

A tale of two jets

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What a theorist needs to know about background

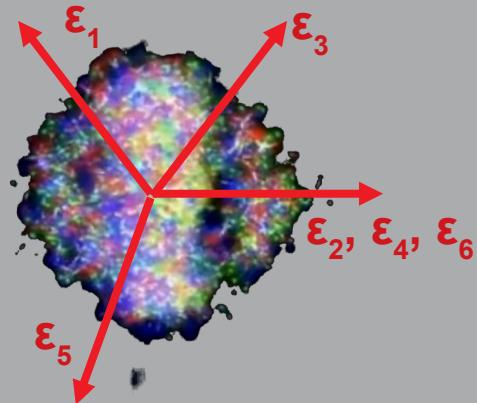
- You have background too!
- The distinction between signal and background is somewhat arbitrary
- Experimental background subtraction techniques may lead to non-trivial bias
- The gold standard is treating the model exactly like the data

Background is not just an experimental problem

[arXiv:2005.02320](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.02320)

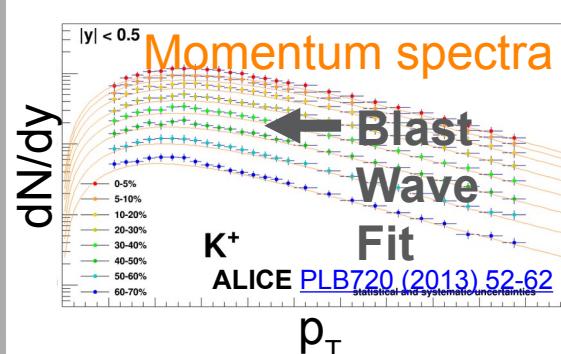
TennGen background generator

Event properties

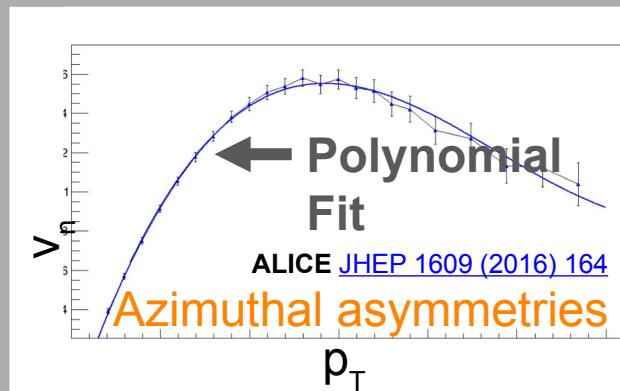


- Even event planes fixed at $\Psi=0$
- Odd planes at random φ
- Multiplies from ALICE
[PRC88 \(2013\) 044910](#)

Track properties



→ Random p_T



→ v_n
→ Random φ

No jets! No resonances
Emulates hydro correlations

PYTHIA Angantyr

[JHEP \(2018\) 2018: 134](#)

- Based on PYTHIA 8

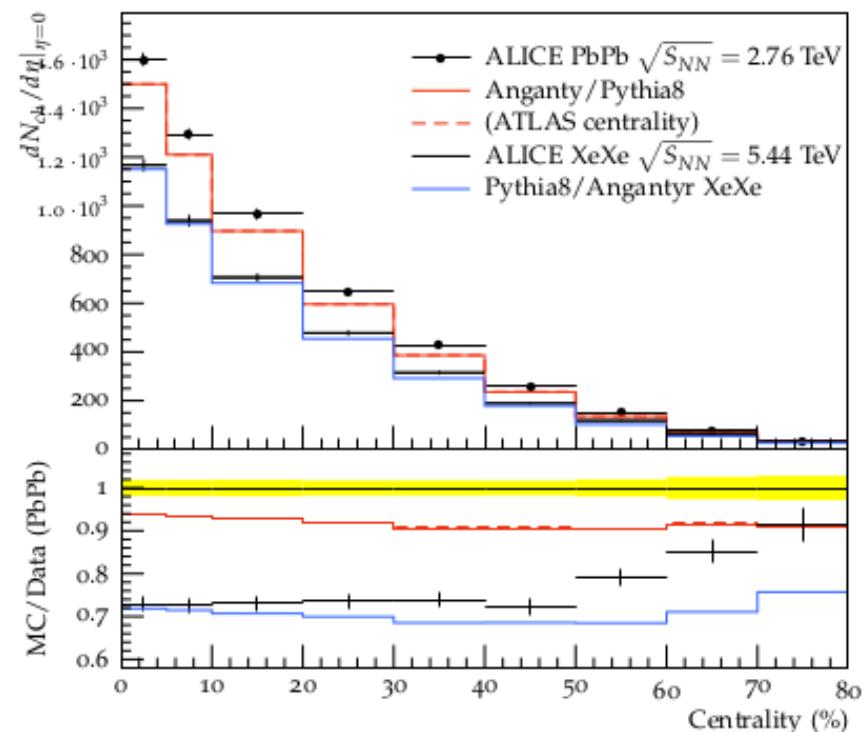
Sjöstrand, Mrenna & Skands,

[JHEP05 \(2006\) 026](#)

[Comput. Phys. Comm. 178 \(2008\) 852.](#)

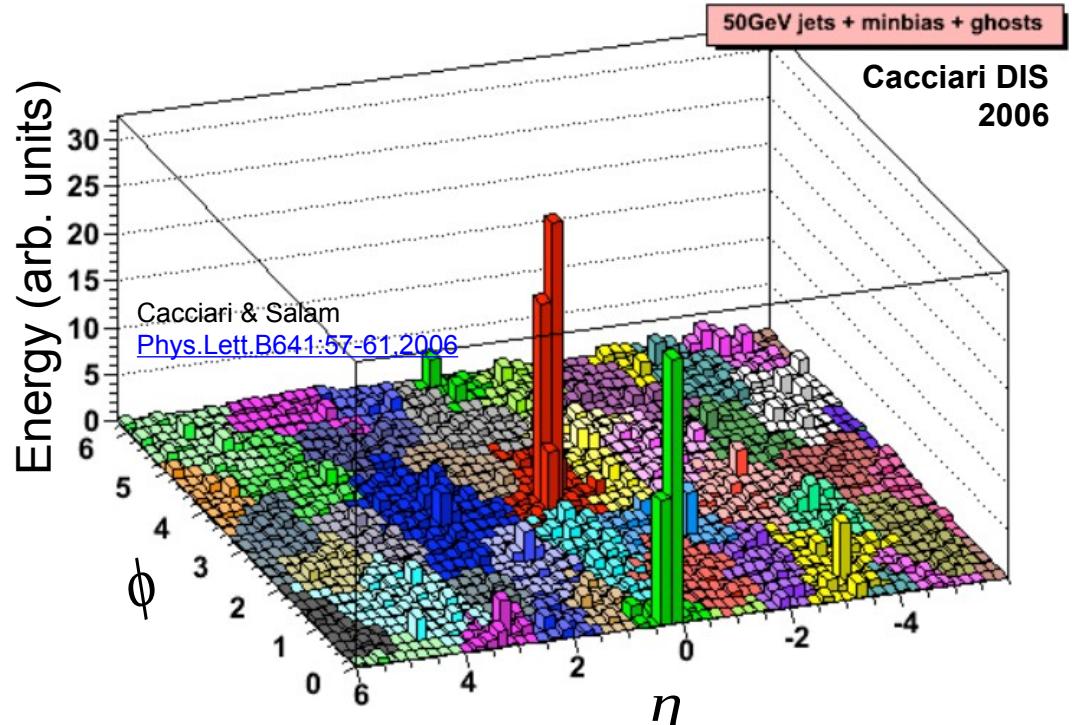
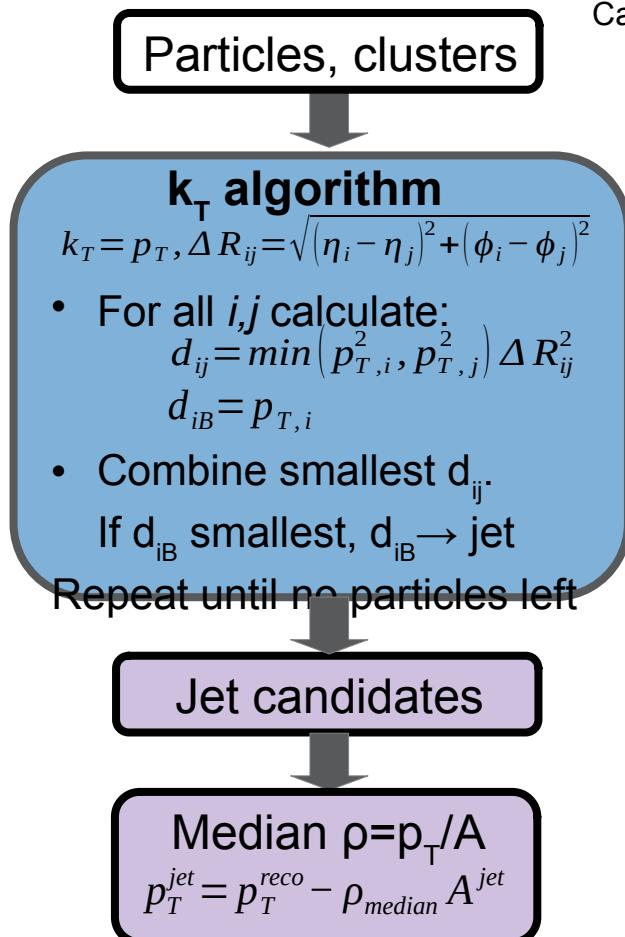
- Based on Fritiof & wounded nucleons
- N-N collisions w/fluctuating radii
→ fluctuating σ

Lots of jets! And resonances!
No hydrodynamics, no jet quenching

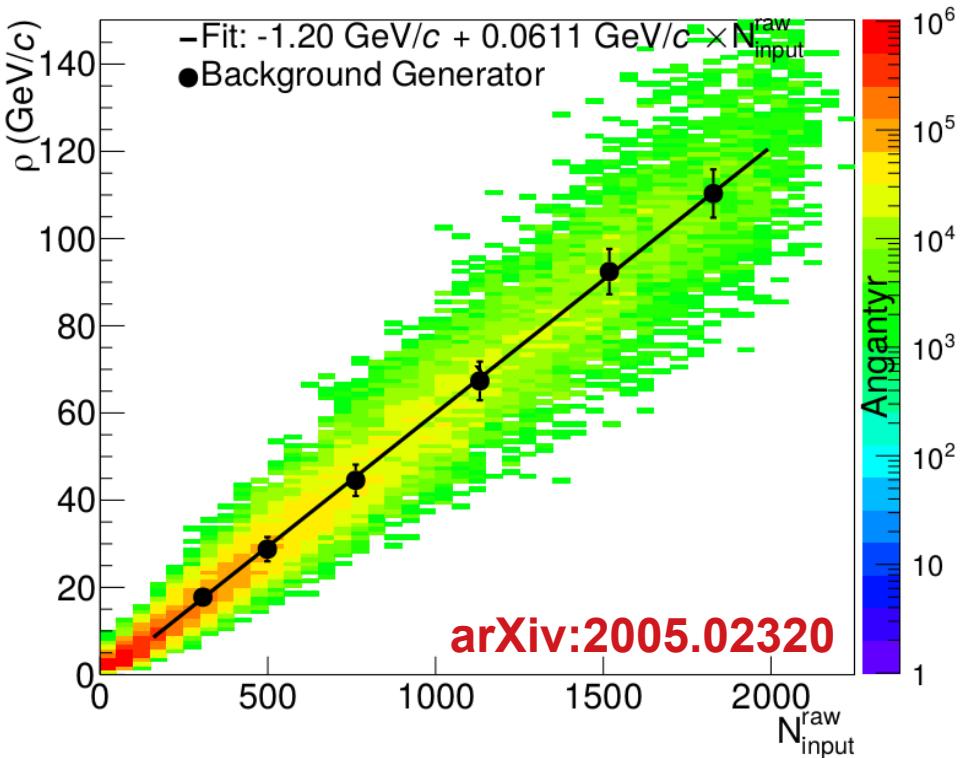
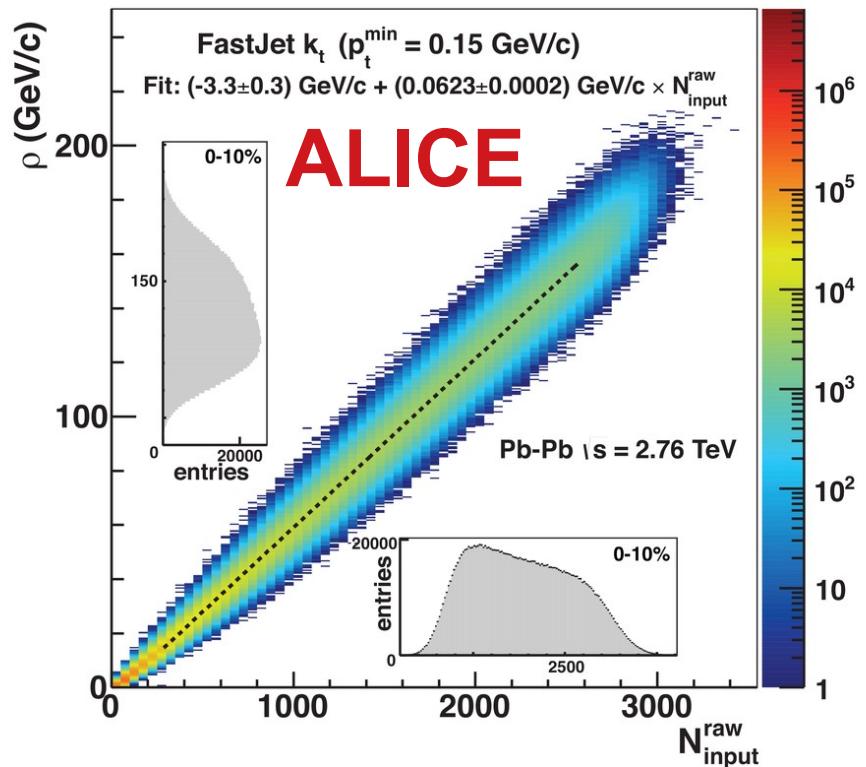


Area-based background subtraction

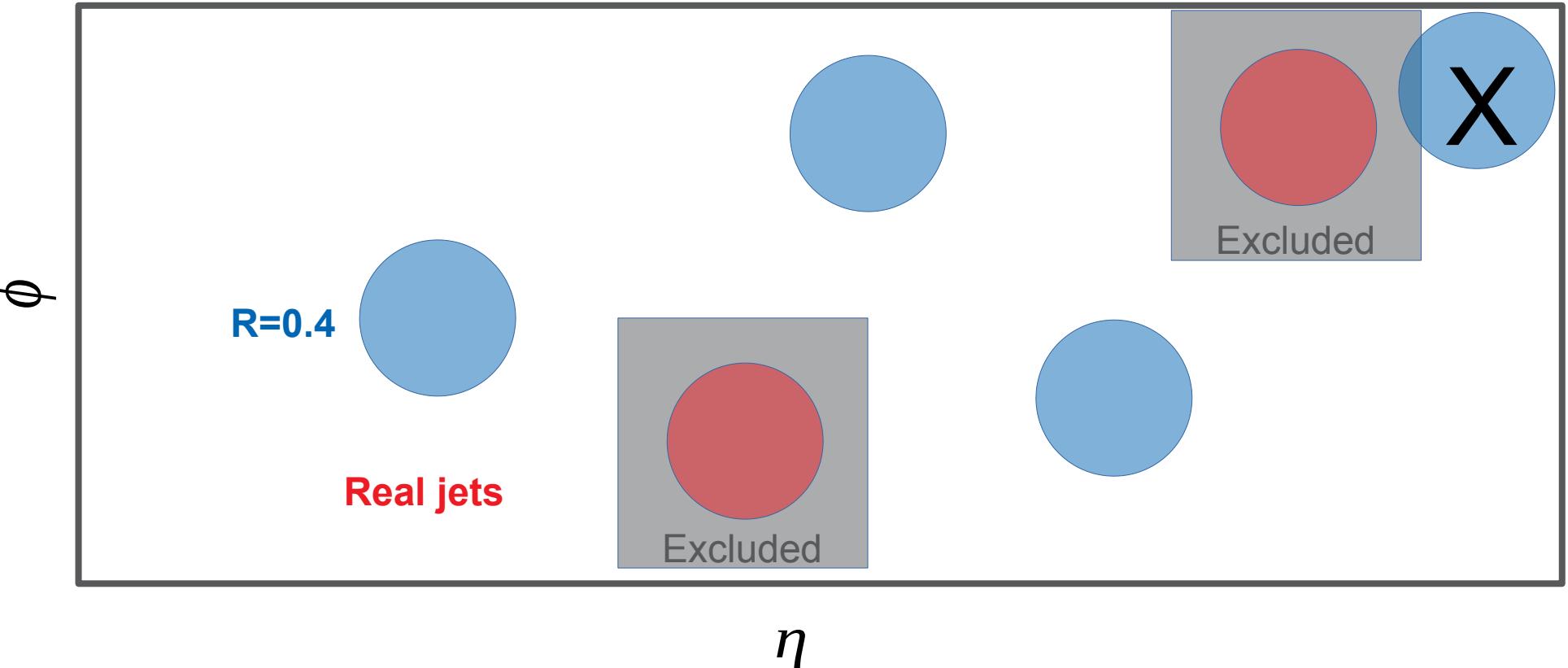
Cacciari & Salam, [PLB659:119–126,2008](#)



Background density ρ



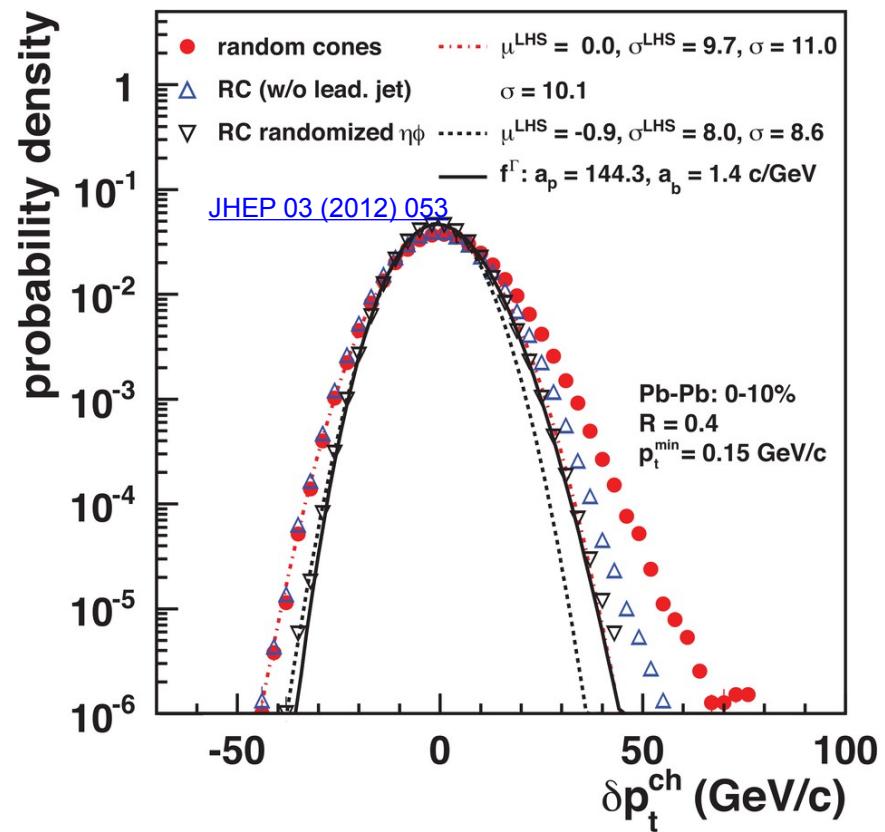
Random cones



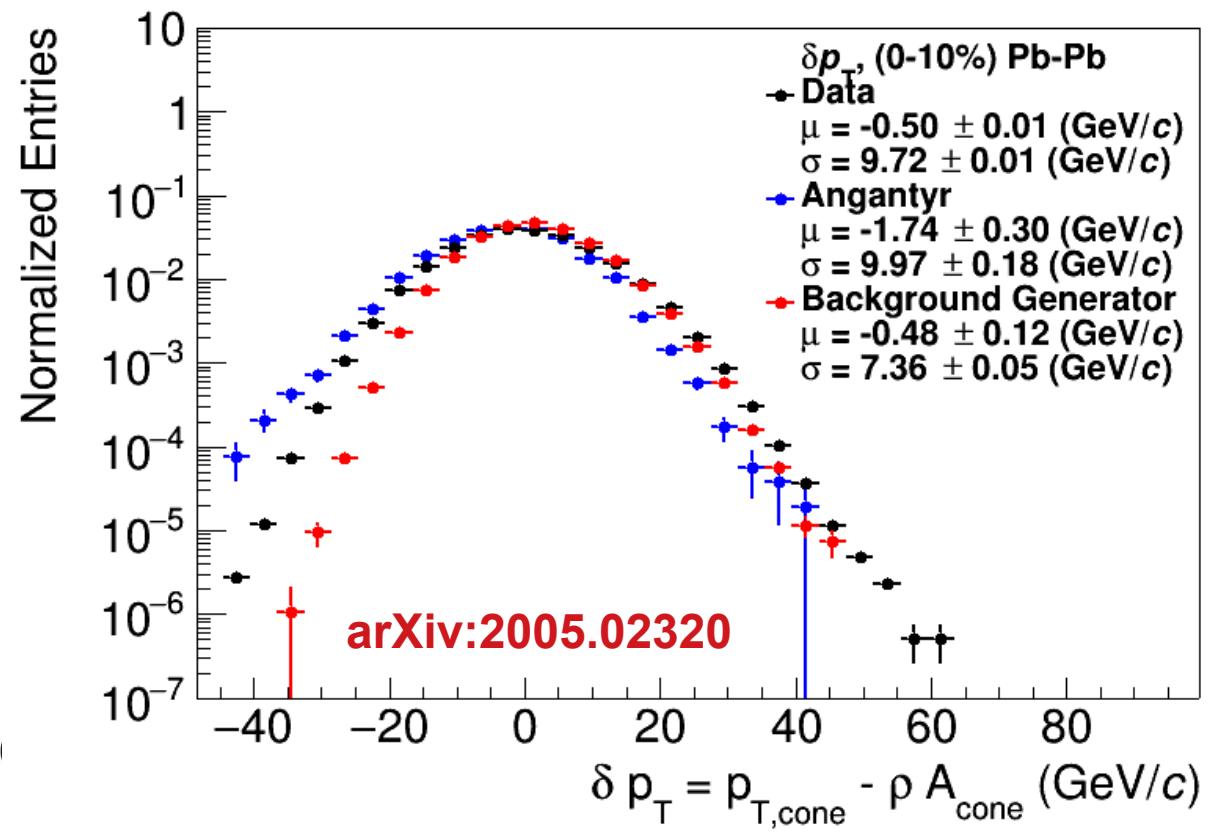
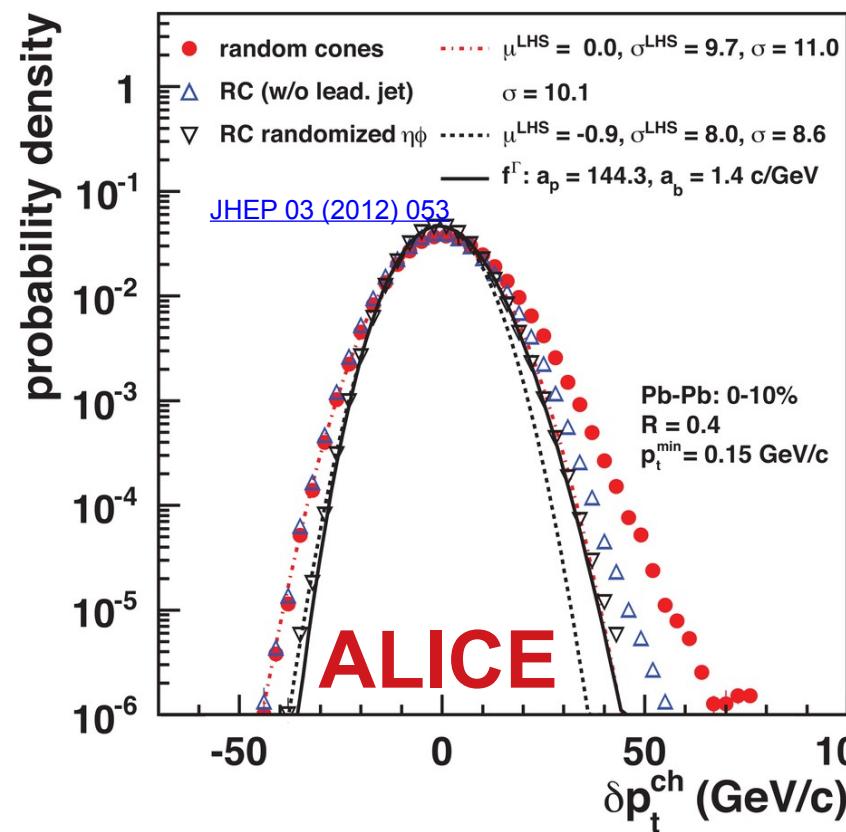
Random cones in ALICE

- Estimate ρ
 - ~ k_T jet finder → jet candidates
 - ~ $\rho = \text{Median}(p_T/A)$
- Draw Random cone

$$\delta p_T = p_T^{reco} - \rho A$$



Random cones



Shape of width of the distribution

Single particle spectra

$$f_\Gamma(p_T, p, b) = \frac{b}{\Gamma(p)} (b p_T)^{p-1} e^{-bx}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dy} \propto f_\Gamma(p_T, 2, b) = b^2 p_T e^{-k p_T}$$

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Tannenbaum, [PLB\(498\), 1–2, Pg.29-34\(2001\)](#)

Σp_T of N particles → N-fold convolution:

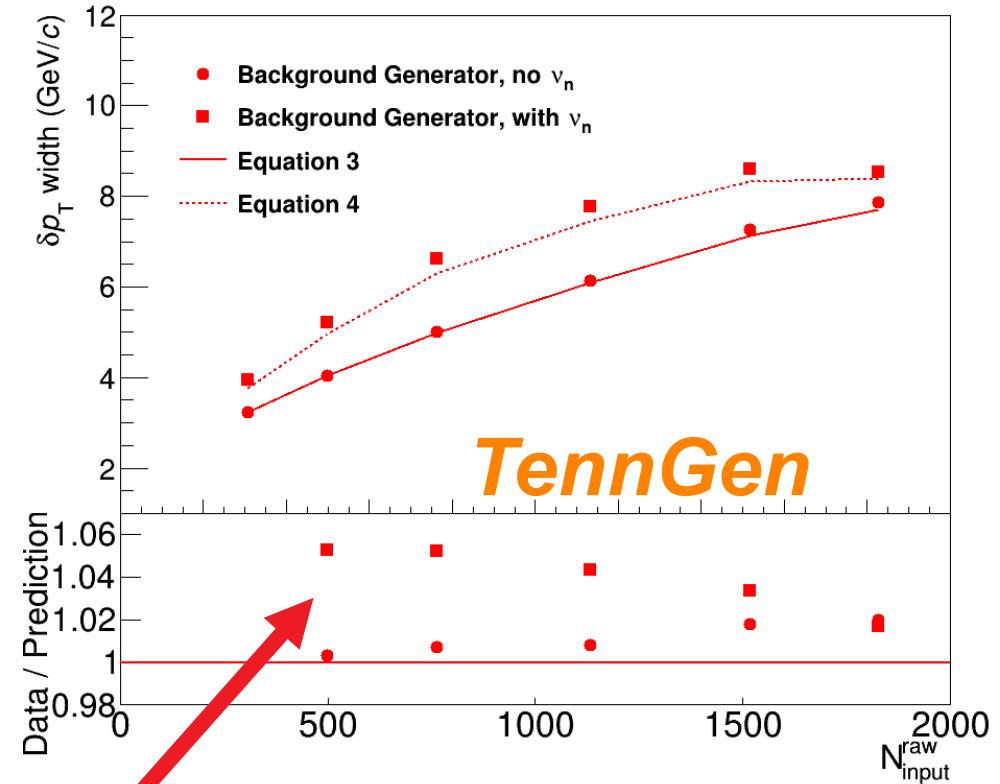
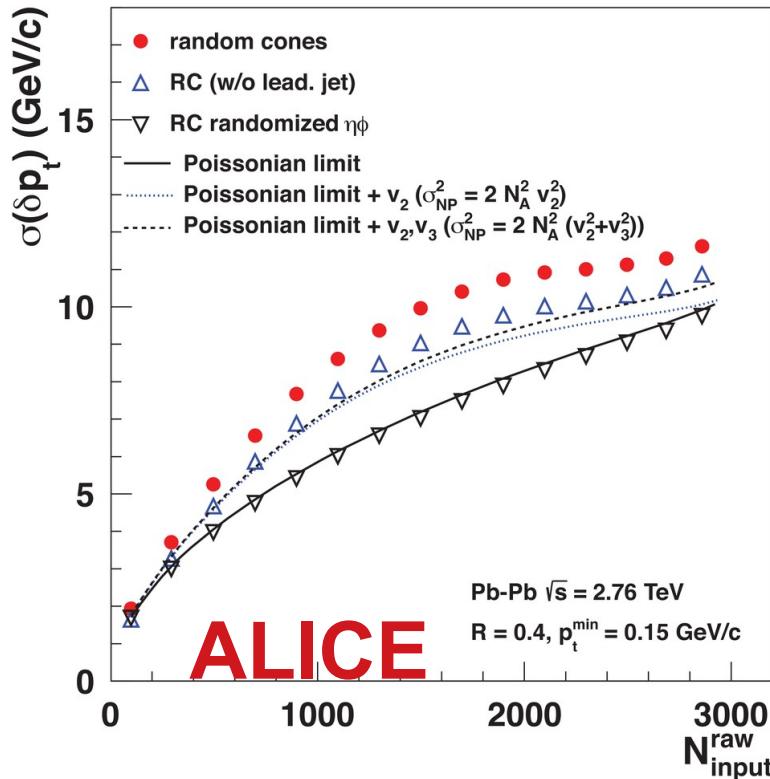
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Add Poissonian fluctuations in N: $\sigma_{total} = \sqrt{N \sigma_{p_T}^2 + N \mu_{p_T}^2}$

