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Measurement of Two-Point Energy Correlators Within Jets in p+p Collisions at $\sqrt{s}$ = 200 GeV

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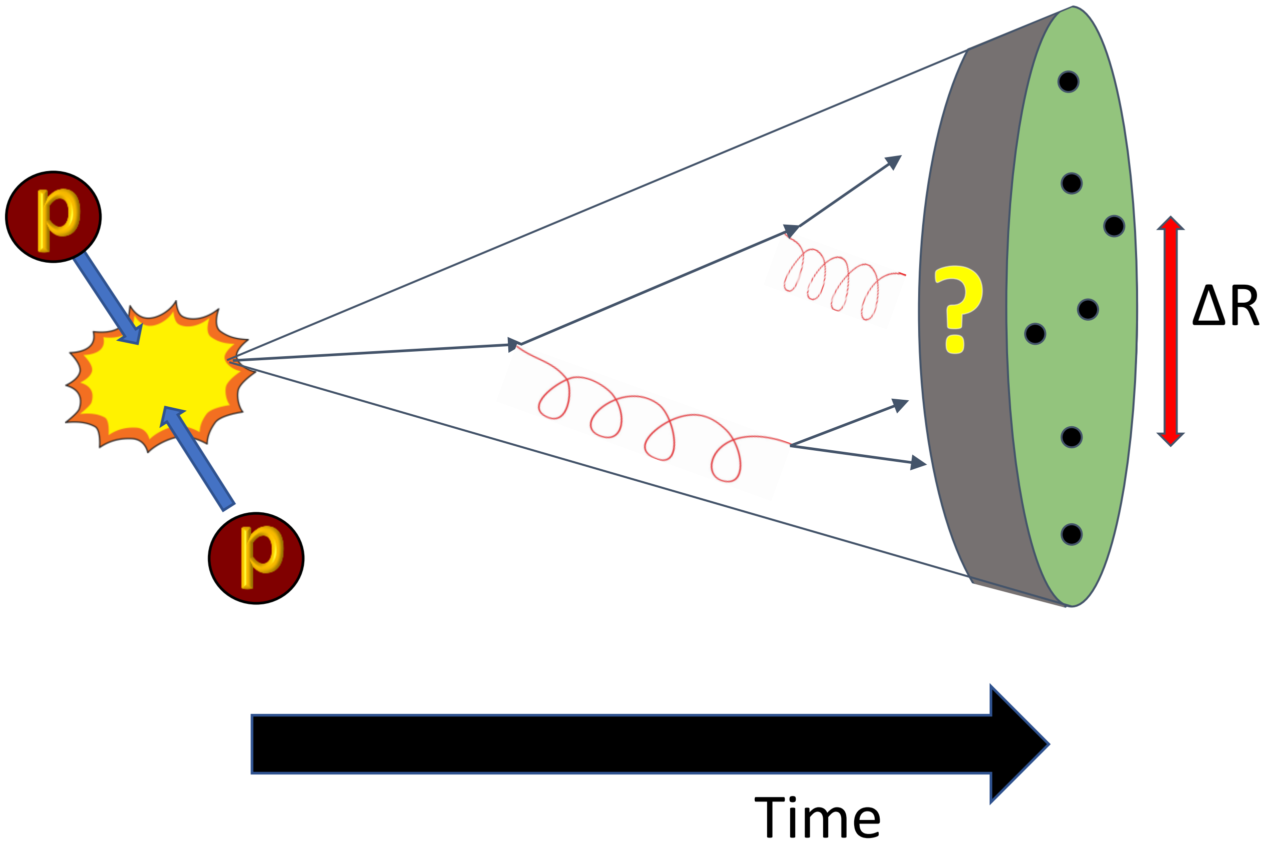
Jets and Hadronization



- **Jets are proxies for hard-scattered partons**
- Clustered from final state particles using a jet finding algorithm
- Interesting to follow time evolution of jet

Formation Time: $t_f \propto \frac{1}{\Delta R^2}$

Apolinário, Cordeiro, Zapp 2021 EPJC 81, Article Number 561

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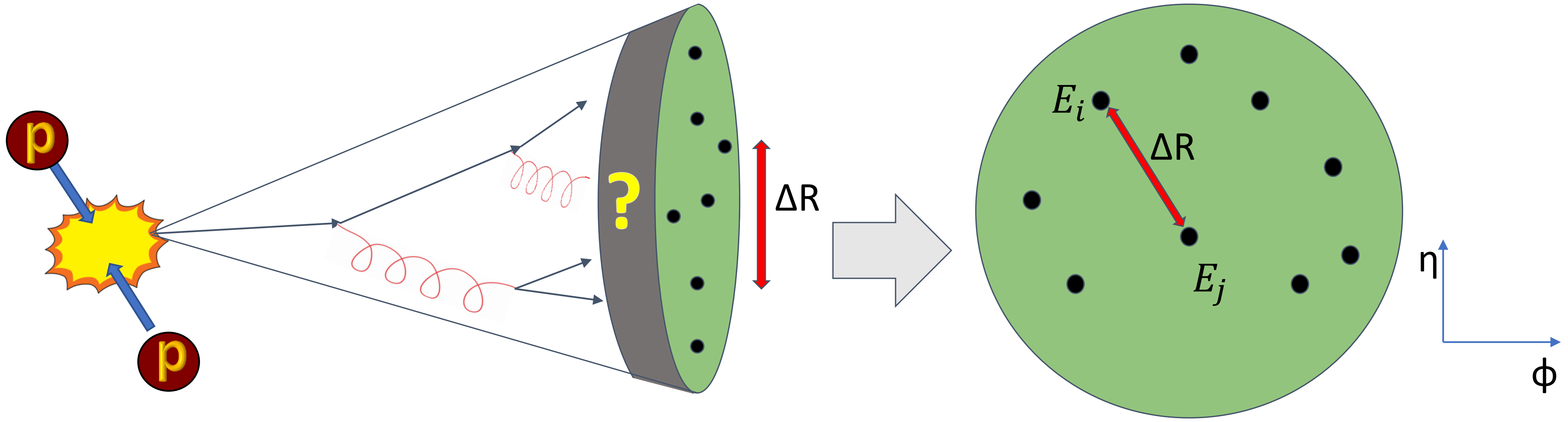

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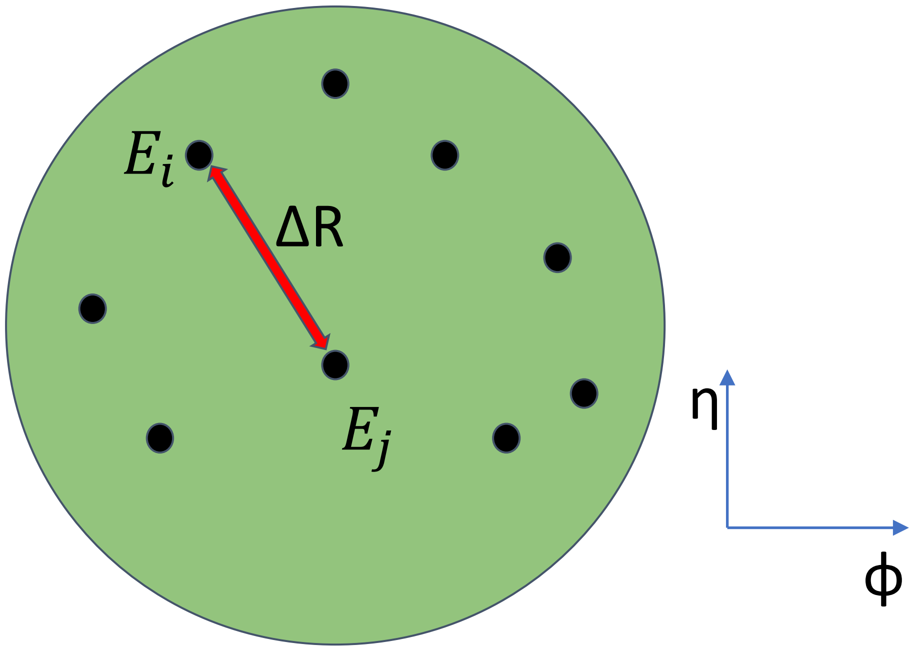
Theoretical Calculation of N-Point Correlator

$$\text{ENC}(R_L) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^{N}\int d\Omega_{\vec{n}_k}\right)\delta(R_L - \Delta\hat{R}_L) \cdot \frac{1}{(E_{\text{jet}})^N}\langle\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1)\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2)\ldots\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_N)\rangle$$

Komiske et al. 2023, PRL 130, 051901



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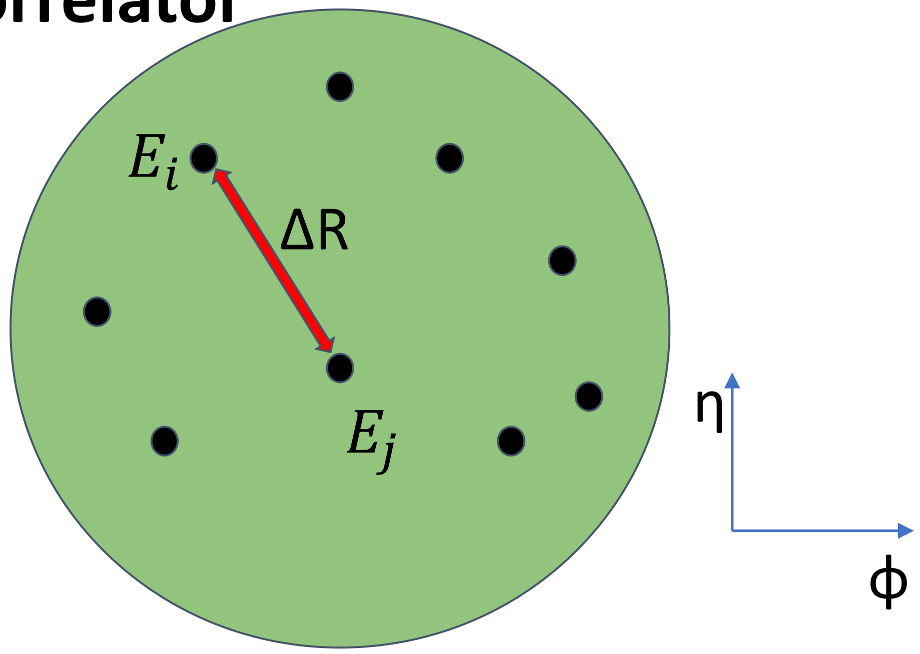
Experimental Construction of Two-Point Correlator

$$\text{Normalized EEC} = \frac{1}{\sum_{Jets}\sum_{i\neq j}\frac{E_iE_j}{{p_{T,Jet}}^2}} \frac{d\left(\sum_{Jets}\sum_{i\neq j}\frac{E_iE_j}{{p_{T,Jet}}^2}\right)}{d\,(\Delta R)}$$



Note: Energy assumes pion mass

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Relate This to Jet Evolution

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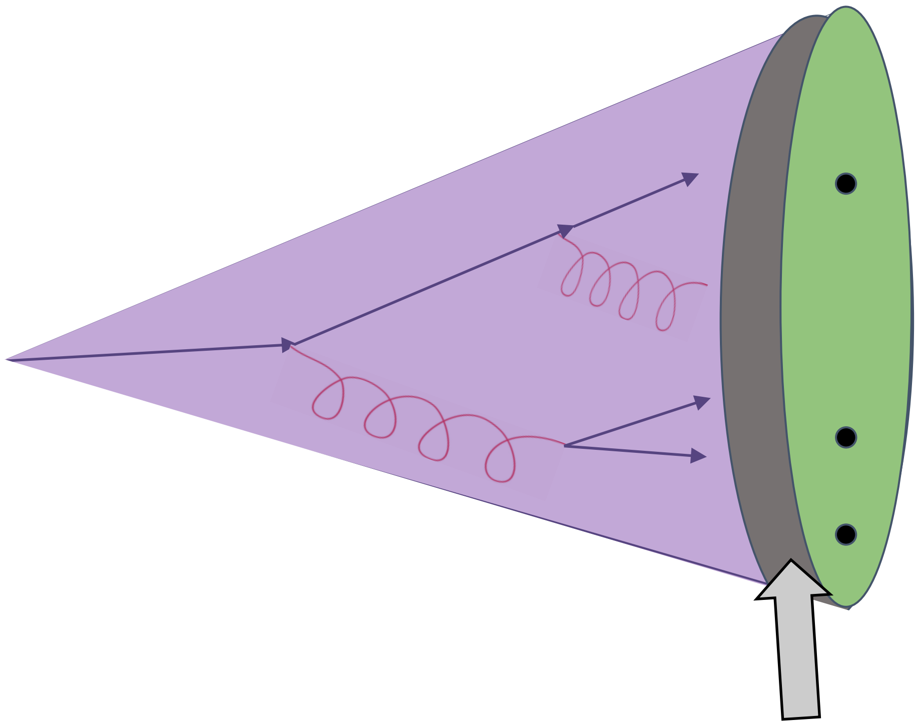

