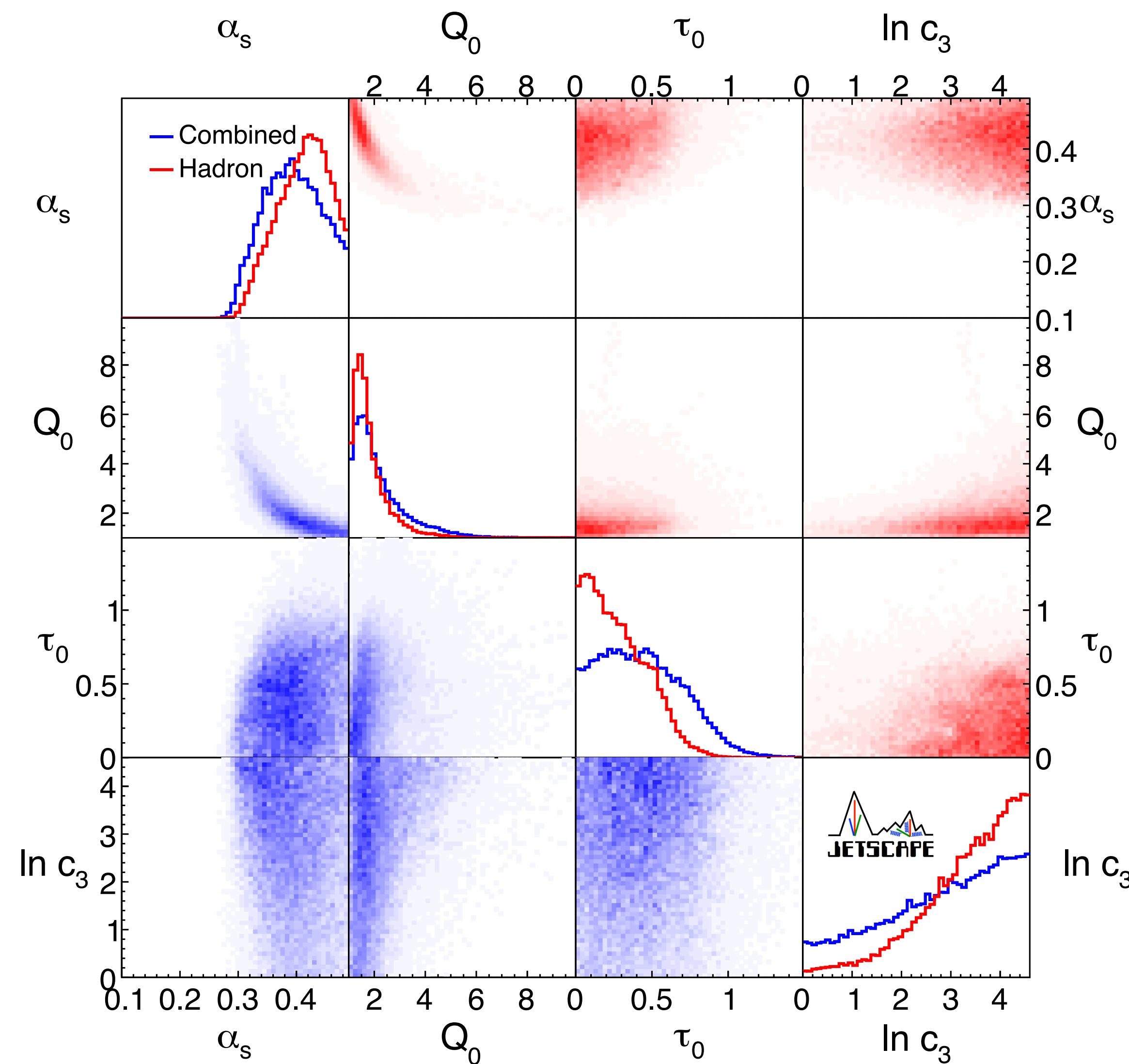


# Parameter posterior distribution



Not much sensitivity  
to  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .  
→ We'll skip them  
for now

# Parameter posterior distribution



$\alpha_s \sim 0.3\text{-}0.4$

Low  $Q_0$  (as expected)

Wide  $\tau_0$  up to  $\sim 1$  fm/c

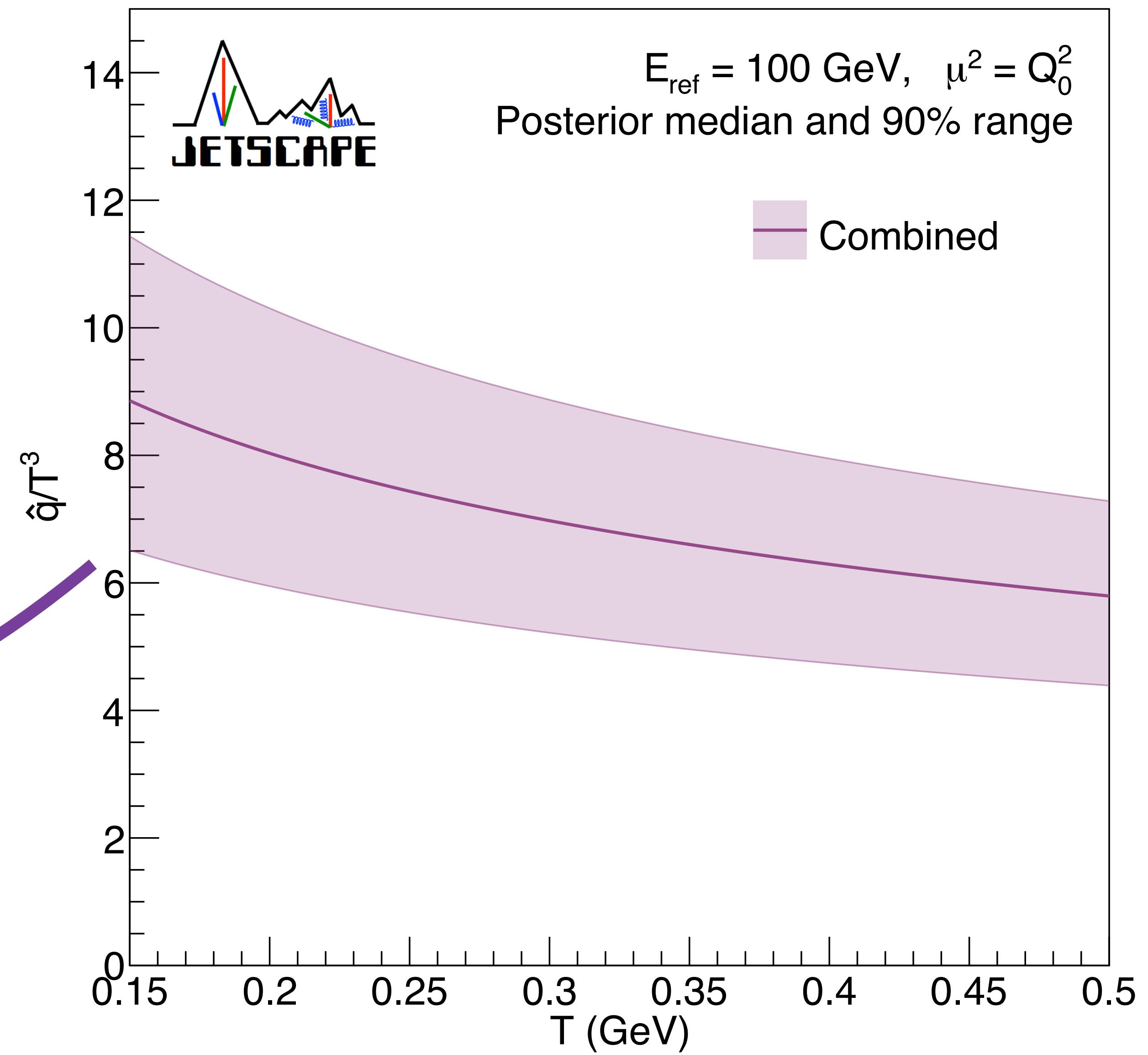
Some preference for  
larger  $c_3$

# Extracting $\hat{q}$

Put everything together  
to extract  $\hat{q}$

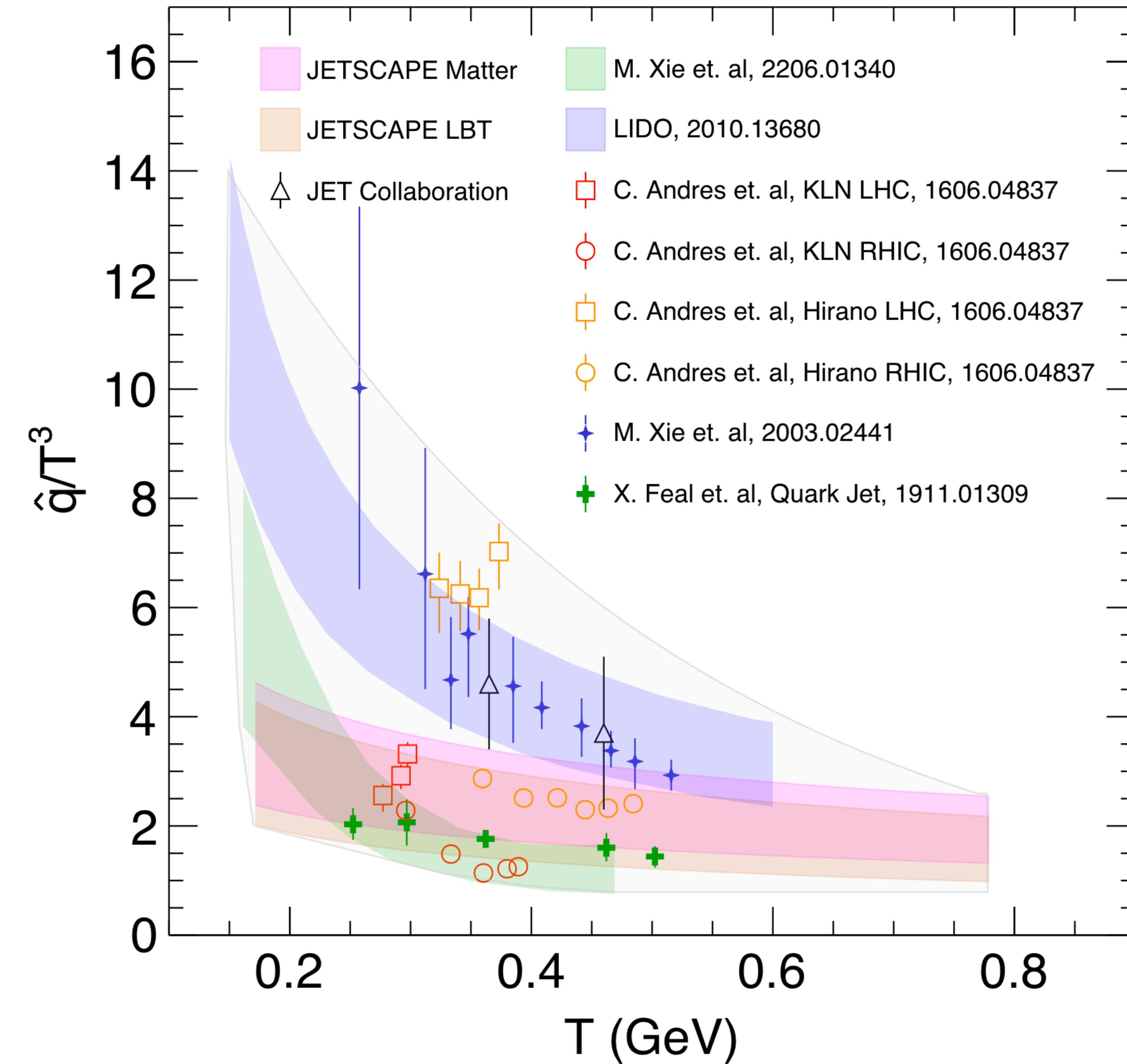
Here we plot the  $\hat{q}$   
when virtuality is low

$$\text{i.e., } \hat{q} = \hat{q}_{HTL}^{run} \times f(Q^2)$$



# Not all $\hat{q}$ are equivalent

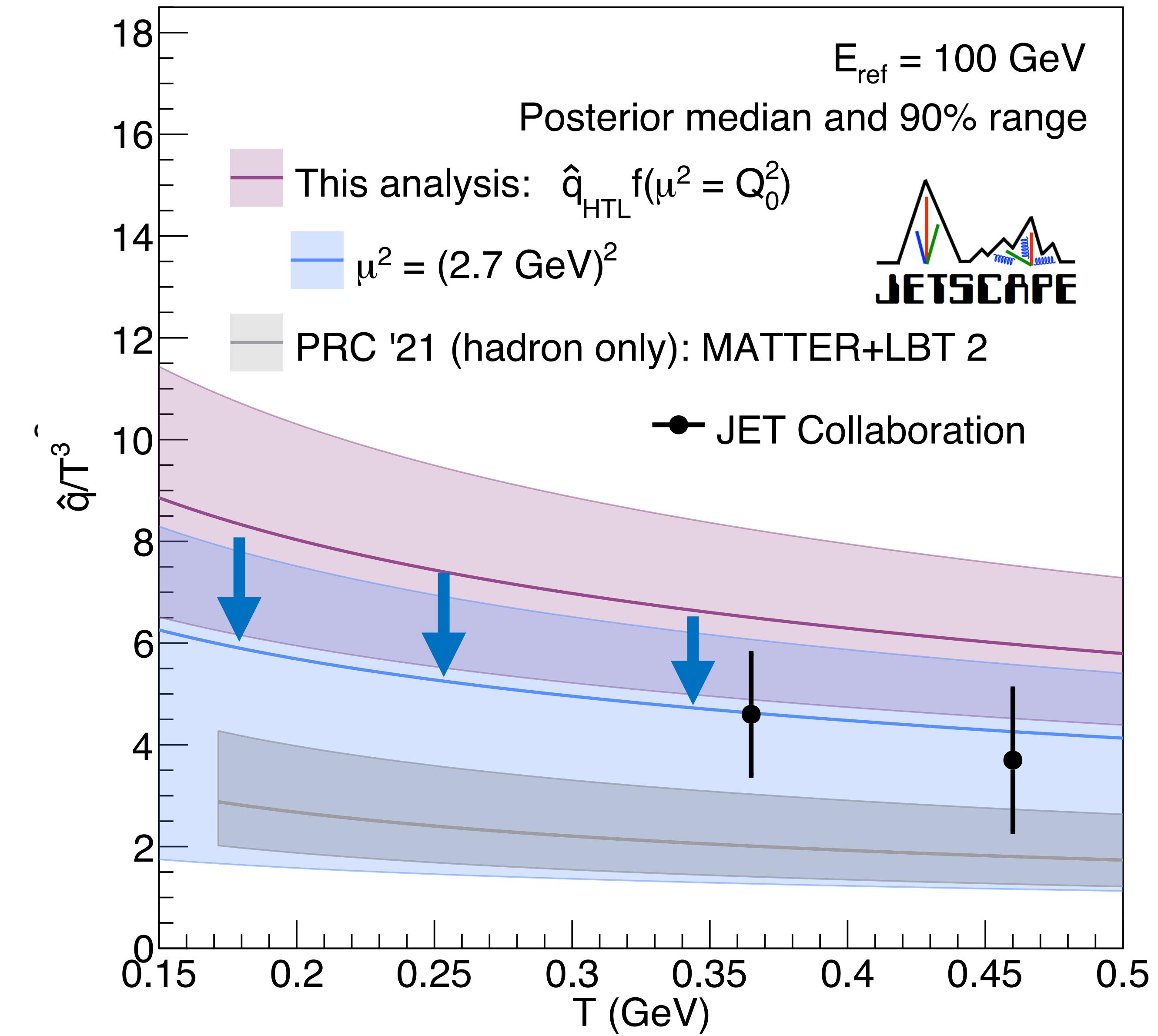
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JETSCAPE calibrations  
are **consistent when**  
**evaluated at same  $\mu^2$**

