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## 1 Introduction

Ultra-relativistic nuclear collisions at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) produce hot, dense matter called the quark-gluon plasma, QGP (see Refs. [1, 2] for recent reviews). Hard-scattering processes occurring in these collisions produce jets which traverse and interact with the QGP. The comparison between the rates and the characteristics of these jets when produced in heavy-ion or  $pp$  collisions provides information on the properties of the QGP.

Jets with large transverse momenta are observed to be produced in central lead-lead (Pb+Pb) collisions at the LHC at a rate that is reduced by a factor of two with respect to the expectation from these cross sections measured in  $pp$  interactions, re-scaled by the nuclear overlap function of Pb+Pb collisions [3–6]. Similarly, back-to-back dijet [7–9] and photon-jet pairs [10] are observed to have unbalanced transverse momenta in Pb+Pb collisions compared to  $pp$  collisions. These observations suggest that some of the energy from the hard-scattered parton is transferred outside of the jet through its interaction with the QGP.

Also of interest are measurements sensitive to the distributions of particles within the jet. Measurements of the jet shape [11] and the longitudinal fragmentation functions [12–15] were performed in 2.76 TeV and 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb collisions. These measurements show an excess of both low and high momentum particles inside the jet compared to  $pp$  collisions. Particles carrying a large fraction of the jet momentum are generally closely aligned with the jet axis, whereas low momentum particles can have a much broader angular distribution extending outside the jet [16, 17]. Fragmentation function measurements have shown that particles with transverse momentum,  $p_T$ , less than 4 GeV are enhanced in Pb+Pb collisions compared to  $pp$  collisions [14, 15]. These observations suggest that the energy lost by jets through the jet-quenching process is being transferred to soft particles within and around the jet [18, 19]. Measurements of yields of

these particles as a function of transverse momentum and distance between the particle and the jet axis have a potential to constrain the models of jet energy loss processes in Pb+Pb collisions.

This note presents a measurement of charged particle  $p_T$  distributions inside and around jets. The measured yields are defined as<sup>1</sup>:

$$D(p_T, r) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{1}{A} \frac{dn_{\text{ch}}(p_T, r)}{dp_T}, \quad (1)$$

where  $N_{\text{jet}}$  is the number of jets in consideration,  $A = \pi(r_{\text{max}}^2 - r_{\text{min}}^2)$  is the area of an annulus around the jet with its inner and outer radii  $r_{\text{min}}$  and  $r_{\text{max}}$ . The angular distance from the jet axis is given by  $r = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$ <sup>2</sup>, and  $n_{\text{ch}}(p_T, r)$  is the number of charged particles with a given  $p_T$  within the annulus. The ratios of the charged-particle yields measured in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  collisions,

$$R_{D(p_T, r)} = \frac{D(p_T, r)_{\text{Pb+Pb}}}{D(p_T, r)_{pp}} \quad (2)$$

allow evaluating the modifications between the two yields. The differences between the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  are also shown and allow for quantifying the absolute differences between the Pb+Pb and  $pp$  systems even in regions where the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in  $pp$  tend to 0.

$$\Delta D(p_T, r) = D(p_T, r)_{\text{Pb+Pb}} - D(p_T, r)_{pp} \quad (3)$$

The analysis is done using 0.49 nb<sup>-1</sup> of Pb+Pb collisions and 25 pb<sup>-1</sup> of  $pp$  collisions at center-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV collected in 2015 by ATLAS. Jets are reconstructed with the anti- $k_t$  algorithm [20] using a radius parameter  $R = 0.4$  over a rapidity range of  $|y^{\text{jet}}| < 1.7$ . The measurement is presented for jets with transverse momenta ( $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ ) in the 126 to 316 GeV range, for charged particles with  $p_T > 1.0$  GeV and for the following successive intervals in  $r$  around the jet, forming the annuli with inner and outer radii  $r_{\text{min}}$  and  $r_{\text{max}}$ : 0.0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8

## 2 Experimental setup

The measurements presented here are performed using the ATLAS calorimeter, inner detector, trigger, and data acquisition systems [21]. The calorimeter system consists of a sampling liquid-argon (LAr) electromagnetic (EM) calorimeter covering  $|\eta| < 3.2$ , a steel-scintillator sampling hadronic calorimeter covering  $|\eta| < 1.7$ , LAr hadronic calorimeters covering  $1.5 < |\eta| < 3.2$ , and two LAr forward calorimeters (FCal) covering  $3.1 < |\eta| < 4.9$ . The EM calorimeters are segmented longitudinally in shower depth into three layers with an additional pre-sampler layer. They have segmentation that varies with layer and pseudorapidity. The hadronic calorimeters have three sampling layers longitudinal in shower depth.

<sup>1</sup> ATLAS uses a right-handed coordinate system with its origin at the nominal interaction point (IP) in the center of the detector, and the  $z$ -axis along the beam pipe. The  $x$ -axis points from the IP to the center of the LHC ring, and the  $y$ -axis points upward. Cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \phi)$  are used in the transverse plane,  $\phi$  being the azimuthal angle around the  $z$ -axis. The pseudorapidity is defined in terms of the polar angle  $\theta$  as  $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$ . Transverse momentum and transverse energy are defined as  $p_T = p \sin \theta$  and  $E_T = E \sin \theta$ , respectively.  $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$  gives the angular distance between two objects with relative differences  $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\phi$  in pseudorapidity and azimuth respectively.

<sup>2</sup>  $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\phi$  are the distances between the jet axis and the charged particle position in pseudorapidity and azimuth.

The inner detector measures charged particles within the pseudorapidity interval  $|\eta| < 2.5$  using a combination of silicon pixel detectors, silicon microstrip detectors (SCT), and a straw-tube transition radiation tracker (TRT), all immersed in a 2 T axial magnetic field [21]. Each of the three detectors is composed of a barrel and two symmetric end-cap sections. The pixel detector is composed of four layers including the "insertable B-layer" (IBL) [22, 23]. The SCT barrel section contains four layers of modules with sensors on both sides, and each end-cap consists of nine layers of double-sided modules with radial strips. The TRT contains layers of staggered straws interleaved with fibers in the barrel and end-cap.

The zero-degree calorimeters (ZDCs) are located symmetrically at  $z = \pm 140$  m and cover  $|\eta| > 8.3$ . The ZDCs use tungsten plates as absorbers, and quartz rods sandwiched between the tungsten plates as the active medium. In Pb+Pb collisions the ZDCs primarily measure "spectator" neutrons, that is neutrons that do not interact hadronically when the incident nuclei collide. A ZDC coincidence trigger is implemented by requiring the pulse height from both ZDCs to be above a threshold to accept the single-neutron peak.

A two-level trigger system is used to select the Pb+Pb and  $pp$  collisions. The first level is based on custom electronics while the second level, the High Level Trigger (HLT), is based on software. Minimum-bias (MB) events are recorded using trigger defined by a logical OR of following two triggers: 1) total energy Level-1 trigger; 2) veto on the total energy trigger and ZDC coincidence trigger at Level-1 with the additional requirement of least one track in the HLT. The total-energy trigger required a total transverse energy measured in the calorimeter system to be greater than 50 GeV. Jet events are selected by the HLT, seeded by a jet identified by the Level-1 jet trigger in  $pp$  collisions or by the total-energy trigger with a threshold of 50 GeV in Pb+Pb collisions. The Level-1 jet trigger utilized in  $pp$  collisions required a jet with transverse momentum greater than 20 GeV. The HLT jet trigger used a jet reconstruction procedure similar to that used in the offline analysis as discussed in Section 4. It selected events containing jets with the transverse energy of at least 75 GeV in Pb+Pb collisions and at least 85 GeV in  $pp$  collisions. The measurement is performed in the jet transverse momentum range where the trigger is fully efficient.

### 3 Data sets and event selection

The Pb+Pb and  $pp$  data used in this analysis were recorded in 2015. The data samples consist of  $25 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$   $pp$  and  $0.49 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$  Pb+Pb data. In both samples, events are required to have a reconstructed vertex within 150 mm of the nominal interaction point along the beam axis. Only events taken during stable beam conditions and satisfying detector and data-quality requirements that include the calorimeters and inner tracking detectors being in nominal operating conditions are considered.

