

# Anisotropic collective flow and development of the corresponding measurement techniques for the MPD experiment at NICA collider

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# **Research project No. 18-02-40086: “Anisotropic collective flow and development of the corresponding measurement techniques for the MPD experiment at NICA collider”**

The goal of this project is to develop and deploy experimental measurement techniques for the azimuthal collective flow measurement with the MPD experiment at the NICA collider for different types of hadrons produced in nucleus-nucleus collisions.

As a result of the project implementation a numerical modelling of the anisotropic collective flow based on the modern Monte-Carlo event generators of heavy-ion collisions with subsequent simulation of the realistic response of the MPD detector subsystems based on the GEANT platform and reconstruction algorithms build in the MPDROOT will be performed.

A set of simulated heavy-ions collisions will be used for deploying of the existing and development of new algorithms for the measurement of the anisotropic collective flow which will utilize different combinations of the MPD detector subsystems.

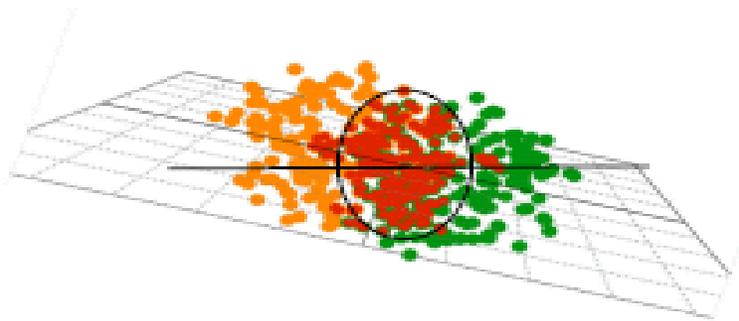
Petr Parfenov, “What do anisotropic flow measurements can tell us about the matter created in the little bang at NICA?”, Models/Data (22/10/2020, 15:10)

Dim Idrisov: “The comparison of methods for anisotropic flow measurements with the MPD Experiment at NICA” (22/10/2020, 15-30)

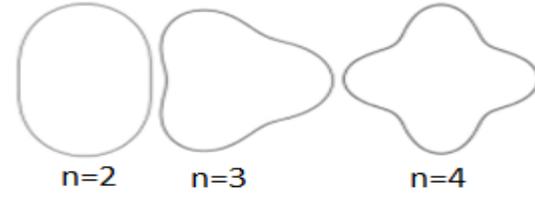
# Outline

- Introduction: Why measure anisotropic flow?
- Beam energy dependence of anisotropic flow.
- What to expect for flow at NICA energies: Models vs Data
- Sensitivity of different methods to flow fluctuations and nonflow
- Feasibility study of anisotropic flow of identified hadrons and V0 particles in MPD (NICA)
- Summary and outlook

# Anisotropic Collective Flow at RHIC/LHC

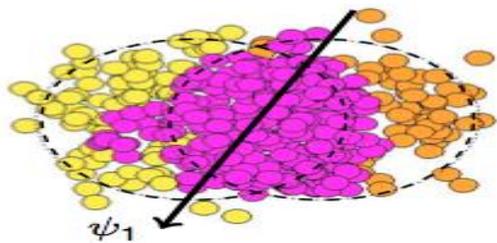


$$\epsilon_n = \sqrt{\frac{\langle r^n \cos n\phi \rangle + \langle r^n \sin n\phi \rangle}{\langle r^n \rangle}}$$

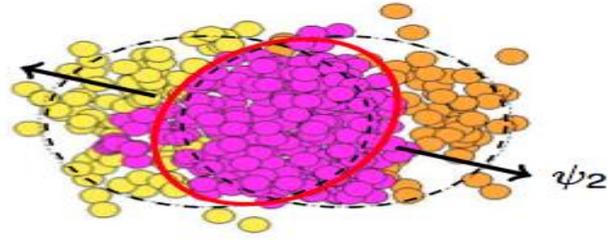


$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1} v_n \cos [n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$

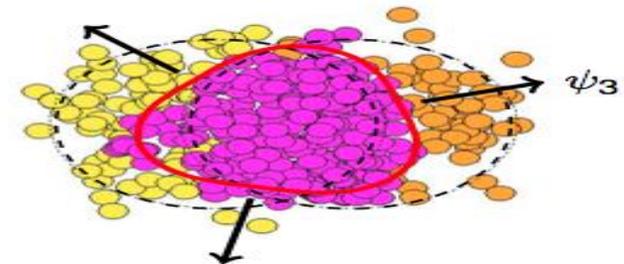
**Initial eccentricity (and its attendant fluctuations),  $\epsilon_n$ , drives momentum anisotropy,  $v_n$ , with specific viscous modulation**



$v_1$  - directed flow

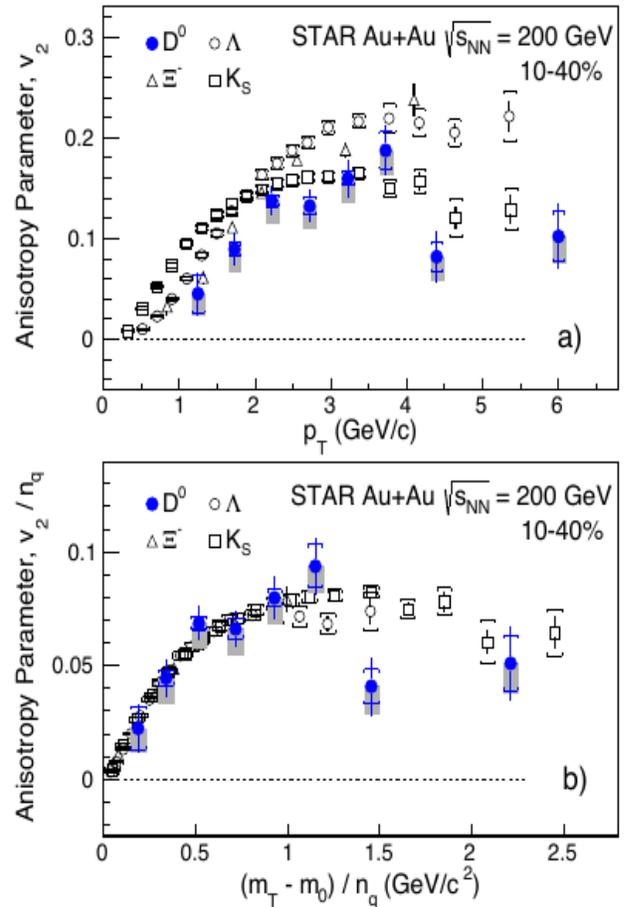
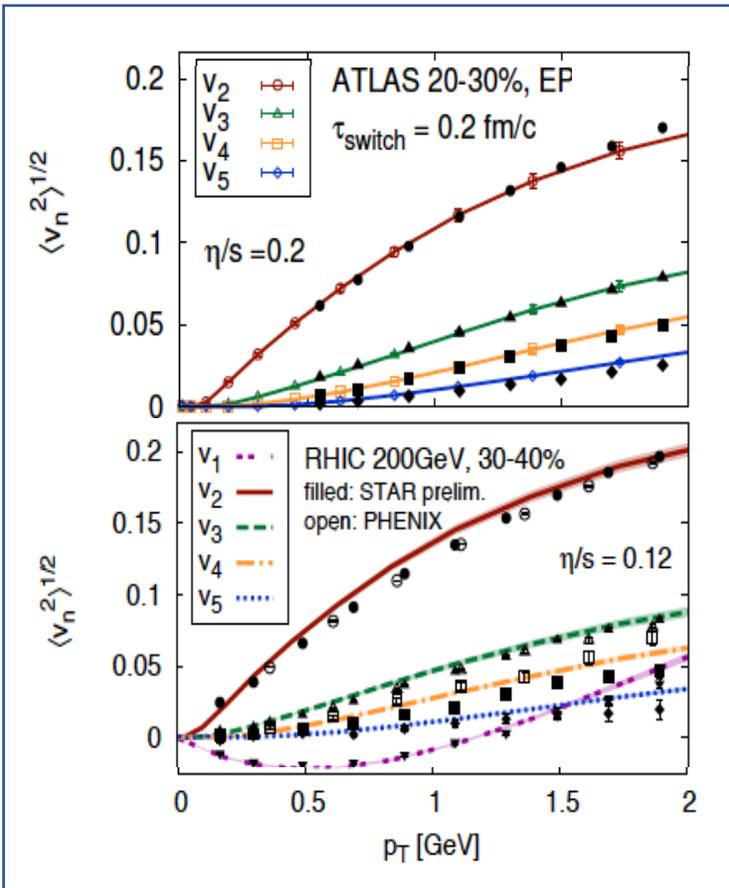


$v_2$  - elliptic flow



$v_3$  - triangular flow

# Anisotropic Collective Flow at top RHIC / LHC



**$v_n(p_T, \text{centrality})$**  - sensitive to the early stages of collision.  
 Important constraint for transport properties: EOS,  $\eta/s$ ,  $\zeta/s$ , etc.

$v_n$  of identified hadrons:

**Mass ordering at  $p_T < 2 \text{ GeV/c}$**   
 (hydrodynamic flow, hadron rescattering)

**Baryon/meson grouping at  $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV/c}$**   
 (recombination/coalescence),  
 Number of constituent quark (NCQ) scaling

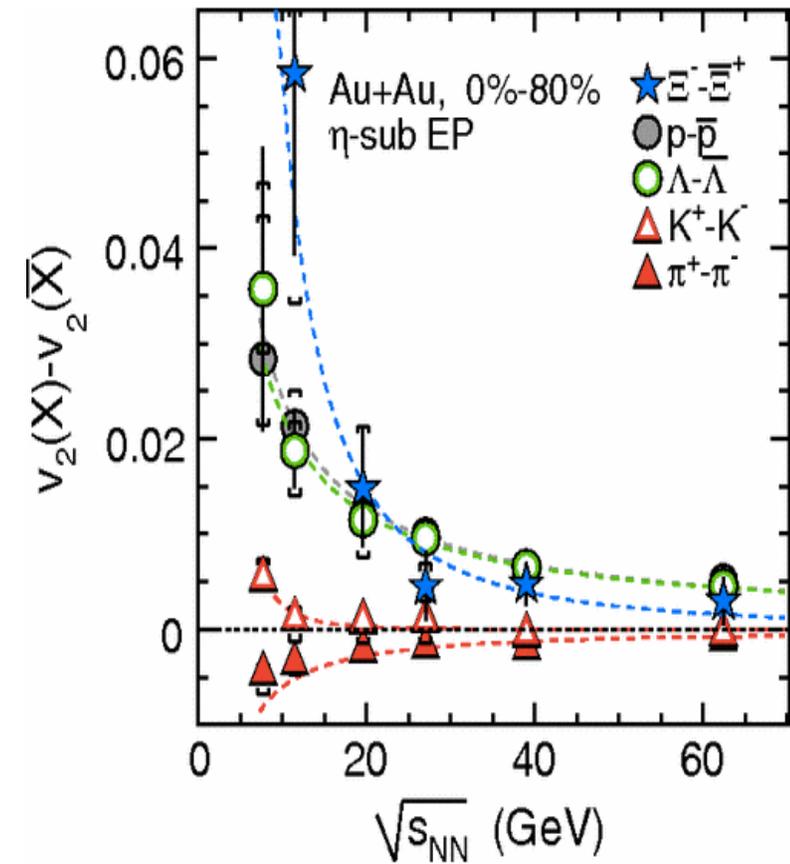
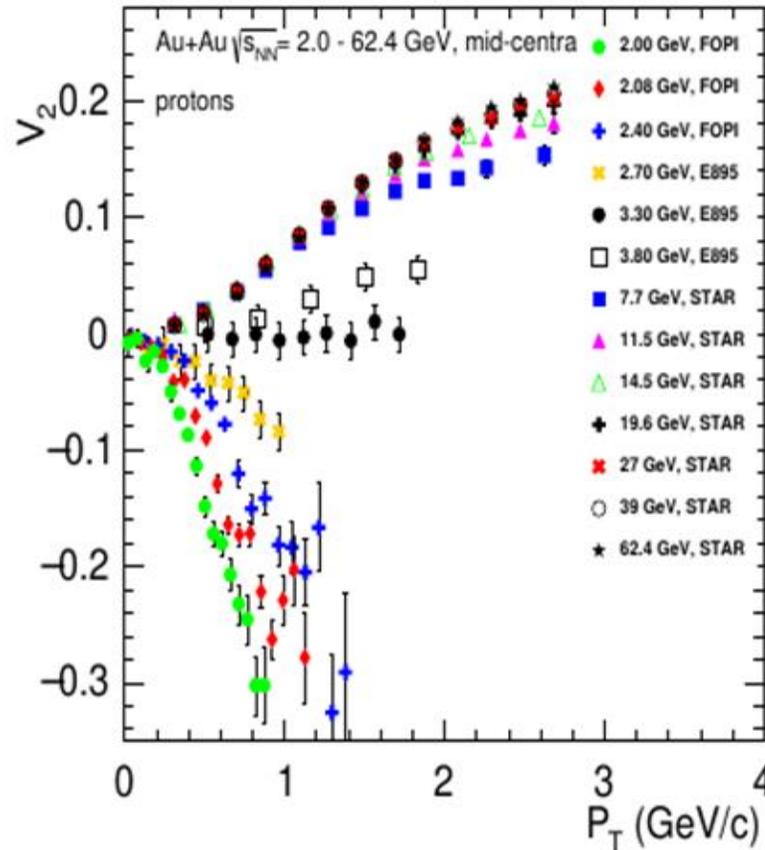
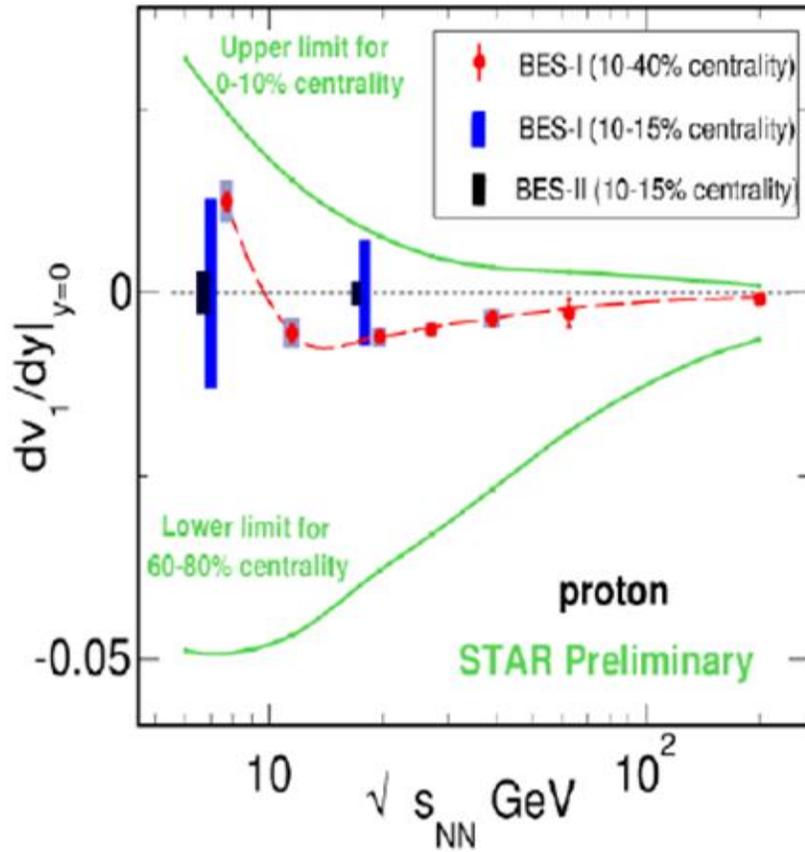
**No difference** between particles and antiparticles

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# Beam energy dependence of anisotropic flow

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- Minimum in slope of directed flow ( $dv_1/dy$ ) as a function of beam energy for baryons
- Small change in  $v_2(p_T)$  for inclusive and identified charged hadrons
- Substantial particle-antiparticle split in  $v_2$  at lower energies

**Strong energy dependence of  $v_2$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=3-11$  GeV**

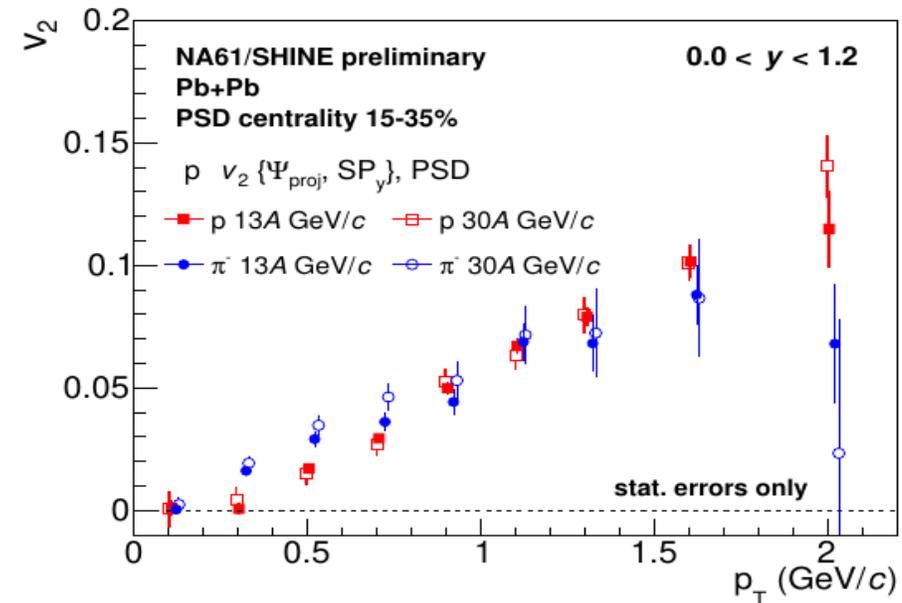
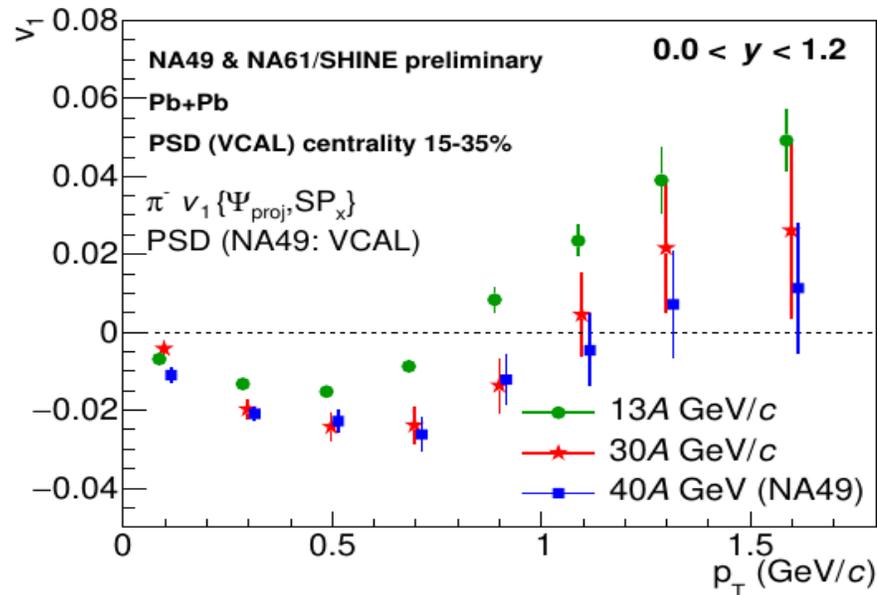
# Anisotropic Flow at NICA energies: Data vs Models

