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# **Machine Learning Application in Jet Quenching Analysis**

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# Outline

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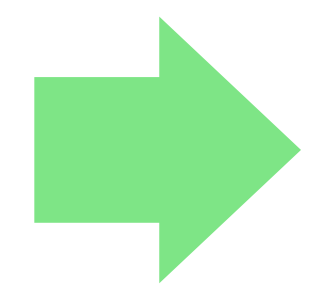
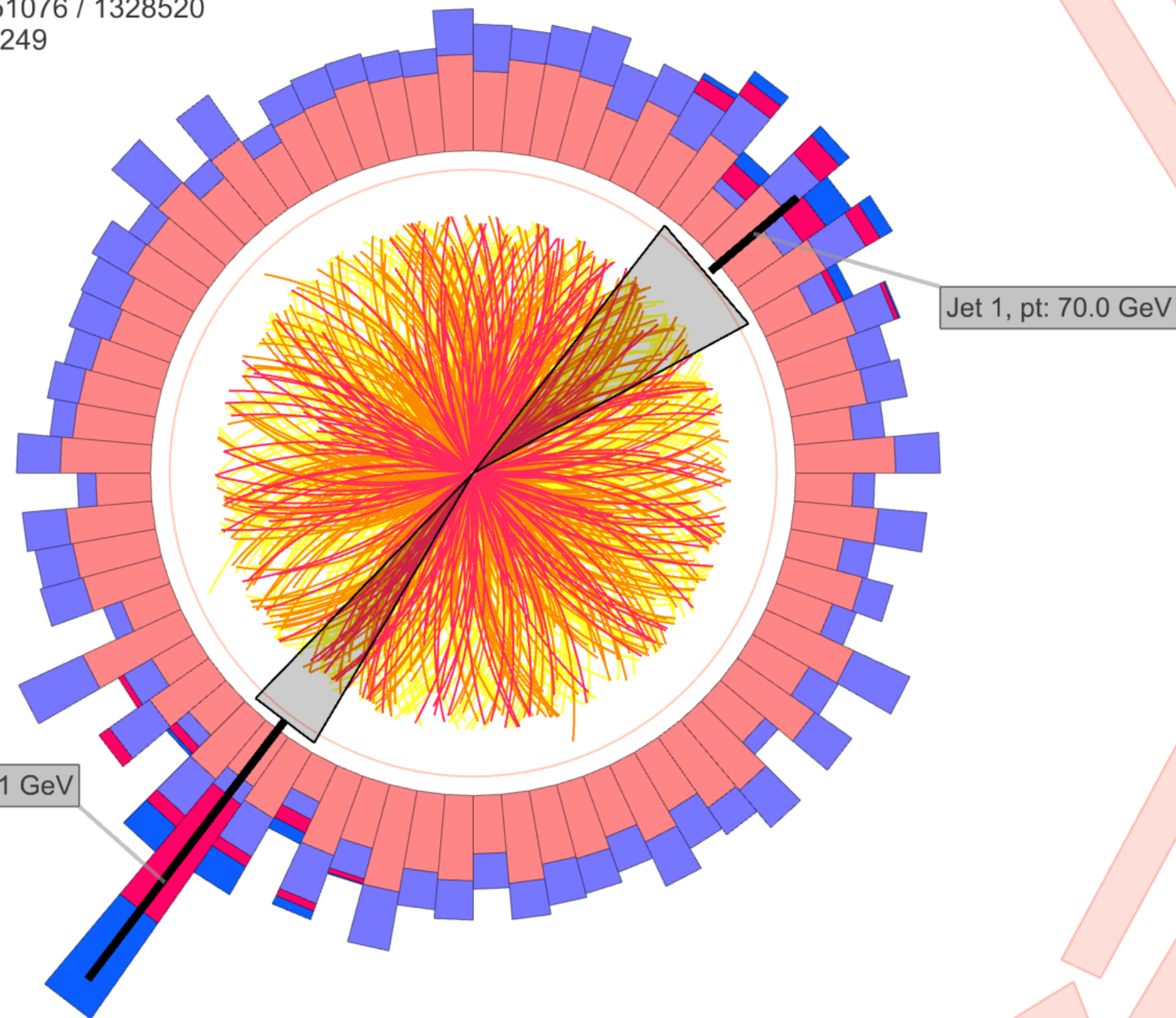


# Jet Quenching Phenomenon

Heavy ion collision

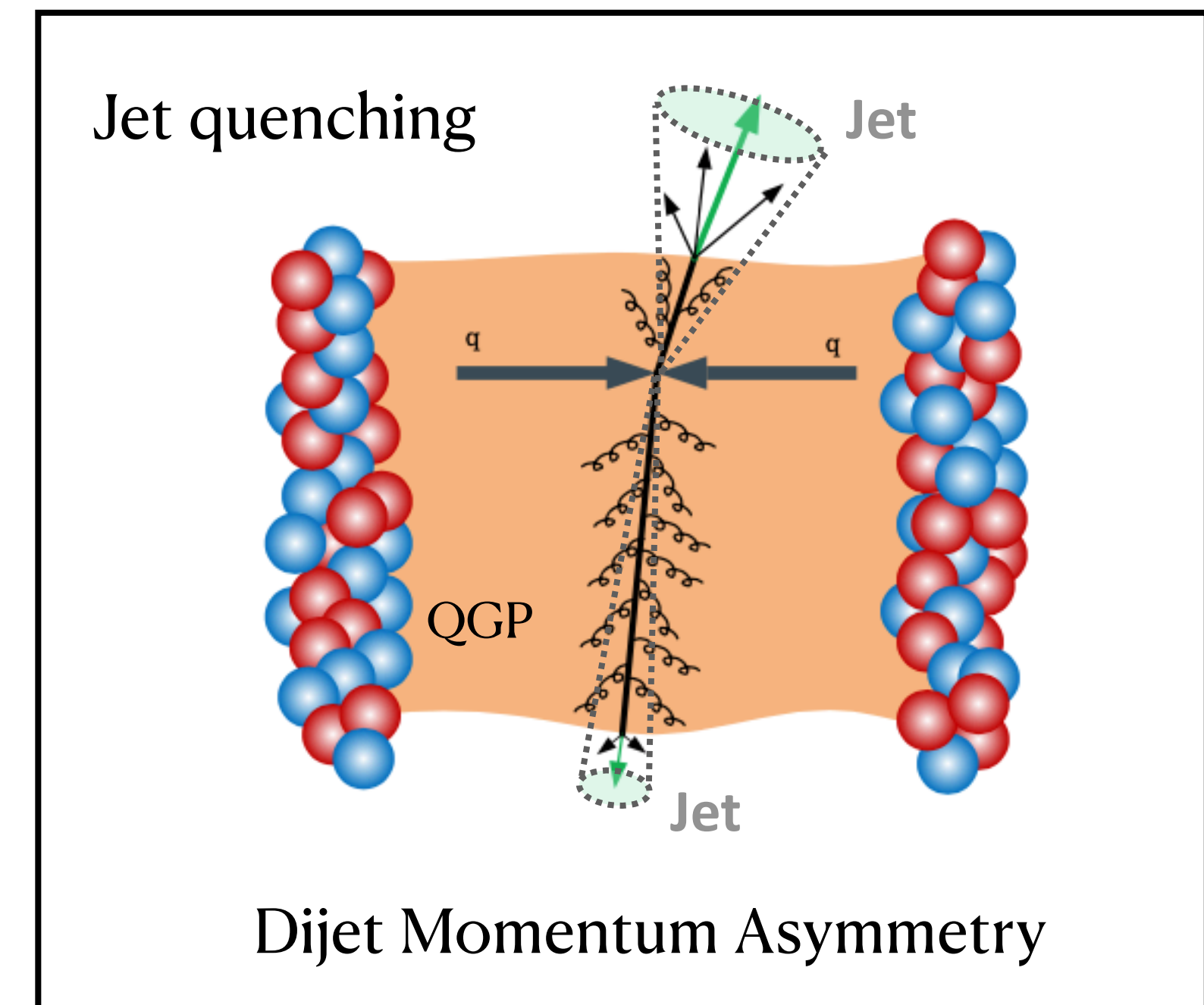


CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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## QGP signature: Jet quenching phenomenon

- Jets interact with the QGP medium and lose energy.
- Back-to-back jets traverse different path length of the QGP medium.



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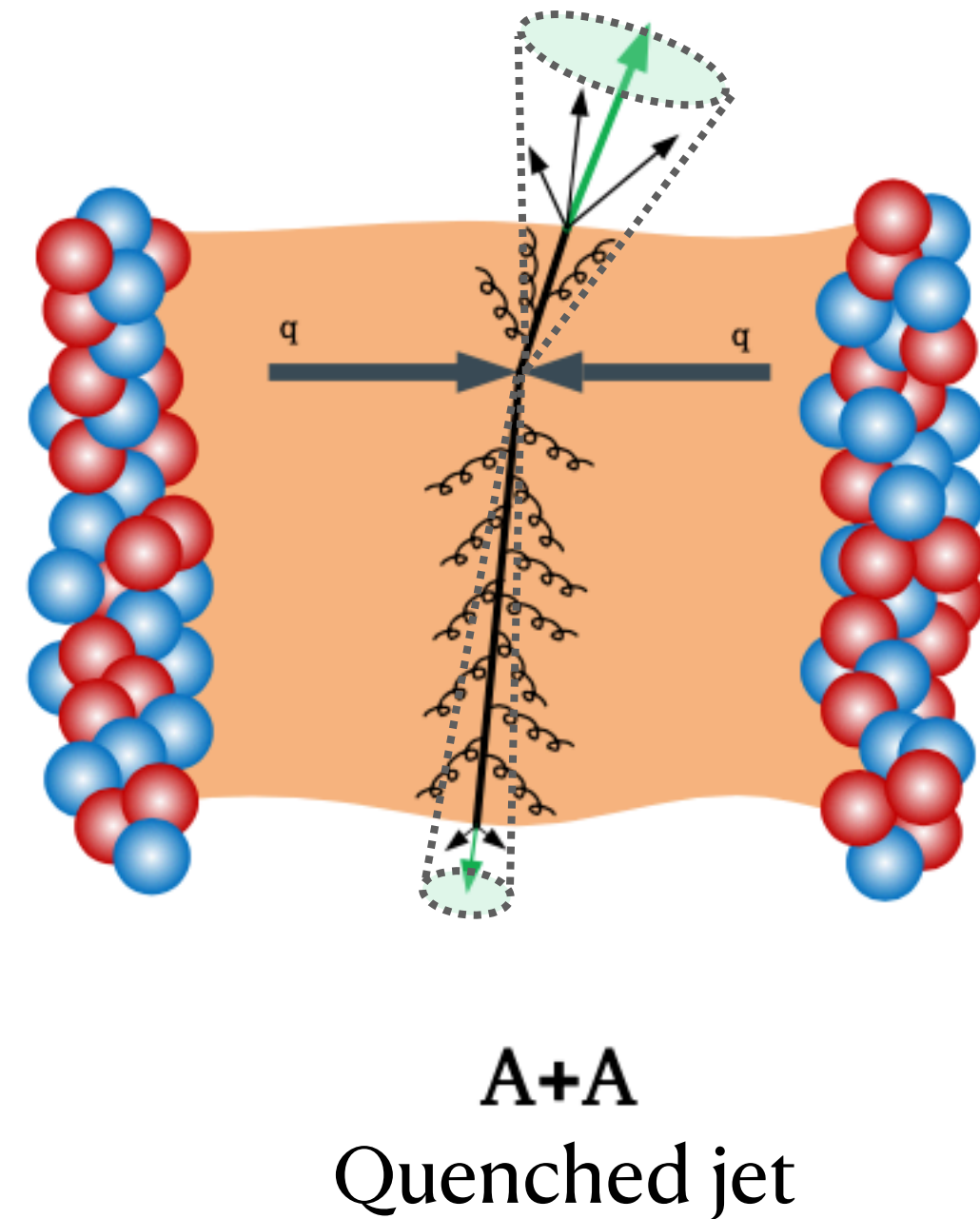
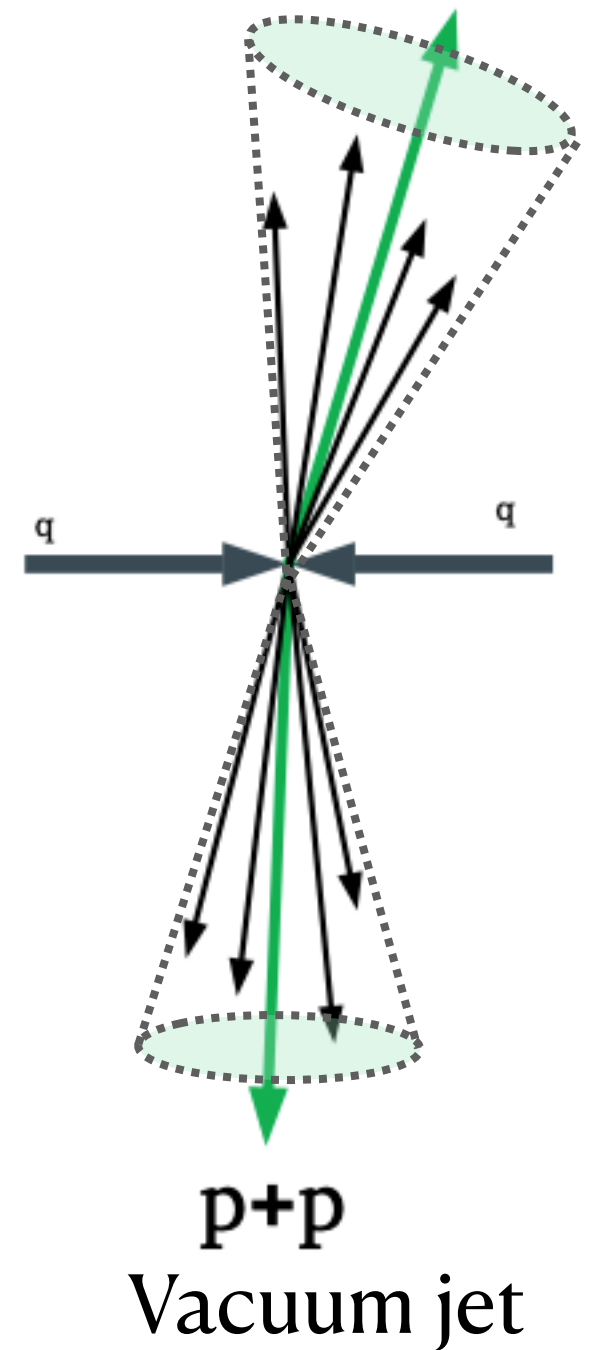


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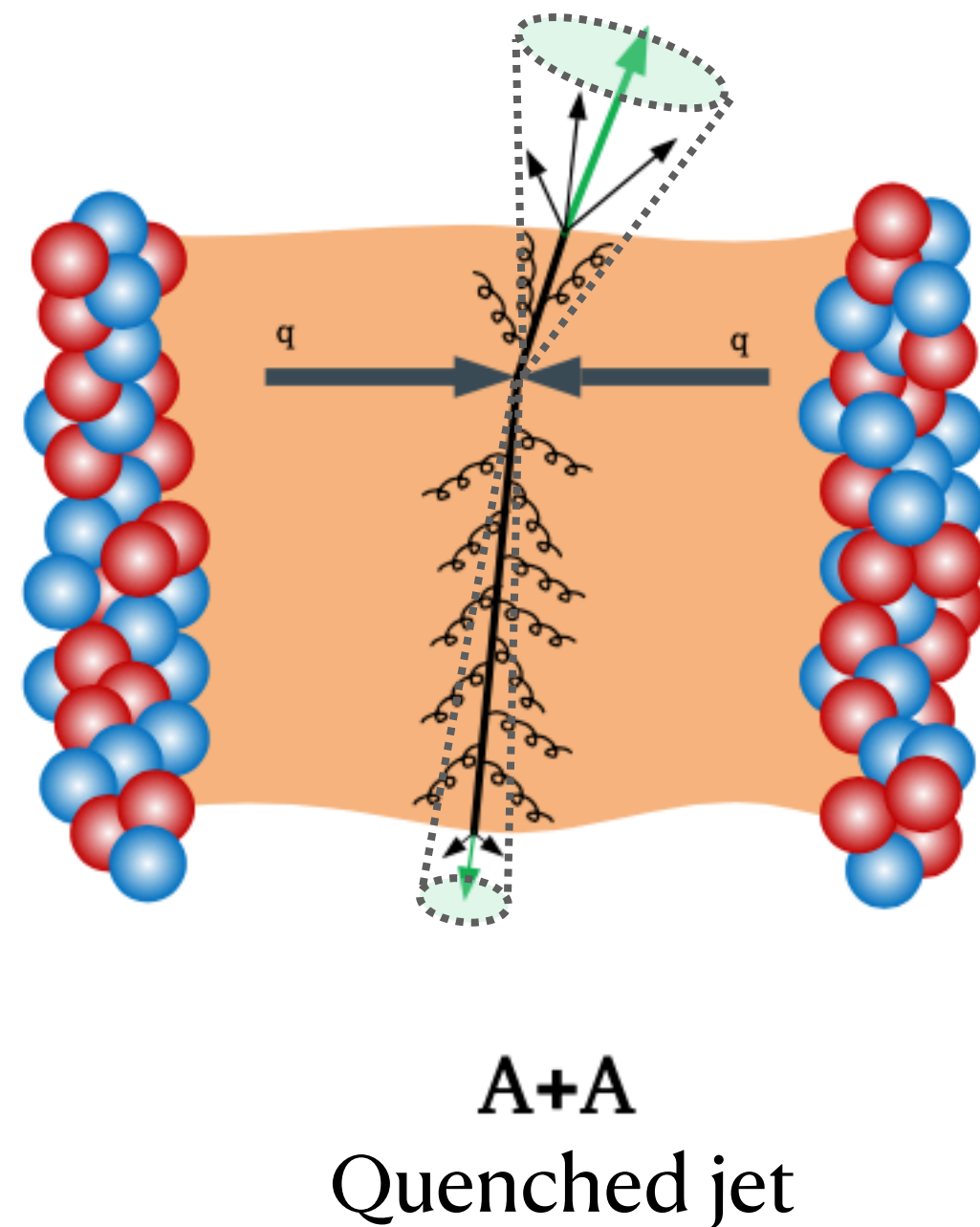
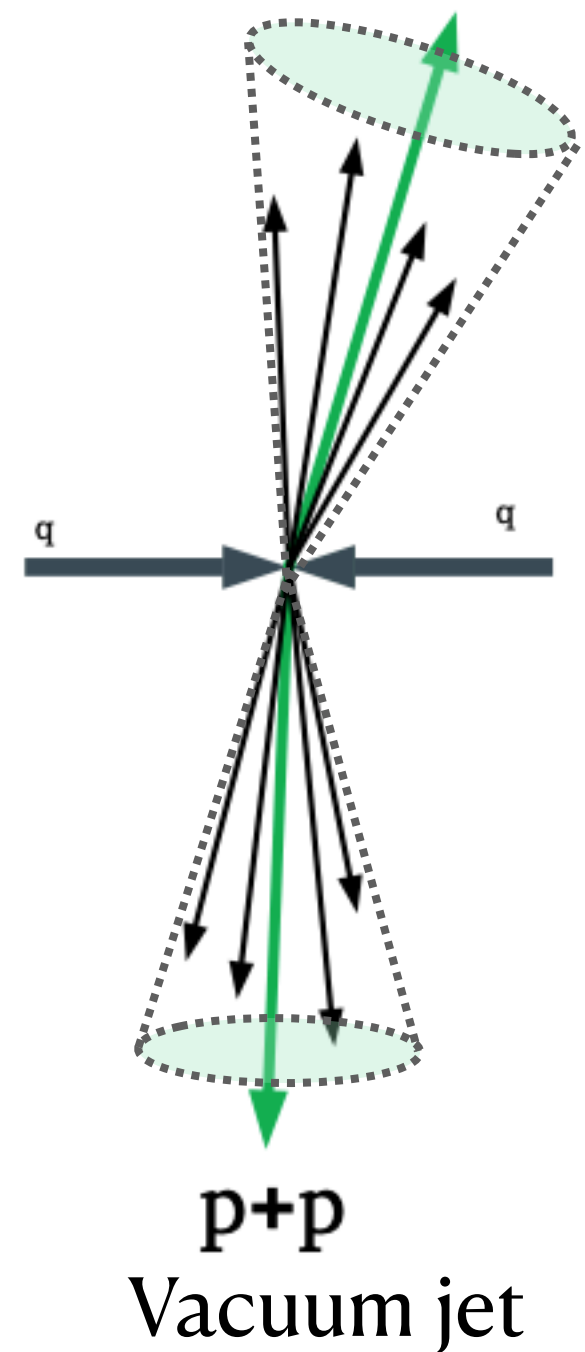


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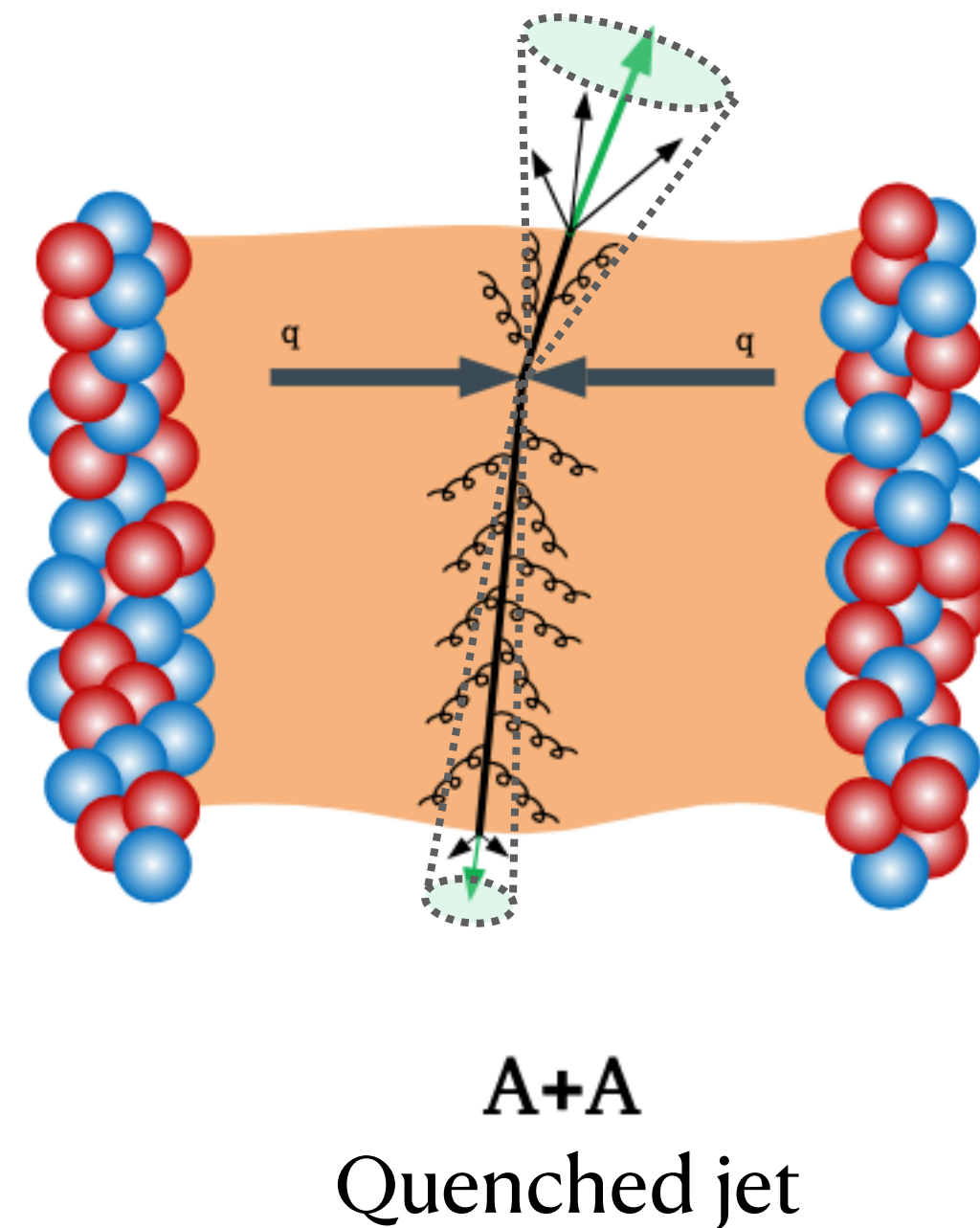
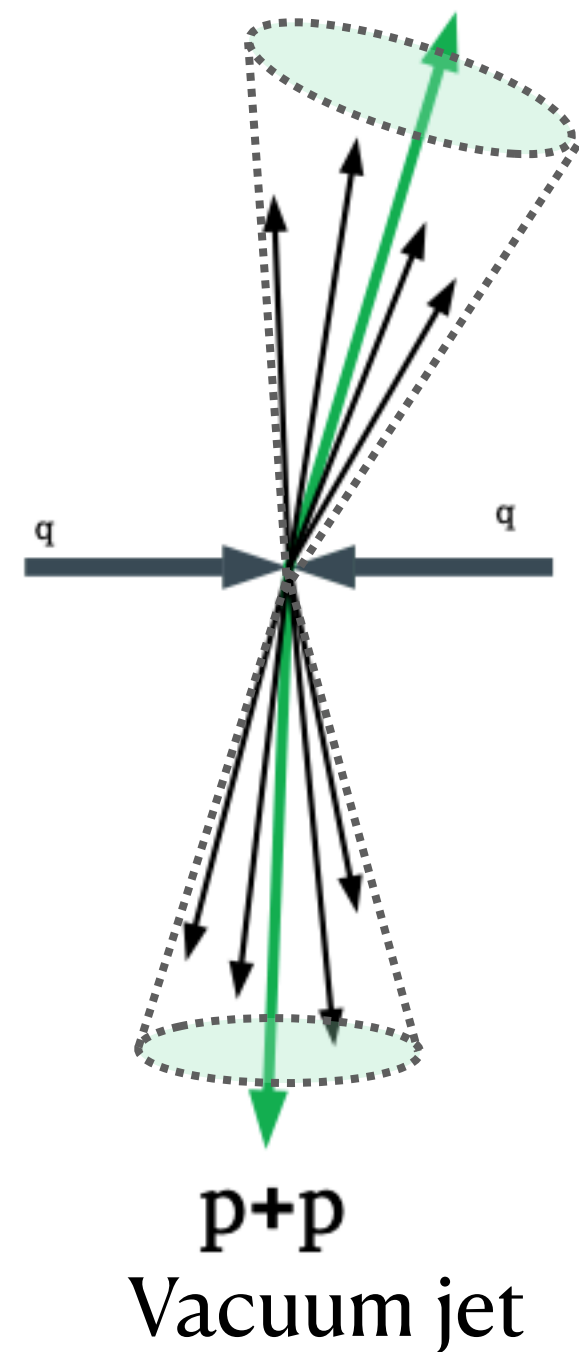


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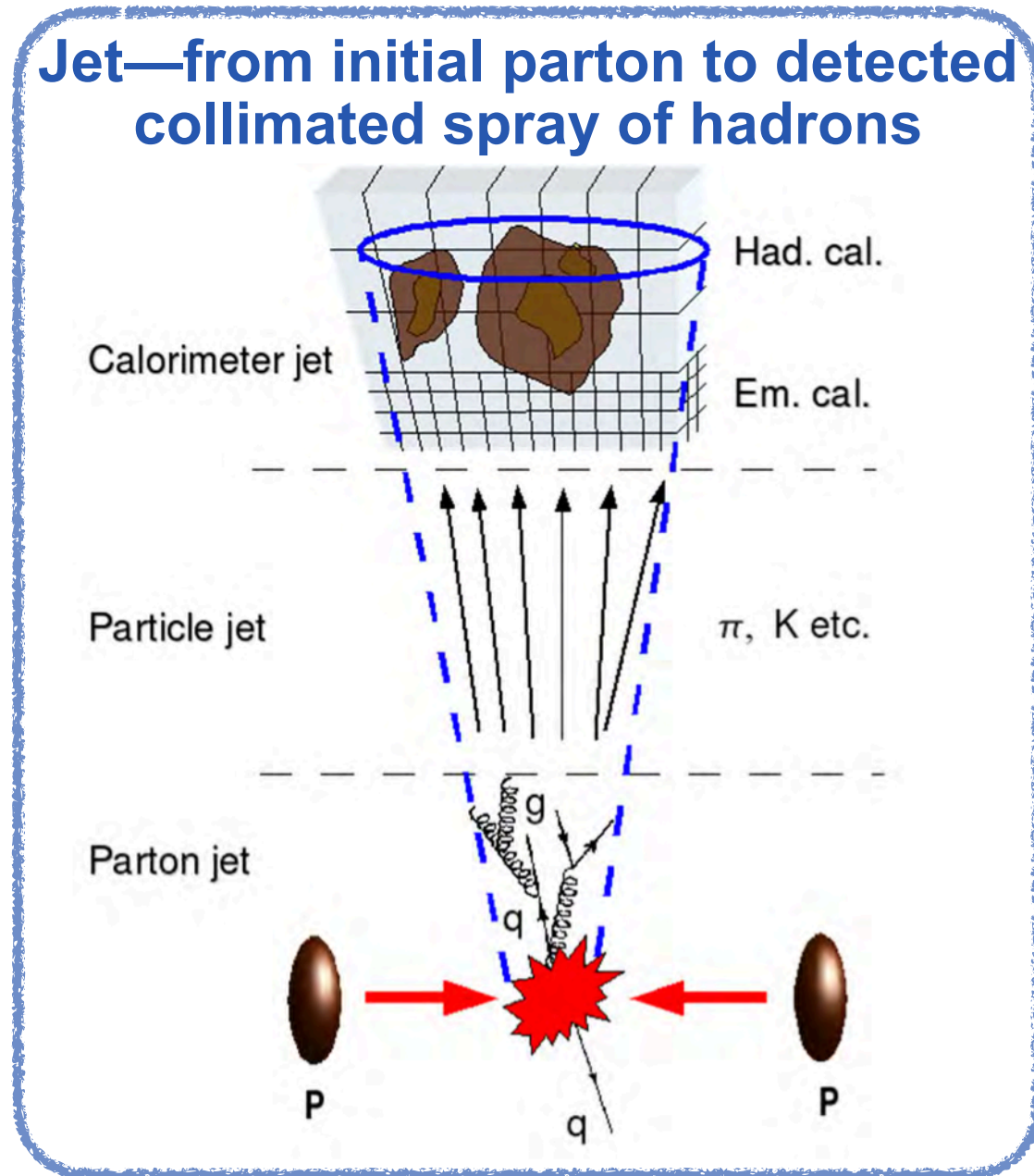
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- ❖ **Train the neural network (NN) to discriminate  $pp$  jets from  $AA$  jets. The trained NN can identify jet quenching level on a jet-by-jet basis.**



# Previous Works on ML applied to Jets Quenching Study



★ Jets are complex evolving objects that enable different learning algorithm to be applied.

- L. Apolinário, N.F. Castro, M. C. Romão, et al., JHEP11(2021)219
  - Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for **jet pixel images**
  - Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) for **jet Lund planes**
  - Dense Neural Network (DNN) for **global jet momentum** and **constituent numbers**
- YLD, D. Pablos and K. Tywoniuk, JHEP03(2021)206
  - Input: **Jet images, jet fragmentation function, jet shape**, with other features as well
  - Network: Fully connected CNN
  - Output: jet energy loss
- Y. S. Lai, J. Mulligan, M. Płoskoń, et al., JHEP10(2022)011
  - Explored the optimal ML classifier and Jet Observable designed for ML

Input: Choose the measurements of jet observables that signify the quenching effects

Global jet observable  
Internal jet structures

## Binary Classification & Supervised Learning

Quenched jets: 1 Unquenched jets:0

- ❖ Neural Network of Choice:
- ❖ CNN, RNN, DNN,...

Train the neural network (NN) to discriminate pp jets from AA jets, so the NN can learn from jet quenching.

