

Anisotropic collective flow and development of the corresponding measurement techniques for the MPD experiment

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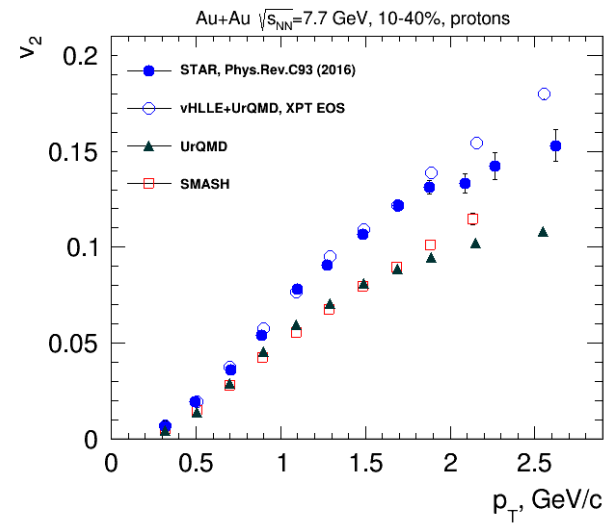
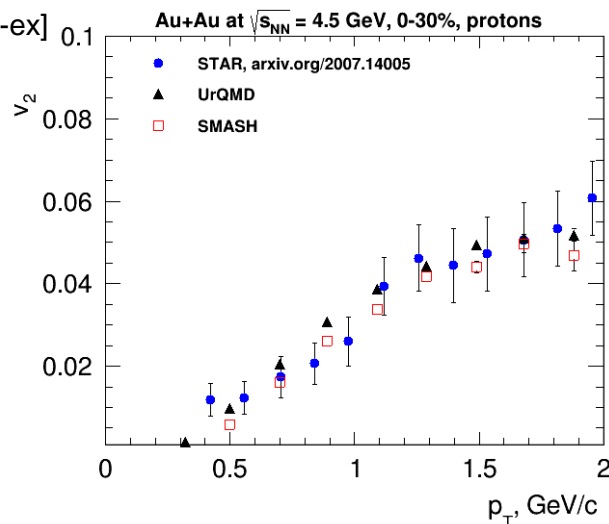
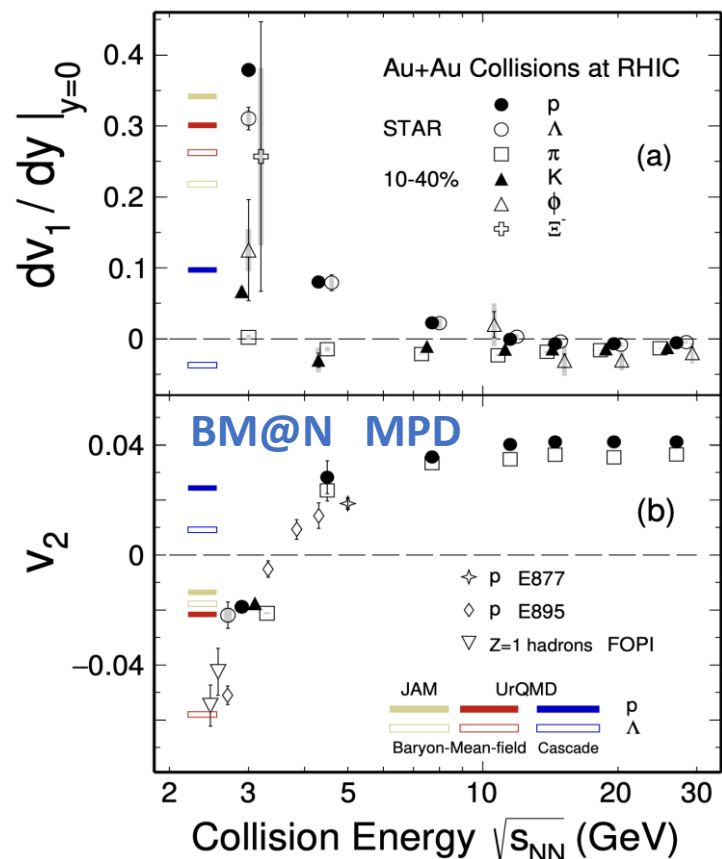
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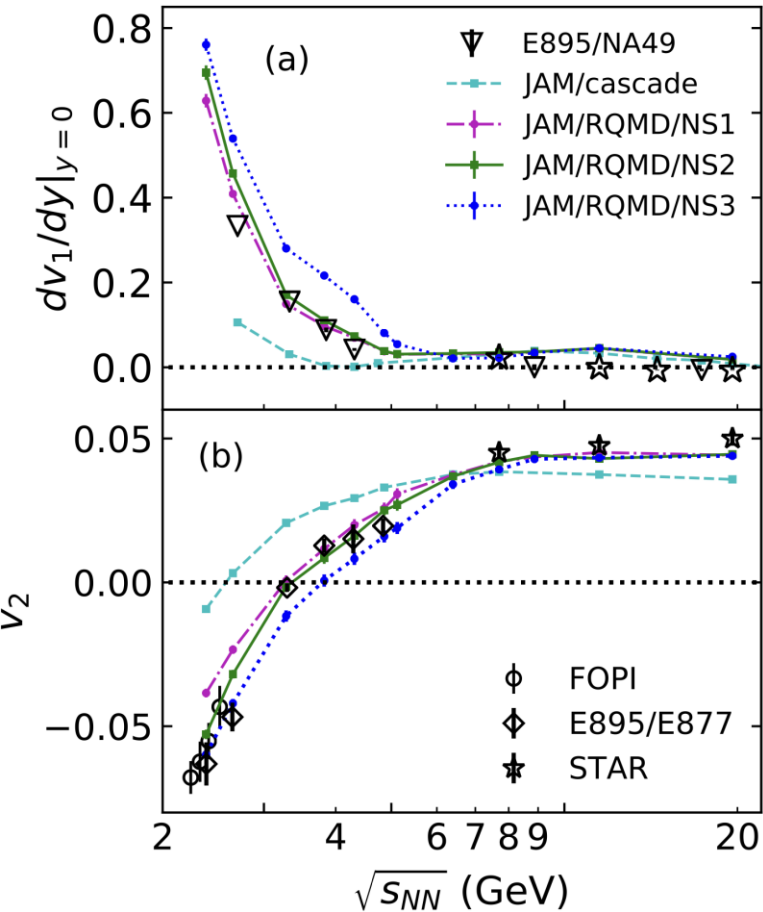
Anisotropic flow at NICA energies

