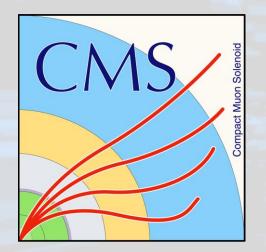
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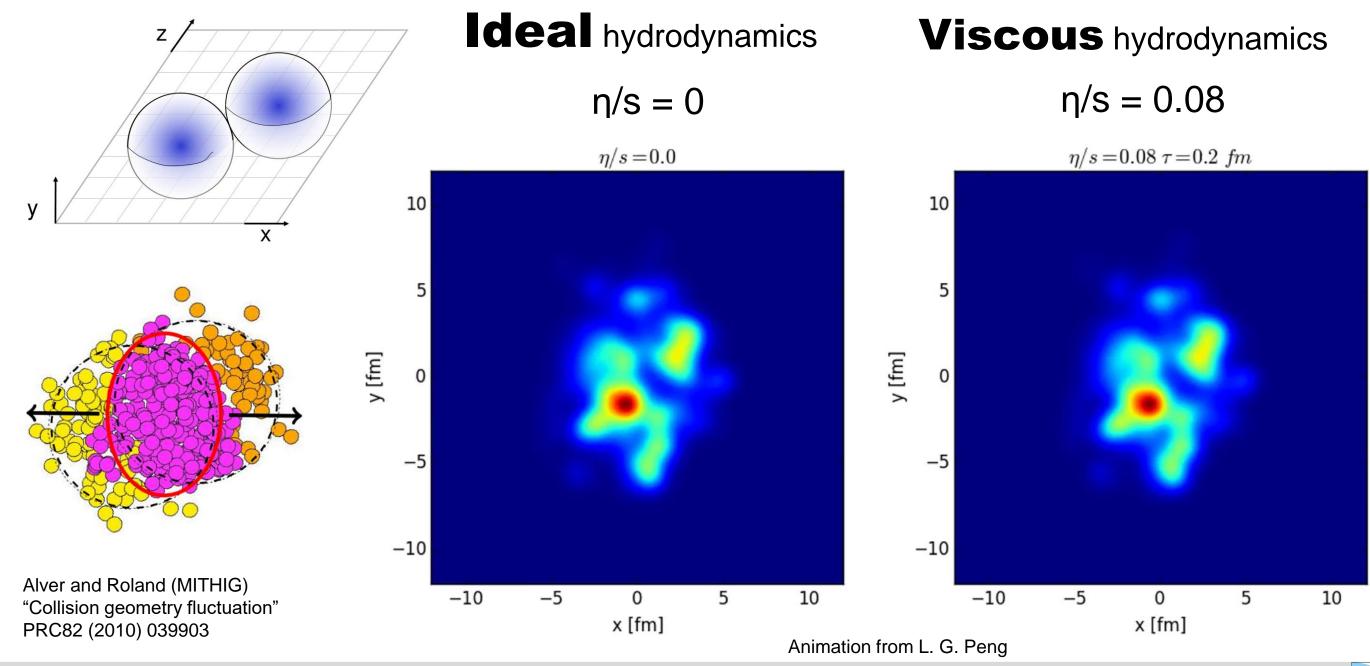




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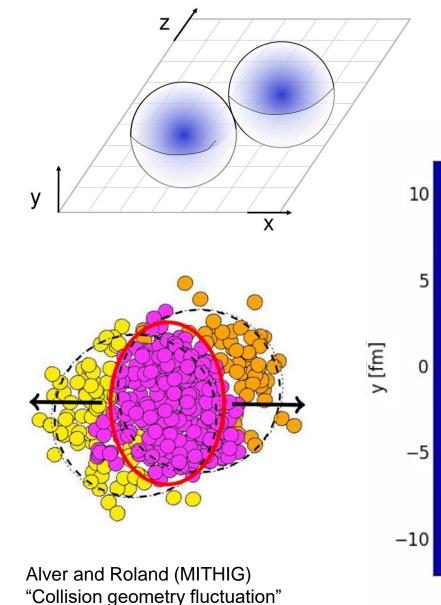
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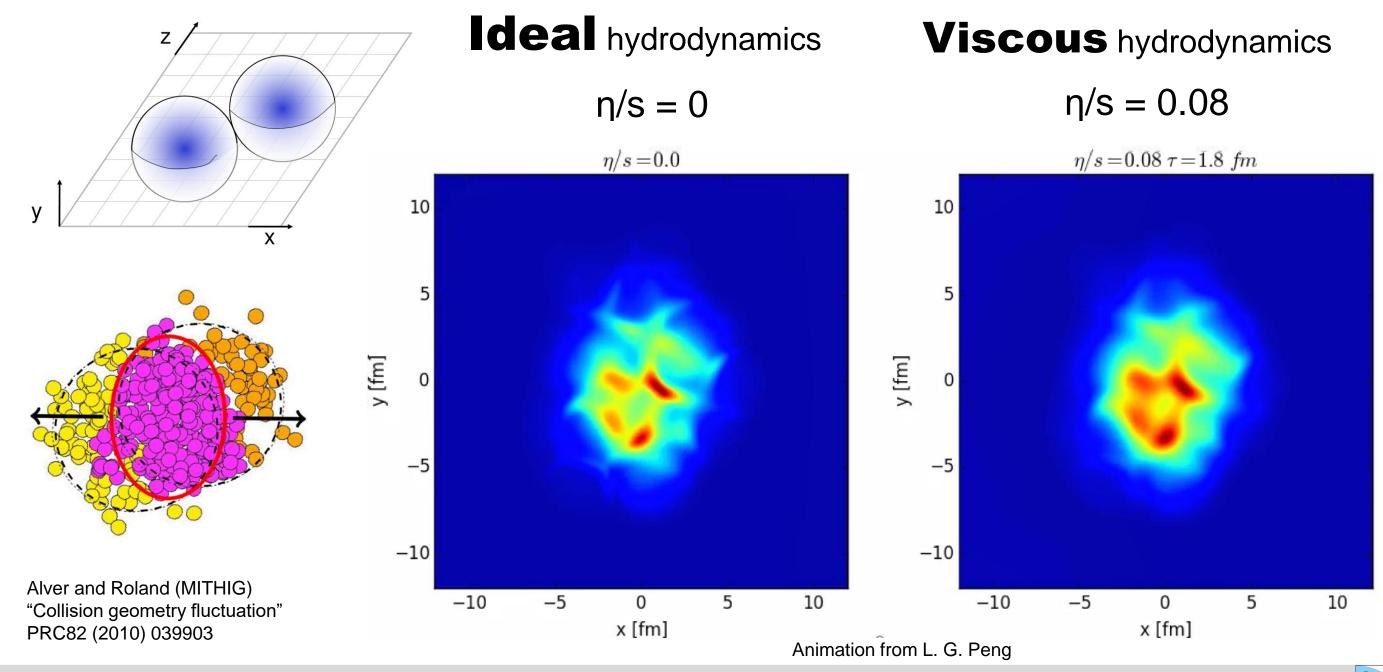
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Animation from L. G. Peng

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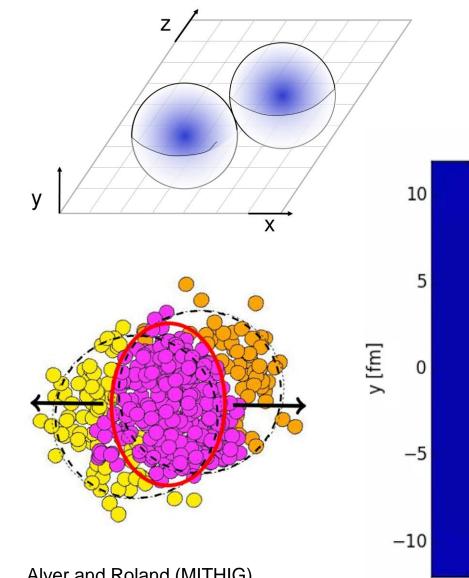




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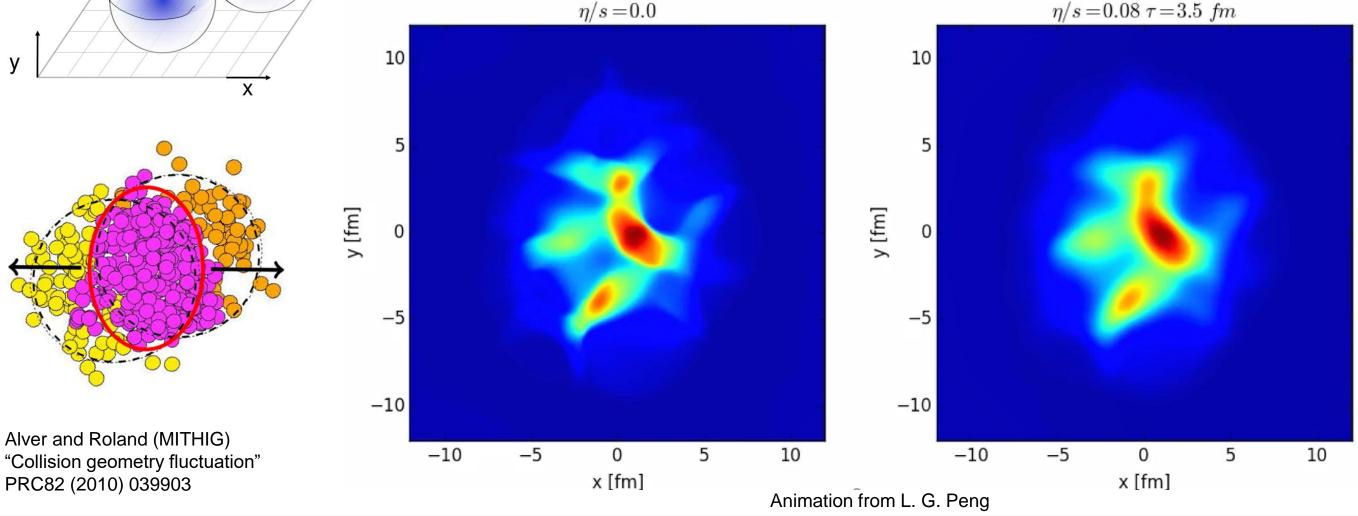




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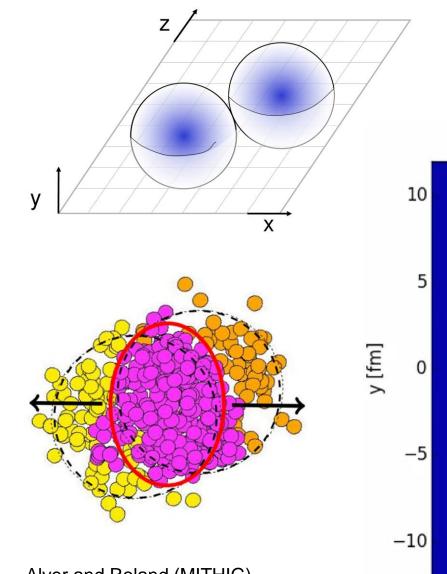
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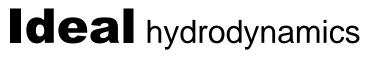


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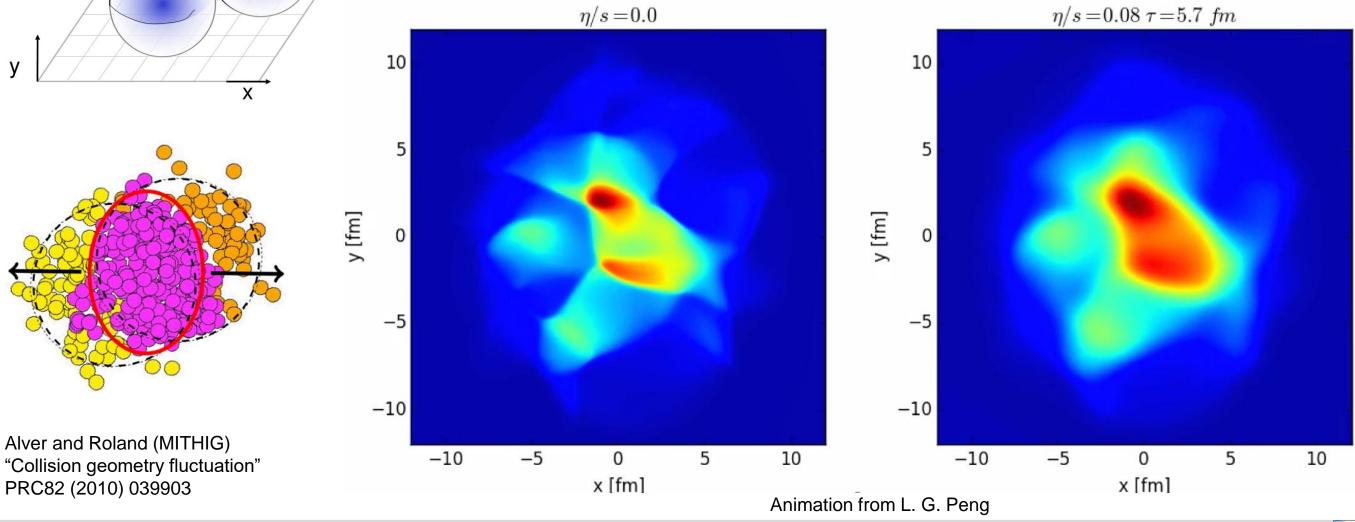




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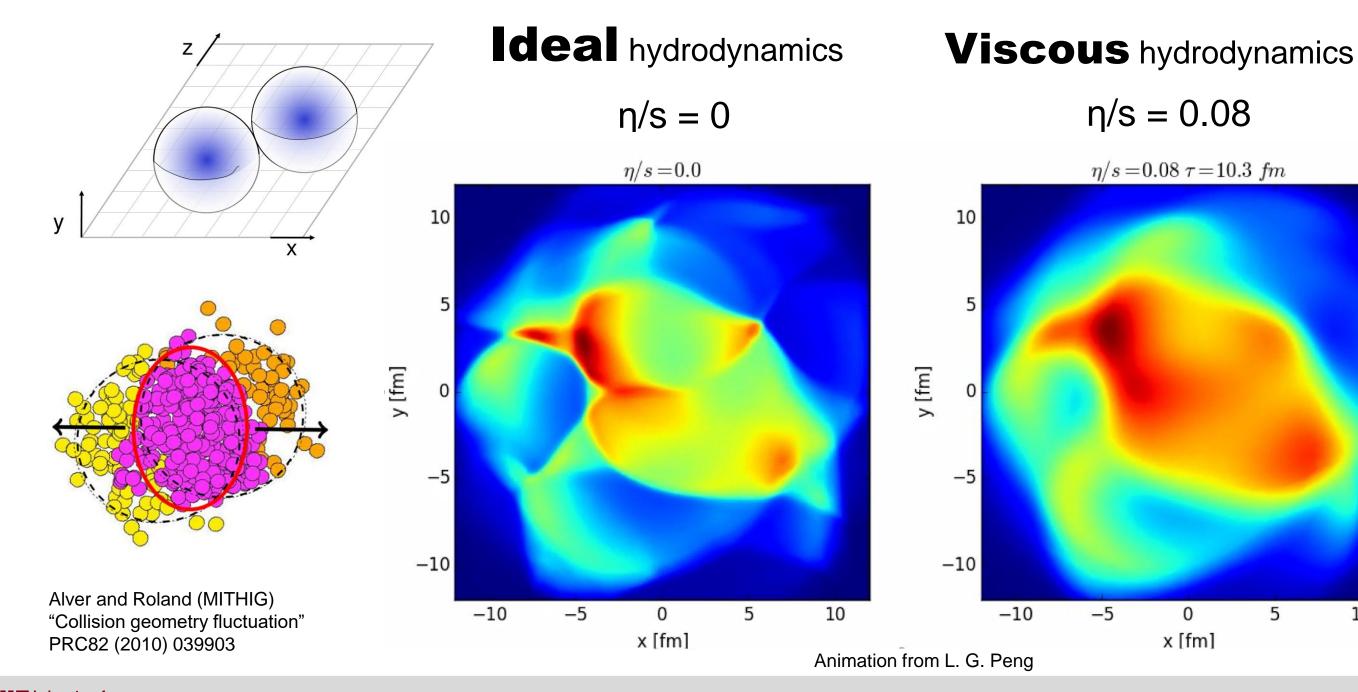
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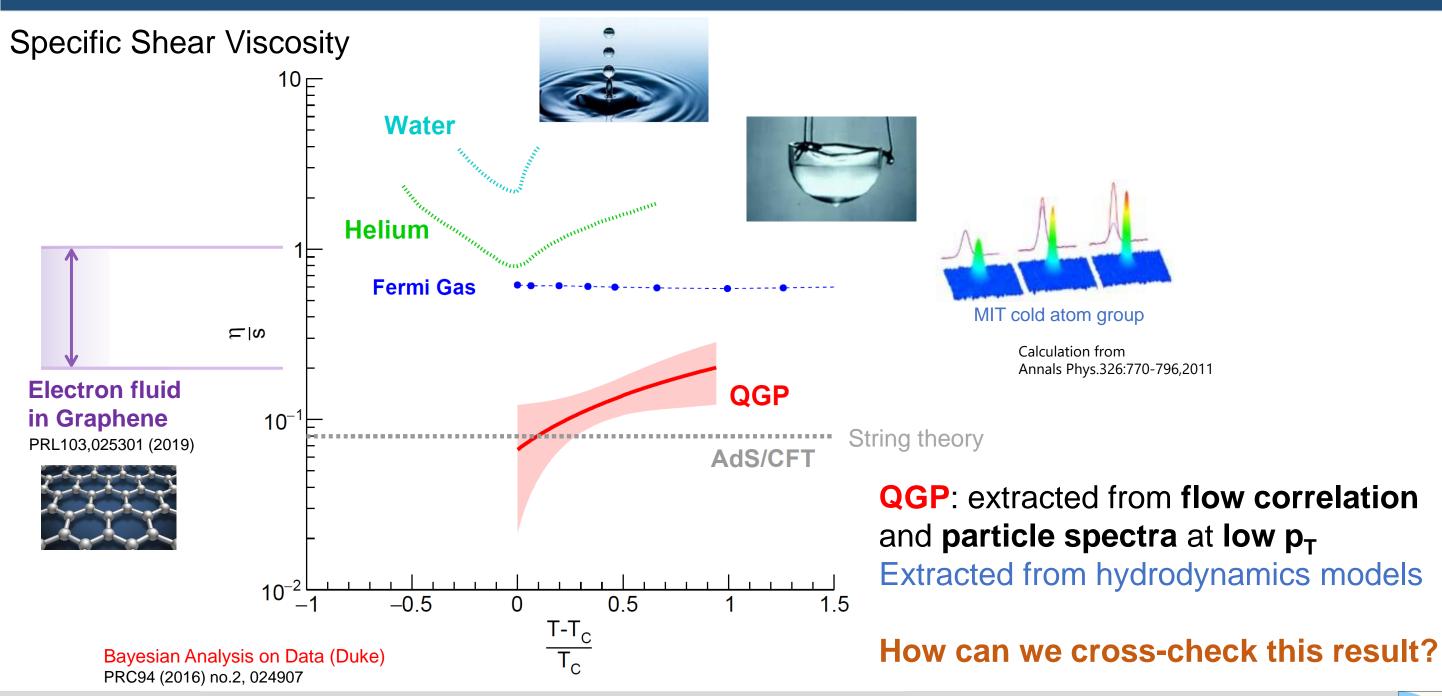
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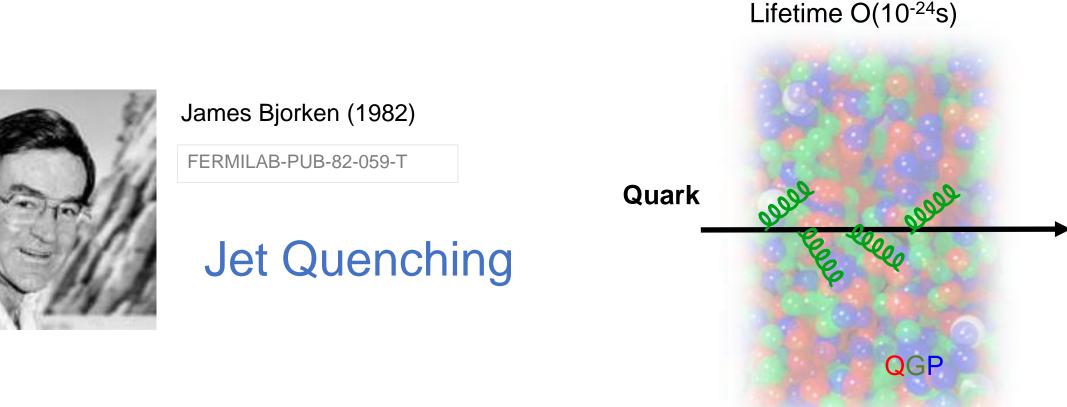
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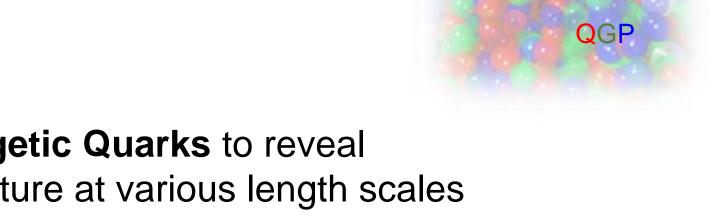