Training

Learning loss minimization

Output:  
Quenching level prediction/  
Energy loss prediction

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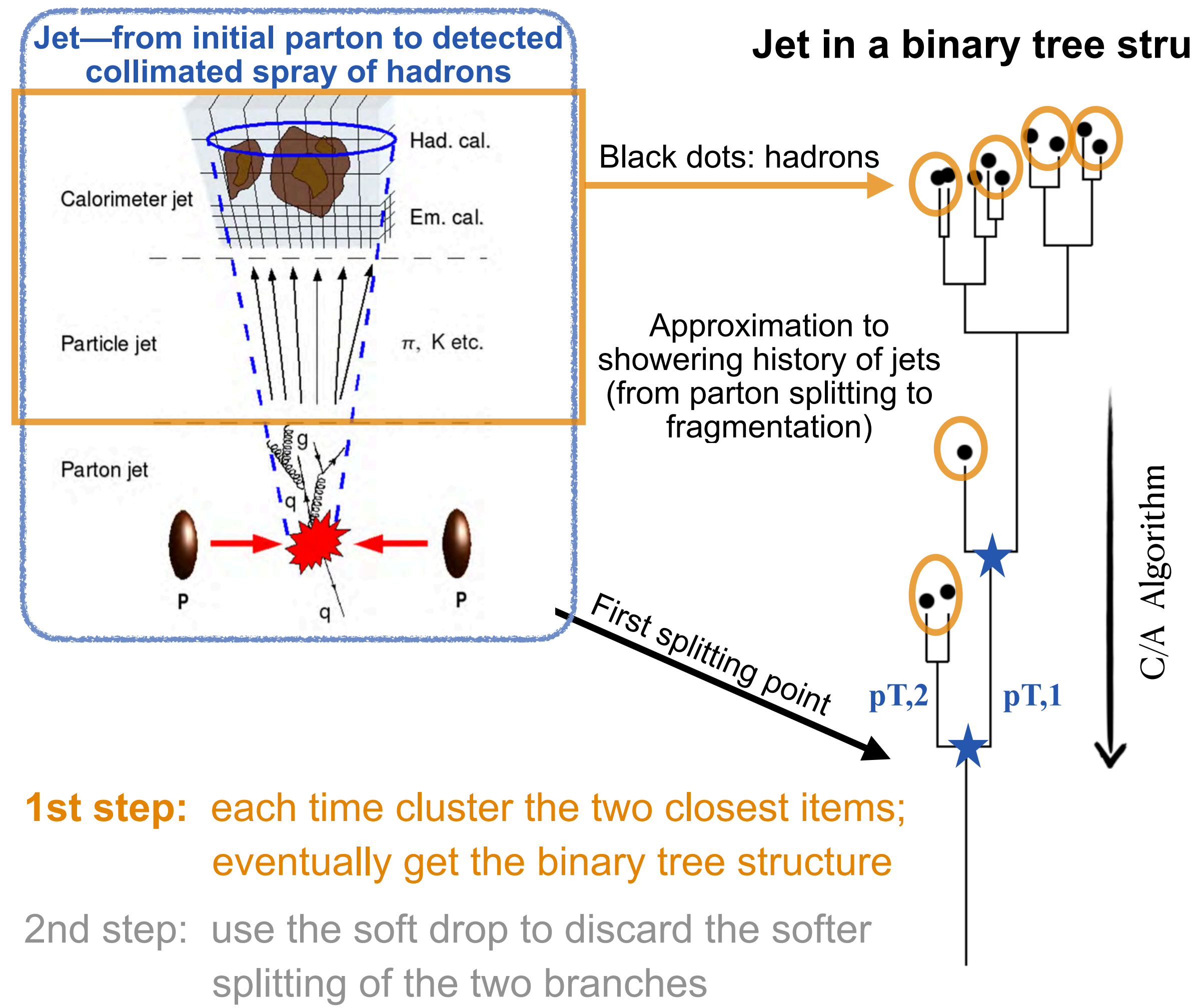
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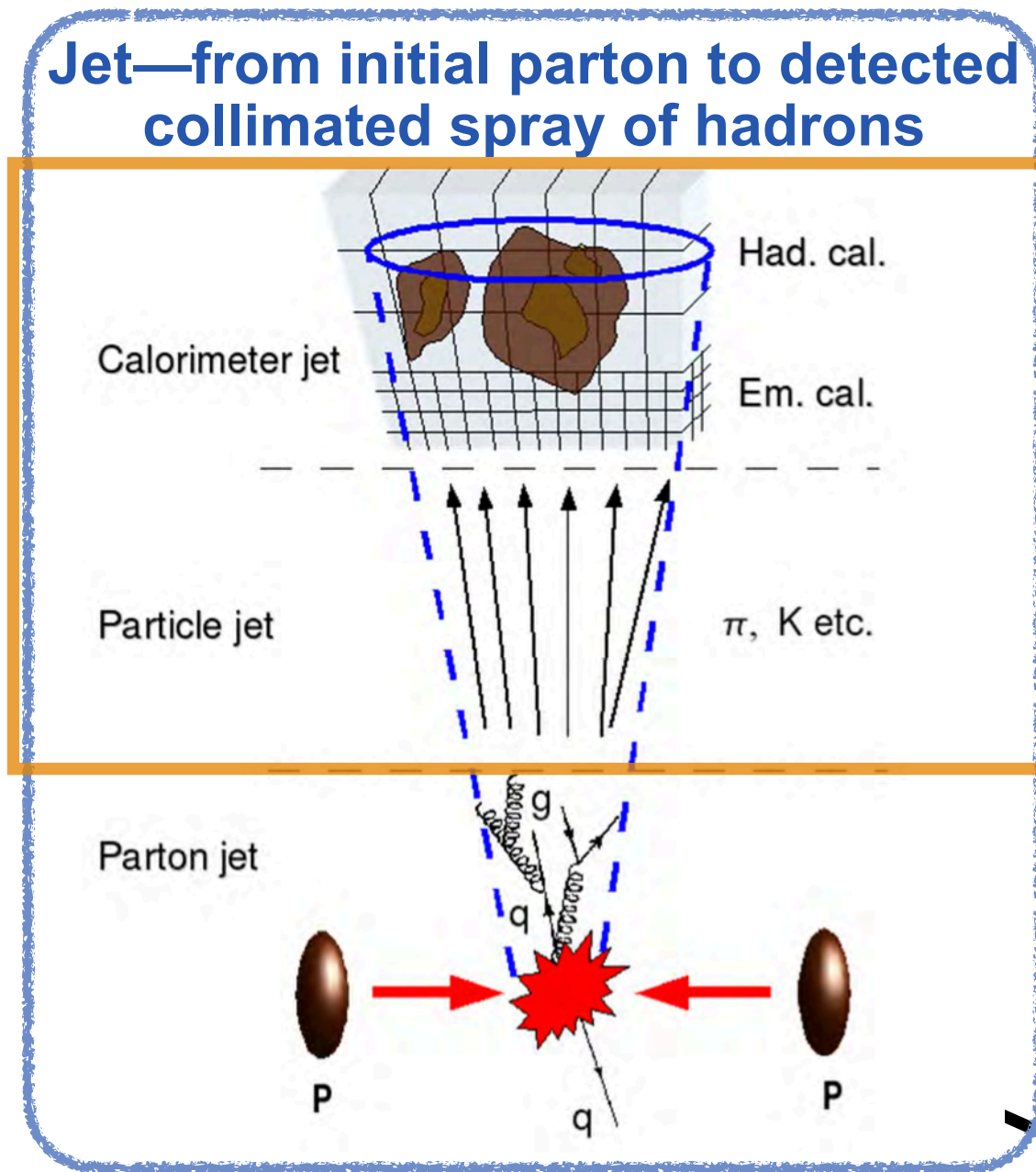


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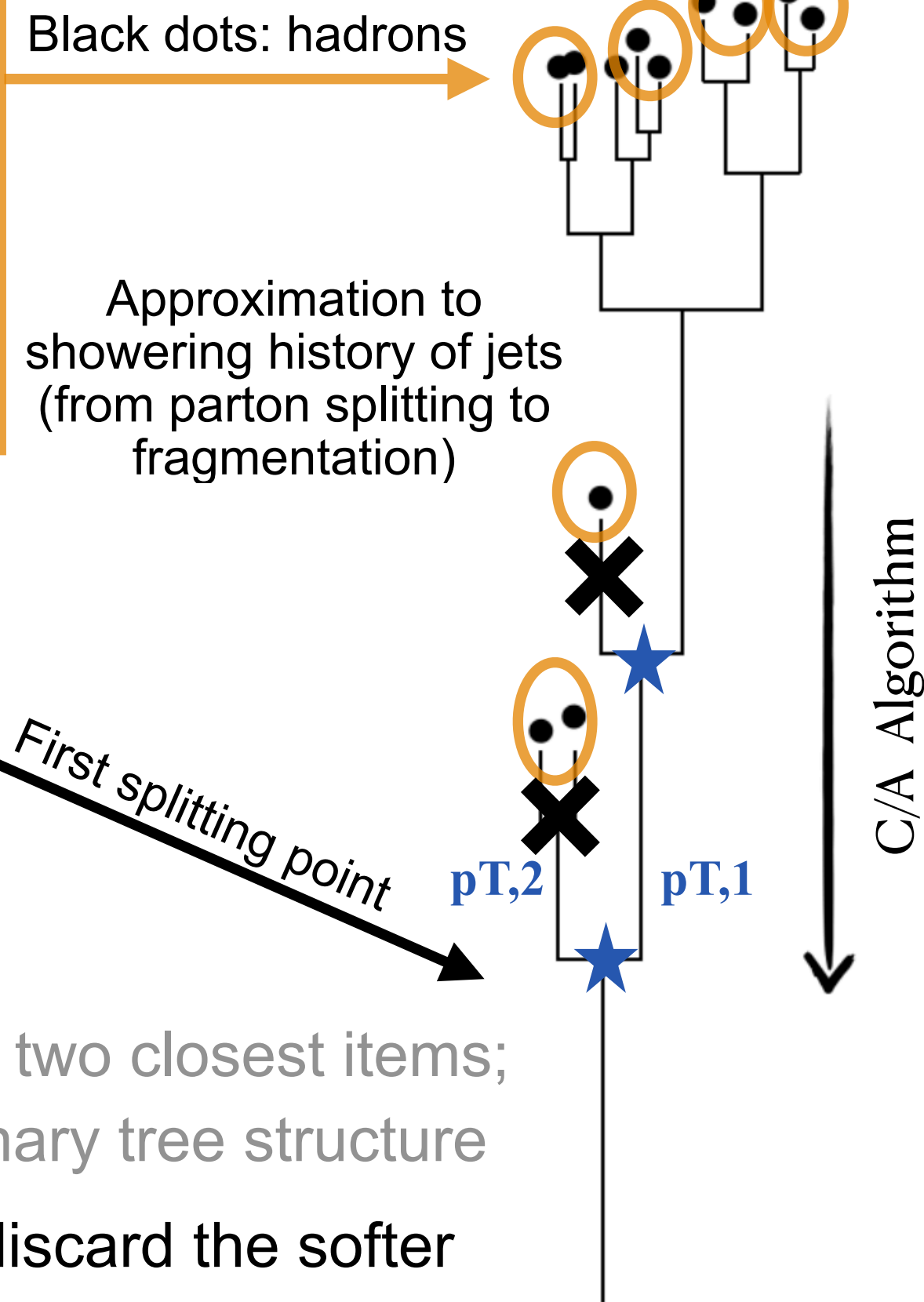




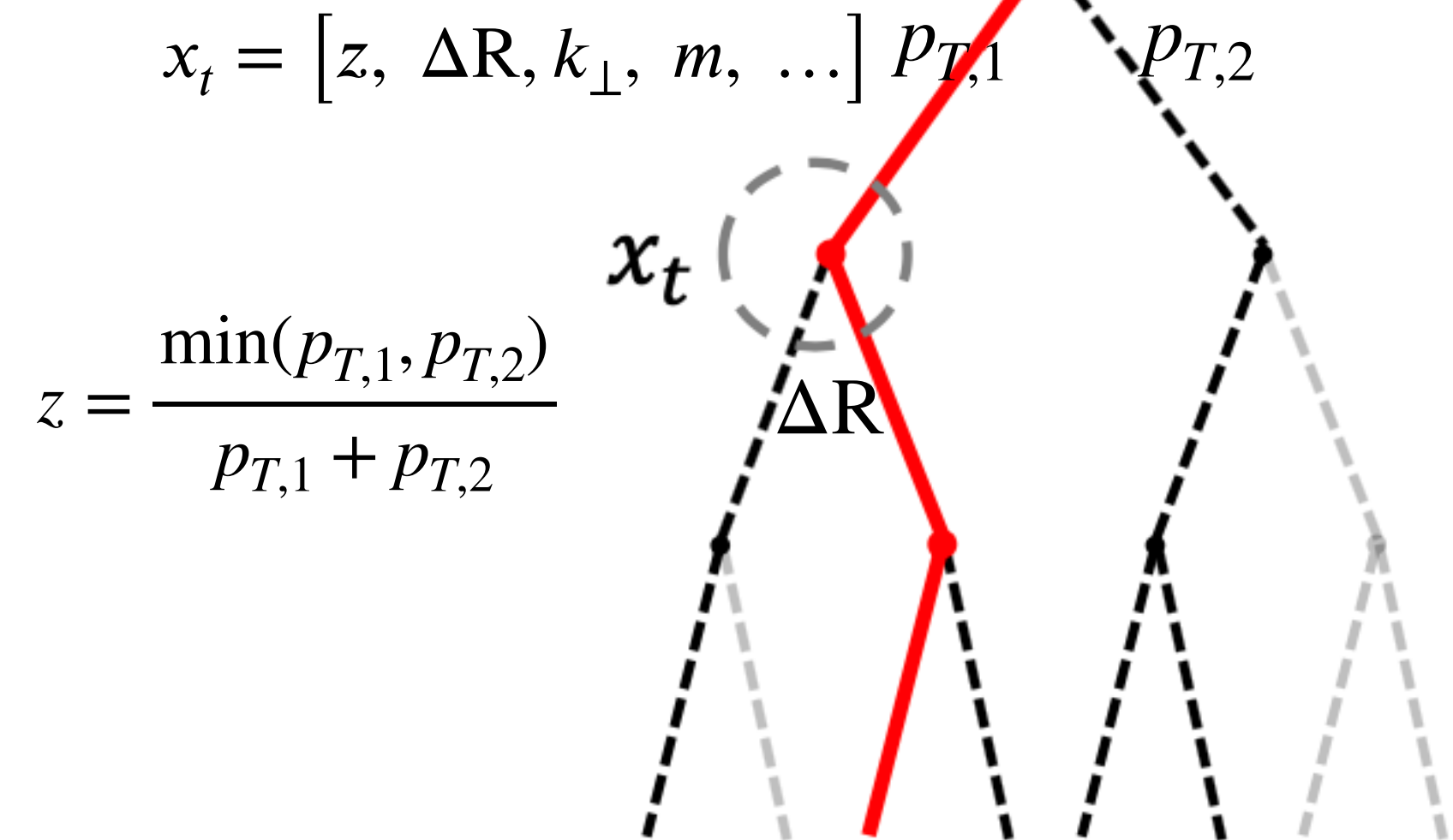
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Jet in a binary tree structure



Hardest branch of the jet



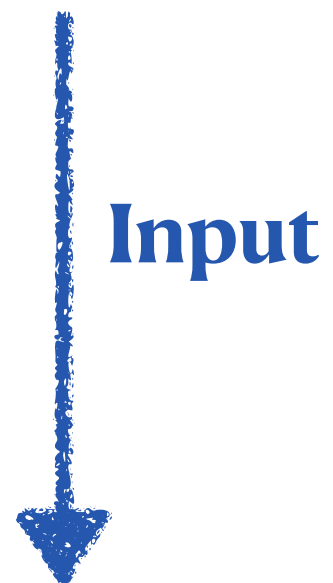
- 1st step: each time cluster the two closest items; eventually get the binary tree structure
- 2nd step: use the soft drop to discard the softer splitting of the two branches

Jet substructure variables are defined at the splitting points of the jet. They are sensitive to jet-induced medium response. Thus, they are good tools to study the jet energy loss in medium

# How to do feature engineering?

Jet observable that represents the internal structure of a jet:

- **Jet substructure**



## Long Short-Term Memory Neural Network

- learning from sequential data
- Improved RNN (Recurrent Neural Network)

**Sequential data**

**Jet substructures**

Shared momentum ratio

$$z = \frac{\min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2})}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

Angular separation

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)^2 + (\eta_1 - \eta_2)^2}$$

Perpendicular momentum

$$k_{\perp} = p_{T,2} * \Delta R$$

Invariant mass

$$m = inv\_mass(j_1, j_2)$$

Image source: [colah.github.io](http://colah.github.io)

**LSTM cell**

**Input**  $x_t = [z, \Delta R, k_{\perp}, m, \dots]$



# Before Starting Training the NN...

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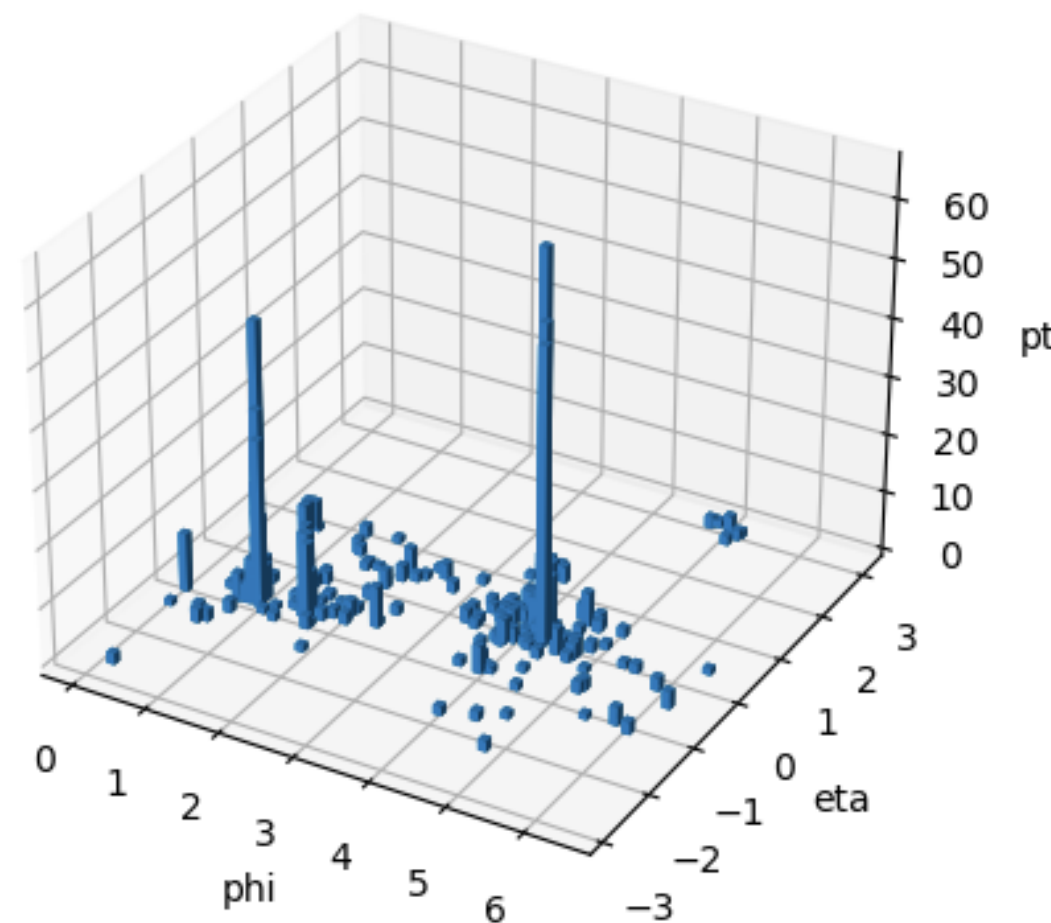
In data, we need to subtract underlying event per event in heavy-ion collisions.  
To be as realistic as possible, we apply the same process in simulation.

**JEWEL simulation for dijet events:**

**Non-quenched jets (vacuum class)**

**Quenched jets (medium class)**

0-10% Centrality

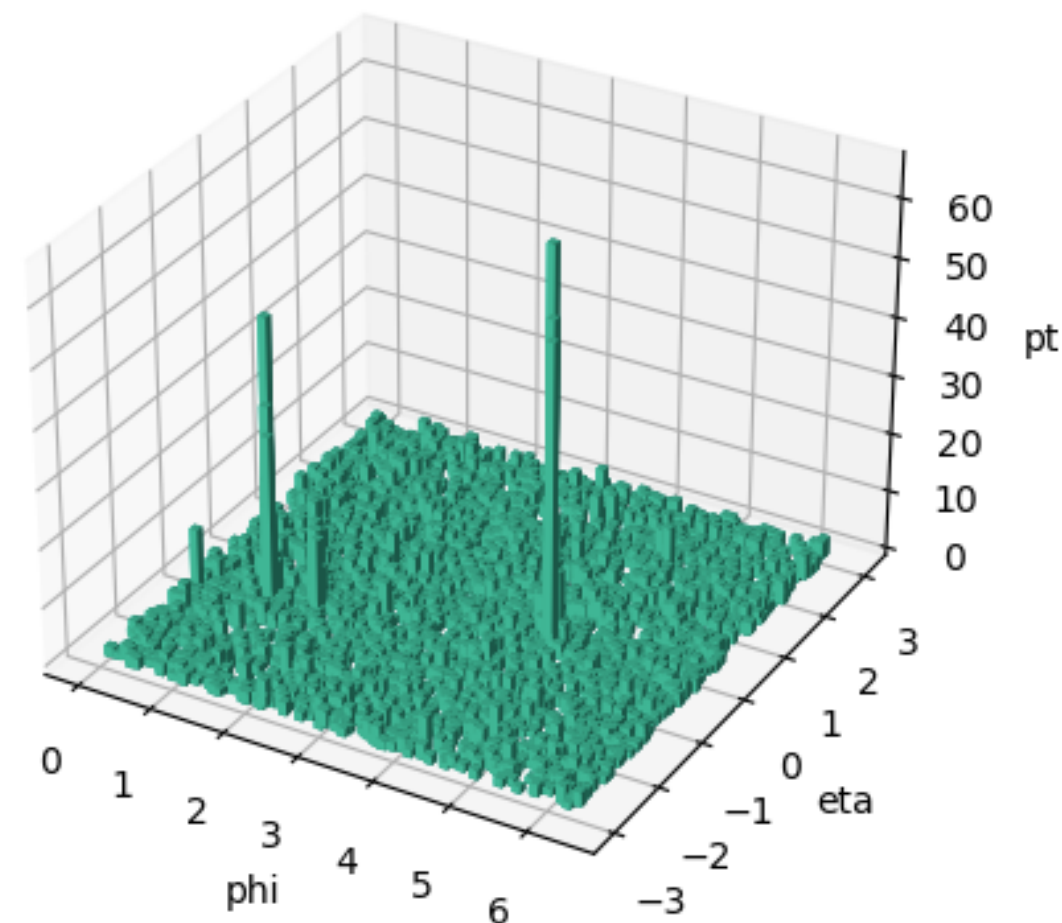


dijet hard event

**Embedding the simulated event  
with a thermal background:**

\*Thermal Bkg is simulated by the  
PYTHIA+ANGANTYR model

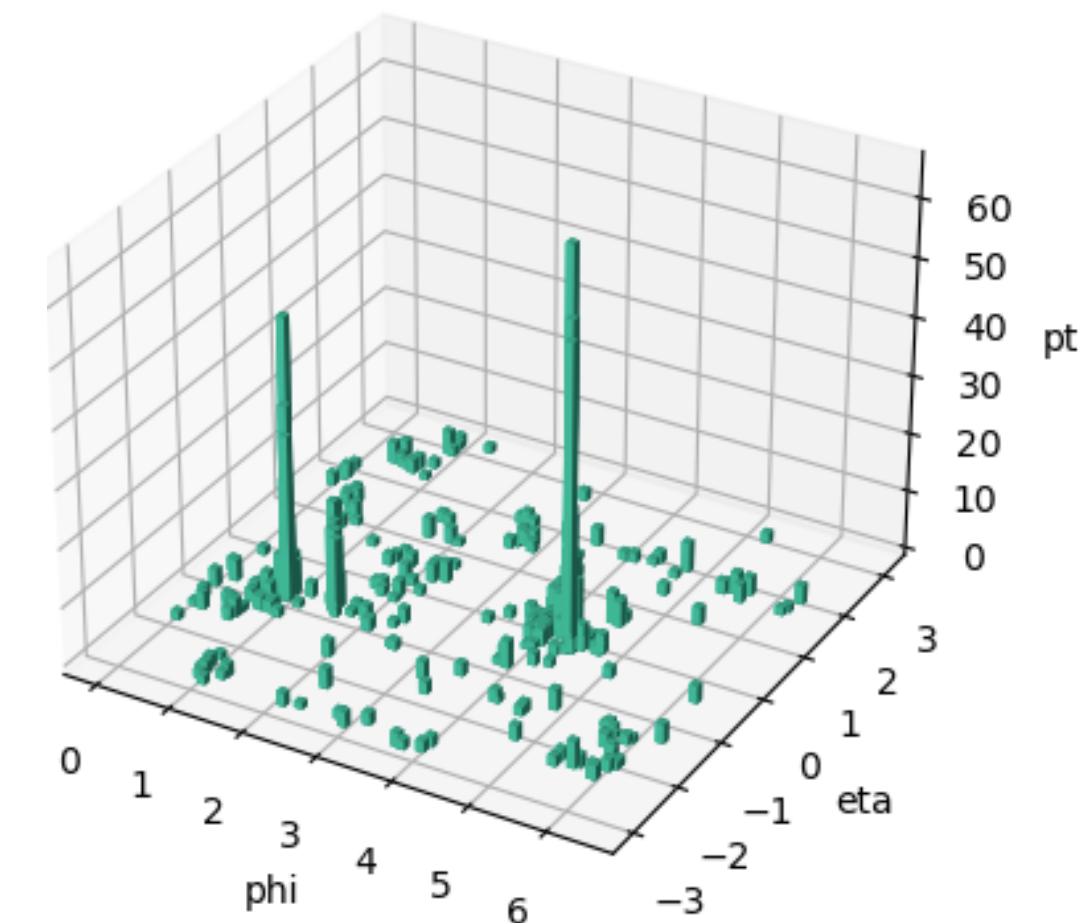
+ Uncorrelated thermal background



mixed event

**Background subtraction algorithm:  
Event-wide Constituent Subtraction**

We use the jets reconstructed from the  
bkg-subtracted events for training.

