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

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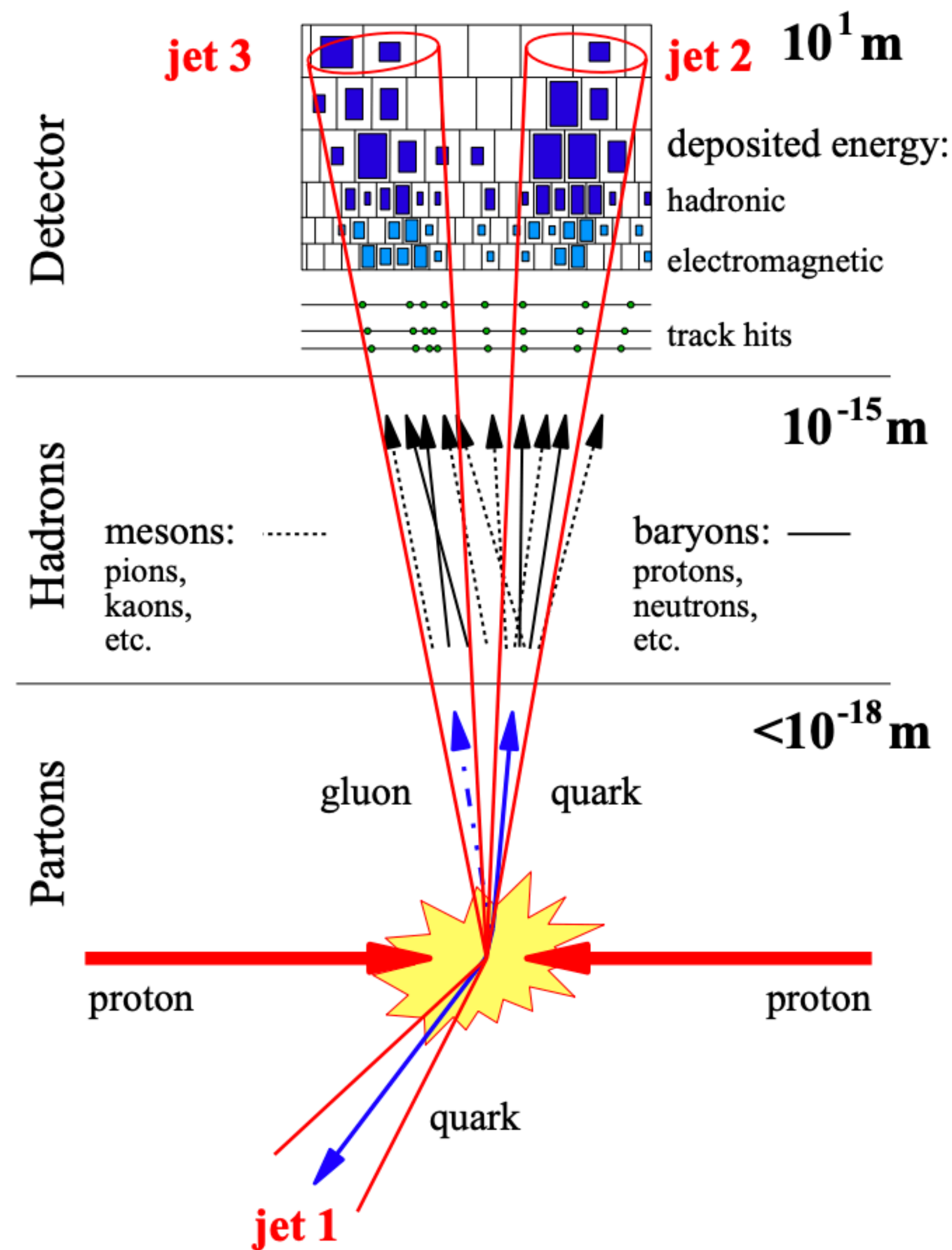




# Introduction: Jets

- 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

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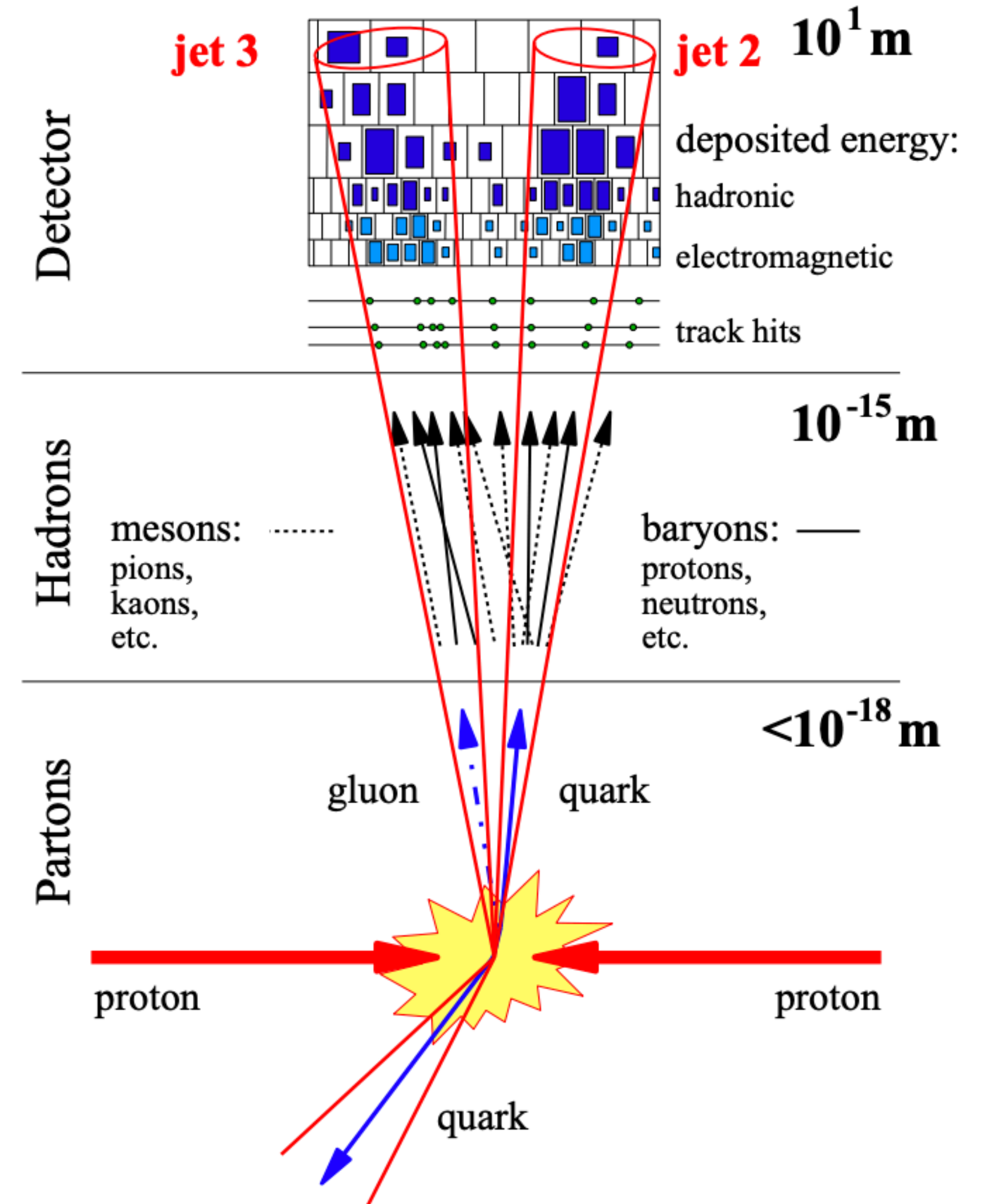


