

PPG04 IRC Meeting

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Useful links

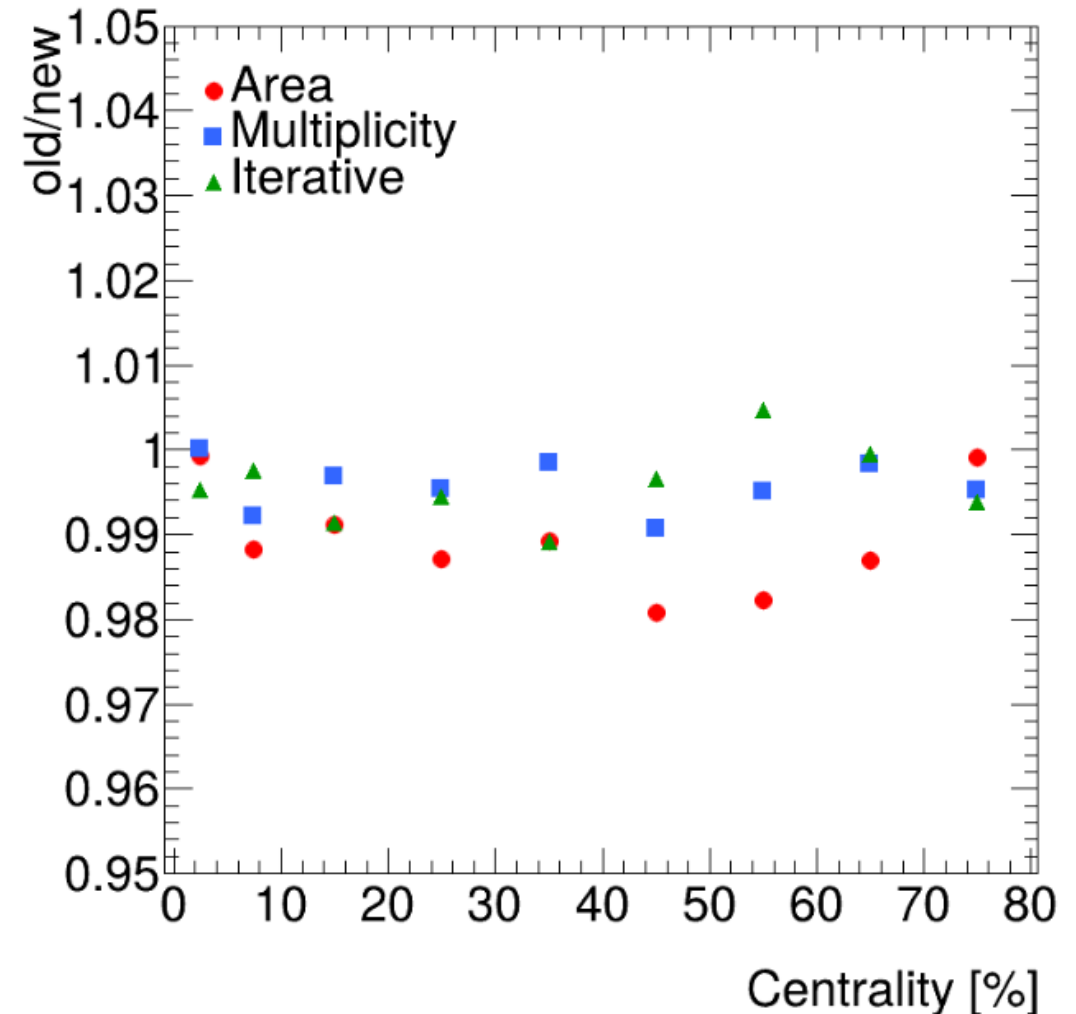
- Internal analysis note: [invenio](#) (new since invenio update)
- Internal analysis note: [overleaf](#)
- Conference note: [overleaf](#) (work in progress)
- IRC comments/questions: [google doc](#)
- Analysis code repository: <https://github.com/tmengel/UE-AuAu-PPG04/>

Status of Priority Items

- Embedding pythia into MB data
 - 98% of jobs completed. This is sufficient for per QM conference note.
 - Jobs producing new embedded results not completed
- In-plane and out-plane studies
 - Propose to table until after conf-note approval. Will be included in the paper.
- **SDCC/condor issues last week has made progress very difficult on these fronts. It might be a good idea to move forward with the conf-note without EP aspect for now. Optimistic about embedded analysis**

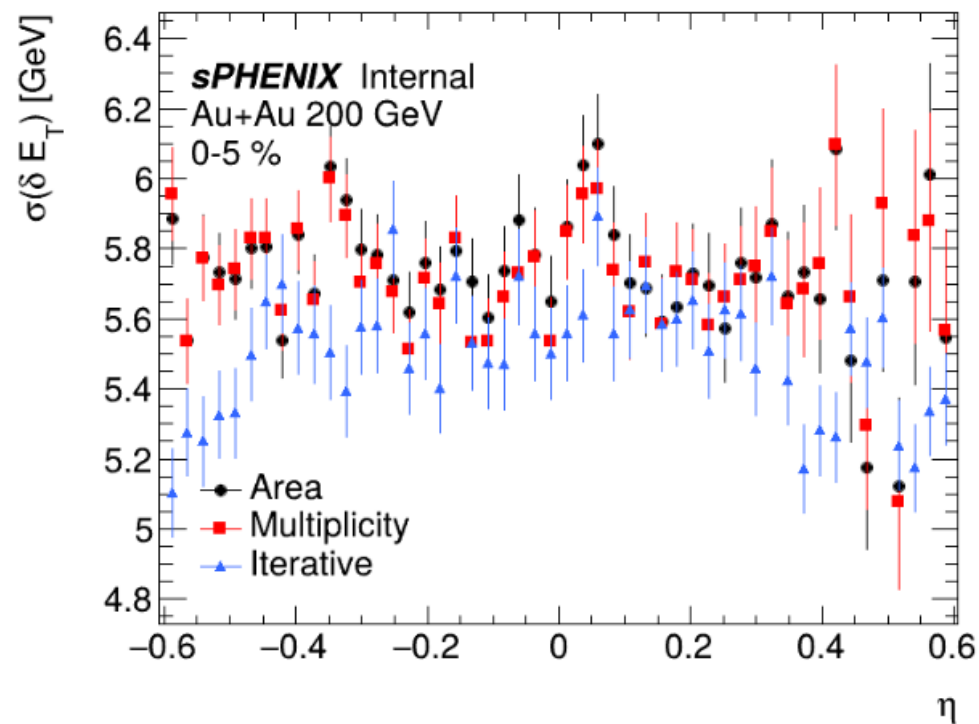
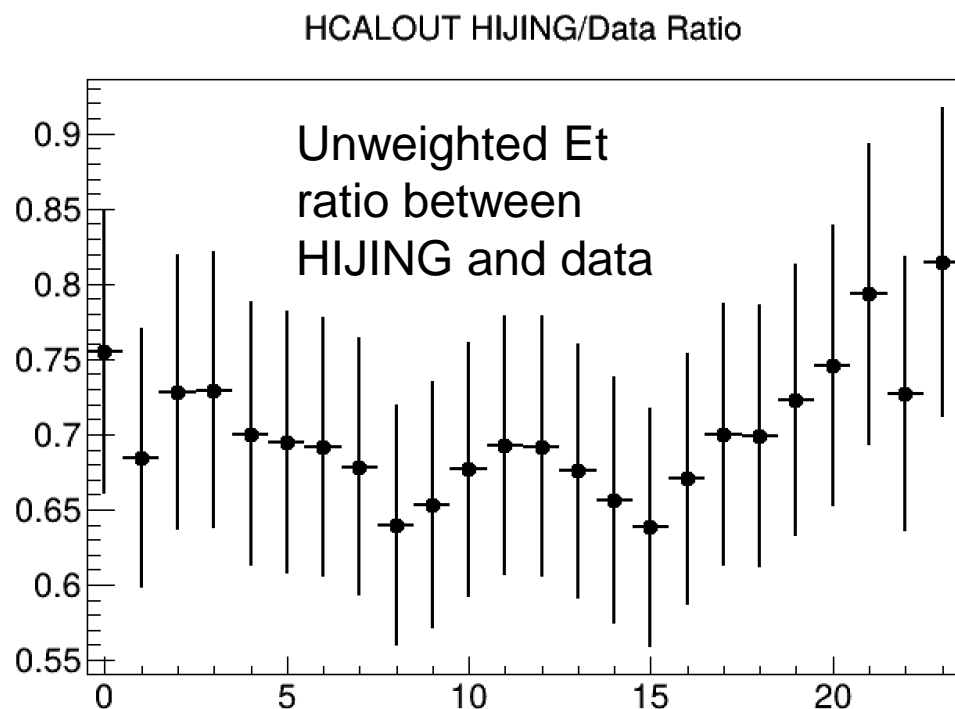
New calibration comparison

- New calo calibrations for Au+Au 2024 data have been rolled out for PPG03. We will not have time to update the embedding with new production
- Appears to be $\sim 1\%$ effect in fluctuations. v_3 contribution is 5% for comparison
- We believe this is sufficient to move forward with conf-note



