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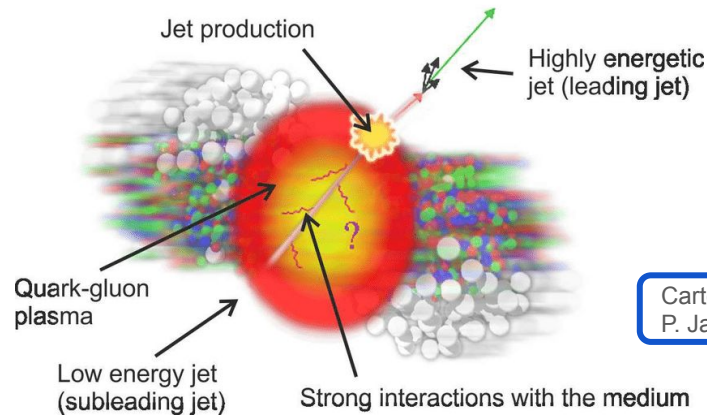
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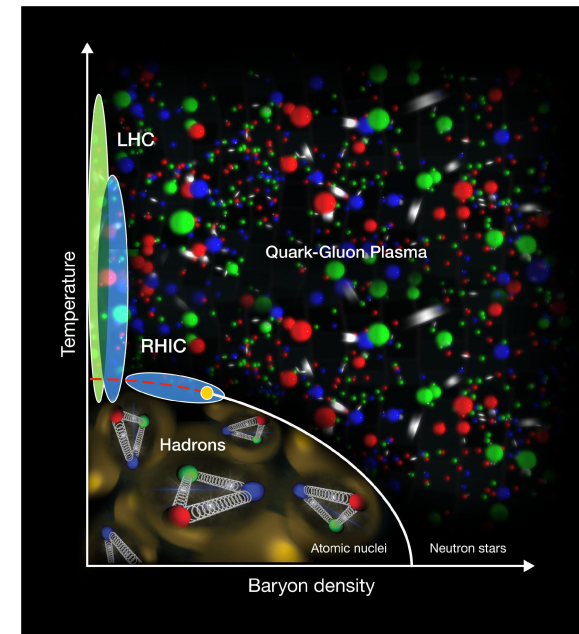
# Episode 0: Why jets?

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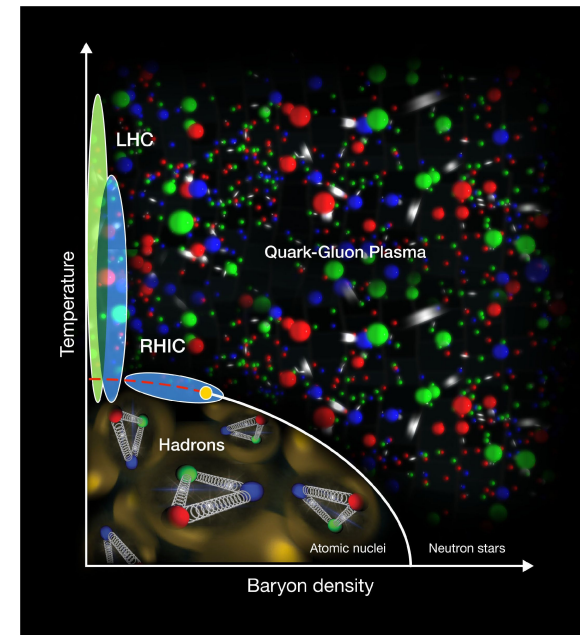
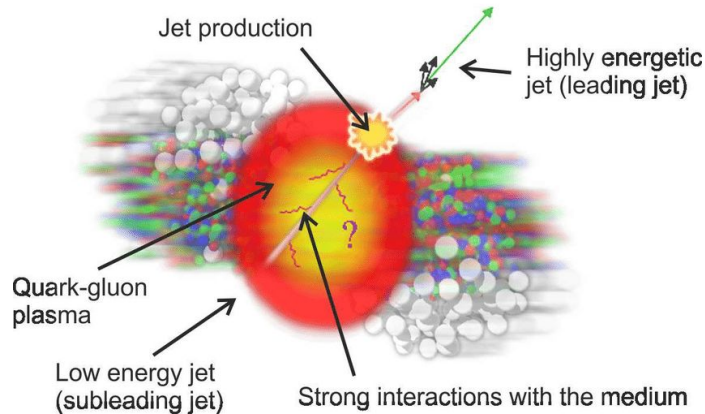
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# Why Jets?

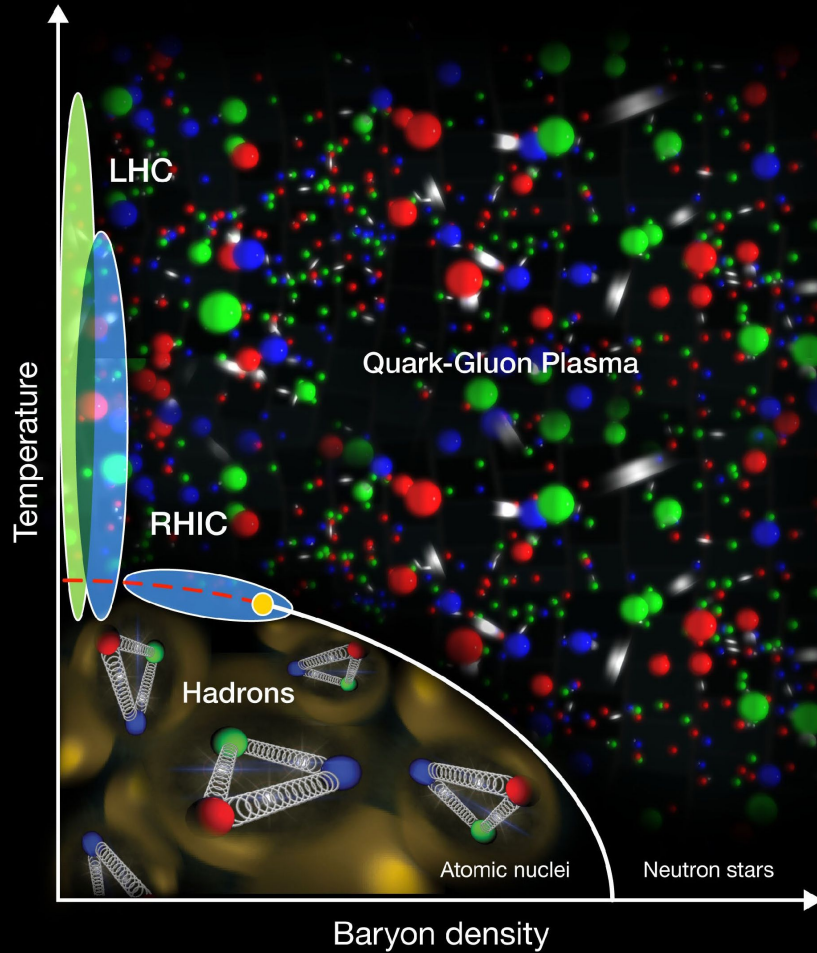
*I will not talk about this much, but it's cool!*

