

Energy-energy correlators in jets across collision systems

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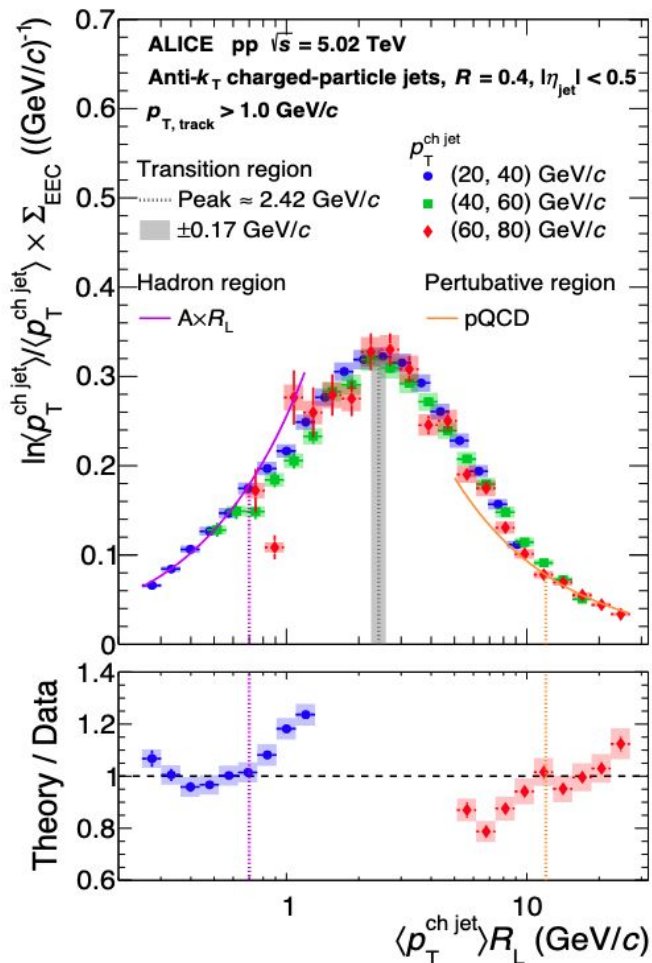
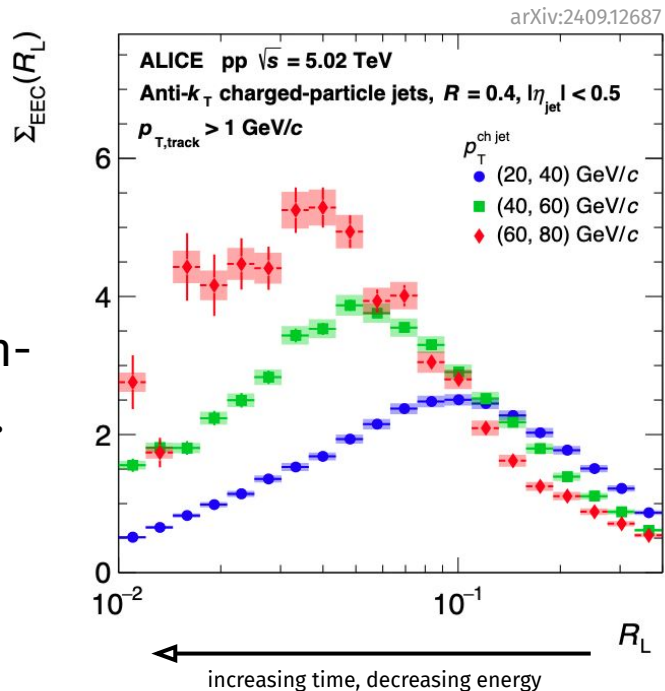
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Clear separation of perturbative and non-perturbative regions.

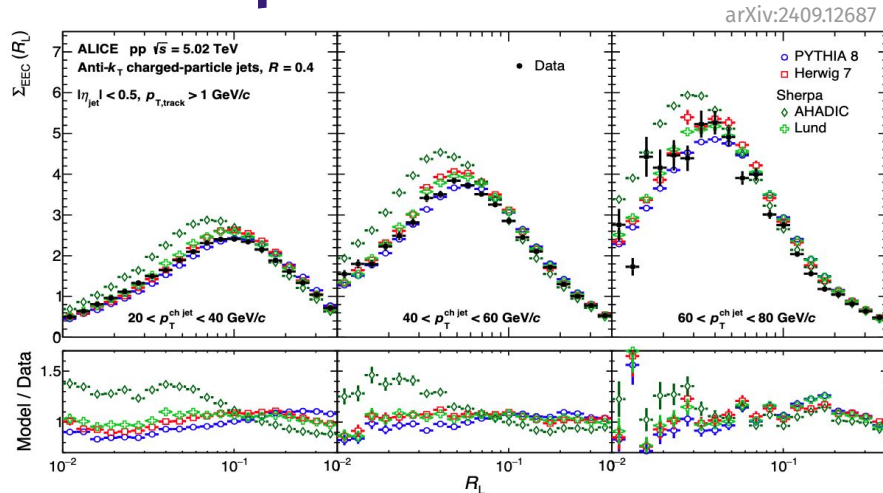
EEC peak is visibly dependent on jet p_T .

Universal transition region

after rescaling the x-axis to $\langle p_T^{\text{ch jet}} \rangle R_L$
(common peak position and height).

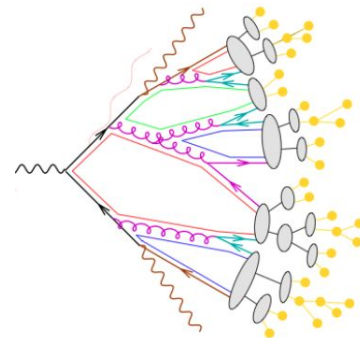
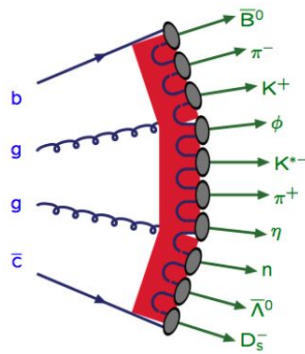


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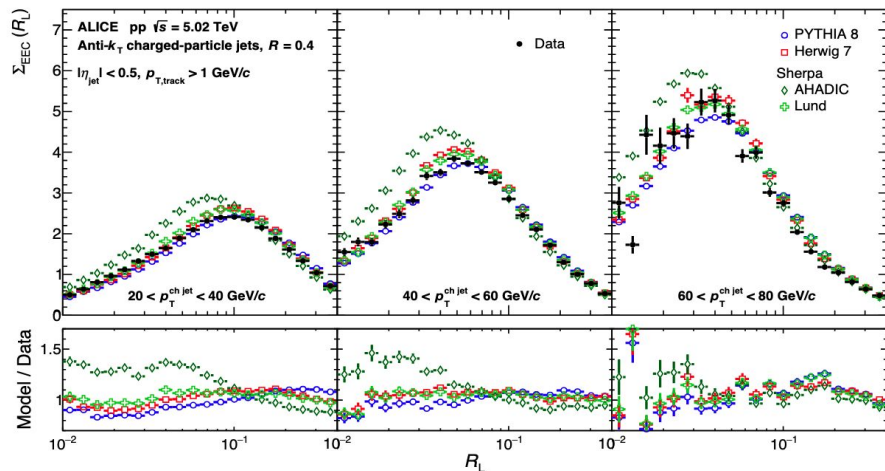


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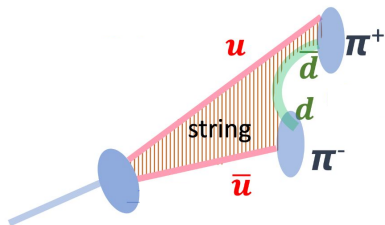


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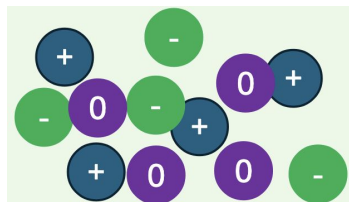
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... or with charged energy correlators!

Lund string models: expect correlations between leading di-hadrons in jets

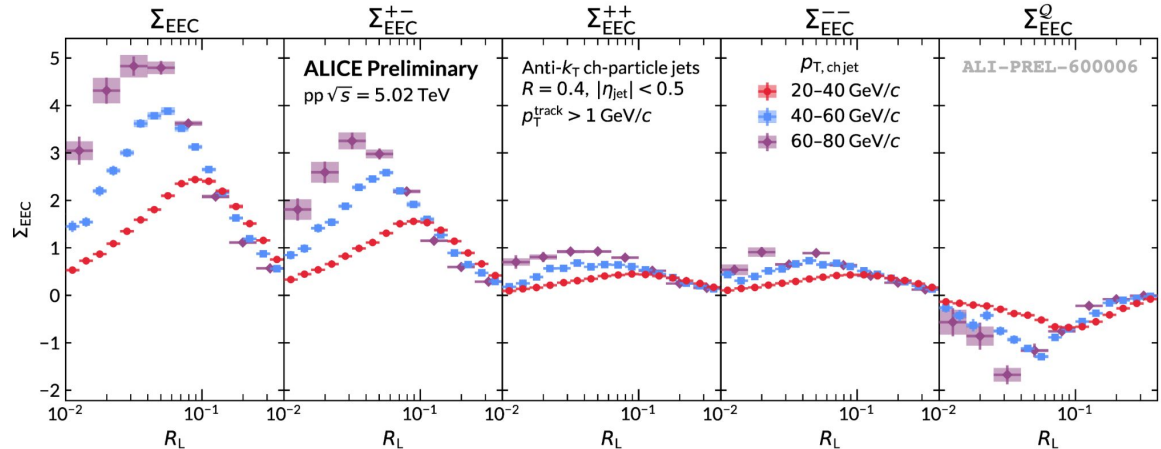


Infinite neutral bath: expect no charge correlations among pairs



- Are there more unlike-sign or like-sign correlations? $\langle \mathcal{E}_+ \mathcal{E}_- \rangle$ or $\langle \mathcal{E}_+ \mathcal{E}_+ \rangle + \langle \mathcal{E}_- \mathcal{E}_- \rangle$
- Exploring correlations in angle and charge *increases sensitivity to different hadronization mechanisms.*

