

# **Hard Probes of Heavy Ion Collisions with ATLAS**

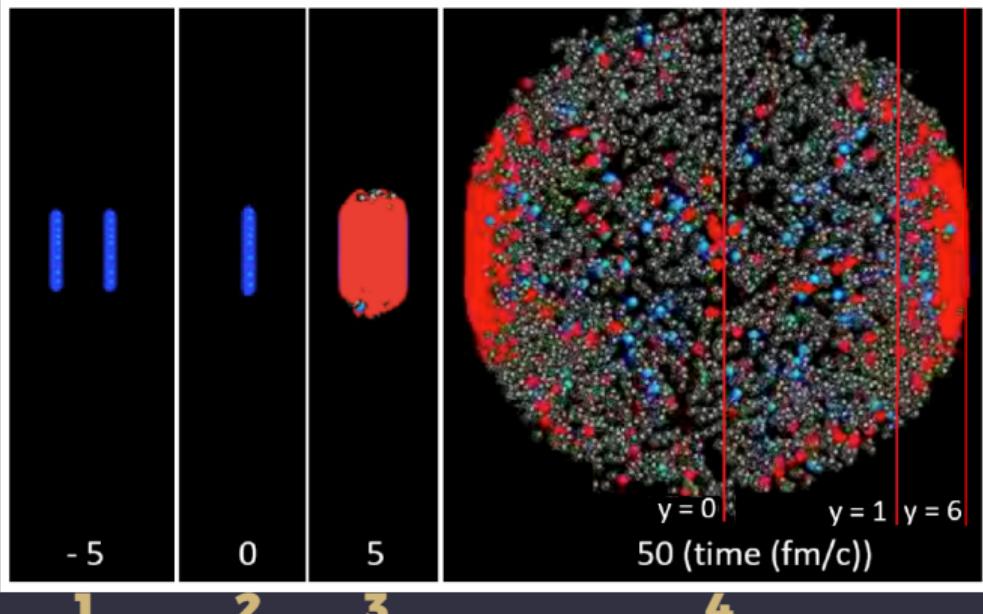
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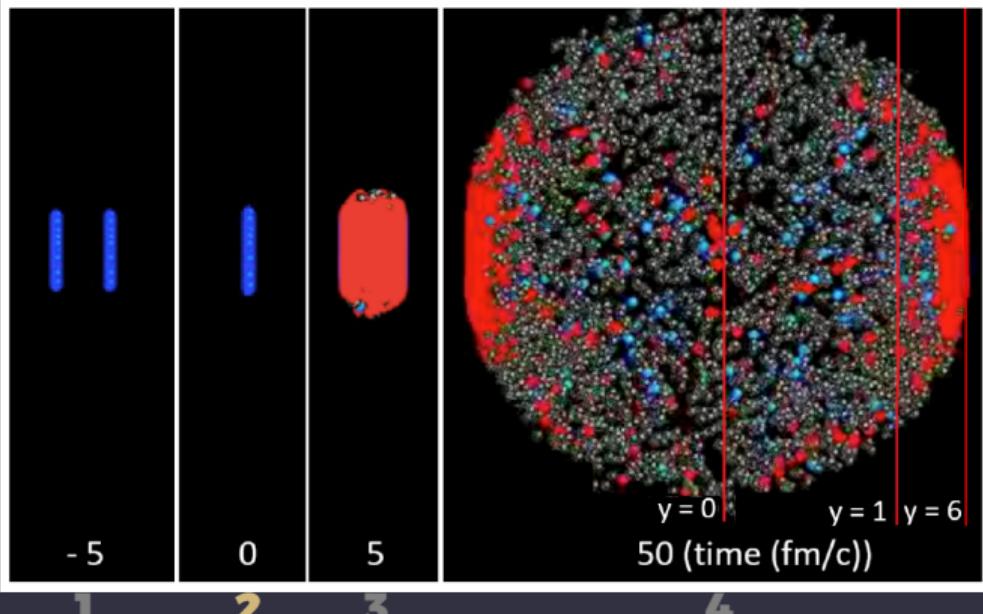


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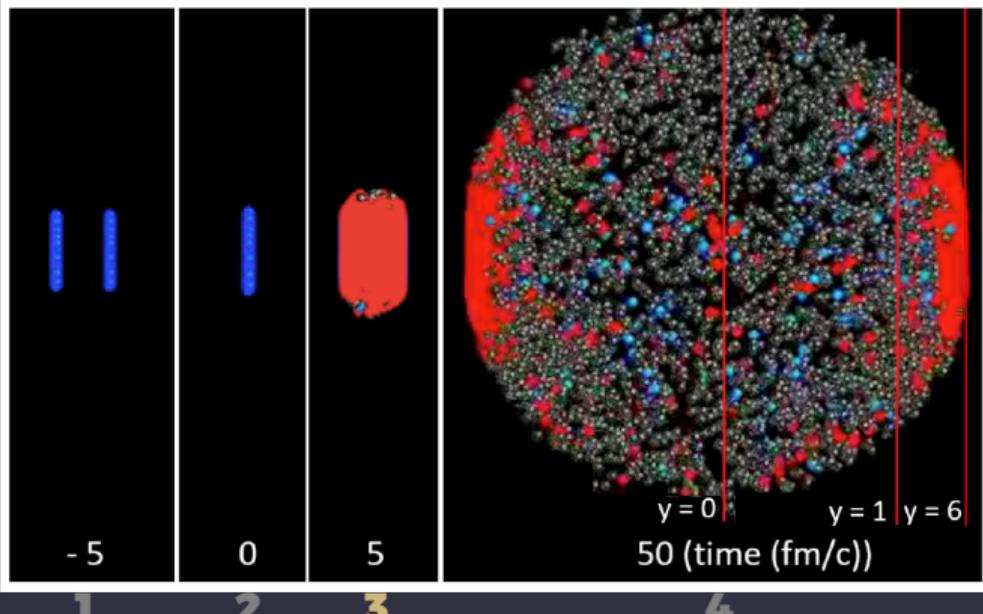