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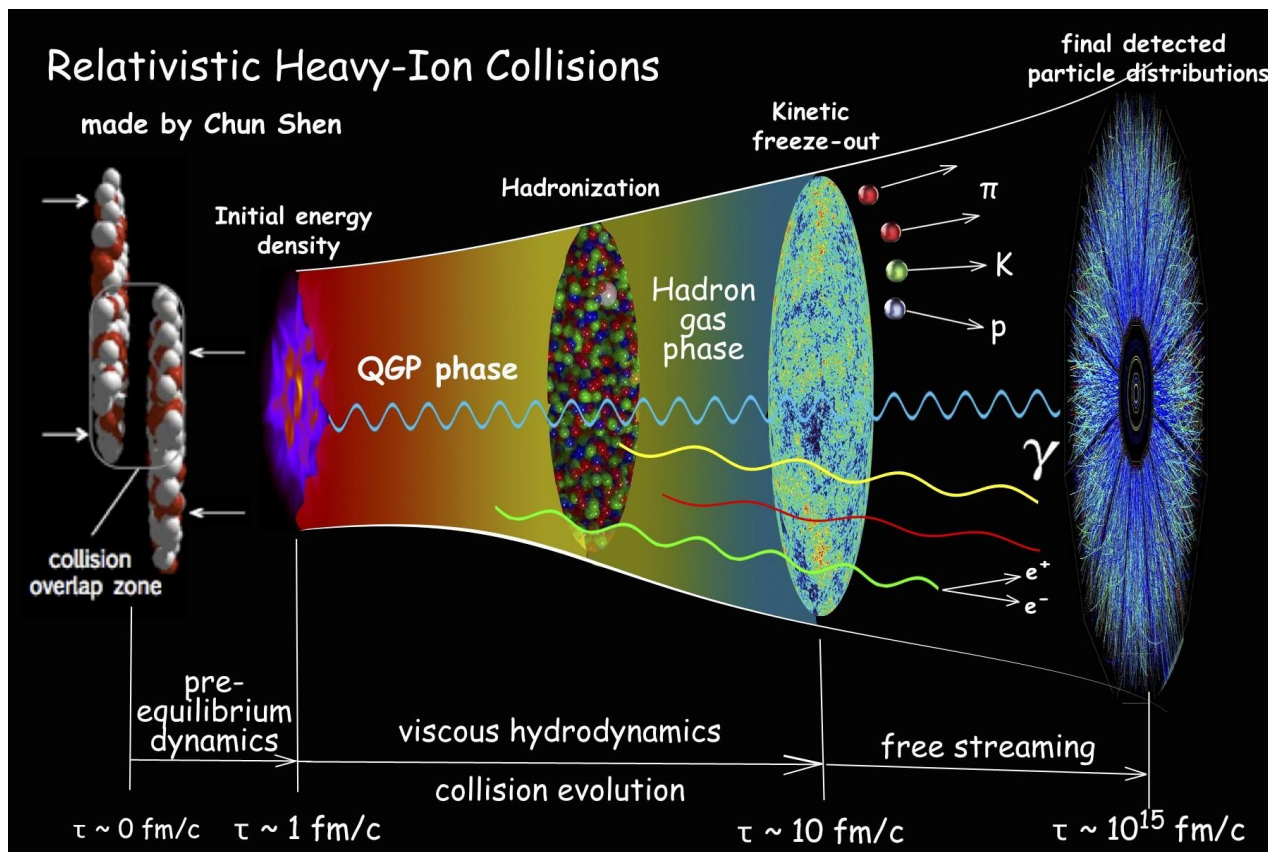


# Let's Zoom In

- **QGP** existed shortly after Big Bang
- **Extreme** in all aspects
- Re-created in **heavy ion collisions**



