

π^0 -hadron correlations in pp and Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV measured in ALICE

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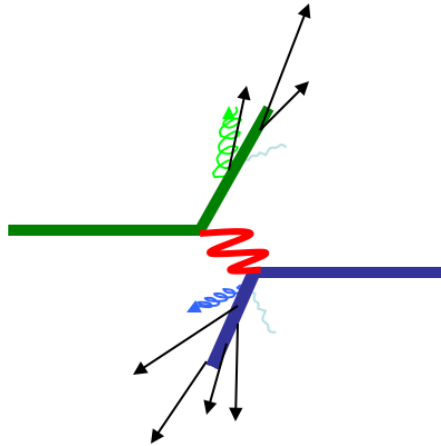
- Physics motivation
- ALICE setup
- Analysis strategy
- π^0 -hadron correlations in pp and Pb–Pb collisions :
 - ✓ Azimuthal correlations
 - ✓ Modification of per-trigger yield of charged hadrons
- Summary

[All the results based on our paper in arXiv:1608.07201](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.07201)

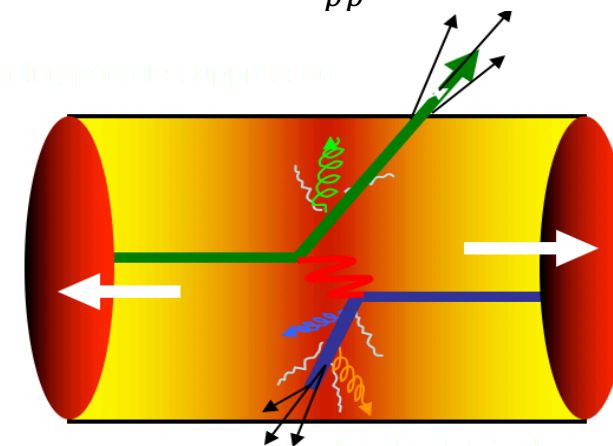
- Study away-side parton energy loss and jet modification via high p_T -hadron correlations.
