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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 and how it interacts with partons from the hard scattering.

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 indicate that Pb+Pb collisions have an excess of low and high momentum particles along with a depletion of intermediate 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]. These observations suggest that the energy lost by jets as they propagate through the QGP (a process called jet-quenching) 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 angular distance between the particle and the jet axis have a potential to provide additional constraints on models of jet energy loss processes in Pb+Pb collisions.

This paper presents a measurement of charged particle p_T distributions inside and around jets. The measured yields are defined as:

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

where N_{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_{min} and r_{max} . The angular distance from the jet axis is given by $r = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$ ¹, 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 evaluation of modifications of the yields in Pb+Pb collisions compared to those in pp collisions. The differences between the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in Pb+Pb and pp collisions,

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

are also presented and allow for quantifying the absolute differences between the two collision systems even in regions where the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in pp tend toward 0.

The analysis is done using 0.49 nb⁻¹ of Pb+Pb collisions and 25 pb⁻¹ 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^{jet} , in the 126 – 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_{min} and r_{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.

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

¹ 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, ϕ) are used in the transverse plane, ϕ being the azimuthal angle around the z -axis. The pseudorapidity is defined in terms of the polar angle θ 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.

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 pb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ pp and 0.49 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 is combined with a set of 1.8×10^7 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] to produce the Monte Carlo Overlay sample. This sample is reweighed on an event by event basis such it has the same centrality distribution as the jet triggered sample. A separate set of 1.8×10^7 5.02 TeV hard-scattering dijet pp events generated with the same tune and PDFs was used as the pp MC. The detector response is simulated in both MC

samples using GEANT4 [29, 30] and they are then 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 procedure is identical to [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 η -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. 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 η - and p_T -dependent correction factor to the p_T^{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^{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^{jet} than the considered jet anywhere within an angular distance of $\Delta R < 1.0$. The isolation requirement removes approximately 0.01% of jets, and has a negligible impact on the final measurement.

Charged-particle tracks in Pb+Pb collisions 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 $p_T^{\text{ch}} > 1.0$ 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, ε , for reconstructing charged particles in Pb+Pb and pp collisions is evaluated as a function of the generator-level primary particle² transverse momentum, p_T^{truth} , and pseudorapidity, η^{truth} by associating tracks to generator-level primary particles using the MC samples described above [30].

² 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.

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^{ch} range under study in both pp and Pb+Pb collisions.

5 Analysis procedure

The analysis procedure is similar to the procedure in [15] with the additional requirement of being done differentially in r . Measured 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^{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^{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 tracking efficiency for charged-particles with $1.0 < p_T < 63$ GeV associated with jets having $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 316$ GeV is less than 3%. Furthermore, the difference between the tracking efficiency in the most central and most peripheral Pb+Pb collisions 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^{ch} , p_T^{jet} , r , azimuthal distance to the second order event plane angle (Ψ_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 event plane angle³. 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 angular distance r . The jet η and ϕ positions, as well as the azimuthal distance of the jet to the second-order event plane angle are taken into account. The yields are independent of the angular distance r , decrease with the decreasing collision centrality, increasing p_T^{ch} , and increasing azimuthal distance to the second-order event plane. The difference in the centrality distribution between overlay sample and the jet-triggered sample is accounted for by a reweighing procedure.

³ The event plane angle Ψ is determined on an event-by-event basis by a standard method using the ϕ variation of transverse energy in the forward calorimeter

A second method to calculate the UE is used to provide a systematic uncertainty. This method uses jet triggered events to estimate the background and is adapted from the method used in [15]. A regular grid of 9 cones of size $R = 0.8$ is used to cover the full inner detector region. Cones are excluded if they are within an angular distance of $dR = 1.6$ to a reconstructed jet with $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 90$ 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^{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_{cones} is the number of background cones associated with a given p_T^{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 ε is the efficiency for reconstructing a charged particle with p_T^{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 η -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 η 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^{ch} and centrality dependence of previously measured elliptic flow coefficients, v_2 [6].

UE and Jet Energy Resolution 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^{ch} where the UE is the largest and increases with decreasing r values and increasing p_T^{ch} . It has only a small dependence on p_T^{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^{ch} intervals and for six centrality selections, for $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ GeV. The UE is the highest for 1.0 GeV charged particles at large values of r and in central collisions for p_T^{jet} between 126–158 GeV, with the signal to background being approximately 1:100. It is rapidly decreasing towards more peripheral collisions, larger p_T^{ch} and smaller r . Furthermore, the ratio is slowly decreasing with increasing p_T^{jet} .