Hard Probes of Quark Gluon Plasma



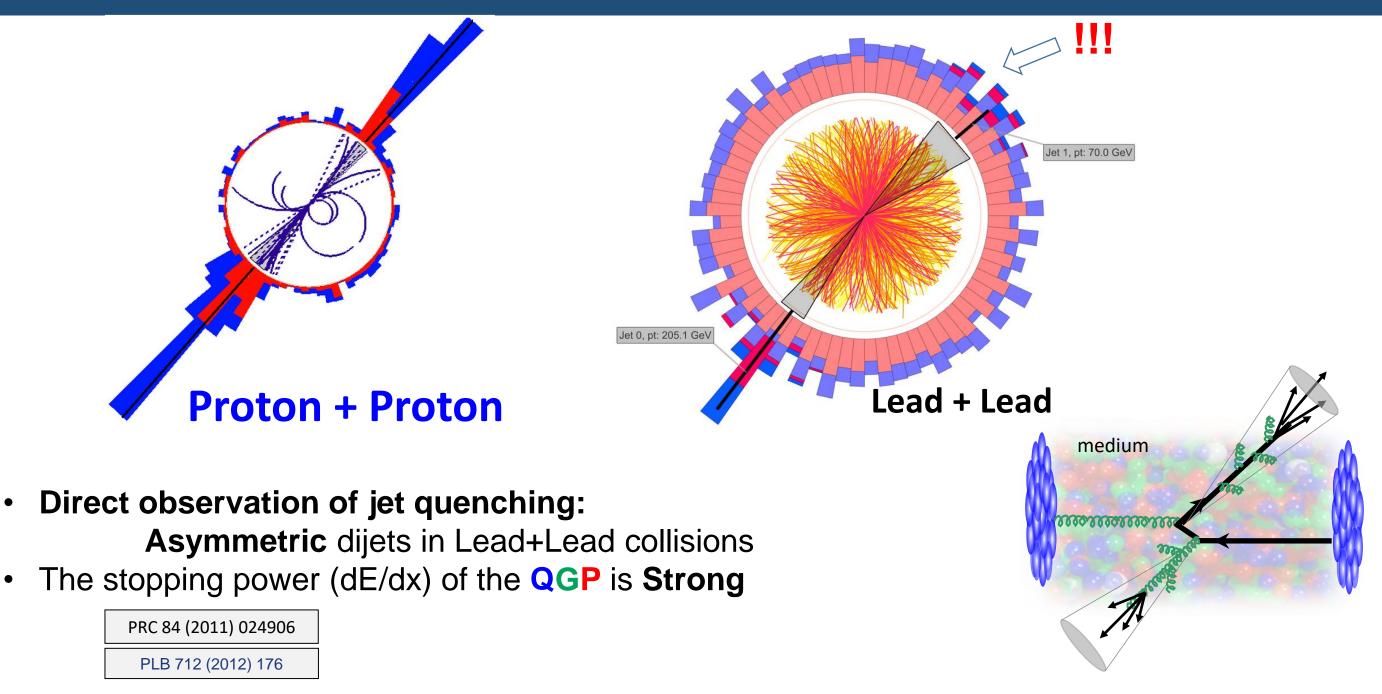


Use Energetic Quarks to reveal **QGP** structure at various length scales



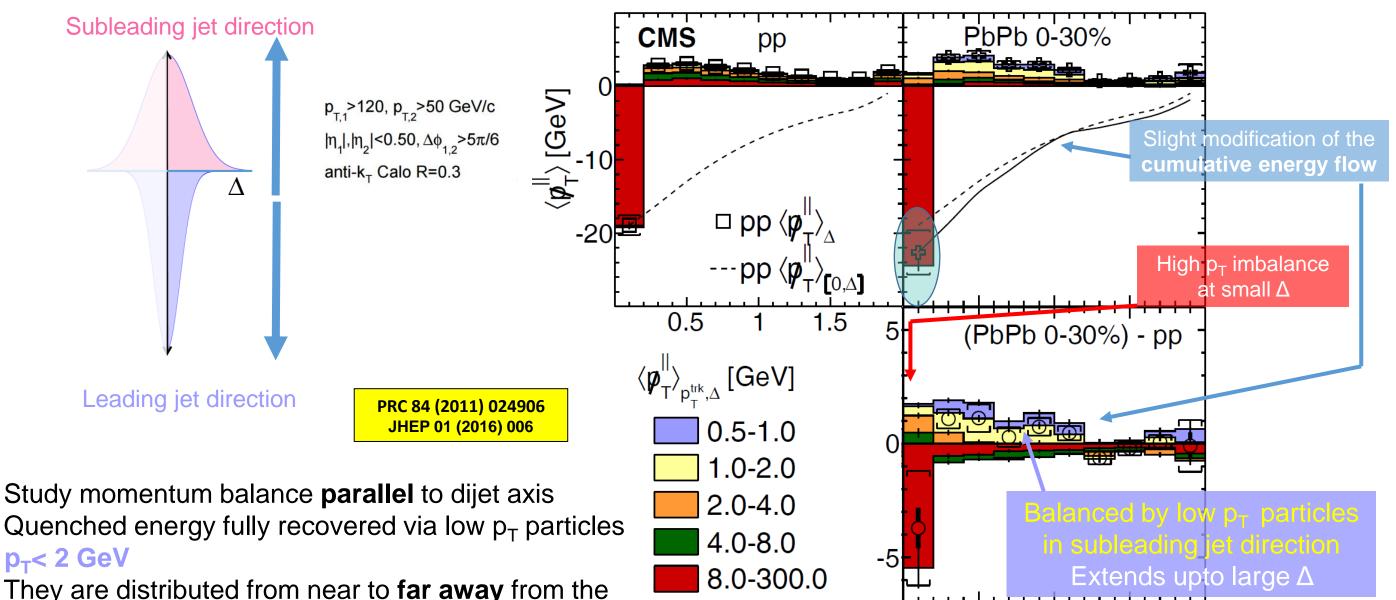


Probe the QGP with High Energy Quarks and Gluons





The First Indication of Medium Response: Missing $p_{\mathsf{T}}^{\parallel}$



 $|\eta_{_{trk}}| < 2.4$

They are distributed from near to far away from the (di)-jet axis (up to ΔR~1-2)

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 $\Delta = \sqrt{\Delta \phi_{\text{Trk,jet}}^2 + \Delta \eta_{\text{Trk,jet}}^2}$

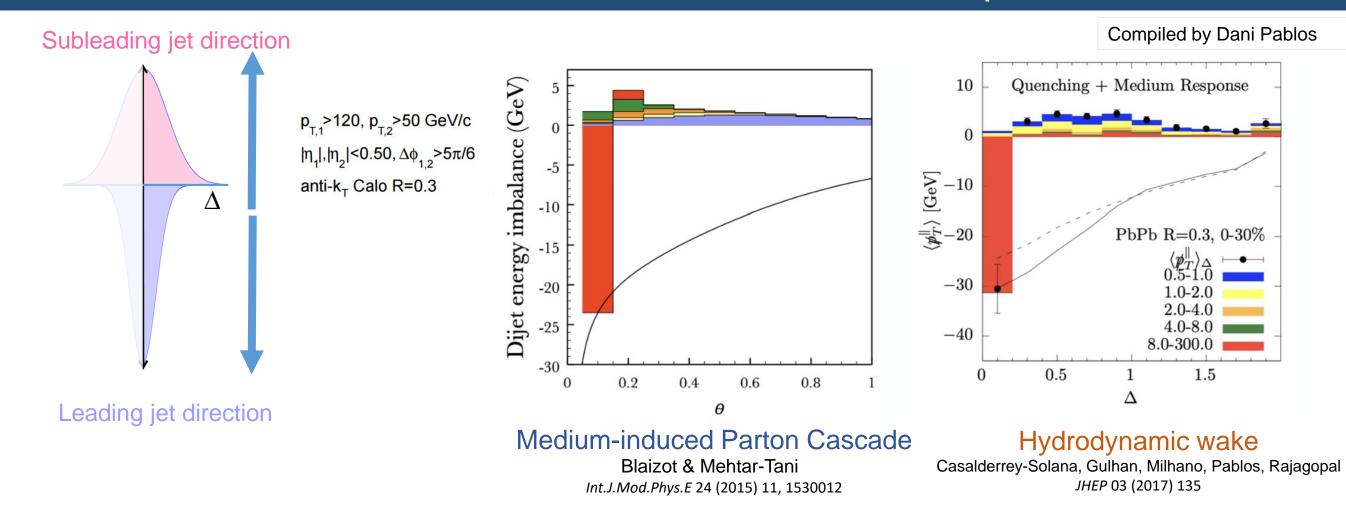
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Interpretation of Missing p_T^{\parallel}

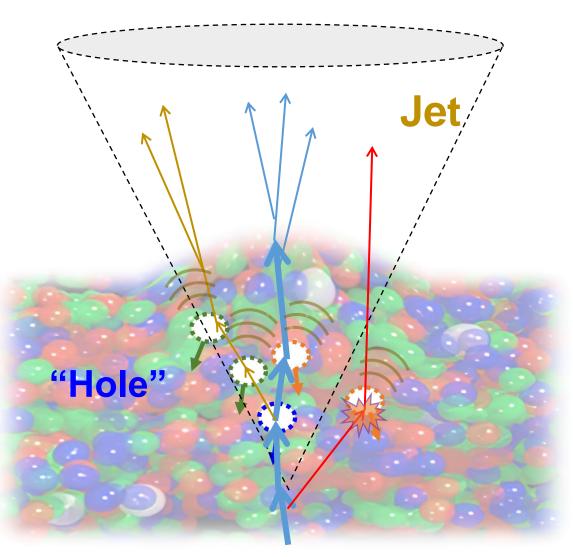


- However, the interpretation includes both Medium-induce Parton Cascade and Hydrodynamic Wake.
- Since then, a lot of focus on the observables involving fully reconstructed jets (See Yi Chen's talk)



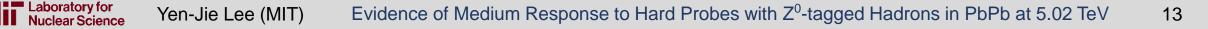
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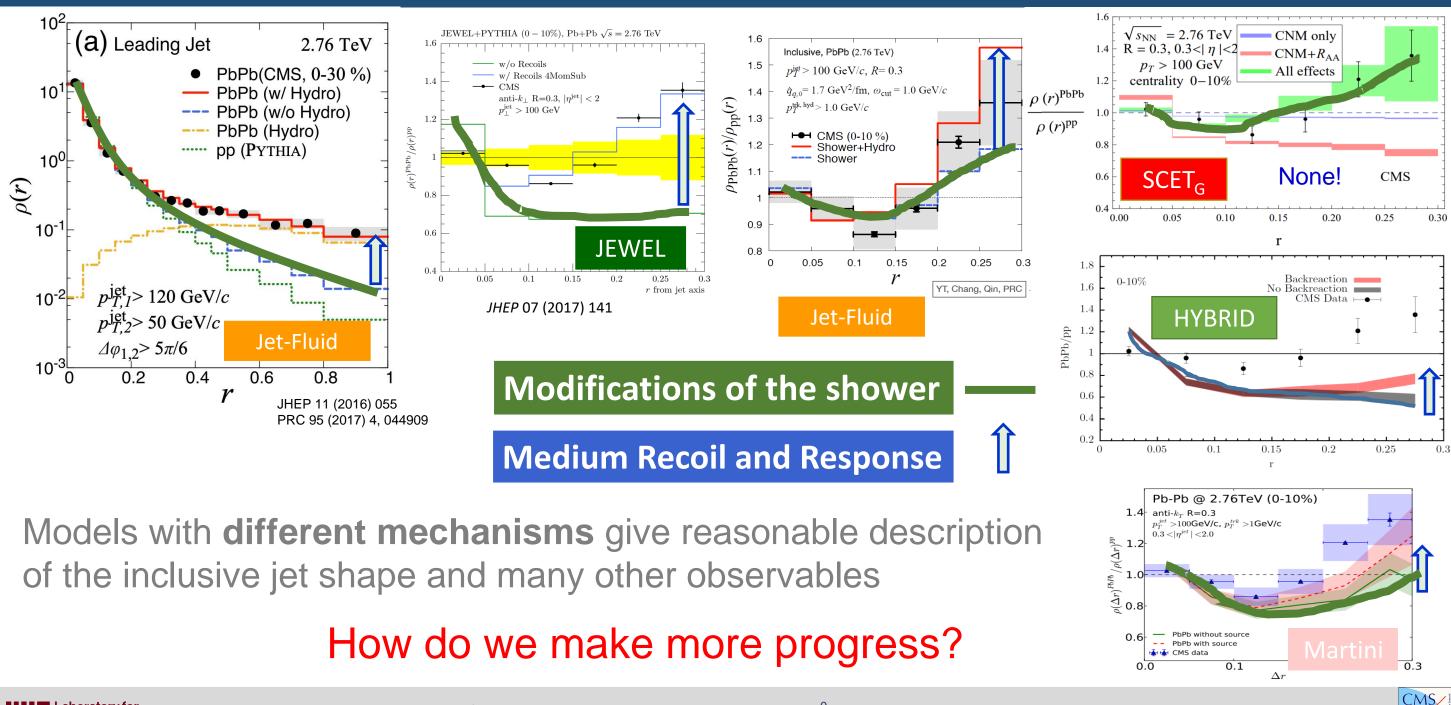
In pQCD-based calculations

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Interpretation of the CMS Jet Shape

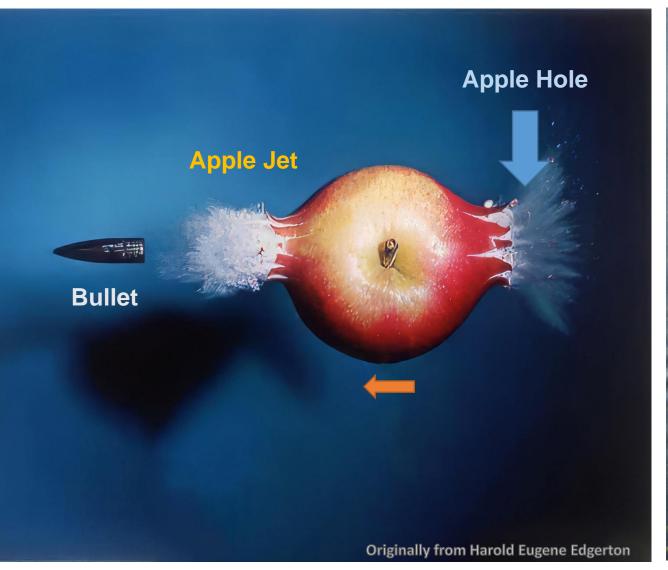


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Inspiration: Medium Response to Hard Probes in QED

Bullet plowing through an apple

Duck swimming through water



More **apple** going in the bullet direction



More water going in the duck direction



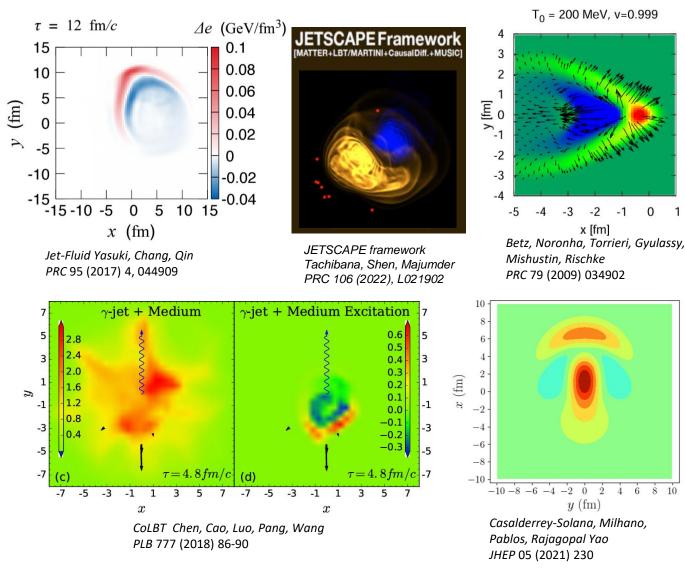
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Quark plowing through the QGP



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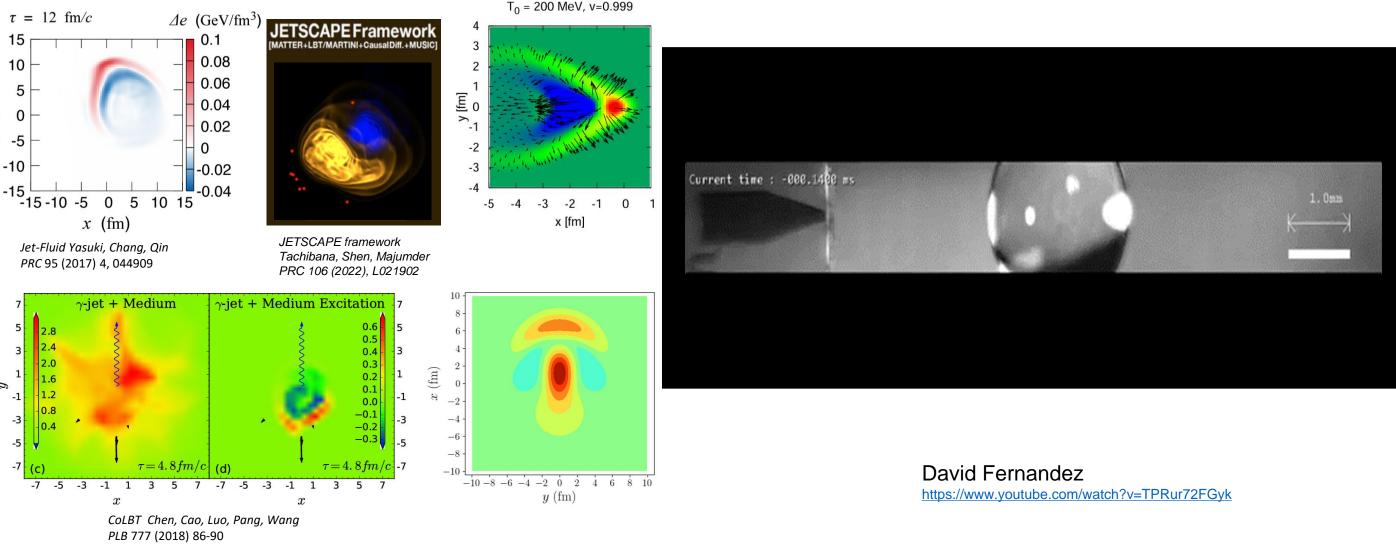
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More **QGP** going in the jet direction

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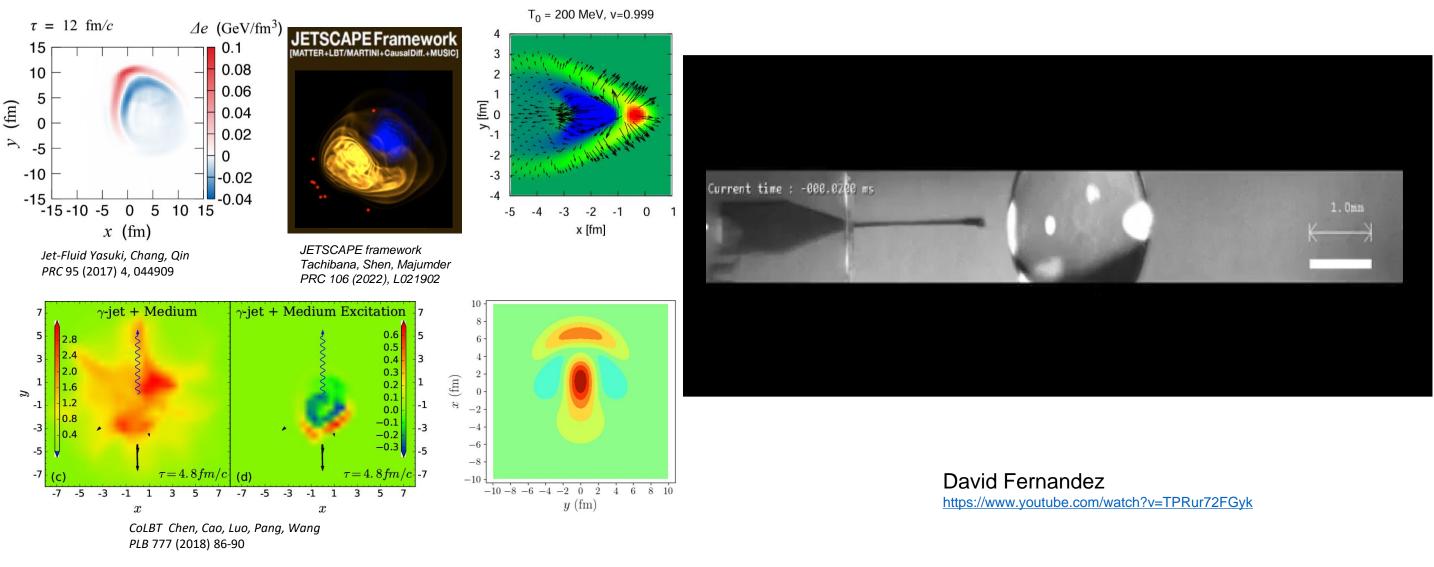
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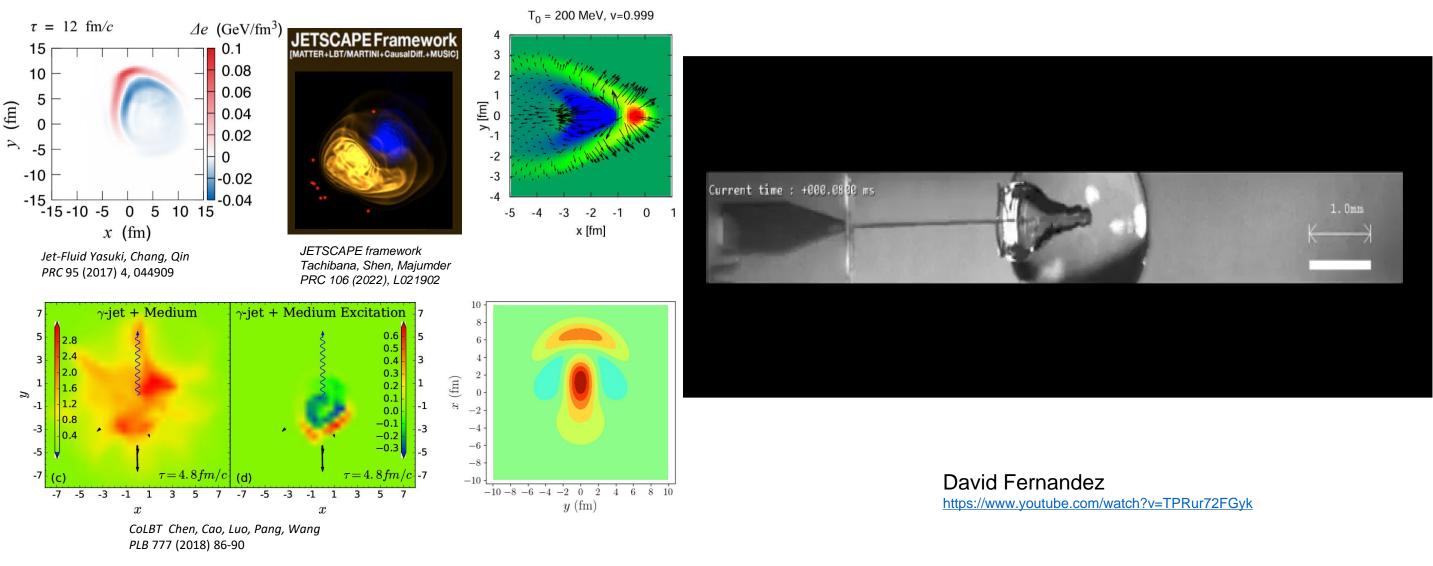
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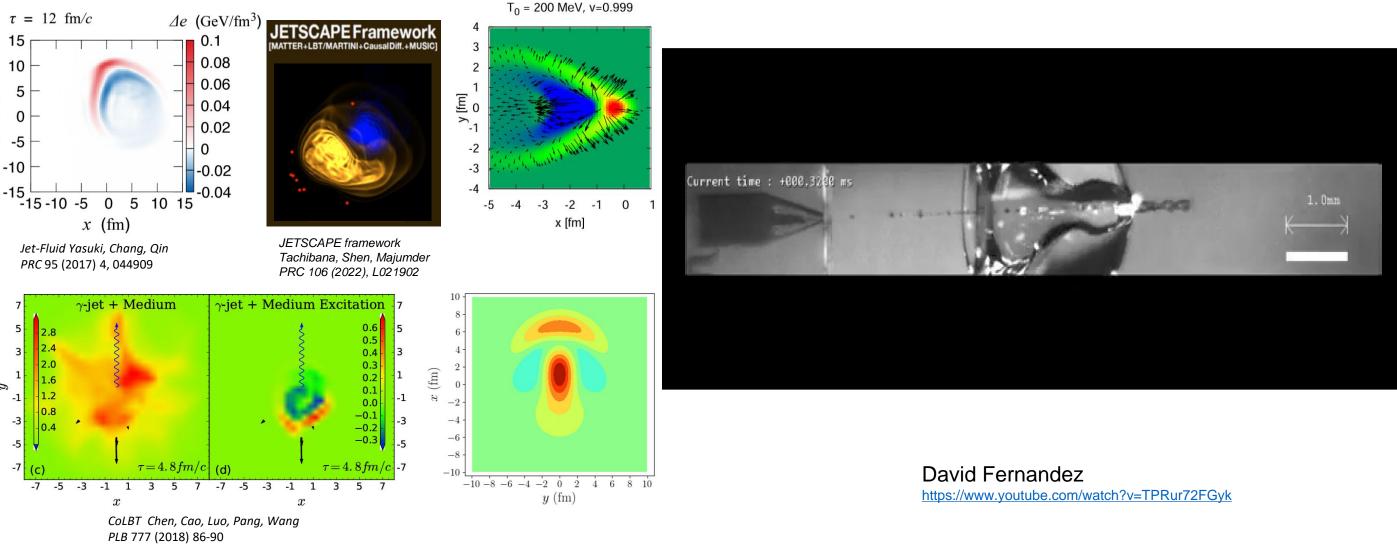
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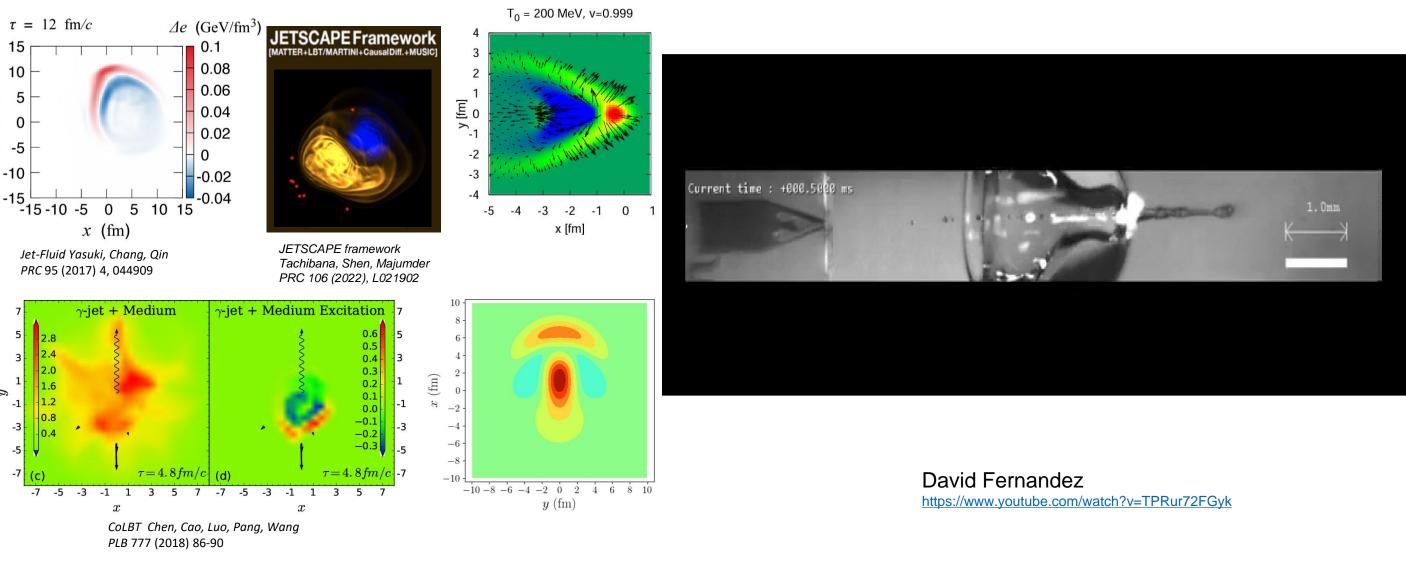
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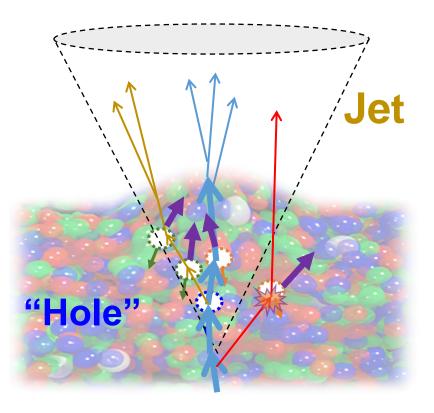
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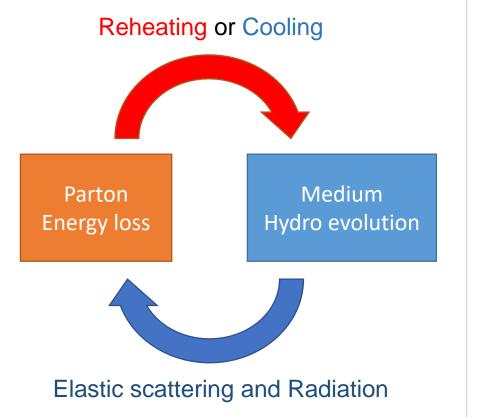


