Measurements of the Correlation between Reconstructed Jets and the Reaction Plane in STAR at RHIC

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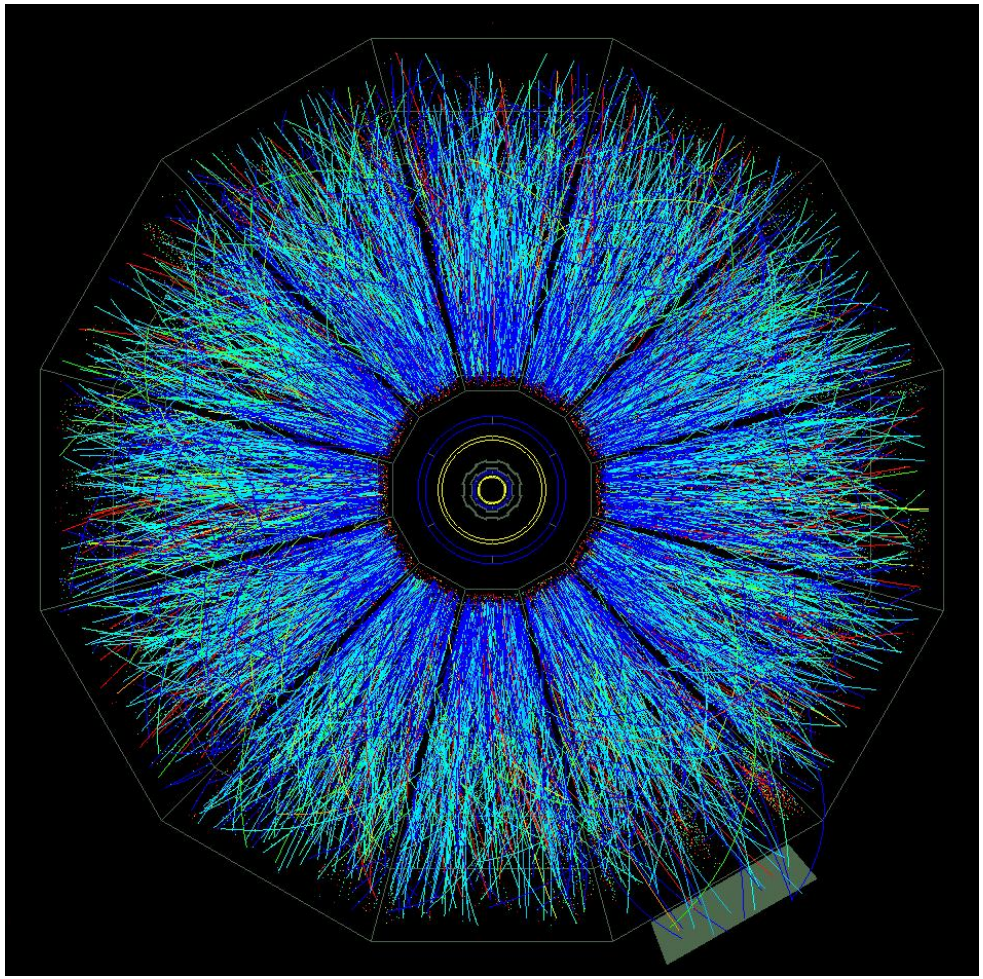

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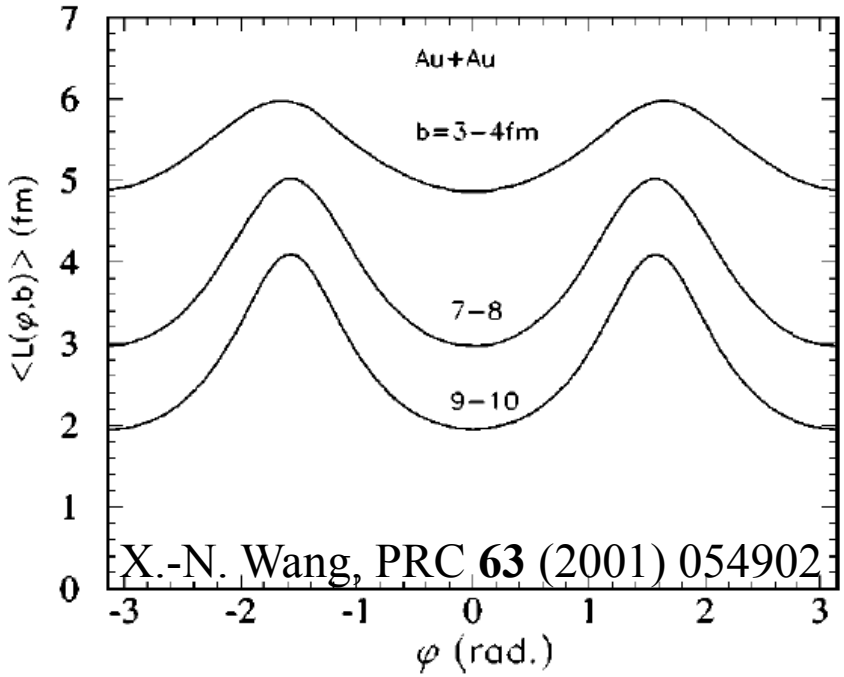
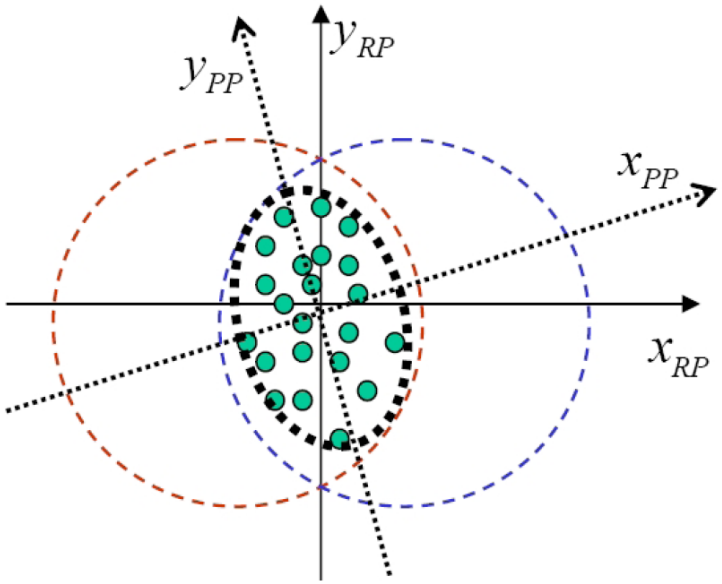
In-medium pathlength depends on orientation to reaction plane

Pathlength-dependent jet quenching

Energy/number of reconstructed jets may depend on orientation to reaction plane.





