



# Imaging Jet Energy Loss Using Substructure Observables

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# OUTLINE

- ✓ **TOPIC 0.1:** The Hybrid Strong/Weak Coupling Model of Heavy Ion Collisions
- ✓ **TOPIC 0.2:** Effects of the Wake on 3-point Energy Correlators

## Imaging the Wake

**TOPIC 1:** Visualizing jet-wakes and their structure using jet shape observables

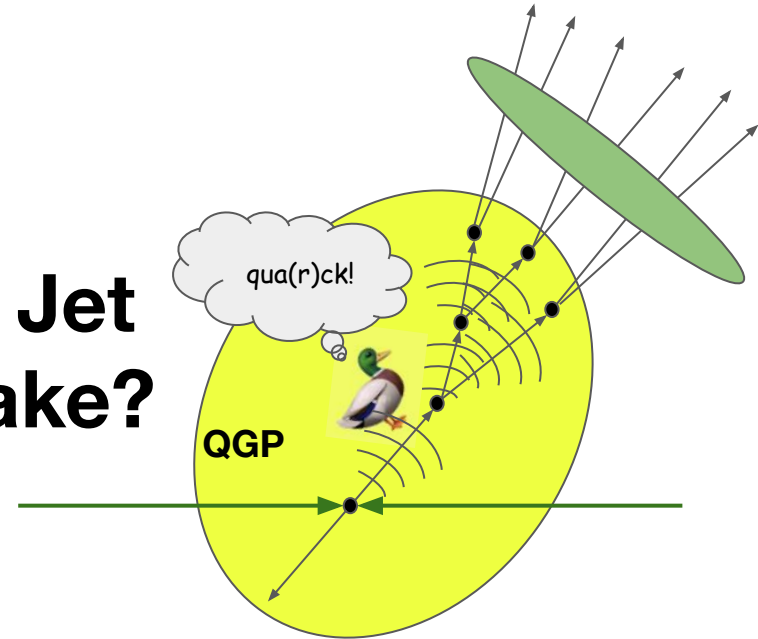
**TOPIC 2:** Understanding the effects of the Wake and Moliere scattering on EECs

## Probing the QGP Resolution Length

**TOPIC 3:** Probing the resolution length of QGP using large-radius jet suppression

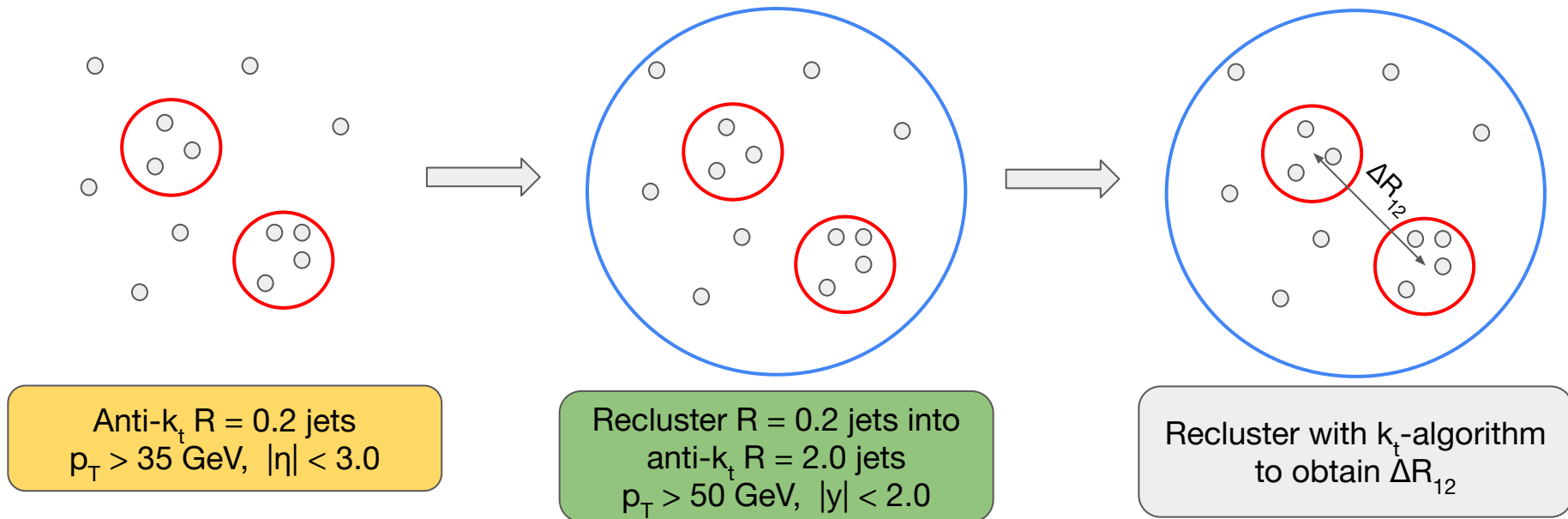
# TOPIC 1

## How does the Structure of a Jet Shape the Structure of its Wake?



# USING JET SUBSTRUCTURE AS A PROBE OF $L_{\text{RES}}$

Look at RE-clustered jets introduced by ATLAS at QM 2019, arXiv: 2301.05606, shown in [Martin Rybar's talk @ Hard Probes 2024](#)



- $\Delta R_{12} = [(\Delta y_{12})^2 + (\Delta \phi_{12})^2]^{1/2}$  = separation between the two constituents in the penultimate  $k_t$ -clustering step
- Reclustered  $R = 1.0$  jet with two  $R = 0.2$  subjets  $\Rightarrow \Delta R_{12}$  = angular separation between the two subjets

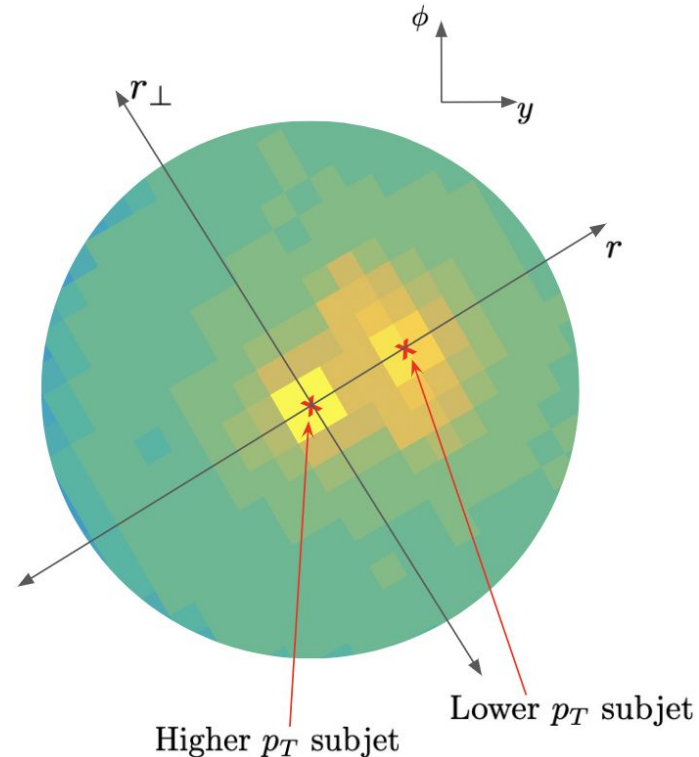
# A NEW JET SHAPE OBSERVABLE

- Simplest multi-subjet case – **two subjects**
- Restrict to **gamma-jet** analysis
  - Photons don't produce wakes
  - No contamination in jets from negative wakes

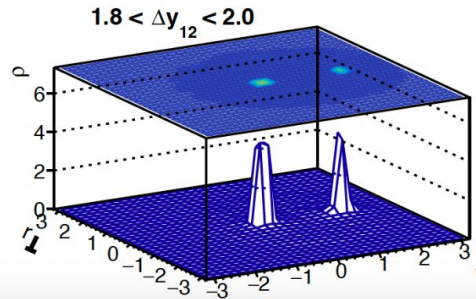
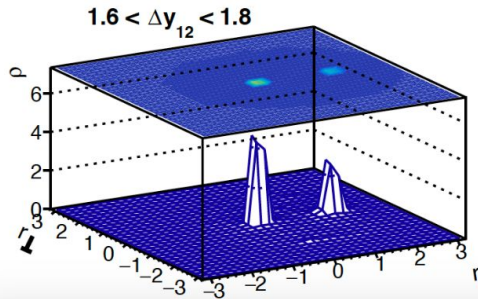
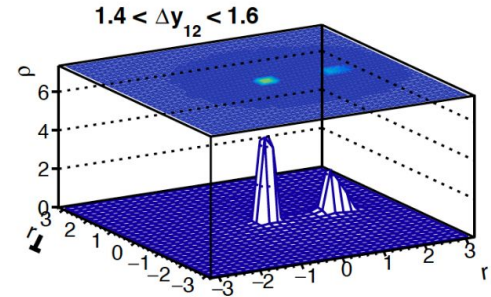
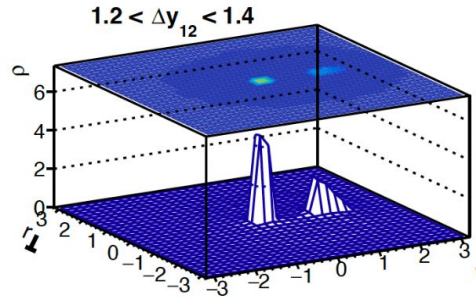
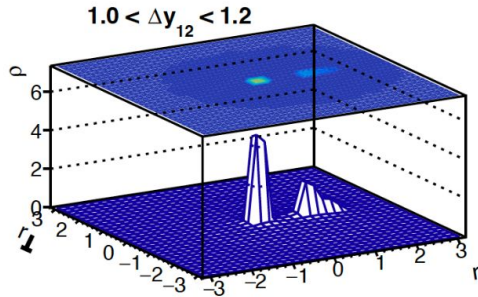
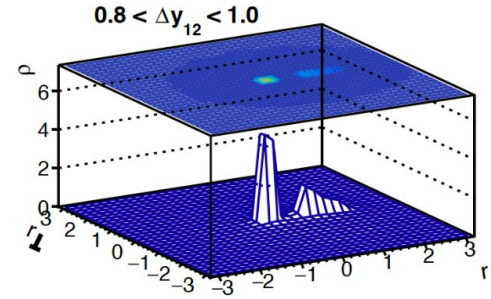
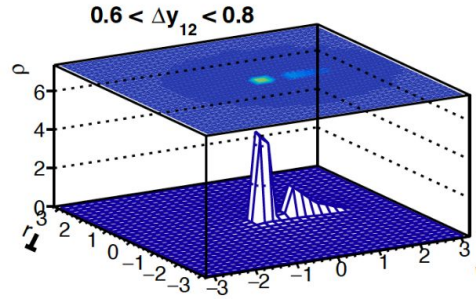
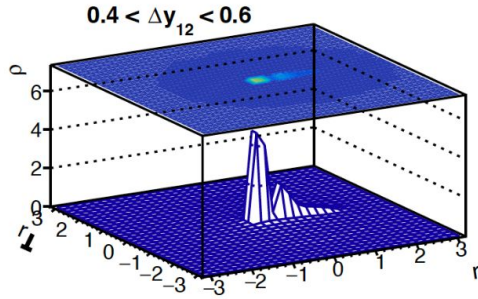
$$\rho^{2d}(r, r_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{\Delta y_{12}} \frac{1}{\Delta r} \frac{1}{\Delta r_{\perp}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \sum_{\text{jets}} \left( \frac{1}{p_T^{\text{jet}}} \left[ p_T \right]_{(r - \frac{\Delta r}{2}, r_{\perp} - \frac{\Delta r_{\perp}}{2})}^{(r + \frac{\Delta r}{2}, r_{\perp} + \frac{\Delta r_{\perp}}{2})} \right)$$

Our jet shape sums over **all hadrons within an R = 2.0 radius** of the reclustered R = 2.0 jet-axis, not just the hadrons inside the R = 0.2 skinny subjects.