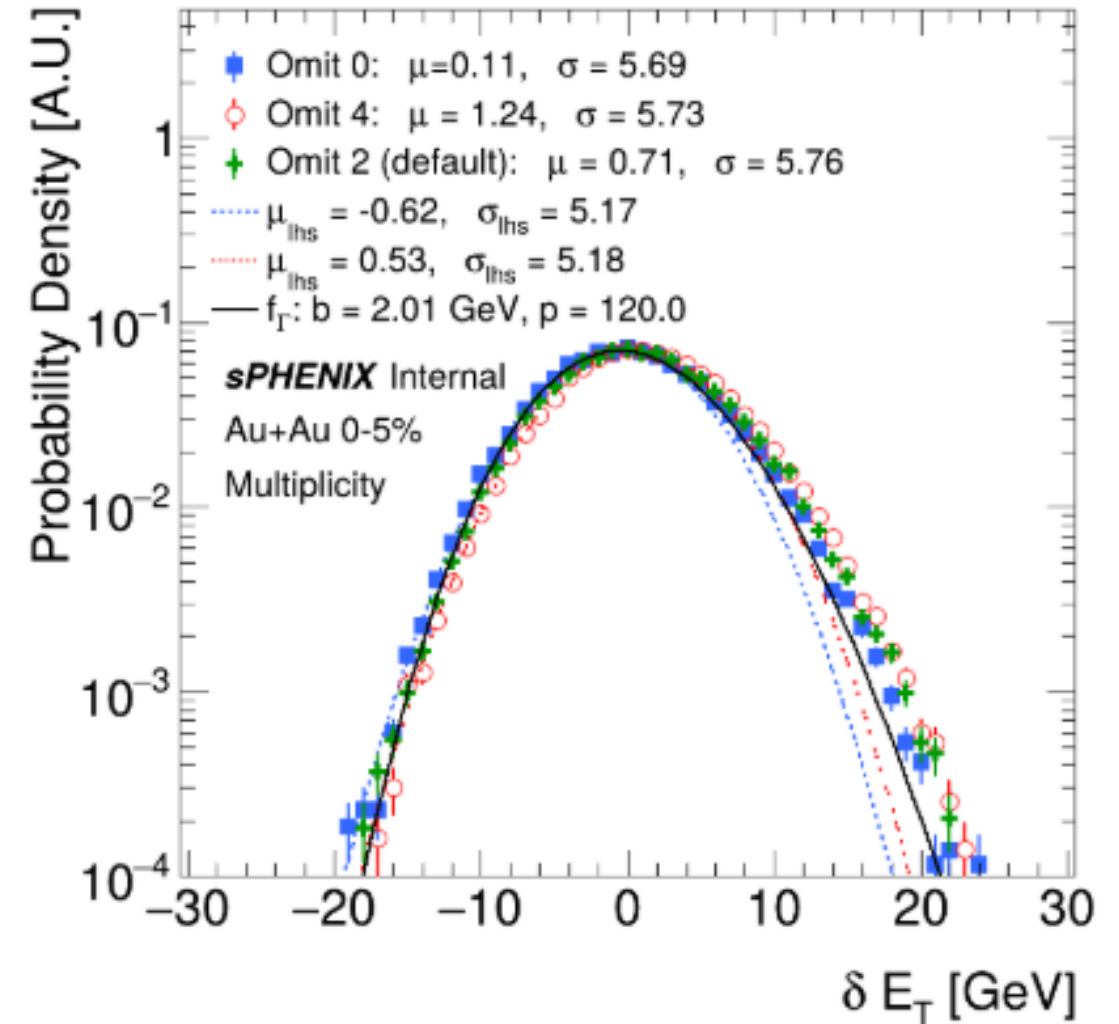
η dependence

- Checking η dependence of fluctuations to see if similar effect is seen to that in PPG02/03.



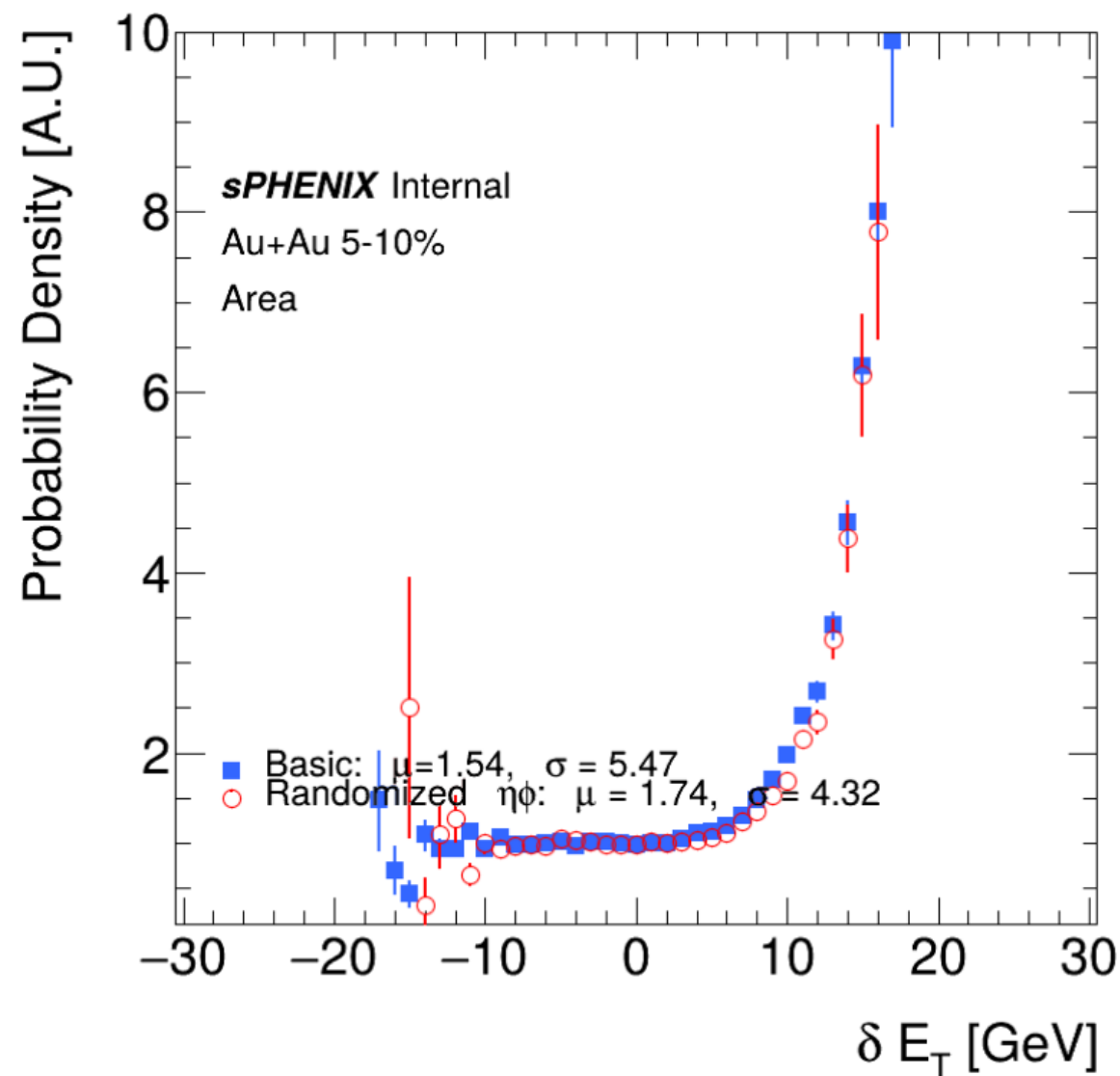
Non-zero mean

- Mean is affected by the number of omitted jets from ρ estimation (not many jets in MB data)
- Hesitant to switch to omitting 0 because omitting 2 will be what we do in real jet measurements



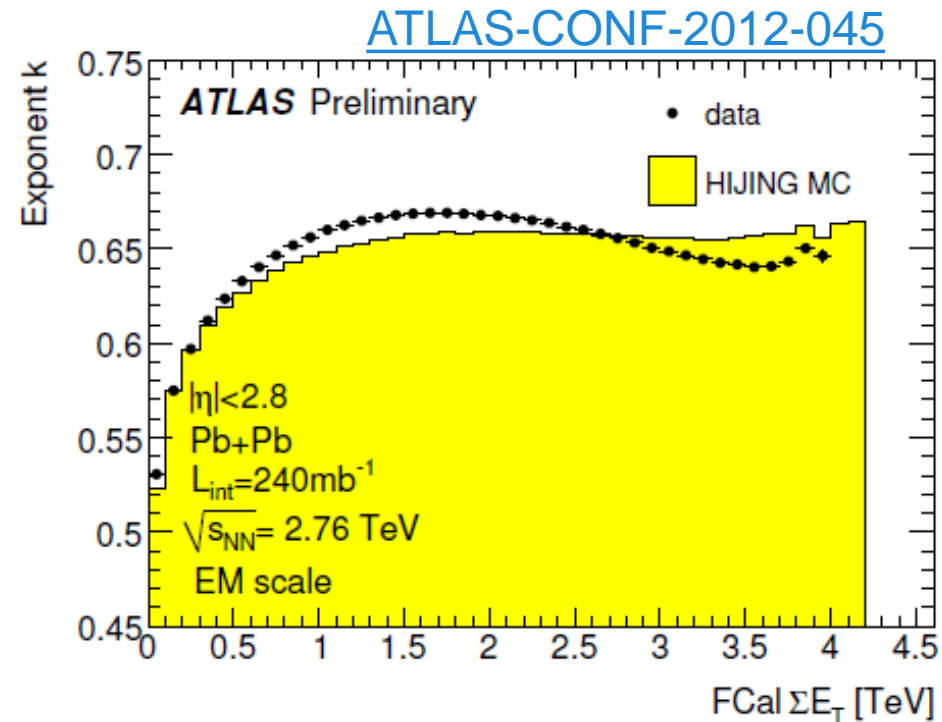
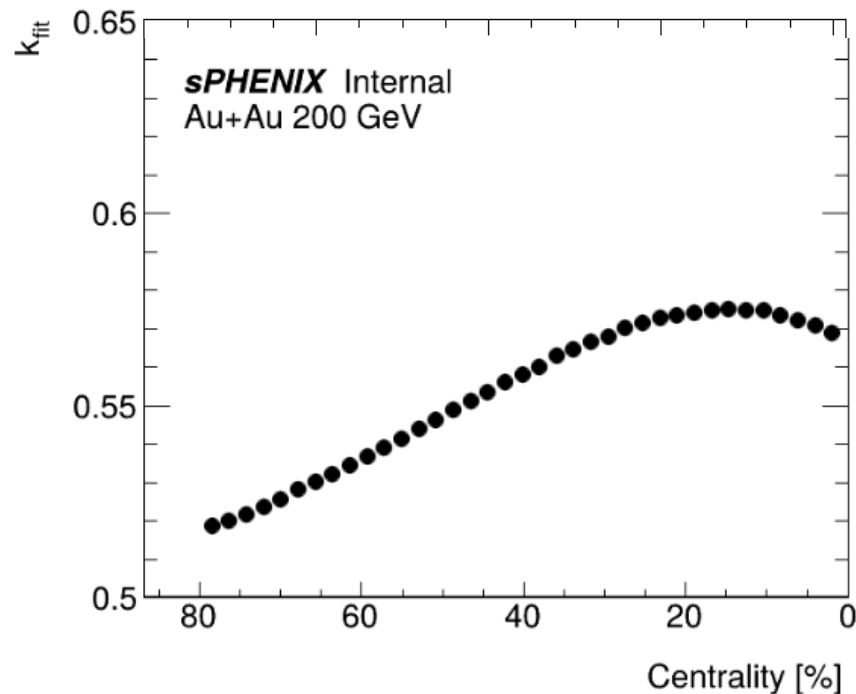
Response to δE_T tail