# Introduction: Jet Finding

- Need to connect experiment to theory
- Theoretically and experimentally well-defined  
Toward a standardization of jet definitions Research directions for the decade pp 134-136
- FastJet provides jet finding algorithms: anti- $k_T$
- Resolution parameter  $R = 0.4$

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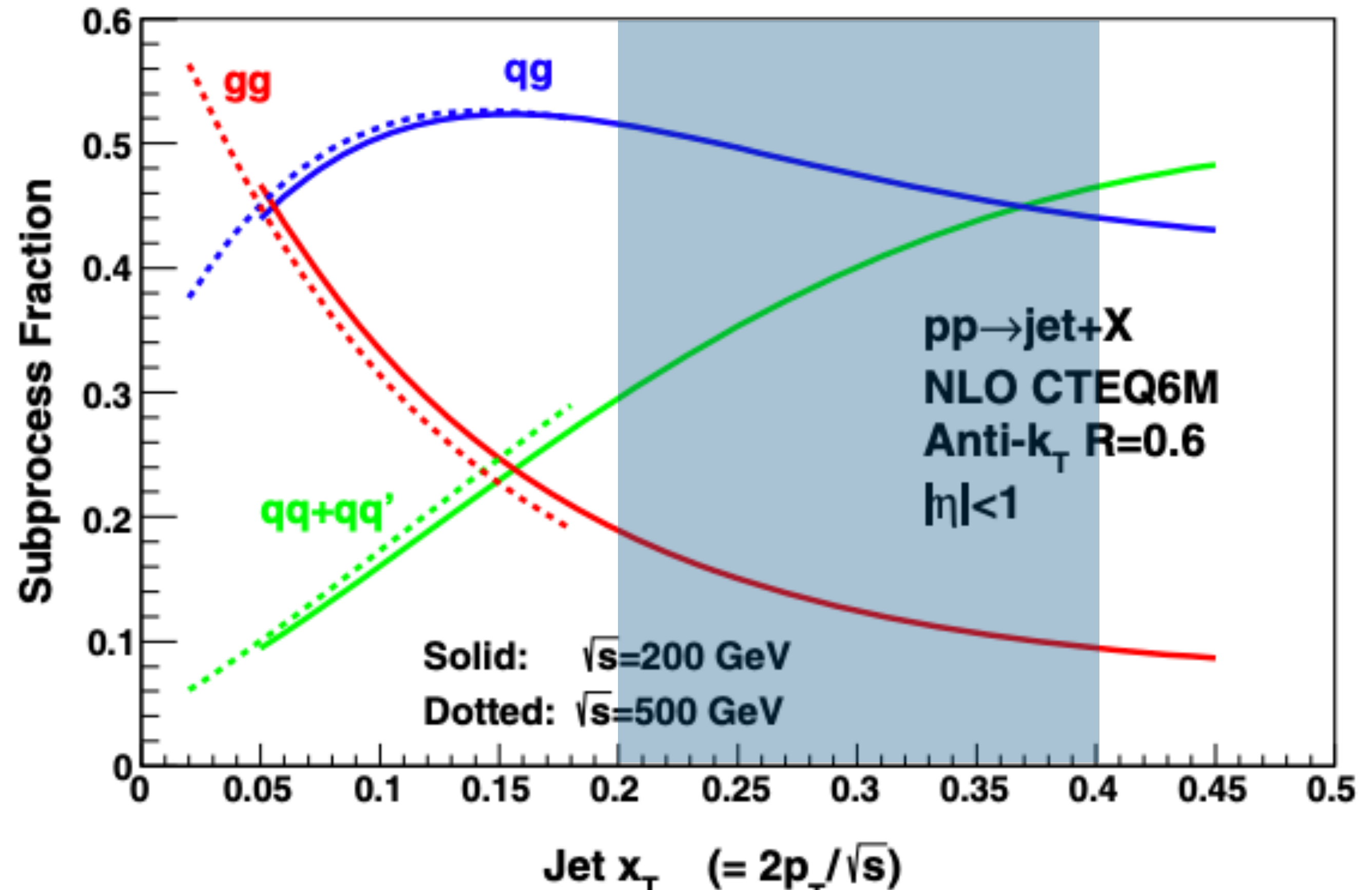
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# Motivation

- 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



STAR Collaboration, [Phys.Rev. D 100 \(2019\) no.5, 052005](#)