- "Jet v_2" → correlation between *reconstructed* jets and the reaction plane (or 2nd -order participant plane)
- "Jet v_2" ≠ "Jet flow"

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3) Event plane resolution

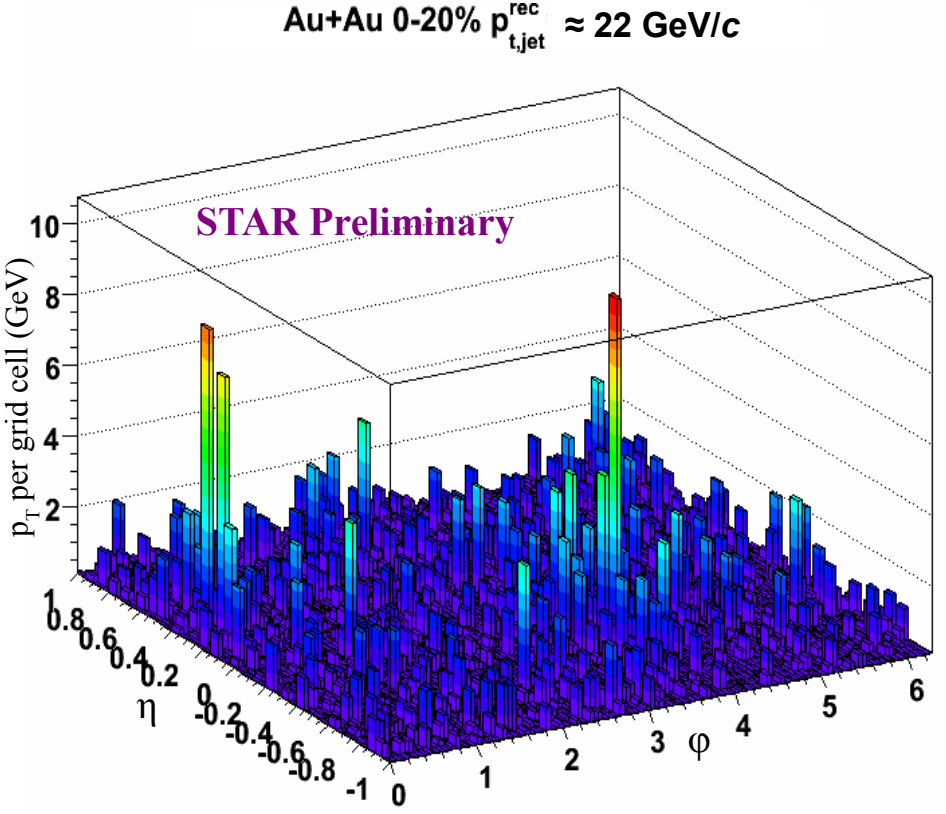
Jets at STAR

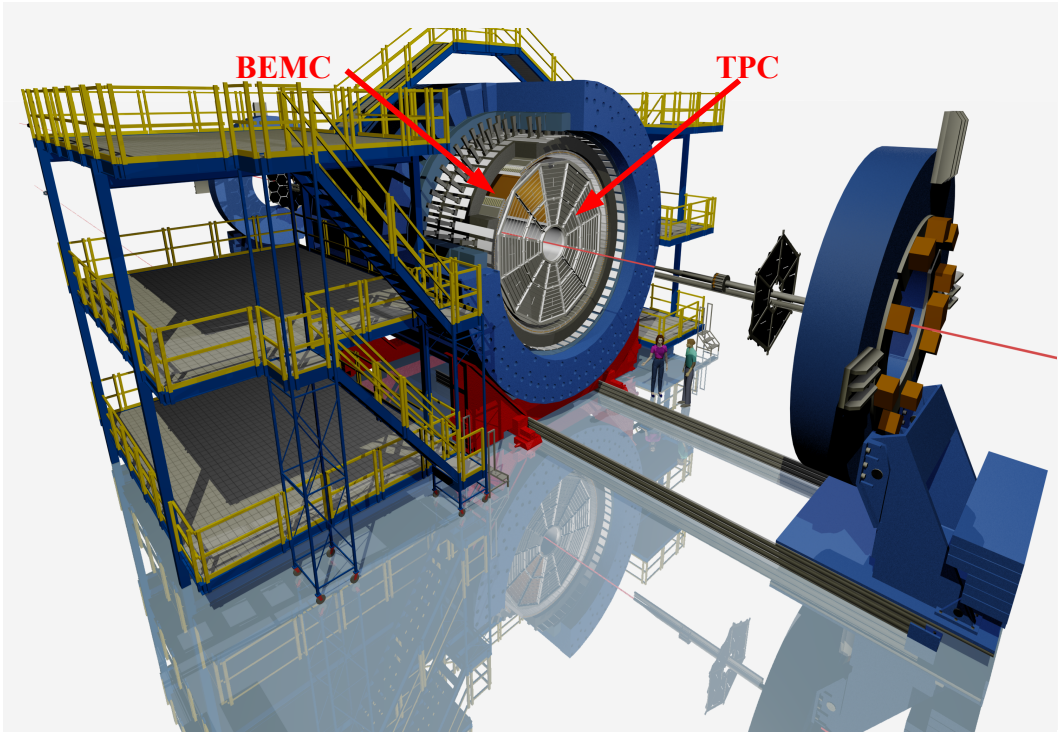
Run 7 Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV

High Tower (HT) Trigger → Online Trigger
E_T > 5.4 GeV in one tower
$\Delta\varphi \times \Delta\eta = 0.05 \times 0.05$
Offline cut: E_T > 5.5 GeV

Trigger Jets found with Anti-k_T algorithm [1]
($R = 0.4$, $p_T^{track,tower} > 2$ GeV/c).

[1] M. Cacciari and G. Salam, Phys. Lett. B **641,** 57 (2006)





Artificial Sources of Anisotropy

- **Background Fluctuations and the Jet Energy Scale**
  Background particles (with $p_T > 2$ GeV/c) with significant v_2 are more likely to be clustered into the jet cone in-plane versus out-of-plane
  → more low-p_T jets reconstructed with a higher p_T
  → increased number of in-plane jets in a fixed reconstructed jet p_T range

- **Biased Event Plane**
  Jet fragments included in event plane calculation
  → event plane pulled towards jet

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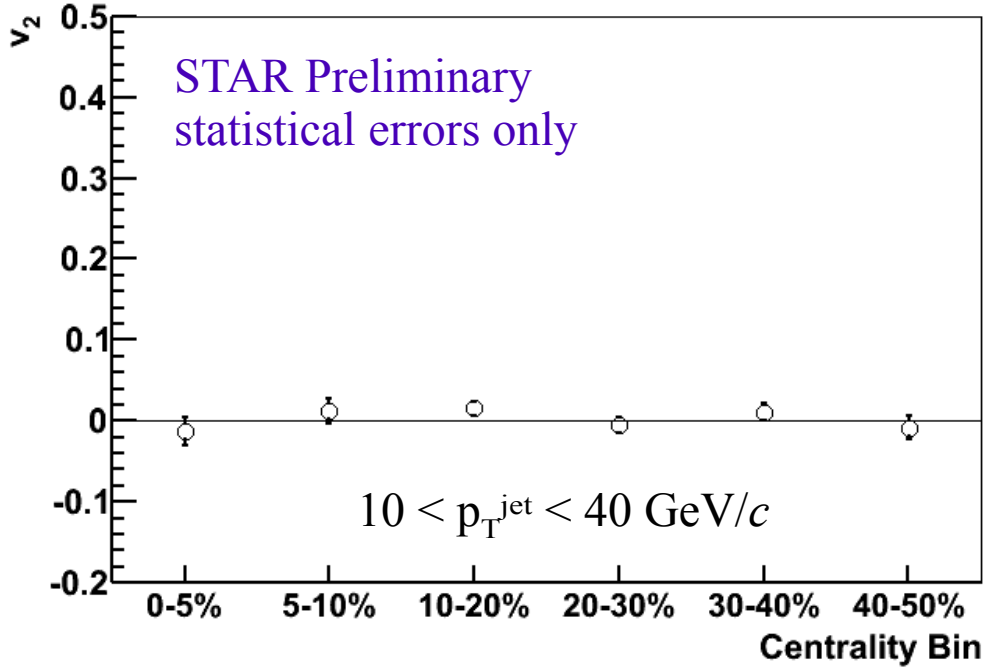

