Jet-triggered dihadron correlations

Methodology, interpretation, results

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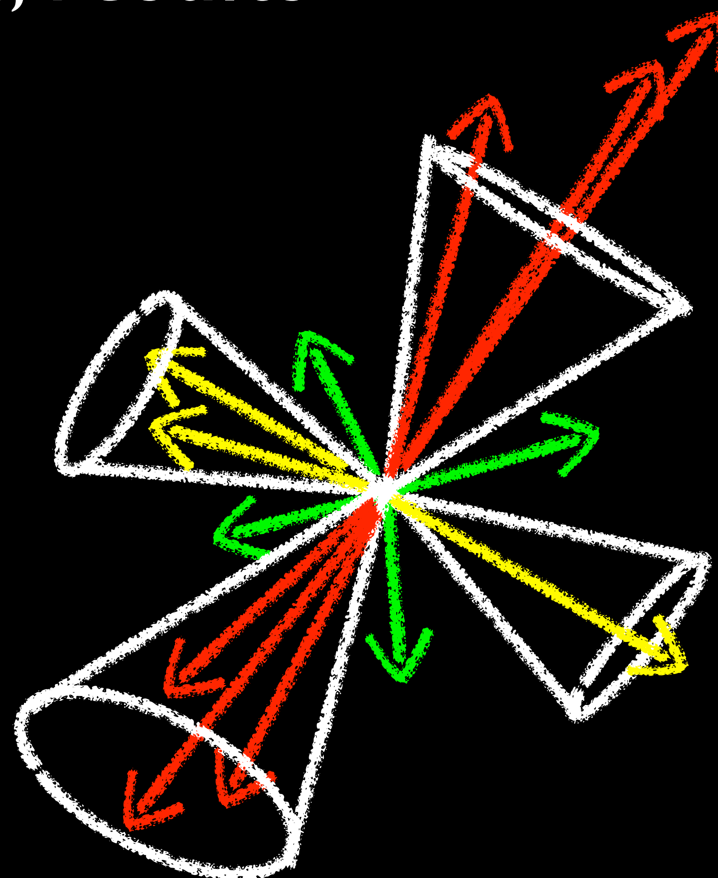

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Outline

Correlations and jets

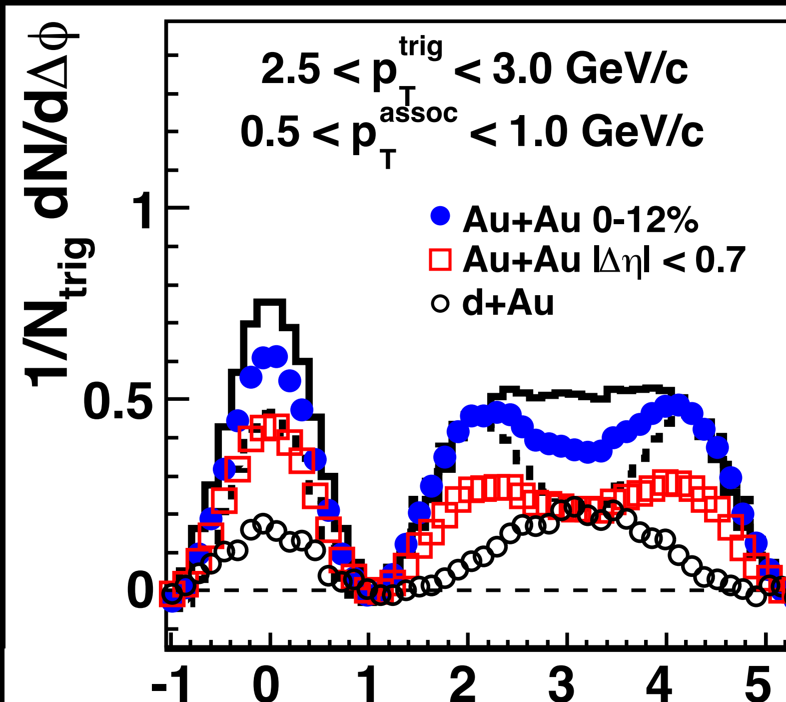
Outstanding issues

- correlation methodology & interpretation
- background in correlations - simulations

Dihadron and jet-hadron results

Is there a consistent picture?

Angular correlations: current status



STAR - arXiV:1004.2377

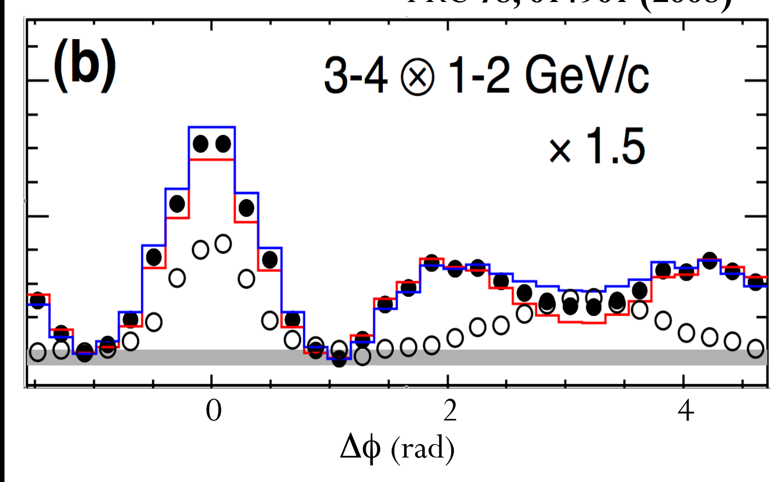
Away-side peaks are broadened in A+A

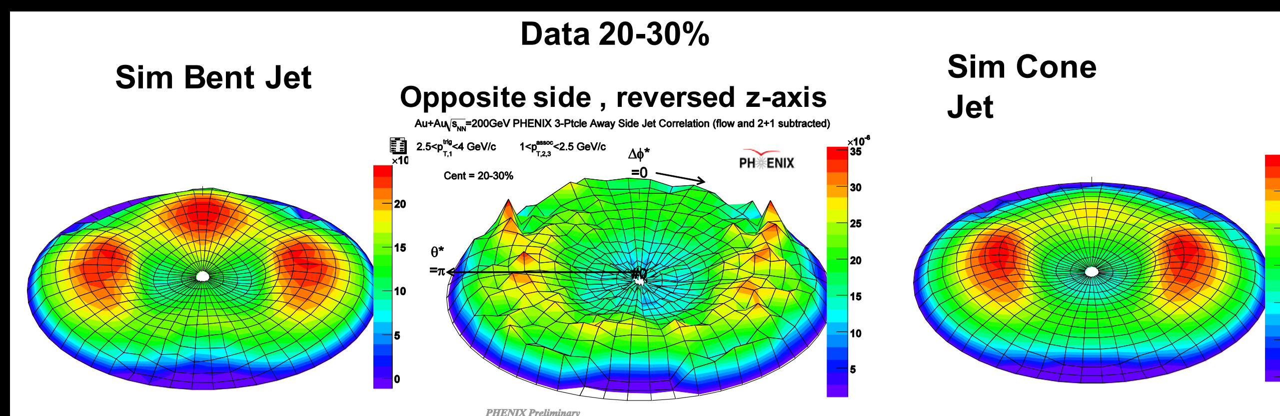
Dihadron double-peak structure pronounced in central events at lower p_T

STAR and PHENIX 3-particle correlations suggest conical shape

e.g. STAR - PRL 102 (2009) 52302

PHENIX PRC 78, 014901 (2008)





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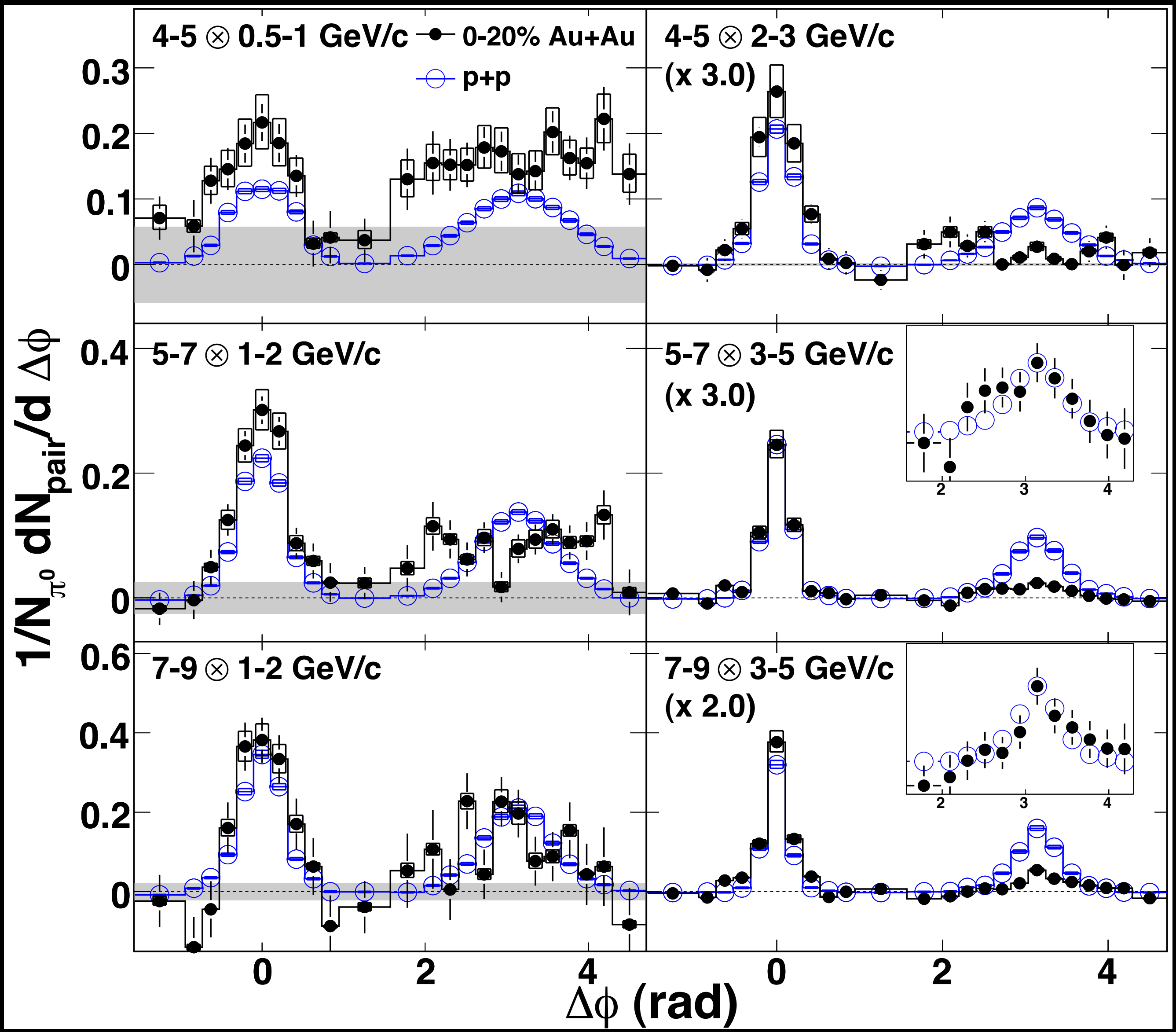
Higher p_T: peak shapes in π^0-$h^{\pm}$

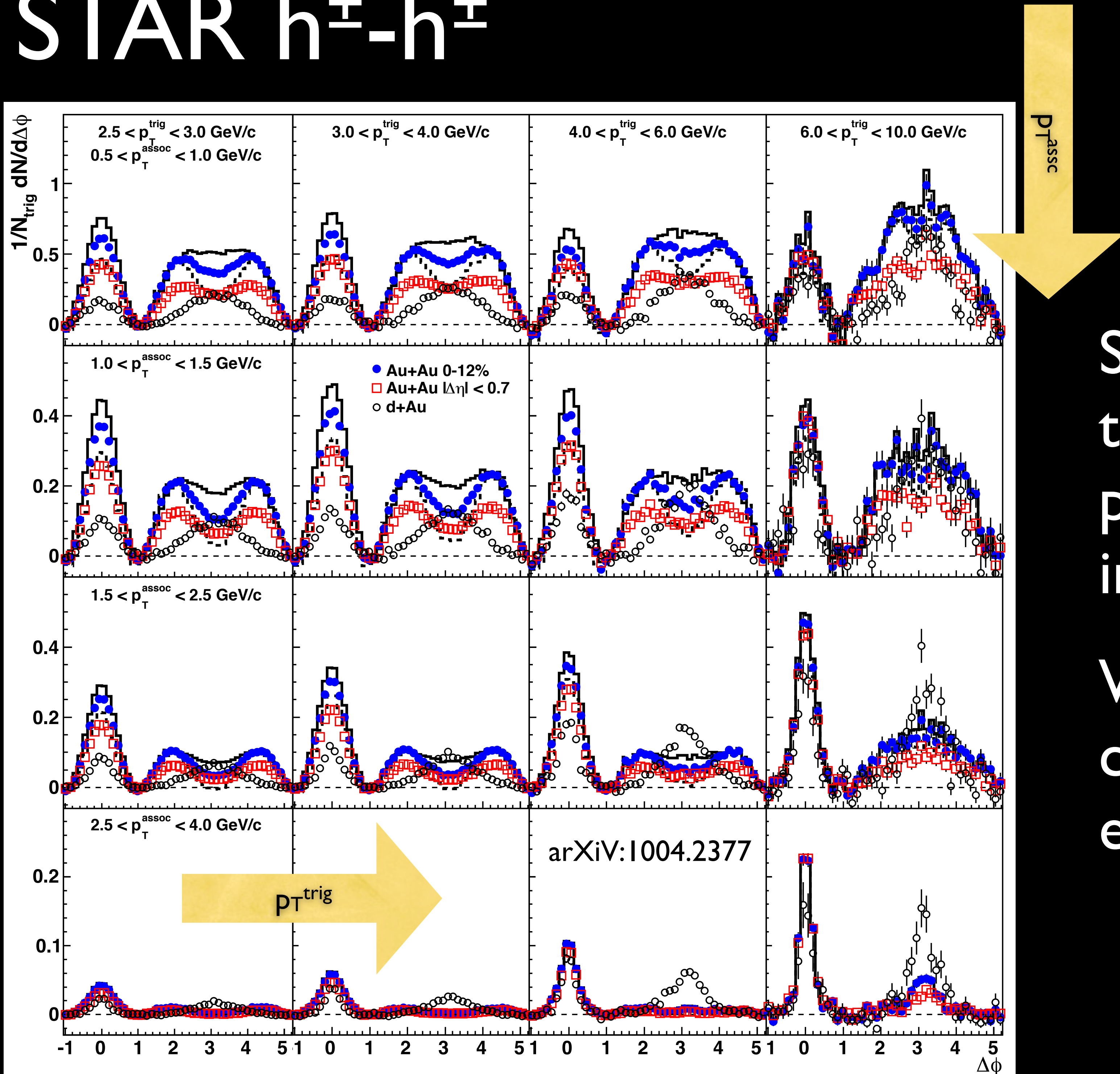
PHENIX - arXiv:1002.1077 (PRL in publication)



