Baryon to Meson Ratios in Au+Au and p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

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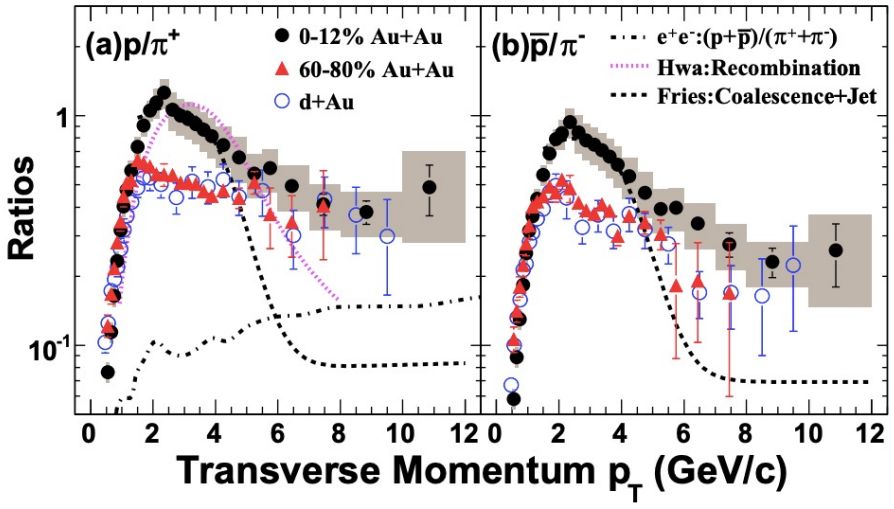
Motivation



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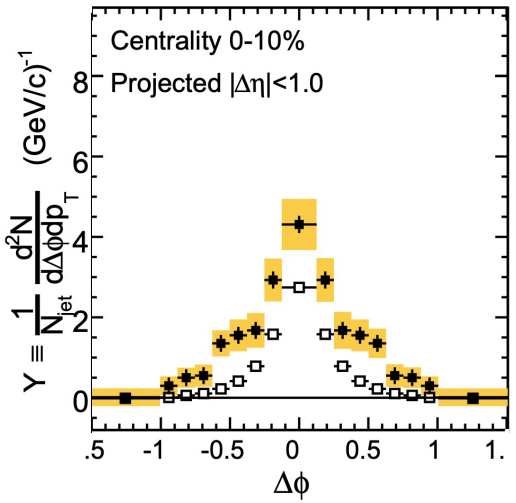
d+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$e^+ + e^-$ $\sqrt{s} = 91.2$ GeV



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CMS

Pb+Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV

p+p $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV

Jet $p_T > 120$ GeV/c

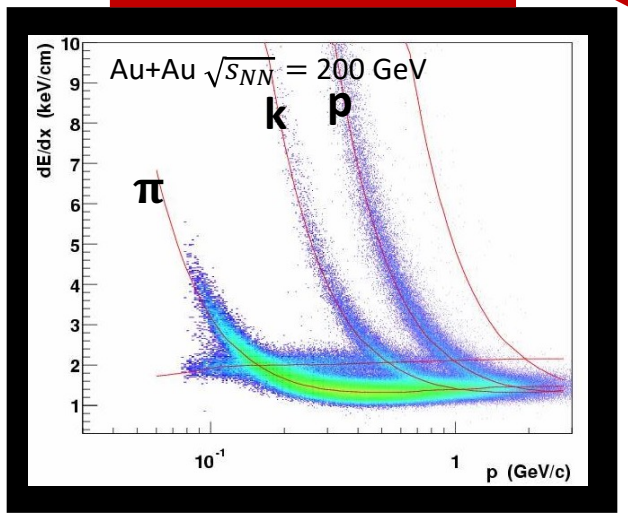
PbPb Leading Jets

pp Leading Jets

- Two prominent signatures of QGP:
  - Baryon enhancement
  - Jet modification
- AMPT simulations: baryon/meson is modified for jets in QGP [PLB(2022)137638]
- **Is jet fragmentation modified by QGP?**
- **How does QGP hadronize?**
- We measure **p/π in jets** using **jet-track correlations**

STAR Detector

dE/dx from TPC



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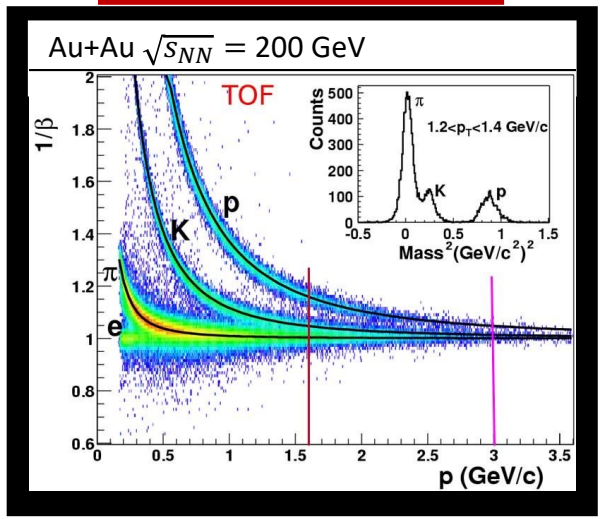
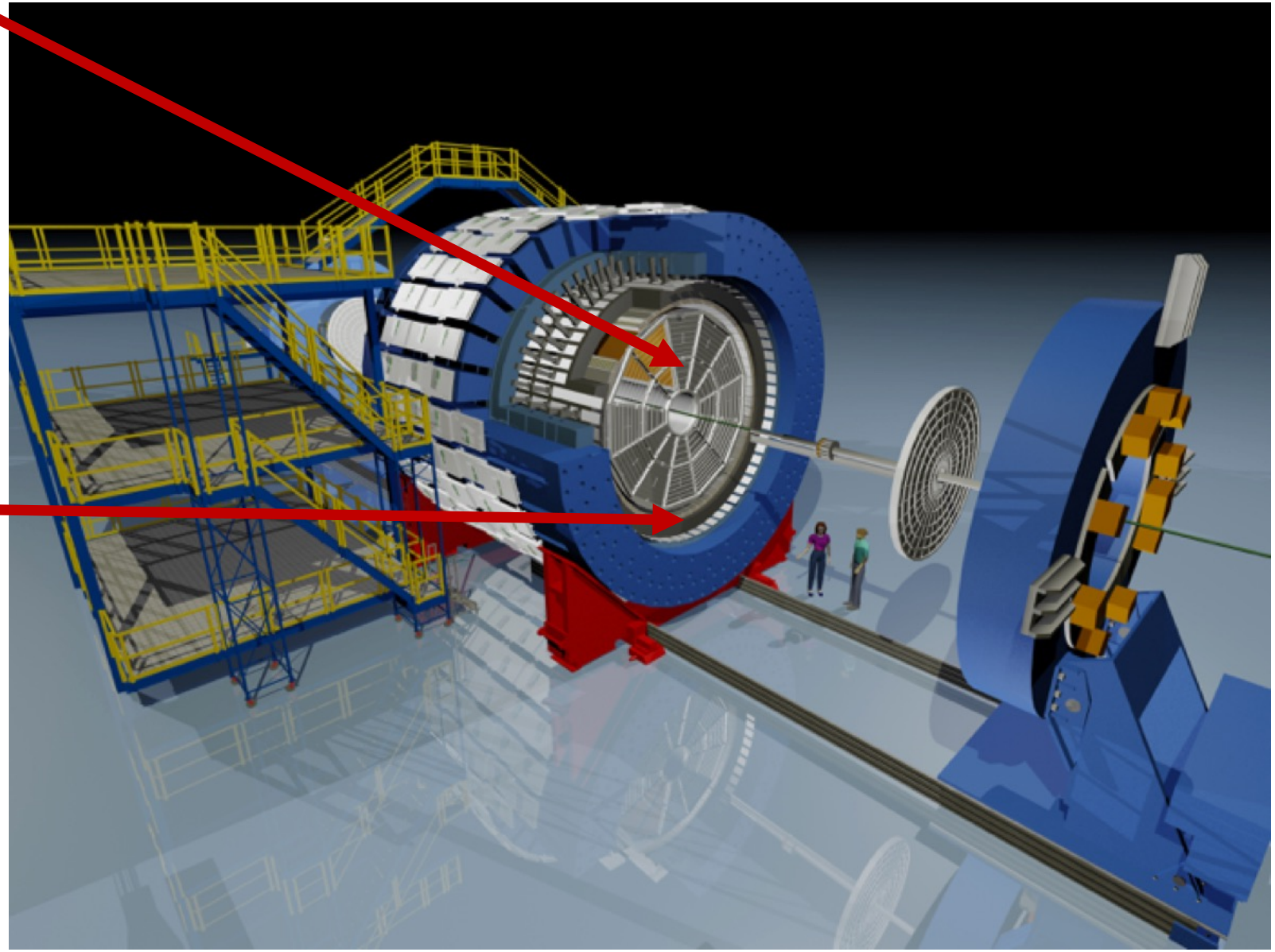
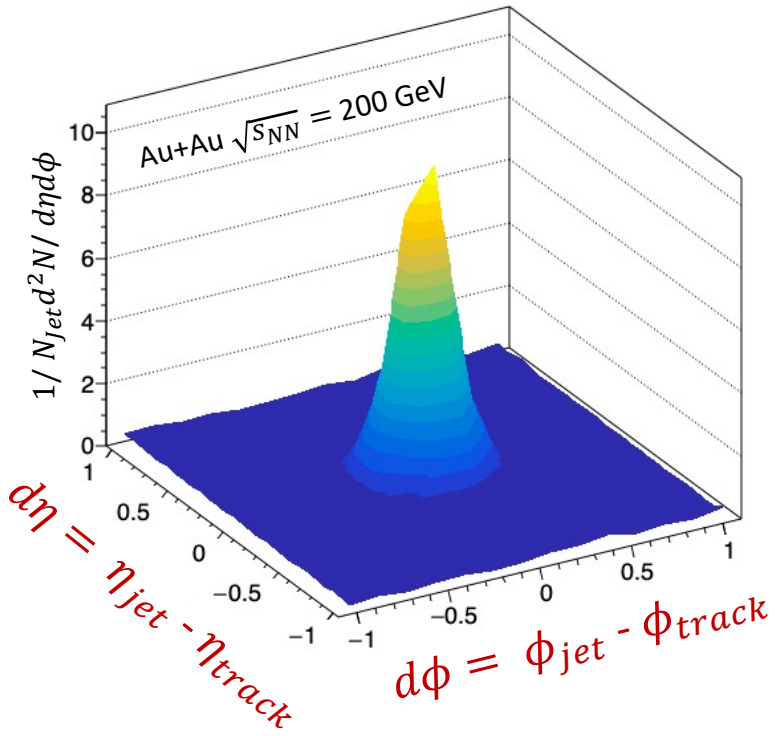




