Baryon-to-meson Ratios in Jets from Au+Au and p+p Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

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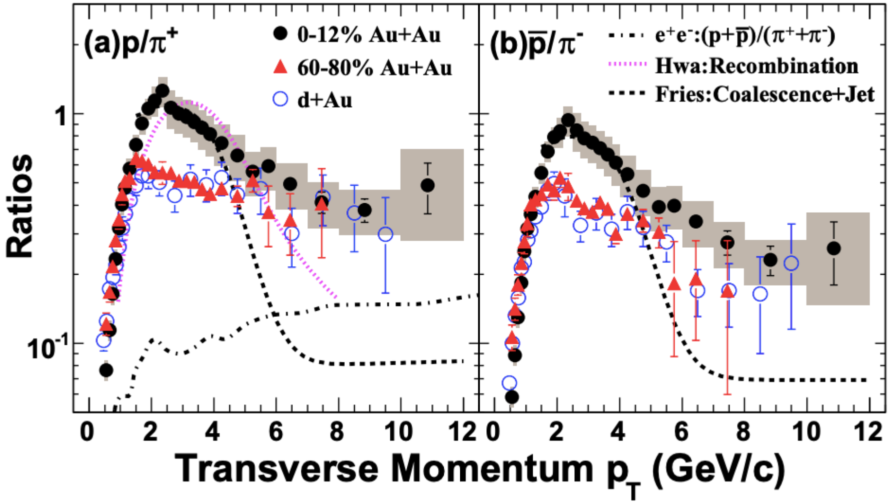

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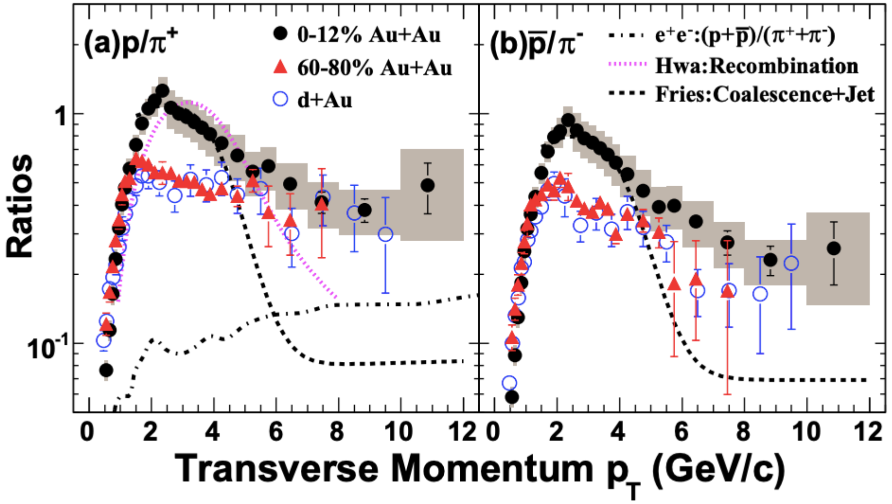

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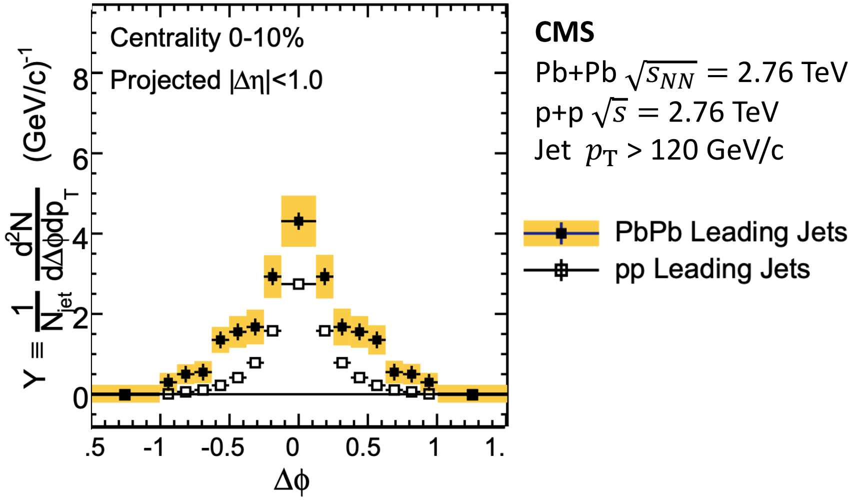

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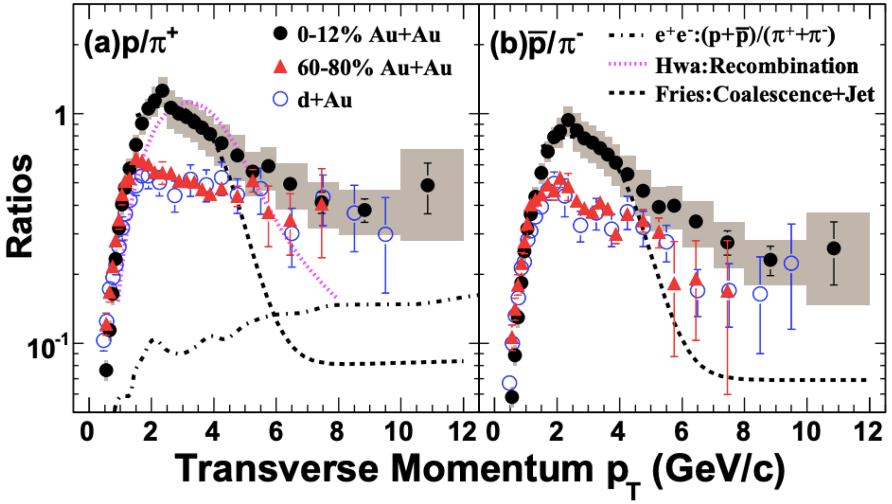

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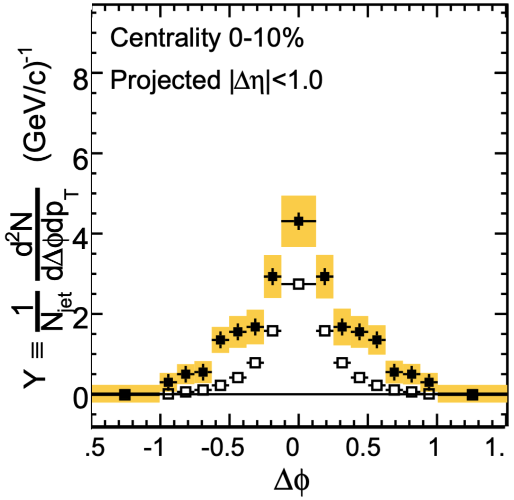

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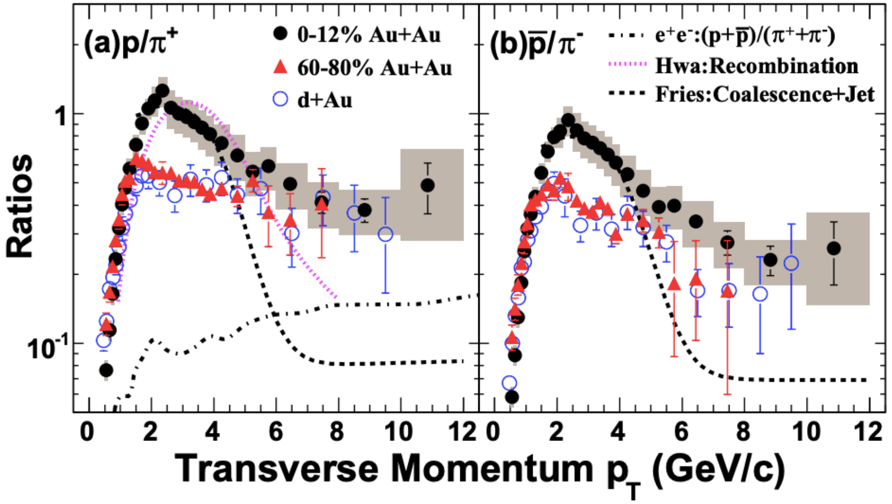

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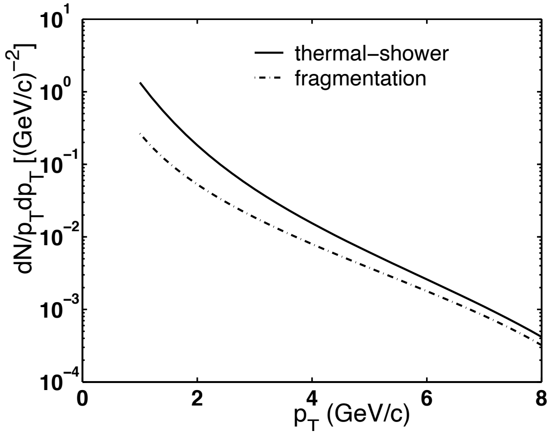

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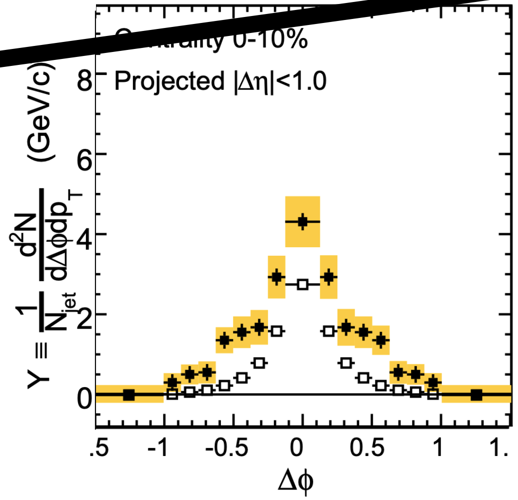

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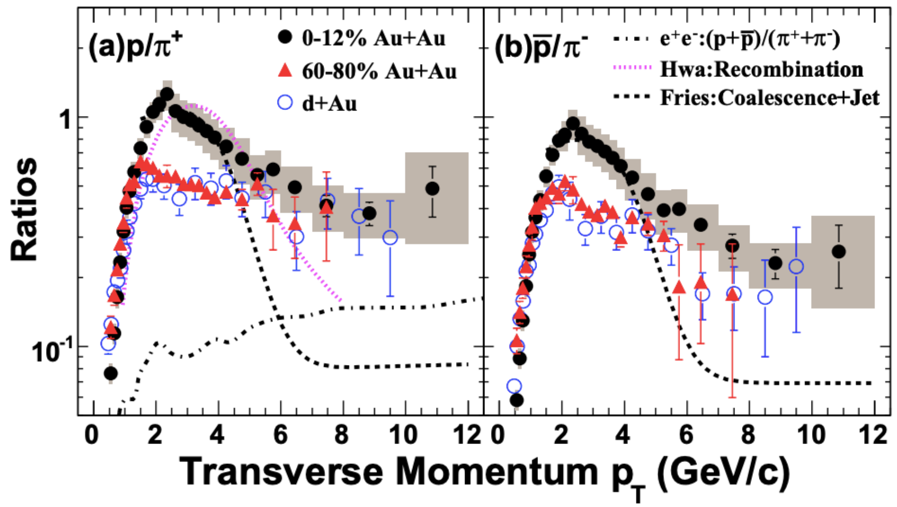

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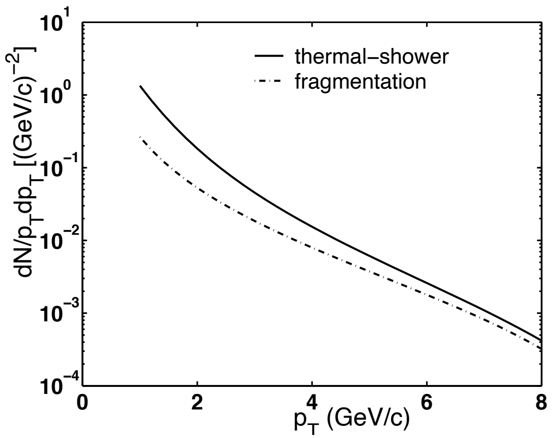

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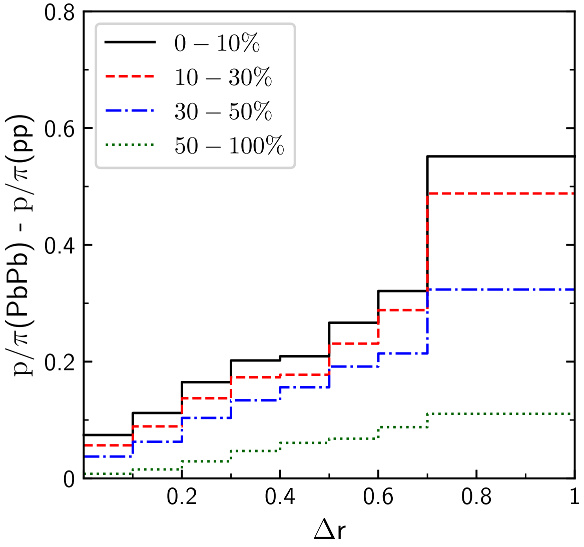

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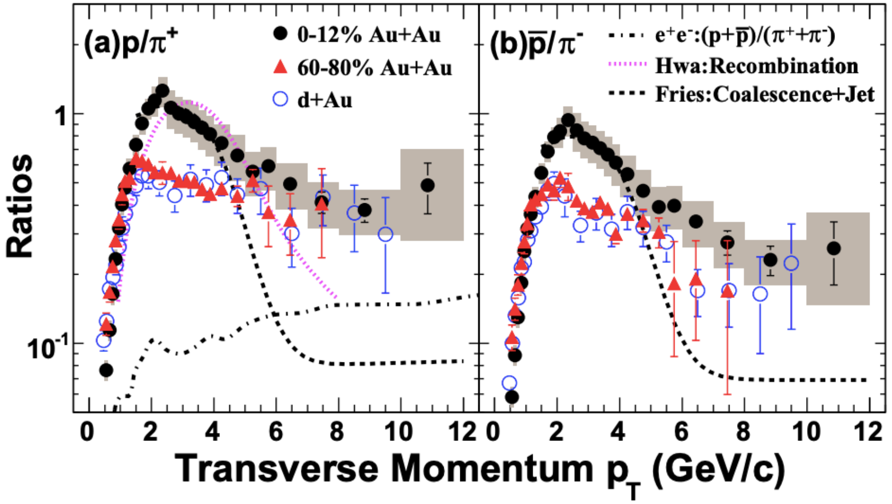

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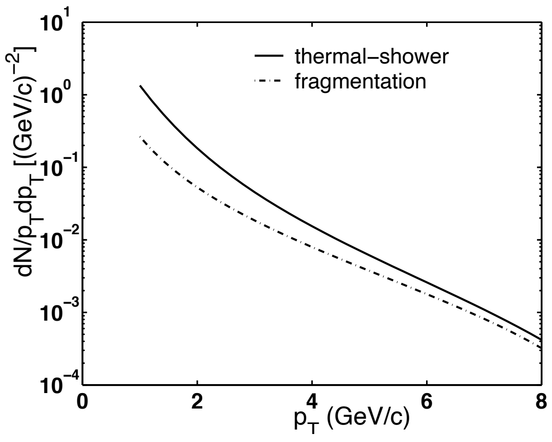

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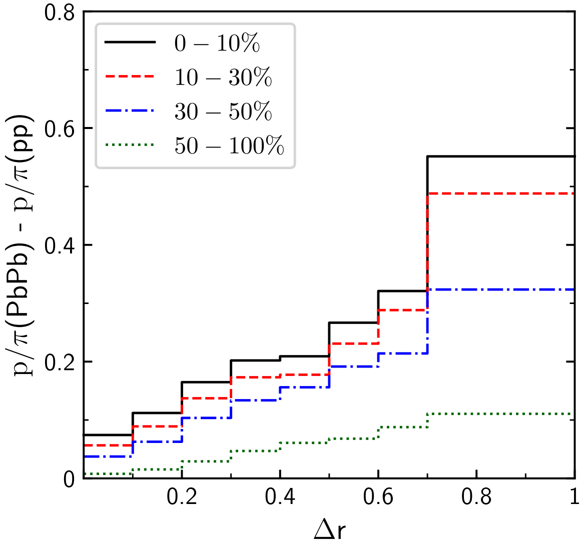

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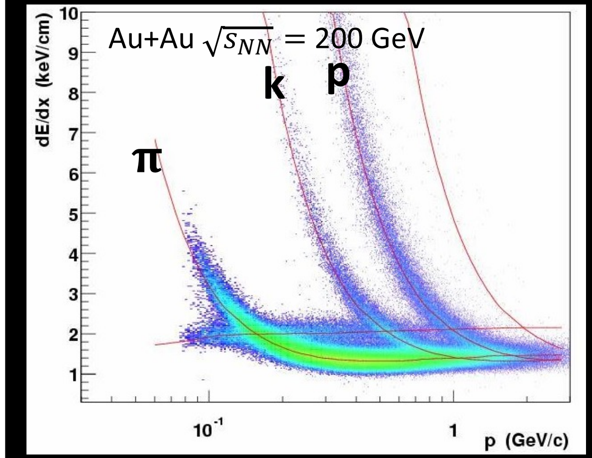

