

# Imaging the wake of the jet with Energy Correlators

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# Jet quenching

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① Impact of the medium on the jet → **jet energy loss**



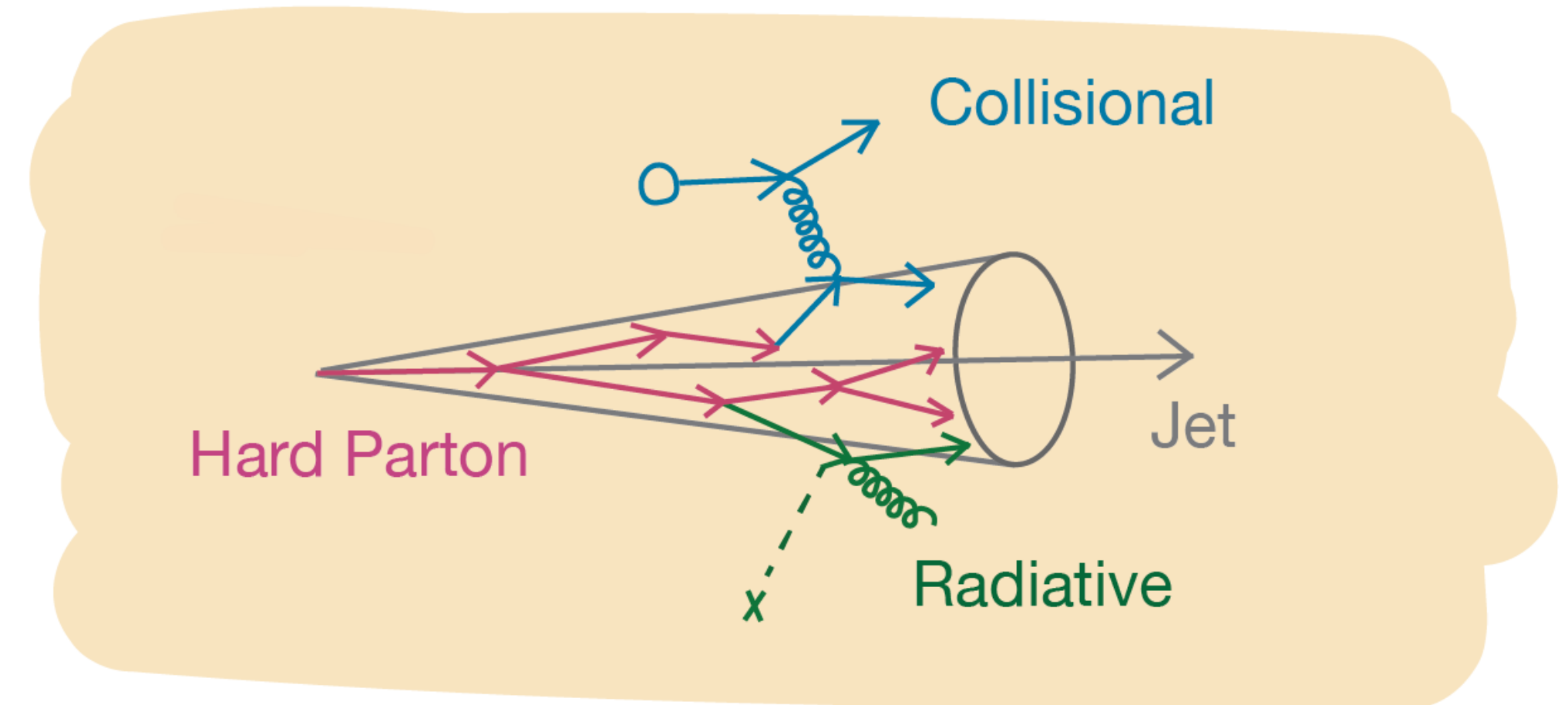
Ⓐ **Weak coupling limit**

\* Collisional

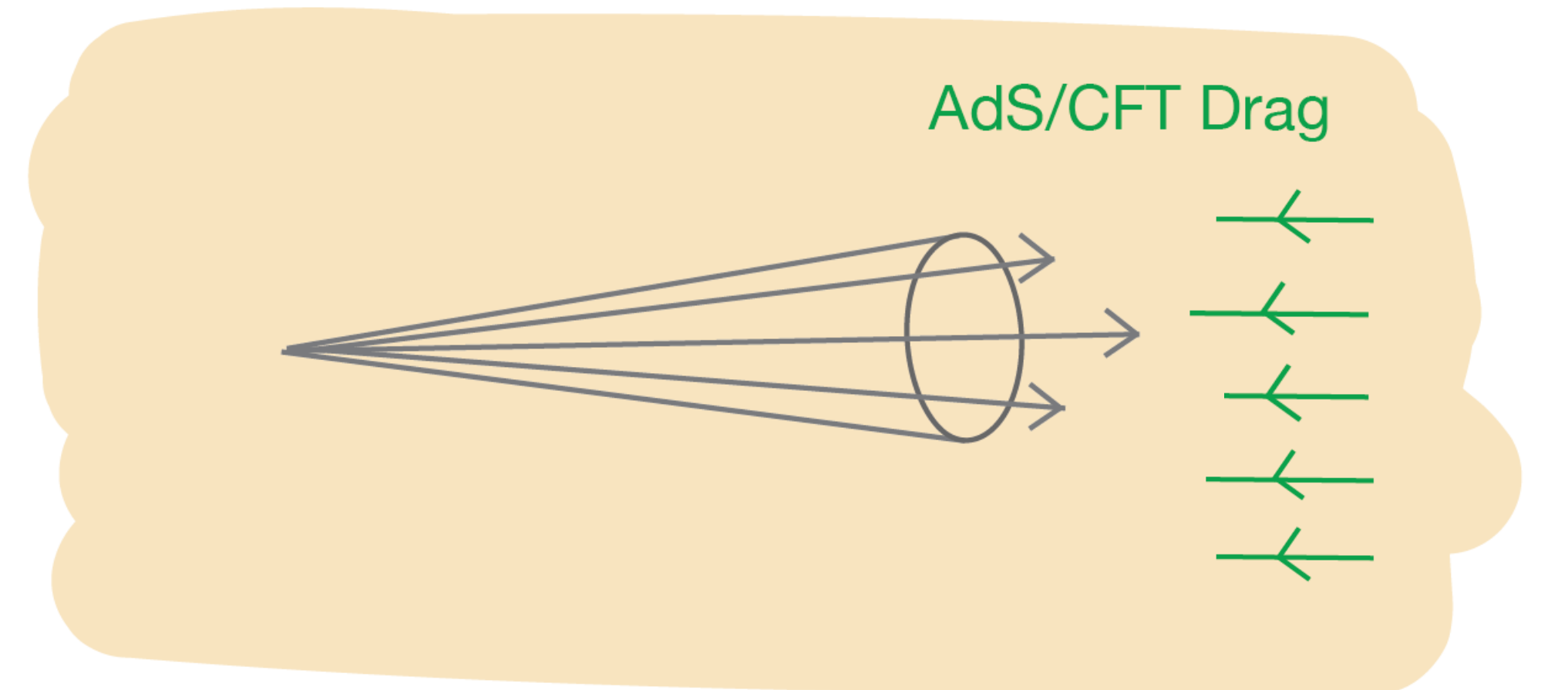
\* Radiative

Ⓑ **Strong coupling limit**

\* AdS/CFT drag force



QGP Medium



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*Variety of ways to implement each category → all theories won't behave the same!*

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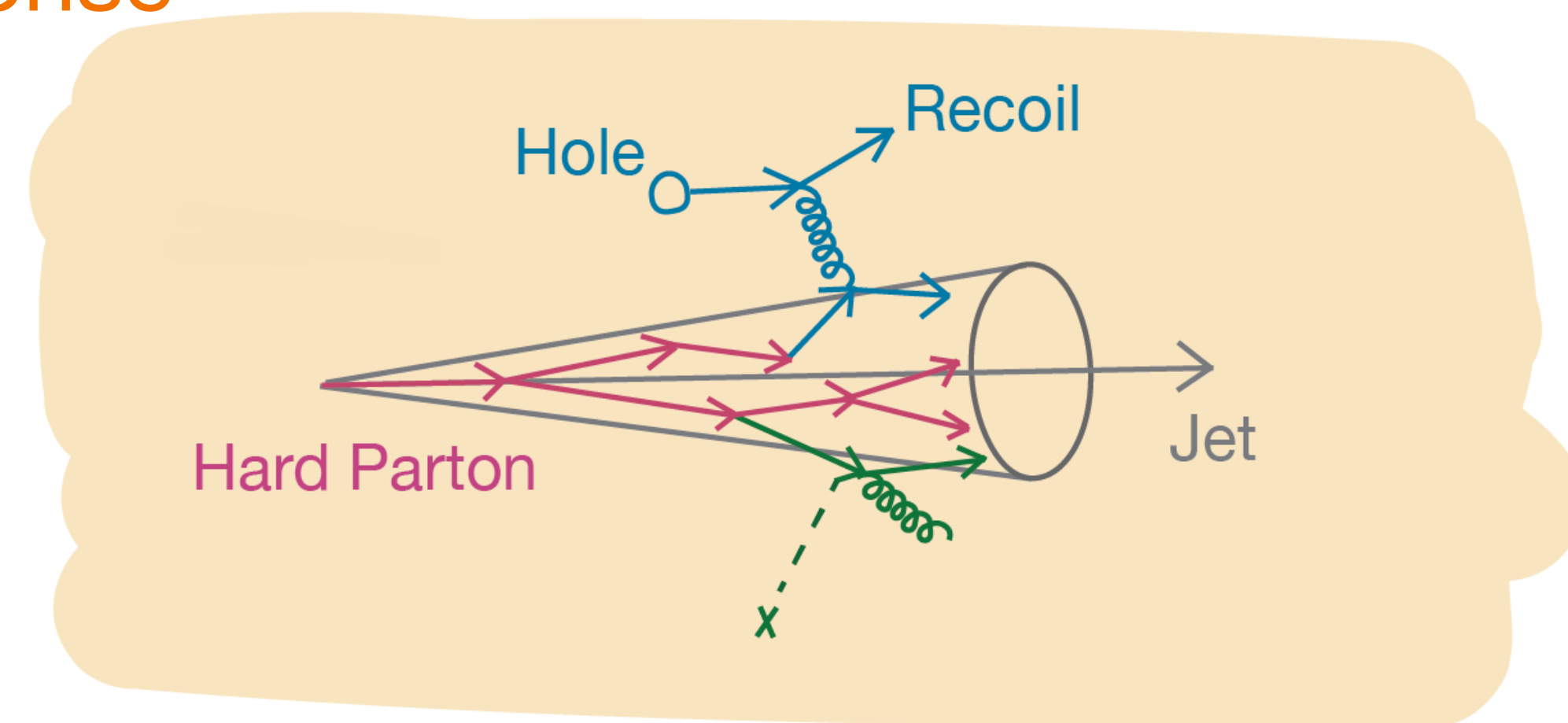
① **A Weak coupling limit**

\* Recoils (Kinetic based approach)

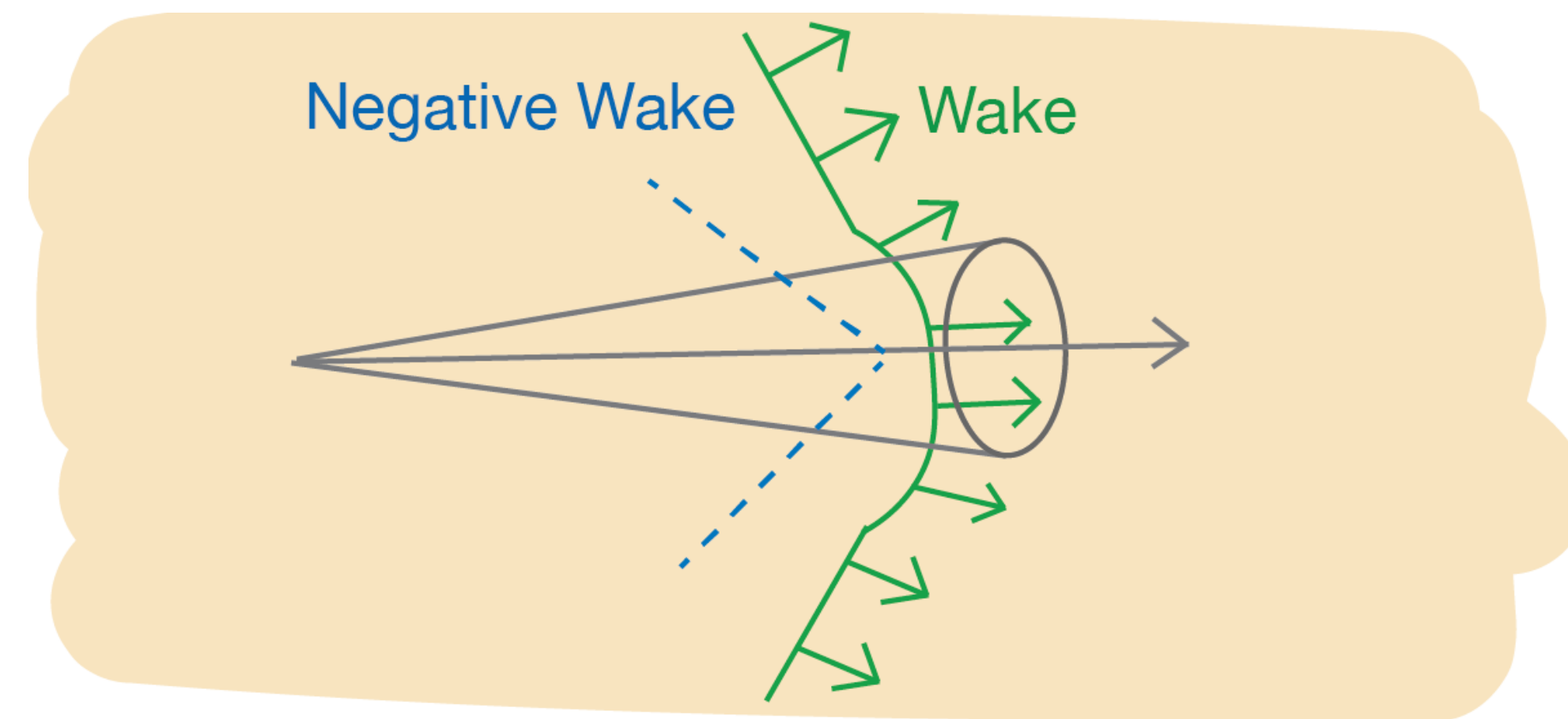
② **B Strong coupling limit**

\* Wake (Hydrodynamics based approach)

\* Includes **positive** and **negative** contributions



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*\*\* Cartoon of the wake in position space*

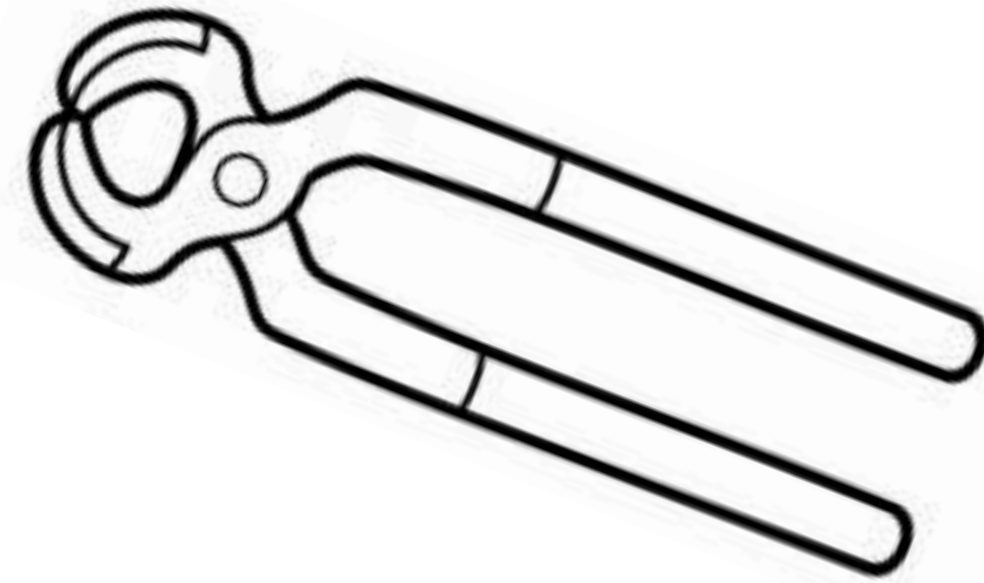
**Focus of this talk: study medium response effects!**

# Tools to search for the medium response

*What tools exist to study the medium response?*



**Z-hadron**



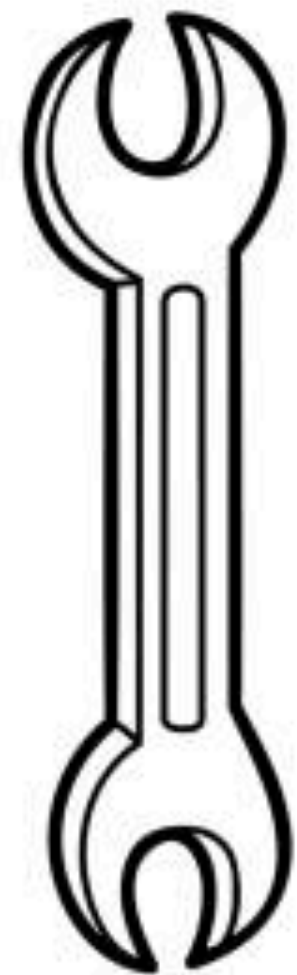
**$\gamma$ /Z-jet**



**(Groomed) jet substructure**



**Jet Shapes**



**R-dependent inclusive jet measurements**



**Jet-Hadron correlations**



**Baryon-to-Meson ratio near jets**

***Some tools are better than others!***

***New tools or a combination often needed!***

**See Yeonju's talk (Mon 2:30pm) for more!**

# Energy Energy Correlators

Advancing the understanding of energy-energy correlators in heavy-ion collisions

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Resolving the Scales of the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Energy Correlators

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Seeing Beauty in the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Energy Correlators

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Probing the Short-Distance Structure of the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Energy Correlators

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A Coherent View of the Quark-Gluon Plasma from Energy Correlators

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See talks by Jack Holguin, Barbara Jacak, Fabio Dominguez, Mateusz Ploskon, Alba Soto Ontoso, Yen-Jie Lee (and more)!

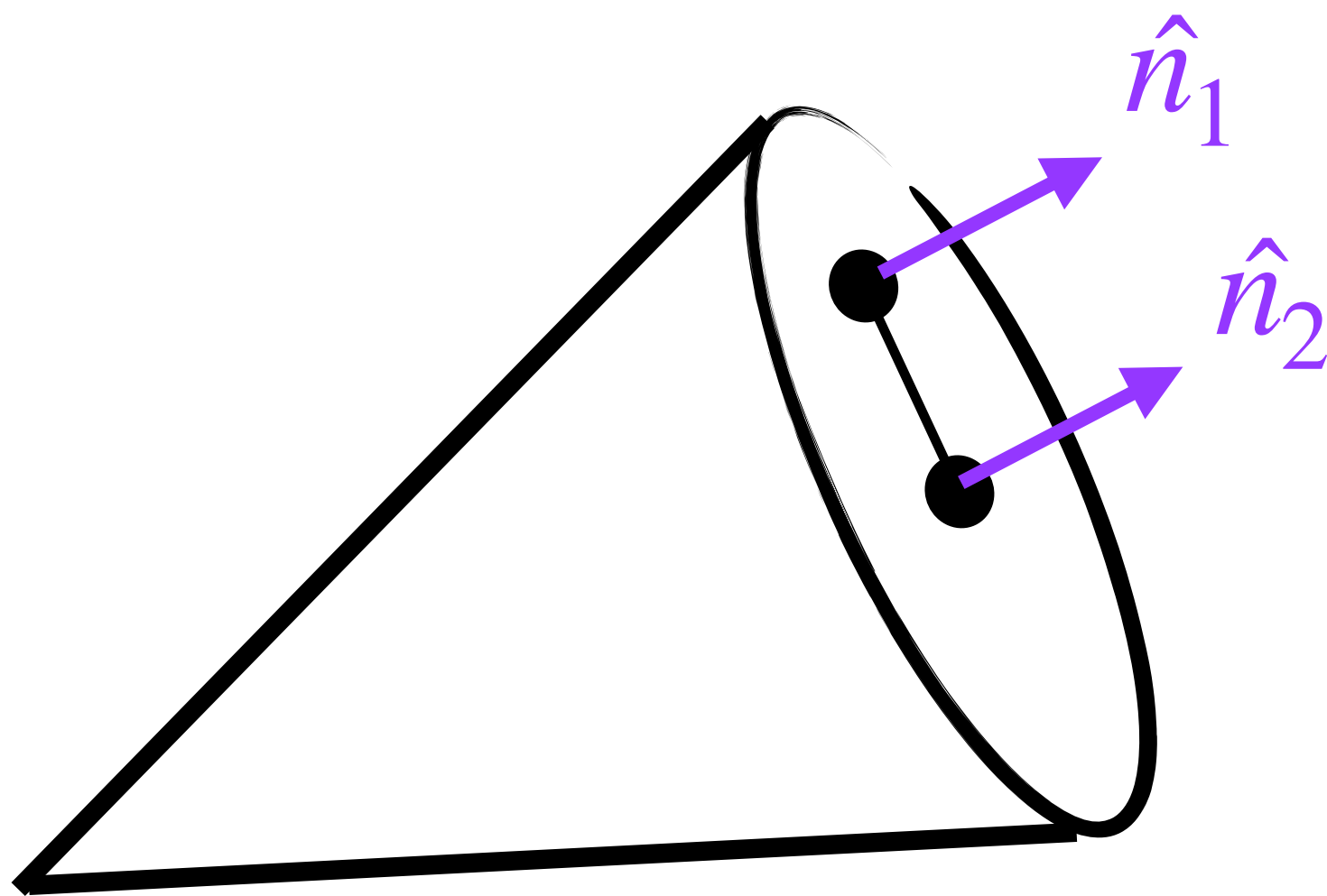
Energy energy correlators are a new emerging tool for heavy-ion collisions!

Can EECs be a new tool for the medium response?

# Energy Correlators

Define as the correlation of energy flow operator  $\langle \Psi | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) | \Psi \rangle$

where  $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int dt r^2 n_1^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n}_1)$



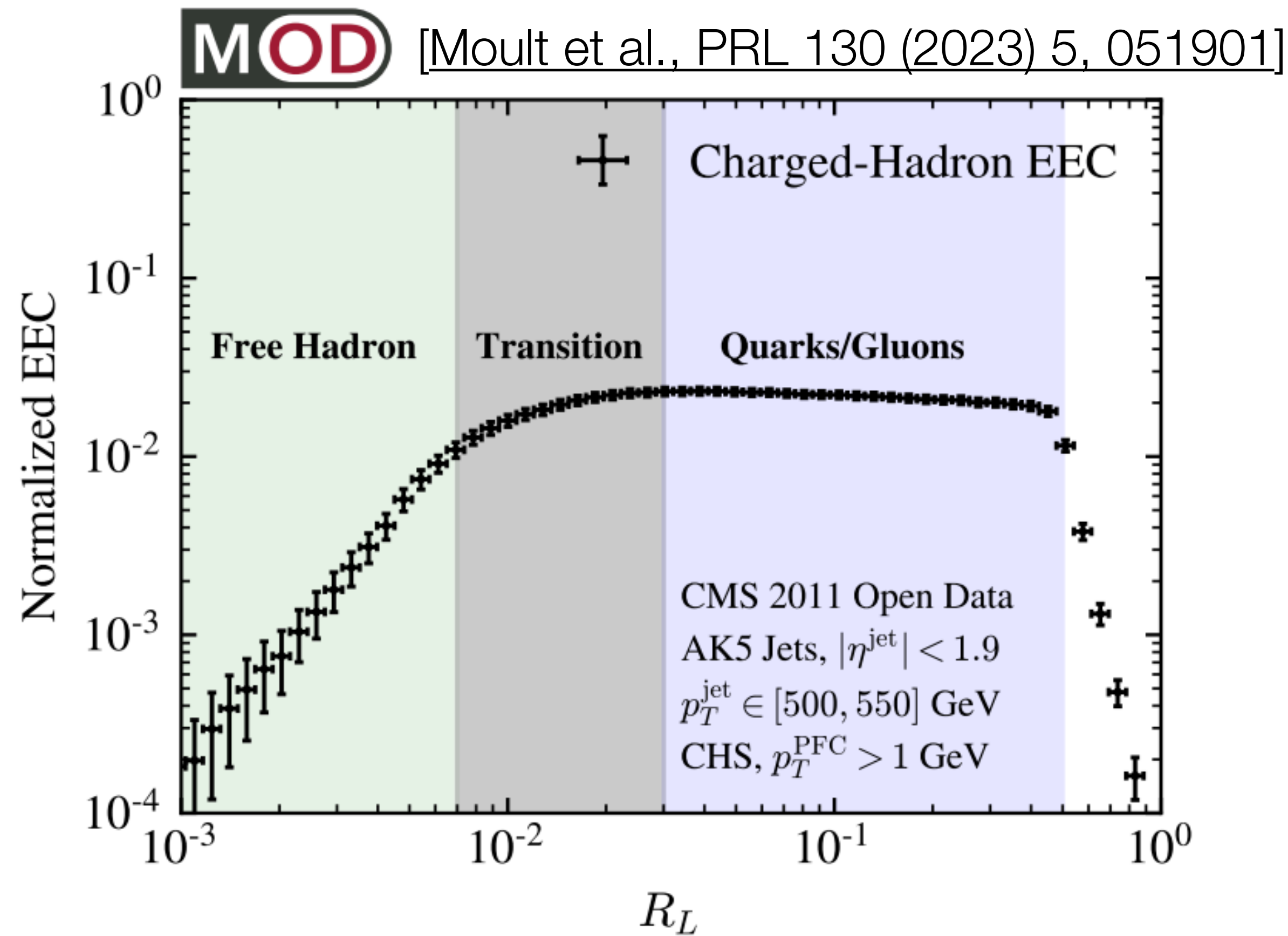
Characterizes the energy flux in the direction of  $\hat{n}$

In hadron collider environments, instead of  $\hat{n}_1$  use

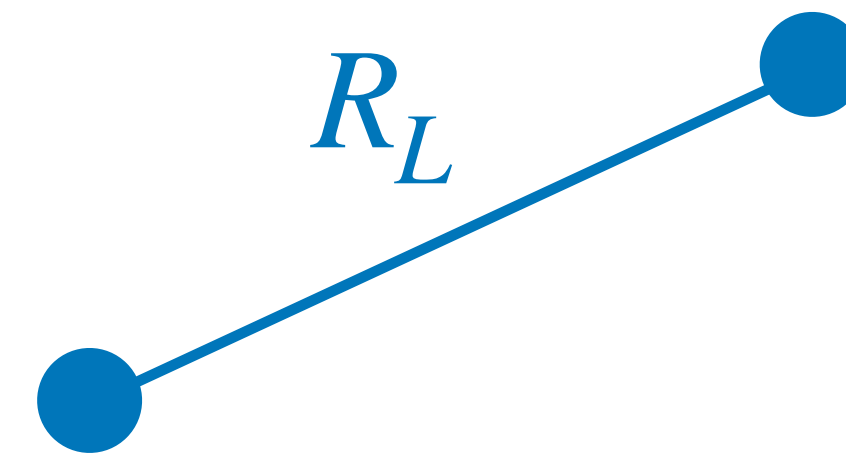
$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta y^2 + \Delta \phi^2}$$

# Projected N-point Correlators

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



- \* All shape information is integrated out, keep longest side  $R_L$  fixed

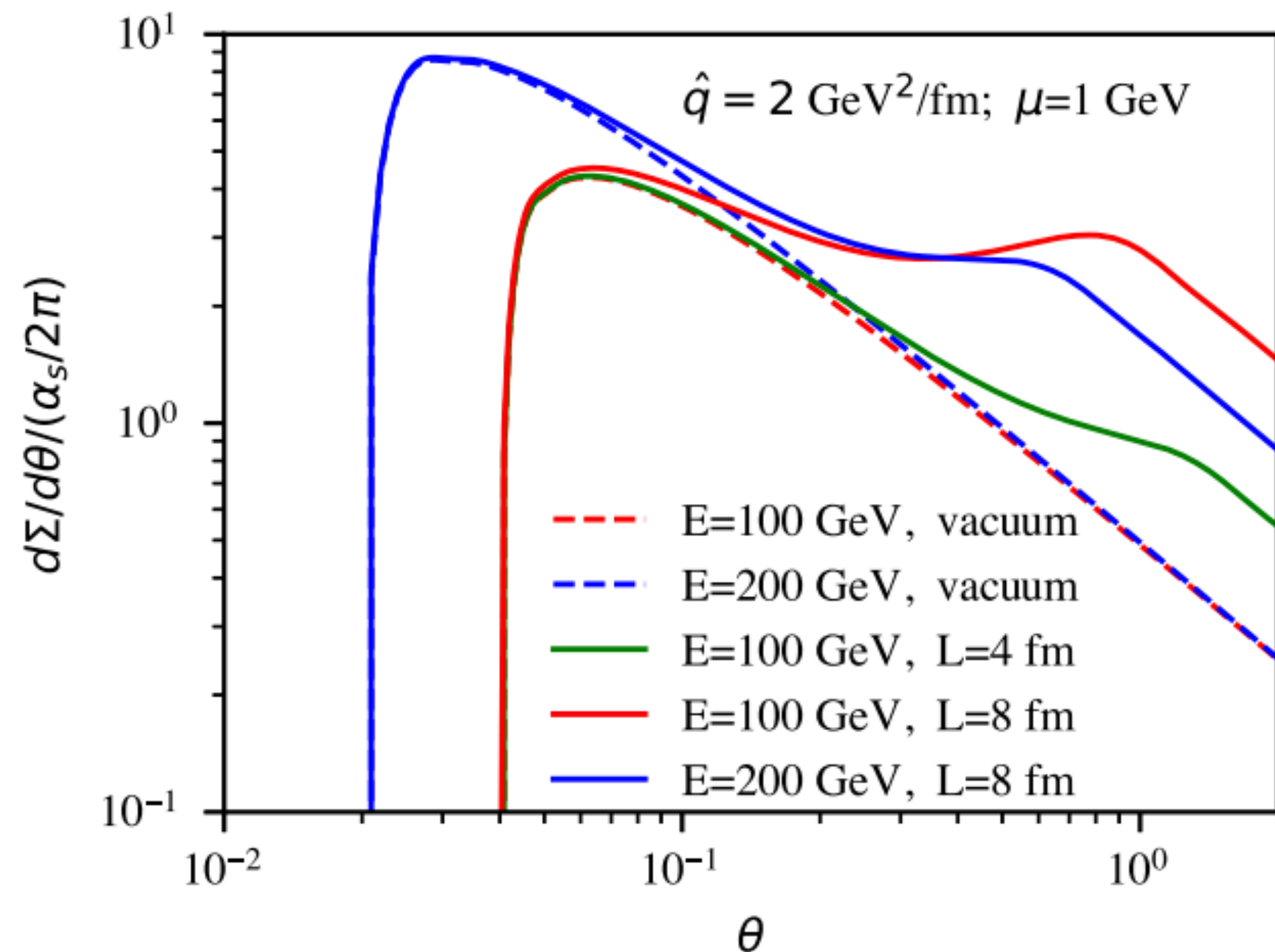


- \* *Projected correlators are useful for isolating the scaling behavior!*

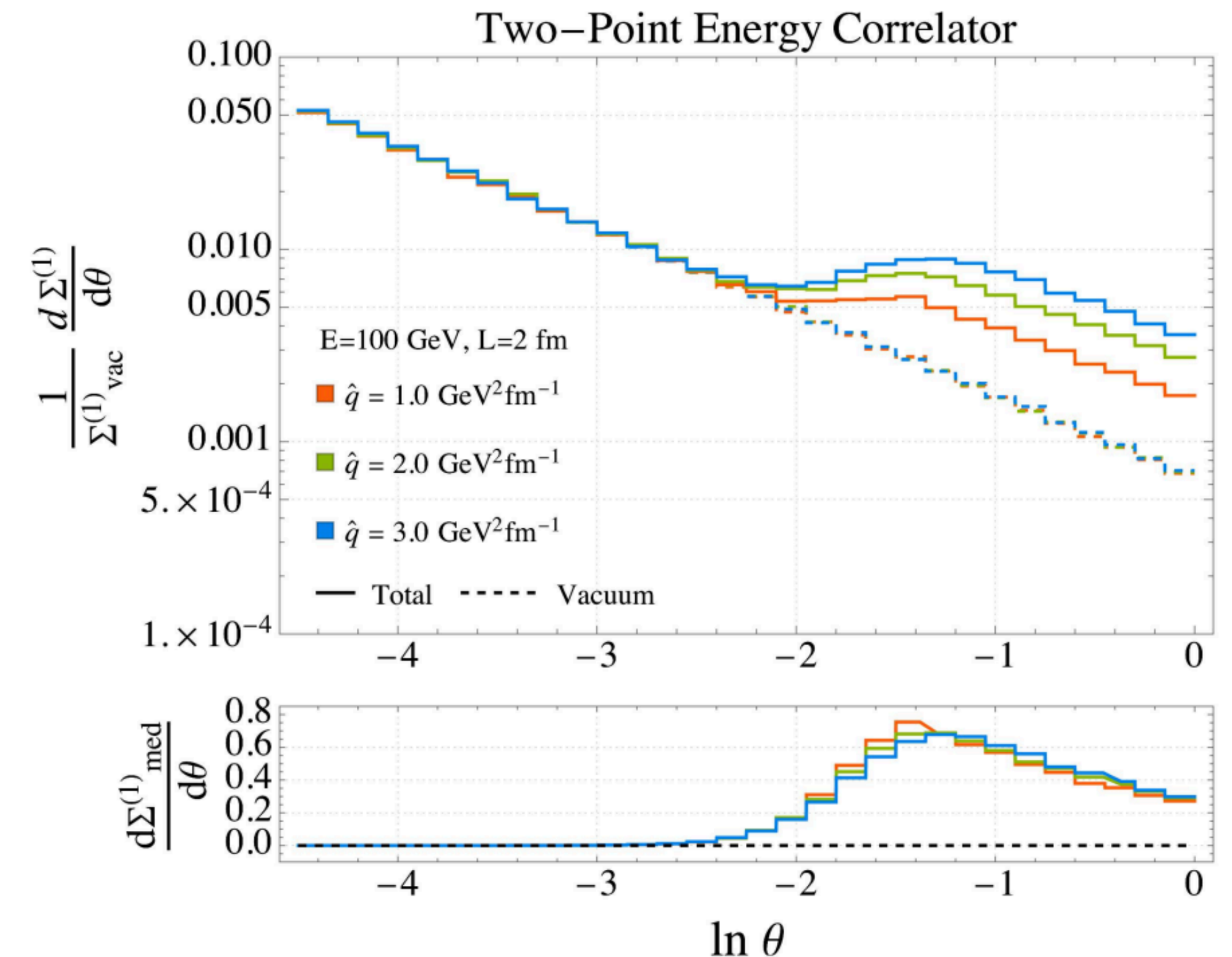
- \* Transition region happens roughly at  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/p_{T,\text{jet}}$

# Scaling of in-medium effects

[Yang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 011901]



[Andres et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 262301]

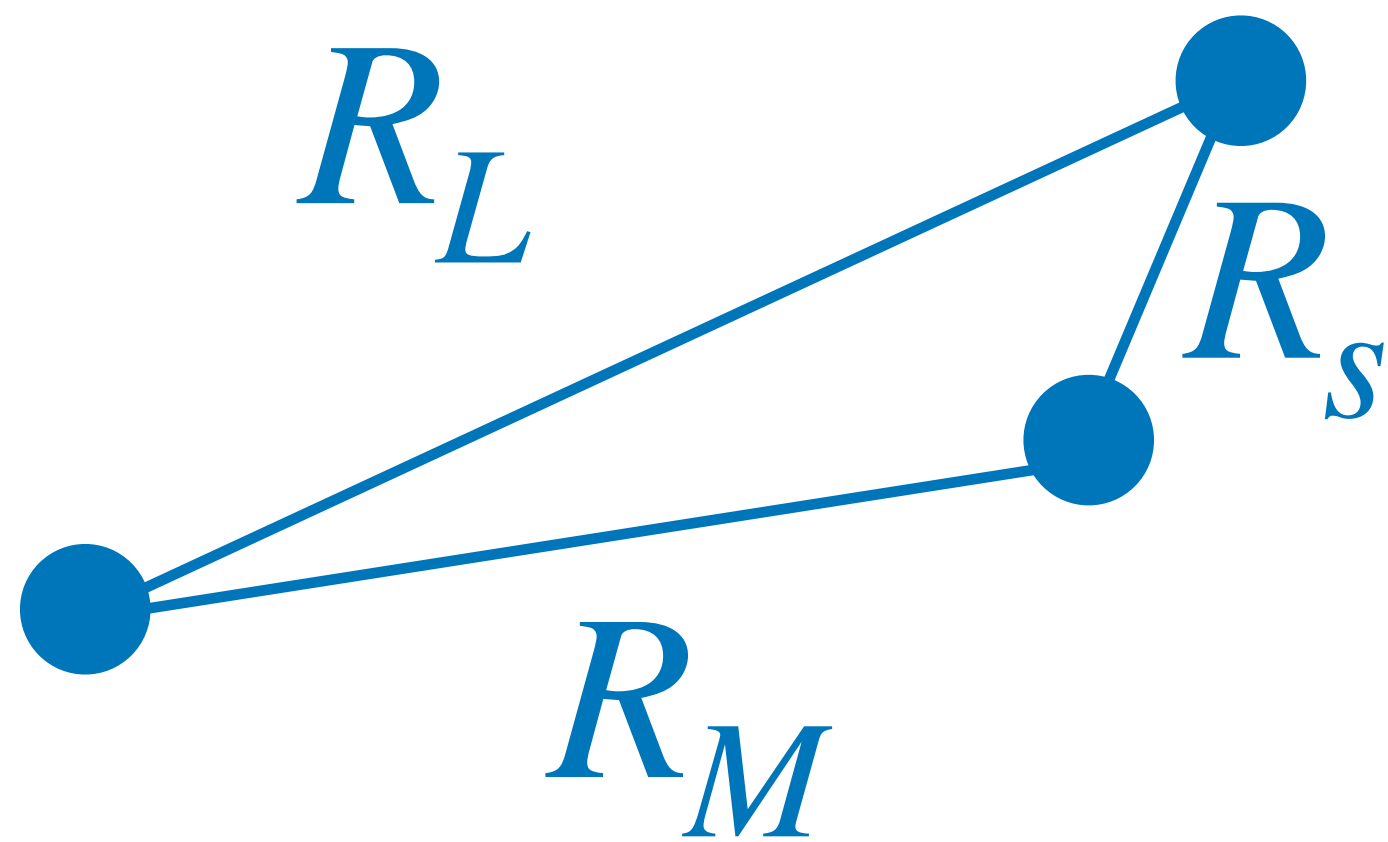


✿ Medium effects appear at a similar characteristic scale

What about higher orders of N? What if we also included the full shape information?



# Higher-Point Correlators



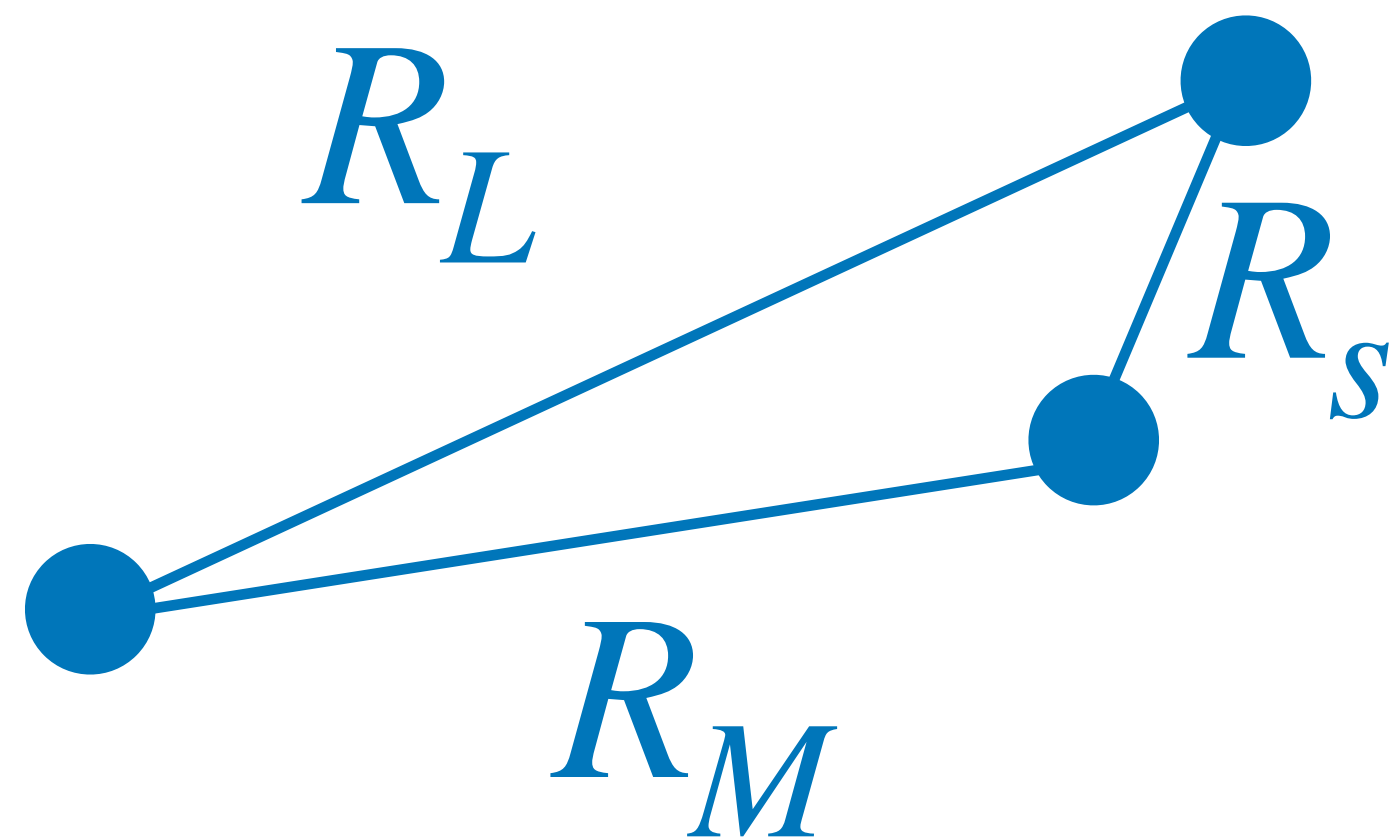
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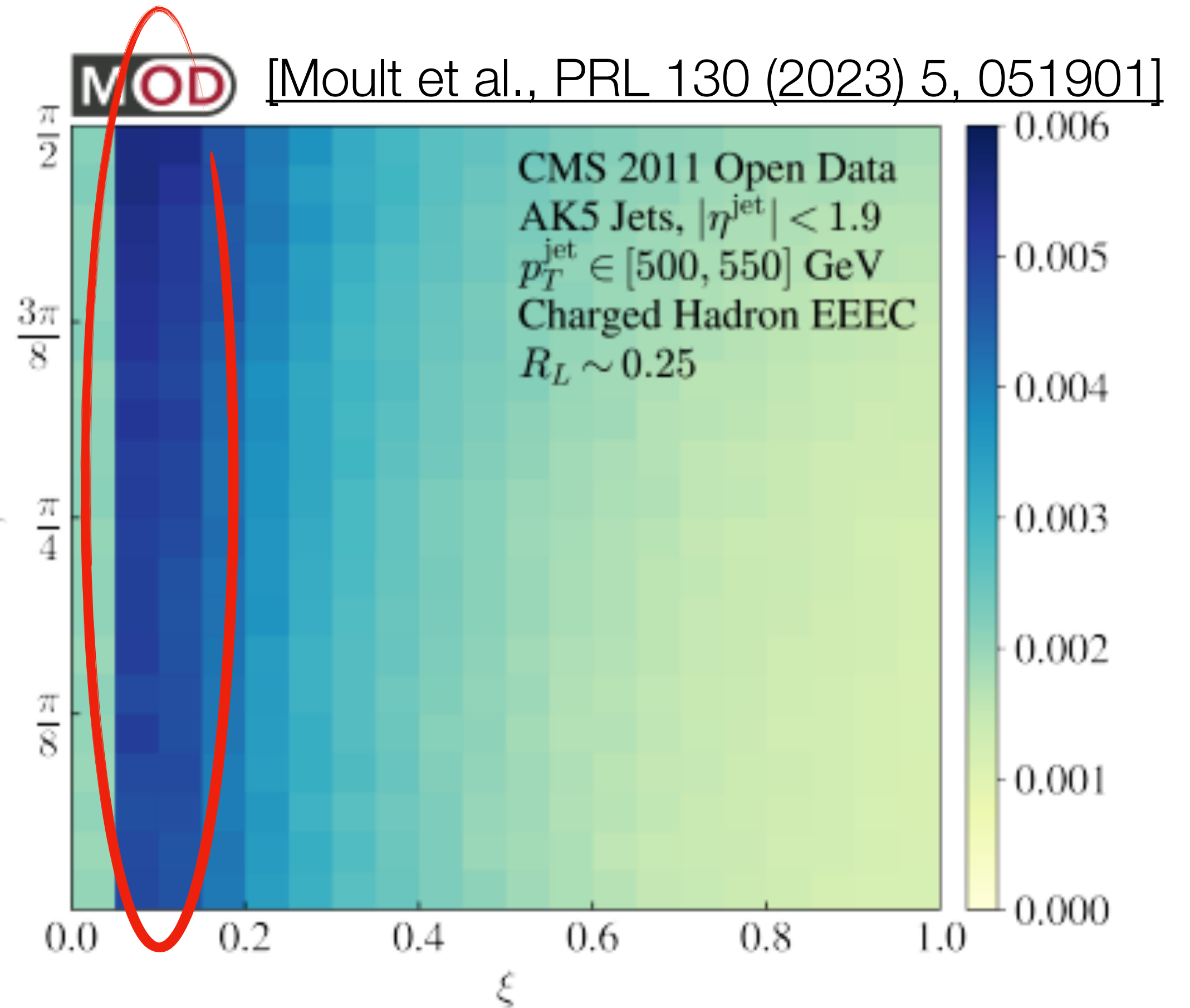
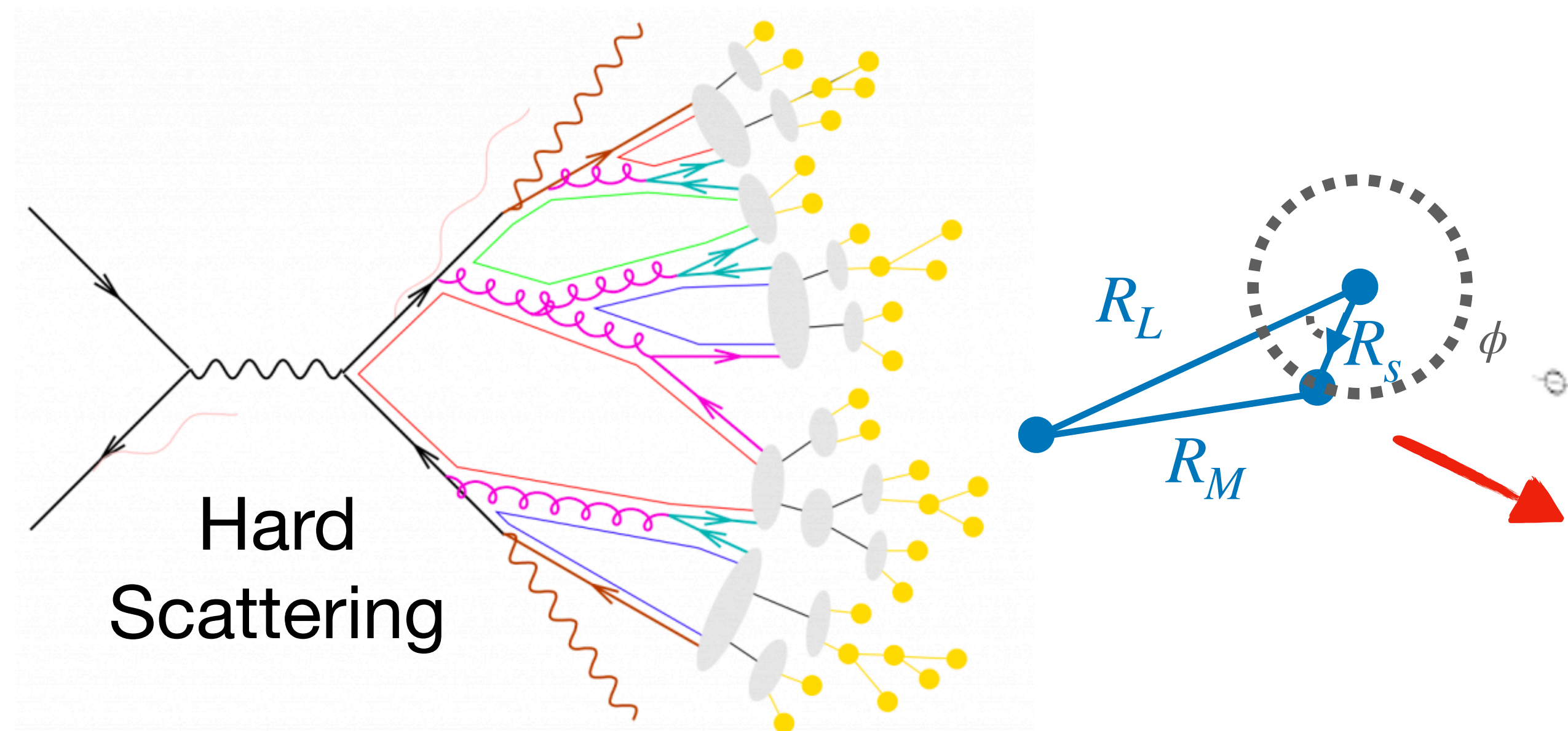
Visualize the shape in 3D space where the dimensions are

$$R_L \quad \xi = \frac{R_S}{R_M} \quad \phi = \arcsin \sqrt{1 - \frac{(R_L - R_M)^2}{R_S^2}}$$

# 3-point correlator in vacuum

\* Let's explore the 3-point correlator in vacuum at a fixed  $R_L$  slice!