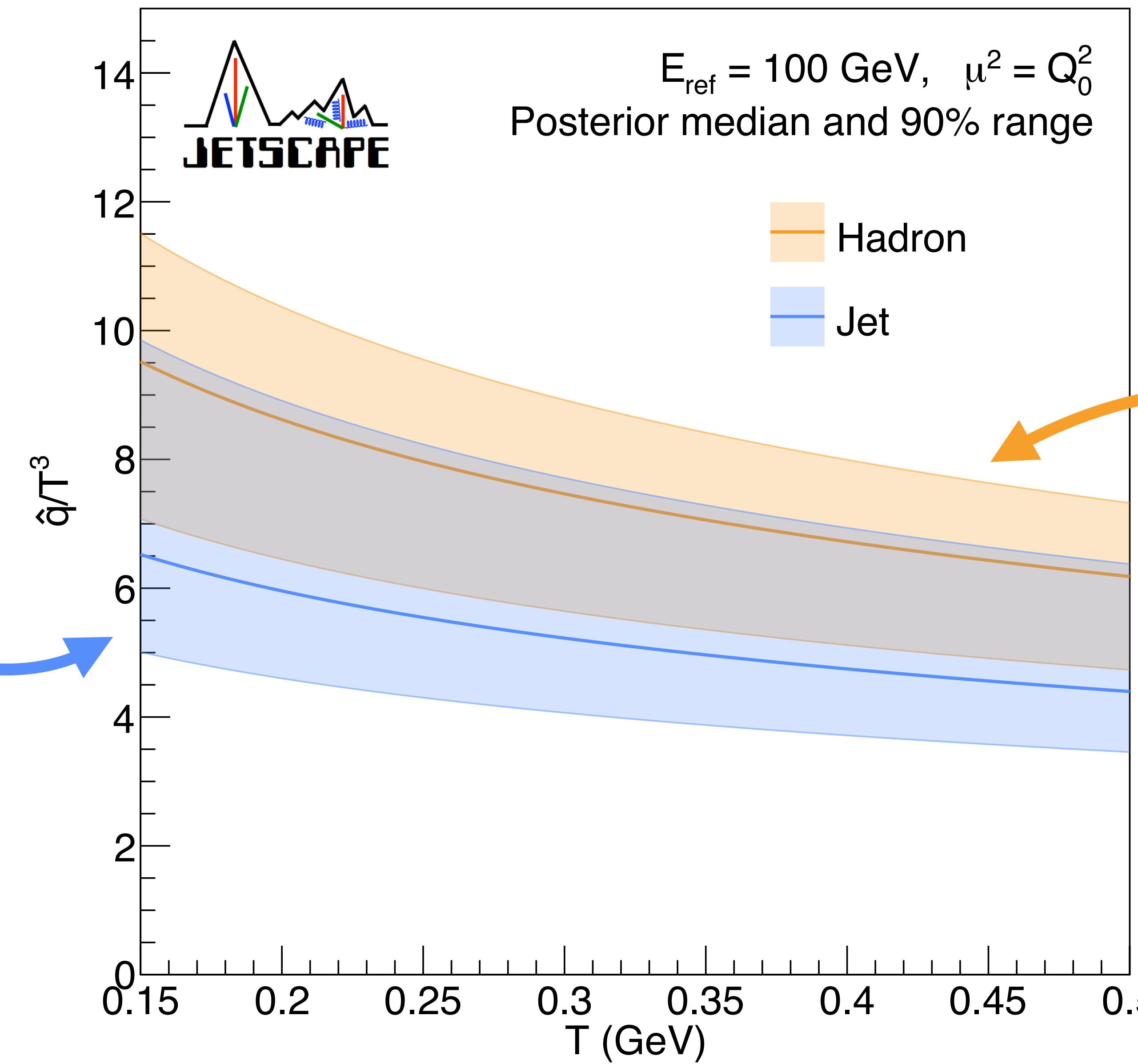


## What's next?

1. Differential studies of model consistency
2. What information is contained in each observable?

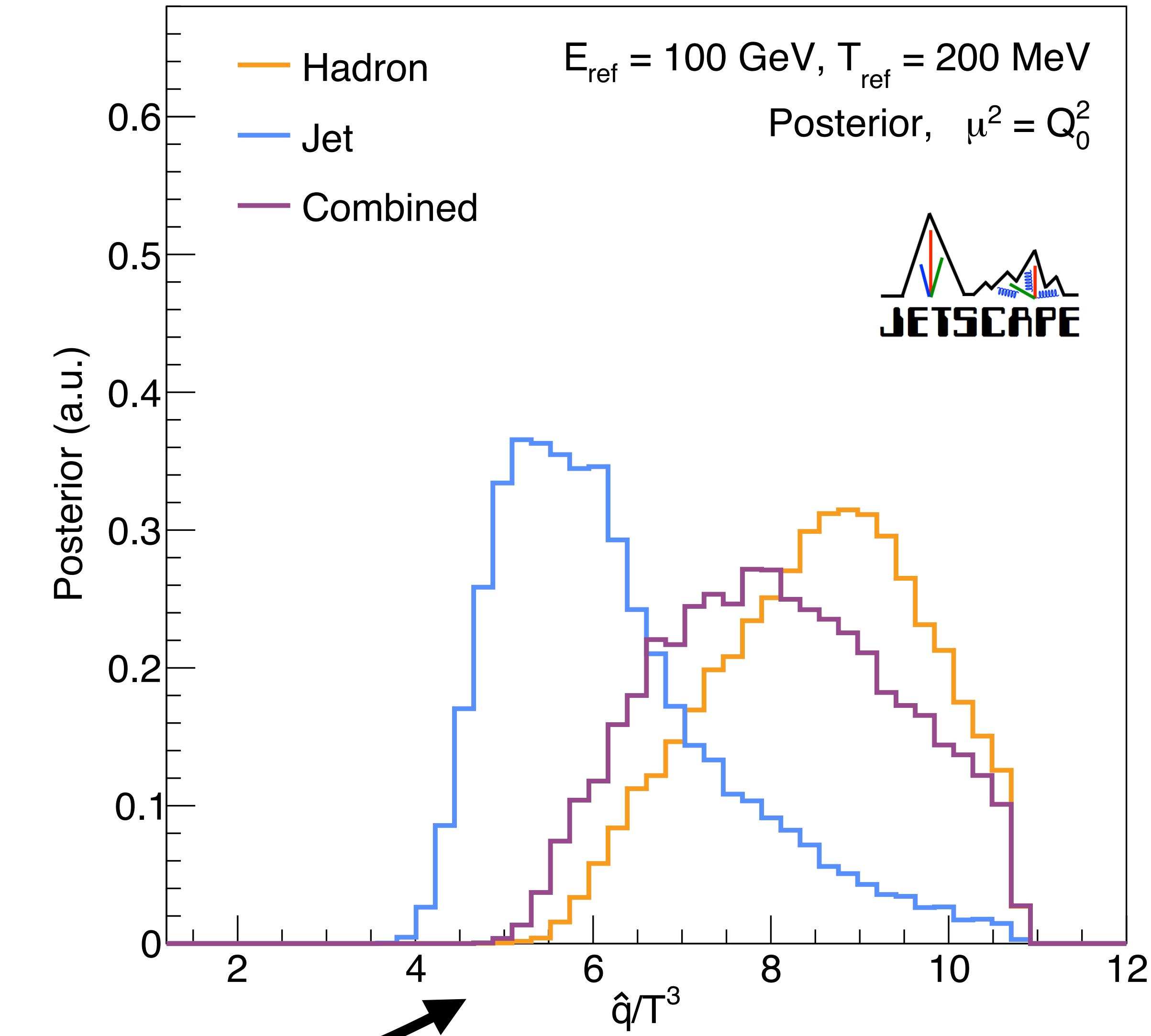
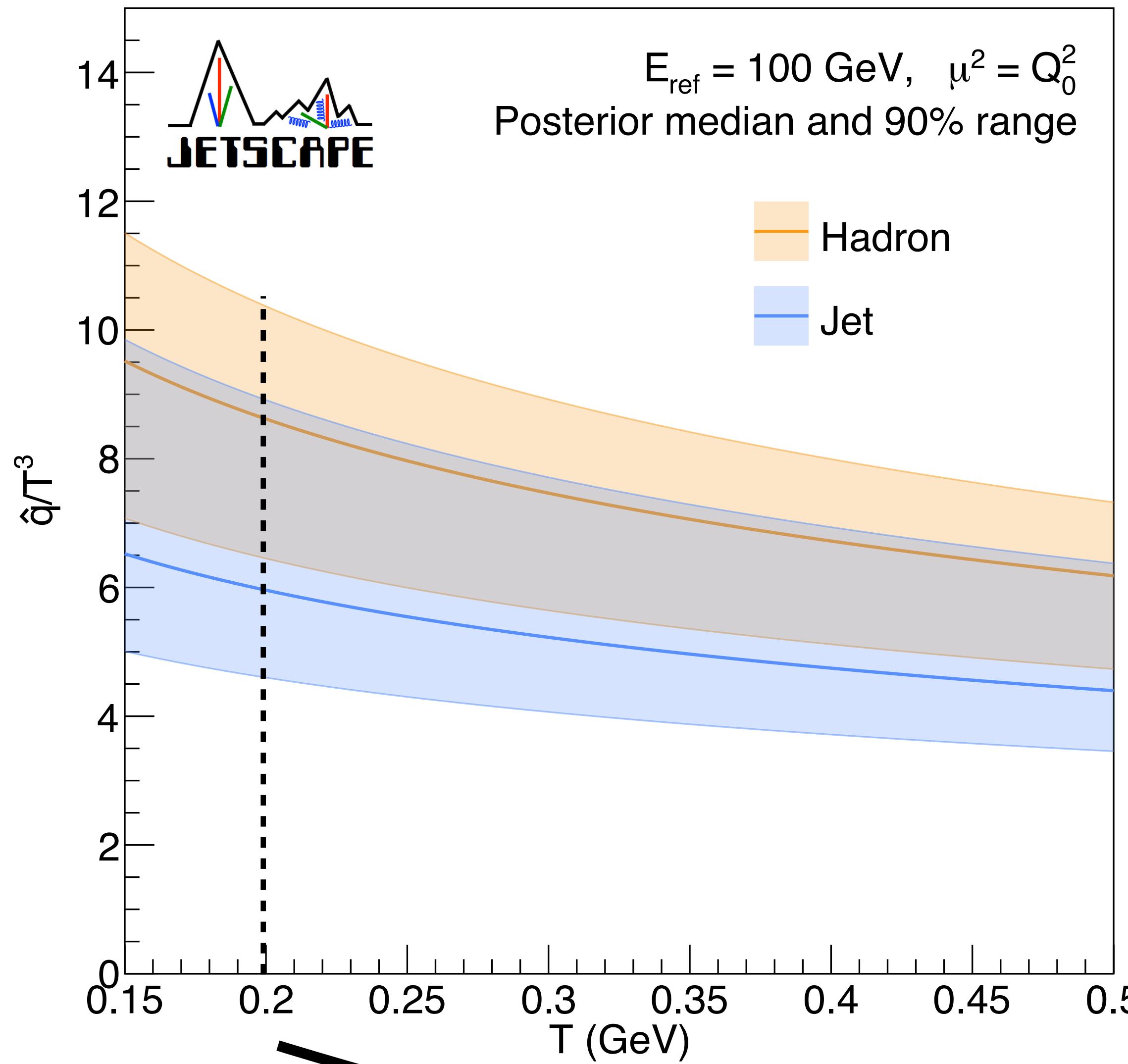
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Analysis with  
only jet data

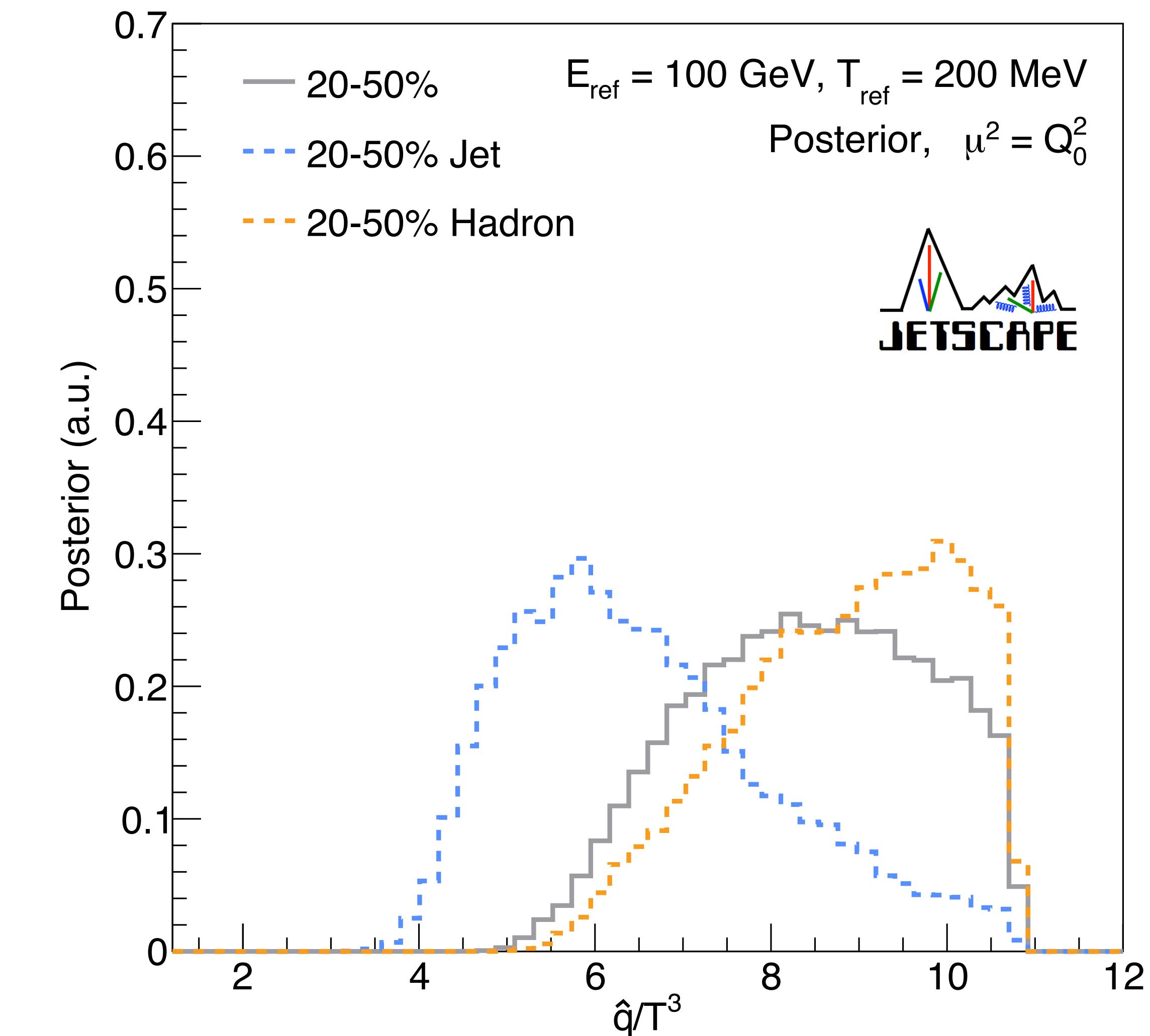
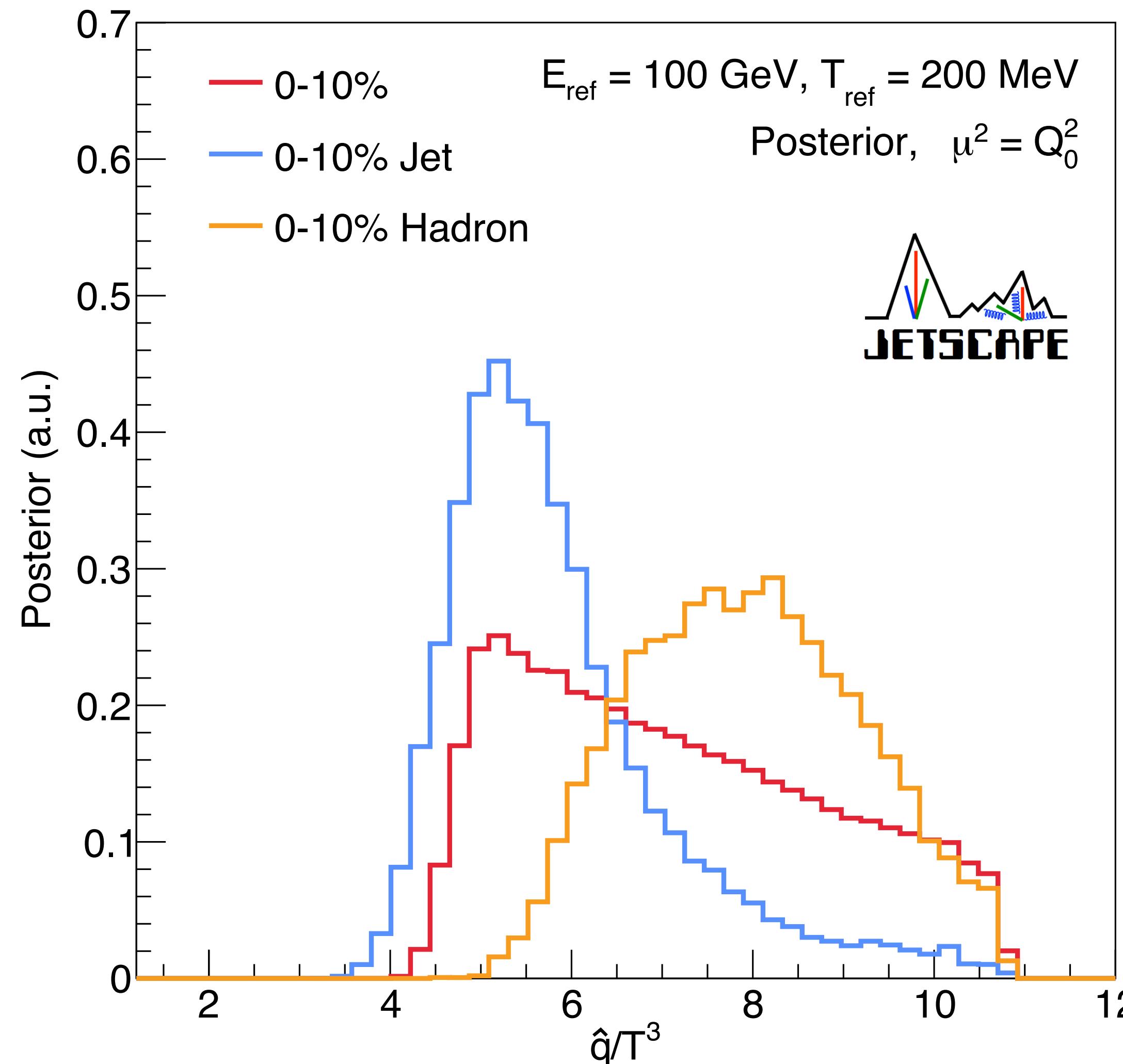


Analysis with  
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# Hadron vs jet $R_{AA}$