- Randomized cones are closer to gaussian fit
- The non-negative mean makes the difference appear larger in the residual figure



UE fluctuations spatial correlations

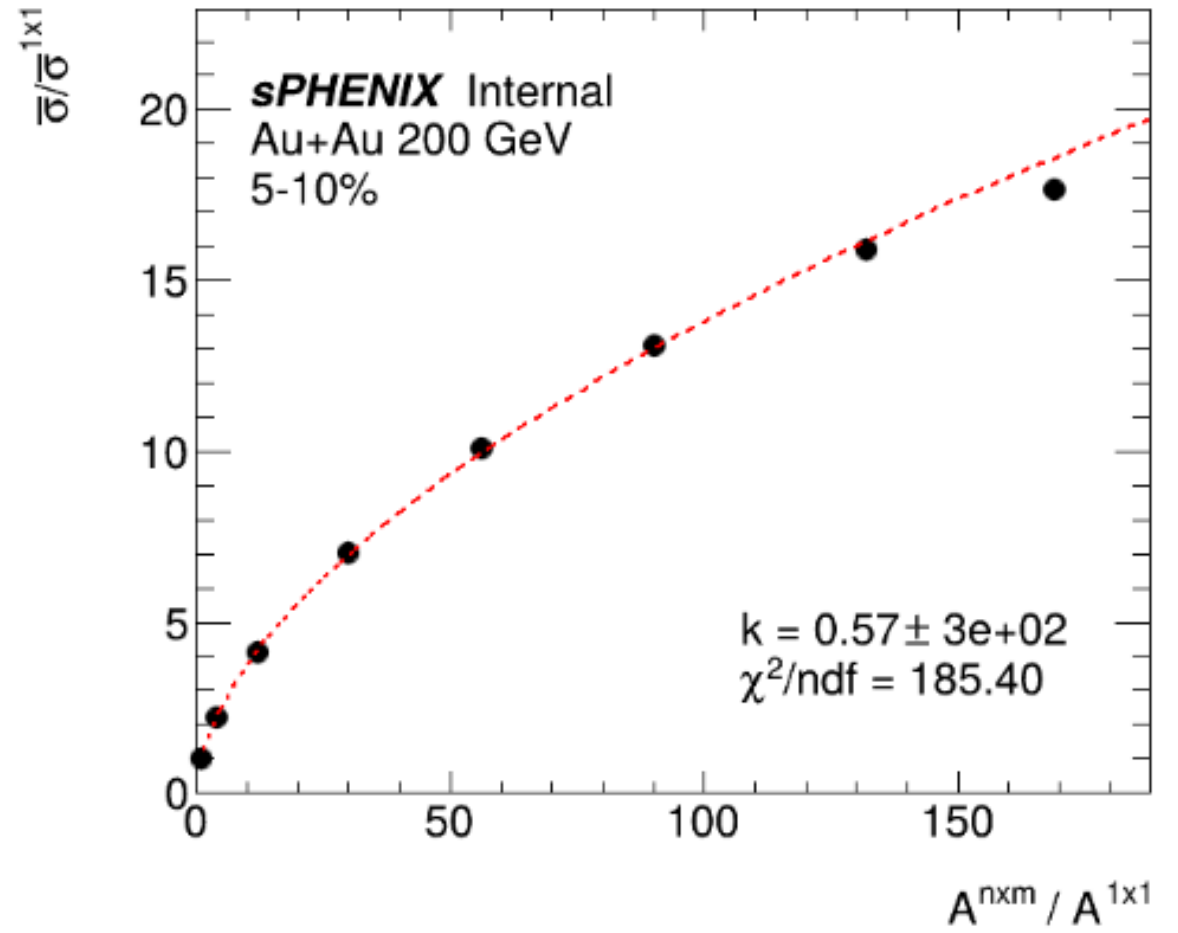
- Spatial correlations of UE fluctuations extracted by fit
 - $\bar{\sigma}^{nxm} / \bar{\sigma}^{1x1} = (nxm)^k$
 - $k > 1/2$ for all centralities
- Updated binning and x-axis. Plots will be updated in IAN



Fit confirmation

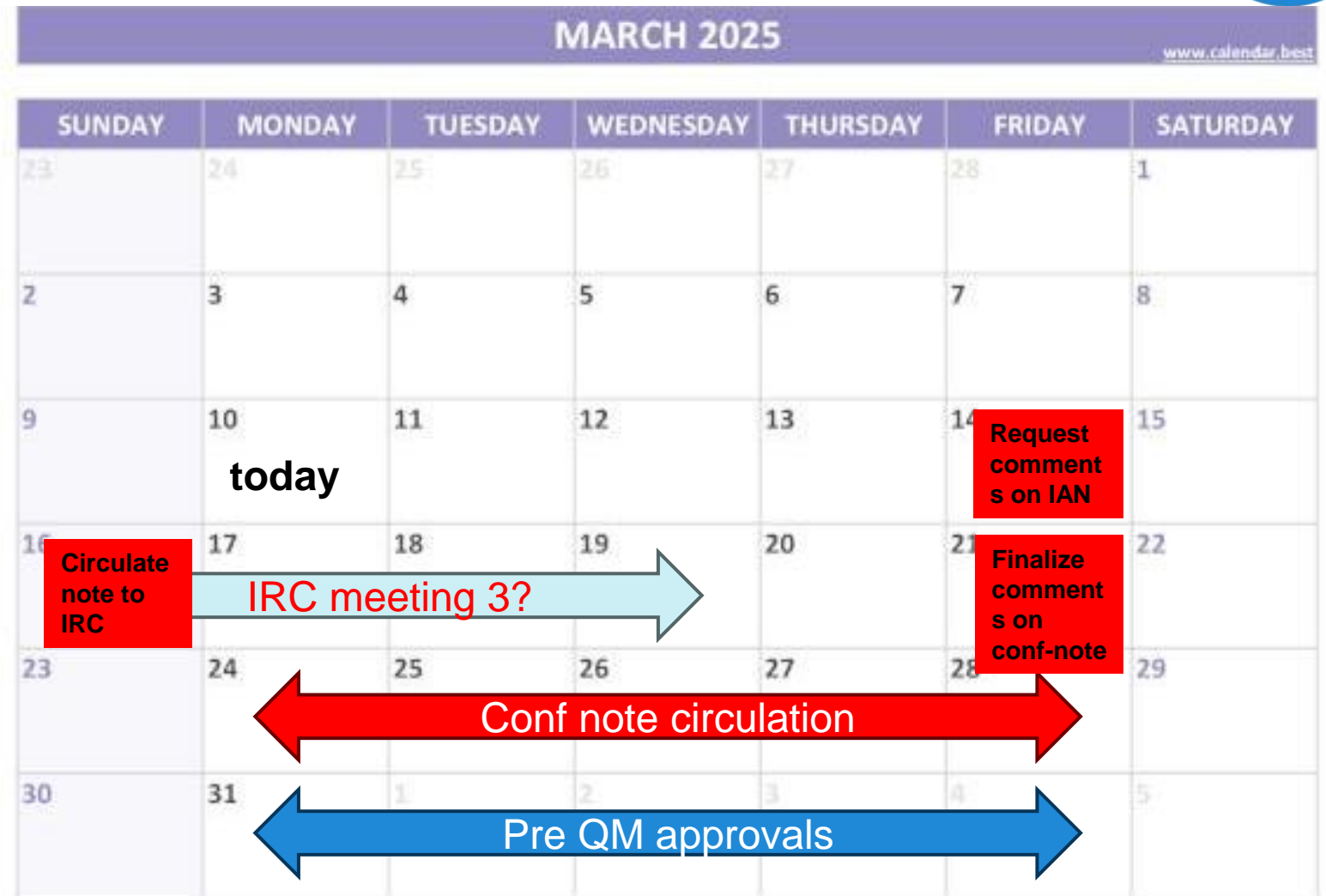


- Will include χ^2/ndf to legends of fits for calo window analysis.
- Updates to fit plots will be added based on new centrality binning.
- Not sure if goodness of fit is important to the analysis