Add non-Poissonian fluctuations in N due to flow

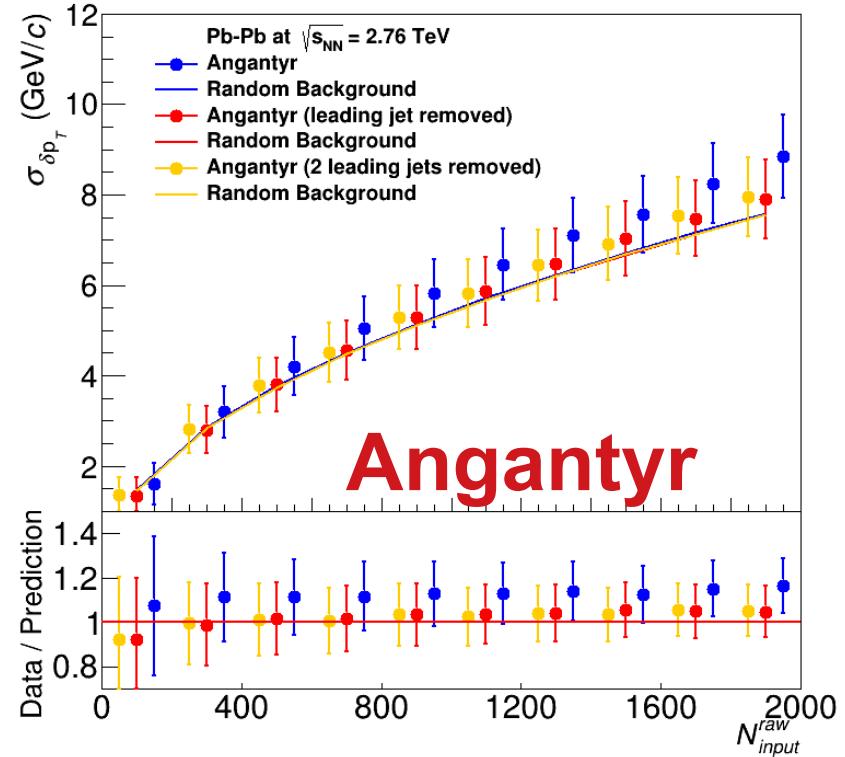
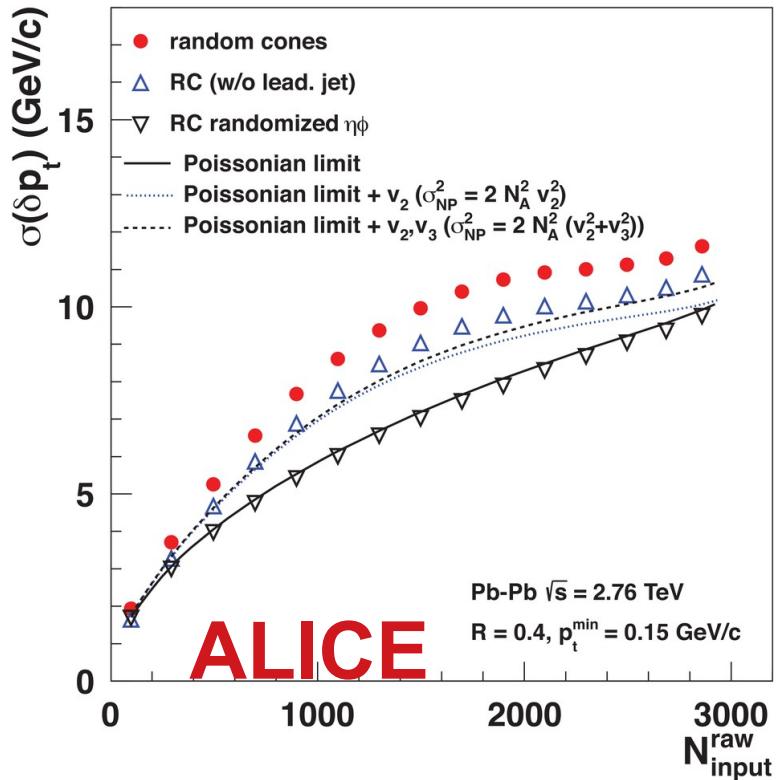
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Width vs multiplicity



Small deviations

Width vs multiplicity



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Assumes shape

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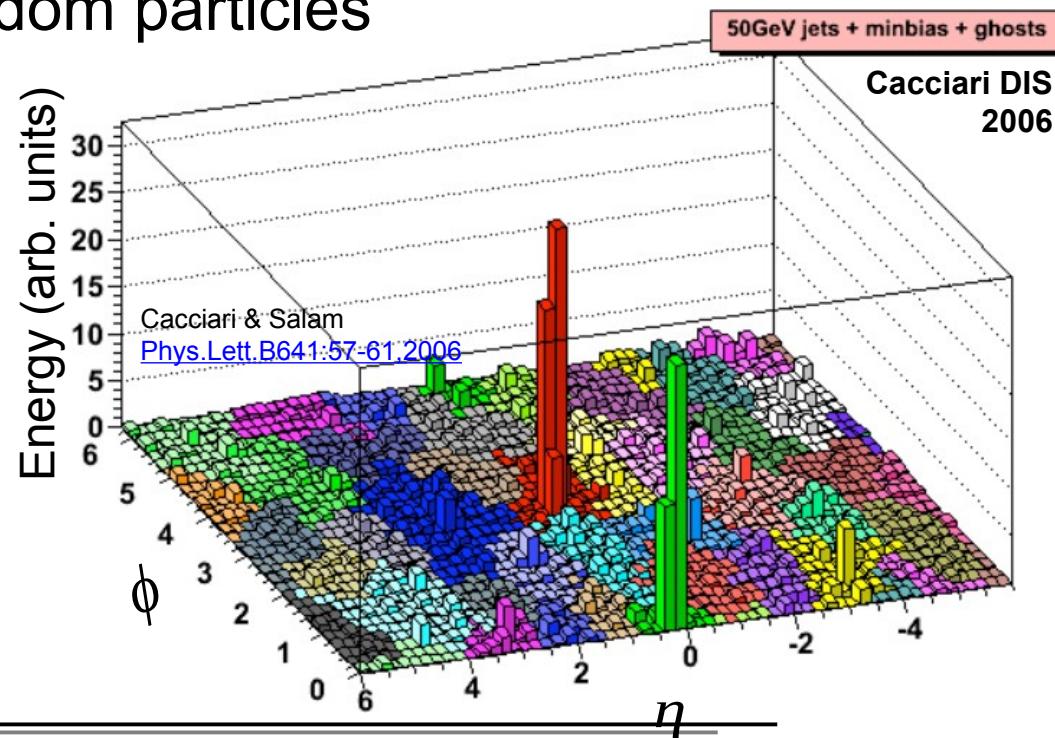
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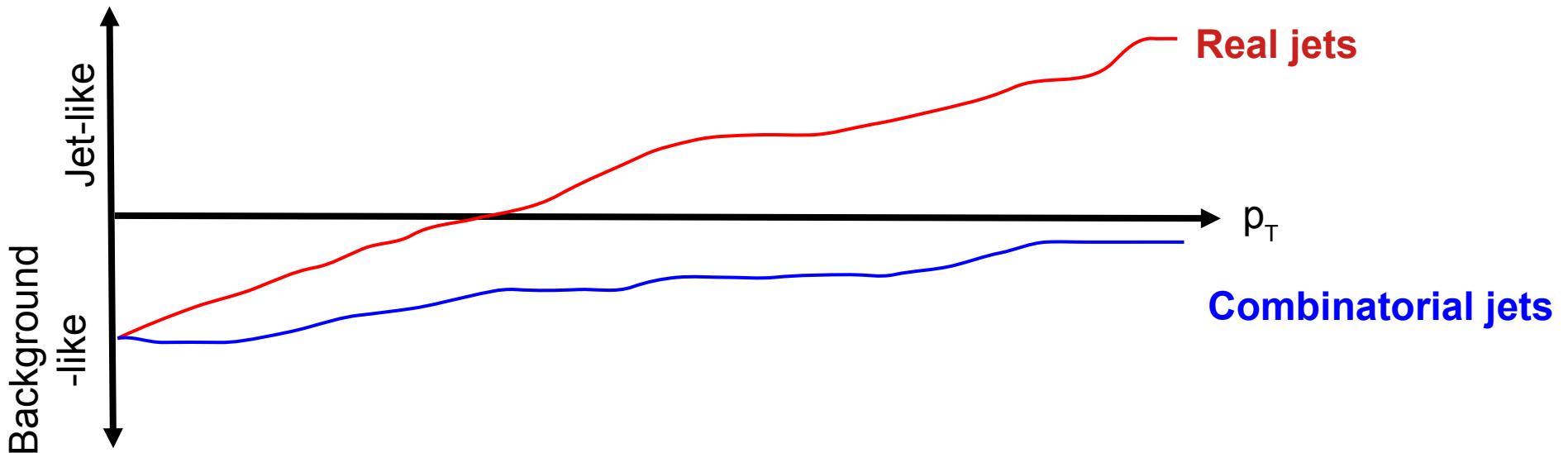
Assumes uncorrelated number fluctuations

Mini-summary

- Jet finders put all input clusters, tracks in a jet candidate
- Background is *dominated* by random particles
 - ~ But ~5% effects from non-Poissonian fluctuations
- Models have background too!
 - ~ Sensitive to multiplicity, implementation of flow



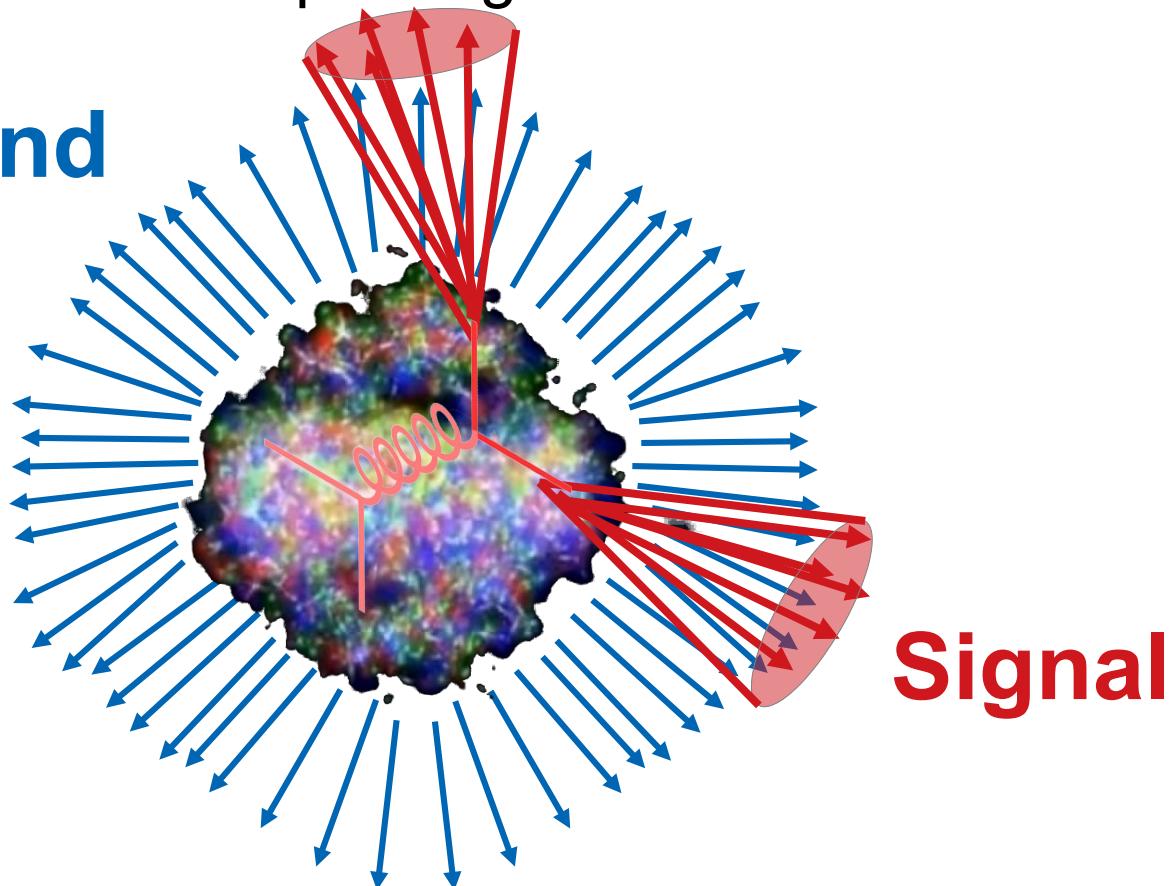
Signal and background overlap



Signal vs Background:

The standard paradigm

Background



Signal

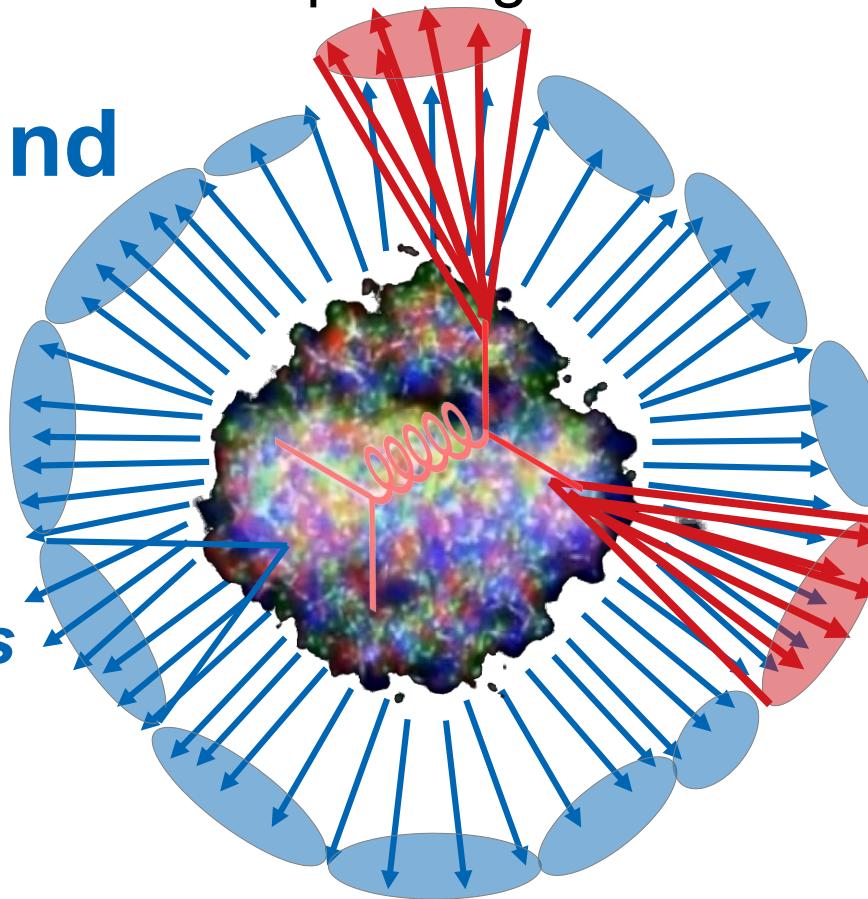
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Combinatorial jets

Signal



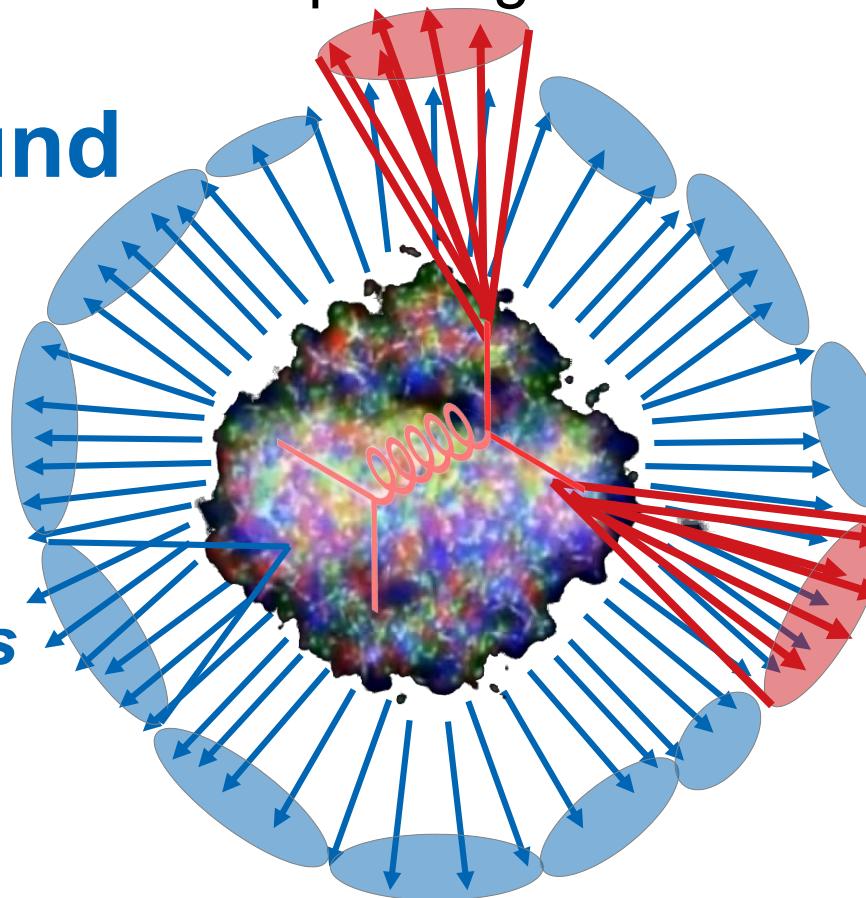
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Combinatorial jets
= “fake” jets

Signal



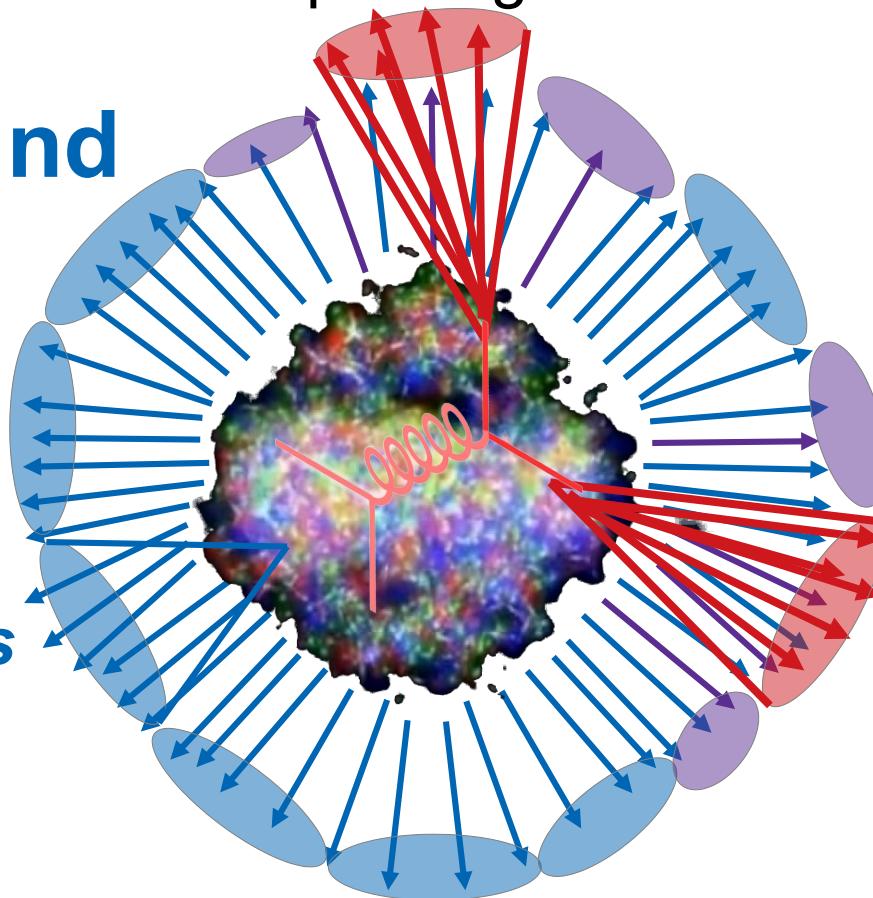
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*Some gray areas



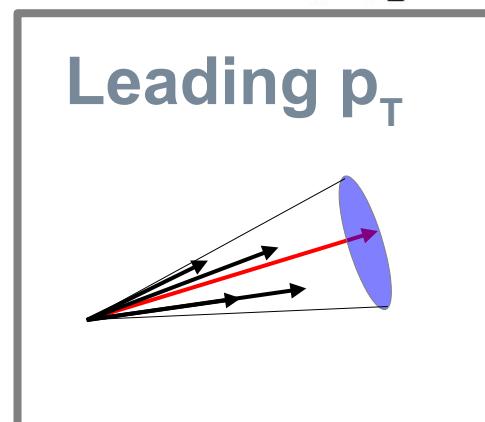
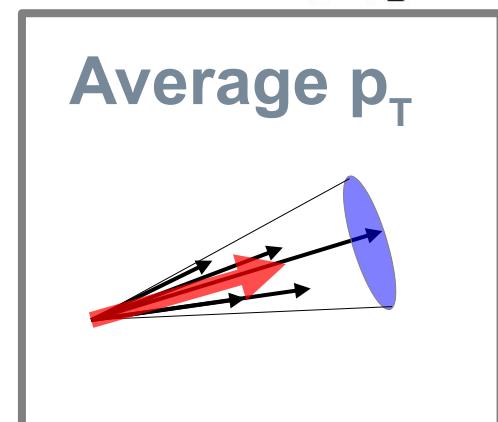
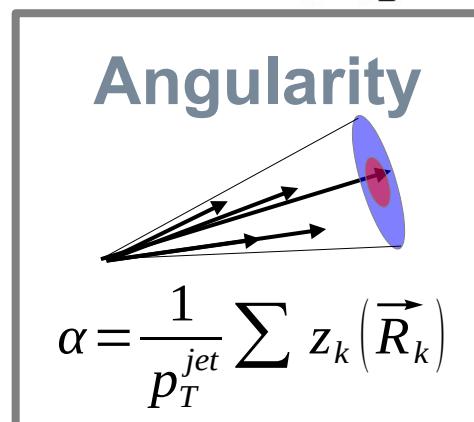
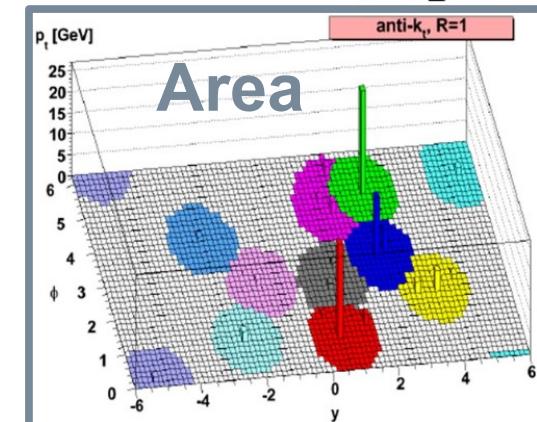
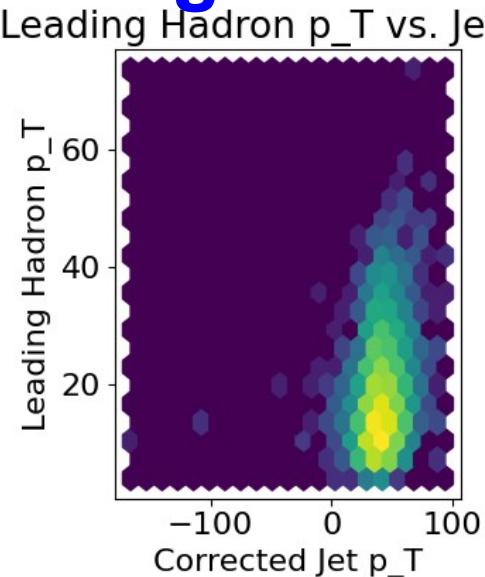
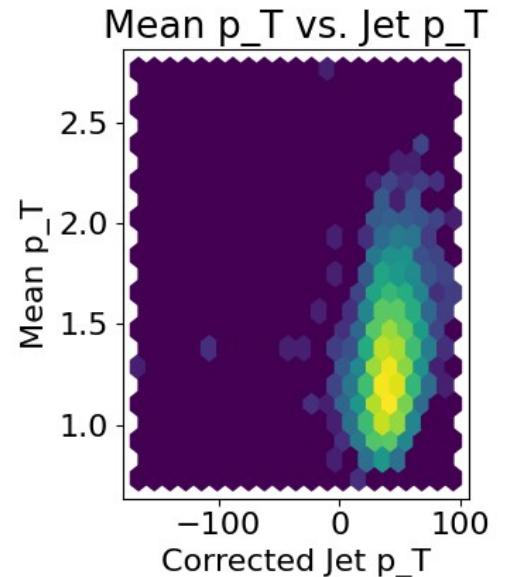
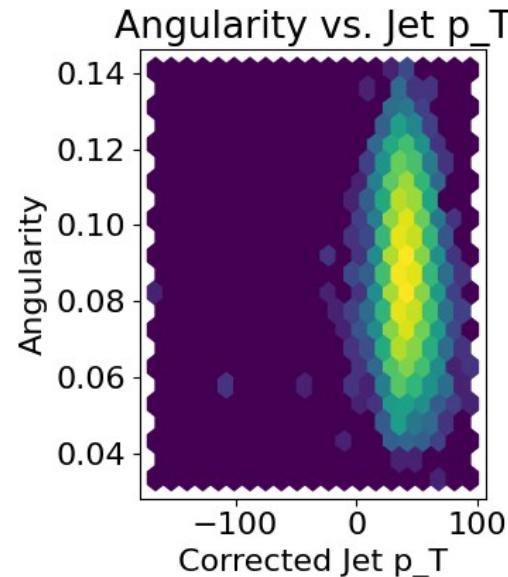
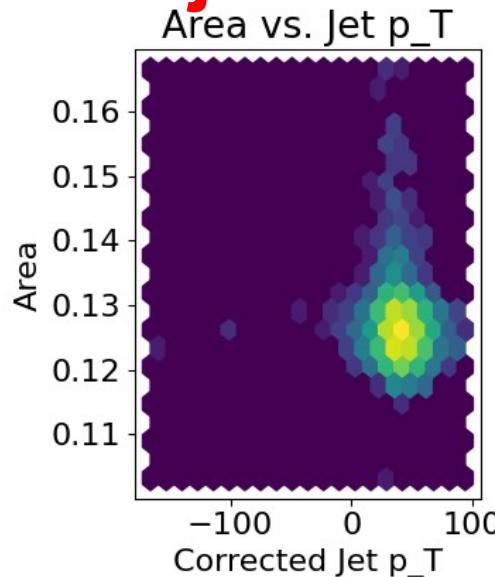
Technique

- Anti- k_T jet finder, $|n_{jet}| < 0.5$
- **Combinatorial jets:** Only contain TennGen particles
- **Real jets:** Add a PYTHIA pp event. Real jets contain $> 80\%$ of $p_{T\text{hard}}^{\text{min}}$

Real jets

$R = 0.2, p_T \text{ hard min} = 40$

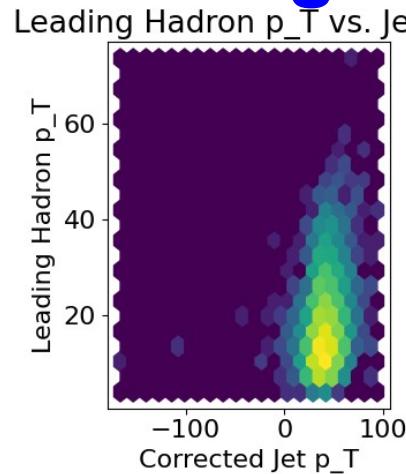
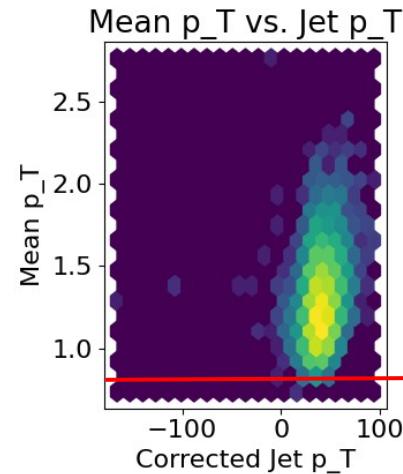
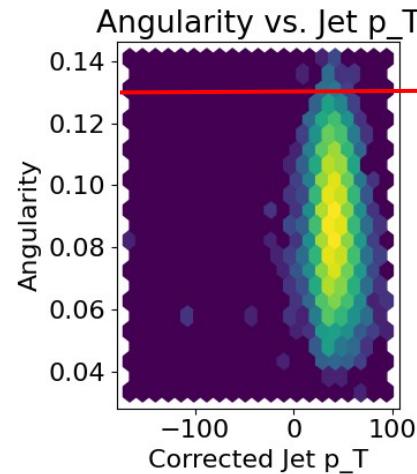
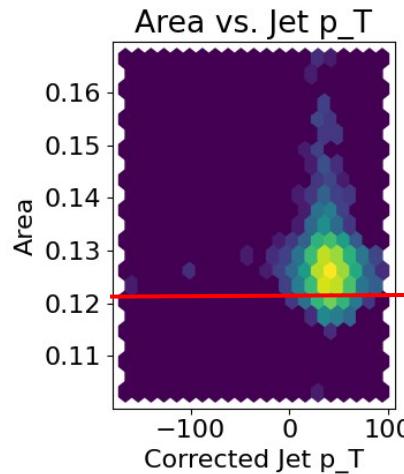
Log z scale