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- **Strong energy dependence of v_1 and v_2 at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3-11$ GeV**
 - ▶ $v_2 \approx 0$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.3$ GeV and negative below
- **Lack of differential measurements of v_2 at NICA energies (p_T , centrality, PID,...)**
- **v_2 is sensitive to the properties of strongly interacting matter:**
 - ▶ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5$ GeV pure string/hadronic cascade models (UrQMD, SMASH,...) give similar v_2 signal compared to STAR data
 - ▶ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 7.7$ GeV pure string/hadronic cascade models underestimate v_2 – need hybrid models with QGP phase (vHLE+UrQMD, AMPT with string melting,...)
- **Make predictions for the anisotropic flow measurements $v_n(p_T, y)$ at BM@N ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.3-3.3$ GeV) and MPD ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}=4-11$ GeV) energies**

Anisotropic flow study at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2-4.5$ GeV



To study energy dependence of v_n , JAM microscopic model was selected (ver. 1.90597)

NN collisions are simulated by:

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 4$ GeV: resonance production
- $4 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 50$ GeV: soft string excitations
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 10$ GeV: minijet production

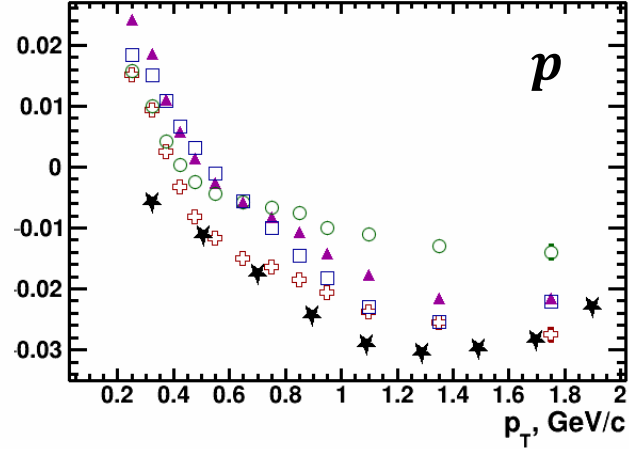
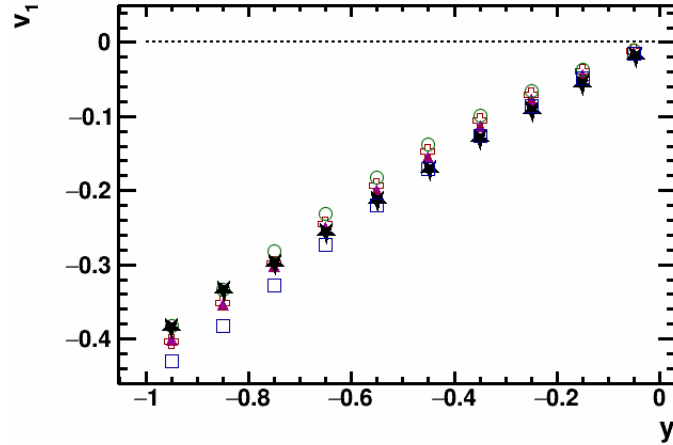
We use RQMD with relativistic mean-field theory (non-linear σ - ω model) implemented in JAM model

Different EOS were used:

- **MD3** (momentum-dependent potential): $K=210$ MeV, $m^*/m=0.65$, $U_{opt}(\infty)=37$
- **MD2** (momentum-dependent potential): $K=210$ MeV, $m^*/m=0.65$, $U_{opt}(\infty)=37$
- **NS1** (standard potential): $K=380$ MeV, $m^*/m=0.83$
- **NS2** (standard potential): $K=210$ MeV, $m^*/m=0.83$

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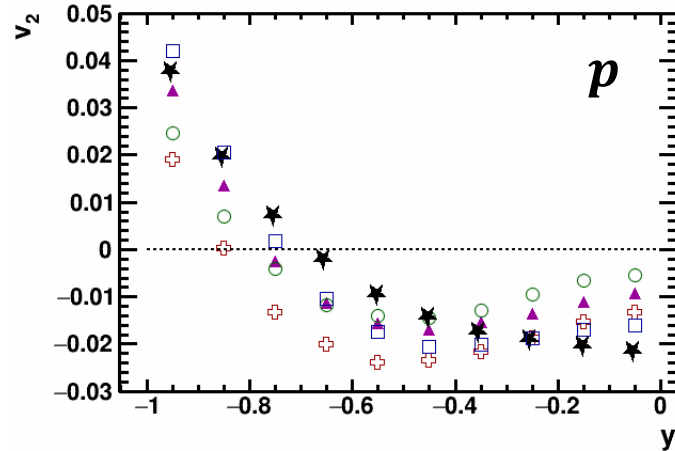
v_1 and v_2 in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=3$ GeV: model vs. STAR data



JAM, Au+Au, 10-40% ($4.6 < b < 9.3$ fm)

- MD3
- ▲ MD2
- + NS1
- NS2
- ★ STAR data

Experimental data points were taken from:
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Kinematic cuts:

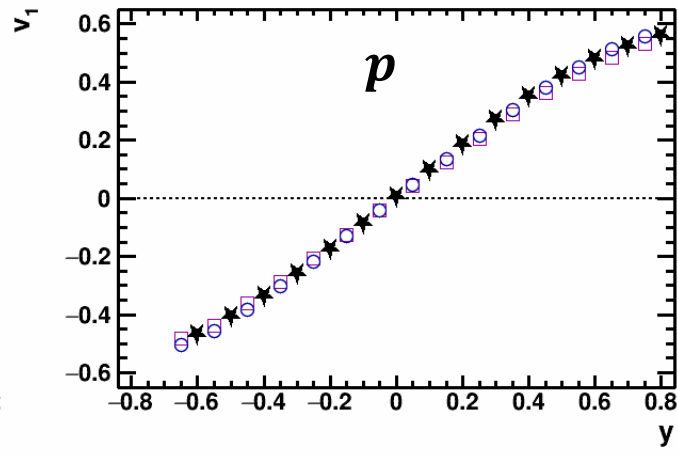
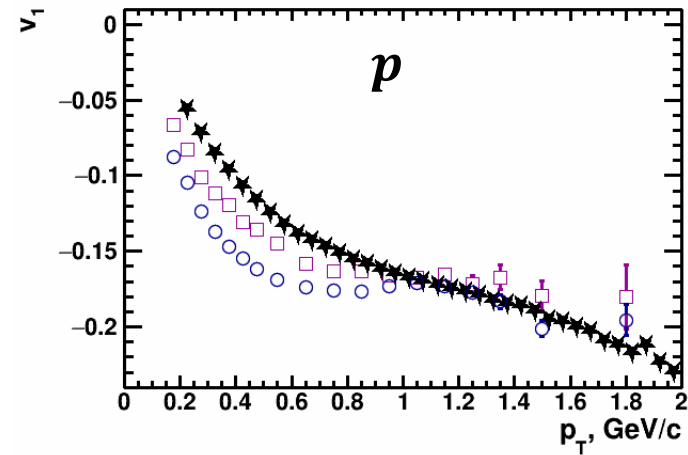
$v_2(p_T)$: $-1 < y < 0$