Timelines

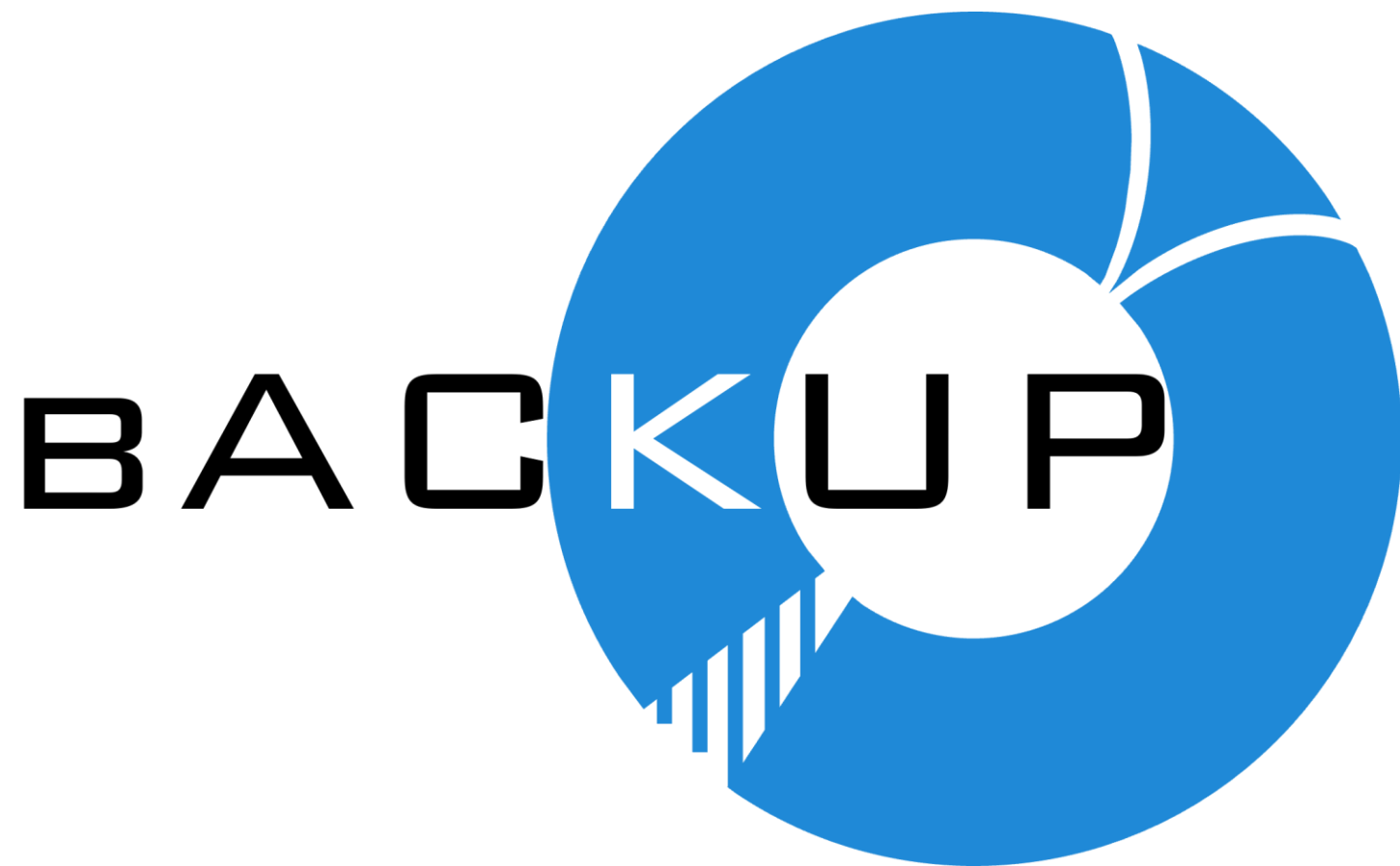
- We request comments on IAN from IRC by this Friday to be implemented before deadline
- Conf-note will need to be circulated this weekend/early next week to IRC



Summary



- Comments/cross checks from IRC meeting 1 have been addressed and will a discussion of them will be included in the IAN
- Embedding production jobs are done and we are moving forward to running analysis with new files
- IAN will be updated by Wednesday. We ask the IRC to please provide comments by this weekend for further cross checks



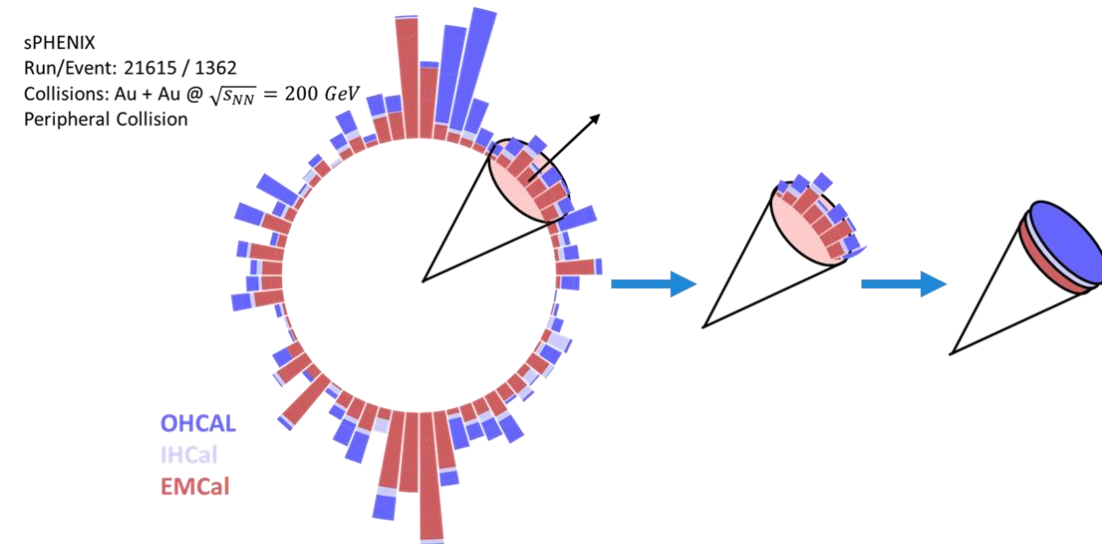
PPG04 Physics Goals



- Characterize UE and its fluctuations in Au+Au 200 GeV data
- Quantify sources and determine spatial correlations of UE fluctuations
- Characterize performance of 3 background subtraction methods in data. Investigate their ability to suppress UE fluctuations from different sources and inform unfolding of future jet measurements
 - Multiplicity method: [*T. Mengel et. al. Phys. Rev. C 108, Letter 021901*](#)
 - Area method (STAR, ALICE): [*Phys. Lett. B 659 \(2008\) 119-126*](#)
 - Iterative subtraction (ATLAS, CMS): [*Phys. Rev. C 86, 024908*](#)

UE Characterization Objects

- **Calorimeter windows:** Sliding window within acceptance with different area sized
- **Random cones:** $R = 0.4$ rigid cones placed in calo acceptance
 - Not biased by jet clustering algorithm
 - Allows for determination of sources of background fluctuations
 - Two types of cones: basic, randomized $\eta\phi$
- **High energy probes:** $E_T^{probe} = 30$ GeV added to event and found in reconstructed $R = 0.4$ jet candidates
 - Not biased by fragmentation but is constructed using anti- k_T
 - Matched geometrical to probe $\eta\phi$
- **Embedded PYTHIA Jets:** Fully embedded pythia dijet events into data
 - Full interplay between UE fluctuations and jet finding algorithm,



Analysis Details

- Using initial calo calibrations provided by PPG03 for run 2024 Au+Au calo data
 - Just updated on Friday
- Tower reconstruction info:
 - EMCAL and HCAL calibrated to EM Scale
 - Standard software ZS by ADC threshold used in central prod. (60,30,30)
 - Excluding event-by-event masked towers from all analysis inputs

Event selection cuts:

- sPHENIX min. bias definition
- $|z_{vtx}| < 20$ cm
- Centrality 0-80%

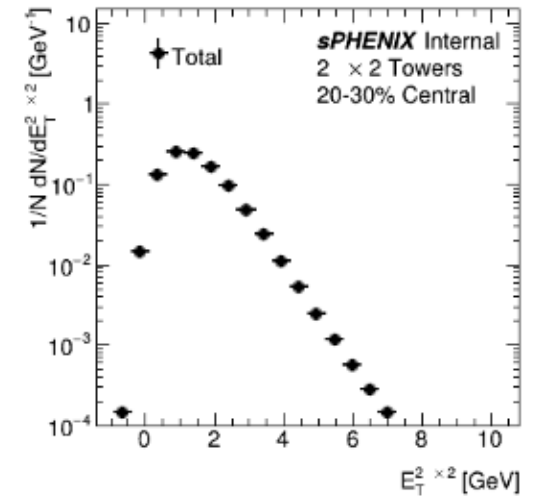
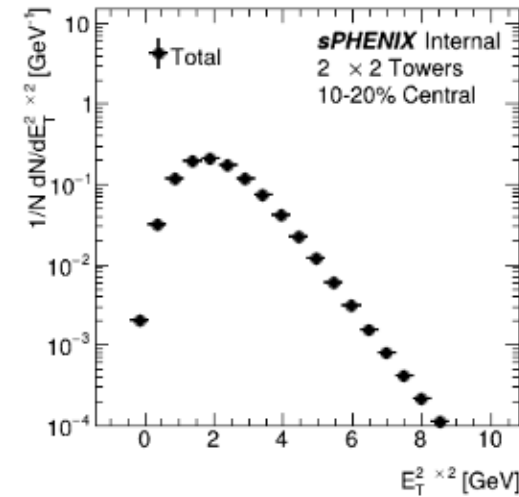
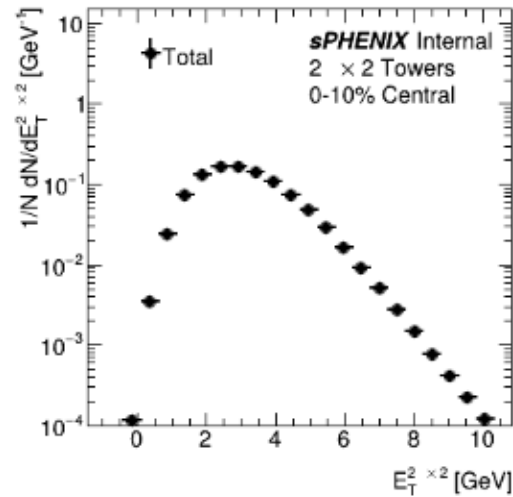
Run Number	Production Tag	CDB Tag	Number of Events [millions]
54912	Ana.450	2024p009	1