*In vacuum all emissions are correlated with the same source (parton shower)!*



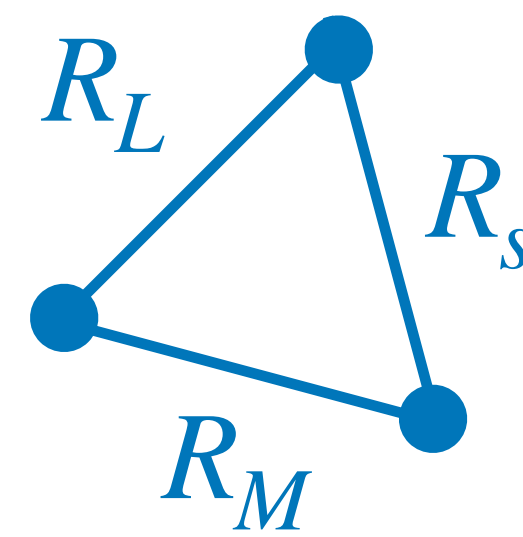
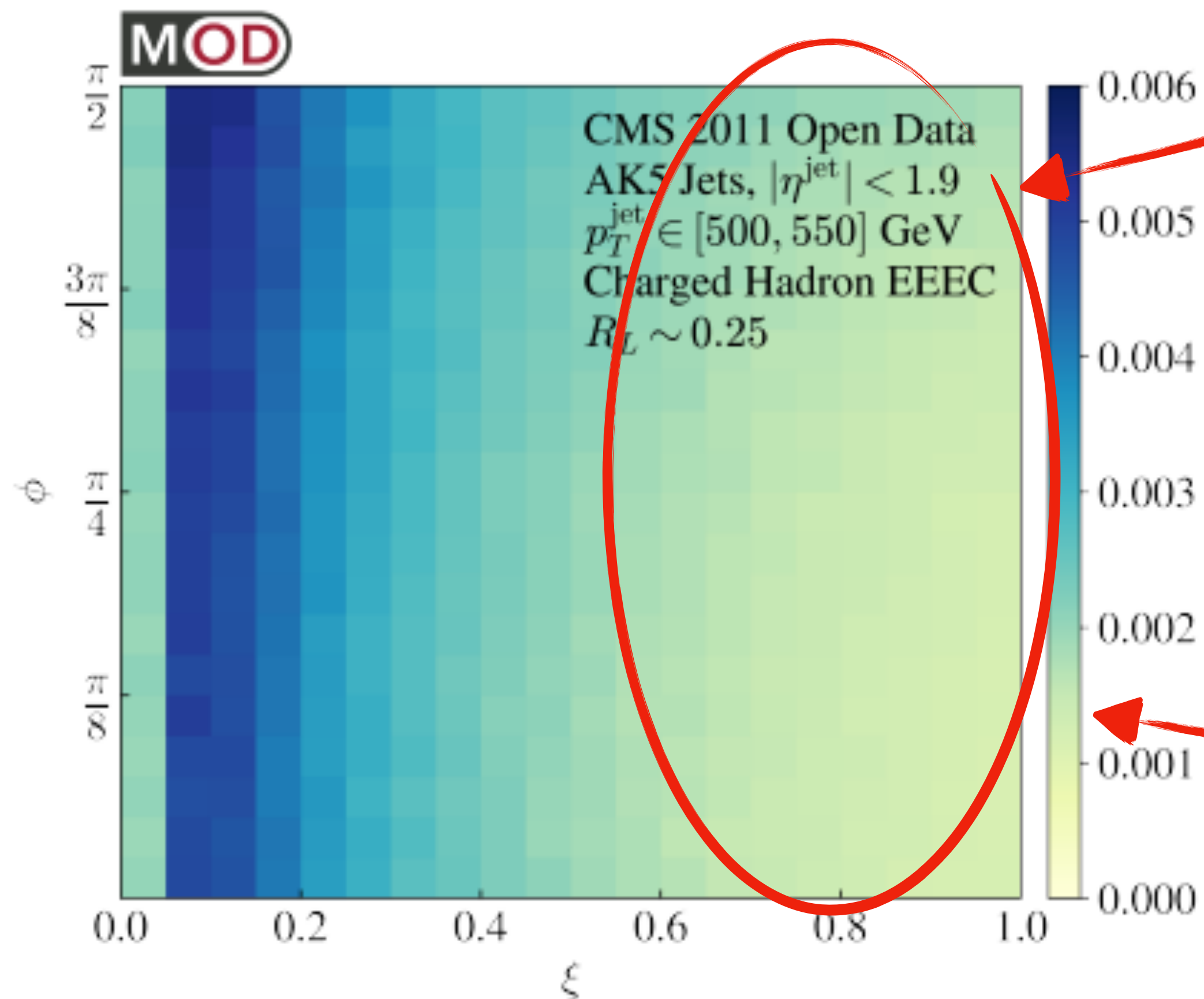
When  $\xi$  is small, behavior similar for all  $\phi$

In small angle limit, reflect 2-point correlator

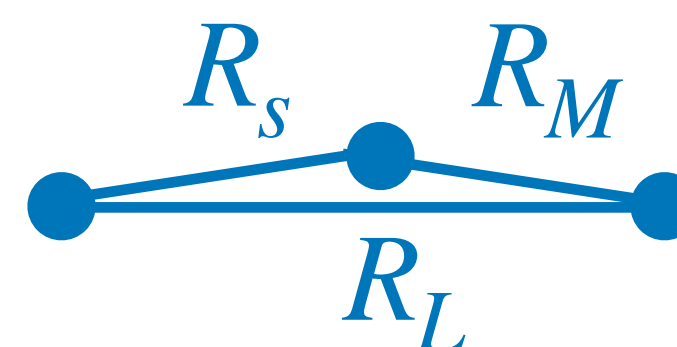
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[Moult et al., PRL 130 (2023) 5, 051901]



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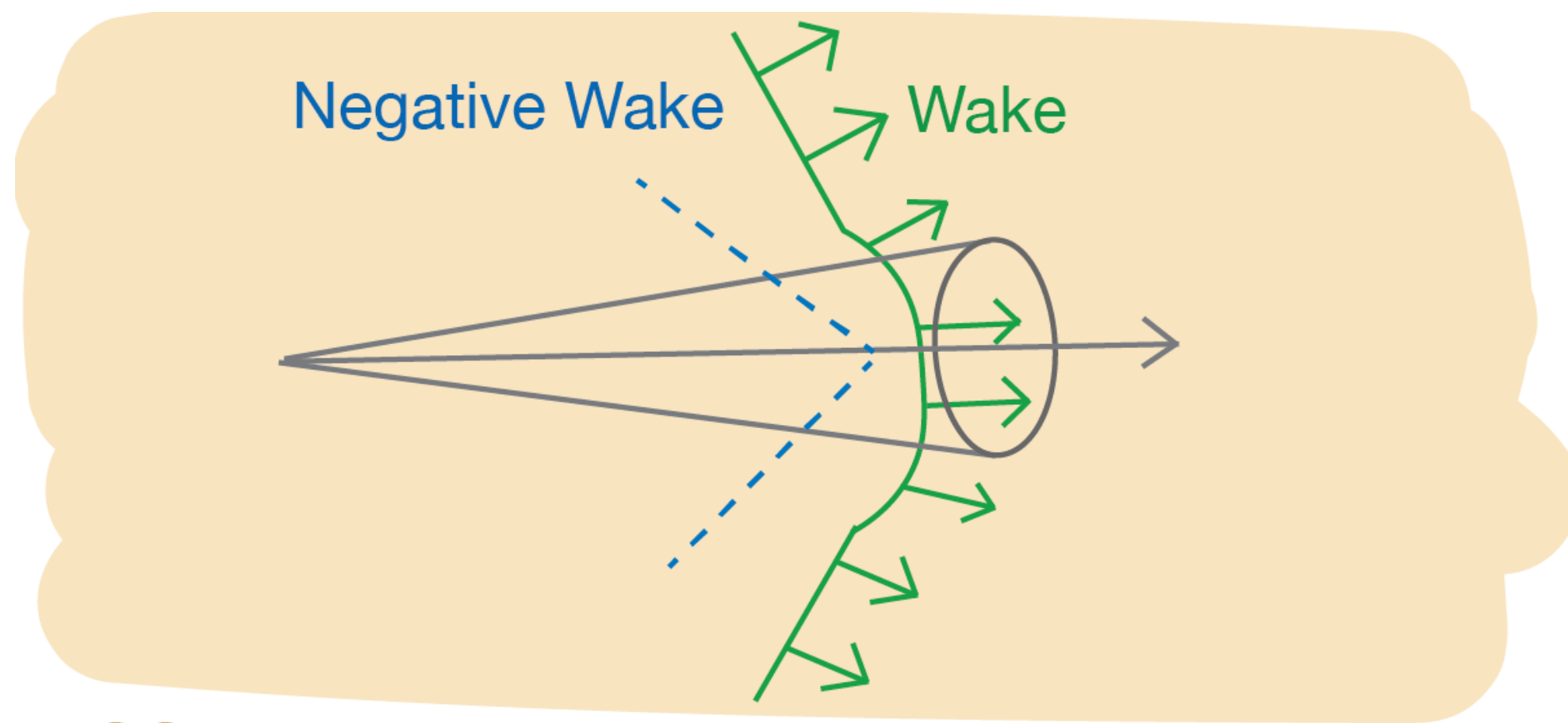


Bottom right corner is populated with "squished" triangles

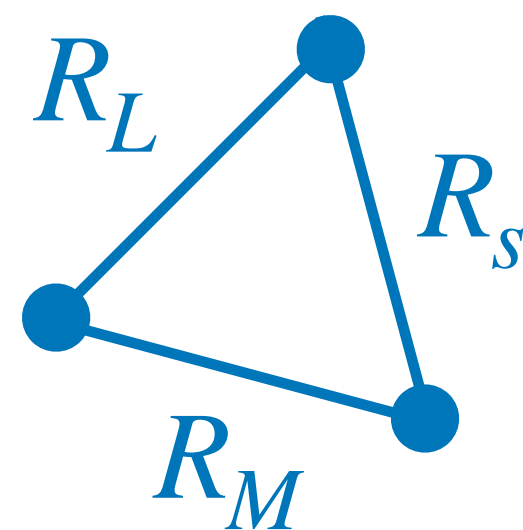
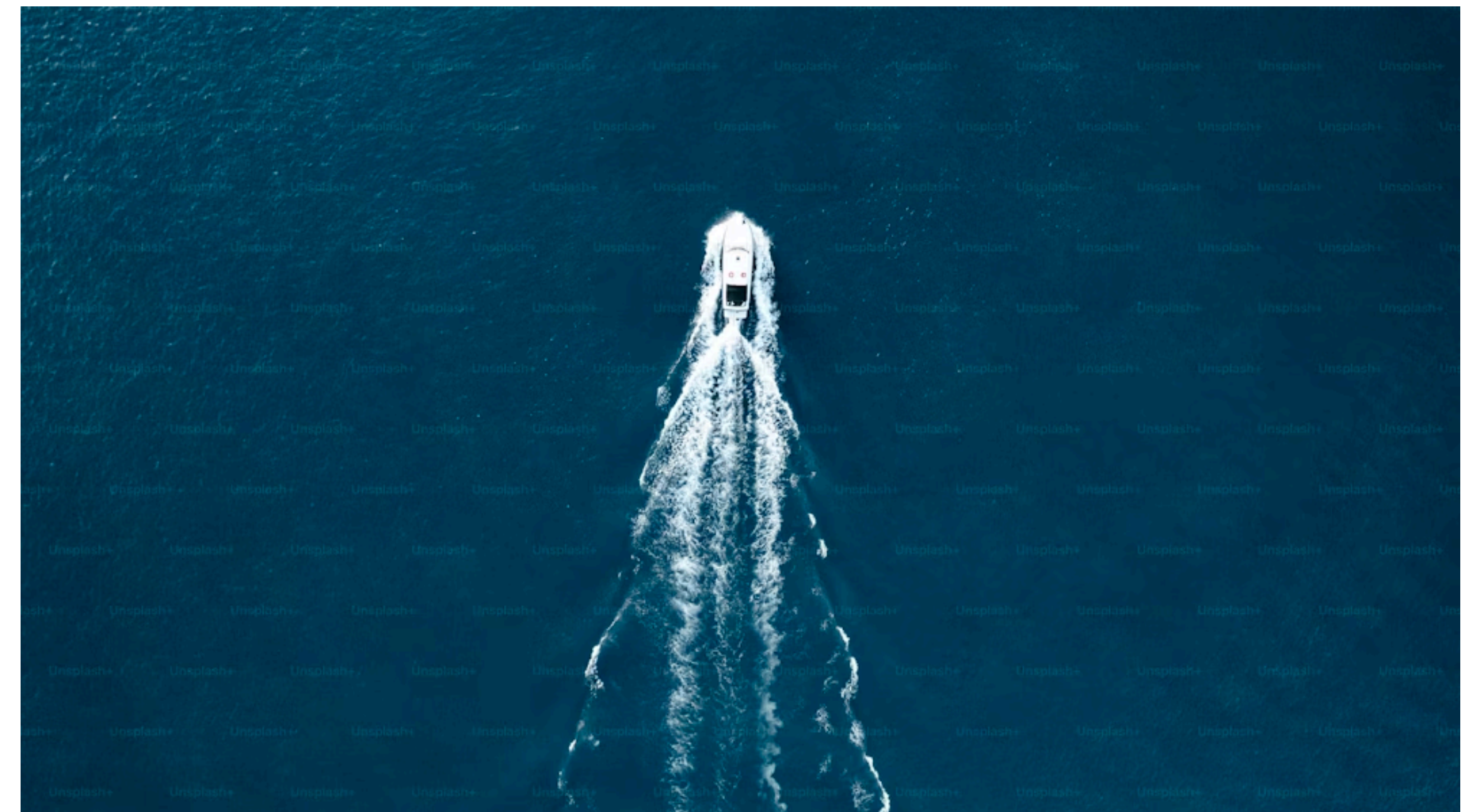
*These features are not prominent in vacuum!*

# Exposing the wake with 3-point correlators

**Idea:** Study one type of medium response (wake) via its distinct shape dependence in the 3-point correlator



QGP Medium



**Wake should “fill in” region unpopulated in vacuum!**

Still will have parton shower contributions, but now in addition have a broader and softer contribution from the wake.

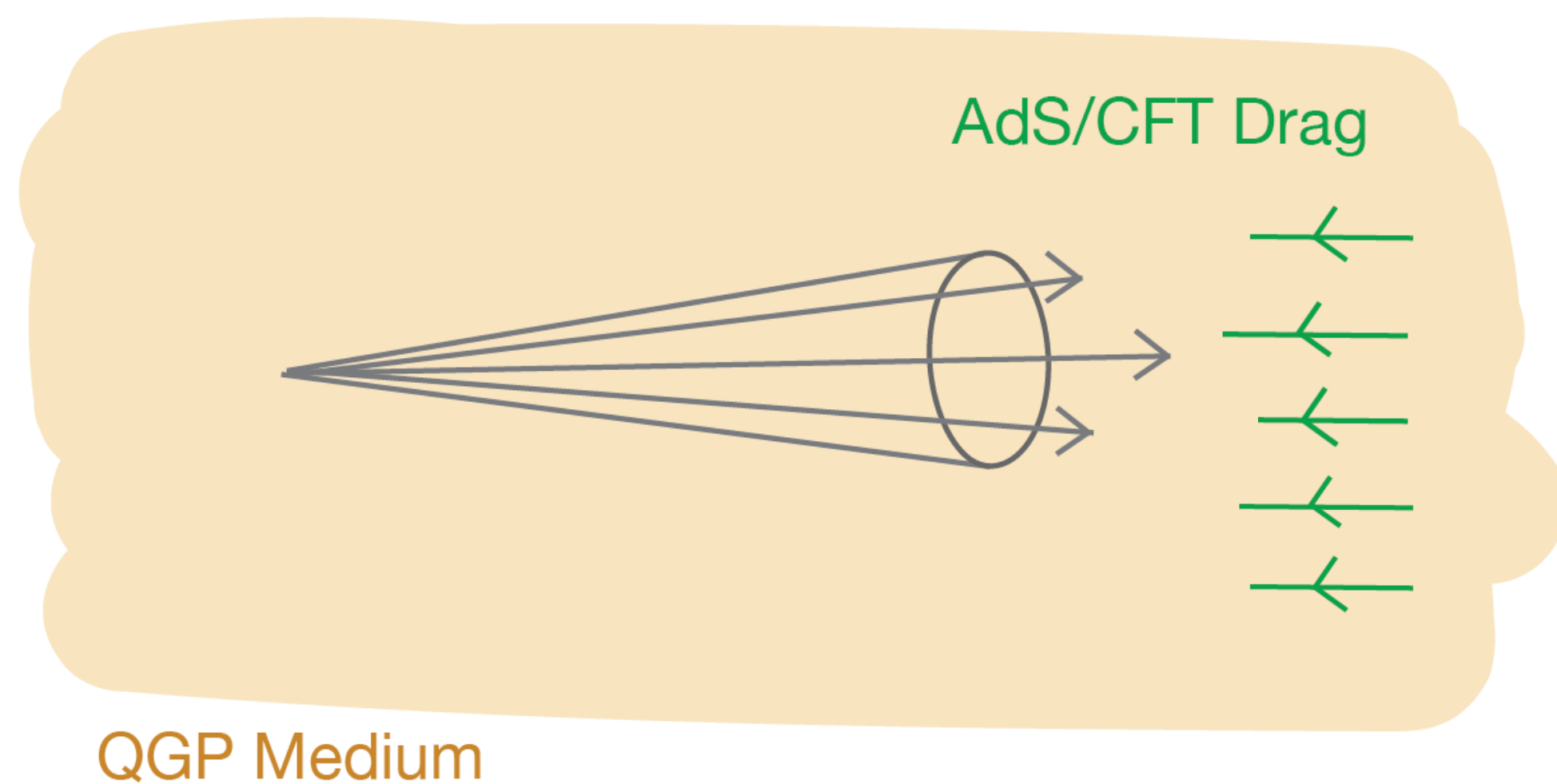
**Outline:** first discuss an idealized case, then go over some practical considerations for experimental applications!

# Hybrid Model

[JHEP 10 (2014) 019]

To study the wake we will use the hybrid model! This is a jet quenching model where...

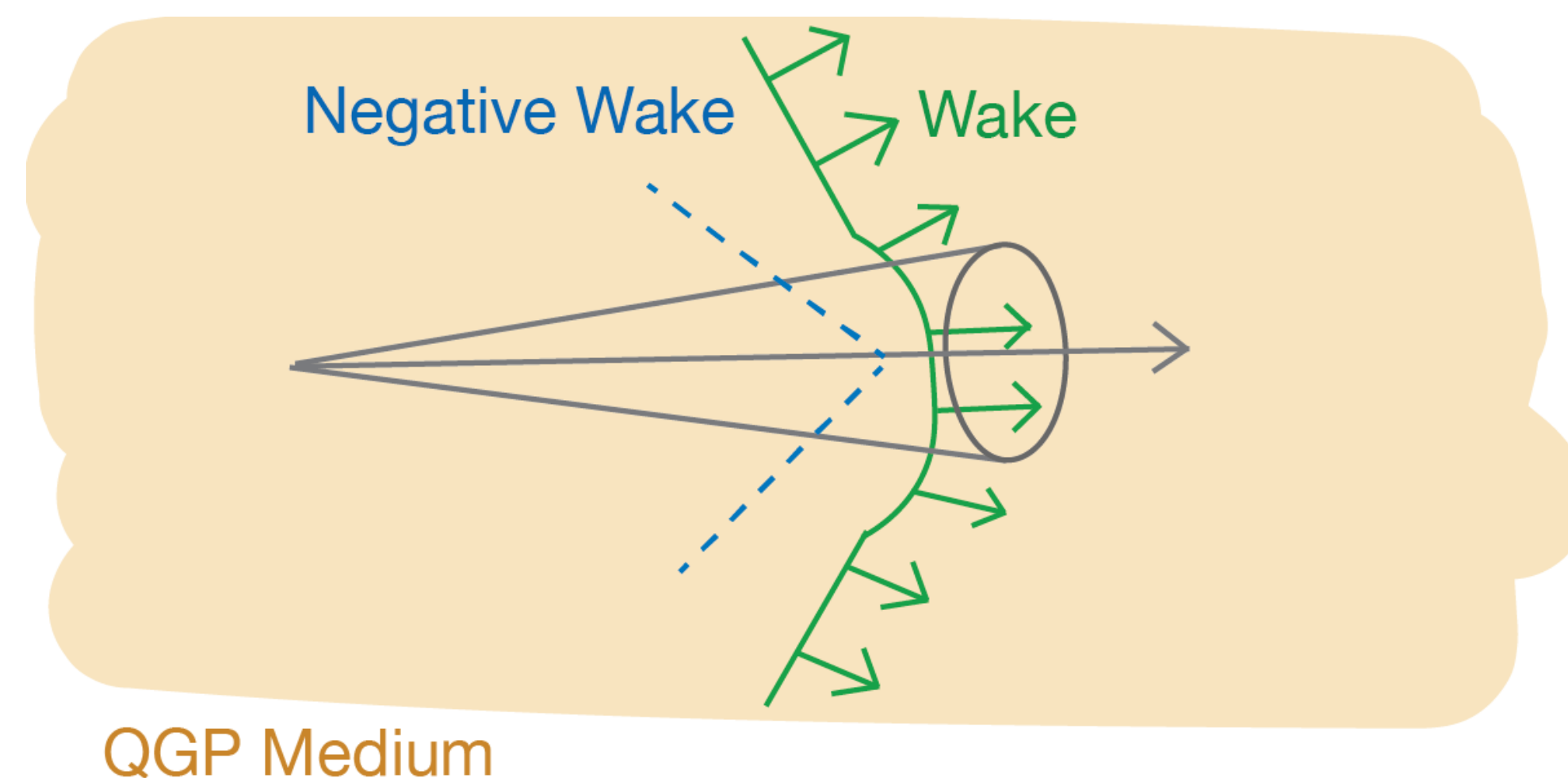
Impact of the medium on the jet  
→ jet energy loss



Strong coupling limit

\* AdS/CFT drag force

Impact of the jet on the medium →  
medium response



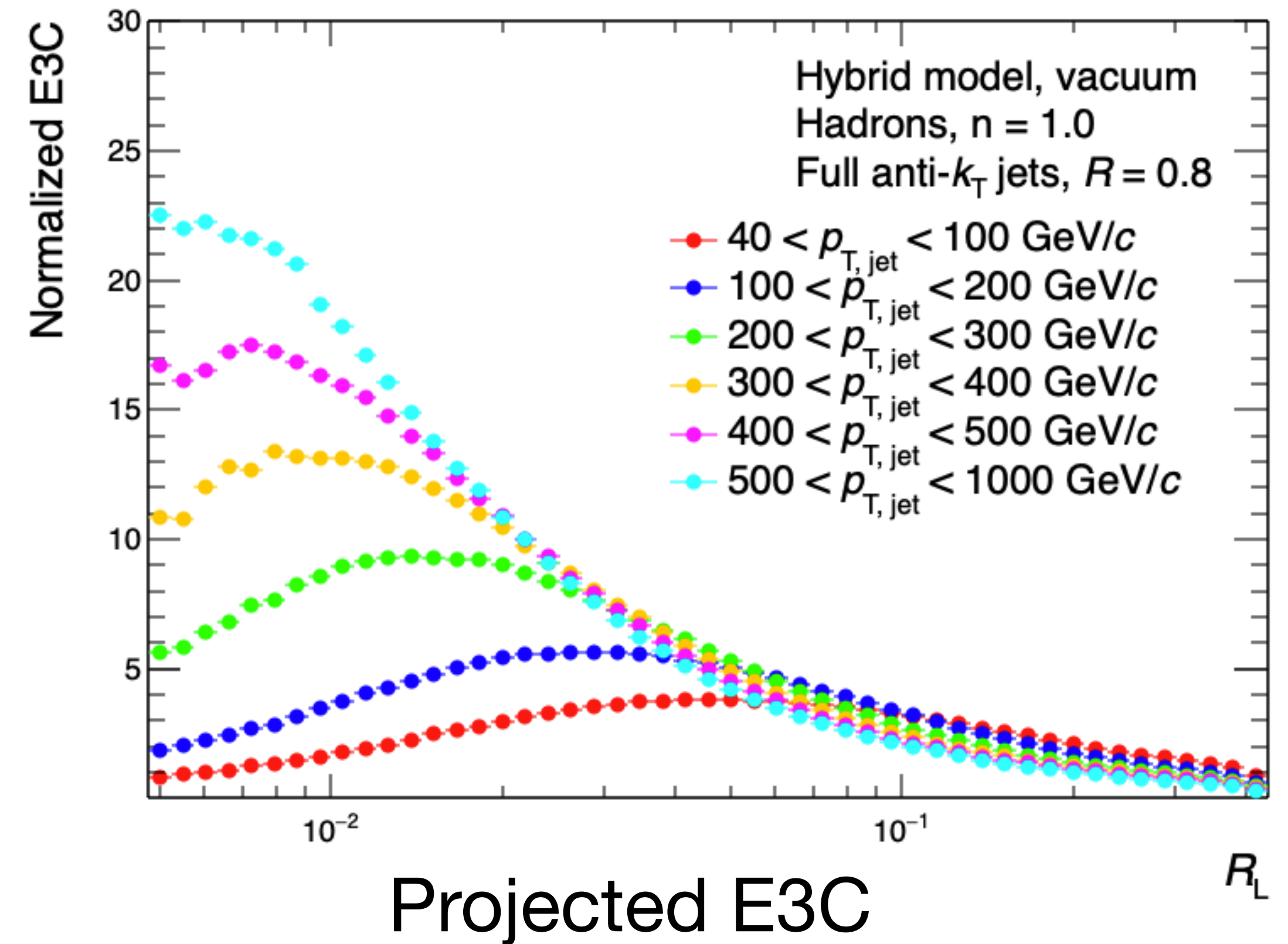
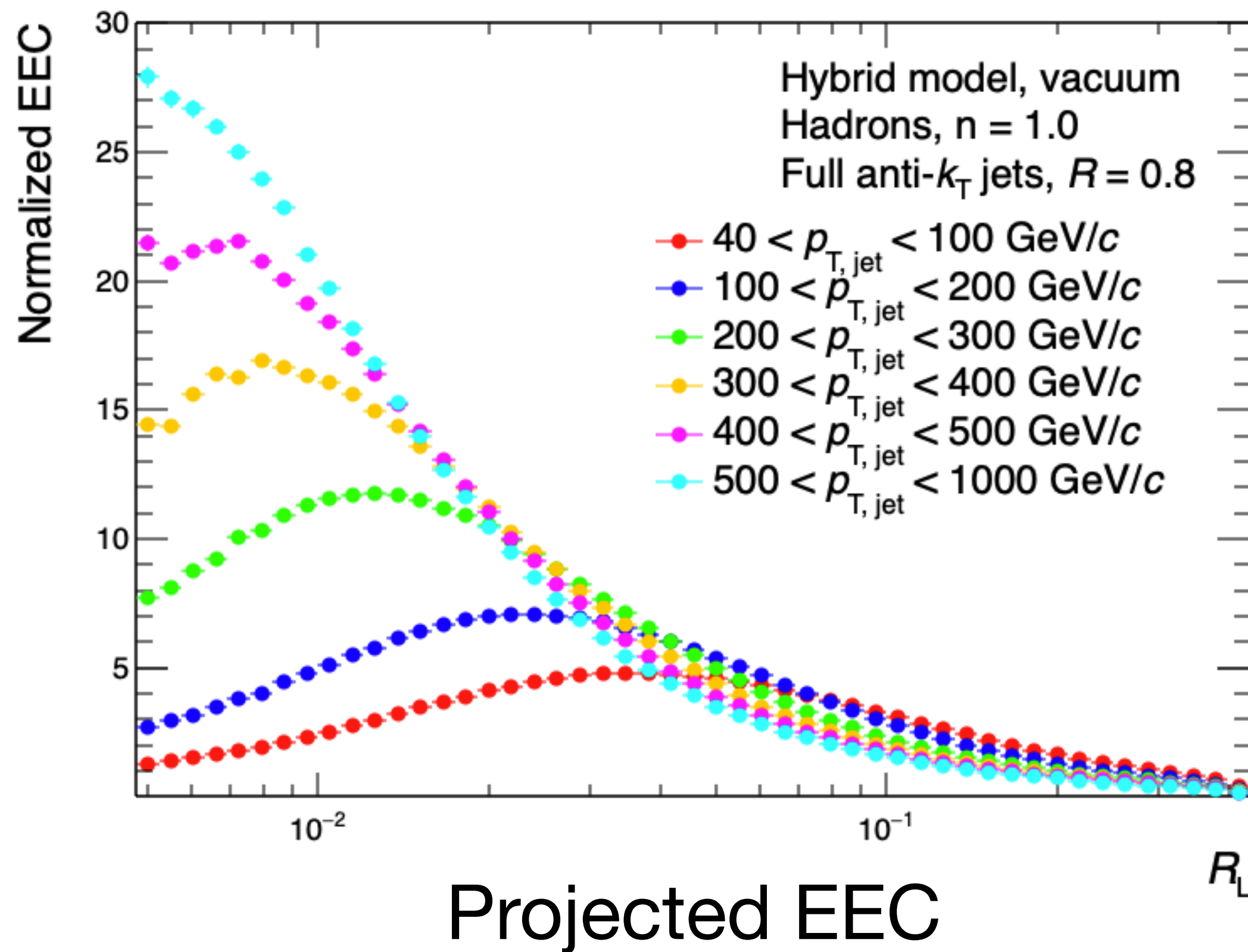
Strong coupling limit

\* Wake (Hydrodynamics based approach)

See [Krishna's \(Mon 3:30pm\) talk](#) for a more comprehensive overview!

# Projected correlators in vacuum

- \* Showing the projected 2 and 3 point correlators in vacuum as a function of jet  $p_T$



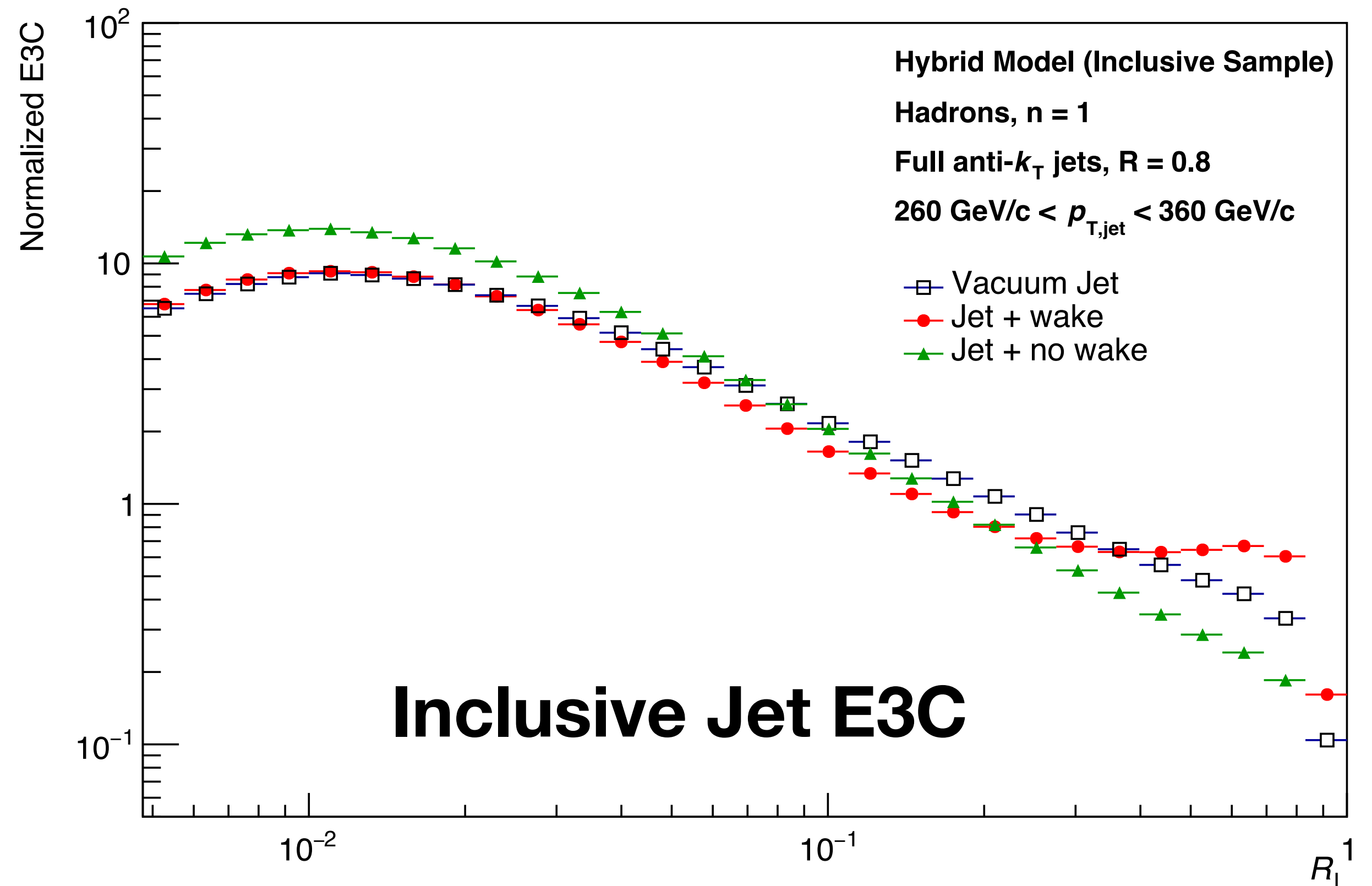
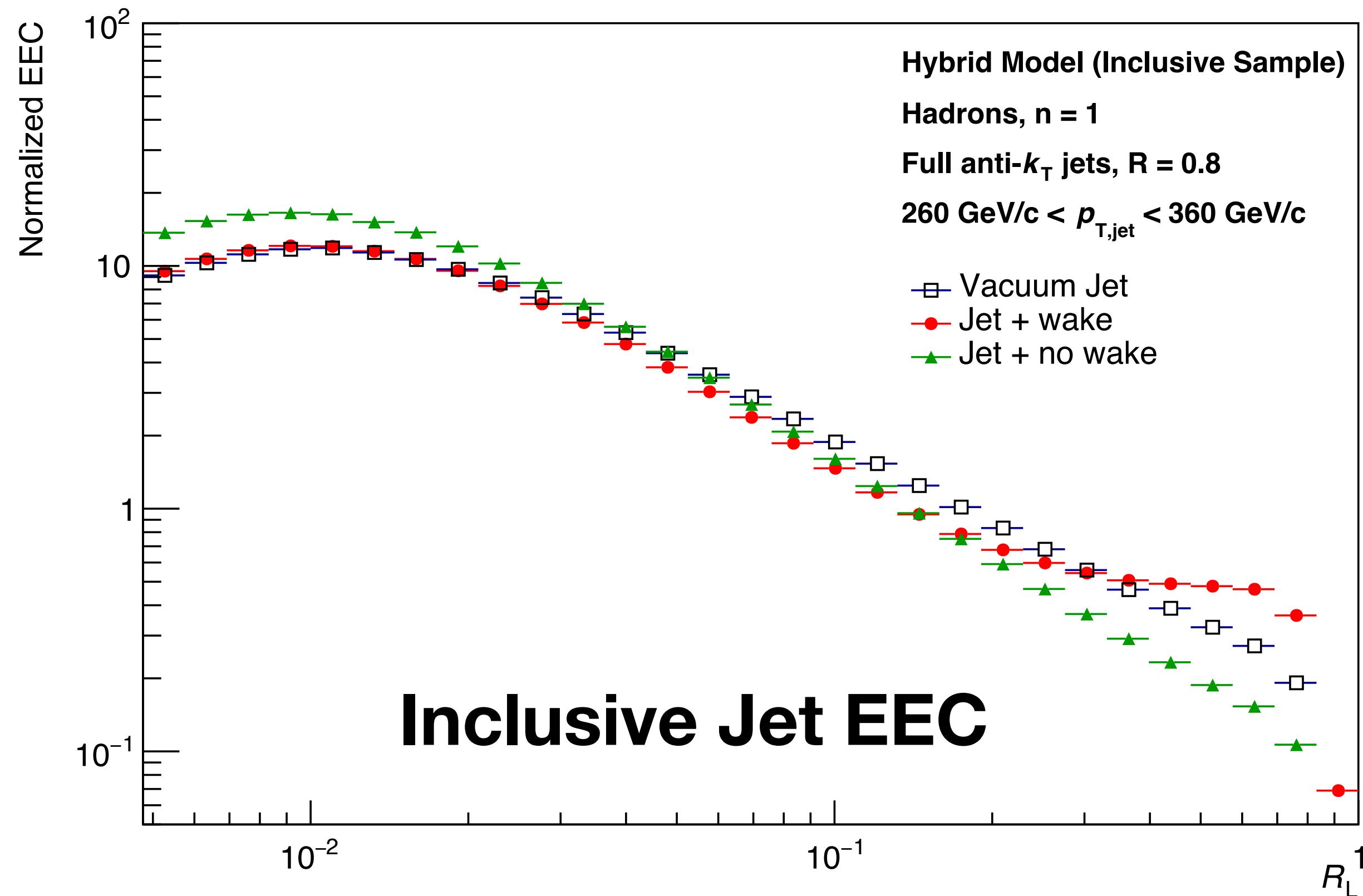
- \* Projected EEC and E3C show similar features.

- \* Peak position is roughly  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/p_{T, \text{jet}}$

*What happens when we include the wake?*

# Projected correlators w/ Wake

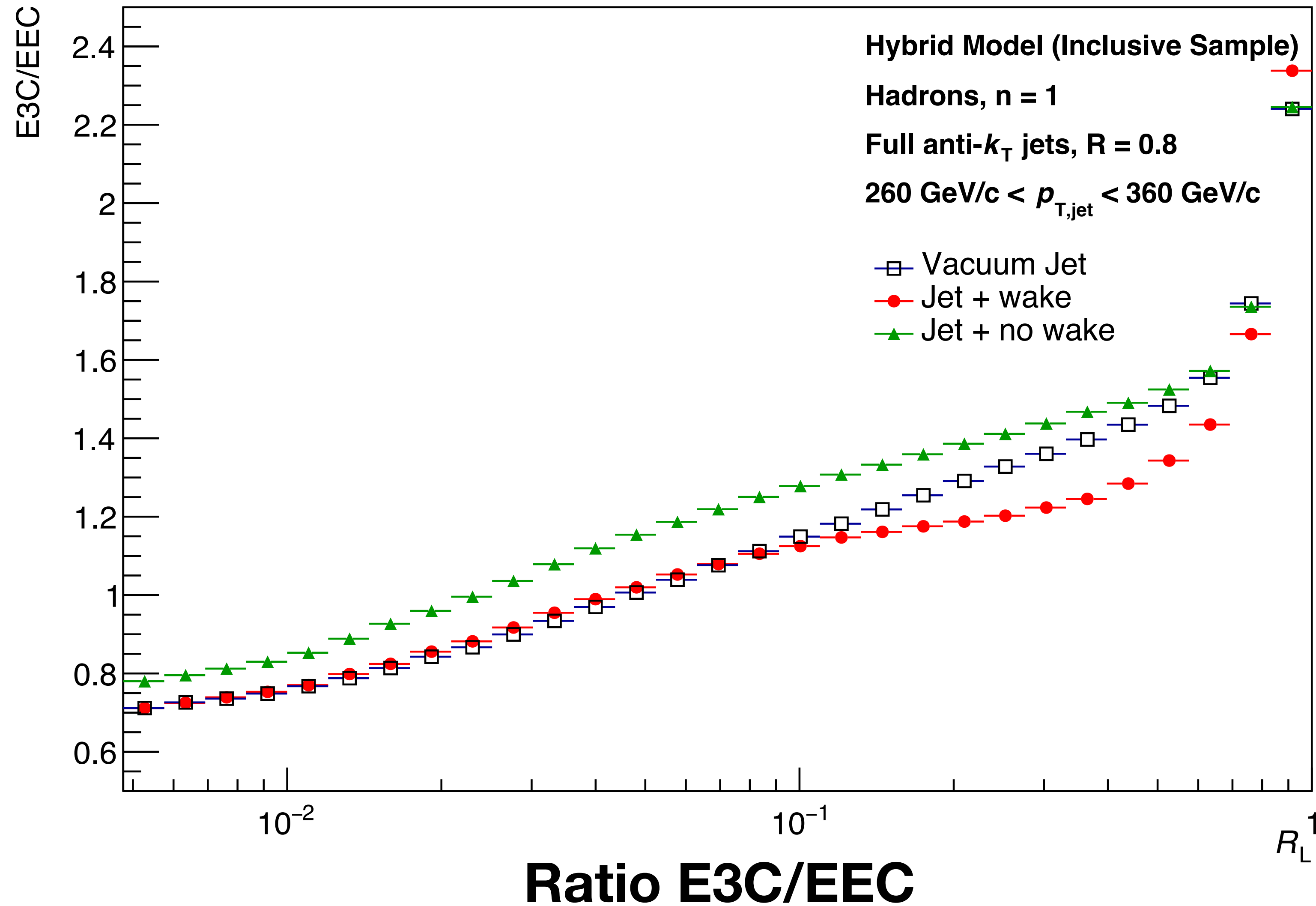
- \* Look at projected correlators in vacuum compared to jet + wake and jet + no wake



- \* *Scaling behavior at large values of  $R_L$  different when wake is included!*
- \* Wake shows up similarly to other medium effects.
- \* **No track  $p_T$  cut included in this sample (will show effect later)**



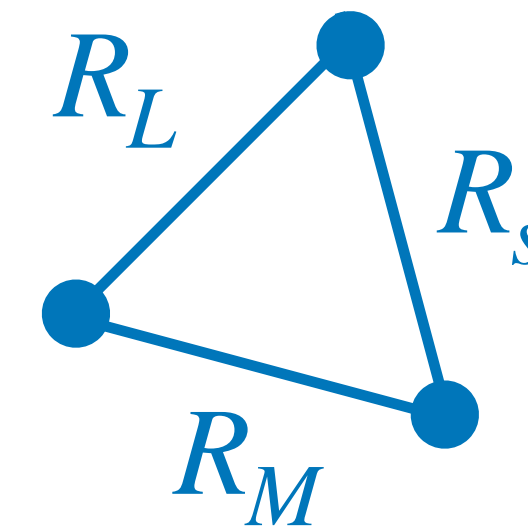
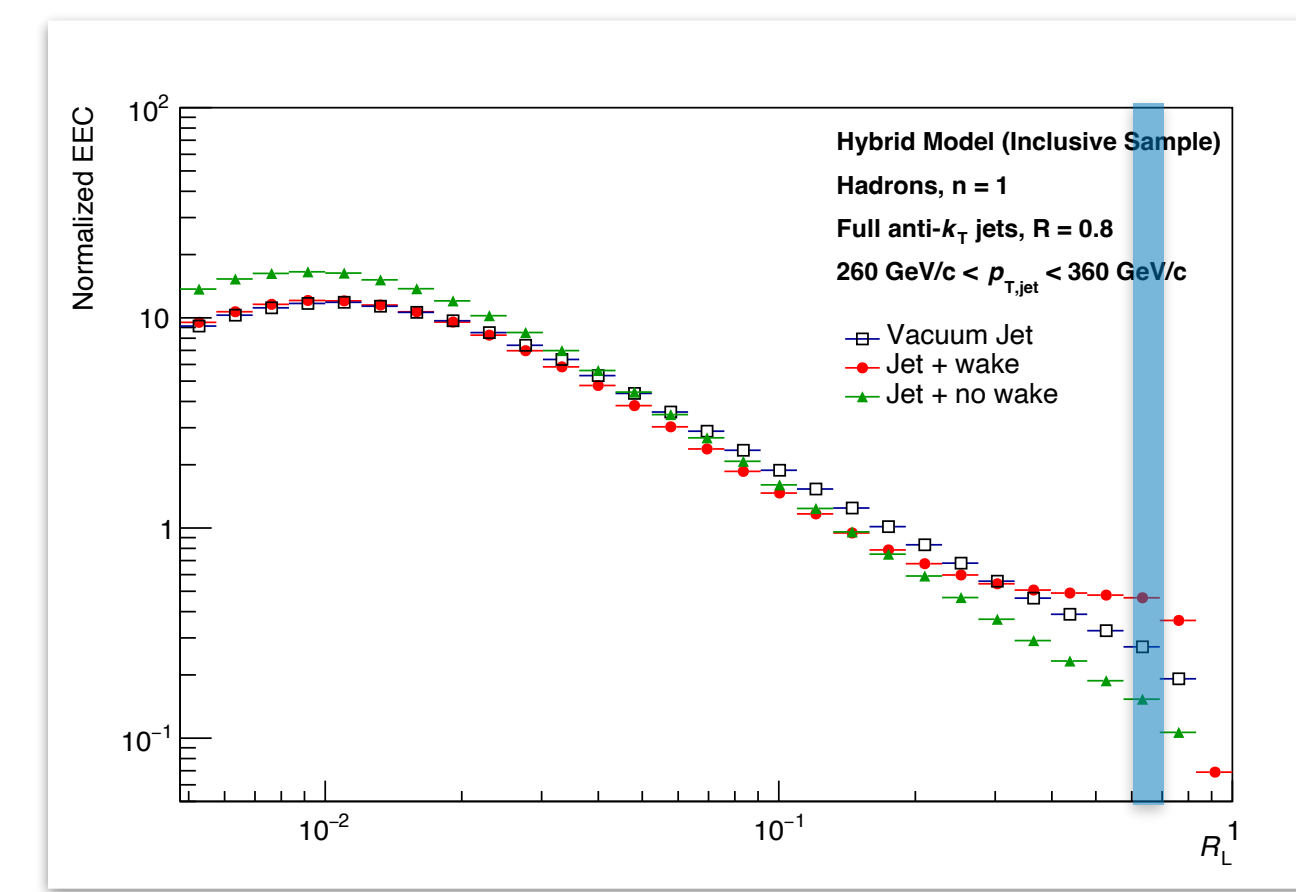
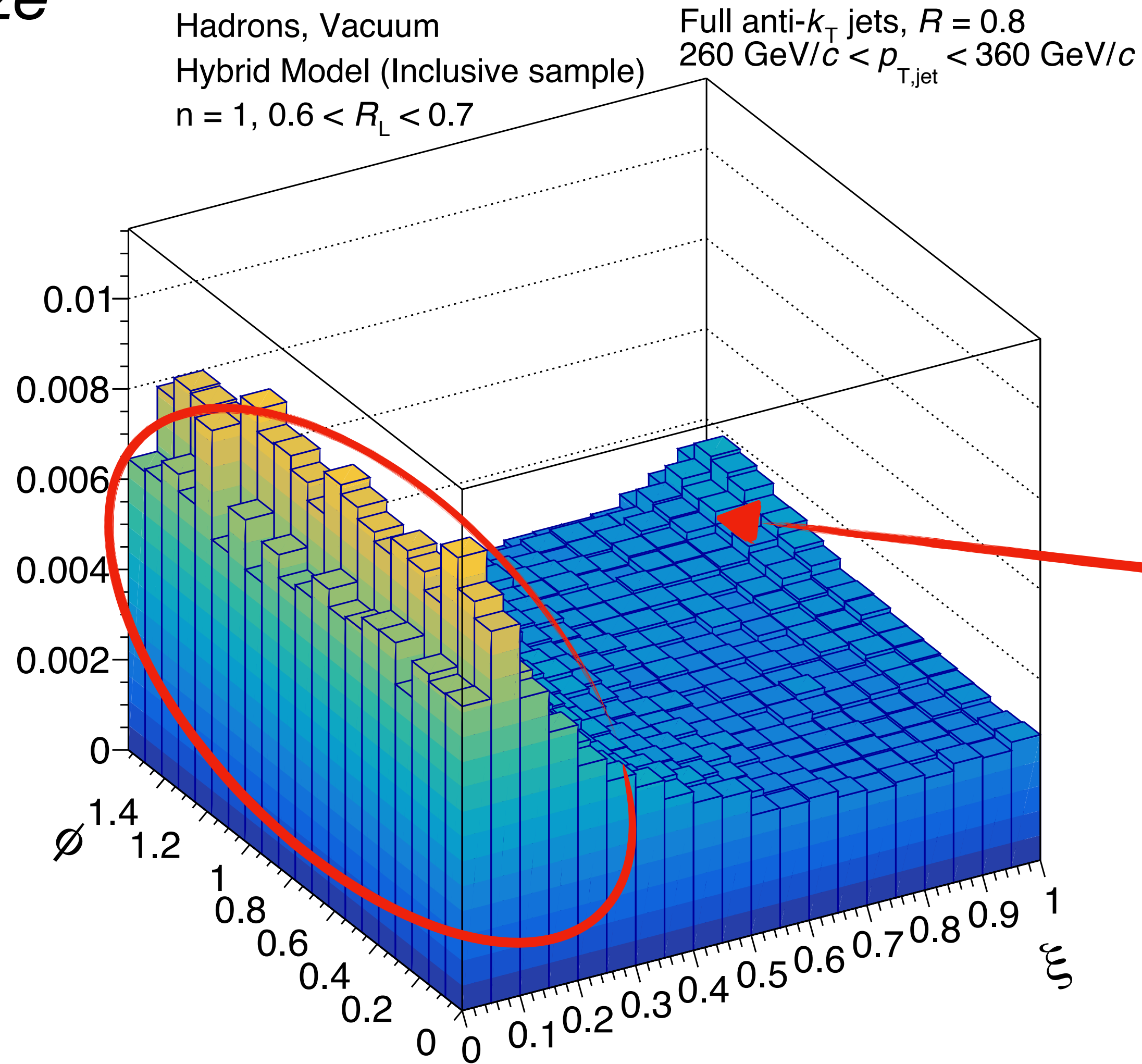
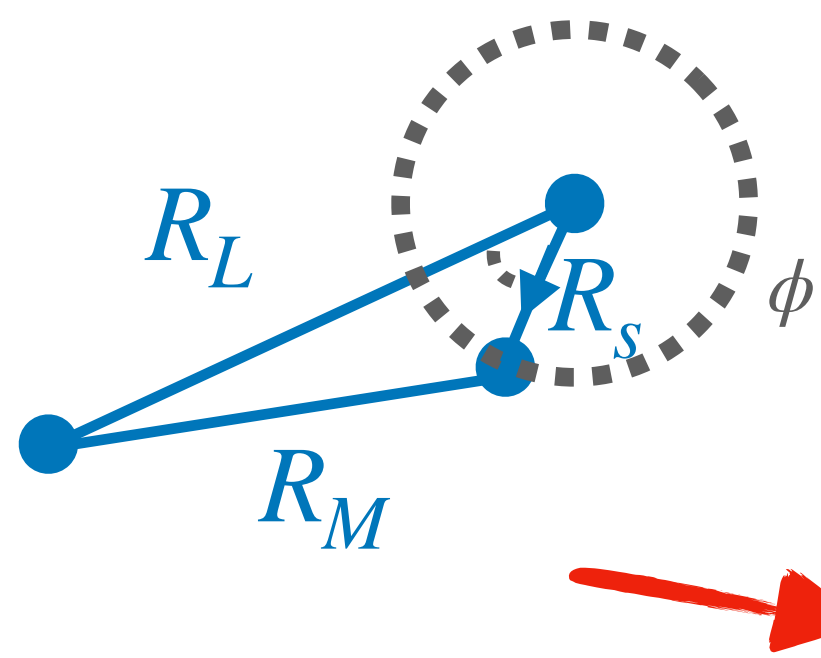
# Ratio of projected correlators



- \* Can also elucidate the wake using the ratios!
- \* Beneficial if systematics can be cancelled in the ratio.