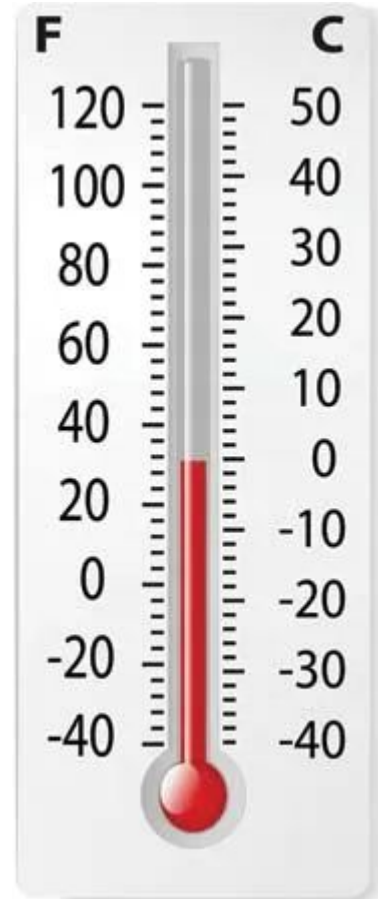
# Heavy Ion Collisions - Short Intro





# How To Study QGP?

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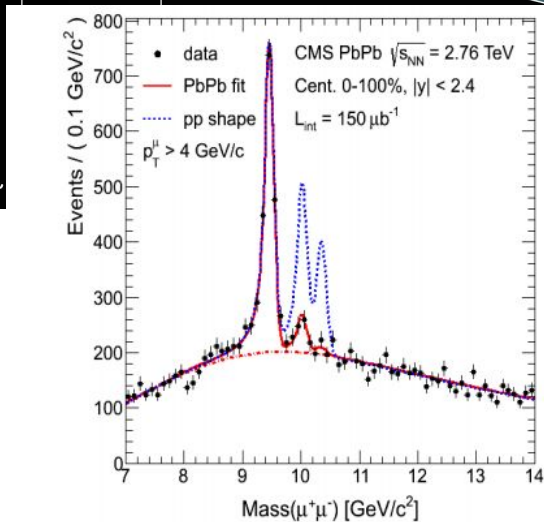
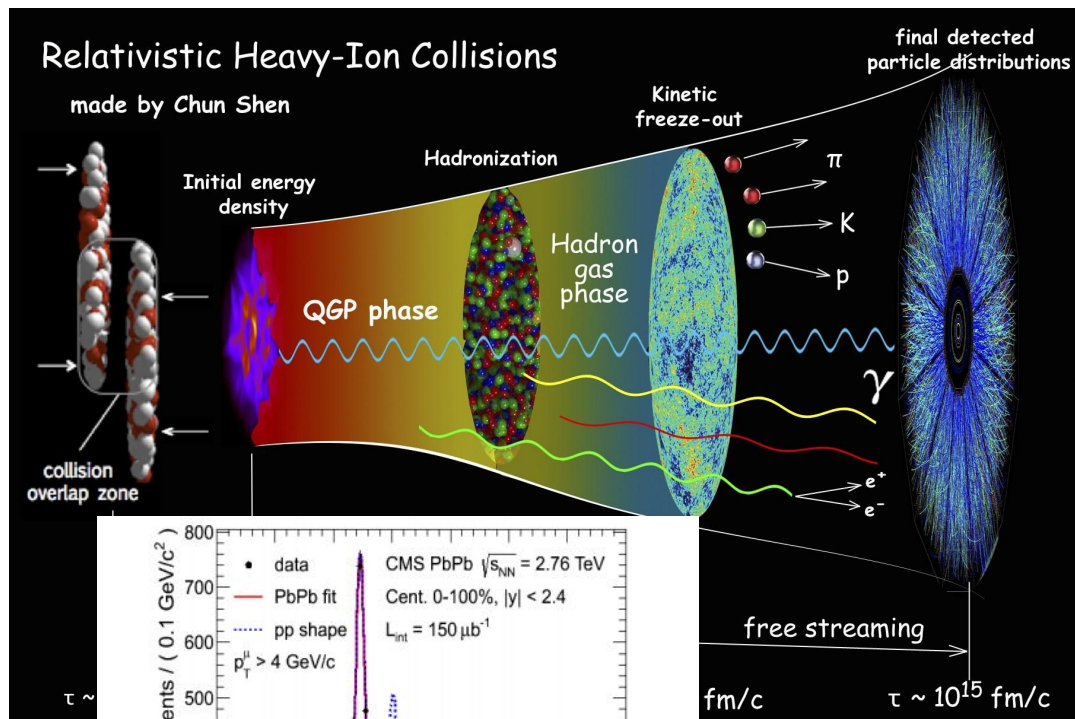
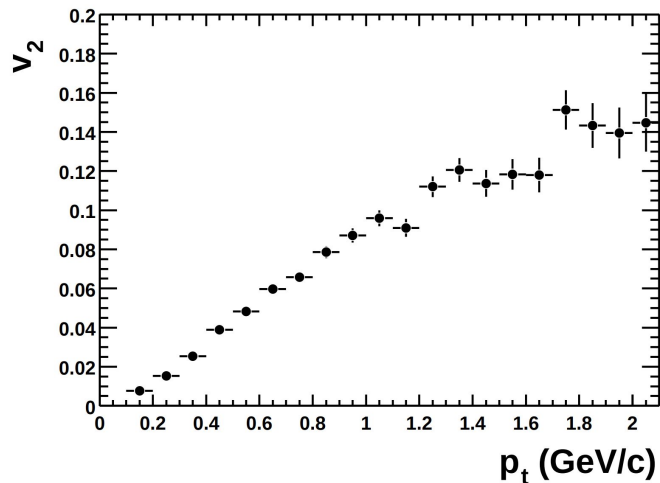
- ~~Thermometer?~~
- Probes



