

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

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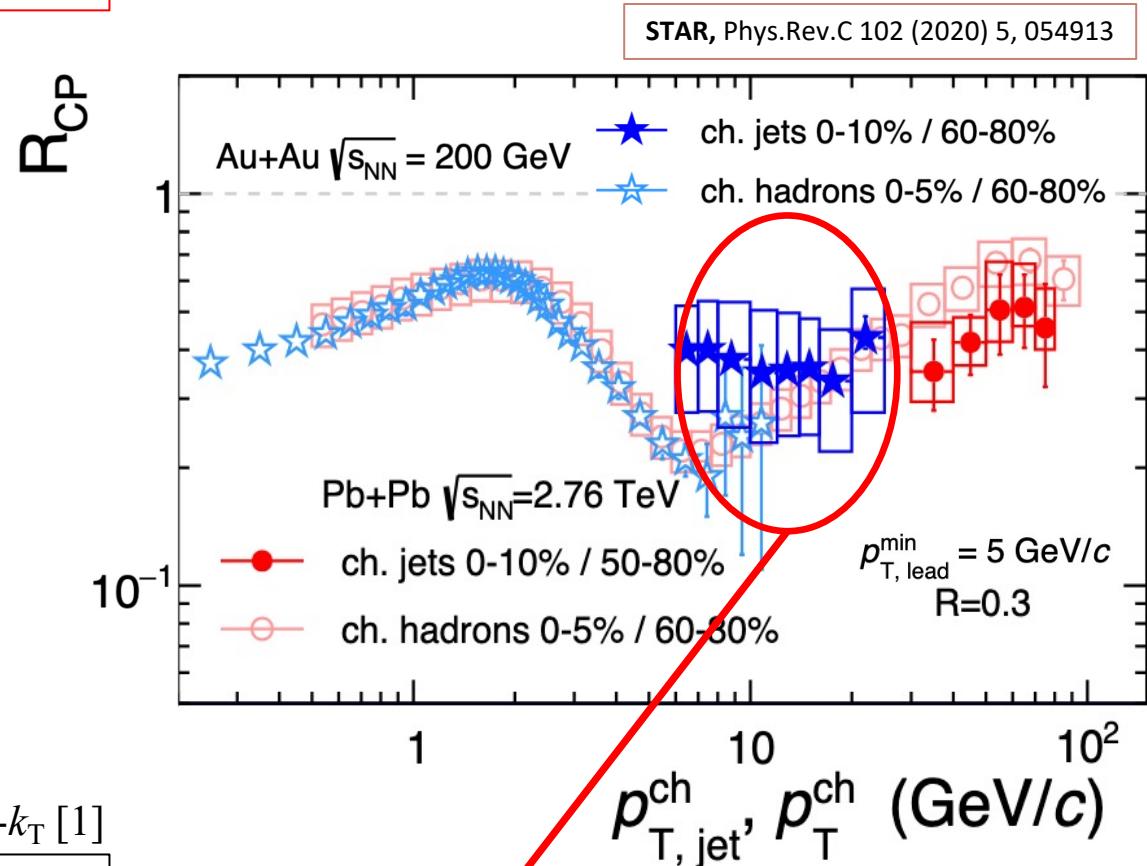
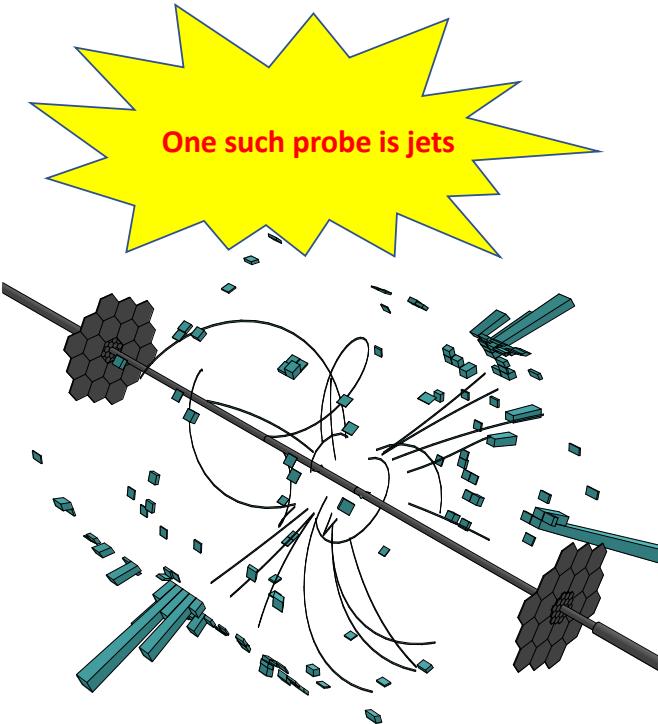
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# Jets in Heavy Ion Collisions

Strong interaction between high  $p_T$  partons and medium  $\rightarrow$  Way to probe Quark-Gluon Plasma



- Jets reconstructed in experiment by a clustering algorithm, commonly anti- $k_T$  [1]
- **Loss of parton energy** in the QGP medium
- **Parton shower broadened** due to medium-induced radiation and scattering

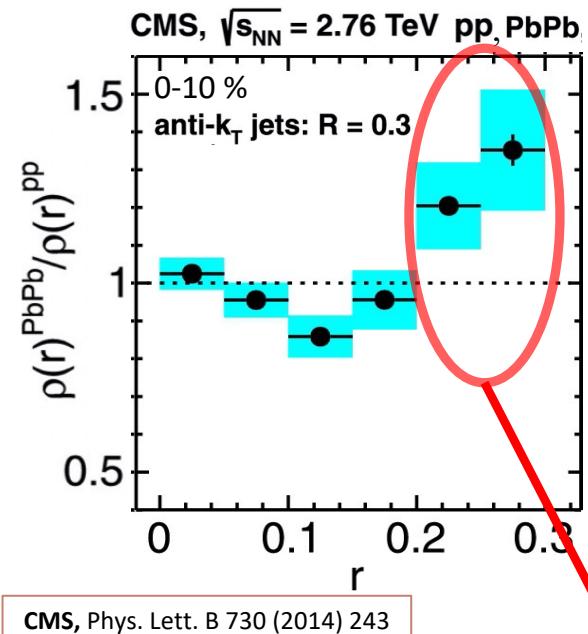
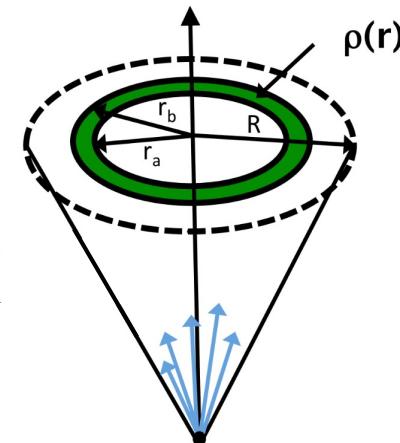
1. Phys. Lett. B 641 (2006) 57-61

