

A high-angle photograph of a large industrial facility, likely a nuclear reactor hall. In the center, a large blue cylindrical component is being worked on. It is surrounded by a complex structure of metal scaffolding. A red crane is positioned above the component, with chains attached to it. Several workers in safety gear are visible around the scaffolding. To the right, a large white structure is partially visible, with a blue tarp covering a section. In the background, there are more industrial structures, including a yellow crane and a large white structure. The floor is a light-colored concrete with yellow safety lines.

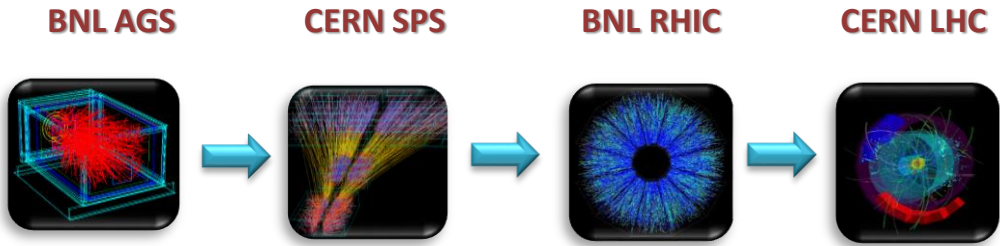
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Status of the MPD experiment at NICA

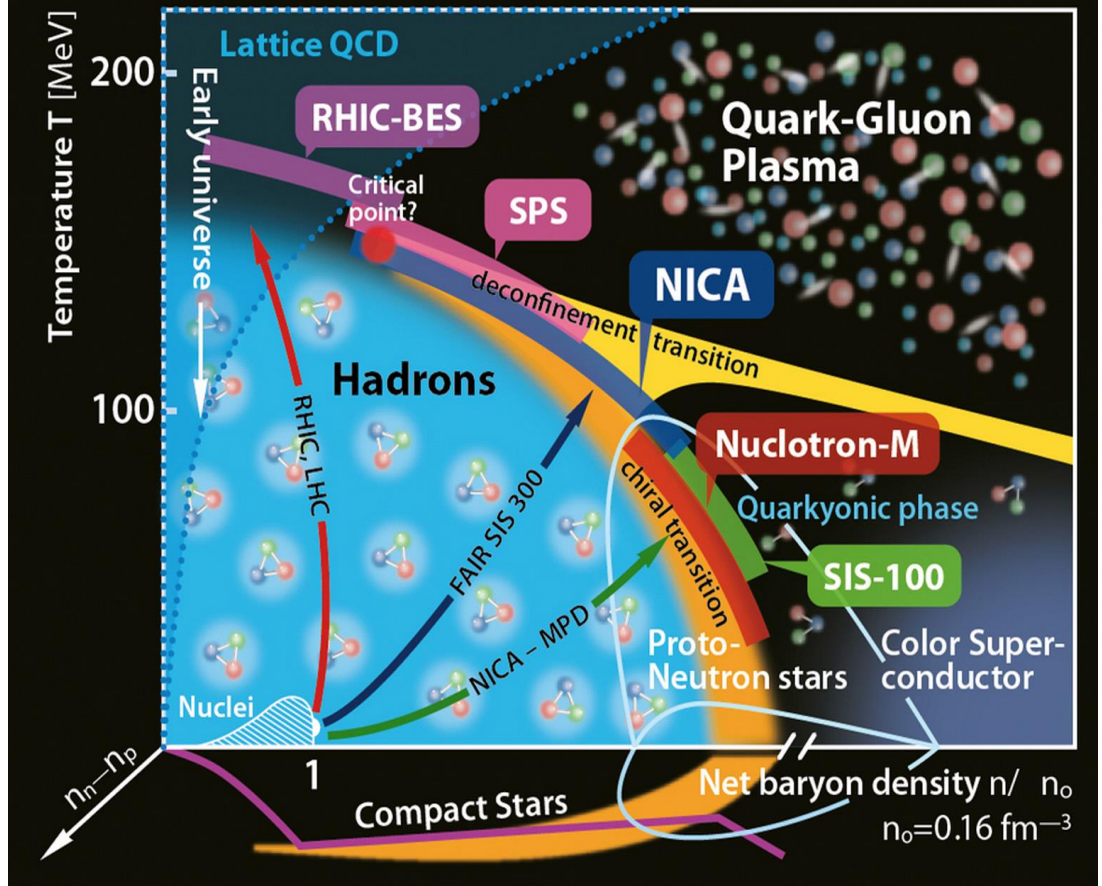
The Critical Point and Onset of Deconfinement Conference (CPOD 2021),
March 15 - 19, 2021

Scan of the phase diagram of QCD matter

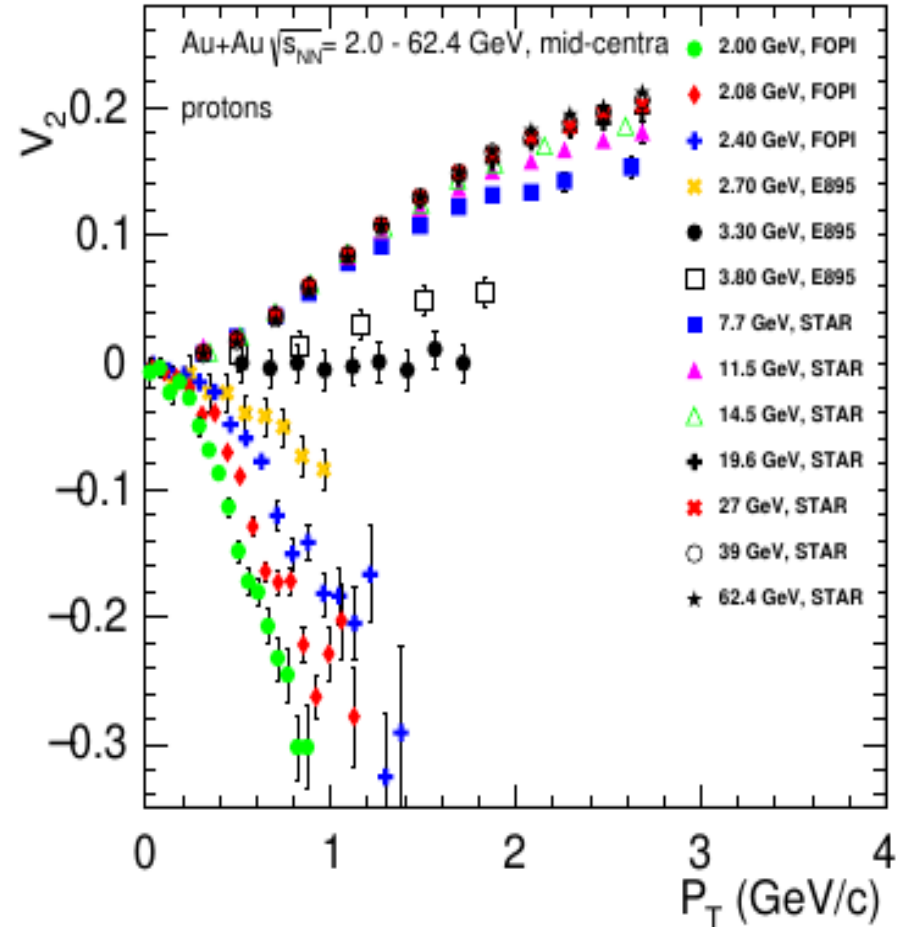
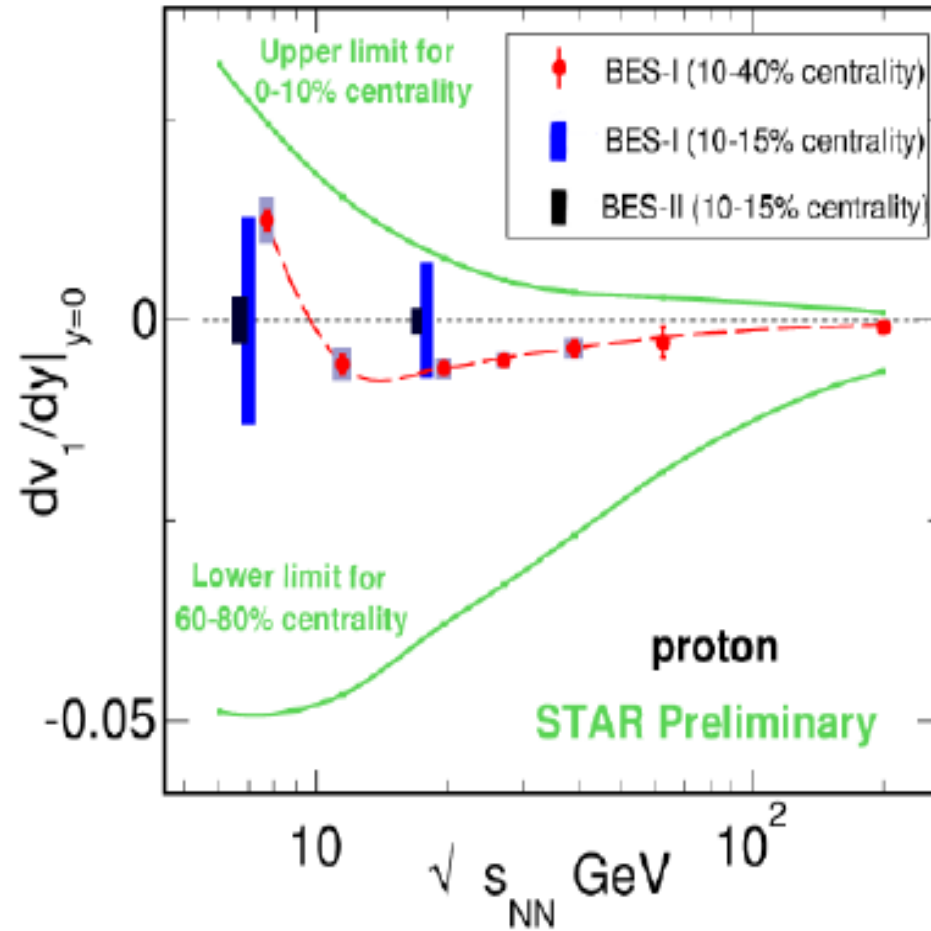


Facility	SPS	RHIC	LHC	NICA	SIS100	J-PARC-HI	HIAF
Laboratory	CERN	BNL	CERN	JINR	GSI FAIR	J-PARC	Huizhou
Experiment	NA61	STAR	ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb	BM@MPD	HADES CBM	JHITS	CEE
Start data taking	2009	2010	2009	2018 2021	2025	2025	2024
CMS Energy [GeV/(N+N)]	5.1–17.3	3.0 - 200	2700 - 5500	2.7 - 11.0	2.3 - 4.7	1.9 - 6.2	1.8 - 2.7
Type of measurements	energy, size	energy	energy	energy	energy	energy	energy