Au+Au shapes are broadened at lower p_T^{trig}, but consistent with p+p at high p_T^{trig}

2-peak away side structure not observed for p_T^{trig} > 7 GeV/c

STAR $h^{\pm}$-$h^{\pm}$



Strong shape transition as p_T^{trig}, p_T^{assc} increase.

What is the cause of this evolution?

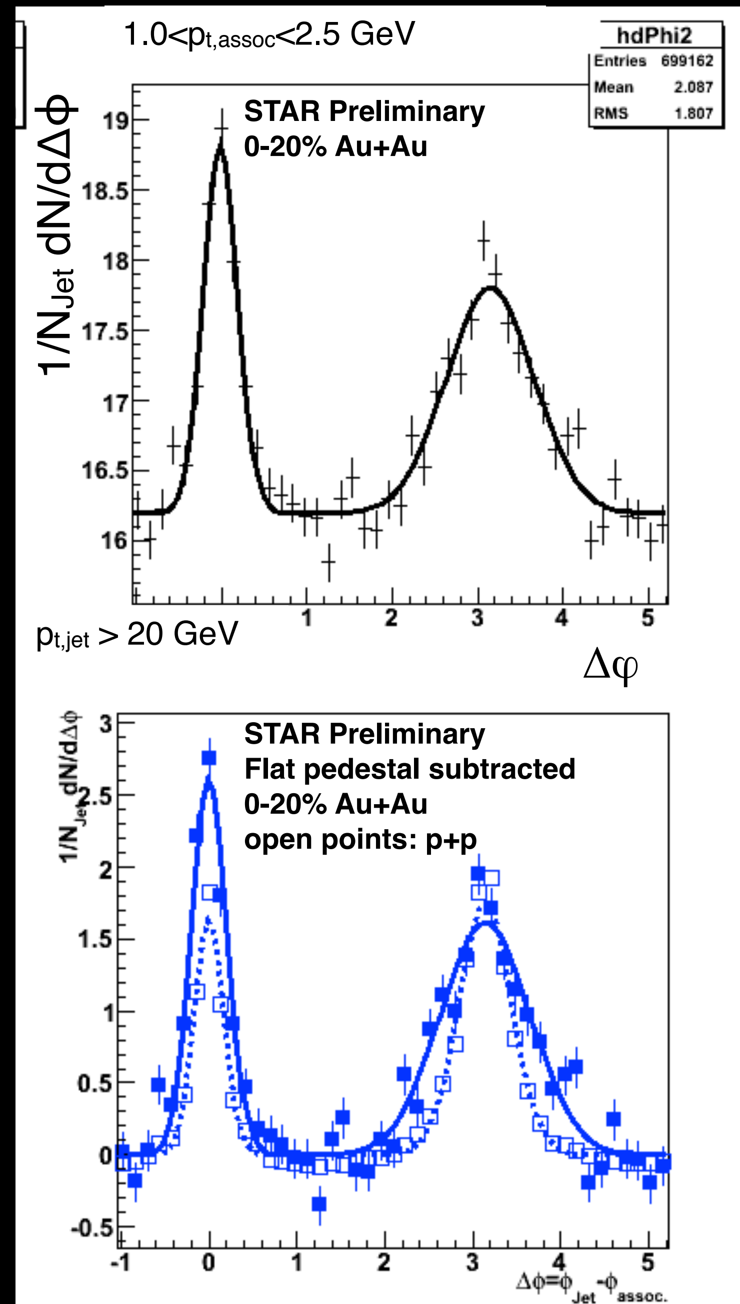
Jet-hadron correlations

Trigger on fully reconstructed jet; study away side in Au+Au and p+p to access D(z).

Jet energy scale, background handling in progress (see talk by E. Bruna today)

FastJet anti-k_T with R_c = 0.4

Must know jet energy, fragmentation function...complicated to connect with h-h.



The two-source model

Jet-bkg. separation nontrivial

Are jets and UE independent? What about

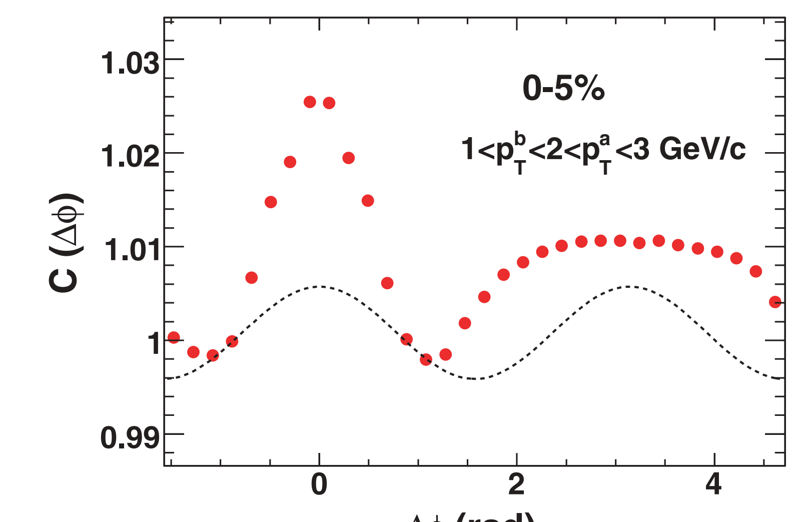
- jet-medium interactions

- initial and final-state radiation

Background shape:

$B_0(1+2v_2^{AB}\cos 2\Delta\phi)$ is an approximation

Higher moments (esp. v_3) may be non-negligible



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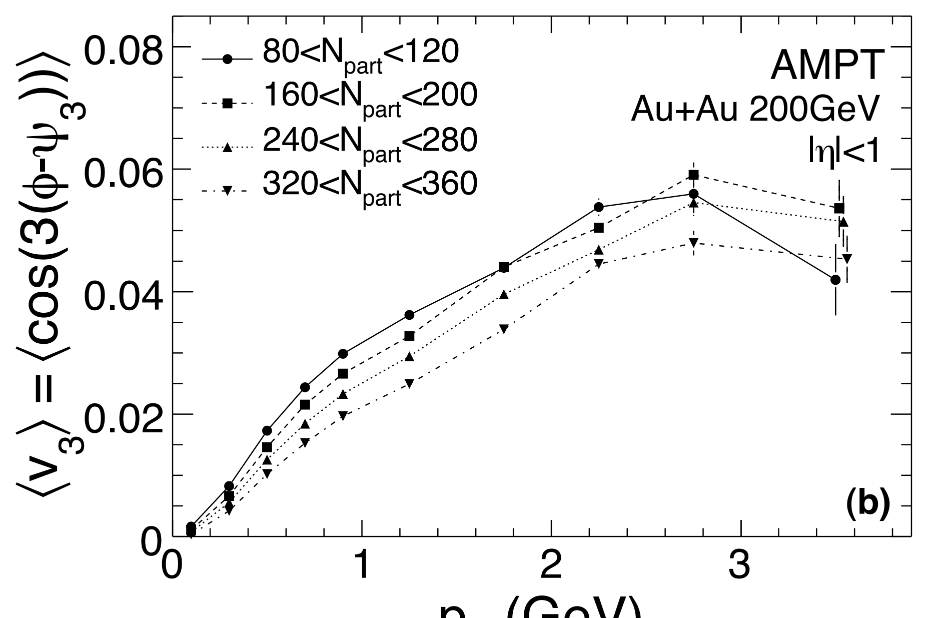

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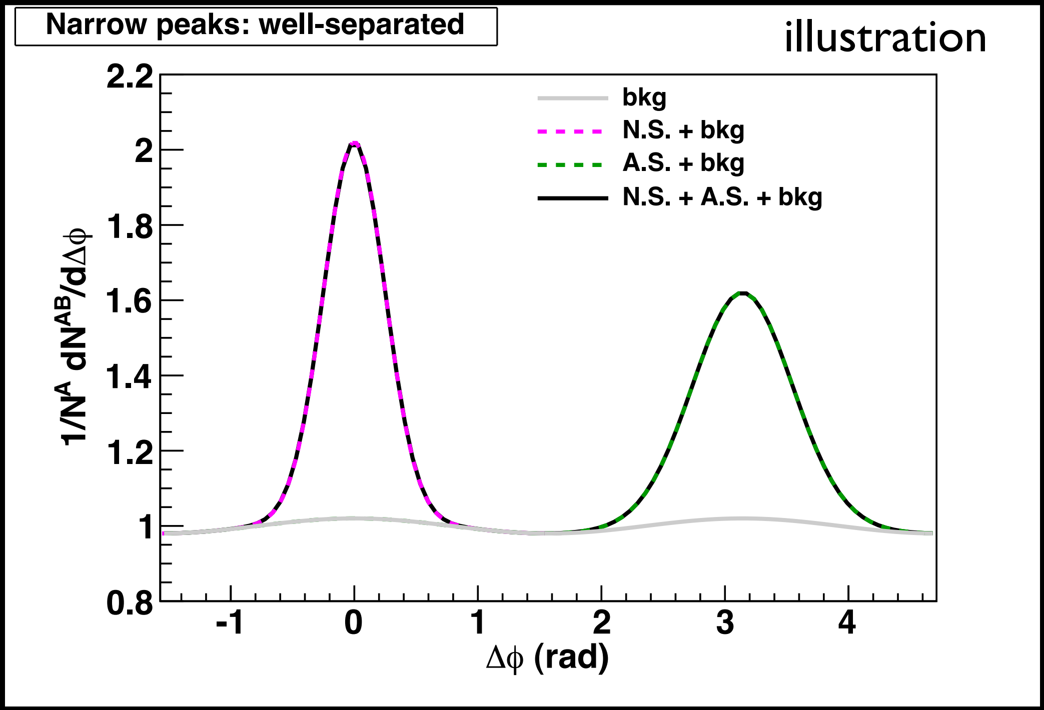

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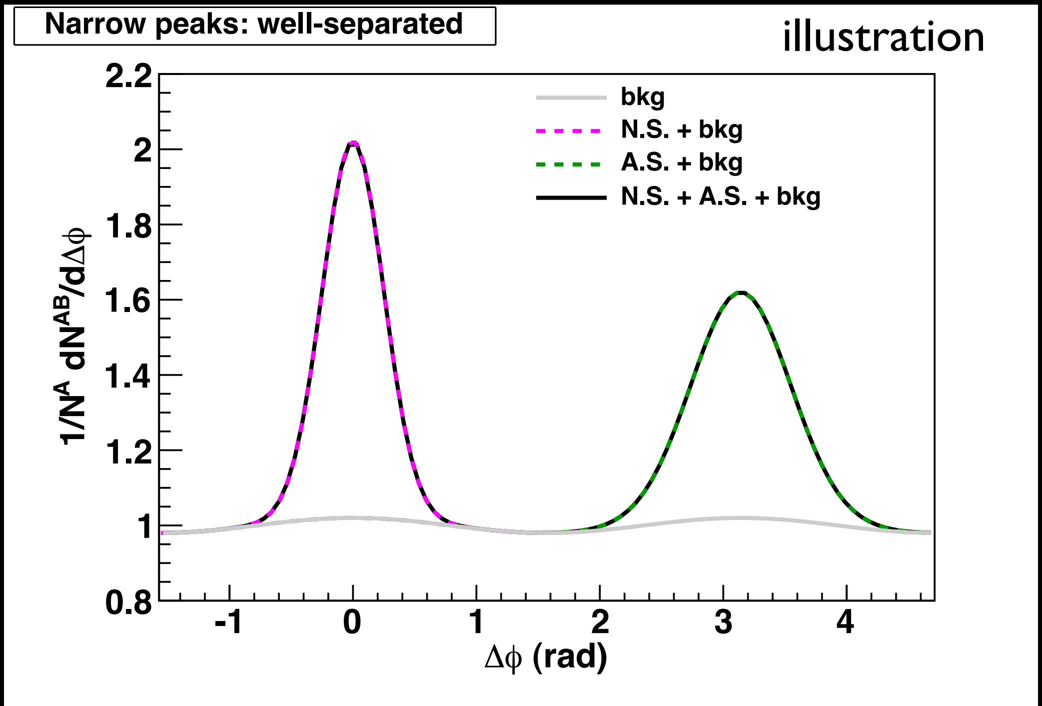

