Measurement of the groomed jet mass in PbPb and pp collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 5.02\,\mathrm{TeV}$

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ABSTRACT: A measurement of the groomed jet mass in PbPb and pp collisions at a nucleon-nucleon center-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV with the CMS detector at the LHC is presented. Jet grooming is a recursive procedure which sequentially removes soft constituents of a jet until a pair of hard subjets is found. The resulting groomed jets can be used to study modifications to the parton shower evolution in the presence of the hot and dense medium created in heavy ion collisions. Predictions of groomed jet properties from the PYTHIA and HERWIG++ event generators agree with the measurements in pp collisions. When comparing the results from the most central PbPb collisions to pp data, a hint of an increase of jets with large jet mass is observed, which could originate from additional medium-induced radiation at a large angle from the jet axis. However, no modification of the groomed mass of the core of the jet is observed for all PbPb centrality classes. The PbPb results are also compared to predictions from the JEWEL and Q-PYTHIA event generators, which predict a large modification of the groomed mass not observed in the data.

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1   Introduction

In heavy ion collisions, scattering processes with large momentum transfer Q (of order $100\,\mathrm{GeV}$ or more) between the partonic constituents of the colliding nuclei occur early. Energy loss experienced by these high-momentum partons (quarks or gluons) as a result of their interactions with the colored, hot and dense quantum chromodynamics (QCD) medium created in heavy ion collisions (the quark-gluon plasma, or QGP) [1, 2], was first observed at BNL RHIC [3–6] and then at the CERN LHC [7–9]. Interactions of the outgoing partons with the QGP are also expected to modify the angular and momentum distributions of the parton shower relative to proton-proton (pp) collisions. It was shown at the LHC that there is a significant amount of energy carried by soft particles at large angles relative to the axes of the jets produced by outgoing partons [10, 11].

Parton interactions with the QGP can increase the gluon radiation probability of the propagating partons and can also lead to modifications of the momentum sharing between split partons, as well as the angular scale of the splitting [12–16]. After a hard splitting, where both resulting partons carry a significant fraction of the original energy, the two energetic partons then evolve into separate sprays of particles within the jet. By isolating these two hard-radiation sources, the interactions of the color charges of the medium with the two outgoing highly energetic partons can be studied.

Jet grooming algorithms [17–21] remove large-angle, soft radiation inside a jet, revealing the underlying hard structure via the identification of two subjets. In pp collisions this reflects the first hard splitting process. The properties of these subjets provide information about medium interactions of the two partons that originated in a hard splitting.

The hard structure of the jet is also expected to be sensitive to semihard medium-induced gluon radiation [22, 23], modifications of the initial parton splitting [24], and the medium response [25]. A modification in the distribution of the shared momentum fraction, z_{g}, defined as the energy of the sub-leading (in transverse momentum, p_{T}) subjet over the sum of the two energies of the two subjets, was previously studied in lead-lead (PbPb) collisions [26]. The opening angle of the parton splitting provides additional information about the nature of the modifications in the medium [23, 24]. This motivates studies of the groomed jet mass (M_{g}), defined as the invariant mass of the system consisting of the two subjets, which is sensitive to both the parton splitting function and the opening angle between the two outgoing partons. This measurement complements studies of the mass of the full jet without using grooming algorithms [27], which makes such studies mostly sensitive to soft wide angle radiation.

In this paper, a measurement of the ratio of the groomed jet mass and the jet p_{T} in both pp and PbPb collisions using the soft drop (SD) jet grooming algorithm [21] with two parameter settings is presented. This analysis uses pp and PbPb collision datasets corresponding to integrated luminosities of $27.4\,\mathrm{pb}^{-1}$ and $404\,\mu\mathrm{b}^{-1}$, respectively, collected with the CMS detector [28] at the LHC in 2015 at a nucleon-nucleon center-of-mass energy of $5.02\,\mathrm{TeV}$.

2   The CMS apparatus and event selection

The central feature of the CMS apparatus is a superconducting solenoid of 6 m internal diameter, providing an axial magnetic field of 3.8 T. Within the solenoid volume are a silicon pixel and strip tracker, a lead tungstate crystal electromagnetic calorimeter, and a brass and scintillator hadron calorimeter, each composed of a barrel and two endcap sections. A hadron forward (HF) calorimeter, covering the pseudorapidity range $3 < |\eta| < 5$, complements the coverage provided by the barrel and endcap detectors. Muons are detected in gas-ionization chambers embedded in the steel flux-return yoke outside the solenoid. The first level of the CMS trigger system [29], composed of specialized hardware processors, uses information from the calorimeters and muon detectors to select the most interesting events in a fixed time interval of less than $4\,\mu\mathrm{s}$. The high-level trigger processor farm further decreases the event rate from around 100 kHz to 1 (2) kHz for pp (PbPb) collisions before data storage. A more detailed description of the CMS detector, together with a definition of the coordinate system used and the relevant kinematic variables, can be found in ref. [28].