# (Weighted) Jet Charge

Charges

Up: +2/3

Down: -1/3

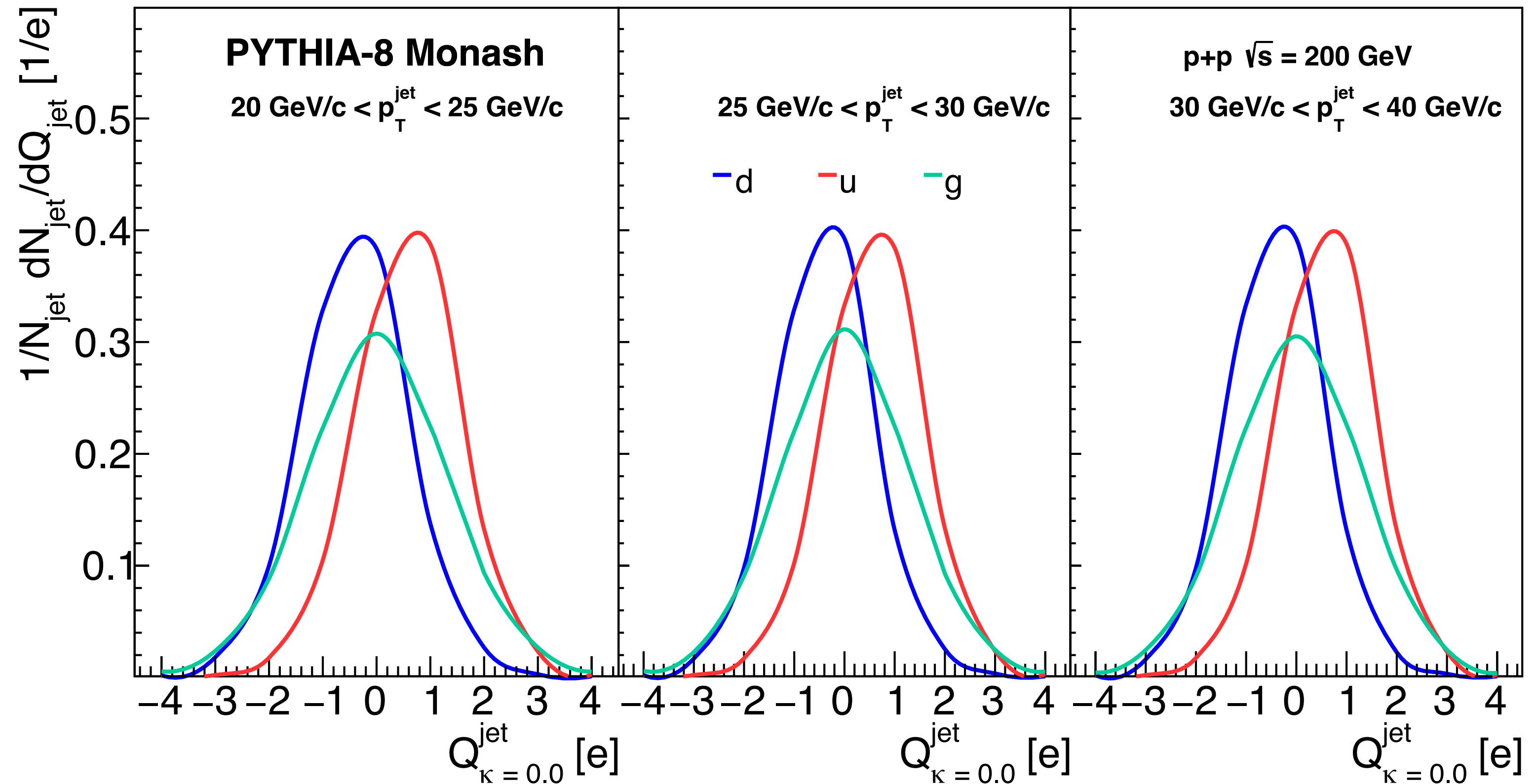
Gluon: 0

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

- Choice of  $\kappa = 0.0$

- $Q_{\kappa=0.0}^{\text{jet}}$

- Study change in quark vs gluon fraction as function of jet  $p_{\text{T}}$

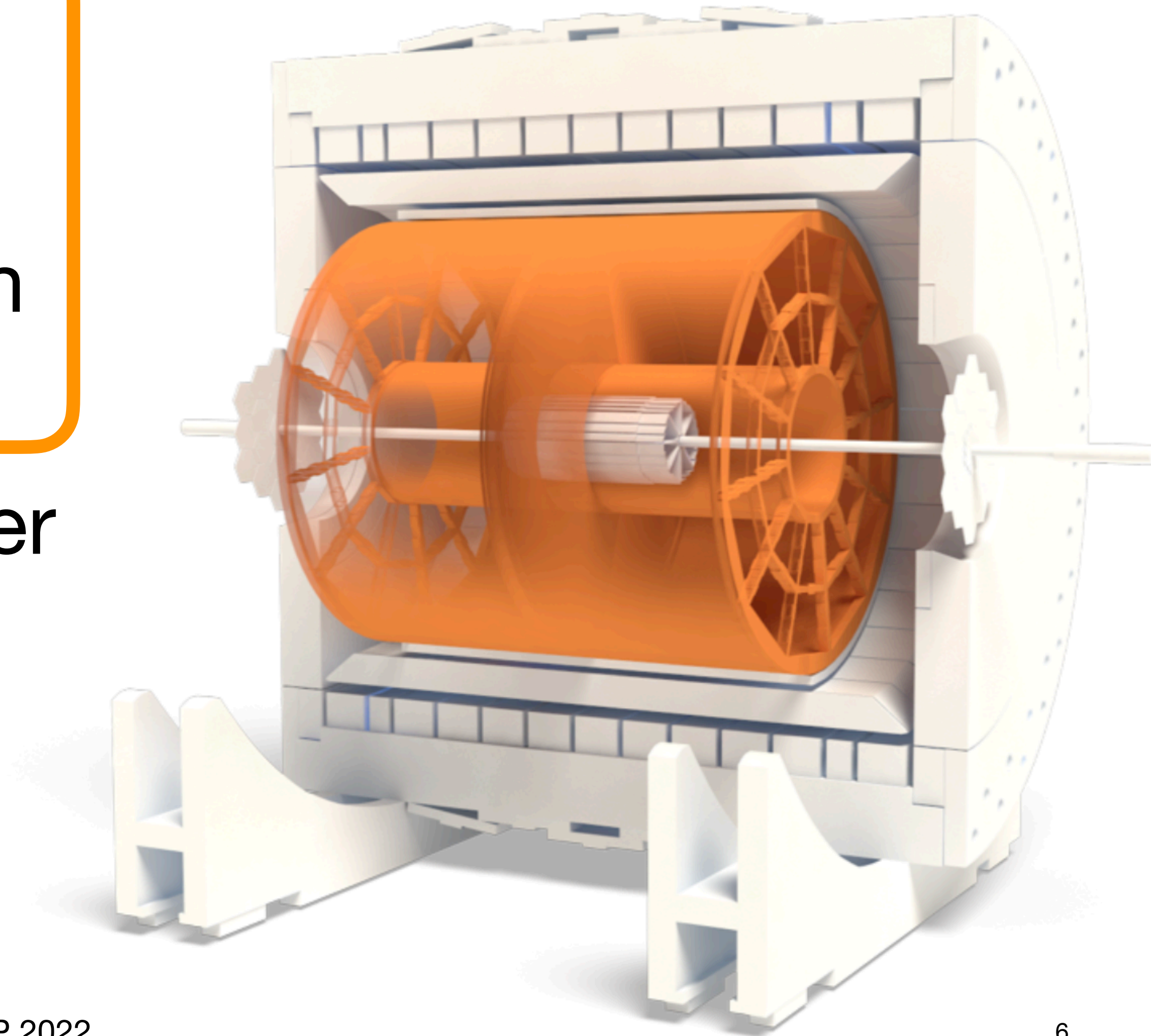






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- Time Projection Chamber (TPC): momenta of charged particles
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- Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC): neutral energy deposits, provides online trigger (Jet Patch)
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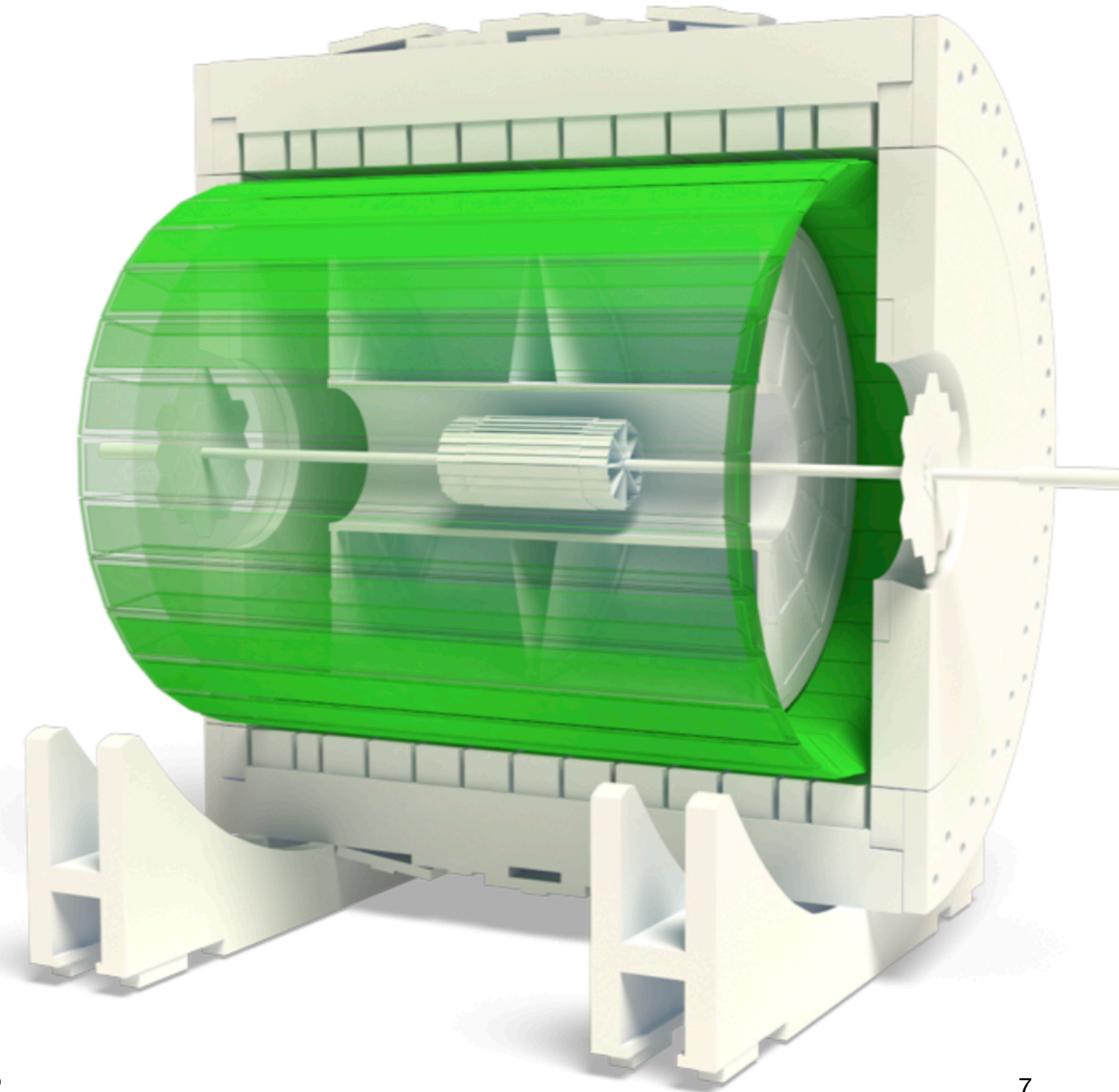