- An important step to study direct photon-hadron correlations.
- Two main steps:

1. Azimuthal correlations: $C = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN^{pair}}{d\Delta\varphi}$, $J = C - B(\text{flat or } v_n \text{ background})$

2. Modification of the yield in the correlations: $Y = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \int J d\Delta\varphi$, $I_{AA} = \frac{Y_{Pb-Pb}}{Y_{pp}}$ or $I_{CP} = \frac{Y_{Pb-Pb}^{central}}{Y_{Pb-Pb}^{peripheral}}$



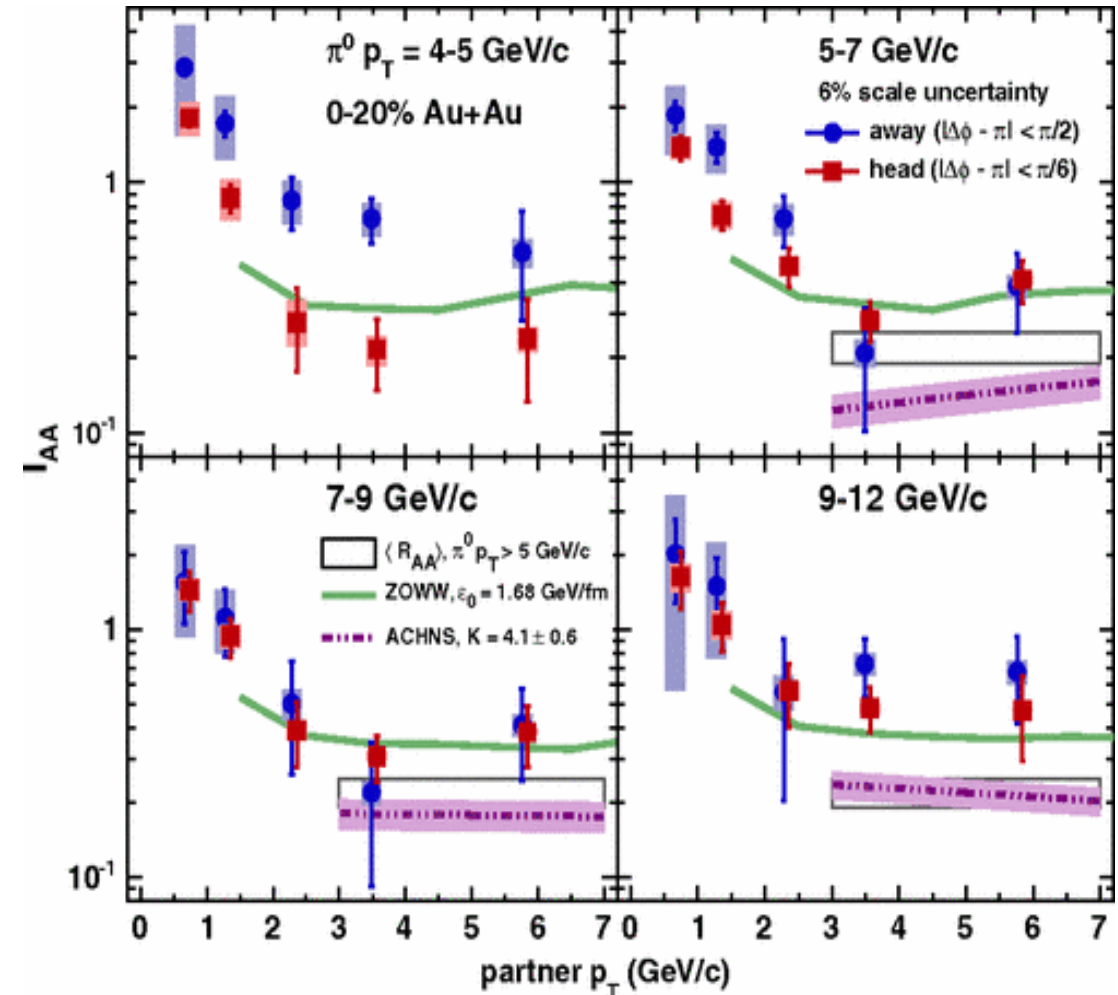
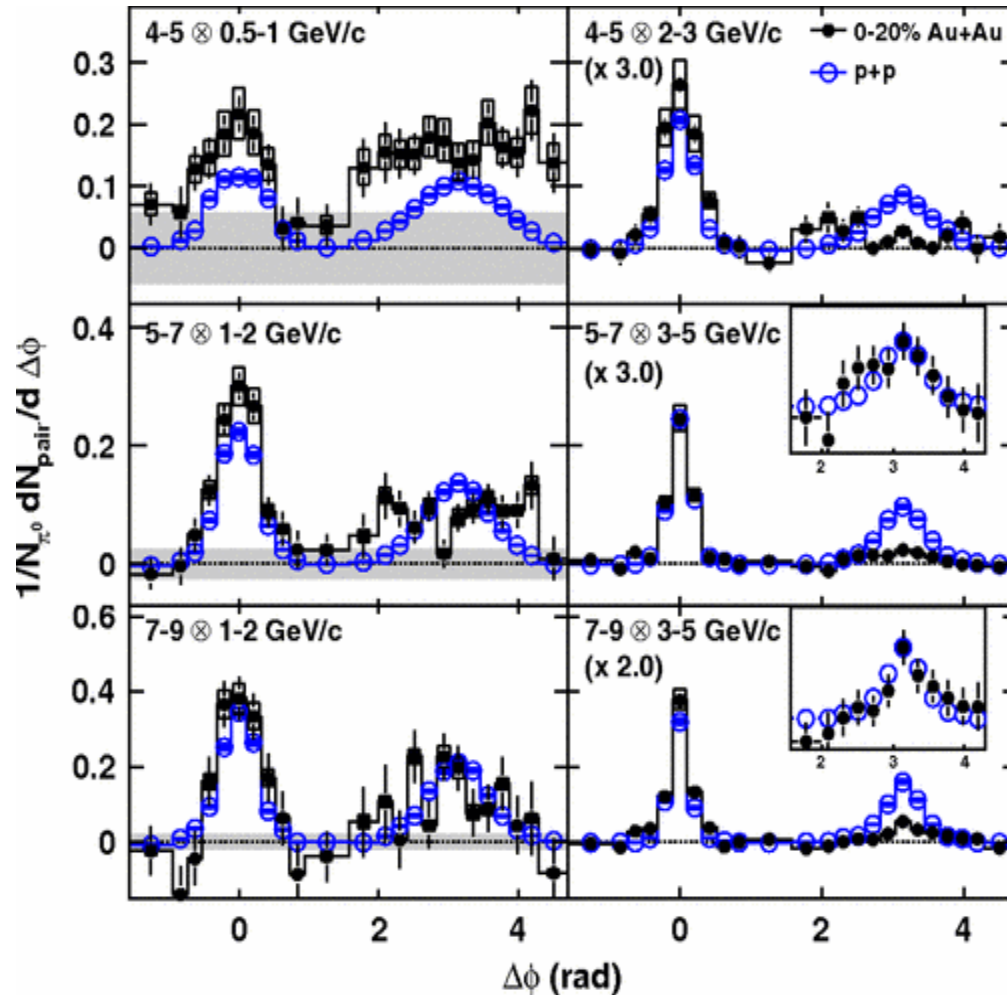
Hard Scattering in pp



