

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

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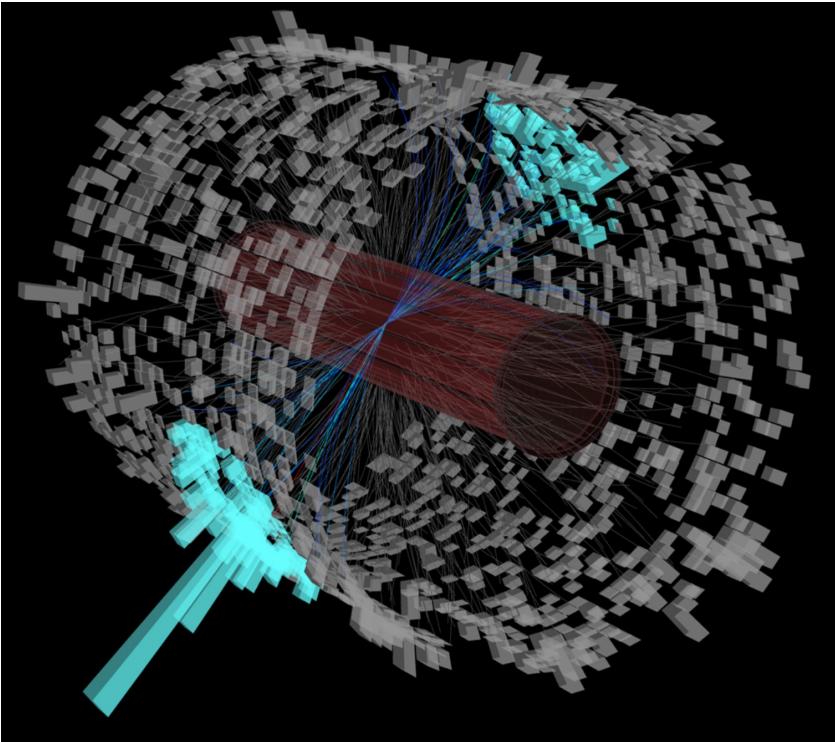
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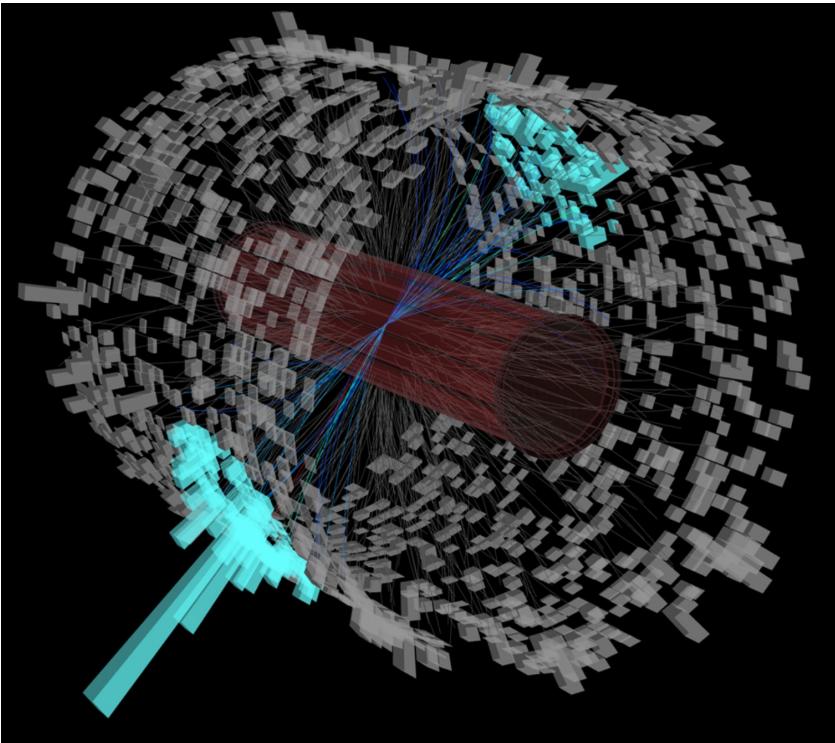
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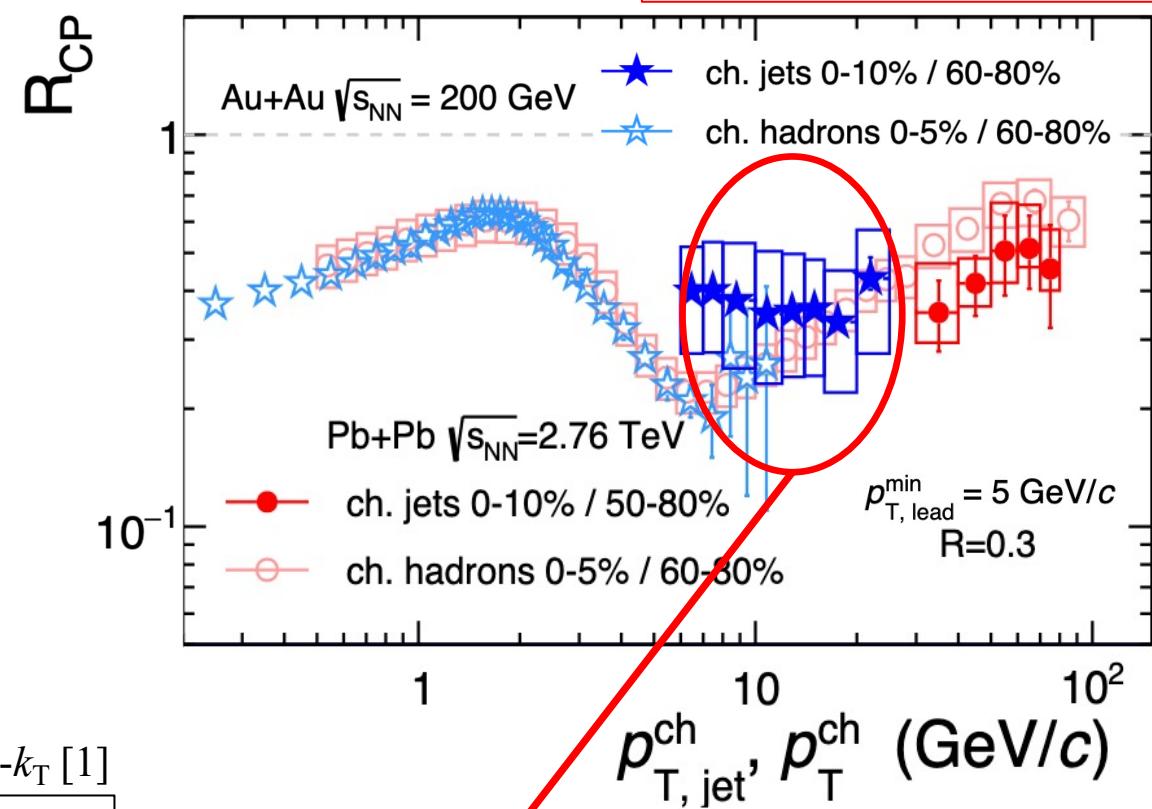
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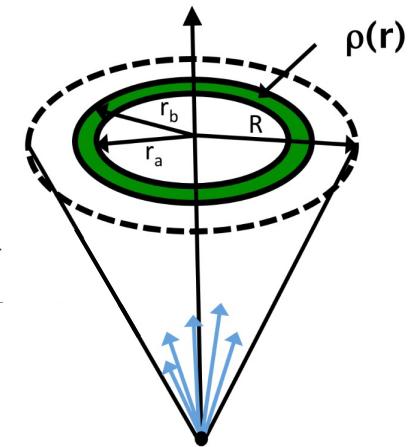


Inclusive jets are heavily **quenched** in the presence of QGP

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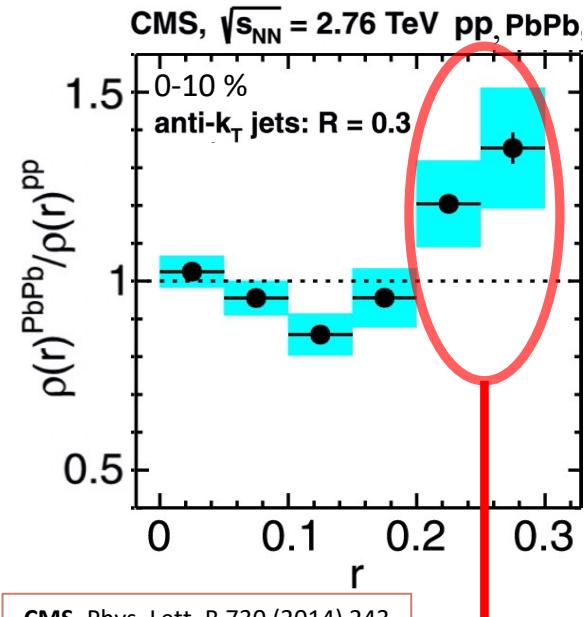
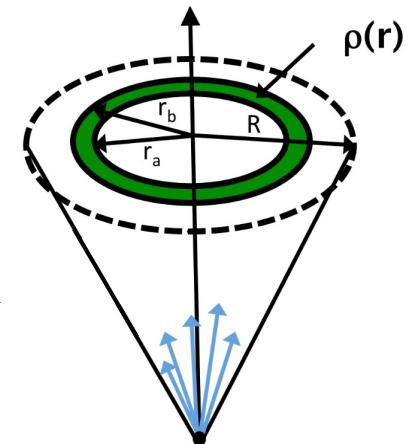
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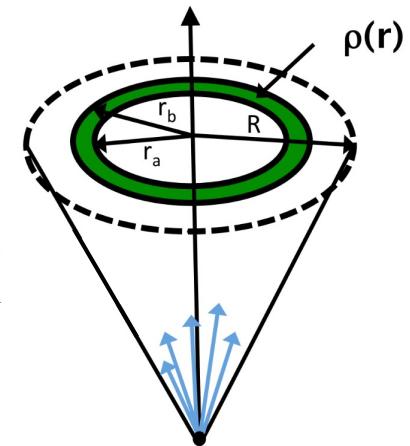