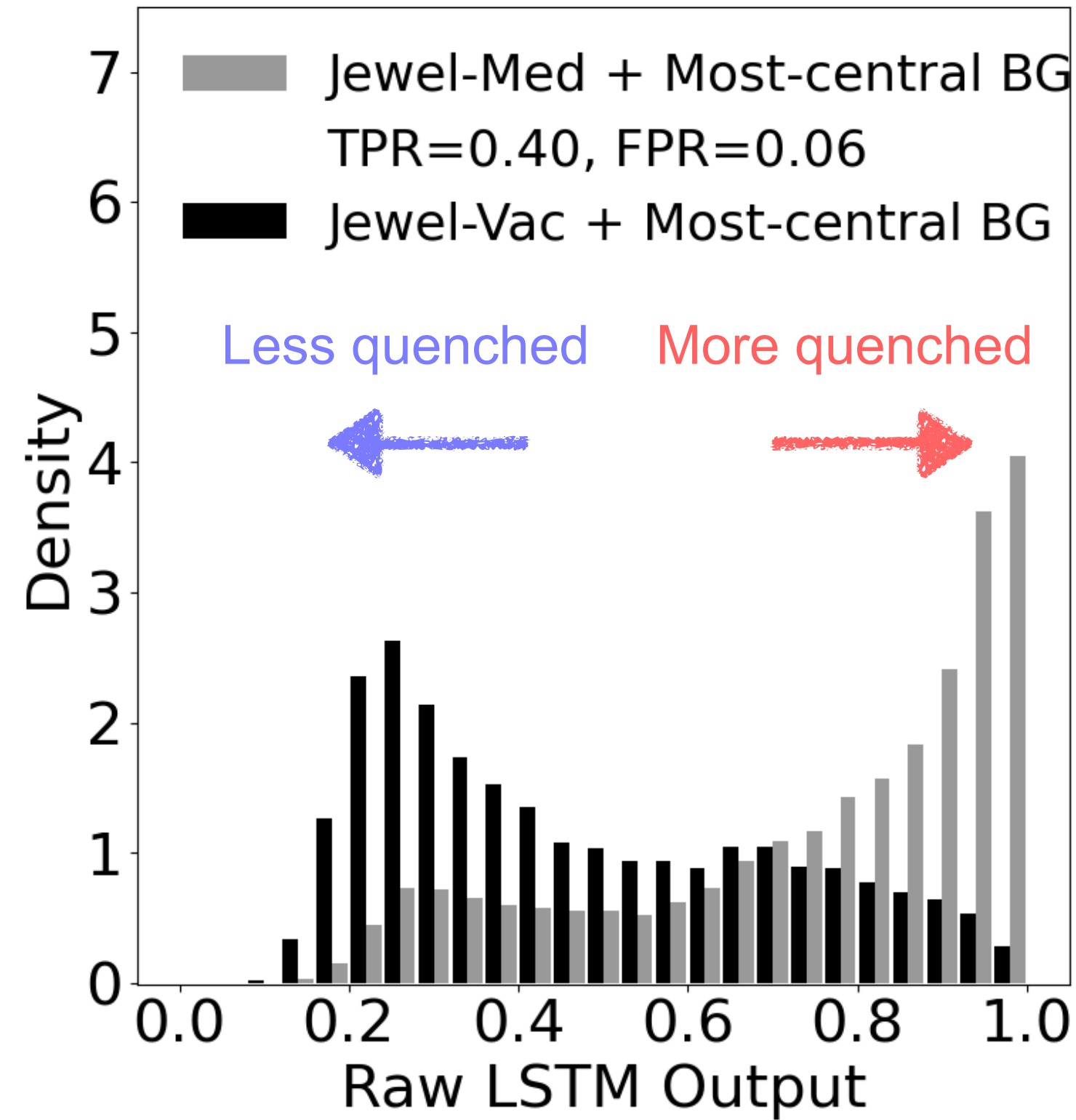


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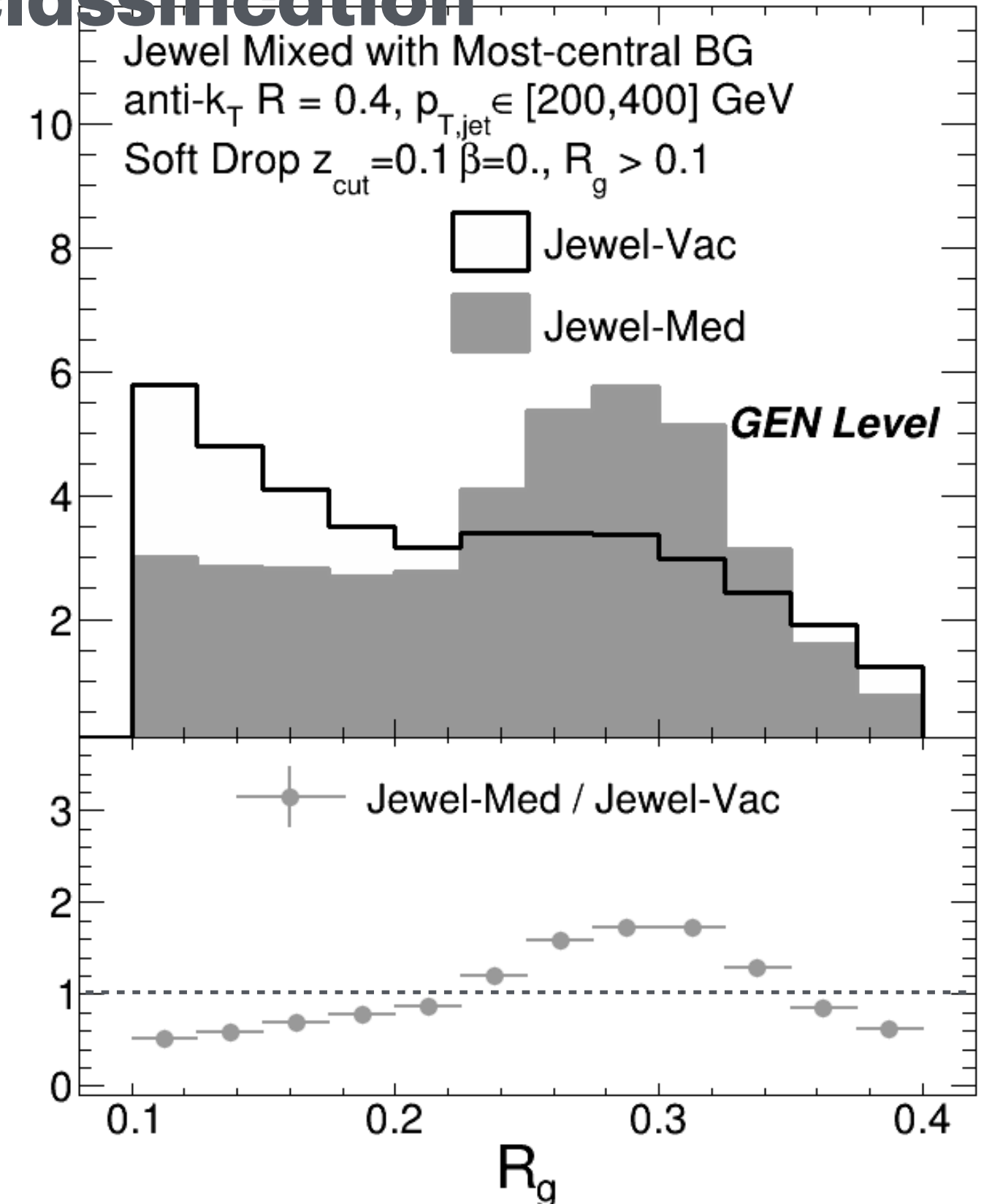
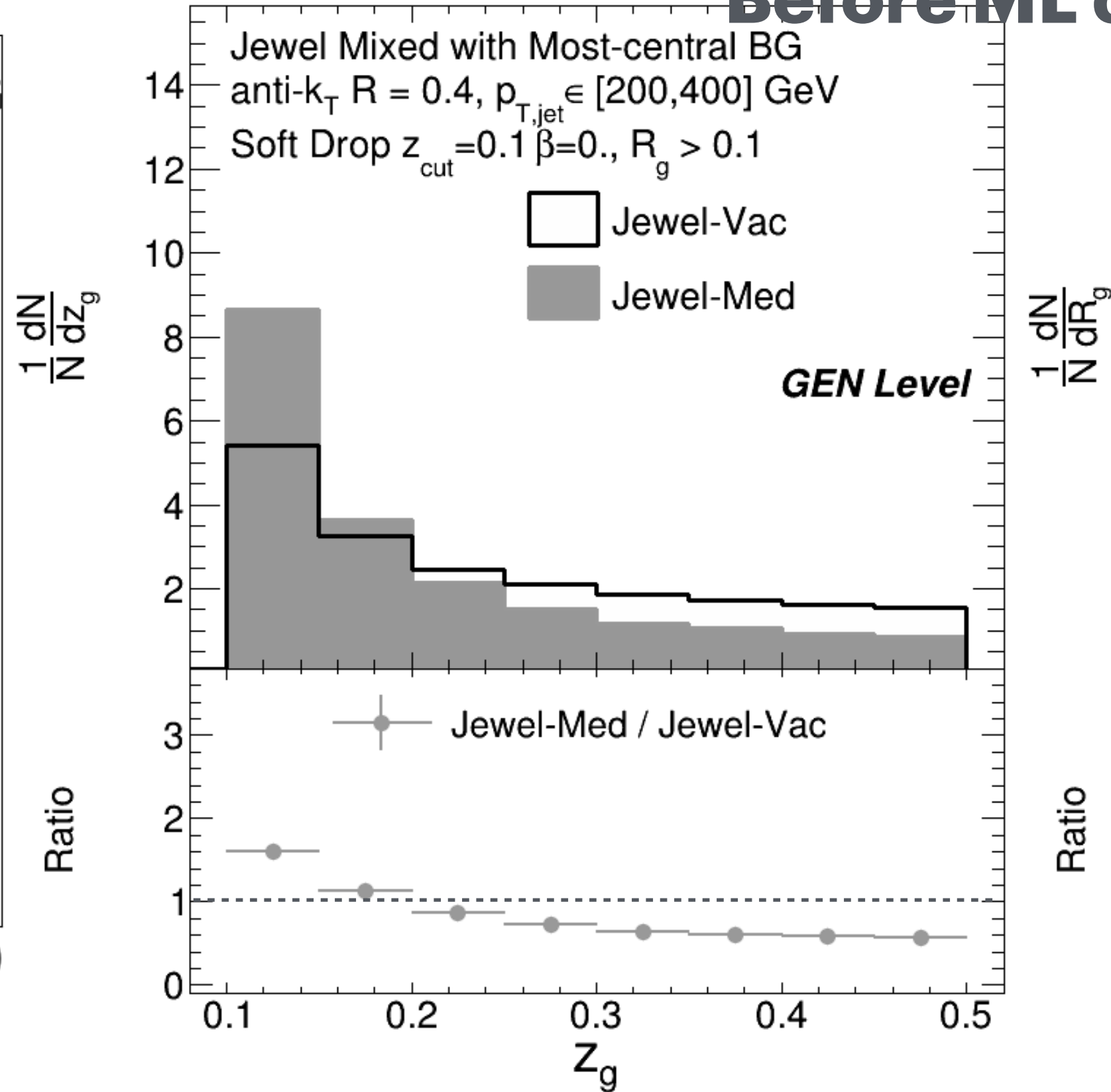
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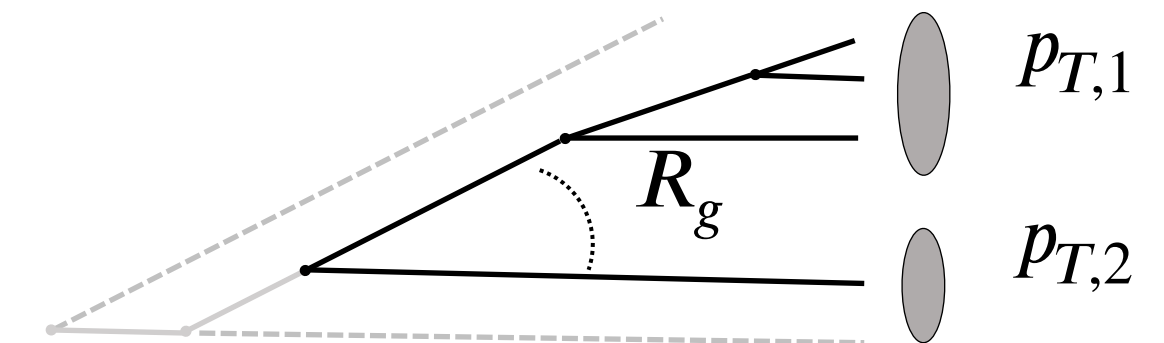


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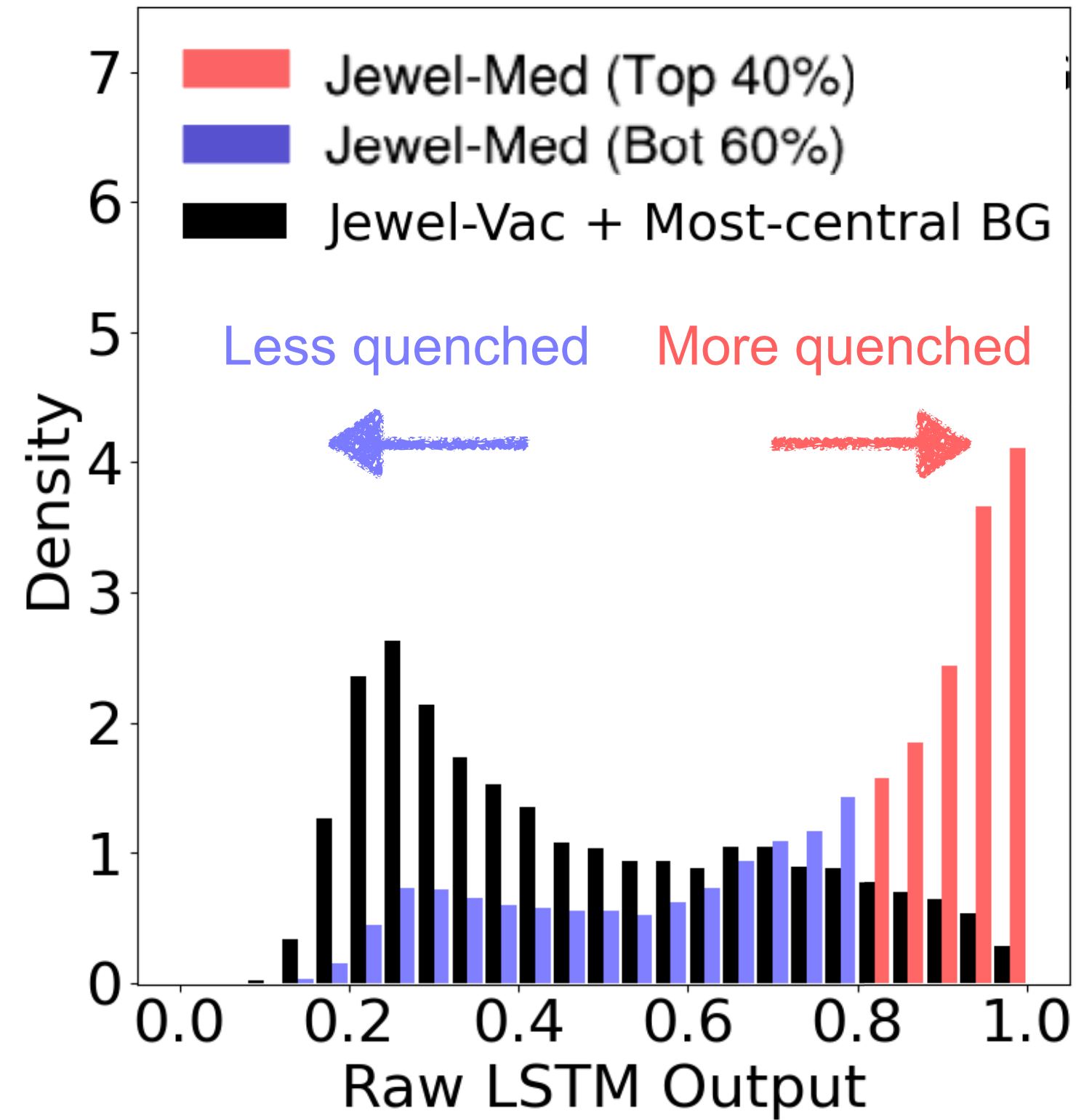


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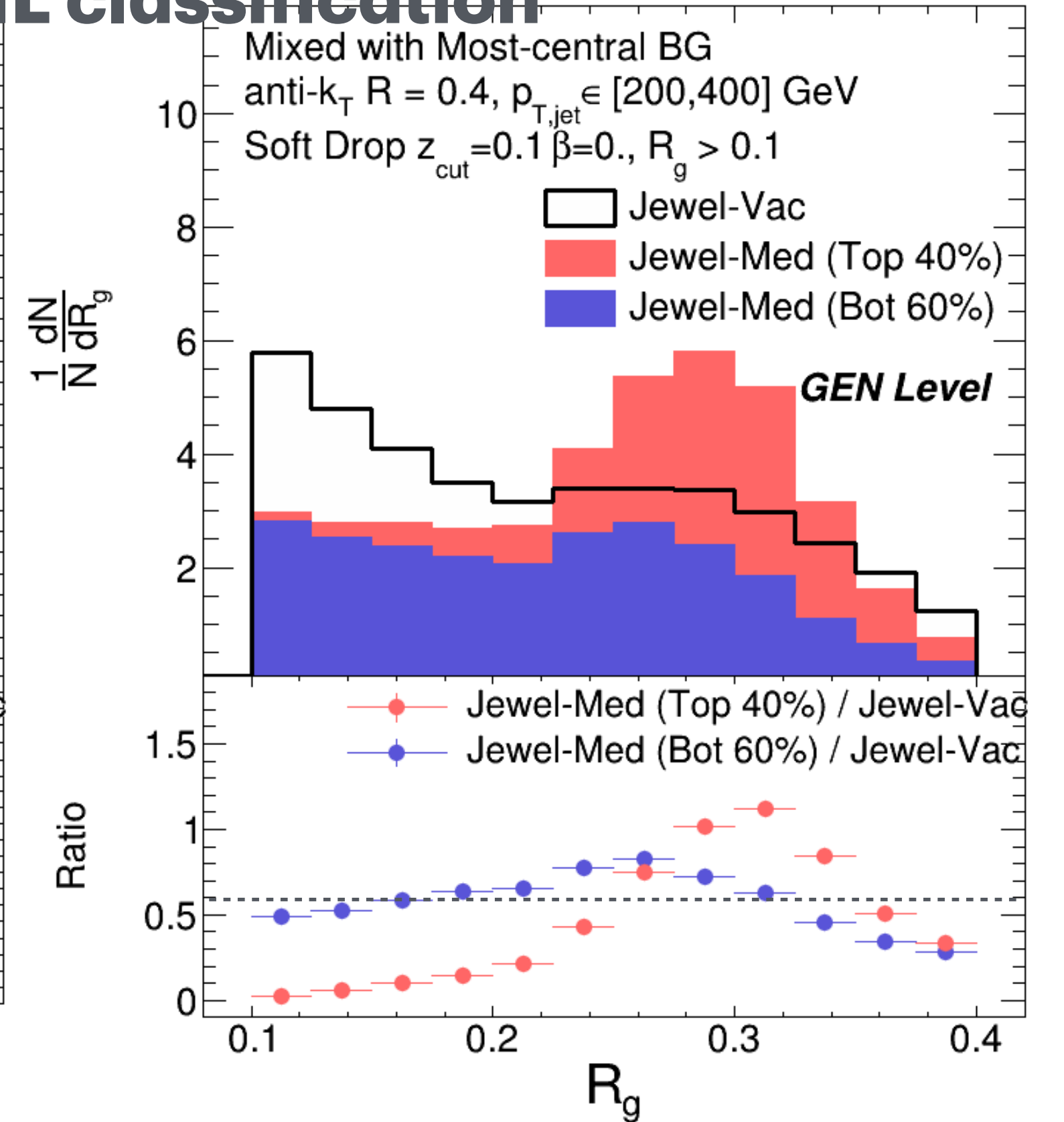
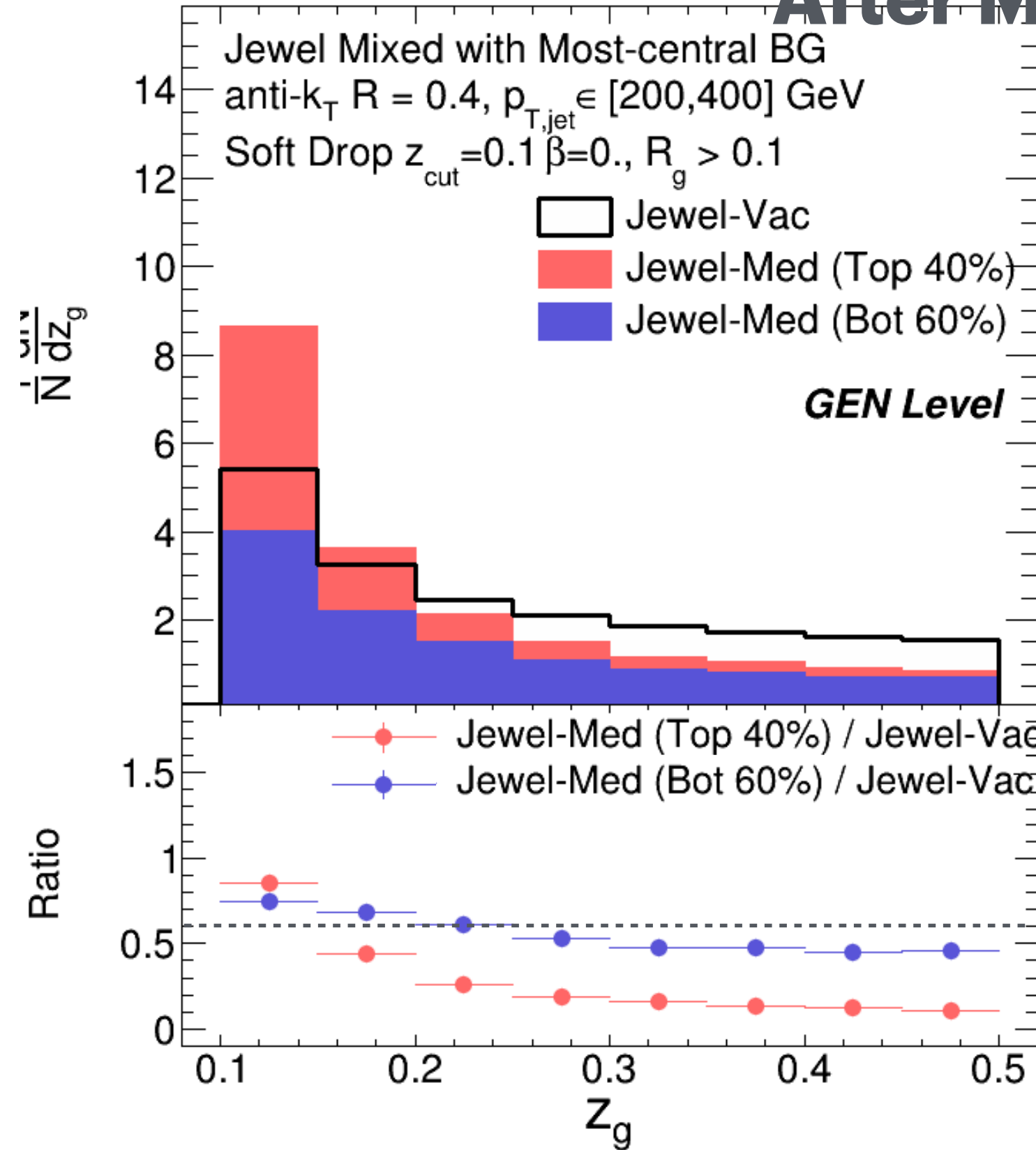
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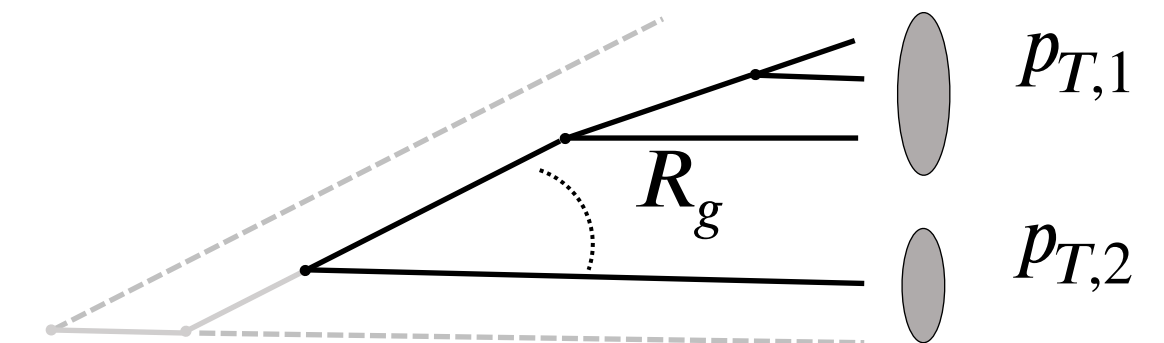


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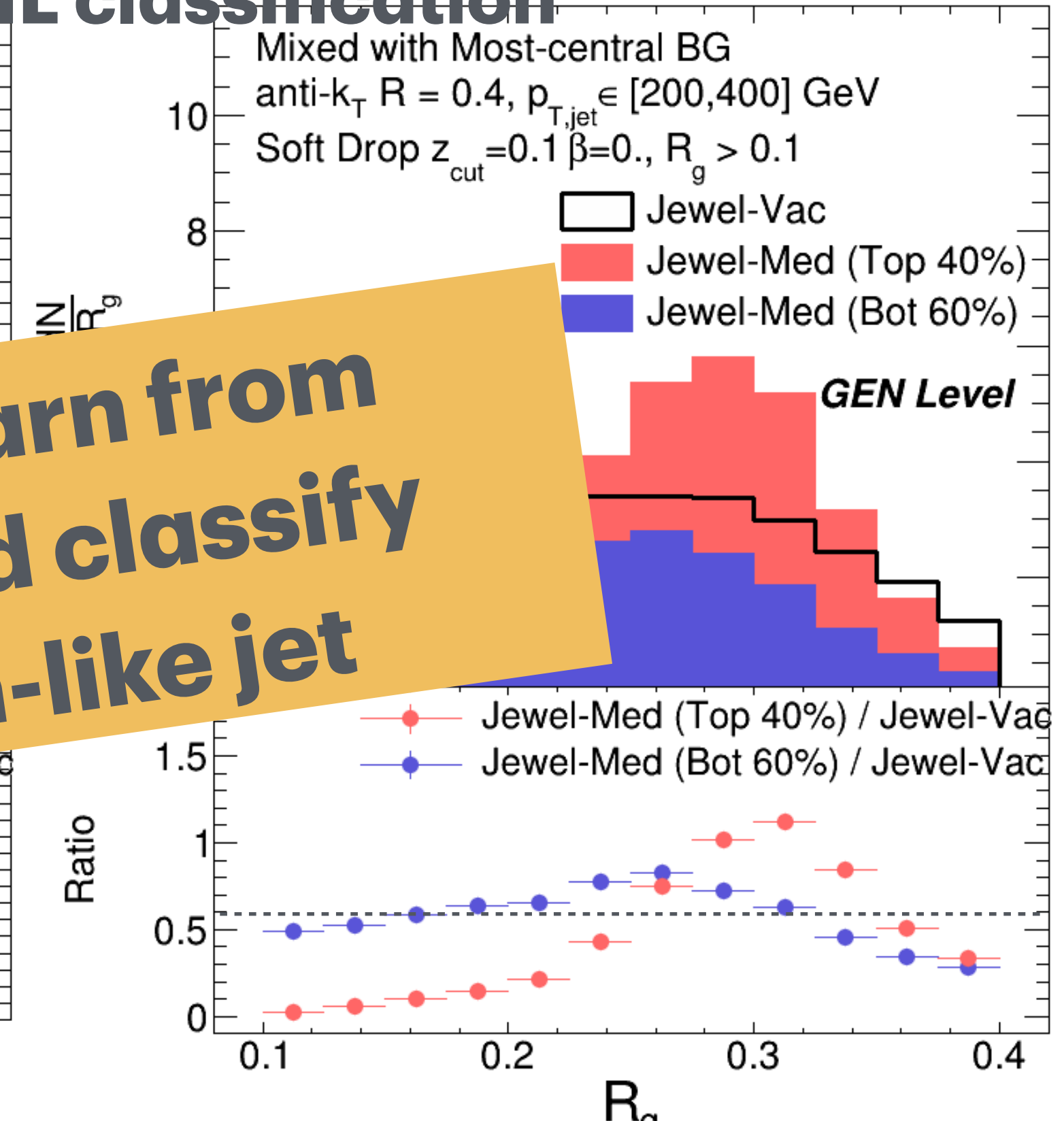
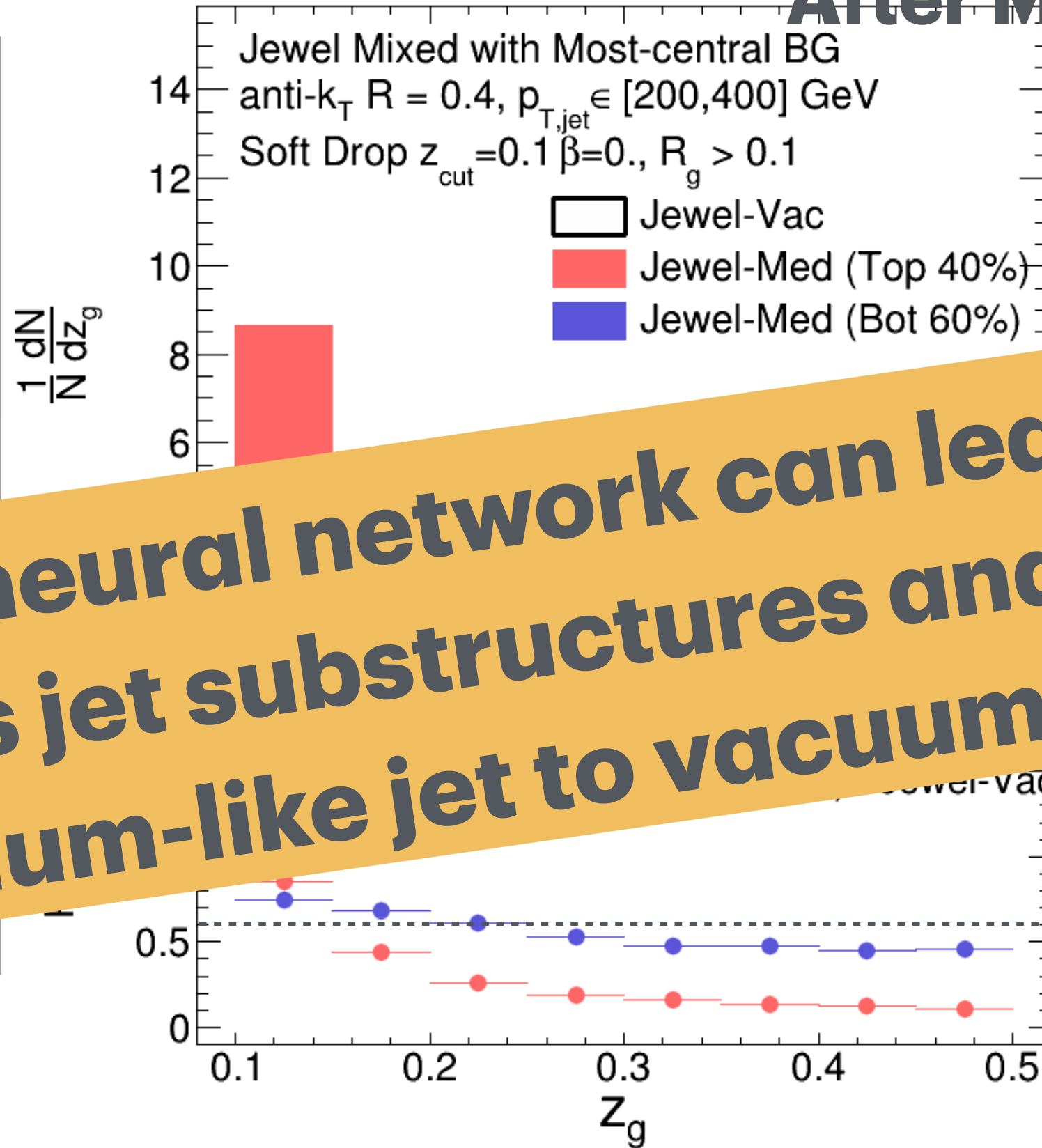
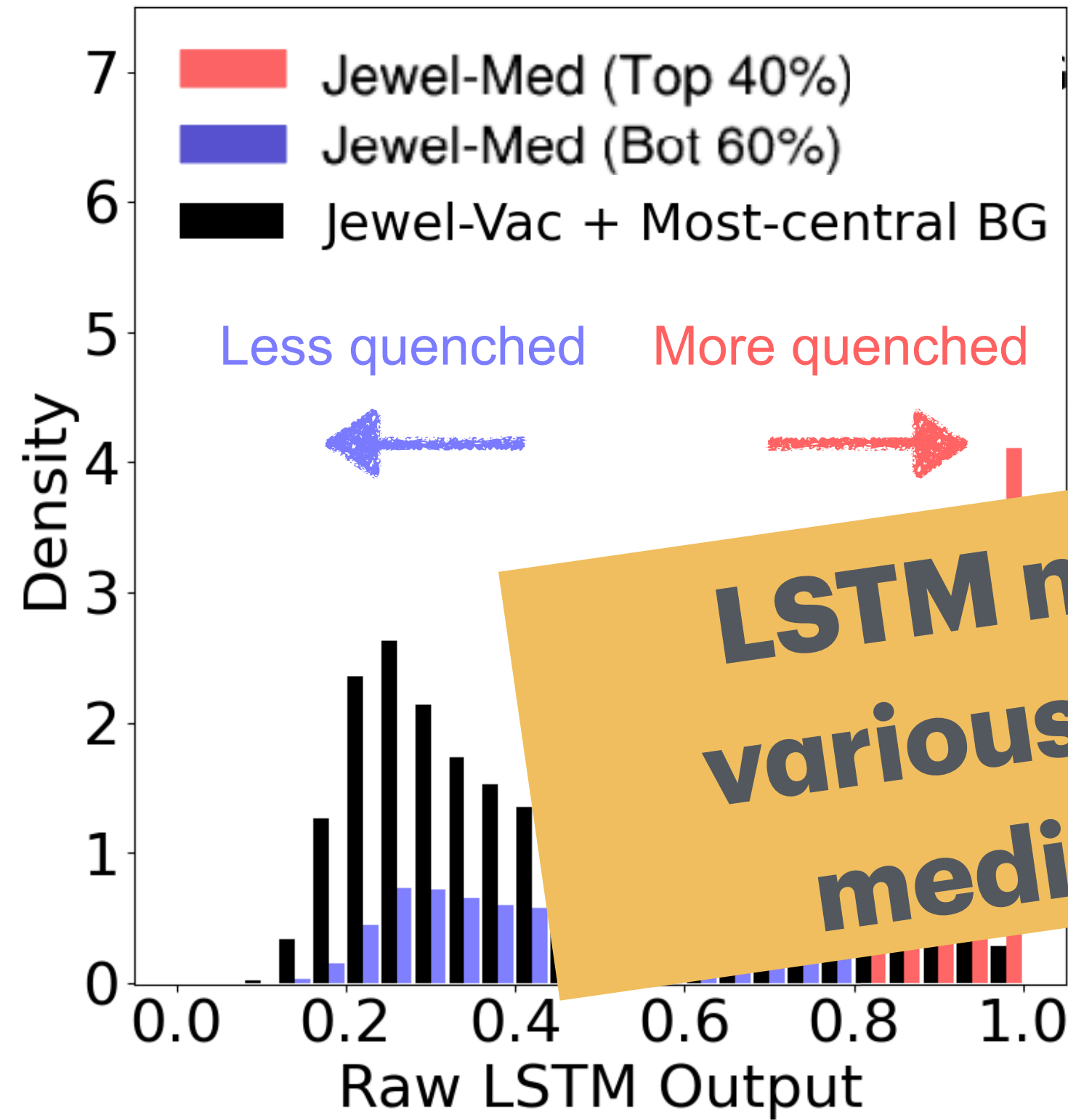




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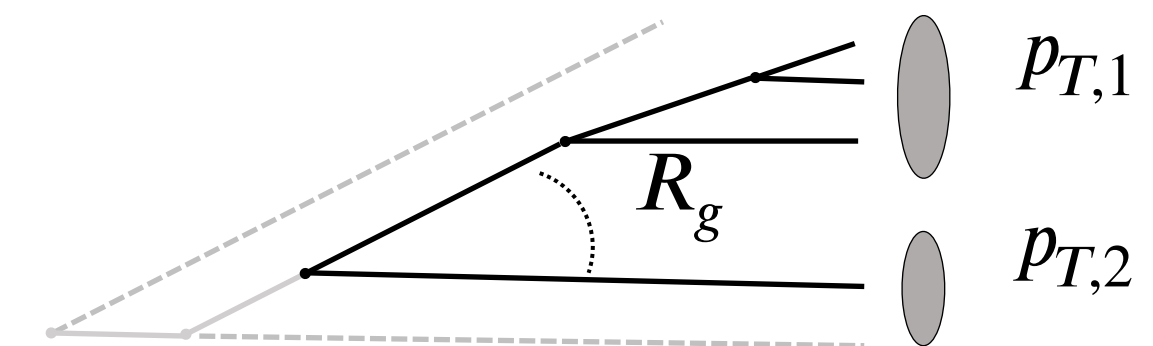
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# Other Observables for ML Classified Quenched Jets

Our LSTM neural network can learn from various jet substructures, and **classify jets from heavy-ion collisions based on the diverse extents they quenched to.**

To better interpret ML's application in jet quenching study, **we use the LSTM outputs to analyze other jet observables.**