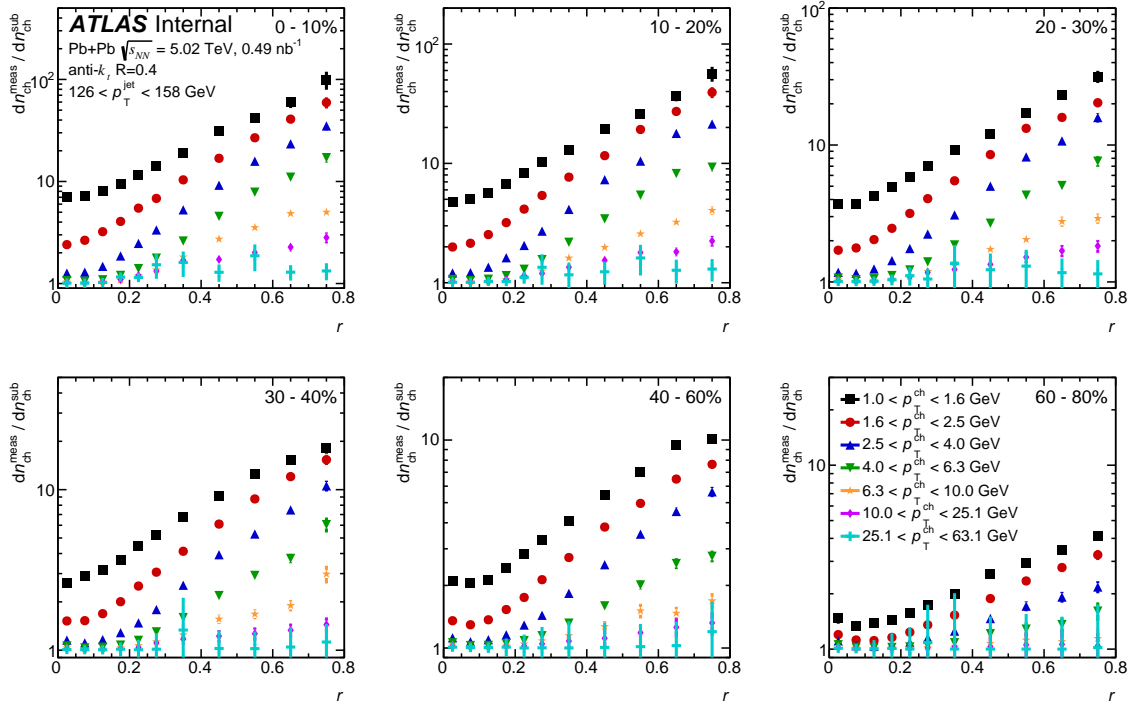


Figure 1: Ratio of the raw charged particle distributions to those after the subtraction of the UE and fake tracks as a function of r for different p_T^{ch} intervals, six centrality selections and for p_T^{jet} between 126–158 GeV.

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 [36] in p_T^{ch} and p_T^{jet} as implemented in the RooUnfold package [37]. Two-dimensional unfolding is used because the calorimetric jet energy response depends on the fragmentation pattern of the jet [38]. Four-dimensional response matrices are created from the pp and Pb+Pb MC samples using the generator-level and reconstructed p_T^{jet} , and the generator-level and reconstructed charged-particle p_T^{ch} . They are corrected for tracking efficiencies and are evaluated in bins of r and centrality. 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 charged particle 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^{jet} spectra that are used to normalize the unfolded charged particle distributions. 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 migrations 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 reconstructed jets and charged particles with their reconstructed p_T^{ch} replaced by generator-level transverse momentum, p_T^{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 the MC samples by comparing the fully corrected charged particle distributions to the generator-level distributions. Good closure ($< 3\%$) is seen

for low p_T particles. There is larger non-closure for charged particles carrying a significant fraction of the jet energy near the edge of the jet cone. The analysis is done where the non-closure in the pp MC sample is less than 5%. This excludes the following regions of phase space: 6 – 10 GeV tracks above $r > 0.3$, 10 – 25 GeV tracks above $r > 0.3$, and 25 – 63 GeV tracks above $r > 0.2$ for 126 – 158 GeV jets; 10 – 25 GeV tracks above $r > 0.4$, and 25 – 63 GeV tracks above $r > 0.3$ for 158 – 200 GeV jets; 25 – 63 GeV tracks above $r > 0.3$ for 200 – 251 GeV jets.

Large non-closure is observed for particles that are near the edge of the $R = 0.4$ jet cone and carry a significant fraction of the jet momentum. This effect is identified as an intrinsic property of the anti- k_t algorithm that tends to locate the jet axis in such a position that objects at an angular distance r from it are rare and soft. To be conservative, the analysis is restricted to the phase space where the non-closure is less than 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 along with their ratios and differences 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 [32, 38, 39] and the relative energy scale difference between the jet reconstruction procedure in heavy-ion collisions [39] and the procedure used in pp collisions [40]. The centrality-dependent uncertainty reflects a modification of parton showers by the Pb+Pb environment. It is evaluated by comparing calorimeter p_T^{jet} and the sum of the transverse momentum 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 ± 1 standard deviation for each interval in p_T^{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^{jet} and decreases with increasing p_T^{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^{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 [41, 42]. 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^{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: limited statistics of minimum bias data collected used for the MC overlay and a comparison to the cone method (described in detail in Ref. [14]). The UE uncertainty on the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions is approximately 40% at the largest angular 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. [43]. 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. The systematic uncertainty on the fake track rate is 30% in both collision systems [43]. The contamination of fake tracks is less than 2% and the resulting uncertainty in the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions is at most 5%. 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% [44] for all p_T^{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.

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, while 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.

