

Measurement of longitudinal double-spin asymmetries for di-jet
production in polarized pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV and
intermediate rapidity at STAR

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Abstract

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2 We present the first measurement of the longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL} for dijets in the inter-
3 mediate pseudorapidity range $0.9 < \eta < 1.8$ produced in polarized pp collisions at a center-of-mass energy of
4 $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV. Values of A_{LL} are reported for several different event topologies, which are defined by the jet
5 pseudorapidities and represent increasingly asymmetric partonic collisions. Dijet events where both jets have
6 $0.9 < \eta < 1.8$ provide sensitivity for gluons with Bjorken- x below 0.01, a region where the gluon polarized
7 distribution $\Delta g(x)$ is very poorly constrained. The measured asymmetries are mostly consistent with current
8 theoretical predictions, and feature greatly enhanced statistical precision compared to the previous analysis
9 of intermediate pseudorapidity dijet A_{LL} , which used data from pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV.

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Chapter 1

Endcap Electromagnetic Calorimeter Calibration and Triggering

1.1 EEMC Calibration

Both the Barrel and Endcap Electromagnetic Calorimeters must be calibrated in order to accurately relate recorded ADC signals to the transverse energy deposited in the calorimeters. The BEMC calibration procedure relies on the ratio E/p for identified electrons, matching the energy deposited in the calorimeter with the momentum measured by the TPC. However, the rapidly falling TPC tracking efficiency at EEMC pseudorapidities necessitates a calibration approach that does not rely on the TPC. Reconstruction of the π^0 invariant mass could provide an absolute calibration, but was not feasible before 2009 because of inadequate simulations of the EEMC. So, a calibration method that relies on the identification of minimum ionizing particles (MIPs) was chosen for the EEMC.

1.1.1 MIP Method Overview

The MIP calibration method determines the calorimeter gains using the mean expected energy loss of minimum ionizing particle passing through the scintillator layers. MIPs, which at STAR are mostly charged pions, are produced in large quantities and with high purity. However, the MIP method has a few limitations which must be kept in mind:

1. the actual energy loss of a MIP passing through a scintillator layer depends slightly on the type of particle, its energy, and its angle of incidence;
2. the distribution of deposited energy in thin scintillator layers is not Gaussian;
3. because MIPs do not generate electromagnetic showers, calculating absolute gain factors requires knowing the calorimeter sampling fraction.

The calorimeter sampling fraction is the percentage of ionization that occurs in the scintillator layers, as opposed to the proportion that occurs in the lead radiator layers. The EEMC sampling fraction is about 5%. The mean energy loss of a normally incident MIP in plastic scintillator is approximately 2 MeV/cm, and the EEMC lead-scintillator stacks contain a little less than 10 cm of plastic. Thus, the EEMC response to a normally incident MIP should be similar to that of a 0.4 GeV photon.

1.1.2 Procedure

The MIP identification procedure relies on finding isolated energy deposits in all layers of the calorimeter for a given tower. A transverse isolation cut requiring a coincidence of “hits” in two neighboring SMD strips in both planes, with multiple empty strips on either side, is imposed to ensure that only a single MIP is present. The intersection of the orthogonal sets of fired strips in the two SMD planes is used as a fiducial cut

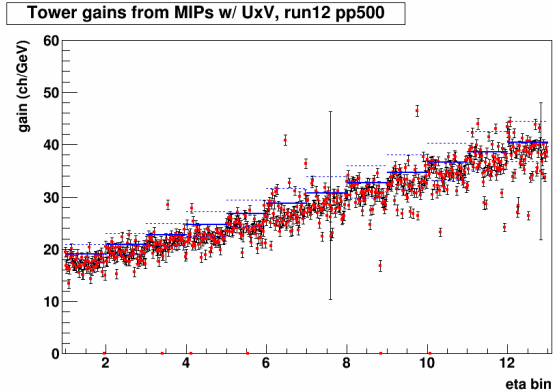


Figure 1.1: 2012 $pp510$ tower gains vs. each tower's η bin.

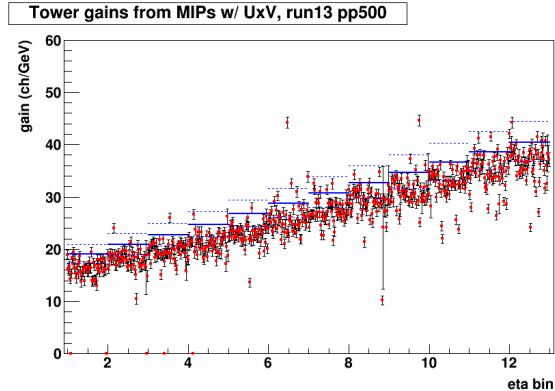


Figure 1.2: 2013 $pp510$ tower gains vs. each tower's η bin.

93 to ensure that the MIP stayed within a single tower. The calibration is then carried out with the resulting
 94 MIP sample using an “all layers but one” approach. A given layer is calibrated by requiring that an energy
 95 consistent with a MIP be deposited in all of the other layers. For example, the tower gains are obtained by
 96 requiring that MIP energy be deposited in the two preshower layers, the postshower layer, and the two SMD
 97 planes. While this procedure may seem circular, in practice the simple requirement of a “hit” well above
 98 pedestal in all other layers is by itself sufficient to yield a well-defined MIP signal in the layer of interest.

99 1.1.3 Relative Gain Change and Results

100 As a preliminary step to the measurement of A_{LL} for dijet production at forward pseudorapidity, the gains for
 101 all EEMC layers were obtained using the MIP calibration method. The data for this analysis were collected
 102 during the $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV portions of the 2012 and 2013 RHIC runs, so the EEMC was calibrated (separately)
 103 for these two periods. An additional consideration for these calibration efforts was that the EEMC gains
 104 can decrease over the months of RHIC running. The cause of this gain decrease is unknown, though it may
 105 be related to radiation damage to the scintillators. Since the 2013 pp at 510 GeV run lasted for a relatively
 106 long time and featured high luminosities, the changing gains were expected to have a noticeable effect on
 107 jet analyses. Thus, a slight modification of the EEMC tower calibration was developed and implemented for
 108 both the 2012 and 2013 datasets to provide more accurate gains.

109 The modified calibration procedure was carried out for both datasets in the exact same manner. First,
 110 the gains for each layer were obtained for the entirety of the calibration dataset using the method described
 111 above. The results for the towers, the only layer of interest for the dijet analysis described in this document,
 112 can be seen in Figs. 1.1 and 1.2. The gains (red points) are plotted as a function of pseudorapidity bin,
 113 along with the ideal gains (blue lines) for each η bin. A tower's ideal gain is defined as the gain for which an
 114 electromagnetic particle with 60 GeV of transverse energy would show up in channel 4095. The high voltages
 115 for the EEMC tower PMTs are adjusted occasionally to maintain tower gains close to the ideal values.

116 Next, the calibration dataset was divided into four quarters covering roughly equal time periods. Each
 117 quarter was calibrated independently according to the MIP calibration procedure, and tower gains obtained.
 118 Then, histograms were filled with ratios of calculated gain over ideal gain for each tower, and fit with
 119 Gaussians. The histograms and fits for the 2012 run are shown in Fig. 1.3, and for the 2013 run in Fig. 1.4.
 120 The mean of the Gaussian fit was taken to be the average gain ratio for that particular quarter.

121 With the four average gain ratios calculated, they were plotted as a function of date and fit with a straight
 122 line. The results for both years are shown in Figs. 1.5 and 1.6. As evidenced by the plots, the decreasing
 123 tower gains over the course of a running period are modeled quite well by the linear fit. It is likely that
 124 the decreasing gains are related to the integrated luminosity seen by the detector, for which the amount
 125 of elapsed time since the running period began is a good approximation. Note the substantial change in
 126 vertical scale, and hence in the fractional gain change, in 2013 compared to 2012.

127 An additional consideration in the study of the changing tower gains was to see if the gain decrease was

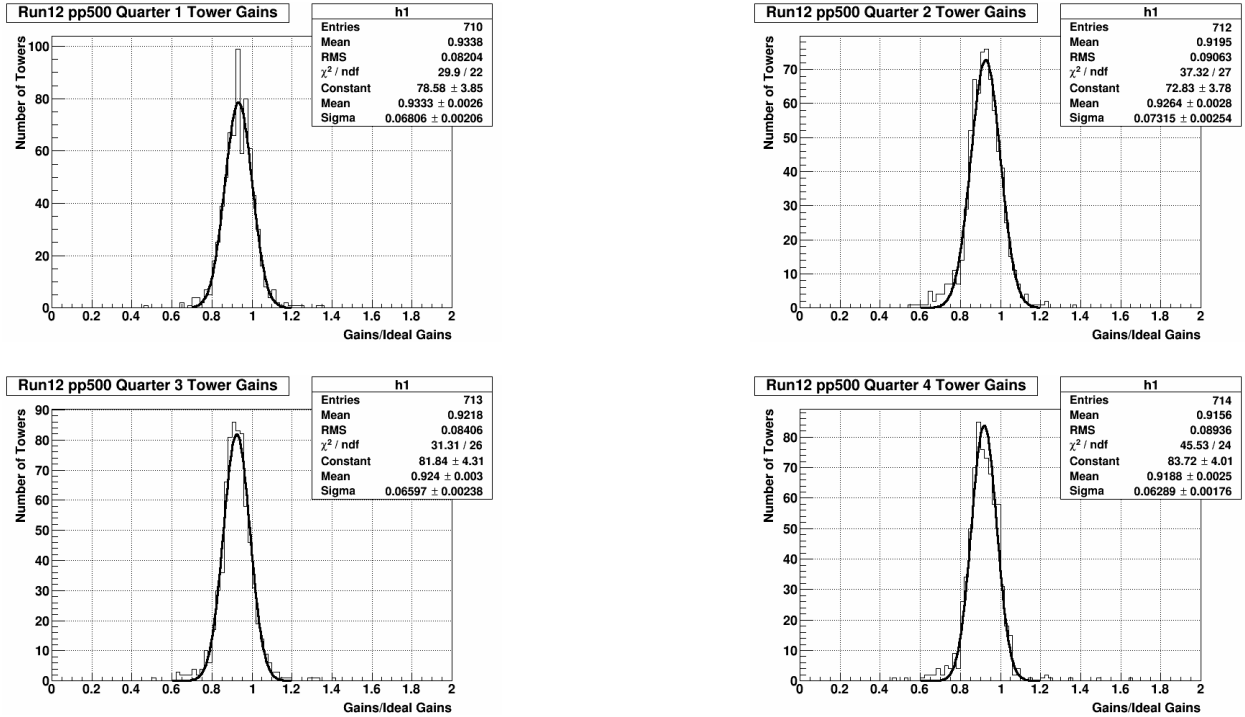


Figure 1.3: Histograms and fits of the ratio of calibrated tower gain over ideal gain, for the four quarters of the 2012 *pp510* running period.

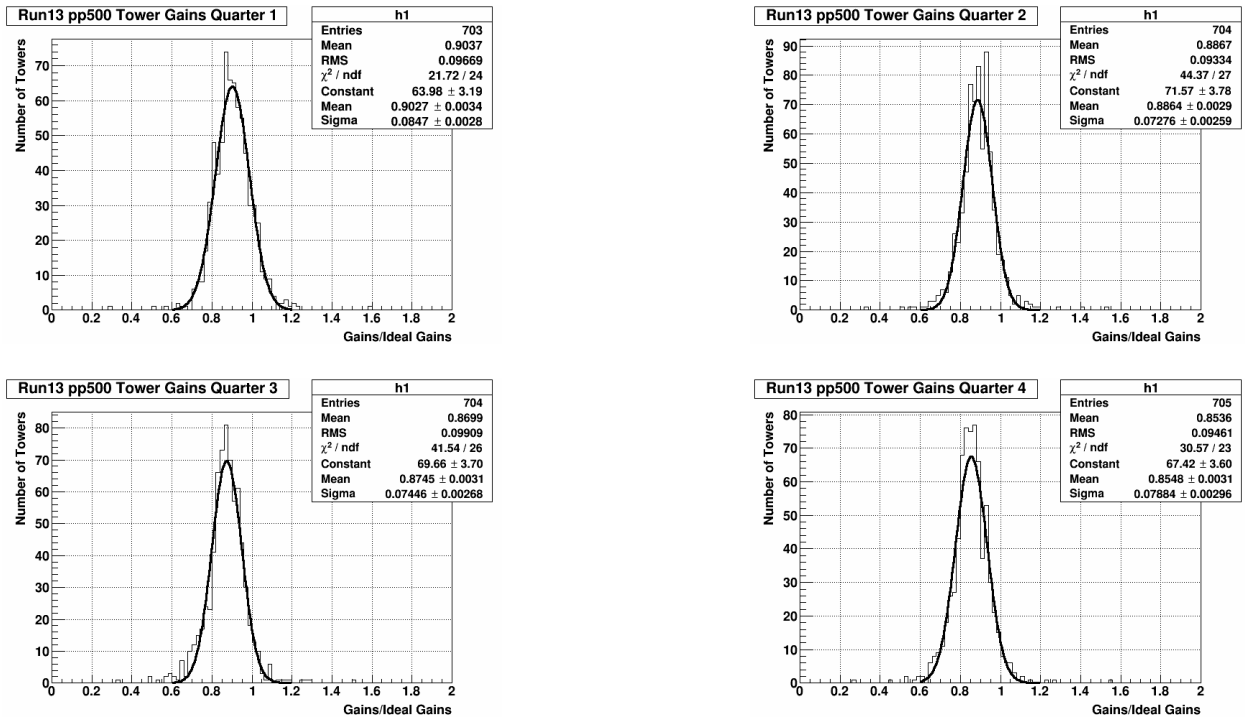


Figure 1.4: Histograms and fits of the ratio of calibrated tower gain over ideal gain, for the four quarters of the 2013 *pp510* running period.

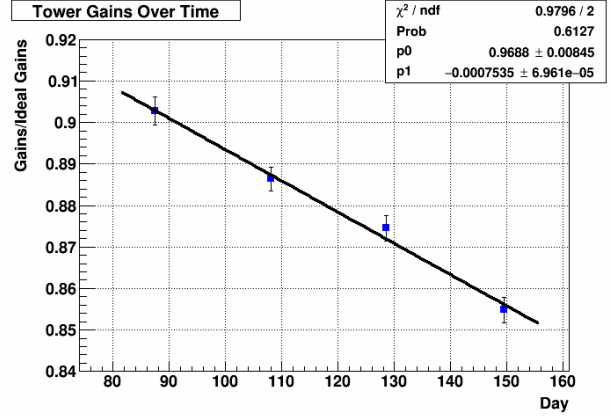
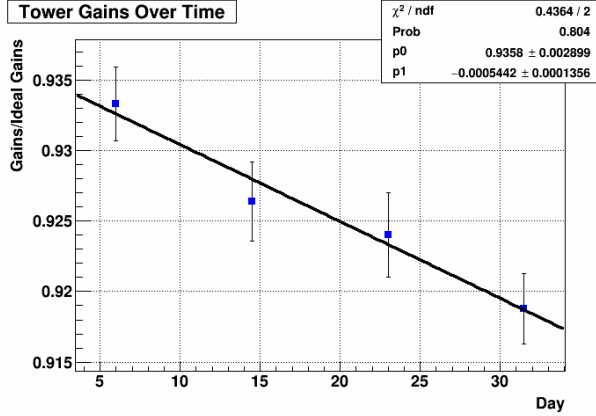


Figure 1.5: 2012 *pp*510 tower gain decrease over time. Figure 1.6: 2013 *pp*510 tower gain decrease over time.

128 uniform over the entire EEMC. For example, one could imagine that towers closer to the beam pipe (higher
 129 η) or in a certain azimuthal position are more susceptible to degradation. To check this, the EEMC towers
 130 were split into groups based on η bin and ϕ sector. Then, for each η and ϕ group, the average ratio of tower
 131 gains to ideal gains for each quarter of the running period was calculated and fit with a line, as described
 132 above for all of the towers. This yielded 12 slopes for the different η bins, and 12 slopes for the different ϕ
 133 bins. These two sets of slopes are shown in Figs. 1.7 and 1.8 for 2012, and in Figs. 1.9 and 1.10 for 2013.
 134 The 2012 run showed no significant η dependence, and the 2013 run showed no smooth η dependence, so it
 135 was concluded that the rate of tower gain decrease did not vary with pseudorapidity in a way that needed
 136 to be accounted for. Neither running period showed significant ϕ dependence. Since the tower gain decrease
 137 was observed to be mostly uniform across the whole EEMC, the slopes shown in Figs. 1.5 and 1.6 were taken
 138 to be the rate of change of all towers' gains for the 2012 and 2013 runs, respectively.

139 The last step in the modified tower gain calibration procedure was to use the global gain change slopes
 140 along with each tower's gain from the calibration of the entire dataset (Figs. 1.1 and 1.2) to extrapolate a
 141 set of four gains for every tower. Each running period was split into four equal quarters, with the tower
 142 gains calculated at the middle of each quarter. This extrapolation was done, instead of just using the tower
 143 gains from the four separate calibrations, in order to yield gains for as many towers as possible, since the
 144 reduced statistics in each quarter render more towers unusable. The end result of the calibration effort was
 145 four sets of tower gains and one set of gains for the other layers (preshower, postshower, SMD) for each of
 146 2012 and 2013, which were then uploaded to the STAR database and made available for use in any analysis
 147 that incorporates the EEMC.

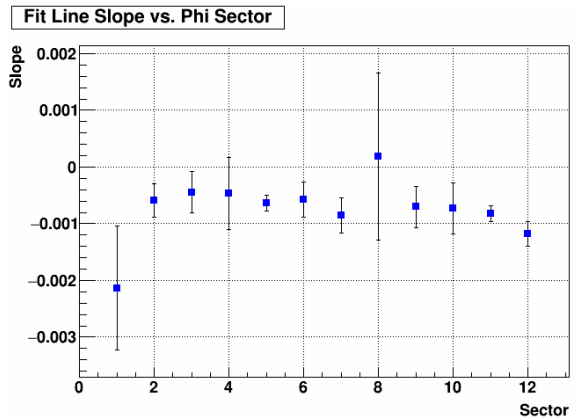
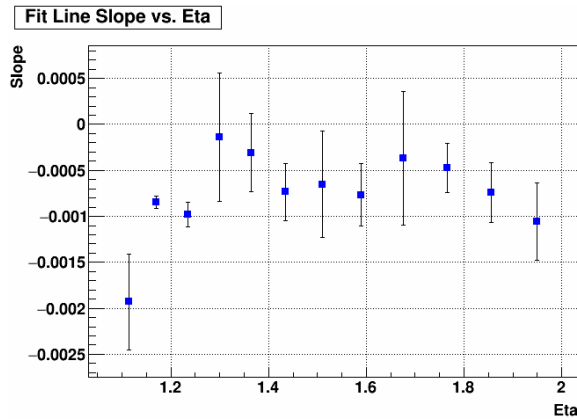


Figure 1.7: Rate of 2012 *pp*510 tower gain decrease as a function of pseudorapidity.

Figure 1.8: Rate of 2012 *pp*510 tower gain decrease for each sector of azimuthal angle.

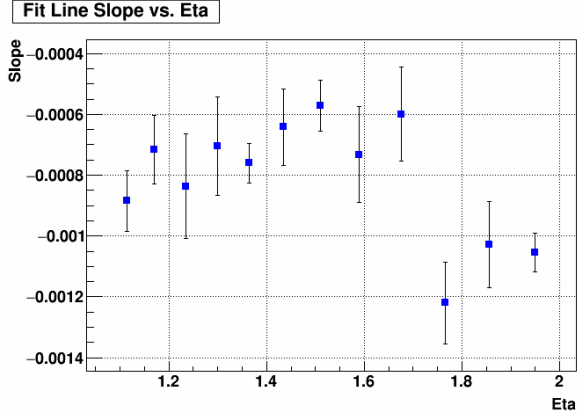


Figure 1.9: Rate of 2013 $pp510$ tower gain decrease as a function of pseudorapidity.

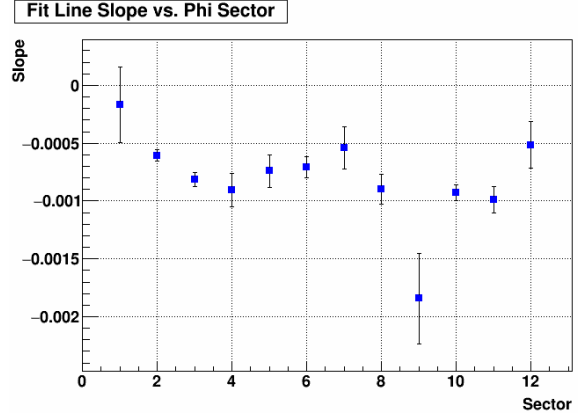


Figure 1.10: Rate of 2013 $pp510$ tower gain decrease for each sector of azimuthal angle.

1.2 STAR Trigger

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149 STAR utilizes a multi-level trigger system [**bieser2003**], consisting of hardware and software components,
 150 to select useful events from the millions of bunch crossings which occur every second. The trigger system
 151 analyses readout from fast-triggering detector subsystems at the RHIC bunch crossing rate in order to
 152 determine whether to read out information from slower components. There are many different ways to
 153 trigger on the various signals from the fast detectors, depending on the types of events one hopes to record;
 154 the part of the trigger system relevant to this analysis is Level-0.

155 The first layer of the STAR trigger system is called Level-0 (L0), and consists of electronics which
 156 make trigger decisions based on energy deposition in fixed regions of the BEMC and EEMC known as jet
 157 patches. There are 30 total jet patches spanning the entire azimuthal and pseudorapidity acceptance of the
 158 two calorimeters, with 18 jet patches in the BEMC, 6 in the EEMC, and the remaining 6 overlapping the
 159 BEMC-EEMC boundary. Each jet patch covers a 1.0×1.0 region in $\eta - \phi$ space; Table 1.1 shows how they
 160 are configured across the calorimeters.

ϕ Position	BEMC East $-1 < \eta < 0$	BEMC Middle $-0.6 < \eta < 0.4$	BEMC West $0 < \eta < 1$	EMC Overlap $0.4 < \eta < 1.4$	EEMC $1 < \eta < 2$
10 o'clock	BEMC-JP6	BEMC-JP12	BEMC-JP0	Overlap-JP0	EEMC-JP0
12 o'clock	BEMC-JP7	BEMC-JP13	BEMC-JP1	Overlap-JP1	EEMC-JP1
2 o'clock	BEMC-JP8	BEMC-JP14	BEMC-JP2	Overlap-JP2	EEMC-JP2
4 o'clock	BEMC-JP9	BEMC-JP15	BEMC-JP3	Overlap-JP3	EEMC-JP3
6 o'clock	BEMC-JP10	BEMC-JP16	BEMC-JP4	Overlap-JP4	EEMC-JP4
8 o'clock	BEMC-JP11	BEMC-JP17	BEMC-JP5	Overlap-JP5	EEMC-JP5

Table 1.1: Jet patch geometry.

161 In order to decide whether to record a given event, the trigger logic sums the ADC outputs from all
 162 towers within each jet patch and then compares the patch sums to a set of thresholds. There were three
 163 jet patch thresholds during the 2012 RHIC running period, which are listed in Table 1.2 along with the
 164 corresponding approximate transverse energy values. If any of the 30 jet patches fired above the highest
 165 threshold, the JP2 bit is set. If any patches fire above the middle threshold the JP1 bit is set, and similarly
 166 for the lowest threshold and JP0 bit.

167 The 2013 RHIC running period implemented the same logic for JP2, JP1, and JP0 but with different
 168 thresholds, which are given in Table 1.3. Note from the Table that the 2013 trigger system also kept track
 169 of an additional fourth threshold, the “dijet” threshold. The new trigger logic utilizing this dijet
 170 bit was introduced in order to enhance the number of recorded dijet events. There are three “dijet” triggers
 171 in the 2013 data which are relevant to this analysis: JP1dijet, JP0dijet, and EEMCdijet. The JP1dijet bit

172 is set if there is a jet patch in the BEMC with the JP1 bit set, and another jet patch in either the BEMC
 173 or EEMC with the dijet bit set. In addition, the two jet patches must not be adjacent in azimuthal angle
 174 ϕ . Similarly, the JP0dijet bit is set if there is a BEMC jet patch with the JP0 bit set, and a non-adjacent
 175 jet patch in either calorimeter with the dijet bit set. Finally, the EEMCdijet bit will be set if an EEMC jet
 176 patch has the JP0 bit set and a patch in the other half of the calorimeter (the “halves” are top and bottom)
 177 has the dijet bit set. Unlike with the JP2, JP1, and JP0 thresholds, no trigger decisions were made based
 178 solely on comparisons between jet patch sums and the dijet threshold.

Trigger	Threshold	Nominal E_T (GeV)
JP0	28	5.4
JP1	36	7.3
JP2	66	14.4

Table 1.2: 2012 jet patch thresholds.

Trigger	Threshold	Nominal E_T (GeV)
dijet	17	2.8
JP0	34	6.8
JP1	43	9.0
JP2	66	14.4

Table 1.3: 2013 jet patch thresholds.

179 1.2.1 Prescaling

180 Another important function carried out by the Level-0 logic is trigger prescaling. Triggers which are satisfied
 181 at lower threshold requirements, such as JP0 and JP1, fire at a much faster rate than those with higher
 182 requirements, like JP2. In order to prevent the low threshold triggers from filling up all of the available
 183 DAQ bandwidth, a certain fraction of their events are “prescaled”, and the remaining events are discarded.
 184 For example, 100 is a typical JP0 prescale factor, meaning that the DAQ system will only record 1 out of
 185 every 100 events where JP0 fired at Level-0. The prescales are different for each trigger and can change on a
 186 run-by-run basis, depending on factors such as the instantaneous luminosity seen by STAR. The three dijet
 187 triggers present in 2013 have much lower prescales than the JP0 and JP1 triggers, allowing for many events
 188 which likely contain dijets to be recorded when they otherwise would have been discarded. The JP2 trigger
 189 is not prescaled, so events where it fired are always recorded.

Chapter 2

Jet Reconstruction and Dijet Selection

When two high-energy protons collide, their constituent partons mostly pass by each other. However, sometimes a parton in one proton undergoes a hard scattering with a parton in the other proton, ejecting both partons from their parent hadrons at high energy. Color-charged particles cannot exist in isolation, so the hard-scattered partons each radiate gluons that can split into quark-antiquark pairs as they move away from the interaction point. The resulting collections of collimated color-neutral particles, oriented mostly in the directions of the initial scattered partons, are known as jets. Collecting the final state particles in these jets therefore gives information about the kinematics of the scattered partons, and hence about the initial state of those partons prior to scattering, making jets an important observable for many QCD studies [ali2011].

2.1 Jet Reconstruction

Hadrons from the fragmentation of hard scattered partons are not the only particles produced in polarized pp collisions, so a method for deciding which particles are part of a jet and which are not is necessary in order for jet analyses to provide useful results. Such a method is known as a jet algorithm, which provides well-defined rules for grouping detected particles together into jets. Jet algorithms must be flexible enough to account for jets with different particle content, momentum, and shape, while also being insensitive to infrared radiation and collinear emission (IRC). Infrared radiation refers to emission of soft particles from a higher energy particle, while collinear emission occurs when a high energy particle splits into two lower energy particles which then continue on in nearly the same direction. An IRC-safe jet algorithm will find the same set of hard jets regardless of how much infrared radiation or collinear emission is present in a given event, allowing for accurate comparisons among data, simulation, and theory [salam2010]. Once a set of particles has been grouped into a jet by an IRC-safe algorithm, their momenta must be combined to yield the momentum of the entire jet. The recombination scheme employed in this analysis is simple addition of the individual 4-momenta of a jet's constituents, though there are other possible methods. A jet algorithm and its associated parameters, together with a recombination scheme, is called a jet definition.

2.1.1 Anti- k_T Algorithm

The jet algorithm used in this analysis, as well as in all STAR inclusive jet or dijet analyses since 2009, is the anti- k_T algorithm [cacciari2008'1]. The anti- k_T algorithm is a sequential recombination algorithm which repeatedly combines pairs of particles to build up the jets. Such algorithms combine particles which are the closest together according to a certain measure of distance. The two relevant distances in the anti- k_T

222 algorithm are:

$$d_{ij} = \min(1/p_{ti}^2, 1/p_{tj}^2) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2} \quad (2.1a)$$

$$d_{iB} = 1/p_{ti}^2, \quad (2.1b)$$

223 where i, j denote particles and pseudojets (collections of particles) and B represents the beamline. The
 224 transverse momentum of object i is given by p_{ti} , while the variable $\Delta R_{ij}^2 = (\eta_i - \eta_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$ with η_i
 225 and ϕ_i being the pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of object i . R is known as the radius parameter, and
 226 it determines the approximate size of the reconstructed jets in $\eta - \phi$ space, along with how close together
 227 they can be. For this analysis, R has been set to 0.5. The algorithm calculates the distances d_{ij} and d_{iB} for
 228 all objects and pairs, and then identifies the minimum. If d_{ij} is the minimum distance measure, then the
 229 algorithm recombines objects i and j and recalculates all of the d_{ij} and d_{iB} . If d_{iB} is the minimum, then
 230 object i is a final state jet, and the algorithm removes it from the list of particles and pseudojets before
 231 recalculating all of the d_{ij} and d_{iB} . The algorithm iterates this process until all of the initial particles have
 232 been grouped into final state jets.

233 2.1.2 Jet Selection Criteria

234 The jet reconstruction procedure used in this analysis follows that used in the first measurement of A_{LL}
 235 for forward dijets at STAR [adam2018], with the exception of an anti- k_T radius parameter of $R = 0.5$
 236 rather than 0.6. The smaller radius parameter was chosen in line with previous inclusive and dijet analyses
 237 [adam2019] at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV, which found that a smaller R was less sensitive to pile-up effects. Jets were
 238 found using an implementation of the anti- k_T algorithm developed by the FastJet group [cacciari2012].
 239 The remainder of this subsection details the cuts placed on the TPC tracks and calorimeter tower hits which
 240 are the inputs to the jet finding algorithm.

241 Track Conditions

242 TPC tracks must satisfy several conditions to be included in the jet finding process, in order to ensure
 243 track quality and minimize unwanted beam effects. The tracks are required to have $p_T \geq 0.2$ GeV/ c and
 244 pseudorapidity η between -2.5 and 2.5, to remove soft tracks and tracks far outside the TPC acceptance.
 245 They are also subject to a p_T -dependent distance of closest approach (DCA) cut, where the DCA is the
 246 smallest distance between the event vertex and the track's trajectory. This cut requires tracks with $p_T <$
 247 0.5 GeV/ c to have a DCA < 2 cm and tracks with $p_T > 1.0$ GeV/ c to have a DCA < 1 cm, and is linearly
 248 interpolated for tracks with p_T between 0.5 GeV/ c and 1.0 GeV/ c . The DCA cut is meant to reduce pile-up
 249 effects close to the beamline.

250 The readout pads that detect the electrons produced by ionization of the TPC gas are arranged in rows,
 251 and hits in these “padrows” provide the fit points used to reconstruct charged particle trajectories. As in
 252 the previous analysis of dijets in the EEMC region, the tracks for jet finding must be reconstructed from at
 253 least five TPC padrow hits. STAR jet analyses at mid-rapidity require tracks to have at least 12 hits, but
 254 this condition is relaxed for measurements at more forward rapidities, given that tracks which point to the
 255 EEMC do not traverse the full radial extent of the TPC and therefore deposit charge over fewer padrows.
 256 This 5-point tracking is only implemented for tracks with $\eta > 0.5$, as other tracks are subject to the 12-point
 257 tracking condition. Finally, the tracks must include at least 51% of the maximum possible number of padrow
 258 hits, given the TPC geometry and active electronics channels.

259 Tower Conditions

260 The calorimeter towers must also satisfy a few conditions before being input to the jet finding algorithm.
 261 The towers must have $E_T \geq 0.2$ GeV, and ADC values larger than both pedestal + 4 and pedestal + $3^*\sigma_{ped}$.
 262 Soft towers are removed just as soft tracks are, and the ADC conditions are meant to ensure that the signal
 263 is from energy actually deposited in the tower and not from the pedestal. Additionally, towers with tracks
 264 pointing to them have the p_{TC} of the track subtracted from the E_T of the tower. If the track p_{TC} is greater
 265 than the tower E_T , then the tower's transverse energy is set to zero. This is done to avoid double-counting

266 contributions to the jet p_T from charged hadrons that both leave tracks in the TPC and deposit energy in
267 the calorimeters.

268 Tracks and towers that pass these cuts have their momenta converted to Lorentz 4-vectors and passed to
269 the anti- k_T jet algorithm described above. Reconstructed jets were required to have $p_T > 5$ GeV/ c in order
270 to be eligible for further analysis.

271 2.2 Dijet Selection Criteria

272 A dijet is a system of two jets which arises from a single partonic hard-scattering event. The requirements
273 used to determine which jets found by the jet reconstruction algorithm constitute the dijet pair for a given
274 event are similar to those used in previous STAR dijet analyses:

- 275 1. Select the vertex with the highest positive rank in the event,
- 276 2. Require the vertex to have $|z| < 90$ cm ($z = 0$ at the middle of the TPC),
- 277 3. Select all jets satisfying $-1.2 \leq \eta \leq 2.2$ and $-1.0 \leq \eta_{detector} \leq 2.0$,
- 278 4. Select the two highest p_T jets,
- 279 5. Require one of the triggers to be satisfied (see below).

280 These conditions are the same as those used in the first measurement of forward dijet A_{LL} except for the
281 pseudorapidity cuts, which were $-0.8 \leq \eta \leq 1.8$ and $-0.7 \leq \eta_{detector} \leq 1.7$ at this step. The detector
282 pseudorapidity $\eta_{detector}$ is defined to be the pseudorapidity of the point where the jet thrust axis intersects
283 the BEMC or EEMC, relative to the nominal STAR interaction point. The requirement that the dijet
284 candidate satisfy one of the triggers will be explained in more detail in Section 2.3. The two jets selected
285 according to the above criteria constitute the one and only dijet candidate for a given event. The dijet
286 candidate must then satisfy further requirements in order to be included in the analysis:

- 287 1. Opening angle cut: $\Delta\phi = \pi \pm \pi/3$,
- 288 2. At least one jet must have neutral fraction < 1.0 ,
- 289 3. Both jets must satisfy $-0.8 \leq \eta \leq 1.8$ and $-0.7 \leq \eta_{detector} \leq 1.7$,
- 290 4. p_T balance and high track cut,
- 291 5. Asymmetric p_T cut: High jet $p_T \geq 7.0$ GeV/ c and low jet $p_T \geq 5.0$ GeV/ c .

292 All of these cuts are imposed after the Underlying Event subtraction (described in Chapter 4), with the
293 asymmetric p_T cut being placed after the jet p_T shift (described in Chapter 5) as well.

294 Partons involved in a hard scattering event should come out of the collision back-to-back in azimuthal
295 angle ϕ , assuming they have no initial transverse momentum. The opening angle cut is imposed to remove
296 dijet events where the two jets are less than 120° apart in azimuth, as the jets in these events likely do
297 not represent the outgoing hard-scattered partons. The cut on the fraction of jet energy from neutral
298 particles is applied to remove events where both jets are composed primarily of background energy, as these
299 jets typically will not contain any valid TPC tracks. In inclusive jet and BEMC dijet analyses this cut is
300 usually set to remove jets with greater than 95% neutral energy, but the falling TPC efficiency at forward
301 pseudorapidities means that jets in the EEMC region often have very high percentages of their energy coming
302 from the calorimeter towers. Therefore, this cut is relaxed in EEMC dijet analyses to only require at least
303 one jet to have some energy from charged particles, as it is very unlikely that an event will have a pair
304 of coincident background jets which happen to also satisfy the opening angle condition. The requirements
305 on the η and $\eta_{detector}$ are imposed to ensure that the jet thrust axes are not too close to the edges of the
306 detector acceptance.