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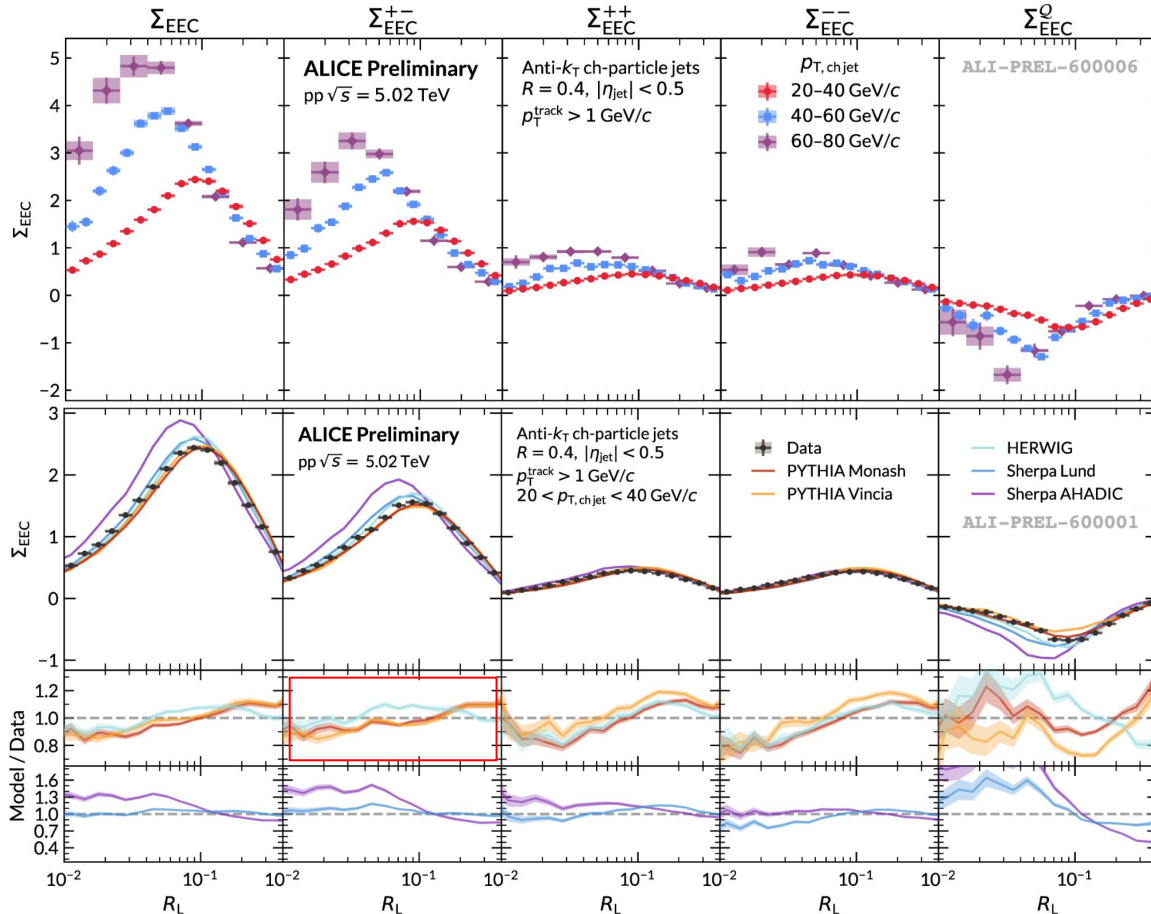
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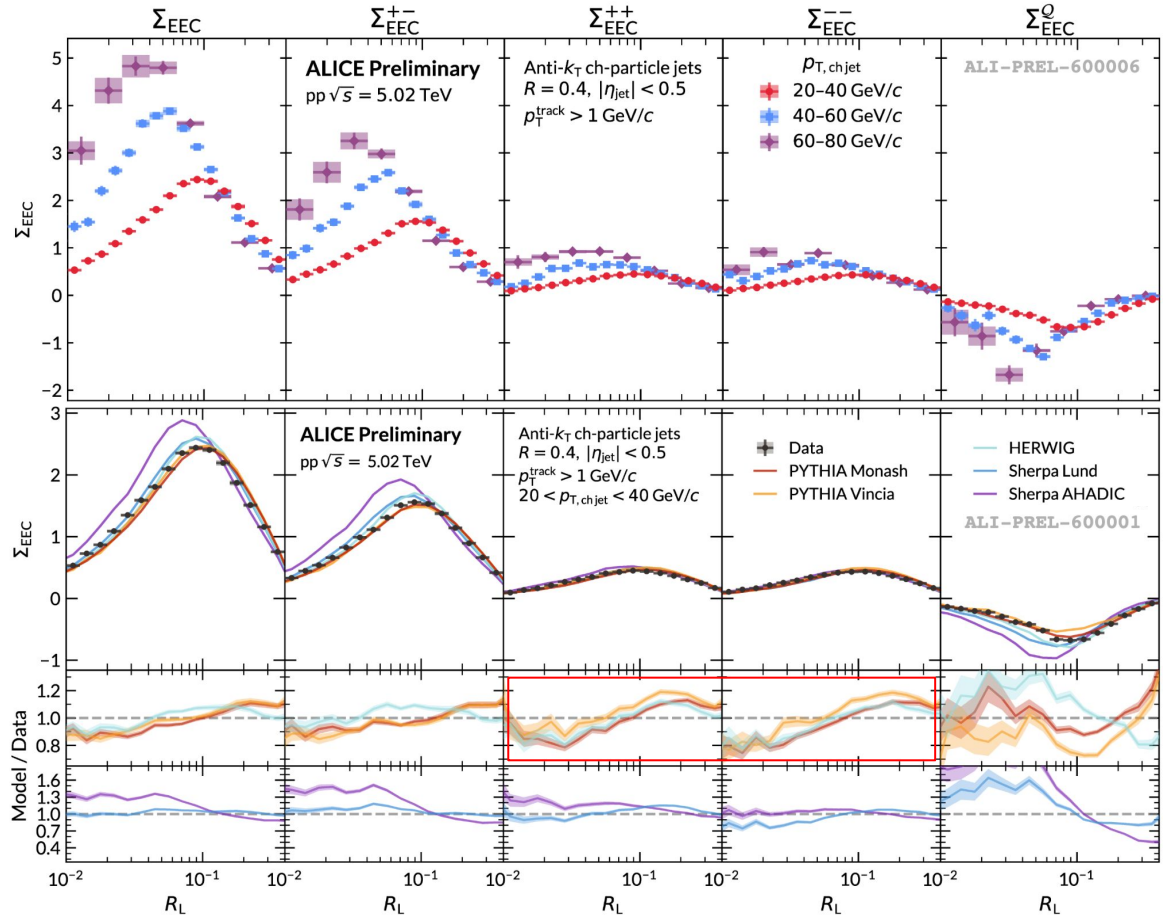
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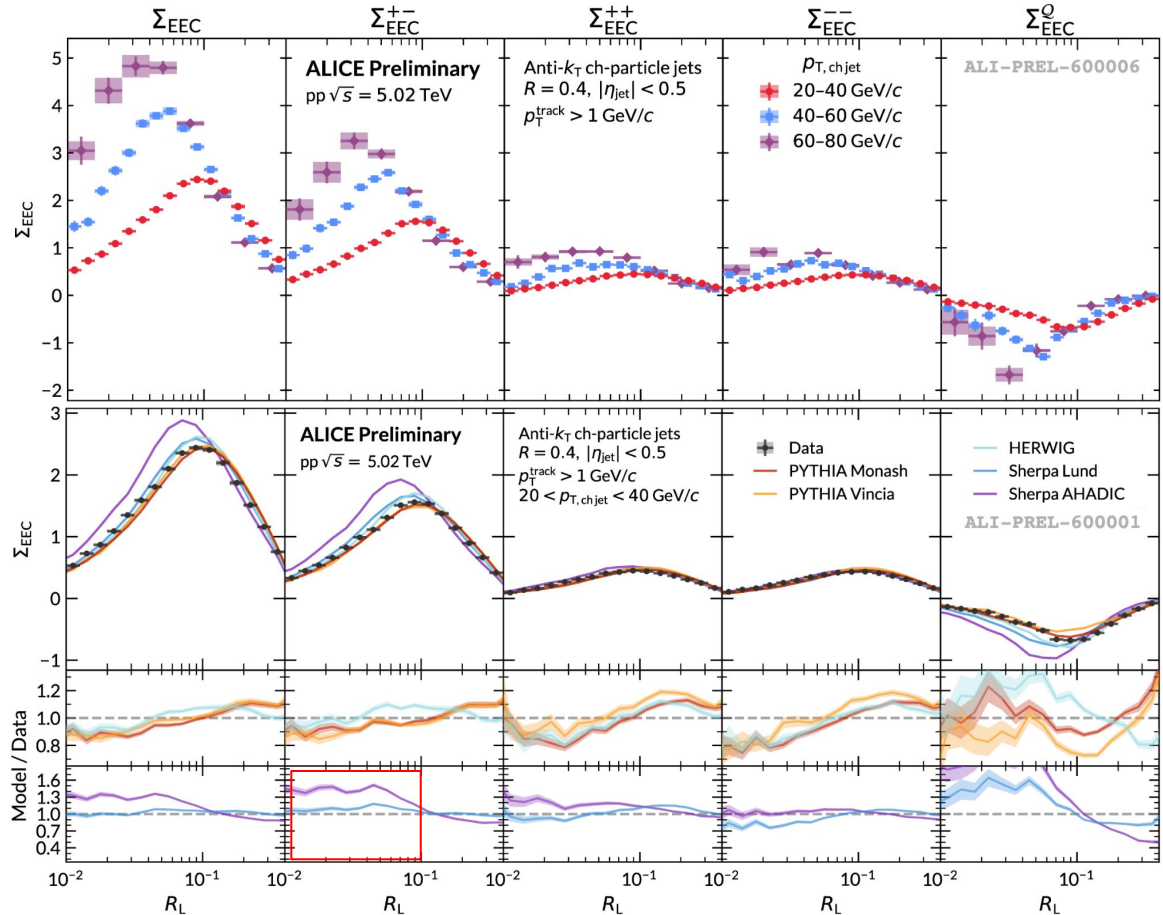
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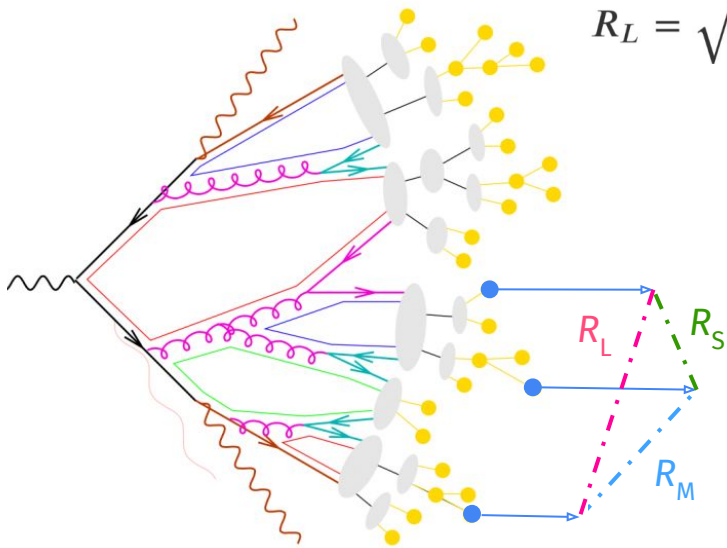
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- **Lund** and **AHADIC** differ most in low- R_L unlike-sign (hadronization)

Another perspective on EECs: three-point correlators.

ENC definition:

$$ENC(R_L) = \sum_{i,j,k..n}^N \int dR_L \boxed{\frac{p_T^i p_T^j \dots p_T^n}{p_{T,jet}^n}} \delta(R_L - \Delta \hat{R}_L)$$

$$R_L = \sqrt{\Delta\phi_{ij}^2 + \Delta\eta_{ij}^2}$$

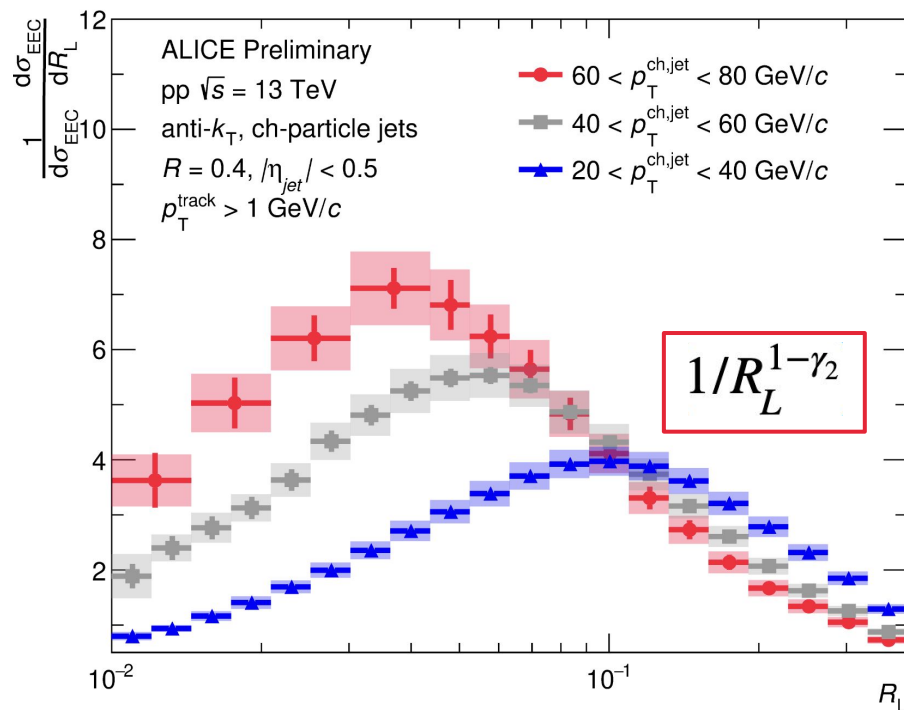


1. For each **triplet** of tracks inside the jet, calculate the **energy weight**.
2. Fill energy-weighted histogram of triplets as a function of R_L .

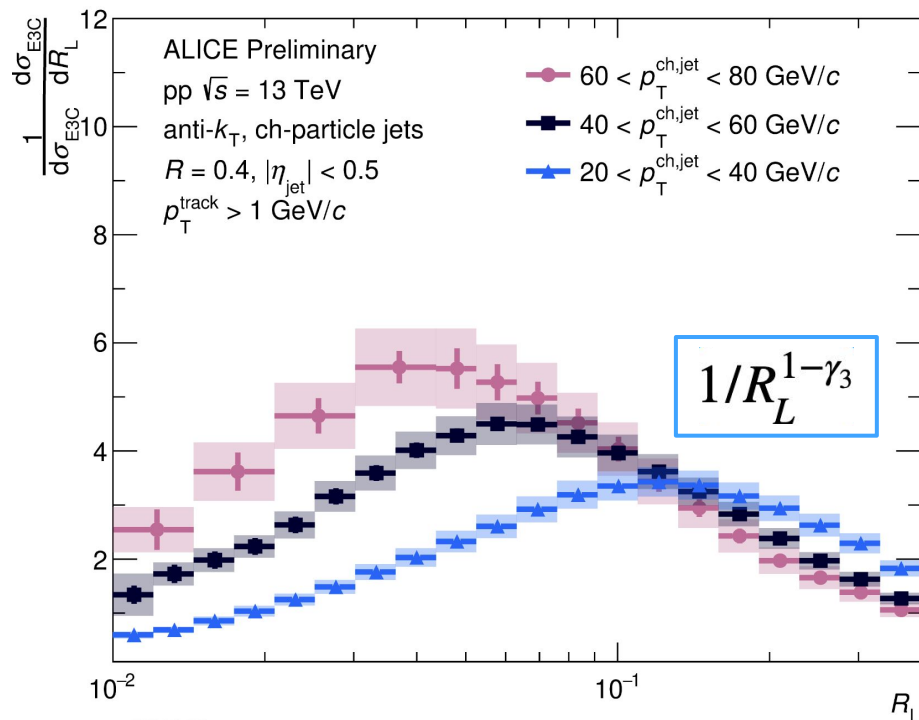
Allows us to probe shape dependence of energy flow.

Gives precise access to α_s using jet substructure!

The large- R_L scaling of EECs and E3Cs is different.



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Large- R_L slope is set by quantum corrections: anomalous dimensions of EEC (γ_2) and E3C (γ_3) operators.

We can probe these corrections with the E3C/EEC ratio.

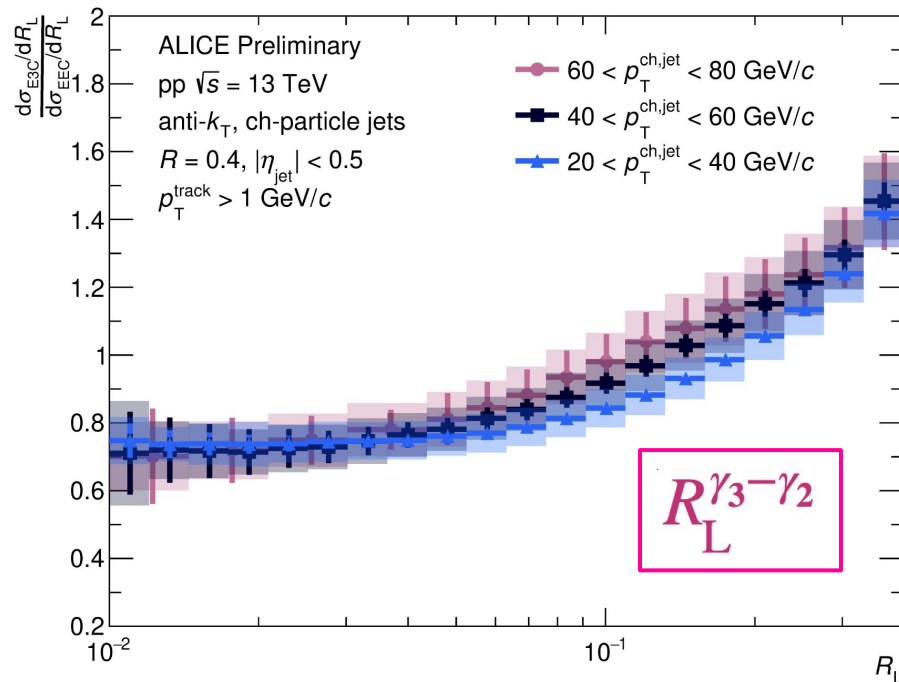
$$\text{E3C/EEC} \propto R_L^{\gamma_3 - \gamma_2} \propto \alpha_s \ln(R_L)$$

In the perturbative regime:

- the change in slope with jet p_T is sensitive to the running of the coupling constant

In the non-perturbative regime:

- flat slope indicates consistent hadronic scaling



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Extraction of α_s is underway at ALICE – complicated because of charged jets.

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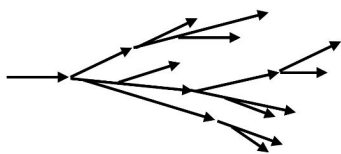
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How does the shower depend on flavor?

- At the largest R_L , the scaling behavior in heavy-flavor jets is identical to light quark jets.
- *Turnover exhibits a mass dependence!*
- Change of shape at small angles is a consequence of the dead cone.
- Flavor effects can be probed with ratios to inclusive jets.

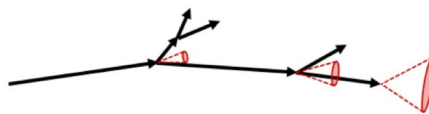


gluon jets

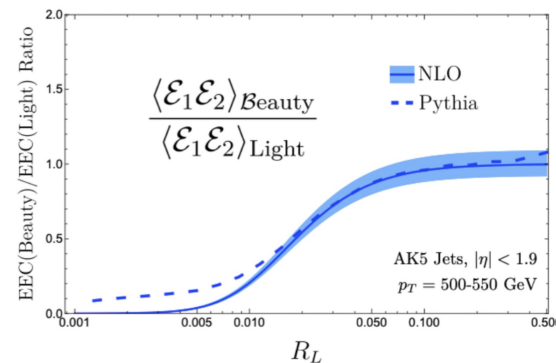
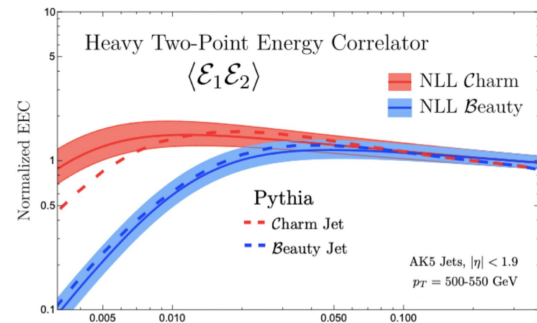
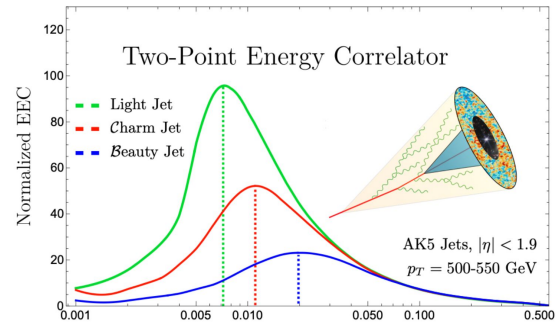
$$\frac{C_A}{C_F} = \frac{9}{4}$$



quark jets



heavy quark jets



D^0 -tagged jet EECs show mass-effect modifications.

