Using particle correlations to probe the medium produced at RHIC

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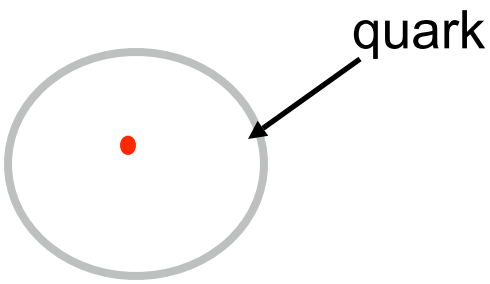

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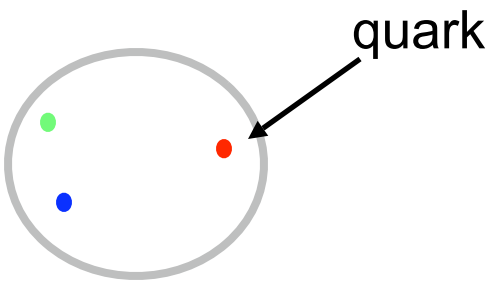

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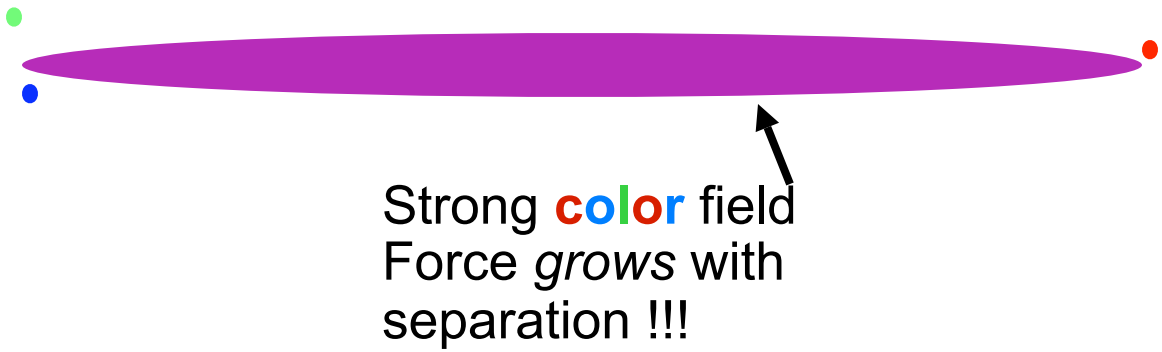

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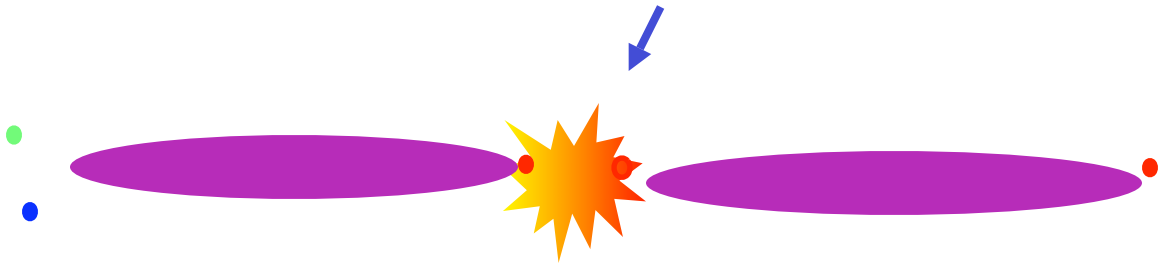

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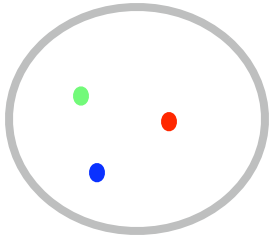

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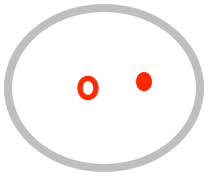

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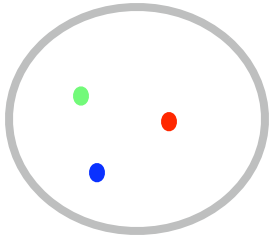

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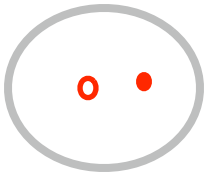

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To understand the strong force and confinement: Create and study a system of deconfined colored quarks and gluons

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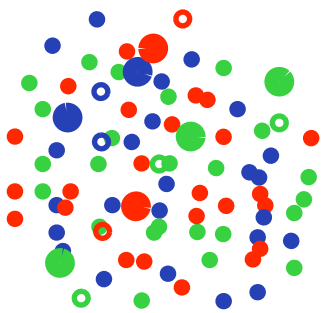

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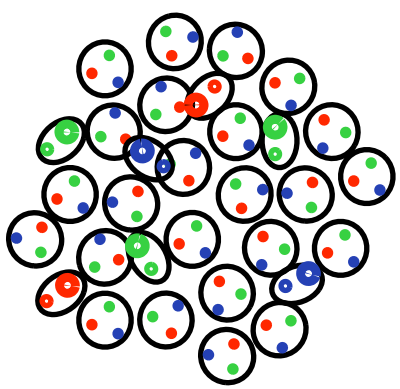

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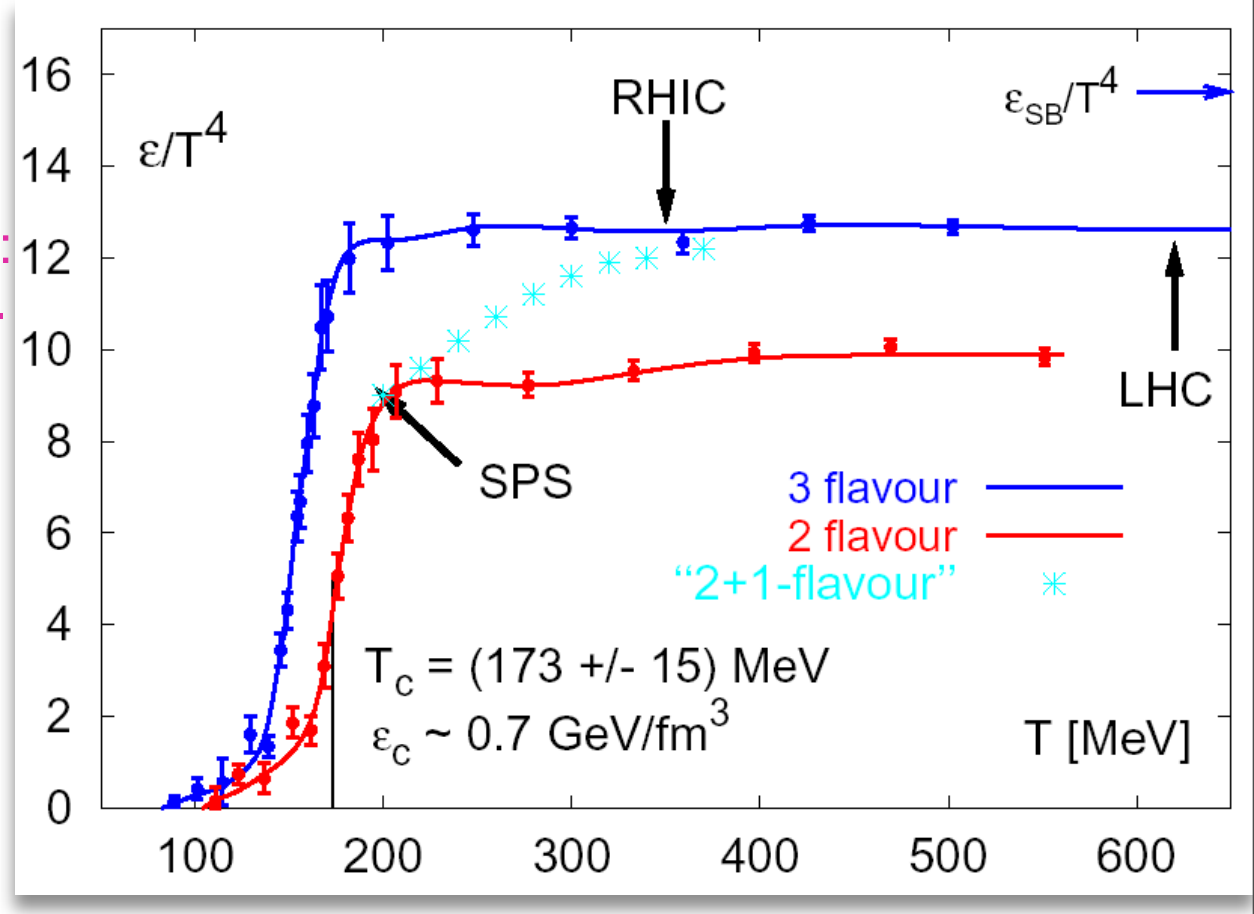

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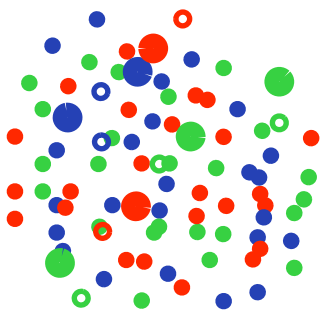

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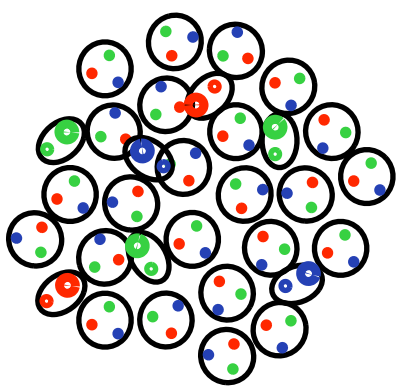

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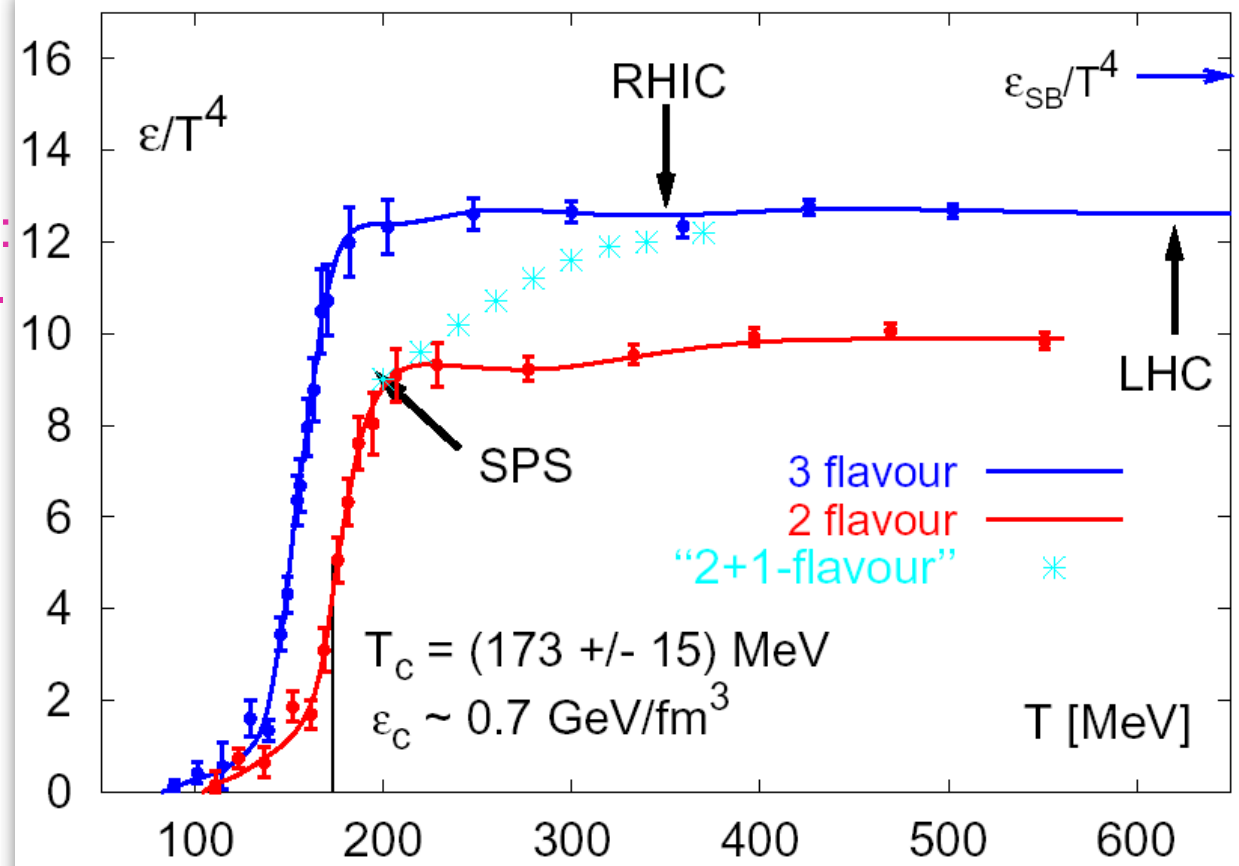

$T_C \approx 173$ MeV $\approx 2 \cdot 10^{12}$ K

$\varepsilon_C \approx 0.7$ GeV/fm^3 (~6x normal nuclear densities)

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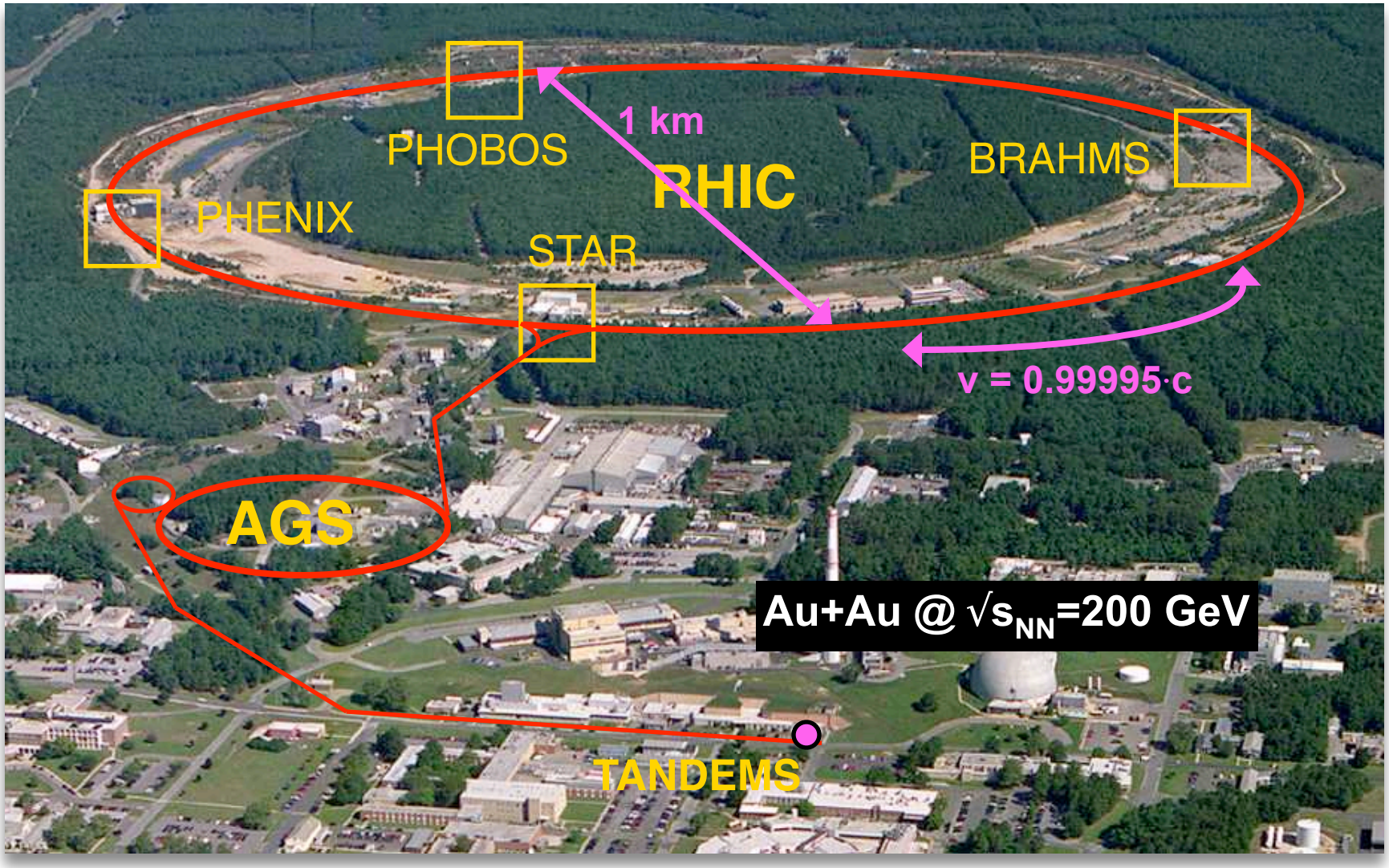

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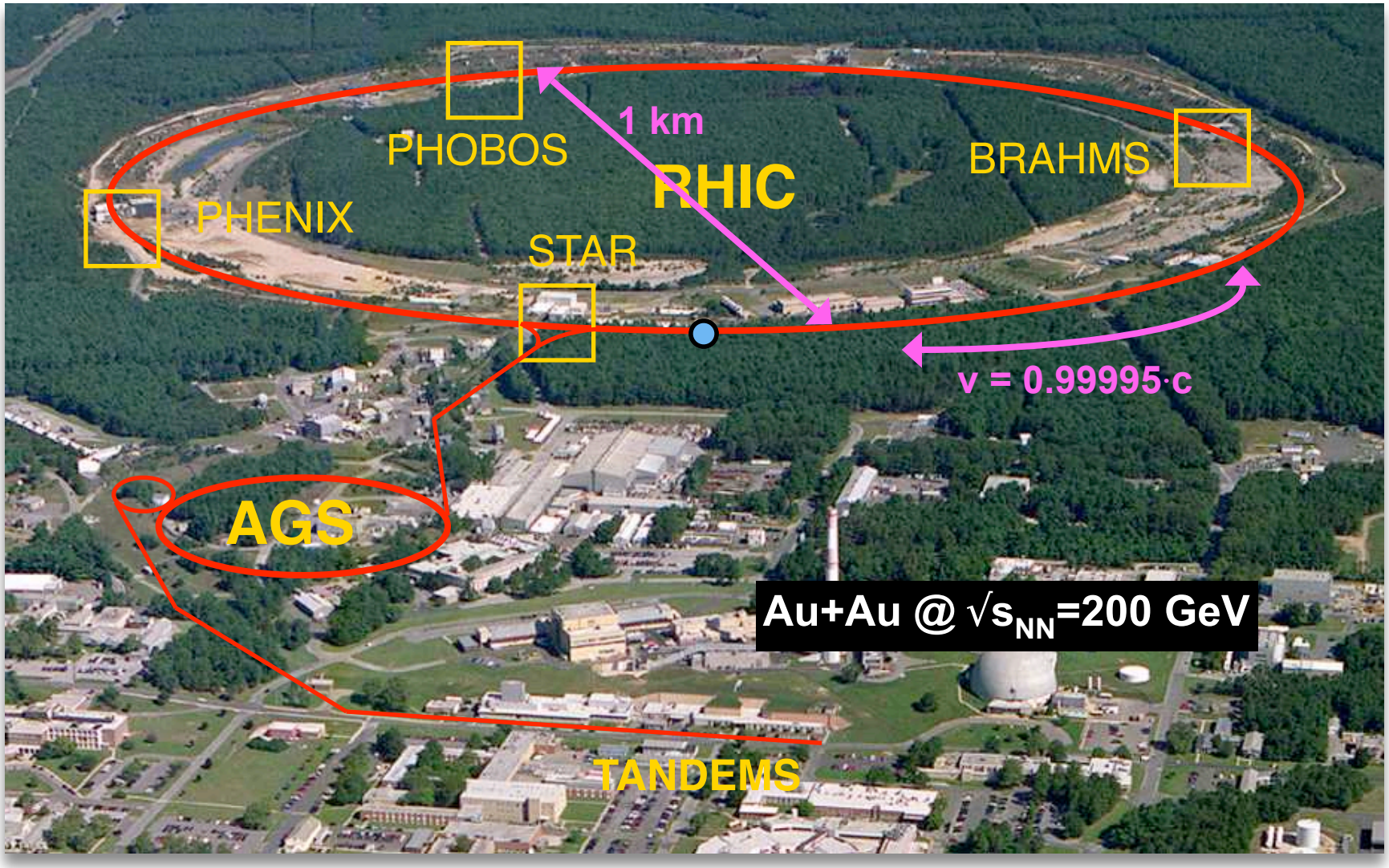

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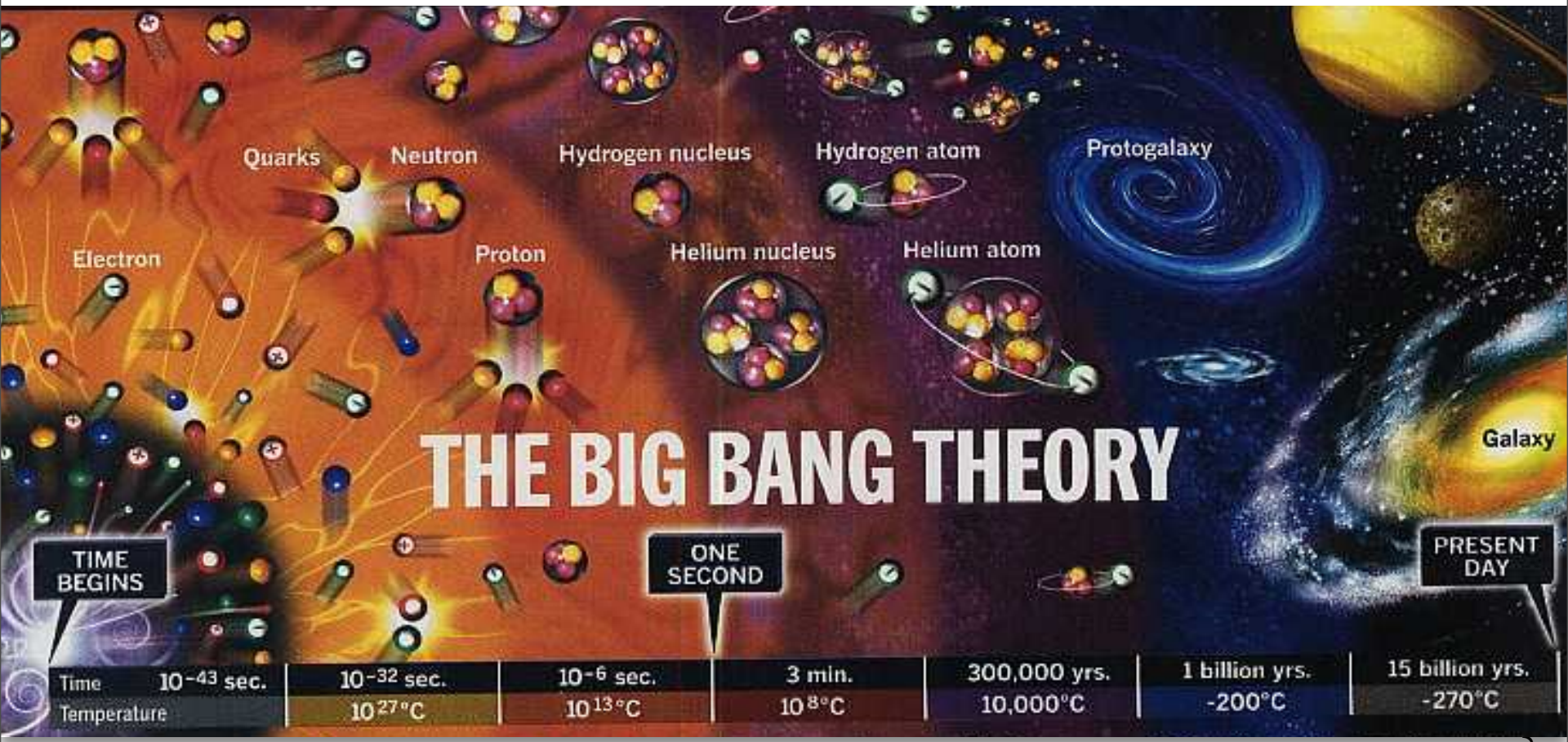

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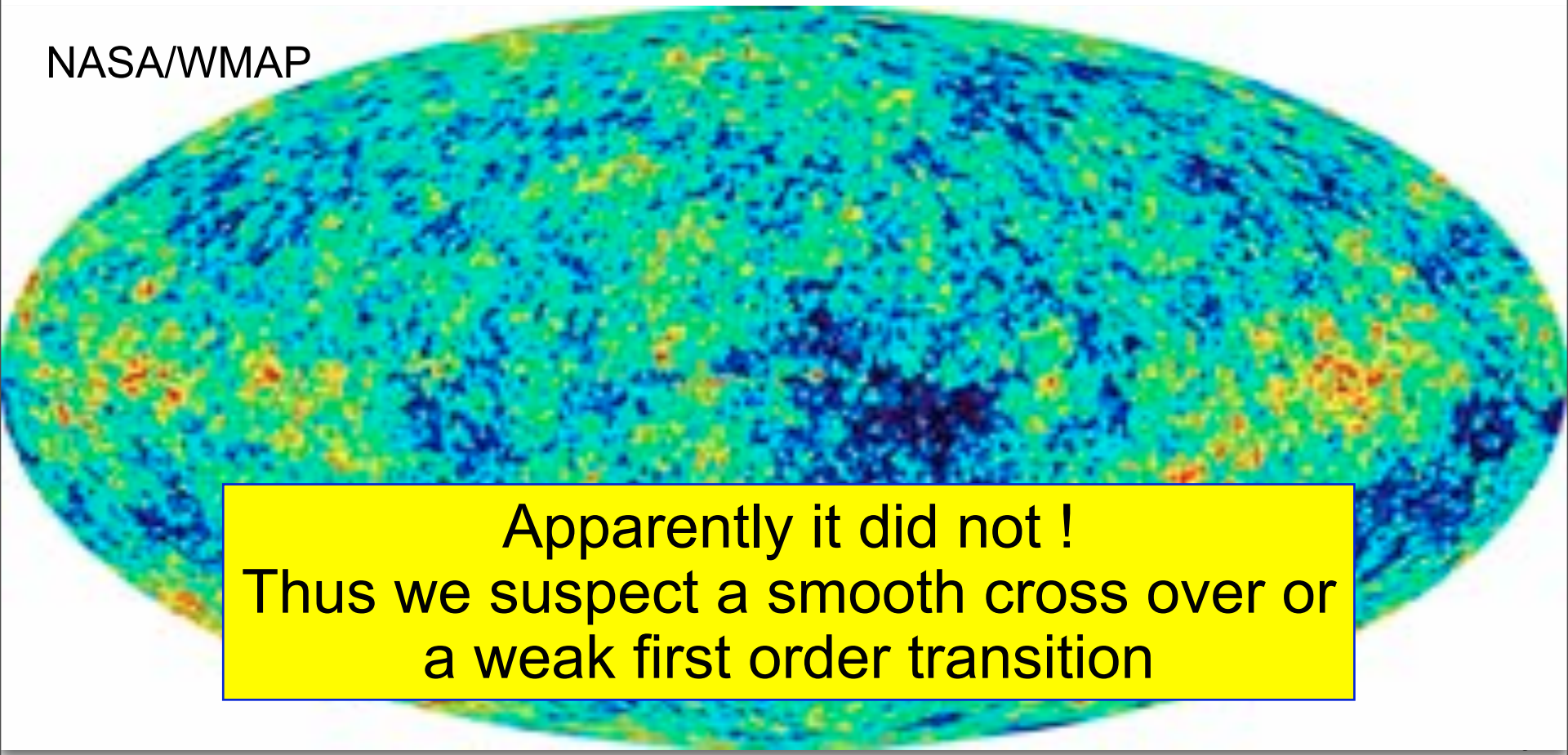

Apparently it did not !
Thus we suspect a smooth cross over or a weak first order transition

At RHIC we've created a new state of matter

The QGP is the:

hottest *(T=200-400 MeV ~ 2.5 10^{12} K)*

densest (ε = 30-60 $\varepsilon_{\text{nuclear matter}}$)

matter ever studied in the lab.

It flows as a

(nearly) perfect fluid

with systematic patterns, consistent with

quark degree of freedom

and a viscosity to entropy density ratio

lower

than any other known fluid.