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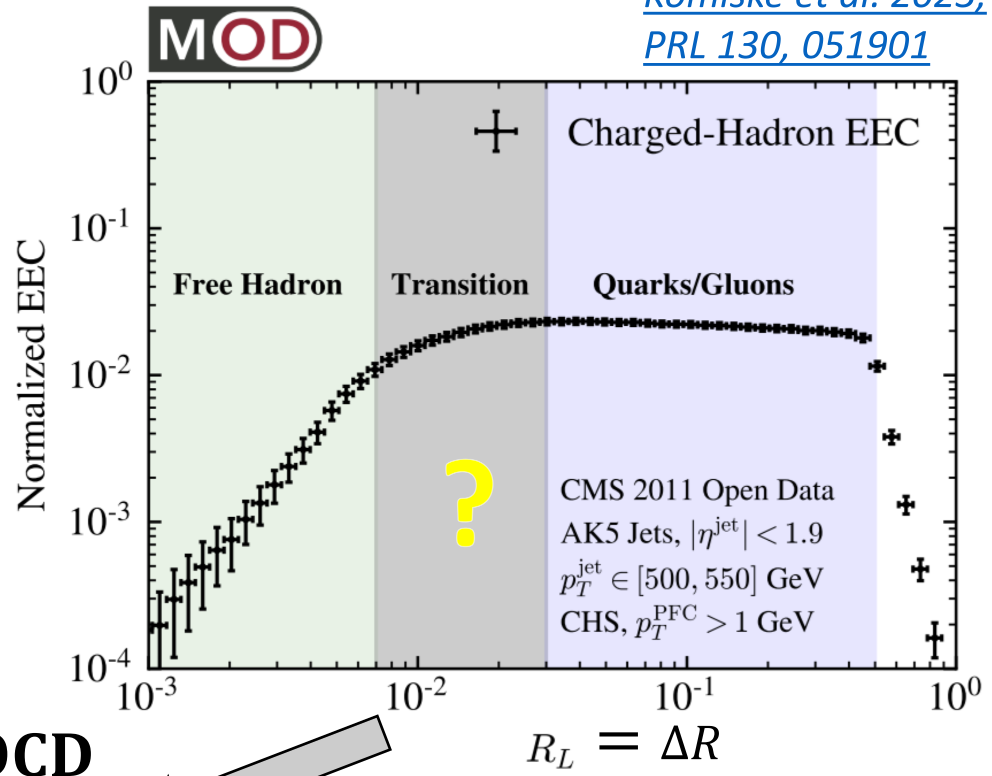
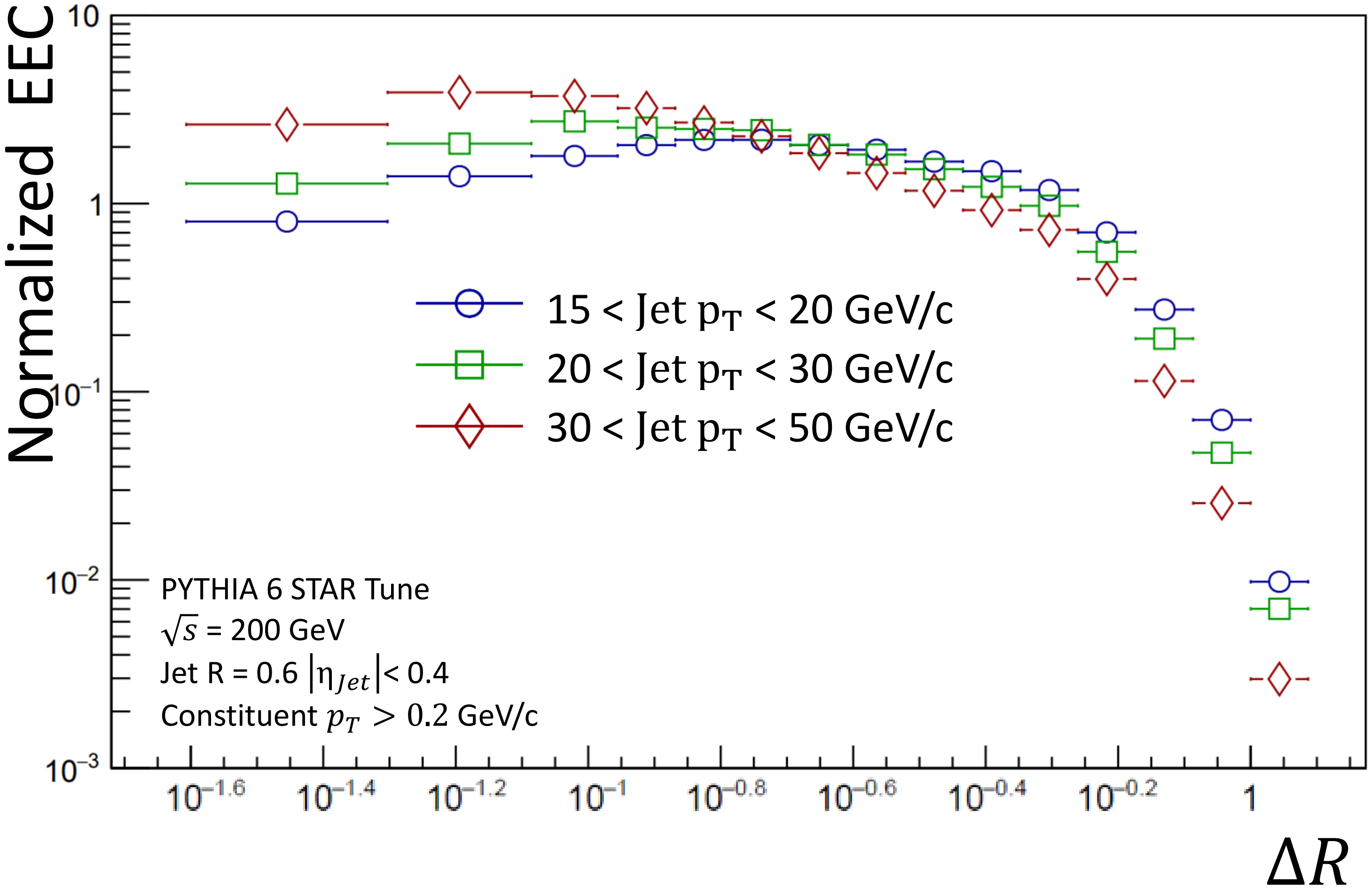


Turnover $\propto \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}}{p_T^{Jet}}$

- Behavior at low ΔR corresponds to a random distribution of hadrons, while behavior at high ΔR is influenced by parton shower– **Study Transition Region**

Studying the Transition Region



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Note: Curve normalized to integrate to unity in ΔR in order to compare different momentum ranges accurately

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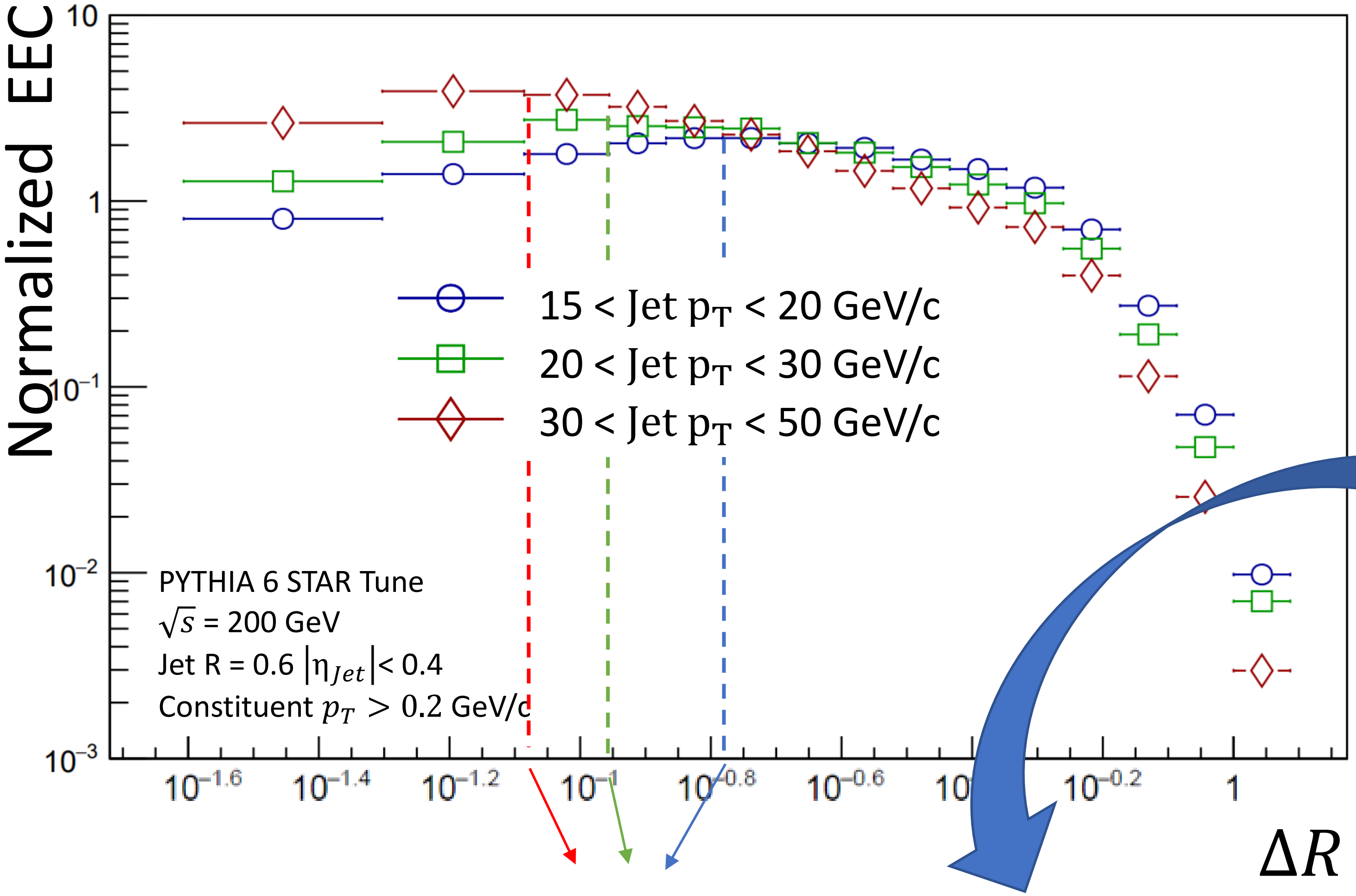