Upper panel:

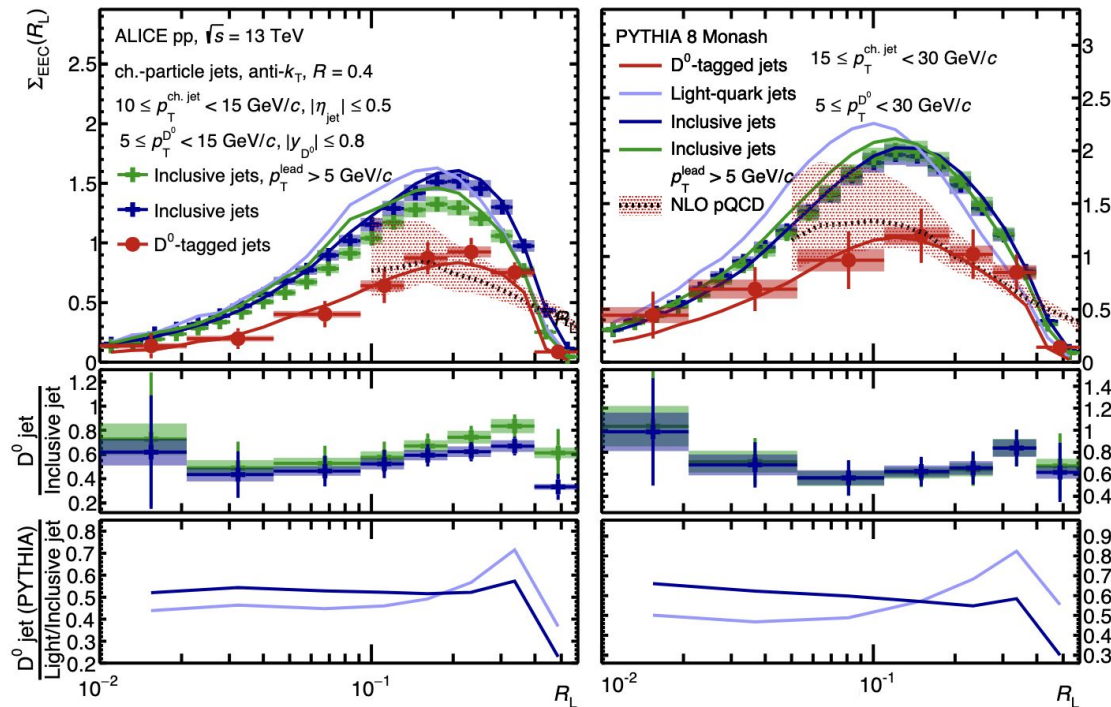
- p_T cut on leading track in incl. jets to study fragmentation bias
- significant suppression at all R_L , slopes at large R_L seem different
- peak positions are similar due to gluon contribution to inclusive

From the ratios:

- D^0 /inclusive $\rightarrow$ mass + Casimir
- D^0 /LF $\rightarrow$ isolated mass effects

Clear mass effect in D^0 jets!

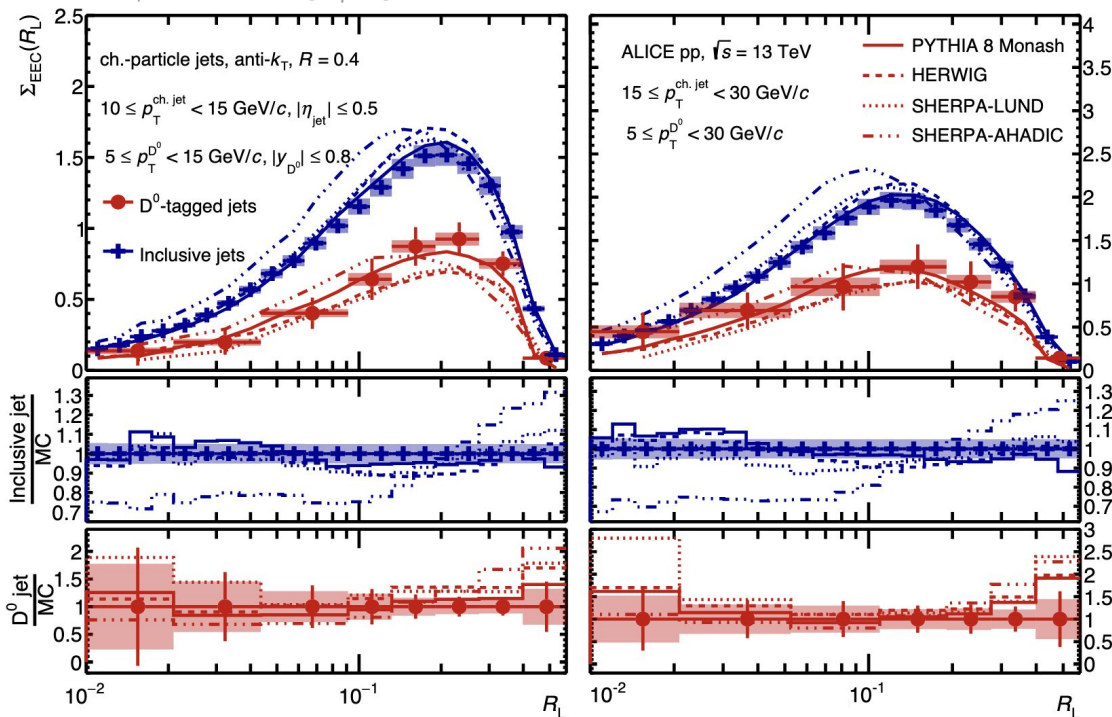
ALICE, arXiv:2504.03431 [hep-ex]



pQCD calculation from K. Lee

Probing hadronization with D^0 -tagged jet EECs

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Data appear to favor PYTHIA.

- Herwig overpredicts inclusive jet EECs; underpredicts in HF
- Sherpa Lund consistently underpredicts the data
- AHADIC consistently predicts a too-small peak position

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Can we say: PYTHIA does well in pp inclusive EECs, and better in charged and HF EECs?

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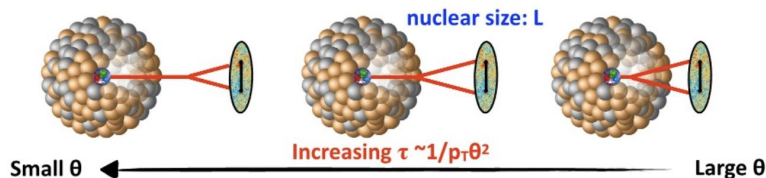
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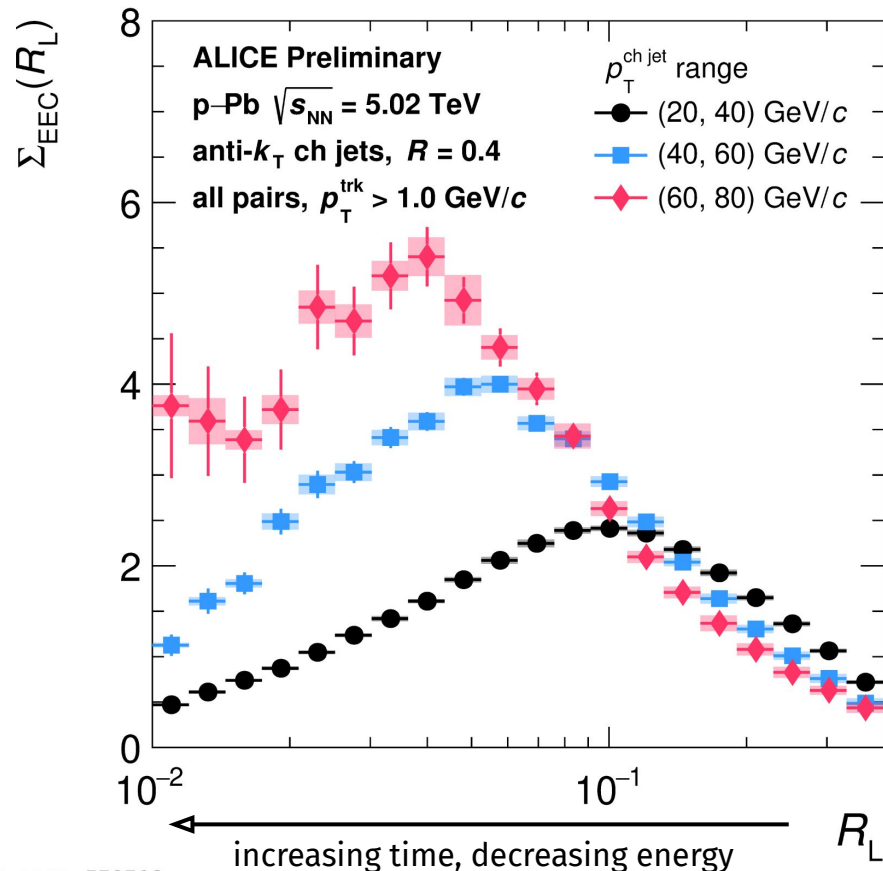
Are EECs modified in p-Pb?

Differences from pp:

- initial state (nPDF, isospin)
- final-state interactions?
- comovers? collectivity??

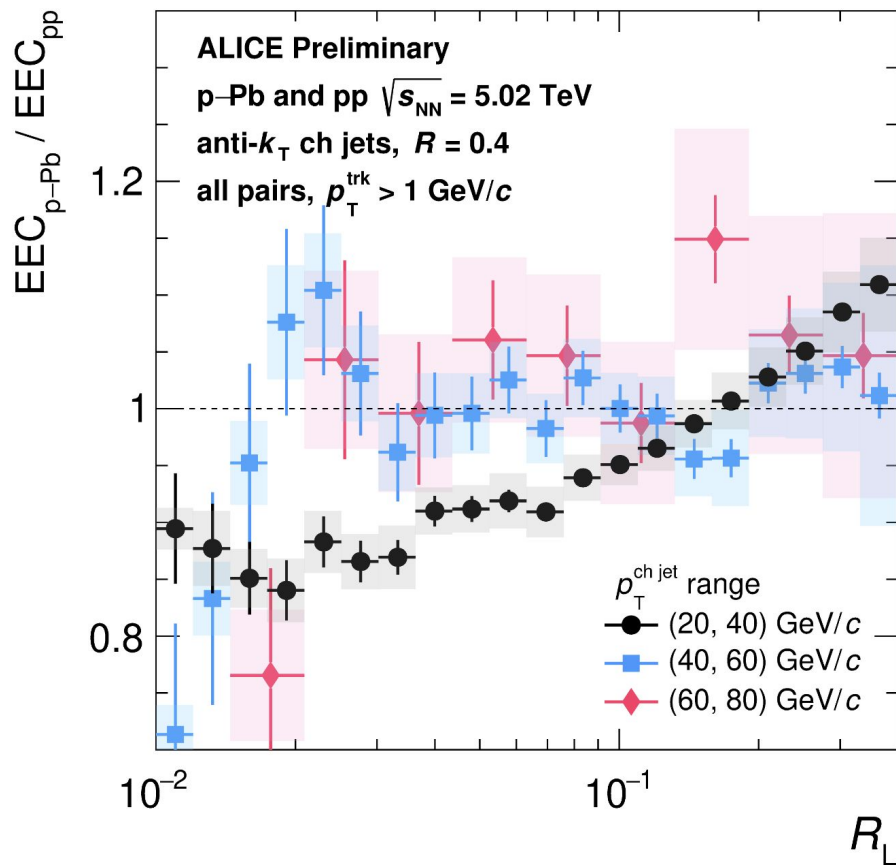


EECs in p-Pb are a window into interactions in small systems.



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EECs are modified in p-Pb in the lowest jet p_T bin.

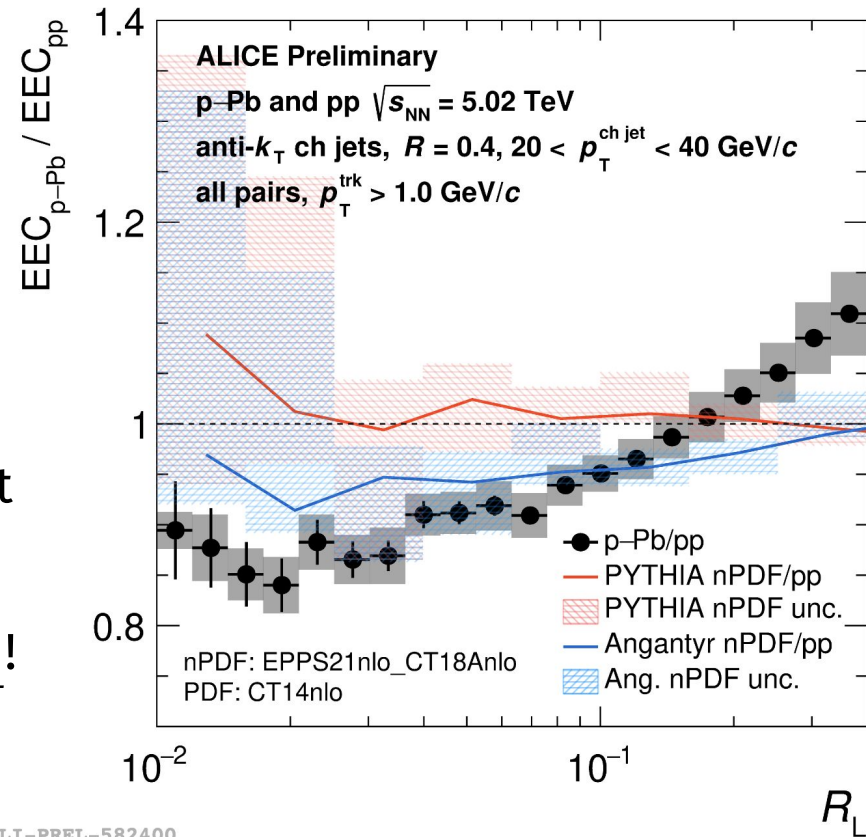


- *Significant difference between EECs in p-Pb compared to pp!*
- Jet structure appears to be altered only in the lowest jet p_T range
- Initial state or final state effect?
- Modification is comparable to ALICE measurement* of HM/MB z_{ch} in pp

* ALICE, arXiv:2311.13322

nPDF models do not fully capture the data.

- Comparing to PYTHIA with an nPDF turned on, and PYTHIA Angantyr
- PYTHIA results use:
 - nPDF: EPPS21nlo_CT18Anlo
 - PDF: CT14nlo
- nPDFs are within $\sim 1\sigma$ at small R_L – but these have very large uncertainties
- Neither captures behavior at large R_L !



