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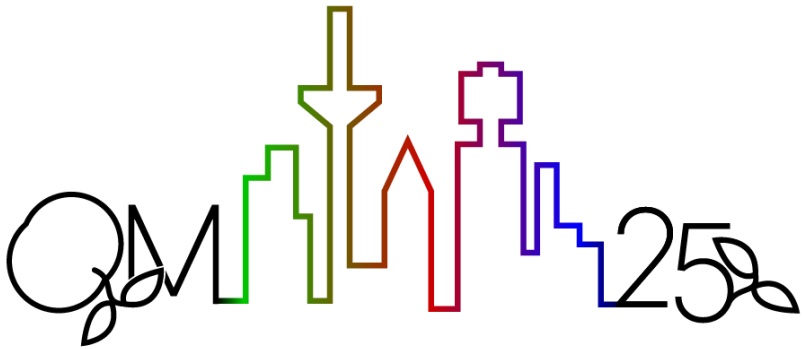

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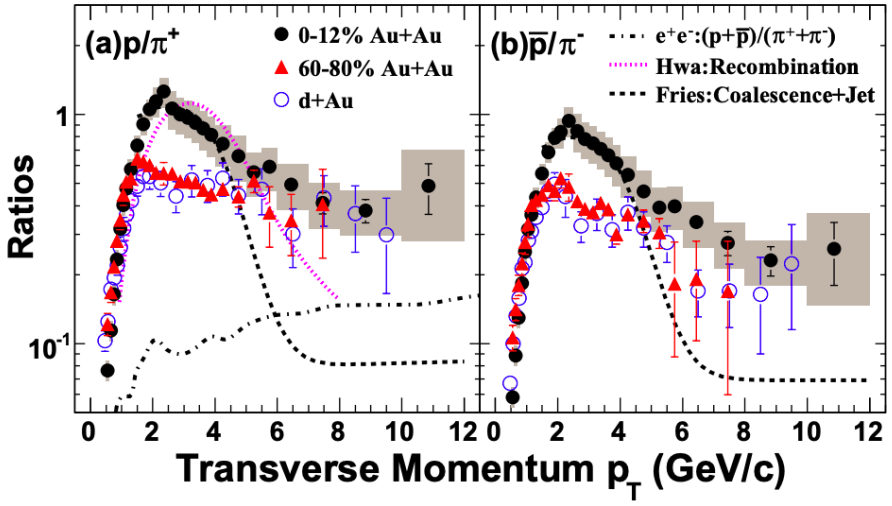

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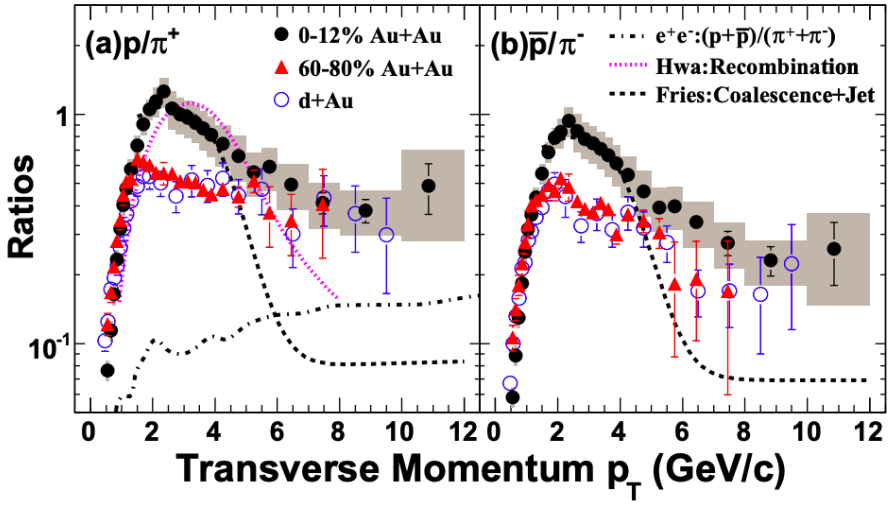

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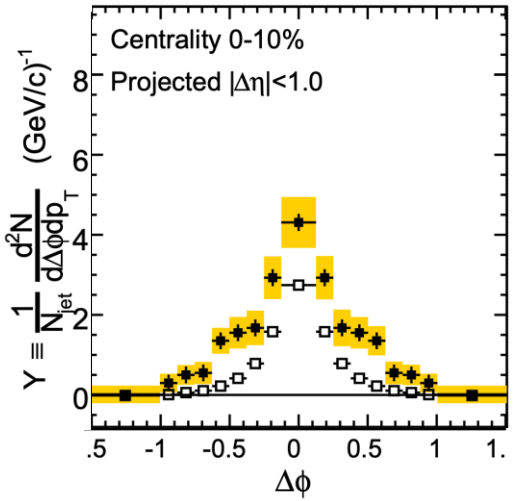

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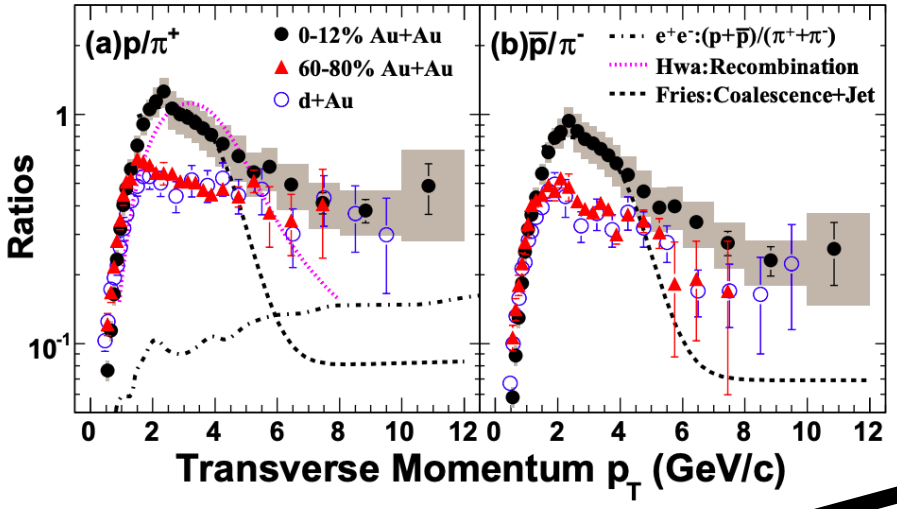

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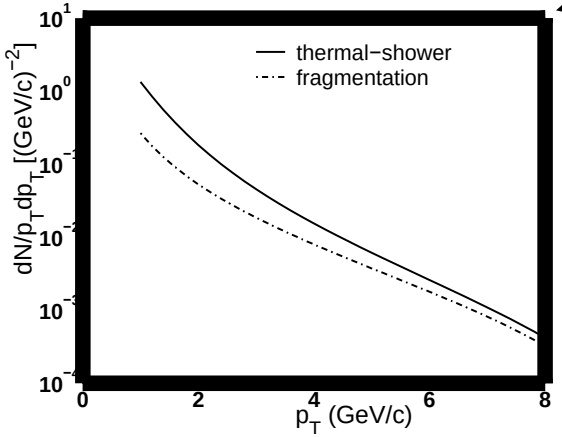

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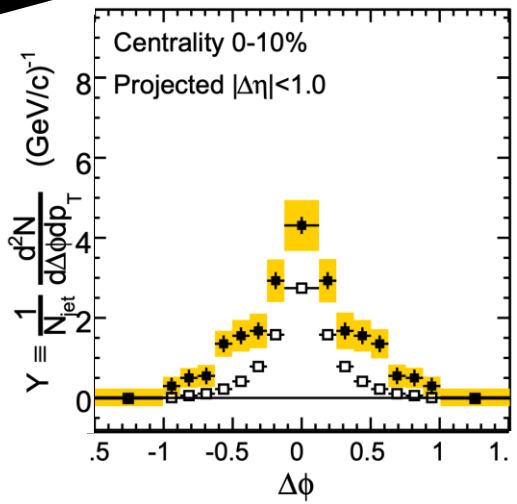

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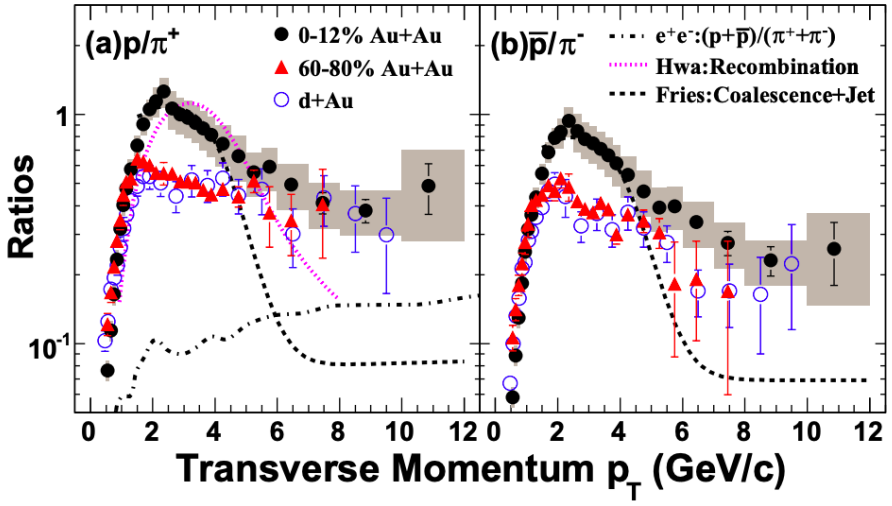

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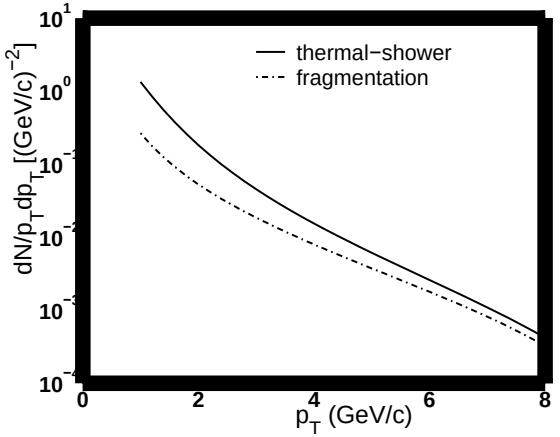

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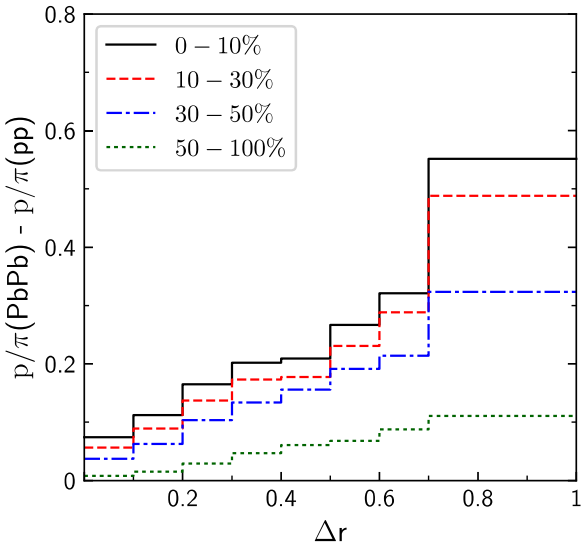

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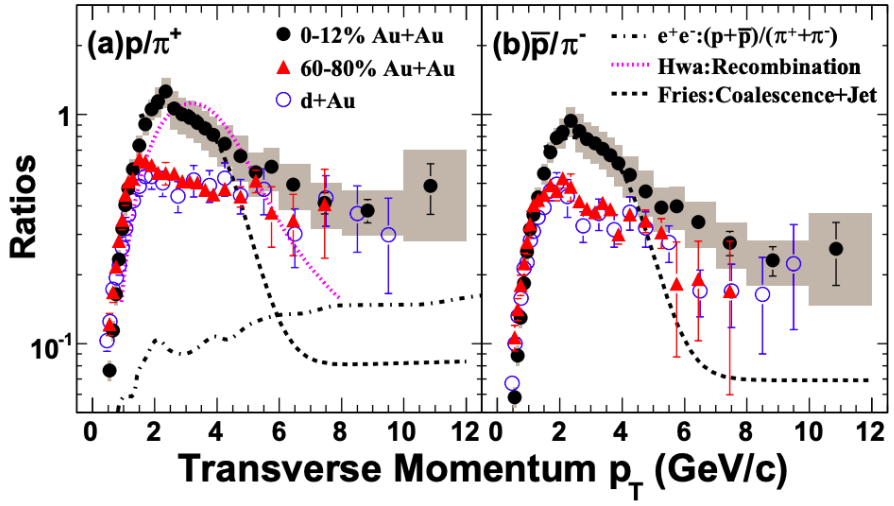

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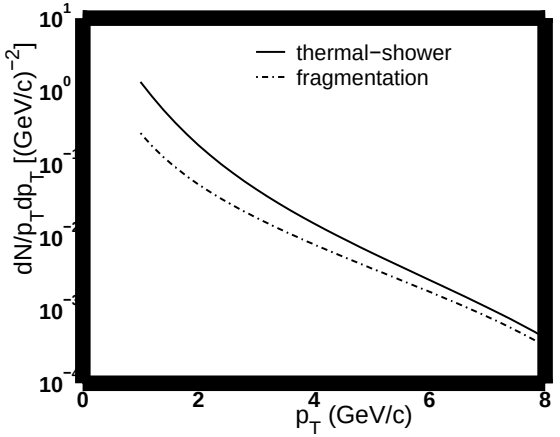