- **Photon selection and isolation criteria:**
  - $p_T^{\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta^{\gamma}| < 1.44$
  - $\sum E_T < 5 \text{ GeV}$  around  $r = 0.4$  of the photon
- **R = 0.2 subjects:**  $p_T > 35 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 3.0$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{\gamma, \text{subject}} > 2\pi/3$
- **R = 2.0 jets:**  $|y| < 2.0$ ,  $50 < p_T < 1000 \text{ GeV}$ , 2 subjects



# Pb+Pb: FULL JET SHAPE

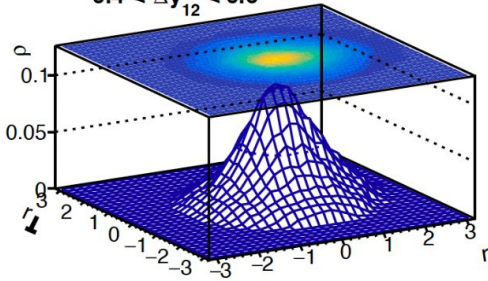


PbPb, 5.02 TeV, 0-5%

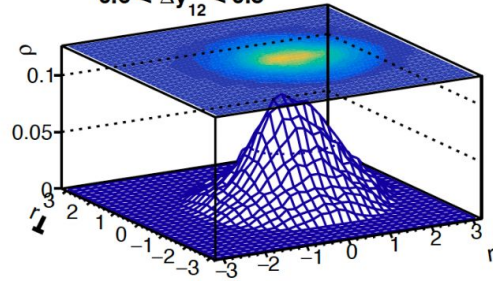
- Reclustered  $R = 2.0$  jets with two  $\gamma$ -tagged  $R = 0.2$  subjets with  $p_{T}^{\text{subjet}} > 35$  GeV
- $50 < p_{T}^{\text{jet}} < 1000$  GeV,  $|\eta^{\text{jet}}| < 2.0$
- $p_{T}^{\gamma} > 100$  GeV

# Pb+Pb: WAKE SHAPE

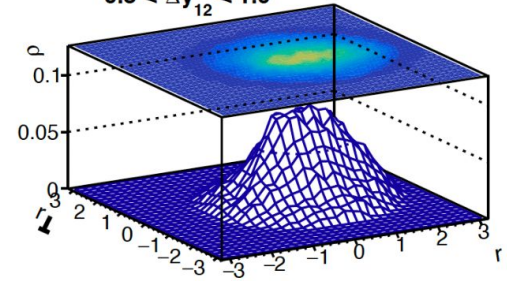
$0.4 < \Delta y_{12} < 0.6$



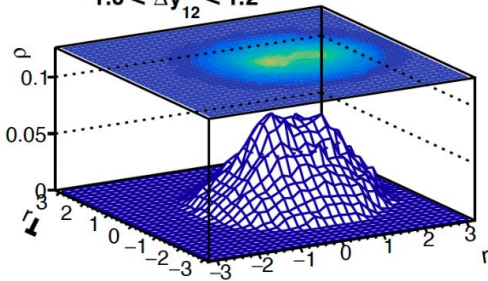
$0.6 < \Delta y_{12} < 0.8$



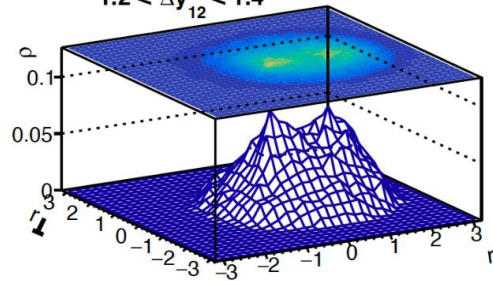
$0.8 < \Delta y_{12} < 1.0$



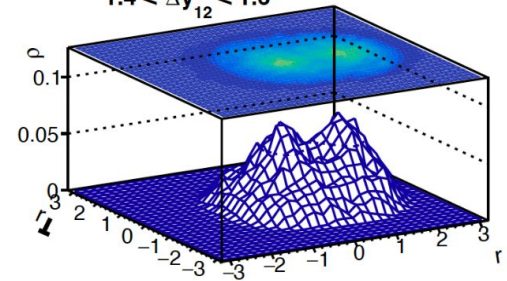
$1.0 < \Delta y_{12} < 1.2$



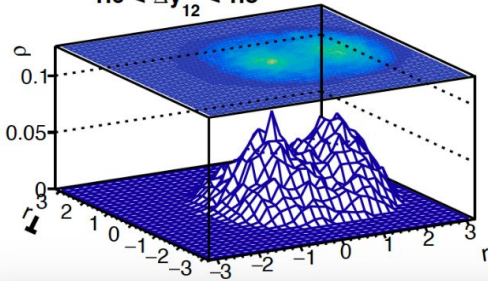
$1.2 < \Delta y_{12} < 1.4$



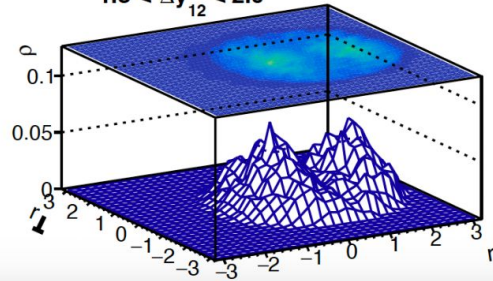
$1.4 < \Delta y_{12} < 1.6$



$1.6 < \Delta y_{12} < 1.8$



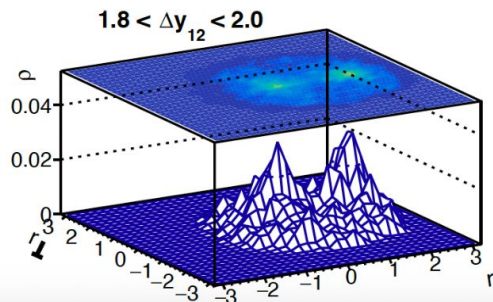
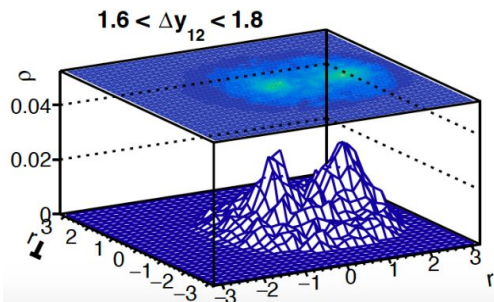
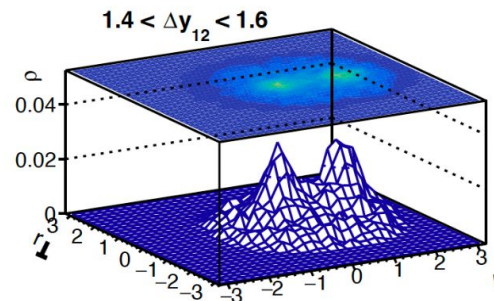
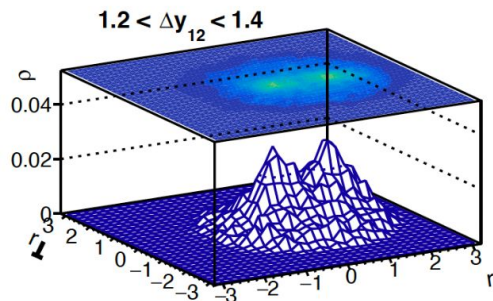
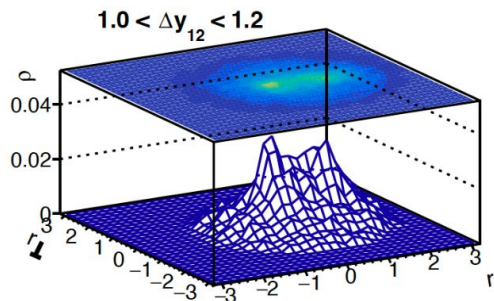
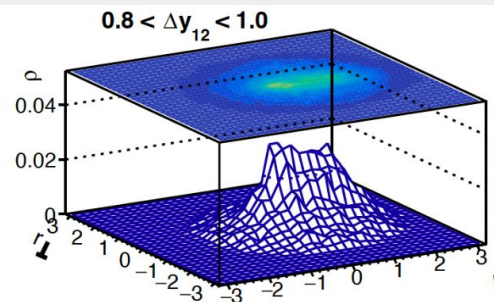
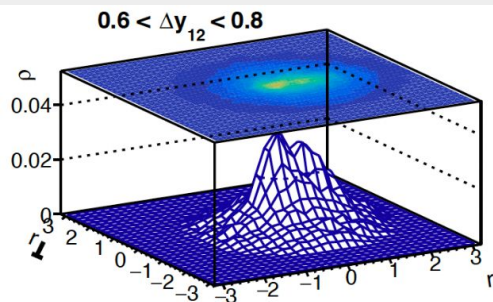
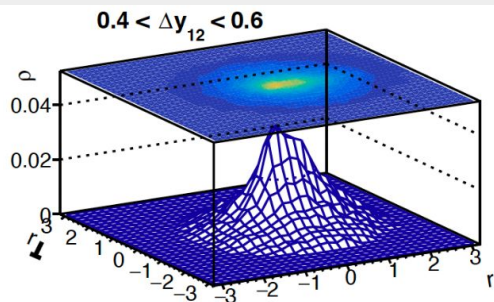
$1.8 < \Delta y_{12} < 2.0$



For closely-separated subjects ( $\Delta y_{12} < 1.0$ ), there is a single wake produced by 2 hard structures (the subjects). **Two distinct wakes are visibly produced only when the subjects are far-separated** (around  $\Delta y_{12} > 1.2$ )!

How can we see this in experiments?

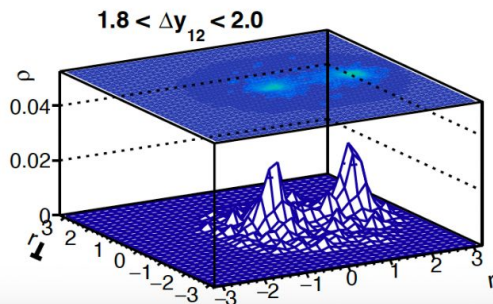
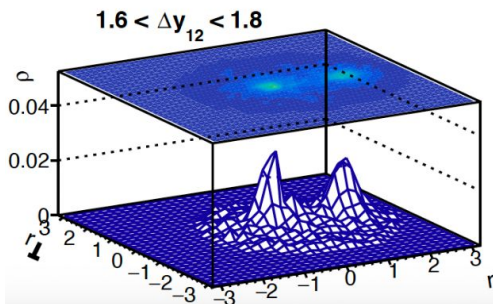
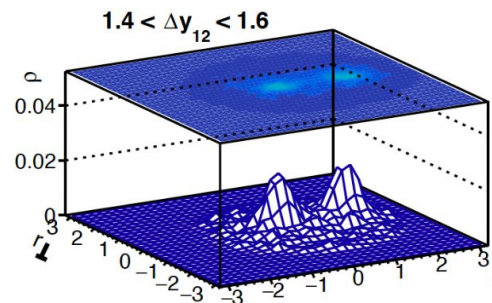
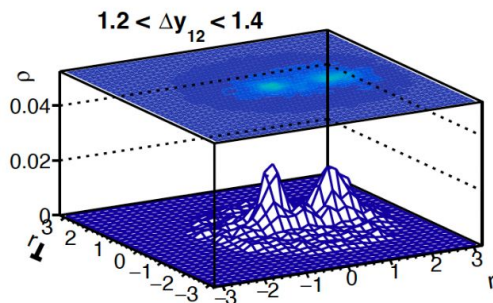
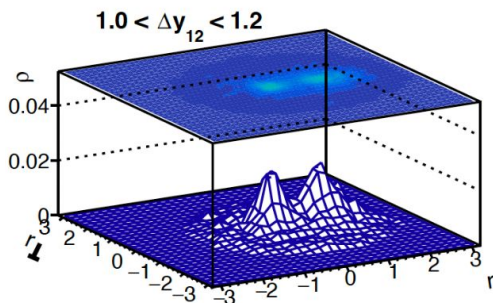
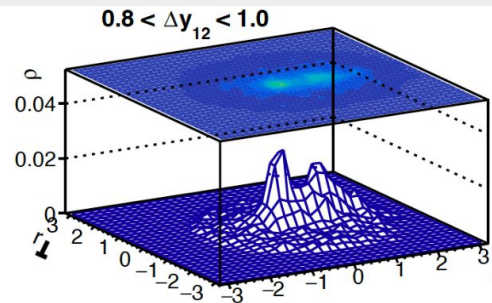
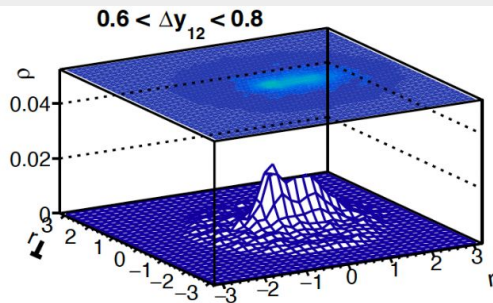
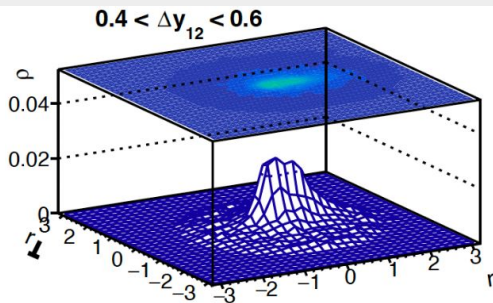
# Pb+Pb: SHAPE OF WAKE + NONWAKE HADRONS WITH $0.7 < p_T < 1.0$ GeV



Only a single-pronged structure is visible at low angular separation even when low- $p_T$  non-wake hadrons are included. However, two-pronged structures appear at lower angles than when we restrict to using only hadrons belonging to the wake.