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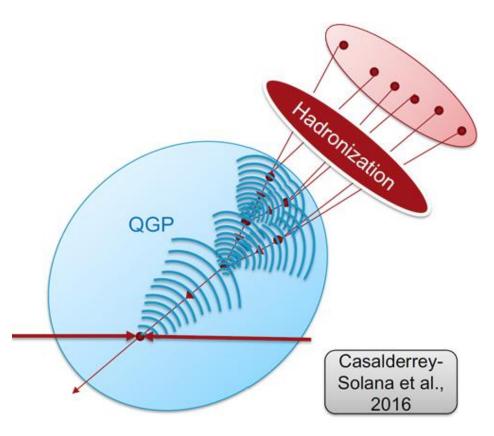
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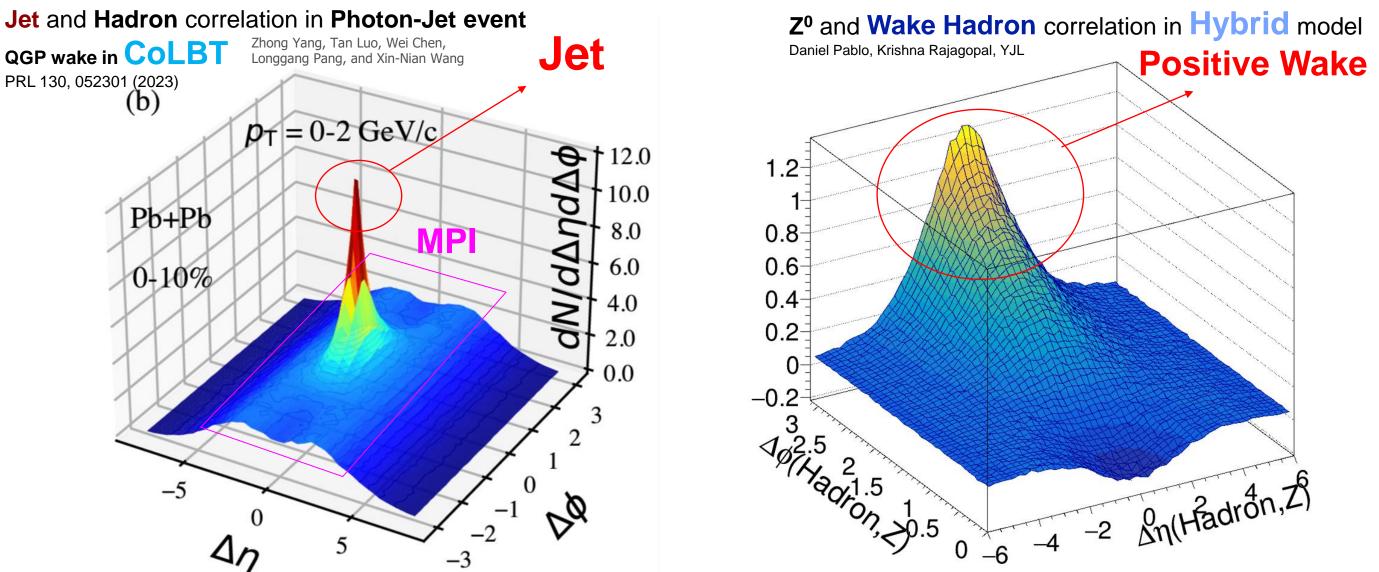


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Medium Response to Hard Probes in Momentum Space

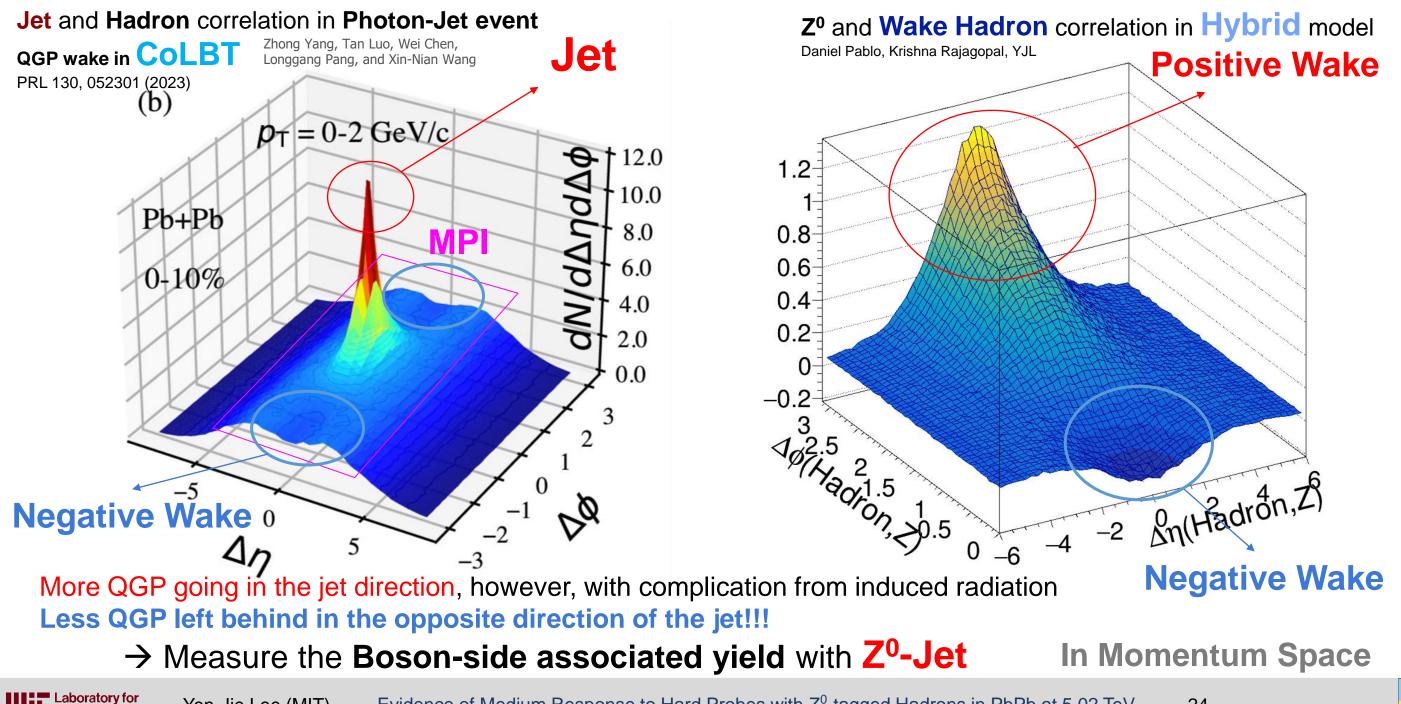


More QGP going in the jet direction, however, with complication from induced radiation

In Momentum Space



Measure the "Depletion" due to Medium Recoil



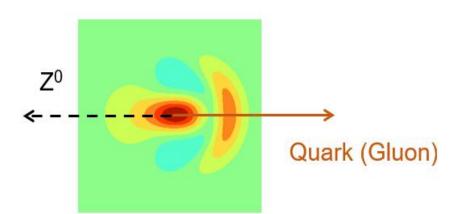


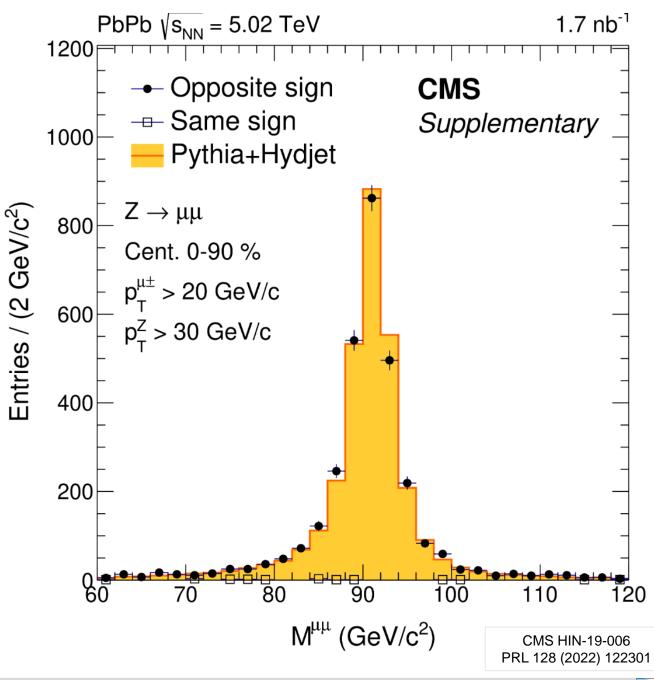
Z⁰ Boson and Charged Hadron Track Selection

• $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ selections:

- Muons: $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.4$, $|p_{T,\mu}| > 20$ GeV/c,
- Z⁰ Bosons:
 - 60 GeV/c² <M_{μμ}< 120 GeV/c² 40 GeV/c <|p_T^z| < 350 GeV/c

 - $|y_7| < 2.4$
- Charged hadron selections:
 - $|\eta_{ch}| < 2.4, 1 < p_T^{ch} < 10 \text{ GeV/c.}$
 - Muon rejection: $\Delta R_{ch,\mu} > 0.0025$ between Muon candidates and charged hadron tracks





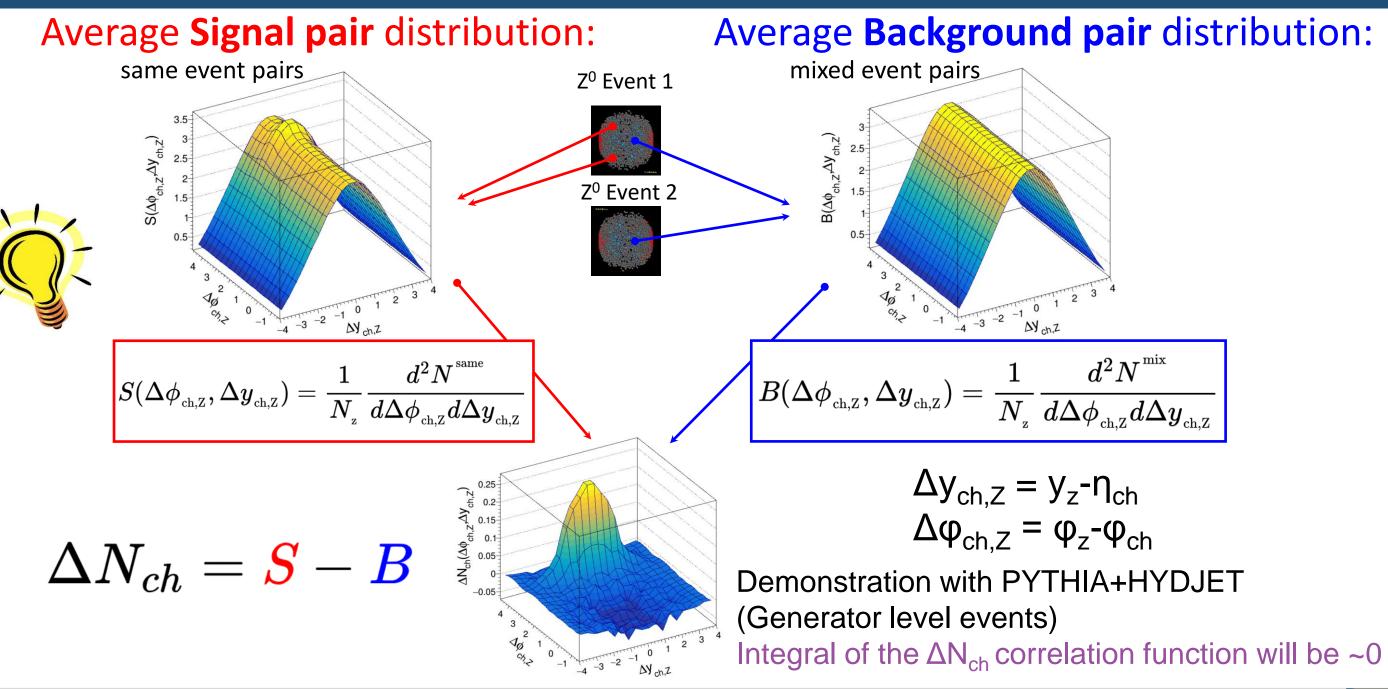


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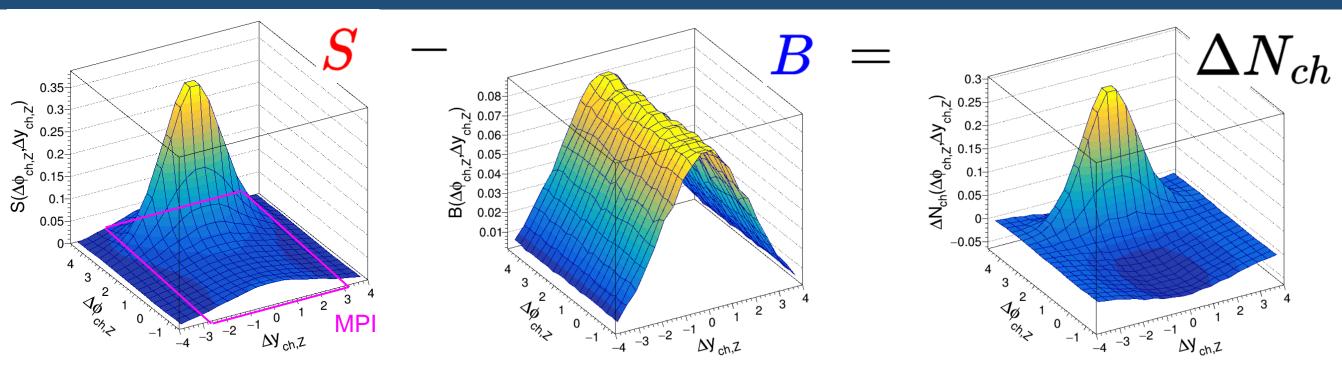


Z⁰-Hadron Correlation Function: Event Mixing

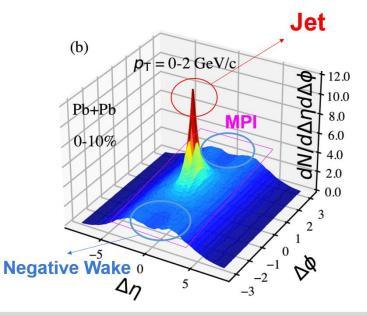




Mixed Event Subtraction in **PYTHIA8 pp** Events

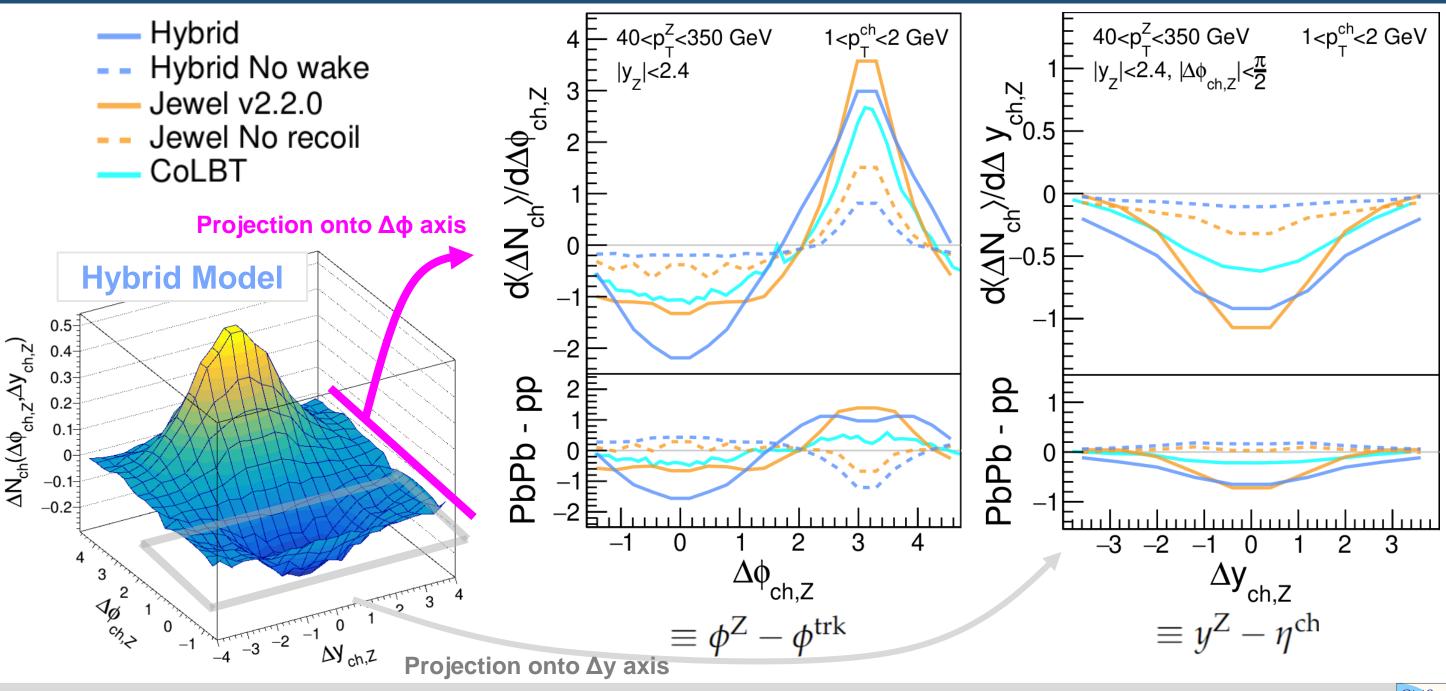


- Mixed event subtraction is also performed in **pp** analysis
- Tight correlation between charged hadron in jet and Z⁰ not only in Δφ but also Δy due to Z⁰ p_T and rapidity selection
- The procedure suppresses the uncorrelated "Multi-Parton Interaction (MPI) ridge" at fixed Δη (Δy)





1D Projections of the Theoretical Predictions



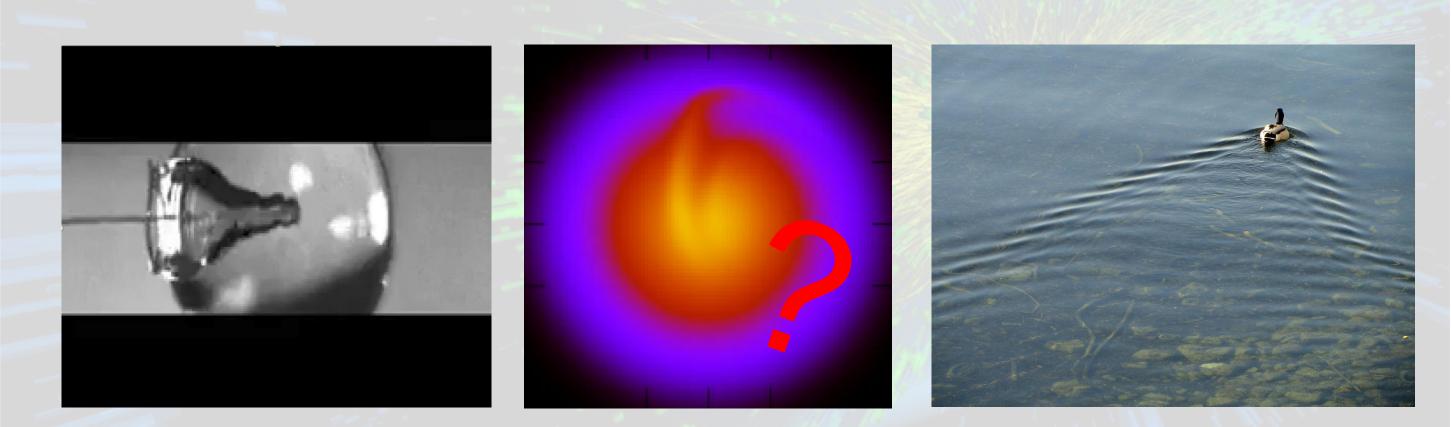
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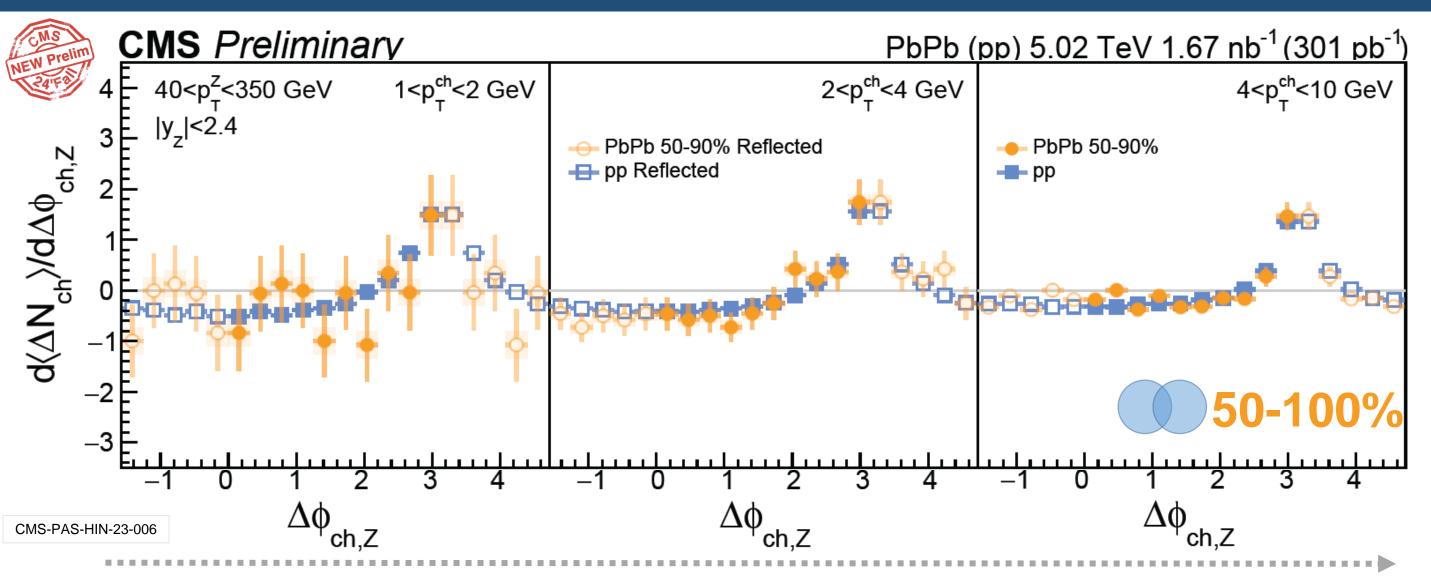