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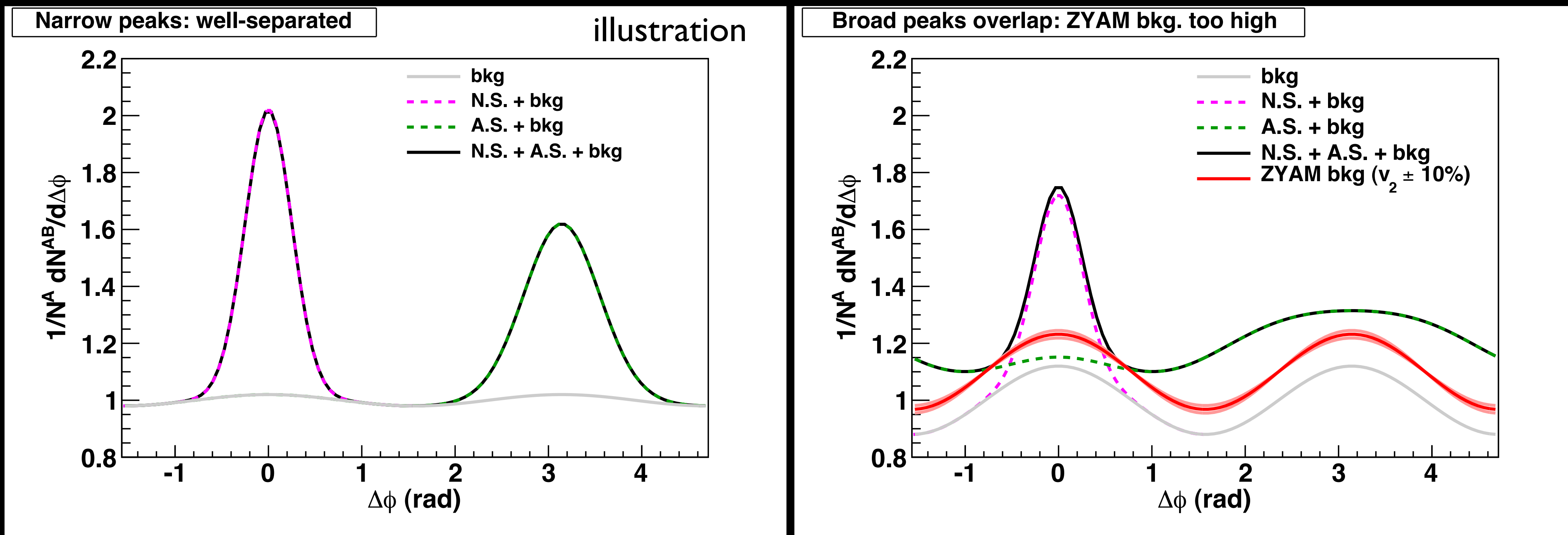

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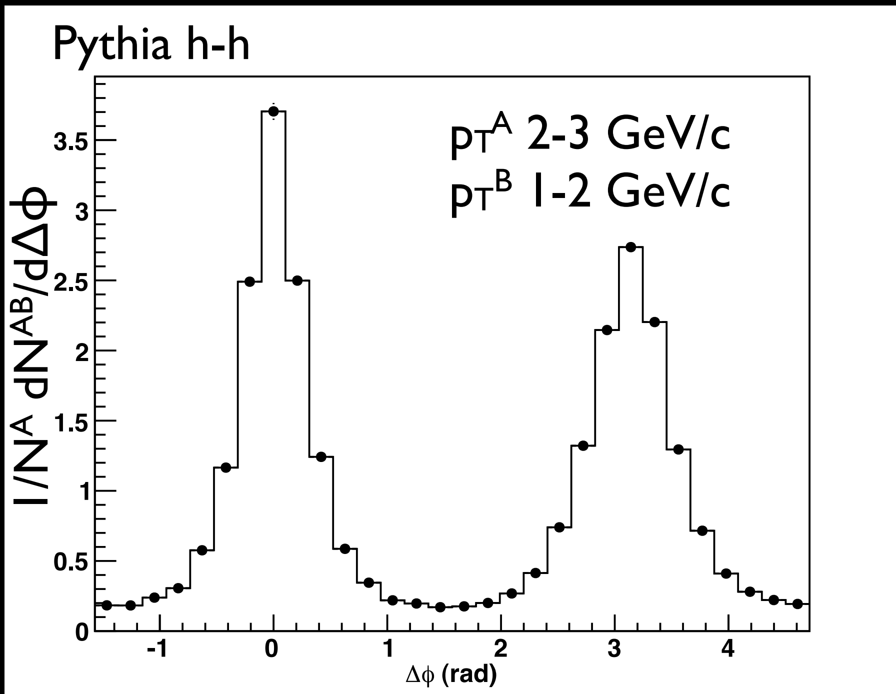
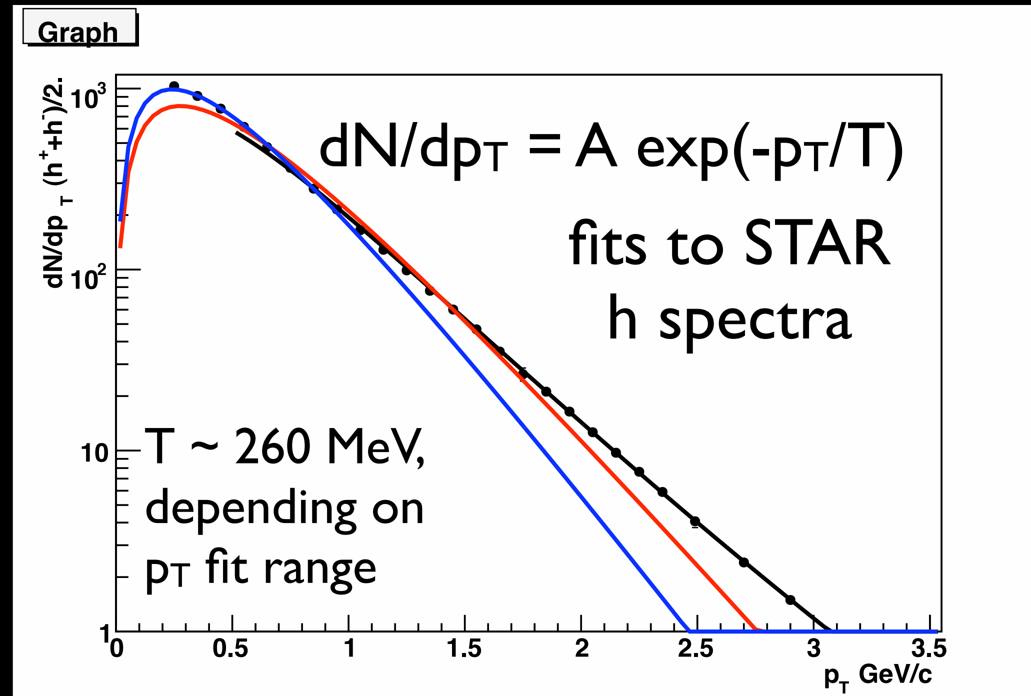
Background overestimated where broad peaks merge, subtracted shape highly sensitive to v_2 uncertainty for weak correlations (central, low p_T)

Simulating background effects





<u>Pythia jets + thermal bkg.</u>

Generate ~20 GeV PYTHIA p+p jets for reference correlation

Embed jets in isotropic thermal background

Background multiplicity from STAR central $dN^{ch}/d\eta$

$$A = \frac{dN^{ch}}{d\eta}\frac{N^{all}}{N^{ch}}\Delta\eta \sim 2000$$

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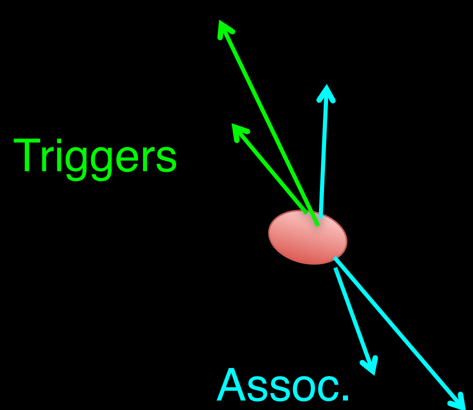

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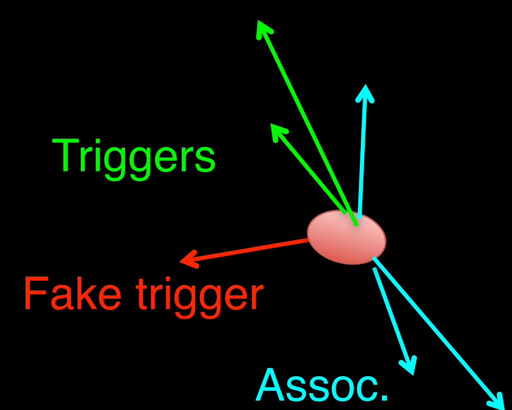

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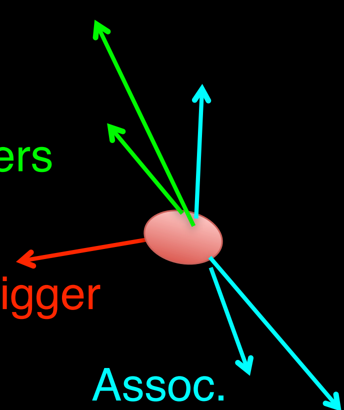

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$$f n_J^B$$ suppressed peak

$$+$$ +

$$(1-f)n_J^B$$ raised pedestal

h_{jet}-h correlations

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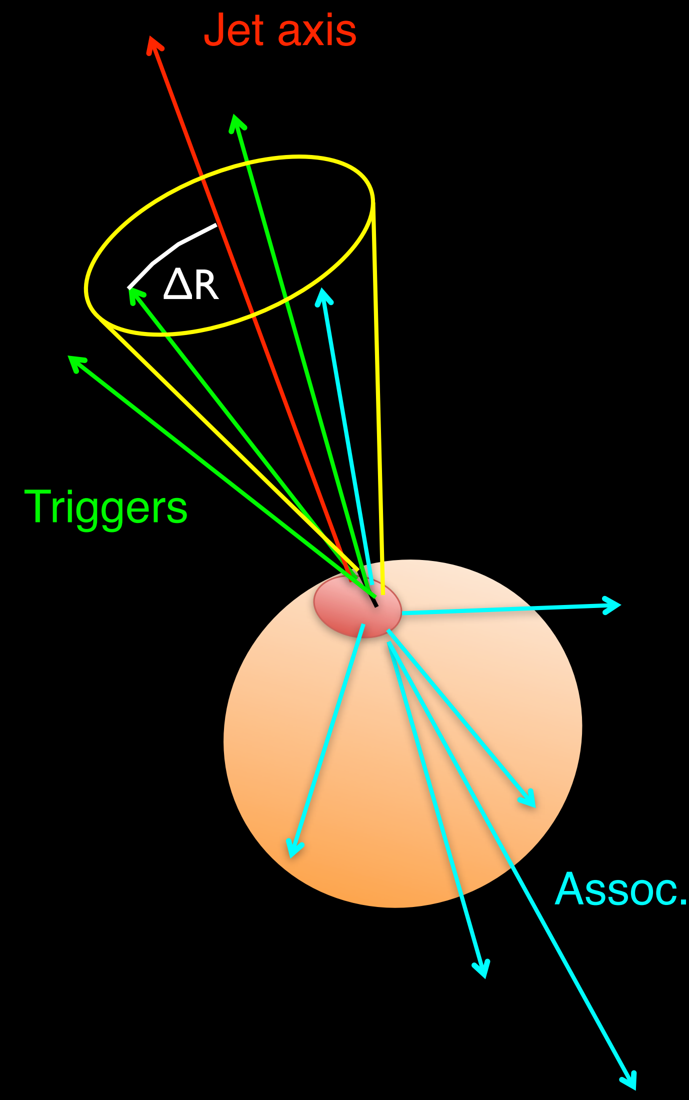
How does shape, yield change vs. inclusive h-h?