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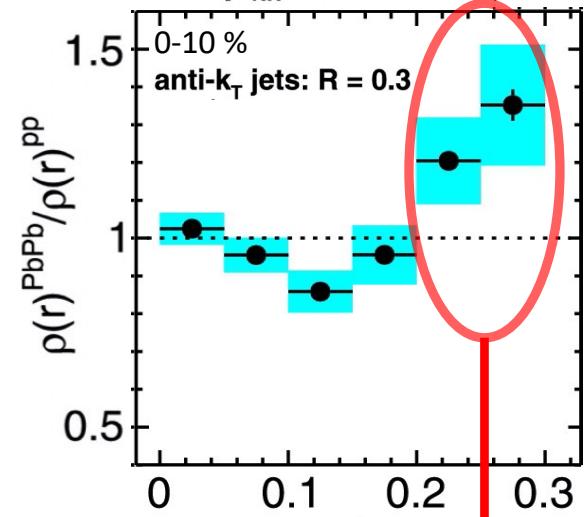
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- Multiple-scattering
- Medium-induced Bremsstrahlung
- Medium response

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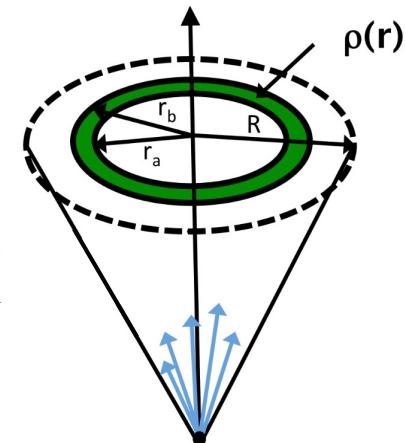
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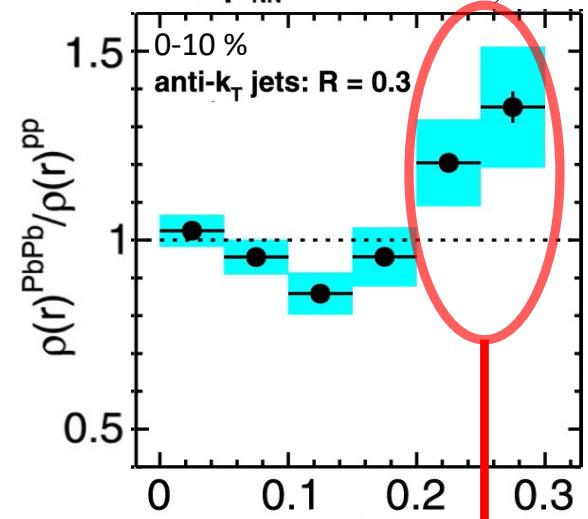
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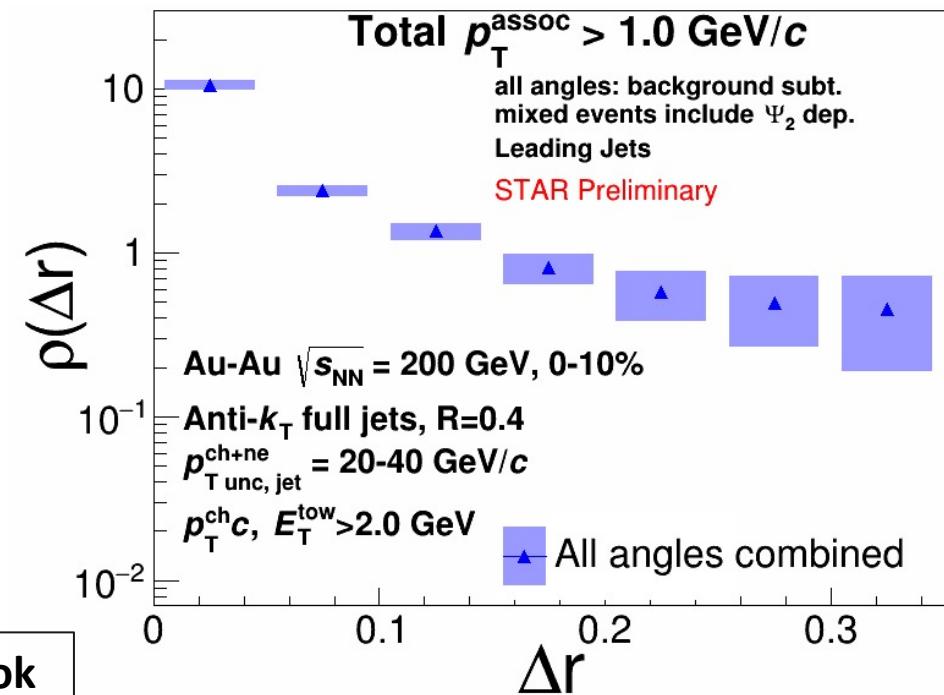
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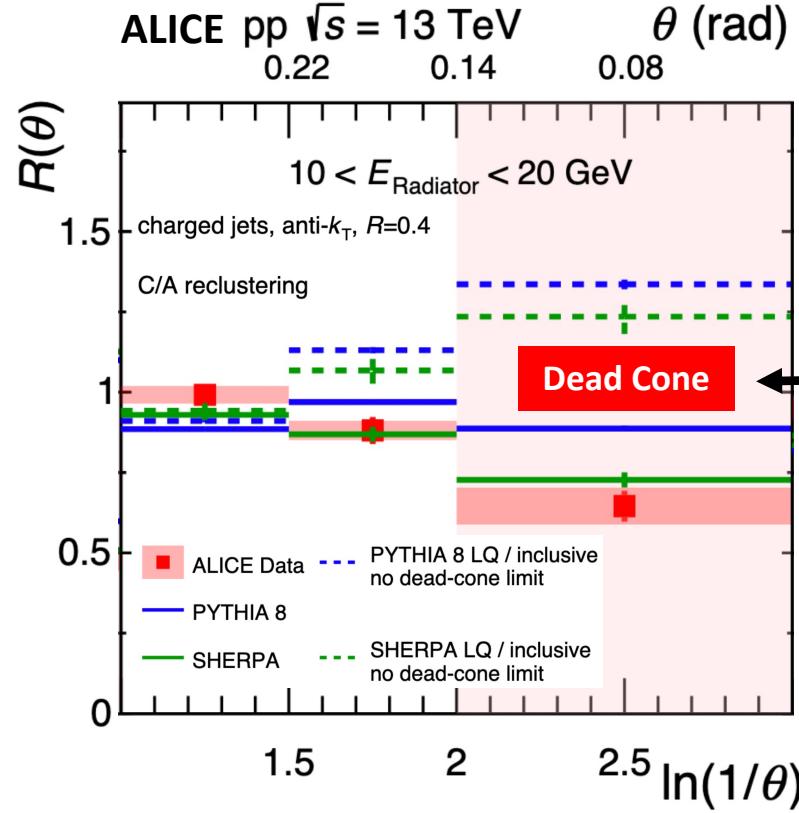
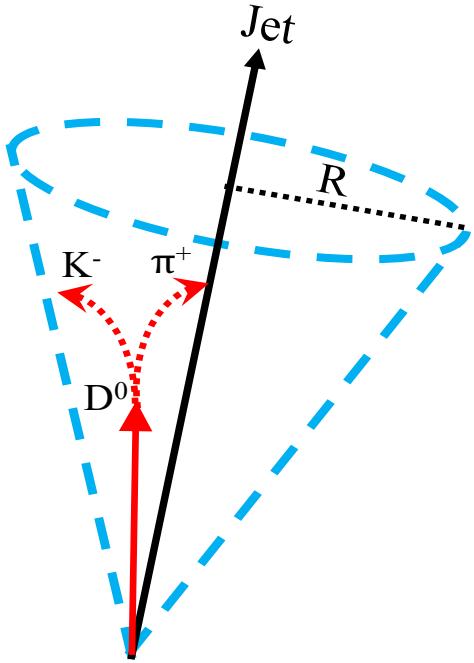
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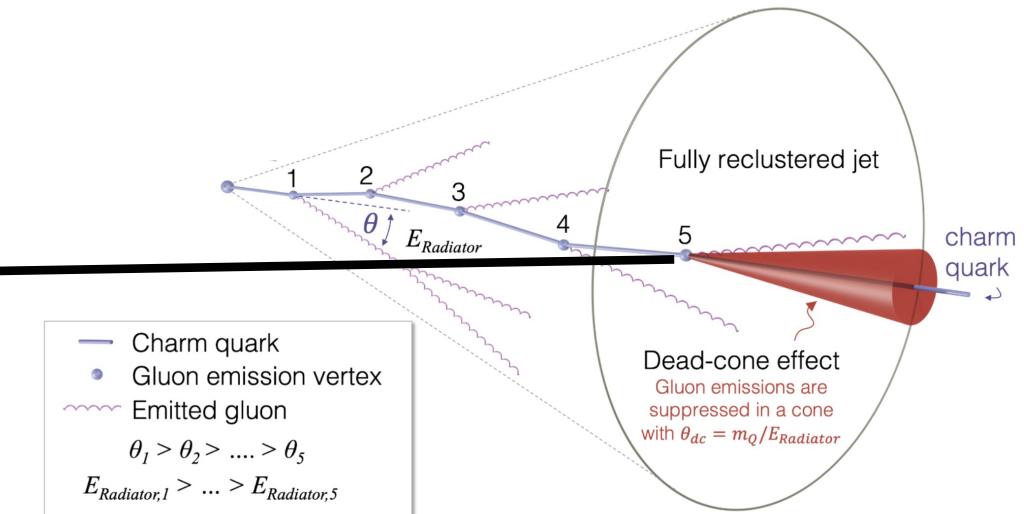
Jets from Heavy Flavor

$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N^{D^0 \text{ jets}}} \frac{dn^{D^0 \text{ jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)} / \frac{1}{N^{\text{inclusive jets}}} \frac{dn^{\text{inclusive jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)}$$



Heavy-flavor emission spectra at large angles suppressed due to dead-cone in vacuum