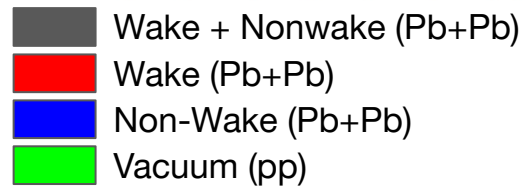
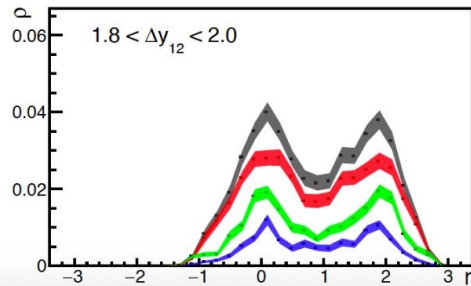
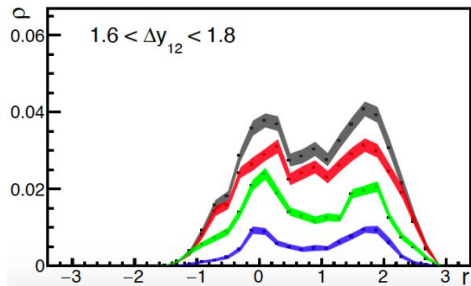
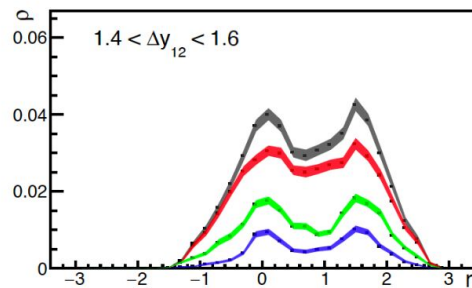
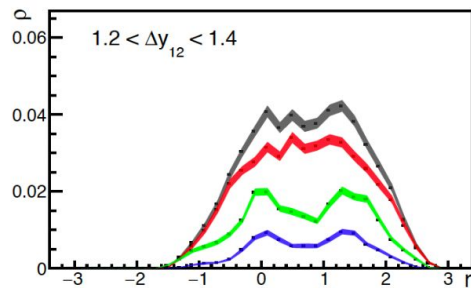
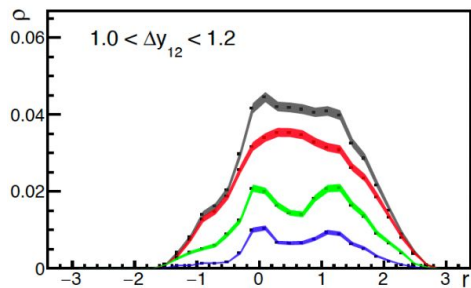
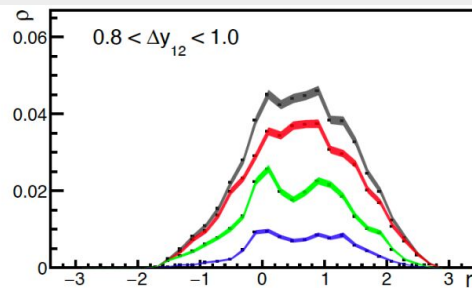
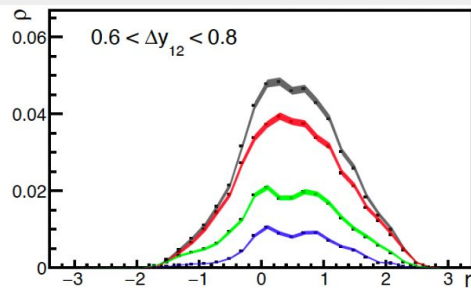
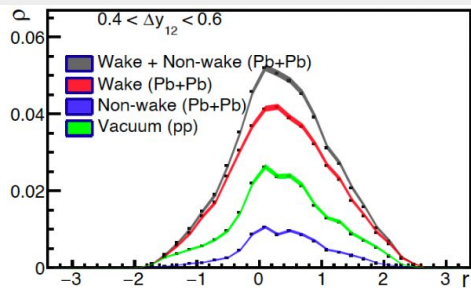


# VACUUM (pp): SHAPE OF HADRONS WITH $0.7 < p_T < 1.0$ GeV



In the absence of the medium, sharp two-pronged structures appear at much lower angles than when the medium, and thereby the wakes in it, are present.

# PROJECTING THE SHAPES ONTO THE $r$ -AXIS: HADRONS WITH $0.7 < p_T < 1.0$ GeV



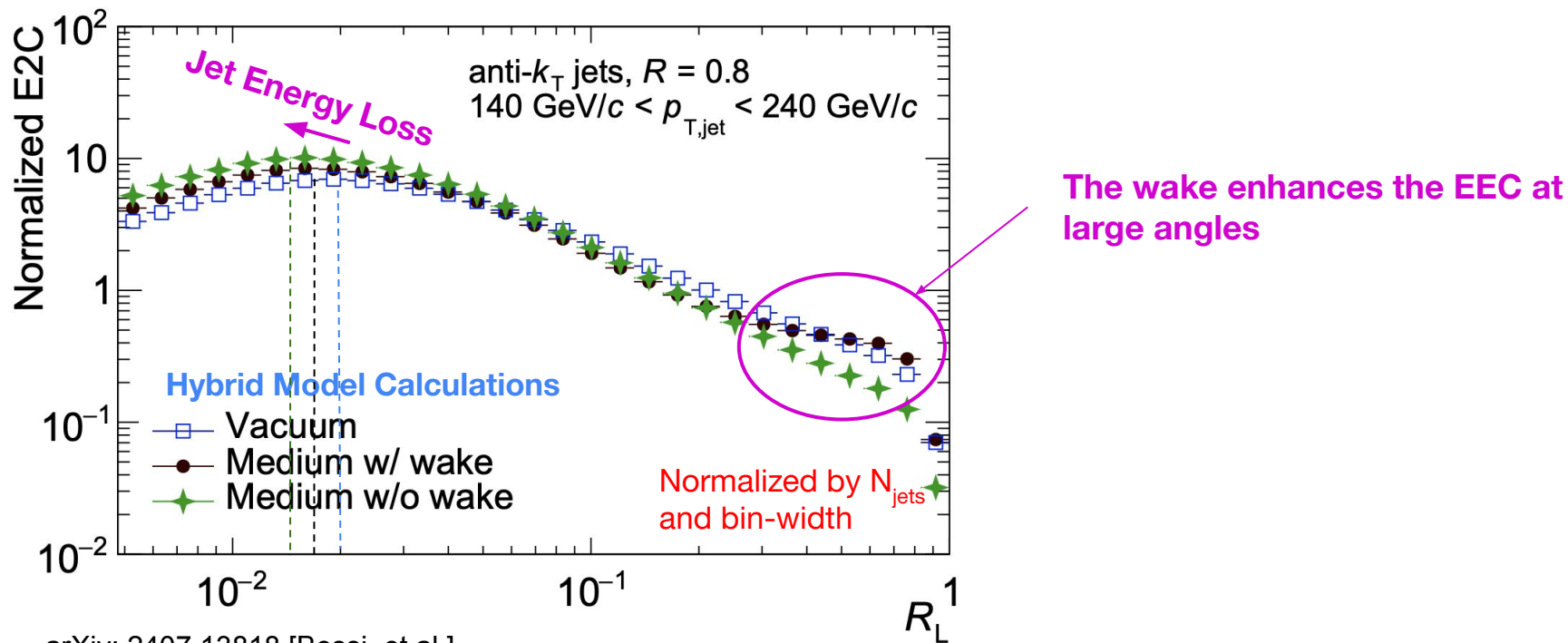
The wake dominates this kinematic region  
 **$\Rightarrow$  We can literally SEE the substructure of large-radius jet-wakes!**

# TOPIC 2

## Imaging the Wake **AND** Elastic Scattering Using EECs

# TWO-POINT ENERGY CORRELATORS

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\theta} = \int d\vec{n}_{1,2} \frac{\langle \epsilon(\vec{n}_1) \epsilon(\vec{n}_2) \rangle}{Q^2} \delta(\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 - \cos(\theta)) \longrightarrow \text{EEC}(R_L) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{d}{dR_L} \left( \sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{p_{T,i} p_{T,j}}{(p_T^{\text{jet}})^2} \right)$$



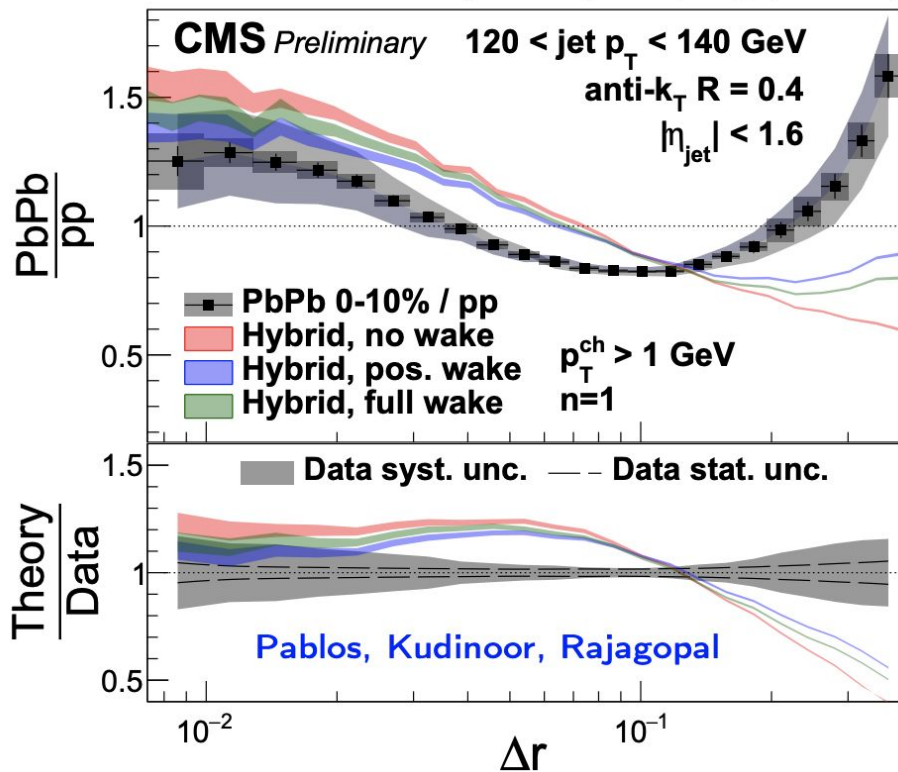
arXiv: 2407.13818 [Bossi, et al.]

+ Ananya Rai's Poster @ Hard Probes 2024

# OUR PREDICTIONS VS. CMS DATA

CMS-PAS-HIN-23-004 + Jussi's Talk @ Hard Probes

1.70 nb<sup>-1</sup> PbPb (5.02 TeV) + 302 pb<sup>-1</sup> pp (5.02 TeV)



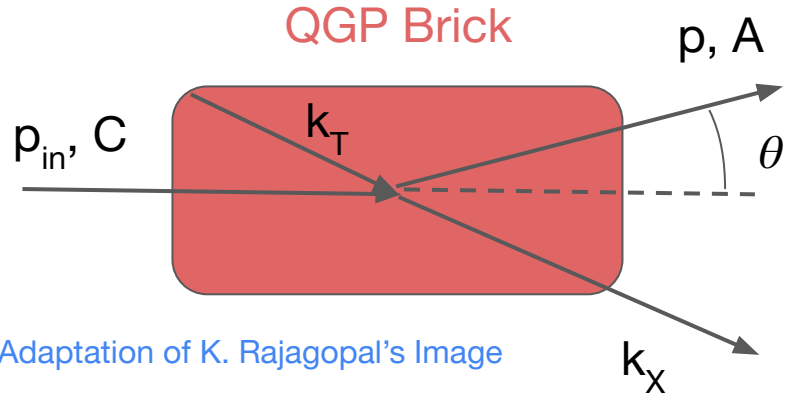
$$\text{EEC}(R_L) = \frac{1}{(\sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{i \neq j} (p_{T,i})^n (p_{T,j})^n)} \frac{d(\sum_{\text{jets}} \sum_{i \neq j} (p_{T,i})^n (p_{T,j})^n)}{dR_L}$$

Our model **underestimated** the large-angle enhancement observed in the CMS data.