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

# Previous Jet Shape Results

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{\Delta r} \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \sum_{\text{jet}} \frac{\sum_{\text{track} \in (r_a, r_b)} p_{T,\text{track}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}}$$

$$r = \sqrt{(\eta_{\text{track}} - \eta_{\text{jet}})^2 + (\phi_{\text{track}} - \phi_{\text{jet}})^2}$$

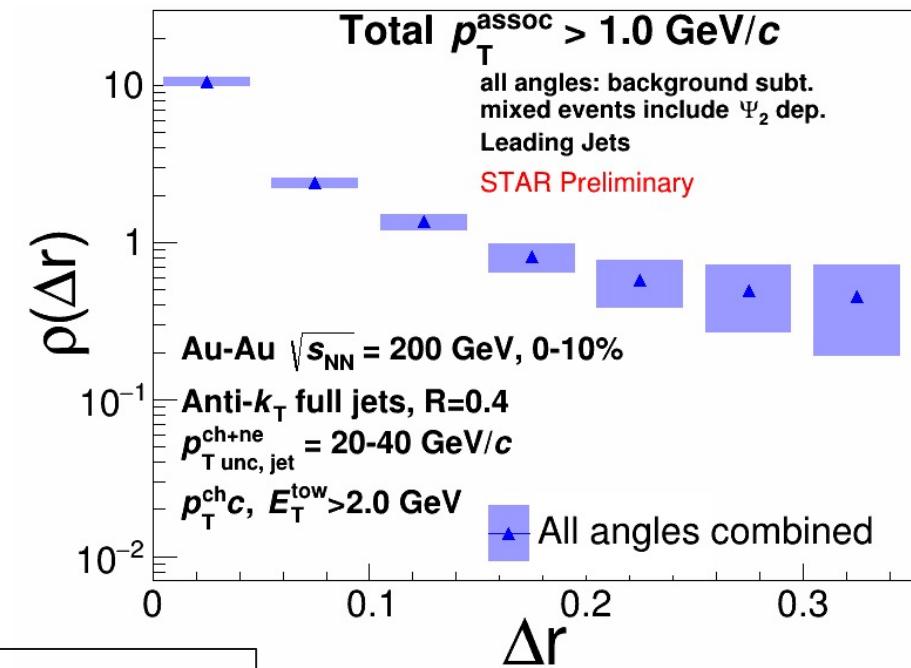


Possible mechanisms:

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

Dependent on the mass of the underlying parton

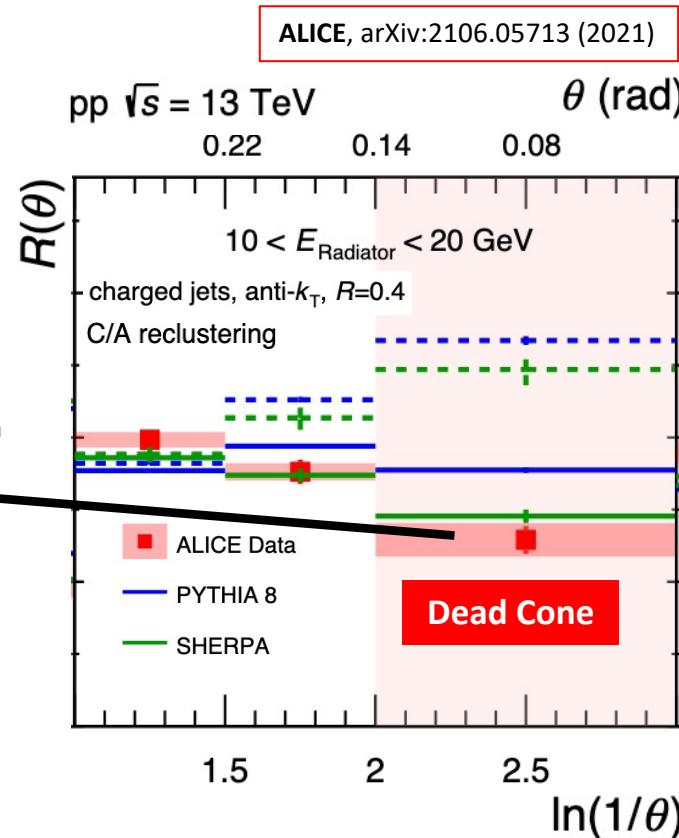
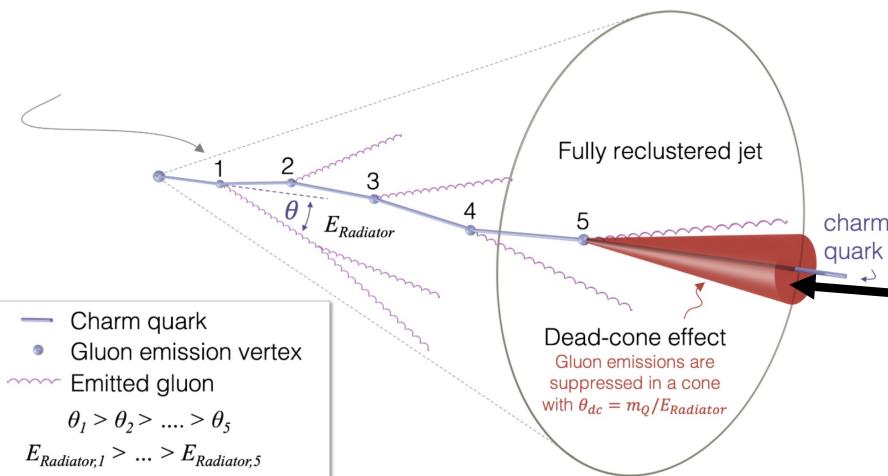
Jet energy is redistributed to large distances from the jet axis in the presence of QGP.