## Anisotropic flow at NICA energies Experimental Data:

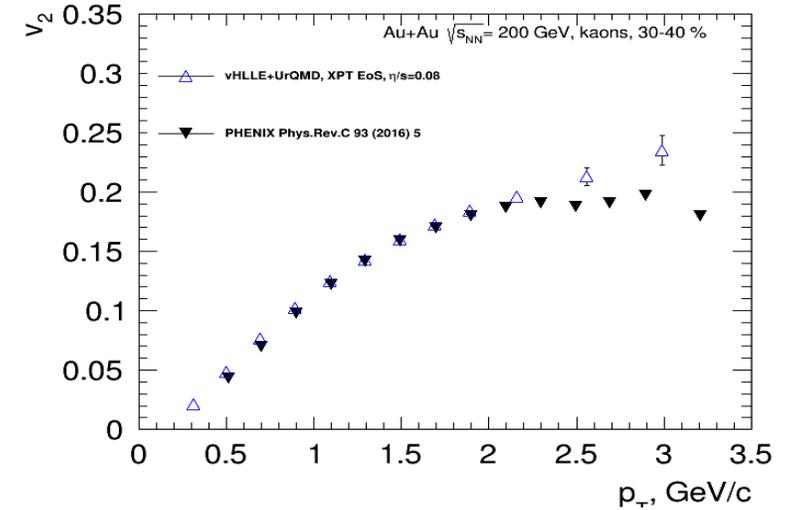
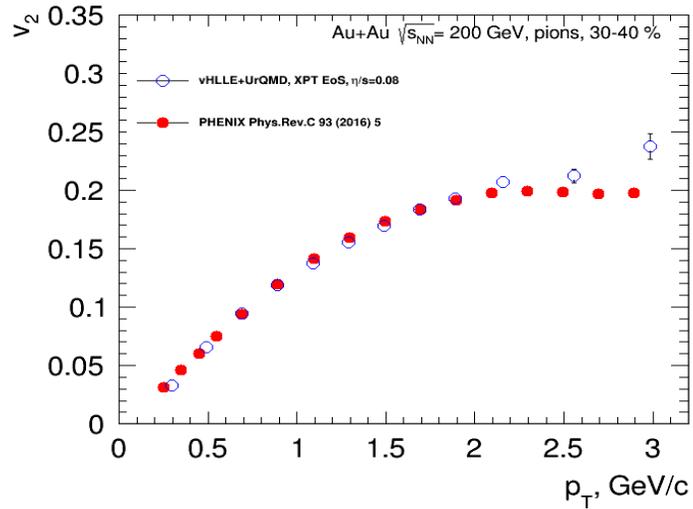
- (1) E895 Collaboration Au+Au at 2.7, 3.32, 3.85 and 4.3 GeV
- (2) NA61/NA49 Pb+Pb at 5.1, 7.6 and 8.9 GeV
- (3) STAR Collaboration Au+Au at 4.5, 7.7 and 11.5 GeV

## Anisotropic flow at NICA energies Models:

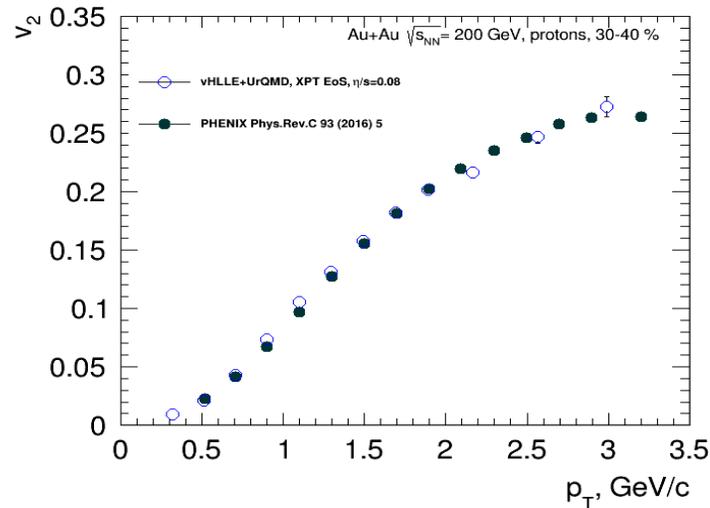
- (1) String/Hadronic Cascade Models: UrQMD, HSD, SMASH, JAM, DCM-QGSM
- (2) Hybrid Models: viscous hydro+cascade (vHLLE+UrQMD и MUSIC+UrQMD) и parton/string models (AMPT, PHSD и PHQMD)



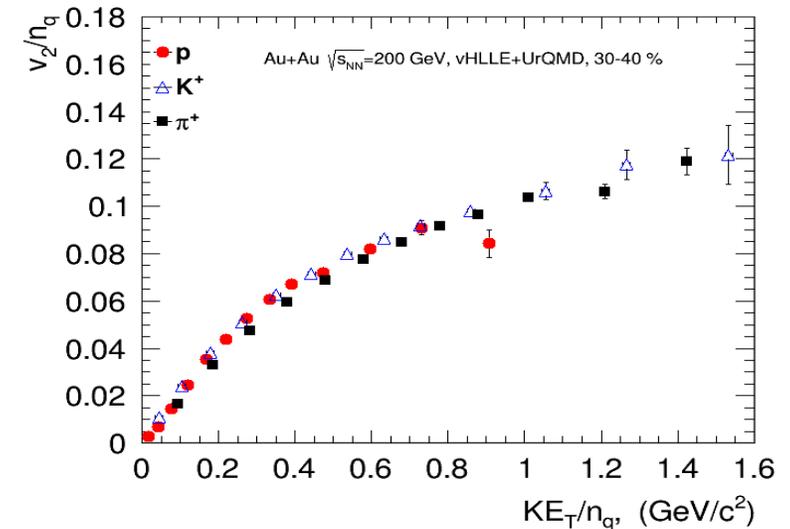
# vHLE+UrQMD: Elliptic flow at top RHIC energy



3D hydro model vHLE +  
UrQMD ( XPT EOS),  $\eta/s=$   
0.08 + param from

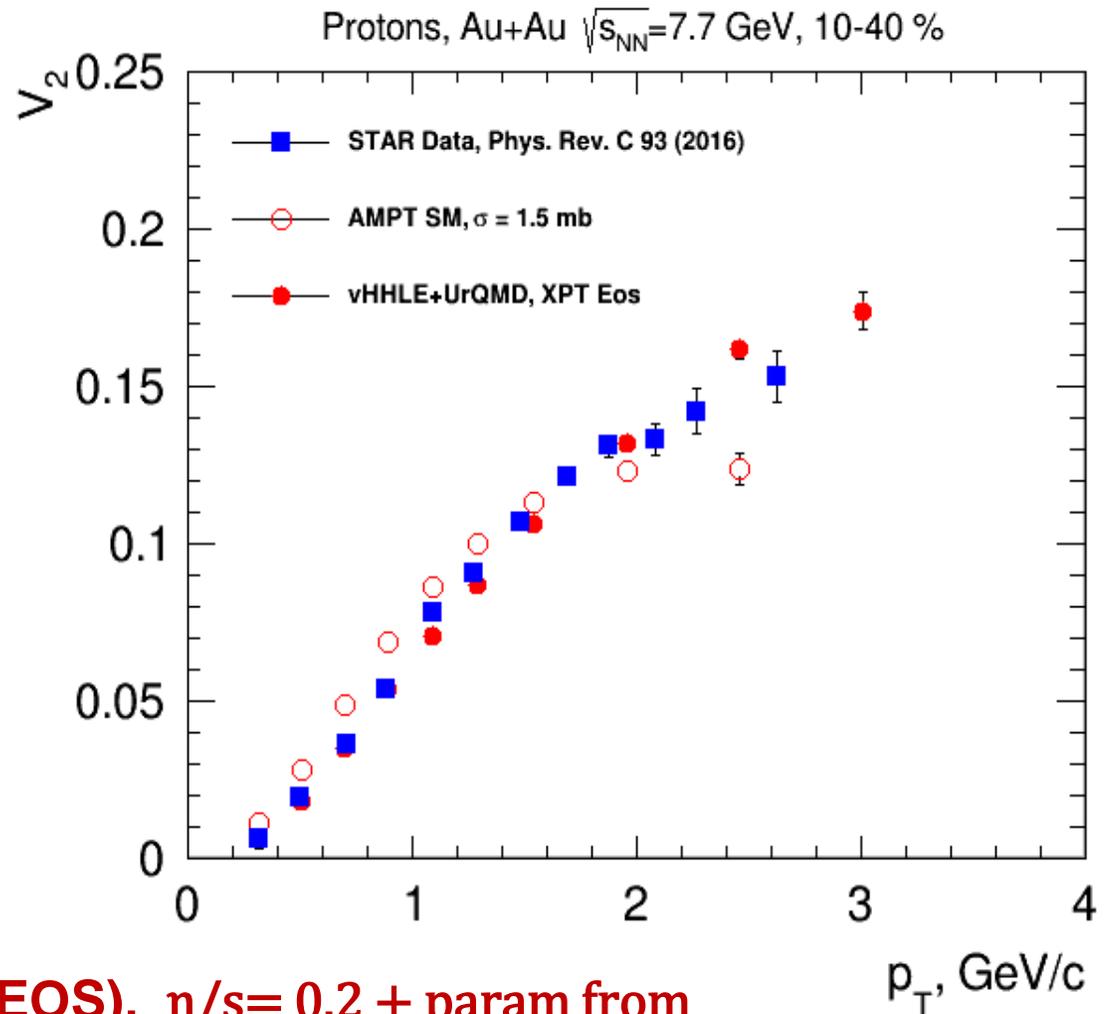
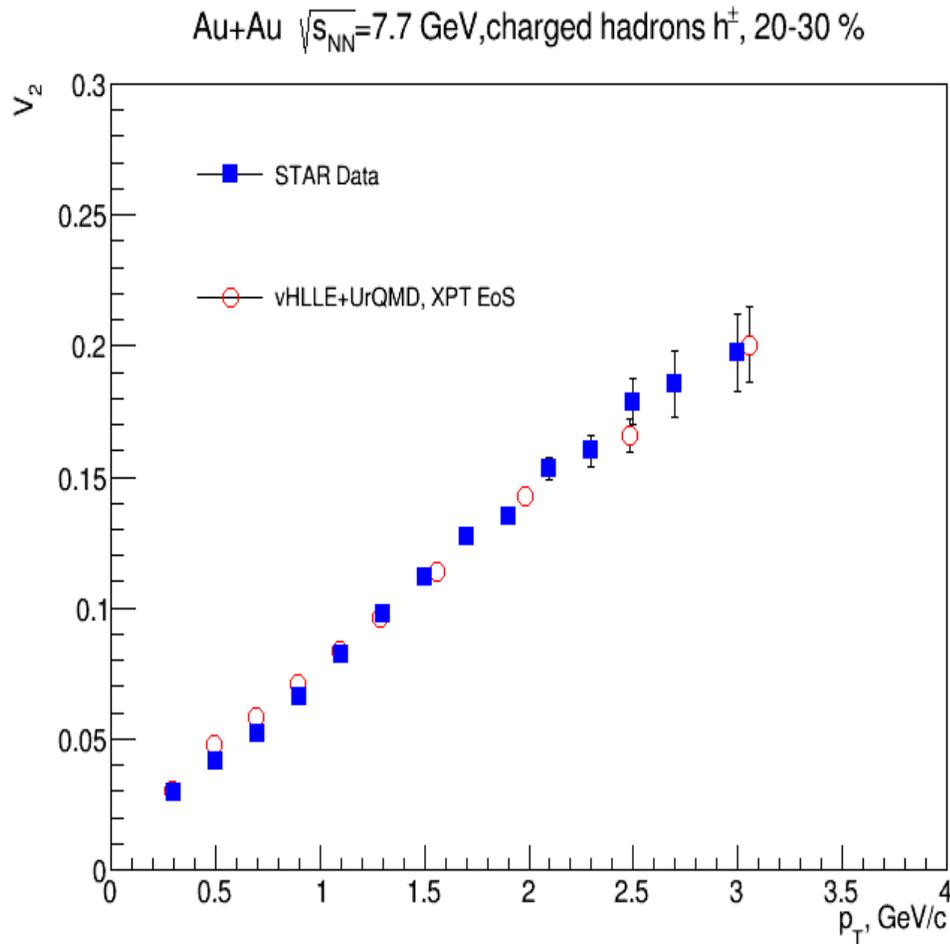


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Reasonable agreement between results of vHLE+UrQMD model and published PHENIX data for 200 GeV including KET/nq scaling

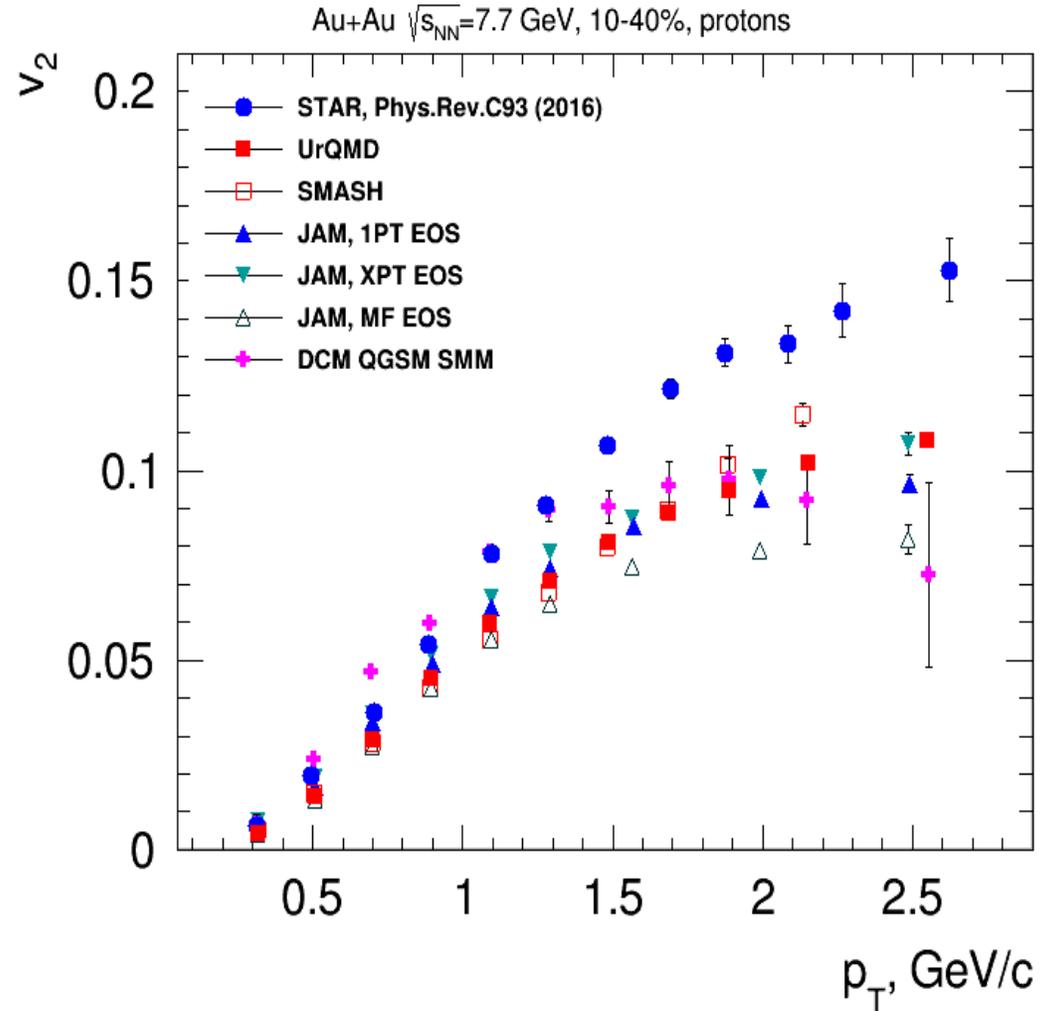
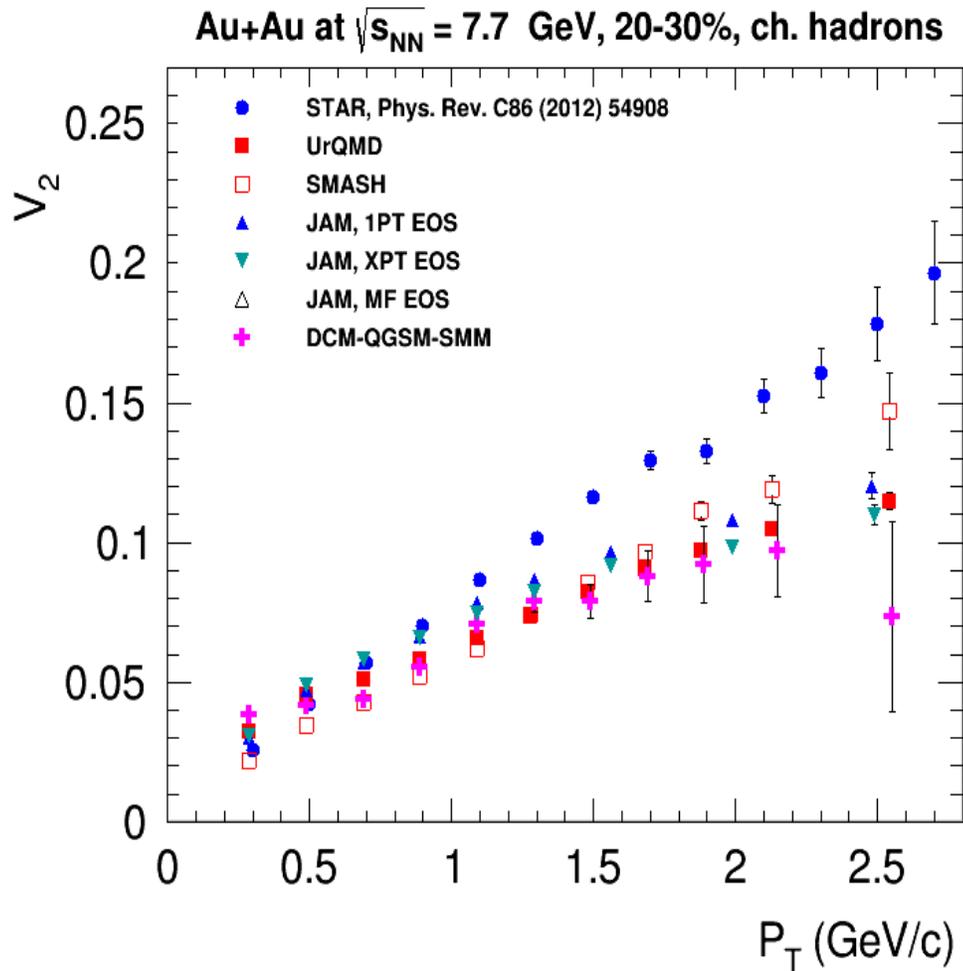
# Elliptic flow at NICA energies: Models vs Data comparison