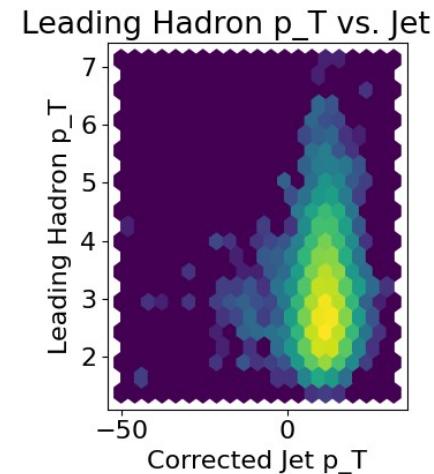
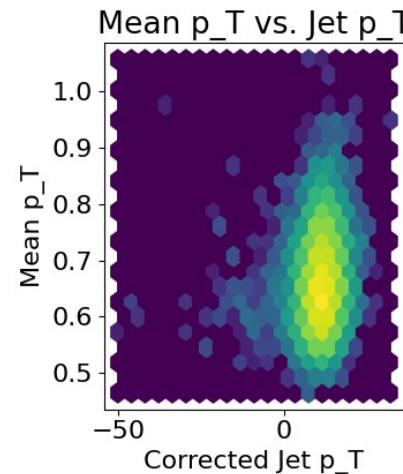
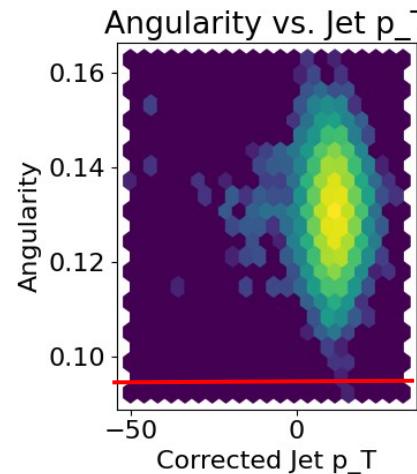
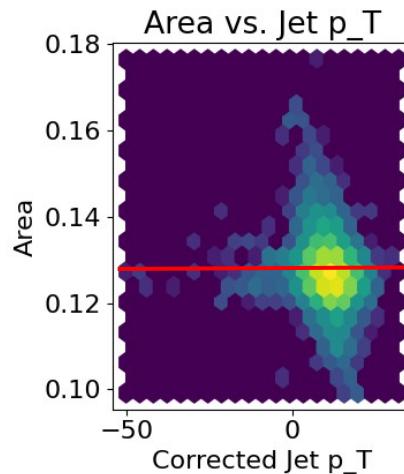
$p_{\text{Thard}} > 40 \text{ GeV}/c$, R=0.2

Log z scale

Real

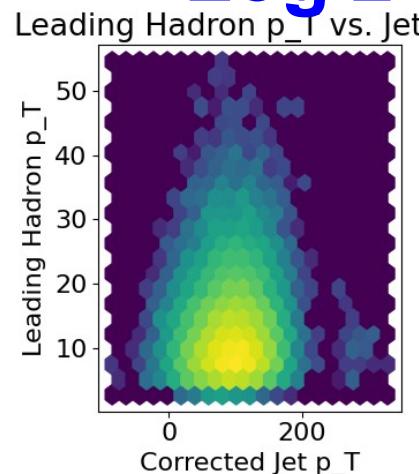
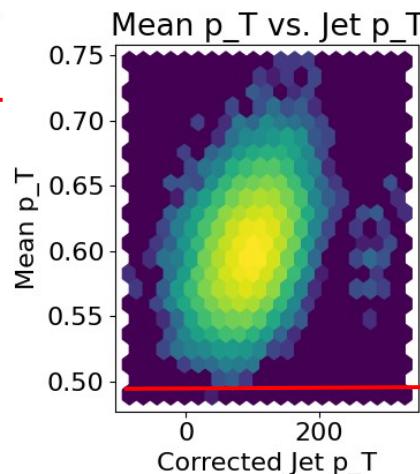
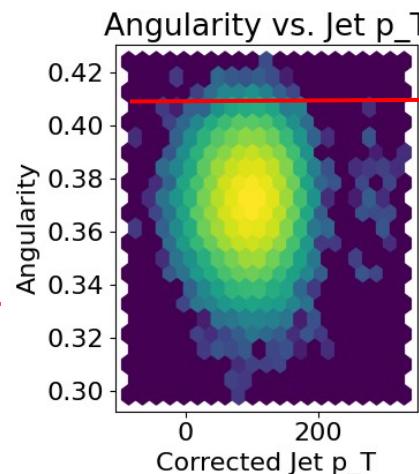
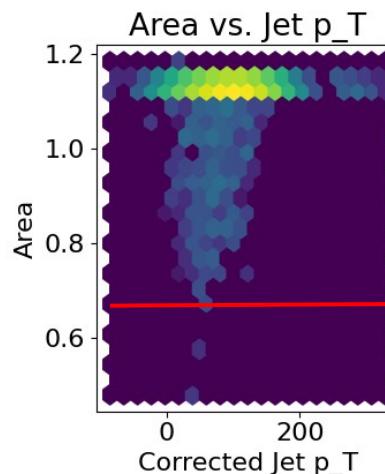


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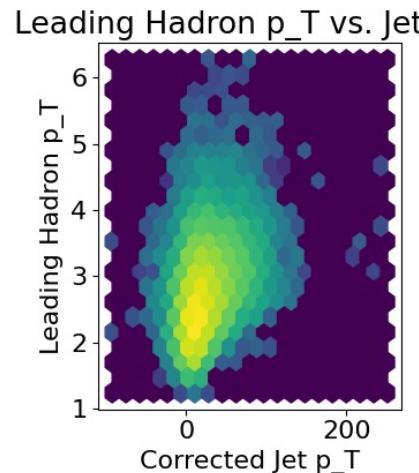
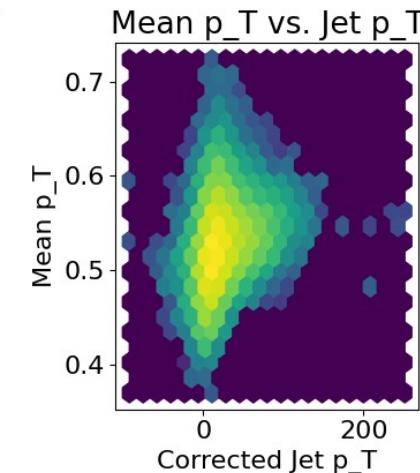
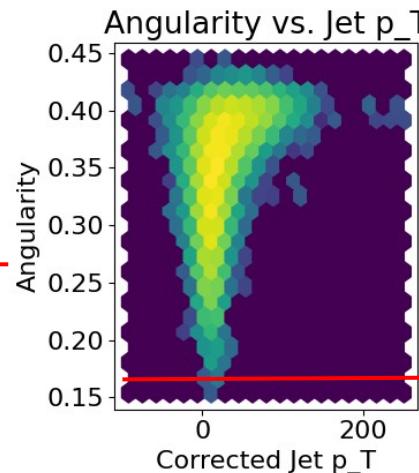
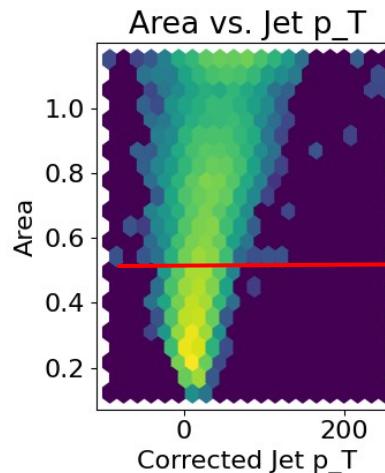


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Real



Combinatorial

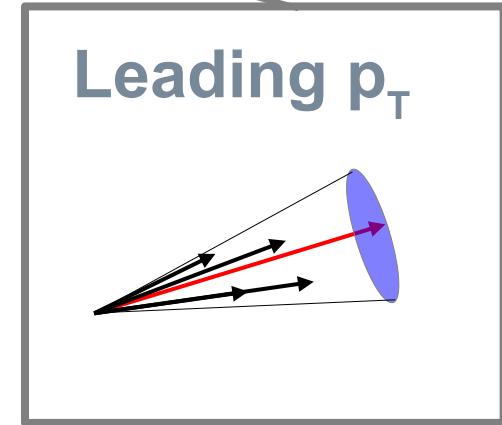
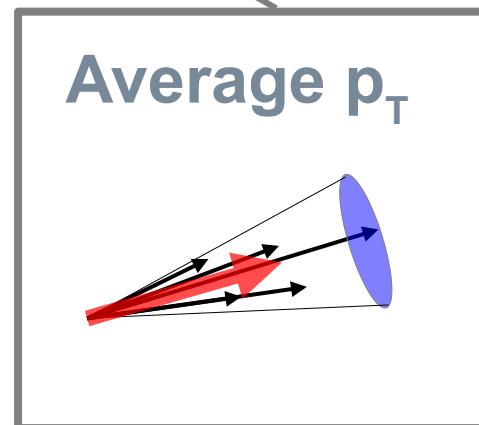
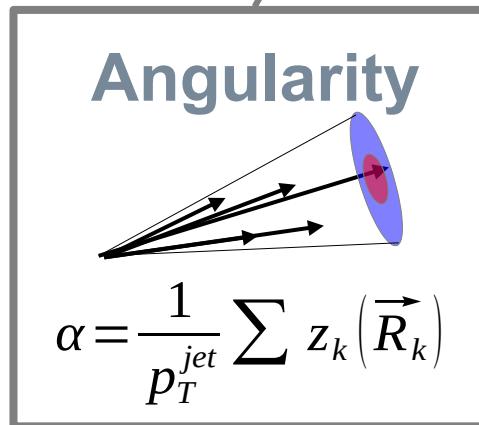
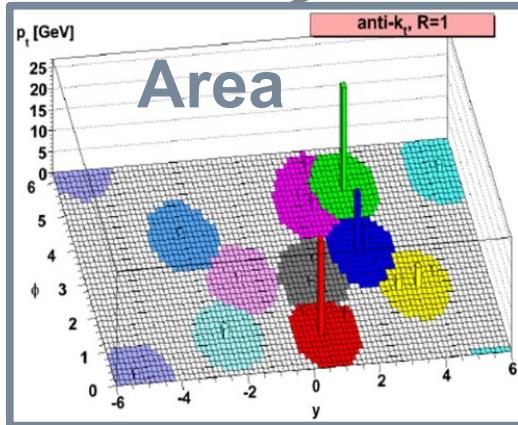


Log z scale

Silhouette Values

- Define a distance between two jet candidates to determine how similar they are

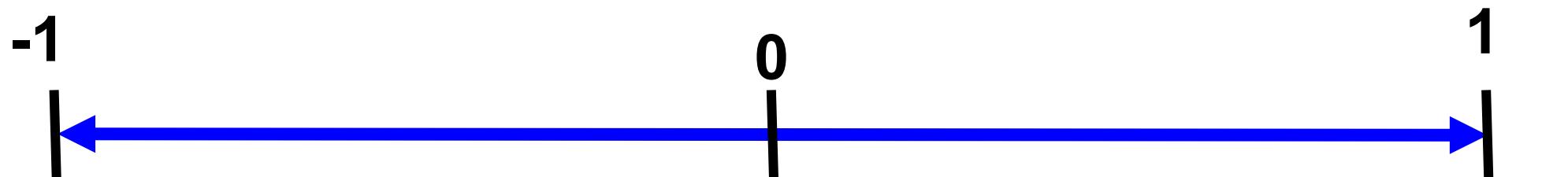
$$d_{i,j} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{A_i - A_j}{A^{\max} - A^{\min}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha_i - \alpha_j}{\alpha^{\max} - \alpha^{\min}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\langle p_T \rangle_i - \langle p_T \rangle_j}{\langle p_T \rangle^{\max} - \langle p_T \rangle^{\min}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_{T,i}^L - p_{T,j}^L}{p_{T,\max}^L - p_{T,\min}^L}\right)^2}$$



Silhouette Values

- Average distance between a jet candidate and other jet candidates in its cluster (signal or background) $a_i = \langle d_{i,j} \rangle_{j \neq i}$
- Average distance between jet candidate and jet candidates in the other cluster $b_i = \langle d_{i,j} \rangle$
- Silhouette value

$$s_i = \frac{b_i - a_i}{\max [b_i, a_i]}$$



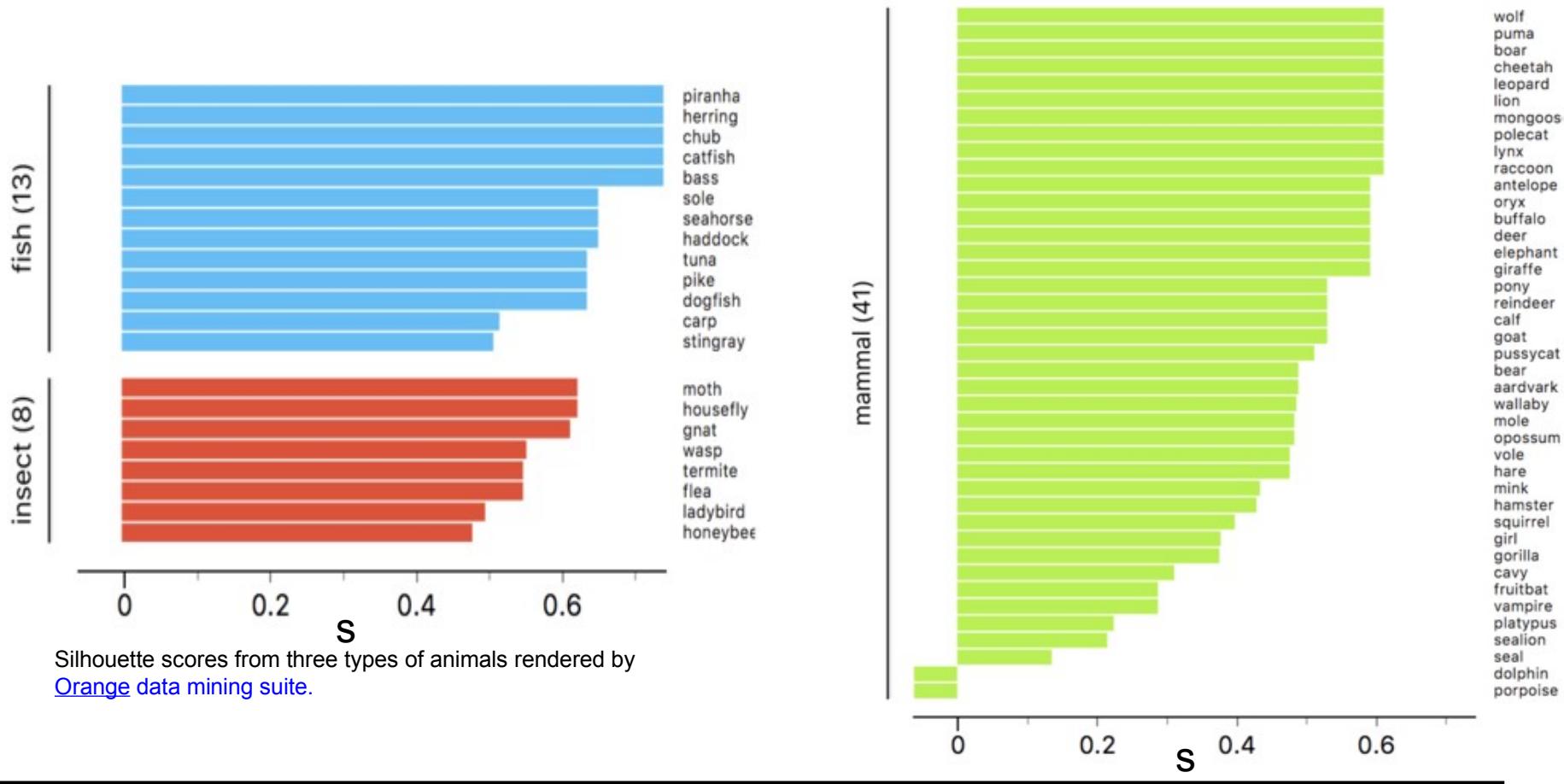
Looks more like
another cluster

Indistinguishable
from other clusters

Looks more like
its own cluster

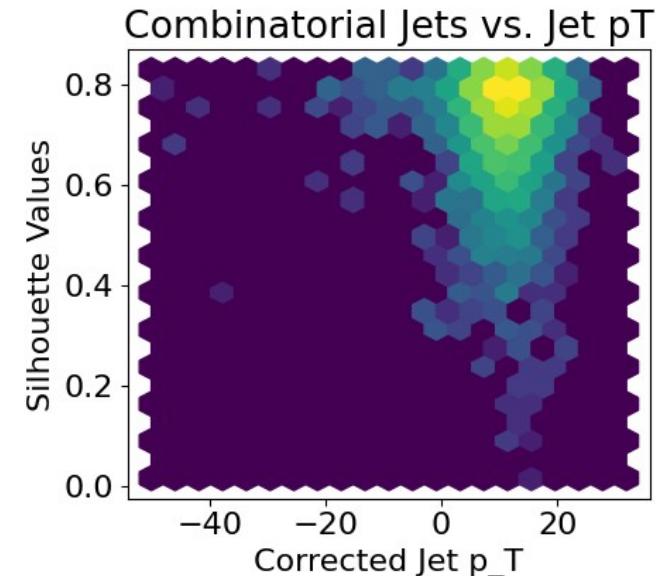
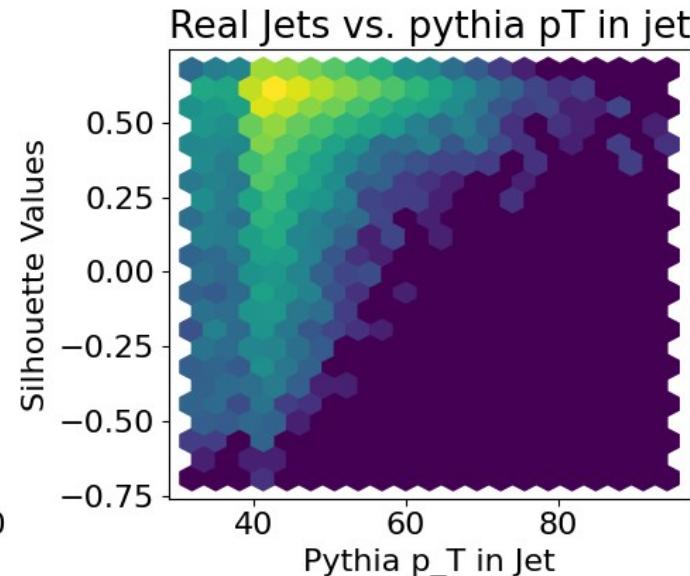
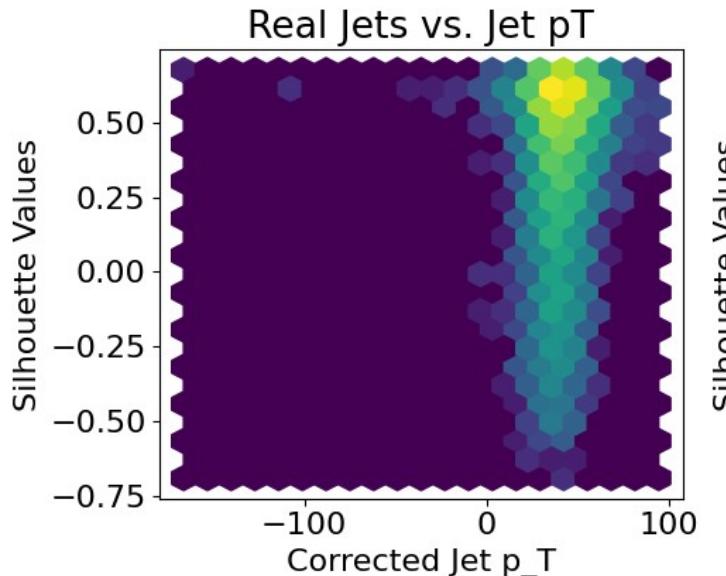
Silhouette values

Example from Wikipedia



Silhouette values

$R = 0.2, p_T \text{ hard min} = 40$



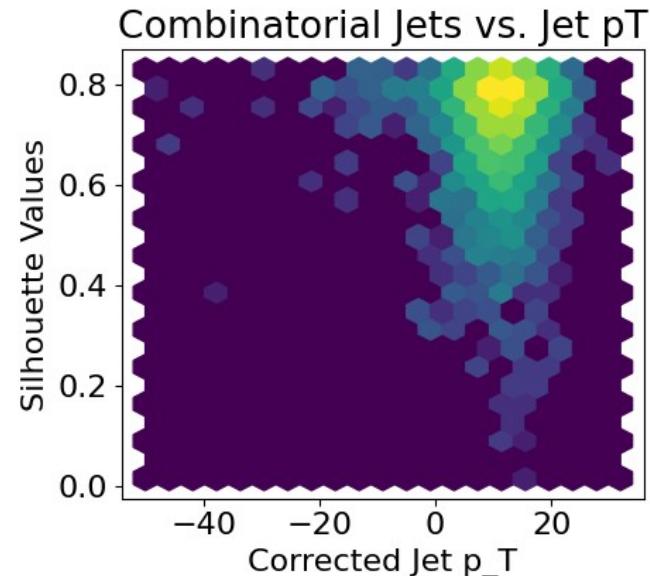
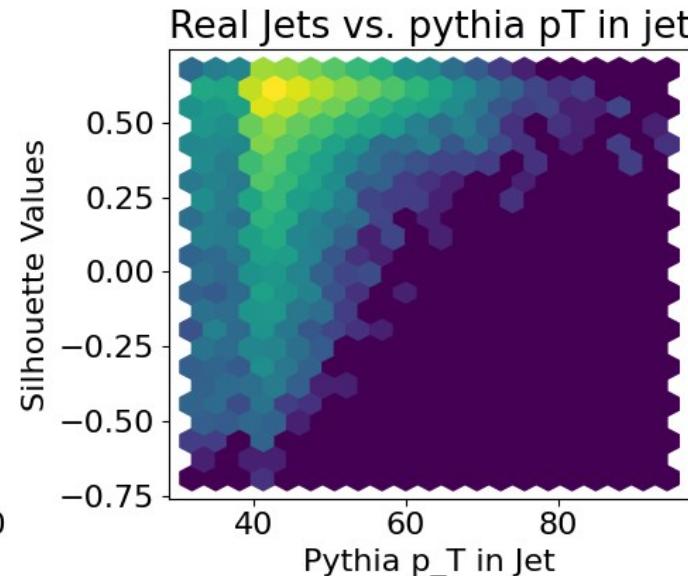
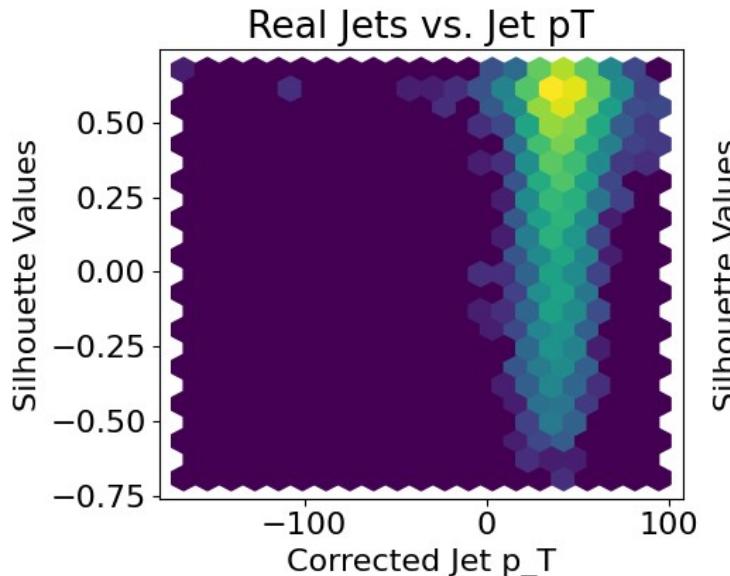
$s < 0$: look more like background

Real jets look more real if PYTHIA p_T is higher

$s \sim 0$: look similar to signal

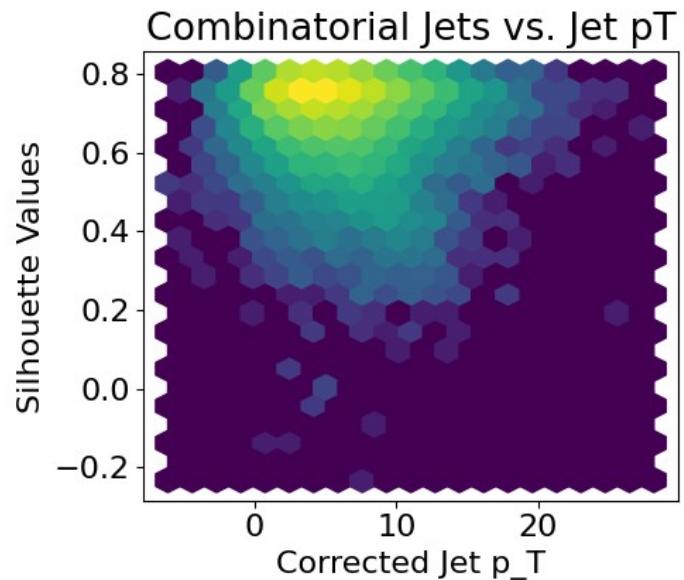
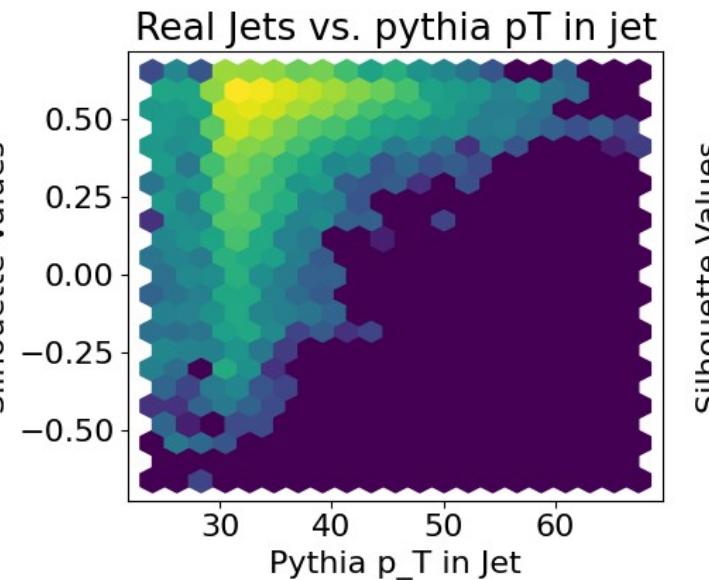
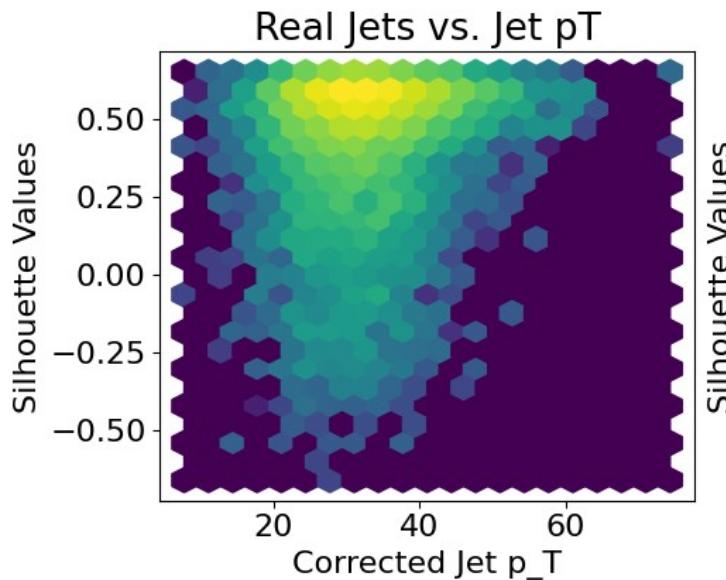
Silhouette values – decreasing p_T