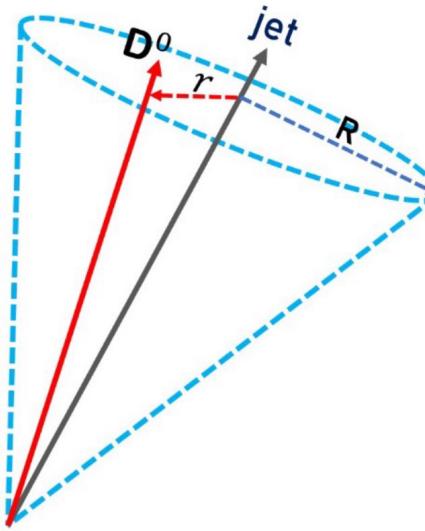
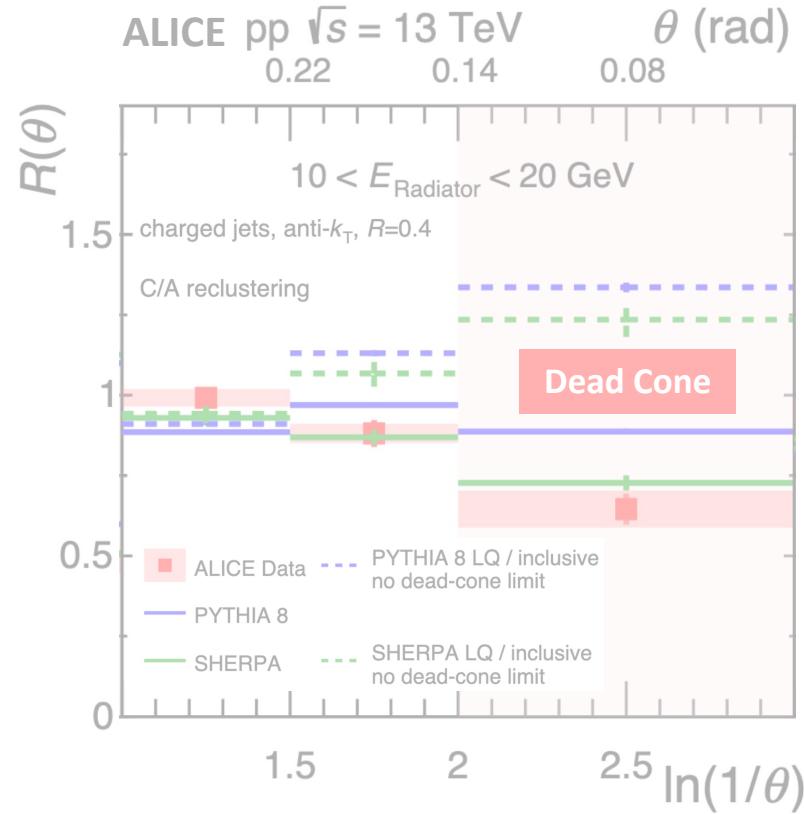
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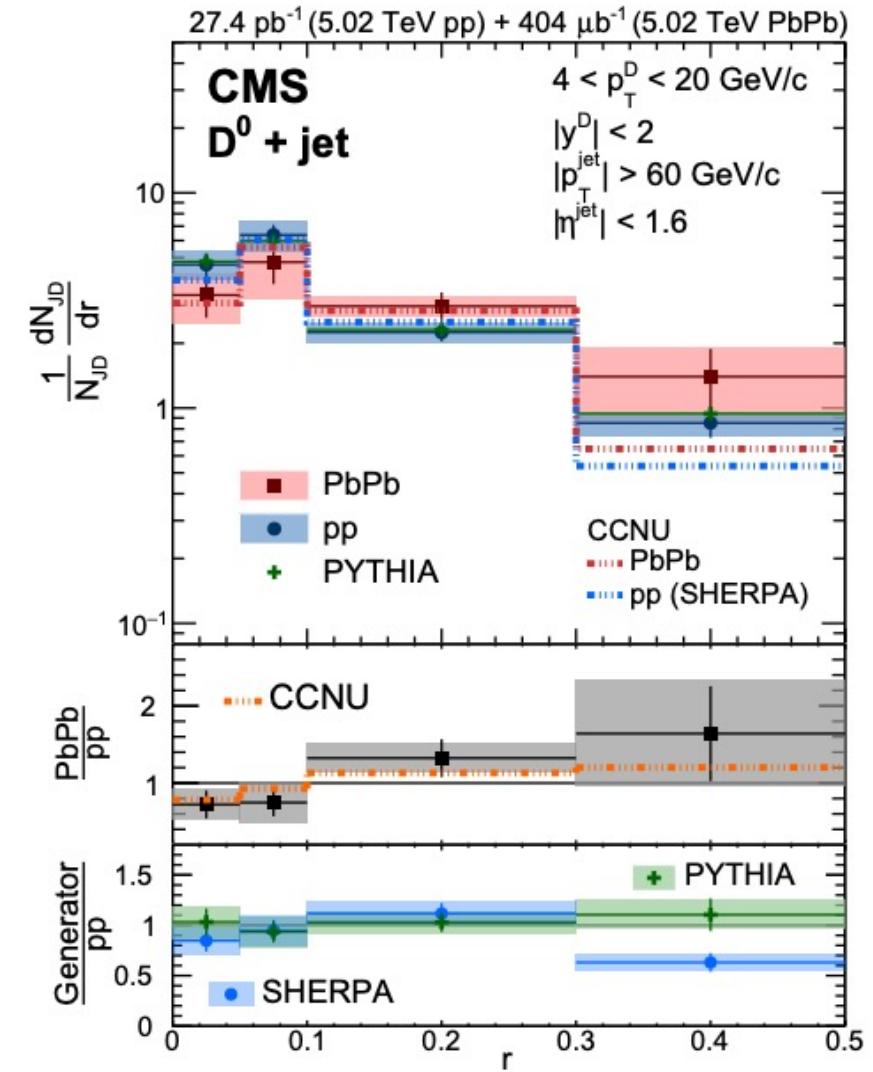
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Low p_T D^0 mesons diffused in
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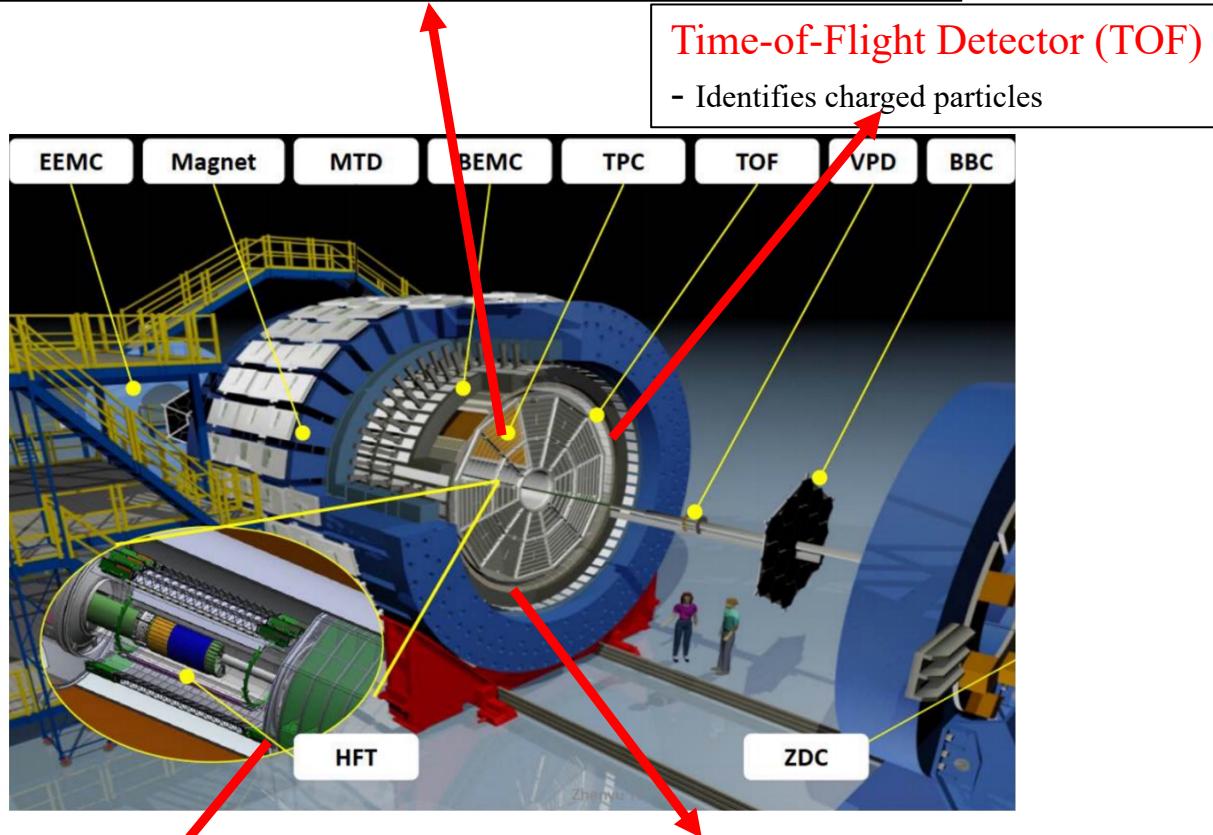


- Lower p_T D^0 mesons can be reconstructed at RHIC energies
- The contribution from the underlying background is smaller at RHIC

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 :

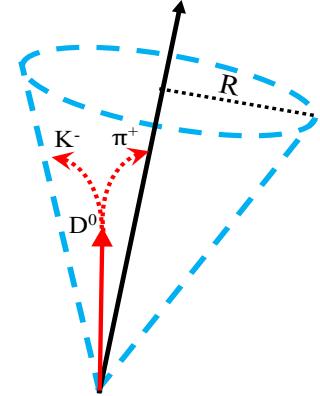
- Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$, Year 2014
- Minimum bias (MB)
- Centrality $\in [0, 80]\%$ (3 bins: [0-10], [10-40], [40-80])