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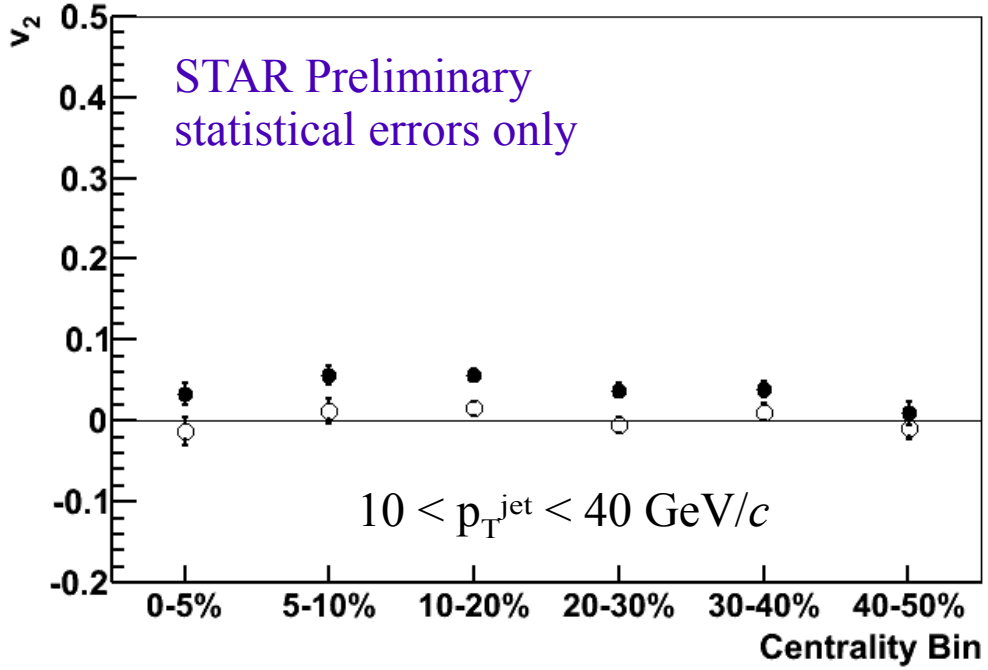

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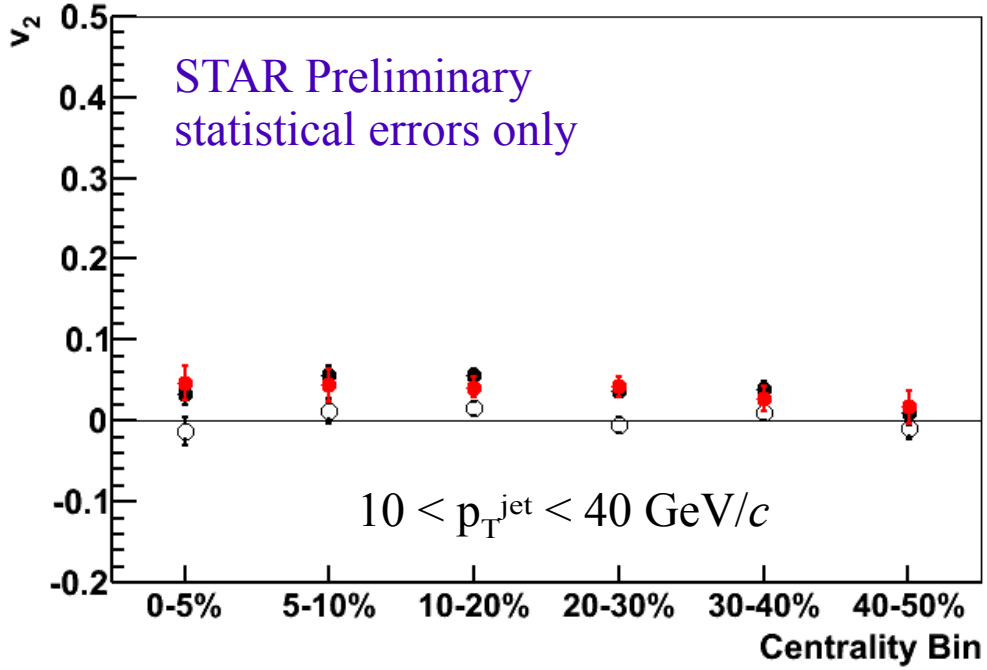

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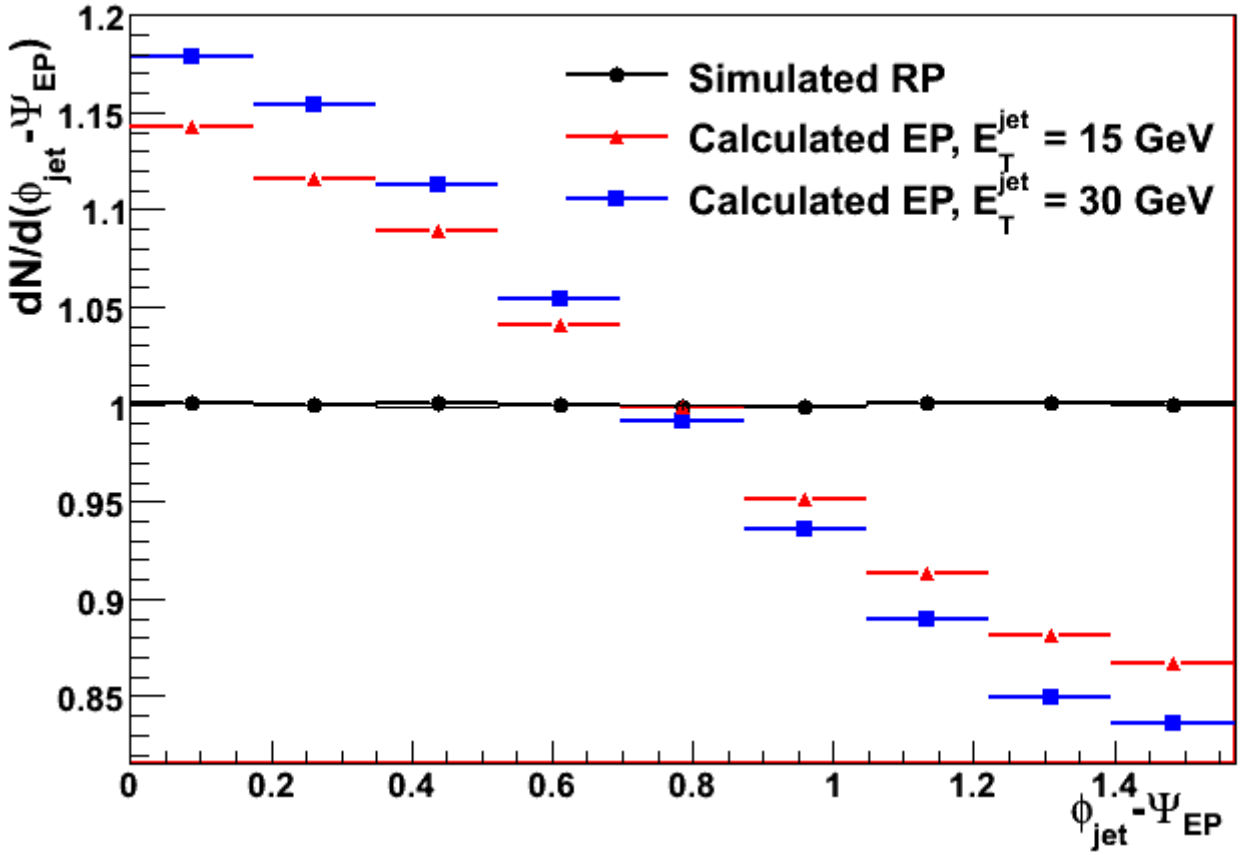
- Artificial jet v_2 caused by background fluctuations is ~ 4%
- Subtract from measured jet v_2 values.