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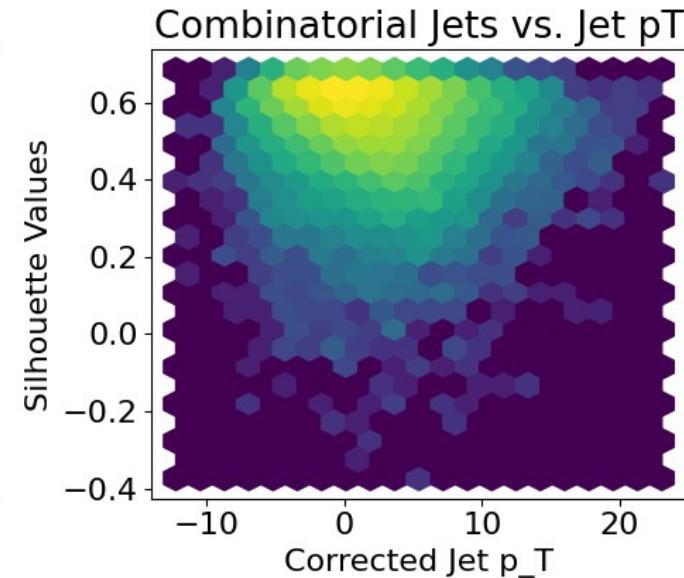
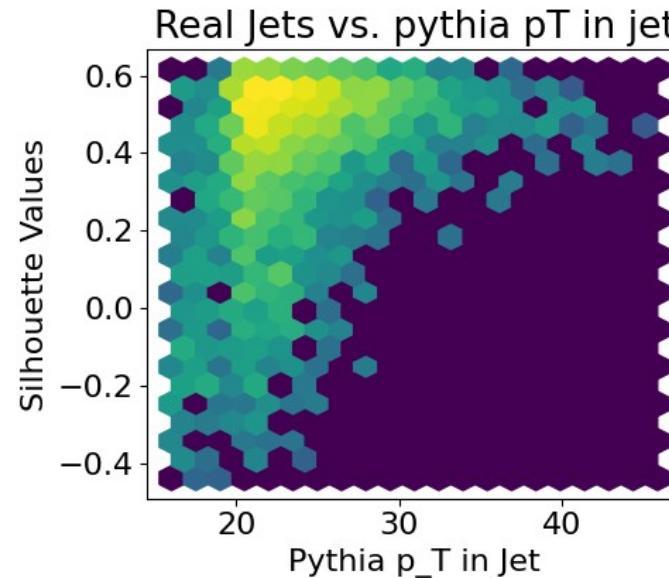
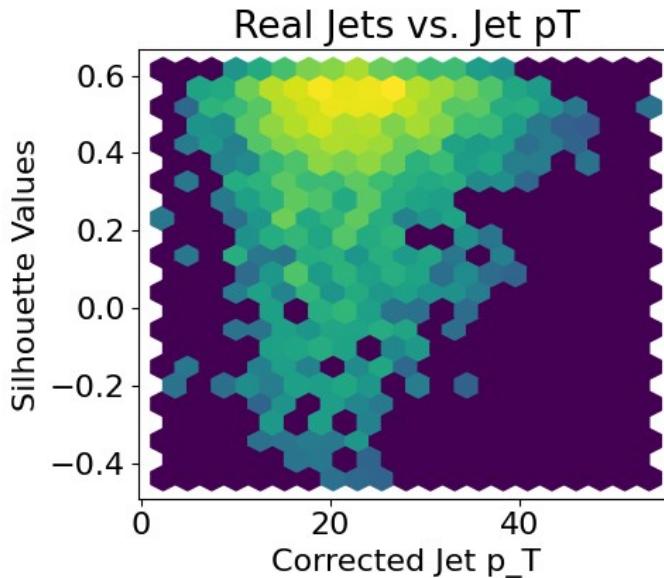
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$R = 0.2, p_T \text{ hard min} = 30$



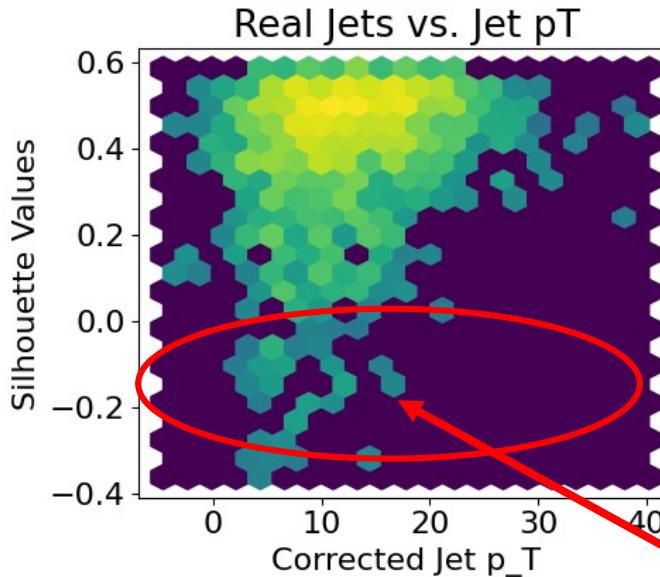
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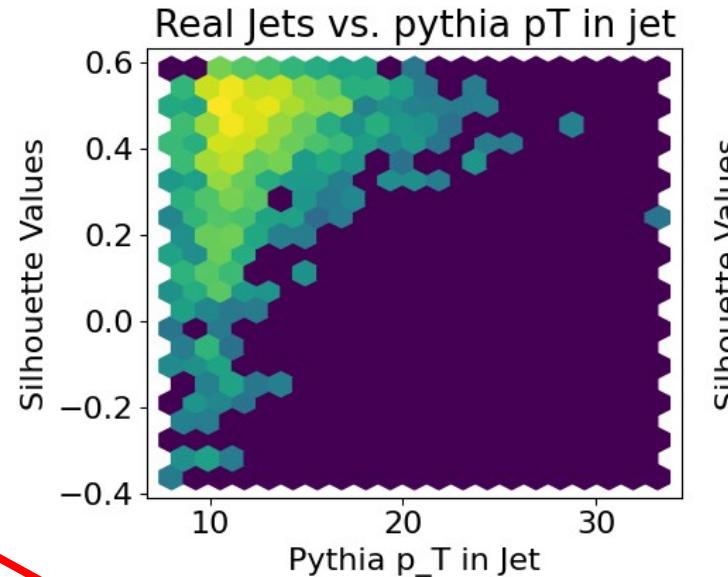


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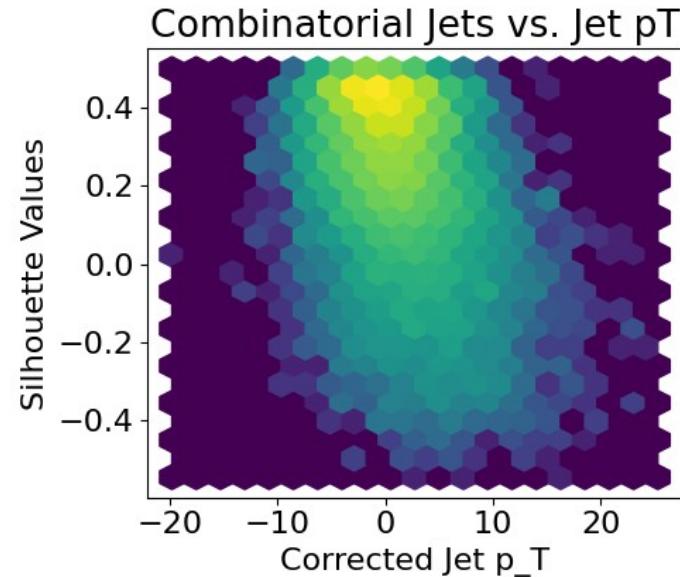
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Real jets look more like
combinatorial jets



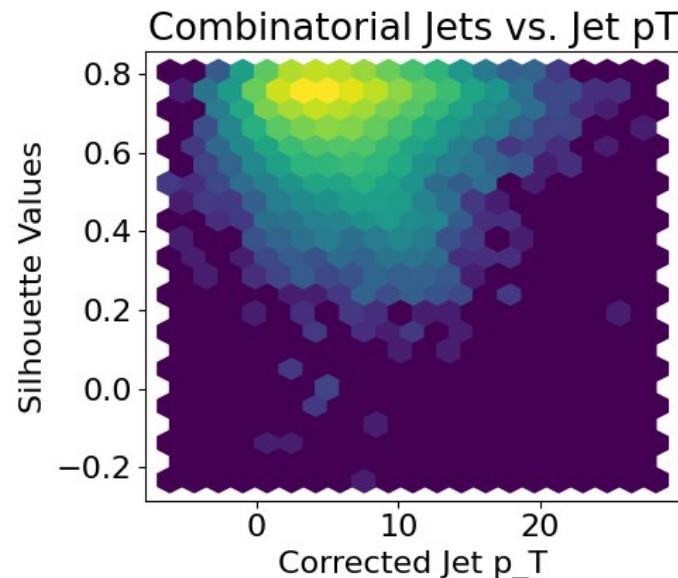
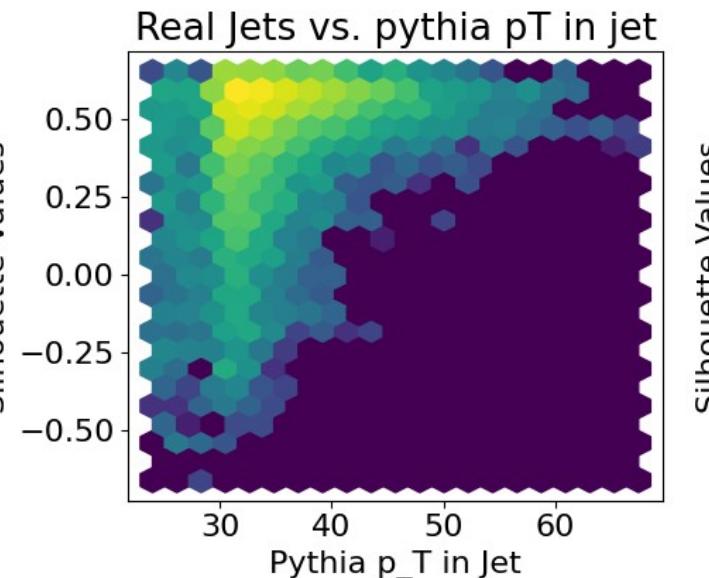
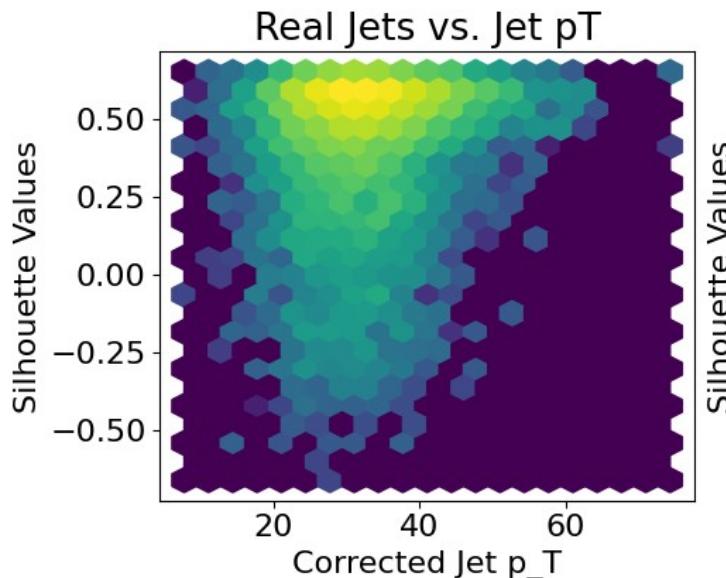
These aren't random jets!



Combinatorial jets look
more like real jets

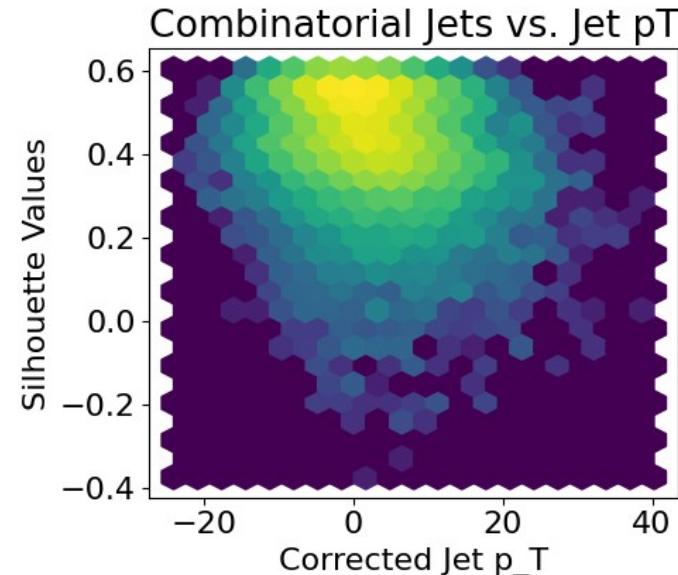
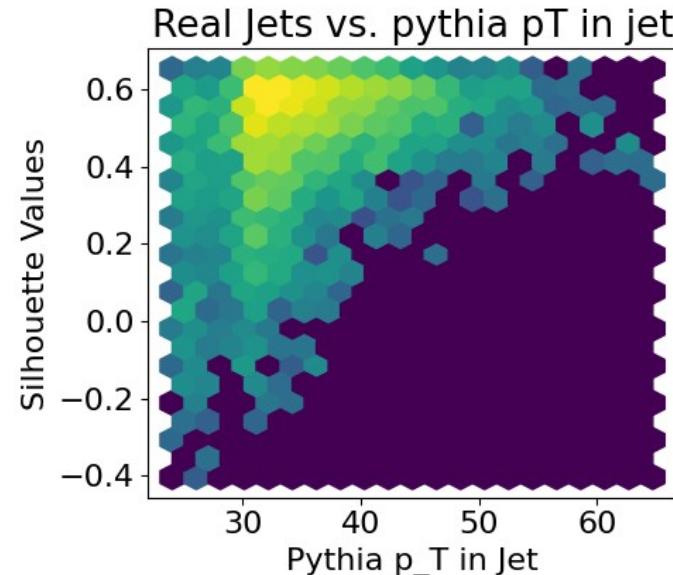
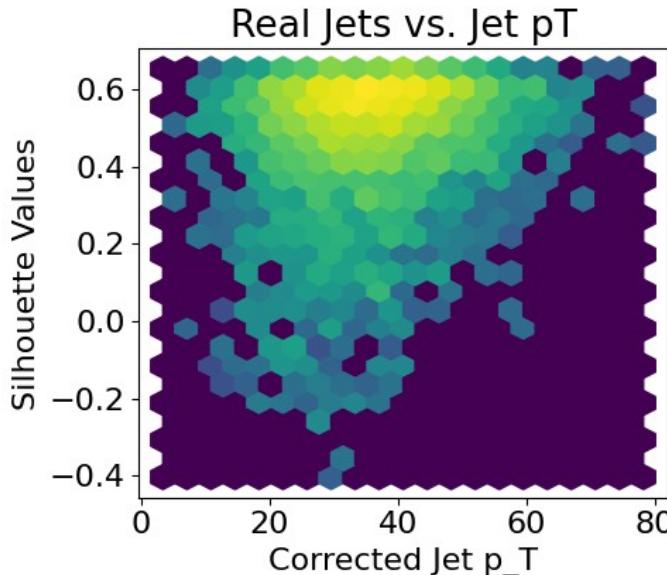
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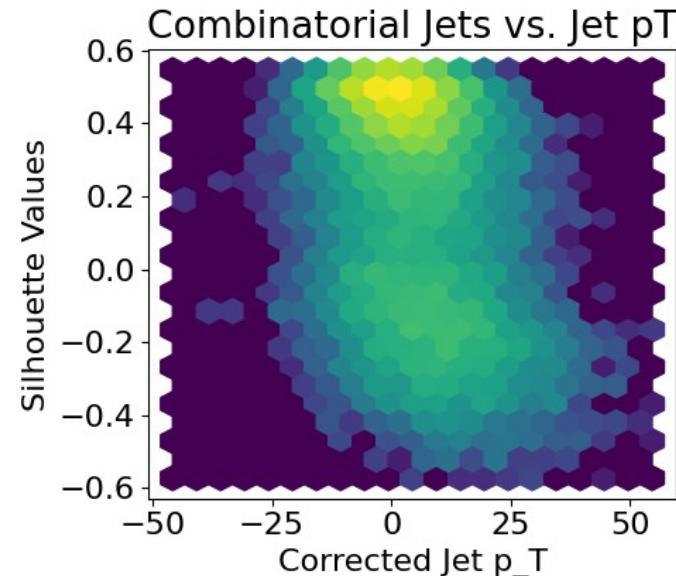
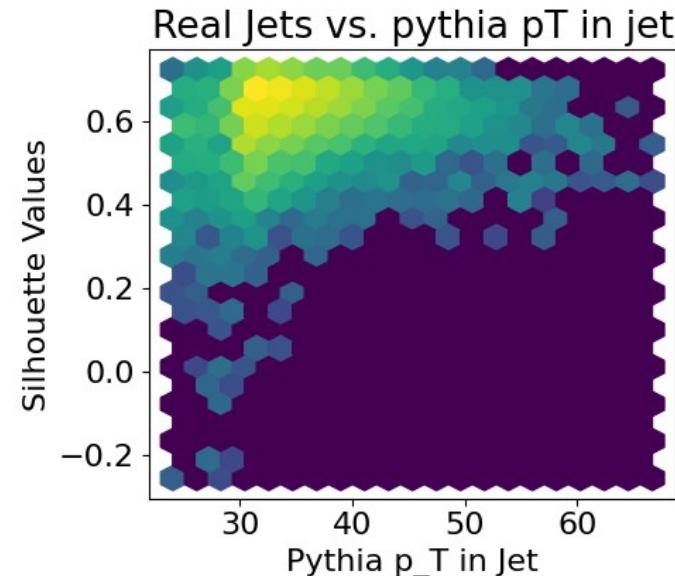
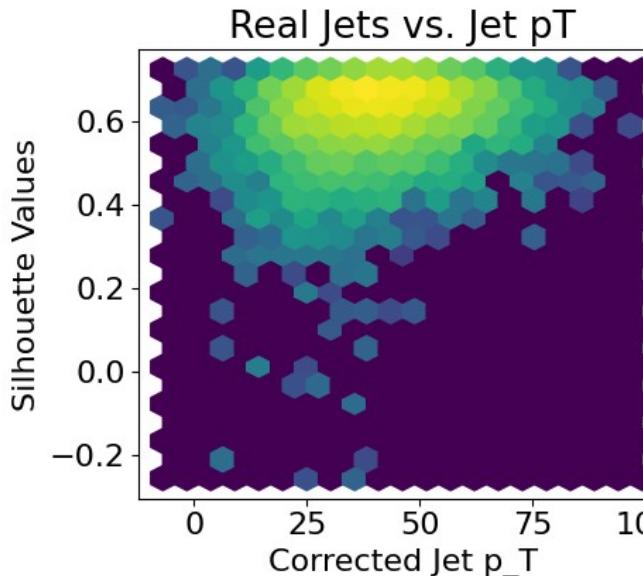
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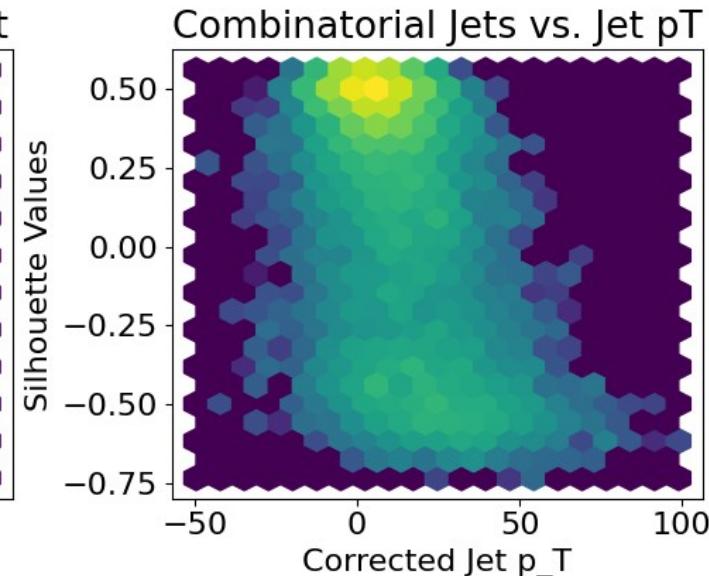
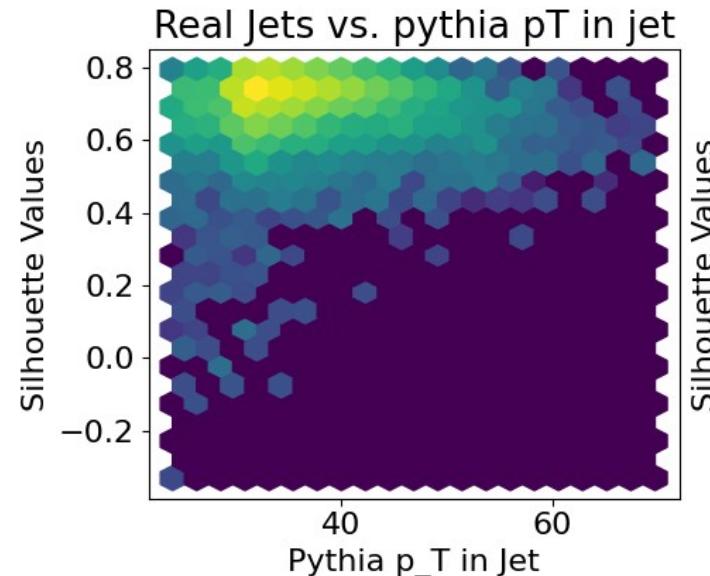
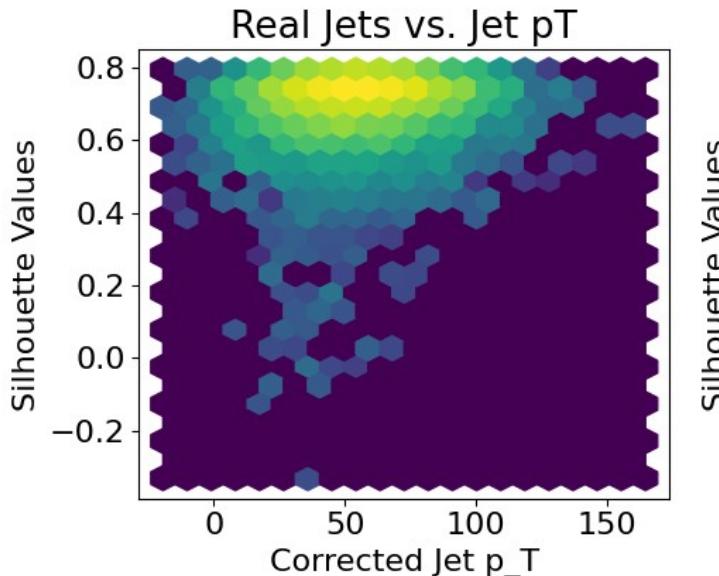
Silhouette values – increasing R

$R = 0.4, p_T$ hard min = 30



Silhouette values – increasing R

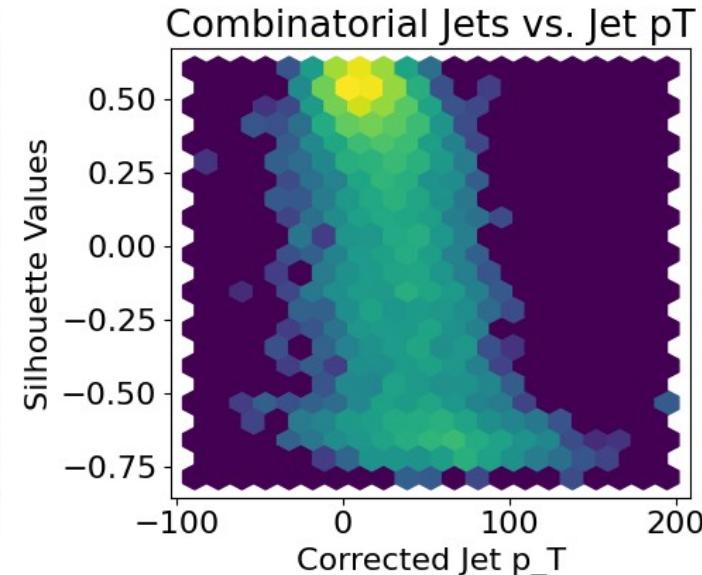
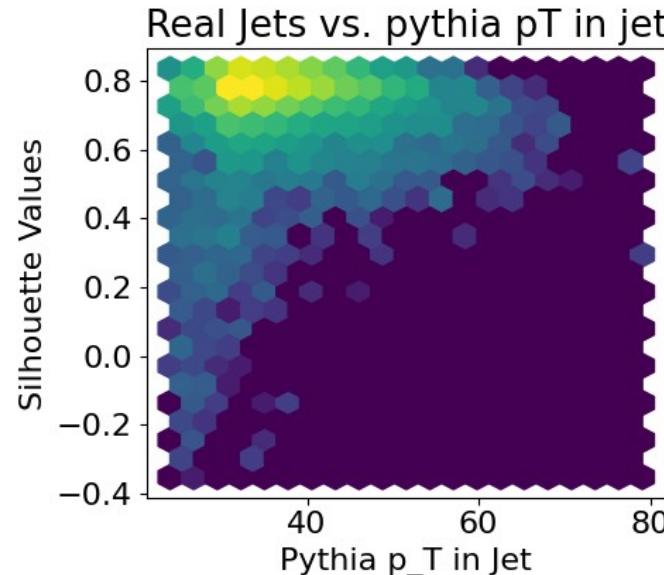
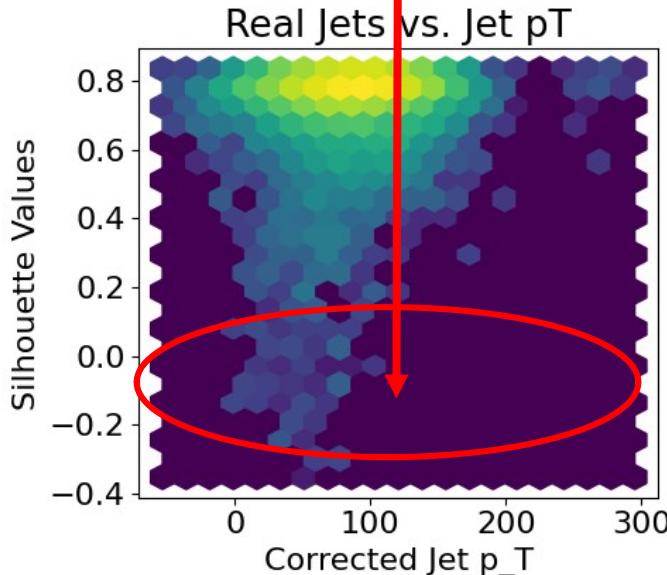
$R = 0.5, p_T \text{ hard min} = 30$



Silhouette values – increasing R

These aren't random jets!

