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First Measurement of the Jet Charge in $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV pp Collisions at STAR

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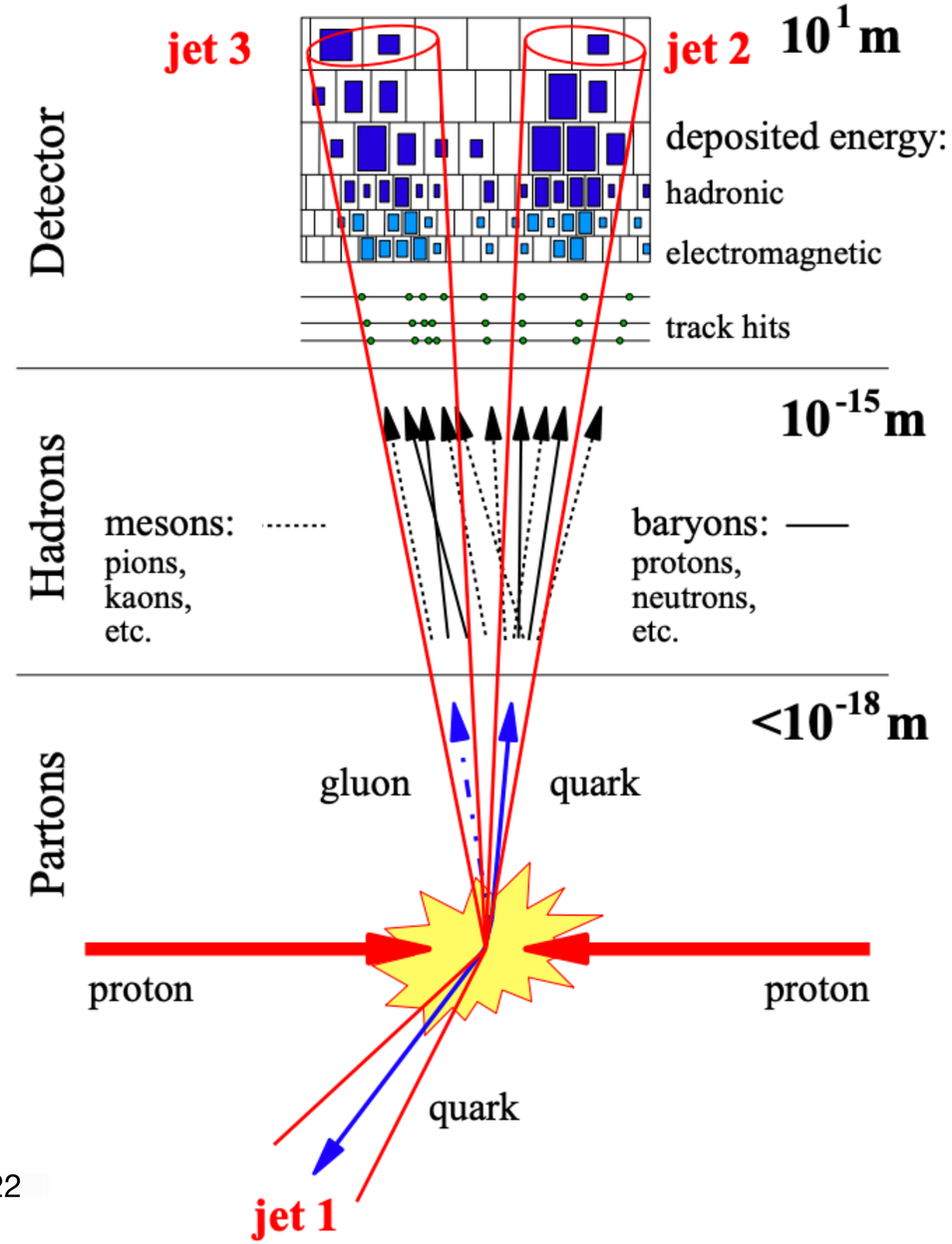
Introduction: Jets

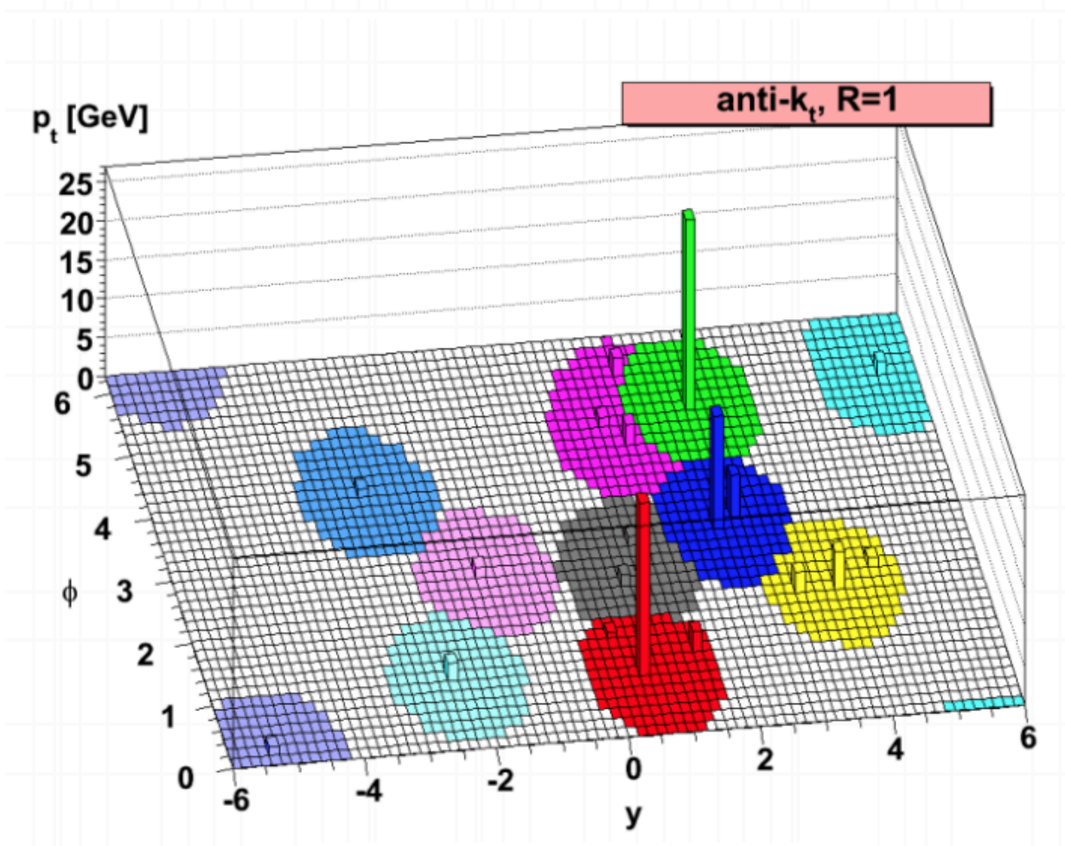
- Jets are collimated sprays of hadrons produced from hard scatterings of partons (quarks and gluons)
- Goal is to study the initiating parton that participates in this hard scattering
- Electric charge is conserved
  - Different partons have different charges
  - Total electric charge of a jet contains information about the initiating parton

Carli, Rabbertz, Schumann, Studies of Quantum Chromodynamics at the LHC.