# Shape dependence in vacuum

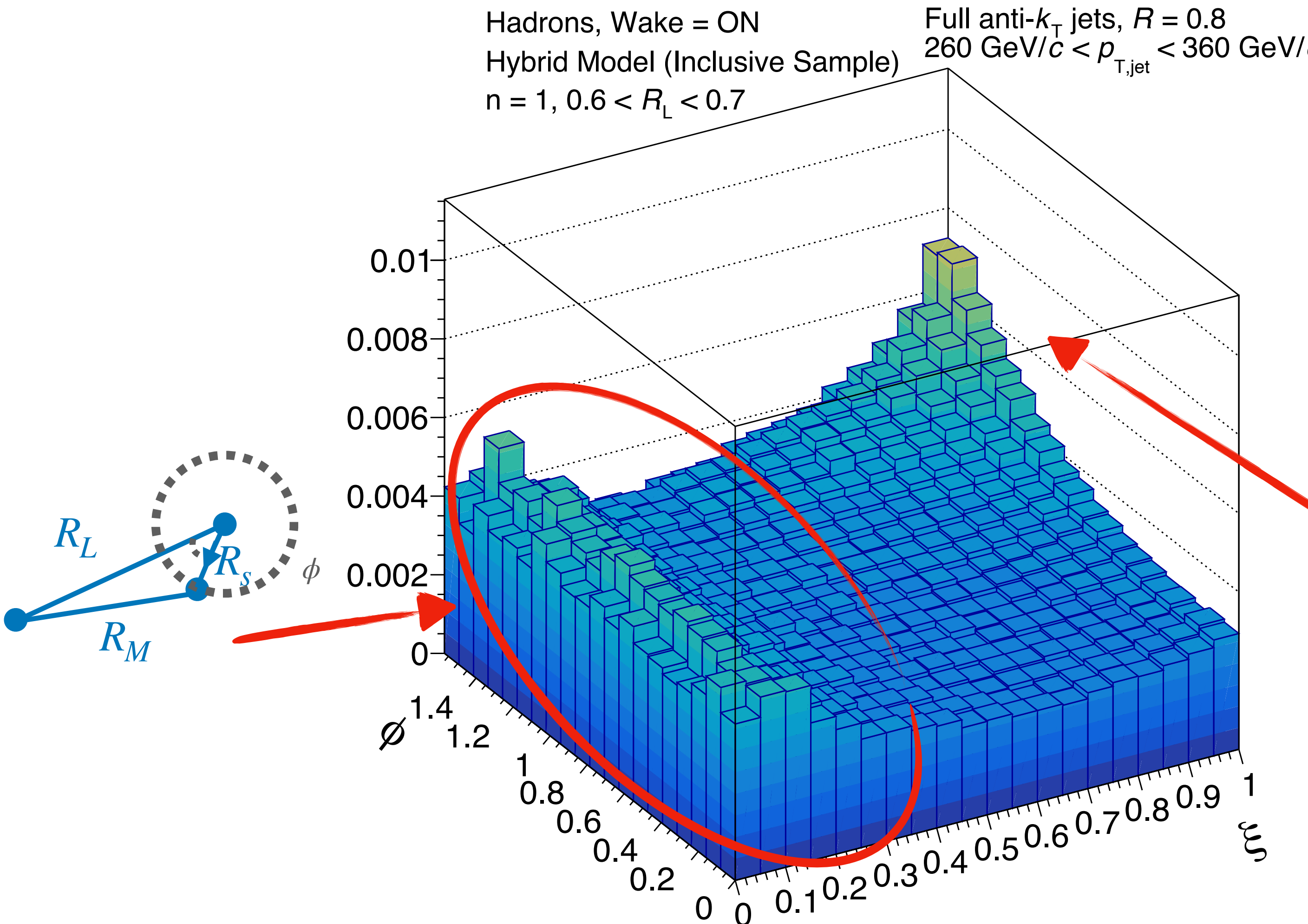
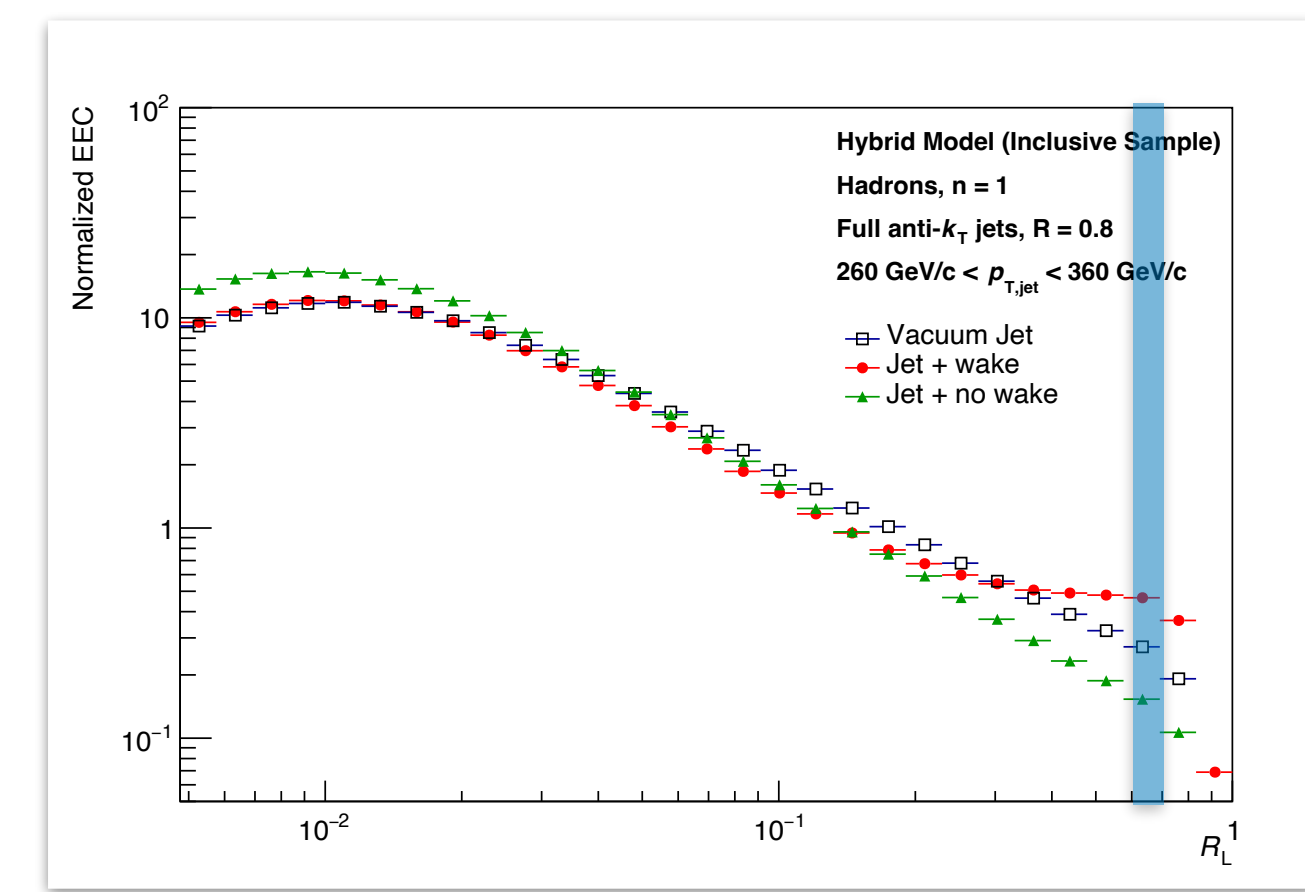
Can also visualize this in 3D!



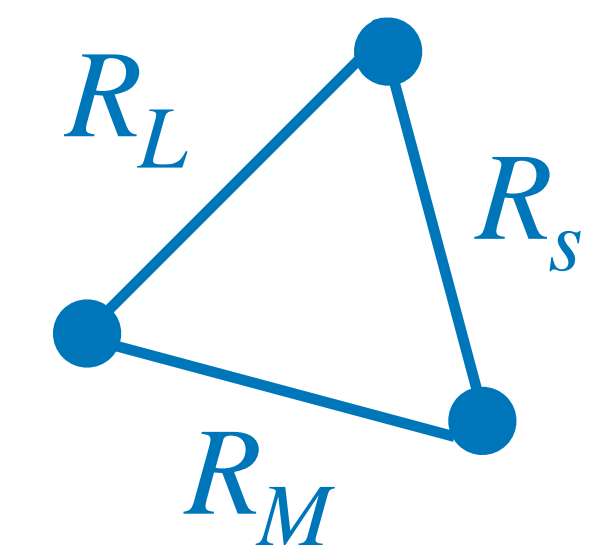
\* All other shapes not prominent in vacuum!

\* All emissions correlated with the same source (parton shower)

# Shape dependence in medium (with wake)



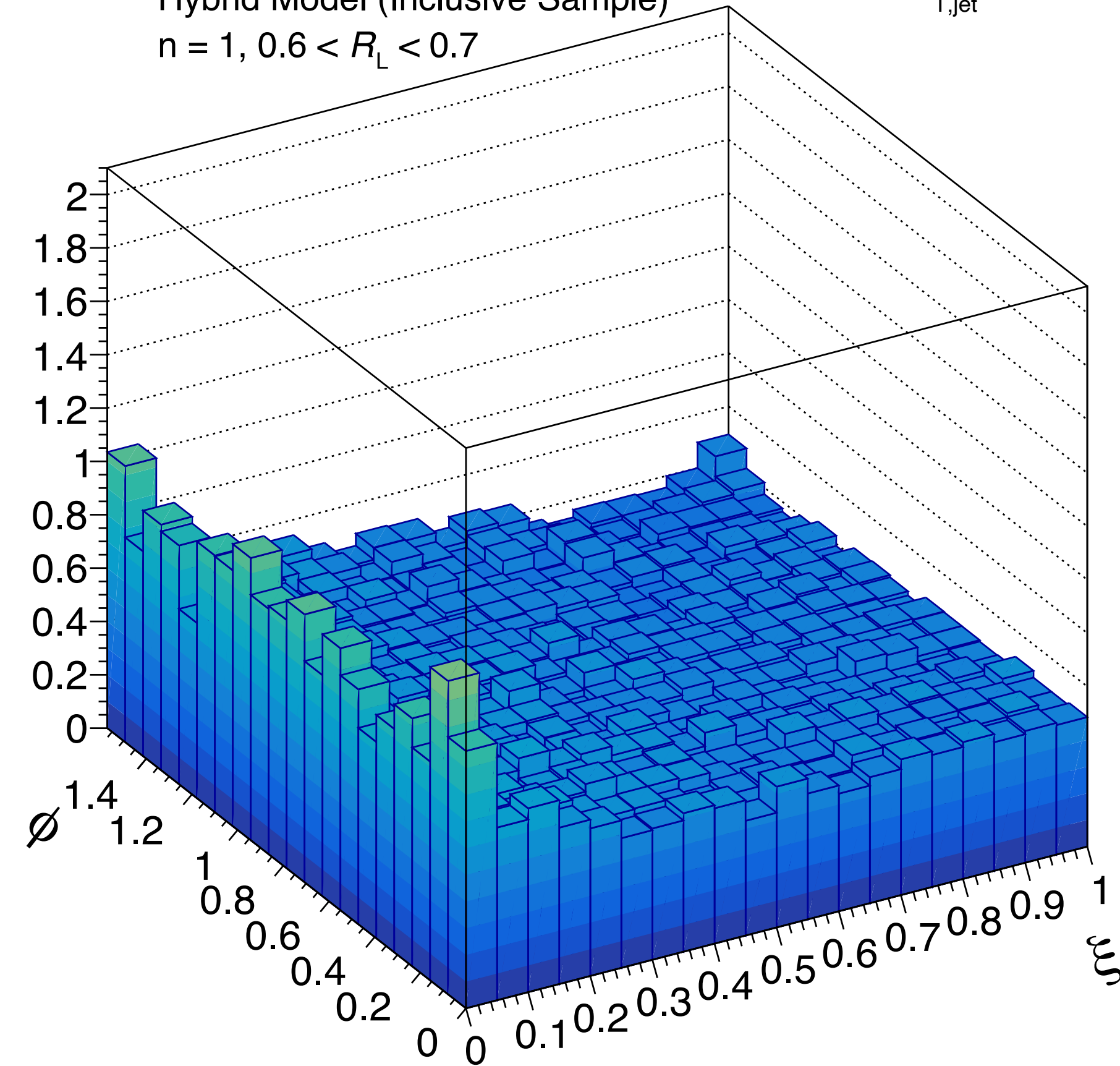
\* Large rise in equilateral structures due to the presence of the uncorrelated wake!



\* *Dramatically different shape dependence when the wake is included!*

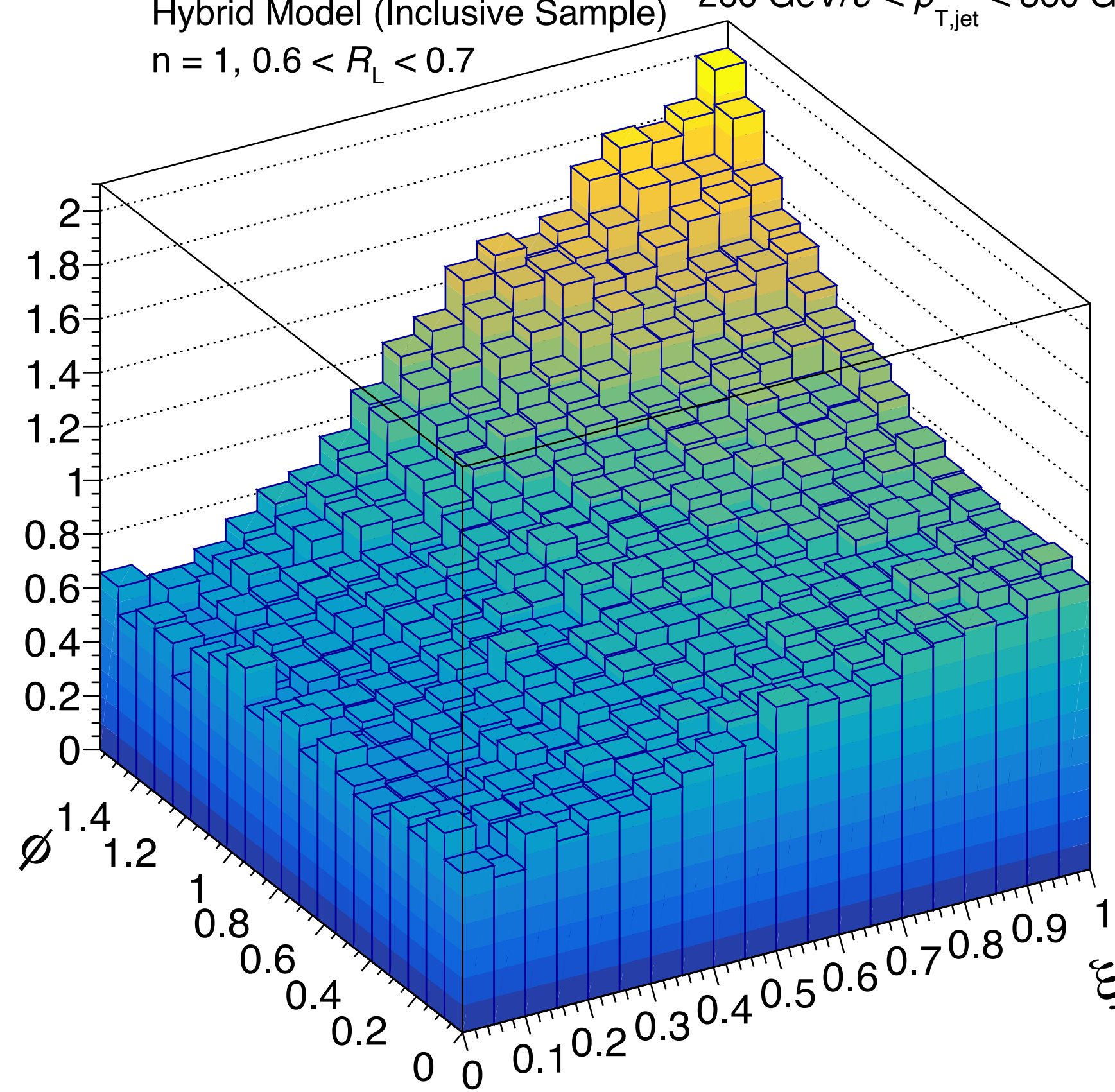
# Ratios to vacuum

Hadrons,  $\text{Jet}_{\text{Wake=Off}}^{\text{Med}} / \text{Jet}^{\text{Vac}}$   
 Hybrid Model (Inclusive Sample)  
 $n = 1, 0.6 < R_L < 0.7$   
 anti- $k_T, R = 0.8$   
 $260 \text{ GeV}/c < p_{T,\text{jet}} < 360 \text{ GeV}/c$

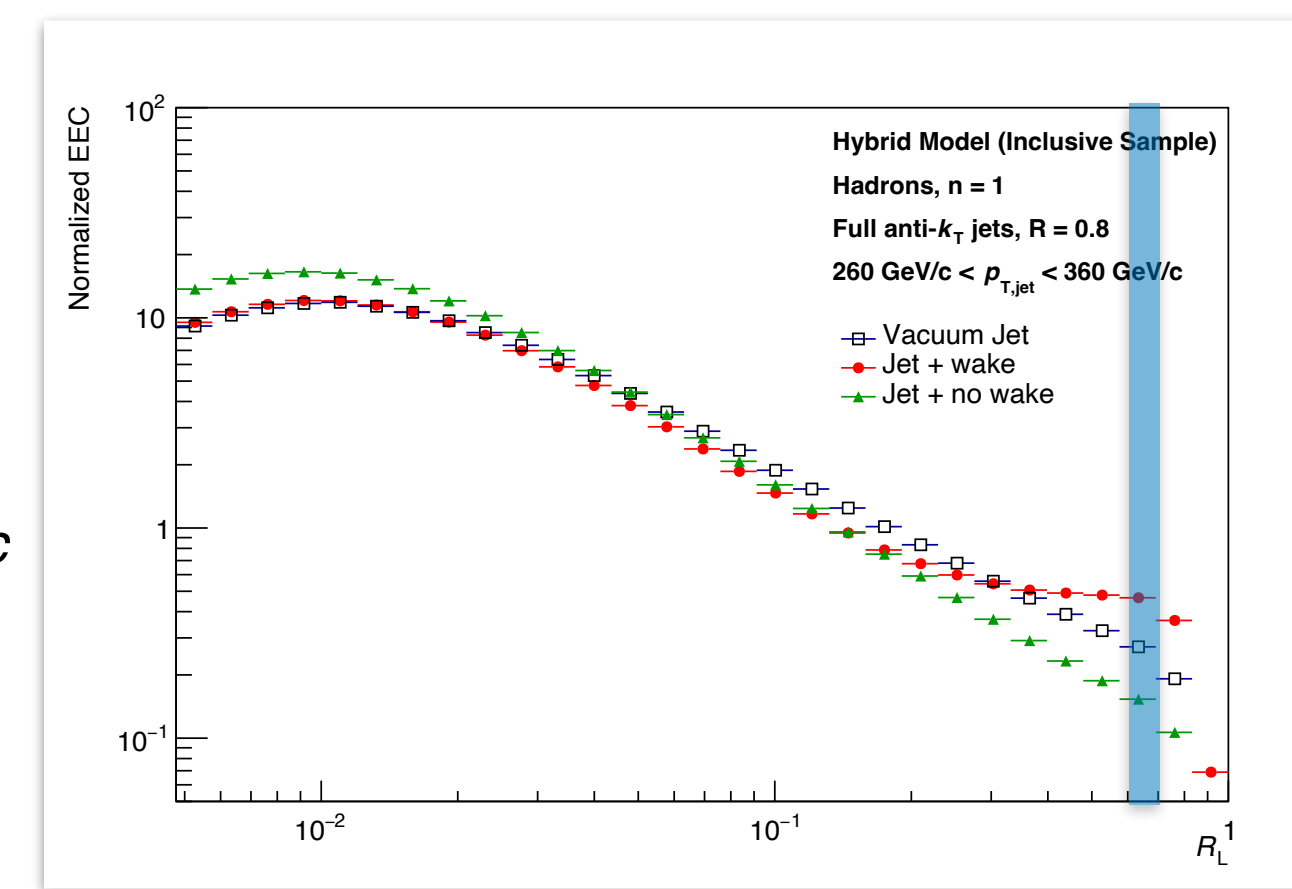


**No wake / vacuum**

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 Hybrid Model (Inclusive Sample)  
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 Full anti- $k_T$  jets,  $R = 0.8$   
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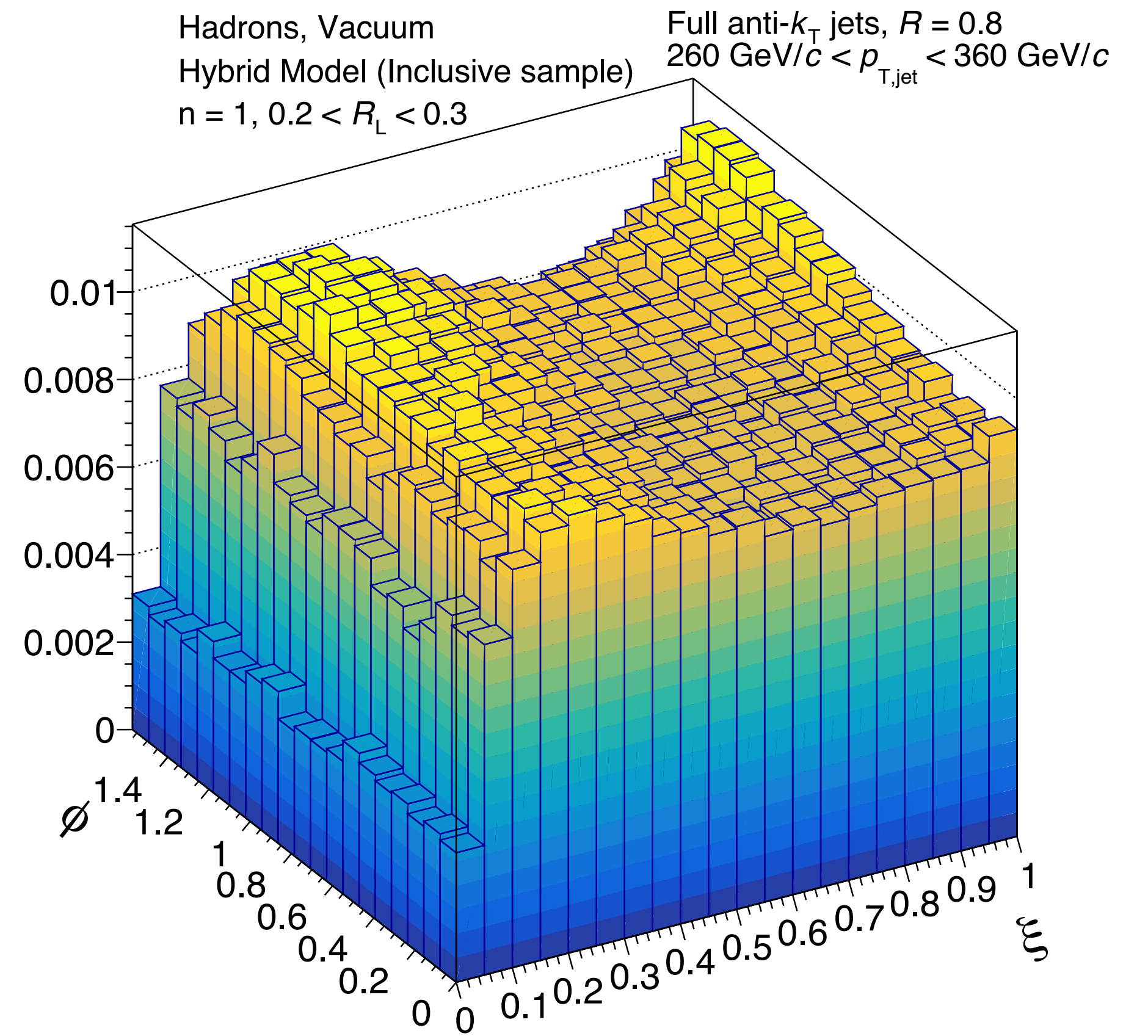
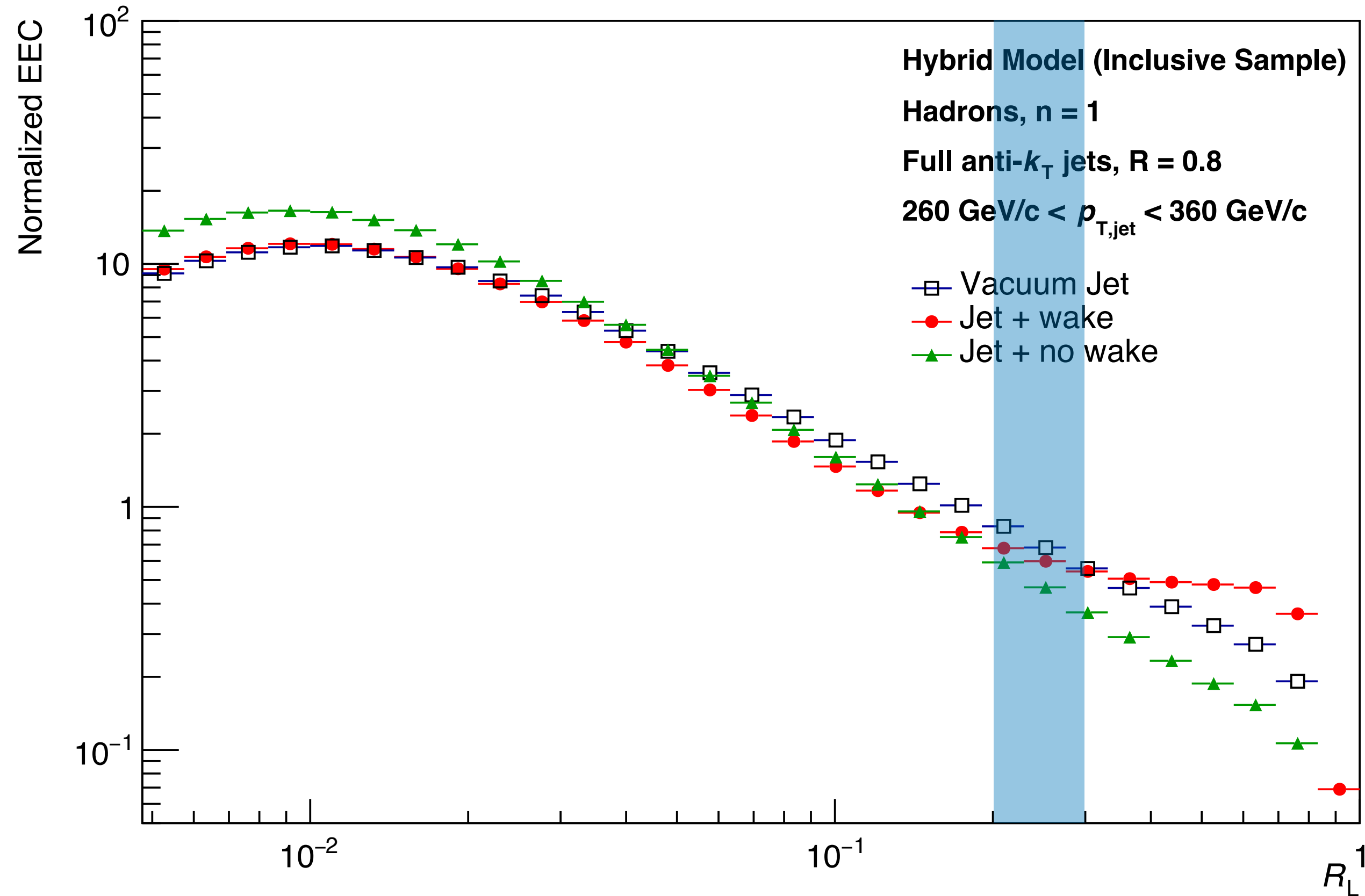
**Wake / vacuum**



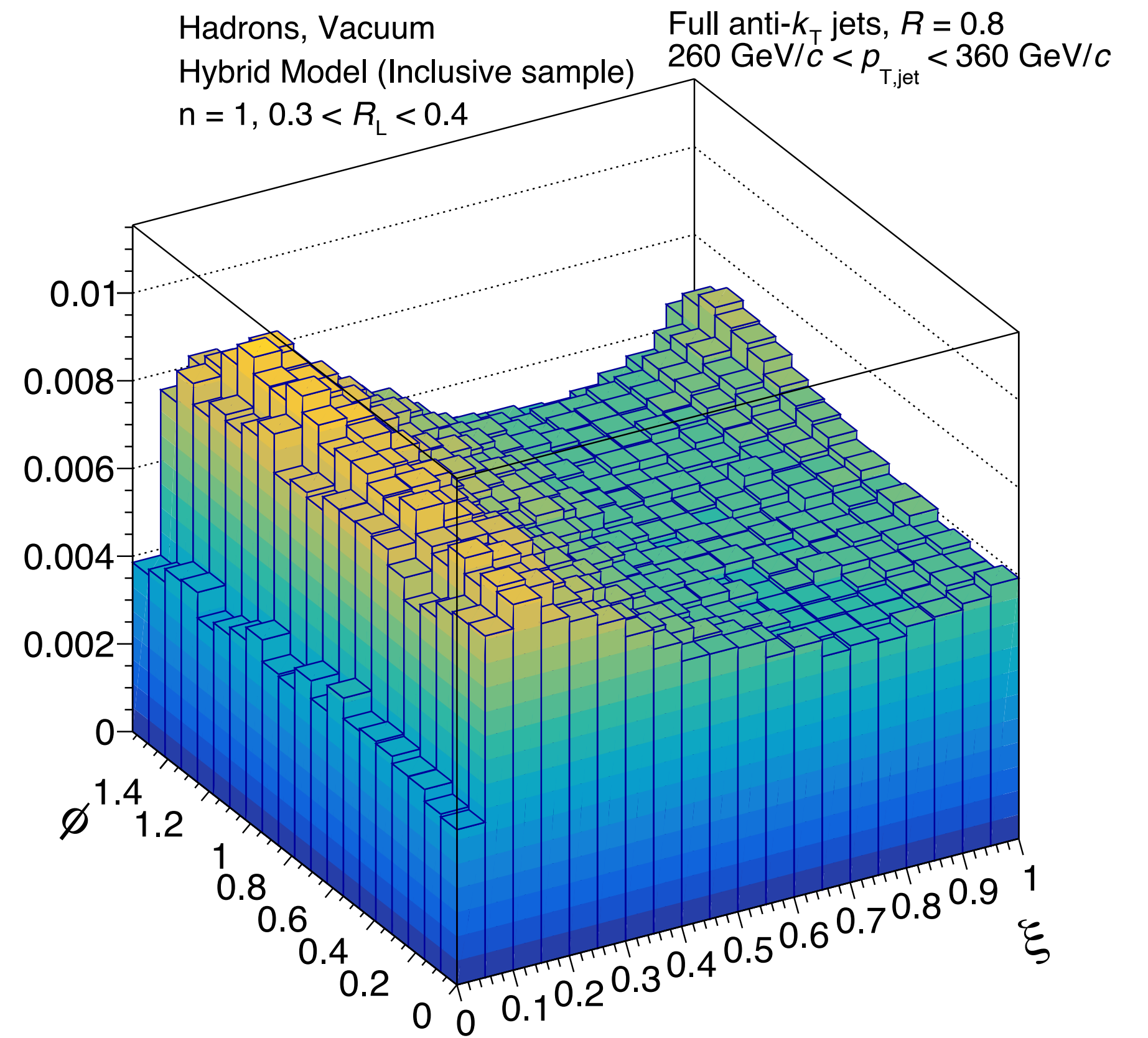
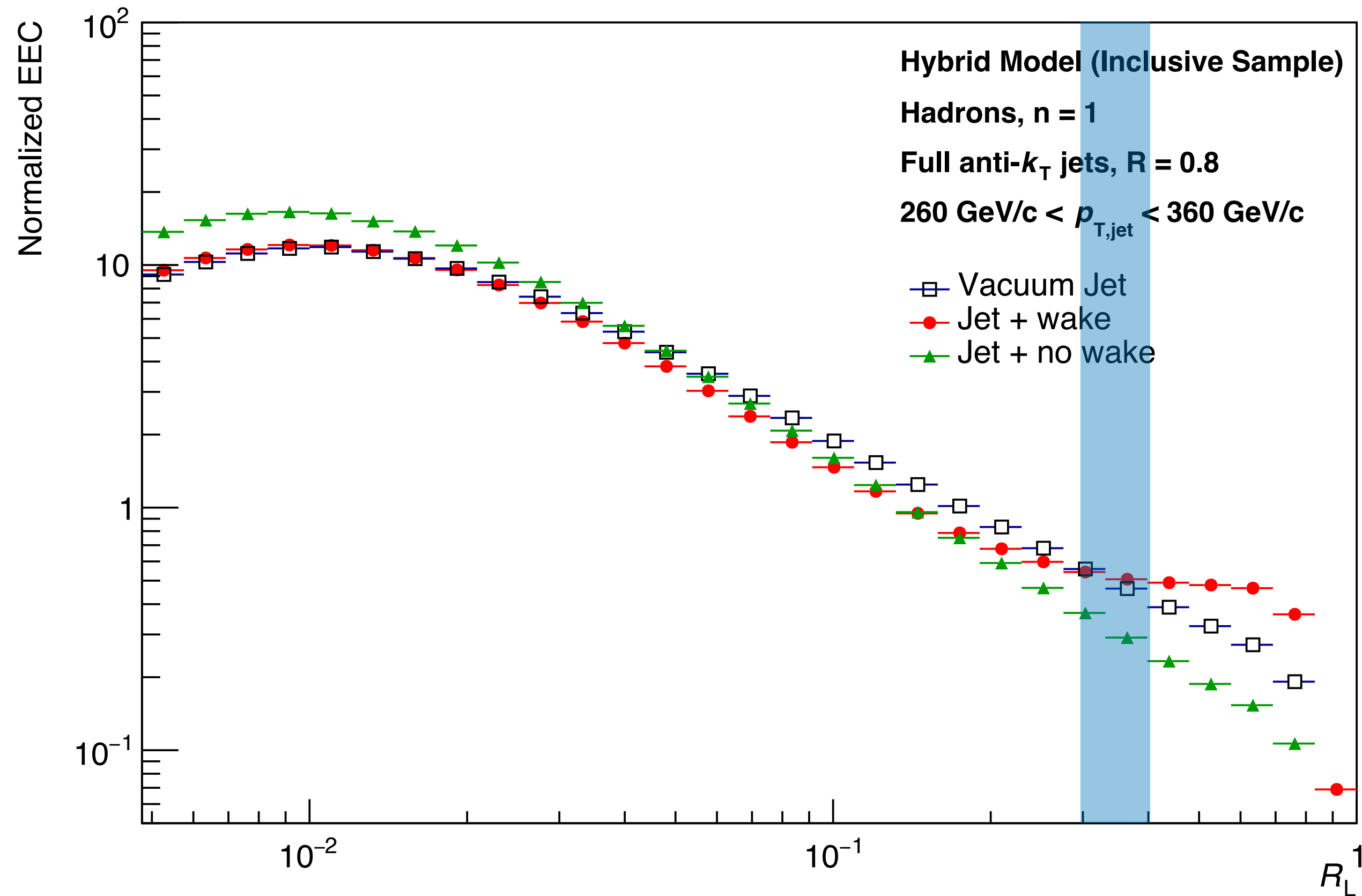
✿ *Wake leaves clear signatures in comparison to vacuum!*

✿ Shape of medium response is encoded in these ratios!