$p_T{}^{jet}{}_{Low} * \Delta R_{Turnover}$ ~ 2 to 3 GeV

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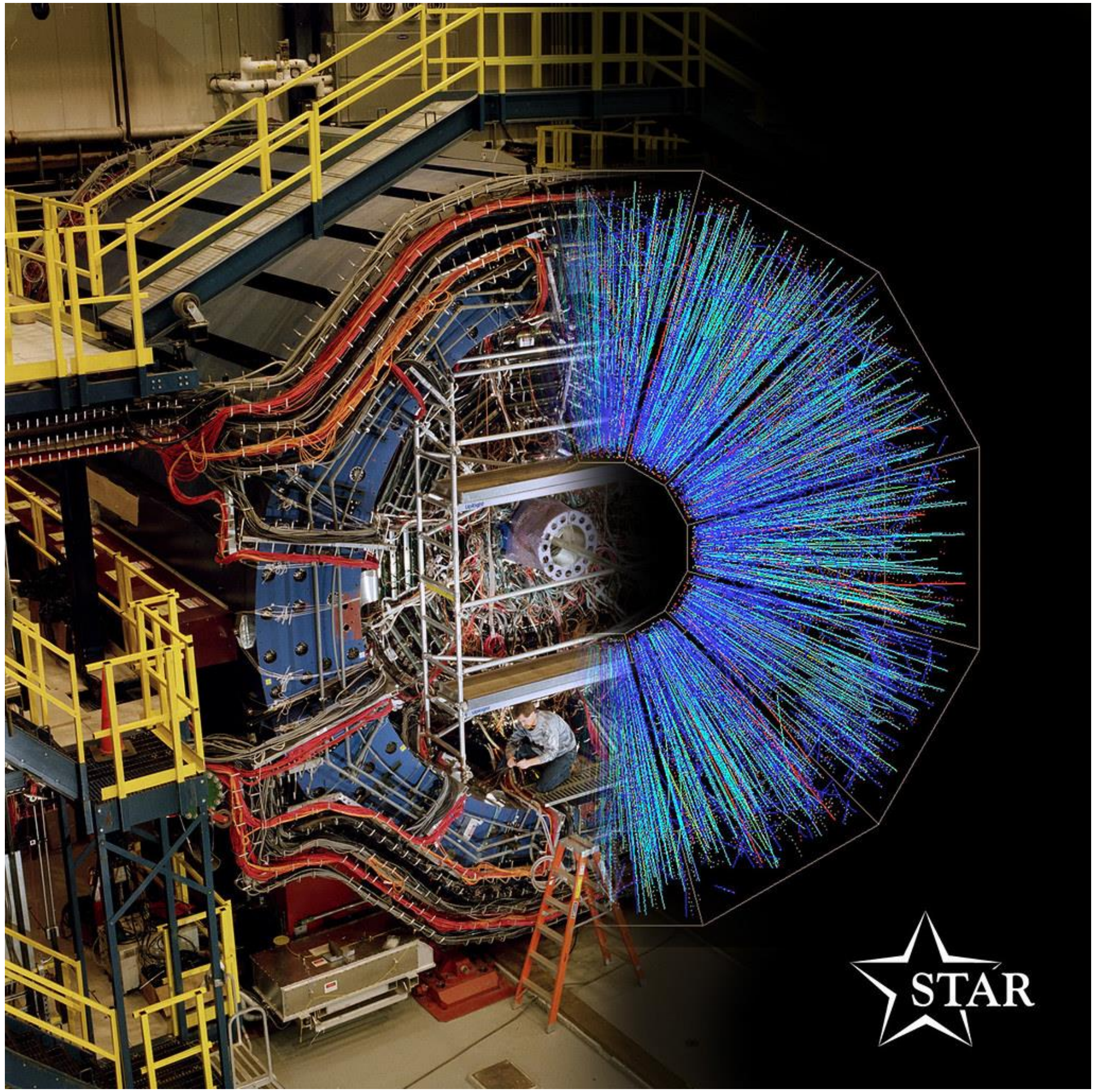
(Where the linear behavior breaks)

We see this behavior in PYTHIA!

STAR Detector



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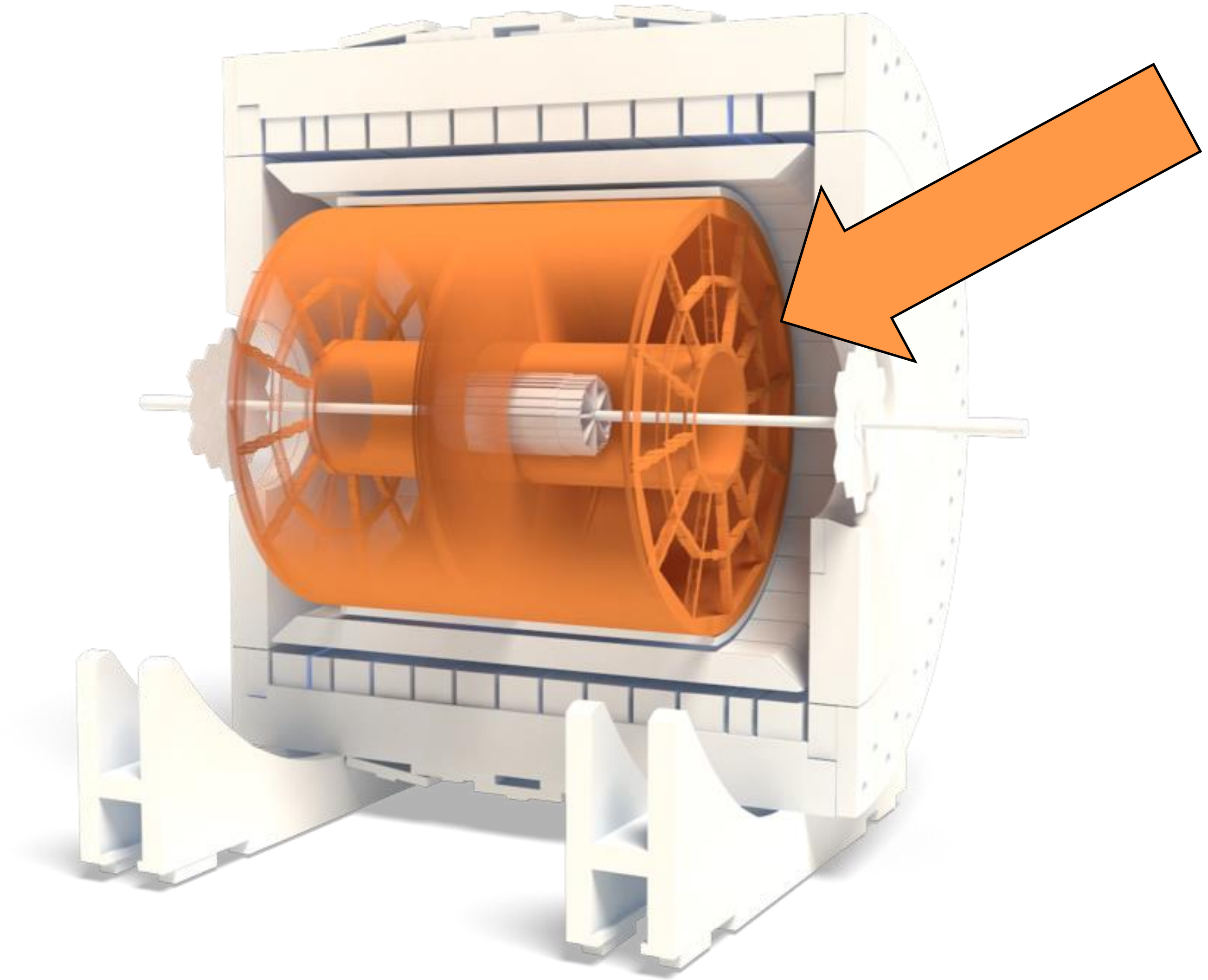

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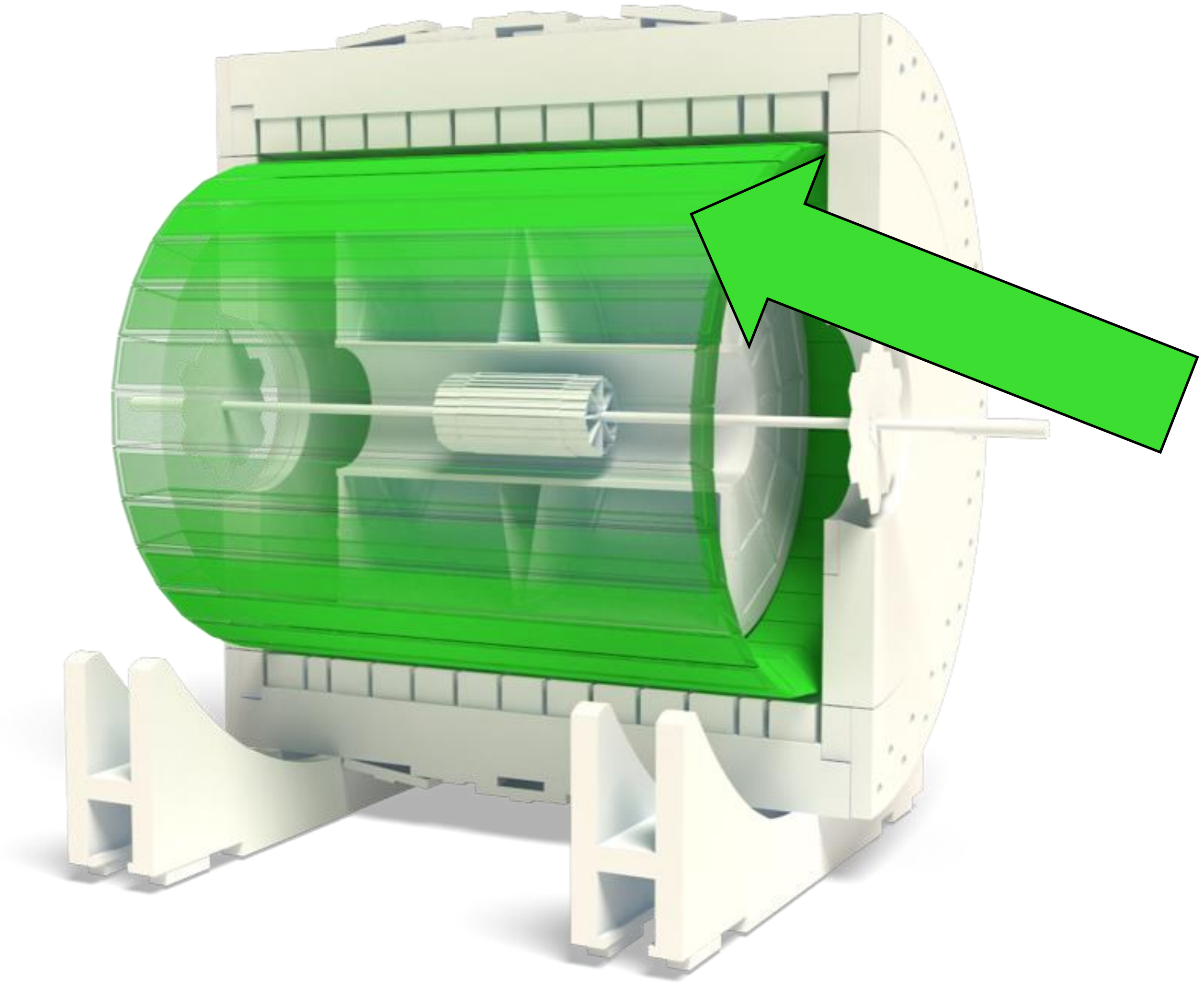

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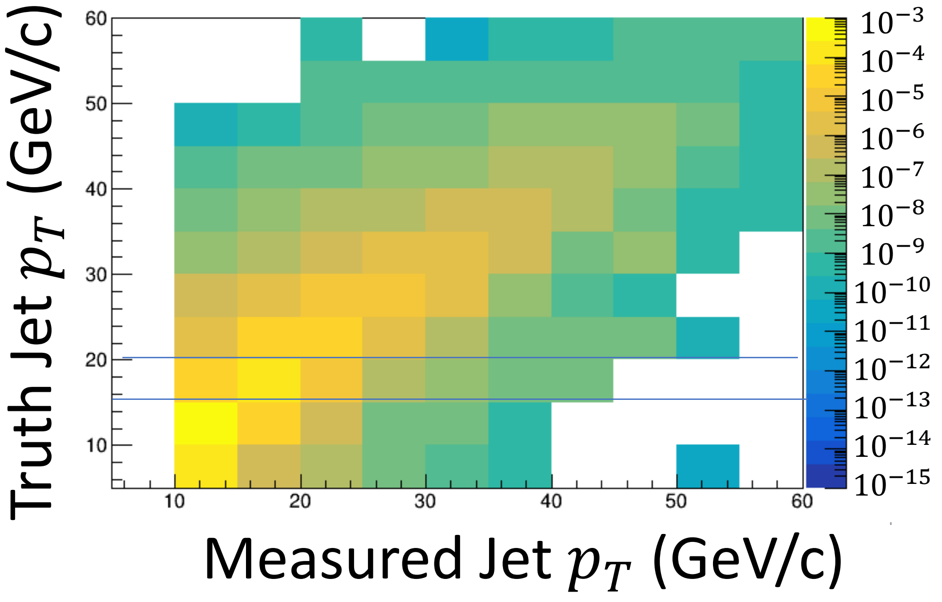
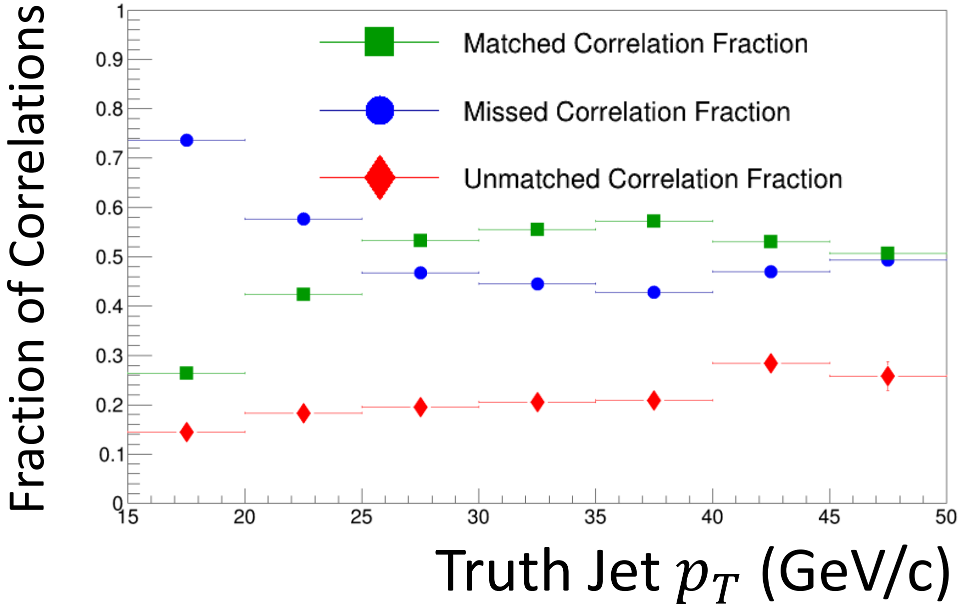
p_T^{Jet} Correction Method