Jet – Event Plane Bias

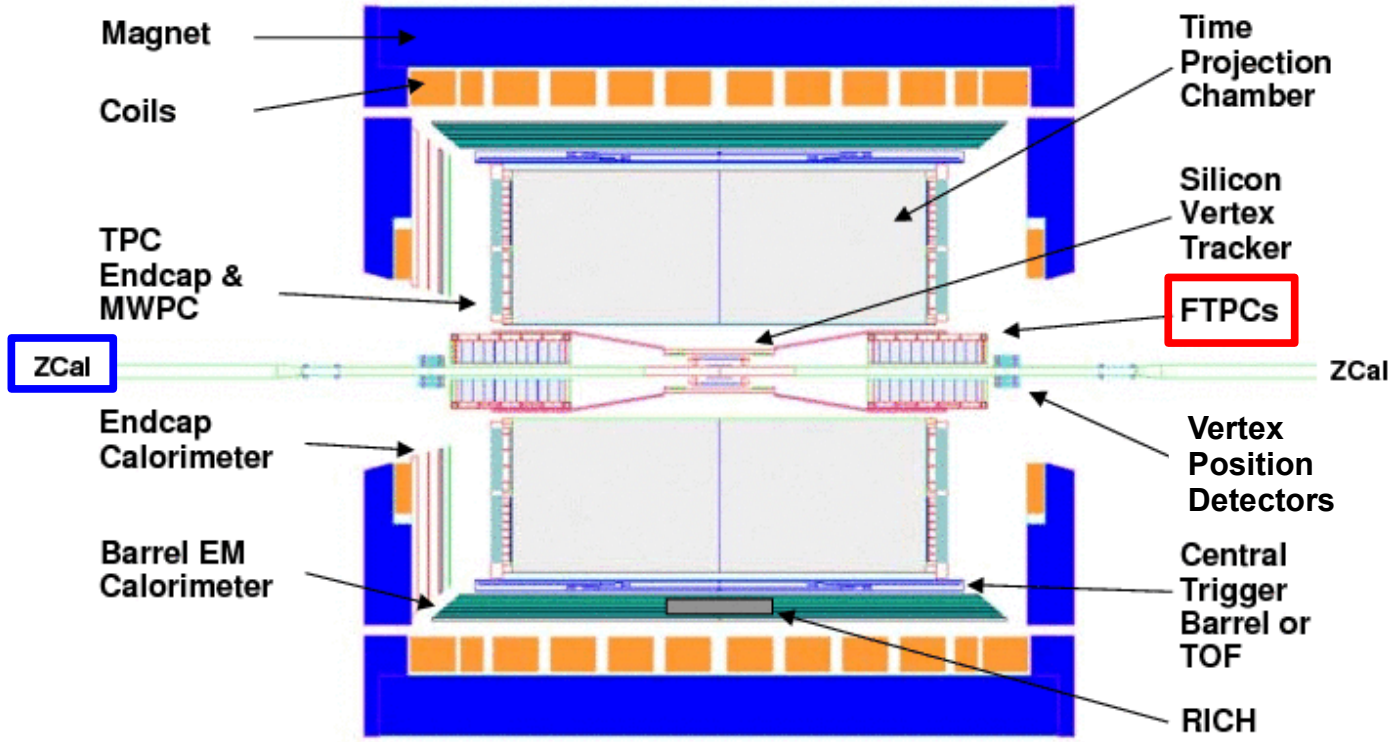


Simulation:
PYTHIA jets embedded
in thermal background

- Calculating the event plane at mid-rapidity leads to significant jet – event plane bias!

- Need to determine event plane at forward rapidities to measure jet v_2 at mid-rapidity...

STAR Forward Capabilities



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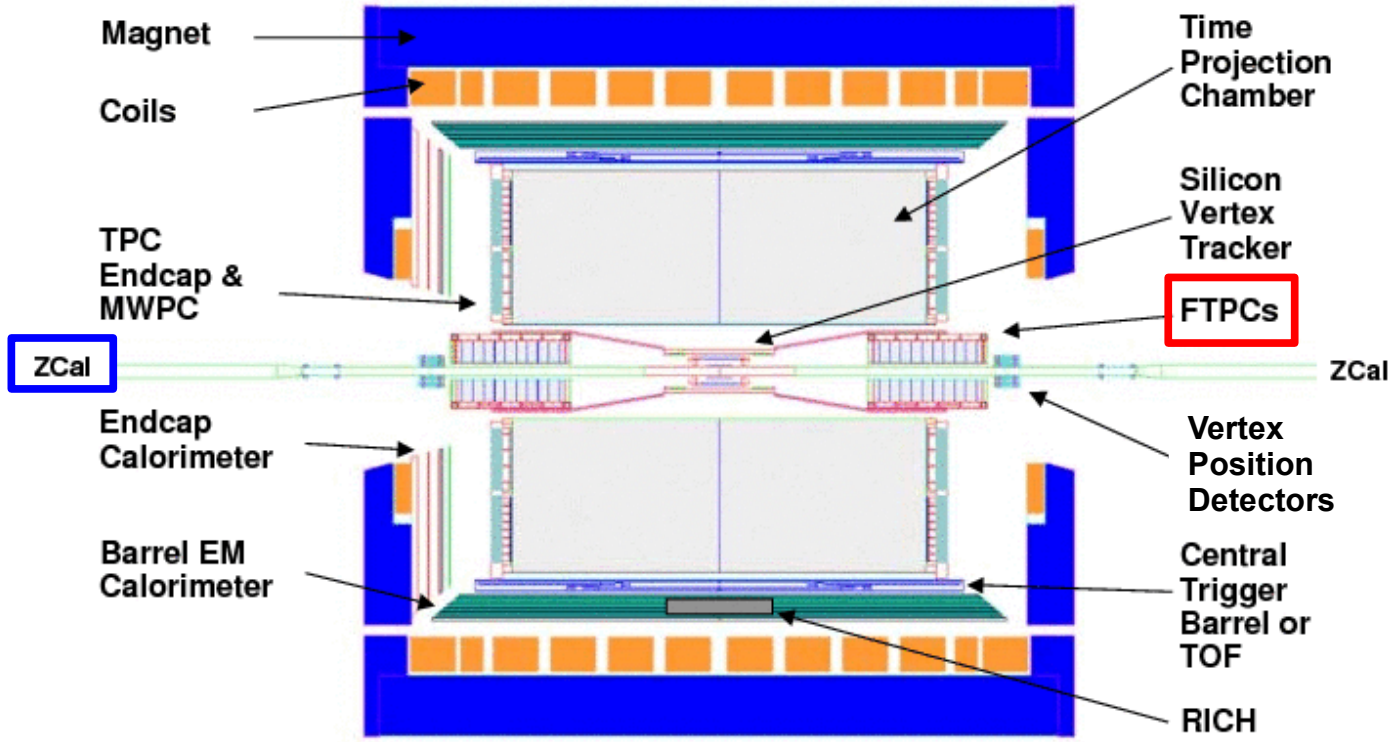