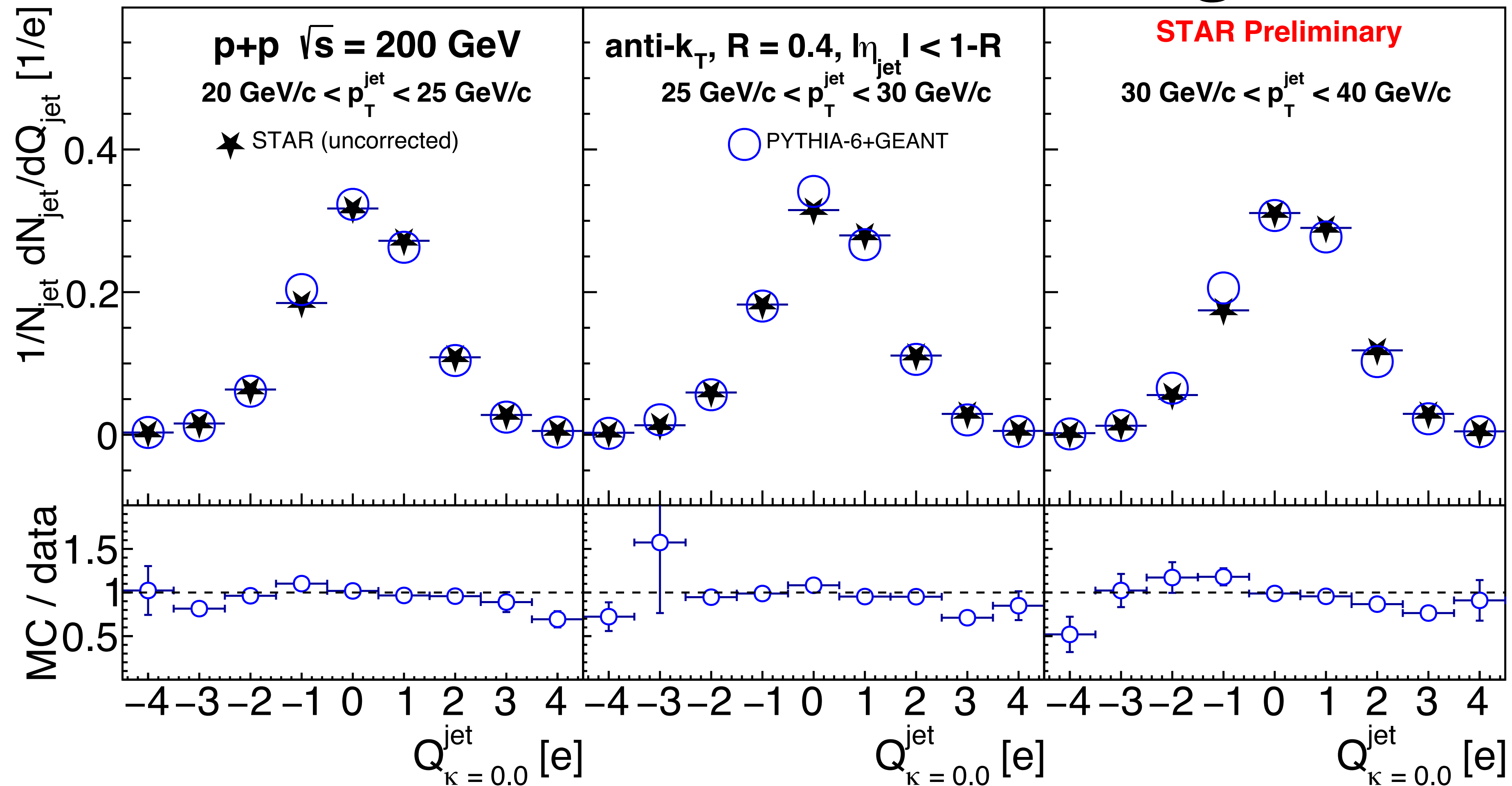


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# Uncorrected Jet Charge



PYTHIA-6+GEANT agrees well

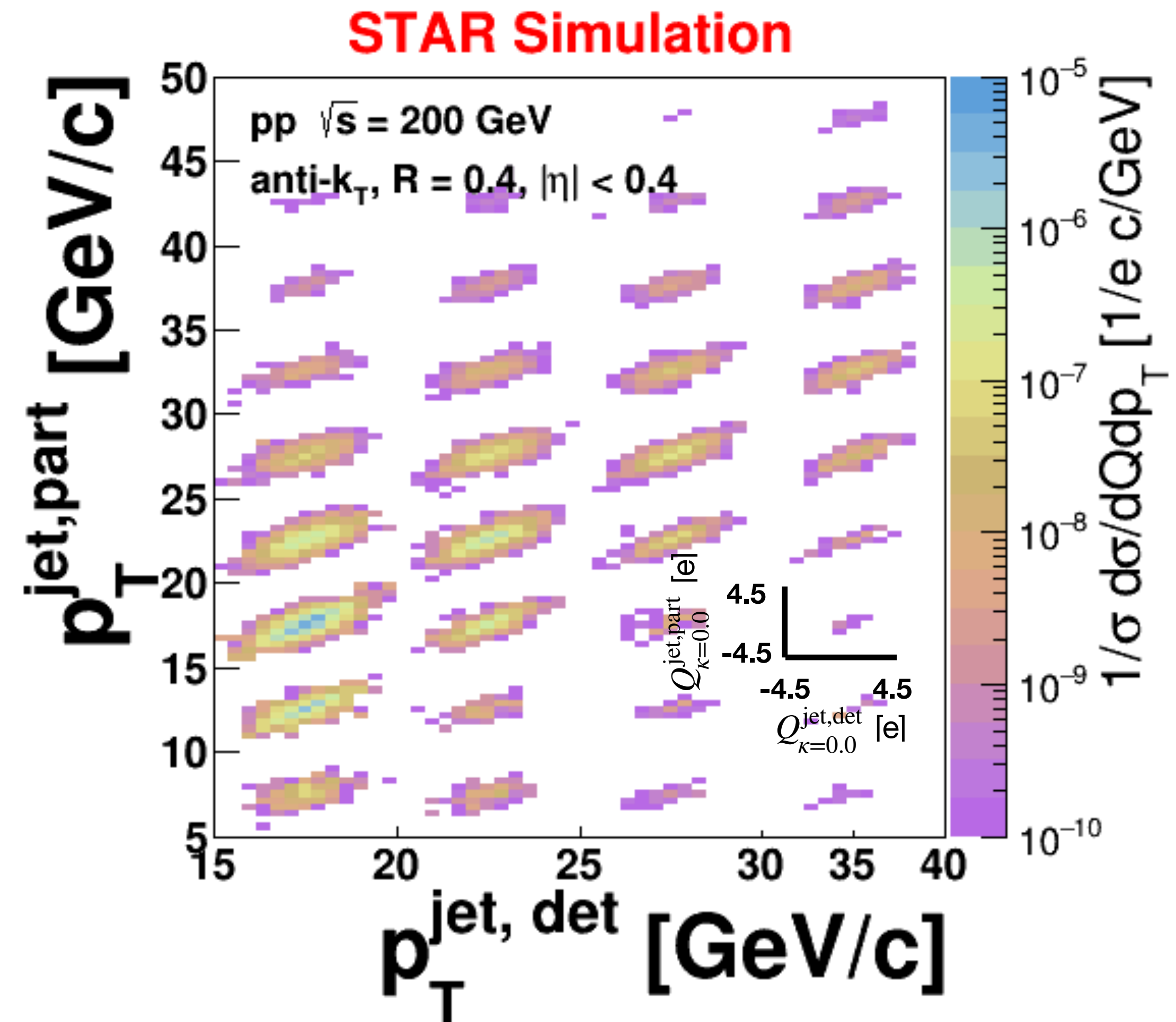
→ Can be used to simulate and correct for detector effects