Measurement Technique

2D jet-track correlation



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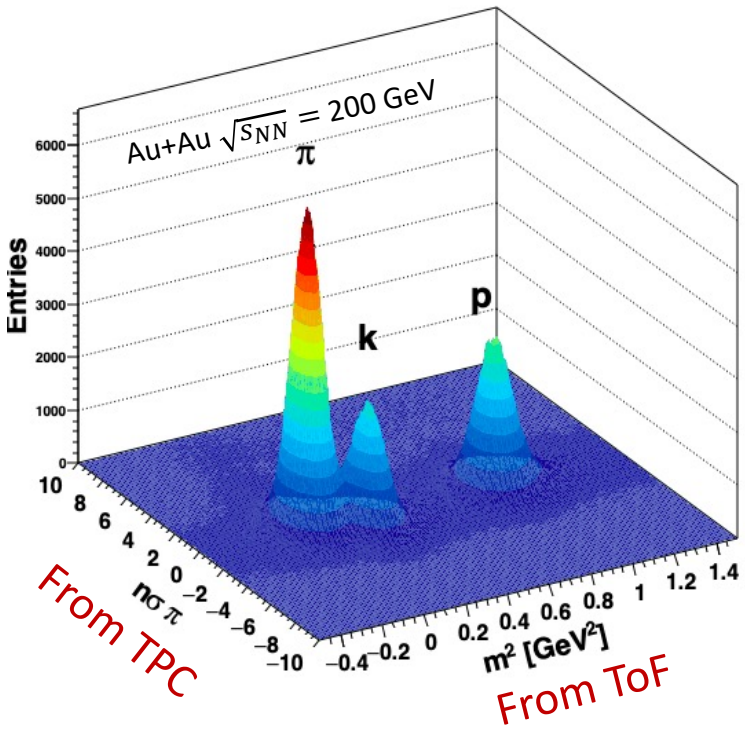


Fully reconstructed jets with tracks identified by **Time of Flight (ToF)** and **Time Projection Chamber (TPC)** information
=> **Particle Identification in jets**

Data Samples

- p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV (2015)
- 0-20% central Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, (2014)

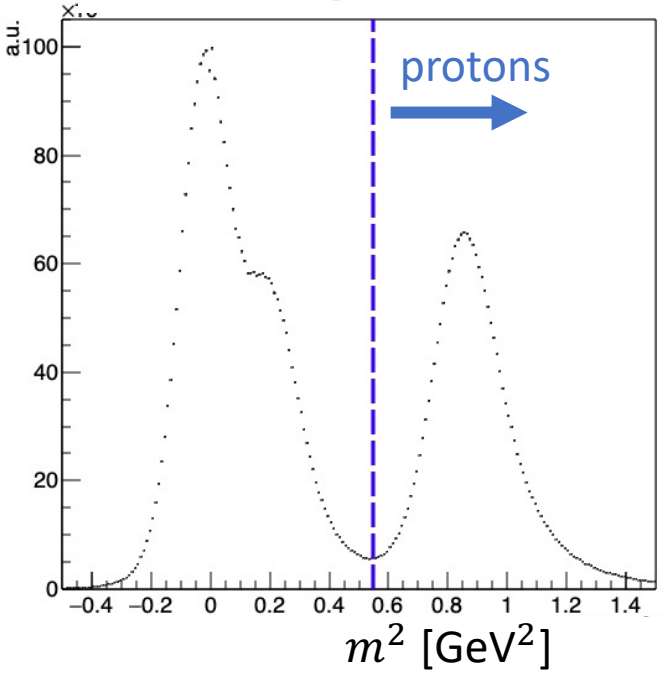
Jet Reconstruction

- **Anti- k_T**
- Various jet radius, R
- Constituent selections
  - p_T^{const} > 2.0 GeV/c
  - p_T^{const} > 3.0 GeV/c
- **Jet p_T^{raw} > 10 GeV/c**

Particle Identification Technique

Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, 0-20%

2.0 GeV/c < p_T < 2.2 GeV/c



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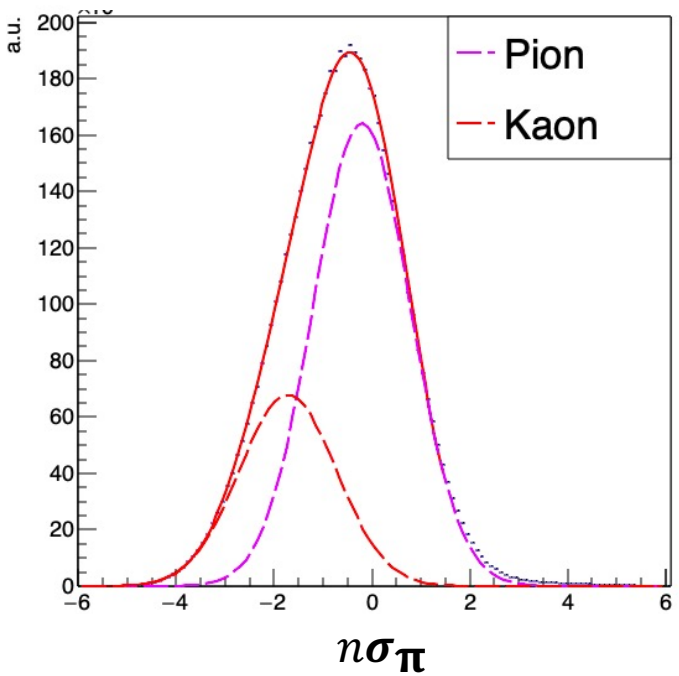
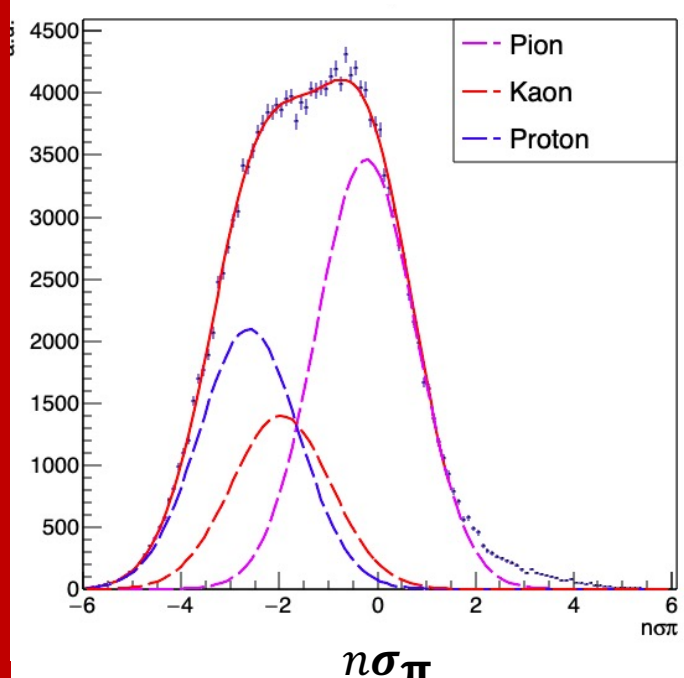