- 1e6 events are found in run 54912 with this selection criteria

Calo Windows

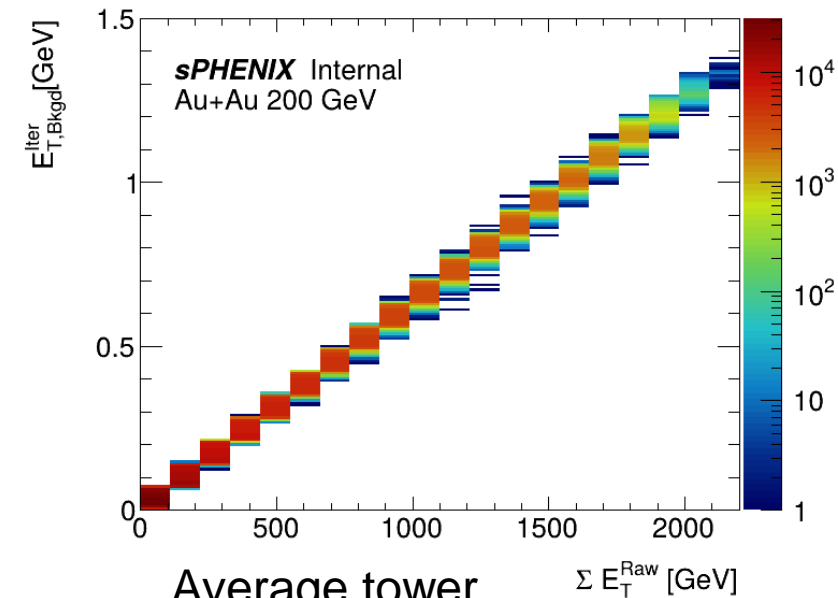
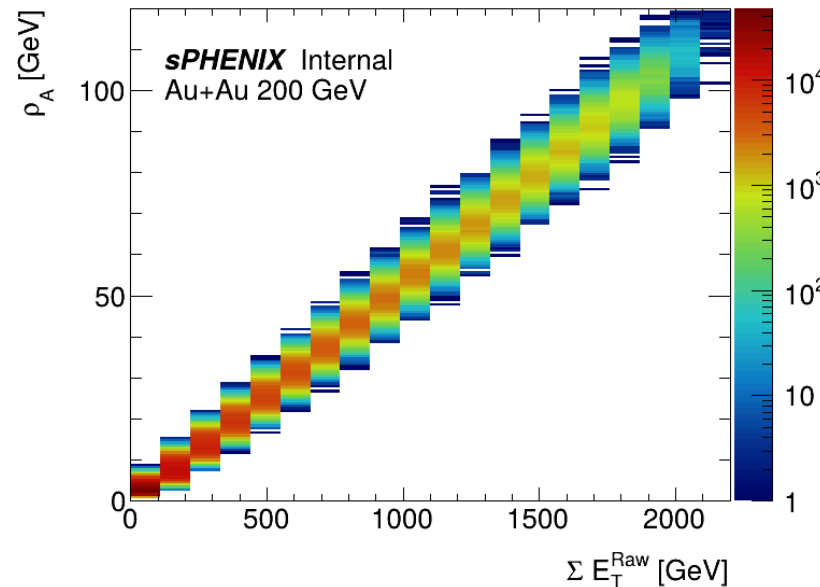
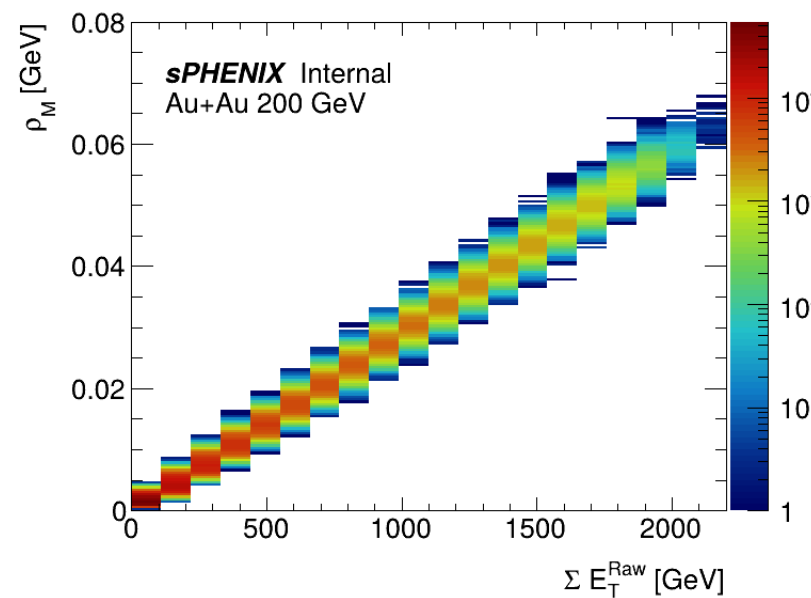
- Using sliding windows with different area sizes
 - Re-towered EMCAL, and HCALS. $|\eta| < 1.1$
 - Any window with masked tower is excluded
- No pedestal subtraction

R	A_{cone}	Window Size	A_{window}
0.2	0.13	3×4	0.11
0.3	0.28	5×6	0.27
0.4	0.5	7×8	0.5
0.5	0.79	9×10	0.81
0.6	1.13	11×12	1.19
0.7	1.54	13×13	1.52
0.8	2.01	15×15	2.02



Background estimations

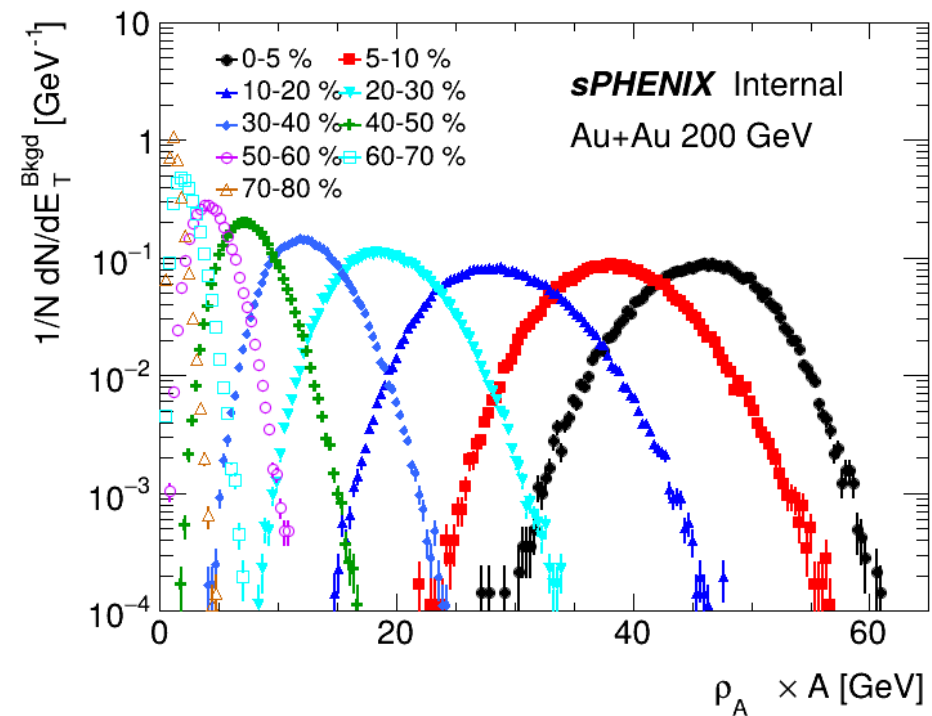
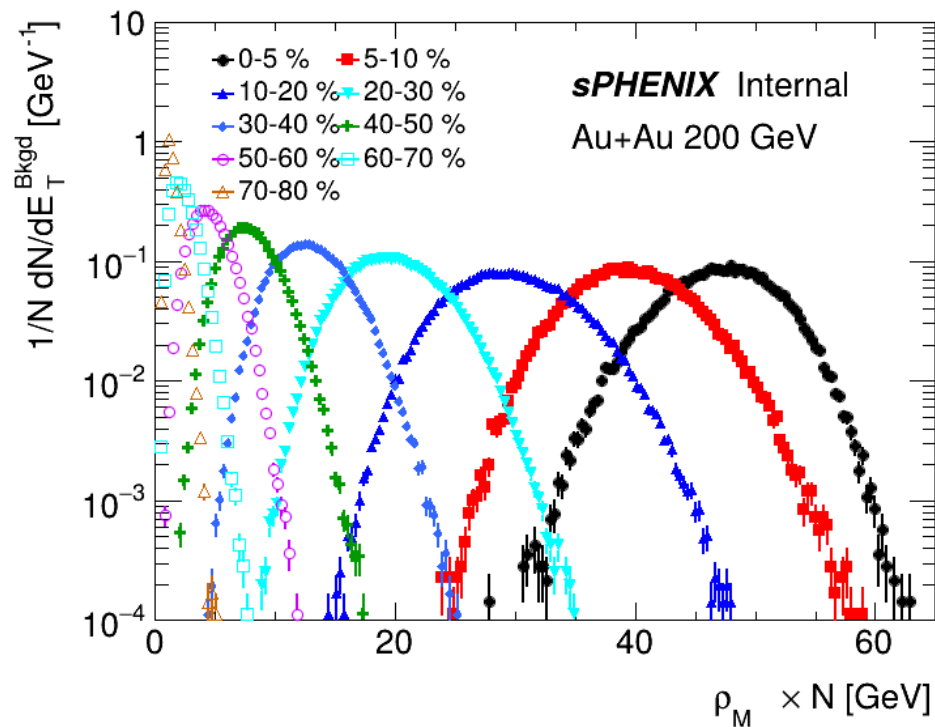
- Event background densities are estimated with iterative method, multiplicity method, area method
- All background estimations have linear dependence with $\sum E_T^{raw}$ and intersect at origin