Match jets between PYTHIA and PYTHIA + Geant distributions within a ΔR of 0.4 and then match constituents inside of jets within a ΔR of 0.02





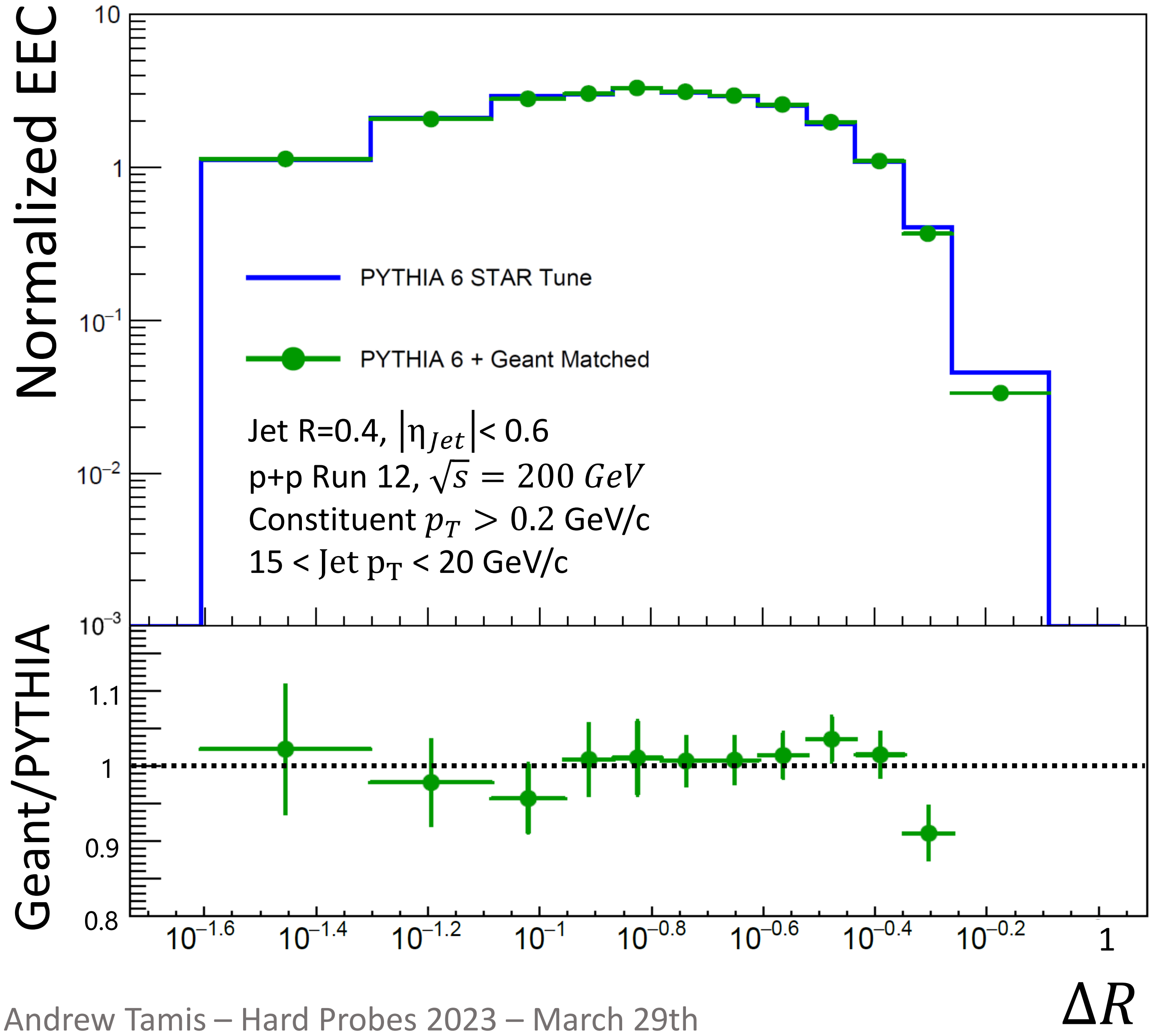
$\sqrt{s}$ = 200 GeV
R = 0.4
$|\eta_{Jet}|$< 0.6
Constituent $p_T > 0.2$ GeV/c

PYTHIA 6 + GEANT

- Fill in response matrix for jet p_T for each matched and missed correlation
- Reconstruct the distribution for a truth jet p_T bin out of measured distributions according to the response matrix
- Add in misses from PYTHIA distribution

Method performed previously at STAR, [Robotková, DIS 2022]

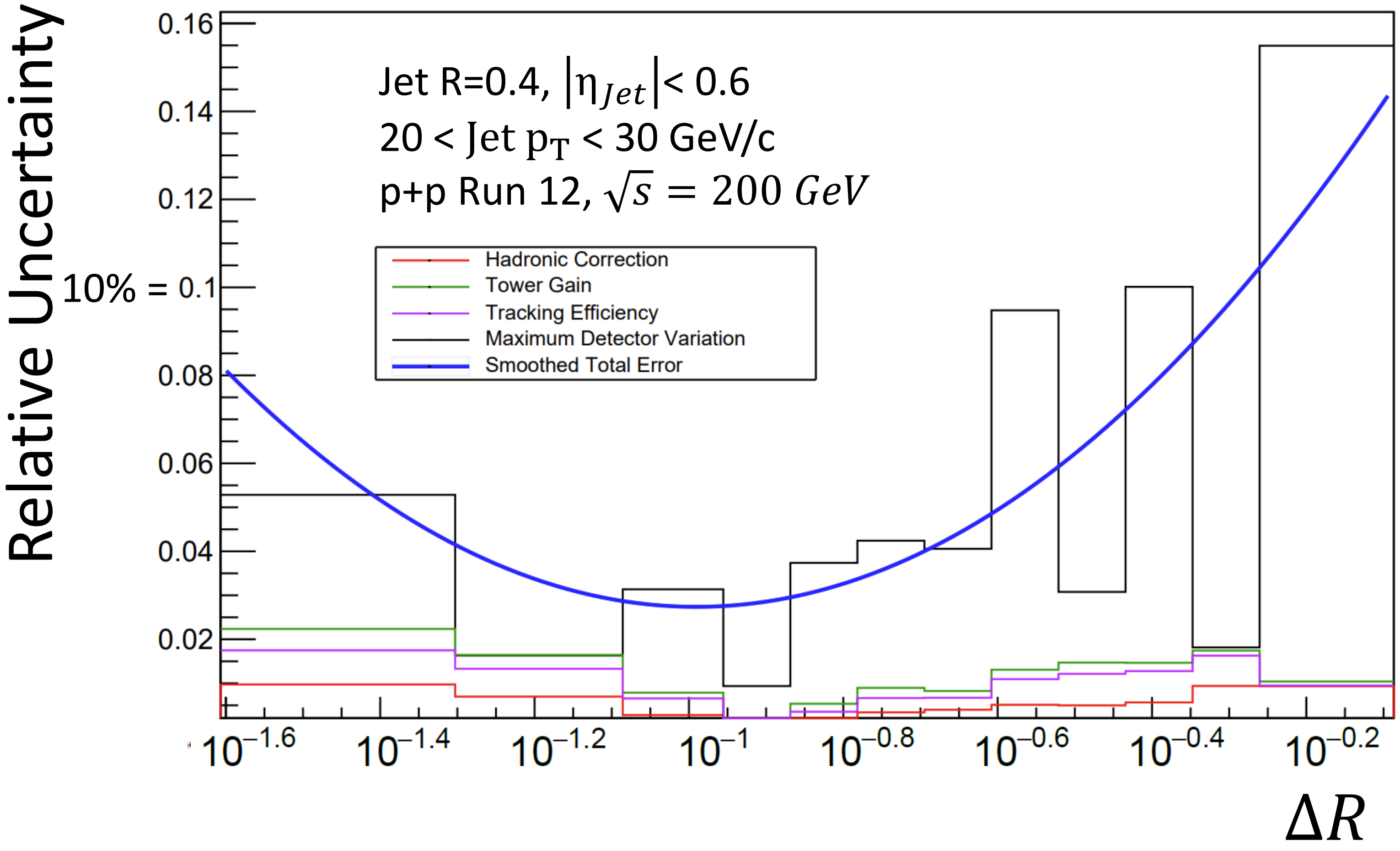
Simulating Detector Effects



Impact of detector effects on EEC other than p_T^{Jet} correction

- Approximates detector effects after jet p_T has been corrected
- Hovers around unity in hadron, quark/gluon and transition regions, **do not apply any additional corrections**
- Treat percentage difference between truth and detector level for MATCHED jets as an uncertainty

Systematic Uncertainties



- As shape correction needed is small, systematic uncertainties determined for the correction procedure are small.