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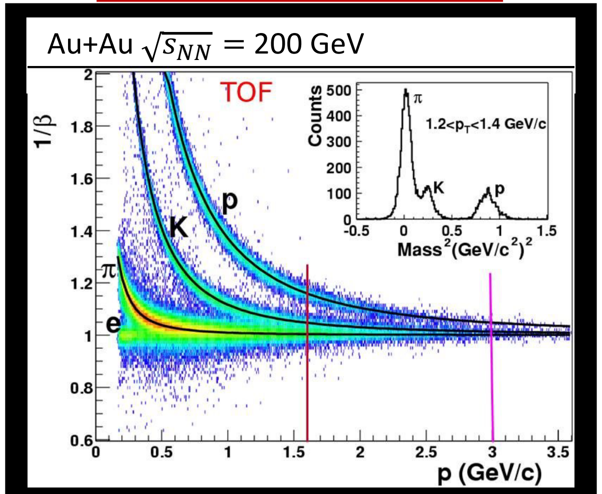
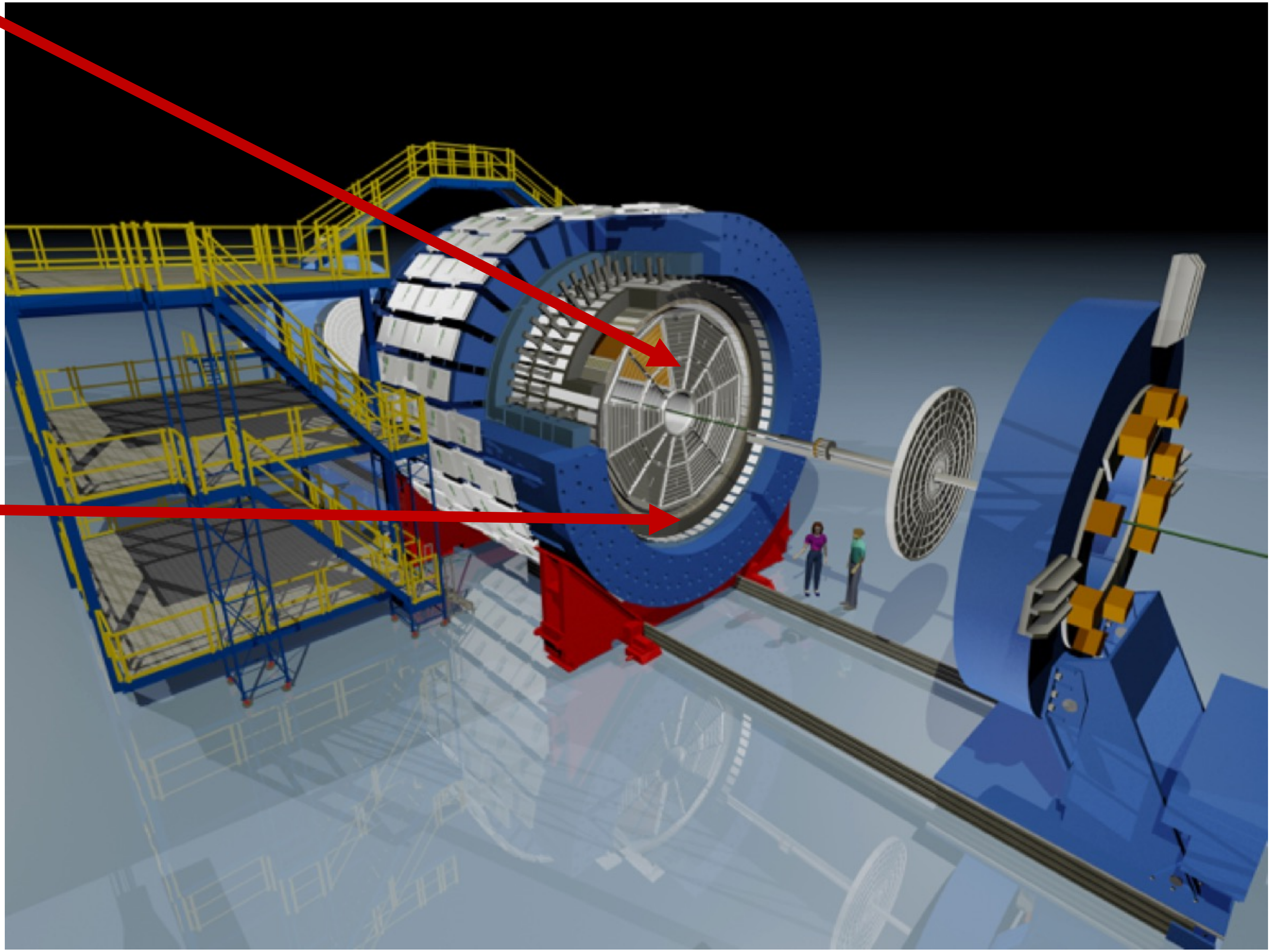
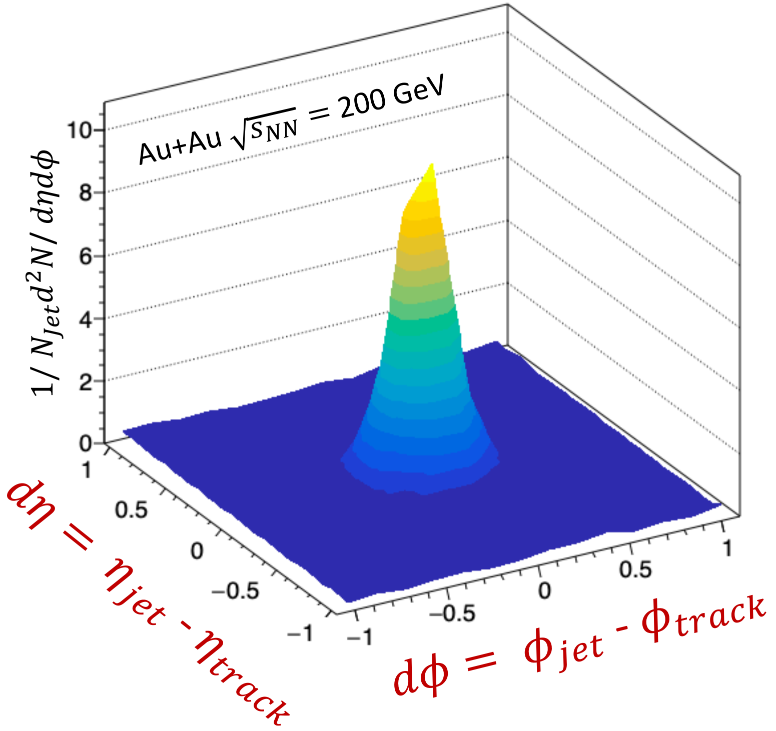




Measurement Technique

2D jet-track correlation



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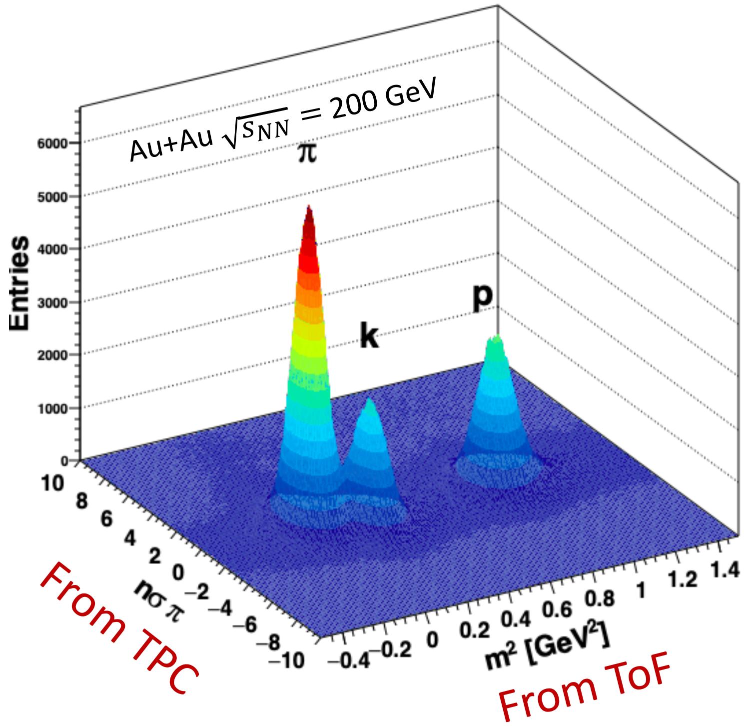


Fully reconstructed jets with tracks identified by **Time of Flight (ToF)** and **Time Projection Chamber (TPC)** information
=> **Particle Identification in jets**

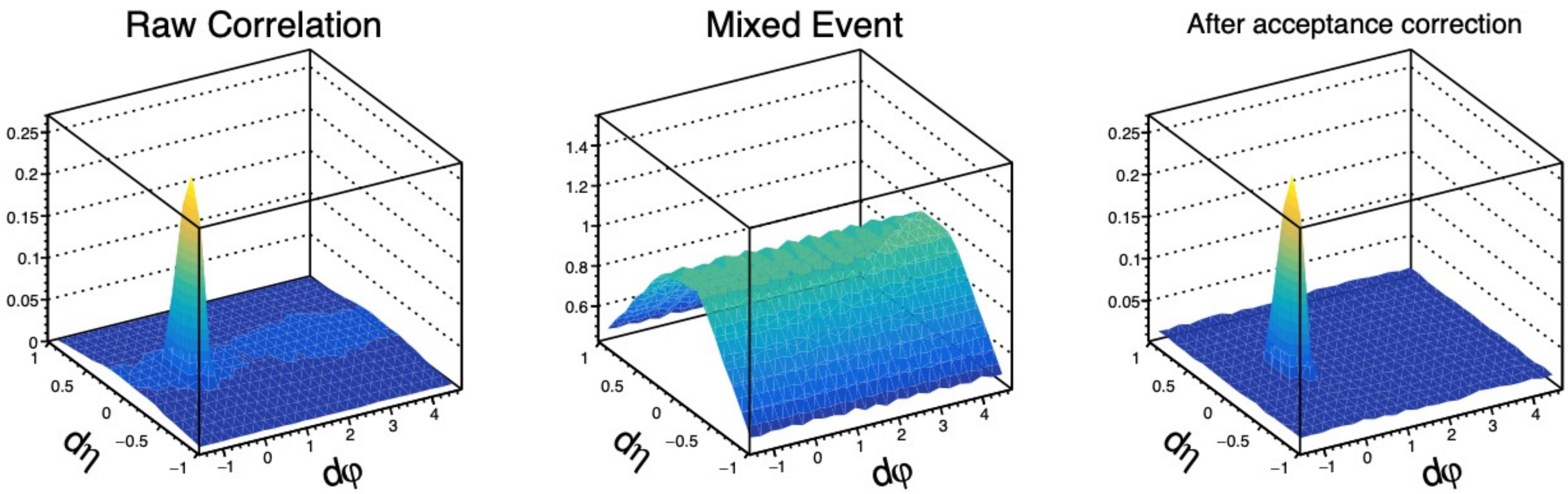
Data Samples

- *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-k_T**
- Jet R = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4
- $p_T^{cons} > 2.0$ GeV/c
- Jet $p_T^{raw} > 9$ GeV/c
- $|\eta_{jet}| < 1.0 - R$

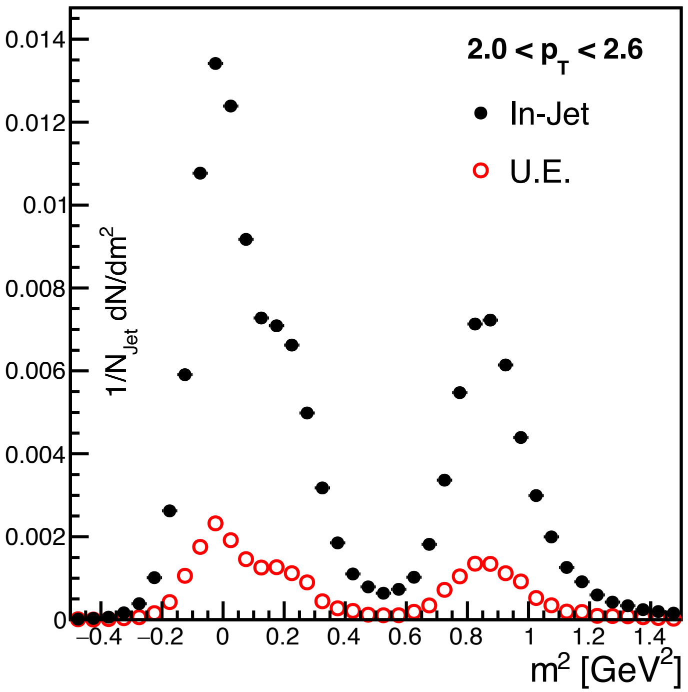
Jet-Track Correlation



- Run Anti-k_T algorithm to identify Jet Axis
- Perform correlations with all tracks within $|\eta_{track}| < 0.5$
- 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*

Particle Identification

Underlying Event Subtraction



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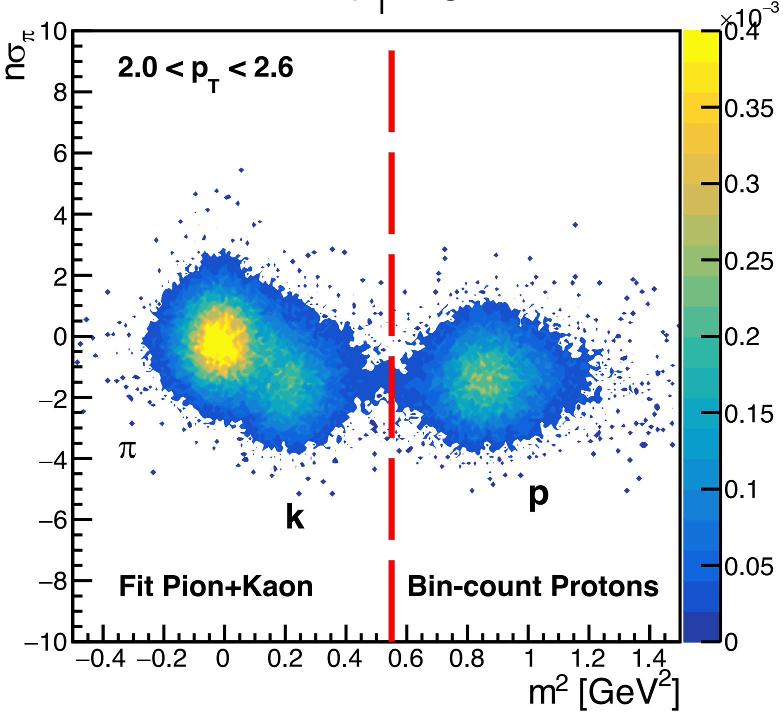

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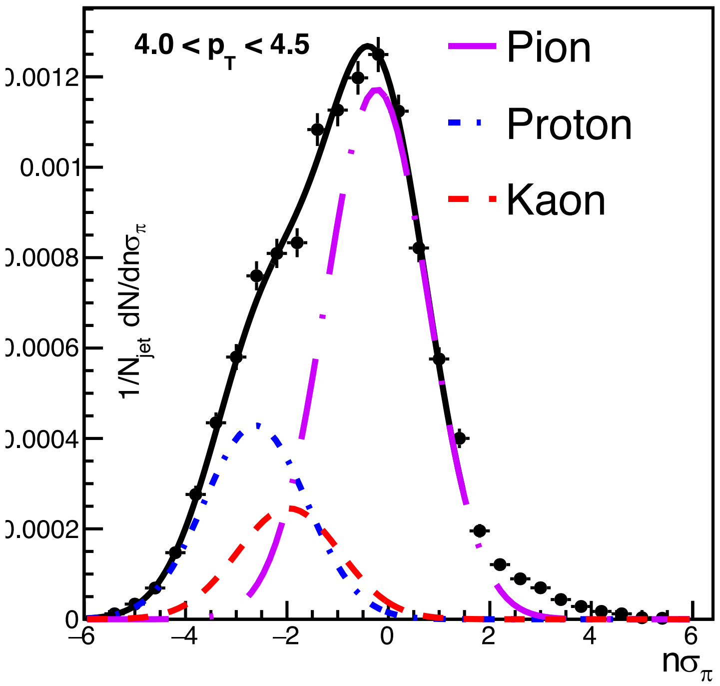

- Subtract UE from Jet in dφ, dη, $n\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$, and m^2
- Identify Pion, Proton, Kaon yields from remaining Jet Signal
- Low p_T regime: p_T < 3.0 GeV/c → bin-count protons
- High p_T regime: p_T > 3.0 GeV/c → triple Gaussian fit
- Divide proton yield by pion yield to measure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

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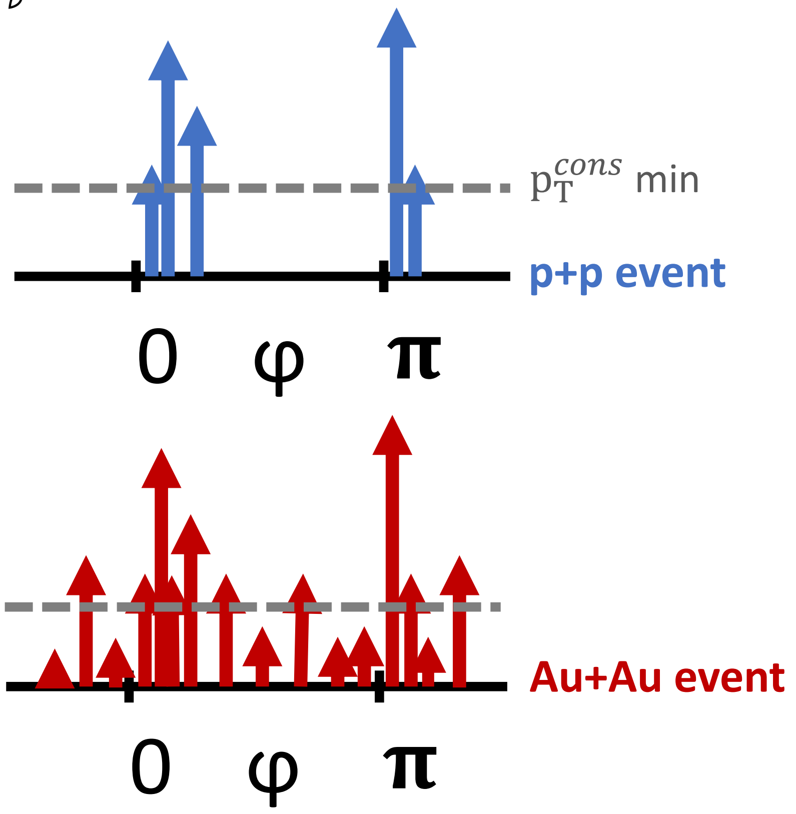

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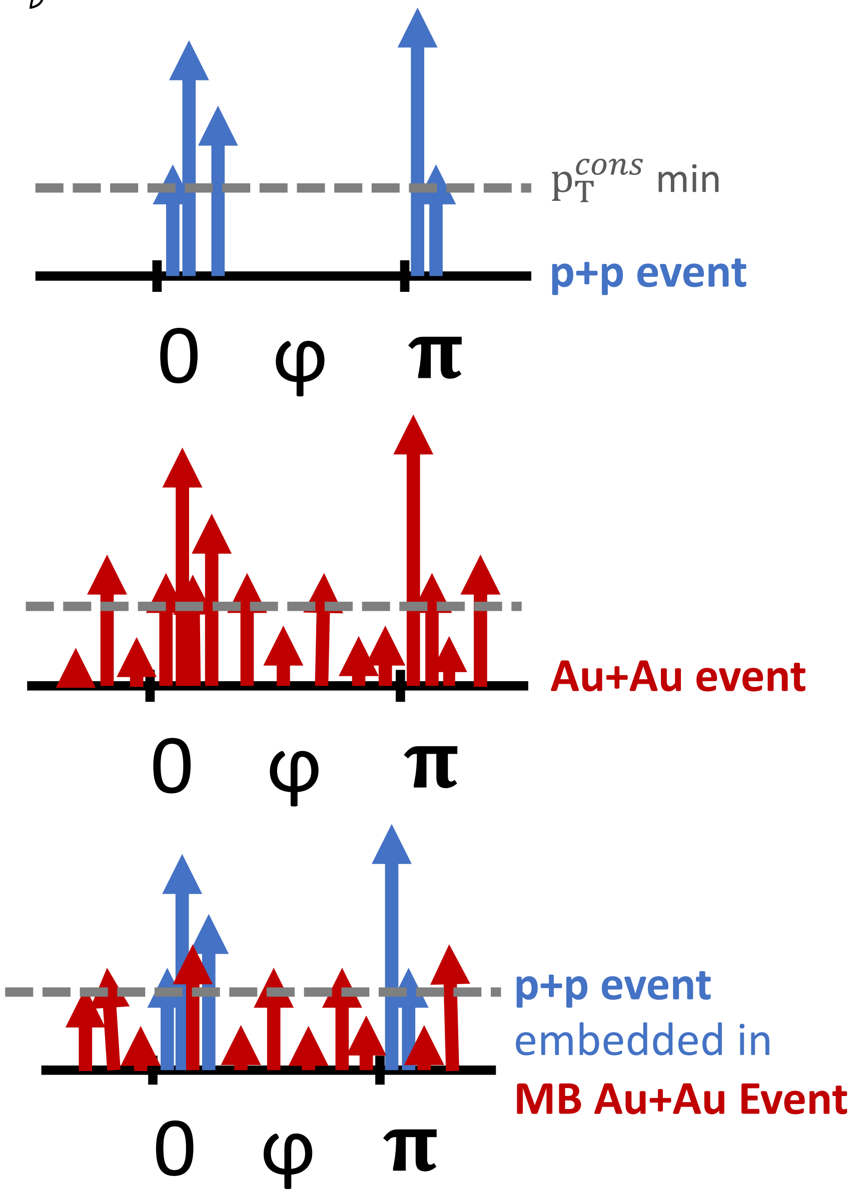