# Unfolding

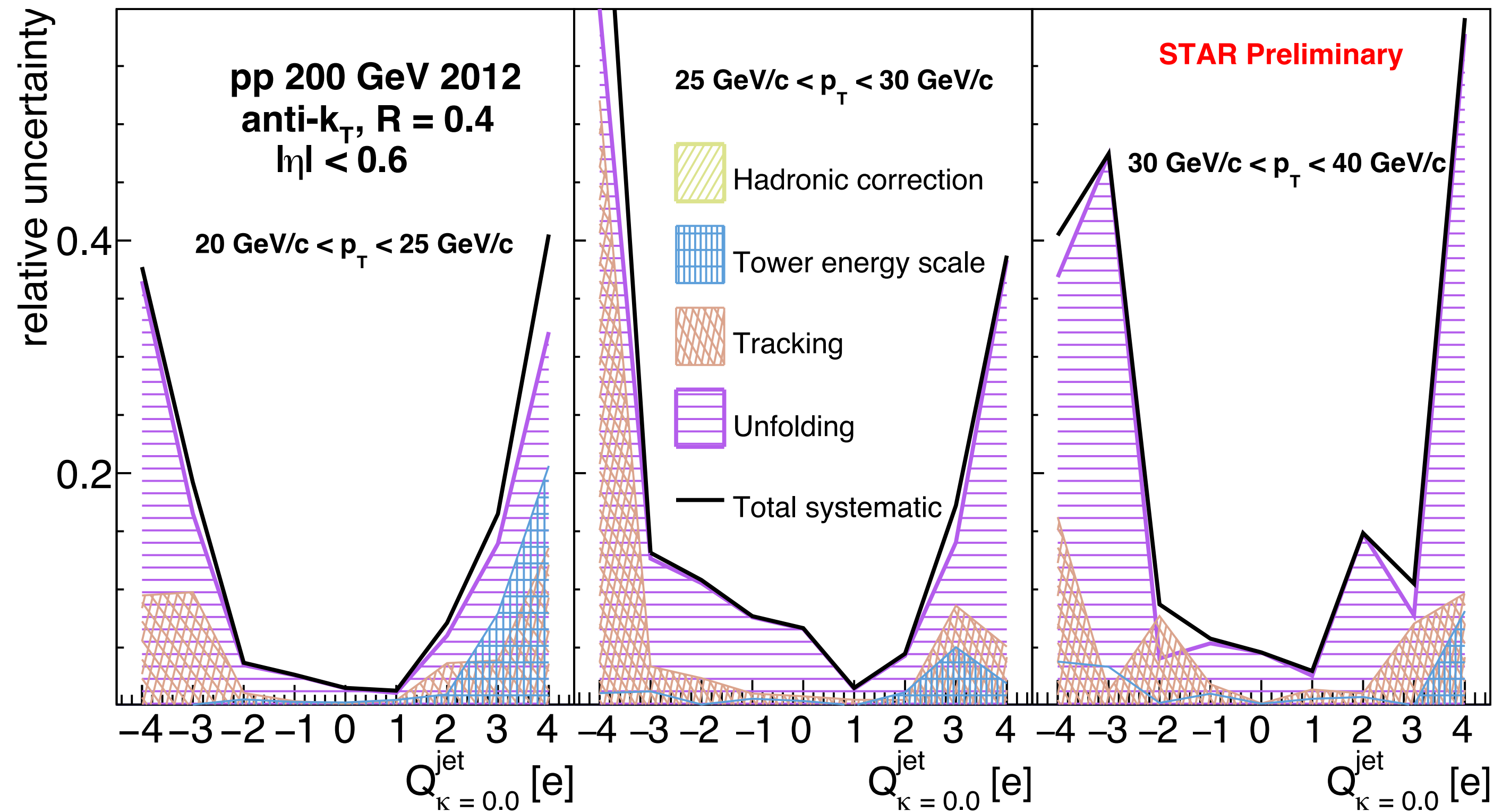
- Correct for detector effects by using a response matrix  $R$
- $D = RP$  where  $D$  is detector-level,  $P$  is particle-level
- Invert matrix  $R$  to obtain  $P$
- Iterative Bayesian procedure from RooUnfold  
Proceedings of the PHYSTAT 2011 Workshop, CERN-2011-006, pp 313-318
- $Q$  depends on jet  $p_T$
- Requires 4D response for 2D unfolding