Hadronic Correction

-Varied from 100% to 50%

Tower Scale Variation

- **Varied ± 3.8%**

Tracking Efficiency

- 4% uncertainty

Maximum Detector Variation

- Previous slide

First EEC Measurement at RHIC

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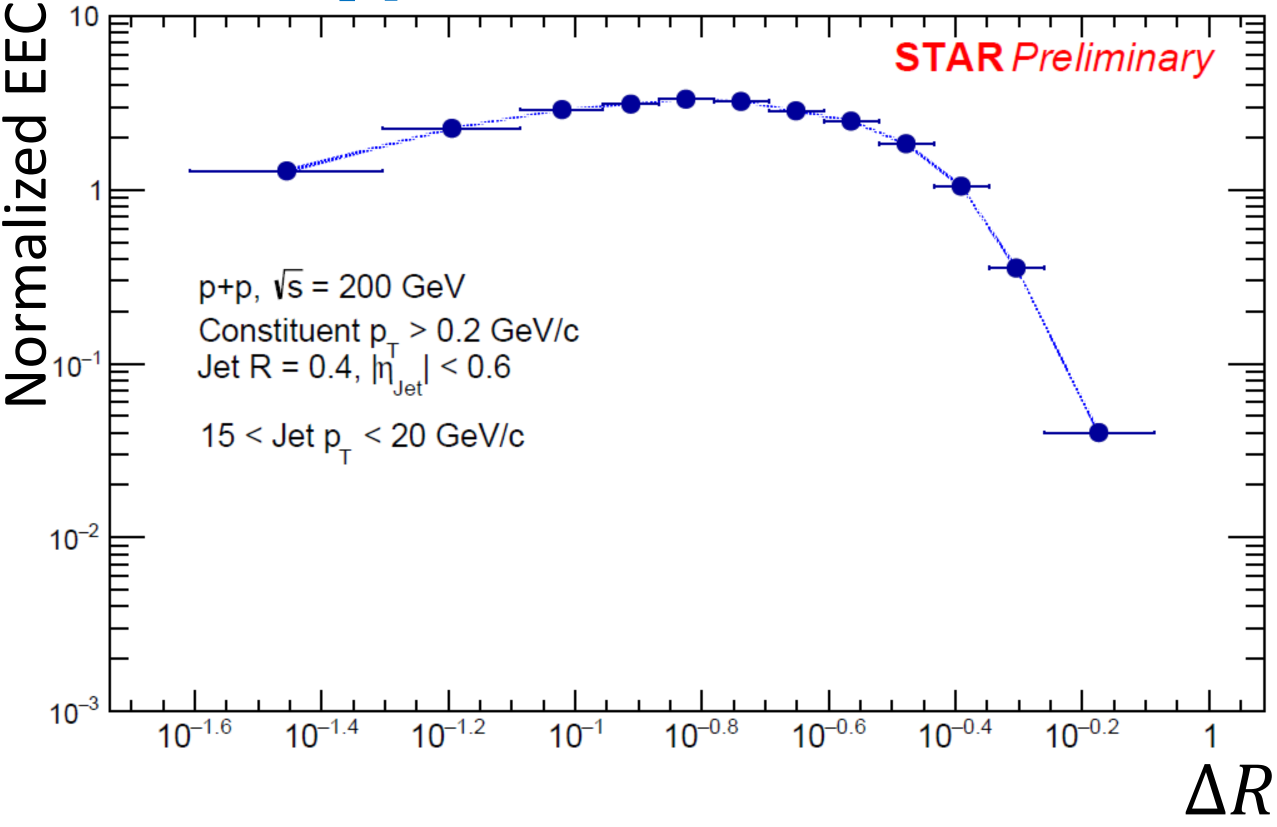
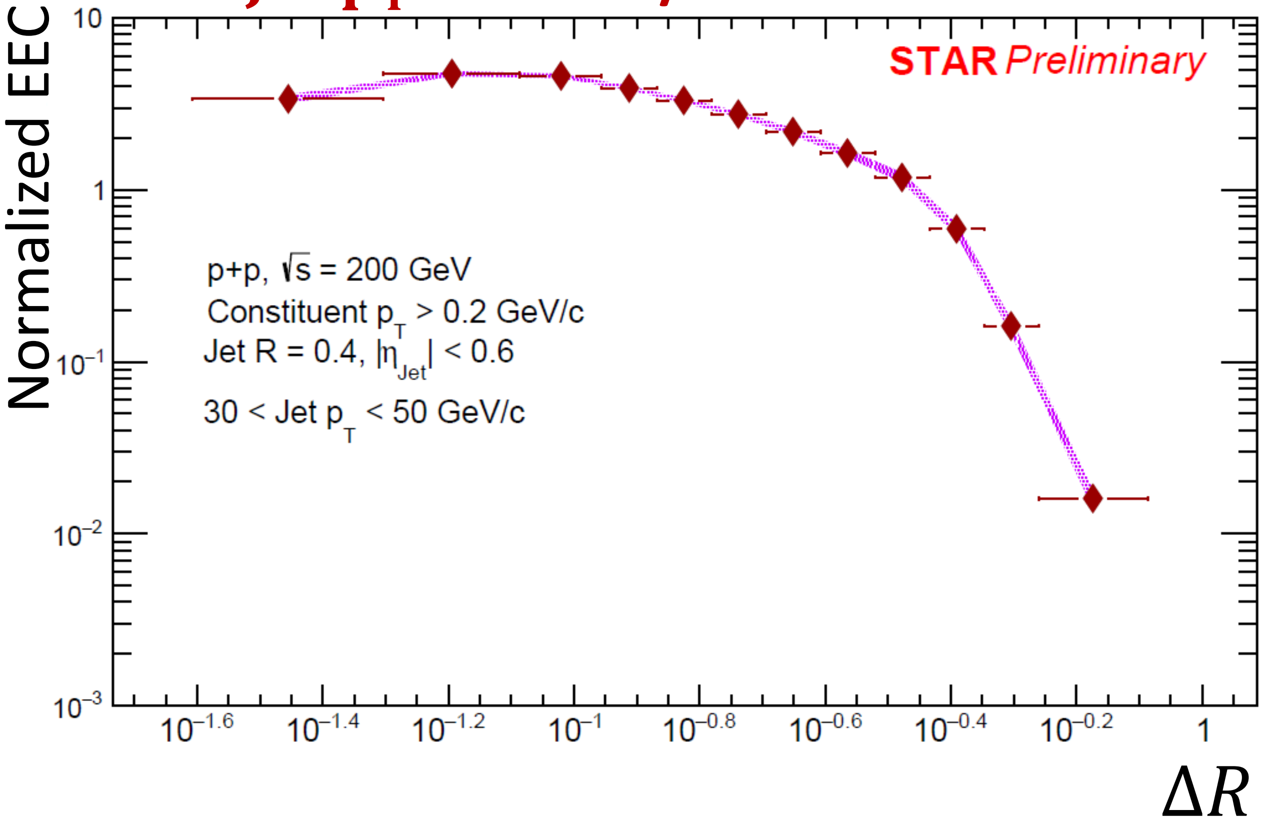
15 < Jet p_T < 20 GeV/c



30 < Jet p_T < 50 GeV/c



Average of the distribution moves to smaller angles with increasing p_T^{Jet}

First Corrected EEC Measurement

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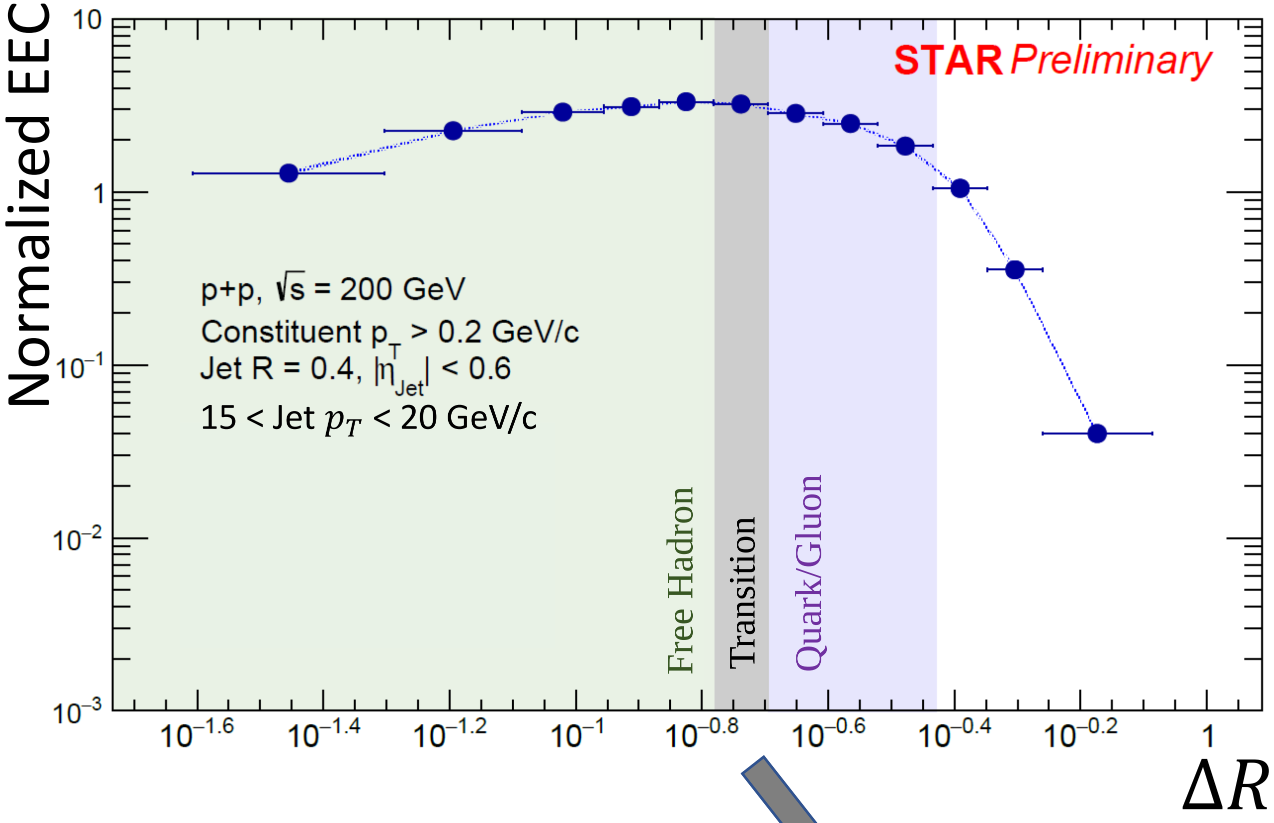

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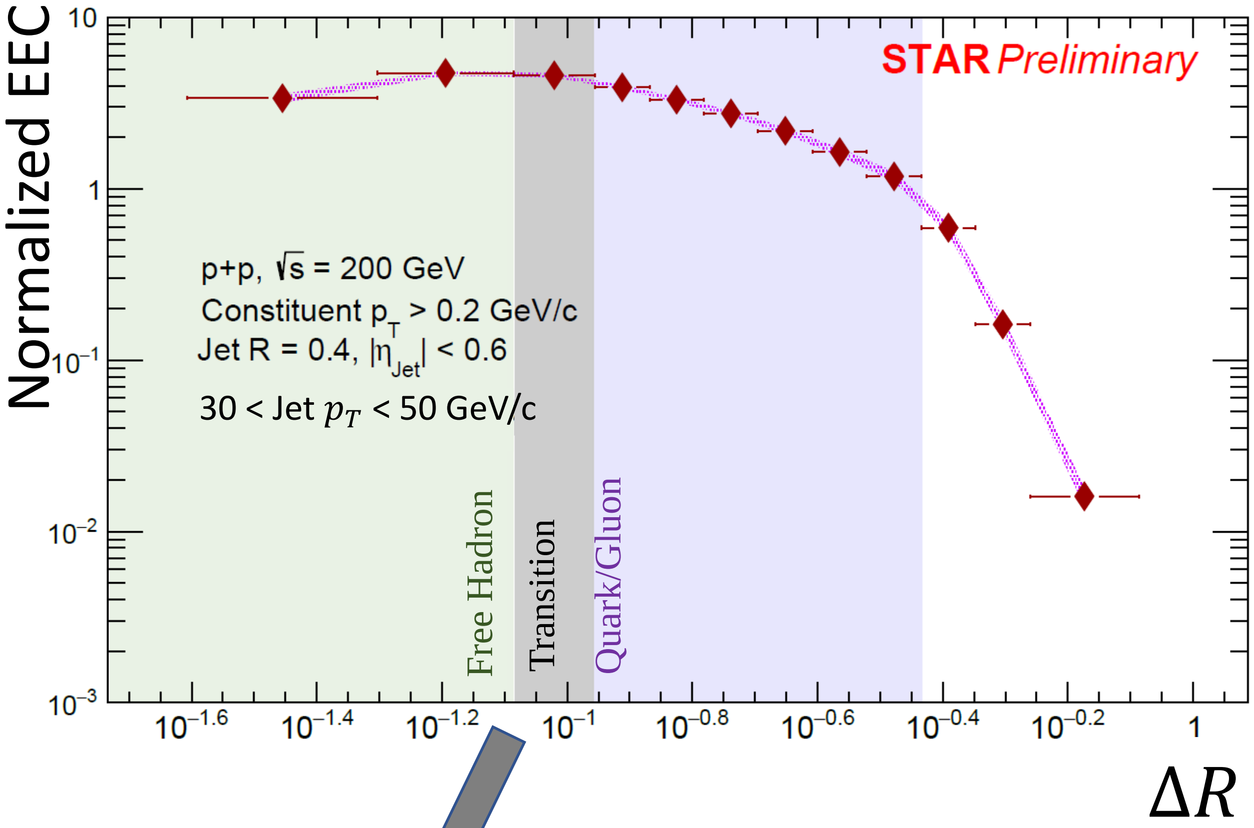

$$p_T{}^{Jet}{}_{Low} * \Delta R_{Turnover} = 10^{-0.75} * (15\text{GeV/c}) = 2.7 \sim 2.4 = 10^{-1.1} * (30\text{GeV/c})$$