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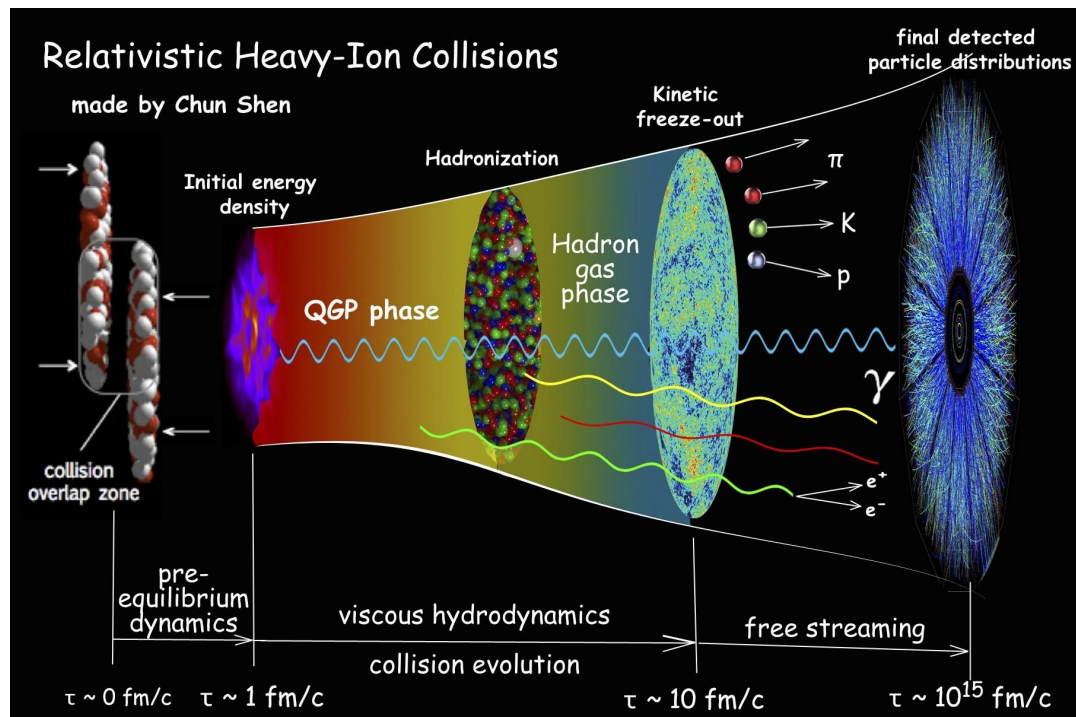
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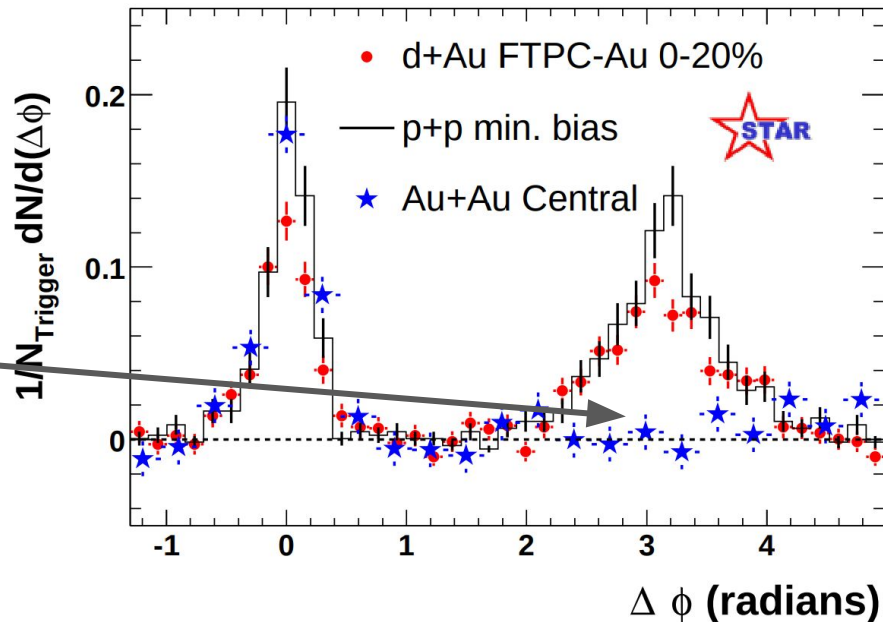
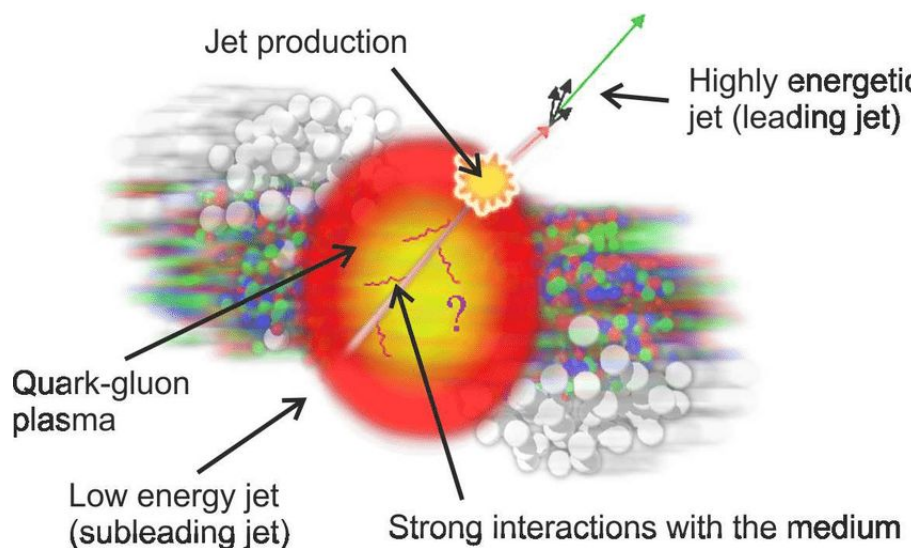


*Jets are a critical probe of QCD matter*

# Episode 1: Pre(jet)history

# First Observation of Jet Quenching

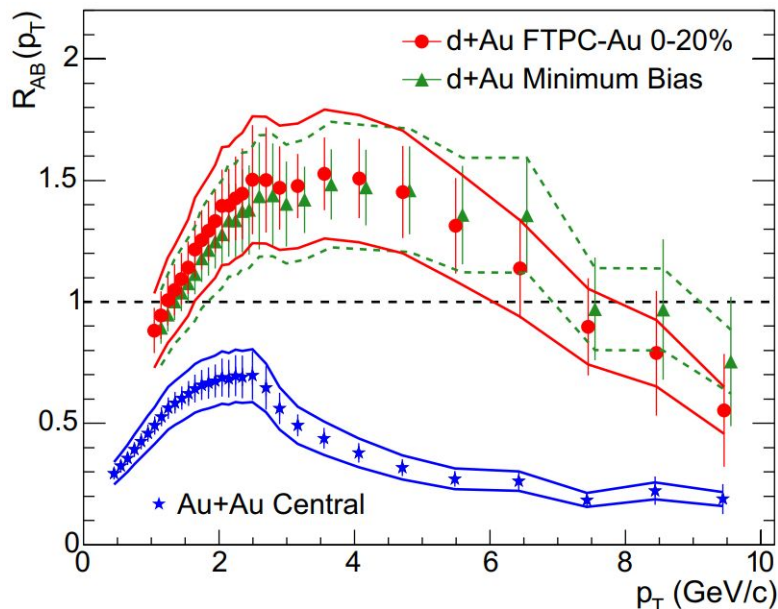
- High- $p_T$  hadron **suppression**



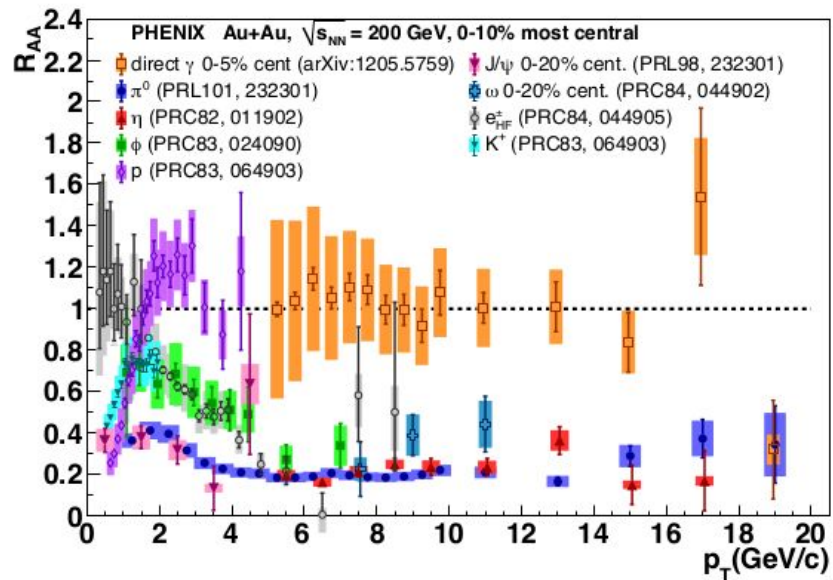
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# Alpha-Omega Observable