Current & future measurements



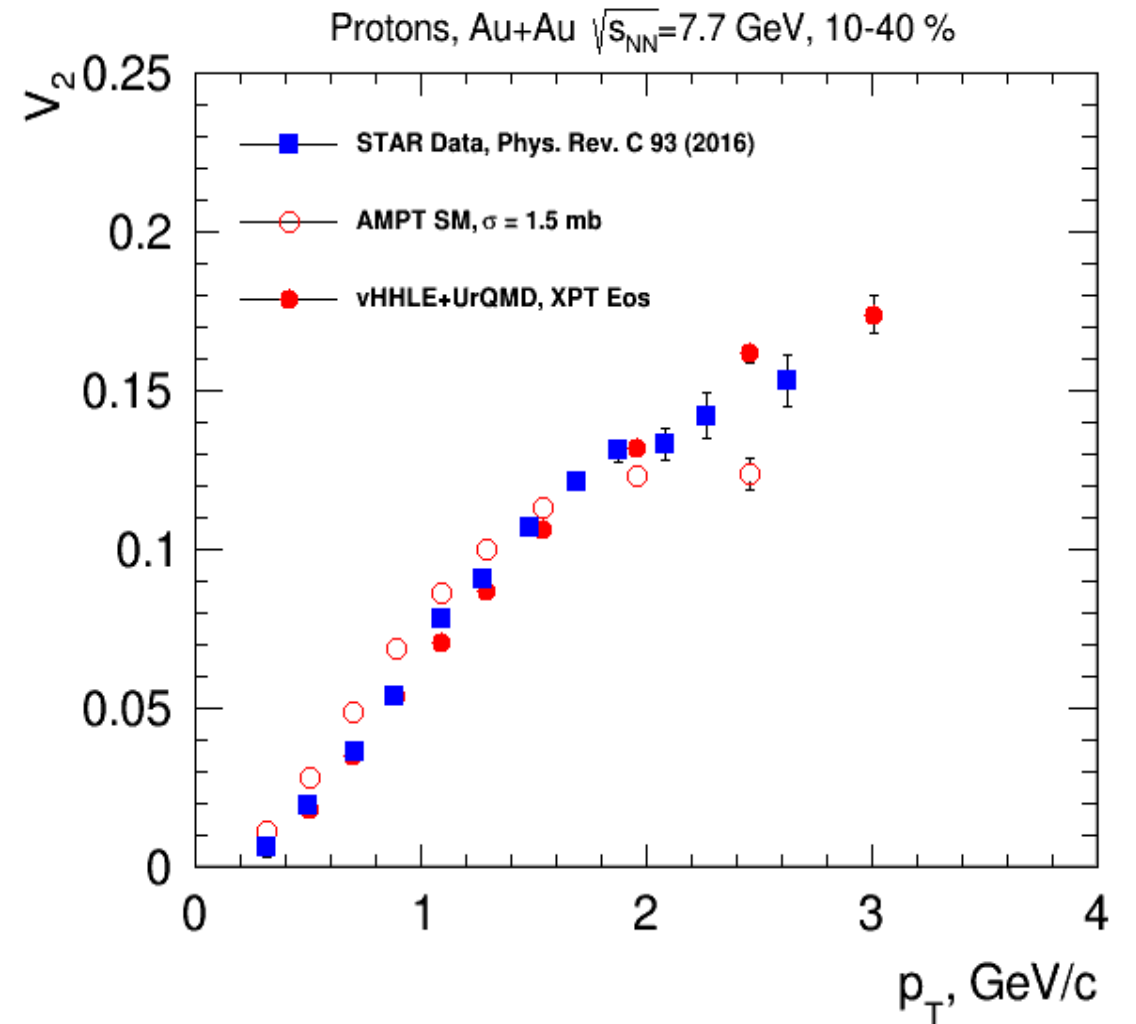
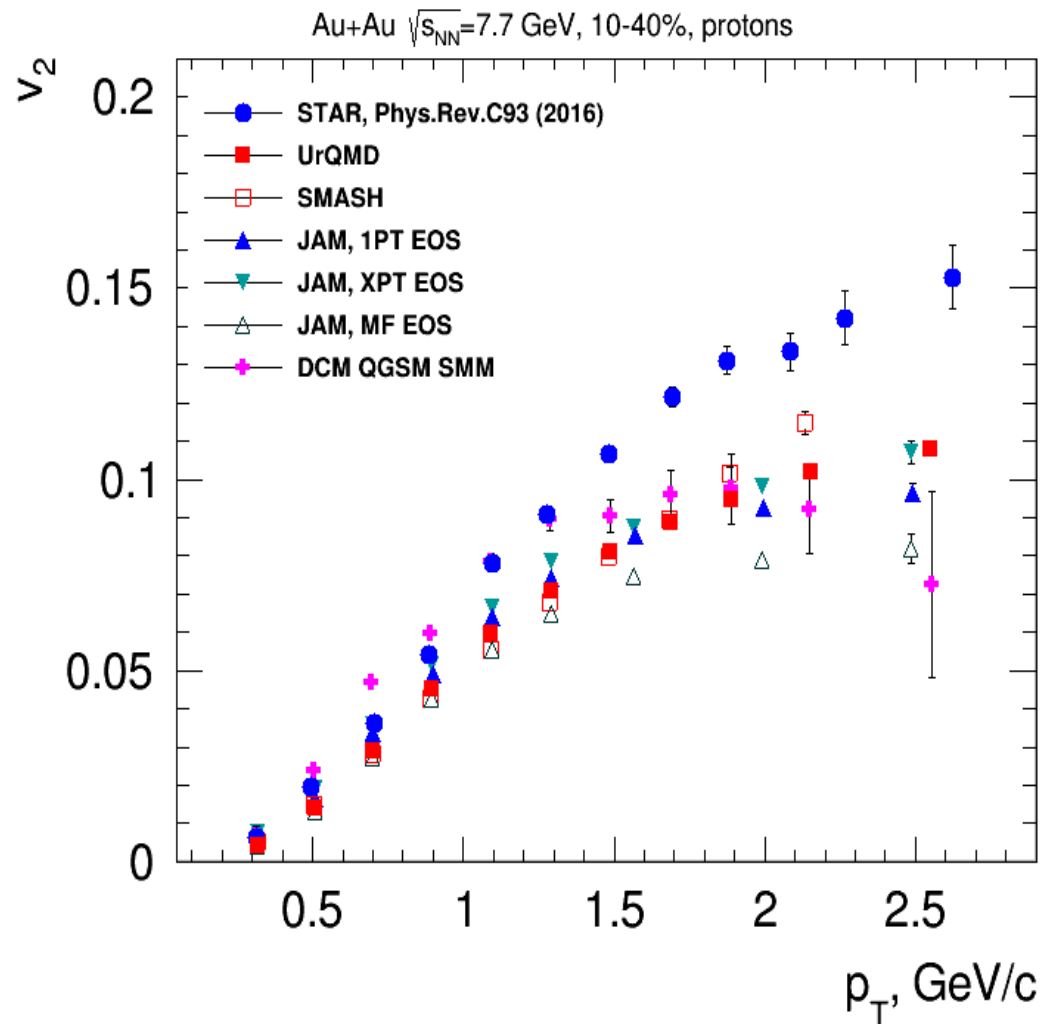
Anisotropic Flow at NICA energies



Anisotropic flow at NICA energies is a delicate balance between:

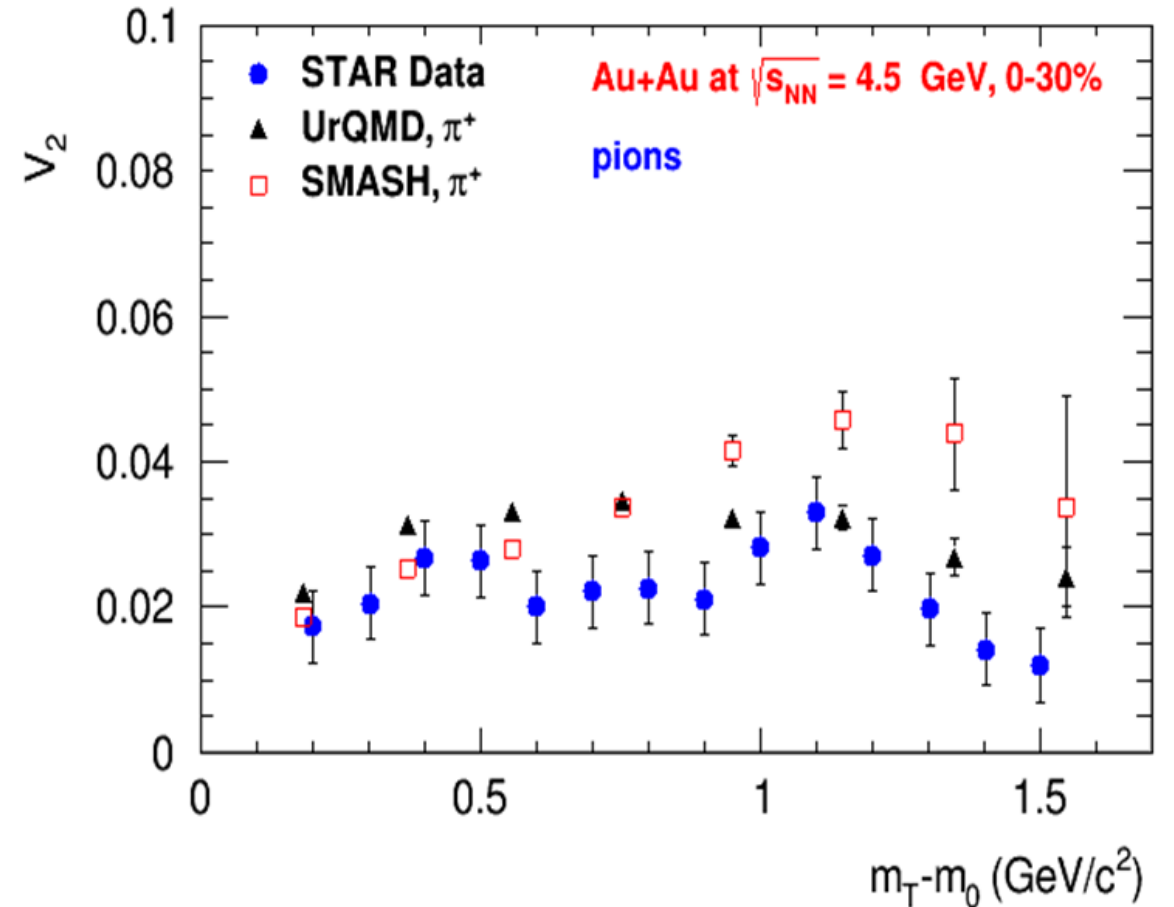
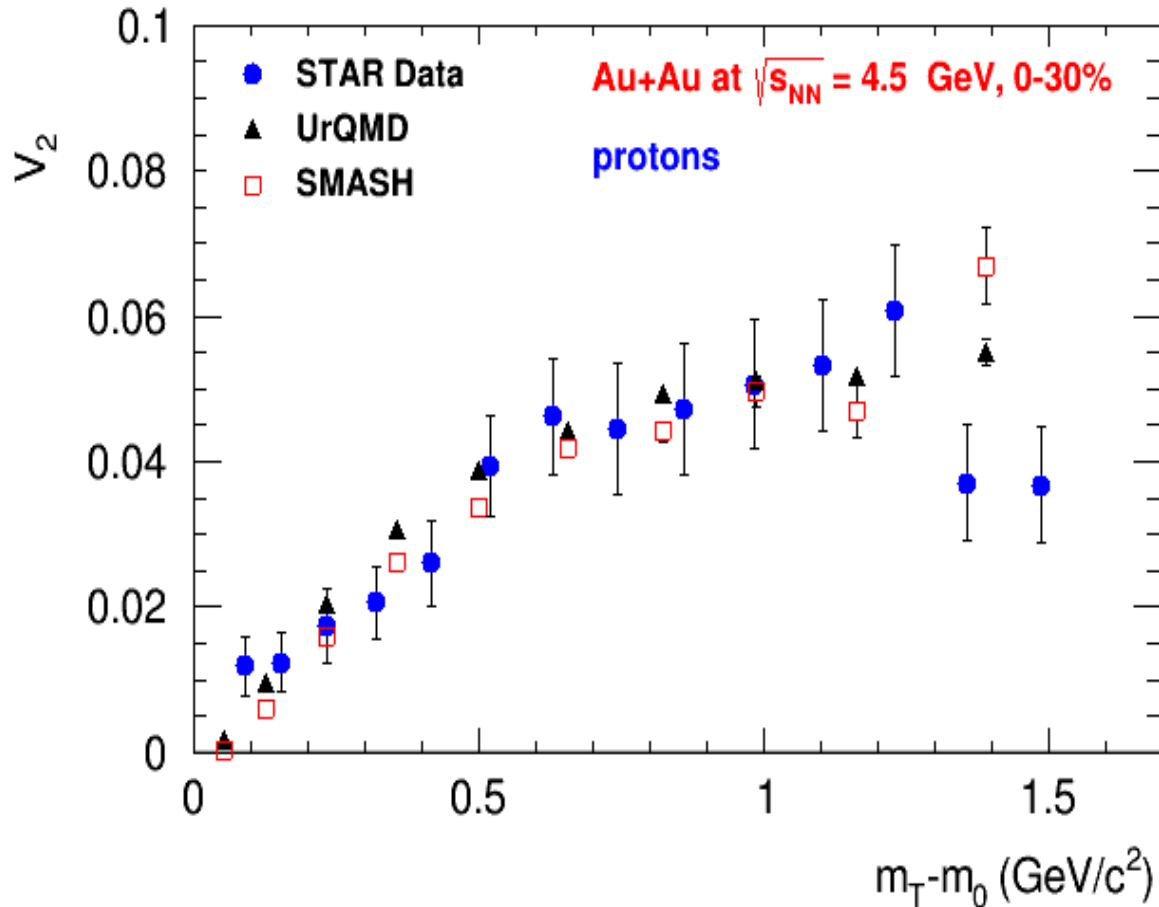
- the ability of pressure developed early in the reaction zone and
- the passage time for removal of the shadowing by spectators

Elliptic flow at NICA energies: Models vs Data comparison



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

Elliptic flow at NICA energies: Models vs Data comparison



Pure String/Hadronic Cascade models give similar v_2 signal compared to STAR data for Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=4.5$ GeV

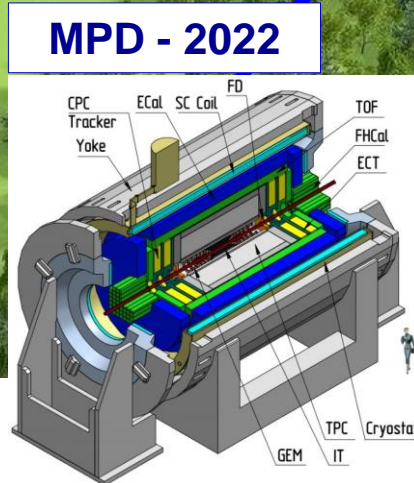
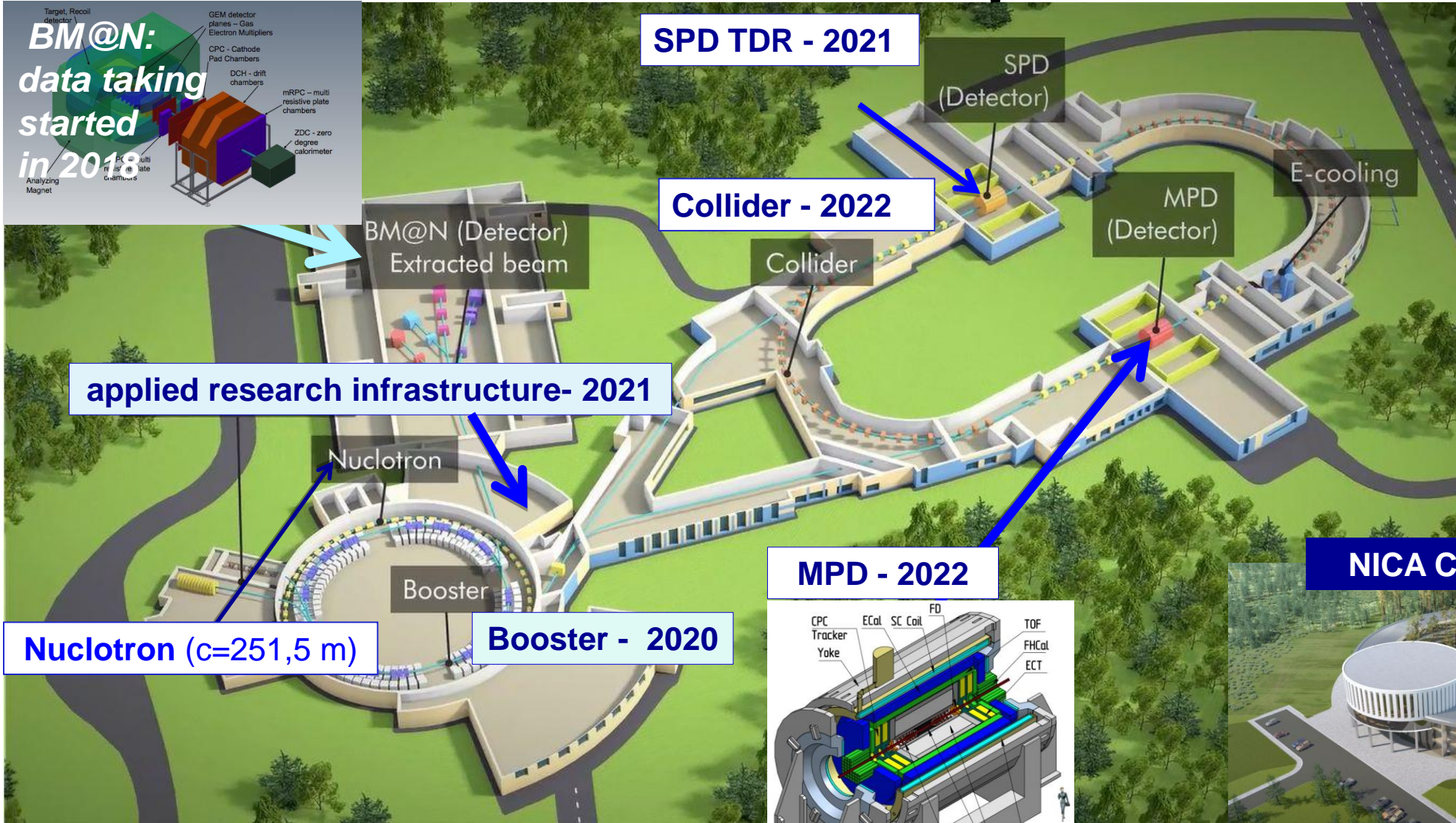