Average tower
background from
iterative subtraction

Background estimations

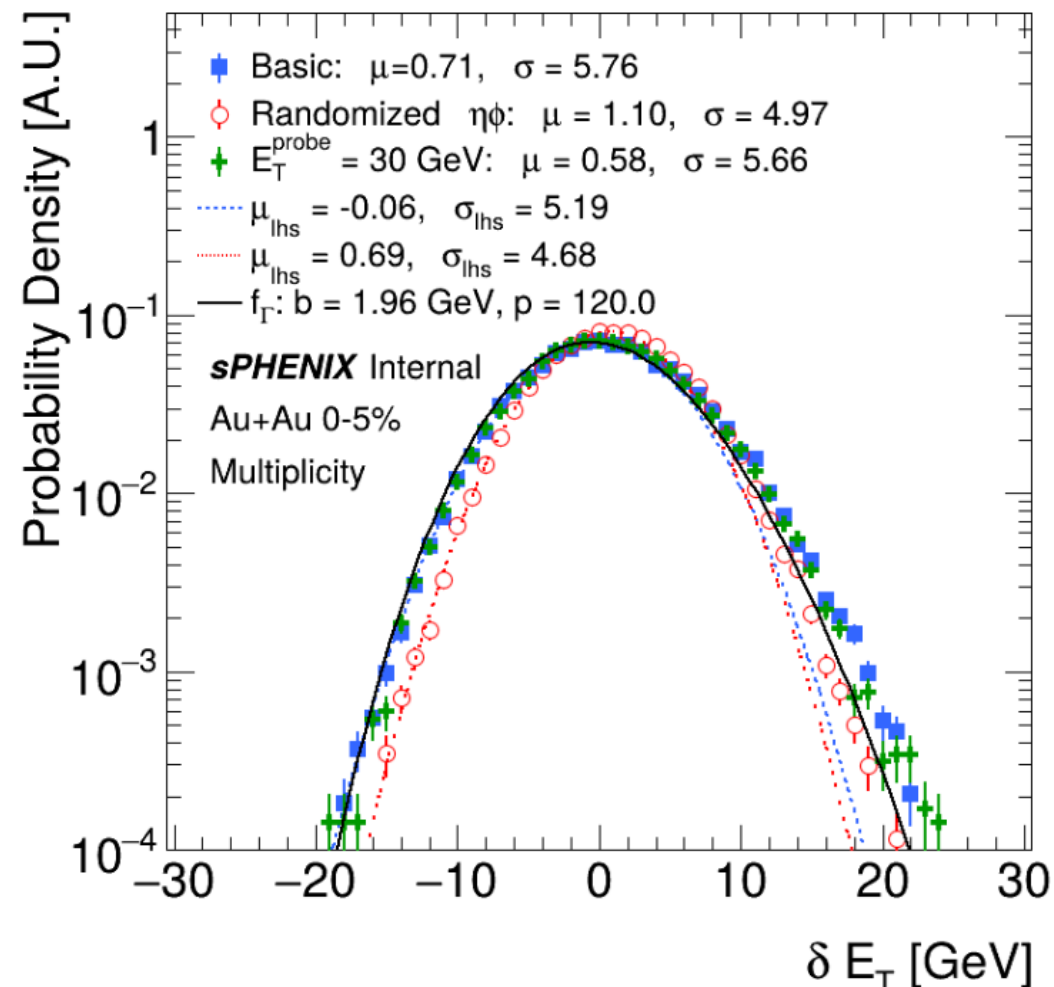
- Good agreement between background contribution estimates between both ρ methods
- UE is significant in most central events and is well behaved



Residual Distributions

- $\sigma_{l.h.s}$ is lower bound for magnitude of fluctuations (statistical)
- Gaussian can be extrapolated to positive δE_T to show difference in tails
- Shapes are not gaussian (even without non-statistical fluctuations)
- Better described by single tower E_T spectra

$$f_{\Gamma}(\delta E_T) = A \cdot \frac{b}{\Gamma(p)} \cdot (b \cdot \delta E_T + p)^{p-1} \cdot e^{-(b \cdot \delta E_T + p)}$$



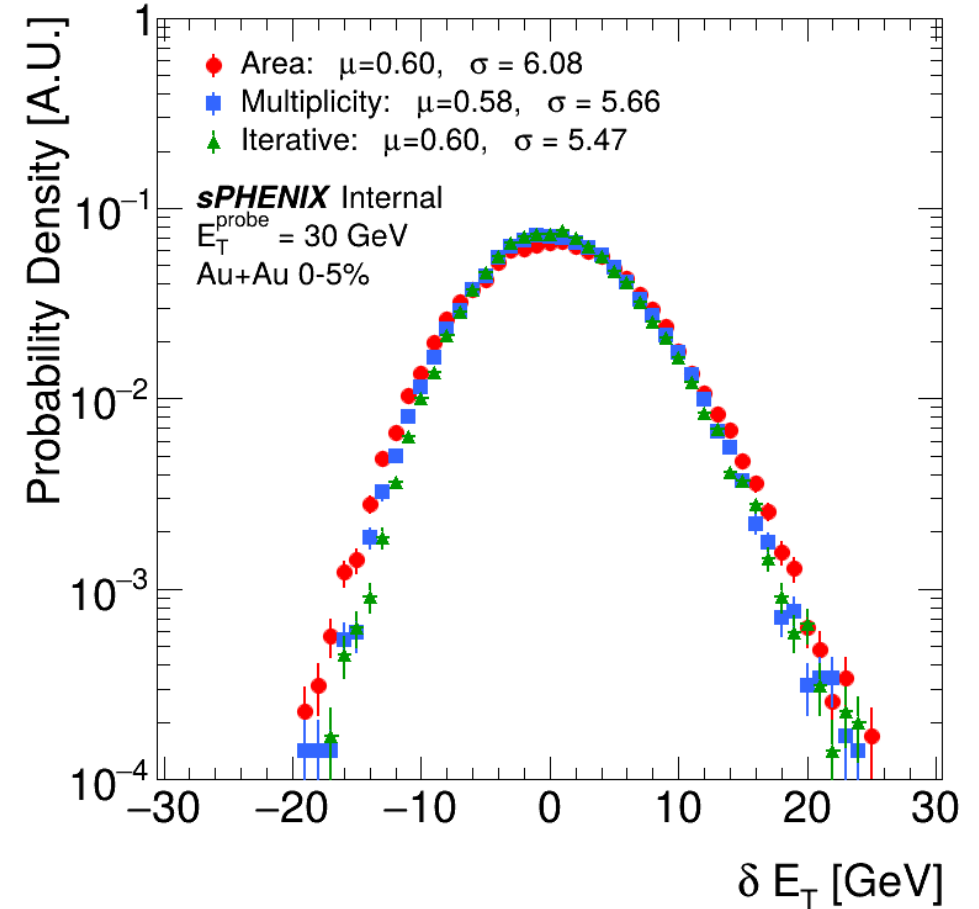
High energy probes

- $E_T^{probe} = 30 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 0.6$
- Probe is added on top of data (not embedded) and results in a circular $R = 0.4$ anti-kT jet
- Geometrically matched back to probe $\eta\phi$

$$\delta E_{T,Area} = E_{T,jet}^{Uncorr.} - \rho_A \cdot A_{jet} - E_{T,truth}$$

$$\delta E_{T,Mult} = E_{T,jet}^{Uncorr.} - \rho_M \cdot (N_{const} - \langle N_{signal} \rangle) - E_{T,truth}$$

$$\delta E_{T,Iter} = E_{T,jet}^{sub.} - E_{T,truth}$$



Most Central Events

- The standard deviation for central events using unbiased sampling is found to be $\sigma = 5.5 \pm 0.5$ GeV.
- Similar proportionality between UE fluctuations and left-hand side extrapolation seen at ALICE

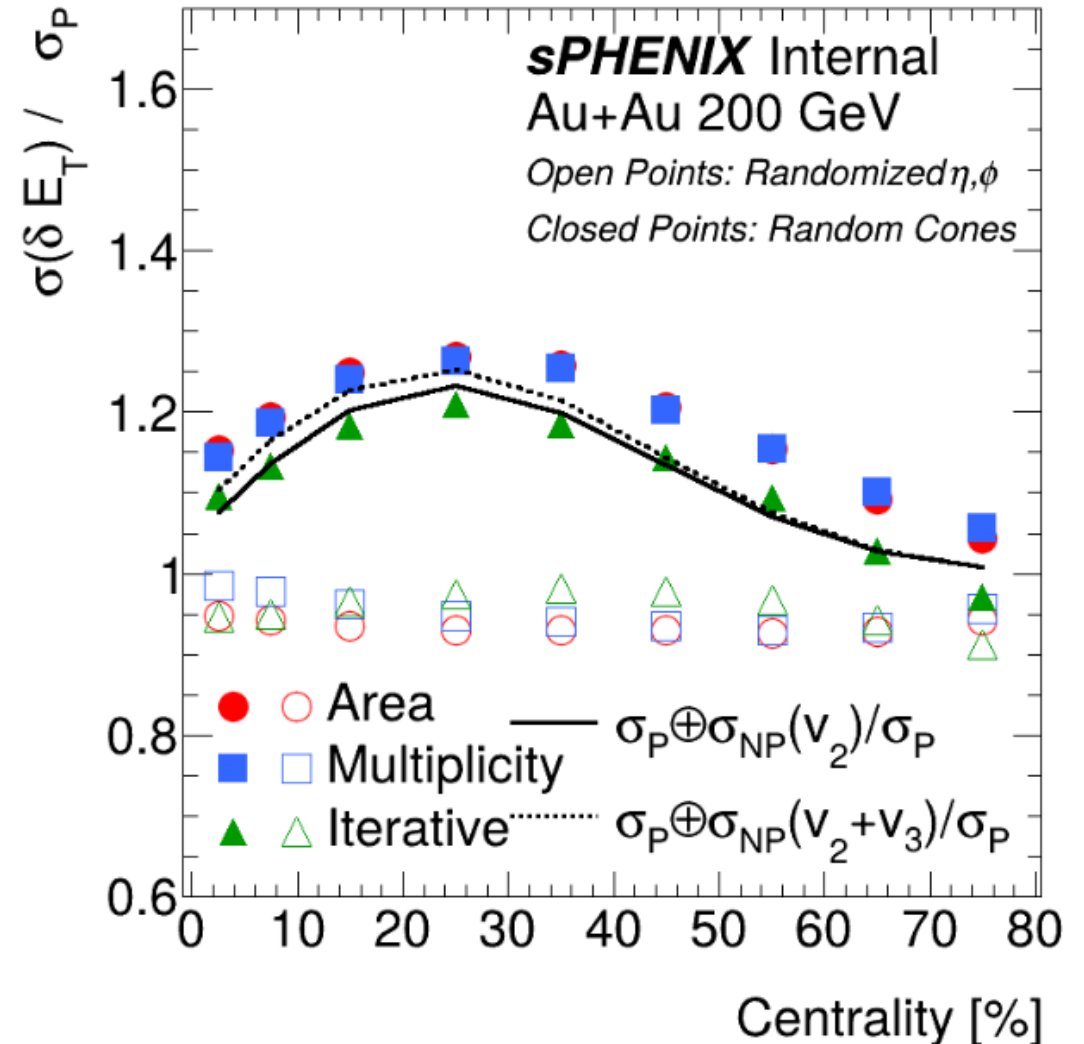
	σ (GeV/c)	$\sigma^{\text{l.h.s.}}$ (GeV/c)	$\mu^{\text{l.h.s.}}$ (GeV/c)
$p_t^{\text{min}} = 0.15$ GeV/c			
random cones	10.98 ± 0.01	9.65 ± 0.02	-0.04 ± 0.03
track emb.	11.19 ± 0.01	9.80 ± 0.02	0.00 ± 0.03
jet emb.	11.34 ± 0.02	9.93 ± 0.06	0.06 ± 0.09