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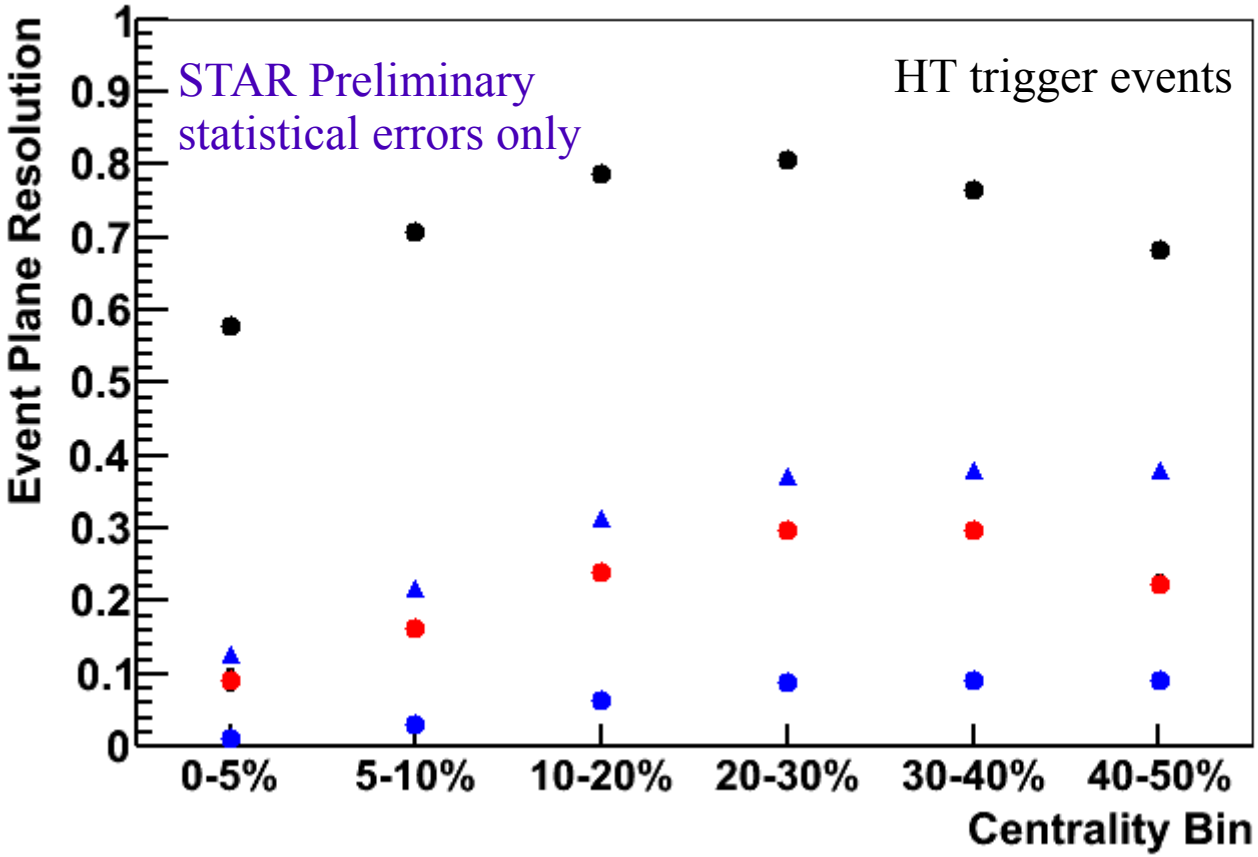
Event Plane Resolution

- Resolution determined from sub-event plane method
- Mixed harmonics: measure $v_2\{\text{ZDC-SMD}\}$ with respect to Ψ_1



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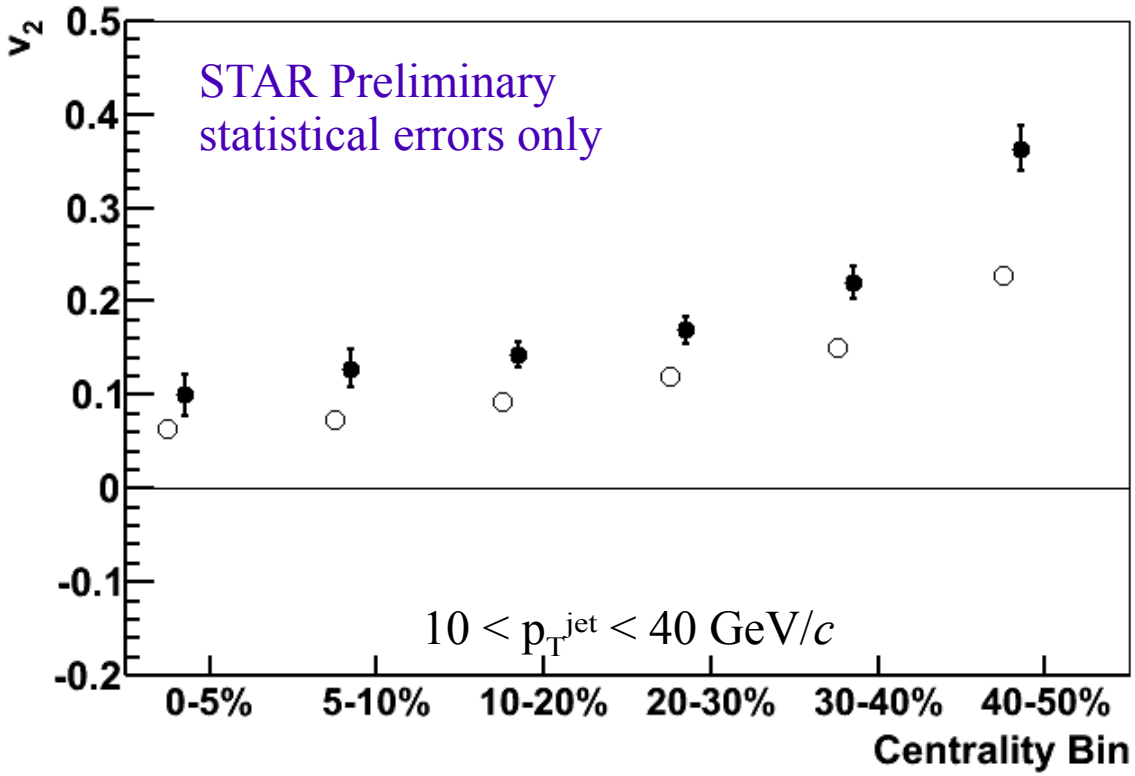

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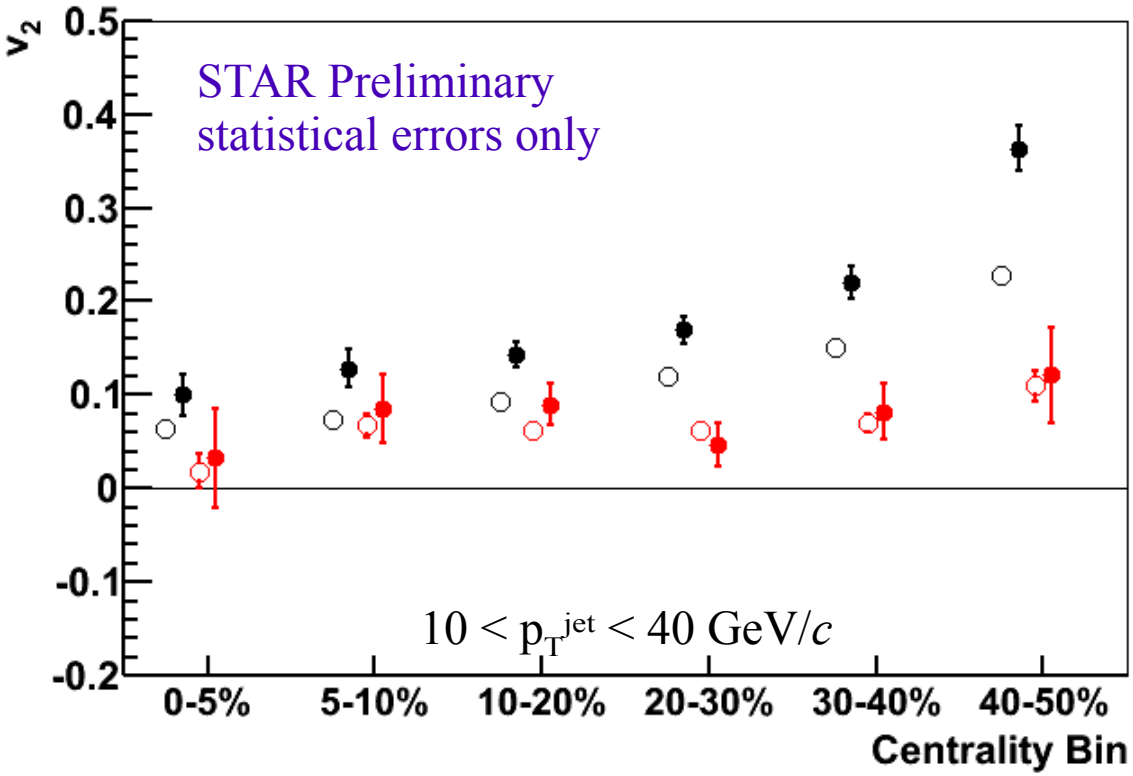