307 The p_T balance cut is applied to remove events where one of the jets in the dijet pair has much greater
308 p_T than the other, usually due to a track with anomalously high transverse momentum. Dijet events which
309 contain a track with 15 GeV/ $c \leq p_T < 40$ GeV/ c are kept if the ratio of the two jets' transverse momenta

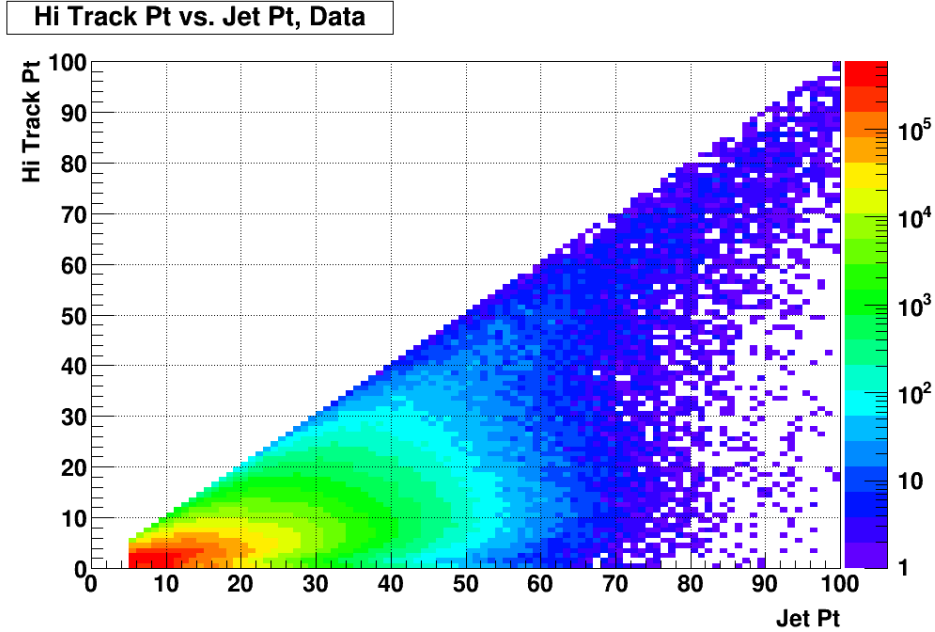


Figure 2.1: Correlation between the p_T of the highest p_T track (the “hi track”) and the p_T of the jet containing it, from data.

310 is between $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$, and discarded otherwise. Dijet events which contain a track with $p_T \geq 40$ GeV/ c are
 311 discarded regardless of the jet p_T ratio, as tracks with this much apparent transverse momentum are likely
 312 to be inaccurately reconstructed due to the finite resolution of the track curvature method which is used to
 313 calculate track p_T . The correlation between the highest p_T track in a jet and the p_T of the jet itself is shown
 314 in Fig. 2.1 for data and Fig. 2.2 for simulation. The figures show that above a highest track p_T of about 40
 315 GeV/ c , a significant fraction of the jets receive most of their total p_T from that single track, an effect which
 316 becomes even more dramatic with increasing highest track transverse momentum. This effect is seen in both
 317 data and simulation, indicating that the source of these very high p_T tracks is understood and accurately
 318 modeled by the simulation. The observation that the total p_T of jets with such high p_T tracks tends to be
 319 dominated by the contributions from those tracks motivated the decision to simply discard all such events
 320 as suspect; note also from the figures that jets containing tracks with p_T that large constitute a very small
 321 fraction of the total sample of jets.

322 Finally, an asymmetric cut on the transverse momenta of the two jets was imposed to facilitate comparison
 323 with theoretical predictions [frixione1997]. Comparison with theory also motivates sorting jets into two
 324 categories based on their pseudorapidities: jets with $-0.8 < \eta < 0.9$ are called “Barrel jets”, while jets with
 325 $0.9 < \eta < 1.8$ are called “Endcap jets”. This condition is related to the physics of the hard scattering, not
 326 to the actual detector geometry, so a Barrel jet might have a detector pseudorapidity greater than 1.0 or an
 327 Endcap jet a detector pseudorapidity less than 1.0. Dijet events where one jet is a “Barrel” jet and the other
 328 is an “Endcap” jet will be referred to as “Barrel-Endcap” dijets, while dijet events containing two “Endcap”
 329 jets will be referred to as “Endcap-Endcap” dijets.

330 2.3 Software Trigger Requirements

331 Dijet candidates must satisfy the conditions of one of the trigger categories in order to be included in the
 332 analysis. The conditions for an individual jet to satisfy the categories for the triggers used in the 2012 RHIC
 333 run are:

- 334 1. JP2: The jet must have $p_T \geq 15.0$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
 335 JP2 hardware trigger;

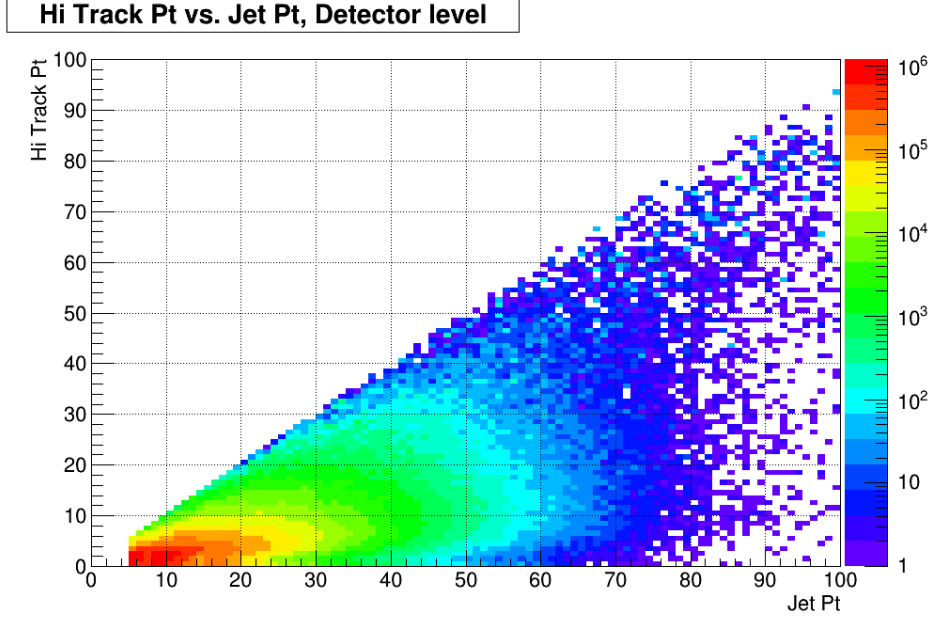


Figure 2.2: Correlation between the p_T of the highest p_T track (the “hi track”) and the p_T of the jet containing it, from simulation.

- 336 2. JP1: The jet must have $p_T \geq 9.5$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
 337 JP1 hardware trigger;
- 338 3. JP0: The jet must have $p_T \geq 7.3$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
 339 JP0 hardware trigger.

340 The geometric matching condition requires that the reconstructed jet thrust axis must point within 0.6 in η
 341 - ϕ space of the center of the triggered jet patch. The dijet pair itself is then assigned a trigger designation
 342 based on the trigger categories its constituent jets fall into: if at least one of the jets satisfied JP2 then the
 343 event is considered a JP2 event; if the event is not JP2 and at least one of the jets satisfied JP1 then the
 344 event is a JP1 event; if the event is neither JP2 nor JP1 and at least one of the jets satisfied JP0 then the
 345 event is a JP0 event. In this way, each dijet event is sorted into exactly one trigger category.

346 The 2013 RHIC run included “dijet” triggers in addition to the jet patch triggers JP2, JP1, and JP0:
 347 JP1DiJet, EEMCdijet, and JP0DiJet. Satisfying the requirements of one of these triggers requires consider-
 348 ation of both jets in the dijet pair. The conditions for the categories of triggers used in the 2013 RHIC run
 349 are:

- 350 1. JP2: The jet must have $p_T \geq 15.0$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
 351 JP2 hardware trigger;
- 352 2. JP1DiJet: The higher p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 9.5$ and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which
 353 has an ADC value above the JP1 threshold, while the lower p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 5.0$ GeV and be
 354 geometrically matched to a jet patch which has an ADC value above the dijet threshold;
- 355 3. JP1: The jet must have $p_T \geq 9.5$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
 356 JP1 hardware trigger;
- 357 4. EEMCdijet: The higher p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 7.3$ and be geometrically matched to an EEMC jet
 358 patch which has an ADC value above the JP0 threshold, while the lower p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 5.0$
 359 GeV and be geometrically matched to an EEMC jet patch which has an ADC value above the dijet
 360 threshold;

- 361 5. JP0DiJet: The higher p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 7.3$ and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which
362 has an ADC value above the JP0 threshold, while the lower p_T jet must have $p_T \geq 5.0$ GeV and be
363 geometrically matched to a jet patch which has an ADC value above the dijet threshold;
- 364 6. JP0: The jet must have $p_T \geq 7.3$ GeV and be geometrically matched to a jet patch which fired the
365 JP0 hardware trigger.

366 The geometric matching condition is the same for 2013 as for 2012. The three “dijet” triggers (JP1DiJet,
367 EEMCdijet, JP0DiJet) have further requirements on the locations of the matched jet patches, which were
368 described in Section 1.2. A dijet event is then given one and only one trigger classification following a similar
369 procedure to that in 2012: if at least one of the jets satisfied JP2 then the event is considered a JP2 event;
370 if the event is not JP2 and the jets together satisfied JP1DiJet then the event is a JP1DiJet event; if the
371 event is neither JP2 nor JP1DiJet and at least one of the jets satisfied JP1 then the event is a JP1 event,
372 and so on.

Chapter 3

Data and Simulation Studies

3.1 Data Sample

The data for this analysis were taken by STAR during the 2012 and 2013 pp at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV RHIC running periods. The integrated luminosity was 82 pb^{-1} in 2012 and approximately 250 pb^{-1} in 2013. The data samples are made up of hundreds of “runs,” which typically last about 30 minutes but can be shorter depending on operational conditions at STAR and RHIC. The 2012 sample consists of 464 runs, and the 2013 sample consists of 663 runs; all of the runs used are listed in Appendix A, along with the fills they are from.

We note here that a new detector subsystem, the Heavy Flavor Tracker (HFT), was partially installed a little more than half way through the 2013 running period. This changed the STAR geometry, so the TPC calibration and raw data file production were carried out separately for the periods before and after the HFT installation. The part of the run before the HFT was installed is referred to as “Period 1”, while the part after is referred to as “Period 2.” Period 2 also featured higher luminosities, in an attempt to increase the yield of events of interest. The 2013 portion of this analysis was restricted to runs from Period 1 only, because of the changes noted above as well as even lower than usual tracking efficiencies in the Endcap region for Period 2 due to the increased luminosities.

3.1.1 Data Quality Assurance

During each RHIC running period, STAR will take data during thousands of runs. The runs can vary in length from a few minutes up to almost an hour and include different combinations of detector subsystems and triggering schemes, in order to accomodate the needs of diagnostic testing and myriad physics analyses. This section will describe the procedure used to select those runs which were appropriate for the measurement of dijet A_{LL} , as well as the methods for performing quality assurance (QA) on the selected runs.

The general QA procedure takes place over several steps, and involves both automated and manual methods. First, a script is used to create an initial list of runs that are longer than three minutes and include the detector subsystems (TPC, BEMC, EEMC) and triggers (jet patch triggers like JP2, JP1, JP0) necessary for a jet analysis. This script also discards diagnostic runs and runs which are marked “bad” by the STAR personnel on shift while the data were being taken. The next step in the QA process is to examine various relevant quantities on a run-by-run basis using the files which serve as inputs to the jet finding algorithm, such as the p_T of reconstructed tracks and the energy deposited in the calorimeter towers, and look for outliers. This step is called “event-level QA.” Runs with outlier values are investigated further, for example by examining the Electronic ShiftLog for information about the state of the STAR detector and RHIC beam at the time. In addition, runs will be removed if they do not have beam polarization information, relative luminosity values, or valid spin bit information, as these pieces are required for the calculation of the double-spin asymmetries. Finally, in the “jet-level QA” step, properties of all reconstructed jets are examined on a run-by-run basis, with unexplained outliers being excluded from the final list of runs.

409 QA for 2012 Data Sample

410 The run selection and QA procedure described above was carried out for the 2012 sample as part of the
411 earlier mid-rapidity inclusive and dijet measurements. However, those measurements did not include jets in
412 the EEMC, so it was necessary to do further, Endcap-specific, QA for this analysis. This QA was done using
413 the reconstructed dijet pairs, as the files containing the information necessary for event-level and jet-level QA
414 were no longer readily available. Figure 3.1 shows some examples of the types of plots which were manually
415 examined for the QA. The figures show the average value of various quantities in a run, as a function of the
416 chronological order in which the runs were taken. The discontinuities seen in the plots indicate the end of
417 each fill and the beginning of the next one. For example, note that the average jet p_T decreases over the
418 course of a fill. This is because the prescale factors for triggers with lower p_T thresholds, like JP1 and JP0,
419 are chosen in proportion to the instantaneous luminosity at the beginning of each run. Since the delivered
420 luminosity decreases over the course of a fill, JP1 and JP0 events are recorded at a higher rate at the end of
421 fills, which drives the average reconstructed jet p_T down.

422 QA for 2013 Data Sample

423 Whereas the 2012 sample had already been studied carefully in previous jet analyses, the 2013 sample needed
424 to be run through the full multi-step QA procedure. Figure 3.2 shows some examples of the types of plots
425 used for the event-level QA, and Fig. 3.3 gives examples of plots used for the jet-level QA. It was unnecessary
426 to do the dijet QA, described in the previous subsection for 2012, for the 2013 data because the event-level
427 and jet-level QA were carried out.

428 3.2 Simulation Sample

429 This section will describe the simulation samples used for this dijet A_{LL} analysis, as accurately simulated
430 events are integral to the correction of measured jet quantities for detector effects, the estimation of systematic
431 errors due to hadronization and detector response, and the eventual comparison of data results to theory.
432 The simulation samples consist of millions of pp collision events generated across 13 partonic p_T bins using
433 PYTHIA 6.4.28 [sjostrand2006] with the Perugia 2012 tune 370 [skands2010]. The 2012 simulation sample
434 contains 3.6 million events, while the 2013 sample has 10.3 million. The final state particles generated by
435 PYTHIA are fed through the GSTAR package in GEANT3 [agostinelli2003] to simulate the response of the
436 STAR detector. The simulated detector responses are then broken into individual runs and “embedded” into
437 zero-bias events collected on random bunch crossings throughout the RHIC running period. This embedding
438 procedure ensures that the simulated events more accurately model the beam background, pile-up, and
439 detector status conditions which are present in the real data sample.

440 3.2.1 Levels of Jet Information

441 The information about a simulated event is split into three distinct stages: the partonic hard scattering,
442 the fragmentation and hadronization of the scattered partons into final state particles, and the response of
443 the detector to those final state particles. These stages are referred to as the parton level, particle level,
444 and detector level, respectively. Jets can be reconstructed at all three levels, using the same reconstruction
445 algorithm (except at the parton level) but different inputs for each stage.

446 Parton Level

447 The parton level contains information about the partons involved in the $2 \rightarrow 2$ hard scattering generated by
448 PYTHIA. Kinematic properties of the hard scattering, such as the center-of-mass energy, scattering angle,
449 and initial partonic momentum fractions are stored at this level of the simulation. Reconstructed parton
450 level jets consist only of the partons involved in the hard scattering and partons arising from initial or final
451 state radiation.

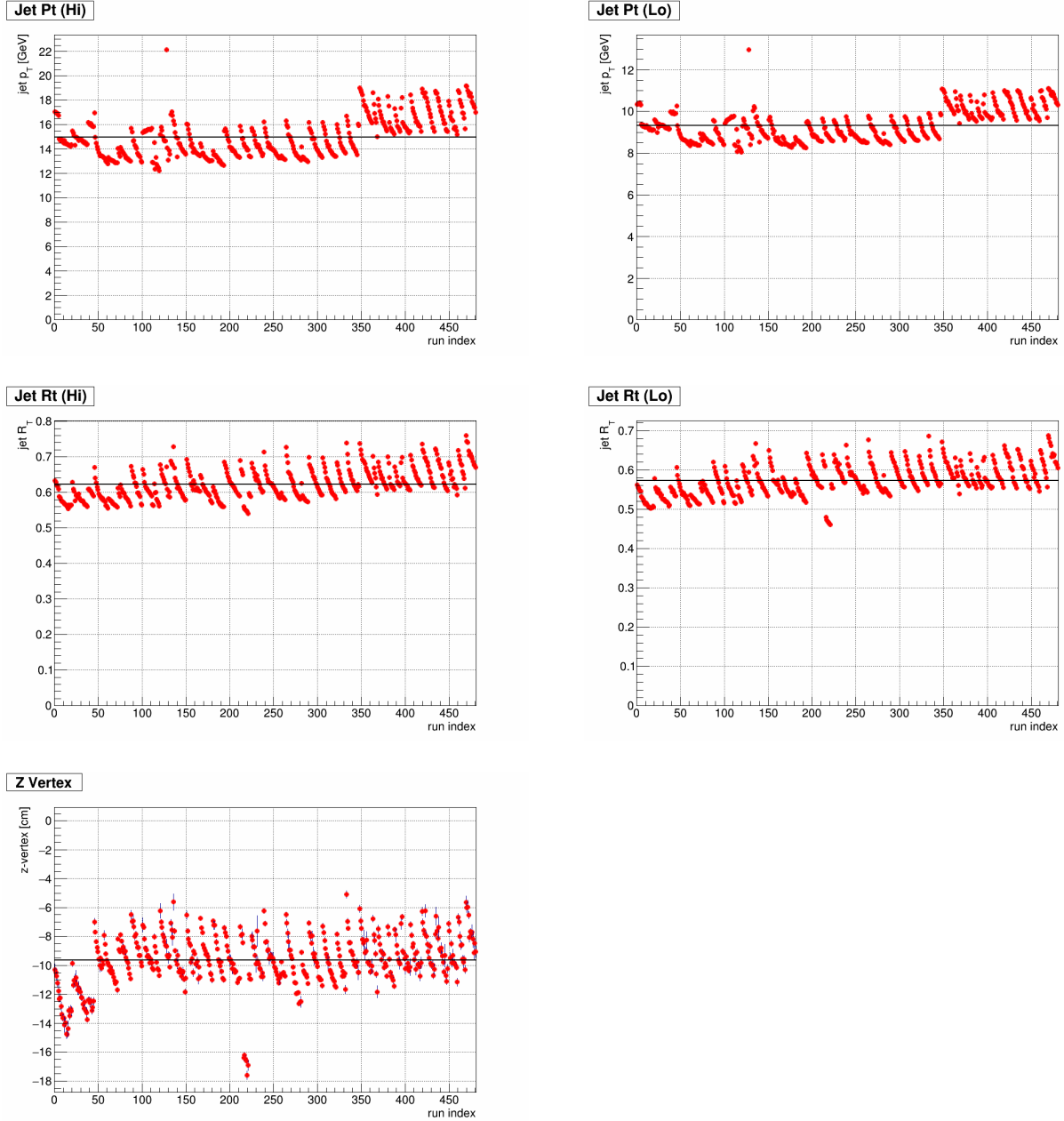


Figure 3.1: Selected plots from the QA of dijets in the 2012 sample. The points indicate the average value per event of the specified quantity for one run. Plots of jet quantities like p_T and neutral fraction are inspected separately for the high and low p_T jets in the dijet pair.

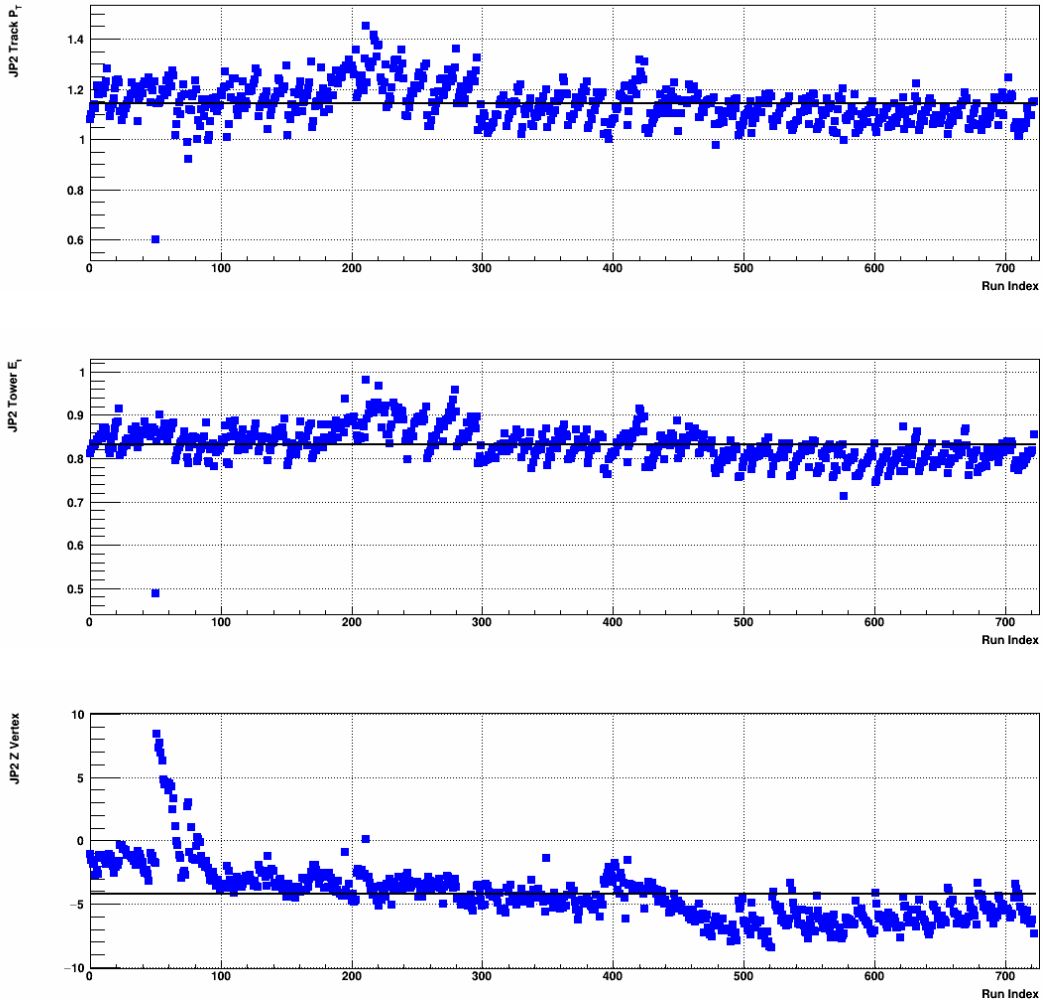


Figure 3.2: Selected plots from the event-level QA for the 2013 sample. The points indicate the average value per event of the specified quantity for one run. The variables of interest are examined separately for each trigger category; the figures shown here are for JP2.

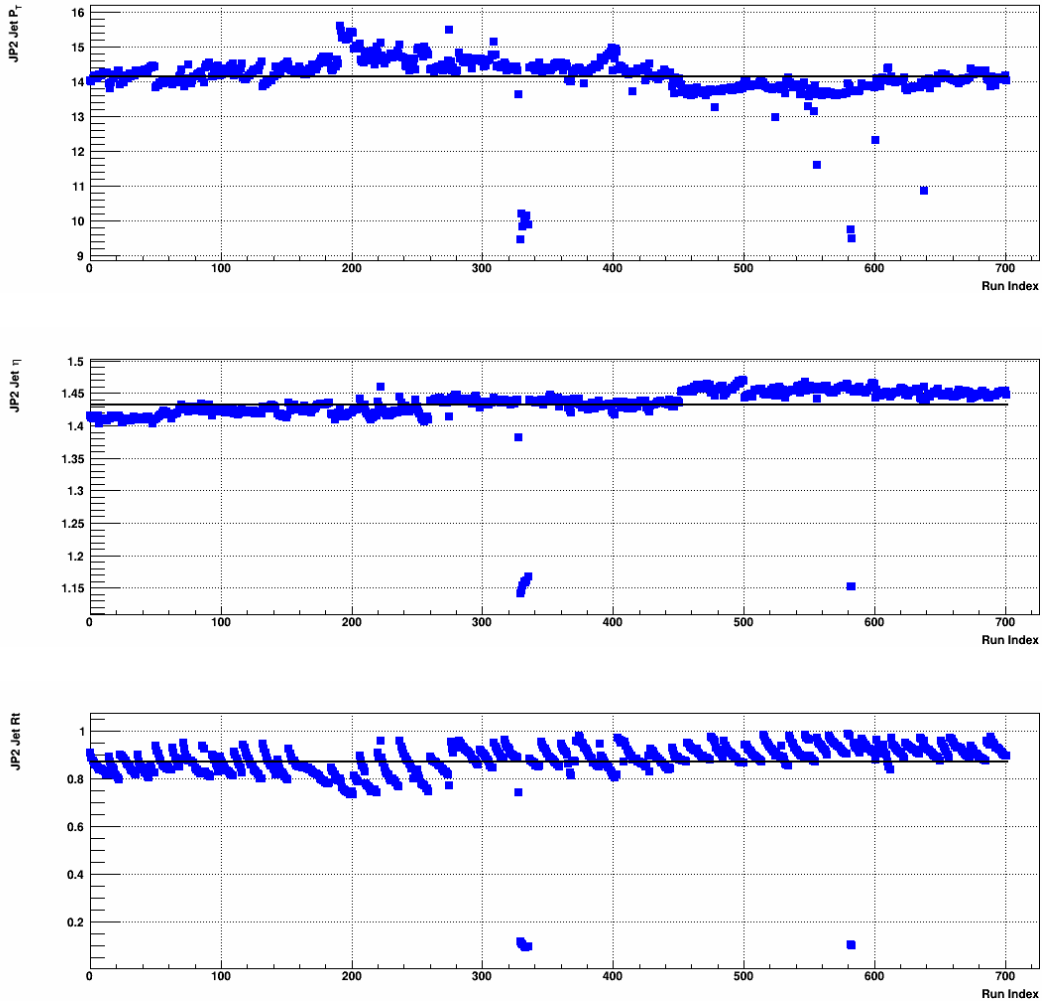


Figure 3.3: Selected plots from the jet-level QA for the 2013 sample. The points indicate the average value per event of the specified quantity for one run. The variables of interest are examined separately for Barrel and Endcap jets, as well as for each trigger category; the figures shown here are for Endcap jets in JP2 events. Several outliers are clearly visible in each of the plots; those runs were examined individually and typically discarded.

452 Particle Level

453 The particle level consists of the stable, color-neutral particles formed from the hadronization of the hard
454 scattered partons. This level records kinematic information, particle identification, and the parent parton
455 for each stable particle. The jet finding algorithm at this level uses all stable particles, including those from
456 the underlying event and beam remnants.

457 Detector Level

458 The final level of the simulation records the detector response to the particles from the previous level.
459 GEANT models how the particles would interact with the different components of STAR, such as ionizing
460 the gas in the TPC and depositing energy in the scintillator layers of the calorimeters, as well as simulating
461 the operation of the readout electronics. Jet reconstruction at the detector level takes the simulated response
462 of the TPC, calorimeters, and associated electronics as inputs. The GEANT model is designed to respond
463 to particles in the same way as the real detector, so the detector level is the stage of simulation which is
464 used when making comparisons with data.

465 3.3 Data-Simulation Comparison

466 Dijets at the detector level in simulation are reconstructed using the same jet-finding algorithm and selection
467 criteria as those in the data, and then are subject to two additional matching conditions. First, each
468 reconstructed detector level jet is associated with a particle level jet by requiring a geometric match of
469 $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\eta_{Det} - \eta_{Par})^2 + (\phi_{Det} - \phi_{Par})^2} < 0.5$. This condition must be satisfied by both jets in the dijet
470 pair. Second, the z-vertex of the detector level dijet and the z-vertex of the matching particle and parton
471 level dijets are required to be within two centimeters of each other. The particle and parton level dijets
472 have the same vertex, which is the “true” vertex from PYTHIA, while the detector level vertex is found by
473 emulating the vertex finder used for the data. The found detector level vertex might differ from the vertex
474 generated by PYTHIA because the simulated events are embedded into real zero-bias data.

475 Good agreement between various dijet quantities in data and simulation indicates that the STAR detector
476 response is well understood. The following plots show comparisons between data and the detector level in
477 simulation for the JP2 trigger. Figures 3.4 and 3.5 show the z-vertex distributions for 2012 and 2013,
478 respectively, while Figs. 3.6 and 3.7 show the dijet invariant mass distributions. Figures 3.8 and 3.9 show
479 the jet p_T spectra for the high and low p_T jets separately for 2012, and Figs. 3.10 and 3.11 show the same for
480 2013. The geometric matching is shown in Figs. 3.12-3.15 for 2012 and Figs. 3.16-3.19 for 2013. The smaller
481 number of reconstructed jets in the West Barrel ($\eta > 0$) compared to the East Barrel, which is clearest for
482 the high- p_T jet in the 2013 sample, has been observed in previous jet analyses but is not fully understood.
483 The azimuthal geometry of the STAR jet patches is evident in the periodic behavior of the jet ϕ spectra.
484 These azimuthal distributions are particularly sensitive to TPC hardware failures.

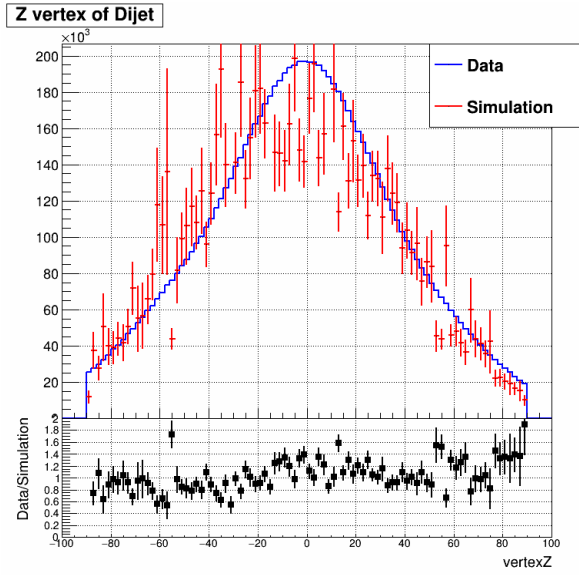


Figure 3.4: Z-vertex distribution for JP2 in 2012.

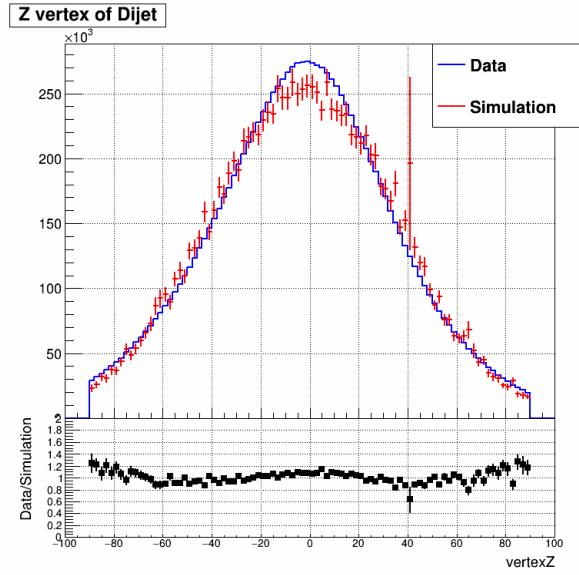


Figure 3.5: Z-vertex distribution for JP2 in 2013.

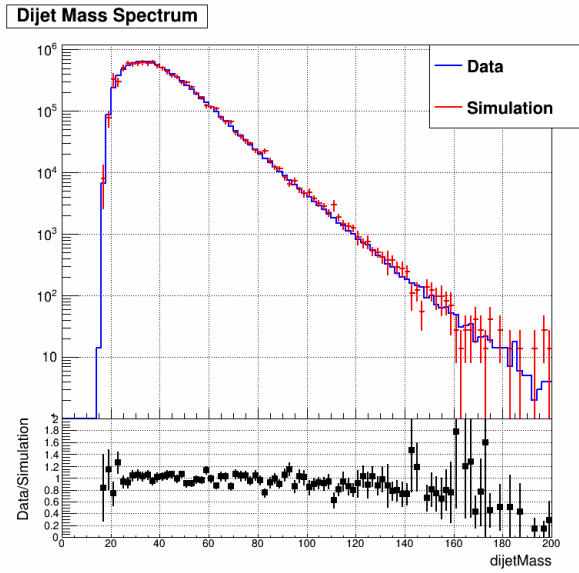


Figure 3.6: Dijet invariant mass distribution for JP2 in 2012.

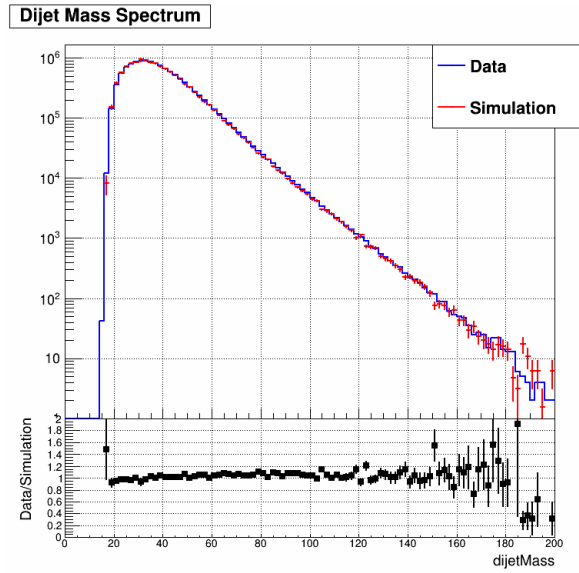


Figure 3.7: Dijet invariant mass distribution for JP2 in 2013.

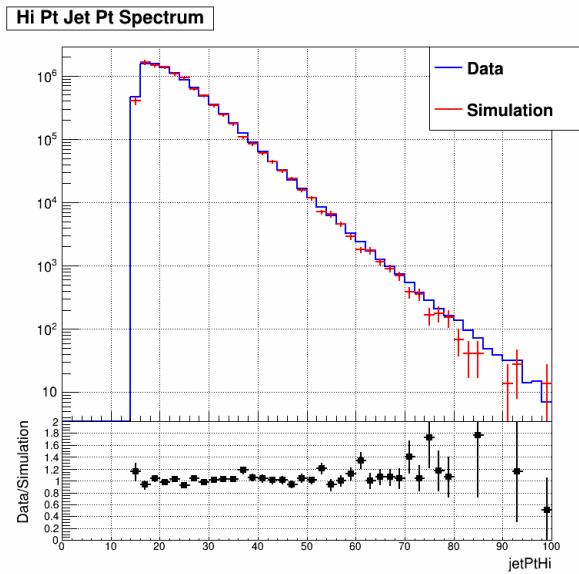


Figure 3.8: High p_T jet p_T distribution for JP2 in 2012.

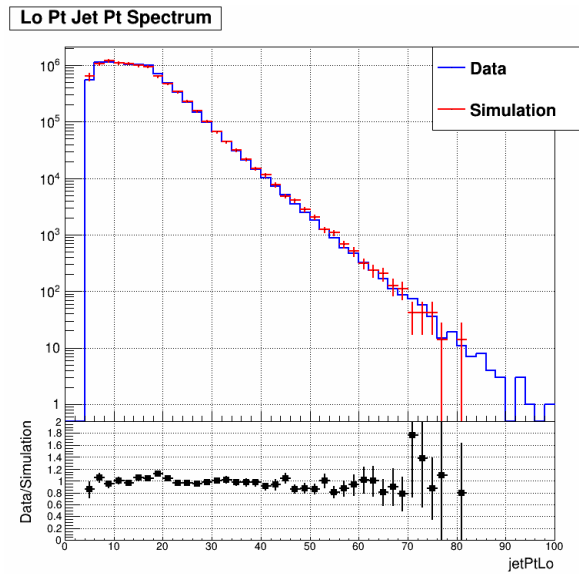


Figure 3.9: Low p_T jet p_T distribution for JP2 in 2012.