- Hybrid **wake is too soft**  $\Rightarrow$  Wake is largely removed by the 1 GeV track cut
- Hybrid **wake is too wide**  $\Rightarrow$  Much of the wake lies outside  $R = 0.4$  jet radius
- Other physical processes are excluded...  
**ELASTIC SCATTERING!**

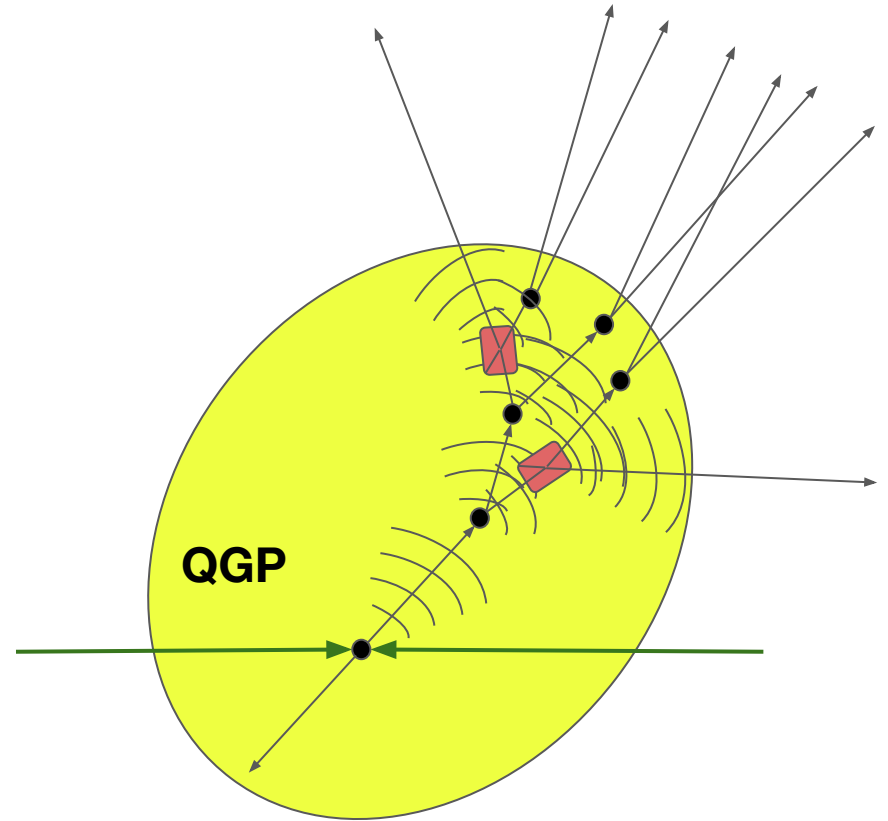
\* Self-normalized, charged track EECs

# ELASTIC SCATTERING



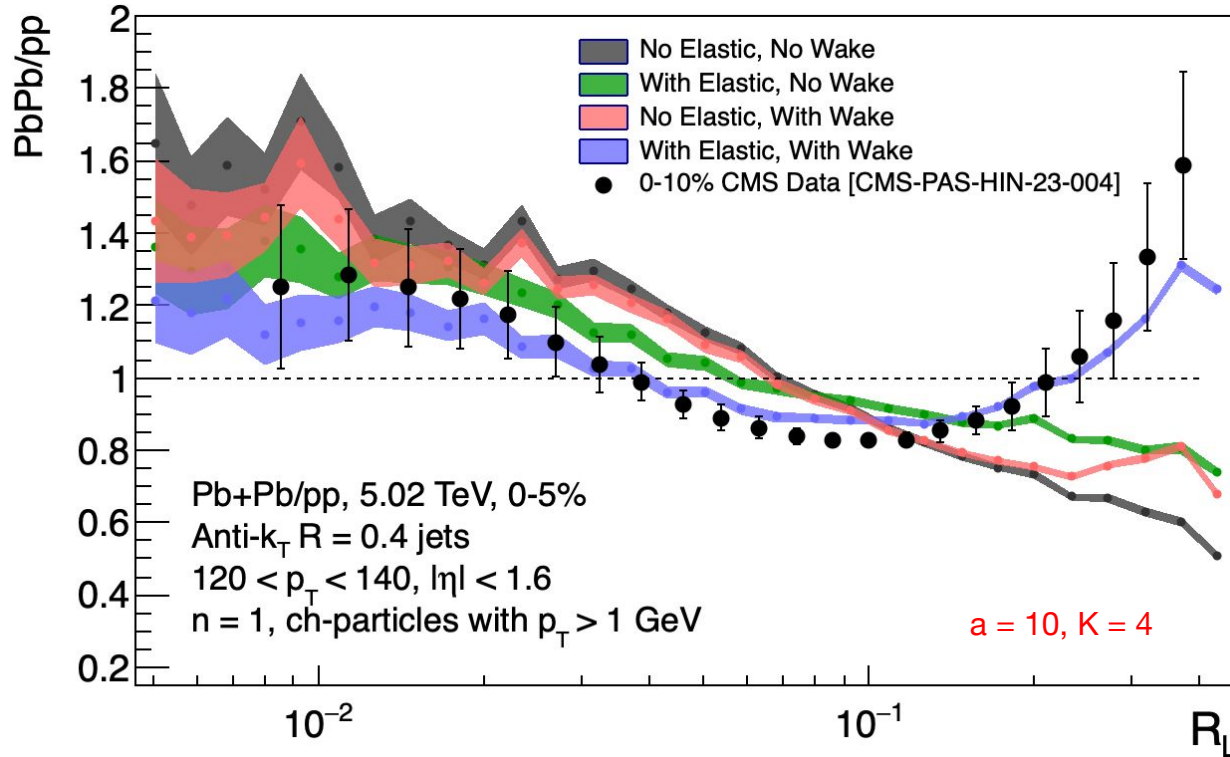
Adaptation of K. Rajagopal's Image

- 2→2 medium kicks, which can probe the particle constituents of QGP
- Sufficiently high momentum exchanges should be perturbative
- Recoiling particles  $k_X$  also lose energy and produce wakes
- Thermal particles  $k_T$  are removed from the medium (aka “holes”)



arXiv: 1808.03250 [D'Eramo, et al.]

# EFFECT ON EEC RATIOS: $n = 1, p_T^{\text{ch}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$

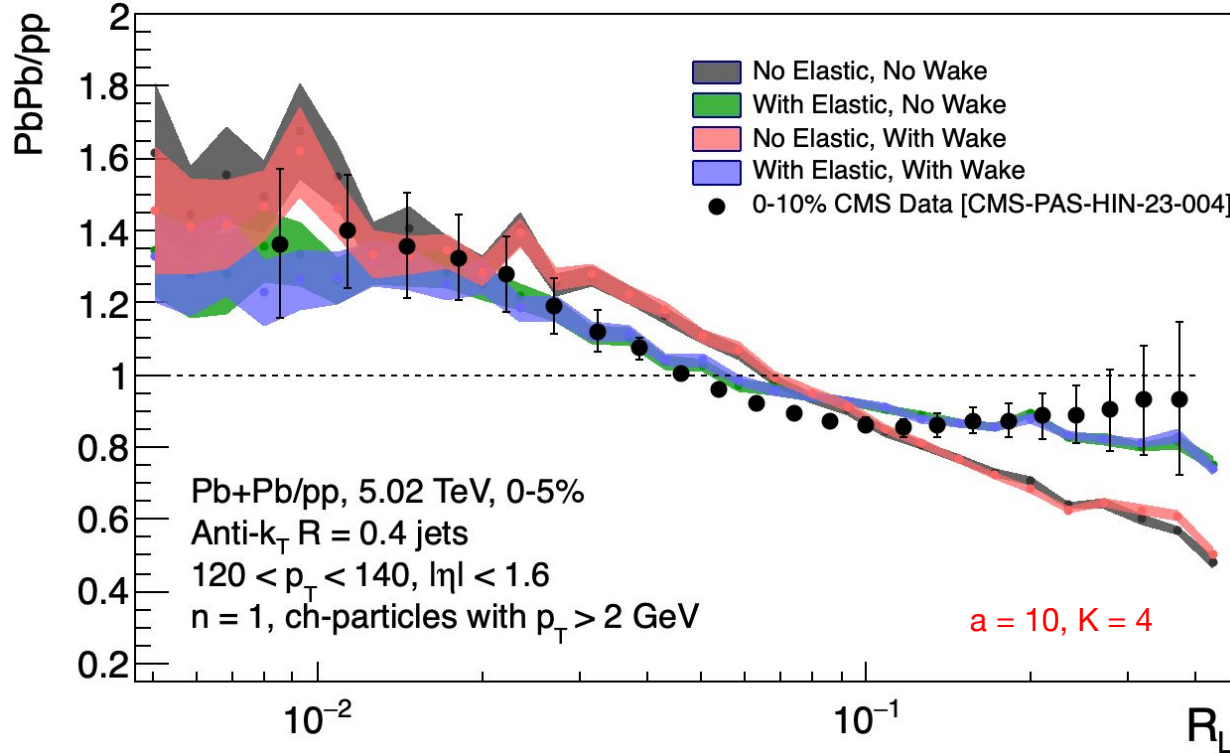


We need both elastic scattering and the wake for the model to agree with the data.

**Crucial feature: Both partons involved in an elastic scattering produce their own wakes!**

\* Self-normalized, charged track EECs

# EFFECT ON EEC RATIOS: $n = 1, p_T^{\text{ch}} > 2 \text{ GeV}$



**Wake is effectively removed** by this track cut.

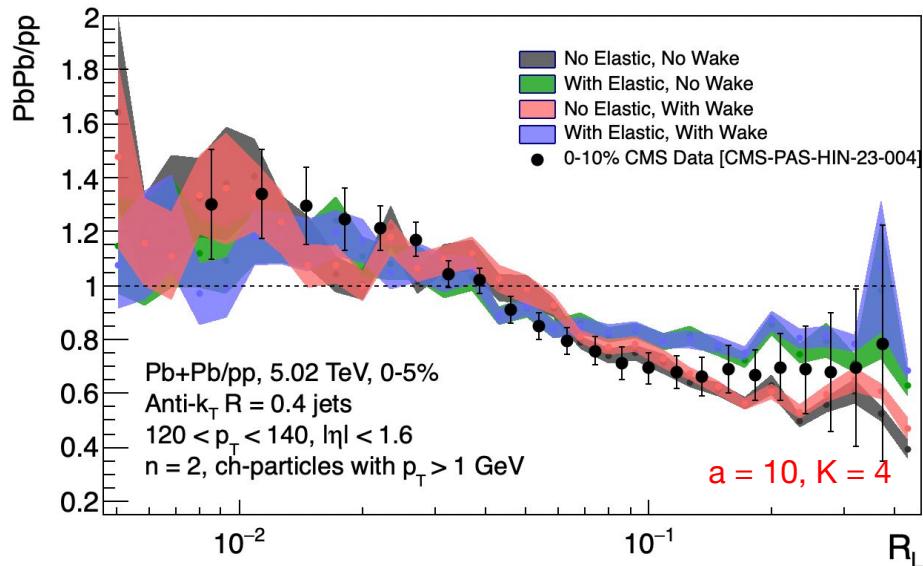
**Structure resulting from elastic scatterings survives.**

\* Self-normalized, charged track EECs

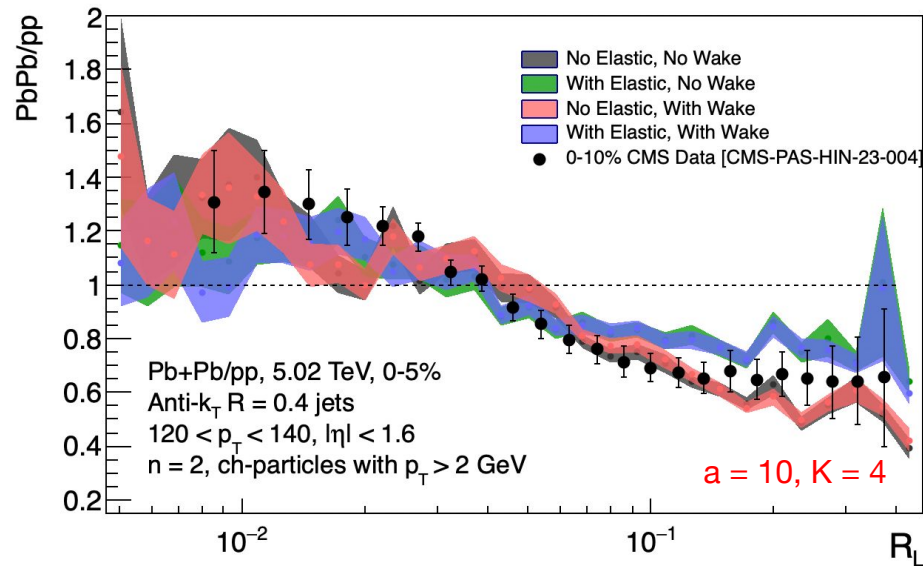


# EFFECT ON EEC RATIOS: $n = 2$

$p_T^{\text{ch}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$



$p_T^{\text{ch}} > 2 \text{ GeV}$



All curves are within the error bars because the  
**soft physics is suppressed**  
by the  $n = 2$  exponential weighting

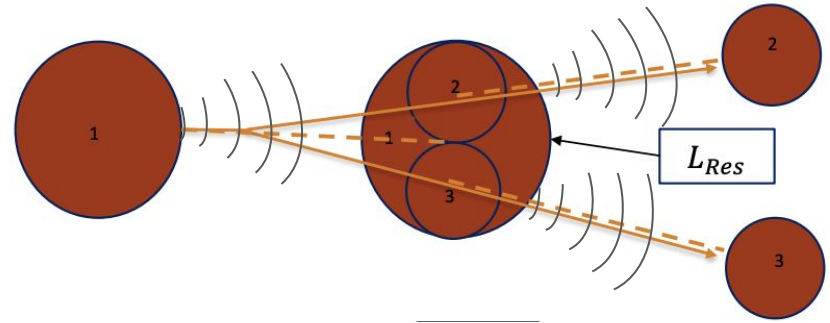
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## **TOPIC 3**

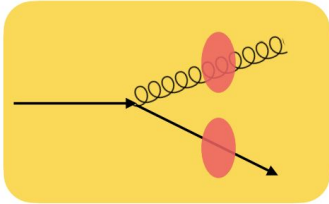
# **Probing the Resolution Length of QGP Using Large-Radius Jet Suppression**

# QGP RESOLUTION LENGTH

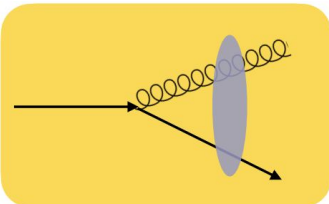
- If two partons that result from the **same splitting** are separated by a length smaller than  $L_{res}$ , then they will lose energy to the plasma – and produce a wake – as if they were a single parton.
- In our implementation,  $L_{res}$  only applies to partons within the same parton shower. Two partons belonging to showers that were **initiated by two different partons** are treated as resolved structures regardless of their separation.