Now want to learn more about properties

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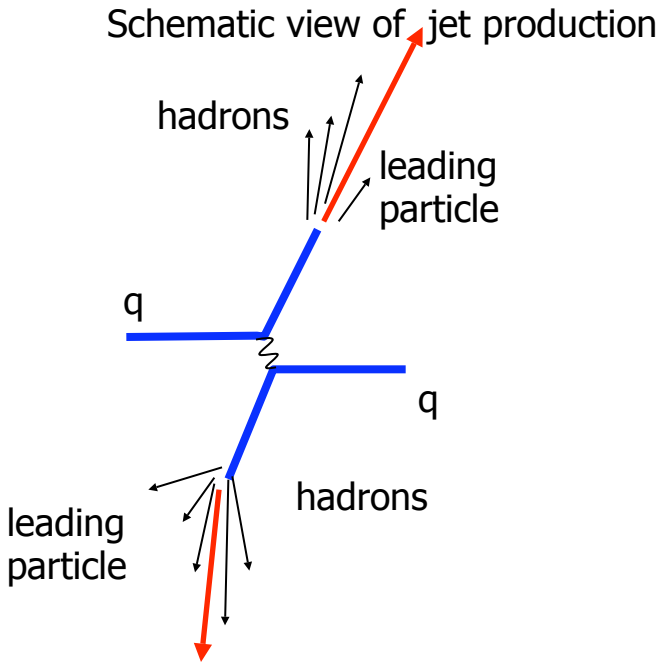

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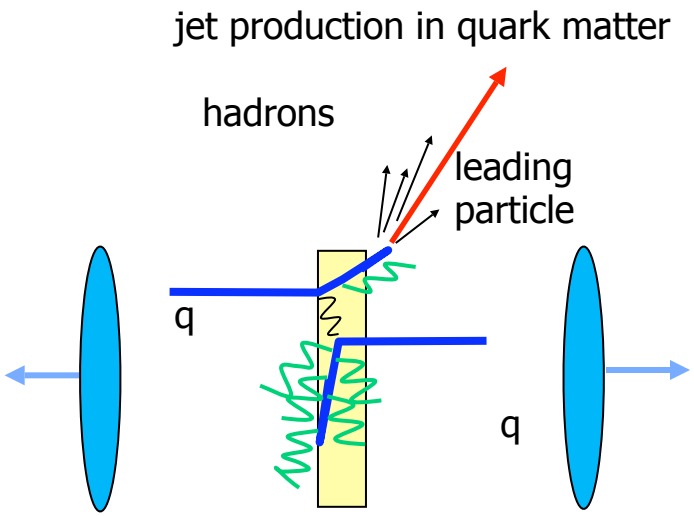
Therefore use “jets” as probes at RHIC

- attenuation or absorption of jets: “jet quenching”
- suppression of high p_T hadrons
- modification of angular correlation
- changes of particle composition



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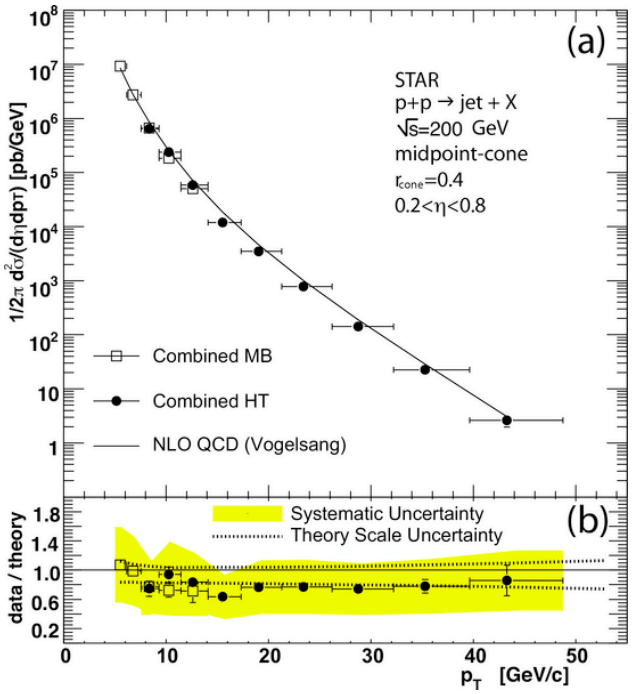

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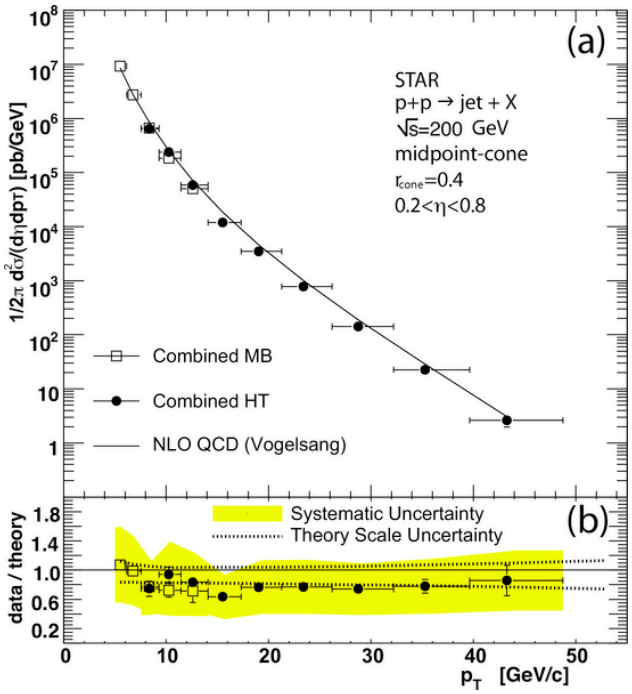

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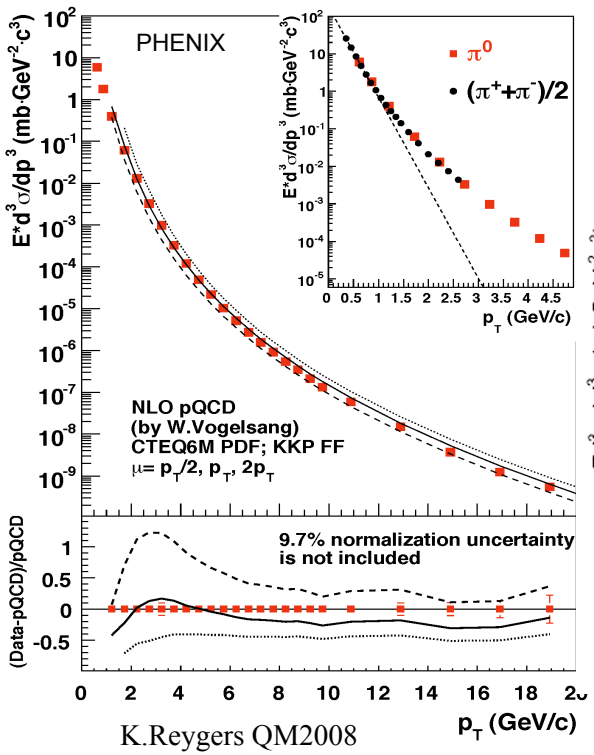

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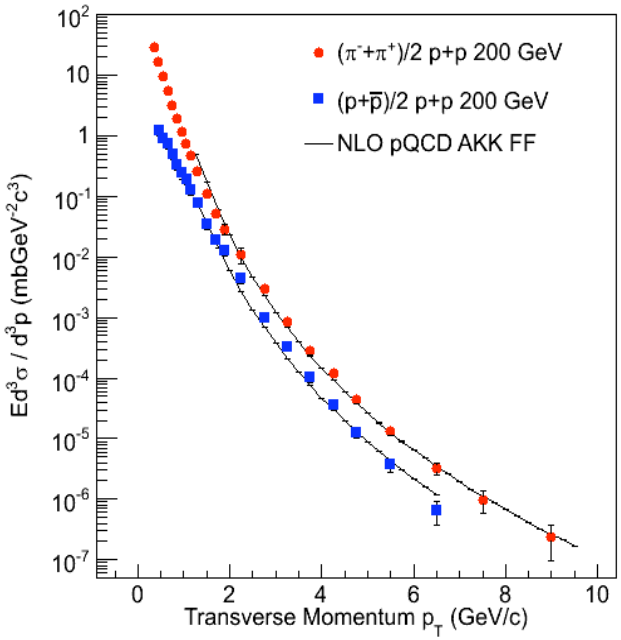

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Particle production in p+p also well modeled.

Seems we have a reasonably calibrated probe

Jets in Au+Au collisions!

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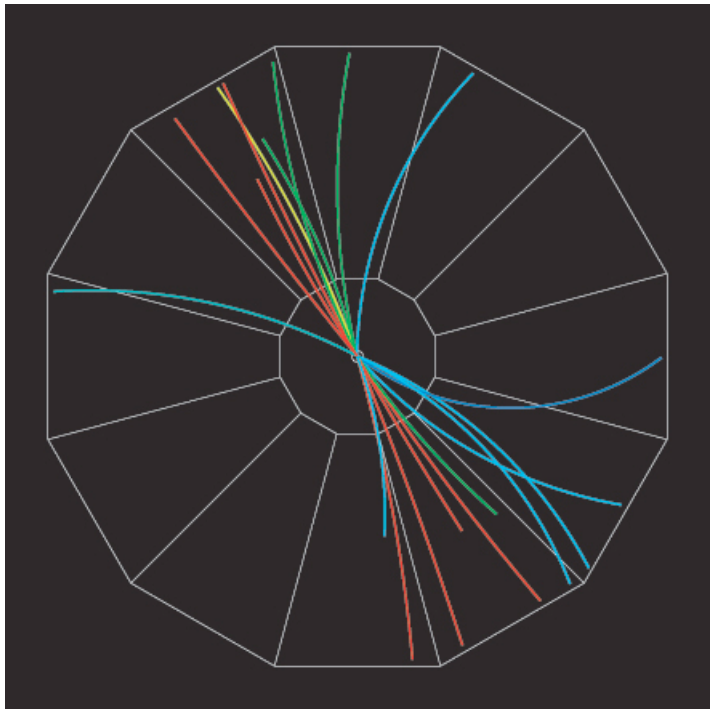

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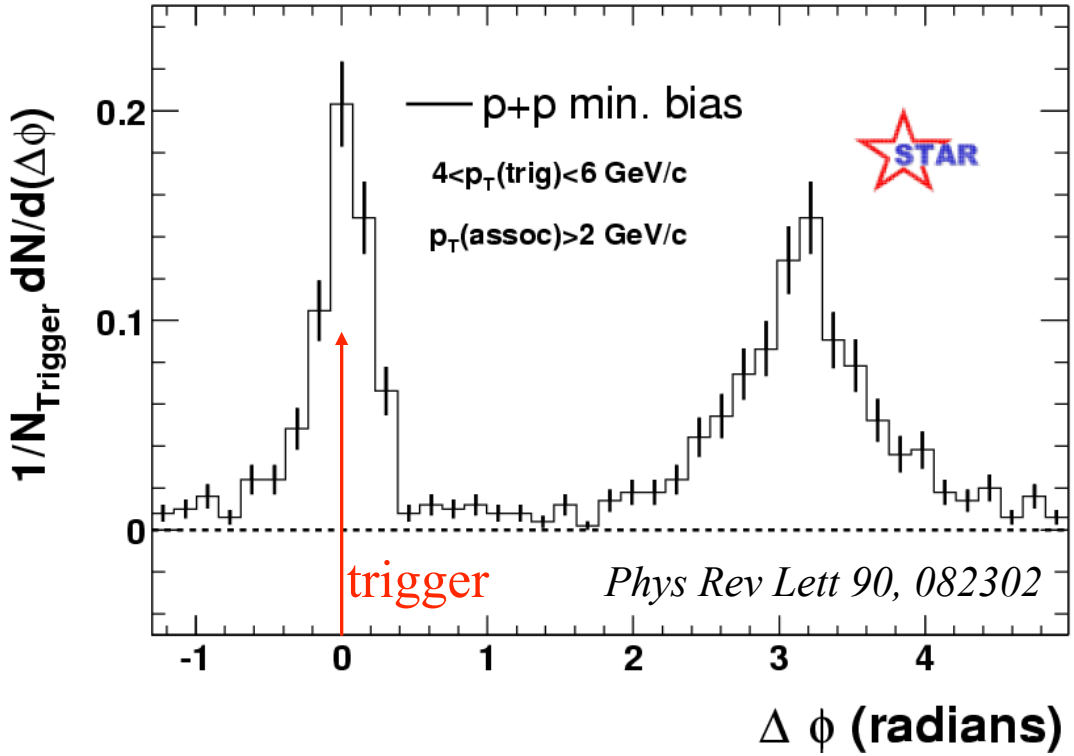

- Trigger: highest p_T track
- $\Delta\phi$ distribution:

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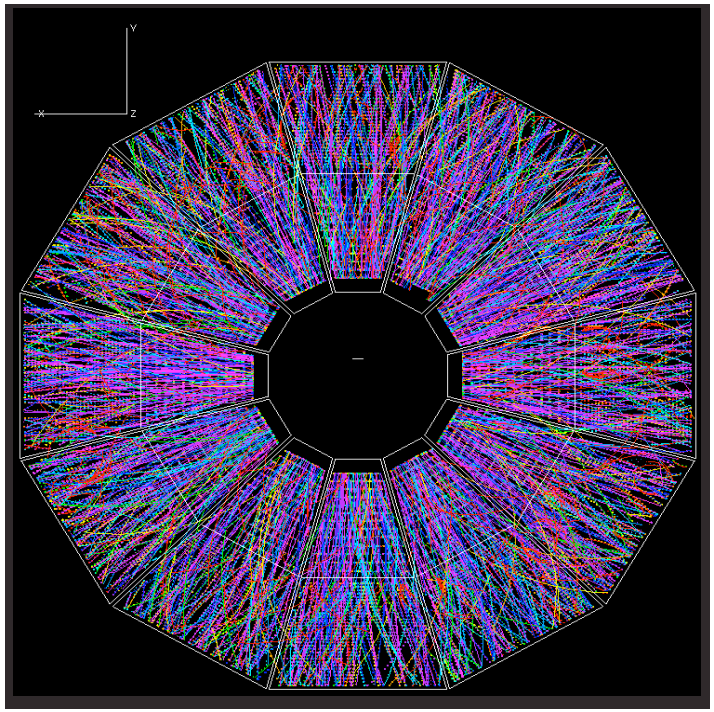
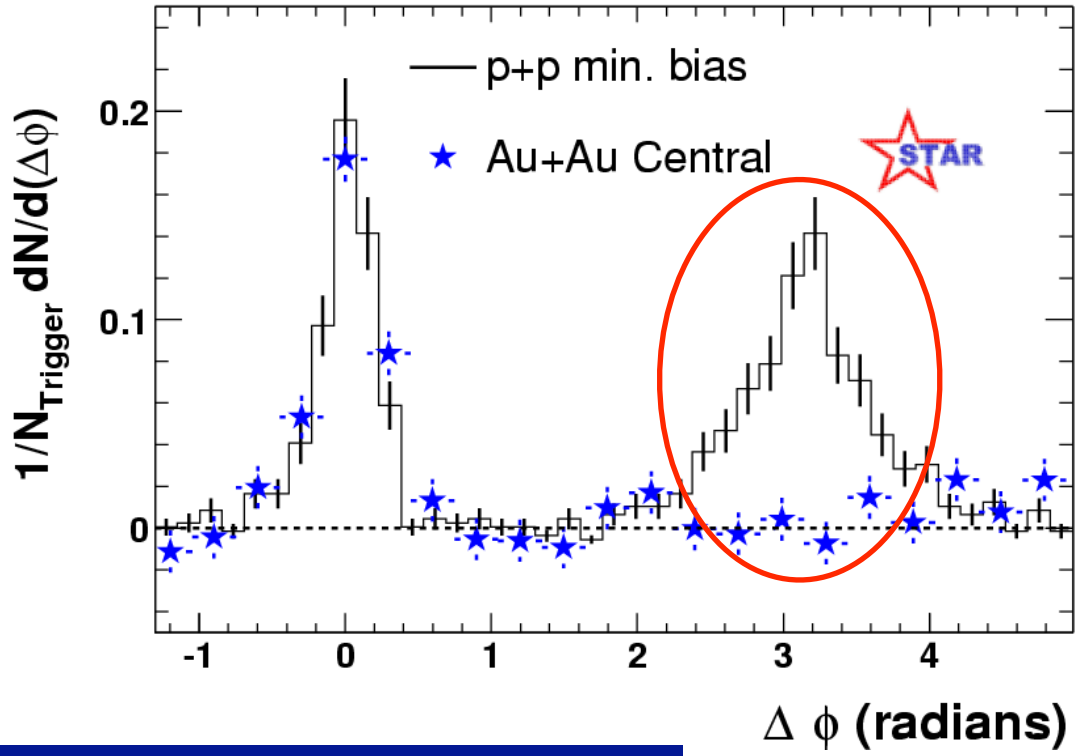
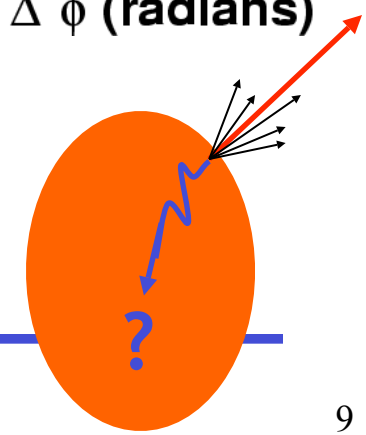


central Au+Au collisions



$\Delta\phi \approx 0$: central Au+Au similar to p+p

$\Delta\phi \approx \pi$: strong suppression of back-to-back correlations in central Au+Au



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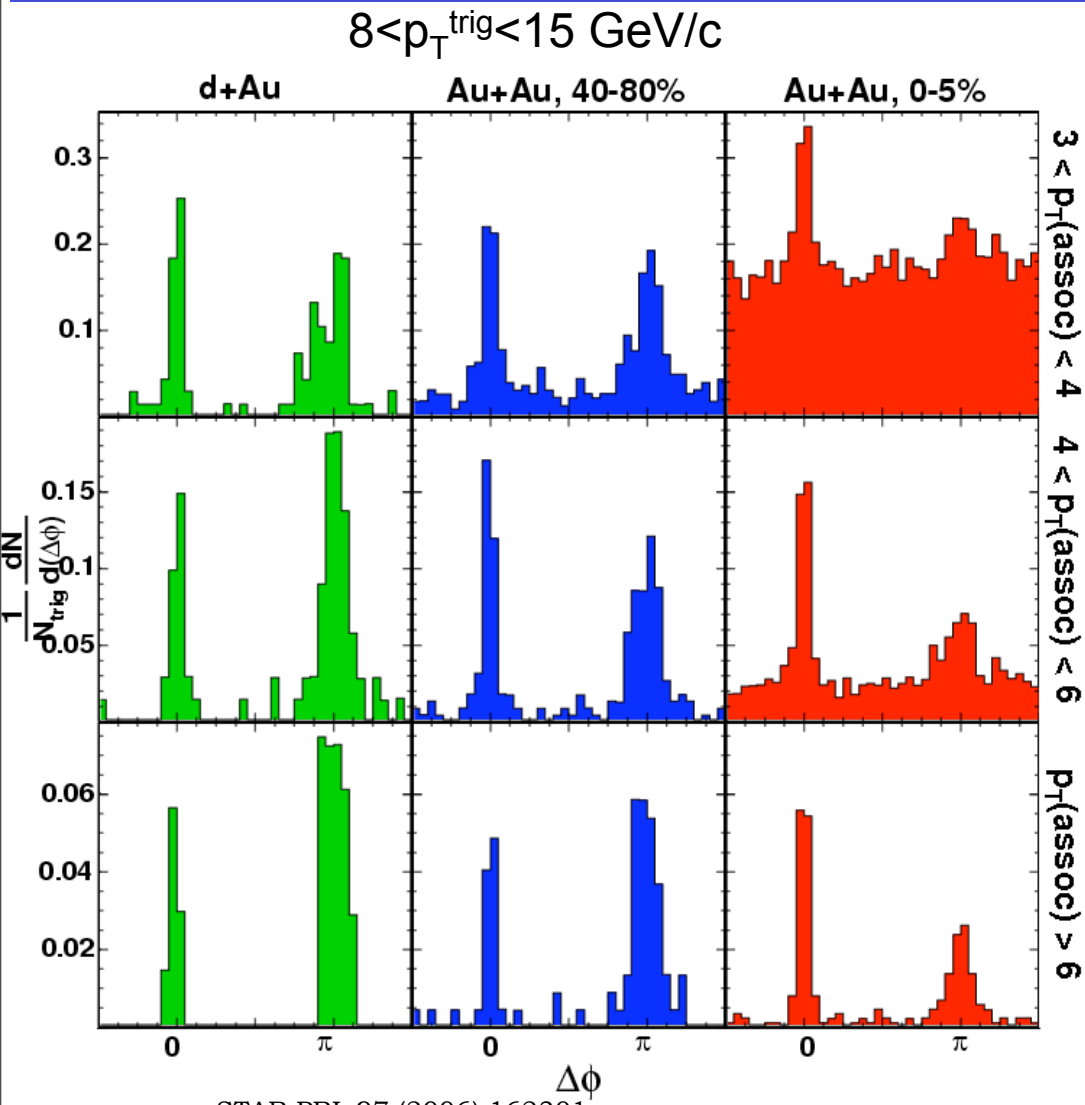

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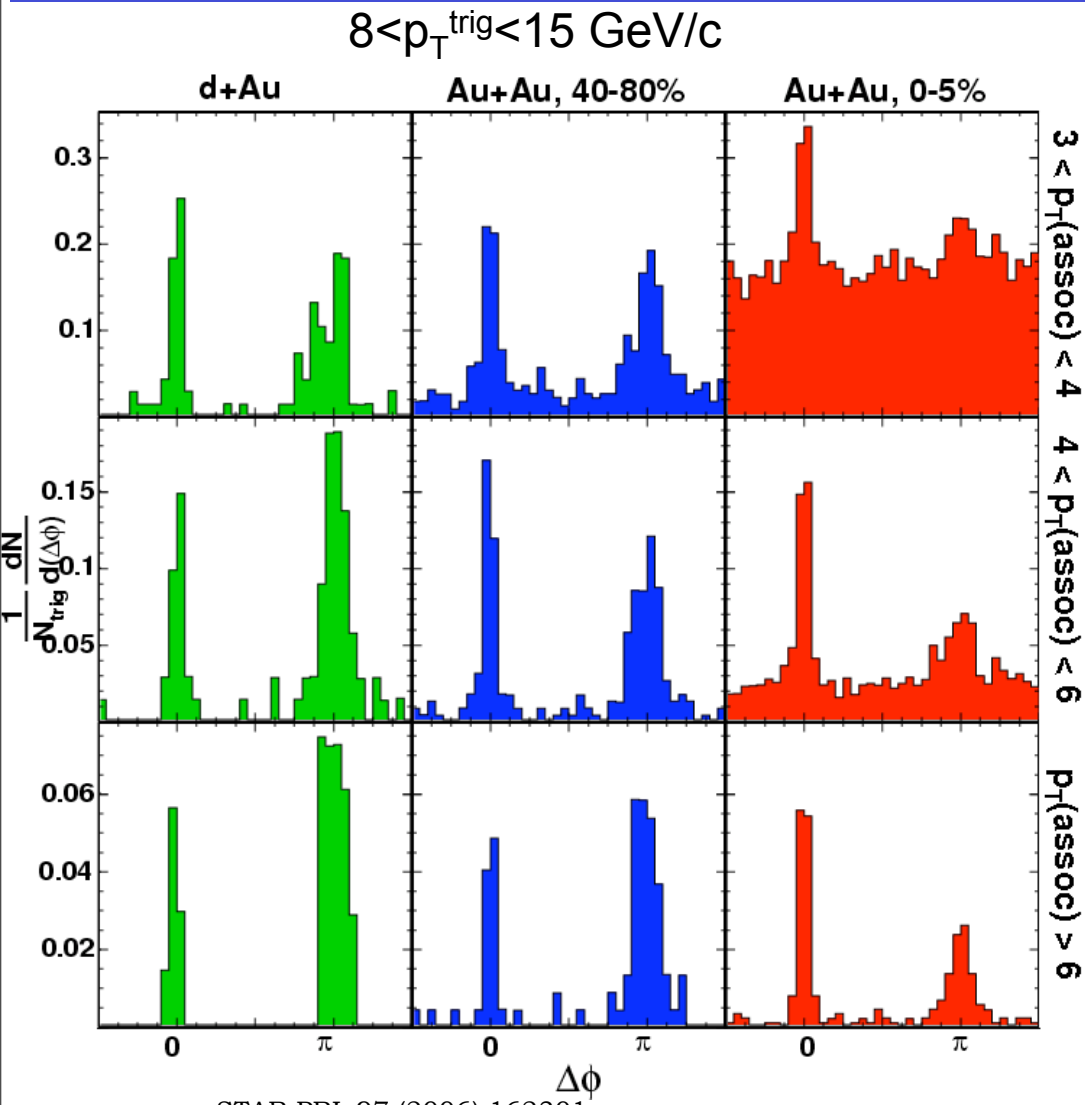

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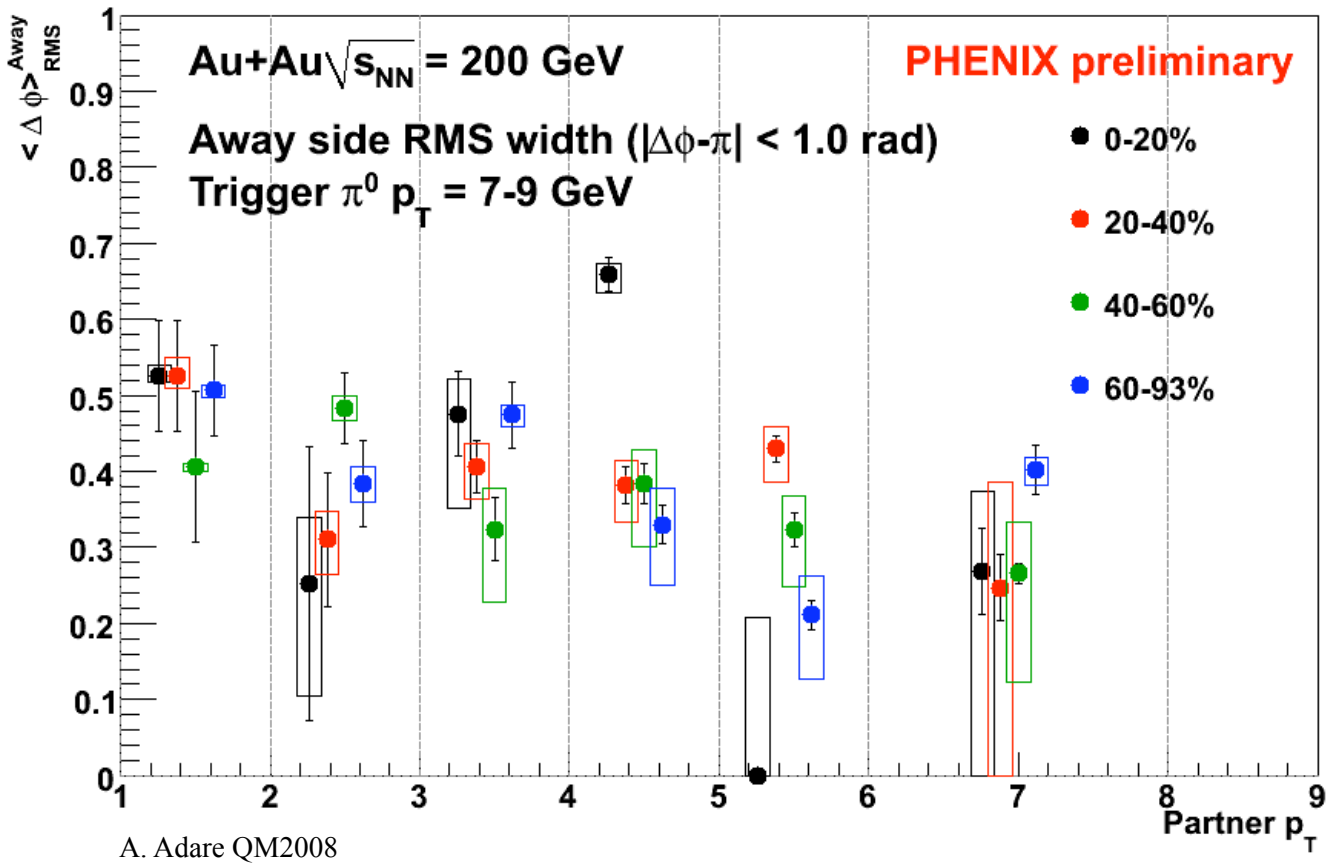

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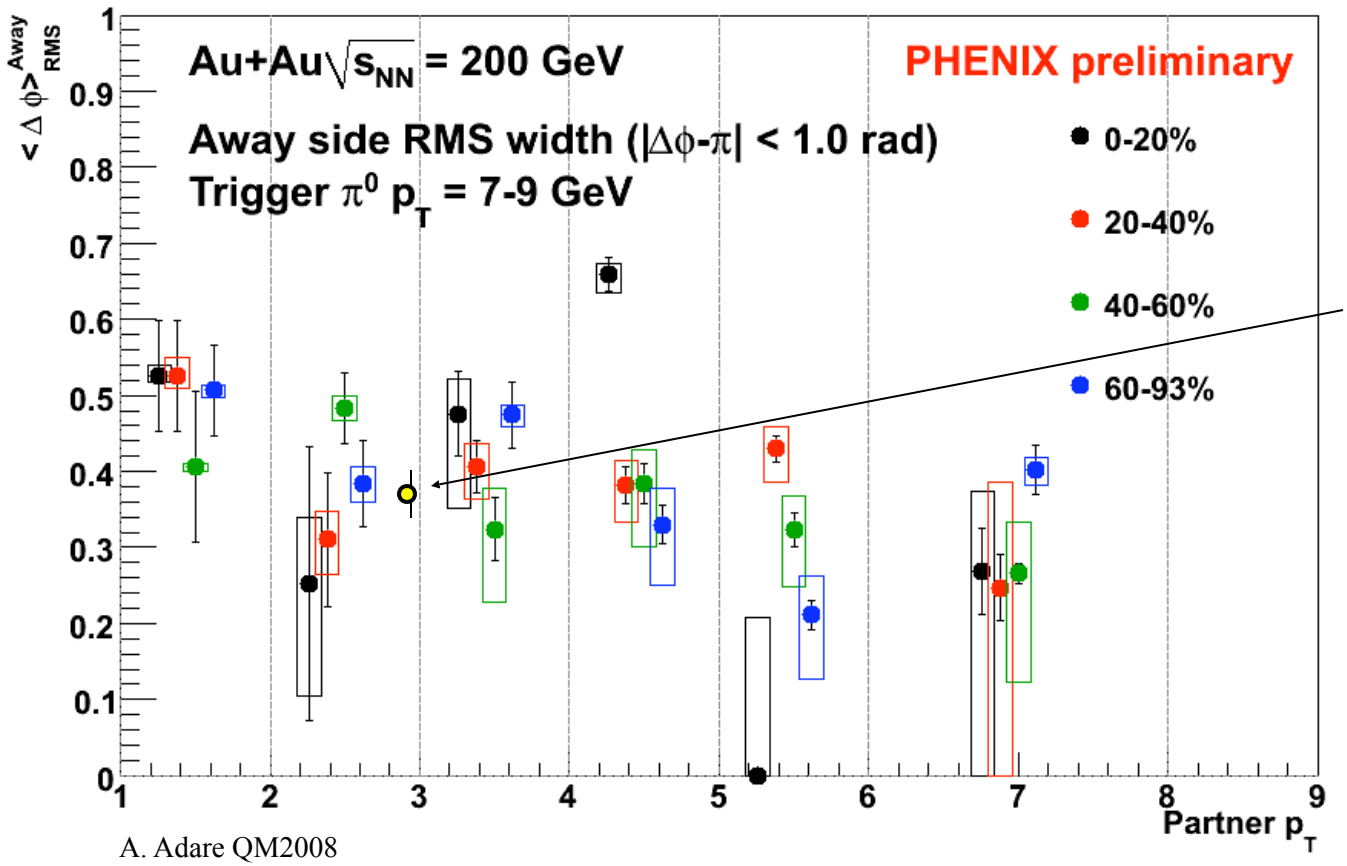

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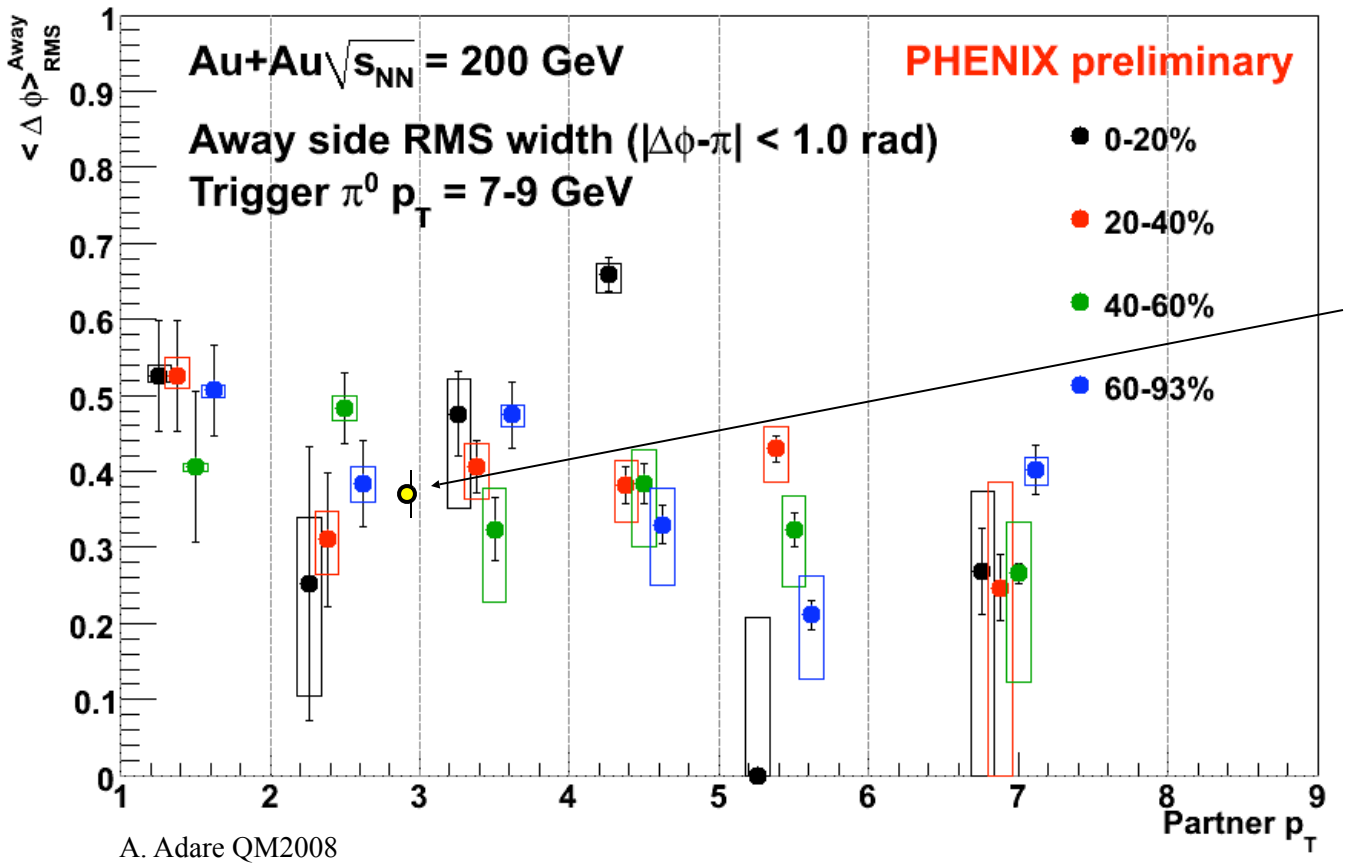