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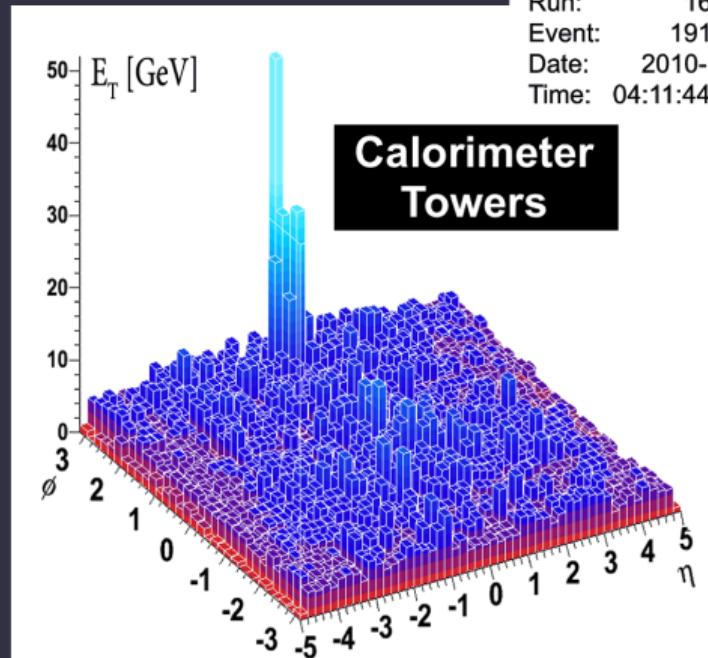
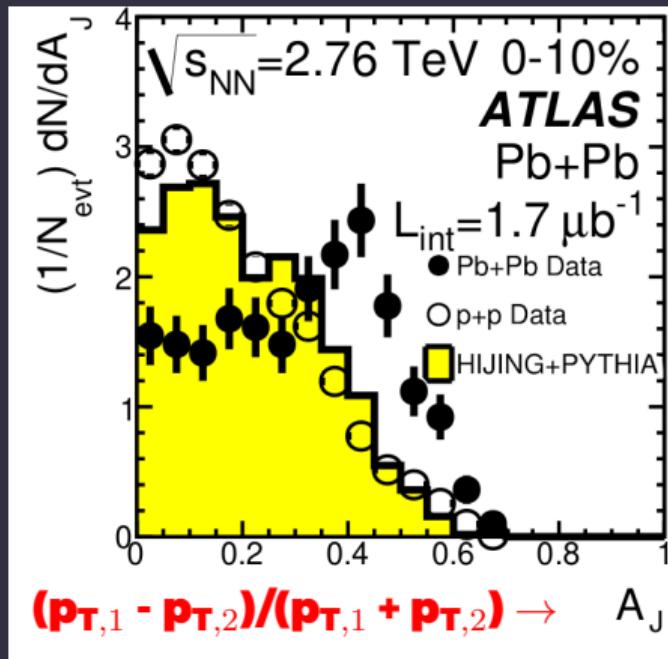
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# Jets in QGP

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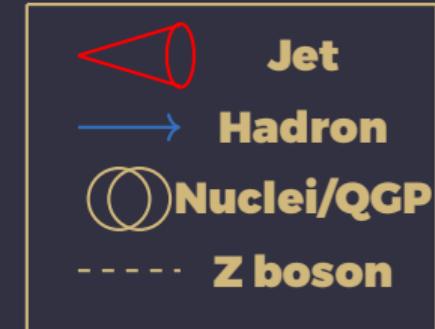
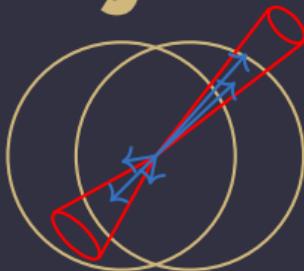
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- Observe significant modification to dijet asymmetry ( $A_J$ )!
- Interpret as jet energy 'lost' to medium interactions
  - For latest ATLAS dijet asymmetry measurements, see [here](#)

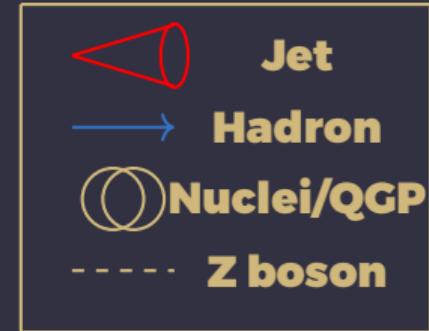
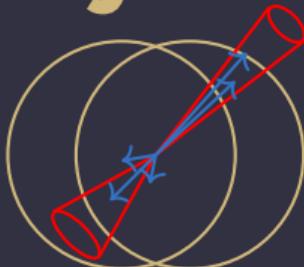
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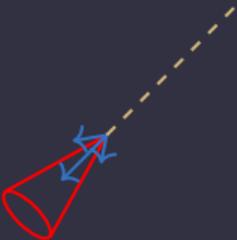