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\frac{d^2 N_{AA}}{dp_T dy}}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle \times \frac{d^2 N_{pp}}{dp_T dy}}$$



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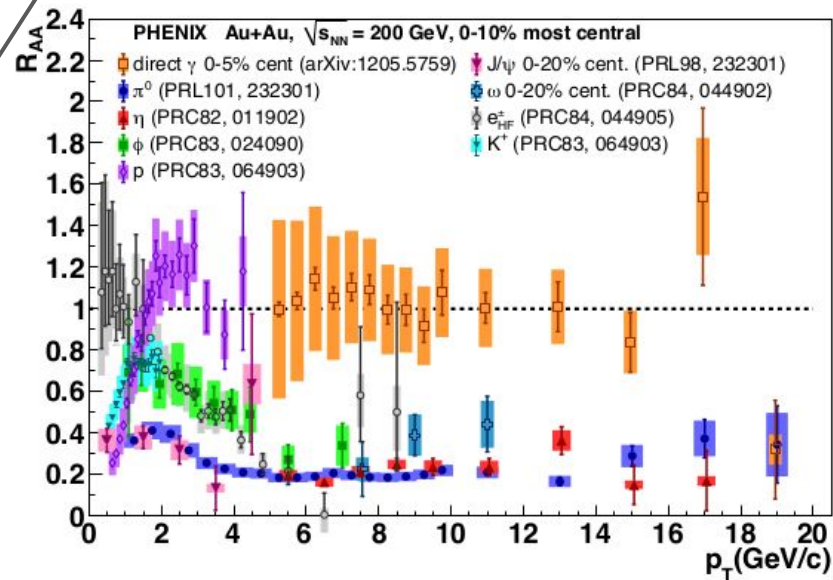
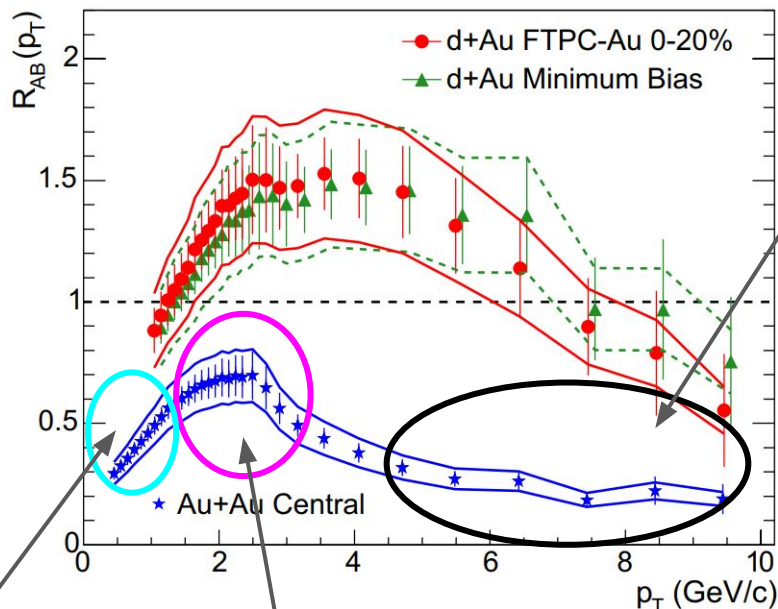


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Soft QCD,  
don't care

Cronin effect

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# So We Have Everything?

- Broader exploration of **jet quenching** mechanisms
- Different jet measurements: **inclusive**, coincidence, heavy flavor, substructure,...

*Turns out we really can and should reconstruct jets*



# Episode 2: What jets?

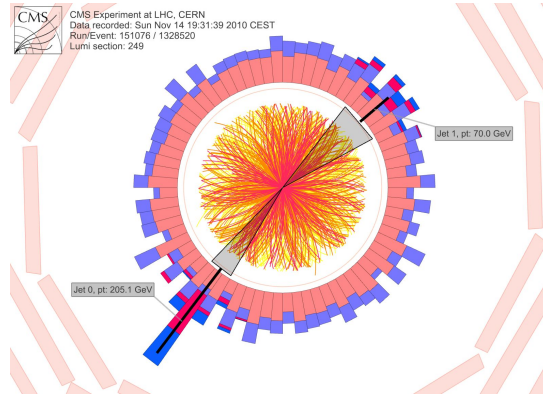
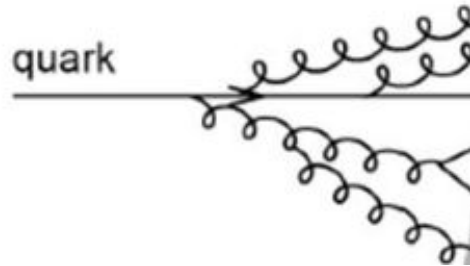
## What Are Jets?



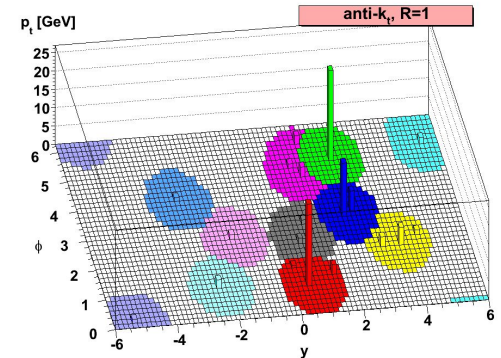
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# What Are Jets?

- Depends on **definition**
- Quantum chromodynamics: product of hard **parton (q/g) fragmentation**
- Detector: **bunch of particles** in one region (“collimated spray of hadrons”)
- Experimentalist (like me): whatever a **jet-finding algorithm** says