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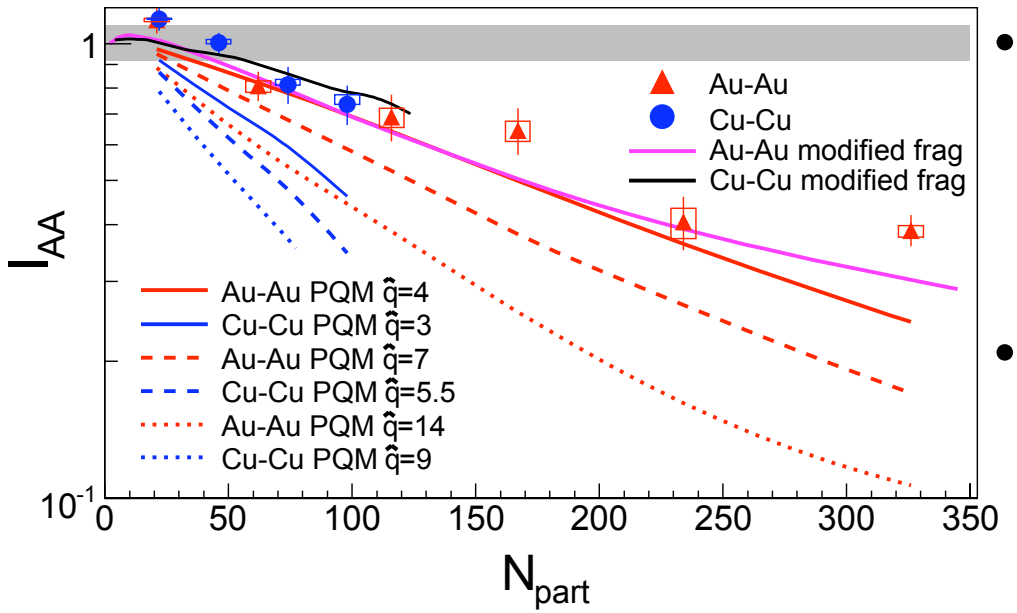

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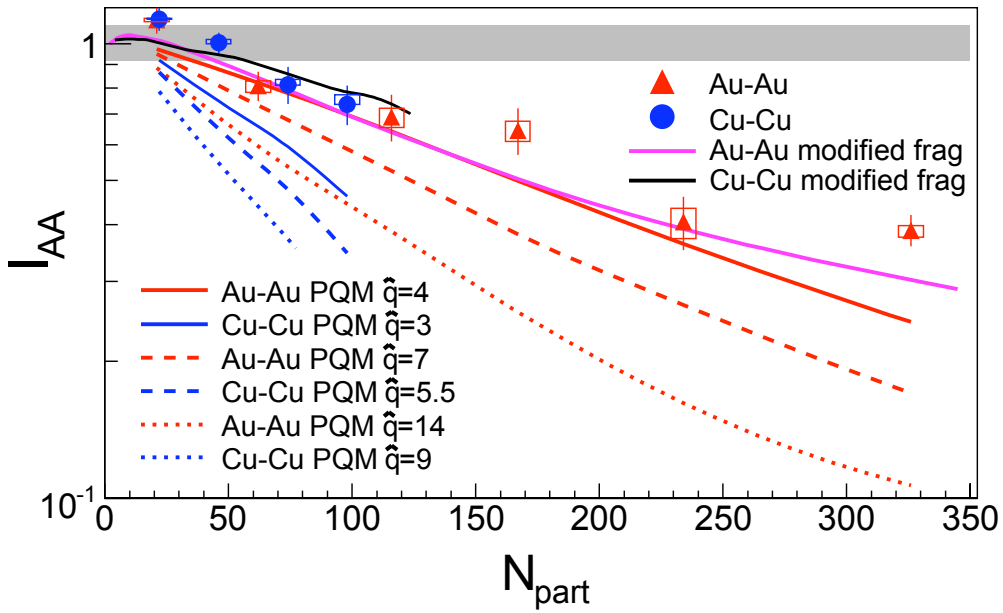

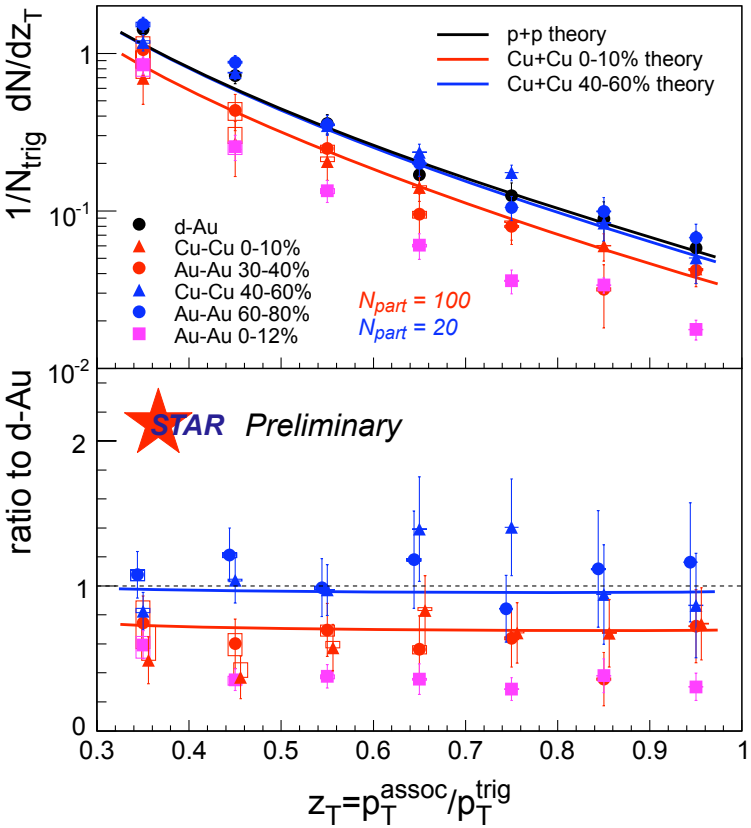

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- Similar medium for similar N_{part}

Vacuum fragmentation after parton E_{loss} in the medium

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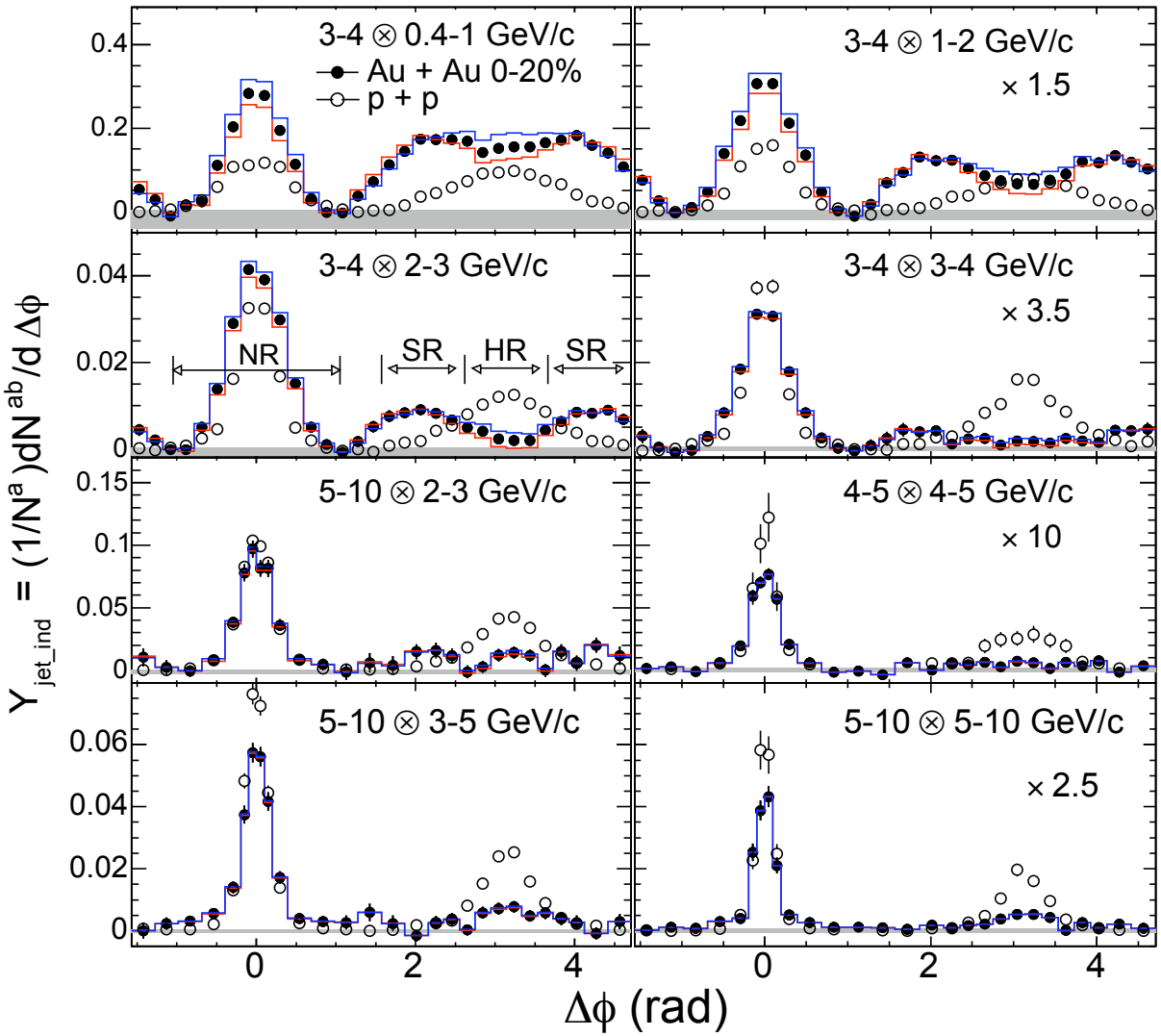

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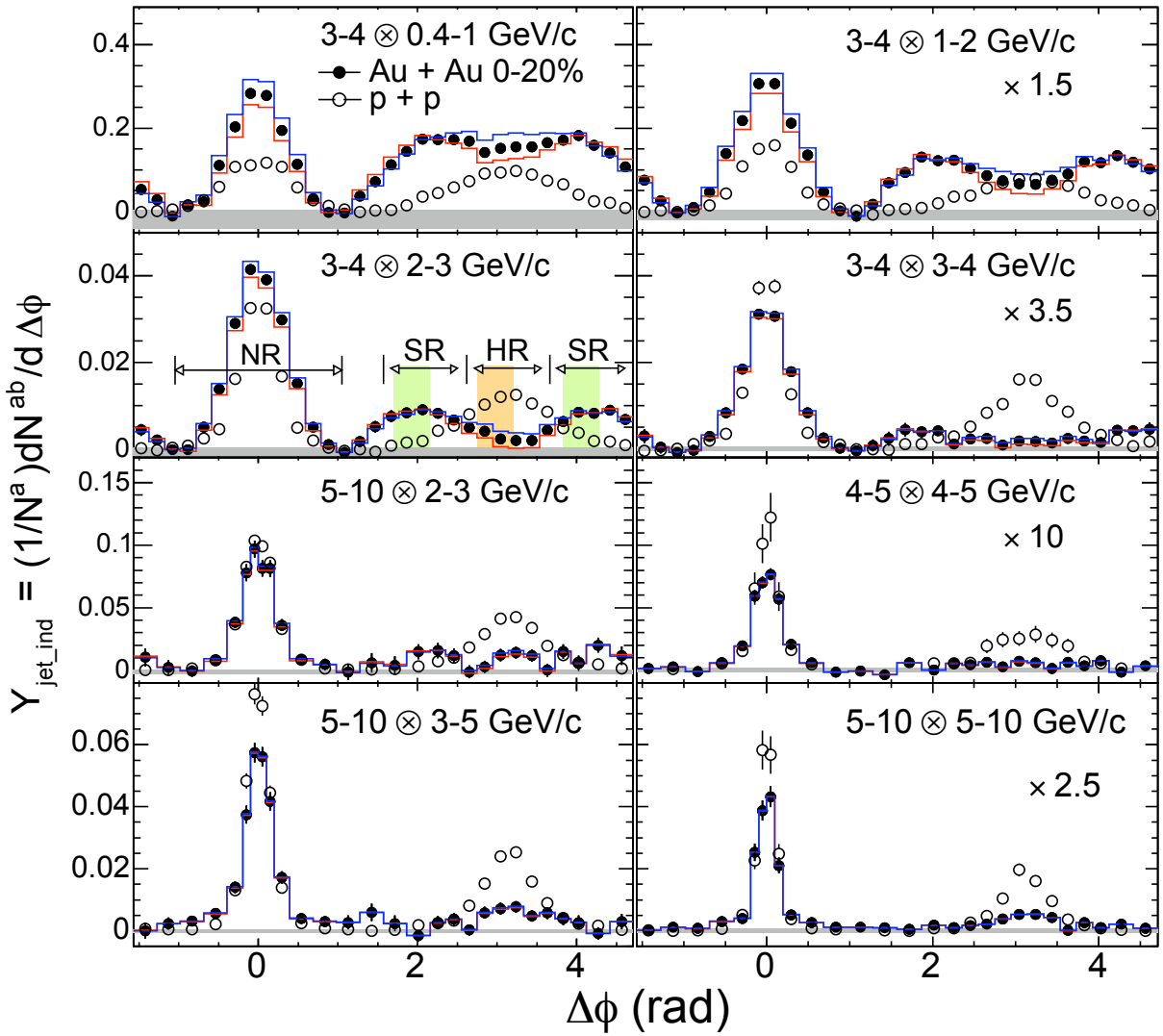

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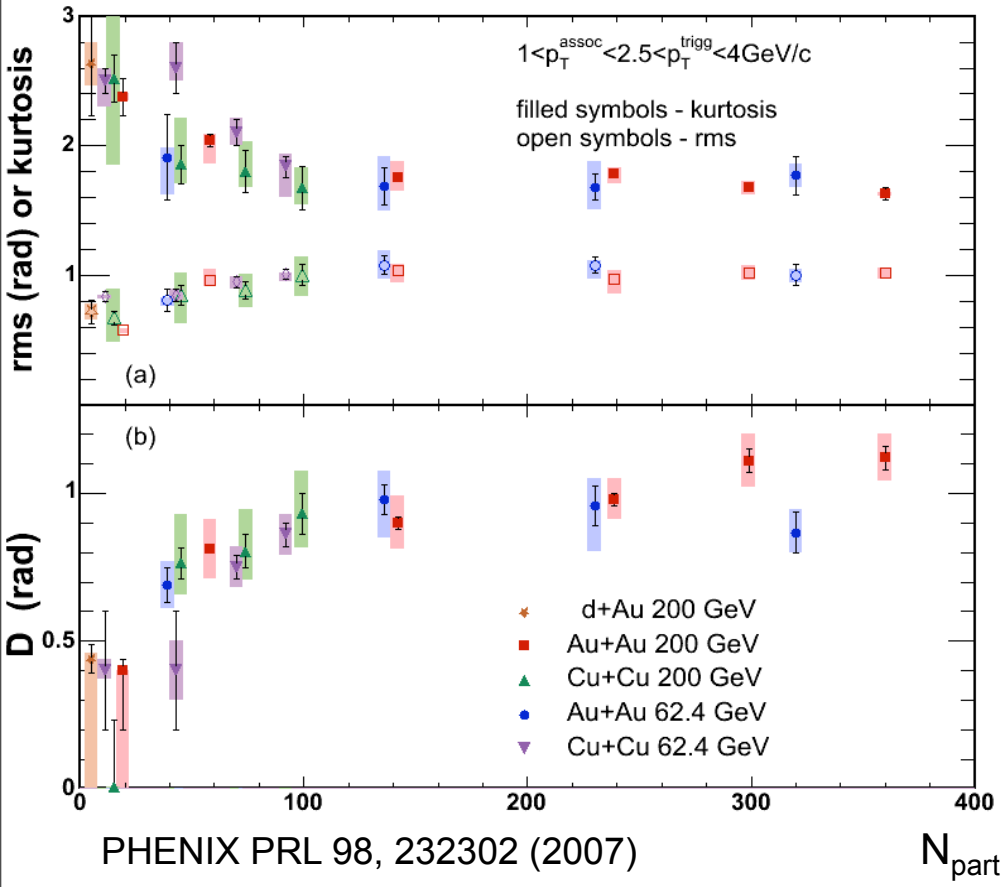

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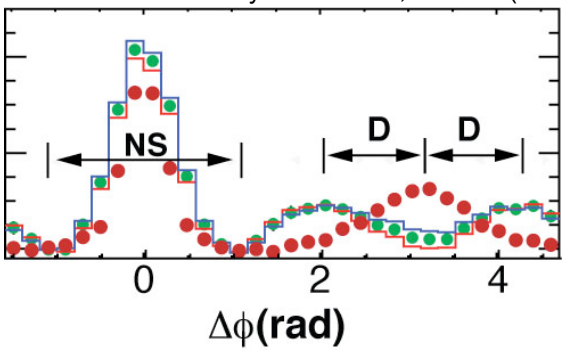

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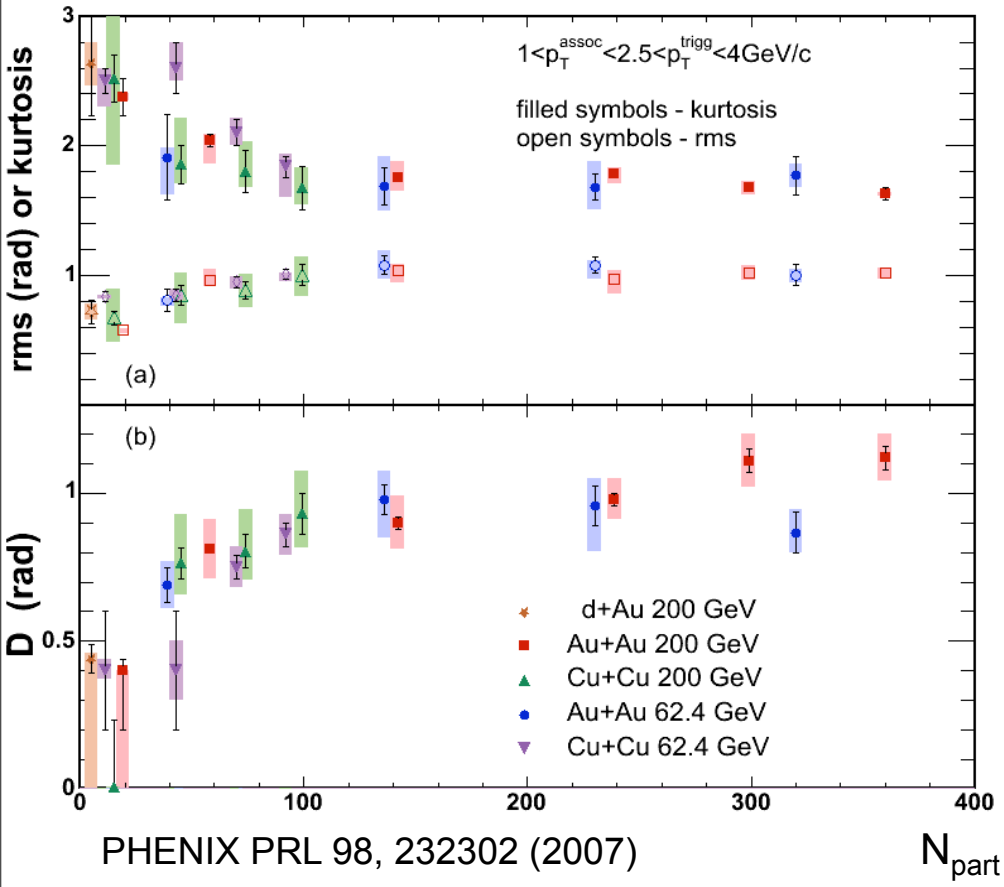

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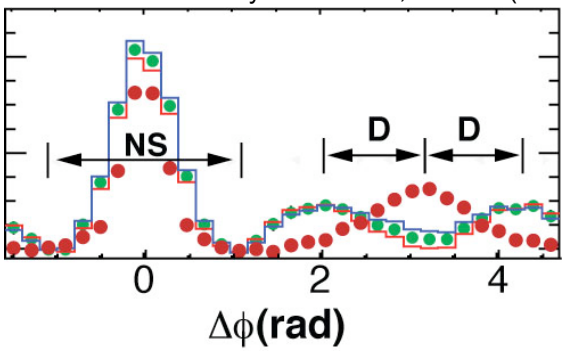

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$$rms \equiv \sqrt{\mu_2}$$

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Separation and width plateau for $N_{part} \geq 100$

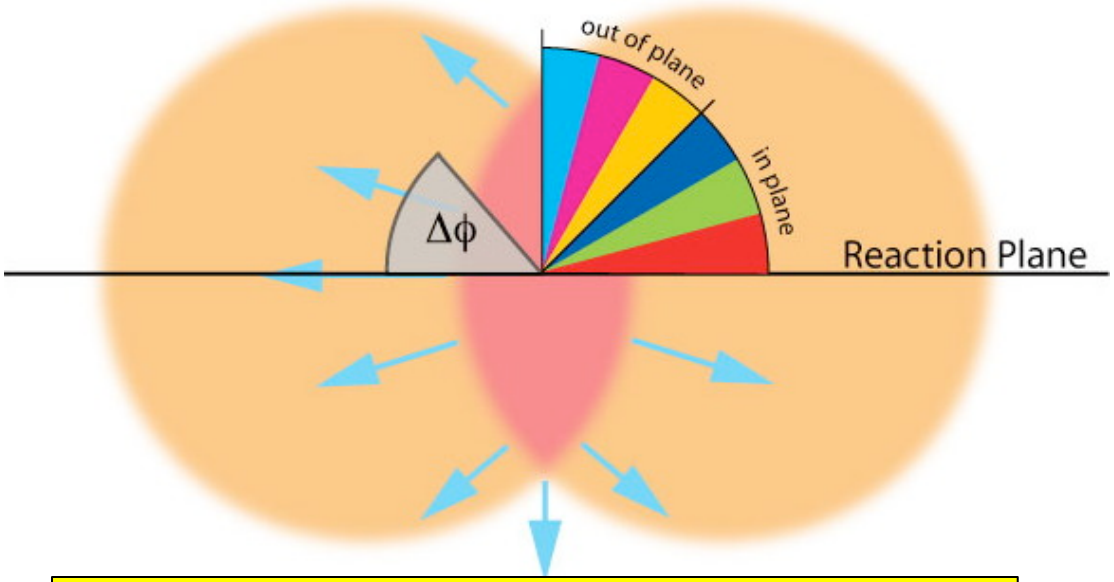
Shoulder due to away side jet interacting with medium

Path length dependencies

Non-central events have “elliptic” overlap geometries

Measurements w.r.t reaction plane angle:

- Change path length
- Keep everything else same



Isolate effects due to path length

Path length effect on di-hadron correlation

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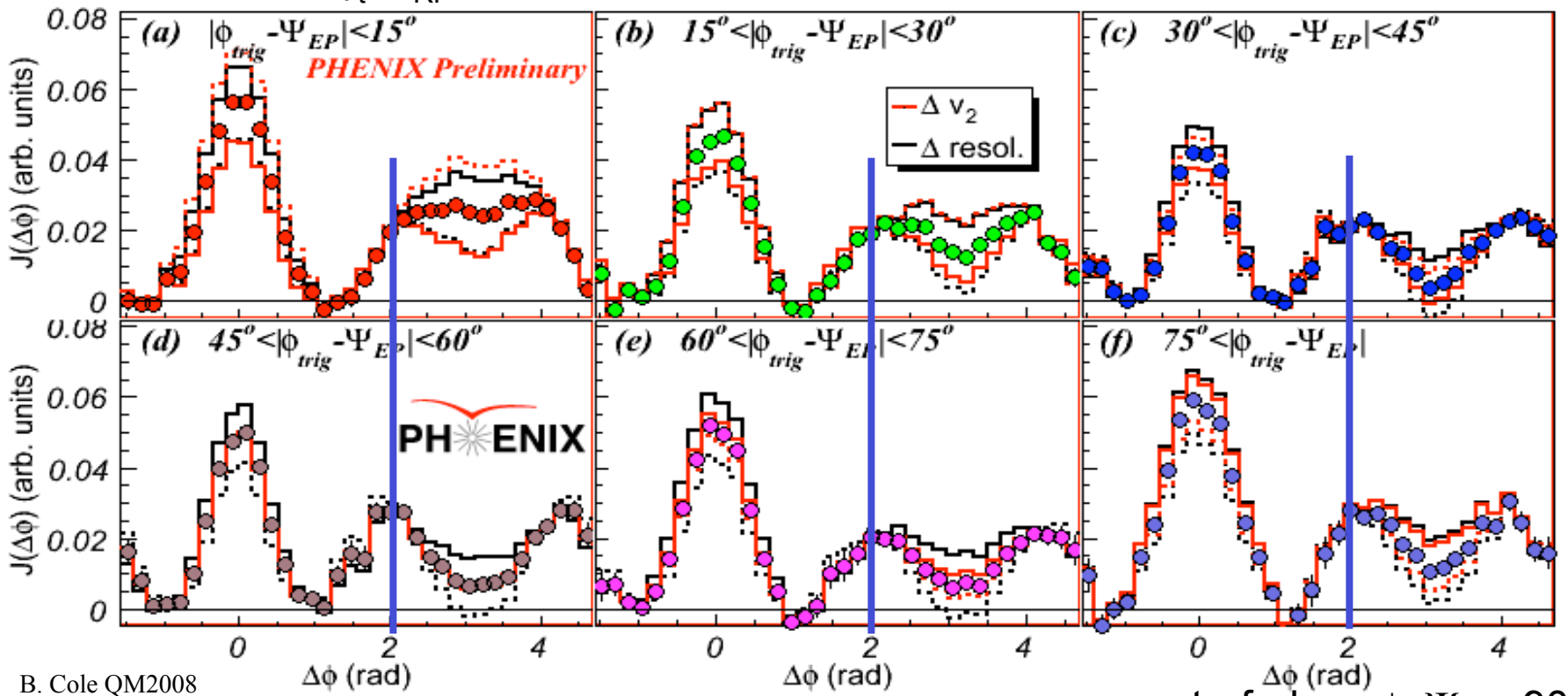

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out-of-plane ϕ_t-Ψ_{RP}=90°

- Near side peak unchanged
- Shoulder peaks emerge as ϕ_t - Ψ increases but are at fixed $\Delta\phi$
- Head peak (di-jet remnant) decreases as ϕ_t - Ψ_{RP} increases

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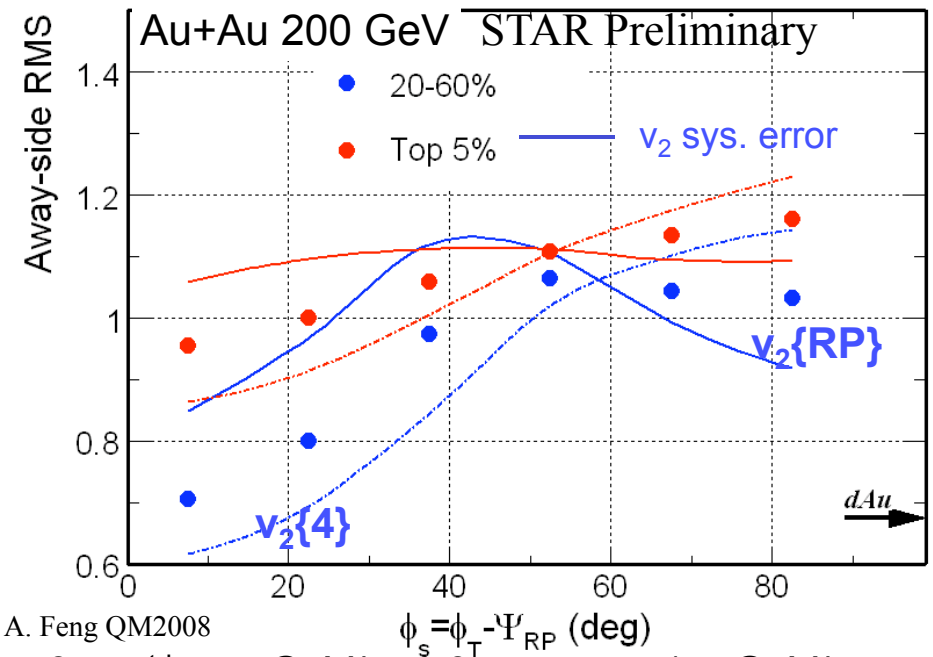

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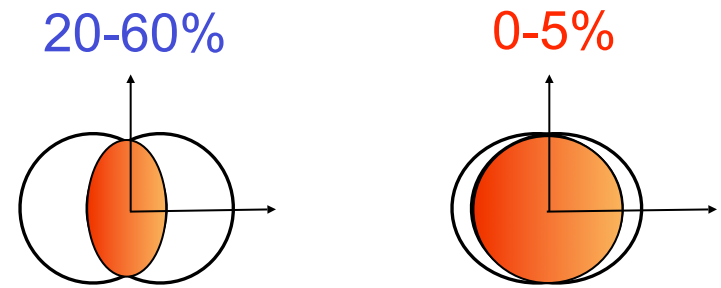

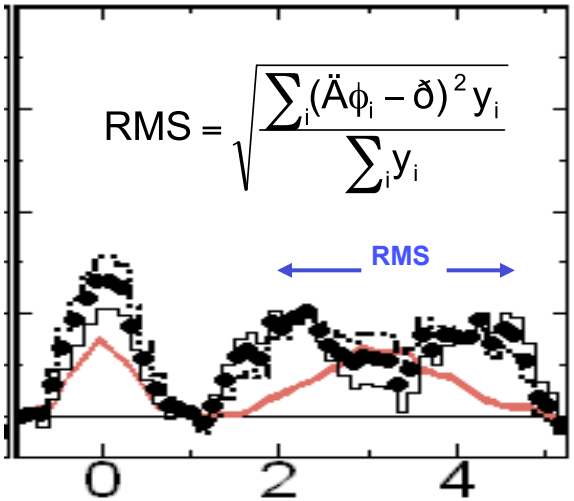

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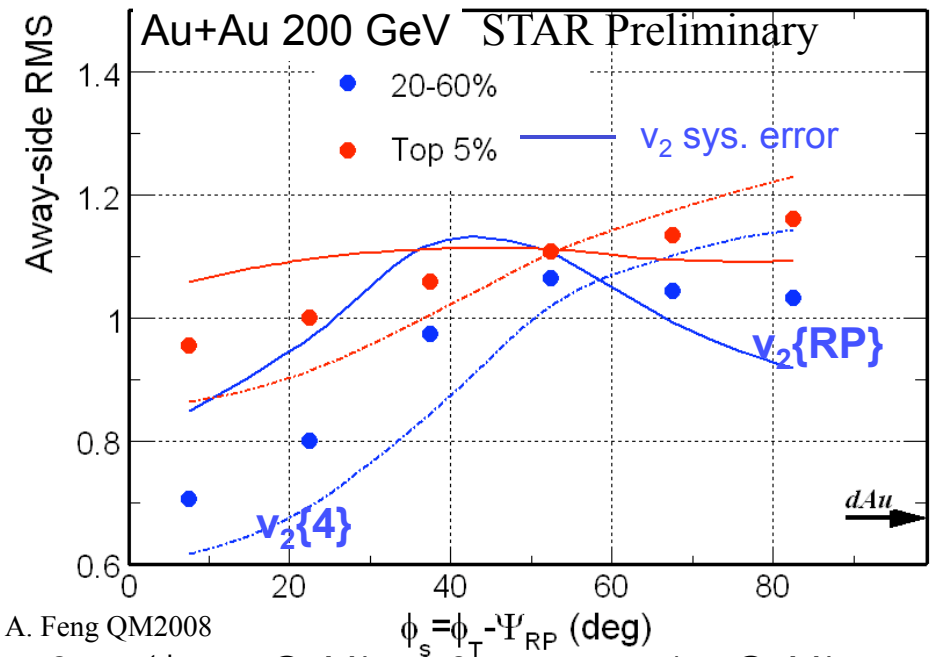