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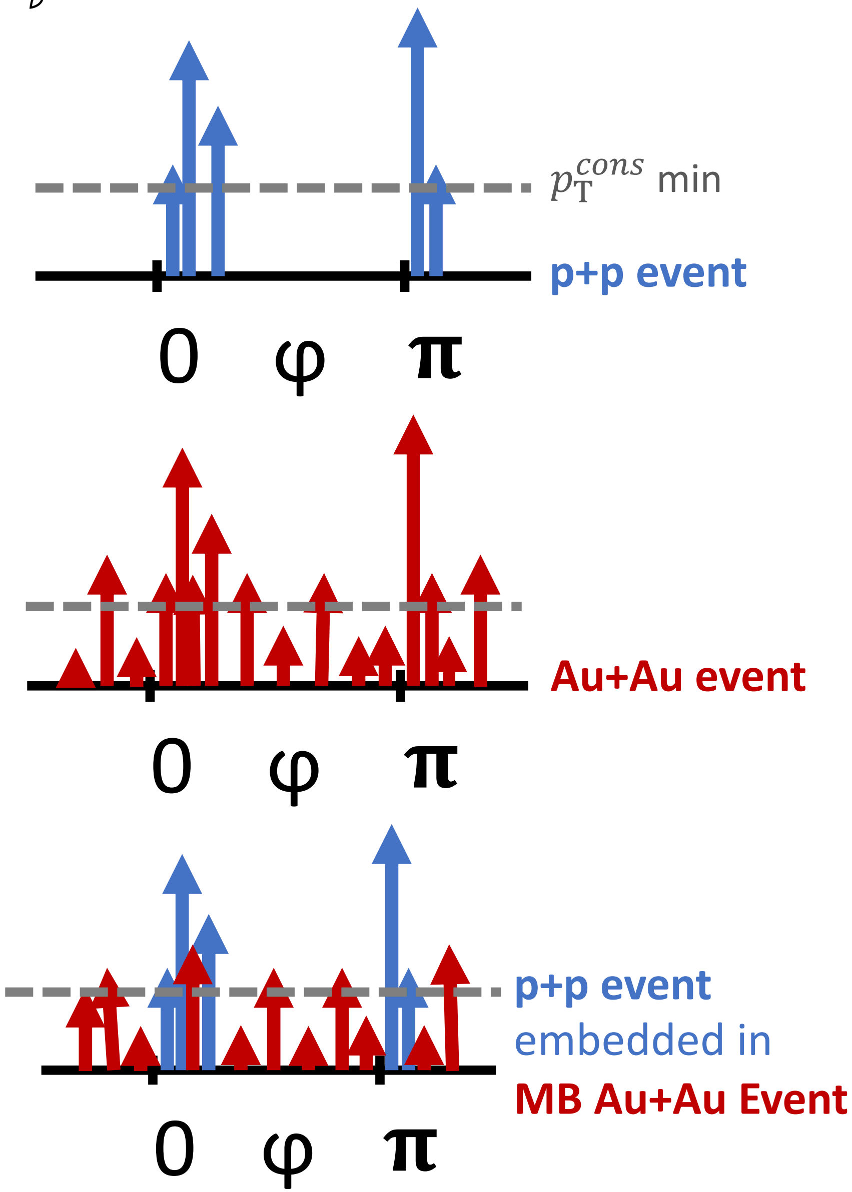

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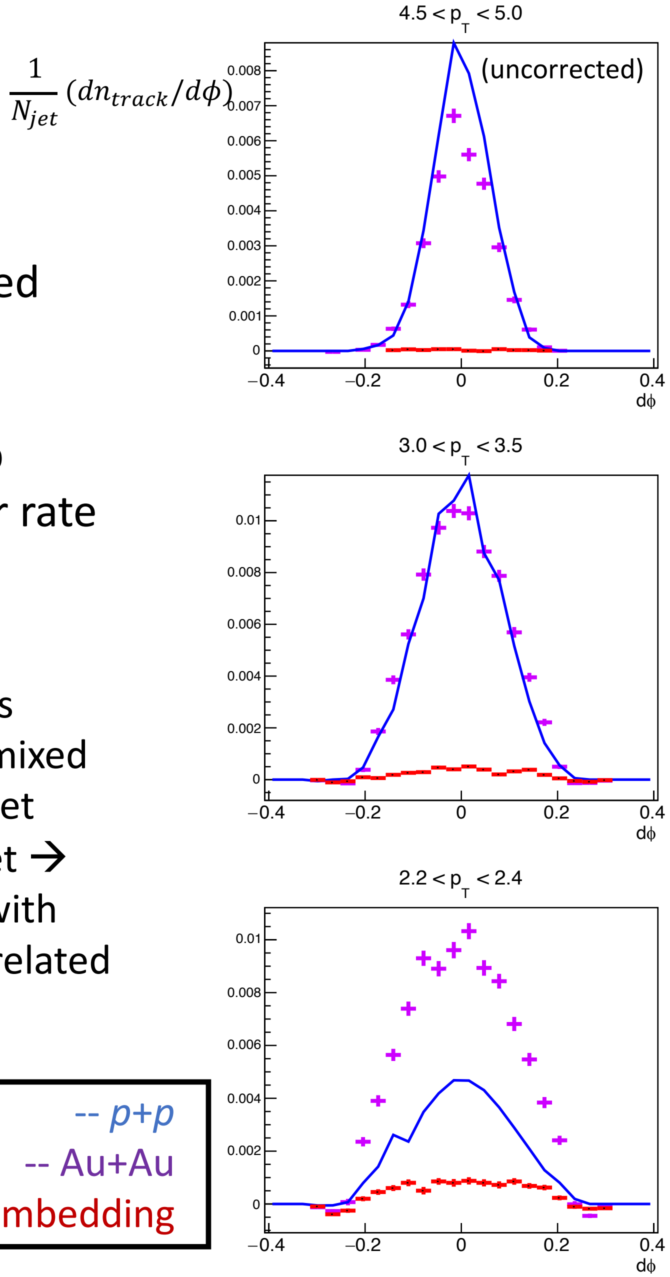

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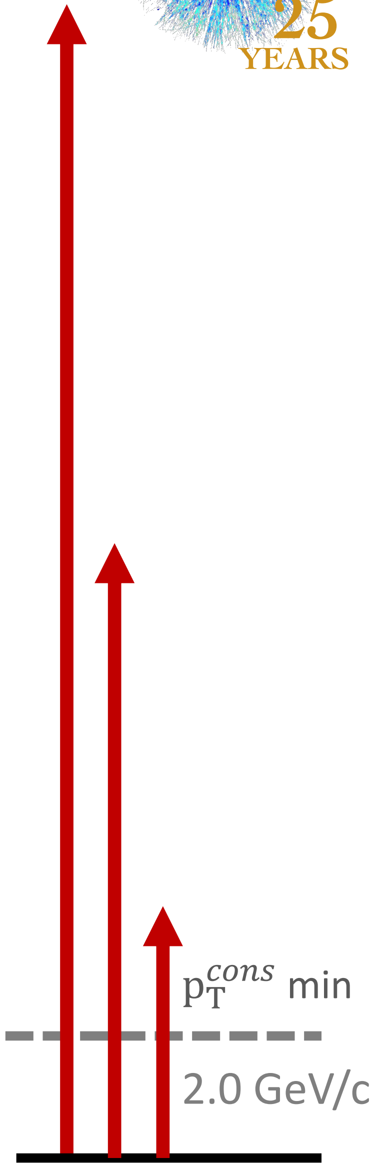
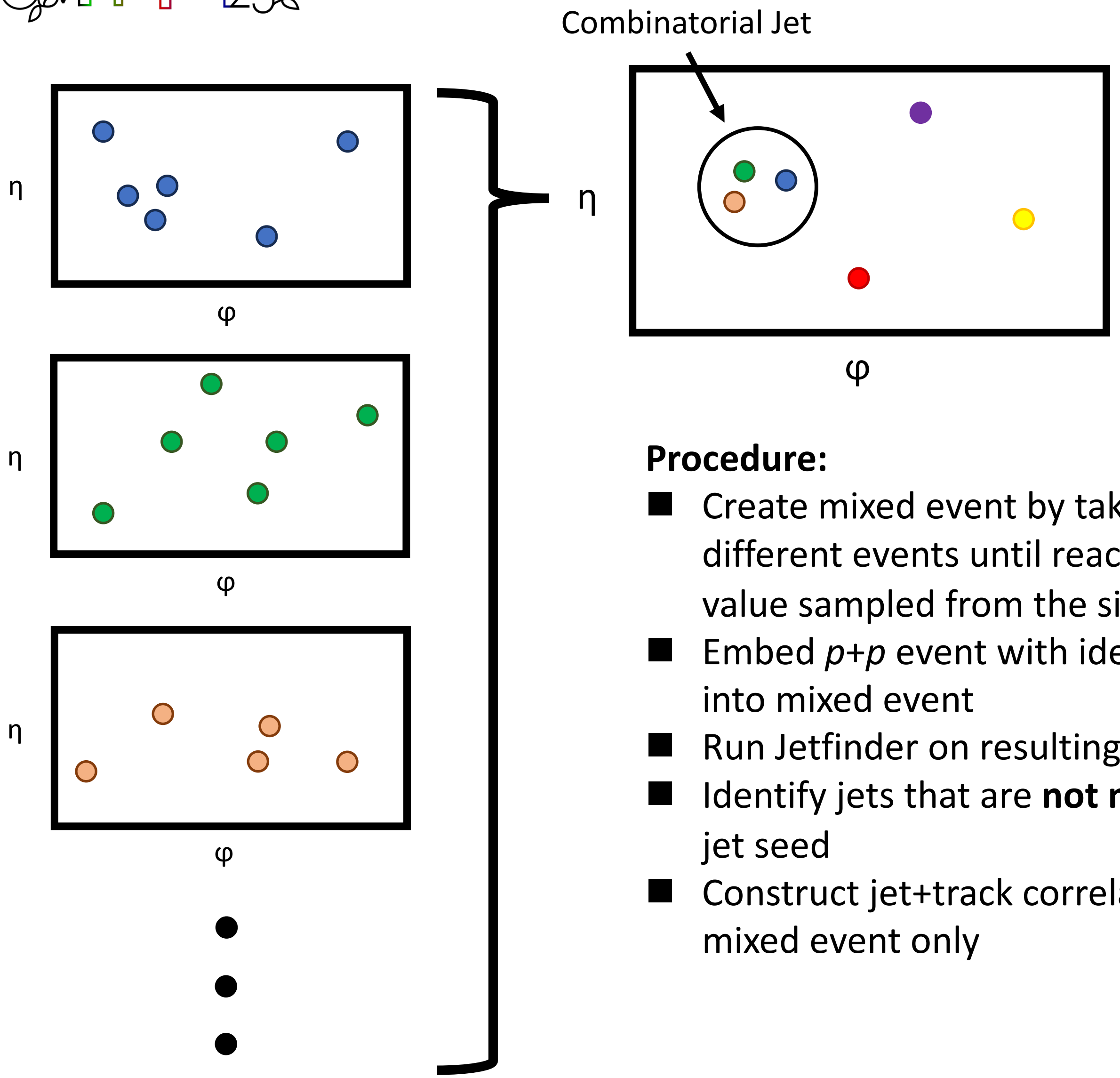


Evaluating Contribution from Combinatorial Jets

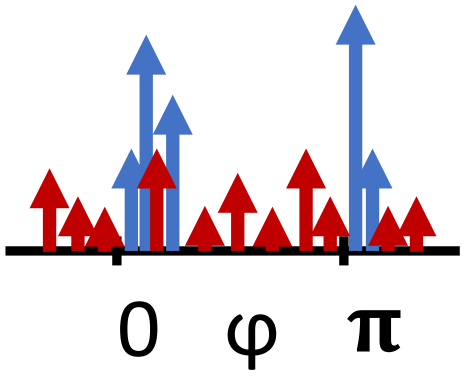


Procedure:

- 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

Correlated Background Removal: Embed into Mixed Constituent Event

p+p event
embedded in
Au+Au Mixed Event



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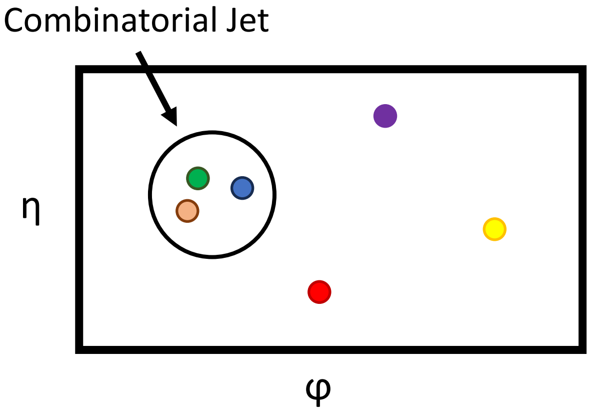

Procedure:

- Run Jetfinder on *p+p* event
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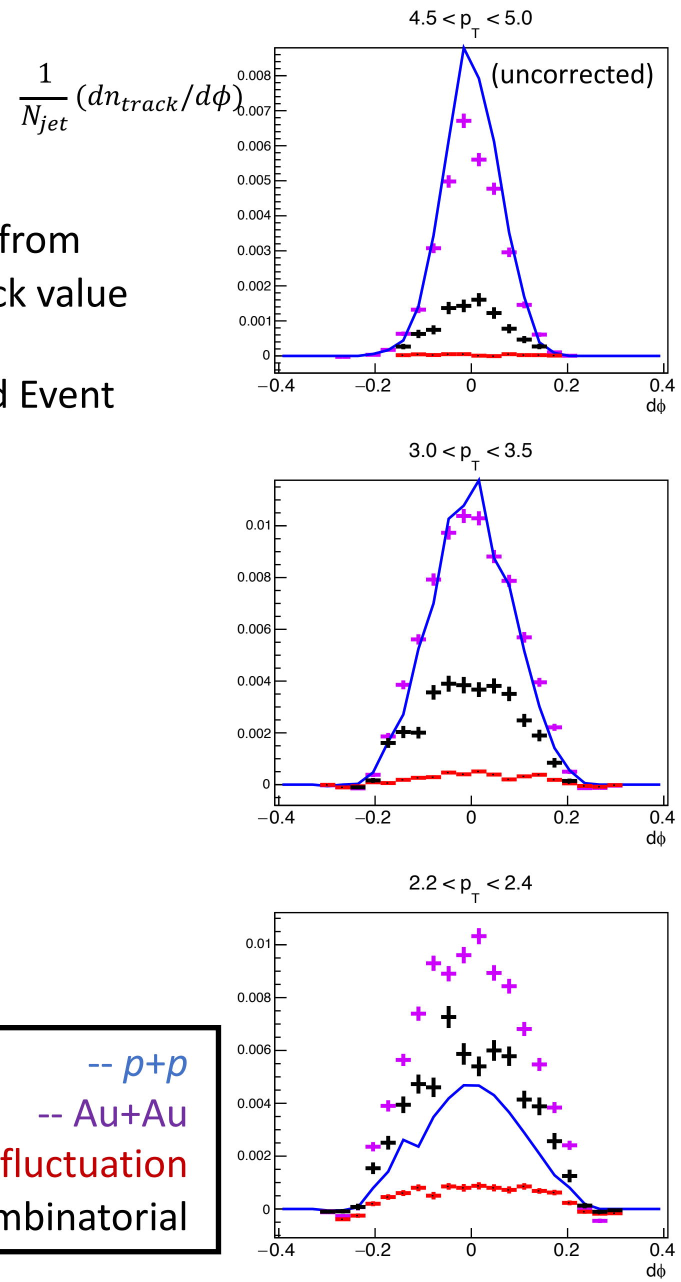
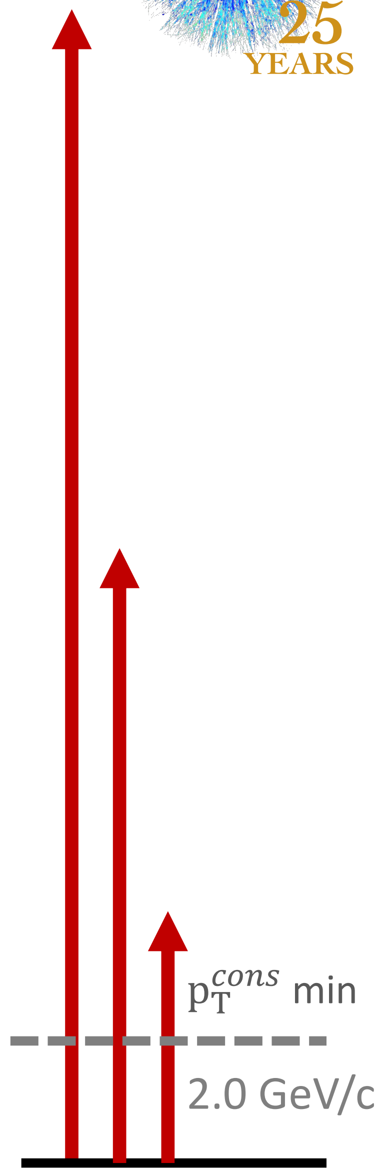
- Combine *p+p* event (with jet) and Mixed Event
- Run Jetfinder on resulting mixed event
- Perform correlations with mixed event

Pseudo-embedding → Matched Jets
Combinatorials → Unmatched jets

Fake Rate Determination:

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





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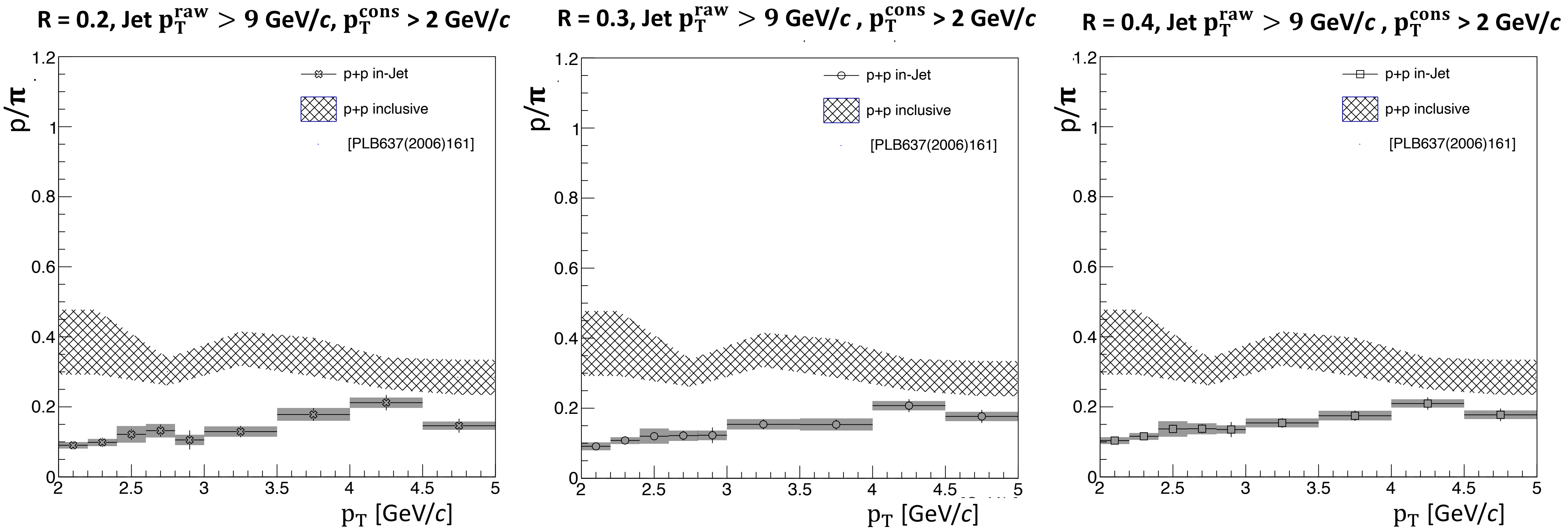

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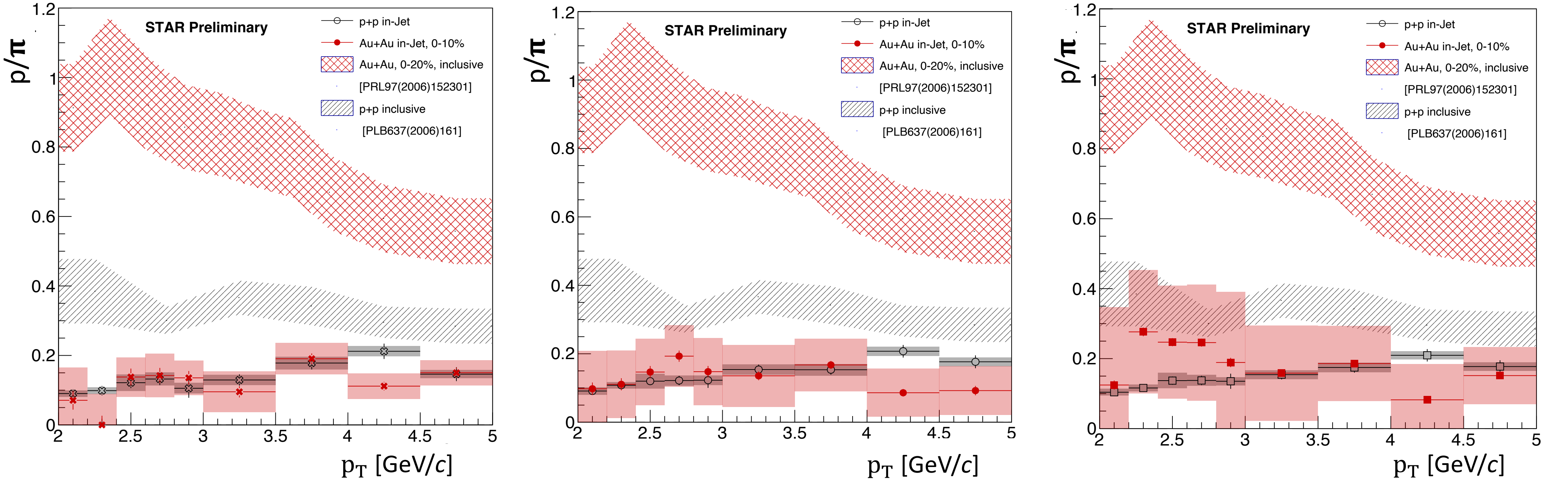

