# The "Soft Ridge" – Is it Initial-state Geometry or Modified Jets?

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#### Introduction

- A same-side 2D peak dominates angular correlations
- In p-p collisions that peak is consistent with minijets
- In more-central Au-Au the peak is elongated on  $\eta$
- Some want to interpret that "soft ridge" as flows
- We consider the flow conjecture in a 2D context



the "Soft Ridge"

#### Recipe: convert jets to flows

1. project (part of ?) the  $\eta$  acceptance onto azimuth  $\phi$ 

- 2. fit the 1D projection on  $\phi$  with a Fourier series
- 3. interpret each series term as a "harmonic flow"
- 4. attribute flows to <u>conjectured</u> A-A initial-state geometry



### Minimum-bias Jet (minijet) Properties 2D same-side (SS) and 1D away-side (AS) peaks













## "Lost in Projection"





*exclusion cut is supposed to remove "nonflow" – not!* 

#### Triangular Flow – II 20 $\rightarrow$ 3F<sub>3</sub>/F<sub>2</sub> $\approx$ 1 STAR minimum-bias $1000 \times 2$ 0.7 200 GeV Au-Au **√**2 3 ∕ 10 angular correlations $|\eta_{\Delta}| \in [2,4]$ $v_2^2{2}$ 0.6 × 8 $\sigma_{\phi\Delta} \approx 0.65$ ⊽ 2.5 b 2.25 0.5 total $v_{2}^{2}{2D}$ 200 GeV //// 6 0.4 • 62 GeV noniet $3\frac{v_3^2\{2\}}{v_2^2\{2\}}$ **STAR** 1.75 quadrupole` 0.3 1.5 AMPT 1.25 0.2 jets 2 $v_2^2 \{SS\}$ 0.1 quad + jets 0.75 GLS 0.5 0.25 100 200 300 400 100 200 300 400 0 0 0 N<sub>part</sub> N<sub>part</sub> وربي 0.275 0.25 Phys Rev C 81, 054905 (2010) "nonflow:" 200 GeV Au-Au $\rho_0(b) 2v_m^2 \{SS\} = F_m(\sigma_{\omega_A}) G(\sigma_{\eta_A}) A_{2D} (jets)$ 0.225jets 0.2 $2v_3^2(SS)$ 1000 0.175 $v_2^2{2} = v_2^2{2D} + v_2^2{SS}$ 0.150.125exclusion cut 0.1 $v_3^2{2} = v_3^2{SS}$ $|\eta_{\Lambda}| \in [2,4]$ 0.075 0.05 $\sigma_{\phi\Delta}\approx 0.65$ 0.025 0<sub>j</sub> SS 2D jet peak identified with "triangular flow" 3 2 5

13 **v** 

# Higher Harmonic Flows at the LHC?

*v<sub>m</sub>* predictions based on SS 2D peak and nonjet quadrupole



#### Initial-state (IS) Geometry <u>conjectured</u> azimuth structure



Monte Carlo sampling results in a <u>flat (noise) multipole spectrum</u>

# **Comparing Centrality Trends**

$$\begin{split} SS \ 2D \ peak \ (jets?) & A_X \{SS\} \equiv \rho_0 v_2^2 \{SS\} \propto A_{2D} \propto N_{bin} / \rho_0 \approx v \\ nonjet \ quadrupole & A_Q \{2D\} \equiv \rho_0 v_2^2 \{2D\} \propto N_{bin} \epsilon_{opt}^2 \approx v^4 \, \epsilon_{opt}^2 \\ IS \ geometry \ (stochastic \ part) & \rho_0 \epsilon_{m,MC}^2 \propto 2\rho_0 / N_{part} = O(1) \quad m \ odd \end{split}$$



if the three elements are related through flows why are their centrality trends so different?

# Minijets and Hadron Production



#### Summary

- 2D correlations include a monolithic SS peak
- v<sub>m</sub> analysis ignores the η<sub>Δ</sub> structure of the SS peak
  The SS 2D peak biases all v<sub>m</sub>{2} data "nonflow"
- The SS 2D (jet) peak is quantitatively linked to pQCD
- "Higher harmonics" are parts of the SS 2D peak
- ZYAM subtraction of higher harmonics corresponds to <u>subtraction of jets from jets</u>
- Parton fragmentation is set aside despite <u>likely</u> jet modification in A-A collisions