Introduction: Jet Finding

- Need to connect experiment to theory
- Infrared and collinear safe
- FastJet provides jet finding algorithms: anti-k_{T}
- Resolution parameter R = 0.4



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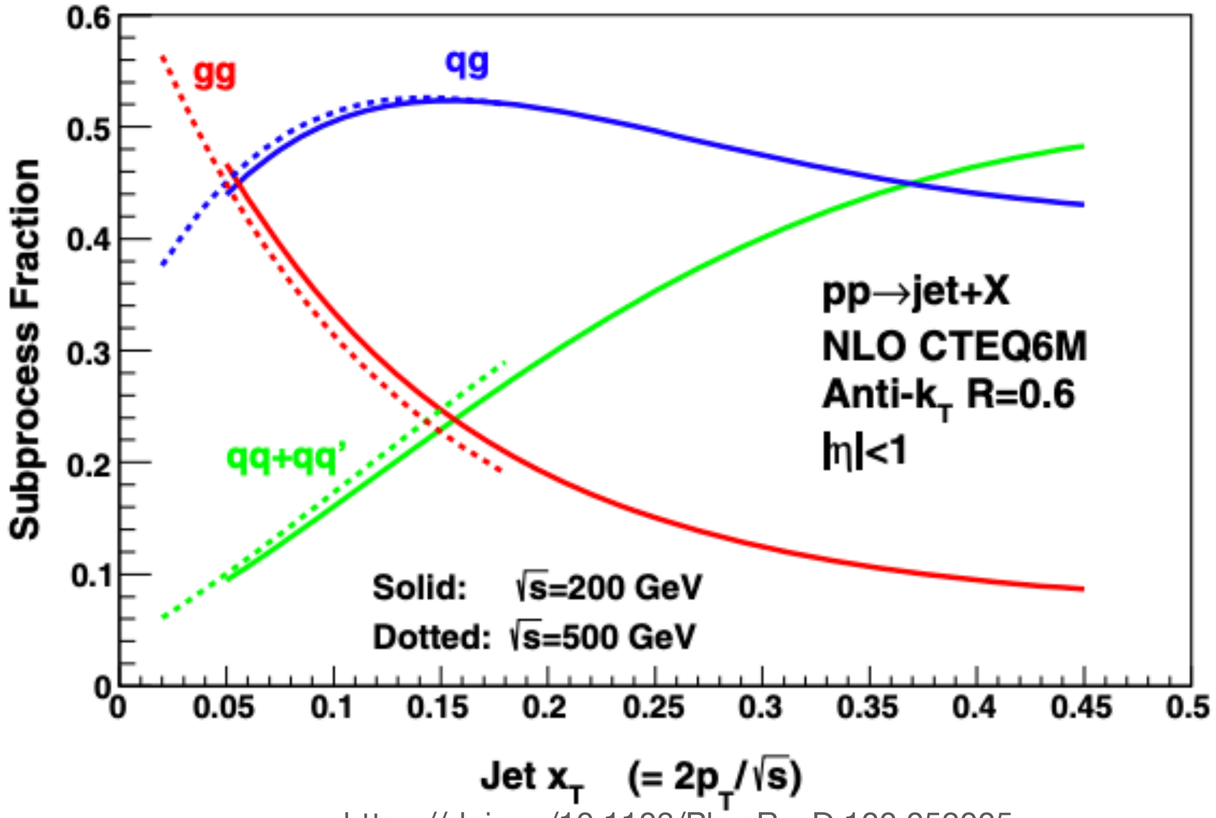
Motivation

- Measure quark vs gluon fraction of jets in pp collisions to constrain theory
- The energy loss in AuAu collisions depends on the flavor of parton
- Jet charge is sensitive to the quark vs gluon fraction



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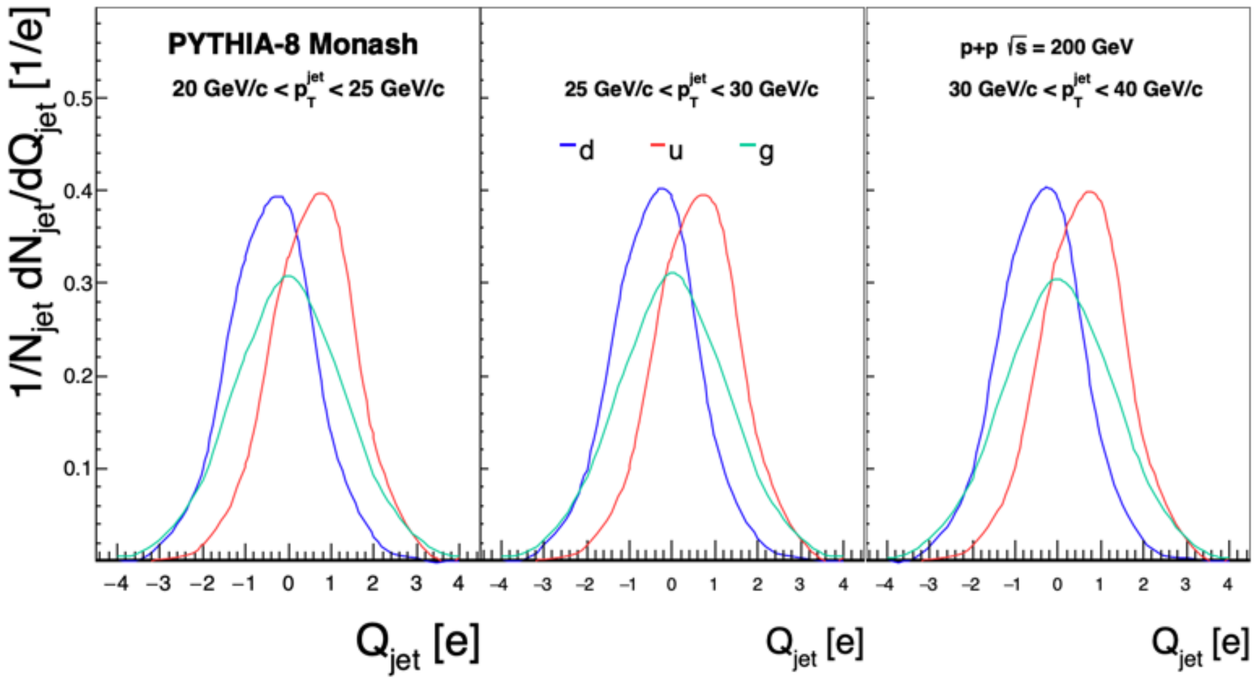
(Weighted) Jet Charge