Recover expected behavior, transition region moves as $\frac{1}{p_T{}^{Jet}}$

Comparison With Result from CMS Open Data

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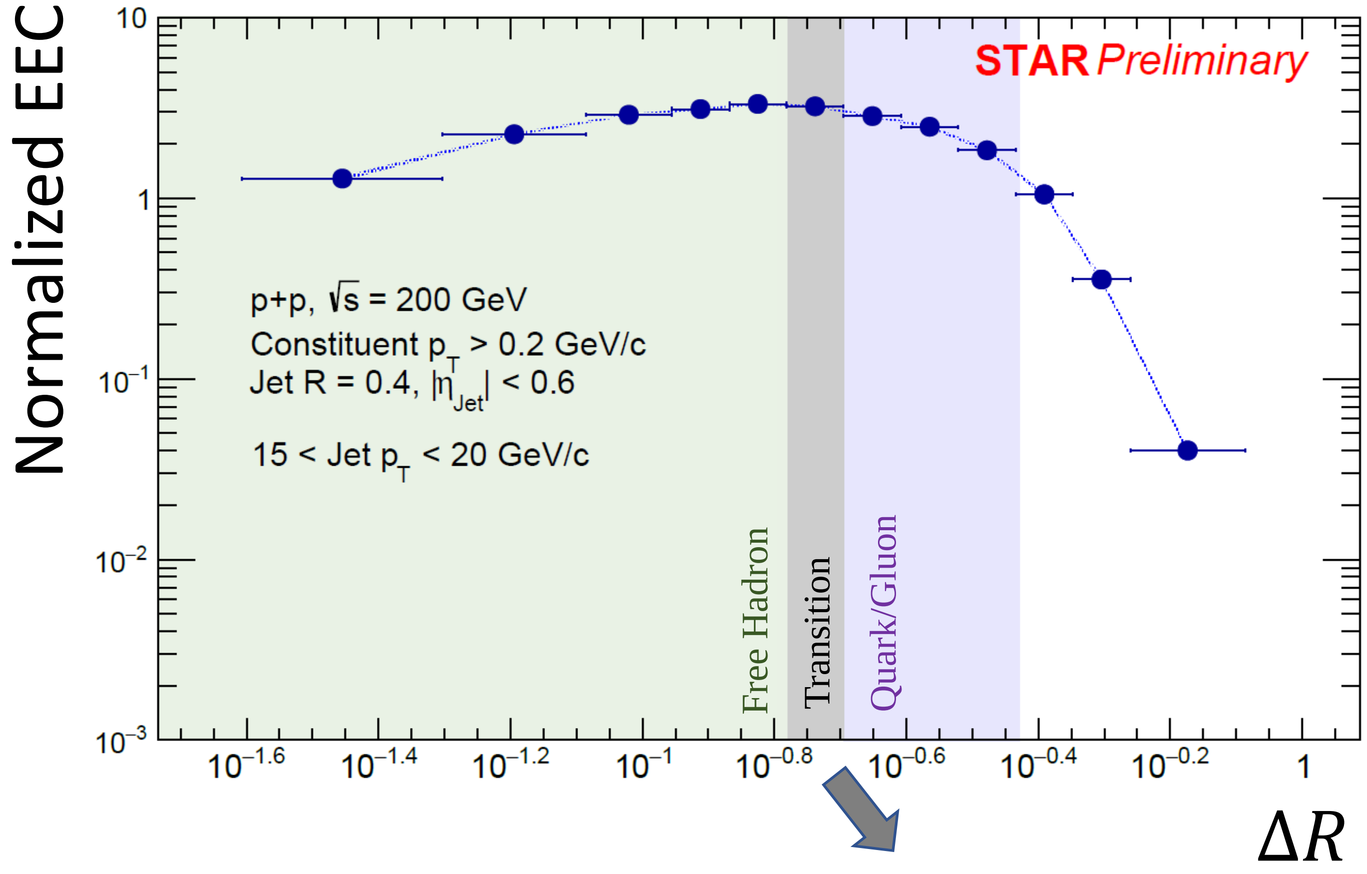

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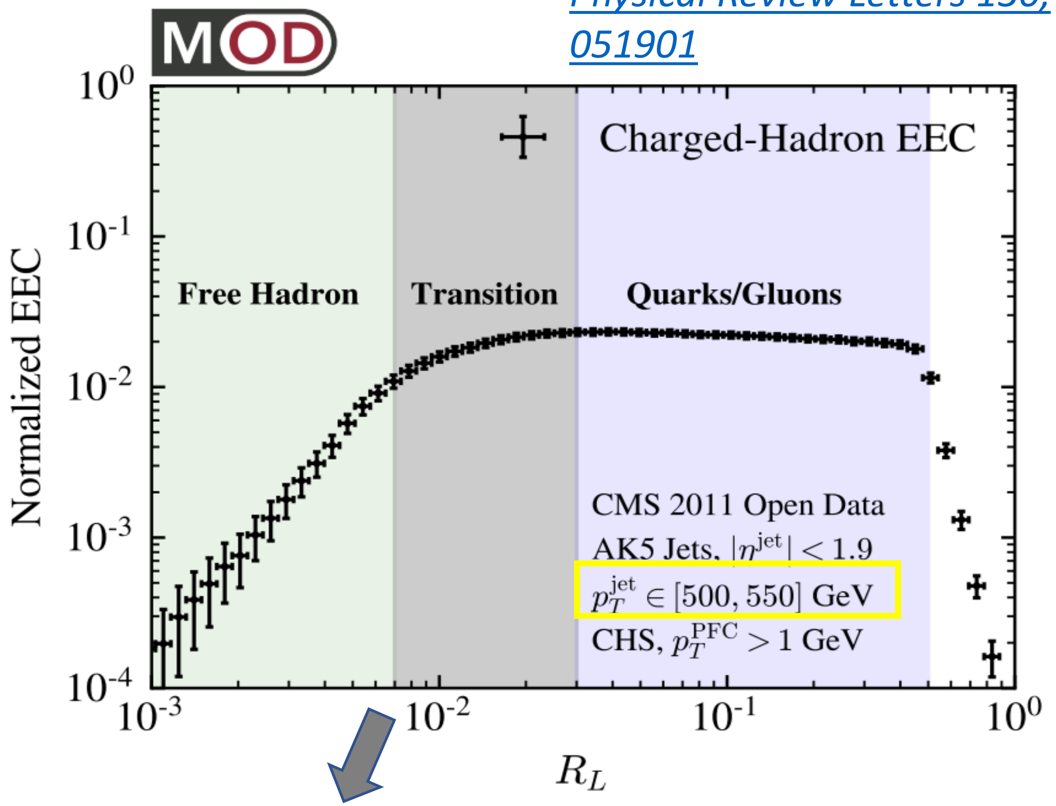

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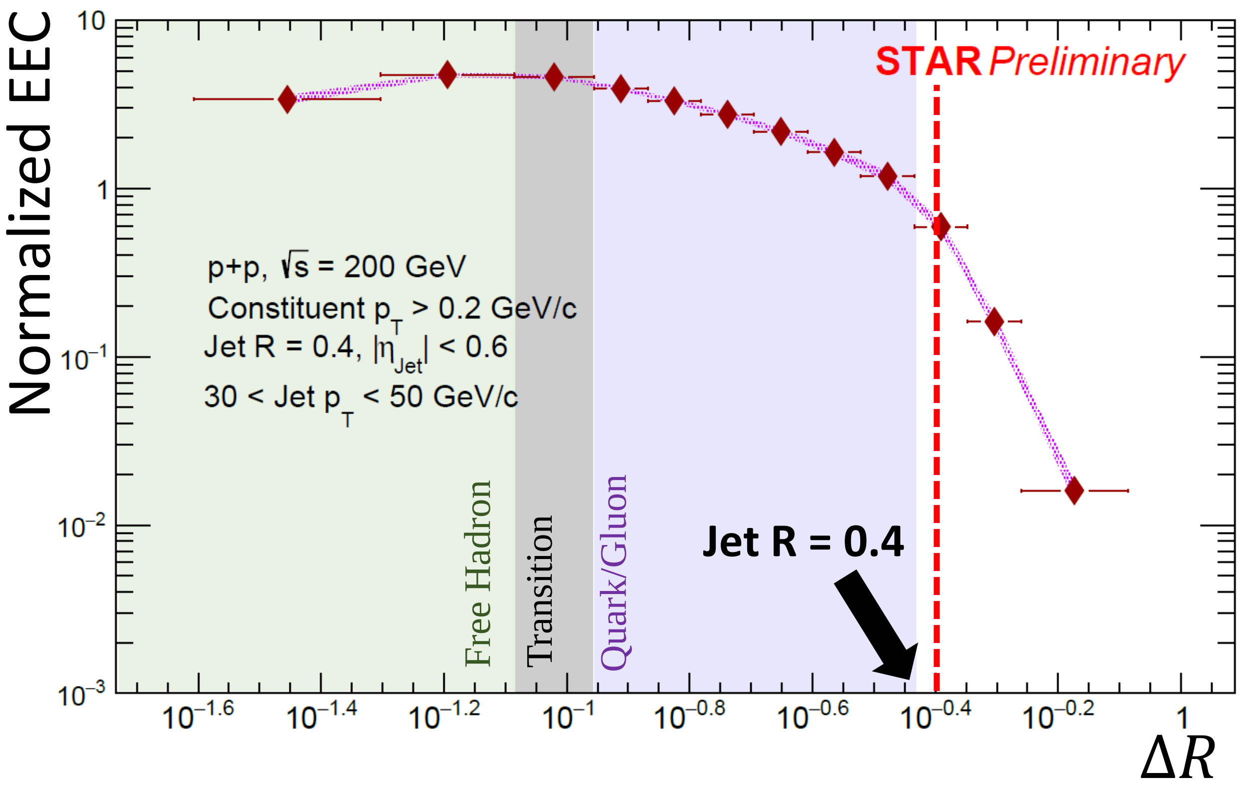
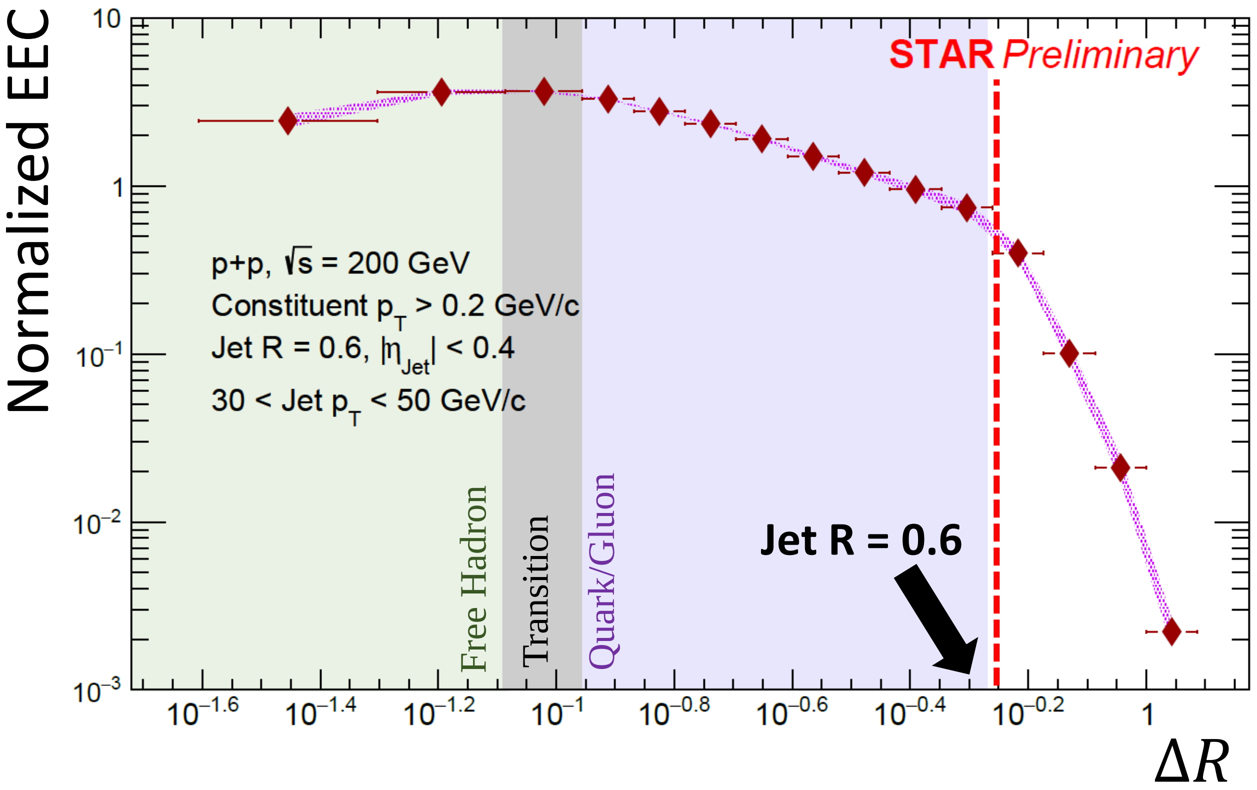
Note: proportionality may depend on quark/gluon fraction

Consistent scale implies universality for varying jet p_T!