NICA Accelerator Complex in Dubna

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data taking started in 2018

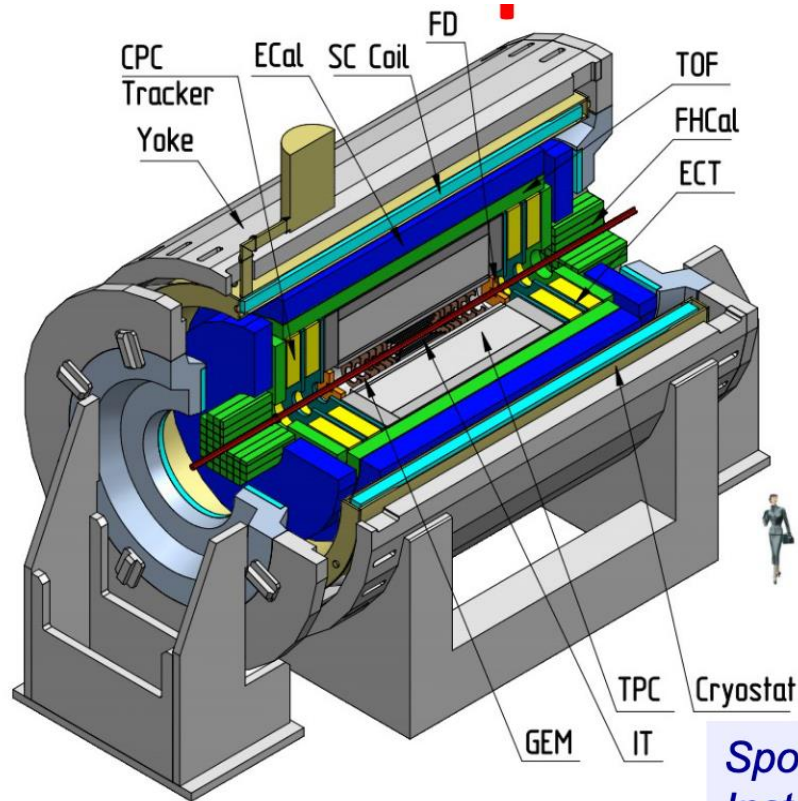
Target, Recoil detector
GEM detector planes - Gas Electron Multipliers
CPC - Cathode Pad Chambers
DCH - drift chambers
mRPC - multi resistive plate chambers
ZDC - zero degree calorimeter

Analyzing Magnet





Multi Purpose Detector (MPD) Collaboration



**11 Countries, >500 participants,
41 Institutes and JINR**



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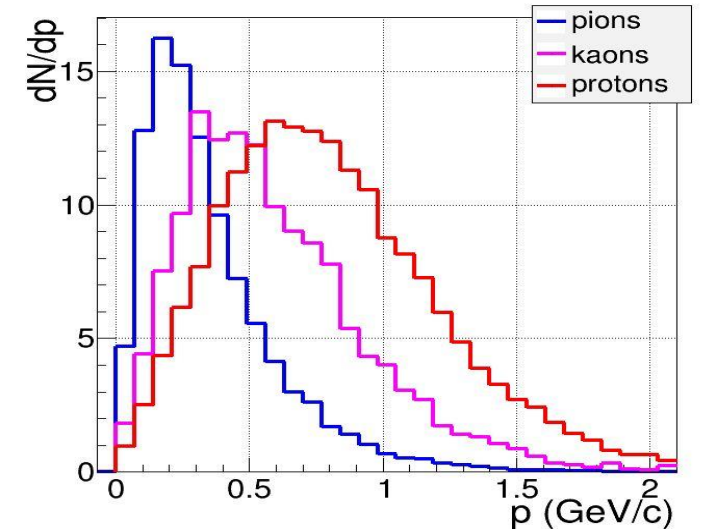
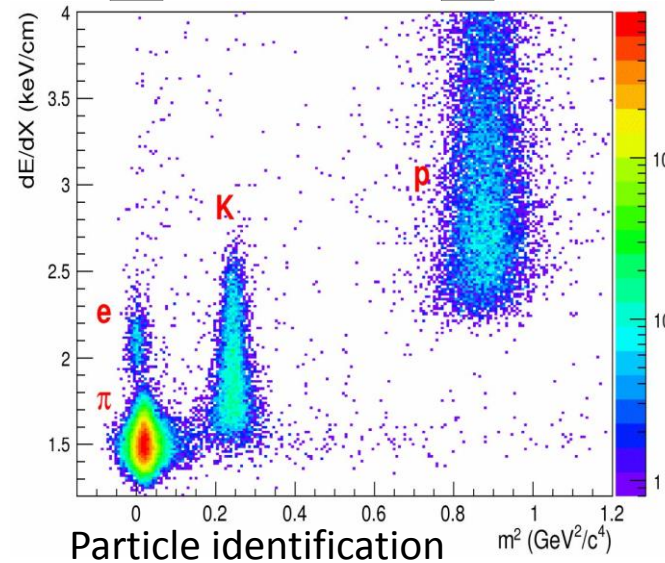
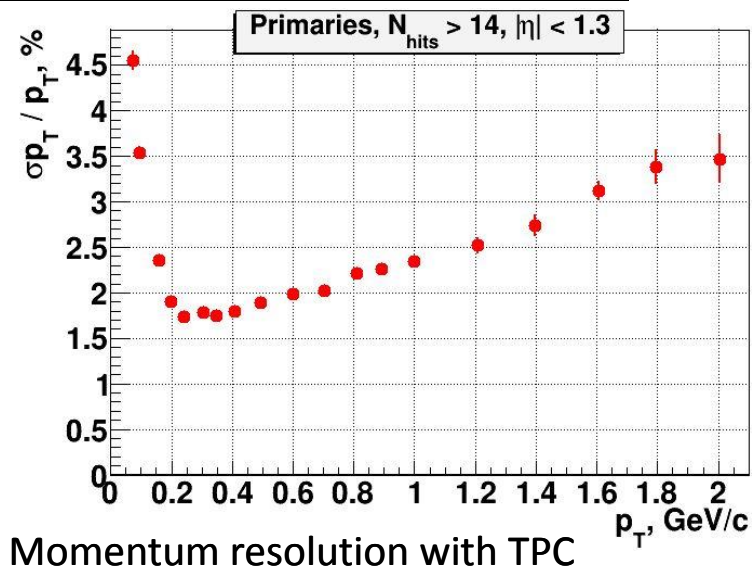
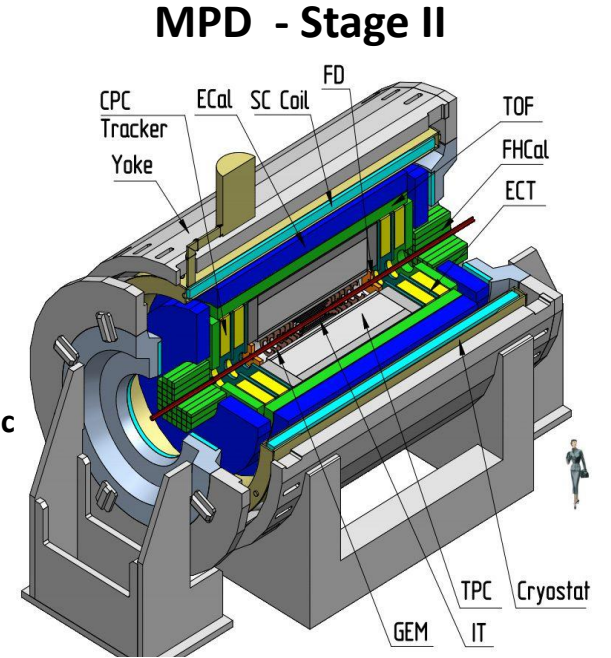
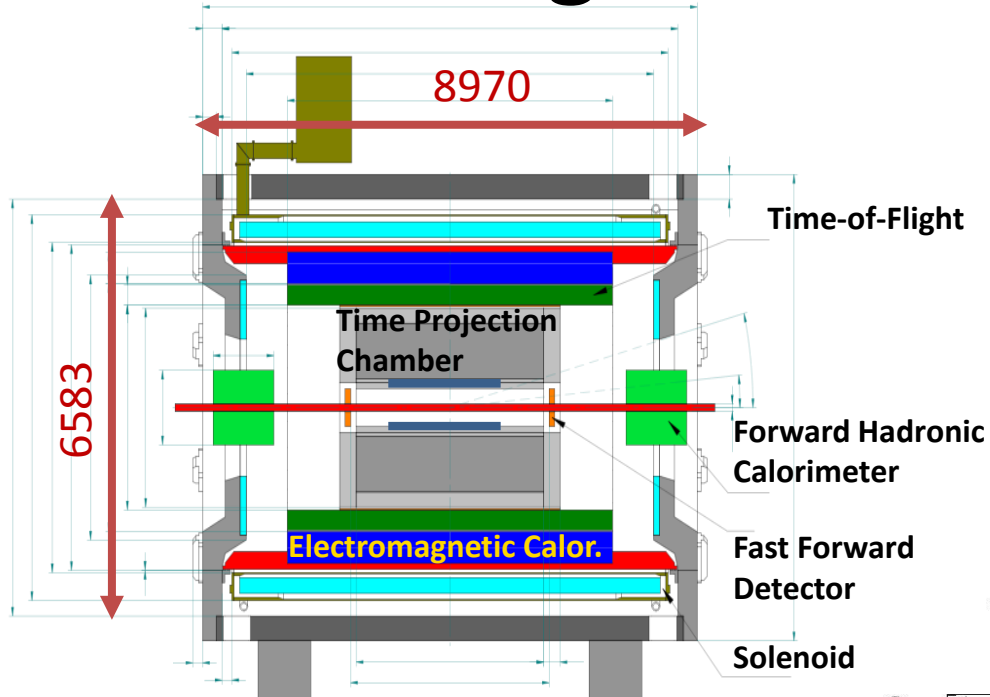
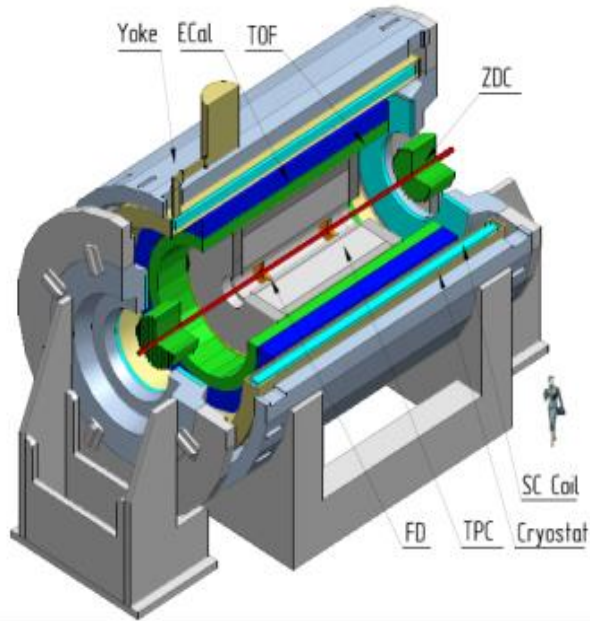
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MPD - stage I and II





MPD Hall crane weight test

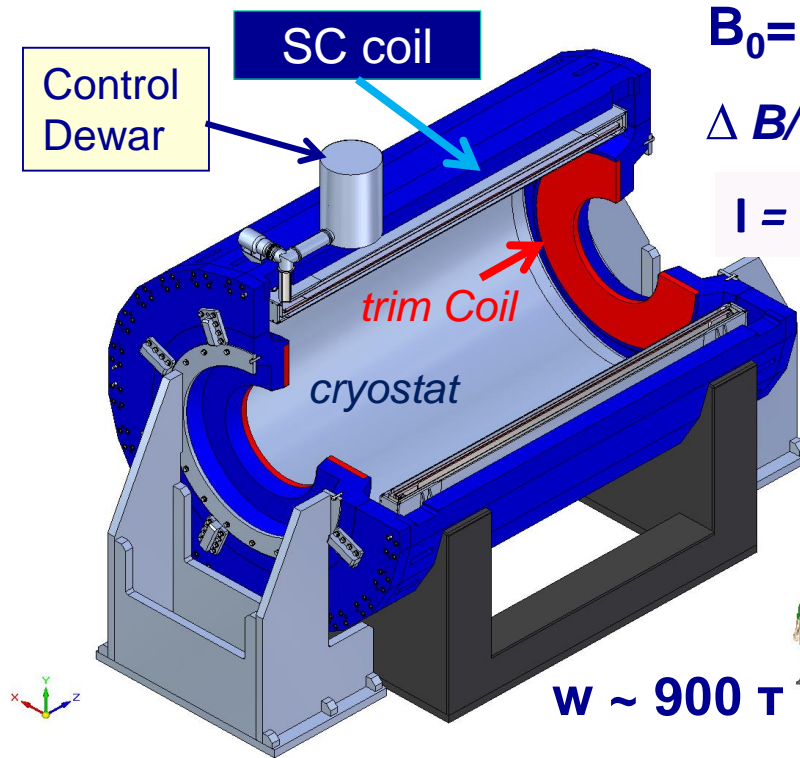
MPD Civil Construction status

- MPD Hall ready for limited scope of equipment installation, remaining works still ongoing