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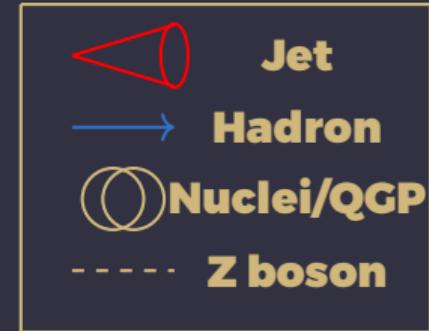
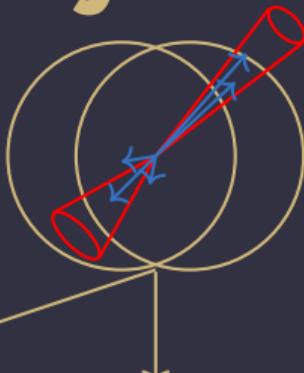
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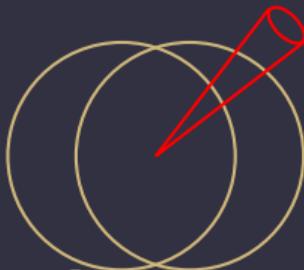
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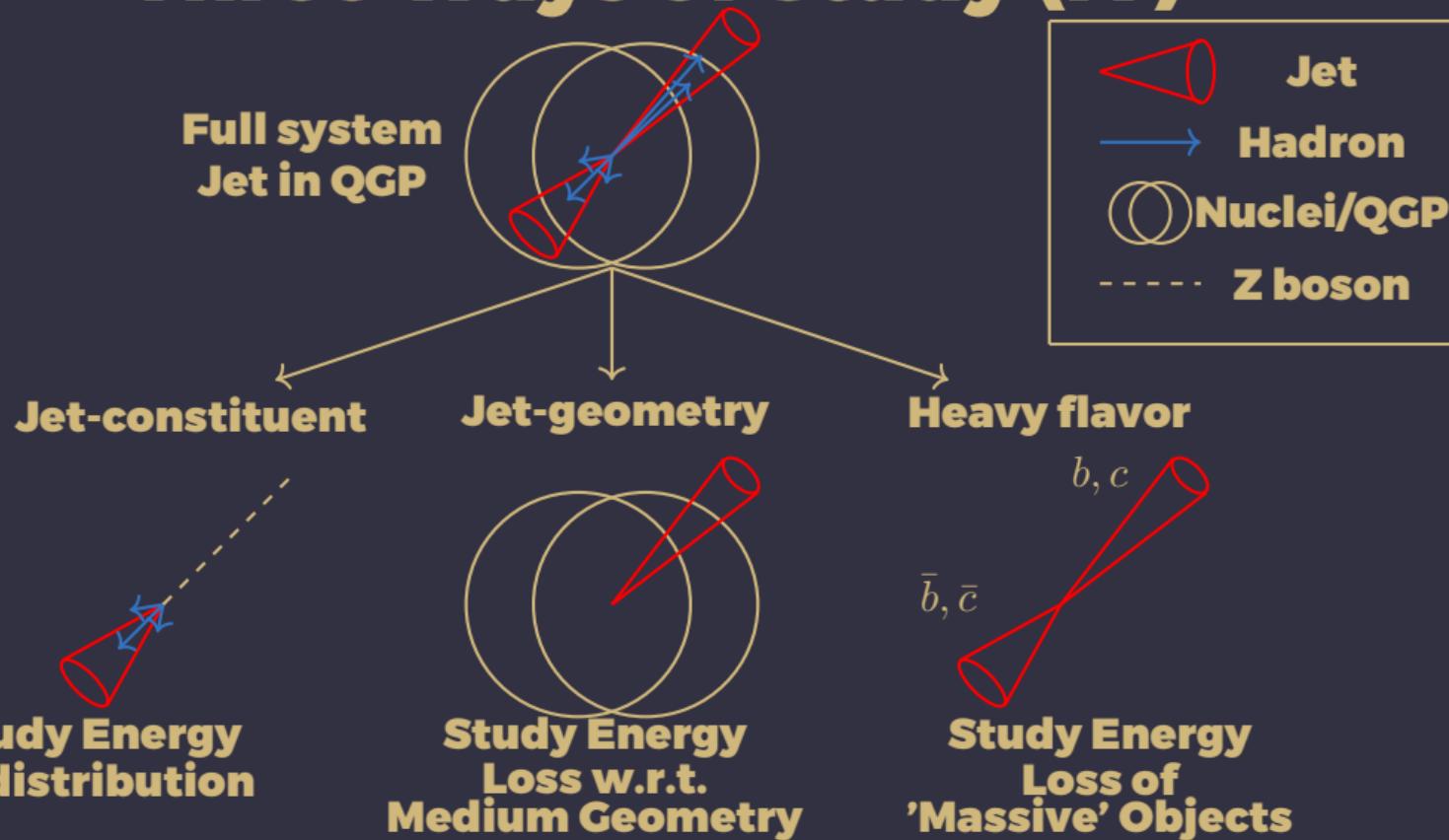
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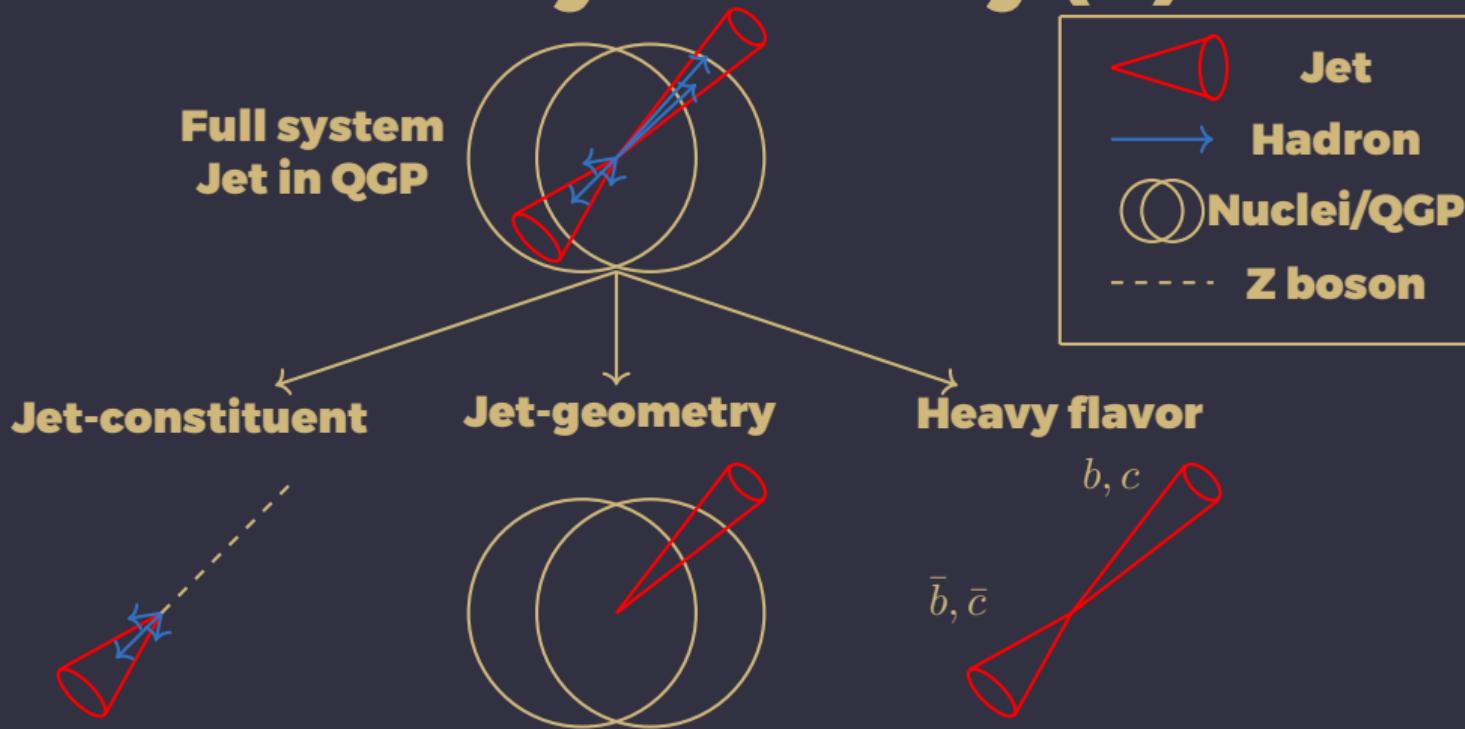
**Study Energy  
Loss w.r.t.  
Medium Geometry**