In Pb+Pb collisions, the event centrality reflects the overlap area of the two colliding nuclei and is characterized by  $\Sigma E_{\text{T}}^{\text{FCal}}$ , the total transverse energy deposited in the FCal [24]. The six centrality intervals used in this analysis are defined according to successive percentiles of the  $\Sigma E_{\text{T}}^{\text{FCal}}$  distribution obtained in minimum-bias collisions, ordered from the most central (highest  $\Sigma E_{\text{T}}^{\text{FCal}}$ ) to the most peripheral (lowest  $\Sigma E_{\text{T}}^{\text{FCal}}$ ) collisions: 0–10%, 10–20%, 20–30%, 30–40%, 40–60%, 60–80%.

In addition to the jet-triggered sample, a separate minimum bias Pb+Pb data sample was recorded with three trigger selections: the minimum-bias trigger and two total transverse-energy triggers with thresholds of 1.5 TeV and 6.5 TeV used to enhance the rate of central Pb+Pb events. This sample was overlaid on a set of  $1.8 \times 10^7$  5.02 TeV hard-scattering dijet  $pp$  events generated with POWHEG+PYTHIA8 [25, 26] using the A14 tune of parameters [27] and the NNPDF23LO PDF set [28]. Each event was reweighed such that the

minimum bias sample had the same centrality distribution as in the jet triggered sample. A separate set of  $1.8 \times 10^7$  5.02 TeV hard-scattering dijet  $pp$  events generated with the same tune and PDFs was used as the  $pp$  MC. Both MC samples simulated the detector response using GEANT4 [29, 30] and were used to evaluate the performance of the detector and analysis procedure.

Another sample of Pb+Pb events generated using HIJING (version 1.38b) [30] is also used to evaluate the track reconstruction performance.

## 4 Jet and track selection

The jet reconstruction procedures closely follow those used by ATLAS for jet measurements in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$  TeV [4] and 5.02 TeV [6]. The anti- $k_t$  algorithm is first run in four-momentum recombination mode, on  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$  calorimeter towers with two anti- $k_t$  distance parameter values ( $R = 0.2$  and  $R = 0.4$ ). The energies in the towers are obtained by summing the energies of calorimeter cells at the electromagnetic energy scale within the tower boundaries. Then, an iterative procedure is used to estimate the  $\eta$ -dependent underlying event (UE) transverse energy density, while excluding the regions populated by jets. The estimate of the UE contribution is performed on an event-by-event basis. Furthermore, the background is modulated to account for the presence of the azimuthal anisotropy of particle production [31]. The modulation accounts for the contribution of the second, third, and fourth order azimuthal anisotropy harmonics. Higher order harmonics introduce a negligible variation of the reconstructed jet energy. The UE transverse energy is subtracted from calorimeter towers included in the jet and the four-momentum of the jet is updated accordingly. Then, a jet  $\eta$ - and  $p_T$ -dependent correction factor to the  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  derived from the simulation samples is applied to correct for the calorimeter energy response [32]. The same calibration factors are applied both in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions. An additional correction based on *in-situ* studies of jets recoiling against photons,  $Z$  bosons, and jets in other regions of the calorimeter is applied [33, 34]. The same jet reconstruction procedure without the azimuthal modulation of the UE is also applied to  $pp$  collisions. In this analysis, jets are required to have  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  in the 126–316 GeV range, with rapidity  $|y^{\text{jet}}| < 1.7$ . To prevent nearby jets from distorting the measurement of  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions, jets are rejected if there is another jet with a higher  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  than the considered jet anywhere within a distance of  $\Delta R < 1.0$ . The isolation requirement removes approximately 0.01% of jets, and has almost no impact on the final measurement.

Charged-particle tracks are reconstructed from hits in the inner detector using the track reconstruction algorithm with settings optimized for the high hit density in heavy-ion collisions [35]. Tracks used in this analysis are required to have at least 9 (11) total silicon hits for charged particles with pseudorapidity,  $|\eta^{\text{ch}}| \leq 1.65$  ( $|\eta^{\text{ch}}| > 1.65$ ). At least one hit is required in one of the two innermost pixel layers. If the track trajectory passes through an active module in the innermost layer, then a hit in this layer is required. Additionally, a track must have no more than two holes in the pixel and SCT detectors together, where a hole is defined by the absence of a hit predicted by the track trajectory. All charged-particle tracks used in this analysis are required to have reconstructed transverse momentum  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 1.6$  GeV. In order to suppress a contribution from secondary particles, the distance of closest approach of the track to the primary vertex is required to be less than a value which varies from 0.45 mm at  $p_T^{\text{ch}} = 4$  GeV to 0.2 mm at  $p_T^{\text{ch}} = 20$  GeV in the transverse plane and less than 1.0 mm in the longitudinal direction.

The efficiency,  $\varepsilon(p_T^{\text{truth}}, \eta^{\text{truth}})$ , for reconstructing charged particles in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  collisions is evaluated as a function of the generator-level primary particle transverse momentum,  $p_T^{\text{truth}}$ , and pseudorapidity,

$\eta^{\text{truth}}$  by matching tracks to generator-level primary particles<sup>3</sup> using the MC samples described above [30]. For Pb+Pb collisions, the efficiency is also evaluated separately in each centrality interval used in the measurement.

The contribution of reconstructed tracks that cannot be matched to a generated primary particle in the  $pp$  MC samples, along with the residual contribution of tracks matched to secondary particles, are together called the contribution from “fake” tracks. This contribution is less than 2% in the entire  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  range under study in both  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions.

## 5 Analysis procedure

The analysis procedure uses similar cuts and corrections as in [15] with the additional requirement of being done differentially in  $r$ . Reconstructed tracks are associated with a reconstructed jet if they fall within  $\Delta R < 0.8$  of the jet axis and are constructed as:

$$\frac{d^2 n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{meas}}}{dp_T^{\text{ch}} dr} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon(p_T^{\text{ch}}, \eta^{\text{ch}})} \frac{\Delta N_{\text{ch}}(p_T^{\text{ch}}, p_T^{\text{jet}}, r)}{\Delta p_T^{\text{ch}} \Delta r} \quad (4)$$

where  $\Delta N_{\text{ch}}(p_T^{\text{ch}}, r)$  represents the number of associated tracks within a given  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  and  $r$  range. The efficiency correction is applied as a  $1/\varepsilon(p_T^{\text{ch}}, \eta^{\text{ch}})$  weight on a track-by-track basis, assuming  $p_T^{\text{ch}} = p_T^{\text{truth}}$ . While that assumption is not strictly valid, the efficiency varies sufficiently slowly with  $p_T^{\text{truth}}$  that the error introduced by this assumption is less than 1%. The efficiency increases from about 80% at  $p_T = 1.0$  GeV to about 90% at  $p_T = 10$  GeV, and is approximately constant thereafter. The variation of the efficiency as a function of  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  for the charged-particle transverse momentum range under investigation is less than 3%. In Pb+Pb collisions, the centrality dependence to the efficiency is also at the level of 3%.

The measured track yields in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions need to be corrected for the presence of fake tracks and contributions from charged particles from the UE in Pb+Pb collisions. The UE contribution is evaluated as a function of  $p_T^{\text{ch}}, p_T^{\text{jet}}, r$ , azimuthal distance to the second order reaction plane angle ( $\Psi_2$ ) [31], and the collision centrality. The UE charged-particle yields  $dn_{\text{ch}}^{\text{UE}}/dp_T^{\text{ch}}$ , are evaluated over  $1.0 < p_T^{\text{ch}} < 10$  GeV. MC studies show that the UE contribution is negligible for charged particles with  $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 10$  GeV.