MPD Superconducting Solenoid

test assembly of the **magnet yoke**:
required accuracy is confirmed



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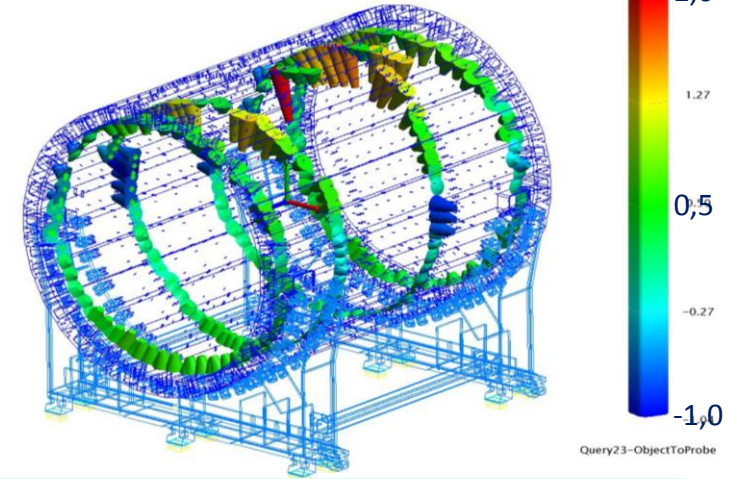
$$\Delta B/B \sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$I = 1790 A$$

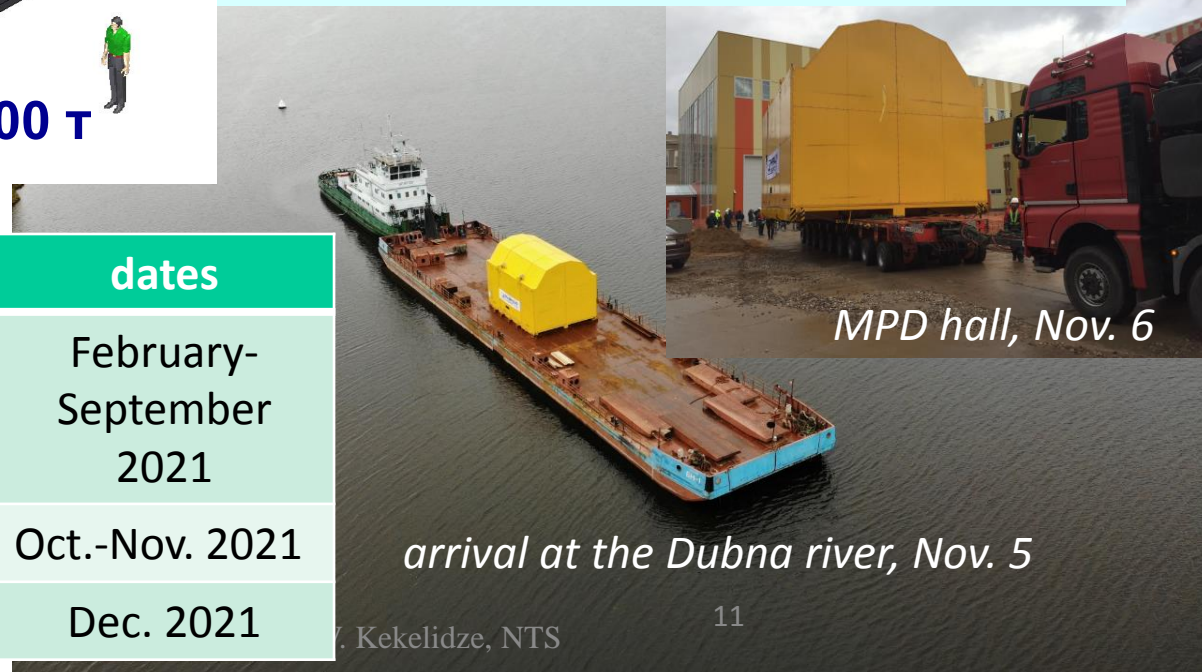
$$E = 14.6 MJ$$

$$W \sim 900 T$$

measured deviations, mm



Cryostat with SC coil delivered from Italy



arrival at the Dubna river, Nov. 5

stages	dates
magnet complete assembly with the cryostat, power & cryogenics supply, & test	February-September 2021
magnetic field measurements	Oct.-Nov. 2021
ready for detector installation	Dec. 2021



Milestones of MPD assembling in 2020-2022

Year 2020

1. July 15th - MPD Hall and pit are ready to store and unpack Yoke parts
2. August - The first 13 plates of Magnet Yoke are assembled for alignment checks
3. Sept 15 - Oct 1st - Solenoid is ready for transportation from ASG (Italy)
4. November 6th - Solenoid arrived in Dubna
5. Nov-Dec - Assembling of Magnet Yoke at JINR

Year 2021

6. Jan- Sep - Preparation for switching on the Solenoid (Cryogenics, Power Supply et cet.)
7. Oct - Nov - Magnetic Field measurement
8. Dec - Installation of Support Frame

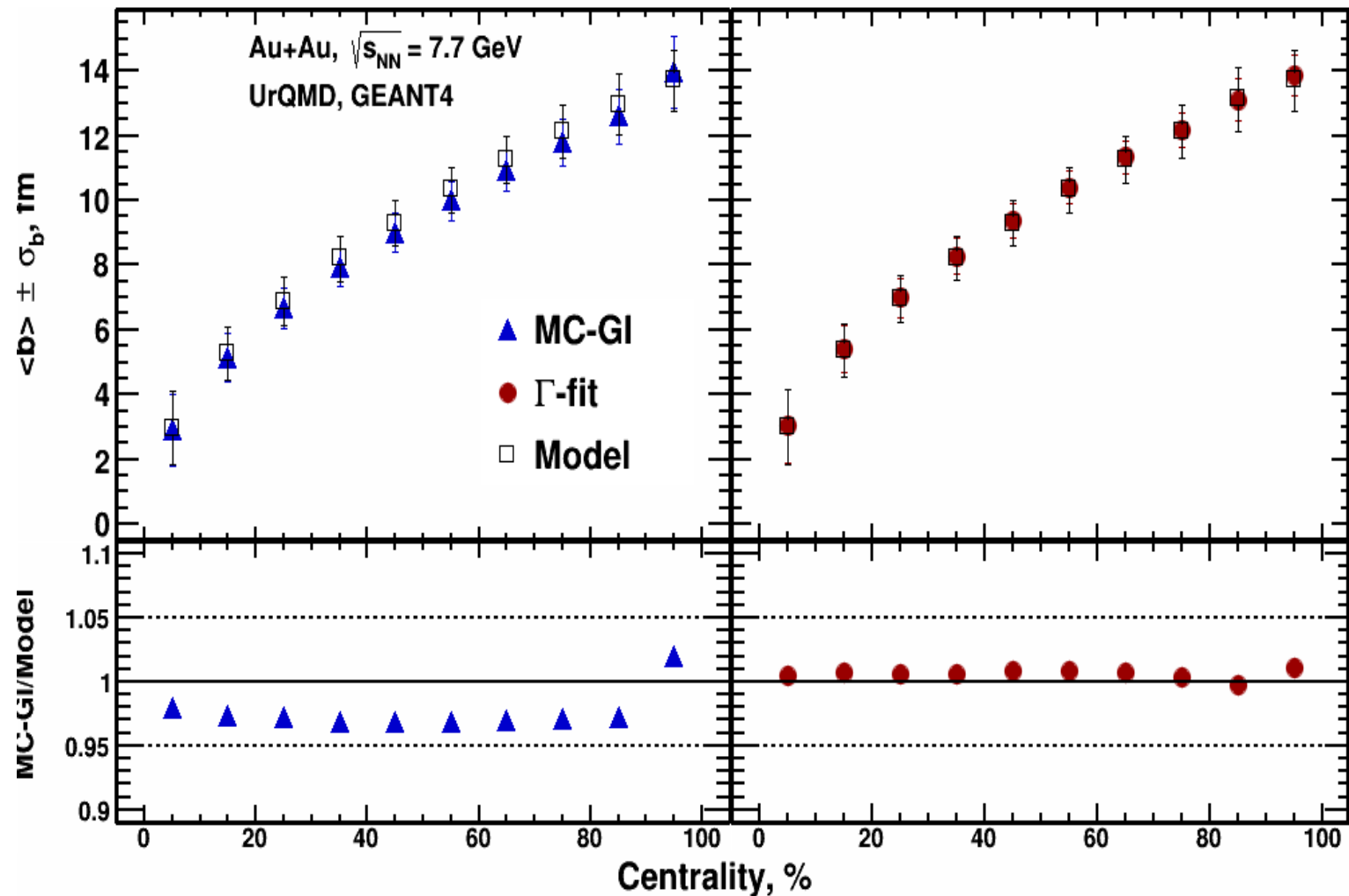
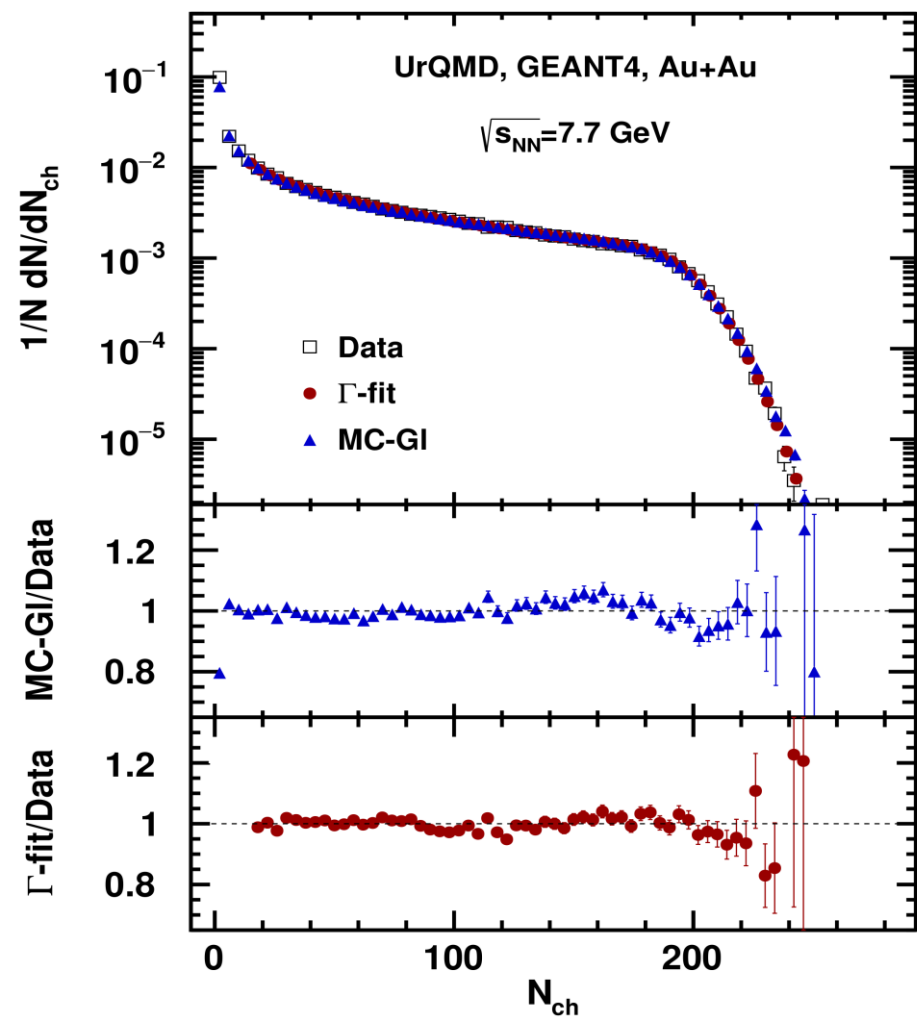
Year 2022

9. Jan- Jun - Installation of TOF, TPC, Electronics Platform, Cabling
10. Jul - Installation of beam pipe, FHCAL, Cosmic Ray test system
11. Jul-Dec - Cosmic Ray tests
12. December - Commissioning

Year 2023

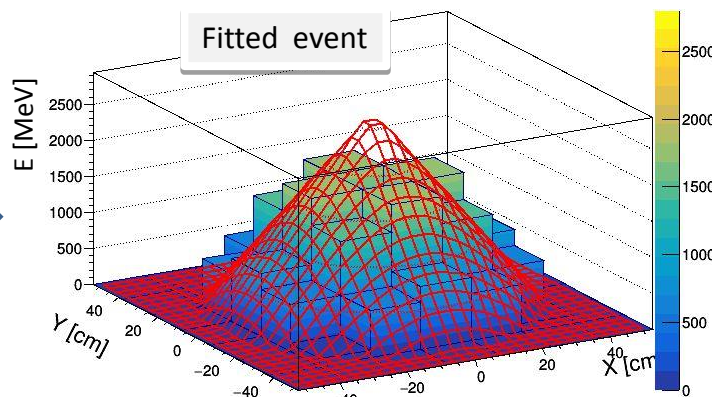
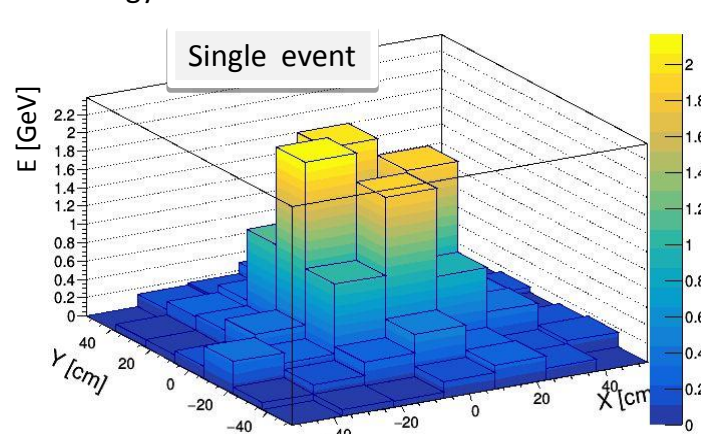
13. March - Run on the beam