[arXiv: 1707.05245](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.05245) [Hulcher, Pablos, Rajagopal]



$L_{res} = 0$ : The medium resolves splitting immediately after a parton fragments  
⇒ fully **incoherent** energy loss

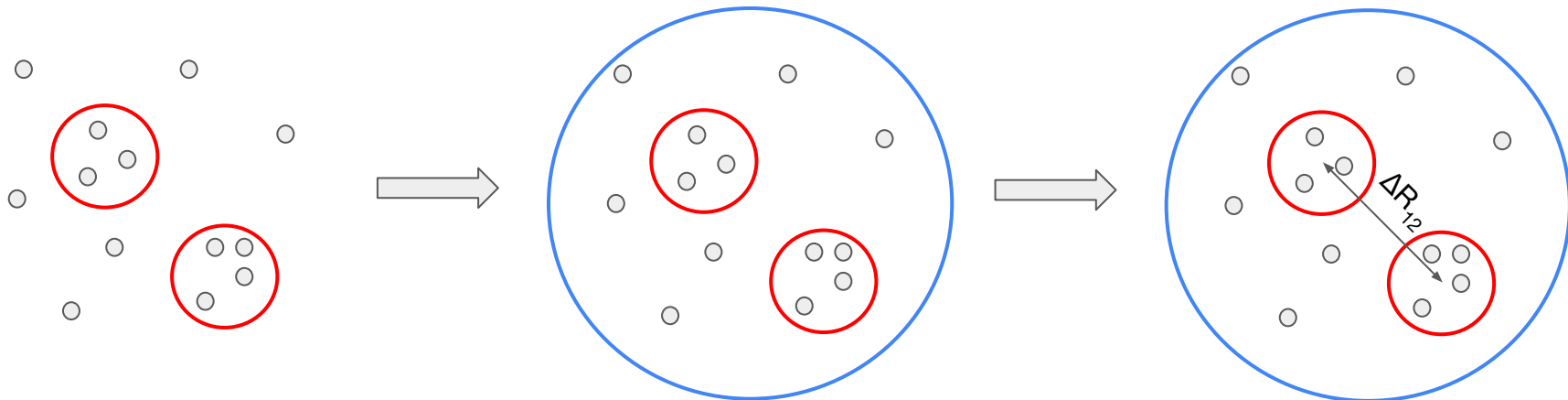


$L_{res} = \infty$ : The medium never resolves splittings  
⇒ fully **coherent** energy loss

# USING JET SUBSTRUCTURE AS A PROBE OF $L_{\text{RES}}$

Now look at re-clustered **R = 1.0 inclusive jets with multiple subjects**.

(As opposed to re-clustered R = 2.0 jets with only two gamma-subjets)



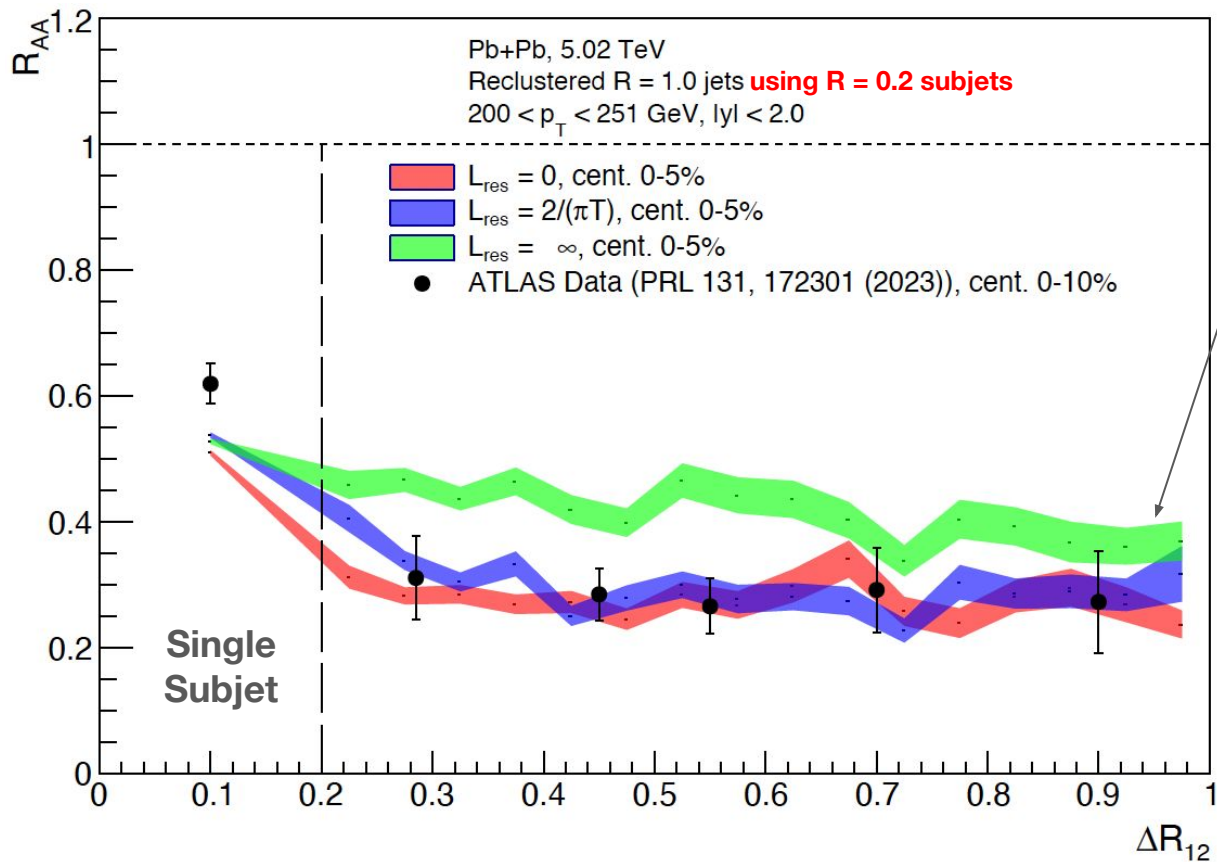
Anti- $k_t$  R = 0.2 jets  
 $p_T > 35$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 3.0$

Recluster R = 0.2 jets into  
anti- $k_t$  R = 1.0 jets  
 $p_T > 158$  GeV,  $|y| < 2.0$

Recluster with  $k_t$ -algorithm  
to obtain  $\Delta R_{12}$

- $\Delta R_{12} = [(\Delta y_{12})^2 + (\Delta \phi_{12})^2]^{1/2}$  = separation between the two constituents in the penultimate  $k_t$ -clustering step
- Reclustered R = 1.0 jet with two R = 0.2 subjets  $\Rightarrow \Delta R_{12}$  = angular separation between the two subjets

# LARGE-RADIUS JET SUPPRESSION AS A PROBE OF $L_{\text{RES}}$



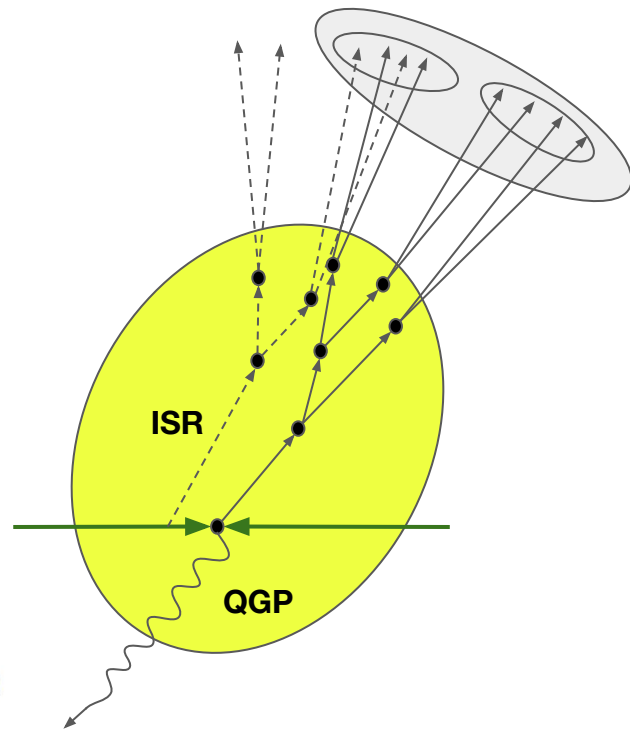
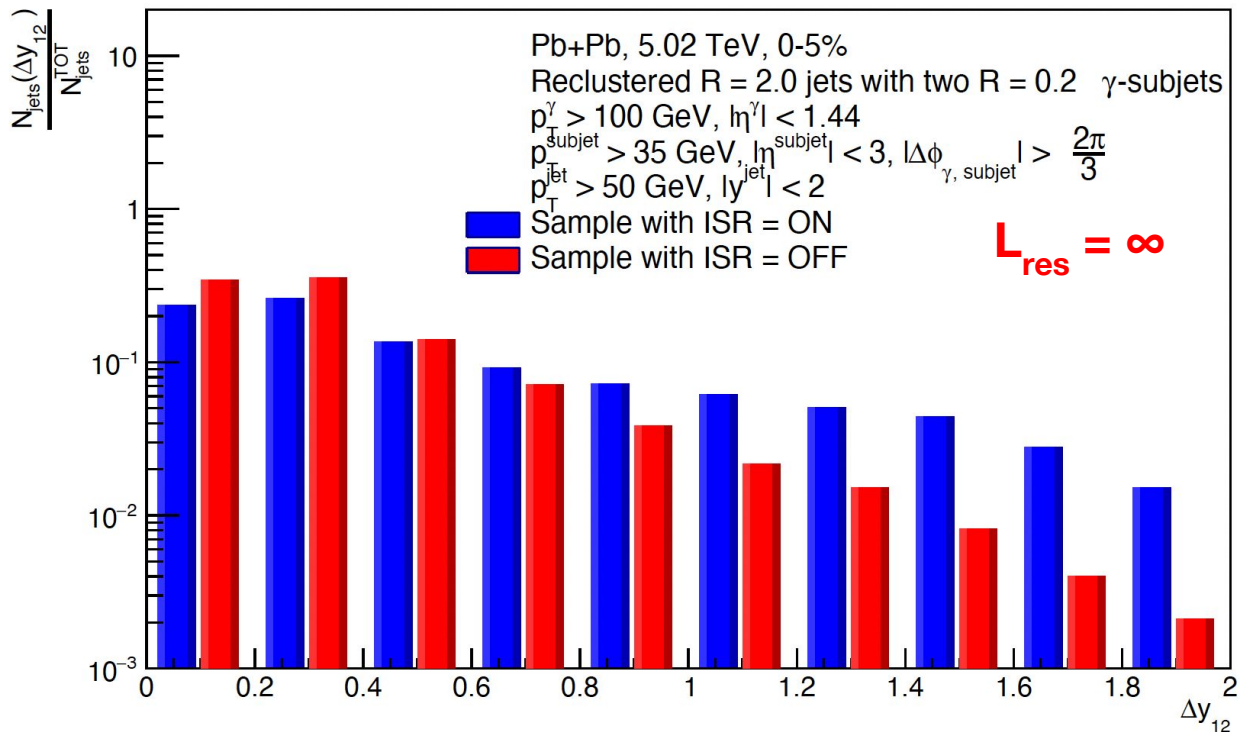
$L_{\text{res}} = \infty$ : **Disfavored** by data.  
Partons within each shower are unresolved, and so  $R_{\text{AA}}$  is roughly independent of  $\Delta R_{12}$ .