Motivation to look at heavy-flavor jets

# Jets from Heavy Flavor

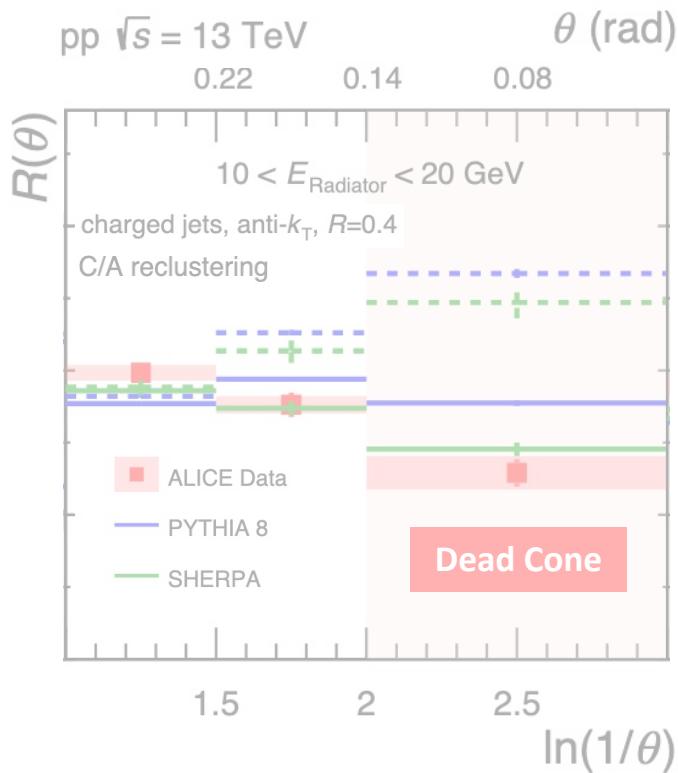
$$R(\theta) = \frac{1}{N^{D^0 \text{ jets}}} \frac{dn^{D^0 \text{ jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)} / \frac{1}{N^{\text{inclusive jets}}} \frac{dn^{\text{inclusive jets}}}{d\ln(1/\theta)}$$



Heavy-flavor emission spectra modified due to  
dead-cone in vacuum

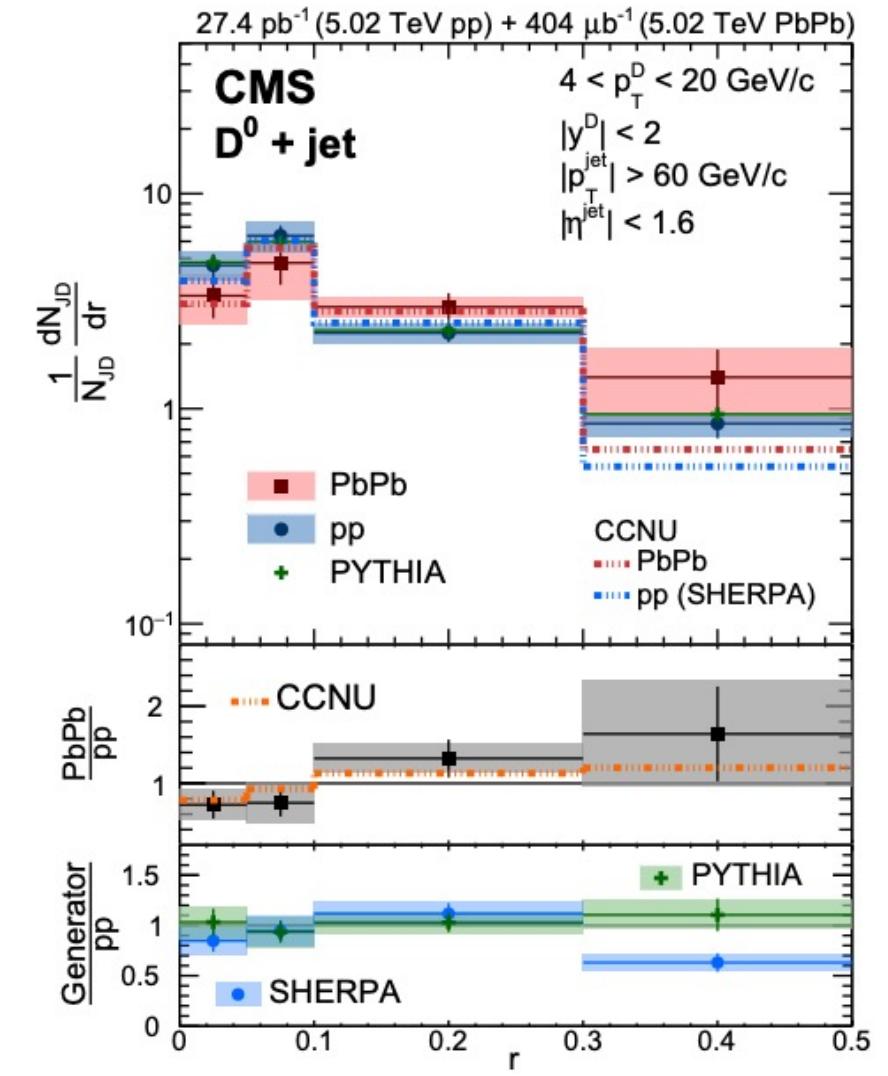
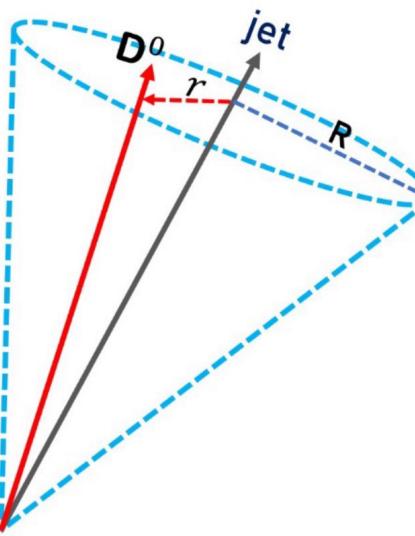
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Low  $p_T$   $D^0$  mesons diffused in  
the presence of QGP



At RHIC energies, stronger modification expected as energy is closer to charm quark mass