Centrality determination in MPD : multiplicity of charged particles

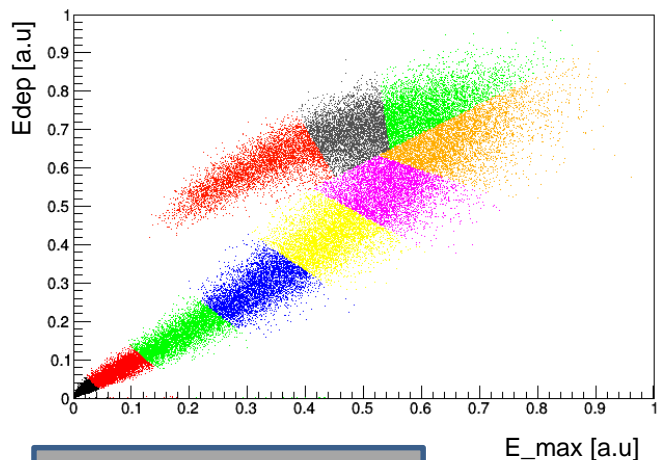
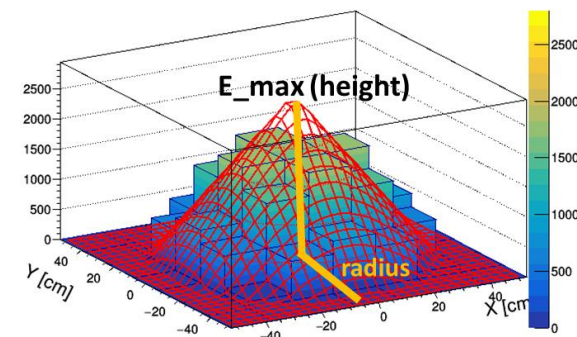


Centrality using energy of spectators in FHCal

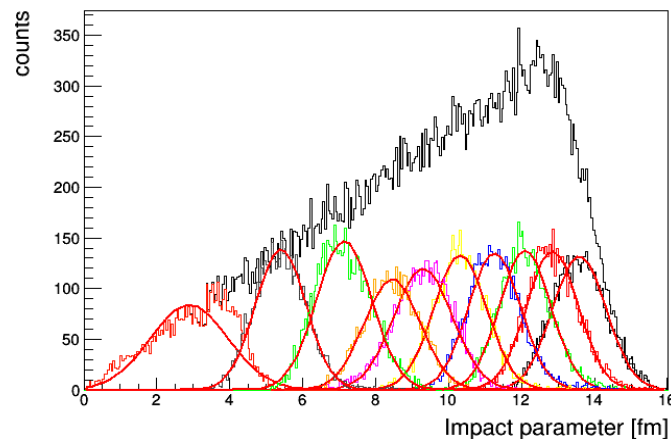
Energy distribution in FHCal modules



Initially we have experimental energy deposition E_{dep} in FHCal.



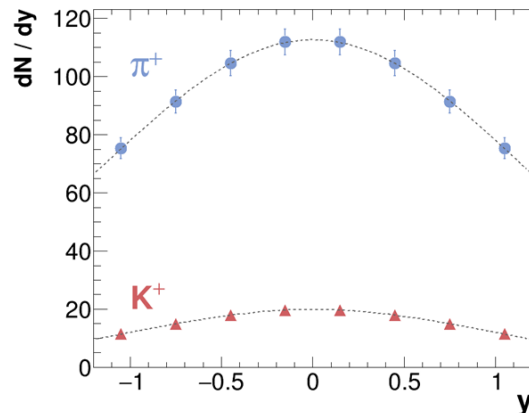
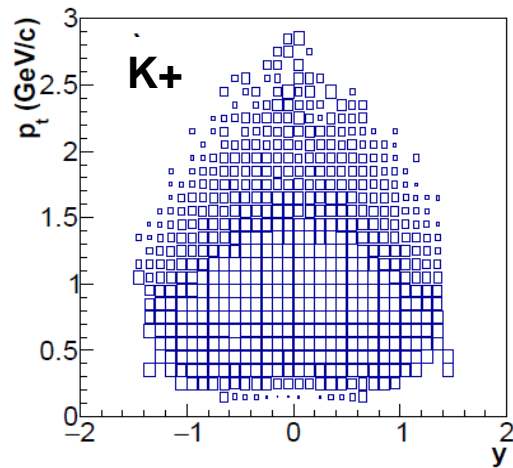
Each color bin is 10% fractions of the total number of events.



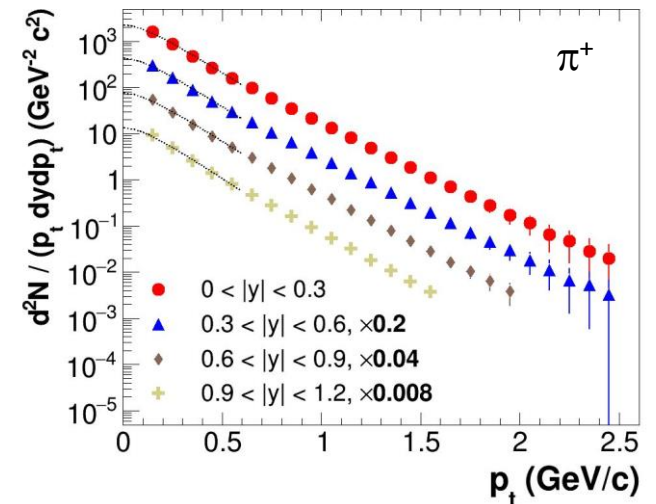
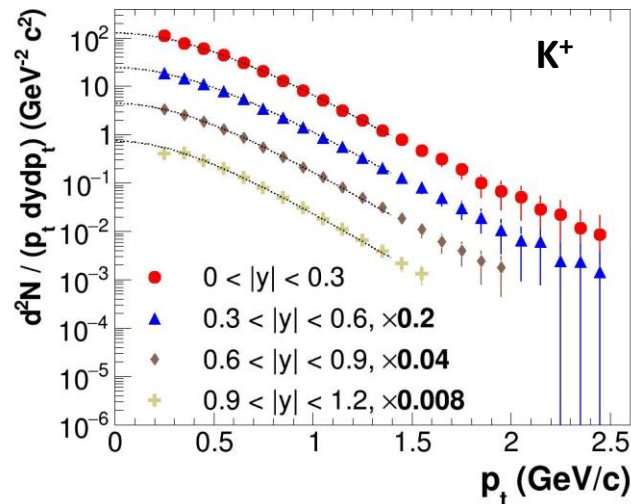
Centrality resolution

Hadroproduction with MPD

- Particle spectra, yields & ratios are sensitive to bulk fireball properties and phase transformations in the medium
- Uniform acceptance and large phase coverage are crucial for precise mapping of the QCD phase diagram
- ✓ 0-5% central Au+Au at 9 GeV from the PHSD event generator, which implements partonic phase and CSR effects
- ✓ Recent reconstruction chain, combined $dE/dx+TOF$ particle ID, spectra analysis

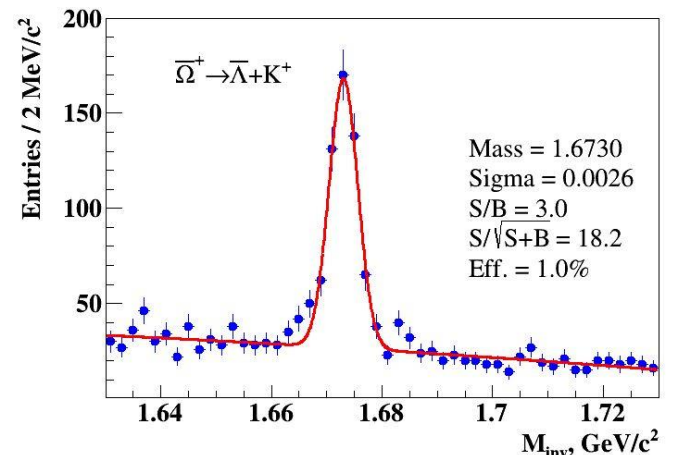
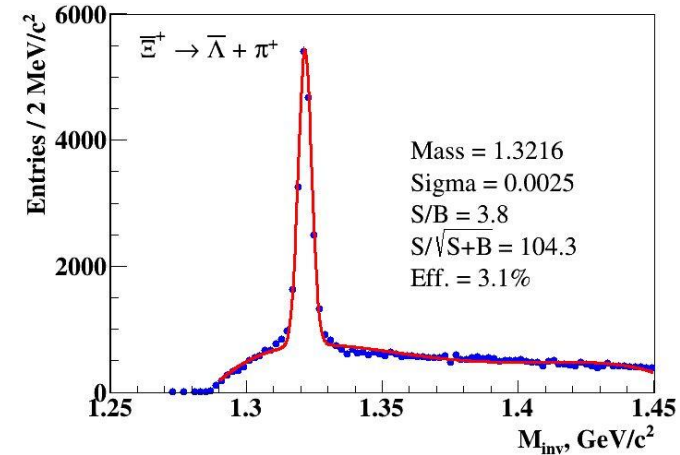
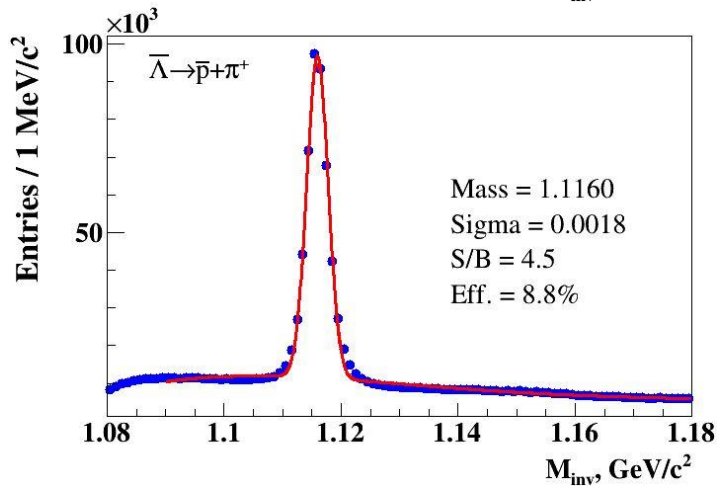
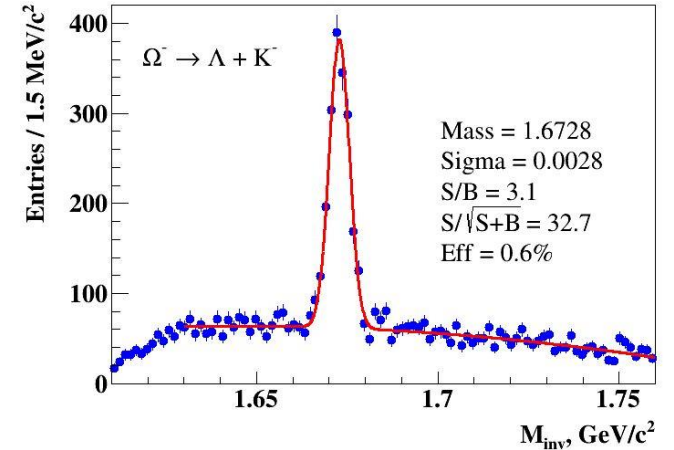
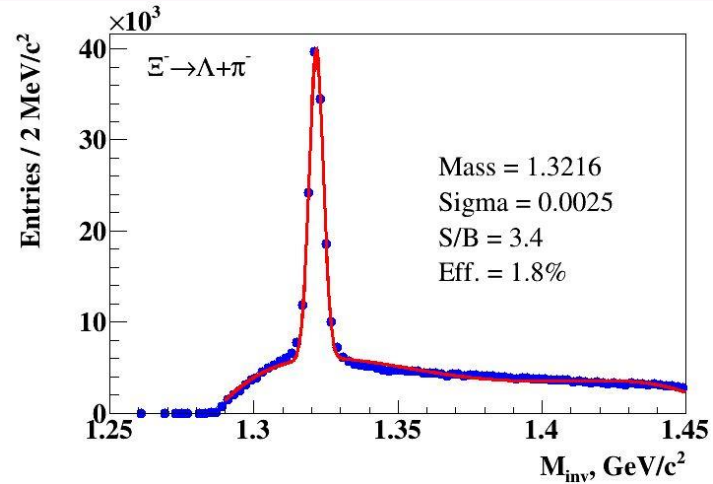
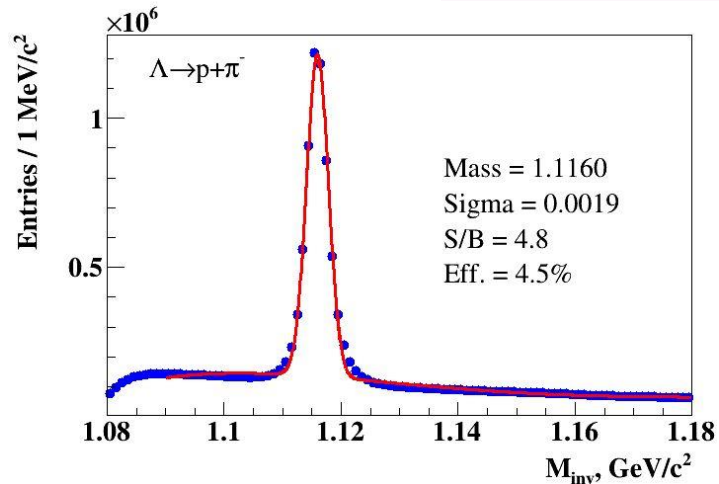


- MPD provides large phase-space coverage for identified pions and kaons (> 70% of the full phase space at 9 GeV)
- Hadron spectra can be measured from $p_T=0.2$ to 2.5 GeV/c
- Extrapolation to full p_T -range and to the full phase space can be performed exploiting the spectra shapes (see BW fits for p_T -spectra and Gaussian for rapidity distributions)