Events with multiple collisions (pileup) within a bunch crossing have a negligible effect on the measurement, since the average number of additional collisions is less than 0.9 in both data sets, and much lower in the PbPb data set. Events are selected with triggers requiring a jet with high p_{T}, found using the anti-k_{T} algorithm [30, 31] with a distance parameter of $R = 0.4$. In pp collisions, these triggers are based on jets reconstructed from particle-flow (PF) candidates [32]. An unprescaled trigger with a $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ threshold of 80 GeV is used. In PbPb collisions, triggers are based on jets reconstructed from calorimeter deposits including a subtraction for the uncorrelated underlying event (UE) [33]. Triggers

with multiple thresholds are employed to ensure that their efficiency is high for the full range of phase space considered in the analysis. The thresholds for these triggers are $p_T^{jet} = 60$, 80 and 100 GeV. The triggers with lower p_T^{jet} thresholds are prescaled.

Several offline event selections are applied to reject events from beam-gas, beam-pipe, beam halo, cosmic ray muons, and beam scraping interactions [34]. A requirement of a coincidence of three towers with at least 3 GeV of total transverse energy in the HF detectors on each side of the interaction point [28] is employed to reject purely electromagnetic interaction events between Pb nuclei. In pp collisions this coincidence requirement is not present, as the contamination from electromagnetic interactions is negligible. For both collision systems a requirement is placed on the primary vertex, the reconstructed vertex with the highest amount of activity, to be within 15 cm from the nominal interaction point along the beam direction and within 0.15 cm in the transverse plane.

In order to cope with the high particle multiplicity PbPb environment, the event reconstruction algorithms are modified compared to the ones used for pp data. Although not identical between the two colliding systems [34], the tracking efficiency is comparable within a few percent in the p_T range relevant to the analysis, and it is well modeled by simulation. The collision centrality for PbPb events is determined using the total sum of transverse energy from the calorimeter towers in the HF region. The transverse energy distribution is used to divide the event sample into bins of percentage of the total hadronic interaction cross section [7]. In this analysis, we present the results in four event centrality classes: 0–10%, 10–30%, 30–50%, and 50–80%, with 0% being the most central collision, and four p_T^{jet} ranges: 140–160, 160–180, 180–200, and 200–300 GeV.

The PYTHIA 6.246 [35] (tune Z2* [36]) event generator prediction is compared with experimental pp data and used to study systematic effects. For PbPb collision simulation, events generated with PYTHIA are embedded into an UE produced with the HYDJET 1.9 event generator [37]. All generated events undergo a full GEANT4 [38] simulation of the CMS detector response. Additional samples for cross checks and for comparison with the data are produced with HERWIG++ 2.7.1 [39] (tune EE5C [40]).

Predictions for medium-modified jets are generated with JEWEL 2.2.0 [41] (both with and without recoil, i.e., the scattered recoiling particles from the medium) and Q-PYTHIA 1.0.3 [42] where the PQM model [43] is used to model the medium. In order to model the effect of the uncorrelated UE, the samples generated with JEWEL and Q-PYTHIA are embedded in a simulated thermal background with particle momenta following a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution [44] with an average p_T of 1.2 GeV and an average energy density corresponding to that from events in the 0–10% centrality class in PbPb data.

3 Jet reconstruction

Offline particle candidates are reconstructed with the PF algorithm. This algorithm aims to reconstruct and identify each individual particle (PF candidate) using an optimized combination of information from various elements of the CMS detector. For this analysis, the PF candidates are treated as massless. Jets are clustered from PF candidates using

the anti-k_T algorithm with a distance parameter of 0.4. Only jets with $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 140\,\text{GeV}$ and $|\eta_{\text{jet}}| < 1.3$ are included in the analysis due to the trigger.

In PbPb collisions, the constituents of the jet are corrected for the UE contribution using the "constituent subtraction" algorithm [45]. This algorithm uses a particle-level approach that removes or corrects jet constituents for the uncorrelated background based on the average UE density in a given η region. This particle-by-particle subtraction allows the correction of both the four-momentum of the jet and its substructure. A more detailed description of this method can be found in ref. [26].

The energy of reconstructed jets is corrected to the particle level with the corrections derived from simulation and applied to the reconstructed jets in pp and PbPb collisions. Additional corrections for the mismodeling of the detector response are also applied [46, 47].