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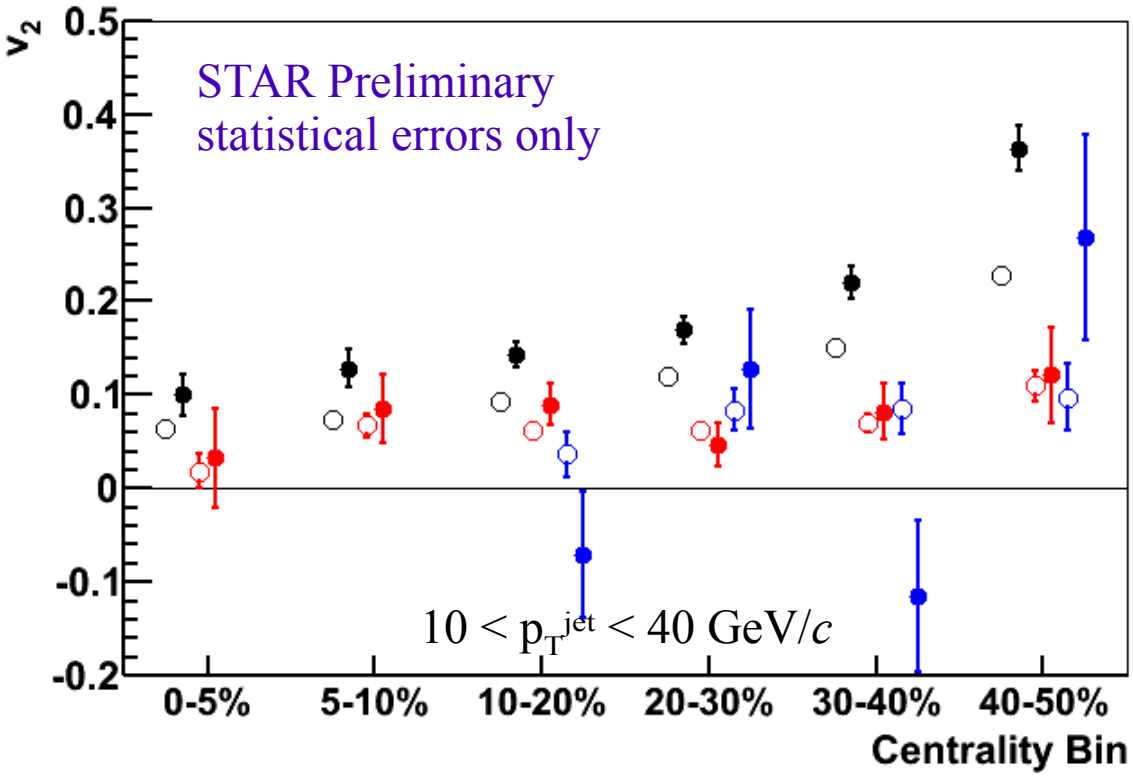

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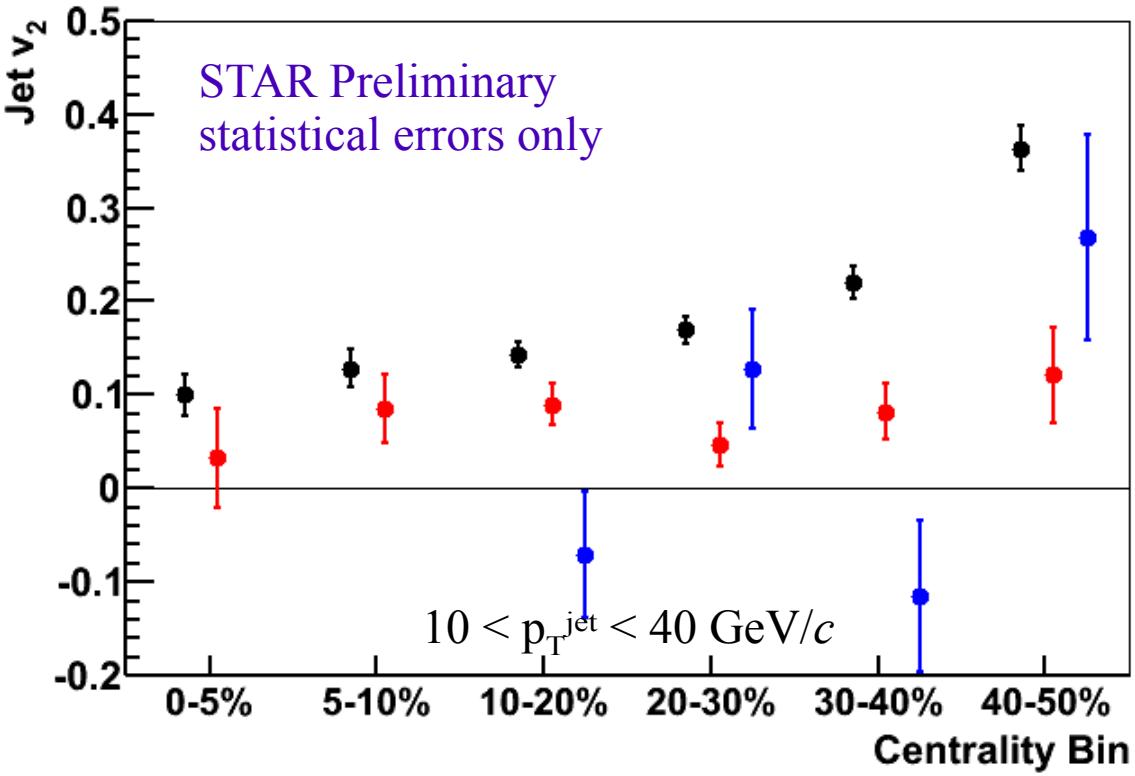