The UE contribution is estimated using the Pb+Pb MC overlay events where the efficiency corrected differential yields of charged particles without a truth match,  $dN_{\text{ch}}^4/d\phi d\eta dp_T^{\text{ch}} d\Psi_2$  are evaluated separately for each centrality selection. Here  $d\Psi_2$  denotes the azimuthal distance between the charged particle and the second-order reaction plane angle<sup>4</sup>. These yields are further used to estimate the average, area normalized yields of charged particles for the jet under study,  $1/A(r) \times d^2 n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{UE}}(r)/dp_T^{\text{ch}} dr|_{\text{cent}}$  (“cent” refers to centrality), where  $A(r)$  is the area of the annulus at distance  $r$ . The jet  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  positions, as well as the azimuthal distance of the jet to the second-order reaction plane angle are taken into account. The yields are independent of the angular distance  $r$ , decrease with the decreasing collision centrality, increasing  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$ , and increasing azimuthal distance to the second-order reaction plane. The difference in the

<sup>3</sup> Primary particles are defined as particles with a mean lifetime  $\tau > 0.3 \times 10^{-10}$  s either directly produced in  $pp$  interactions or from subsequent decays of particles with a shorter lifetime. All other particles are considered to be secondary.

<sup>4</sup> The reaction plane angle  $\Psi$  is determined on an event-by-event basis by a standard method using the  $\phi$  variation of transverse energy in the forward calorimeter



centrality distribution between overlay sample and the jet-triggered sample is accounted for by a reweighing procedure.

A second method to calculate the UE is used to provide a systematic uncertainty. This method is adapted from the underlying event estimation method used in [15] and uses a regular grid of 9 cones of size  $R = 0.8$  to cover the full inner detector region. Cones within a distance of  $dR = 1.6$  to a reconstructed jet are excluded if  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 90$  GeV or if they contain a track with  $p_T > 10$  GeV. This exclusion removes biases from any hard processes. The resulting UE charged particle yields  $dn_{\text{ch}}^{\text{UECone}}/dp_T^{\text{ch}}$  are evaluated over the 1 – 10 GeV range as a function of  $p_T$ ,  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ , centrality, and  $r$ , and are subsequently averaged over all cones according to

$$\frac{dn_{\text{ch}}^{\text{UECone}}}{dp_T^{\text{ch}}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{cones}}} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\Delta N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{cone}}(p_T^{\text{ch}}, p_T^{\text{jet}}, \eta^{\text{jet}})}{\Delta p_T^{\text{ch}}} \quad (5)$$

Here  $N_{\text{cones}}$  is the number of background cones associated with a given jet with  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ .  $\Delta N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{cone}}$  is the number of charged particles summed across all background cones associated to the jet in question, and  $\varepsilon$  is the efficiency for reconstructing a charged particle with  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$ . The cone method estimates the UE yields only from events containing jets included in the analysis, ensuring that the background automatically had the correct distribution of centralities within a given centrality bin. The UE contribution as measured using the cone method in data needs three corrections:

**Correction for  $\eta$ -dependence:** This accounts for differences in the yields of UE particles at the position of the jet and at the position of the track for the random cone entering the UE estimate. The correction is derived using the  $\eta$  distribution of charged particles from MC overlay events.

**Correction for flow:** There is a correction applied to account for the difference in the azimuthal particle density due to elliptic flow. This correction is based on a parametrization of the  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  and centrality dependence of previously measured elliptic flow coefficients,  $v_2$  [6].

**UE and JER correlation:** The steeply falling jet spectra coupled with the smearing due to a finite jet energy resolution leads to a net migration of jets from lower  $p_T$  to higher  $p_T$  values, causing the underlying event underneath a jet to be larger than what is estimated. This is accounted for by correcting the measured underlying event in data by a ratio of the underlying event measured by the nominal method in MC (which by definition considers only tracks without a truth match) and the cone method in MC. The size of the correction is negligible for larger  $r$  values or low  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  where the UE is the largest and increases with decreasing  $r$  values and increasing  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$ . It has only a small dependence on  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ .

The measured distributions both in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions are further corrected for the presence of fake tracks. The contribution from these tracks to the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions is estimated from the MC samples without MB interactions overlaid. The corrected UE distributions with the addition of the fake track contribution,  $1/A(r) \times d^2\tilde{n}_{\text{ch}}^{\text{UE+fake}}(r)/dp_T^{\text{ch}}dr|_{\text{cent}}$ , are then subtracted from the measured distributions.

Figure 1 shows the charged-particle distributions prior to the UE and fake track subtraction,  $d^2n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{meas}}/dp_T^{\text{ch}}dr$ , divided by the distributions after the subtraction,  $d^2n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{sub}}/dp_T^{\text{ch}}dr$  as a function of  $r$  for different  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  intervals and for six centrality selections, for jets in the 126–158 GeV  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  range. The UE is the highest for 1.0 GeV

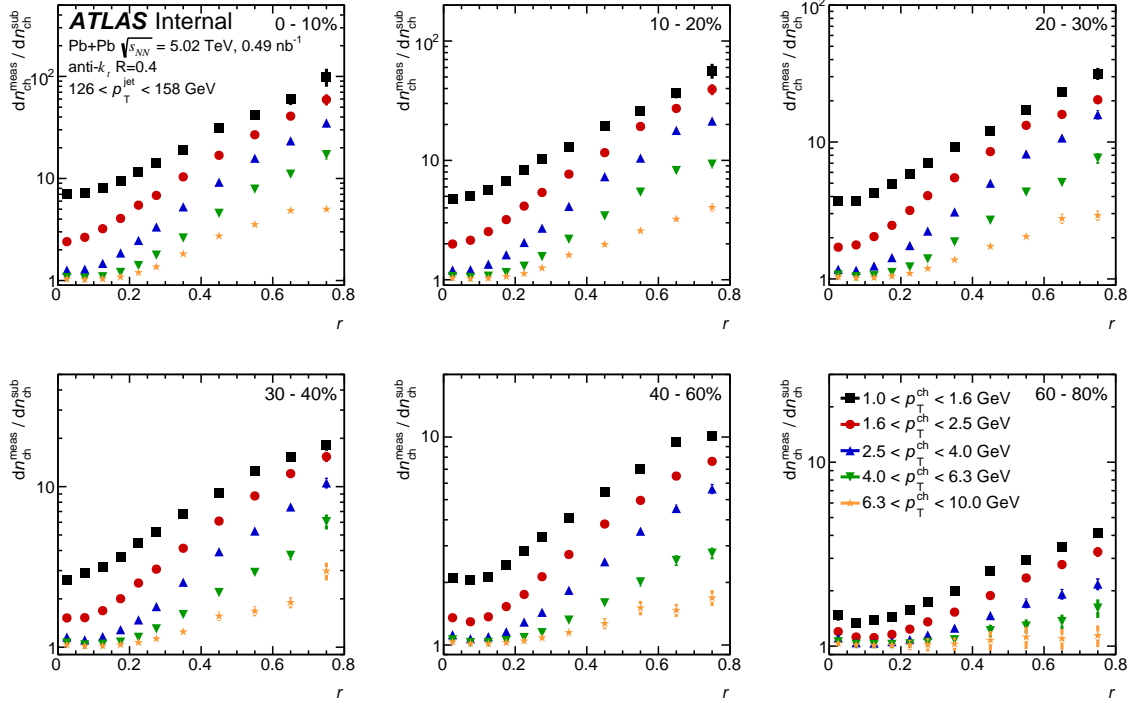


Figure 1: Ratio of the raw charged particle distributions to those after the subtraction of the UE and fake tracks as a function of  $r$  for different  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  intervals, six centrality selections and for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  between 126–158 GeV.

charged particles at large values of  $r$  and in central collisions for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  between 126–158 GeV. It is rapidly decreasing towards more peripheral collisions, larger  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  and smaller  $r$ . Furthermore, the ratio is slowly decreasing with increasing  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ .

To remove the effects of the bin migration due to the jet energy and track-momentum resolution, the subtracted  $1/A(r) \times d^2 n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{sub}} / dp_T^{\text{ch}} dr$  distributions are corrected by a two-dimensional Bayesian unfolding [37] in  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  and  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  as implemented in the RooUnfold package [38]. Two-dimensional unfolding is used because the calorimetric jet energy response depends on the fragmentation pattern of the jet [39]. Four-dimensional response matrices are created from the MC samples using the generator-level and reconstructed  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ , and the generator-level and reconstructed charged-particle  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$ . Separate unfolding matrices are constructed for the  $pp$  and Pb+Pb system. The Bayesian procedure requires a choice in the number of iterations. Additional iterations reduce the sensitivity to the choice of prior, but may amplify statistical fluctuations in the distributions. After four iterations the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions are found to be stable for both the Pb+Pb and  $pp$  data. A separate one-dimensional Bayesian unfolding is used to correct the measured  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  spectra that are used to normalize the unfolded  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions,  $1/A(r) \times d^2 n_{\text{ch}}^{\text{unfolded}} / dp_T dr$ . This uses the same number of iterations as in the case of the two-dimensional unfolding. To achieve better correspondence with the data, the response matrices for both the one and two dimensional unfolding are reweighed so that the distributions match the shapes in the reconstructed data.