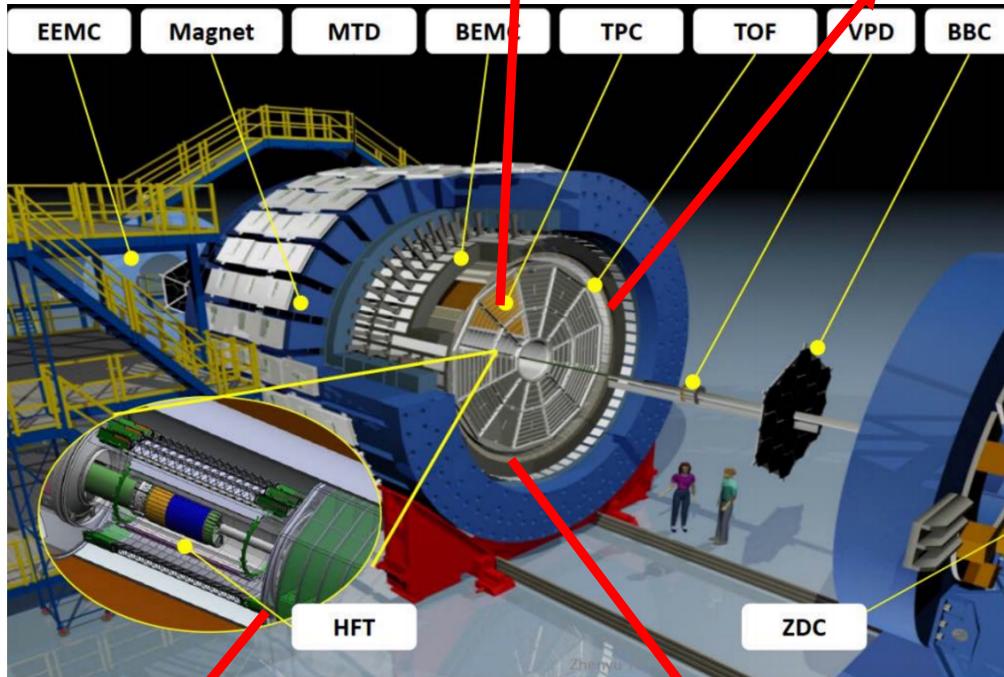
# STAR Detector & Selection Criteria

## Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- Measures momentum, track trajectory, and identifies charged particles

## Time-of-Flight Detector (TOF)

- Identifies charged particles



## Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT)

- Improves position resolution for tracks

## Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- Measures neutral component of energy in jets

## Event Selection :

- Au+Au  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ , Run14
- Minimum bias (MB)
- Centrality  $\in [0, 80]\%$  (3 bins: [0-10], [10-40], [40-80])

## Constituent Selection :

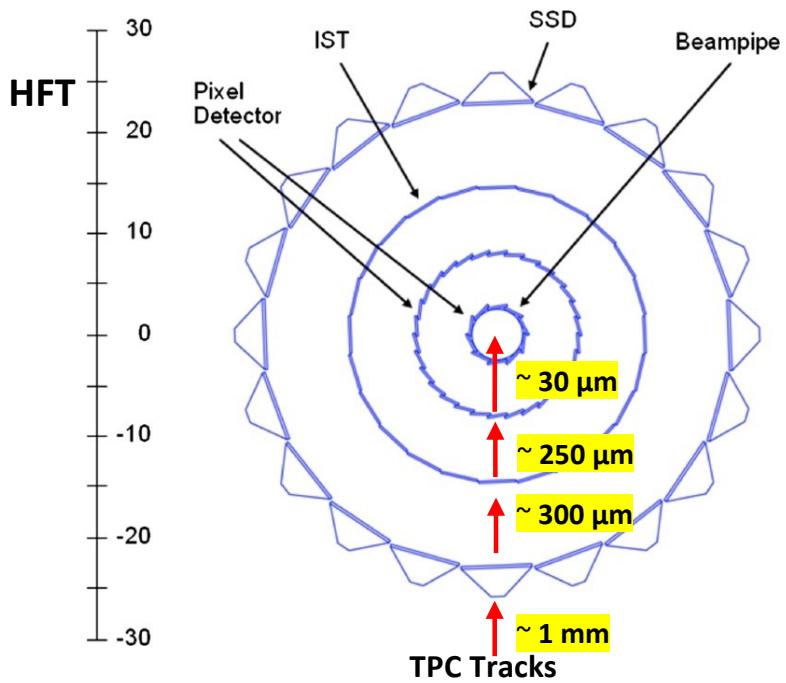
- $0.2 < p_{T,\text{track}} [\text{GeV}/c] < 30 ; 0.2 < p_{T,\text{tower}} [\text{GeV}/c] < 30$
- $|\eta_{\text{track}}| < 1 ; |\eta_{\text{tower}}| < 1$
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^{\mp} + \pi^{\pm}$  [B.R. = 3.82 %]
- For  $D^0$  reconstruction: Tracks need at least two hits in HFT
- $5 < p_{T,D^0} [\text{GeV}/c]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

## $D^0$ Jet Selection :

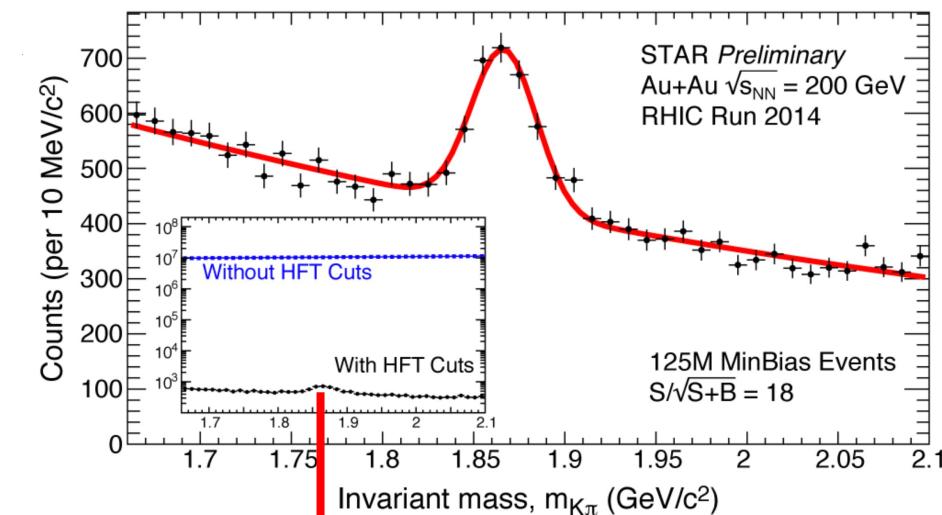
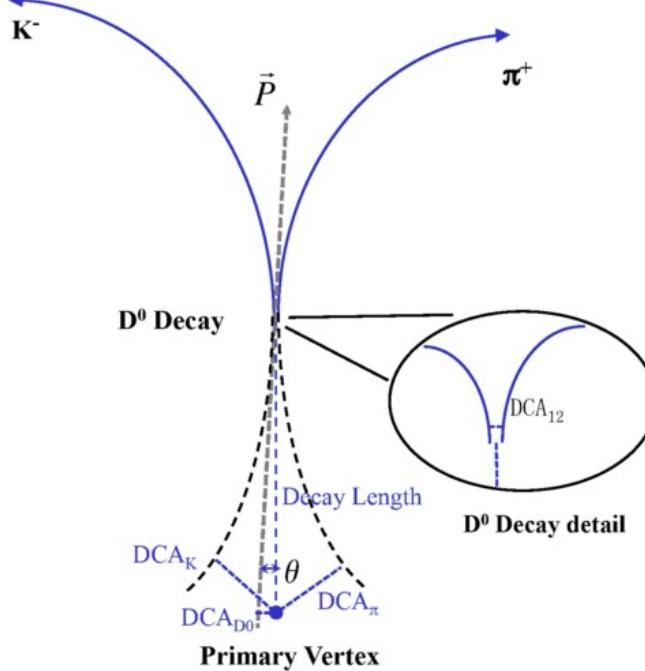
- Anti- $k_T$  full-jets of radius  $R = 0.4$ , area-based background subtraction
- $|\eta_{\text{Jet}}| < 0.6$