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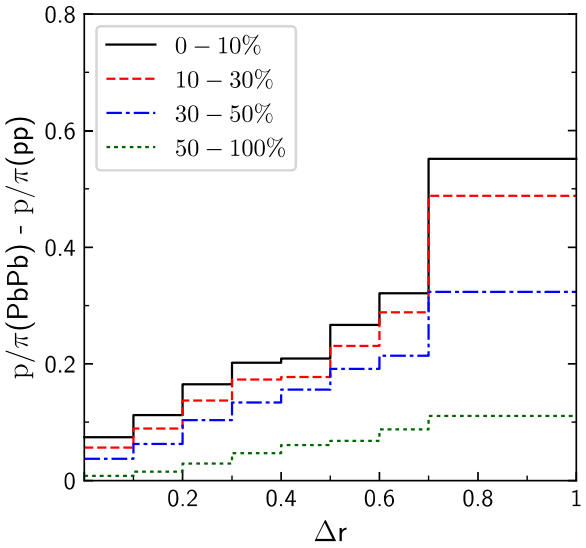

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STAR Detector

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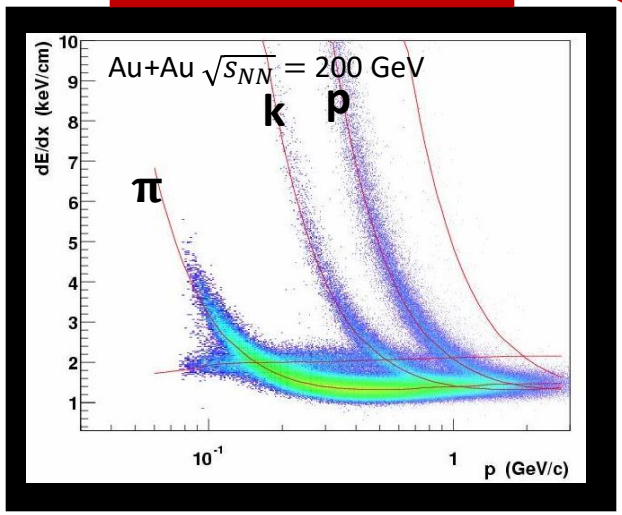

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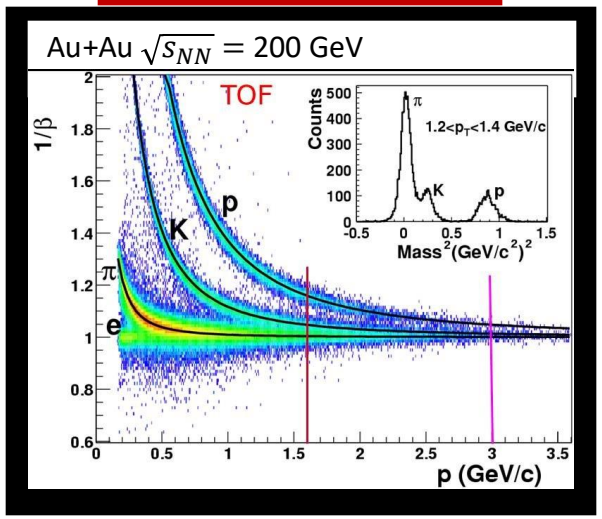
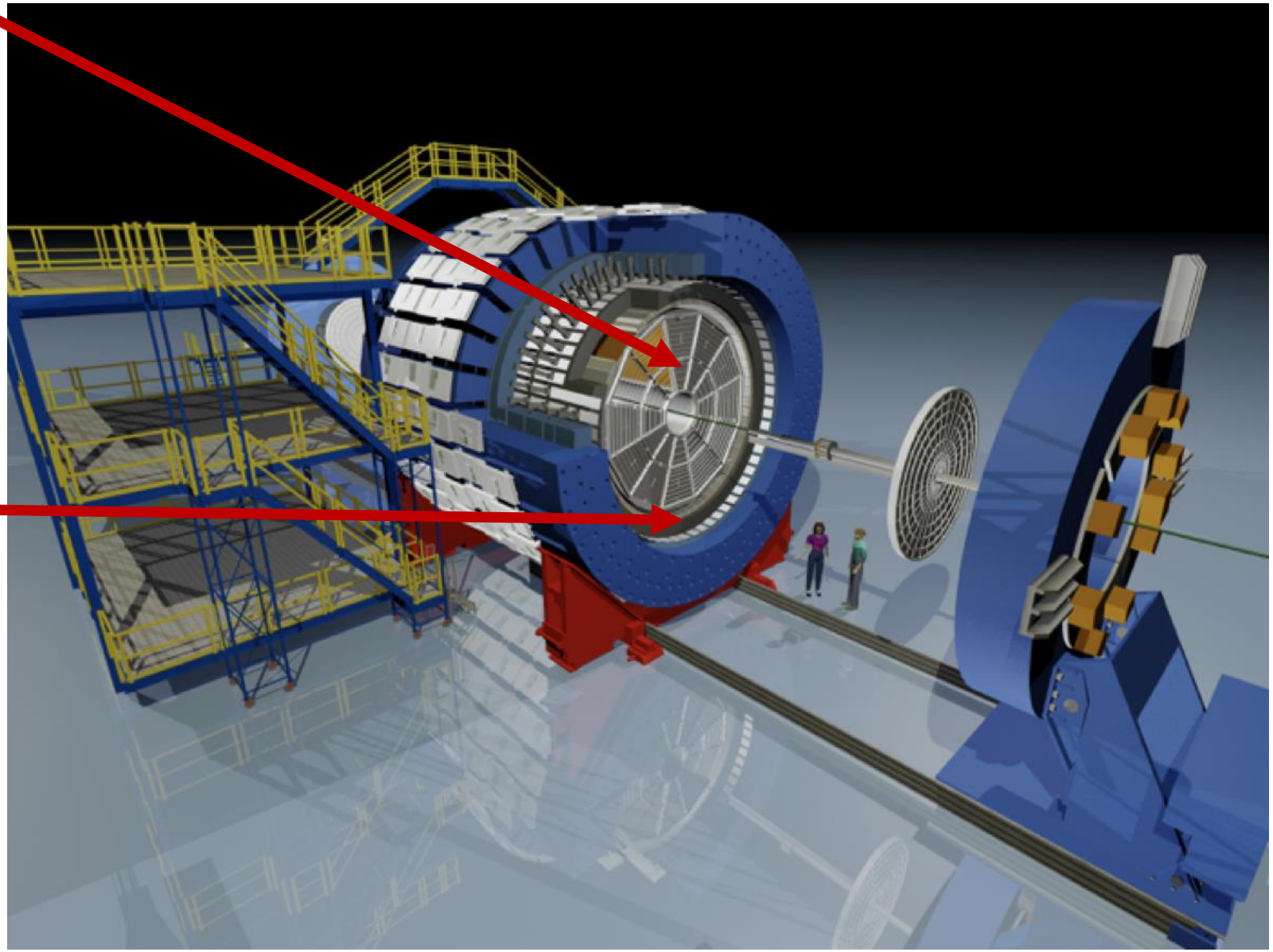
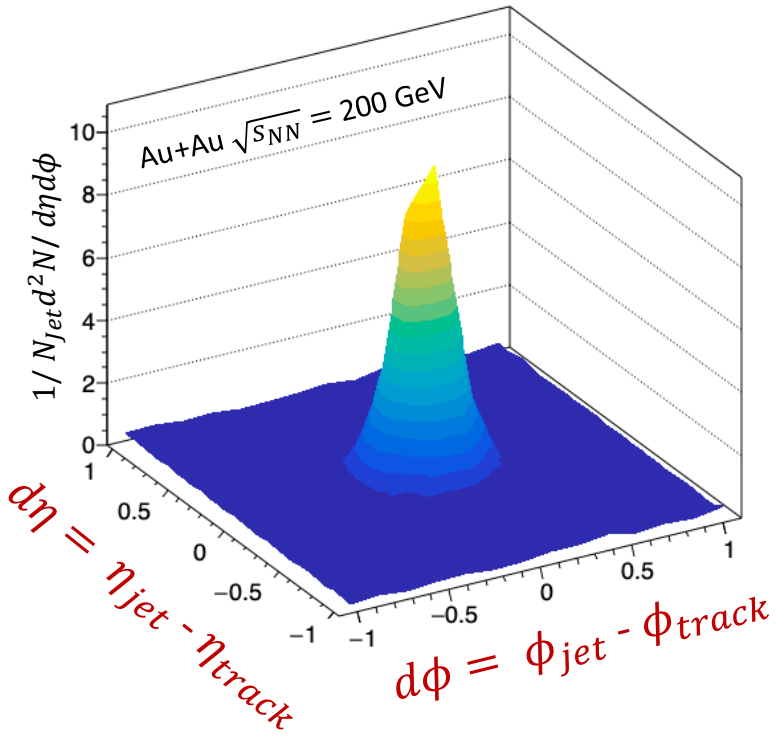




Measurement Technique

2D jet-track correlation



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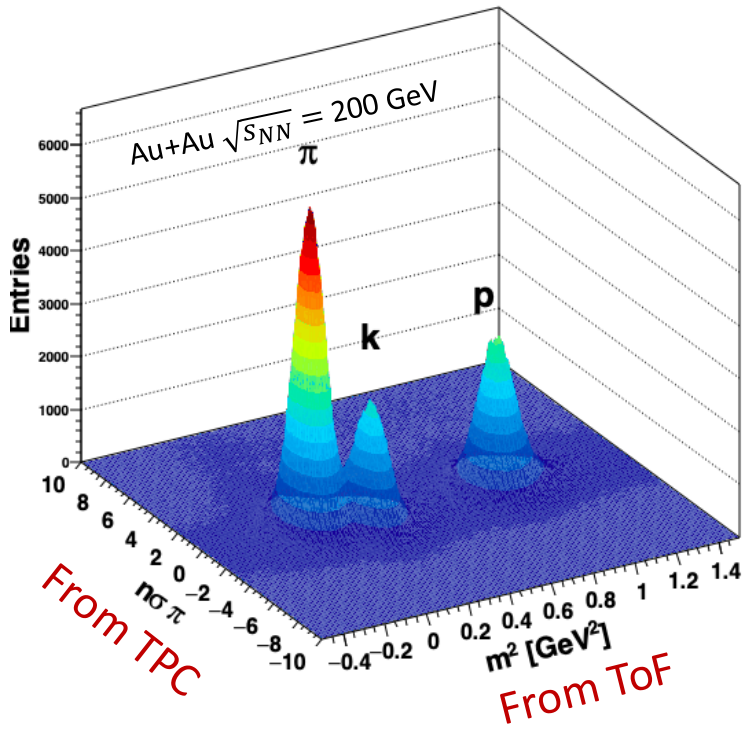


Fully reconstructed jets with tracks identified by **Time of Flight (ToF)** and **Time Projection Chamber (TPC)** information
=> **Particle Identification in jets**

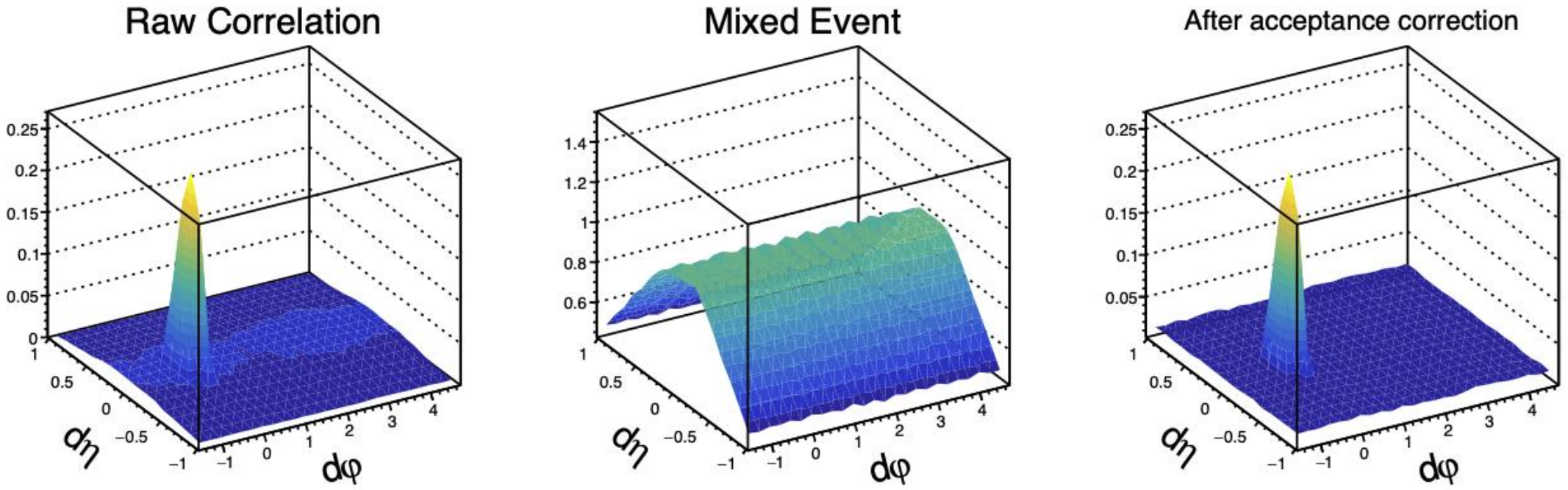
Data Samples

- p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV (2015)
- 0-10% central Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, (2014)

Jet Reconstruction

- **Anti-** $\boldsymbol{k_T}$
- Jet R = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4
- Constituent selections
  - p_T^{const} > 2.0 GeV/c
  - p_T^{const} > 3.0 GeV/c
- **Jet** $\boldsymbol{p_T^{raw}}$ **> 9 GeV/c**
- **Inclusive Jets**

Jet-Track Correlation



- Run Anti-k_{T} algorithm to identify Jet Axis
- Perform correlations with all tracks within $|\eta_{\mathrm{track}}| < 0.5$
- Build Mixed event for pair acceptance correction
- Divide signal correlation by mixed event
- Select regions of equal area for jet and underlying event for every p_{T} bin from 2.0 GeV/c to 5.0 GeV/c