Charges
Up: +2/3
Down: -1/3
Gluon: 0

- $Q_\kappa^i = \sum_{j \in jet} \left(\frac{p_T^j}{p_T^{jet}} \right)^\kappa Q_j$
- Choice of $\kappa = 0.0$
  - $Q_{\kappa=0.0} = Q_{jet}$
- Study change in quark vs gluon fraction as function of jet p_T



Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC (STAR)

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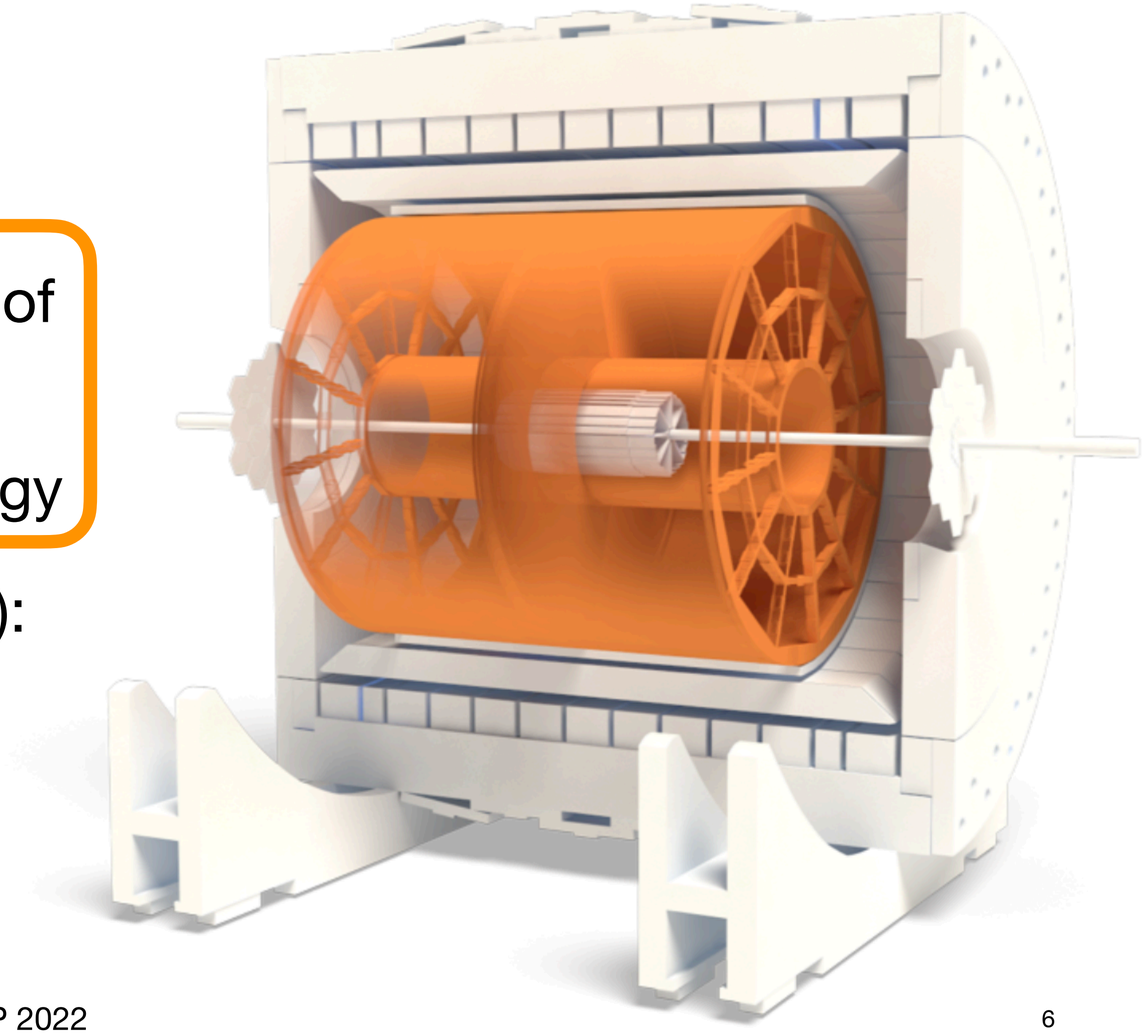
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC): momenta of charged particles
  - Utilized in jet charge, included in jet energy
- Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC): neutral energy deposits, provides online trigger (Jet Patch)
  - Included in jet energy



