Semi-inclusive jets from  $\gamma_{dir}$  and  $\pi^0$  triggers in central Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV in STAR

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#### Introduction

- Quantitative understanding of parton energy loss in QCD medium
  - Parton energy loss as a function of path length, color factor, parton energy
  - Redistribution of lost energy inside the medium [Jet radius]
  - RHIC vs. LHC [dependence on temp. and initial gluon density]
- This can be addressed using vector-boson-tagged jet
  - Trigger energy approximates the initial recoil parton energy
  - At RHIC,  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet is accessible

This is the first fully corrected γ<sub>dir</sub>+jet measurement at RHIC energy.

And a comparison between  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet and  $h(\pi^0)$ +jet.





#### STAR detector system



- Special High Tower trigger for  $\pi^0/\gamma$  event [BEMC]
- Discrimination between  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  and  $\gamma_{dir}$

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- By Transverse Shower Profile (TSP) method
- Using Barrel Shower Maximum Detector [BSMD]

- Kinematic coverage:
  - $-1 < \eta < 1$
  - $2\pi$ -azimuth

# Event statistics and $\gamma_{dir}$ purity

- Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Integrated luminosity of 13 nb<sup>-1</sup> in the year 2014



- $\gamma_{rich}$ : Mixture of decay and direct photons
- Purity of direct photons varies between 65% and 89% for  $9 < E_T^{trig} < 20 \text{ GeV}$
- High-purity criteria for  $\pi^0$  selection limits the statistics
  - Similar procedure as in the previous STAR  $\gamma_{dir}$ +hadron correlation analysis [PLB 760 (2016) 689-696]

## Semi-inclusive $\pi^0/\gamma$ +jet

• Recoil jets from triggered events



- With high- $E_T$  trigger:  $E_T^{trig} > 9 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - High- $Q^2$  process
- (Charged) Jet reconstruction:
  - Charged hadron constituents:  $p_T^{const} < 15 \text{ GeV/c}$
  - Same constituent p<sub>T</sub> cut also applied at the truth level
  - Algorithm: anti-k<sub>T</sub> [Fastjet]
  - Recoil jet region:  $[\pi \pi/4, \pi + \pi/4]$
  - Jet radius = 0.2,  $|\eta_{jet}| < 1$ -R
- Event-mixing technique
  - Uncorrelated jet background
  - Based on h+jet analysis [STAR: PRC 96, 024905 (2017)]
  - Using same analysis conditions as applied in Same Event (SE)

### Full analysis chain

- Discrimination between  $\pi^0/\gamma_{rich}$ -triggered events
  - Using Transverse Shower Profile method
- Recoil jets from high-tower-triggered events (SE)
  - Estimation of reconstructed jet  $p_T$  and background energy density ( $\rho$ )

$$p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}^{\mathrm{reco,ch}} = p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}^{\mathrm{raw,ch}} - \rho \cdot A \qquad \rho$$

- Subtraction of uncorrelated jet background in recoil region
  - Using mixed-event subtraction method
- Correction for detector and heavy-ion background fluctuation effects

= median  $\left\{ \frac{p_{\mathrm{T,jet}}}{4} \right\}$ 

- Using unfolding technique [RooUnfold]
- Conversion from  $\gamma_{rich}$ +jet to  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet
  - Statistical subtraction based on previously determined purity
- Major sources of systematic uncertainty
  - Unfolding [Prior, methods e.g, SVD and Bayesian, iterations]
  - Mixed-event normalization region
  - Track-reconstruction effects
  - $\gamma_{dir}$  background subtraction [contributes only to  $\gamma_{dir}$ ]

### Uncorrelated jet background: $\pi^0$ +jet





- Recoil charged jet  $p_T$  shows  $\pi^0$ -trigger  $E_T^{trig}$  dependence for 9-11 and 11-15 GeV
- Recoil charged jets dominate (above ~10 GeV/c) over uncorrelated jet background from mixed events

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# $\pi^0$ -triggered charged recoil jets in p+p collisions





- $p+p \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV/c}$ 
  - $\pi^0$  triggers with 9 < E<sub>T</sub><sup>trig</sup>< 11 GeV, fully unfolded charged jets
    - Higher  $E_T^{trig}$  analysis underway
    - Systematic (lighter band) and statistical (darker band) uncertainties
    - Almost zero background energy density(ρ)
- $\pi^0$ -triggered charged-jet spectrum consistent with PYTHIA8.