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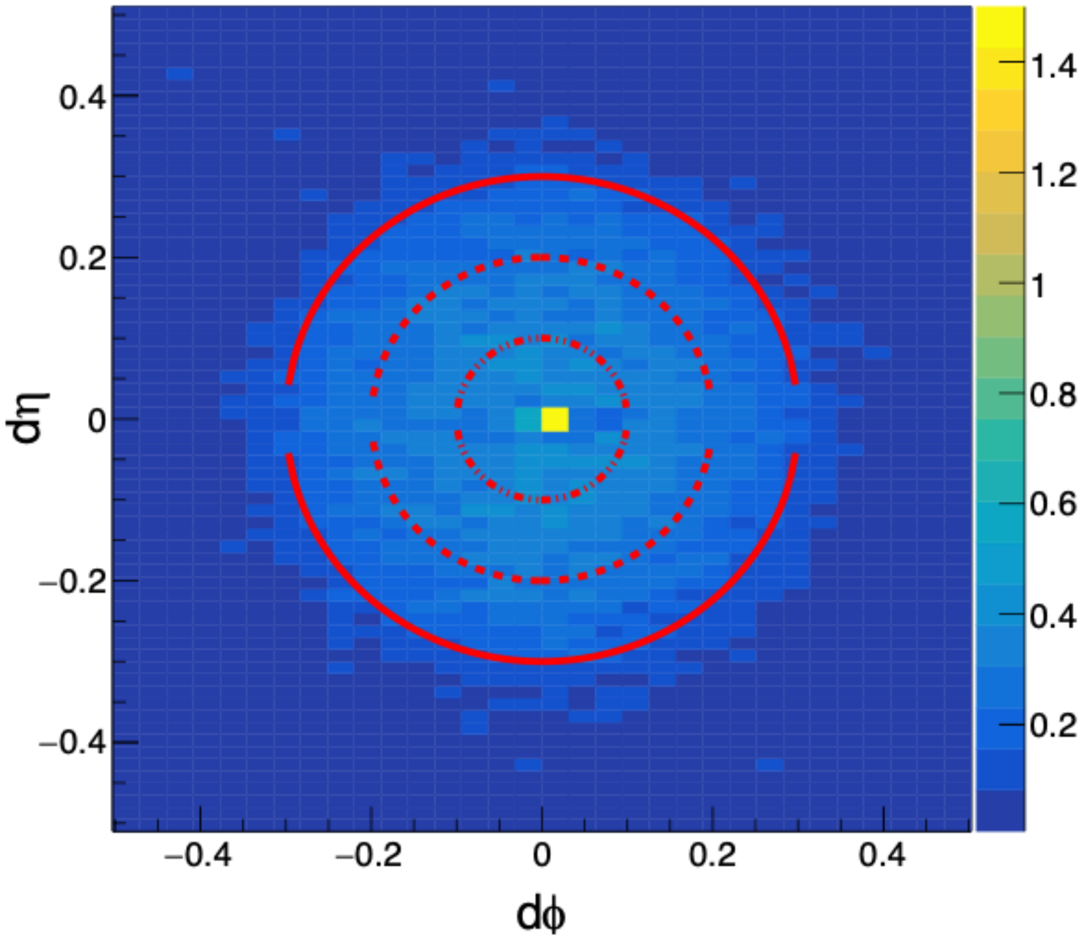
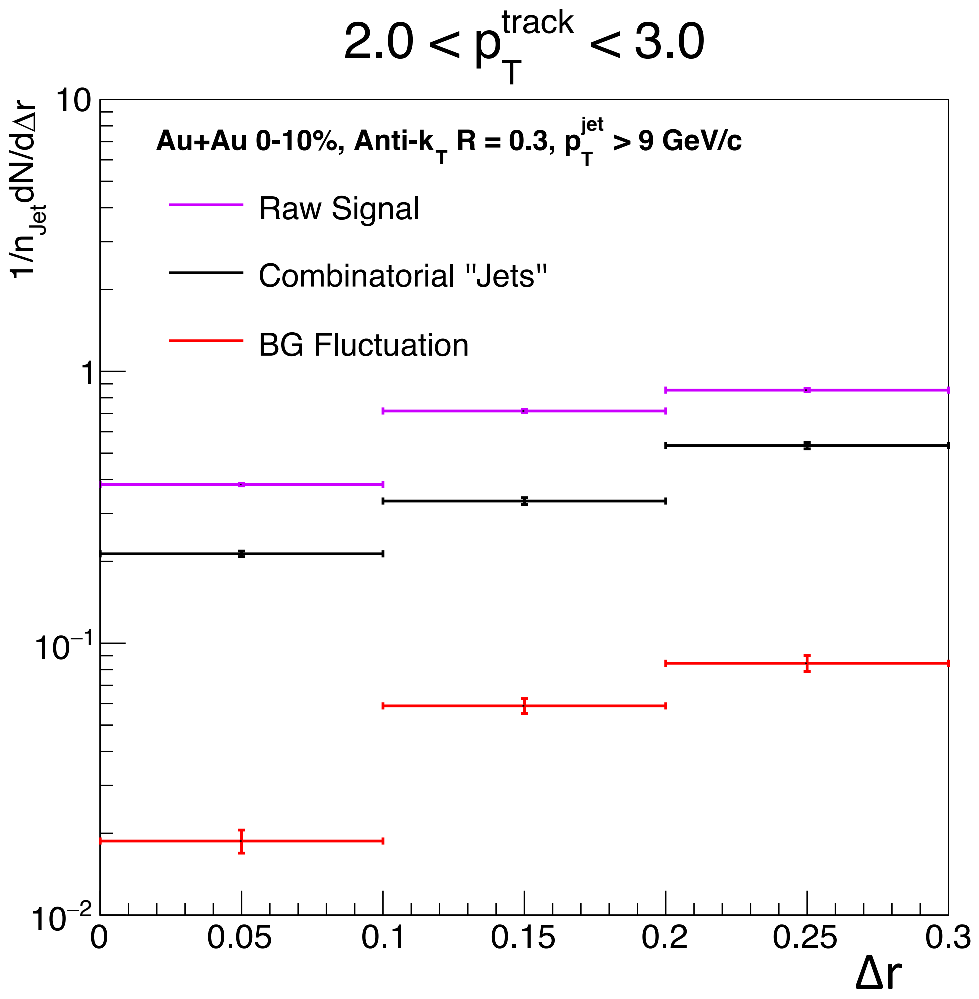


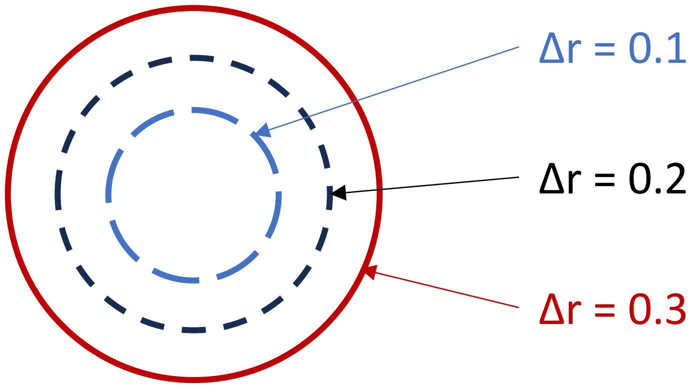
$$\Delta r = \sqrt{(\eta_{jet} - \eta_{track})^2 + (\varphi_{jet} - \varphi_{track})^2}$$

- All previous results are integrated using Δr = R
- Fixed Anti-k_T R = 0.3, integrate yields for Δr = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3
- $2.0 < p_T^{track} < 3.0$ Gev/c is chosen for clean PID

Correlated Background Correction in Δr



- Subtract inner from outer radii to measure yield as a function of Δr
- The same procedure is followed for combinatorial "jets" and BG fluctuation contamination



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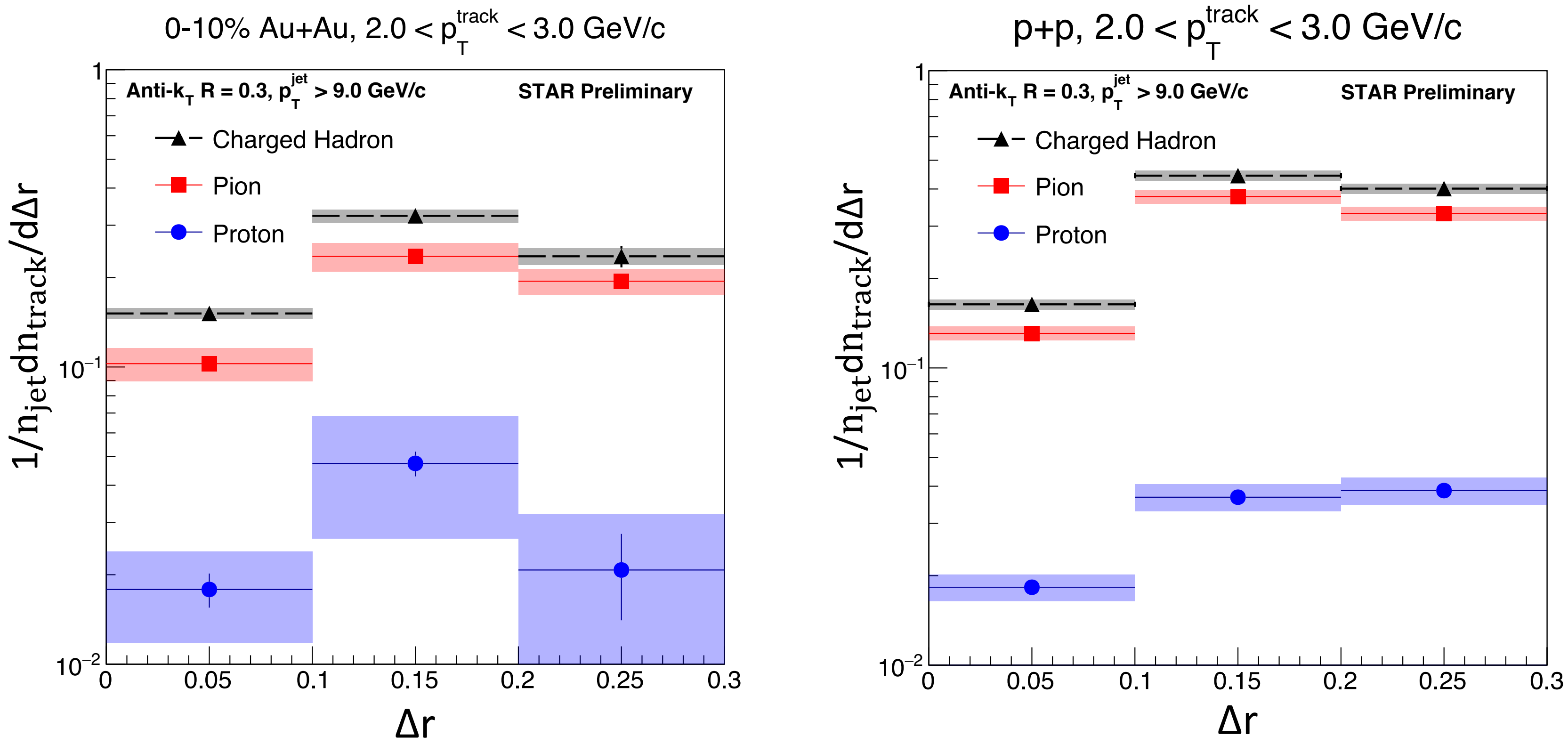
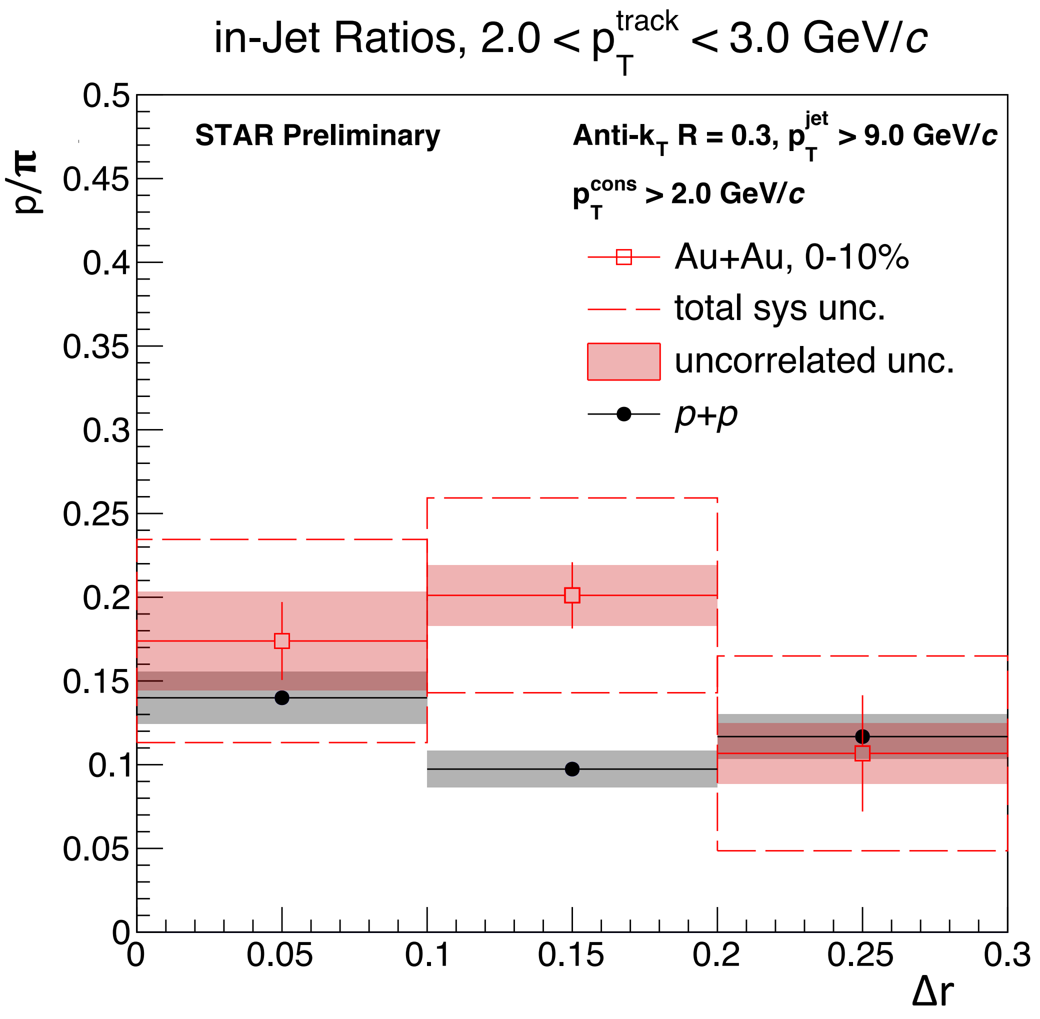
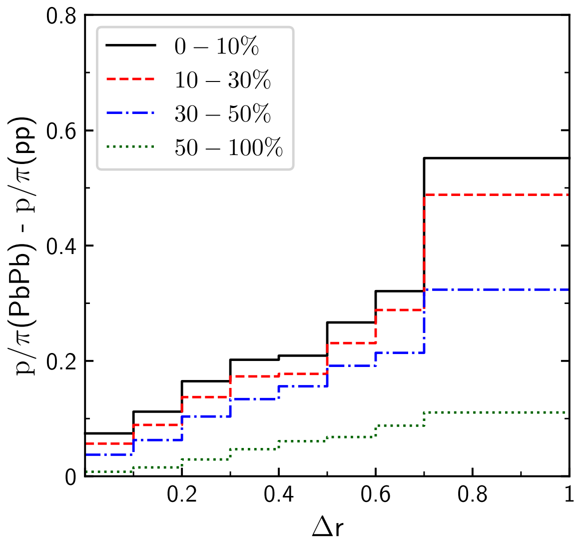


- Per-Jet Identified hadron yields are shown as function of Δr for jets with R = 0.3 in *p+p* and 0-10% central Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV

p/π Δr Dependence





AMPT, Pb+Pb
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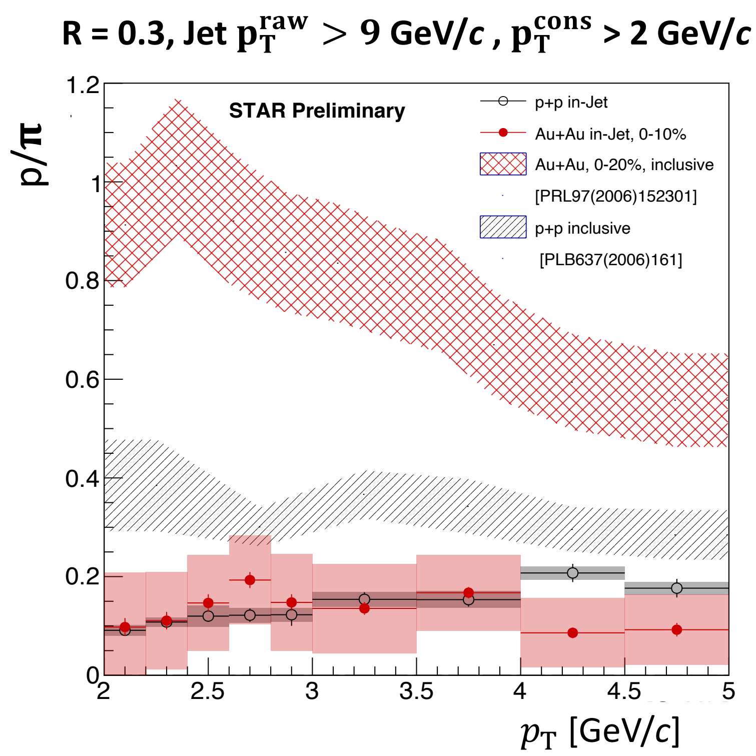