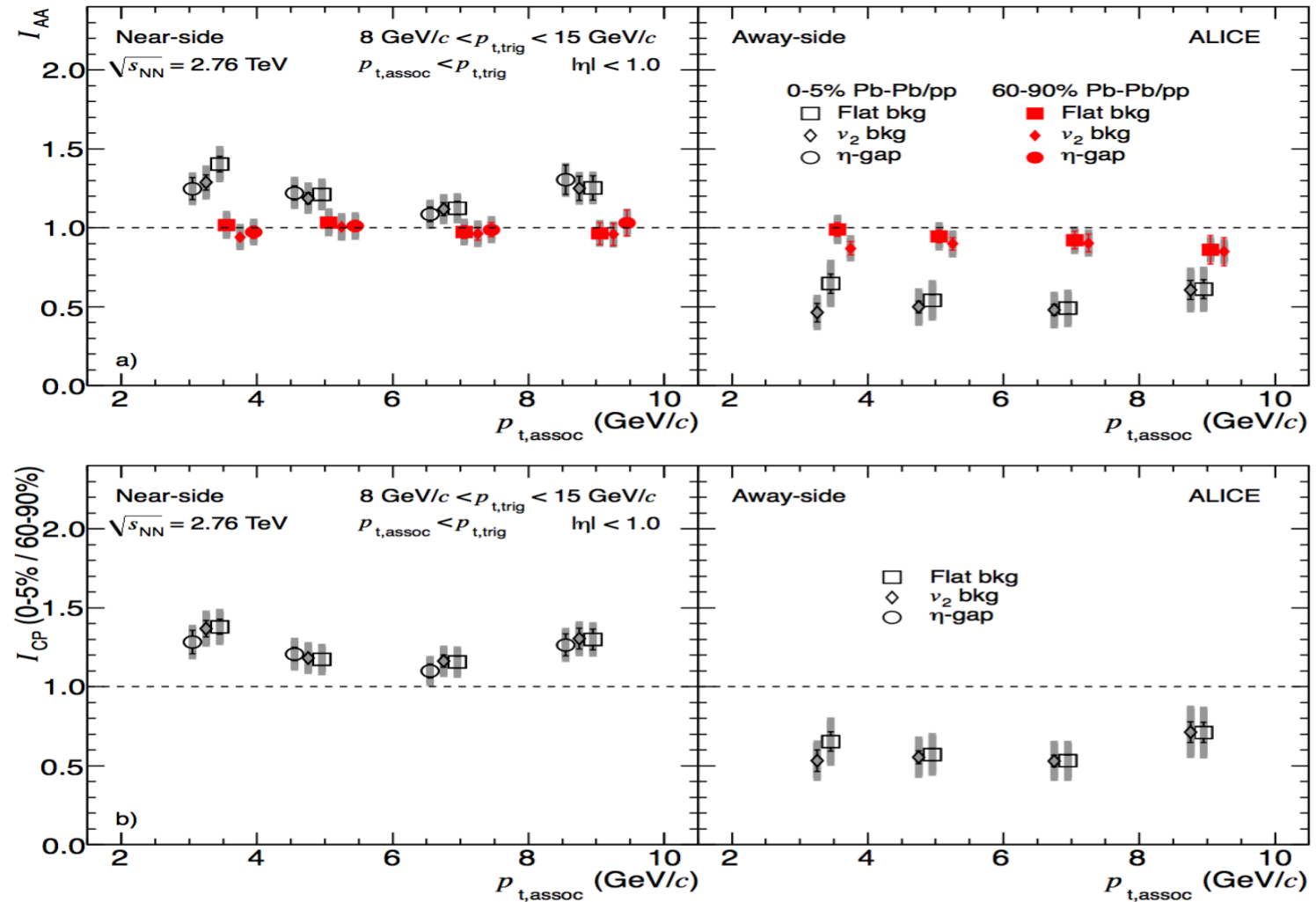
Parton Energy Loss in Pb-Pb

Two particles are selected in given p_T region. One is named “trigger particle”, another one is called “associated particle”. Generally, $p_T^{assoc} < p_T^{trig}$.

PHENIX π^0 -hadron measurements



ALICE di-hadron measurements



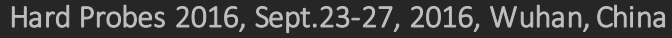


Diagram illustrating the ATLAS detector structure, showing the interaction region and the first three layers of the inner detector: the Strip, Drift, and Pixel subdetectors. The Strip and Drift subdetectors are composed of silicon strips, while the Pixel subdetector is composed of silicon pixels. The diagram also shows the V0, T0, and FMD (Forward Muon Detector) subdetectors.

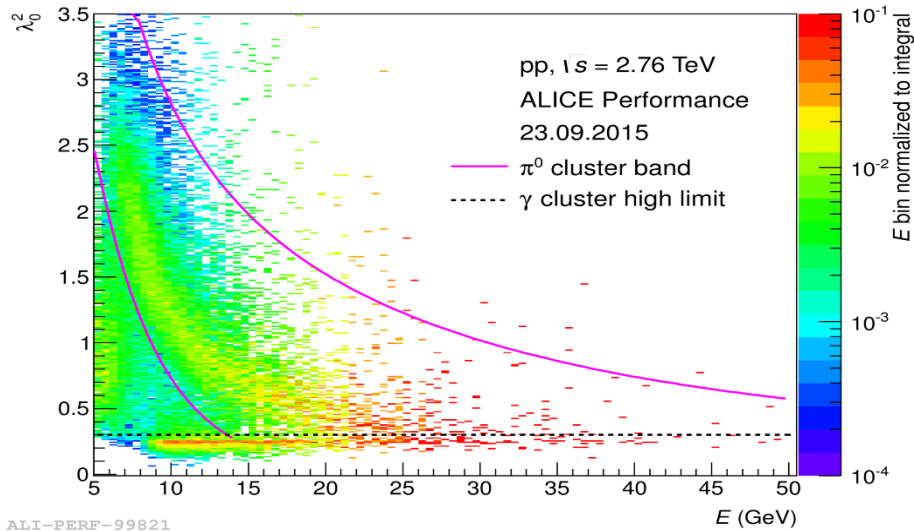
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- The diagram illustrates the STAR detector's complex structure, including the following components:
- ACORDE**: A series of yellow rods at the top of the detector.
 - EMCAL**: Energy Calorimeter located above the TPC.
 - ITS**: Inner Tracking System, surrounding the TPC.
 - FMD TO & V0**: Forward Multiplicity Detectors for Time-of-Flight and V0 event plane determination.
 - TRD**: Time-Resolved Detector located above the TPC.
 - HMPID**: High Momentum Particle Identification Detector located below the TPC.
 - PMD**: Particle Momentum Detector located below the TPC.
 - ZDC**: Zero-Degree Calorimeter, located at the very front and back of the detector, approximately 116m from the interaction point.
 - V0** and **T0**: Vertex detectors for event plane determination.
 - TPC**: Time Projection Chamber, the central tracking volume.
 - TRACKING CHAMBERS**: Located within the ITS region.
 - MUON FILTER**: A green structure used to filter muons.
 - TRIGGER CHAMBERS**: Used for triggering the detector.
 - DIPOLE MAGNET**: A large blue structure used to provide a magnetic field for particle identification.
 - TOF**: Time-of-Flight detector located at the bottom.
 - PHOS**: Photon Spectrometer located below the TPC.
 - ABSORBER**: A structure at the very bottom of the detector.
- The inset shows a detailed view of the V0 and T0 vertex detectors, highlighting the **Strip**, **Drift**, and **Pixel** components.

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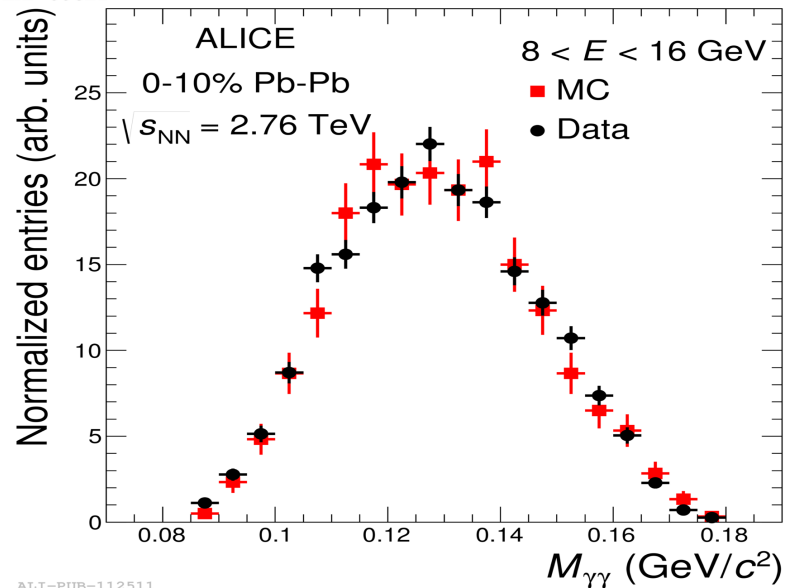
pp and Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV