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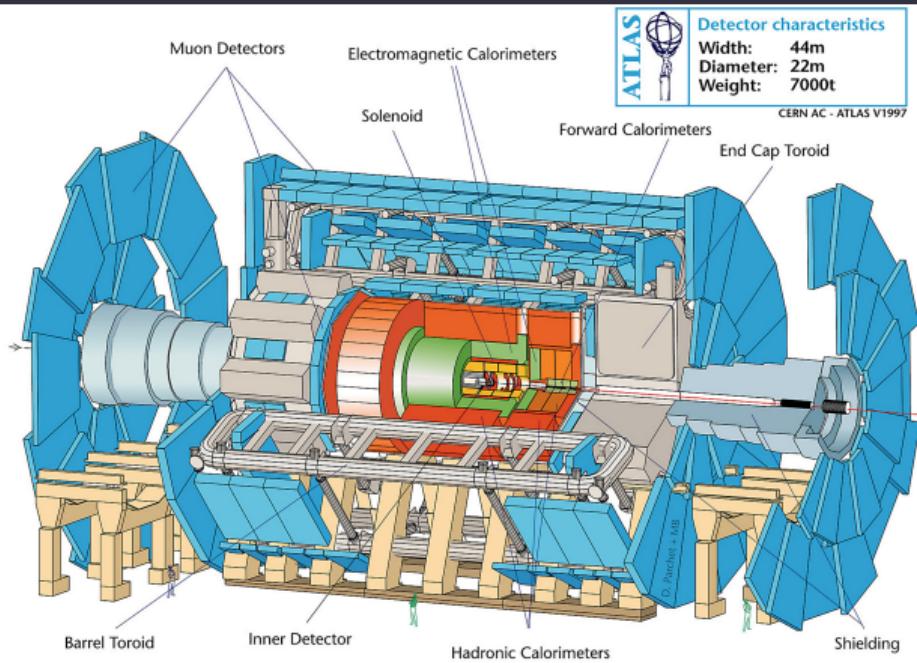


# Three Ways of Study (V)



- Not a comprehensive view of the ATLAS HI jet program!
- All ATLAS HI results (including jets) can be found [here](#)

# ATLAS Detector and Data



Via CDS

$p + p$   
 $p + p$  collected in 2017 (2015)  
 $260 \text{ pb}^{-1} (1.16 \text{ pb}^{-1})$  lumi.

$\text{Pb} + \text{Pb}$   
 $\text{Pb} + \text{Pb}$  collected in 2018 (2015)  
 $1.72 \text{ nb}^{-1} (246 \mu\text{b}^{-1})$  lumi.

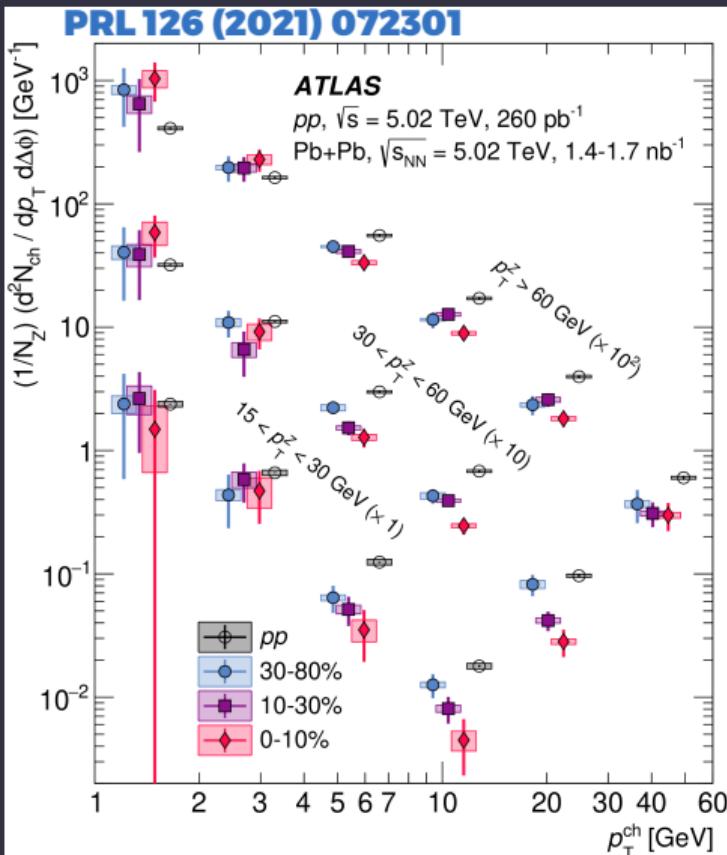
- Jets are reconstructed w/ EMCal and HCal
- Charged particles via inner tracking detectors
- Centrality (nuclear overlap) is determined by FCal
- Z boson reconstructed w/ muon detectors and EMCal+track