4D jet charge response matrix



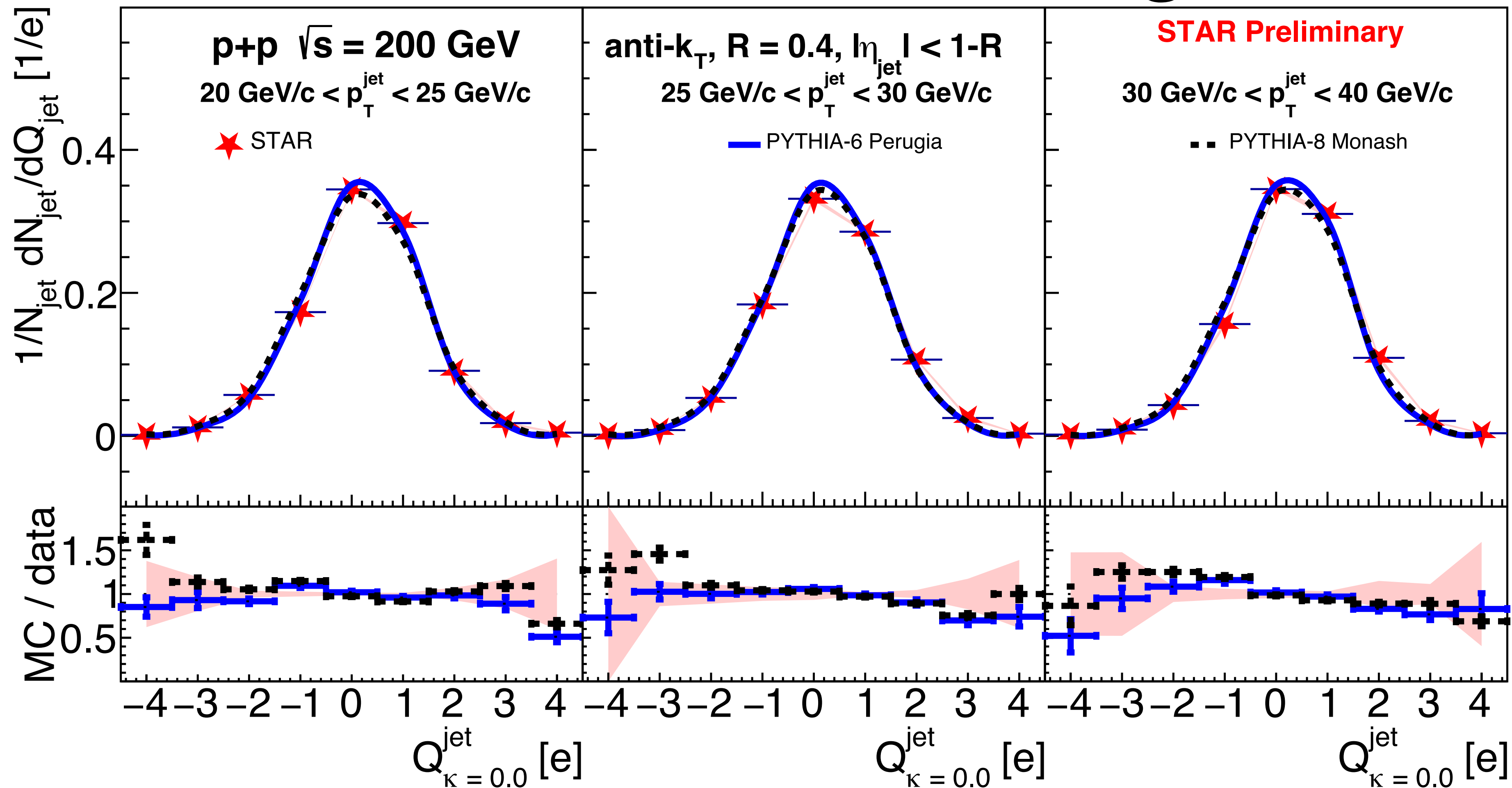
# Systematic Uncertainties

- **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 Energy 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%



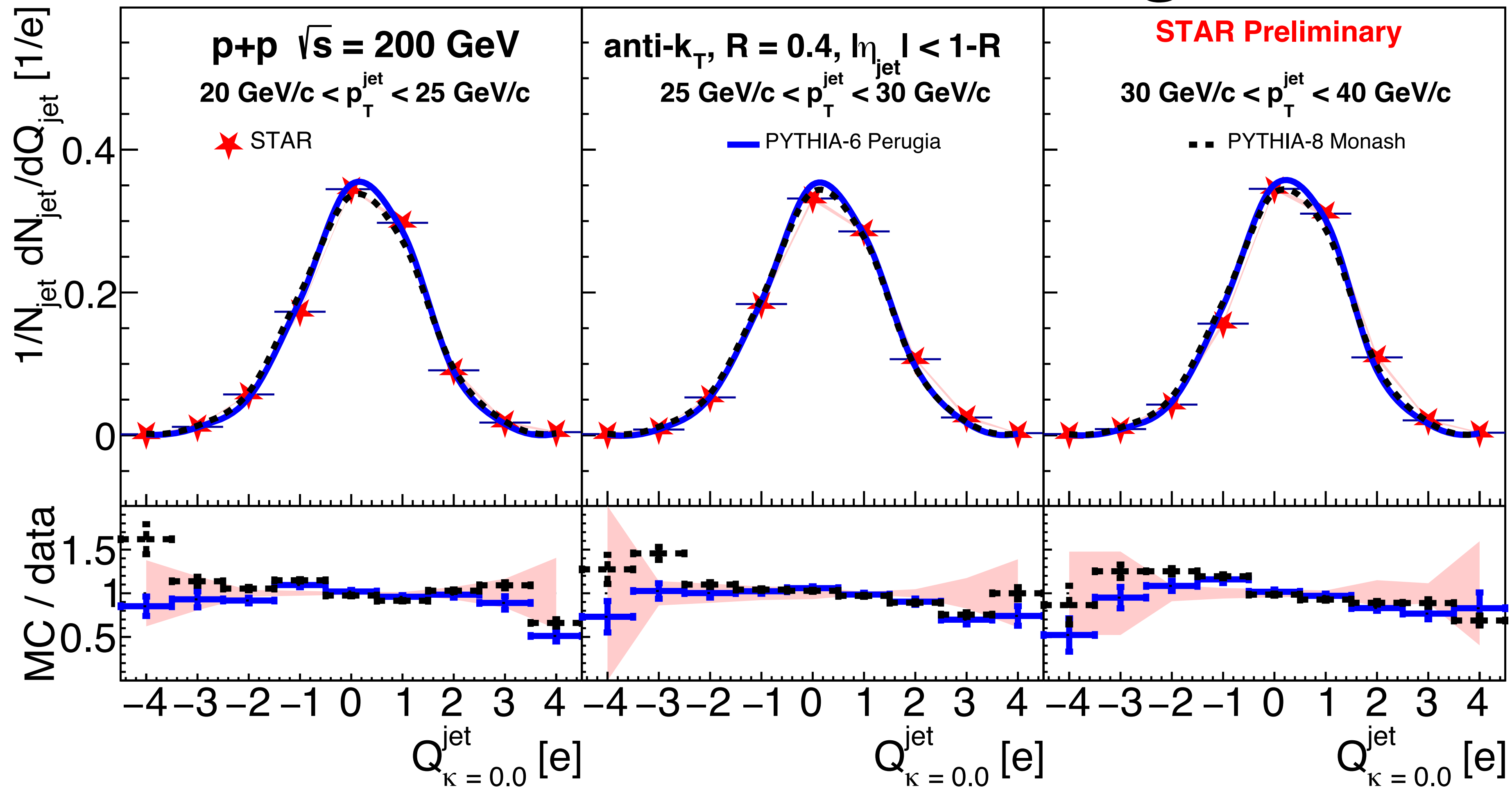


# Corrected Jet Charge



Good agreement with PYTHIA-6 and PYTHIA-8

# Corrected Jet Charge



Mean shifts from  $\sim 0.22$  to  $\sim 0.33$  with increasing jet  $p_T$   
 → Consistent with more quark initiated jets