4.0 GeV/c < p_T < 4.5 GeV/c



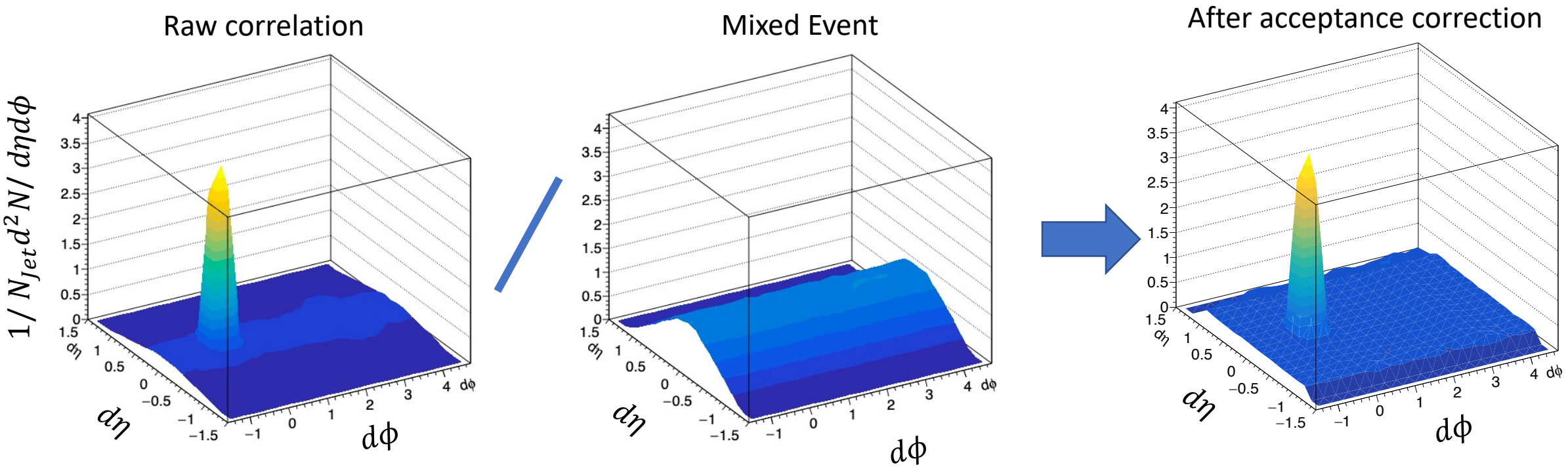
Low, 2.0 GeV/c < p_T < 3.5 GeV/c

- Bin count protons
- Fit for pions and kaons

High, p_T > 3.5 GeV/c

- dE/dx calibration informed by ToF
- Fit for pions, kaons, protons

Jet-Track Correlations



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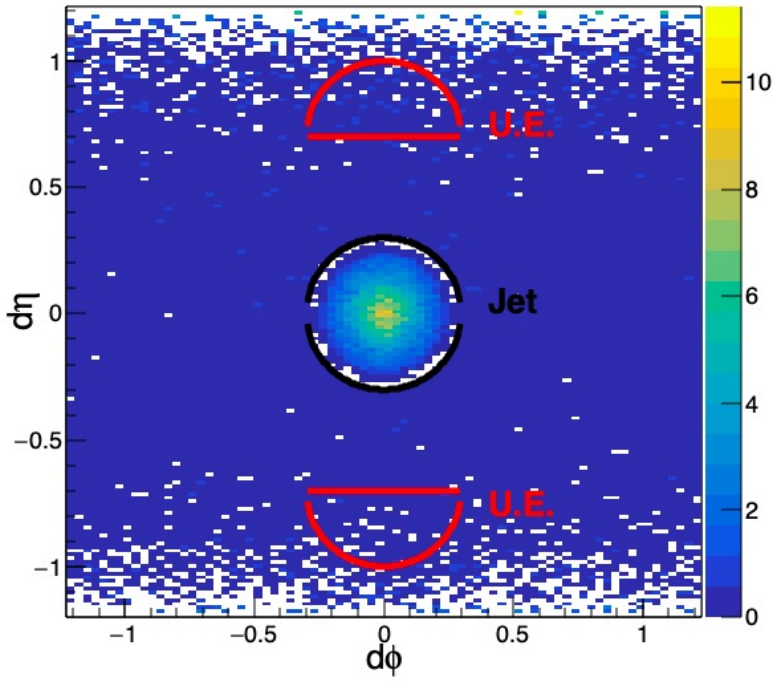
Underlying Event Subtraction

After acceptance correction



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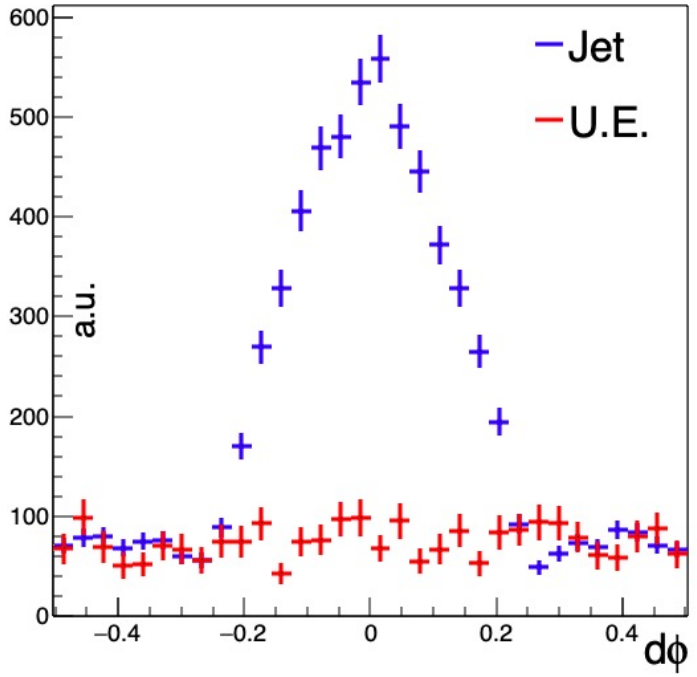
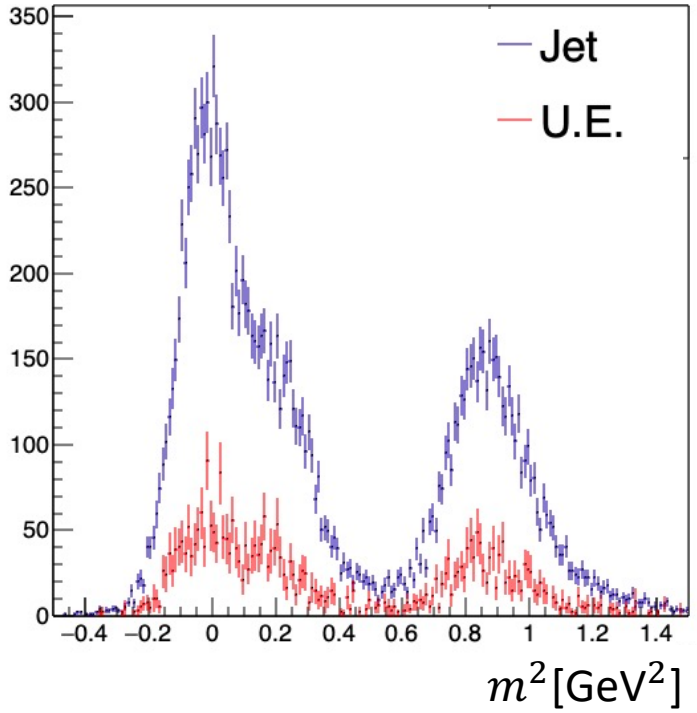


UE subtraction for PID



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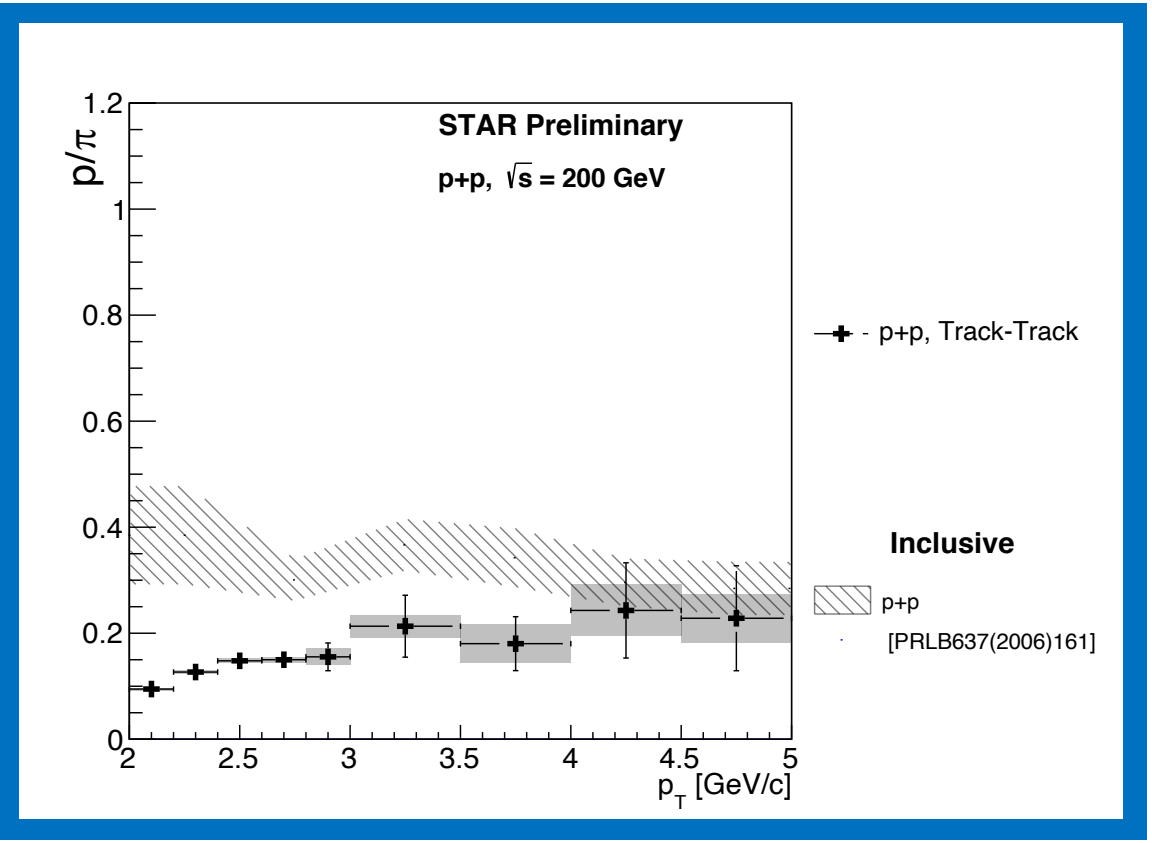
Track-Track Correlations from p+p collisions