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

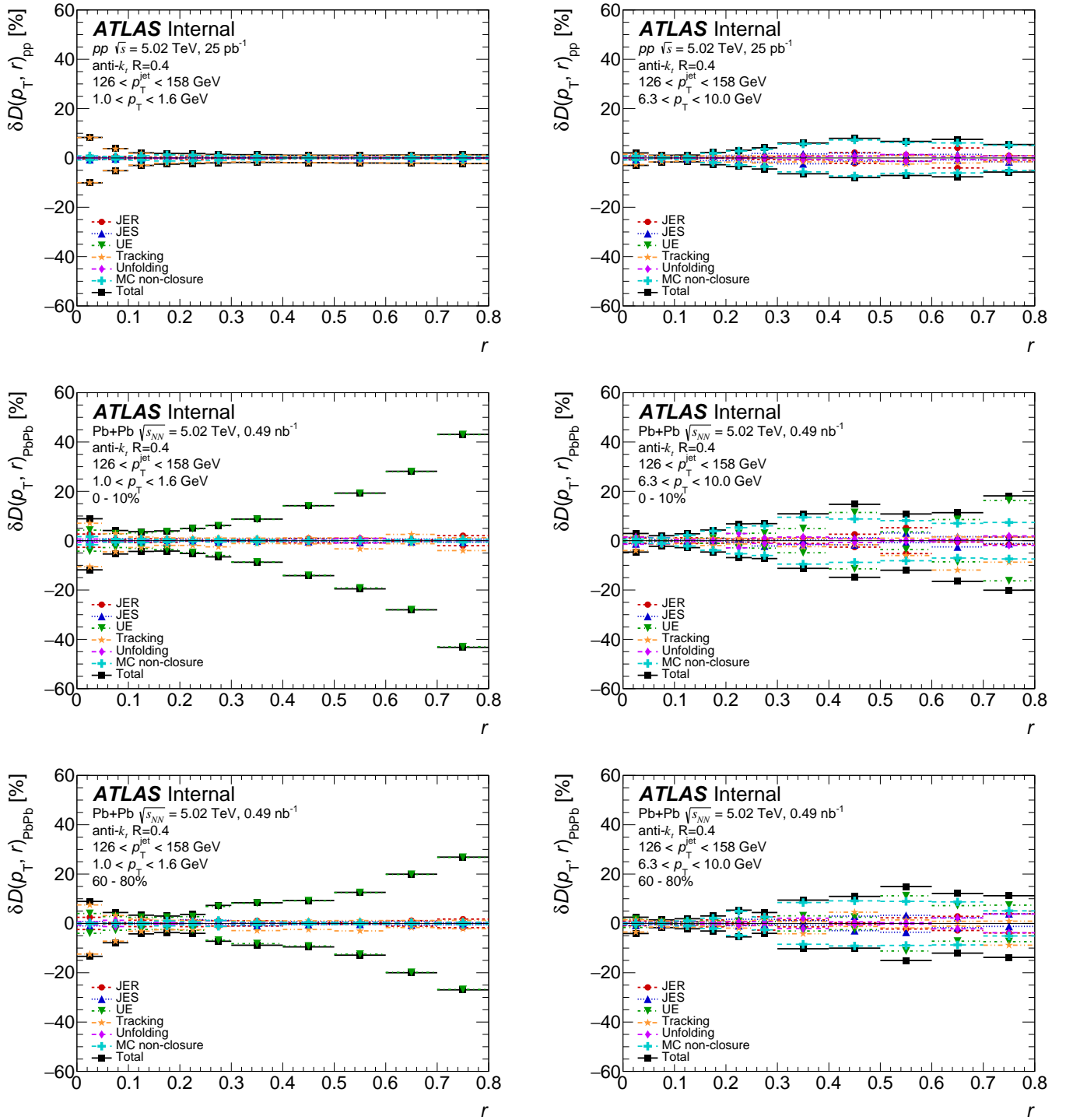


Figure 2: Relative size of the systematic uncertainties for $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in pp (top), central (0-10%) $Pb+Pb$ (middle), and peripheral (60-80%) $Pb+Pb$ (bottom) collisions for tracks with $1.0 < p_T < 1.6$ GeV (left) and $6.3 < p_T < 10$ GeV (right) in jets with $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ 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.

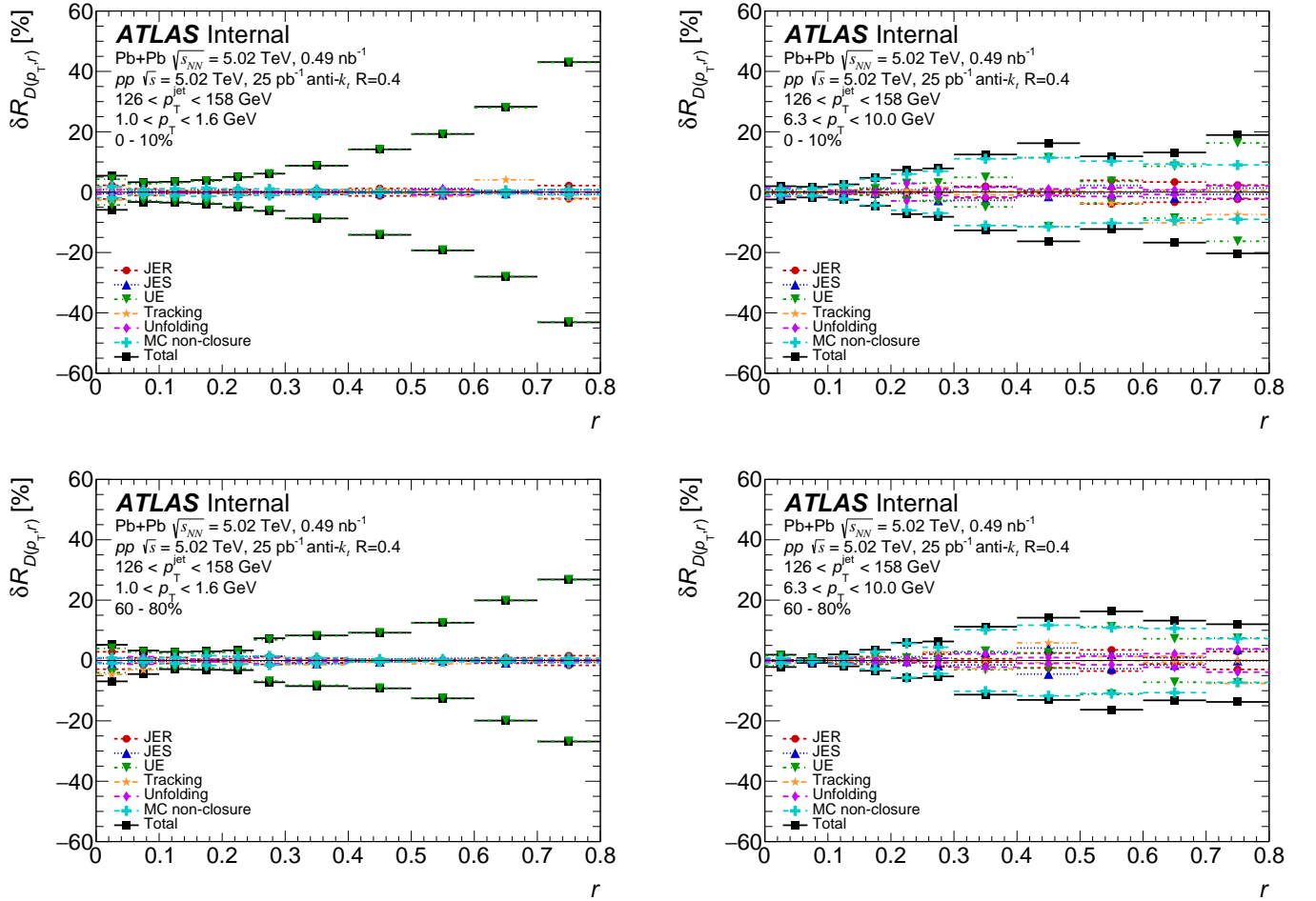


Figure 3: Relative size of the systematic uncertainties for $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ distributions for 0-10% (top) and 60-80% (bottom) Pb+Pb collisions, for tracks with $1.0 < p_T < 1.6$ GeV (left) and $6.3 < p_T < 10.0$ GeV (right), in jets with $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ GeV. The systematic uncertainties 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^{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 and Pb+Pb collisions for $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ GeV are shown in Figure 4. The distributions exhibit a difference in shape between Pb+Pb and the pp reference. This difference depends on centrality and tends to go away for peripheral Pb+Pb collisions.