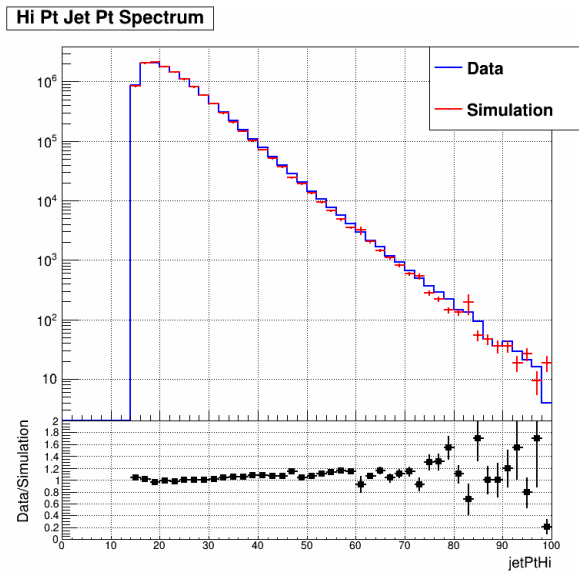


Figure 3.10: High p_T jet p_T distribution for JP2 in 2013.

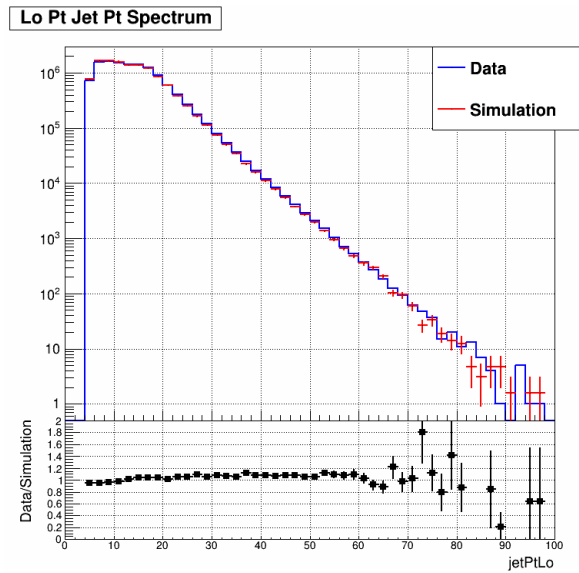


Figure 3.11: Low p_T jet p_T distribution for JP2 in 2013.

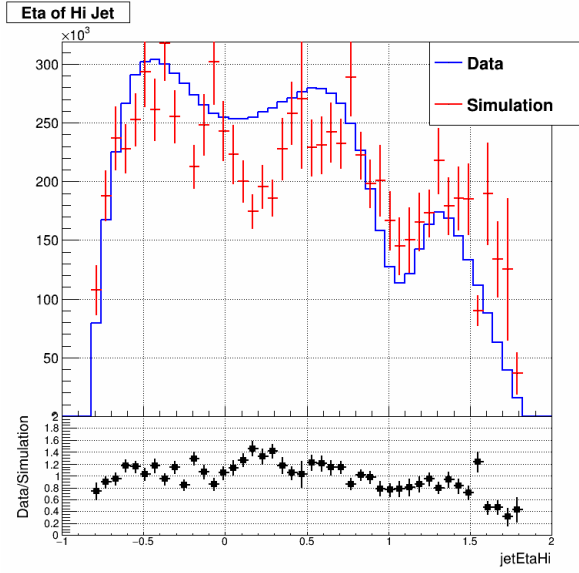


Figure 3.12: High p_T jet η distribution for JP2 in 2012.

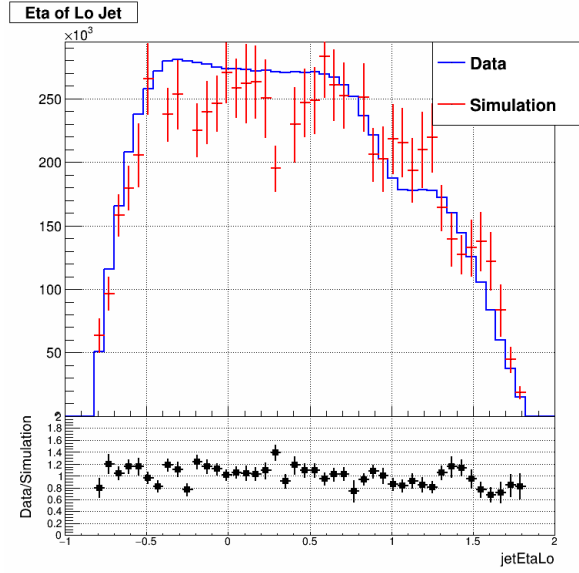


Figure 3.13: Low p_T jet η distribution for JP2 in 2012.

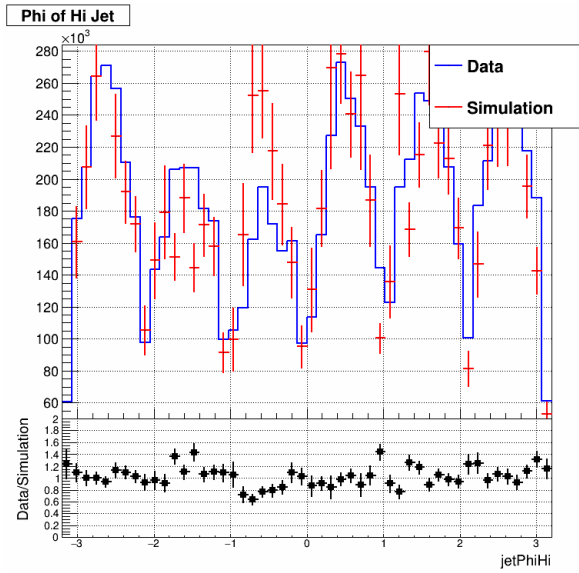


Figure 3.14: High p_T jet ϕ distribution for JP2 in 2012.

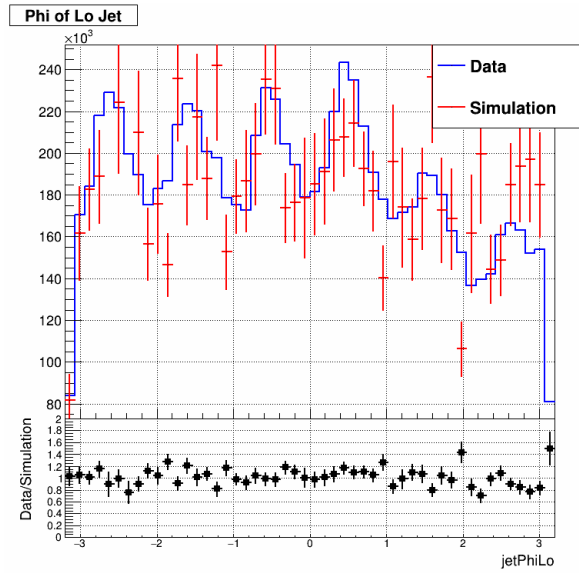


Figure 3.15: Low p_T jet ϕ distribution for JP2 in 2012.

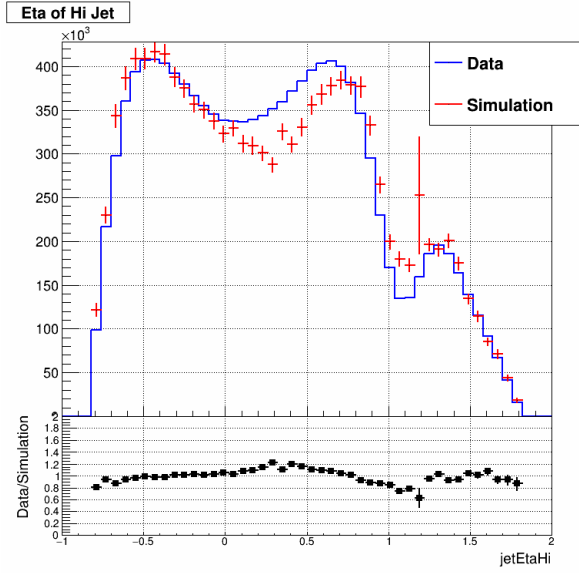


Figure 3.16: High p_T jet η distribution for JP2 in 2013.

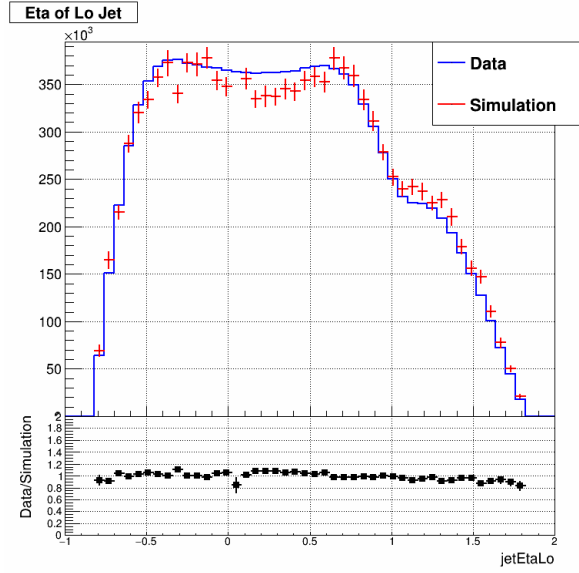


Figure 3.17: Low p_T jet η distribution for JP2 in 2013.

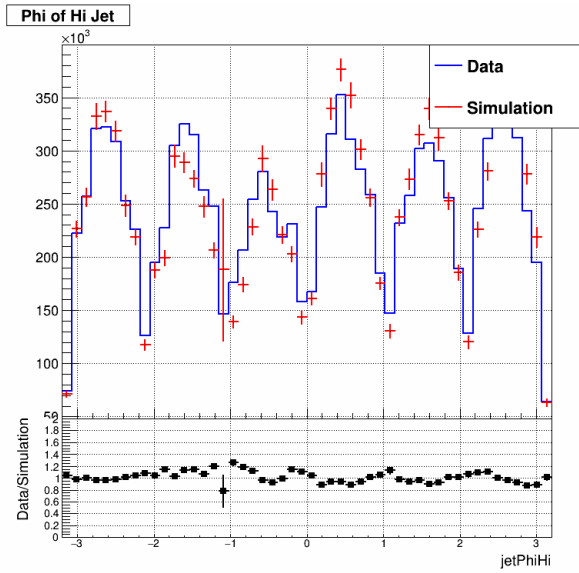


Figure 3.18: High p_T jet ϕ distribution for JP2 in 2013.

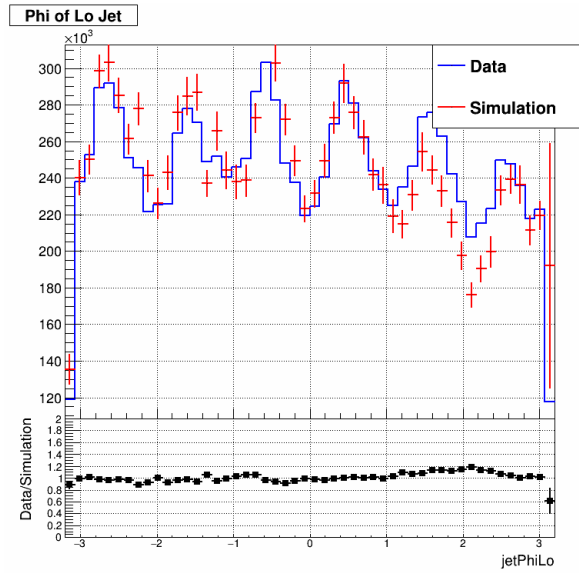


Figure 3.19: Low p_T jet ϕ distribution for JP2 in 2013.

Chapter 4

Underlying Event

At high energies, proton-proton collisions can be thought of as two clusters of partons colliding with each other. Most of the partons will not experience any hard interactions, but occasionally two of them will collide directly and be ejected with significant transverse momentum. These hard partonic scatterings result in the dijet events which are of interest in this analysis. However, the other softer scatterings produce particles that are picked up by the detectors along with the hard scattering signal. The diffuse background generated by the soft scatterings and remnants of the fragmented protons is called the underlying event (UE) contribution. The UE contribution is distinct from detector pile-up effects due to nearby pp collisions within the same bunch crossing, as the UE particles have the same vertex as the jets from the hard scattering.

4.1 Off-Axis Cone Method

The underlying event background contribution is estimated on a jet-by-jet basis, using a procedure which builds on the “off-axis cone” method developed by STAR collaborator Zilong Chang for the 2012 inclusive jets at 510 GeV analysis. The off-axis cone method itself was adapted from the perpendicular cones method used by the ALICE experiment [abelev2015]. The first step is to consider two off-axis cones for each jet in the dijet event, each of which is centered at the same η as the jet but offset by 90° in ϕ from the jet ϕ , as shown in Fig. 4.1. The radius of the cone is chosen to be equal to the anti- k_T radius parameter, $R = 0.5$. Next, we collect particles which fall inside the two cones, using the same list of particles that served as input to the jet finding algorithm. Then the energy density $\rho_{ue,cone}$ of each cone is calculated as the scalar sum of the p_T of all the particles inside the cone, divided by the cone area (πR^2). Similarly, the mass density $\rho_{m,ue,cone}$ is calculated as the invariant mass of the four-vector sum of all the particles inside the cone divided by the cone area. Finally, the underlying event density for a given jet is taken to be the average density of its two off-axis cones, $\rho_{ue} = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_{ue,+} + \rho_{ue,-})$.

Note that STAR’s acceptance and efficiencies are not uniform in η , given the service gap between the two calorimeters and the rapidly falling TPC tracking efficiency in the EEMC region, so it is important that the off-axis cones are centered at the jet η . STAR does have uniform azimuthal acceptance and efficiency, though, and the UE physics is expected to be symmetric in ϕ , so the method provides a reasonable approximation of the soft background underlying each jet.

4.2 Underlying Event Correction

This analysis uses the same underlying event correction procedure as the previous measurement of forward dijet A_{LL} , which incorporates the average UE densities described in the previous section. Since dijet measurements are sensitive to the jets’ directions, the UE subtraction scheme should correct their full four-momenta. This is accomplished by combining the p_T and mass densities with the jet’s four-vector area. For each jet in a dijet event, the correction is calculated as:

$$P_{\mu}^{UE} = [\rho A_x, \rho A_y, (\rho + \rho_m) A_z, (\rho + \rho_m) A_E], \quad (4.1)$$

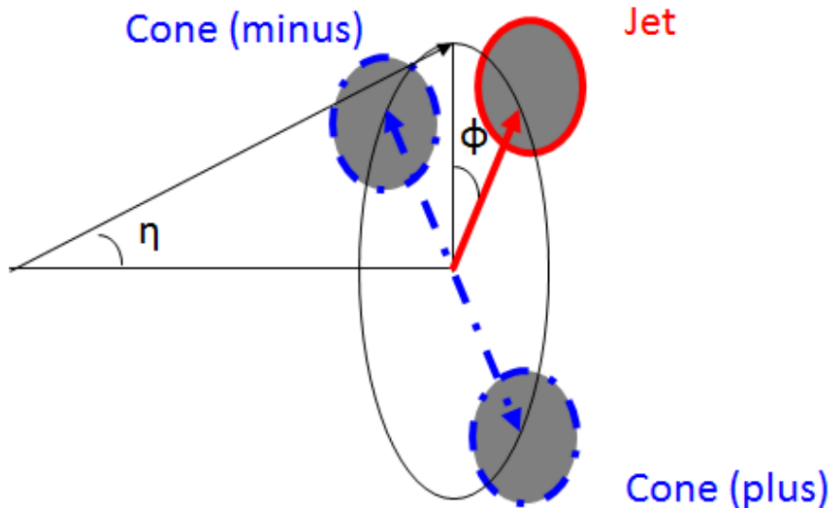


Figure 4.1: Diagram of the off-axis cone method, showing a jet and its associated cones.

519 where ρ and ρ_m are the underlying event transverse momentum and mass densities determined using the off-
 520 axis cone method, and A_μ is the jet’s four-vector area. A_μ is calculated in the FastJet package [cacciari2012]
 521 using the ghost particle technique [cacciari2008’2], which involves throwing a grid of extremely soft particles
 522 over the $\eta - \phi$ space and then rerunning the jet finding algorithm with the “ghosts” added to the input pool.
 523 The four-vector area is determined based on which ghosts were grouped in with the reconstructed jet. P^{UE}_μ
 524 is then subtracted from the initial jet four-vector to obtain the corrected jet four-vector.

525 Each off-axis cone only contains about two particles on average, so there are two additional requirements
 526 imposed on the corrected jet four-vectors in order to avoid over-corrections due to local fluctuations in the
 527 UE density:

- 528 1. If the corrected jet has negative p_T , then its four-vector is set to have zero transverse momentum, zero
 529 mass, and the pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of the original jet.
- 530 2. If the corrected jet has an imaginary mass (a negative squared jet mass), then its four-vector is set to
 531 have zero mass and the pseudorapidity of the original jet, while the corrected p_T and ϕ are left at their
 532 corrected values.

533 The underlying event correction decreases the jet p_T by less than a GeV in most cases. Figure 4.2 shows
 534 the p_T subtracted off by the UE correction versus the jet p_T , for some Barrel-Endcap dijet events in 2012
 535 data. The markers indicate the average UE δp_T and RMS for each bin. The average underlying event
 536 correction is seen to be quite constant and largely independent of the p_T of the associated jet.

537 Since the underlying event subtraction corrects a jet’s four-momentum vector, it is possible that the
 538 direction of the corrected jet will be slightly different. Figure 4.3 shows the change in jet ϕ from the UE
 539 subtraction vs. jet detector level p_T , while Fig. 4.4 shows the change in jet η vs. detector level p_T , for 2012
 540 simulation. In both plots the vertical axis is calculated by subtracting the corrected jet’s η or ϕ from that of
 541 the uncorrected jet. As expected, the underlying event subtraction does not change jets’ azimuthal angles in
 542 any systematic way, and only a very small percentage of corrections deviate significantly from zero. On the
 543 other hand, the correction does show a slight asymmetry in pseudorapidity, with a small nonzero average
 544 change in η at low jet p_T . This means that jets have lower pseudorapidities after the correction, implying
 545 that the UE background is slightly more dense closer to the beamline. Similarly to the ϕ shifts, the large
 546 majority of the shifts to jet η are much smaller than the tower sizes.

547 In the analysis described in the following chapters, the data and simulation (detector level and particle
 548 level) jets used are those after the underlying event 4-vector correction has been applied.

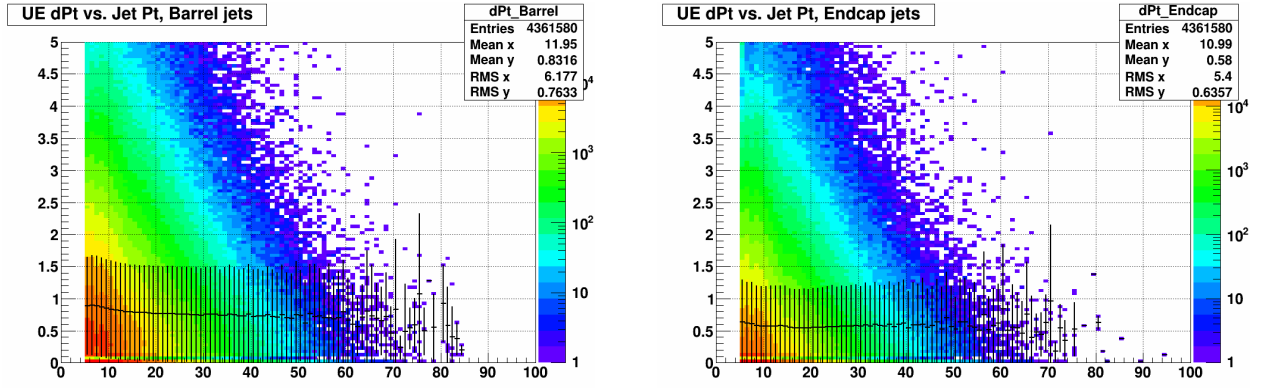


Figure 4.2: The amount of jet p_T subtracted off by the underlying event correction (dPt) vs. jet p_T , for Barrel (left) and Endcap (right) jets in a subset of Barrel-Endcap events from 2012 data. The units of the vertical and horizontal axes are GeV.

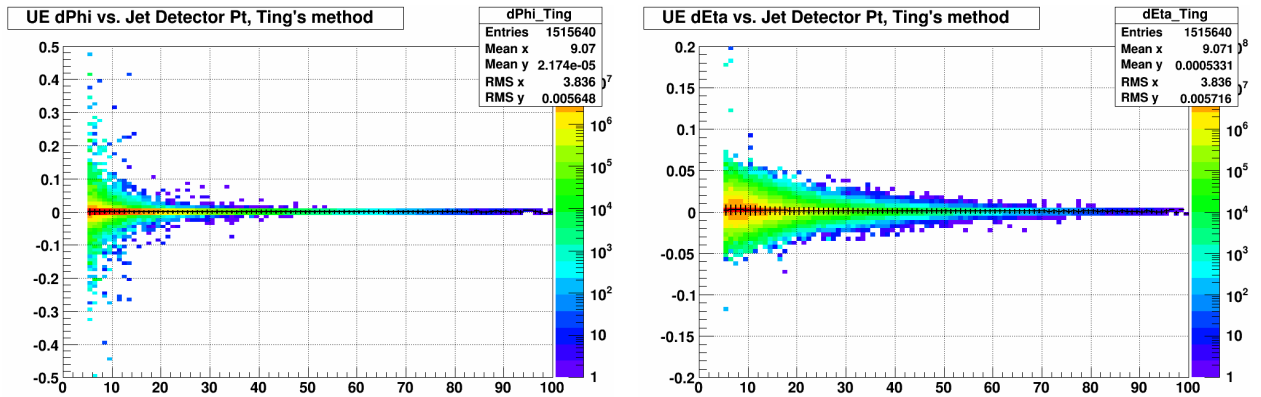


Figure 4.3: Shifts in jet ϕ due to the underlying event subtraction, $d\Phi = \Phi(\text{uncorrected}) - \Phi(\text{corrected})$.

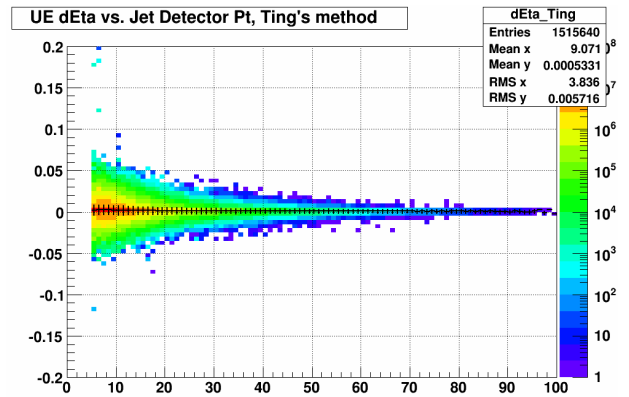


Figure 4.4: Shifts in jet η due to the underlying event subtraction, $d\eta = \eta(\text{uncorrected}) - \eta(\text{corrected})$.

Chapter 5

Experimental Methods in the EEMC

5.1 Challenges in the EEMC Region

The STAR TPC only provides charged particle tracking for roughly $|\eta| \leq 1.3$, as can be seen in Fig. 5.1, with rapidly decreasing efficiency outside that range. As a result, jets which are reconstructed in the EEMC region will miss many tracks, resulting in values of jet p_T which are systematically lower than the true values. The inaccurate jet p_T measurements distort the extraction of the momenta of the colliding partons. The invariant mass of each jet is also reconstructed inaccurately, which further skews the calculation of the dijet invariant mass. Finally, jets with a higher percentage of neutral energy will be preferentially selected in both triggering and reconstruction, resulting in a biased sample.

A machine-learning regression method was developed for the measurement of the 2009 EEMC dijet A_{LL} to correct jet p_T and invariant mass for the effects of the reduced tracking efficiency at forward pseudorapidities [adam2018]. The algorithm used to carry out the supervised regression is the Multilayer Perceptron, a type of Artificial Neural Network, from ROOT's Toolkit for Multivariate Data Analysis (TMVA) [hoecker2007]. Supervised regression algorithms use training events, for which the desired output is known, to approximate the functional behavior linking the input variables to the target.

5.2 Artificial Neural Networks

An Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is a simulated collection of interconnected neurons, with each neuron producing a certain response from a given set of inputs. The network consists of an input layer, some configuration of hidden neurons, and an output layer. The neural network functions as a mapping from a space of input variables x_1, \dots, x_m onto a space of output variables y_1, \dots, y_n . The output of the network, given a certain set of inputs, is determined by the layout of the neurons, the weights of the inter-neuron connections, and the response of the neurons to their input signals. The mapping between the input and output variable spaces will be nonlinear if at least one of the neurons has a nonlinear response to its input.

The Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) is a simplified ANN where the neurons are organized into layers, and the neurons in a given layer are only directly connected to those in the following layer. The first layer of a MLP network is the input layer, which holds the input variable(s), while the last layer is the output layer, which contains the output variable(s). All of the layers in between are called hidden layers. Each inter-neuron connection has an associated weight value, and the output value of a given neuron is multiplied by that weight factor before being sent as input to the next neuron. Figure 5.2 illustrates the architecture of a MLP network with four input variables, one output variable, and a single hidden layer.

5.2.1 Neural Network Parameters and Training

The parameter settings for a MLP network require some trial and error in order to work efficiently for a given application. The settings used in this analysis are the same as those selected for the initial forward dijet A_{LL} measurement. The settings are specified when the network is declared:

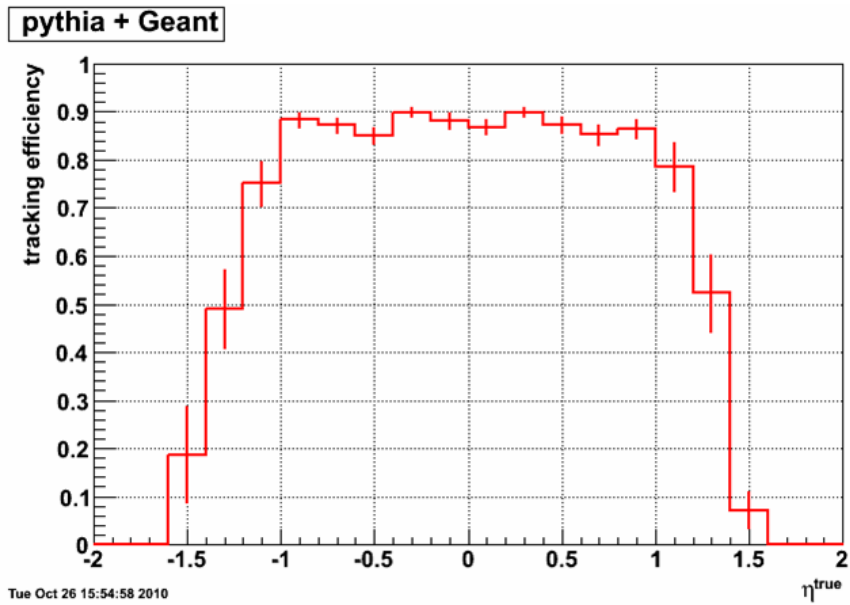


Figure 5.1: Plot from simulation showing the percentage of tracks which are successfully reconstructed as a function of track pseudorapidity.

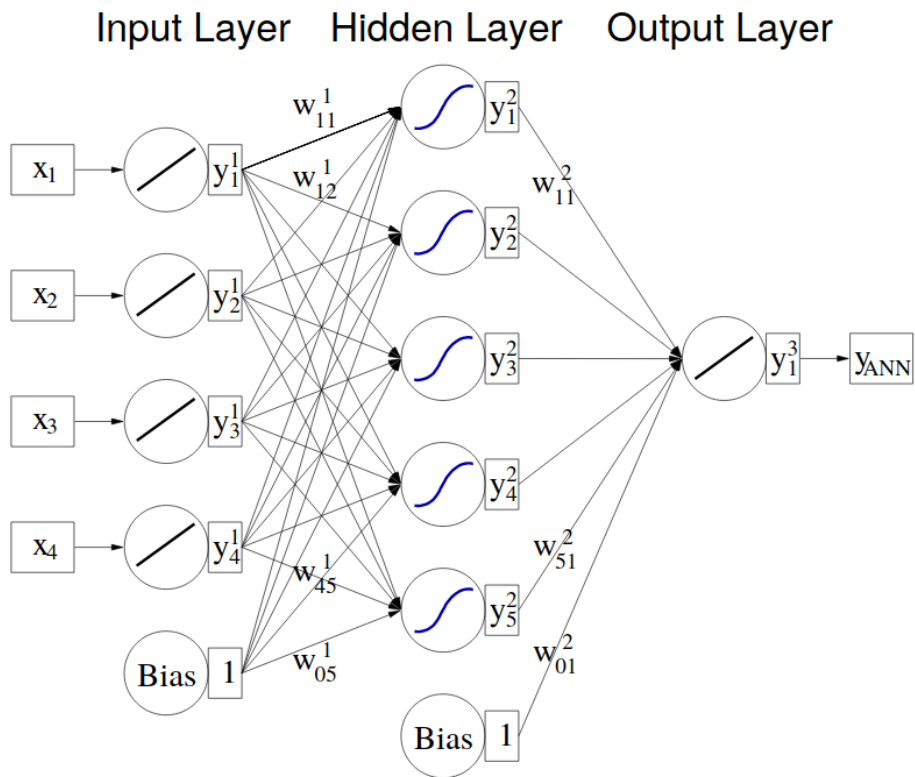


Figure 5.2: Multilayer Perceptron ANN with one hidden layer [hoecker2007].

584 • `factory->BookMethod(TMVA::Types::kMLP, "MLP", "!H: !V: VarTransform=Norm: NeuronType=tanh:`
585 `NCycles=10000: HiddenLayers=N+100: EstimatorType=MSE: TestRate=10: LearningRate=0.02:`
586 `NeuronInputType=sum: DecayRate=0.6: TrainingMethod=BFGS: Sampling=0.1: SamplingEpoch=0.8:`
587 `ConvergenceImprove=1e-6: ConvergenceTests=15: !UseRegulator");`

588 The “NeuronType=tanh” option indicates that the neuron response function is the hyperbolic tangent, so
589 the network’s mapping of input variables to output variable will be nonlinear. “HiddenLayers=N+100”
590 specifies that this network has a single hidden layer containing $N+100$ neurons, where N is the number
591 of input variables. For a multilayer perceptron, a single hidden layer is enough to approximate a given
592 continuous correlation function to arbitrary precision as long as that hidden layer contains a sufficiently
593 large number of neurons. Another important option is “TrainingMethod=BFGS”, which indicates that the
594 Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shannon method will be used to update the network’s synapse weights during
595 training. The BFGS method differs from the typical back propagation method by using second derivatives of
596 the error function to reach the optimal set of weights. Finally, “NCycles=10000” means that the algorithm
597 will run for 10000 training epochs. Further details on the MLP options, and more general information on
598 ANNs in TMVA, can be found in chapter 8 of Ref. [hoecker2007].

599 5.3 Jet p_T Correction

600 The artificial neural networks for the corrections to the jet quantities are trained using the embedding samples
601 discussed in Chapter 4. There is a separate network for each of three categories of jets: Barrel jets, Endcap
602 jets from dijet events where the other jet is in the Barrel, and Endcap jets from dijet events where both jets
603 are in the Endcap. The embedding sample for a given category is randomly split in half at the beginning
604 of the regression process: the events in the “Training” set are used to determine the network weights, while
605 the “Testing” events are used as an independent check on the training results.

606 For the jet p_T correction, the target value is the particle-level jet p_T , which is the physics quantity of
607 interest. The variables used to train the networks were optimized in the 2009 analysis. For Barrel jets, the
608 variables are:

- 609 • Inputs: jet detector-level p_T , detector pseudorapidity $\eta_{detector}$, jet neutral energy fraction R_t ;
- 610 • Target: particle-level jet p_T .

611 For Endcap jets in Barrel-Endcap dijet events, the variables are:

- 612 • Inputs: Endcap jet detector-level p_T , detector pseudorapidity $\eta_{detector}$, jet neutral energy fraction R_t ,
613 Barrel jet detector-level p_T ;
- 614 • Target: particle-level jet p_T .

615 The transverse momenta of the two jets in a dijet pair are expected to be approximately equal, and adding
616 in the p_T of the corresponding Barrel jet (which was measured more precisely due to a much higher tracking
617 efficiency) was found to improve the correction for these Endcap jets.

618 Finally, the variables for Endcap jets in Endcap-Endcap events are:

- 619 • Inputs: Endcap jet detector-level p_T , detector pseudorapidity $\eta_{detector}$, jet neutral energy fraction R_t ;
- 620 • Target: particle-level jet p_T .

621 The network for jets in Endcap-Endcap events is trained using all Endcap jets, including those from Barrel-
622 Endcap events, in order to increase the statistics.

623 The results of the regression training for the jet p_T correction can be seen in Fig. 5.3 for 2012 and Fig. 5.4
624 for 2013. The figures plot the ratio of particle-level jet p_T over detector-level jet p_T as a function of detector
625 pseudorapidity, with the average ratio in each detector η bin indicated. The left-hand plots show this ratio
626 for the uncorrected detector-level jet p_T , while the right-hand plots show the ratio after the networks have
627 been trained. The uncorrected plots show average ratios greater than one, indicating that the detector-level
628 p_T is lower than the particle-level p_T , as expected. The average ratios increase rapidly in the Endcap region,

629 illustrating the effect of the decreasing tracking efficiency at more forward detector pseudorapidities, but are
 630 also greater than one in the Barrel, since tracking there is not perfect either. The corrected plots show ratios
 631 very near to one in all detector η bins, as well as reduced spreads in the distribution of p_T ratios, indicating
 632 that the machine learning techniques account for correlations among the input variables.

633 In the 2009 analysis, the networks were trained and tested separately for each trigger, based on the
 634 reasoning that the spectra of the input quantities might differ among the trigger samples. While the various
 635 distributions do differ depending on which trigger category the dijet event was sorted into, the performance
 636 of the machine learning process was found to be unaffected by these differences. Figures 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7
 637 compare the results of the regression training when done separately for the different trigger samples to when
 638 they are done for all events together, using the 2012 embedding. They illustrate that there is very little
 639 difference between the two methods, with the combined training giving a slightly smaller spread in the
 640 resulting p_T ratio distribution in most cases. So, in this analysis all of the events in the embedding sample
 641 were trained and tested together, regardless of trigger. This is the only aspect of the machine learning
 642 correction where this analysis differs from the 2009 measurement.

643 5.3.1 Dijet p_T Imbalance

644 Another way to see the net effect of the machine learning p_T correction is to look at the dijet p_T imbalance for
 645 Barrel-Endcap events. The dijet p_T imbalance is the difference in magnitude of the two jet p_T 's, and is shown
 646 in Fig. 5.8 for 2012 and 5.9 for 2013. The exact definition of the quantity is given underneath the horizontal
 647 axis. The figures show the p_T imbalance distributions for data (points) and simulation (histograms), both
 648 before (red) and after (blue) the correction, for JP2 events. Before the correction, the Barrel jet p_T is
 649 systematically larger than that of the Endcap jet, so the distributions are shifted toward positive values.
 650 After the correction, the distributions are shifted in the negative direction and have smaller spreads. Note
 651 that these effects are seen in both the simulation used to train the regression algorithm and the data it is
 652 applied to.

653 While the dijet p_T imbalances initially display the proper qualitative behavior, there is an important
 654 subtlety worth exploring. The means of each distribution should be closer to zero after the correction than
 655 they were before, since the physical transverse momenta of the two jets in the dijet pair are expected to be
 656 approximately equal. However, in both 2012 and 2013, the means of the dijet p_T imbalance distributions
 657 after the correction are actually more negative than the means before the correction are positive. In other
 658 words, the machine learning correction has, on average, made the Endcap jet p_T larger than the Barrel
 659 jet p_T , and made the absolute difference between the two transverse momenta larger. The reason for this
 660 unexpected result is that the relative values of the particle-level Barrel and Endcap jet p_T , which are the
 661 target variables of the regression, depend on the dijet invariant mass. Figure 5.10 shows the particle level
 662 p_T imbalance as a function of dijet invariant mass in 2012, and Fig. 5.11 shows the same for 2013. The
 663 plots indicate that, on average at the particle level, the Endcap jet p_T increases relative to the Barrel jet p_T
 664 with decreasing dijet invariant mass. This means that the average value of the overall dijet p_T imbalance
 665 distribution can essentially be “chosen” to be slightly positive, slightly negative, or zero depending on the
 666 range of dijet invariant mass one integrates over. Figures 5.12 and 5.13 show that the behavior seen at
 667 particle level is reproduced both at detector level in the simulation and in the data.