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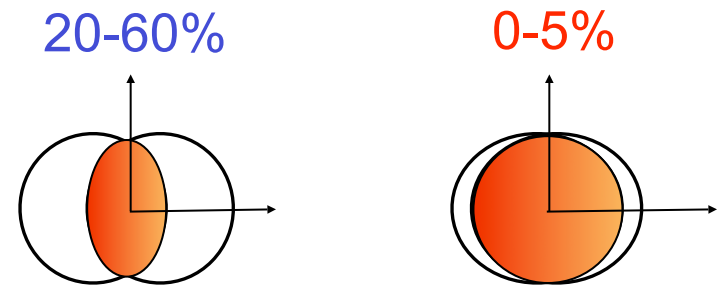

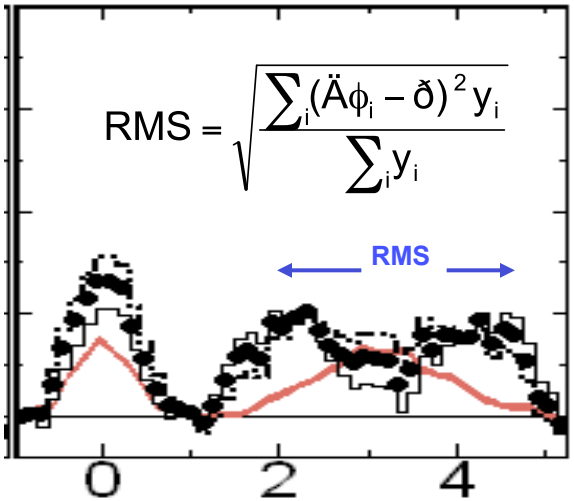

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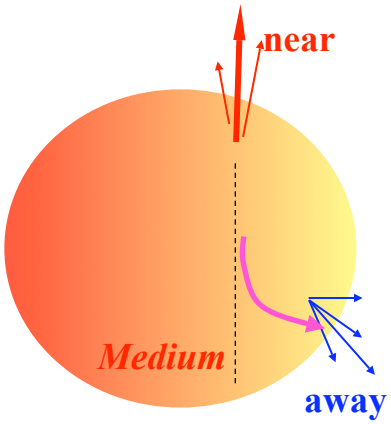

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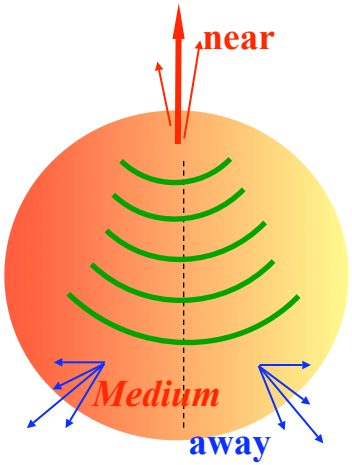

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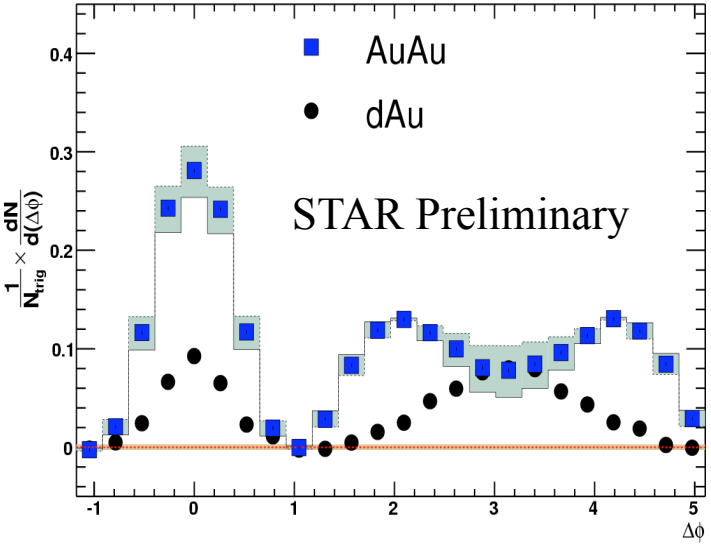

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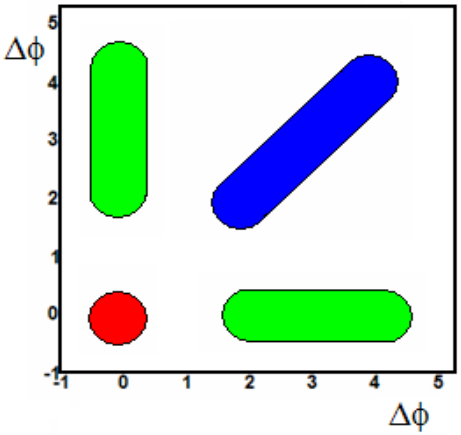

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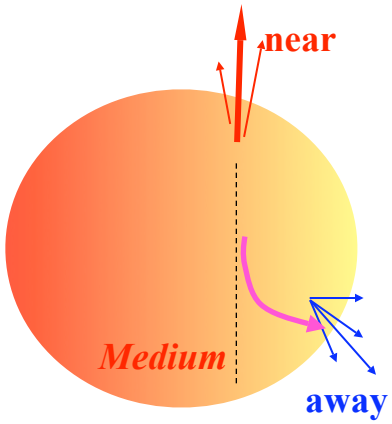

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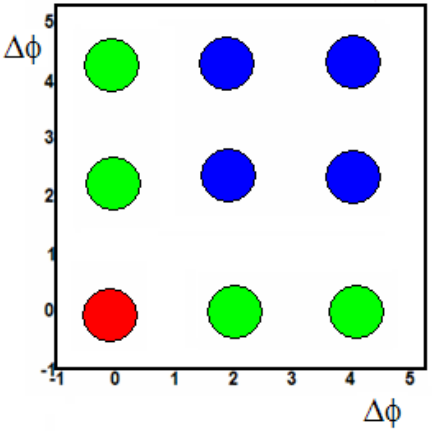

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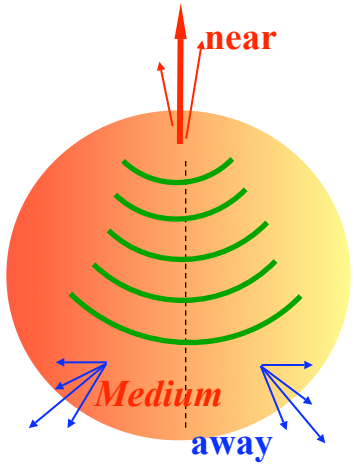

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Two component approach:

- Correlated to trigger (jets..)
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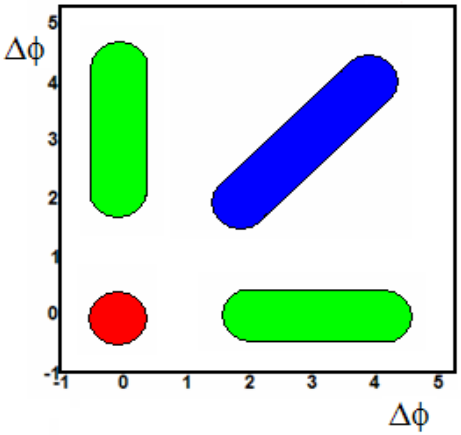

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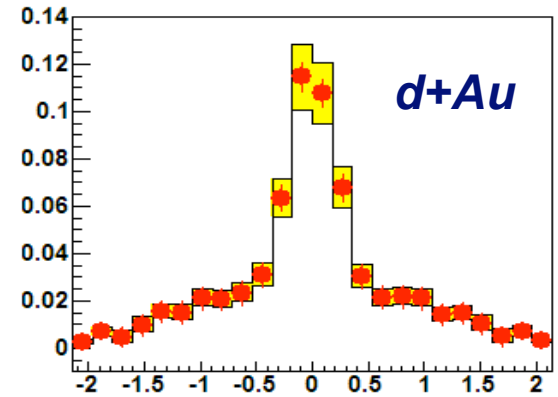

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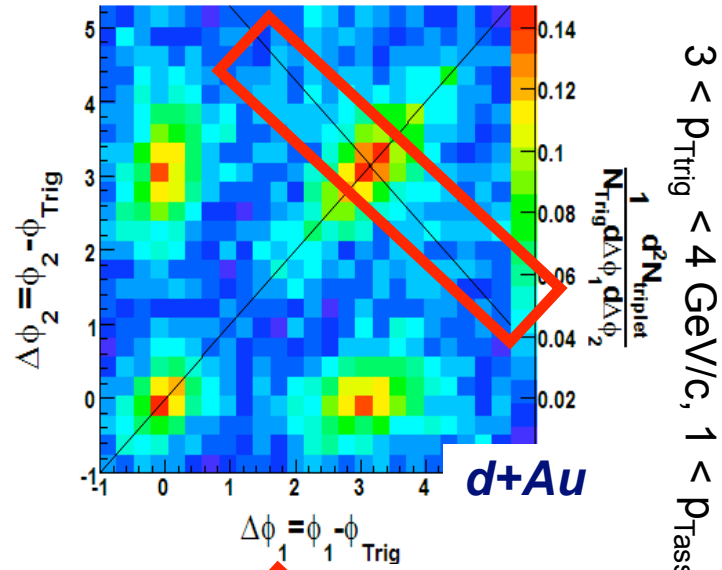

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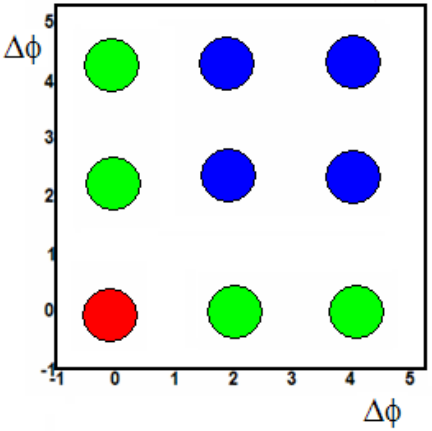

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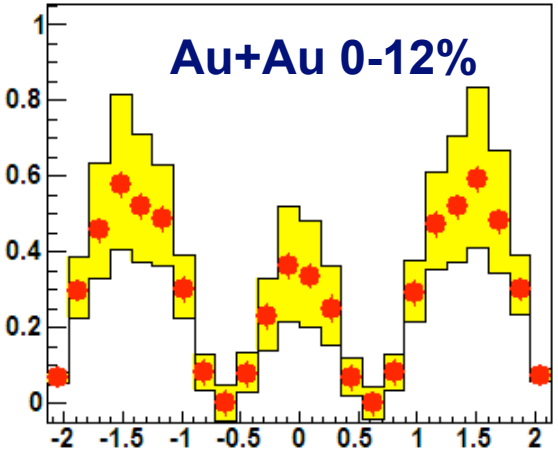

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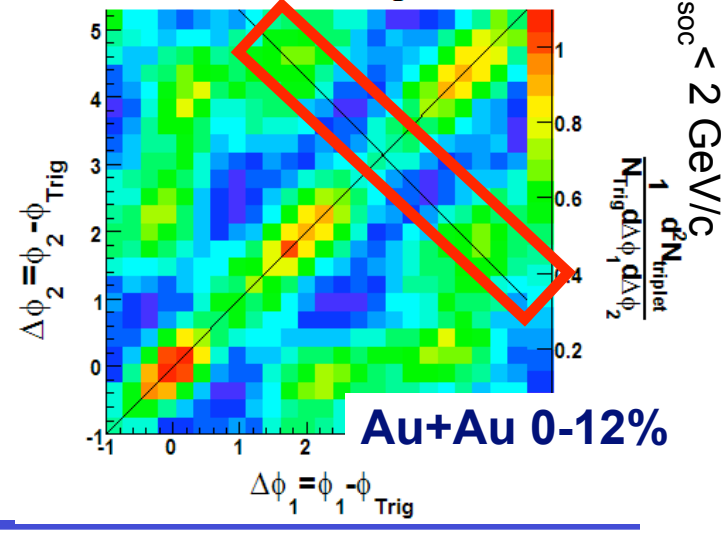

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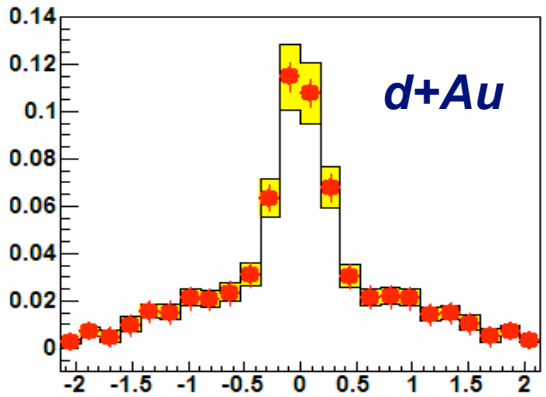

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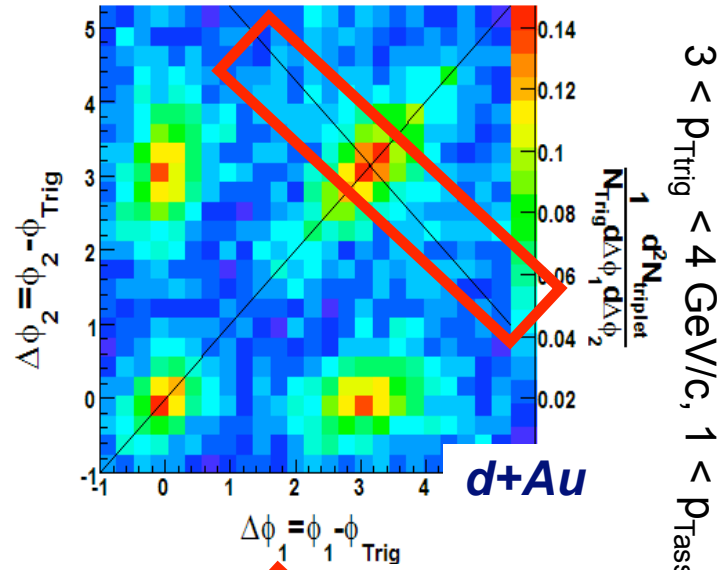

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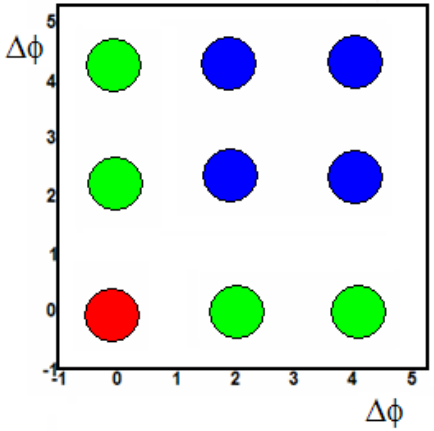

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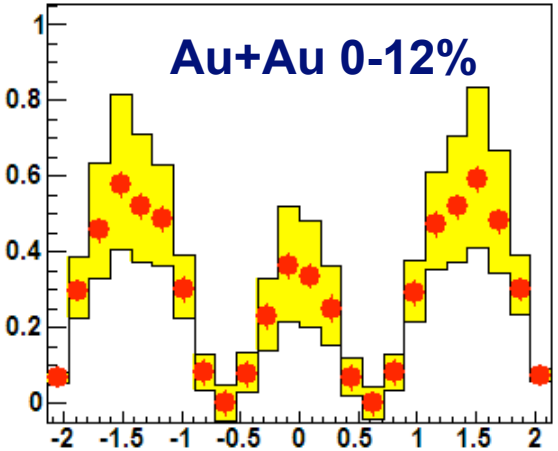

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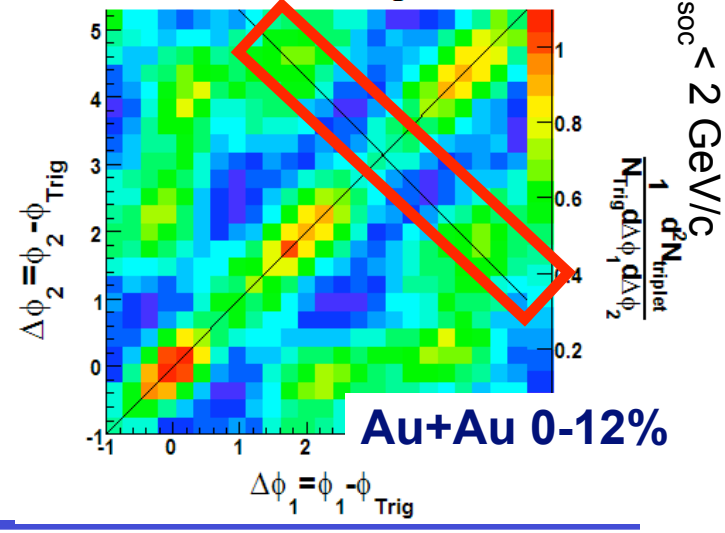

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$$= \frac{c}{n(p)v_{parton}}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{n(p)}$$

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Conical Emission Theories

- Mach-cone:
  - Can be produced in different theories:
    - Hydrodynamics
      - H. Stöcker et al. (Nucl.Phys.A750:121,2005)
      - J. Casalderra-Solana et. al. (Nucl.Phys.A774:577,2006)
      - T. Renk & J. Ruppert (Phys.Rev.C73:011901,(2006))
    - Colored plasma
      - J. Ruppert & B. Müller (Phys.Lett.B618:123,2005)
    - AdS/CFT
      - S. Gubser, S. Pufu, A. Yarom. (arXiv:0706.4307v1, 2007)
- Čerenkov Gluon Radiation:
  - I.M. Dremin (Nucl. Phys. A750: 233, 2006)
  - V. Koch et. al. (Phys. ReV. Lett. 96, 172302, 2006)
- Parton Cascade:
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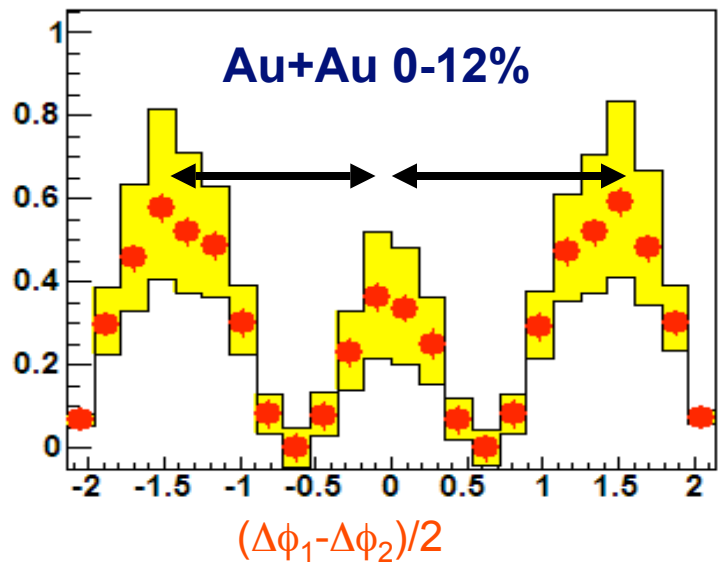

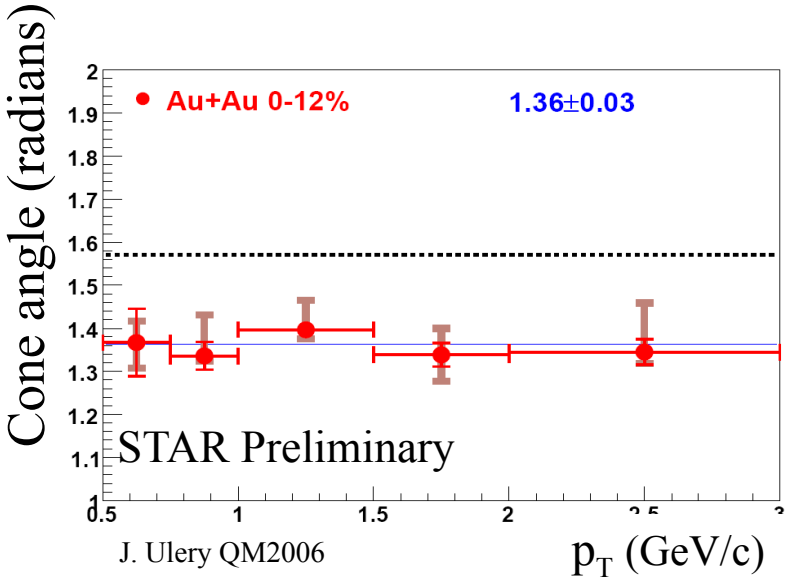

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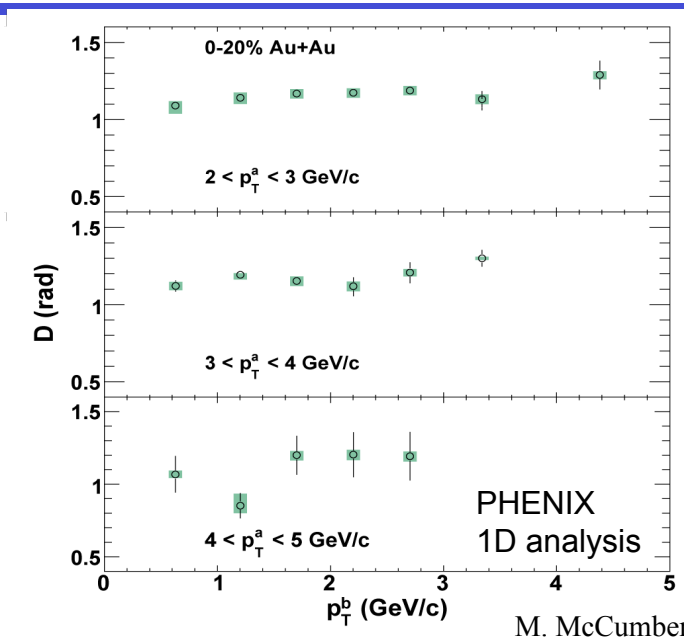

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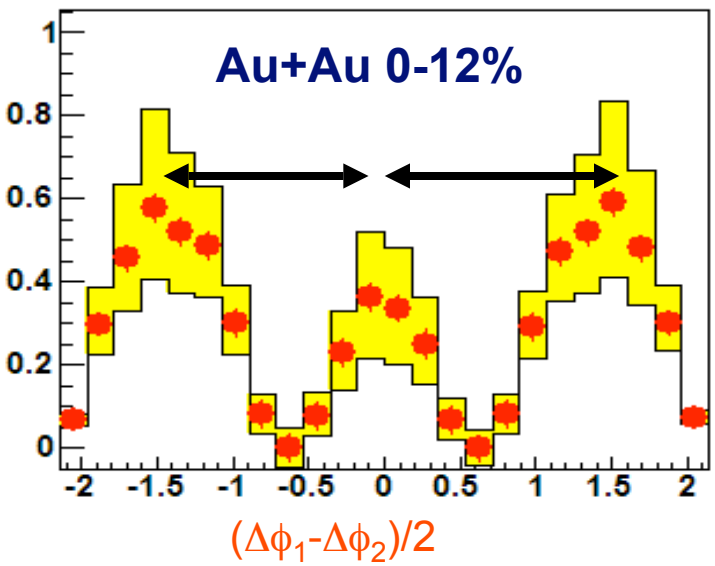

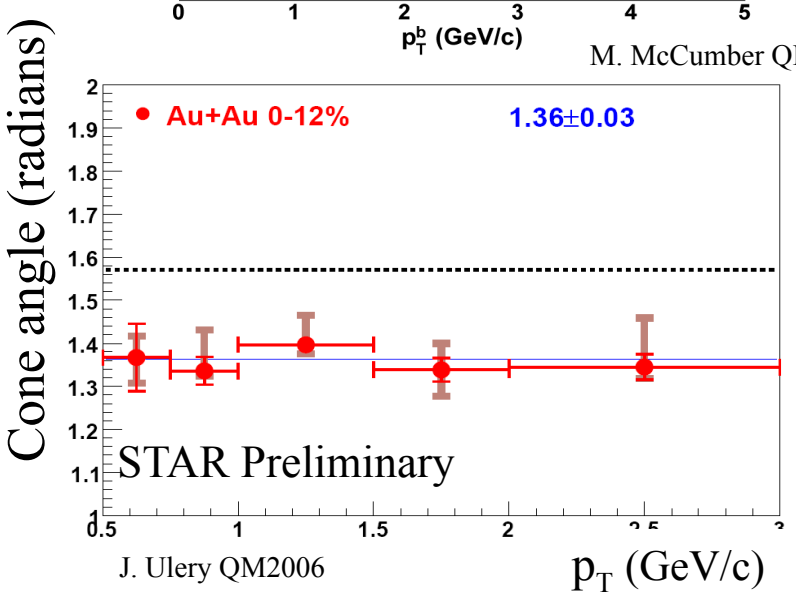

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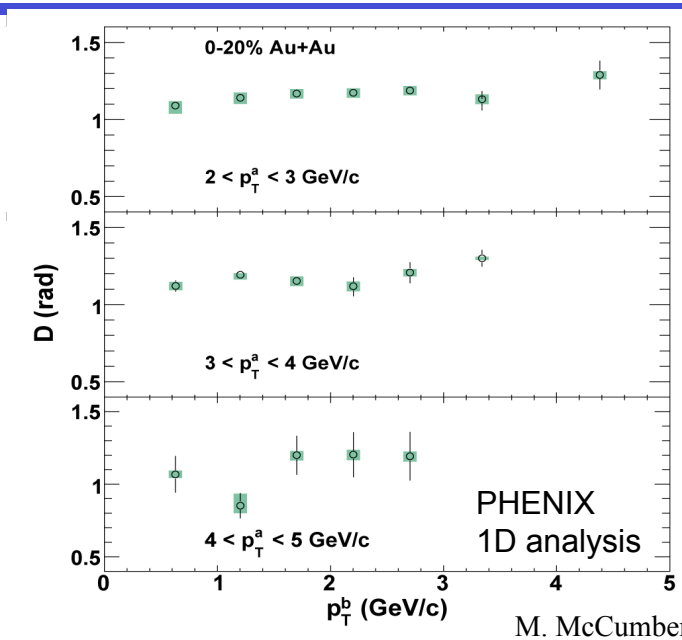

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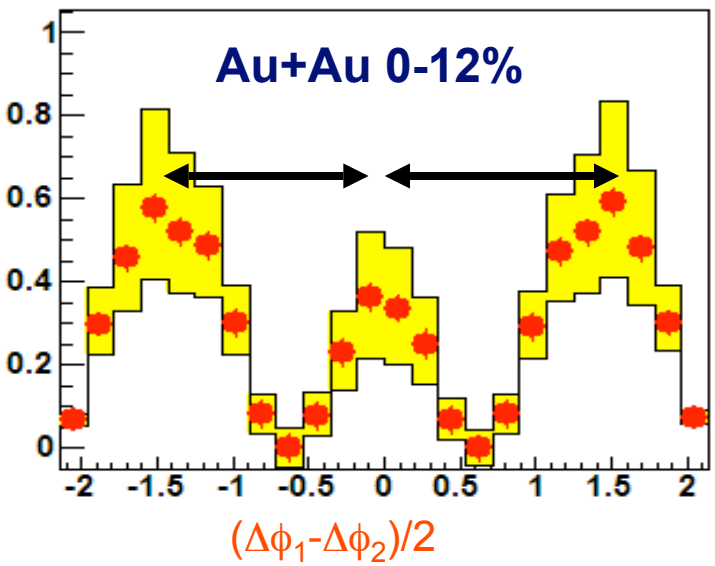

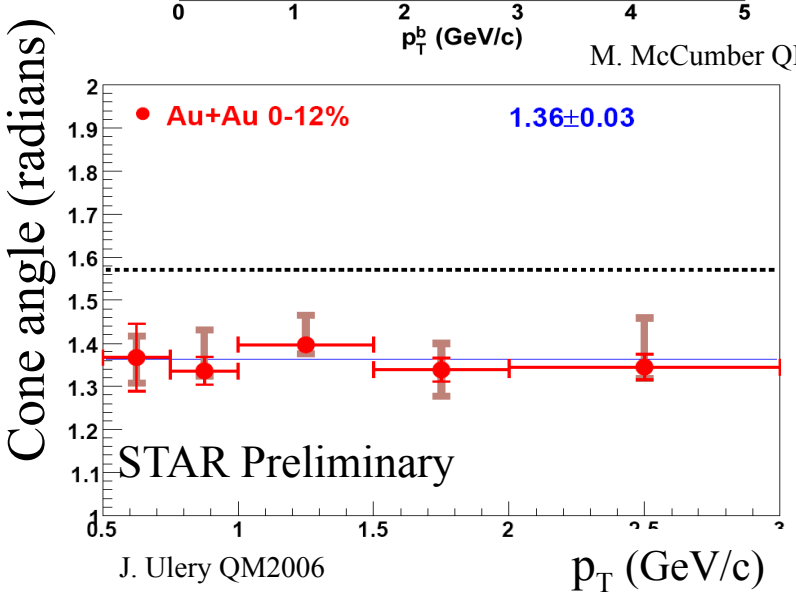

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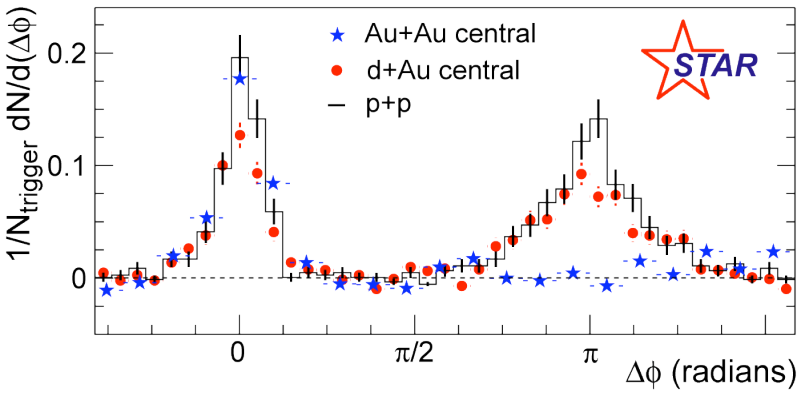

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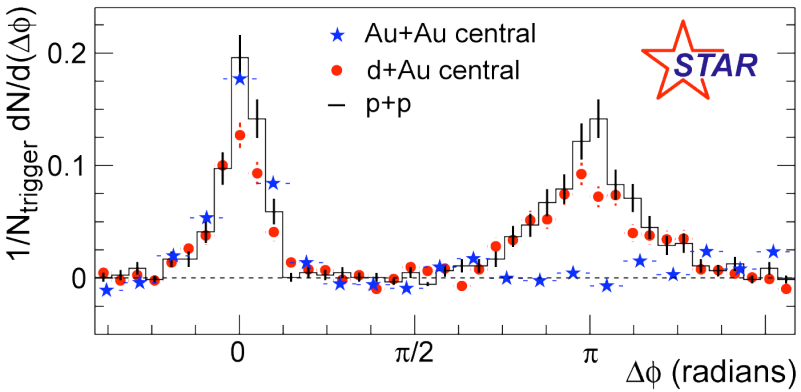

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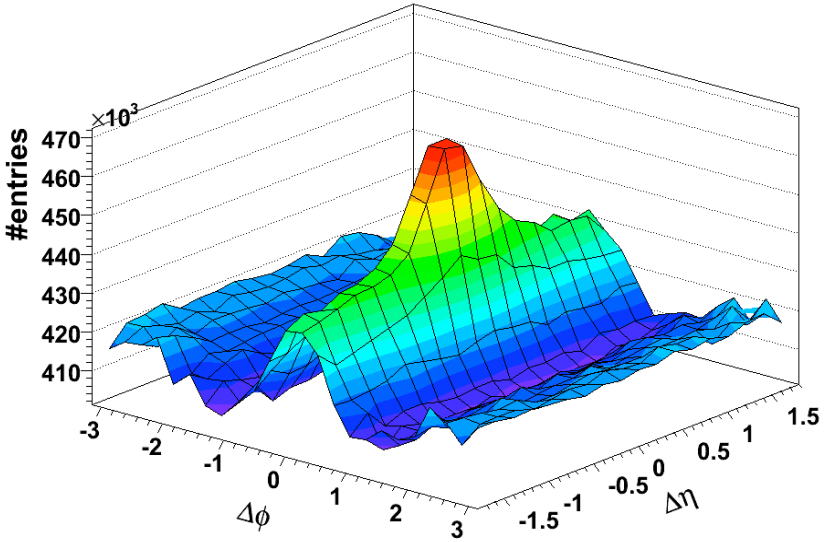