✓ Jet shape

✓ Jet fragmentation function

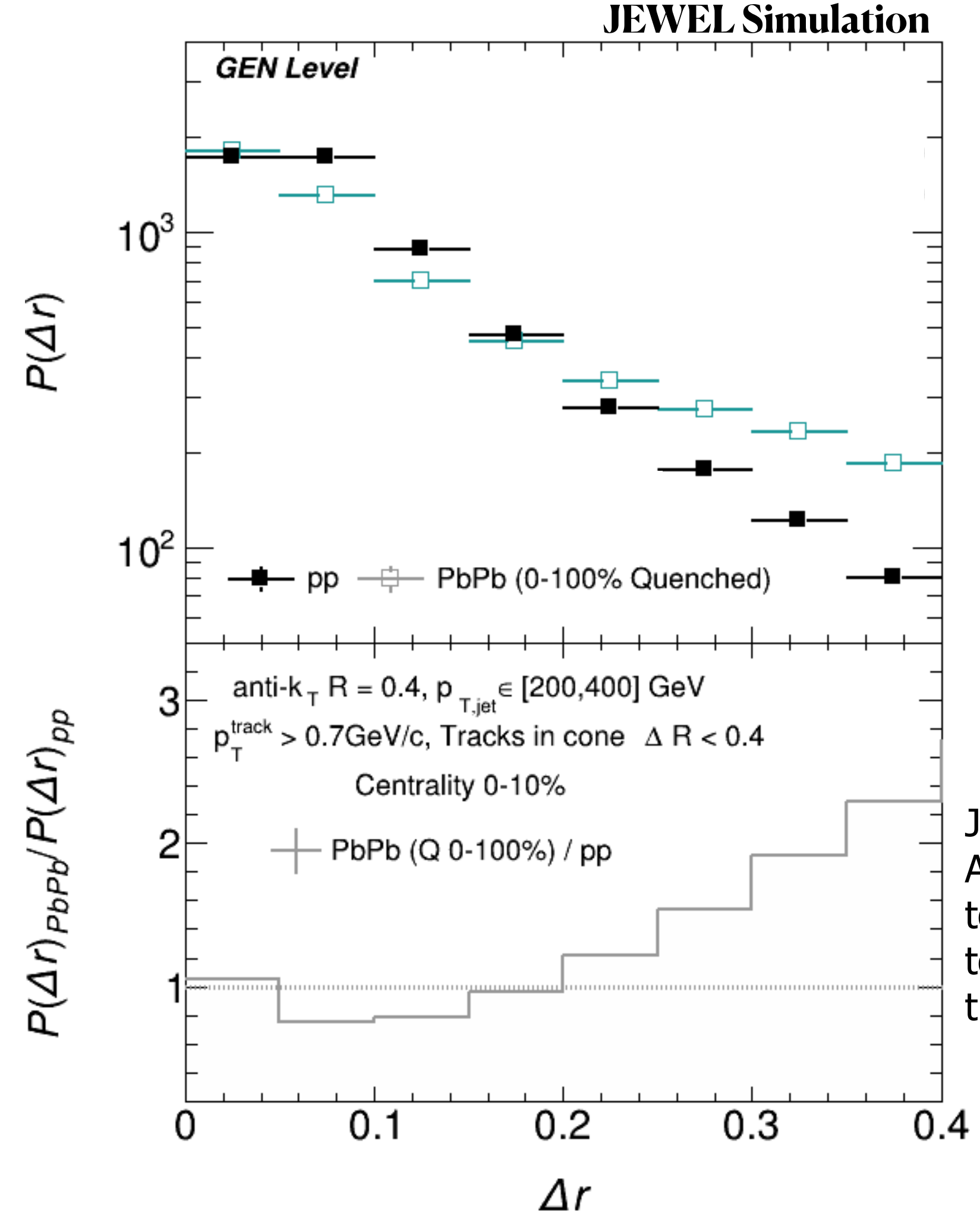
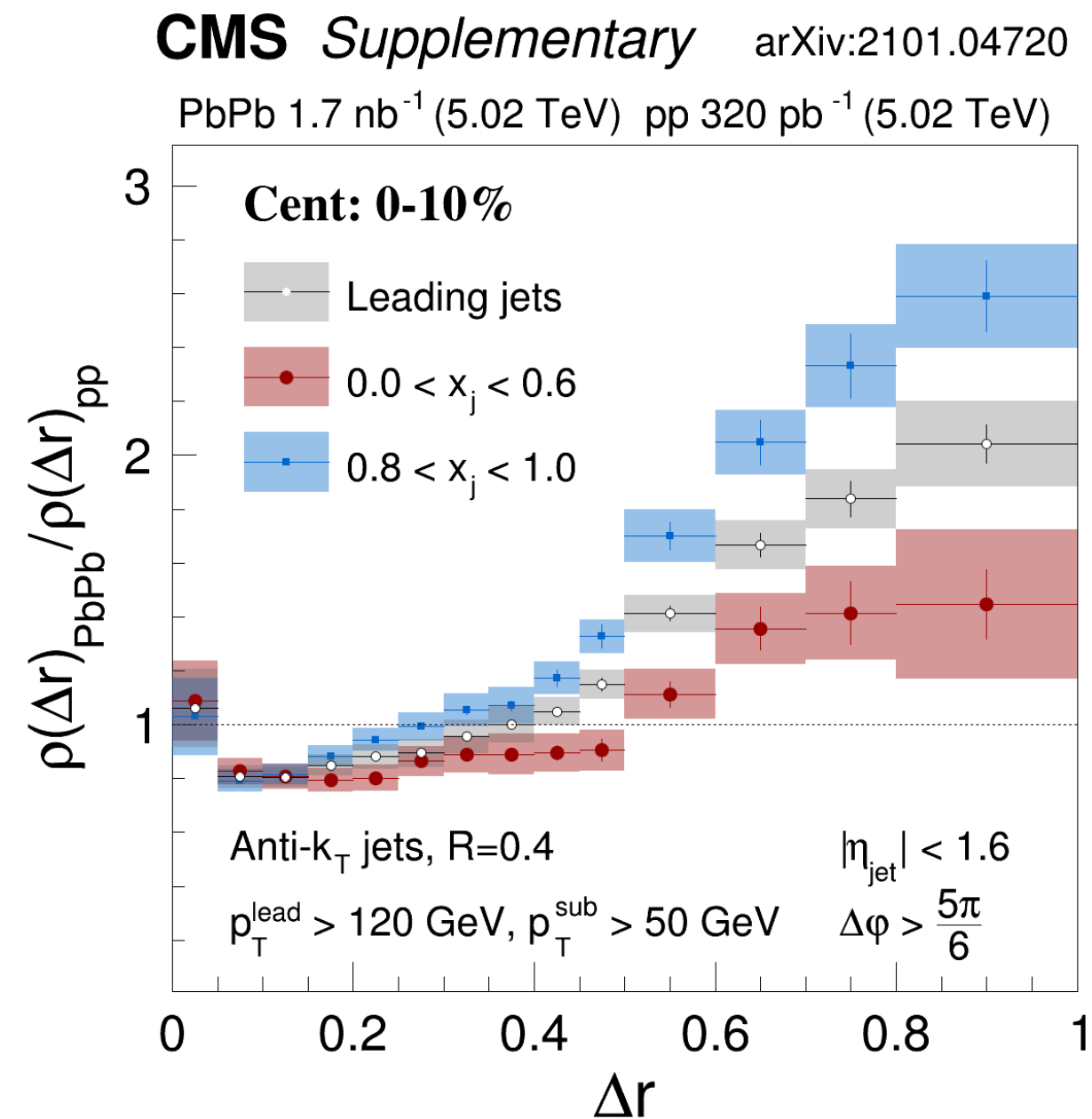
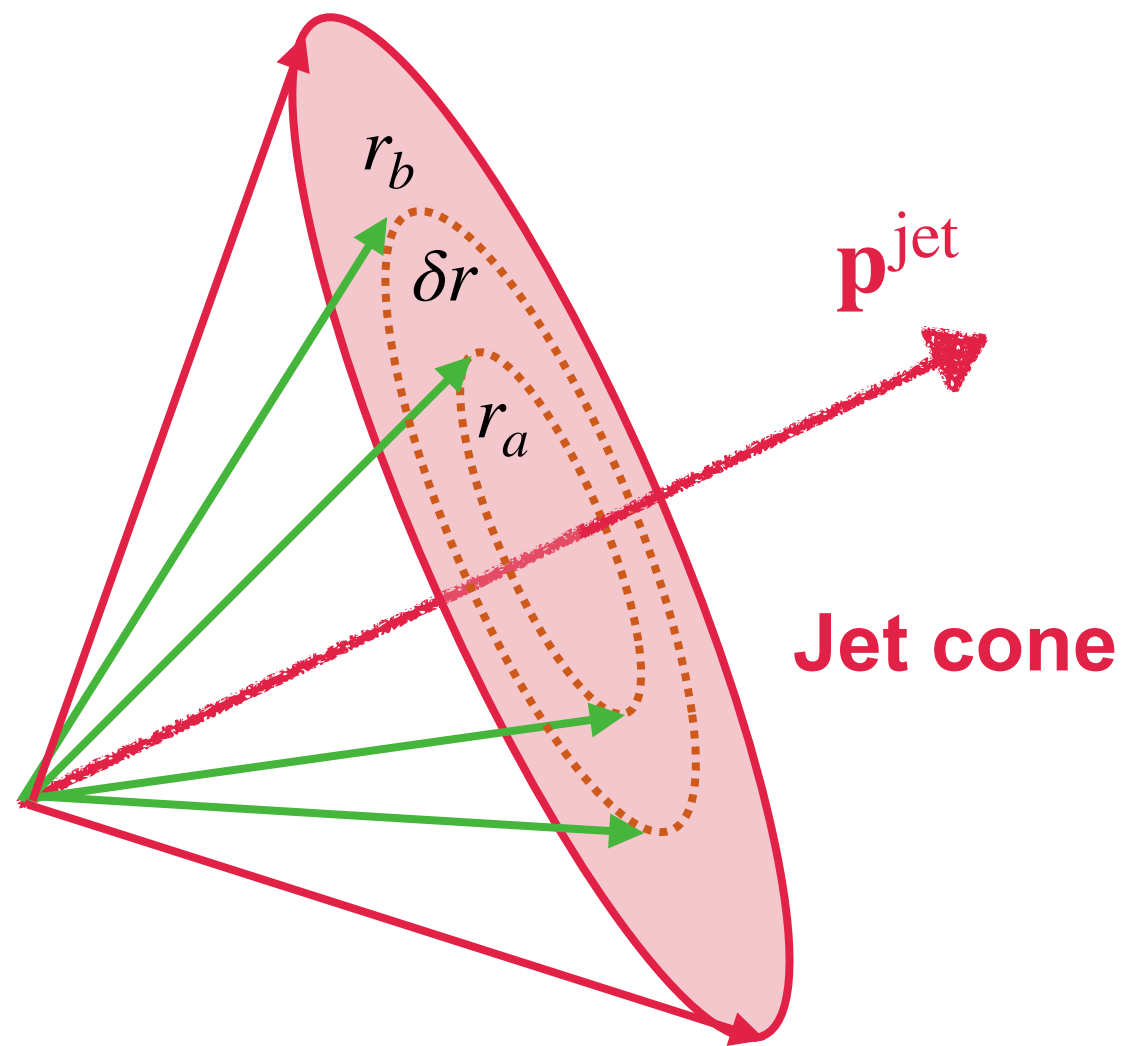


# Jet Quenchness ML Results — Jet Shape

- The jet radial momentum profile (integrated jet shape),

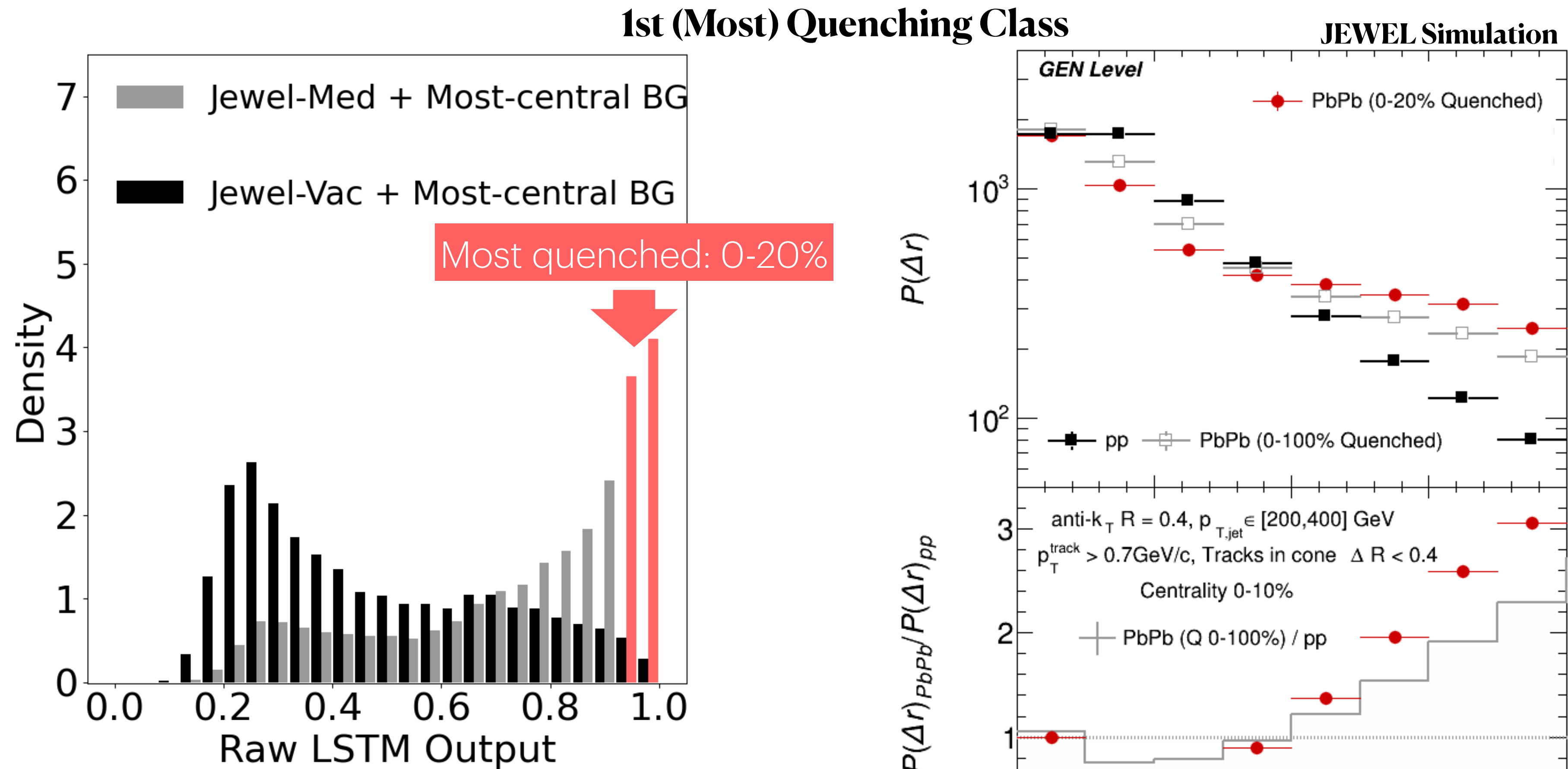
$$P(r) = \frac{1}{\delta r} \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{\text{tracks} \in [r_a, r_b]} p_T^{\text{track}},$$

provides information about the radial distribution of the momentum carried by the jet constituents (fragments).



Jet shape ratio:  
A redistribution of jet energy to softer particles extending to large angles away from the jet axis

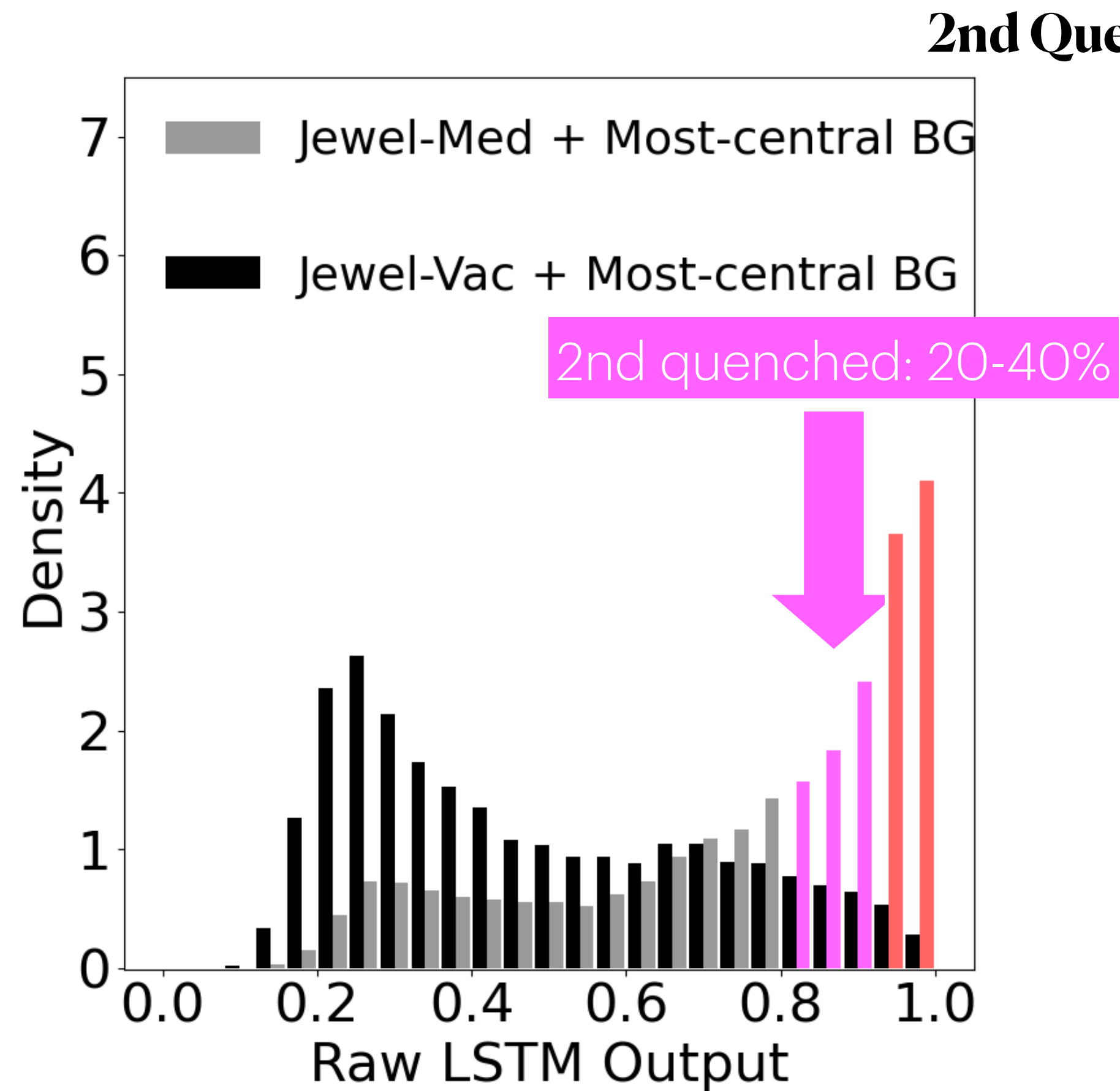
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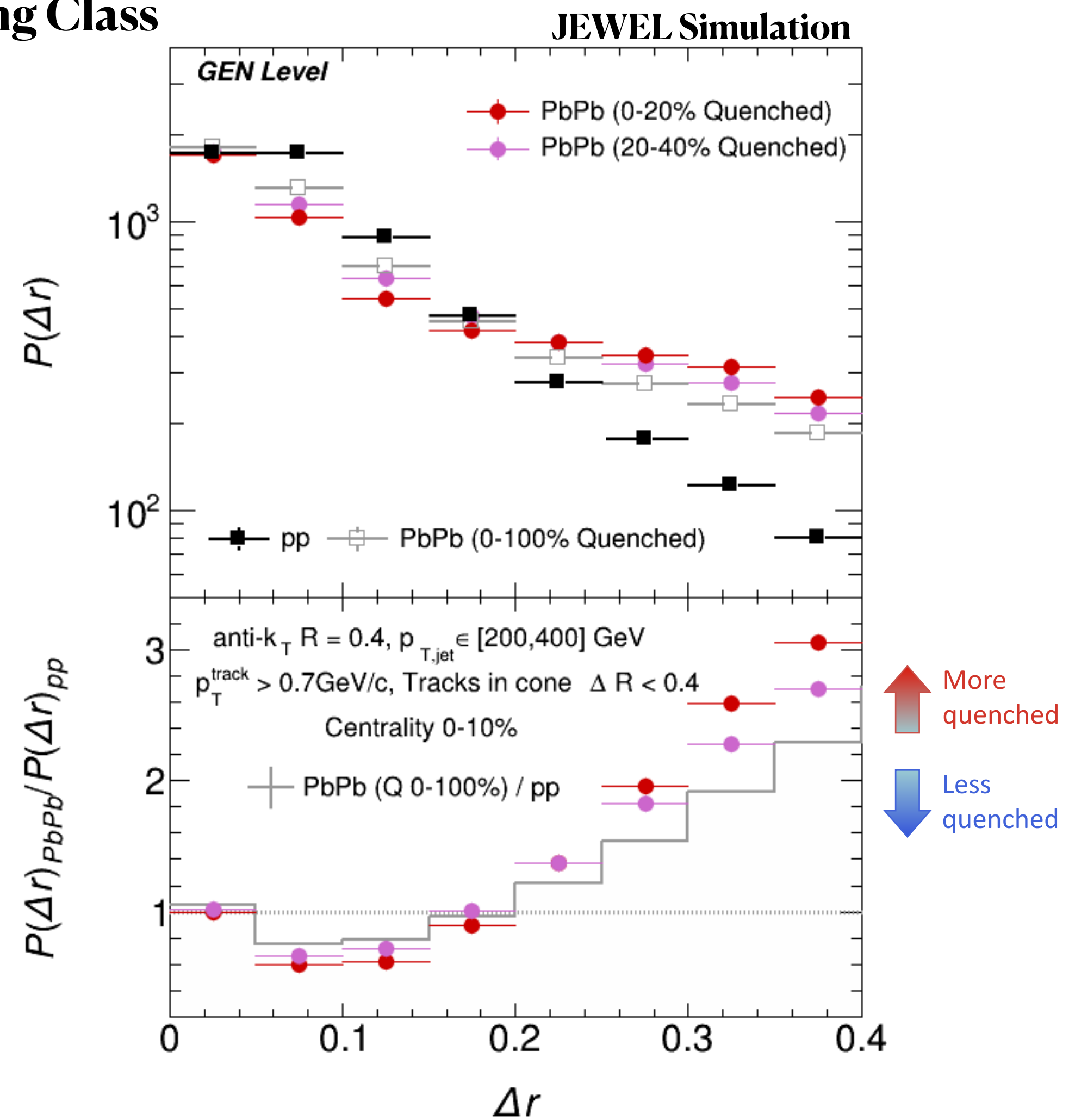
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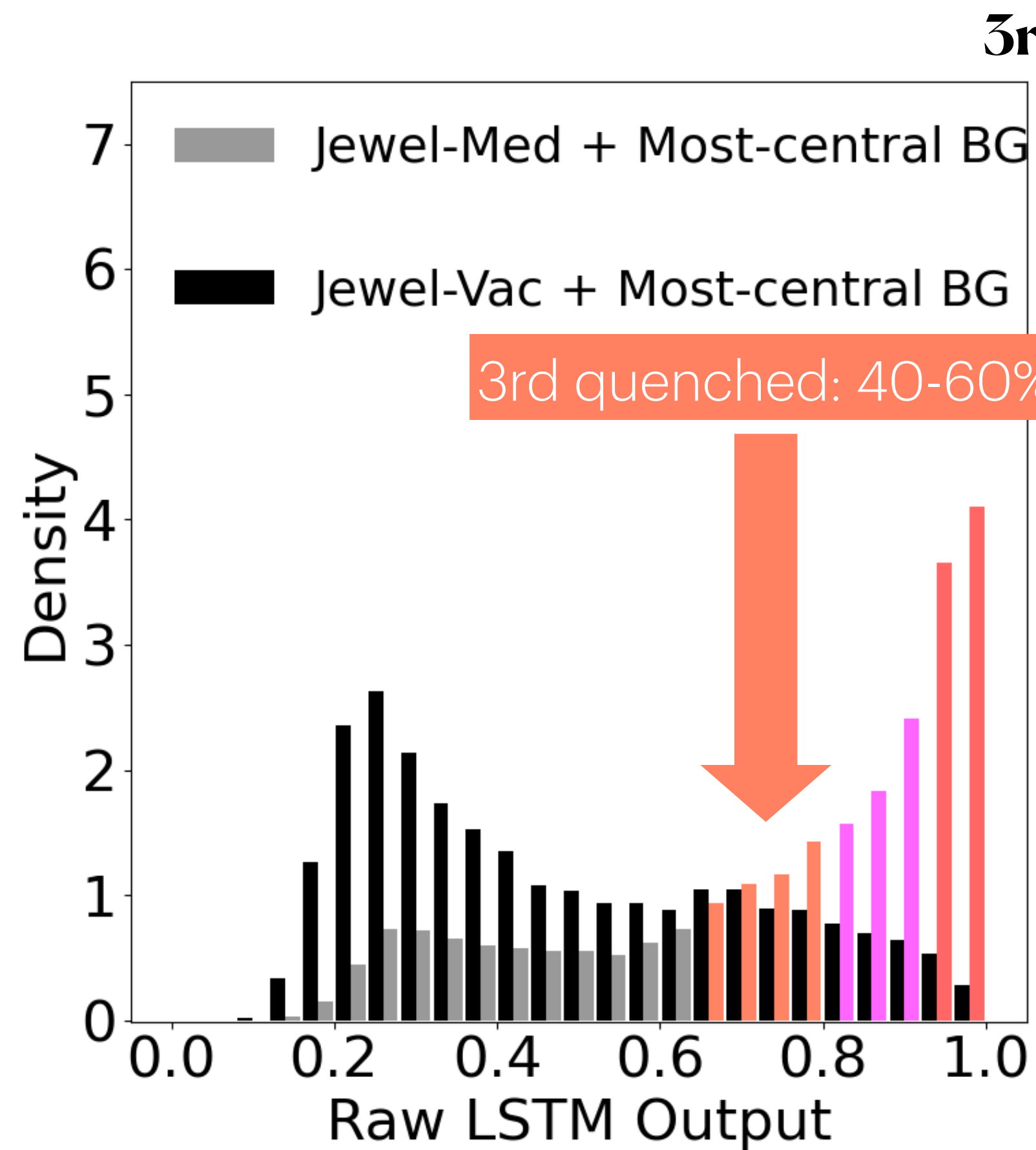
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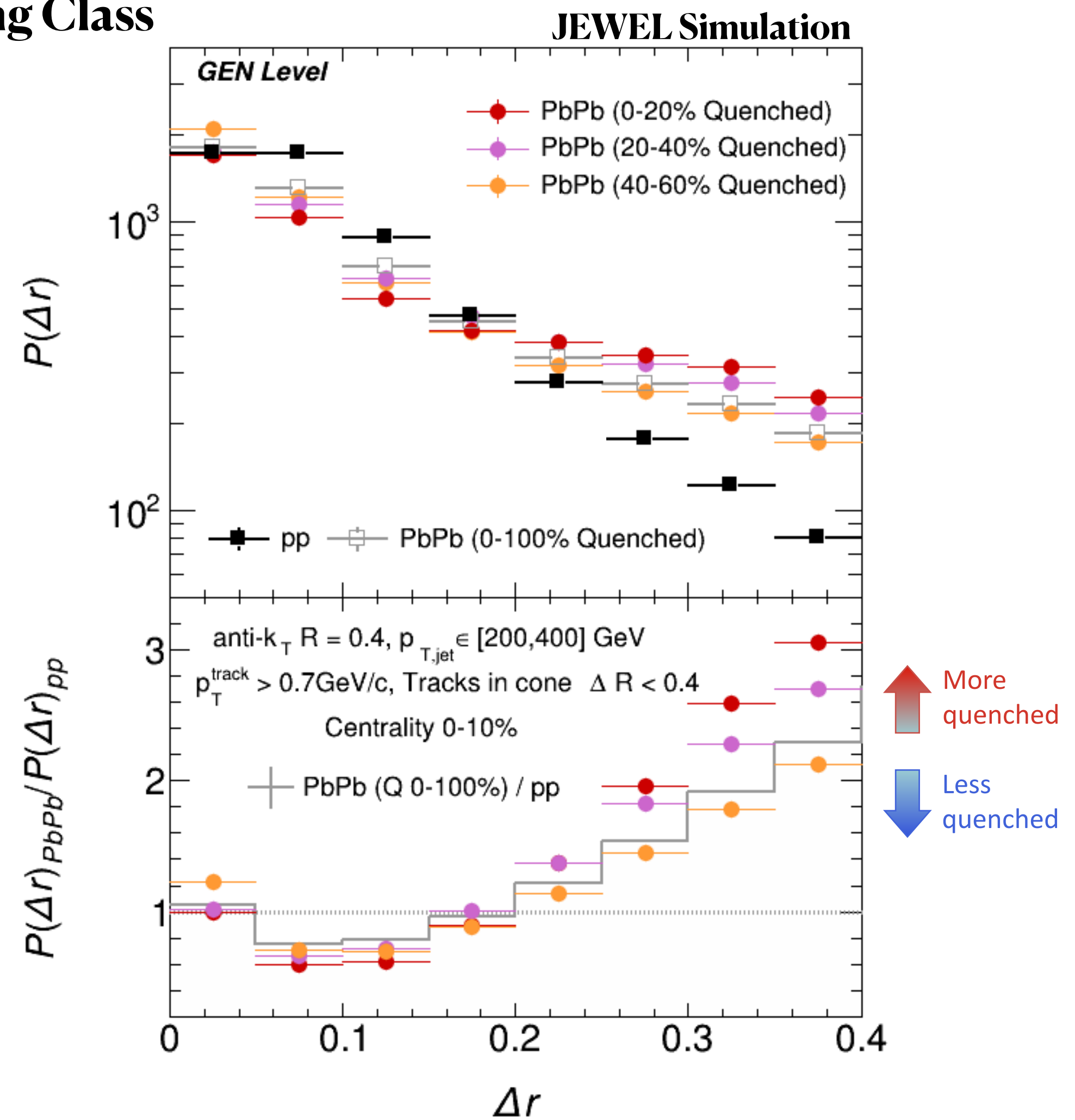
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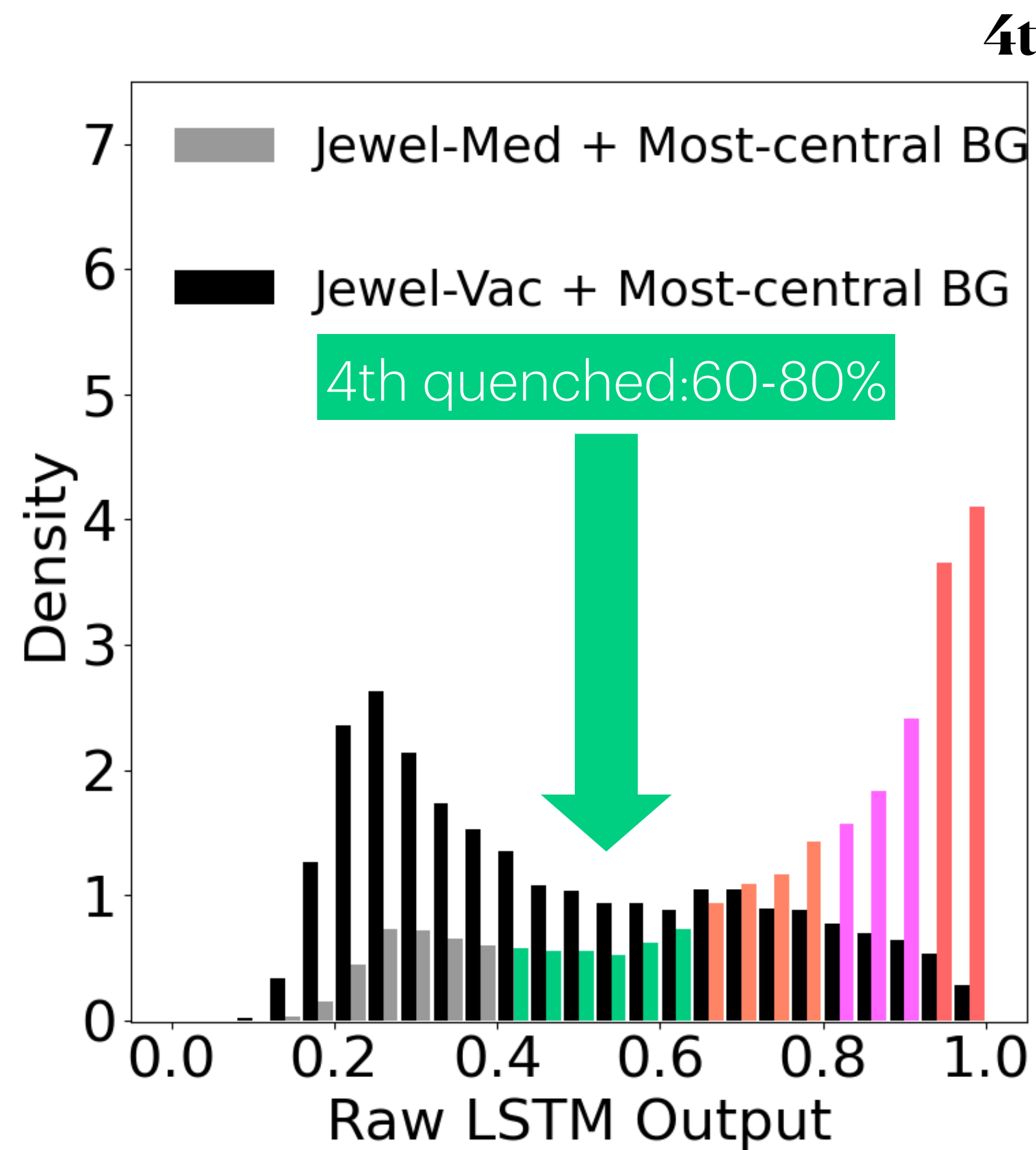