Finally, an independent bin-by-bin unfolding procedure is used to correct for biases originating from the finite jet and track angular resolutions. Two corresponding  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions are evaluated in MC samples, one using generator-level jets and primary particles and the other using simulated jets and charged particles with their reconstructed  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  replaced by generator-level transverse momentum,  $p_T^{\text{truth}}$ . The ratio of

these two MC distributions provides a correction factor which is then applied to the data.

The performance of the full analysis procedure is validated in MC events where the entire correction procedure is performed using reconstructed jets and tracks, and the results are compared to the generator-level distributions. These distributions agree with each other at the level of 4-5%.

## 6 Systematic uncertainties

The following sources of systematic uncertainty are considered: the jet energy scale (JES), the jet energy resolution (JER), the sensitivity of the unfolding to the prior, the UE contribution, the residual non-closure of the analysis procedure, and tracking-related uncertainties. For each systematic variation, the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions and their ratios are re-evaluated. The difference between the varied and nominal distributions is used as an estimate of the uncertainty.

The systematic uncertainty due to the JES in Pb+Pb collisions is composed of two parts: a centrality-independent baseline component and a centrality-dependent component. Only the centrality-independent baseline component is used in  $pp$  collisions; it is determined from *in-situ* studies of the calorimeter response [39–41] and the relative energy scale difference between the jet reconstruction procedure in heavy-ion collisions [40] and the procedure used in  $pp$  collisions [42]. The centrality-dependent uncertainty reflects a modification of parton showers by the Pb+Pb environment. It is evaluated by comparing calorimeter  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  and the sum of  $p_T$  of tracks within the jet in data and MC. The size of the centrality-dependent uncertainty on the JES reaches 0.5% in the most central collisions. Each component that contributes to the JES uncertainty is varied separately by  $\pm 1$  standard deviation for each interval in  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  and the response matrix is recomputed accordingly. The data are unfolded with modified matrices. The resulting uncertainty from the JES increases with increasing charged-particle  $p_T$  at fixed  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  and decreases with increasing  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ , and is at the level of 2–4%.

The uncertainty on the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions due to the JER is evaluated by repeating the unfolding procedure with modified response matrices, where an additional contribution is added to the resolution of the reconstructed  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  using a Gaussian smearing procedure. The smearing factor is evaluated using an *in-situ* technique in 13 TeV  $pp$  data involving studies of dijet energy balance [43, 44]. An additional uncertainty is included to account for differences between the tower-based jet reconstruction and that used in analyses of 13 TeV  $pp$  data. The resulting uncertainty from the JER is symmetrized to account for negative variations of the JER. The size of the resulting uncertainty on the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions due to the JER typically reaches 4–5% for the highest charged-particle  $p_T$  intervals and decreases to 2–3% with decreasing charged-particle  $p_T$  at fixed  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ .

The systematic uncertainty on the unfolding procedure is estimated by generating the response matrices from the MC distributions without any re-weighting to match shapes in data. Conservatively, the difference between the nominal  $D(p_T, r)$  distribution and  $D(p_T, r)$  unfolded with the re-weighted response matrices is taken as the systematic uncertainty, and is at the level of 5–7%.

The systematic uncertainty associated with the UE subtraction has two components: the statistical uncertainty on the charged particle distributions estimated in the MC overlay, and the comparison to the cone method (described in detail in Ref. [14]). The default method is limited by the finite statistics of the minimum bias data collected and the cone method is sensitive to hard scattering induced biases in the UE. The UE estimate from the default method requires centrality reweighting, whereas the estimate from the

cone method matches the centrality distribution of the jet sample by construction. The UE uncertainty on the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions is approximately 40% at the largest distances from the jet axis and rapidly decreases with increasing charged-particle  $p_T$  and decreasing distance. This is the dominant source of the systematic uncertainty at low charged-particle  $p_T$  and large  $r$ .

The uncertainties related to track reconstruction and selection originate from several sources. Uncertainties related to the material description in simulation and the track transverse momentum resolution are obtained from studies in data and simulation described in Ref. [45]. The systematic uncertainty in the fake track rate is 30% in both collision systems [45]. The contamination of fake tracks is less than 2% and the resulting uncertainty in the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions is at most 5%. The sensitivity of the tracking efficiency to the description of the inactive material in the MC samples is evaluated by varying the material description. This resulting uncertainty in the track reconstruction efficiency is between 0.5% and 2% in the track  $p_T$  range used in the analysis. An additional uncertainty takes into account a possible residual misalignment of the tracking detectors in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb data-taking. The alignment in these datasets is checked *in-situ* with  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  events, and thus a track- $p_T$  dependent uncertainty arises from the finite size of this sample. The resulting uncertainties in the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions are typically less than 0.1%. An additional uncertainty in the tracking efficiency due to the high local track density in the core of jets is 0.4% [46] for all  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  ranges in this analysis. The uncertainty due to the track selection is evaluated by repeating the analysis with an additional requirement on the significance of the distance of closest approach of the track to the primary vertex. This uncertainty affects the track reconstruction efficiencies, track momentum resolution, and rate of fake tracks. The resulting uncertainty typically varies between 1–2%. Finally, the track-to-particle association requirements are varied. This variation affects the track reconstruction efficiency, track momentum resolution, and rate of fake tracks. The resulting systematic uncertainty is  $\leq 0.1\%$  on the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions. All track-related systematic uncertainties are added in quadrature and presented as total tracking uncertainty.

Conservatively, an additional uncertainty to account for possible residual limitations in the analysis procedure is assigned by evaluating the non-closure of the unfolded distributions in simulations, as described in Section 5.

Examples of systematic uncertainties in the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions for jets in the 126–158 GeV  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  range measured in  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collision systems are shown in Figure 2. The uncertainties on the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  and  $\Delta D(p_T, r)$  distributions are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4 respectively.

The correlations between the various systematic components are considered in evaluating the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  and  $\Delta D(p_T, r)$  distributions. The unfolding and non-closure uncertainty are taken to be uncorrelated between  $pp$  and Pb+Pb collisions and are combined as per the standard error propagation techniques:

$$\delta R_{D(p_T, r)} = R_{D(p_T, r)} \sqrt{\left( \frac{\delta D(p_T, r)_{\text{Pb+Pb}}}{D(p_T, r)_{\text{Pb+Pb}}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta D(p_T, r)_{pp}}{D(p_T, r)_{pp}} \right)^2} \quad (6)$$

$$\delta \Delta D(p_T, r) = \sqrt{\left( \delta D(p_T, r)_{\text{Pb+Pb}} \right)^2 + \left( \delta D(p_T, r)_{pp} \right)^2} \quad (7)$$

All other uncertainties are taken to be correlated. For these, the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  and  $\Delta D(p_T, r)$  distributions are re-evaluated by applying the variation to both collision systems; the resulting variations of the ratios from their central values are used as the correlated systematic uncertainty.