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– the "Ridge"

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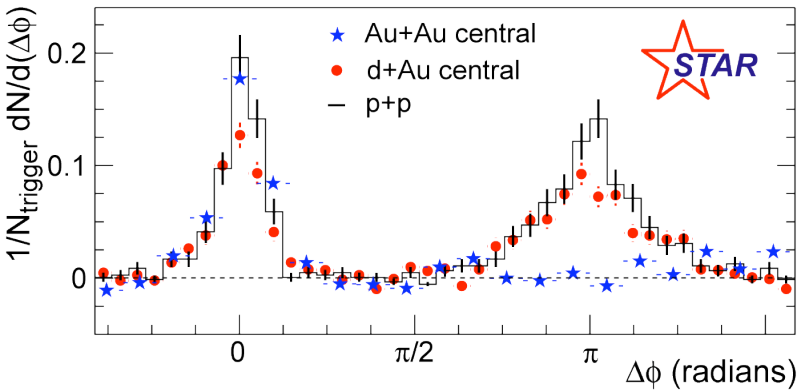

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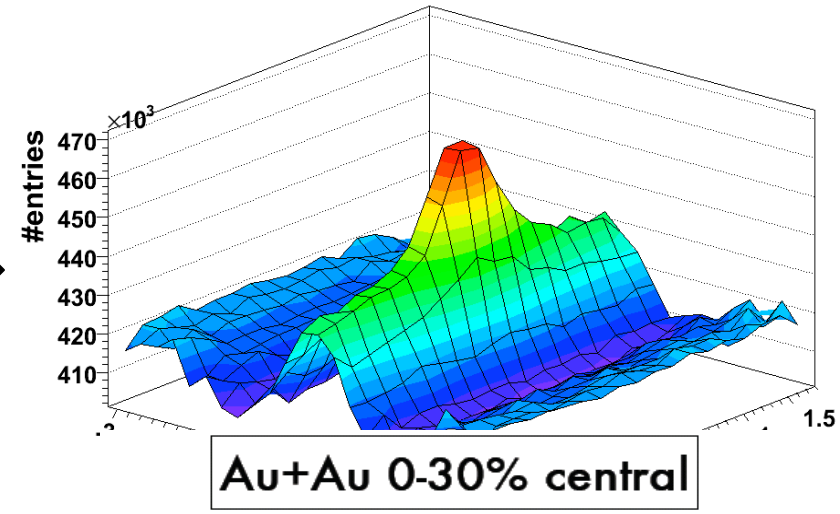

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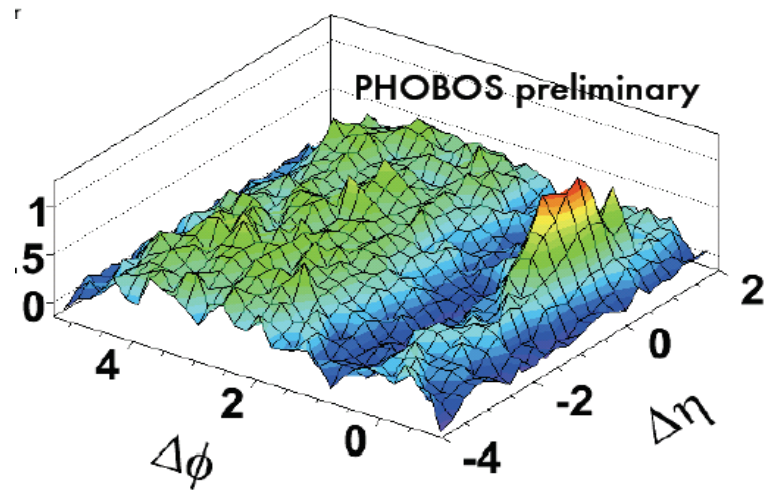


Some possible explanations of the ridge

Recombination between thermal and shower partons at intermediate p_T

R.C. Hwa & C.B. Chiu Phys. Rev. C 72 (2005) 034903

QCD bremsstrahlung radiation boosted by transverse flow

S.A. Voloshin, Phys. Lett. B 632 (2007) 490
E. Shuryak, hep-ph:0706.3531

In medium radiation and longitudinal flow push

N. Armesto et.al Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2007) 242301

Broadening of quenched jets in turbulent color fields

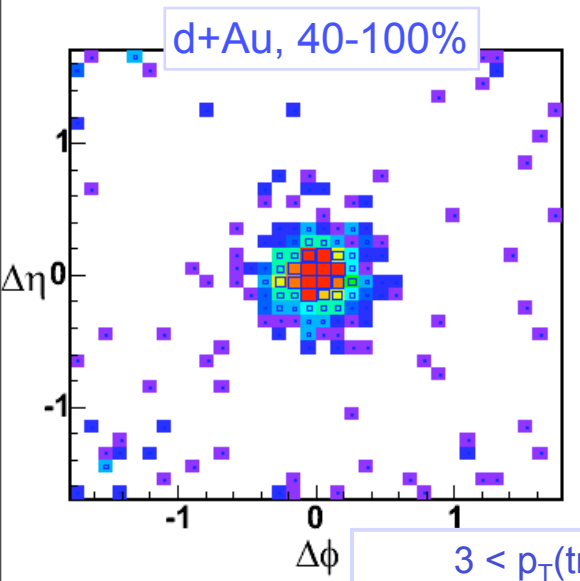
A. Majumder et.al Phys. Rev. Lett. 99 (2004) 042301

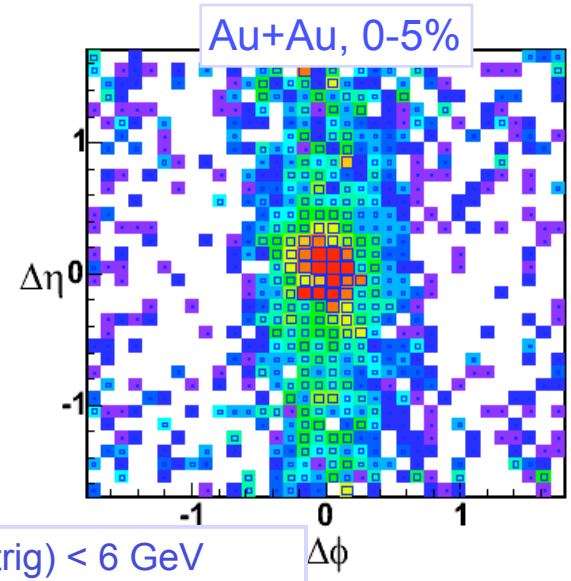
Momentum Kick Model

C.Y. Wong hep-ph:0712.3282

All qualitatively consistent with the features of the ridge

Path length dependence of the ridge





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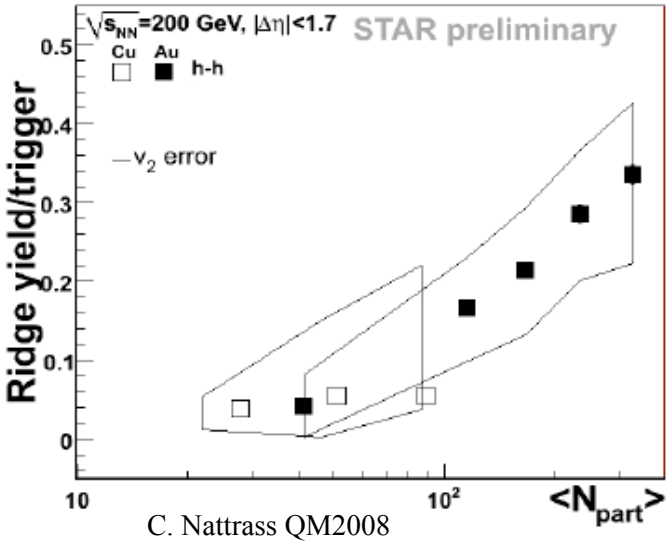

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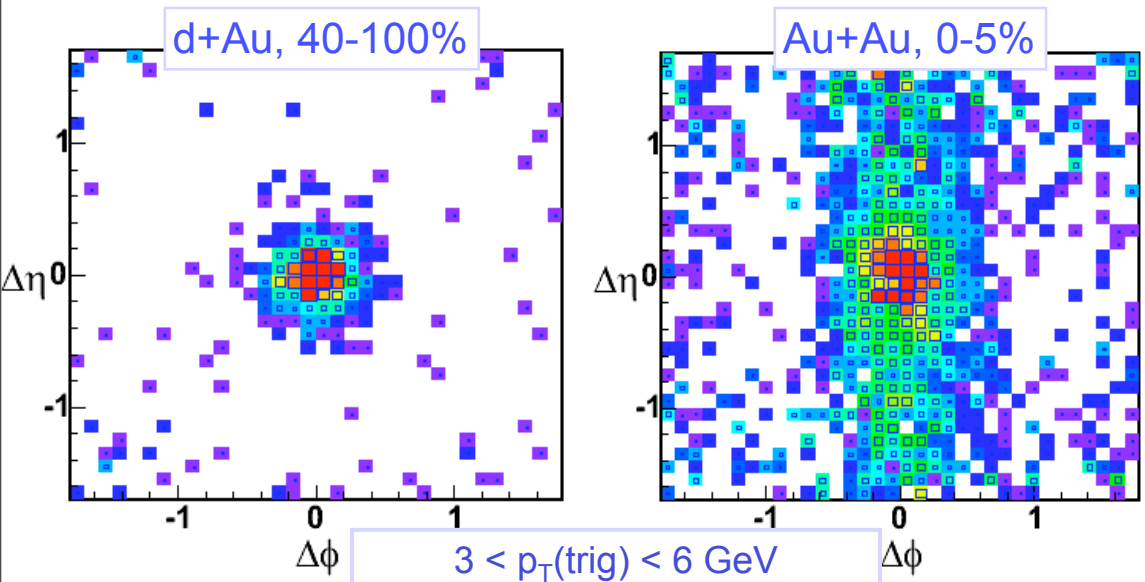

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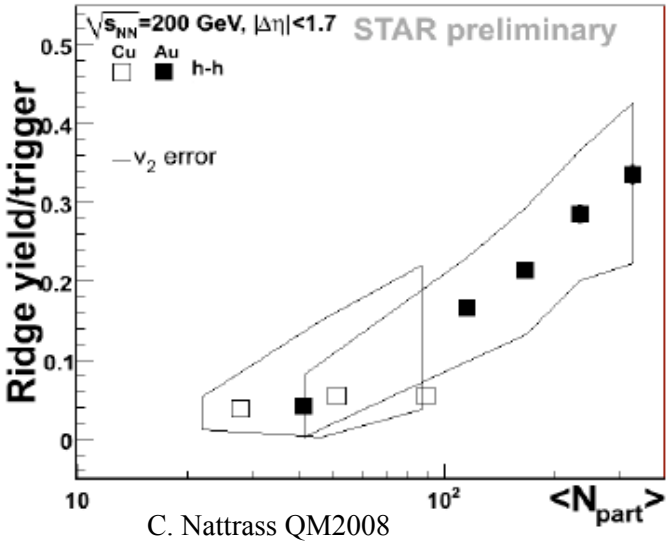

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Ridge: Increases with N_{part}
Independent of colliding system
Decreases with $\phi_t - \Psi$

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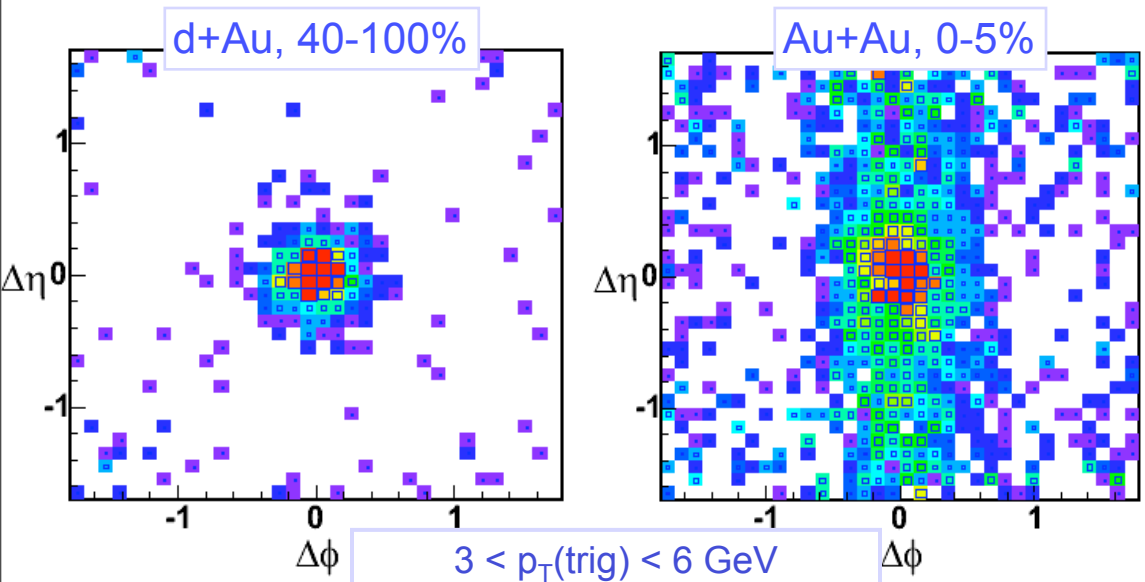

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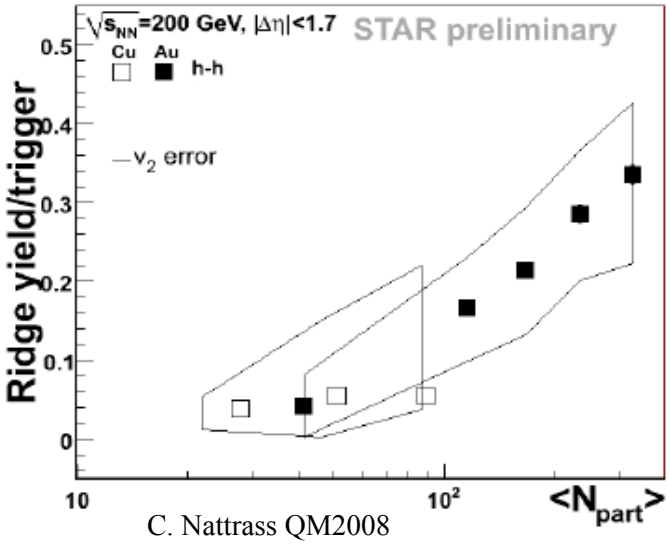

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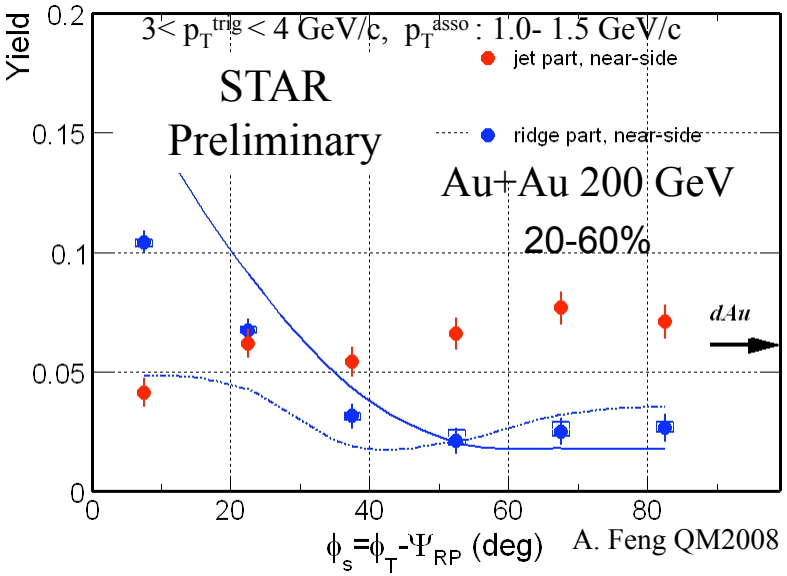

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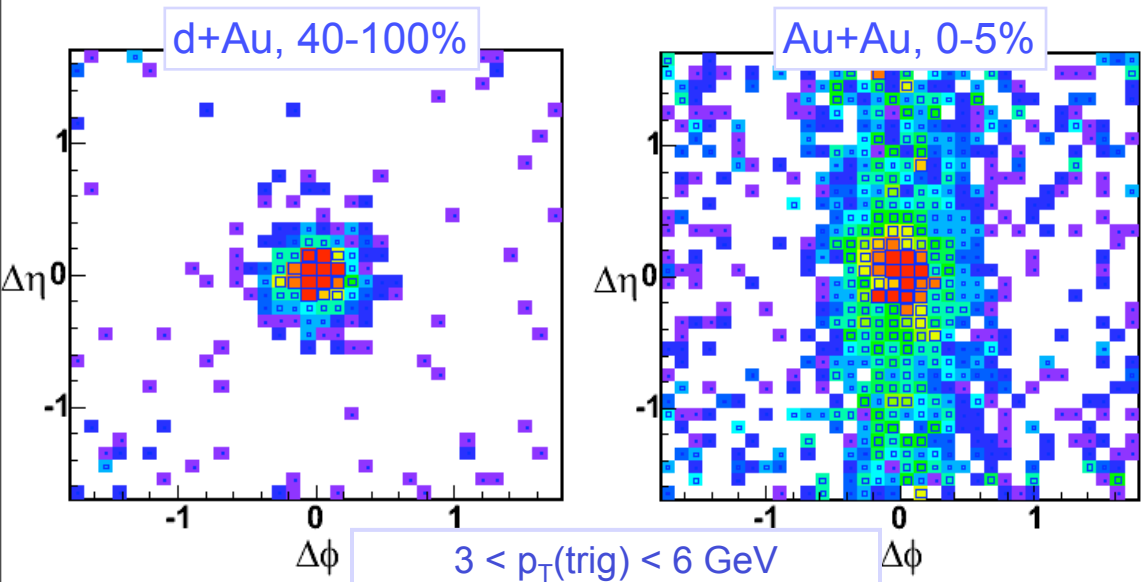

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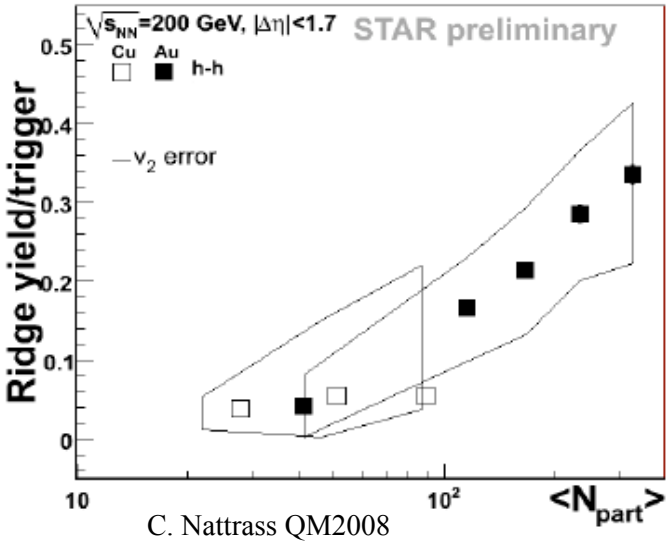

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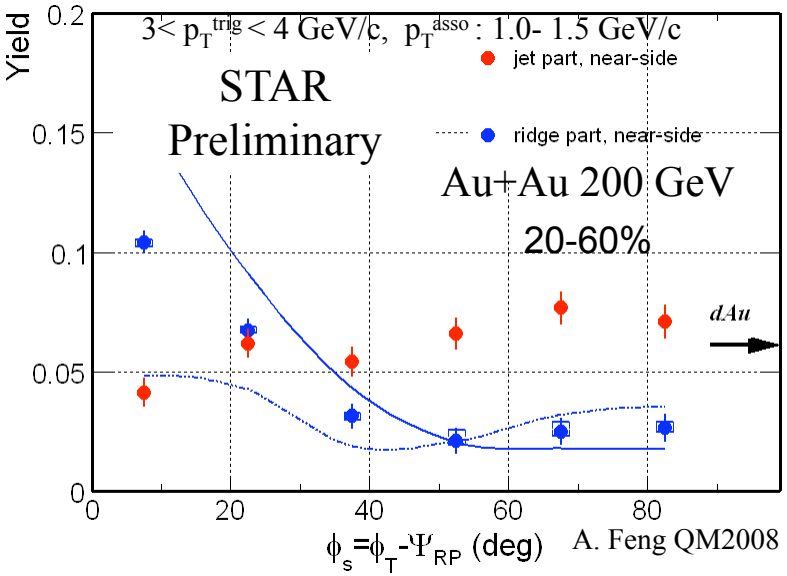

Parton interacts with medium (ridge) and then vacuum fragments (jet)?

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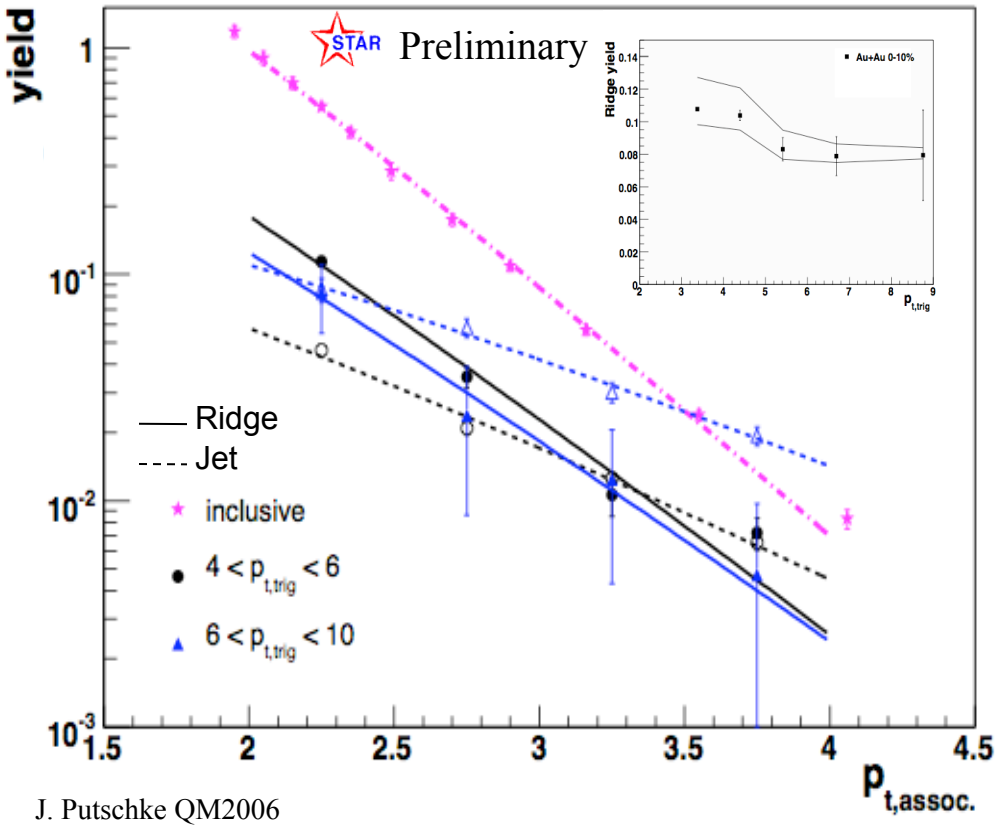

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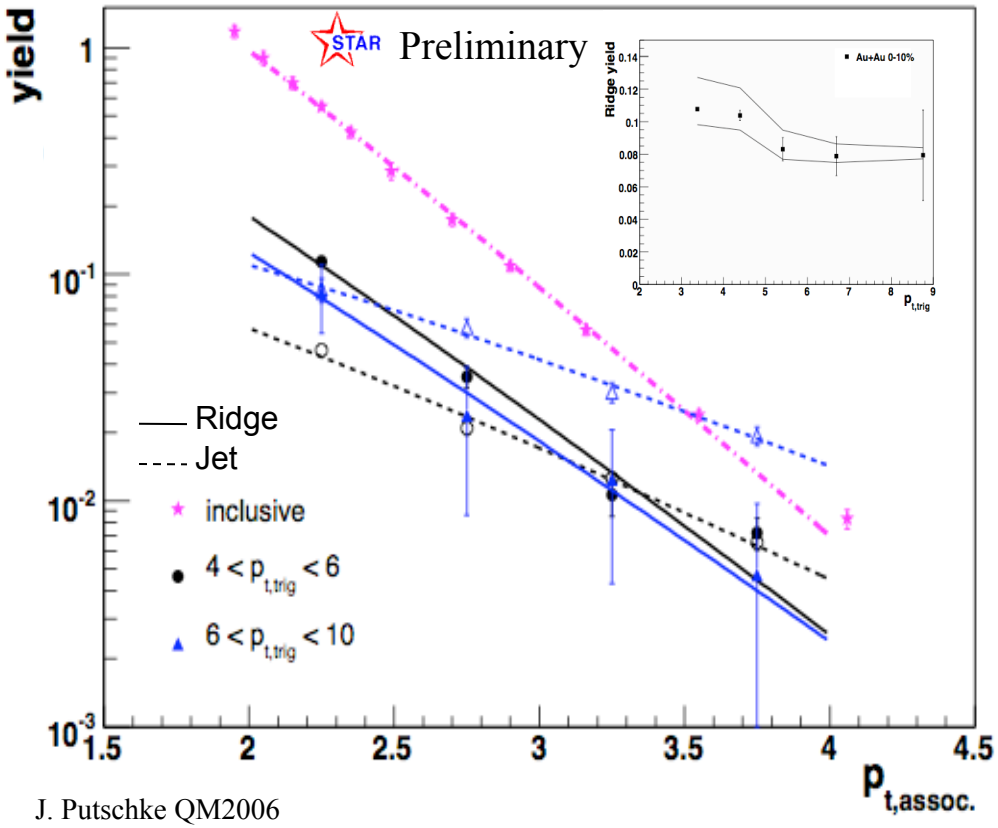

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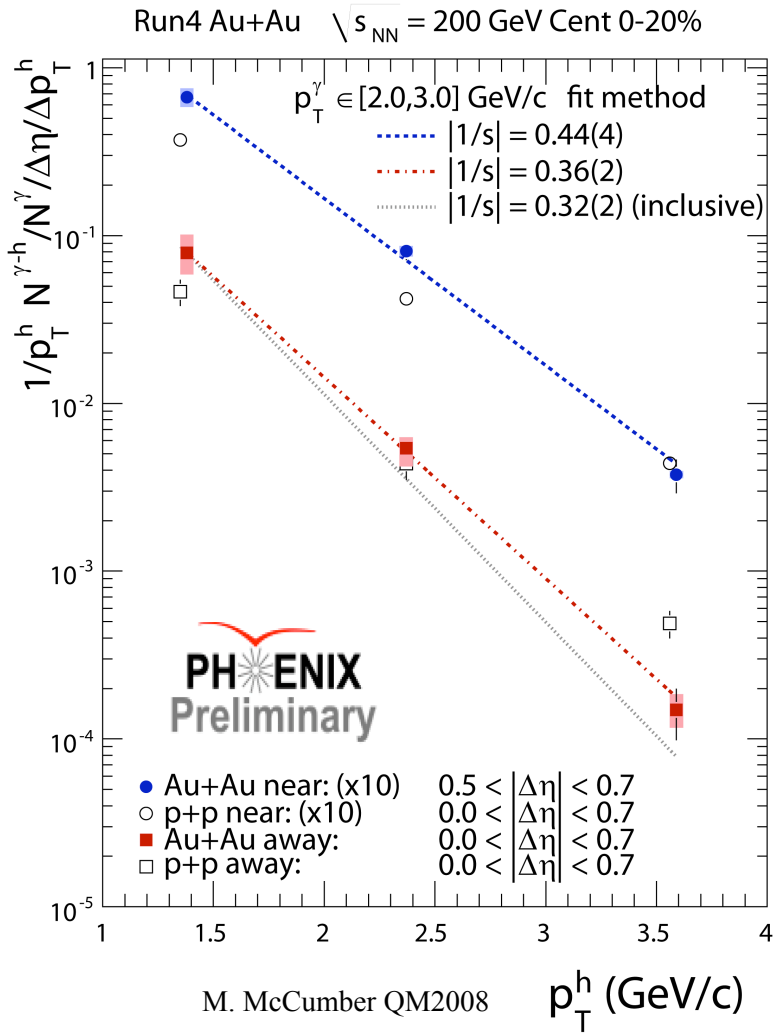

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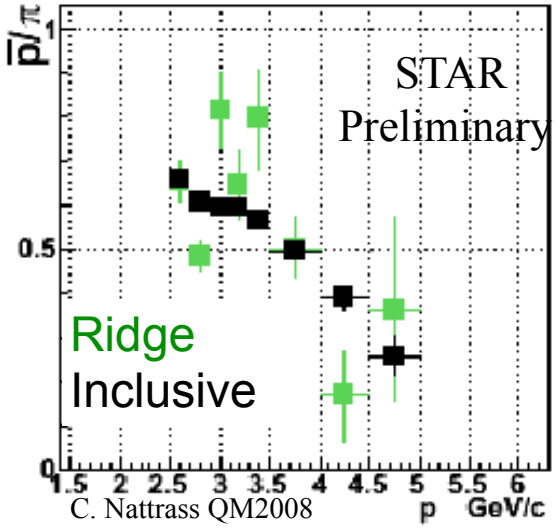

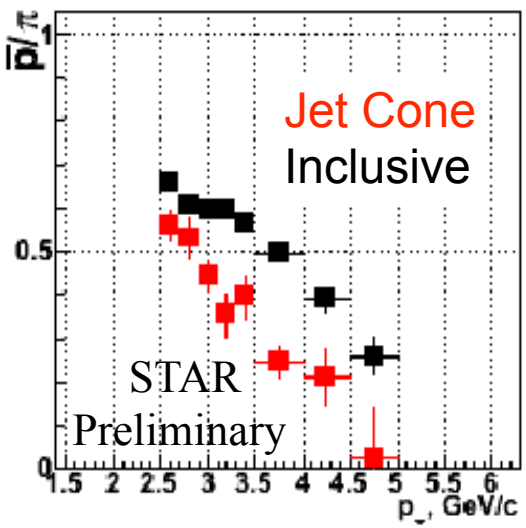

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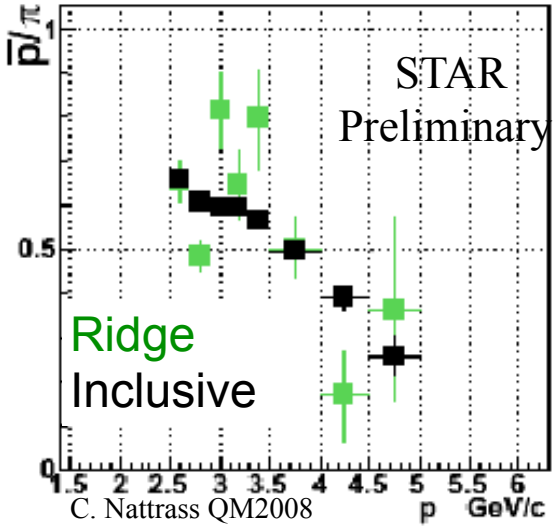