4   Groomed jet mass

Jet grooming isolates the hard sub-components of a jet and removes soft and wide-angle radiation, thereby highlighting jet substructure features. This procedure can be used to isolate a hard splitting in the parton shower evolution. The soft components of a jet can originate from many sources, including uncorrelated UE, initial state radiation, other uncorrelated hard scattering in the collision, or soft gluons radiated by the hard parton which initiated the jet. The SD jet grooming algorithm is used to extract the hard structure of jets, which is sensitive to the impact of parton-medium interactions during the jet evolution. With this grooming technique, the hard and soft parts of the jets can be separated in a completely theoretically controlled way [20, 21, 48–51]. The procedure starts with a jet and reclusters the constituents with the Cambridge-Aachen algorithm [52] to form an angular-ordered structure. A recursive pairwise declustering step is then performed. In each step during the grooming procedure, the softer leg of the considered subjet pair is dropped if the SD condition is not satisfied, resulting in a smaller groomed p_T than that of the original jet. The SD condition is the following [21]:

$$z_{\text{g}} = \frac{\min(p_{\text{T},i}, p_{\text{T},j})}{p_{\text{T},i} + p_{\text{T},j}} > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R_0} \right)^{\beta}, \tag{4.1}$$

where the subscripts "i" and "j" indicate the subjets at that step of the declustering, ΔR_{ij} is the distance between the two subjets in the $\eta - \phi$ plane, R_0 is the jet resolution parameter, and z_{cut} and β are adjustable parameters. The parameter z_{cut} is the threshold for z_{g} when the two subjets are separated by the jet resolution parameter R_0, and β controls the grooming profile as a function of subjet separation ΔR_{ij}. When $\beta = 0$, the SD grooming threshold is independent of ΔR_{ij}, and the grooming procedure is equivalent to the modified mass-drop tagger [20]. The jet is discarded if the SD condition is never satisfied before only one constituent remains. This constitutes less than 1% of the jets for the grooming parameter settings used in this analysis. Once the SD condition is satisfied, the two subjets at that position in the angular-ordered tree are used to compute the mass. Assuming that these last two constituents surviving the grooming procedure are massless, the groomed jet mass (M_{g}) is calculated from their energies and opening angle. The main variable used in
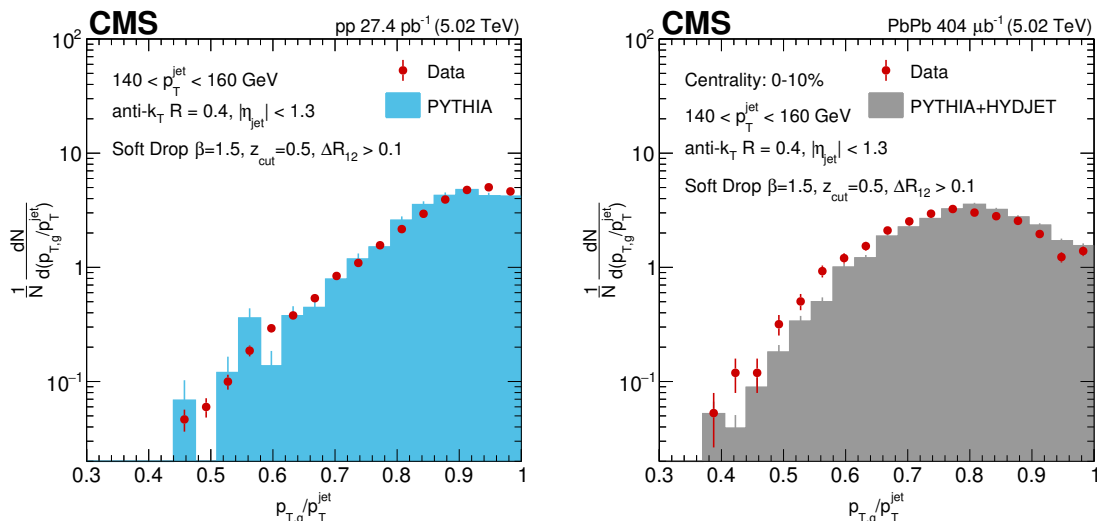
Figure 1. Groomed jet momentum fraction $p_{T,g}$ in pp (left) and the 10% most central PbPb collisions (right) for jets with $140 < p_T^{jet} < 160\,\text{GeV}$ and $|\eta_{jet}| < 1.3$. The pp data are compared to simulation using the PYTHIA event generator and the PbPb data are compared to the same PYTHIA events embedded in PbPb events simulated with the HYDJET event generator. Vertical lines indicate size of statistical uncertainty. The parameters used for the SD algorithm are $z_{cut} = 0.5$, $\beta = 1.5$. The jets are selected based on the ungroomed jet transverse momentum.

this analysis is the groomed jet mass divided by the ungroomed jet transverse momentum, M_g/p_T^{jet}. For this observable, the characteristic Sudakov peak (caused by the evolution of the shower) stays the same as p_T^{jet} is varied [20], which allows the study for modification on mass without convoluting with the p_T^{jet} spectrum.