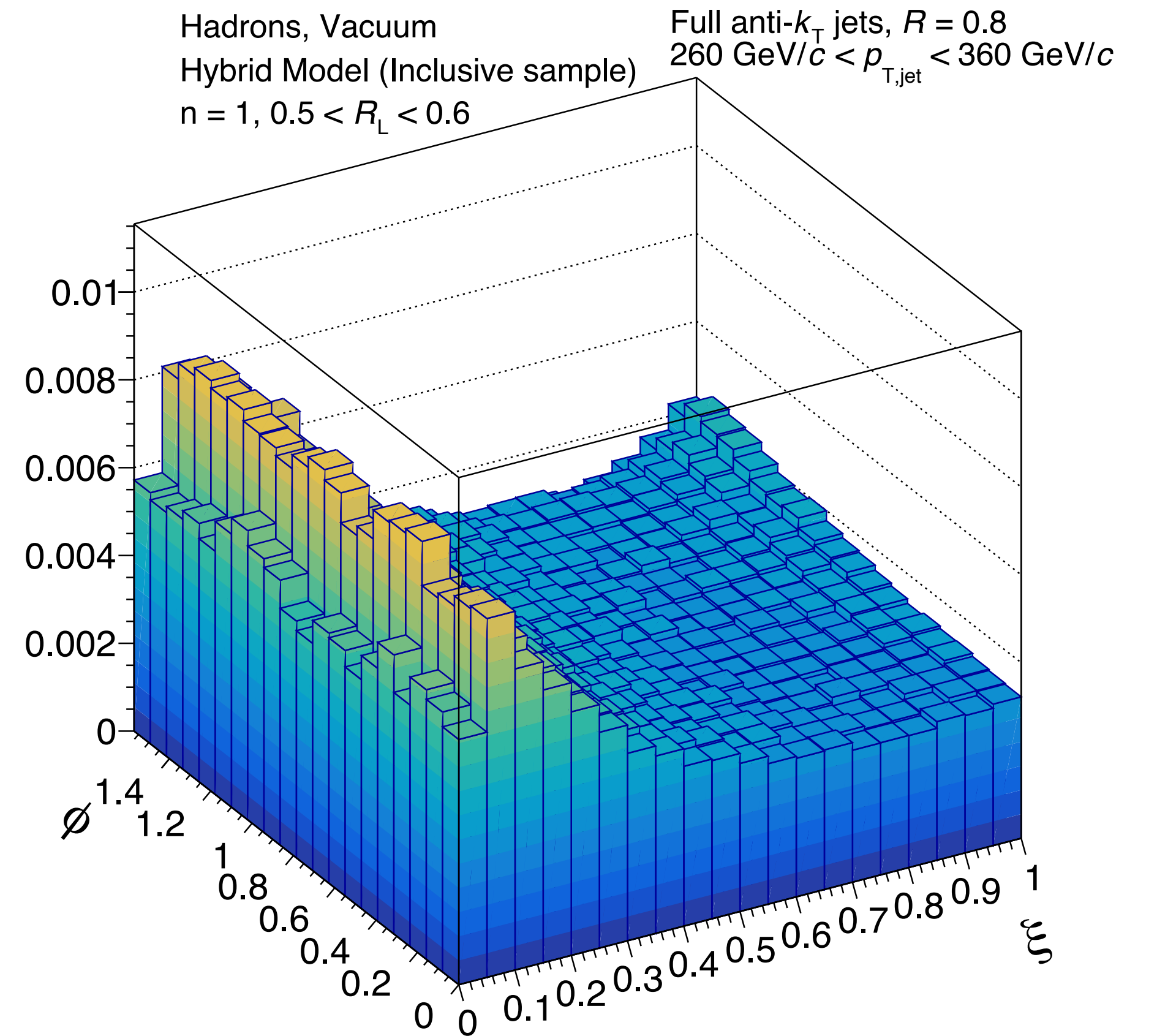
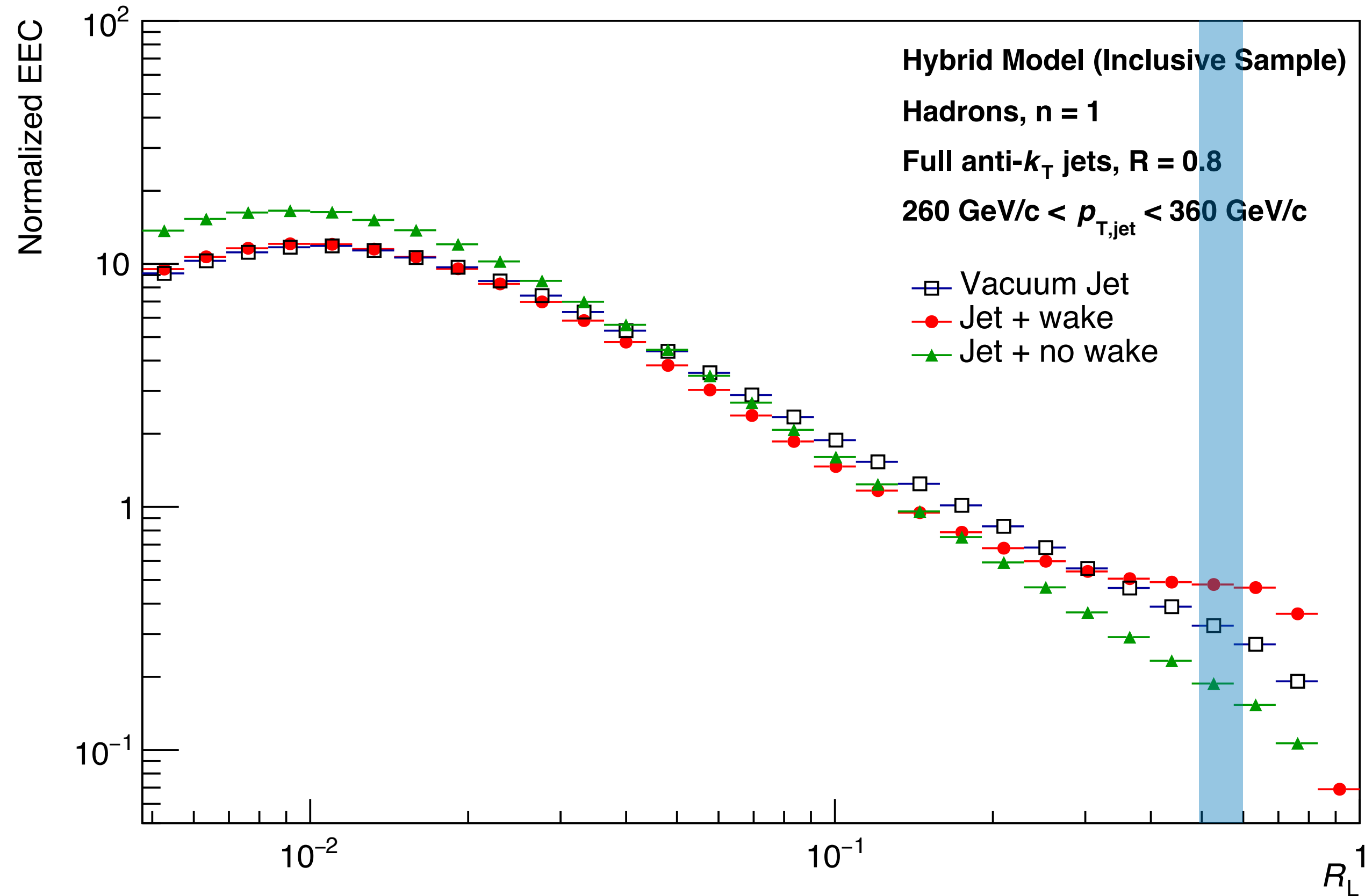
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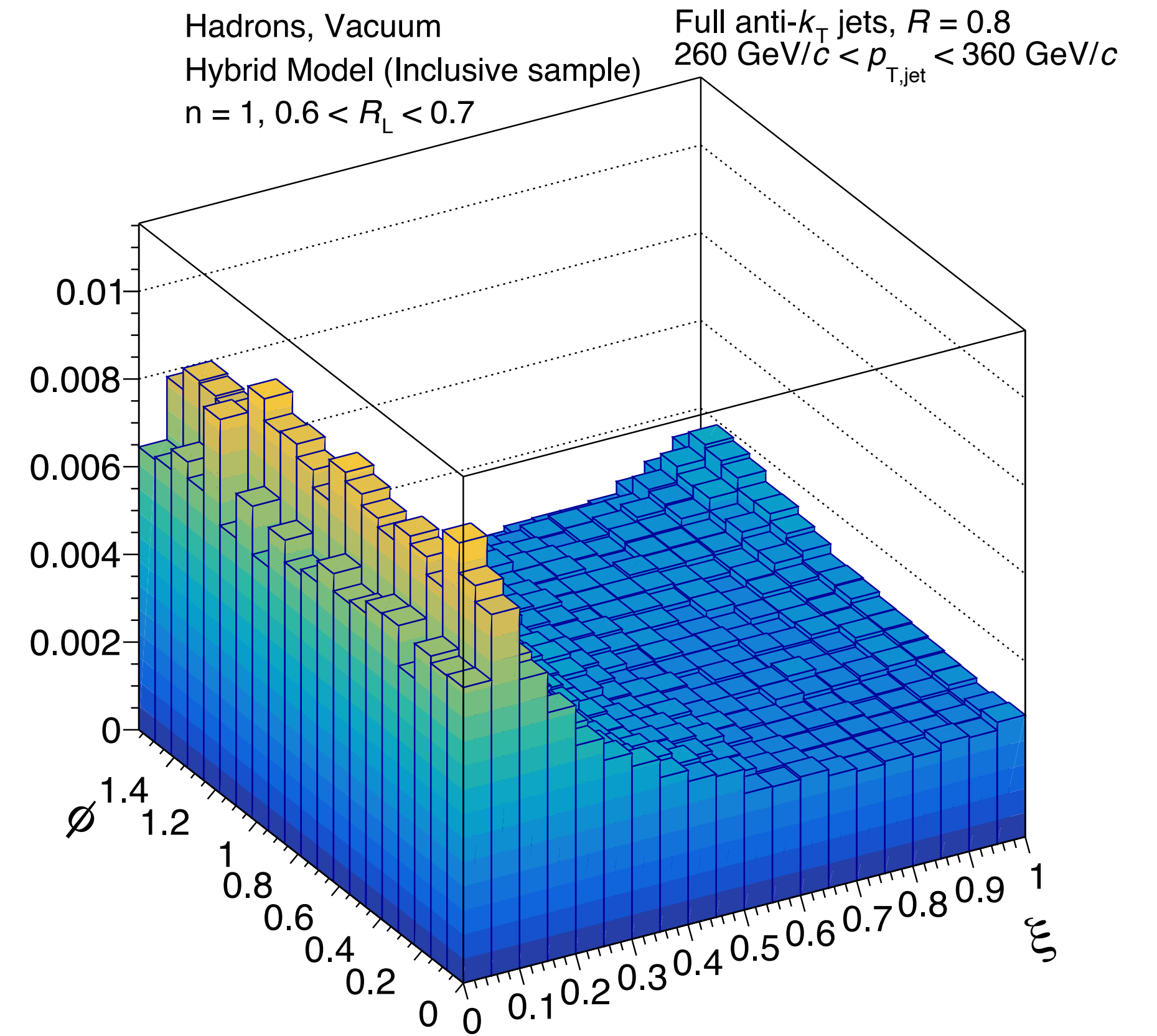
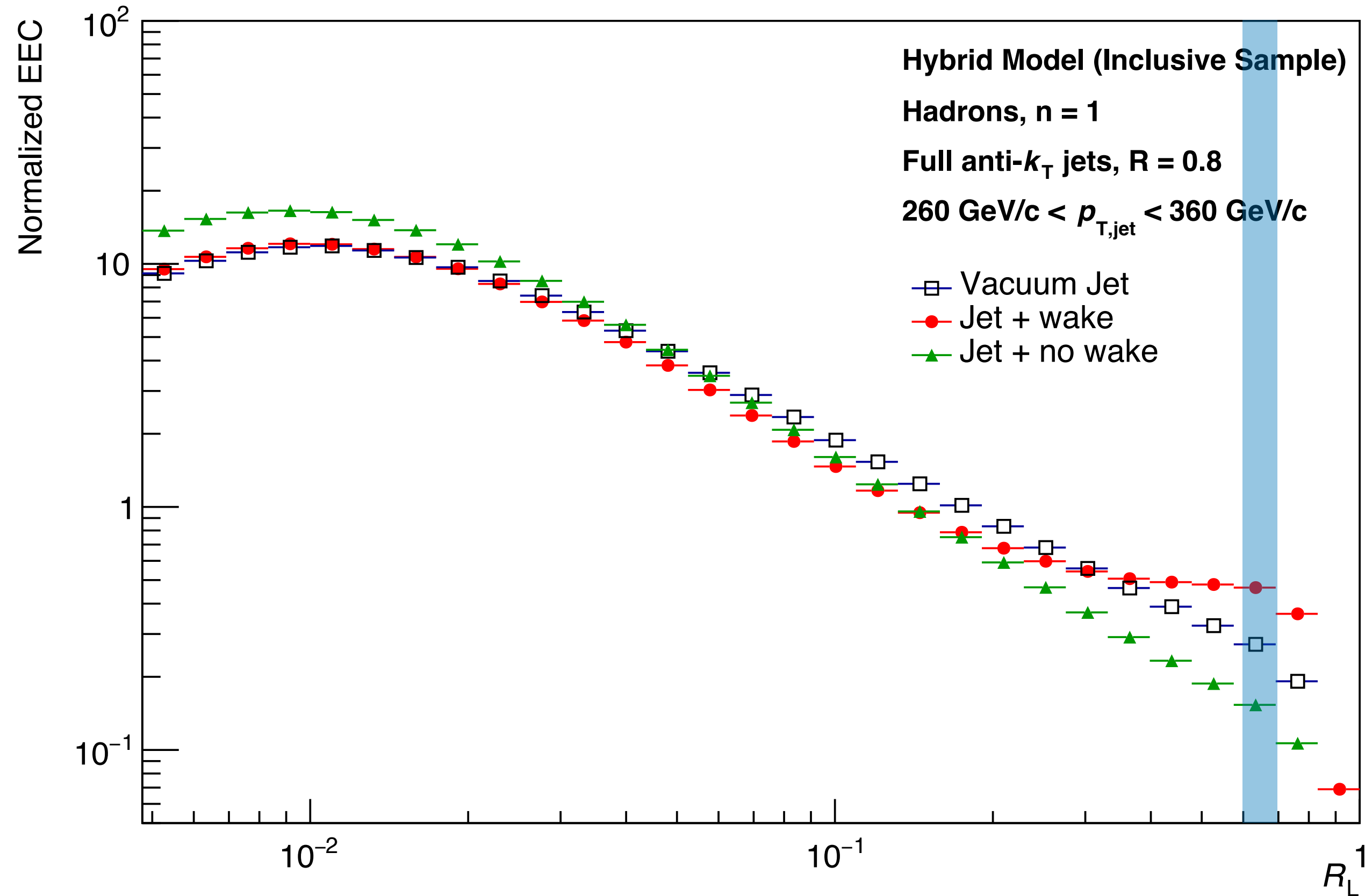
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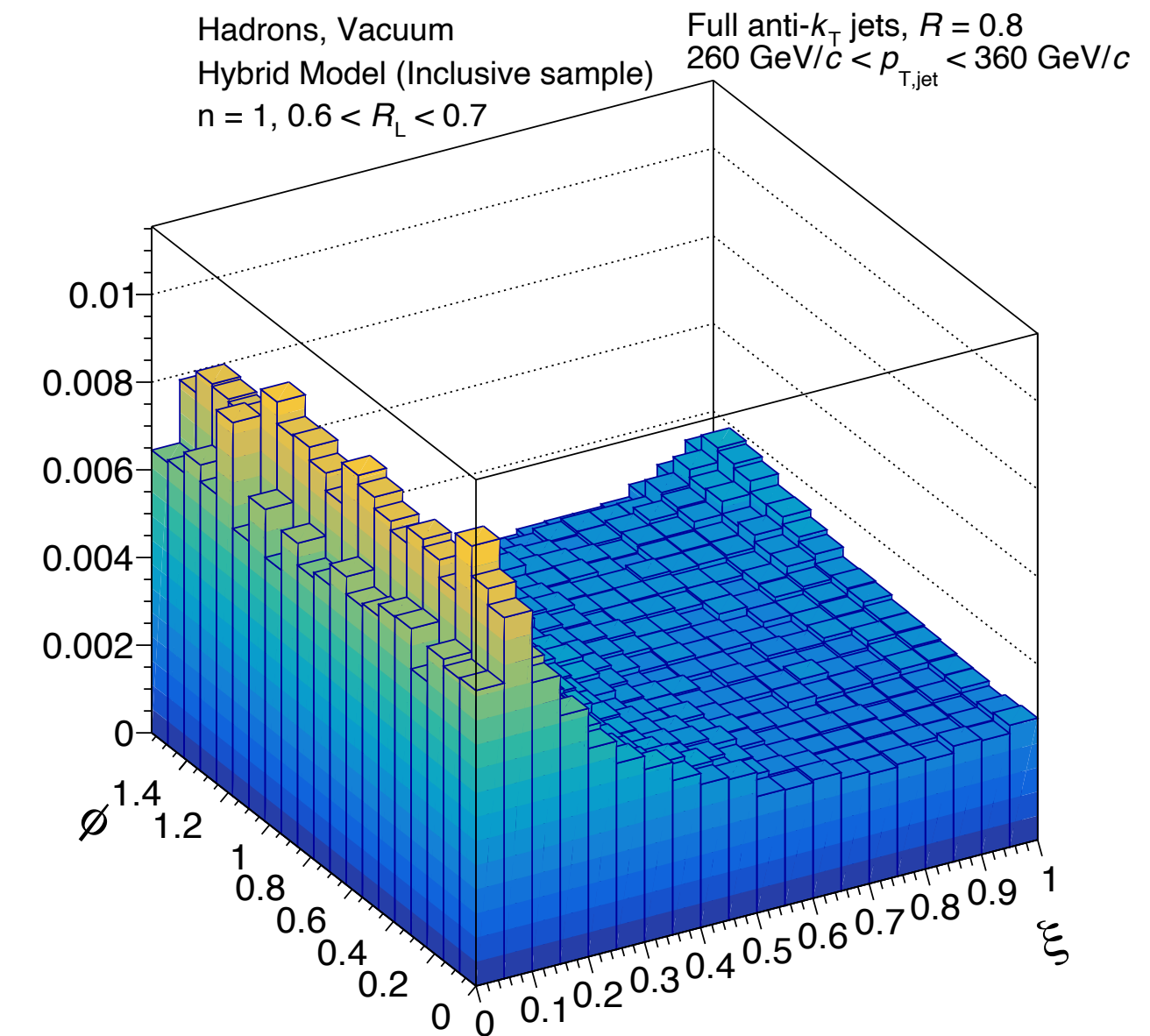
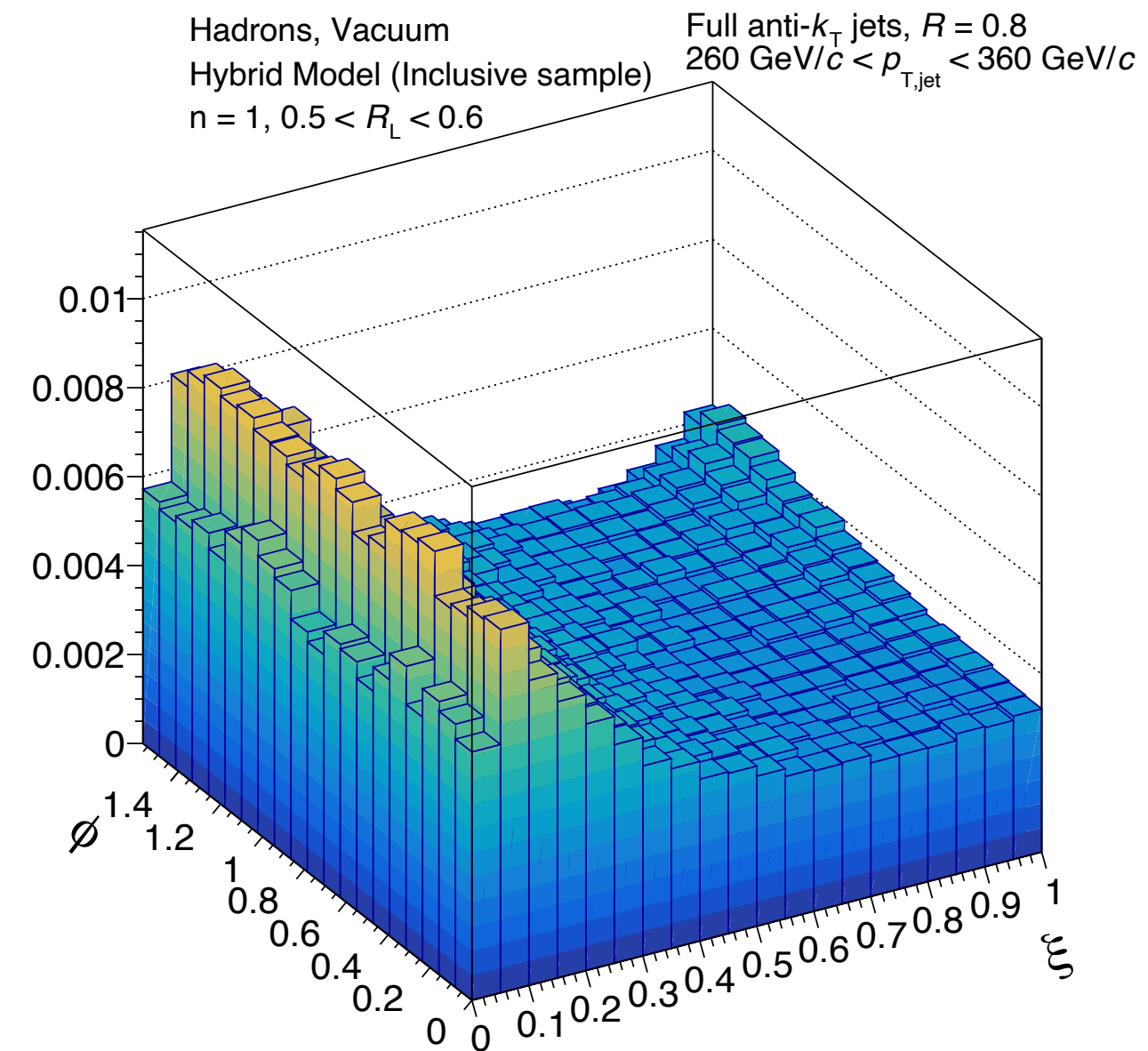
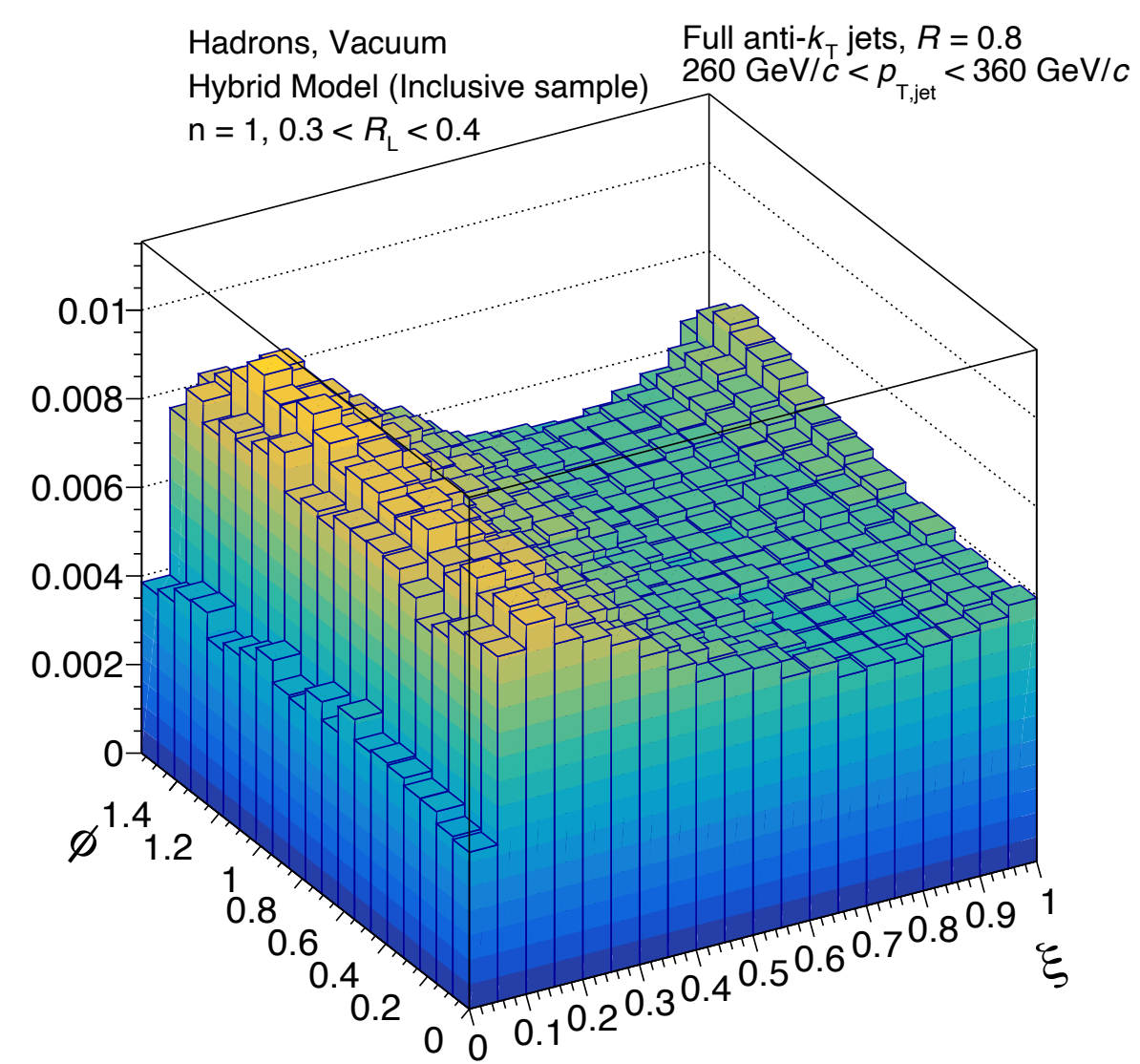
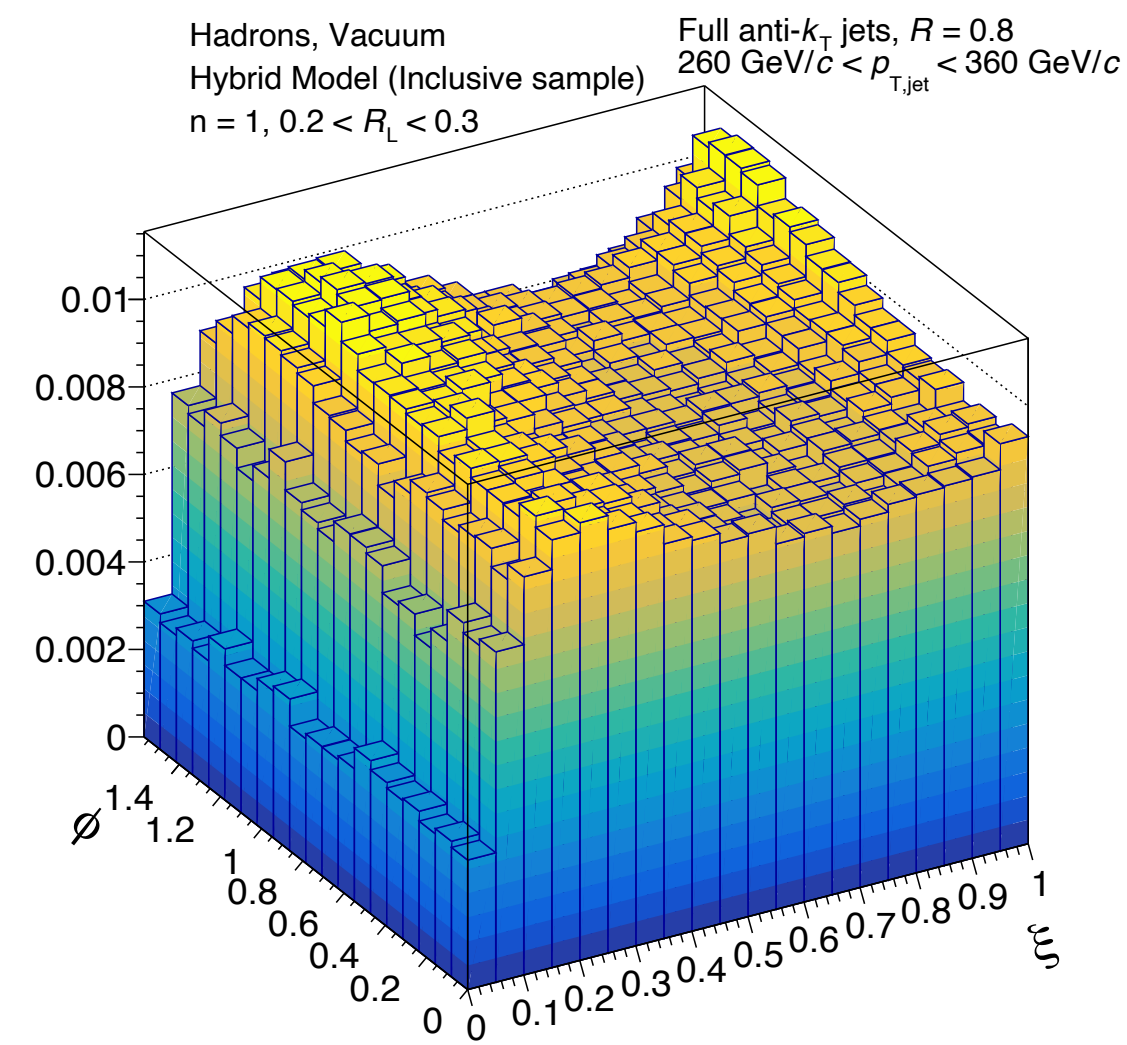
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$0.5 < R_L < 0.6$

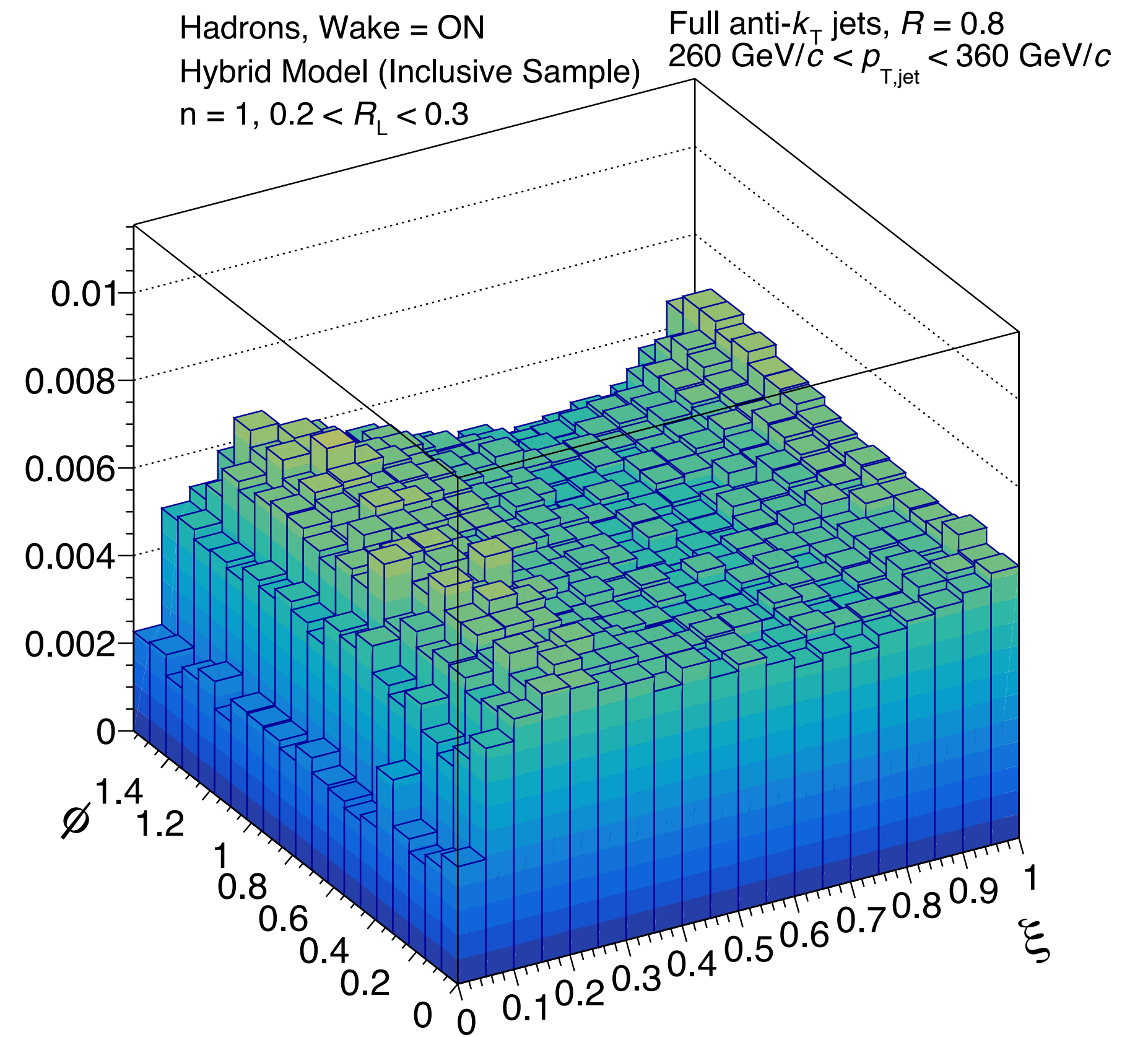
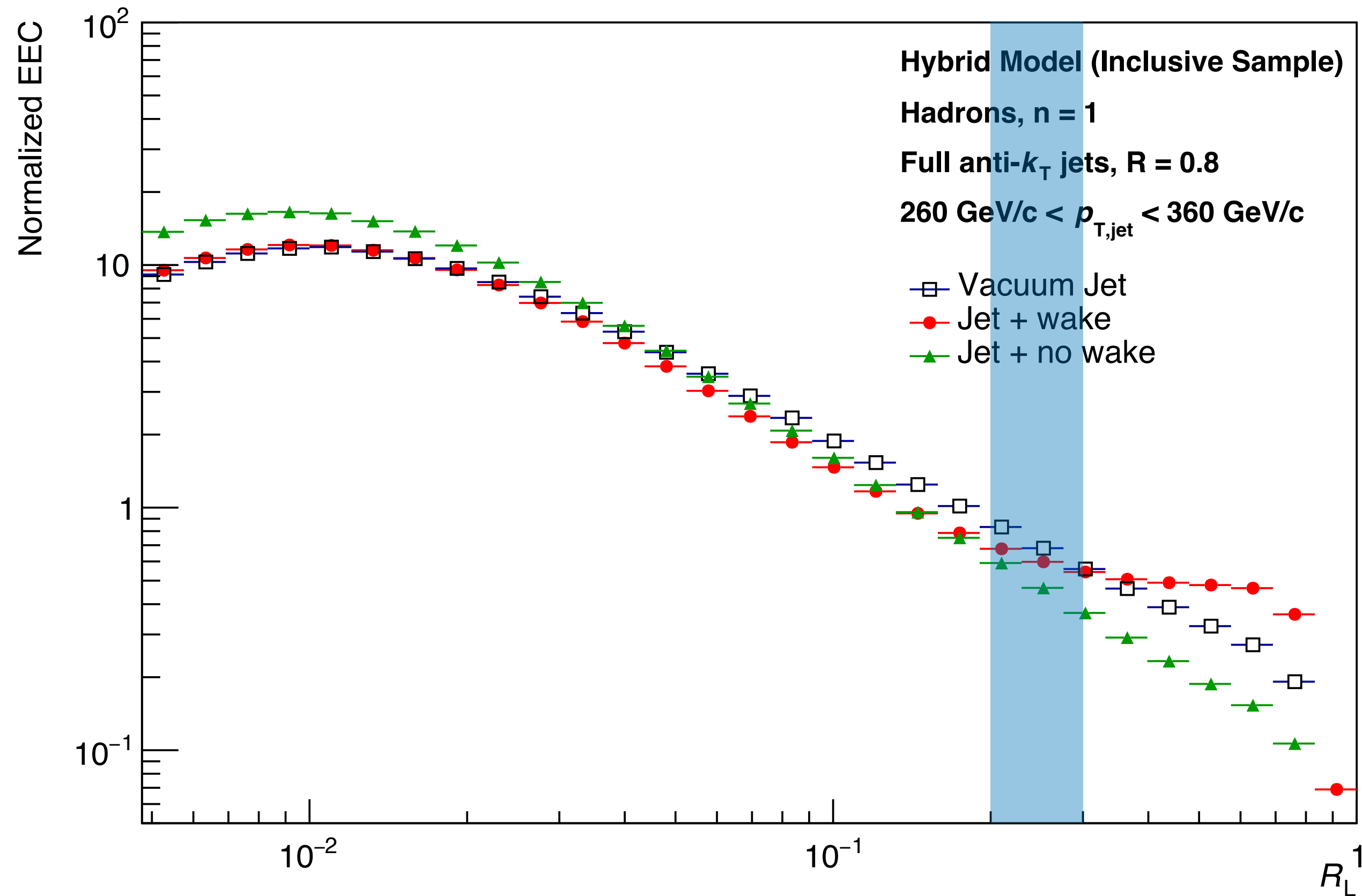
$0.6 < R_L < 0.7$



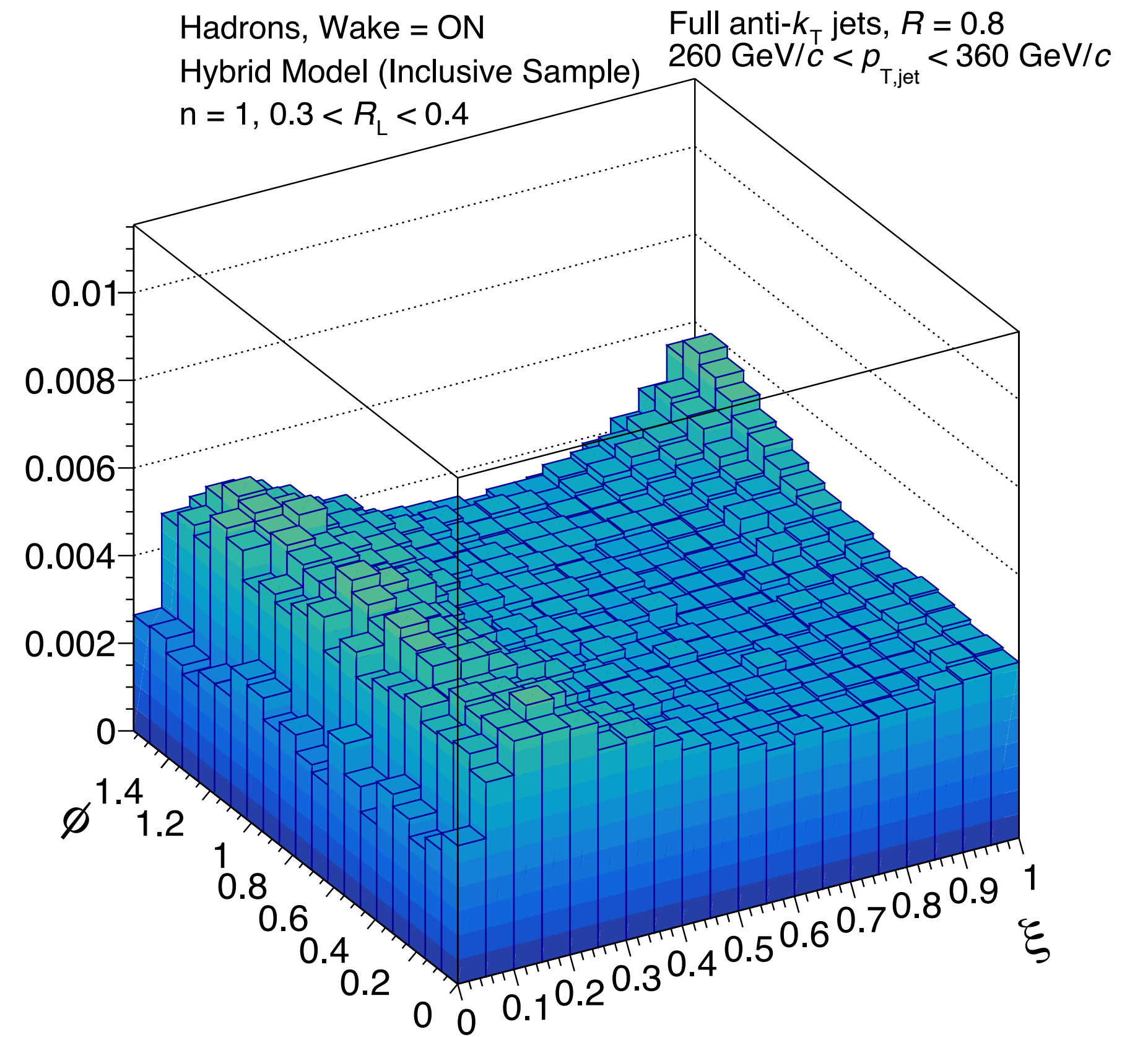
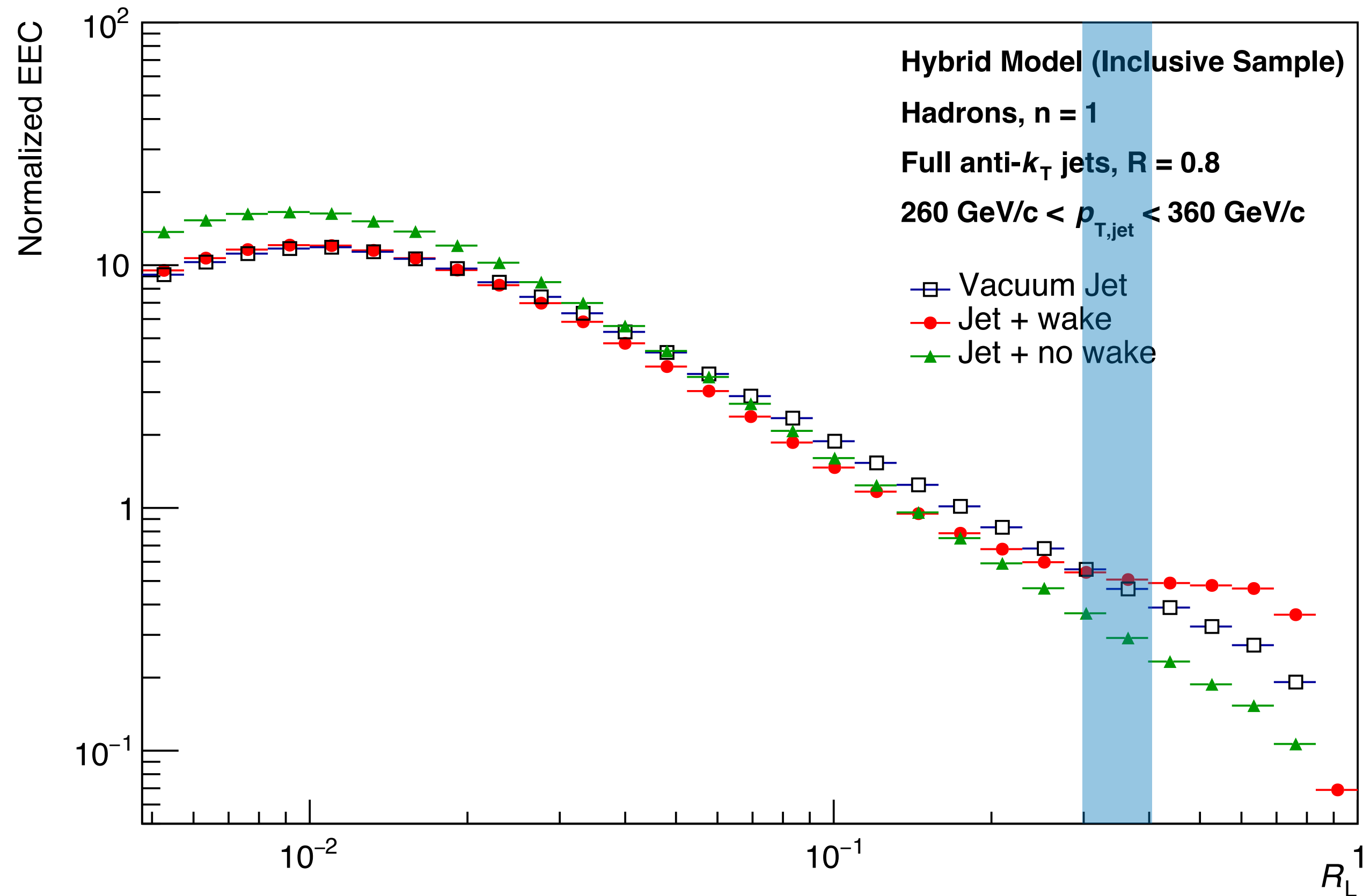
Increasing  $R_L$

- \* Larger  $R_L \rightarrow$  more perturbative
- \* See perturbative features enhanced at large  $R_L$

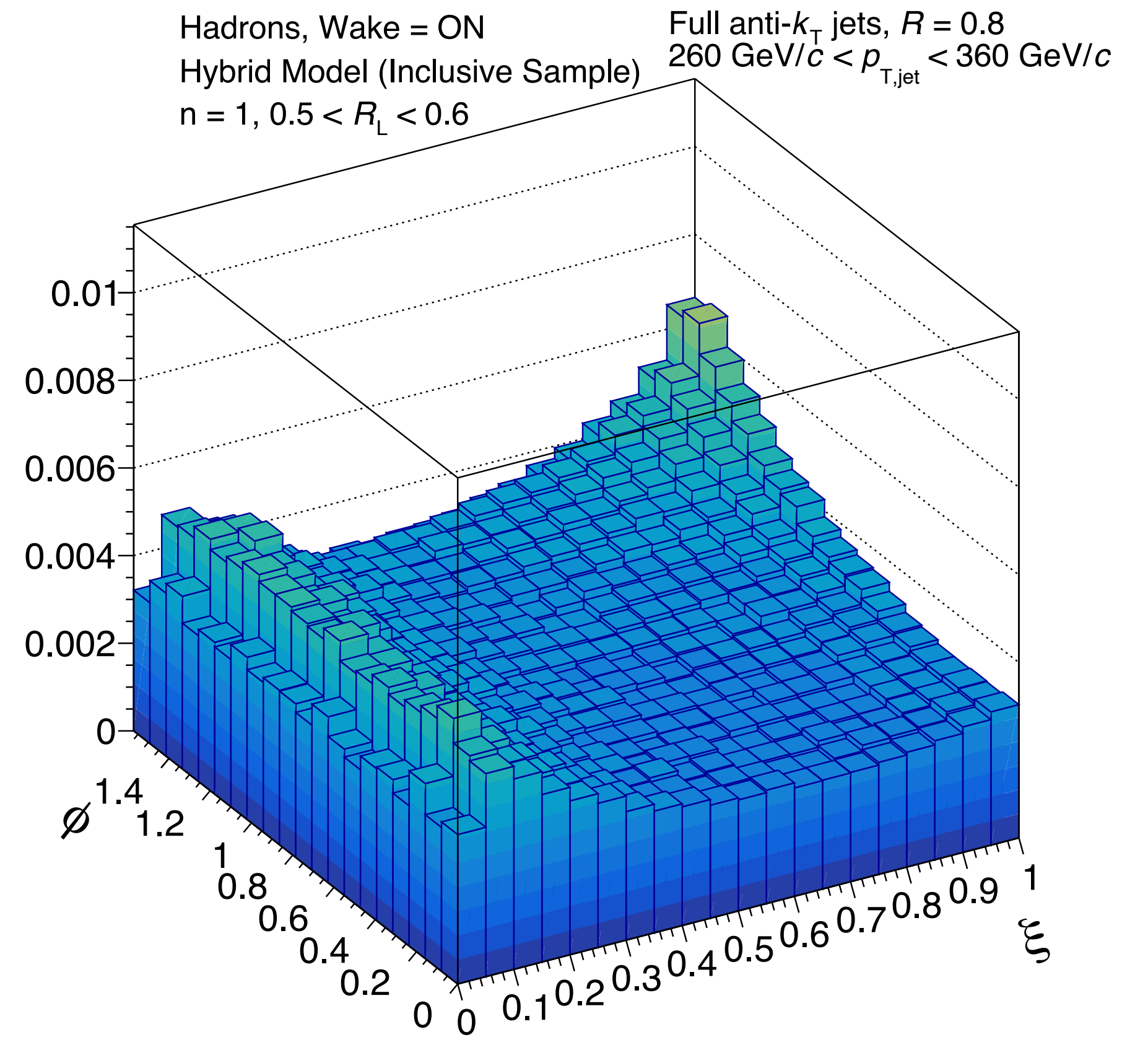
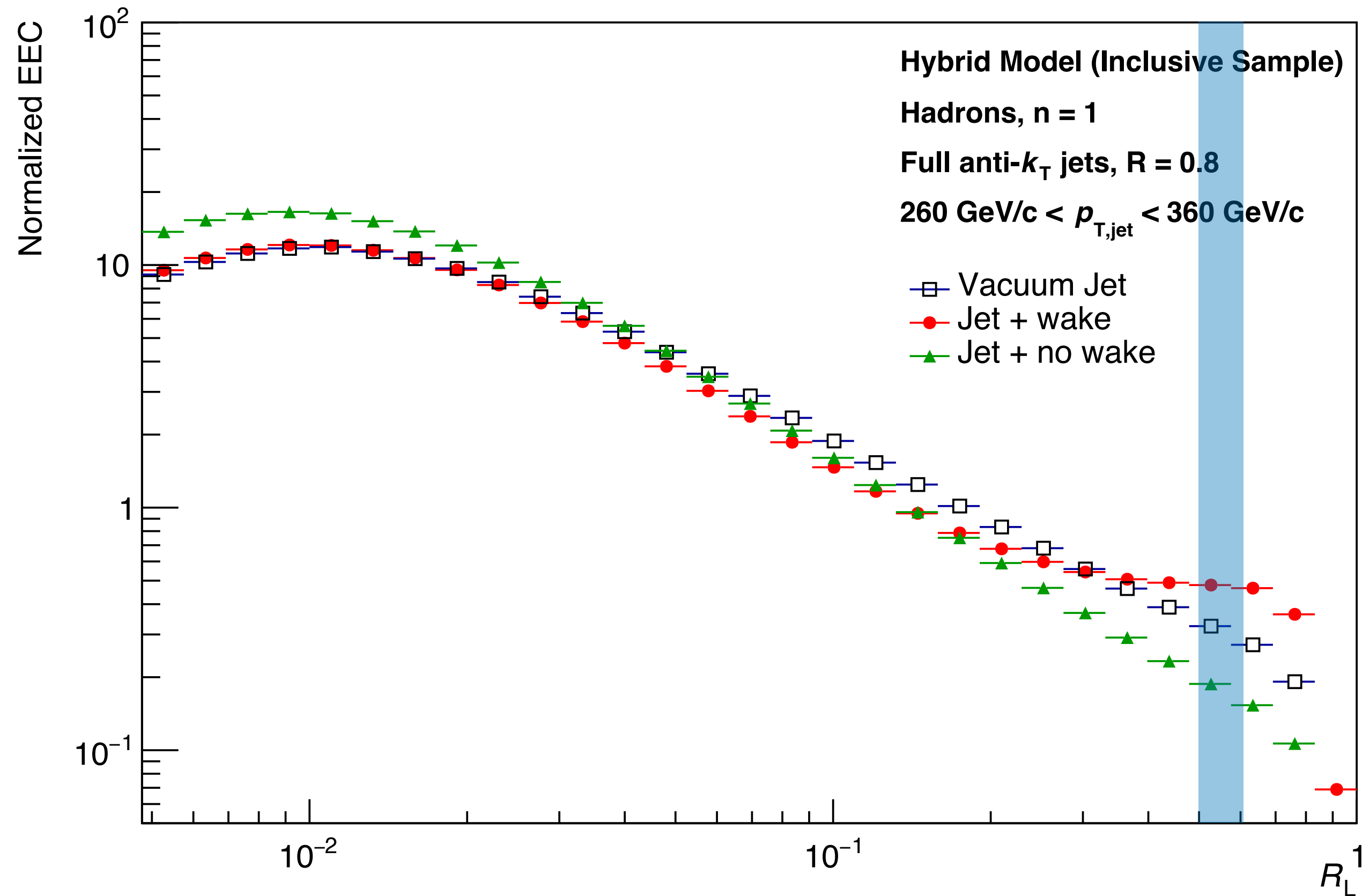
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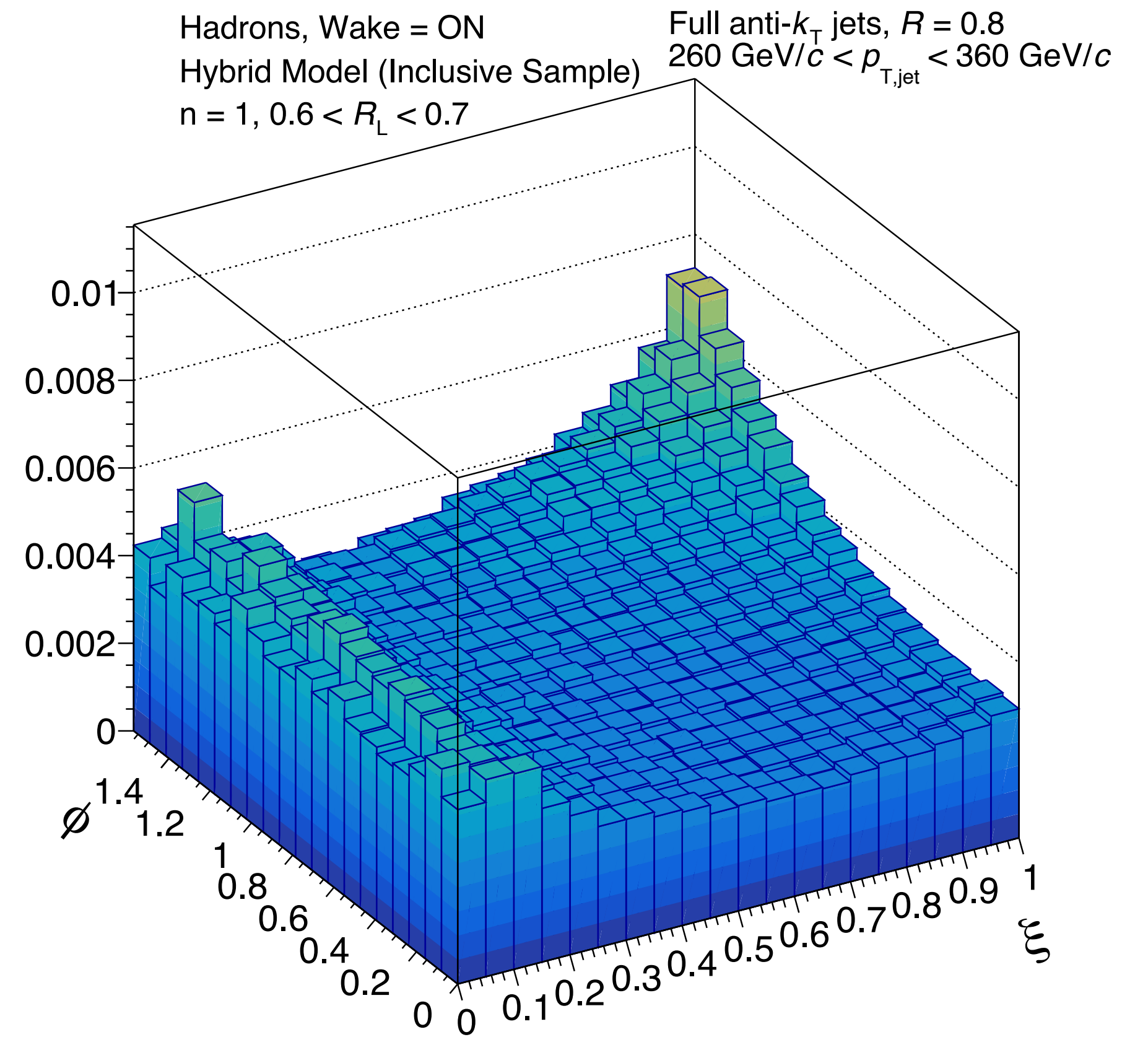
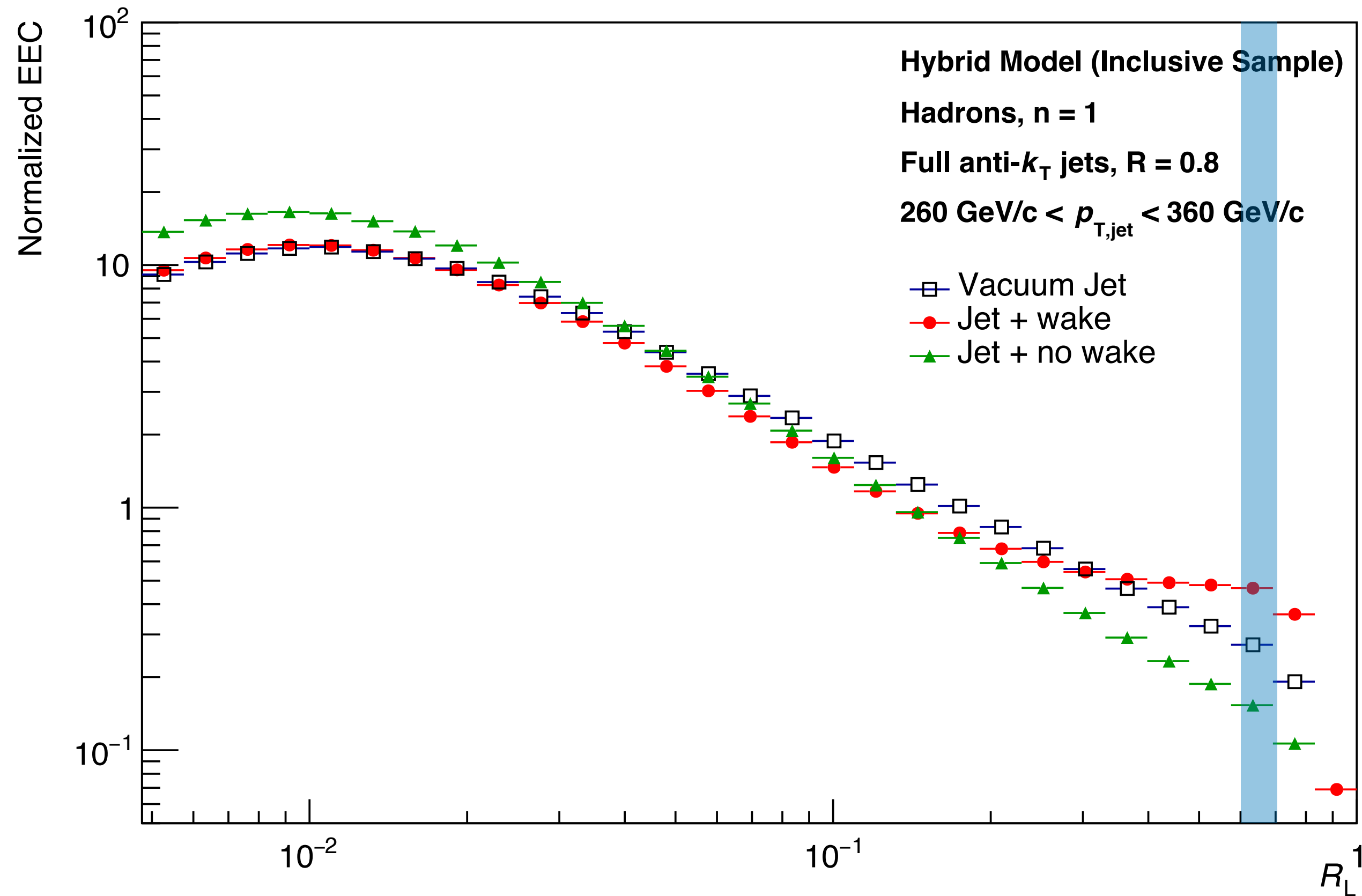
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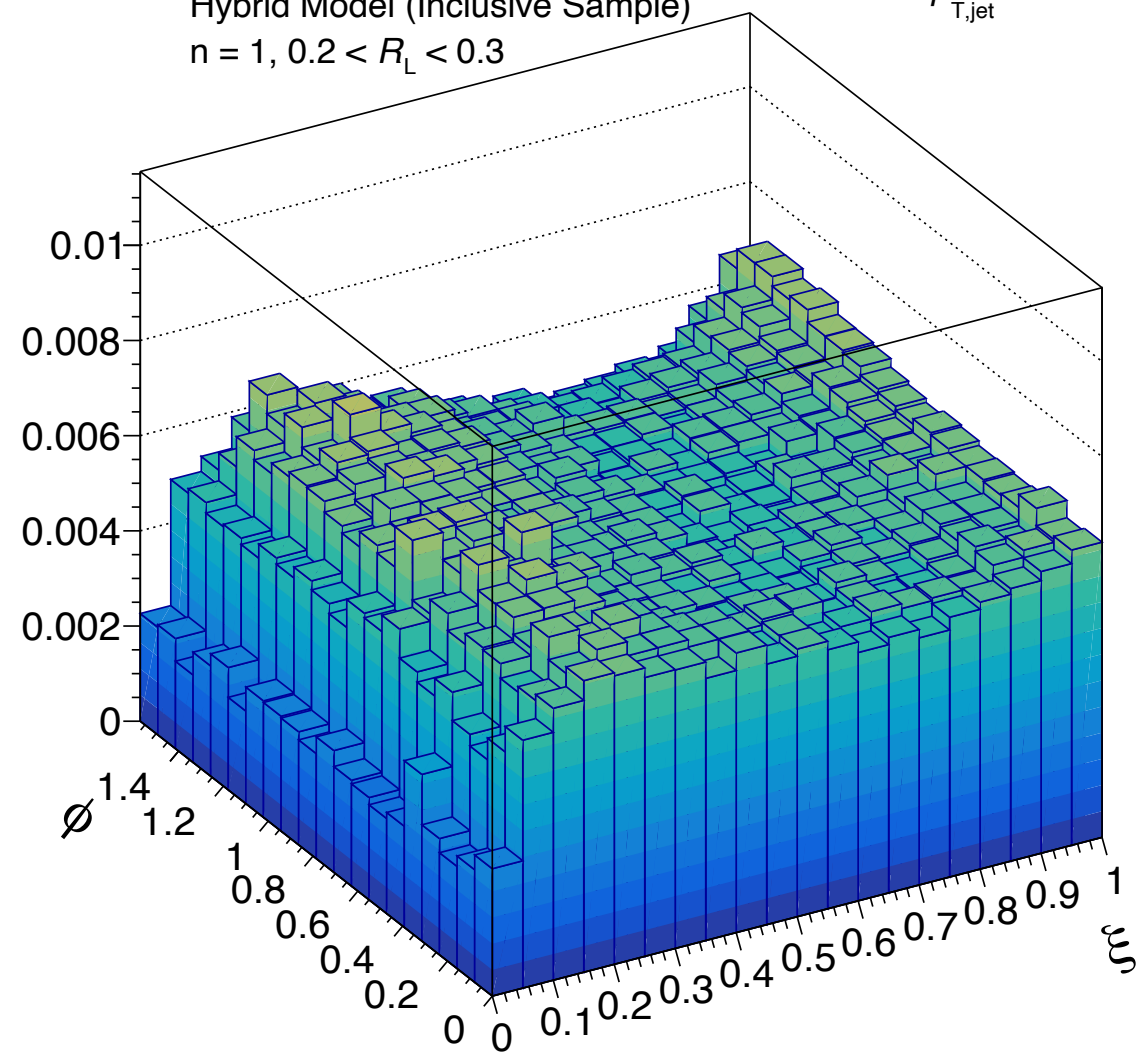