**3D hydro model vHLE + UrQMD ( XPT EOS),  $\eta/s=0.2$  + param from**

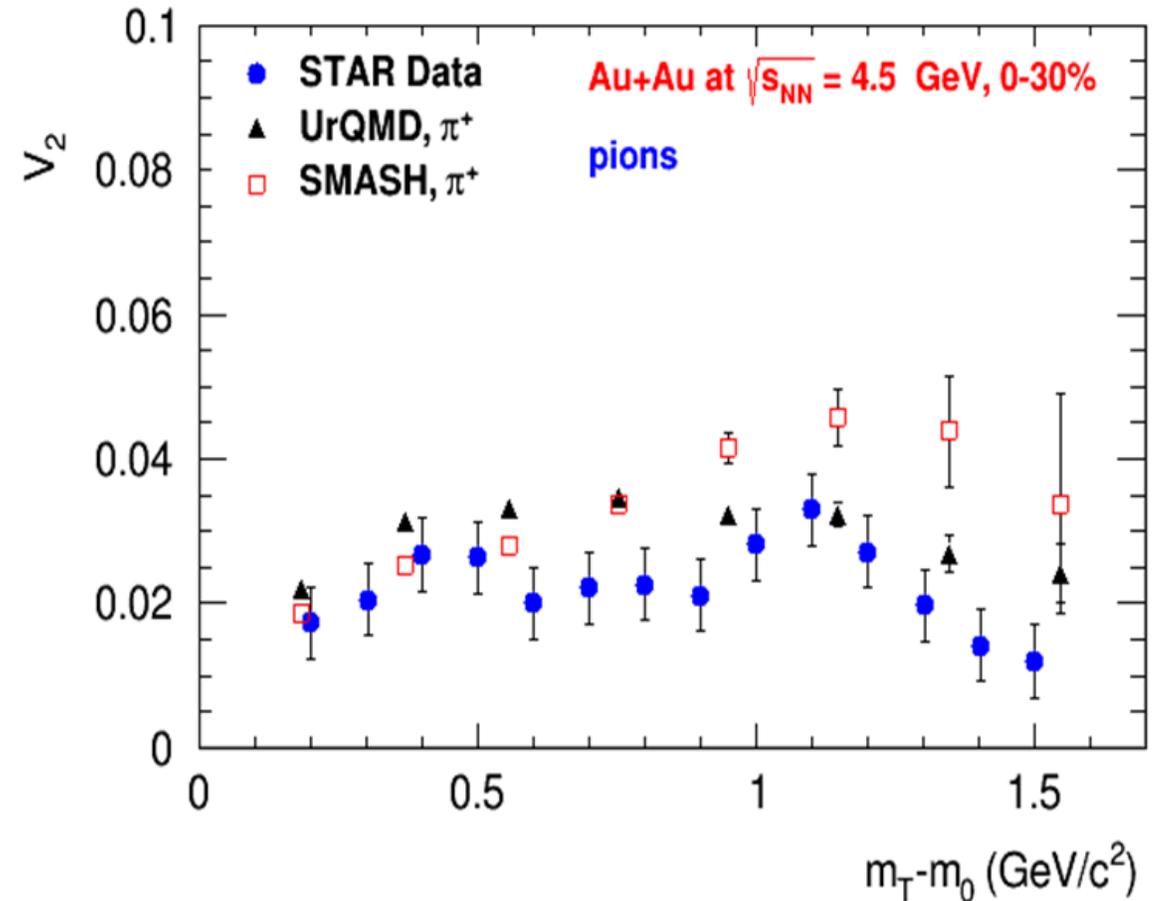
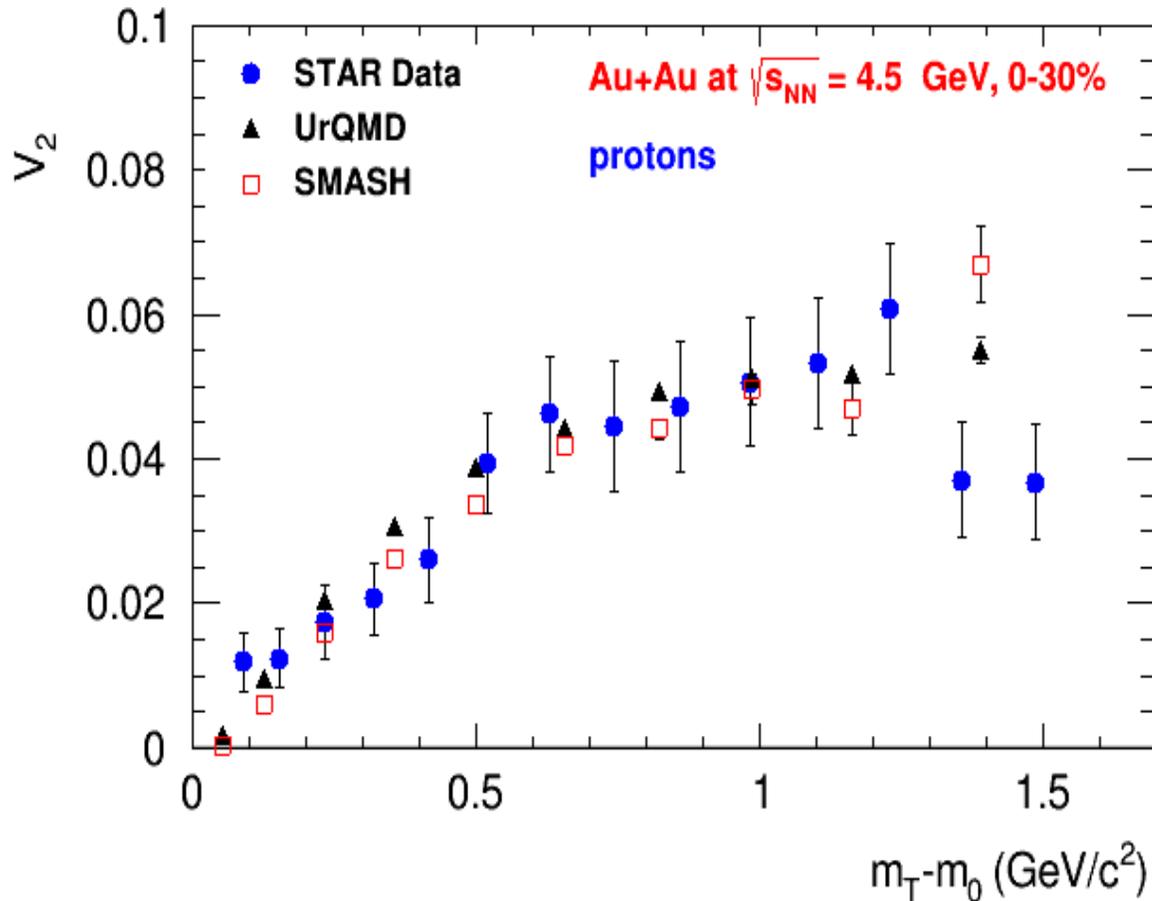
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Pure String/Hadronic Cascade models give smaller  $v_2$  signal compared to STAR data for Au+Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=7.7$  GeV and above

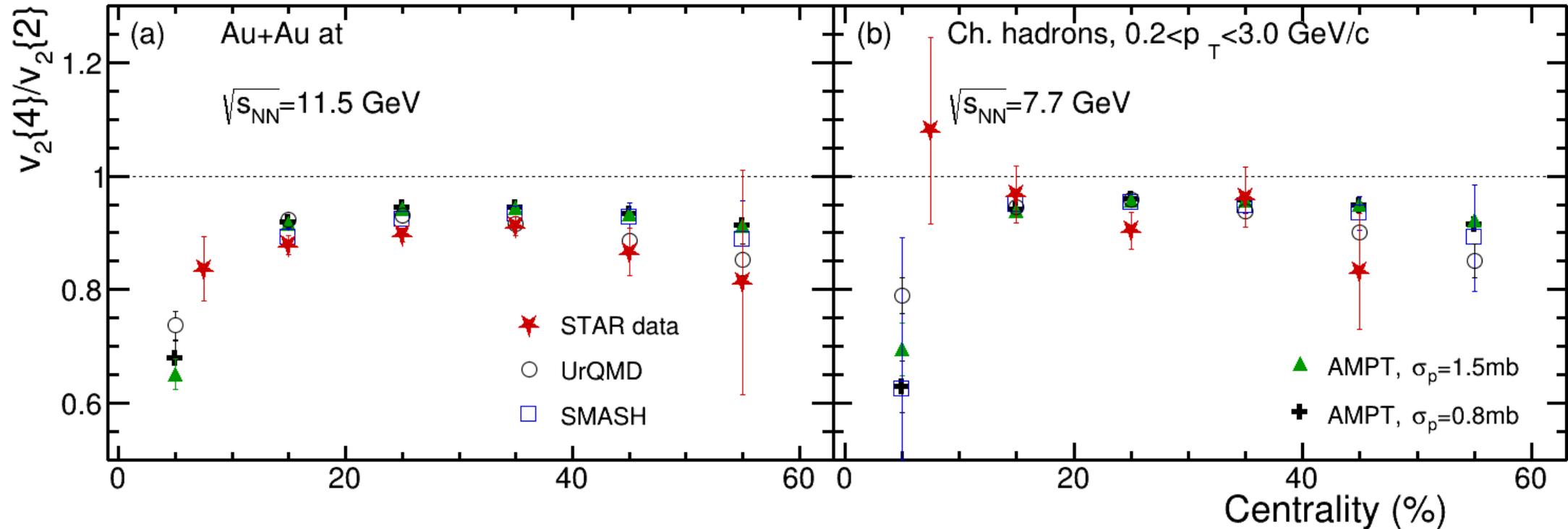
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# Relative elliptic flow fluctuations at 11.5 GeV and 7.7 GeV

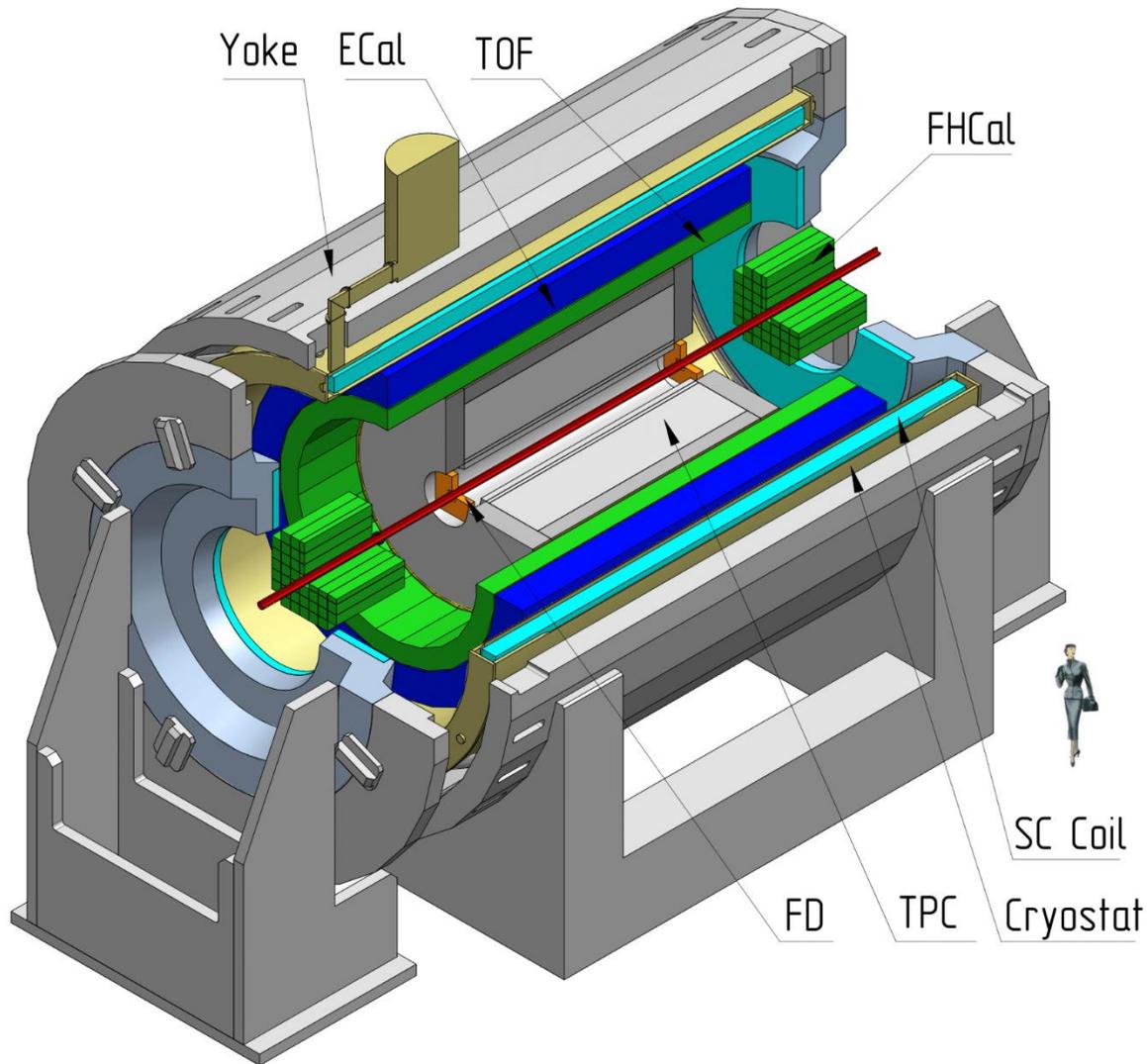
Star data: L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration). Phys. Rev. C 86, 054908 (2012)



- Relative  $v_2$  fluctuations ( $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ ) observed by STAR experiment can be reproduced both in the string/cascade models (UrQMD, SMASH) and hybrid model (AMPT with string melting)
- Dominant source of  $v_2$  fluctuations: participant eccentricity fluctuations in the initial geometry

# MPD Experiment at NICA

Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD) Stage 1



## Event plane, centrality:

FHCAL ( $2 < |\eta| < 5$ ) or TPC ( $|\eta| < 1.5$ )

## Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

➤ Tracking of charged particles within ( $|\eta| < 1.5, 2\pi$  in  $\phi$ )

➤ PID at low momenta

## Time of Flight (TOF)

➤ PID at high momenta

$-5 < \eta < -2$

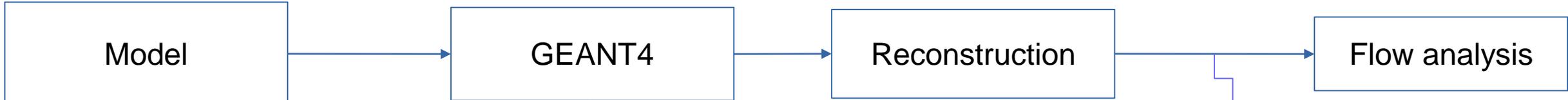
FHCAL

$-1.5 < \eta < 1.5$   
TPC  
 $0.2 < p_T < 3$  GeV/c

$2 < \eta < 5$

FHCAL

# Setup, event and track selection



•Au+Au: UrQMD  
 $N_{\text{events}} = 10 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5, 11.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $N_{\text{events}} = 25 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11 \text{ GeV (for } K^0, \Lambda)$   
 $N_{\text{events}} = 20 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV}$   
 •Bi+Bi:  
 $N_{\text{events}} = 17 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV}$

- TPC
- FHCAL
- TOF
- ...

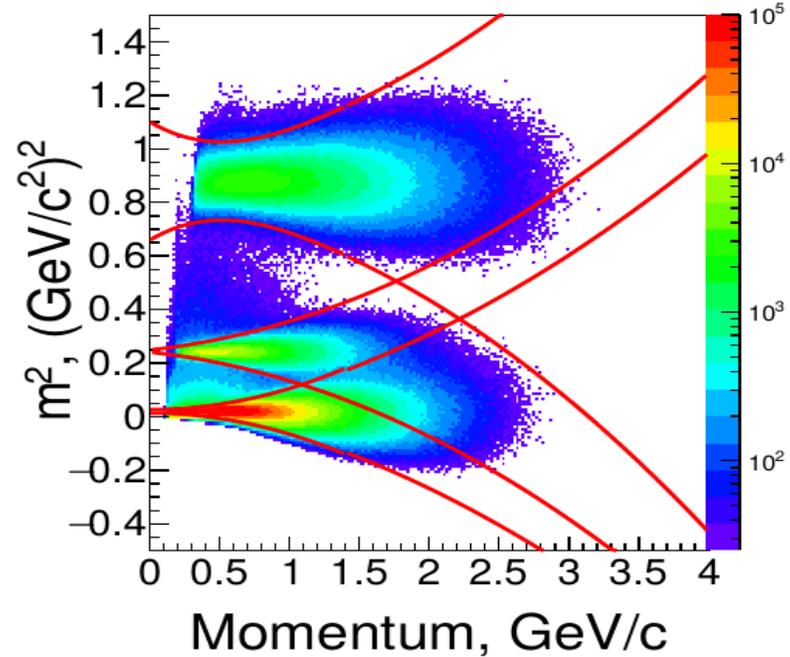
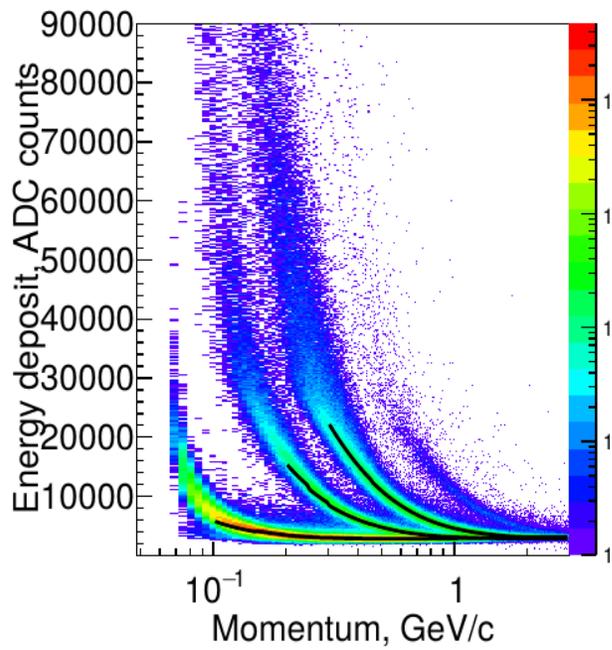
Event classification:

- Track multiplicity
- FHCAL energy

Track selection:

- $N_{\text{TPC hits}} > 16$
- $0.2 < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $|\eta| < 1.5$
- PID based on TPC+TOF (MpdPid)

MPDRoot, August 2020



# Elliptic flow measurements using $v_2$ of produced particles in TPC

$$u_2 = \cos 2\varphi + i \sin 2\varphi = e^{2i\varphi} \quad (1)$$

$$Q_2 = \sum_{j=1}^M \omega_j u_{2,j}, \Psi_{2,\text{TPC}} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{Q_{2,y}}{Q_{2,x}} \right) \quad (2)$$

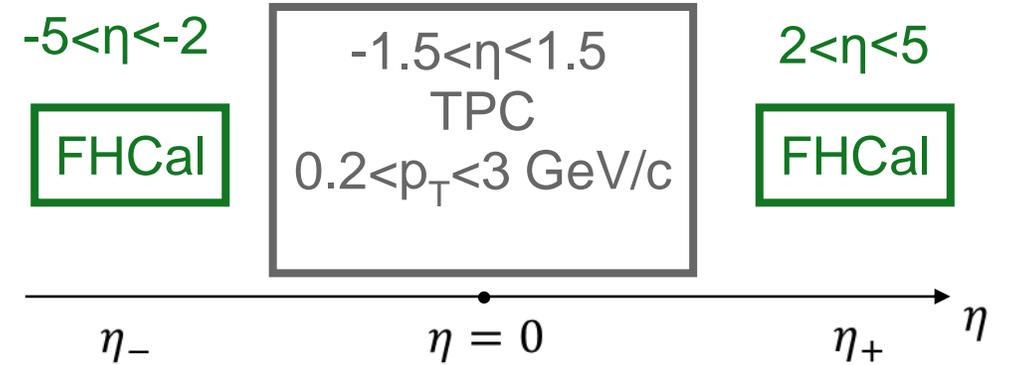
**Scalar Product:** 
$$v_2^{\text{SP}}\{Q_{2,\text{TPC}}\} = \frac{\langle u_{2,\eta\pm} Q_{2,\eta\mp}^* \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle Q_{2,\eta+} Q_{2,\eta-}^* \rangle}} \quad (3)$$

**Event Plane:** 
$$R_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{2,\text{TPC}}\} = \sqrt{\langle \cos[2(\Psi_{2,\eta+} - \Psi_{2,\eta-})] \rangle} \quad v_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{2,\text{TPC}}\} = \frac{\langle \cos[2(\varphi_{\eta\pm} - \Psi_{2,\eta\mp})] \rangle}{R_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{2,\text{TPC}}\}} \quad (4)$$

**Q-cumulants:**

$$\langle 2 \rangle_2 = \frac{|Q_n|^2 - M}{M(M-1)} \approx v_2^2 + \delta \quad \langle 4 \rangle_2 = \frac{|Q_n|^4 + |Q_{2n}|^2 - 2|Q_{2n}Q_n^*Q_n^*| - 4M(M-2)|Q_n|^2 + 2M(M-3)}{M(M-1)(M-2)(M-3)} \approx v_2^4 + 4v_2^2\delta + 2\delta^2$$

$$v_2\{2\} = \sqrt{\langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle} \quad v_2\{4\} = \sqrt{2\langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle^2 - \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle} \quad (5)$$