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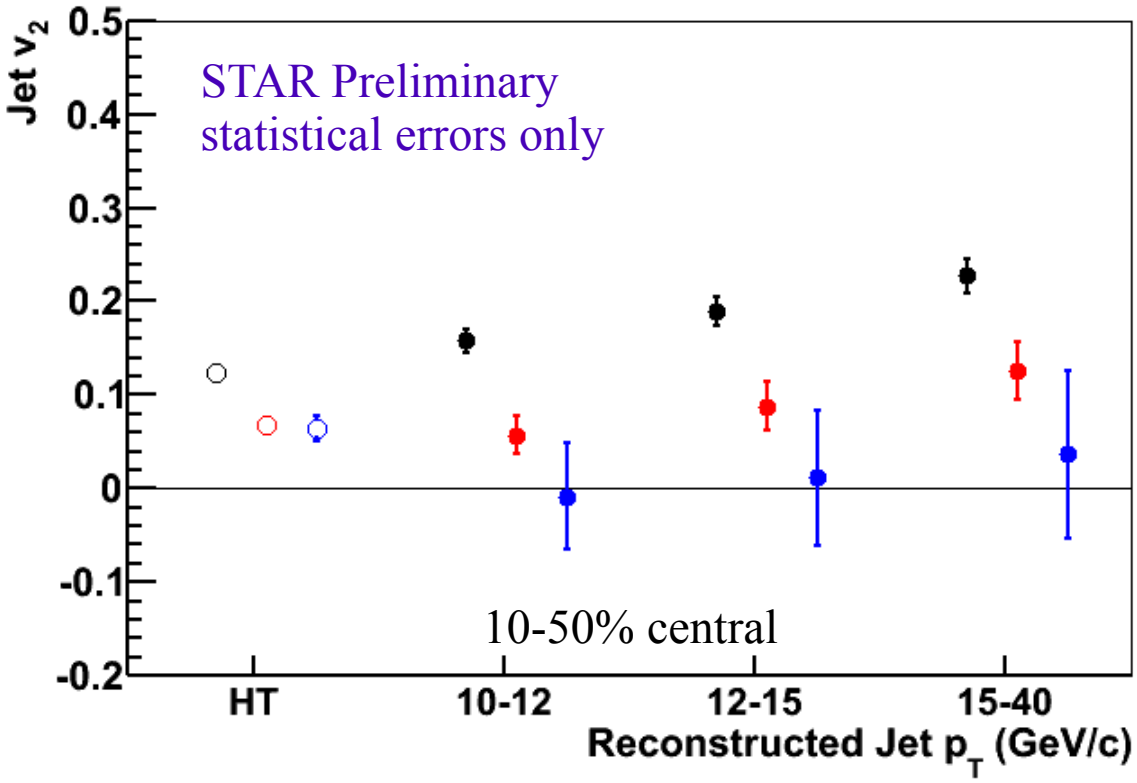
- Jet v_2 {FTPC} is non-zero.

  → Pathlength-dependent parton energy loss
- No clear centrality dependence outside statistical uncertainties.
- Caveat: Reconstructed jet energy has slight dependence on centrality

Jet v_2 vs Reconstructed Jet p_T



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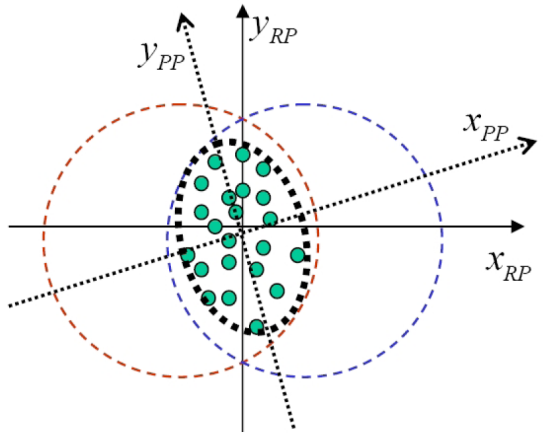

- Jet v_2\{FTPC\} increases slightly with jet p_T
- Jet v_2\{FTPC\} > Jet v_2\{ZDC-SMD\}
  → In single-particle v_2 measurements, this difference is attributed to flow in participant plane vs. reaction plane, $v_2(PP) > v_2(RP)$
  → Jet energy loss sensitive to geometry in participant frame?

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- Can be used to further constrain theories of pathlength-dependent parton energy loss and parton-medium interactions.

Backup

Event Plane Calculations

- TPC: $0.2 < p_T^{track} < 2.0$, p_T-weighting

  Corrections: φ-weighting

- FTPC: $0.2 < p_T^{track} < 2.0$, p_T-weighting

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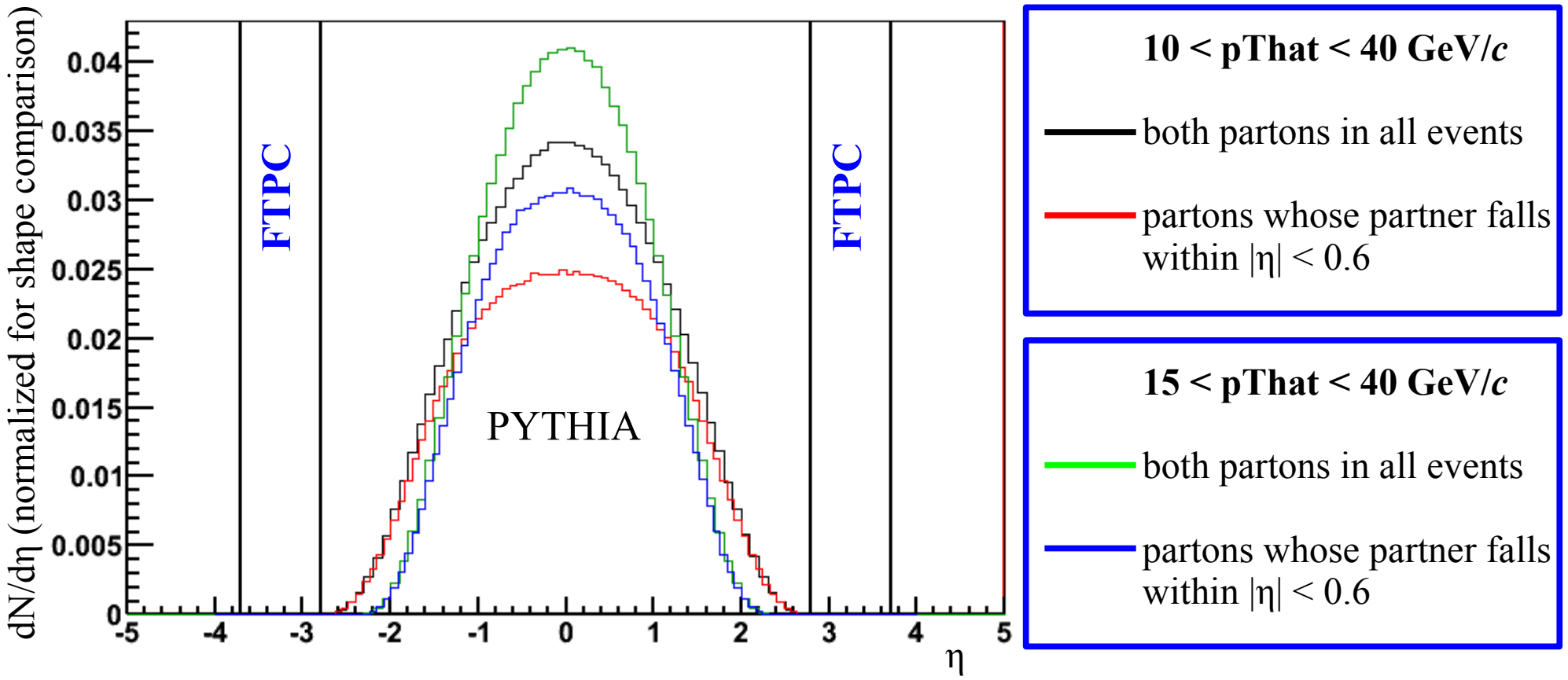
Does the recoil jet hit the FTPC?