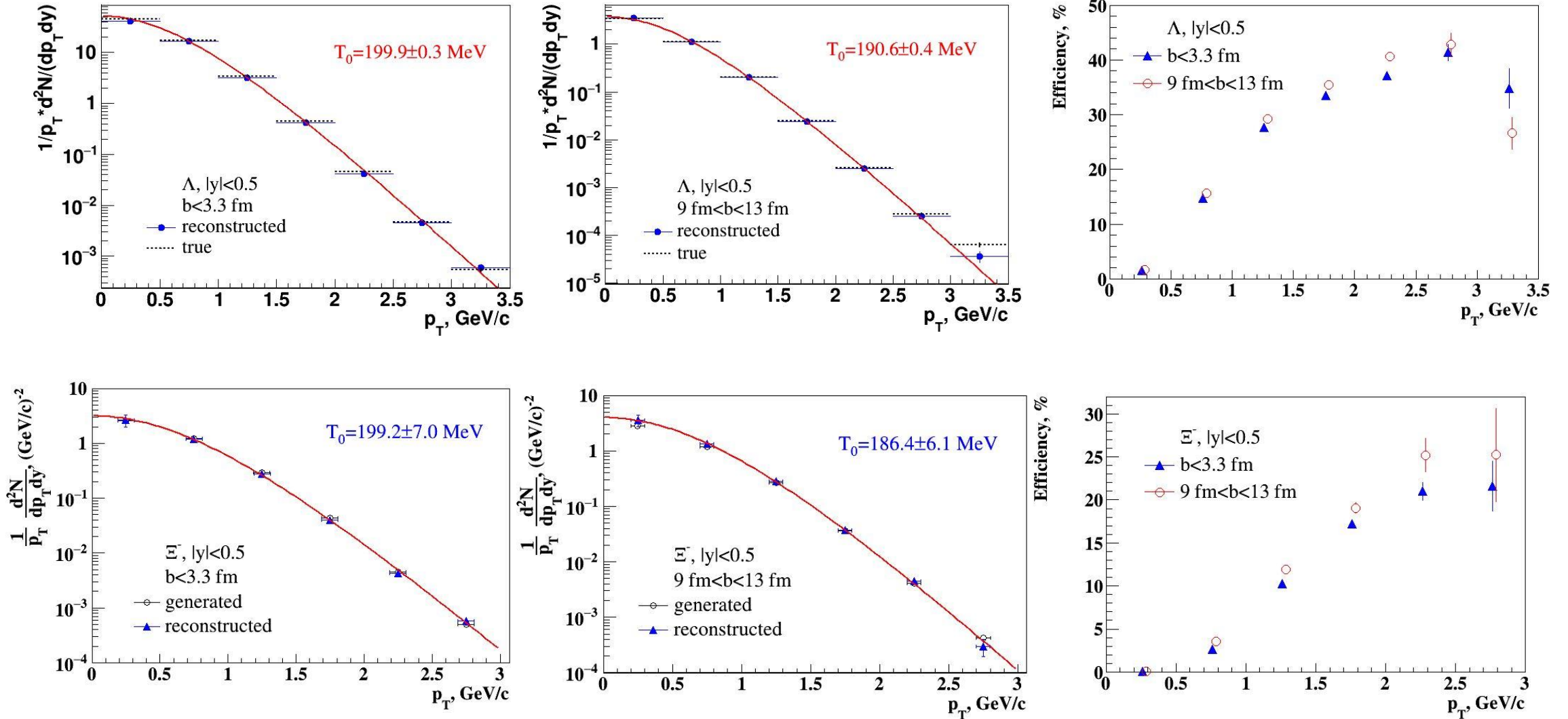
Strange and multi-strange baryons

Stage'1 (TPC+TOF): Au+Au @ 11 GeV, PHSD + MPDRoot reco.



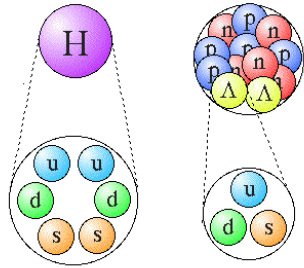
particle	Λ	anti- Λ	Ξ^-	anti- Ξ^+	Ω^-	anti- Ω^+
yield in 10 weeks	$3 \cdot 10^8$	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$	$1.5 \cdot 10^6$	$8.0 \cdot 10^4$	$7 \cdot 10^4$	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$

Efficiency and p_T spectrum



Full p_T spectrum and yield extraction, reasonable efficiency down to low p_T

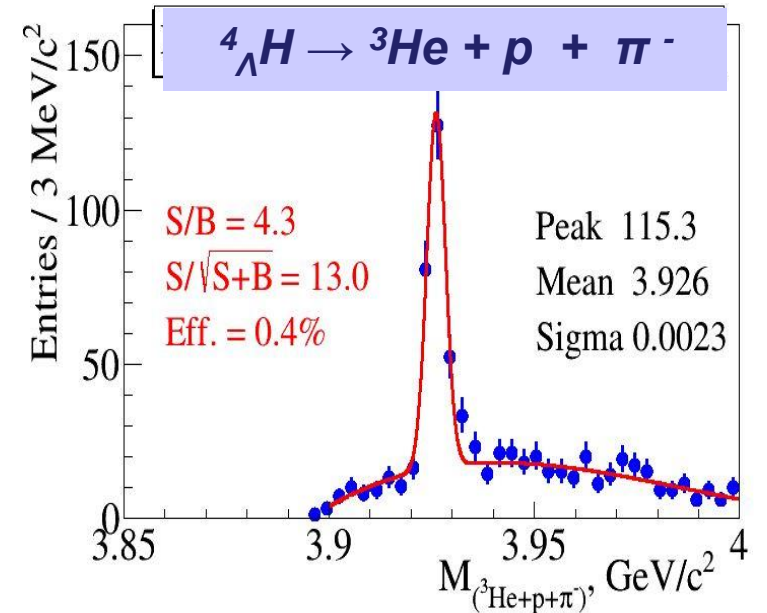
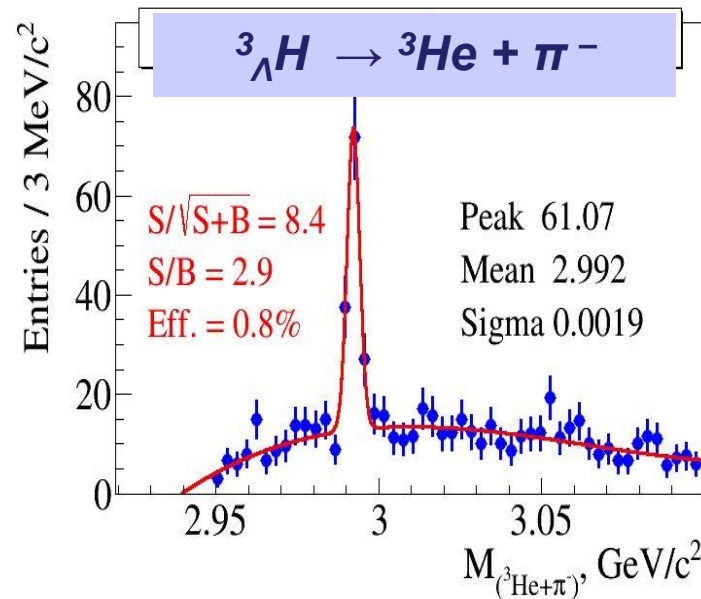
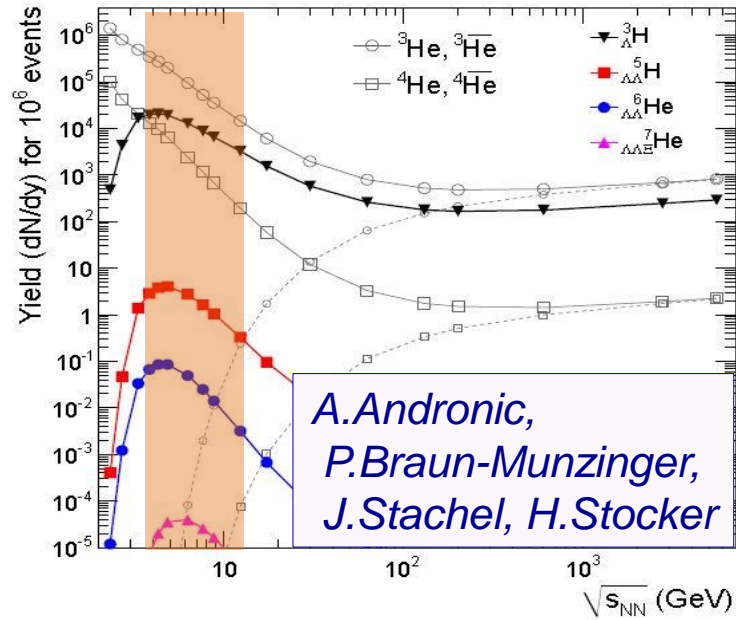
Hypernuclei at MPD



astrophysical research indicates the appearance of hyperons in the dense core of a neutron star

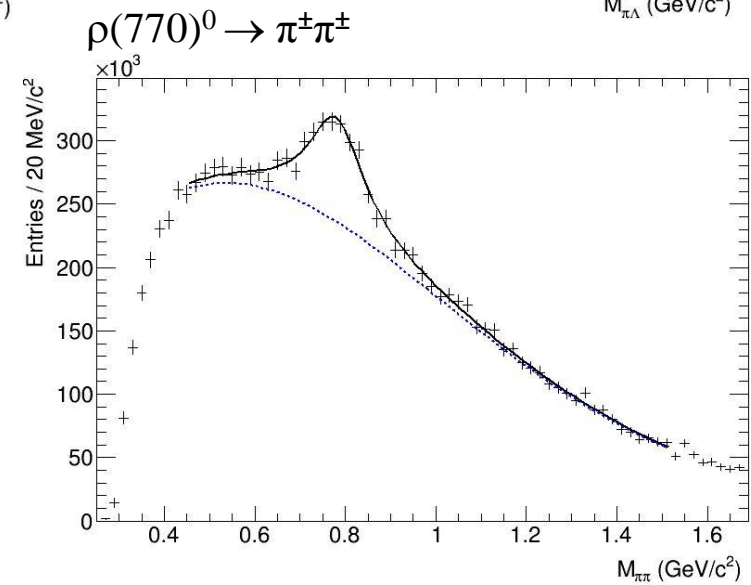
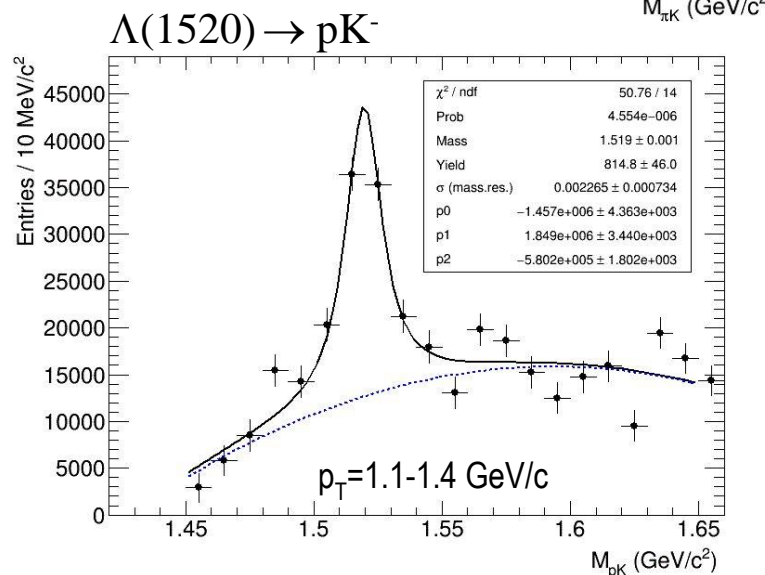
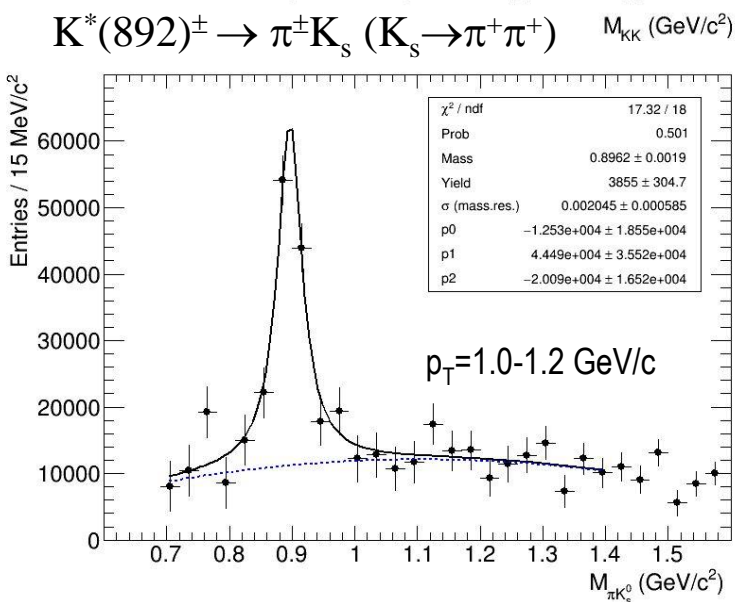
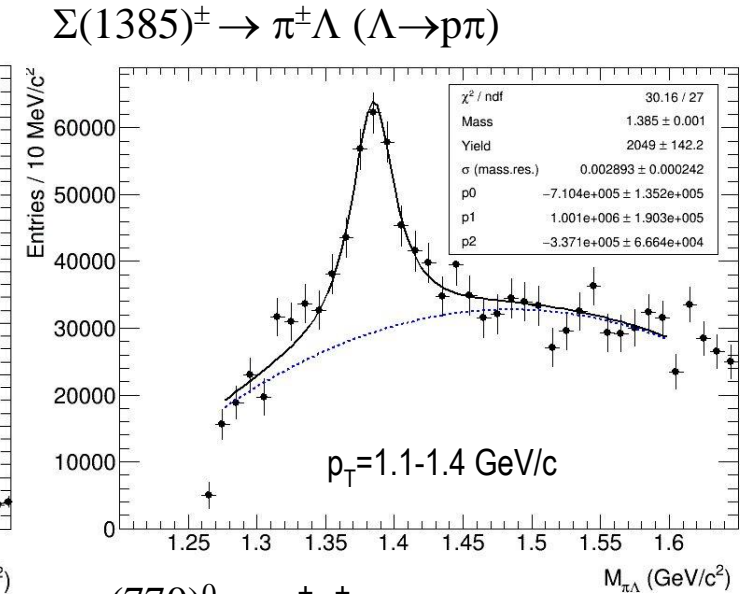
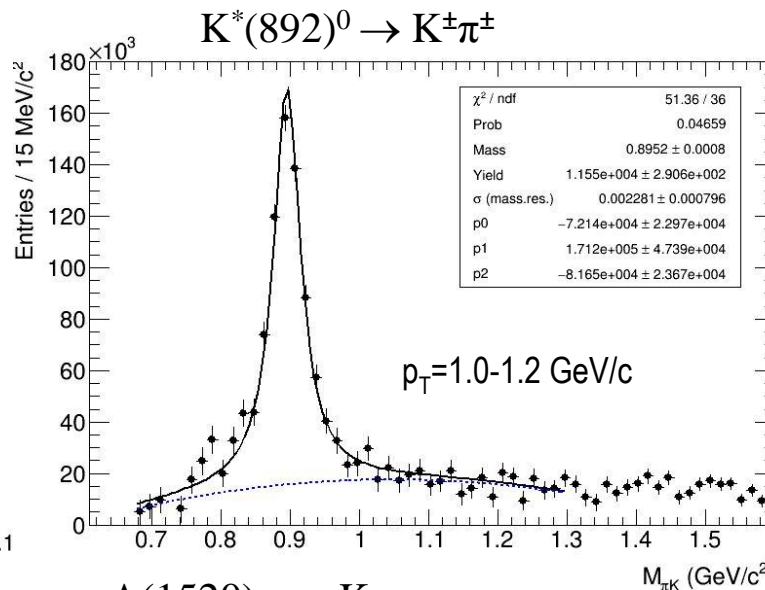
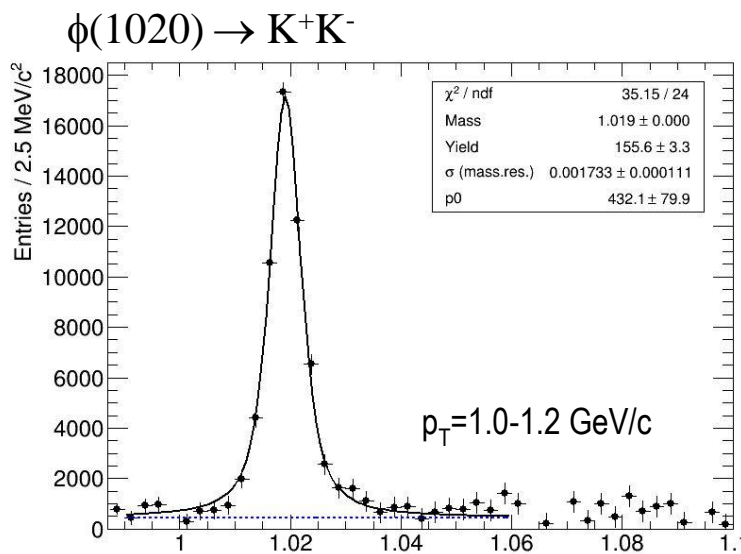
Stage 2: central **Au+Au @ 5 AGeV;**
DCM-QGSM