In this analysis, two sets of parameters are considered: $z_{cut} = 0.1$ with $\beta = 0.0$, denoted as $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting, and $z_{cut} = 0.5$ with $\beta = 1.5$, denoted as $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. The first parameter set has the advantage of being largely insensitive to higher-order QCD corrections, such as multiple emissions [20, 49], while the second one is preferred experimentally since it reduces the impact from UE fluctuations by applying a stronger SD constraint for subjets with larger opening angle, thereby focusing on the core of the jet.

If two subjets are very close to each other in the $\eta - \phi$ plane, they cannot be distinctly resolved, leading to a significant worsening of the mass resolution. To avoid unphysical modification of the M_g/p_T^{jet} measurement, an additional selection on the subjet opening angle of $\Delta R_{12} > 0.1$ is applied. For the 0–10% PbPb centrality bin, this ΔR_{12} requirement results in the rejection of 30% of the jets using the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting and 50% for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting, due to a worse subjet angular separation resolution when the UE is larger. Both fractions are well reproduced by the simulation.

The groomed jet transverse momentum $p_{T,g}$, divided by the ungroomed p_T^{jet} in data, is compared to simulation at the reconstruction level in figure 1 for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. More energy is removed in the 10% most central PbPb collisions than in pp events in both data and simulation, indicating that the grooming procedure removes part of the residual background activity surviving the constituent subtraction procedure. A difference in the

$p_{\mathrm{T,g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ ratio distribution between data and simulation is seen in central PbPb collisions due to correlated background, which is not modeled by the embedded sample.

Resolution effects in the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ distributions from charged-particle detection inefficiency, the particle angular resolution from the granularity of the calorimeter, and the UE fluctuations are not unfolded. Instead, in order to compare results from pp collisions with those of PbPb collisions in a given $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ and centrality range, a smearing procedure is applied to the pp data in order to account for the effects of the presence of the UE and differences in the reconstruction procedure between PbPb and pp data. This is achieved by mixing a pp event with a generated PbPb UE at the reconstructed PF candidate level. The UE is generated by sampling from the p_{T} spectra of the PF candidates in simulated minimum bias PbPb events. The PF candidates in the resulting mixed events are clustered and subtracted following the identical procedure used for the PbPb data. The "smeared" jets correspond to the expected modification in the presence of UE activity and detector effects but without any medium-induced modification to the jet structure. The smearing procedure is validated using simulation by comparing with the embedded PYTHIA + HY-DJET sample with full detector simulation with the smeared PYTHIA sample. In addition to the accounting for the resolution difference between pp and PbPb data, the smearing procedure also allows a better understanding of the different sources of systematic uncertainties. The $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ spectra in the PF-level embedding agrees within 3% with that from the full detector simulation. It is found that the dominant source causing this difference is the difference in tracking efficiency in PbPb and pp collisions.

The different track reconstruction in PbPb and pp collisions [34, 53] leads to a different M_{g} scale. A correction for $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ is derived from simulation as a function of ΔR_{12} and applied to the smeared jets. The magnitude of the correction ranges from 1% to 3%, depending on the subjet separation. A good closure in the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ distribution between embedded and smeared jets is found. The effect on $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ from the merging of PF candidates is found to be negligible compared to the M_{g} scale difference from the different tracking reconstruction algorithms.

5 Systematic uncertainties

The systematic uncertainties in the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ measurement are derived separately for pp and PbPb collisions. Uncertainties are determined for each centrality and $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ selection. The following sources of systematic uncertainties are taken into account: online trigger, jet energy scale, jet energy resolution, subjet angular resolution, smearing procedure, quark-to-gluon fraction, and the M_{g} scale correction. Uncertainties in the UE associated with pileup collisions are found to be negligible as compared to other uncertainties.

In pp and PbPb collisions with 30–100% centrality, the trigger is fully efficient for jets in the kinematic range considered for this analysis. For the 30% most central PbPb collisions, a trigger bias is present for the lowest considered $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ range, $140 < p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} < 160\,\mathrm{GeV}$. The measurement in this range is compared to the measurement using a lower-threshold trigger for which this effect is absent at $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} = 140\,\mathrm{GeV}$. The difference in the observed distributions, up to 5% in the considered $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ range, is assigned as a systematic un-

certainty. It is also observed that the trigger used in the pp data can induce a bias to the smeared M_g/p_T^{jet} measurement for the 0–10% central events in the lowest p_T^{jet} bin. As a result of the larger amount of smearing needed to compare to 0–10% central events, a pp jet with lower p_T^{jet} where the trigger is not yet fully efficient may enter the analysis selection. The bias is studied by comparing the smeared jets collected with lower p_T^{jet} threshold triggers. An uncertainty of 7% over the entire M_g/p_T^{jet} range is assigned.