- For pThat > 10 GeV/*c*, in 2M events, < 10 partons point towards the η region covered by the FTPC
- For pThat > 15 GeV/*c*, in 2M events, 0 partons point towards the η region covered by the FTPC

Participant vs. Reaction Plane

- $v_2\{\mathrm{PP}\} > v_2\{\mathrm{RP}\}$

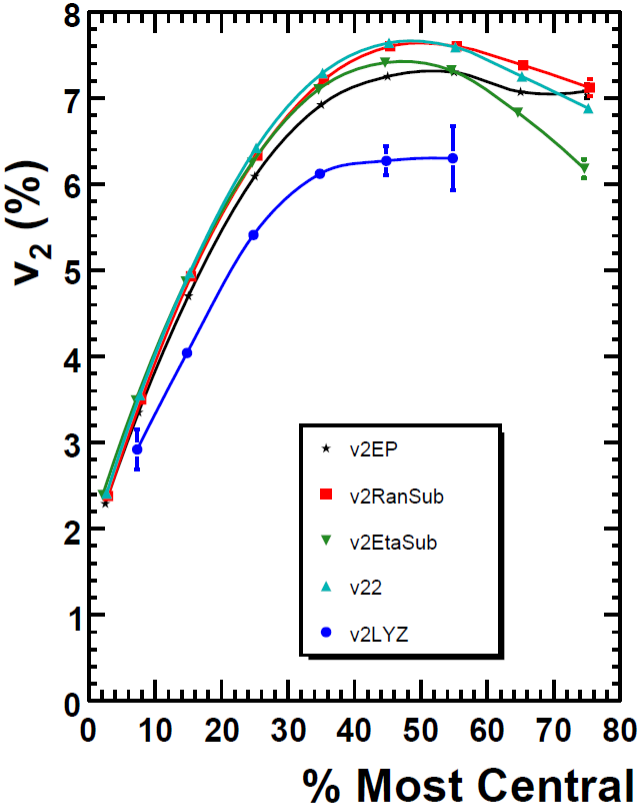


FIG. 6: (Color online) The values of v_2 from various analysis methods vs centrality. Both the upper lines [3] and the lower line [25] are STAR data.

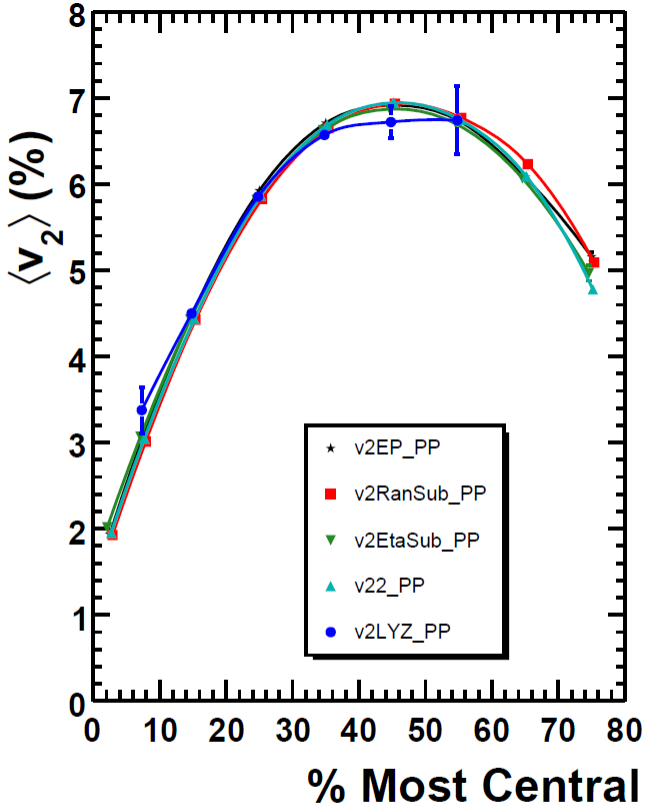


FIG. 7: (Color online) The data from Fig. 6 corrected to $\langle v_2 \rangle$ in the participant plane.

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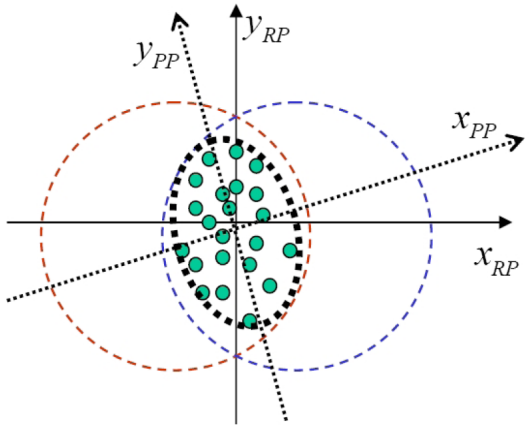
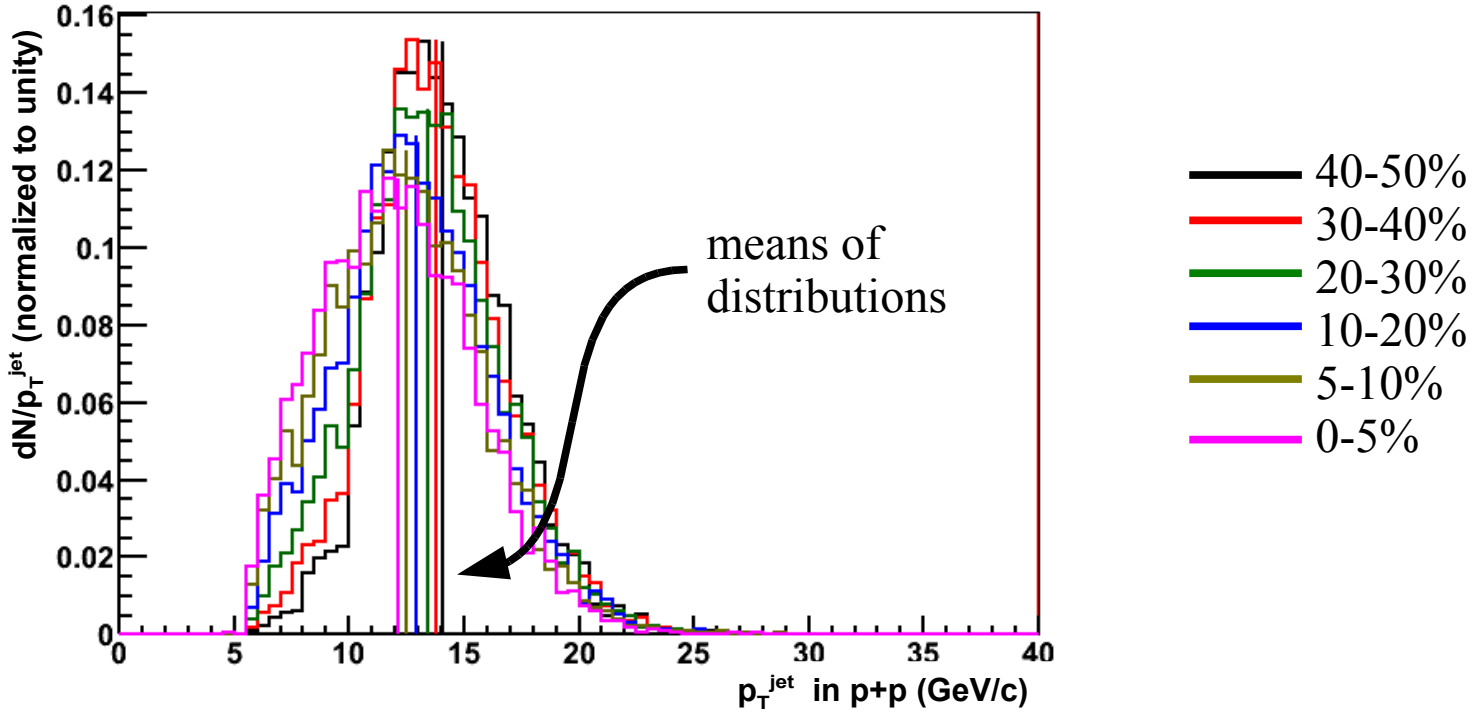


Reco. Jet p_T vs. Centrality

- Embed p+p HT trigger jets into Au+Au minimum bias events
- Reconstructed jet energy of embedded jets: $10 < p_T^{jet} < 15$ GeV/c
- Distribution of p+p jet energies (reconstructed before embedding, with $p_T^{cut} = 0.2$ GeV/c):



- Reconstructing jets in Au+Au samples slightly higher parton energies in peripheral events than in central (by ~2-5 GeV)