# Centrality dependence



**Doesn't change the jet vs hadron picture**

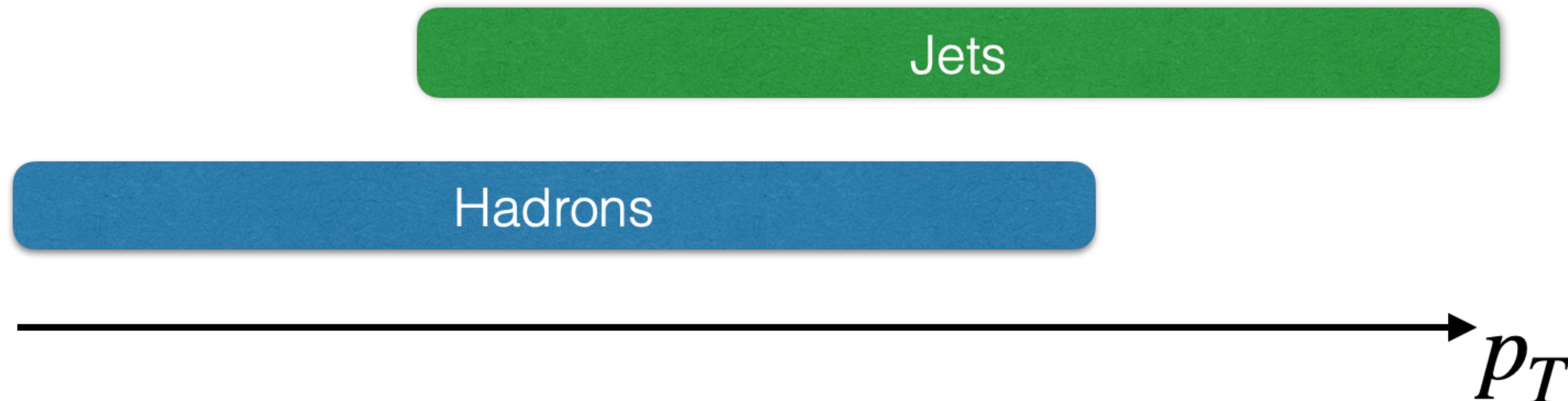
Further investigations in the future

# Kinematic ranges

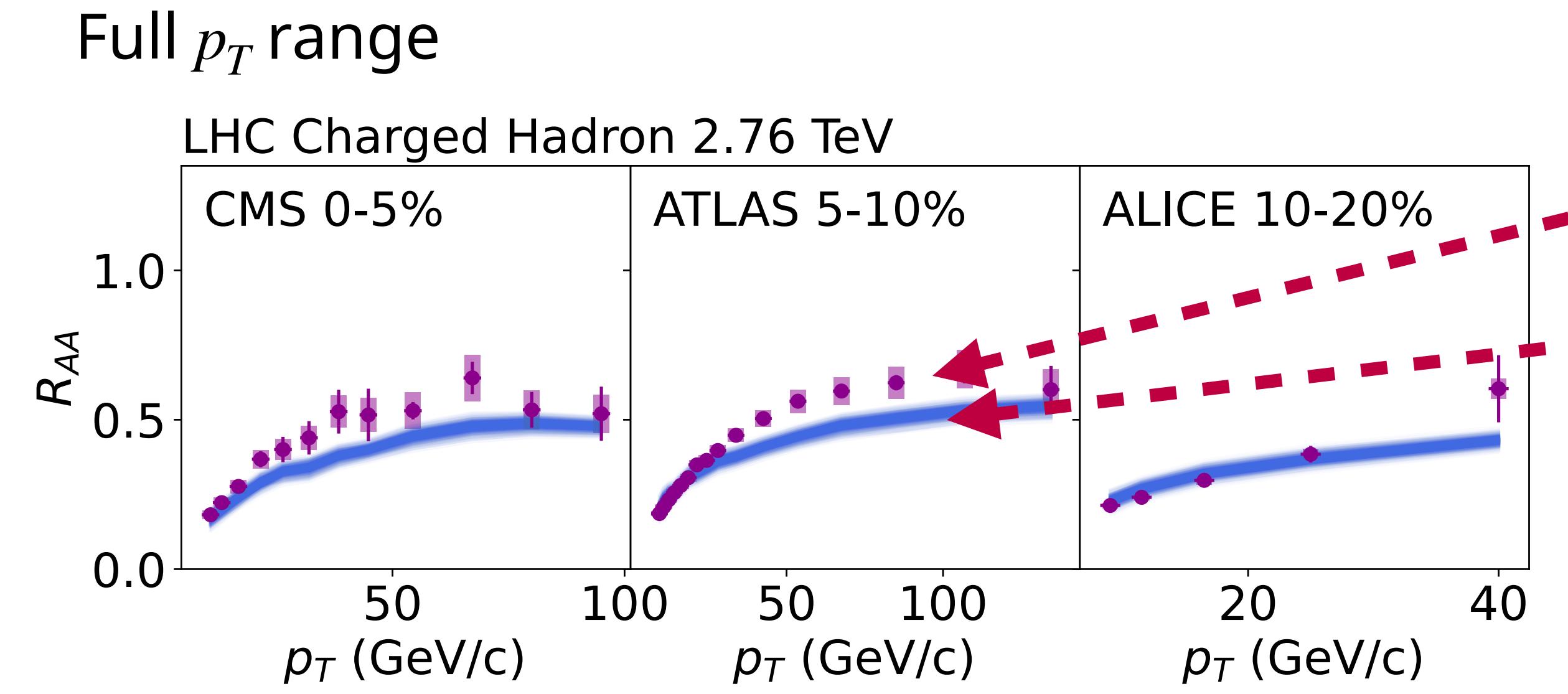
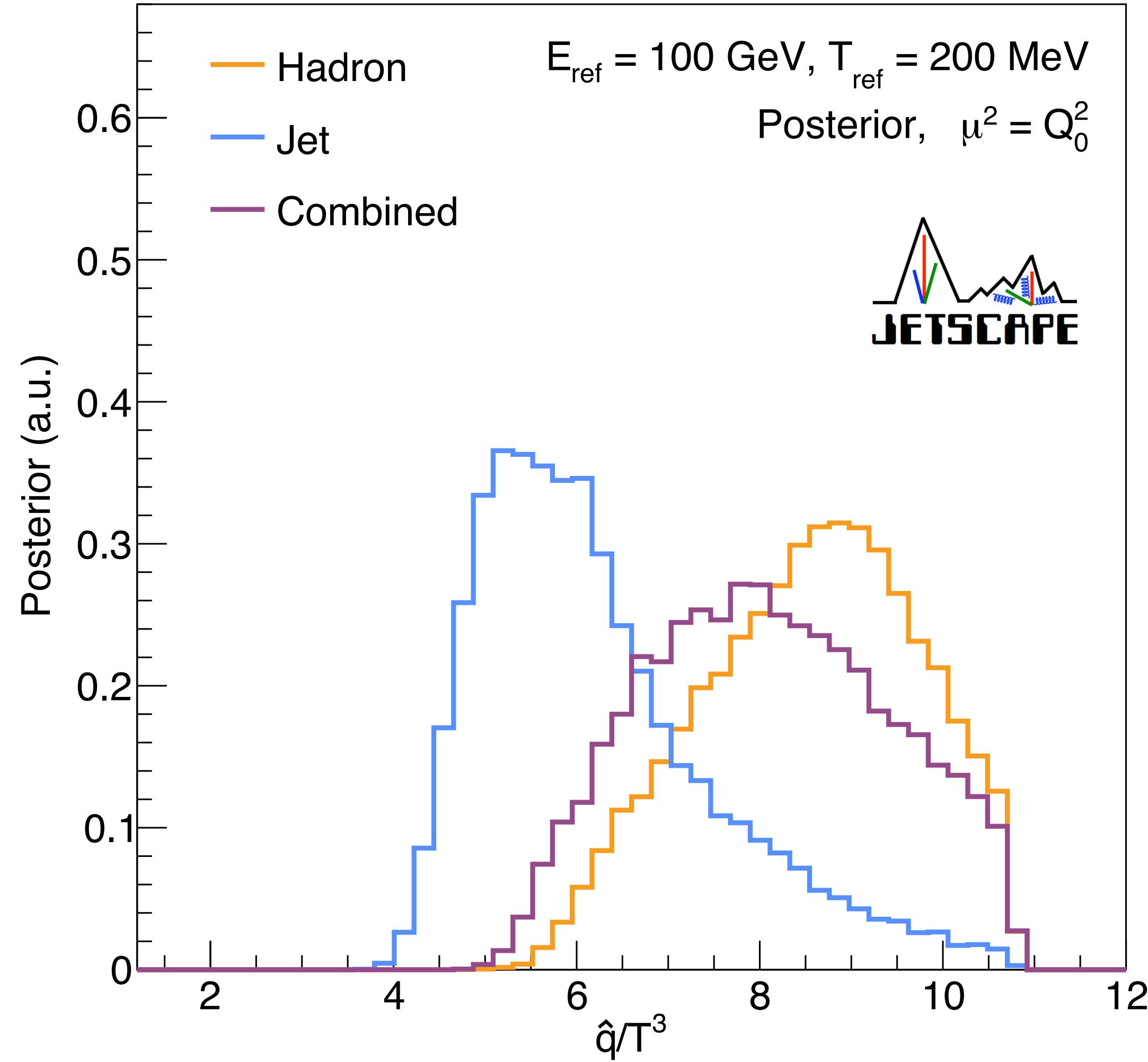
Is the difference we see inherent in the type of observables, or due to another source?

$\hat{q}$  expected to be consistent across observables?

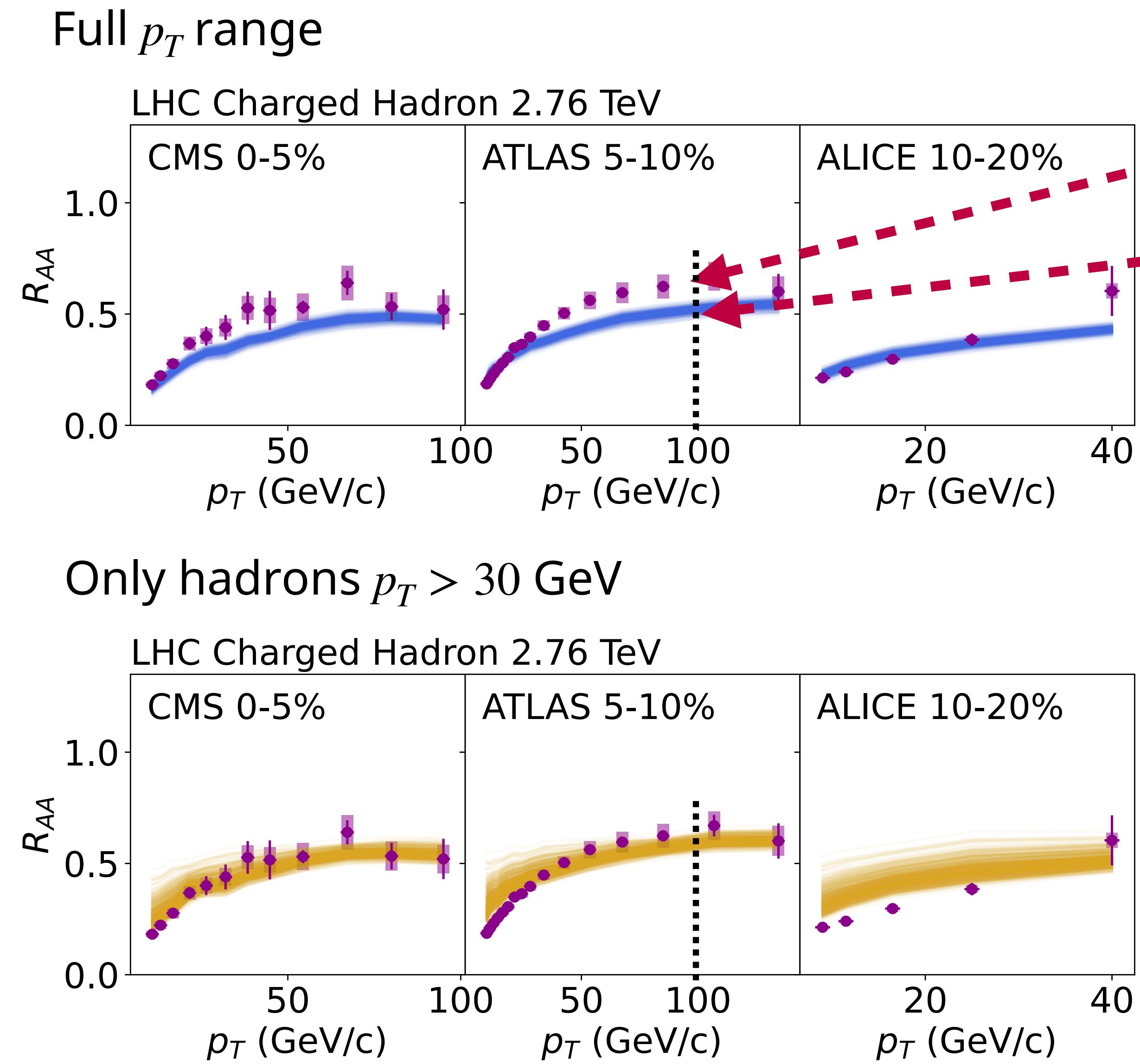
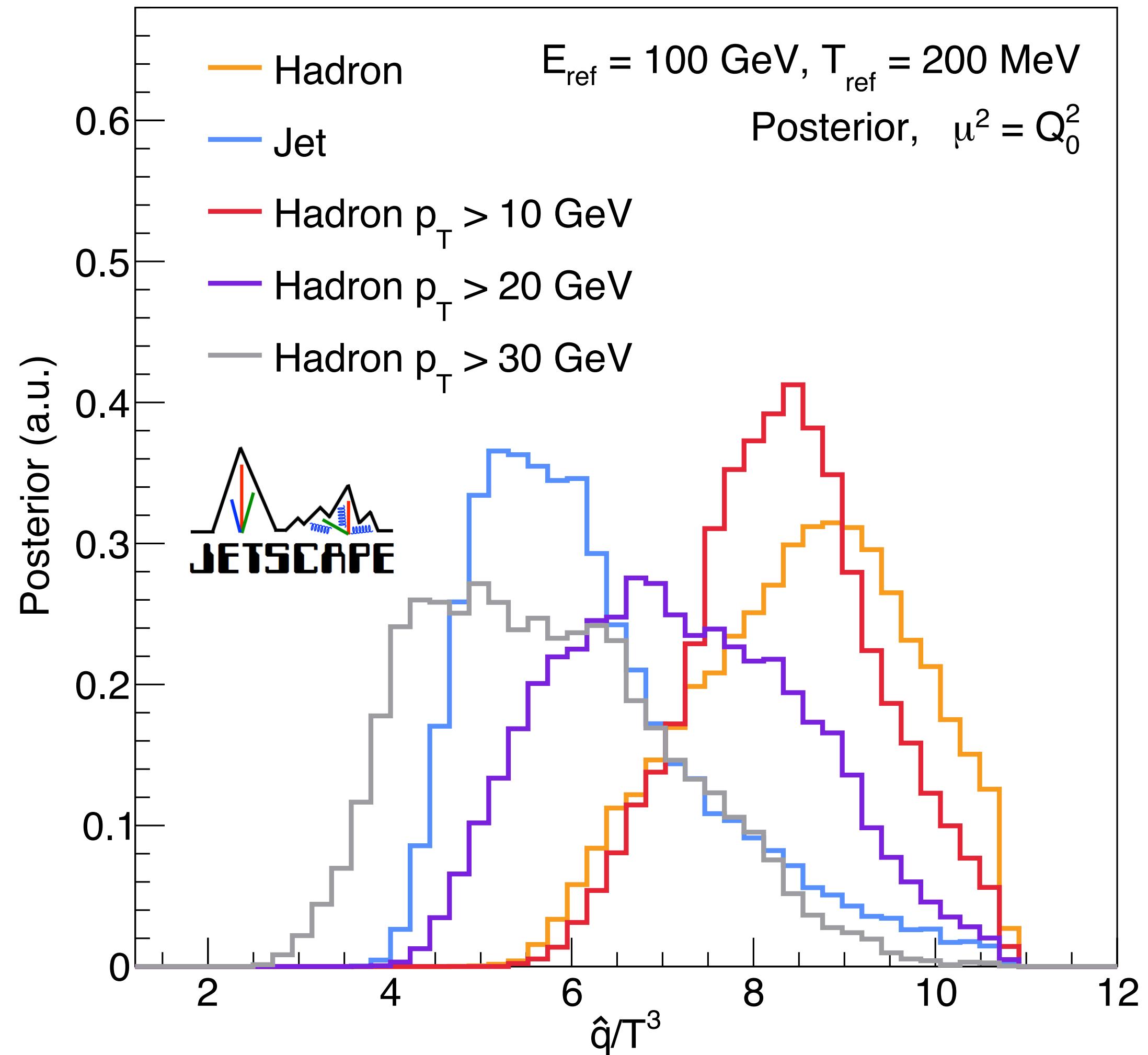
One potential candidate: **kinematic range**