The systematic uncertainty due to the jet energy scale (resolution) is estimated by changing the jet energy scale (resolution) by 5% to cover the uncertainty on these quantities [46], followed by a comparison of the modified spectra with the nominal spectrum. The systematic uncertainty as a function of M_g/p_T^{jet} is derived from the difference between the spectra; it is generally of the order of 5% for both jet energy scale and resolution.

The resolution of the opening angle between subjets is found to be around 0.01 for a typical jet in this analysis with subjet separation boundary of 0.1. The effect of the angular resolution measurement on M_g/p_T^{jet} ratio is estimated by comparing spectra obtained by varying the selection on ΔR_{12} by 10% up and down. Only the low M_g/p_T^{jet} region is affected by changing the threshold, because of the correlation between ΔR_{12} and M_g/p_T^{jet}, resulting in an uncertainty as large as 20% for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. Changes at high M_g/p_T^{jet} can be induced because the spectra are self-normalized.

Uncertainties associated with the pp smearing procedure are obtained by varying the free parameters in the UE model. The density of the UE is varied by 10% which translates to a change in the M_g/p_T^{jet} spectrum by up to 10% for $M_g/p_T^{\text{jet}} > 0.2$. The fluctuation on the UE energy density is varied by 5%, resulting in a change of the M_g/p_T^{jet} spectrum by 5% across the entire range.

Since the fraction of quark- and gluon-initiated jets for a fixed p_T^{jet} selection in PbPb collisions is not known, a systematic uncertainty is applied to the smeared jets in order to account for the different detector responses to quark and gluon jets. It is estimated in simulation by taking half of the difference between smeared M_g/p_T^{jet} spectra for jets originated from quarks and gluons, and is found to be of order of 10–20% towards the high tail ($M_g/p_T^{\text{jet}} > 0.2$).

The systematic uncertainty related to the M_g scale correction is estimated by comparing the smeared spectra obtained with different tracking algorithms used in PbPb and pp collisions data. It is found that the change due to this is up to 6% for larger values of M_g/p_T^{jet} and about 2% in the bulk of the spectrum ($M_g/p_T^{\text{jet}} \simeq 0.05$–$0.10$).

6 Results

The per jet normalized M_g/p_T^{jet} spectra in pp collisions for various p_T^{jet} selections are presented in figure 2 for the $(0.1, 0.0)$ and $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD settings. The results are compared to generated jets with PYTHIA and HERWIG++. At large M_g/p_T^{jet}, HERWIG++ is above the M_g/p_T^{jet} spectra and PYTHIA is below the spectra when compared to data with the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting, although the observed difference is smaller than the systematic uncertainties in the measurement. The observed effect is in agreement with earlier measurements [54, 55]. A similar conclusion can be drawn for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. With this setting, the
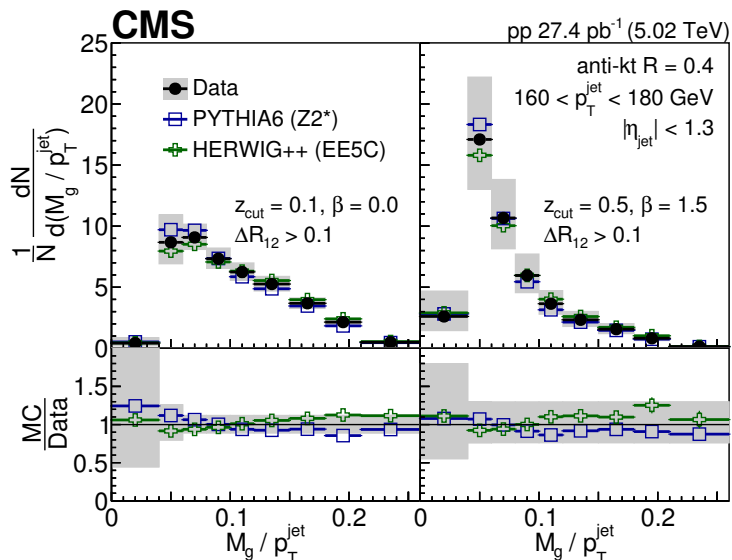
Figure 2. The spectra of $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ for pp events with $160 < p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} < 180\,\mathrm{GeV}$ using $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting (left panels) and $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting (right panels). Results are compared to PYTHIA and HERWIG++ event generators. The ratio of simulation to data is also shown. The heights of the gray boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. Statistical uncertainties are less than the marker sizes.