# D<sup>0</sup> Reconstruction

- Kaon and Pions identified with hybrid PID from 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 kinematics

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

## sPlot Method

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

sWeights →

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

Unbinned max. likelihood fit

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

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

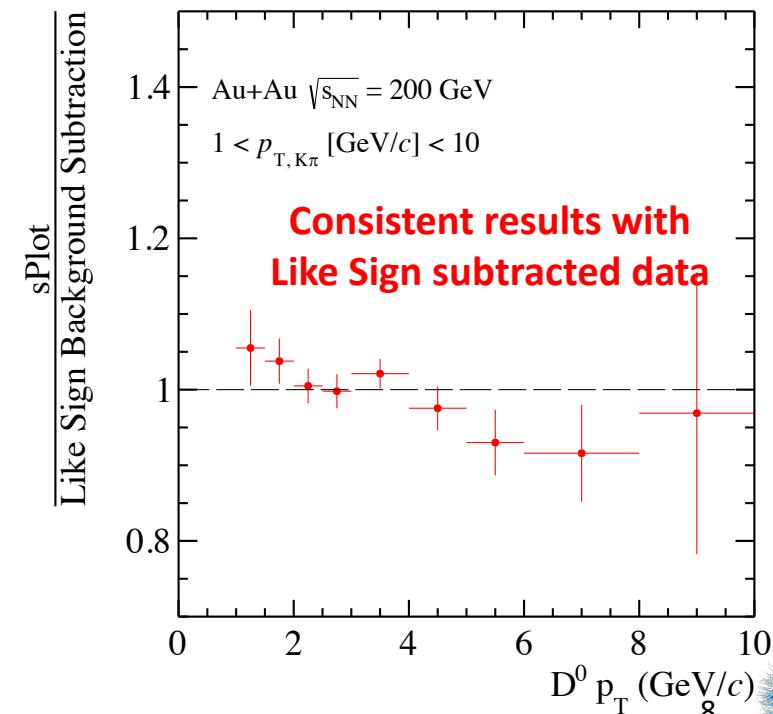
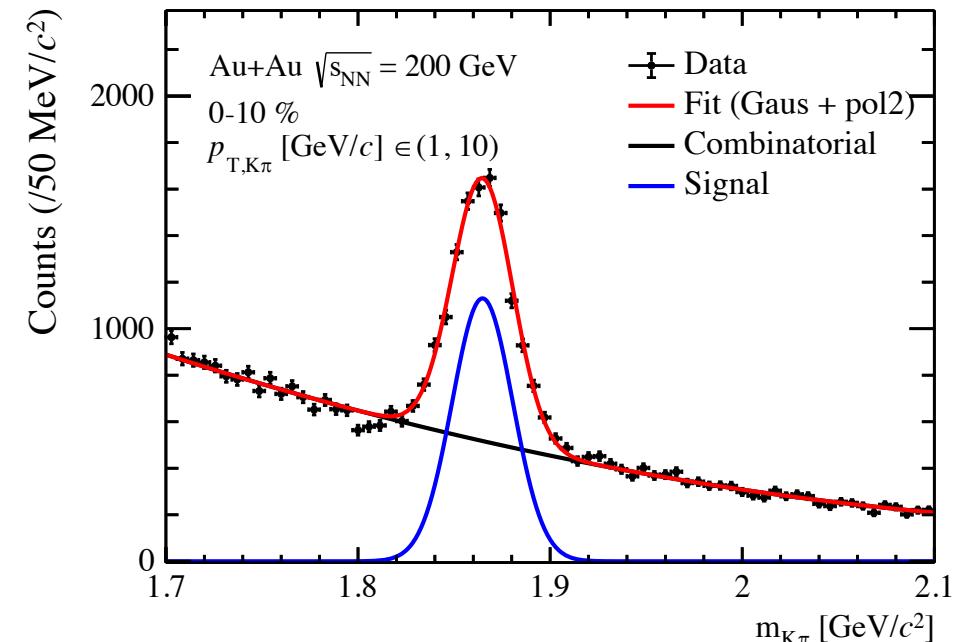
$f_k(m_{K\pi,i})$  = per-event PDF value with  $k^{\text{th}}$  hypothesis

$V$  = cov. matrix

Efficiency Correction in sWeights →

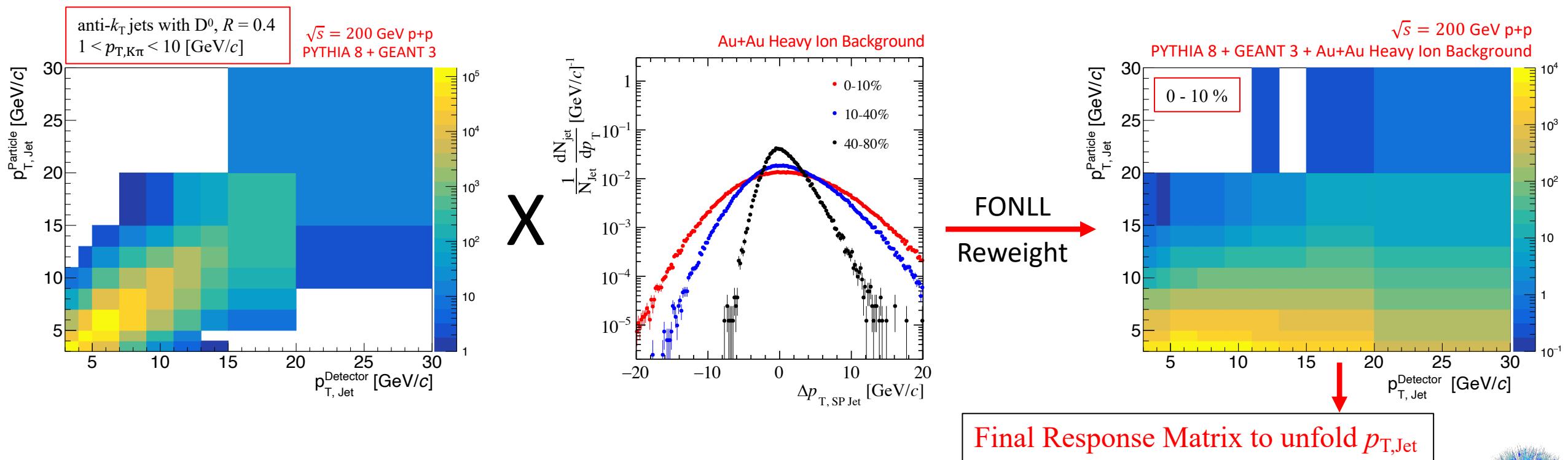
$$s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i}) \rightarrow \frac{s\mathcal{P}_n(m_{K\pi,i})}{\varepsilon(m_{K\pi,i})}$$

For more information about sPlot, visit poster by Matthew Kelsey.