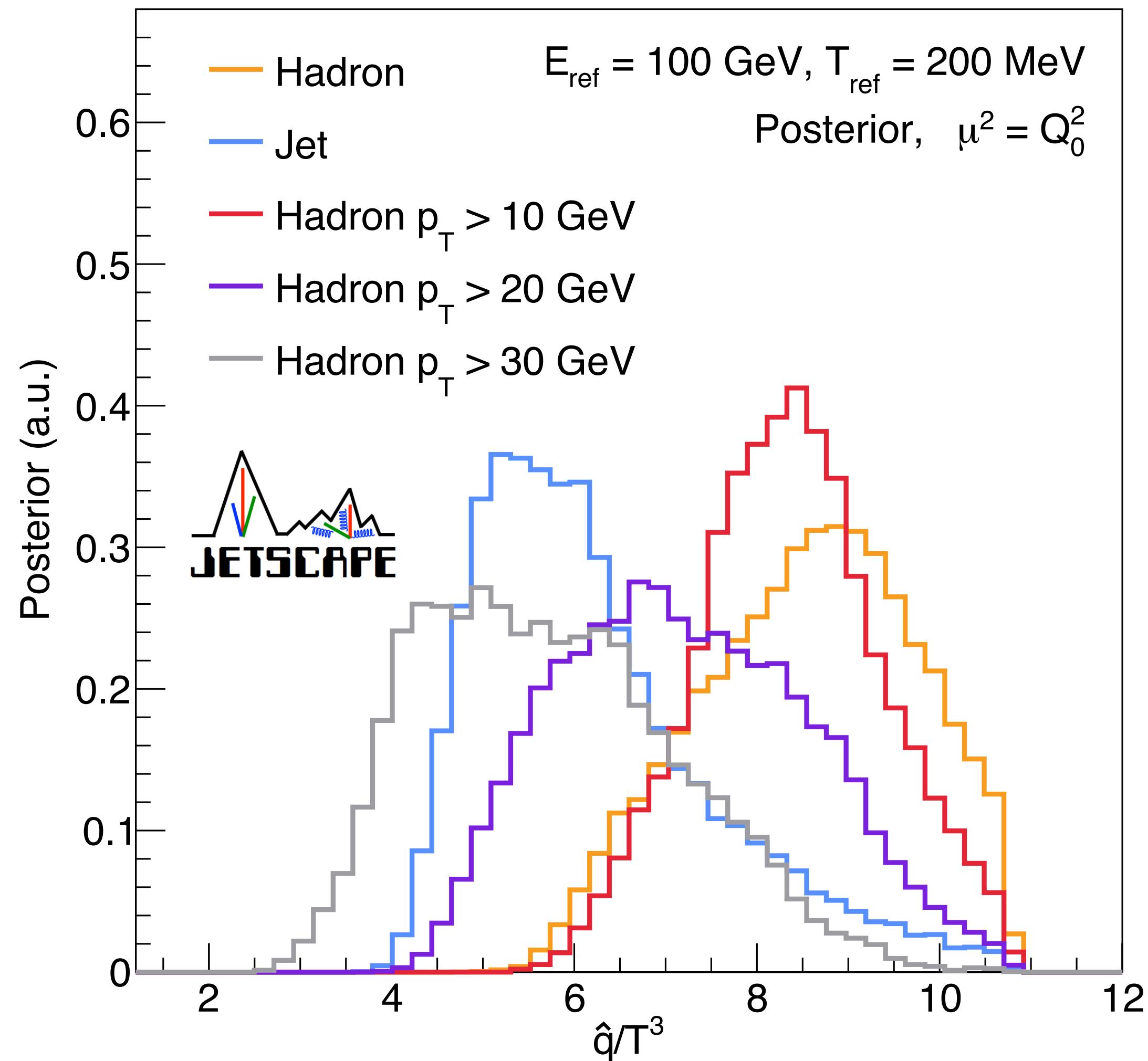
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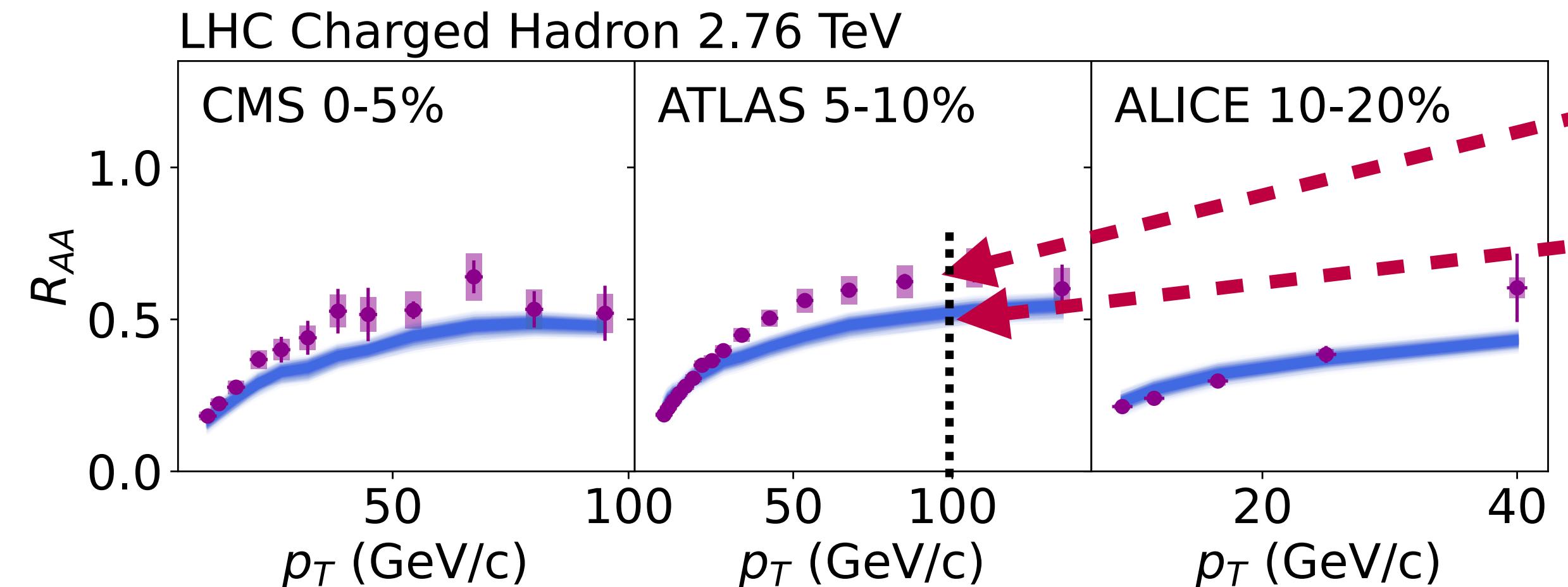
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# Calibrating with low vs high $p_T$ hadrons



Full  $p_T$  range



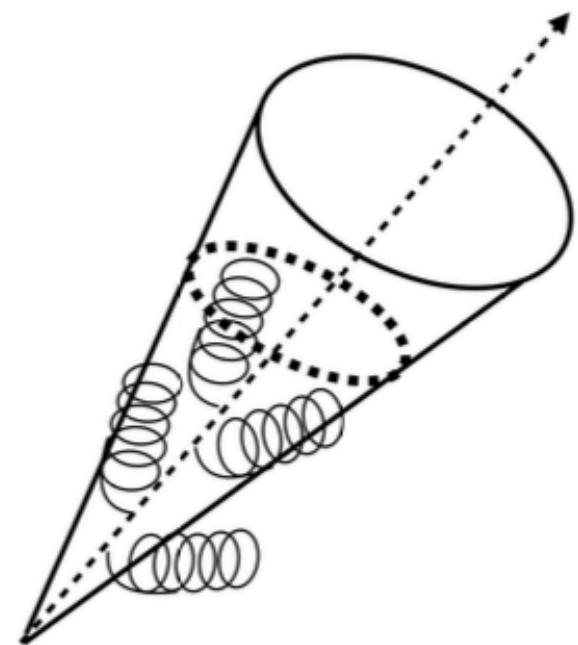
- **Low  $p_T$  dominates** due to small exp. uncert.
- **High  $p_T$**  in line with jet data
- Points to phase space for model improvement
- **Theory uncertainty is important!**
  - eg. No shadowing included
- **Small exp. uncertainty where theory has largest uncertainty**

# Jets and jet substructure

- What (additional) information do jet substructure observables contain?
- Further insight into differences in  $\hat{q}$  from hadron- and jet-only extractions?
- Exploratory investigation with simplified but consistent error treatment
  - Focus on 0-10% central data
- Baseline: Jet  $R_{AA}$  only

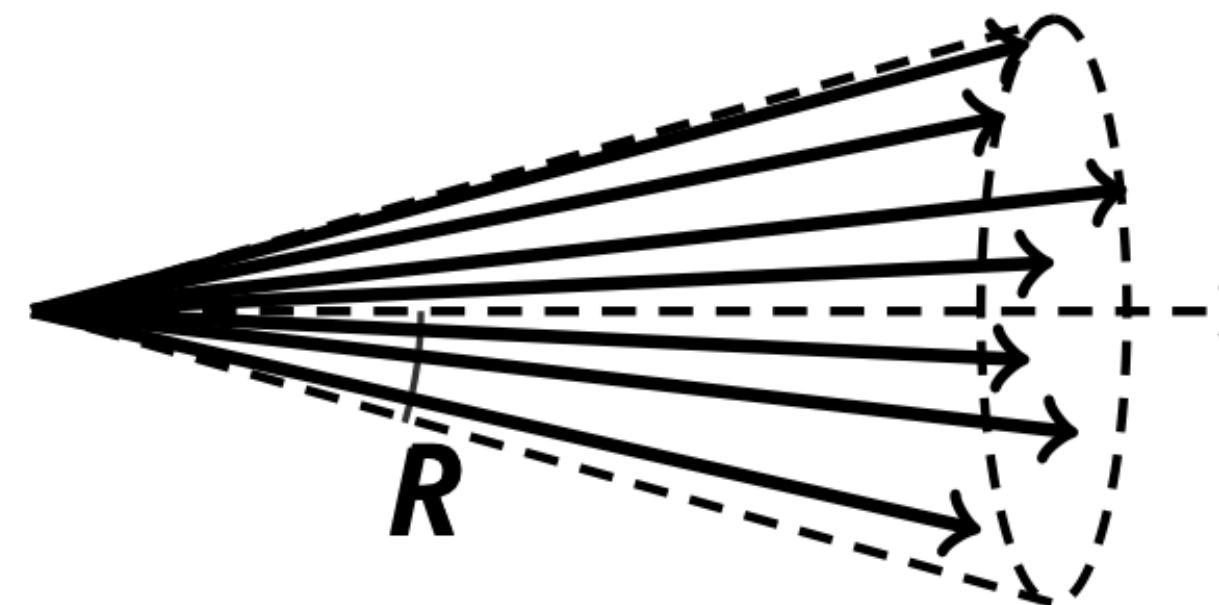
## Jet $R_{AA}$

- ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, STAR



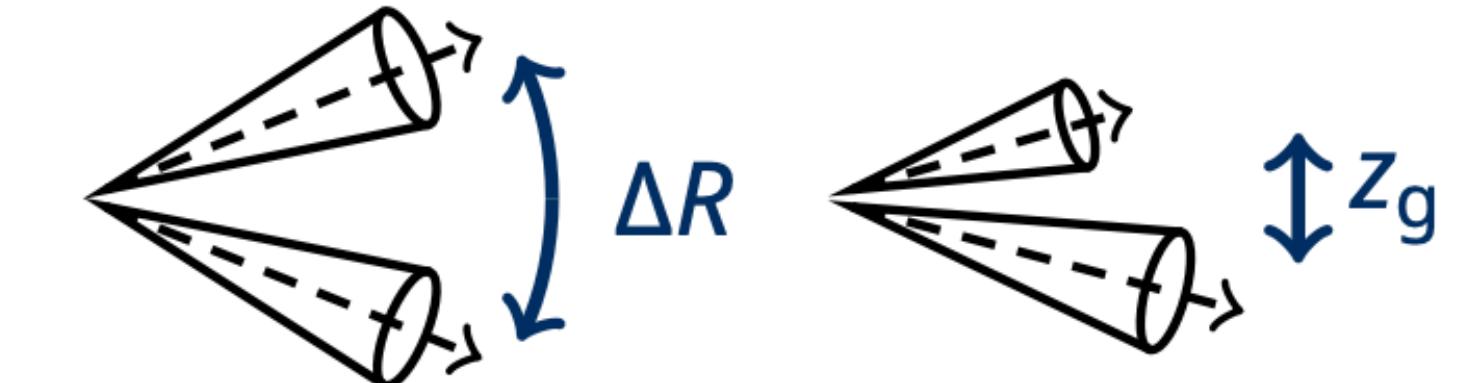
## Fragmentation: $D(z)$

- ATLAS:  $D(z)$
- CMS:  $\xi(z)$



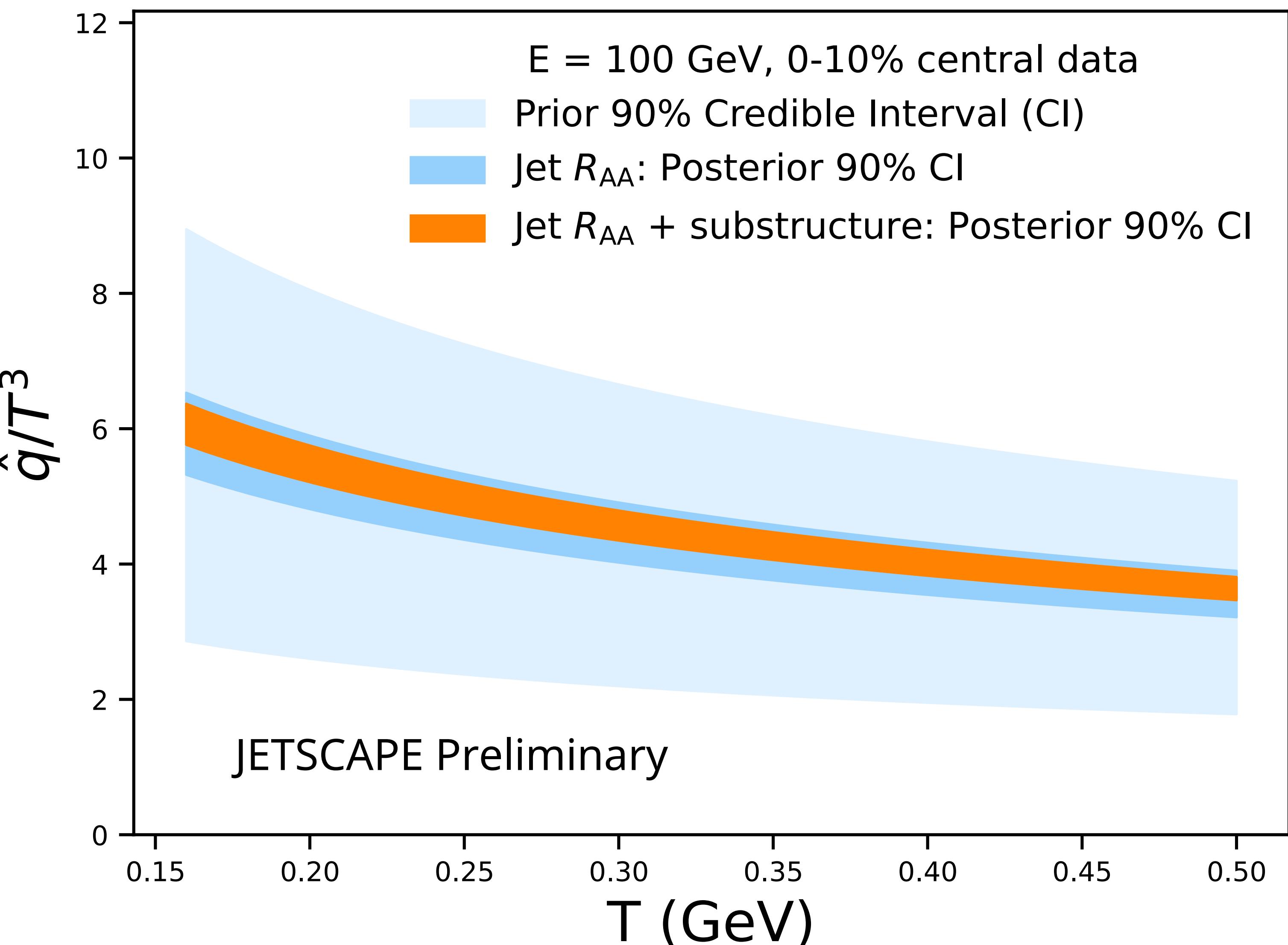
## Groomed jet substructure

- ALICE:  $R_g, z_g$



# Constraints on $\hat{q}$

- Consistent description of jet  $R_{AA}$  with substructure observables
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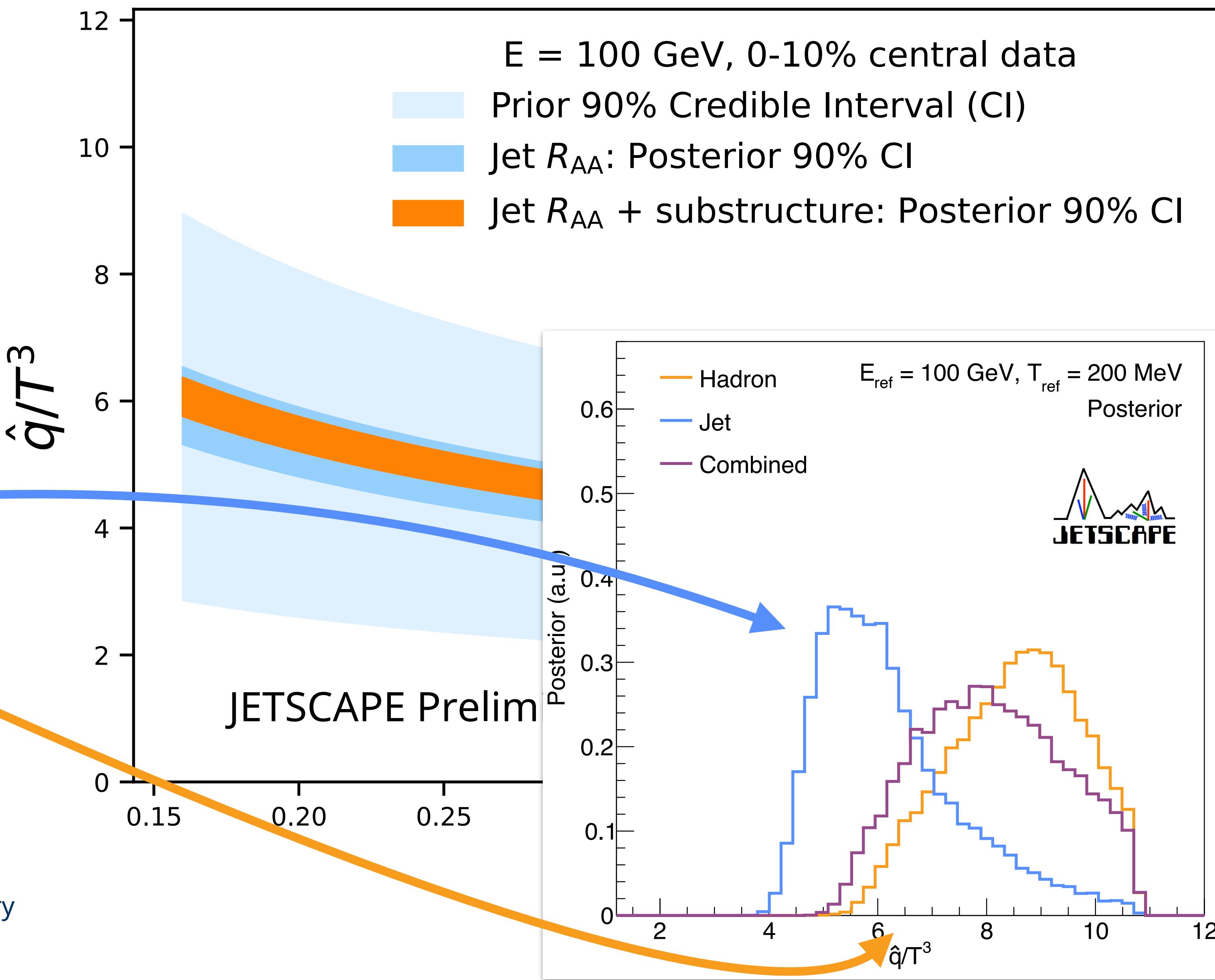