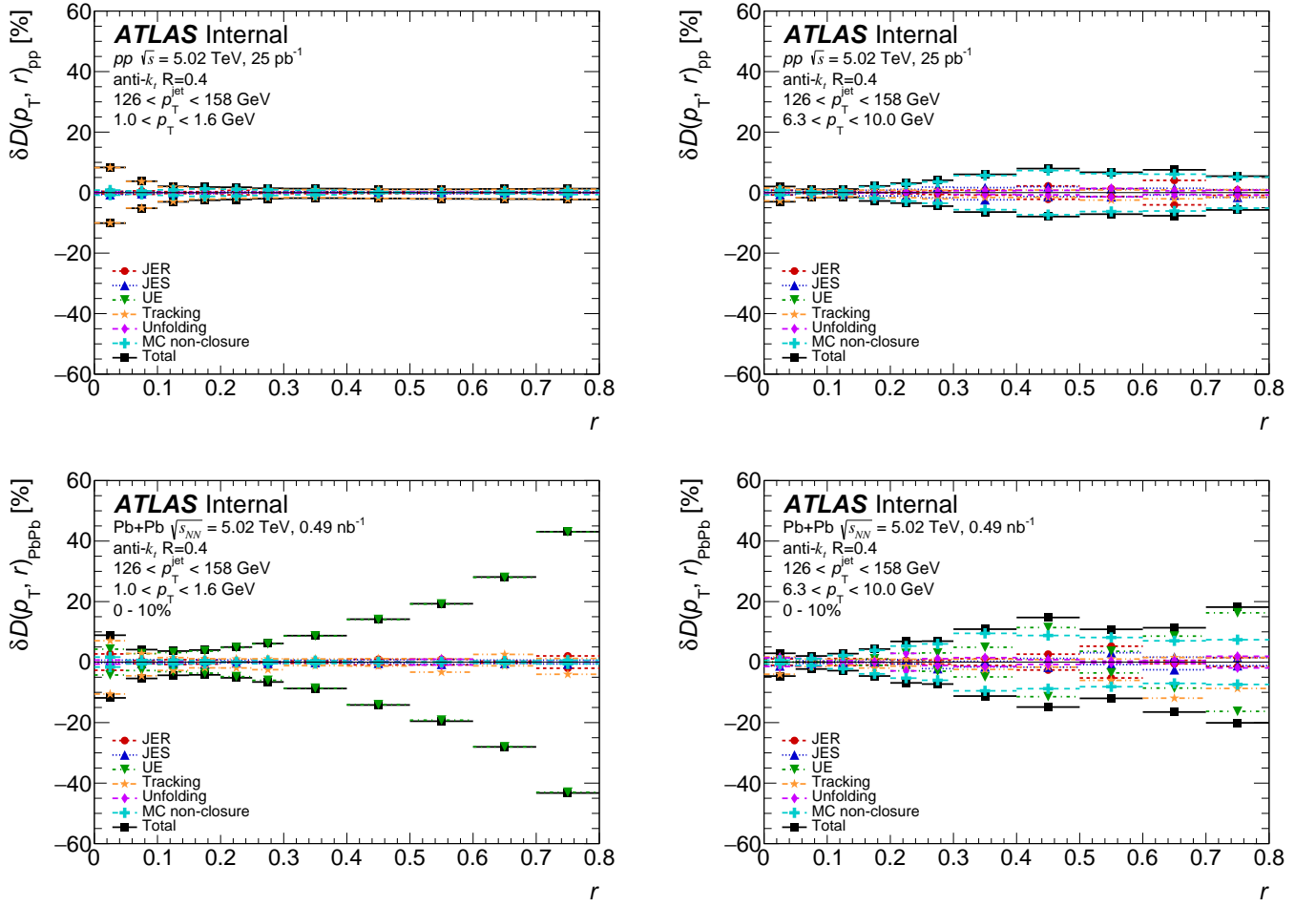


Figure 2: Relative size of the systematic uncertainties for  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in  $pp$  (top) and central (0-10%) Pb+Pb (bottom) collisions for tracks in the  $p_T$  range 1.0–1.6 GeV (left) and 6.3–10.0 GeV (right), in jets with  $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$  GeV. The systematic uncertainties due to JES, JER, unfolding, UE contribution, MC non-closure and tracking are shown along with the total systematic uncertainty from all sources.

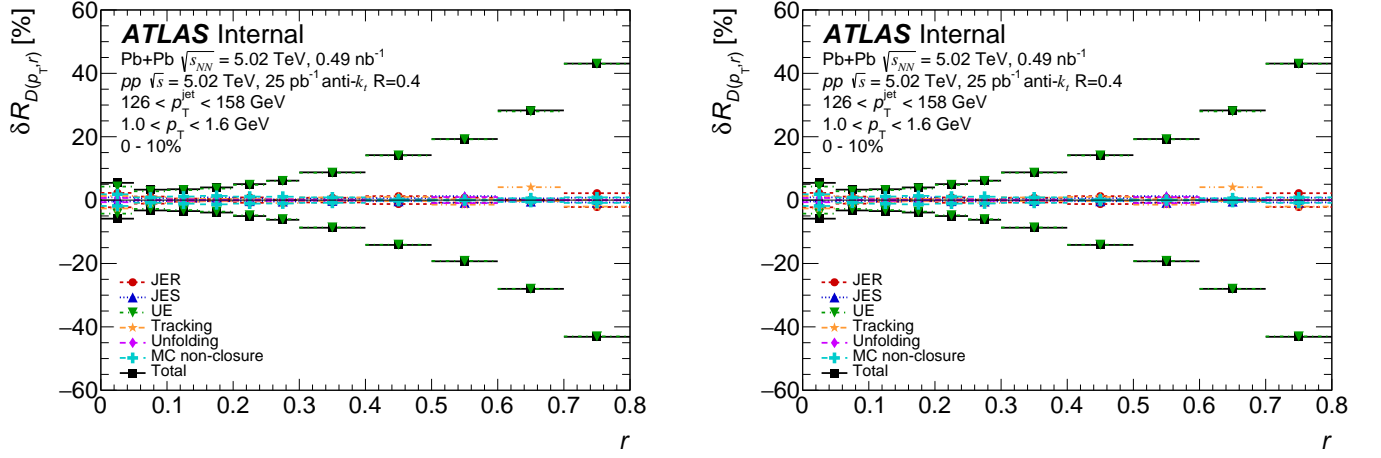


Figure 3: Relative size of the systematic uncertainties for  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  distributions for 0-10% Pb+Pb collisions, for tracks in the  $p_T$  range 1.0–1.6 GeV (left) and 6.3–10.0 GeV (right), in jets with  $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$  GeV. The systematic uncertainties due to JES, JER, unfolding, UE contribution, MC non-closure and tracking are shown along with the total systematic uncertainty from all sources.

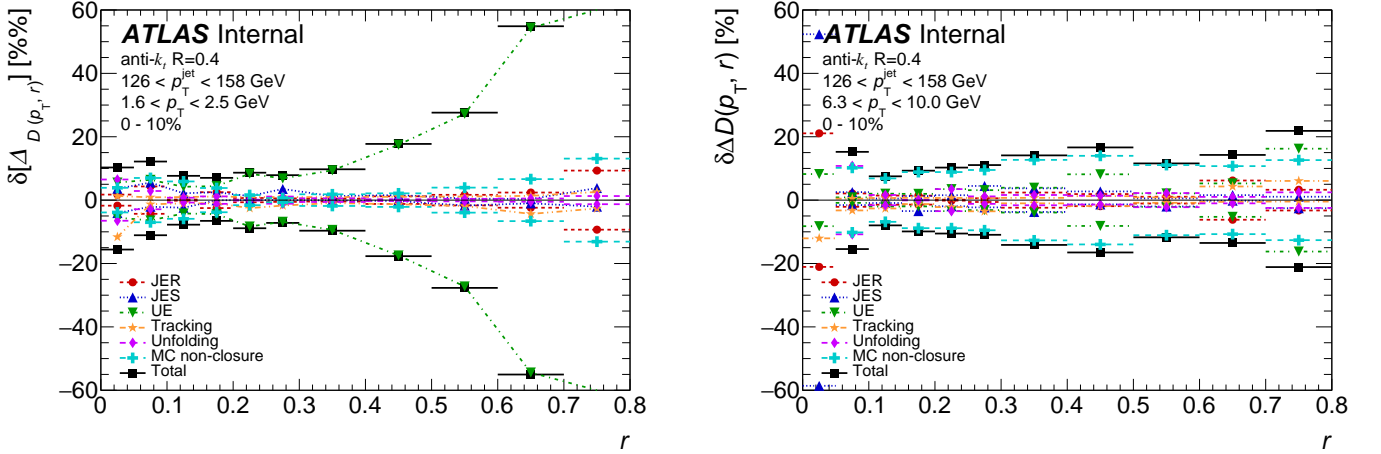


Figure 4: Relative size of the systematic uncertainties for  $\Delta D(p_T, r)$  distributions for 0-10% Pb+Pb collisions, for tracks in the  $p_T$  range 1.0–1.6 GeV (left) and 6.3–10.0 GeV (right), in jets with  $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$  GeV. The systematic uncertainties due to JES, JER, unfolding, UE contribution, MC non-closure and tracking are shown along with the total systematic uncertainty from all sources.