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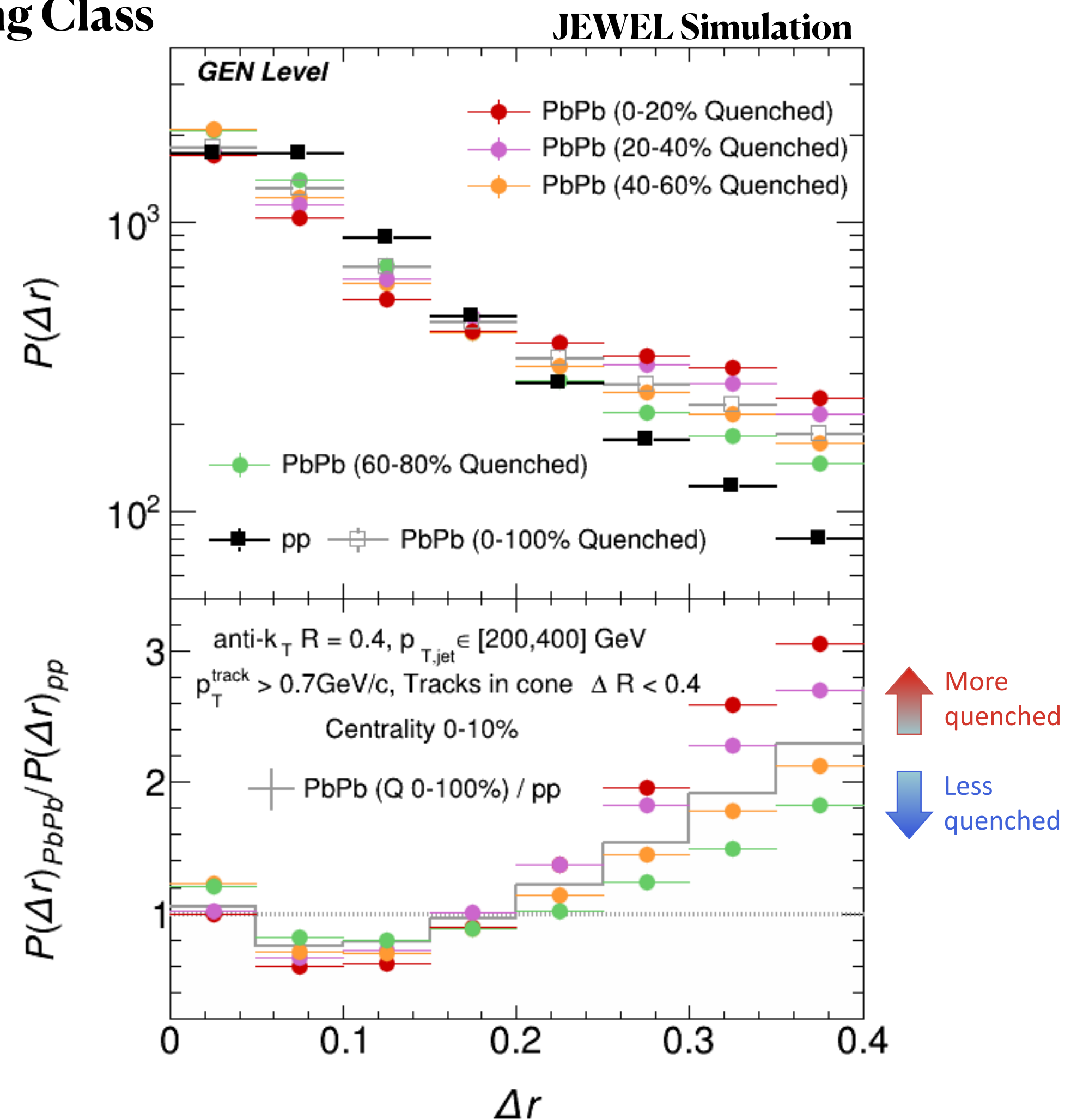




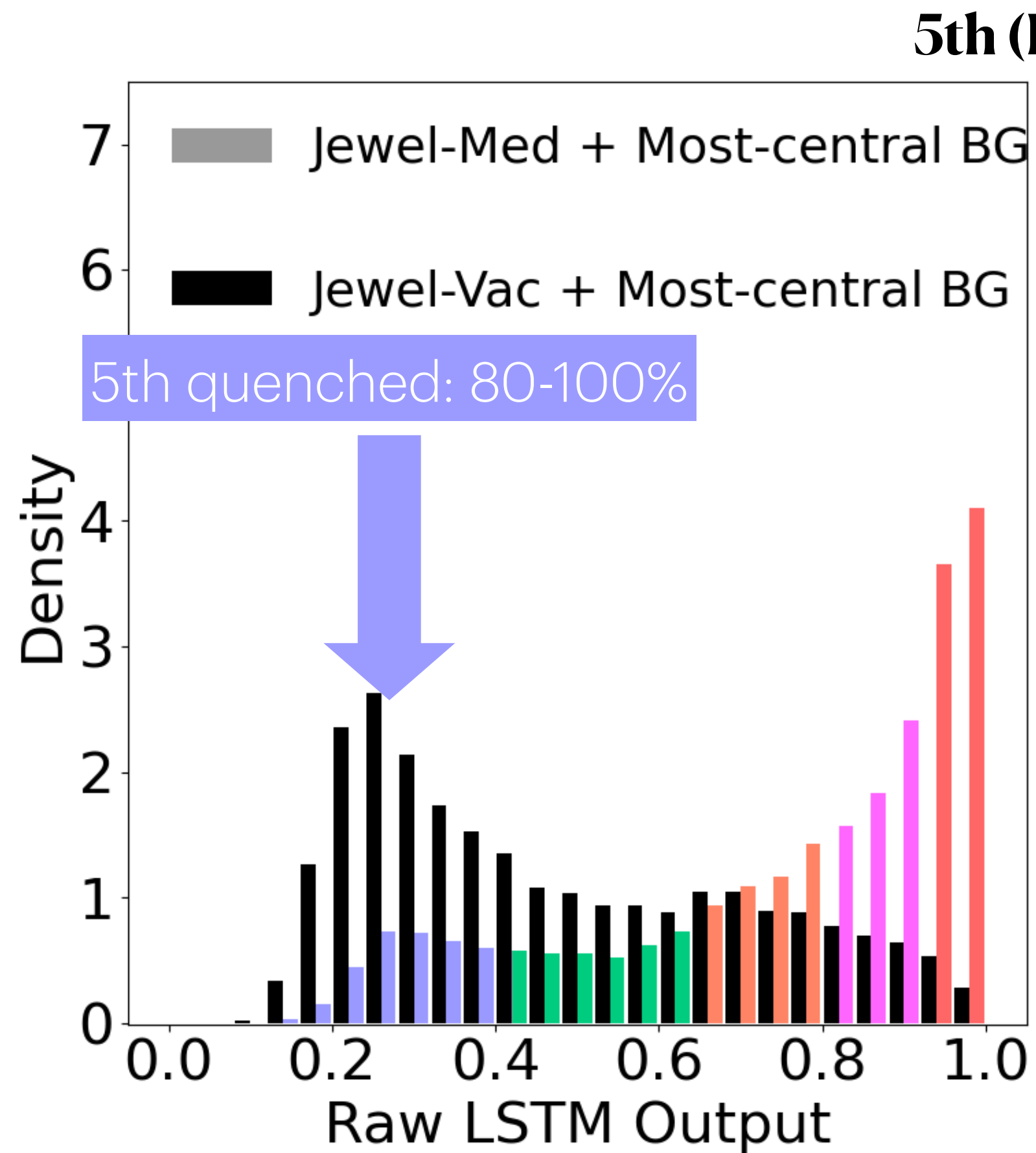
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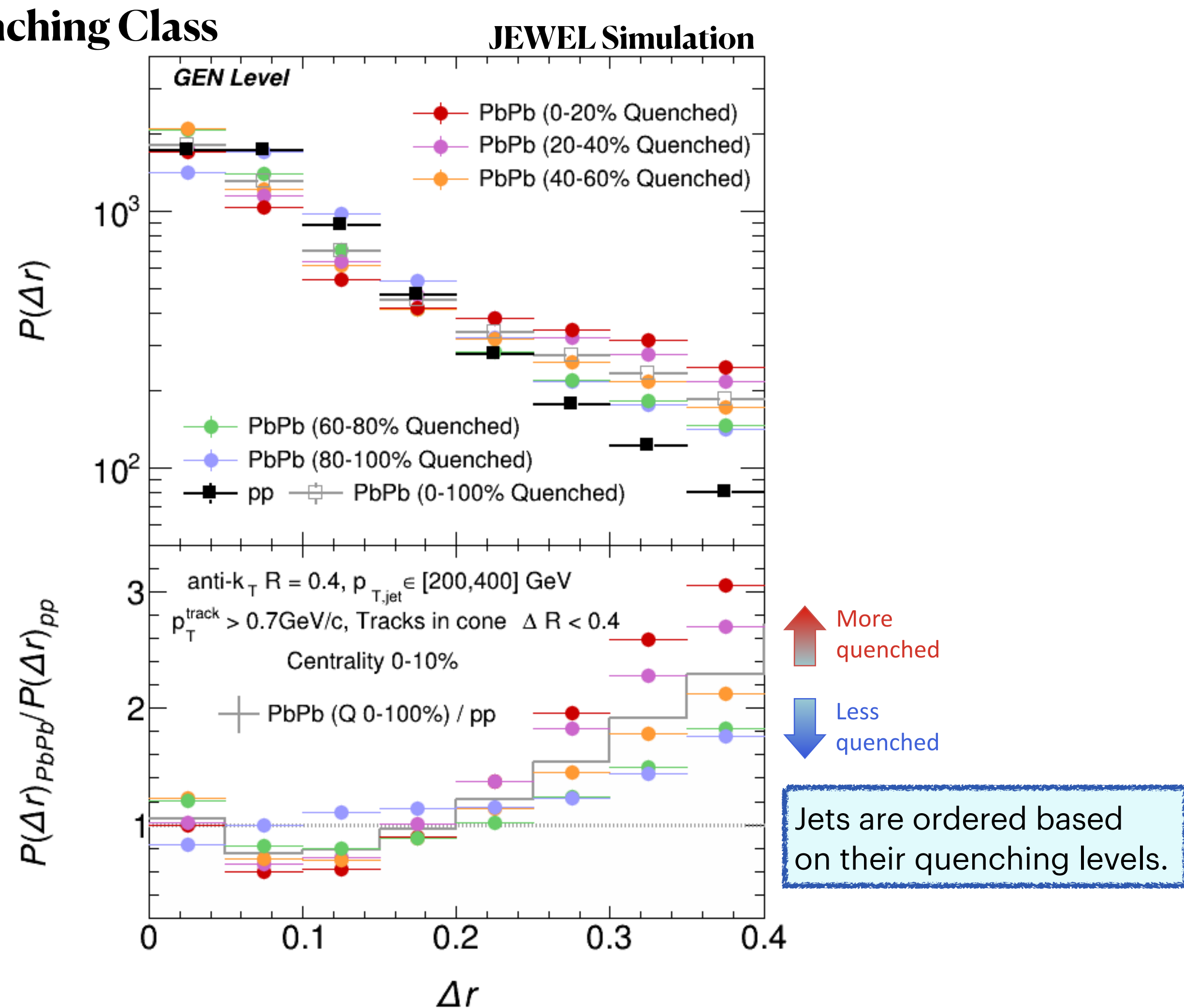
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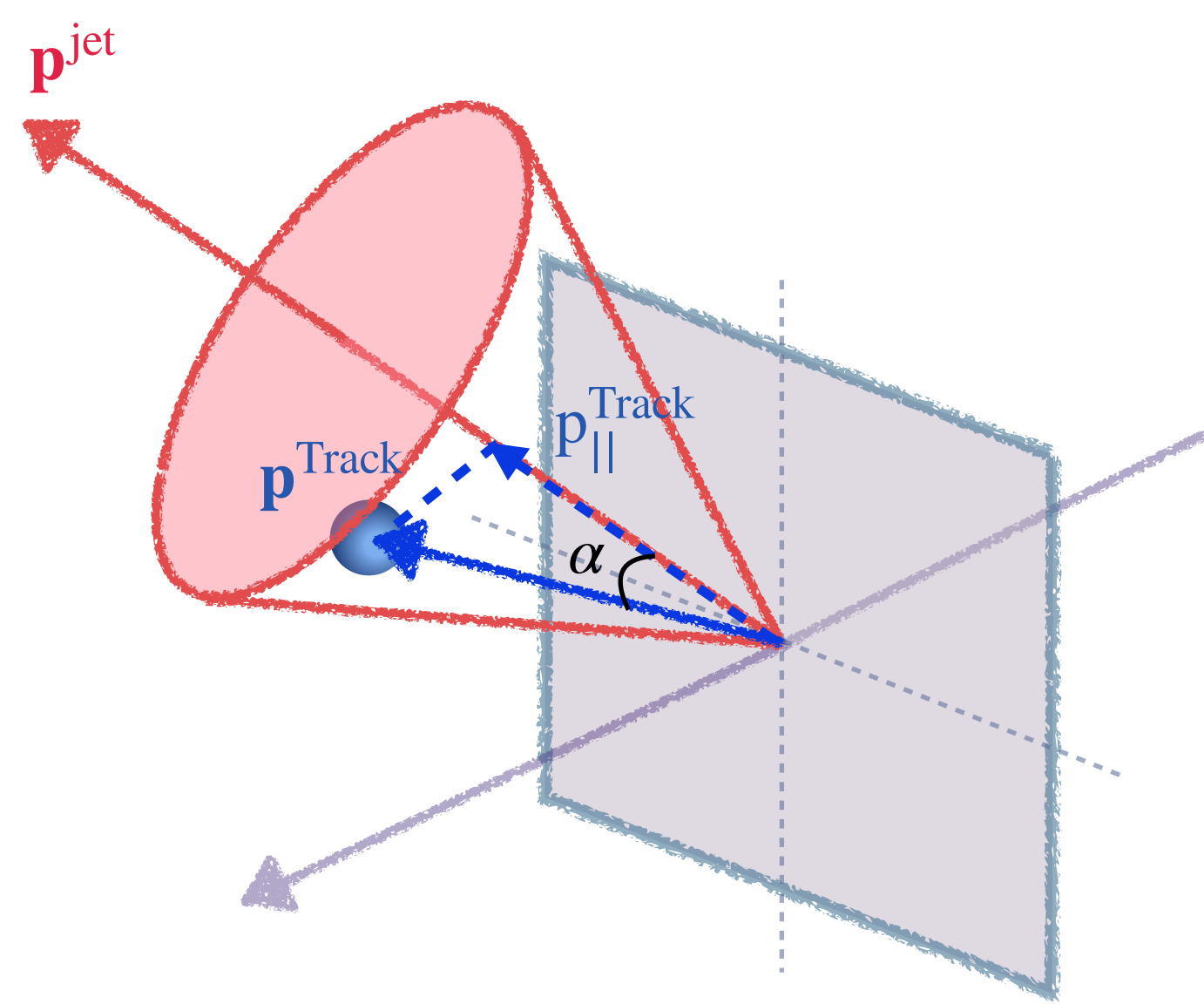
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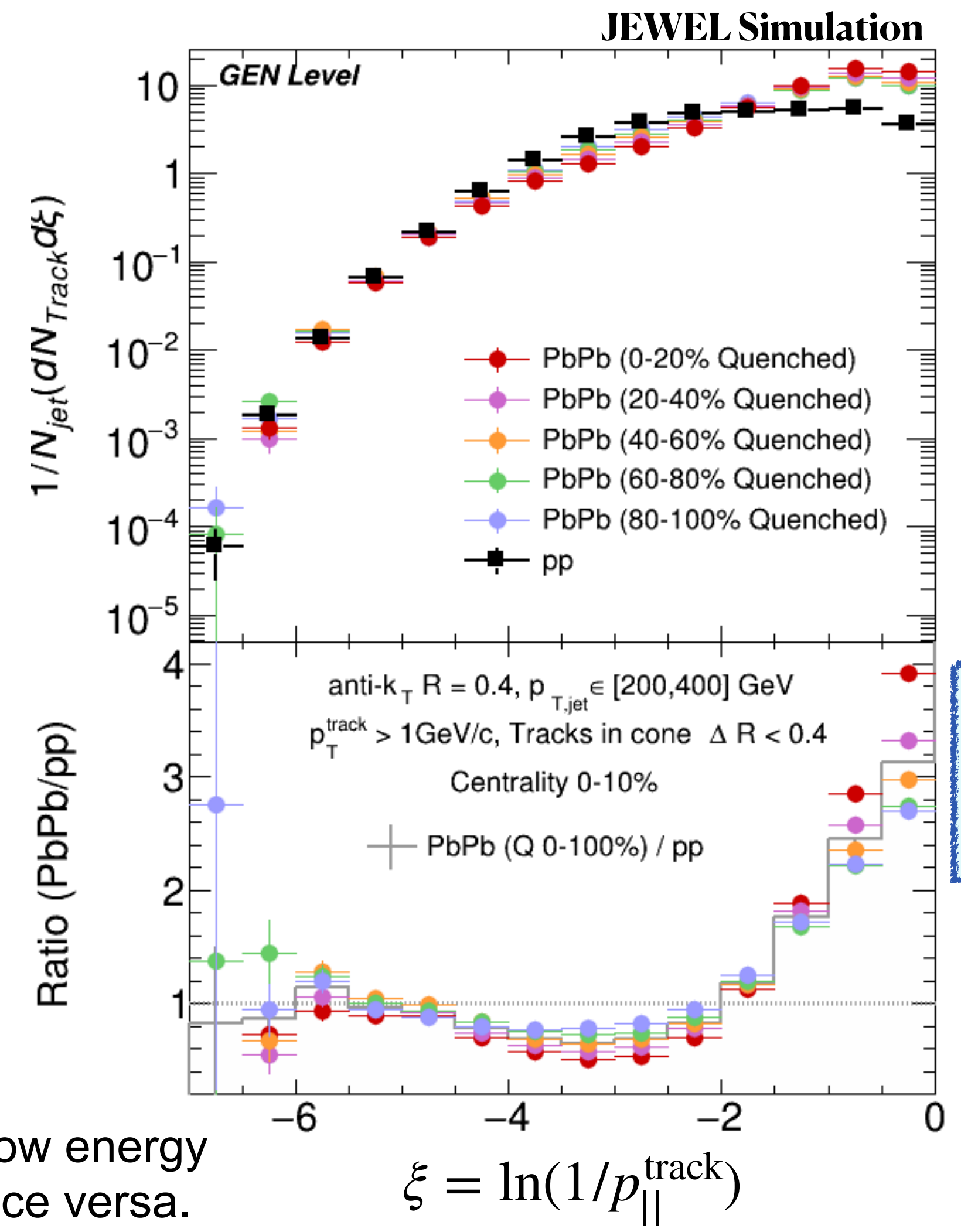


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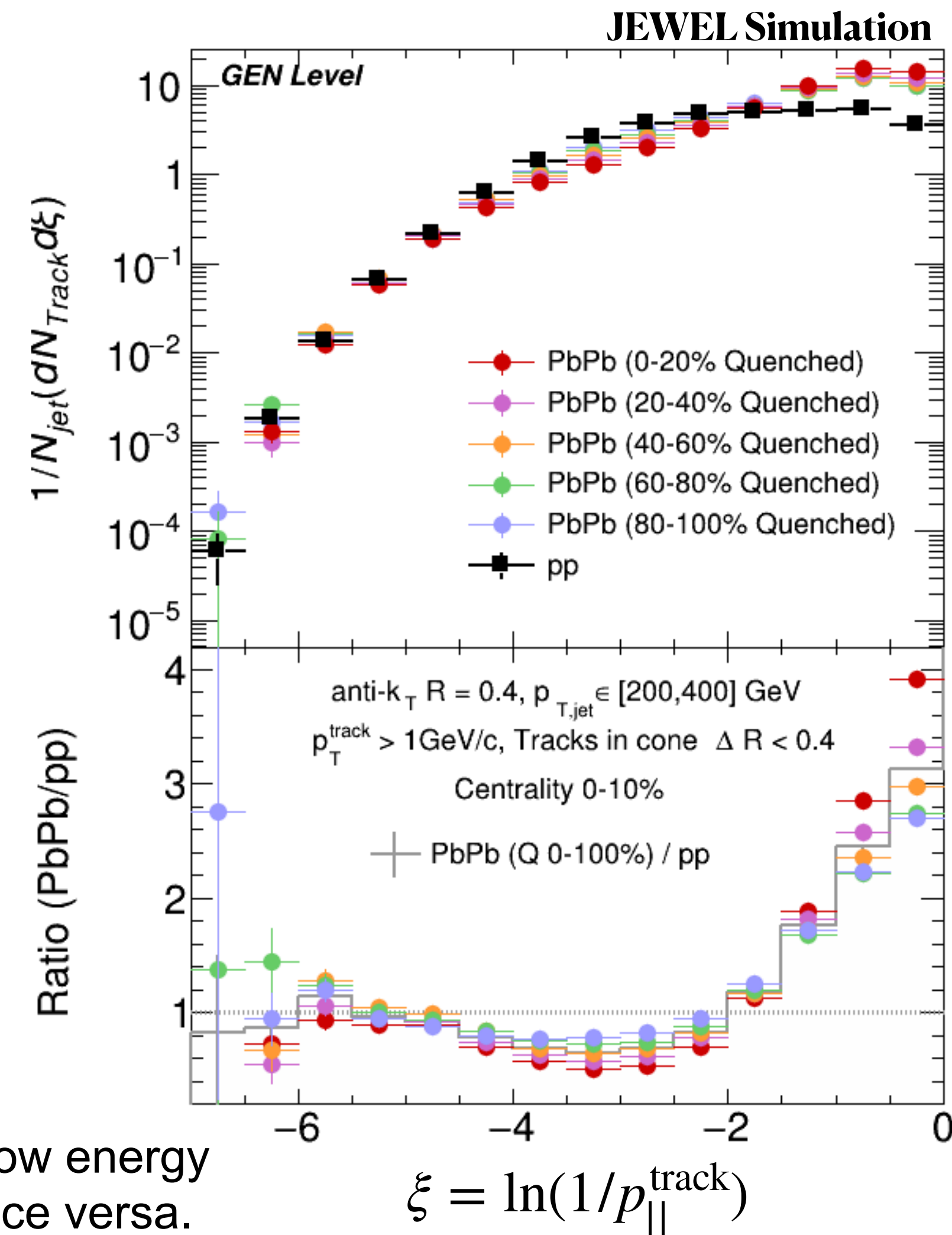


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# Detector Effects on the Training

We use DELPHES-3.5.0 Fast Simulation to get the CMS detector responses<sup>1</sup>.

✓ Tracker (Tracking Efficiency and Momentum Smearing)

✓ ECal and HCal for energy smearing

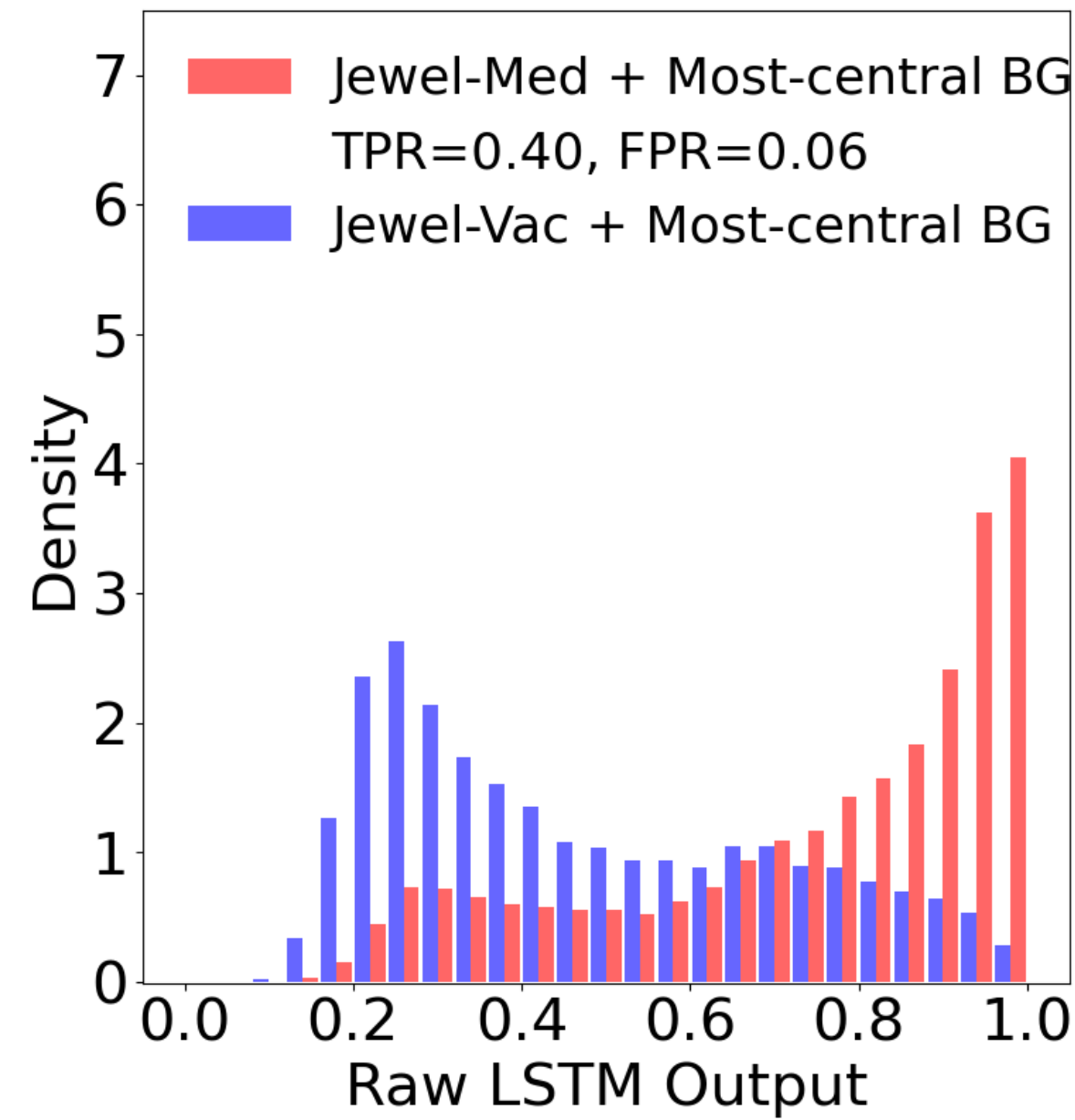
✓ Energy Flow algorithm corresponding to the Particle Flow algorithm in CMS

The RECO jet energy is corrected to the GEN level in our study.

<sup>1</sup> [https://github.com/delphes/delphes/blob/master/cards/delphes\\_card\\_CMS.tcl](https://github.com/delphes/delphes/blob/master/cards/delphes_card_CMS.tcl)

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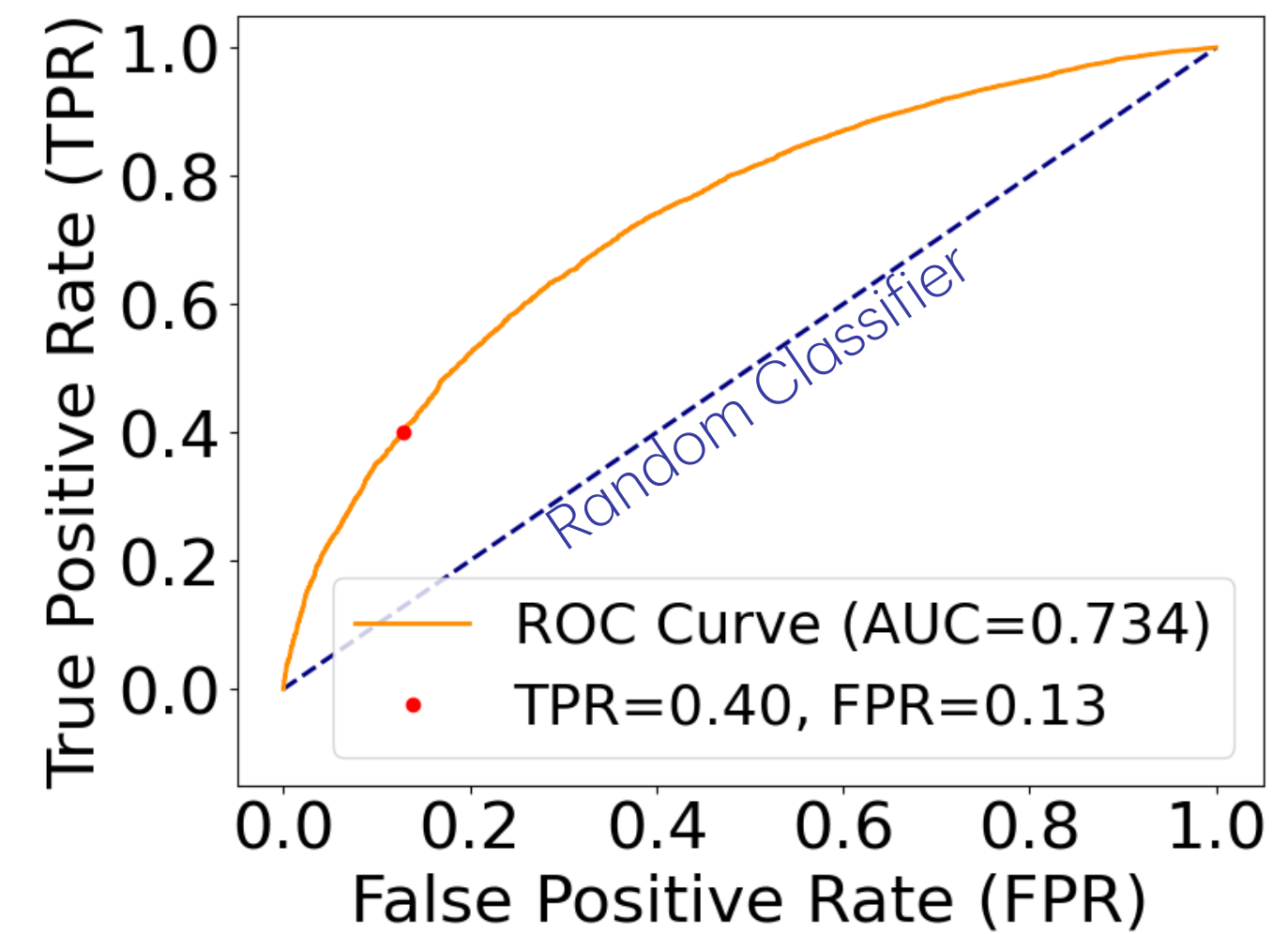
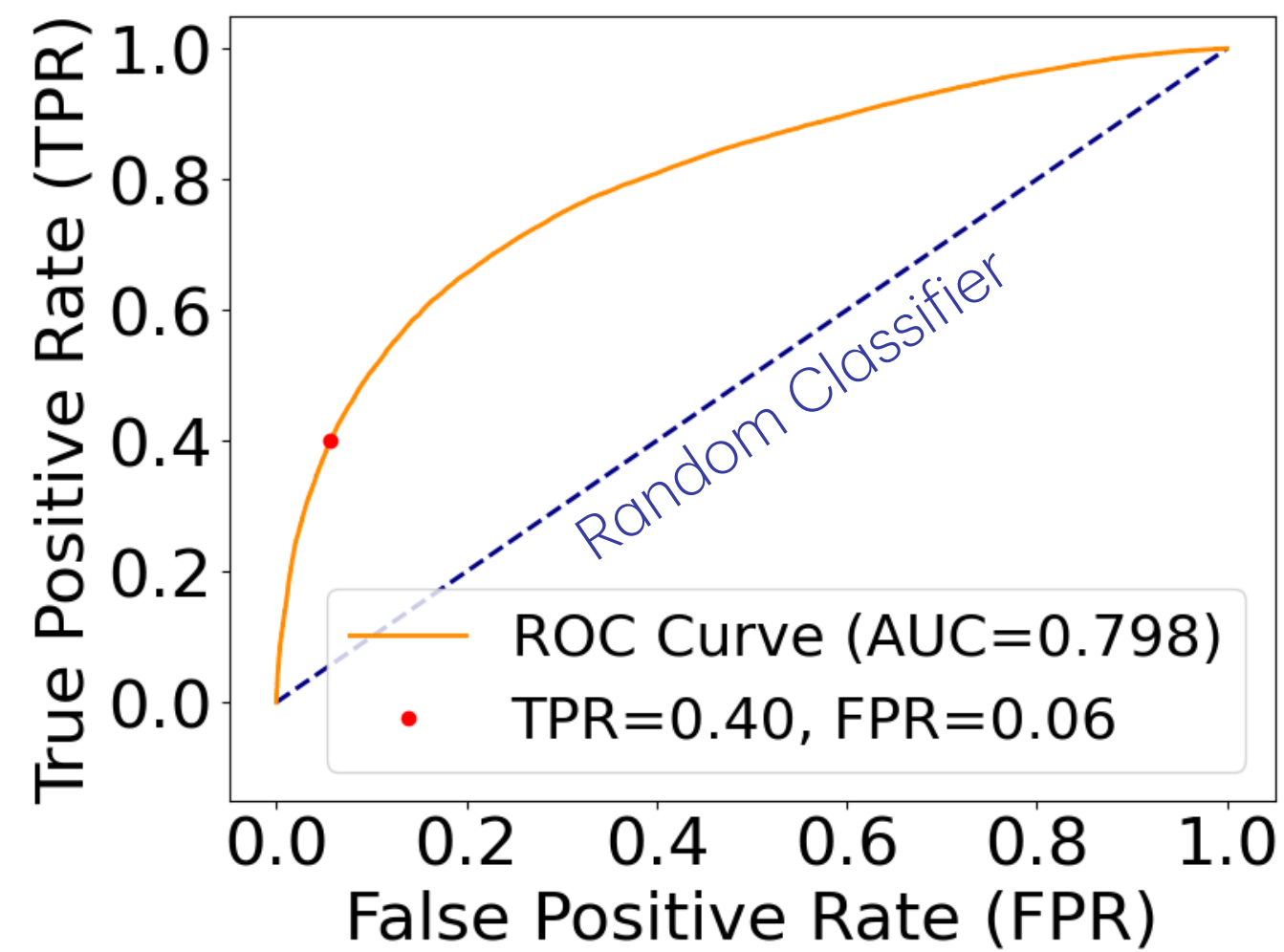
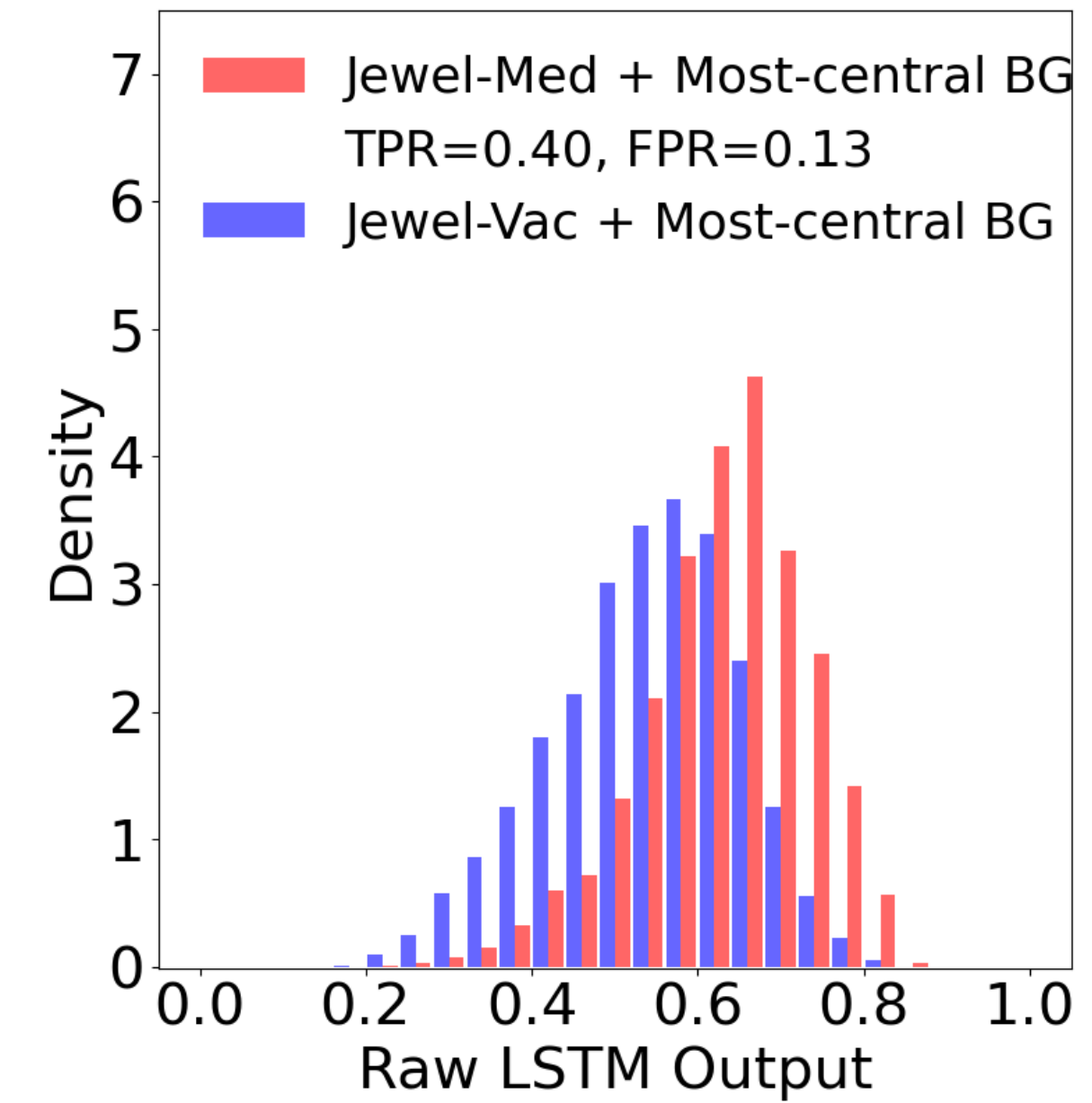
GEN Level jet training