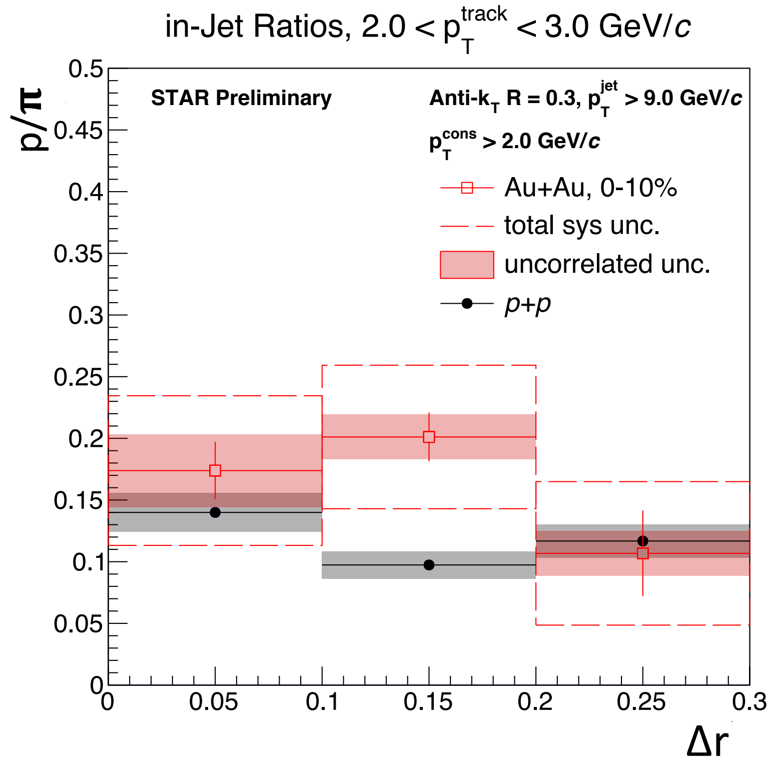

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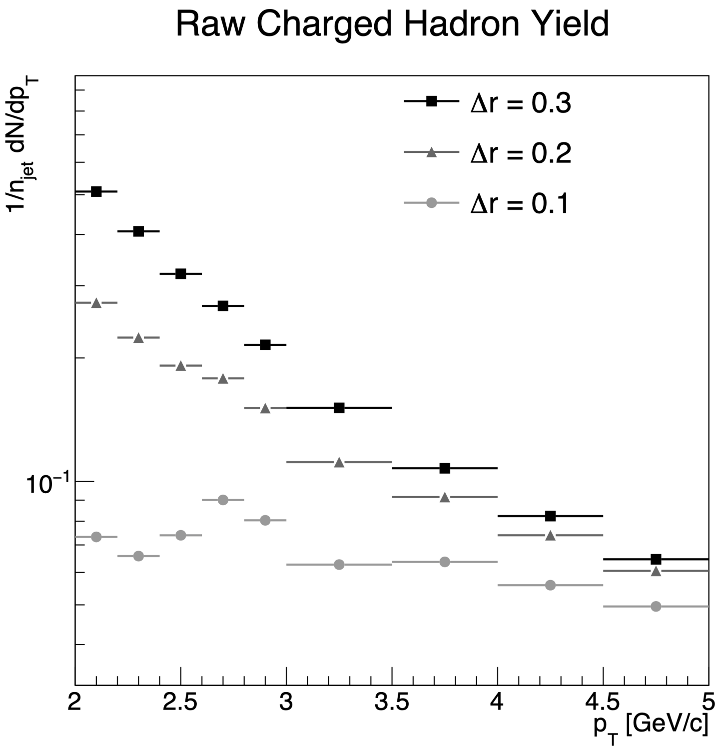
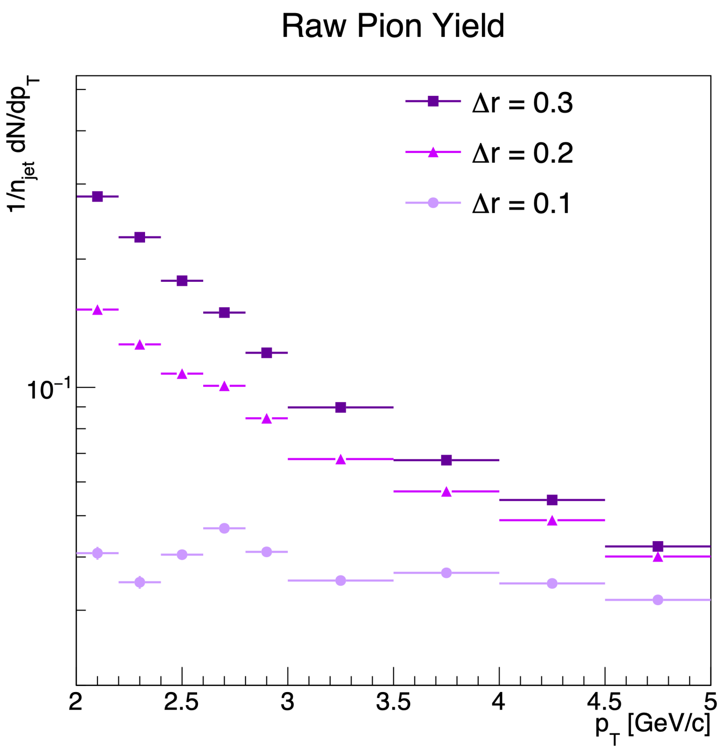
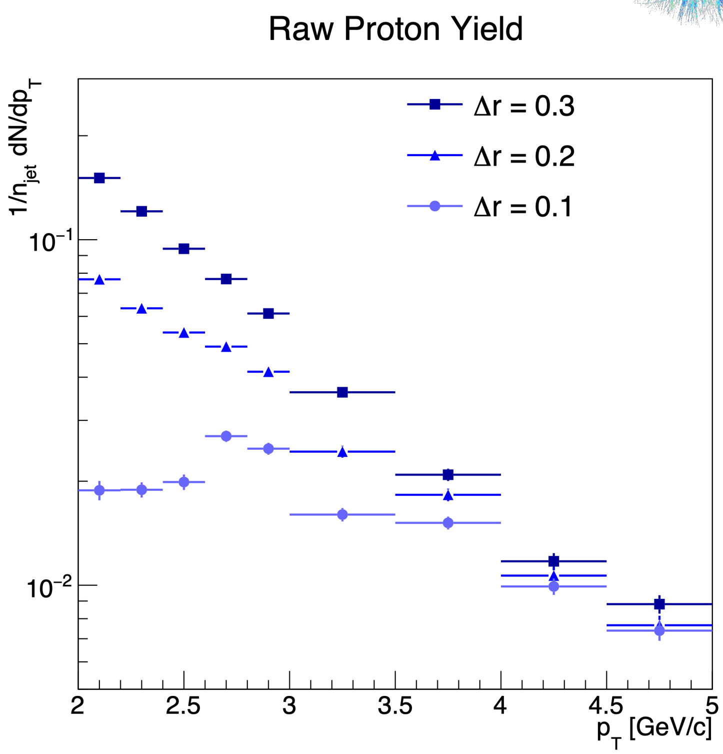
- **We observe no evidence for enhancement of the in-jet p/π between central Au+Au and *p*+*p* collisions for our kinematic selections**

Backup

Yields as a function of ΔR

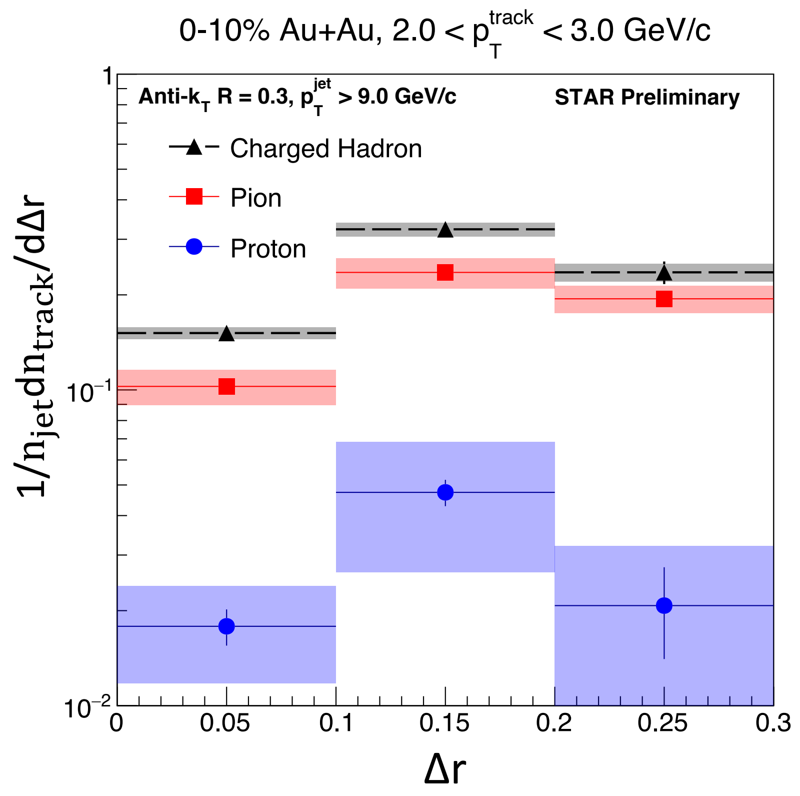


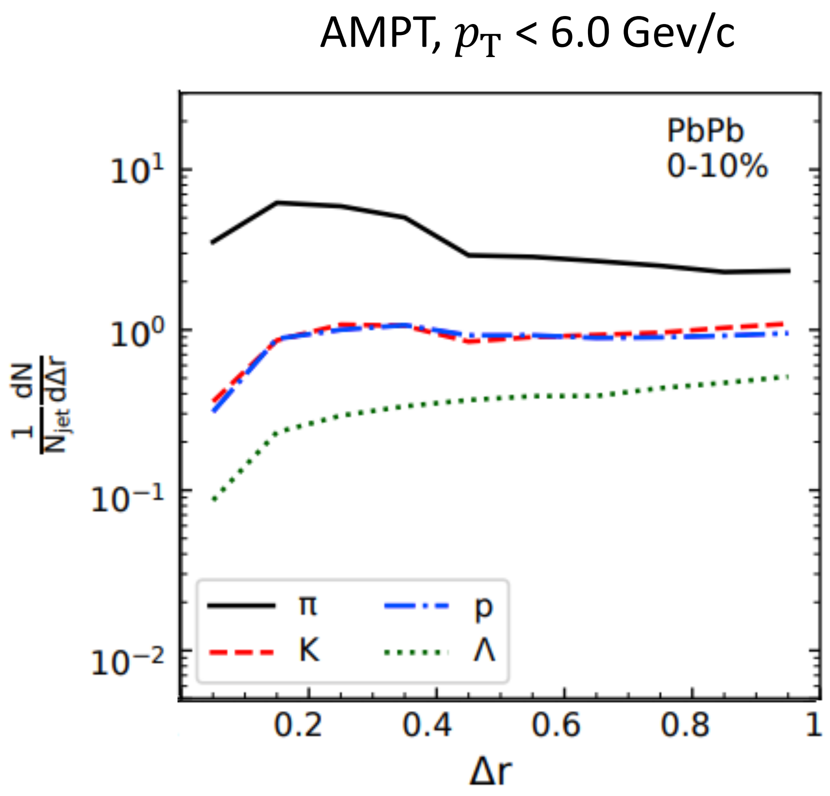




- Raw (before correlated background correction) yields for charged hadrons, identified protons and pions from jets with R = 0.3 at Δr = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3
- To isolate yield for each ring in Δr, we subtract smaller Δr yields from larger Δr yields

Identified Yields as a function of Δr





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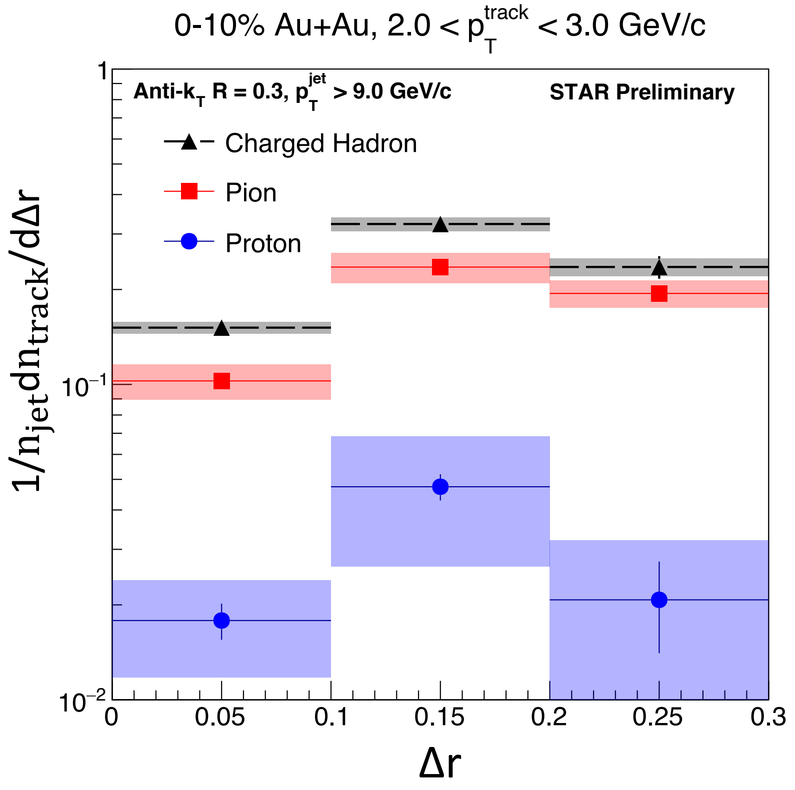

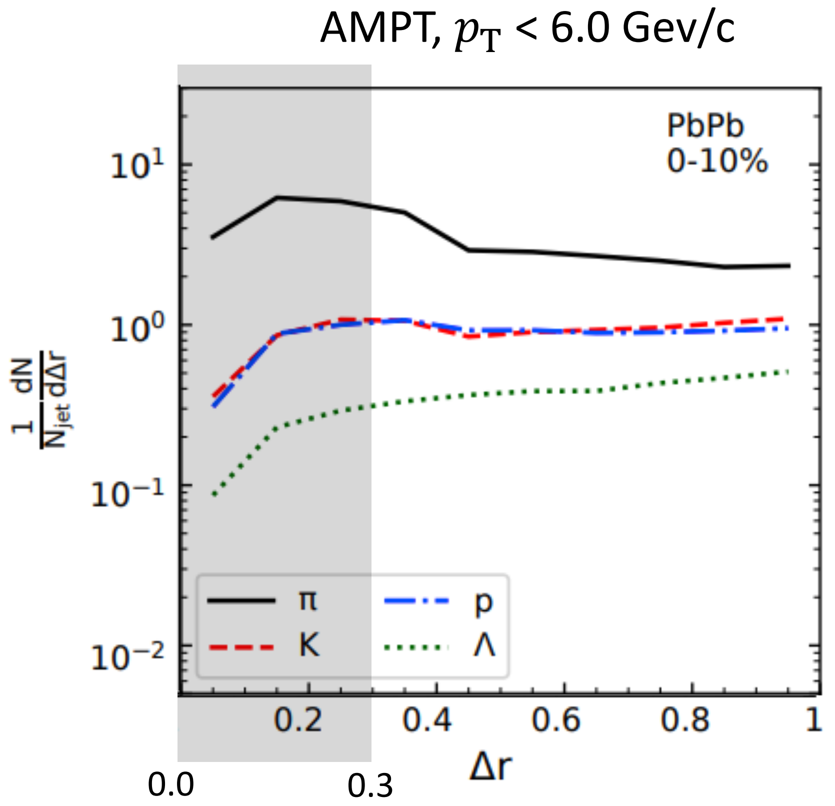

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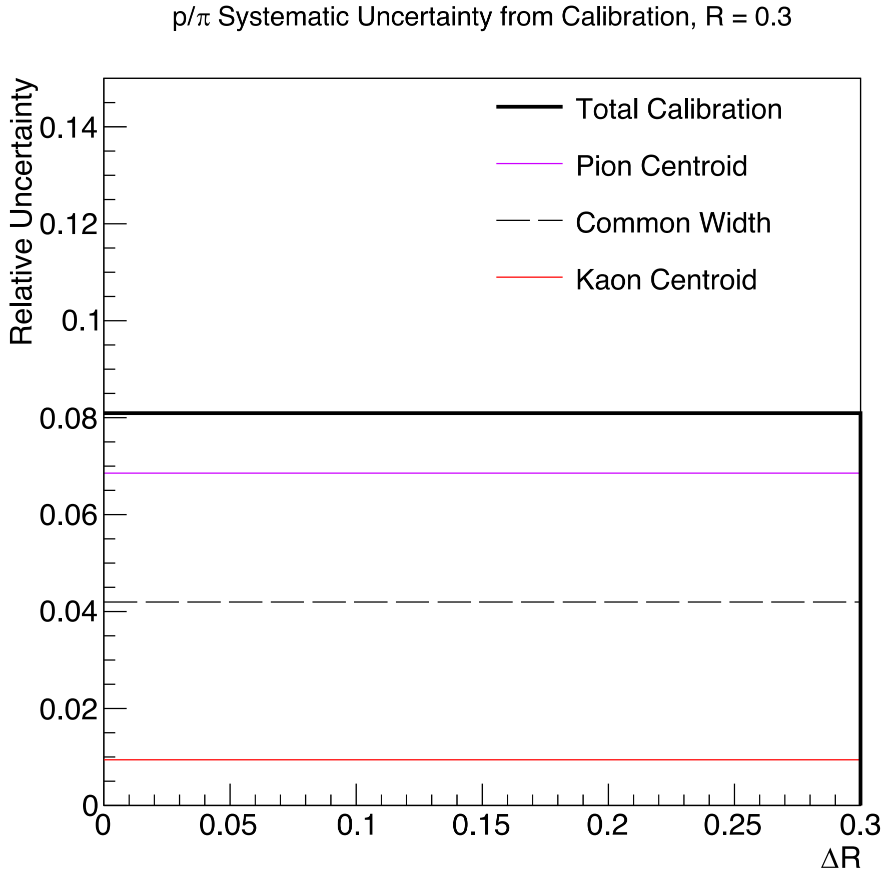
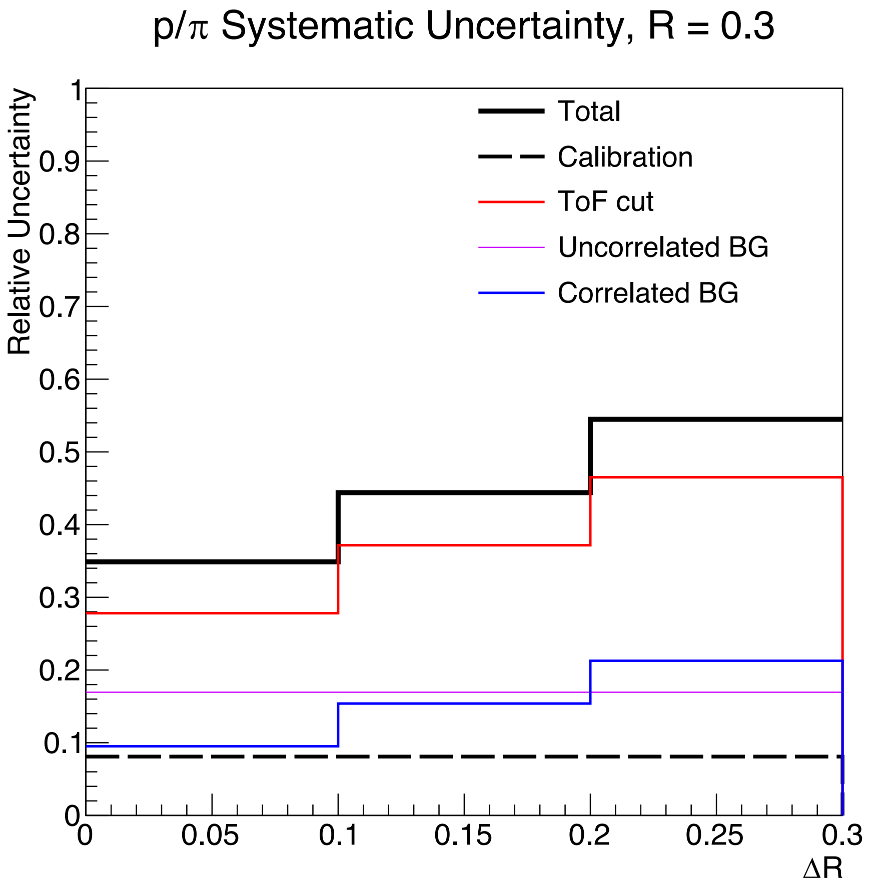
Au+Au p/π Δr Systematics