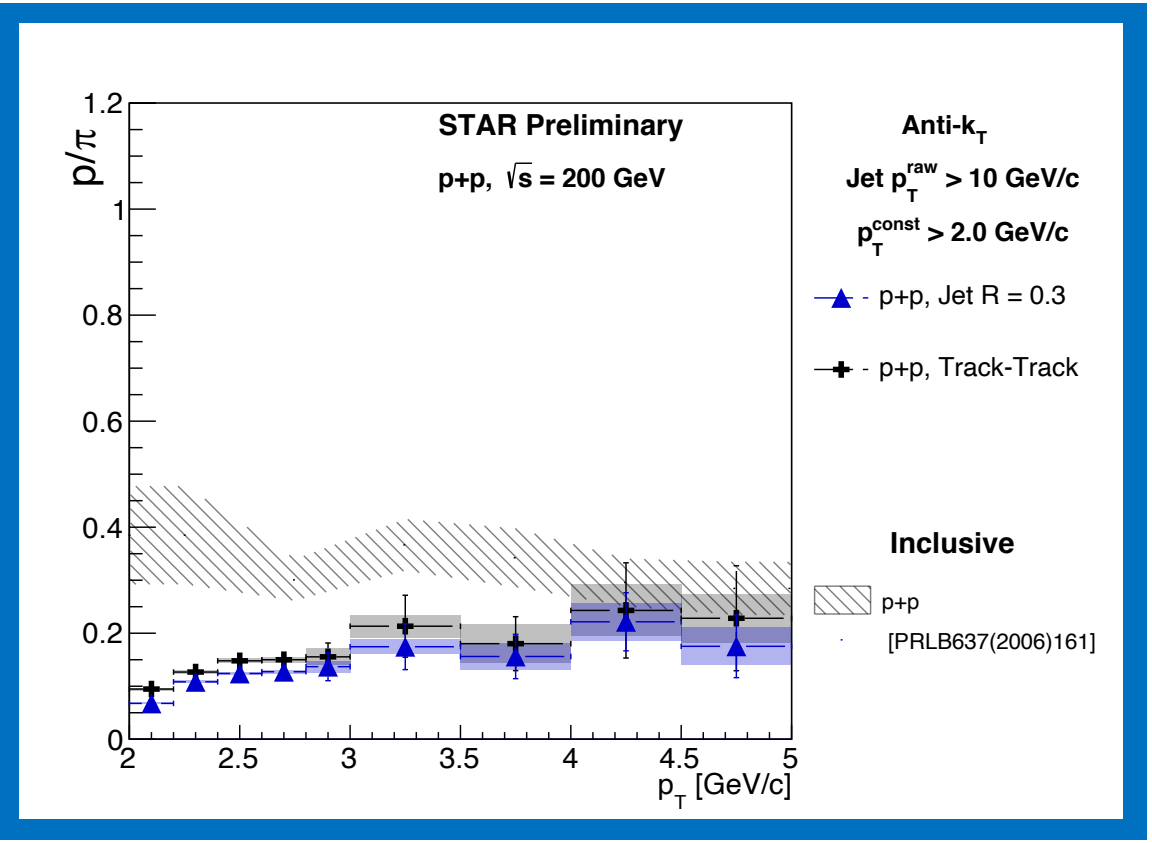


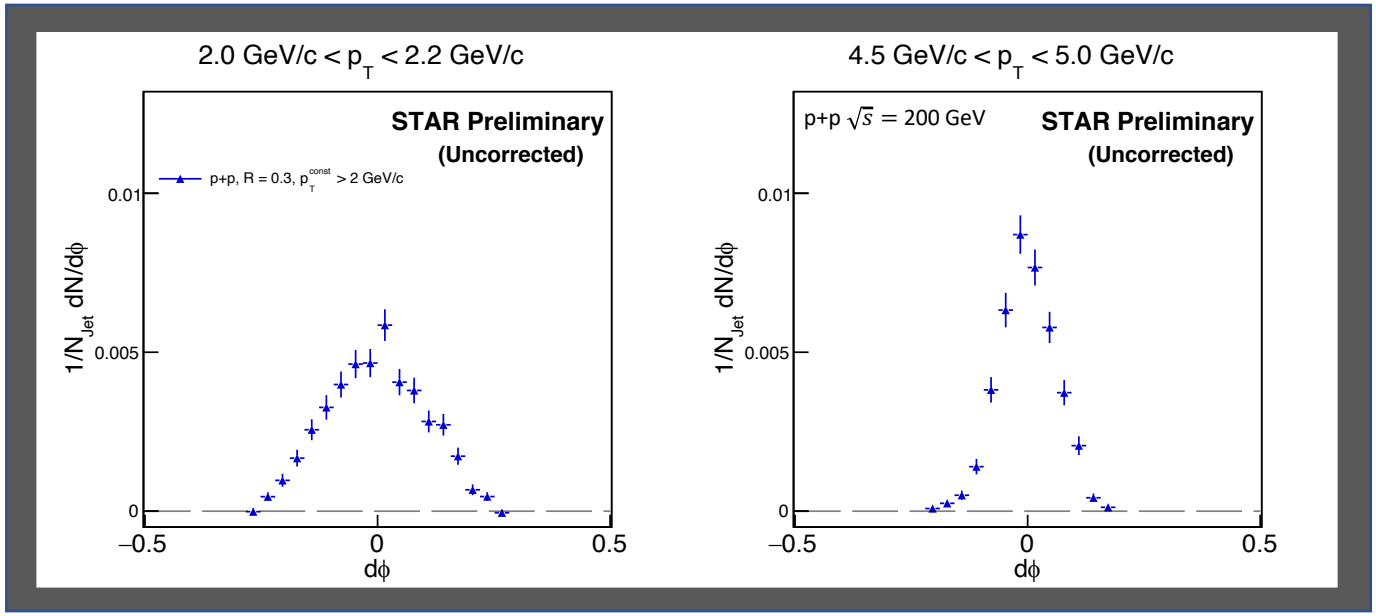
- Track-Track correlation with a leading hadron – simplest proxy for jets
- Leading hadron is highest p_{T} particle with p_{T} > 6.0 GeV/c and |η| < 1.0
- Associated hadrons identified within the radial distance dR = $\sqrt{d\eta^2 + d\phi^2}$ = 0.5 of leading hadron

- **p/π around leading hadron < p/π from inclusive p+p**

NOTE: p/π is used as shorthand for $(p^+ + p^-)/(\pi^+ + \pi^-)$ throughout this presentation

Particle Composition in Jets from p+p





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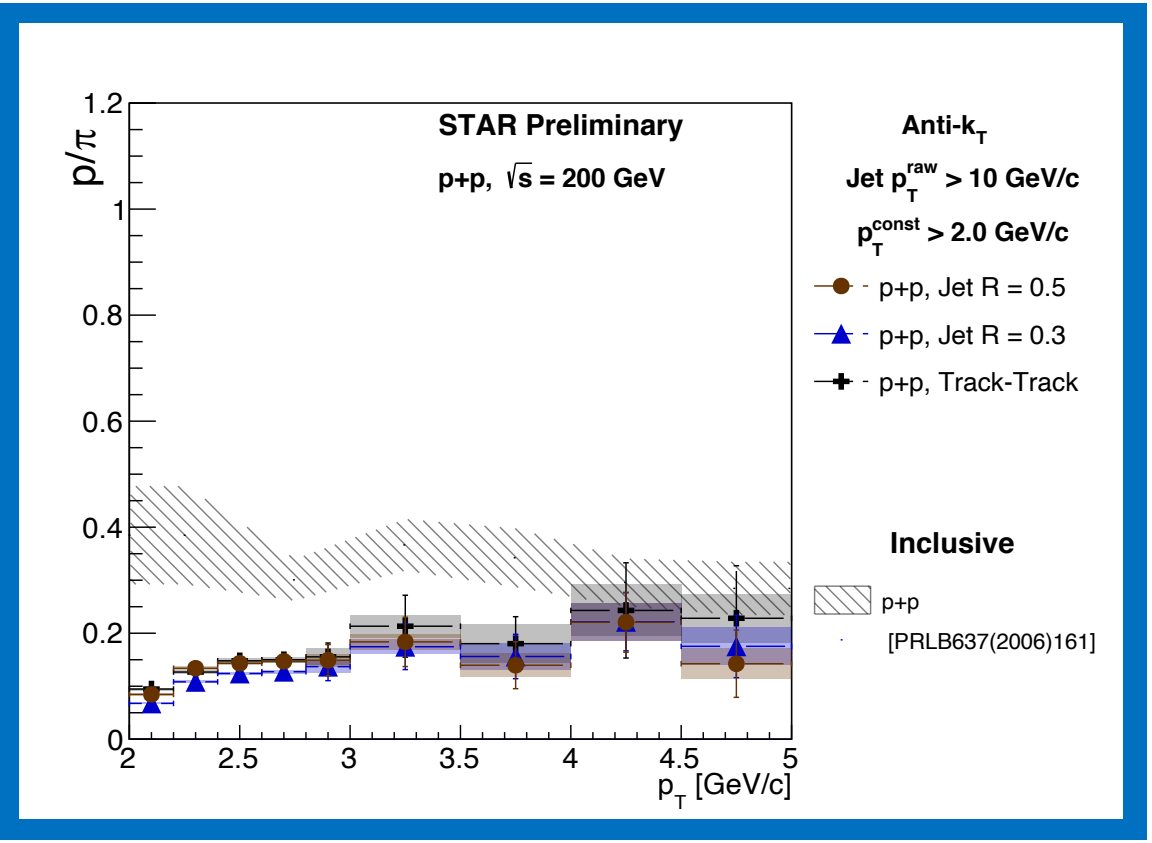