$R = 0.6, p_T \text{ hard min} = 30$



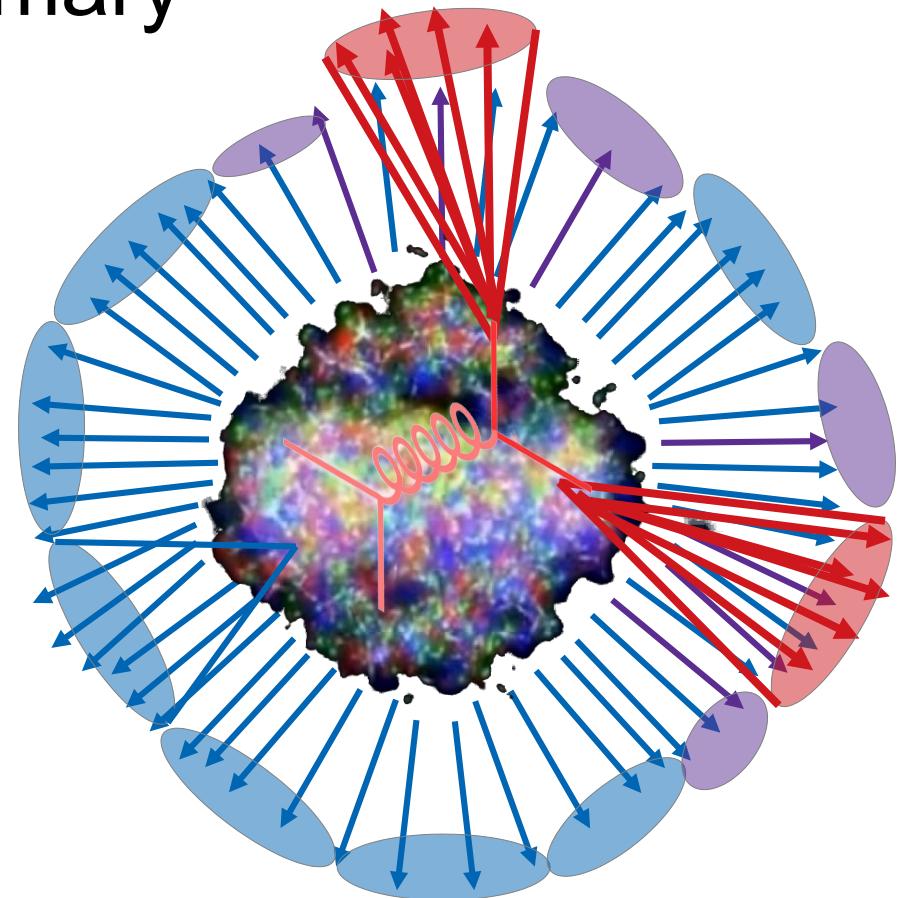
Real jets look more like real jets

Tail in distribution of real jets gets smaller

Combinatorial jets look more like real jets

Mini-summary

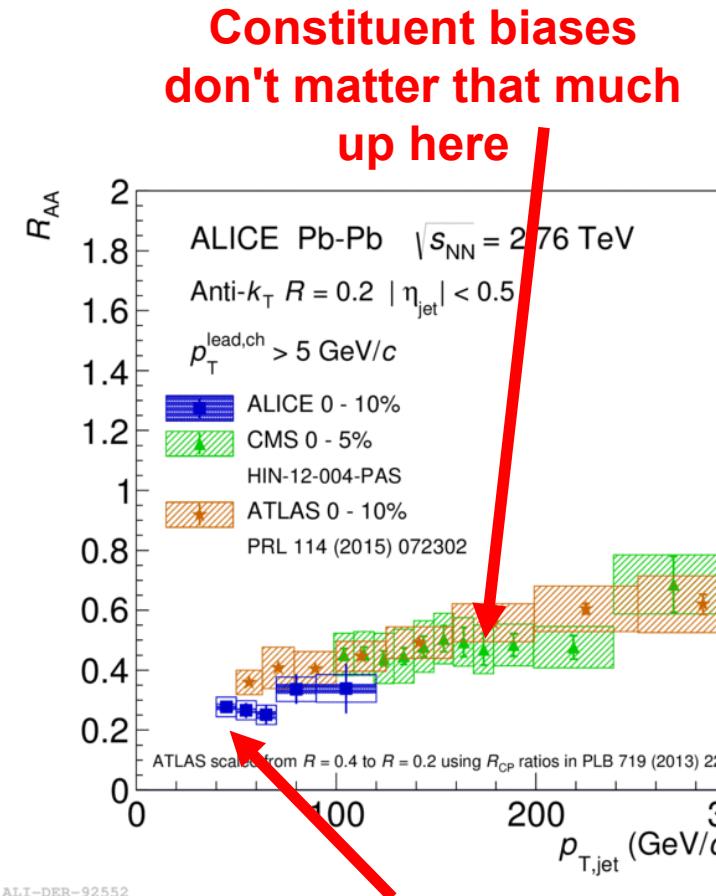
- “Signal” and “background” have different properties, but...
- Always overlap somewhat
- Any procedure to remove “background” will also cut signal



How to compare to models

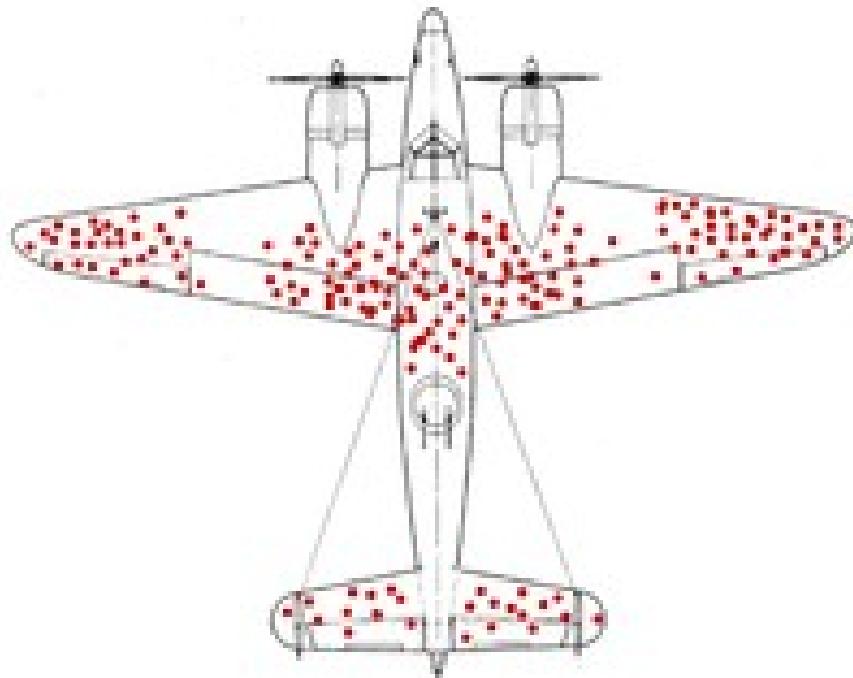
Iterative procedure

- Used by ATLAS & CMS
- ATLAS
 - ~ **Calorimeter jets:** Reconstruct jets with $R=0.2$. v_2 modulated $\langle Bkgd \rangle$ estimated by energy in calorimeters excluding jets with at least one tower with $E_{\text{tower}} > \langle E_{\text{tower}} \rangle$
 - ~ **Track jets:** Use tracks with $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - ~ Calorimeter jets from above with $E > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and track jets with $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ used to estimate background again.
 - ~ Calorimeter tracks matching one track with $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}/c$ or containing a high energy cluster $E > 7 \text{ GeV}$ are used for analysis down to $E_{\text{jet}} = 20 \text{ GeV}$



But they do matter
down here!

Survivor bias



- WWII Example: holes planes returning indicate where it's *safer* to get hit
- We're looking at the jets which *remain*

Bias

- **Experimental background subtraction methods:** complex, make assumptions, apply biases
- **Survivor bias:** Modified jets probably look more like the medium
- **Quark/Gluon bias:**
 - ~ Quark jets are narrower, have fewer tracks, fragment harder [Z Phys C 68, 179-201 (1995), Z Phys C 70, 179-196 (1996),]
 - ~ Gluon jets reconstructed with k_T algorithm have more particles than jets reconstructed with anti- k_T algorithm [Phys. Rev. D 45, 1448 (1992)]
 - ~ Gluon jets fragment into more baryons [EPJC 8, 241-254, 1998]
- **Fragmentation bias:** Experimental measurements explicitly select jets with hard fragments

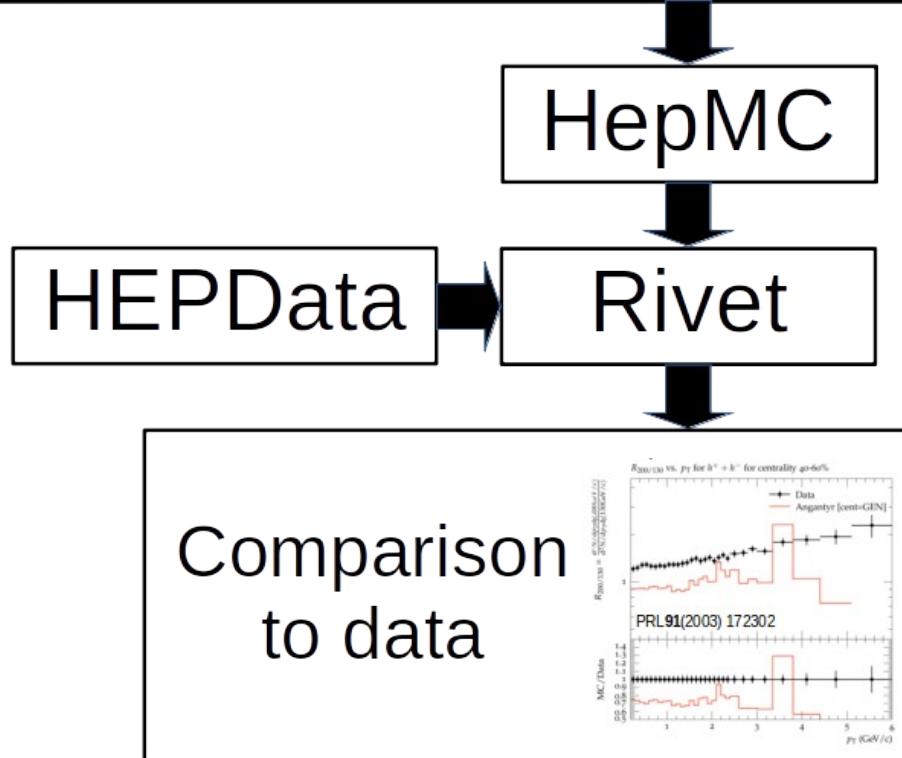
Snowmass Accord: Apply the same algorithm to data and your model. Then the measurement and the calculation are the same.

Rivet: Apply the same algorithm to data and your model. Then the measurement and the calculation are the same.

What is Rivet?



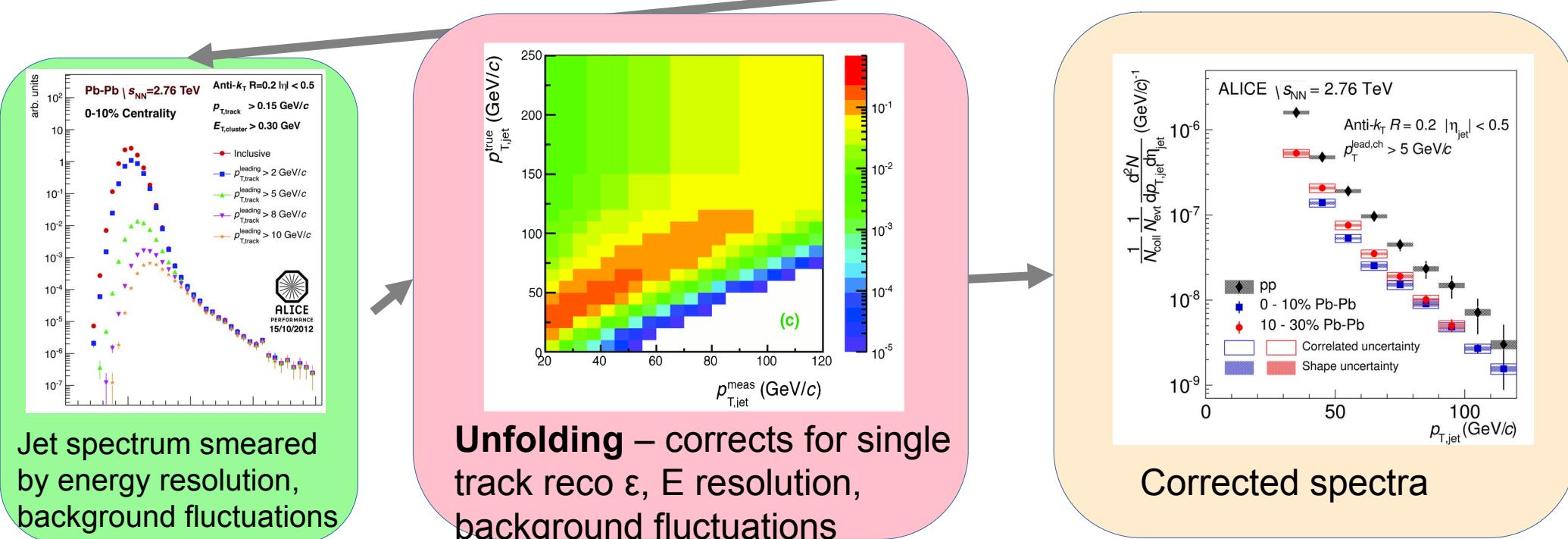
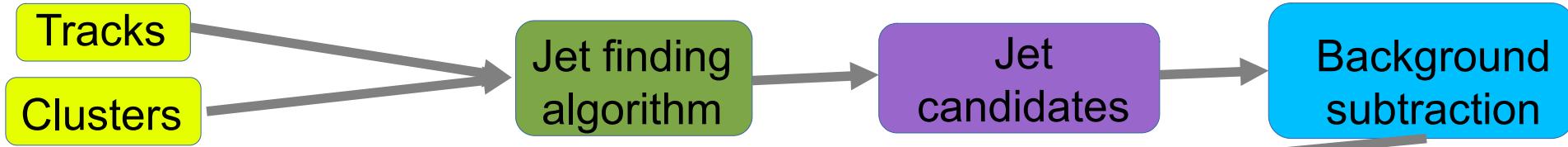
Monte Carlo Model



Why use Rivet?

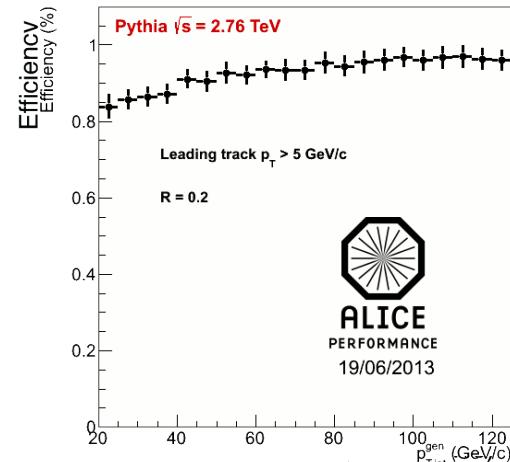
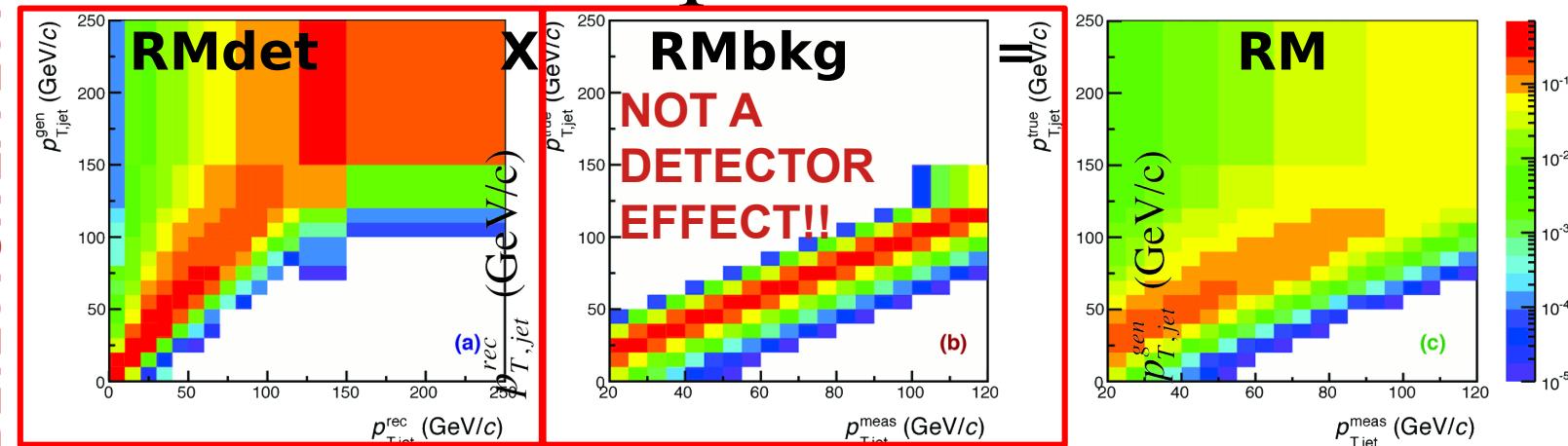
- Facilitates comparisons between Monte Carlos and data
- It's not that hard
- It preserves analysis details

Analysis steps



Jets in ALICE: Response Matrix Construction

DETECTOR EFFECT



Anti- k_T $R=0.2$

$p_{T,\text{track}} > 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c$

$E_{T,\text{cluster}} > 0.30 \text{ GeV}$

$p_{T,\text{track}}^{\text{leading}} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$

(a) RM_{det} Detector response matrix

(b) RM_{bkg} Background fluctuation matrix

(c) $\text{RM}_{\text{tot}} = \text{RM}_{\text{bkg}} \times \text{RM}_{\text{det}}$

Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76 \text{ TeV}$

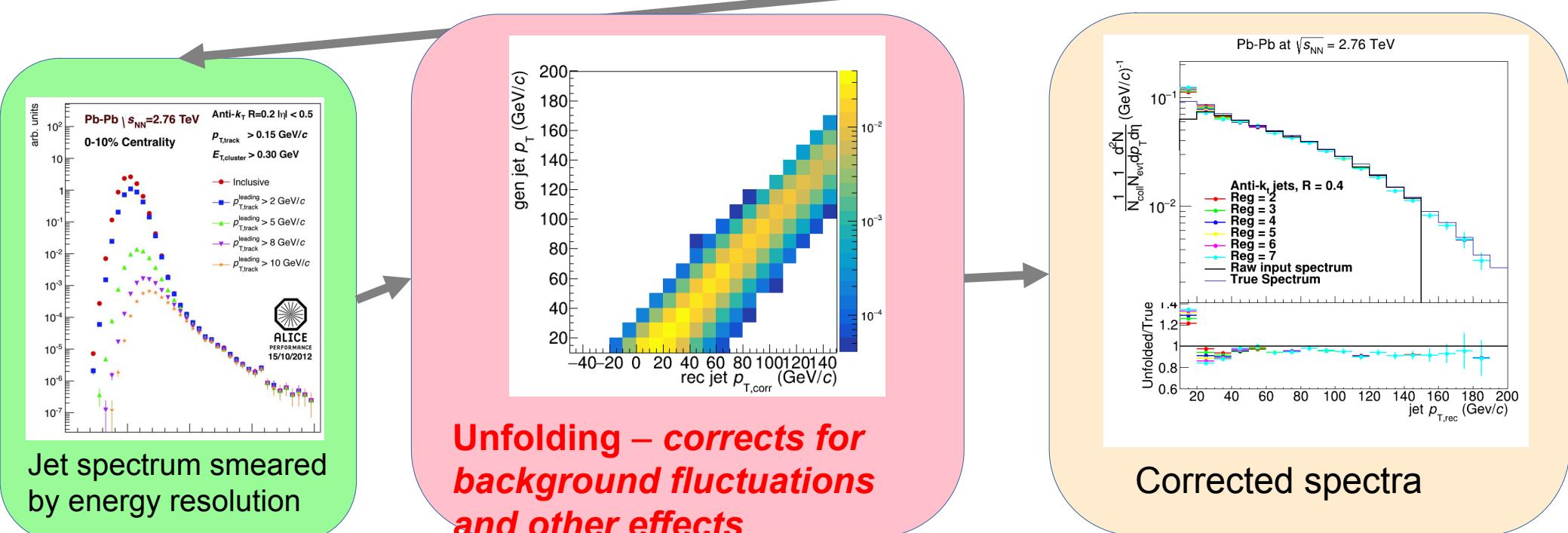
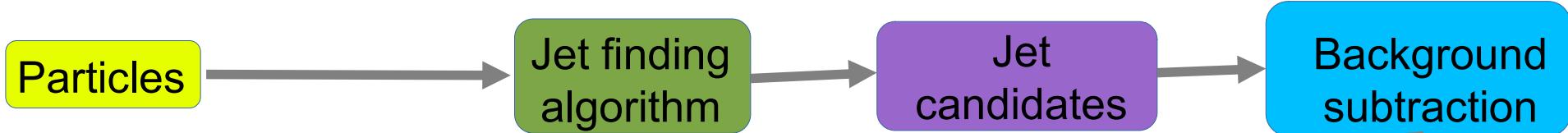
0-10% Centrality



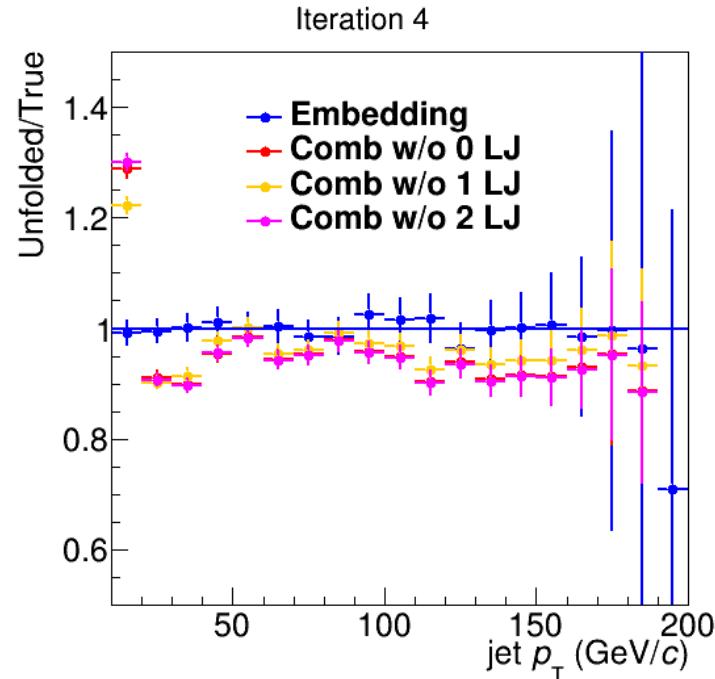
ALICE
PERFORMANCE
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RM_{bkg} and RM_{det} are approximately factorizable

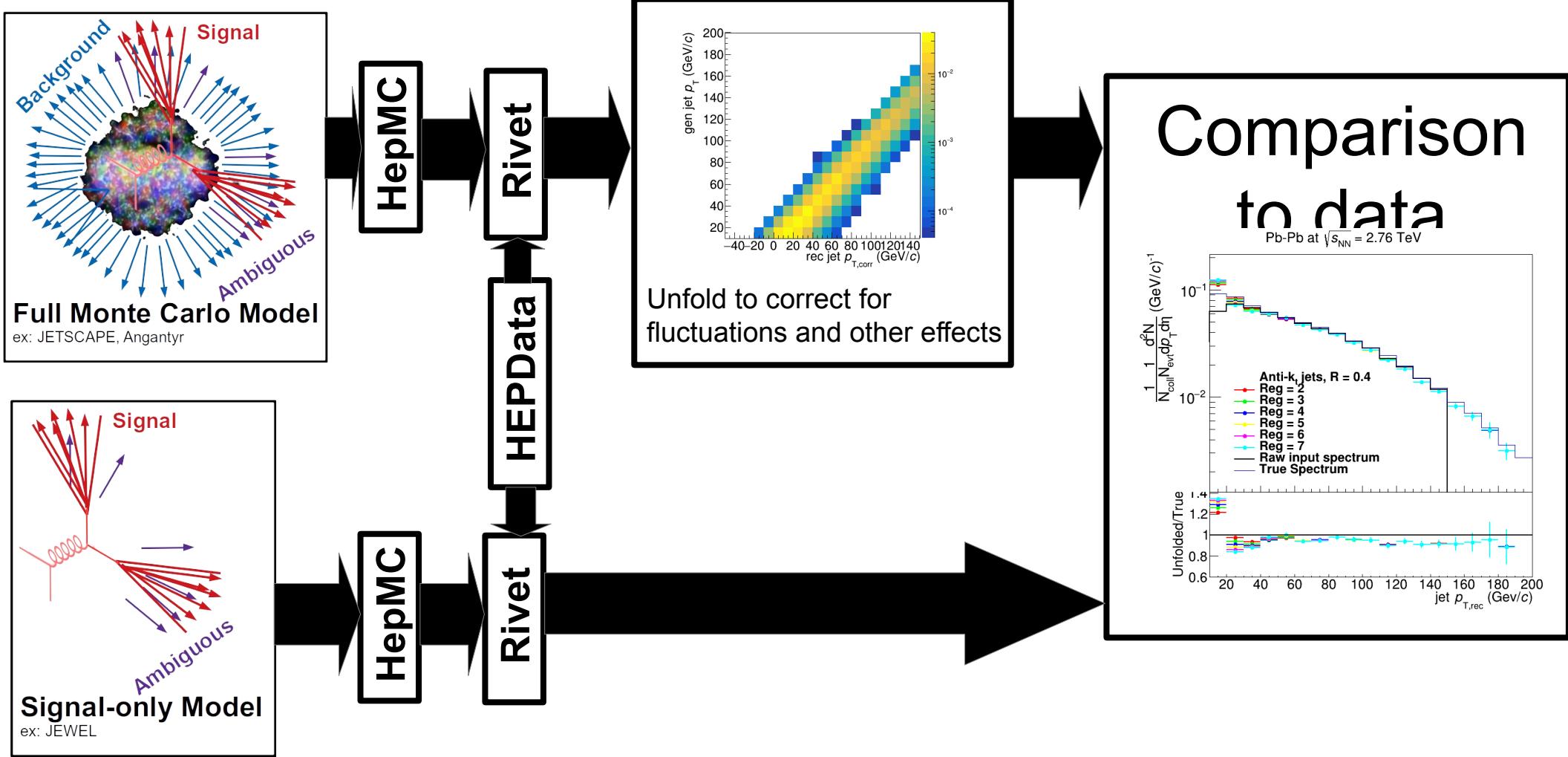
Analysis steps: Full Monte Carlo



Closure



- Methods
 - ~ Use δp_T method to measure width of fluctuations with varying numbers of leading jets (LJ) discarded
 - ~ Embed PYTHIA pp event into PYTHIA heavy ion event
 - ~ The PYTHIA pp event is “true”
- Only embedding leads to full closure

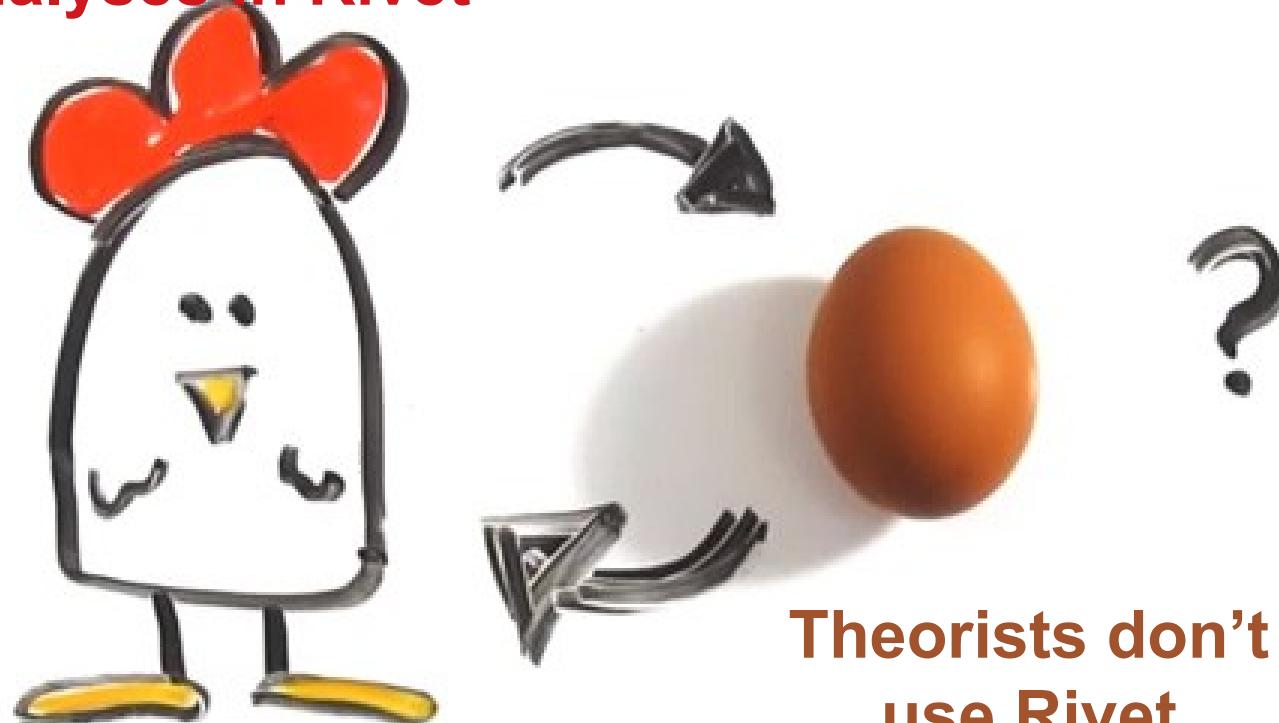


Conclusions

- “Background” is not just an experimental problem!
- “Signal” and “background” jets overlap → impossible to suppress background without biasing jets
- Gold standard is to use Rivet
 - ~ But it requires treating the model *exactly* like data
 - ~ A number of issues specific to jets need to be discussed in the field
[Recorded tutorials from Rivetizing Heavy Ion Collisions at RHIC](#)

Backup: undergraduates

Few heavy ion analyses in Rivet



Theorists don't
use Rivet

<http://iterated-reality.com/en/2015/03/17/the-chicken-or-the-egg-causality-dilemma-solved-by-unity-consciousness/>

Undergraduates!*



Left to right: Ricardo Santos (Berea), James Neuhaus, Jerrica Wilson,
Mariah McCreary, Christine Nattrass, Austin Schmier (UTK)

*And one beginning graduate student with no programming experience

Course-based undergraduate research experience

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Early Engagement in Course-Based Research Increases Graduation Rates and Completion of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Degrees

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Abstract

National efforts to transform undergraduate biology education call for research experiences to be an integral component learning for all students. Course-based undergraduate research experiences, or CUREs, have been championed for engaging students in research at a scale that is not possible through apprenticeships in faculty research laboratories. Yet there are few studies that examine the long-term effects of participating in CUREs on desired student outcomes, such as graduating from college and completing a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) major. One CURE program, the Freshman Research Initiative (FRI), has engaged thousands of first-year undergraduates over the past decade. Using propensity score-matching to control for student-level differences, we tested the effect of participating in FRI on students' probability of graduating with a STEM degree, probability of graduating within 6 yr, and grade point average (GPA) at graduation. Students who completed all three semesters of FRI were significantly more likely than their non-FRI peers to earn a STEM degree and graduate within 6 yr. FRI had no significant effect on students' GPAs at graduation. The effects were similar for diverse students. These results provide the most robust and best-controlled evidence to date to support calls for early involvement of undergraduates in research.

Phys 494 – Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience in Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics

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Course Description:

This course will incorporate undergraduates into a research project in high energy nuclear physics in a course setting. Each student will be responsible for implementing a heavy ion analysis in the program RIVET so that it can be used by the JETSCAPE collaboration to make comparisons between Monte Carlo models and data. Each student's project will be incorporated into a public software repository so that it is available to the field and, if possible, it will be validated by the relevant experiment and incorporated into the official RIVET software.