Ratios of the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in Pb+Pb to those measured in pp are presented in Figure 5 as a function of r for different p_T selections. In 0–10% central collisions, $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ is above unity for $r < 0.7$ for charged-particles with p_T less than 4 GeV. For these particles, $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ grows with increasing r up to $r = 0.3$. It is approximately constant over $0.3 - 0.6$ and decreases for $r > 0.6$. For charged particles with $p_T > 4.0$ GeV, $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ shows a depletion outside the jet core. The magnitude of this depletion increases with increasing r up to $r = 0.3$, and is approximately constant thereafter. 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 at larger radial distances from the jet axis. This is qualitatively consistent with theoretical calculations [18, 19].

The p_T dependence of $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ for $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ GeV and $200 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 251$ GeV, at a variety of angular distances from the jet axis in 0 – 10% central and 60 – 80% peripheral collisions is presented in Figure 6. No suppression is observed in the jet core even at high p_T .

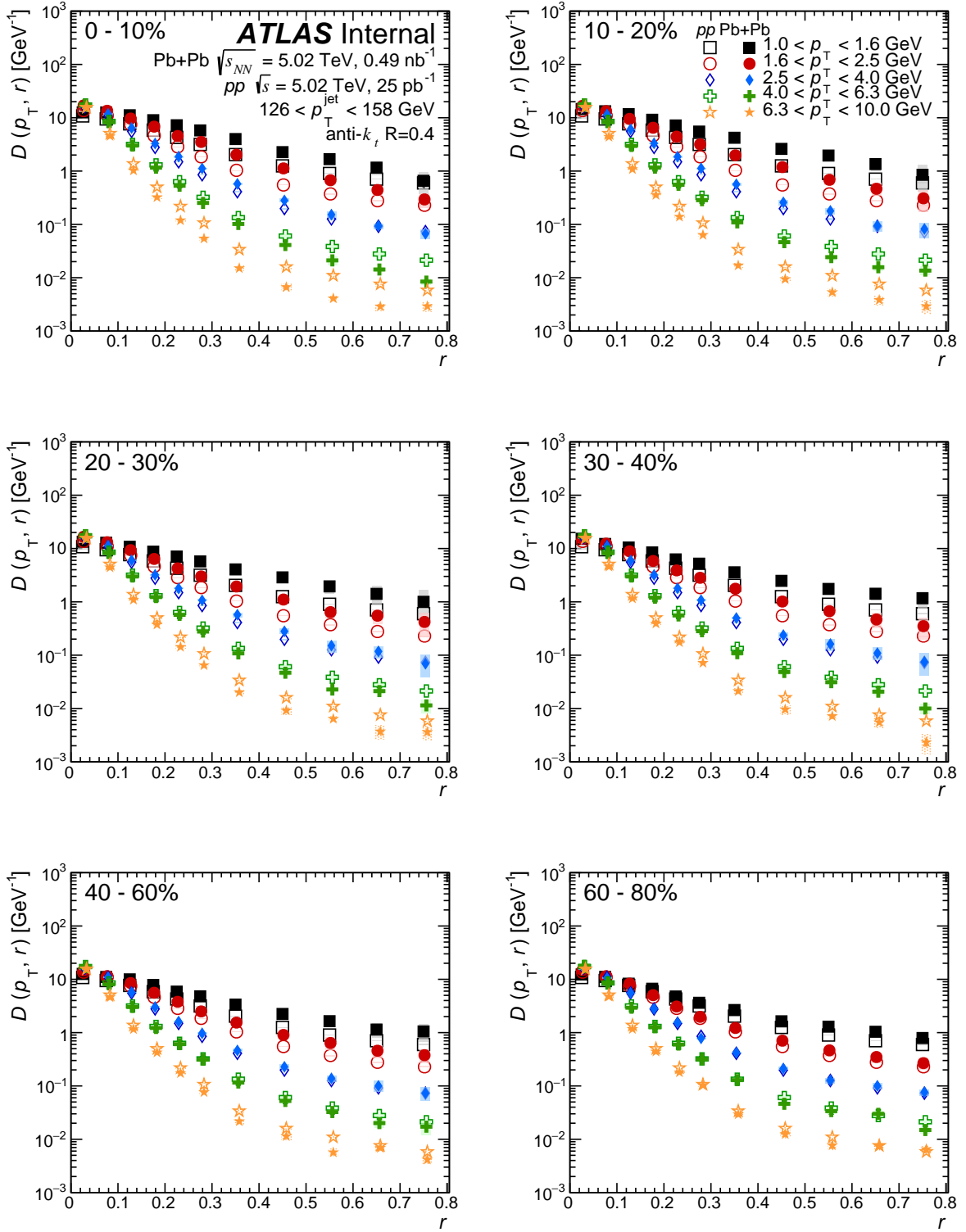


Figure 4: The $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in pp (open symbols) and $Pb+Pb$ (closed symbols) as a function of angular distance r for p_T^{jet} of 126 to 158 GeV. The colors represent different track p_T ranges, and each panel is a different centrality selection. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