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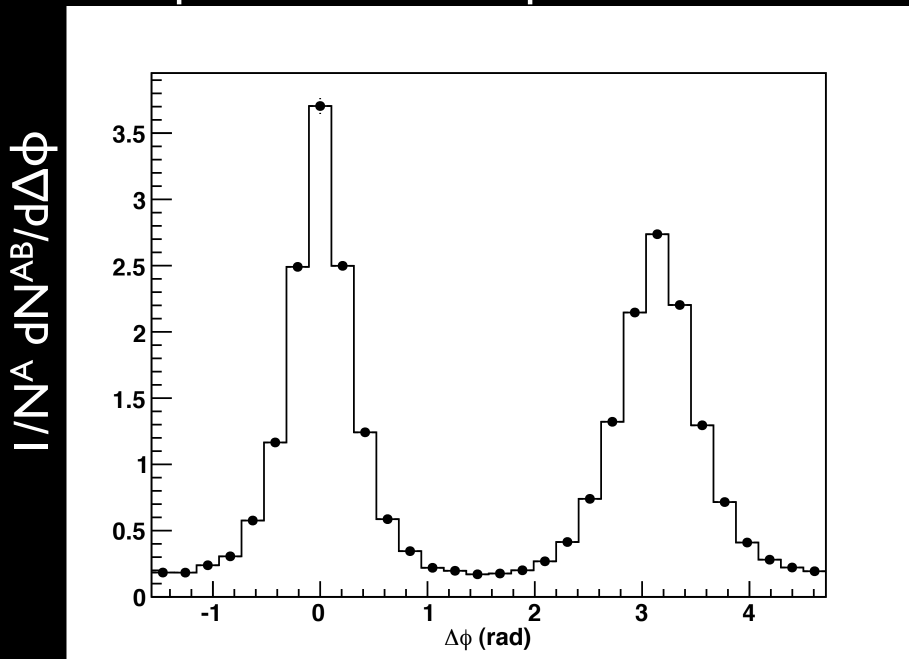

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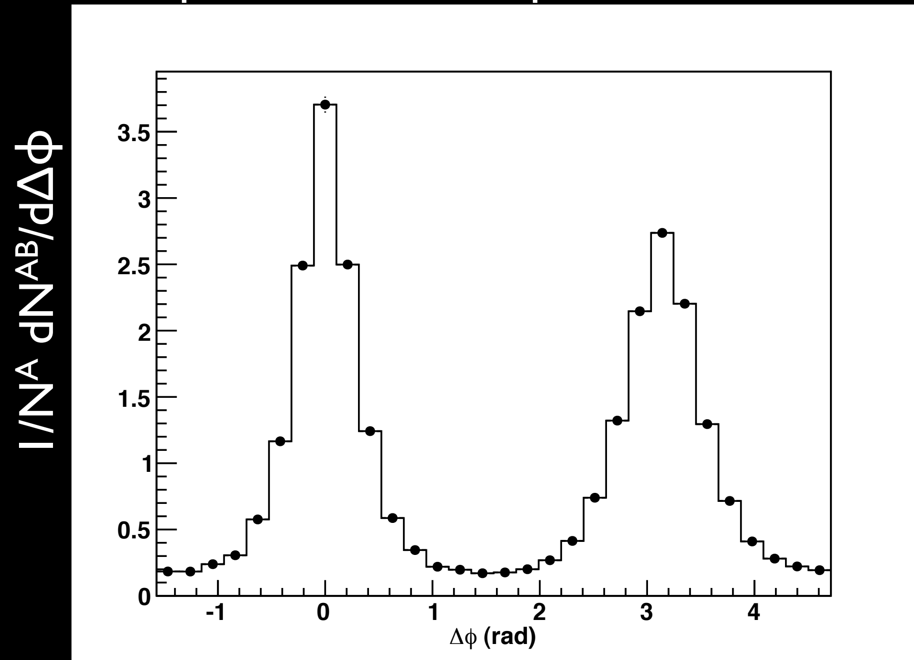

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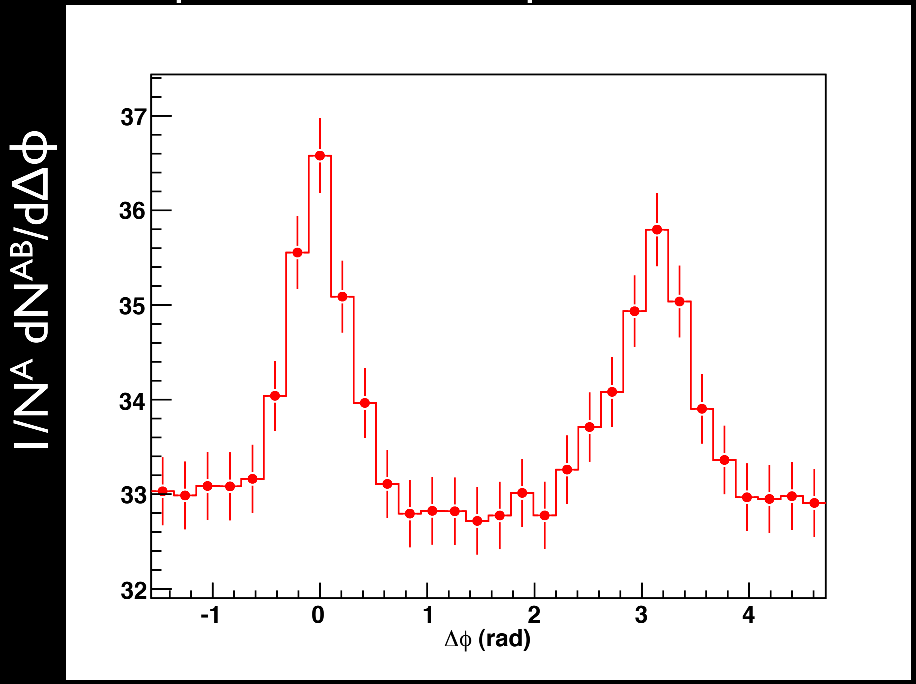

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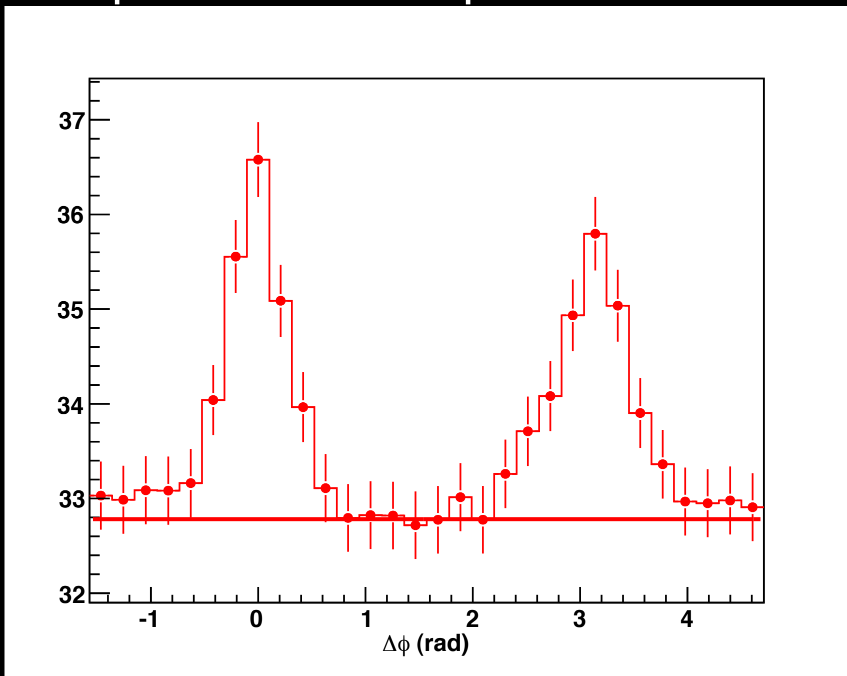

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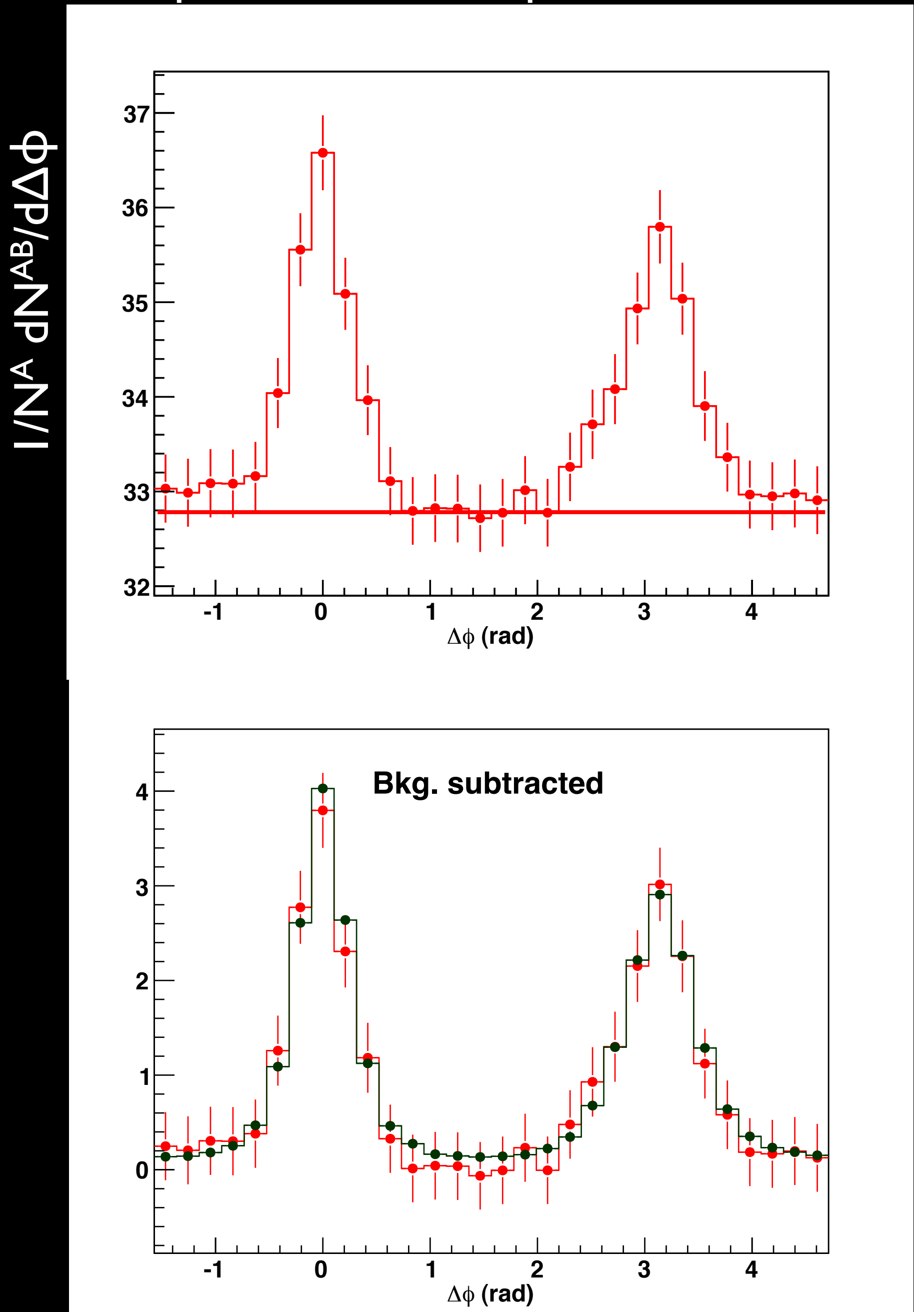

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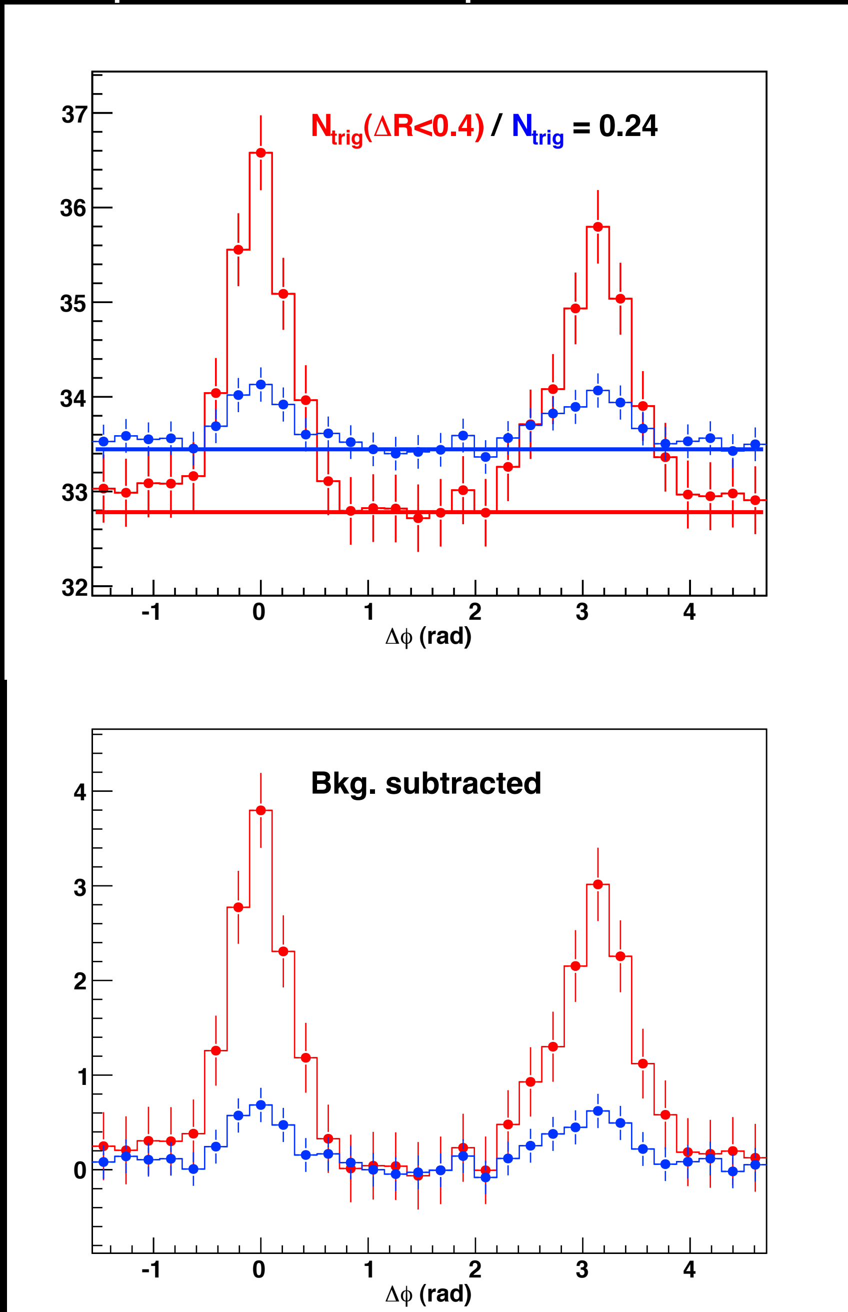