Constituent Selection :

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

D^0 Jet Selection :

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

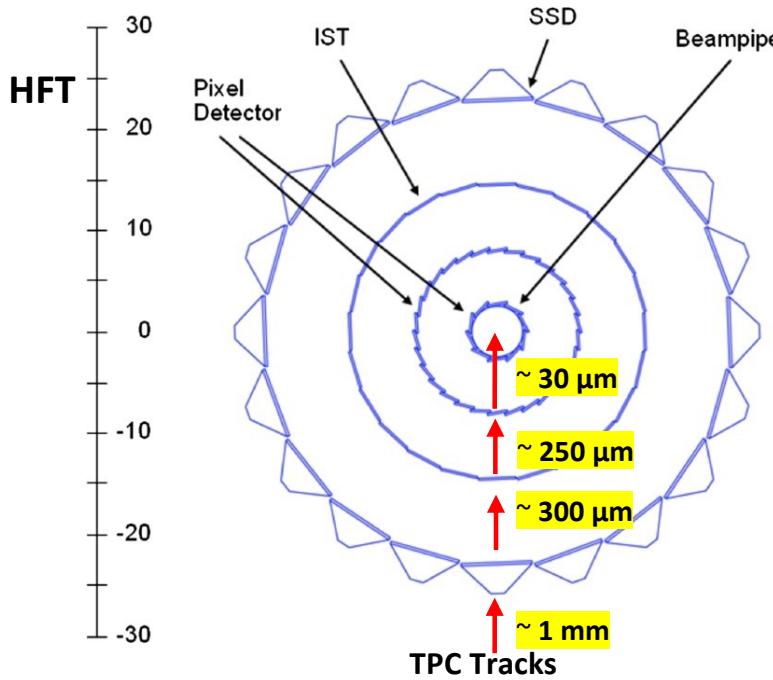


Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)

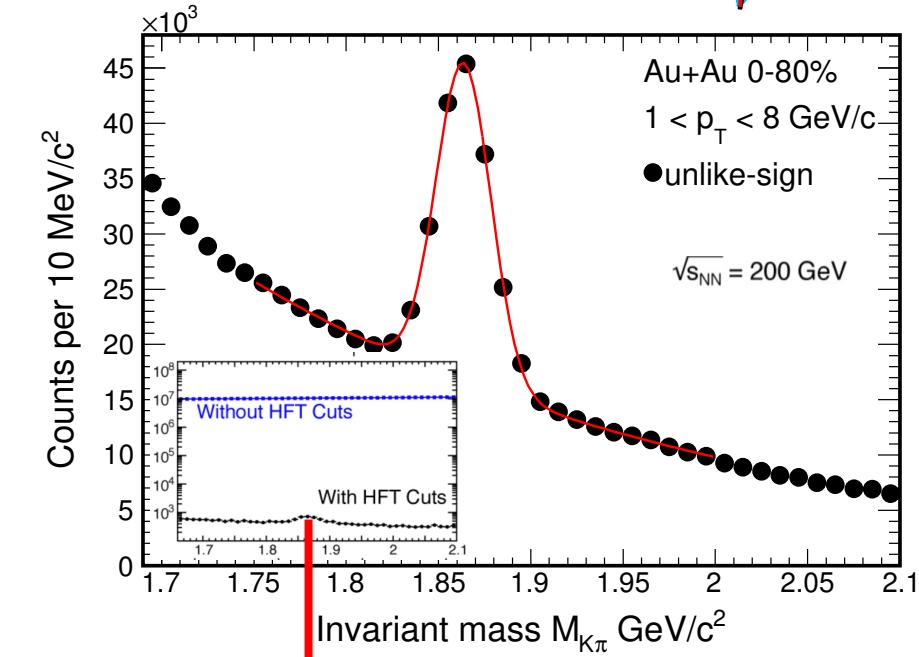
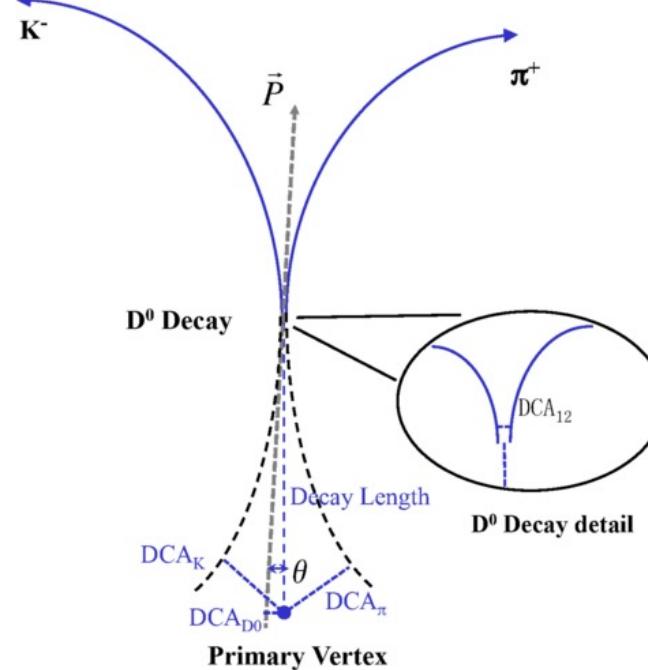
- Improves position resolution for tracks

D^0 Reconstruction

- Kaon and Pions identified using TPC and TOF



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Topological cuts on the D^0 candidates improve signal significance

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

D⁰-Jet Yield Extraction

*s*Plot

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- Native class in RooStats + widely used in HEP
- Unbinned maximum likelihood fit to invariant mass integrated over all kinematics
- $p_{T,\text{Jet}}$ and ΔR histograms with all D⁰-jet candidates using sWeights
- Trivial to include reconstruction efficiencies versus D⁰ 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)

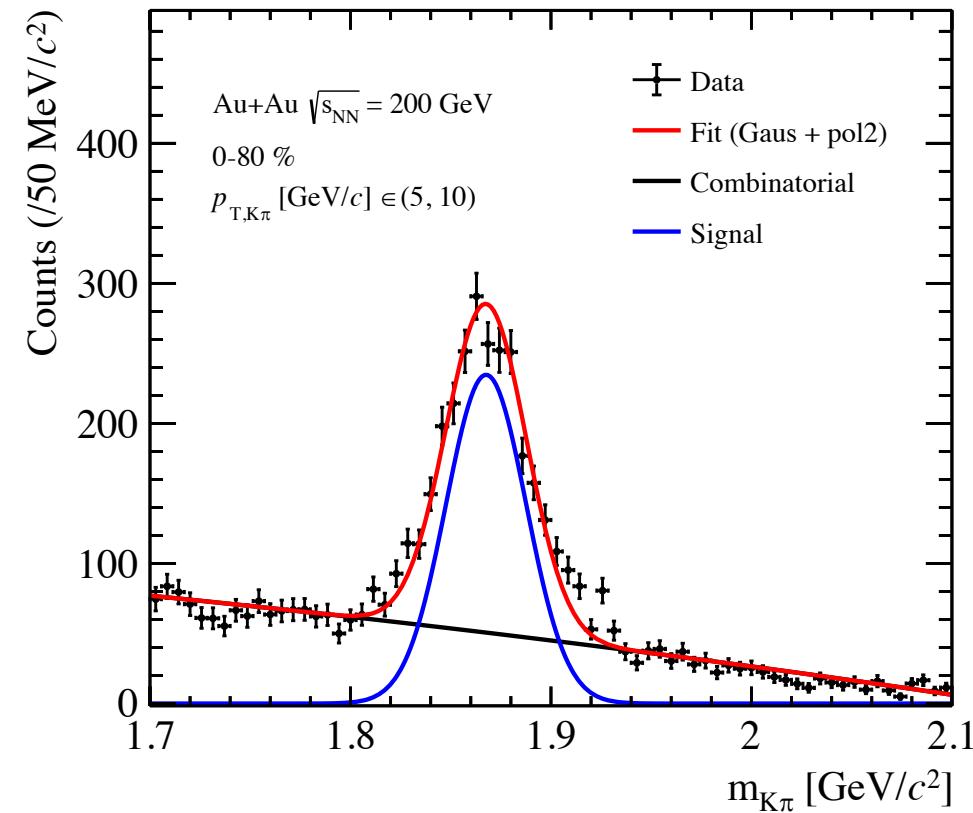
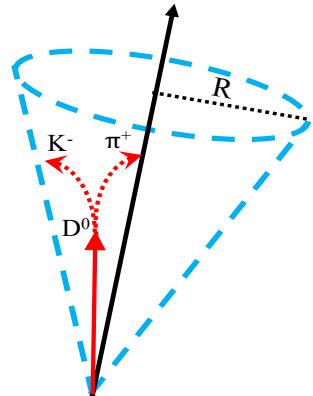
N_k = k -th yield ($T=2$)

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

V = cov. matrix

Efficiency Correction →

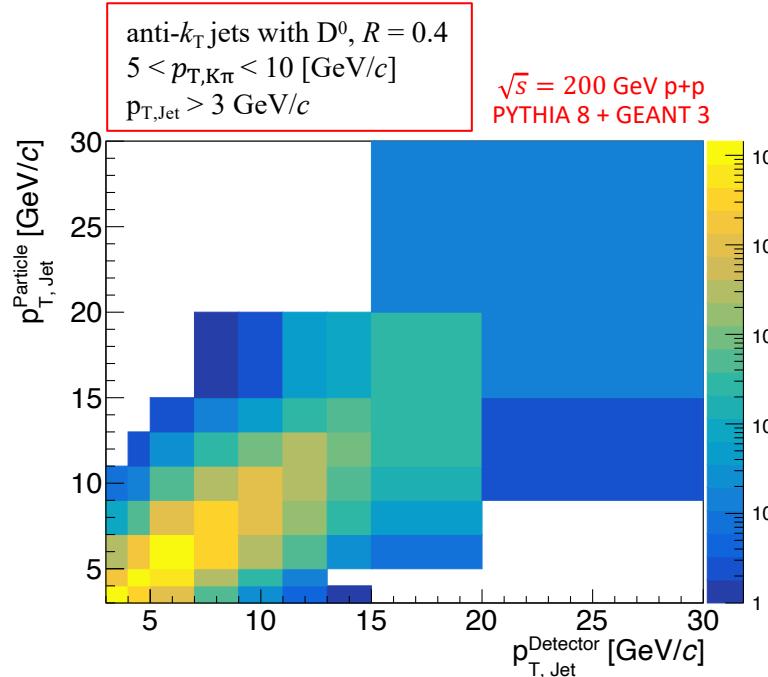
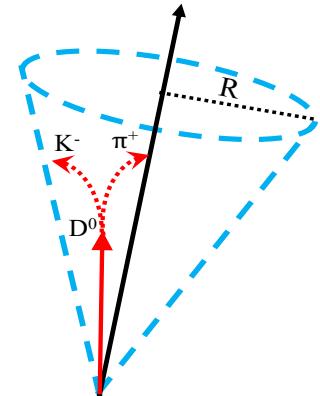
$${}^s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) \rightarrow \frac{{}^s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i})}{\varepsilon(m_{K\pi,i})}$$



For more information about *s*Plot, visit poster by Matthew Kelsey [T11_2, #367].