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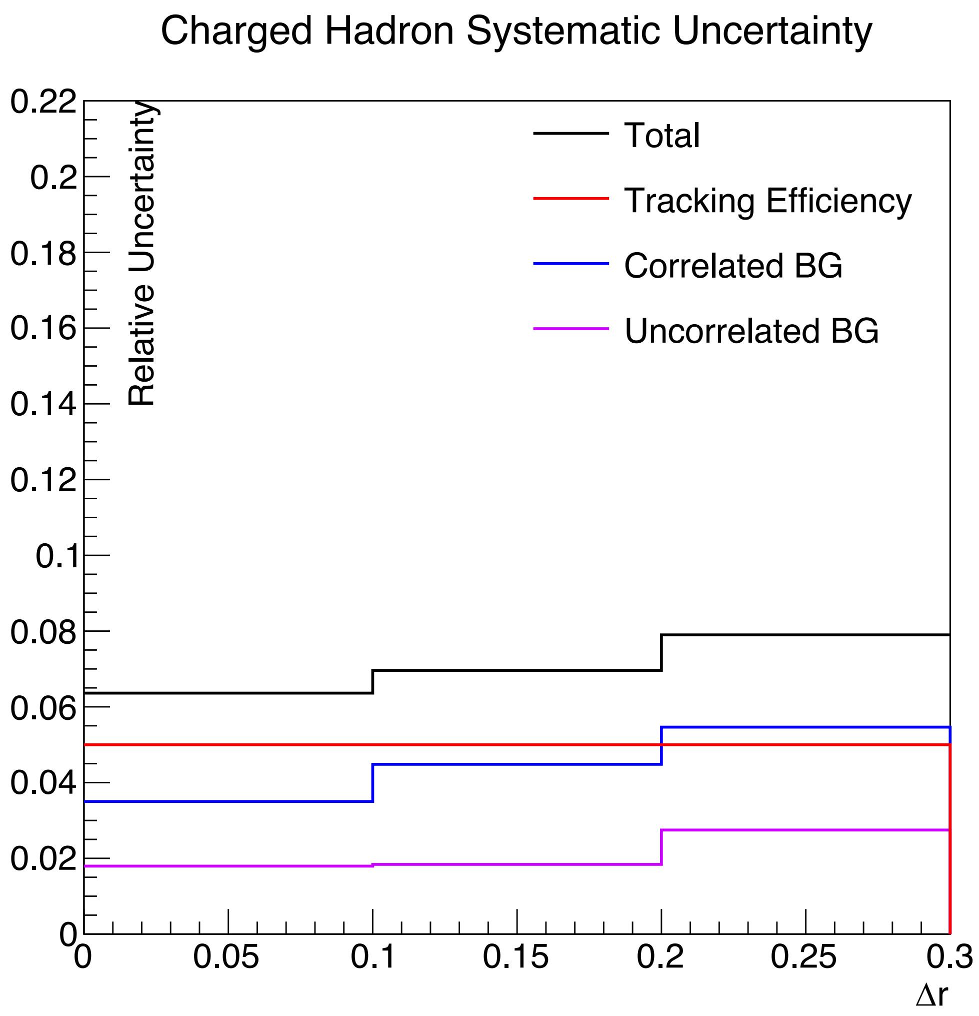

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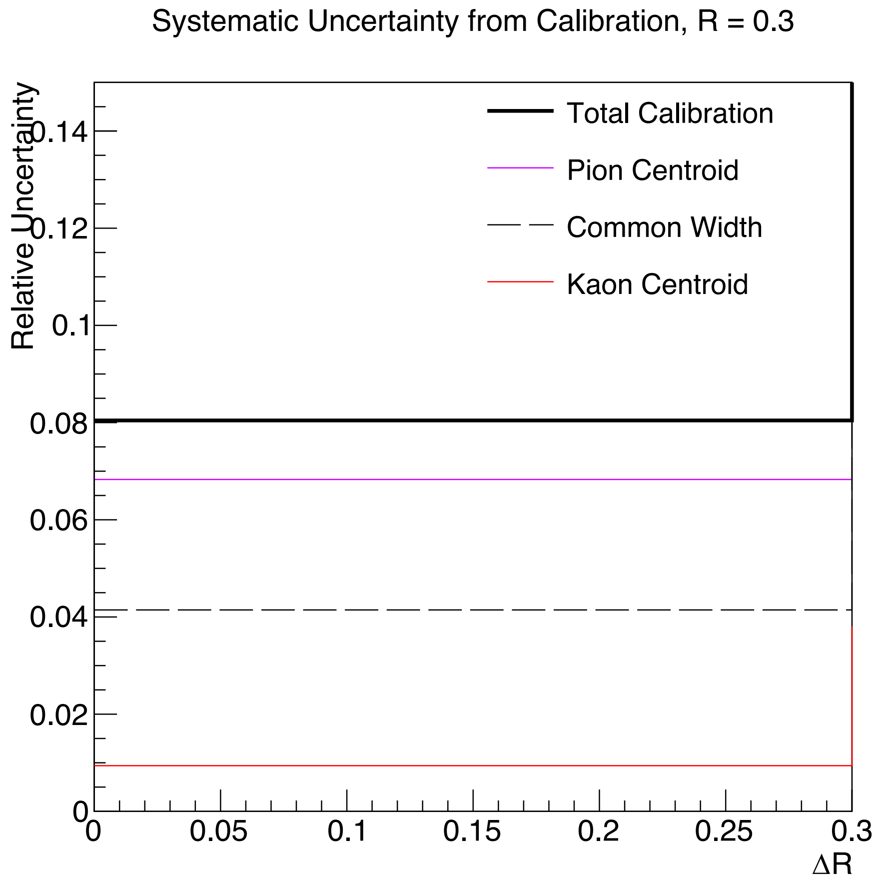

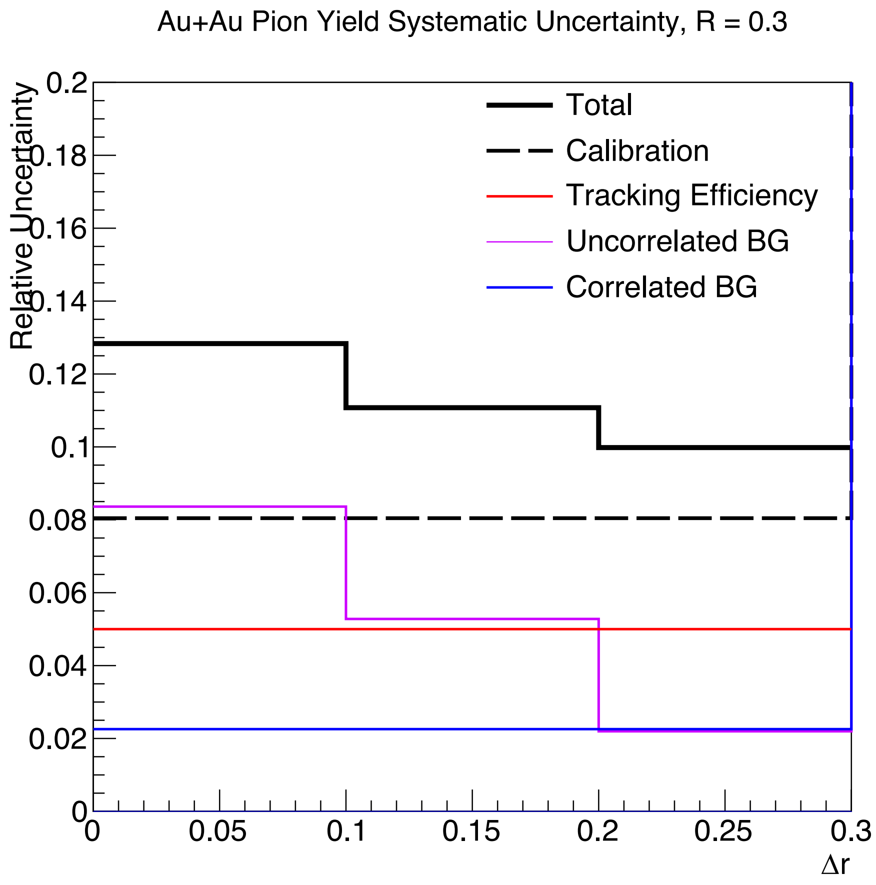

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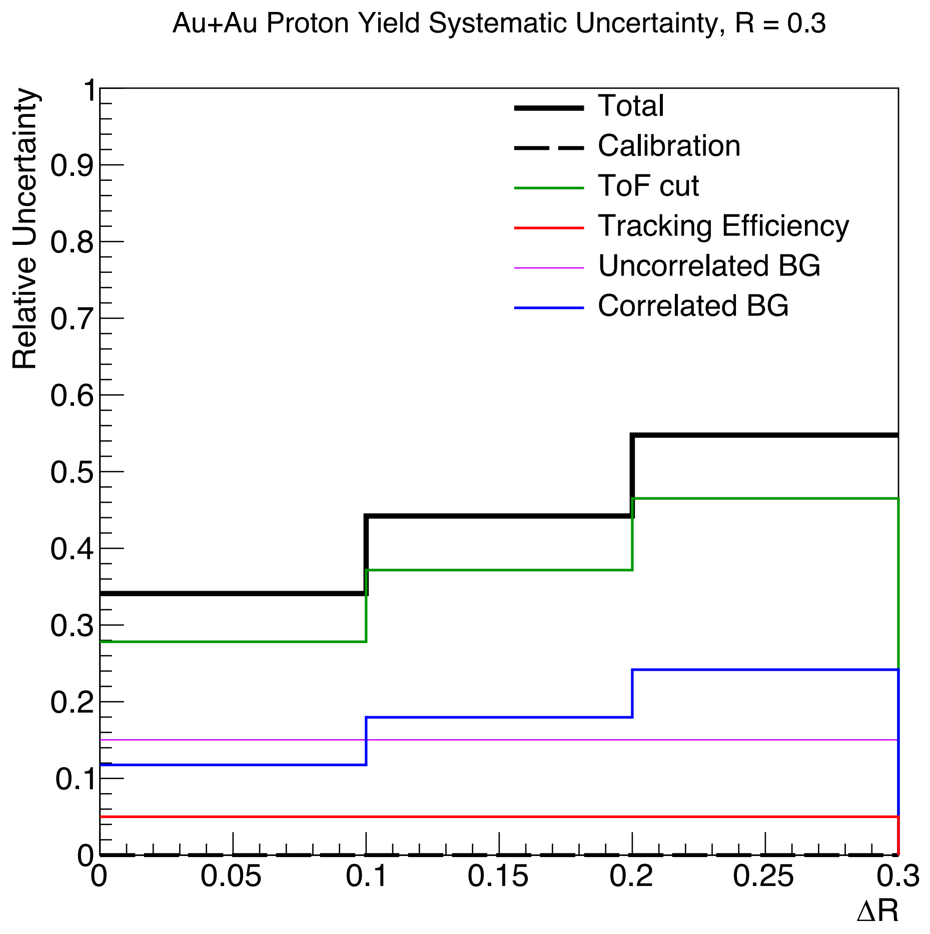

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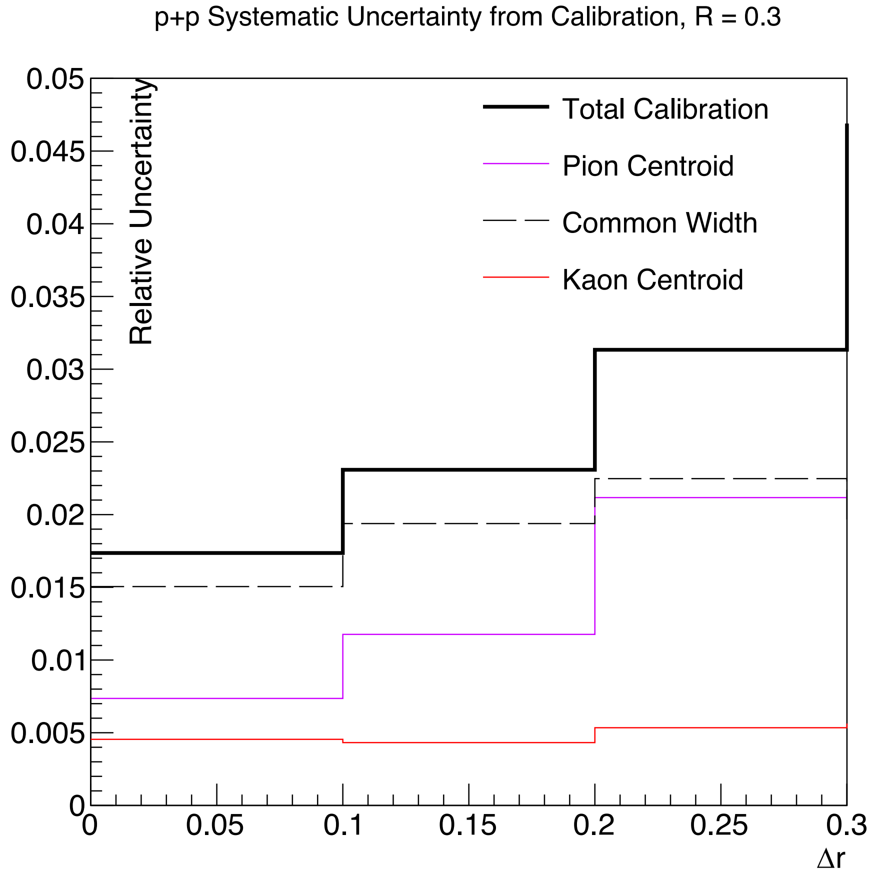

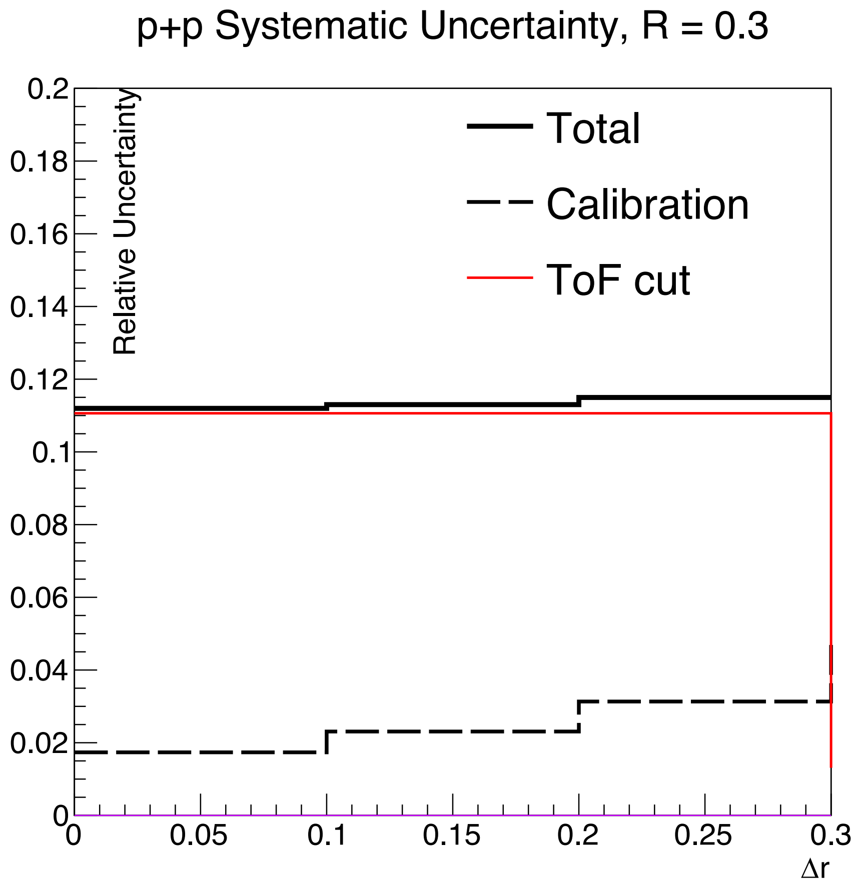

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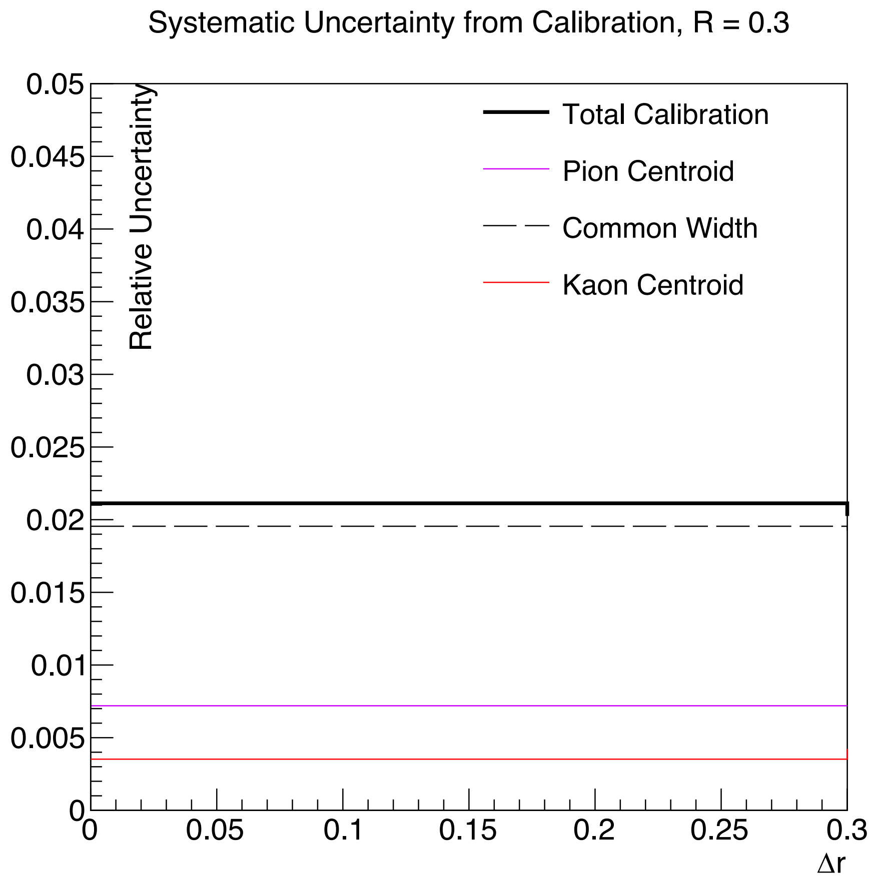