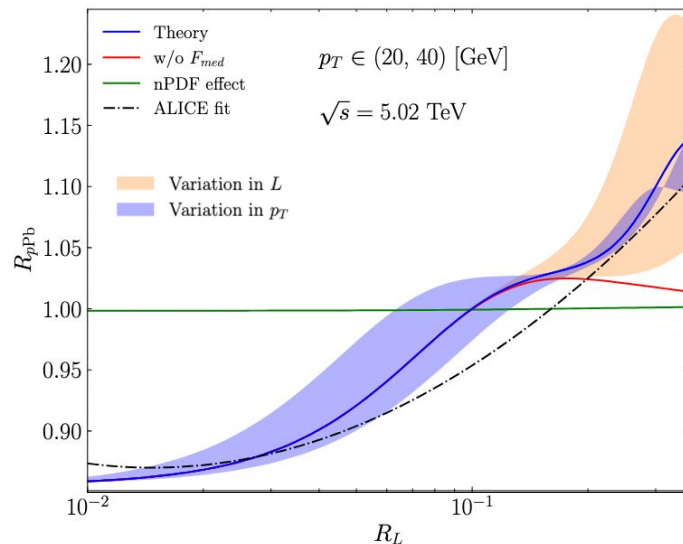
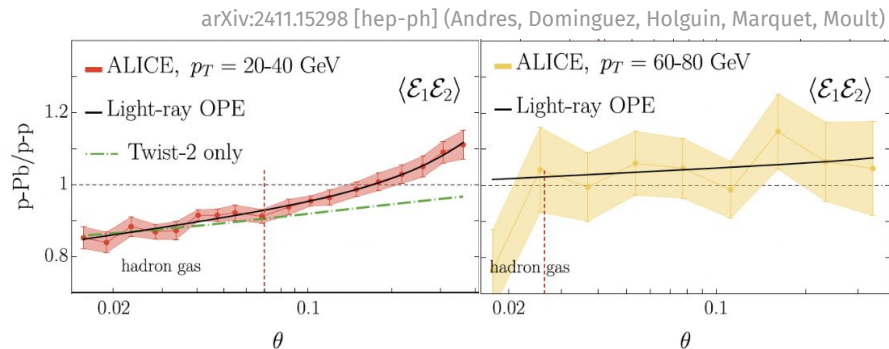
Some theory models can reproduce the enhancement.

Theory colleagues have suggested a variety of mechanisms:

- multiple scatterings with CNM
- transverse momentum broadening
- twist-4 OPE corrections

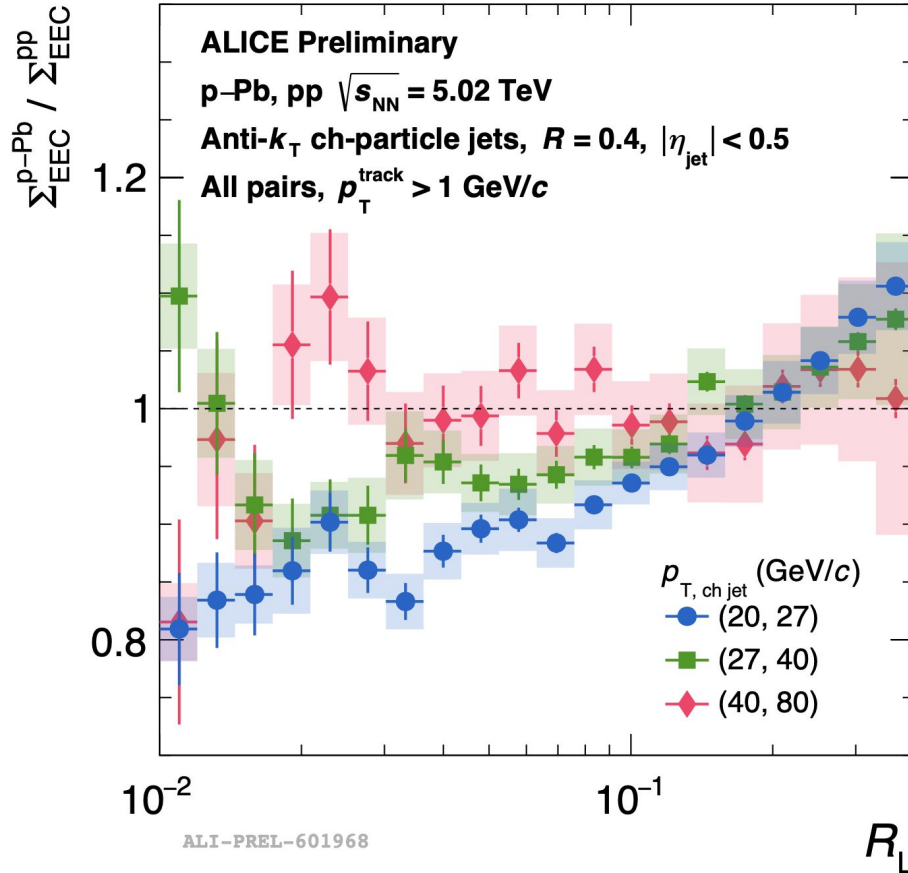
We can look at a few things in the data:

- jet p_T dependence
- jet rapidity
- forward multiplicity
- track charge
- track p_T cut



arXiv:2411.11782 [hep-ph] (Barata, Kang, Mayo López, Penttala)

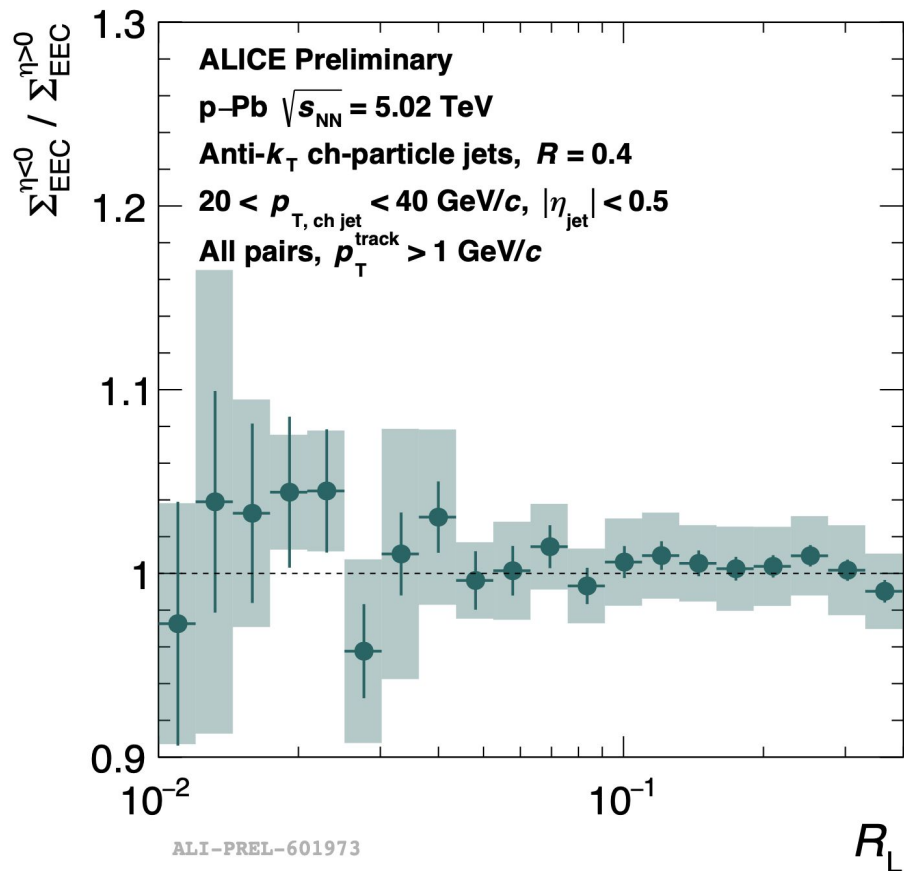
Some jet p_T dependence is visible in the EEC ratio.



- Split the 20-40 GeV/c jet p_T bin into 20-27 GeV/c and 27-40 GeV/c
- Jet p_T dependence in p-Pb/pp ratio: still see modification in 27-40 GeV/c jets
- 40-80 GeV/c combined bin is essentially flat

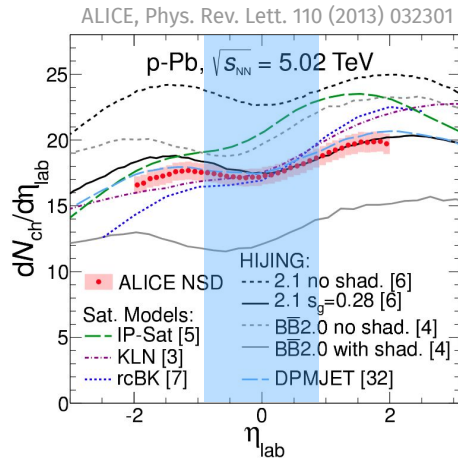
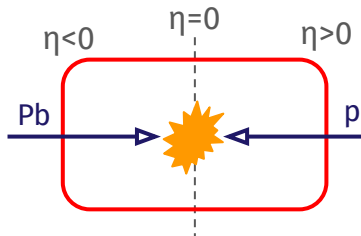
The modification is strongest at low jet p_T and fades at higher energy.

The EEC does not depend on rapidity.

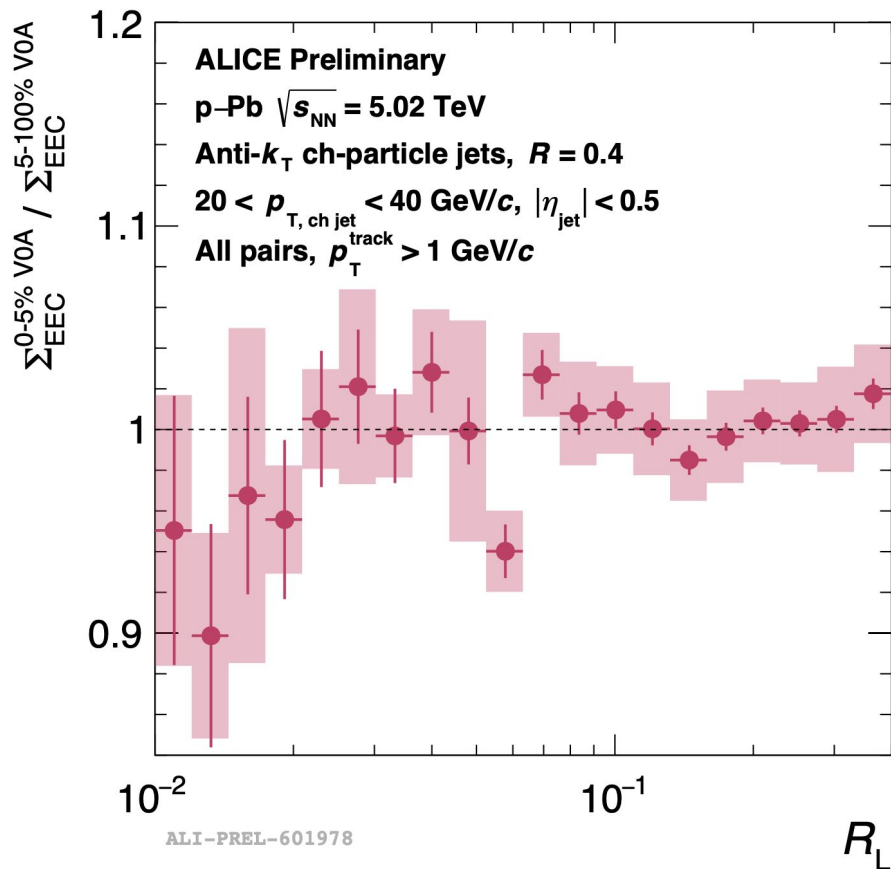


- EECs for jets with $\eta > 0$ (forward) and $\eta < 0$ (backward)
- Backward (p-going) and forward (Pb-going) EECs agree within 5%

Asymmetry in $dN/d\eta$ doesn't affect EEC!



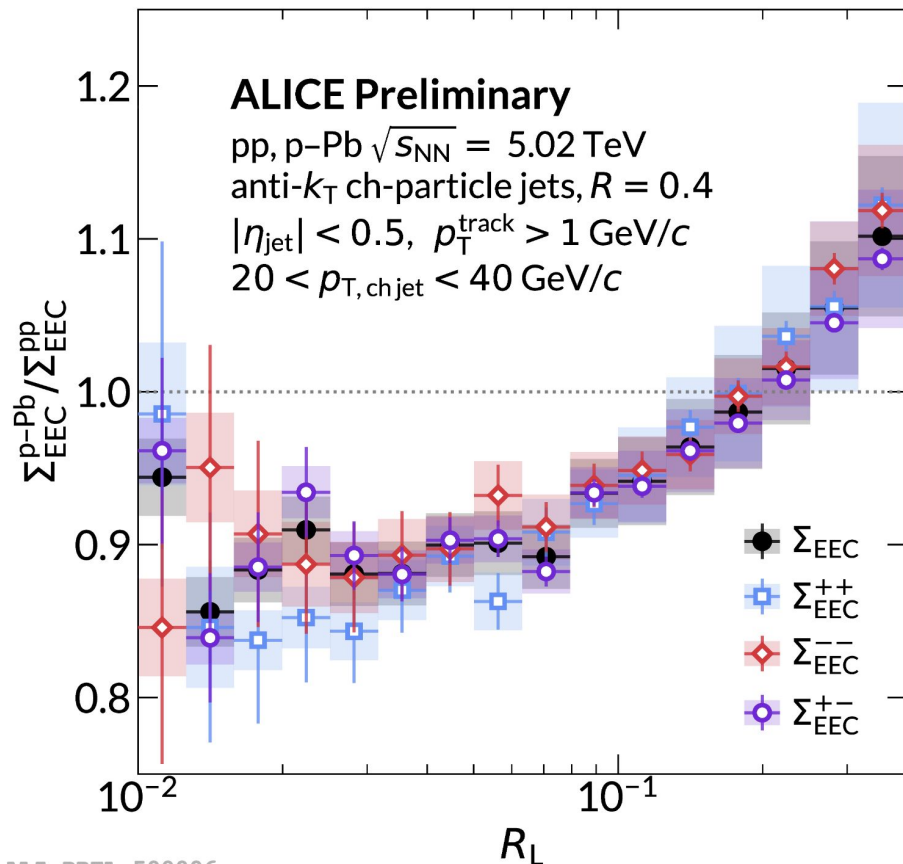
The EEC does not depend on forward multiplicity.



- Categorize jets based on V0A multiplicity in corresponding event
 - V0A detector sits in Pb-going direction, covering $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$
- Label events by V0A percentile
 - High-multiplicity: top 5%
 - Low-multiplicity: bottom 95%
- HM/LM EEC ratio is consistent with 1

We see no dependence on event activity.