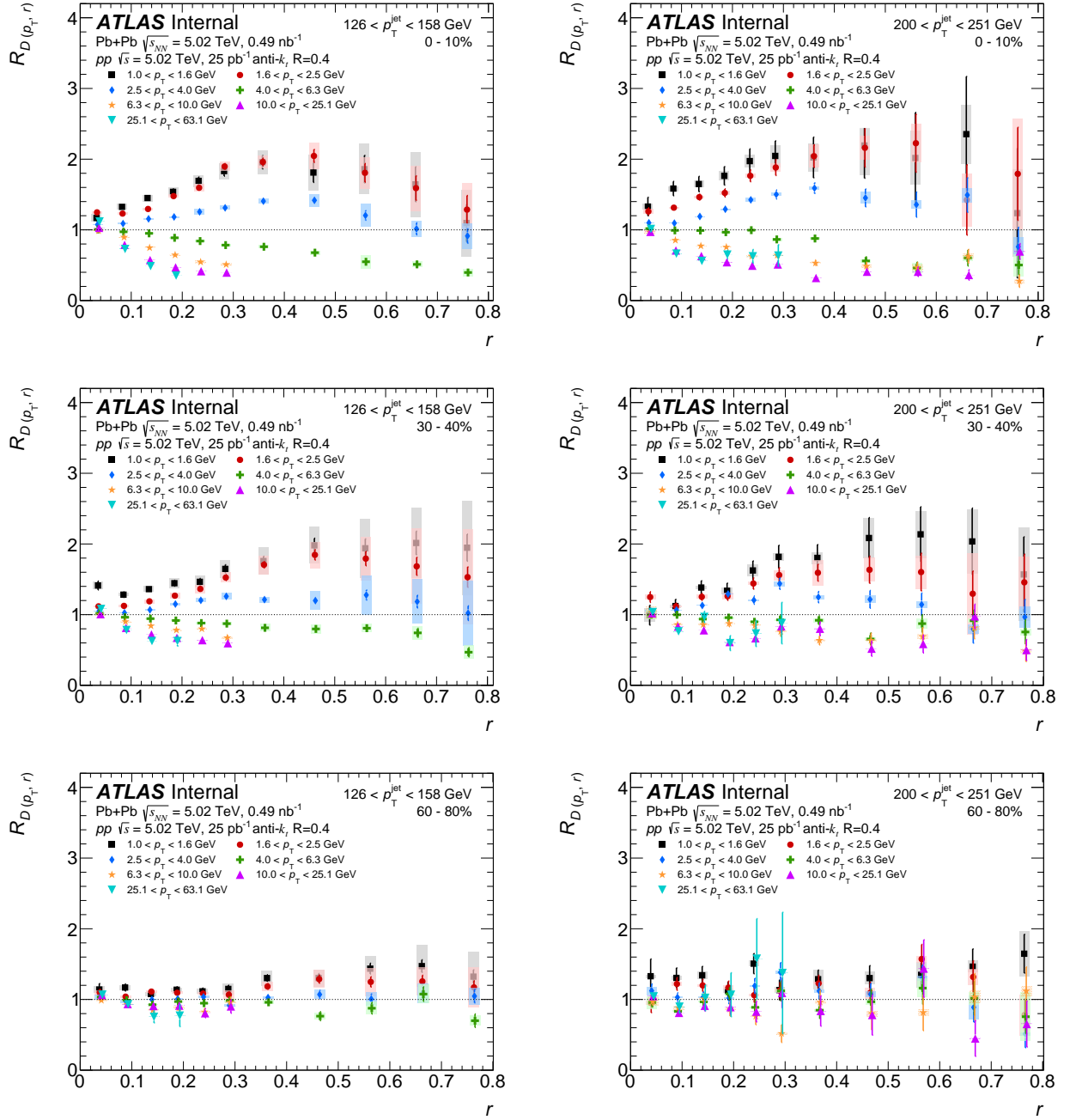


Figure 5: Ratios of $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in 0–10% (top), 30–40% (middle), and 60–80% (bottom) Pb+Pb collisions to pp collisions as a function of angular distance r for p_T^{jet} of 126 to 158 GeV (left) and of 200 to 251 GeV (right) for six p_T selections. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