668 5.4 Jet Invariant Mass Correction

669 The jet invariant mass is a small component of the dijet invariant mass compared to the jet transverse
 670 momentum, but it is still an important piece of that calculation and thus is also corrected for detector effects.
 671 The jet mass corrections use MLP networks with the same parameter settings as the jet p_T corrections, but
 672 with a few more inputs. The other difference is that the correction of the jet mass for an Endcap jet in a
 673 Barrel-Endcap event does not take any information from the corresponding Barrel jet as input. So, the jet
 674 invariant mass correction uses the same set of variables for all Barrel and Endcap jets:

- 675 • Inputs: detector-level jet mass, detector-level p_T , detector pseudorapidity $\eta_{detector}$, neutral fraction
 676 R_t , track multiplicity N_{tracks} , tower multiplicity N_{towers} ;
- 677 • Target: particle-level jet invariant mass.

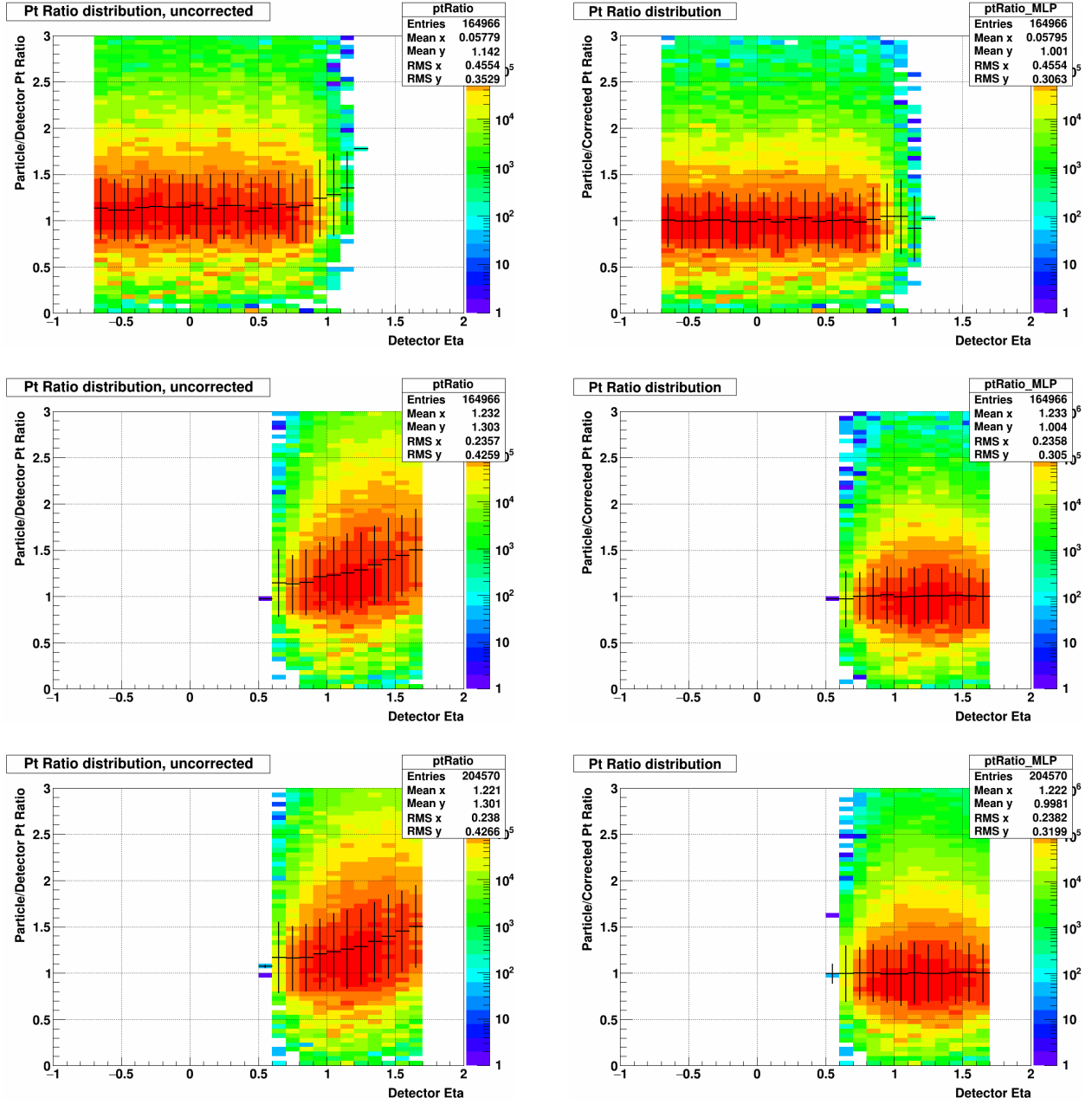


Figure 5.3: Jet particle/detector p_T ratio vs. detector η , before (left) and after (right) the machine learning p_T shift. The top, middle, and bottom rows show results for Barrel jets, Endcap jets in Barrel-Endcap events, and Endcap-Endcap jets, respectively. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2012 embedding sample.

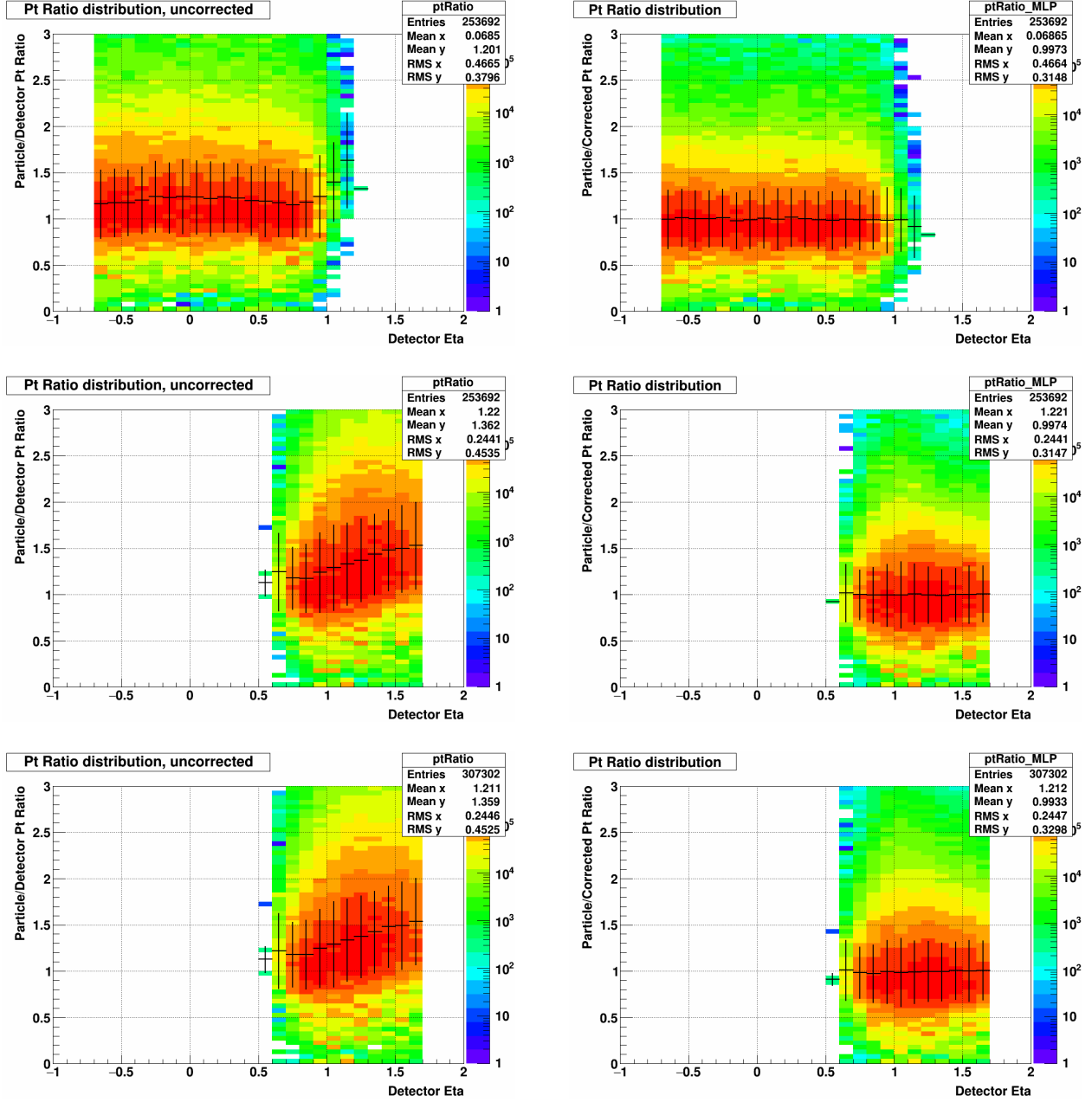


Figure 5.4: Jet particle/detector p_T ratio vs. detector η , before (left) and after (right) the machine learning p_T shift. The top, middle, and bottom rows show results for Barrel jets, Endcap jets in Barrel-Endcap events, and Endcap-Endcap jets, respectively. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2013 embedding sample.

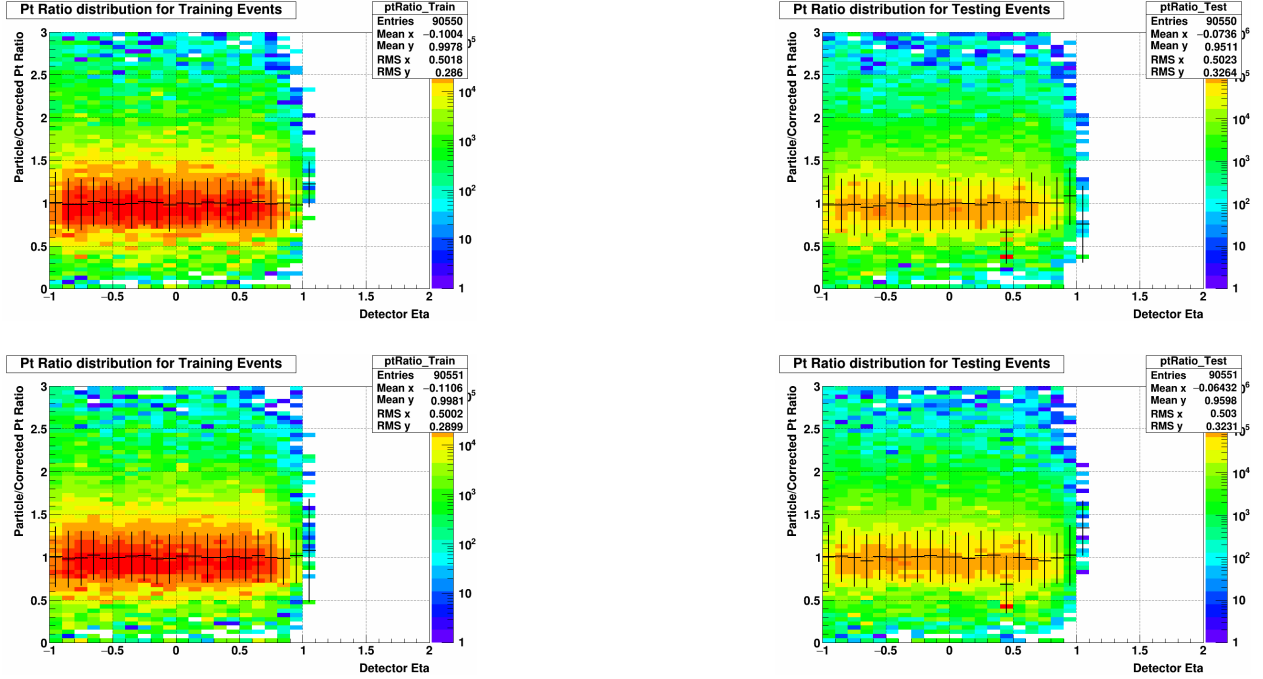


Figure 5.5: Barrel jet particle/detector p_T ratio vs. detector η , for the Training (left) and Testing (right) samples. The top row shows results from training the trigger samples separately; the bottom row from training all trigger samples together. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin.

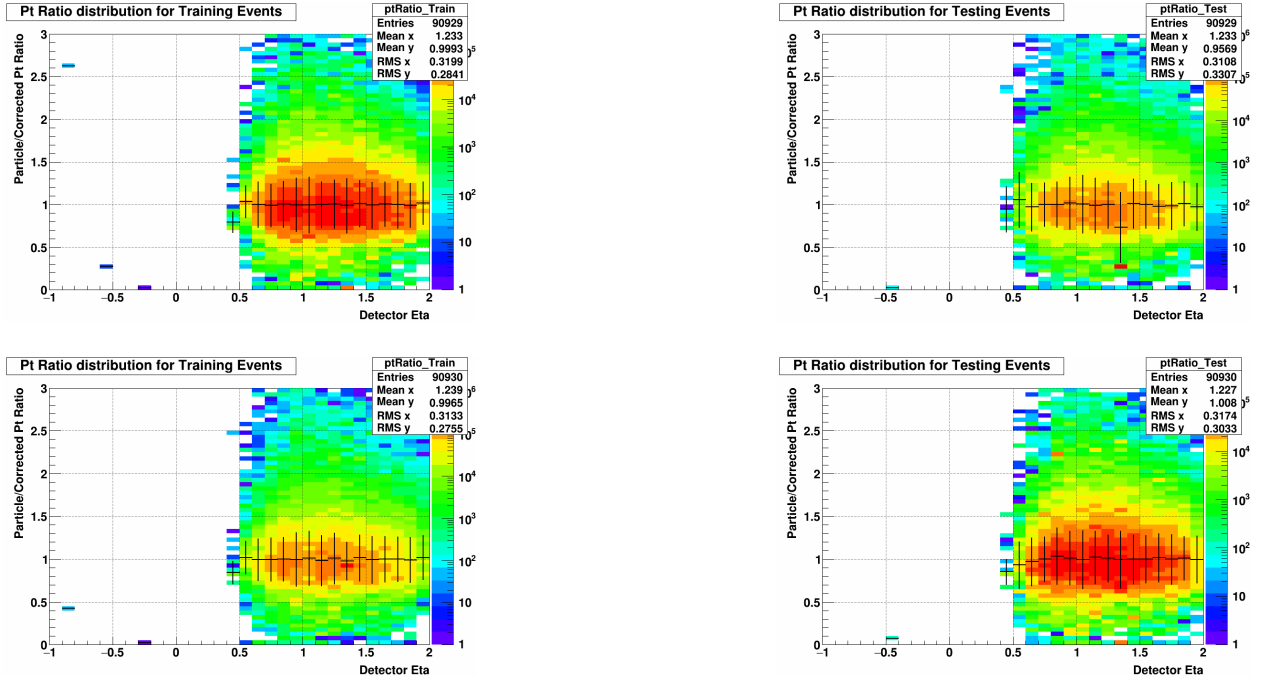


Figure 5.6: Endcap jet from Barrel-Endcap events particle/detector p_T ratio vs. detector η , for the Training (left) and Testing (right) samples. The top row shows results from training the trigger samples separately; the bottom row from training all trigger samples together. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin.

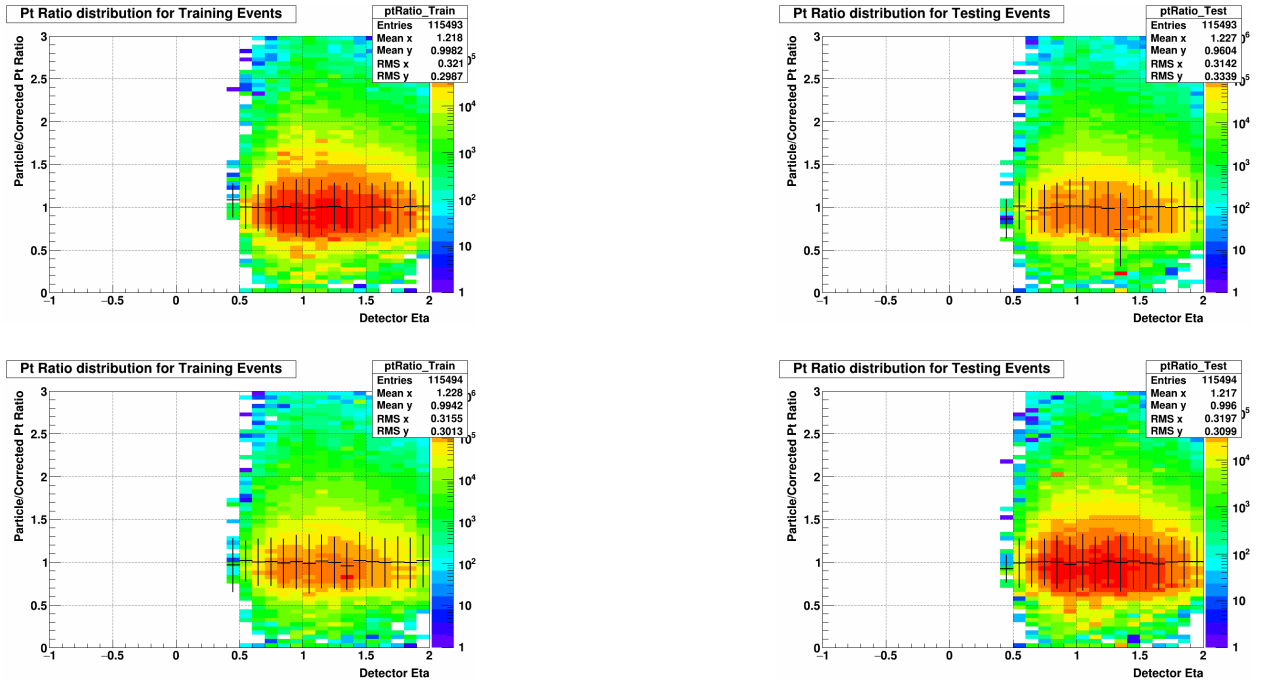


Figure 5.7: Endcap jet particle/detector p_T ratio vs. detector η , for the Training (left) and Testing (right) samples. The top row shows results from training the trigger samples separately; the bottom row from training all trigger samples together. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin.

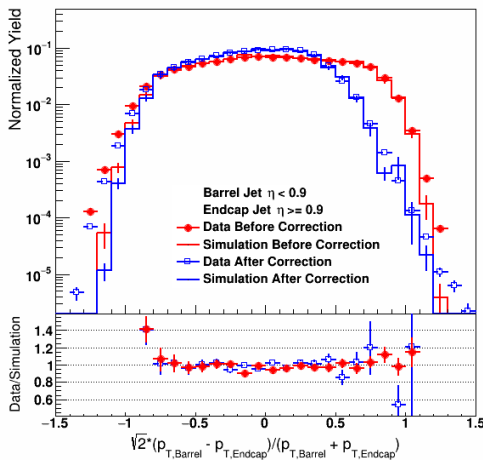


Figure 5.8: Relative difference in p_T for Barrel-Endcap dijets in 2012, for data (points) and simulation (histograms).

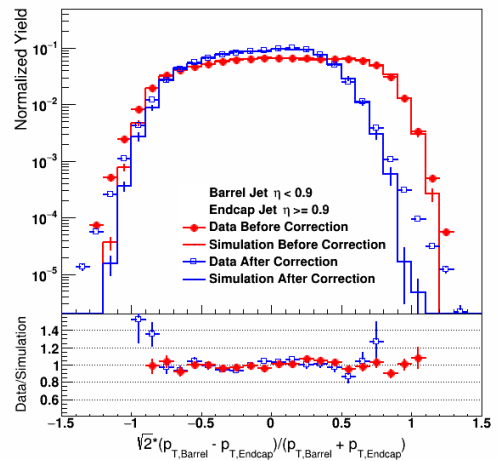


Figure 5.9: Relative difference in p_T for Barrel-Endcap dijets in 2013, for data (points) and simulation (histograms).

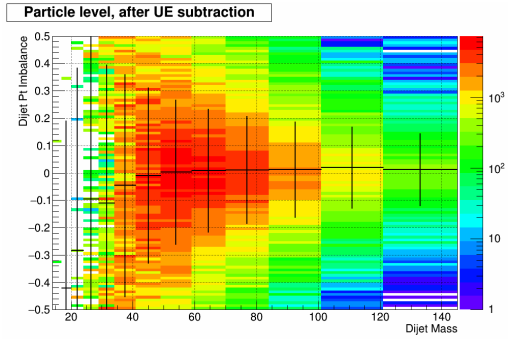


Figure 5.10: Particle-level dijet p_T imbalance as a function of dijet invariant mass. The black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and the RMS, respectively of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2012 embedding sample.

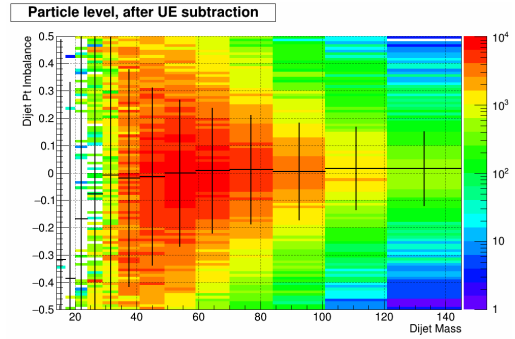


Figure 5.11: Particle-level dijet p_T imbalance as a function of dijet invariant mass. The black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and the RMS, respectively of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2013 embedding sample.

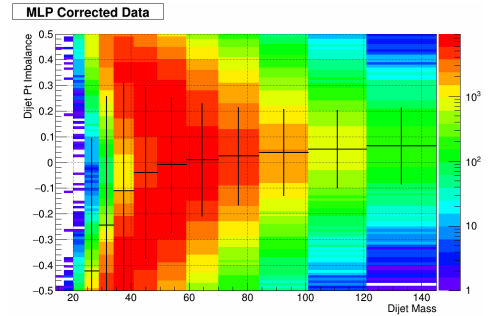
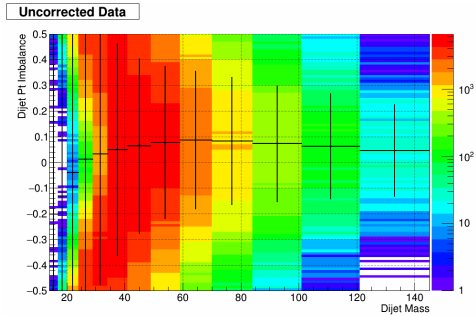
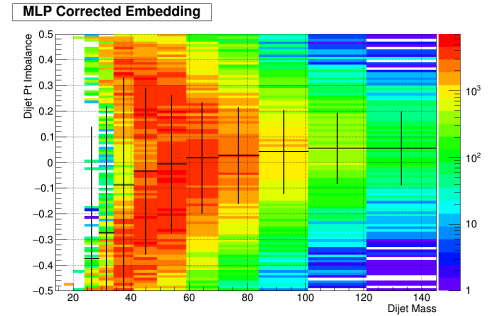
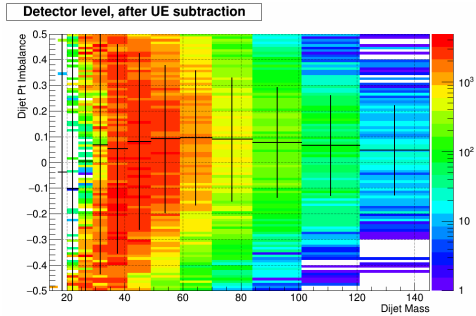


Figure 5.12: Dijet p_T imbalances at detector level in the simulation and in the data, before (left) and after (right) the machine learning p_T correction has been applied, for JP2 events in 2012. The top row shows the p_T imbalances at detector level in simulation; the bottom row in the data. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each dijet invariant mass bin.

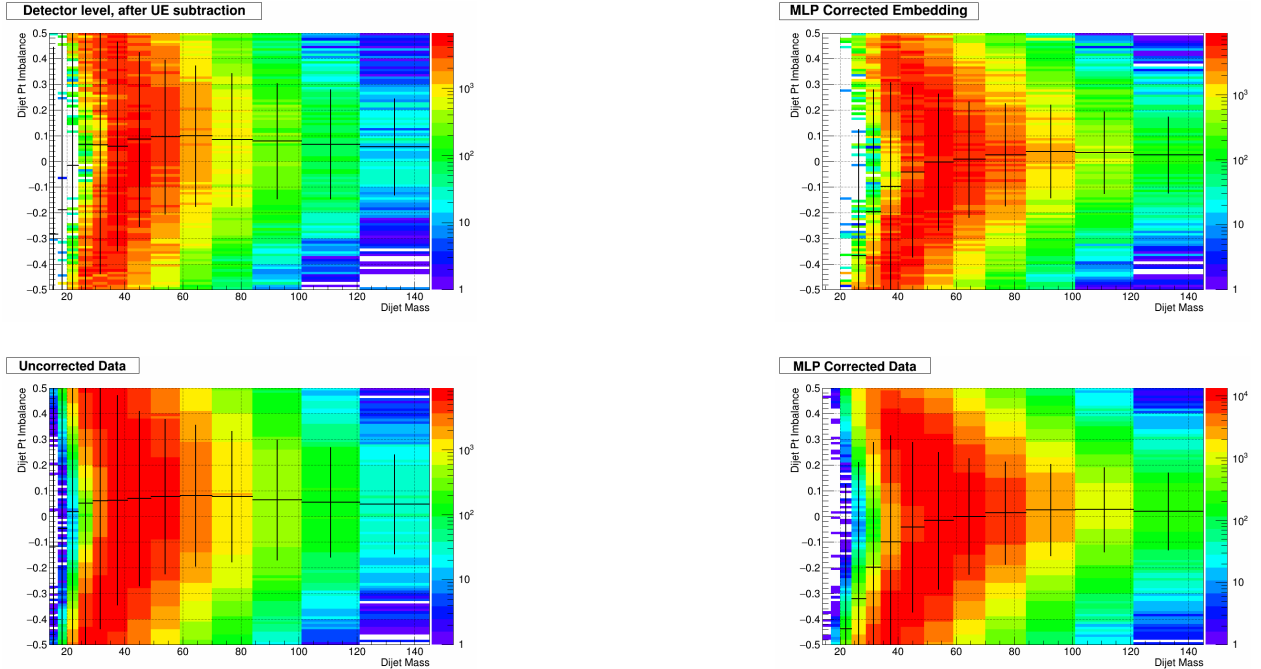


Figure 5.13: Dijet p_T imbalances at detector level in the simulation and in the data, before (left) and after (right) the machine learning p_T correction has been applied, for JP2 events in 2013. The top row shows the p_T imbalances at detector level in simulation; the bottom row in the data. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each dijet invariant mass bin.

678 As with the jet p_T correction, this analysis uses the same variables which were selected for the 2009 forward
679 dijet result, but differs slightly in that events from all trigger categories are trained and tested together.
680 Before being used in the training, the events in the embedding sample are required to have a detector-level
681 jet mass greater than 0.2 GeV. This is because many jets have masses very close to zero after the Underlying
682 Event subtraction is carried out, which might bias the training process. The results of the jet mass regression
683 training can be seen in Fig. 5.14 for 2012 and Fig. 5.15 for 2013. As can be seen in the plots, and unlike
684 the jet p_T correction, the jet mass correction is unable to get the detector-level quantity right on average,
685 though there is a large improvement. This relative underperformance is primarily because all tower hits
686 are assumed to be photons and all tracks are assumed to be charged pions, due to a lack of good particle
687 identification. Thus, even if all the constituents of a given jet are successfully detected, its reconstructed
688 invariant mass would not necessarily be correct. The jet mass ratios also start off farther from the correct
689 value on average and have a wider spread than the jet p_T ratios.

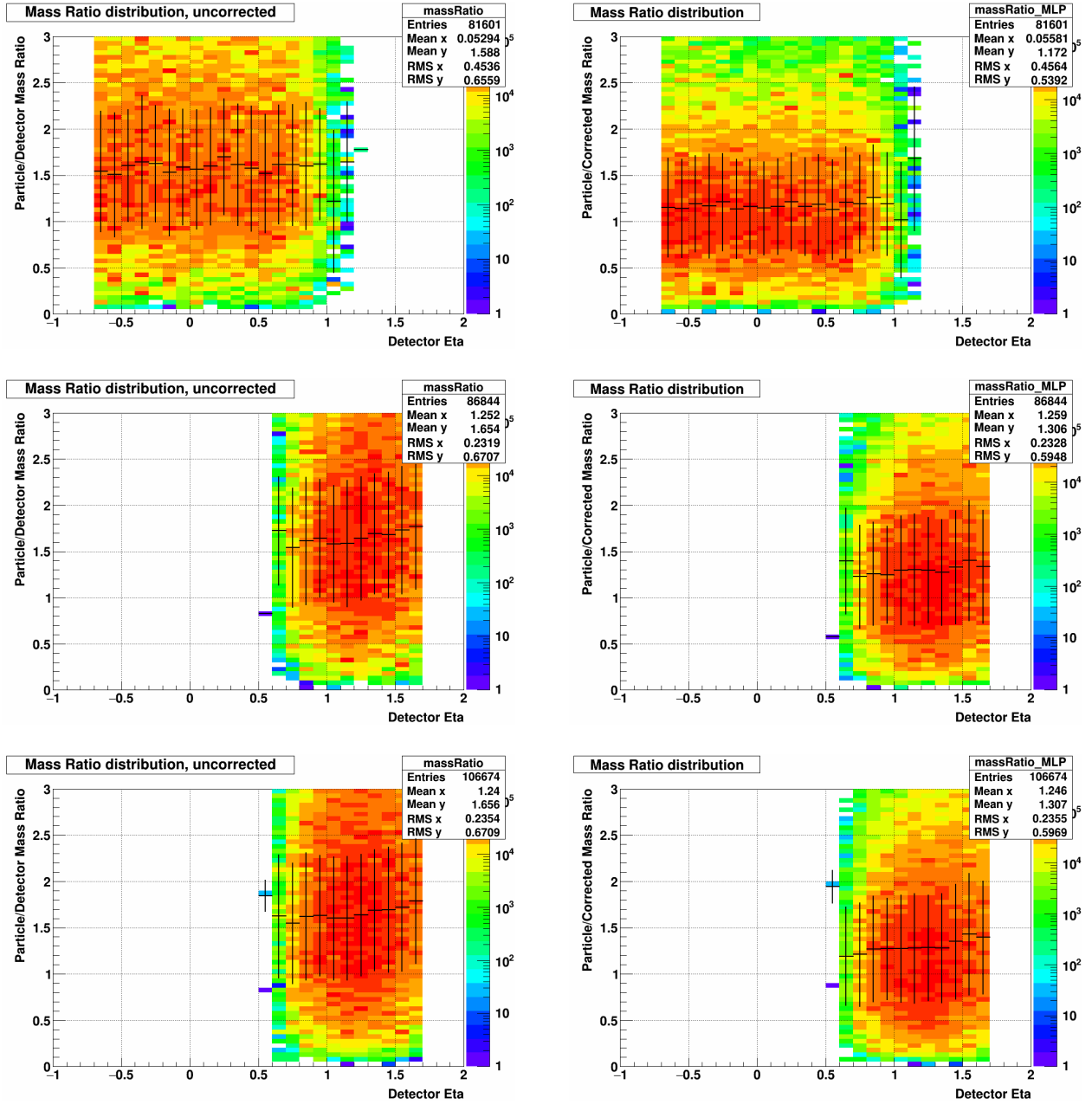


Figure 5.14: Jet particle/detector invariant mass ratio vs. detector η , before (left) and after (right) the machine learning mass shift. The top, middle, and bottom rows show results for Barrel jets, Endcap jets in Barrel-Endcap events, and Endcap-Endcap jets, respectively. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2012 embedding sample.

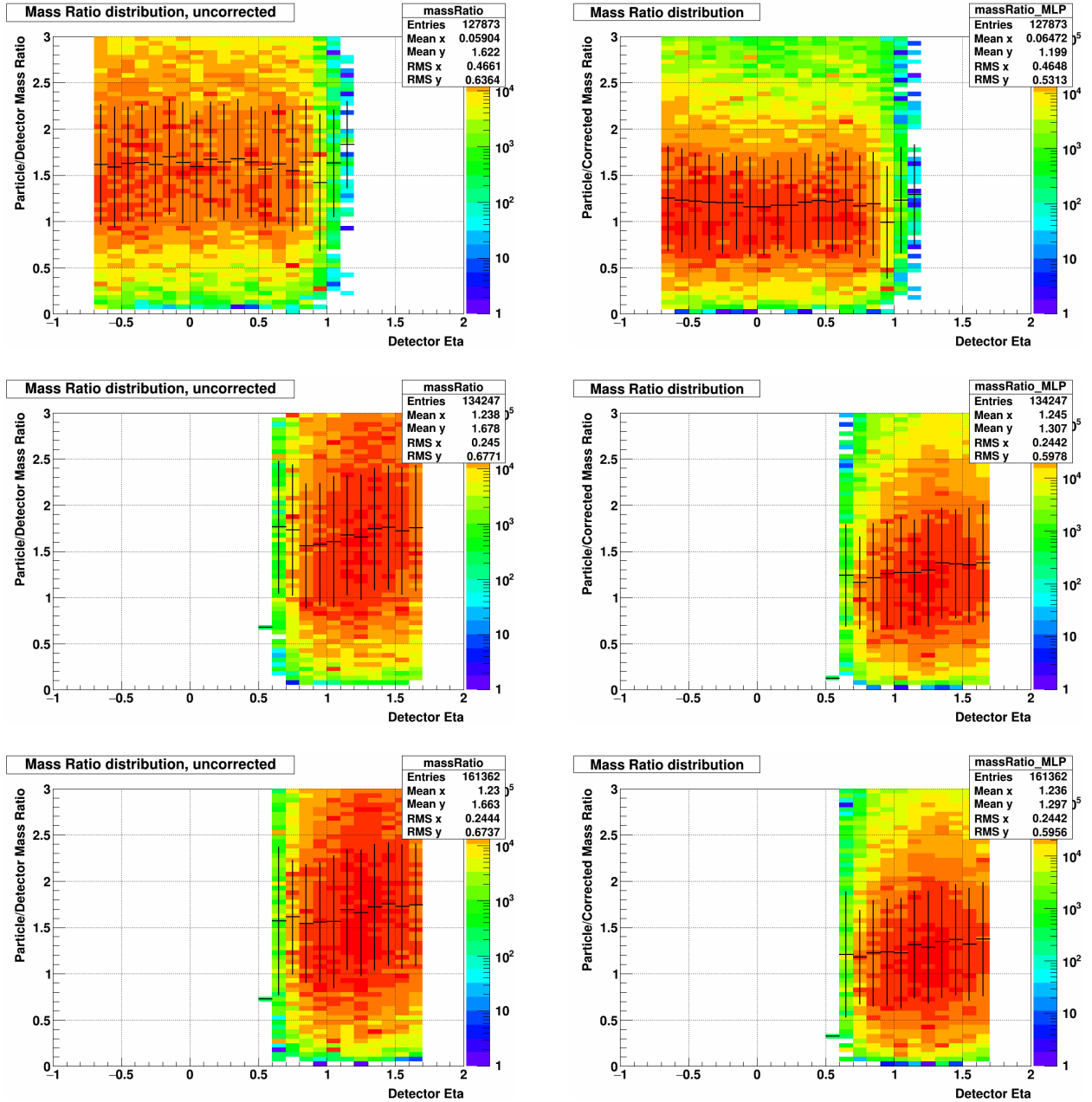


Figure 5.15: Jet particle/detector invariant mass ratio vs. detector η , before (left) and after (right) the machine learning mass shift. The top, middle, and bottom rows show results for Barrel jets, Endcap jets in Barrel-Endcap events, and Endcap-Endcap jets, respectively. In each plot, the black symbols and vertical bars indicate the mean and RMS, respectively, of the distribution in each bin. Events are from the 2013 embedding sample.