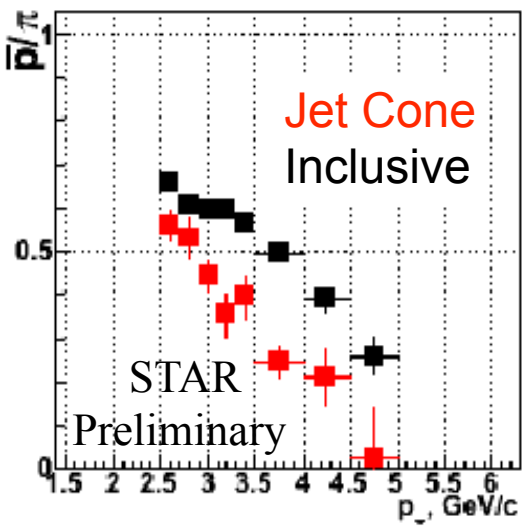

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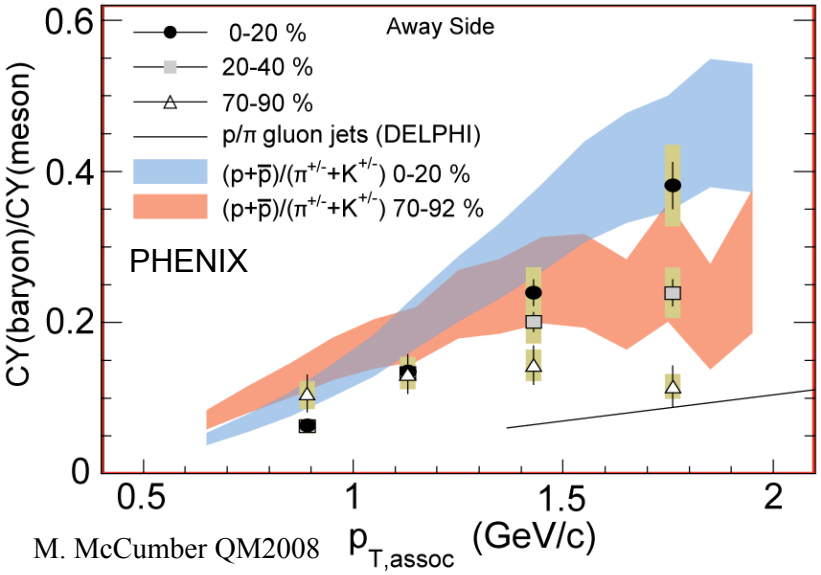

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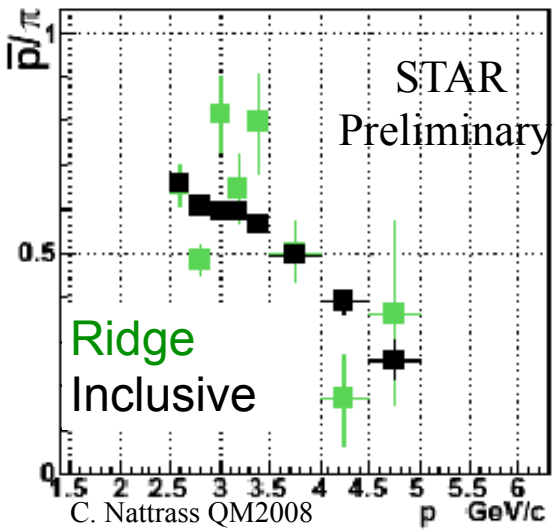

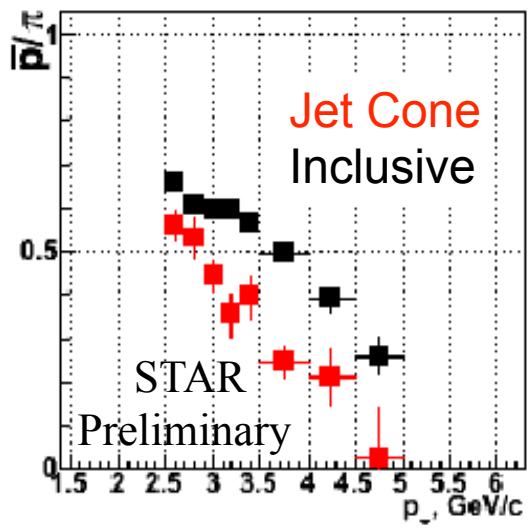

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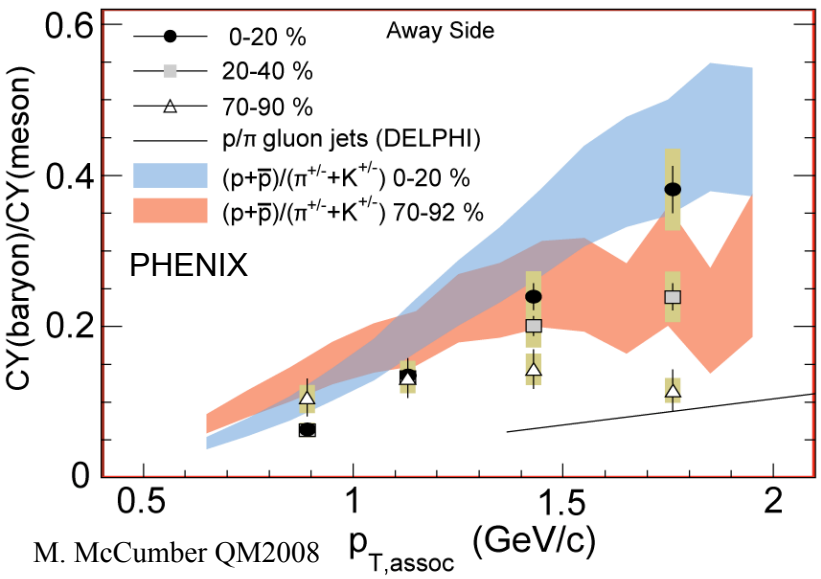

Ridge and Shoulder similar properties
NOT vacuum fragmentation

Energy lost by jet partons seems to be re-distributed into the medium and freezes out in similar fashion

Un-triggered pair correlations

Method: measure pair densities $\rho(\eta_1-\eta_2,\varphi_1-\varphi_2)$ for *all possible pairs* in same and mixed events.

Define correlation measure as:

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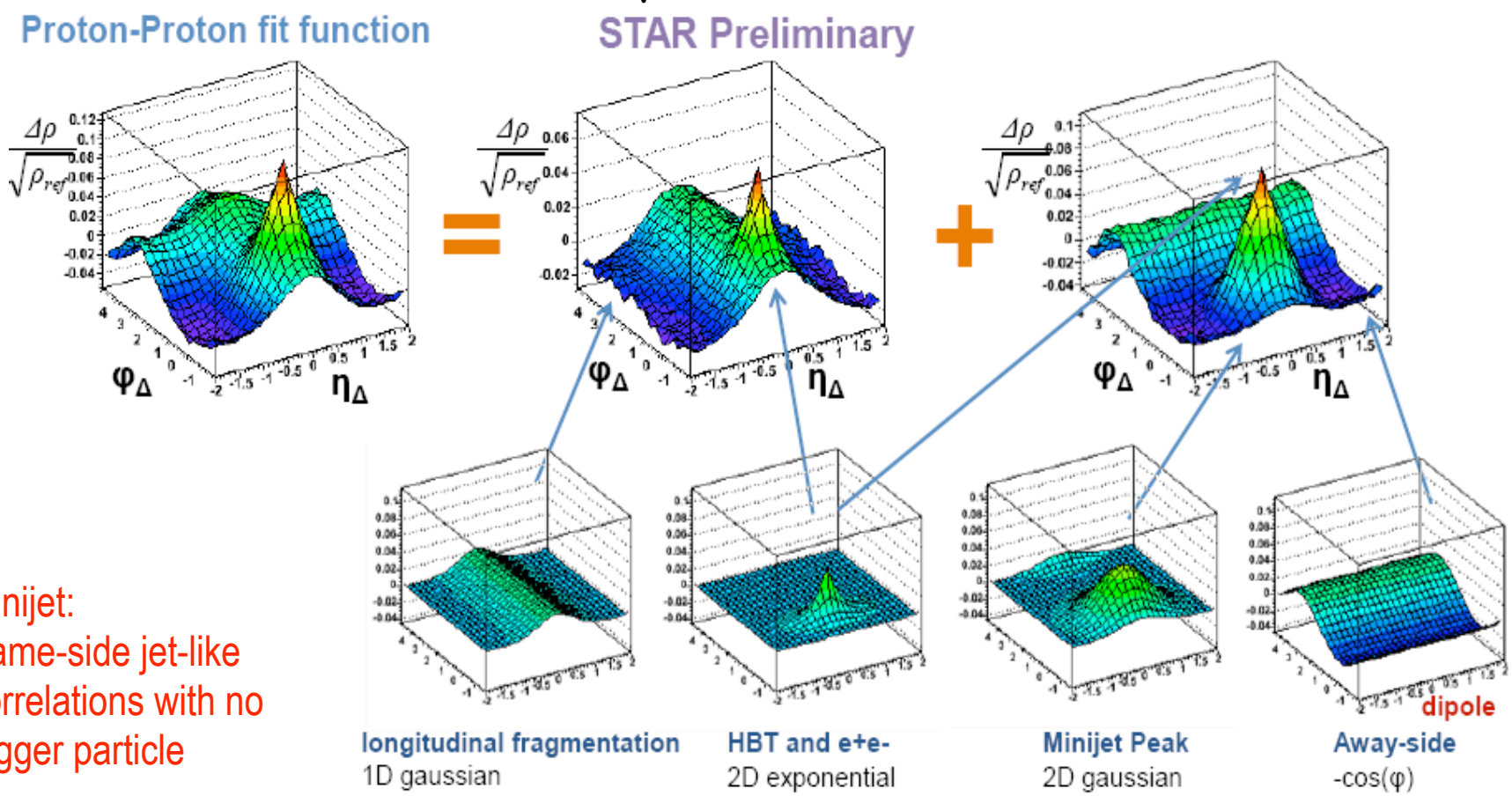

Minijet:
Same-side jet-like correlations with no trigger particle

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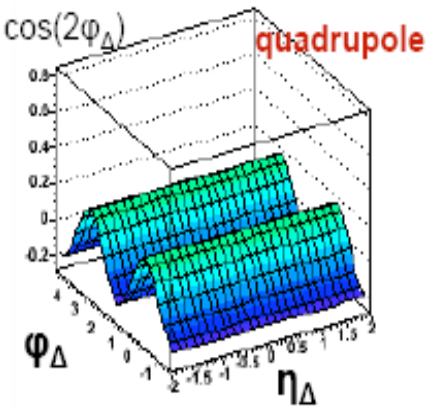

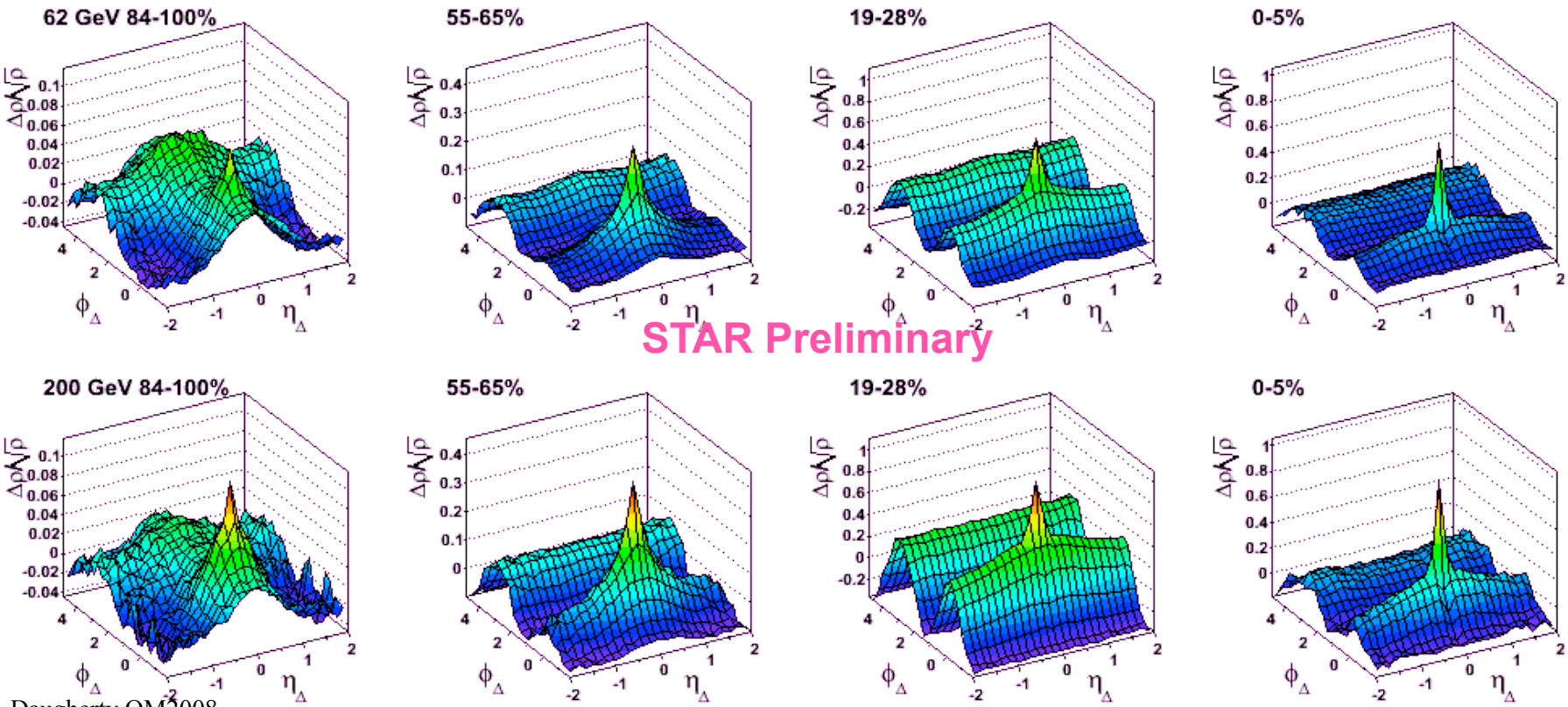

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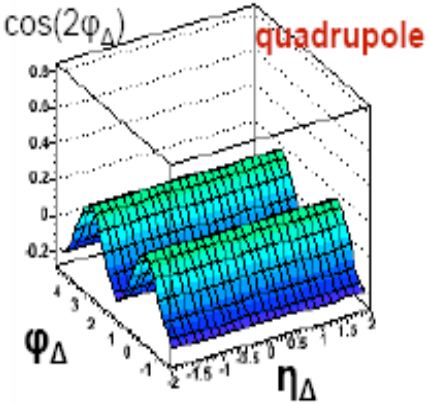

Small residual indicates goodness of fit

Fit residual = data - model

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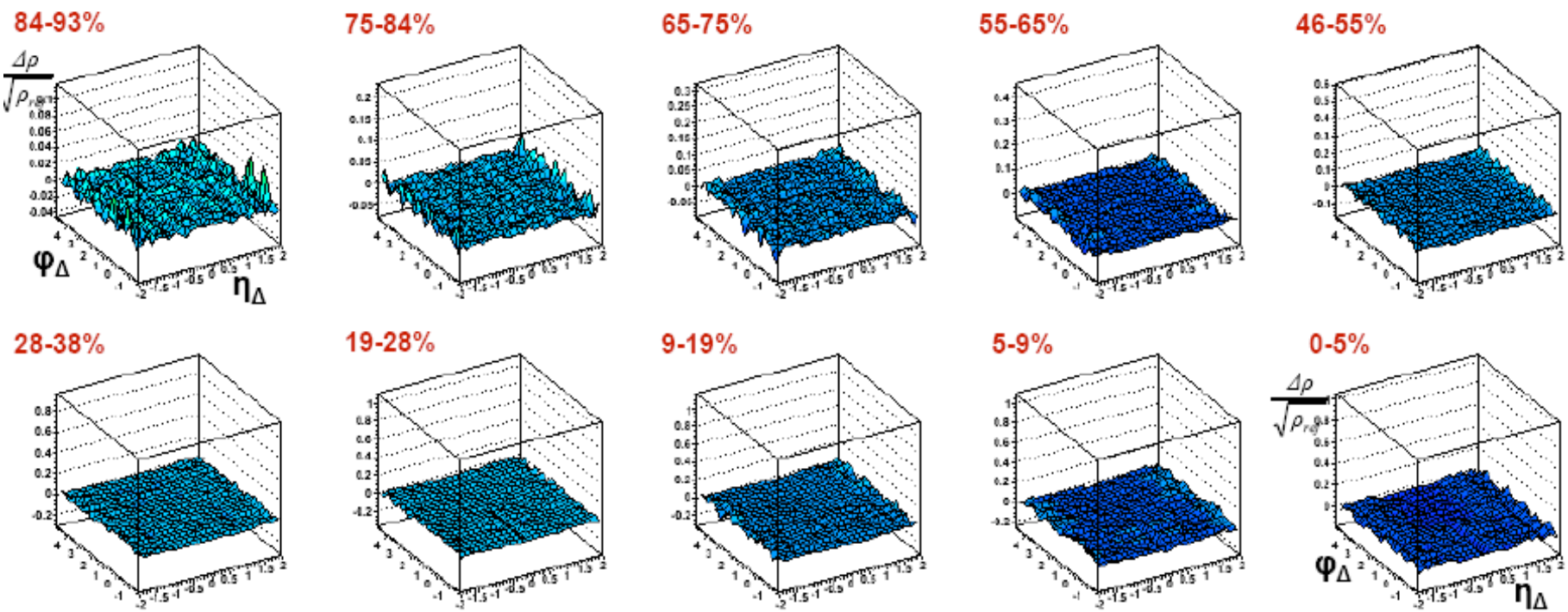

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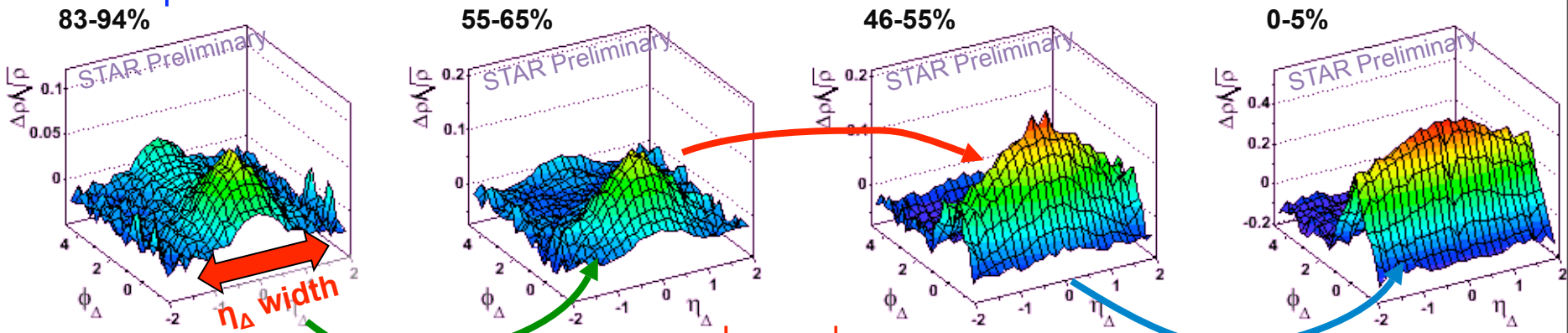

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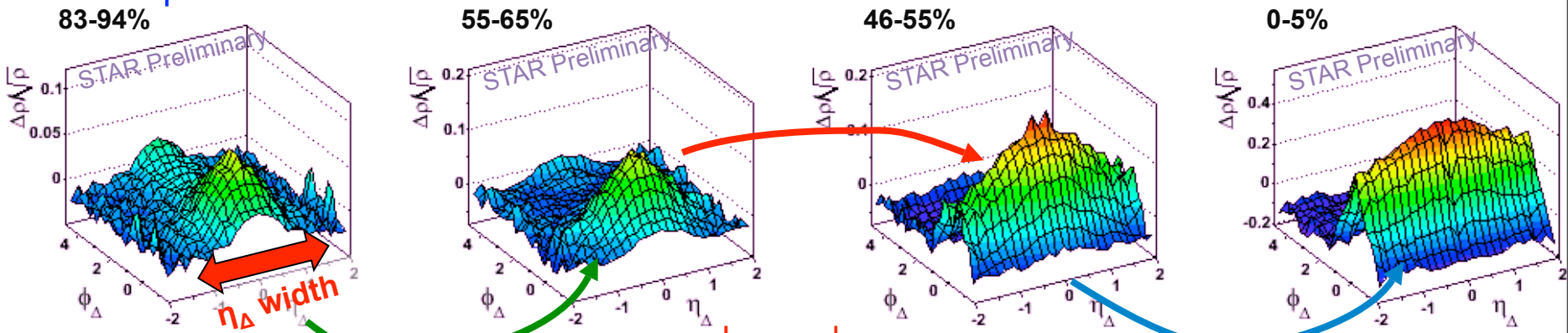

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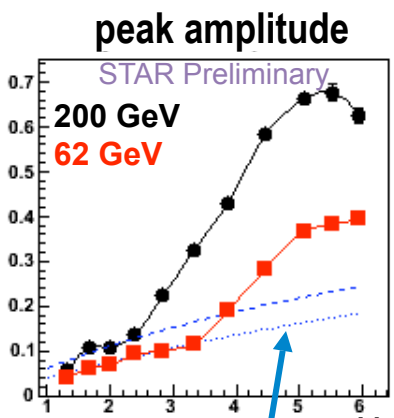

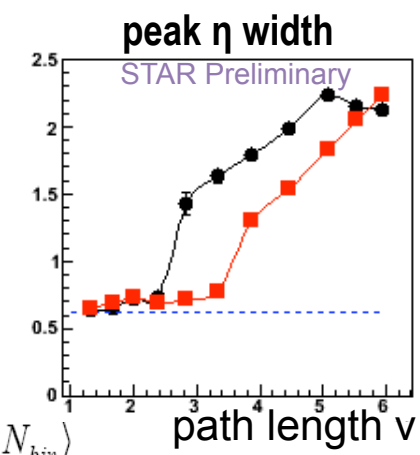

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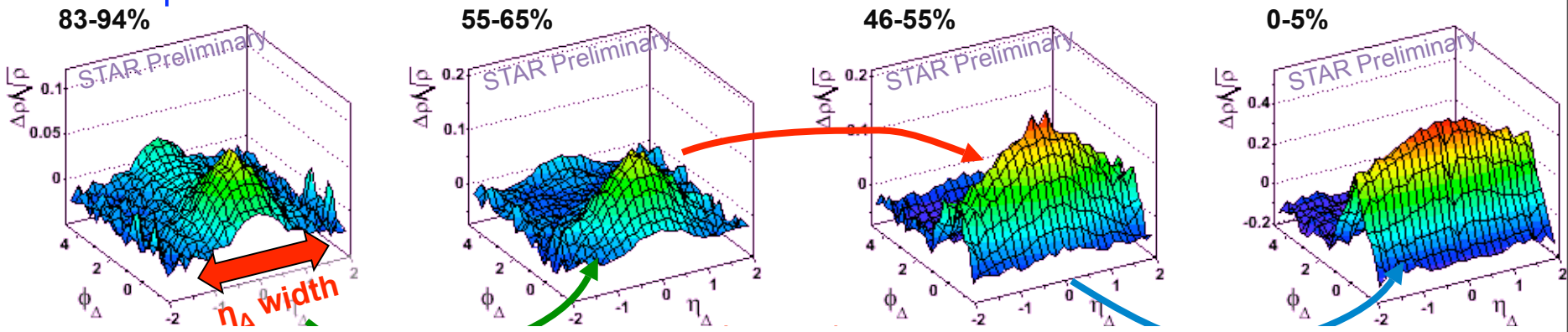
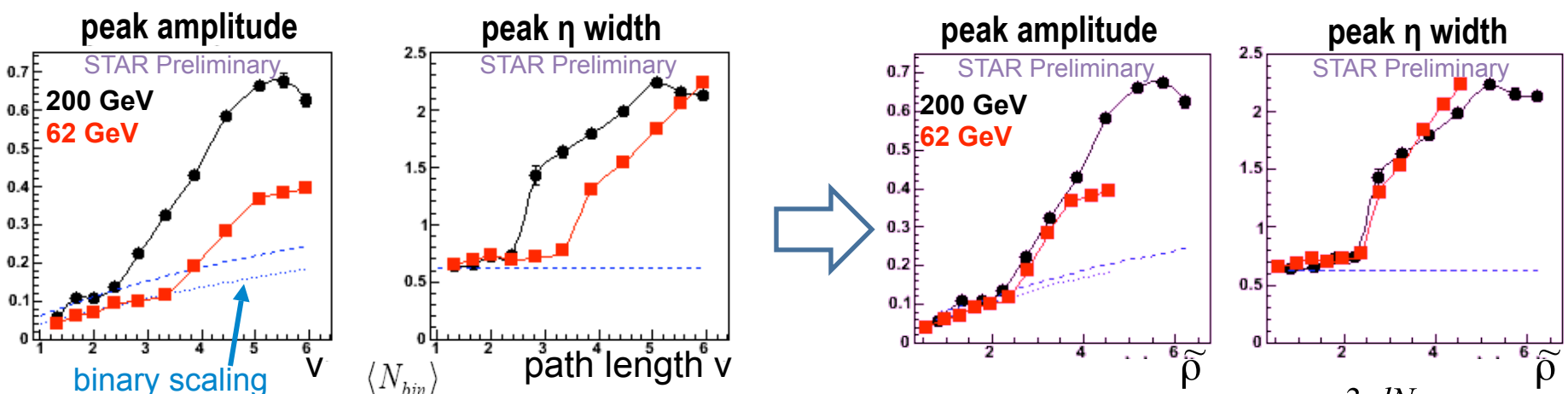


Binary scaling reference followed until sharp transition at ρ ~ 2.5

~30% of the hadrons in central Au+Au participate in the same-side correlation



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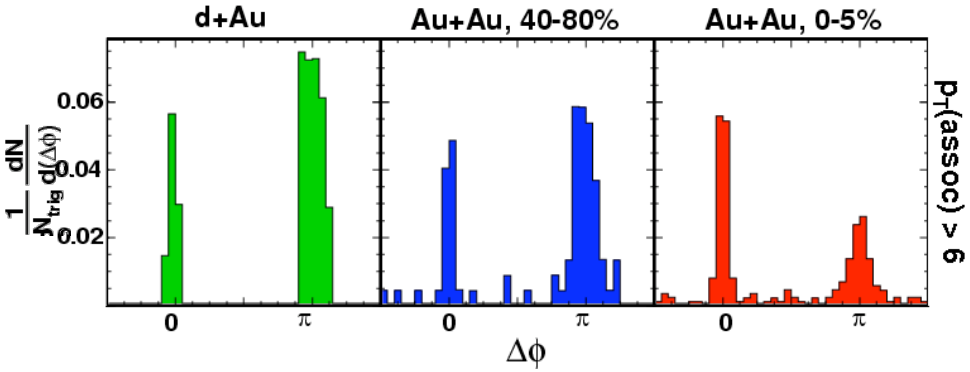

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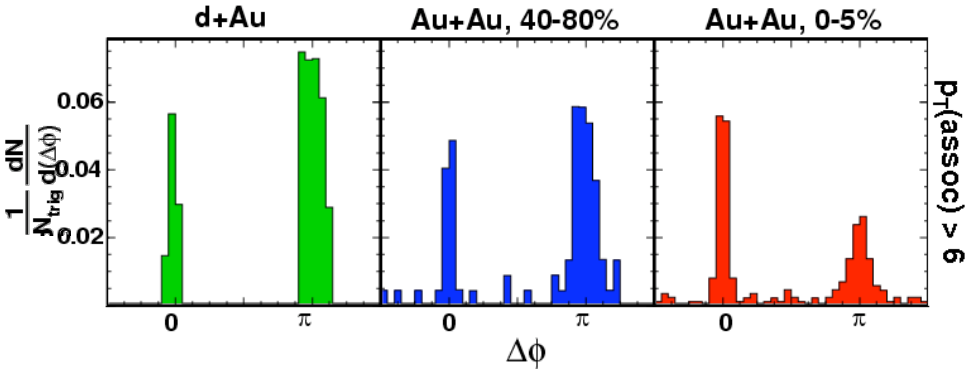

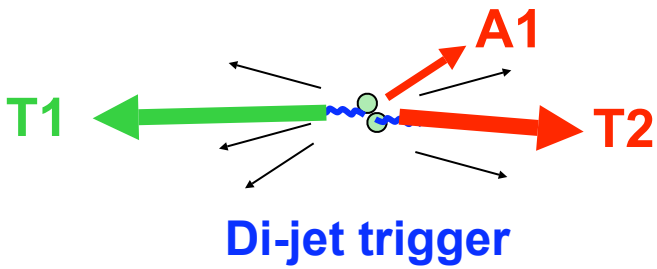

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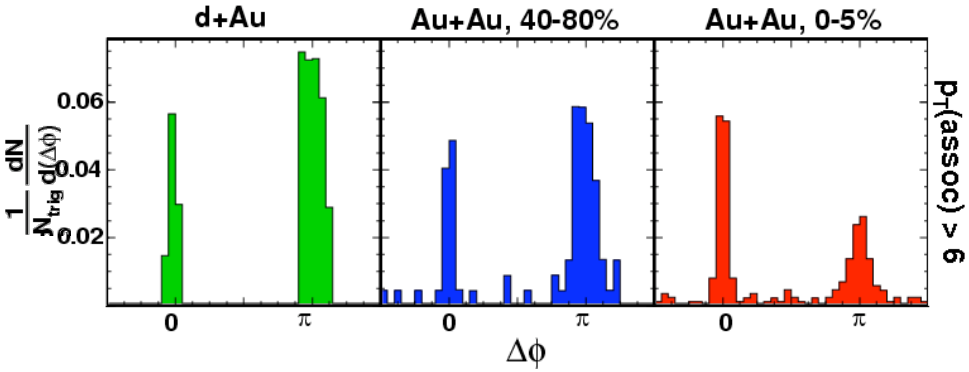

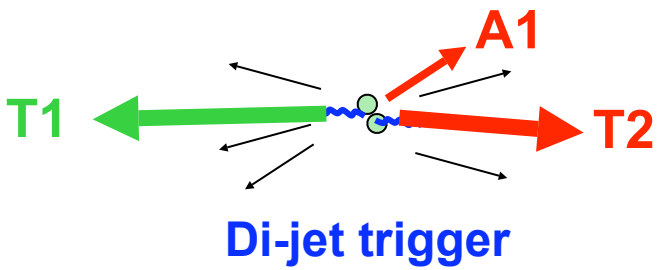

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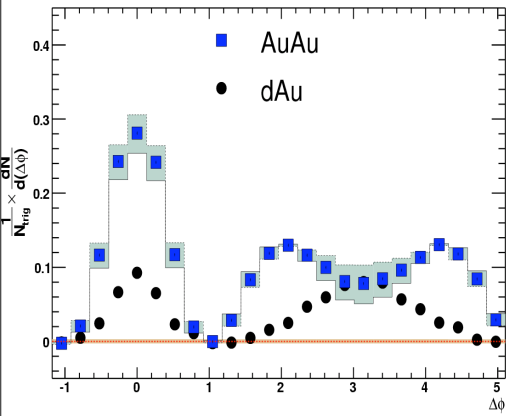

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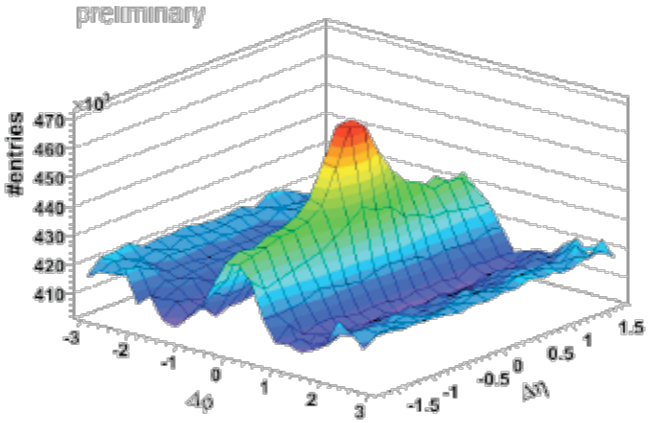

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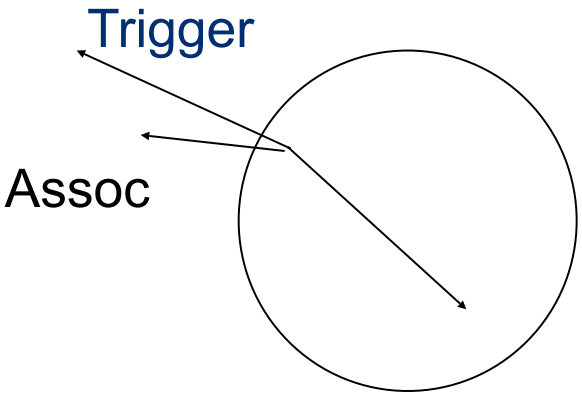