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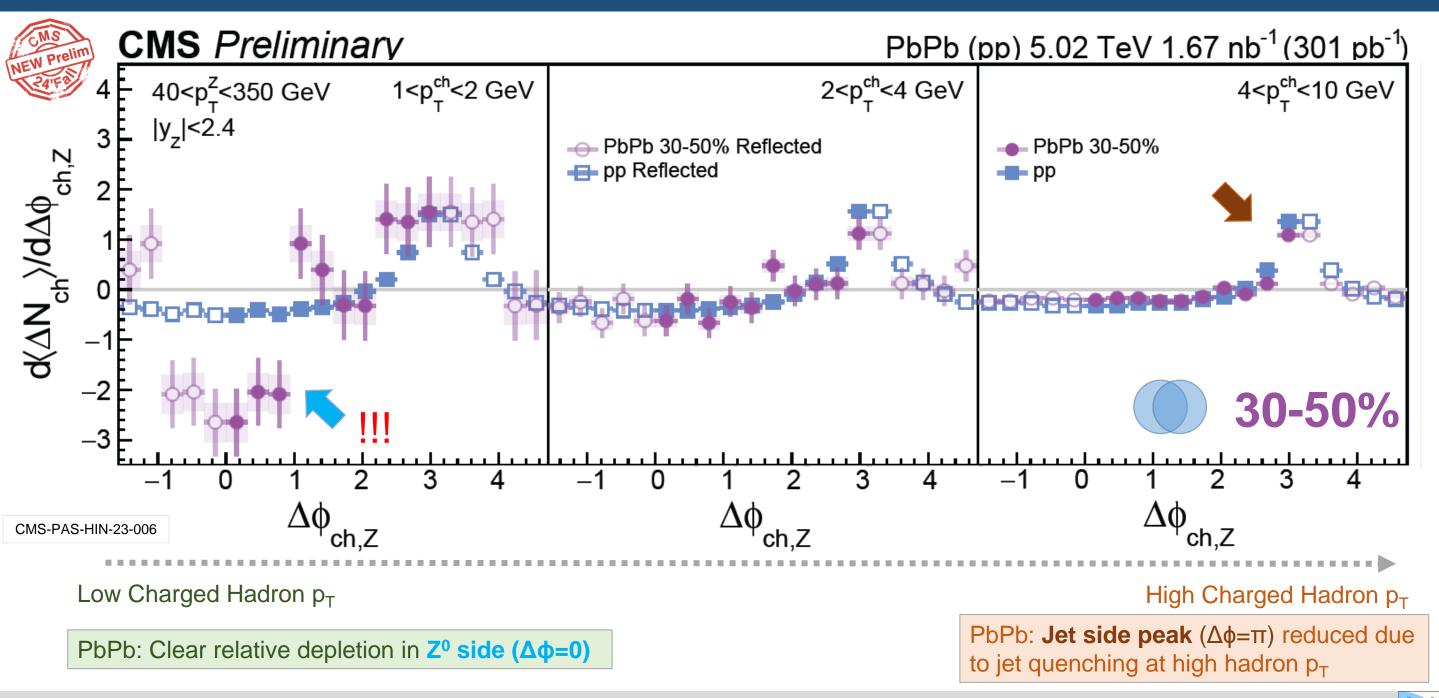
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50-100% PbPb and pp reference are consistent within experimental uncertainties The QGP is relatively small, resulting in a less pronounced jet quenching effect

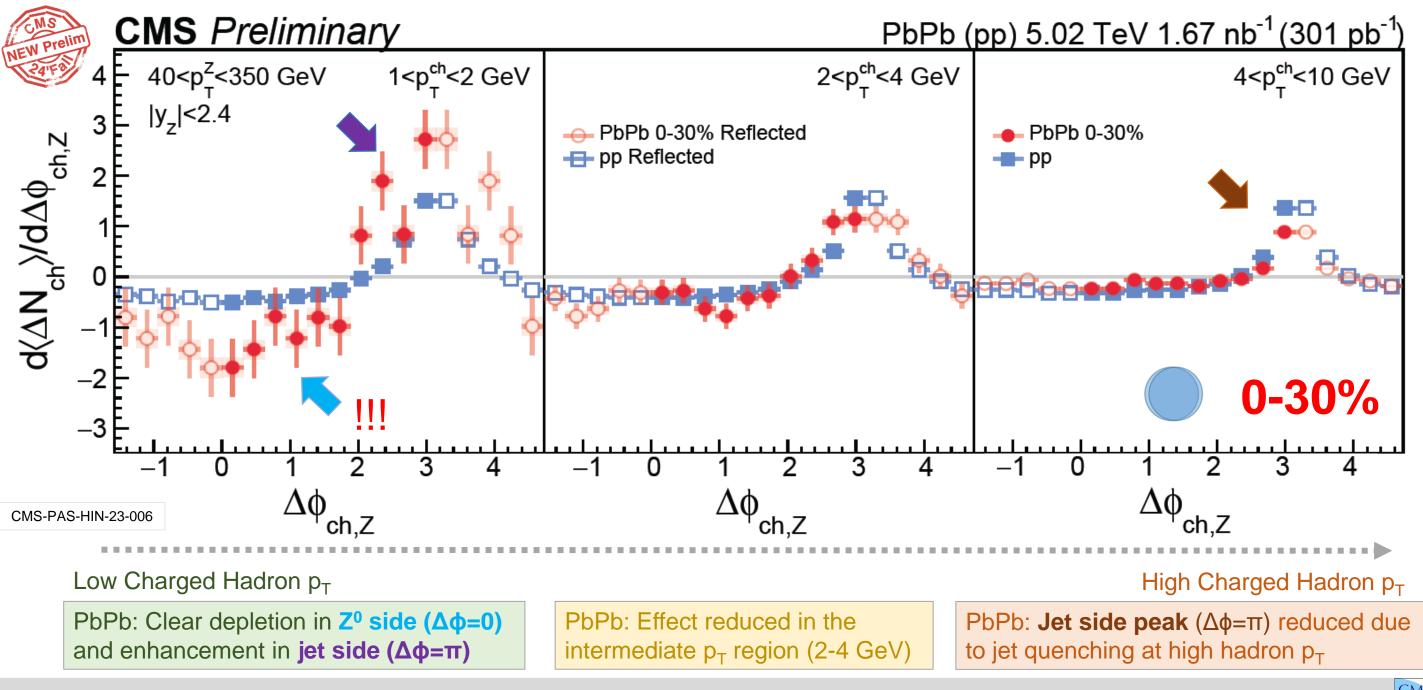


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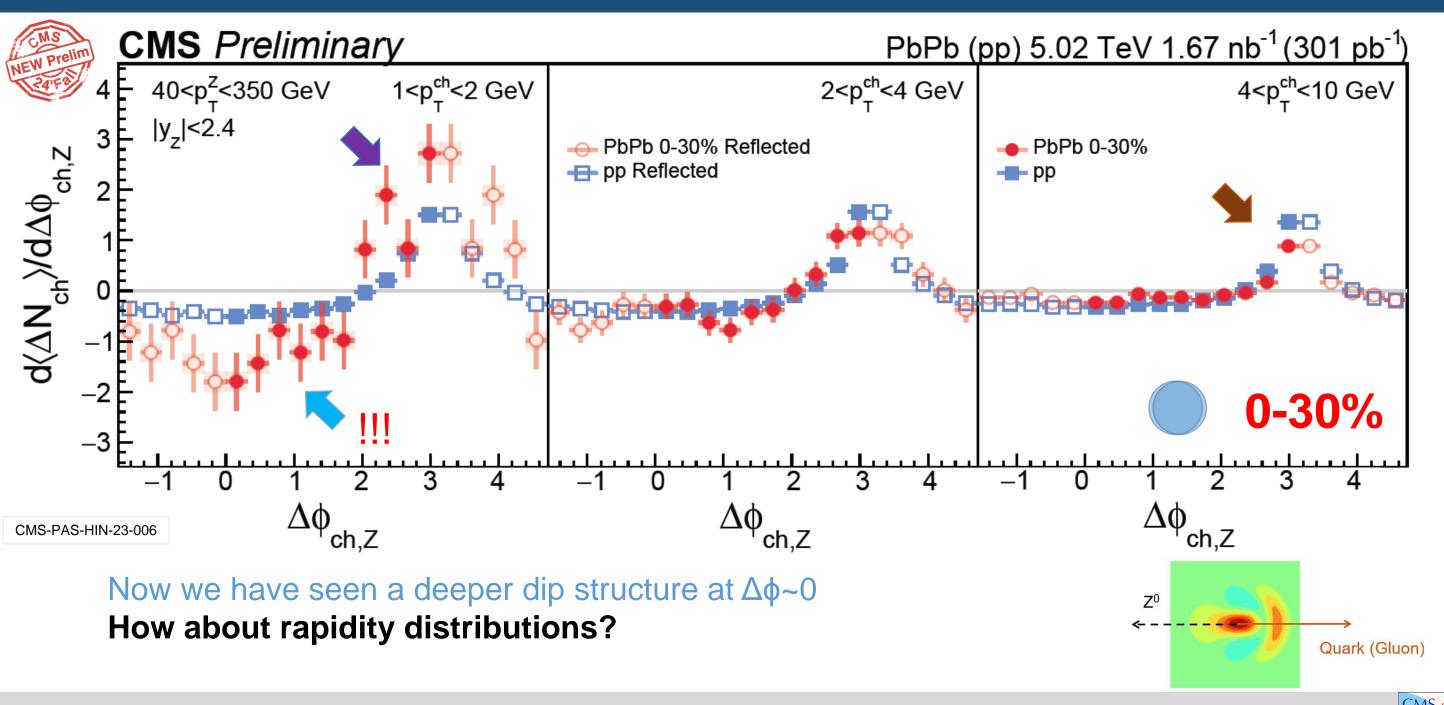
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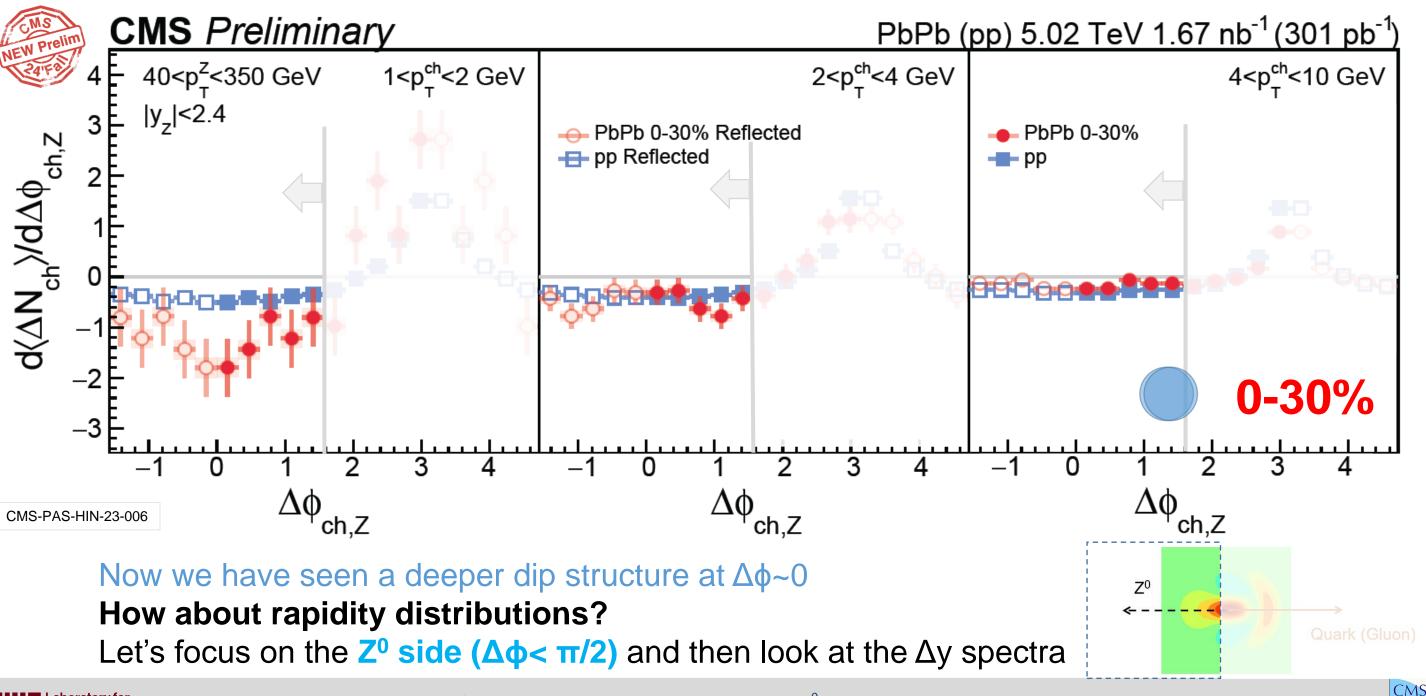
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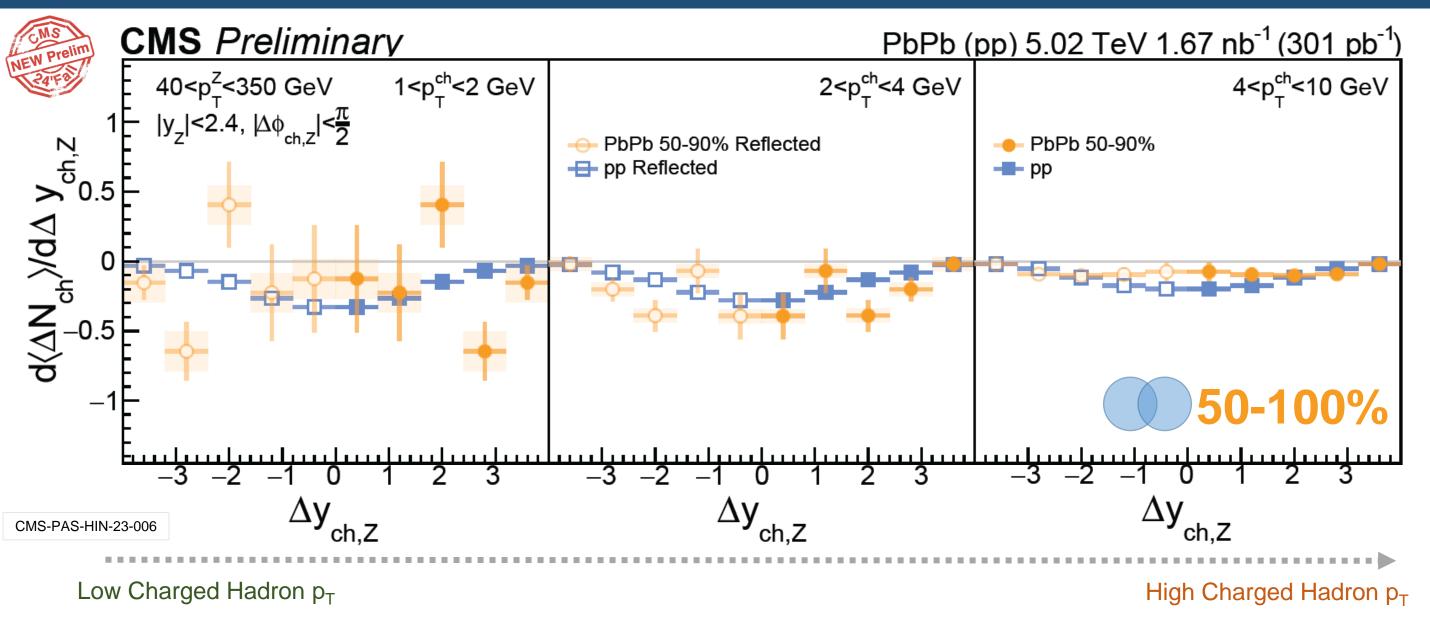


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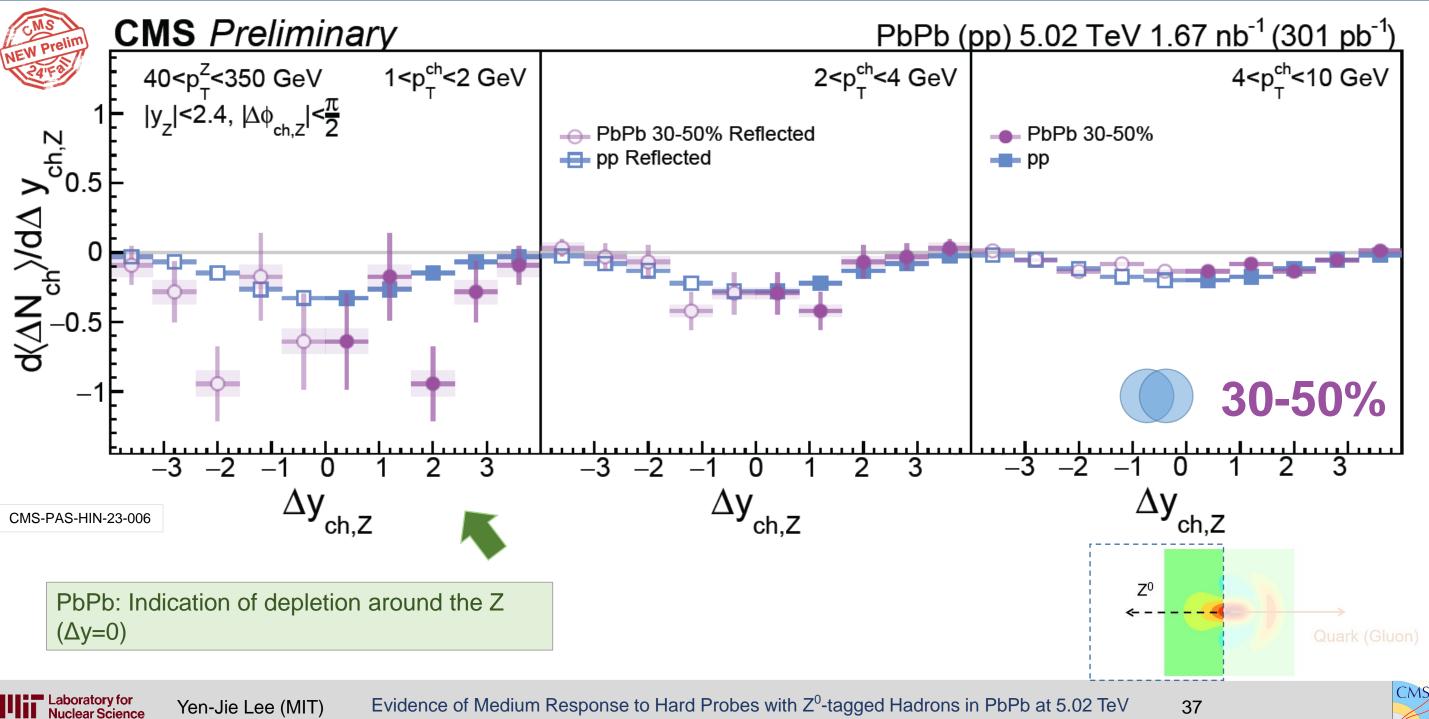


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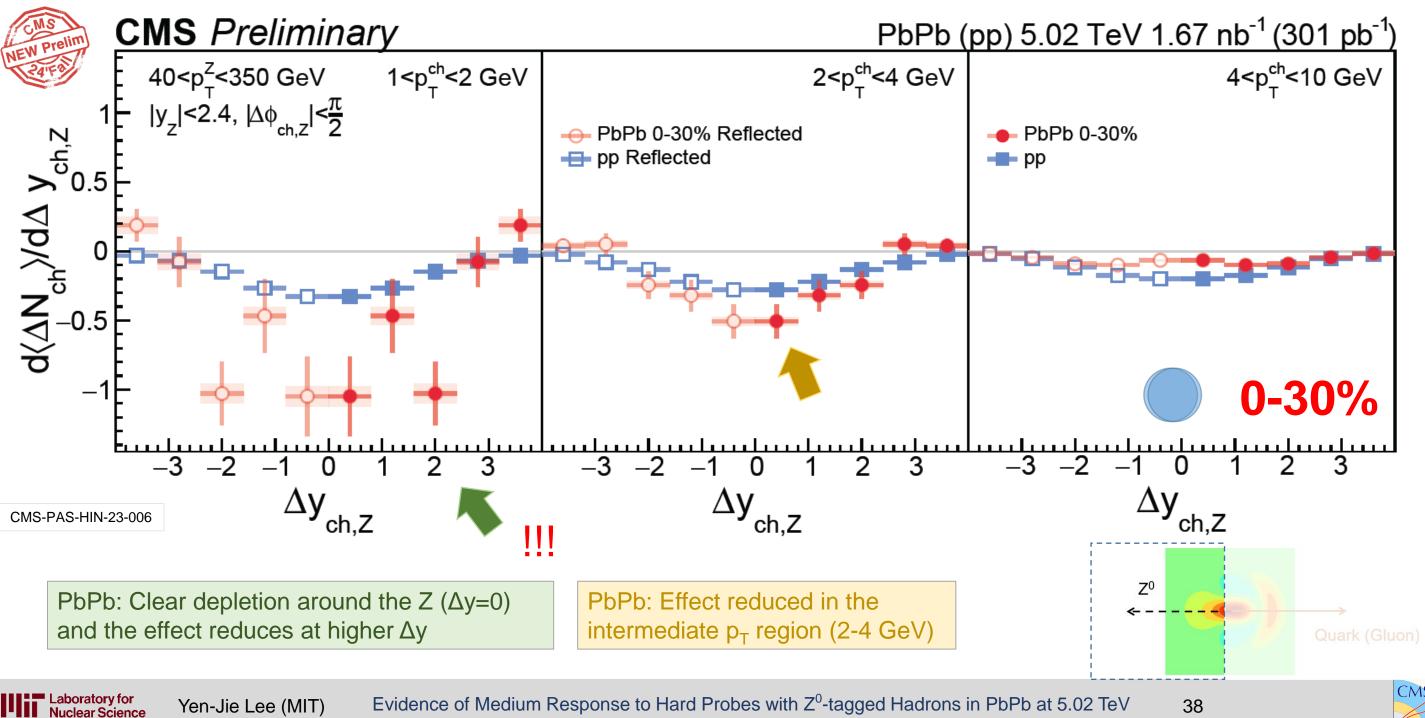