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Inclusive h-h: many fake triggers

- peak yield is f = 0.24 x the hjet-h yield

- pedestal raised by 1/2pi *(1-f)nBjet = 0.67

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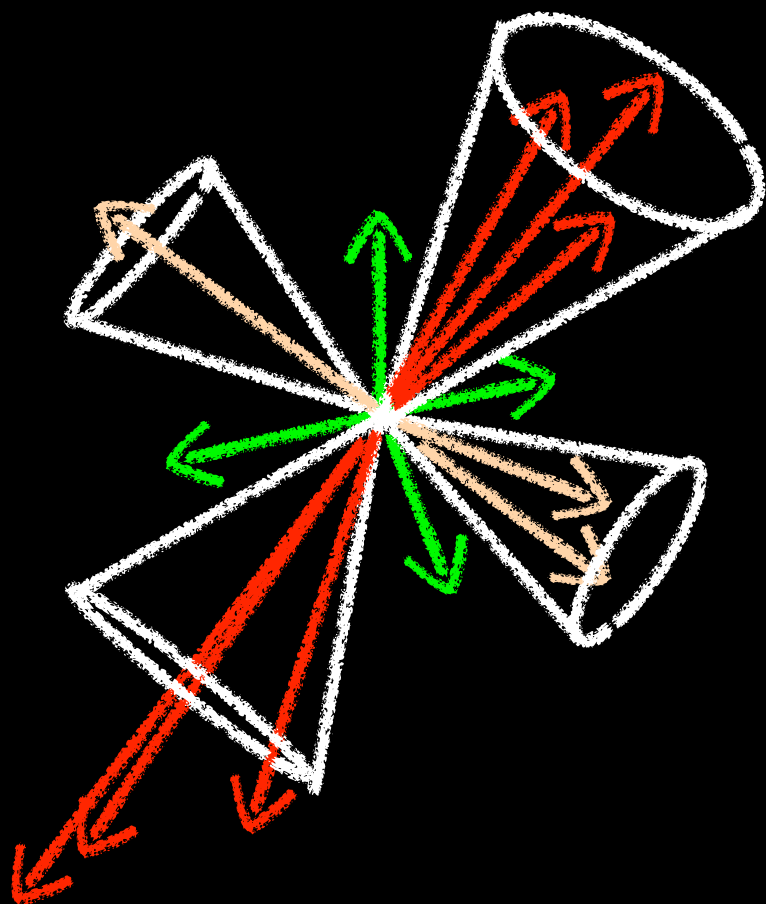
What is the real-world h-h bkg?



Uncorrelated sources at lower p_T:

- additional semi-hard scatterings or un-reconstructed jets
- recombination / coalescence
- thermal fluctuations
- radially boosted soft particles

....?

h-h interpretation complicated in A+A.

Enhancing the jet-like component adds valuable information.

hjet-h vs. h-h

hjet-h differs significantly from inclusive h-h:

(a) At given trigger pT, hjet-h samples harder collisions and lower-z hadrons

(b) Fewer triggers from soft bkg. sources: thermal, ReCo, hydro, etc.

(c) hjet-h "misses" some jets from 2nd, 3rd, nth semi-hard scattering...not sampling minbias jet cross-section.

Also: hjet-h results may depend sensitively on jet definition! Under investigation.

Trying h_{jet}-h in Au+Au data

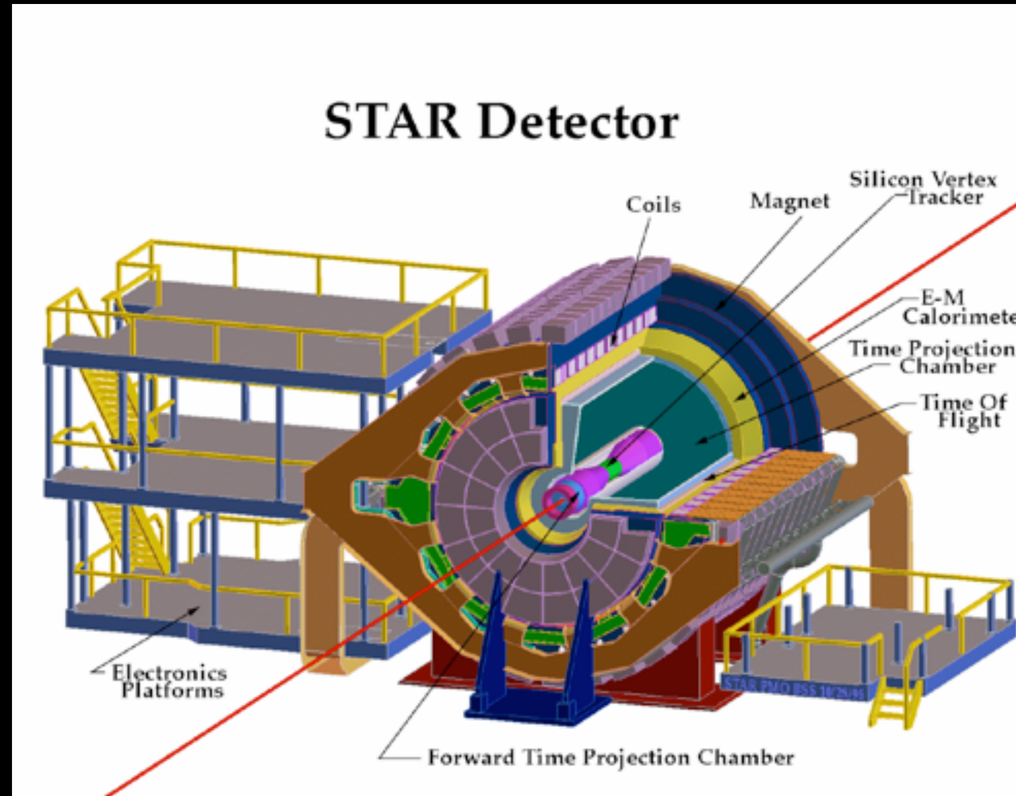
To maximize recoil parton L and ΔE, trigger on hadrons near energetic reconstructed jets.

FastJet anti-k_T with $R_C = 0.4$

$p_{T,jet} > 10$ GeV/c, corrected for background:

$p_{T,jet} = p_{T,meas} - \rho A$

fragment particle $p_T > 2$ GeV/c



Use STAR high-tower triggered data.

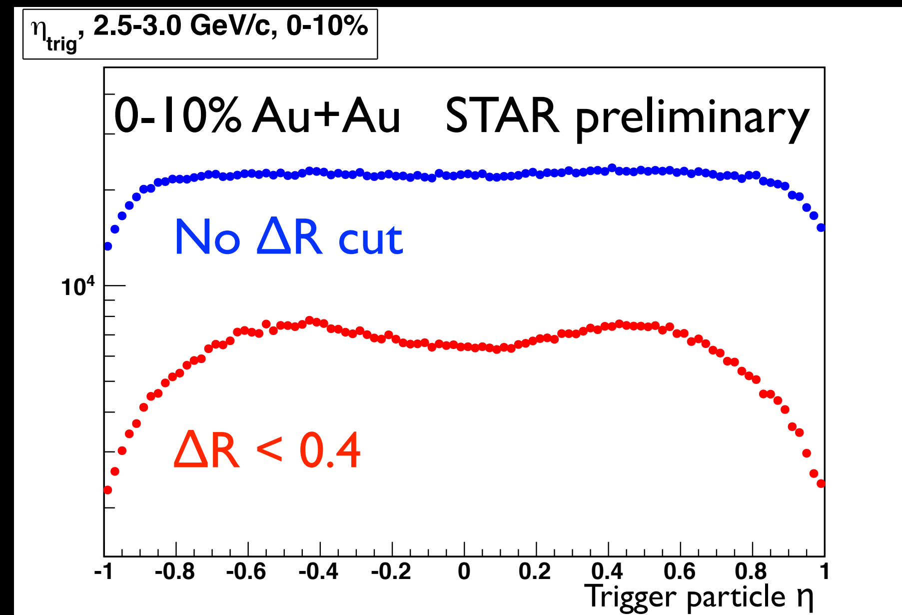
HT trigger requires > 5-6 GeV in one EMC tower

- High Tower trigger energy mostly neutral
- HT trigger, + using high p_T charged tracks, accesses hard jets

Additional considerations

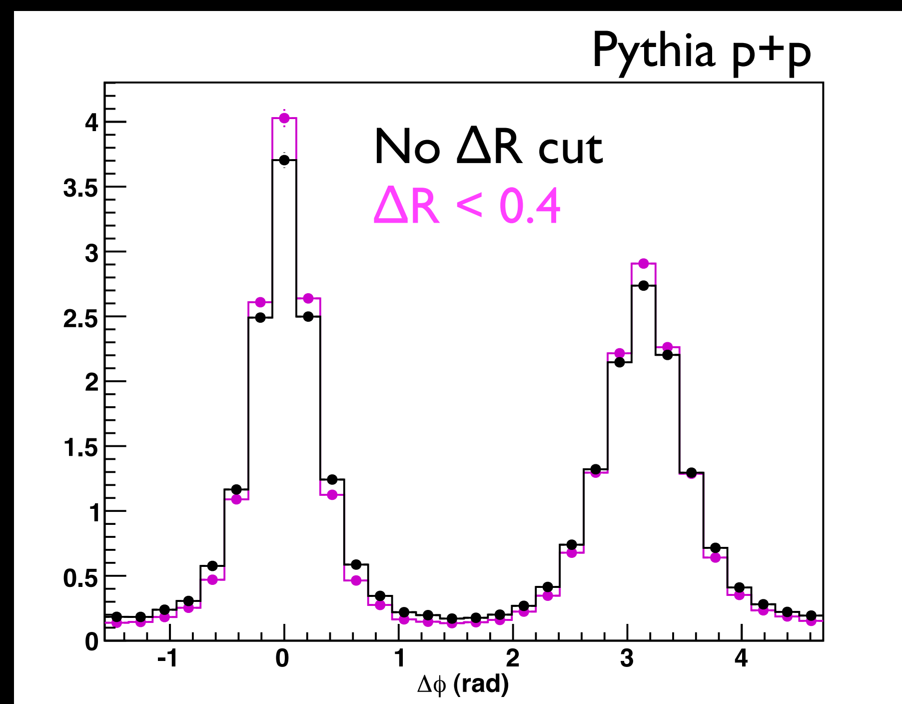
Event selection

Reject events with no reconstructed jets, even for inclusive trigger particles. Same events sampled for ΔR vs. inclusive correlations.