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Hadrons, Wake = ON  
Hybrid Model (Inclusive Sample)  
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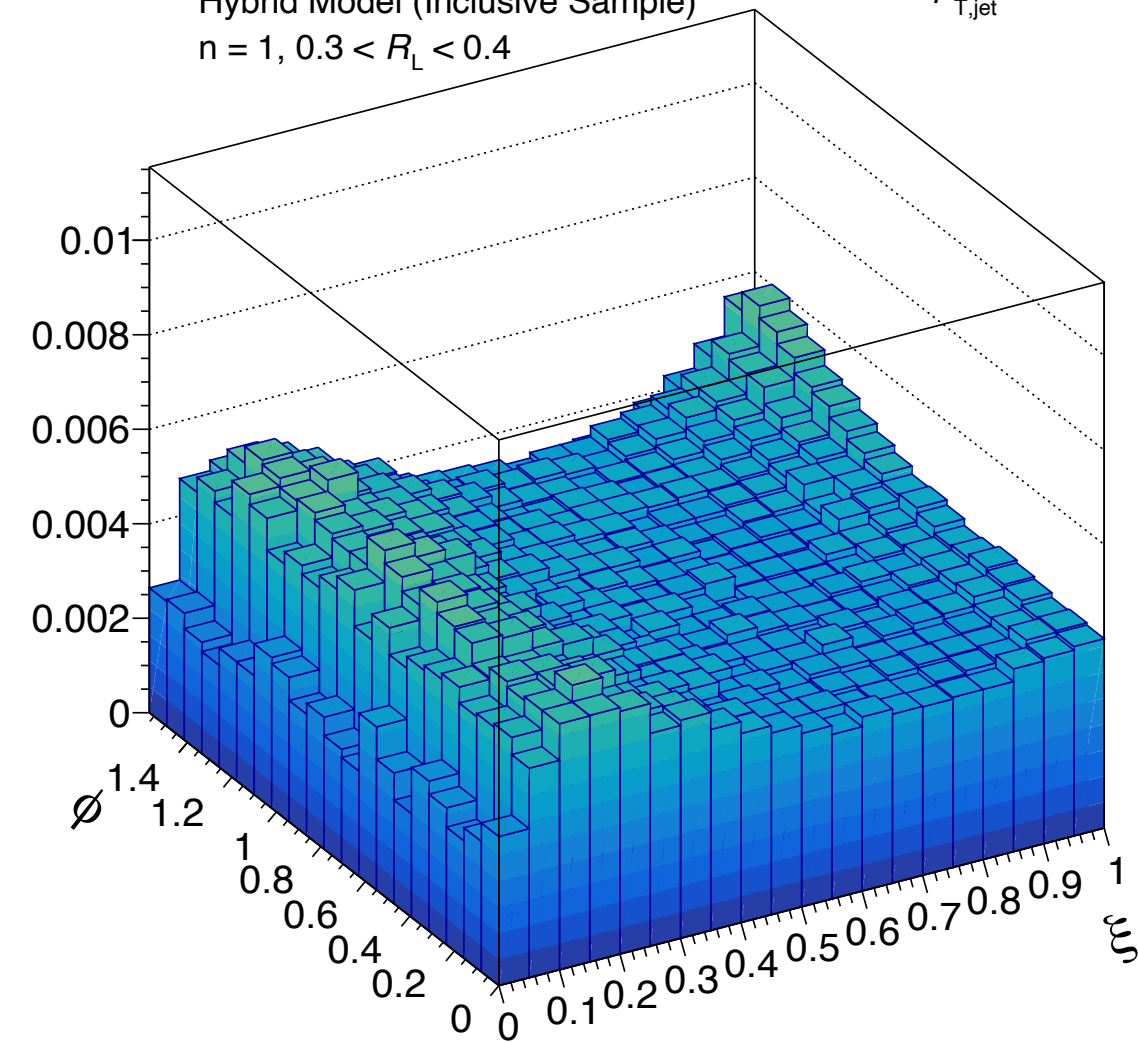
Full anti- $k_T$  jets,  $R = 0.8$   
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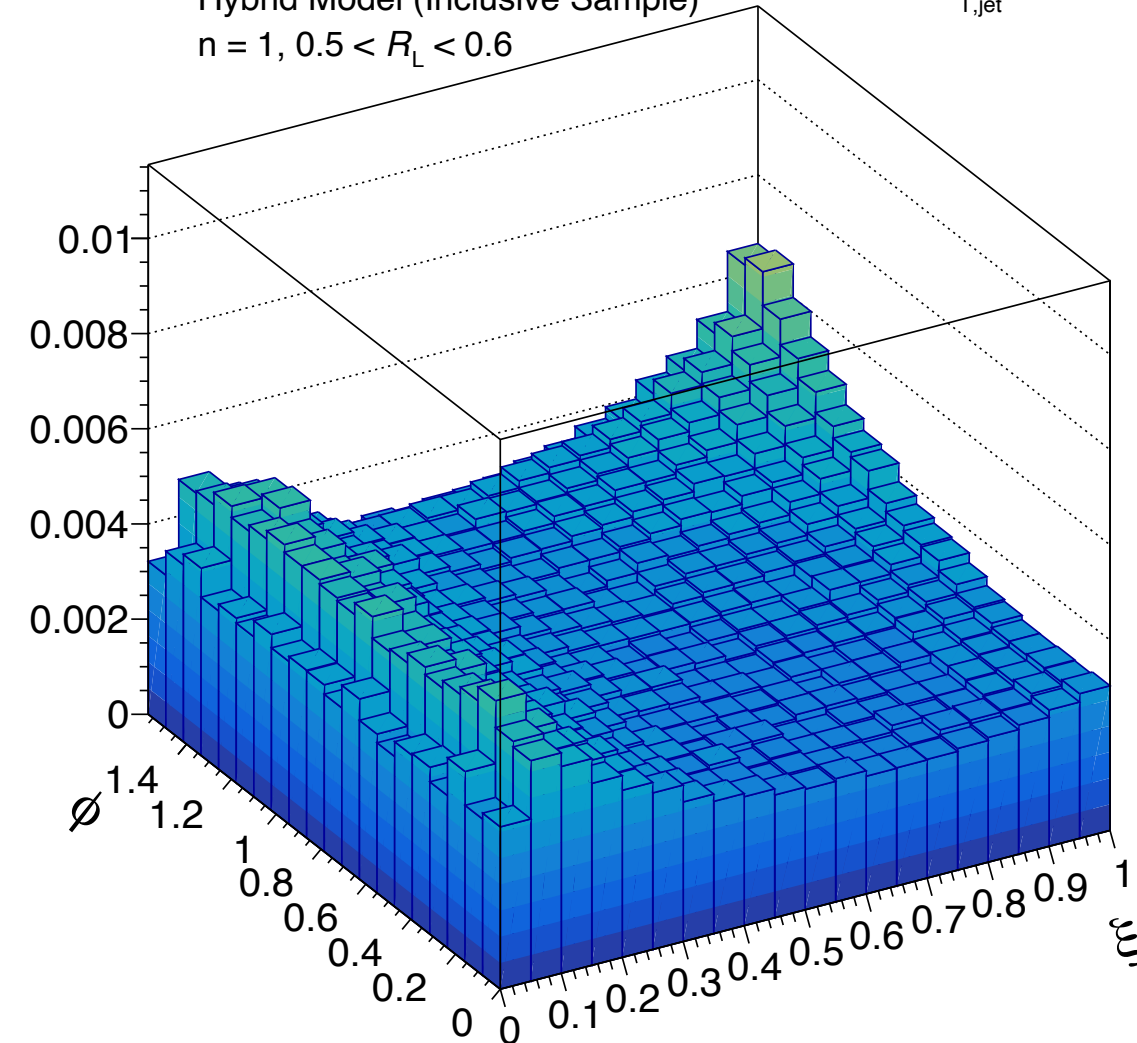
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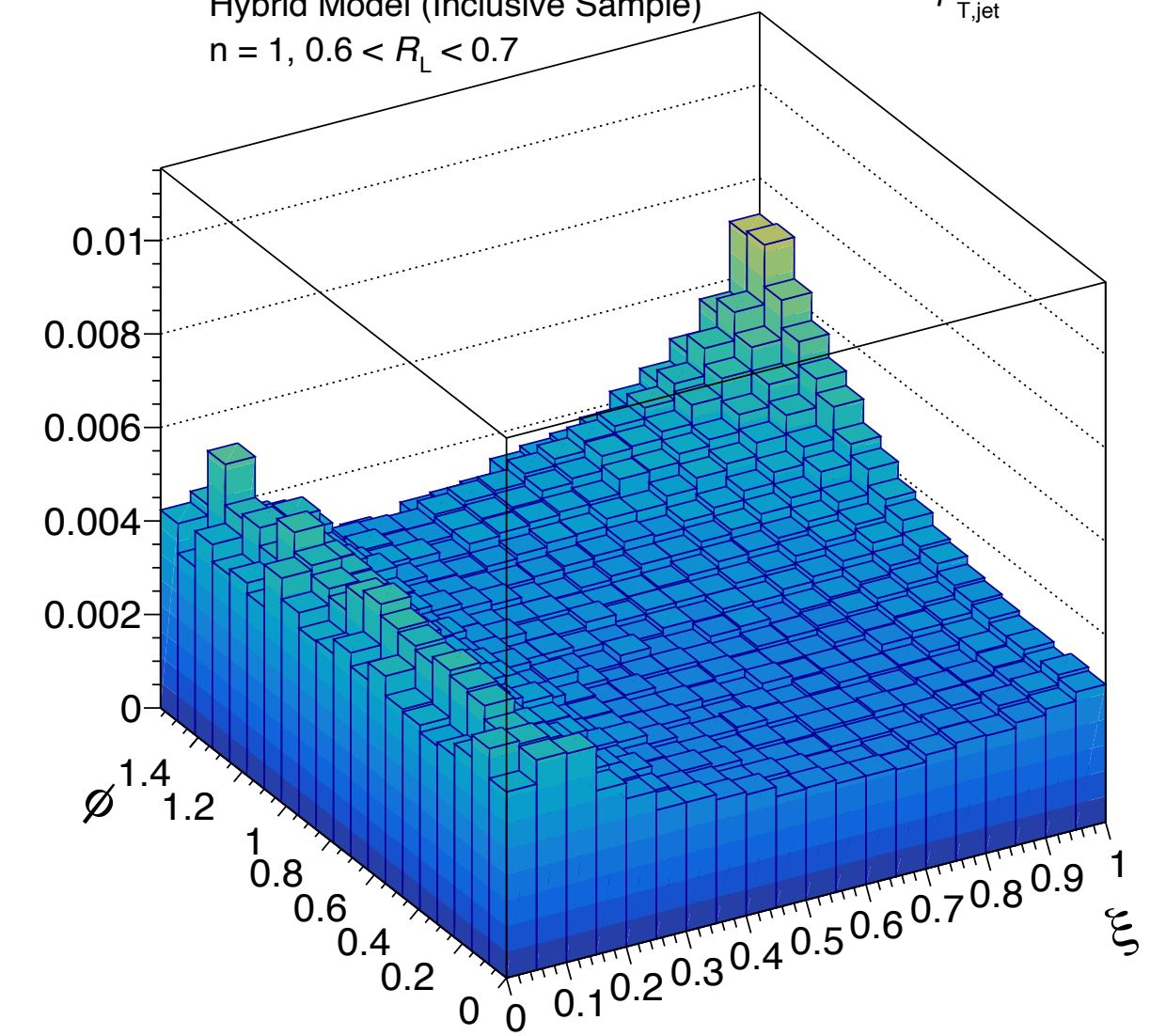
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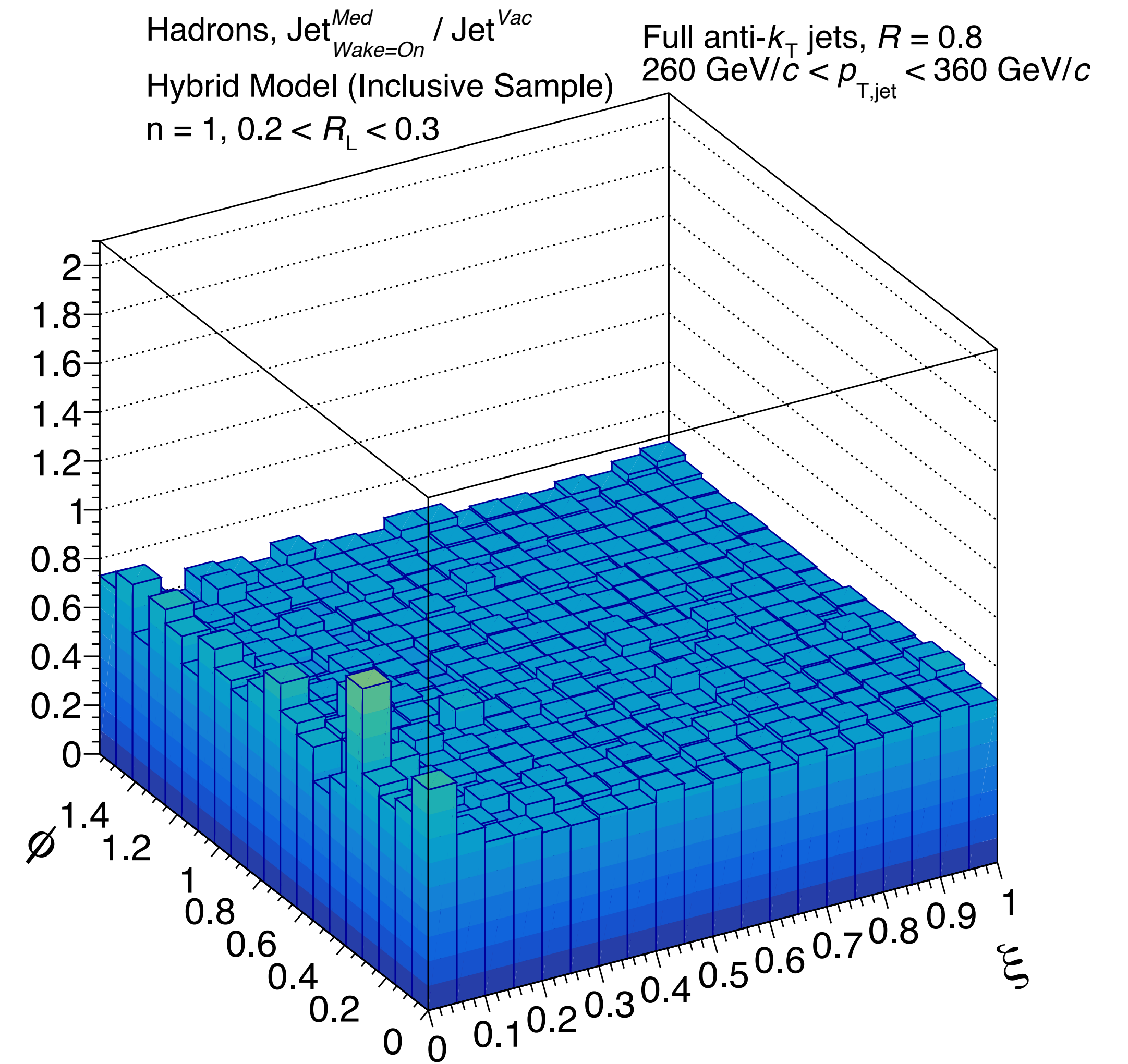
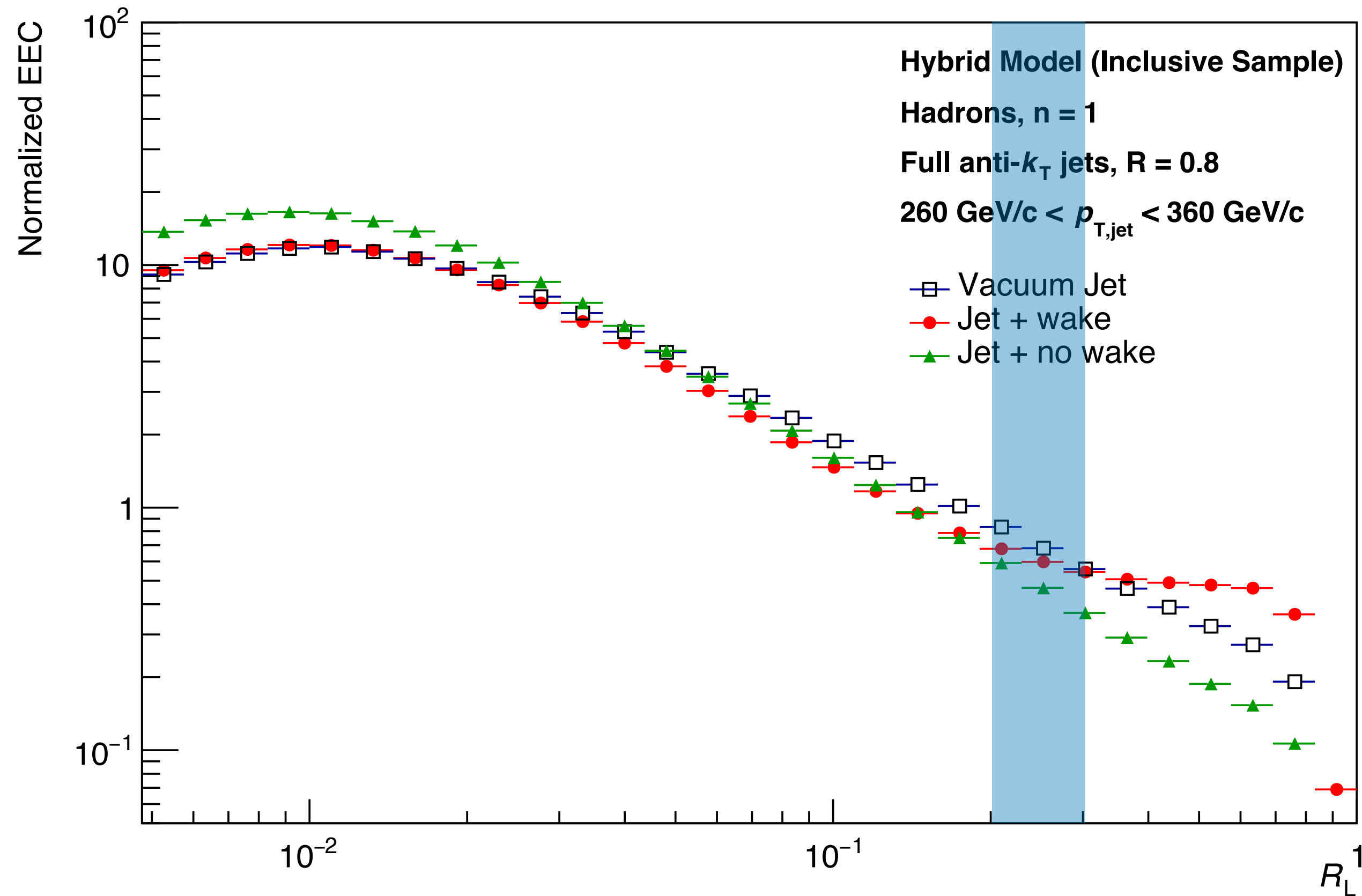
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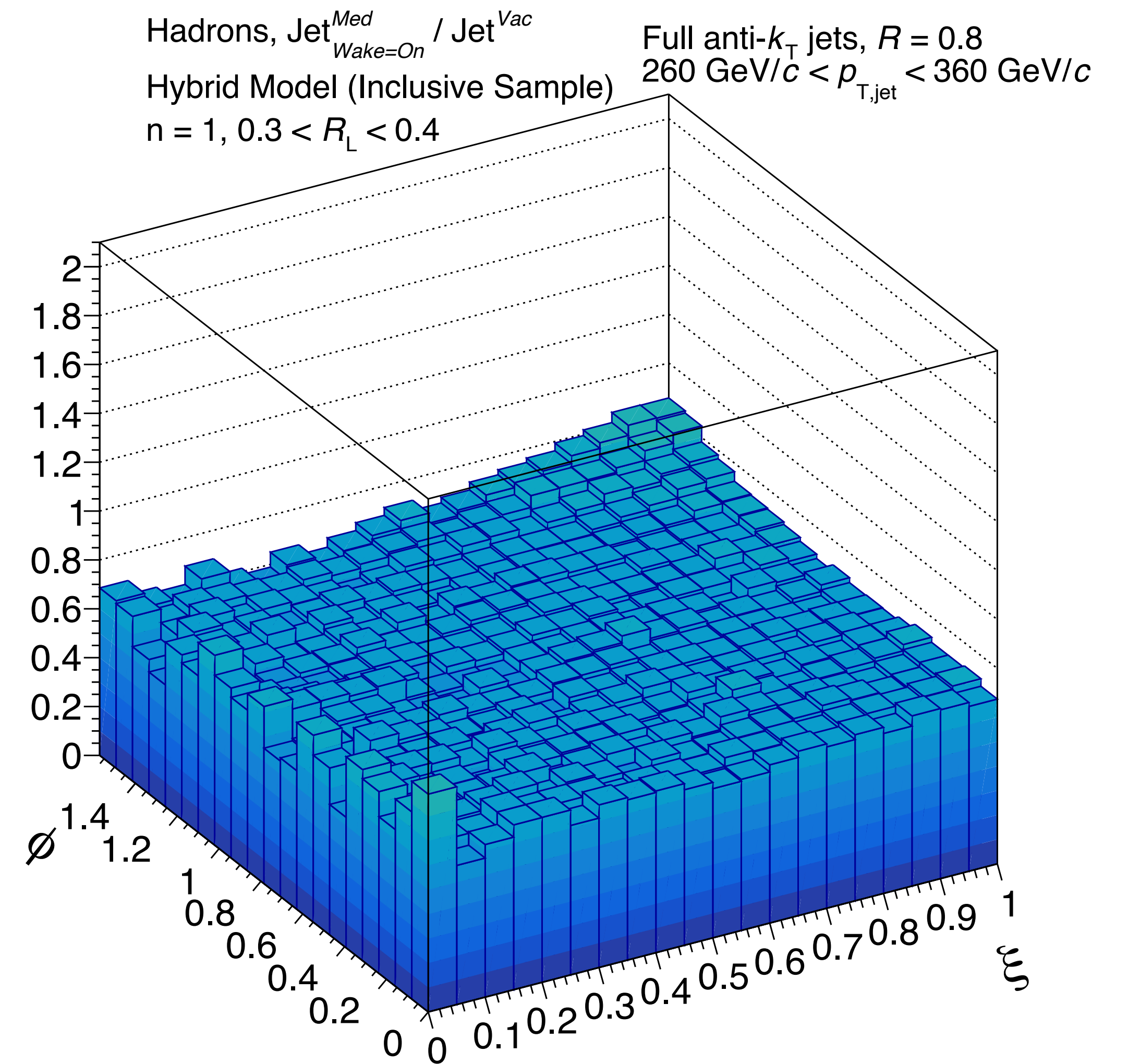
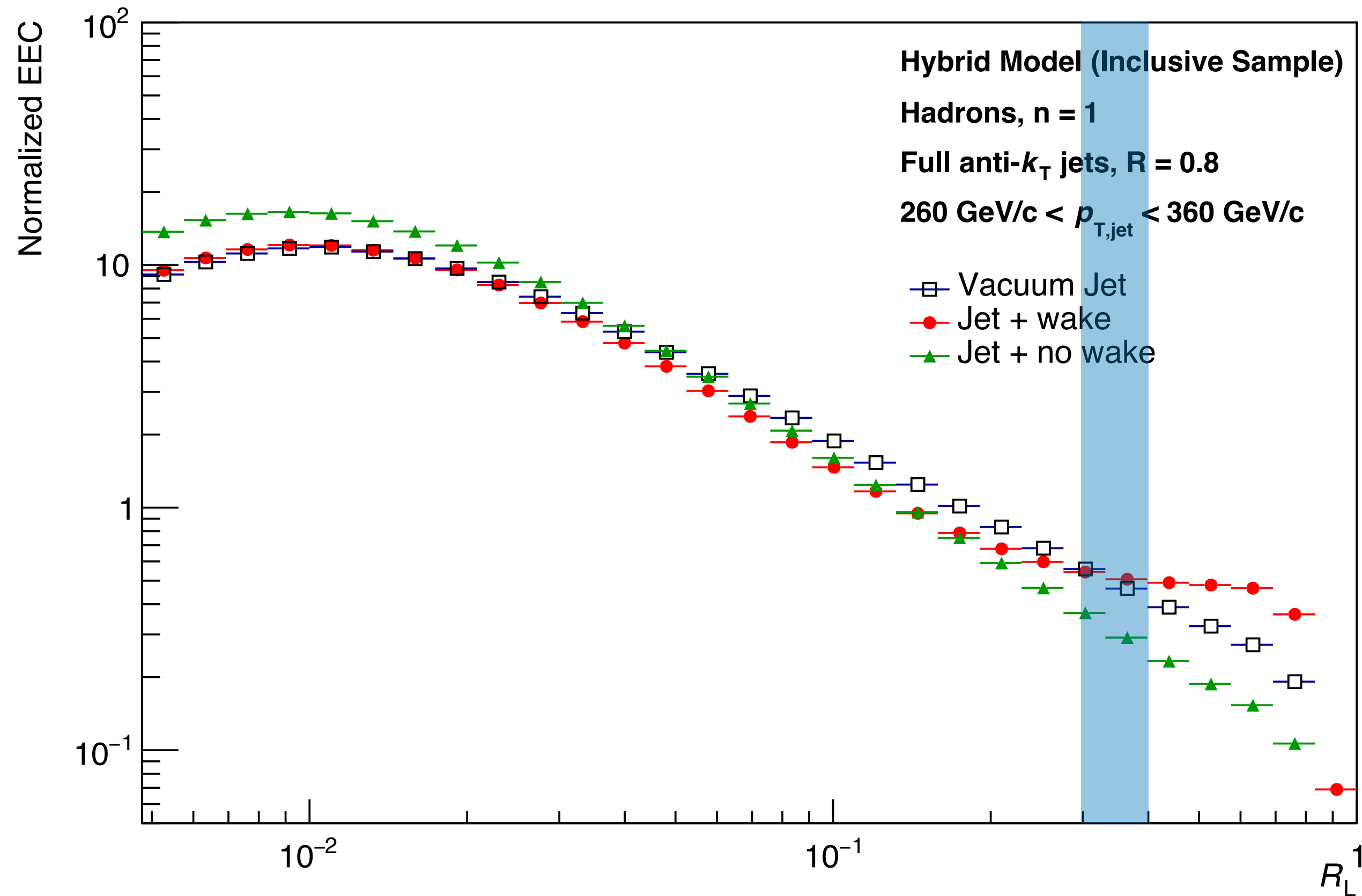
Increasing  $R_L$

✿ Wake effects populate regions unfilled, relative effect becomes larger at large  $R_L$

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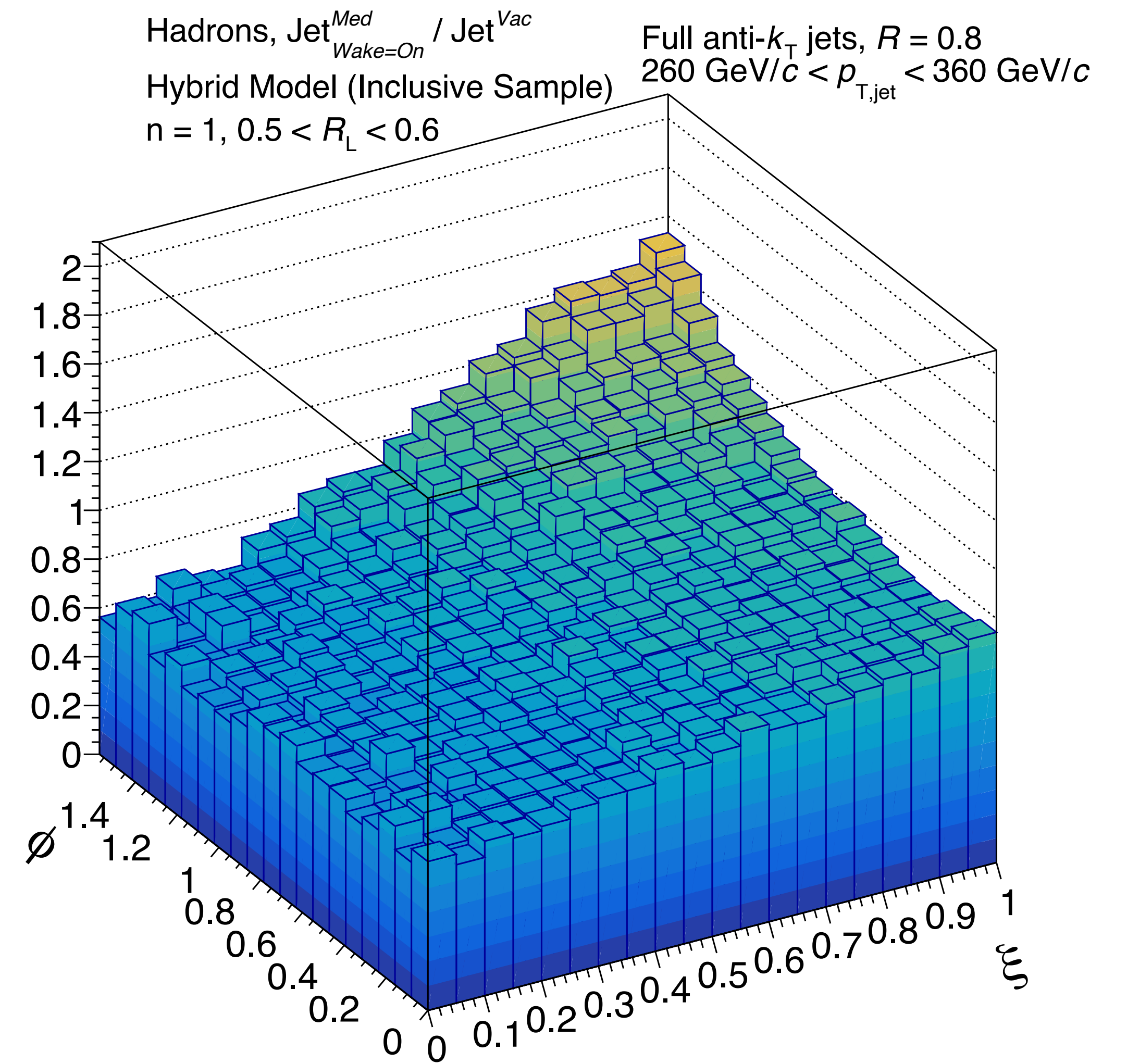
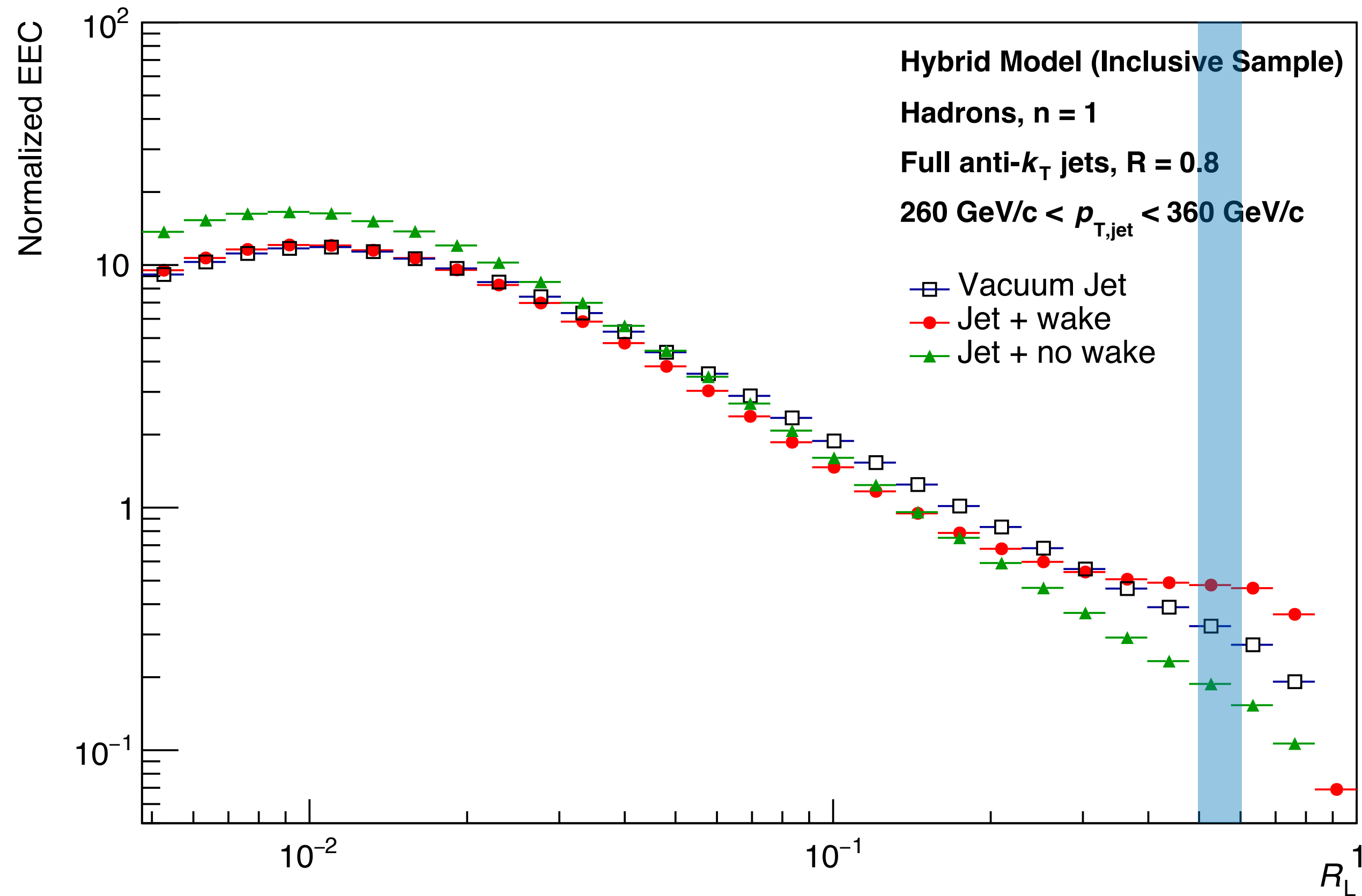


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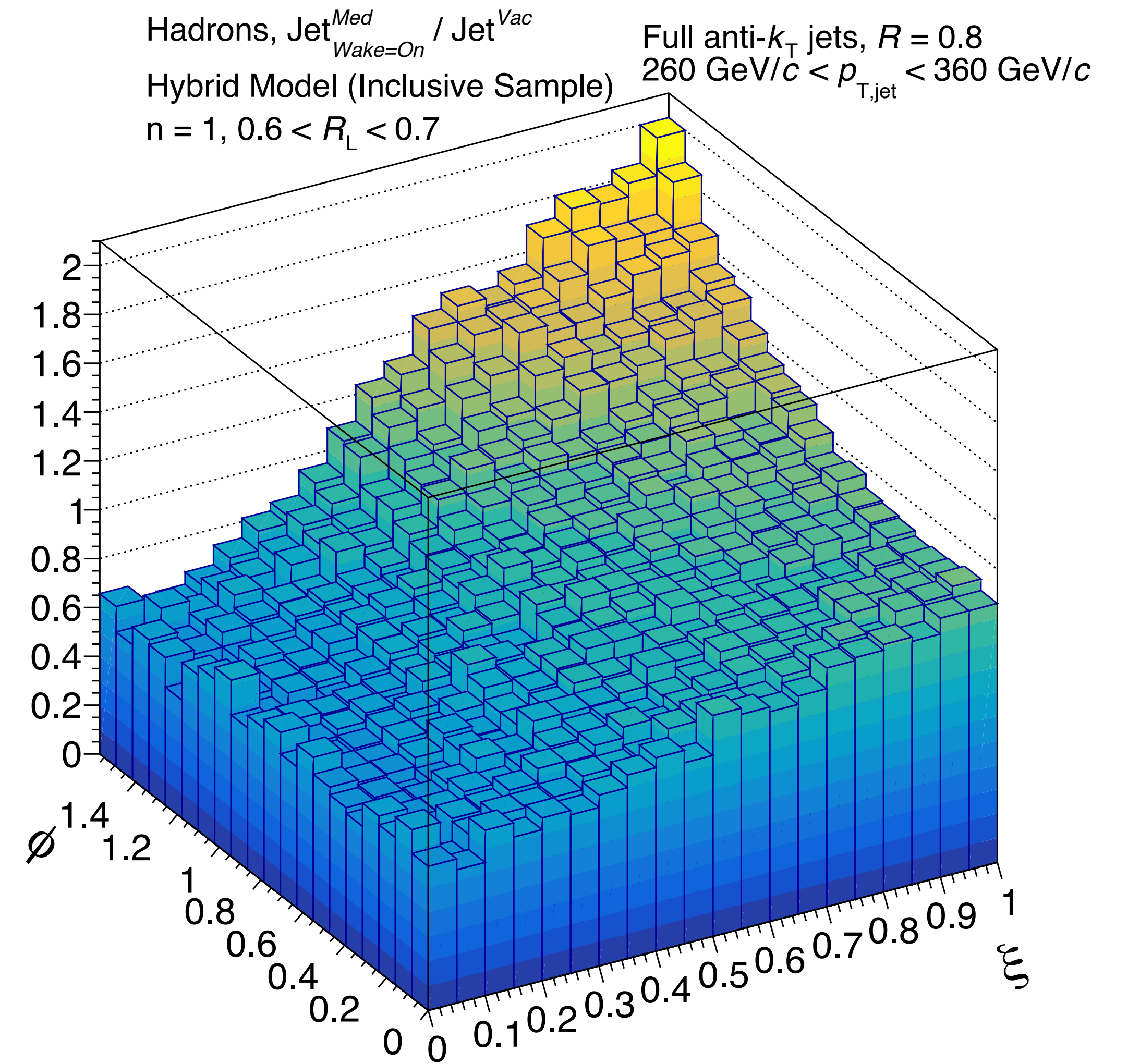
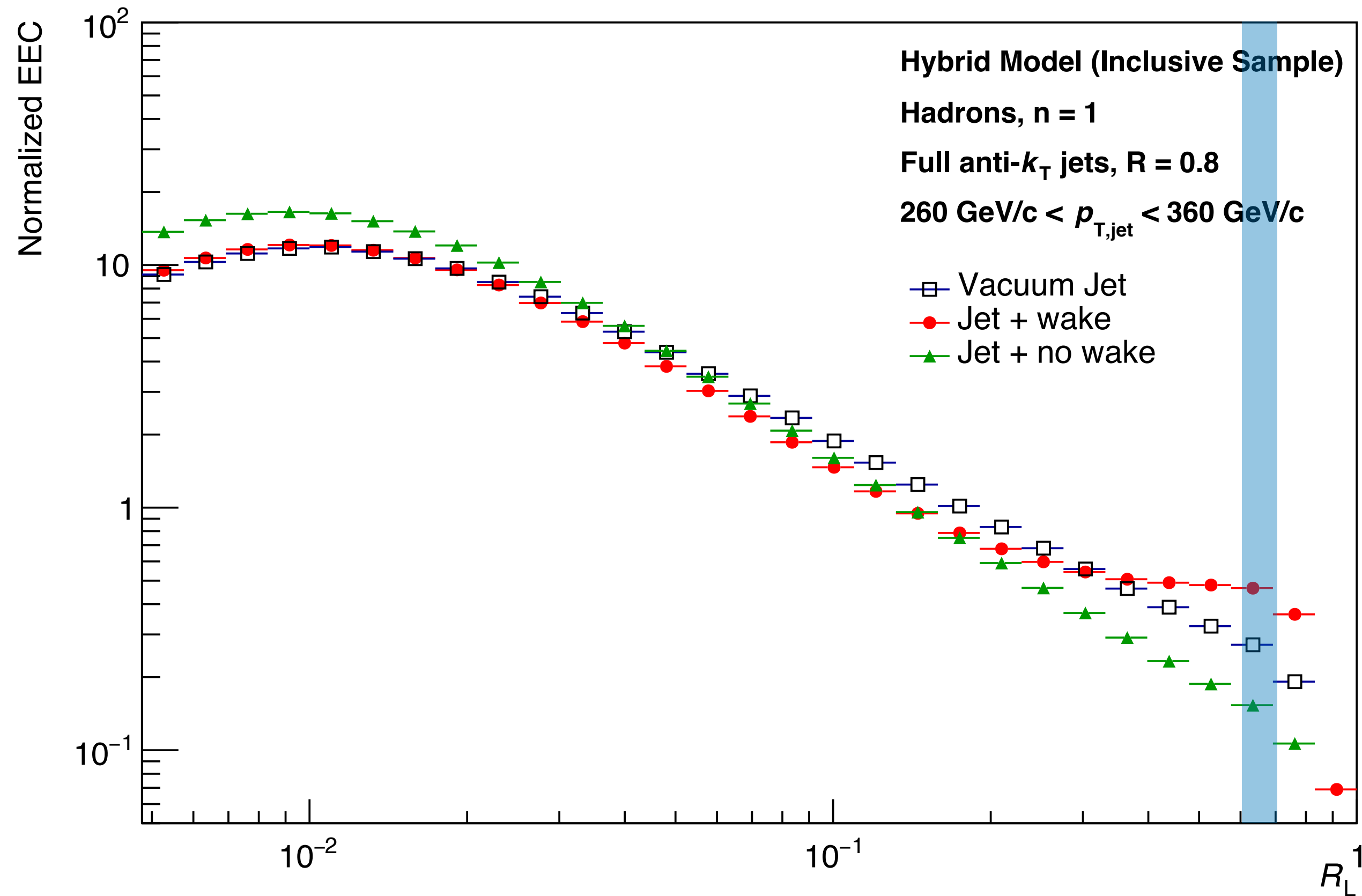




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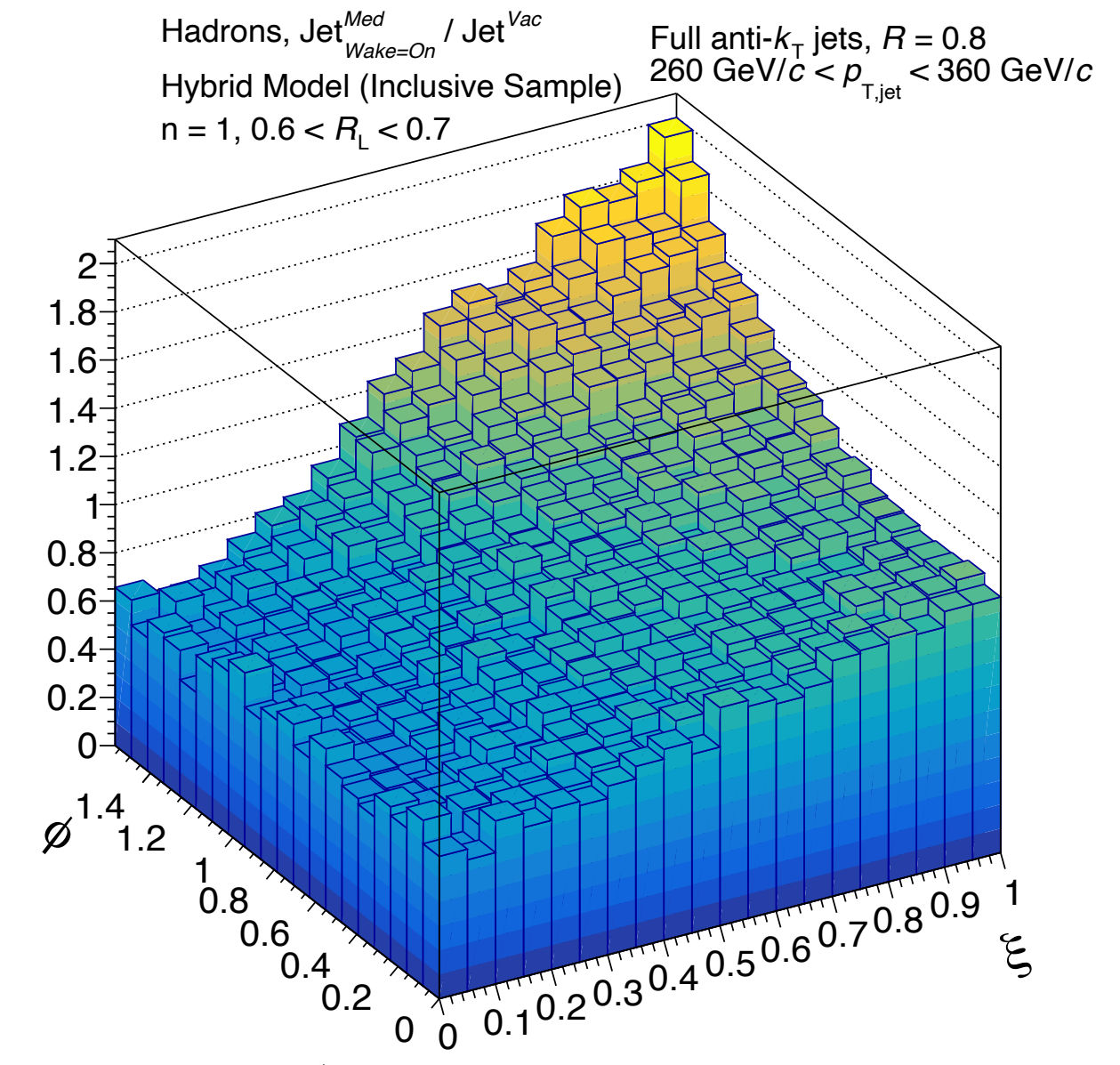
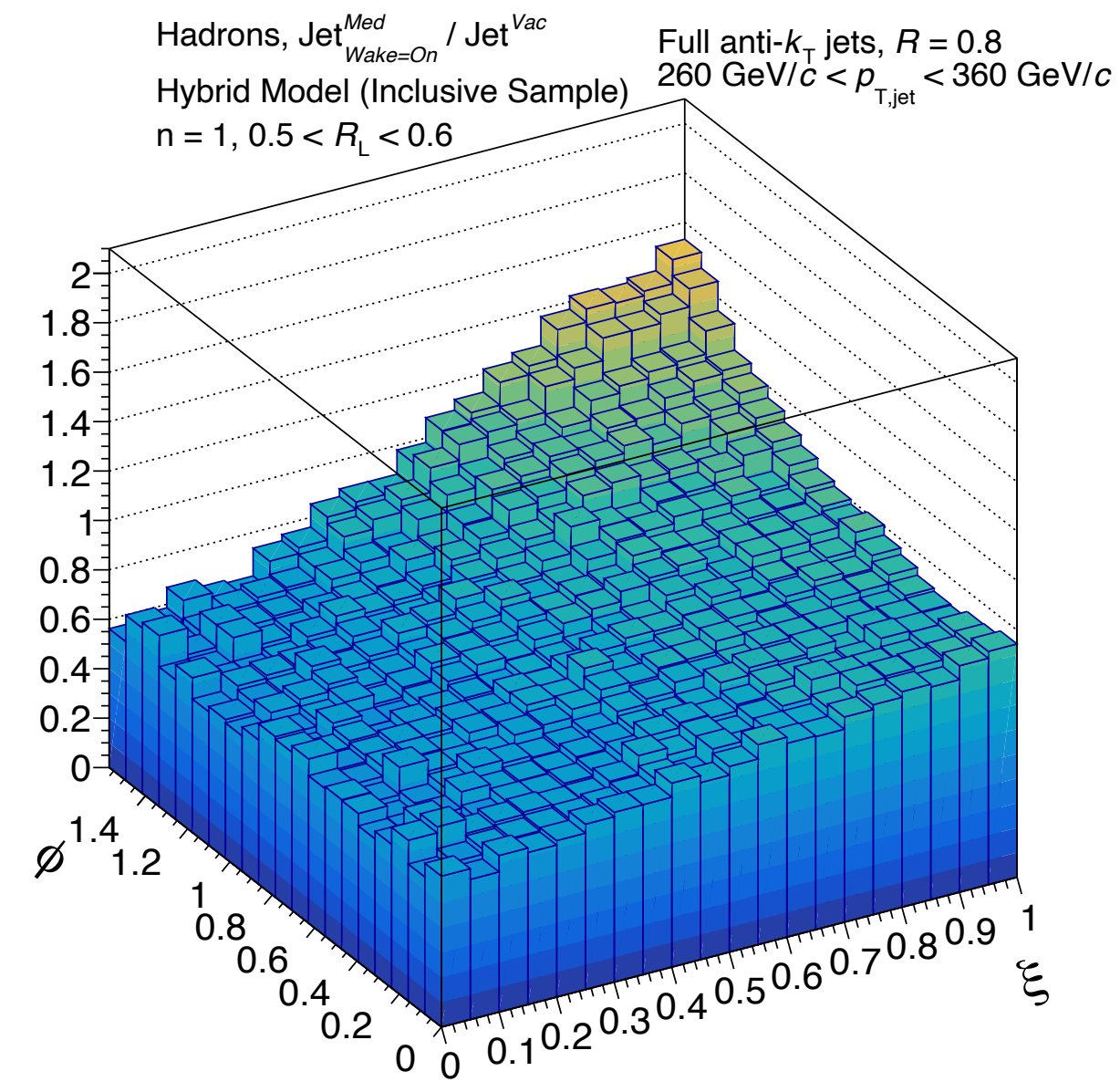
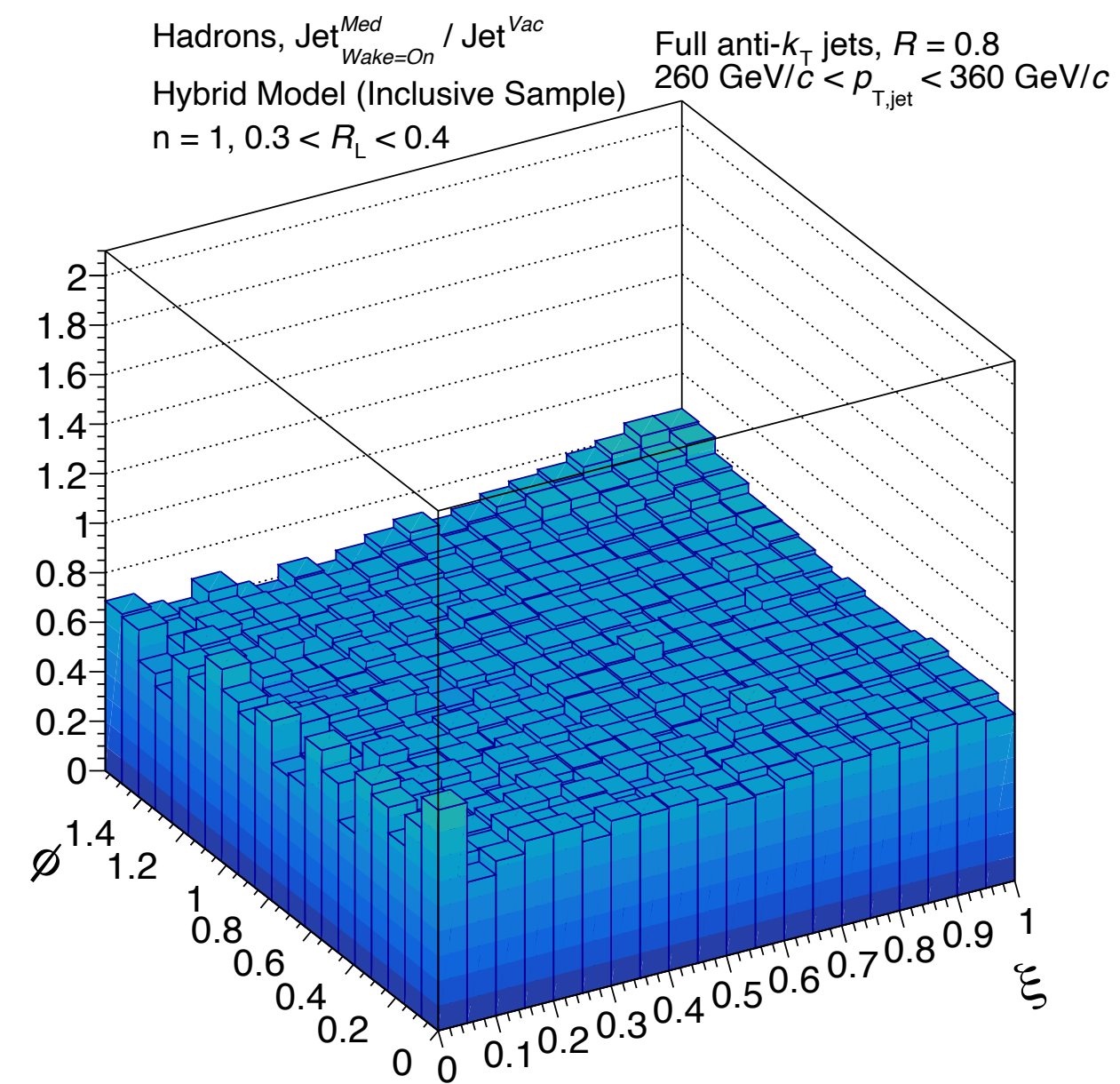
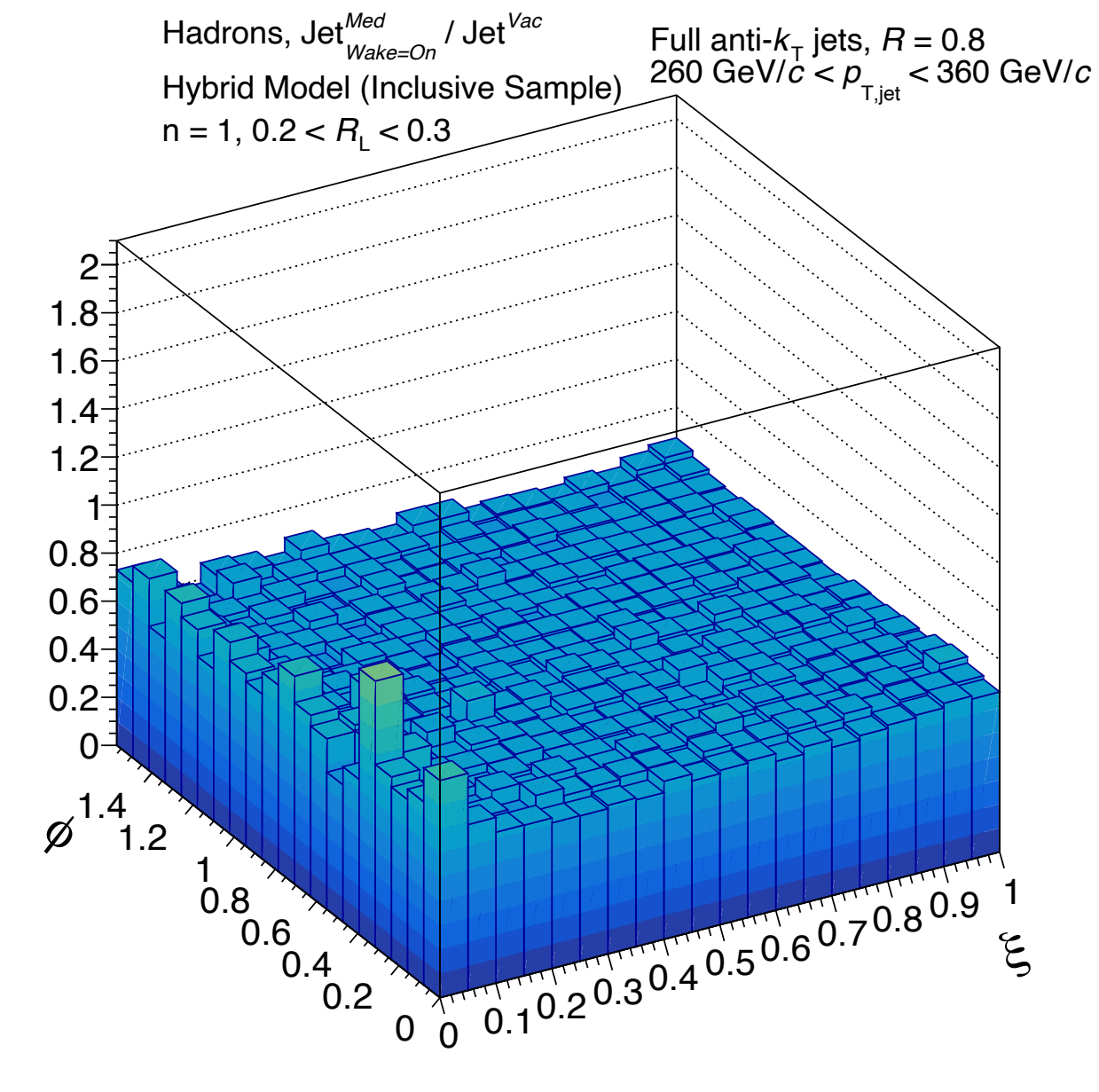
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Increasing  $R_L$

\* Clear observable for isolating and exploring the medium response!