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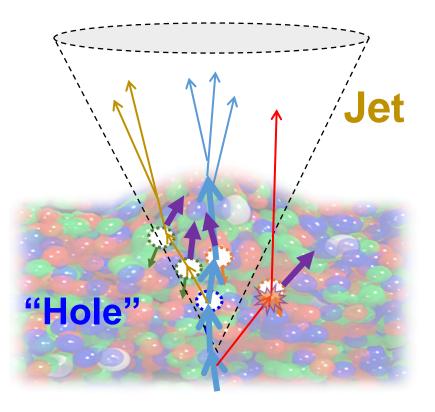
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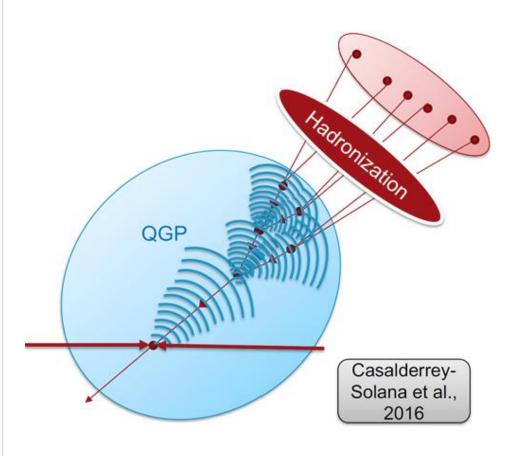
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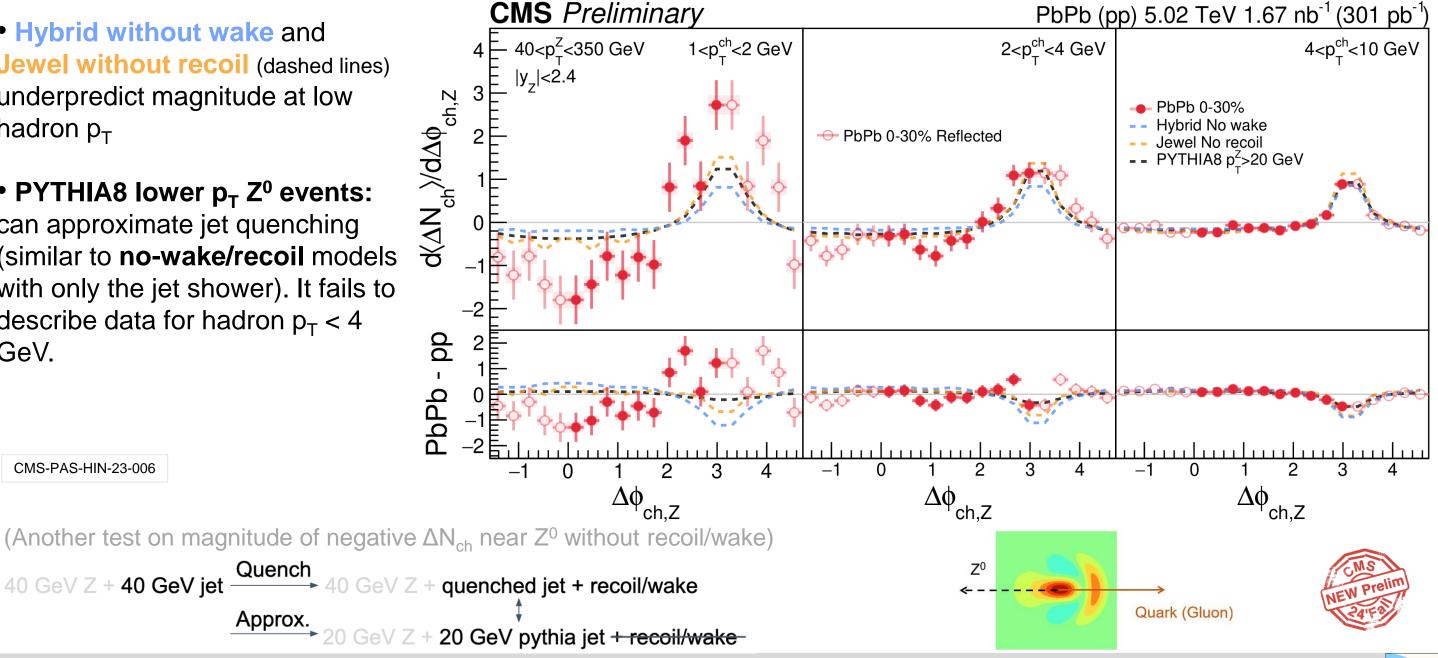


Azimuthal Angle Distribution in 0-30% PbPb vs. Theory w/o Medium Response

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• PYTHIA8 lower $p_T Z^0$ events: can approximate jet quenching (similar to no-wake/recoil models with only the jet shower). It fails to describe data for hadron $p_T < 4$ GeV.

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 $1 < p_{\tau}^{ch} < 2 \text{ GeV}$

PbPb (pp) 5.02 TeV 1.67 nb⁻¹ (301 pb⁻¹)

PbPb 0-30%

Jewel v2.2.0

Hybrid No wake

Jewel No recoil

Hybrid

CoLBT

 $4 < p_{\tau}^{ch} < 10 \text{ GeV}$

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2<p^{ch}<4 GeV

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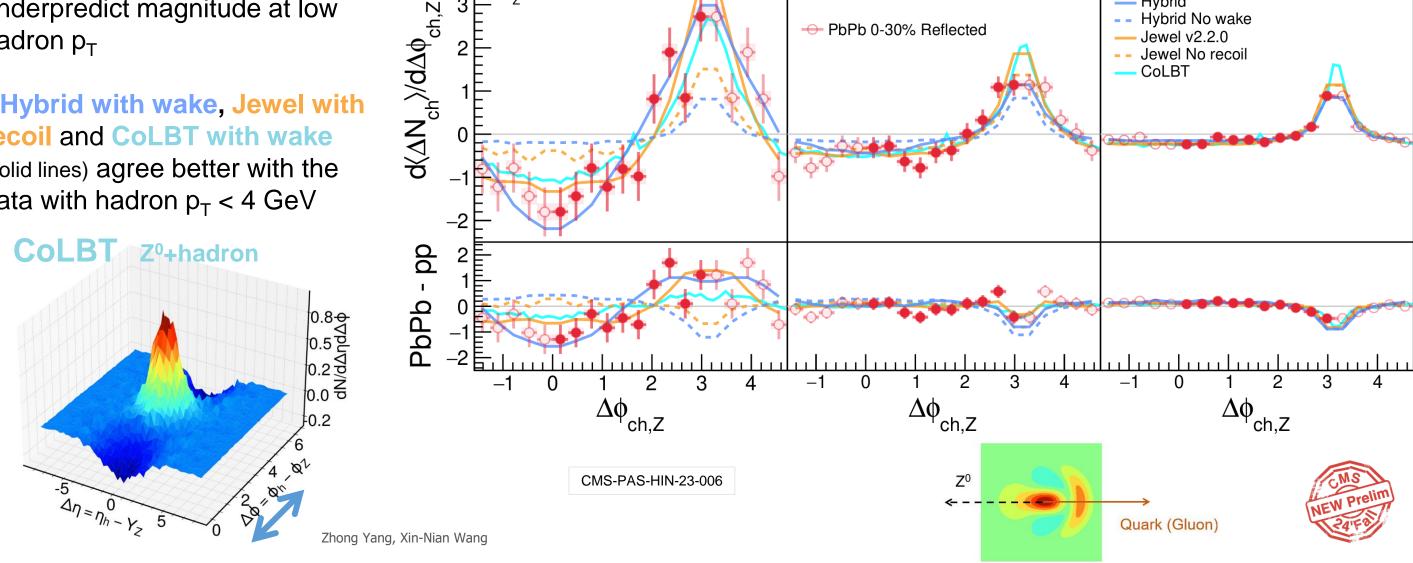
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|y₇|<2.4

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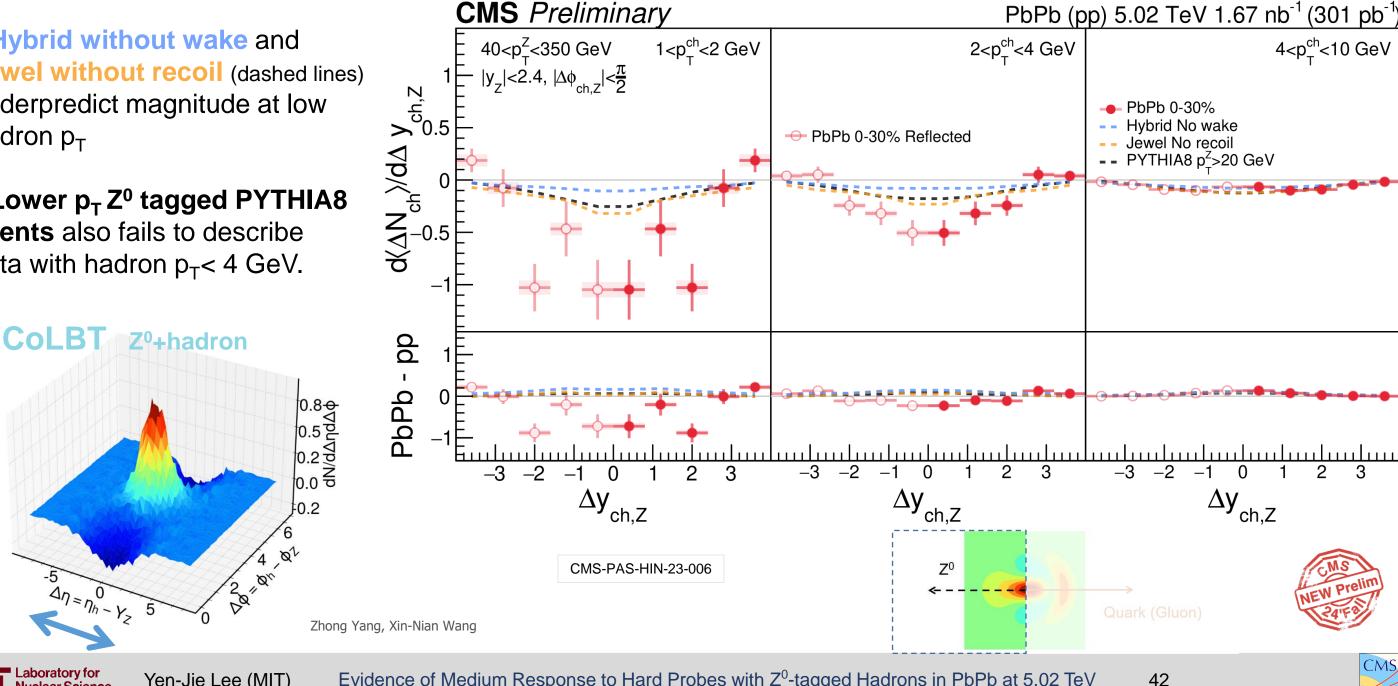


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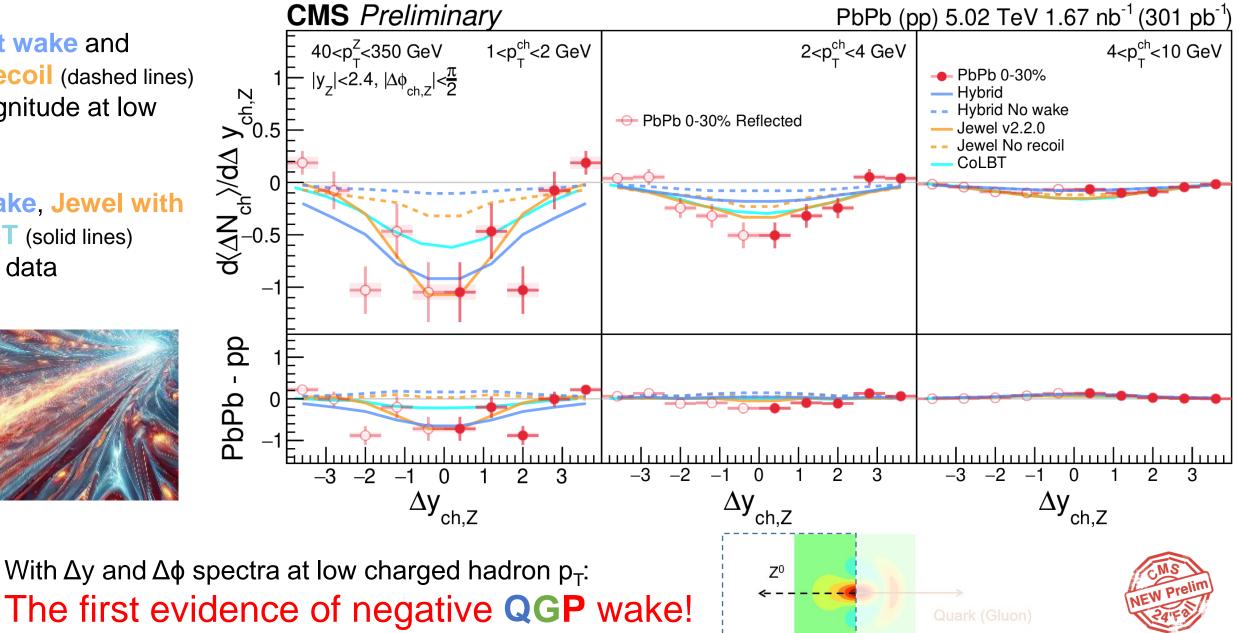


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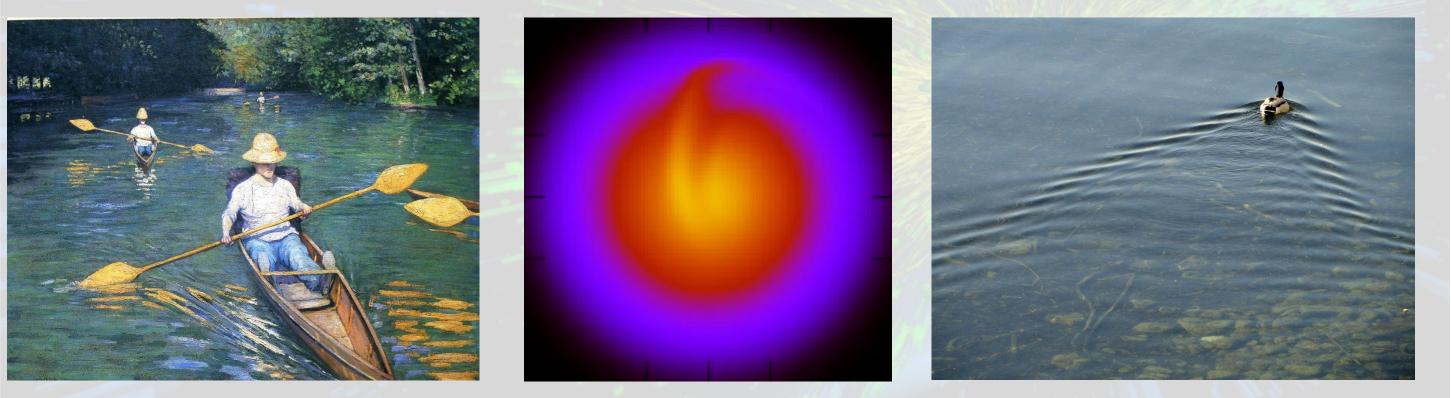




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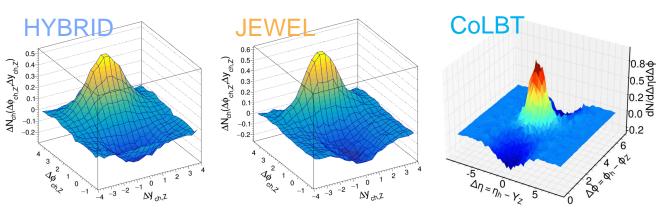


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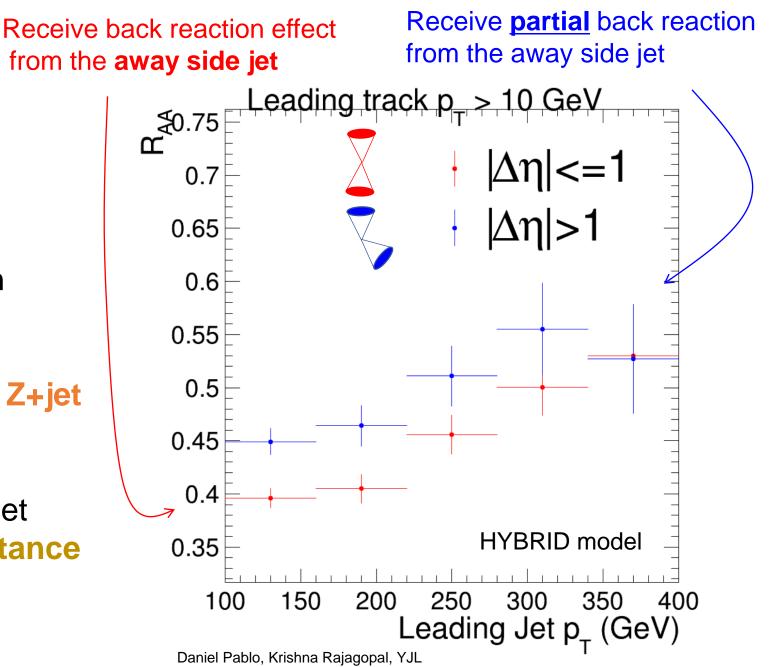
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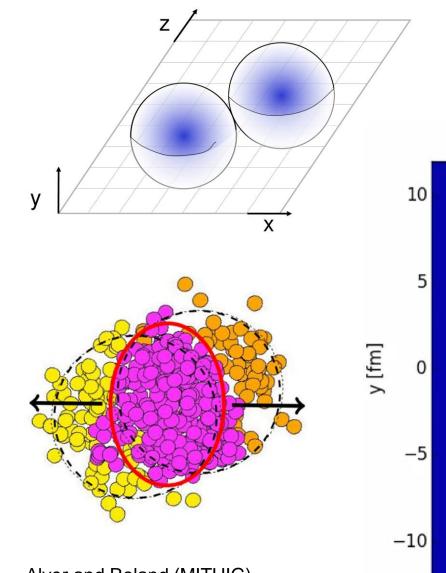


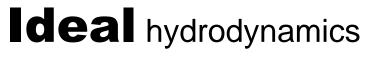
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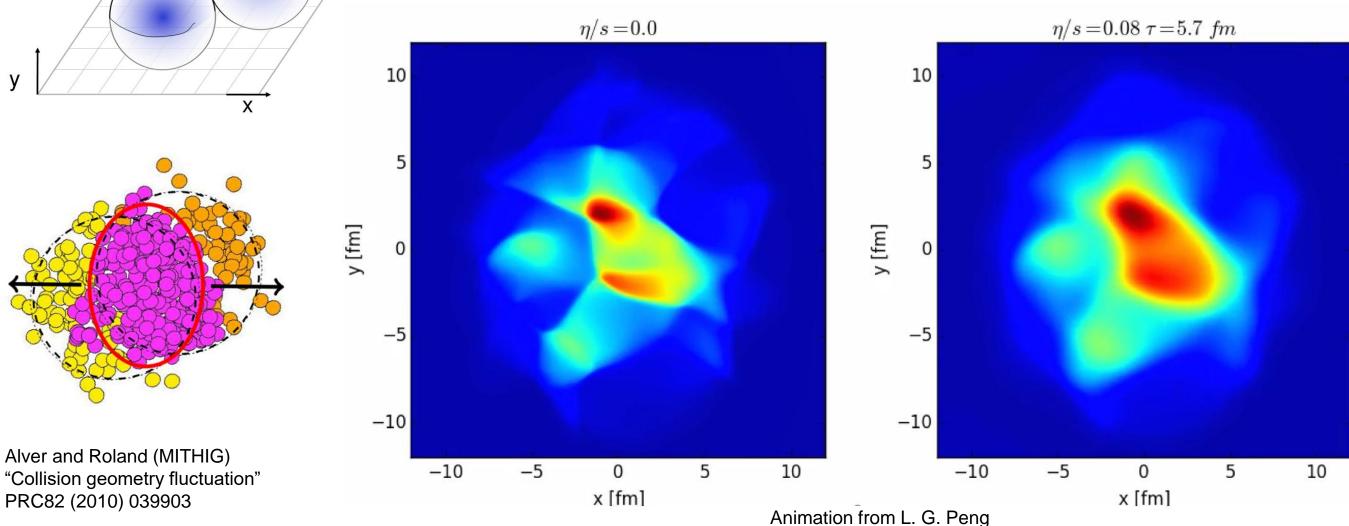
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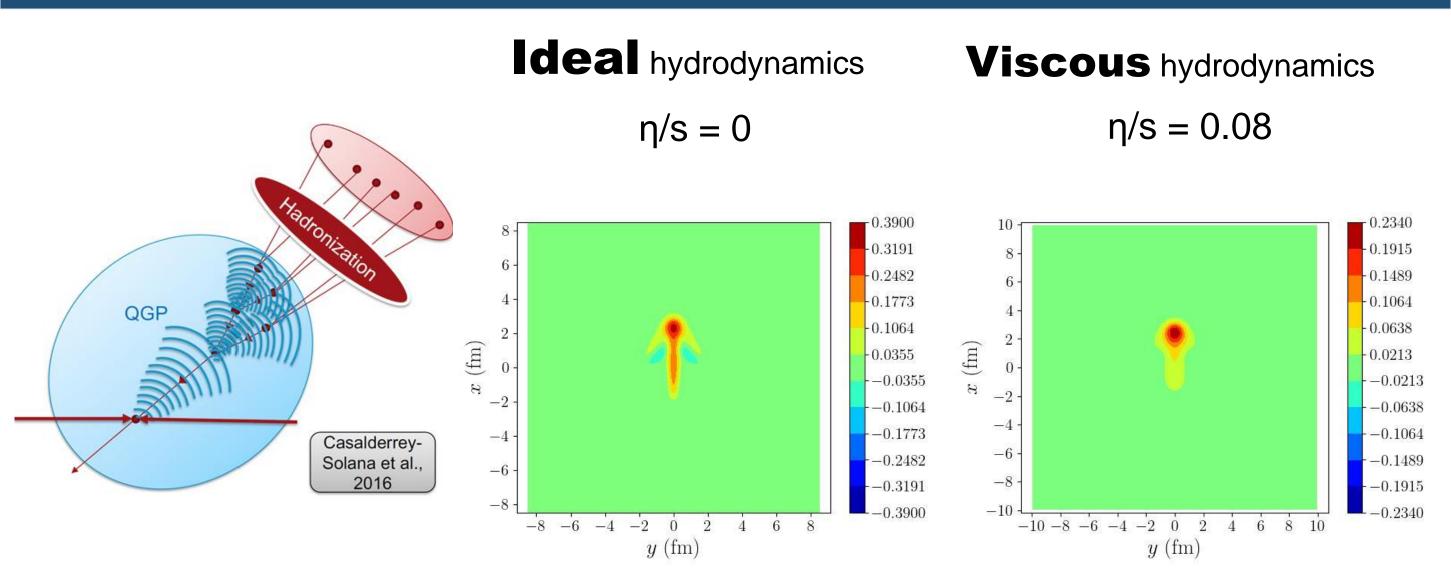