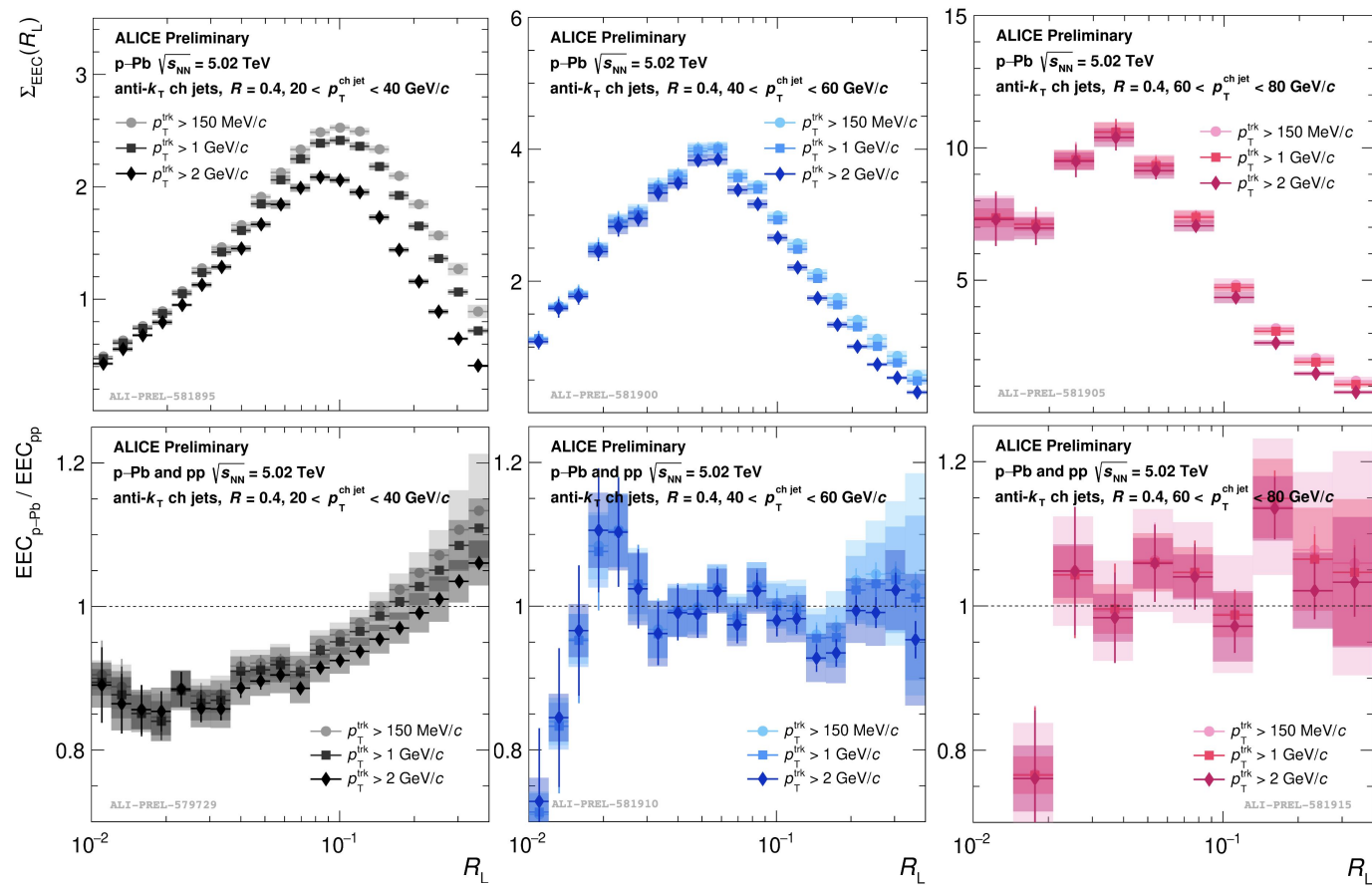
The EEC does not depend on particle charge.



- Build the EEC separately from like-sign and unlike-sign pairs
 - like-sign: EEC^{++} and EEC^{--}
 - unlike-sign: EEC^{+-}
- Charged energy correlators are sensitive to the parton shower and hadronization mechanisms

Charged EECs show the same p-Pb/pp ratio — no charge dependence.

Varying the track cut changes the EEC behavior at large R_L .



Strong sensitivity to track p_T cut in low p_T jets!

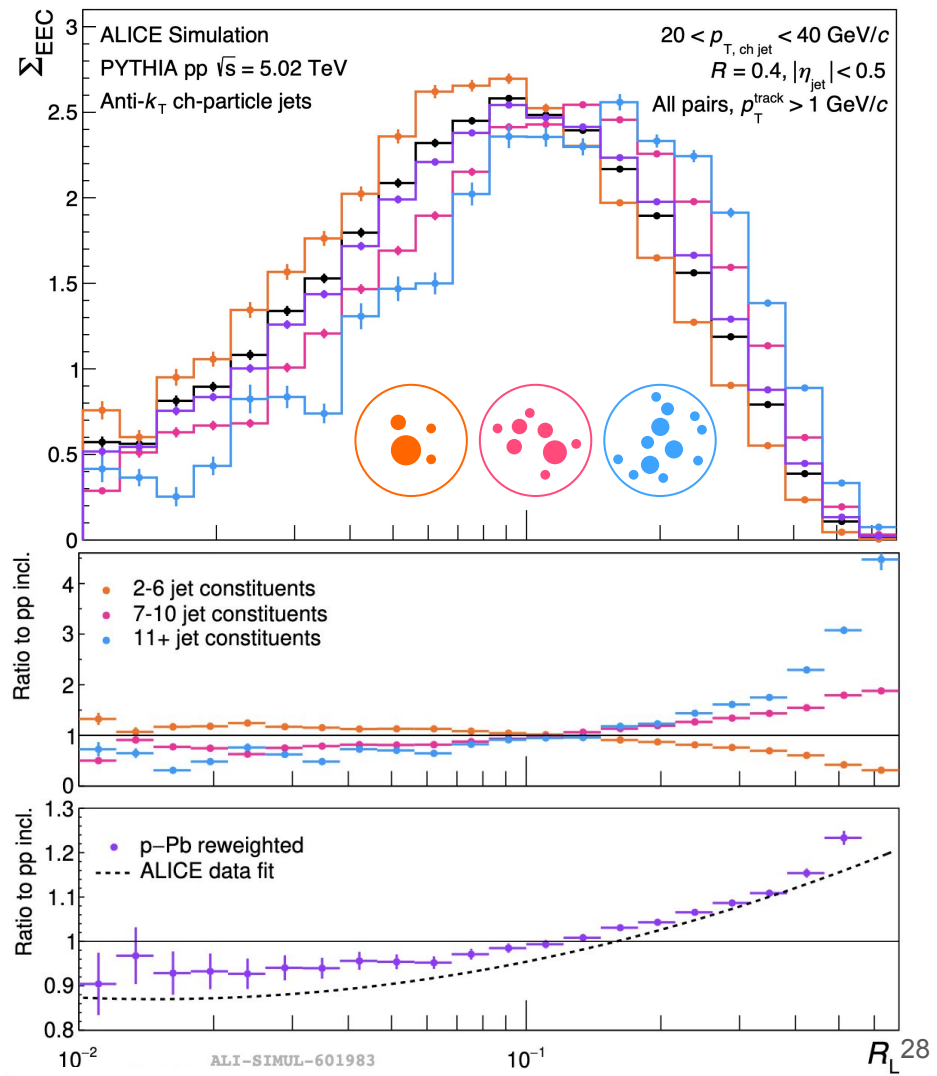
- non-perturbative effects increase for lower jet p_T

Track cut modifies the large- R_L enhancement in ratio

Even if we only use tracks with $p_T > 2$ GeV, we still see the 20-40 GeV/c modification.

The EEC depends on jet constituent multiplicity.

- Separate EECs based on the # of jet constituents (charged hadrons)
 - inclusive EEC from PYTHIA
 - EEC from jets with 2-6 tracks
 - EEC from jets with 7-10 tracks
 - EEC from jets with 11+ tracks
- We see a dramatic shift in the EECs due to jet constituent multiplicity
- If we redistribute 12% of jets to higher multiplicities, we can largely reproduce the measured p-Pb EEC modification



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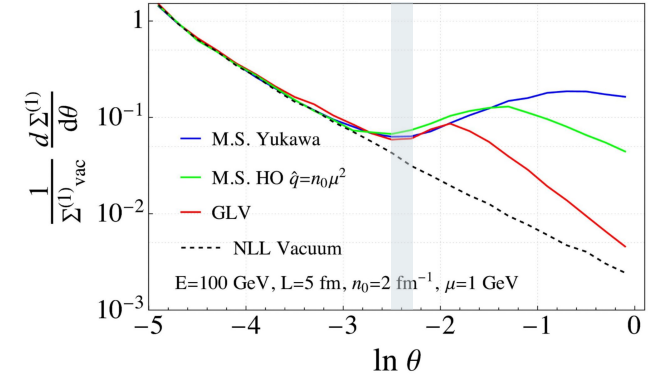
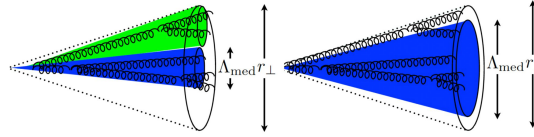
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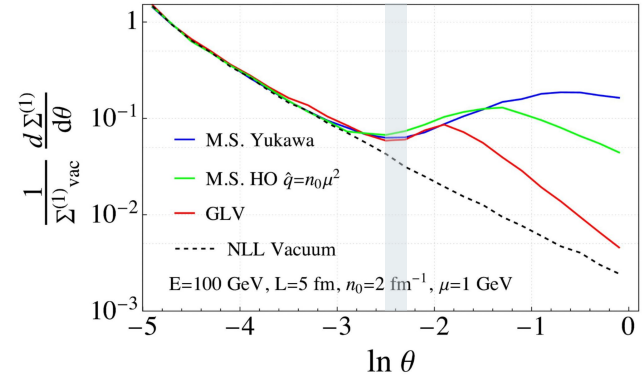
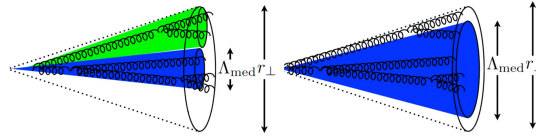
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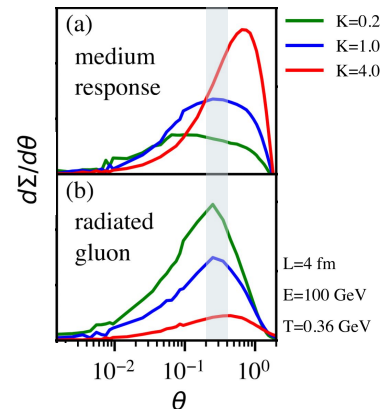


Medium response

- Jets can induce a *medium response* (recoil partons and back-reaction).
- Energetic partons can pull the medium, leaving a depletion called the "*jet wake*".

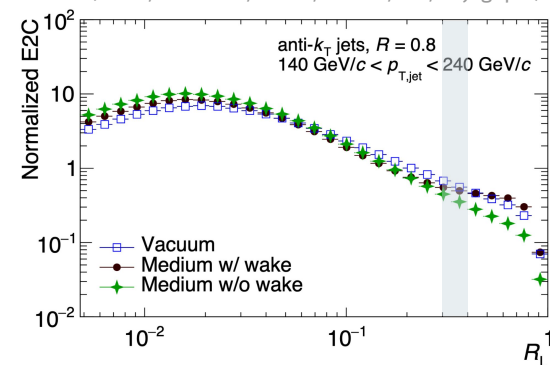


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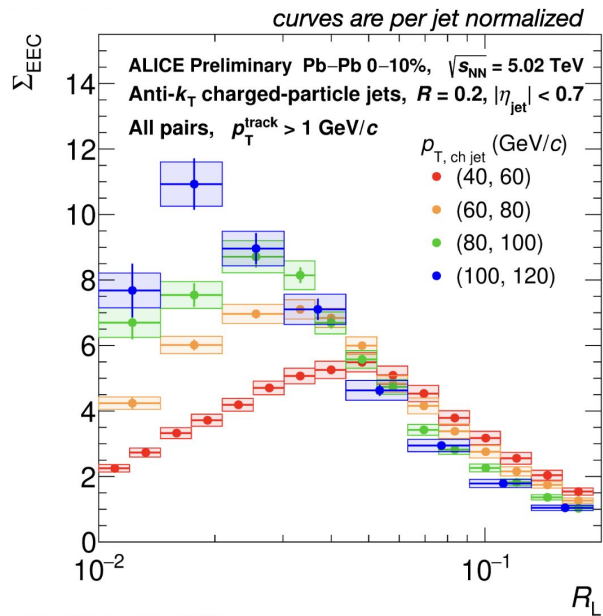


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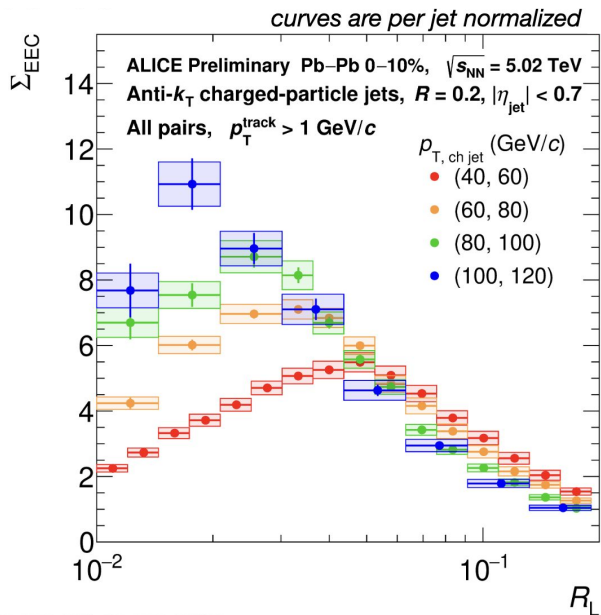


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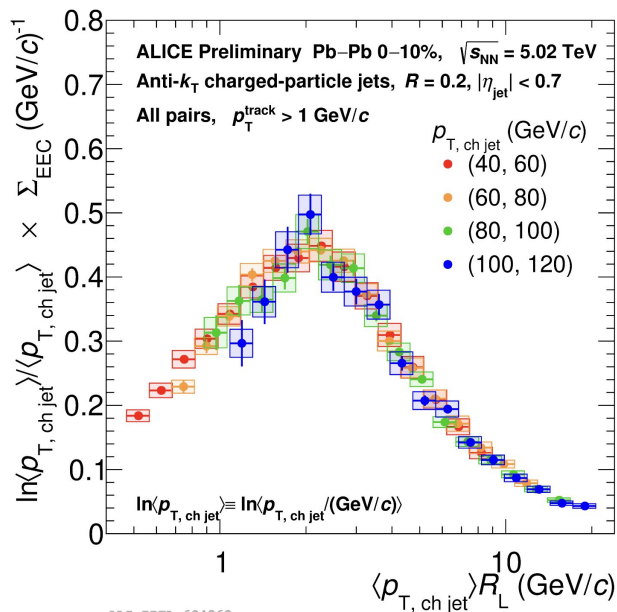


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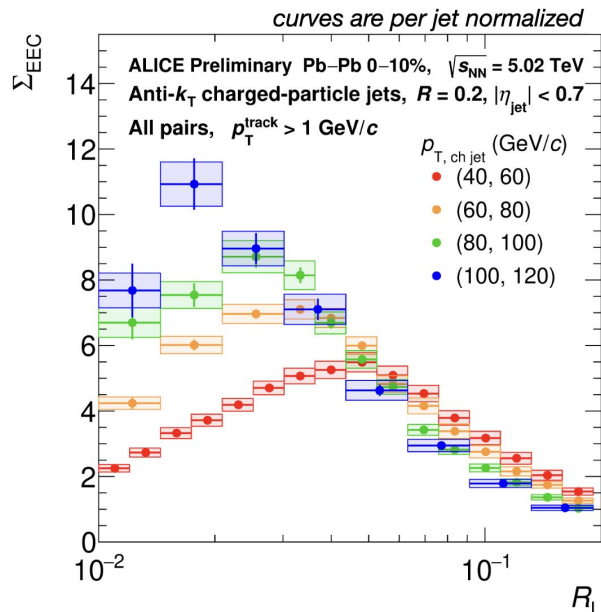


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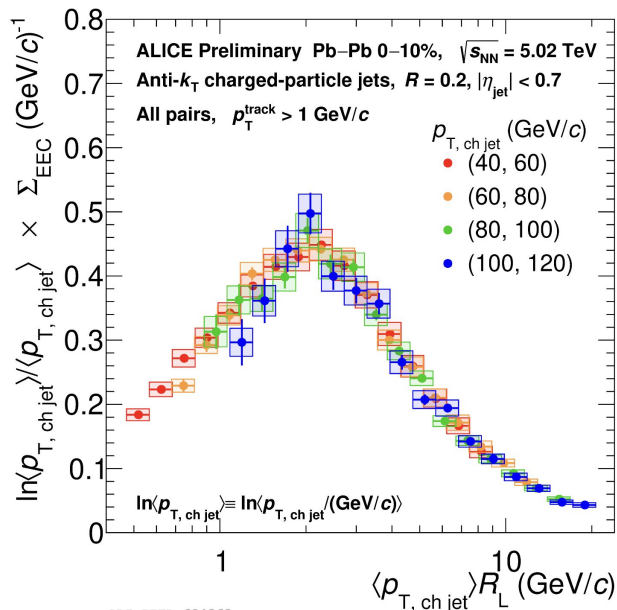