<sup>1</sup>Recent note: relative constraint holds, but y-scale may vary

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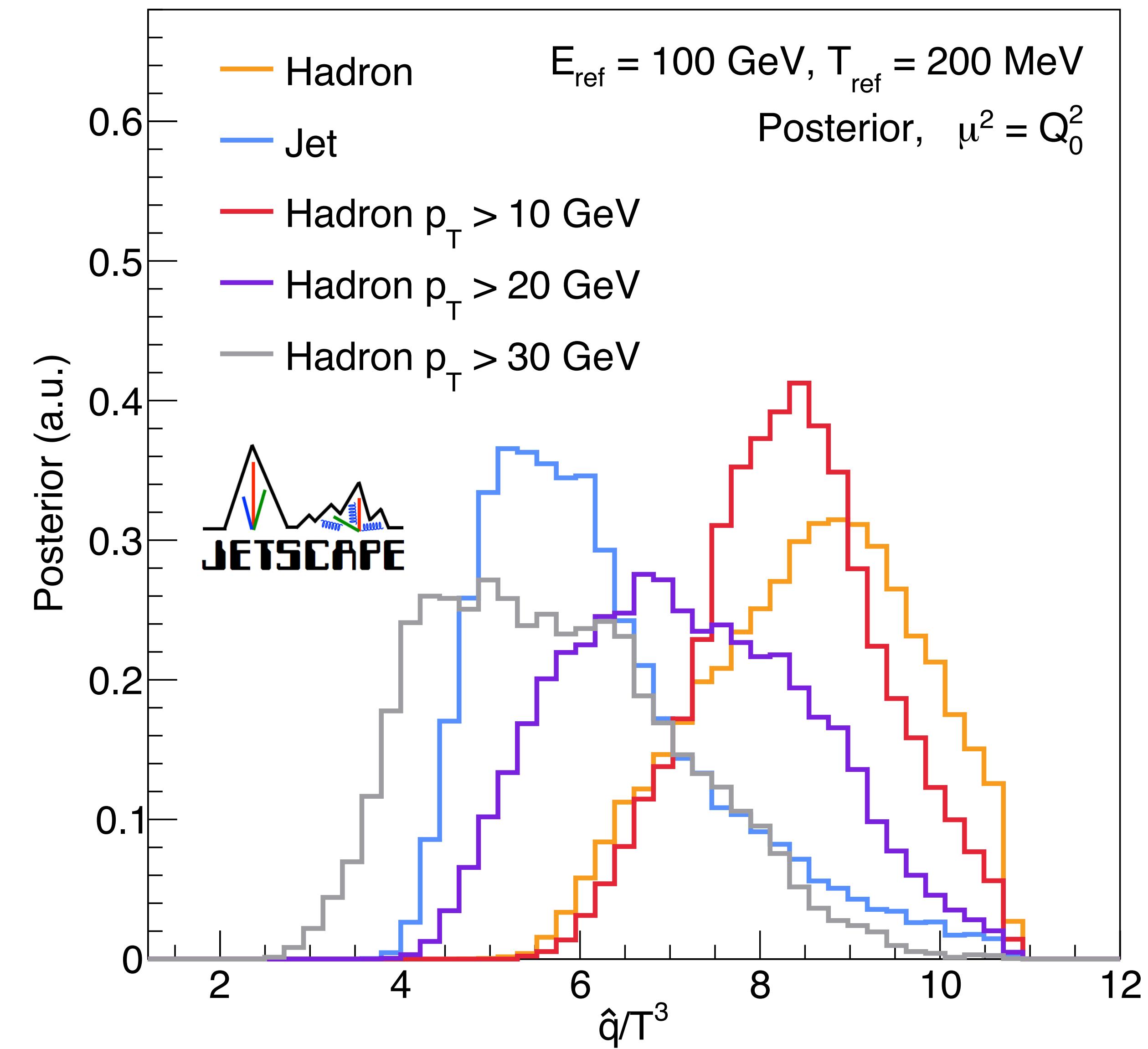
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- Tension between inclusive jets and (low  $p_T$ ) hadrons, but low  $z$  jet fragmentation consistent...?

Under further investigation



# Bayesian Inference: Some take-away messages

1. Need fully **apples-to-apples comparison of extracted medium properties**
2. **Estimation of theory uncertainties**
3. **Data agnostic approach**
4. **Experimentalists:** Report **covariance** (harder) or **signed uncertainties** (simpler)!
  - Covariance is important, **especially for precision**
  - See also: Yi Chen, INT 24-88W

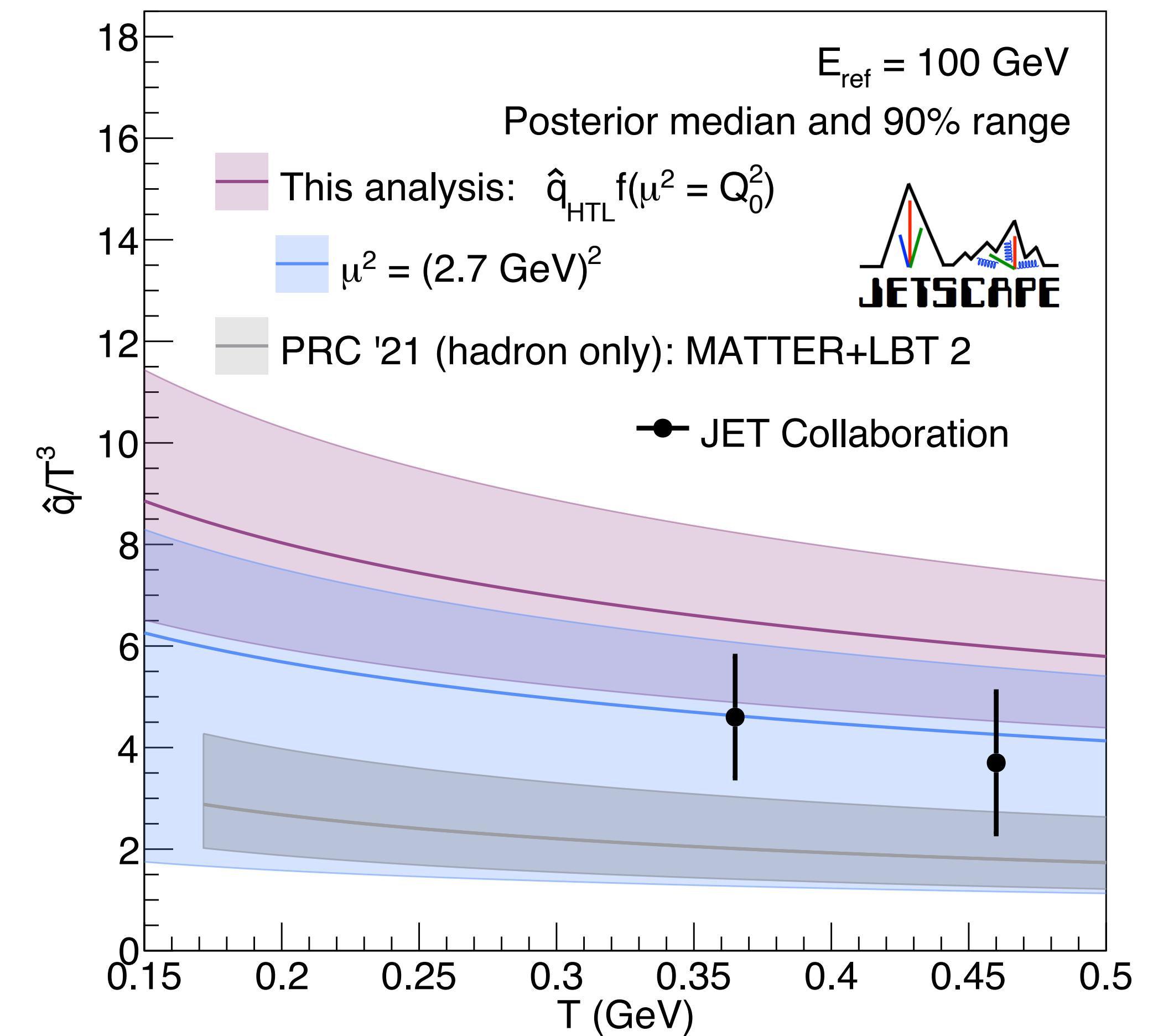


Towards the future:

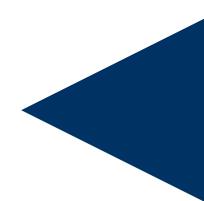
1. **Lessons and tools from present to future**
2. An example: **EIC + forward LHC + Bayesian inference**

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inspired

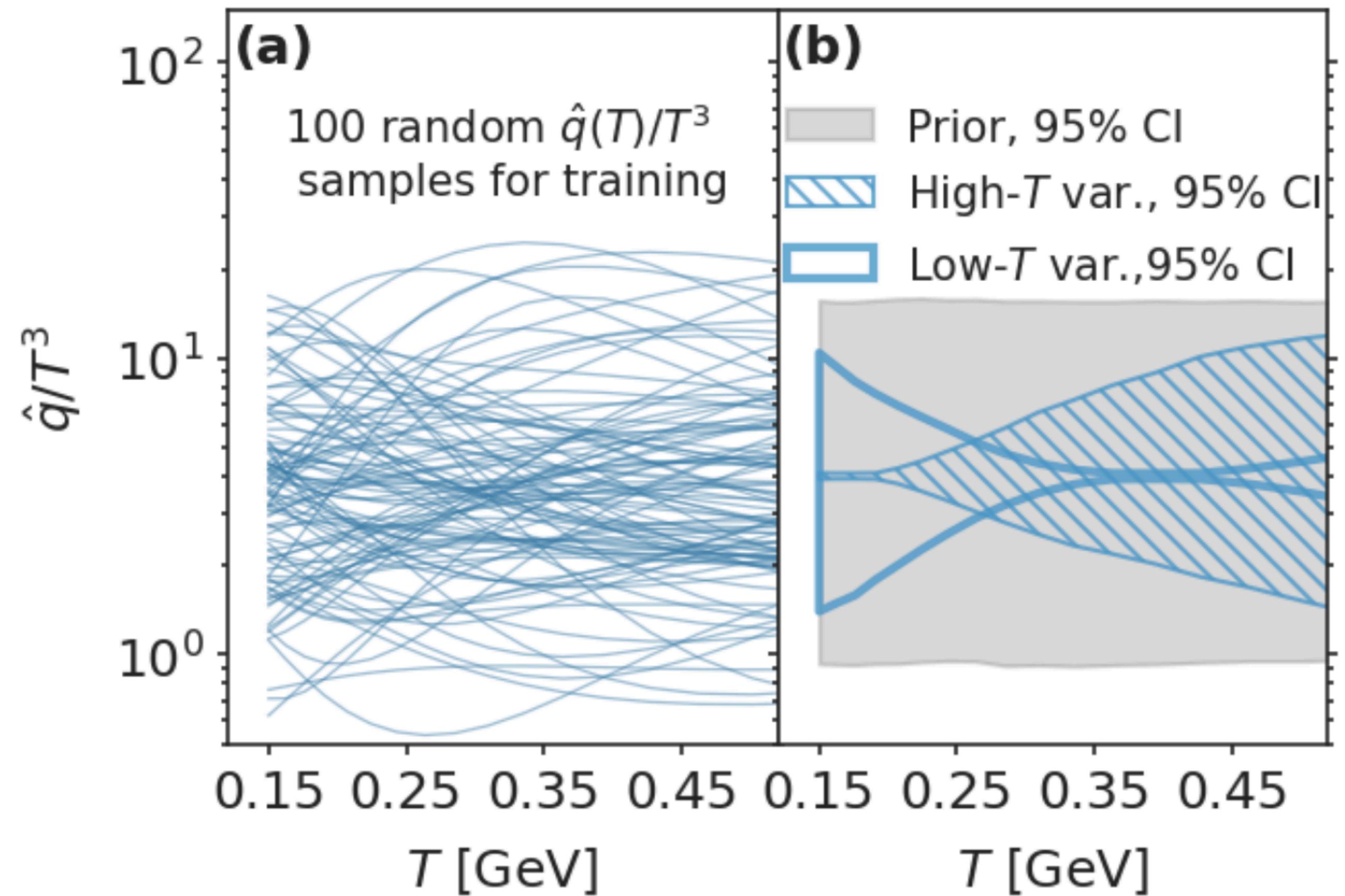


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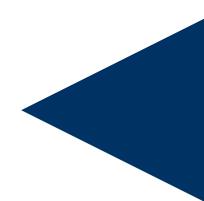
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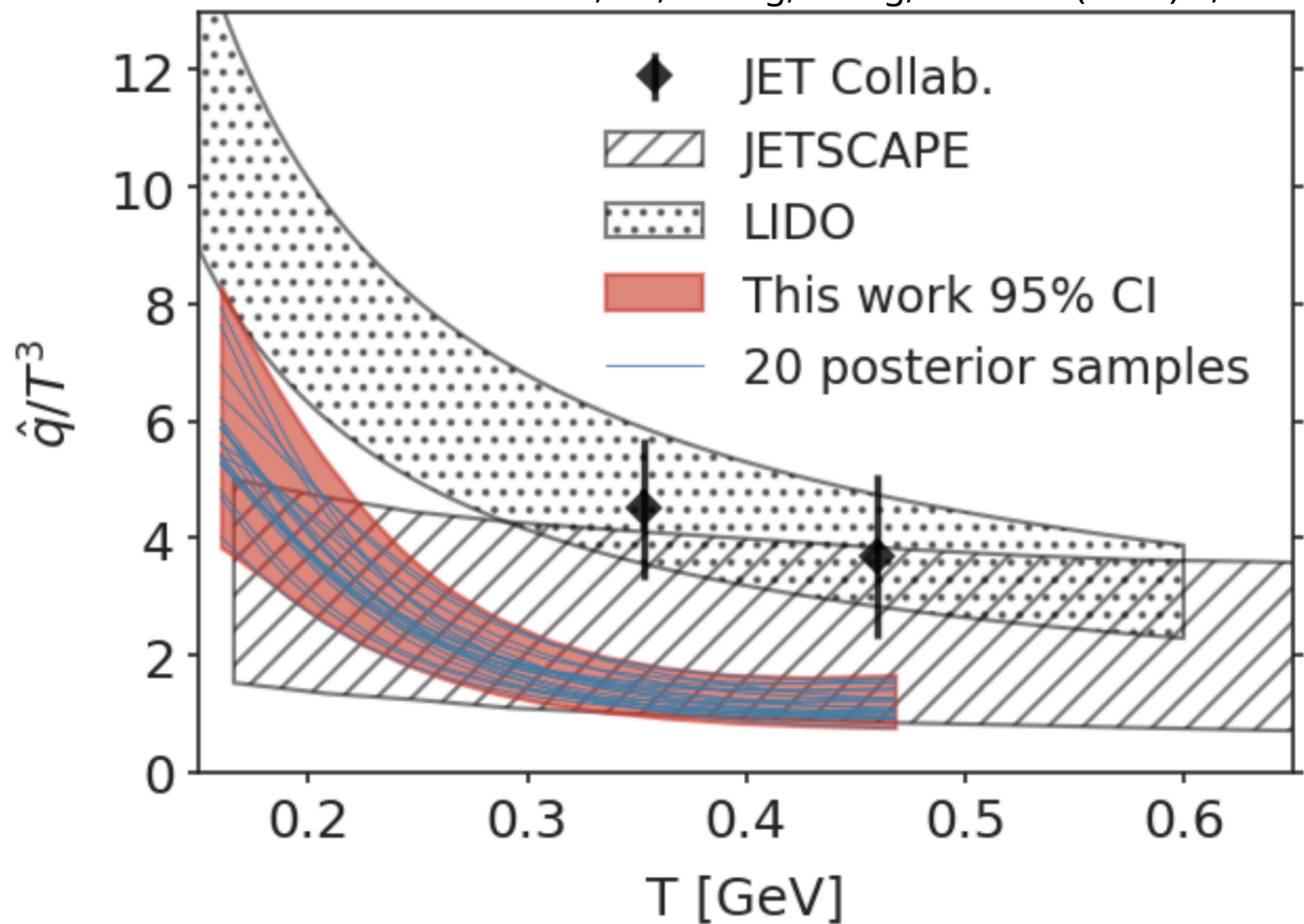