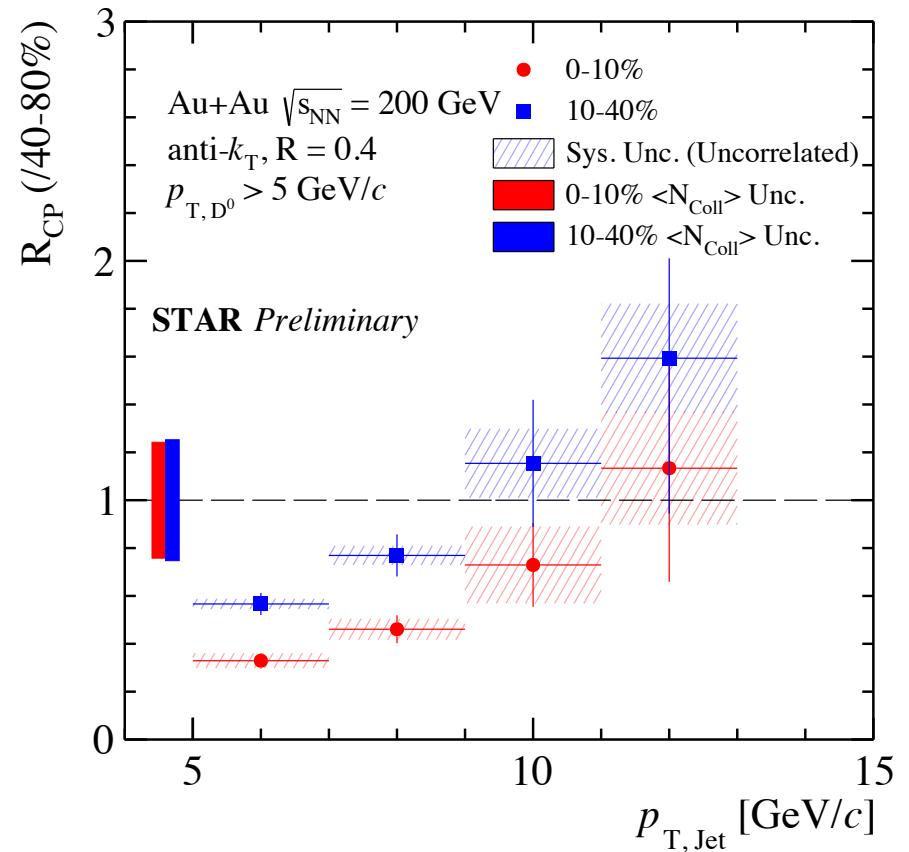
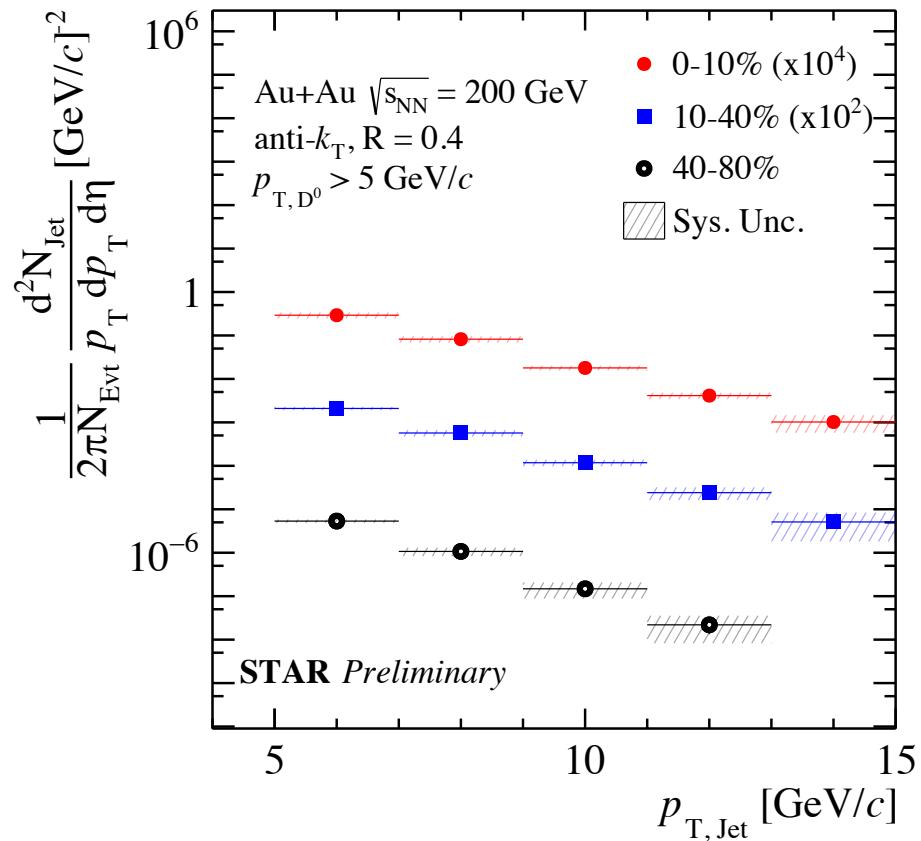


# Unfolding for jet reconstruction inefficiencies

1. Response Matrix for p+p  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV from PYTHIA and GEANT3 to get the detector response
2. Single Particle Embedding in heavy ion event to model fluctuations in area-based background subtraction
3. Reweighting PYTHIA with a prior (FONLL c-quark) to match the shape of the jet  $p_T$  spectra
4. Heavy-flavor jet fragmentation modeled from PYTHIA