- π^0 measurement
 - ✓ select π^0 candidate cluster with Shower Shape cut
 - ✓ split cluster into two clusters, calculate the invariant mass
- charged particles are detected by the central tracking system ITS + TPC
- correlate π^0 with “charged particles”
- corrections
- background subtraction

π^0 reconstruction

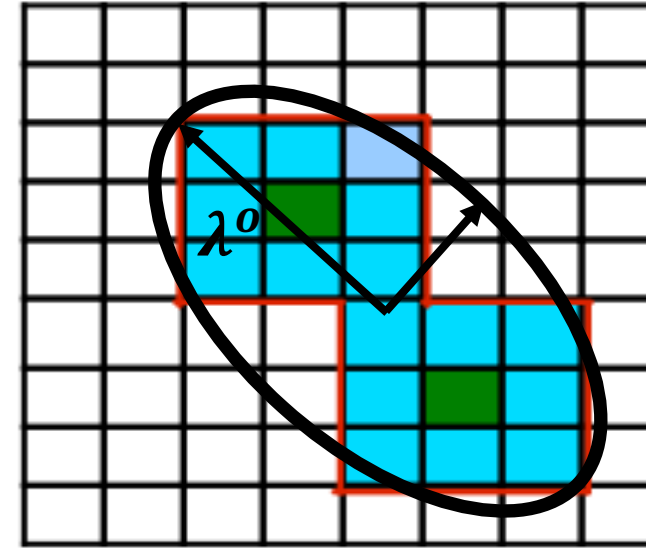


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π^0 decay photons start to merge for $E > 6$ GeV

- Select clusters with elongated λ_0^2 shower shape
- A cluster is split in 2 sub-clusters, the seed are the 2 highest energy cells or local maxima. Select cells around
- Select those with invariant mass within 3 sigma of the π^0 mass

Correction procedure

$$C^{corrected}(\Delta\varphi) = C^{raw}(\Delta\varphi) \cdot F_{mixed} \cdot \frac{1}{F_{\varepsilon_{\pi^0}}} \cdot F_{p_{\pi^0}} \cdot F_{resolution} \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{track}} \cdot p_{track}$$

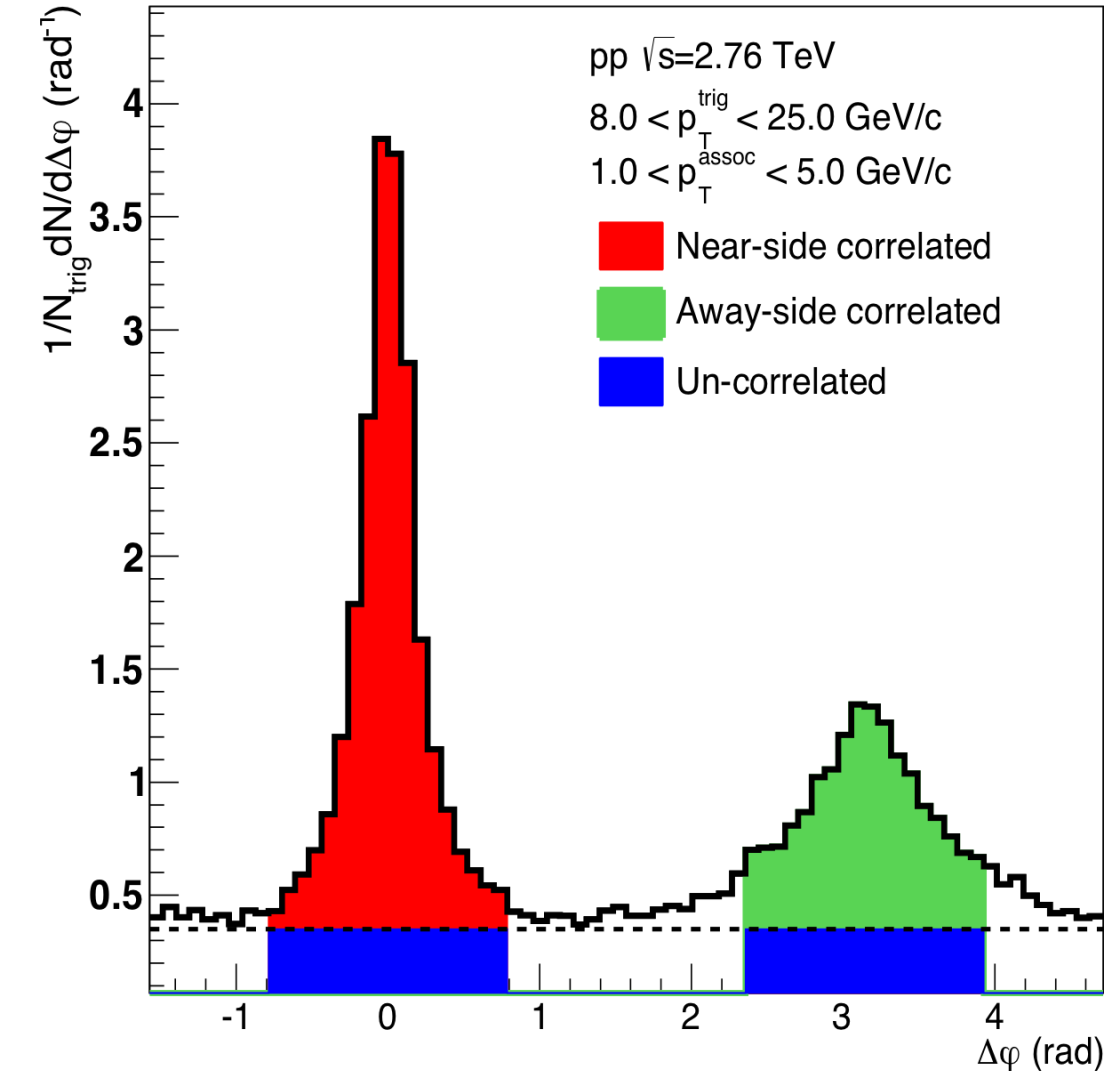
Step1: calculate the mixed events $\rightarrow F_{mixed}$