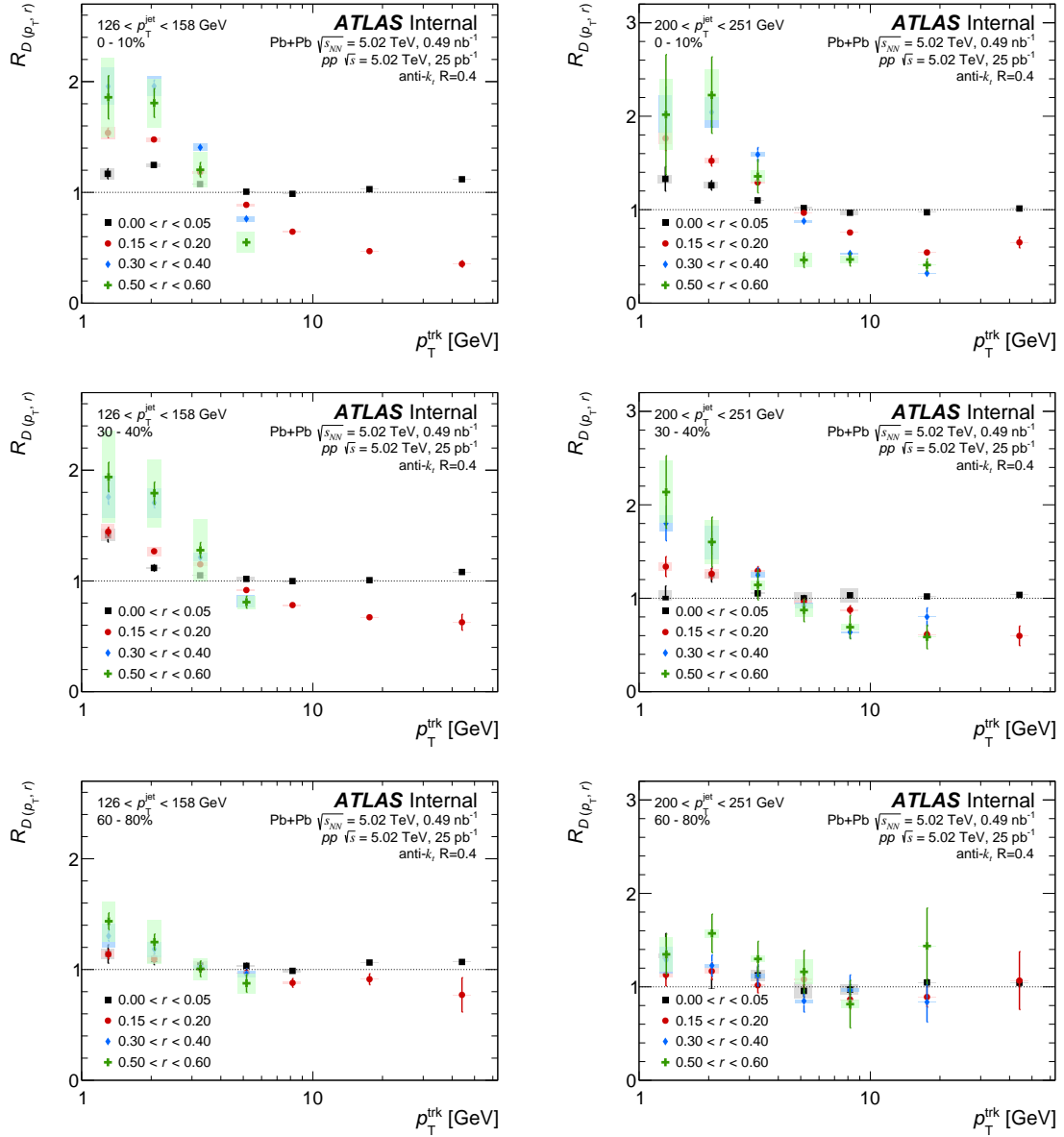


Figure 6: $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ as a function of p_T in 0 – 10% (top), 30 – 40% (middle), and 60 – 80% (bottom) Pb+Pb collisions to pp collisions for two different p_T^{jet} selections: 126–158 GeV (left) and 200–251 GeV (right). The different colors indicate different angular distances from the jet axis. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

8 Discussion

The centrality dependence of $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ for two charged-particle p_T intervals: 1.0 – 1.6 GeV and 6.3 – 10.0 GeV, and two different p_T^{jet} ranges: 126 – 158 GeV and 200 – 251 GeV, is presented in Figure 7. The magnitude of these modifications decreases for more peripheral collisions and $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ approaches unity in 60 – 80% central collisions for both p_T ranges, across the entire $r < 0.8$ range under investigation.

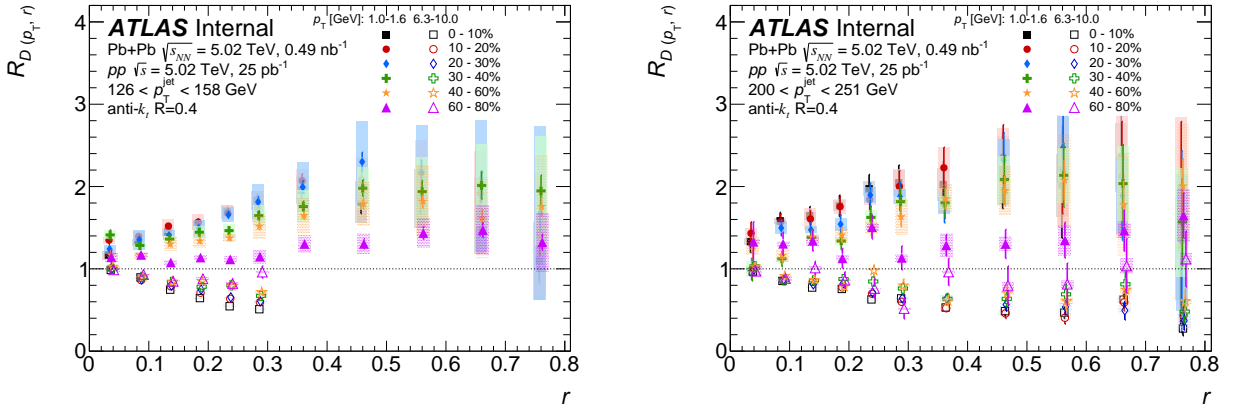


Figure 7: The $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ distributions for p_T^{jet} of 126 – 158 GeV and 200 – 251 GeV as a function of angular distance r for two p_T selections and six centrality intervals (p_T selections are shown by closed and open symbols). The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

The p_T^{jet} dependence of $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ for two p_T intervals: 1.0 – 1.6 GeV and 6.3 – 10.0 GeV, in 0 – 10% central Pb+Pb collisions is presented in Figure 8. A statistically significant trend of increasing $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ with increasing p_T^{jet} is observed for $0.1 < r < 0.25$ for low p_T particles. The higher- p_T charged particles have $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ values that decrease with increasing r ; no significant dependence on p_T^{jet} is observed.

Differences between the $D(p_T, r)$ distributions in Pb+Pb and pp are presented as a function of r for different p_T selections in 0 – 10% central collisions in Figure 9. These distributions indicate an excess (depletion) in the charged-particle yield for Pb+Pb collisions compared to pp collisions for charged particles with low (high) p_T . This excess ranges from 0.5 to 4 particles at 1 GeV in 126 – 158 GeV jets for 0 – 10% central Pb+Pb collisions and increases with increasing p_T^{jet} . The depletion for high p_T particles is at most 0.5 particles in 0 – 10% central Pb+Pb collisions in 126 – 158 GeV jets and increases for higher p_T^{jet} . There is a maxima in the depletion of charged particles in Pb+Pb collisions compared to pp collisions at $0.05 < r < 0.10$. This maxima is seen at all p_T^{jet} ranges under investigation.

while the depletion is at most 0.5 particles at 10 GeV. The excess is observed to increase with increasing p_T^{jet} for low p_T particles.

These observations are 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.