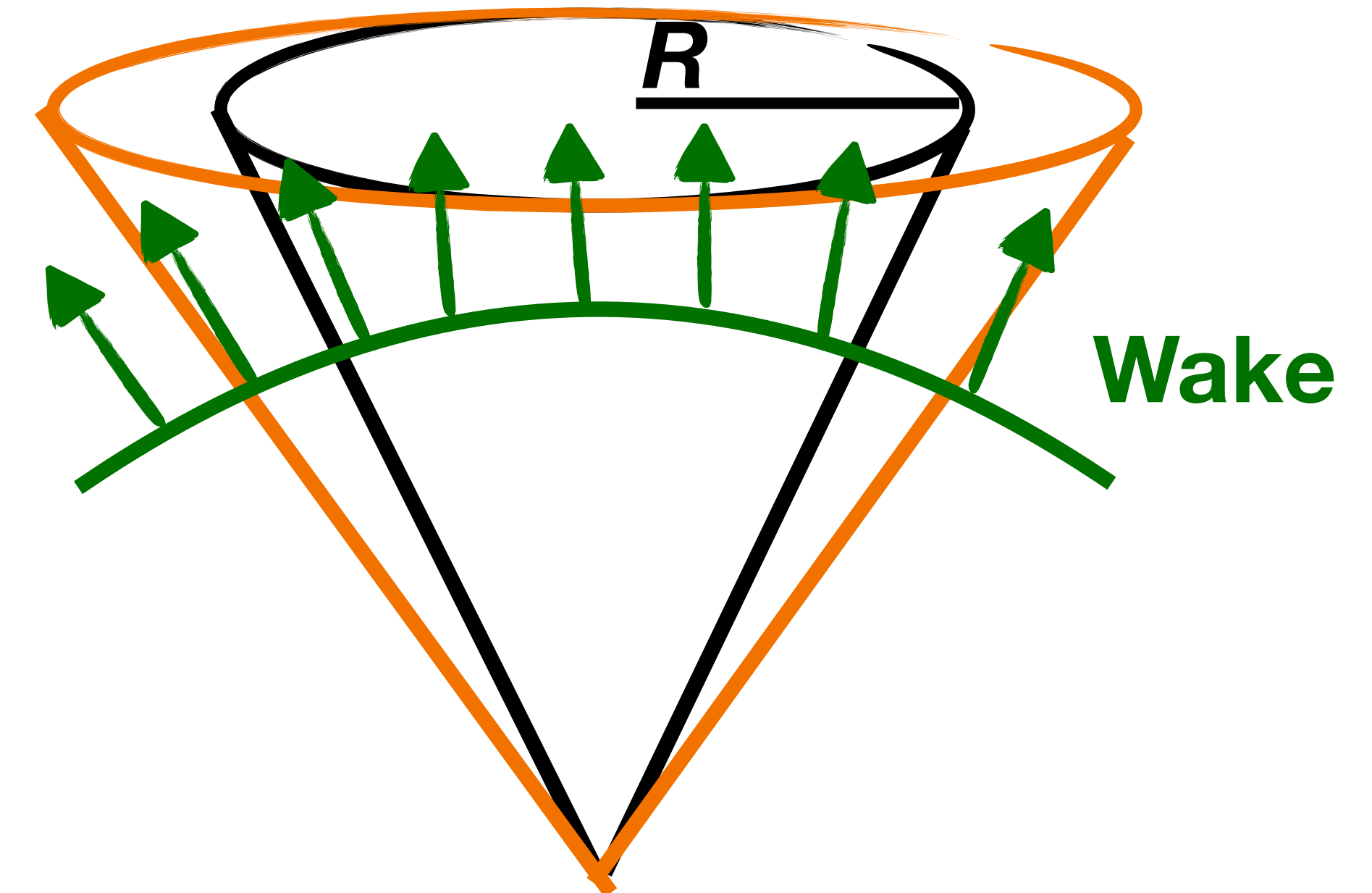
# Experimental considerations

*We presented an idealized case, but experimental measurements will have some differences...*

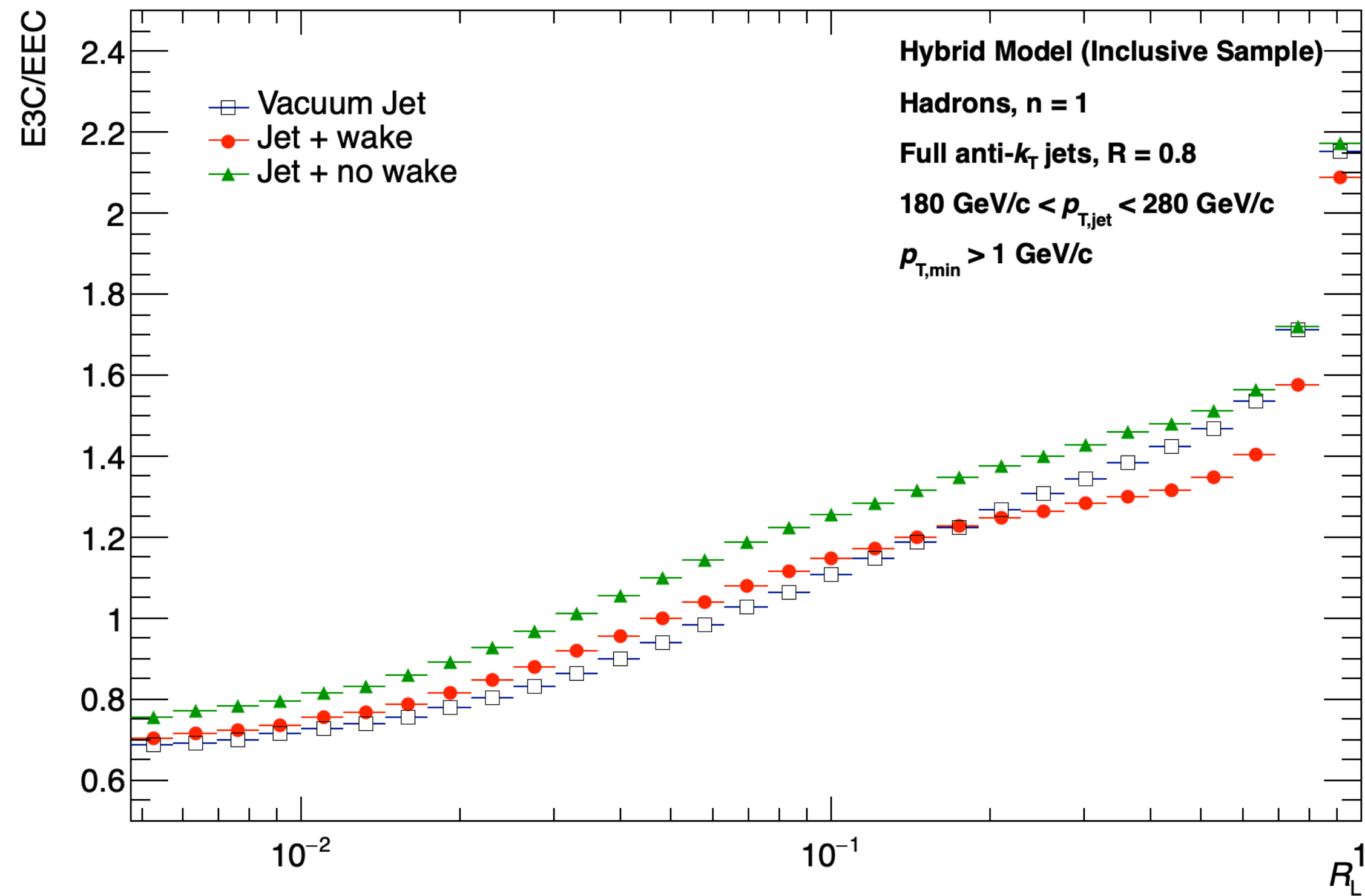
\* Wake effects will be largest for large  $R$  (we showed  $R = 0.8$ ), but this is more difficult to measure experimentally

→ Detector acceptance and large background contributions  $\propto R^2$

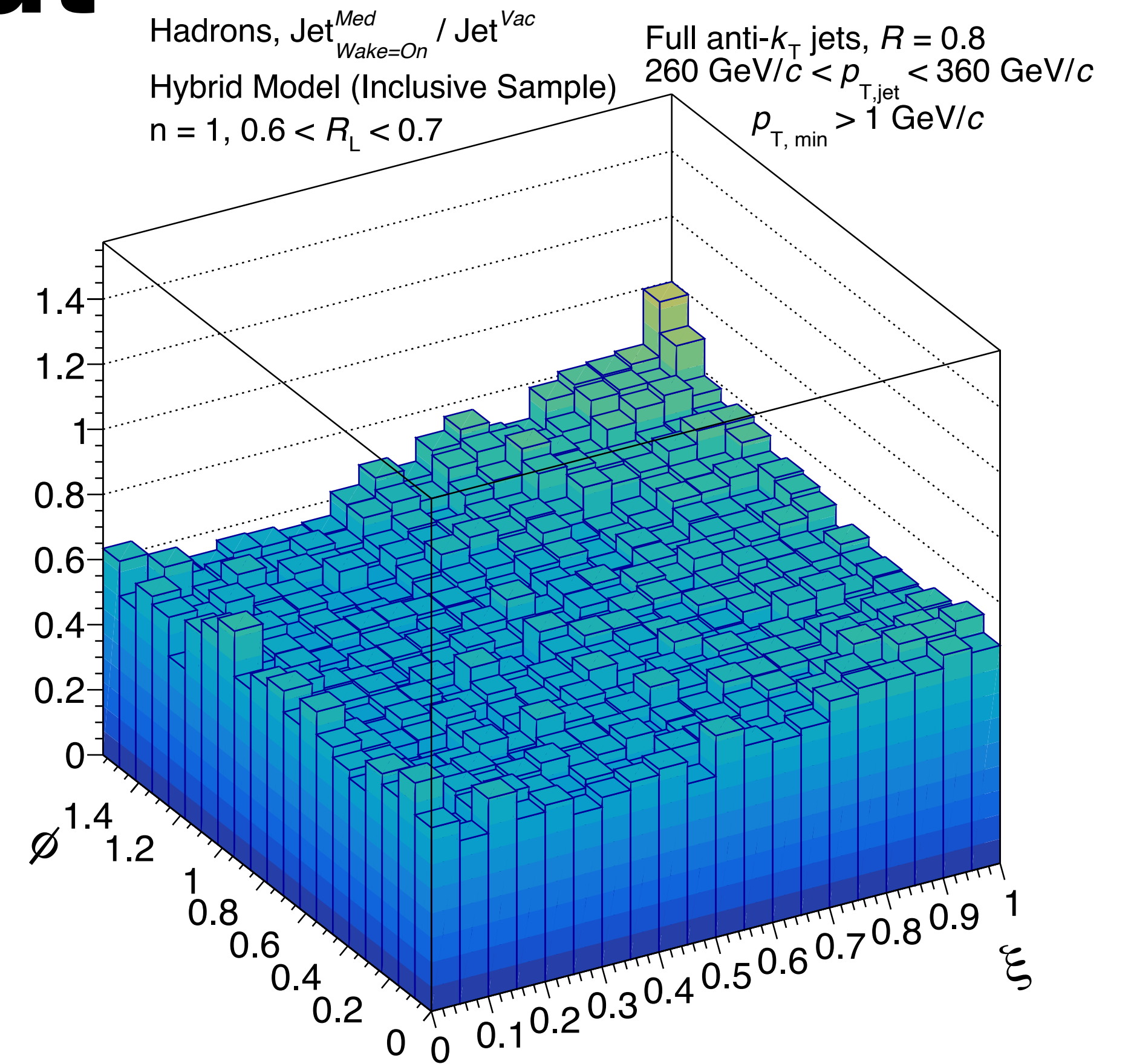
\* No cut on the constituent  $p_T$ , often necessary in experiment due to worsening resolution effects.



# Introducing a constituent cut



**E3C/EEC Ratio w/  $p_T$  cut**



**Wake/Vacuum**

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*Ratio is the ideal observable to use in experiment to maximize signal!*

# What dials can we turn?

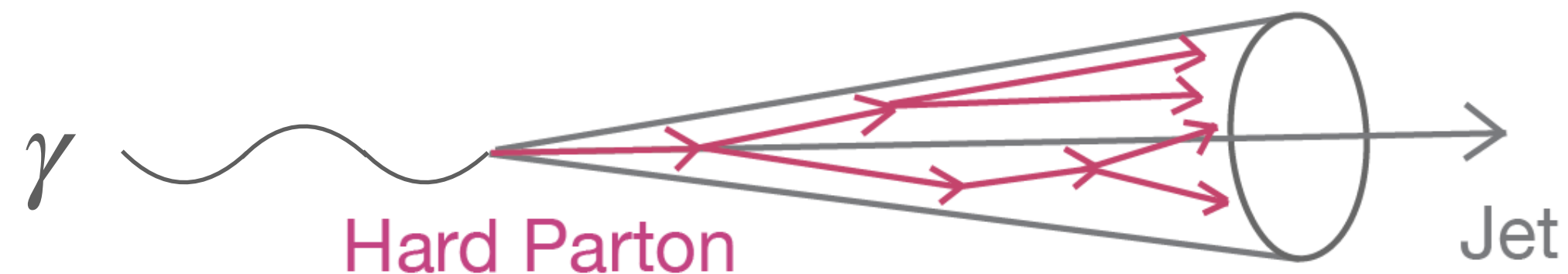


*There are a few dials we can turn to maximize experimental signal!*

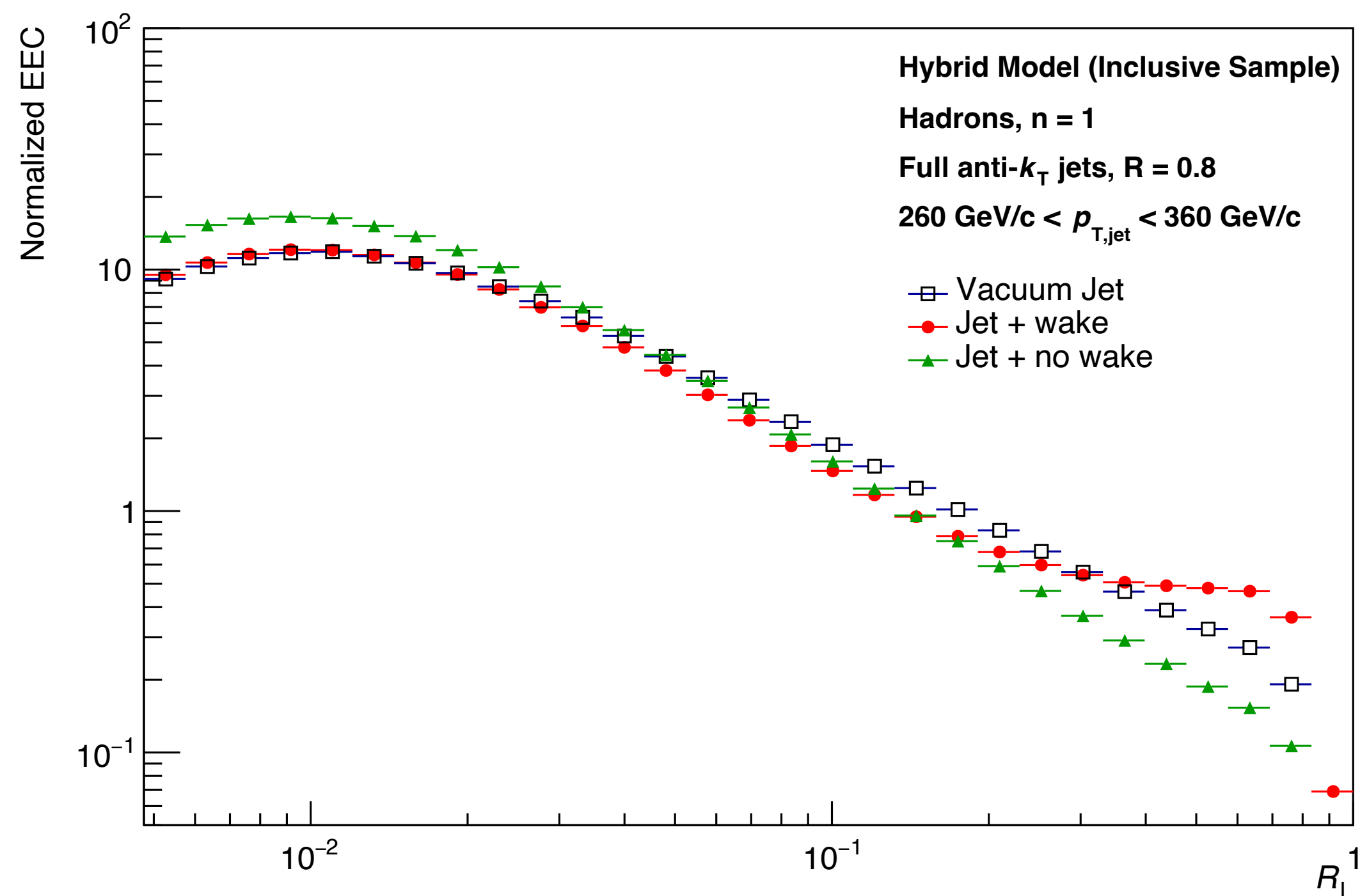
- \* Can use different energy weighting (ex:  $n = 0.5$ ) to amplify features!

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

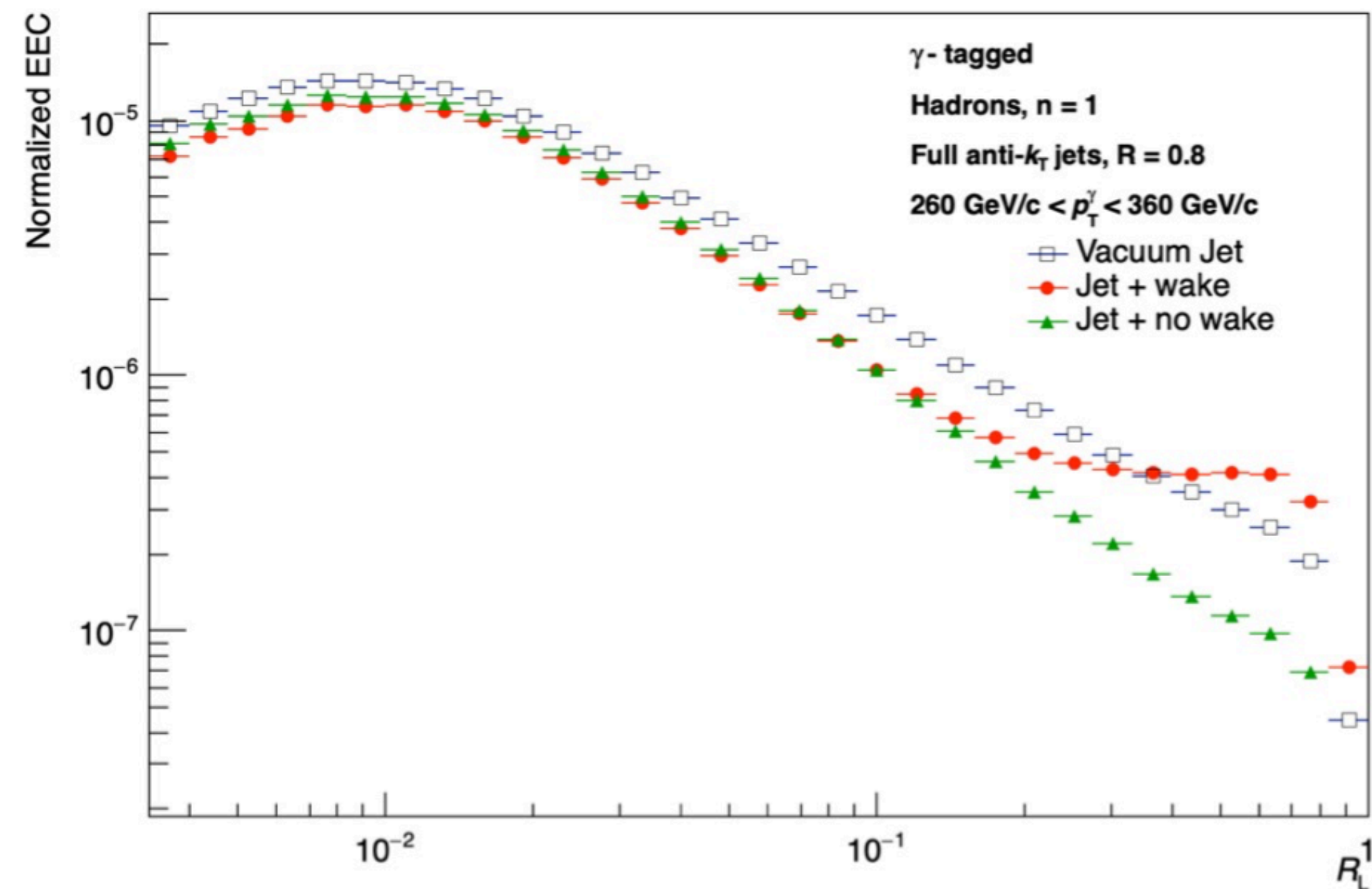
- \* Use gamma-tagged jets!



# $\gamma$ -tagged 2 point correlators



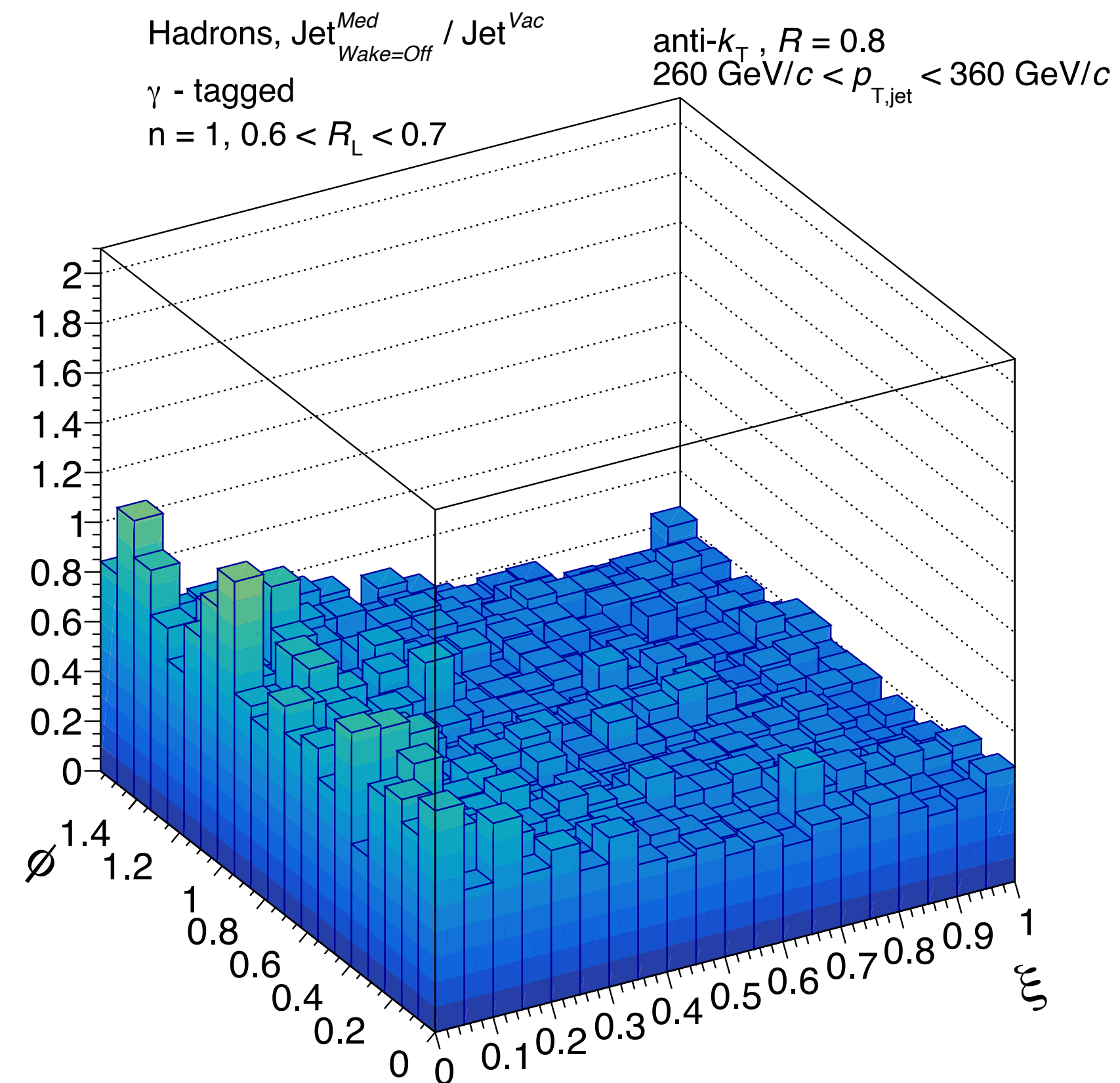
**Inclusive Jet EEC**



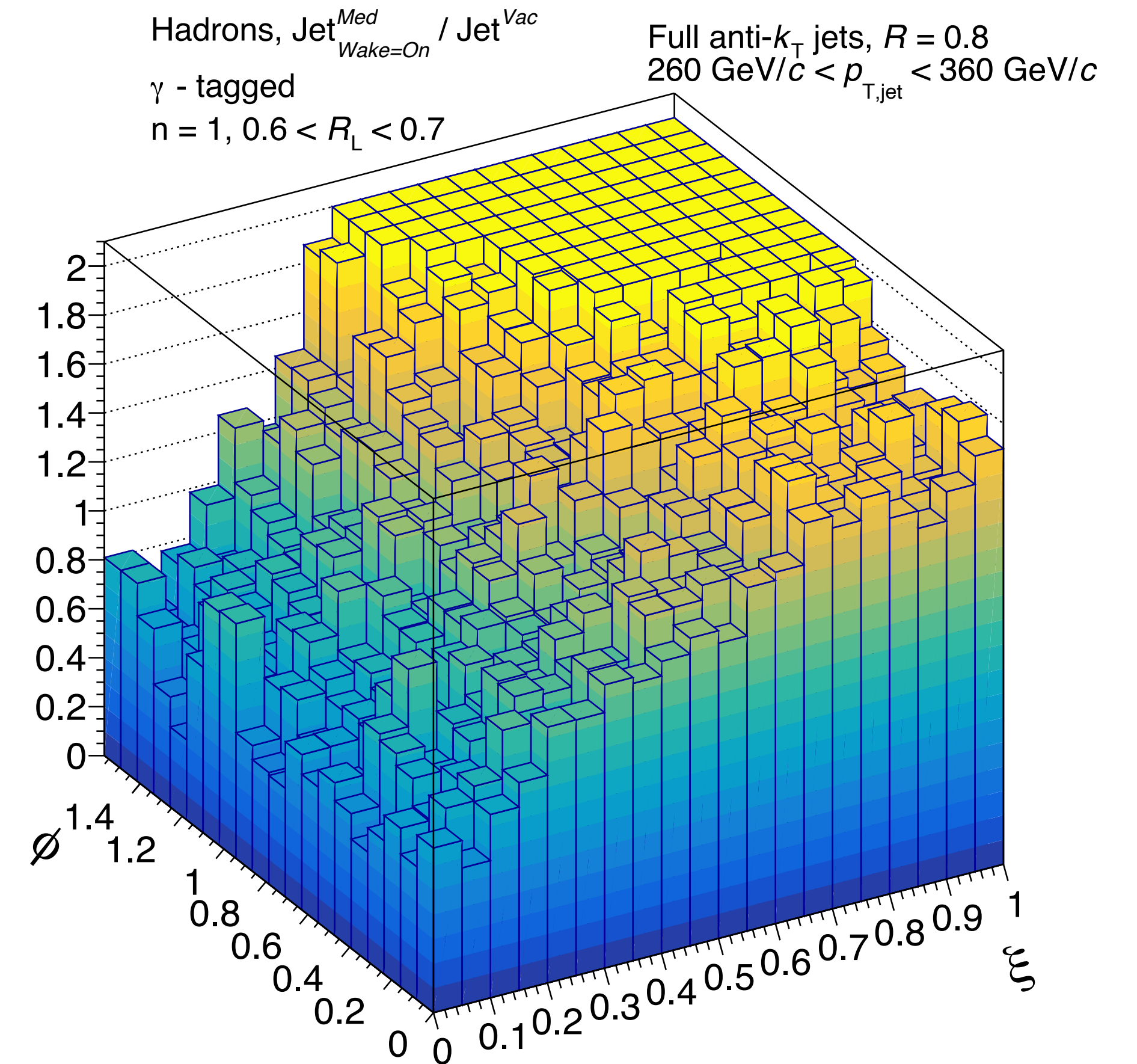
**$\gamma$ -tagged jet EEC**

*$\gamma$ -tagged jets dramatically increases difference between wake + vacuum!*

# $\gamma$ -tagged shape



**No wake / vacuum**



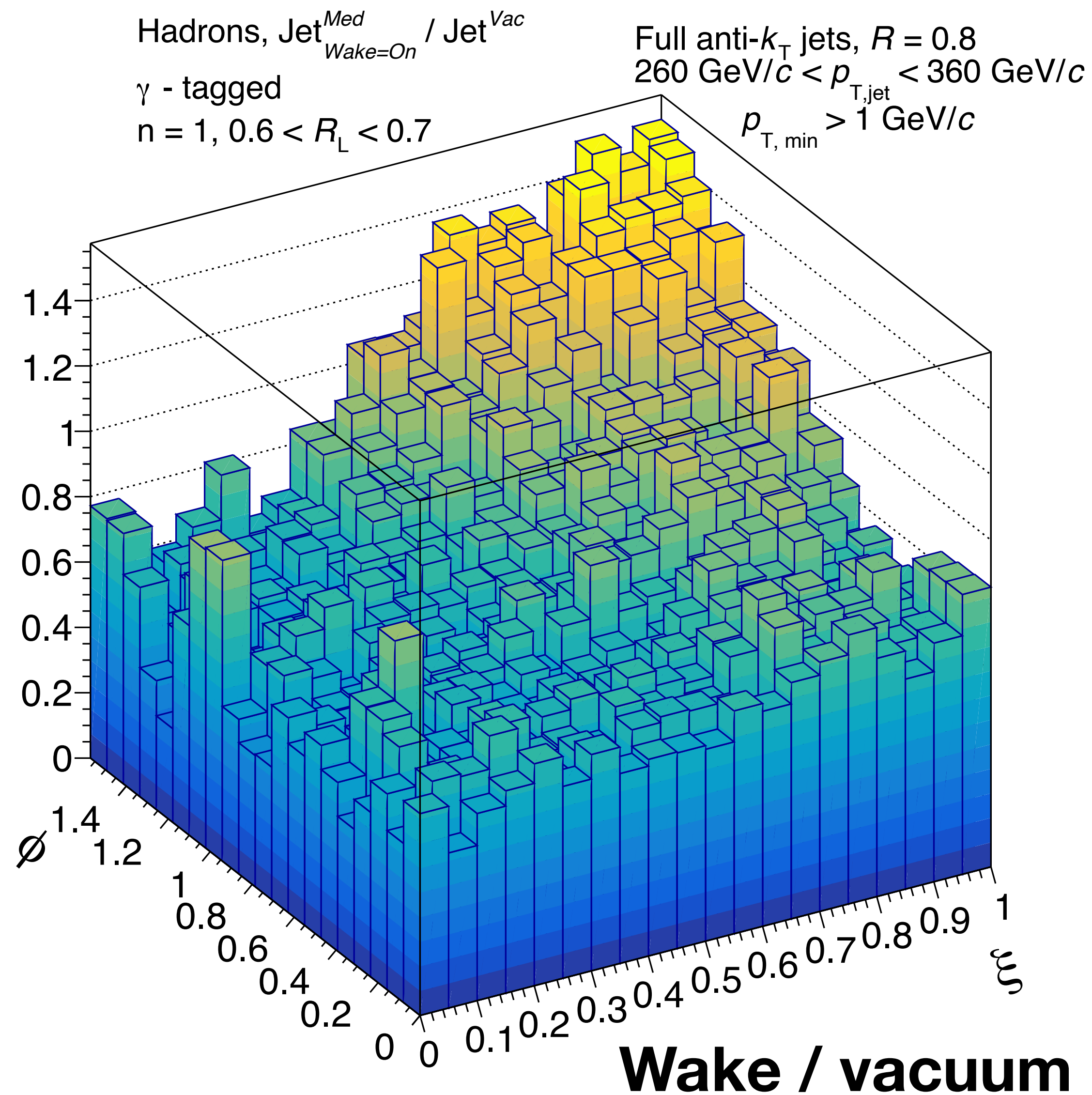
**Wake / vacuum**

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What if we added in the track  $p_T$  cut?



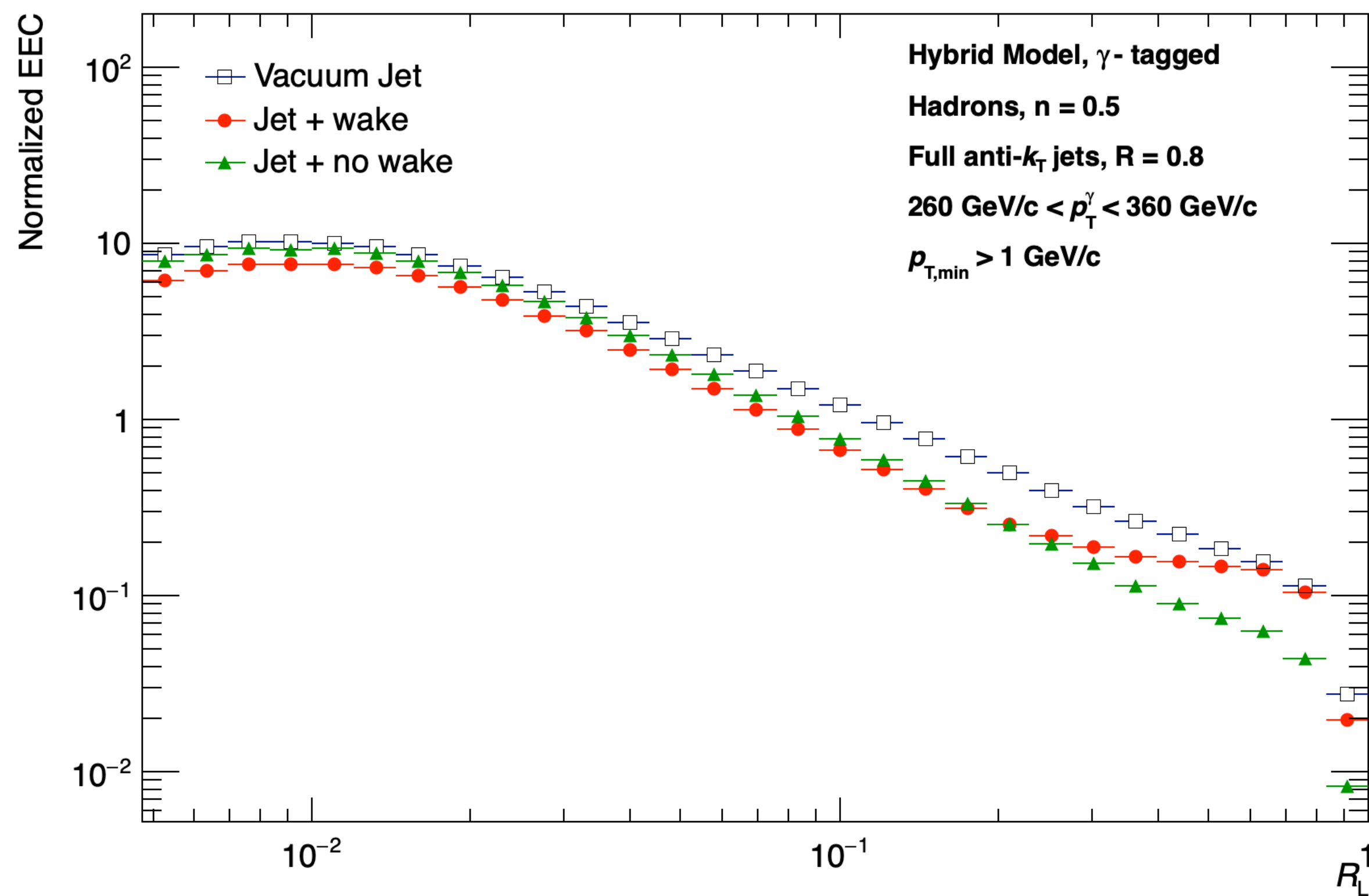
# Shape of $\gamma$ -jet w/ track $p_T$ cut



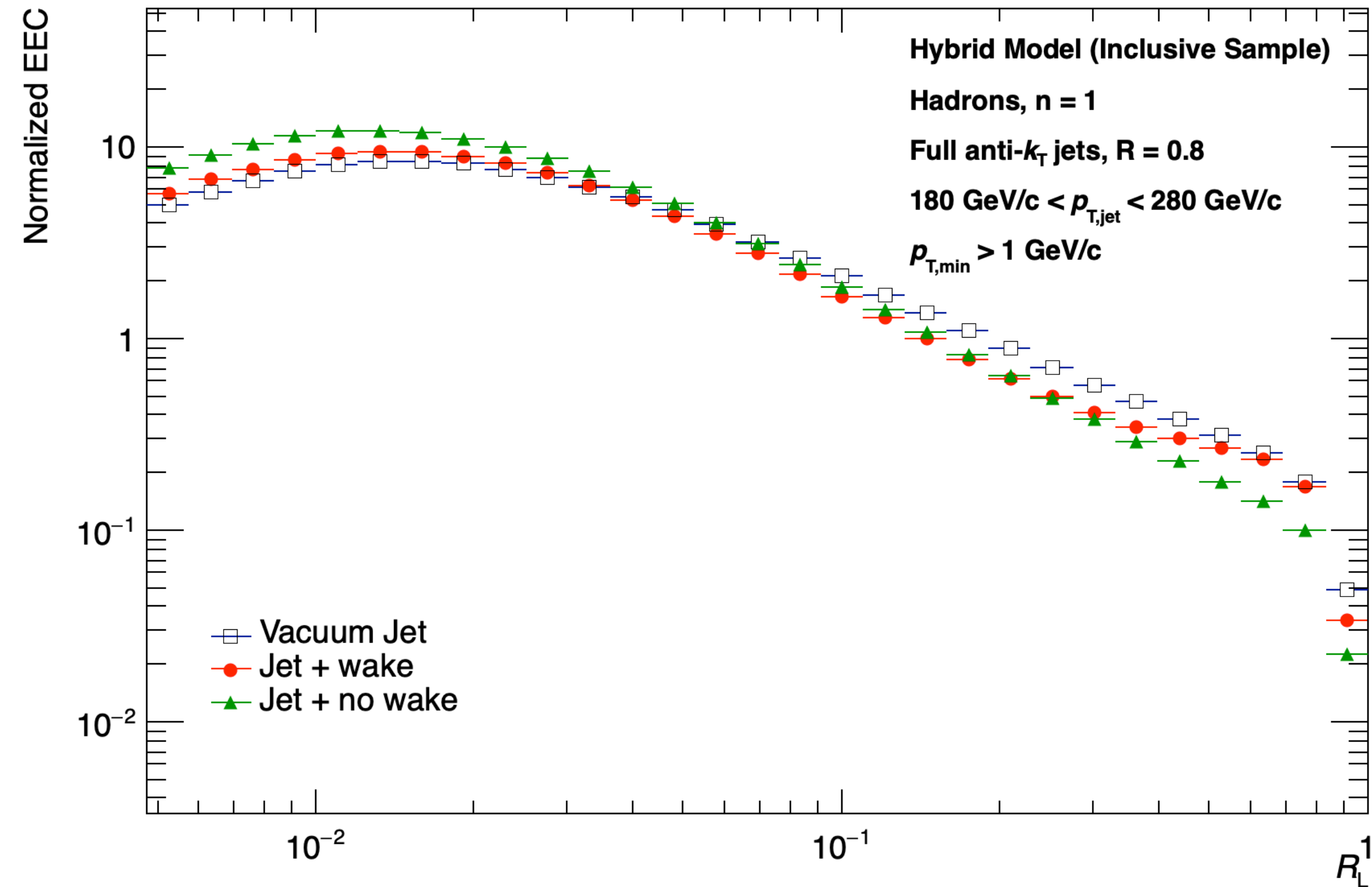
*With a track  $p_T$  cut - still large differences with the vacuum case!*

What else can we do?

# Changing the energy weighting



$\gamma$ -tagged,  $n = 0.5$ , w/ track cut

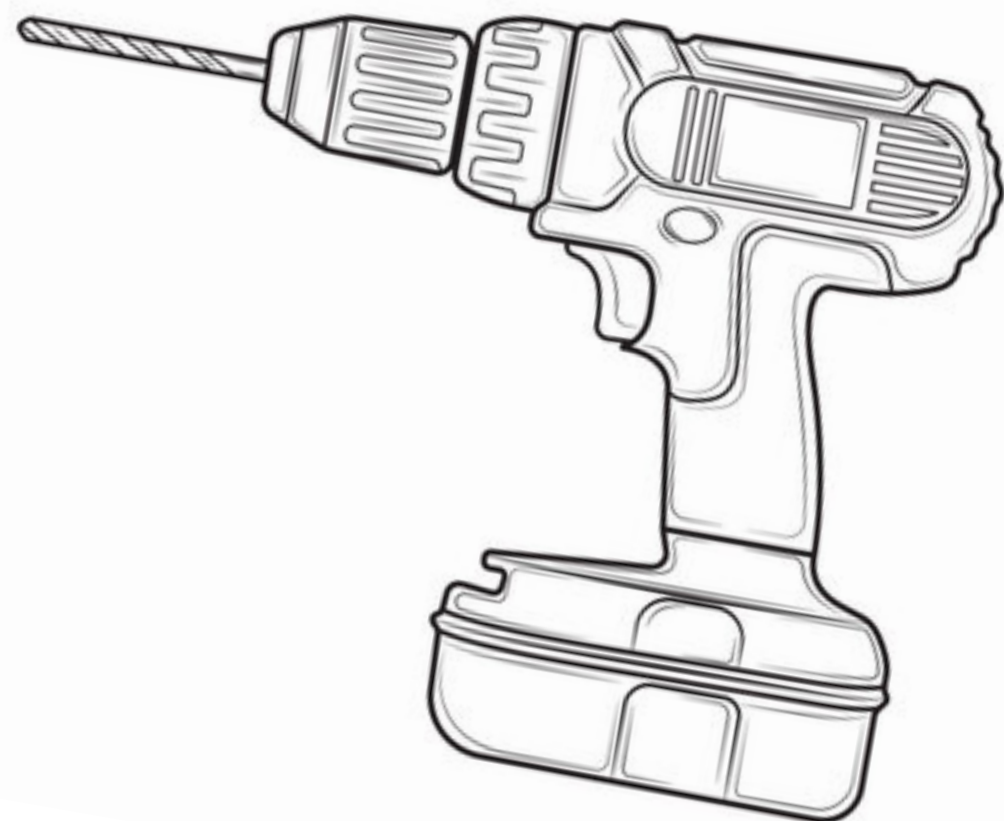
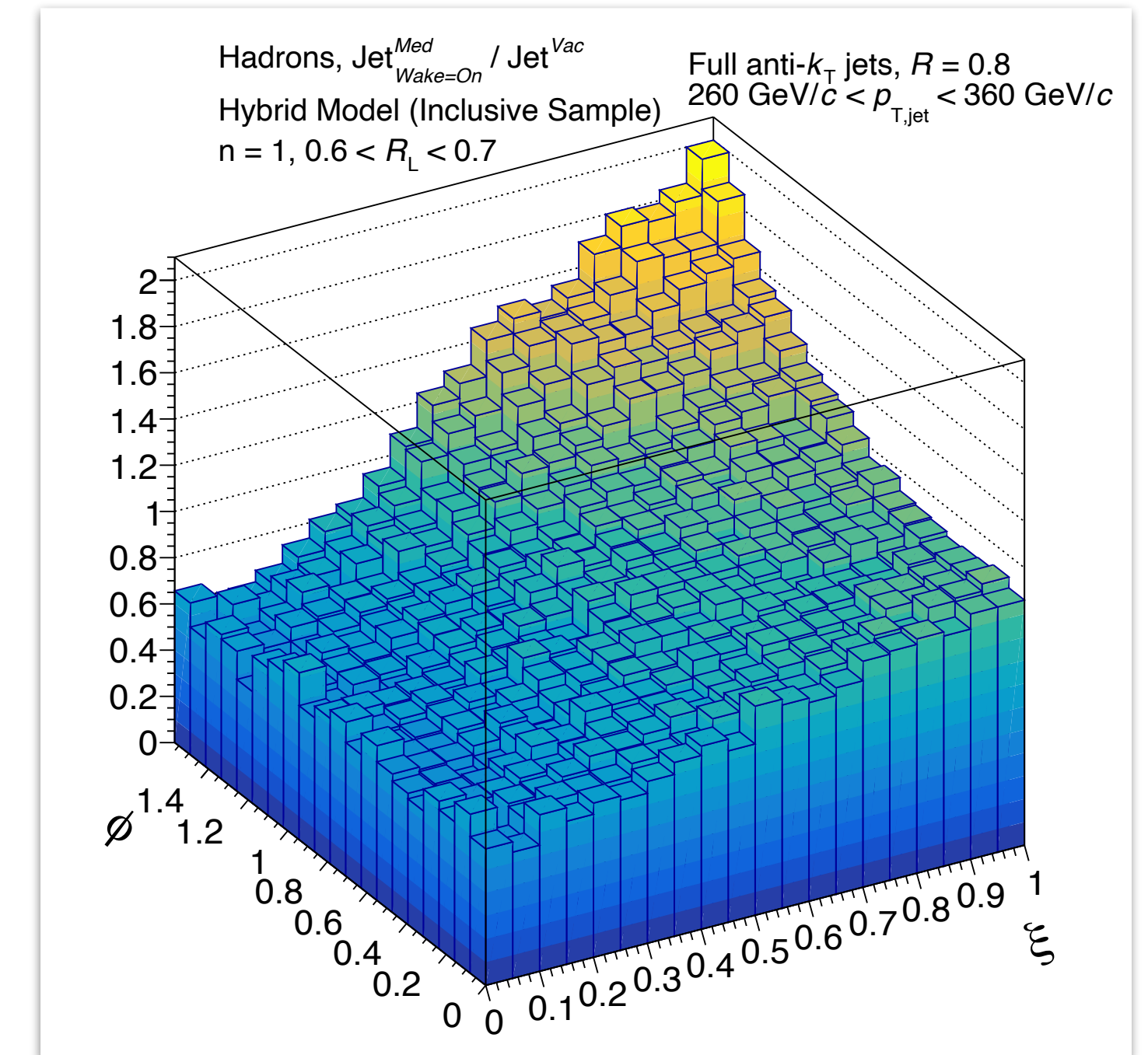


Inclusive,  $n = 1.0$ , w/ track cut

*Energy weight can increase size of the wake signal!*

# Summary & Conclusions

- \* We have presented the first exploration of the shape dependence of full higher point energy correlators in heavy-ion collisions!
- \* Ideal way to study the shape of the medium response!
- \* We did this using the hybrid model with a hydrodynamical wake as the medium response effect.
- \* When comparing in-medium distributions to vacuum, we see a large and clear wake signal!