3 semesters

15 students

8 women

3 minorities

3 non-traditional

All Rivet students

22 students

11 women

7 minorities

4 non-traditional



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MakingHEPDataInput.pdf
YouTube tutorial

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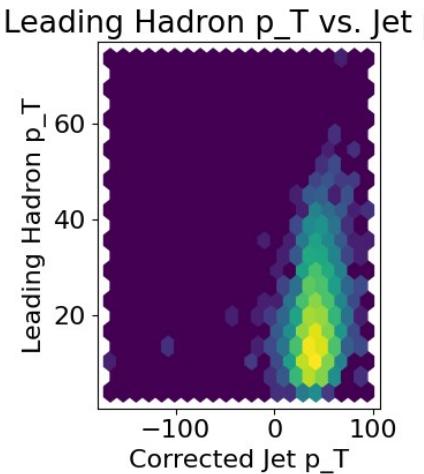
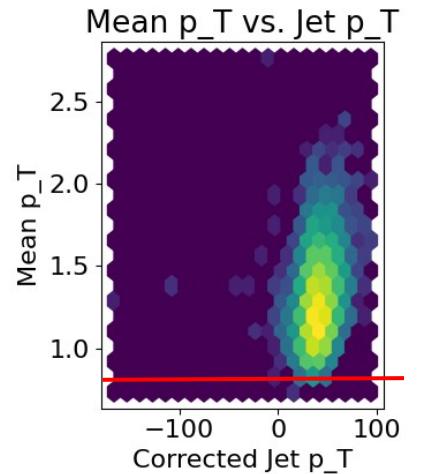
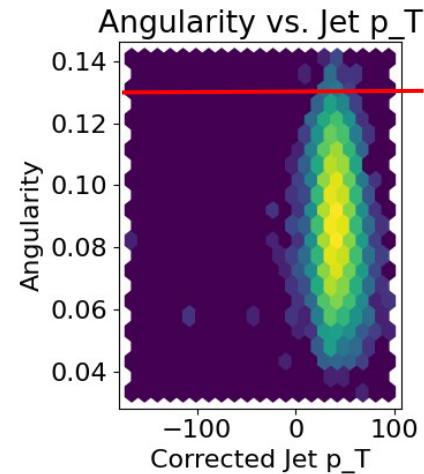
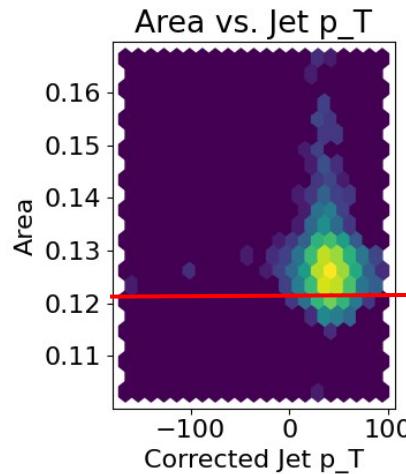
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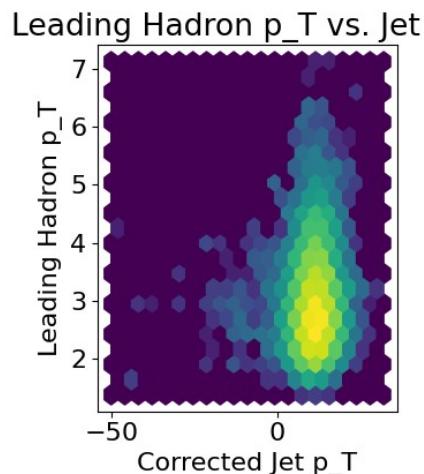
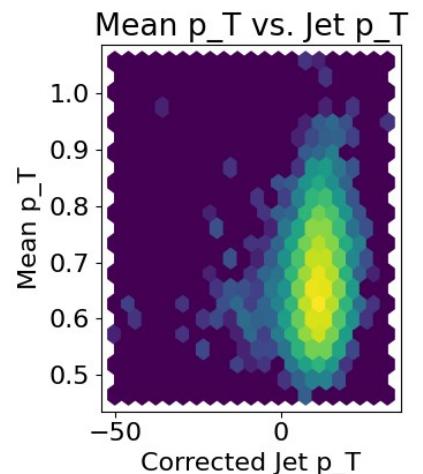
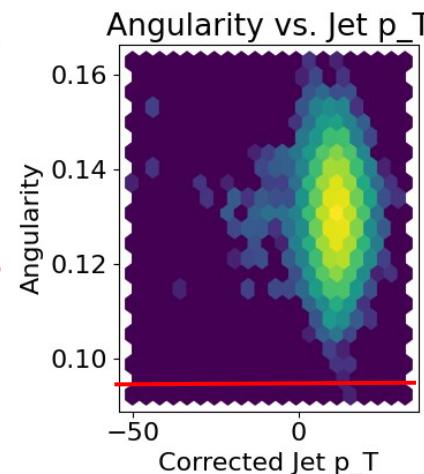
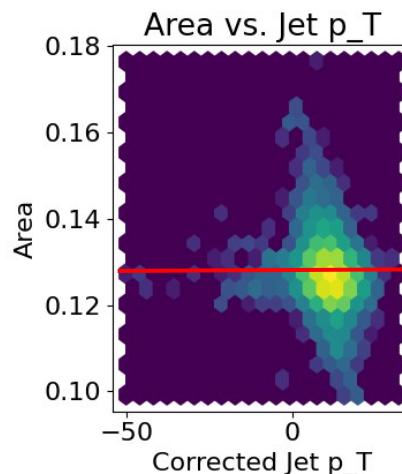
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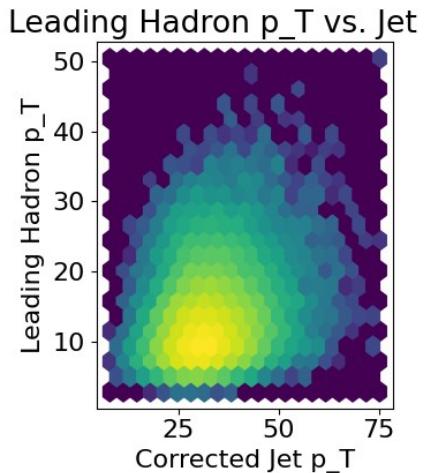
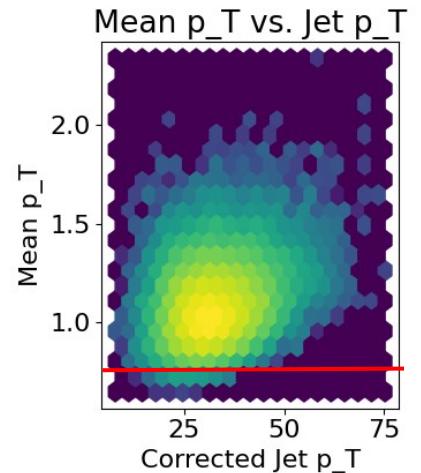
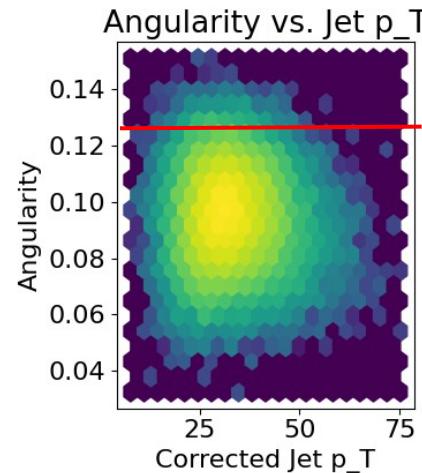
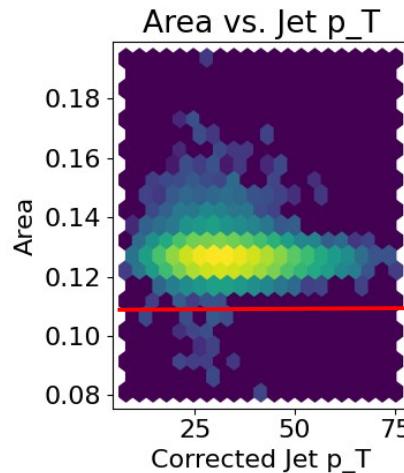
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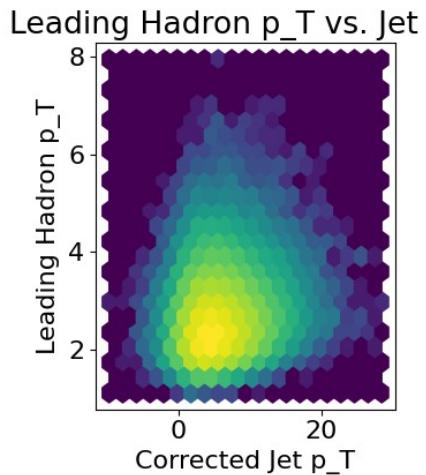
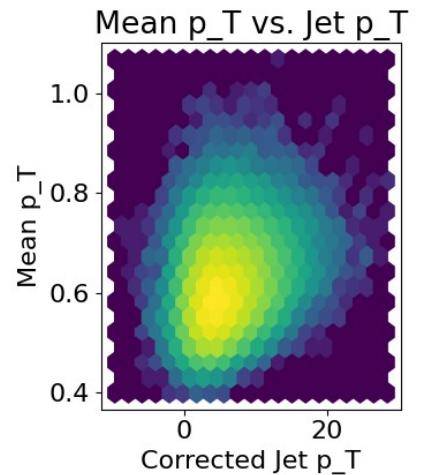
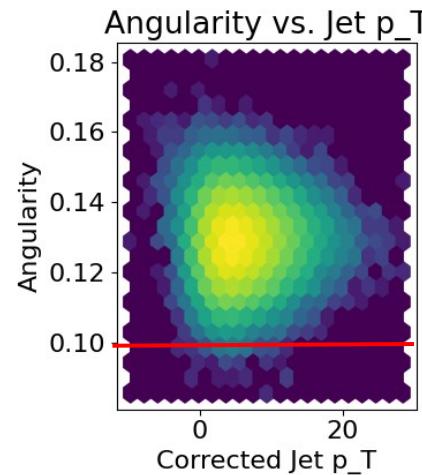
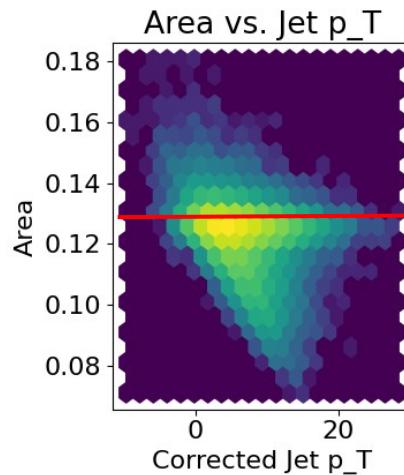
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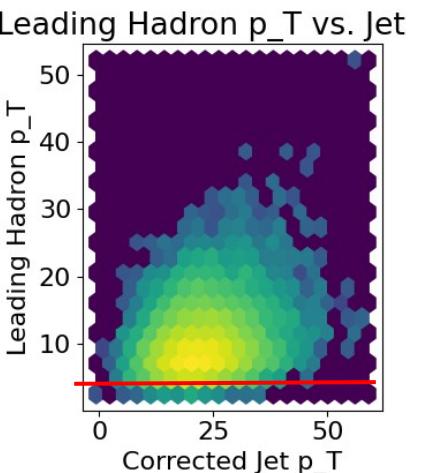
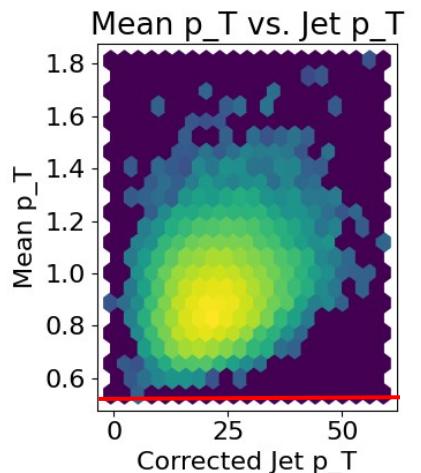
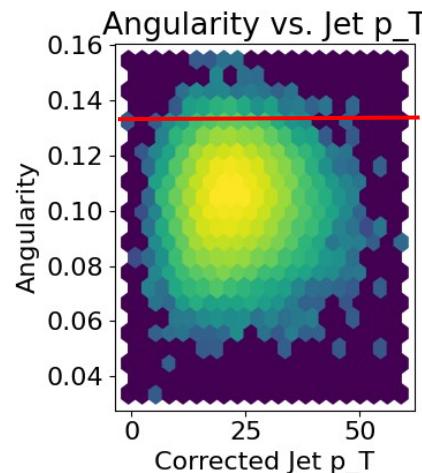
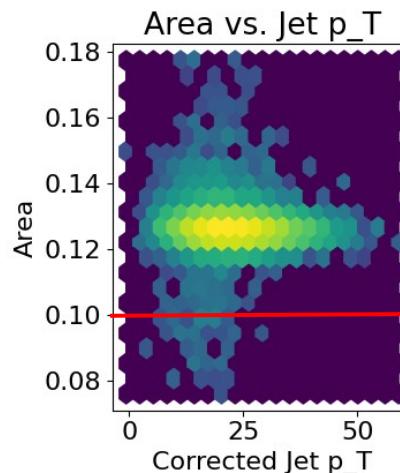
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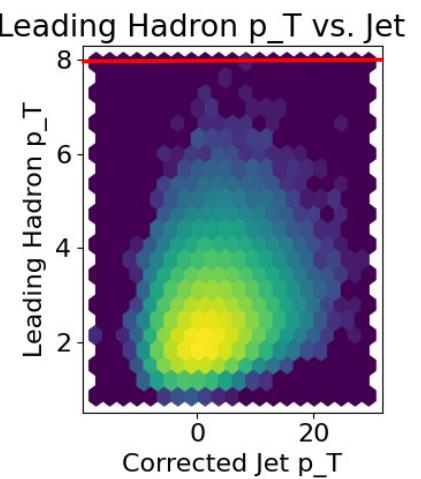
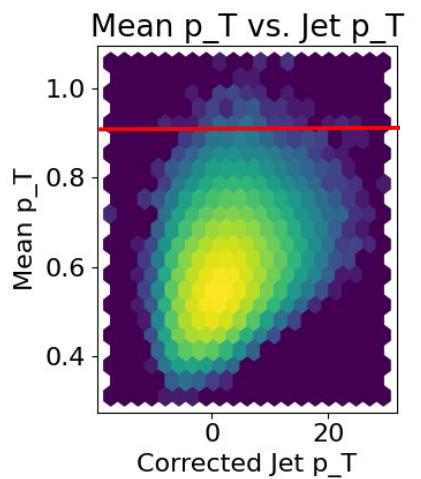
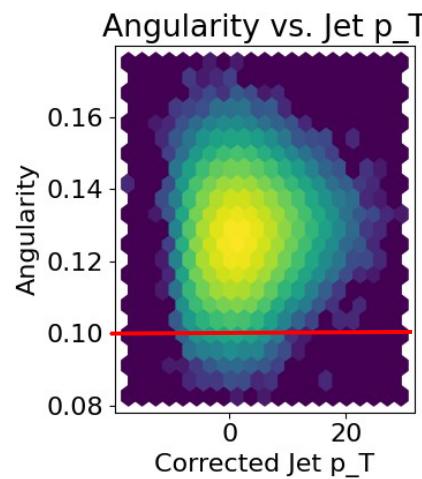
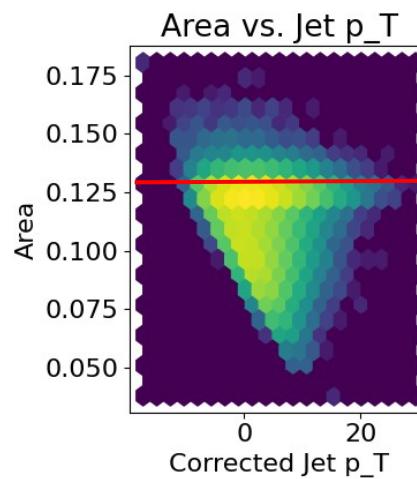
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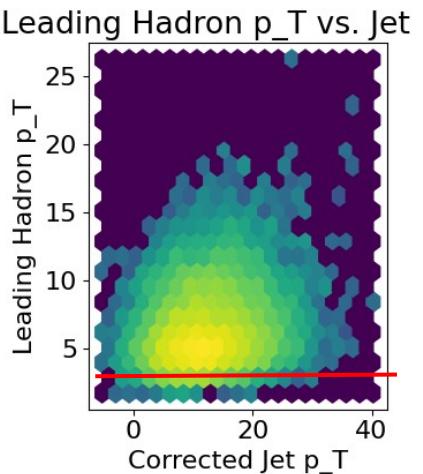
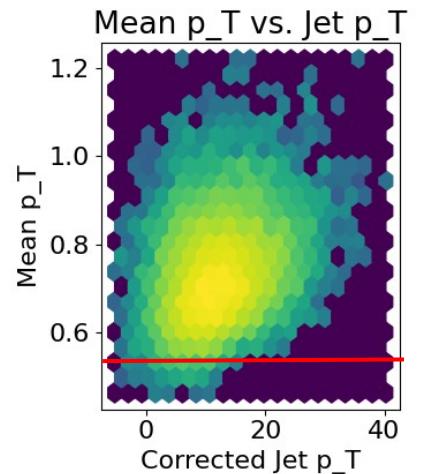
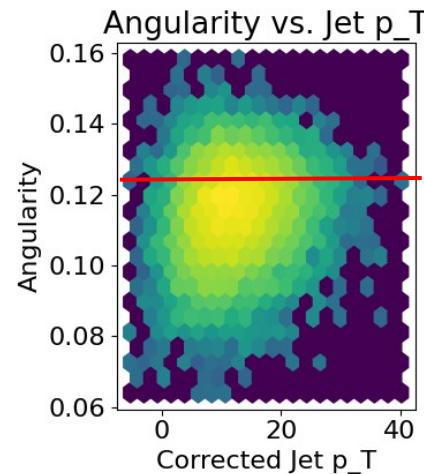
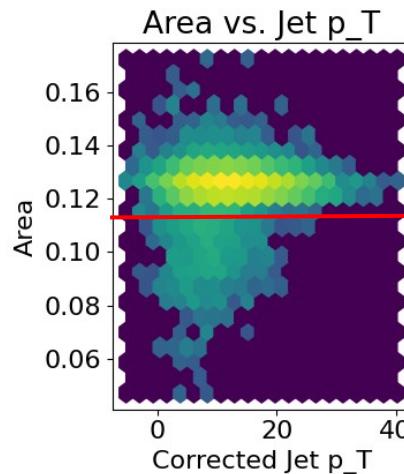
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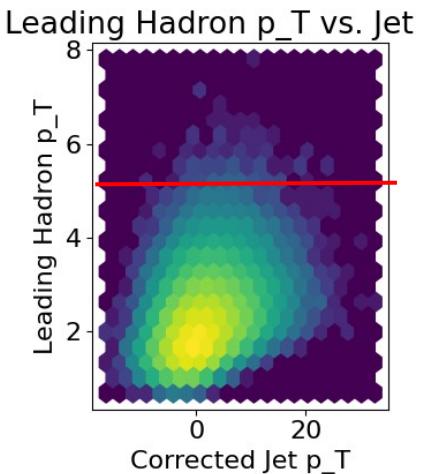
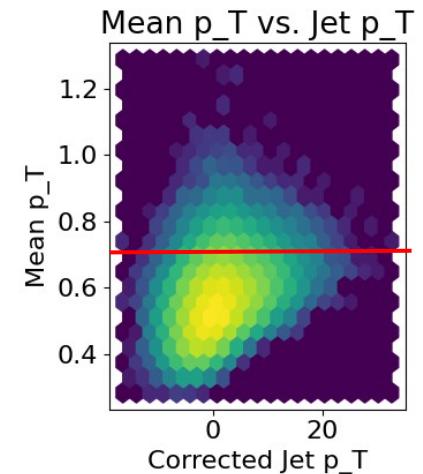
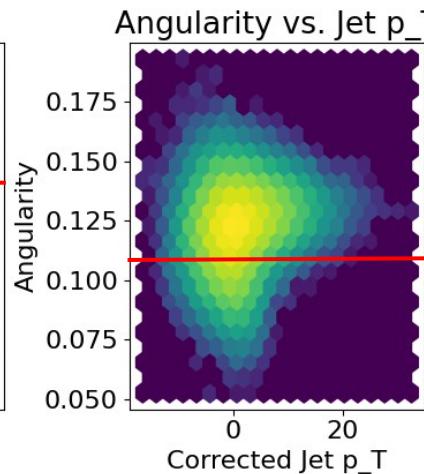
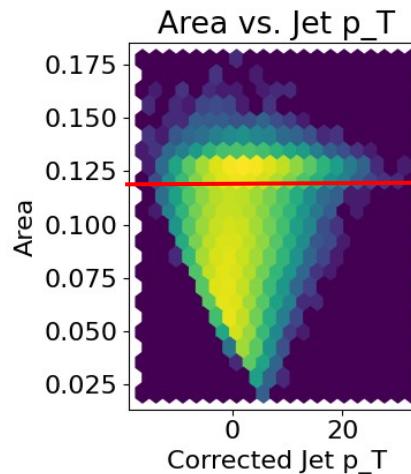
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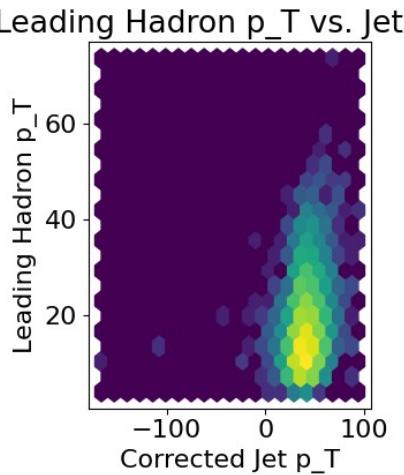
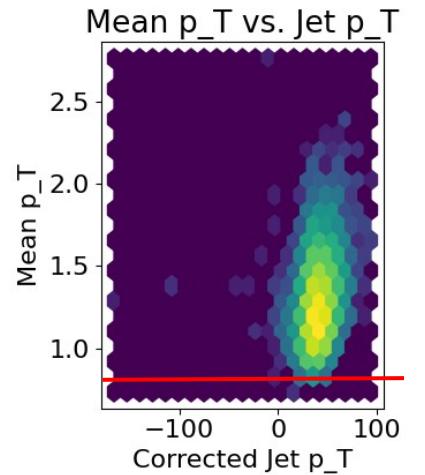
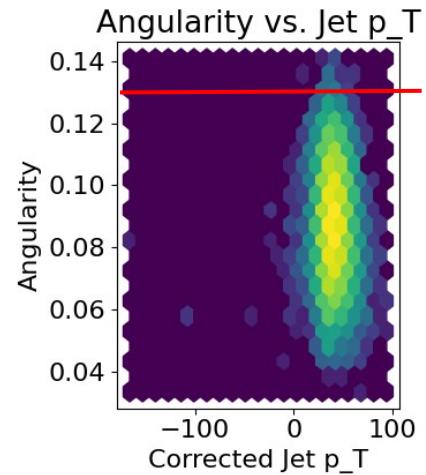
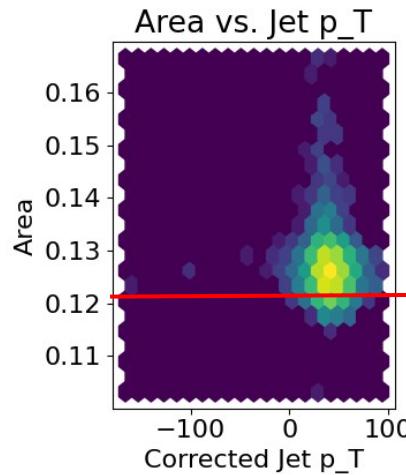
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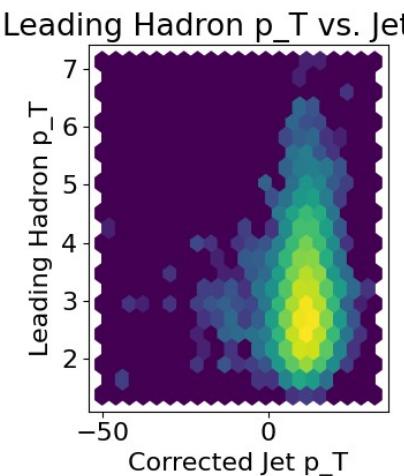
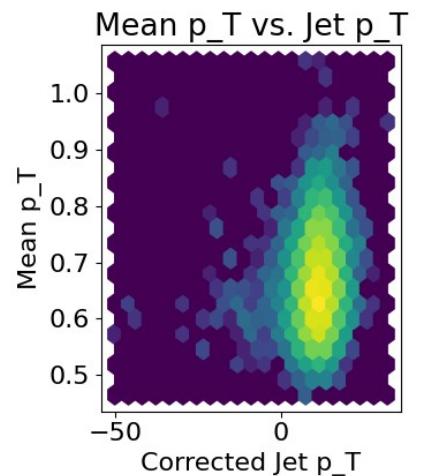
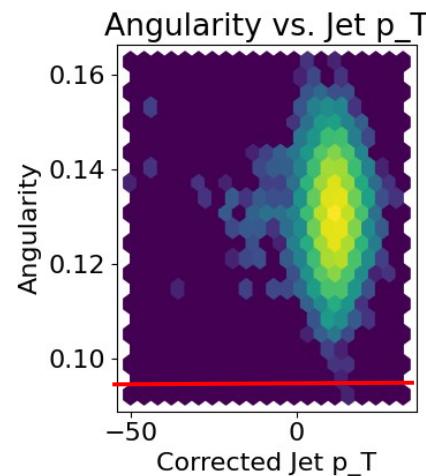
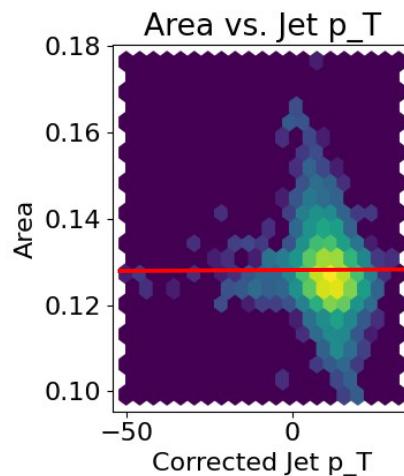
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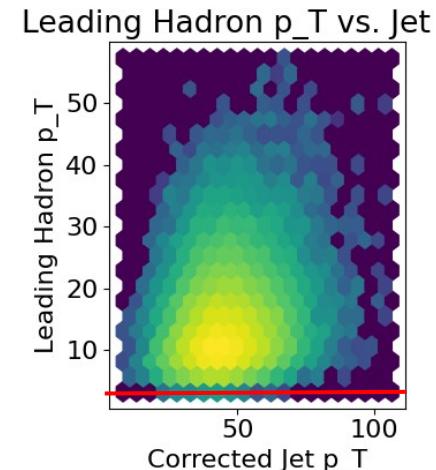
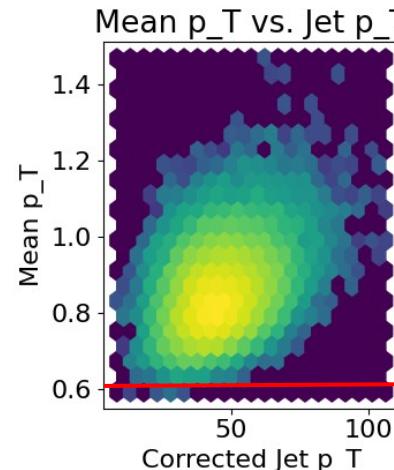
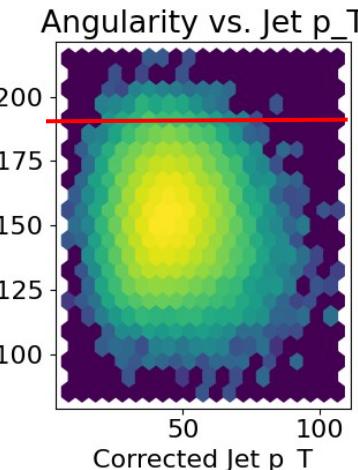
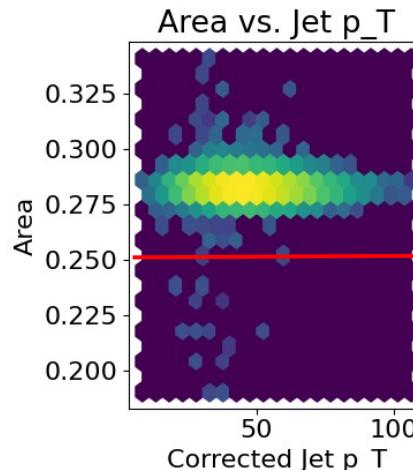
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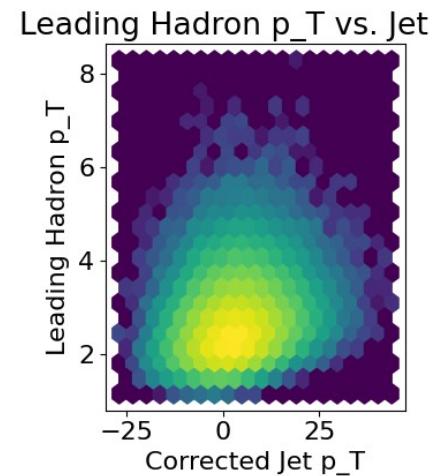
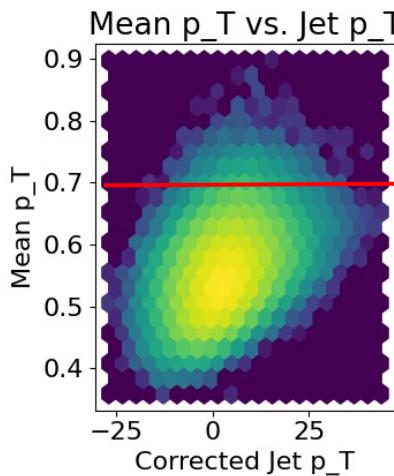
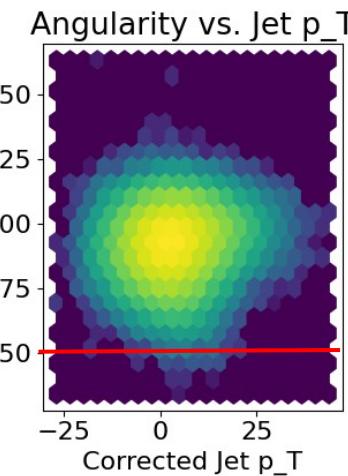
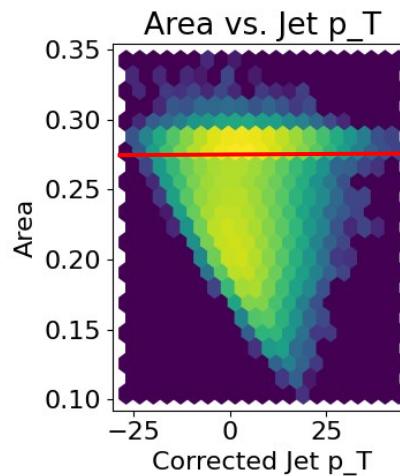
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Log z scale