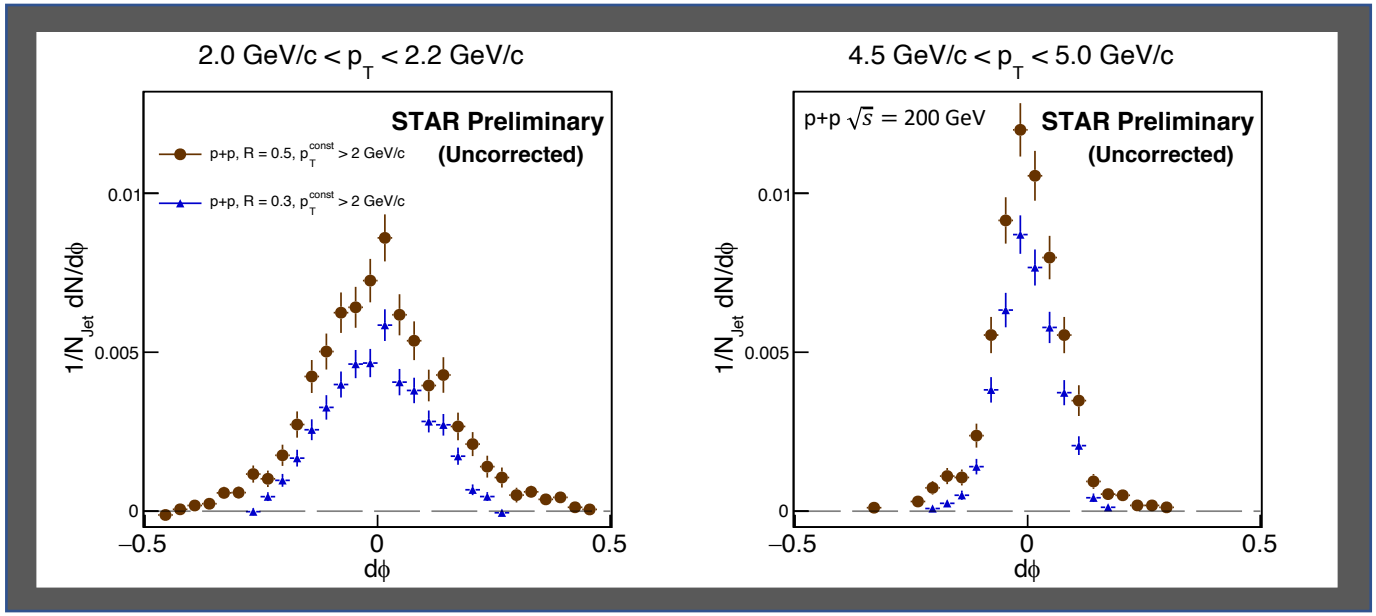

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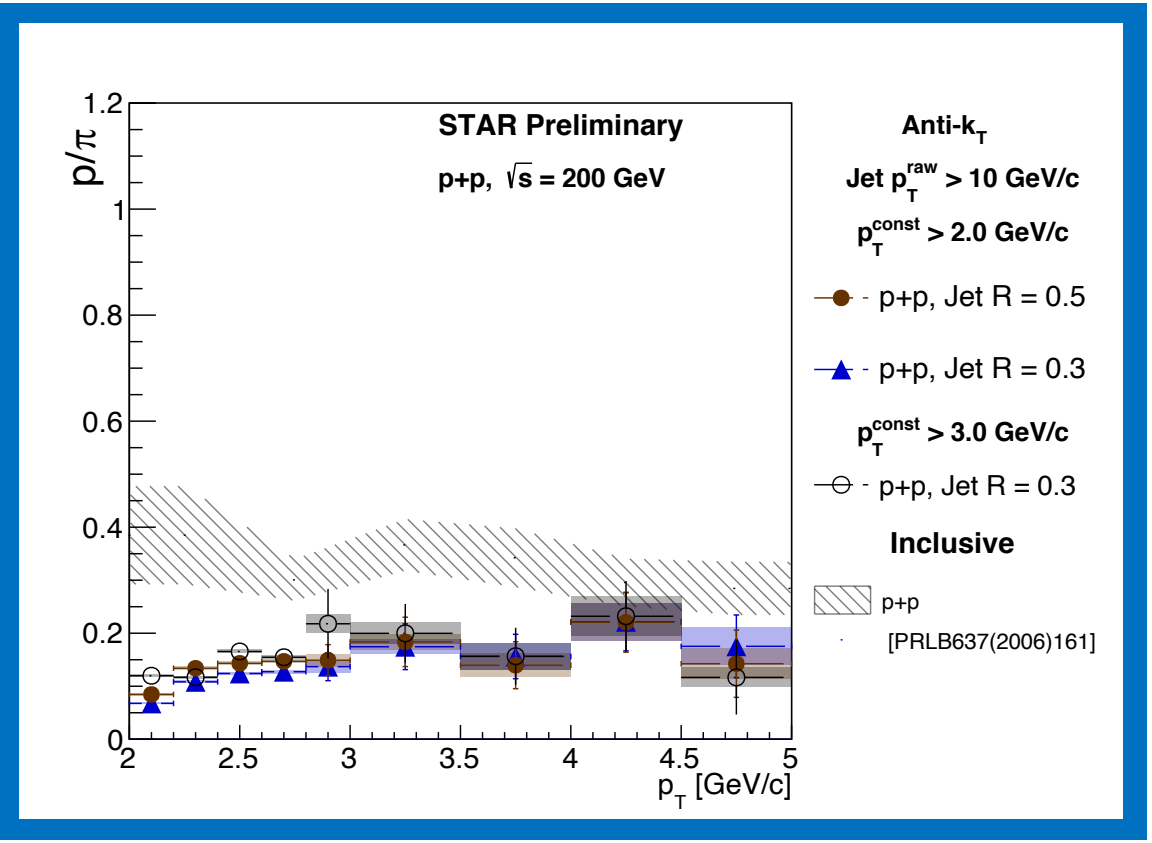