# Event plane method using $v_1$ of particles in FHCaI

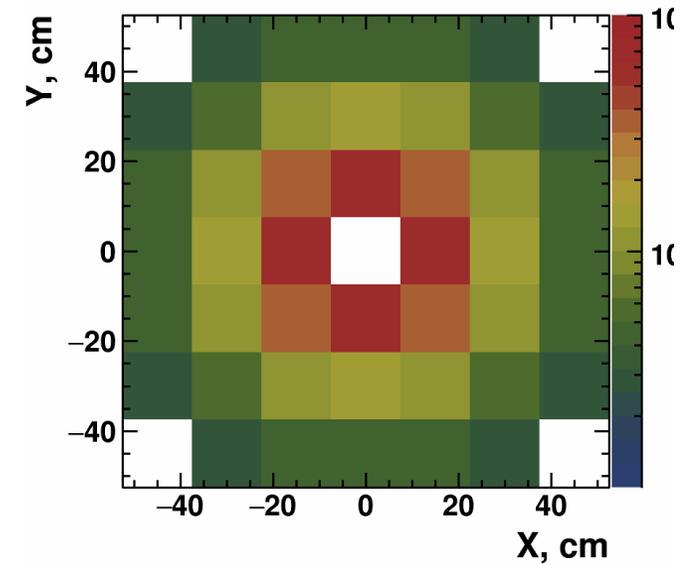
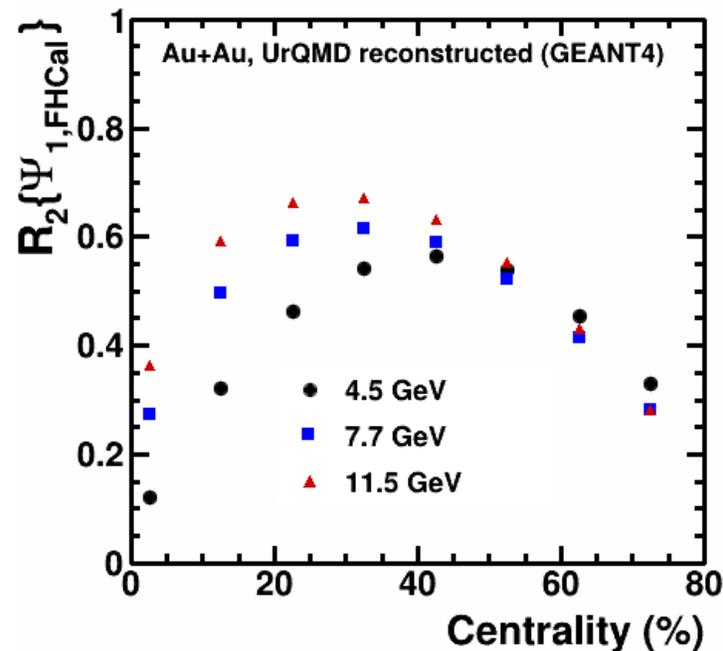
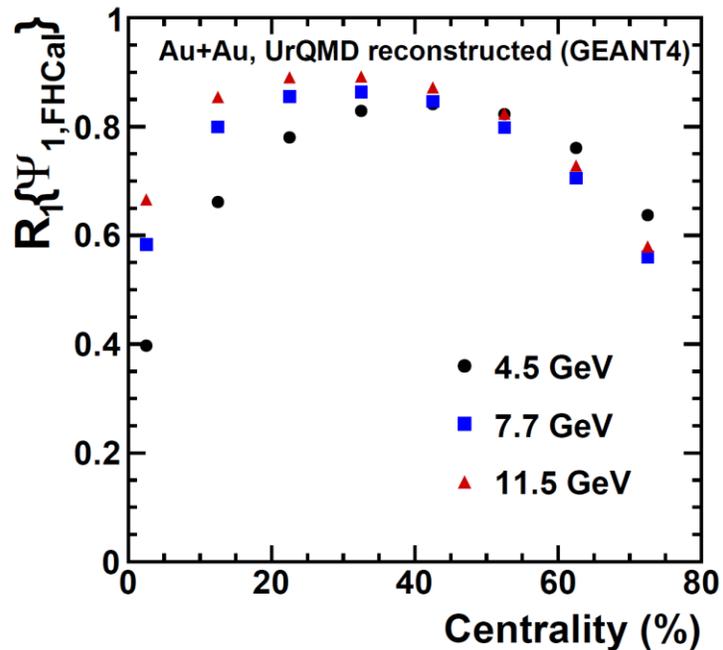
Using  $v_1$  of particles in FHCaI to determine  $Q_n$

$$Q_1 = \frac{\sum E_i e^{i\varphi_i}}{\sum E_i}, \Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{Q_{1,y}}{Q_{1,x}} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$R_n\{\Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}}\} = \langle \cos[n(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}})] \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$v_2\{\Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}}\} = \frac{\langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}})] \rangle}{R_n\{\Psi_{1,\text{FHCaI}}\}} \quad (3)$$

$E$  – energy deposition in FHCaI modules ( $2 < |\eta| < 5$ )



Energy distribution in FHCaI

# $v_2$ of V0 particles: invariant mass fit method

Data set:

- 25 million events, UrQMD 3.4 non-hydro, 11.0 GeV, minbias

Geant4 simulation, full reconstruction with:

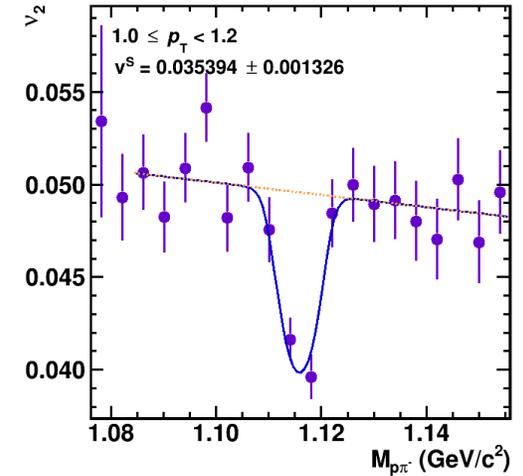
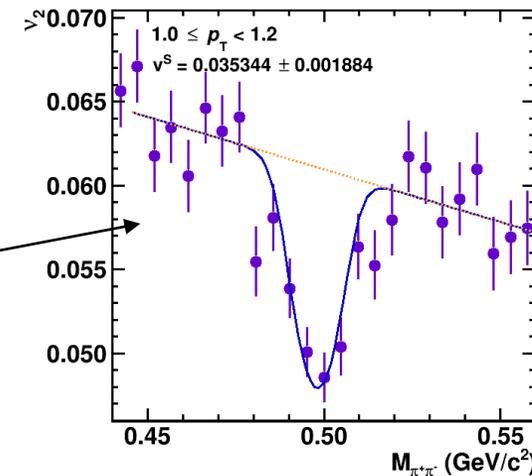
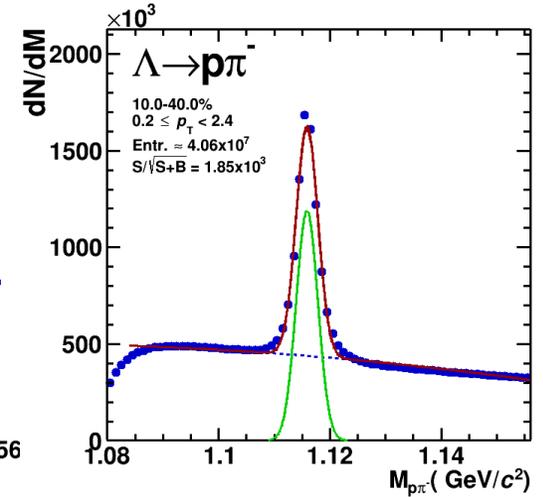
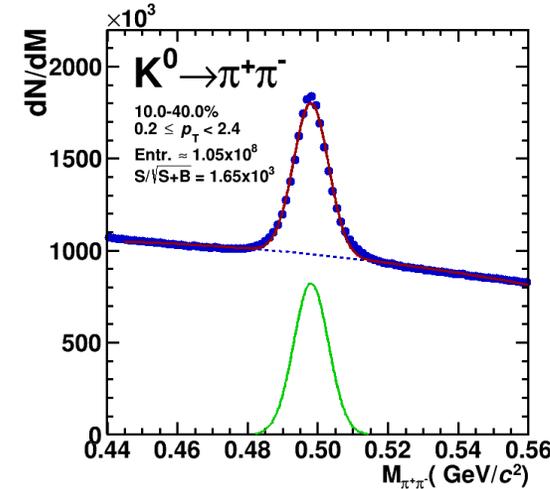
- TPCv7, TOFv7, FHCAL

Centrality by TPC multiplicity, Event-plane method with FHCAL

Particle decays reconstructed with MpdParticle realistic cuts

Differential flow signal extraction by bins in transverse momentum (or rapidity) with a simultaneous fit

$$v_2^{SB}(m_{inv}, p_T) = v_2^S(p_T) \frac{N^S(m_{inv}, p_T)}{N^{SB}(m_{inv}, p_T)} + v_2^B(m_{inv}, p_T) \frac{N^B(m_{inv}, p_T)}{N^{SB}(m_{inv}, p_T)}$$



# Sensitivity of different methods to flow fluctuations

Elliptic flow fluctuations:

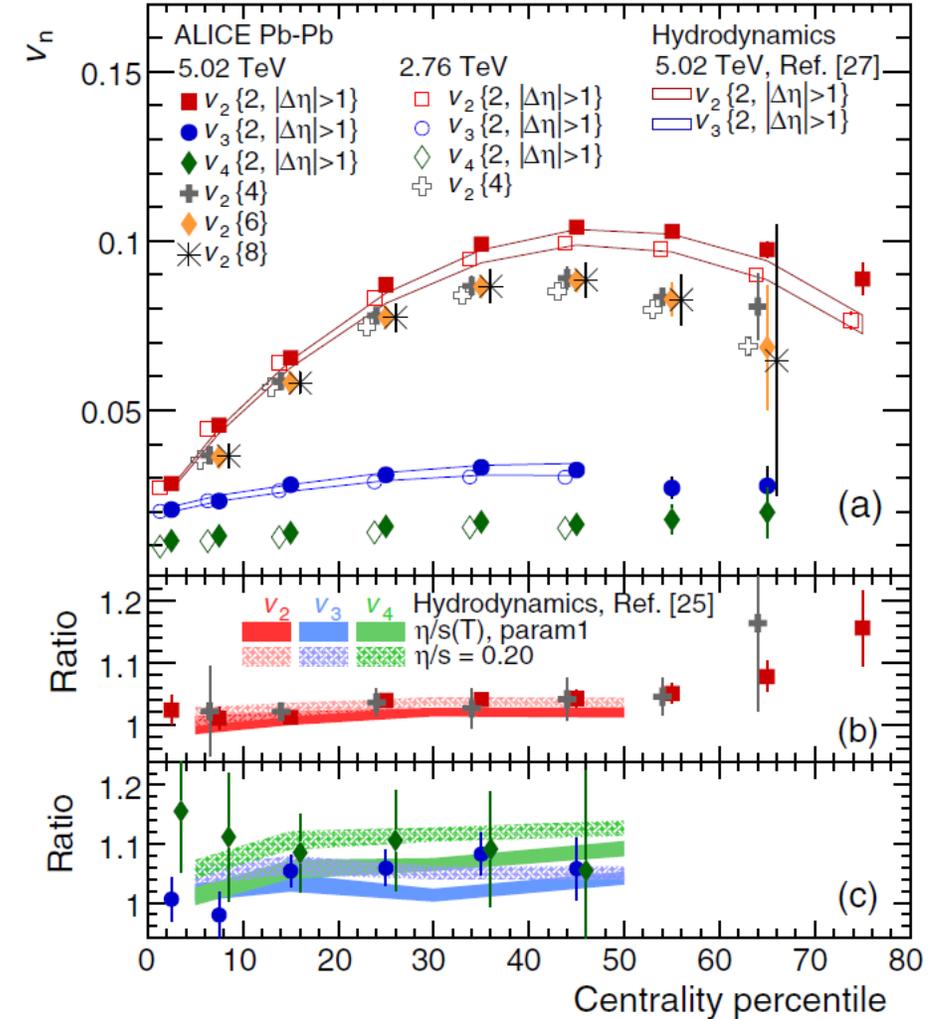
$$\sigma_{v_2}^2 = \langle v_2^2 \rangle - \langle v_2 \rangle^2$$

The difference between  $v_2\{2\}$  and  $v_2\{4\}$ :

$$v_2\{2\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}, v_2\{4\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$

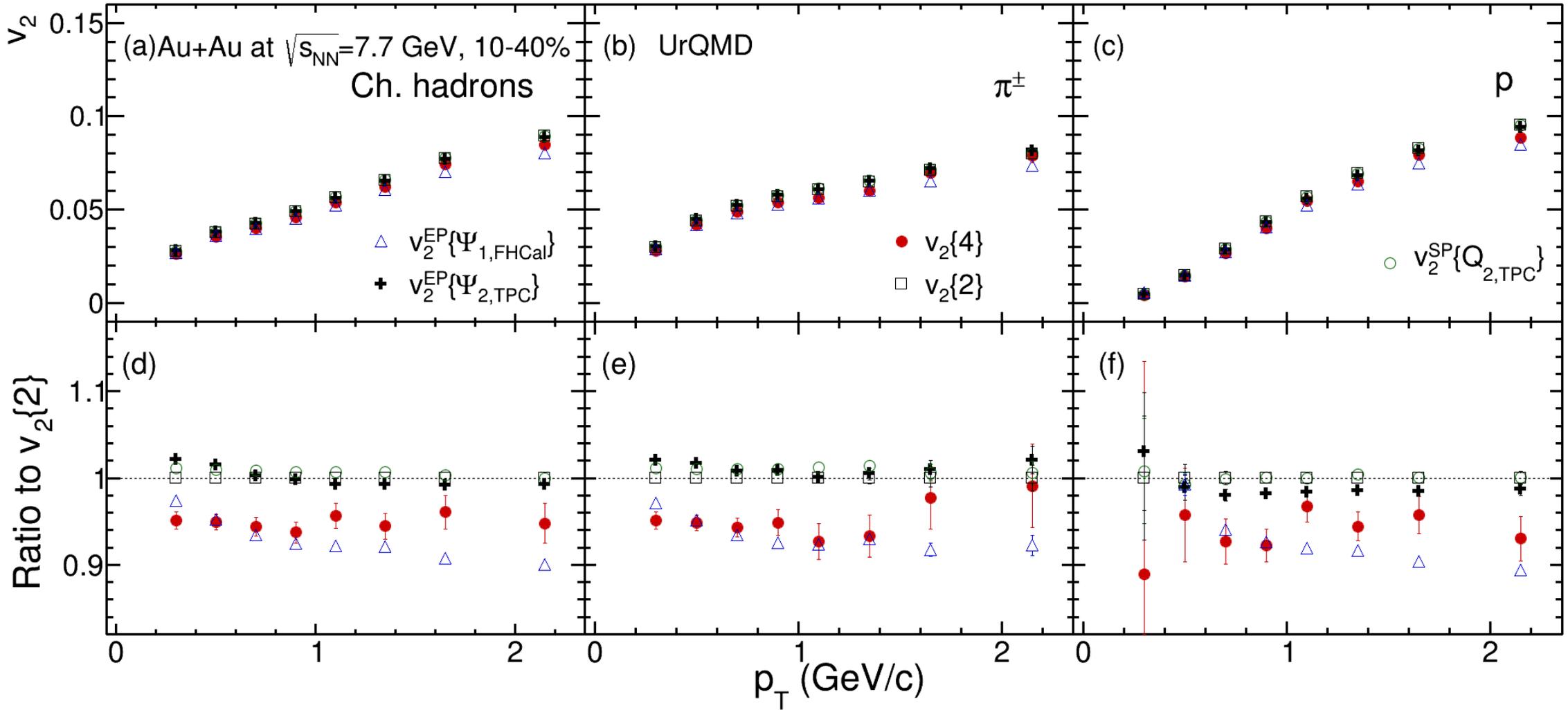
The difference between  $v_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}}\}$  and  $v_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{2,\text{TPC}}\}$ :

$$v_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}}\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle, v_2^{\text{EP}}\{\Psi_{2,\text{TPC}}\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$



J. Adam et al. The ALICE Collaboration Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 132302

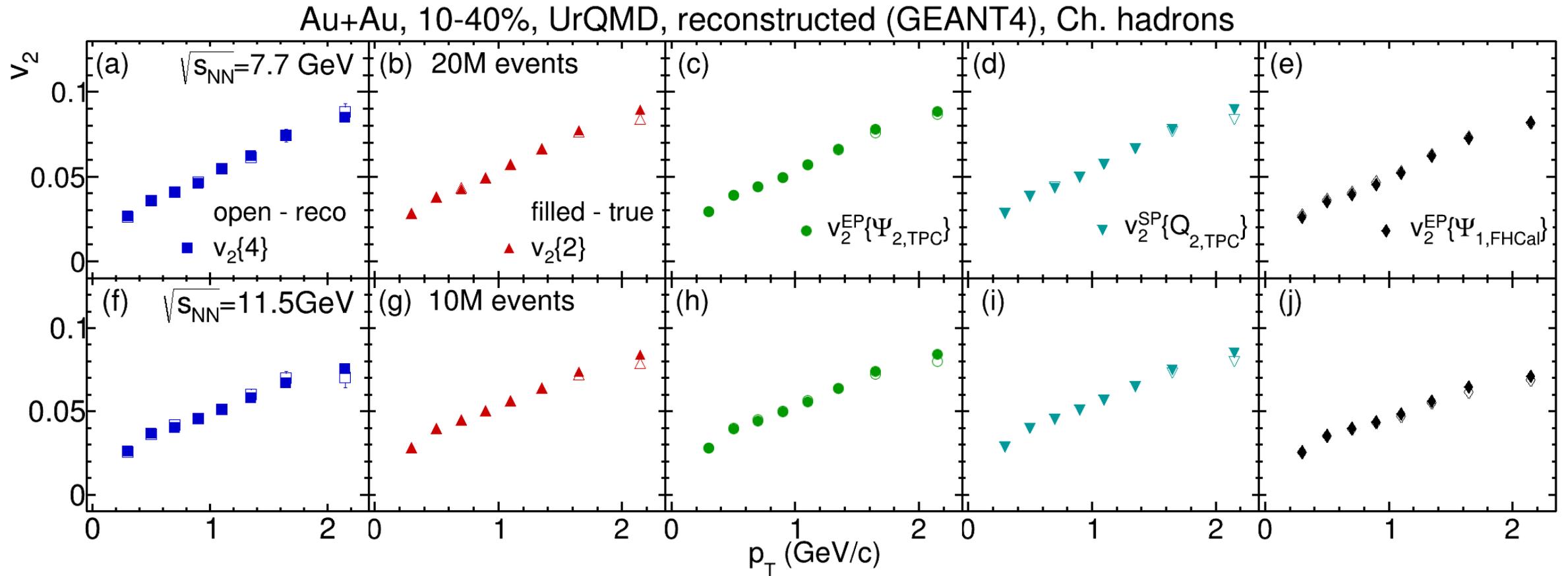
# Comparison of $v_2$ measurements using different method



$v_2\{2\}$ ,  $v_2^{EP}\{\Psi_{2,TPC}\}$  and  $v_2^{SP}\{Q_{2,TPC}\}$  are in a good agreement

$v_2\{4\}$  and  $v_2^{EP}\{\Psi_{1,FHCal}\}$  are smaller than  $v_2\{2\}$  due to fluctuation and nonflow

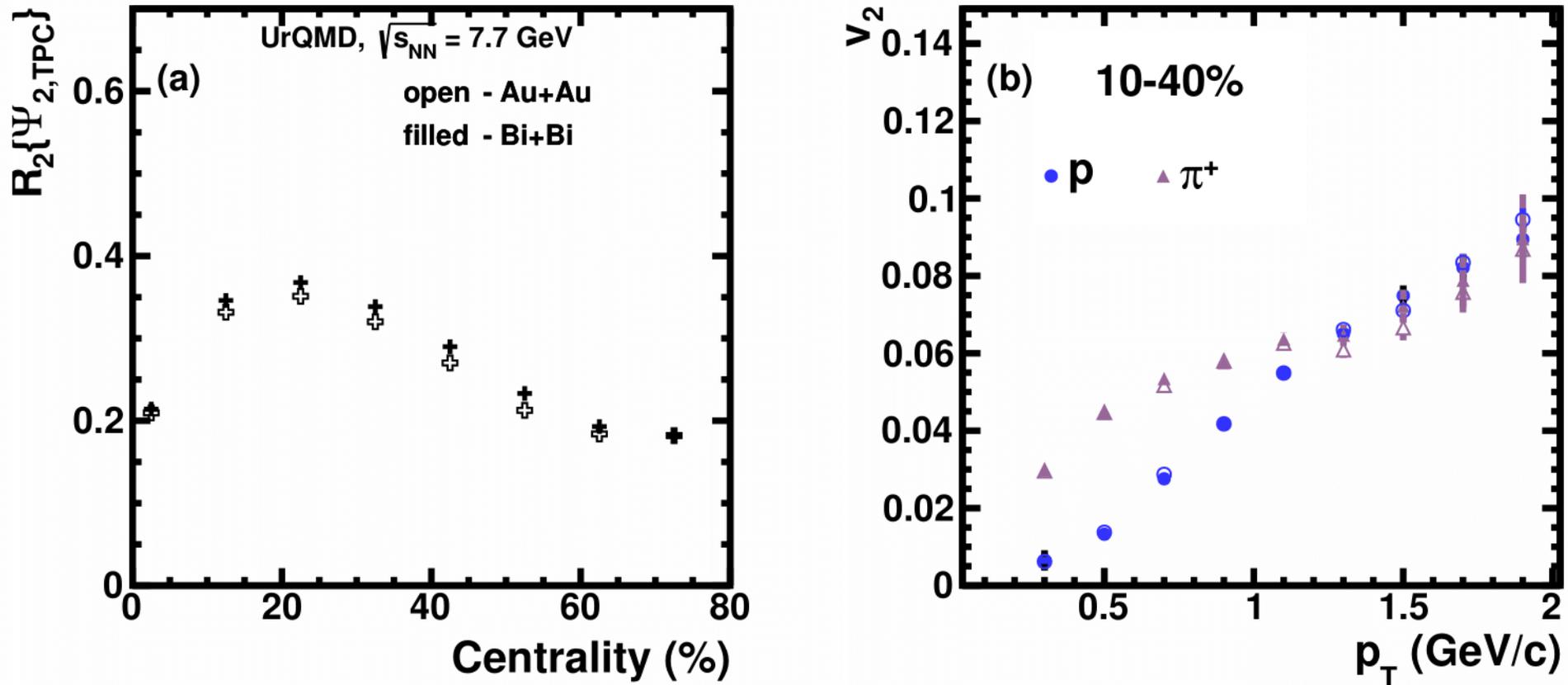
# Performance study of $v_2$ of charged hadrons in MPD