# Z-Tag w/ Jet Fragments (I)

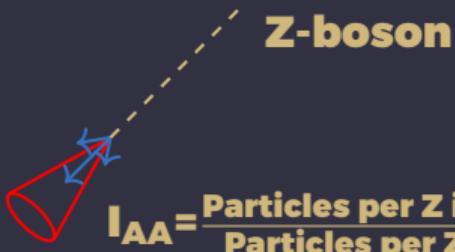


**Z-boson**

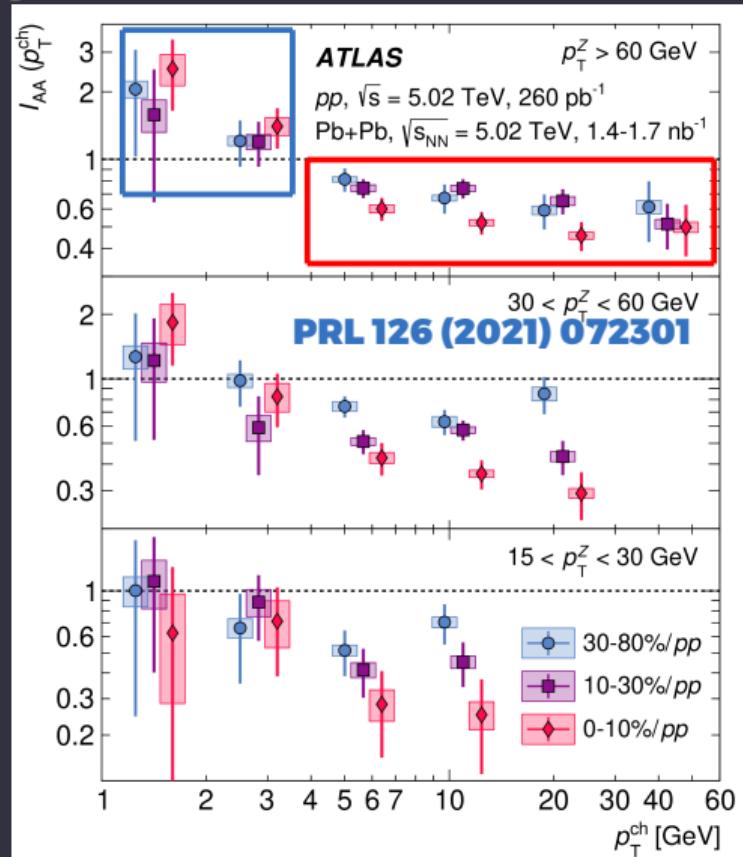
- **Colorless tag (Z) unmodified by medium**
  - Initial scattering proxy
- **Study charged particles opposite the Z**
  - These are produced by the jet
- **Right: Charged particles produced in hemisphere opposite Z in Pb+Pb, p+p**



# Z-Tag w/ Jet Fragments (II)



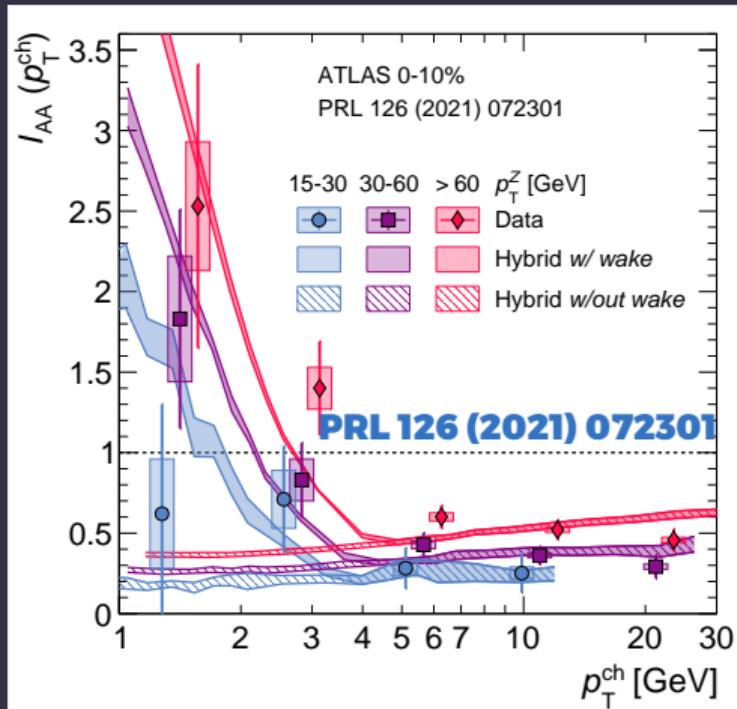
- How does energy loss modify jet constituents?
- Observe suppression of high- $p_T$  particles
- Excess of low  $p_T$  particles
- Medium interactions attenuate+redistribute



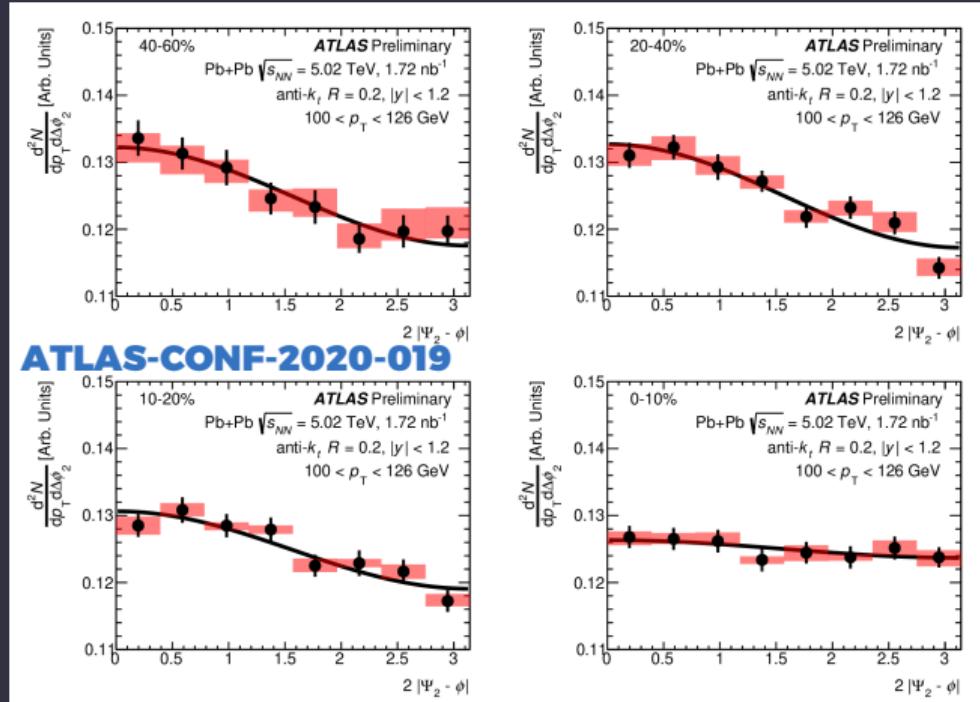
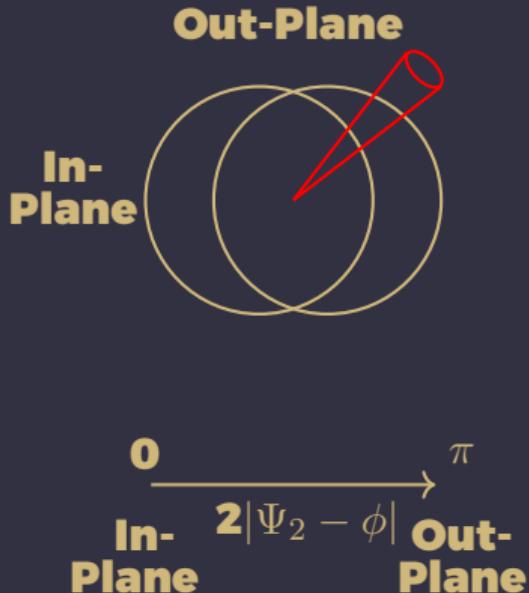
# Z+hadrons Theory Comparison