Effects of Larger Radius



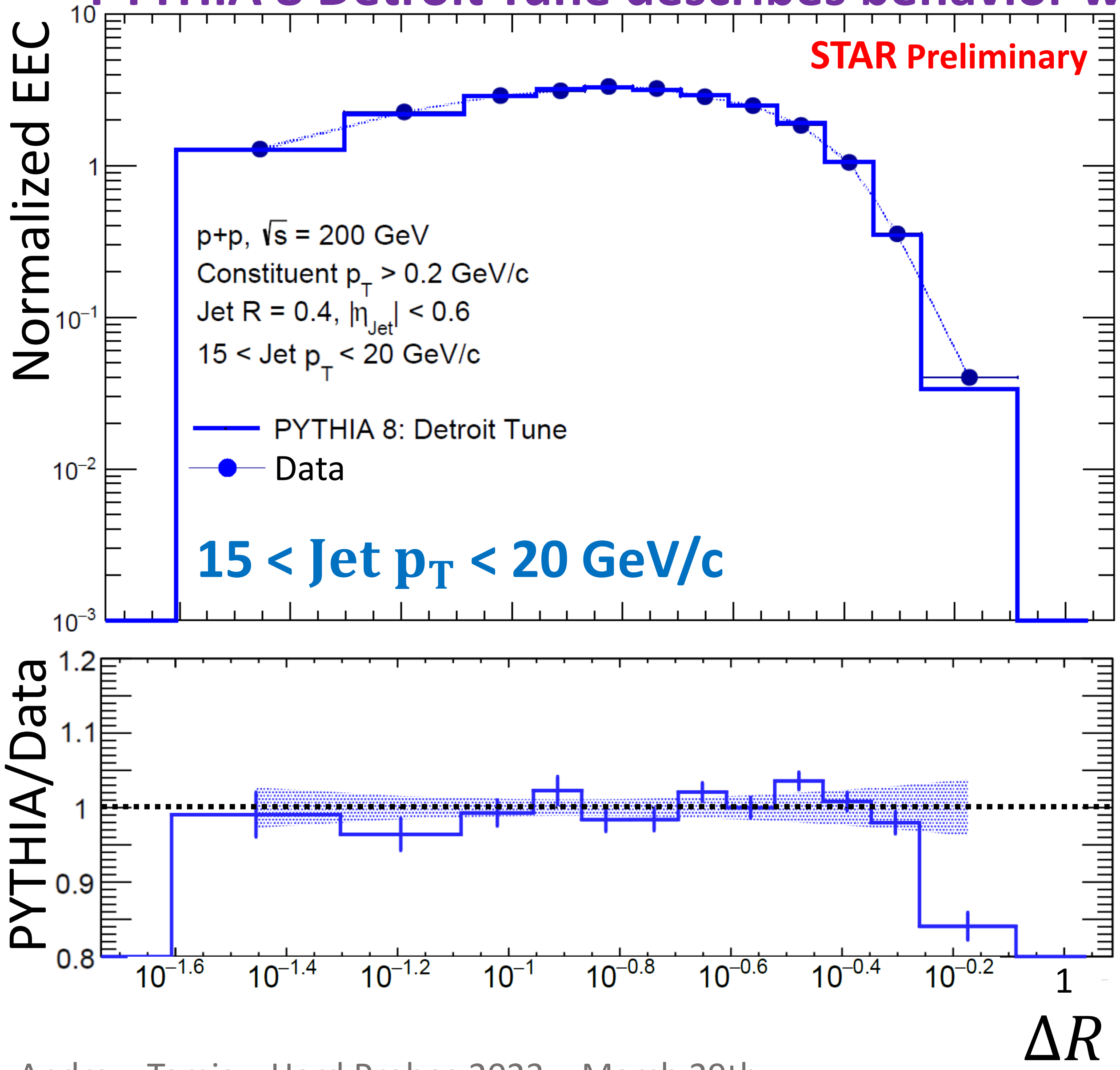


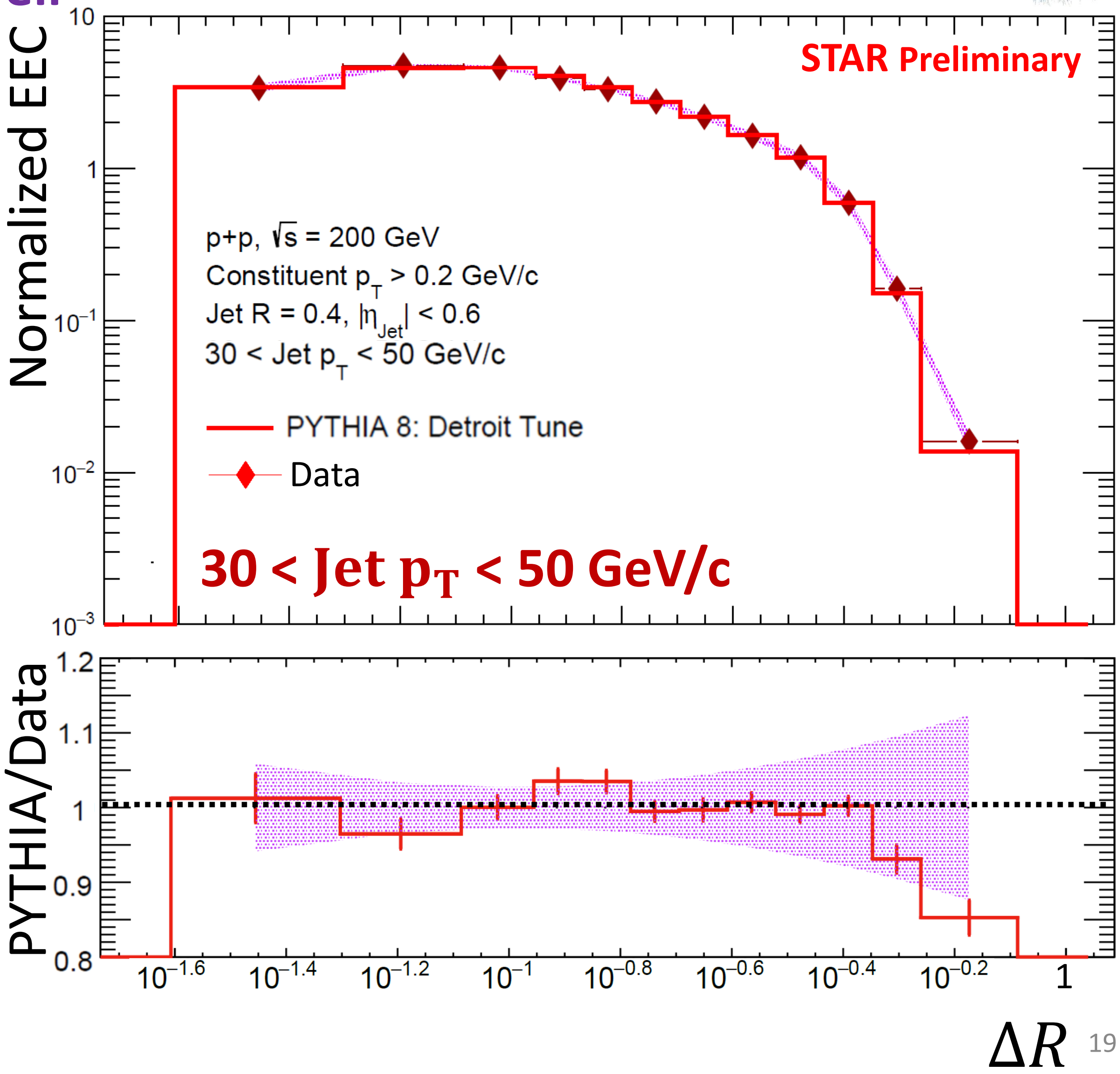
- As we move to larger jet radius, onset of transition region remains relatively constant, but quark/gluon region continues longer before geometric cutoff

- **Increasing R increases phase space for radiation – Scaling Behavior Persists**

Monte-Carlo Comparison

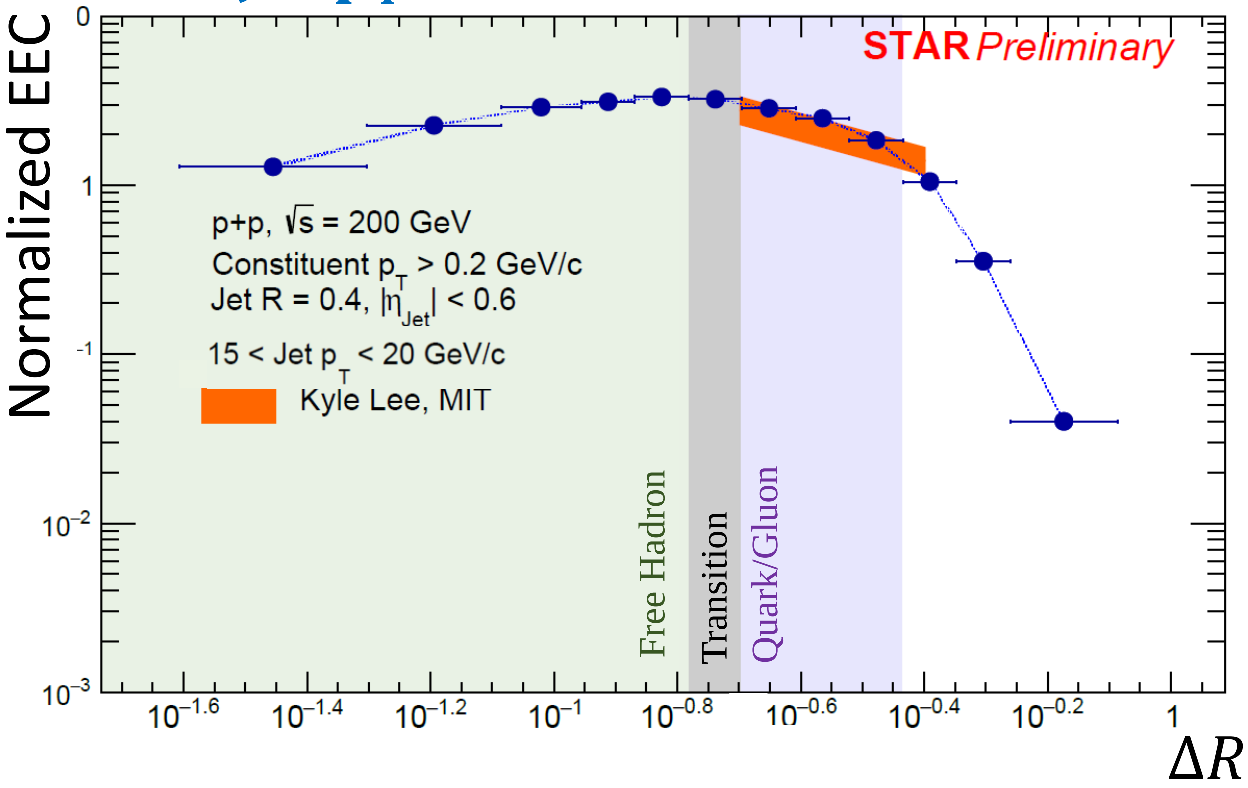
- **PYTHIA 8 Detroit Tune describes behavior well**





Theoretical Comparison (R = 0.4)