$M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ spectrum is steeper than for the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting due to the larger amount of energy removed during the grooming procedure. The lower edge of the spectra is caused by the ΔR_{12} requirement.

The measurement of the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ in PbPb collisions for several centrality intervals for the $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ in the 160–180 GeV range is compared to the results for smeared pp collisions in figures 3 and 4 for the two SD grooming settings. For the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting, no significant modification in PbPb collisions compared to smeared pp data is observed for this $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ range, except for a hint of an enhancement for the 10% most central collisions. For the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting, where the grooming disfavors pairs of subjets with large opening angles and highly imbalanced p_{T} values, no noticeable modification is observed.

In figures 5 and 6 the measured $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ spectra in the 0–10% PbPb collisions sample are compared in several $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ intervals to the pp smeared sample, for the two SD settings. Some differences between jets from PbPb collisions and smeared jets from pp collisions are seen for the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting in the lowest $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ ranges. This indicates that in central PbPb collisions it is more likely to produce a jet with large $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ than in pp collisions. The results are compared to two jet quenching event generators, which incorporate medium-induced radiation in the parton splitting process. The generated events are smeared to account for effects from UE activity in PbPb collisions. The medium response in JEWEL is modeled with the momentum transfers to recoiling scattering centers in the medium in addition to the splitting of jet constituents that is also present when the recoil feature in JEWEL is disabled. The relative enhancement of large-mass jets can be qualitatively captured by the JEWEL generator with the recoil-on setting [25, 56], but the magnitude is much larger than that in data. For the recoil-off setting, the enhancement at large $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$
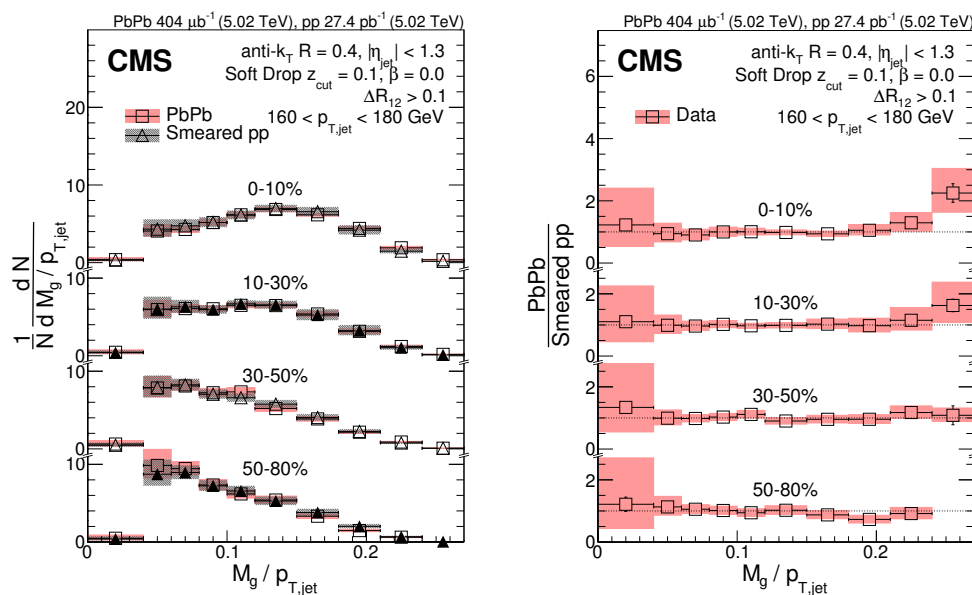
Figure 3. (left) The centrality dependence of $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$, for PbPb events with $160 < p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} < 180\,\mathrm{GeV}$ for the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting. Results are compared to the smeared pp spectra. (right) The ratio of PbPb data over smeared pp data. The heights of the vertical lines (colored boxes) indicate statistical (systematic) uncertainties. Statistical uncertainties are less than the marker sizes in most bins.
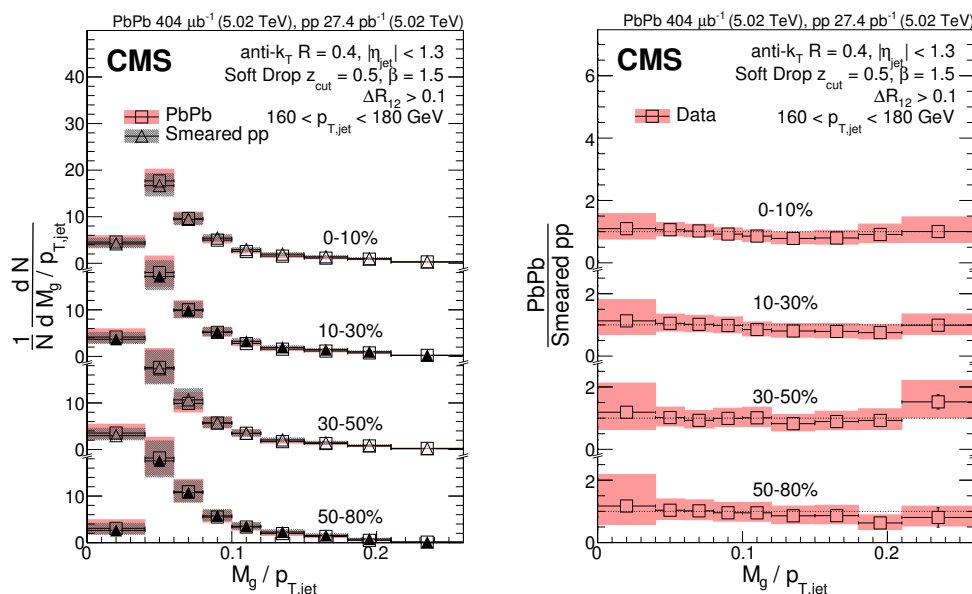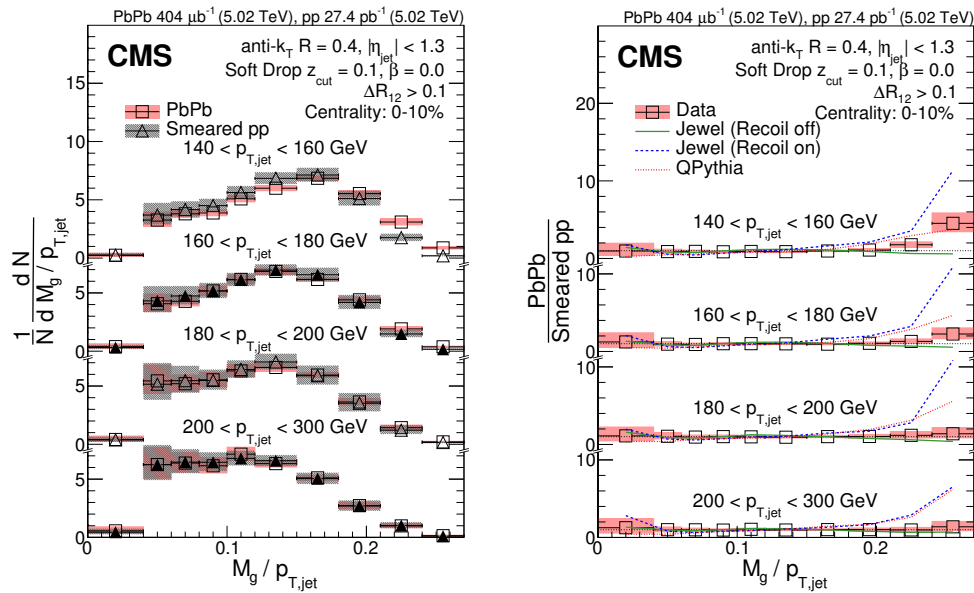