- Does a jet in medium leave a wake?
- Check in Hybrid model - jet quenching theory with strong-coupling
- Hybrid model does not describe low- $p_T$  excess in data w/o such a backreaction

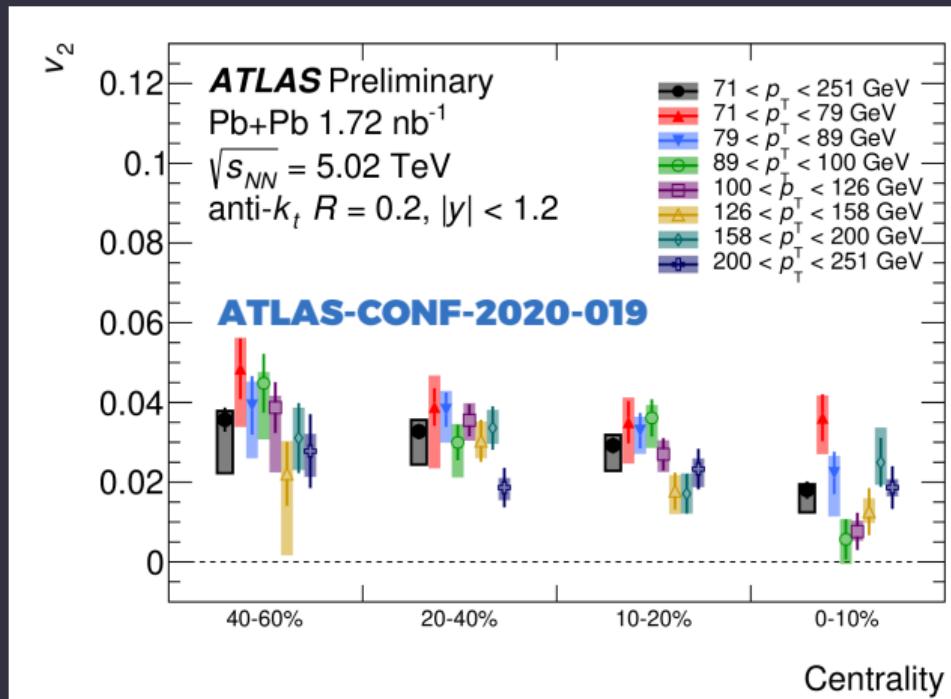
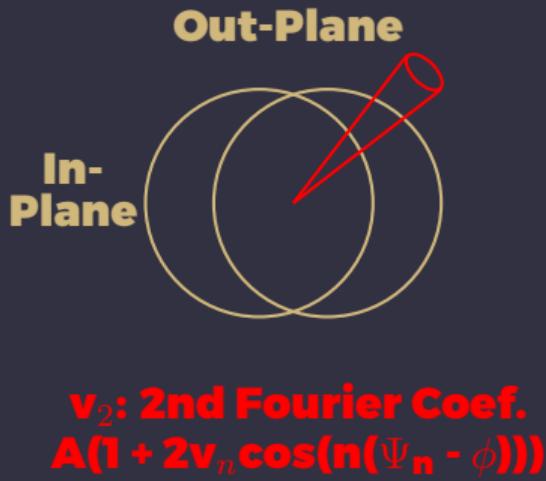


# Jet-Geometry Correlations (I)



- Simple counting of jets in-and-out-of-plane
  - We observe more jets in the final state in-plane!

# Jet-Geometry Correlations (II)



- Significant  $v_2$  observed, with expected centrality dependent trend
  - Implies a path-length dependence in energy loss!

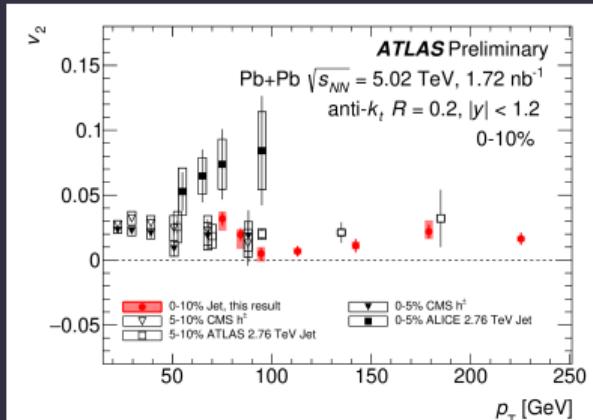
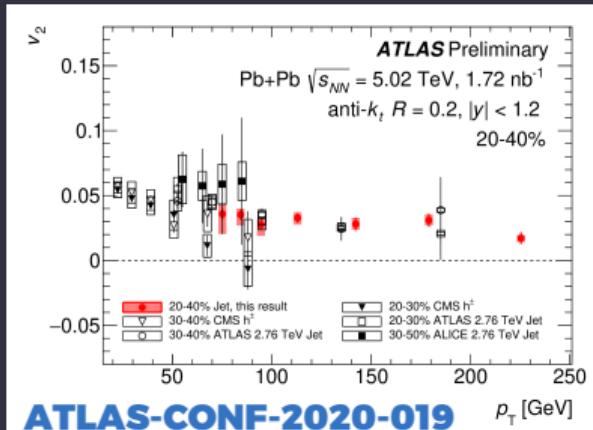