[ALICE JHEP 03 \(2012\) 053](#)

	μ [GeV]	σ [GeV]	$\sigma^{\text{l.h.s.}}$ [GeV]	$\mu^{\text{l.h.s.}}$ [GeV]
Area Method				
Basic Cone	1.75	5.8	5.15	0.83
Randomized $\eta\phi$	2.1	4.8	4.4	1.5
High Energy Probe	0.6	6.1		
Multiplicity Method				
Basic Cone	0.71	5.8	5.2	-0.057
Randomized $\eta\phi$	1.1	5	4.7	0.69
High Energy Probe	0.58	5.7		
Iterative Method				
Basic Cone	0.46	5.5	4.8	-0.48
Randomized $\eta\phi$	0.31	4.8	4.3	-0.34
High Energy Probe	0.6	5.5		

Suppression of UE fluctuations

- Flow contributes 0-25% to UE fluctuations depending on centrality
- Iterative method is less dependent on flow contributions
- Multiplicity method is closest to Poissonian limit most central events
- Area and multiplicity method have similar flow sensitivity



Multiplicity driven fluctuations

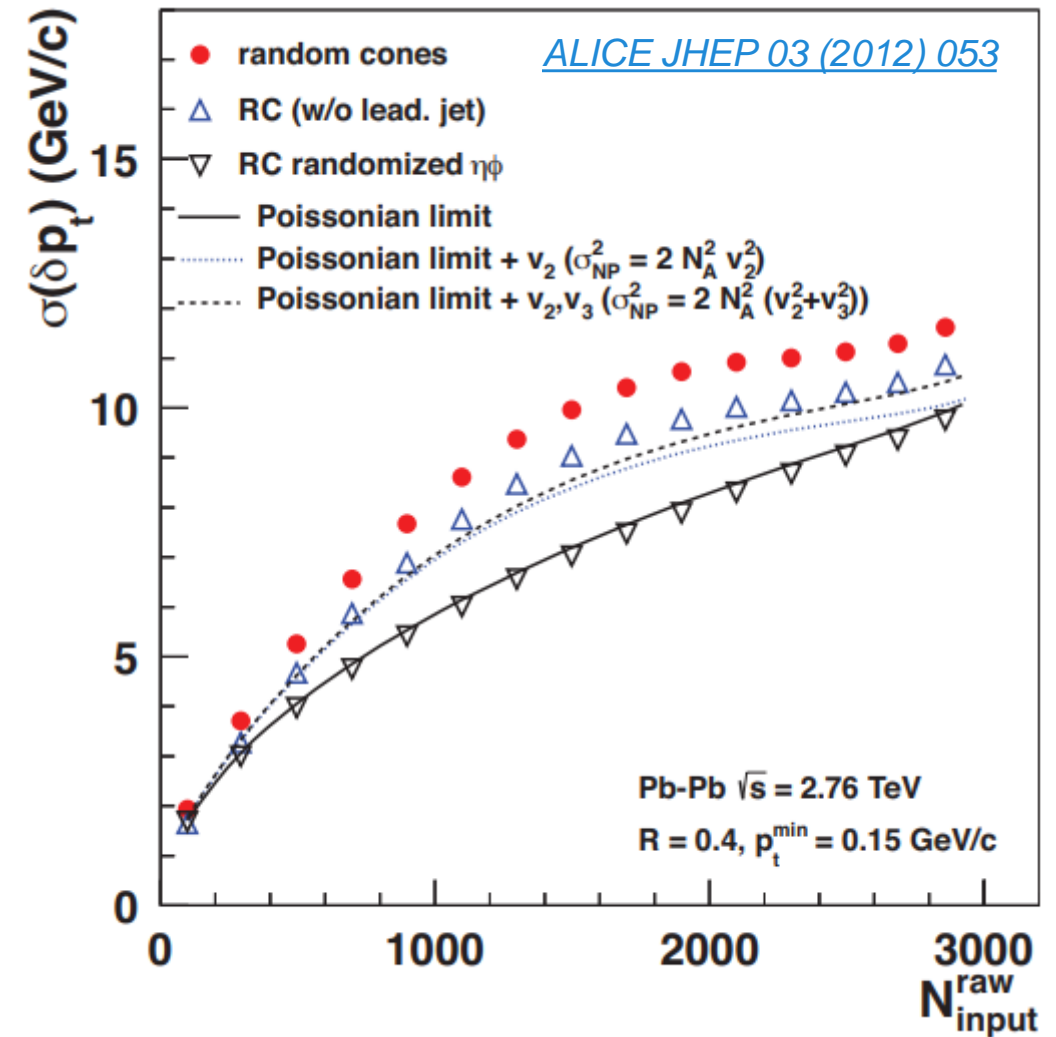
- UE fluctuations are well described by **statistical** and **non-Poissonian** multiplicity fluctuations

$$\sigma(\delta p_T) = \sqrt{N\sigma_{p_T}^2 + N\mu_{p_T}^2 + \sigma_{NP}^2}$$

- Background p_T in jets is multiplicity dependent

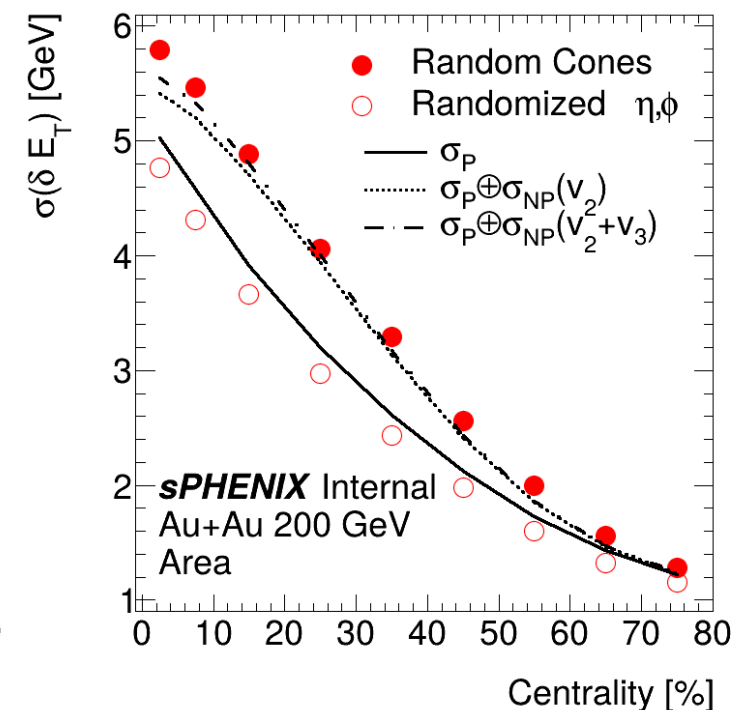
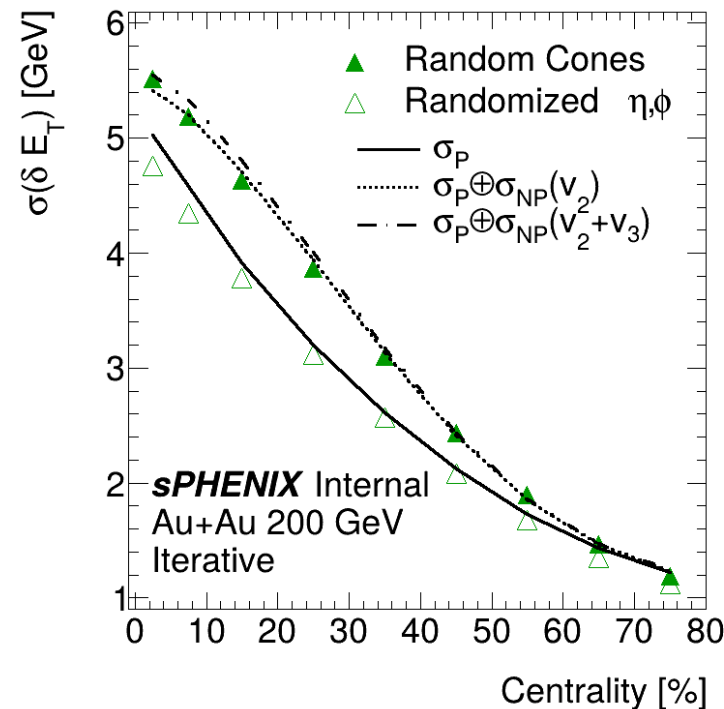
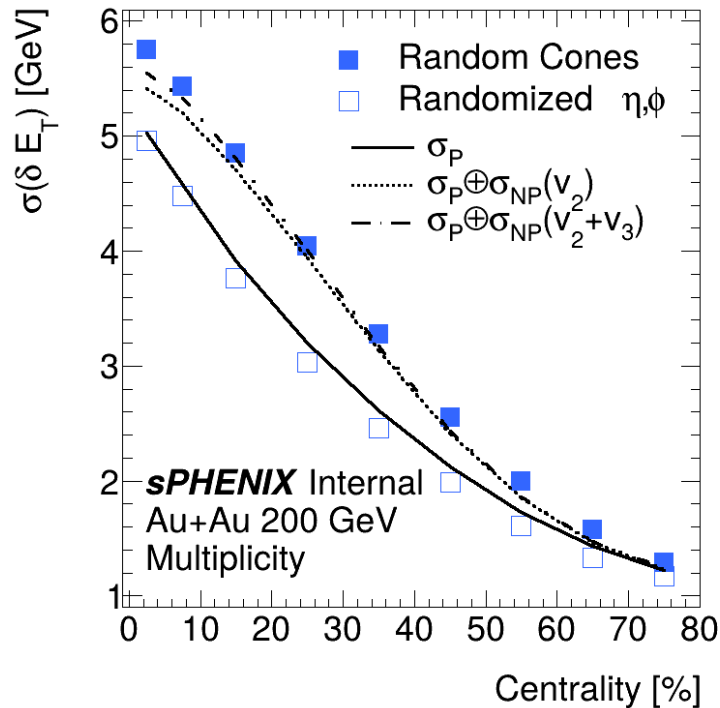
$$p_T^{UE} = \mu_{p_T} \cdot N \pm \mu_{p_T} \sqrt{2N}$$