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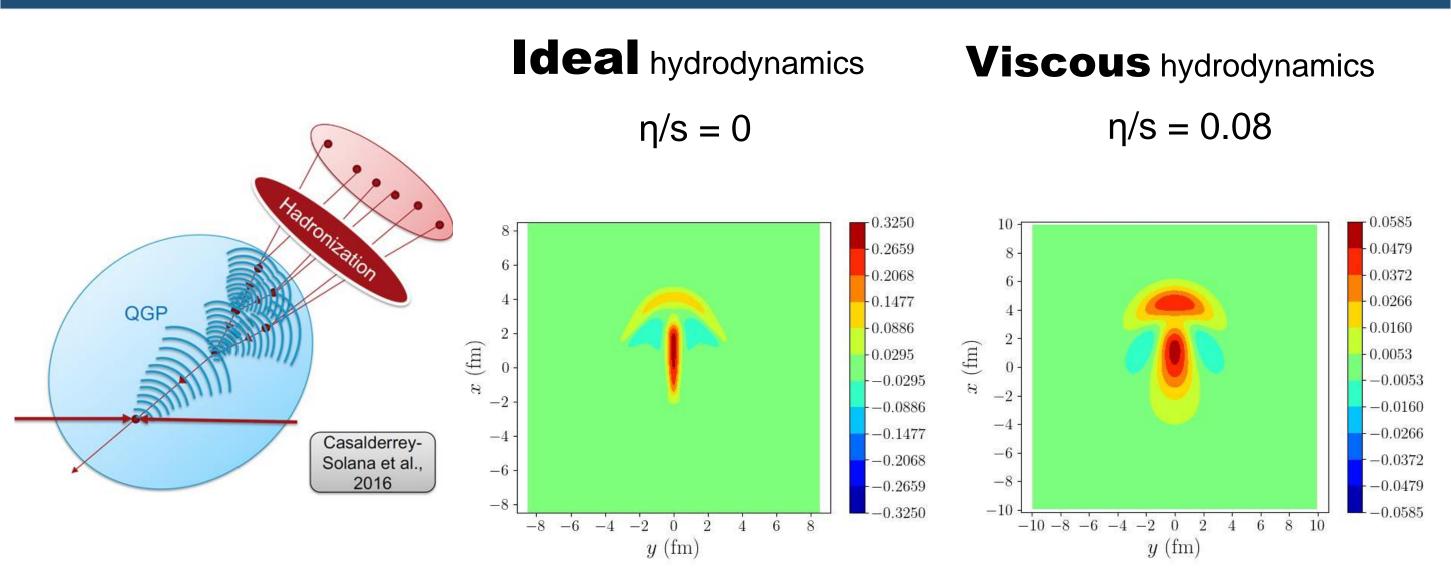
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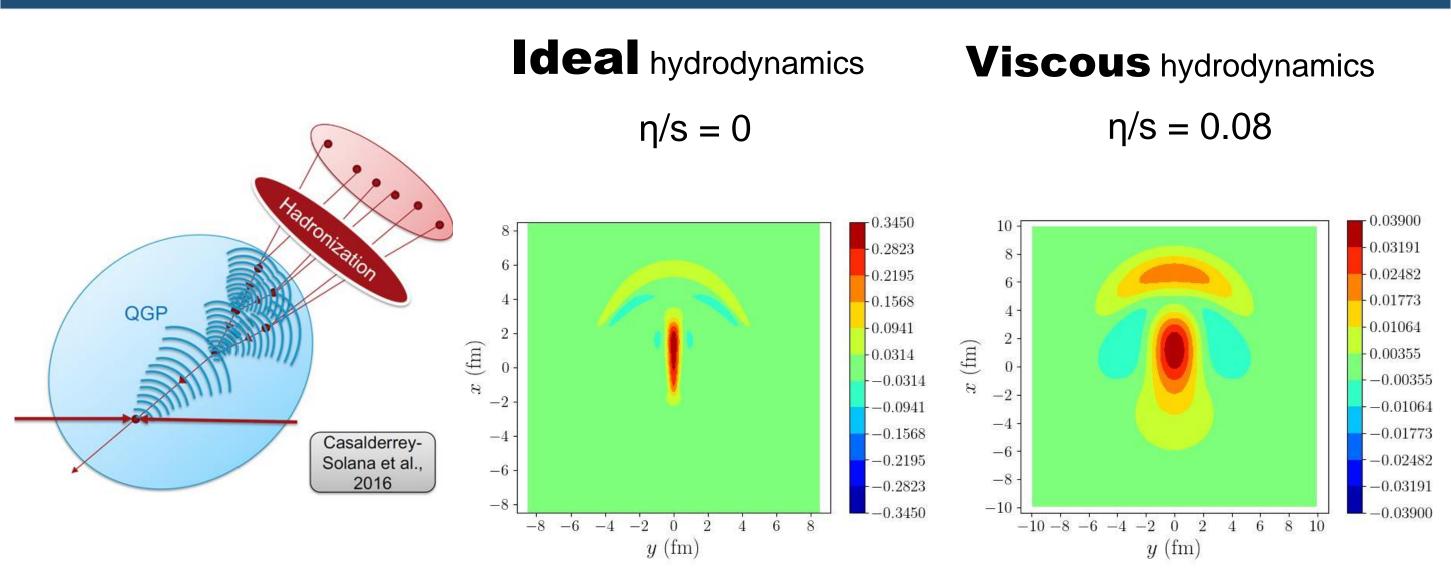
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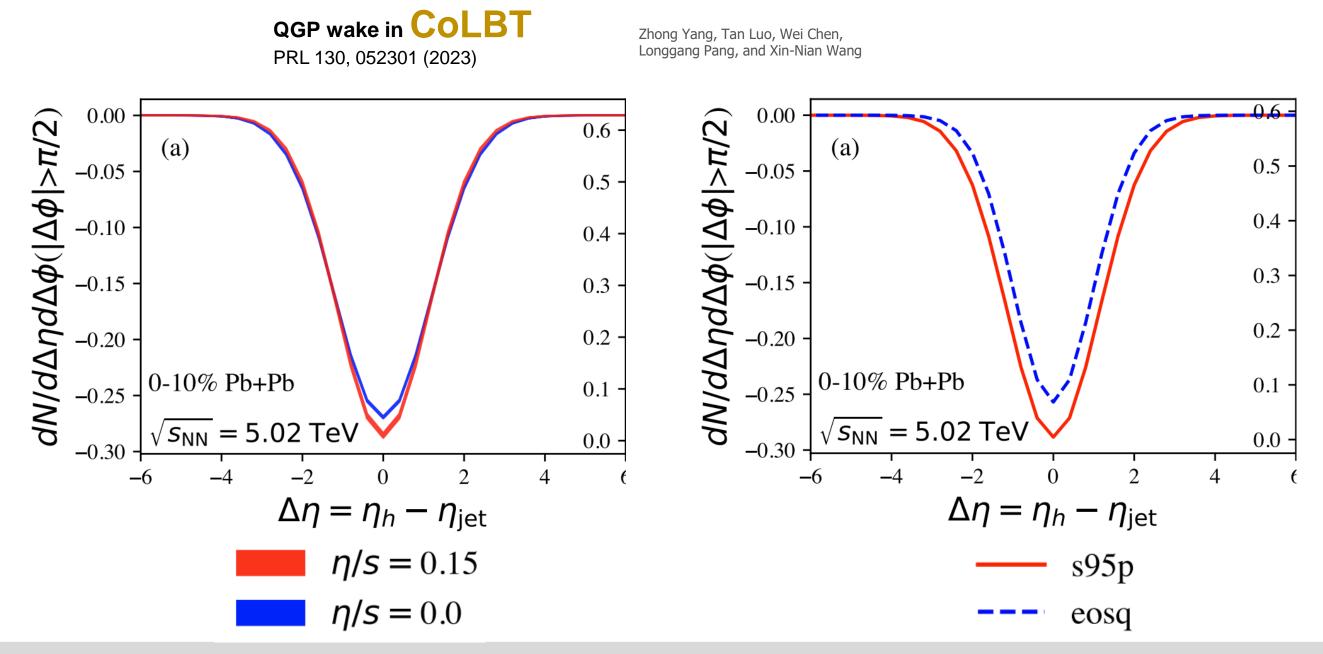
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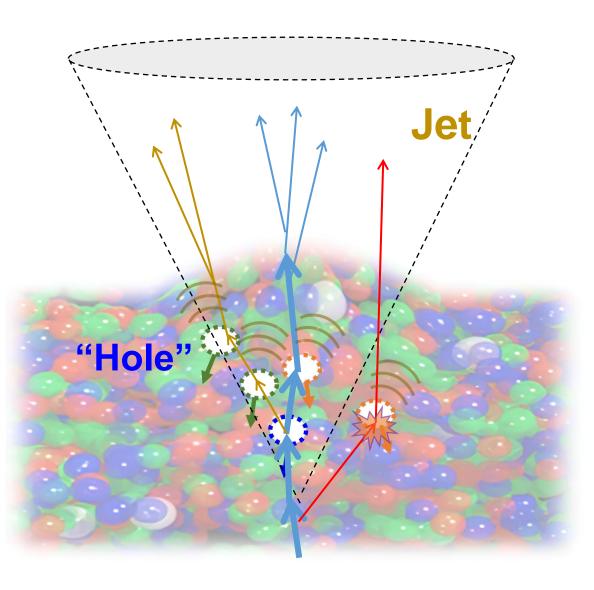
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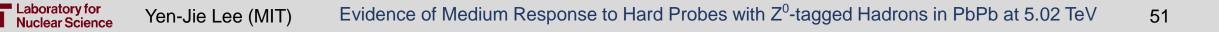




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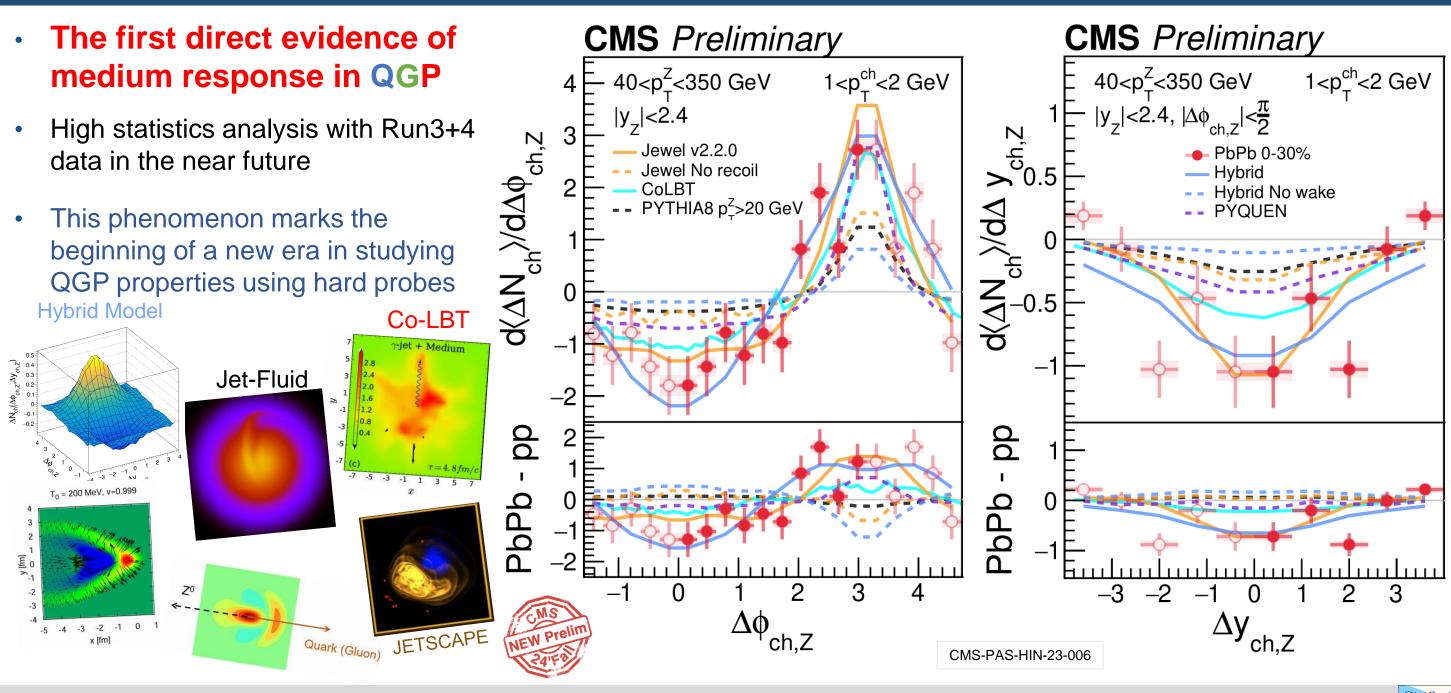


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Summary



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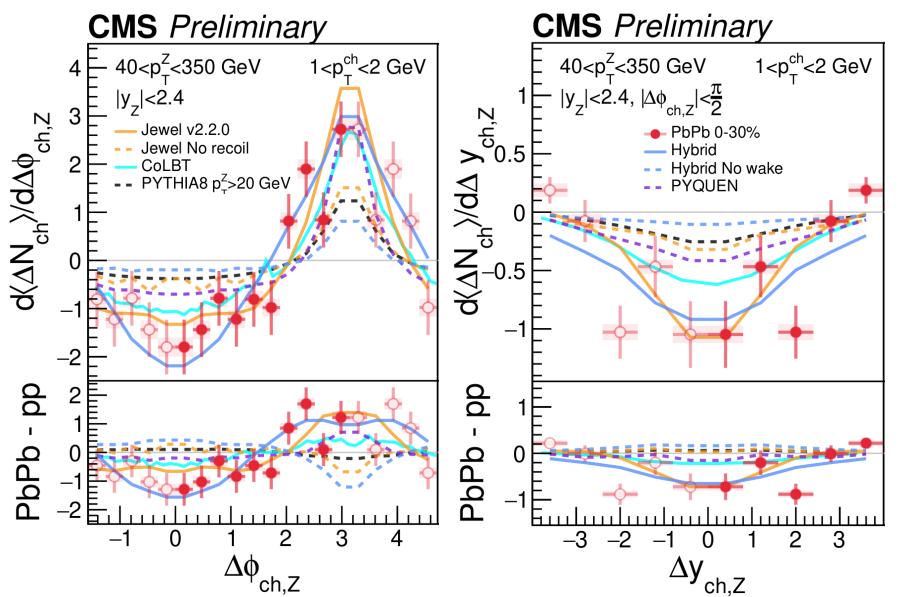
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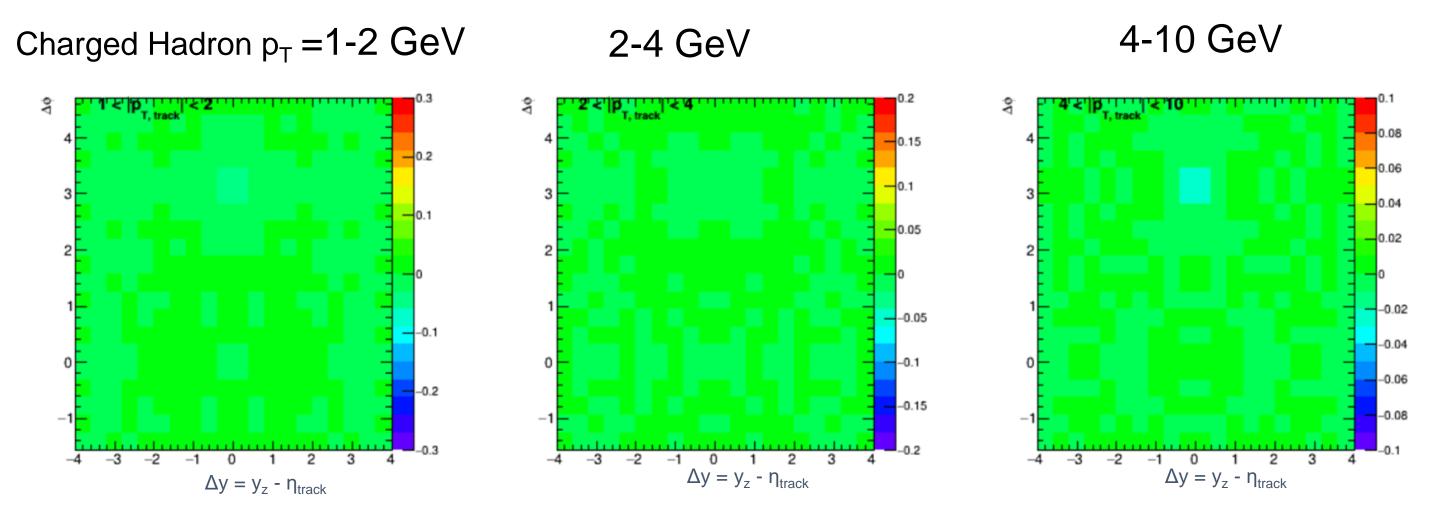
What We Still Want to Learn from Experimental Data

- How correlated is the negative wake with the jet axis?
- The precise angular and p_T spectra of medium recoil / negative wake hadrons
- How does the medium response vary with jet shower shape and the p_T of the hard probe?
- What is the **correlation** between medium response and hydrodynamic **flow**?
- What is the correlation between negative and positive wakes?





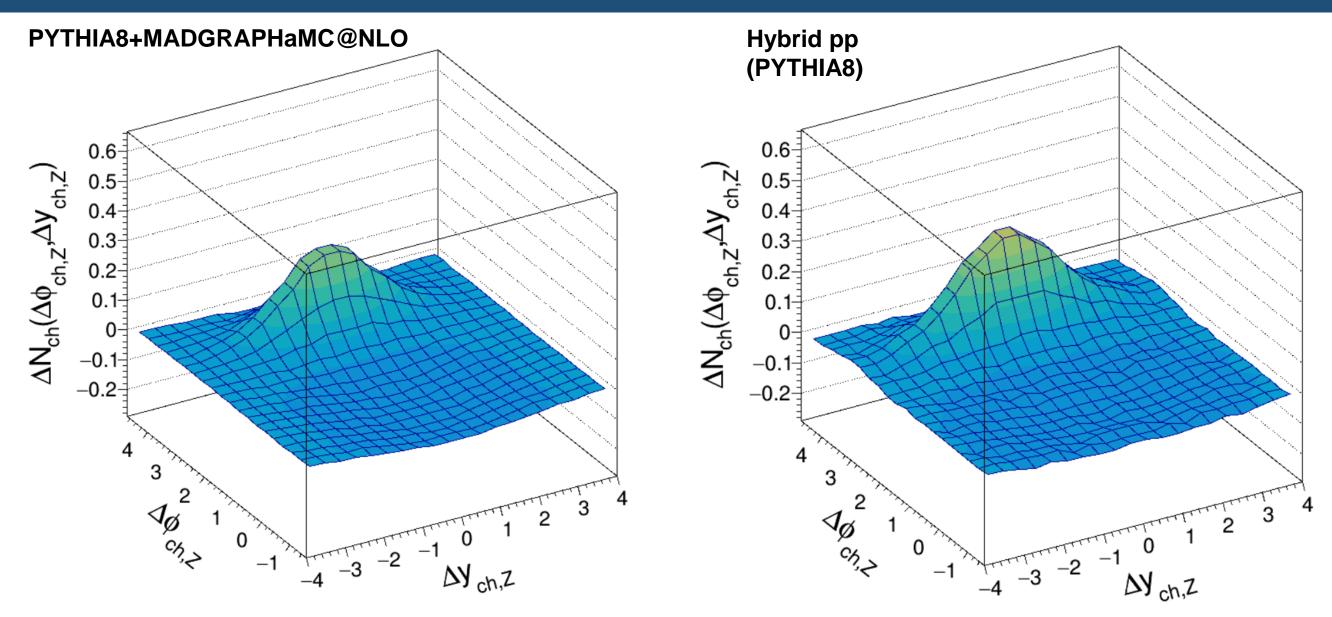
2D Results (PYTHIA+HYDJET 0-90% - PYTHIA)



- Embed PYTHIA8 in HYDJET event (model the underlying event in PbPb collisions at 5.02 TeV)
- The background subtracted results with and without PbPb underlying event agrees well: →The subtraction method removes the uncorrelated UE.



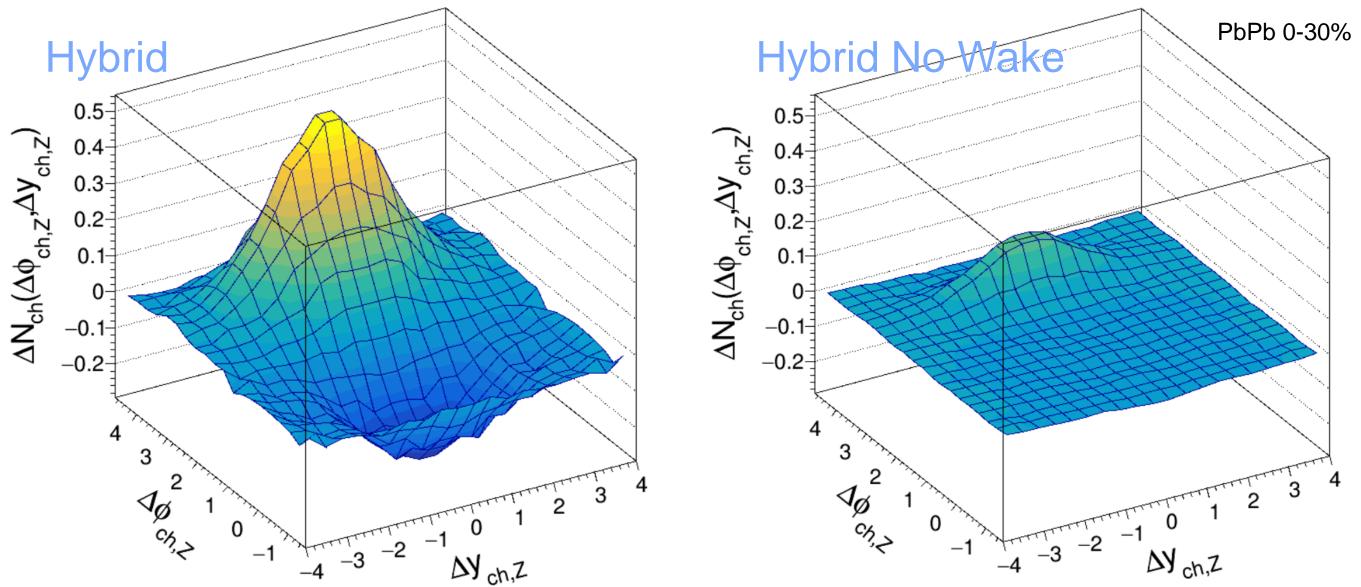
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- NLO event generator gives a slightly broader jet peak than PYTHIA8
- Identical subtraction procedure applied to both MC model results and the data analysis



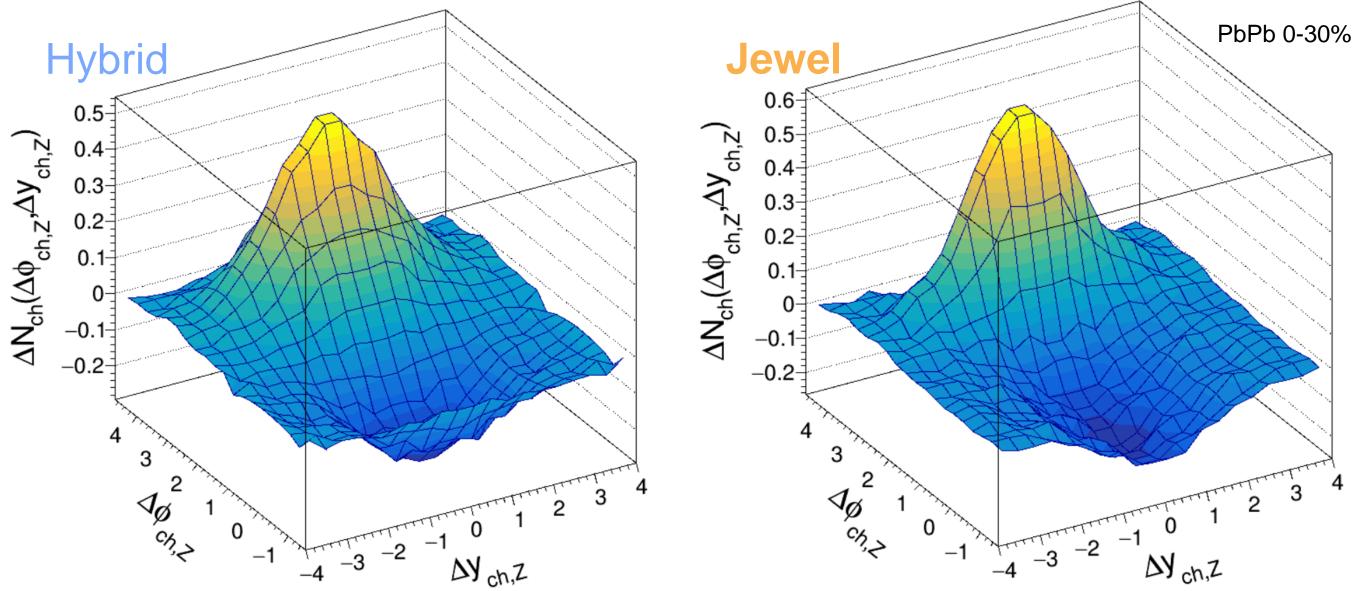
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• Jewel: recoil partons are responsible for the effects (pQCD with **no re-scattering**)



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We have a clear path forward!