Reconstructed (reco) and generated (true)  $v_2$  values are in a good agreement for all methods

# Au+Au vs. Bi+Bi collisions for reconstructed data in MPD

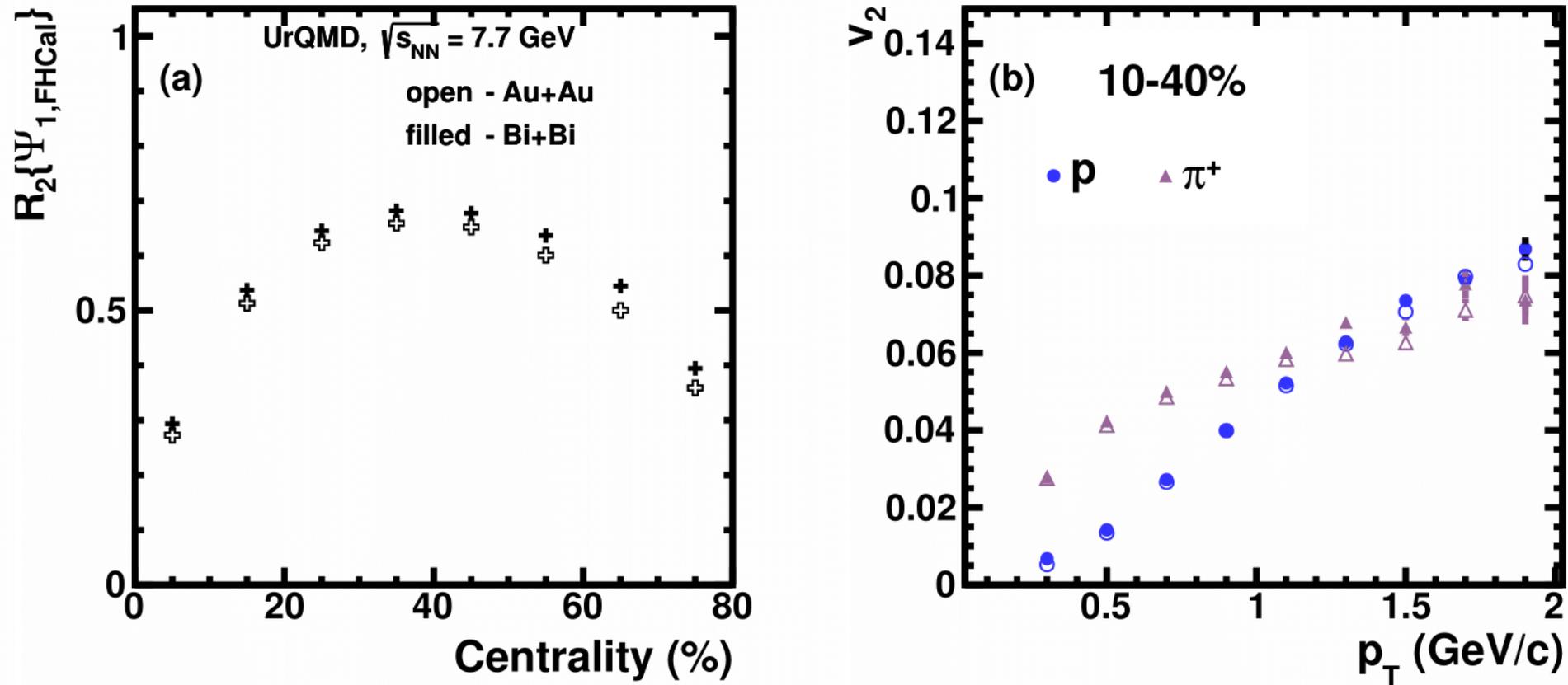
## TPC event plane



The results show a little difference for resolution and elliptic flow between two colliding systems

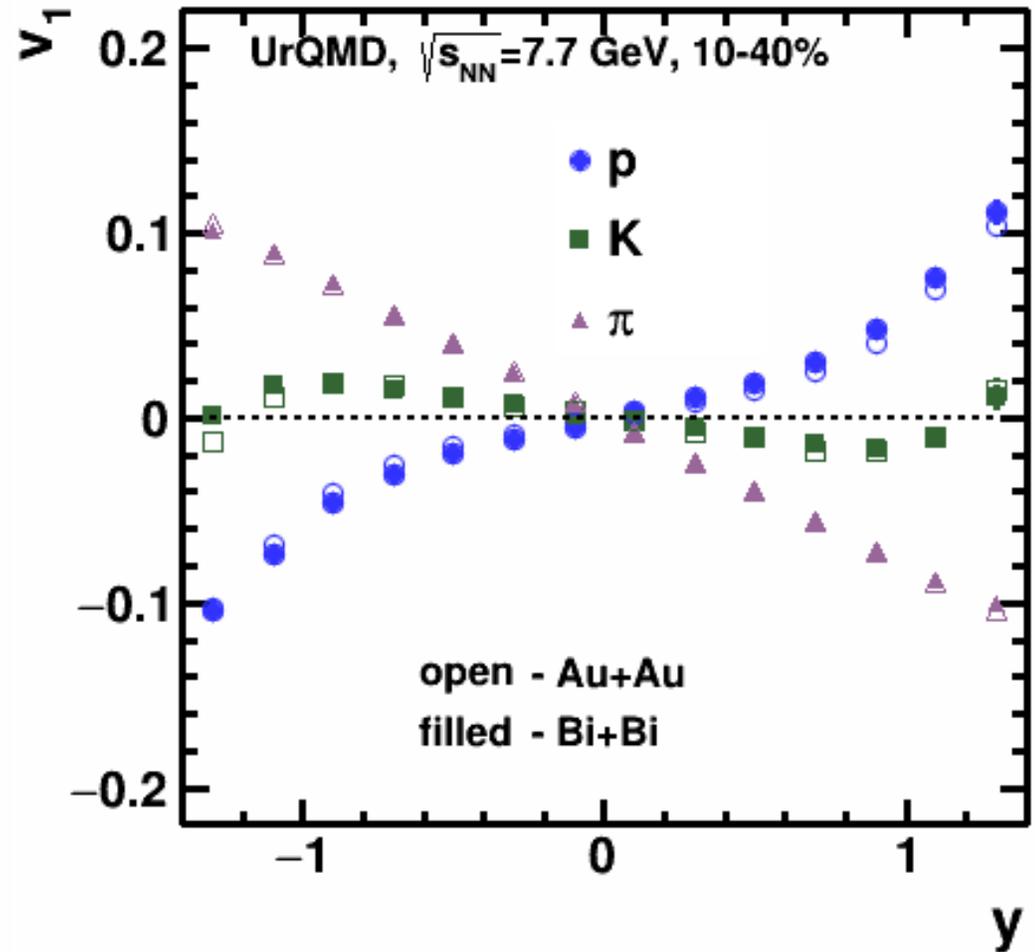
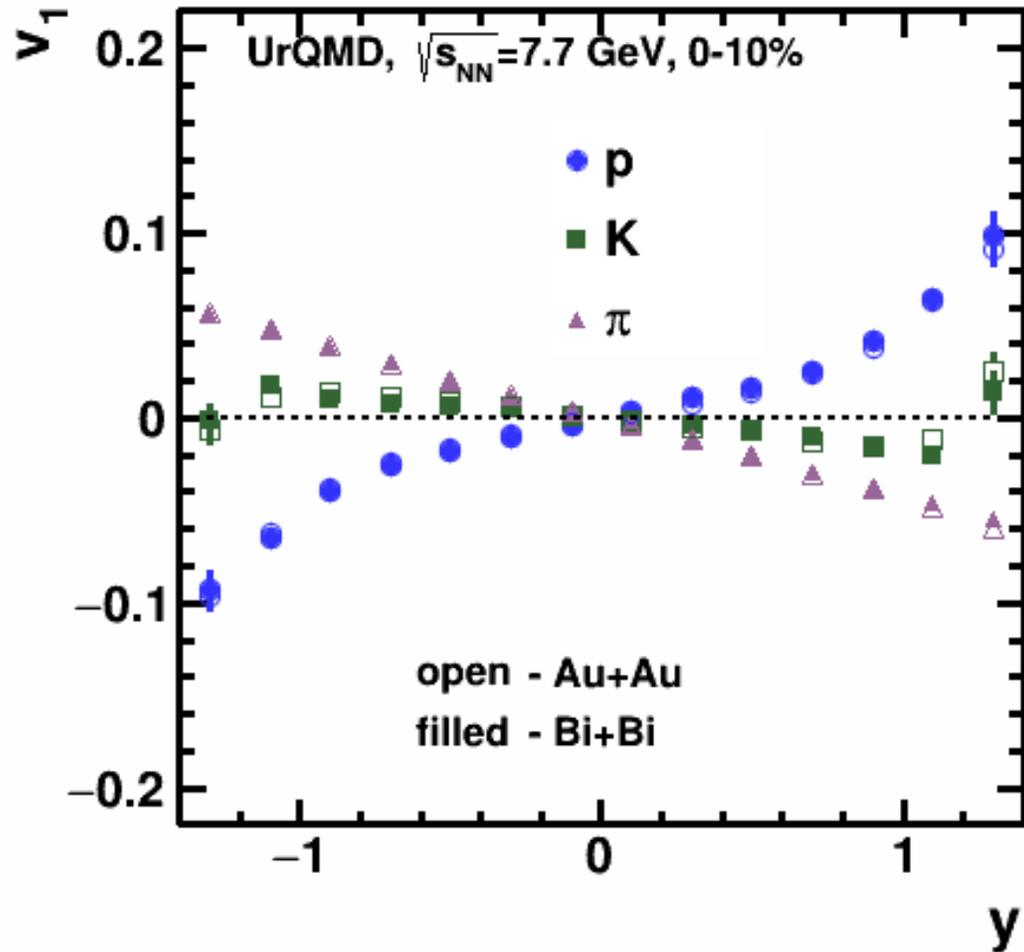
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## FHCal event plane



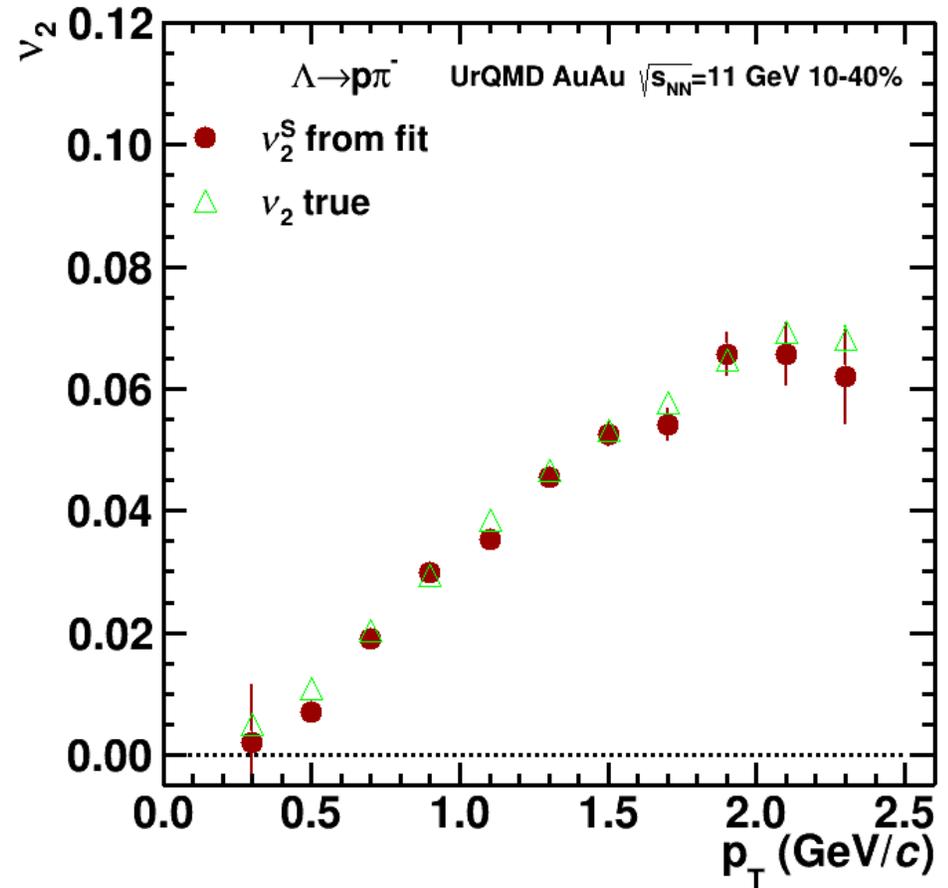
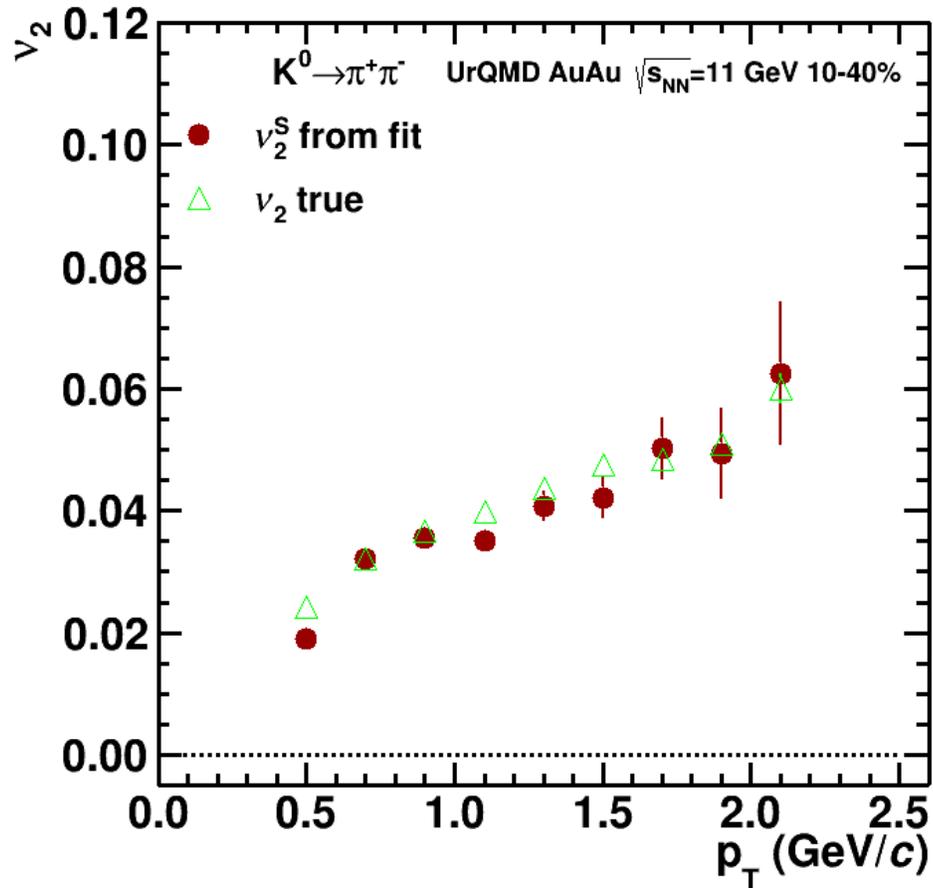
Expected small difference between colliding systems

# $v_1(y)$ : Bi+Bi vs Au+Au



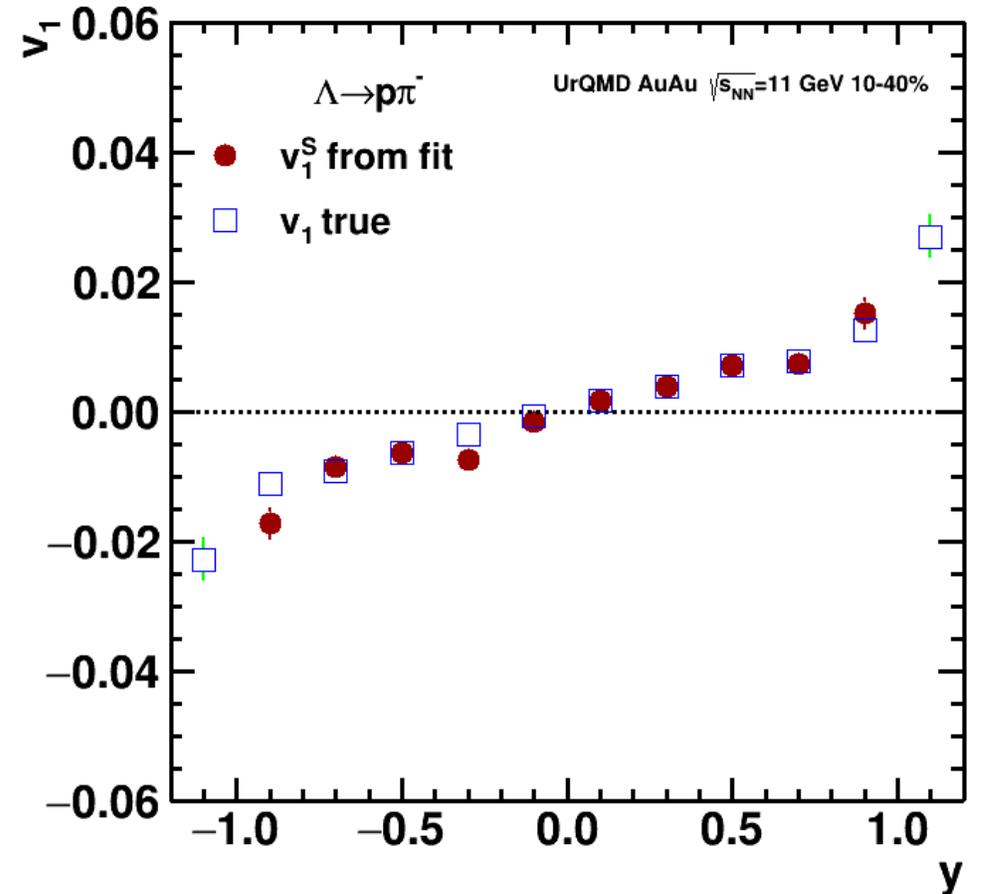
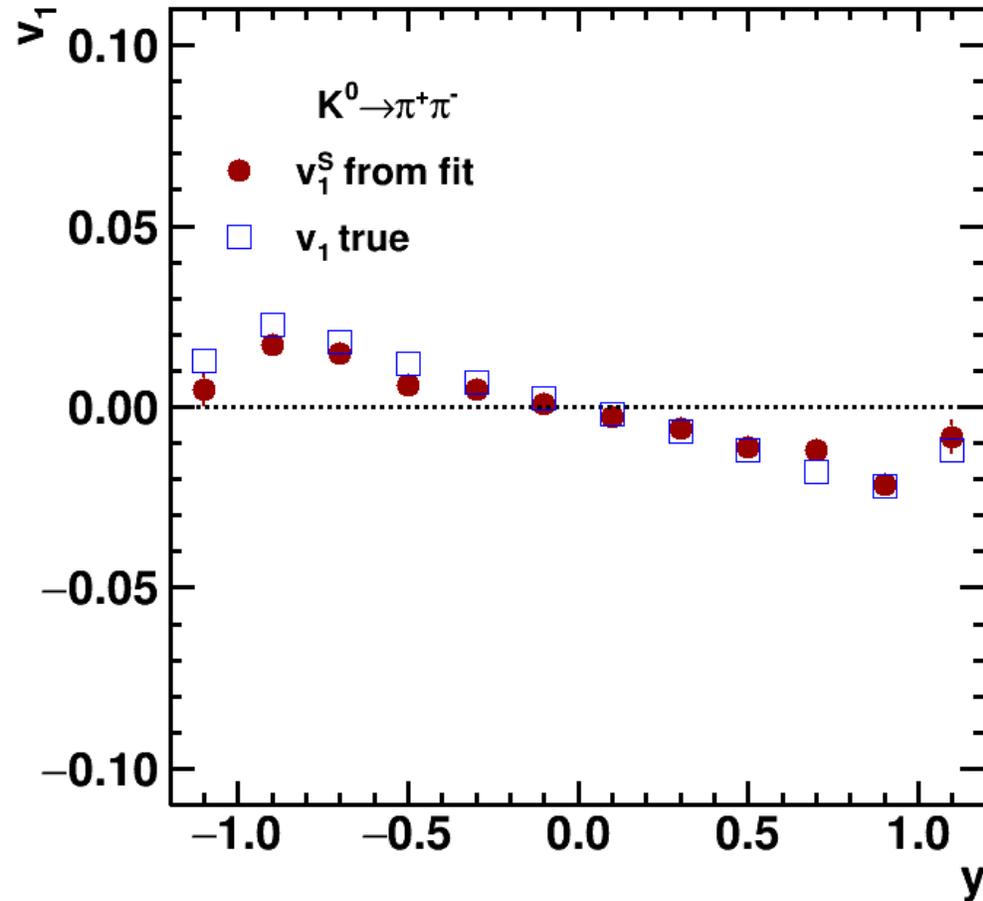
Expected small difference for  $v_1(y)$  for particles produced in Au+Au and Bi+Bi collisions.