**Why is it not entirely independent of  $\Delta R_{12}$ ?**

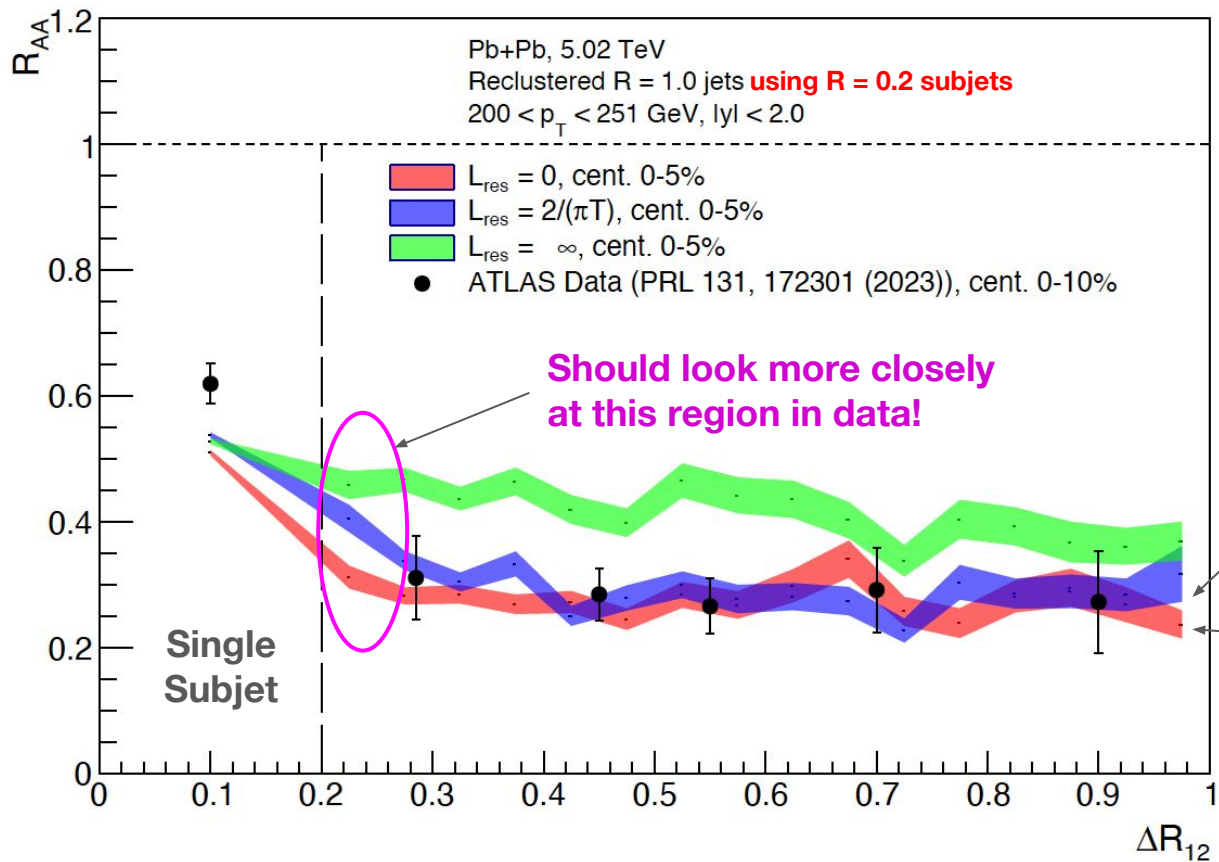
Jets with larger  $\Delta R_{12}$  can contain subjects from different hard scatterings, which lose energy independently.

# FARTHEST-SEPARATED SUBJECTS ARE DUE TO INITIAL STATE RADIATION

Fraction of large-radius jets with a specified  $\Delta y_{12}$



# LARGE-RADIUS JET SUPPRESSION AS A PROBE OF $L_{RES}$

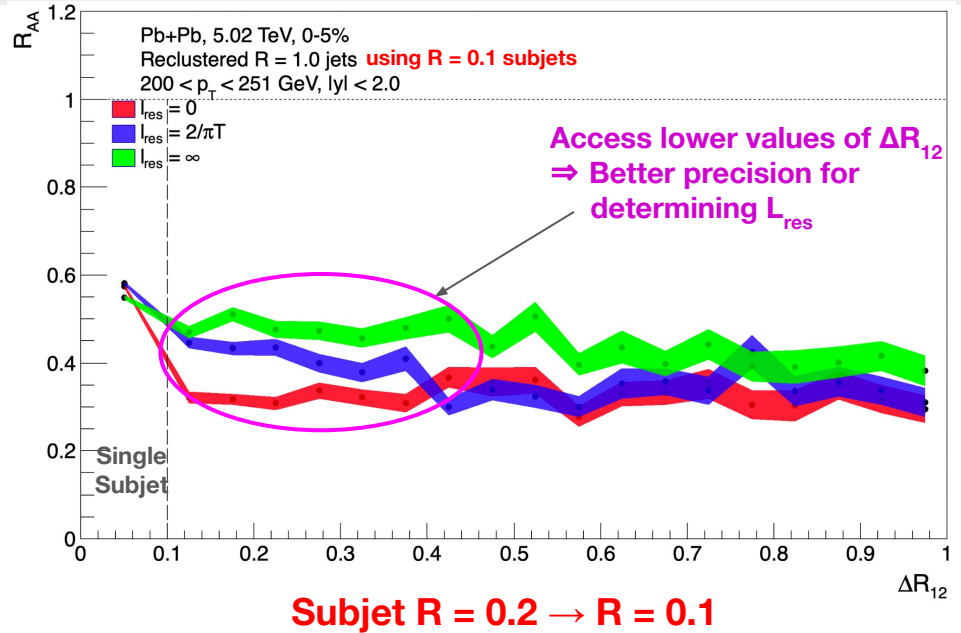


$L_{res} = 0$  and  $L_{res} = 2/(\pi T)$  are **consistent** with the data.

$L_{res} = 0$  also shows constant suppression as a function of  $\Delta R_{12} > 0$ . Single subjects are suppressed far less than large-radius jets with multiple subjects.

# MORE IDEAS

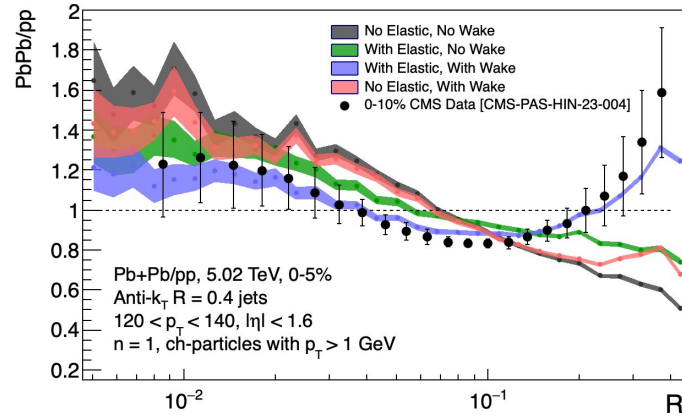
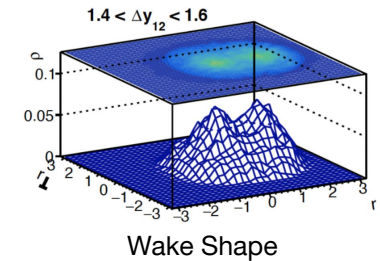
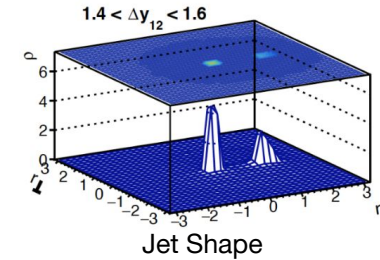
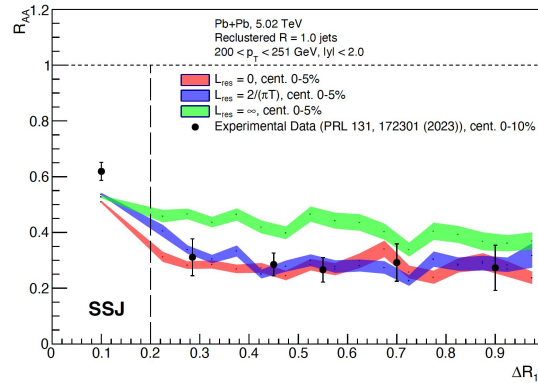
- Soft-drop suppression analysis
  - [arXiv: 2405.02737 \[CMS\]](#)
  - [Phys. Rev. C 107 \(2023\) 054909 \[ATLAS\]](#)
  - [arXiv: 2208.13593 \[Hulcher, Pablos, Rajagopal\]](#)
- Substructure dependence on dijet asymmetry
  - Au+Au data for de-clustered 0.4 jets with 0.1 subjects is already available at RHIC energies [arXiv: 1903.12115 \[Elayavalli, STAR\]](#)





# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- We can **image wake substructure** in large-radius jets in an **experimentally feasible way** using the novel jet shape observables we introduced here.
- The fact that **elastically scattered particles produce their own wakes** is crucial for explaining the Hybrid Model's agreement with the CMS measurements of EECs in heavy ion collisions.
- We confirm that **QGP resolves partons within parton showers**. We must keep the presence of ISR in mind when interpreting large-radius jet analyses with far-separated subjects.



# BACKUP

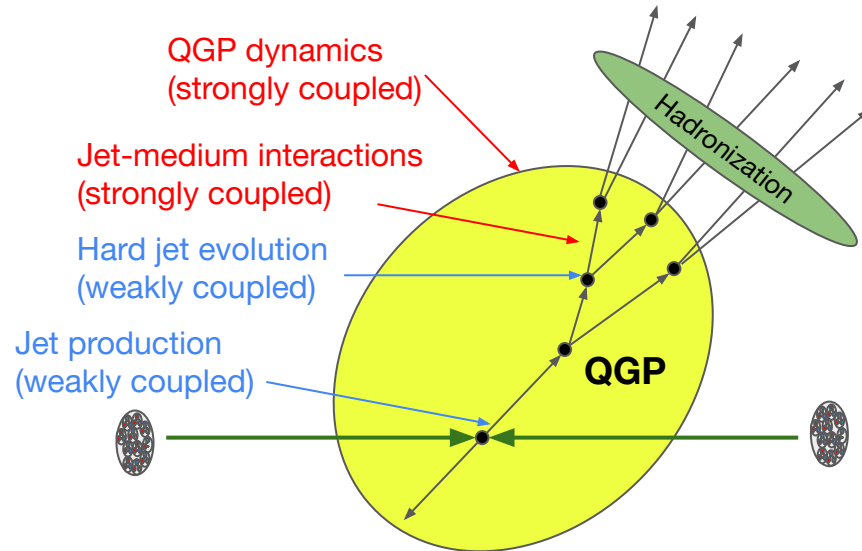
# **TOPIC 0**

## **The Hybrid Strong/Weak Coupling Model Of Heavy Ion Collisions**

# STRONG/WEAK COUPLING REGIMES

The physics of jets and QGP hydrodynamics have both **weakly** and **strongly** coupled aspects. Calculations are **intractable** at strong coupling using standard perturbative methods.

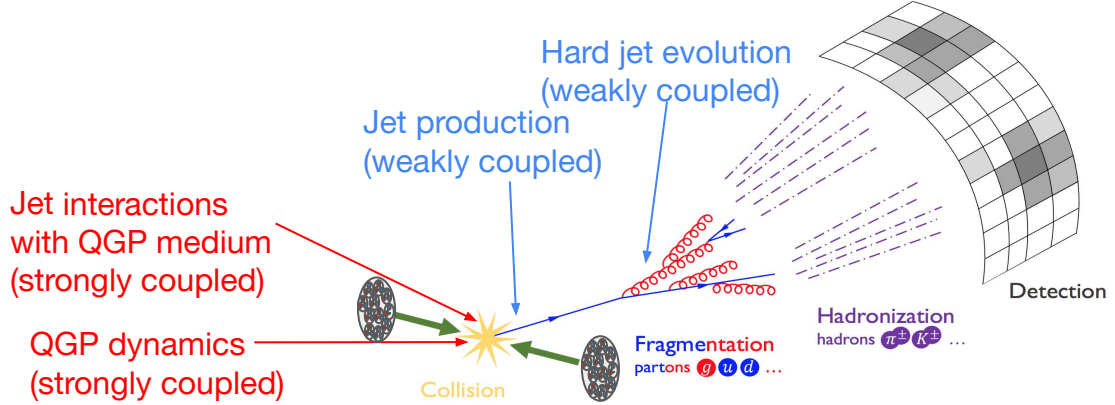
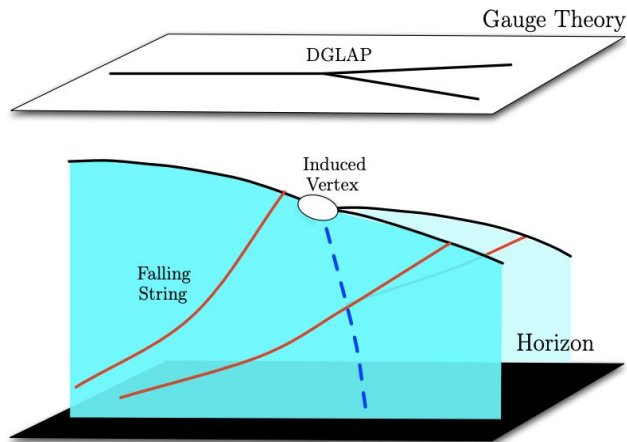
“A successful phenomenological model that describes the modifications of jets in the medium, today, must be a **hybrid model** in which one can simultaneously treat the weakly coupled physics of **jet production** and **hard jet evolution** and the strongly coupled dynamics of **the [QGP] medium** and the **soft exchanges between the jet and the medium**” (arXiv:1405.3864v3 [Casalderrey-Solana, et al.])



# THE HYBRID STRONG/WEAK COUPLING MODEL

- Treat weakly coupled physics perturbatively
- Treat strongly coupled processes using AdS/CFT
  - Find the stringy gravity dual of  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM
  - Describe your particles in using strings that hang from the boundary theory into the bulk spacetime
  - Calculate the observables you desire (energy loss, momenta, etc.)
- Monte Carlo simulations of heavy ion collisions
  - Feed in energy loss calculations for light quarks and gluons from above
  - Run the simulation and manipulate the output data to calculate **observables that experimentalists can study** using collider data

Difficult calculations in **strongly coupled gauge theories** may be solved in their more tractable **weakly coupled gravitational dual**.