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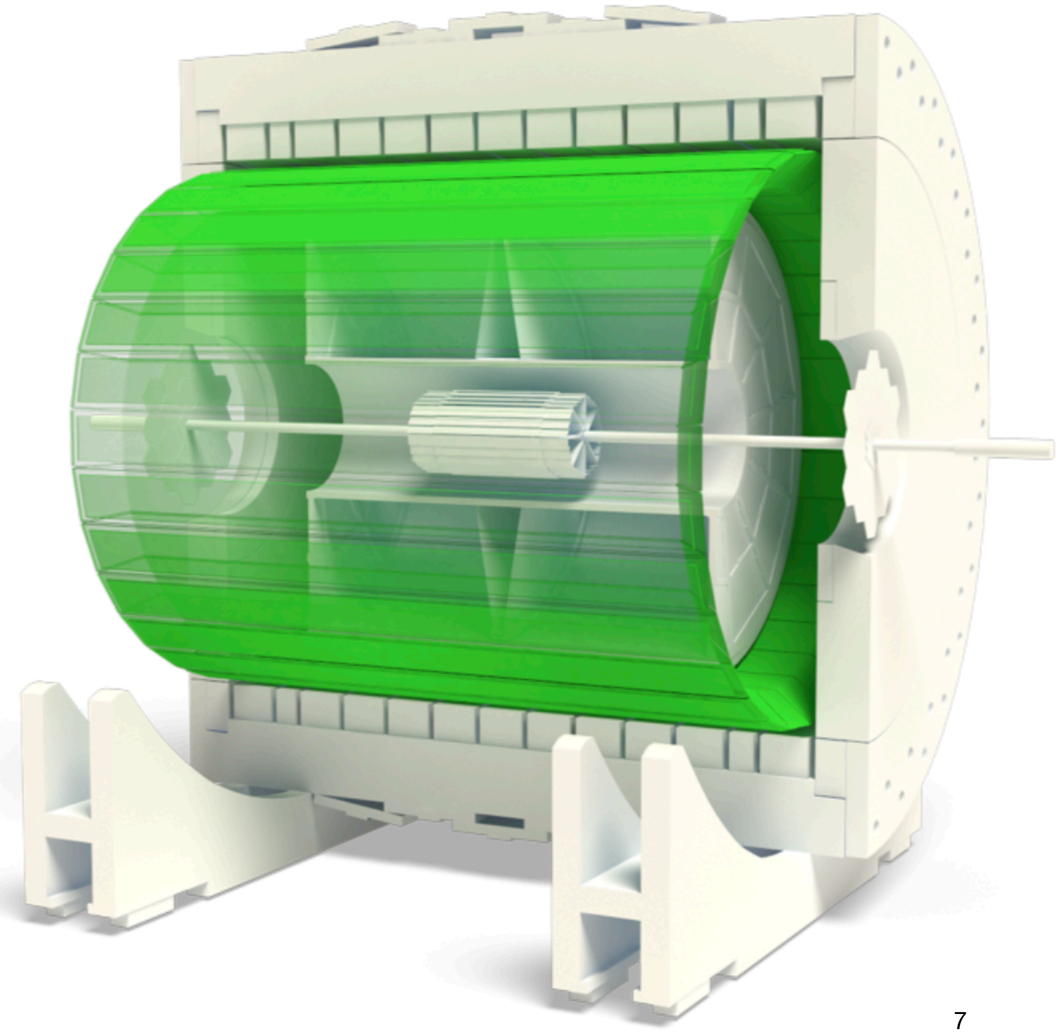
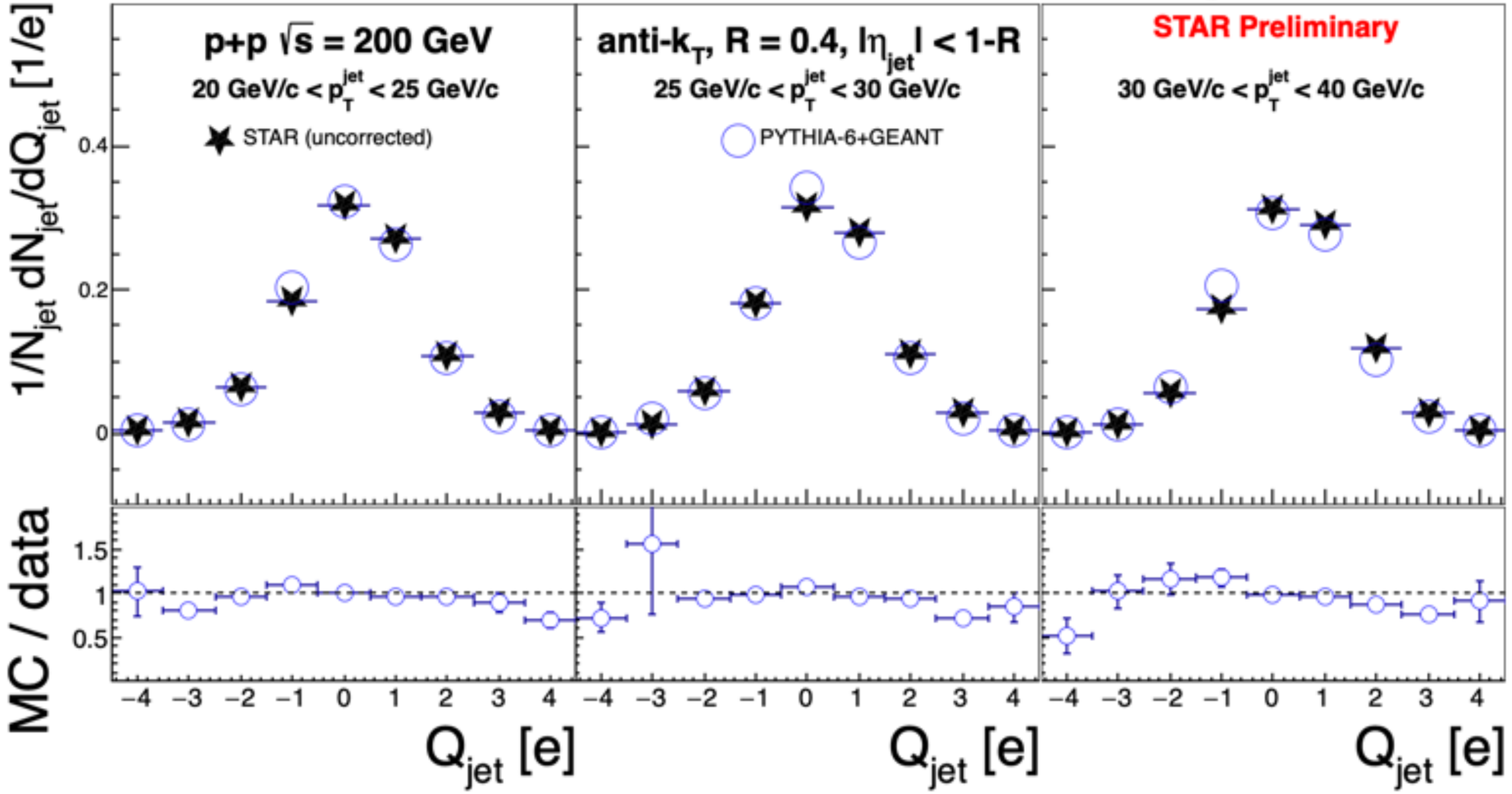