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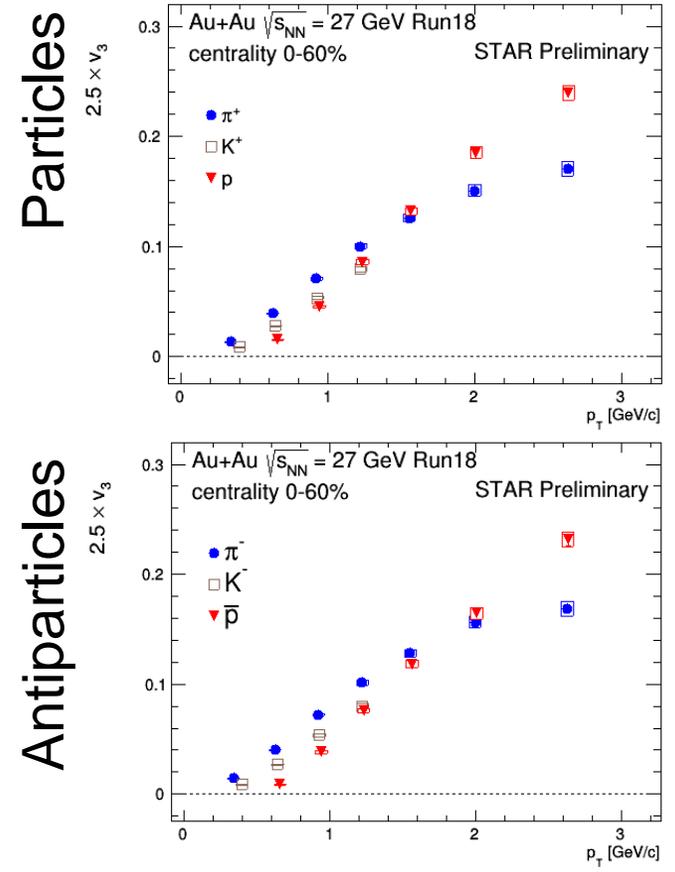
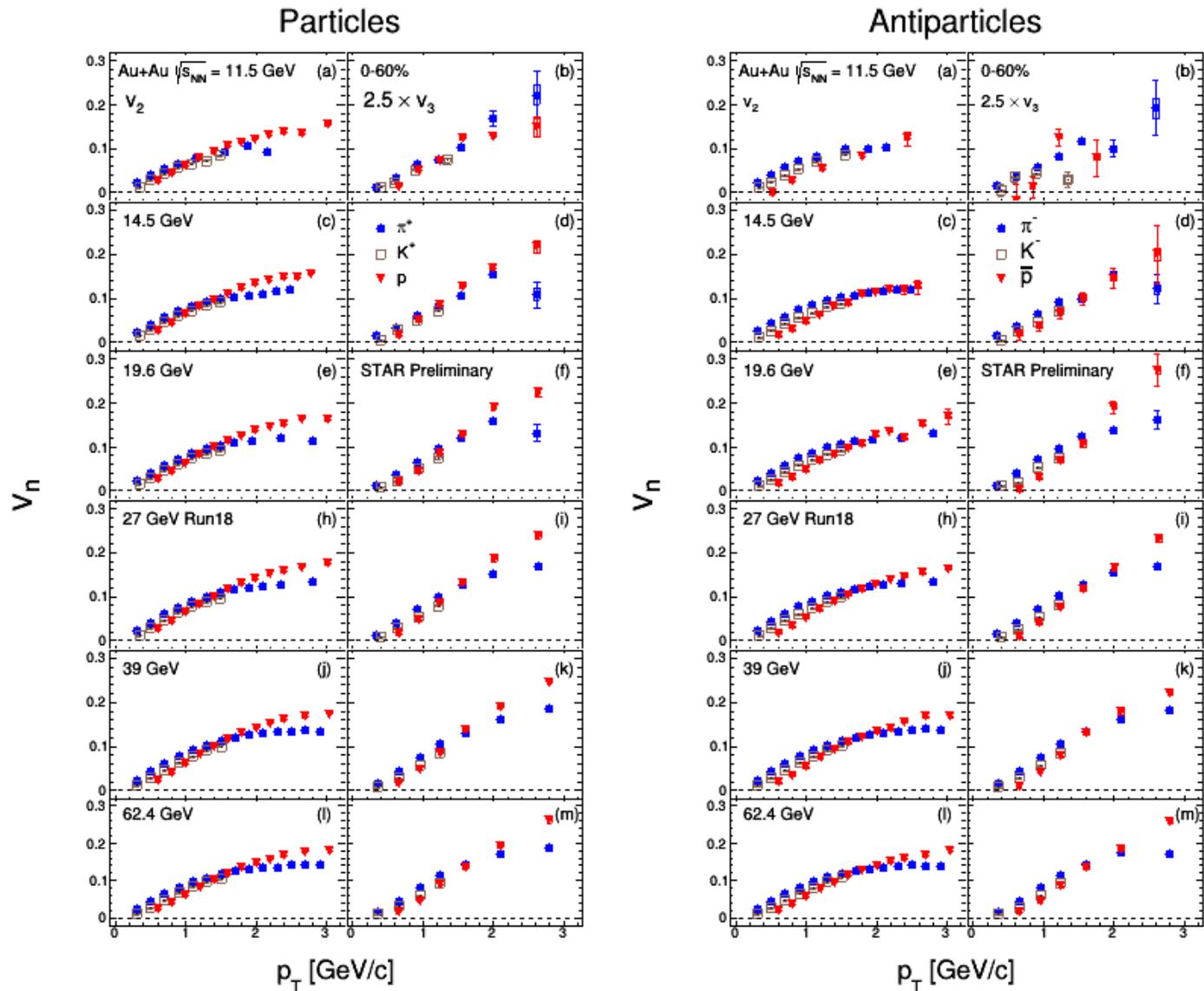
Reasonable agreement between reconstructed and generated  $v_2$  signals for both  $K^0$  and  $\Lambda$

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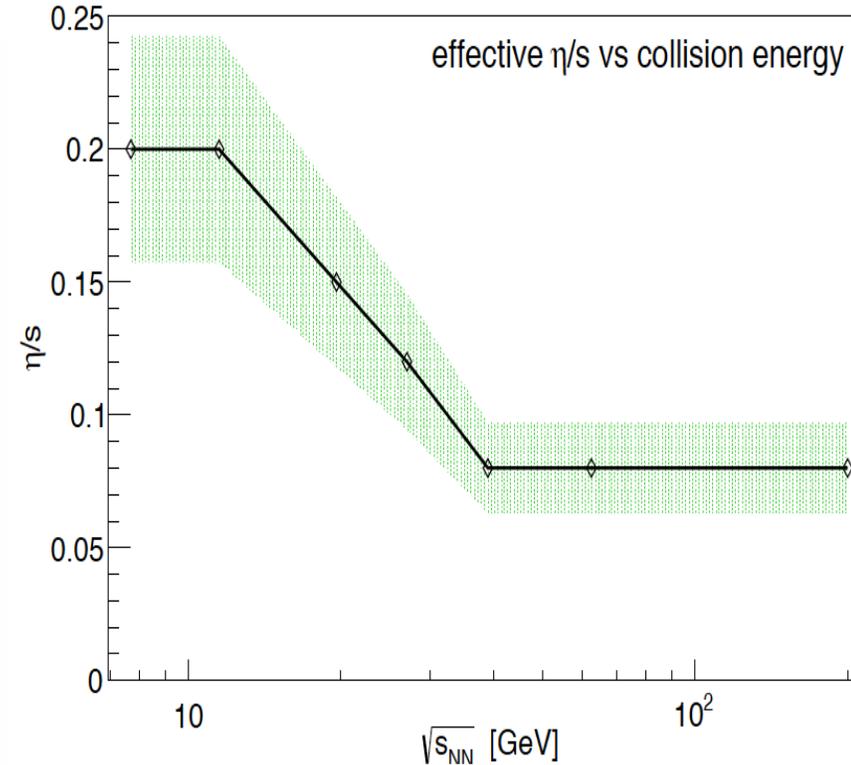
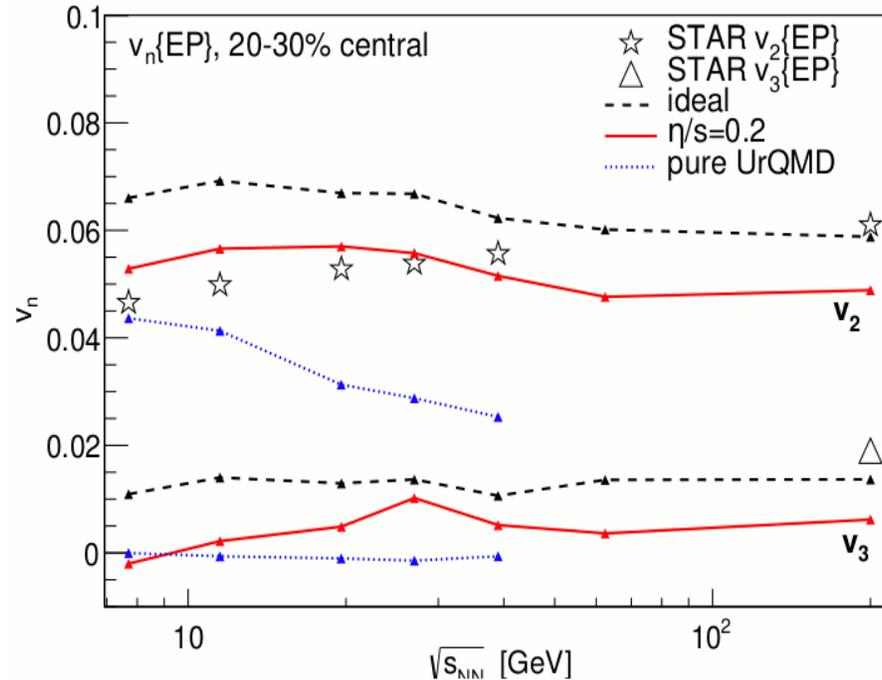
# $v_2(p_T)$ and $v_3(p_T)$ of identified hadrons



Mass ordering for  $p_T < 1.5$  GeV/c  
 Baryon/meson grouping for  $p_T > 2$  GeV/c

# Outlook: triangular flow at NICA

Iu.A. Karpenko, P. Huovinen, H. Petersen, M. Bleicher, Phys.Rev. C91 (2015) no.6, 064901



Models show that higher harmonic ripples are more sensitive to the existence of a QGP phase

In models,  $v_3$  goes away when the QGP phase disappears????

# Summary and outlook

- **$v_2$  at NICA energies shows strong energy dependence:**
  - At  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=4.5$  GeV  $v_2$  from UrQMD, SMASH are in a good agreement with the experimental data
  - At  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}\geq 7.7$  GeV UrQMD, SMASH underestimate  $v_2$  – need hybrid models with QGP phase
  - Lack of existing differential measurements of  $v_2$  ( $p_T$ , centrality, PID, ...)
- **Comparison of methods for elliptic flow measurements using UrQMD model:**
  - The differences between methods are well understood and could be attributed to non-flow and fluctuations
- **Feasibility study for elliptic flow in MPD:**
  - $v_2$  of identified charged hadrons: results from reconstructed and generated data are in a good agreement for all methods
  - $v_2$  of  $K^0$  and  $\Lambda$  particles: results from reconstructed (using invariant mass fits) and generated data are in a good agreement
- **Small differences in  $v_2$  for 2 colliding systems (Au+Au, Bi+Bi) were observed as expected**

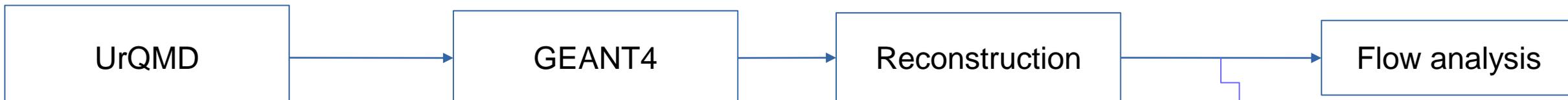
## Outlook:

- $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  measurements for the hybrid models (production of 60 M events for vHLLÉ+UrQMD at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=11$  GeV is ongoing)

Thank you for you attention

# Backup

# Setup, event and track selection



•Au+Au:  
 $N_{\text{events}} = 10 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5, 11.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $N_{\text{events}} = 20 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV}$   
 •Bi+Bi:  
 $N_{\text{events}} = 7 \text{ M at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV}$

- TPC
- FHCAL
- TOF
- ...

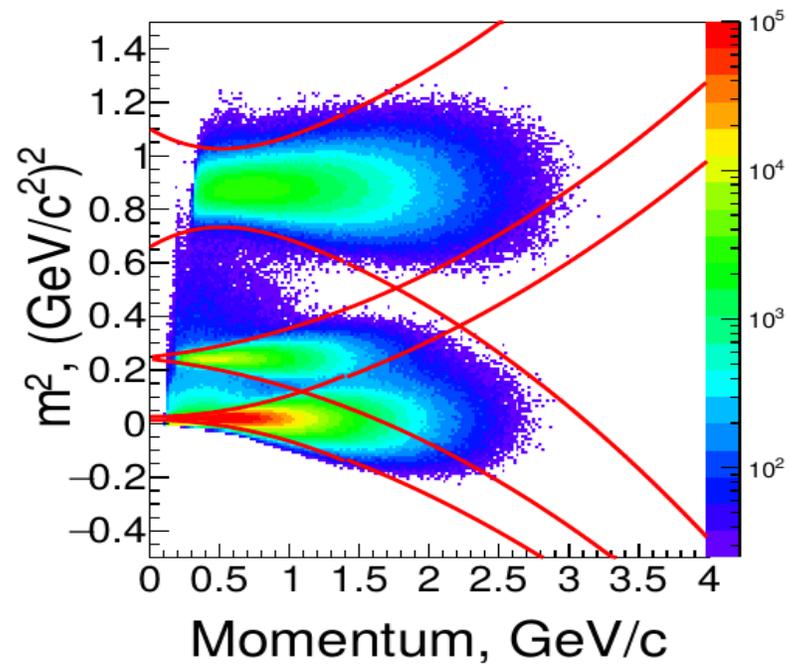
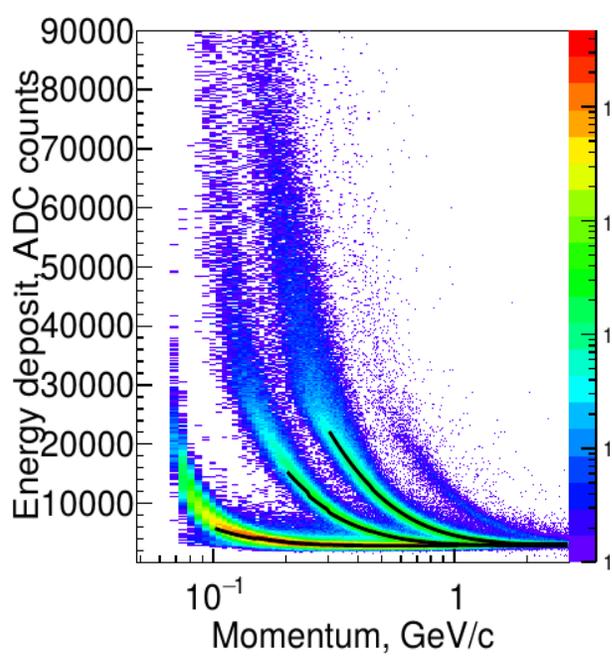
Event classification:

- Track multiplicity
- FHCAL energy

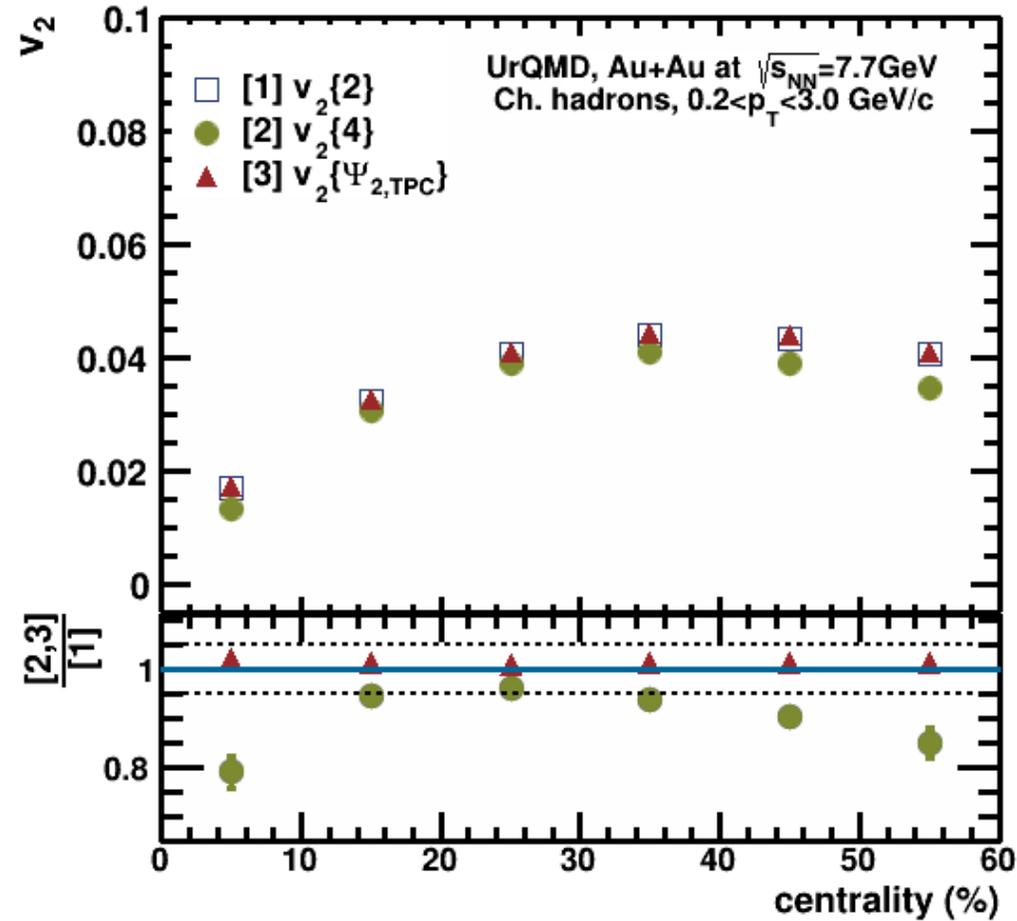
Track selection:

- Primary tracks ( $2\sigma$  DCA cut)
- $N_{\text{TPC hits}} > 16$
- $0.2 < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|\eta| < 1.5$
- PID based on TPC+TOF (MpdPid)