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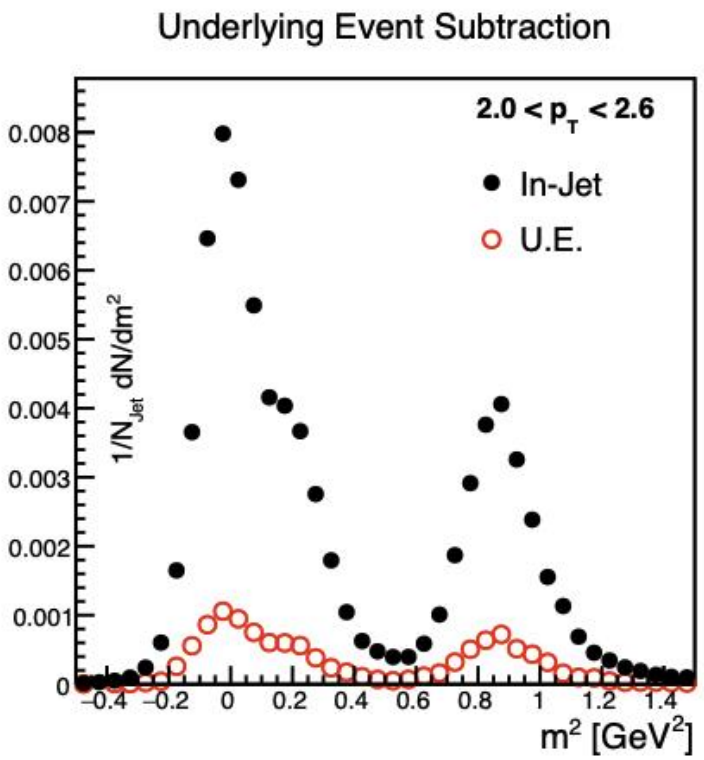

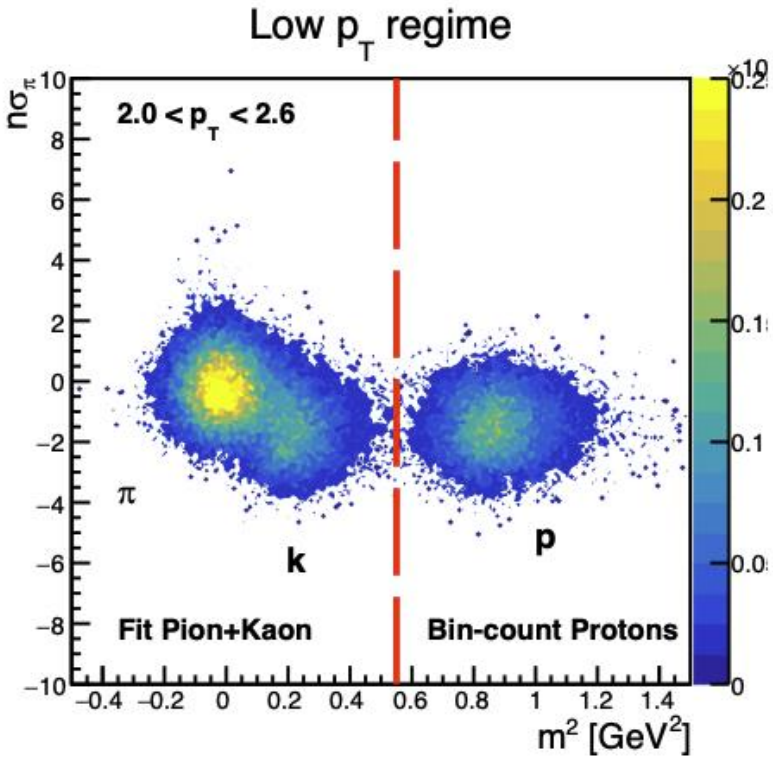

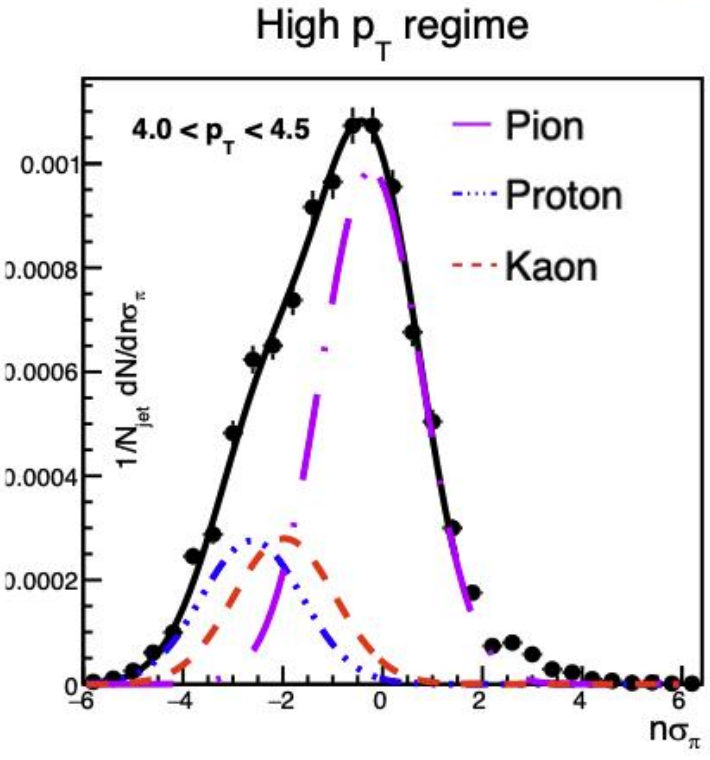

- Subtract UE from Jet in dφ, dη, $n\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$, and m^2
- Identify Pion, Proton, Kaon yields from remaining Jet Signal
- Low p_{T} regime: p_{T} < 3.0 GeV/c → bin-count protons
- High p_{T} regime: p_{T} > 3.0 GeV/c → triple Gaussian fit
- Divide proton yield by pion yield to measure ratio

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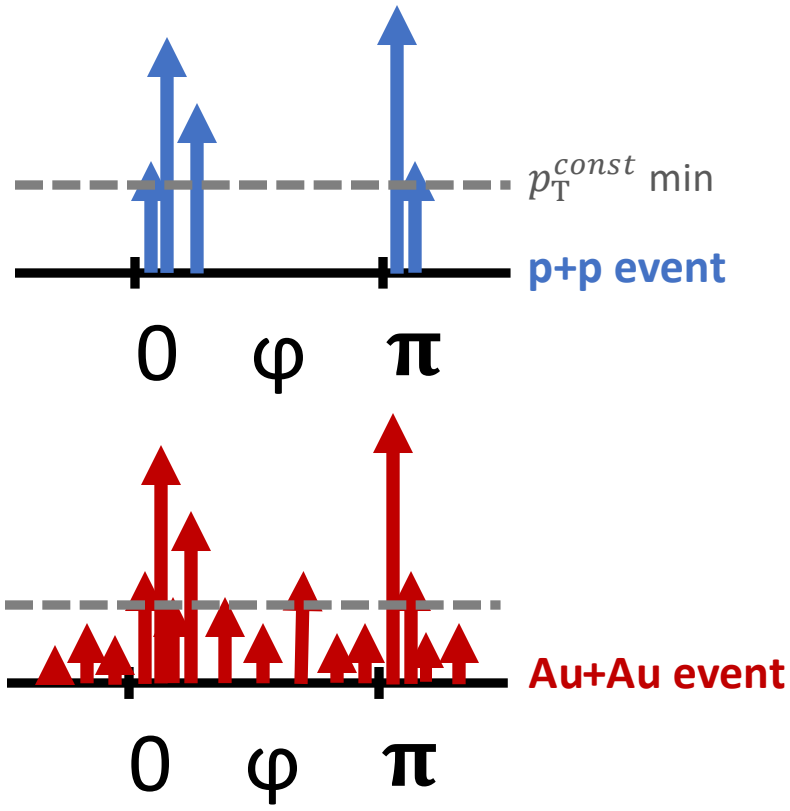

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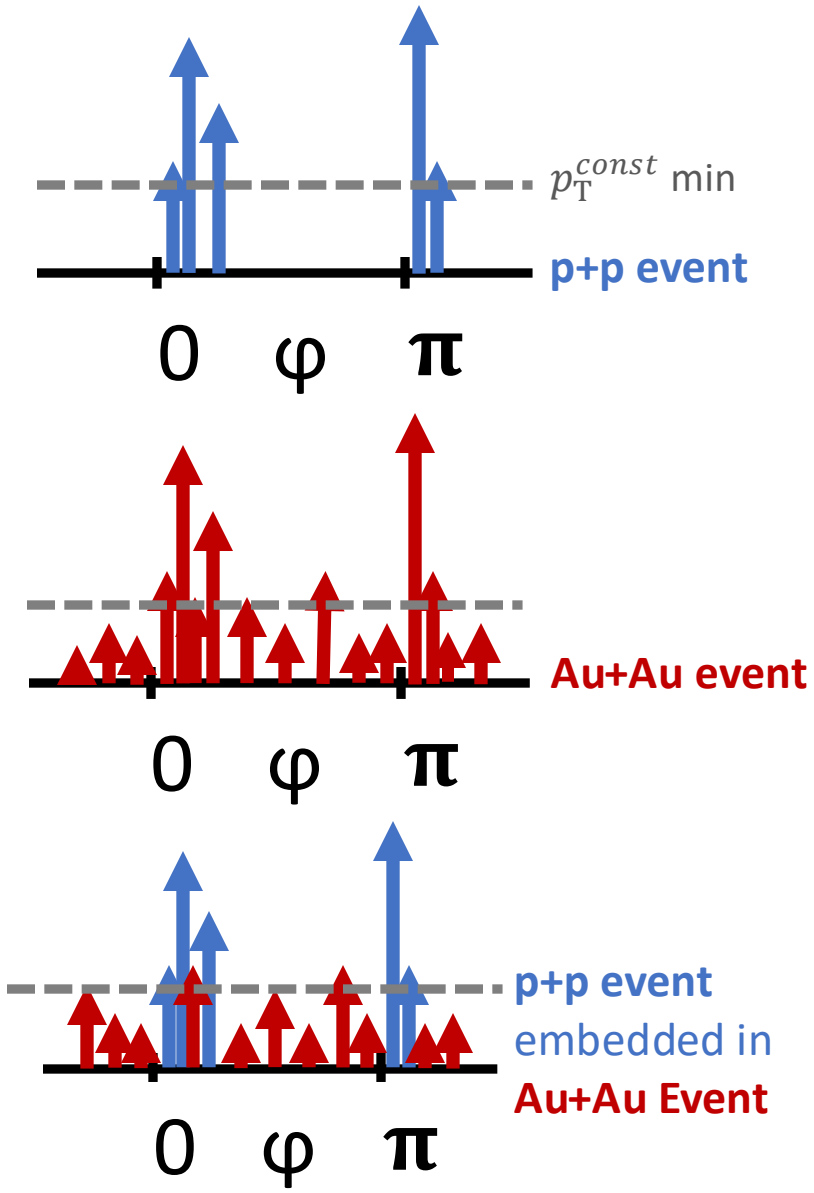

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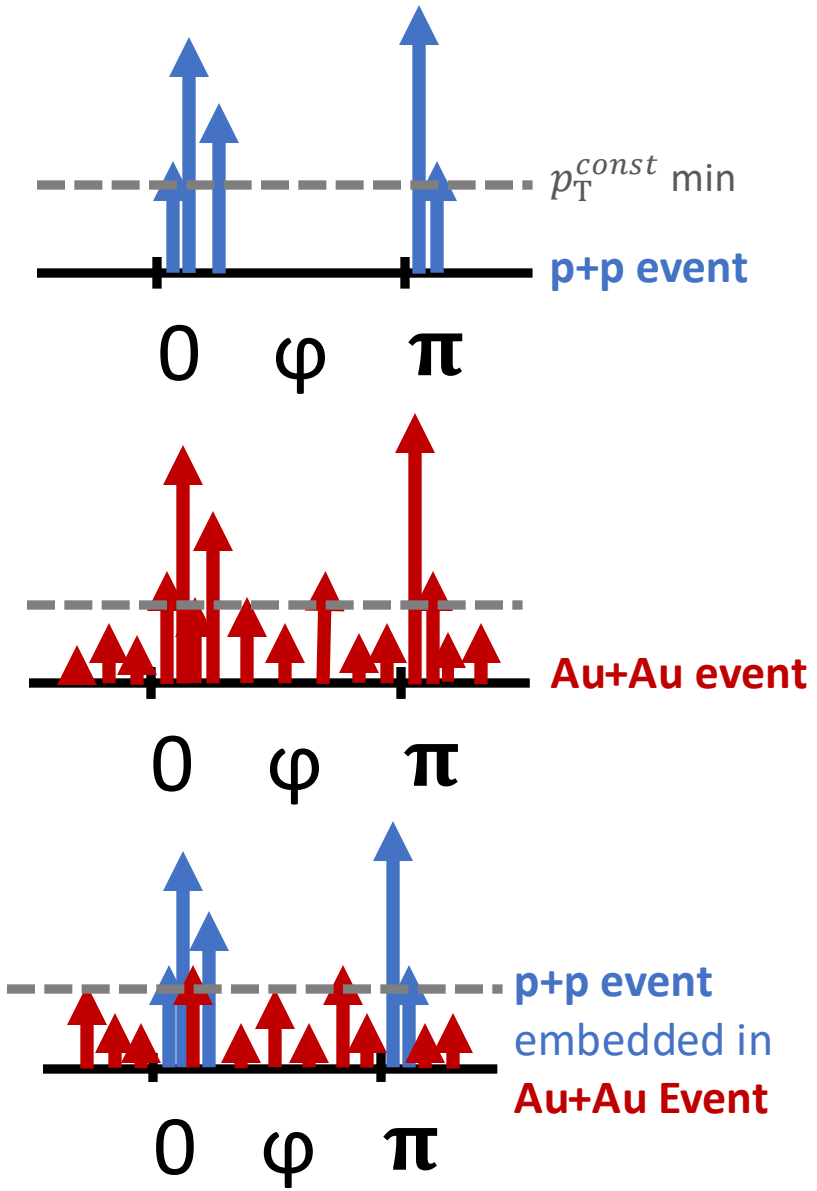