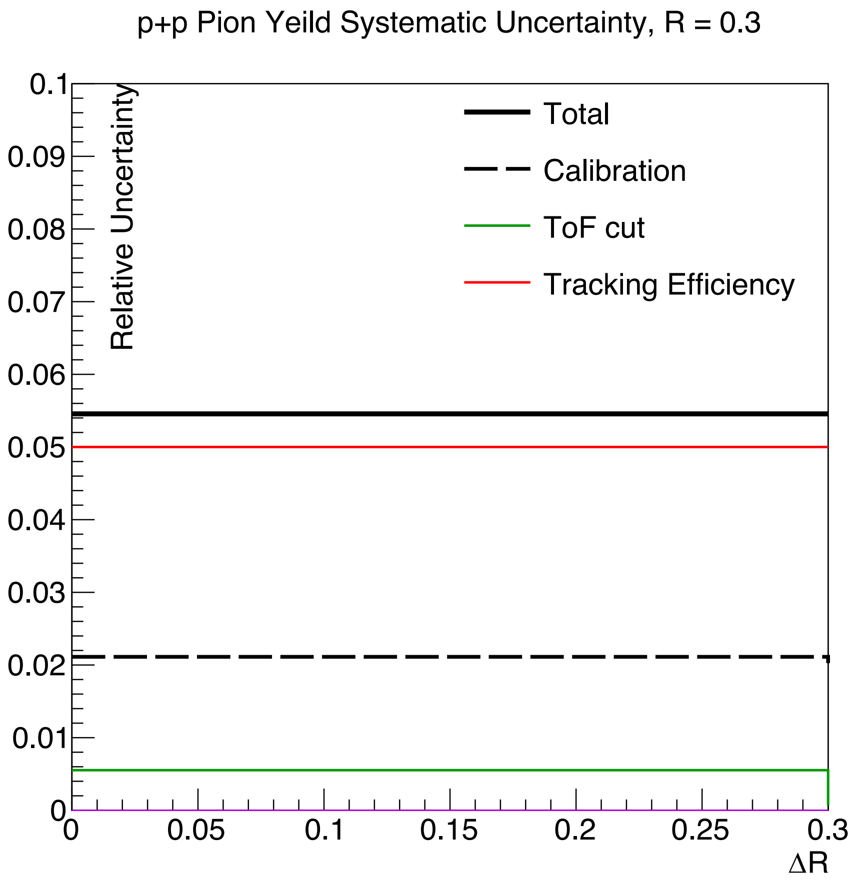

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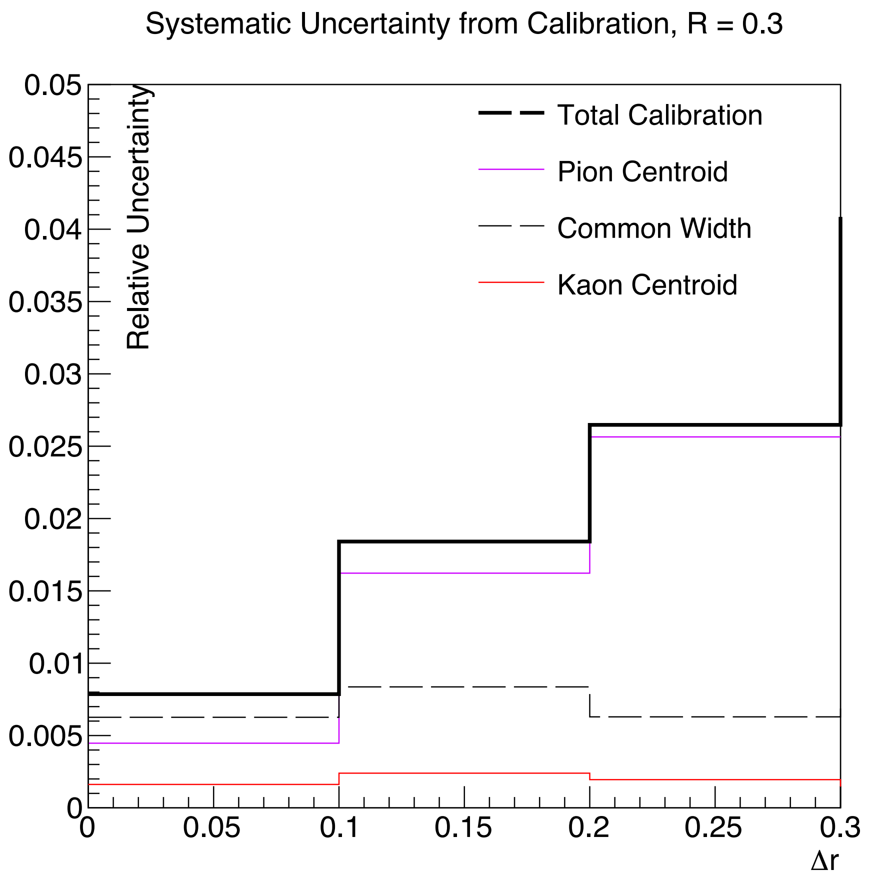

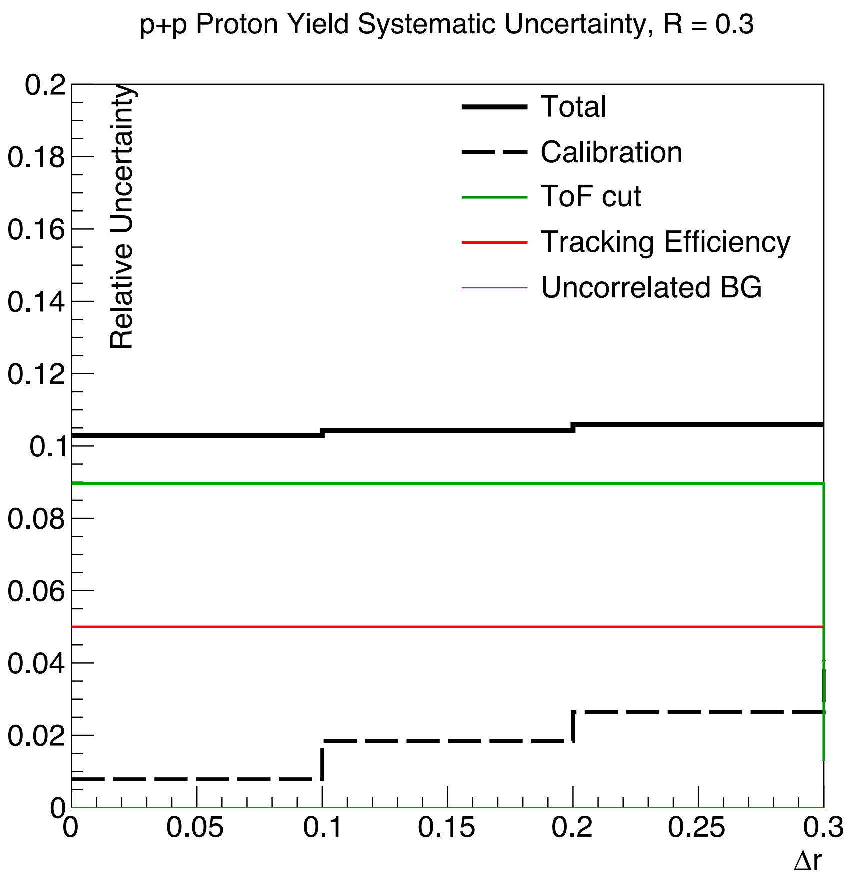

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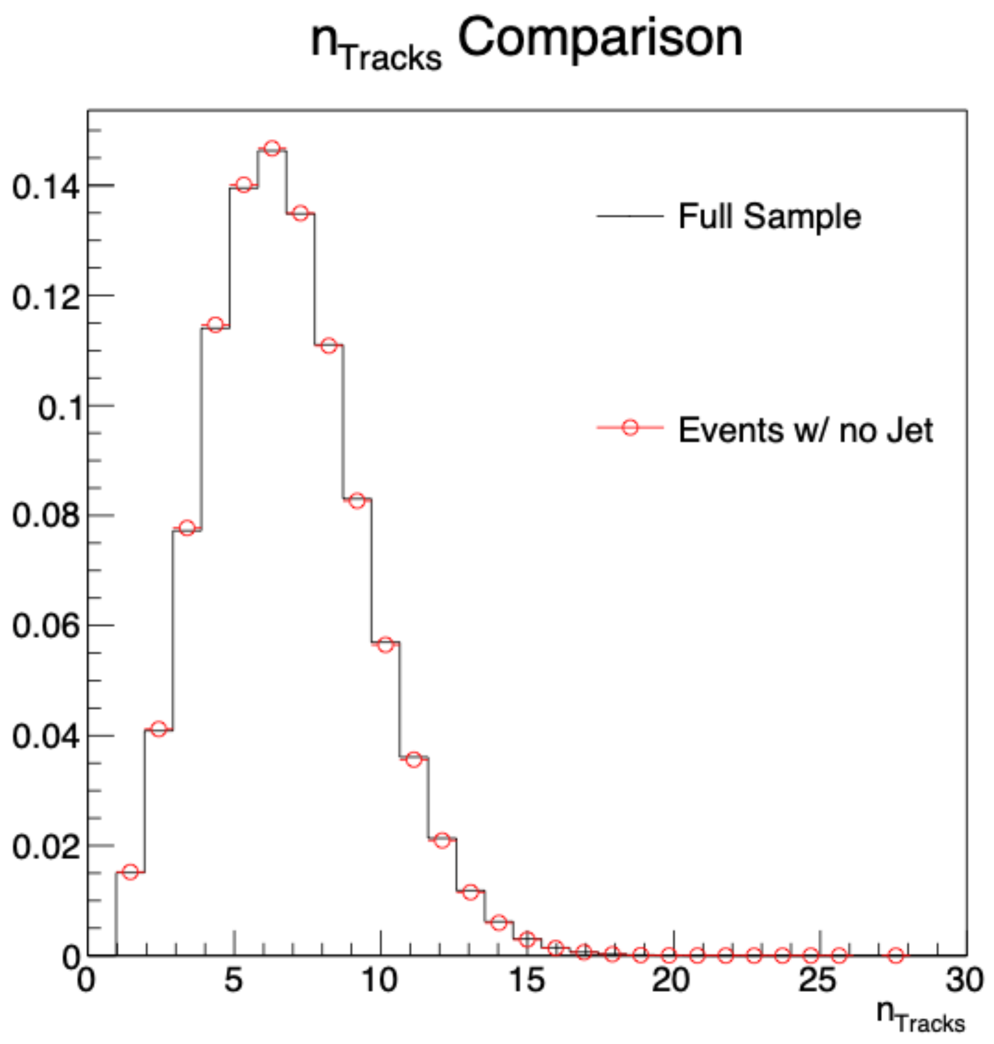


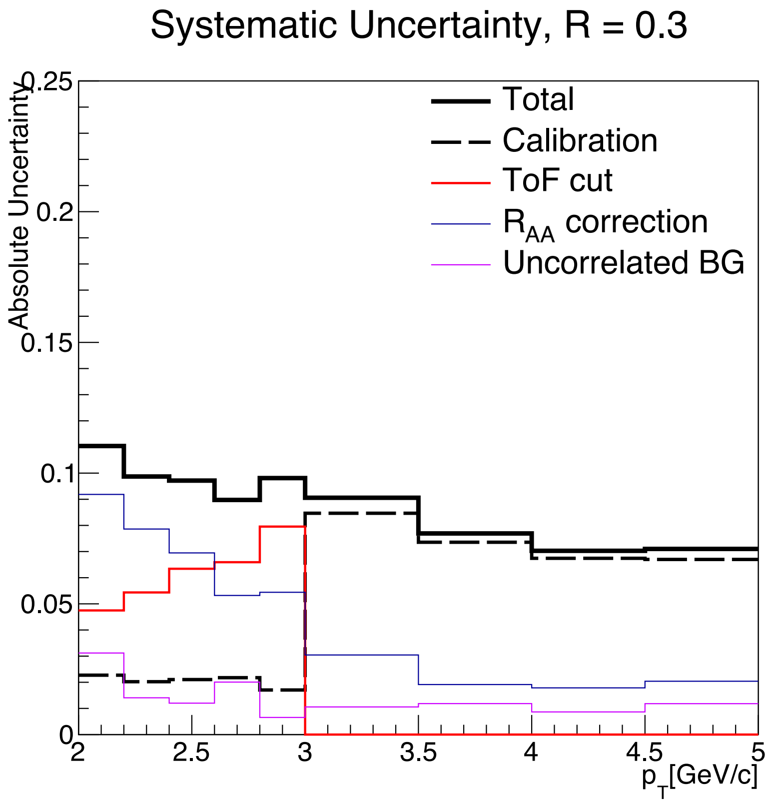
Sample	nEvents	Mean nTracks
Full	20,058,323	6.691
Events w/o Jet	19,898,309	6.471

- When building Mixed events we match the nTrack per event distribution from signal.

- Constructing Mixed Events with non-jetty ntrack distribution yields a 0.2% variation in resulting Fake rate

Systematic Uncertainty

Au+Au



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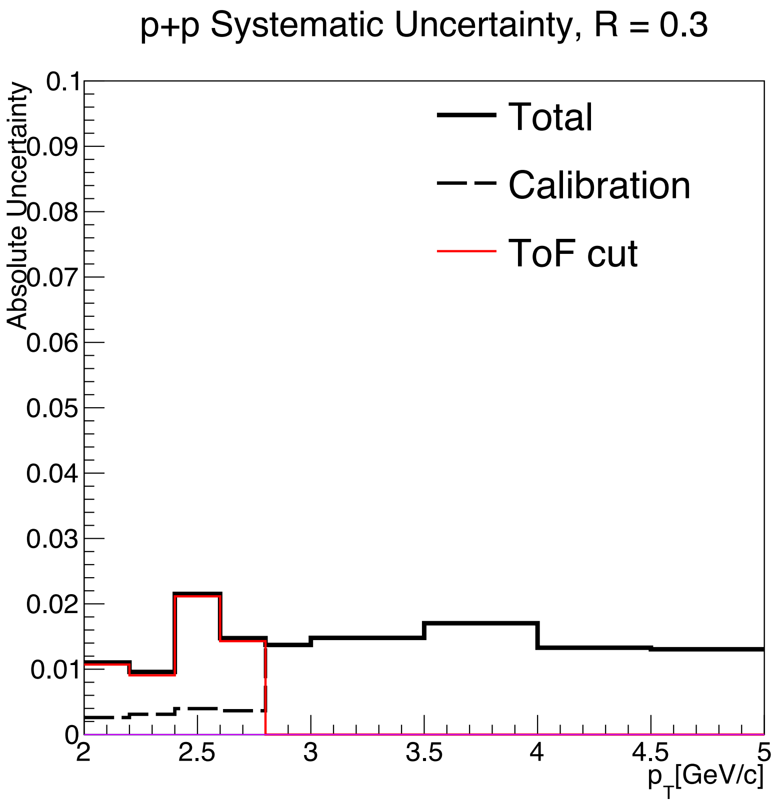
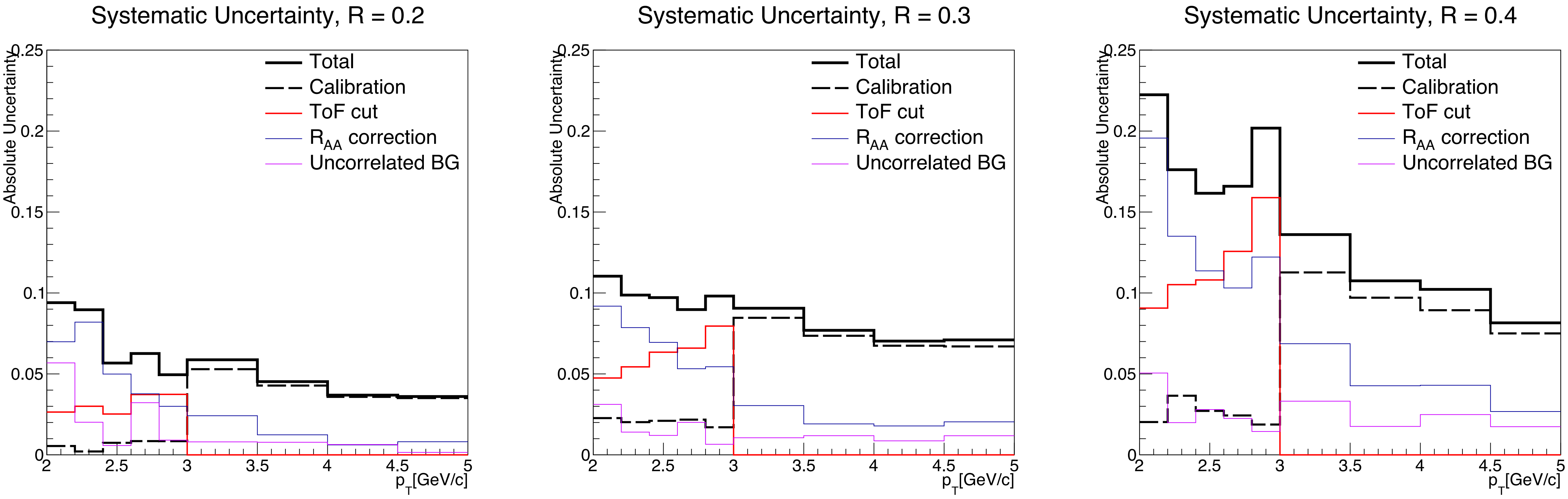


- One representative Jet R is shown here, all Systematics included in backup

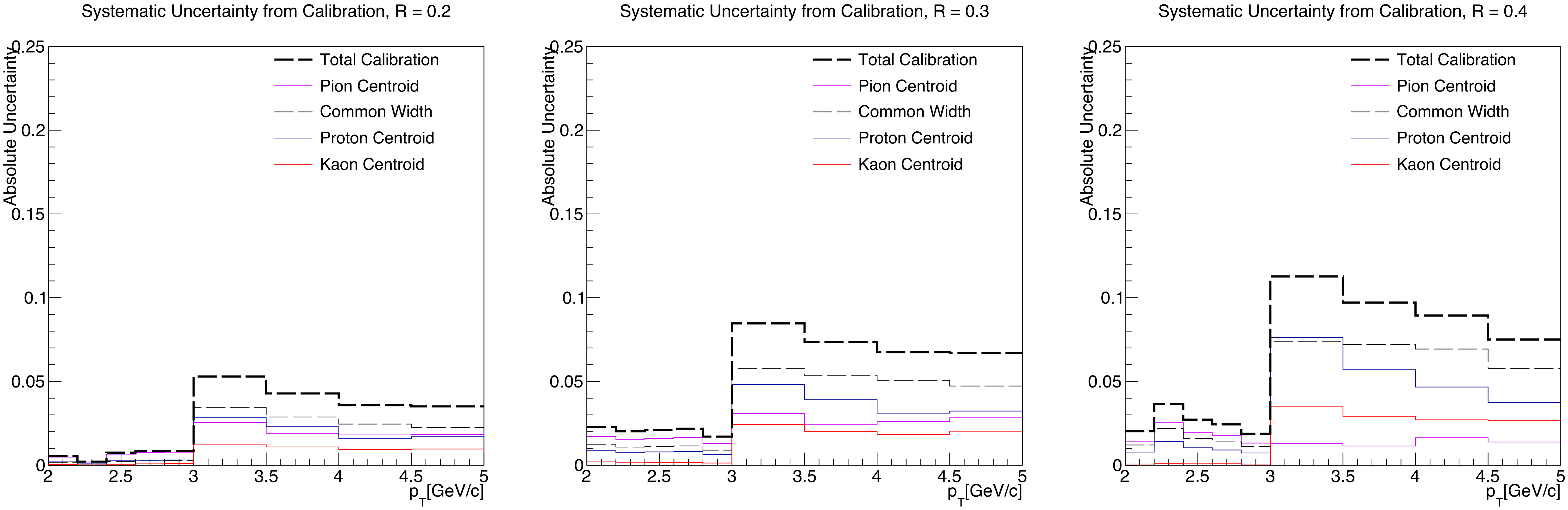
Systematic Sources:

- dE/dx calibration, determined by varying each input parameter for gaussian fits
- ToF cut placement for proton identification below 3.0 GeV/*c*
- Uncorrelated background subtraction, determined by varying UE definition
- R_{AA} correction is included in nominal, for systematic uncertainty on fake rate, the template fits are run without R_{AA} correction, and the resulting fake rate is used

Au+Au Systematics



Au+Au, dE/dx Calibration Breakdown



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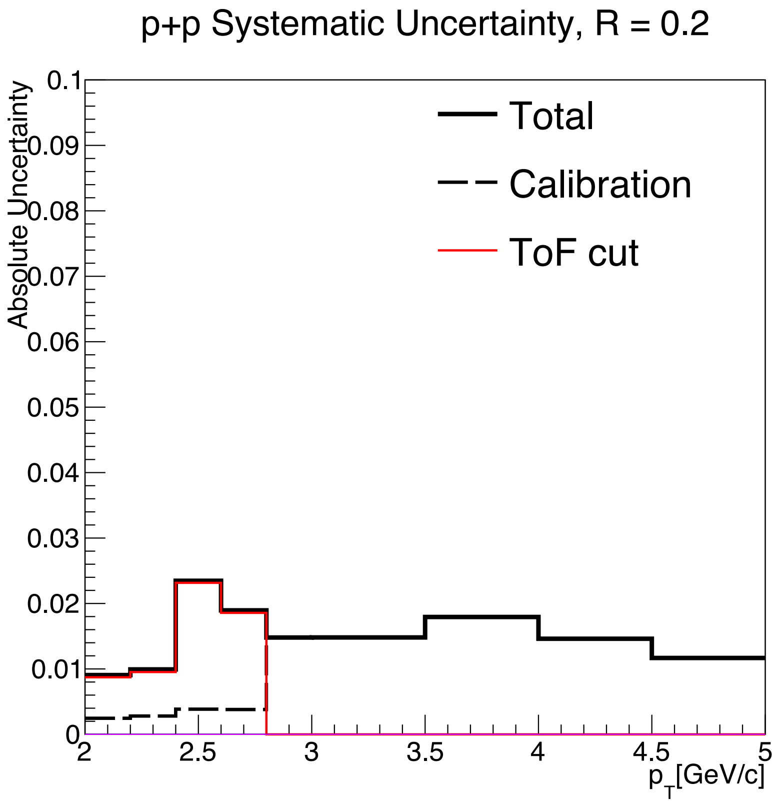