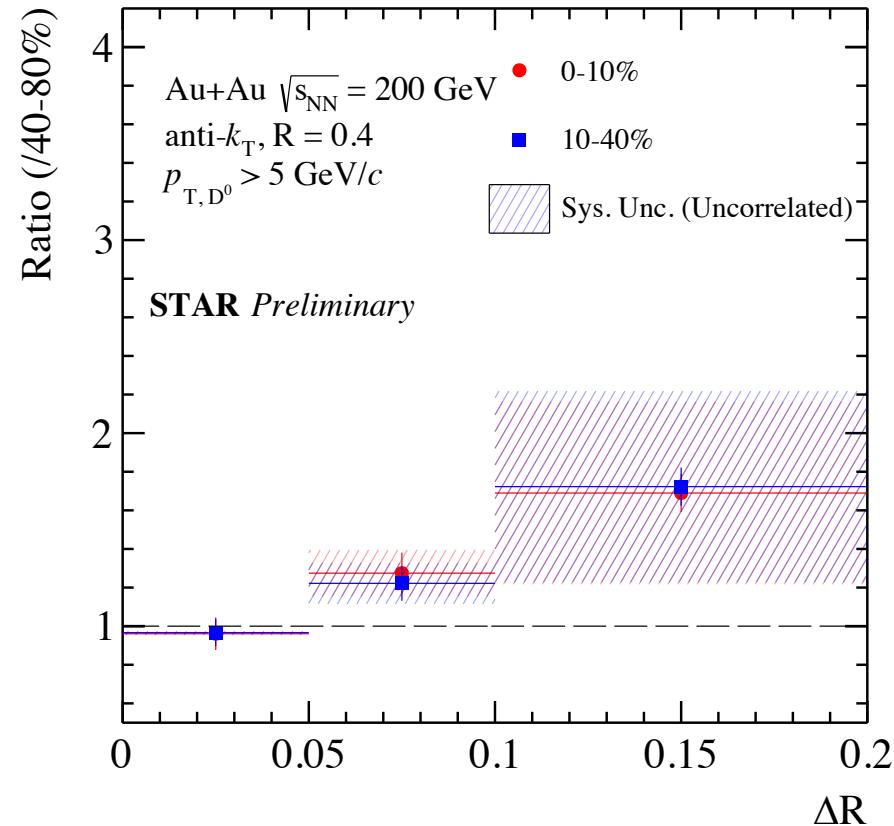
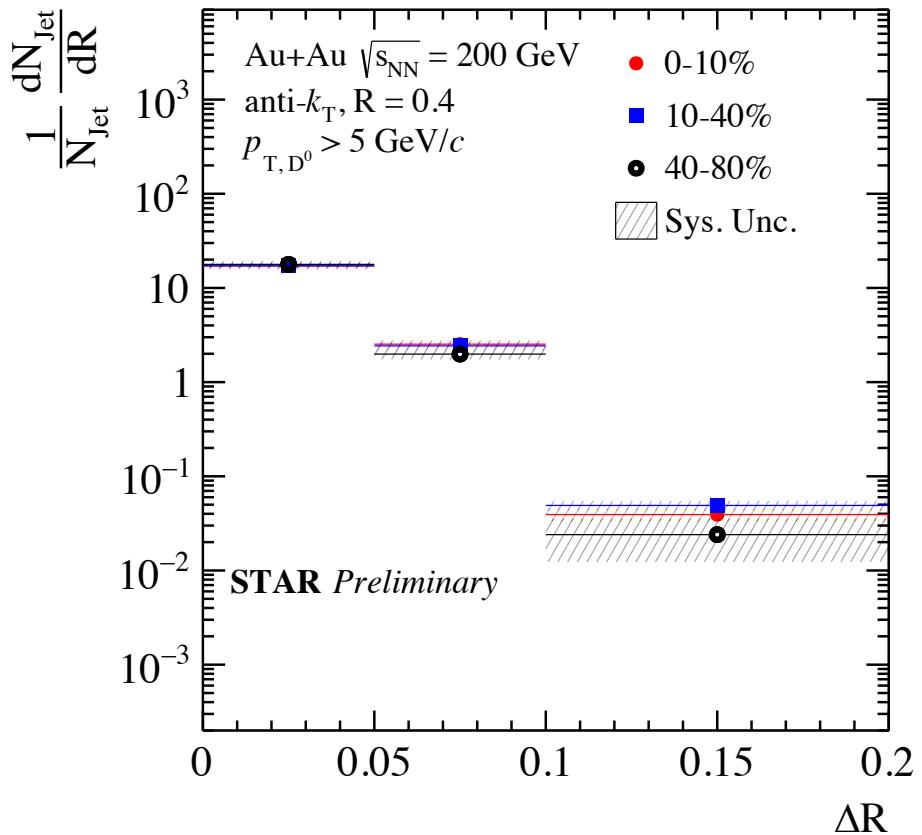