Uncorrected Jet Charge



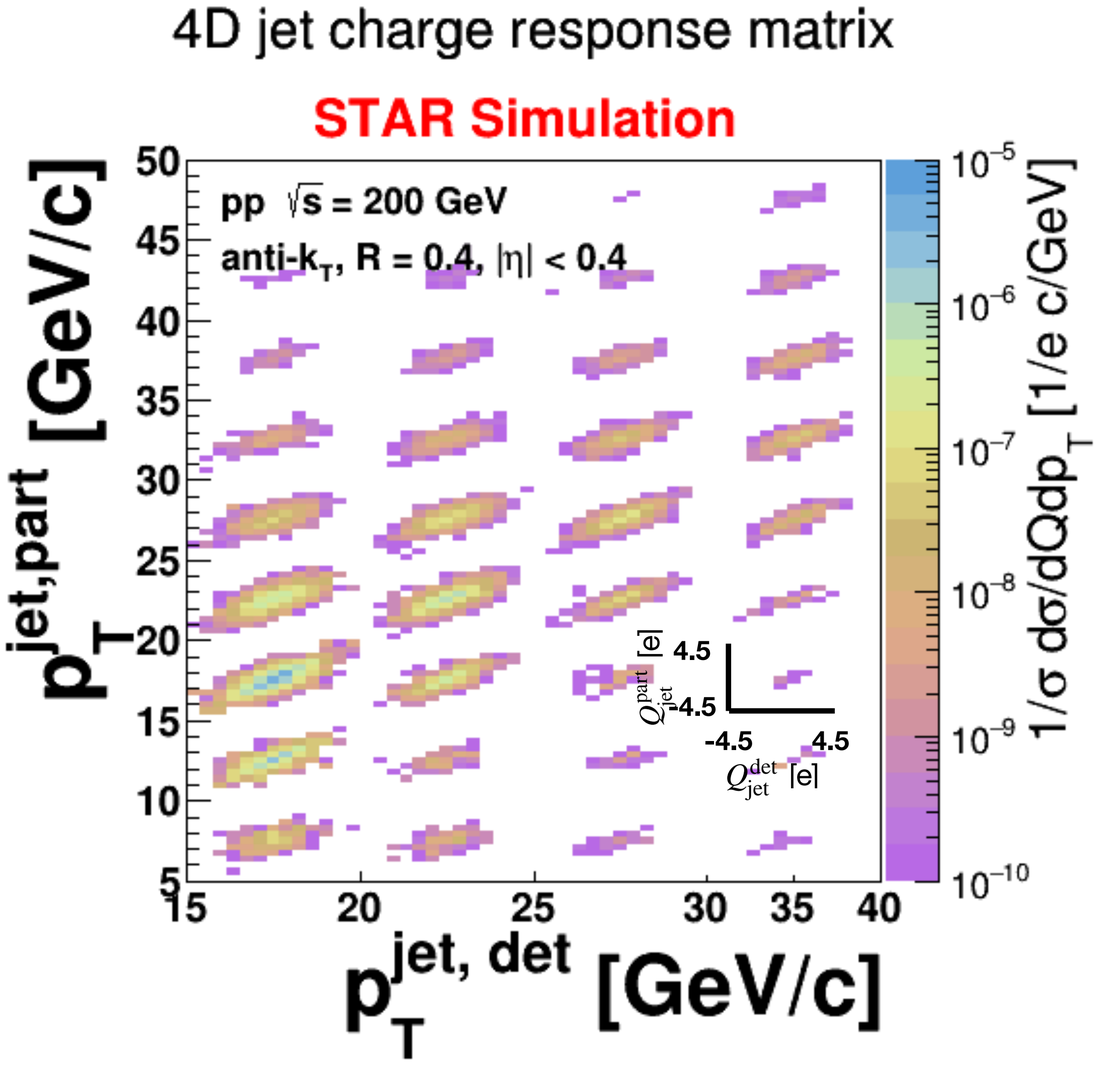
PYTHIA-6+GEANT agrees well

→ Can be used to simulate and correct for detector effects

Unfolding

- Correct for detector effects by using a response matrix R
  - $D = RP$ where D is detector-level, P is particle-level
  - Invert matrix R to obtain P
- Iterative Bayesian procedure from RooUnfold

  https://hepunx.rl.ac.uk/~adye/software/unfold/RooUnfold.html
- Q depends on jet p_{T}
  - Requires 4D response for 2D unfolding



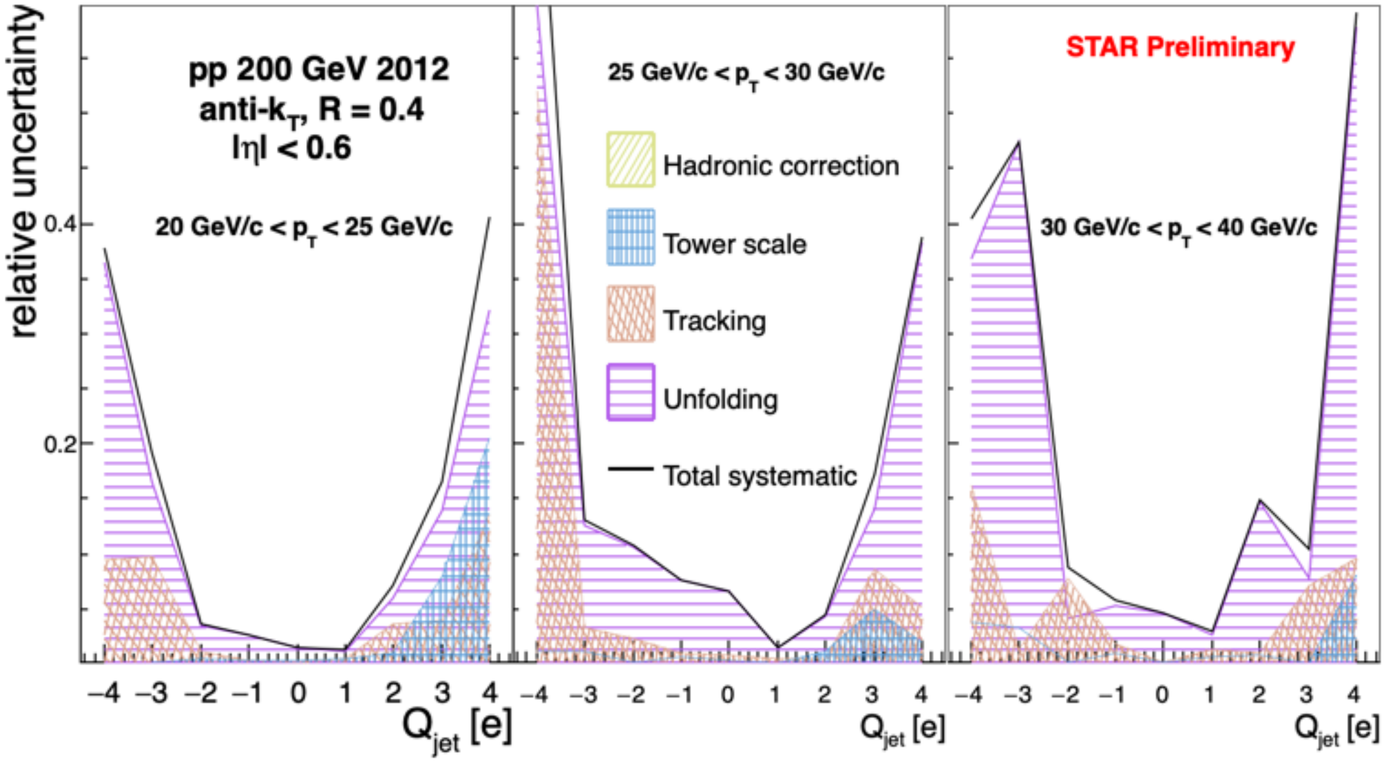
Systematic Uncertainties

- **Unfolding**: maximum envelope of the following systematic sources
  - Unfolding iteration parameter variation: nominal 4 iterations changed to 2, 6
  - Prior variation: p_{T}, Q spectra varied independently