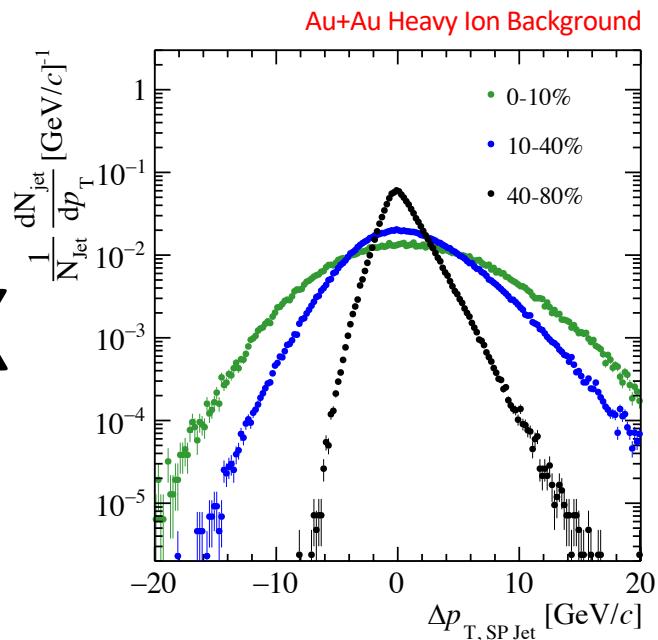
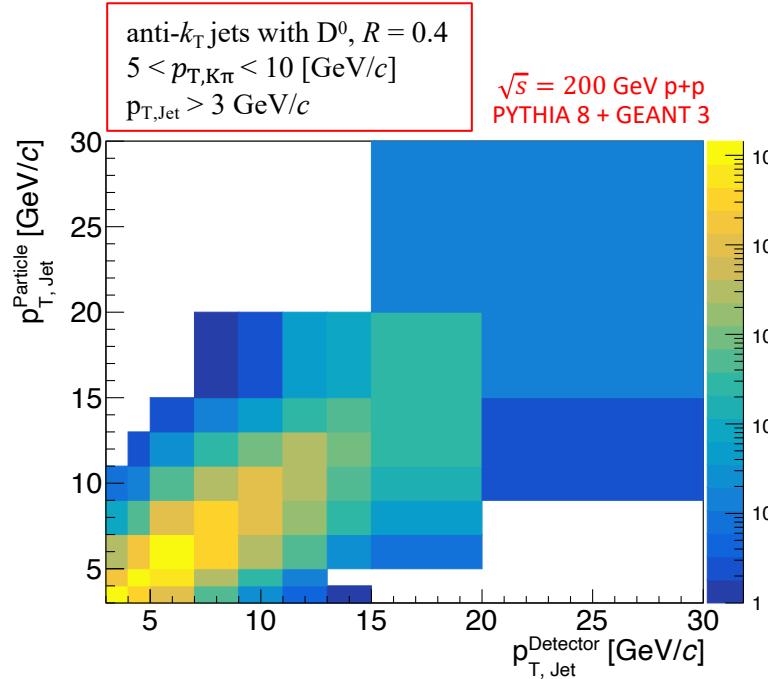
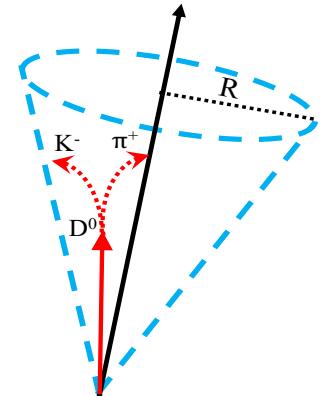
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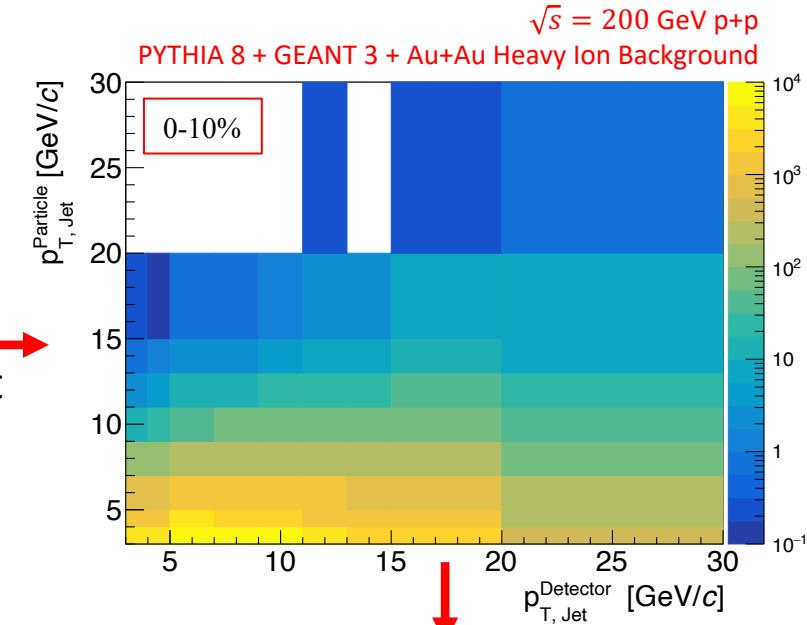
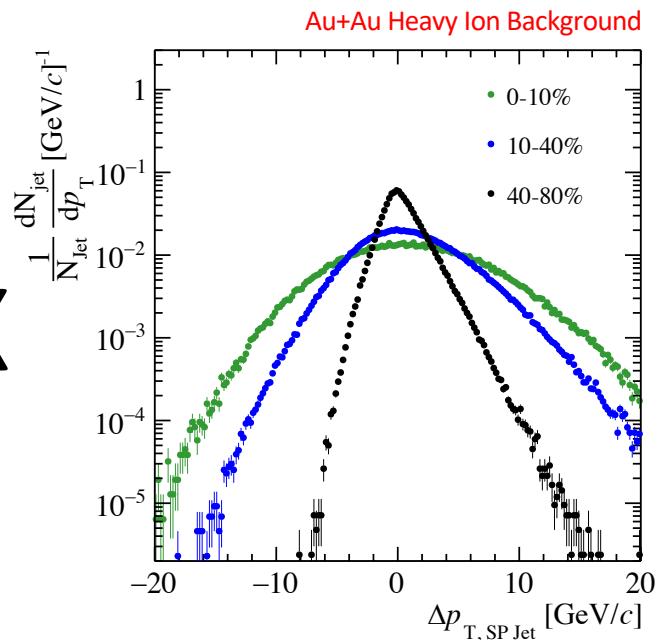
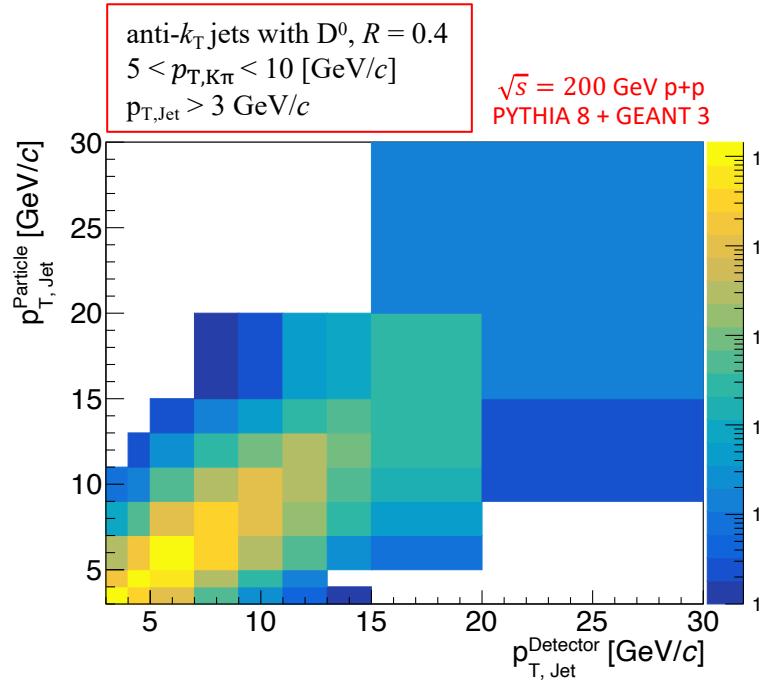
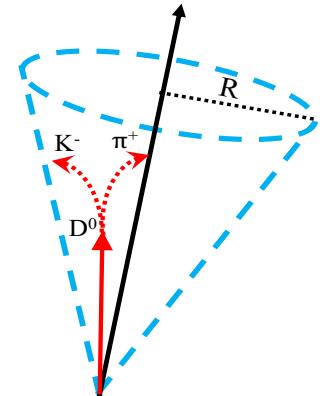
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Final response matrix to unfold $p_{T,Jet}$