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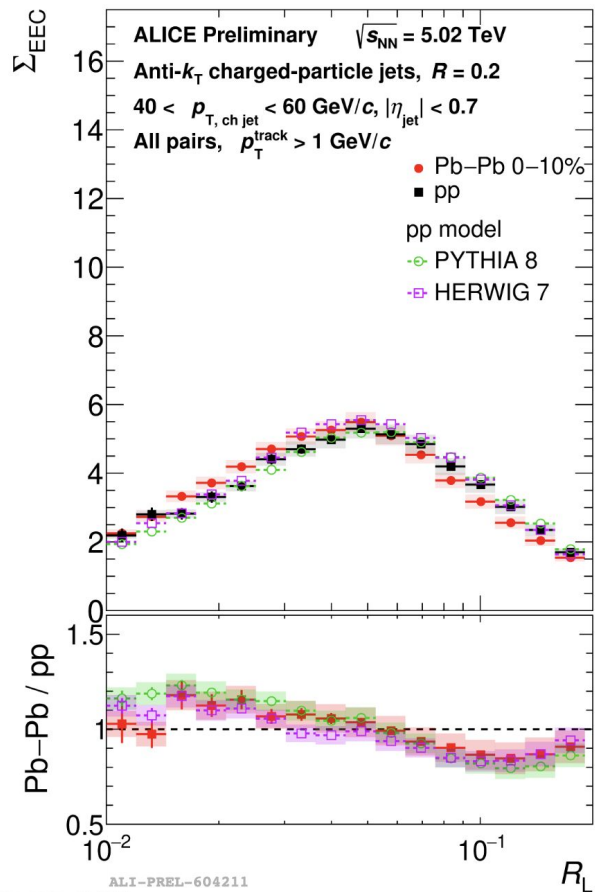
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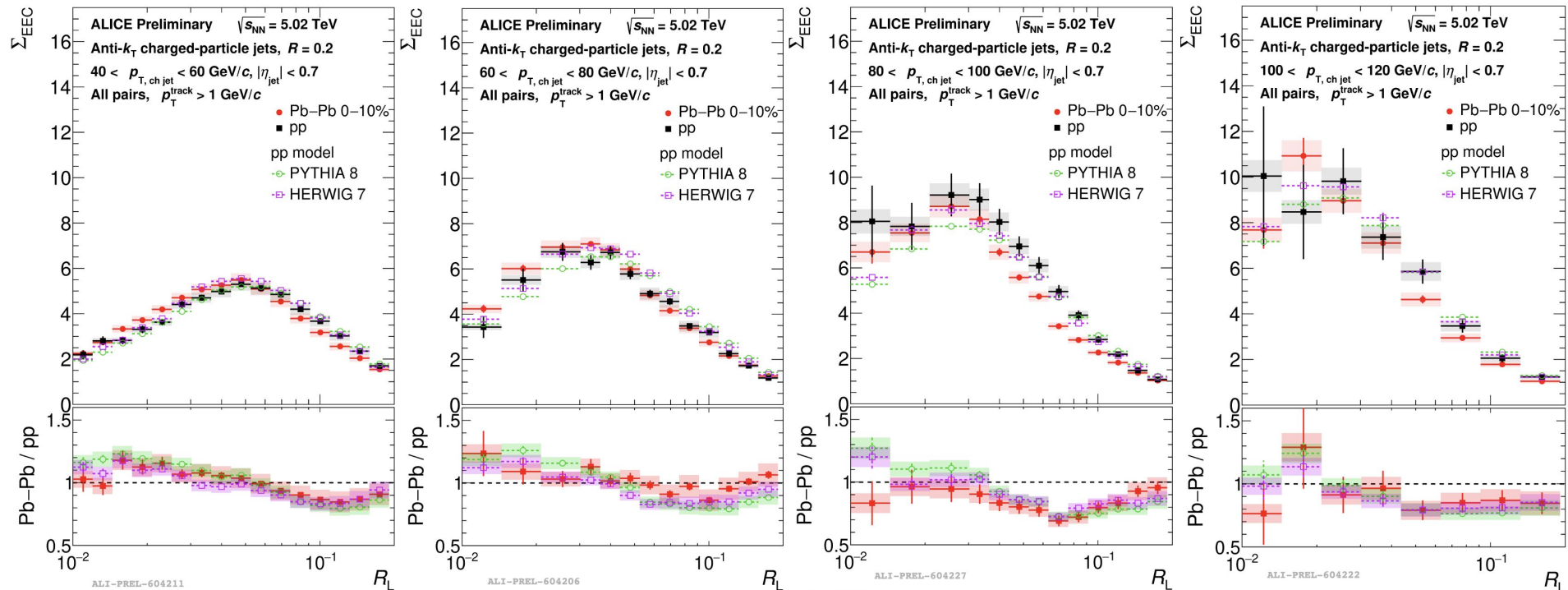


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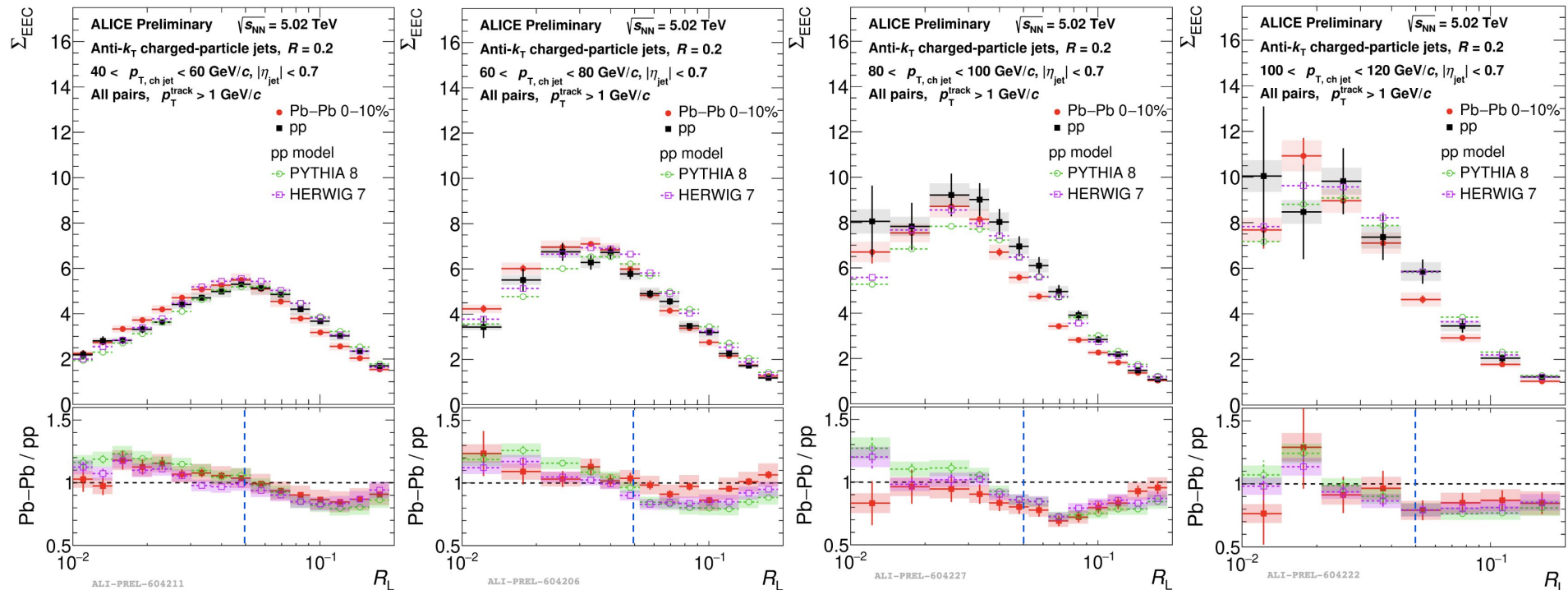
Pb-Pb EECs show a ~20% modification relative to pp!

We don't see a strong jet p_T -dependent modification.



Pb-Pb/pp ratio shows an enhancement at small R_L (energy loss) and suppression at large R_L .

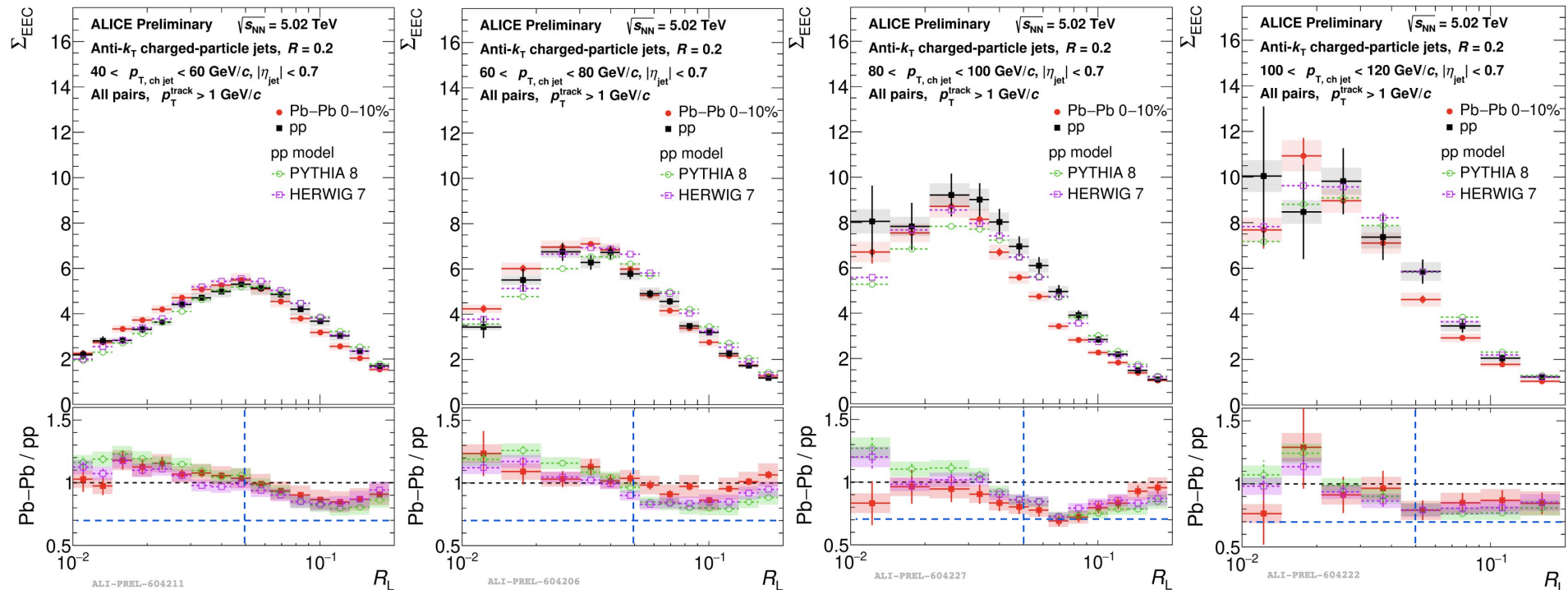
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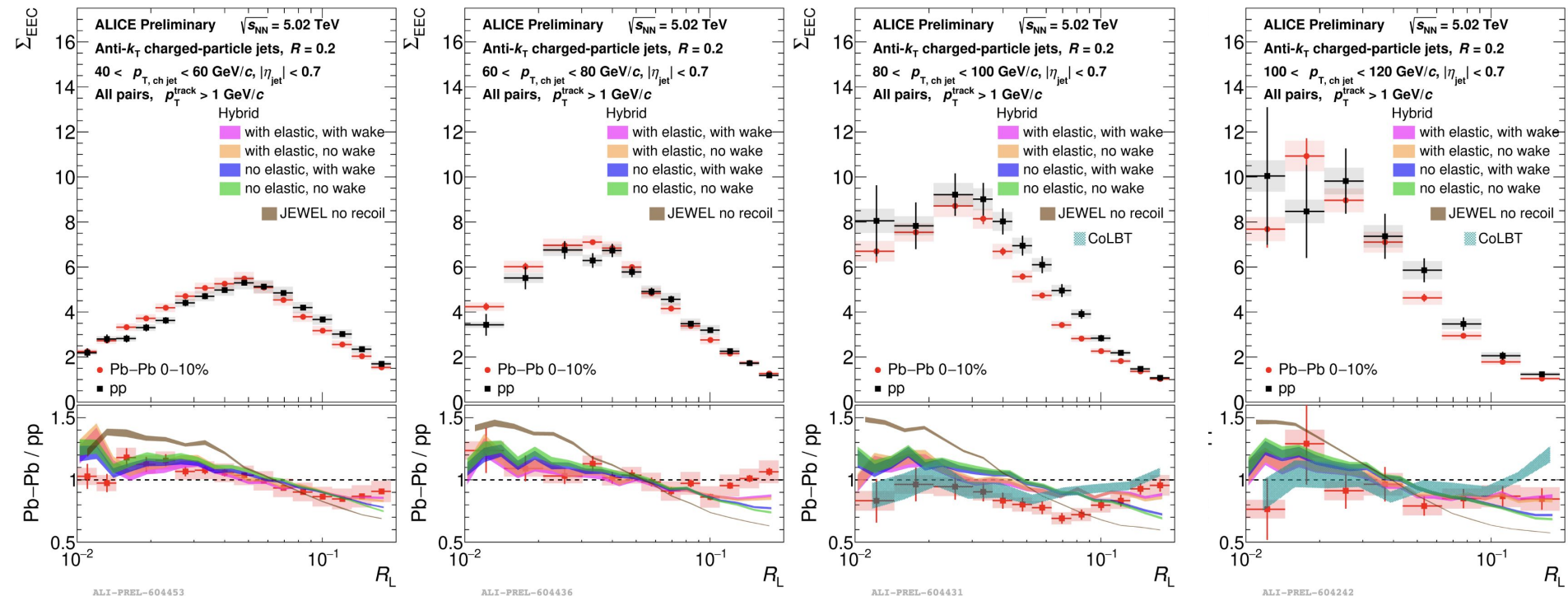
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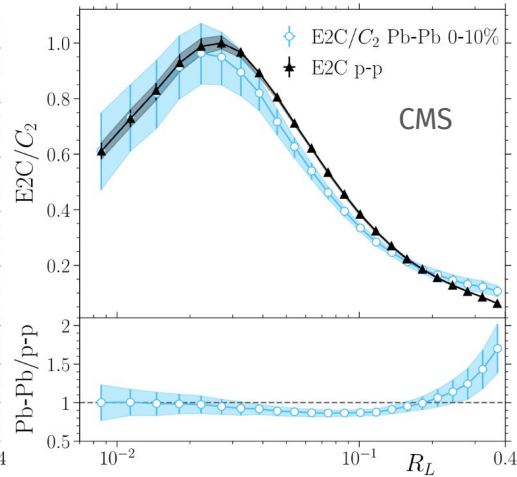
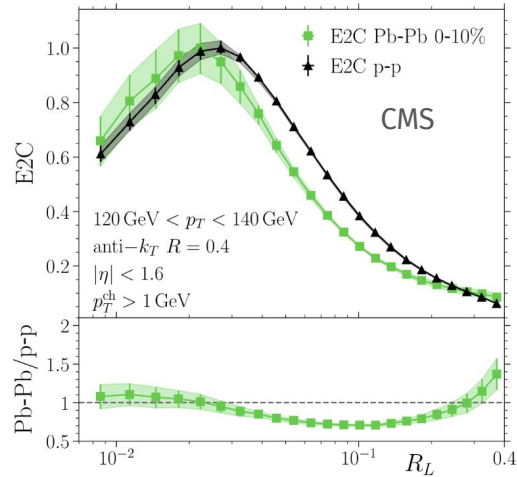
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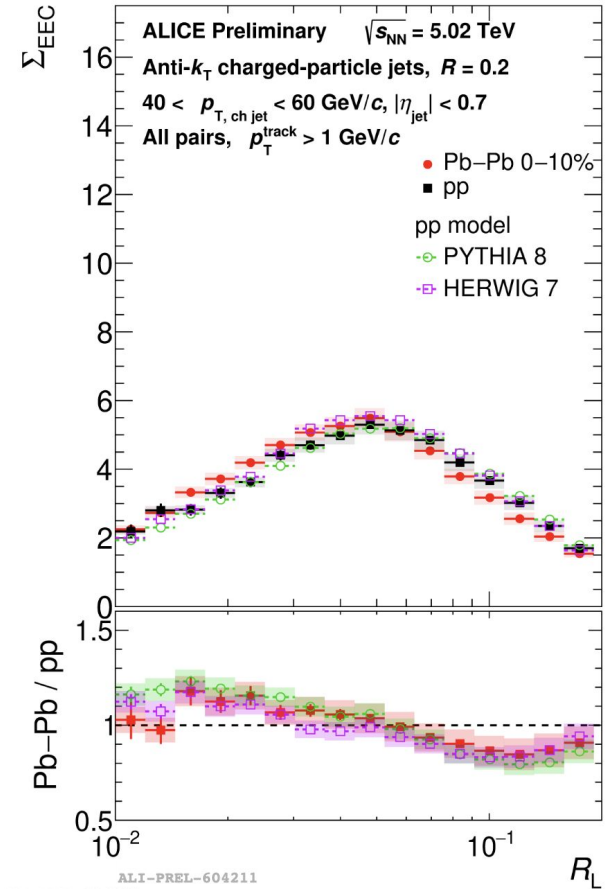
Can't really differentiate between Hybrid with/without wake. Slightly favor elastic scattering?
 JEWEL consistently overestimates the low- R_L enhancement.
 CoLBT does well at low R_L but doesn't capture large- R_L suppression.