## 7 Results

The  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions are studied as a function of  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  for  $pp$  data and Pb+Pb collisions with different centralities. Ratios and differences between  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  collisions are evaluated to explore the impact of hot and dense matter on the parton shower.

The  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions evaluated in  $pp$  collisions, and in 0–10% and 60–80% Pb+Pb collisions, are shown in Figure 5. The distributions exhibit a difference in shape between central Pb+Pb collisions and the  $pp$  reference. On the contrary, the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions for peripheral Pb+Pb collisions are similar in shape to the  $pp$  reference.

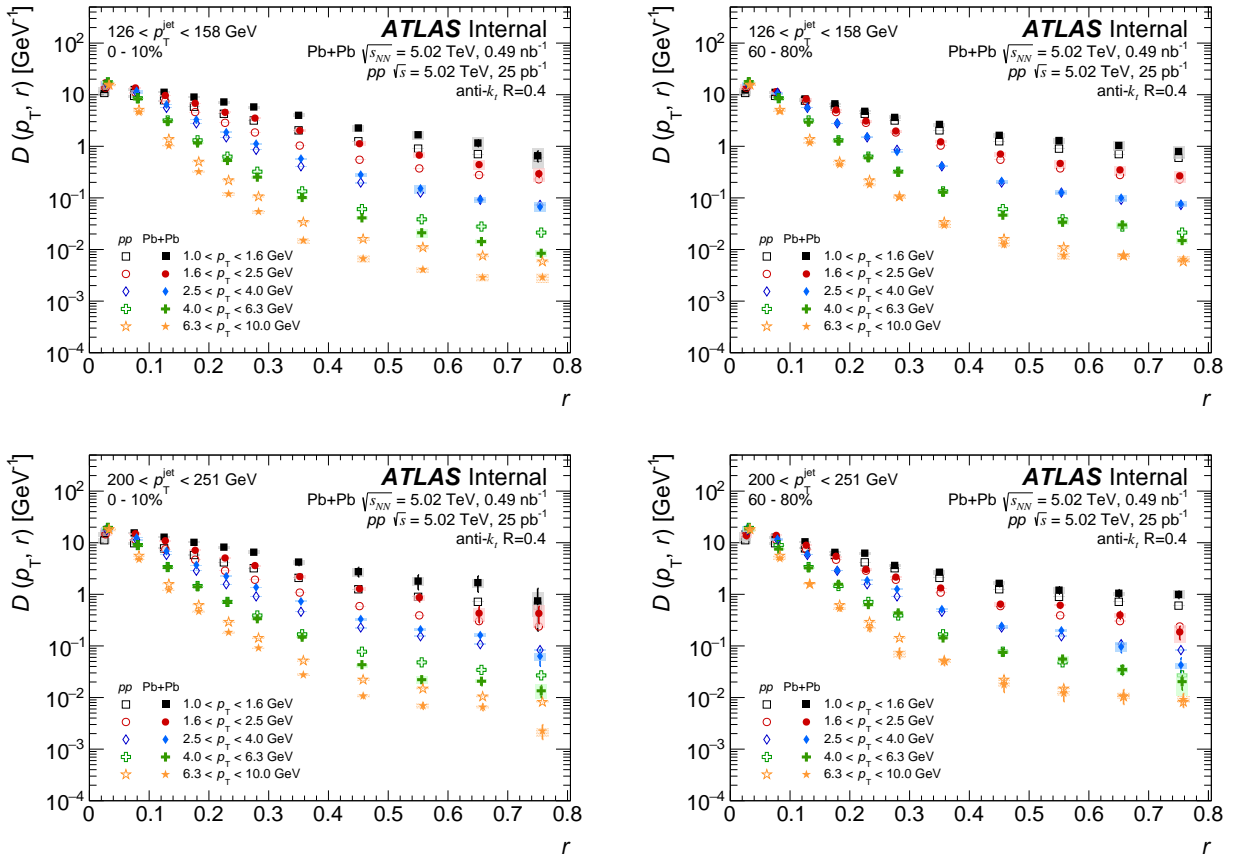


Figure 5: Closed symbols show  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in 0–10% (left) and 60–80% (right) Pb+Pb as a function of angular distance  $r$  for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  of 126 to 158 GeV (top) and of 200 to 251 GeV (bottom) for four  $p_T$  selections. Open symbols show  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in  $pp$  collisions. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. There are no uncertainties on the  $r$  values, the finite widths of the shaded boxes are purely aesthetic.

Ratios of the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in Pb+Pb to those measured in  $pp$  are presented in Figure 6 as a function of  $r$  for different  $p_T$  selections. In 0–10% central collisions,  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  is above unity at all  $r$  for charged-particles with  $p_T$  less than 4 GeV. For these particles,  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  grows with increasing  $r$  for  $r < 0.3$  is approximately constant for  $0.3 < r < 0.6$ , and decreases for  $0.6 < r < 0.8$ . For  $p_T > 4.0$  GeV,  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  is below unity and decreases with increasing  $r$  for  $r < 0.3$  and is approximately constant for



0.3 <  $r$  < 0.8. The observed behavior inside the jet ( $r < 0.4$ ) agrees with the measurement of the inclusive jet fragmentation functions [9, 15], where yields of the low- $p_T$  fragments are observed to be enhanced and yields of charged particles with intermediate  $p_T$  are suppressed in Pb+Pb collisions compared to those in  $pp$  collisions. For peripheral collisions,  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  has no significant  $r$  dependence and the distributions do not significantly deviate from unity. The measured dependence of  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  suggests that the energy lost by jets through the jet quenching process is being transferred to particles with  $p_T < 4.0$  GeV with larger radial distances. This is qualitatively consistent with theoretical calculations [18, 19].

The centrality dependence of  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  is presented in Figure 7 where the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  for two  $p_T$  selections: 1.6–2.5 GeV and 6.3–10.0 GeV, and all centrality intervals are shown. The magnitude of these modifications decreases for more peripheral collisions and  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  goes towards unity in 60–80% central collisions for both  $p_T$  ranges, across the entire  $r < 0.8$  range under investigation. This observation is in agreement with previous measurements of jet fragmentation functions [13–15, 17].