hyper nucleus	yield in 10 weeks
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	$9 \cdot 10^5$
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	$1 \cdot 10^5$



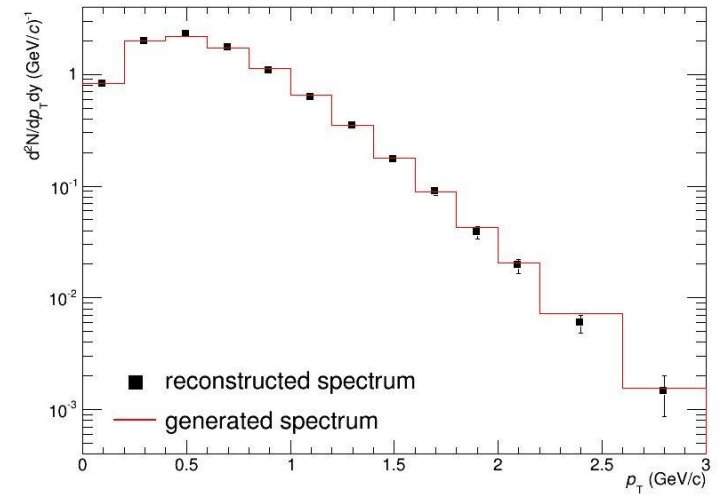
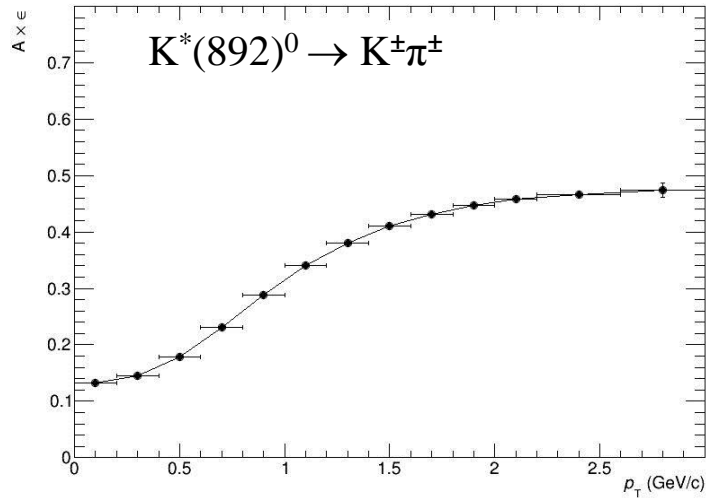
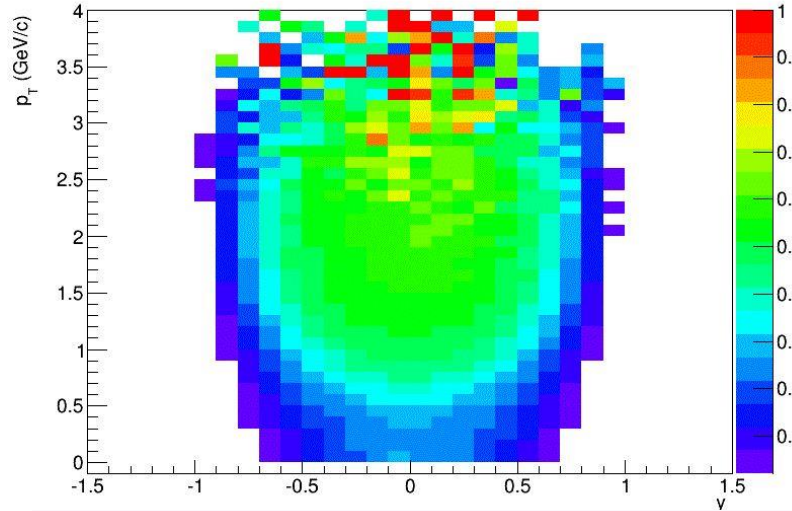
Resonances at MPD

· Minbias Au+Au@11 (UrQMD) · Full reconstruction and realistic PID · Topology cuts and secondary vertex · Event mixing for background



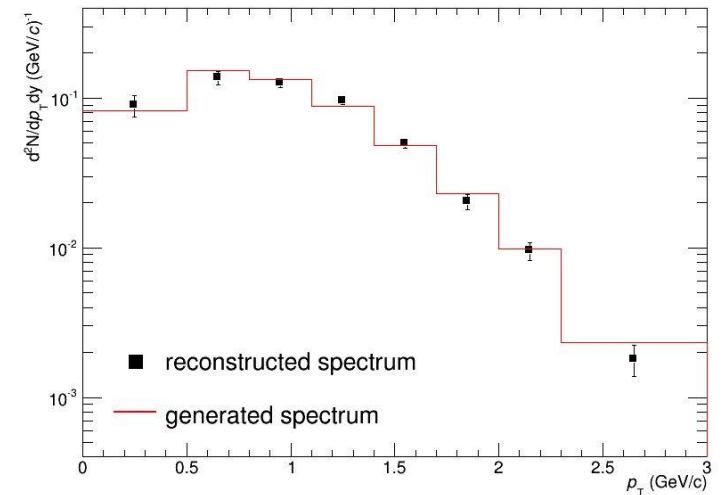
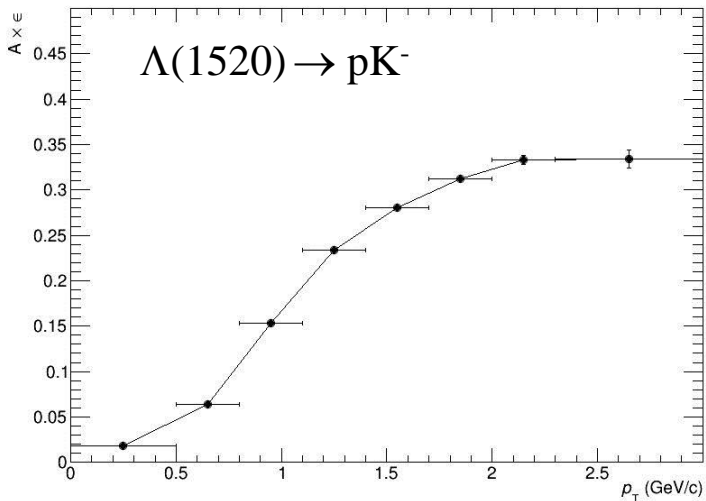
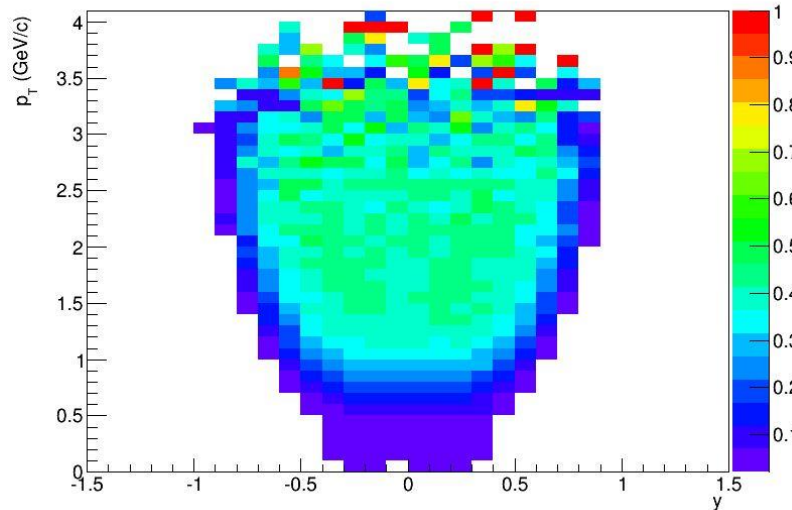
Efficiencies and closure tests examples

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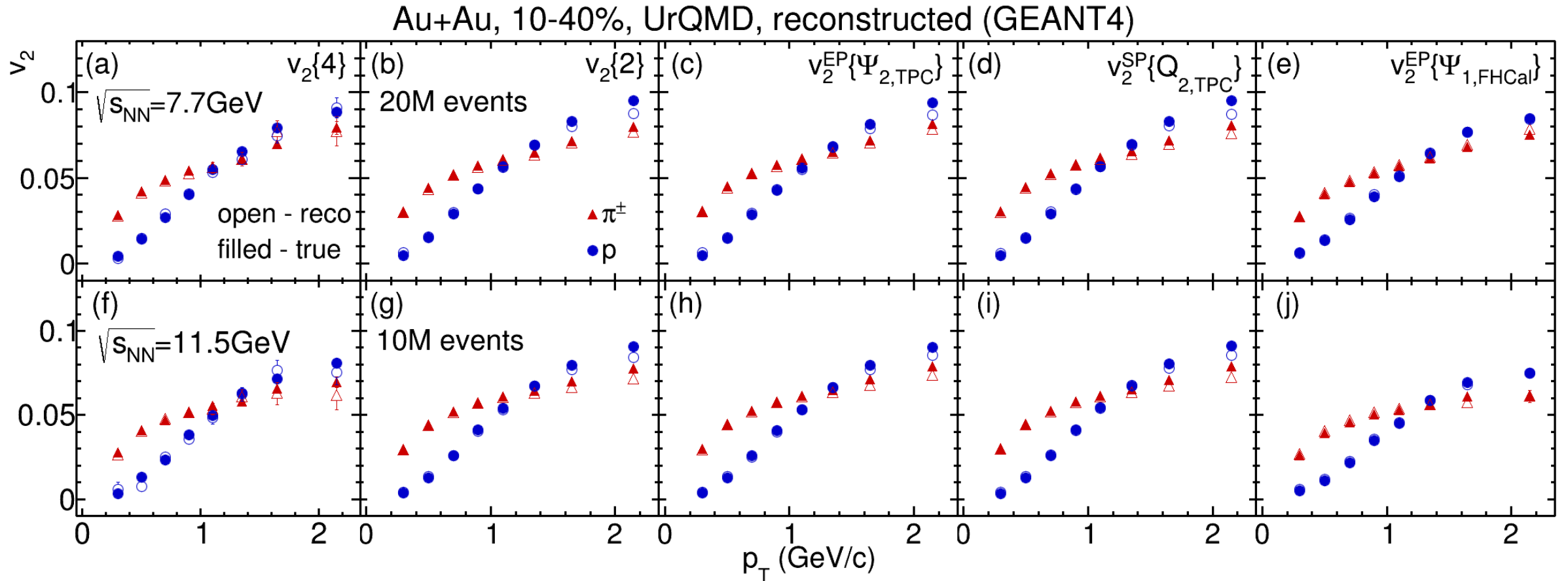


Reconstruction efficiency

Closure Test



Performance study of v_2 of pions and protons in MPD



Reconstructed and generated v_2 of pions and protons have a good agreement for all methods

Summary

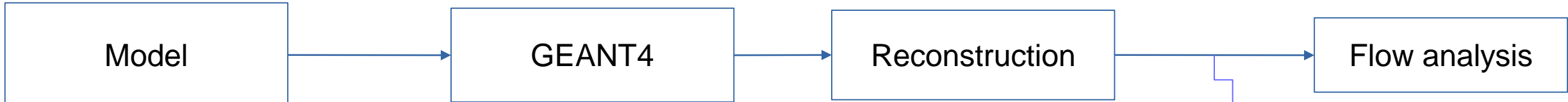


- The NICA Accelerator Complex in construction with important milestones achieved and clear plans for 2021 and 2022
- All components of the MPD 1st stage detector advanced in production, commissioning expected for 2022
- Intensive preparations for the MPD Physics program with initial beams at NICA in 2023

Thank you for you attention

Backup

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
- ...