Real



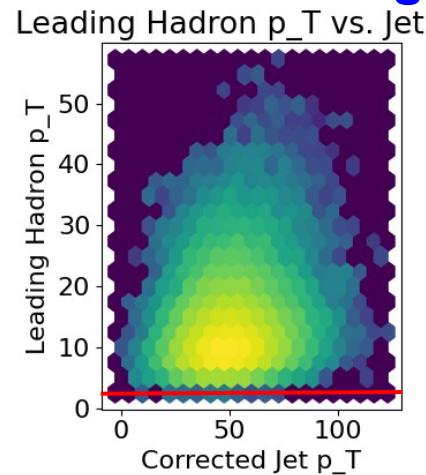
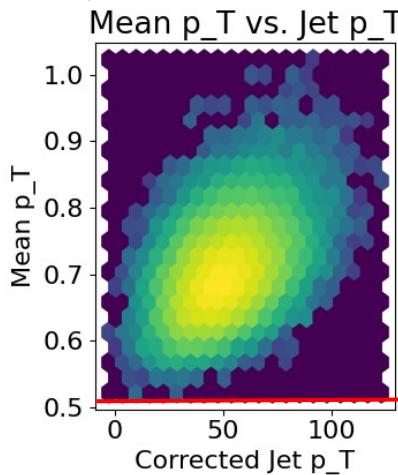
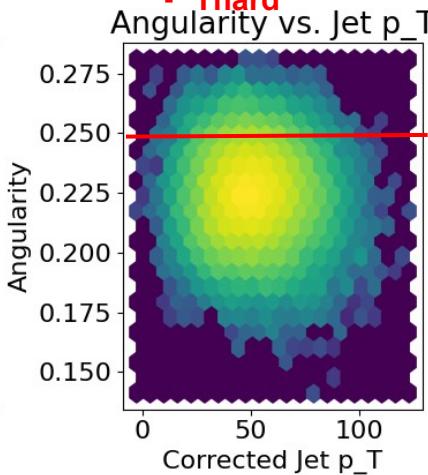
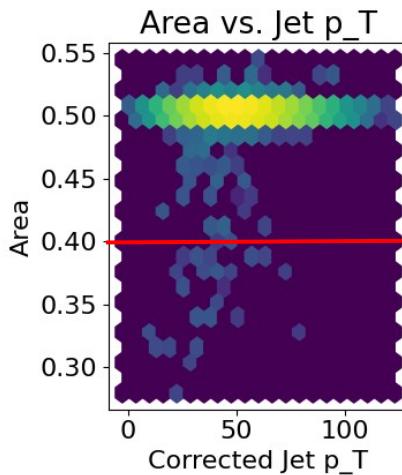
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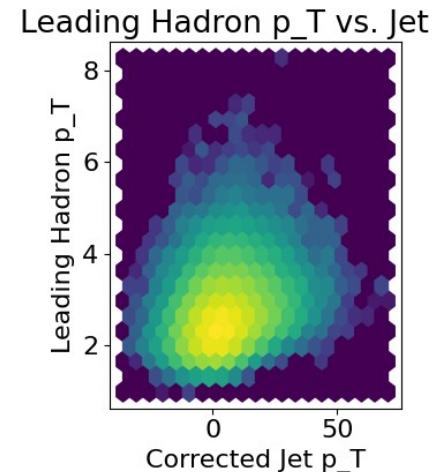
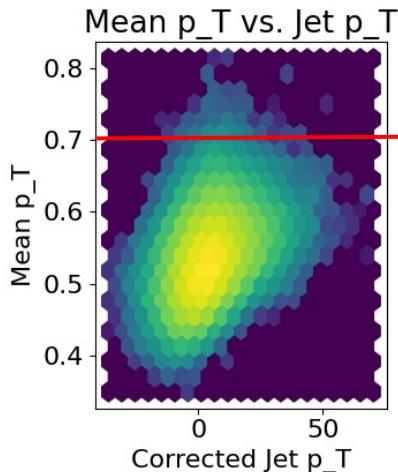
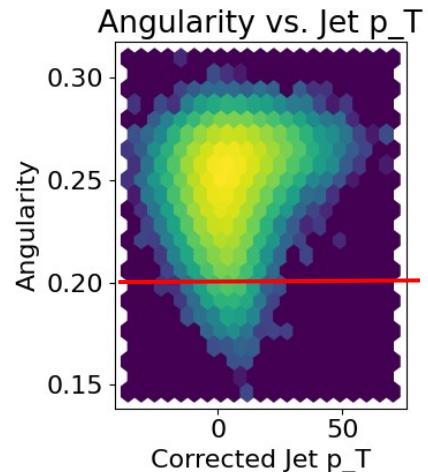
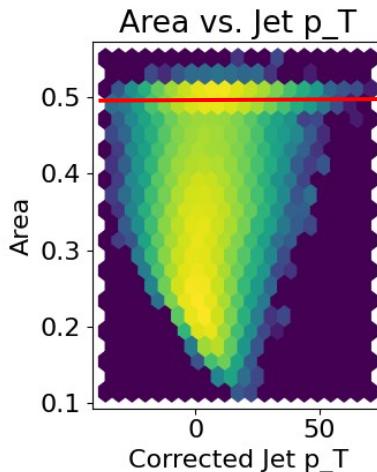
Log z scale

$p_{\text{Thard}} > 40 \text{ GeV}/c, R=0.4$

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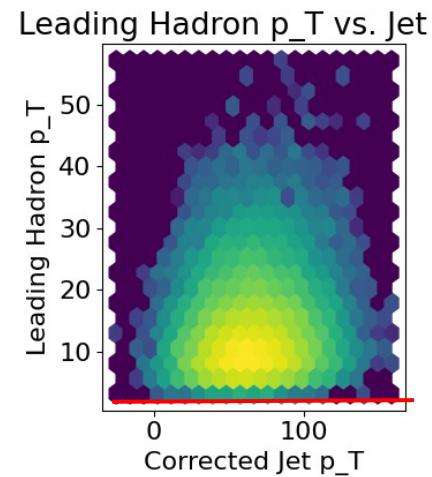
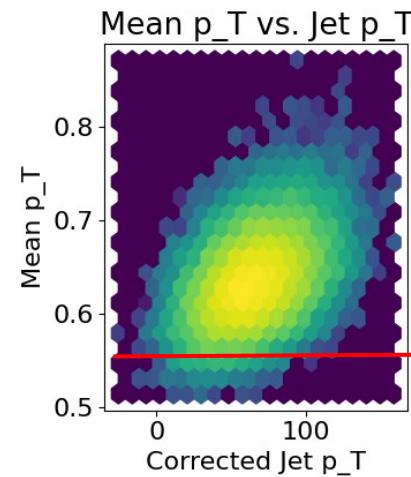
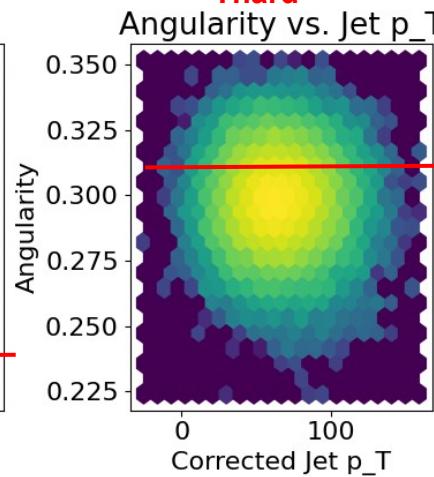
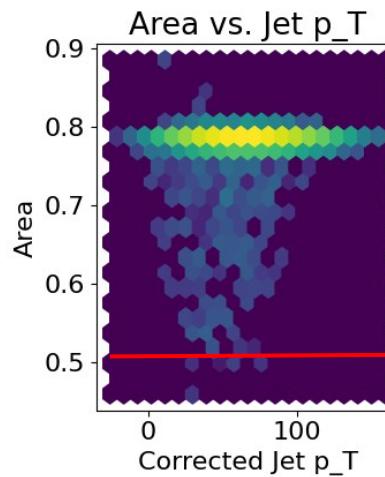


Combinatorial

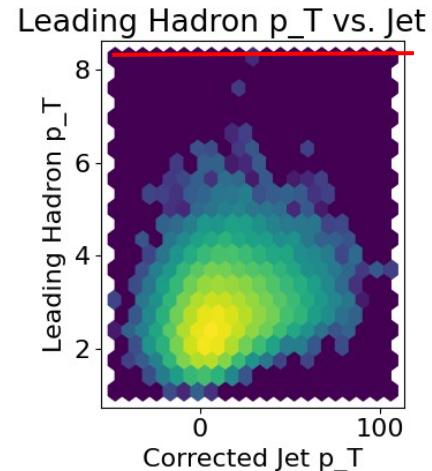
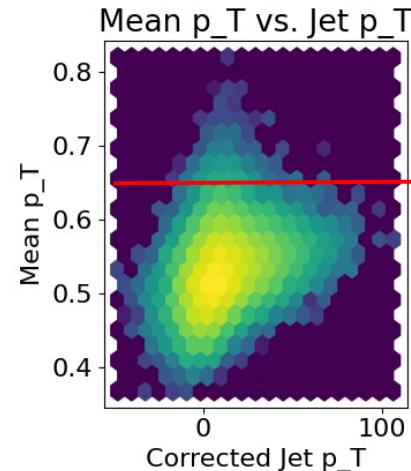
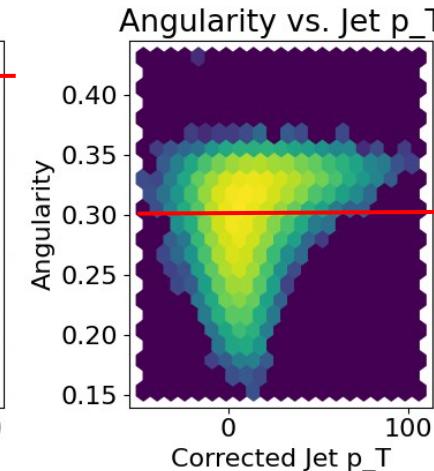
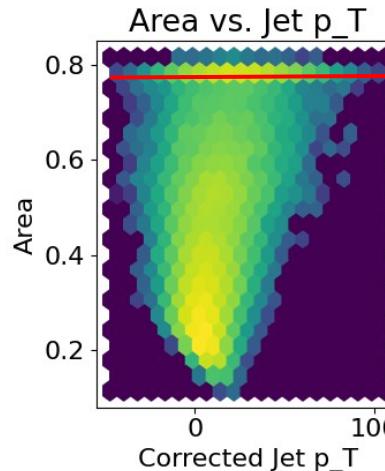


$p_{\text{Thard}} > 40 \text{ GeV}/c, R=0.5$

Real



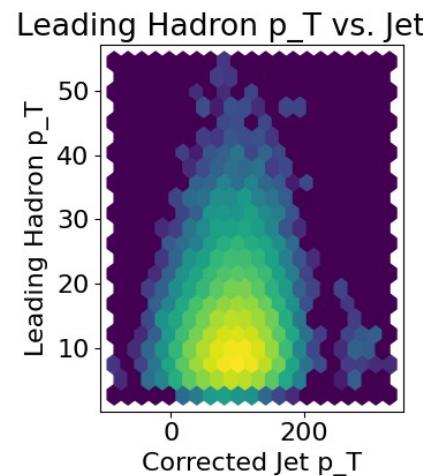
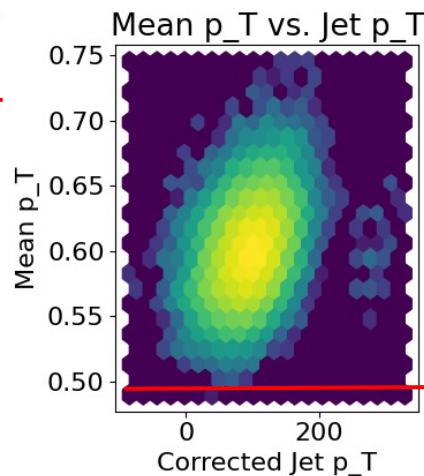
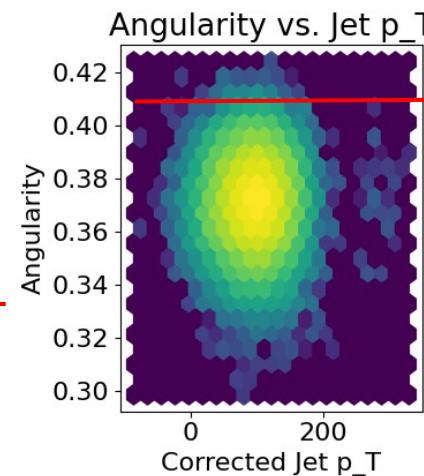
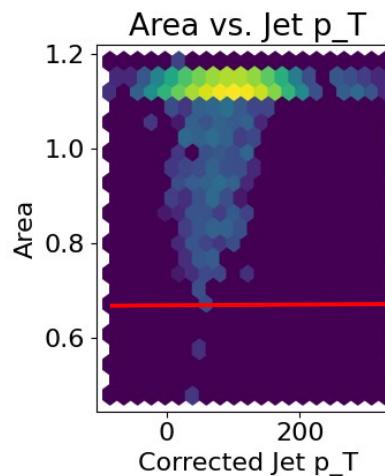
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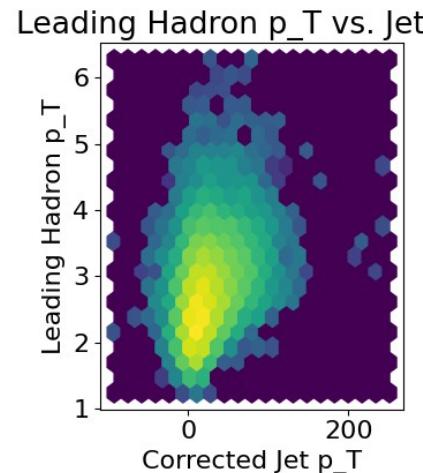
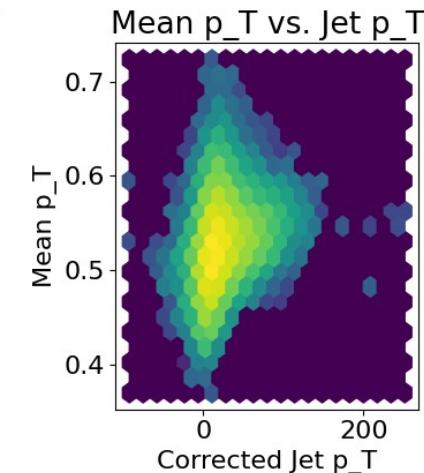
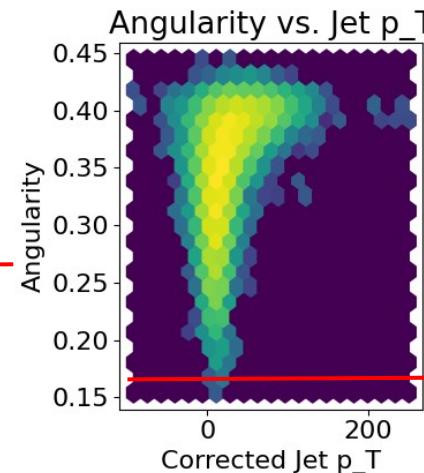
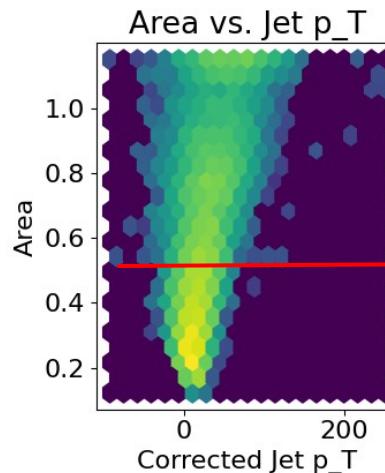
$p_{\text{Thard}} > 40 \text{ GeV}/c$, R=0.6

Log z scale

Real



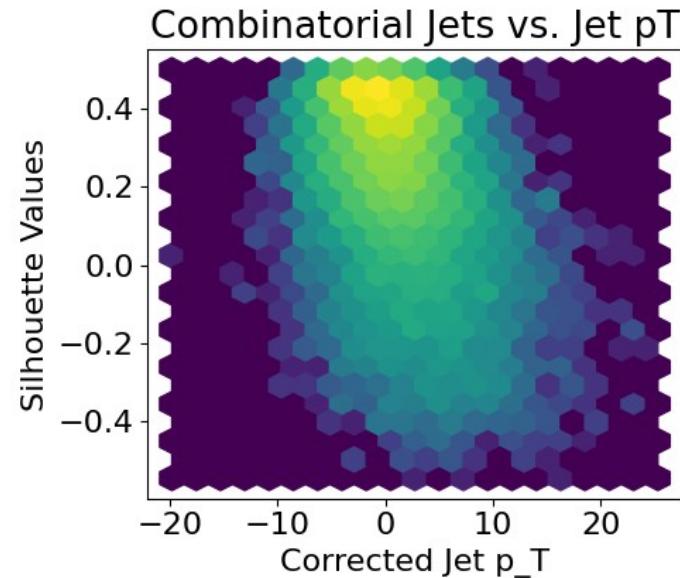
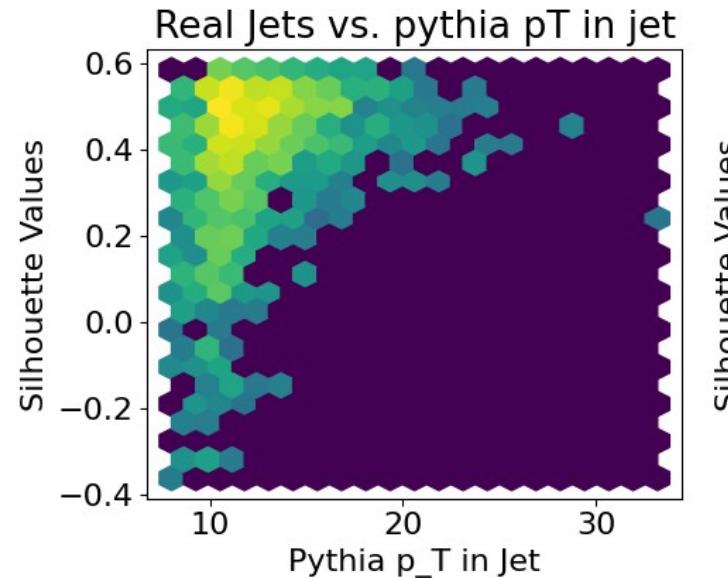
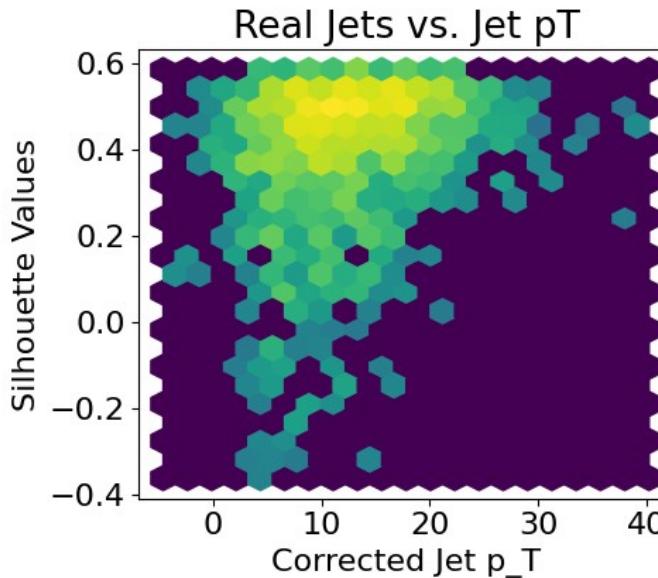
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Backup: silhouette scores

Silhouette values – decreasing p_T

$R = 0.2, p_T \text{ hard min} = 10$

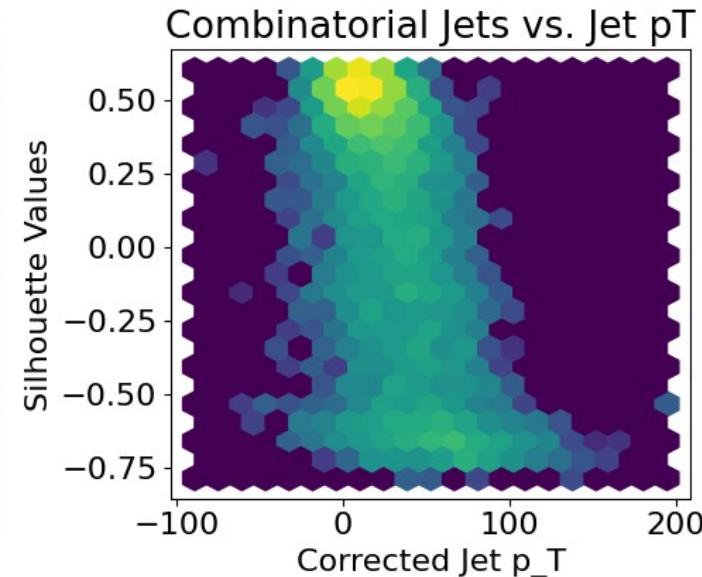
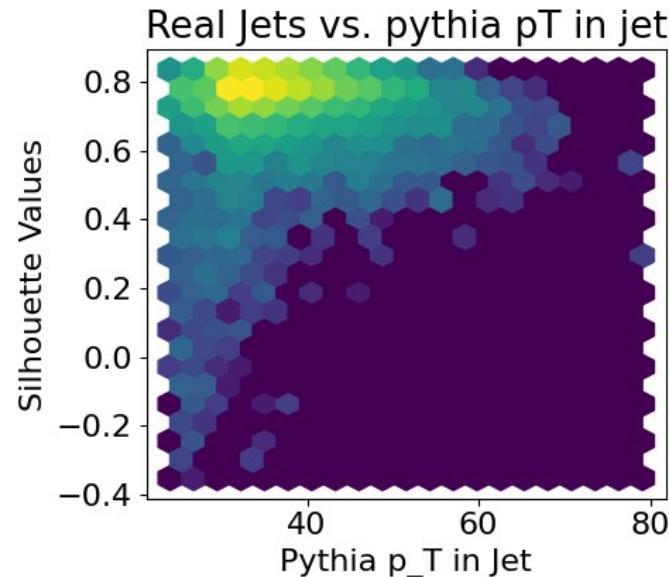
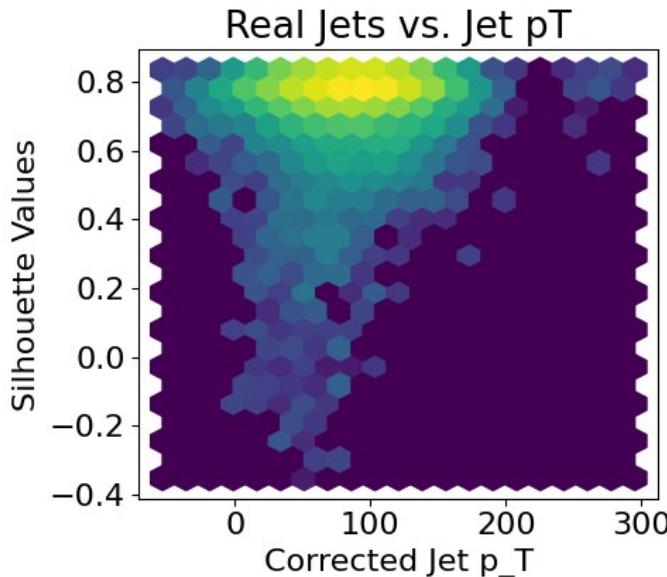


**Real jets look more like
combinatorial jets**

**Combinatorial jets look
more like real jets**

Silhouette values – increasing R

$R = 0.6, p_T \text{ hard min} = 30$



Real jets look more like real jets

Tail in distribution of real jets gets smaller

Combinatorial jets look more like real jets

Backup: jet definition

Jets in principle

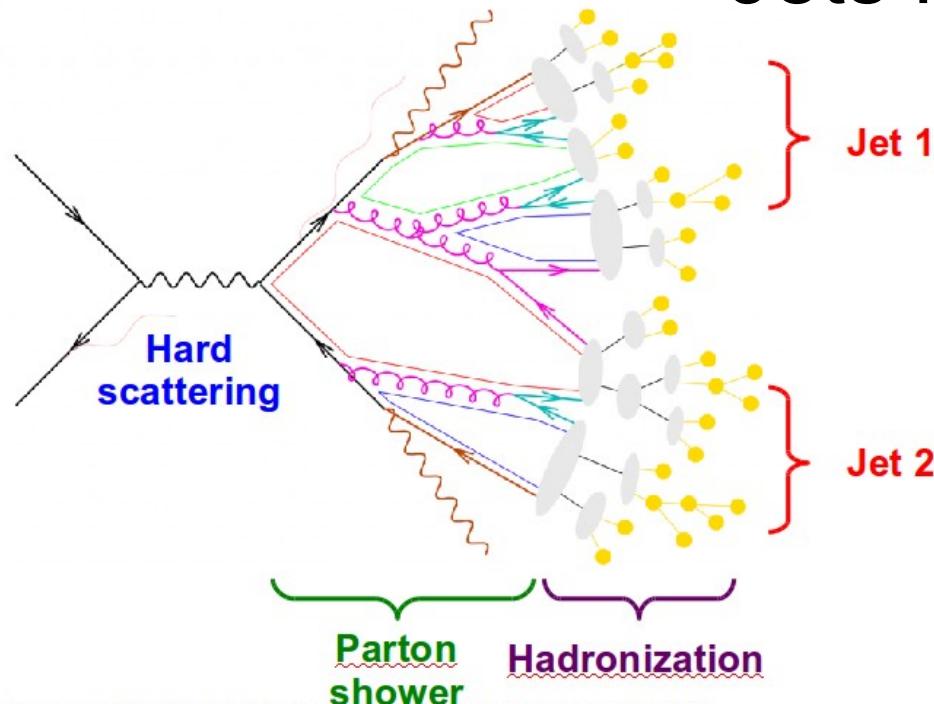
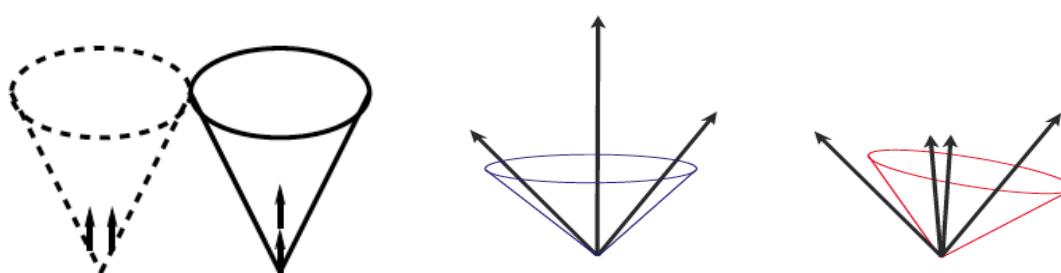
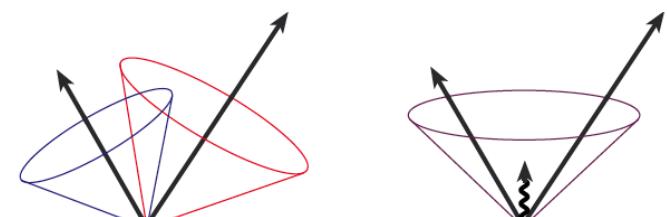