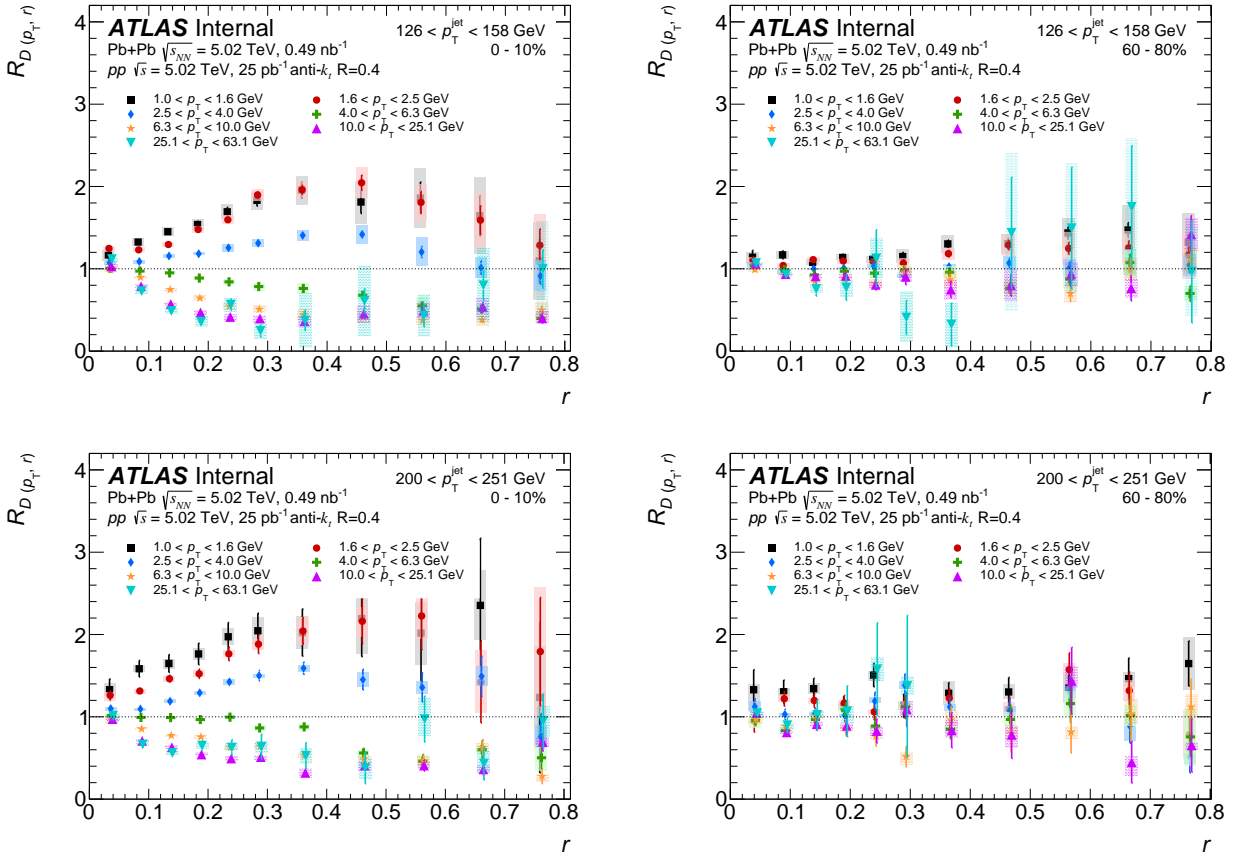


Figure 6: Ratios of  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in 0–10% (left) and 60–80% (right) Pb+Pb collisions to  $pp$  collisions as a function of angular distance  $r$  for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  of 126 to 158 GeV (top) and of 200 to 251 GeV (bottom) for six  $p_T$  selections. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. There are no uncertainties on the  $r$  values, the finite widths of the shaded boxes are purely aesthetic.

The  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  dependence of  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  in 0–10% central collisions is presented in Figure 8 where the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  for two  $p_T$  selections: 1.0–1.6 GeV and 6.3–10.0 GeV, and four  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  selections is shown. A statistically significant trend of increasing  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  with increasing  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  is observed for  $0.1 < r < 0.25$  for low  $p_T$



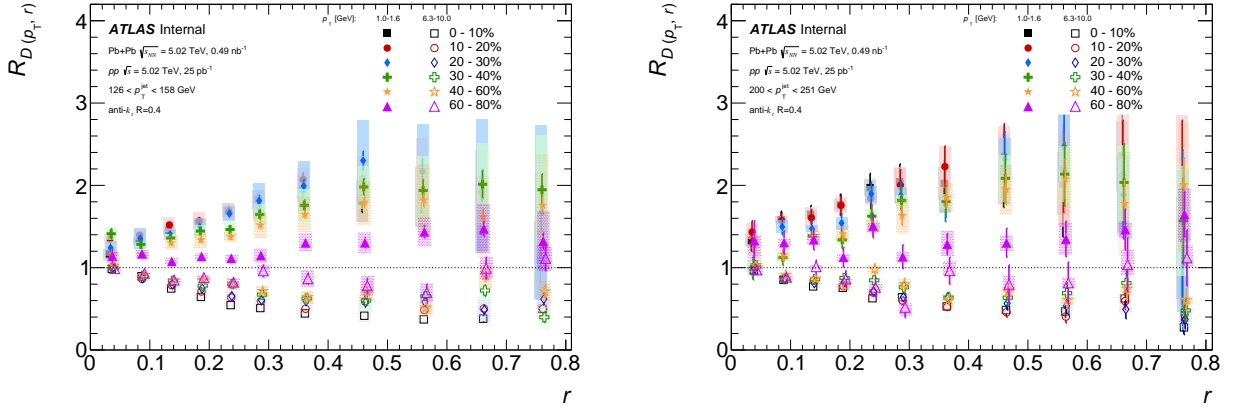


Figure 7: Ratios of  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  of 126 to 158 GeV (left) and of 200 to 251 GeV (right) in Pb+Pb collisions to  $pp$  collisions as a function of angular distance  $r$  for two  $p_T$  selections and six centrality intervals ( $p_T$  selections are shown by closed and open symbols). The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. There are no uncertainties on the  $r$  values, the finite widths of the shaded boxes are purely aesthetic.

particles. This observation is in agreement with the previous measurement of jet fragmentation functions [13–15, 17] and may indicate the dependence of the response of the hot dense matter to the momentum of a jet passing through it. The higher- $p_T$  charged particles have  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  values that decrease with increasing  $r$ ; no significant dependence on  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  is observed.

The  $p_T^{\text{ch}}$  dependence of  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  in 0–10% central and 60–80% peripheral collisions is presented in Figure 9 where the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  at different distances from the jet axis:  $0.00 < r < 0.05$ ,  $0.15 < r < 0.20$ ,  $0.30 < r < 0.40$ ,  $0.50 < r < 0.60$ , for  $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$  GeV and  $200 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 251$  GeV is shown. It can be seen that there is an enhancement in the number of particles in the jet core for all  $p_T$ , and that the depletion only happens for  $r > 0.05$ . The enhancement is larger for higher  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$ , and persists even for peripheral collisions. This observation is also in agreement with the previous measurement of jet fragmentation functions [13–15, 17]

Differences between the  $D(p_T, r)$  distributions in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  are presented in Figure 10 as a function of  $r$  for different  $p_T$  selections. In 0–10% central collisions. These distributions indicate an excess (depletion) in the number of particles in the Pb+Pb system compared to the  $pp$  system for low (high)  $p_T$  particles. This excess ranges from 0.5 to 4 particles for 1 GeV tracks while the depletion ranges from  $\sim 0$  to 0.5 particles for 10 GeV tracks. An increase in the extra number of particles with increasing  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  for low  $p_T$  tracks is also seen.

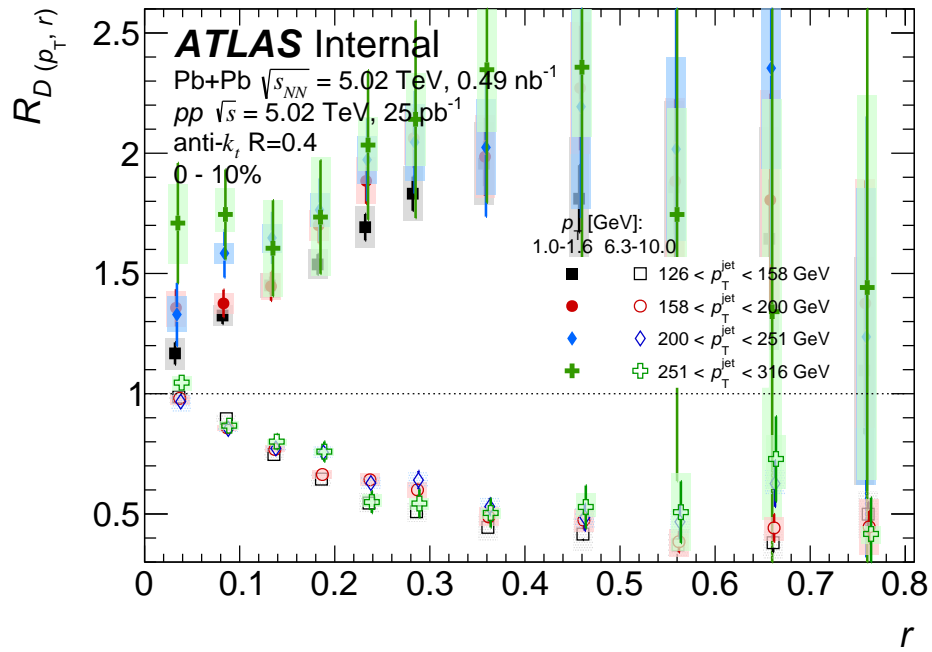


Figure 8:  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  as a function of  $r$  for 0–10% collisions for charged particles with  $1.6 < p_T < 2.5$  GeV (closed symbols) and  $6.3 < p_T < 10.0$  GeV (open symbols) for four  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  selections: 126–158 GeV, 158–200 GeV, 200–251 GeV, and 251–316 GeV. There are no uncertainties on the  $r$  values, the finite widths of the shaded boxes are purely aesthetic.