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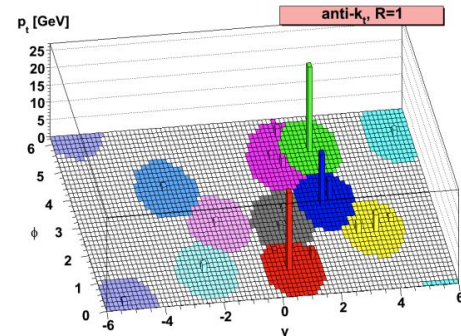
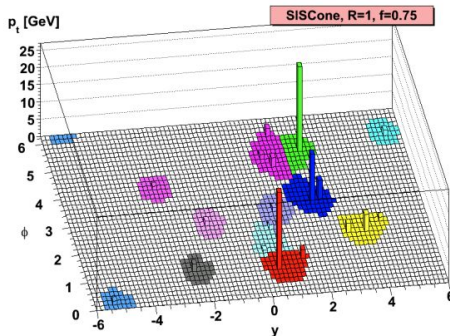
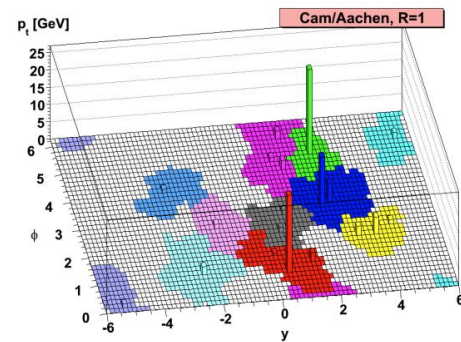
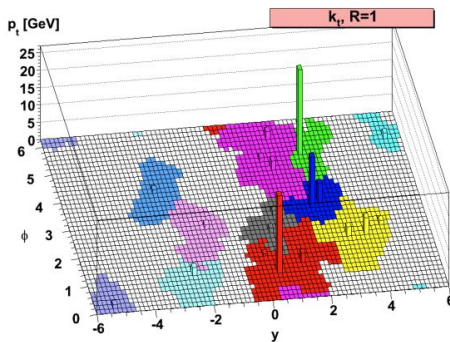


# Jet Clustering Algorithms (Actually Used)

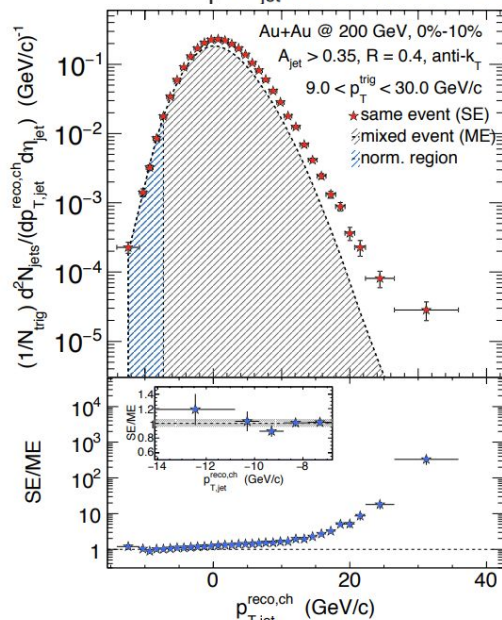
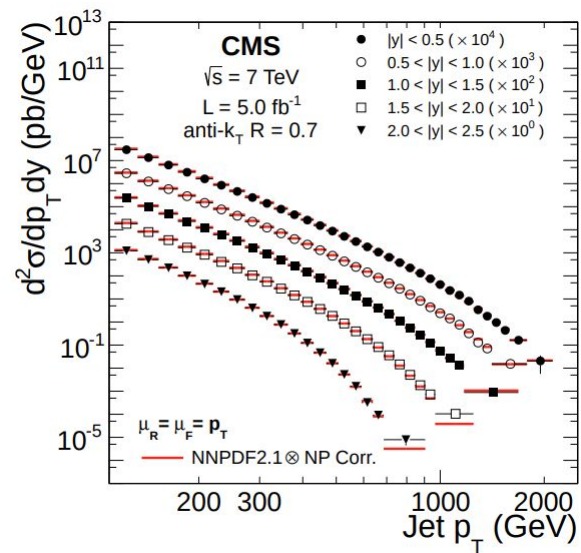
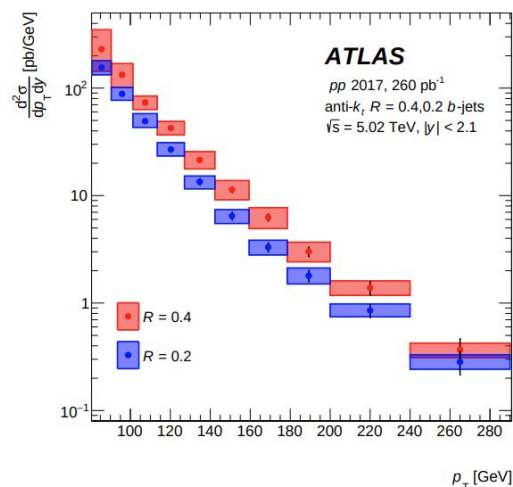
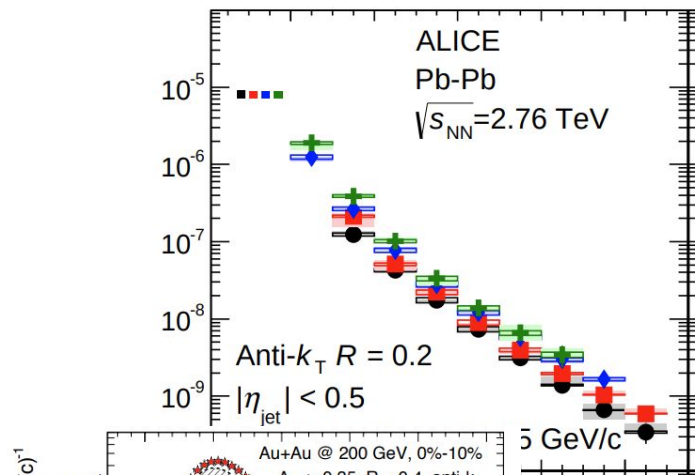
$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{ti}^{2p}, k_{tj}^{2p}) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$

$$\Delta_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$

- Minimize distance between particles
- Results are  $R$ -dependent
- Results are **algorithm**-dependent
- $p = 1 \rightarrow k_T$  (soft first, background)
- $p = 0 \rightarrow$  **Cambridge/Aachen** (only angular dependence, substructure)
- $p = -1 \rightarrow$  **anti- $k_T$**  (hard first, real jets)
- Infrared and Collinear safety







*Jets are objects that need to be treated carefully*

# Episode 3: How jets?



# Ideal Jet Analysis

1. Measure **all particles** in the event
2. Feed them into **jet finder**
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5. **Subtract background**
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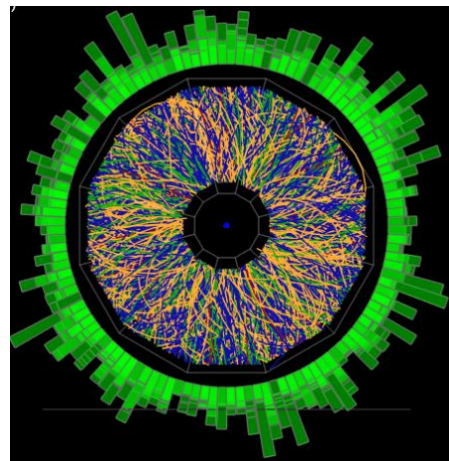