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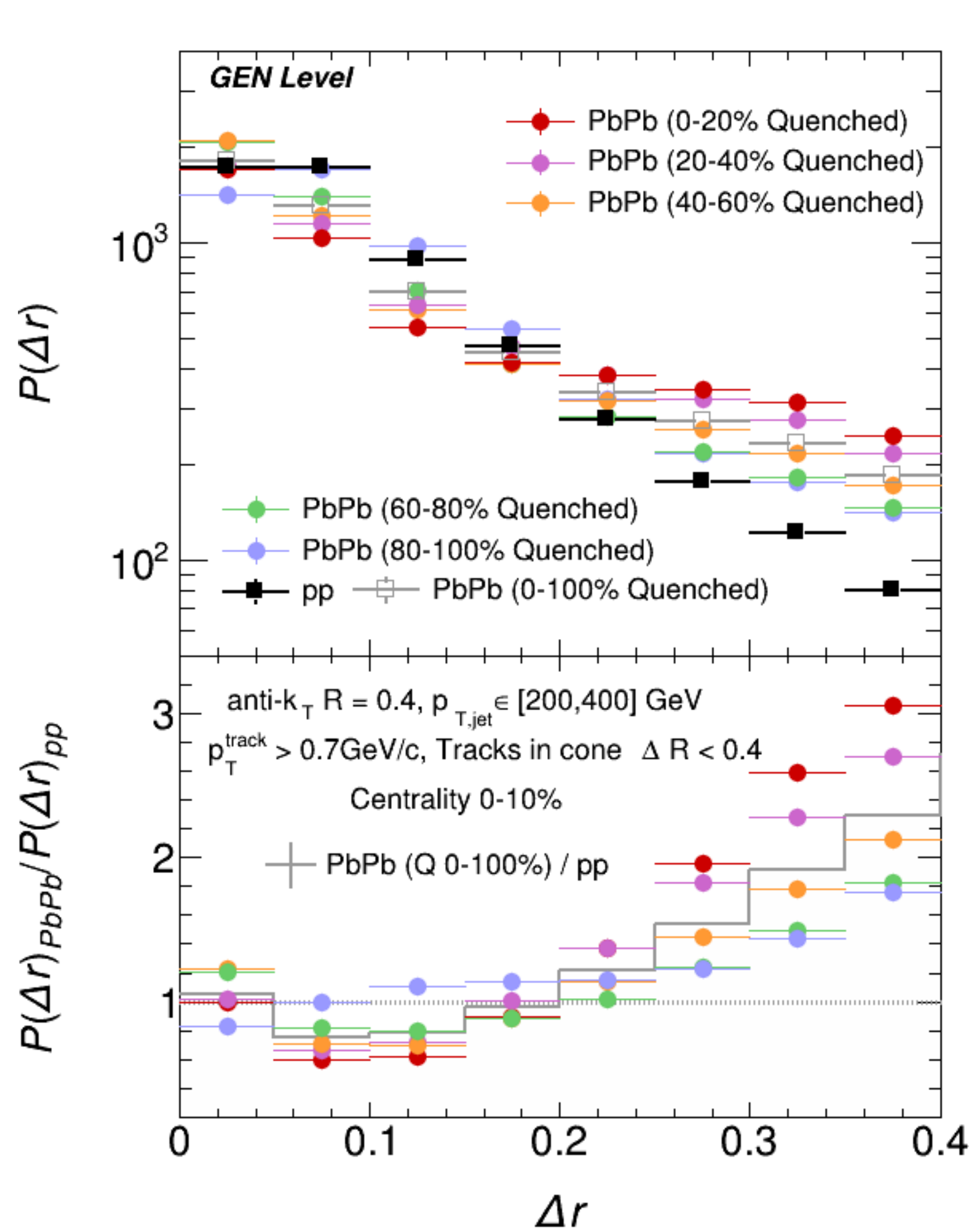


**RECO jet training**  
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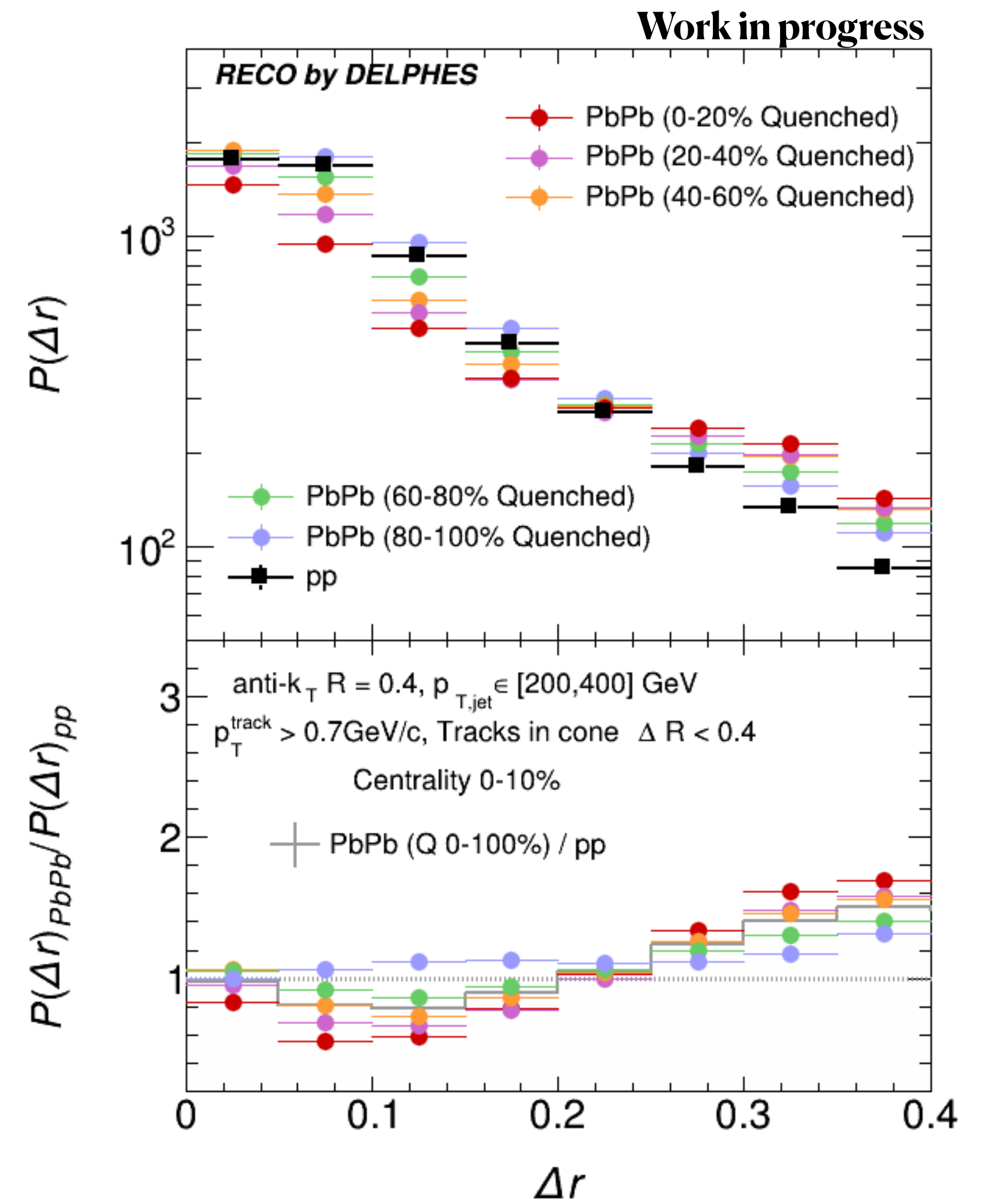
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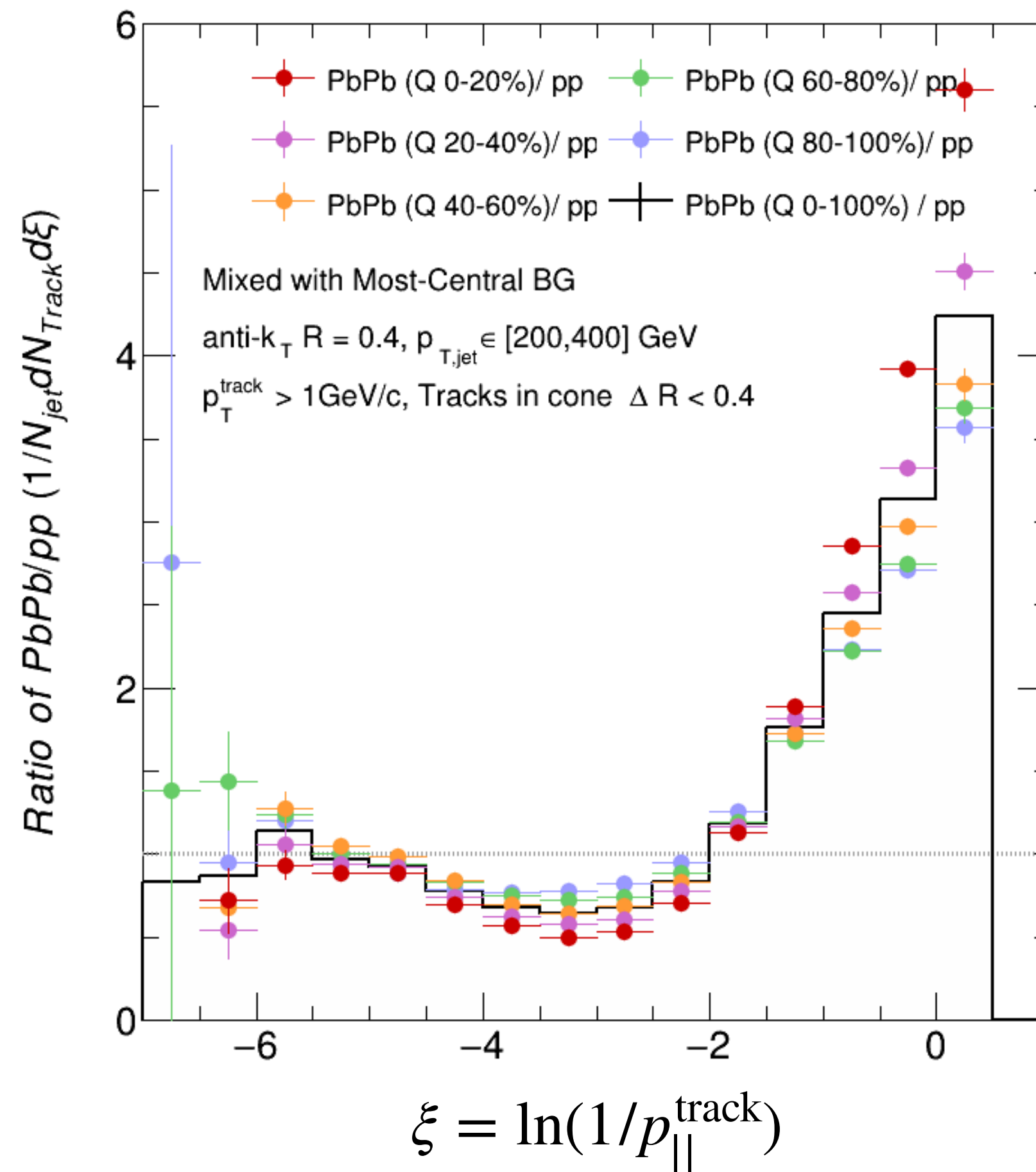


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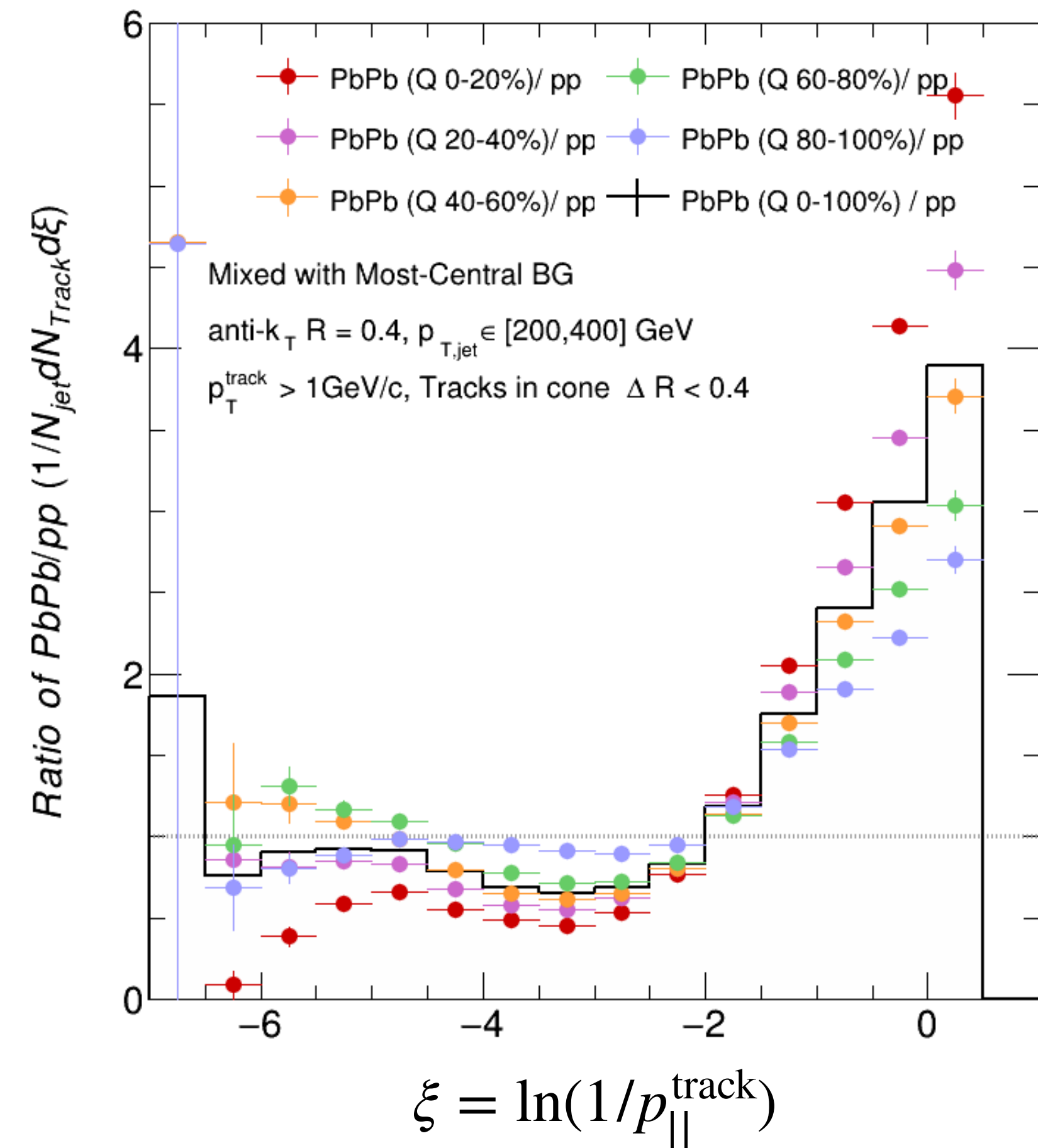


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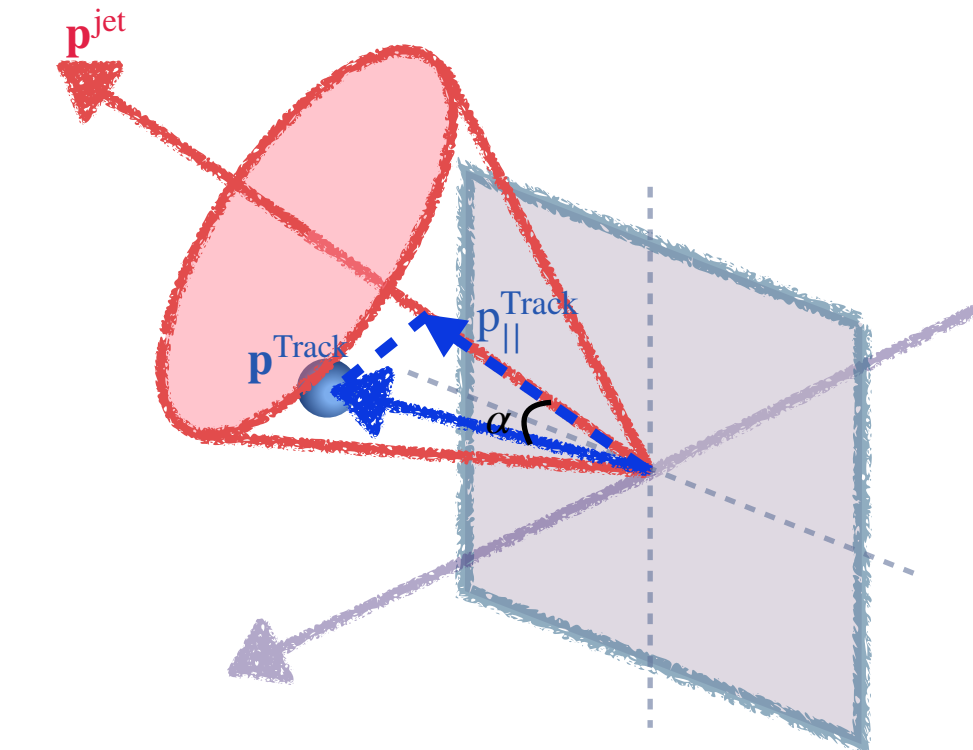


## Toy Model for Detector Effects\*



Work in progress

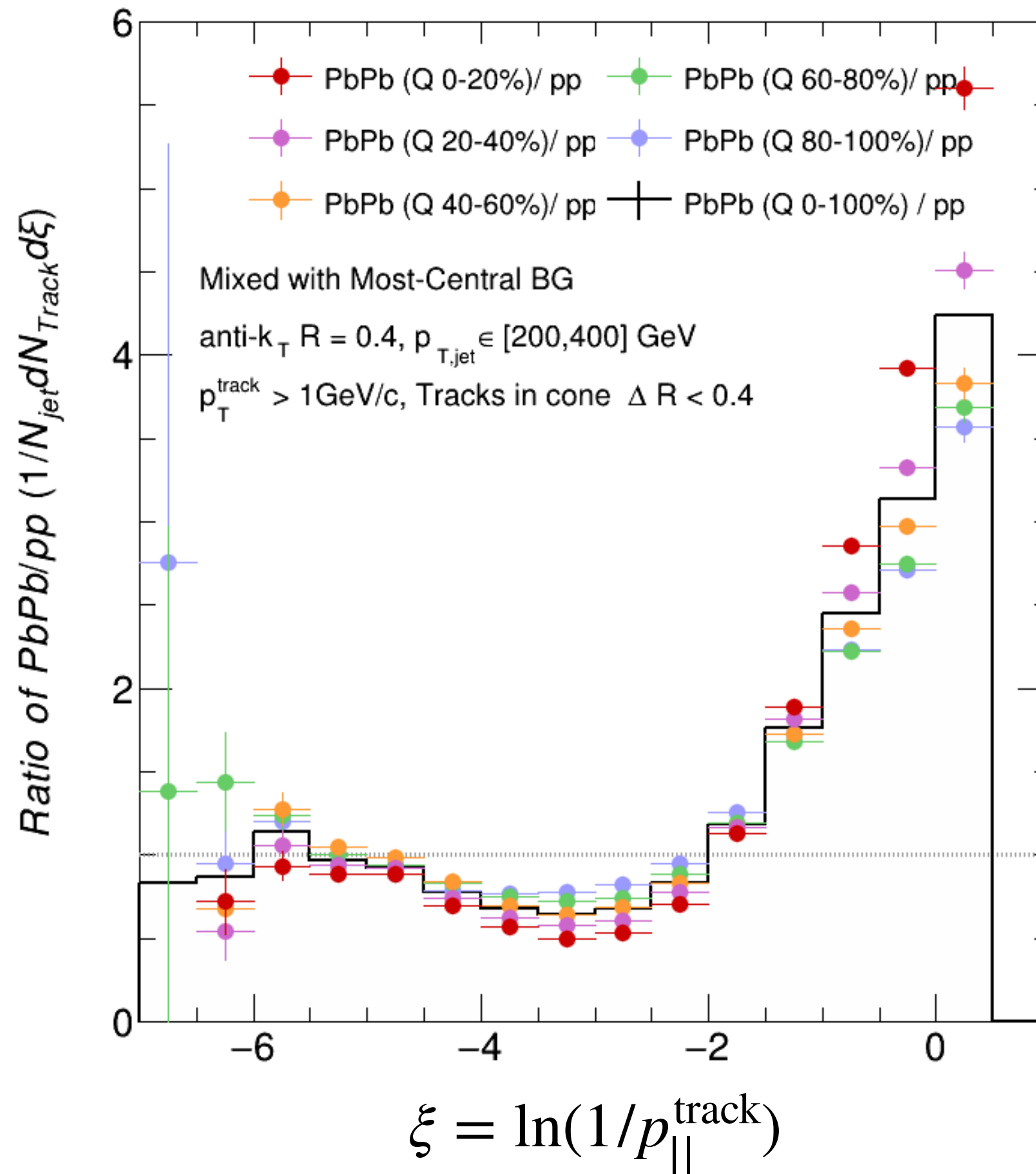
\* Particle acceptance rate for  
 PbPb collision: 75%  
 pp collision: 85 %



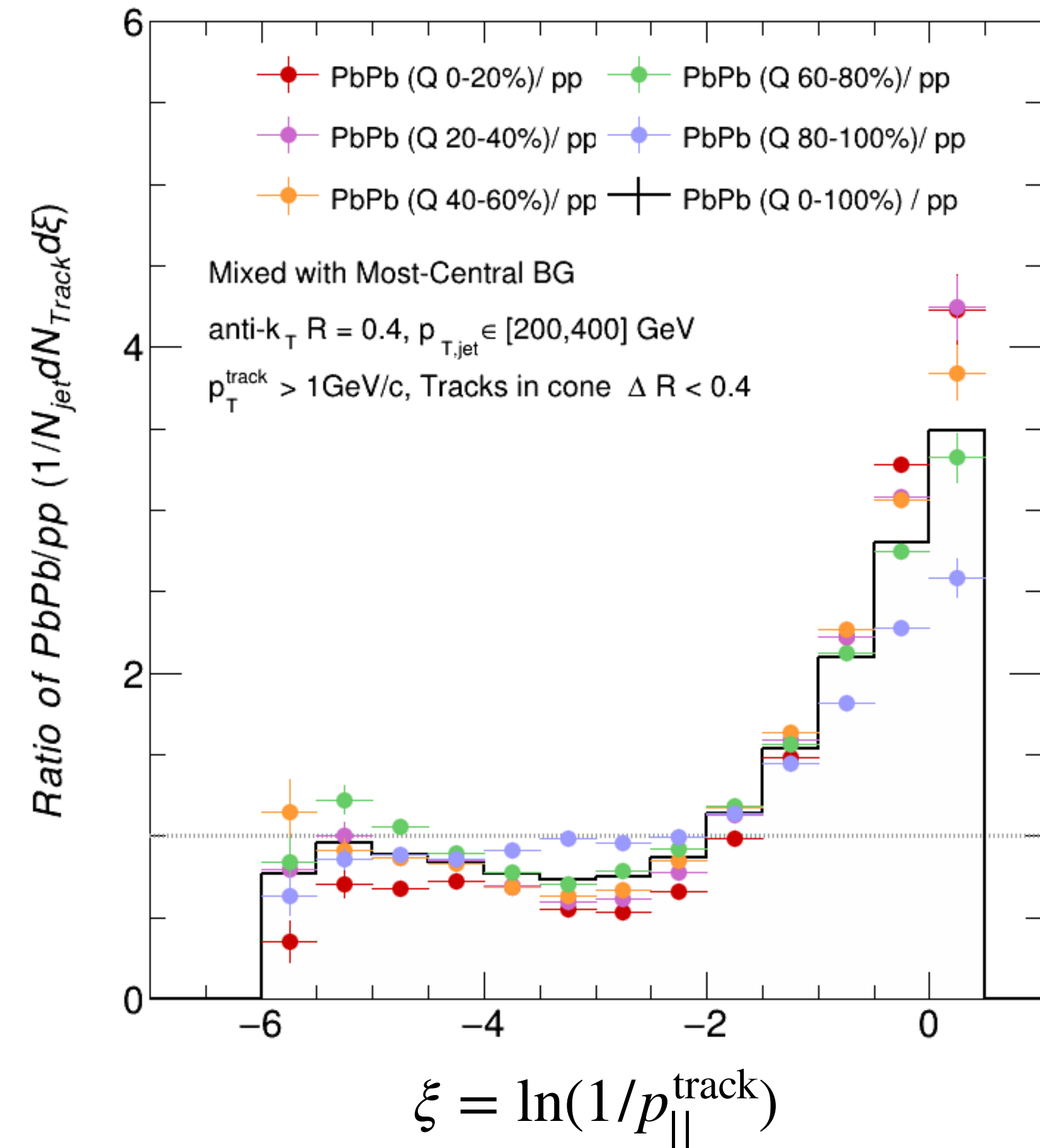


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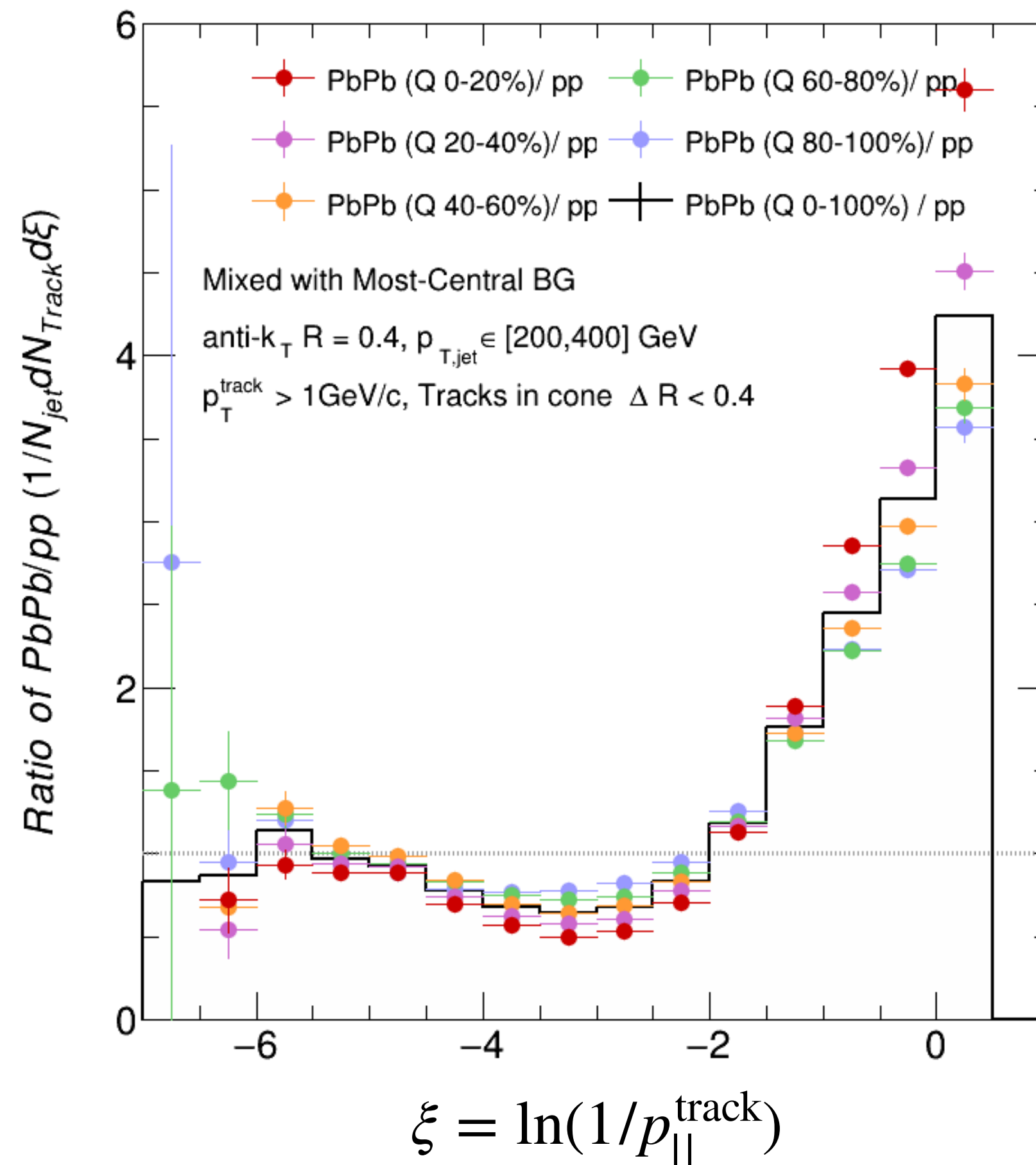
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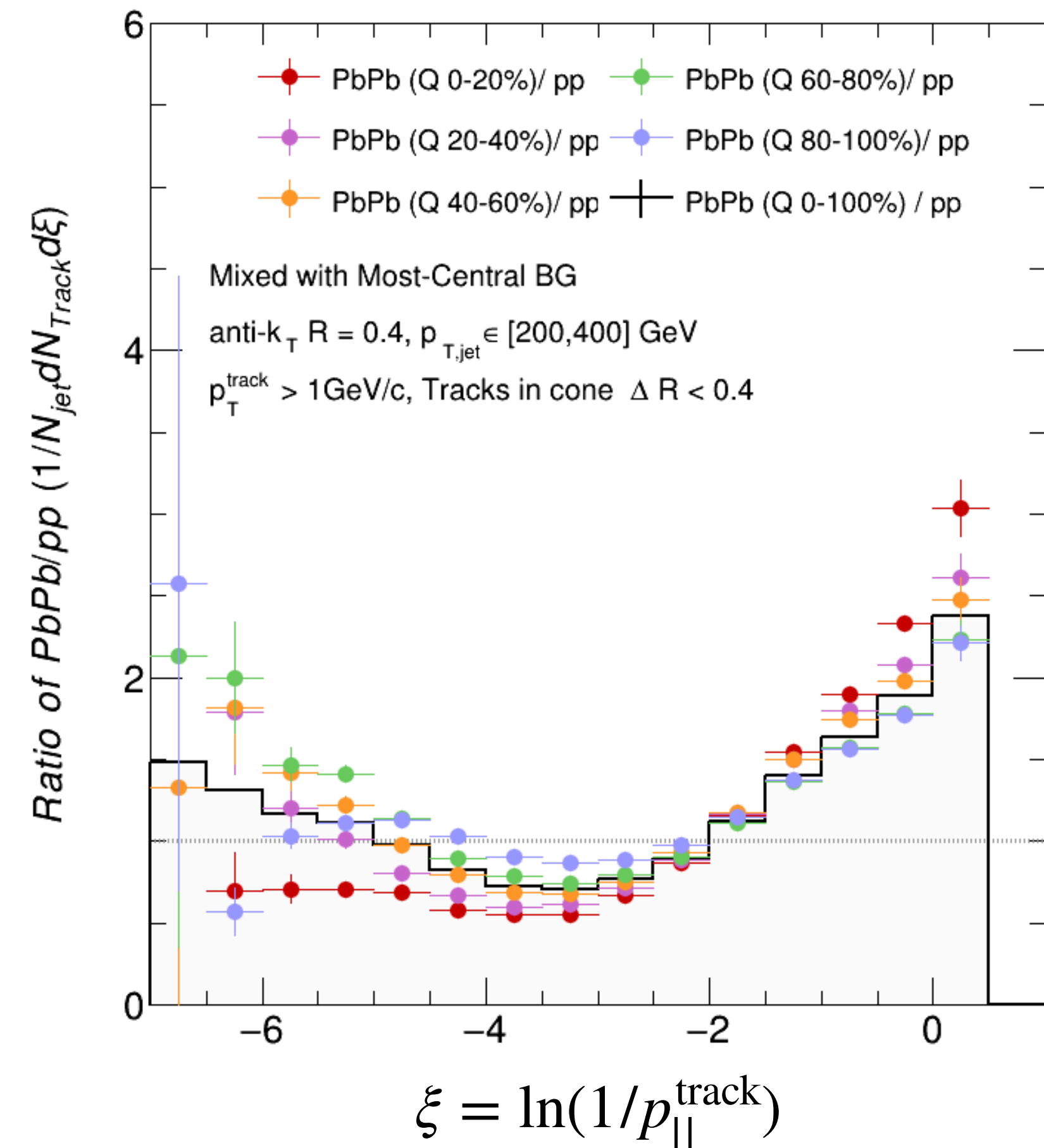


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\* Combine the Tracker + Calorimeters; Approximation of CMS Particle Flow Candidates





# Summary and Outlook

NN can select jets that have strongly interacted with the matter.