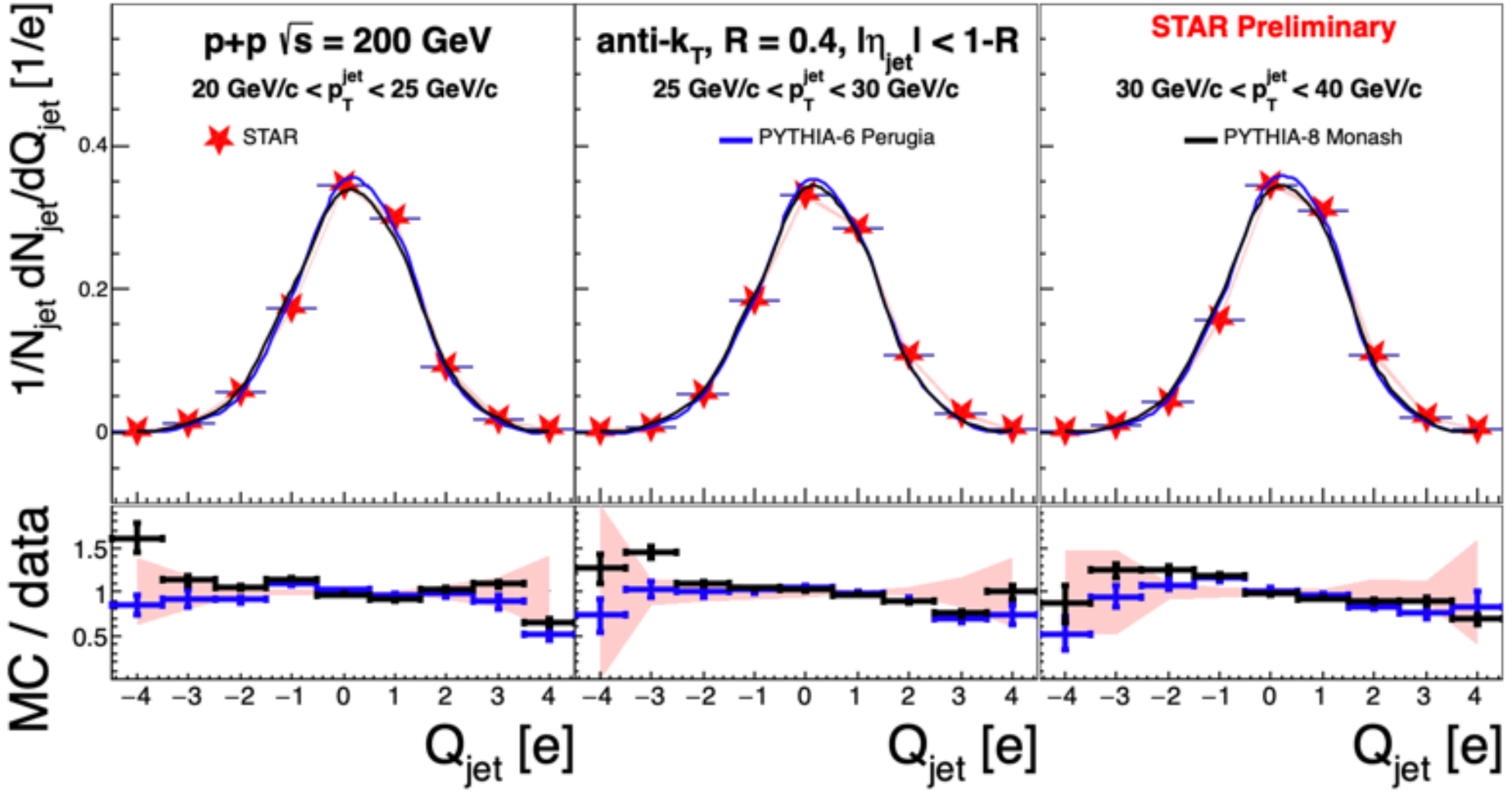
- **Tower Scale Uncertainty**
  - +3.8%: scale tower energy uniformly by 3.8%