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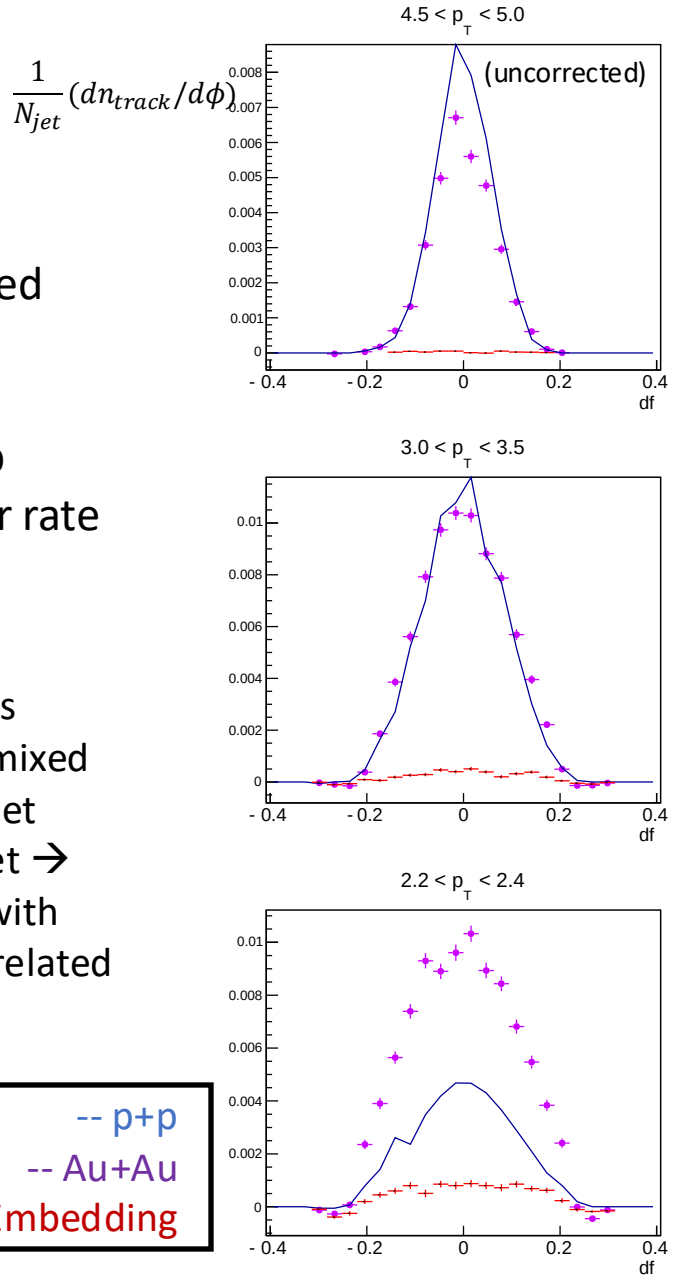

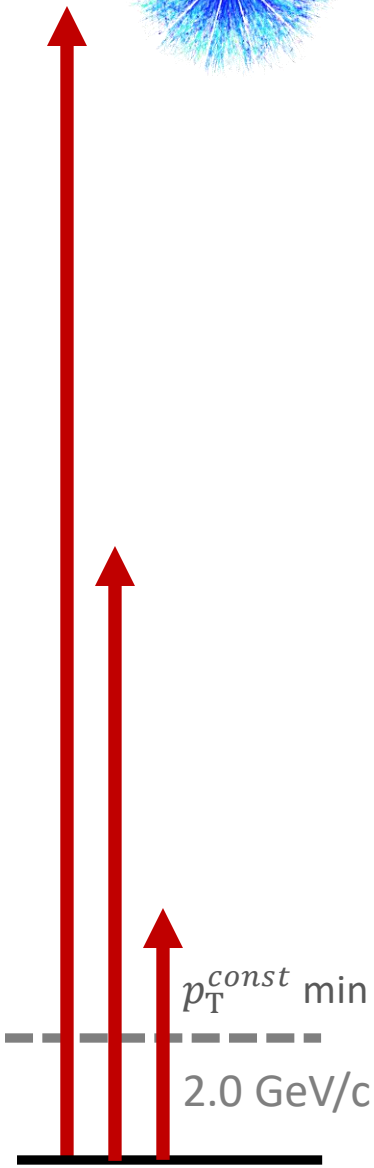

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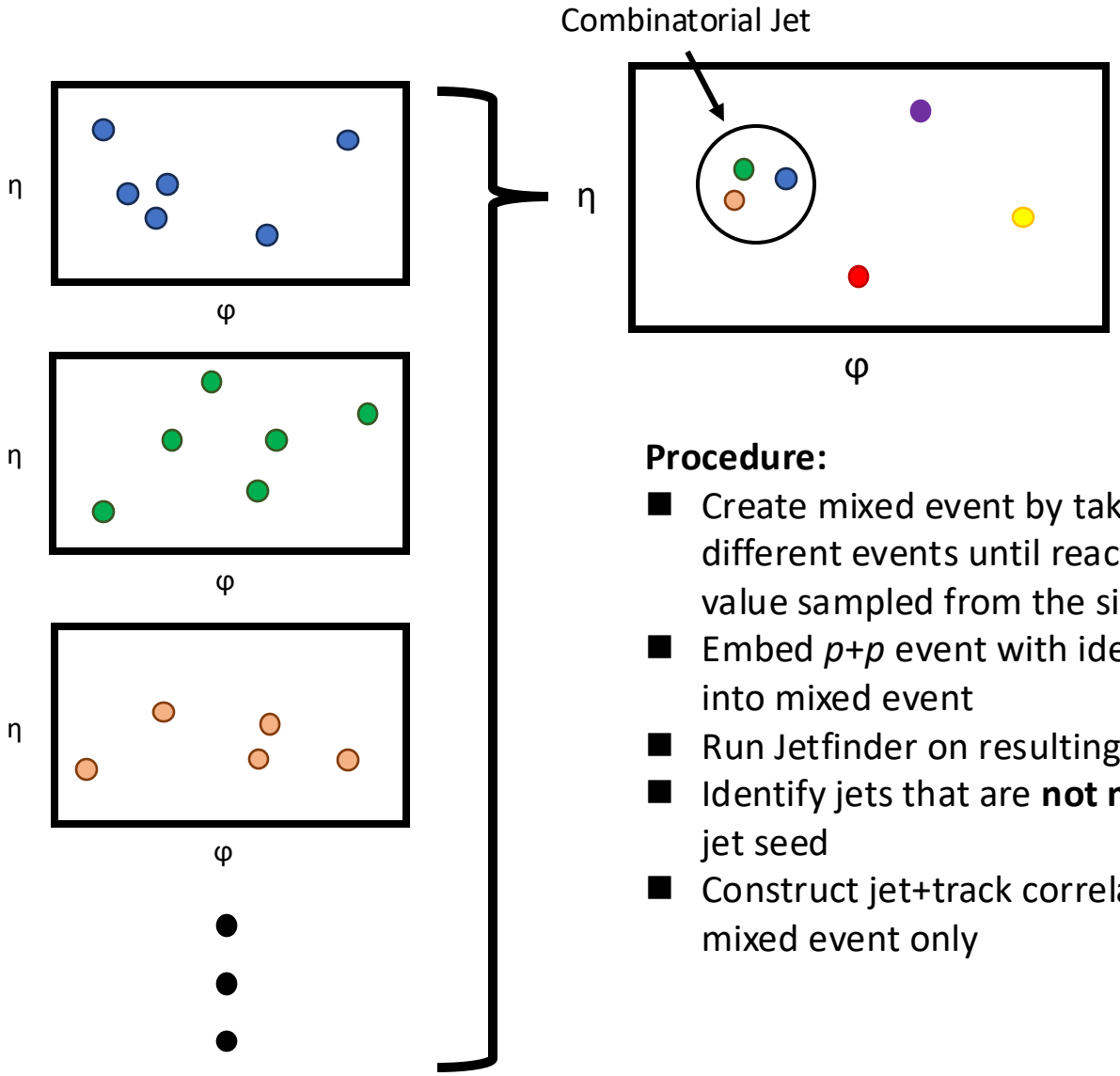

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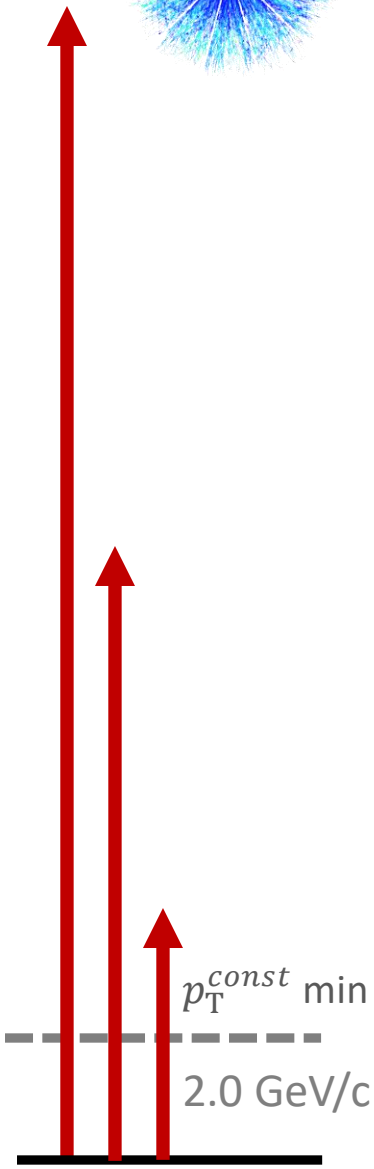
- Create mixed event by taking one track from different events until reaching an n_{track} value sampled from the signal distribution
- Embed *p*+*p* event with identified jet seed into mixed event
- Run Jetfinder on resulting combined event
- Identify jets that are **not matched** to a *p*+*p* jet seed
- Construct jet+track correlations with Au+Au mixed event only



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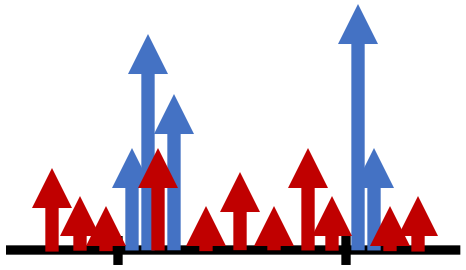

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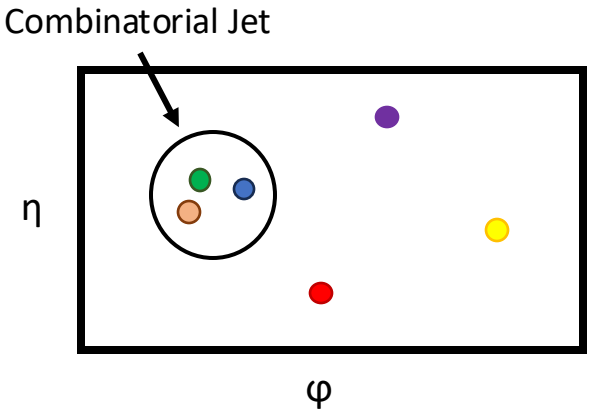

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- Create Mixed event by taking one track from different events until a reasonable nTrack value is reached
- Combine *p+p* event (with jet) and Mixed Event
- Run Jetfinder on resulting mixed event
- Perform correlations with mixed event

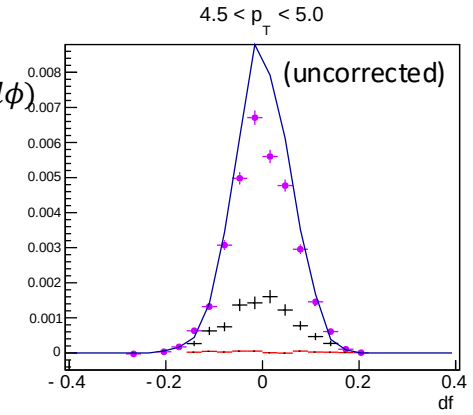
Pseudo-embedding → Matched Jets
Combinatorials → Unmatched jets

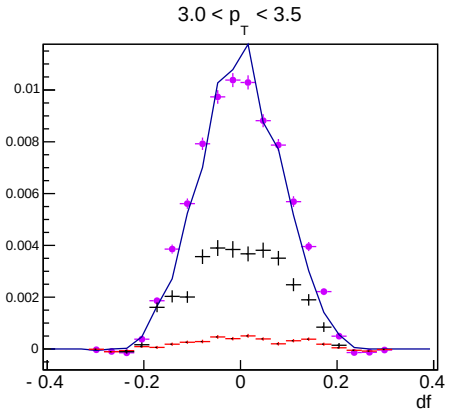
Fake Rate Determination:

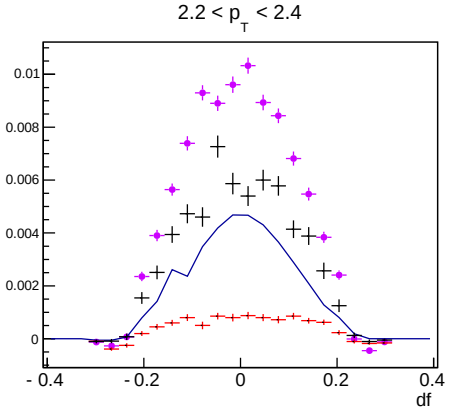
- Fake Rate = $\frac{n_{jet}^{combi}/n_{event}^{combi}}{n_{jet}^{signal}/n_{event}^{signal}}$
- Scale per-jet combinatorial yields by Fake Rate
- Scale per-jet fluctuation yields by (1-Fake Rate)
- Subtract correlated background from jet signal