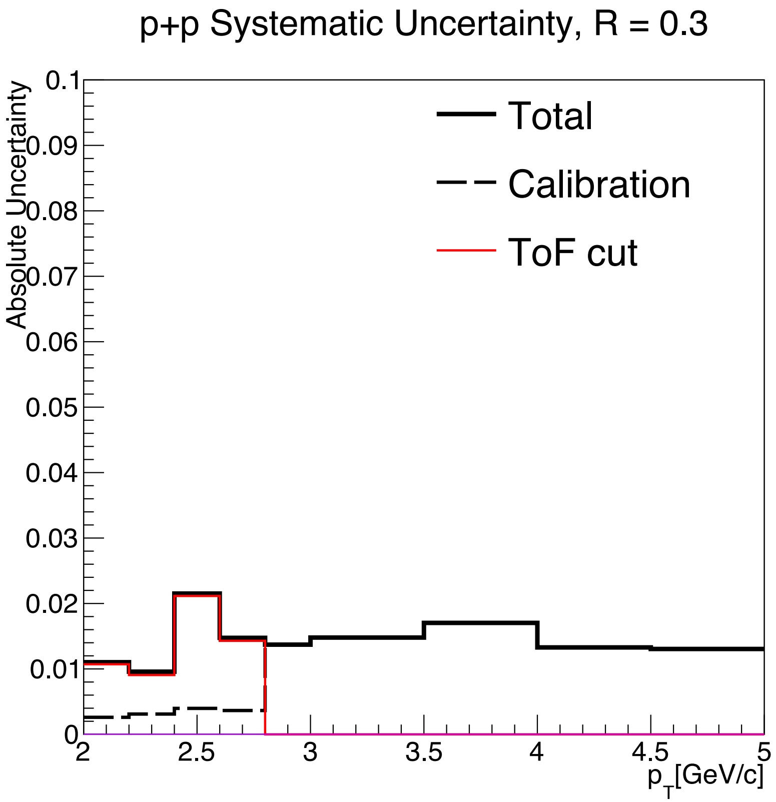

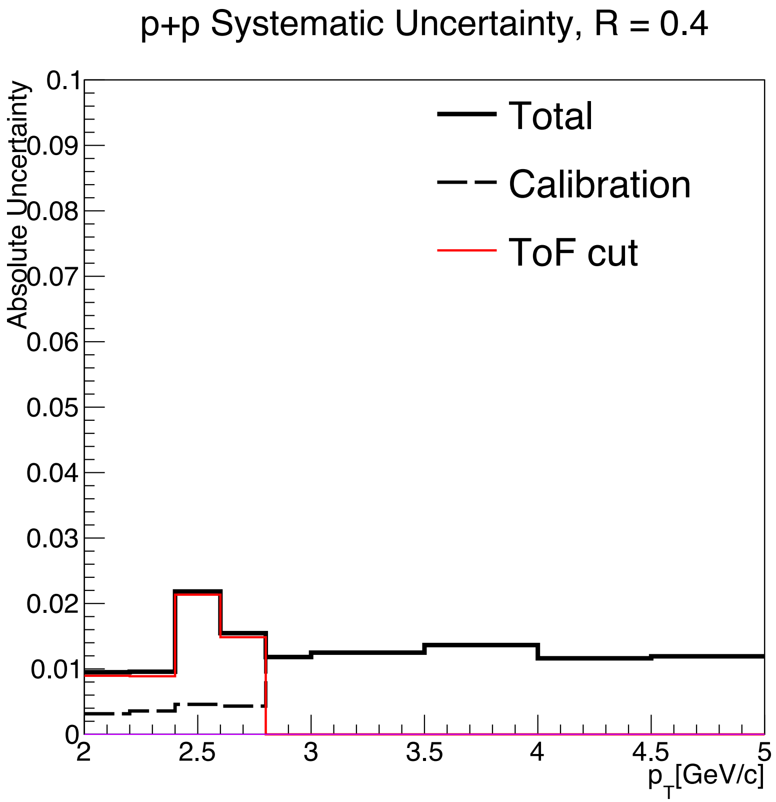

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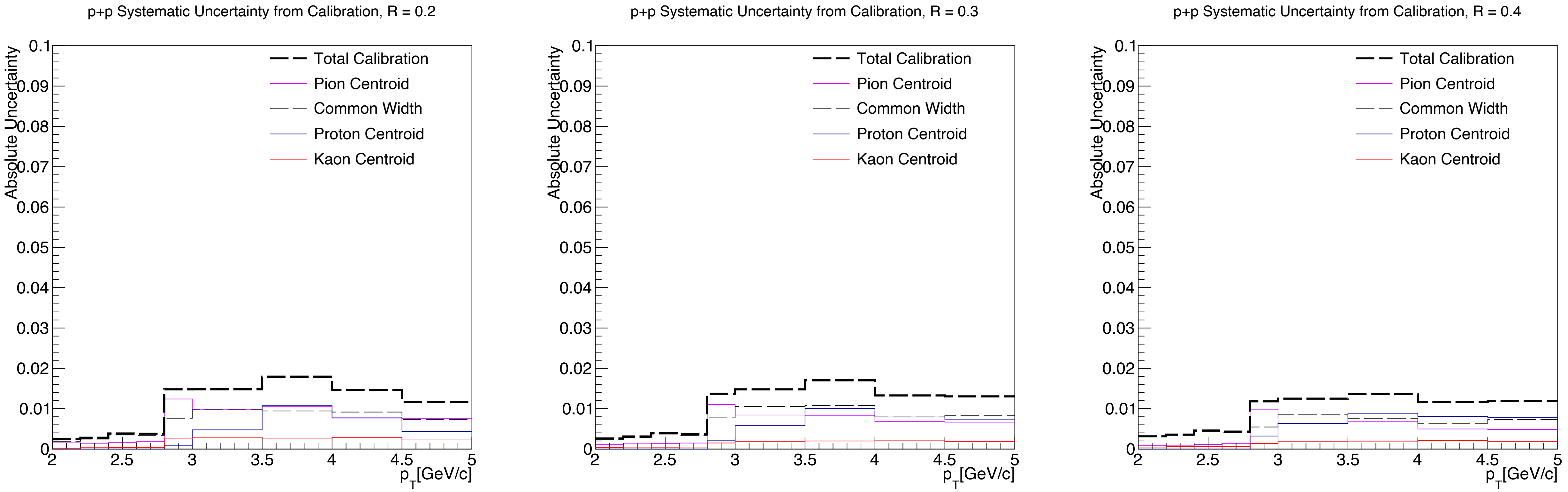
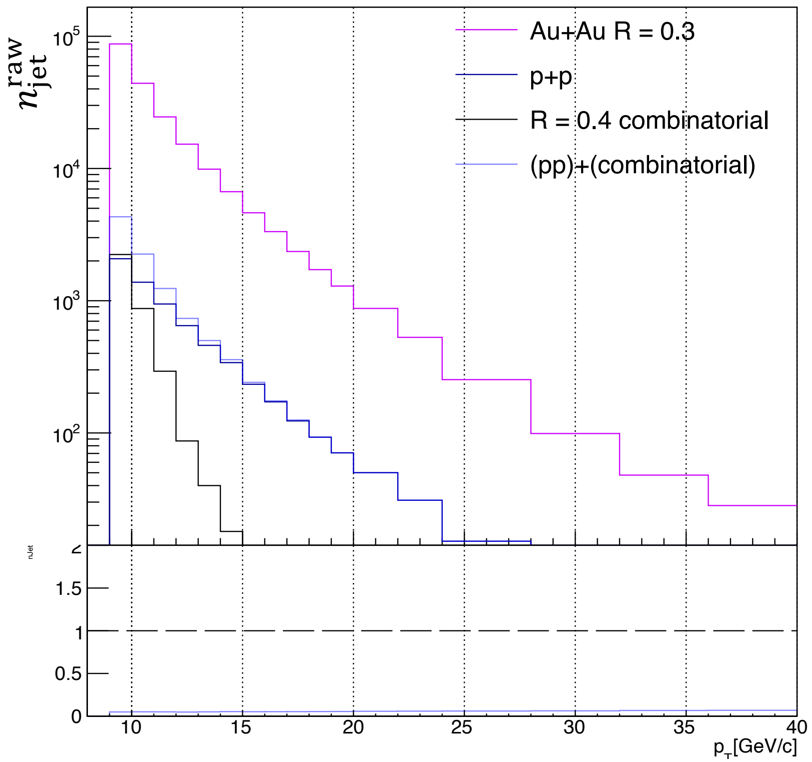


Determining Fake Rate: Spectra Template Fit

Raw Spectra → **Template Fit**

Rebuilding R = 0.3 Spectra



- Create a two-parameter template fit using the raw jet spectra from p+p and combinatorial jets
- Fit the raw Au+Au spectra
- Scale p+p and combinatorial Njet values by the resulting parameters to calculate fake rate

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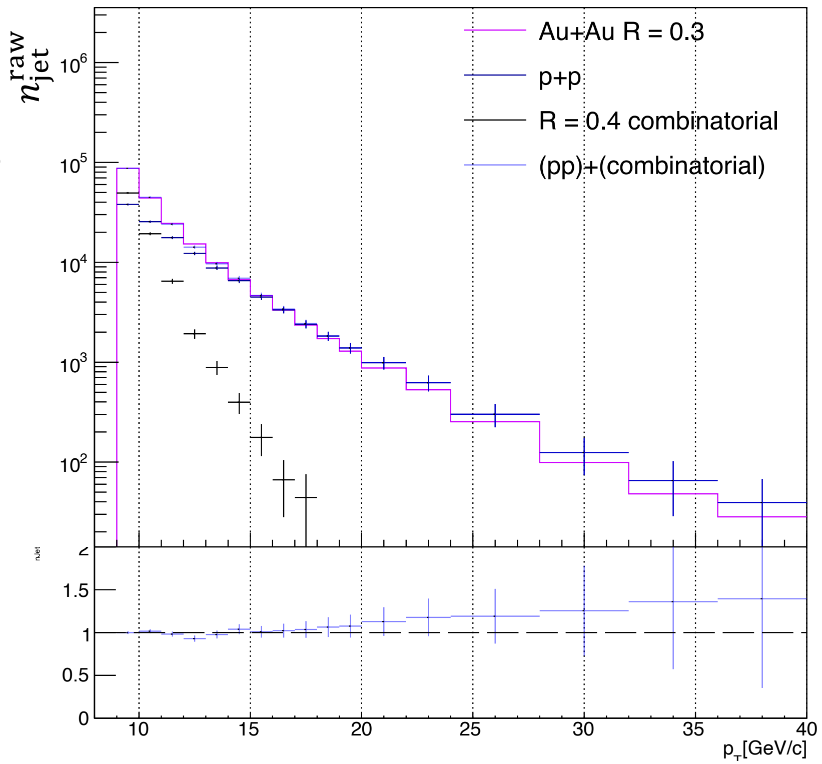


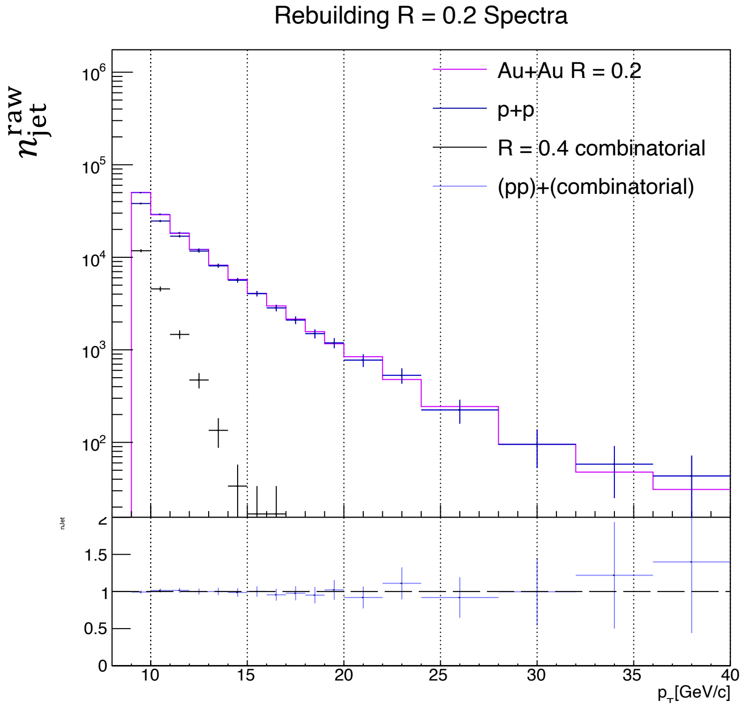
p+p	->	6,984 jets	*	20.5	=	143,715
Combinatorial	->	4,143 jets	*	22.1	=	91,597

-> **39% Fake Rate**

Fit Parameters

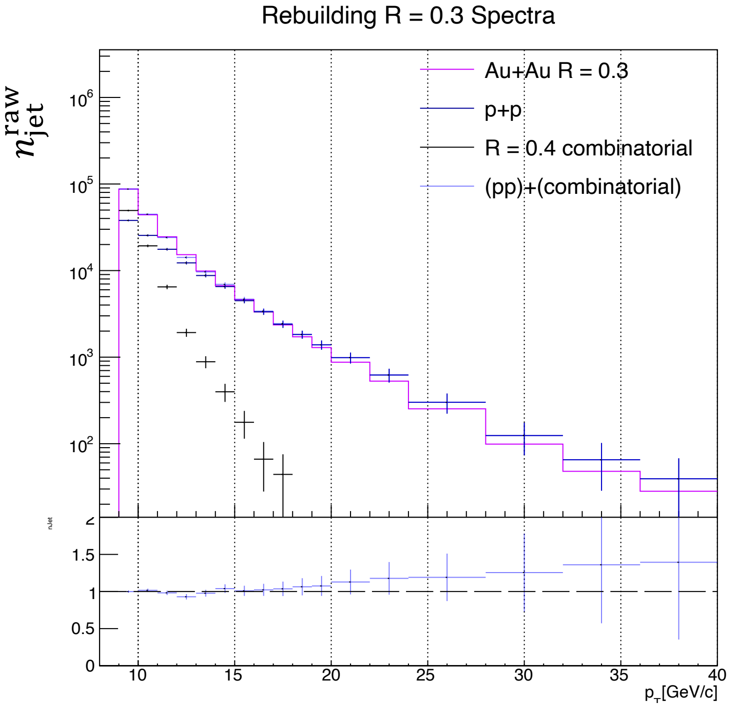
Determining Fake Rate: Spectra Template Fit

R = 0.2



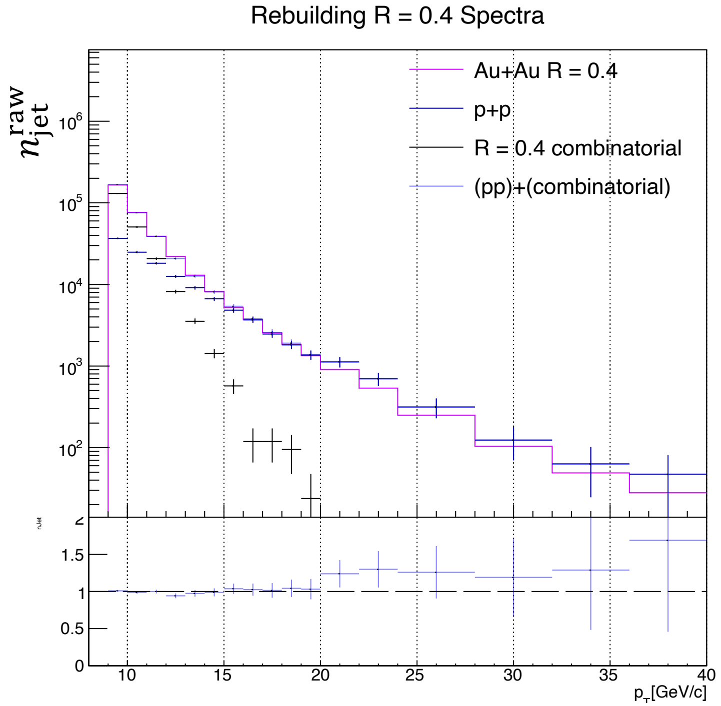
Fake Rate: 13%

R = 0.3



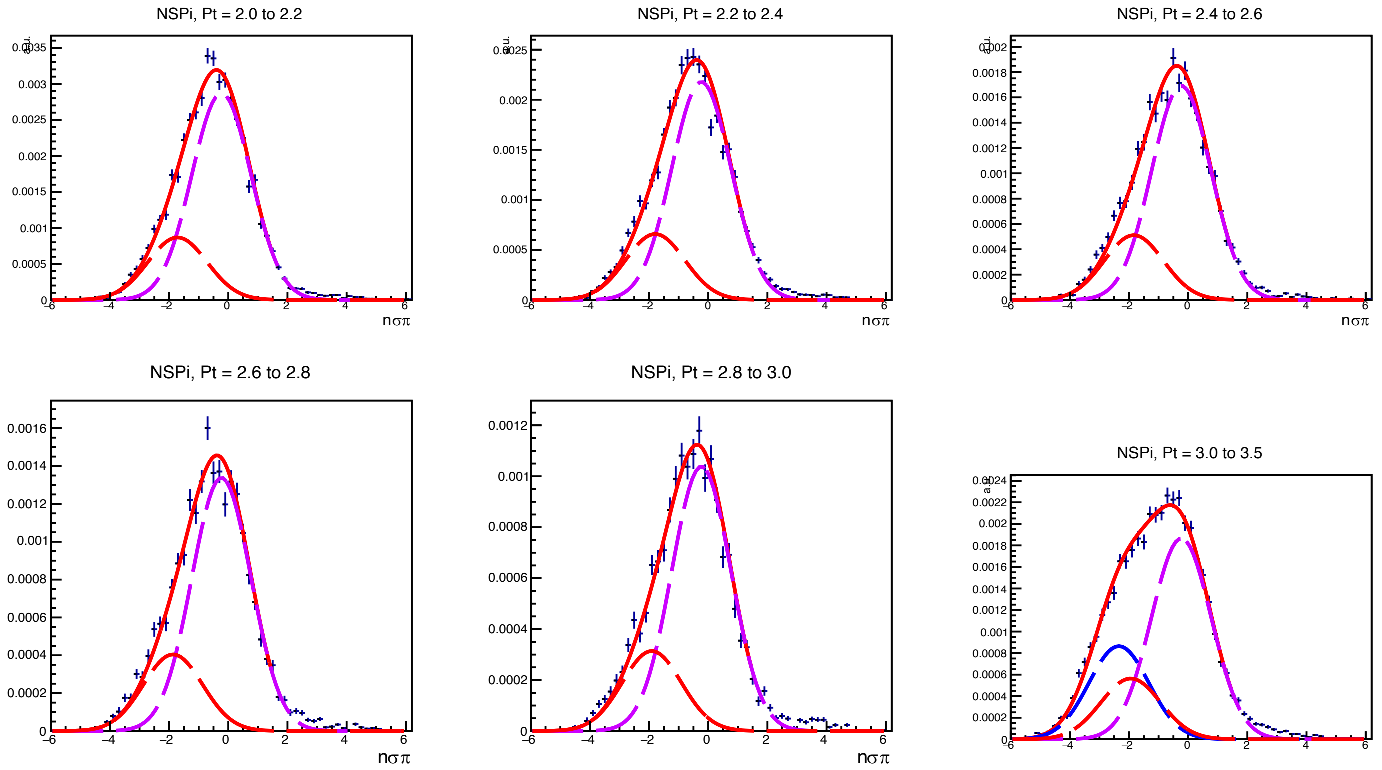
Fake Rate: 39%

R = 0.4



Fake Rate: 63%

Double Fits for m^{2} < 0.5



Gaussian Fits for R = 0.3

Triple Fits for full m^{2} Range