Step2: calculate ε_{π^0} and $p_{\pi^0} \rightarrow F_{\varepsilon_{\pi^0}}$ ($\sim 98\%$) and $F_{p_{\pi^0}}$ ($\sim 99\%$)

Step3: calculate pair resolution $\rightarrow F_{resolution}$ ($\sim 97.5\%$)

Step4: calculate ε_{track} ($\sim 75-85\%$) and p_{track} ($\sim 92-96\%$)

Background subtraction



red, green: Correlated

blue: Un-correlated

- Per-trigger yield in two region

✓ **Near side:** $|\Delta\varphi| < 0.7$ rad

✓ **Away side:** $|\Delta\varphi - \pi| < 1.1$ rad

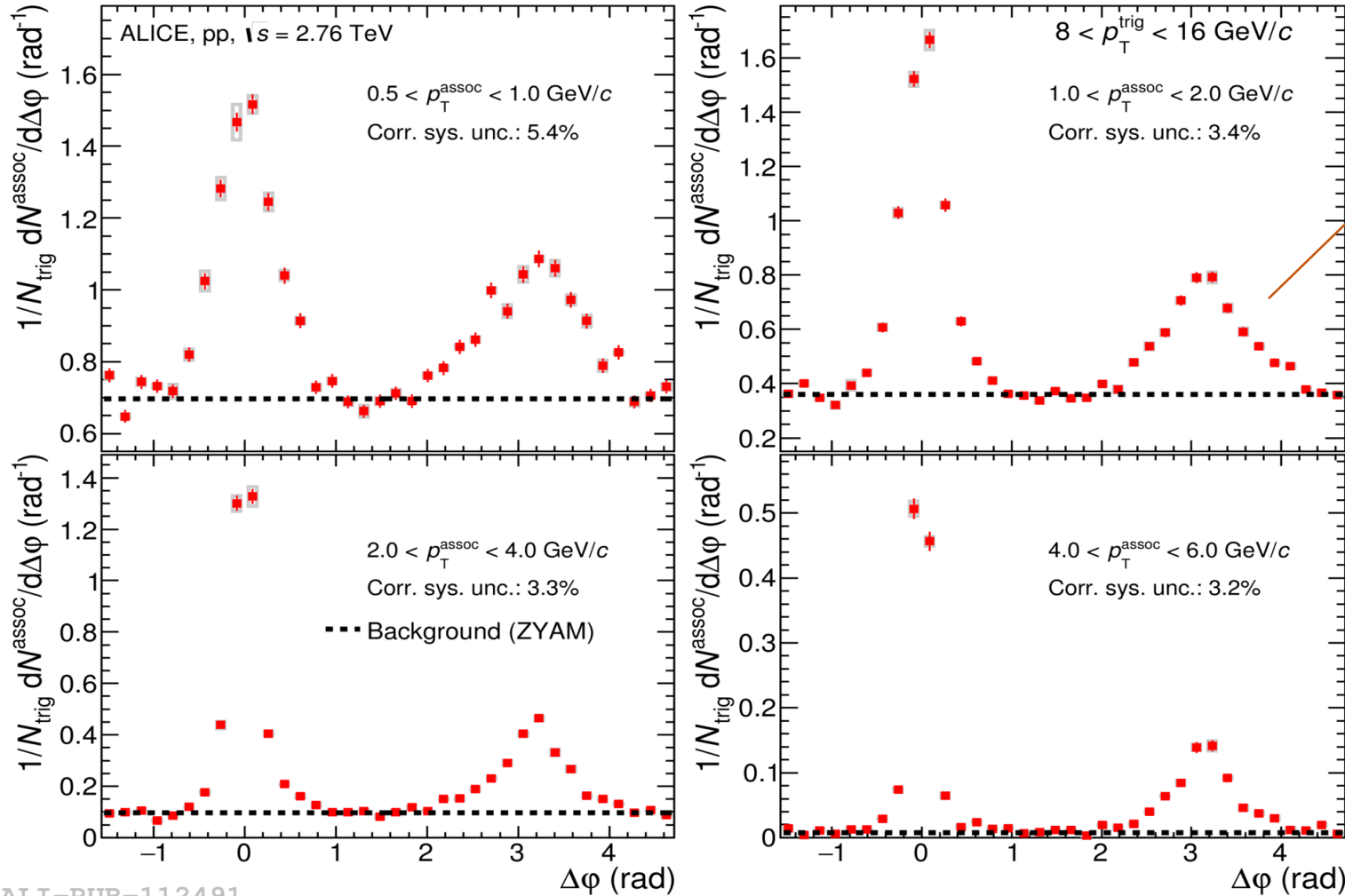
- Subtract the background with ZYAM

✓ Flat background (pp)

✓ v_n (up to v_5) background (Pb–Pb)

$$J(\Delta\varphi) = C(\Delta\varphi) - b_0(1 + 2 \sum_{n=2}^5 \langle v_n^{\text{trig}} \rangle \langle v_n^{\text{assoc}} \rangle \cos(n\Delta\varphi))$$

Azimuthal distribution in pp



di-jet behavior

Trigger p_T region:

$$8 < p_T^{trig} < 16 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Associate p_T region:

$$0.5 < p_T^{assoc} < 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

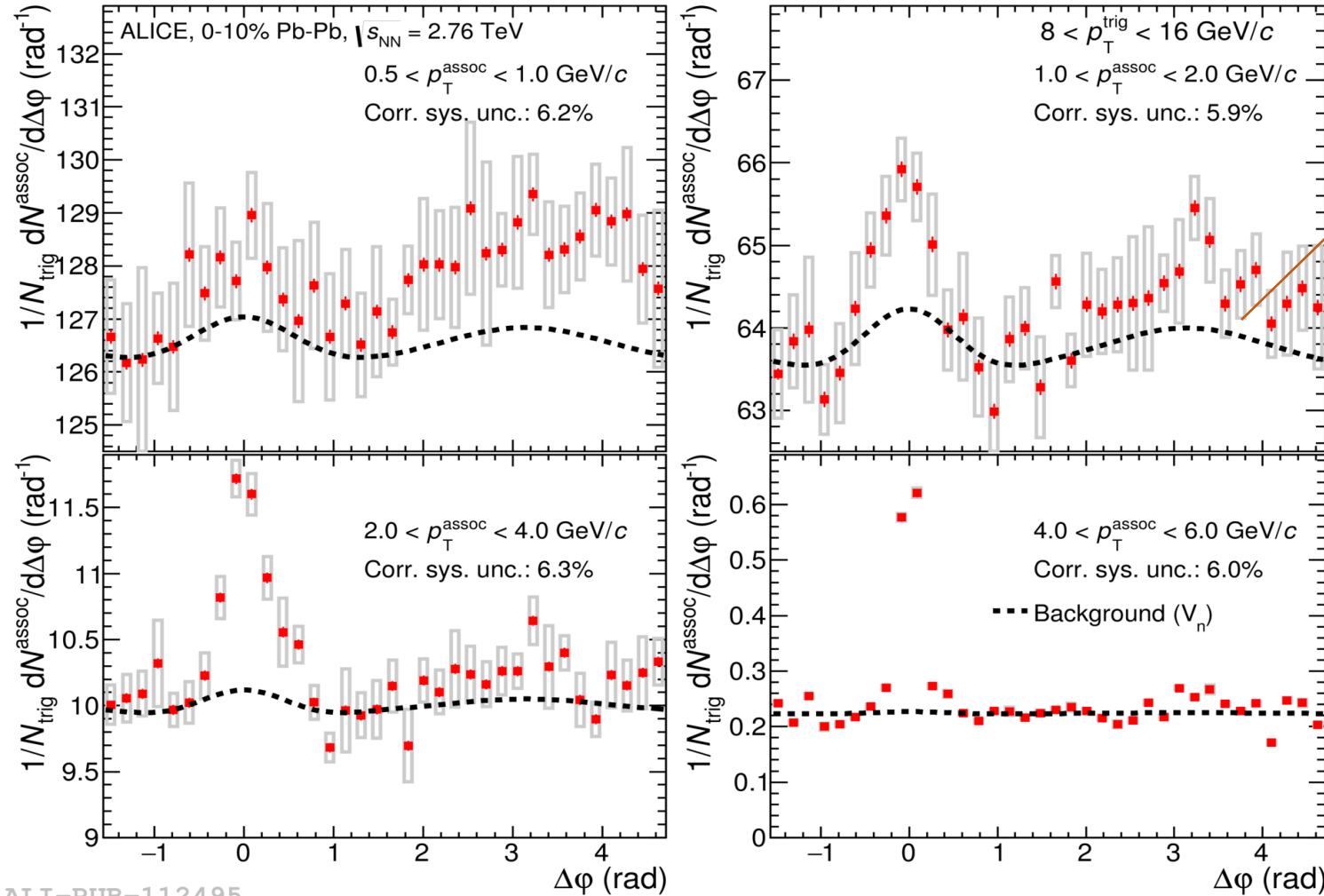
$$1.0 < p_T^{assoc} < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$2.0 < p_T^{assoc} < 4.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$4.0 < p_T^{assoc} < 6.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

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Azimuthal distribution in Pb–Pb