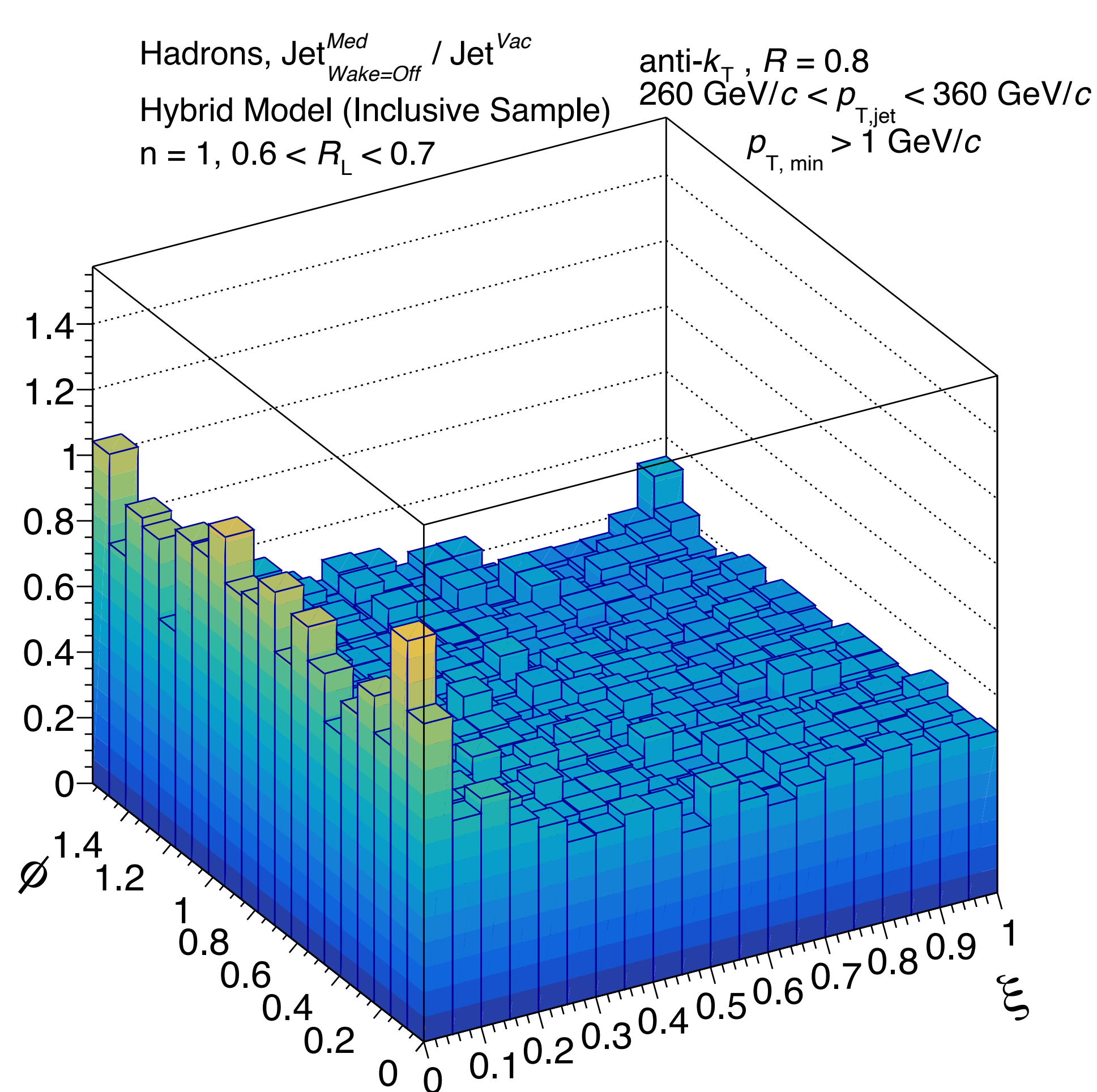
**This is a new promising tool to expose and characterize the medium response!**

***Let's go looking for this large signal in data/models!***

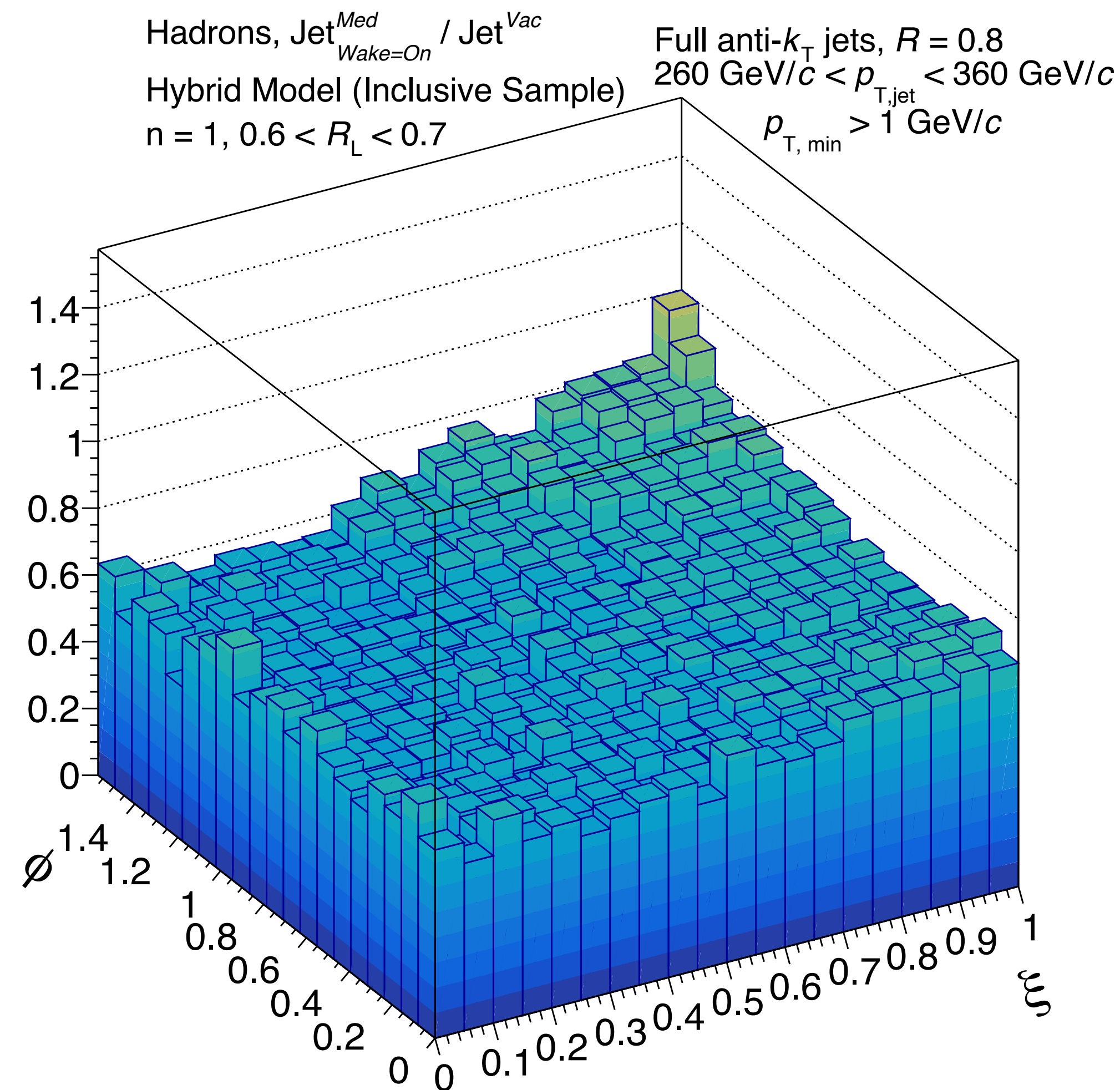
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**Backup**

# Shape of inclusive sample w/ track pT cut

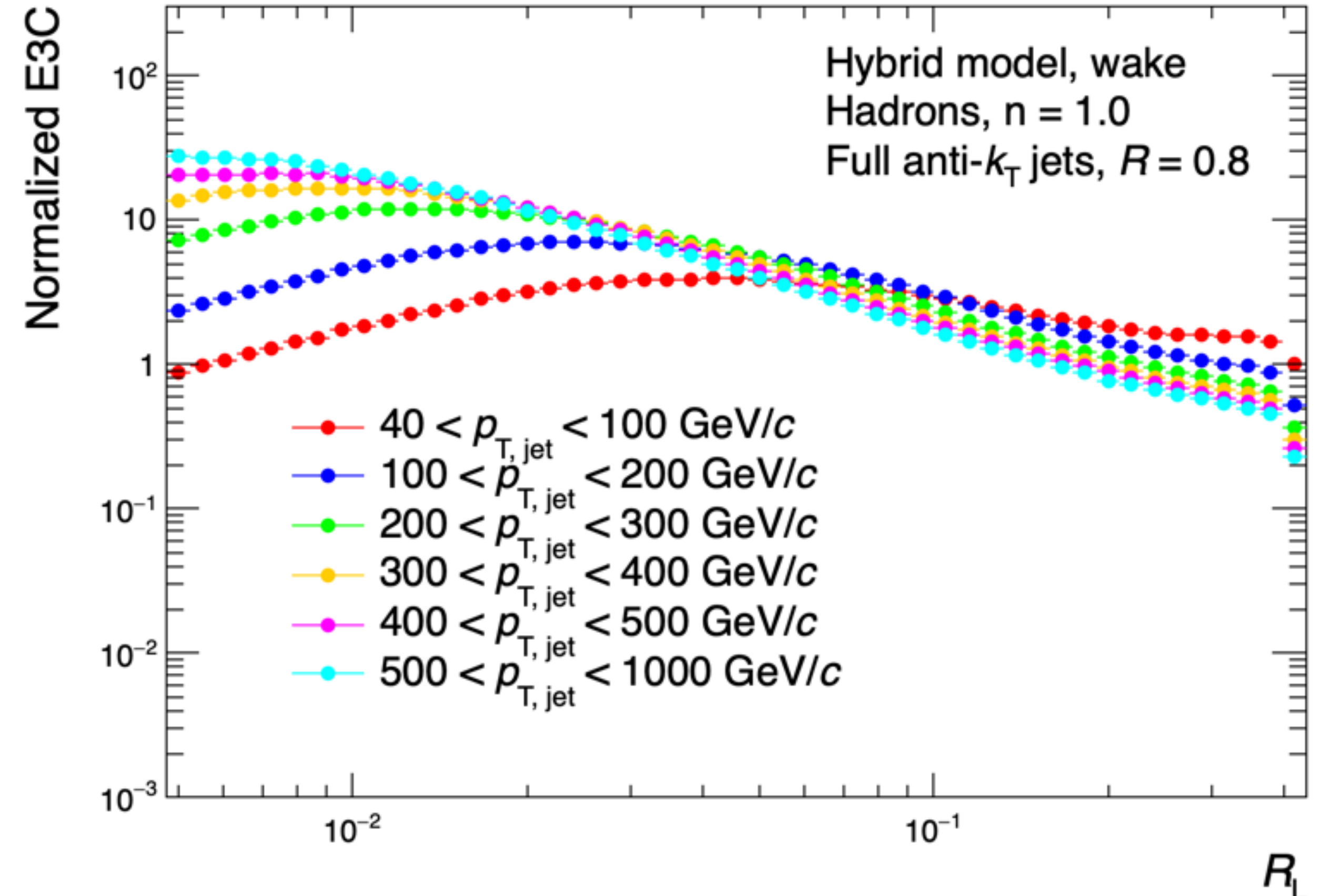
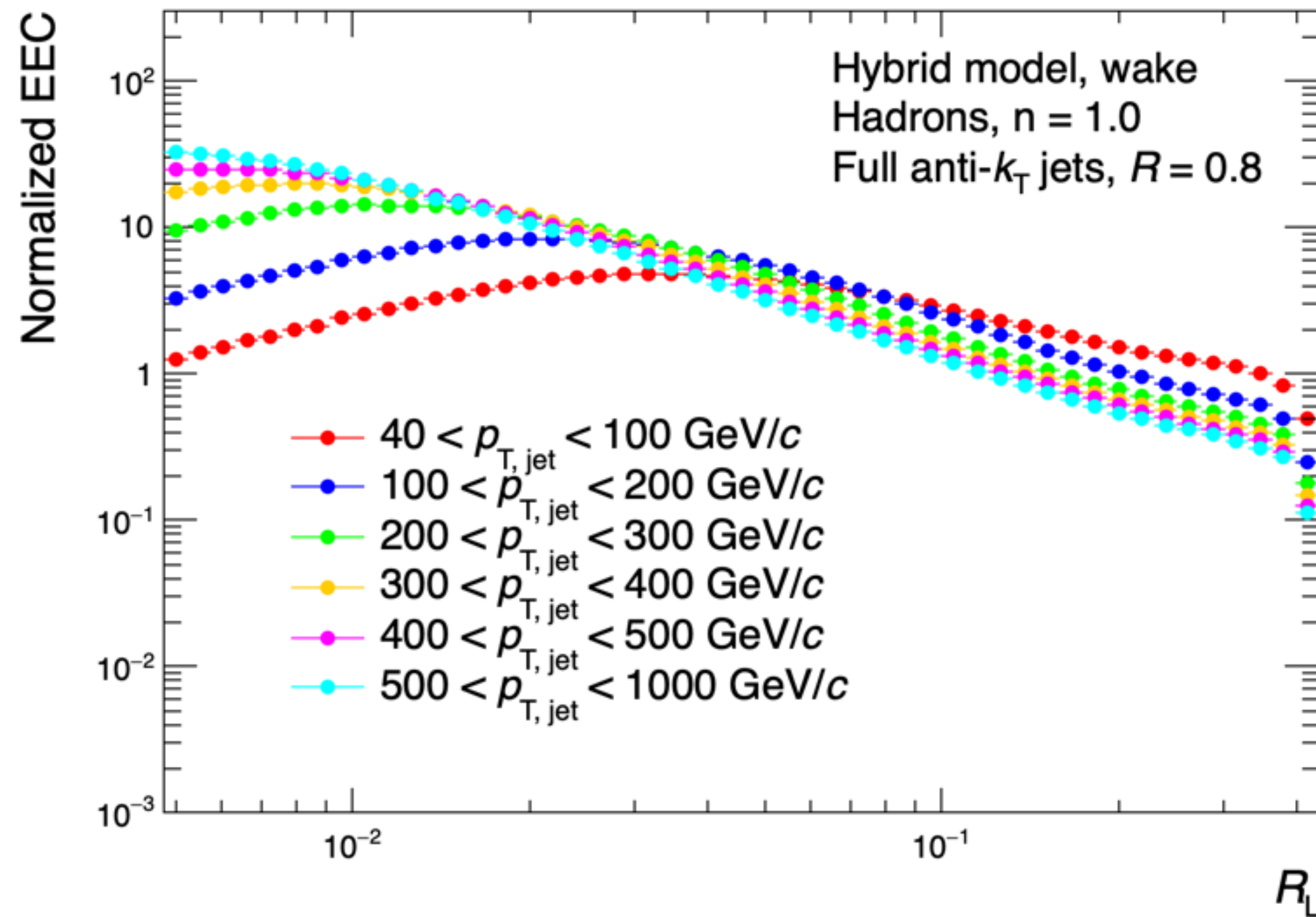


**No wake / vacuum**



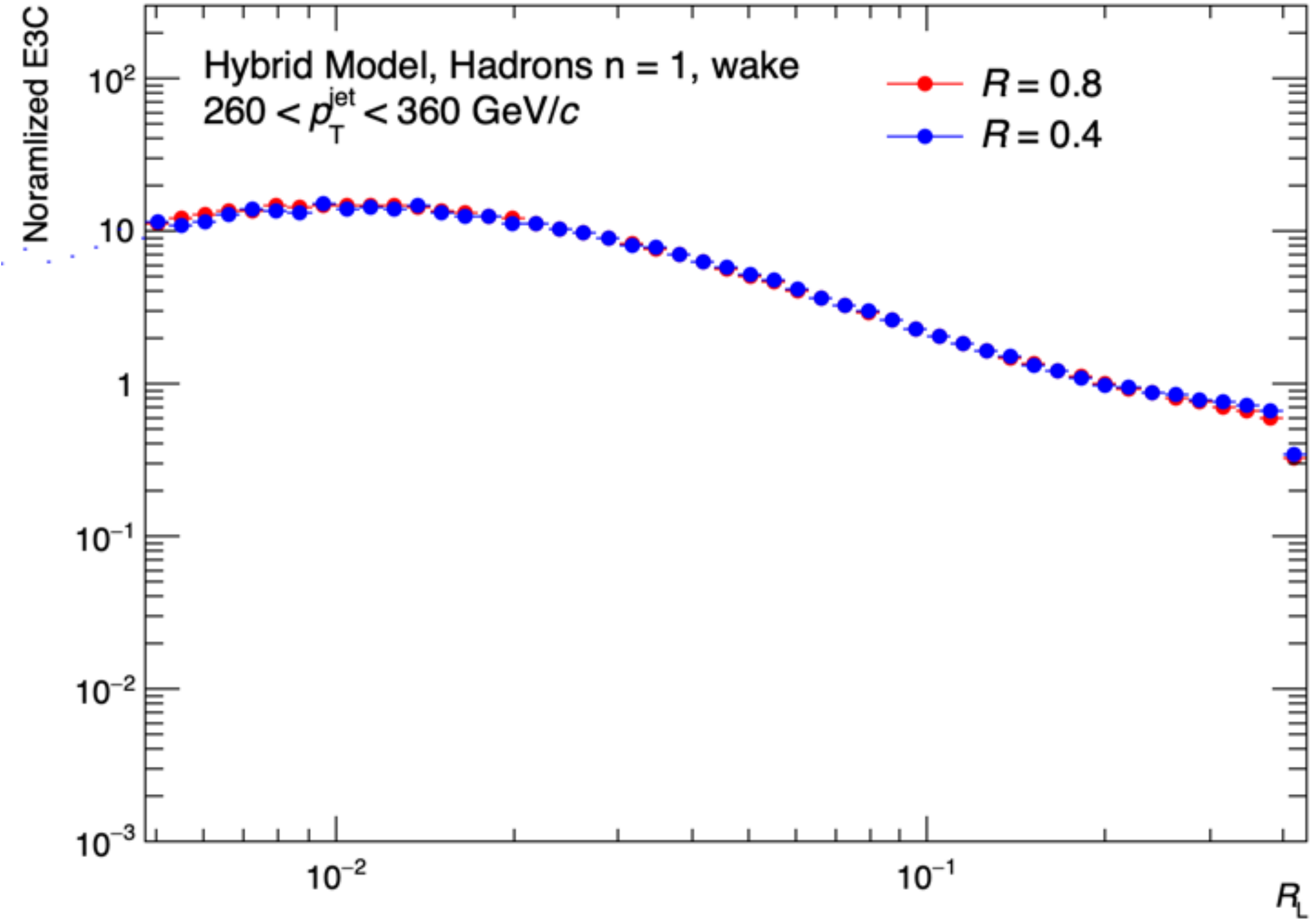
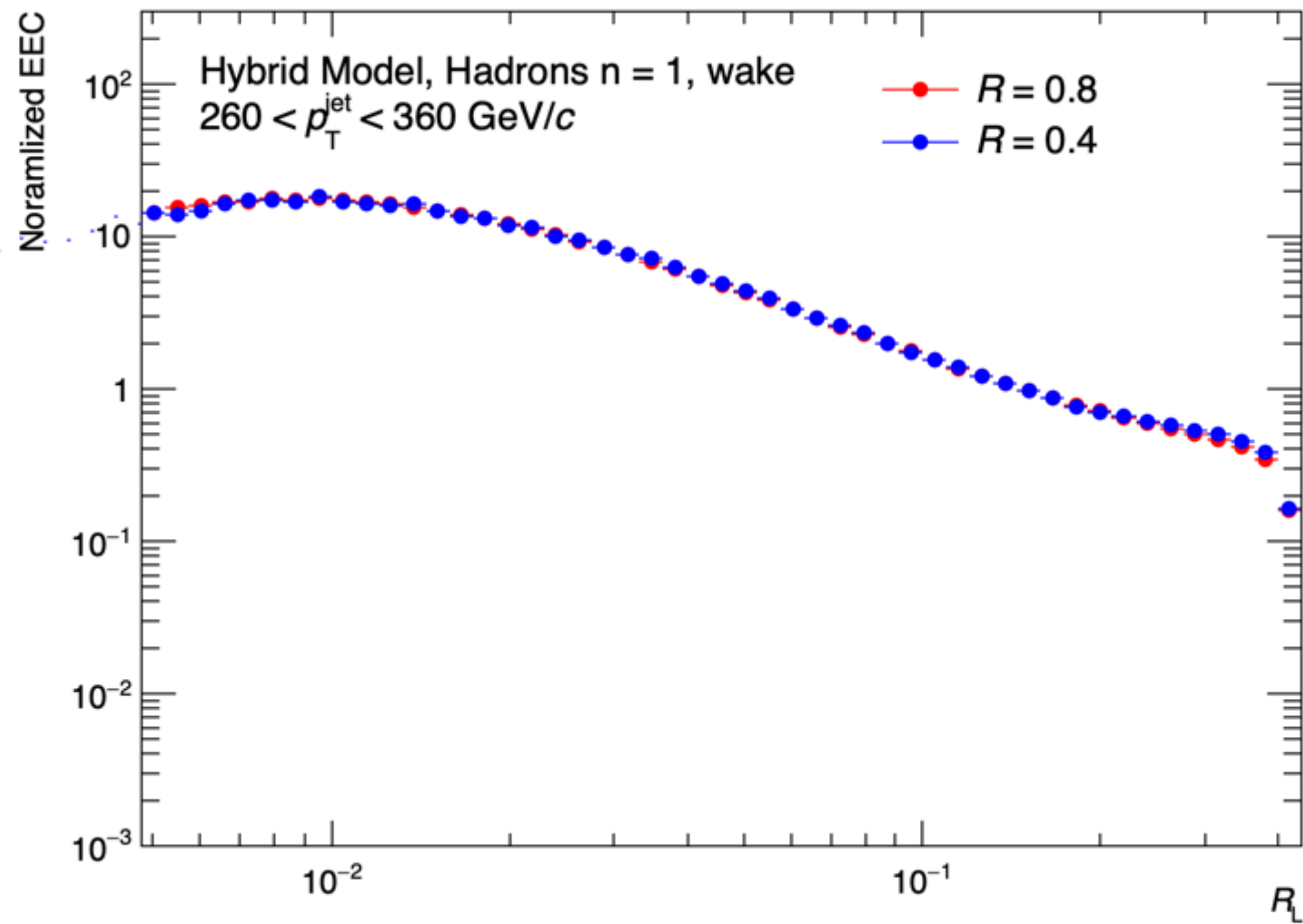
**Wake / vacuum**

# Prominence of the wake with $p_T$



*Wake signal is more prominent at low  $p_T$ !*

# Prominence of the wake with $R$



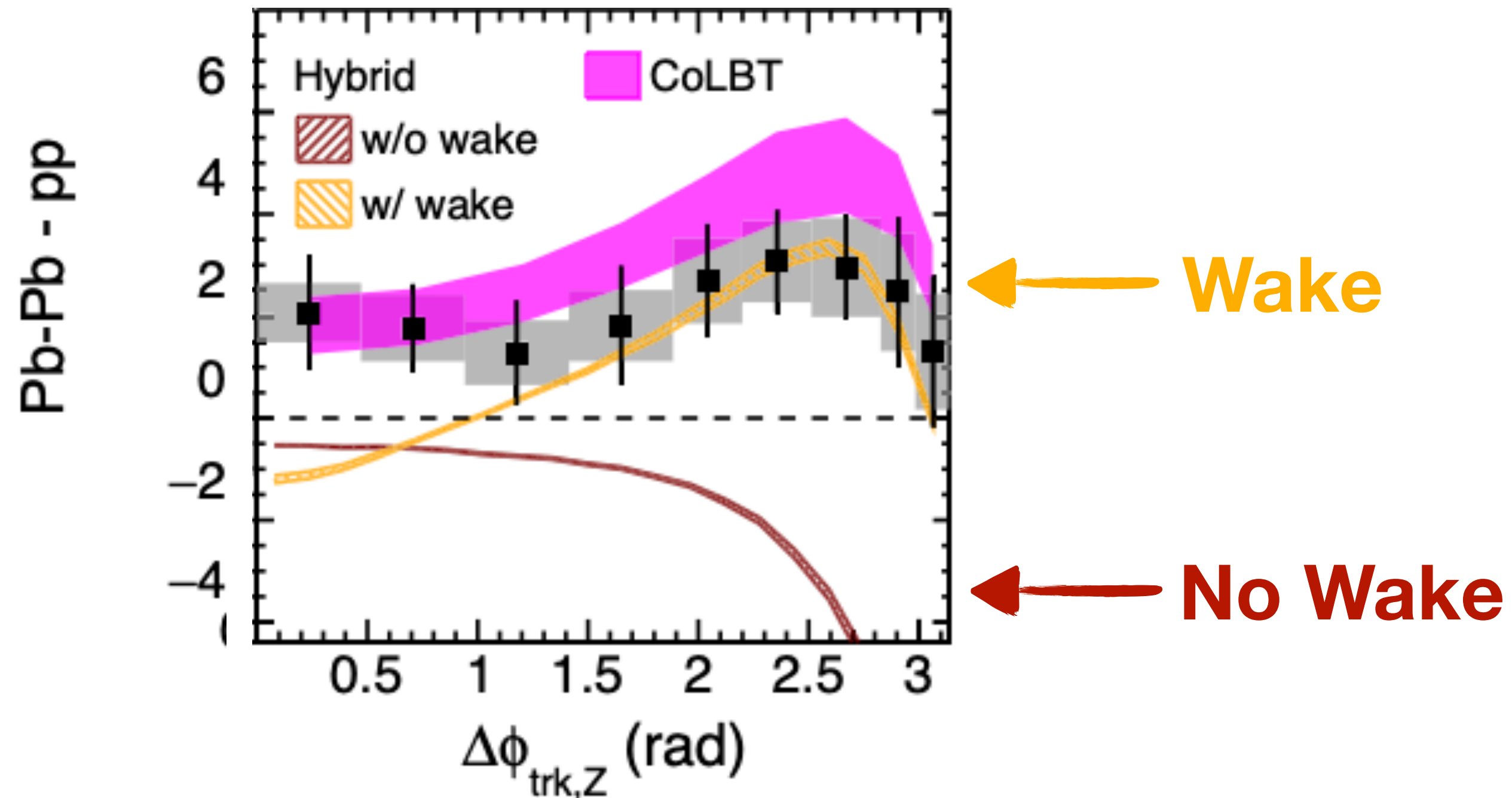
*Very small differences with  $R$ !*

# Search for the medium response

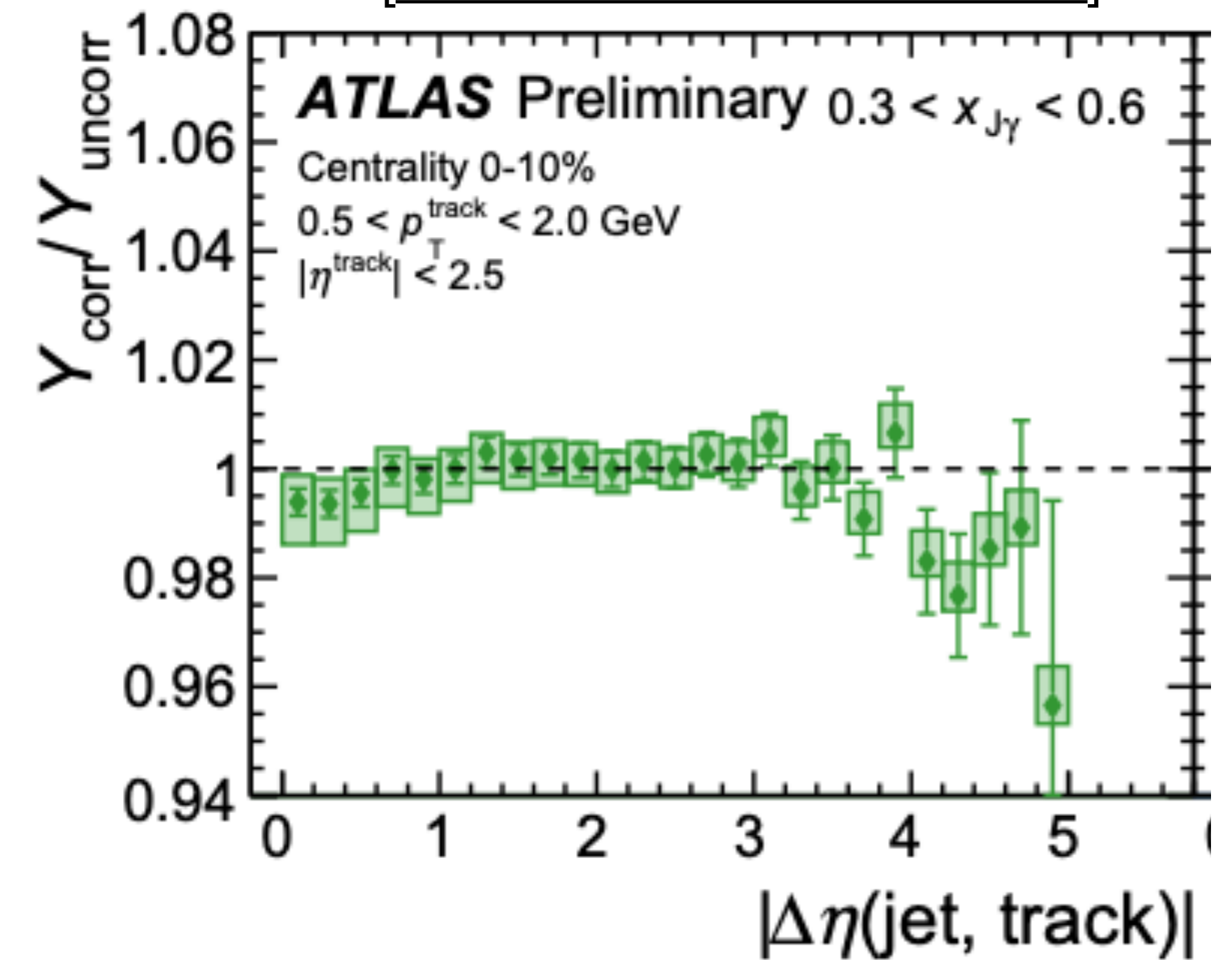
Difficult to experimentally separate

- \* Modification of parton shower (broadening)
- \* Medium response effects (even harder to separate wake vs. recoils)

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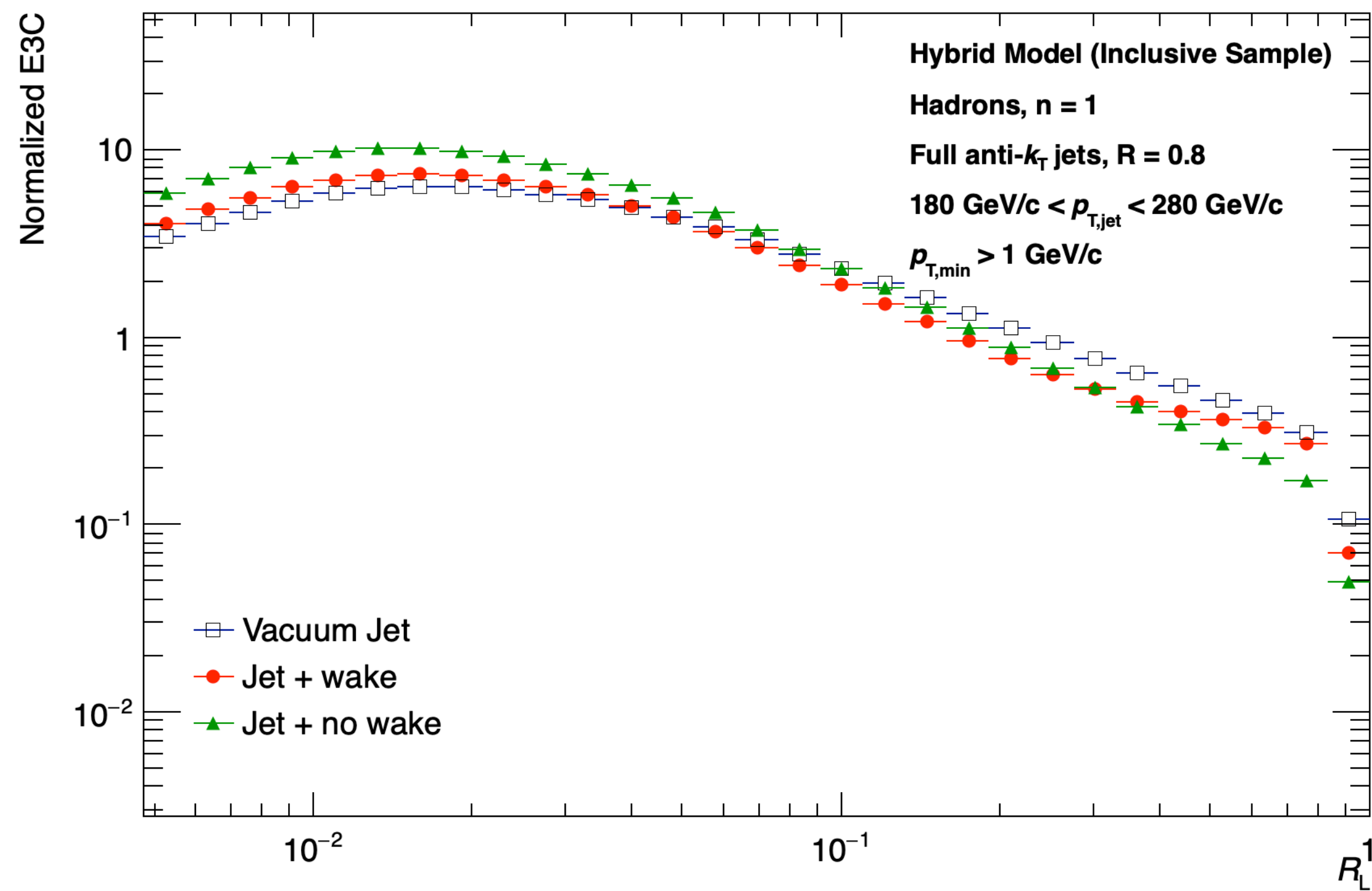


**Z-hadron clean probe! Low  $\Delta\phi$  consistent with CoLBT (w/ MPI)**

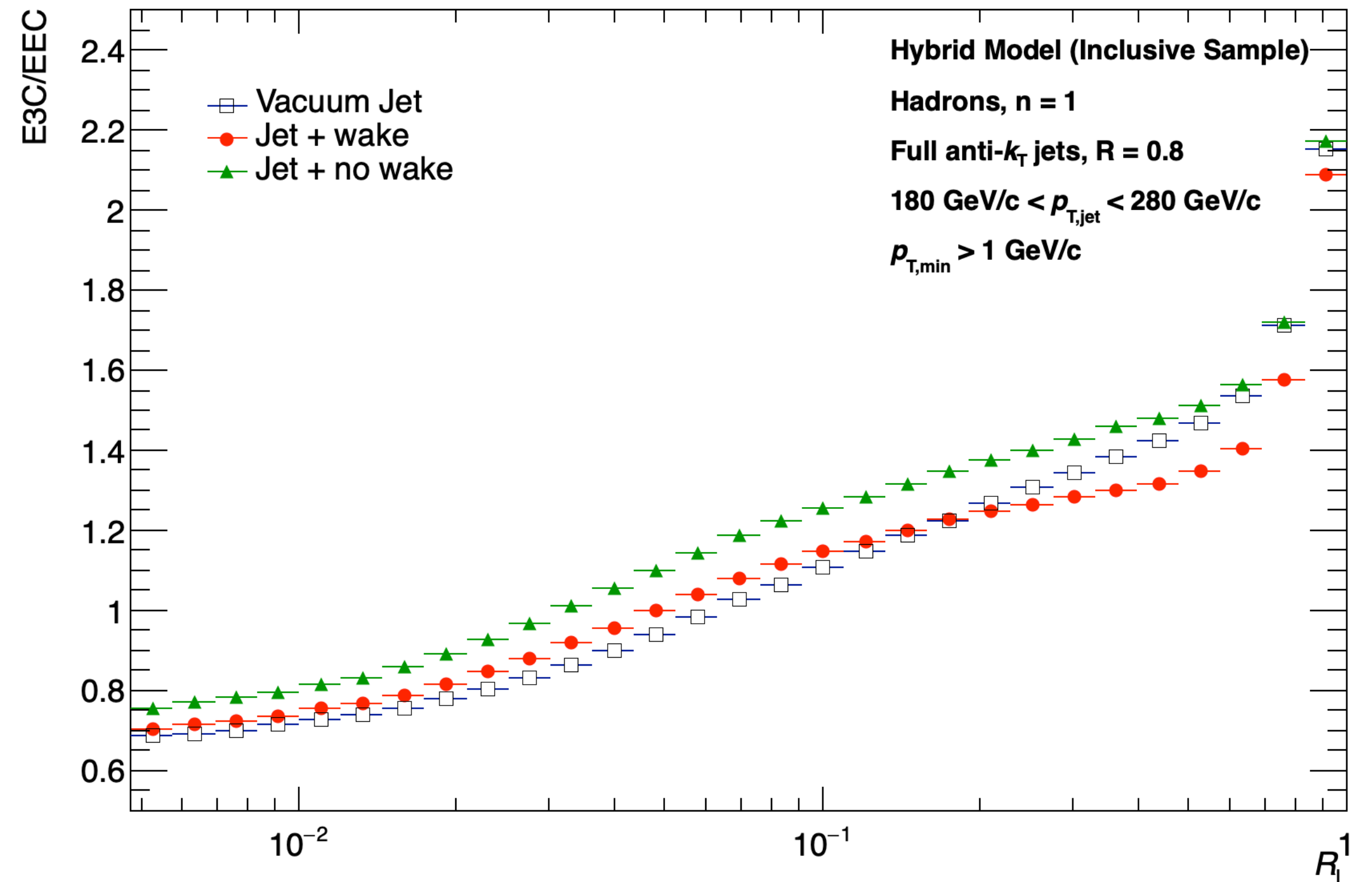
**Current  $\gamma$ -jet data not experimentally sensitive to negative wake**



# Introducing a constituent cut



**Inclusive Jet E3C w/  $p_T$  cut**

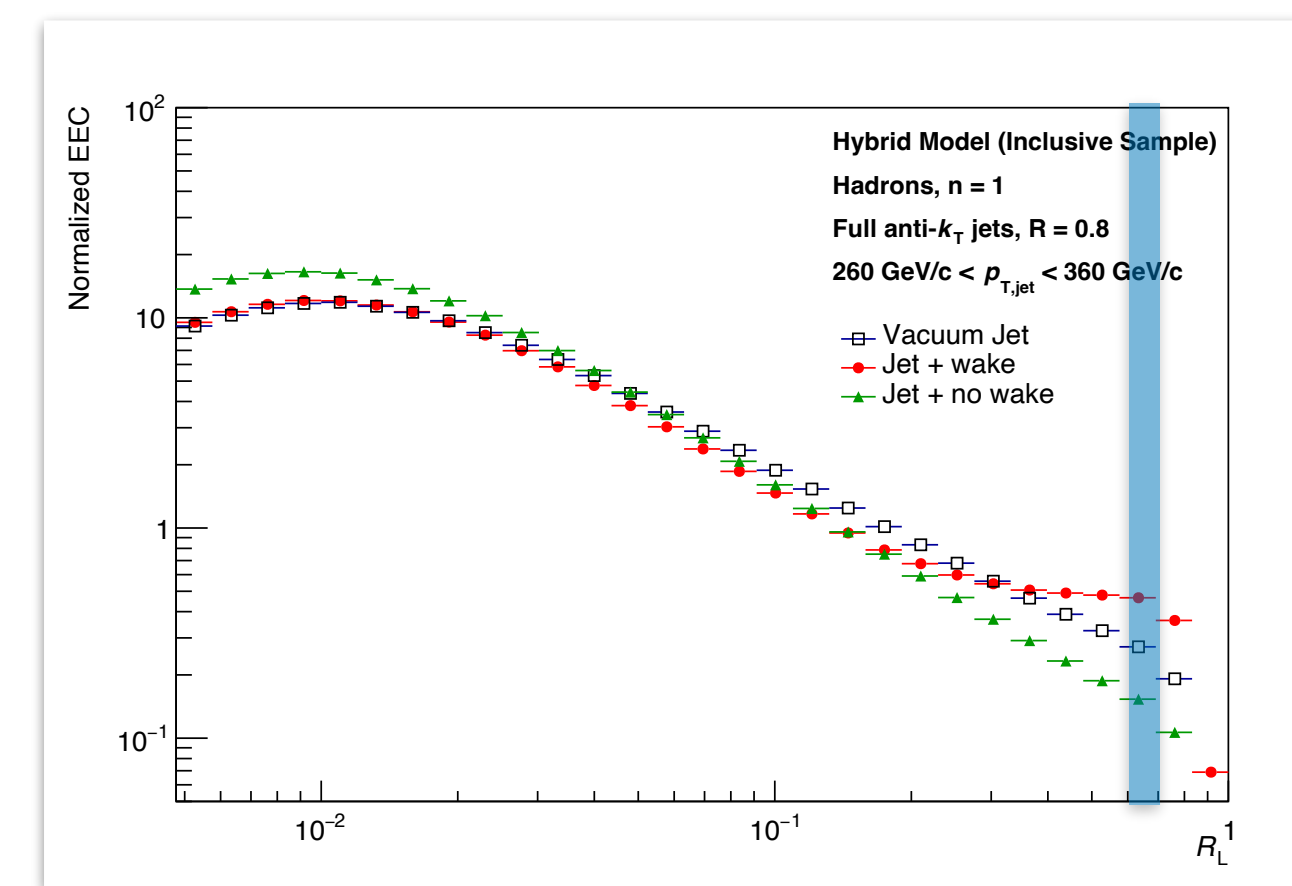


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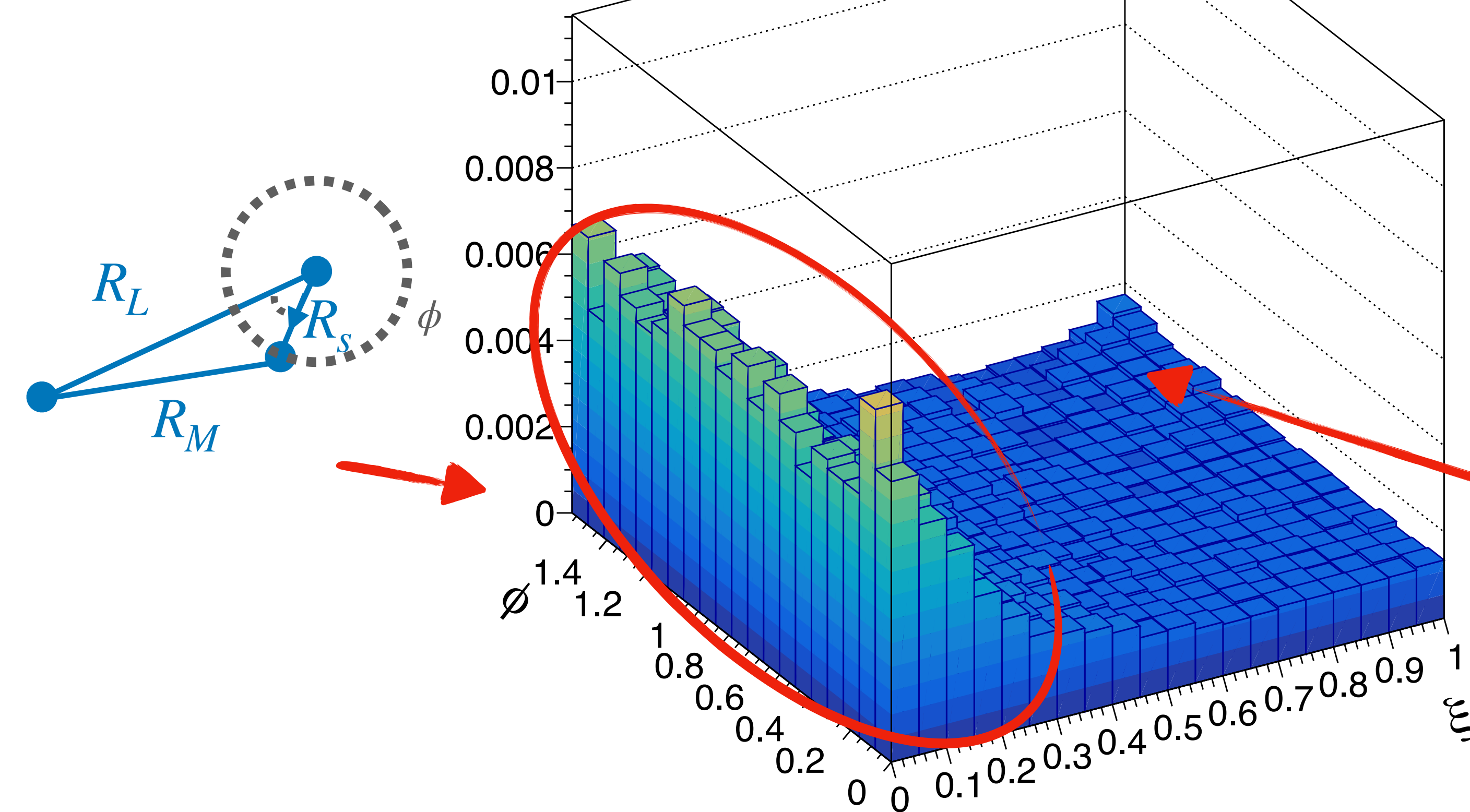
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# Shape dependence in medium (no wake)

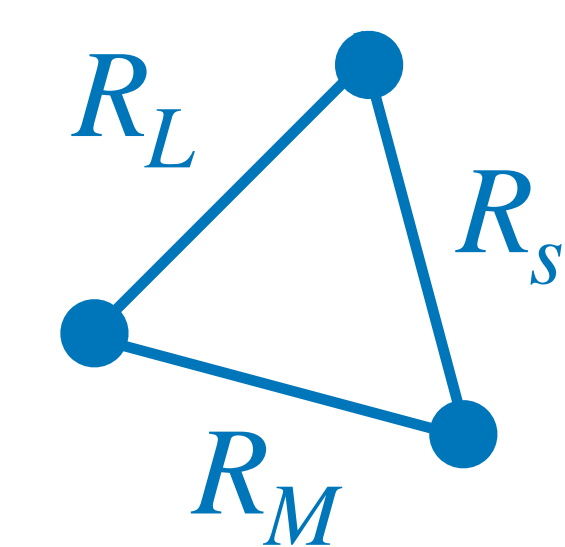


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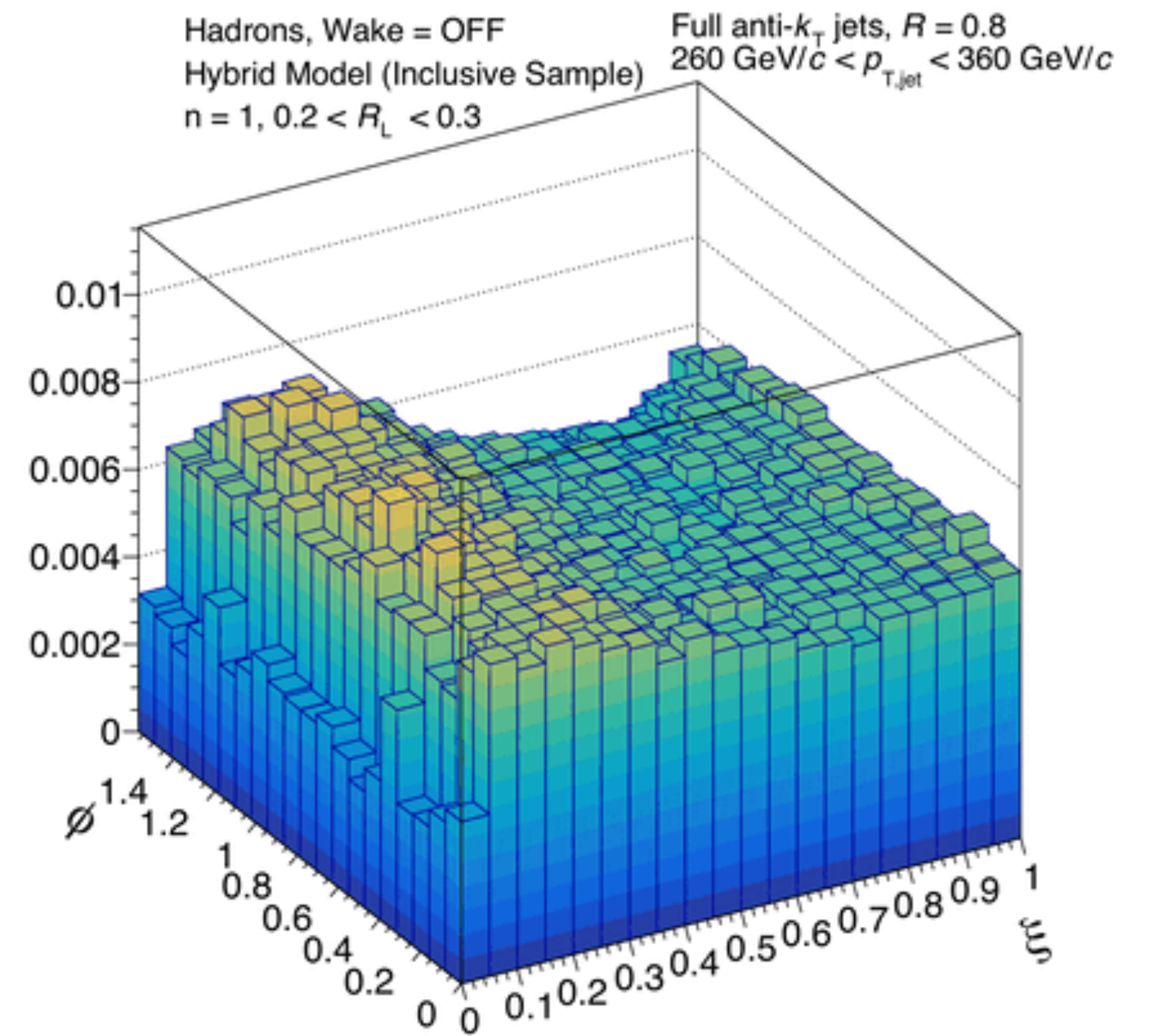
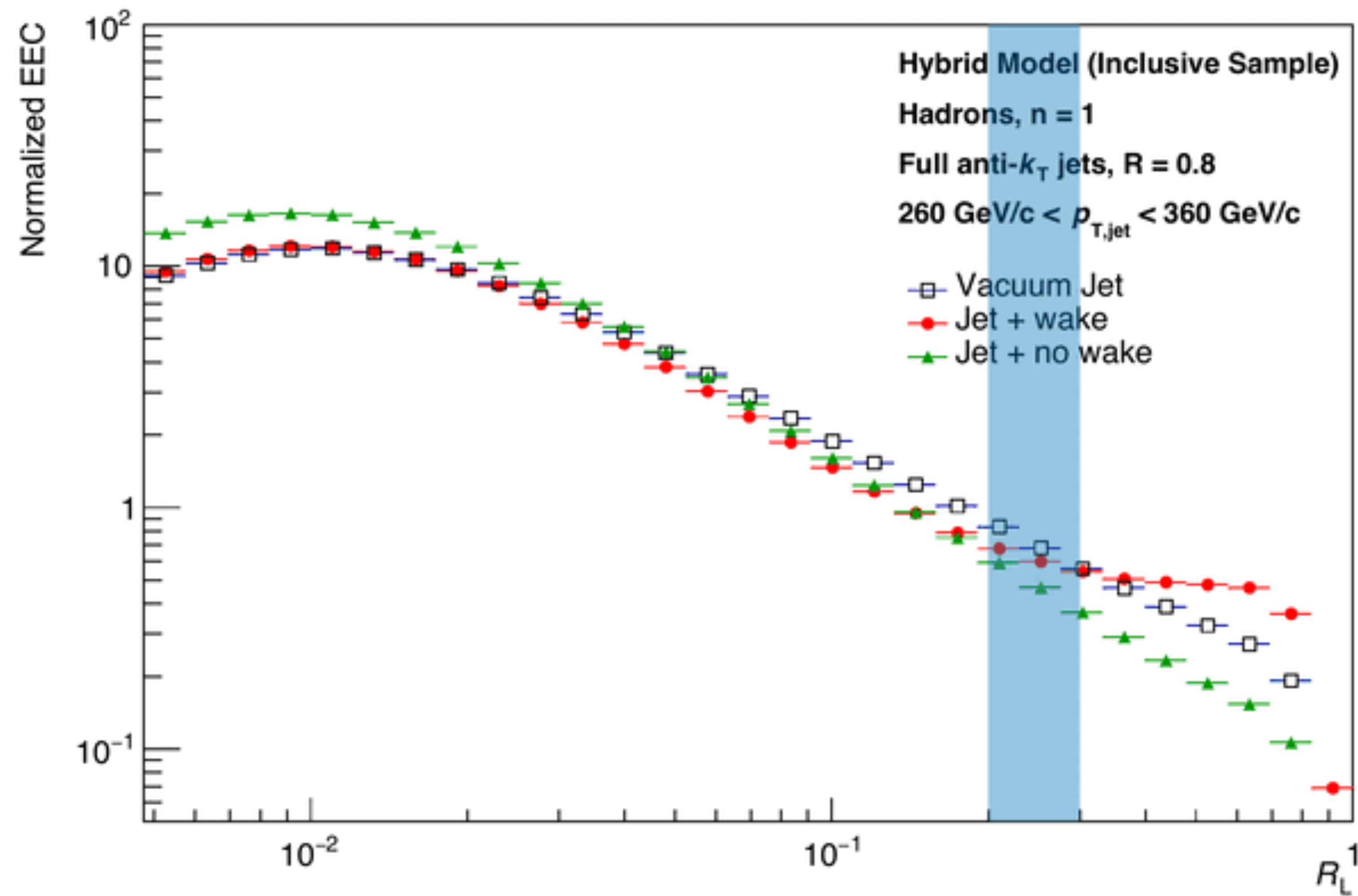


\* Similar features to the vacuum case with peak slightly shifted due to energy loss.