# Cross-experiment Comparison



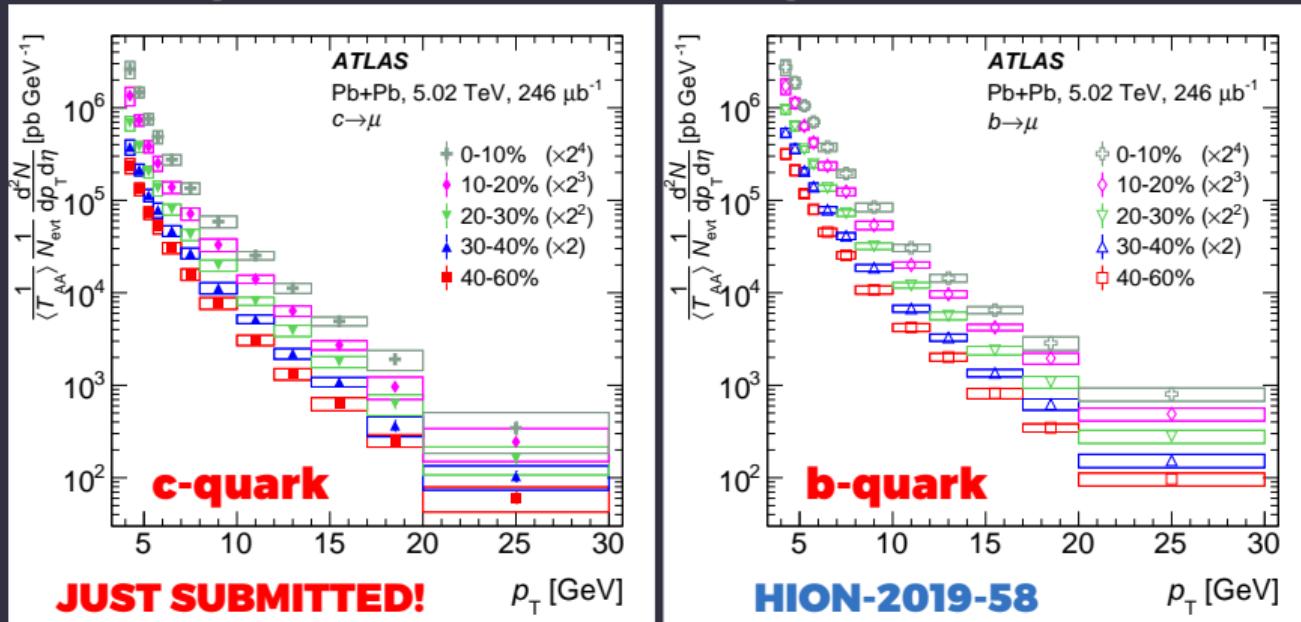
$v_2$ : 2nd Fourier Coef.  
 $A(1 + 2v_n \cos(n(\Psi_n - \phi)))$

- Good agreement in semi-central (20-40%)
- Modest tension in 0-10% w/ ALICE
  - ATLAS 5.02 TeV result consistent with 2.76 TeV



# Heavy Flavor Study (I)

$b, c$   
 $\bar{b}, \bar{c}$



- Does mass (c/b quark) modify medium interactions?
- Measure production of via muon decay channel
  - Produce spectra above, binned in centrality
- Construct scaled Pb+Pb ratios w/ p+p as:

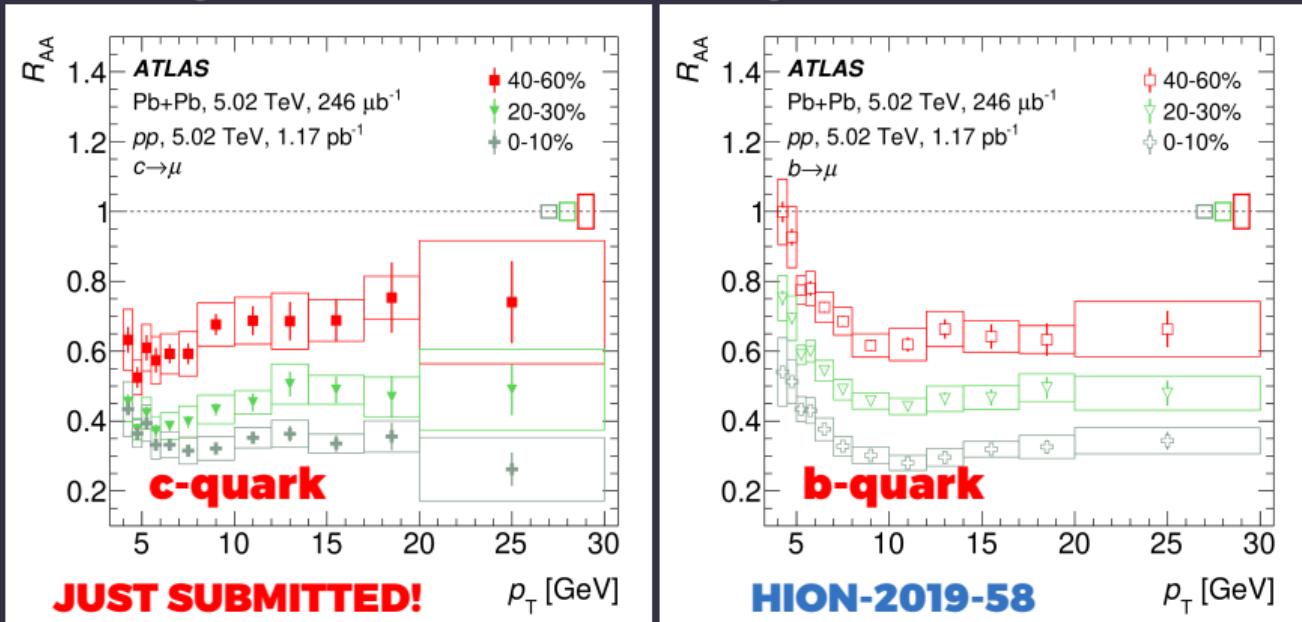
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# Heavy Flavor Study (II)