<https://www.ericmetodiev.com/post/jetformation/>

## QCD vs. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(N_c)$ SYM THEORY

**Use an  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N_c)$  SYM theory instead!** The hot strongly coupled liquid phases of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N_c)$  SYM theory and QCD are more similar to each other than their vacua and low energy physics (the problematic energy sector that contributes to QCD's nonconformality).

Differences between QCD and  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM include

- $N_c = 3$  for QCD, whereas we take the  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$  limit for  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM calculations
- QCD is not conformal, whereas  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM is conformal
- QCD demonstrates asymptotic freedom (coupling becomes weaker as energies increase to infinity), whereas  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM is strongly coupled at all length scales
- In QCD, both the fundamental and adjoint degrees of freedom are important to thermodynamic properties of QGP, whereas in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM, there are no fundamental degrees of freedom

**So, insights from hybrid model calculations in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM are treated qualitatively.**

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N_c)$  SYM theory  $\longleftrightarrow$  IIB string theory in  $AdS_5 \times S_5$ 
  - Cast particles as strings hanging from the 4-dimensional boundary into the 5-dimensional AdS bulk spacetime
  - Calculate observables of interest (ex: energy loss)

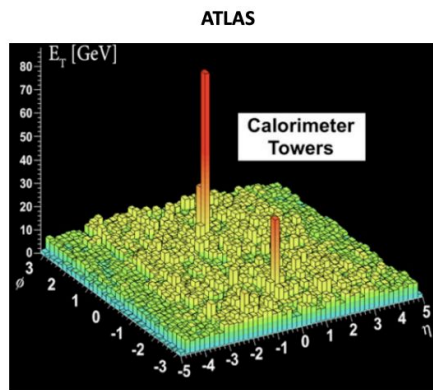
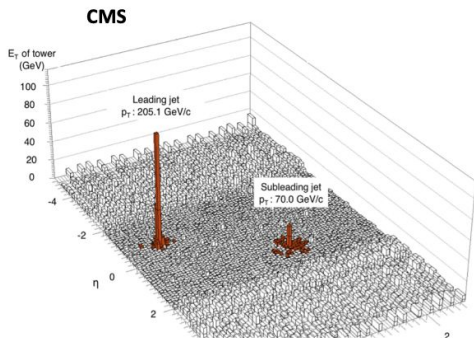
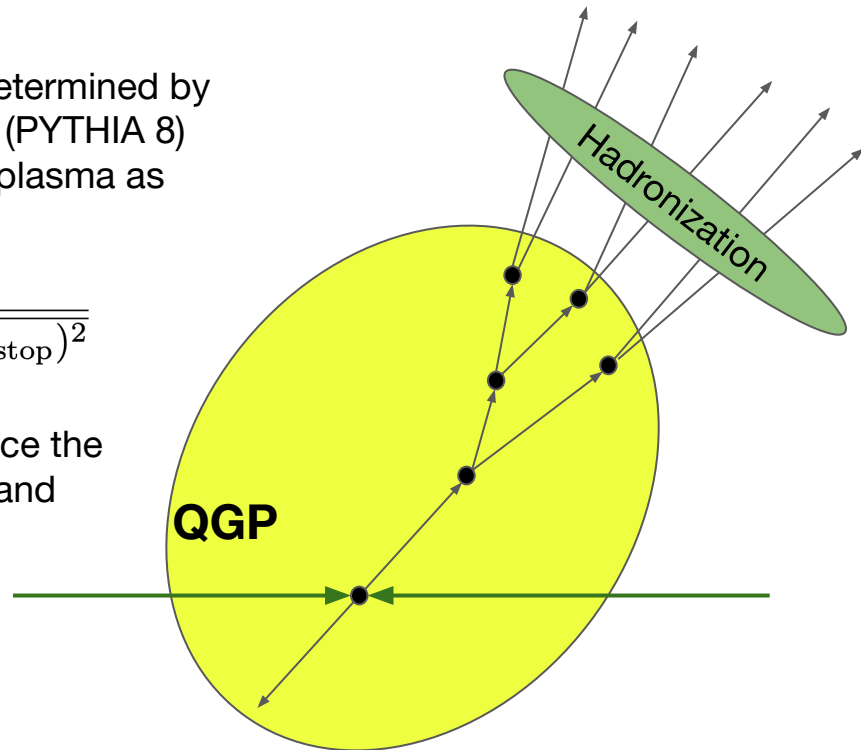
# HOLOGRAPHIC PARTON ENERGY LOSS

arXiv:1405.3864v3 [Casalderrey-Solana, et al.]

- Parton splittings that result in the jet shower are determined by the high-virtuality, perturbative, DGLAP equations (PYTHIA 8)
- Each parton loses energy to the strongly coupled plasma as determined by a holographic energy loss formula

$$\left. \frac{dE}{dx} \right|_{\text{strongly coupled}} = -\frac{4}{\pi} \frac{E_{\text{in}}}{x_{\text{stop}}} \frac{x^2}{x_{\text{stop}}^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (x/x_{\text{stop}})^2}}$$

Here,  $x_{\text{stop}} \equiv E_{\text{in}}^{1/3} / (2T^{4/3} \kappa_{\text{SC}})$  is the maximum distance the parton can travel within the plasma before thermalizing and equilibrating with the plasma.

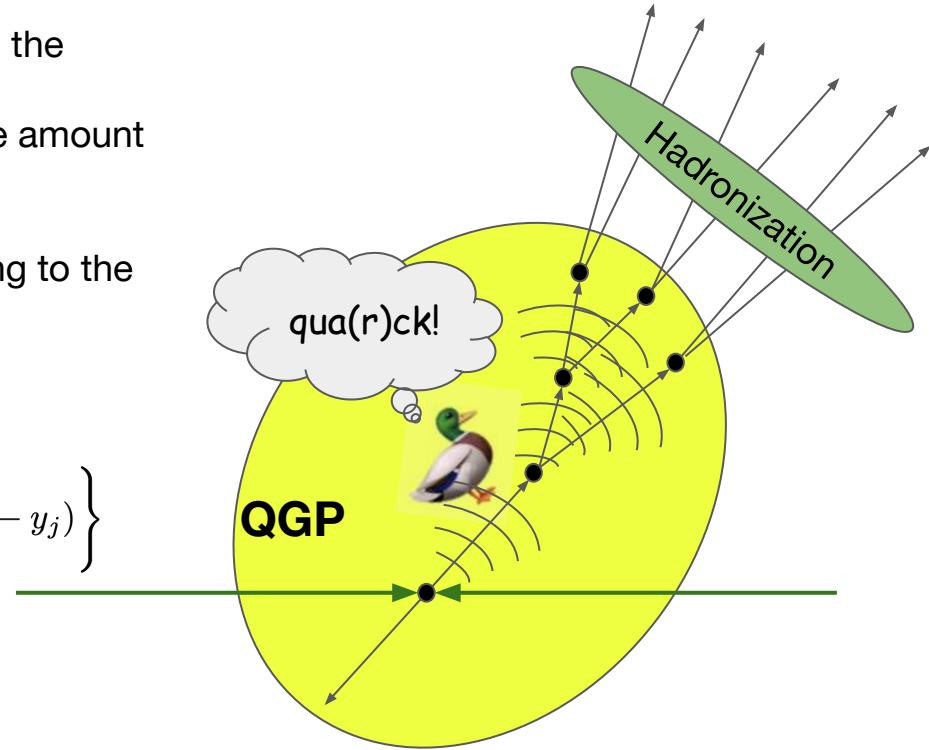


# JET-INDUCED WAKES

arXiv:1405.3864v3 [Casalderrey-Solana, et al.]

- The energy lost by each parton is deposited into the plasma in the form of a wake.
- One way to think of this is that the jet pulls some amount of QGP in the direction of the jet.
- In the Hybrid Model, a wake is generated by the production of low-momentum hadrons, according to the momentum spectrum.

$$E \frac{d\Delta N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{m_T}{T^5} \cosh(y - y_j) e^{-\frac{m_T}{T} \cosh(y - y_j)} \\ \times \left\{ p_T \Delta p_T \cos(\phi - \phi_j) + \frac{1}{3} m_T \frac{\Delta E}{\cosh(y_j)} \cosh(y - y_j) \right\}$$

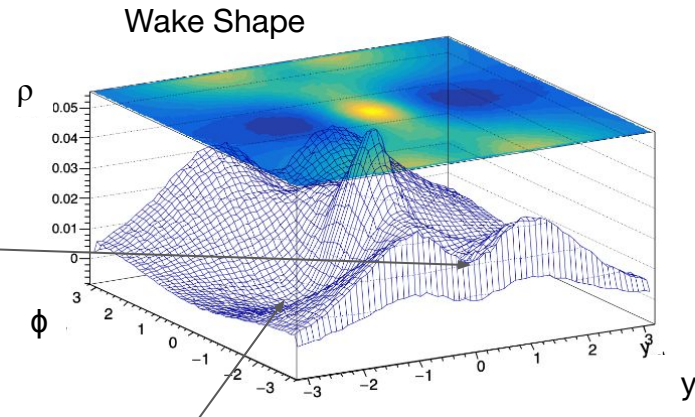
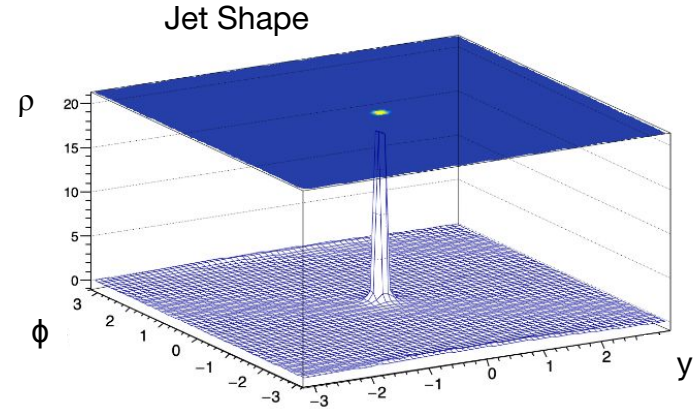




# POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE WAKES

The jet pulls some amount of QGP in the direction of the jet. So, when you compare the freezeout of a QGP droplet containing a jet wake to one without, it will have:

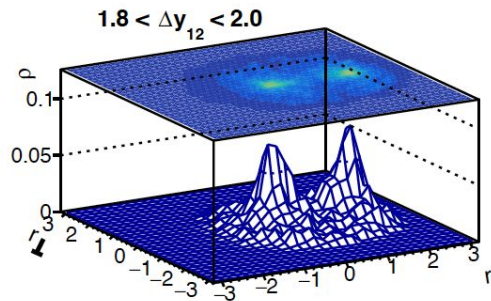
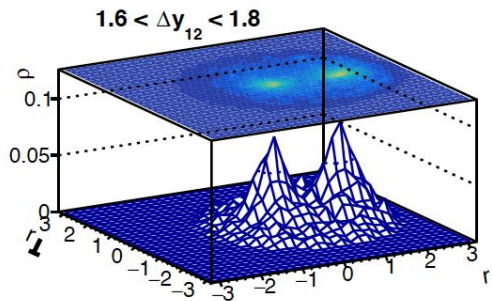
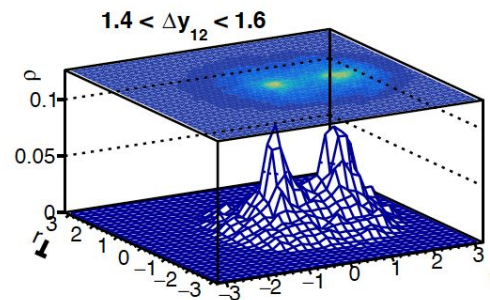
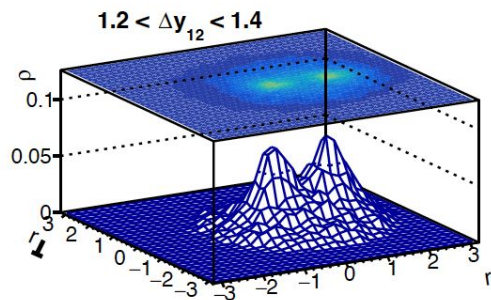
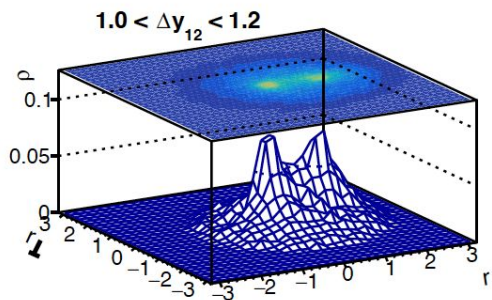
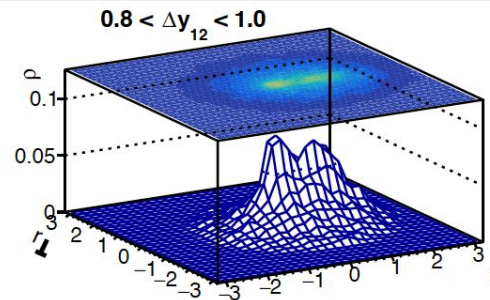
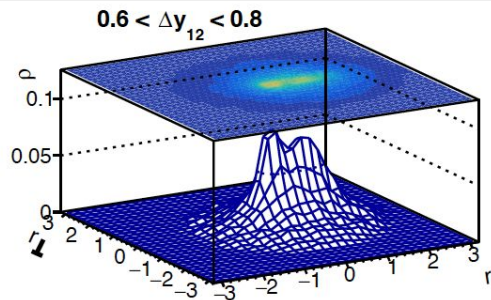
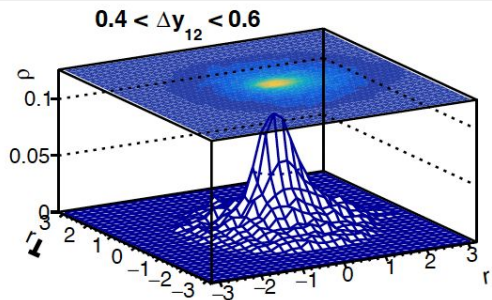
- 1) **Positive Wake:** Additional soft particles in the jet direction
- 2) **Negative Wake:** Depletion of soft particles in the direction opposite the jet