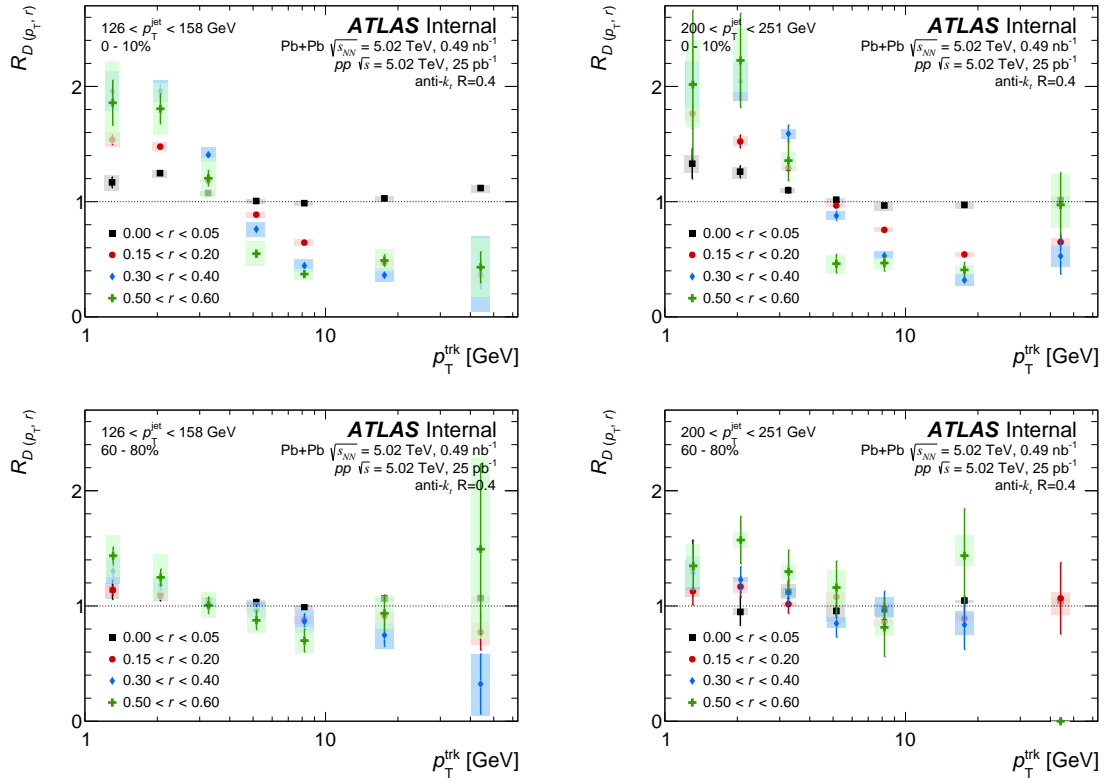


Figure 9:  $R_D(p_T, r)$  as a function of  $p_T$  in central (top) and peripheral (bottom) collisions for two different  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  selections: 126–158 GeV (left) and 200–251 GeV (right). The different colors indicate different distances from the jet axis

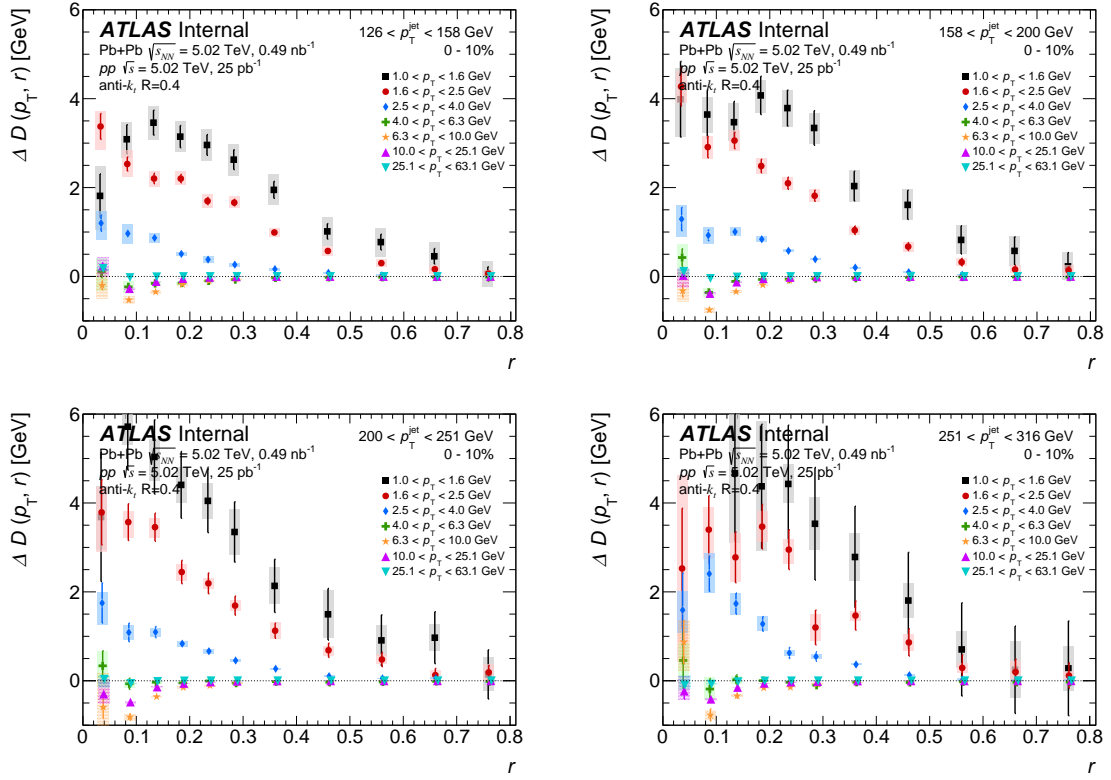


Figure 10:  $\Delta R_{D(p_T, r)}$  as a function of  $r$  in central collisions for all  $p_T$  ranges in four  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  selections: 126–158 GeV, 158–200 GeV, 200–251 GeV, and 251–316 GeV.

## 8 Summary

This note presents a measurement of the yields of charged particle distributions,  $D(p_T, r)$  inside and around  $R = 0.4$  anti- $k_t$  jets with  $|y^{\text{jet}}| < 1.7$ , up to a distance of  $R = 0.8$  from the jet axis. The yields are measured for  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  from 126 to 316 GeV in Pb+Pb and  $pp$  collisions at 5.02 TeV as a function of charged particle  $p_T$  and the angular distance  $r$  between the jet axis and charged particle.

Centrality dependent modifications to the yields, when compared to those measured in  $pp$  collisions, are observed. The magnitude of these modifications increases with increasing collision centrality. The  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  distributions for charged particles with  $p_T < 4$  GeV are above unity and grow with increasing angular separation up to  $r \sim 0.3$ , showing weak to no dependence on  $r$  in the interval  $0.3 < r < 0.6$  followed with a small decrease in the enhancement between  $0.6 < r < 0.8$ . For charged particles with  $p_T > 4$  GeV, a suppression in  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  is observed, and the distributions decrease with increasing  $r$  for  $r < 0.3$ , with no  $r$  dependence for  $r > 0.3$ . These results show a hint of broadening of the  $D(p_T, r)$  distribution for low  $p_T$  particles inside the jet in central Pb+Pb collisions compared to those in  $pp$  collisions while for higher  $p_T$  particles angular distributions are narrower in Pb+Pb collisions compared to  $pp$  collisions. For all charged-particle  $p_T$  values the  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  values are greater than or equal to unity for small  $r$  values (inside the core of the jet). Between  $0.1 < r < 0.25$ , a statistically significant trend of increasing  $R_{D(p_T, r)}$  with increasing  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  is observed for low- $p_T$  particles. No significant  $p_T^{\text{jet}}$  dependence is seen for particles with  $p_T > 4$  GeV.

These measurements provide more information on the differential distributions of charged particles within jets as compared to the inclusive measurement of jet fragmentation functions. They may improve our understanding of the physics of soft gluon radiation and the response of the QGP to jets.

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