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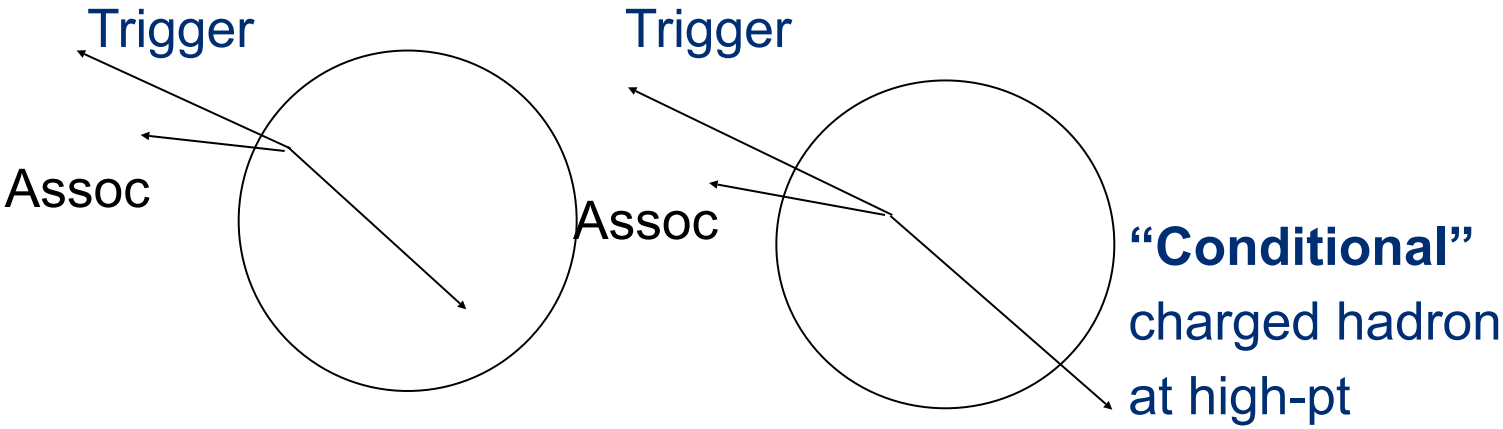

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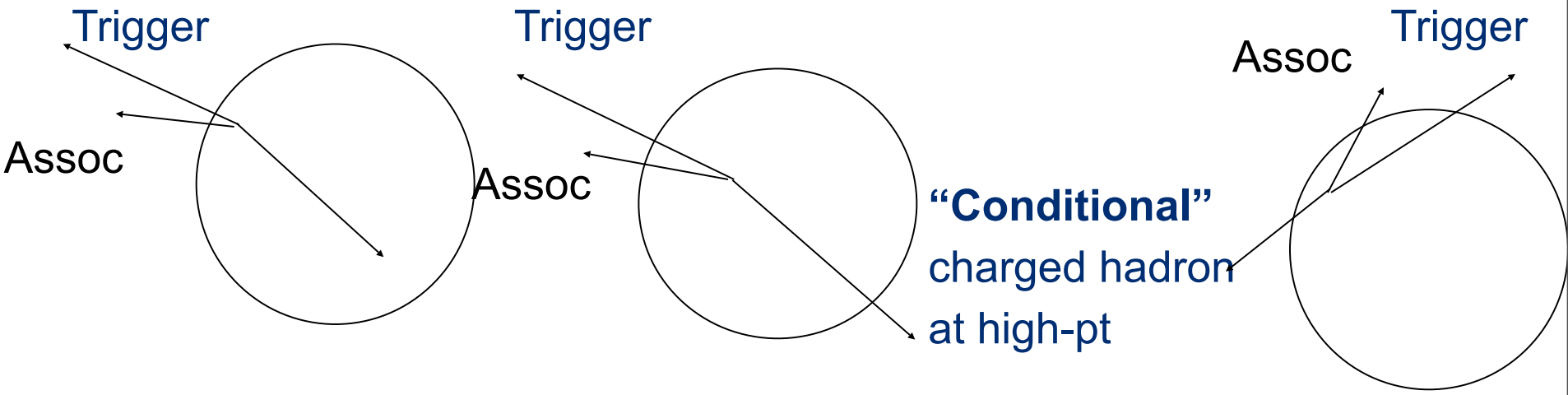

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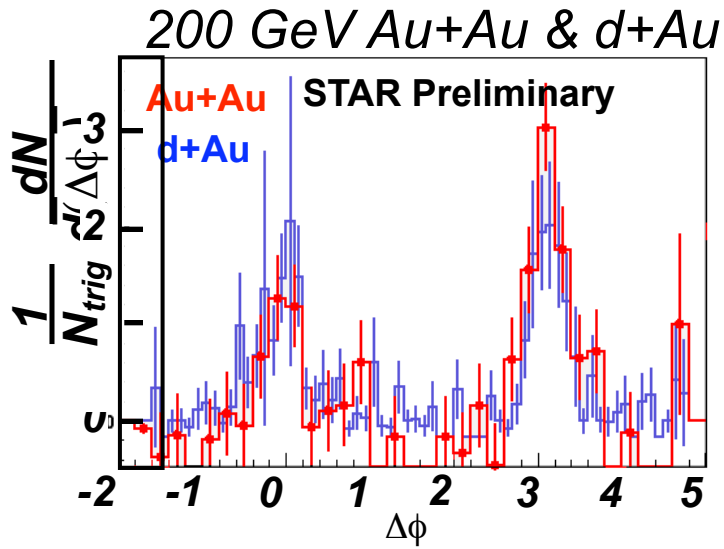

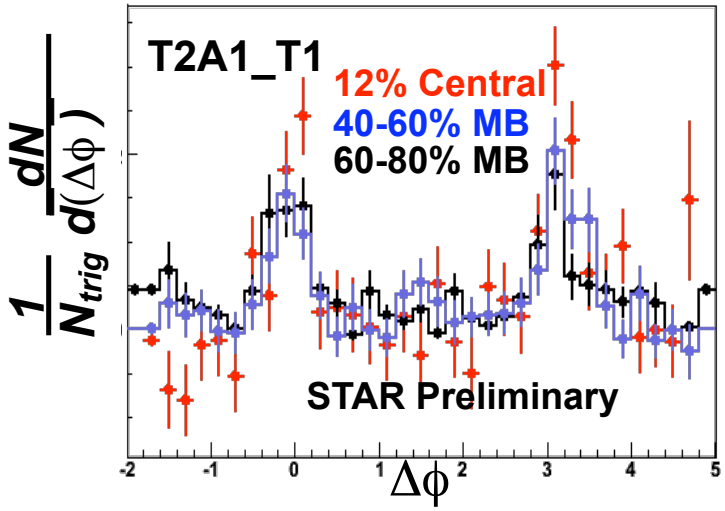

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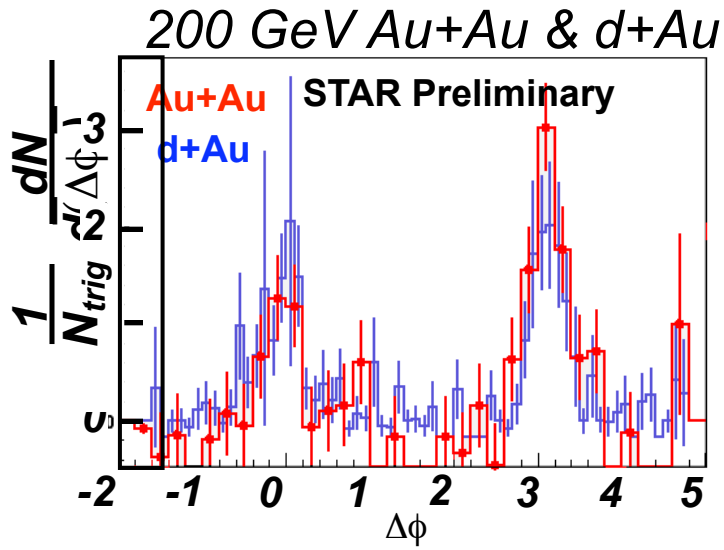

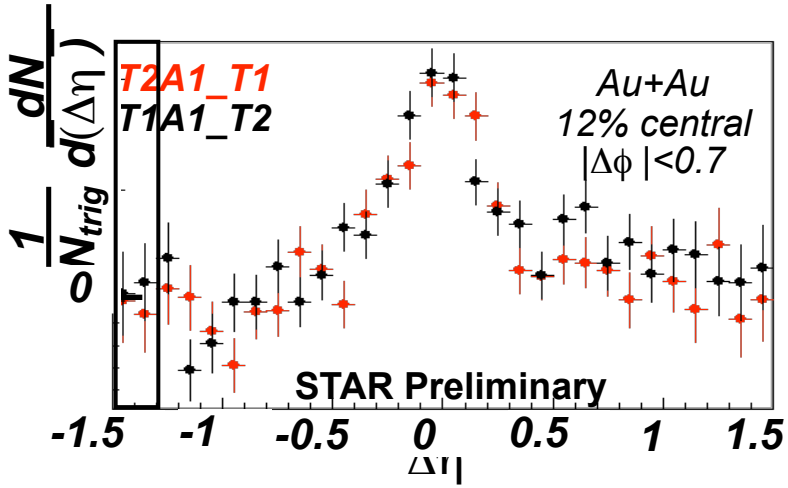

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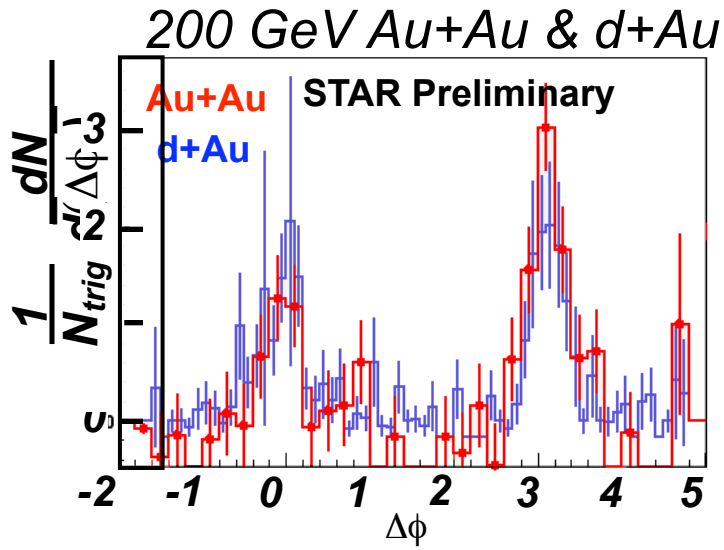

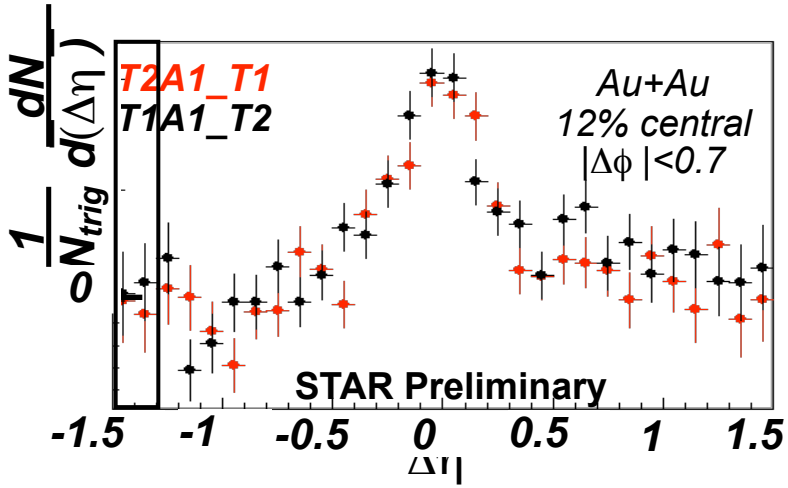

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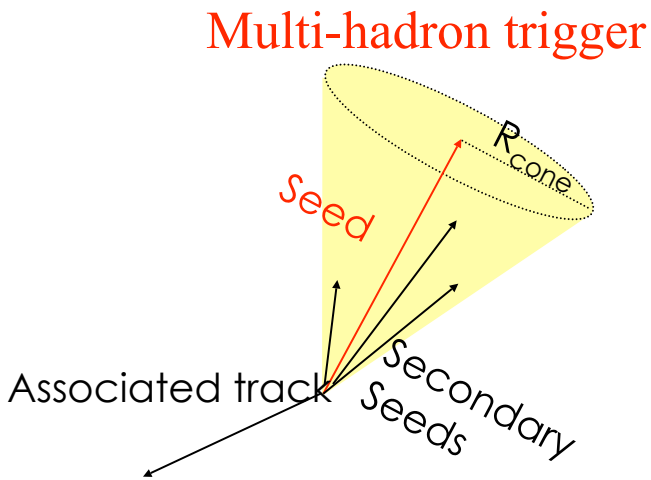

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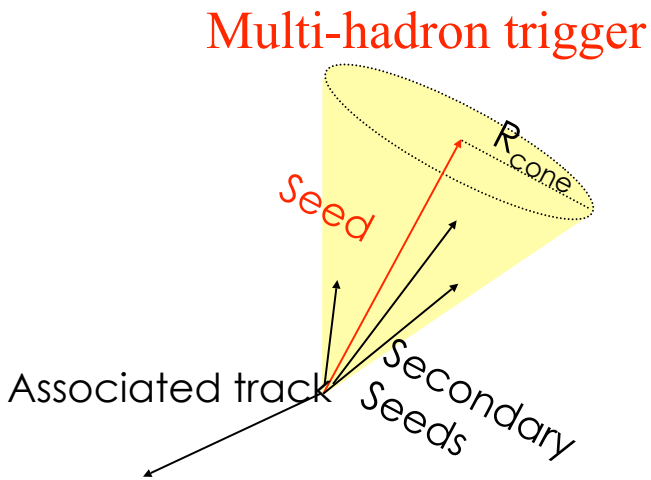

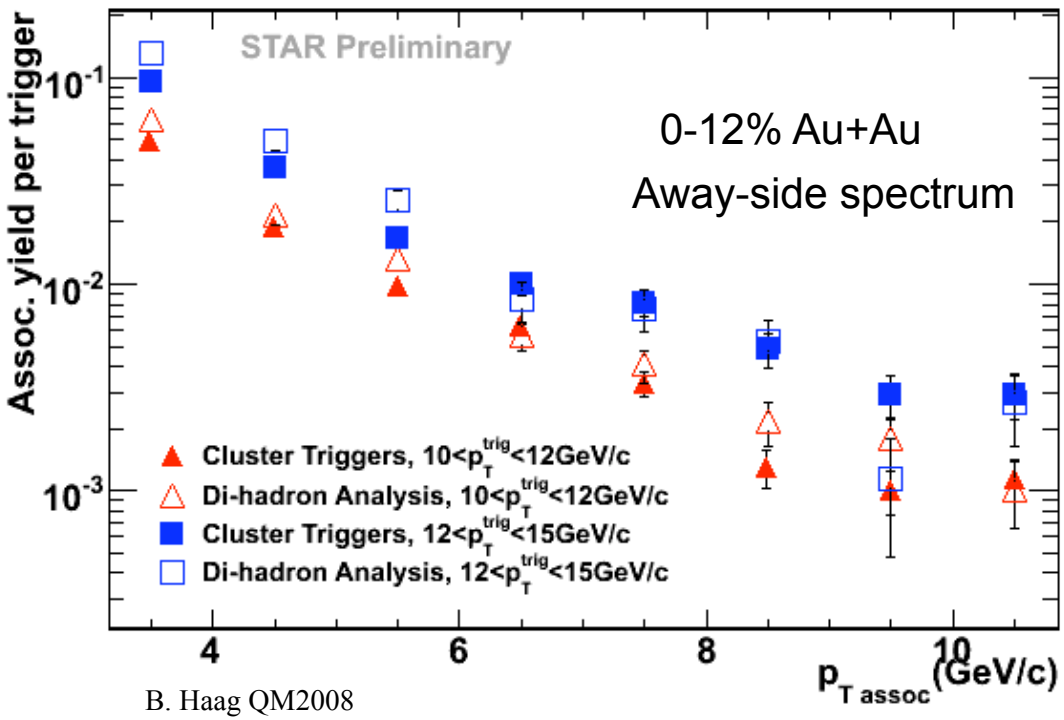

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BACKUPS

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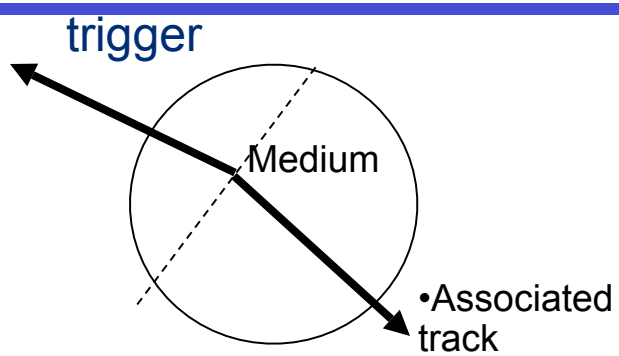

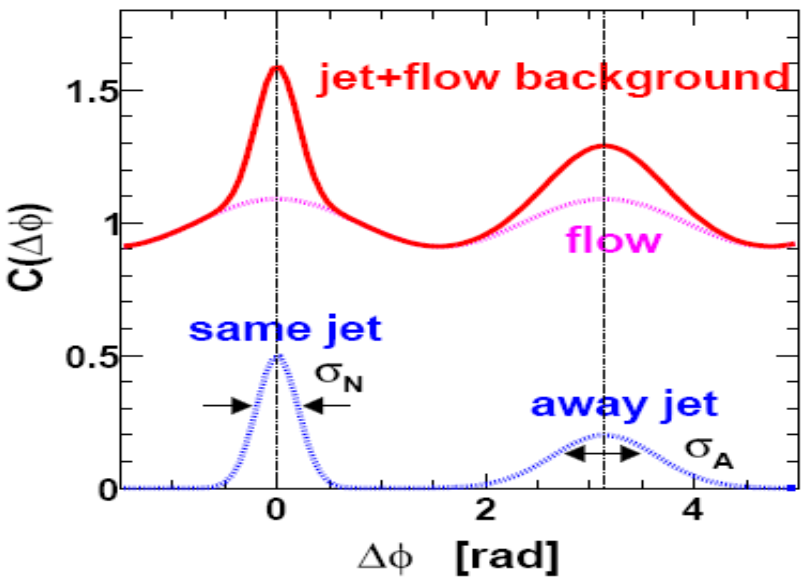

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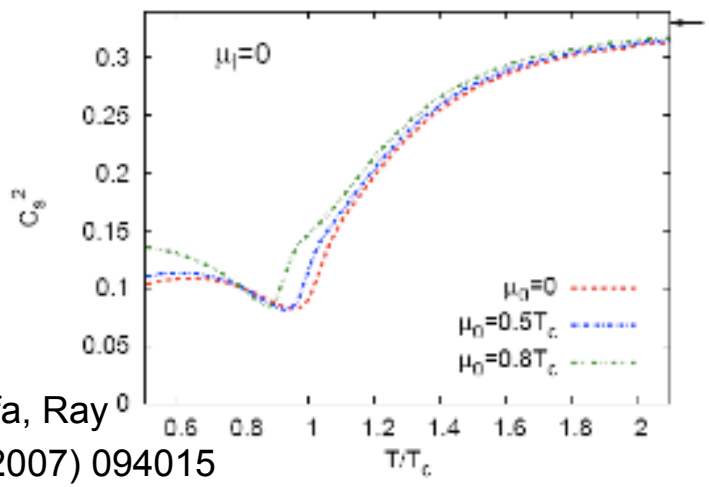

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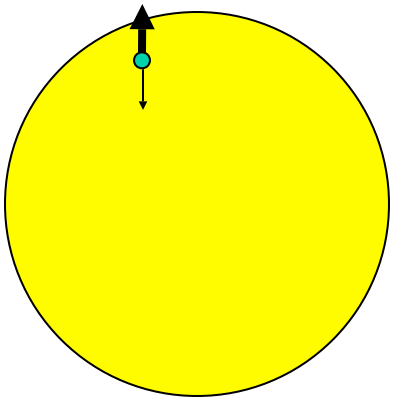

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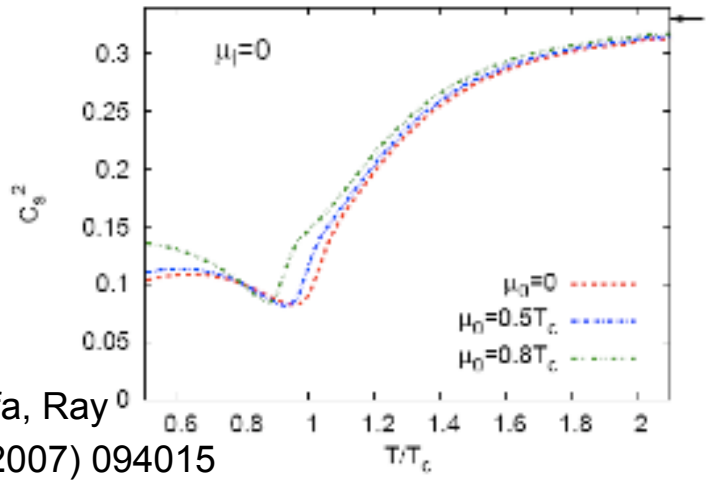

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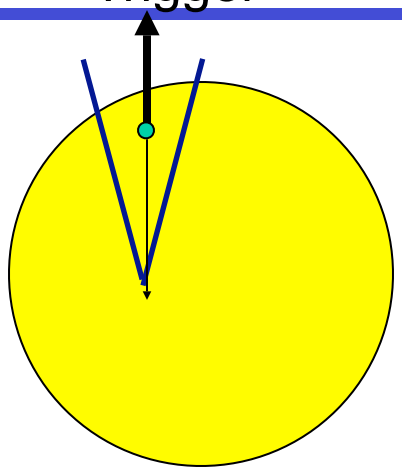

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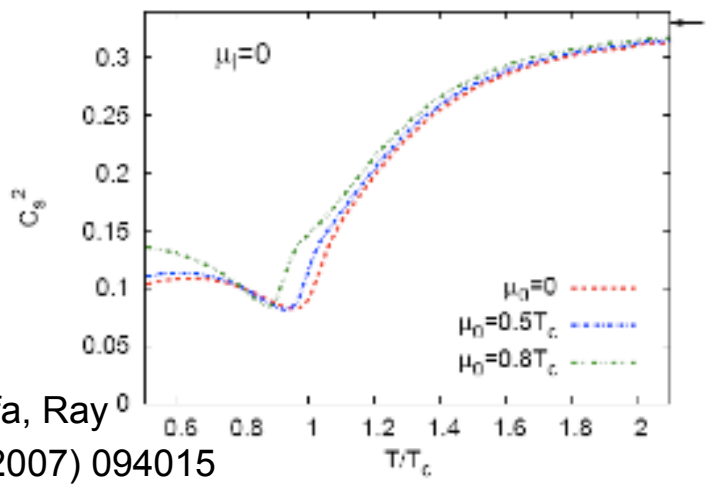

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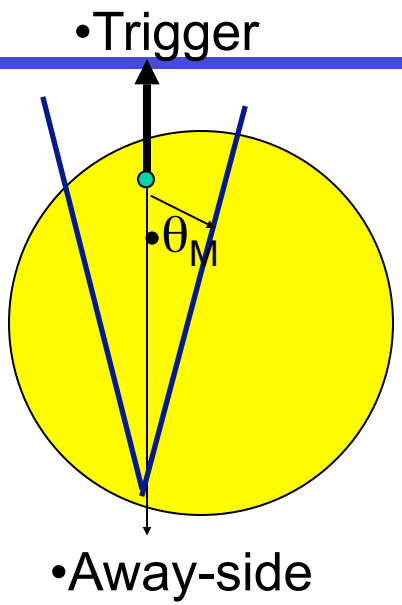

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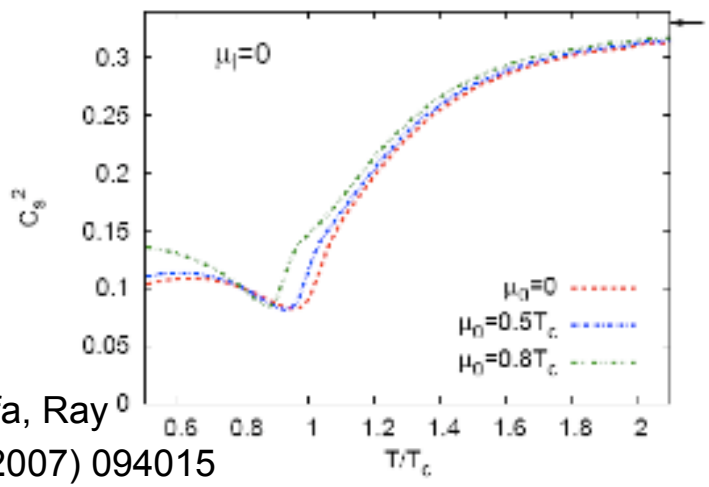

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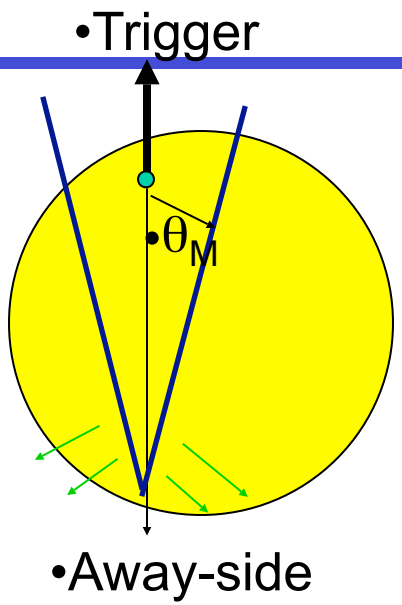

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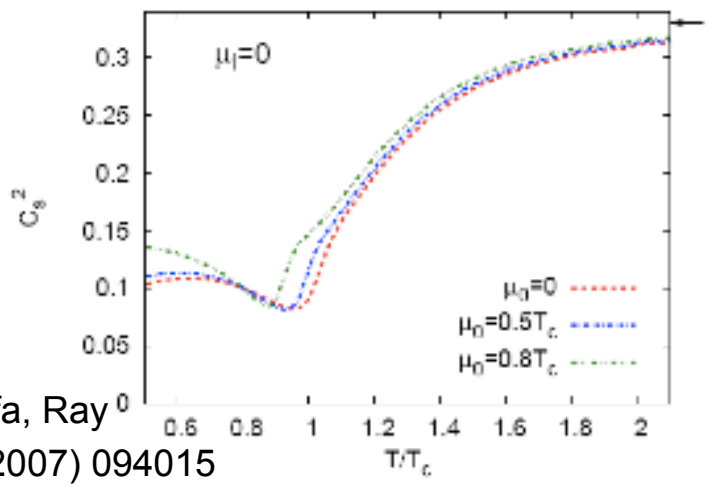

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Čerenkov Gluon Radiation

- Gluons radiated by superluminal partons.
- Angle is dependent on emitted momentum.

$$\frac{c_n}{v_{parton}} = \cos(\theta_c) = \frac{c}{n(p)v_{parton}} \approx \frac{1}{n(p)}$$

•Čerenkov angle vs
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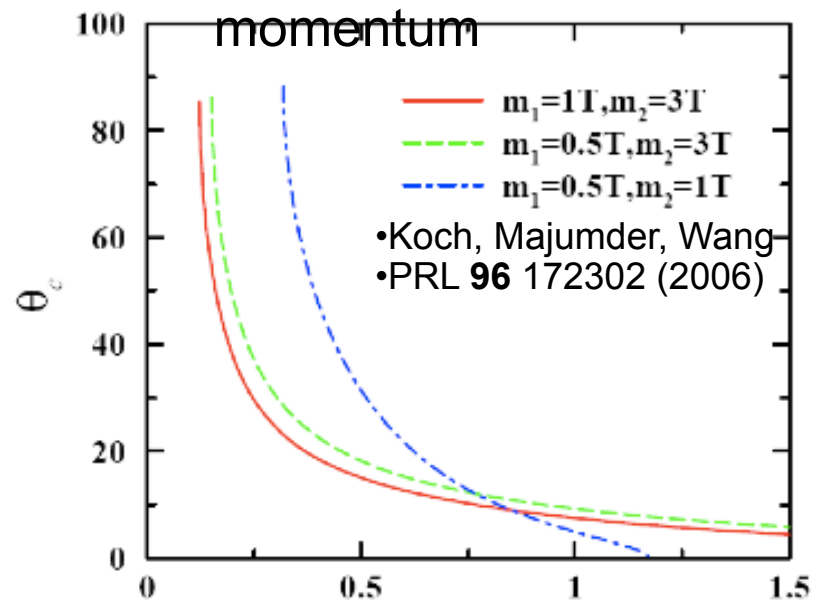

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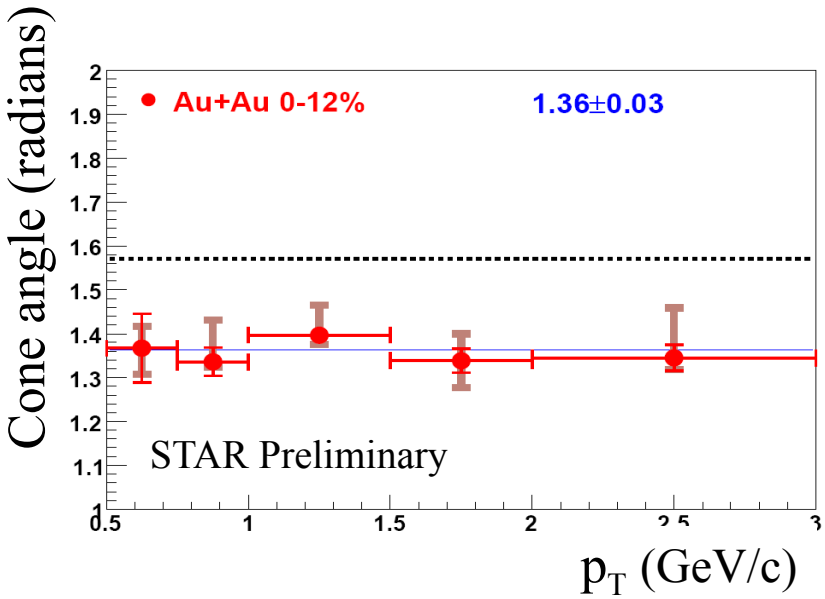