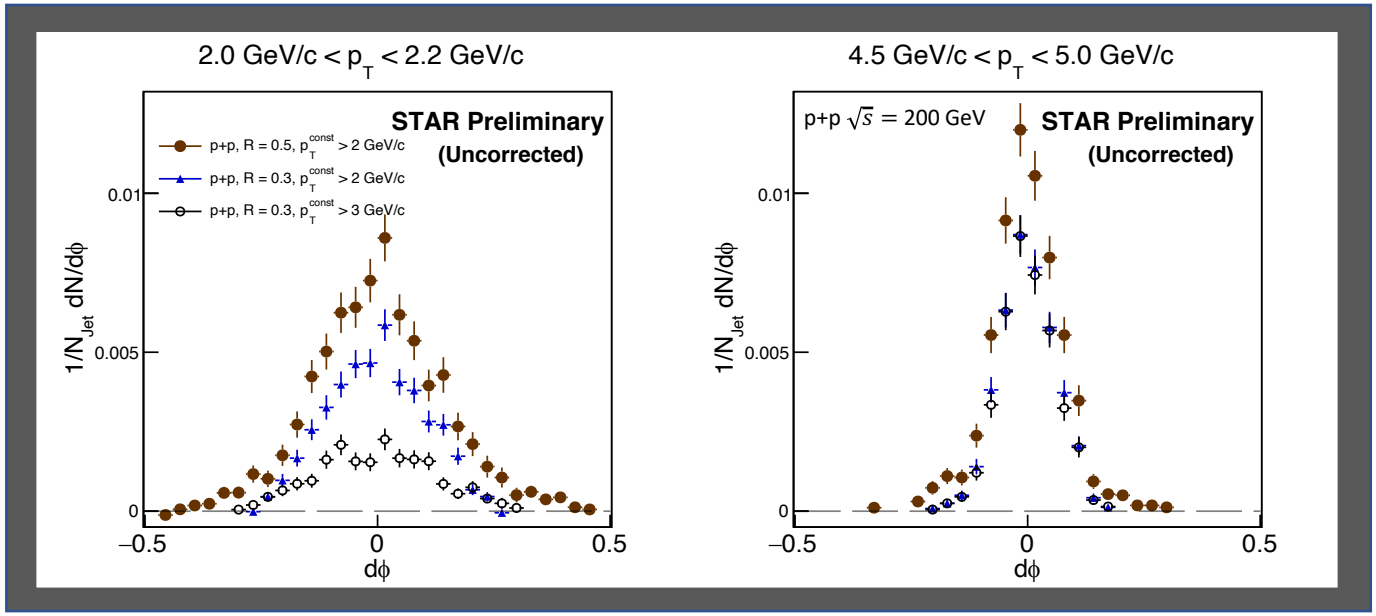

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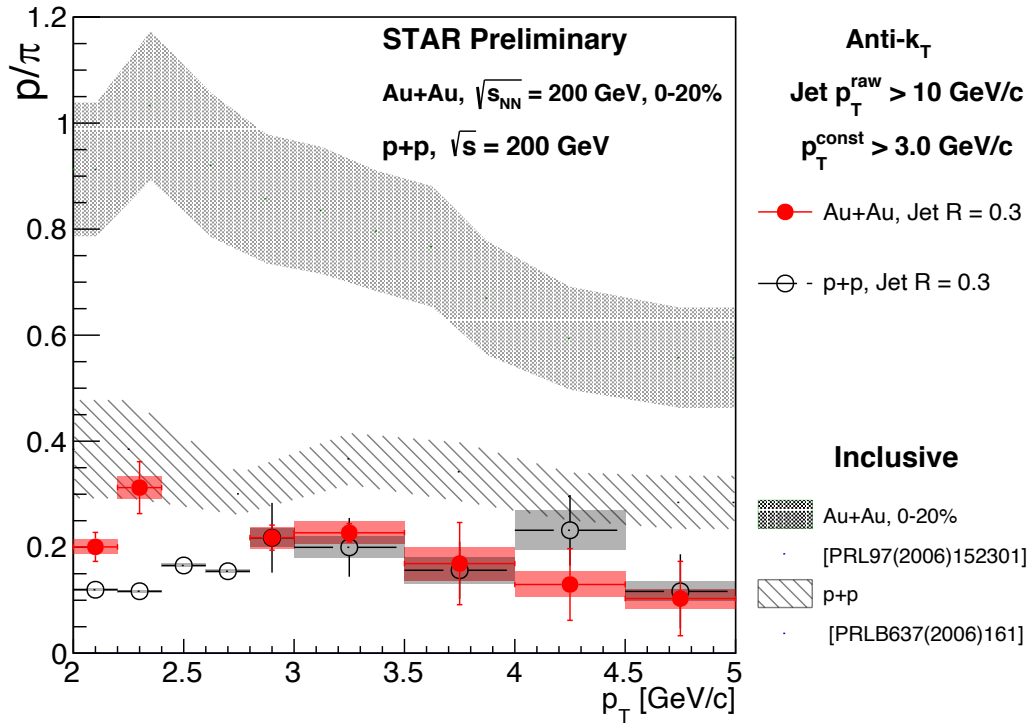
- R = 0.3, p_T^{const} > 3.0 GeV/c

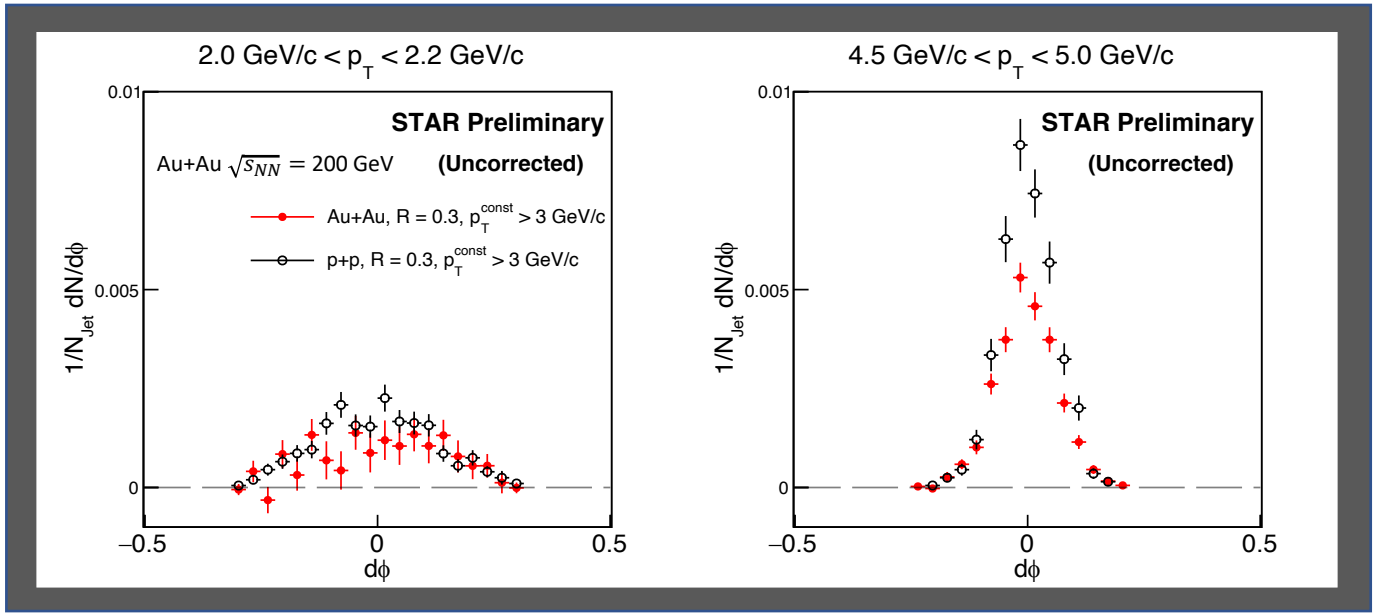
Strong preference for π over p for all jets in p+p

Similar in-jet ratios were observed in p+p collisions at LHC (INSPIRE:1429564)

- Large R → moderate increase in associated yields
- Lower p_T^{const} threshold → larger associated yields near threshold

Particle Composition in Jets from Au+Au





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Jets with p_T^{const} > 3.0 GeV/c

- Au+Au, R = 0.3
- p+p, R = 0.3

- Higher p_T^{const} threshold → Similar correlation shapes for 2.0 GeV/c < p_T < 2.2 GeV/c in Au+Au and p+p

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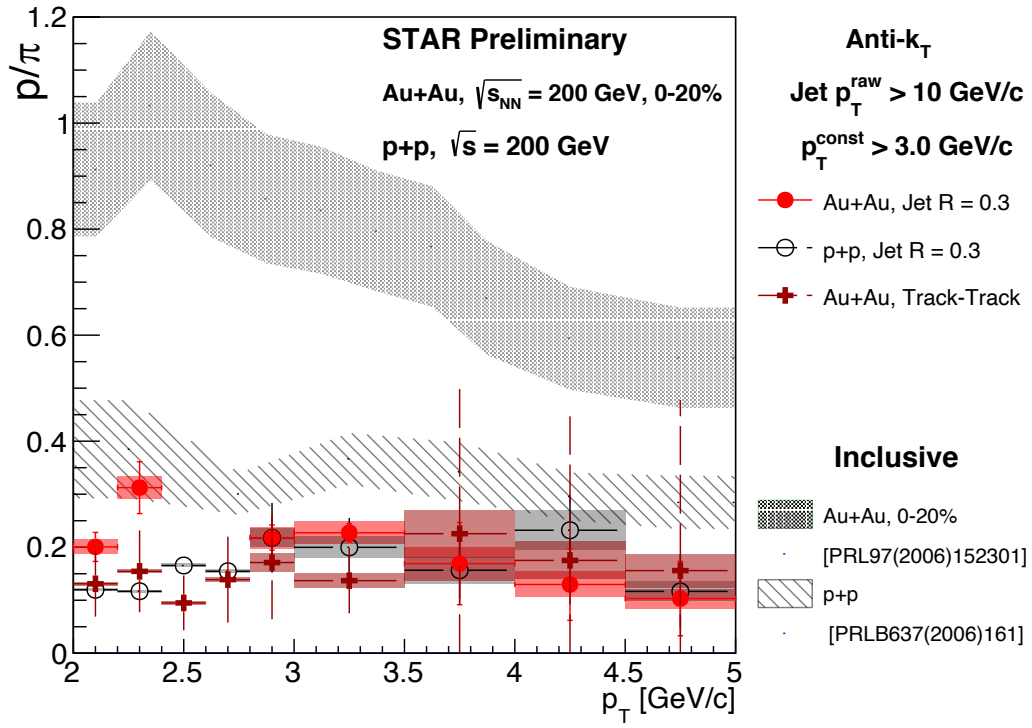