- **Tracking Uncertainty**
  - -4%: randomly remove 4% of tracks

- **Hadronic Correction**
  - Variation: from nominal 100% to 50%



Corrected Jet Charge



Good agreement with PYTHIA-6 and PYTHIA-8

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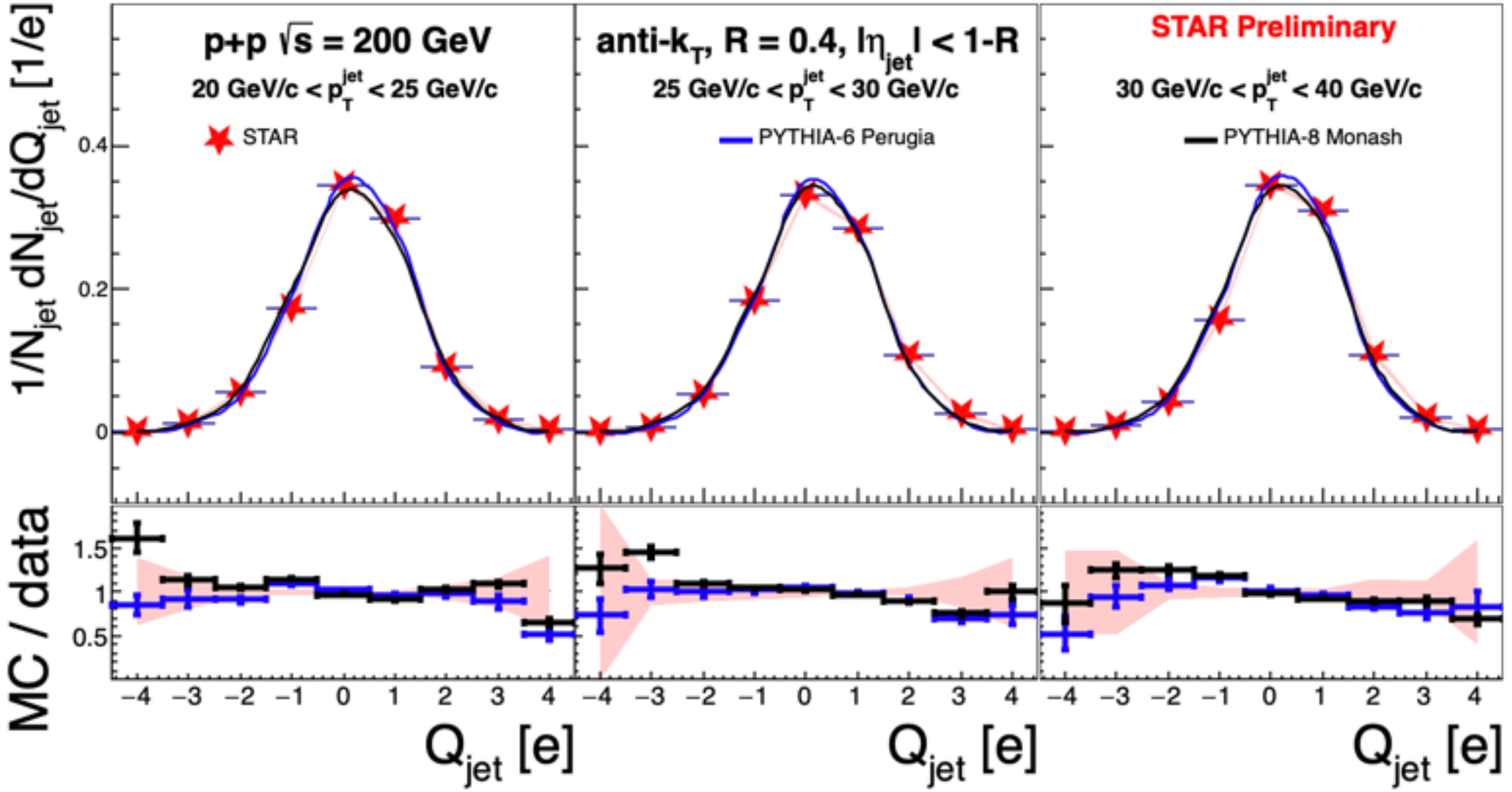


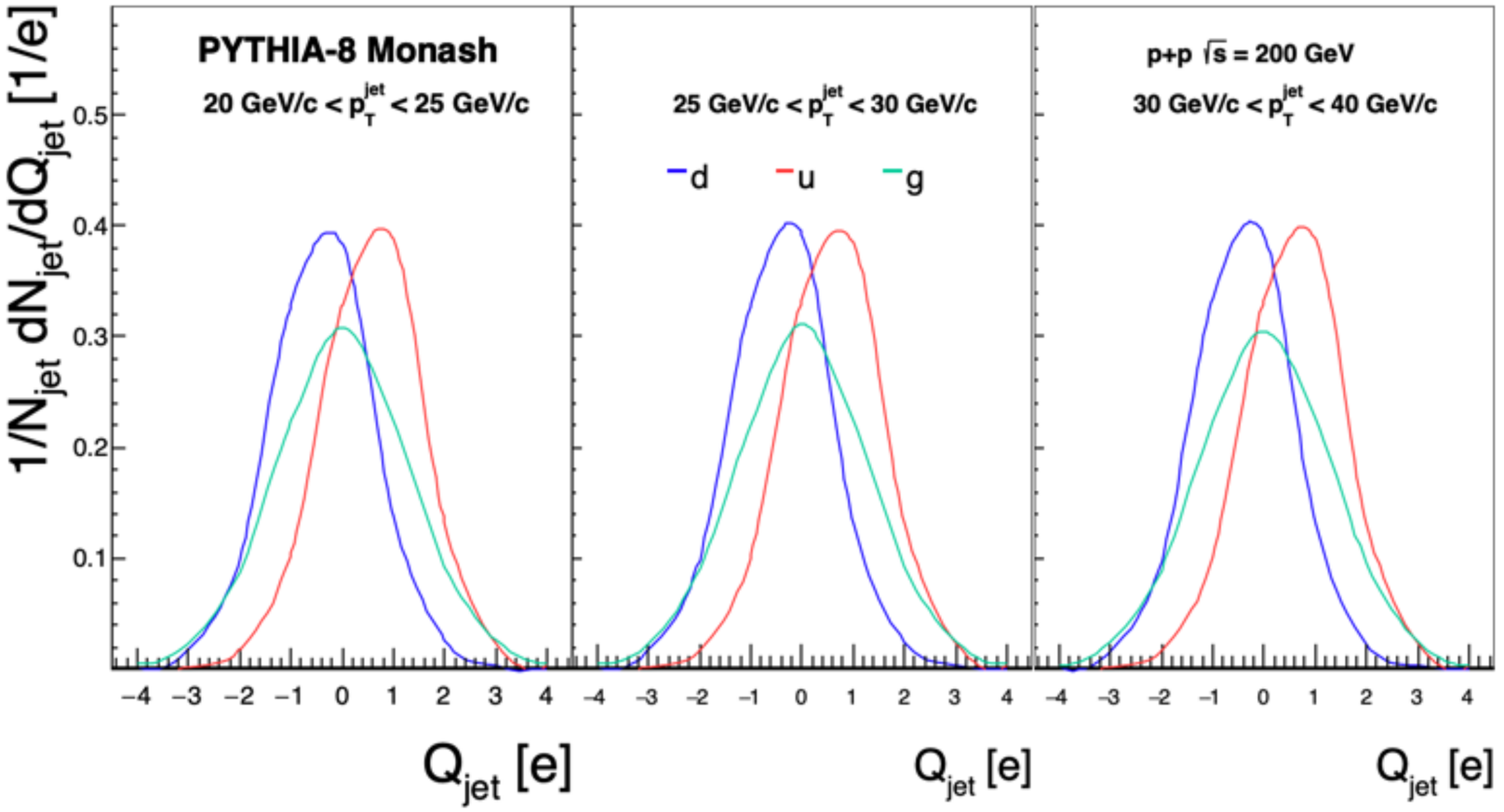
Mean shifts to from ~0.22 to ~0.33 with increasing jet p_{T}

→ Consistent with more quark initiated jets

Future: Extracting Parton Information

Normalized Templates per jet

- Template fitting to extract quark vs gluon fraction in data
  https://arxiv.org/pdf/2004.00602.pdf



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Proof of Principle: Fit Result to PYTHIA-8