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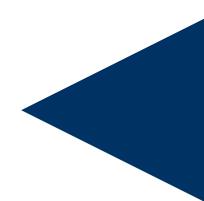
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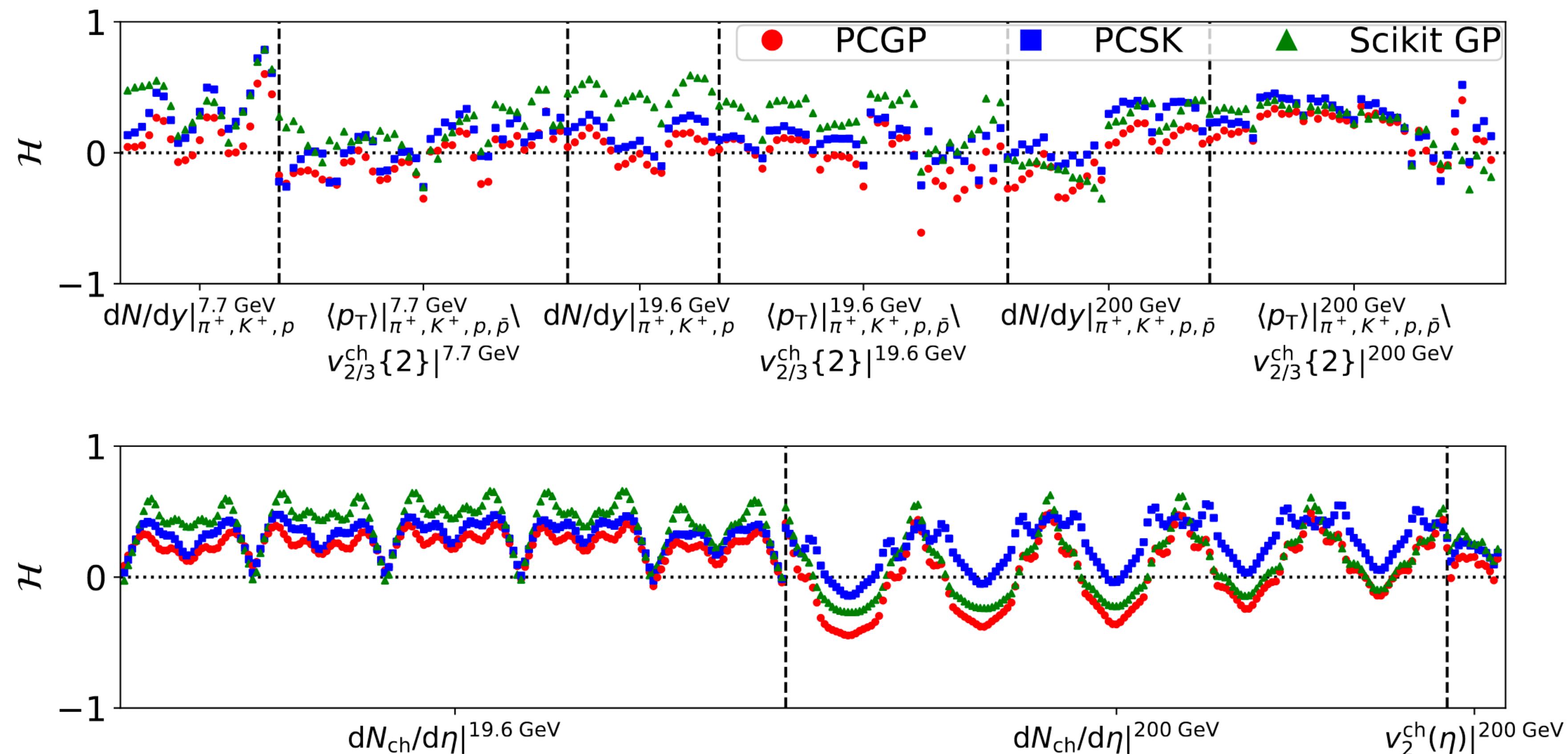
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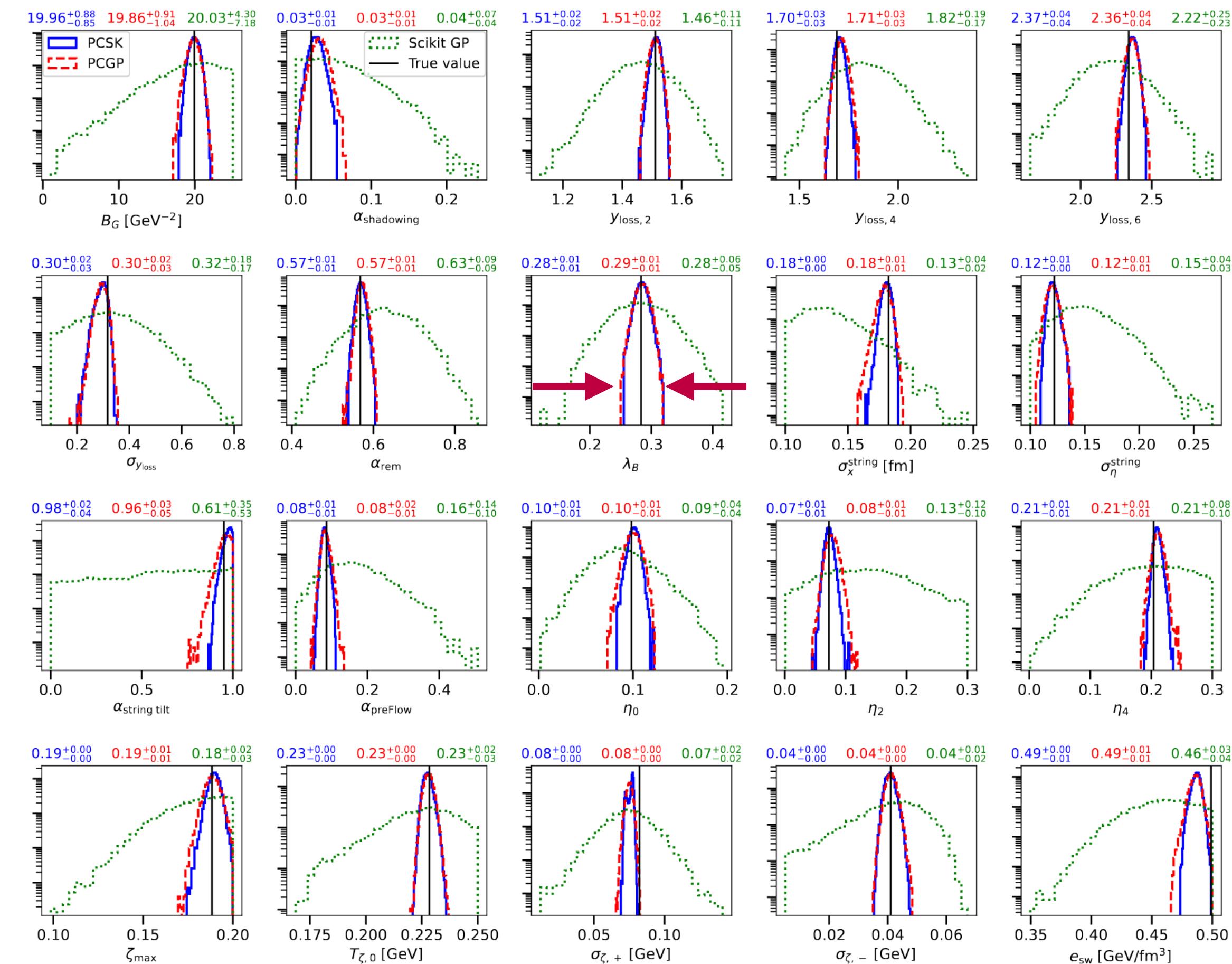
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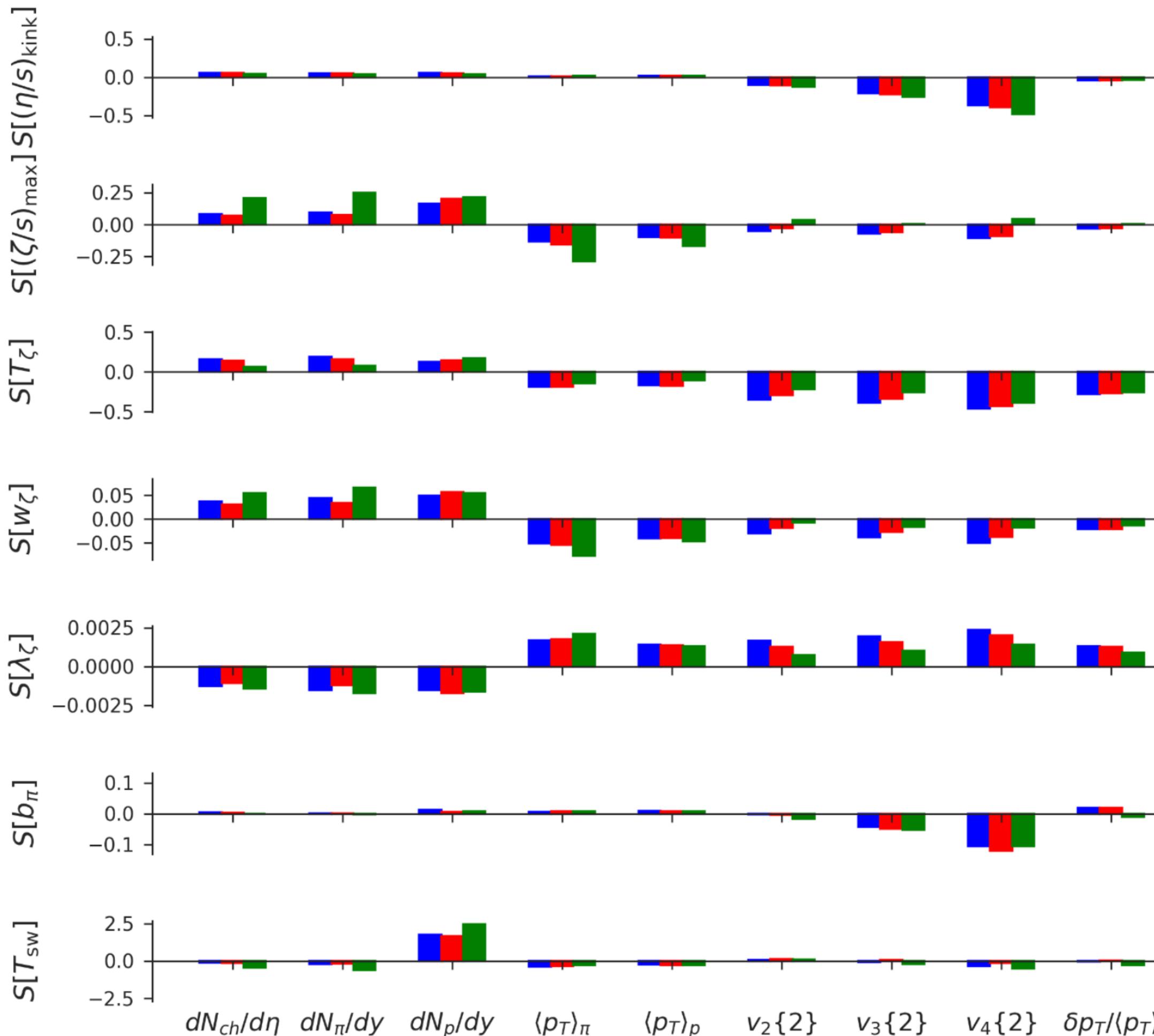
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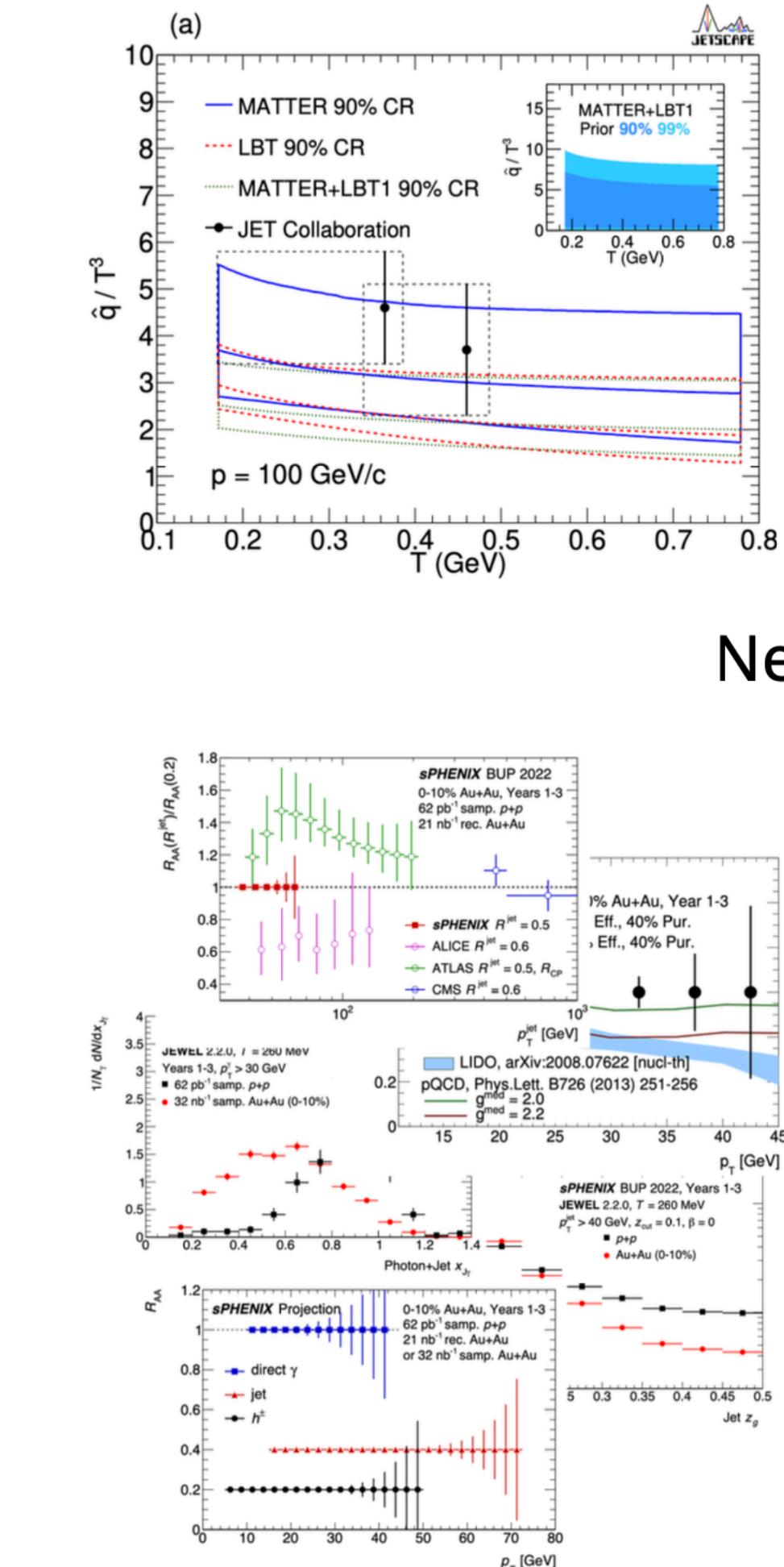
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e.g. "Bayesian experimental design"