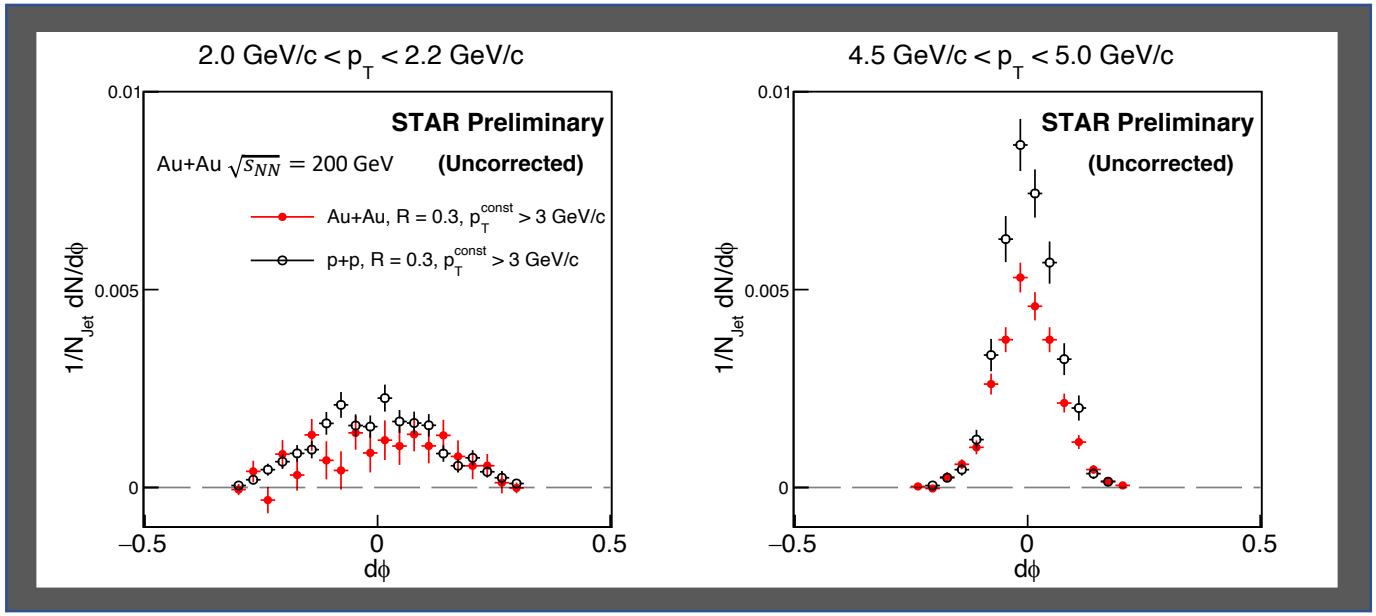

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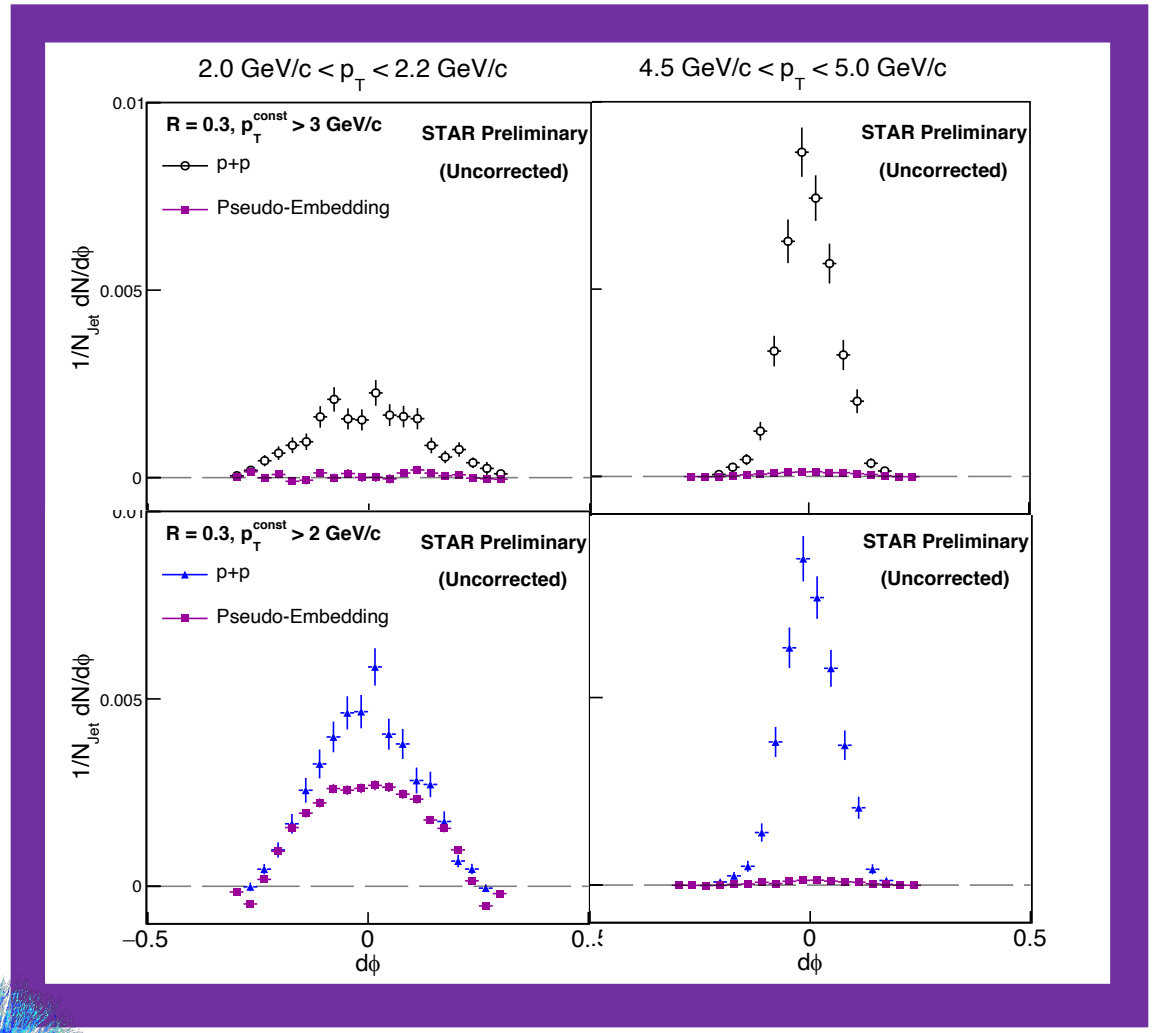
Parsing Impact of Background Fluctuation on Jet Reconstruction

p_T^{const} > 3 GeV/c

p_T^{const} > 2 GeV/c



Pseudo-embedding: take p+p jets down to low pt → overlay with central Au+Au event → run jet finder → match to original p+p jet → construct jet track correlation with Au+Au event and perform UE subtraction

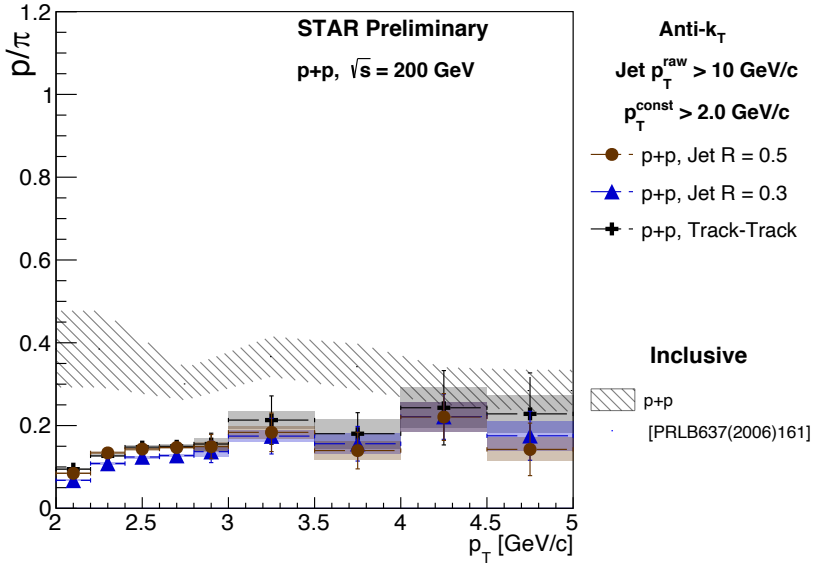
p_T^{const} > 3 GeV/c

- Jet reconstruction bias due to UE results in minimal correlated background contribution
- Correlated background has negligeable effect on harder constituent jets

p_T^{const} > 2 GeV/c

- Jet reconstruction bias due to UE results in greater correlated background contribution
- Work to understand this contribution is ongoing