- Template fitting to extract quark vs gluon fraction in data
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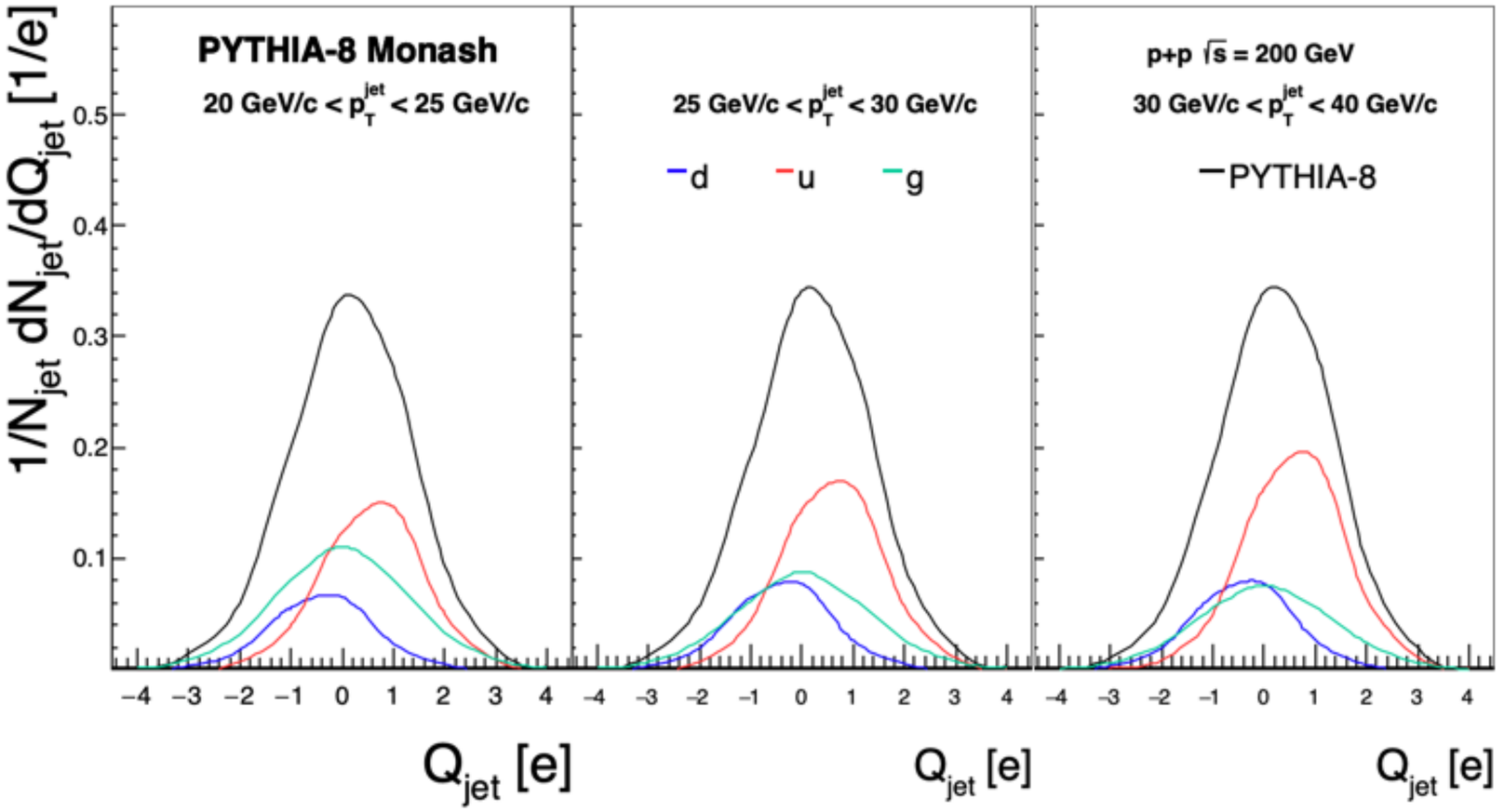
- Observe the change in quark vs gluon fraction as a function of $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$
  - Gluon initiated jet fraction shifts from ~36% to ~25%



Conclusion and Outlook

Mean shifts towards positive Q as jet p_{T} increases in jets in STAR $\sqrt{s}$ = 200 GeV p+p collisions

⟶ Indicates more quark dominated jets as jet p_{T} increases

- Use PYTHIA-6 templates to extract quark vs gluon fraction from data
- Extend analysis to other jet resolution parameter R values
- Extend analysis to additional values of κ to repeat the analysis to study flavor discrimination as function of κ

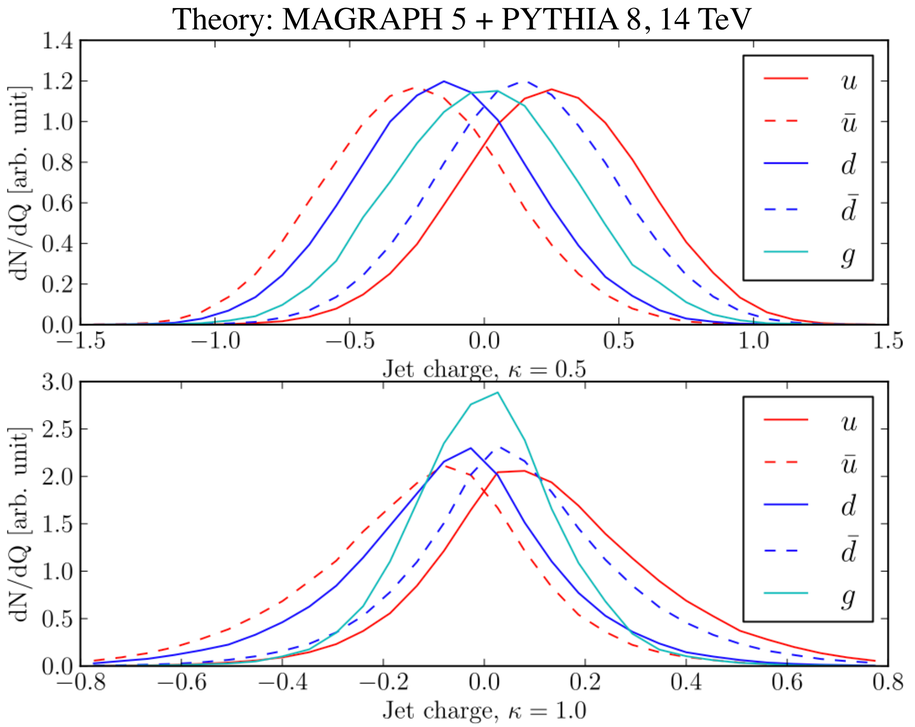
Backup

Jet Charge

- $$Q_\kappa^i = \sum_{j \in jet} \left(\frac{p_{\mathrm{T}}^j}{p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}} \right)^\kappa Q_j$$

- Discriminating power between flavors as a function of κ

- To extract the quark vs gluon fraction as a function of jet p_{T}



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