Acceptance effect

Requiring full jet cone in STAR η acceptance increases near-side assoc. yield. Thus some enhancement occurs even with no background. (Corrections are possible)



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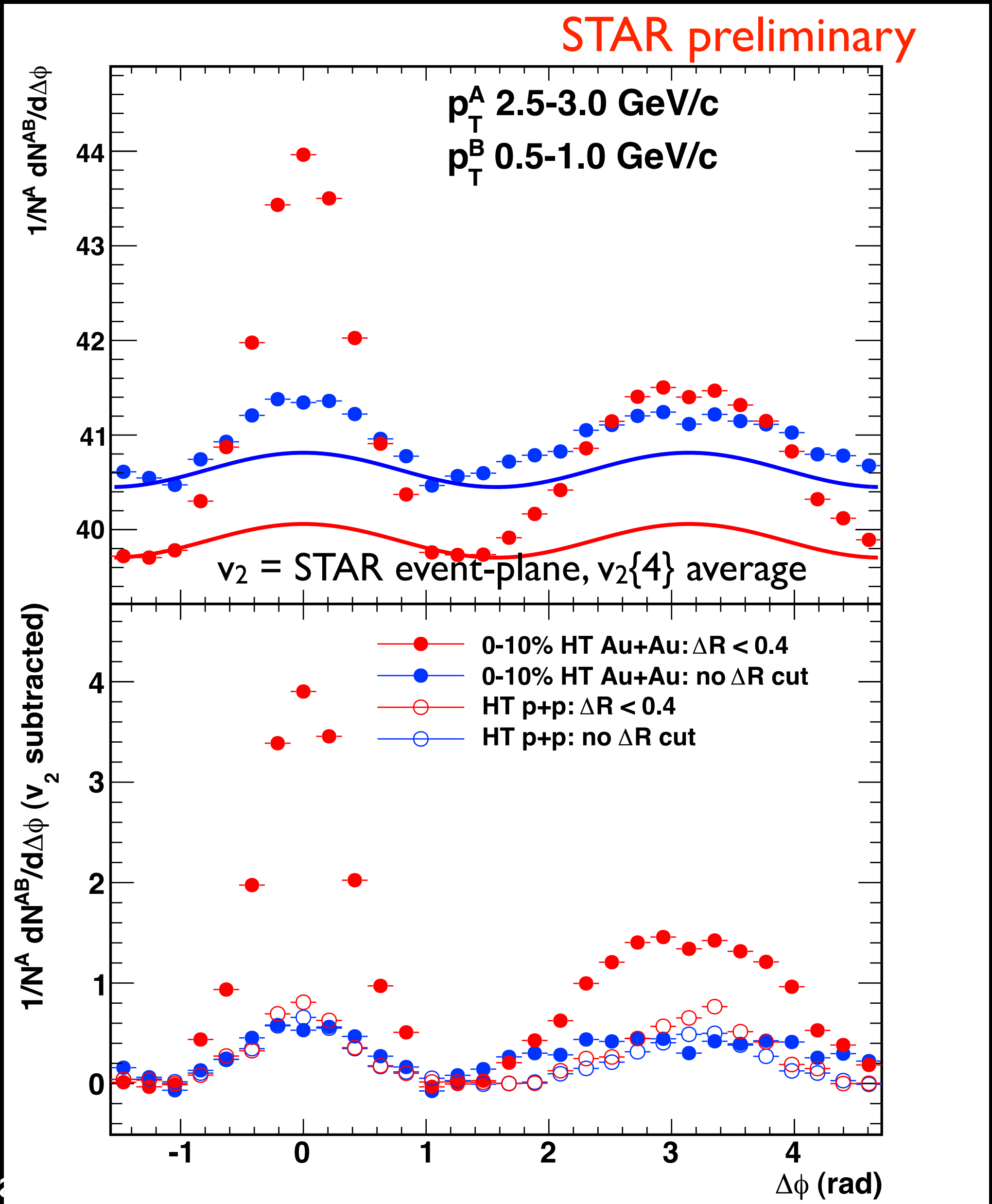

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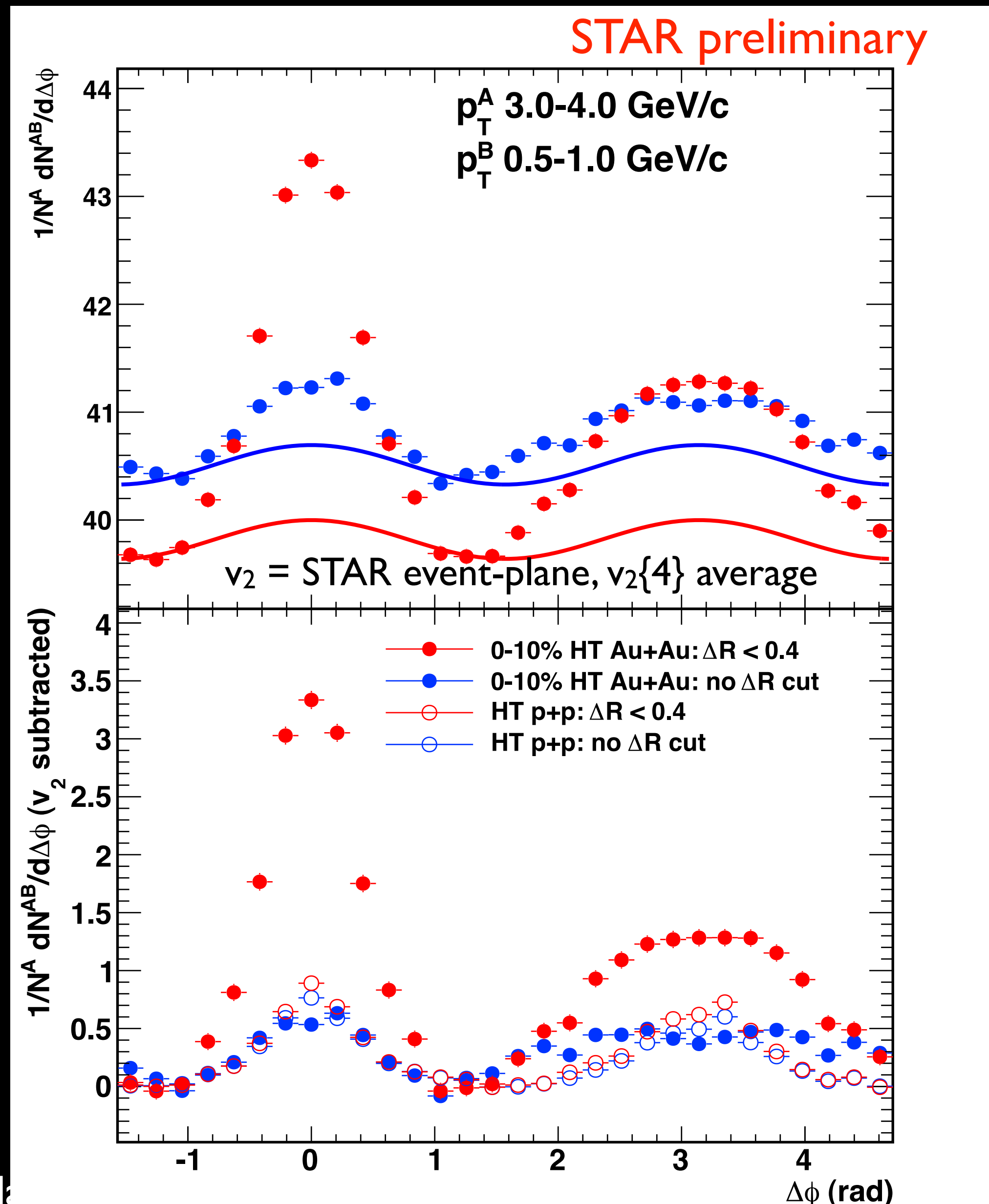

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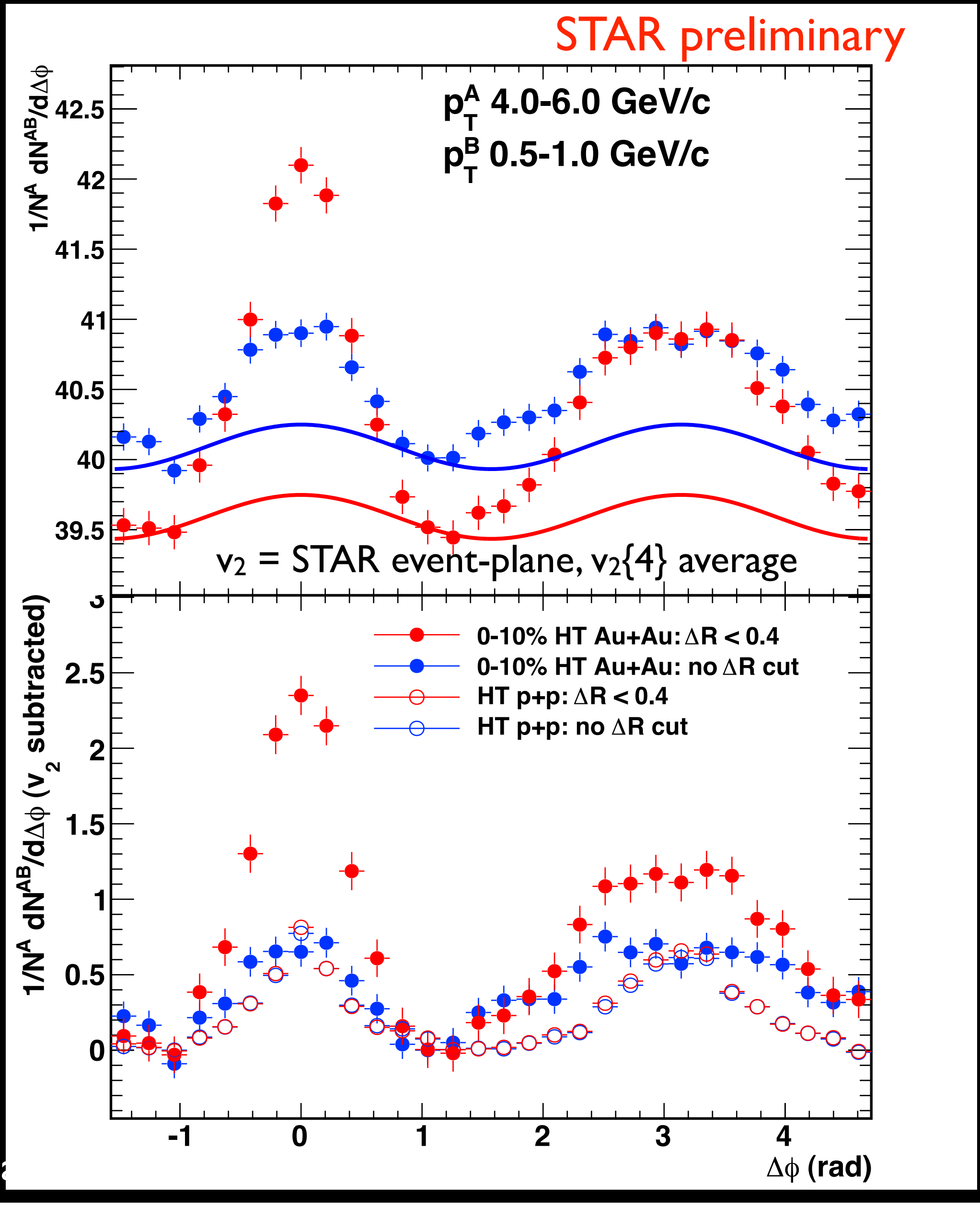

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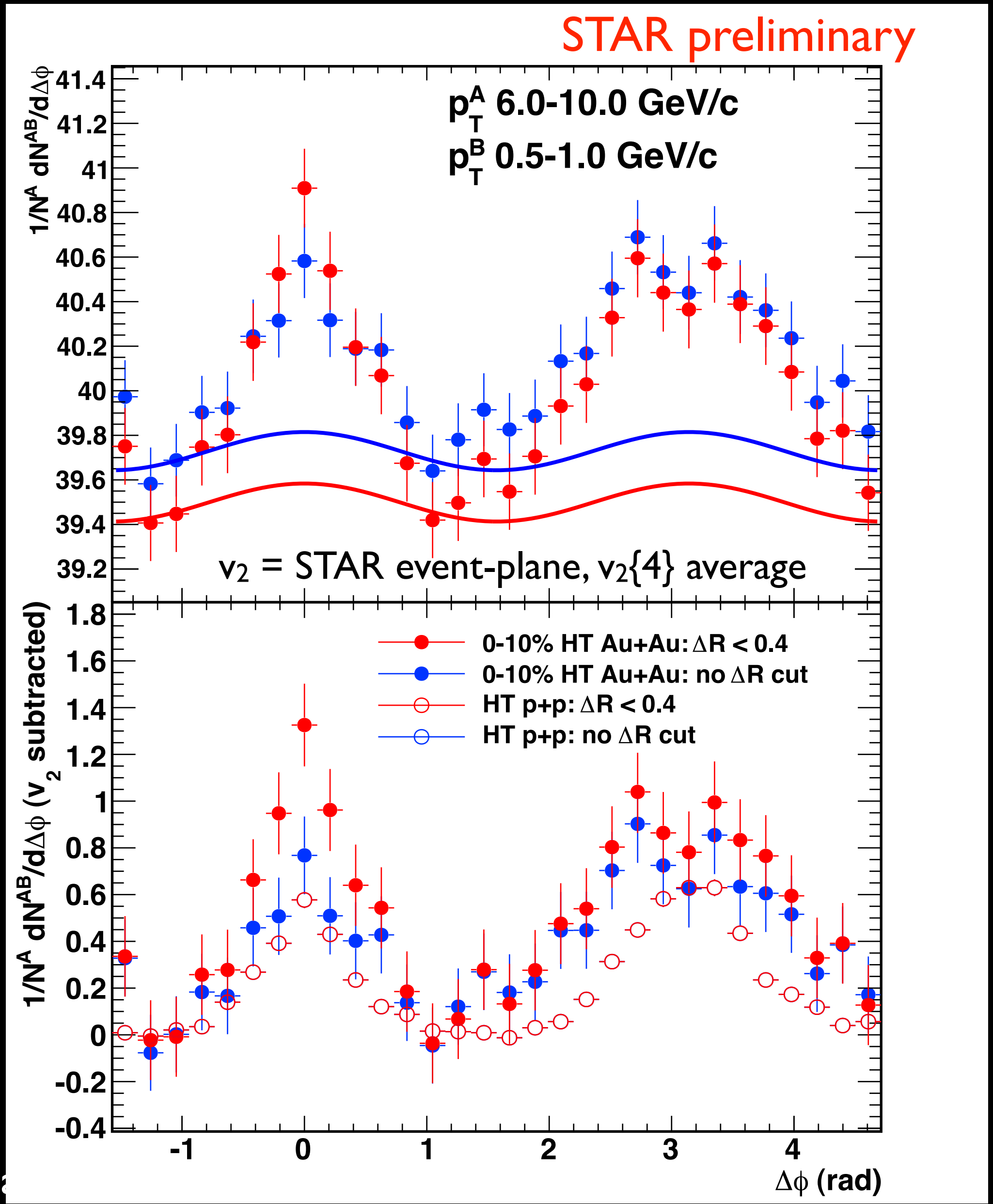

Understanding the results....