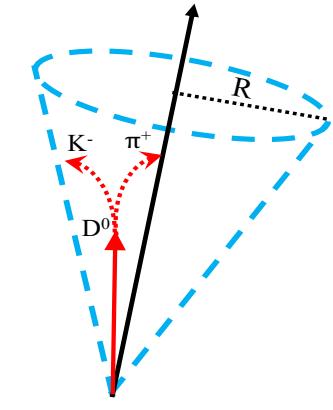
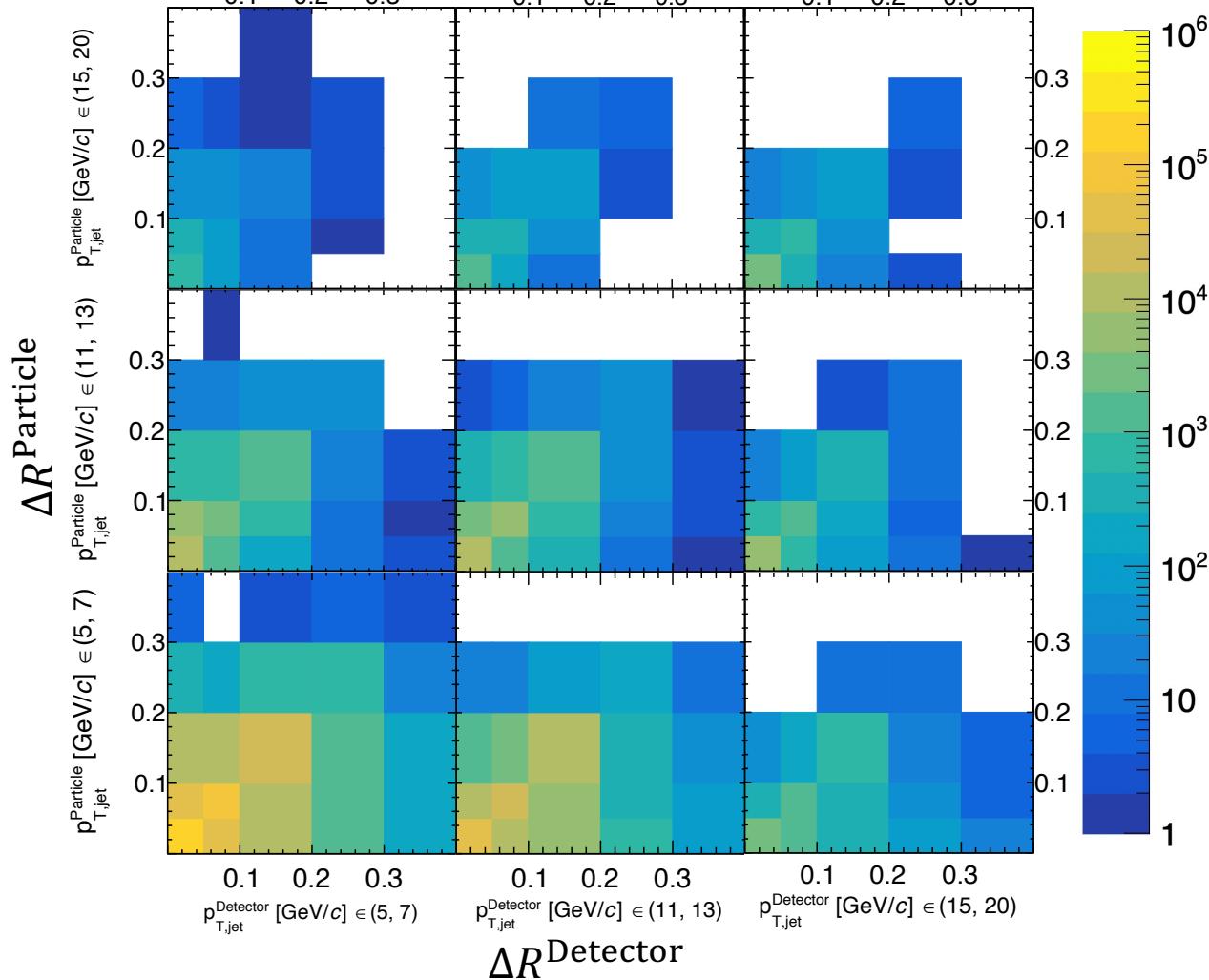
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anti- k_T jets with D^0 , $R = 0.4$
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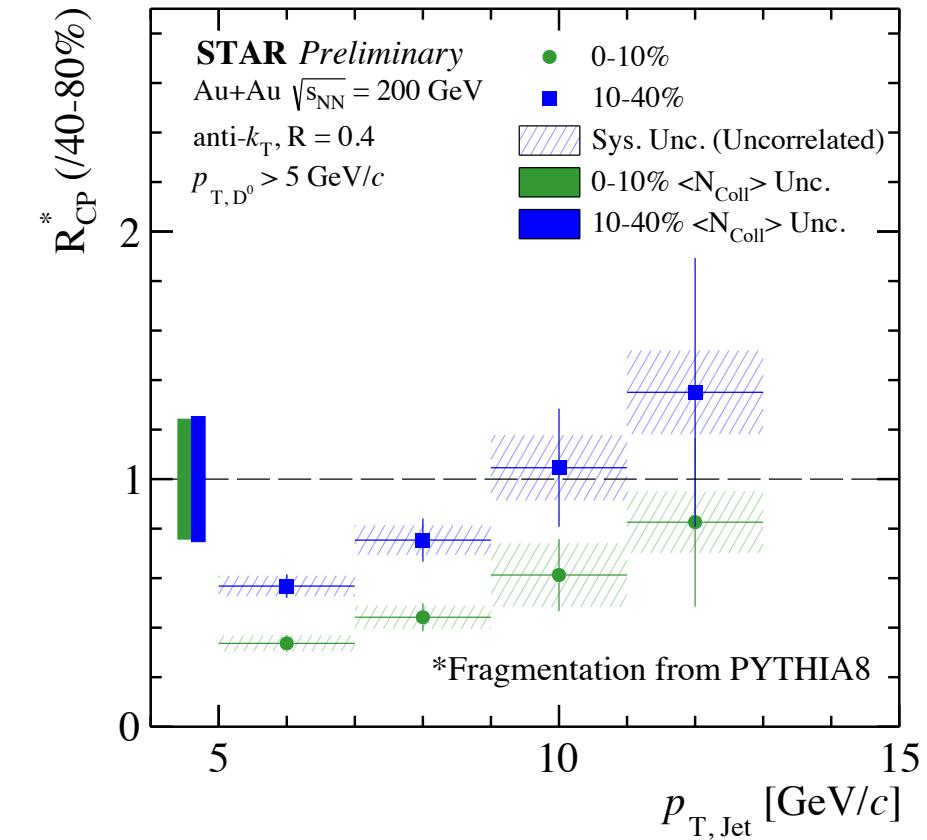
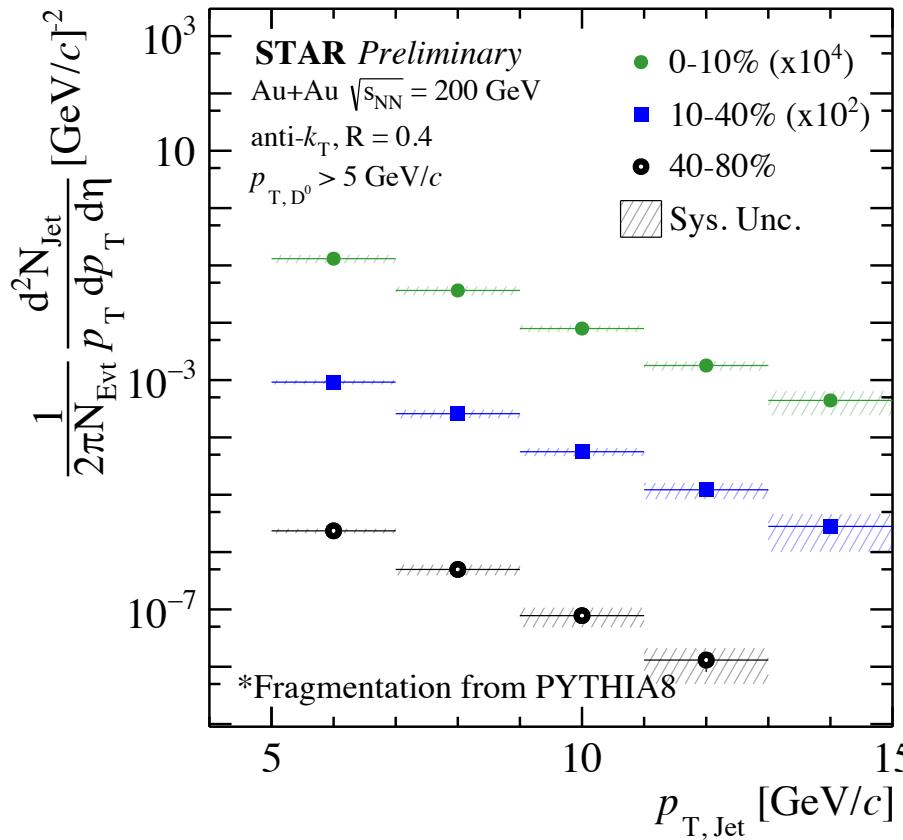
$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV } p+p$
PYTHIA 8 + GEANT 3
Au+Au Heavy Ion Background