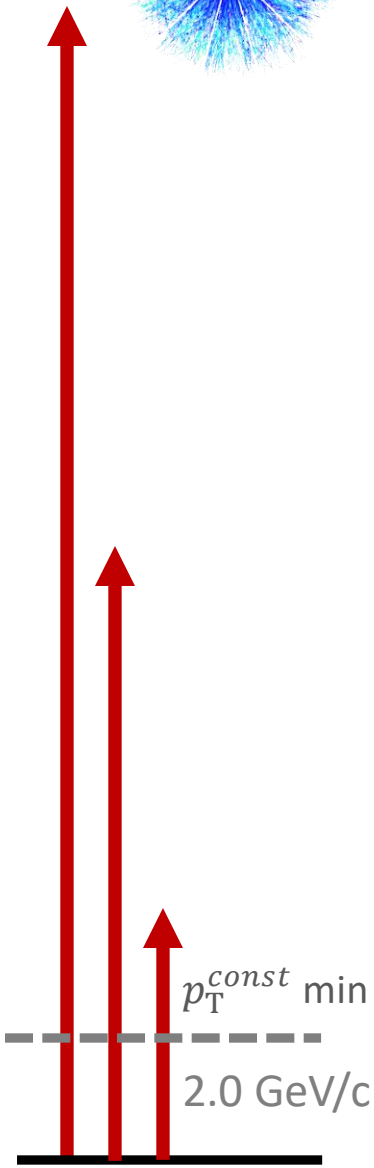
-- p+p
-- Au+Au
-- BG fluctuation
-- Combinatorial

$\frac{1}{N_{jet}}(dn_{track}/d\phi)$









Preliminary plots from HP24

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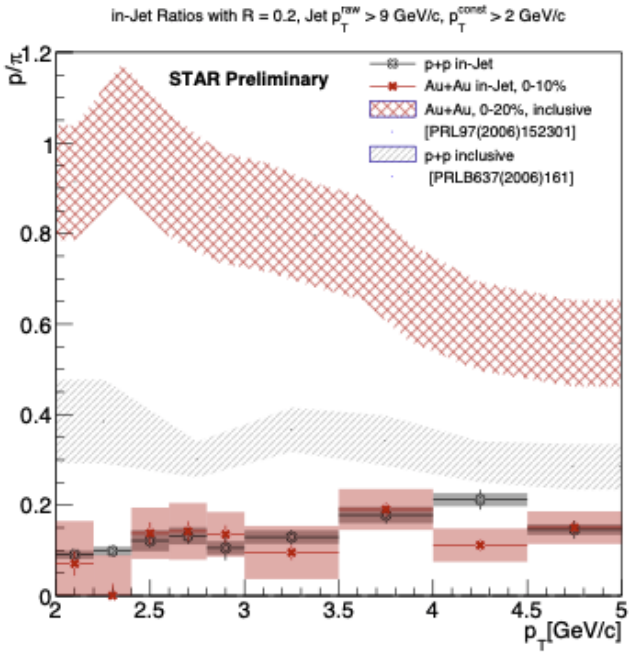

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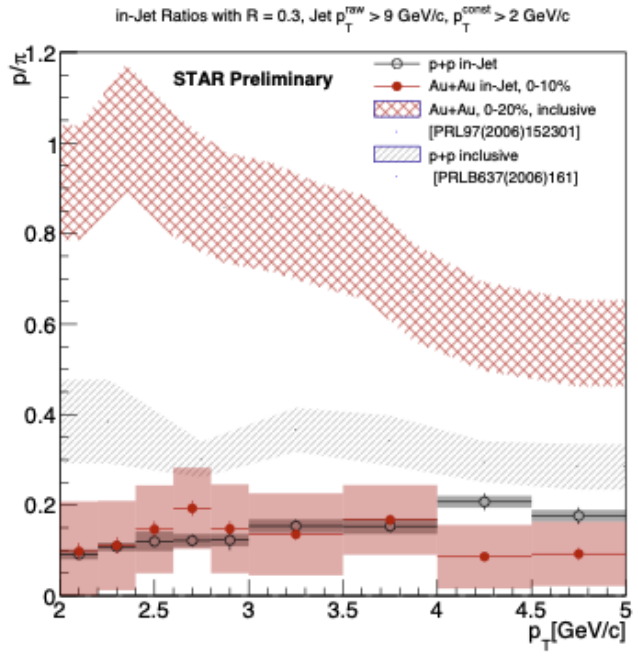

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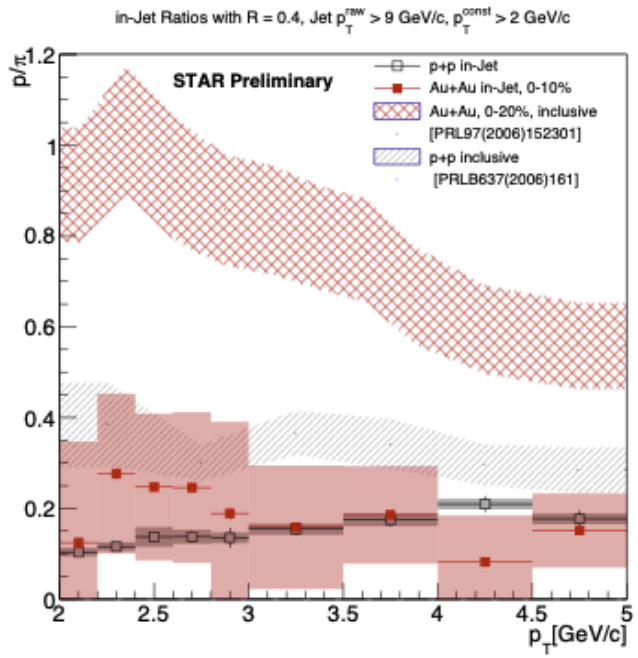
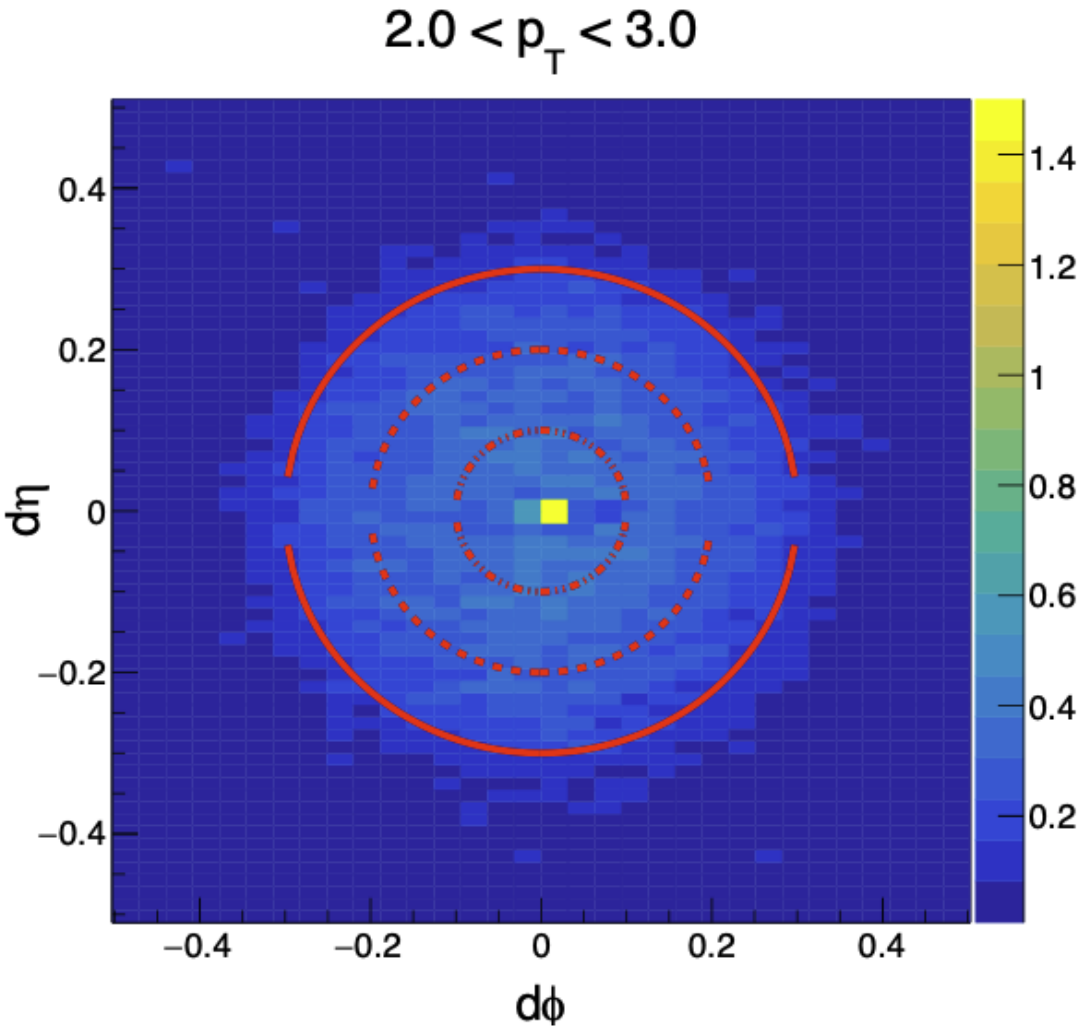


- We present the first ever in-Jet p/**π** study with jet R dependence from STAR
- Study shows jets with p_{T}^{const} > 2.0 GeV/c and jet $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{raw}}$> 9.0 GeV/*c*
- In p+p collisions, the in-jet p/**π** ratio sits below the p/**π** ratio from inclusive hadrons, with no dependence on jet R
- For every jet R studied, in-jet p/**π** ratios measured in central Au+Au are consistent with those from p+p, with no evidence for enhancement between the two systems

Yields as a function of Δr



- Δr is defined as the distance to the jet axis for any particular track.

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{(\eta_{\text{jet}} - \eta_{\text{track}})^2 + (\varphi_{\text{jet}} - \varphi_{\text{track}})^2}$$

- All previous results are integrated using Δr = R
- To study identified particle content as a function of Δr, we keep a fixed Jet R for clustering, and vary the integration radius, performing PID on resulting distributions
- For this study we use R = 0.3 and Δr = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3
- A range of 2.0 < p_{T} < 3.0 Gev/c is chosen for this study to ensure the cleanest PID results, given we can bin-count proton yield from ToF information in that regime