MPDRoot, August 2020



# Results for $v_2$ from UrQMD model of Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV



$v_2\{4\}$  is smaller than  $v_2\{2\}$  due to fluctuations and nonflow

# Description of event plane method

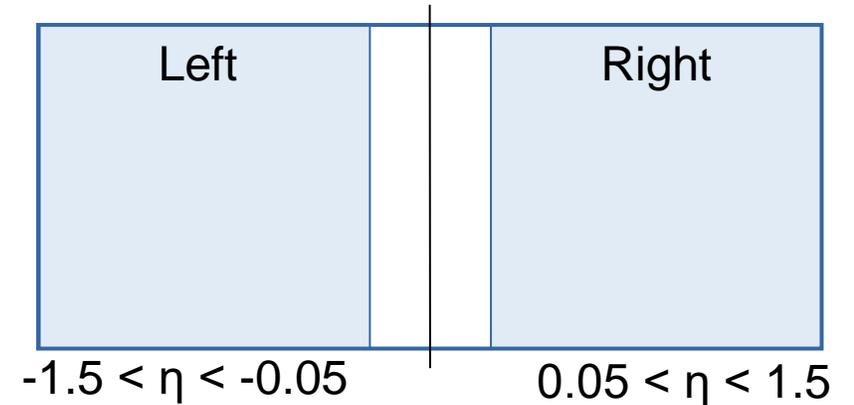
$$Q_n = \sum_{j=1}^N w_n(j) e^{in\phi_j} = |Q_n| e^{in\Phi_n} \quad (1)$$

$$Q_n \cos(n\Psi_n) = X_n = \sum_i w_i \cos(n\phi_i),$$

$$Q_n \sin(n\Psi_n) = Y_n = \sum_i w_i \sin(n\phi_i),$$

$$\Psi_n = \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{\sum_i w_i \sin(n\phi_i)}{\sum_i w_i \cos(n\phi_i)} \right) / n \quad (2)$$

- $\eta$ -sub EP method: resolution of the reaction plane  $\Psi_2$  obtained from 2 sub-events



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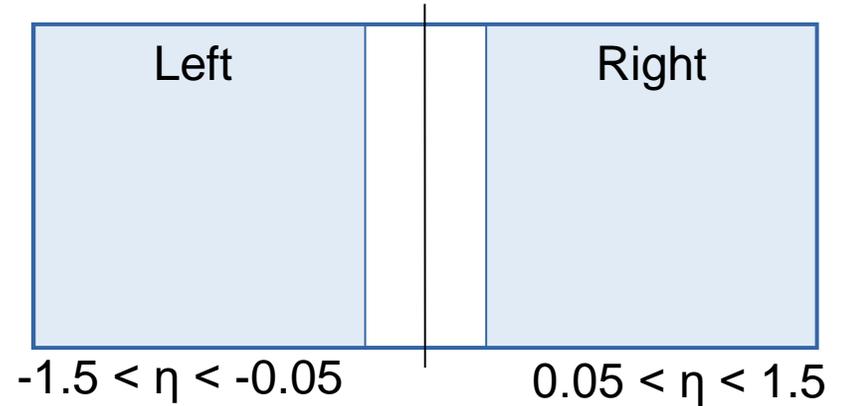
$$v_2\{\eta\text{-sub,EP}\} = \frac{\langle \cos[n(\phi_{\eta\pm} - \Psi_{2,\eta\mp})] \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \cos[n(\Psi_{2,\eta+} - \Psi_{2,\eta-})] \rangle}} \quad (3)$$

# Description of scalar product method

$$u_n = \cos n\phi + i \sin n\phi = e^{in\phi} \quad (1)$$

$$Q_n = \sum_{j=1}^M u_{n,j} = \sum_{j=1}^M e^{in\phi_j} \quad (2)$$

- $u_n$  – particle unit vector
- $Q_n$  – event flow vector(Q-vector)
- Elliptic flow measured using correlation between  $u_n$  and  $Q_n$

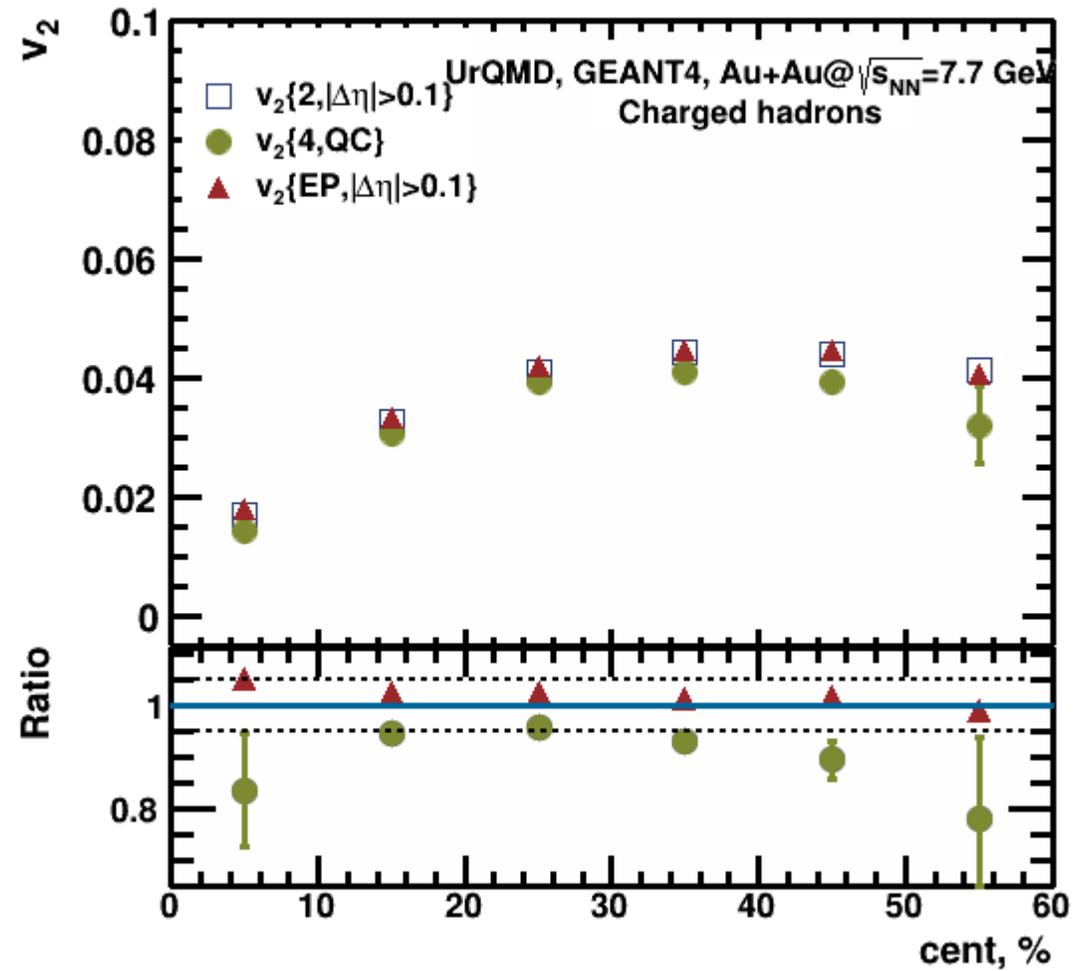
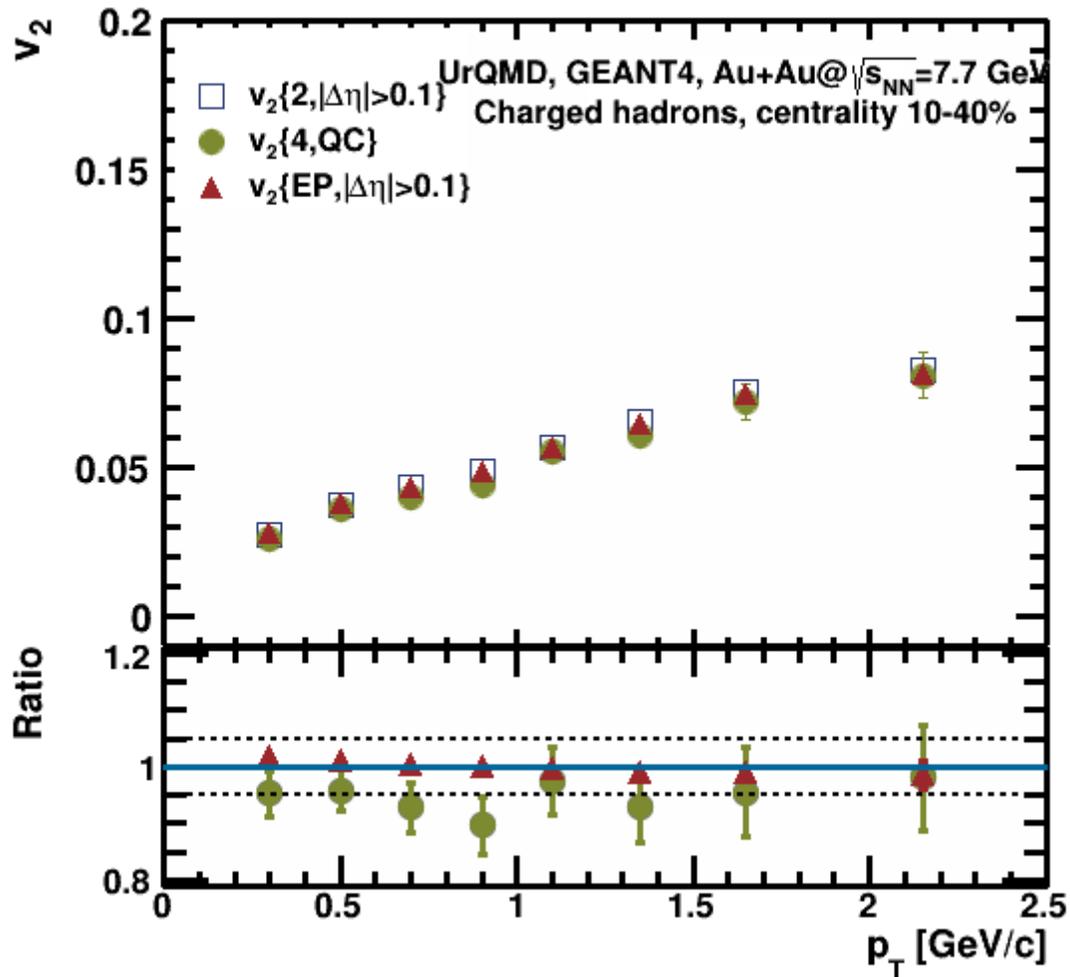


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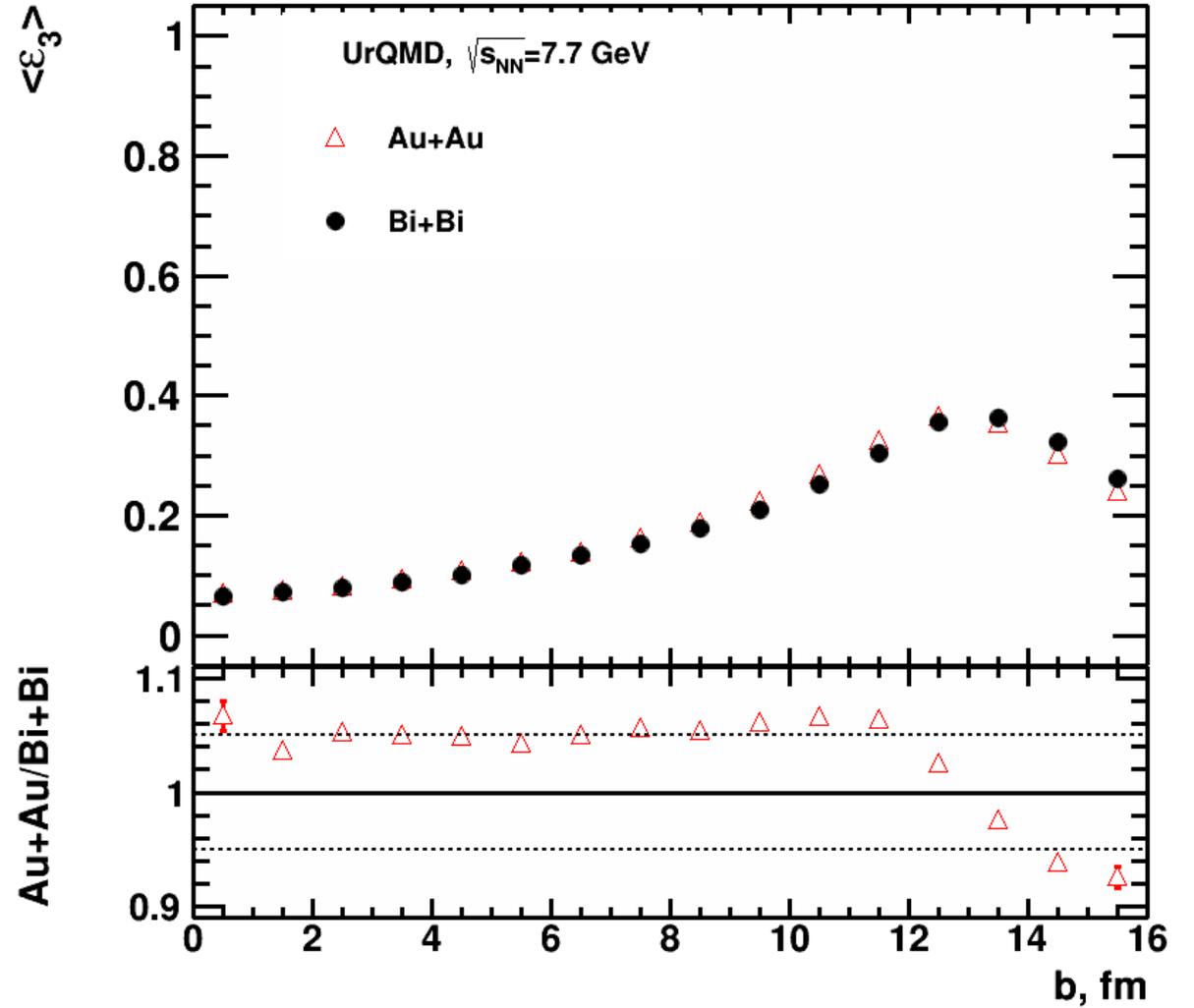
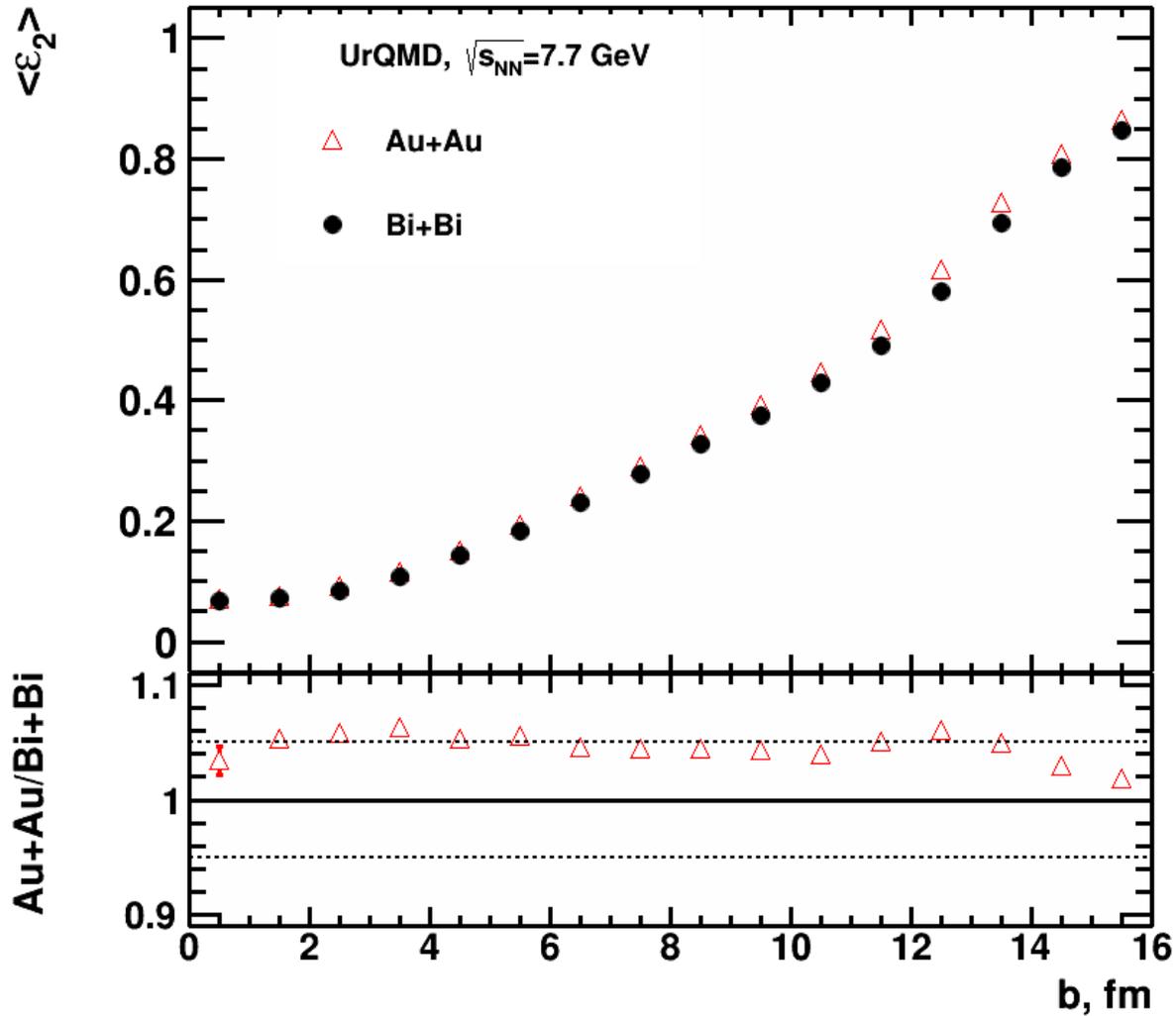
$$v_2^{SP} \{Q_{2,TPC}\} = \frac{\langle u_{2,\eta_{\pm}} Q_{2,\eta_{\mp}}^* \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle Q_{2,\eta_+} Q_{2,\eta_-}^* \rangle}} \quad (3)$$

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# Eccintricity: Bi+Bi vs Au+Au



UrQMD model predicts small difference between  $\varepsilon_n$  of Au+Au and Bi+Bi

# Sensitivity of different orders cumulants to elliptic flow fluctuations

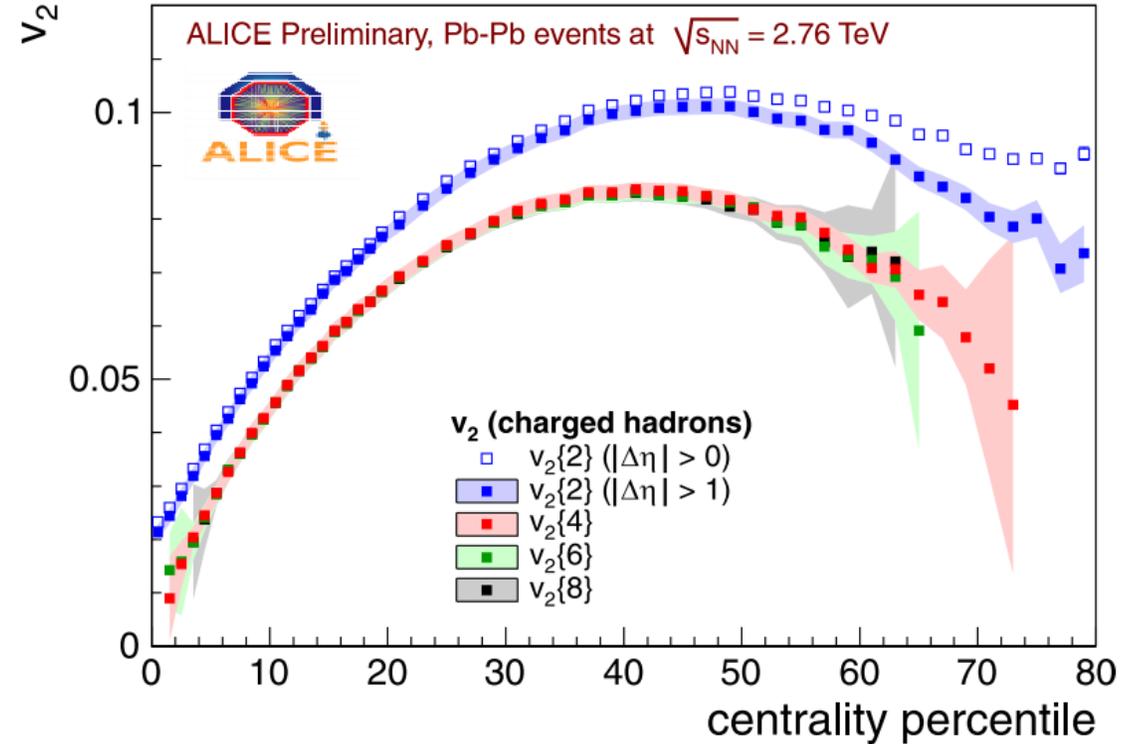
- How fluctuations affect the measured values of  $v_n$ . The effect of the fluctuations on  $v_n$  estimates can be obtained from

$$\langle v_n^2 \rangle = \bar{v}_n^2 + \sigma_{v_n}^2, \quad \langle v_n^4 \rangle = \bar{v}_n^4 + 6\sigma_{v_n}^2 \bar{v}_n^2$$

$$v_n\{2\} = \sqrt{\langle v_n^2 \rangle}, \quad v_n\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{2\langle v_n^2 \rangle^2 - \langle v_n^4 \rangle}$$