What, precisely, causes the peak enhancement in h_{jet}-h correlations?

- Selection of more energetic partons?

- Reduction of uncorrelated background?

- If both, what is the relative contribution of each effect?

What is the true v_2 of trigger hadrons inside jet cones?

These are topics of active investigation...many ideas to study effects more differentially.

Stay tuned!

Conclusions

Triggering on more jet-like particles

- strongly enhances the correlation strength

- diminishes evidence of 2-peak features, rather than enhancing them.

- accesses harder events (esp. in triggered data) and shouldn't be directly compared with MB h-h

- much of the "background" removed in h_{jet}-h may very well be from un-associated jet production...requires careful interpretation.

Backups

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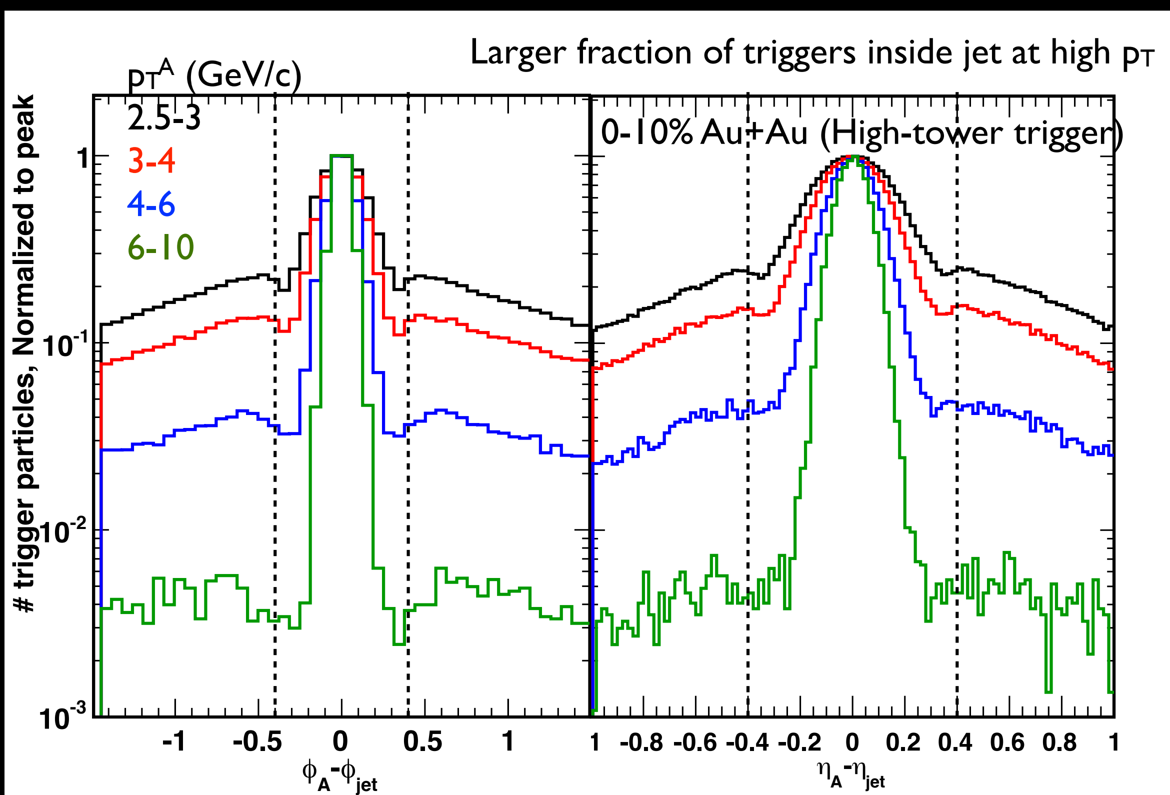

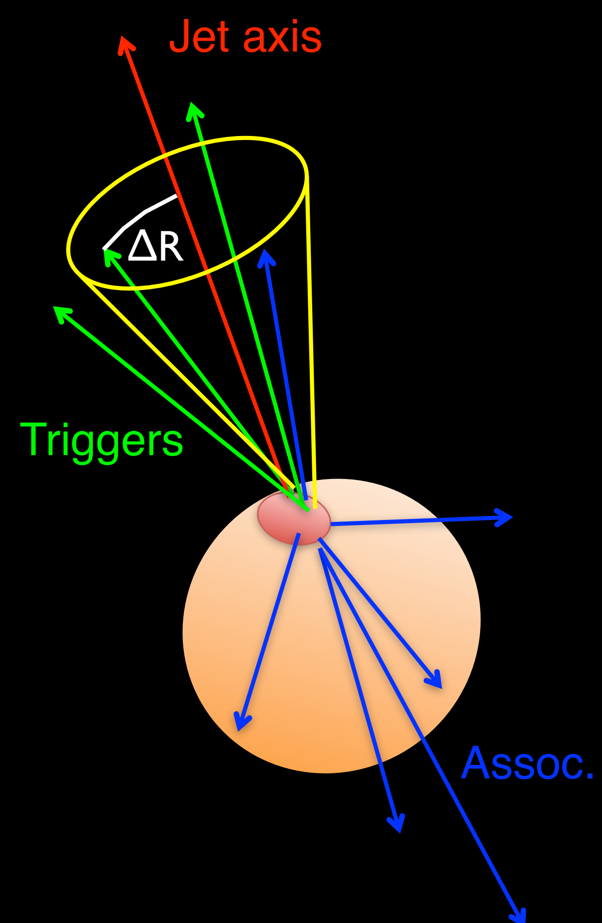

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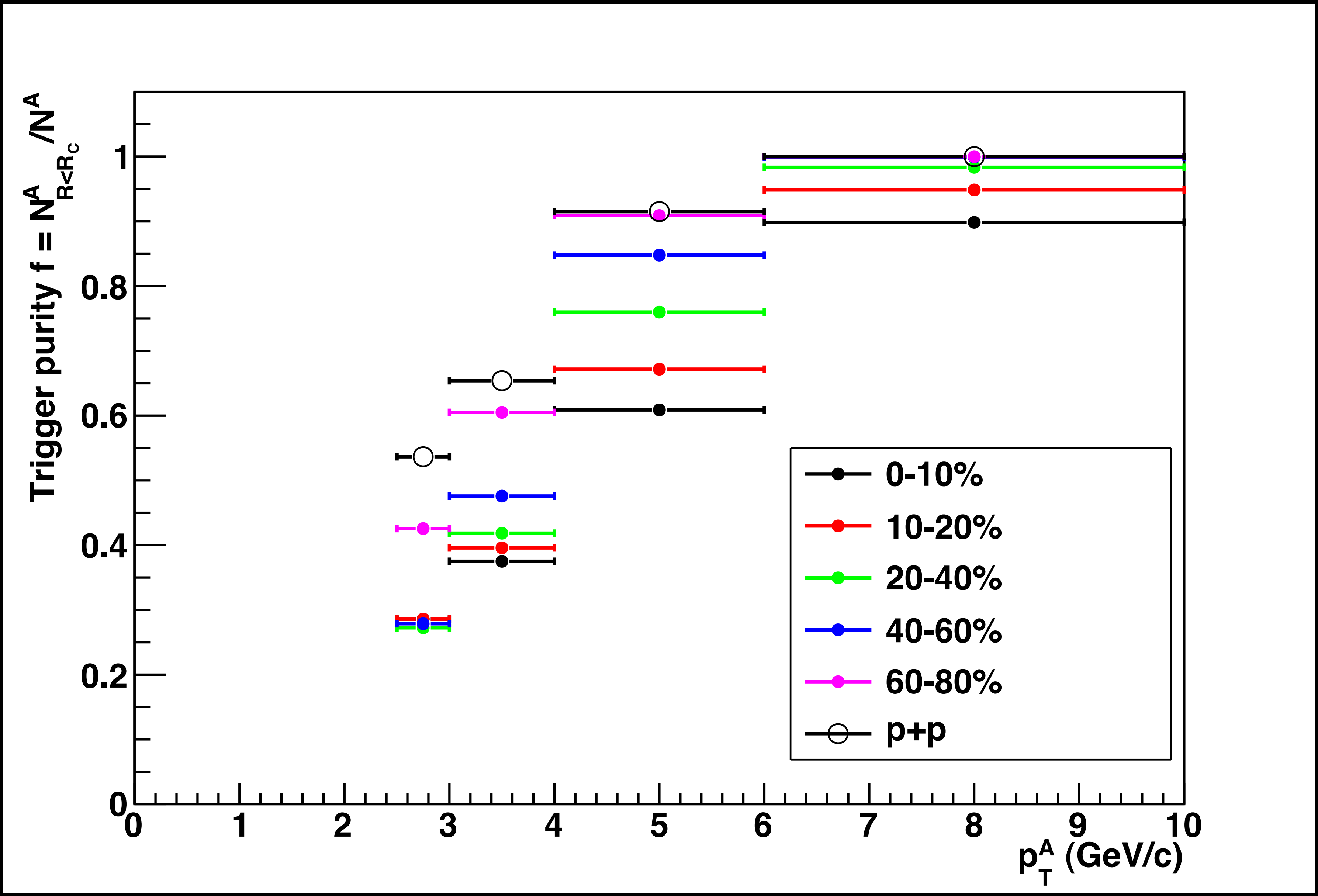
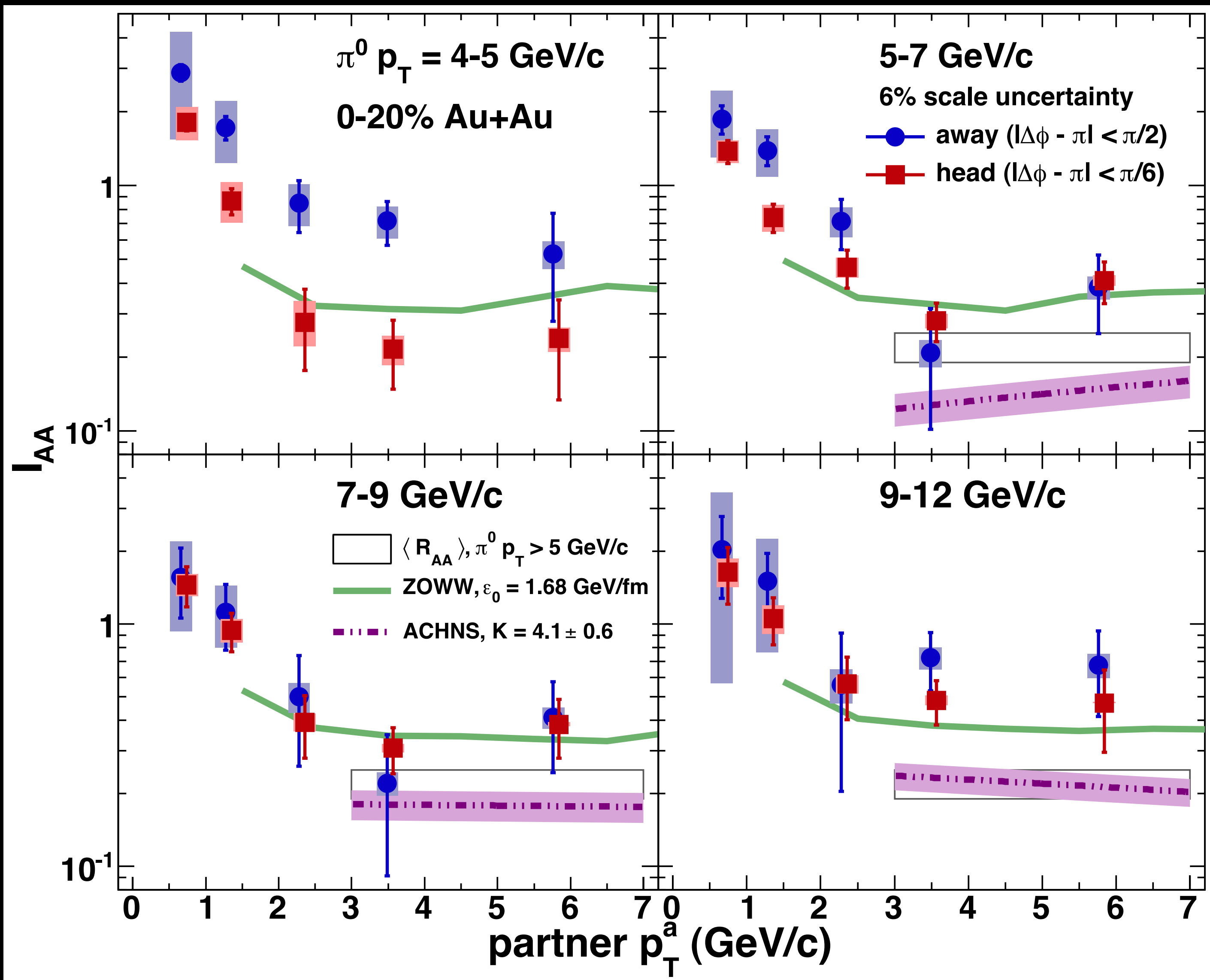