$$p_T^{corr.} = p_T^{reco} - \langle p_T^{bkgd} \rangle \cdot N_{bkgd}$$



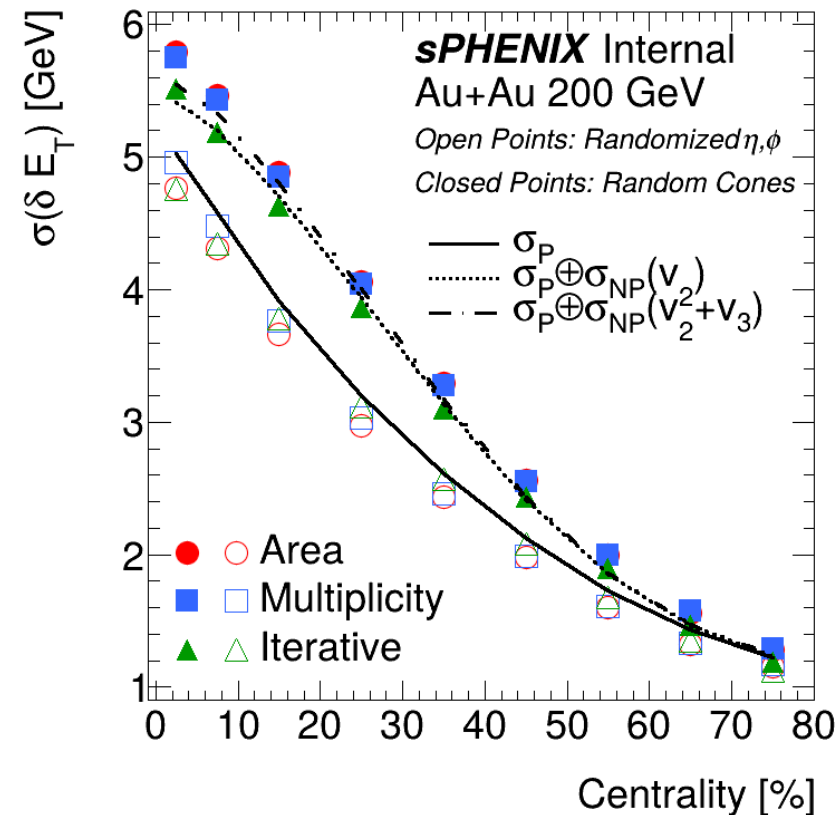
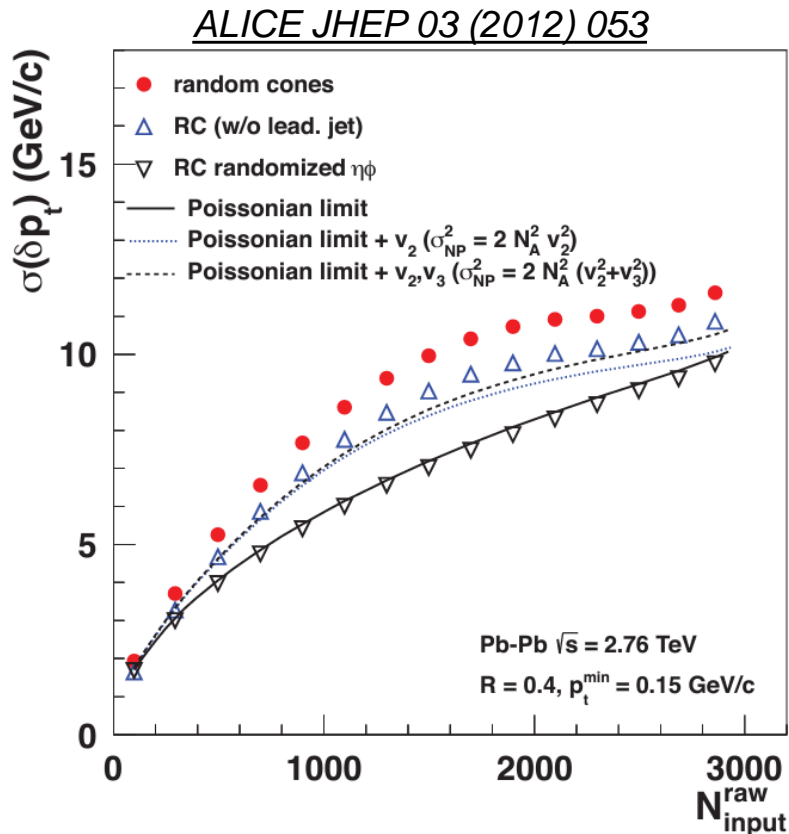
Comparisons between methods

- All methods perform approximately the same, have similar pedestal value
- Iterative method is less dependent on flow contributions



Fluctuations compared to LHC

- Similar increase due to flow contributions
- Same hierarchy between predicted standard deviation



Sources of UE fluctuations

- UE fluctuations are well described by statistical and non-Poissonian multiplicity fluctuations

$$\sigma_P(\delta E_T) = \sqrt{\langle N \rangle (\sigma_{E_T}^2 + \langle E_T \rangle^2)}$$

- Estimate non-Poissonian contribution with STAR flow measurements

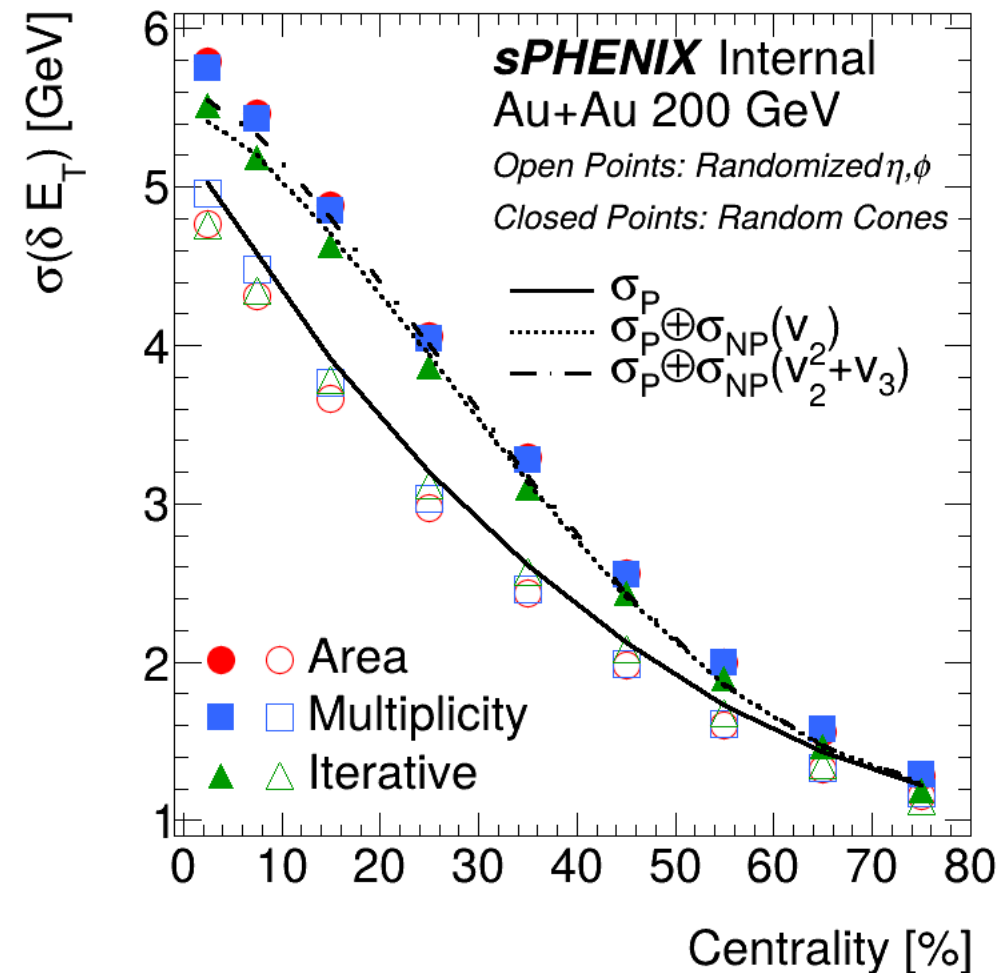
$$\sigma_{NP}^2(\delta E_T) \approx 2\langle N \rangle^2 \langle E_T \rangle^2 (v_2^2 + v_3^2)$$

- Hydro contributes to UE fluctuations depending on centrality

- v_2 : ~20% in 20-30%
- v_3 : ~5% in 20-30%

[STAR v2 measurement](#)

[STAR v3 measurement](#)



Current Conclusions

- We have characterized the UE pedestal and fluctuations in data. We have determined the relative contributions for UE fluctuations at sPHENIX
- Our results indicate that the iterative method mitigates fluctuations from odd-order flow coefficients (regional fluctuations) ~5% effect in 20-30% central
- UE fluctuations are spatially correlated approaching \sqrt{A} scaling in very peripheral events