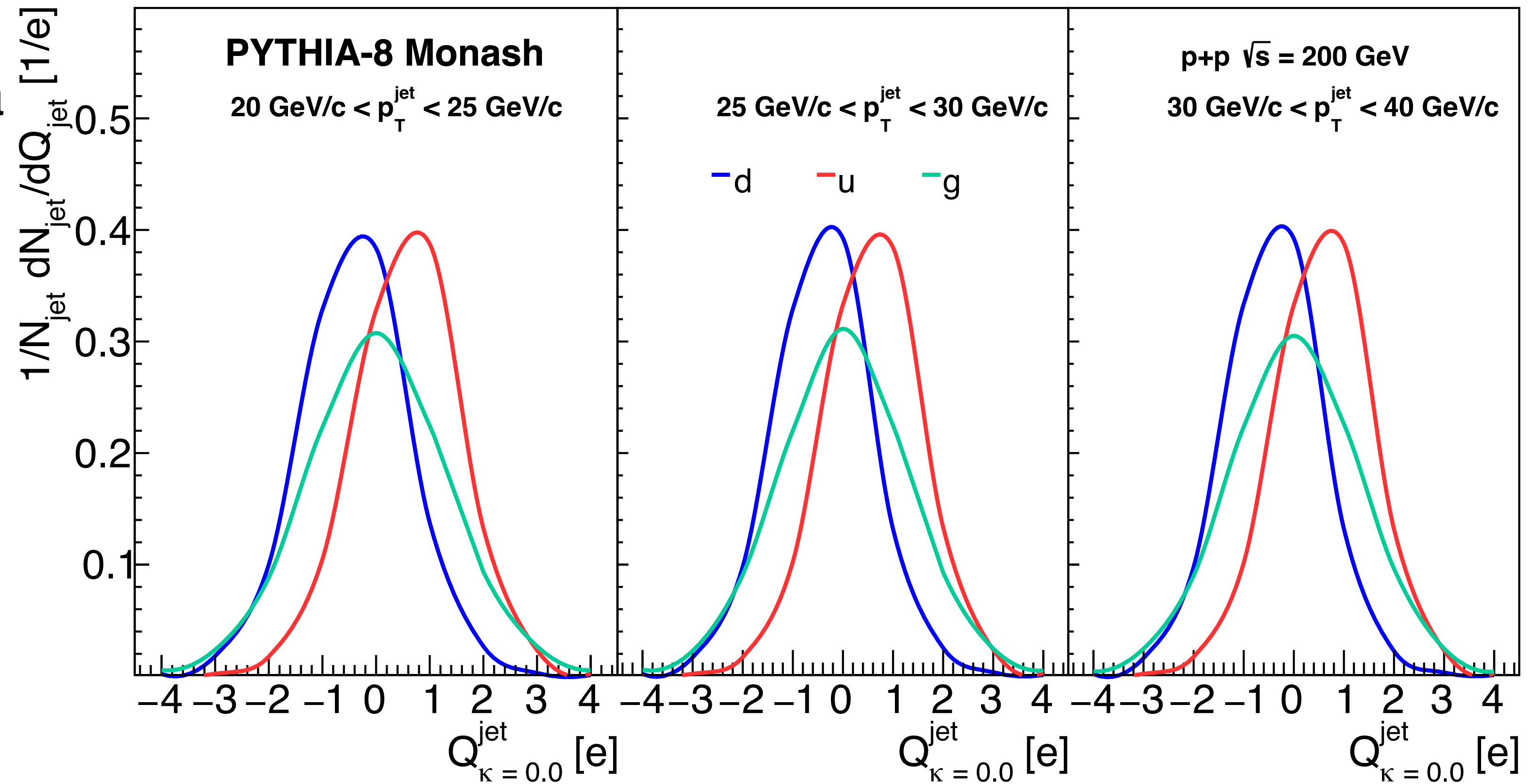


# Future: Extracting Parton Information

## Normalized Templates per jet

- Template fitting to extract quark vs gluon fraction in data

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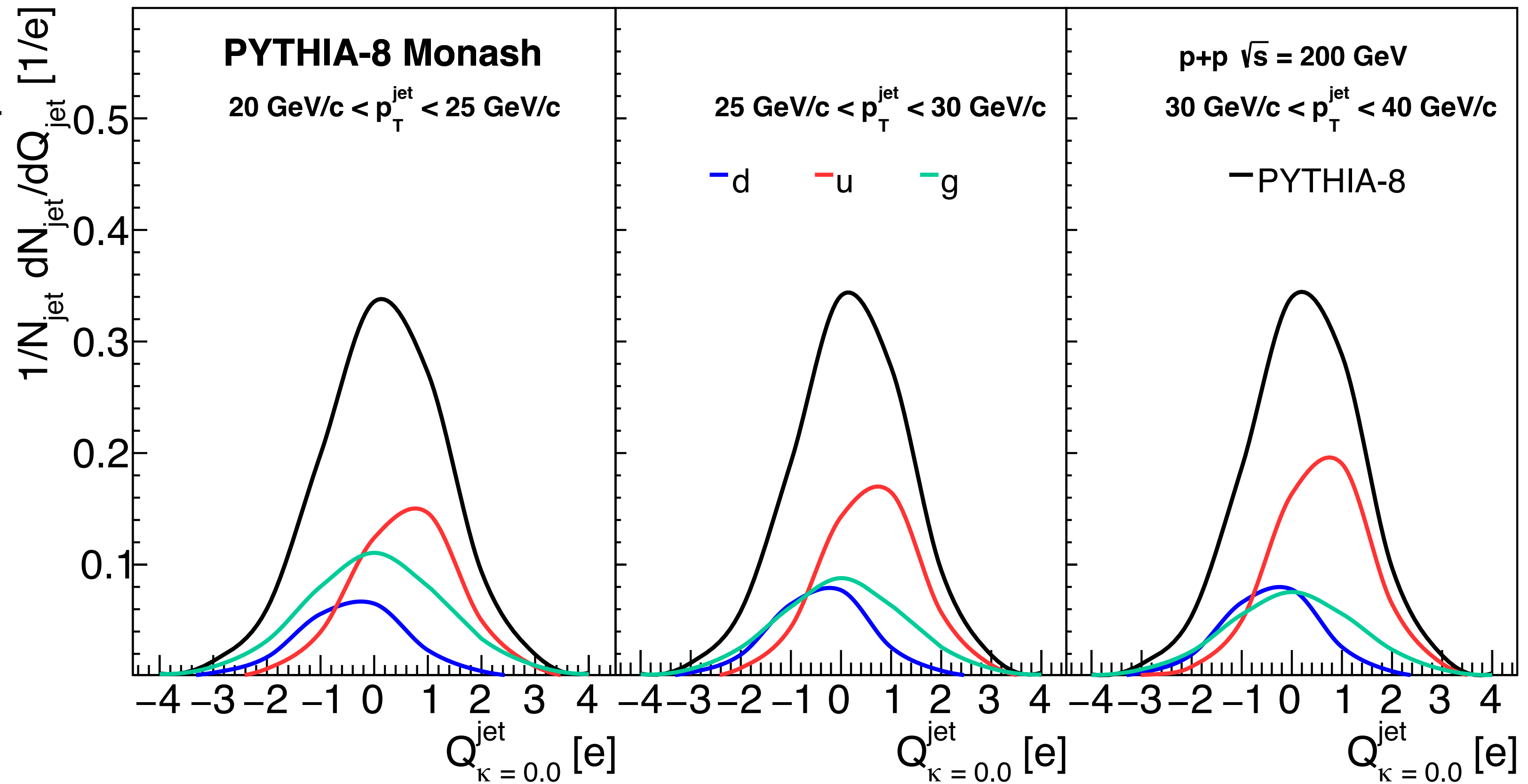
## Proof of Principle: Fit Result to PYTHIA-8

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- Observe the change in quark vs gluon fraction as a function of  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$

- PYTHIA-8 Monash: Gluon initiated jet fraction shifts from  $\sim 36\%$  to  $\sim 25\%$  consistent with known fractions in PYTHIA-8 Monash







# 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 Monte Carlo templates to extract quark vs gluon fraction from data
- Extend analysis to other jet resolution parameter R values
- Extend analysis to additional values of  $\kappa$  to repeat the analysis to study flavor discrimination as function of  $\kappa$