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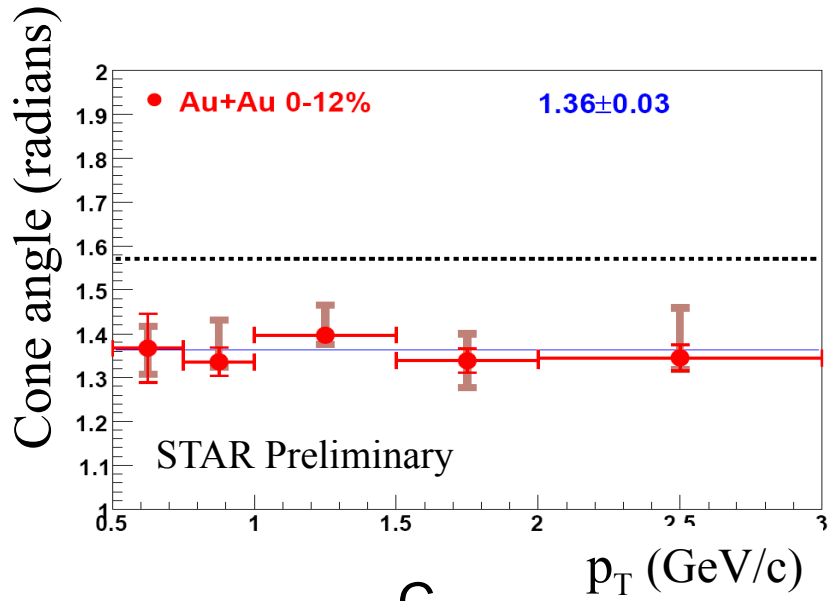
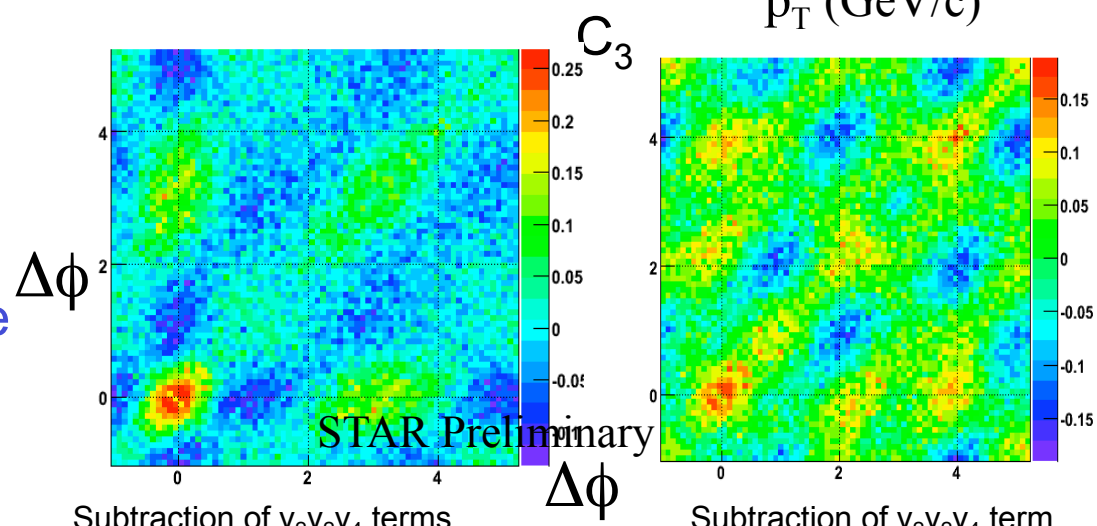


- In cumulant approach: no conclusive evidence for conical emission so far

- Strength and shape of away side structures observed depends on assumed magnitude of flow coefficients



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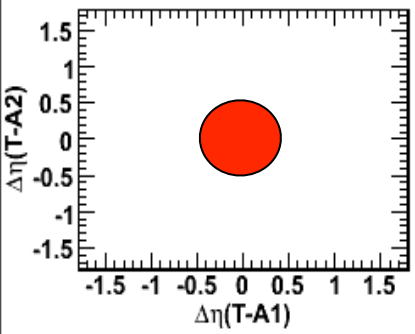

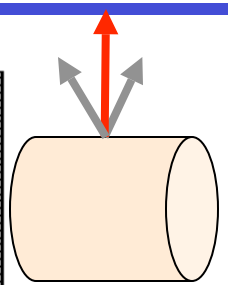

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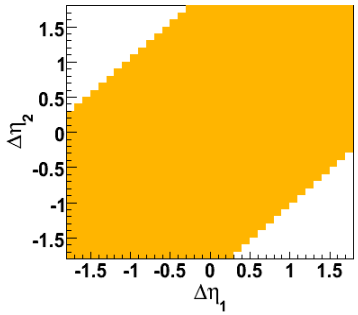

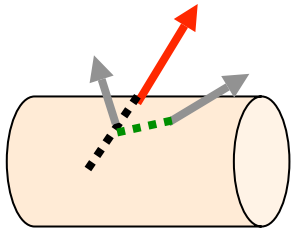

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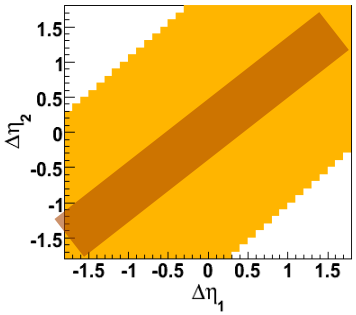

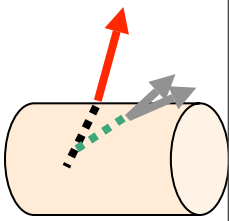

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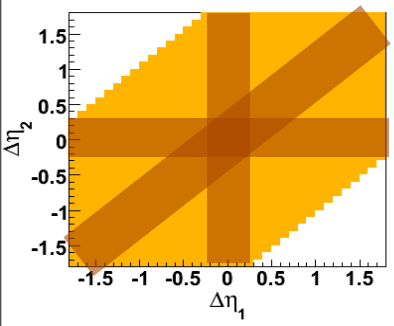

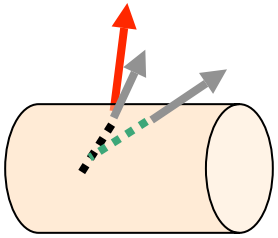

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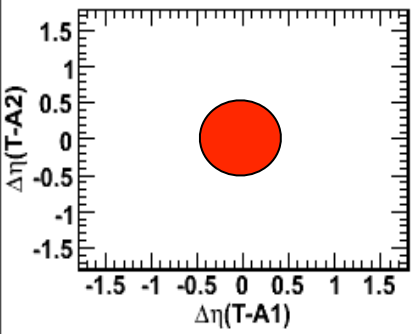

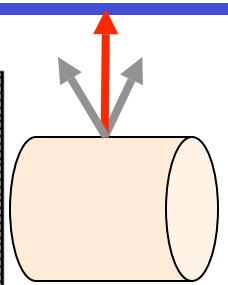

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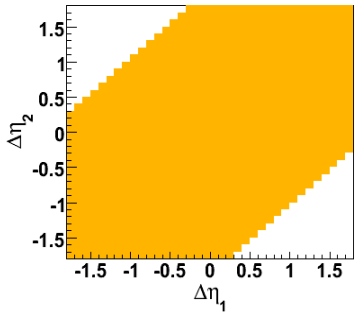

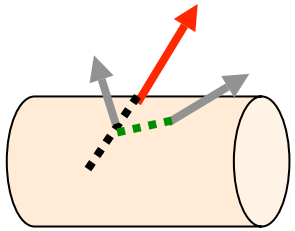

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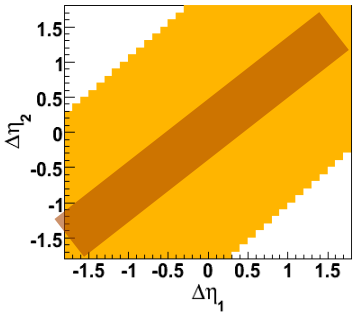

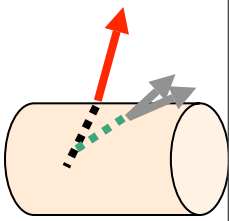

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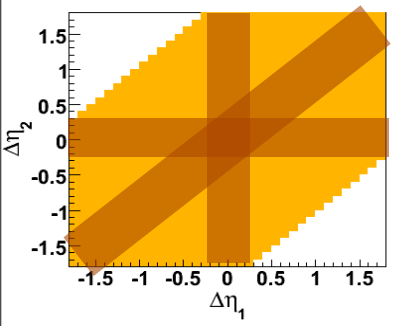

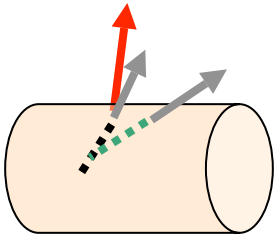

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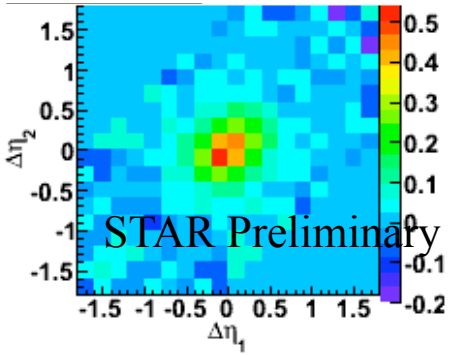

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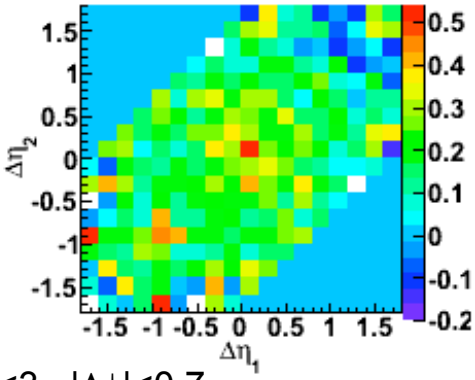

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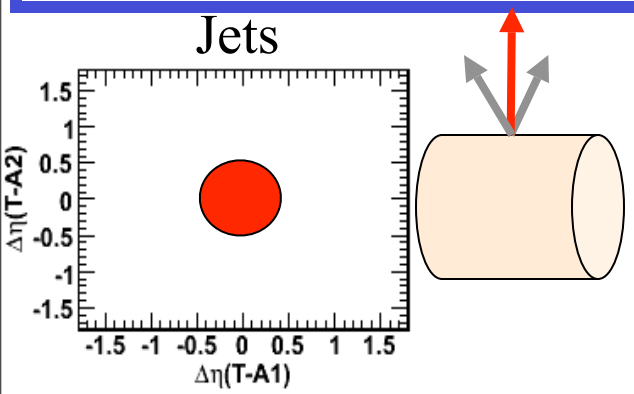

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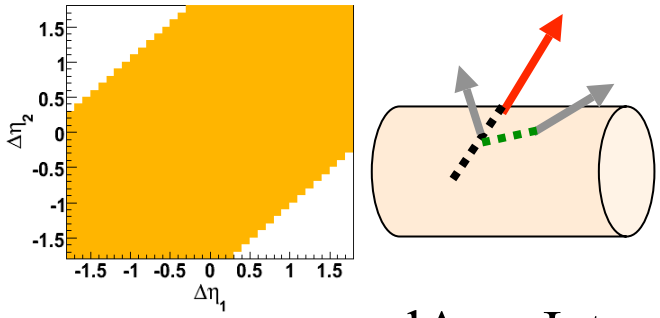

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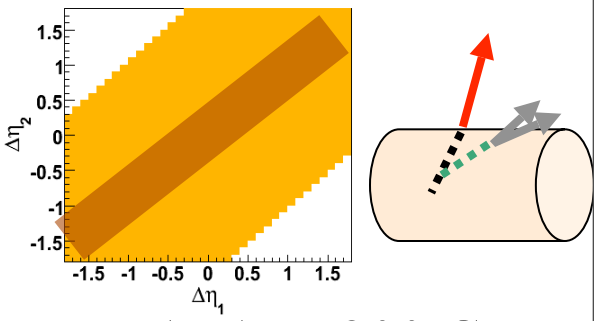

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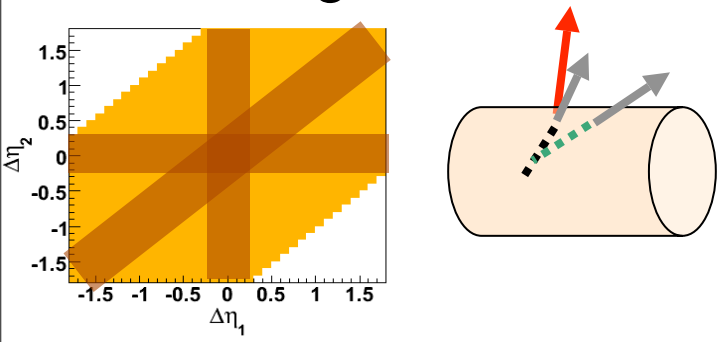

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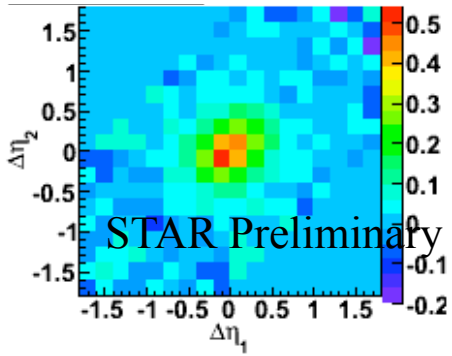

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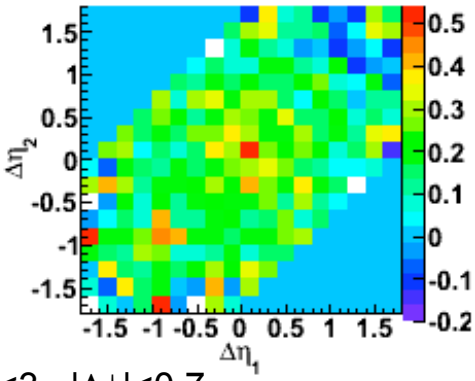

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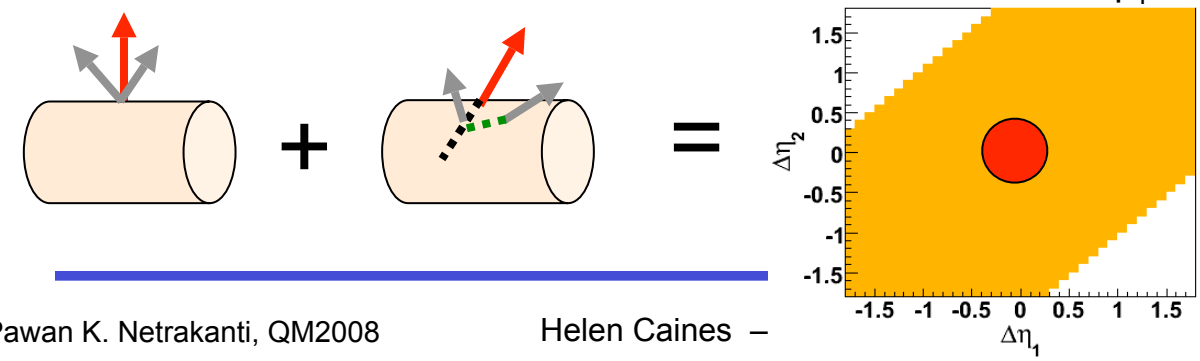
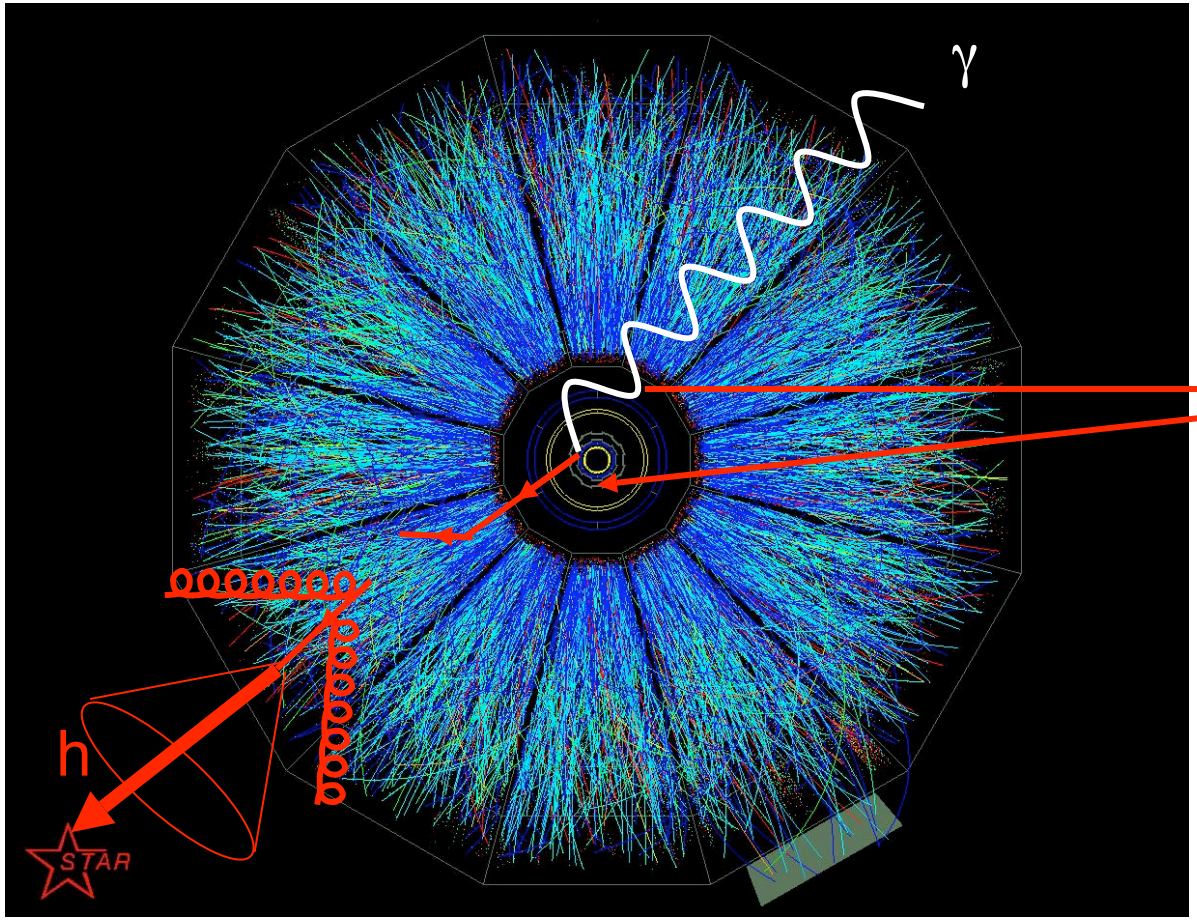
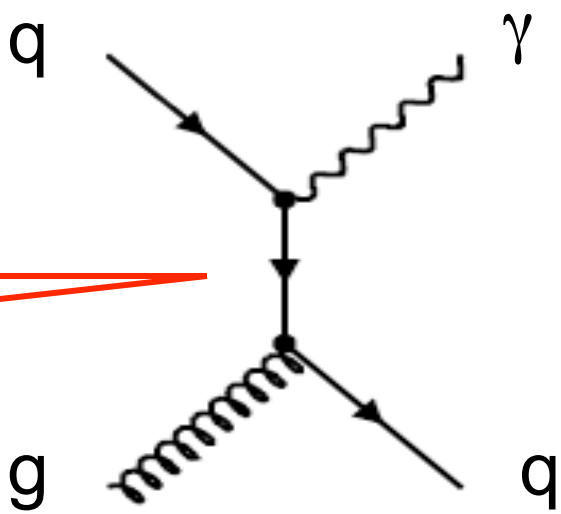


Uniform overall excess of associated particles not due to correlated emission

Golden Probe of QCD Energy Loss - γ-Jet



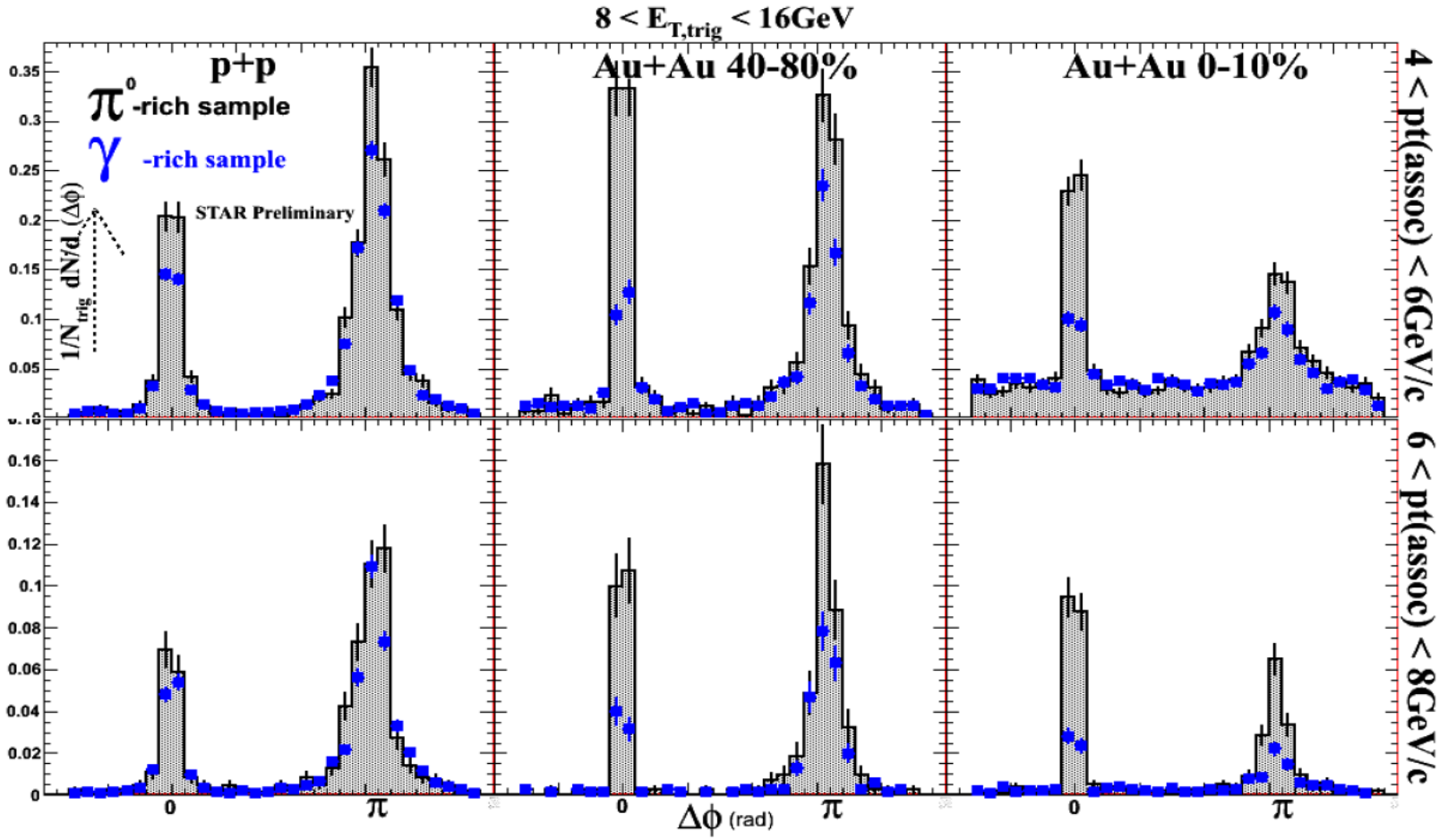


QCD analog of Compton Scattering

γ emerges "unscathed" from medium

- Full reconstruction of kinematics: real fragmentation function (D(z))

γ-hadron and π^0-hadron correlations



Shower shape in Shower Maximum Detector gives γ-, π^0-enriched samples

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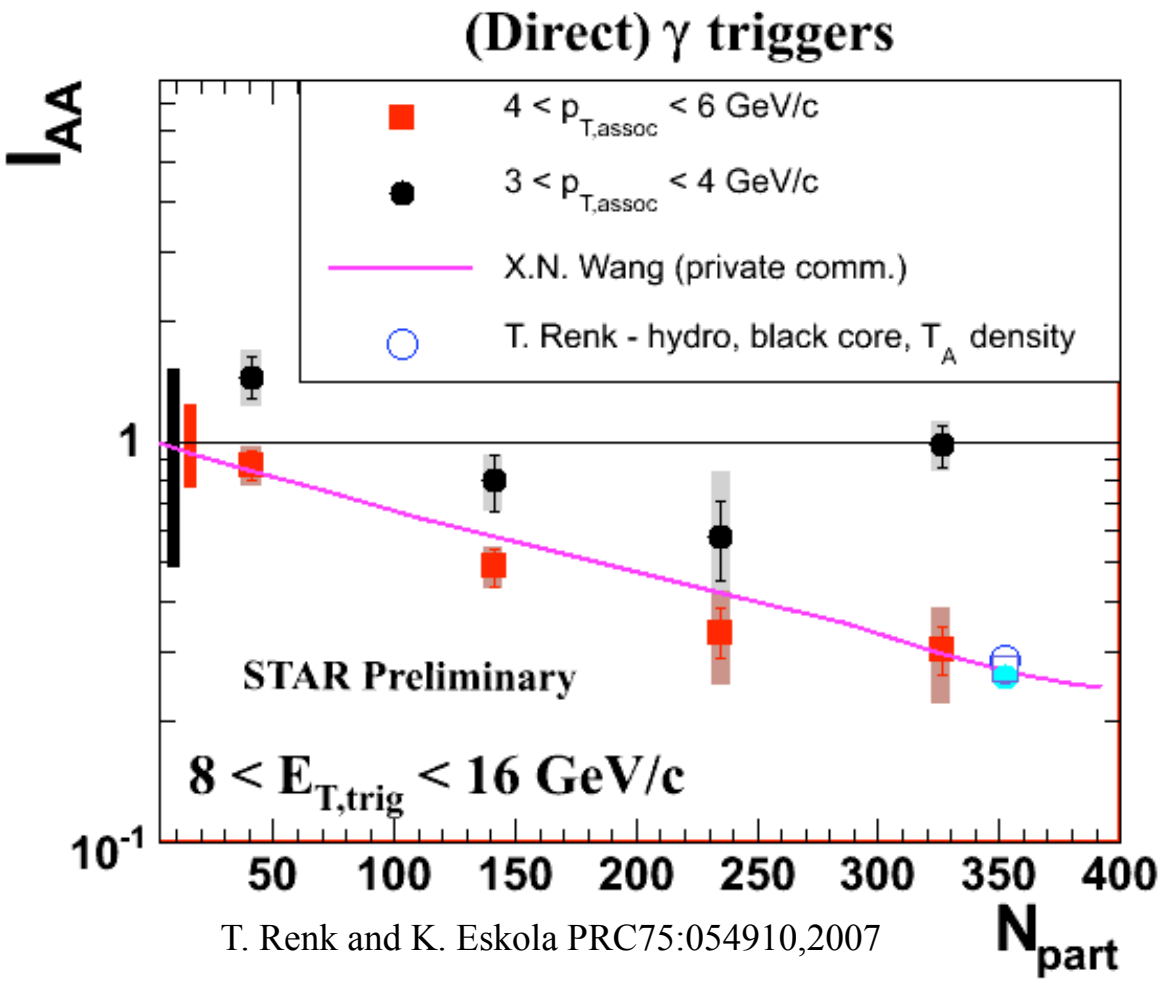

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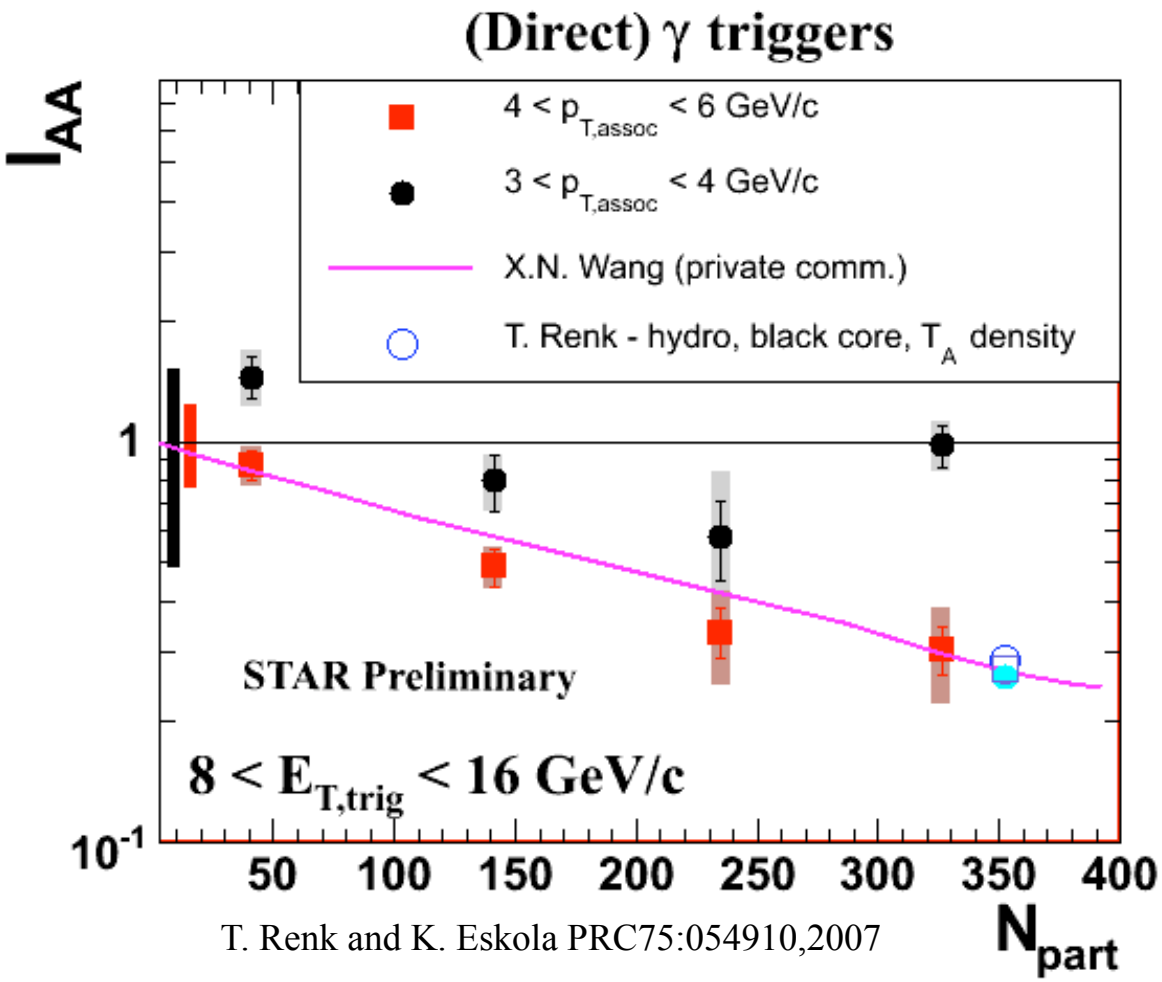

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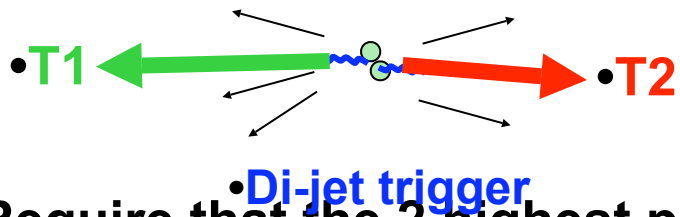
Suppression similar level to inclusives in central collisions

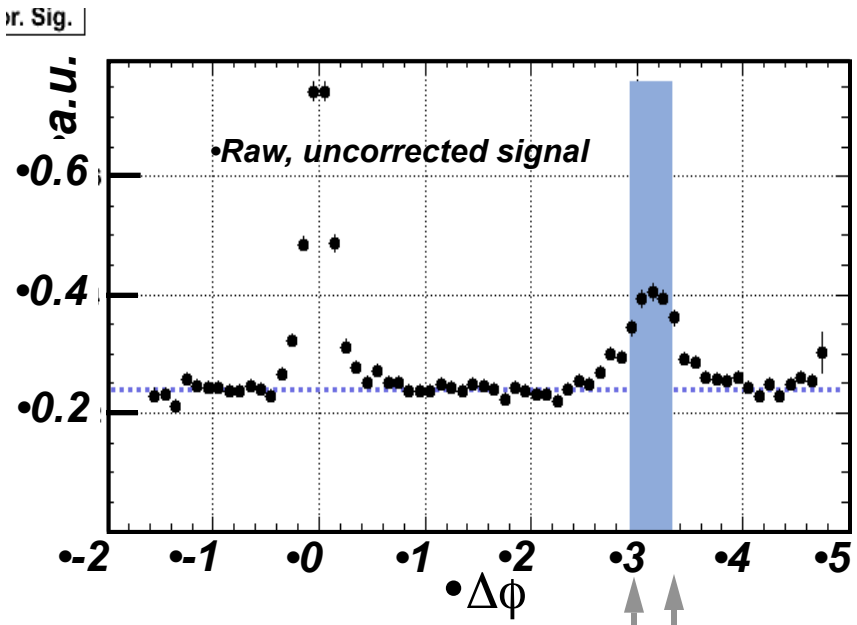
Data analysis: di-jet selection

- Correlation between primary trigger (T1) and "away-jet-axis trigger" (T2).



- Require that the 2 highest p_T particles are back-to-back in ϕ.
- *Assume* this defines the jet-axis, look in 2D-space about the second trigger.

T1T2 correlation



- T1: p_T>5 GeV/*c*
- T2: p_T>4 GeV/*c*

$\pi \pm 0.2$