Negative wake in the  $\phi$ -direction opposite the jet

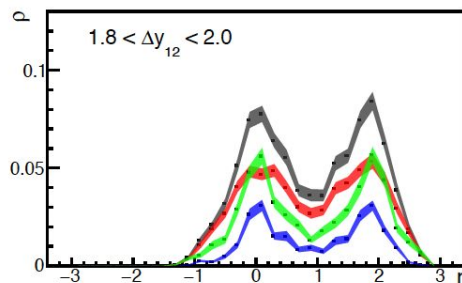
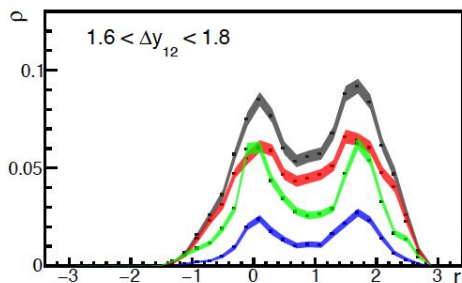
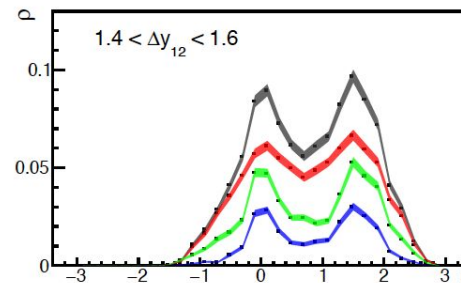
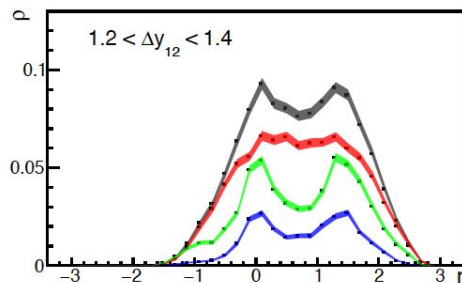
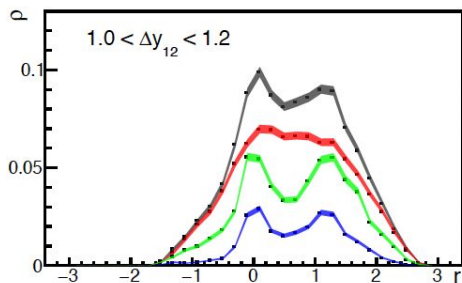
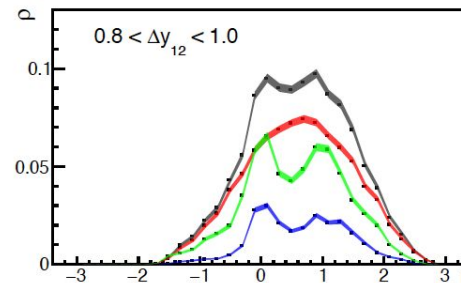
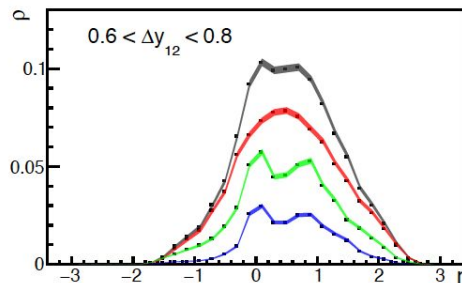
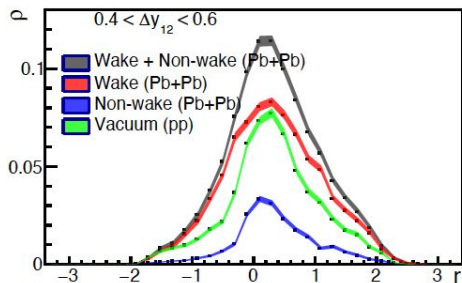
Negative wake from the away-side jet

# Pb+Pb: SHAPE OF WAKE + NONWAKE HADRONS WITH $0.7 < p_T < 1.5$ GeV



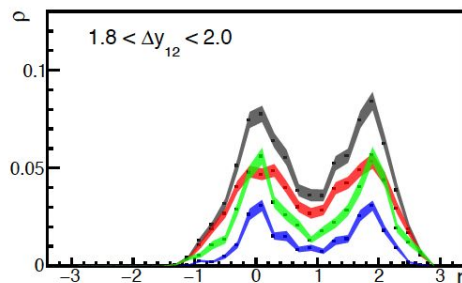
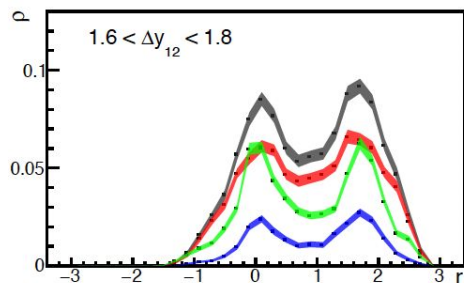
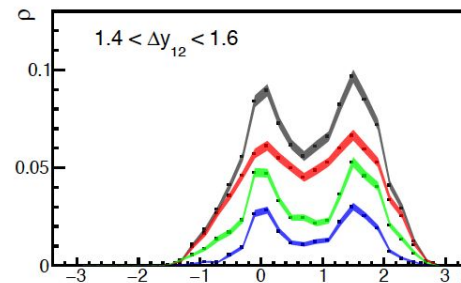
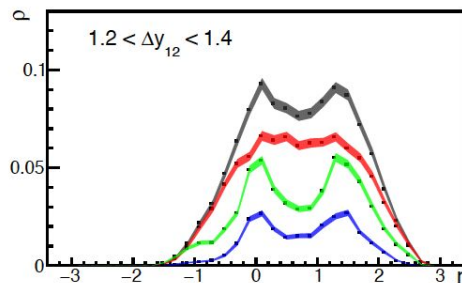
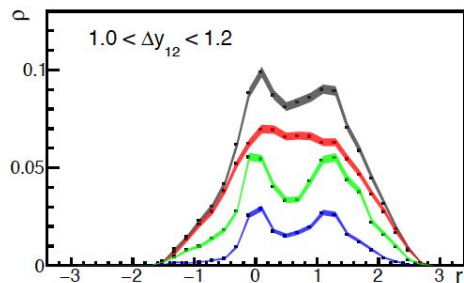
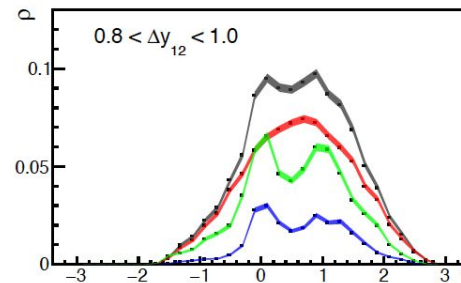
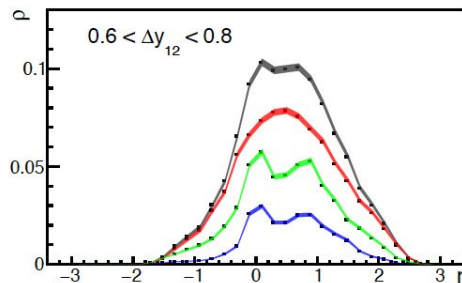
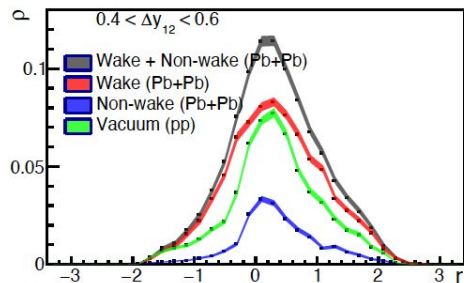
Two-pronged structures emerge at lower subjet-separations due to the higher presence of non-wake hadrons (as compared to the  $0.7 < p_T < 1.0$  GeV case)

# PROJECTING THE SHAPES ONTO THE $r$ -AXIS: HADRONS WITH $0.7 < p_T < 1.5$ GeV



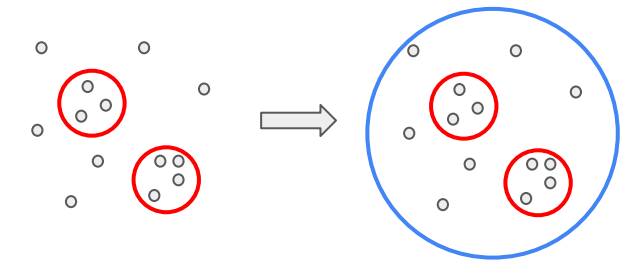
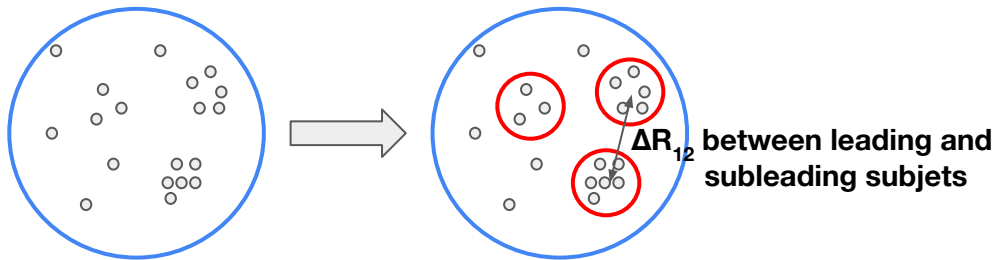
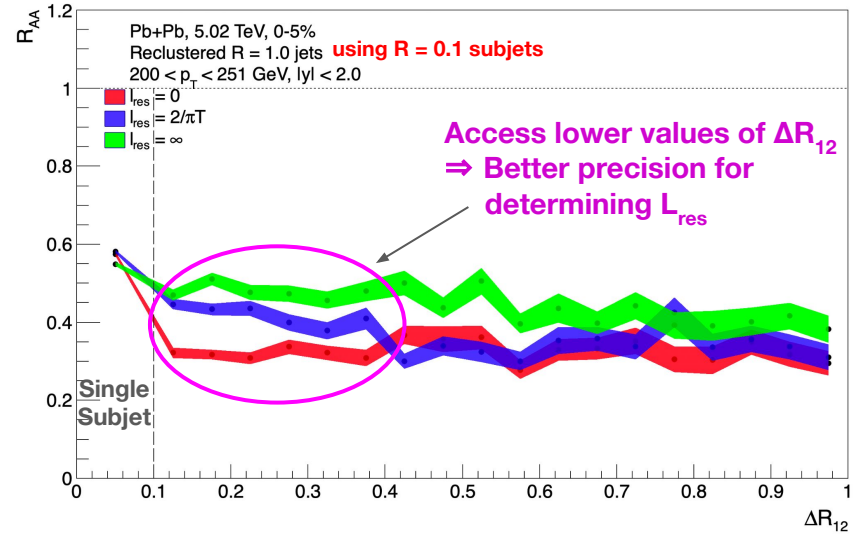
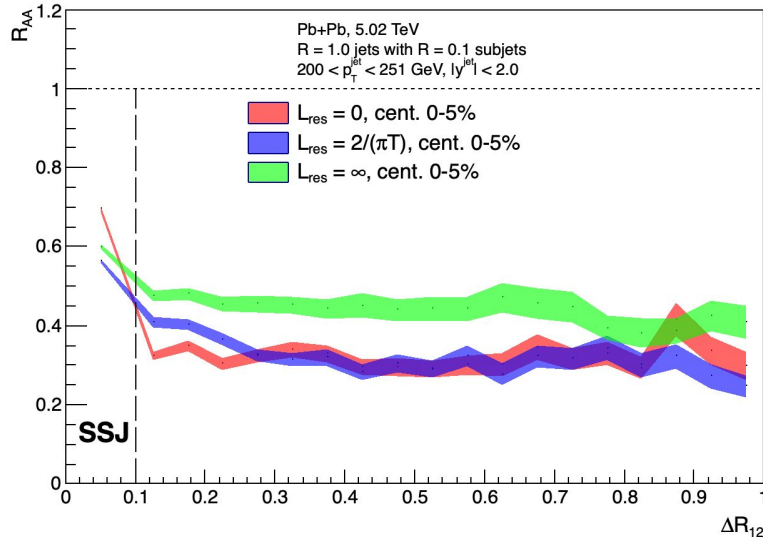
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# DE-CLUSTERING VS. RE-CLUSTERING



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