✓ It has the potential to disentangle the complex jet quenching mechanisms.

✓ It is effective under the impact of thermal background and detector effects.

Simulation challenge: how to avoid training being model-dependent?

✓ Other MC event generator: JETSCAPE — *Savion Johnson Poster Session*

Apply ML to the di-jet, photon-jet CMS data analysis (ongoing): a different method to calibrate the jet energy loss using the photon energy.

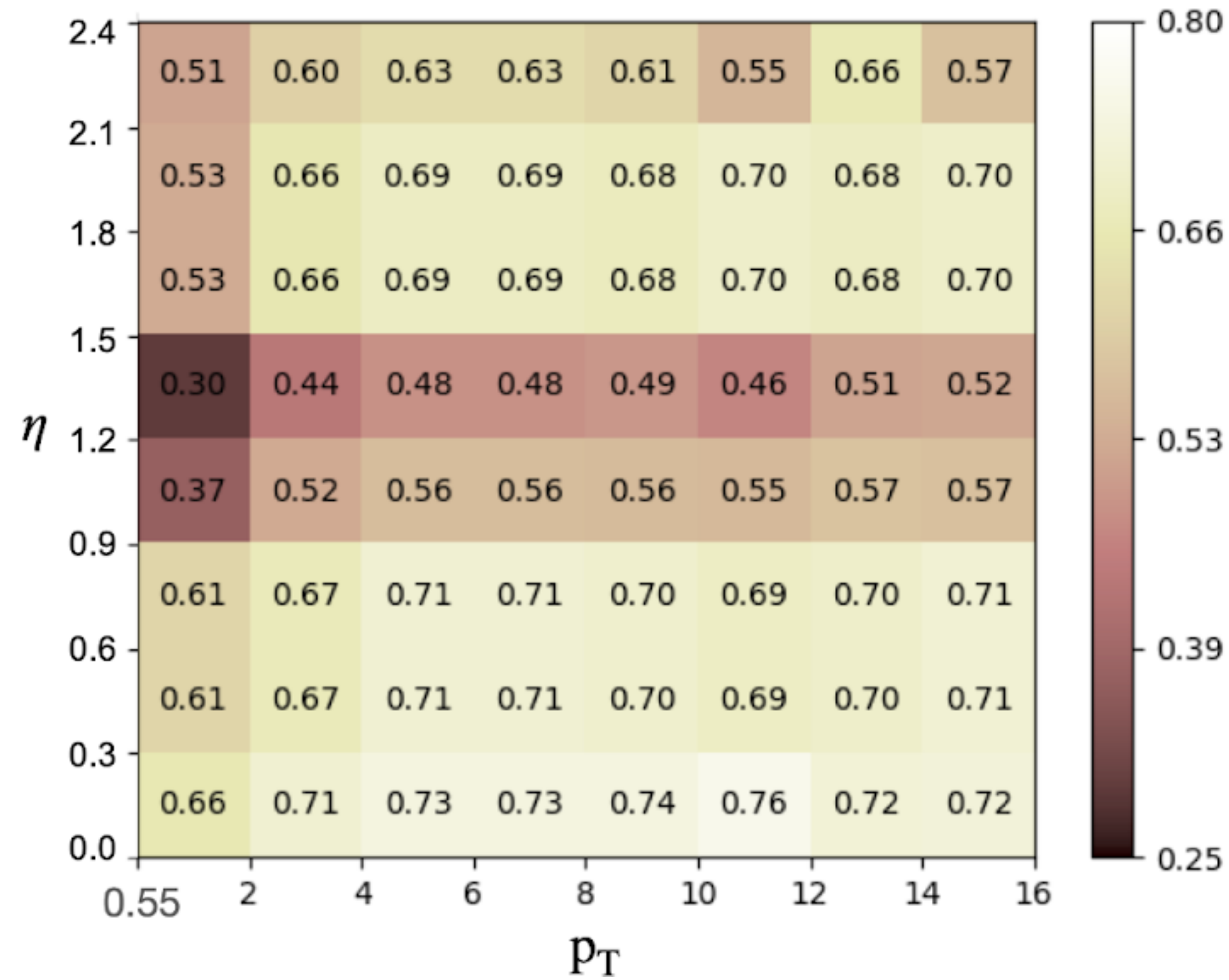
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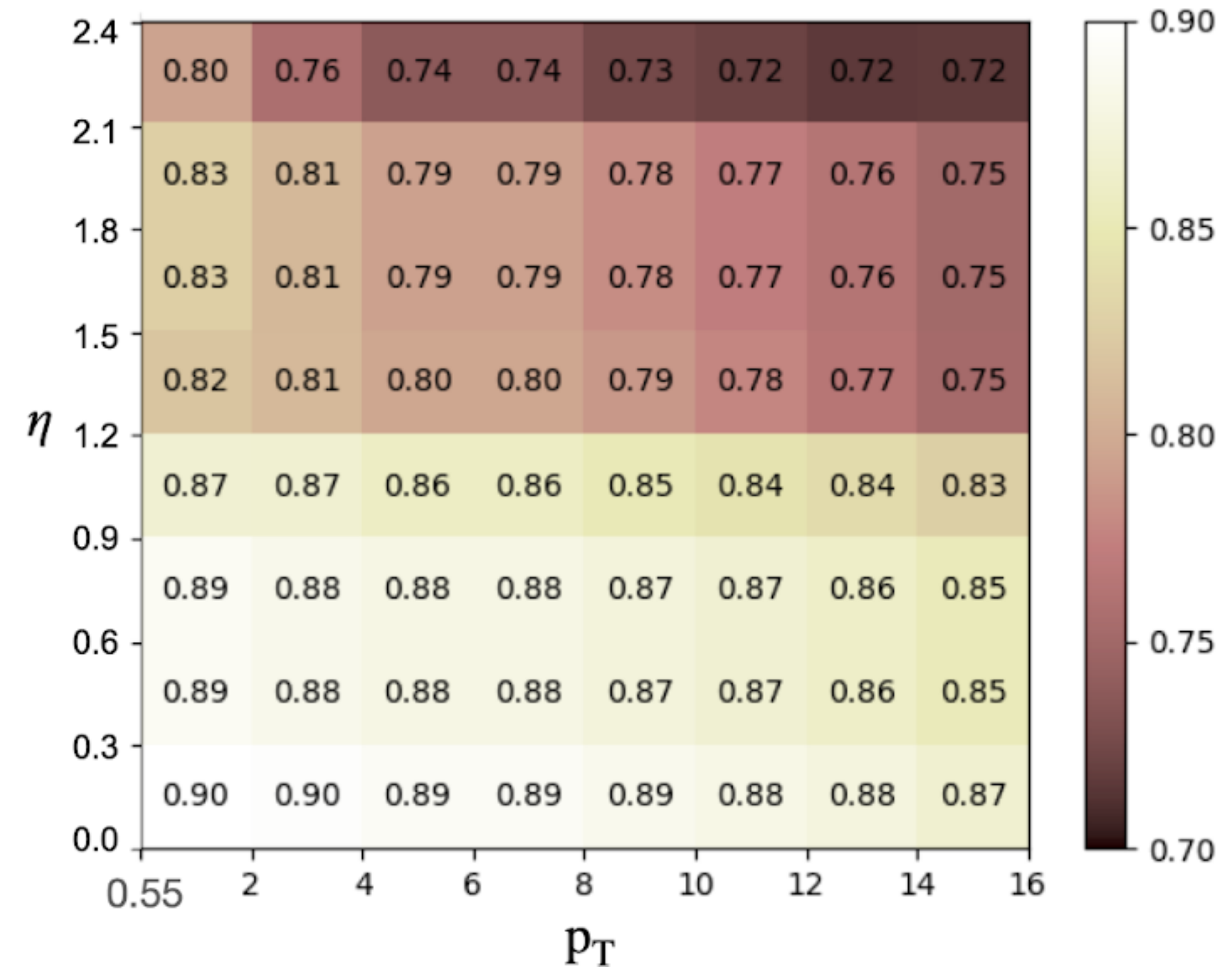


# Efficiency Map for DELPHES

2018 PbPb (Centrality = 10%) Track Efficiency

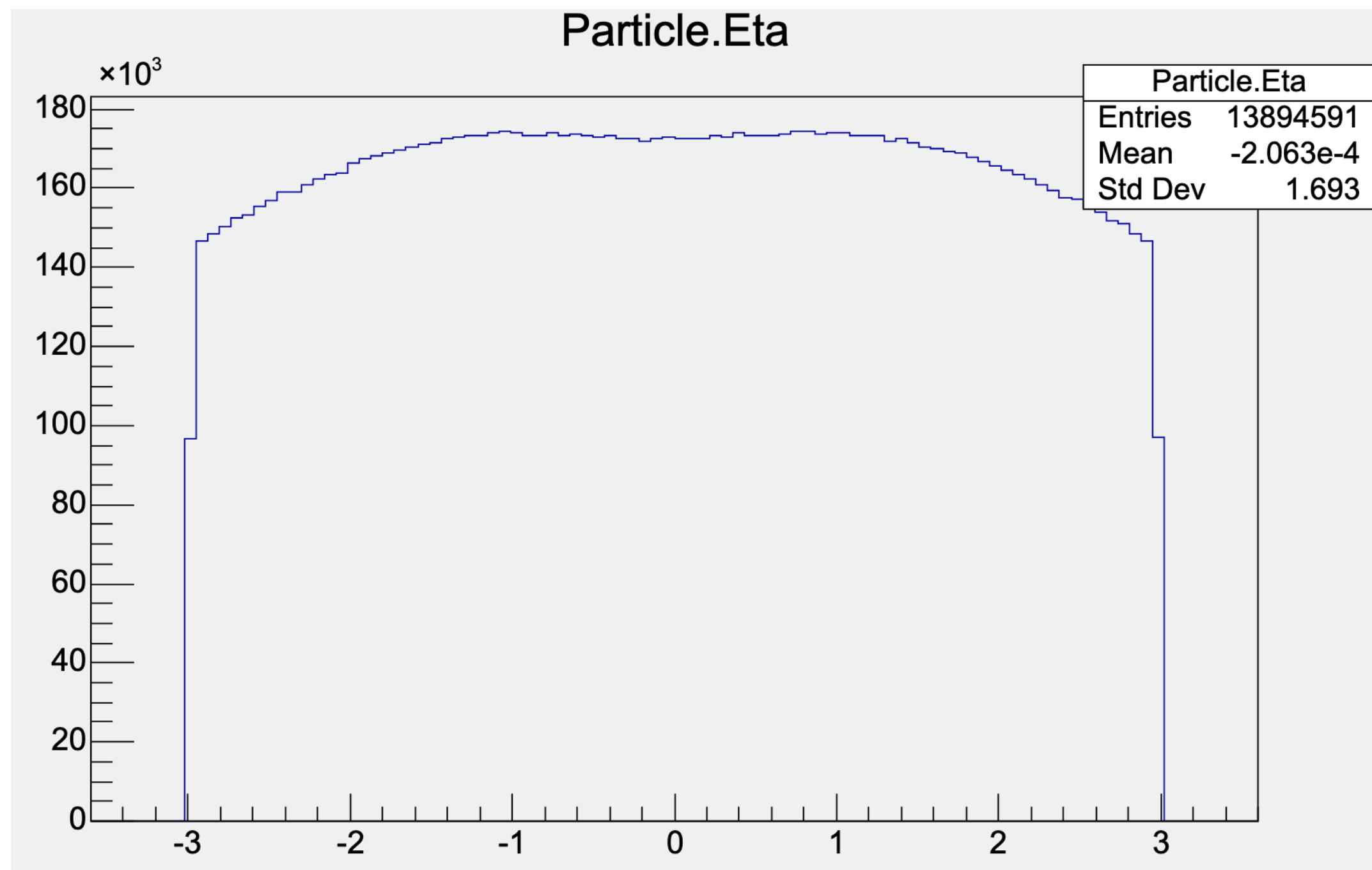


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# Thermal Bkg(Underlying Events) Simulation

<https://github.com/YilunWuVanderbilt/PYTHIA-ANGANTYR-UEGenerator/>



! cmdnd file

! This file contains commands to be read in for a Pythia8 run.

! Angantyr is used to simulate the underlying events in heavy-ion collisions.

! 1) Settings that will be used in a main program.

Main:numberOfEvents = 20000 ! number of events to generate

Main:timesAllowErrors = 3 ! abort run after this many flawed events

! 3) Beam parameter settings. Values below agree with default ones.

Beams:idA = 1000822080

Beams:idB = 1000822080

Beams:frameType = 1

Beams:eCM = 5020. ! CM energy of collision

! 5a) Pick processes and kinematics cuts.

HardQCD:all = on

PhaseSpace:pTHatMax = 5. ! minimum pT of hard process

PhaseSpace:bias2Selection = on

PhaseSpace:bias2SelectionPow = 4

PhaseSpace:bias2SelectionRef = 100.

! 6) Other settings. Can be expanded as desired.

Random:setSeed = on

!Random:seed = 1

! 7) Initialize the Angantyr model to fit the total and semi-inclusive

! cross sections in Pythia within some tolerance.

HeavyIon:SigFitErr = {0.02,0.02,0.1,0.05,0.05,0.0,0.1,0.0}

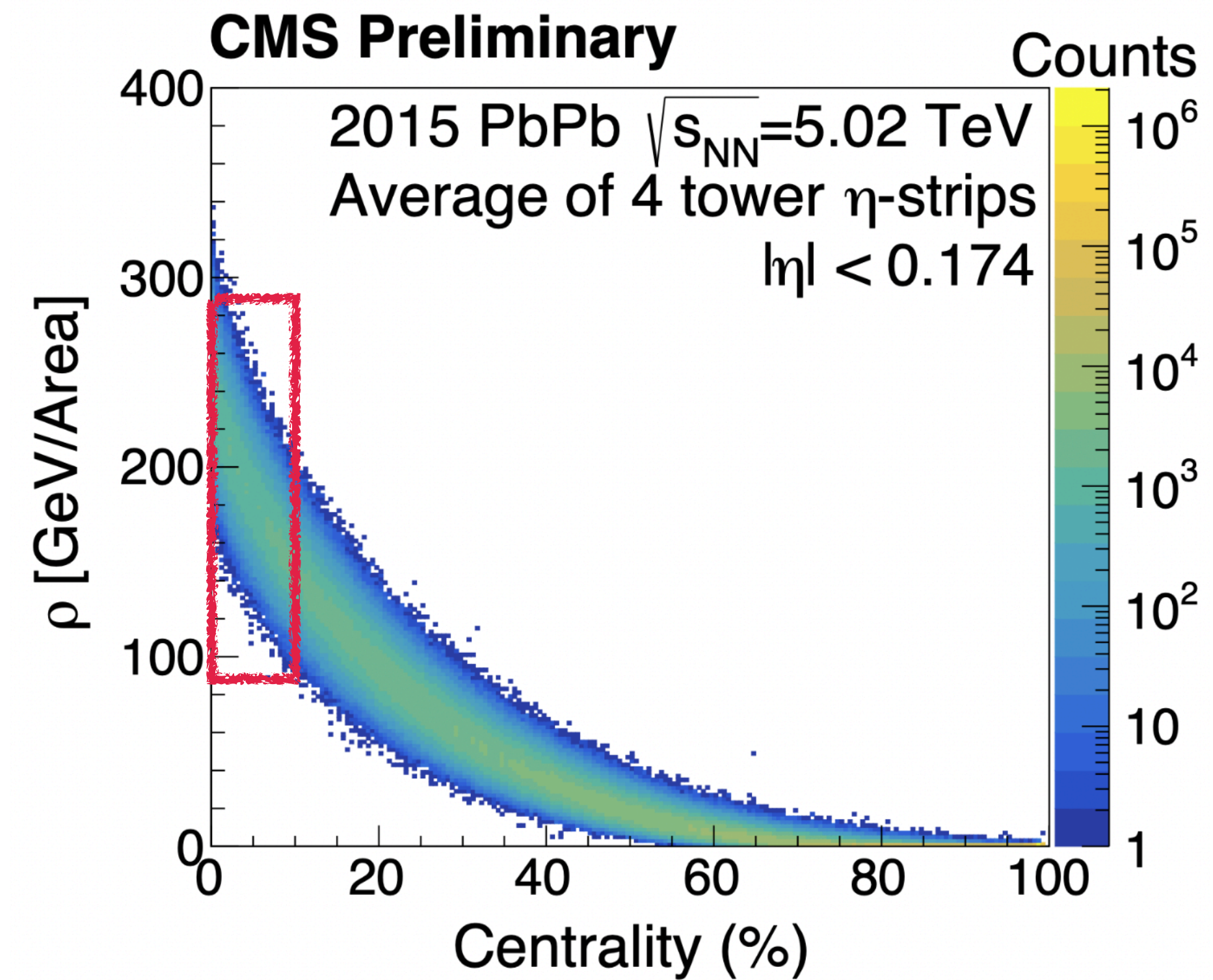
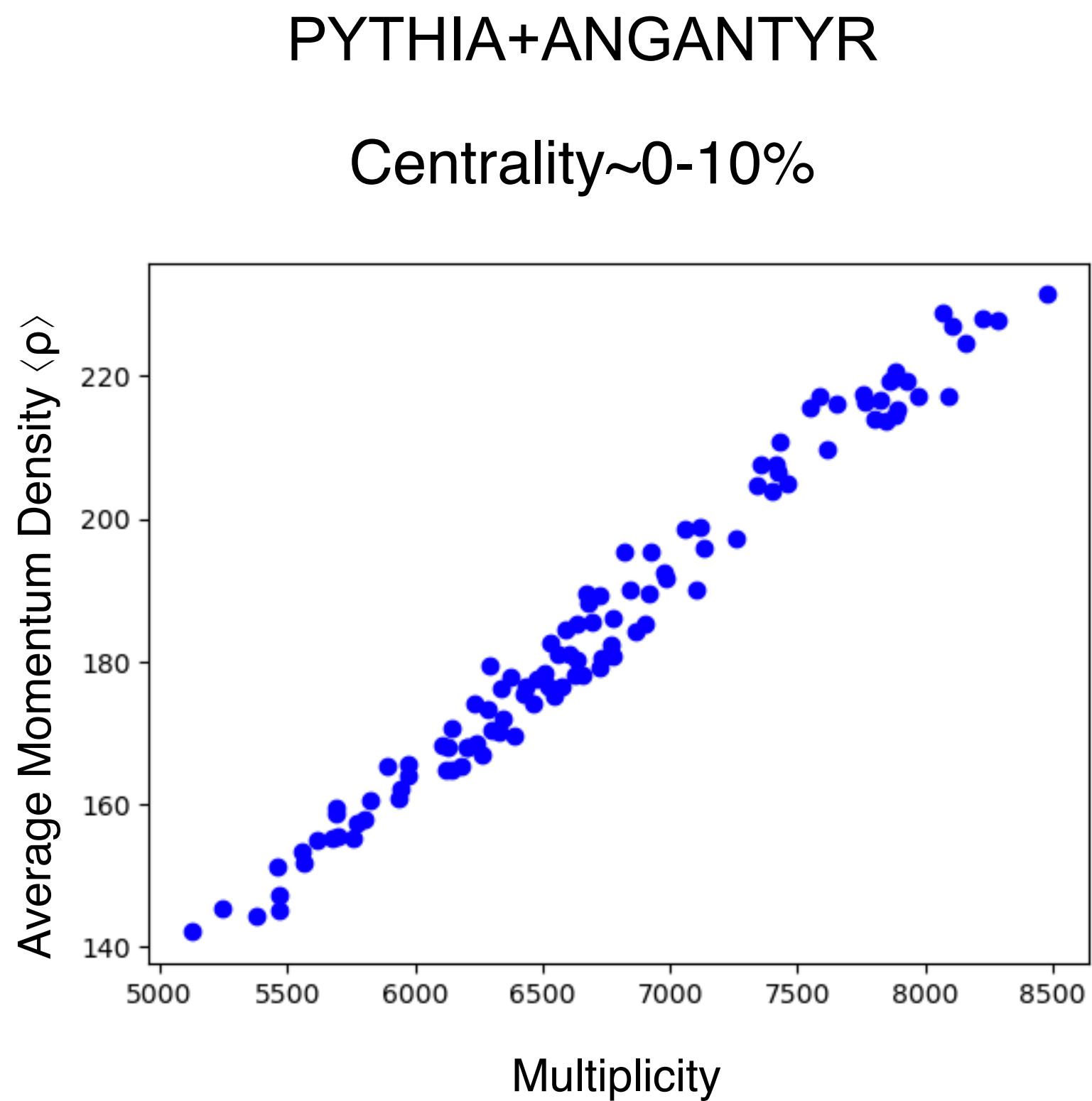
HeavyIon:SigFitDefPar = {17.24,2.15,0.33,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0}

HeavyIon:SigFitNGen = 20

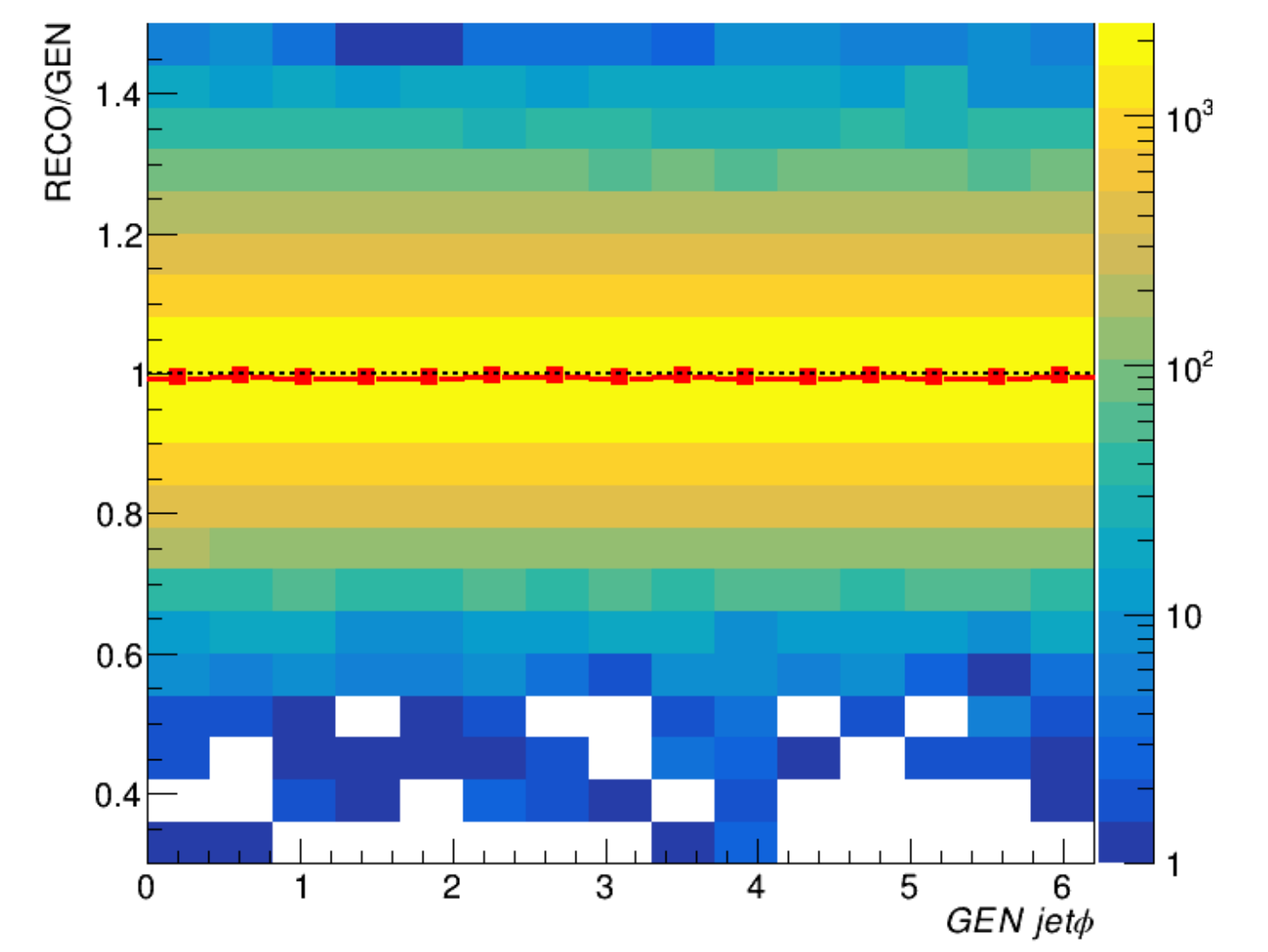
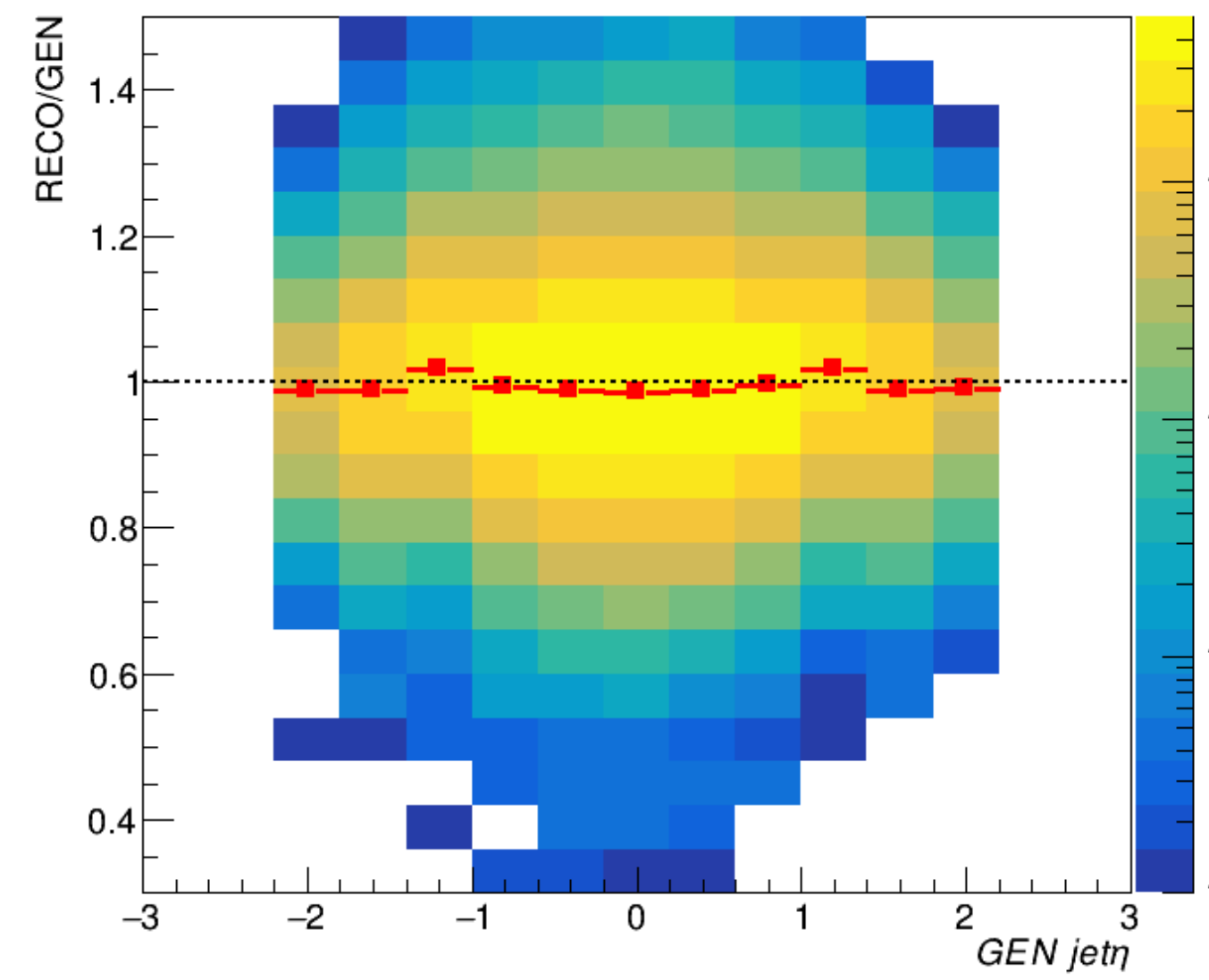
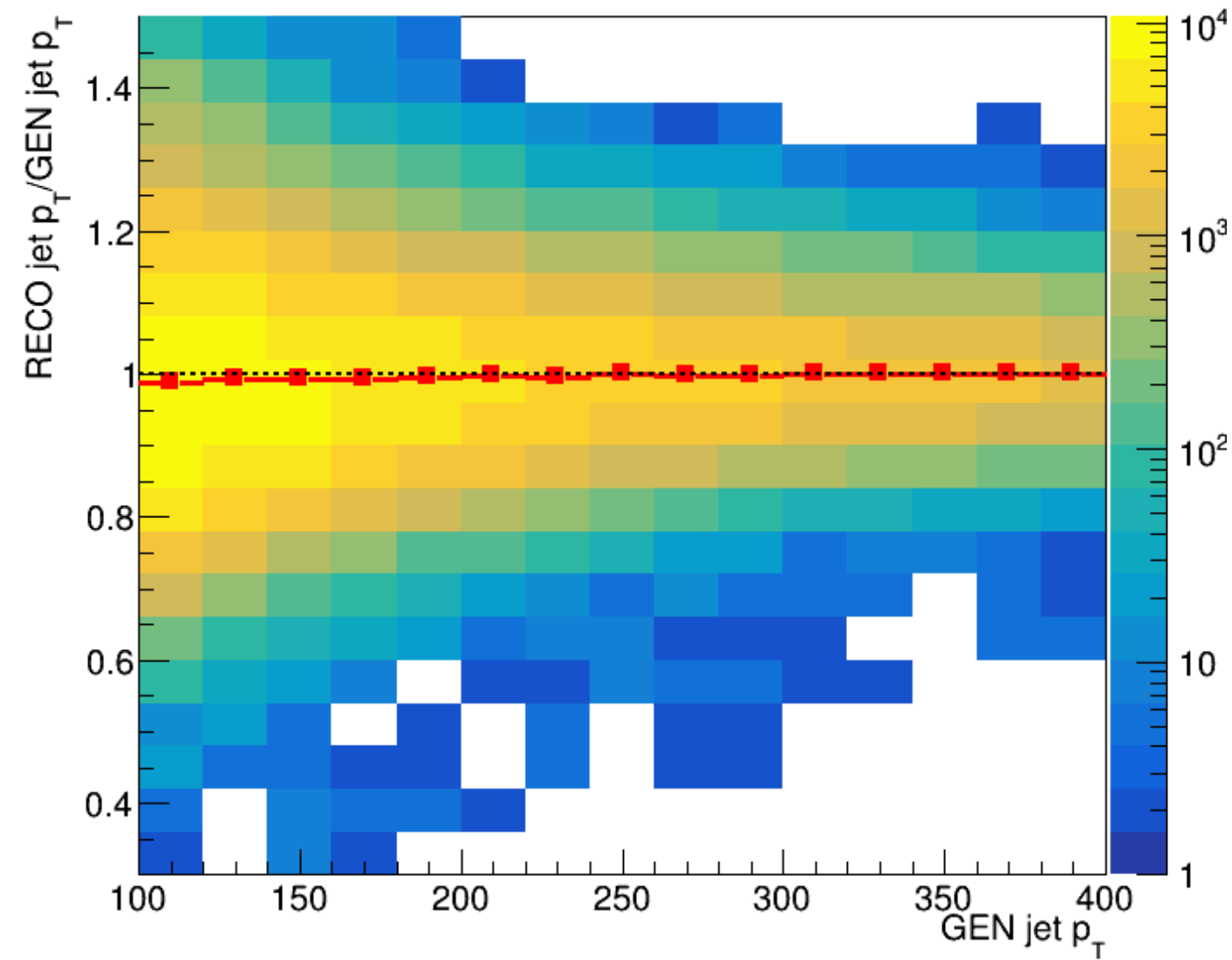