Summary



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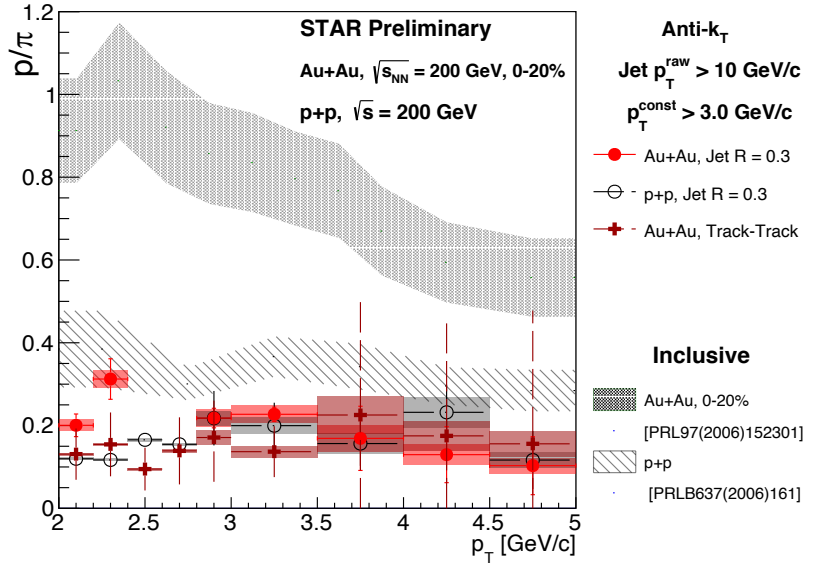
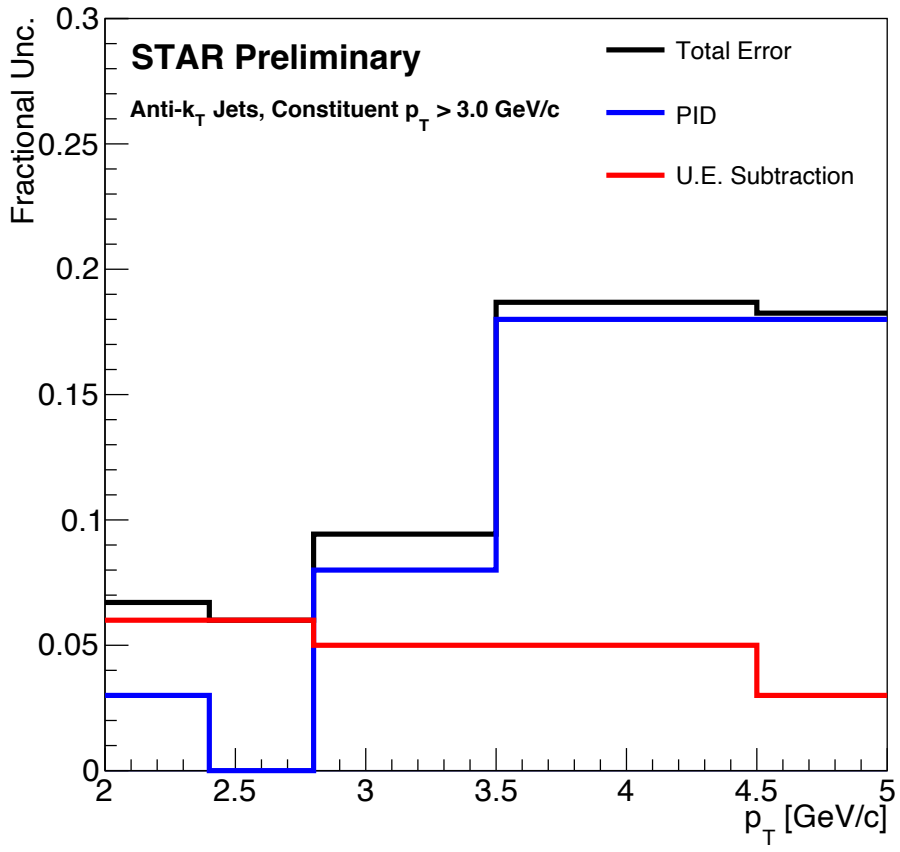


Jets in Au+Au

- First in-jet PID measurement from STAR
- Hard constituent jets (p_{T}^{const} > 3 GeV/c):
  - similar p/**π** ratios in Au+Au and p+p
  - Strong preference for **π** over p production in jets

Backup

R = 0.3, Au+Au Systematic Uncertainty



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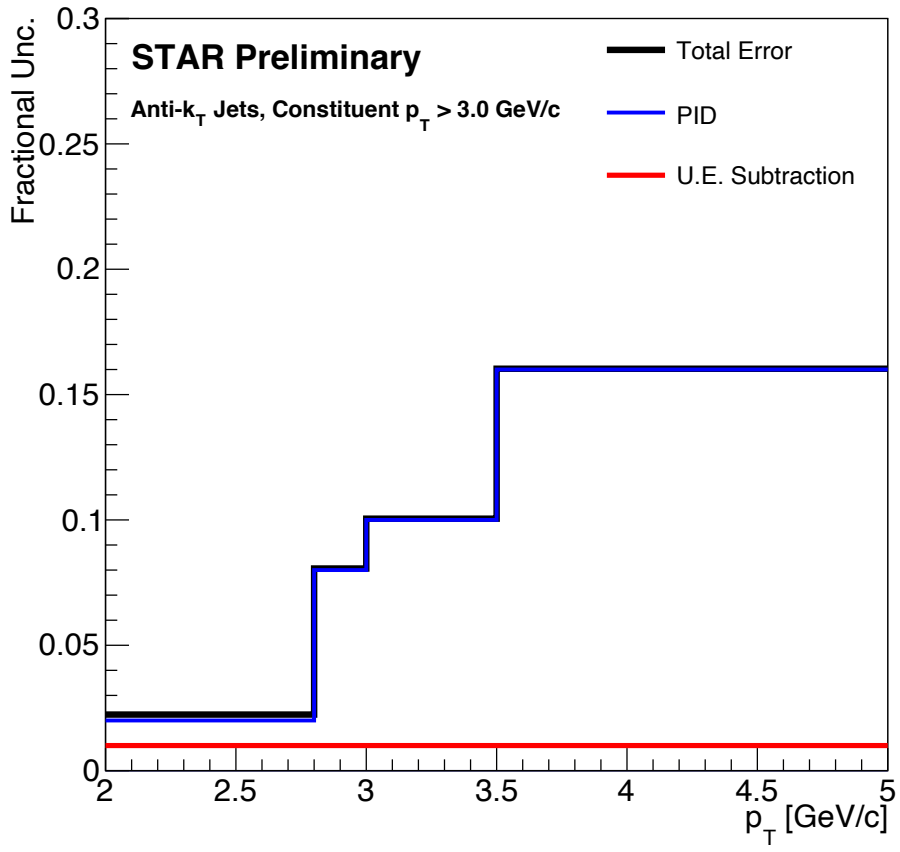
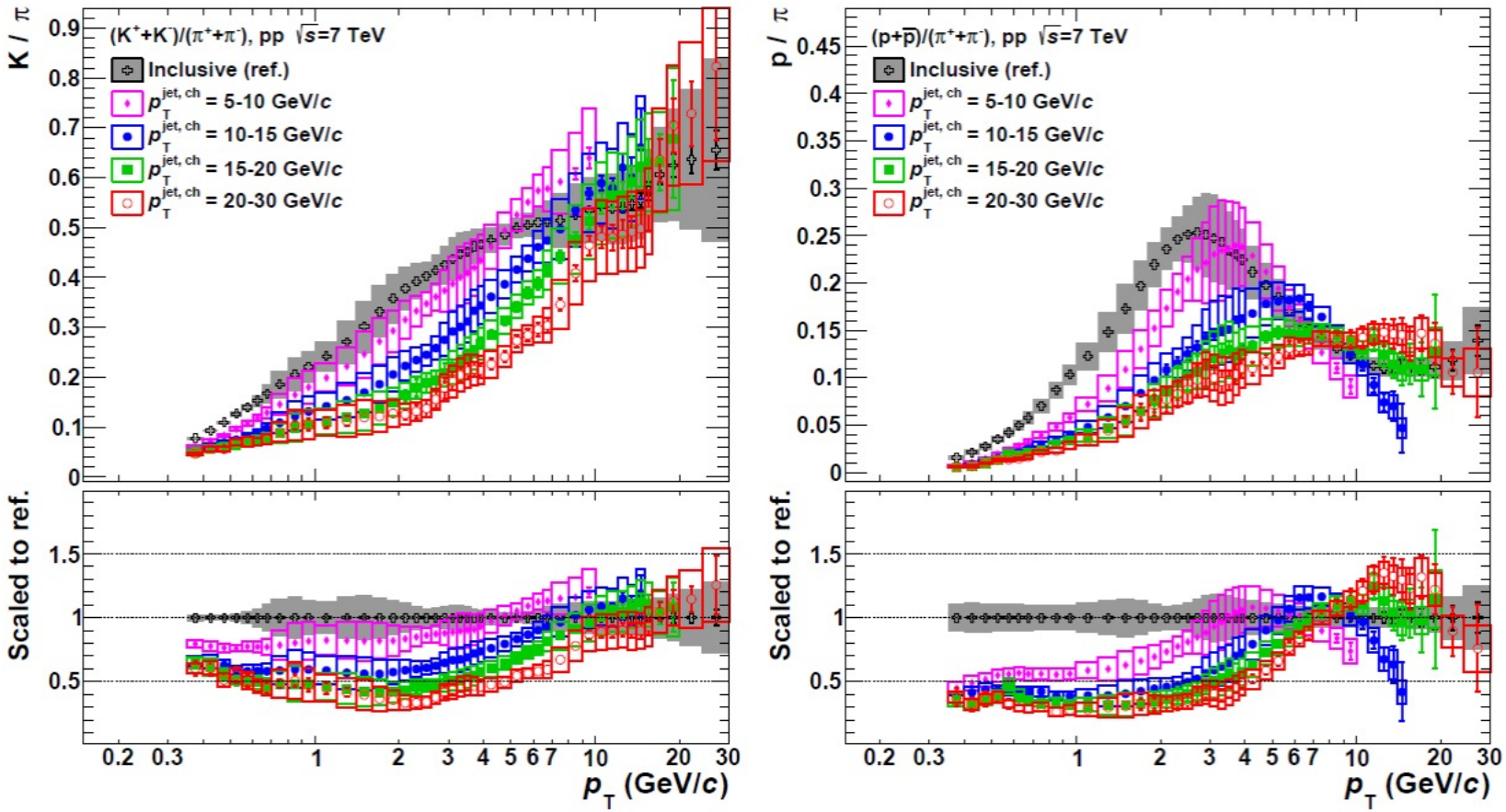


Two main sources of systematic error were evaluated:

- **PID error,** determined by independently varying fit input parameters.
- **U.E. subtraction error,** determined by varying the mixed event normalization applied to the raw correlation, which in turn scales the background level that is subtracted from the jet peak.
- Individual errors deviate only slightly from these characteristic levels.



(https://inspirehep.net/literature/1429564)

p+p 200 GeV	Energy, Particle level	Energy, Jet level
R = 0.3, p_{T}^{const} > 3 GeV/c	13.27	12.74
R = 0.3, p_{T}^{const} > 2 GeV/c	12.94	12.75
R = 0.5, p_{T}^{const} > 2 GeV/c	13.39	12.76