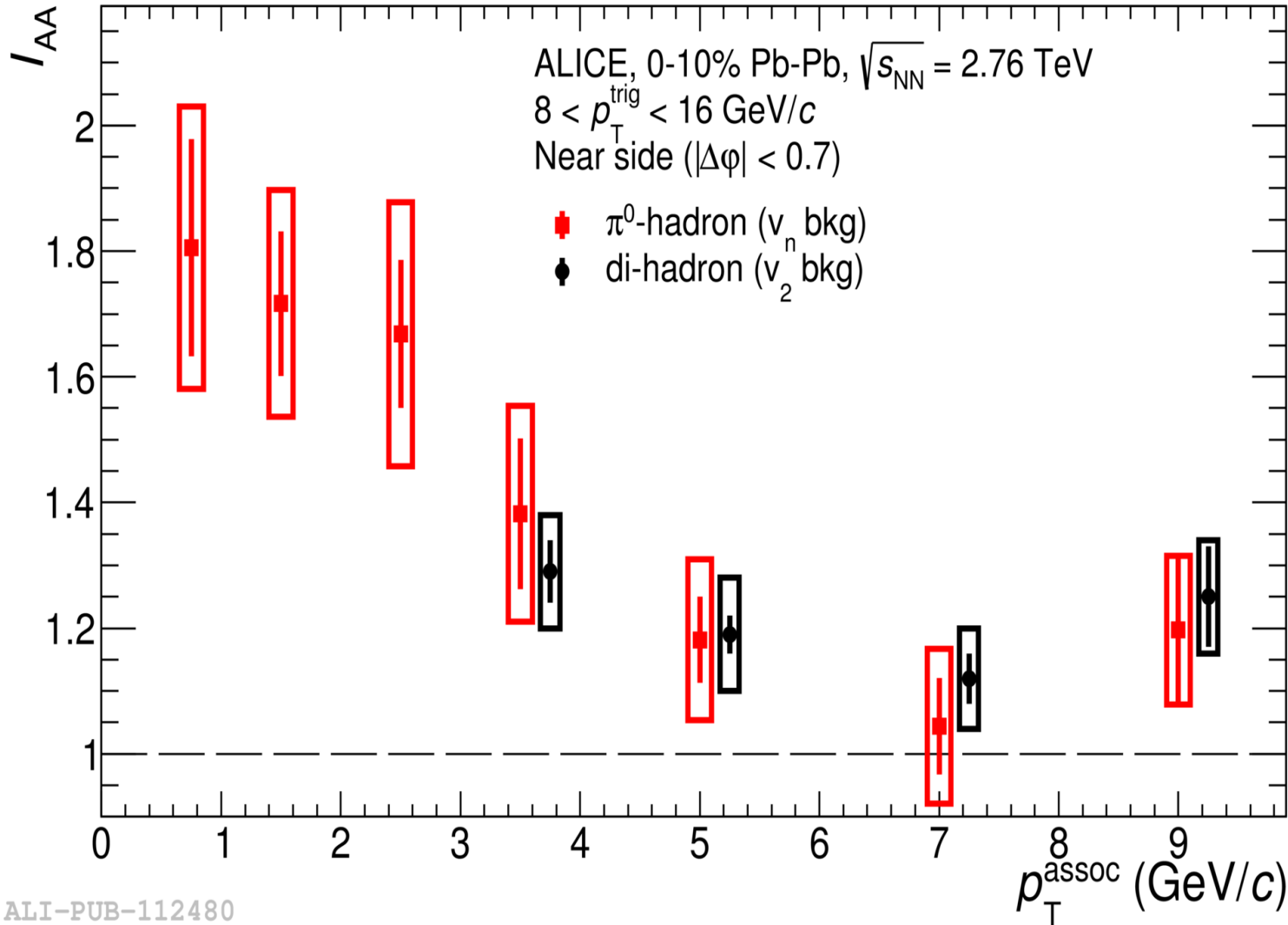
Low p_T away side broadens

0–10% most central Pb–Pb collisions

Near side yield is higher than away side yield at high p_T , but lower than away side yield at low p_T

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Modification factor: I_{AA} on near side

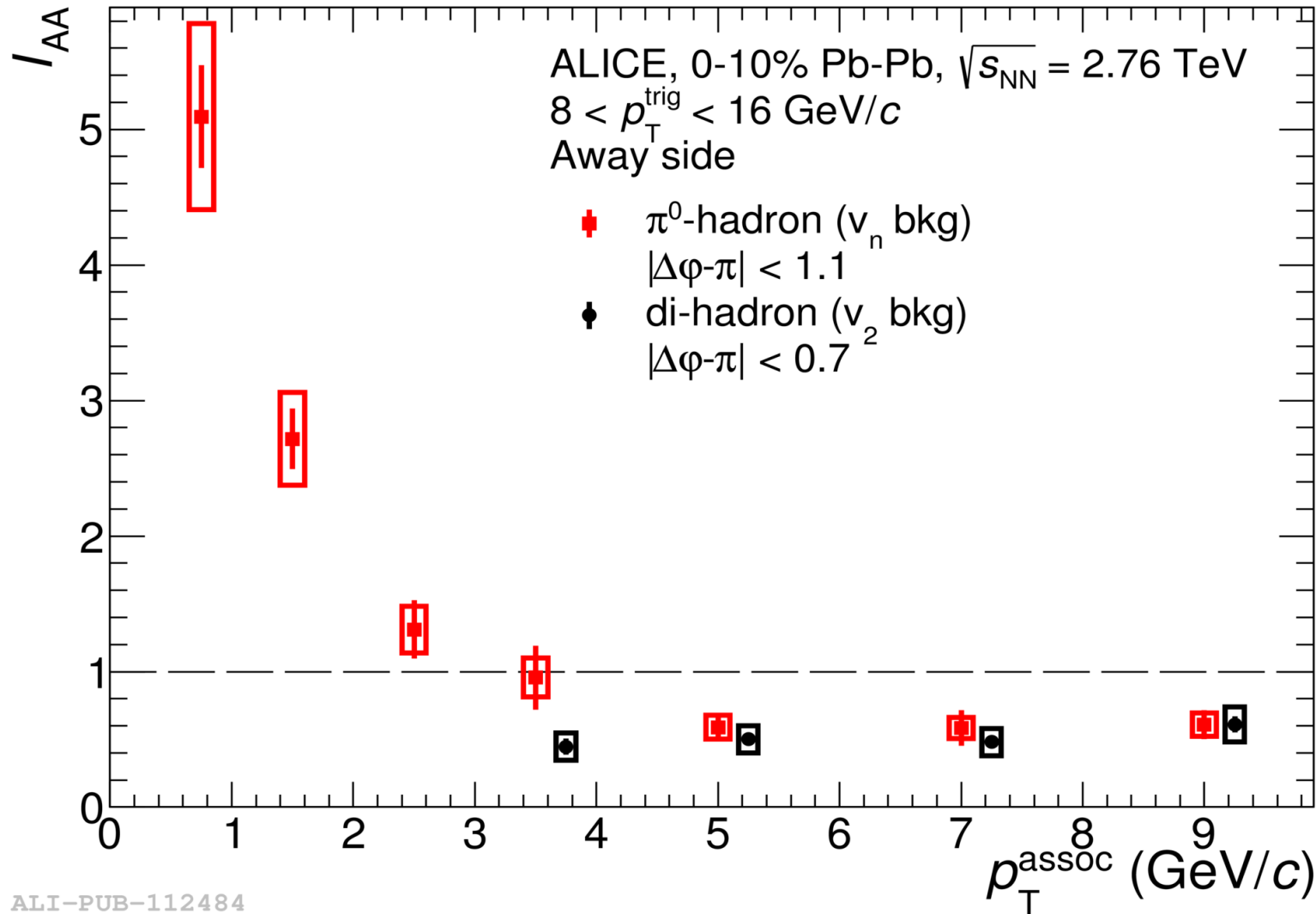


$$Y = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \int J d\Delta\phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_{AA} = \frac{Y_{Pb-Pb}}{Y_{pp}}$$

- Near-side enhancement at high p_T ($I_{AA} \sim 1.2$),
 $I_{AA} \sim 1.2$ to 1.8 at low p_T
 - ✓ Change of the fragmentation function?
 - ✓ Change of the quark vs gluon jet ratio?
 - ✓ Bias on the parton p_T spectrum?