#### $\pi^0$ -triggered charged jets in Au+Au collisions



- $\pi^0$ -triggered charged recoil jets
  - Fully unfolded spectrum
  - $9 < E_T^{\text{trig}} < 11 \text{ GeV}$ :  $N_{\text{trig}} = 40437$
  - $11 < E_T^{\text{trig}} < 15 \text{ GeV: } N_{\text{trig}} = 14262$
- A clear difference between recoiljet spectra for different trigger- $E_T$ :  $9 < E_T^{trig} < 11 \text{ GeV vs.}$ 
  - $11 < E_T^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}$ 
    - Dominant systematic uncertainty is from unfolding
    - Systematic (lighter band) and statistical (darker band) uncertainty
- Clear suppression with respect to PYTHIA8
- Higher  $E_T^{trig}$  (>15 GeV) and  $p_{T,jet}^{ch}$  (> 20 GeV/c) in progress



- I<sub>AA</sub> is the ratio of per triggered recoil jet yield in central Au+Au to p+p collisions
- Comparison between  $\pi^0$ -triggered charged jet  $I_{AA}^{PYTHIA}$  and  $I_{AA}^{p+p data}$
- Consistent within uncertainties
- PYTHIA8 provides good representation of p+p data

## $\gamma_{dir}$ -triggered charged jets in Au+Au collisions



Fully unfolded recoil charged jet p<sub>T</sub>

- Indication of systematic difference between recoil-jet spectra for different trigger- $E_T$ : 9 <  $E_T^{trig}$  < 11 GeV vs. 11 <  $E_T^{trig}$  < 15 GeV
  - Dominant systematic uncertainties are from unfolding and from  $\gamma_{dir}$  background subtraction
  - Systematic (lighter band) and statistical (darker band) uncertainties
  - Downward arrow represents upper limit in yield at:

 $p_{T,jet}^{ch} = 11 \text{ GeV/c for } 9 < E_T^{trig} < 11 \text{ GeV},$  $p_{T,jet}^{ch} = 15 \text{ GeV/c for } 11 < E_T^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}.$ 

• Clear suppression with respect to PYTHIA8

#### Recoil jet yield suppression: $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet vs. $\pi^{0}$ +jet 9 < $E_{T}^{trig}$ < 11 GeV



- Semi-inclusive  $\gamma_{dir}$  and  $\pi^0$ -triggered charged-jet measurements
- Clear suppression for both trigger types with respect to PYTHIA8
- Similar level of suppression in  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet and  $\pi^0$ +jet, within uncertainties
  - $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet runs out of kinematic reach

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and statistical (darker band) uncertainties

- Same level of suppression above  $p_{T,jet}^{ch} > 9 \text{ GeV/c}$ 
  - $h^{\pm}$ +jet is  $I_{CP}$ , whereas  $\pi^0$ +jet is  $I_{AA}^{\circ}^{\circ}^{\circ}$ PYTHIA
  - $\pi^0$  +jet upward trend above 15-20 GeV may be due to kinematic cuts -- under investigation

#### Recoil-jet yield suppression at different trigger $E_T$ $\pi^0$ +jet



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Systematic (lighter band) and statistical (darker band) uncertainties

• No clear  $\pi^0$ -trigger  $E_T$  dependence between  $9 < E_T^{trig} < 11$  GeV vs.  $11 < E_T^{trig} < 15$  GeV, within uncertainties, for jet radius 0.2

#### Recoil jet yield suppression: $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet vs. $\pi^0$ +jet What about at higher trigger $E_T$ ? $11 < E_T^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}$



Systematic (lighter band) and statistical (darker band) uncertainties

• Almost same level of suppression in both cases, within uncertainties

#### Summary

- First  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet and  $\pi^0$ +jet measurements in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV at RHIC
- p+p collisions at 200 GeV:  $\pi^0$ -triggered recoil-jet yield consistent in data and PYTHIA8
- Central Au+Au at 200 GeV:
  - A strong suppression of  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet and  $\pi^0$ +jet
  - Suppression of recoil-jet yield consistent in both cases, for  $9 < E_T^{trig} < 15 \text{ GeV}$

#### <u>Outlook</u>

On-going work for  $\gamma_{dir}$ +jet and  $\pi^0$ +jet :

•  $E_T^{trig} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ ; larger  $p_{T,jet} > 20 \text{ GeV/c}$ ;  $R_{jet} = 0.5$ 

# Thank you! Je vous remercie!



# Backup



#### h+Jet and $\pi^0$ +Jet comparison



h+Jet and  $\pi^0$ +Jet are in agreement

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Conversion from  $\gamma_{rich}$ +Jet to  $\gamma_{dir}$ +Jet  $\gamma_{dir}$ / $\pi^0$  discrimination done using Transverse Shower Profile (TSP)



• Per trigger jet yield :

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{x+jet}}(\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{T,jet}}) \equiv \frac{1}{\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{x,trig}}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{jet}}}{\mathrm{d} \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{T,jet}} \mathrm{d} \eta_{\mathrm{jet}}}$$

• Per trigger direct photon jet yield:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\gamma_{\rm dir}+\rm jet}(p_{\rm T,jet}) = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{\gamma_{\rm rich}+\rm jet}(p_{\rm T,jet}) - \mathcal{B}\mathcal{D}_{\pi^0+\rm jet}(p_{\rm T,jet})}{1-\mathcal{B}}$$