pi0-h IAA



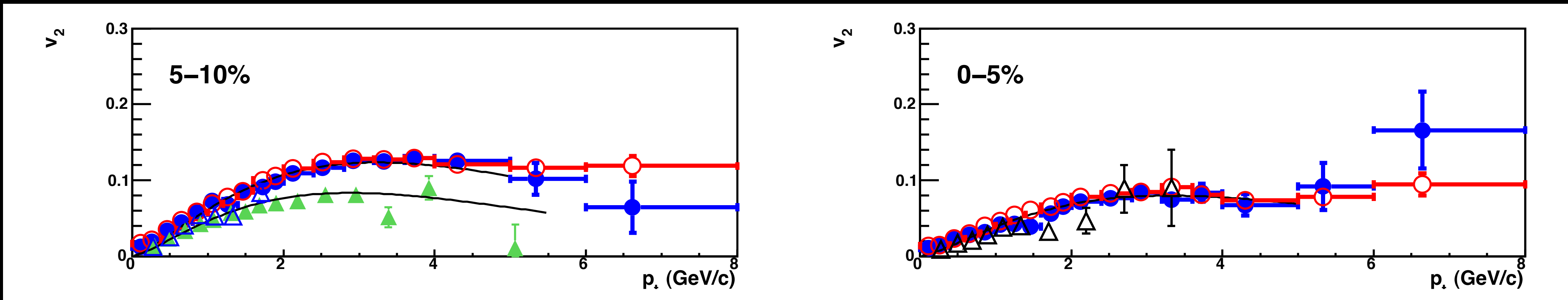
IAA > RAA, and rises with trigger pt

reflects hardening of spectra

Enhancement at low pTB

v2 input

Pair v2 from fit to STAR data



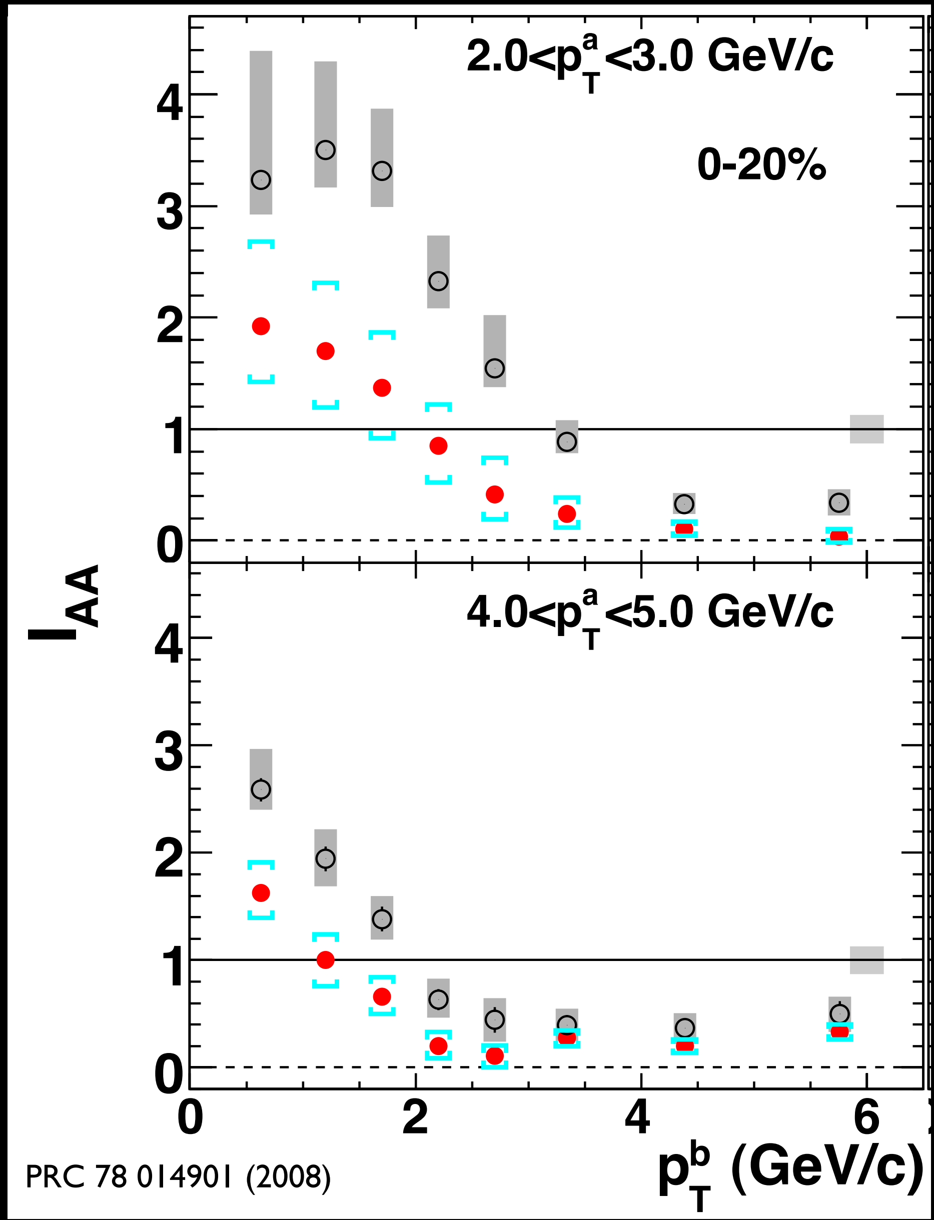
Mean of event-plane and v2{4} measurements used

Assume (as usual) v2AB = v2A*v2B

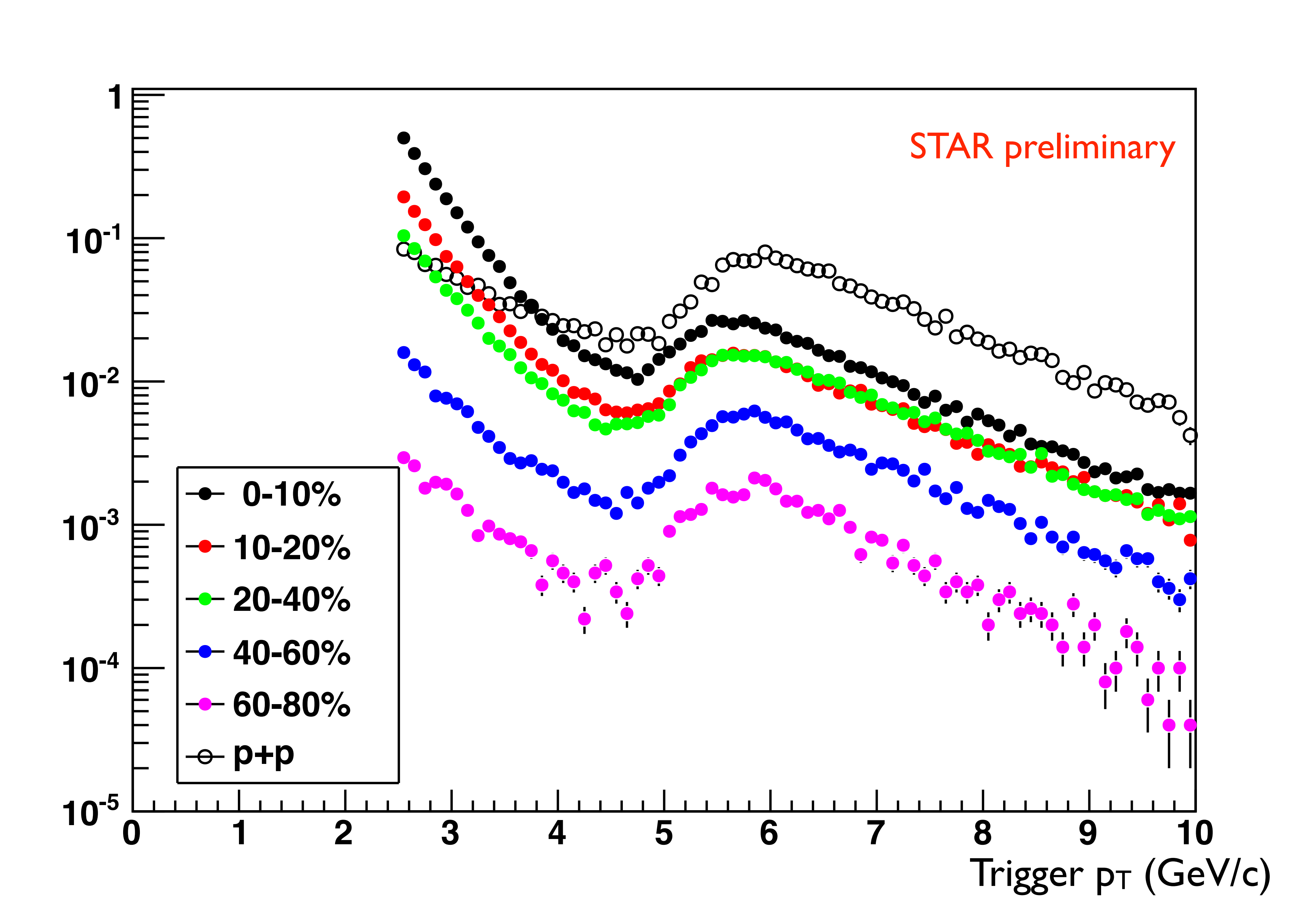
Important assumption: v2(DR < 0.4) = inclusive v2

However: v2 uncertainty is reduced in DR < 0.4 sample when propagated to subtracted result (larger peak yields).

PHENIX h-h away-side I_{AA}



dN/dp$_{T trig}$, 2007 HT Au+Au data



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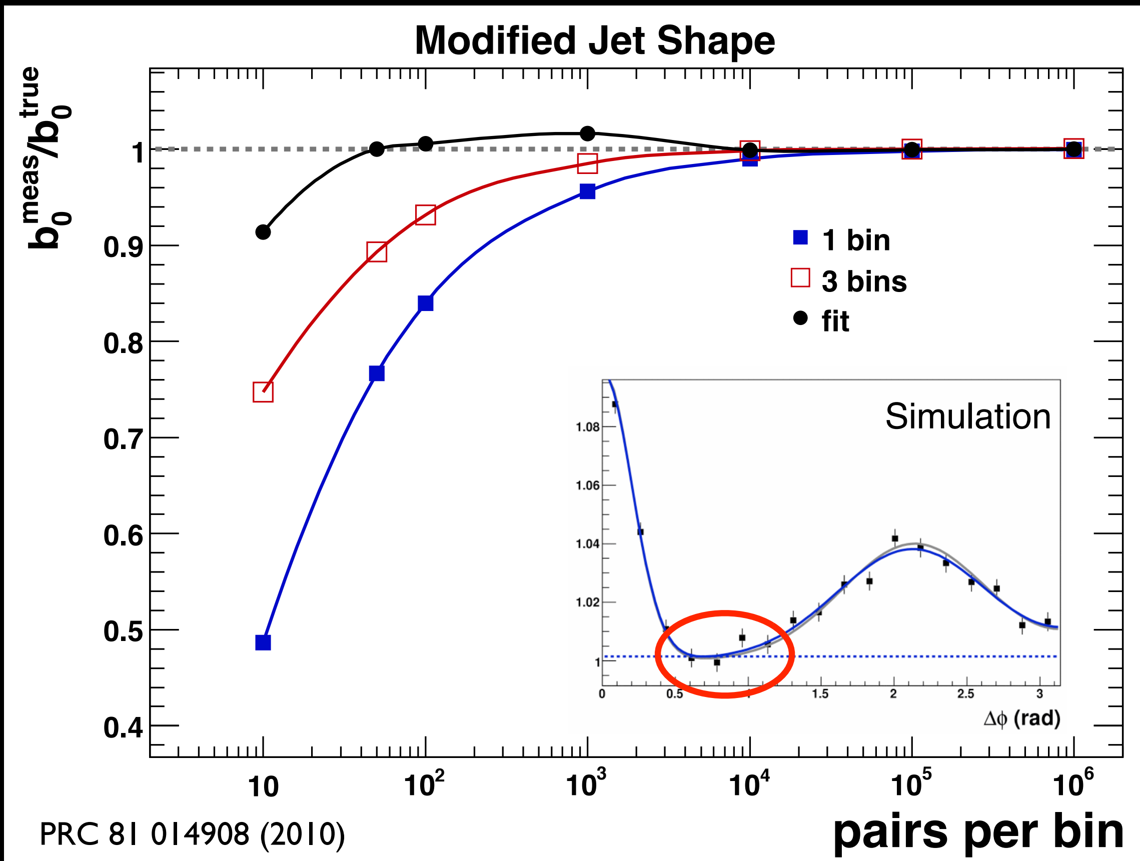

ZYAM continues to be used in correlation analyses

Fluctuations at ZYAM point can underestimate background

Absolute background normalization avoids such biases....

However, any known bkg. normalization methods use 2-source factorization, requiring some bkg. shape assumption.