# Jet Spectra



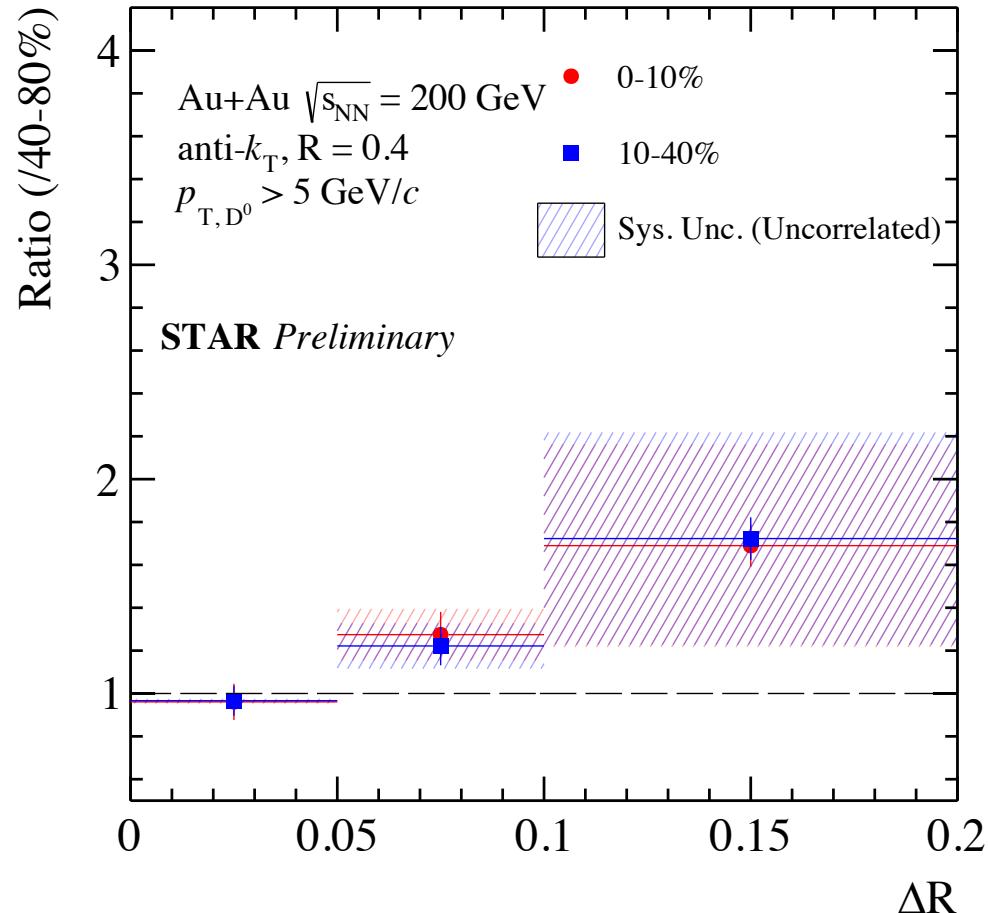
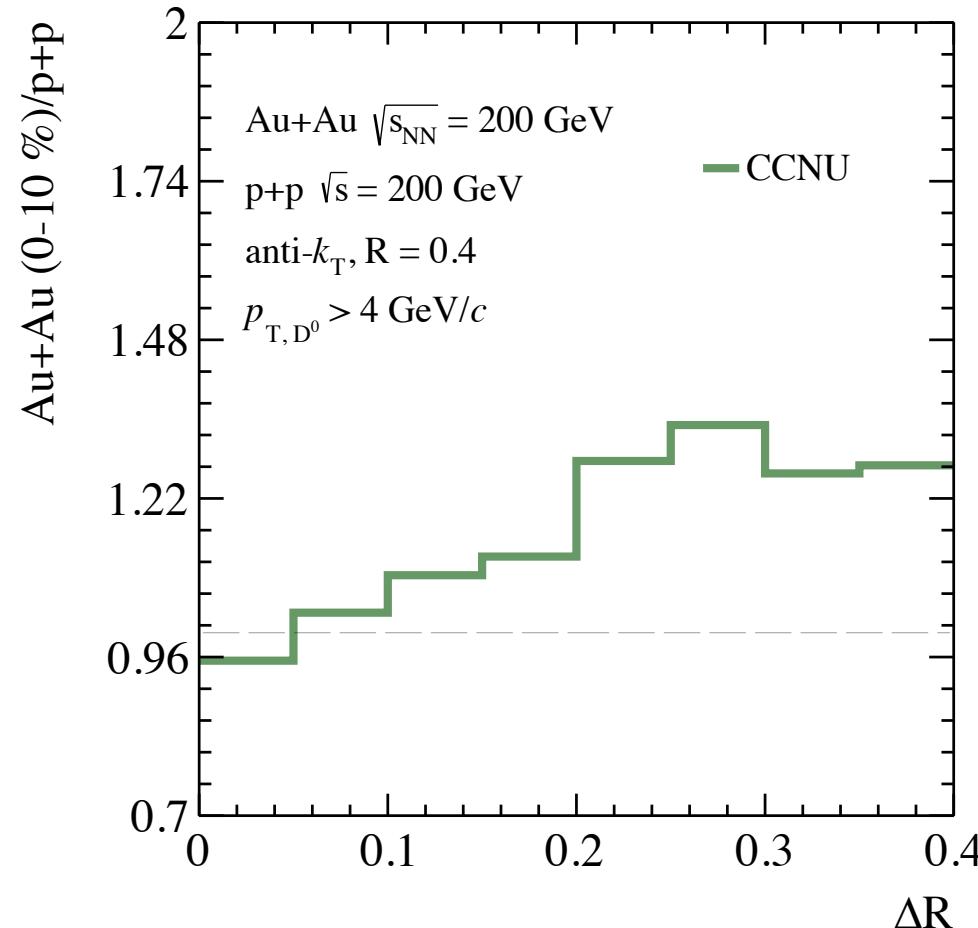
- For central and mid-central, we can measure the spectra upto about 15 GeV/c
- Peripheral has limited statistics with the D<sup>0</sup> p<sub>T</sub> cut. R<sub>CP</sub> is severely limited by peripheral statistics.
- p+p baseline for R<sub>AA</sub> calculation at STAR would be beneficial

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



- Small hint of diffusion in the presence of QGP at STAR energies

# Ratio of Radial Distributions



- Qualitatively, similar to the predictions from CCNU for  $R_{AA}$

# Summary

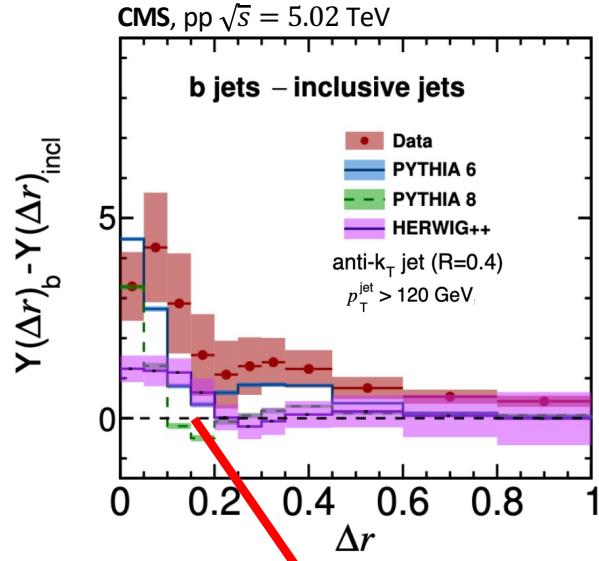
Backup

# Previous Jet Results

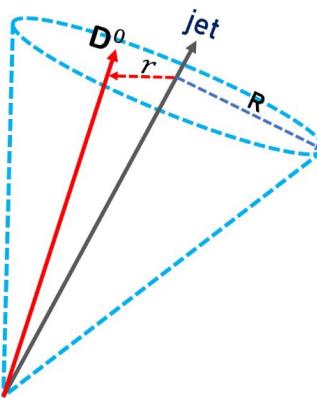
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$$Y(\Delta r) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jets}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{trk}}}{d\Delta r d p_T^{\text{trk}}}$$



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



$$\text{Radial Distribution} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{Jet}, D^0}} \frac{dN_{\text{Jet}, D^0}}{dr}$$

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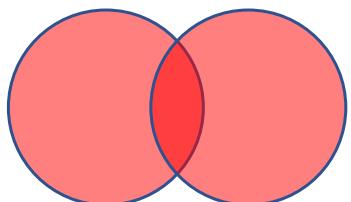


Low  $p_T$   $D^0$ s diffused in the presence of QGP.  
High  $p_T$   $D^0$ s in jets do not show such modification.

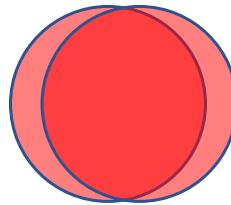
~ Different fragmentation pattern for heavy quarks

~ Trend explained well by models with collisional and radiative corrections [1]

1. Eur.Phys.J. C79 (2019) 789



Decreasing centrality



CMS,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$  pp,  $\int L dt = 5.3 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

PbPb,  $\int L dt = 150 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

CMS, Phys. Lett. B 730 (2014) 243