\* Could this be a good way to isolate effects from medium response?

# Progression with $R_L$ (medium, no wake)



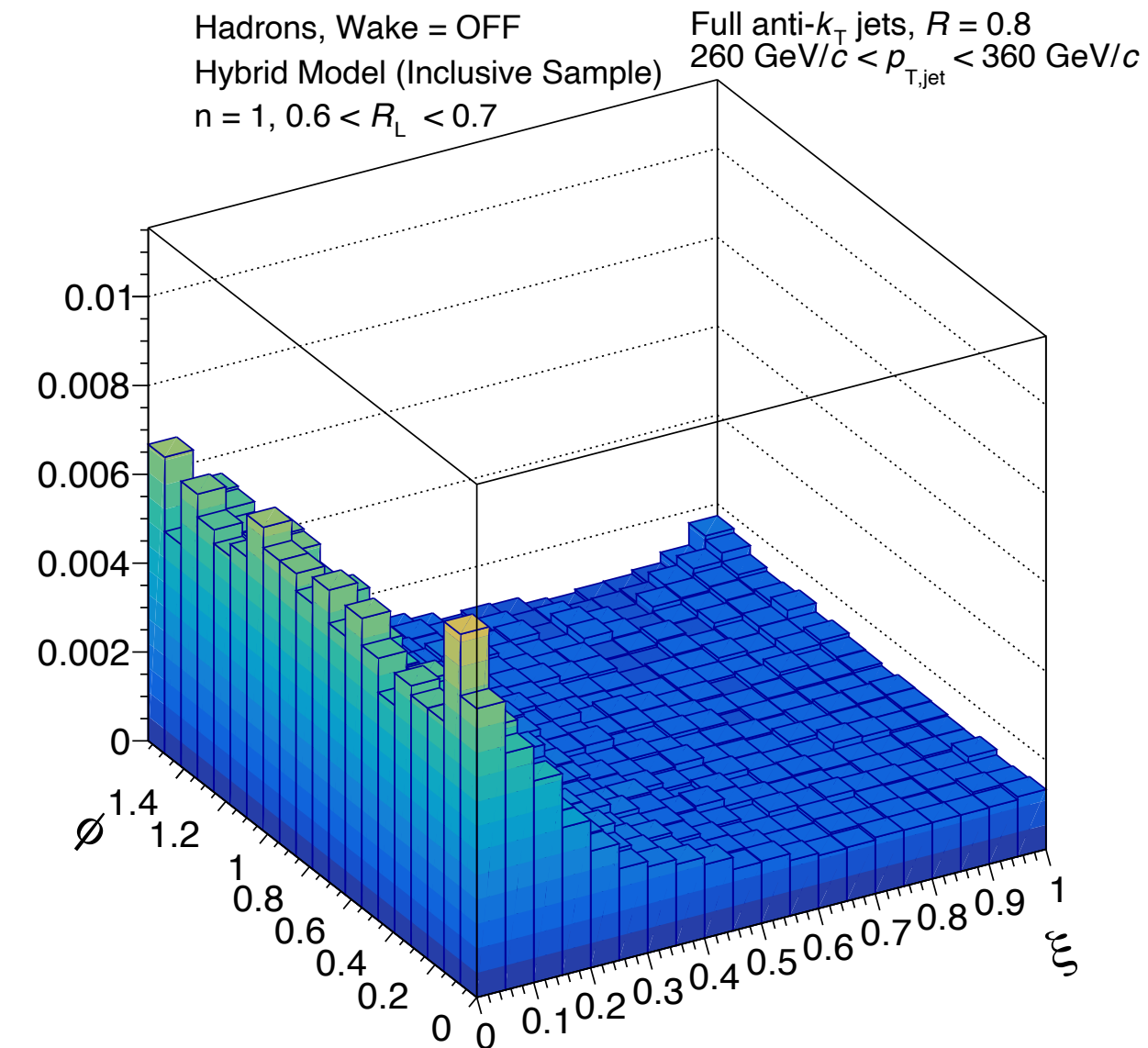
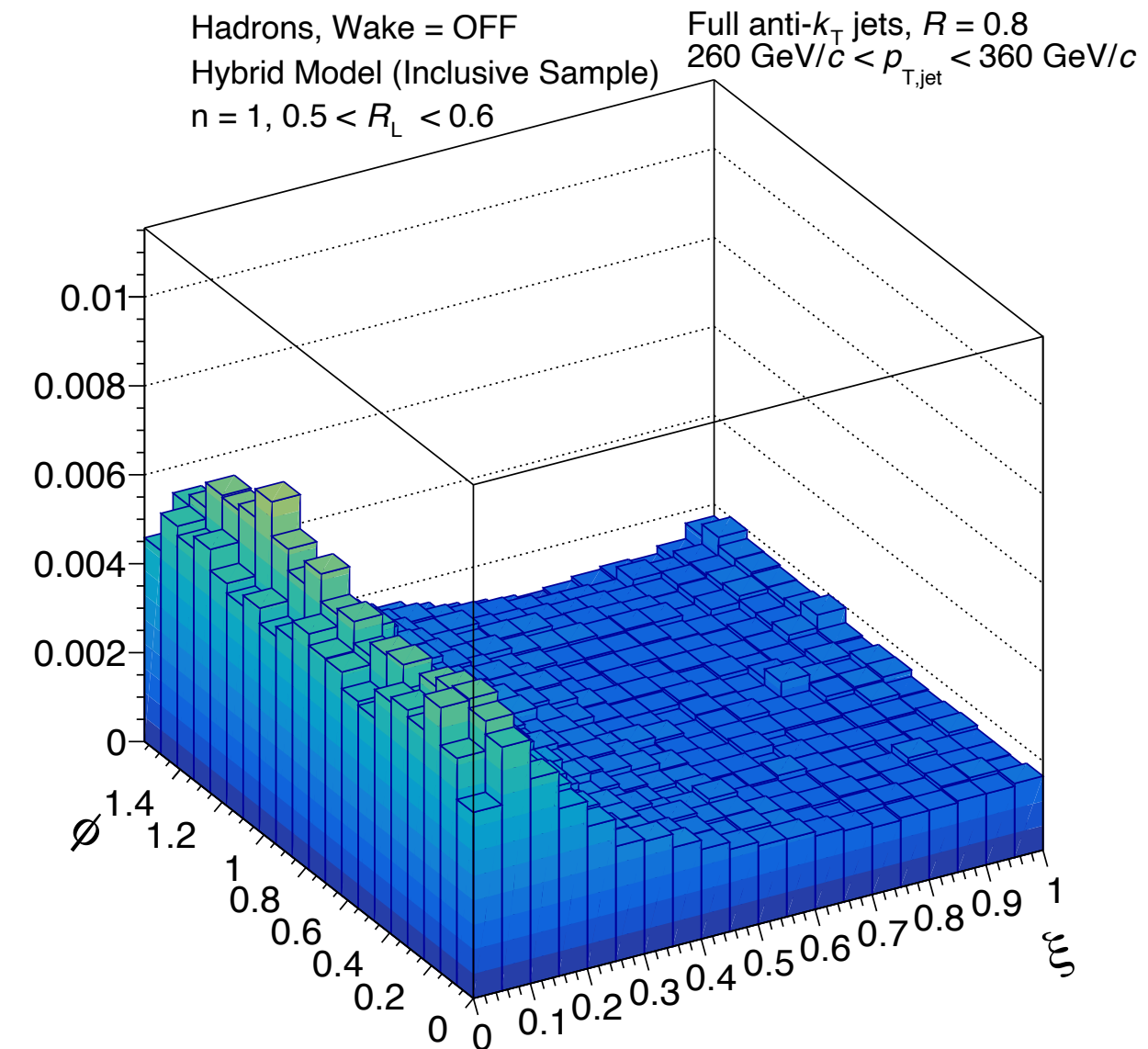
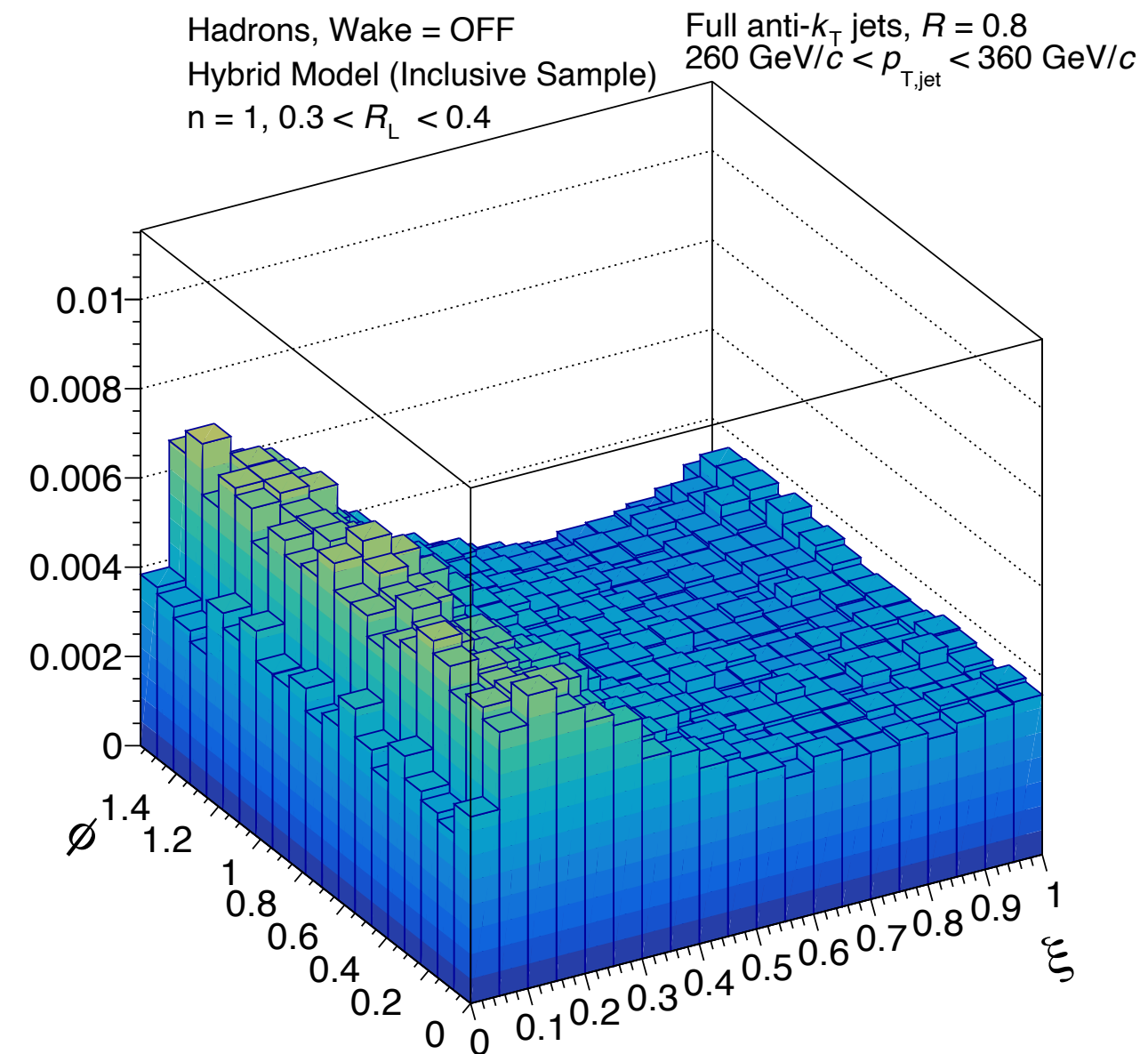
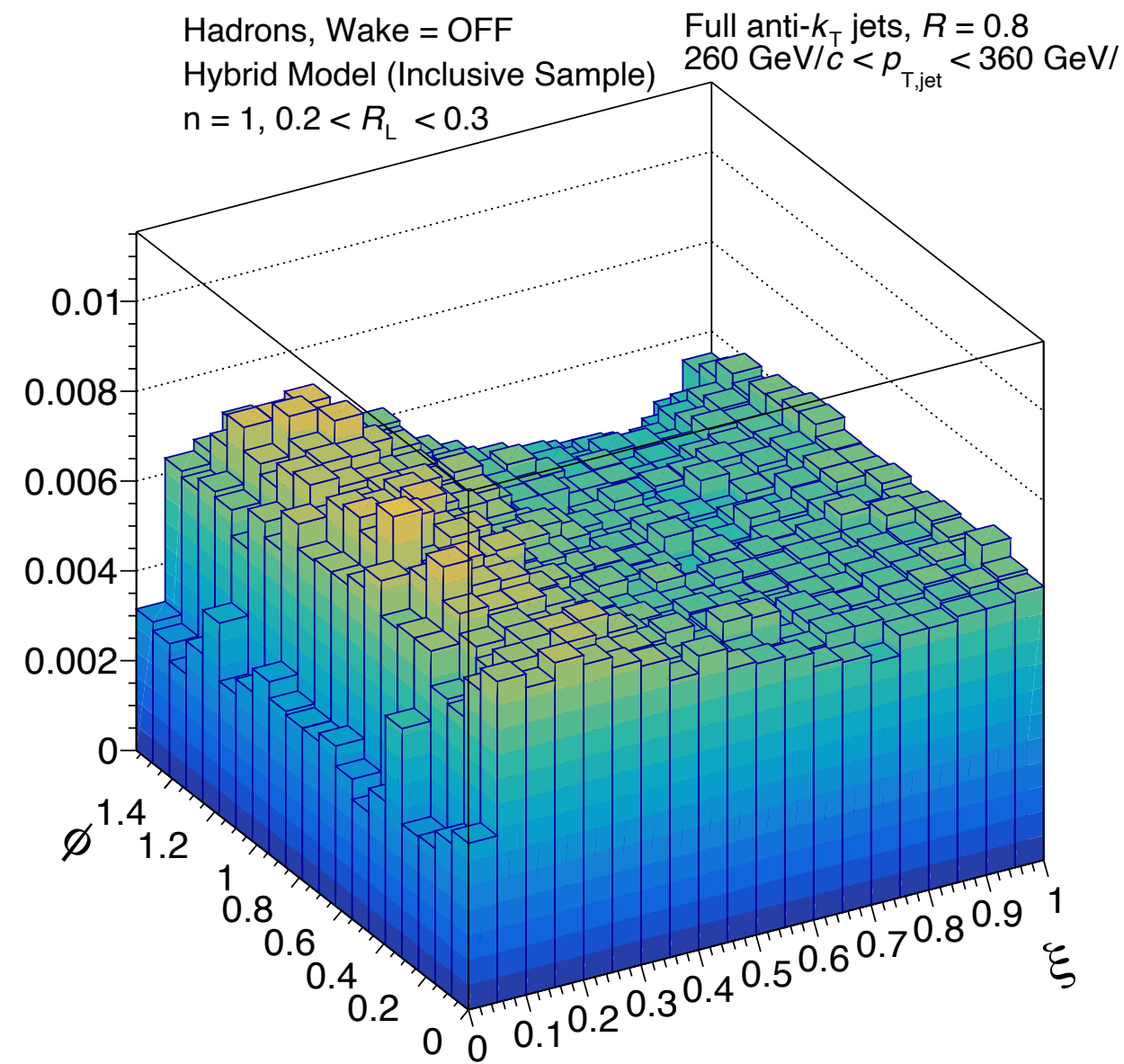
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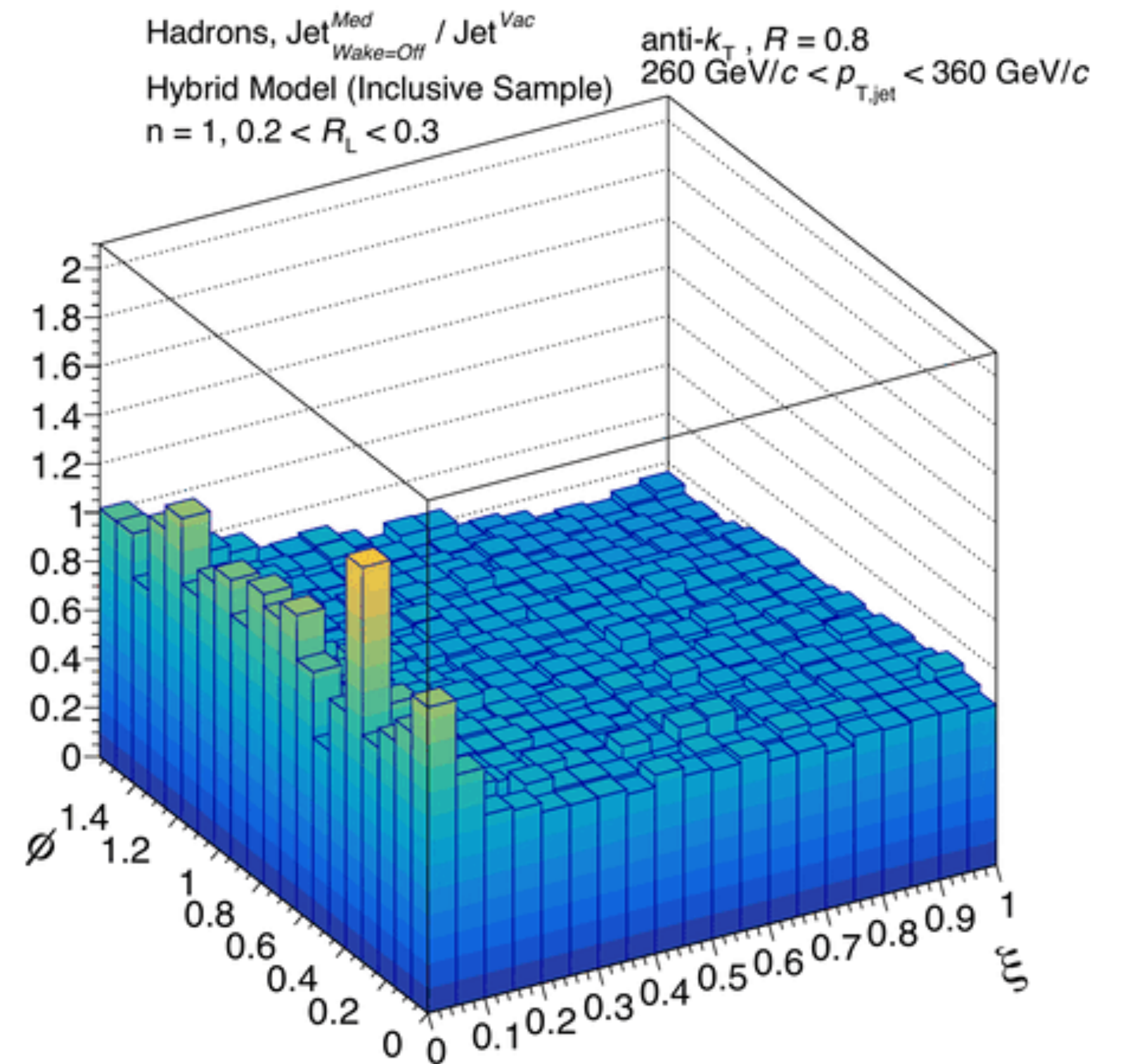
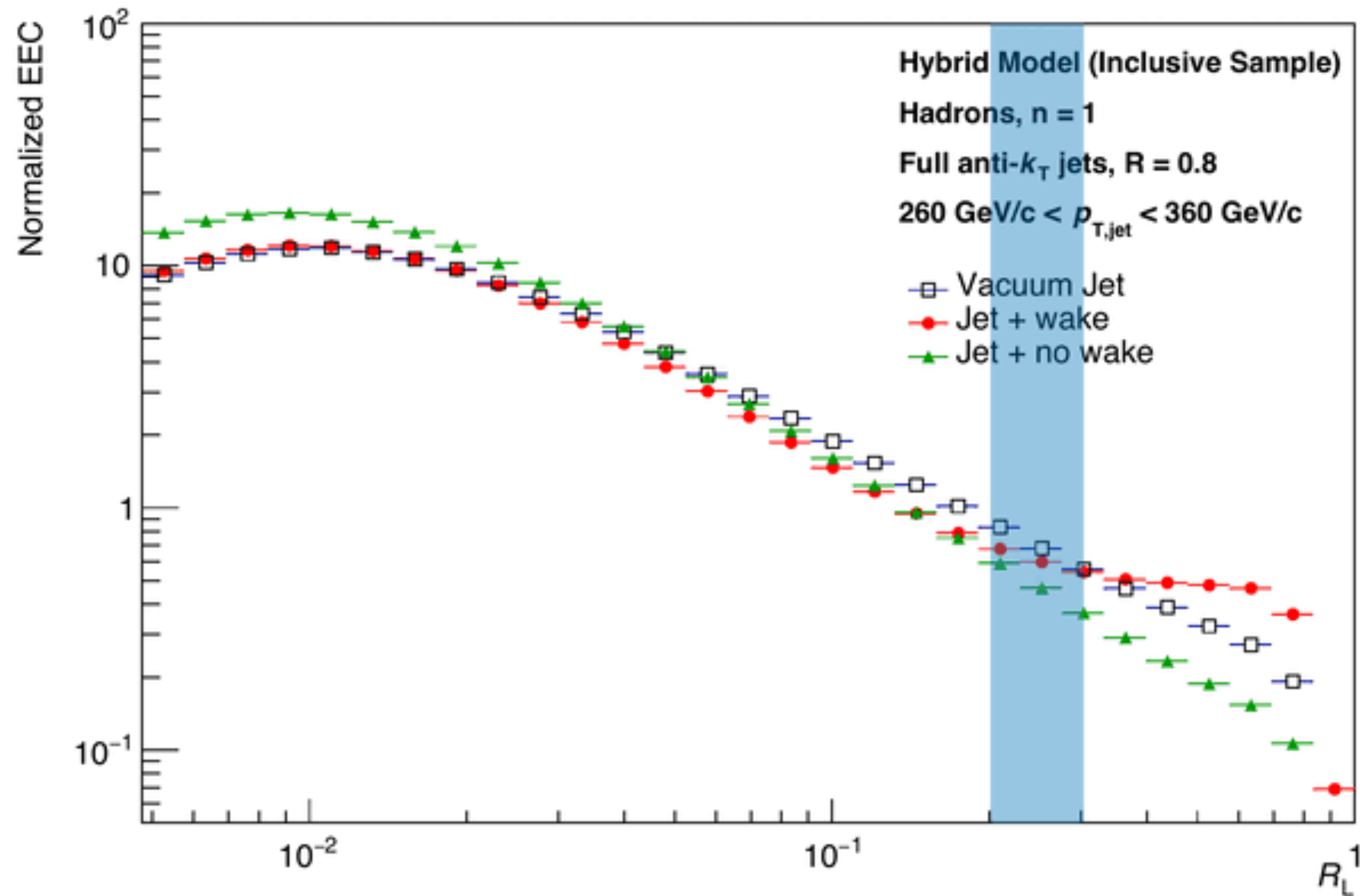
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Increasing  $R_L$

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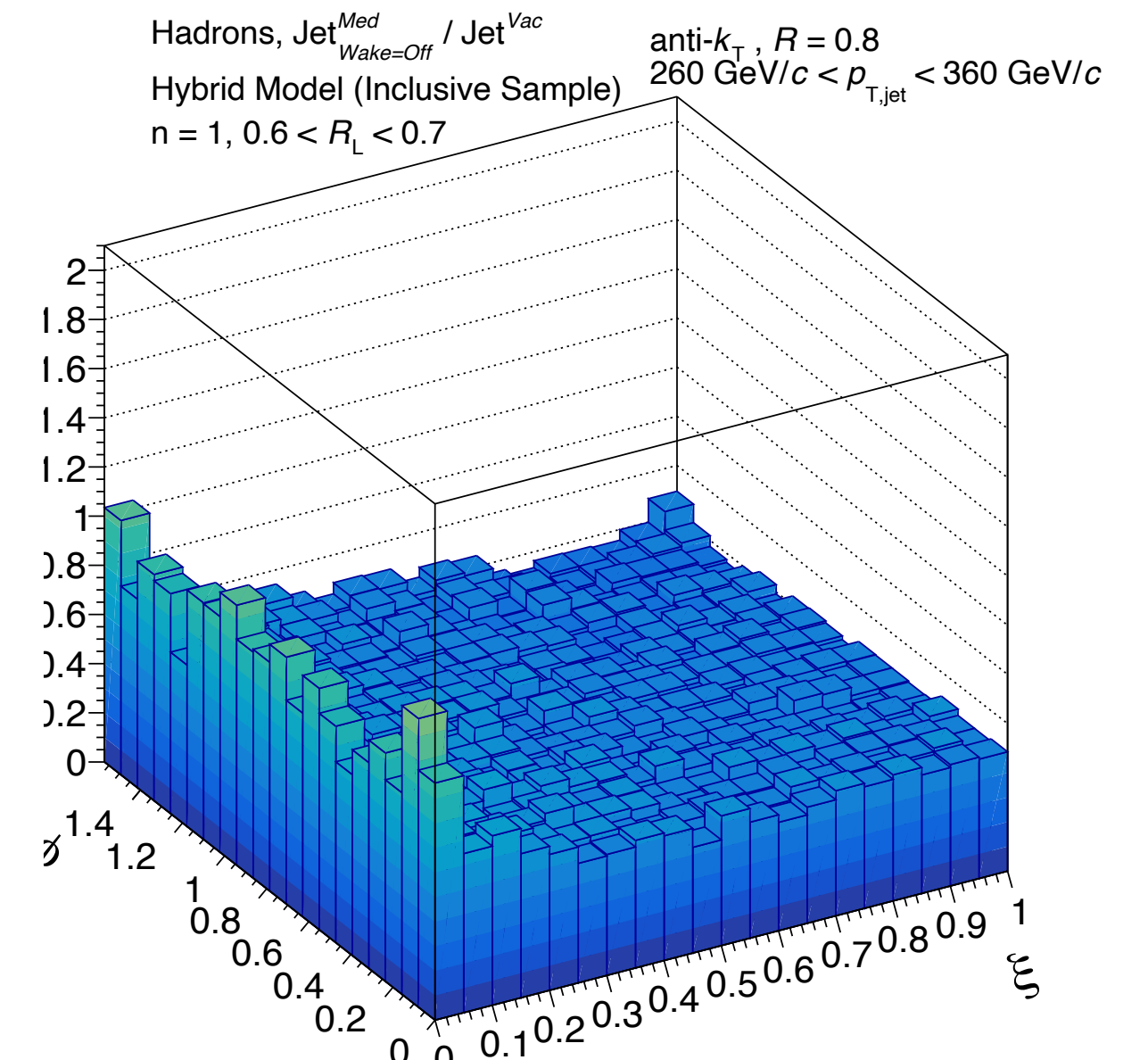
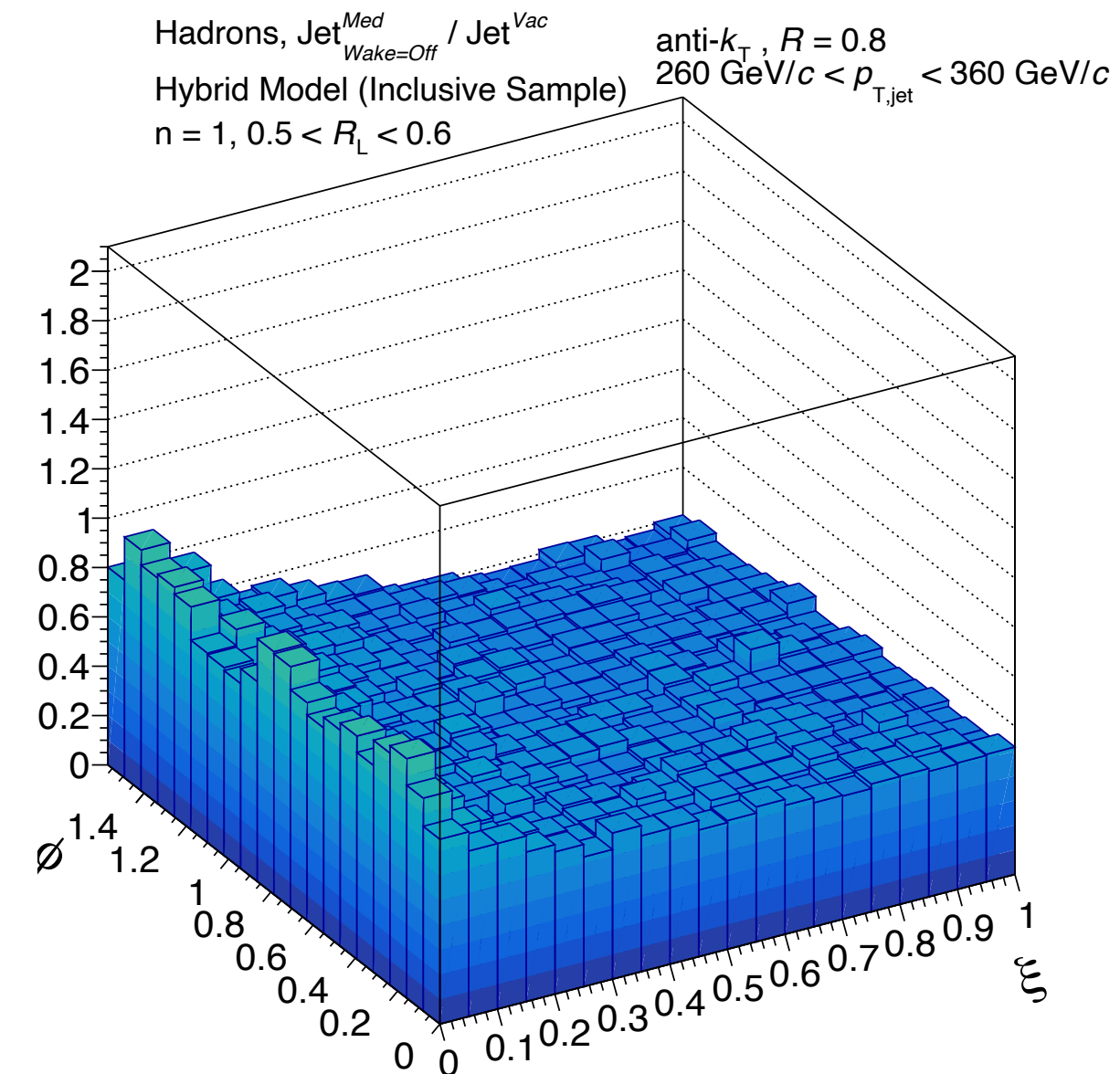
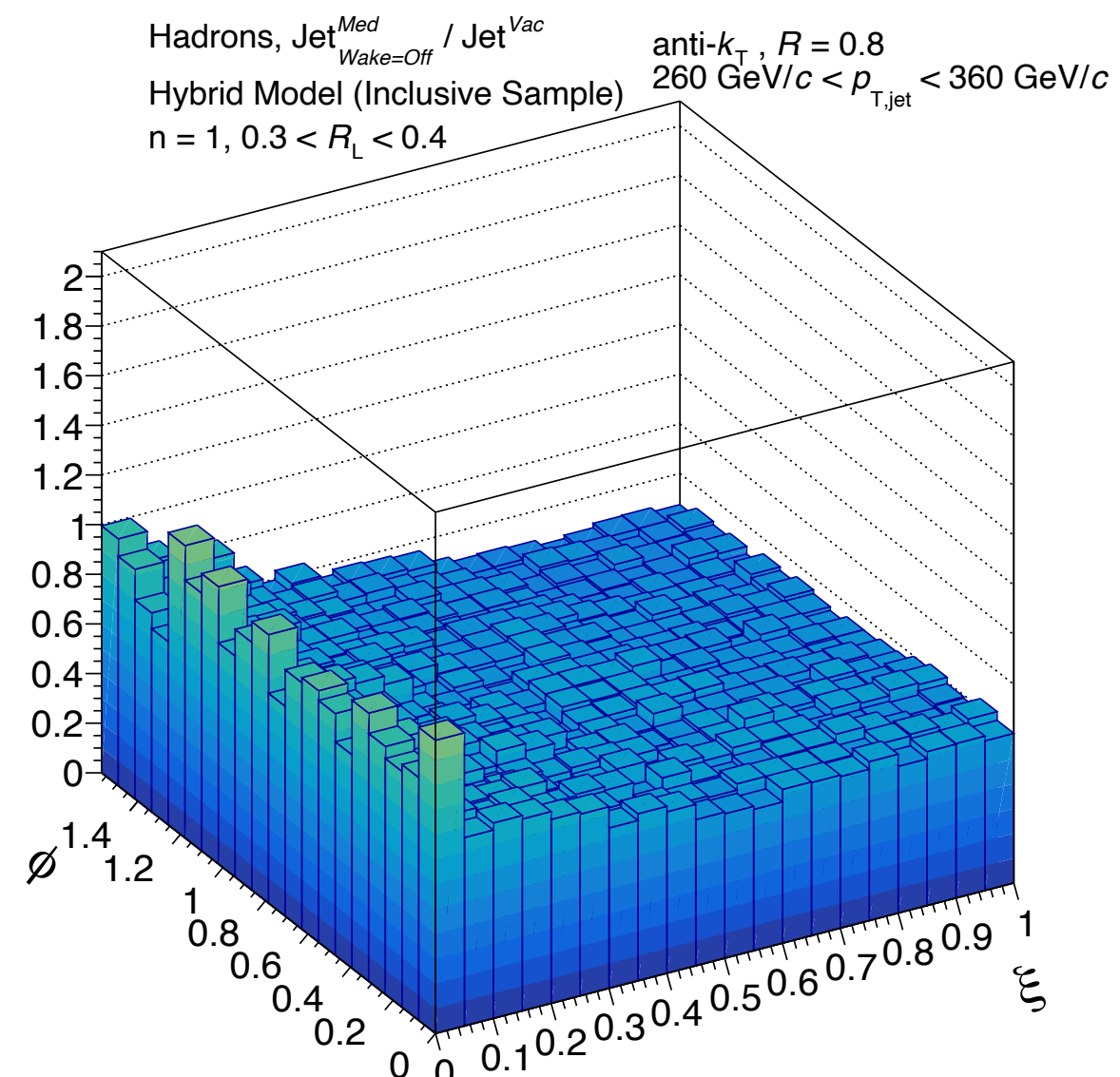
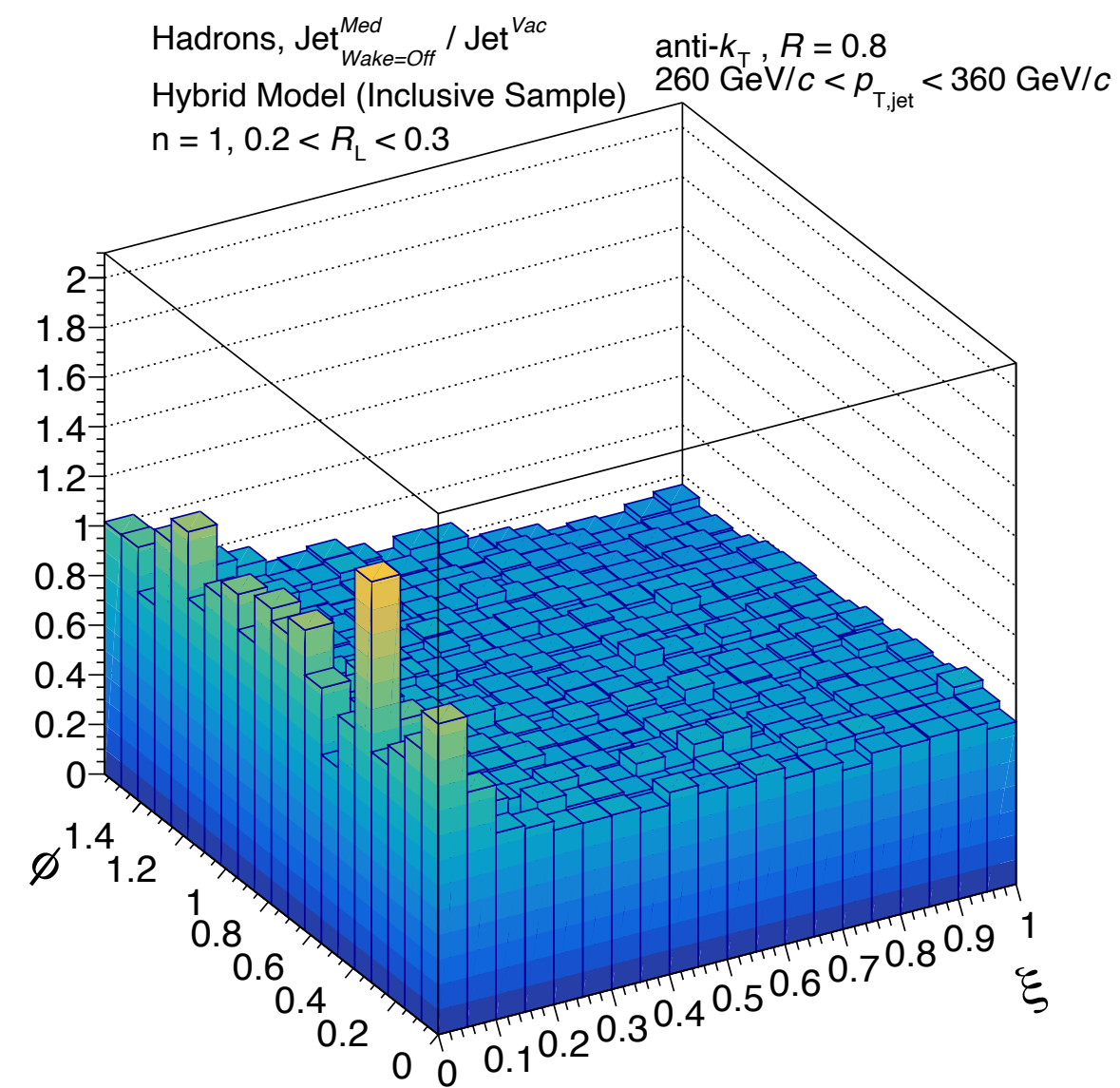
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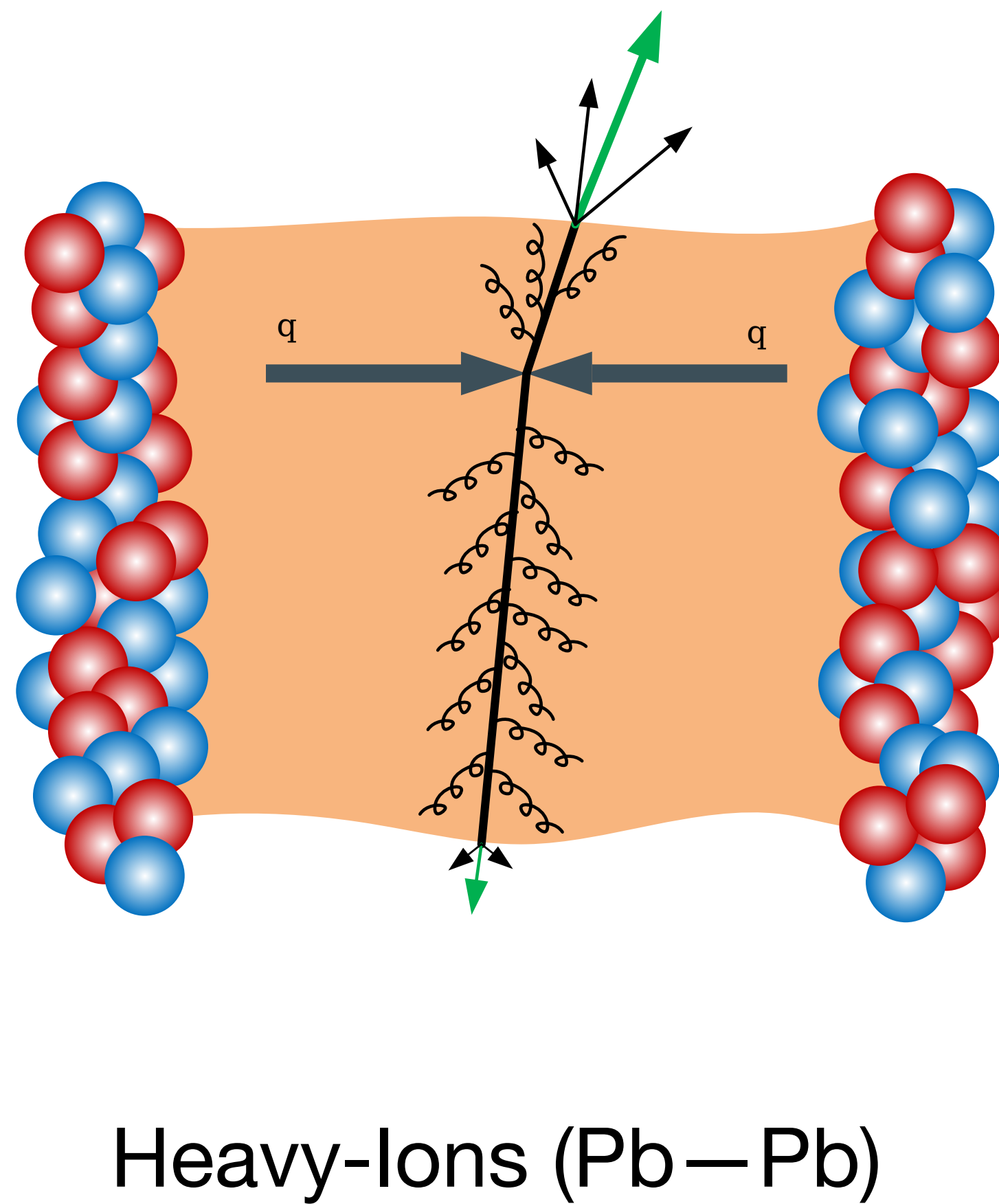
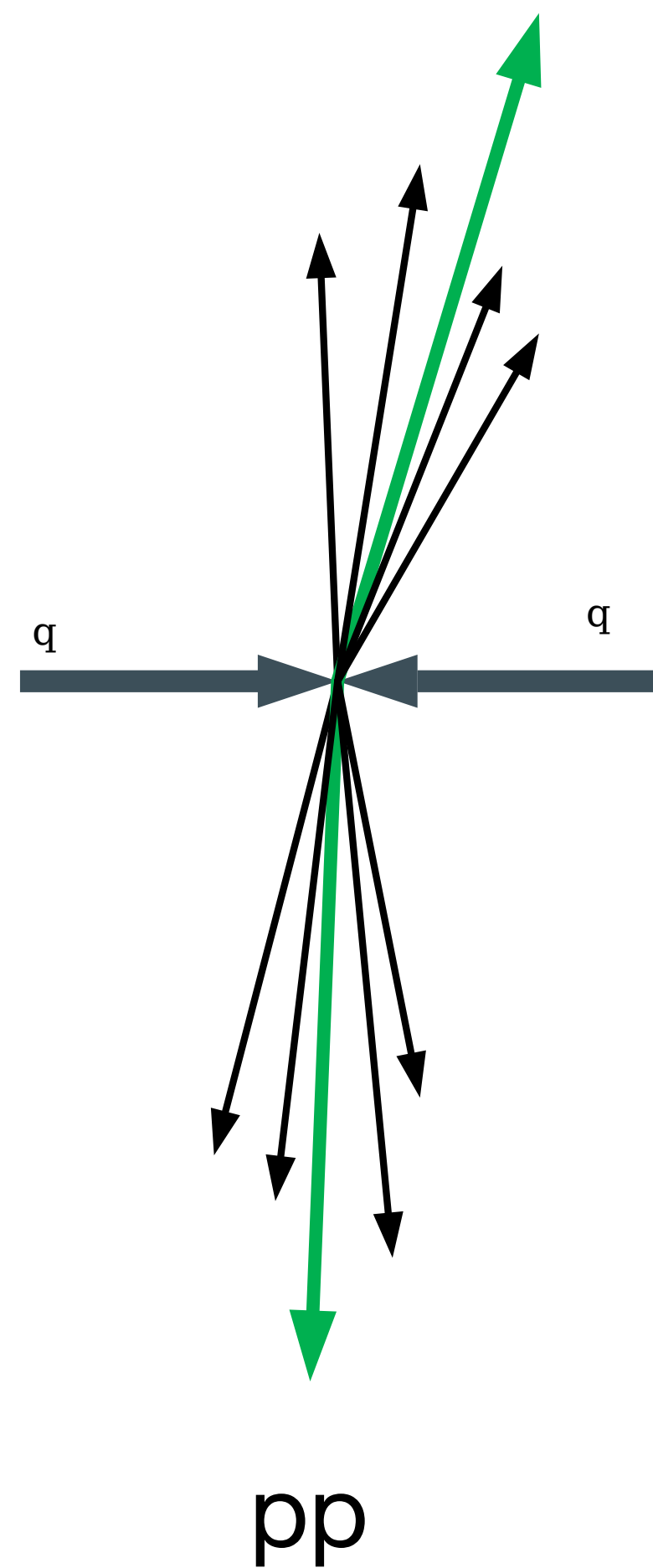
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Increasing  $R_L$

✿ Distributions appear to be very similar other than small quenching differences.

# Jets as a probe of the QGP



→ High  $p_T$  parton is expected to lose energy in interactions with the hot and dense medium in heavy-ion collisions (**jet quenching**).

→ Jets are a colored probe of the colored QGP medium!

→ Use pp, where jets are measured in vacuum, as a reference for no QGP.

# Jet quenching models

Impact of the medium on the jet

As of now, no clear winner for best description of jet quenching effects!

Different models are different!

*We will come back to these later!*

Impact of the jet on the medium

None **Strong coupling** **Weak coupling**

Recoils

**Weak coupling**

Collisional Radiative

JEWEL w/ Recoils

LBT

Wake

Mehtar-Tani et. al

LIDO

MARTINI

Factorization

JEWEL w/o Recoils

**Strong coupling**

AdS/CFT drag force

Hybrid model