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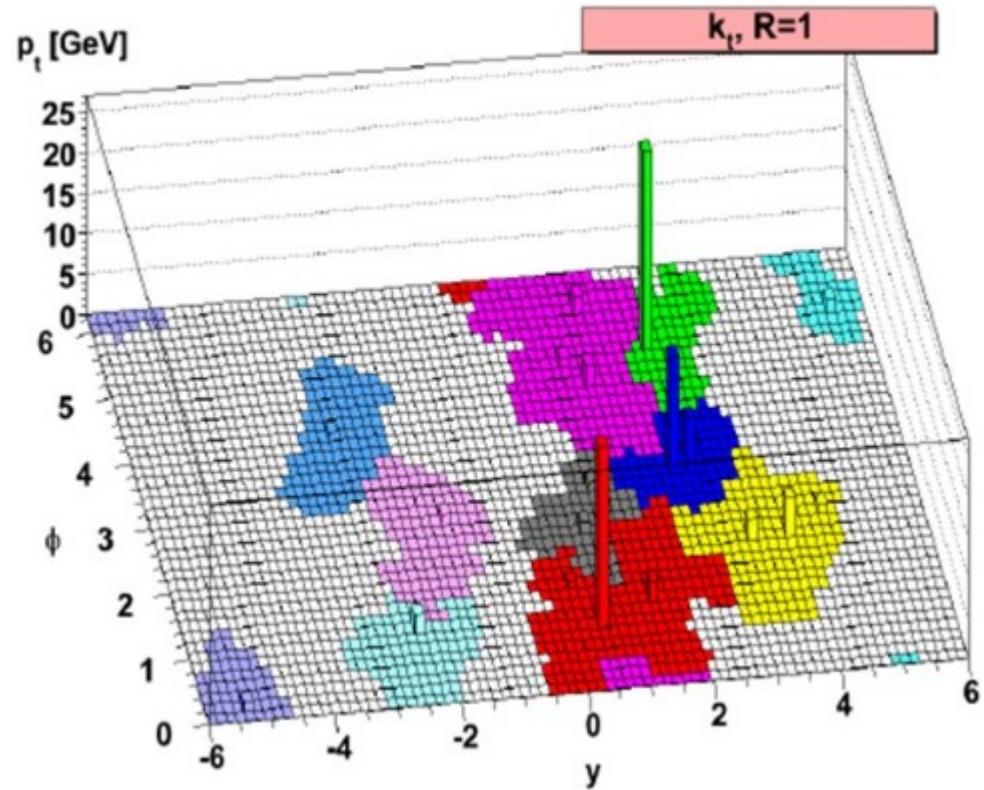
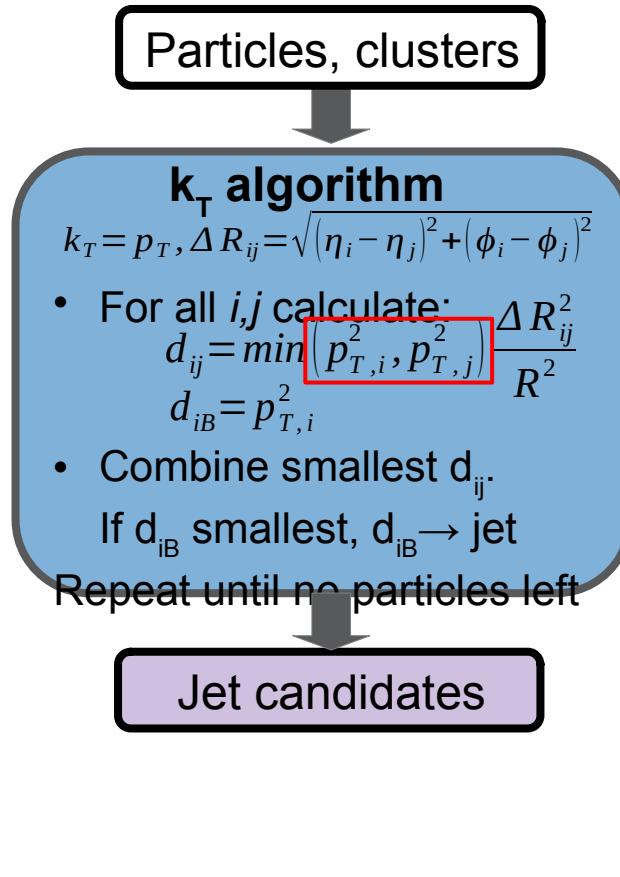


- Jet measures **partons**
- Hadronic degrees of freedom are integrated out
- Algorithms are infrared and colinear safe

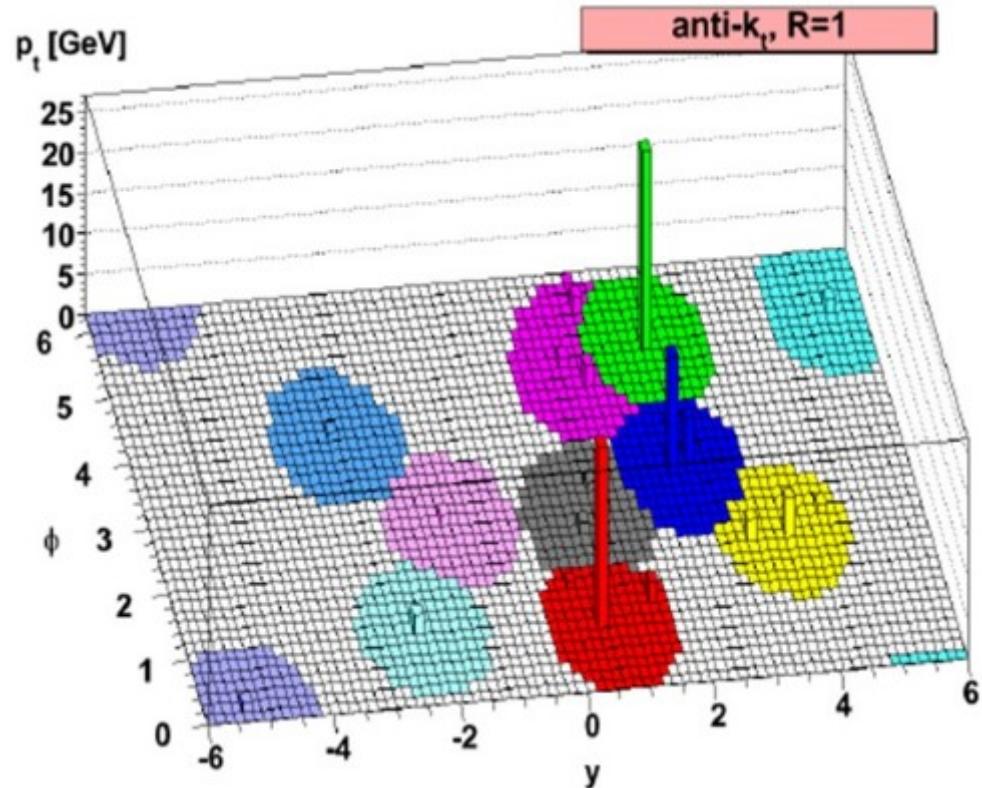
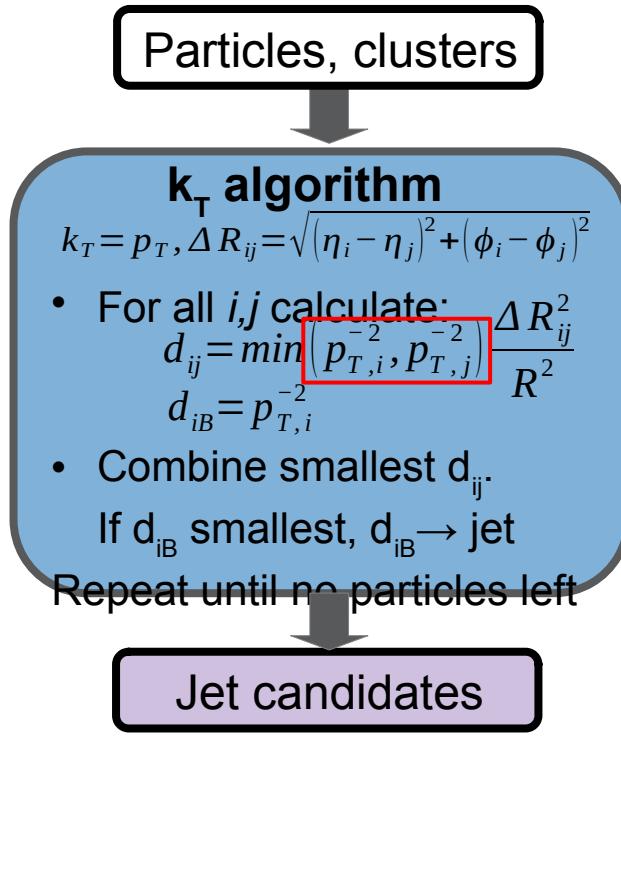


- **BAD:** 2 jets are merged in one

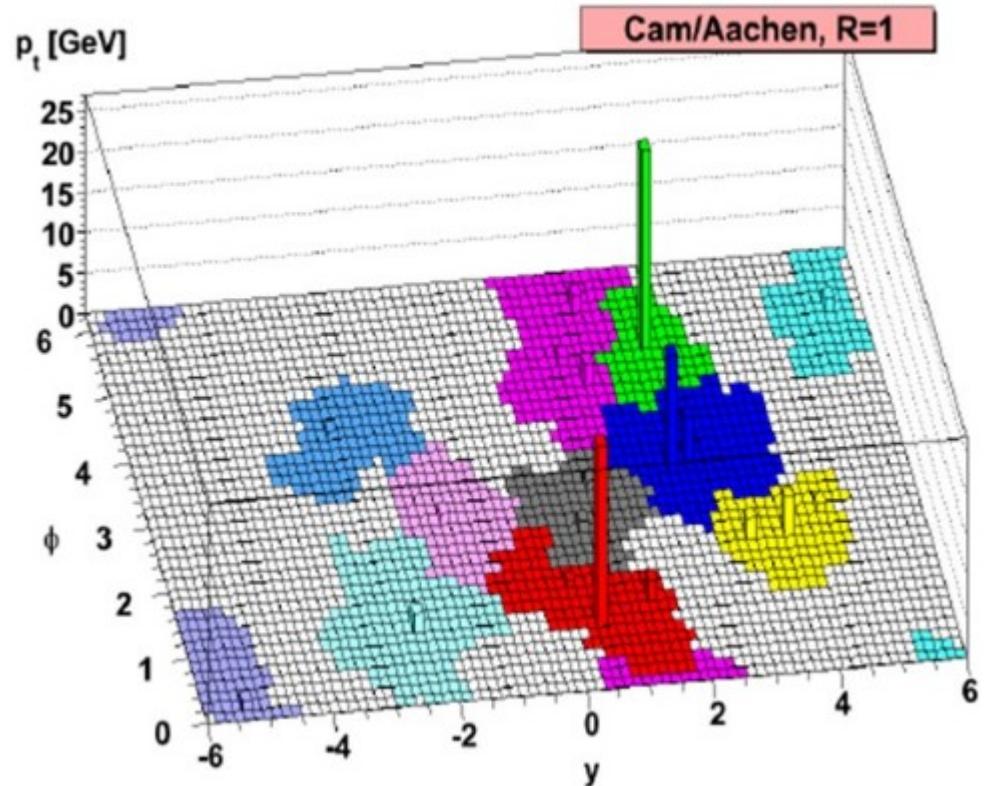
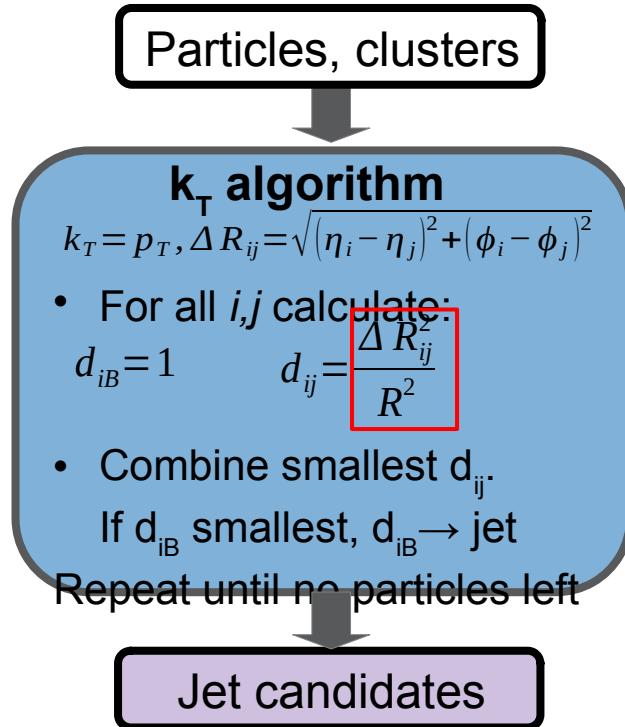
k_T jet finding algorithm



anti- k_T jet finding algorithm



Cambridge/Aachen jet finding algorithm



Backup: misc

Unfolding

- $\vec{\mu}$: the “true” histogram

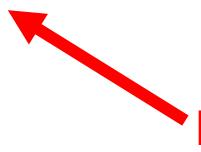
$$\vec{v} = R\vec{\mu} + \vec{\beta}$$

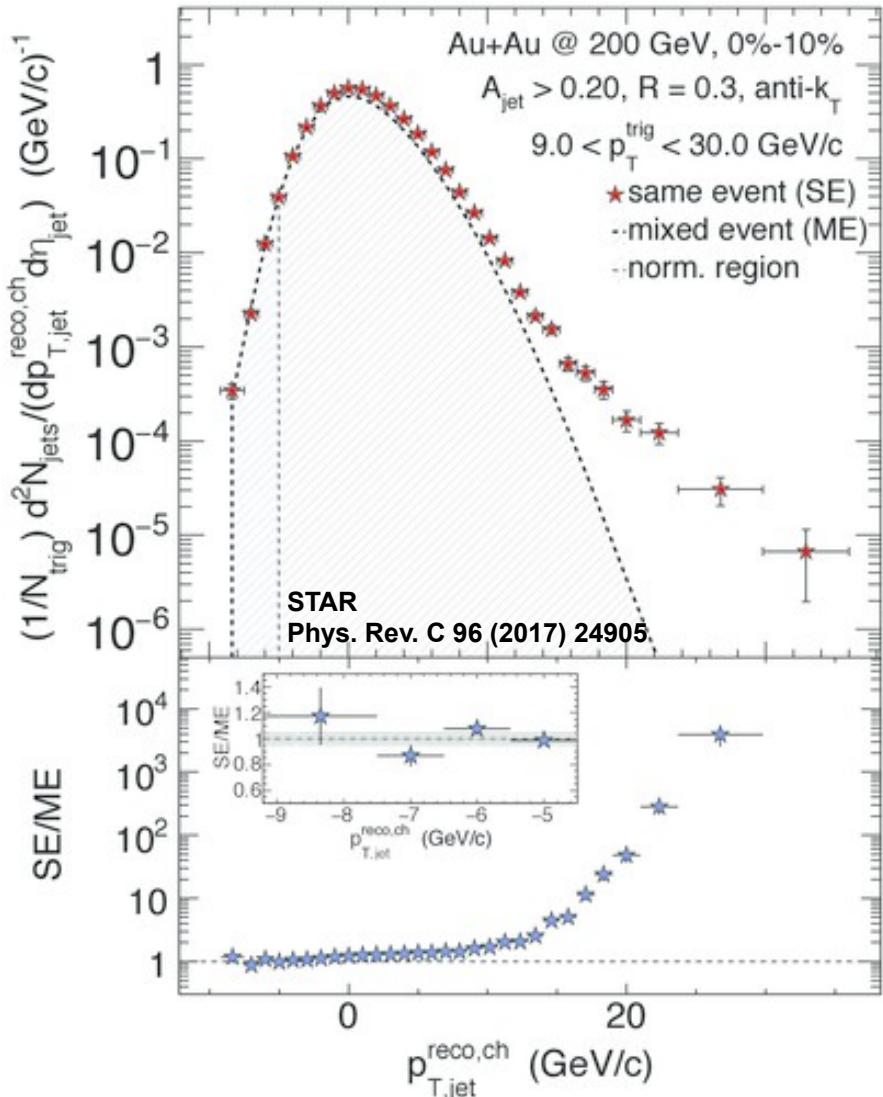
- \vec{v} : the actual data we measure

- $\vec{\beta}$: background

- R : the response matrix

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^M (R_{ij}\mu_j) + \beta_i$$

 May correct for “missing” jets!



Mixed events

- Gets background up to a normalization factor
- Good agreement with the data... but 20% discrepancies still within uncertainties
- In measurement with background suppressed (h-jet correlations)
- Did not see such agreement at the LHC for jet spectra

Mini-summary

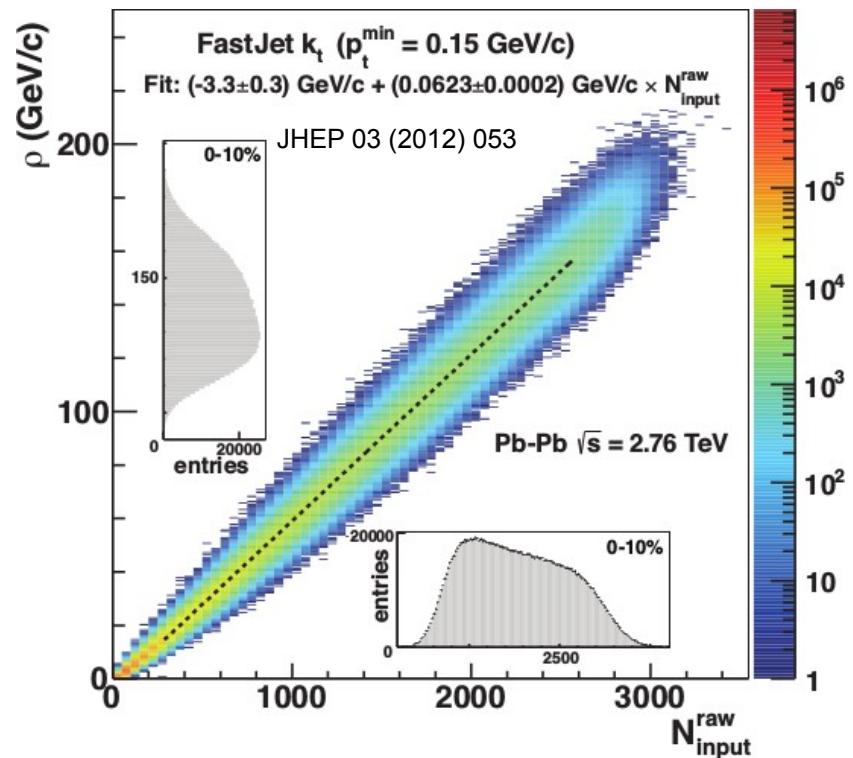
- Experimental techniques can bias measurement in subtle ways
 - ~ Background subtraction
 - ~ Kinematic cuts
 - ~ Choice of jet finder, R
 - ~ Centrality determination
 - ~ Technique for finding reaction plane
- Larger influence at low momentum
- Safest to do the same analysis on data and model
 - ~ But unfolding is necessary in a full Monte Carlo model!

Experimental techniques for background

Focus on smaller angles

- Pros
 - ~ Background is smaller
 - ~ Background fluctuations smaller
- Cons:
 - ~ Modifications expected at higher R
 - ~ Biases sample towards quarks

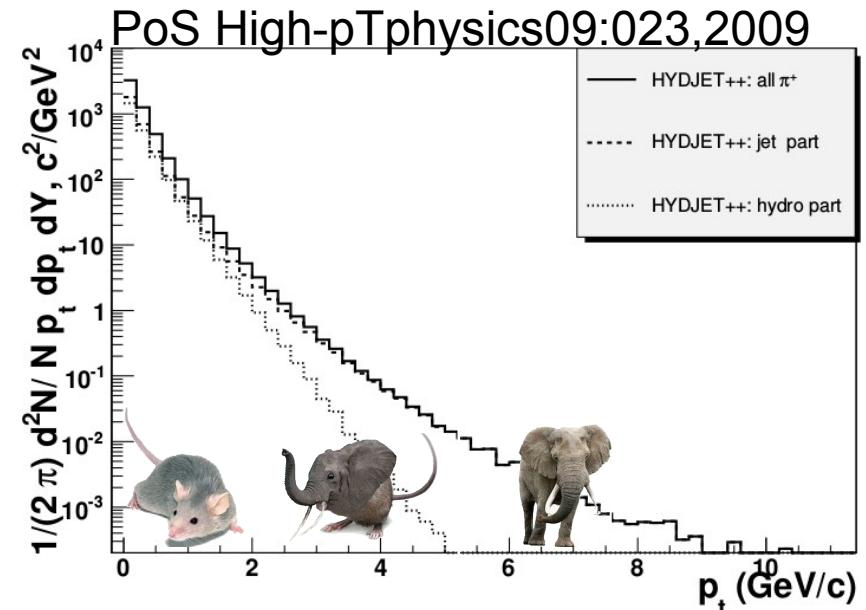
Aside: “quark” and “gluon” jet
only defined at leading order.



Focus on high p_T

- Pros:
 - ~ Reduces combinatorial background
- Cons:
 - ~ Cuts signal where we expect modifications
 - ~ Could bias towards partons which have not interacted
 - ~ Biases sample towards quark jets

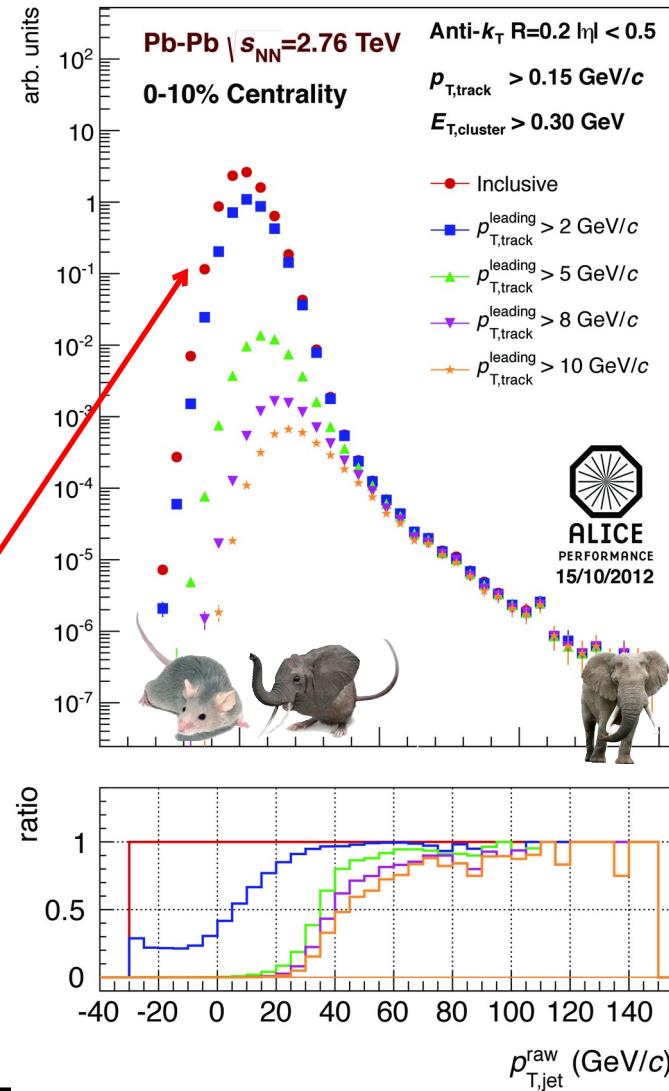
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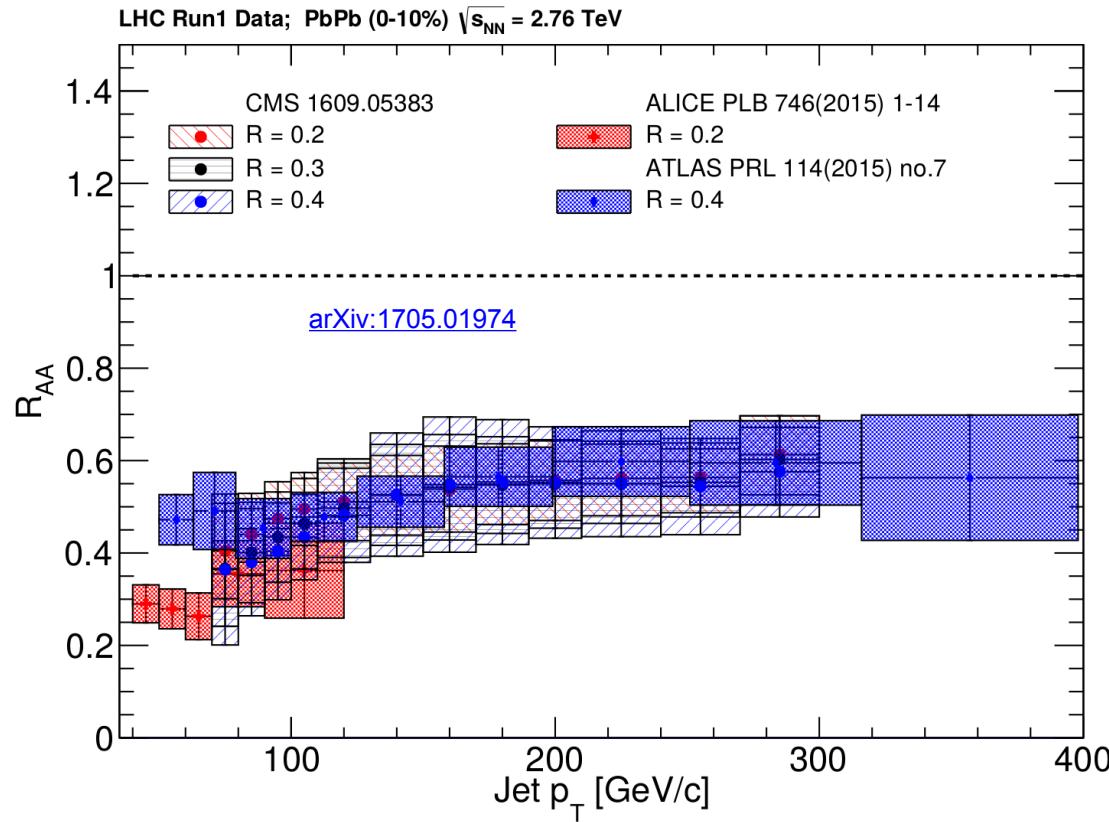
Area-based subtraction

- ALICE/STAR
- Require leading track $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - Suppresses combinatorial “jets”
 - Biases fragmentation
- No threshold on constituents
- Limited to small R – unstable unfolding

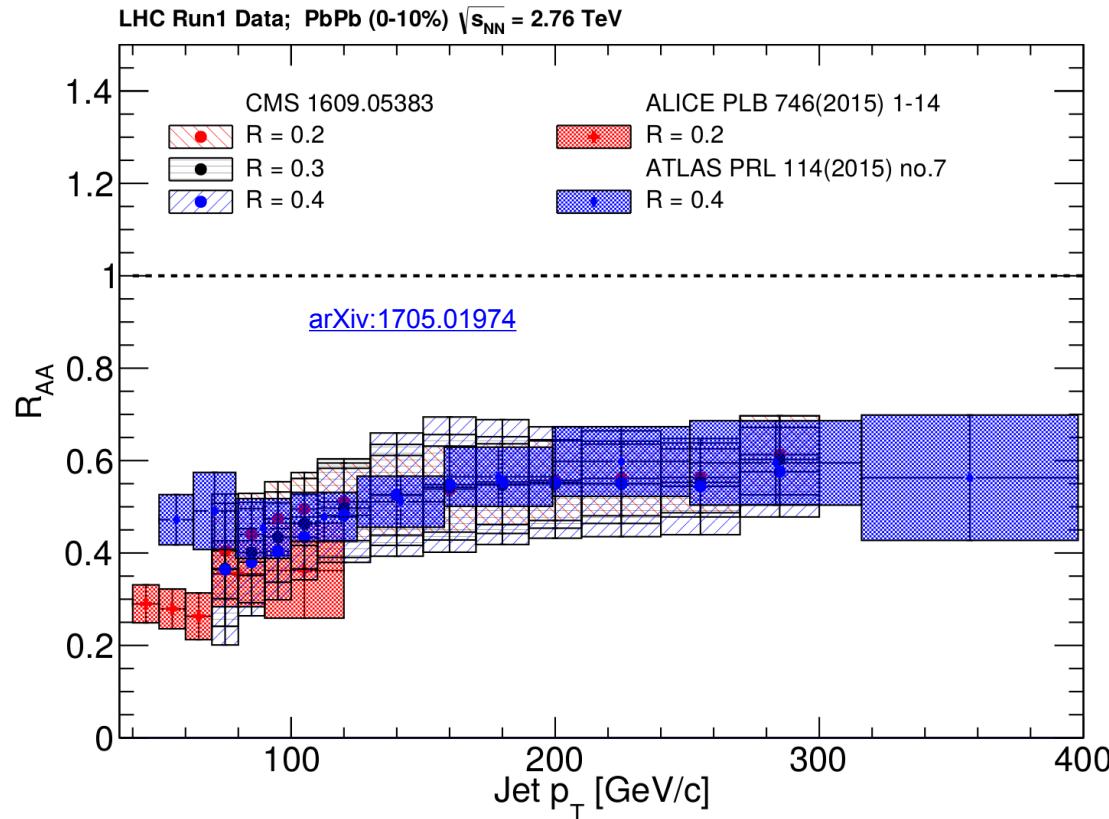
Combinatorial jets



Jet R_{AA}



Jet R_{AA}



Tension between ATLAS & ALICE/CMS

Mini-summary

- Most studies do one or more of the following:
 - ~ Explicitly apply a (non-purturbative) bias
 - ~ *Implicitly* apply a (non-purturbative) bias
 - ~ Focus on small R
 - ~ Focus on high pT
- May also → survivor bias
- Background subtraction should be part of definition of algorithm