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Jet Spectra

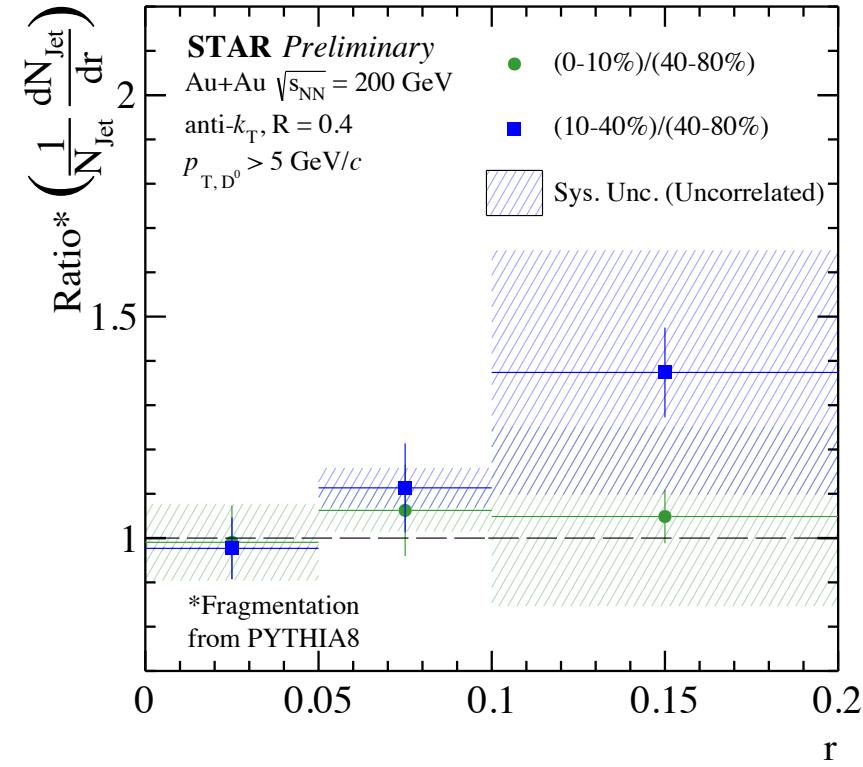
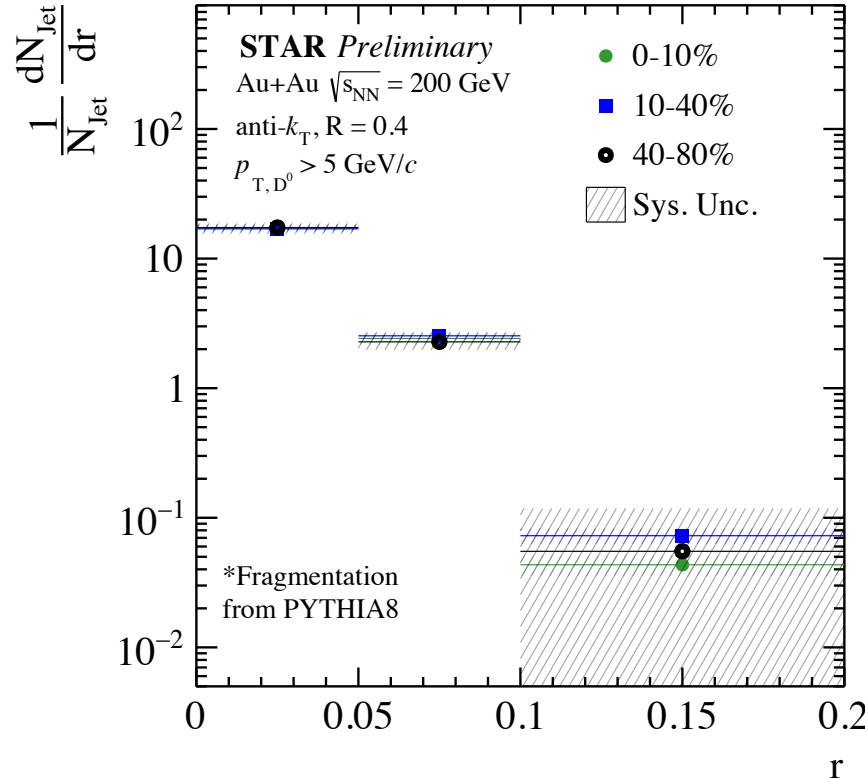
New For QM22



- Central spectra is more suppressed than mid-central
- R_{CP} for both central and mid-central show an increasing trend with p_T
- Peripheral has limited statistics with the $D^0 p_T$ cut. R_{CP} is severely limited by peripheral statistics.
- p+p baseline for R_{AA} calculation at STAR would be beneficial

Radial Distribution of D⁰ Mesons in Jets

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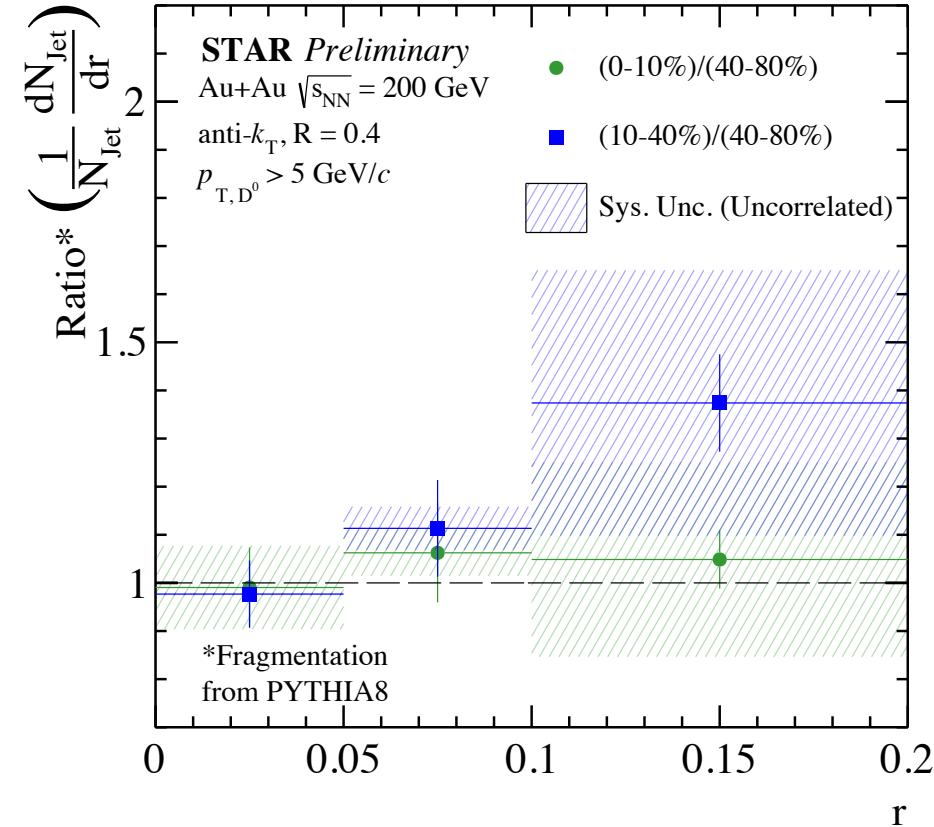
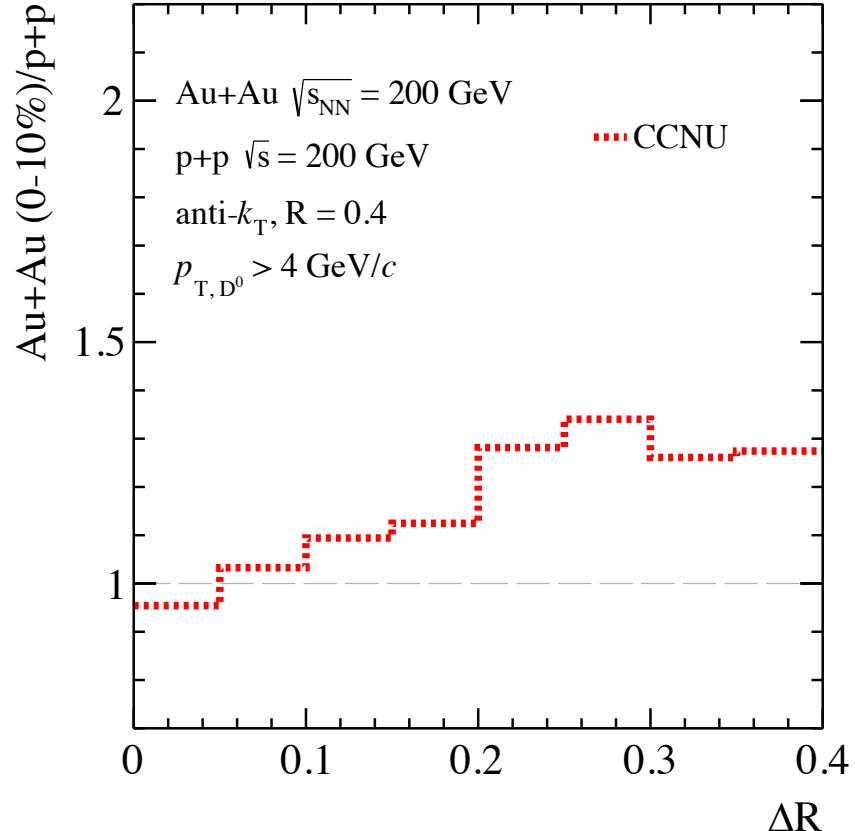


- For $D^0 p_T > 5$ GeV/c, the ratio of radial distributions is consistent with unity, within uncertainties
- Extending the analysis to lower D^0 kinematics important to draw conclusions about D^0 diffusion

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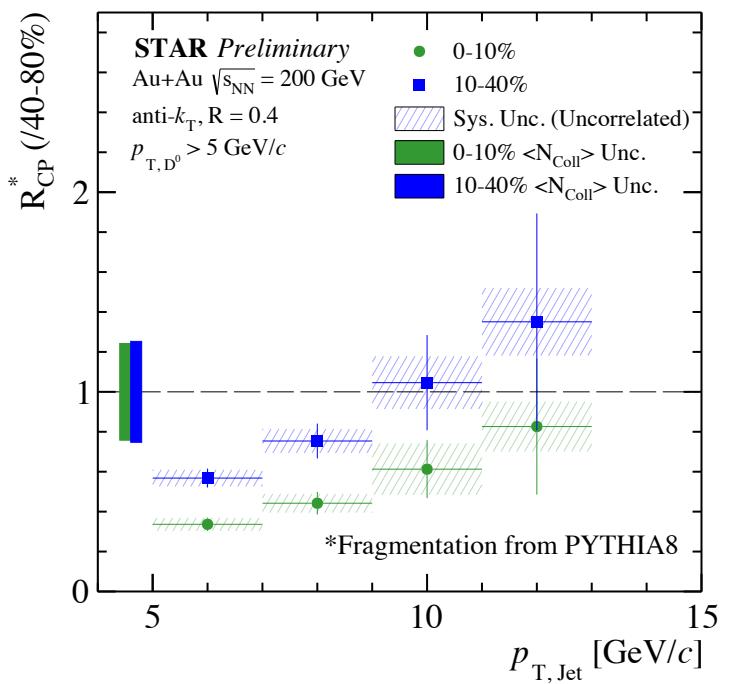
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- Qualitatively, different from the predictions from CCNU for R_{AA}