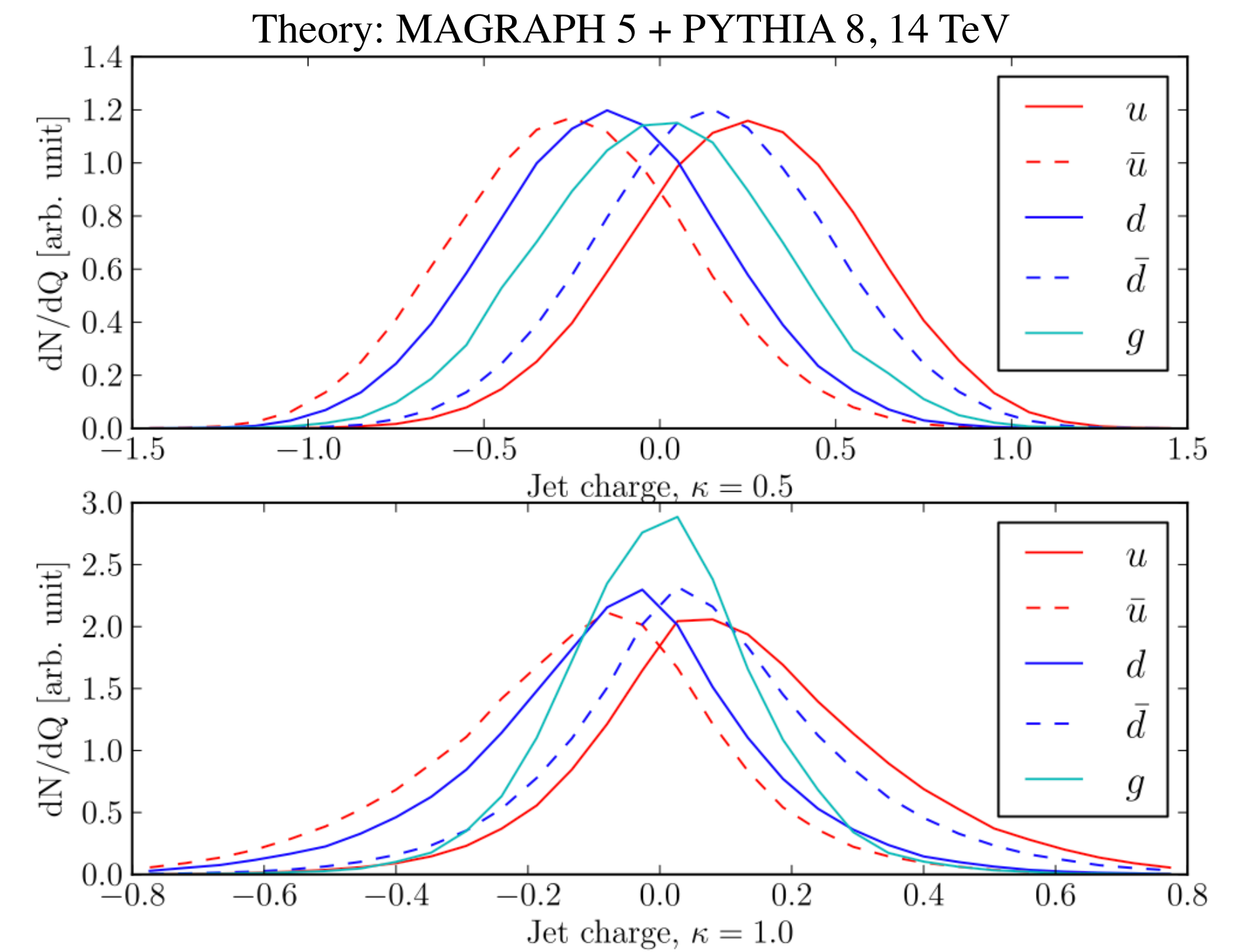
**Backup**



# Jet Charge

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

- Discriminating power between flavors as a function of  $\kappa$
- To extract the quark vs gluon fraction as a function of jet  $p_{\text{T}}$



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1209.2421.pdf>

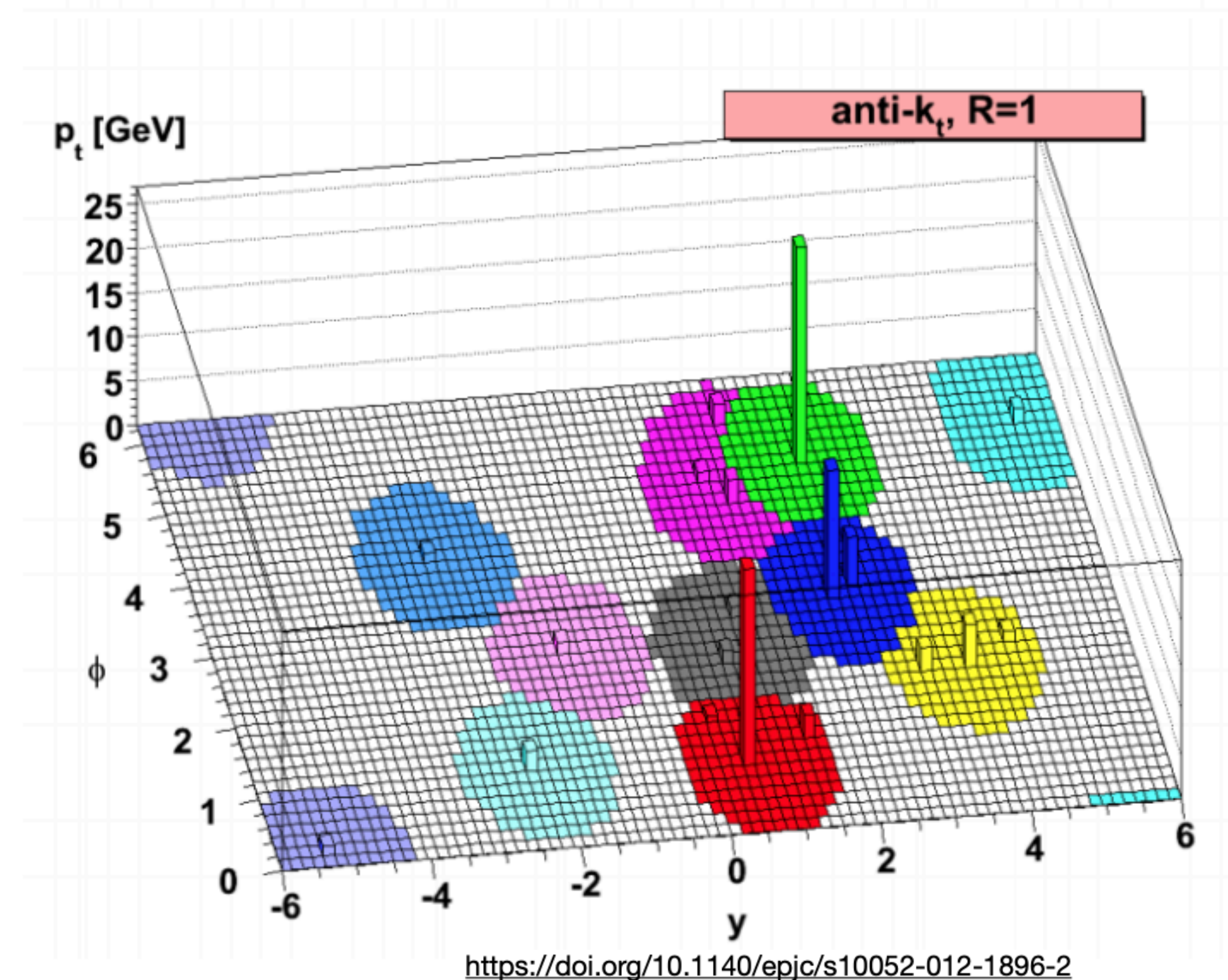
# Data Set: p+p $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV data

- anti- $k_T$  jets
  - $R = 0.4, |\eta| < 1$
  - Neutral energy no more than 90% of jet energy
- Event:
  - $v_z < 30$  cm
- Jet-Patch trigger
  - Tower with  $E_T > 7.3$  GeV
- Towers:
  - $0.2 < E_T < 30$  GeV
- Tracks:
  - $0.2 < p_T < 30$  GeV
  - nHits  $> 20$
  - nHitsfit/nHitsPoss  $> 0.52$
  - DCA  $< 1$  cm



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