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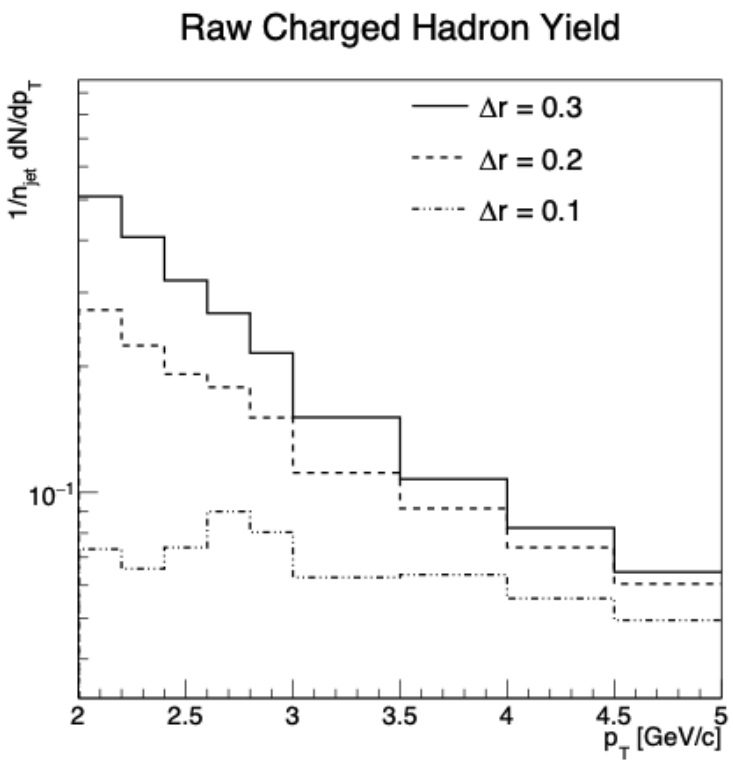
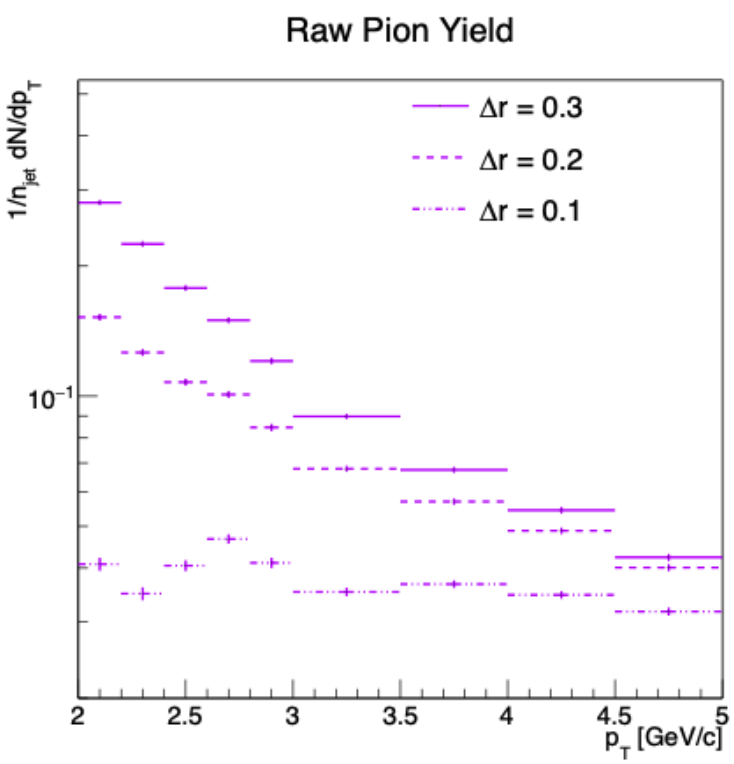
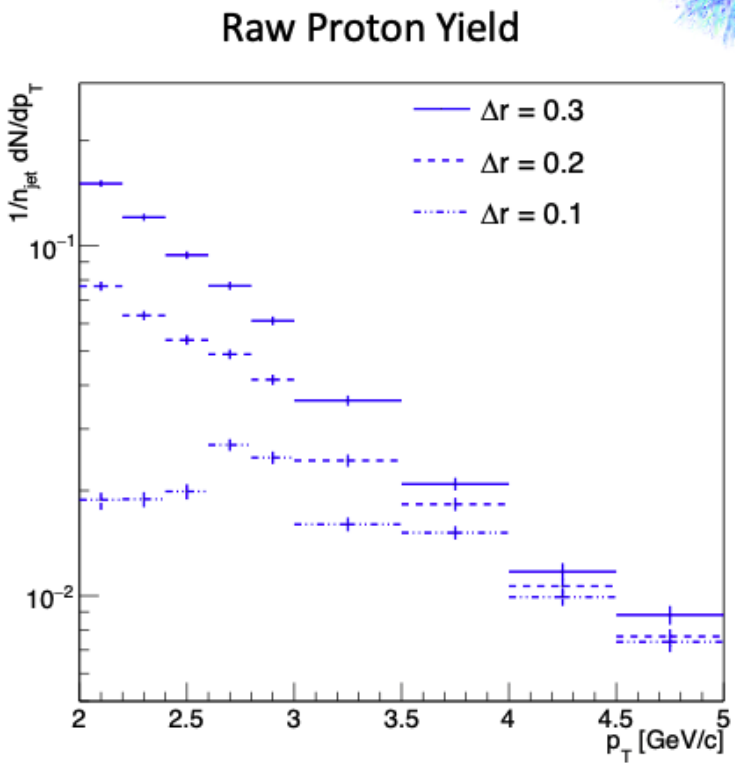
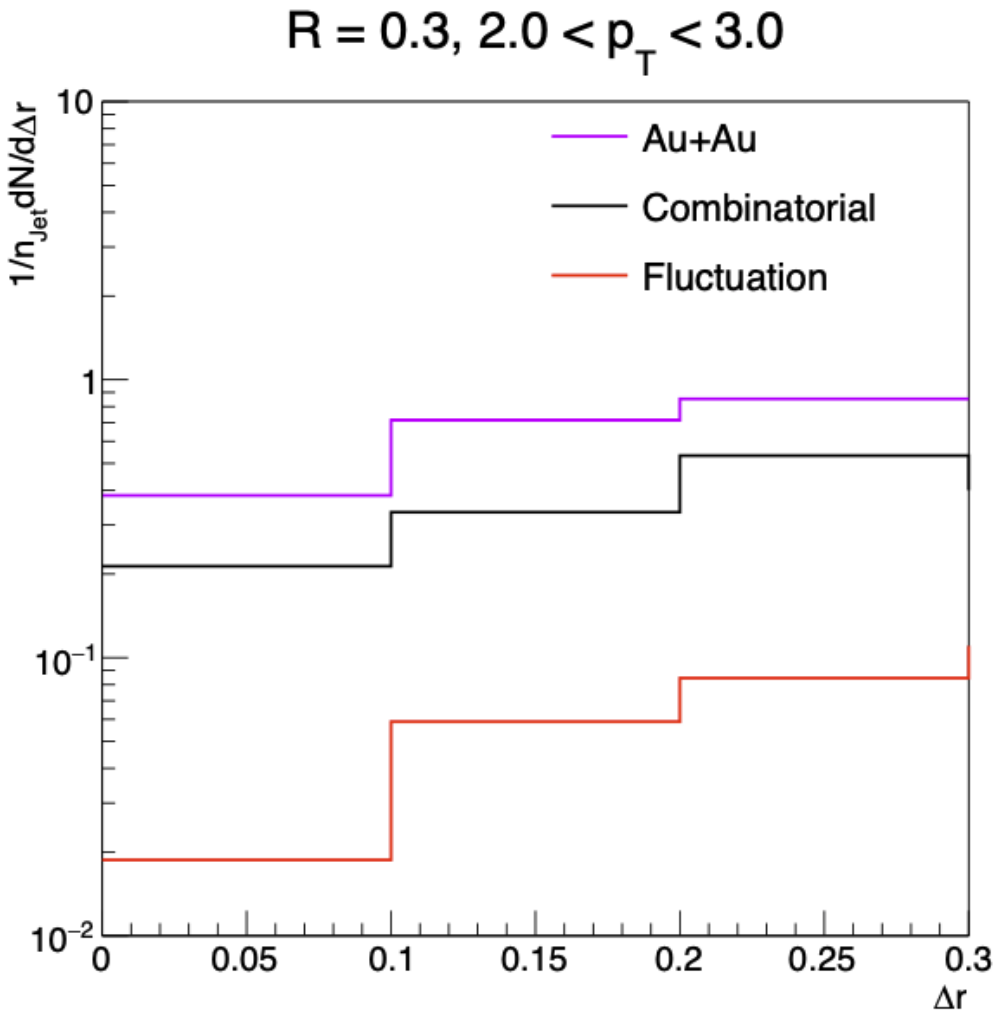




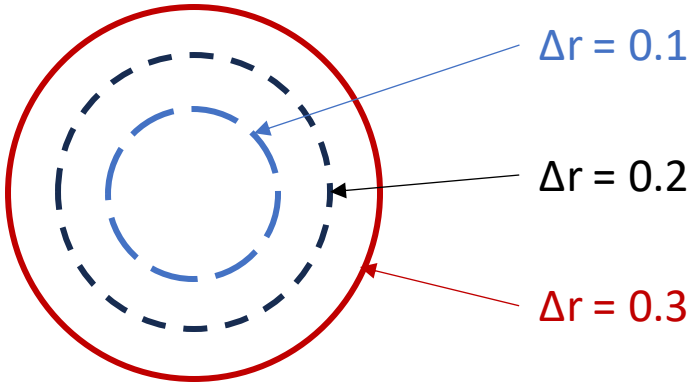


- Raw (before correlated background correction) yields for charged hadrons, identified protons and pions from jets with R = 0.3 at Δr = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3
- To isolate yield for each ring in Δr, we subtract smaller Δr yields from larger Δr yields

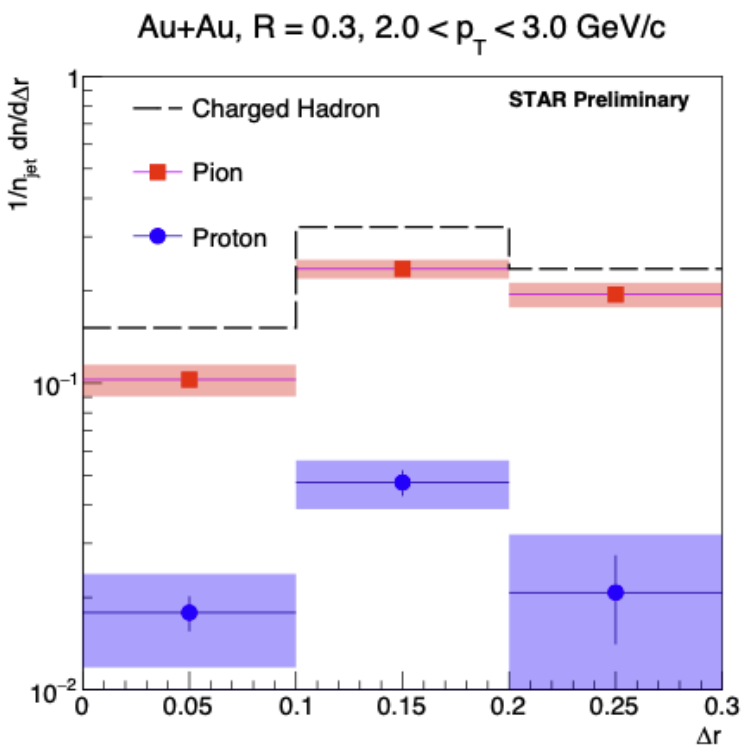
Correlated Background correction in ΔR

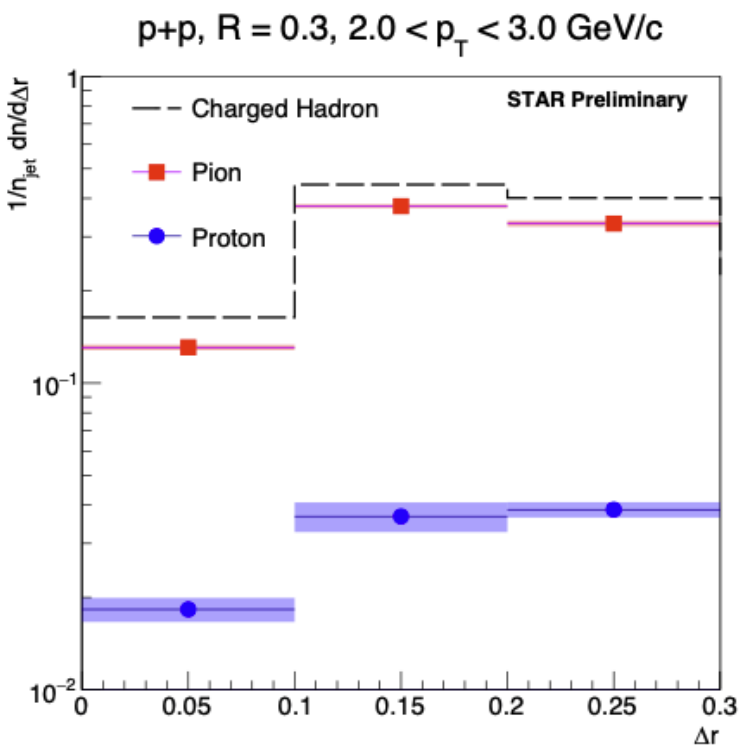


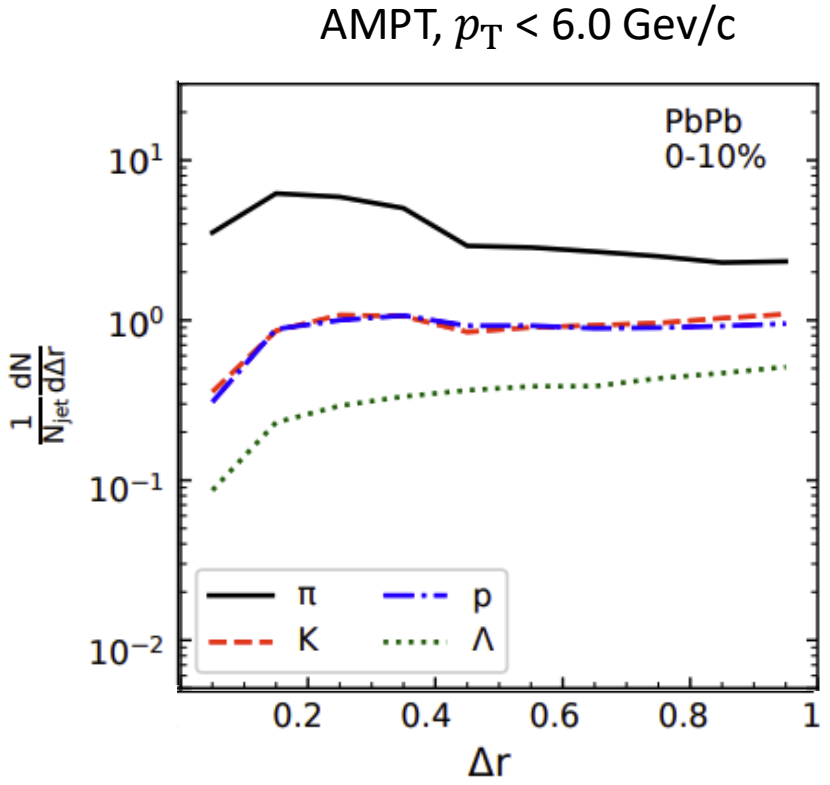
- Combining bins in the range $2.0 < p_{\mathrm{T}} < 3.0$ Gev/c, we subtract inner from outter radii to measure yield as a function of Δr
- The same procedure is followed for correlated background contribution from combinatorial jets and upward fluctuation into our jet yield