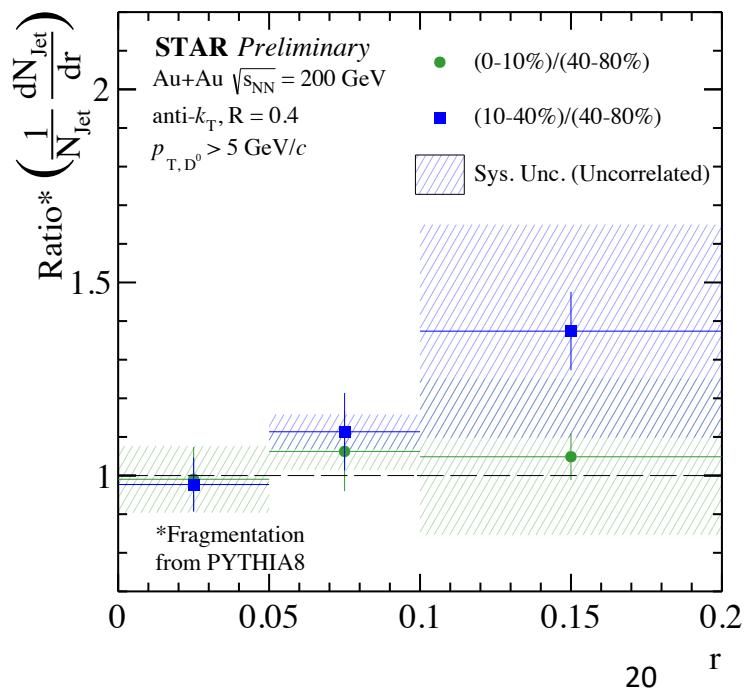
Summary

- First charm-jet measurement at RHIC energies
- Spectra for D^0 -jets in central and mid-central events suppressed with respect to peripheral in the p_T range of 5-9 GeV/c
- Radial distribution of D^0 mesons in jets consistent with unity, within uncertainties.



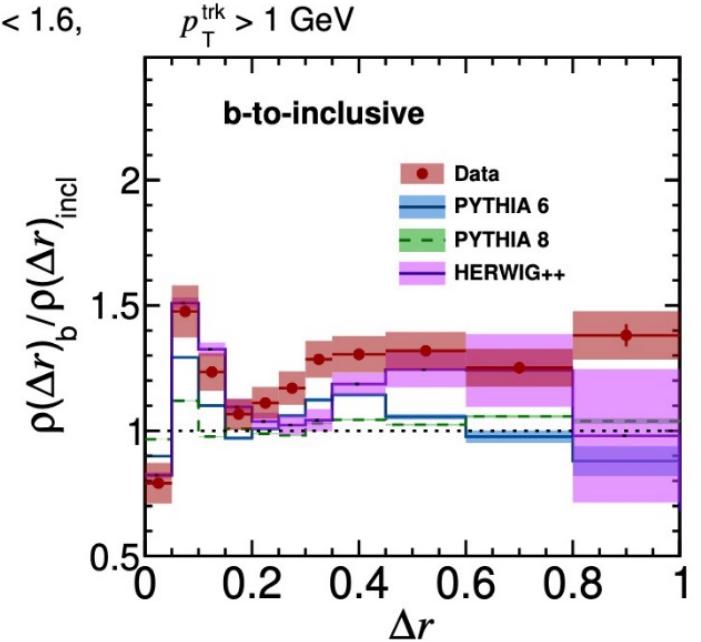
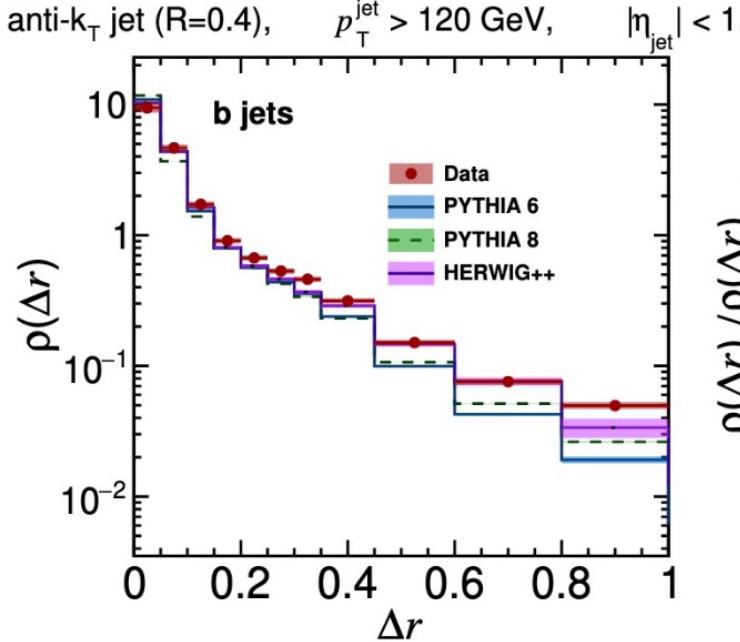
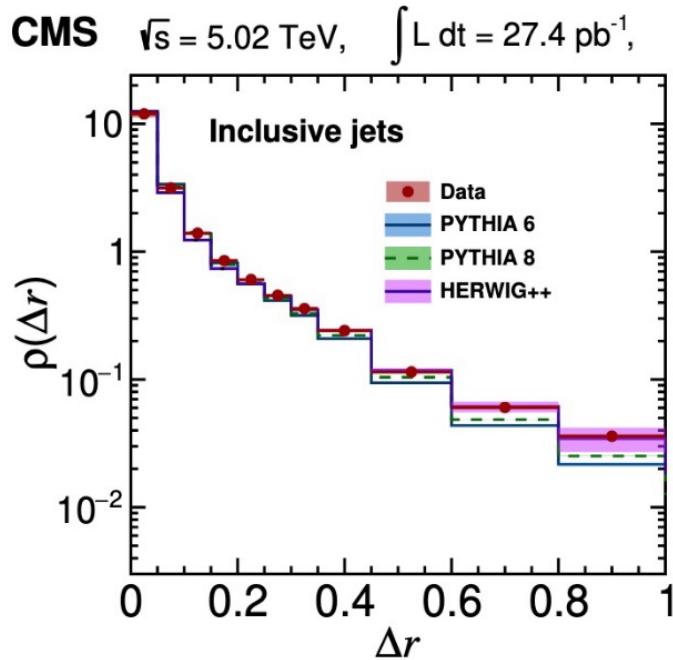
Outlook

- Will study the dependence of the observables on the fragmentation function of heavy quarks in simulation
- Will explore low $D^0 p_T$ ranges to extend kinematic acceptance



Backup

Differential jet shape for heavy quark in vacuum

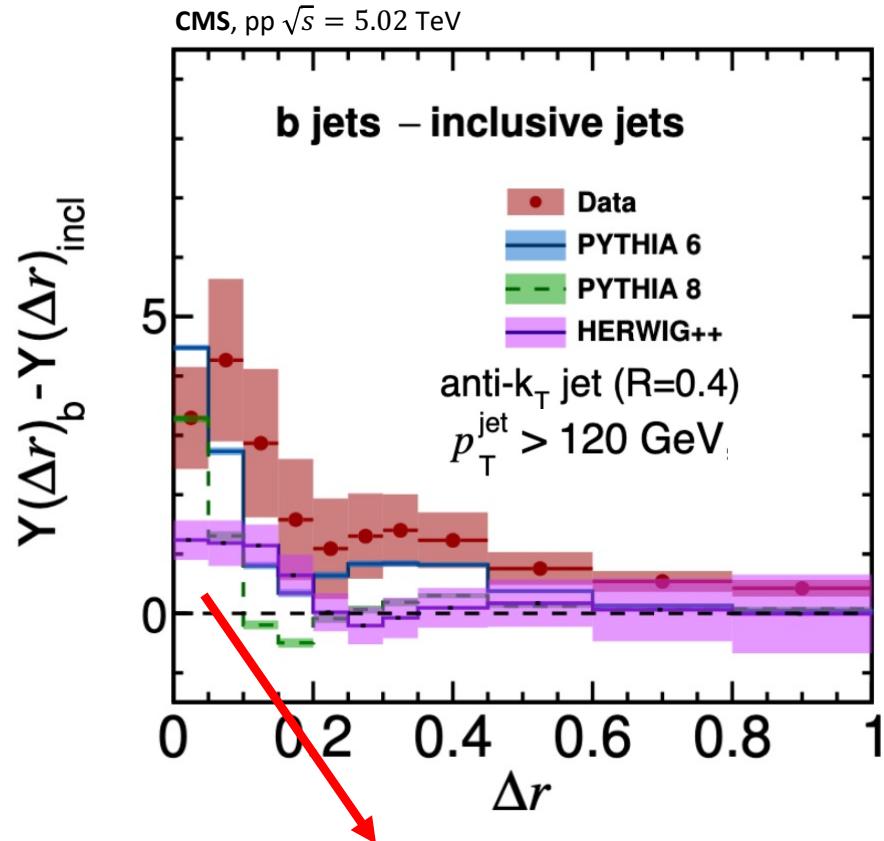


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**Bottom quark jet (b-jets) shapes modified in vacuum,
possibly due to dead cone**

Fragmentation pattern for heavy quark

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$$Y(\Delta r) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{trk}}}{d\Delta r dp_T^{\text{trk}}}$$

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