Chapter 6

Double-spin Asymmetries

The longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL} is the primary observable used to study the gluon polarization ΔG at RHIC. As described in Chapter 1, STAR has published measurements of A_{LL} for inclusive jets [adamczyk2015], [adam2019], dijets at middle [adamczyk2017], [adam2019] and intermediate pseudorapidity [adam2018], and π^0 production at intermediate pseudorapidity [adamczyk2014]. These results have placed strong constraints on the behavior of the gluon polarized parton distribution function $\Delta g(x)$ for higher values of x , while the measurements presented in this document will serve to better constrain the contribution to the spin of the proton from very low momentum gluons.

The longitudinal double-spin asymmetry is defined as:

$$A_{LL} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}}, \quad (6.1)$$

where σ_{++} and σ_{+-} are the scattering cross-sections for dijet production when the proton beams have equal and opposite helicities, respectively. Experimentally, the longitudinal double-spin asymmetry is measured as:

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sum_i P_{Y_i} P_{B_i} [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{--}) - R_{3_i} (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{-+})]}{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 P_{B_i}^2 [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{--}) + R_{3_i} (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{-+})]}. \quad (6.2)$$

The summations are over all of the runs i in the data set. P_Y and P_B are the polarizations of the yellow and blue beams. N^{++} , N^{--} , N^{+-} , and N^{-+} are the dijet yields for the four different beam helicity combinations, where the first index denotes the helicity of the yellow beam, and the second index indicates the helicity of the blue beam. Finally, R_3 is the ratio of the integrated luminosities for the equal and opposite beam helicity configurations. The polarizations, spin state combinations, and luminosity ratios will be explained more in the following sections. The statistical error on A_{LL} is closely approximated by:

$$\delta A_{LL} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 P_{B_i}^2 [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{--}) + R_{3_i}^2 (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{-+})]}}{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 P_{B_i}^2 [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{--}) + R_{3_i} (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{-+})]}. \quad (6.3)$$

6.1 Beam Polarizations

The raw double-spin asymmetry depends on the polarizations of the colliding proton beams; the asymmetry should be zero for unpolarized beams. So, as can be seen in Eq. 6.2, the raw asymmetry is scaled by the two beam polarizations. The polarizations are determined by combining information from the proton-Carbon and hydrogen gas jet polarimeters. For each beam, the RHIC polarimetry group reports an initial polarization (P_0) and the polarization change over time ($\frac{dP}{dt}$) for each fill. From this information, along with the assumption of a linear polarization decay, the average polarization for a given run is calculated as:

$$P = P_0 + \frac{dP}{dt} t_{run}, \quad (6.4)$$

716 where t_{run} is the time from the beginning of the fill (when P_0 is measured) to the exact middle of the
 717 run. The length of each run is short compared to the nominal time for changes in beam conditions, so
 718 calculating the beam polarizations on a run-by-run basis provides sufficiently accurate values. In 2012, the
 719 luminosity-weighted average polarizations were 54% for the blue beam and 55% for the yellow beam. In
 720 2013, the average polarizations were 56% and 54% for the blue and yellow beams, respectively.

721 6.2 Spin Patterns

722 The spin orientation of each of the up to 120 bunches in a RHIC ring is part of a predetermined spin pattern,
 723 and is fixed when the bunches are filled. There are four such spin patterns, each consisting of eight bunches,
 724 and whichever pattern was selected for a given fill repeats over the course of that fill. During the 2012 RHIC
 725 run, the patterns were: P1, +-+---+; P2, -+---+; P3, +++---; P4, ---+---+. In 2013, the patterns
 726 were: P1, +++---; P2, ---+---; P3, +++---; P4, ---+---. The pattern P1 or P2 in one beam is
 727 collided with pattern P3 or P4 in the other, for a total of eight combinations of colliding spin patterns.

728 At STAR, the helicity combination of a pair of colliding bunches is encoded in the “Spin-4” value. The
 729 helicities of each beam at the STAR interaction point and their corresponding Spin-4 values are given in
 730 Table 6.1 for 2012 and Table 6.2 for 2013. Values of Spin-4 other than 5, 6, 9, 10 correspond to the “abort
 731 gaps”, which are bunch crossings where either one or both bunches are empty, and are therefore excluded
 732 from the analysis. The yellow beam abort gap consists of bunch crossings 31-39, and the blue beam abort
 733 gap is bunch crossings 111-119. The Spin-4 values are stored in an offline database, and must be checked for
 734 every event so that the dijet yields for each helicity combination are accumulated properly.

Spin-4	Yellow Beam Helicity	Blue Beam Helicity
5	-	-
6	-	+
9	+	-
10	+	+

Table 6.1: The beam helicity combination at STAR associated with each Spin-4 value for the 2012 RHIC run.

Spin-4	Yellow Beam Helicity	Blue Beam Helicity
5	+	+
6	+	-
9	-	+
10	-	-

Table 6.2: The beam helicity combination at STAR associated with each Spin-4 value for the 2013 RHIC run.

735 6.3 Relative Luminosities

736 Although the spin patterns are carefully chosen such that the different helicity combinations of the colliding
 737 beams are sampled equally, the bunches themselves vary in intensity from one to the next. So the various
 738 spin state combinations will end up having slightly different luminosities, which means that the asymmetry
 739 cannot be correctly measured by just using the raw dijet yields. Rather, the dijet yield for each spin state
 740 must be normalized by its associated relative luminosity factor, which is a ratio of the luminosities of different
 741 helicity combinations. The relative luminosities are calculated on a run-by-run basis using scaler information
 742 from the VPDs and ZDCs, and the differences between the measurements from those two subsystems are
 743 used to estimate the systematic error on the final values. The VPDs and ZDCs are ideal for collecting
 744 luminosity information because they sit near the beamline, which is where most of the particles produced in

745 high energy pp collisions are concentrated. More information on how the relative luminosities are calculated
 746 can be found in [cronin-hennessy2000].

747 The six relative luminosity ratios relevant for the dijet A_{LL} analysis are defined as follows:

$$R_1 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{++} + \mathcal{L}^{-+}}{\mathcal{L}^{+-} + \mathcal{L}^{--}} \quad (6.5a)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{++} + \mathcal{L}^{+-}}{\mathcal{L}^{-+} + \mathcal{L}^{--}} \quad (6.5b)$$

$$R_3 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{++} + \mathcal{L}^{--}}{\mathcal{L}^{+-} + \mathcal{L}^{-+}} \quad (6.5c)$$

$$R_4 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{++}}{\mathcal{L}^{--}} \quad (6.5d)$$

$$R_5 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{-+}}{\mathcal{L}^{--}} \quad (6.5e)$$

$$R_6 = \frac{\mathcal{L}^{+-}}{\mathcal{L}^{--}}. \quad (6.5f)$$

748 R_3 is the ratio needed to normalize the spin-sorted dijet yields in the A_{LL} calculation, while the other ratios
 749 are used to calculate the false asymmetries described in the next section. Unphysical asymmetries arising
 750 from incorrect relative luminosities can be much larger than the expected physical asymmetries, so it is very
 751 important to get them right. Detailed investigations often uncover bunch crossings with anomalous behavior
 752 which need to be discarded from the analysis, and several such bad bunches were found on a fill-by-fill basis
 753 during the calculation of the 2012 and 2013 relative luminosities. Tables C.1 and C.2 in Appendix C list
 754 the bad bunch crossings by fill for 2012 and 2013, respectively. The bad bunches were removed from both
 755 the relative luminosity calculation and the dijet asymmetry analysis, along with the yellow and blue beam
 756 abort gaps.

757 6.4 False Asymmetries

758 The four “false asymmetries” are useful tools to check the relative luminosity values, as well as the analysis
 759 more generally. The false asymmetries, defined in Eq. 6.6, are expressed in terms of the spin-sorted yields,
 760 just like A_{LL} . A_L^Y and A_L^B are the longitudinal single-spin asymmetries for the yellow and blue beams,
 761 and A_{LL}^{ls} and A_{LL}^{us} are the like- and unlike-sign longitudinal double-spin asymmetries.

$$A_L^Y = \frac{\sum_i P_{Y_i} [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{-+}) - R_{1_i} (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{--})]}{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{-+}) + R_{1_i} (N_i^{+-} + N_i^{--})]} \quad (6.6a)$$

$$A_L^B = \frac{\sum_i P_{B_i} [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{+-}) - R_{2_i} (N_i^{-+} + N_i^{--})]}{\sum_i P_{B_i}^2 [(N_i^{++} + N_i^{+-}) + R_{2_i} (N_i^{-+} + N_i^{--})]} \quad (6.6b)$$

$$A_{LL}^{ls} = \frac{\sum_i P_{Y_i} P_{B_i} (N_i^{++} - R_{4_i} N_i^{--})}{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 P_{B_i}^2 (N_i^{++} + R_{4_i} N_i^{--})} \quad (6.6c)$$

$$A_{LL}^{us} = \frac{\sum_i P_{Y_i} P_{B_i} (R_{5_i} N_i^{+-} - R_{6_i} N_i^{-+})}{\sum_i P_{Y_i}^2 P_{B_i}^2 (R_{5_i} N_i^{+-} + R_{6_i} N_i^{-+})} \quad (6.6d)$$

762 A_L^Y , A_L^B , and A_{LL}^{ls} could be slightly nonzero due to parity-violating interactions, but these effects are
 763 very small so all three are expected to be consistent with zero within the current statistical precision. A_{LL}^{us}
 764 must be zero by geometric symmetry, as collisions where the yellow beam has positive helicity and the
 765 blue negative should be identical to the reverse. If any of these false asymmetries were found to deviate
 766 significantly from zero, it would suggest a problem with the relative luminosities or with the calculation of

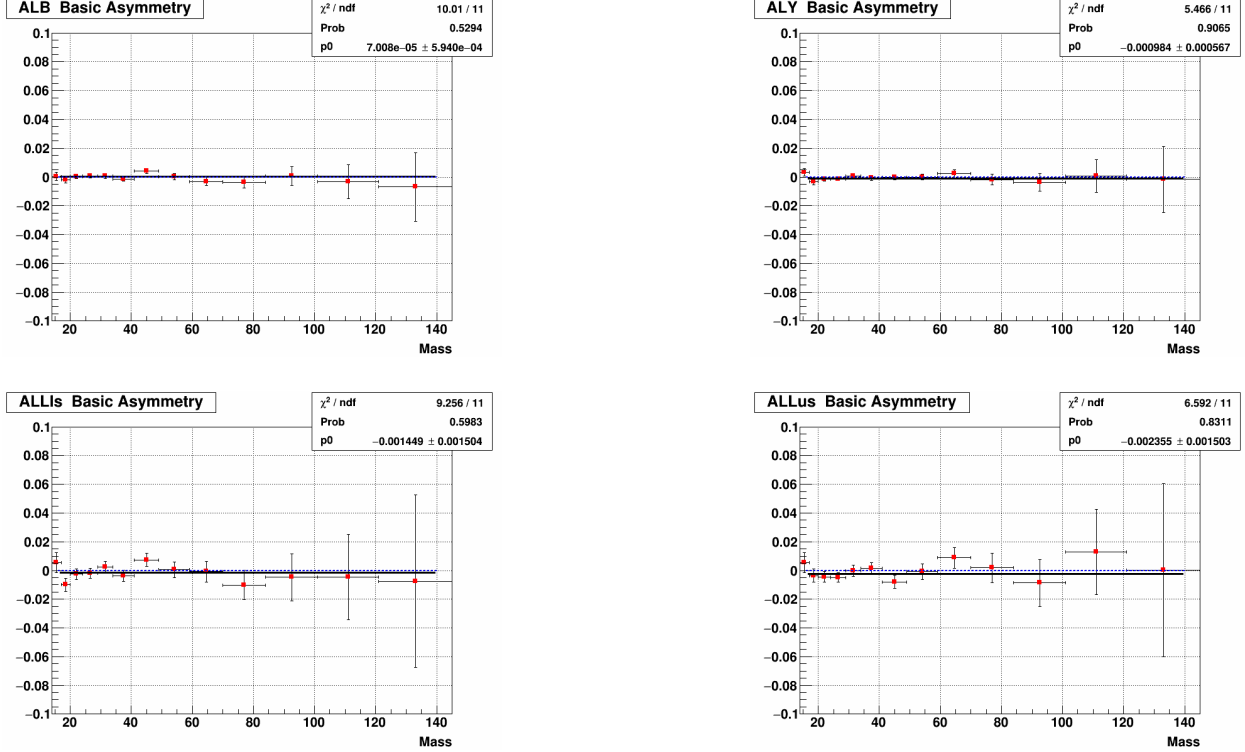


Figure 6.1: False asymmetries for all Barrel-Endcap dijets, 2012.

767 A_{LL} . Figures 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 show these false asymmetries in the 2012 data for all Barrel-Endcap dijets
768 $(-0.8 < \eta_1 < 0.9, 0.9 < \eta_2 < 1.8)$, East Barrel-Endcap dijets $(-0.8 < \eta_1 < 0, 0.9 < \eta_2 < 1.8)$, West Barrel-
769 Endcap dijets $(0 < \eta_1 < 0.9, 0.9 < \eta_2 < 1.8)$, and Endcap-Endcap dijets $(0.9 < \eta_{1,2} < 1.8)$, respectively.
770 Figures 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8 show the same for the 2013 data. Constant fits to the false asymmetries are
771 mostly consistent with zero, as expected, and have reasonable χ^2 values. The blue dotted lines in the plots
772 are drawn at zero, while the solid black lines are the constant fits, i.e., the average value of the data points.

773 6.5 Data Corrections

774 Corrections are applied to the dijet invariant mass and the “raw” A_{LL} defined in Eq. 6.2, in order to facilitate
775 better comparisons with theory and account for biases arising from the measurement process and analysis.
776 These corrections are detailed in the following two subsections.

777 6.5.1 Dijet Invariant Mass Shift

778 The machine learning jet p_T and mass corrections described in the previous chapter essentially shift the
779 dijet invariant masses measured in the data back to particle level. However, theoretical predictions for
780 dijet A_{LL} are calculated at the parton level, so one more shift is applied to account for the difference in
781 parton and particle level dijet invariant masses. For a given mass bin in the simulation, the mass difference
782 $\Delta M = M_{parton} - M_{particle}$ between the dijet invariant masses for the matching parton and particle level
783 dijets is calculated for each event in that mass bin. The mass shift for that bin is simply the average
784 ΔM . The final data points, then, are plotted at the average corrected mass (particle level) plus this mass
785 shift. Figure 6.9 shows the bin-by-bin average mass shifts for the four different dijet topologies in 2012, and
786 Fig. 6.10 shows them in 2013. The initial average masses and their corresponding mass shifts are listed in
787 columns 2 and 3, respectively, in Tables 6.3 and 6.4 for 2012, and Tables 6.5 and 6.6 for 2013.

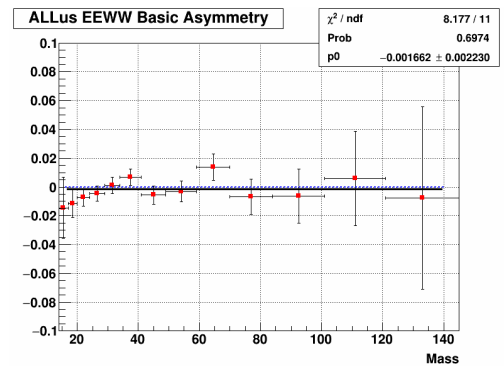
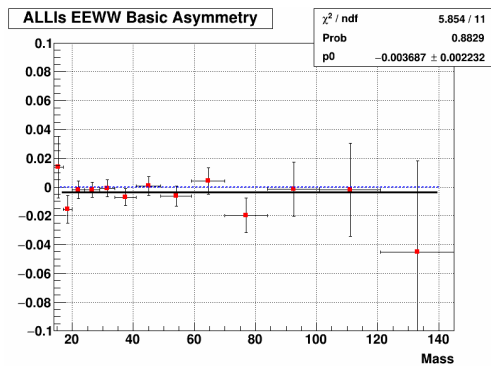
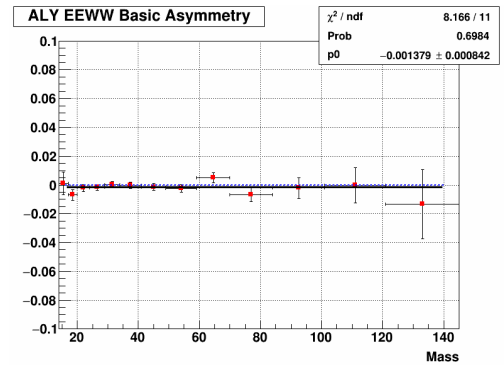
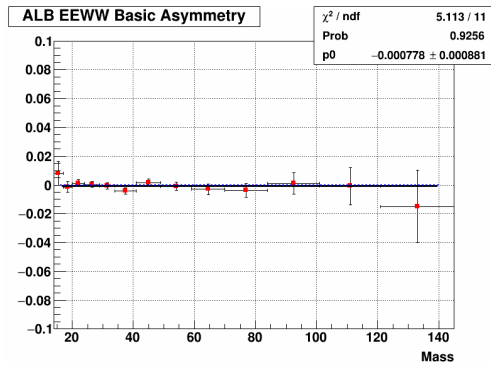


Figure 6.2: False asymmetries for East Barrel-Endcap dijets, 2012.

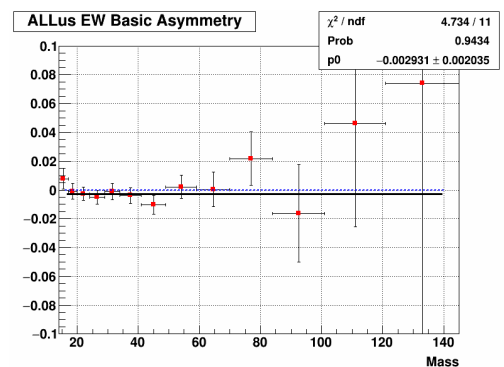
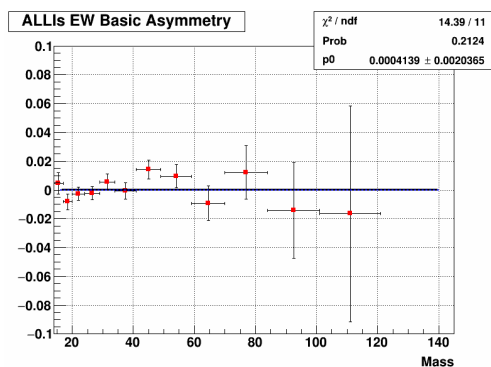
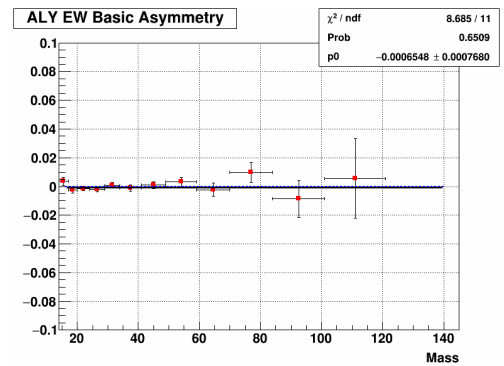
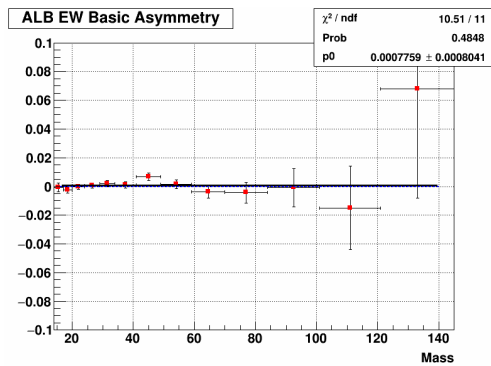


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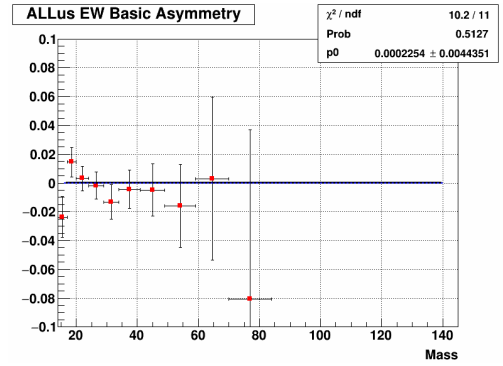
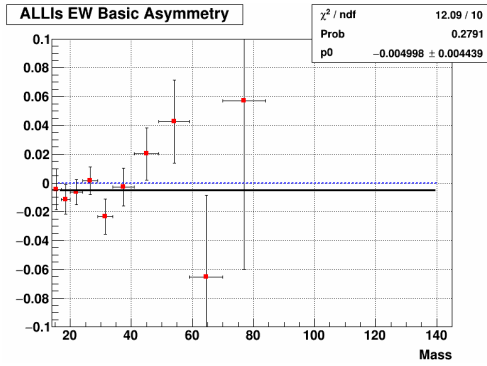
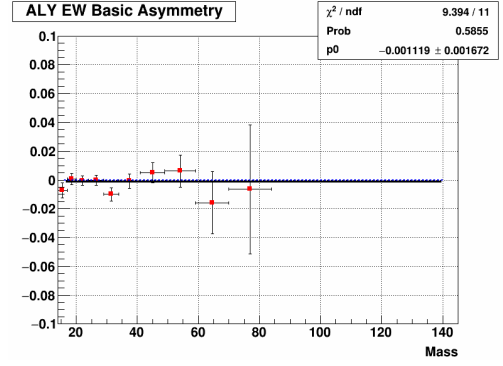
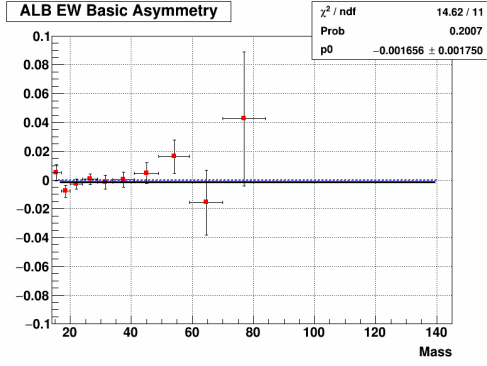


Figure 6.4: False asymmetries for Endcap-Endcap dijets, 2012.

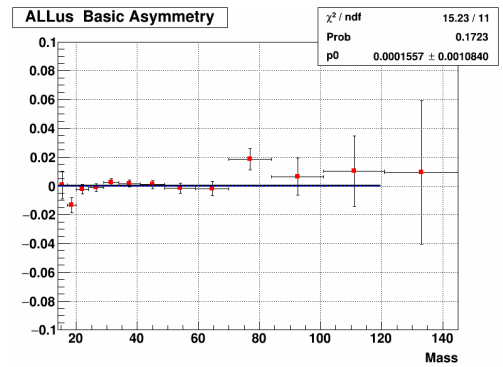
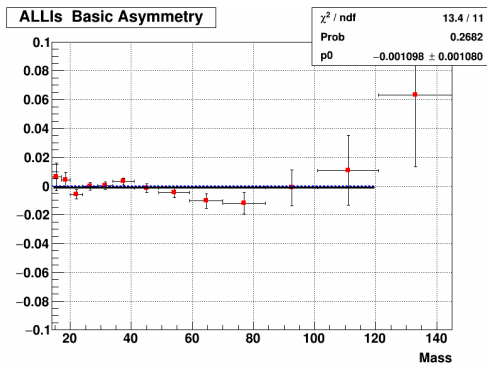
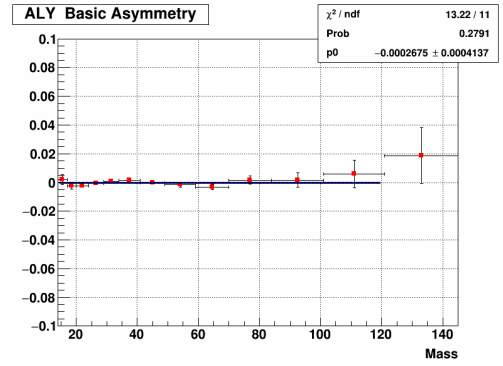
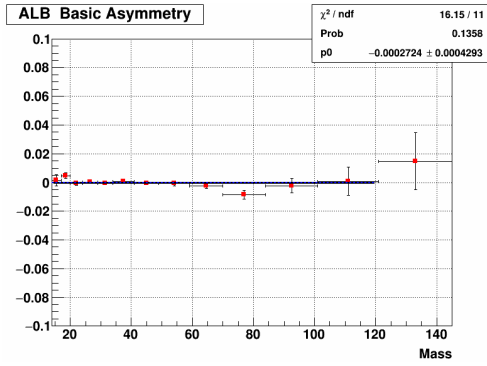


Figure 6.5: False asymmetries for all Barrel-Endcap dijets, 2013.

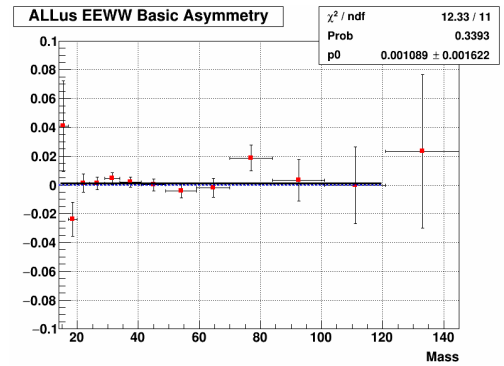
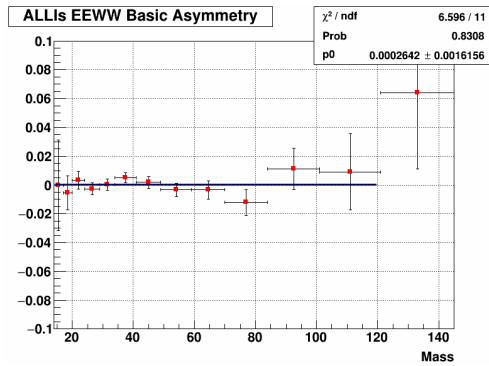
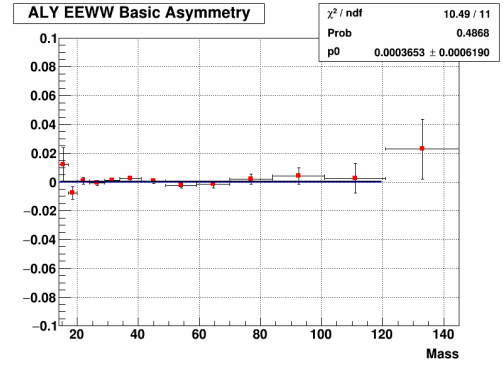
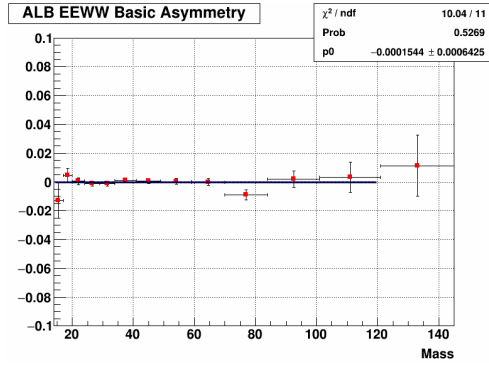


Figure 6.6: False asymmetries for East Barrel-Endcap dijets, 2013.

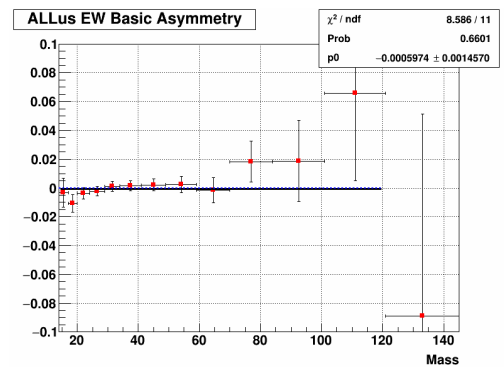
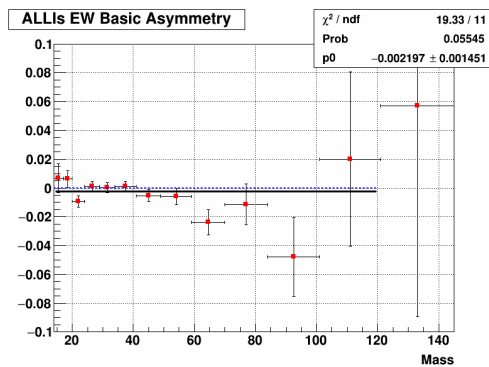
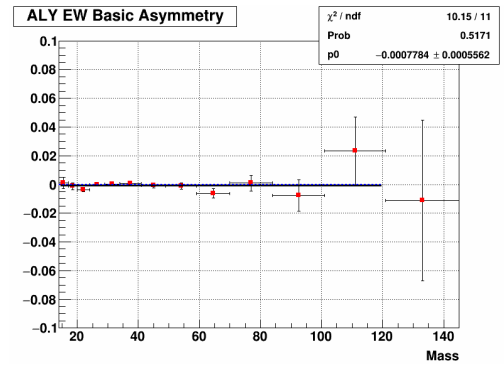
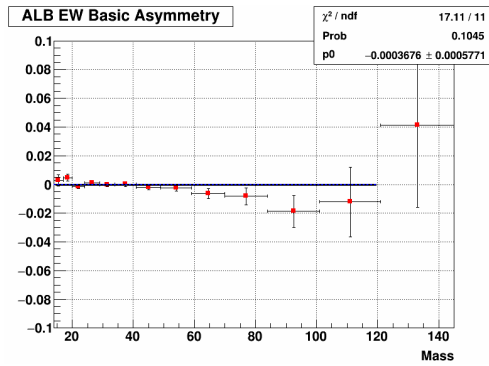


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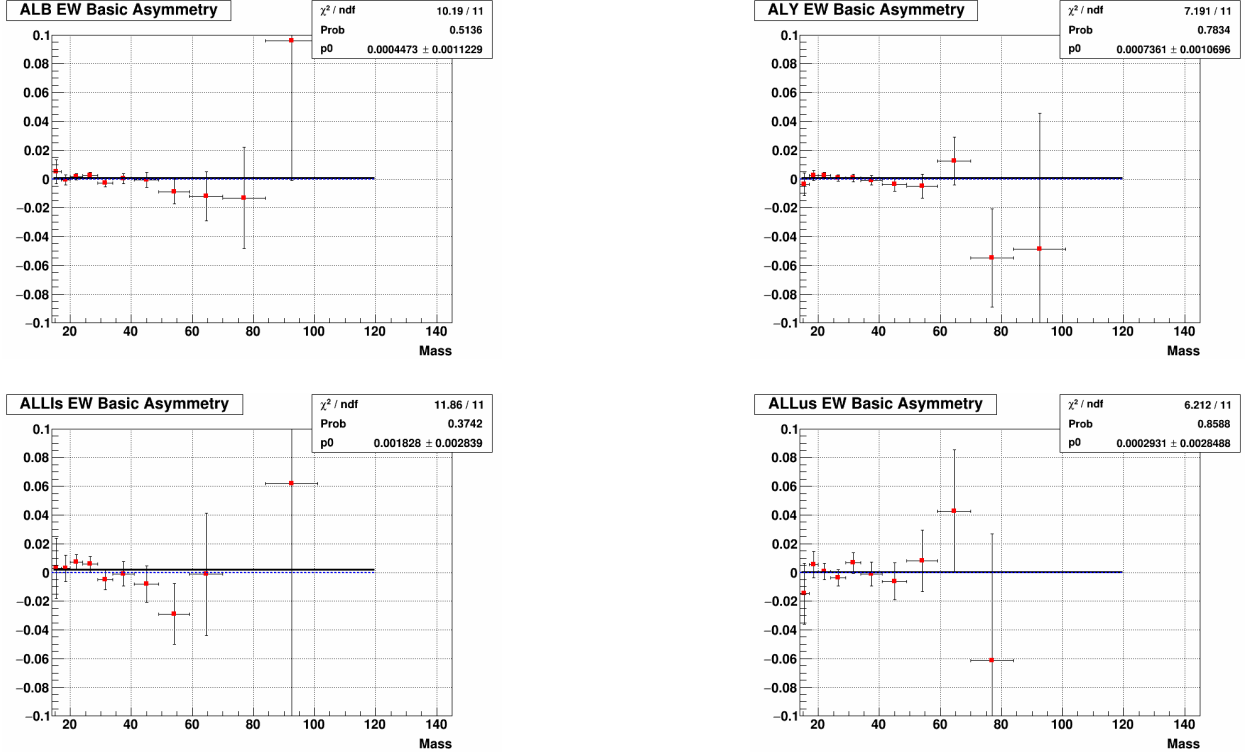


Figure 6.8: False asymmetries for Endcap-Endcap dijets, 2013.

6.5.2 Trigger and Reconstruction Bias

The dijet events of interest in this analysis are predominantly produced by three different subprocesses: quark-quark, quark-gluon, and gluon-gluon scattering. Each of these subprocesses has a different parton level asymmetry, and the final measured A_{LL} will be a mixture of contributions from the various interactions. However, jet events are triggered based on energy deposited in the BEMC and EEMC towers, and those triggering requirements might preferentially select jets which fragment in certain ways. Furthermore, jet reconstruction in the Endcap region is biased towards jets with more neutral energy due to the reduced tracking efficiency, and the neutral fraction is correlated with subprocess. These biases result in the subprocess fractions sampled by the final set of dijet events differing from the fractions at parton level, which shifts the measured A_{LL} from its true physical value and necessitates that the raw A_{LL} be corrected.

The biases introduced by the triggering and reconstruction processes are estimated by examining A_{LL} as a function of dijet invariant mass in the simulation, at both parton and detector levels. The predictions for A_{LL} in the simulation depend on the polarized parton distribution functions (PDFs), though, which must be taken from theory and have their own uncertainties. To generate theoretical predictions for A_{LL} and account for the associated uncertainty, we use the NNPDFpol1.1 [nocera2014] set of parton distributions, which has 100 replicas corresponding to different parameterizations of the polarized parton distribution functions. The procedure used is the same as for the 2009 pp 200 GeV Endcap dijet analysis:

1. For each event, find the parton level dijet from the unbiased PYTHIA sample. Apply the $\Delta\phi$, jet η , and asymmetric p_T cuts. Plot A_{LL} from the 100 polarized PDF replicas versus the parton level dijet invariant mass. These plots are in the upper left of Figs. 6.11-6.14 for 2012 and Figs. 6.15-6.18 for 2013.
2. Fit the parton level theory curve with a 3rd order polynomial, and extract A_{LL} from the fitted function. This is shown in the lower left plots of Figs. 6.11-6.14 for 2012 and Figs. 6.15-6.18 for 2013.
3. For each event, find the detector level dijet which passed the trigger filter and apply all detector level cuts, but do not require the detector to particle level matching. Plot A_{LL} of the polarized PDFs

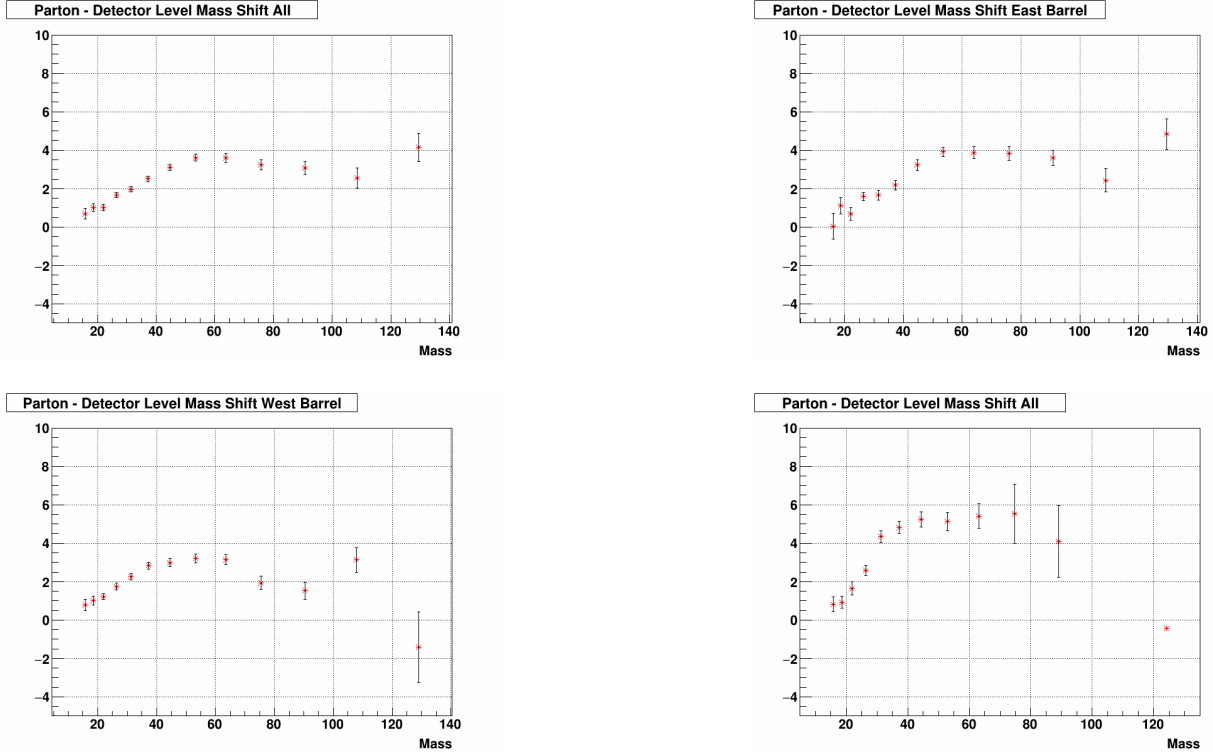


Figure 6.9: Mass shifts for all Barrel-Endcap (upper left), East Barrel-Endcap (upper right), West Barrel-Endcap (lower left) and Endcap-Endcap (lower right) dijets, 2012.