Identified Yields as a function of Δr

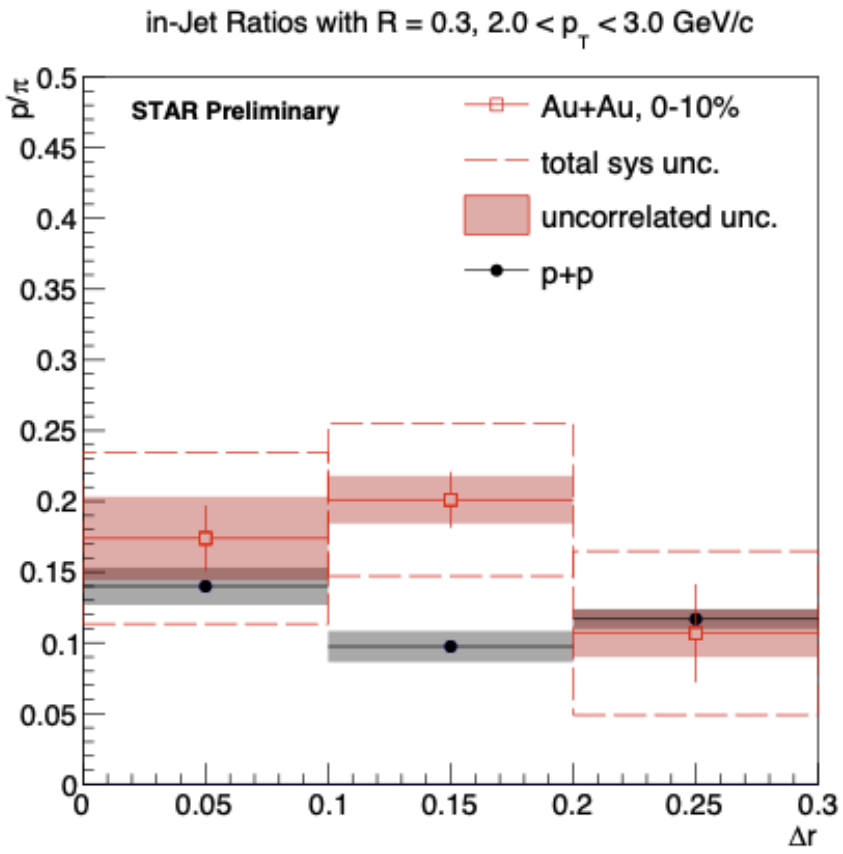


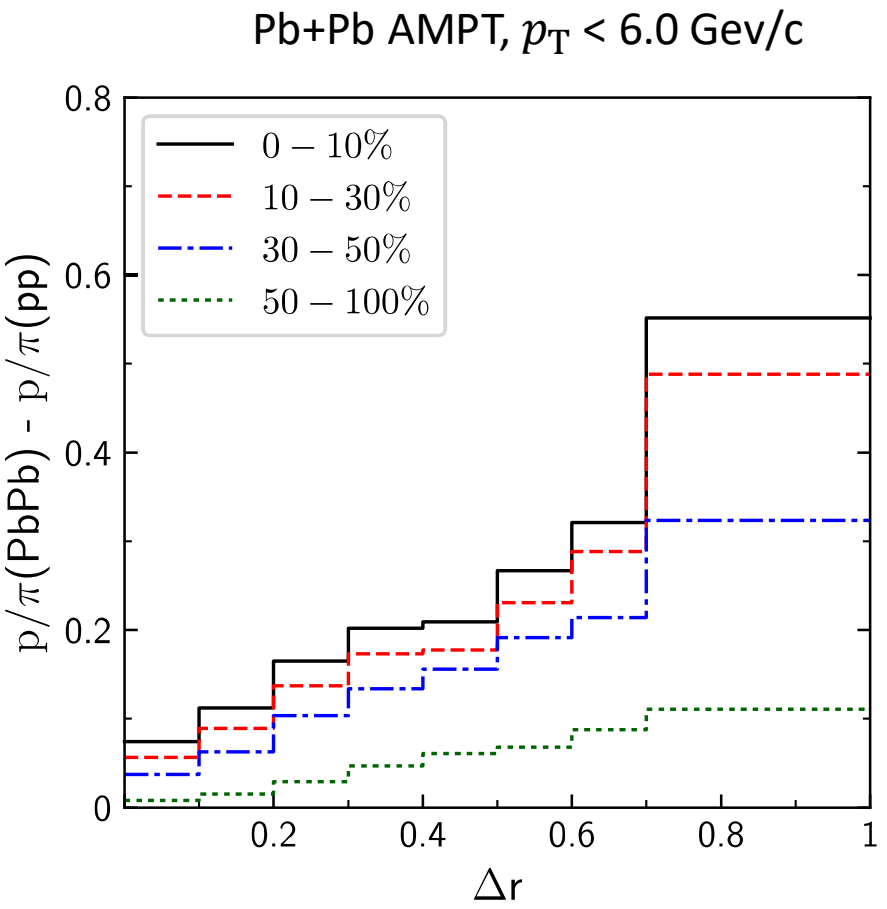




- Per-Jet Identified hadron yields are shown as function of Δr for jets with R = 0.3 in p+p and 0-10% central Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV
- Total charged hadron yield is shown to provide reference for the overall radial distribution

p/π Δr Dependence

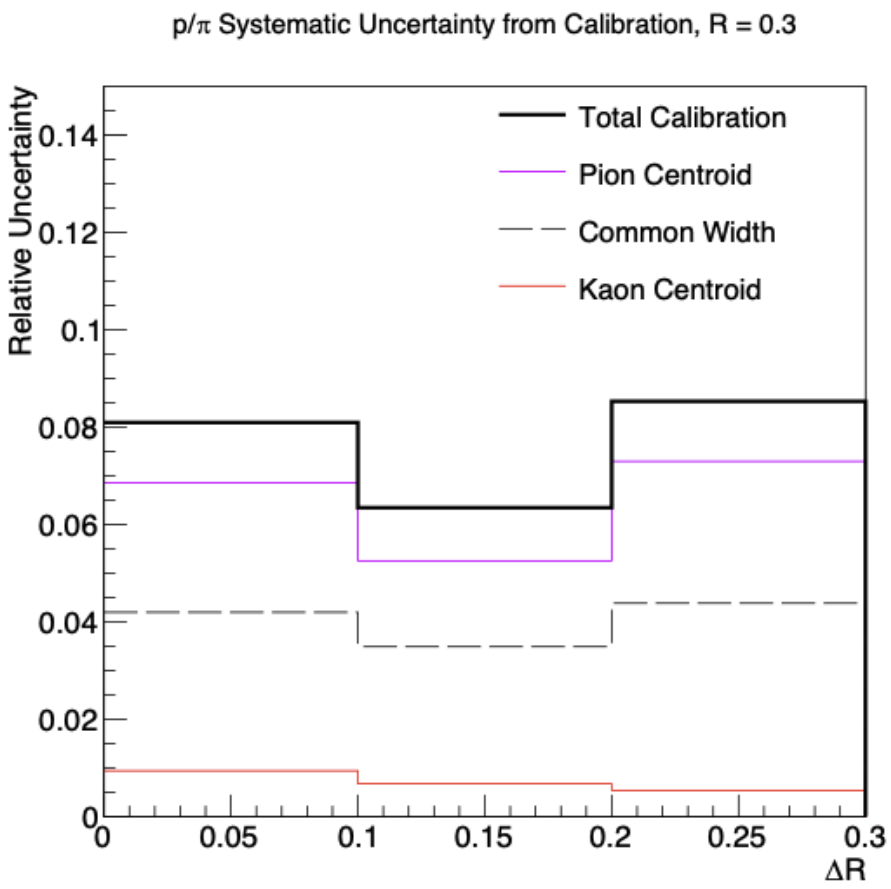


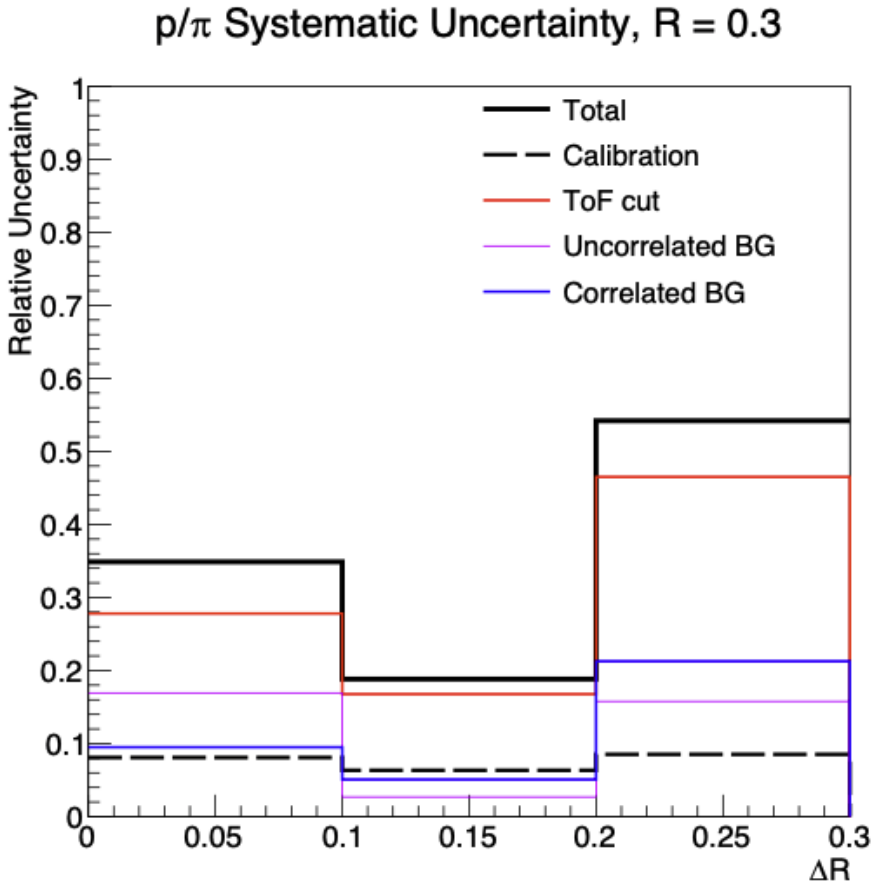


- For Tracks with 2.0 < p_T < 3.0 Gev/c in jets with R = 0.3, p_T^{const} > 2.0 GeV/c and jet p_T^{raw}> 9.0 GeV/*c,* we observe no significant difference in the in-cone radial evolution of p/π between 0-10% Au+Au and p+p collisions at 200 GeV

Backup

Au+Au p/π Δr Systematics





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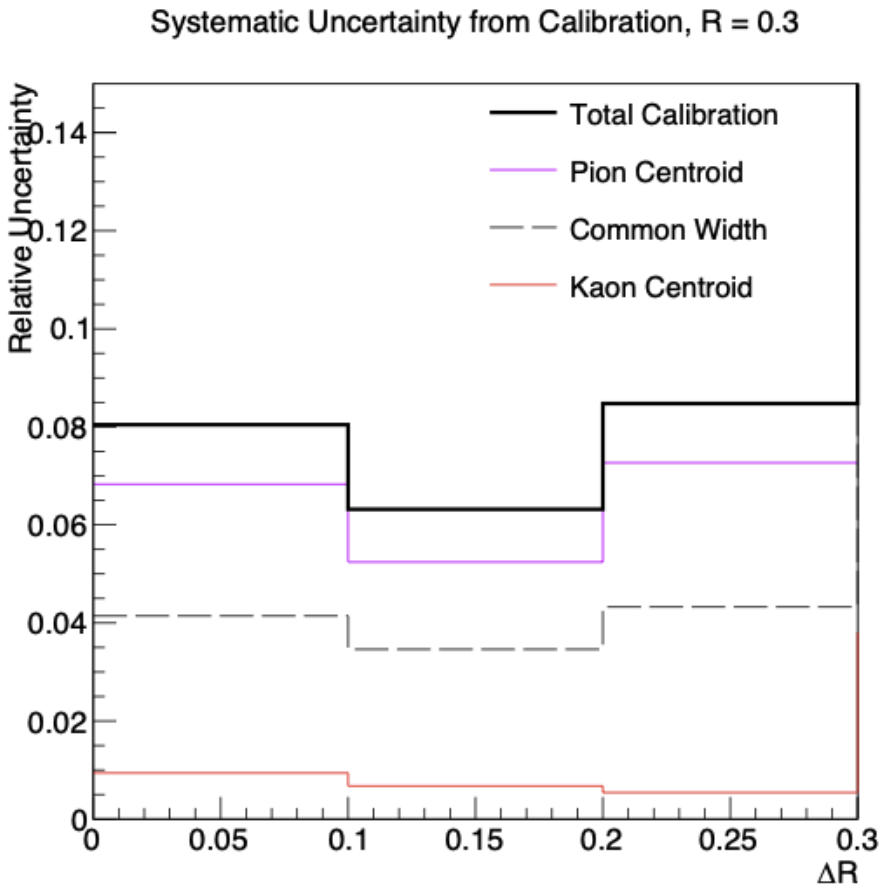