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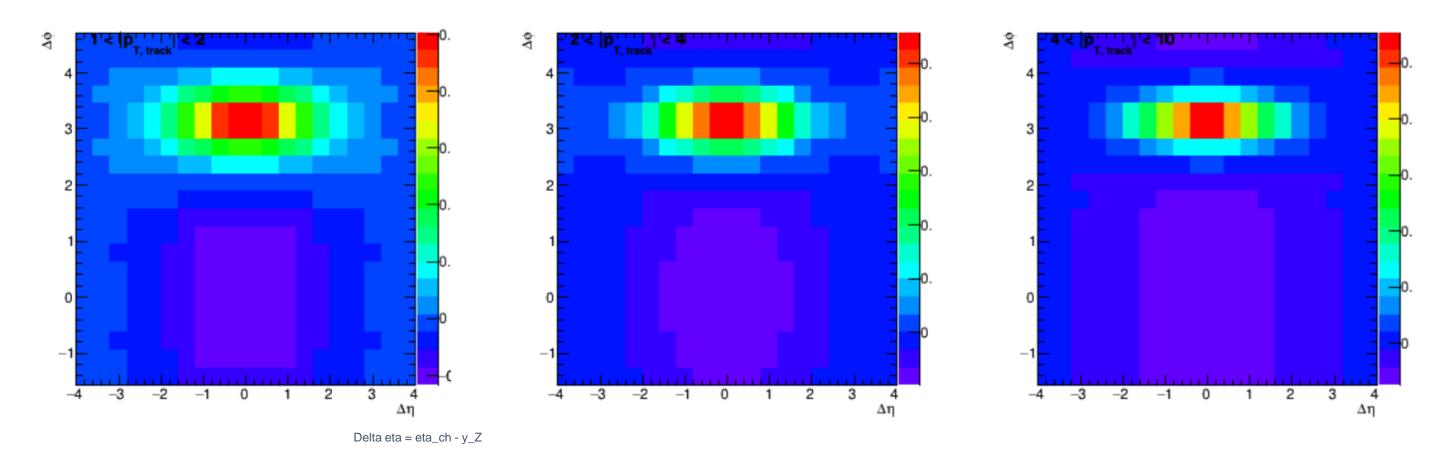


2D Distribution (pp PYTHIA)

Track = 1-2 GeV

2-4 GeV

4-10 GeV



Low Track p_T

Laboratory for Nuclear Science High Track p_T



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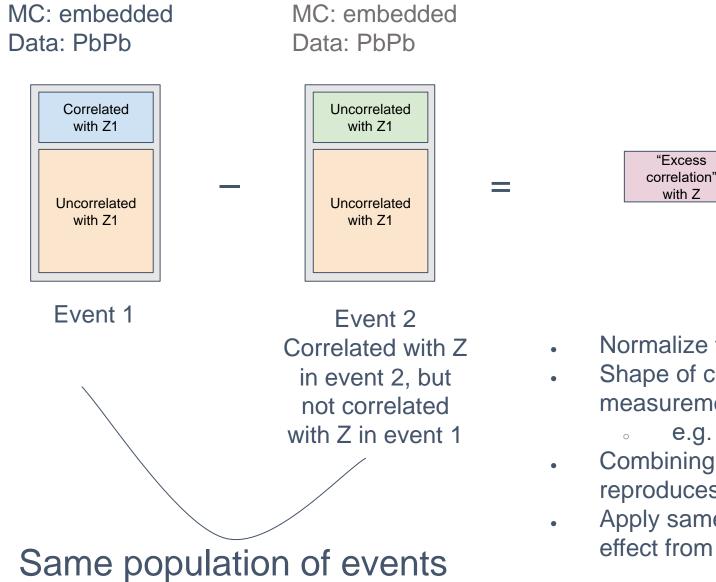
Systematics

Systematics related to associated yield

- **Tracking efficiency**: 2.4% for pp and 5.0% for PbPb (of the associated yield)
- **PU (pp only)**: Difference between nPV = 1 and inclusive sample
- Centrality (PbPb only): max absolute difference between nominal and varied (up and down) hiBin definition provided by global observable group
- Muon efficiency: vary the Z selection efficiency correction by 12 different variations in PbPb and 4 in pp, as defined by Dilepton / Muon mini-POG
- **Muon-track matching**: turn on or off the muon track charged particle angular matching rejection (negligible)



Analysis Workflow: Event-Mixing

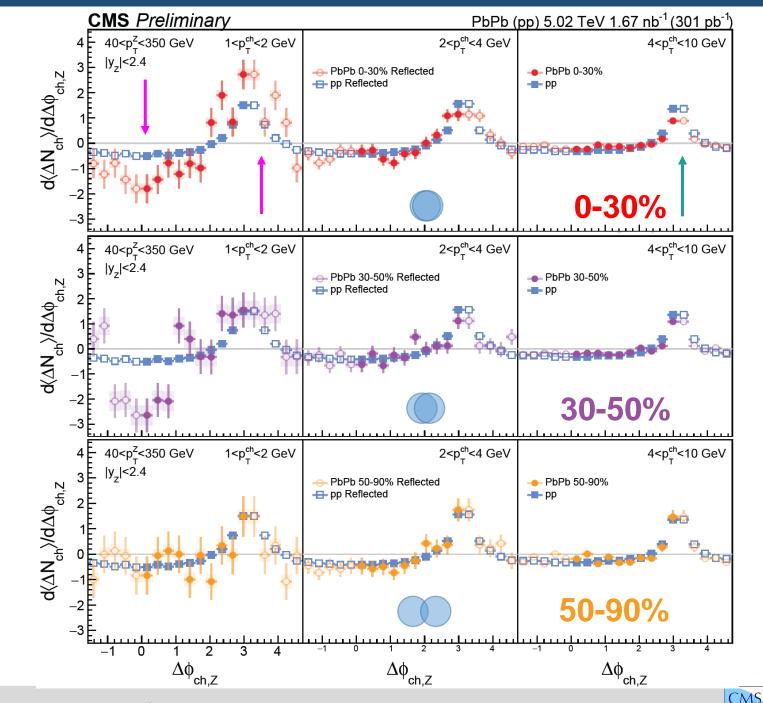


- Normalize to 0 by construction
- Shape of correlation function across
 measurement range
 - e.g. small Δφ vs large Δφ
- Combining with expected number of particles
 reproduces event mixing result
- Apply same procedure on pp data to quantify effect from QGP



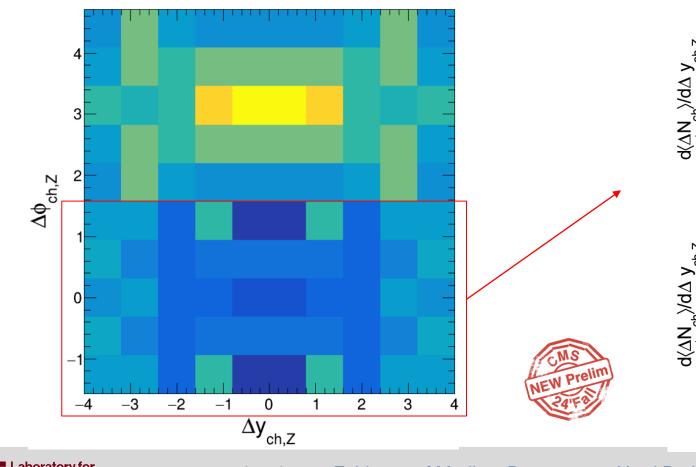
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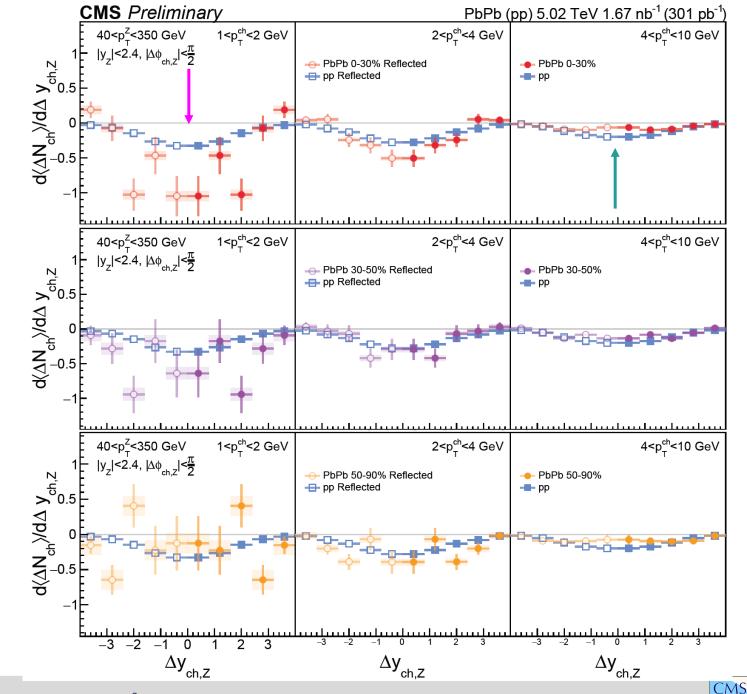
- Open markers are the same as filled data points but reflected to show the full range
- Low track P_T : clear relative depletion in Z side and enhancement in jet side
- High track P_T: jet quenching effect suppresses jet peak
- Effect disappears in 50-90%



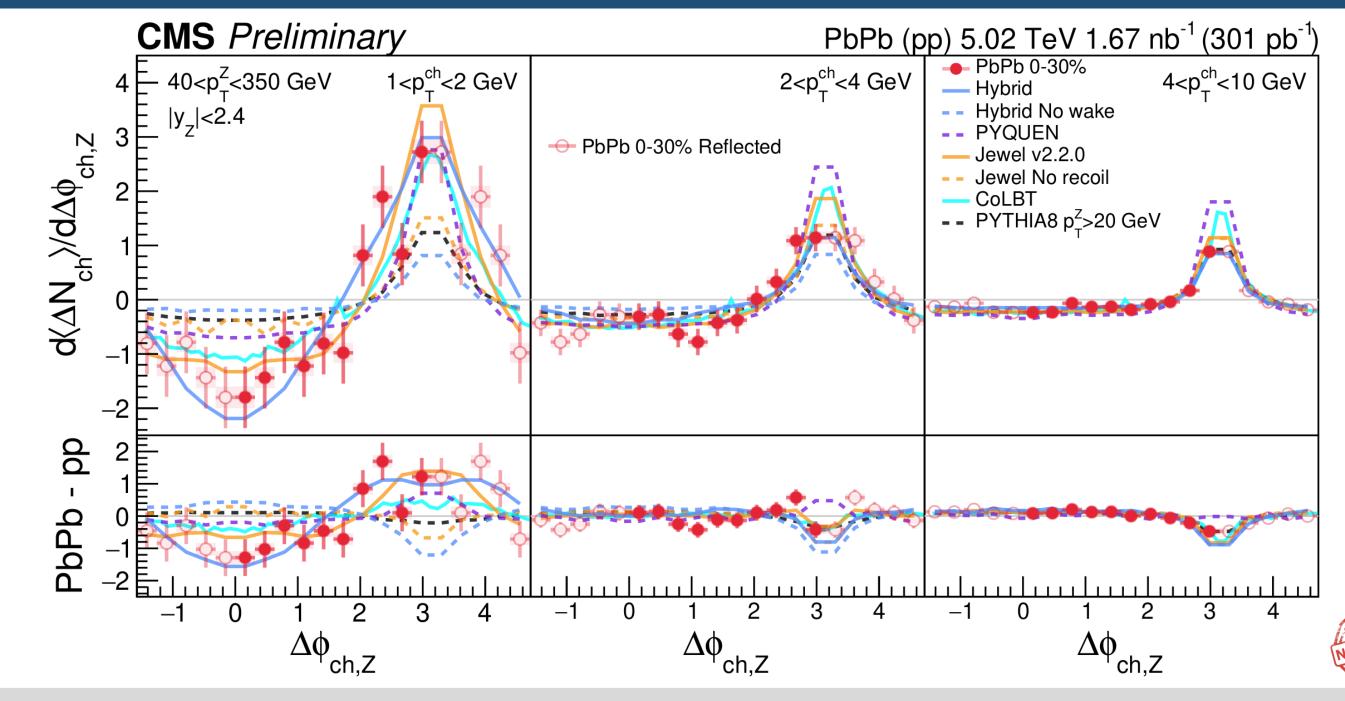
Results: Rapidity Distributions

- Focus on the Z side: $|\Delta \Phi_{ch,Z}| < \pi/2$
- Integral **not zero** since this is not full range of $\Delta \Phi$
- Low track p_T: clear depletion observed
 High track p_T: PbPb shallower shape



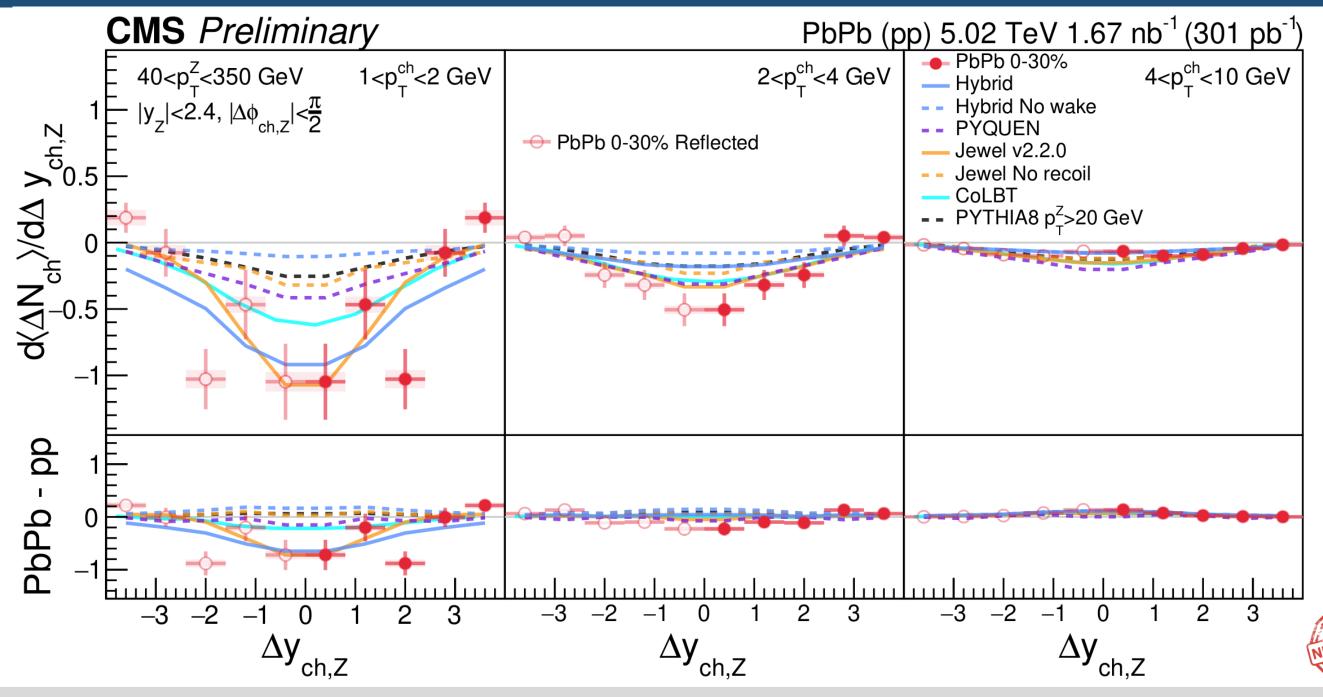


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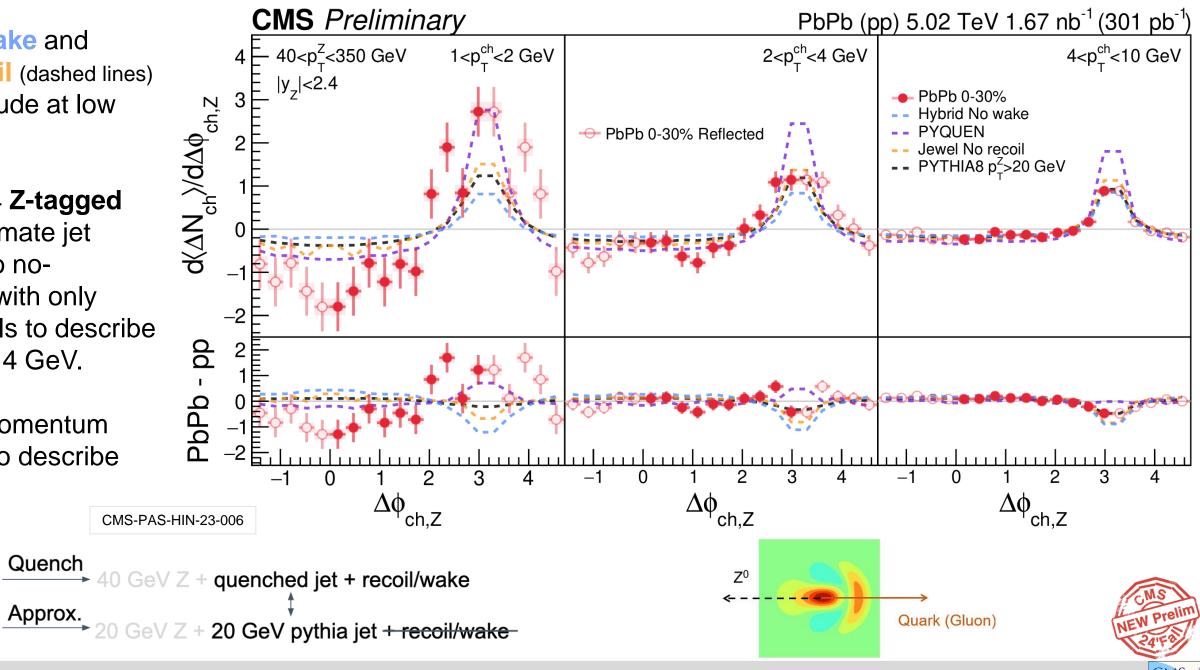
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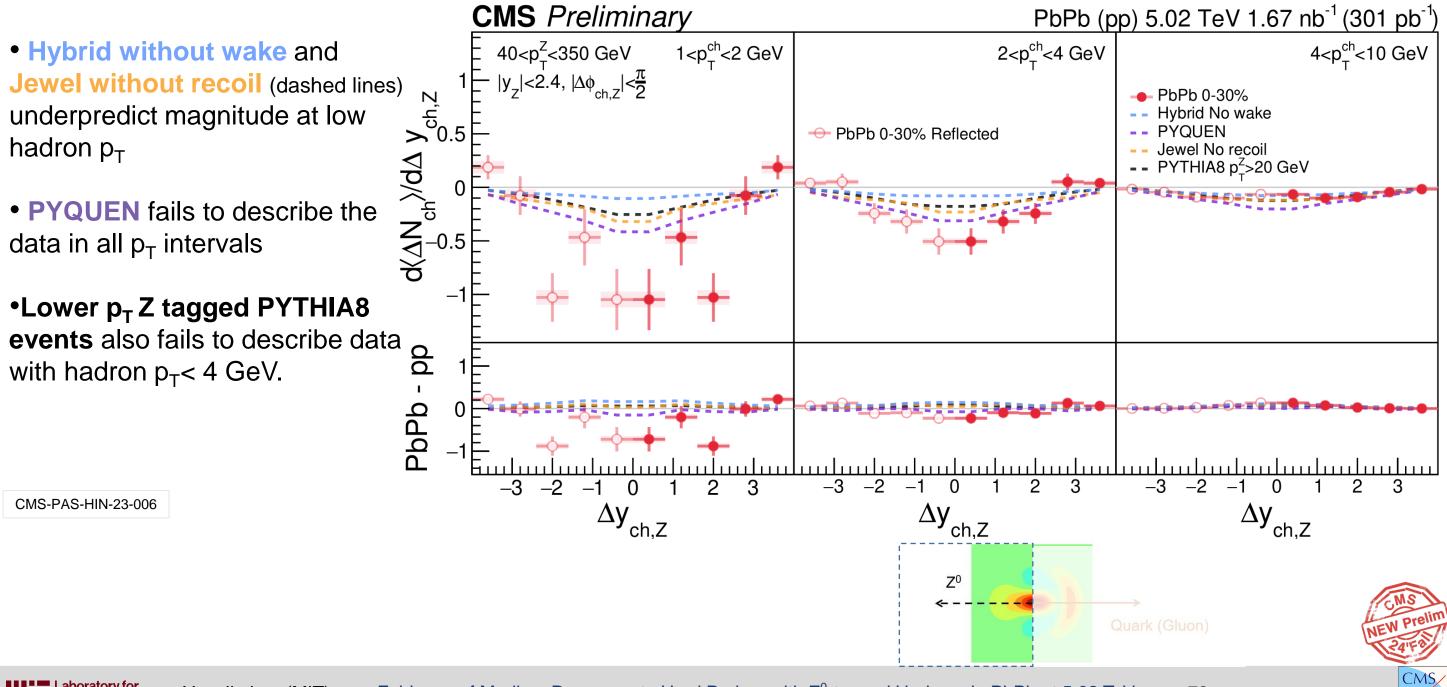
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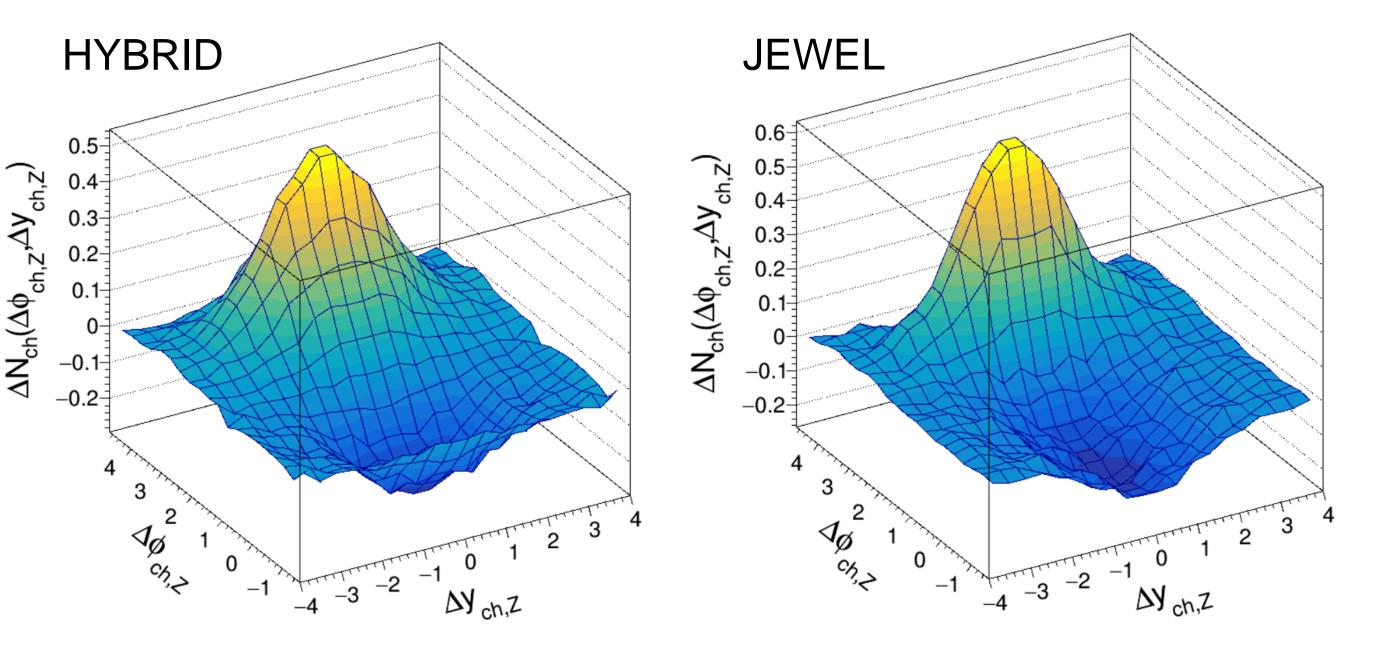
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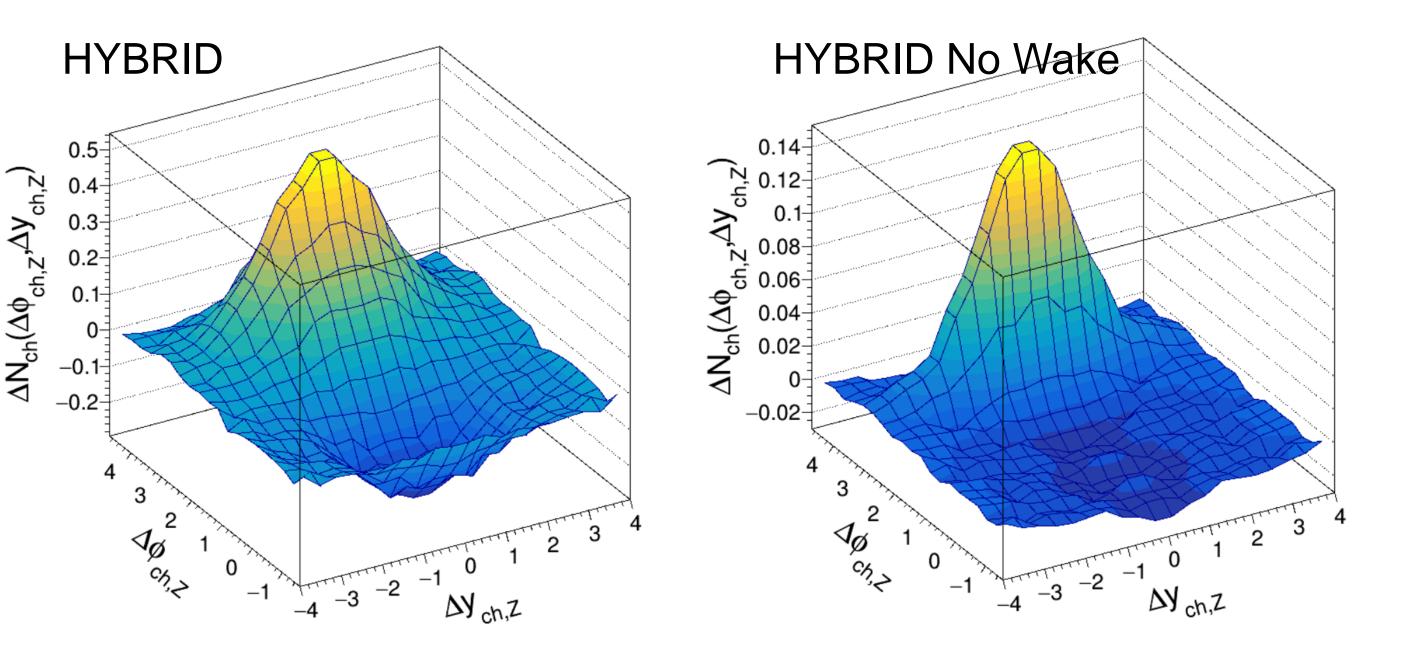