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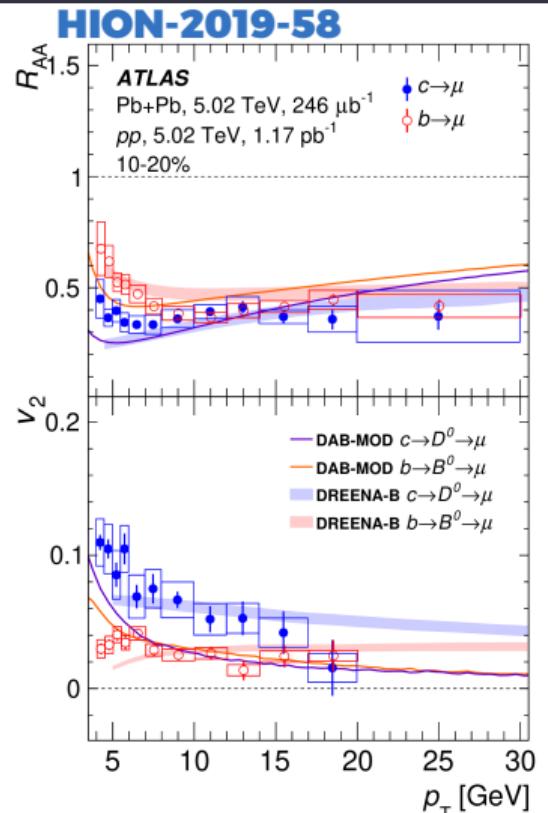
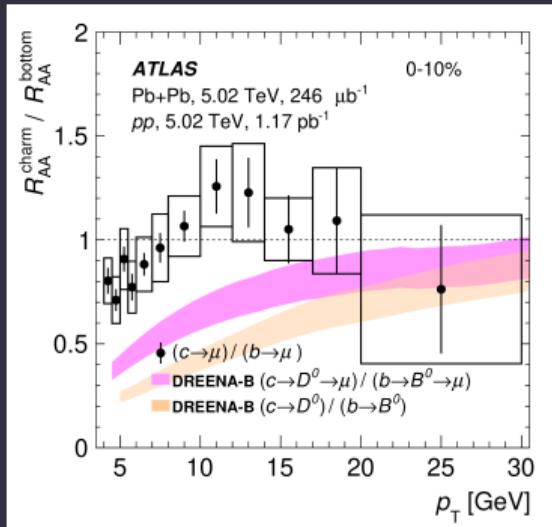
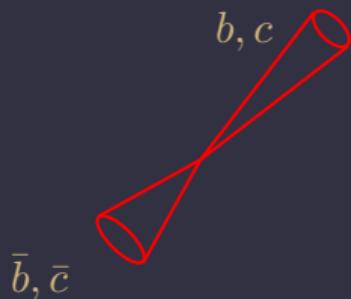
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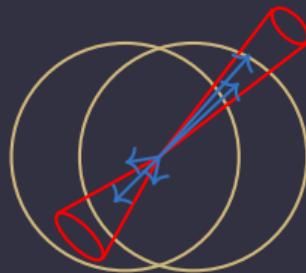
- We observe flat charm suppression across all  $p_{\text{T}}$
- b-suppression is flat at high- $p_{\text{T}}$ 
  - Recovered partially at low- $p_{\text{T}}$
- Mass ordering to suppression?

# Heavy Flavor Study (III)



- Double ratio of c/b suppression
  - Additional error cancellation
- Simultaneously compare  $R_{\text{AA}}$  and  $v_2$ 
  - Greater constraint on theory
- For more on heavy flavor flow, see Dominik's talk

# Conclusion



- Jets are an excellent probe for learning the properties of QCD matter
- Jet constituents are preferentially softer in Pb+Pb
- The path length of jet thru medium impacts suppression
- Heavy flavor reveals mass dependencies to medium interactions

# Backup

# Jet-Geometry Correlations $v_3$

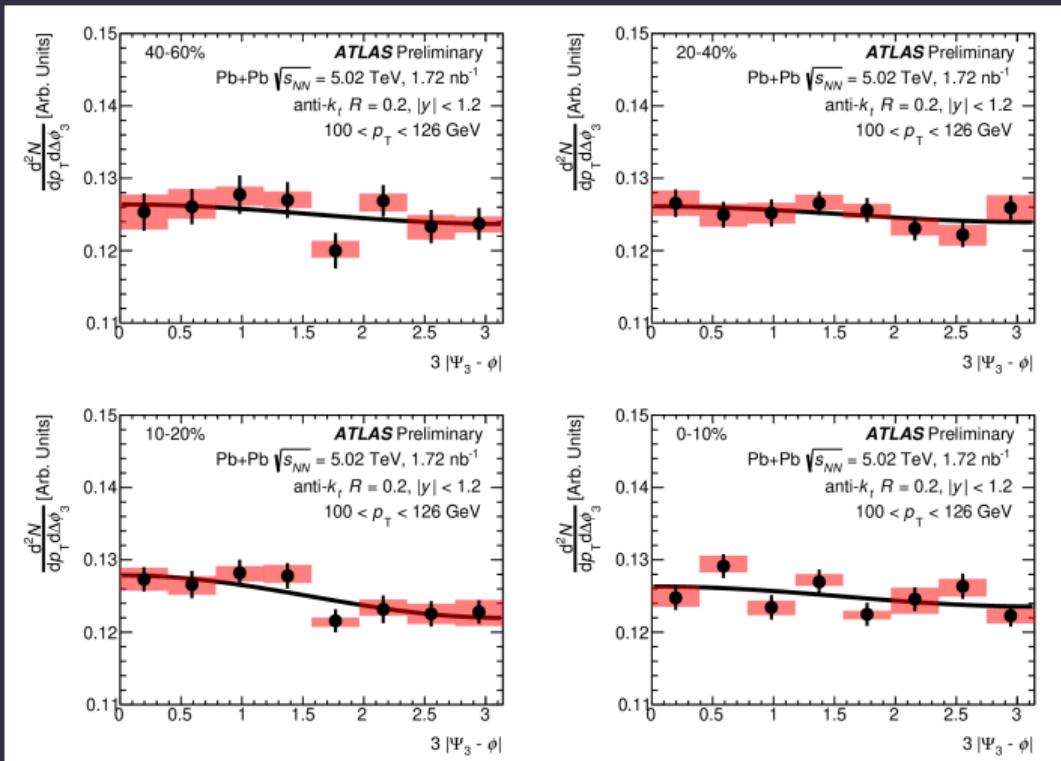
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 **$v_3$  In-Plane**  
—  
 **$v_3$  Out-Plane** →  
 $3|\Psi_3 - \phi|$



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