15 < Jet p_T < 20 GeV/c



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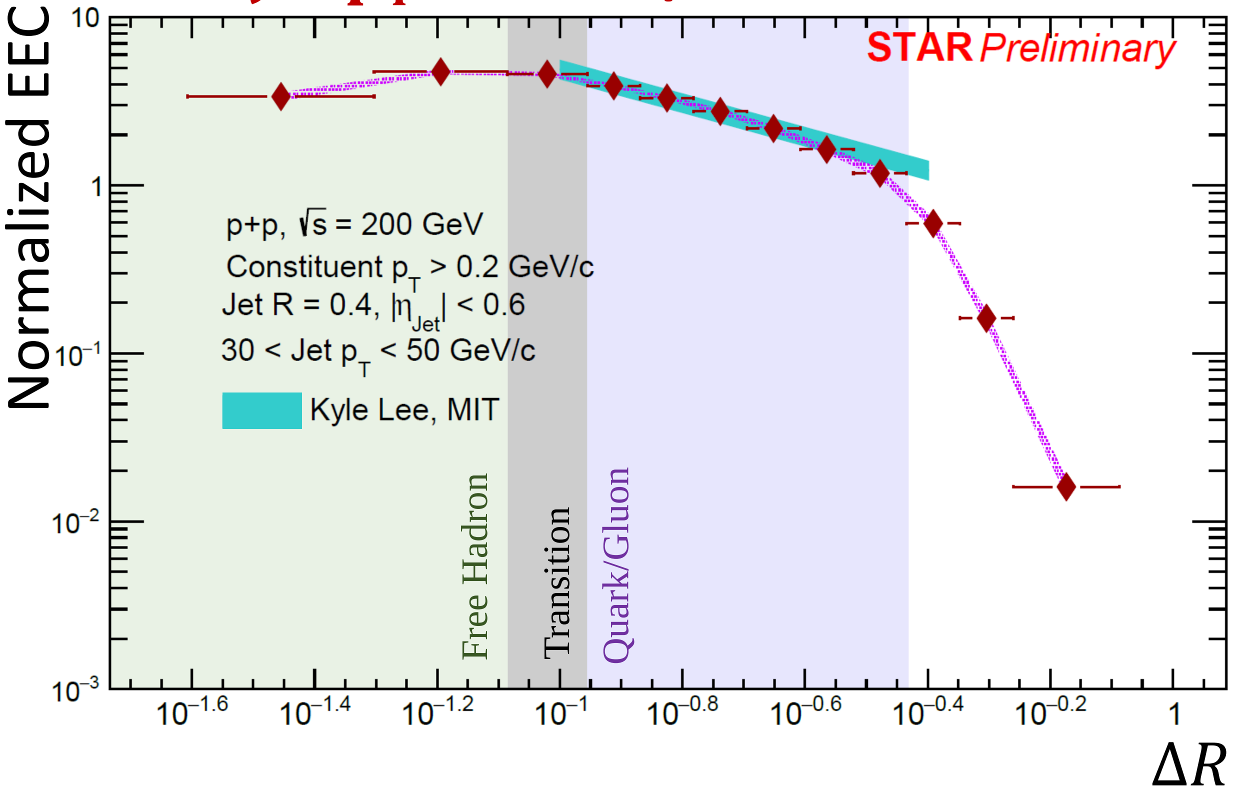

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Theoretical Comparison (R = 0.6)

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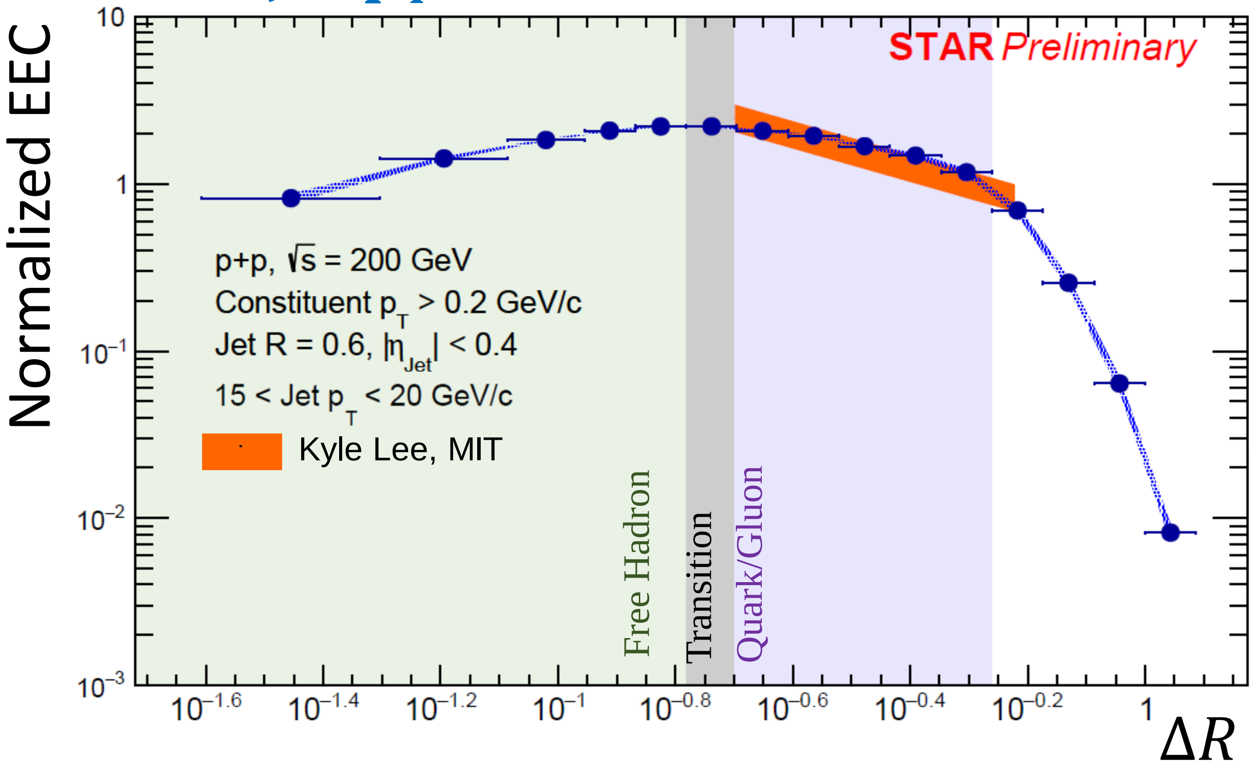

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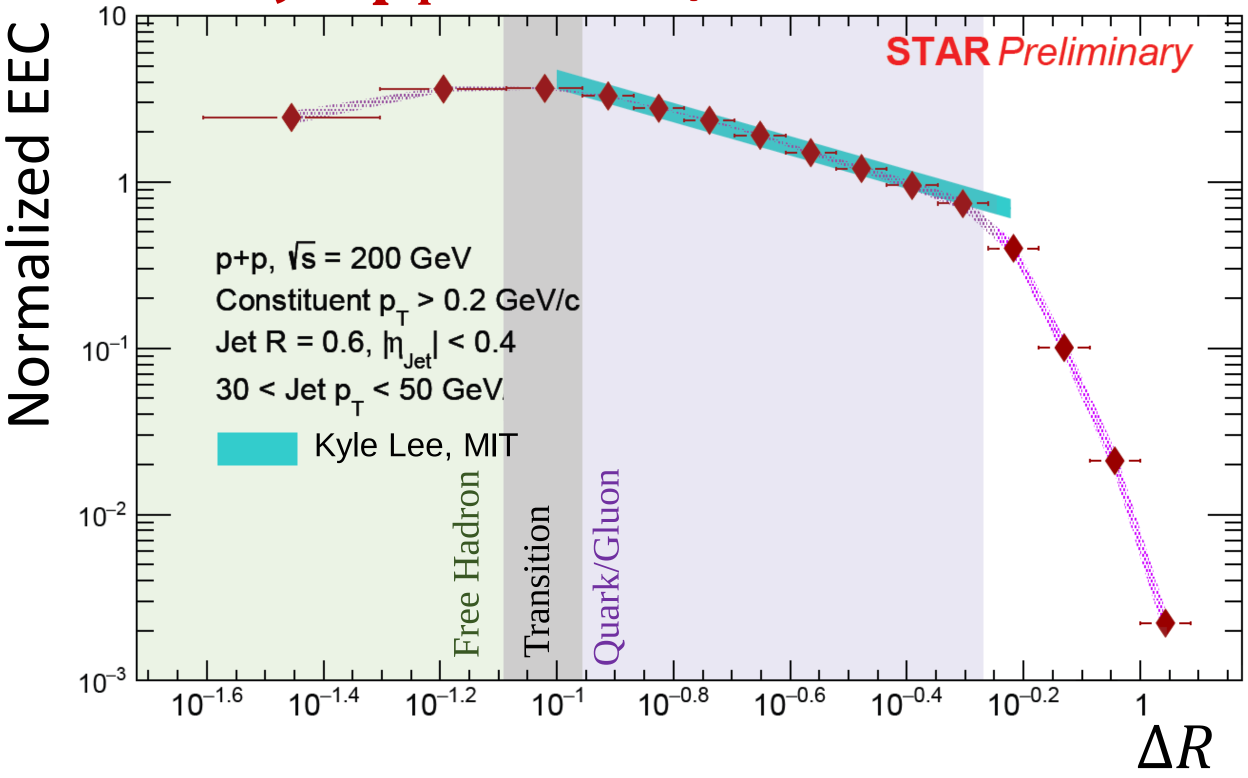

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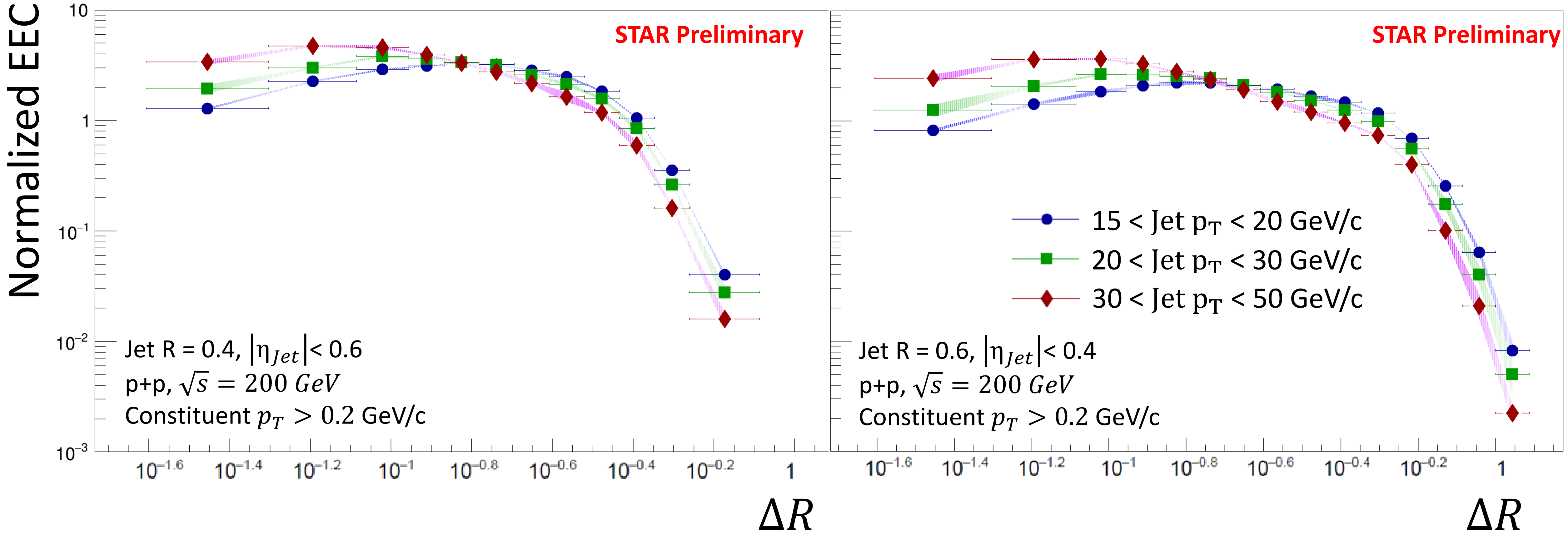

- Effect of ${p_T}^{Jet}$ selection persists in larger Jet Radius
- **First measurement of EEC at STAR across various kinematic regions!**

Conclusions

- EEC is an exciting observable that probes jet evolution across both perturbative and non-perturbative regions

- Dependence on jet p_T provides insight into hadronization via the transition region
  - Universality expected in theory observed

- **First measurement of EEC at RHIC**

- **Future applications in heavy ions and higher order correlation functions**