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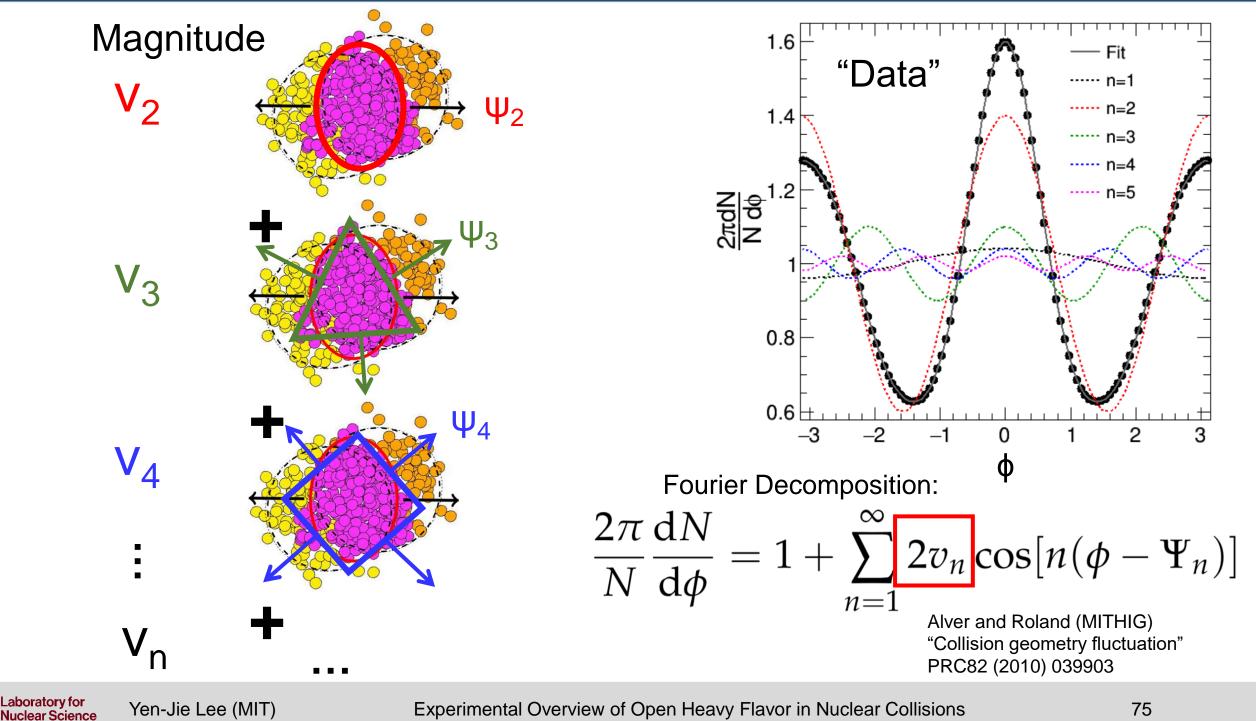


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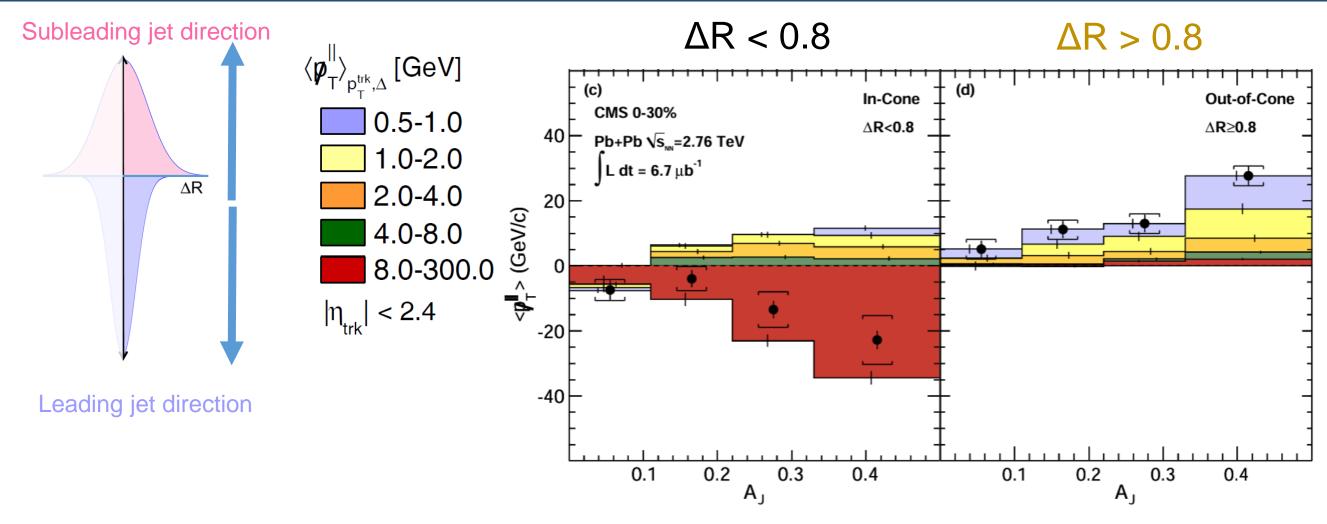
Particle Azimuthal Anisotropy



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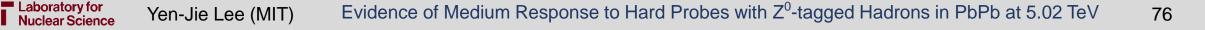


The First Indication of Medium Response at LHC: Missing p_T^{\parallel}



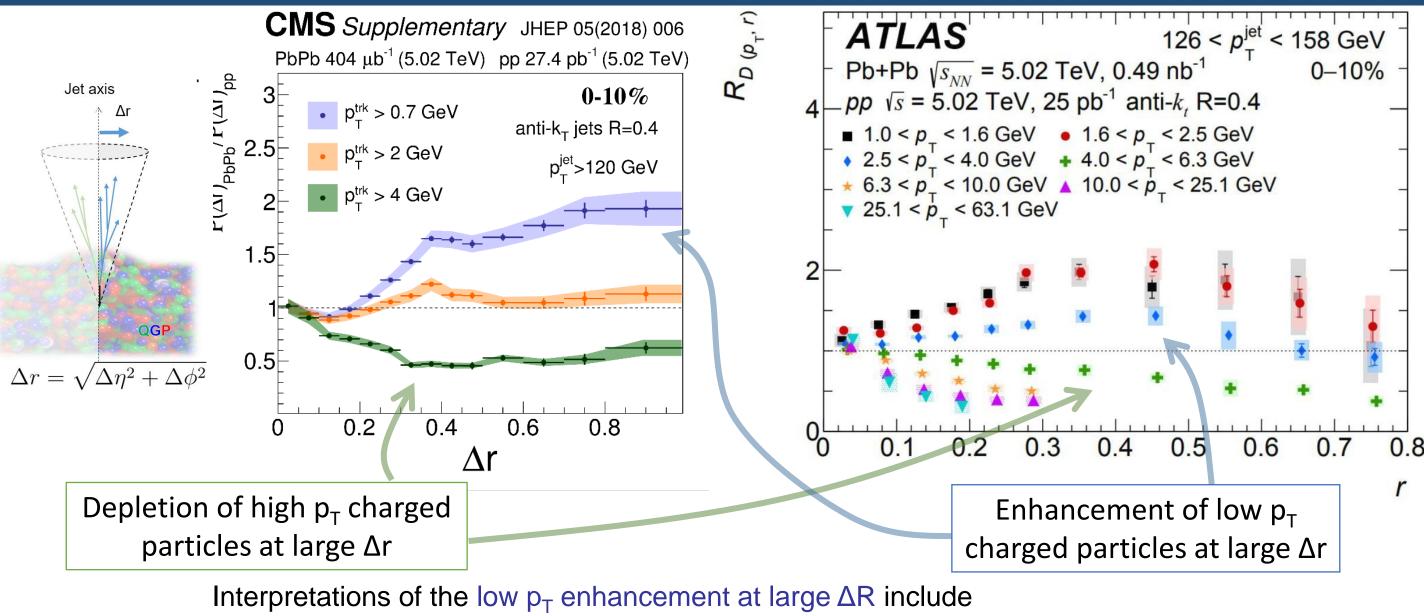
- Quenched energy fully recovered via low p_T particles $p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}$
- They are distributed from near to **far away** from the (di)-jet axis ($\Delta R > 0.8$)

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Excess in Jet-Hadron Correlation

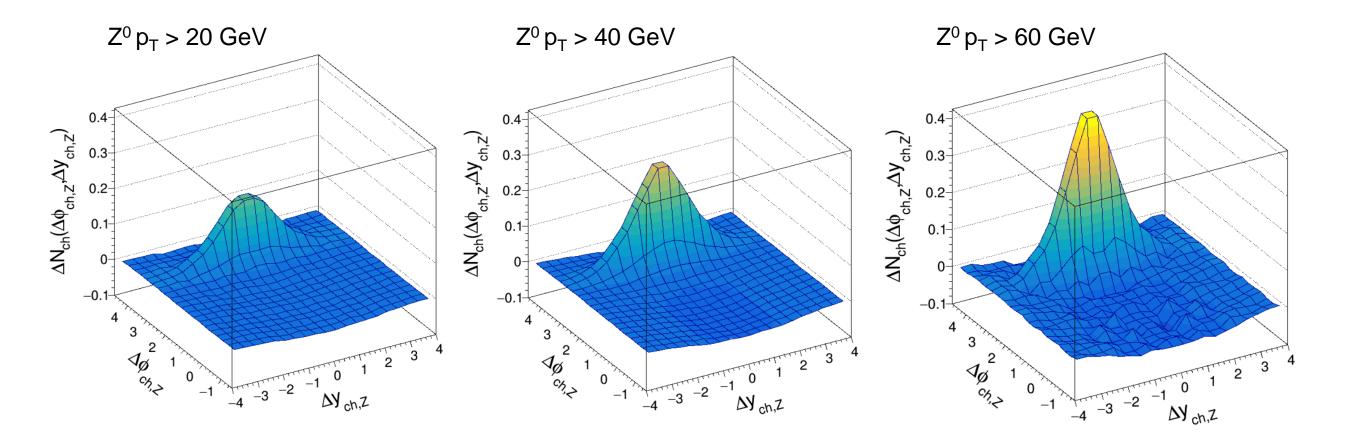


Interpretations of the low p_T enhancement at large ΔR include **medium response**, **medium induce radiation / splitting**, and **vacuum-like emissions out of the medium**



PYTHIA8 Z^0 +Jet Event with Different $Z^0 p_T$ Thresholds

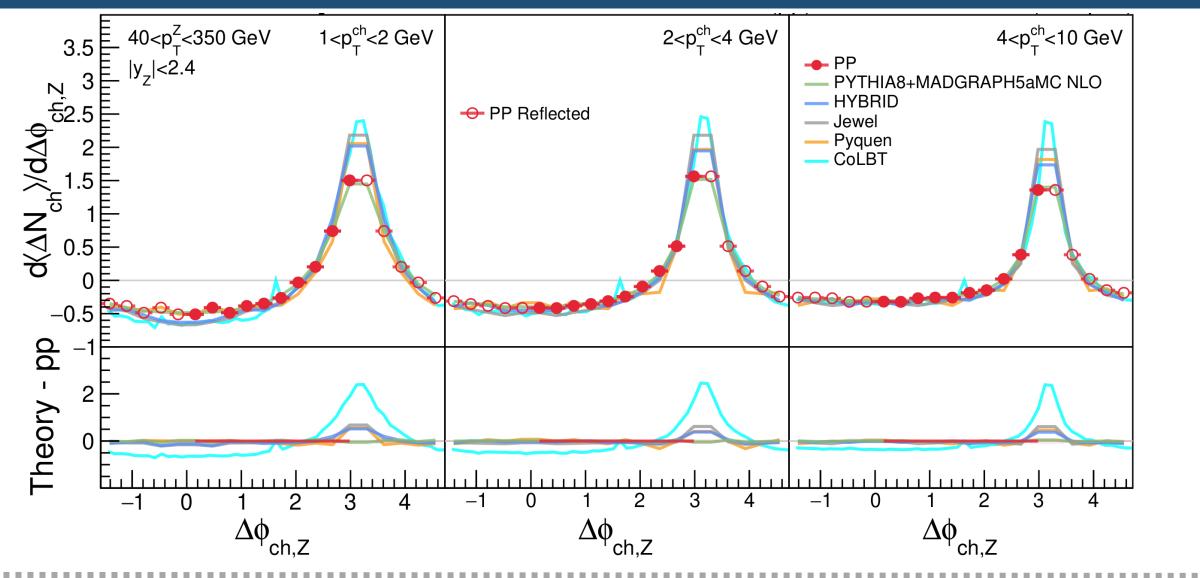
ΔN_{ch} Spectra with Charged Hadron 4 < p_T < 10 GeV



 Tighter correlation between charged hadron in jet and Z⁰ not only in Δφ but also Δy with higher Z⁰ p_T selection



Azimuthal Angle Distributions in pp vs. Theory



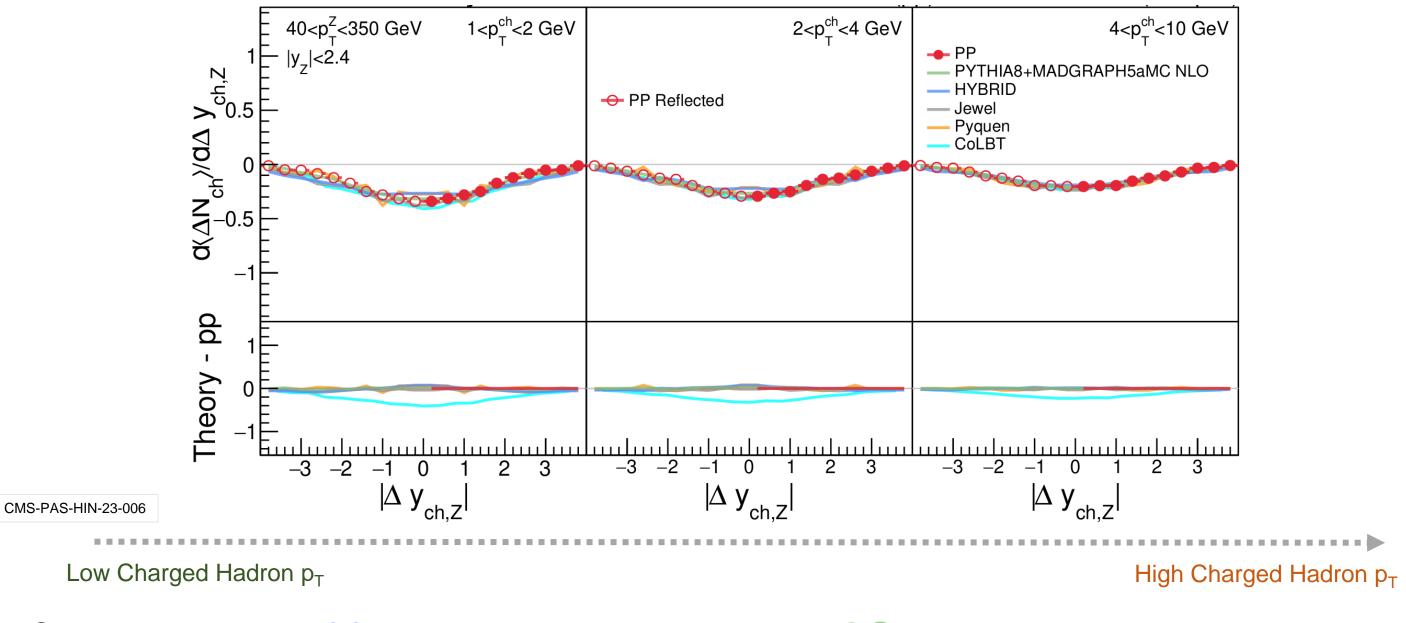
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Rapidity Distributions in pp vs. Theory



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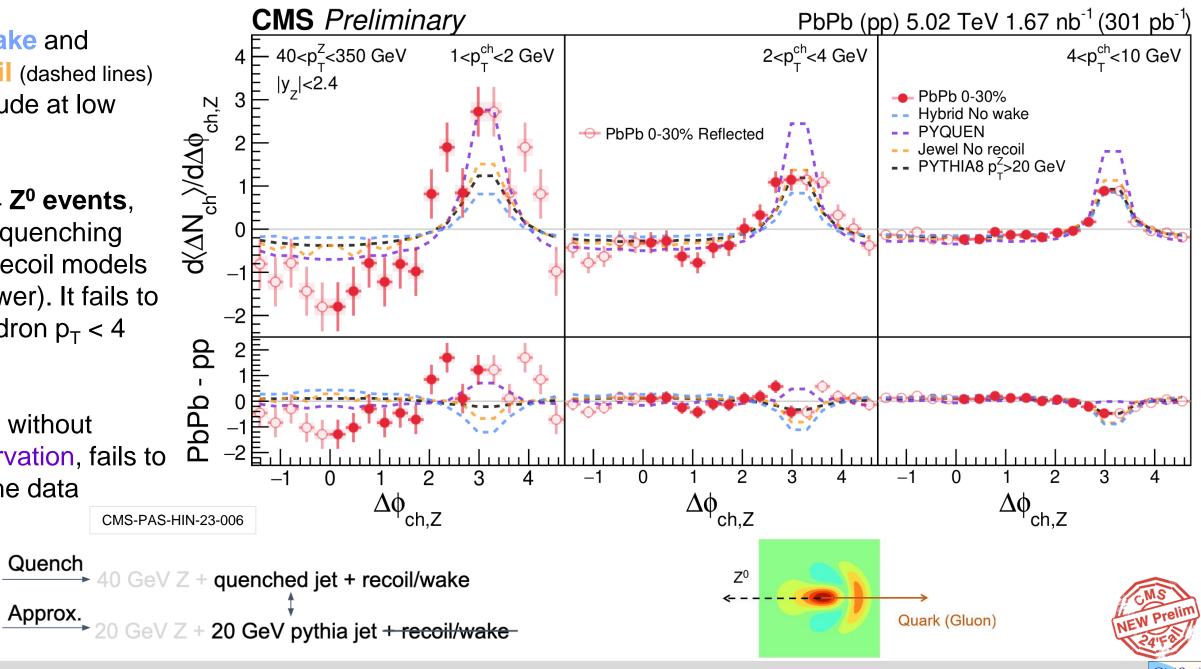
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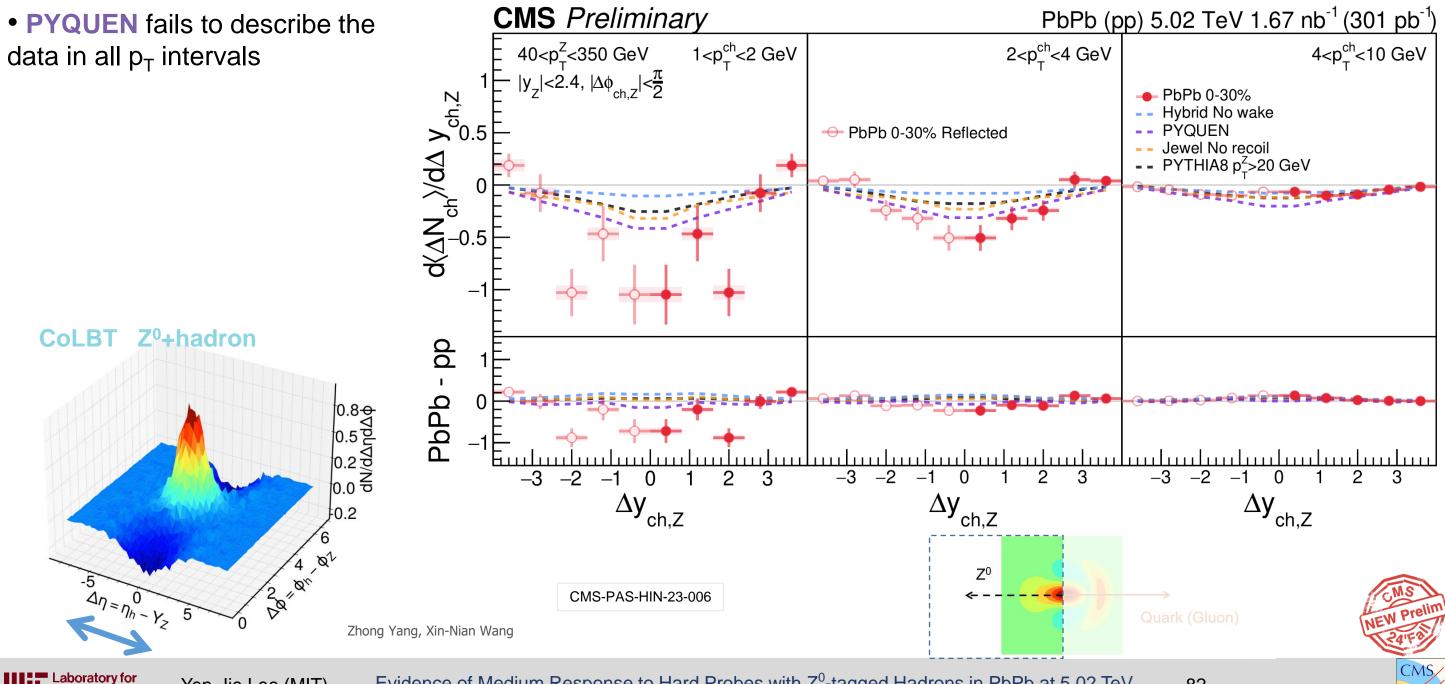
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