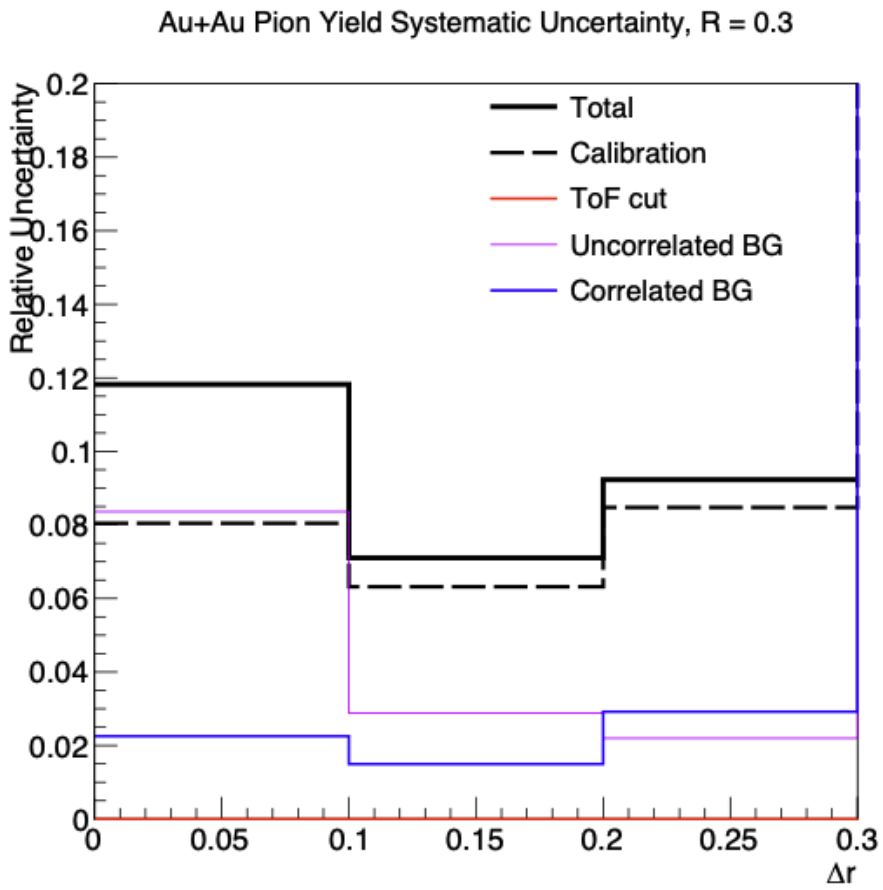

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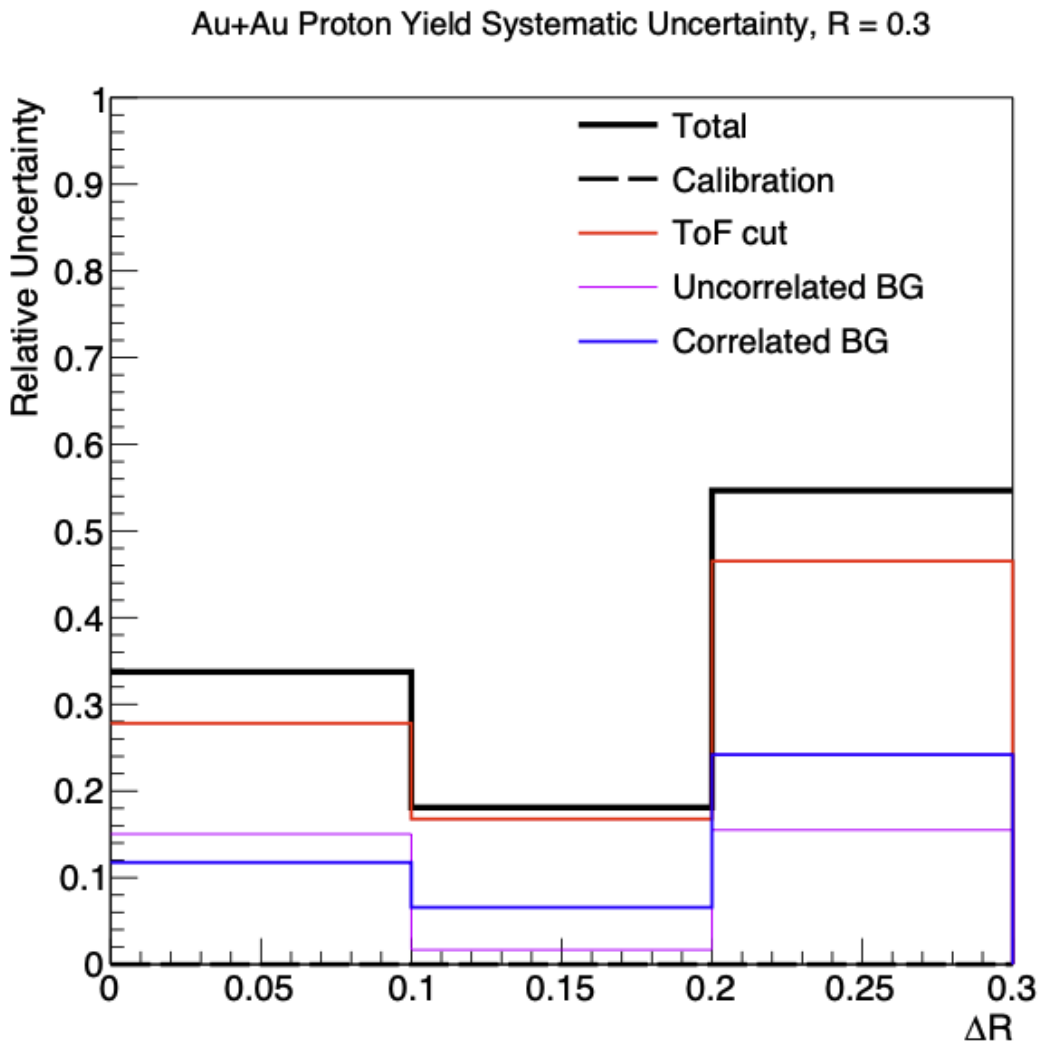

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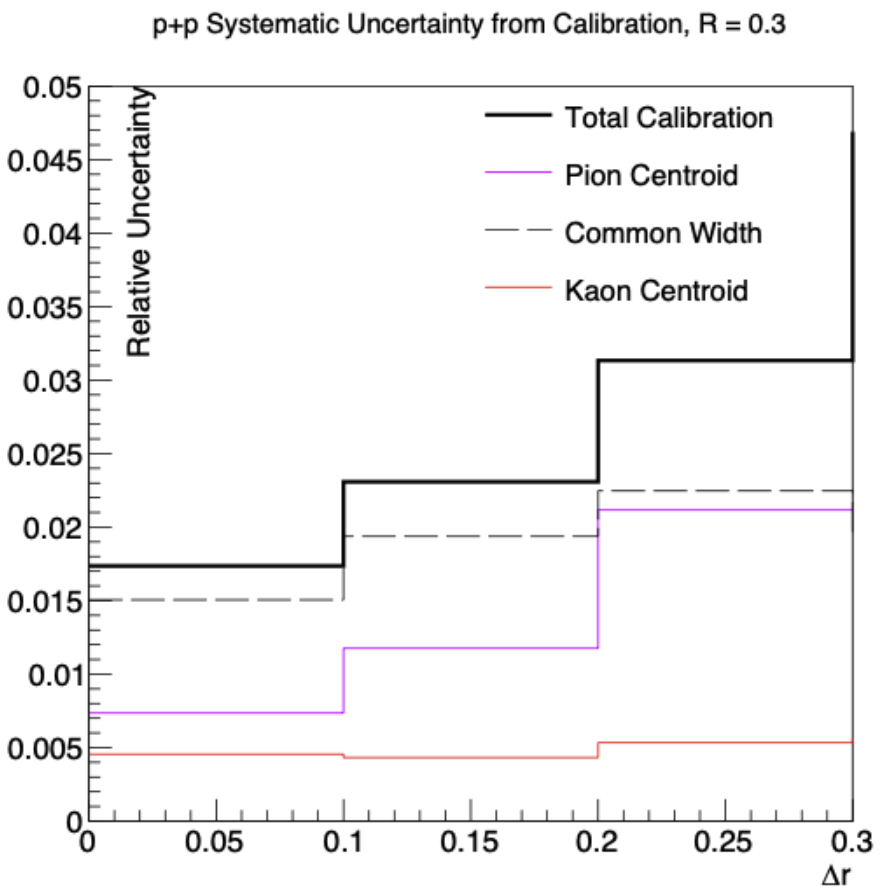

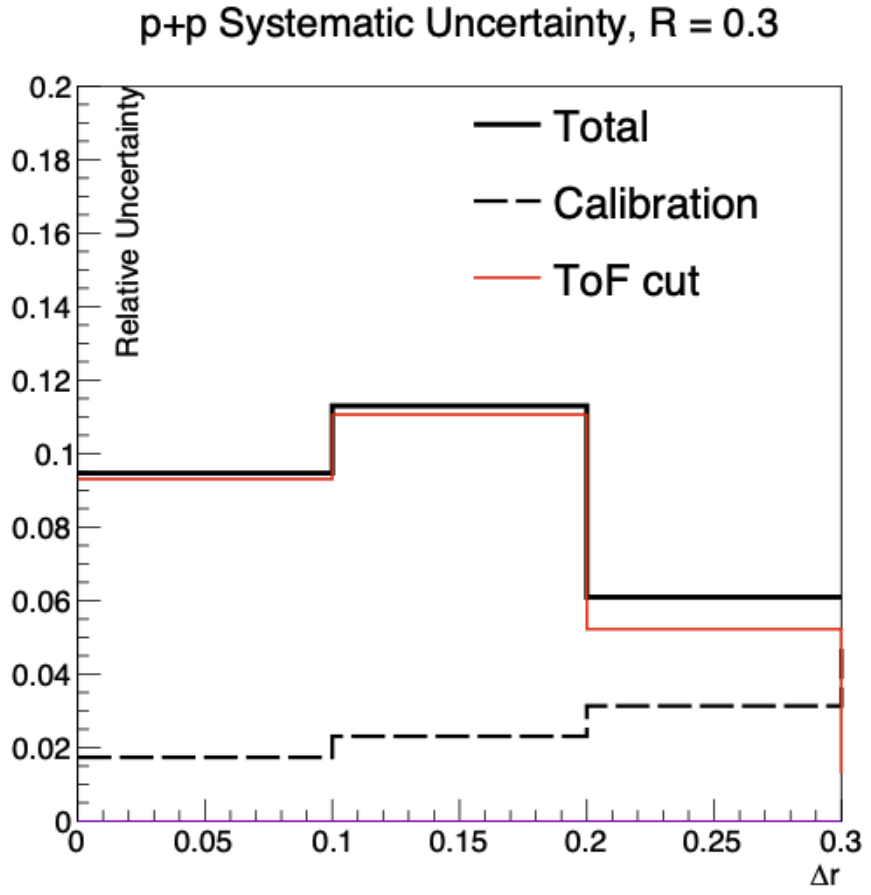

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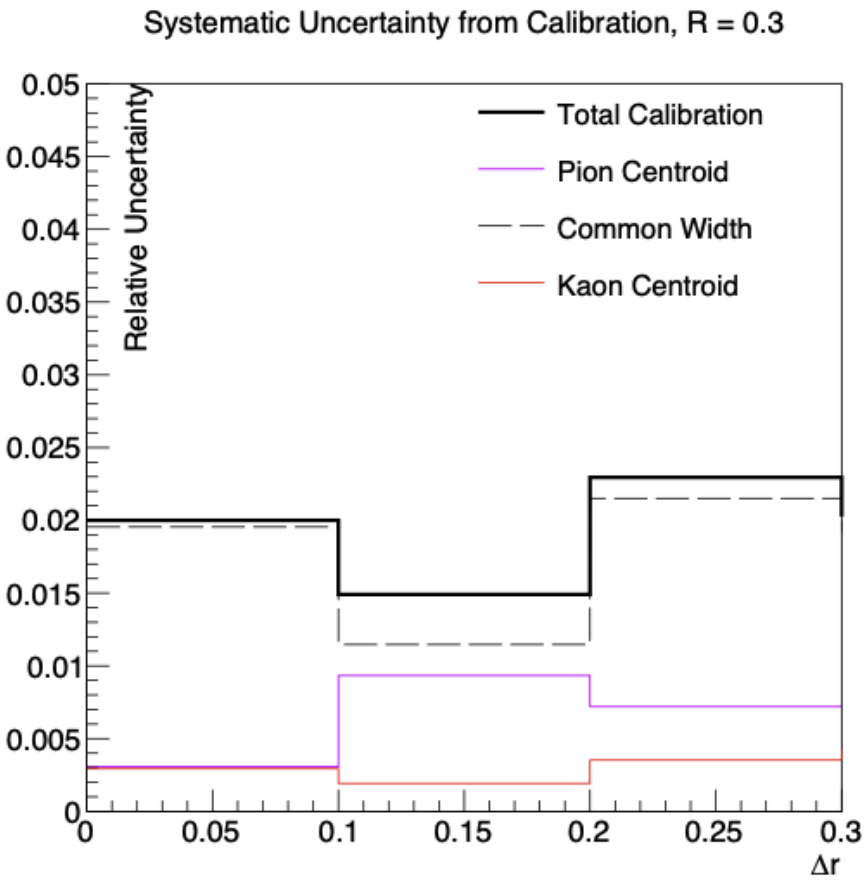

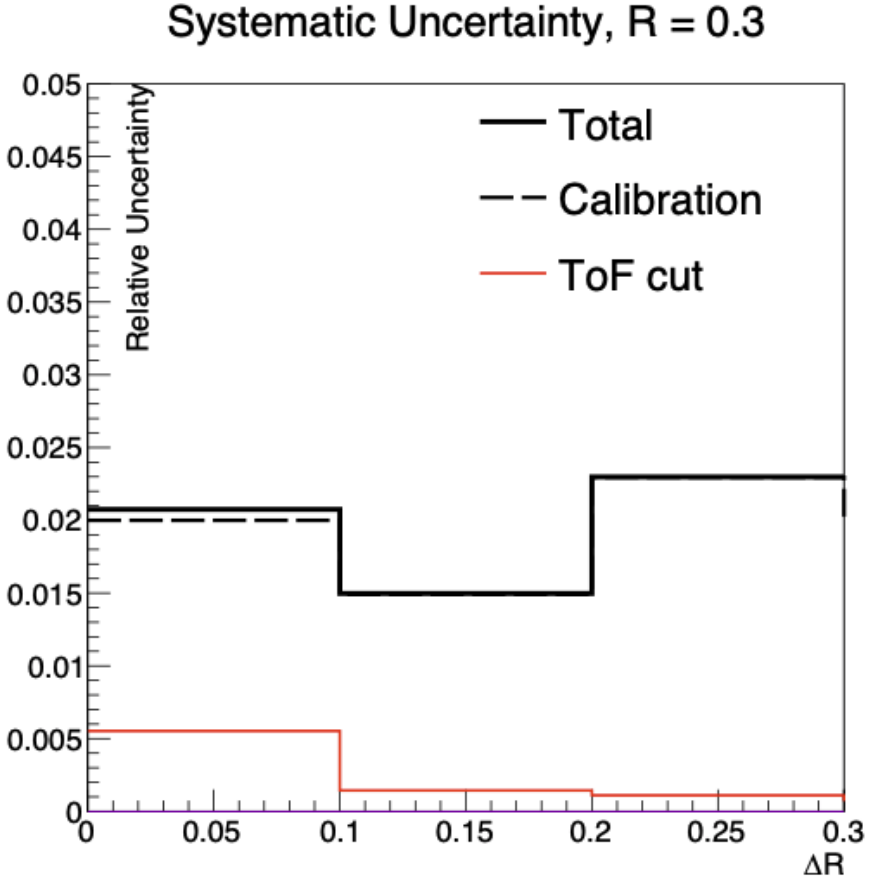

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