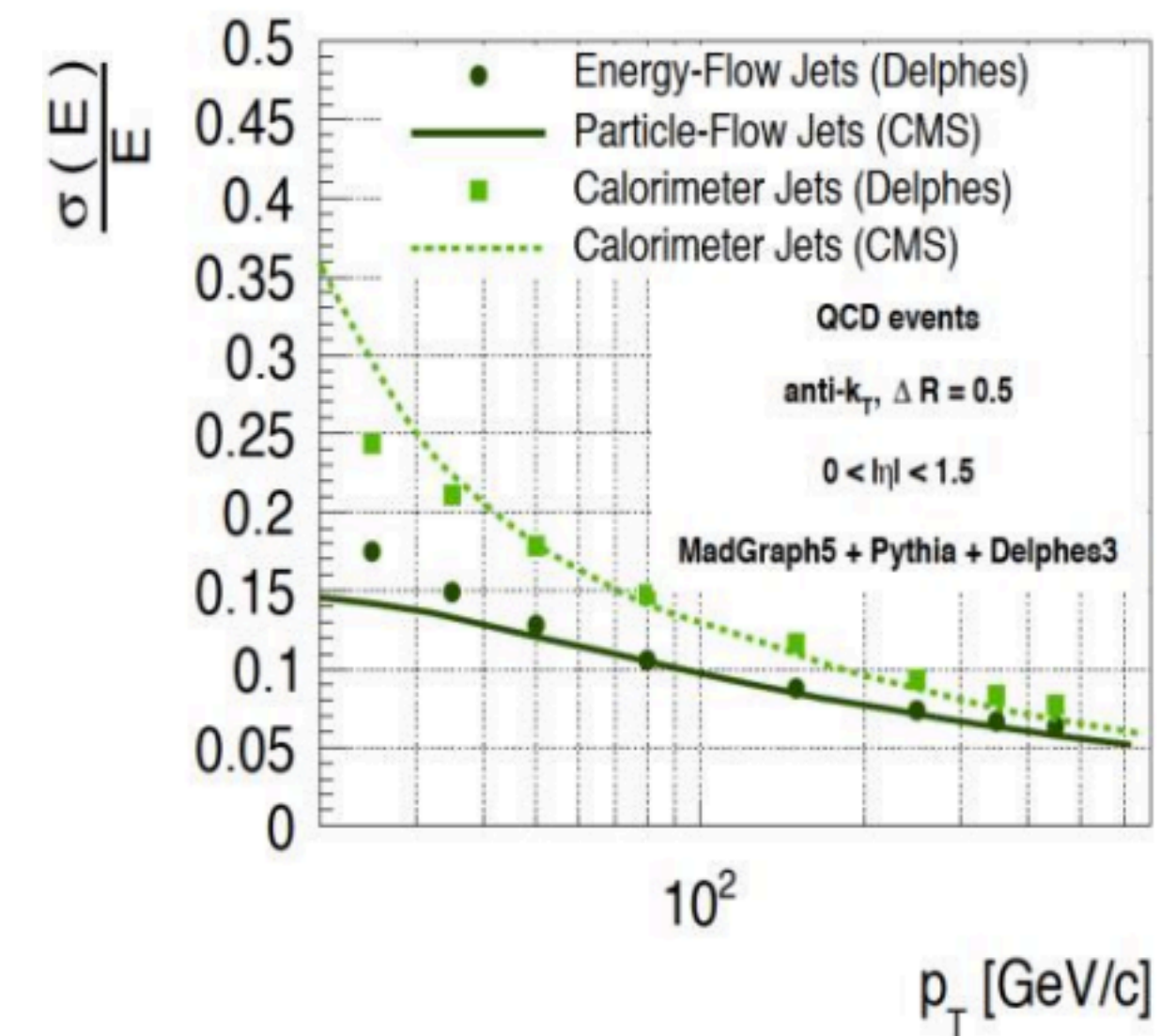
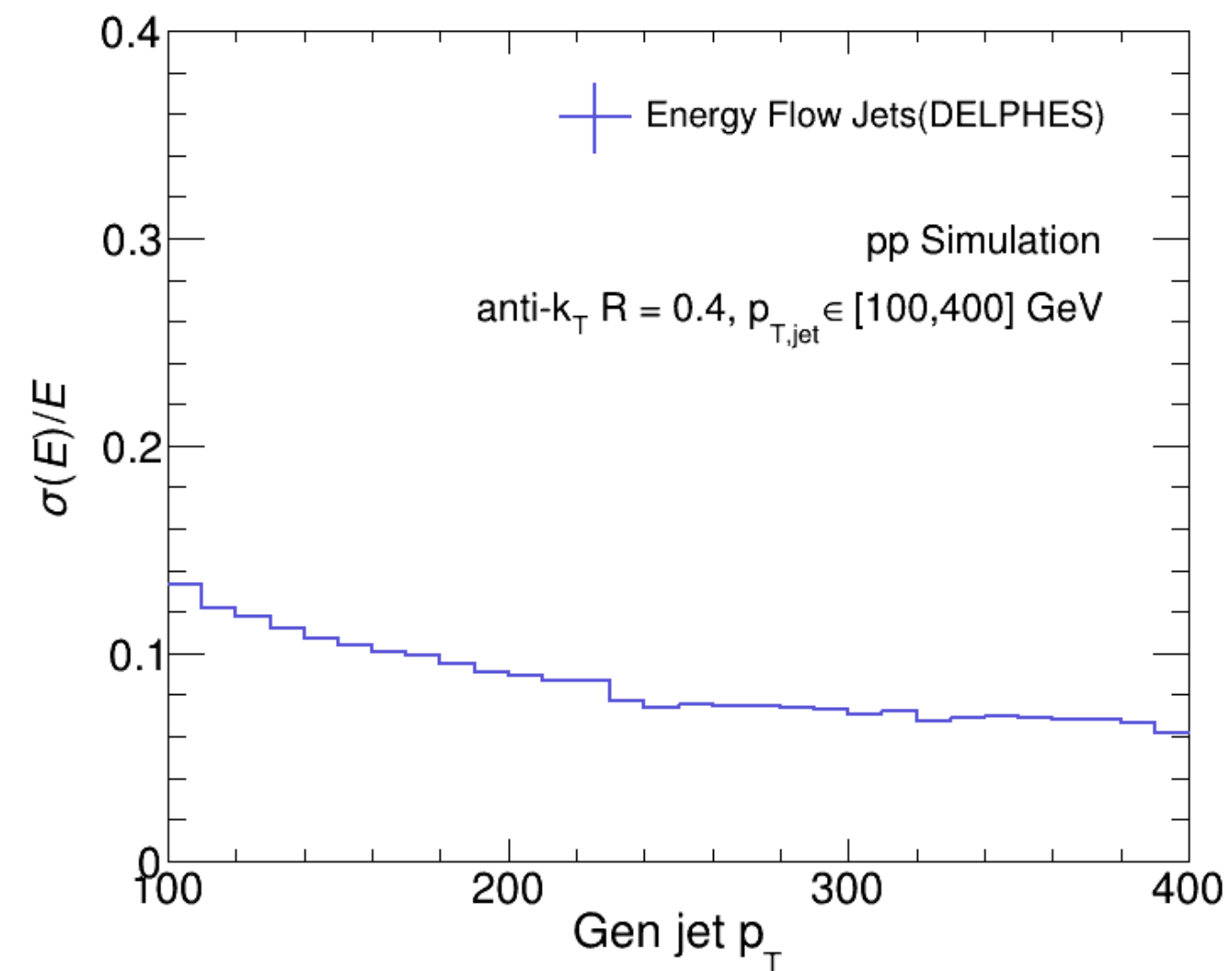
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# Jet Energy Scale-pp

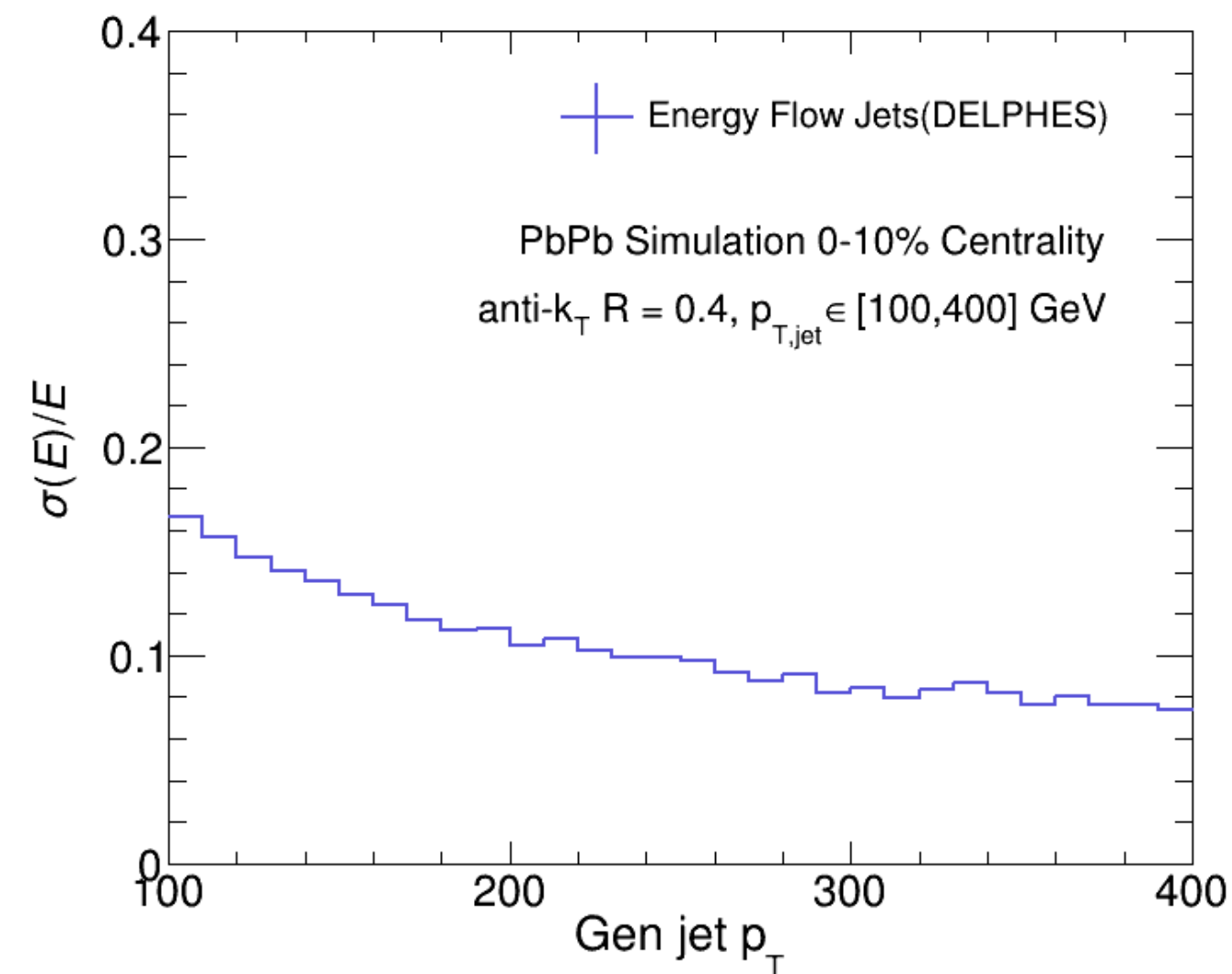
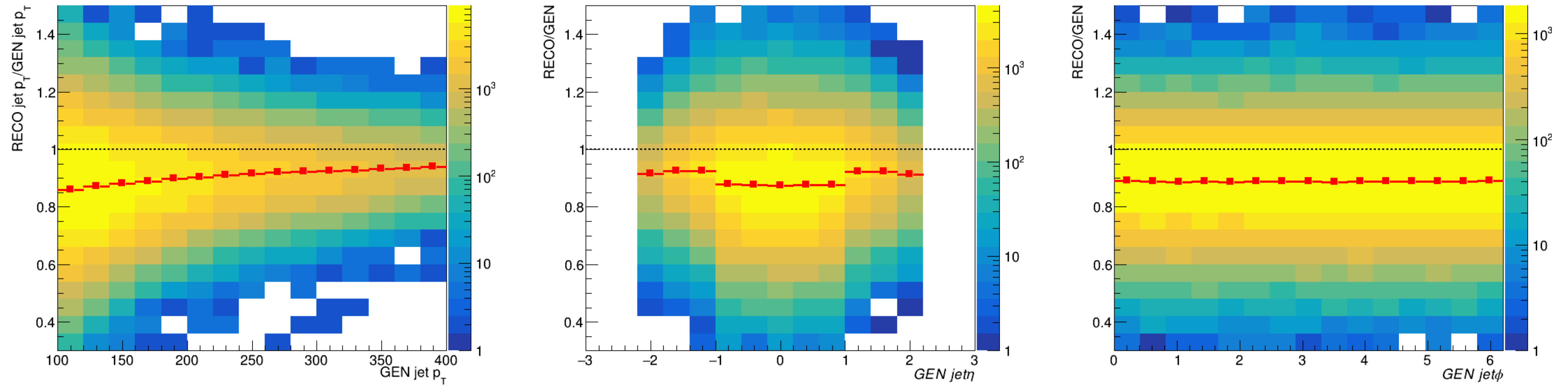


Jet energy resolution





# Jet Energy Scale-PbPb



$$p_T \text{ Correction: } p_{T,jet} \times \sqrt{\frac{(A - B \cdot |\eta|)^2}{p_{T,jet}} + 1.0} \quad (A = 7.0, B = 1.2)$$

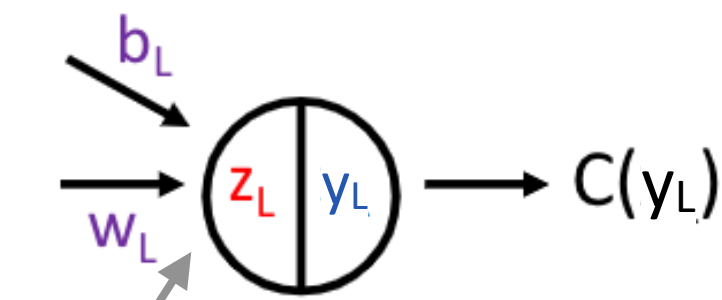
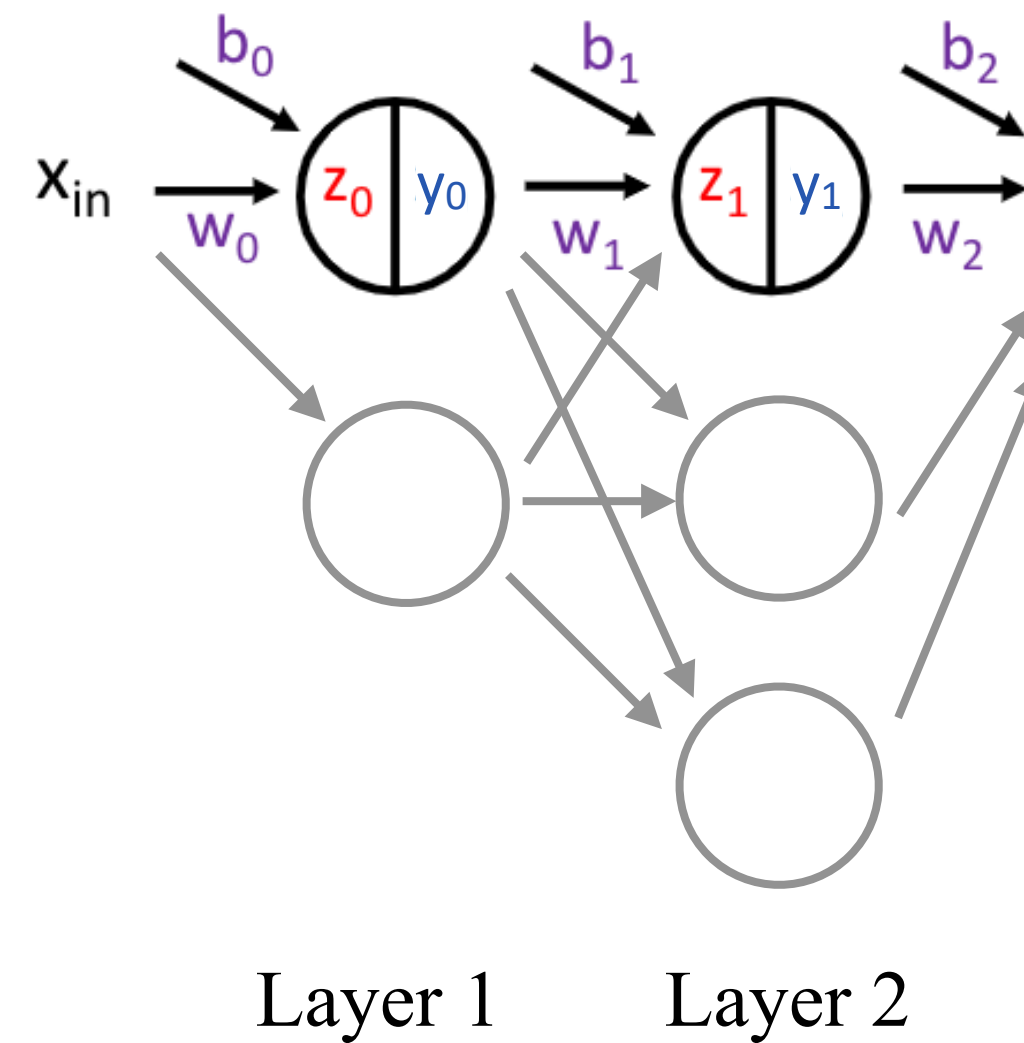


# Neural Network and Feature Engineering

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space = hp.choice('hyper_parameters',[
{
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'num_epochs': hp.quniform('num_epochs', 30, 50, 5),
'num_layers': hp.quniform('num_layers', 2, 4, 1),
'Hidden_size 0': hp.quniform('hidden_size0', 8, 20, 2),
'hidden_size1': hp.quniform('hidden_size1', 4, 8, 2),
'learning_rate': hp.uniform('learning_rate', 0.01, 0.05),
'decay_factor': hp.uniform('decay_factor', 0.9, 0.99),
'loss_func' : hp.choice('loss_func', ['mse']),
}
])
    
```

Hyper parameter space



$$y_i = f(z_i) \quad z_i = w_i * y_{i-1} + b_i$$

$x_{in}$  = Model Input

NN parameters – weights and biases

Unit pre-activation

Unit activation

$x_L$  = Model output

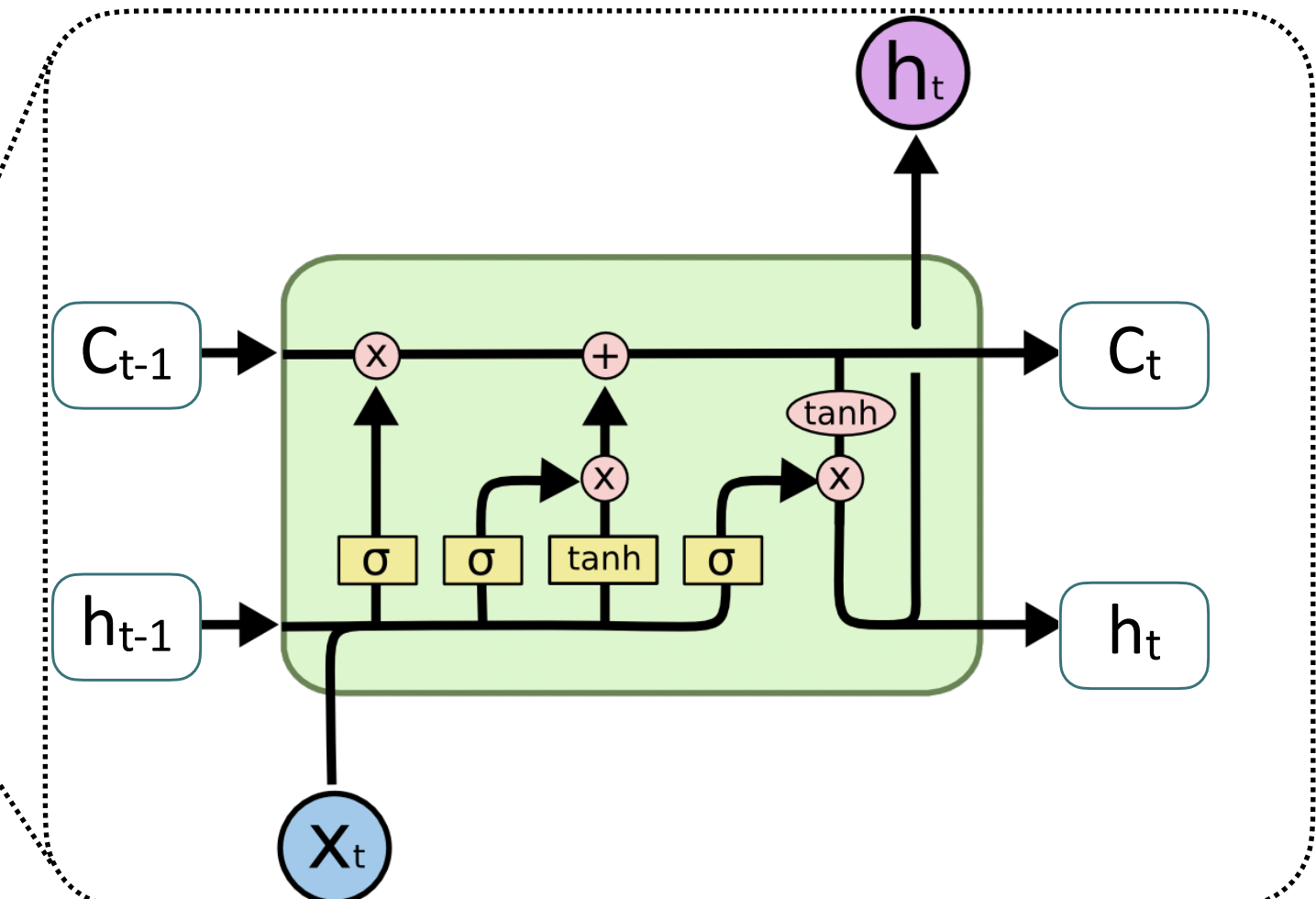
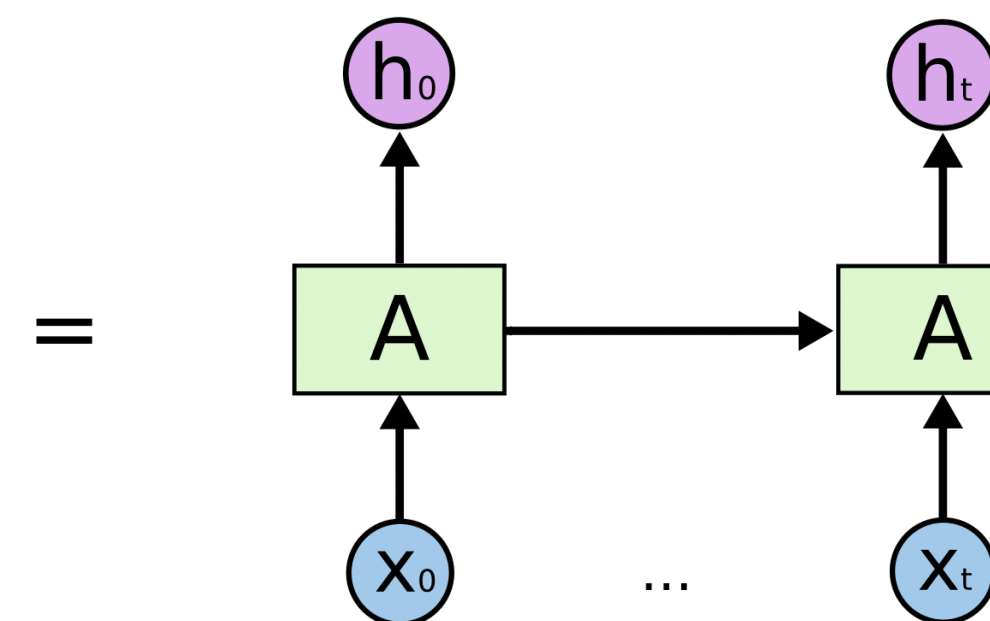
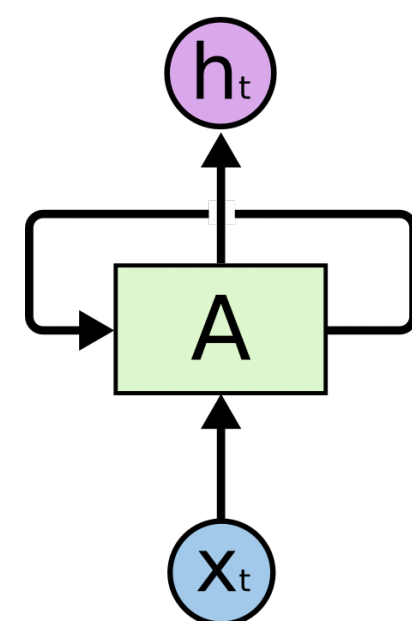
$C(x_L)$  = Error in output (SSE, Cross entropy, etc)

Fully Connected layers

Stacked LSTM layers + 2 full-connect layers.  
Output of the last step from the top LSTM layer is directed to two full-connect layers.

Both the input and output dimensions of the first full-connect layer are the hyper-parameters defining the architecture of the neural network.

\*Paper: [JHEP04\(2023\)140](#)





# Training+Validation

Select jets from dataset to form **batches**:

Non-quenched jets from Jewel-vacuum

Quenched jets (Medium jets) from Jewel

Mean square error (MSE) **batch** loss

$$L = \frac{\sum_{batch} \omega_i * (x_i - y_i)^2}{\sum_{batch} \omega_i}$$

$\omega_i$ : event weight

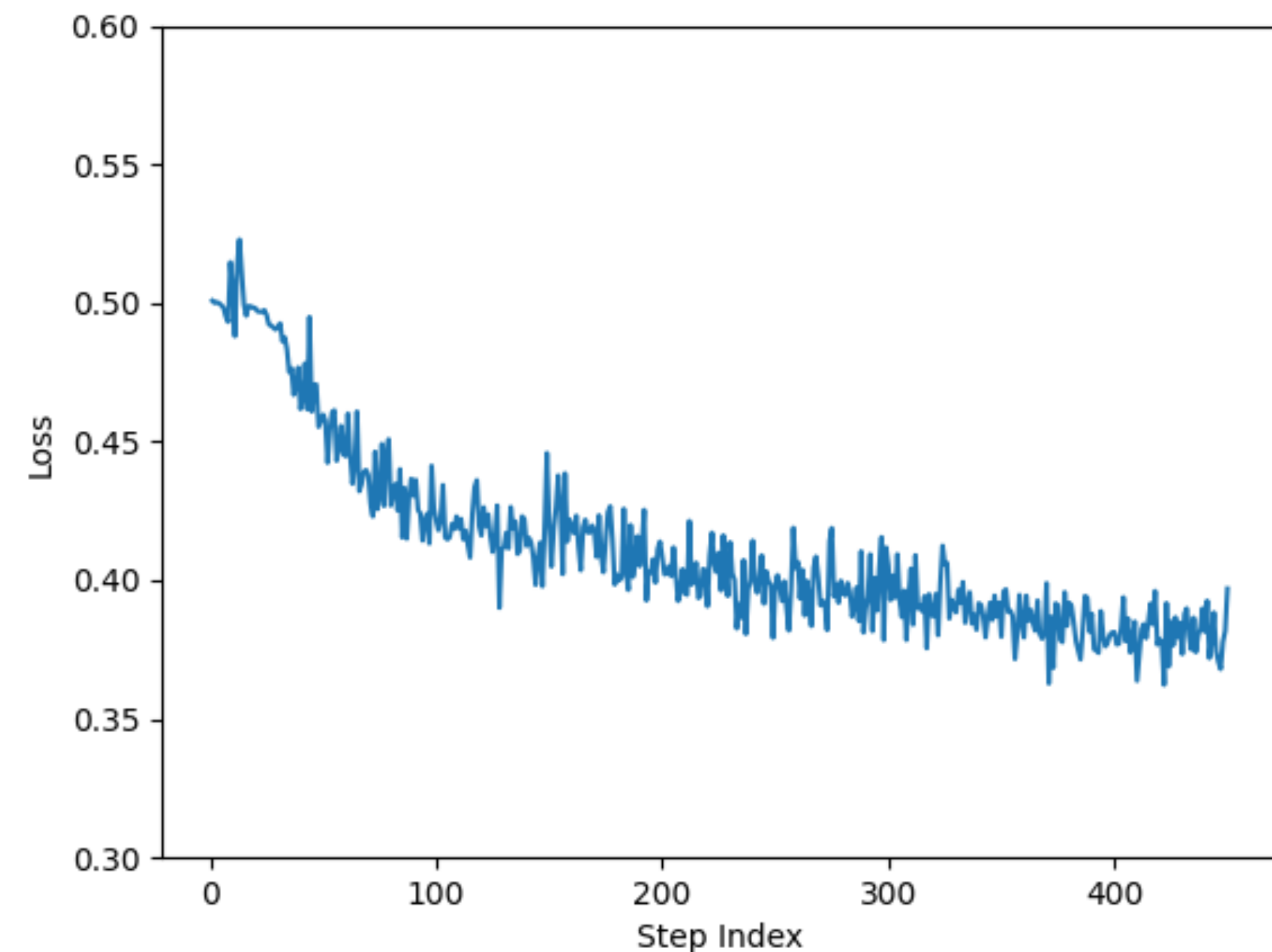
$x_i$ : predictive label

$y_i$ : truth label

( $\omega_i = 1$  for real experimental samples)

Input dataset:

|                   | 200k events              | 200k events                |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| No. of Jets       | Training Set (w/wo cuts) | Validation Set (w/wo cuts) |
| Non-quenched jets | <b>42535</b> /310332     | <b>42272</b> /310276       |
| Medium jets       | <b>52954</b> /298675     | <b>52967</b> /298876       |



Example of batch loss decreasing in the training