- The difference between  $v_n\{2\}$  and  $v_n\{4\}$  is sensitive to not only nonflow but also to the event-by-event  $v_n$  fluctuations.

$$v_n\{2\} = \bar{v}_n + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_n}^2}{\bar{v}_n}, \quad v_n\{4\} = \bar{v}_n - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_n}^2}{\bar{v}_n}$$

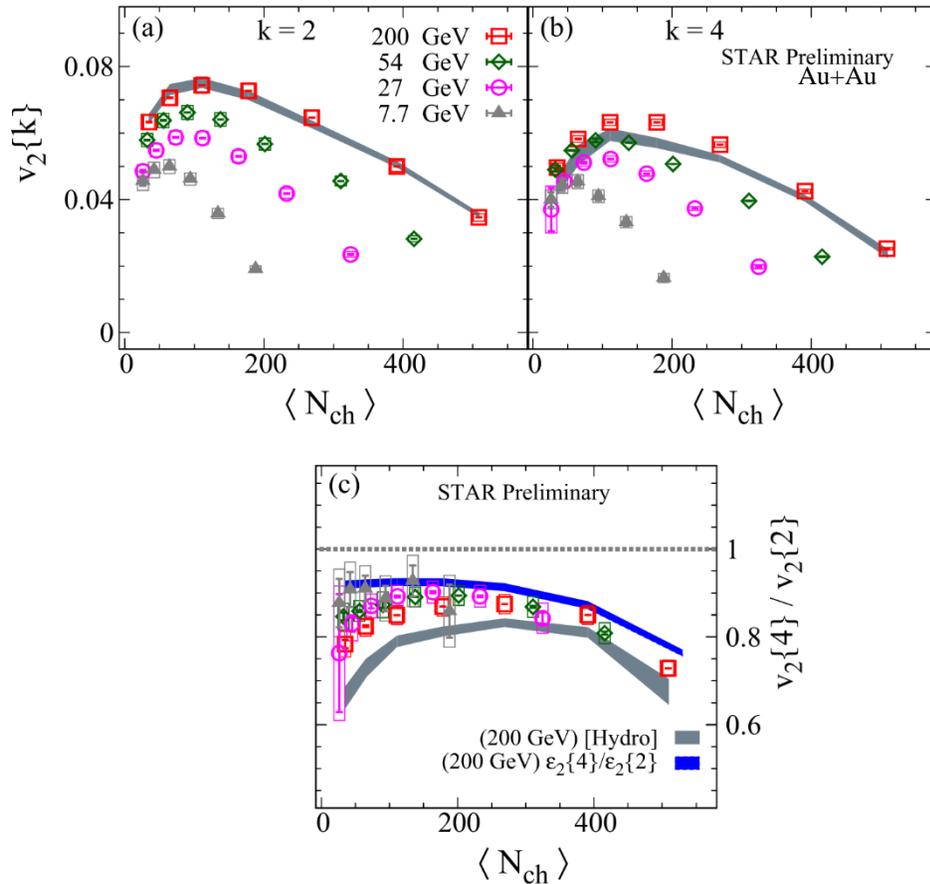


The difference between  $v_n\{2\}$  with and without  $\Delta\eta$  gap is driven by the contribution from nonflow

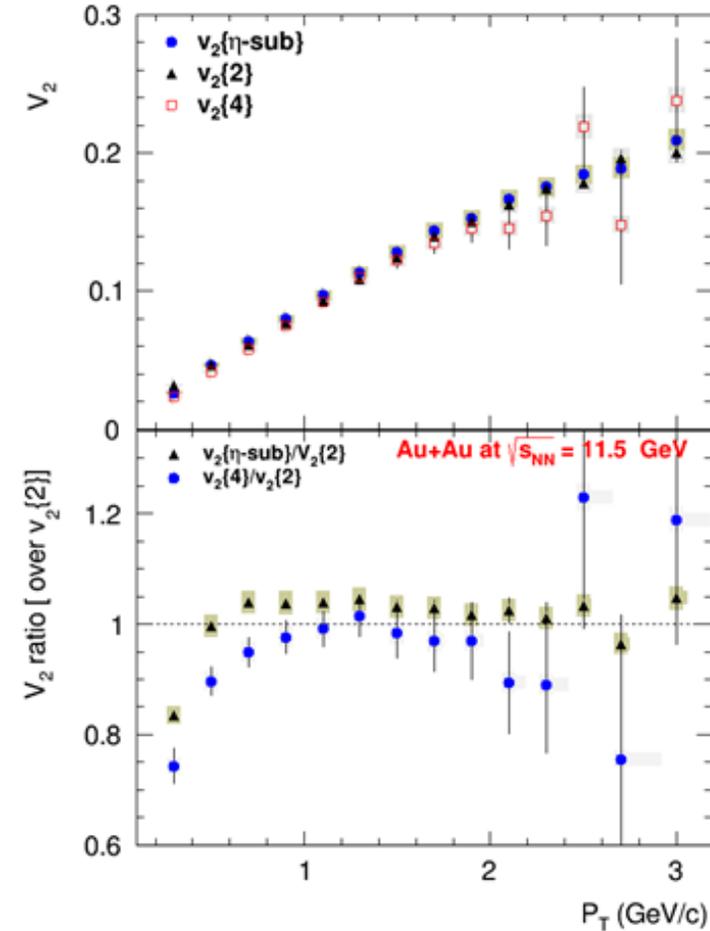
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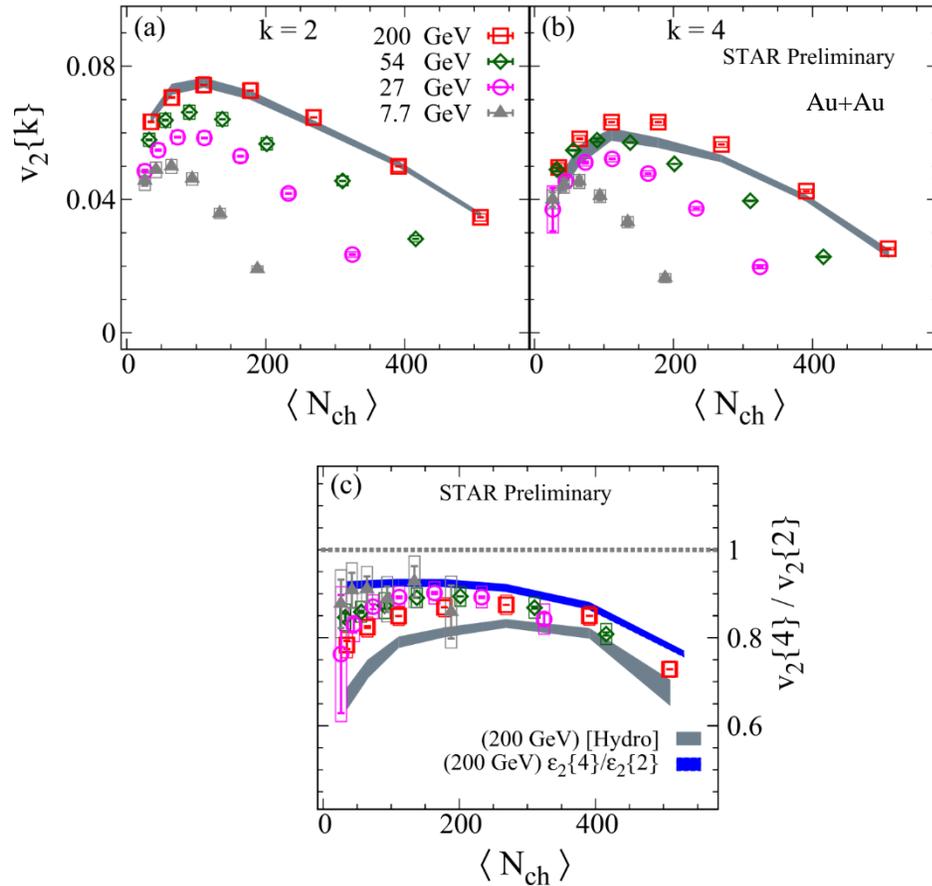
L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration). Phys. Rev. C 86, 054908 (2012)



The magnitude and trend of the fluctuations, have weak beam energy dependence

Methods of flow measurements have different sensitivity to flow fluctuations

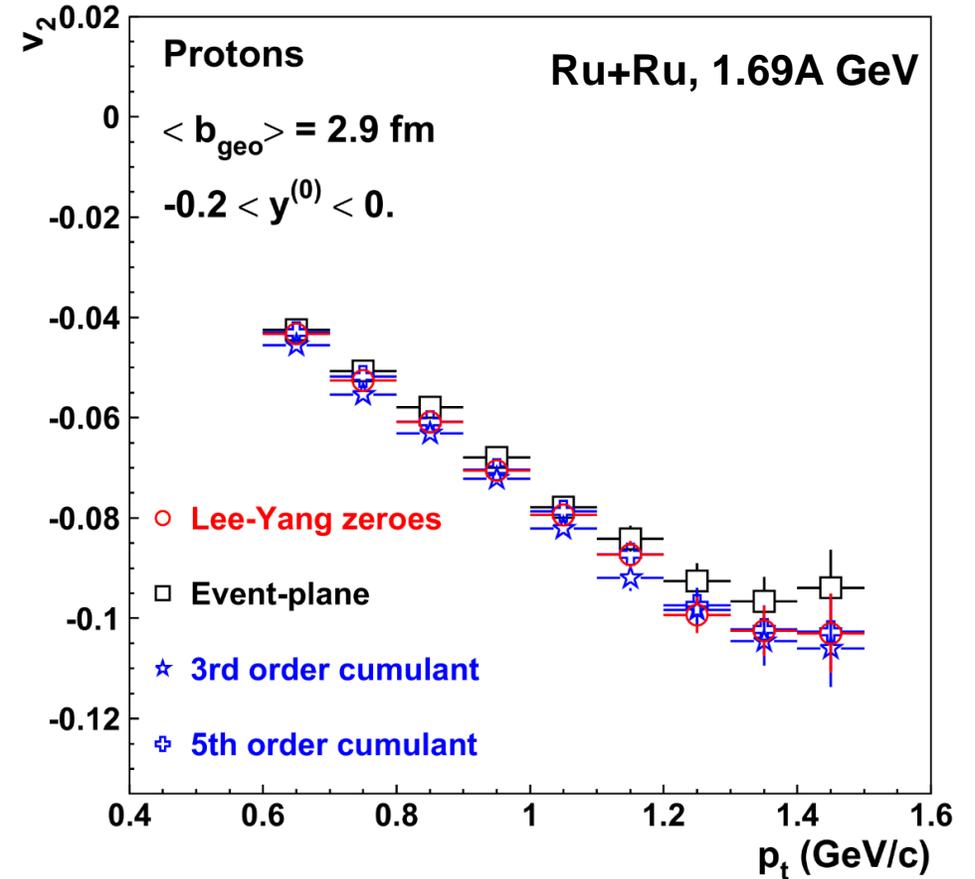
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Compression of (a)  $v_2\{2\}$  vs.  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$ , (b)  $v_2\{4\}$  vs.  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$  and (c) their ratio for Au+Au collisions

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[arXiv:1807.07638](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.07638)



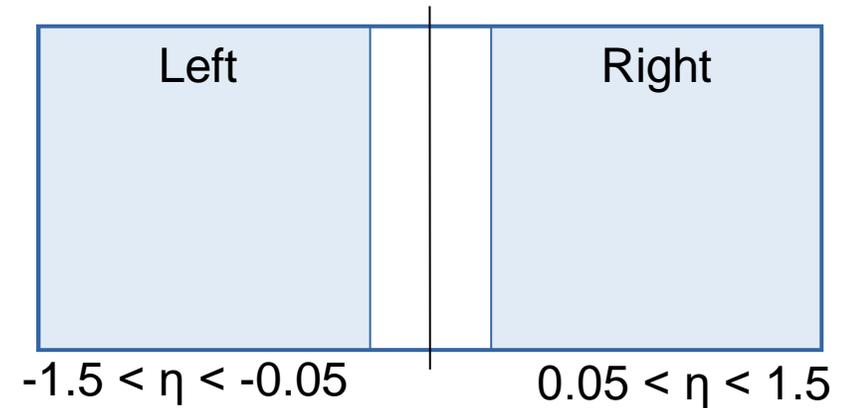
$v_2$  versus transverse momentum for protons measured in semi-central events and around mid-rapidity.

N. Bastid, et al., Phys.Rev. C72 (2005) 011901

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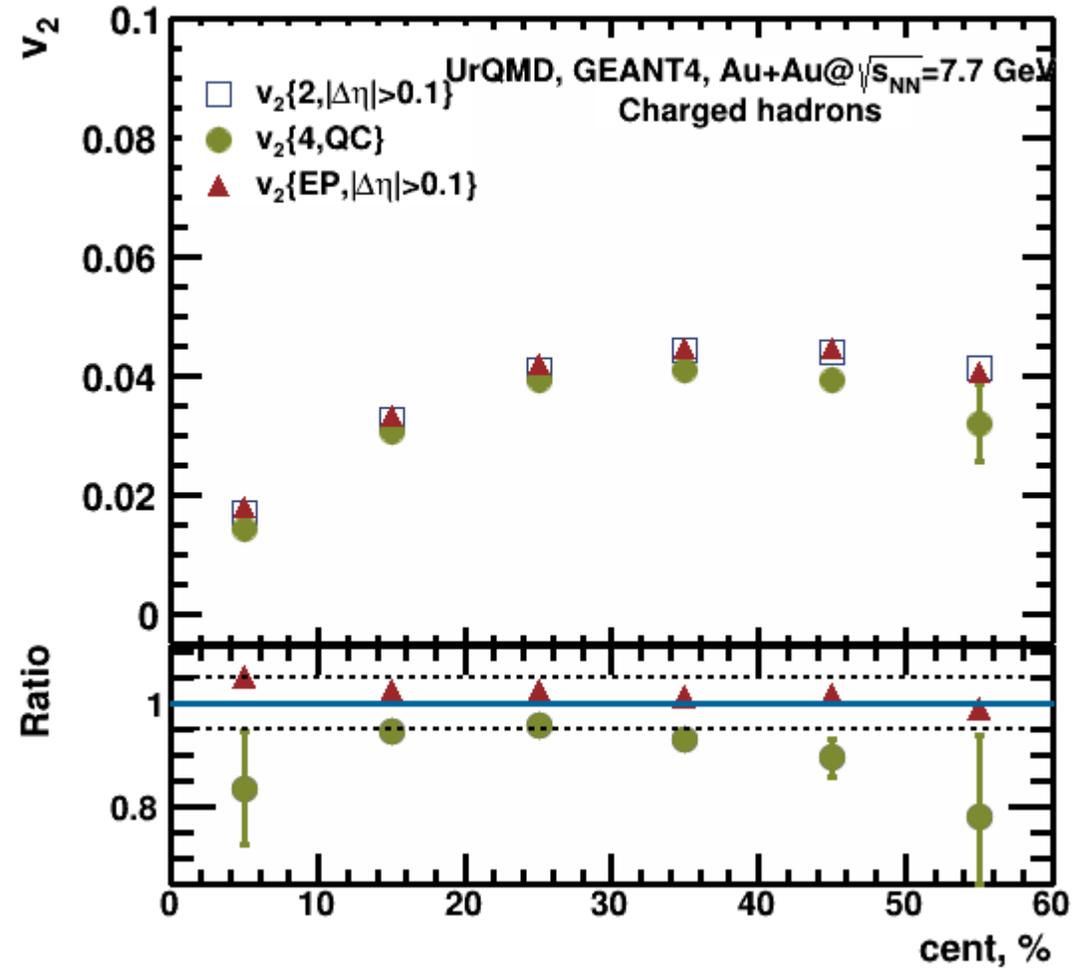
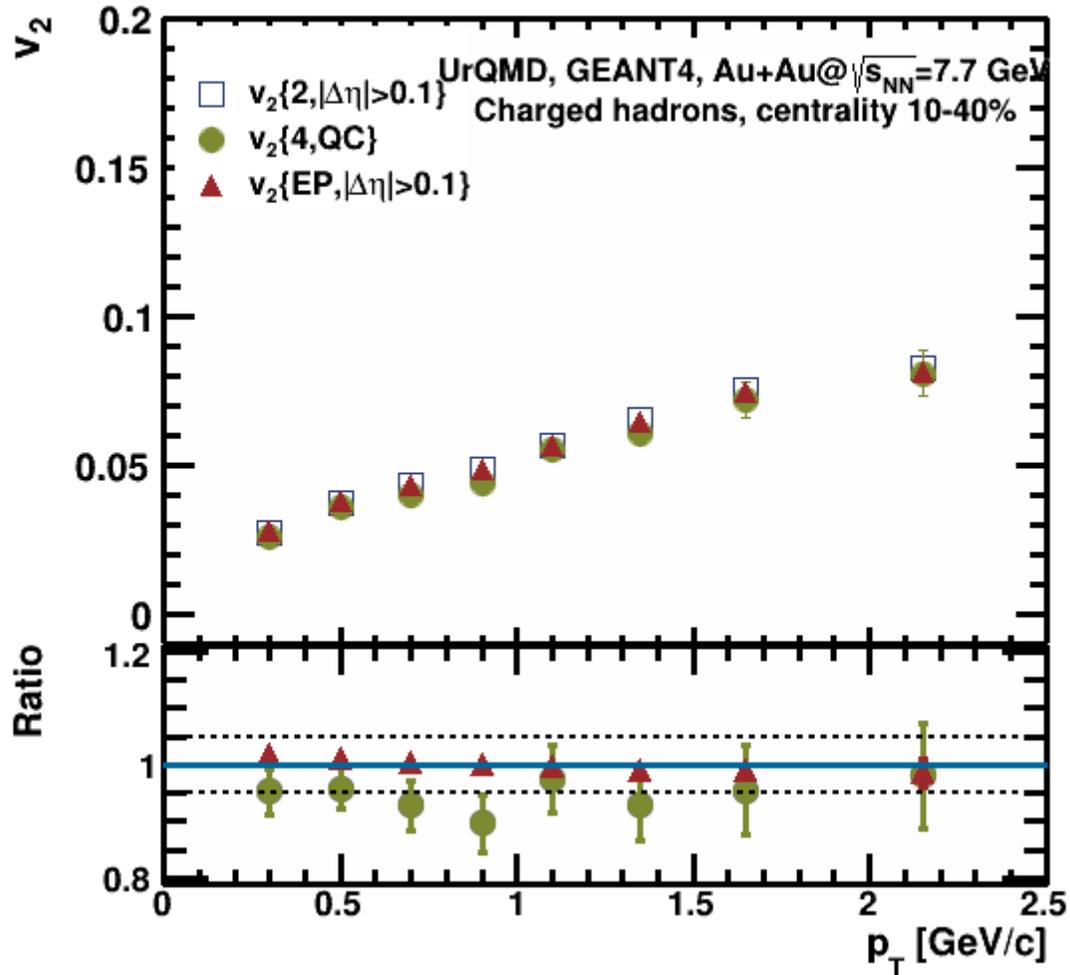
- Total number of generated minimum bias events - 88 M
- Particle selection: charged hadrons,  
 $0.2 < p_T < 3$  GeV/c
- Configuration of cumulant method:
  1. RFP and POI: charged hadrons;
  2. calculations were performed taking into account the effect of autocorrelation
- All 3 methods have the same kinematical cuts



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