Getting more out of this measurement

- Lower the p_T track cut slightly? Extend R_L range? Look at jets with larger R ? Study E3Cs?
- Apply C_2 correction to control for energy loss / selection bias and isolate other physics at play:



arXiv:2409.07526 [hep-ph] (Andres, Holguin)



Summary and outlook

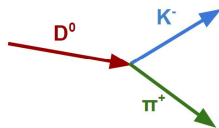
- Universality of EEC shape and turnover in pp
no very obvious conclusions about hadronization
- EECs are altered in HF jets
dramatic reduction in amplitude – clear mass/flavor effect
- EECs are modified in p-Pb
strong sensitivity to jet constituent multiplicity
- Energy loss is visible in Pb-Pb EECs
along with some interesting features at large R_L (medium response?)

We have a rich EEC program at ALICE – more to come!

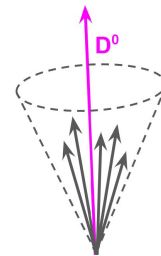
Backup

D⁰ reconstruction steps

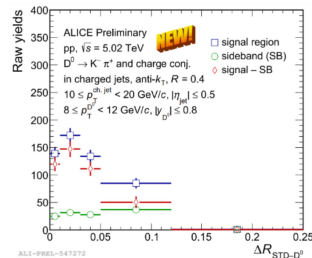
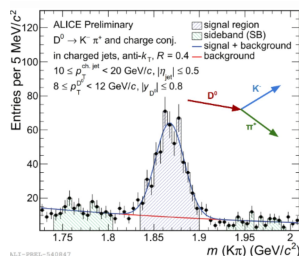
D⁰ candidates were reconstructed from daughter tracks using topological and particle identification selections (D⁰ → K⁻ + π⁺, and charge conjugates).



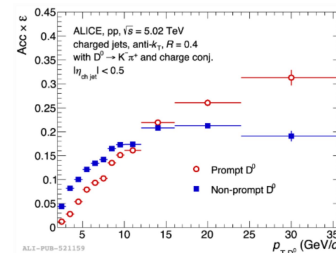
D⁰-tagged charged jets were created using the anti-k_T algorithm (R=0.4) for each candidate.



Invariant mass analysis was performed to remove combinatorial K⁻π⁺ pairs surviving the D⁰ selections.

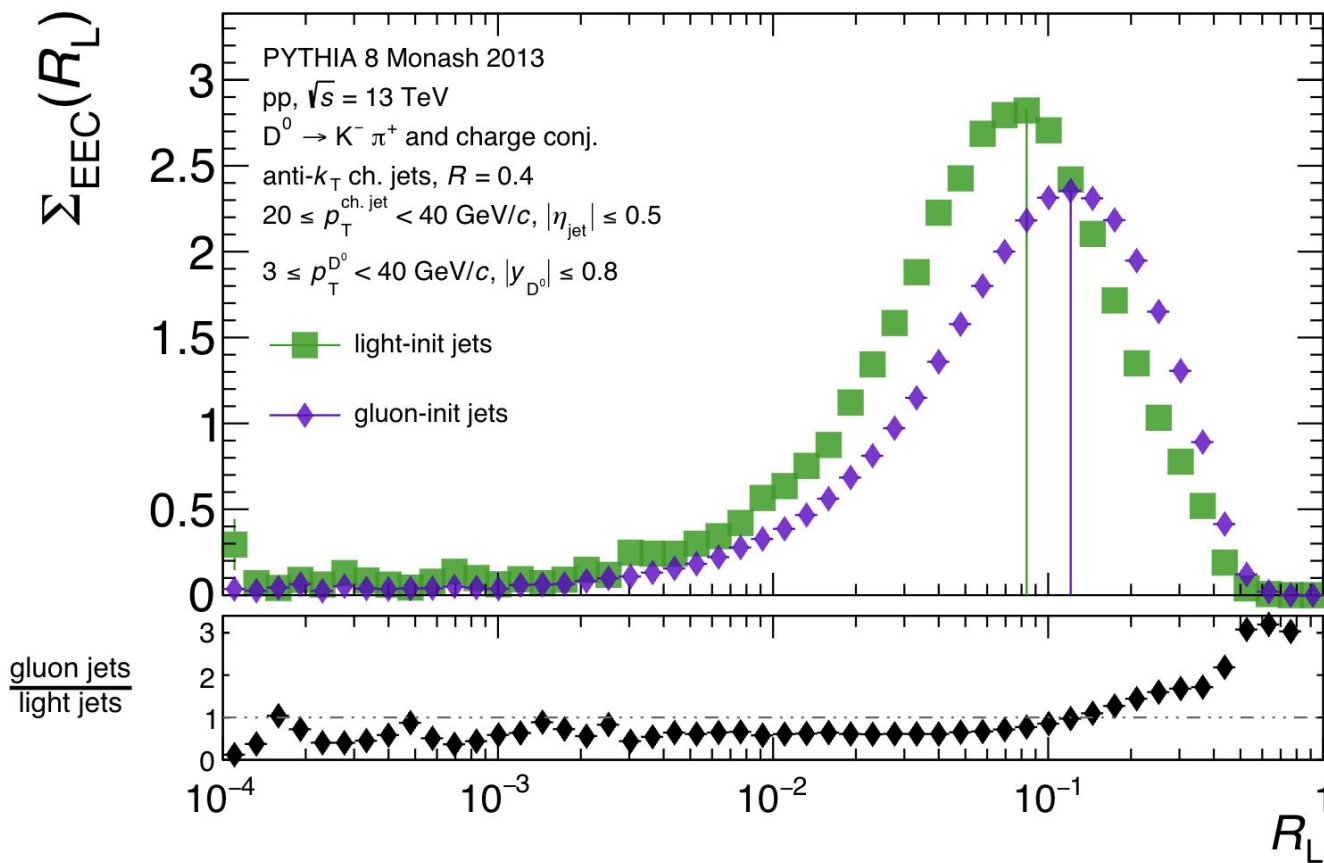


Corrected the EECs for the efficiency of D⁰-tagged jet reconstruction and removed the contribution from beauty decays.



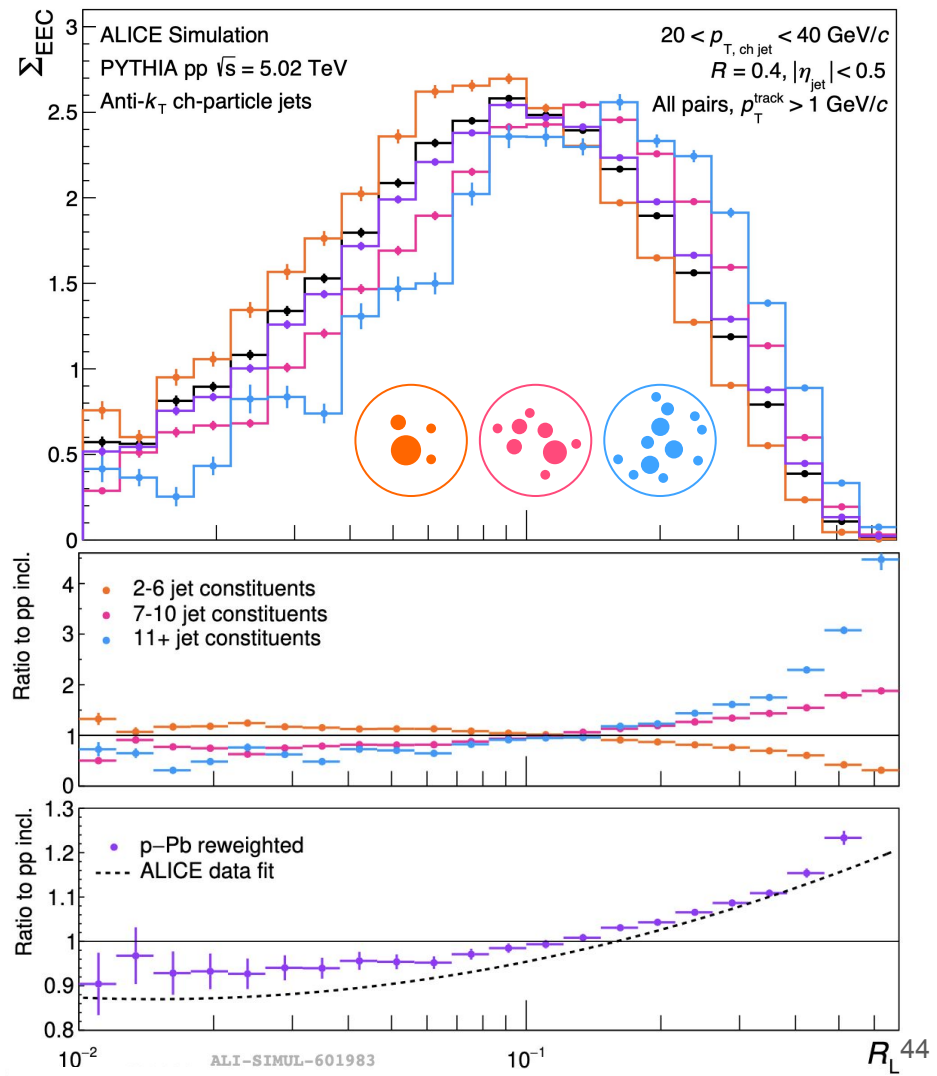
Corrected the EECs for detector effects with a bin-by-bin correction method.

Quark-jet and gluon-jet EECs

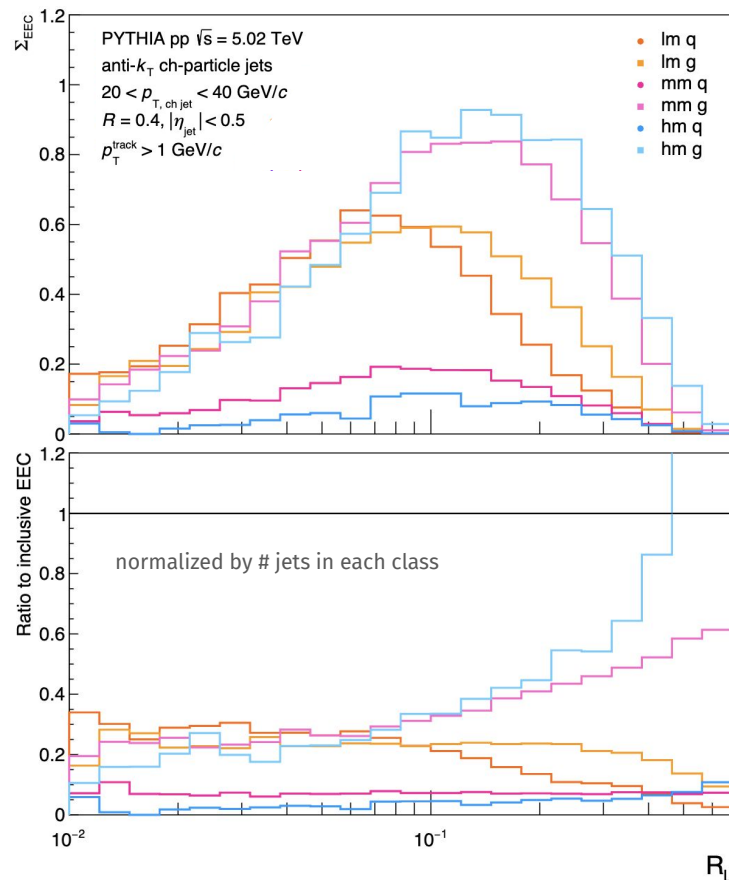
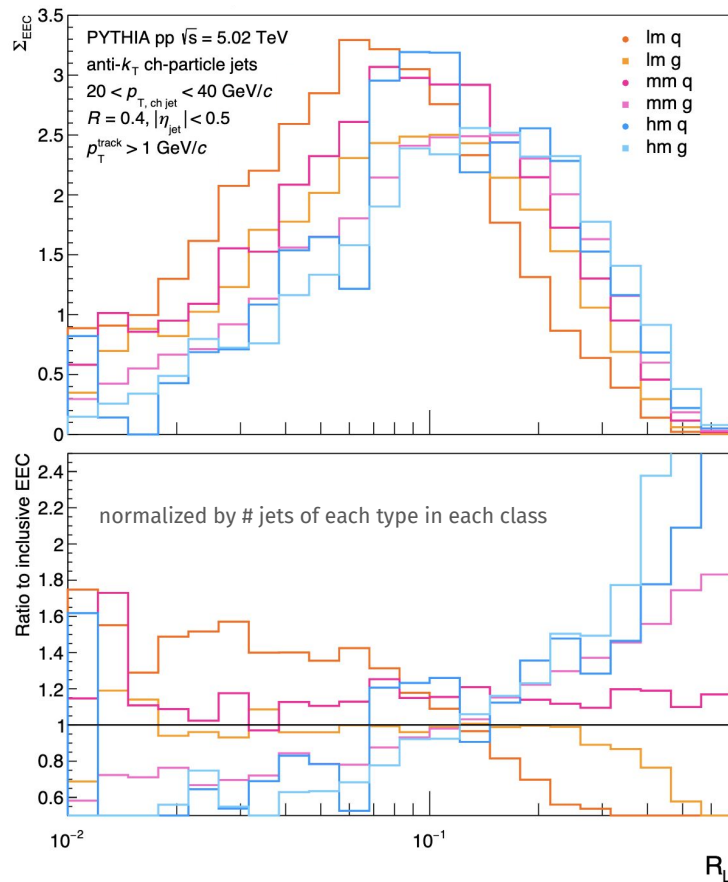


The EEC depends on jet constituent multiplicity.