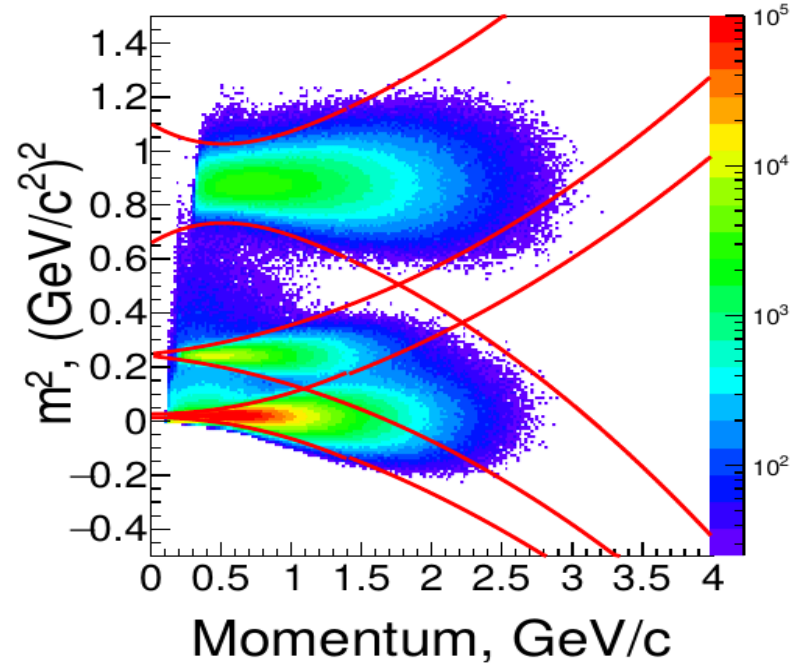
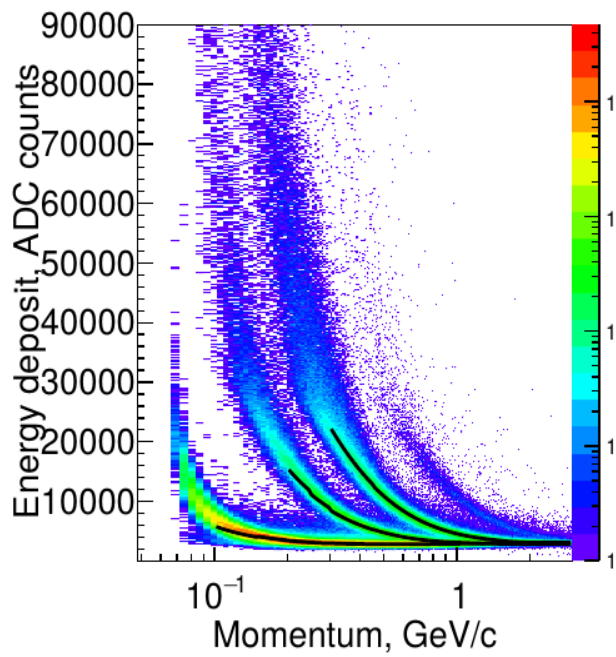
Event classification:

- Track multiplicity
- FHCAL energy

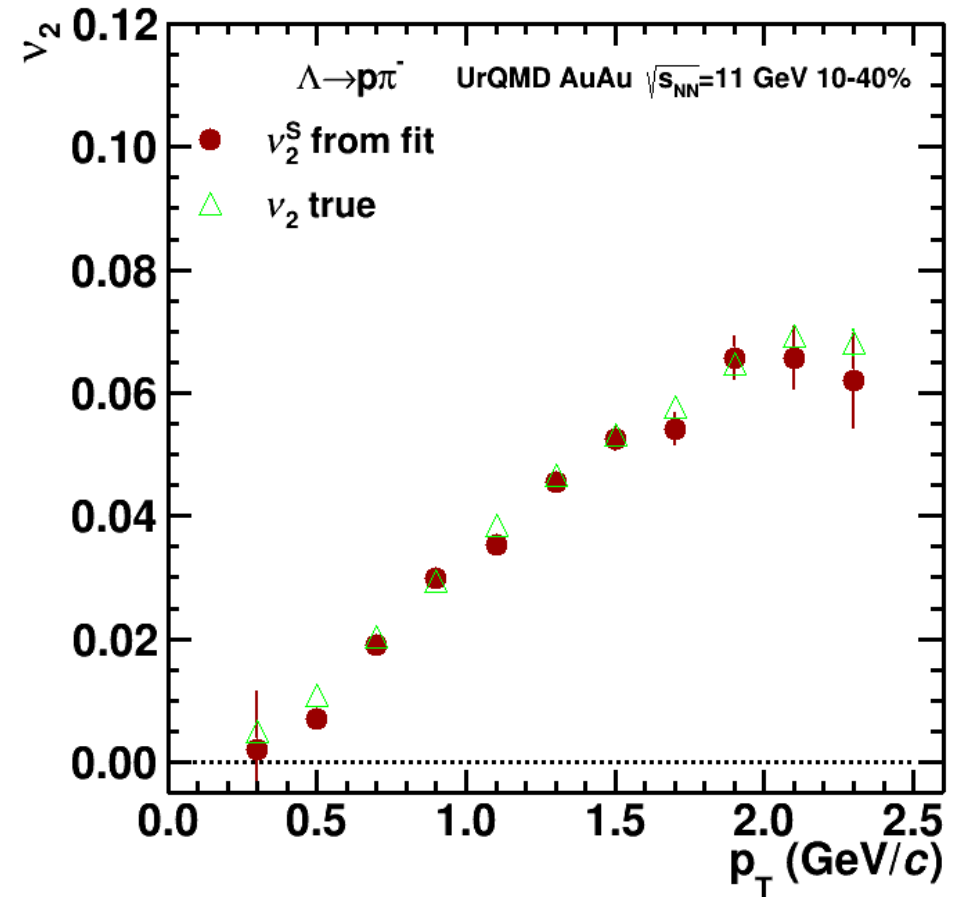
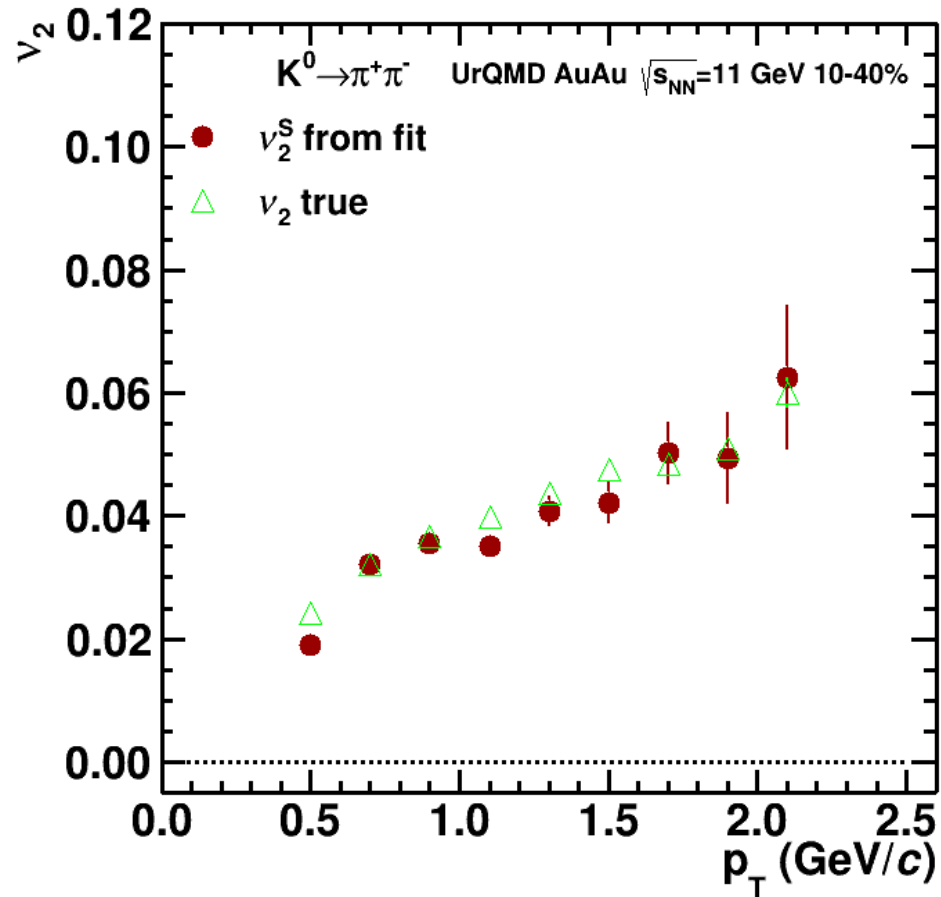
Track selection:

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

MPDRoot, August 2020



Performance study for v_2 of V0 particles



Reasonable agreement between reconstructed and generated v_2 signals for both K^0 and Λ

Event plane method using v_1 of particles in FHCaI

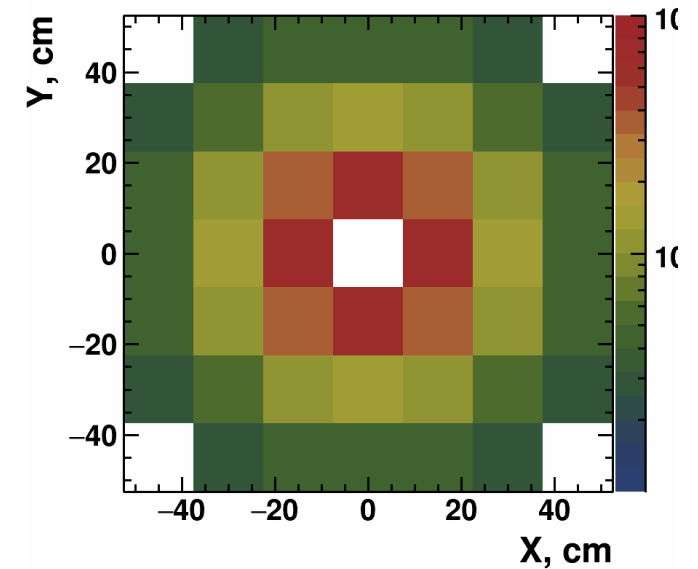
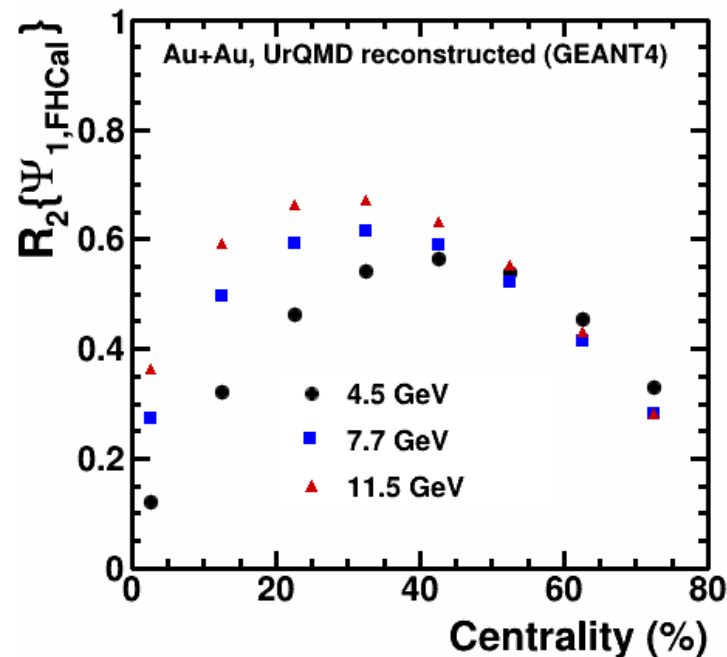
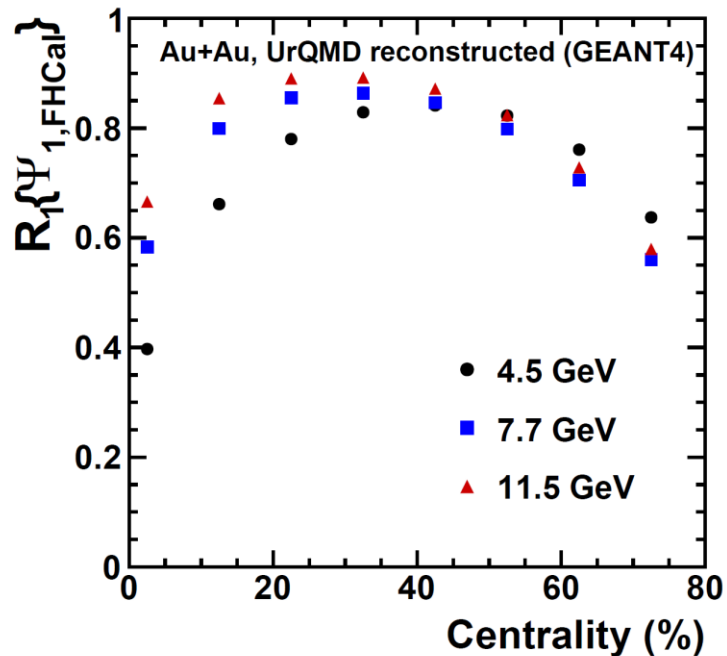
Using v_1 of particles in FHCaI to determine Q_n

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

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

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

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



Energy distribution in FHCaI