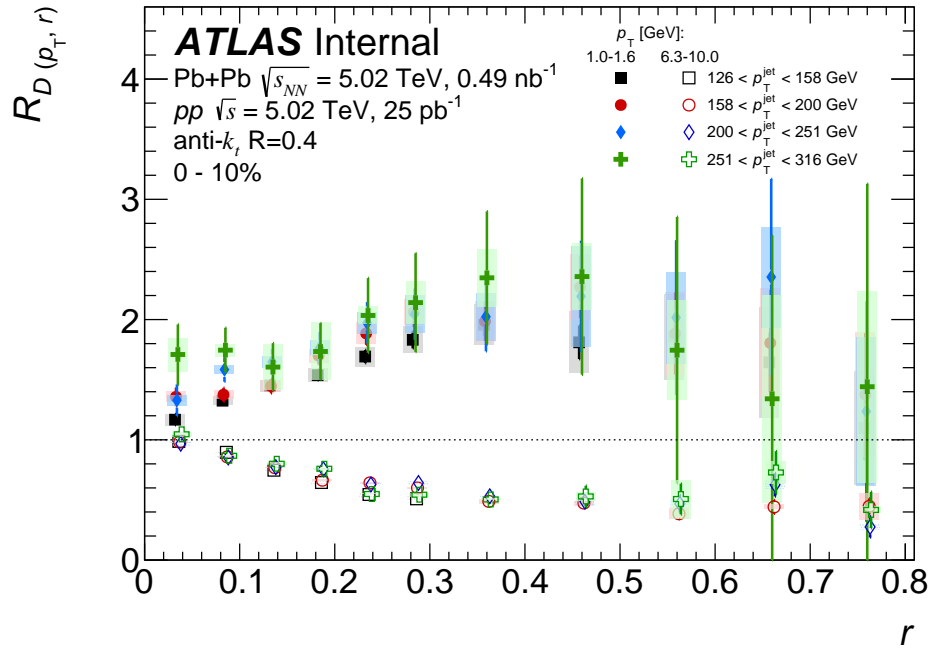


Figure 8: $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ as a function of r for 0–10% collisions for charged particles with $1.0 < p_T < 1.6$ GeV (closed symbols) and $6.3 < p_T < 10.0$ GeV (open symbols) for different p_T^{jet} selections. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

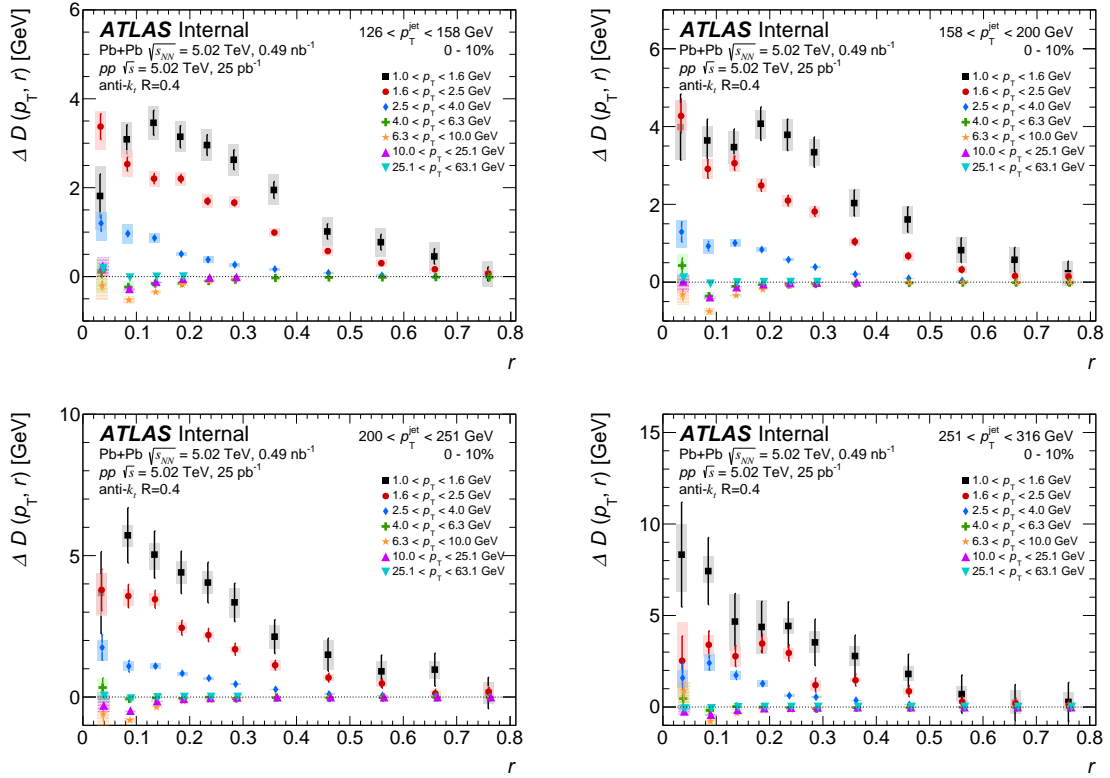


Figure 9: $\Delta R_{D(p_T, r)}$ as a function of r in central collisions for all p_T ranges in four p_T^{jet} selections: 126–158 GeV, 158–200 GeV, 200–251 GeV, and 251–316 GeV. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