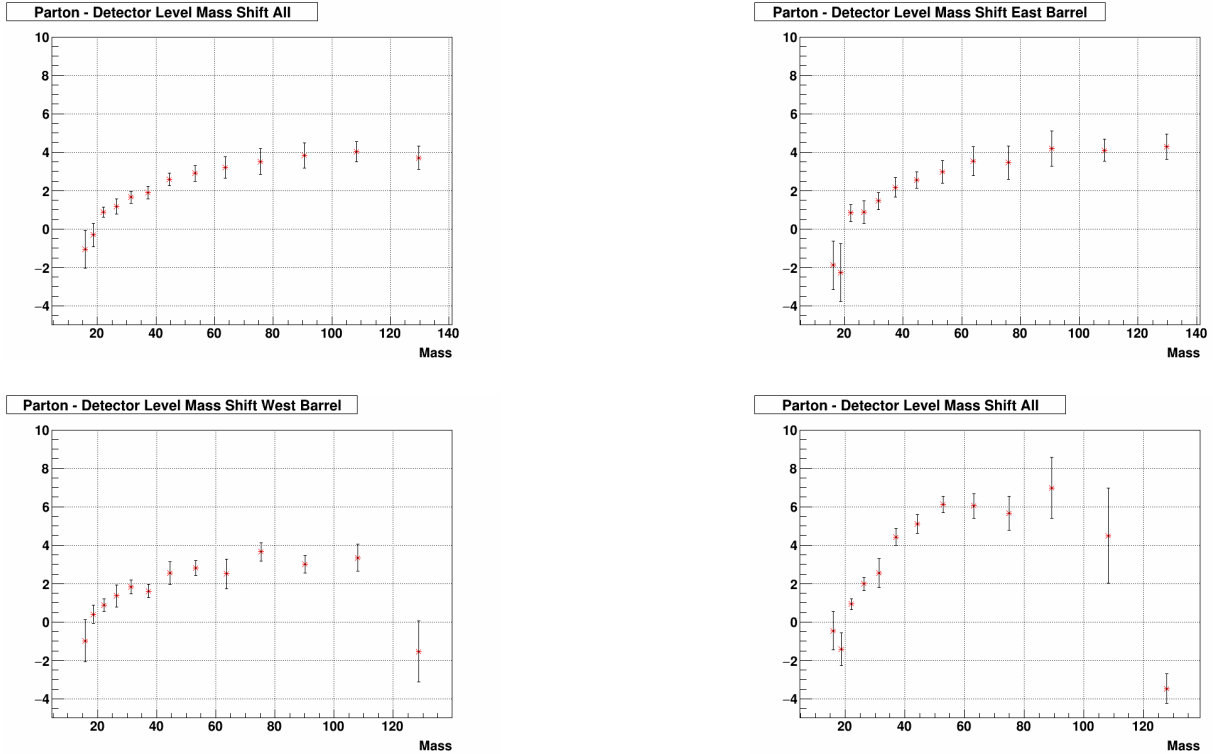


Figure 6.10: Mass shifts for all Barrel-Endcap (upper left), East Barrel-Endcap (upper right), West Barrel-Endcap (lower left) and Endcap-Endcap (lower right) dijets, 2013.

813 versus the detector level dijet invariant mass (shown in upper right plots of Figs. 6.11-6.14 for 2012
 814 and Figs. 6.15-6.18 for 2013. The final A_{LL} is the trigger-fraction weighted sum of the A_{LL} from each
 815 trigger (three in 2012, six in 2013). Points are placed at the mass-weighted mean of each bin.

816 4. Calculate $\Delta A_{LL} = A_{LL}^{detector}(M_{detector}) - A_{LL}^{parton}(M_{detector} + \Delta M_{shift})$ for each mass bin, where
 817 ΔM_{shift} is the mass shift described in the previous subsection.

818 The trigger and reconstruction bias correction is the average of the ΔA_{LL} for the 100 NNPDF replicas,
 819 which is plotted in the lower right of Figs. 6.11-6.14 for 2012 and Figs. 6.15-6.18 for 2013. The final data
 820 point is then $A_{LL}^{final} = A_{LL}^{raw} - \Delta A_{LL}$. The statistical uncertainties on the average shifts from theoretical
 821 detector level to unbiased parton level A_{LL} are taken as systematic errors on the final values of the dijet A_{LL} .
 822 The raw A_{LL} values, trigger and reconstruction bias corrections, and errors on the trigger and reconstruction
 823 bias corrections are given in columns 4, 5, and 6, respectively, of Tables 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology						
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors	
1	15.825	0.69	0.005254	0.00047	0.00016	
2	18.602	1.014	-0.00137	0.00001	0.00015	
3	22.014	1.01	0.00209	0.00009	0.00014	
4	26.402	1.671	0.001579	-0.00007	0.00014	
5	31.37	1.97	0.00583	-0.00016	0.00017	
6	37.263	2.511	0.001879	-0.00006	0.0004	
7	44.704	3.098	0.000819	-0.00043	0.00026	
8	53.479	3.607	0.008329	-0.00046	0.00031	
9	63.777	3.597	0.004173	-0.00096	0.0004	
10	75.782	3.232	-0.003337	-0.00133	0.00055	
11	90.785	3.074	0.034169	-0.00189	0.00078	
12	108.638	2.543	0.006312	-0.00395	0.00128	
13	129.493	4.147	-0.00005	-0.00733	0.00221	
Endcap-Endcap						
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors	
1	15.787	0.827	0.001079	-0.00068	0.0004	
2	18.573	0.921	0.017057	-0.00033	0.00064	
3	21.919	1.645	-0.006133	-0.00045	0.00024	
4	26.28	2.588	0.010818	-0.00095	0.00038	
5	31.309	4.351	-0.016845	-0.00232	0.00068	
6	37.143	4.817	0.017601	-0.00342	0.00088	
7	44.375	5.237	-0.016741	-0.00376	0.0014	
8	52.895	5.128	0.014264	-0.00242	0.00194	
9	63.14	5.41	-0.003661	-0.0026	0.00262	
10	74.881	5.538	0.029429	-0.00275	0.00653	
11	89.122	4.091	0.240822	0.01519	0.00927	
12	106.467	11.118	0.186634	0.06938	0.00211	
13	124.213	-0.443	-3.03341	0.0938	0	

Table 6.3: Dijet parton level corrections for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2012.

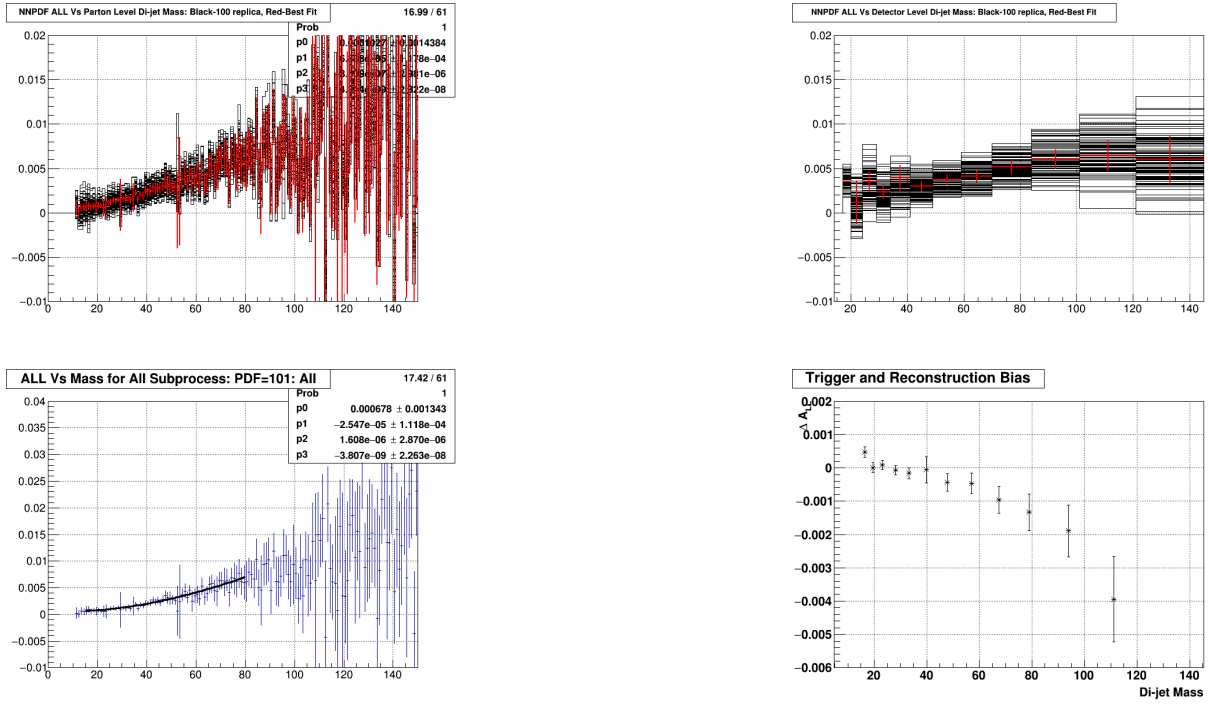


Figure 6.11: Trigger and reconstruction bias for Barrel-Endcap full topology in 2012: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

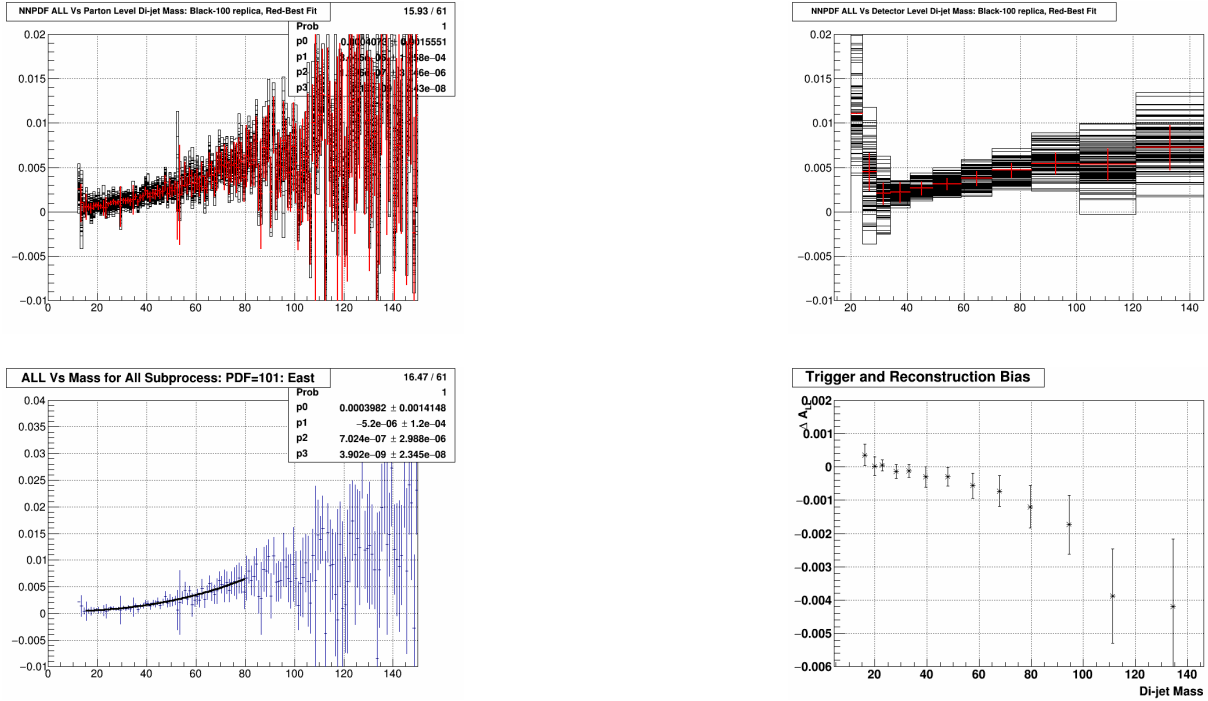


Figure 6.12: Trigger and reconstruction bias for East Barrel-Endcap topology in 2012: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

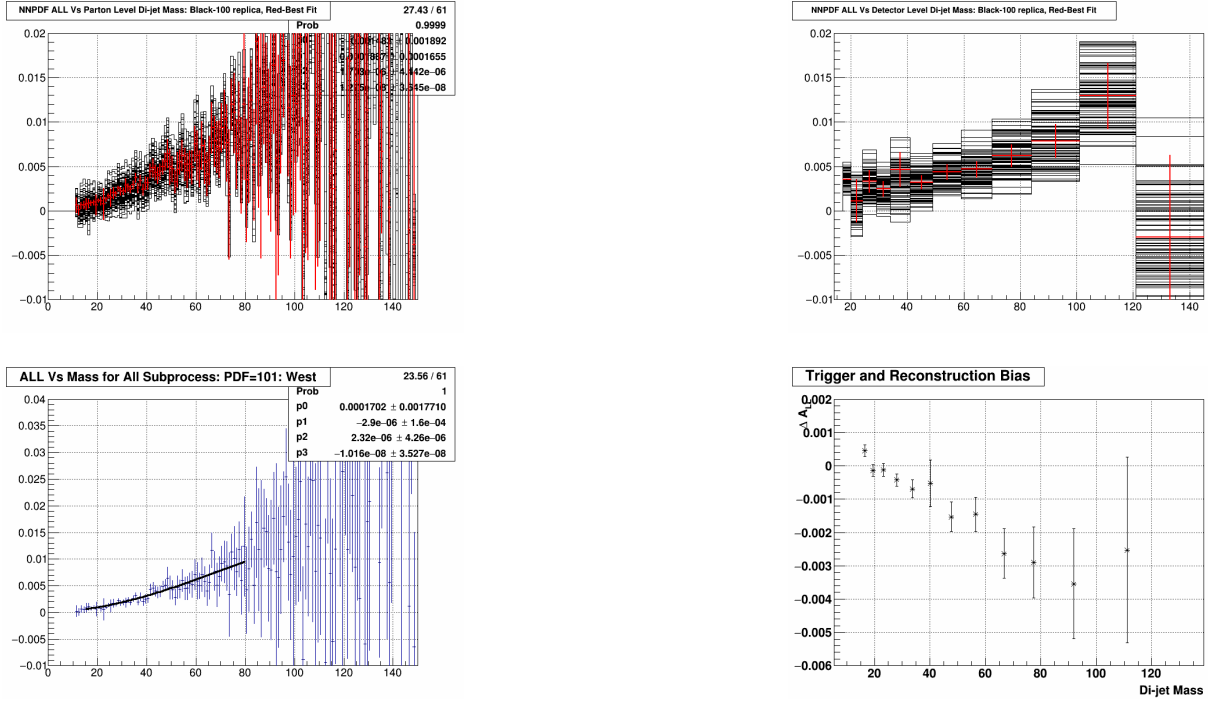


Figure 6.13: Trigger and reconstruction bias for West Barrel-Endcap topology in 2012: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

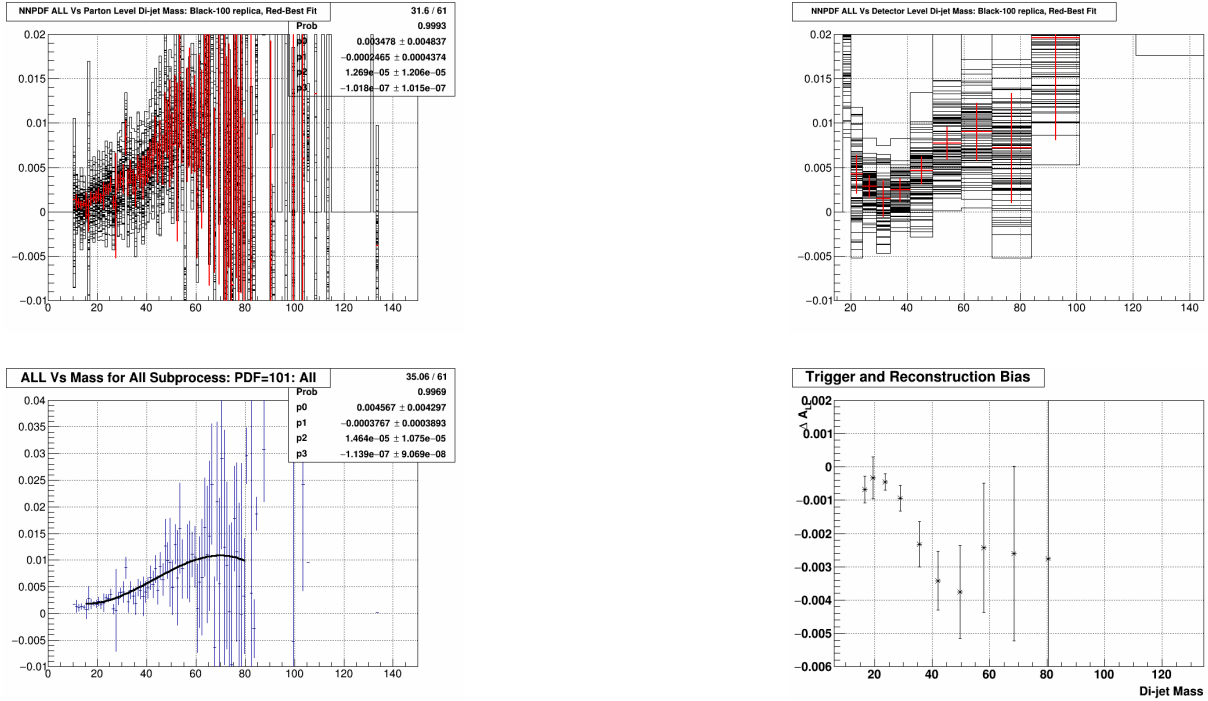


Figure 6.14: Trigger and reconstruction bias for Endcap-Endcap topology in 2012: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

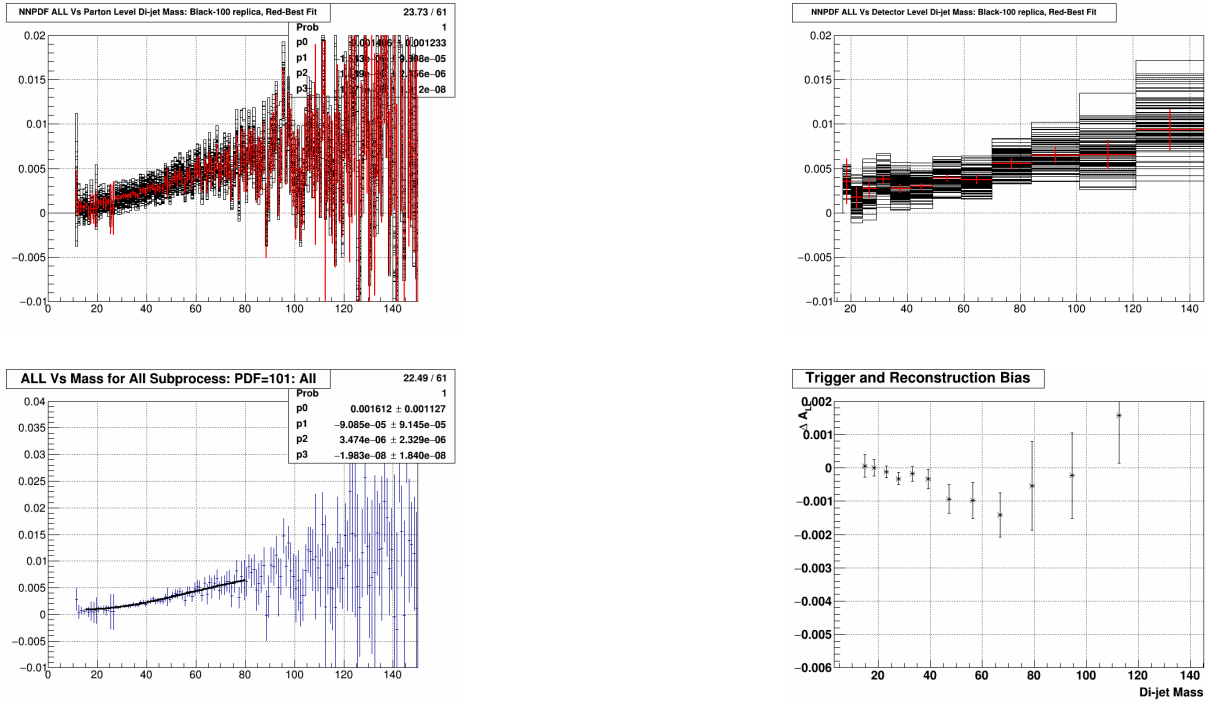


Figure 6.15: Trigger and reconstruction bias for Barrel-Endcap full topology in 2013: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

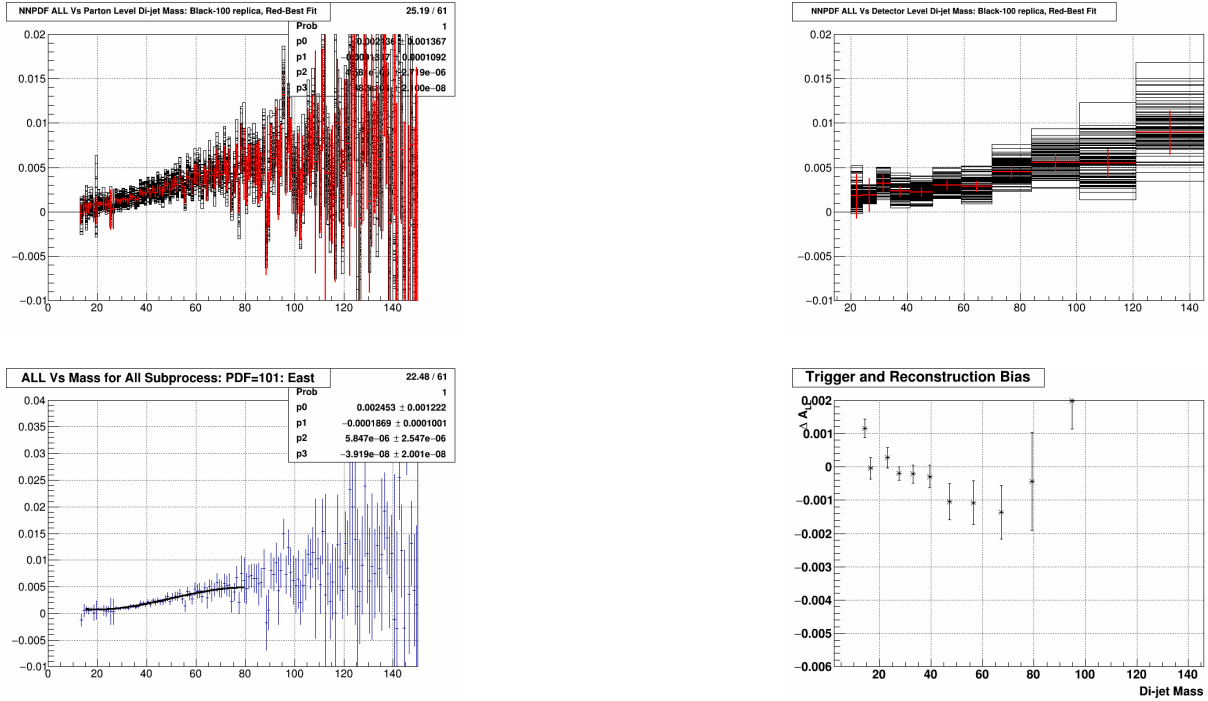


Figure 6.16: Trigger and reconstruction bias for East Barrel-Endcap topology in 2013: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

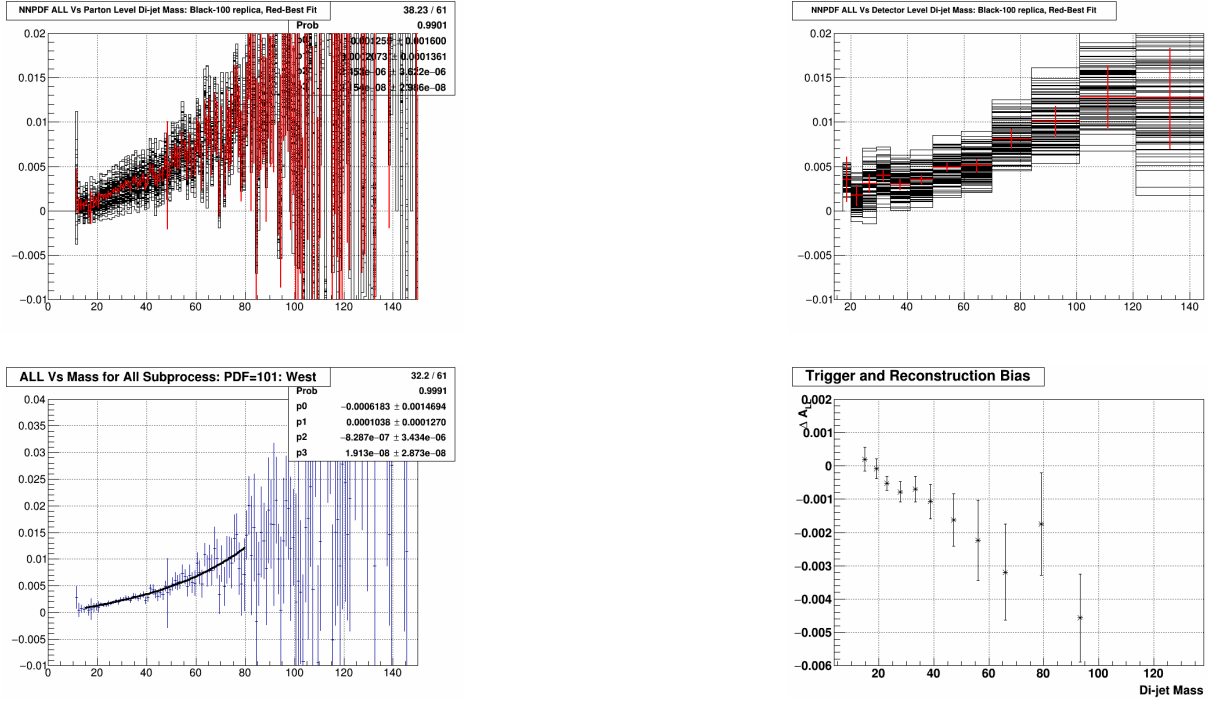


Figure 6.17: Trigger and reconstruction bias for West Barrel-Endcap topology in 2013: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

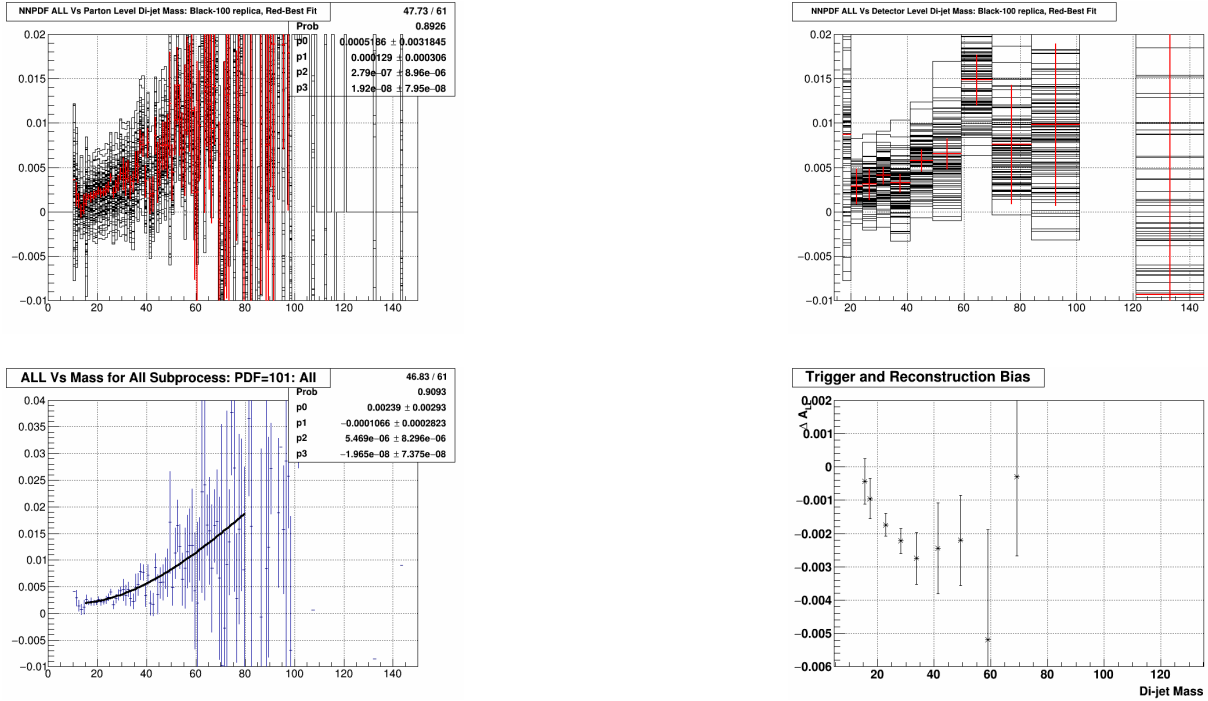


Figure 6.18: Trigger and reconstruction bias for Endcap-Endcap topology in 2013: parton level dijet A_{LL} for 100 NNPDF replicas (upper left), detector level dijet A_{LL} for replicas (upper right), parton level polynomial fit (lower left), and final corrections (lower right).

East Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	16.137	0.026	-0.009994	0.00036	0.00033
2	18.731	1.097	0.002094	0.00003	0.00028
3	22.109	0.667	-0.00009	0.00005	0.00016
4	26.466	1.587	0.001656	-0.00014	0.0002
5	31.389	1.654	0.001055	-0.00011	0.00019
6	37.265	2.18	0.007552	-0.0003	0.00031
7	44.756	3.224	-0.001826	-0.00029	0.00029
8	53.587	3.91	0.009993	-0.00056	0.00038
9	63.867	3.867	0.007131	-0.00072	0.00047
10	75.876	3.821	-0.001039	-0.0012	0.00063
11	90.896	3.598	0.028464	-0.00173	0.00088
12	108.781	2.428	0.037056	-0.00388	0.00141
13	129.546	4.842	-0.004305	-0.0042	0.00204

West Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	15.788	0.78	0.007093	0.00046	0.00017
2	18.561	1.005	-0.002478	-0.00014	0.00017
3	21.962	1.219	0.003298	-0.00012	0.00019
4	26.352	1.744	0.001518	-0.00043	0.00018
5	31.352	2.27	0.010259	-0.00069	0.00027
6	37.26	2.837	-0.003594	-0.00053	0.0007
7	44.649	2.986	0.003545	-0.00153	0.00044
8	53.337	3.201	0.006174	-0.00146	0.00052
9	63.619	3.141	-0.001001	-0.00263	0.00074
10	75.563	1.931	-0.008674	-0.00291	0.00107
11	90.435	1.522	0.052218	-0.00354	0.00165
12	107.922	3.132	-0.14904	-0.00253	0.00279
13	129.013	-1.409	0.039732	-0.0219	0.01034

Table 6.4: Dijet parton level corrections for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2012.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	15.916	-1.057	-0.007336	0.00006	0.00034
2	18.704	-0.314	0.004363	0.00001	0.00025
3	22.152	0.865	0.000564	-0.00013	0.00018
4	26.542	1.176	0.004339	-0.00032	0.00018
5	31.445	1.654	0.001096	-0.00018	0.00022
6	37.282	1.896	0.001264	-0.00033	0.00029
7	44.638	2.571	0.004877	-0.00094	0.00043
8	53.358	2.9	0.00687	-0.00098	0.00054
9	63.687	3.209	0.011672	-0.00141	0.00067
10	75.684	3.514	0.0129	-0.00054	0.00132
11	90.61	3.826	0.025616	-0.00023	0.00129
12	108.459	4.02	0.01214	0.00157	0.00143
13	129.599	3.708	0.005319	0.00796	0.00159

Endcap-Endcap					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	16.019	-0.453	-0.014903	-0.00043	0.00069
2	18.819	-1.413	0.001281	-0.00095	0.0006
3	22.046	0.927	0.006109	-0.00174	0.00034
4	26.295	1.982	0.000315	-0.00223	0.00037
5	31.258	2.563	0.004414	-0.00275	0.00078
6	36.983	4.428	-0.001492	-0.00244	0.00137
7	44.272	5.104	0.012583	-0.00221	0.00136
8	52.845	6.118	0.018543	-0.00519	0.0033
9	63.154	6.043	0.010672	-0.00029	0.00239
10	74.838	5.666	-0.023048	-0.01293	0.00534
11	89.32	6.99	-0.02058	-0.02057	0.00927
12	108.149	4.495	0.423723	0.09212	0.10707
13	127.738	-3.469	-1.67225	-0.06336	0.03318

Table 6.5: Dijet parton level corrections for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2013.

East Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	16.197	-1.886	-0.008839	0.00116	0.00028
2	18.813	-2.28	0.004485	-0.00004	0.00032
3	22.242	0.83	0.001094	0.00028	0.0003
4	26.64	0.889	0.005027	-0.0002	0.0002
5	31.499	1.453	0.001	-0.00021	0.00027
6	37.34	2.172	0.000301	-0.00029	0.00034
7	44.701	2.548	0.003947	-0.00104	0.00054
8	53.444	2.967	0.00816	-0.00108	0.00066
9	63.774	3.54	0.014158	-0.00136	0.0008
10	75.795	3.464	0.015	-0.00044	0.00147
11	90.714	4.192	0.020742	0.00197	0.00084
12	108.53	4.105	0.014383	0.00569	0.00131
13	129.74	4.288	0.02145	0.01786	0.00167

West Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Avg. Mass (GeV)	Mass Shift (GeV)	A_{LL}	Trig. and Reco. Shift	Errors
1	15.887	-0.976	-0.007182	0.0002	0.00036
2	18.677	0.386	0.004332	-9e-05	0.0003
3	22.116	0.882	0.000355	-0.00052	0.0002
4	26.486	1.354	0.003947	-0.00078	0.0003
5	31.403	1.831	0.001169	-0.00069	0.00039
6	37.228	1.612	0.002156	-0.00107	0.00052
7	44.565	2.551	0.005926	-0.00163	0.00078
8	53.234	2.819	0.005033	-0.00223	0.00121
9	63.524	2.504	0.007008	-0.00319	0.00144
10	75.395	3.659	0.007455	-0.00174	0.00154
11	90.22	2.998	0.043988	-0.00457	0.00132
12	108.092	3.347	0.000449	-0.00673	0.0026
13	128.569	-1.539	-0.112059	-0.01259	0.00532

Table 6.6: Dijet parton level corrections for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2013.