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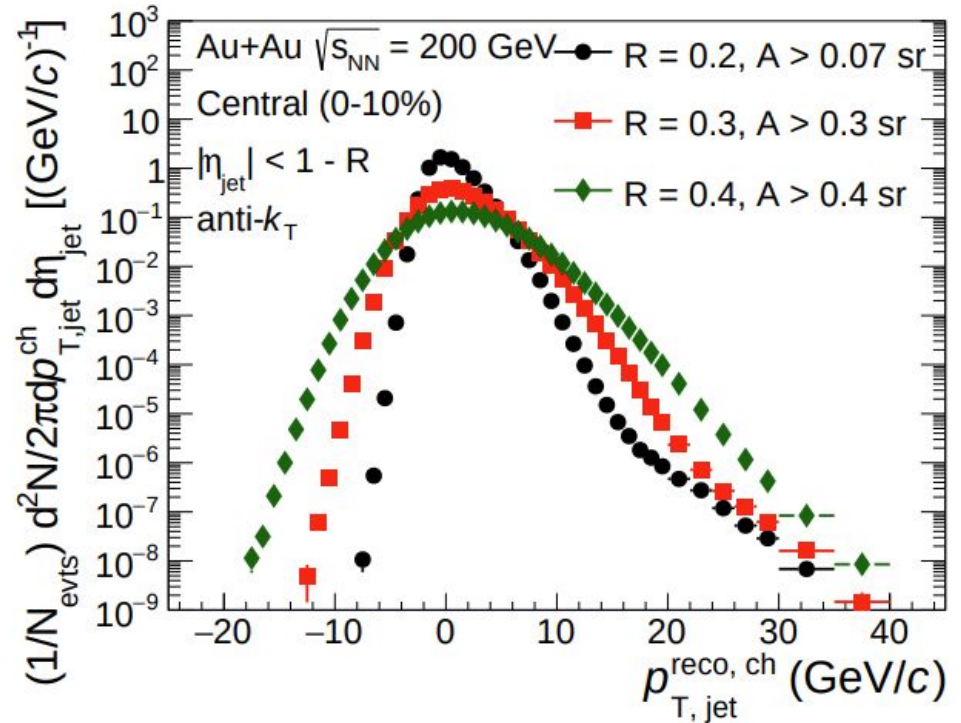
# Approximation - Charged Jets

1. Only **charged** particles
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$$p_{T,jet}^{reco,i} = p_{T,jet}^{raw,i} - \rho \cdot A_{jet}^i, \text{ where } \rho = \text{median} \left\{ \frac{p_{T,jet}^{raw,i}}{A_{jet}^i} \right\}$$

*We don't really know what is background*

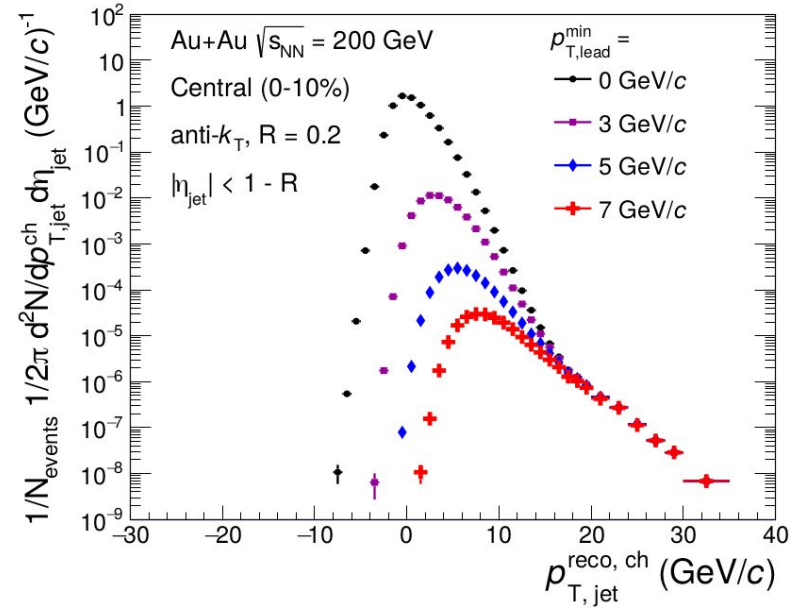
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# 5. Reducing Background

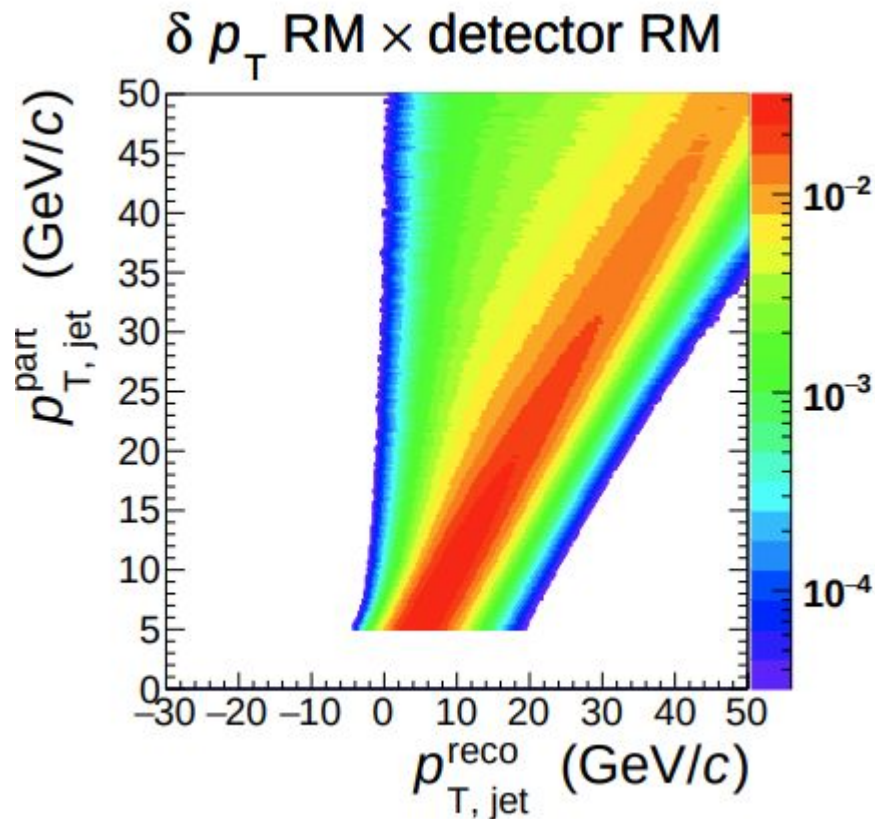
- Combinatorial jets suppressed by imposing cut on **leading hadron** transverse momentum ( $p_{T,lead}$ )
- Imposes **bias** on jet fragmentation and breaks collinear safety