New Bayesian analysis

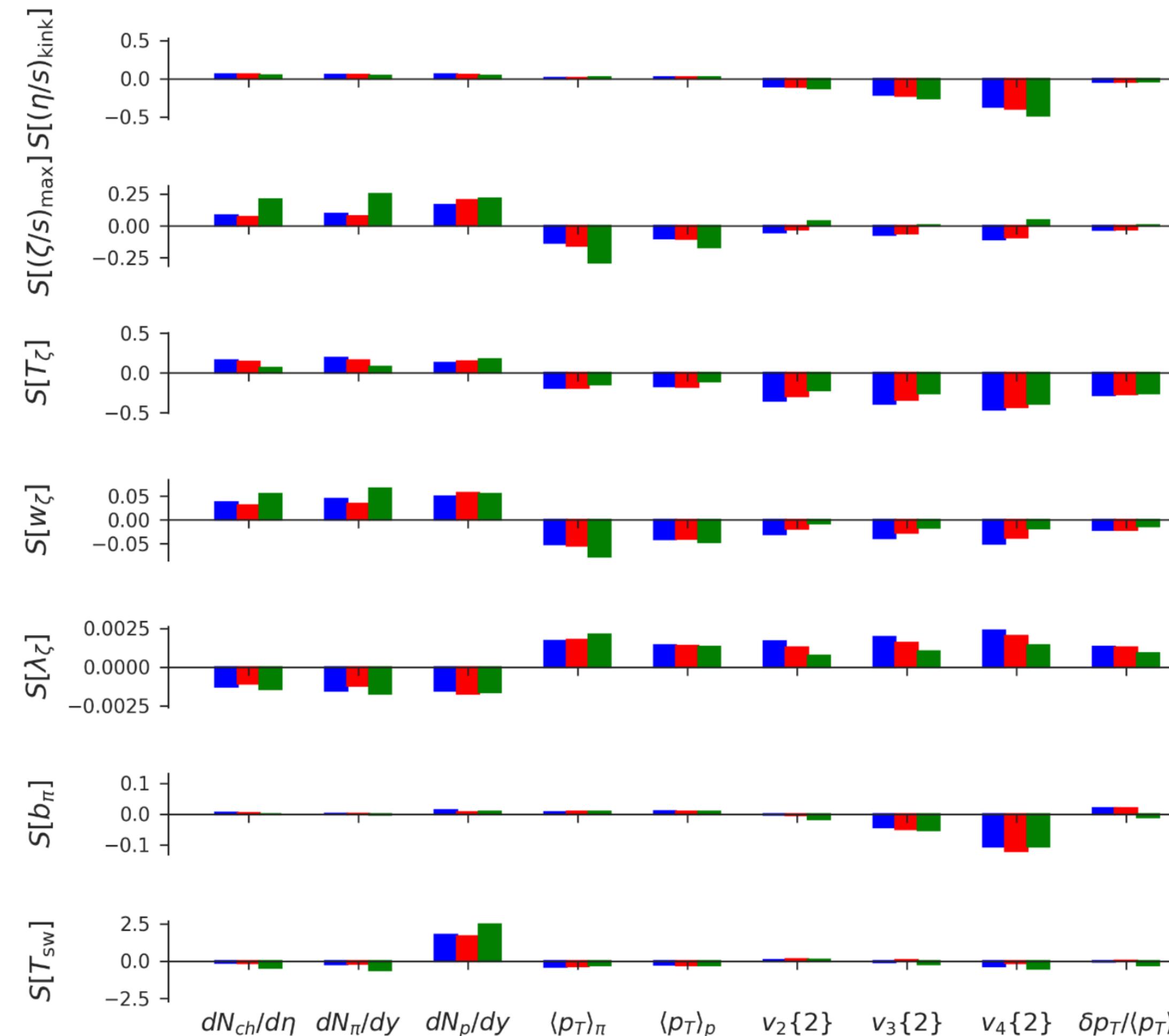
Further constraints

RE, Nucl.Phys.A 1043 (2024) 122821  
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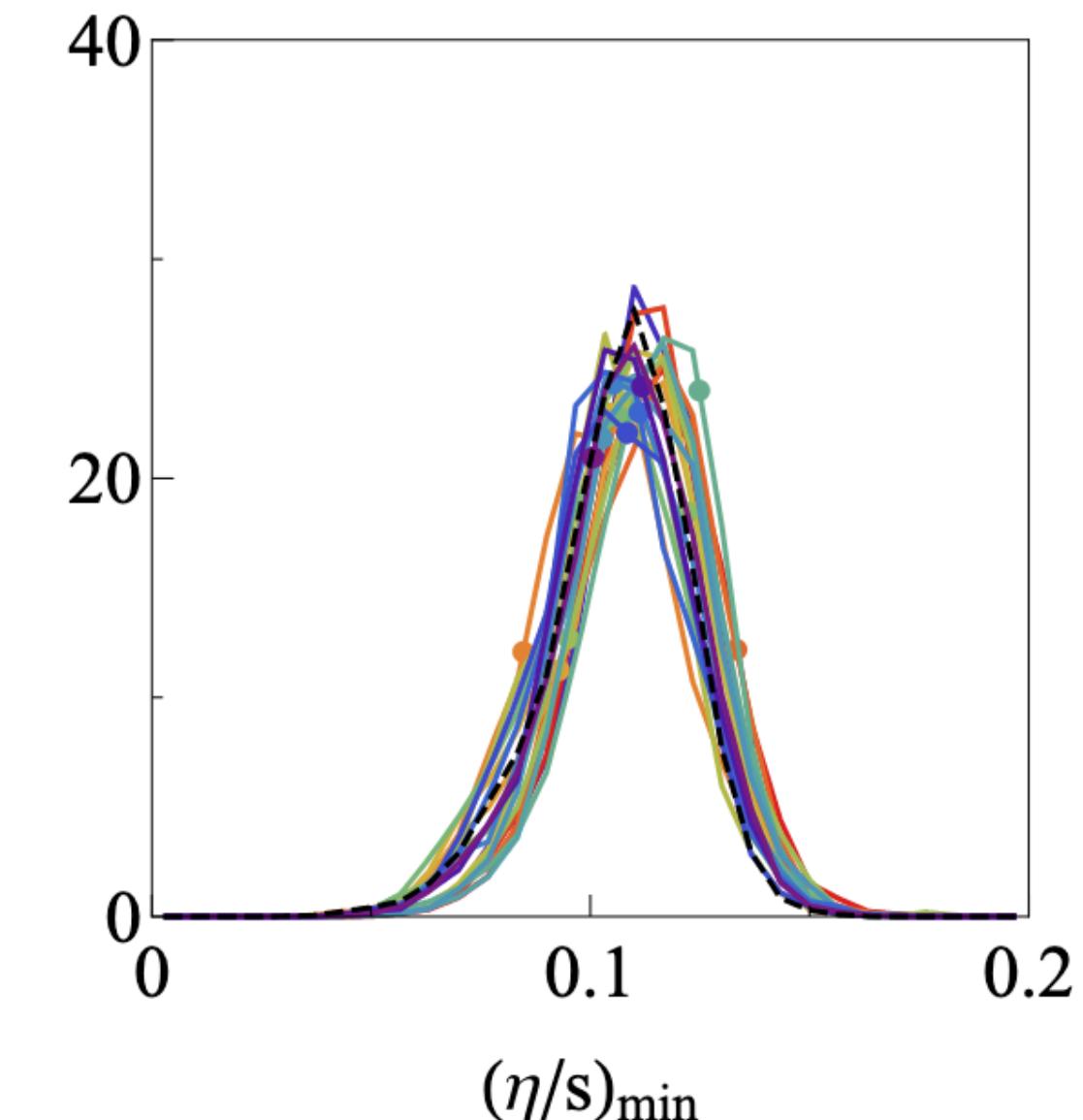
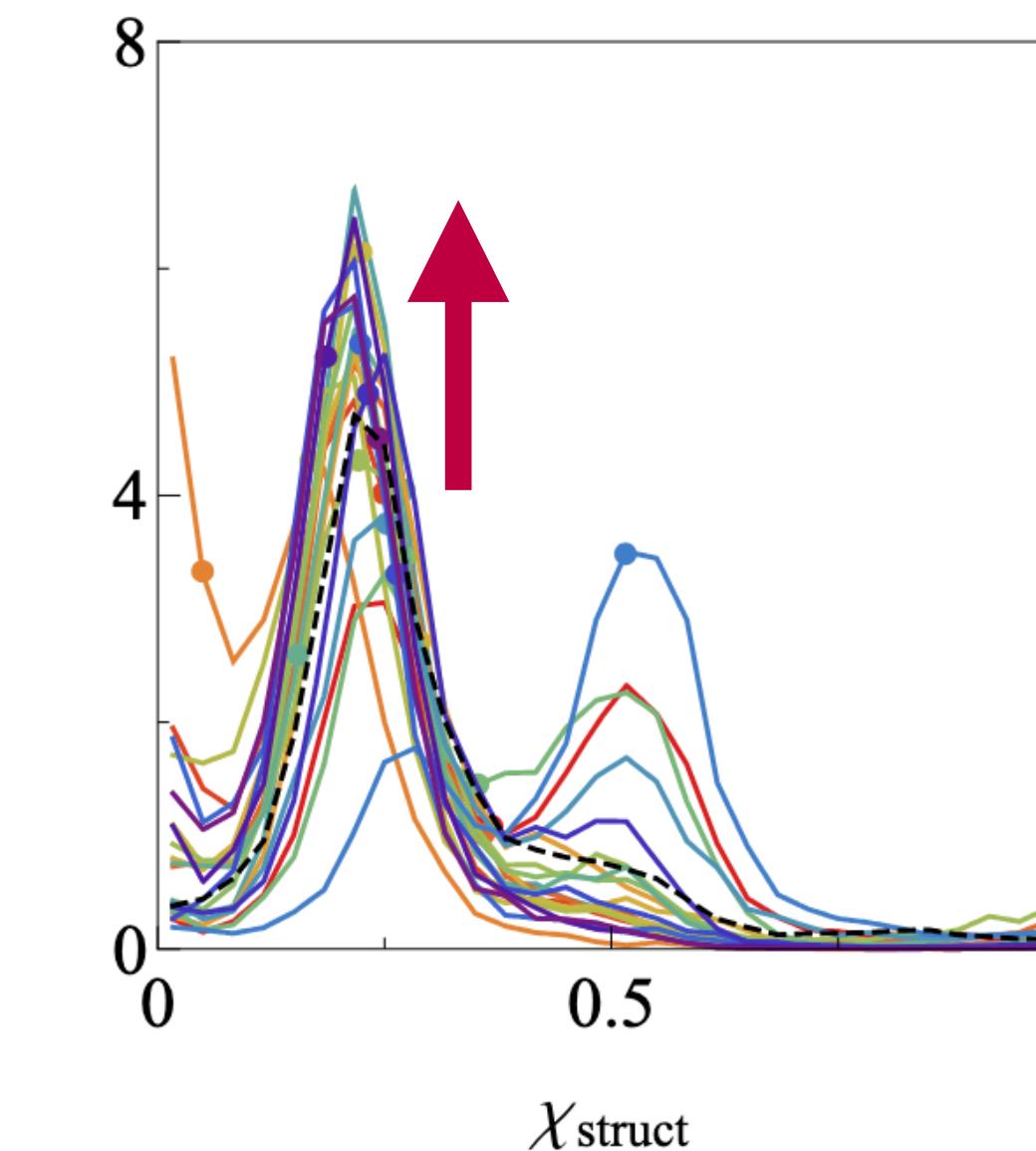
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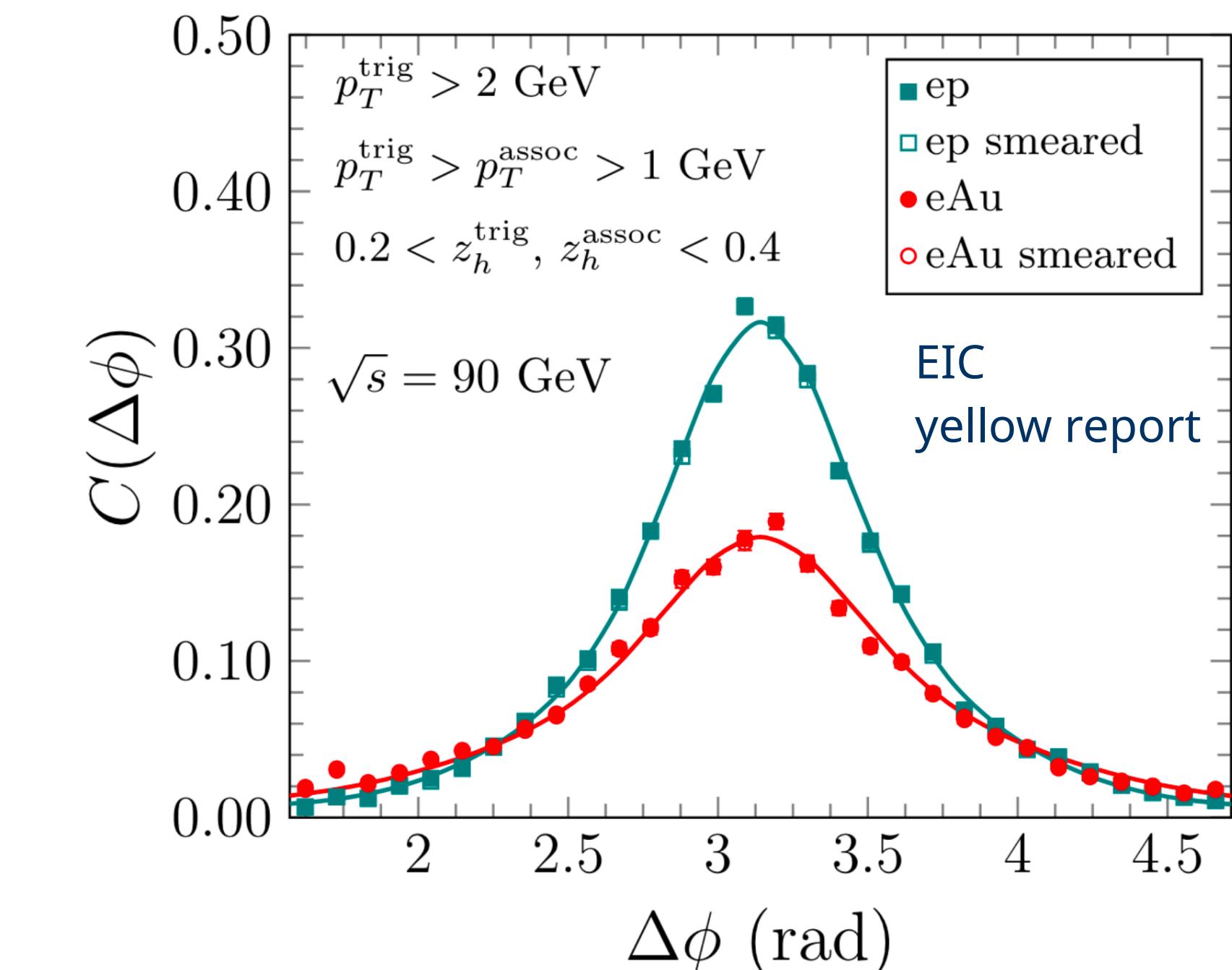
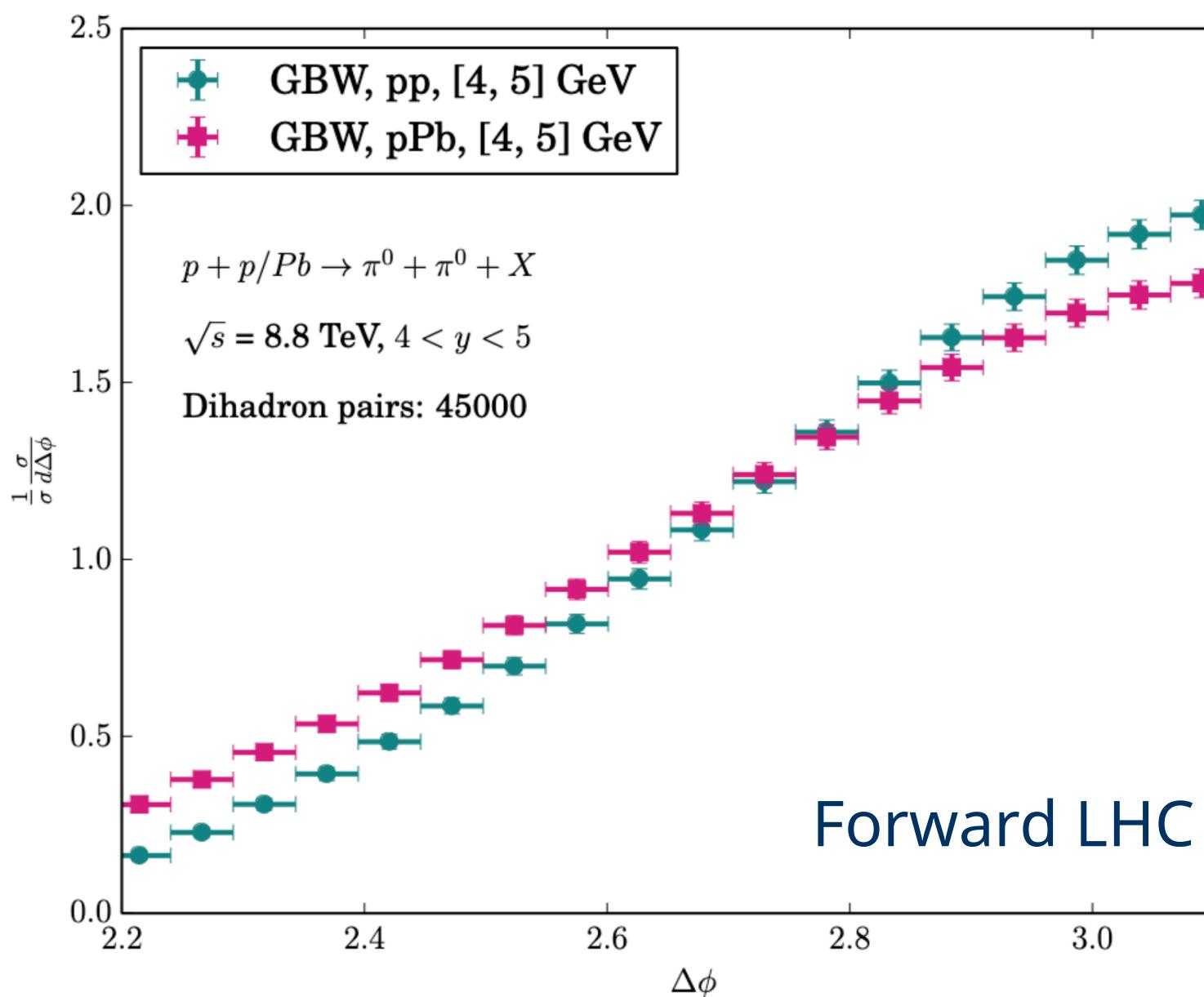


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# Connecting Forward LHC + EIC

- Complementarity between forward LHC/RHIC + EIC
- Bayesian inference:  
**essential for comprehensive analysis of heterogeneous datasets (EIC, fLHC, fRHIC) with rigorous theory to explore linear/non-linear QCD evolution**

- Model **consistency with data**
- Models which **best describe data** (Bayes evidence)
- **Observable sensitivity** studies

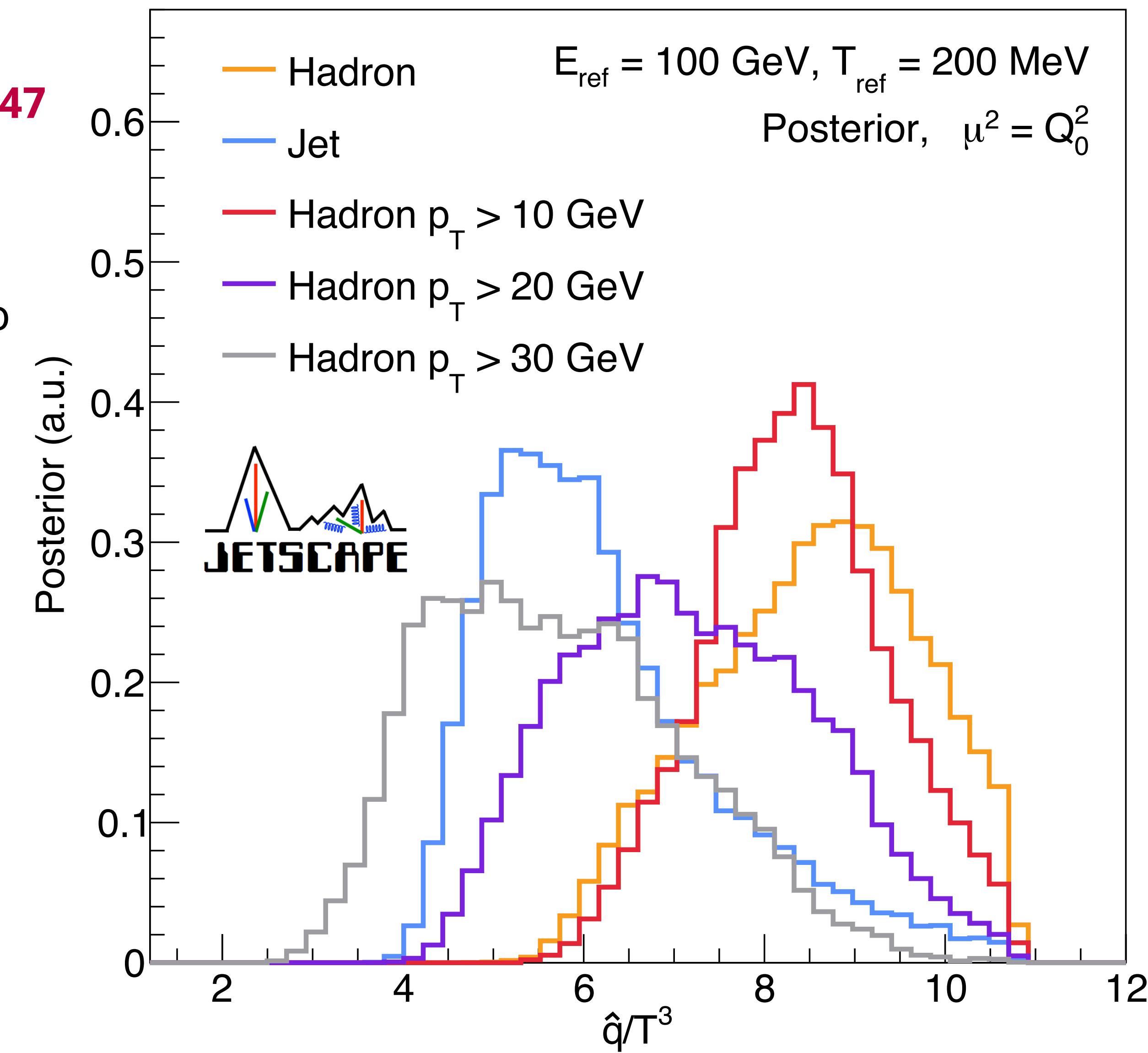


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$xG_{WW}$	–	–	+	–	–	+
$xG_{DP}$	+	+	–	+	+	+

**Table 7.2:** The process dependence of two gluon distributions (i.e., the Weizsäcker-Williams (WW for short) and dipole (DP for short) distributions) in  $e+A(e+p)$  and  $p+A$  collisions. Here the + and – signs indicate that the corresponding gluon distributions appear and do not appear in certain processes, respectively.