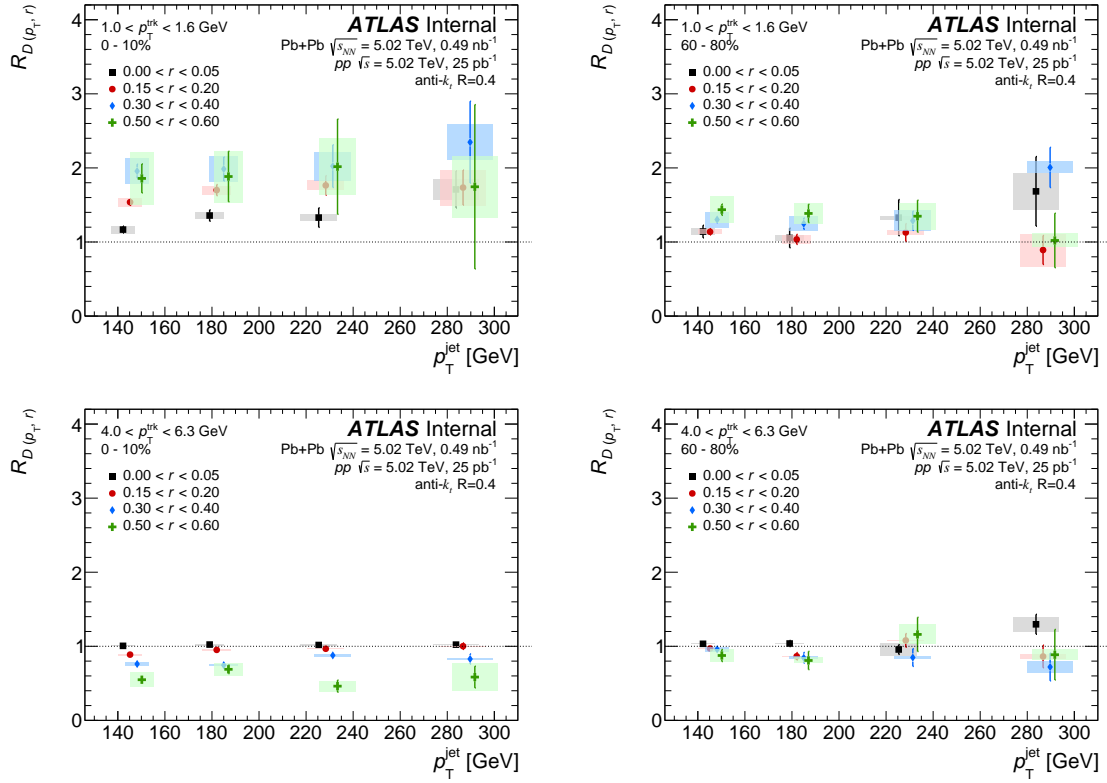


Figure 10: $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ as a function of p_T^{jet} for charged particles with $1.0 < p_T < 1.6$ GeV (top) and $4.0 < p_T < 6.3$ GeV (bottom) at different distances from the jet axis and in 0–10% central (left) and 60–80% peripheral (right) Pb+Pb collisions. The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

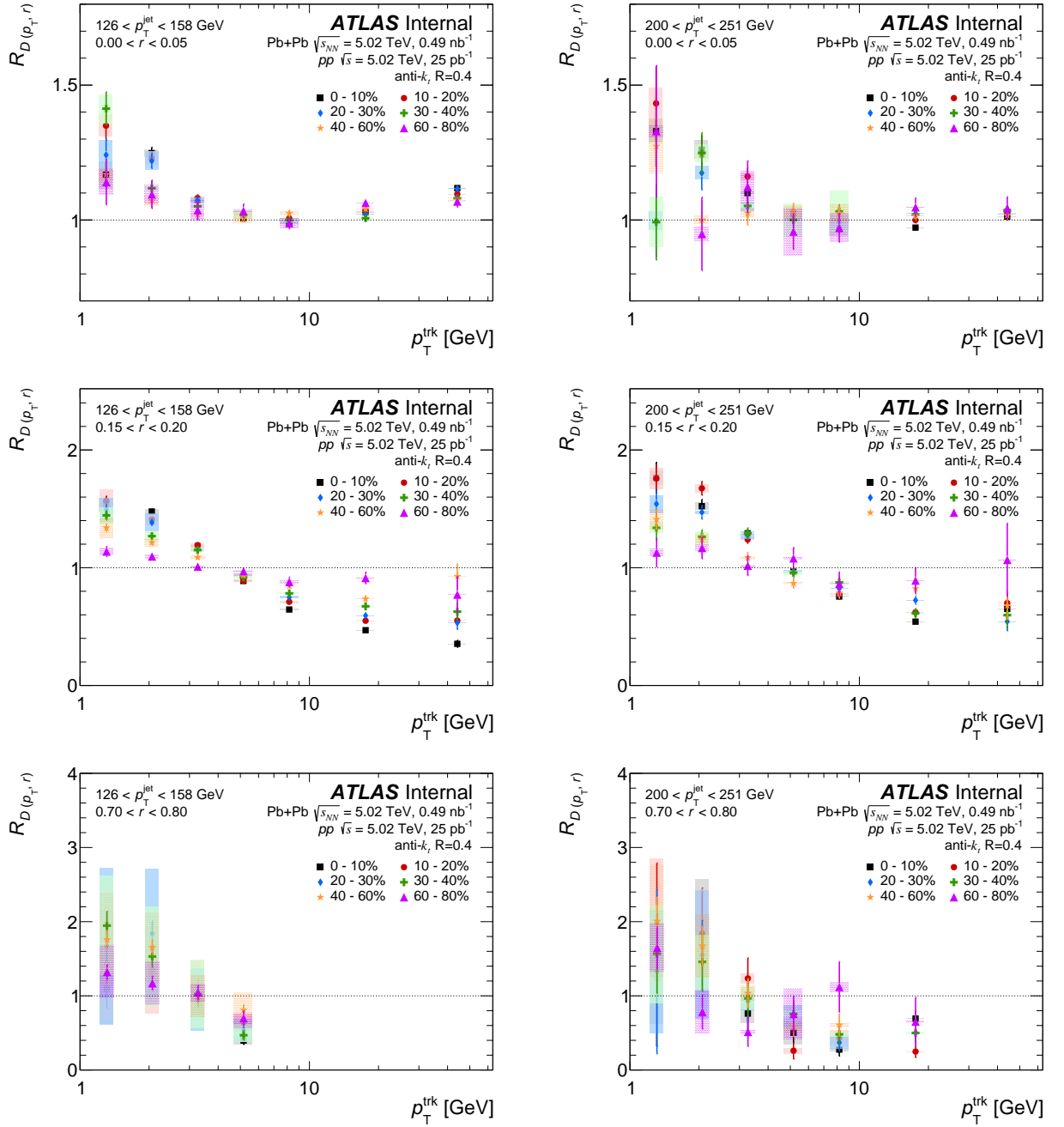


Figure 11: $R_{D(p_T, r)}$ for central Pb+Pb collisions as a function of p_T for $126 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 158$ GeV (left) and $200 < p_T^{\text{jet}} < 251$ GeV (right) for three different distances from the jet axis: $0.00 < r < 0.05$ (top), $0.15 < r < 0.20$ (middle), $0.70 < r < 0.80$ (bottom). The vertical bars on the data points indicate statistical uncertainties while the shaded boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. The widths of the boxes are not indicative of the bin size and the points are shifted horizontally for better visibility.

9 Summary

This paper 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 in intervals of p_T^{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 for $0.6 < r < 0.8$. 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 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^{jet} is observed for low- p_T particles. No significant p_T^{jet} dependence is seen for particles with $p_T > 4$ GeV.

These measurements provide insight into the differential distributions of charged particles within jets as compared to the inclusive measurement of jet fragmentation functions. They provide new information about our understanding of the physics of soft gluon radiation and the response of the QGP to jets.

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