- inclusive EEC (100%)
- EEC from jets with 2-6 tracks (59%)
- EEC from jets with 7-10 tracks (38%)
- EEC from jets with 11+ tracks (3%)
- If we redistribute 12% of jets, we can largely reproduce the measured p-Pb modification
 - 47%, 47%, 6%



Quark- and gluon-jet EECs by jet constituent multiplicity

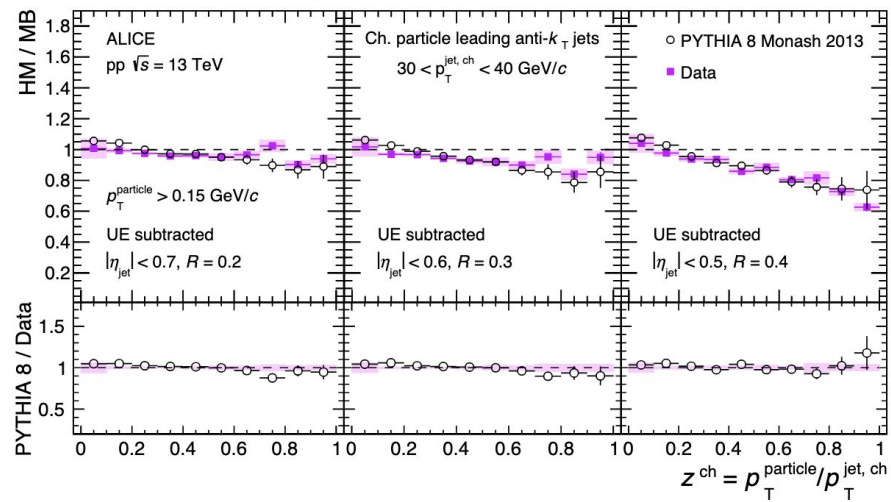
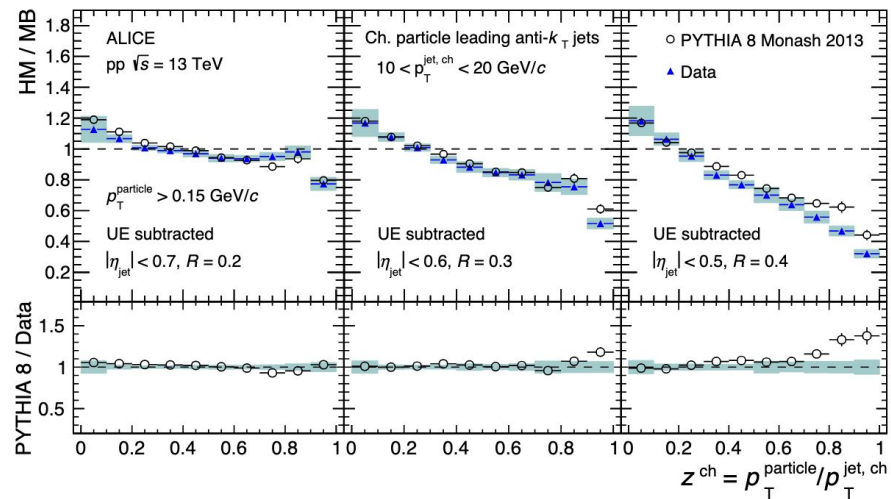
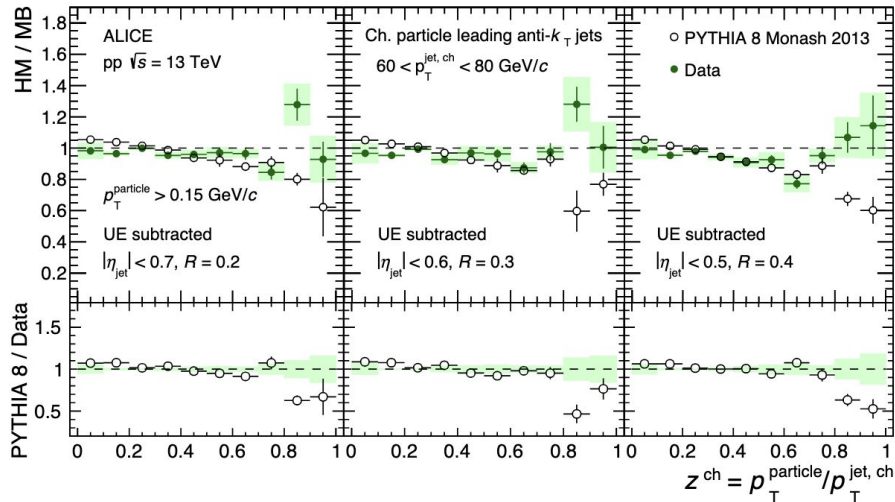


HM/MB z_{ch} in pp

arXiv:2311.13322
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Fragmentation probability of particles at low z_{ch} is enhanced in HM compared to MB

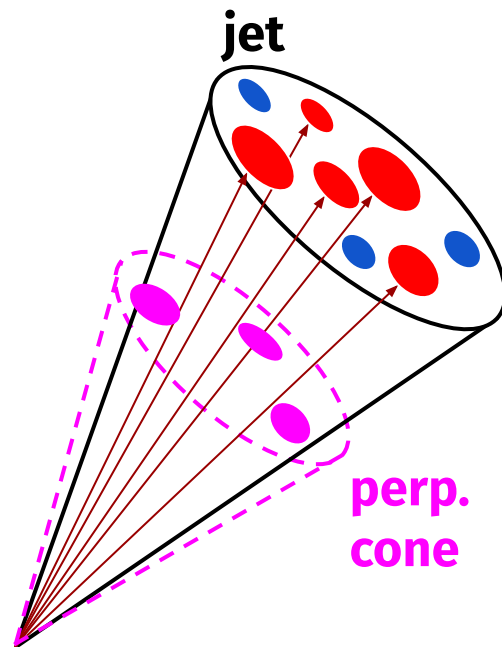
- more pronounced with increasing jet R
- less pronounced at higher jet p_T
- qualitatively described by PYTHIA



Perp. cone for combinatorial EEC background

- Particles from jet: **sig** + **bkg**
- Particles from perp cone: **bkg'**
- Pairs in the combined cone:

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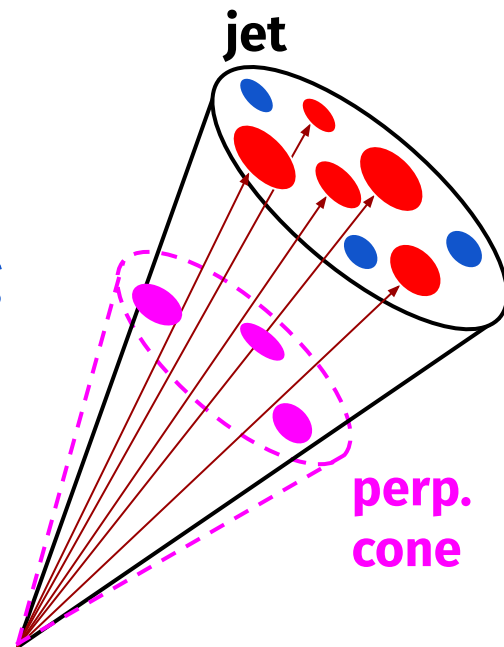
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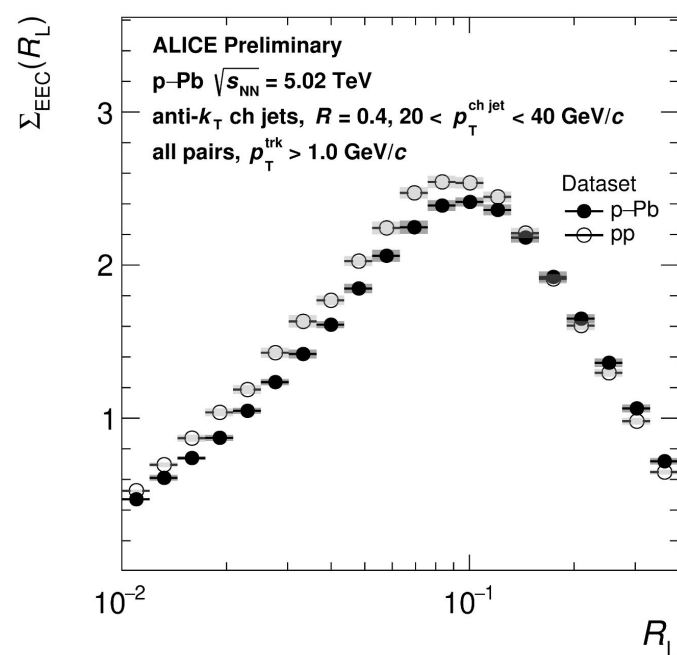
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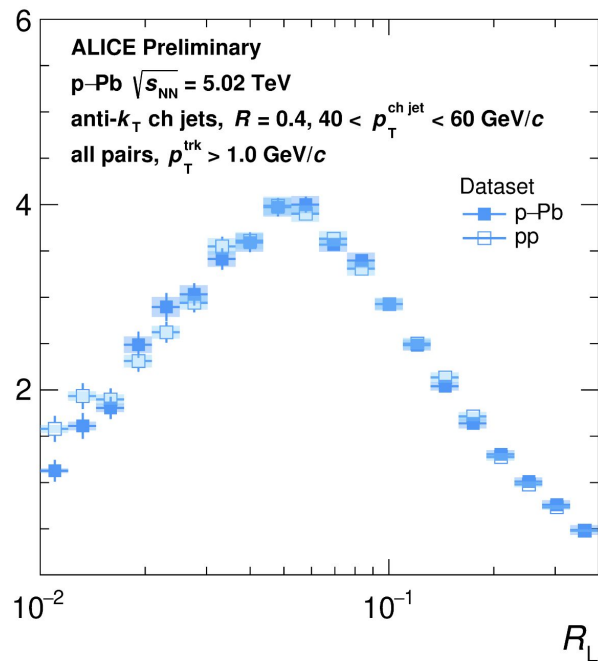
- Sig-bkg pairs: **jet-perp** — 2 **perp-perp**
- Bkg-bkg pairs: **perp-perp**
- **Total background: jet-perp — perp-perp**



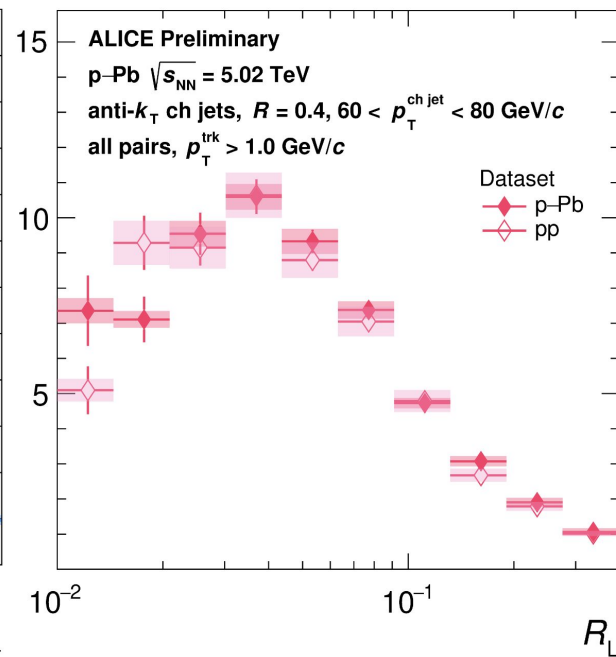
p-Pb and pp comparison



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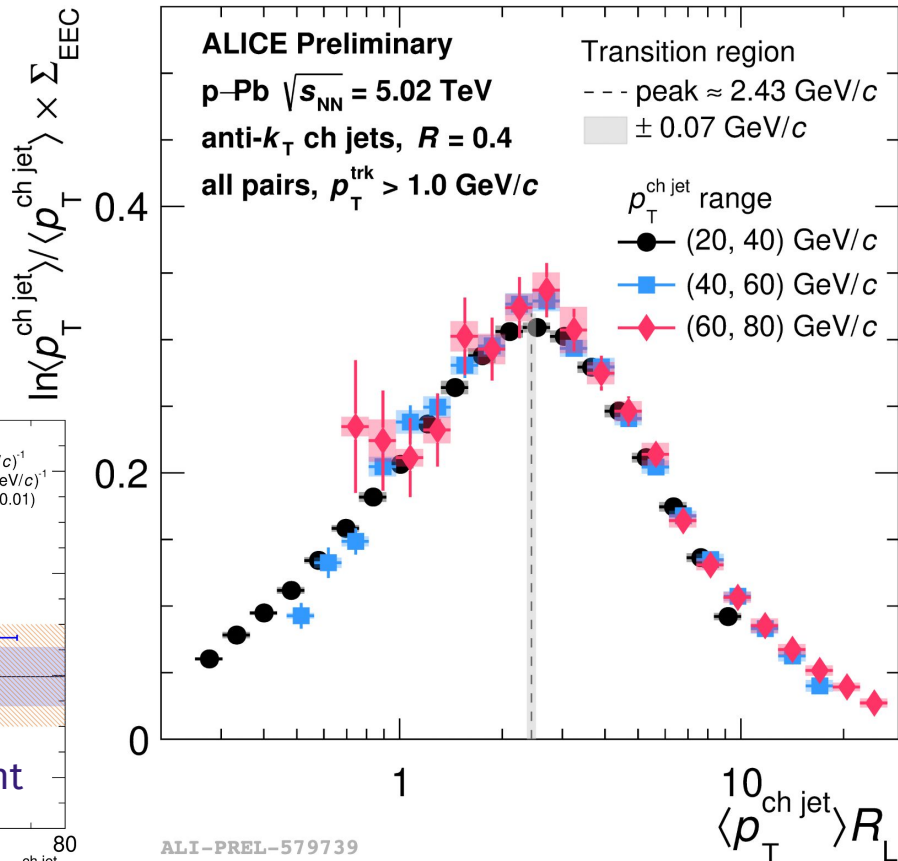
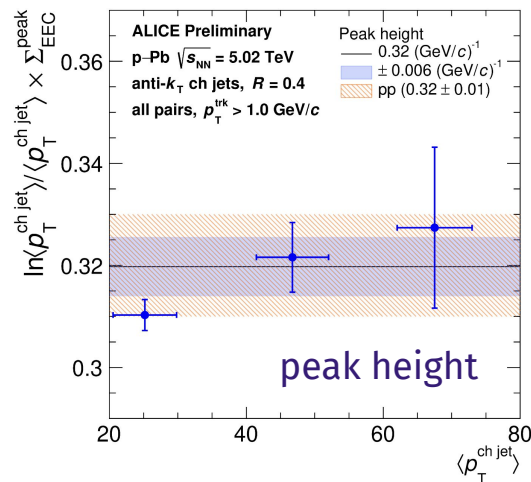
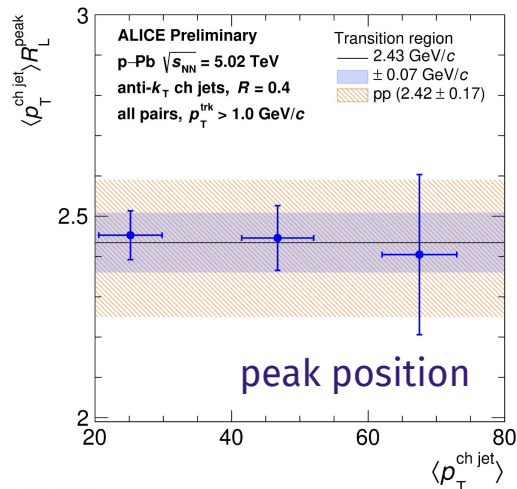
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The transition region in p-Pb resembles pp.

- Universality of the EEC peak position across jet p_T and collision system.
- EEC peak height for 20-40 GeV/c jets is slightly lower than for other jets.



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p-Pb conclusions

- We know R_{pA} is ~ 1 for the jet cross-section
- The EEC at low $p_{T, \text{ch jet}}$ shows a modification
- We see that the EEC does not depend on jet rapidity, forward multiplicity, or charge
- p-Pb modification could come from a relative increase in high constituent multiplicity jets

To answer: why does the average jet constituent multiplicity shift to larger values in p-Pb collisions?