6.6 Systematic Errors

The systematic uncertainties are similar to those encountered in the 2009 forward dijet measurement [adam2018]. They are separated into two categories: systematic errors on the dijet mass points, and systematic errors on the A_{LL} values. The dijet mass systematics include the dijet invariant mass shift uncertainty, jet energy scale uncertainty, tracking efficiency uncertainty, underlying event systematic error, and PYTHIA tune uncertainty. The A_{LL} systematics include the relative luminosity uncertainty, polarization uncertainty, and trigger and reconstruction bias uncertainties. Tables 6.8 and 6.9 summarize the systematic errors on the dijet invariant mass for 2012, while Tables 6.10 and 6.11 do the same for 2013.

The polarization uncertainty is an overall scale uncertainty and represents the systematic uncertainty on the product of the two beam polarizations $P_B P_Y$. It is determined by the RHIC polarimetry group, based on the measurement uncertainties from the hydrogen gas jet and proton-Carbon polarimeters. The polarization uncertainty is 6.6% for 2012, and 6.4% for 2013 [schmidke2018]. The relative luminosity is calculated based on differences between relative luminosity measurements made by the VPD and ZDC. The values were calculated during the corresponding inclusive jet analyses: 2.2×10^{-4} for 2012 and 4.7×10^{-4} for 2013. The polarization and relative luminosity uncertainties are both common to all data points.

6.6.1 Jet Energy Scale

The largest systematic error on the dijet mass is the jet energy scale uncertainty, which comes from the uncertainty in measuring the energy deposited in the BEMC and EEMC towers. Since neutral and charged particles both deposit energy in the towers, this error is composed of two pieces: uncertainties in the scale and status of the calorimeter towers, and uncertainties in the TPC track momentum and tower track response.

For the BEMC, the jet energy scale uncertainty on the dijet invariant mass is

$$\Delta M = \sqrt{(\Delta M_{neutral})^2 + (\Delta M_{track})^2} = \langle M \rangle \sqrt{(\Delta f_{neutral})^2 + (\Delta f_{track})^2}. \quad (6.7)$$

The BEMC neutral energy fractional uncertainty $\Delta f_{neutral}$ is due to the gain calibration uncertainty and the efficiency uncertainty:

$$\Delta f_{neutral} = R_t \times \sqrt{\Delta gain^2 + \Delta eff^2}, \quad (6.8)$$

where R_t is the average neutral energy fraction in a given invariant mass bin. The gain calibration uncertainty was estimated during the BEMC calibration process, and was 3.8% for 2012 and 5% for 2013. The efficiency uncertainty is 1% [chang2016].

The fractional tracking uncertainty is an estimate of how well charged hadrons are measured in the TPC and BEMC:

$$\Delta f_{track} = (1 - R_t) \times \sqrt{\Delta f_{trk,p}^2 + \Delta f_{BEMC,nonph}^2}. \quad (6.9)$$

The TPC track momentum fractional uncertainty $\Delta f_{trk,p}$ is estimated at 1% [adam2019] from the TPC calibration. The fractional uncertainty due to non-photonics hadrons is defined as:

$$\Delta f_{BEMC,nonph} = \left(\frac{S_{hadron}}{\epsilon_{track}} - f_{proj} \right) \times f_{nonph} \times \Delta f_{nonph}. \quad (6.10)$$

Here S_{hadron} is the scale-up factor for neutral hadrons, taken to be 1.1628 [adams2004]; ϵ_{track} is the TPC tracking efficiency, estimated to be 81% [huo2012]; and f_{proj} is the fraction of energy deposited in the projected tower by a track, estimated as 72% [changblog]. The BEMC response to non-photonics hadron energy f_{nonph} is 32%, with an uncertainty Δf_{nonph} of 6% [changblog]. Plugging in all the numbers, we have $\Delta f_{neutral} = 0.0393 \times R_t$ and $0.051 \times R_t$ for 2012 and 2013, respectively, and $\Delta f_{track} = 0.017 \times (1 - R_t)$.

The calculation of the jet energy scale uncertainty is different in the EEMC, because of the poor tracking efficiency. The uncertainty due to non-photonics hadrons is estimated using the particle and detector level jet R_t at a pseudorapidity of about 1.3. The average R_t is 0.5 at particle level and 0.7 at detector level, and the tracking efficiency is about 10%, so we have a $0.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.1$ piece. The scale factor for hadrons is conservatively estimated as $1/(0.5 + 0.3 \times 0.5) = 1/0.65$, so the non-photonics hadron uncertainty is taken to be $1/0.65 \times 0.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.1 = 0.023$. There are also terms for the tower status and scale uncertainties,

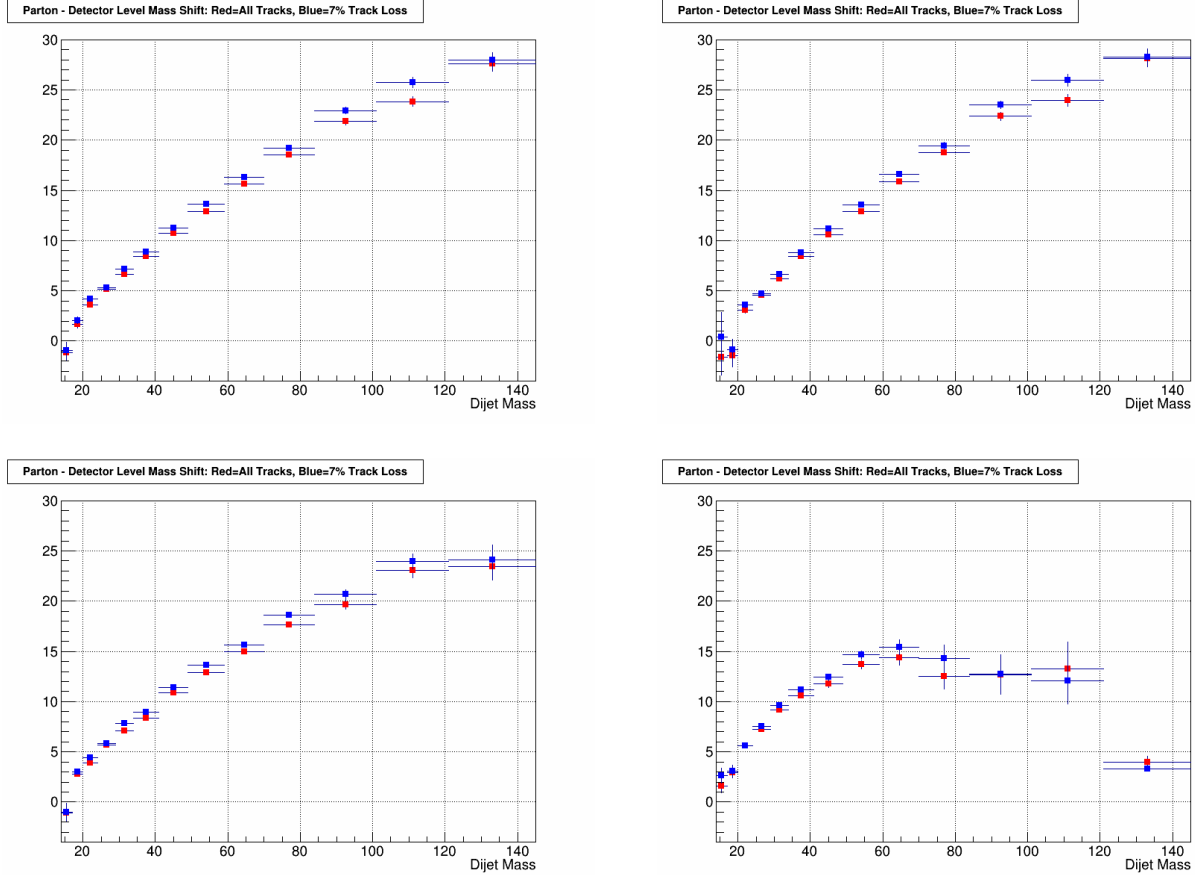


Figure 6.19: Average detector to parton level dijet invariant mass shifts, for jets reconstructed with full set of TPC tracks (red points) and a partial set of TPC tracks (blue points). Results for the Barrel-Endcap full topology are shown in the upper left; for East Barrel-Endcap in the upper right; for West Barrel-Endcap in the lower left; for Endcap-Endcap in the lower right.

865 which are estimated at 1% and 4.5%, respectively. The final value for the EEMC jet energy scale uncertainty
 866 is thus $\sqrt{0.023^2 + 0.01^2 + 0.045^2} = 0.0515$, and is not scaled by the neutral fraction. Final values for this
 867 uncertainty are listed in column 2 of Tables 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11.

868 6.6.2 Tracking Efficiency Uncertainty

869 The uncertainty on the dijet invariant mass due to the TPC tracking efficiency is estimated by taking the
 870 difference of the average dijet mass shift from detector level to parton level for two samples of jets: jets
 871 reconstructed using the full set of TPC tracks, and jets reconstructed using a partial set of TPC tracks. The
 872 partial set of TPC tracks was chosen by randomly rejecting 7% of the reconstructed TPC tracks fed to the
 873 jet finding algorithm. Figure 6.19 shows the average dijet mass shifts from detector to parton level for the
 874 two sets of jets. The systematic is the bin-by-bin difference between the red and blue points. This systematic
 875 was only calculated for 2013, because the files with the 7% track loss jets were not readily available for 2012,
 876 and the effect would not be expected to differ significantly from one running period to the next. Thus,
 877 results from the 2013 analysis were used for both years. Final values are listed in column 3 of Tables 6.8,
 878 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11.

879 6.6.3 Dijet Mass Shift Systematic

880 The errors on the dijet mass shift described in Section 6.5.1 are taken as one of the systematics on the dijet
881 invariant mass. This error was calculated by adding in quadrature the trigger-fraction weighted errors for
882 each trigger sample, and is represented by the error bars on the points in Figs. 6.9 and 6.10. Final values
883 are given in column 4 of Tables 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11.

884 6.6.4 Underlying Event Systematic Error on the Dijet Mass

885 The systematic error on the dijet mass due to the underlying event correction is taken to be the difference
886 in underlying event contribution to the dijet invariant mass between data and simulation. Figures 6.20 and
887 6.21 show the change in dijet mass due to the underlying event correction for data and simulation. The
888 systematic is the bin-by-bin difference between the red and blue points; values are listed in column 5 of
889 Tables 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11.

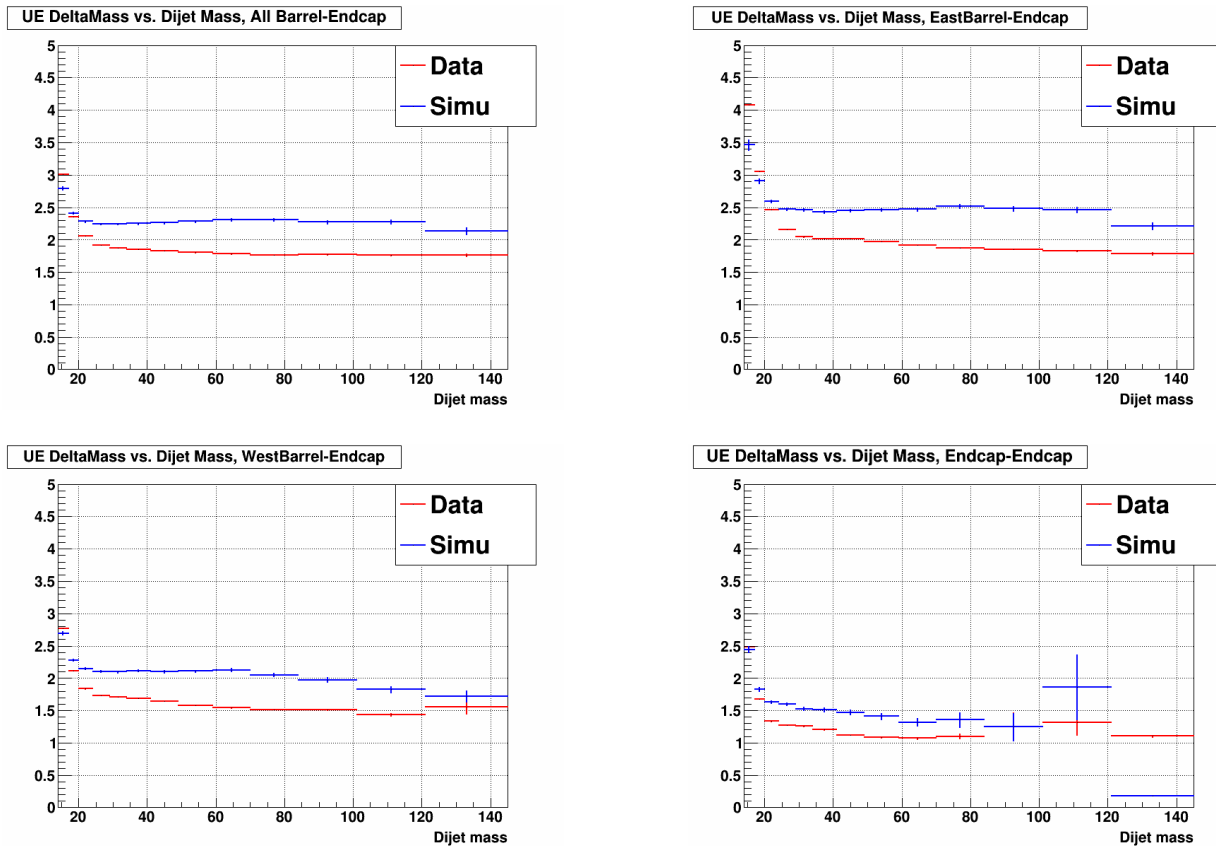


Figure 6.20: Change in dijet invariant mass due to underlying event correction for 2012 data (red) and simulation (blue). Results shown for Barrel-Endcap full (upper left), East Barrel-Endcap (upper right), West Barrel-Endcap (lower left), and Endcap-Endcap (lower right) topologies.

890 6.6.5 PYTHIA Tune Uncertainty

891 PYTHIA has a multitude of parameters which can be varied to fit the simulation to different data sets.
892 There are many different “tune” sets available in PYTHIA, and the choice of tune is one of the systematic
893 uncertainties on the dijet invariant mass calculation. To estimate this systematic, we utilize variants of
894 Perugia2012 in PYTHIA6.4.28 and calculate dijet mass shift differences among them. The different tunes
895 considered for the systematic are listed in Table 6.7; the PYTHIA tunes manual [skands2010] contains
896 more details.

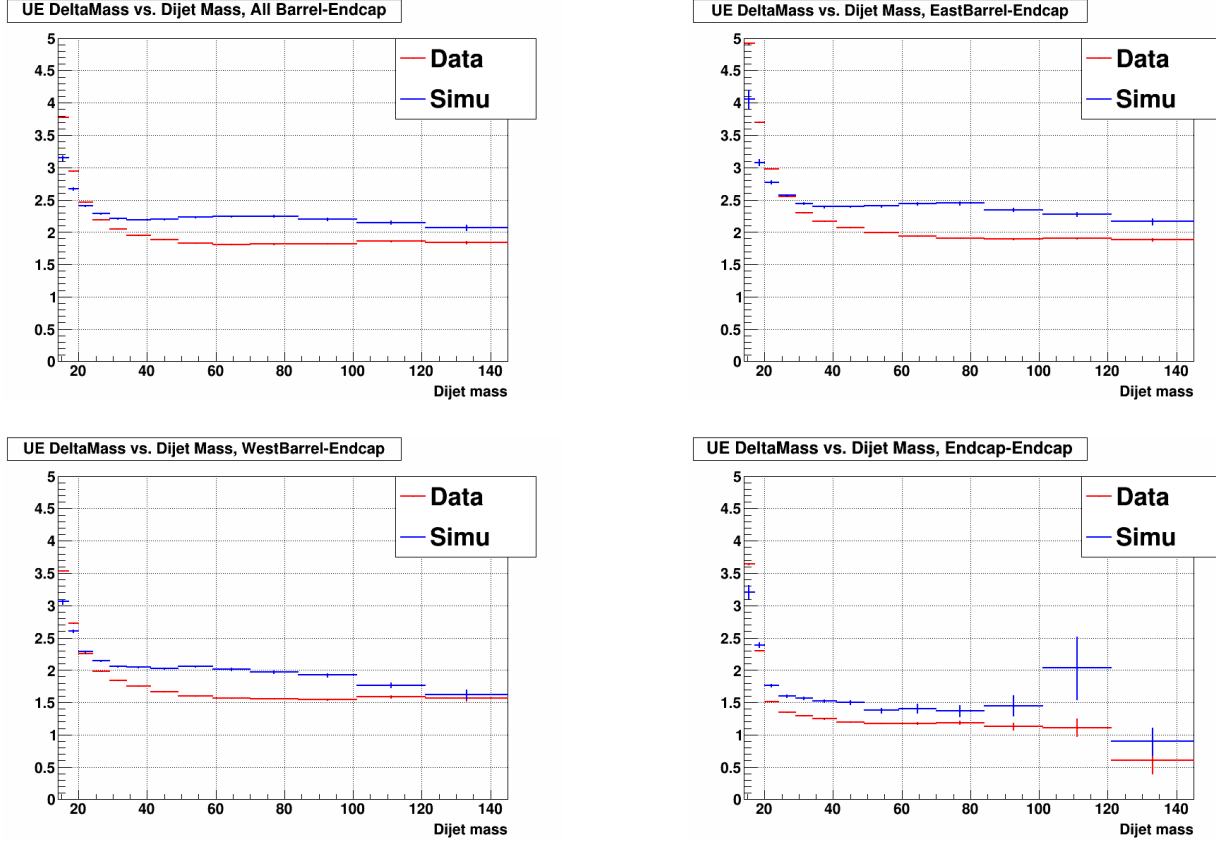


Figure 6.21: Change in dijet invariant mass due to underlying event correction for 2013 data (red) and simulation (blue). Results shown for Barrel-Endcap full (upper left), East Barrel-Endcap (upper right), West Barrel-Endcap (lower left), and Endcap-Endcap (lower right) topologies.

Tune number	Description
370	default
371	radHi, $\alpha_s(\frac{1}{2}p_\perp)$ for ISR and FSR
372	radLo, $\alpha_s(p_\perp)$ for ISR and FSR
374	loCR, less color reconnections
376	FL, more longitudinal fragmentation
377	FT, more transverse fragmentation
378	MSLO, MSTW 2008 LO PDFs
383	IBK, Innsbruck hadronization parameters

Table 6.7: The default Perugia2012 tune and some variants.

897 Parton and particle level jets are reconstructed from the tunes using the same algorithm as the rest of
898 the analysis, and the particle jets are matched to the parton jets. Then the mass shift $\Delta M = M_{parton} -$
899 $M_{particle,UE}$, where $M_{particle,UE}$ is the dijet invariant mass at particle level after the underlying event sub-
900 traction, is calculated for each of the eight tunes. These mass shifts are shown in Fig. 6.22 for 2012 and
901 Fig. 6.23 for 2013. The mass shifts used to calculate this systematic are between parton and particle level,
902 rather than parton and detector level, because the generation of full embedding samples is too computationally
903 intensive to do for each variant, and the differences between particle and detector level are not expected

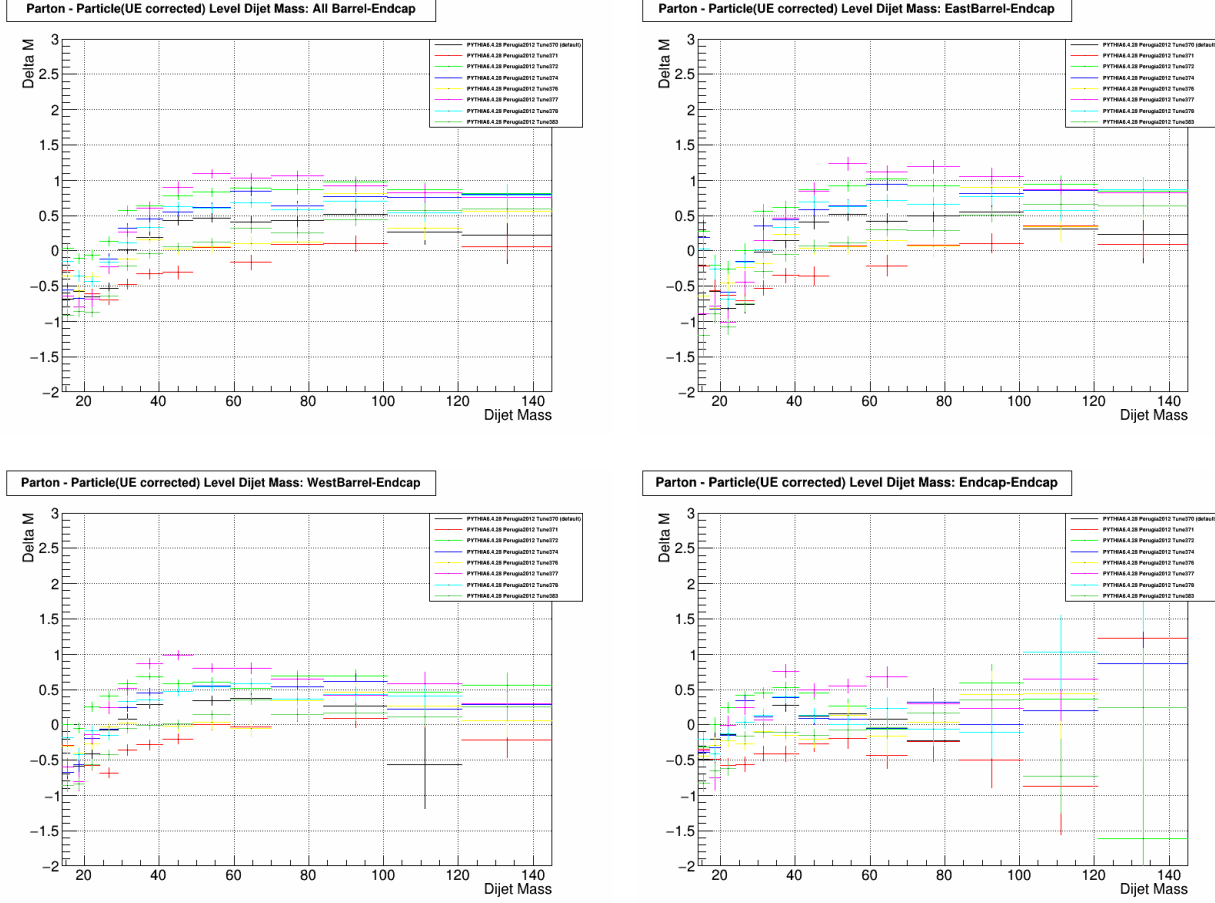


Figure 6.22: Dijet invariant mass shifts between parton and underlying event corrected particle level, for the various PYTHIA tunes in 2012. Results for the Barrel-Endcap full topology are shown in the upper left; for East Barrel-Endcap in the upper right; for West Barrel-Endcap in the lower left; for Endcap-Endcap in the lower right.

904 to differ among the variants. The PYTHIA tune systematic uncertainty is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Uncertainty} = & [(\Delta M_{370} - \Delta M_{374})^2 + (\Delta M_{370} - \Delta M_{378})^2 + (\Delta M_{370} - \Delta M_{383})^2 + \\
 & ((\Delta M_{371} - \Delta M_{372})/2)^2 + ((\Delta M_{376} - \Delta M_{377})/2)^2]^{1/2}, \tag{6.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

905 where ΔM_i is the mass shift for tune i . The pairs of tunes (371,372) and (376,377) are variations in the same
 906 set of parameters, so we take half the difference of their mass shifts for the term being added in quadrature,
 907 as opposed to comparing them to the default tune. Final values for the tune systematic are listed in column
 908 6 of Tables 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11.

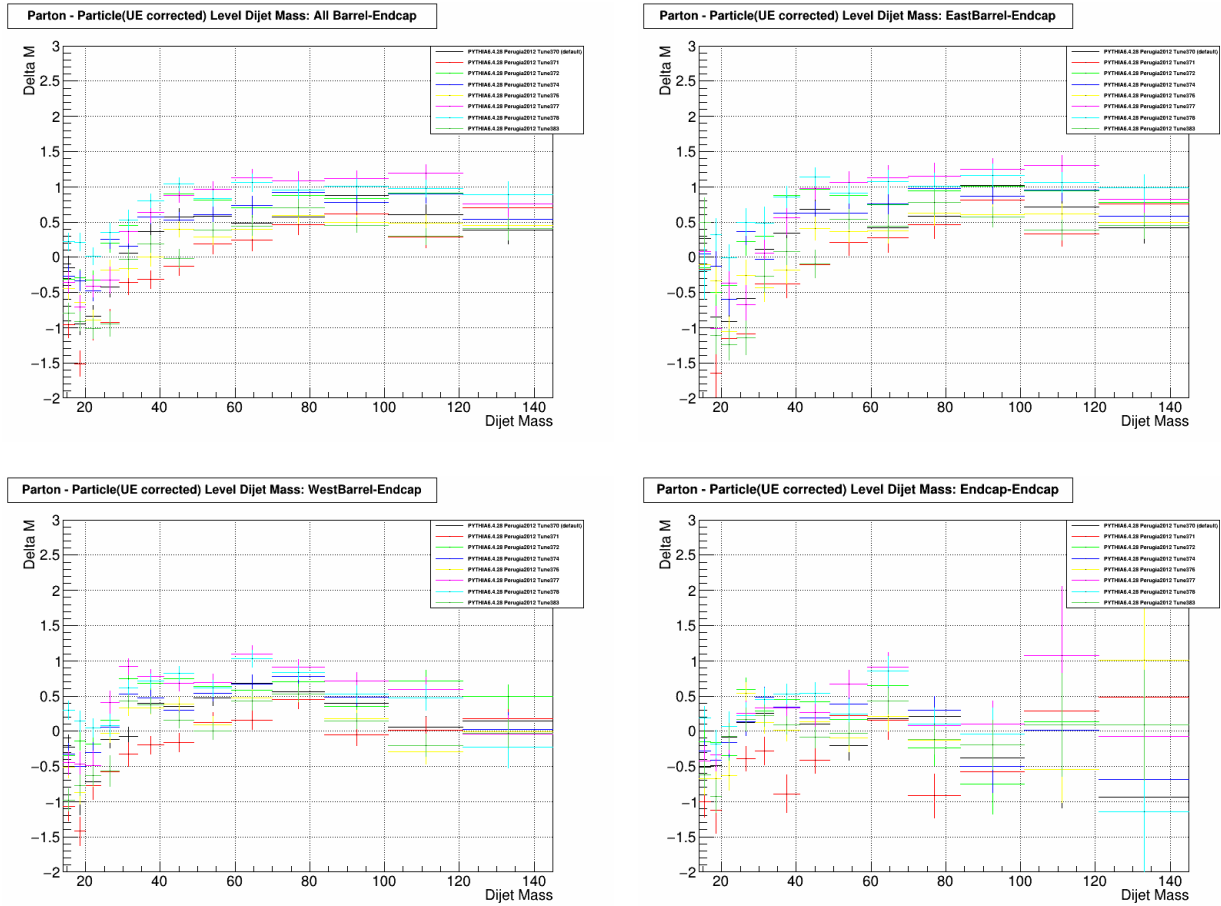


Figure 6.23: Dijet invariant mass shifts between parton and underlying event corrected particle level, for the various PYTHIA tunes in 2013. Results for the Barrel-Endcap full topology are shown in the upper left; for East Barrel-Endcap in the upper right; for West Barrel-Endcap in the lower left; for Endcap-Endcap in the lower right.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.457	0.192285	0.282	0.216043	0.630366	0.877144
2	0.544	0.416636	0.202	0.0586012	0.44898	0.845779
3	0.639	0.539662	0.156	0.223472	0.492328	1.00808
4	0.78	0.145739	0.138	0.322173	0.709262	1.12051
5	0.927	0.549701	0.146	0.377968	0.683038	1.33874
6	1.108	0.452041	0.151	0.39704	0.650436	1.42671
7	1.338	0.555368	0.17	0.429517	0.825528	1.73019
8	1.599	0.748186	0.173	0.483969	0.761654	1.99019
9	1.882	0.688238	0.215	0.527577	0.875786	2.2599
10	2.2	0.734282	0.265	0.541837	0.684248	2.49222
11	2.606	1.08493	0.319	0.503292	0.549761	2.93694
12	3.088	1.87679	0.518	0.516036	0.746225	3.76159
13	3.73	0.320956	0.738	0.36926	0.978471	3.95655

Endcap-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.605	1.00573	0.365	0.0411312	0.45343	1.31074
2	0.71	0.144946	0.31	0.153851	0.604307	1.00502
3	0.858	0.0293716	0.357	0.297971	0.64207	1.16855
4	1.052	0.246515	0.254	0.331785	0.662777	1.33467
5	1.299	0.425719	0.312	0.265884	0.48837	1.50837
6	1.529	0.560516	0.317	0.308651	0.772382	1.8559
7	1.807	0.667791	0.394	0.350361	0.575458	2.07854
8	2.114	0.965138	0.47	0.322388	0.419833	2.42932
9	2.497	1.02695	0.643	0.247778	0.516646	2.83397
10	2.93	1.80486	1.536	0.25174	0.761054	3.85283
11	3.396	0.0277368	1.861	0.0032732	6.4683	7.53895
12	4.284	-1.16601	6.034	0.542225	1.42098	7.64425
13	4.509	-0.676858	0	0.92778	2.71882	5.38906

Table 6.8: Dijet invariant mass systematics for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2012.

East Barrel-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.448	2.00734	0.673	0.618896	1.27984	2.58922
2	0.551	0.566649	0.431	0.145284	0.546148	1.06294
3	0.634	0.525728	0.328	0.127924	0.500606	1.02611
4	0.781	0.123451	0.224	0.31611	0.933242	1.28306
5	0.92	0.403956	0.241	0.418857	0.73551	1.33569
6	1.1	0.389842	0.242	0.408921	0.640381	1.41345
7	1.344	0.551435	0.267	0.433093	0.874416	1.77028
8	1.616	0.735813	0.244	0.492263	0.845399	2.04192
9	1.898	0.694646	0.307	0.551951	0.996072	2.34008
10	2.224	0.674612	0.355	0.640191	0.767026	2.5545
11	2.628	1.12049	0.402	0.627102	0.585601	3.00993
12	3.091	2.0114	0.605	0.631781	0.806522	3.875
13	3.751	0.173905	0.802	0.425094	1.05512	4.00468

West Barrel-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.458	0.0767508	0.302	0.0742246	0.570015	0.798301
2	0.542	0.275246	0.227	0.171479	0.44391	0.804683
3	0.643	0.535845	0.155	0.313317	0.592786	1.08359
4	0.779	0.140677	0.176	0.378582	0.668925	1.11731
5	0.933	0.726649	0.164	0.392826	0.629736	1.4058
6	1.117	0.540134	0.181	0.421869	0.736658	1.51421
7	1.331	0.56656	0.216	0.461942	0.787958	1.72438
8	1.577	0.774373	0.241	0.527787	0.602867	1.94594
9	1.855	0.673045	0.258	0.58759	0.592497	2.15798
10	2.147	0.947268	0.346	0.533449	0.553349	2.49347
11	2.542	0.995407	0.443	0.467267	0.50149	2.84933
12	3.073	0.886418	0.645	0.390617	1.44713	3.59052
13	3.561	0.725867	1.835	0.157412	5.55762	6.89106

Table 6.9: Dijet invariant mass systematics for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2012.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.443	0.192285	0.999	0.629181	0.818023	1.51534
2	0.555	0.416636	0.6	0.270822	1.44554	1.73336
3	0.698	0.539662	0.259	0.0574445	1.02544	1.37853
4	0.842	0.145739	0.391	0.092324	1.28089	1.59132
5	1.001	0.549701	0.303	0.167421	0.691291	1.37909
6	1.176	0.452041	0.34	0.242991	0.828722	1.56485
7	1.406	0.555368	0.327	0.314632	0.942313	1.83825
8	1.664	0.748186	0.417	0.397428	0.55725	1.99275
9	1.968	0.688238	0.554	0.432108	0.757784	2.32692
10	2.32	0.734282	0.683	0.435705	0.620634	2.63877
11	2.763	1.08493	0.665	0.377128	0.559942	3.11596
12	3.297	1.87679	0.521	0.290707	0.735311	3.91014
13	3.906	0.320956	0.601	0.230693	0.546669	4.00913

Endcap-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.567	1.00573	1.002	0.429023	0.868858	1.80996
2	0.634	0.144946	0.842	0.0888235	0.737377	1.29751
3	0.837	0.0293716	0.27	0.248644	0.329389	0.971932
4	1.03	0.246515	0.339	0.253385	0.526799	1.25631
5	1.232	0.425719	0.753	0.26629	0.422577	1.58605
6	1.509	0.560516	0.447	0.280649	0.75598	1.85508
7	1.799	0.667791	0.487	0.30321	0.64628	2.10455
8	2.148	0.965138	0.437	0.204435	0.856077	2.55167
9	2.521	1.02695	0.643	0.229567	0.881488	2.94164
10	2.933	1.80486	0.874	0.180659	0.500528	3.59264
11	3.509	0.0277368	1.588	0.316913	0.413659	3.88679
12	4.104	-1.16601	2.468	0.924976	2.41913	5.56787
13	4.527	-0.676858	0.782	0.291269	3.19635	5.6449

Table 6.10: Dijet invariant mass systematics for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2013.

East Barrel-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.426	2.00734	1.256	0.862923	0.548698	2.61422
2	0.498	0.566649	1.506	0.617986	1.54897	2.37031
3	0.702	0.525728	0.434	0.20215	1.13256	1.51033
4	0.842	0.123451	0.594	0.017265	1.6855	1.97946
5	1.005	0.403956	0.449	0.142866	0.689098	1.36751
6	1.197	0.389842	0.498	0.228189	0.966977	1.67926
7	1.418	0.551435	0.422	0.324772	1.08997	1.94587
8	1.679	0.735813	0.586	0.414544	0.570415	2.04965
9	1.987	0.694646	0.748	0.503627	0.85434	2.44412
10	2.326	0.674612	0.869	0.536326	0.711798	2.72302
11	2.78	1.12049	0.924	0.45274	0.600906	3.22548
12	3.304	2.0114	0.589	0.372724	0.70433	3.993
13	3.93	0.173905	0.649	0.284456	0.616103	4.04436

West Barrel-Endcap						
Bin	Jet Energy	Tracking	Mass Shift	UE Sys.	Tune	Total
1	0.445	0.0767508	1.093	0.476829	0.987825	1.61299
2	0.575	0.275246	0.475	0.122325	1.44291	1.65196
3	0.697	0.535845	0.325	0.0341714	0.930316	1.32107
4	0.841	0.140677	0.56	0.160032	0.668954	1.23036
5	0.997	0.726649	0.37	0.218732	1.21244	1.78235
6	1.154	0.540134	0.336	0.298314	0.59439	1.47602
7	1.389	0.56656	0.603	0.362265	0.699345	1.7984
8	1.644	0.774373	0.398	0.454998	0.63181	2.01668
9	1.93	0.673045	0.758	0.447791	0.570656	2.29752
10	2.306	0.947268	0.476	0.414412	0.42985	2.6073
11	2.716	0.995407	0.453	0.37635	0.4485	2.98588
12	3.256	0.886418	0.714	0.175746	0.922566	3.57478
13	3.705	0.725867	1.587	0.051442	0.455734	4.12102

Table 6.11: Dijet invariant mass systematics for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2013.

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6.7 Final Results

910 The final results for the dijet A_{LL} as a function of parton level dijet invariant mass are shown in Figs. 6.24,
 911 6.25, and 6.26 for 2012 and Figs. 6.27, 6.28, and 6.29 for 2013. The final measured values for the points and
 912 their systematics are listed in Tables 6.12 and 6.13 for 2012, and Tables 6.14 and 6.15 for 2013. In the plots,
 913 the heights of the green uncertainty boxes represent the trigger and reconstruction bias systematic errors,
 914 while the widths represent the total systematic error on the dijet invariant mass. The total systematic error
 915 on the dijet mass was calculated by taking the square root of the quadrature sum of the jet energy scale,
 916 tracking efficiency, invariant mass shift, underlying event, and PYTHIA tune uncertainties. The relative
 917 luminosity uncertainty is a scaling uncertainty common to all points, and is represented by a gray band on
 918 the horizontal axis which is not easily visible due to its small size. The error bars on the points are the
 919 statistical uncertainties. The figures also include theoretical predictions for dijet A_{LL} obtained using the
 920 DSSV2014 [deflorian2014] and NNPDFpol1.1 [nocera2014] polarized PDF sets from global fits to existing
 921 data.