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Modification factor: I_{AA} on away side



$$Y = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \int J d\Delta\phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_{AA} = \frac{Y_{Pb-Pb}}{Y_{pp}}$$

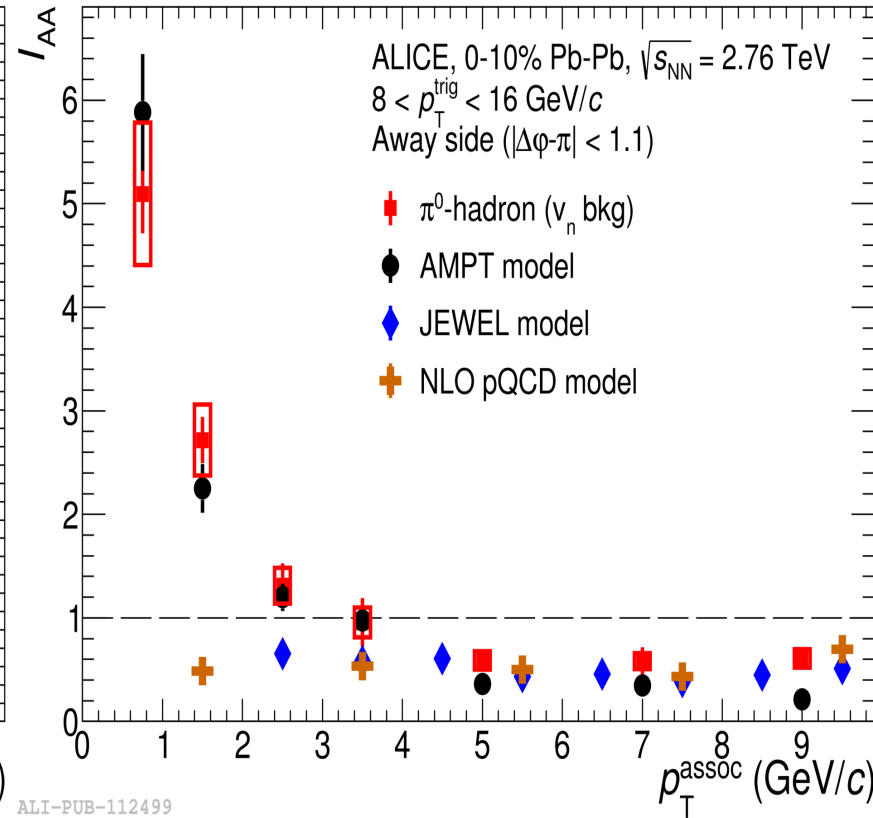
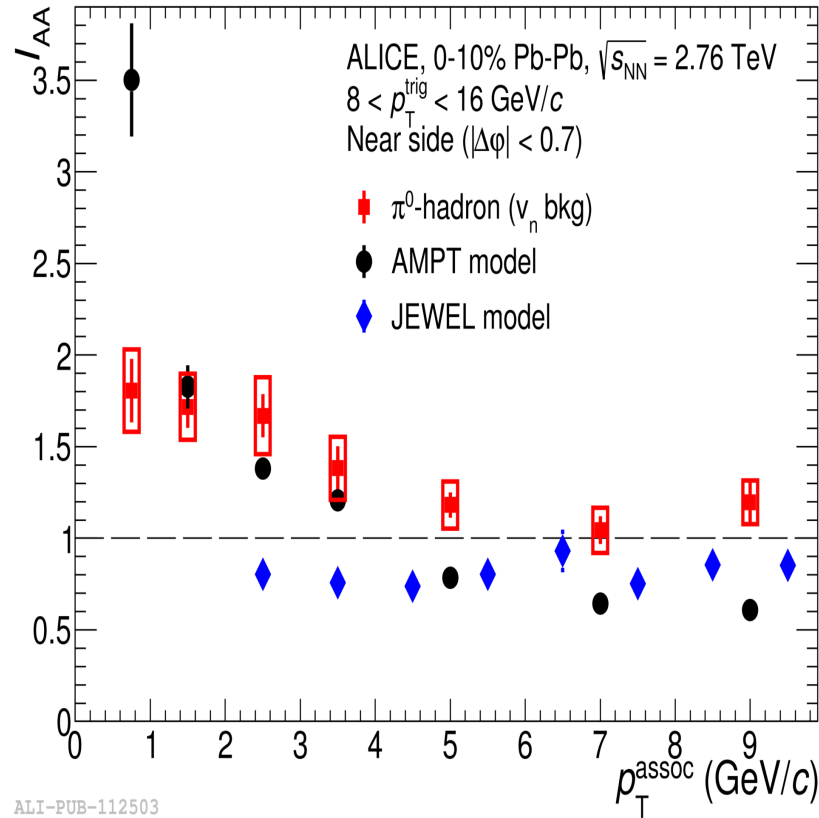
- Away-side suppressed at high p_T ($I_{AA} \approx 0.6$)
 - ✓ Energy loss in medium
- Enhancement up to $I_{AA} \sim 5$ at low p_T
 - ✓ k_T broadening?
 - ✓ medium-excitation?
 - ✓ fragments from radiated gluons?

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Systematic uncertainty

Source	$Y(\Delta\phi)$ pp	$Y(\Delta\phi)$ Pb–Pb	I_{AA} (NS)	I_{AA} (AS)
Tracking efficiency	5.4%	6.5%	8.5%	8.5%
MC closure	1.0%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%
TPC-only tracks	1.0%	3.5%	4.3%	3.8%
Track contamination	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%
Shower shape (λ_0)	1.2%	0.7%	3.4%	2.6%
Invariant mass window	1.3%	1.0%	3.5%	3.3%
Neutral pion purity	0.3%	1.1%	0.6%	0.5%
Pair p_T resolution	1.0%	1.1%	0.3%	0.3%
Pedestal determination	—	—	9.4%	11.7%
Uncertainty on v_n	—	—	7.1%	5.1%
Total	6.7%	7.4%	12.6%	15.0%

I_{AA} compared with models



- Near-side
- ✓ Only AMPT model can qualitatively describe the enhancement at low p_T (except the lowest p_T bin)
- Away-side
- ✓ All can qualitatively describe the suppression at high p_T
- ✓ Only AMPT model can qualitatively describe the enhancement at low p_T

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In AMPT the low- p_T^{assoc} enhancement is attributed to the increase of soft particles as a result of the jet-medium interactions

AMPT provided by Guoliang Ma

NLO pQCD provided by Hanzhong Zhang

JEWEL provided by Marco van Leeuwen

- Azimuthal angle difference $\Delta\varphi$ at midrapidity in pp and central Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV have been measured.
- The per-trigger yield modification factor, I_{AA} , has been measured for the near and away side in 0–10% most central Pb–Pb collisions .
 - ✓ Extend the results to low p_{T} , both near and away side show enhancement.
 - ✓ Measured I_{AA} comparison to models, away side suppression reproduced by JEWEL, NLO and AMPT but enhancement on near and away side only qualitatively reproduced by AMPT.