*We need to be careful with interpretations of the results*



## 6. Correcting For Detector Effects

- Simulated **response matrix**
- Truth  $\rightarrow$  Measured “easy”
- Measured  $\rightarrow$  Truth hard
- **Unfolding** = fake-inverting the matrix



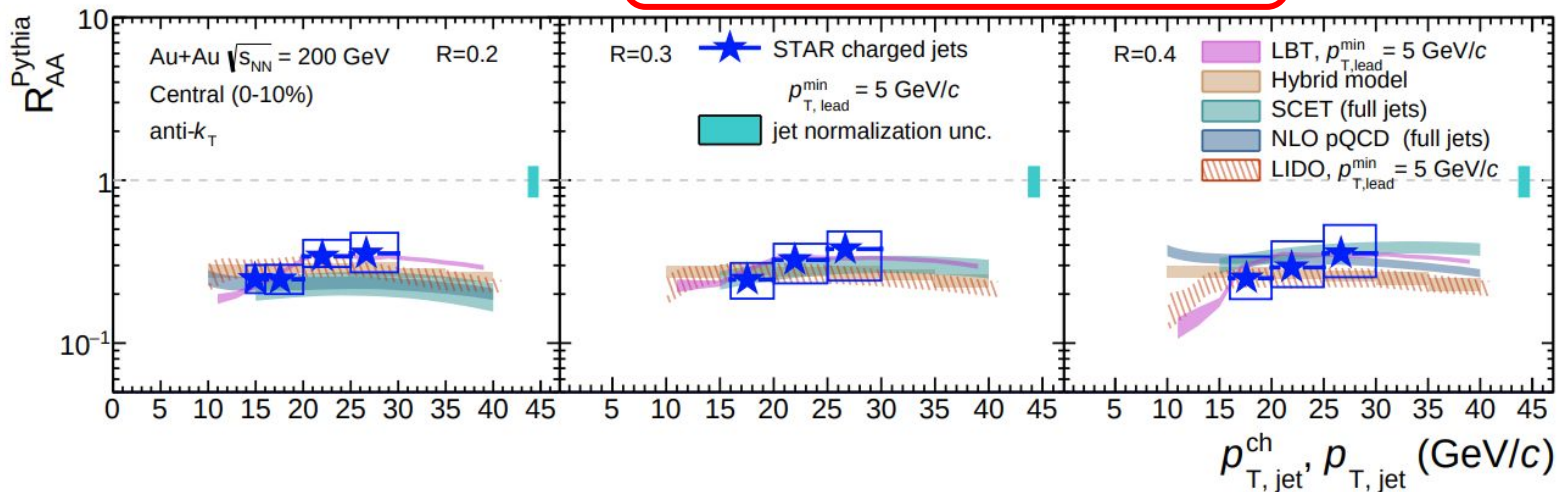
# 7. Systematic Uncertainties

*Nature doesn't care about your cuts!*

- Repeating the analysis with different conditions and getting the ~same result
- Partially inherent

# 8. Publish and Profit

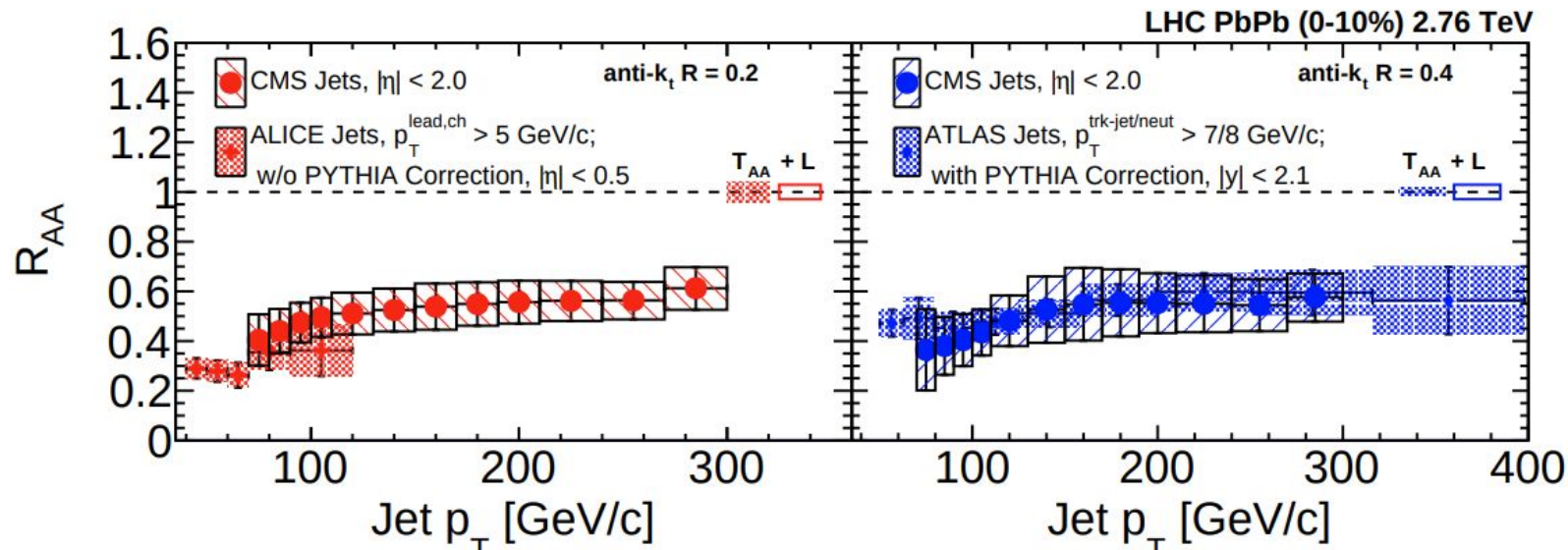
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# Episode 4: How really jets?

# Have a Real Calorimeter

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# What If You Don't Have One

- Take what's available
- Make lots of studies
- **Make it work**



Слава Україні!  
Путин - хуйло!

**BACKUP**