Figure 4. (left) The centrality dependence of $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$, for PbPb events with $160 < p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} < 180\,\mathrm{GeV}$ for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. Results are compared to the smeared pp spectra. (right) The ratio of PbPb data over smeared pp data. The heights of the vertical lines (colored boxes) indicate statistical (systematic) uncertainties. Statistical uncertainties are less than the marker sizes in most bins.

Figure 5. (left) The p_T^{jet} dependence of M_g/p_T^{jet}, for PbPb events in the centrality class 0–10%, for the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting. Results are compared to the smeared pp spectra. (right) The ratio of PbPb data over smeared pp data. The heights of the colored boxes indicate systematic uncertainties. Statistical uncertainties are less than the marker sizes. The ratios are compared to smeared JEWEL and Q-PYTHIA generators, shown in blue and green, respectively.
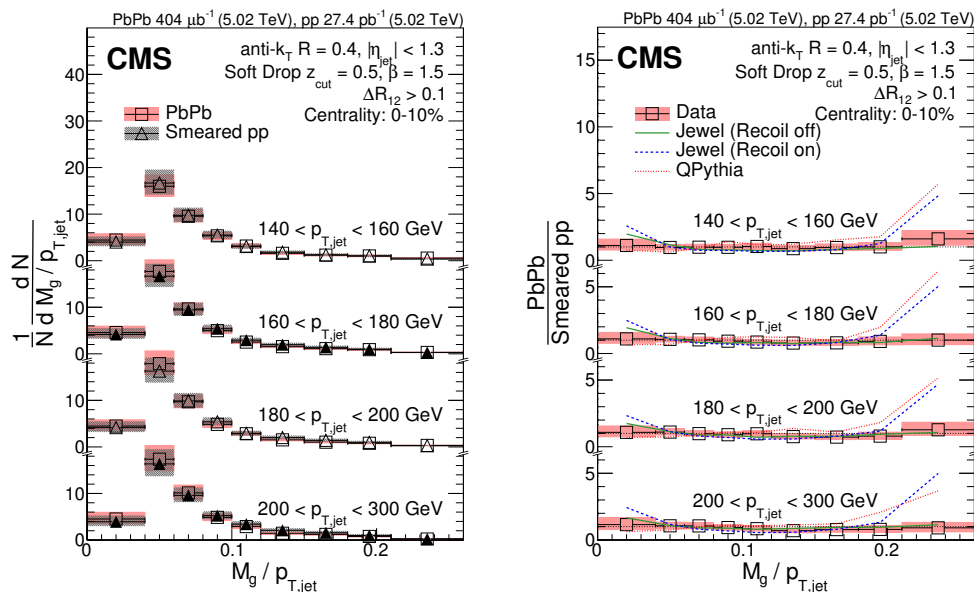

Figure 6. (left) The p_T^{jet} dependence of M_g/p_T^{jet}, for PbPb events in the centrality class 0–10%, for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting. Results are compared to the smeared pp spectra. (right) The ratio of PbPb data over smeared pp data. The heights of the colored boxes statistical (systematic) uncertainties. Statistical uncertainties are less than the marker sizes. The ratios are compared to smeared JEWEL and Q-PYTHIA generators, shown in blue and green, respectively.

is not reproduced, indicating that the recoil from the medium is important in reproducing the qualitative feature of the result. In Q-PYTHIA the medium modification enhances the splitting probability with an additional term that follows the BDMPS-Z radiation [42, 57]. This in turn increases the jet mass via the large amount of inter-jet broadening where the jets become less collimated. The broadening of the mass distribution in Q-PYTHIA is more prominent than in data. The measured modifications are much smaller than predicted, as previously observed for the jet mass without grooming [27].

As a consequence of the stronger grooming at large subjet opening angles, the result for the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting probes potential modification of the core of the jet. On the contrary, in the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting the grooming strength does not depend on the subjet opening angle and therefore is sensitive to both the core and peripheral modifications. The comparison shows that the core of the jet is not altered in central PbPb collisions within the uncertainties of the measurement, but the periphery of the jet is more sensitive to interactions of the partons with the dense colored medium during the parton shower evolution. This effect vanishes at higher $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ and for more peripheral collisions. The observed feature is not reproduced by theoretical models. The comparison between the results from the two grooming settings indicates that the region of phase space included in the $(0.1, 0.0)$ SD setting but excluded from the $(0.5, 1.5)$ SD setting is the place with the most significant modification: splittings with large angular separation and low momentum sharing.

7   Summary

The first measurements of the ratio of the groomed jet mass and the transverse momentum of the jet, $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$, in pp and PbPb collisions at a nucleon-nucleon center-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV are presented. Both the PYTHIA and HERWIG++ event generators reproduce the measurement in pp collisions.

The results demonstrate that different grooming settings provide sensitivity to different parts of the phase space of subjet angular separation and momentum sharing. For soft drop (SD) grooming parameters that remove more radiation at distances far away from the jet axis, $(z_{\mathrm{cut}} = 0.5, \beta = 1.5)$, the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ distribution in PbPb collisions is, within uncertainties, in agreement with that measured in pp collisions for all studied centrality (0–80%) and $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ (140–300 GeV) regions. Using the $(z_{\mathrm{cut}} = 0.1, \beta = 0.0)$ SD setting, for which the grooming is independent of the angular separation of the subjets, no significant modification of the $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ spectra in 10–80% peripheral collisions with respect to the measurement in pp collisions is observed. However, for the 10% most central collisions, a hint of increased probability to produce jets with large $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ is seen when compared to pp collisions for jets with $140 < p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}} < 180$ GeV. The difference between the results from the two examined grooming settings indicates that the region of phase space where modifications are most significant are splittings with large angular separation and low-to-moderate momentum sharing. The measurements are compared to the jet quenching event generators JEWEL and Q-PYTHIA, both of which predict a large enhancement at large $M_{\mathrm{g}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet}}$ that is not observed in the data.

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