922 The results from 2012 and 2013 are independent measurements of the same observable, made under
 923 similar running conditions, so we can combine them into a single result for the EEMC dijet A_{LL} at $\sqrt{s} =$
 924 510 GeV. The A_{LL} , statistical uncertainties on A_{LL} , and systematic uncertainties on A_{LL} were combined as
 925 follows:

$$A_{LL,combined} = \frac{\sum_i w_i \times A_{LL,i}}{\sum_i w_i} \quad (6.12a)$$

$$\Delta A_{LL}^{stat} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_i w_i}} \quad (6.12b)$$

$$\Delta A_{LL}^{sys} = \frac{\sum_i w_i \times A_{LL,i}^{sys}}{\sum_i w_i}, \quad (6.12c)$$

926 where $w_i \equiv 1/(\Delta A_{LL,i}^{stat})^2$ and the sums i run over the two data sets. The dijet invariant mass points and
 927 their systematic errors were combined in the same way as the A_{LL} points and their systematic errors. Figures
 928 6.30, 6.31, and 6.32 show the combined results, with the final values for the points and their systematics
 929 given in Tables 6.16 and 6.17. The combined results generally show good agreement with current theoretical
 930 predictions, while suggesting a larger A_{LL} for dijets with the East Barrel-Endcap topology.

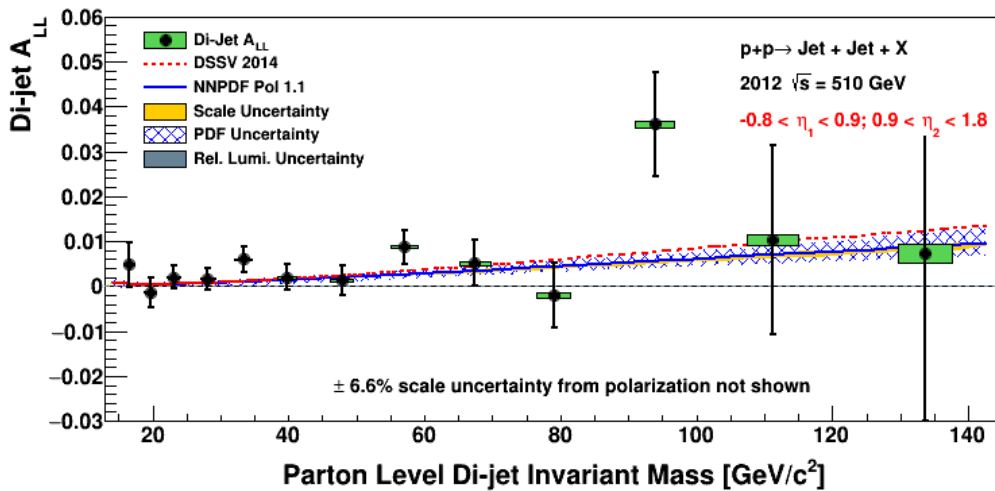


Figure 6.24: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Barrel-Endcap full topology in 2012.

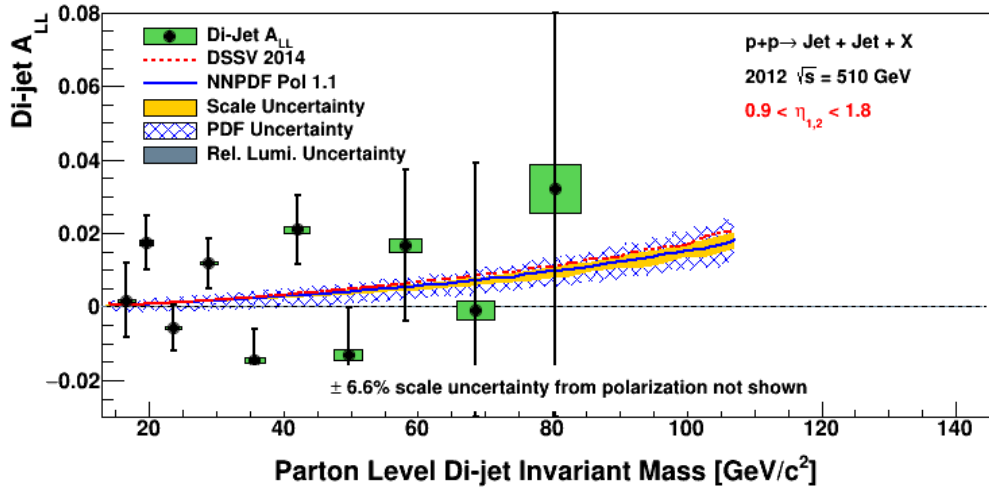


Figure 6.25: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Endcap-Endcap topology in 2012.

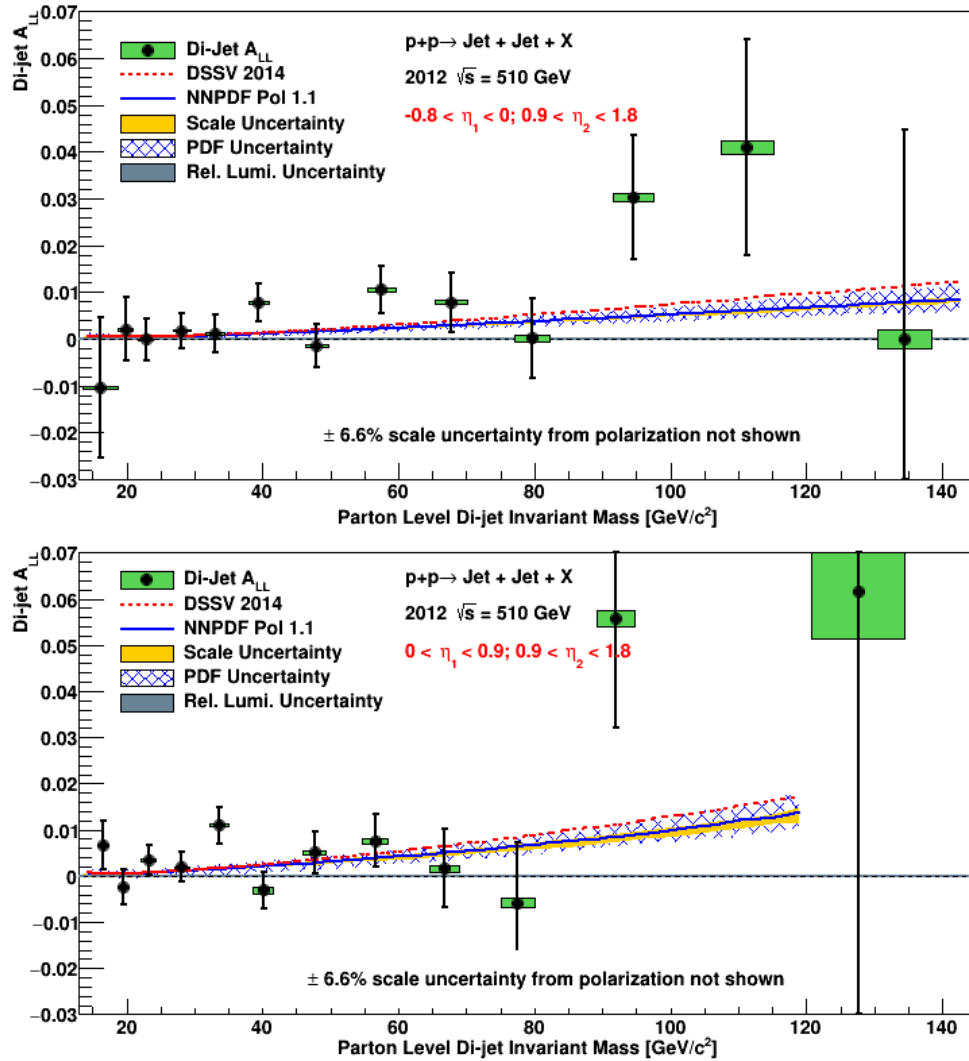


Figure 6.26: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the East Barrel-Endcap (upper plot) and West Barrel-Endcap (lower plot) topologies in 2012.

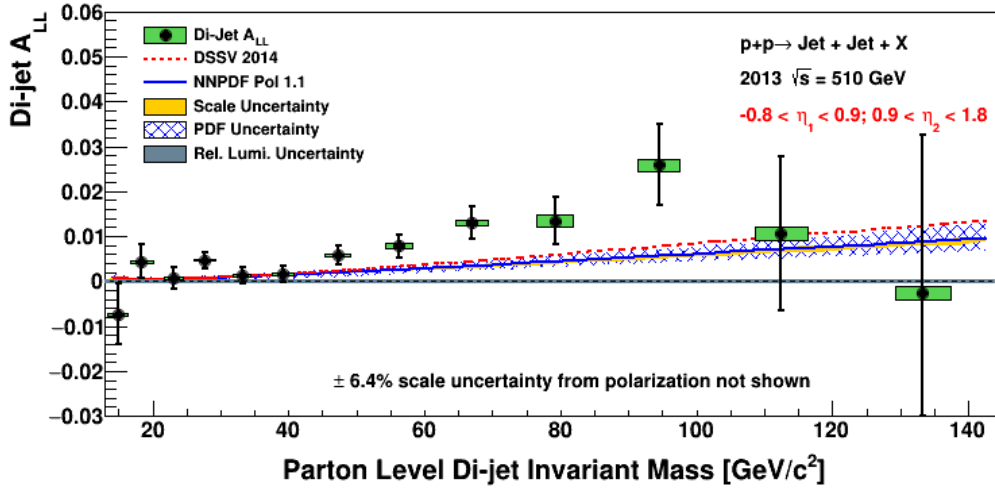


Figure 6.27: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Barrel-Endcap full topology in 2013.

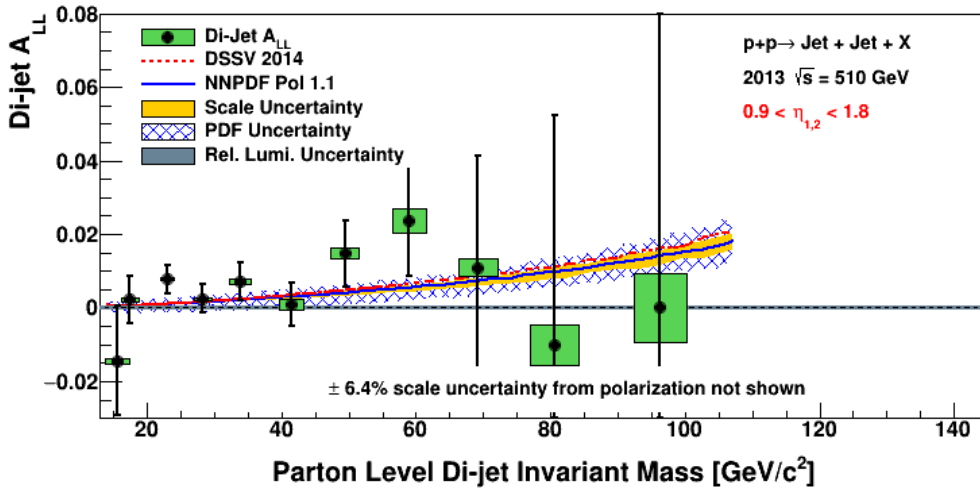


Figure 6.28: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Endcap-Endcap topology in 2013.

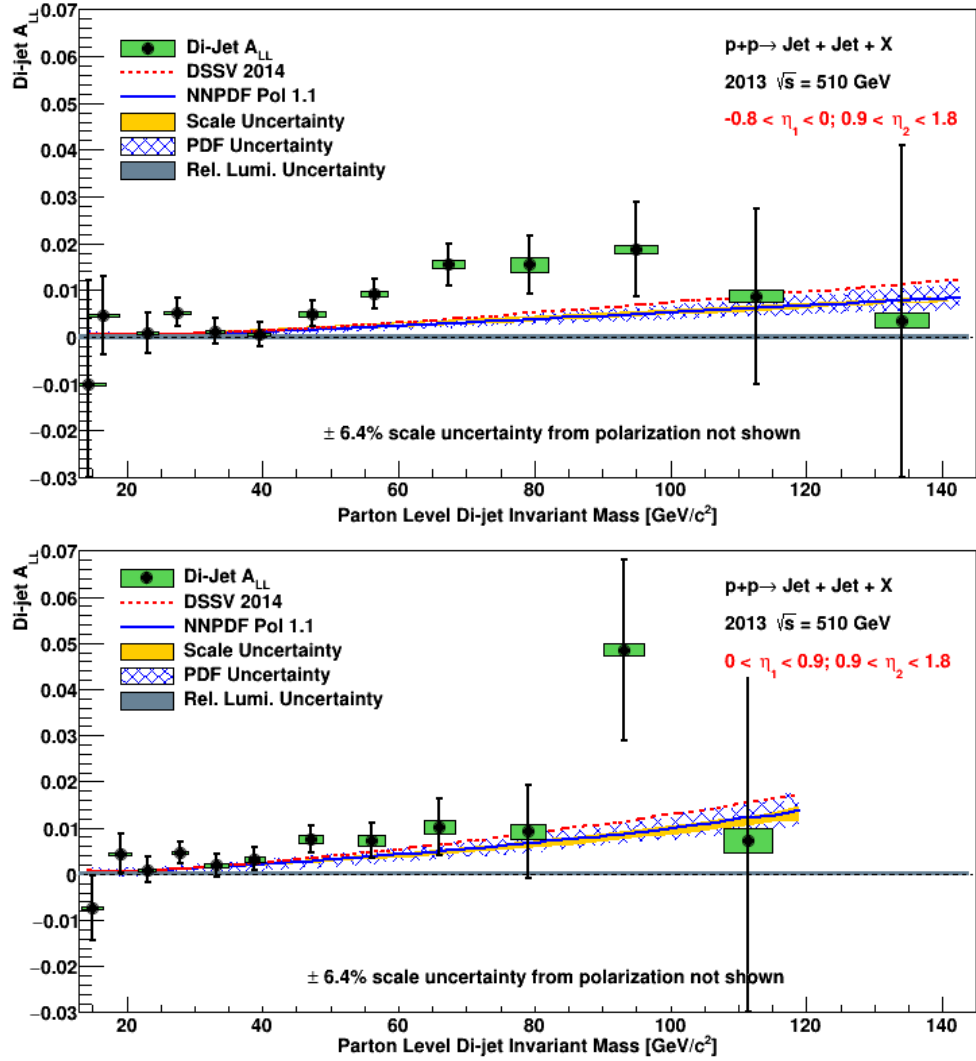


Figure 6.29: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the East Barrel-Endcap (upper plot) and West Barrel-Endcap (lower plot) topologies in 2013.

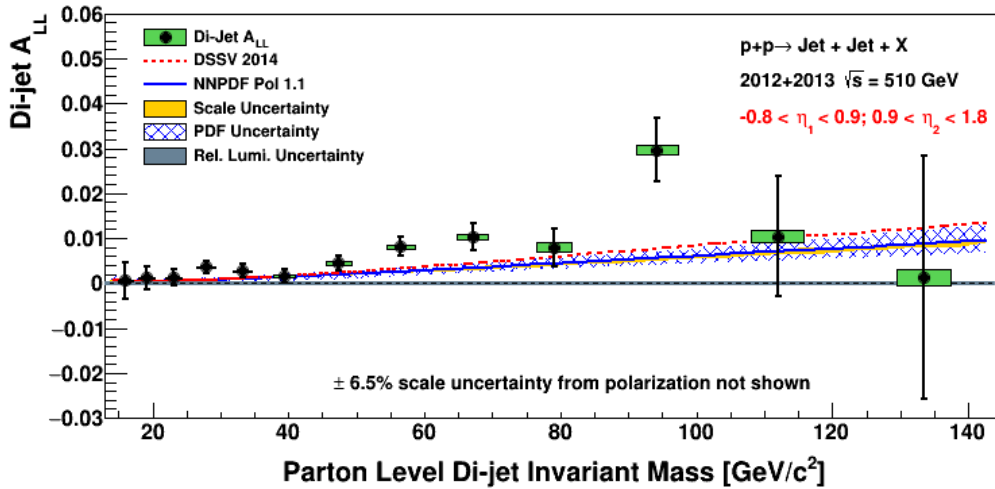


Figure 6.30: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Barrel-Endcap full topology for the combined 2012+2013 sample.

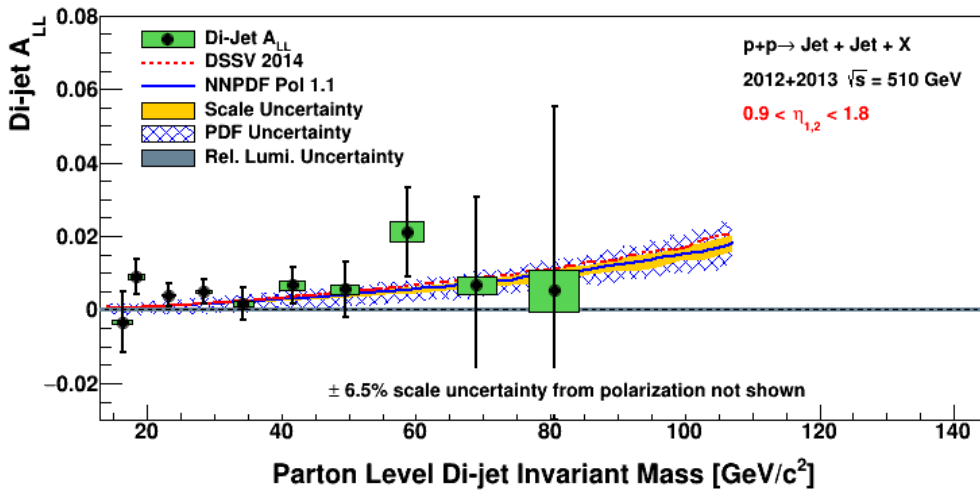


Figure 6.31: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the Endcap-Endcap topology for the combined 2012+2013 sample.

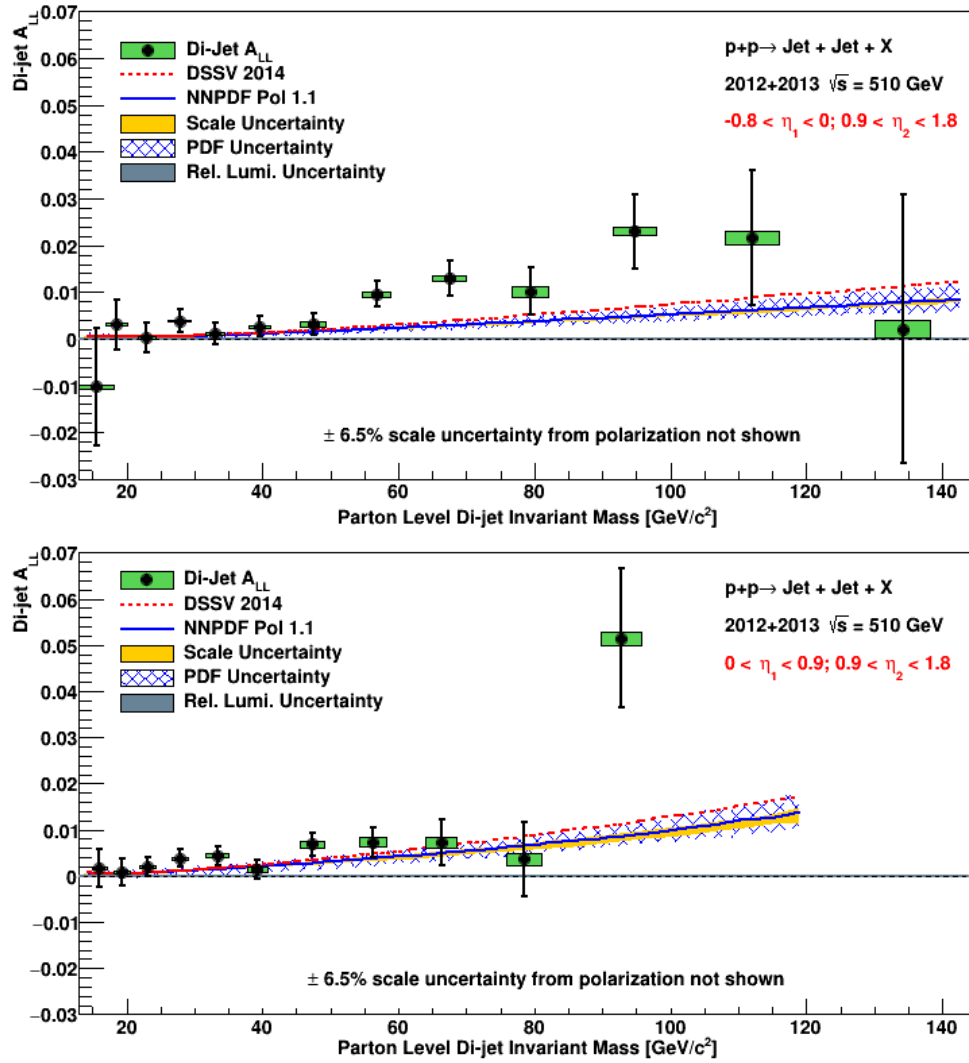


Figure 6.32: Dijet A_{LL} versus parton-level dijet invariant mass for the East Barrel-Endcap (upper plot) and West Barrel-Endcap (lower plot) topologies for the combined 2012+2013 sample.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	16.516	0.877	0.004784	0.004936	0.00016
2	19.616	0.846	-0.00138	0.003356	0.00015
3	23.024	1.008	0.002	0.002606	0.00014
4	28.073	1.121	0.001649	0.00245	0.00014
5	33.34	1.339	0.00599	0.002814	0.00017
6	39.774	1.427	0.001939	0.002836	0.0004
7	47.802	1.73	0.001249	0.00325	0.00026
8	57.085	1.99	0.008789	0.003763	0.00031
9	67.374	2.26	0.005133	0.005109	0.0004
10	79.014	2.492	-0.002007	0.007178	0.00055
11	93.859	2.937	0.036059	0.011612	0.00078
12	111.181	3.762	0.010262	0.020998	0.00128
13	133.64	3.957	0.007281	0.042519	0.00221

Endcap-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	16.613	1.311	0.001759	0.010071	0.0004
2	19.494	1.005	0.017387	0.007223	0.00064
3	23.564	1.169	-0.005683	0.006152	0.00024
4	28.868	1.335	0.011768	0.006748	0.00038
5	35.66	1.508	-0.014525	0.008589	0.00068
6	41.961	1.856	0.021021	0.009351	0.00088
7	49.612	2.079	-0.012981	0.012796	0.0014
8	58.023	2.429	0.016684	0.020439	0.00194
9	68.55	2.834	-0.001061	0.040014	0.00262
10	80.419	3.853	0.032179	0.082854	0.00653
11	93.213	7.539	0.225632	0.218932	0.00927
12	117.584	7.644	0.117254	0.811721	0.00211
13	123.77	5.389	-3.12721	2.16606	0

Table 6.12: Final dijet A_{LL} for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2012.

East Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	16.164	2.589	-0.010354	0.015048	0.00033
2	19.828	1.063	0.002064	0.006817	0.00028
3	22.776	1.026	-0.000141	0.004364	0.00016
4	28.053	1.283	0.001796	0.003701	0.0002
5	33.043	1.336	0.001165	0.004056	0.00019
6	39.446	1.413	0.007852	0.004047	0.00031
7	47.98	1.77	-0.001536	0.004561	0.00029
8	57.497	2.042	0.010553	0.005009	0.00038
9	67.733	2.34	0.007851	0.006405	0.00047
10	79.697	2.555	0.000161	0.008585	0.00063
11	94.495	3.01	0.030194	0.013322	0.00088
12	111.208	3.875	0.040936	0.022981	0.00141
13	134.388	4.005	-0.000105	0.044739	0.00204

West Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	16.568	0.798	0.006633	0.005225	0.00017
2	19.566	0.805	-0.002338	0.003856	0.00017
3	23.181	1.084	0.003418	0.003248	0.00019
4	28.096	1.117	0.001948	0.003269	0.00018
5	33.622	1.406	0.010949	0.003906	0.00027
6	40.097	1.514	-0.003064	0.003975	0.0007
7	47.635	1.724	0.005075	0.004631	0.00044
8	56.538	1.946	0.007634	0.0057	0.00052
9	66.76	2.158	0.001629	0.00847	0.00074
10	77.494	2.493	-0.005764	0.013082	0.00107
11	91.956	2.849	0.055758	0.023691	0.00165
12	111.054	3.591	-0.14651	0.051676	0.00279
13	127.604	6.891	0.061632	0.136679	0.01034

Table 6.13: Final dijet A_{LL} for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2012.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	14.859	1.515	-0.007396	0.006763	0.00034
2	18.39	1.733	0.004353	0.003735	0.00025
3	23.017	1.379	0.000694	0.002353	0.00018
4	27.718	1.591	0.004659	0.001833	0.00018
5	33.099	1.379	0.001276	0.001846	0.00022
6	39.178	1.565	0.001594	0.001756	0.00029
7	47.209	1.838	0.005817	0.002048	0.00043
8	56.258	1.993	0.00785	0.002522	0.00054
9	66.896	2.327	0.013082	0.003637	0.00067
10	79.197	2.639	0.01344	0.005327	0.00132
11	94.436	3.116	0.025846	0.008996	0.00129
12	112.479	3.91	0.01057	0.017205	0.00143
13	133.306	4.009	-0.002641	0.035162	0.00159

Endcap-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	15.567	1.81	-0.014473	0.014907	0.00069
2	17.405	1.298	0.002231	0.006505	0.0006
3	22.973	0.972	0.007849	0.003876	0.00034
4	28.277	1.256	0.002545	0.003889	0.00037
5	33.821	1.586	0.007164	0.004975	0.00078
6	41.412	1.855	0.000948	0.005922	0.00137
7	49.375	2.105	0.014793	0.009056	0.00136
8	58.963	2.552	0.023733	0.015024	0.0033
9	69.197	2.942	0.010962	0.030173	0.00239
10	80.504	3.593	-0.010118	0.062529	0.00534
11	96.31	3.887	-1e-05	0.172146	0.00927
12	112.644	5.568	0.331603	0.499346	0.10707
13	124.269	5.645	-1.60889	1.49604	0.03318

Table 6.14: Final dijet A_{LL} for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2013.

East Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	14.311	2.614	-0.009999	0.022199	0.00028
2	16.532	2.37	0.004525	0.008355	0.00032
3	23.071	1.51	0.000814	0.004424	0.0003
4	27.529	1.979	0.005227	0.003044	0.0002
5	32.952	1.368	0.00121	0.002808	0.00027
6	39.512	1.679	0.000591	0.002532	0.00034
7	47.249	1.946	0.004987	0.002813	0.00054
8	56.411	2.05	0.00924	0.00329	0.00066
9	67.314	2.444	0.015518	0.004503	0.0008
10	79.259	2.723	0.01544	0.006271	0.00147
11	94.905	3.225	0.018772	0.010119	0.00084
12	112.636	3.993	0.008693	0.018782	0.00131
13	134.028	4.044	0.00359	0.037495	0.00167

West Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	14.91	1.613	-0.007382	0.007101	0.00036
2	19.063	1.652	0.004422	0.004175	0.0003
3	22.998	1.321	0.000875	0.002779	0.0002
4	27.84	1.23	0.004727	0.002296	0.0003
5	33.234	1.782	0.001859	0.002449	0.00039
6	38.84	1.476	0.003226	0.002439	0.00052
7	47.117	1.798	0.007556	0.002988	0.00078
8	56.053	2.017	0.007263	0.003927	0.00121
9	66.028	2.298	0.010198	0.006168	0.00144
10	79.054	2.607	0.009195	0.010098	0.00154
11	93.218	2.986	0.048558	0.019646	0.00132
12	111.439	3.575	0.007179	0.042899	0.0026
13	127.031	4.121	-0.099469	0.101248	0.00532

Table 6.15: Final dijet A_{LL} for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2013.

Barrel-Endcap Full Topology					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	15.9401	1.09874	0.000551	0.003987	0.000223
2	19.0683	1.24223	0.001181	0.002496	0.000195
3	23.0201	1.21238	0.001281	0.001746	0.000162
4	27.8454	1.42233	0.003579	0.001468	0.000166
5	33.1715	1.36697	0.002694	0.001544	0.000205
6	39.3432	1.52675	0.00169	0.001493	0.00032
7	47.3775	1.8073	0.004519	0.001733	0.000382
8	56.5143	1.99207	0.008141	0.002095	0.000469
9	67.0568	2.30447	0.010409	0.002963	0.000579
10	79.132	2.58679	0.007954	0.004278	0.001047
11	94.2196	3.04886	0.029677	0.007112	0.001099
12	111.958	3.85055	0.010446	0.013308	0.00137
13	133.442	3.98788	0.001389	0.027097	0.001842

Endcap-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	16.2852	1.46738	-0.003328	0.008345	0.000491
2	18.3405	1.16678	0.009018	0.004834	0.000618
3	23.1409	1.02798	0.004004	0.003279	0.000312
4	28.4244	1.2757	0.004845	0.003369	0.000372
5	34.283	1.56641	0.001715	0.004305	0.000755
6	41.5692	1.85529	0.006694	0.005003	0.00123
7	49.4541	2.09632	0.005524	0.007392	0.001373
8	58.6333	2.50885	0.02126	0.012105	0.002823
9	68.9625	2.90285	0.006604	0.024091	0.002473
10	80.4732	3.68735	0.005231	0.049911	0.005772
11	95.1268	5.28226	0.086198	0.135323	0.00927
12	114	6.13794	0.272756	0.425313	0.078254
13	124.108	5.56232	-2.09925	1.23097	0.022464

Table 6.16: Final dijet A_{LL} for the Barrel-Endcap and Endcap-Endcap topologies, 2012+2013.

East Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	15.5806	2.59687	-0.010242	0.012456	0.000314
2	18.5107	1.58536	0.003048	0.005282	0.000296
3	22.9215	1.2647	0.00033	0.003107	0.000229
4	27.7404	1.69816	0.003843	0.002351	0.0002
5	32.9815	1.35763	0.001195	0.002309	0.000244
6	39.4934	1.60417	0.002634	0.002147	0.000332
7	47.4504	1.8975	0.00319	0.002394	0.000471
8	56.7383	2.04759	0.009636	0.00275	0.000576
9	67.4526	2.4096	0.012982	0.003684	0.000691
10	79.4114	2.66455	0.010124	0.005064	0.001178
11	94.755	3.14634	0.022951	0.008058	0.000855
12	112.064	3.94574	0.021605	0.014543	0.00135
13	134.177	4.02791	0.002065	0.028737	0.001823

West Barrel-Endcap					
Bin	Dijet Mass (GeV)		A_{LL}		
	Mass	Sys. Error	A_{LL}	Stat. Error	Sys. Error
1	15.9856	1.08427	0.00171	0.004208	0.000237
2	19.3344	1.19491	0.000774	0.002833	0.00023
3	23.0753	1.22083	0.00195	0.002112	0.000196
4	27.9246	1.19267	0.003809	0.001879	0.00026
5	33.3435	1.6759	0.004424	0.002075	0.000356
6	39.1838	1.48639	0.001506	0.002079	0.000569
7	47.2693	1.77625	0.006827	0.002511	0.00068
8	56.2091	1.99415	0.007382	0.003234	0.000988
9	66.2817	2.24949	0.007229	0.004986	0.001197
10	78.4715	2.56444	0.00361	0.007994	0.001365
11	92.7038	2.93018	0.051492	0.015123	0.001454
12	111.282	3.58153	-0.055524	0.033007	0.002678
13	127.234	5.10245	-0.042388	0.081357	0.007099

Table 6.17: Final dijet A_{LL} for the two Barrel-Endcap topologies, 2012+2013.

931 **Appendix A**

932 **Lists of Runs and Fills**

933 **A.1 2012 Analysis**

934 List of Runs:

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Appendix B

Dijet Invariant Mass Derivation

In this Appendix we derive the dijet invariant mass formula, which is simply the invariant mass of a relativistic system of two 4-vectors. We start by defining the transverse mass $m_T \equiv \sqrt{m^2 + p_x^2 + p_y^2}$ and rapidity $y \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z} \right)$. The energy-momentum relation can be rewritten as:

$$E^2 = p^2 + m^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 + m^2 = m_T^2 + p_z^2. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

Rearranging then gives:

$$\left(\frac{E}{m_T} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{p_z}{m_T} \right)^2 = 1. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

This looks like the identity $\cosh^2 y - \sinh^2 y = 1$, so we posit that $E = m_T \cosh y$ and $p_z = m_T \sinh y$. To confirm, we divide the equations to get $p_z/E = \tanh y$, which implies:

$$y = \tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{p_z}{E} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + p_z/E}{1 - p_z/E} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right), \quad (\text{B.3})$$

the definition of rapidity. So now we can write the 4-momentum vector as:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} E \\ p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_T \cosh y \\ p_T \cos \phi \\ p_T \sin \phi \\ m_T \sinh y \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where $p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$ and ϕ is the relative angle. The invariant mass of a dijet system is $M = \sqrt{(P_3 + P_4)^2} = \sqrt{P_3^2 + P_4^2 + 2P_3 \cdot P_4}$, where P_3 and P_4 are the 4-momenta of the two outgoing partons. $P_i^2 = m_i^2$, and the cross term is:

$$\begin{aligned} 2P_3 \cdot P_4 &= 2[m_{T,3}m_{T,4}(\cosh y_3 \cosh y_4 - \sinh y_3 \sinh y_4) - p_{T,3}p_{T,4}(\cos \phi_3 \cos \phi_4 + \sin \phi_3 \sin \phi_4)] \\ &= 2[m_{T,3}m_{T,4} \cosh(y_3 - y_4) - p_{T,3}p_{T,4} \cos(\phi_3 - \phi_4)] \\ &= 2[\sqrt{m_3^2 + p_{T,3}^2} \sqrt{m_4^2 + p_{T,4}^2} \cosh(y_3 - y_4) - p_{T,3}p_{T,4} \cos(\phi_3 - \phi_4)]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.5})$$

Combining all the terms, the dijet invariant mass is:

$$M = \sqrt{m_3^2 + m_4^2 + 2\sqrt{m_3^2 + p_{T,3}^2} \sqrt{m_4^2 + p_{T,4}^2} \cosh(y_3 - y_4) - 2p_{T,3}p_{T,4} \cos(\phi_3 - \phi_4)}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

1064 **Appendix C**

1065 **Lists of Removed Bunch Crossings**

Fill	Bunch Crossing	Fill	Bunch Crossing
16582	0 40 61 62 80 -1	16678	0 40 70 71 -1
16586	0 40 -1	16685	0 23 24 40 -1
16587	0 29 40 -1	16686	0 17 18 40 -1
16592	0 40 -1	16697	0 40 108 109 -1
16593	0 9 10 40 -1	16698	0 40 -1
16594	0 40 -1	16699	0 40 57 -1
16597	0 27 28 40 -1	16701	0 21 22 28 29 40 99 -1
16602	0 40 56 57 108 -1	16704	0 40 90 91 92 101 102 -1
16619-16622	0 40 -1	16710	0 40 98 -1
16625	0 23 24 40 -1	16716	0 40 80 -1
16626	0 12 13 19 20 40 -1	16717	0 9 40 56 65 78 94 101 -1
16627-16632	0 40 -1	16720	0 7 8 40 110 -1
16650	0 40 58 59 -1	16722-16726	0 40 -1
16655	0 40 75 76 -1	16727	0 40 80 -1
16656	0 15 16 40 -1	16730	0 40 88 -1
16659	0 40 81 98 105 107 -1	16731	0 26 40 60 61 -1
16662-16667	0 40 -1	16732	0 40 71 80 -1
16668-16669	0 26 27 40 -1	16735	0 40 -1
16671	0 40 96 97 -1		

Table C.1: Bunch crossings removed for the 2012 analysis.

Fill	Bunch Crossing
17256-17407	69 70
17281	1 2
17318	84
17322	61
17384	29 30
17416	79
17423	13

Table C.2: Bunch crossings removed for the 2013 analysis.