# Summary

- New  $\hat{q}$  extraction including jet  $R_{AA}$ : arXiv:2408.08247
  - Includes all applicable experimental data
  - Overall reasonable description of data
- Studies on hadron vs jet, jet substructure point to regions of agreement, tension
- General tool to investigate models
- Pinpoint regions of interest, provide important feedback for models
- Many lessons learned and tools developed, to be applied in era of HIC + EIC



# Bonus: So, you want to run JETSCAPE or X-SCAPE?

- Start with the JETSCAPE summer school: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1282714/>
- Information, documentation, hands-on exercises
- Recorded on [YouTube](#)
- If you want to get going right away, start with the hands-on session and see below

## TLDR (many caveats apply)

```
docker run -it jetscape/jetscape_full /bin/bash  
cd <BUILD_DIRECTORY>; ./runJetscape ..//config/jetscape_user_PP19.xml # Runs PP19 tune
```

## Bulk medium calculations

- Start with Bayesian soft-sector tune:  
PRL 126 (2021) 24, 242301, PRC 103 (2021) 5, 054904
  - [XML configuration file \(on GitHub\)](#)
- Configuration corresponds to MAP parameters
- Read the paper and README carefully, as some tweaks on the configuration may be necessary

## Jet energy loss calculations

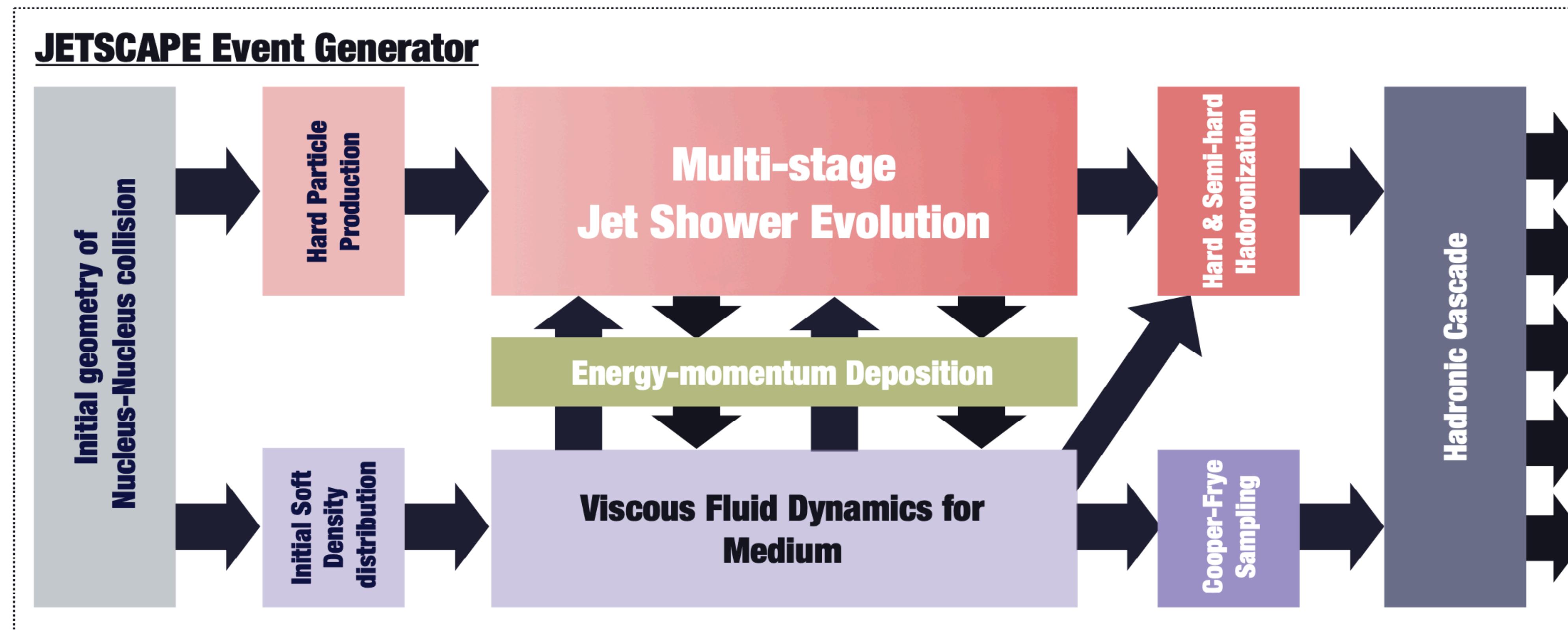
- Start with AA22 tune: PRC 107 (2023) 3, 034911
  - [XML configuration file \(on GitHub\)](#)
- Currently requires pre-computed hydro events, which you need to request from JETSCAPE
  - Tuned on-the-fly hydro may be possible soon
- MAP (presented here) available soon

# Backup

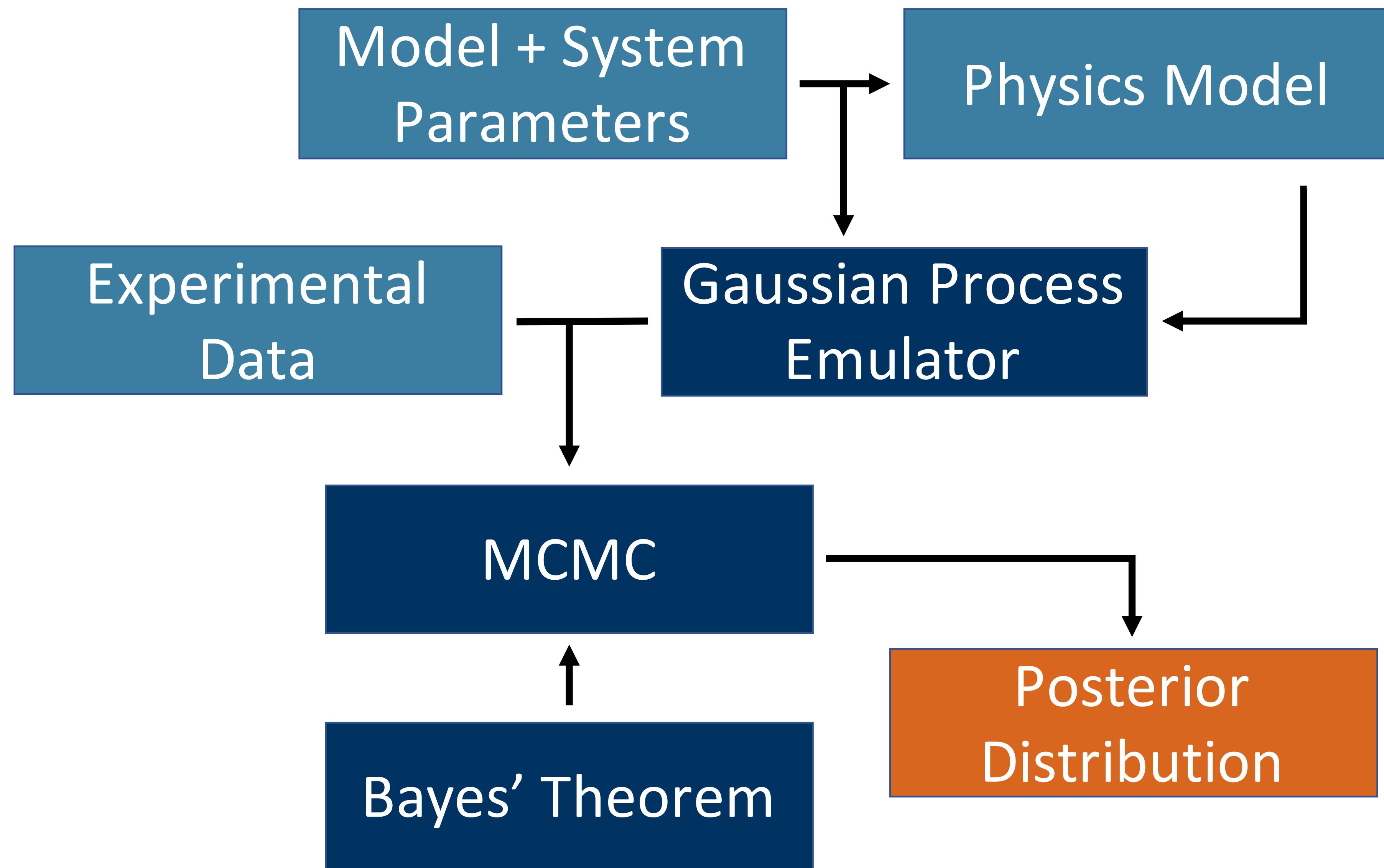
# JETSCAPE Framework

- **MC event generator package for heavy ion collisions**

- General, modular and extensible
- Communication between modules
- Available on  [github.com/JETSCAPE](https://github.com/JETSCAPE)



# Bayesian Inference workflow



# Bayesian experimental design

- **Quantify impact** of new sPHENIX data  
(to prioritize measurements?)

- eg. Neutrino physics:  
[Phys.Rev.C 103 \(2021\) 6, 065501](#)
- eg. OO w/ Trajectum:  
[arXiv:2110.13153](#)

1. **Calibrate model** to existing data (ie.  
Bayesian analysis)

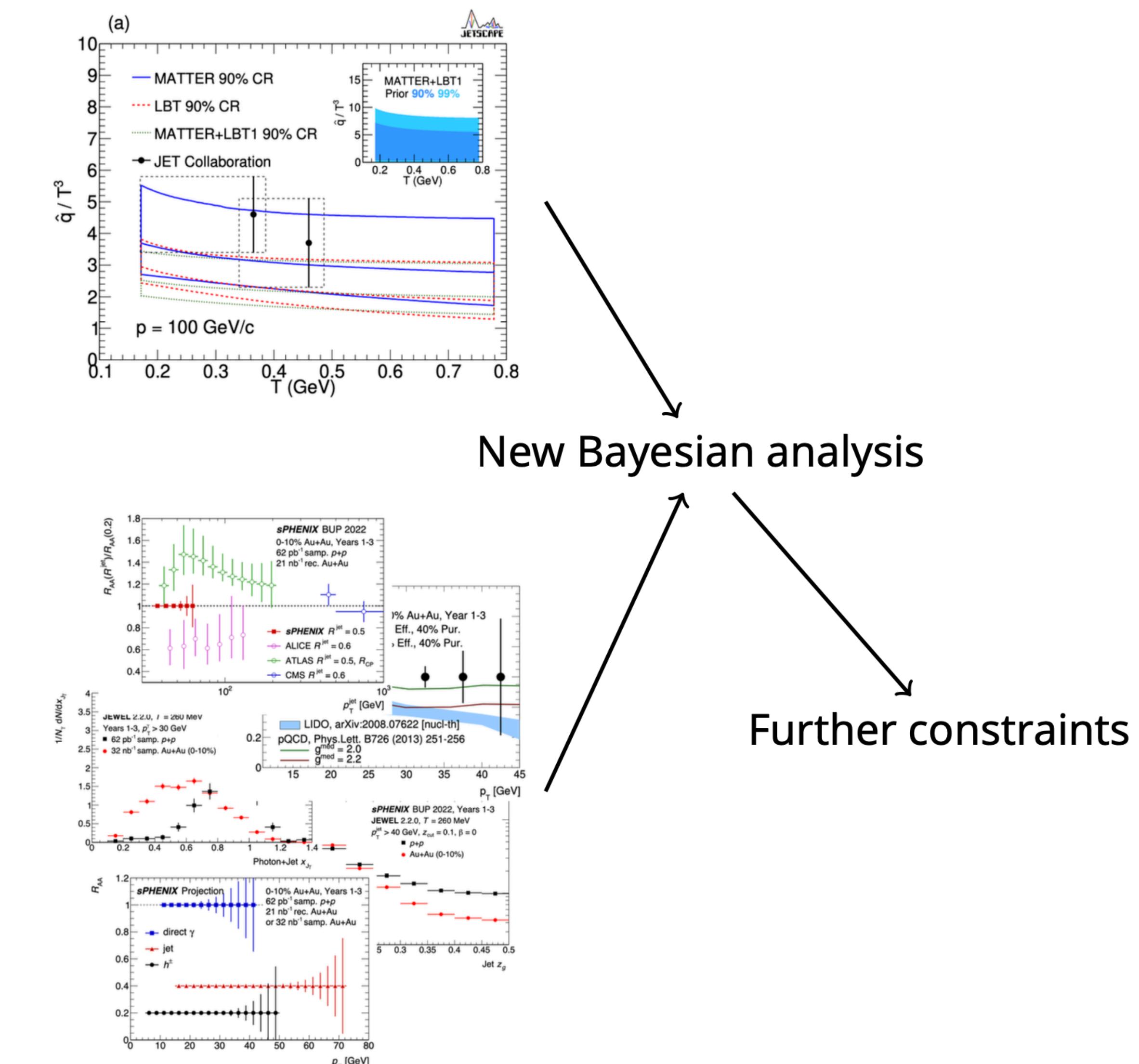
- eg. JETSCAPE hard sector calibration

2. **Generate pseudo-data** with expected  
sPHENIX uncertainties

- Can sample posterior dist. for  
parameters

3. Re-run Bayesian Inference, and  
**observe impact on new posterior**

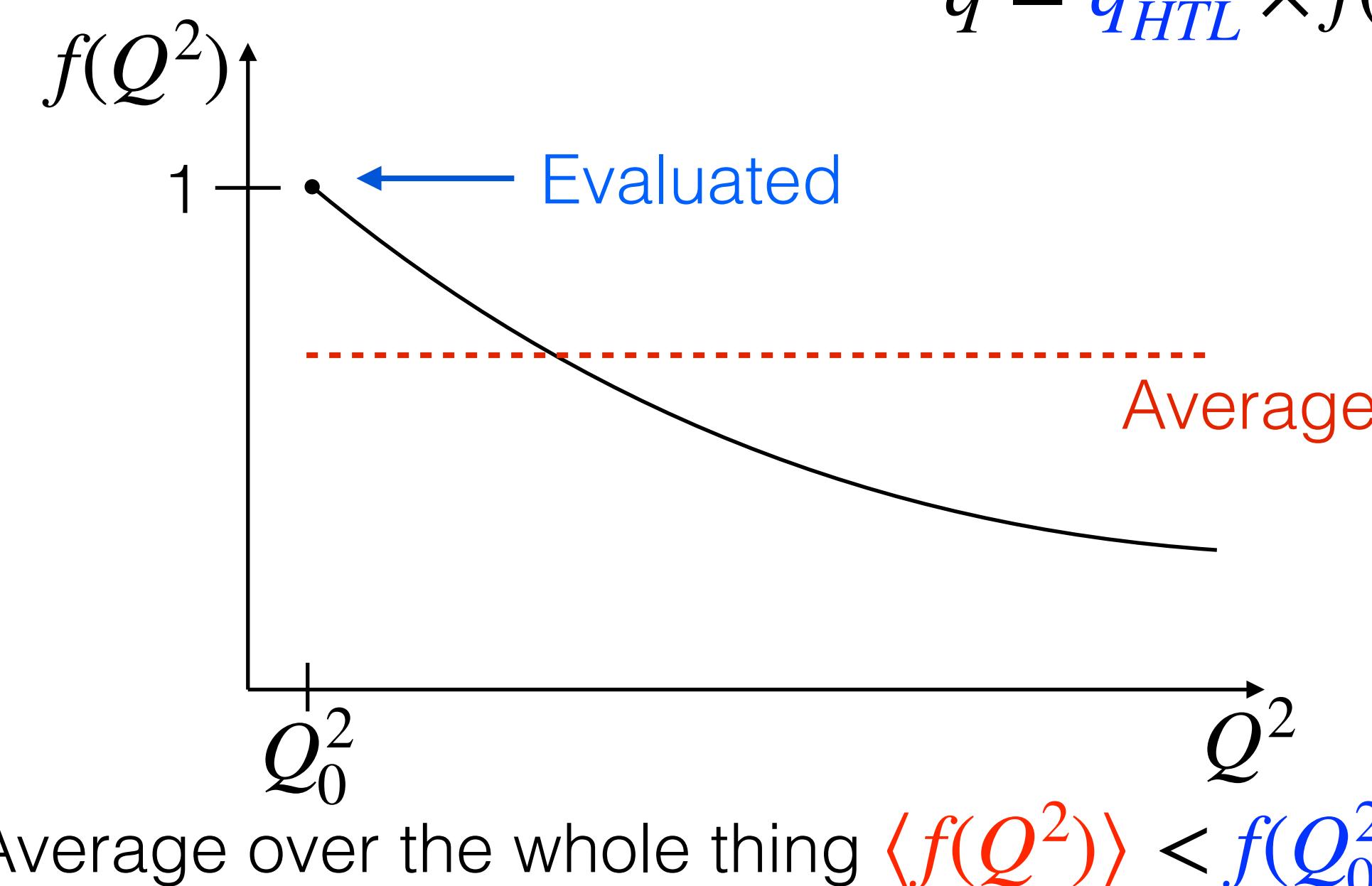
- Further vary observables included



# Evaluating virtuality dependence for $\hat{q}$

Imagine for now we stay with latest analysis

$$\hat{q} = \hat{q}_{HTL}^{run} \times f(Q^2)$$



# Virtuality dependence: $f(Q^2)$