$v_2(y)$ of π^\pm : $0.2 < p_T < 1.6$ GeV/c

$v_2(y)$ of p : $0.4 < p_T < 2.0$ GeV/c

v_2 of pions and protons is more sensitive to different EOS than v_1

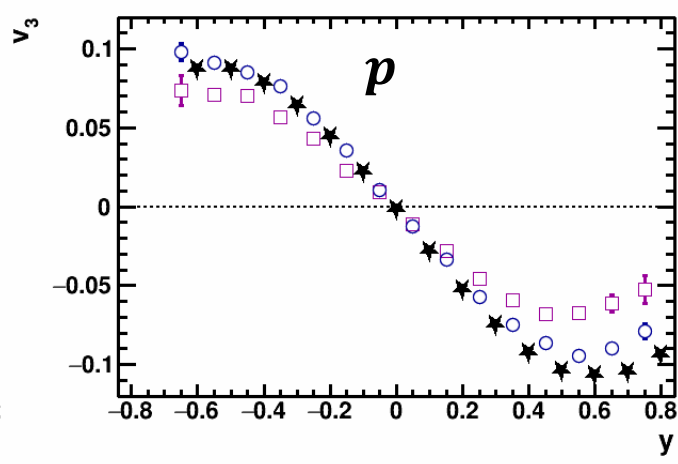
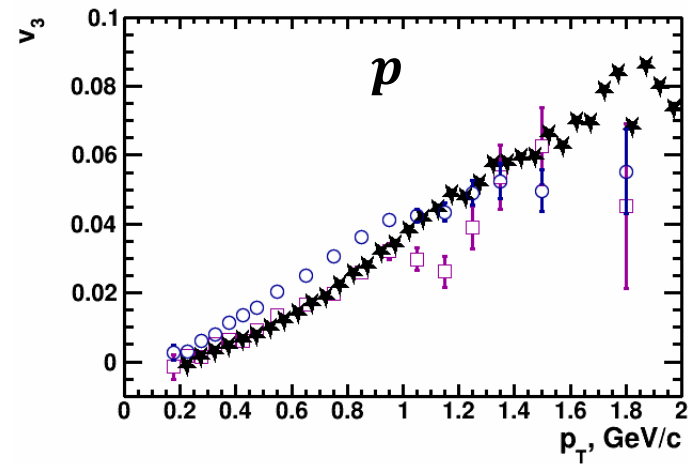
$v_{1,3}(p_T, y)$ in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.4$ GeV: model vs. HADES data



JAM, Au+Au, 20-30% ($6 < b < 9$ fm)

- MD3
- MD2
- ★ HADES data

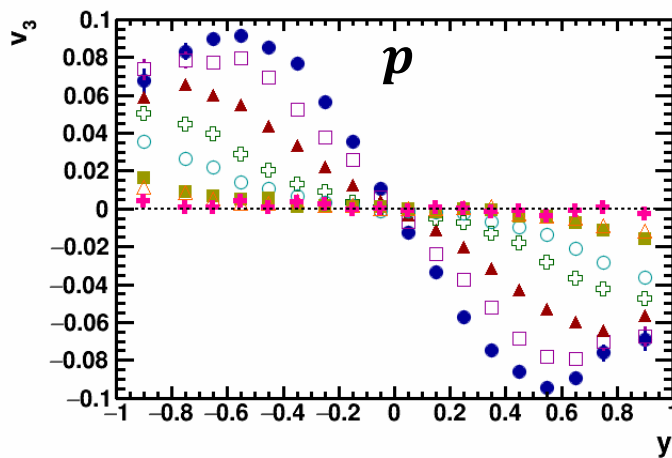
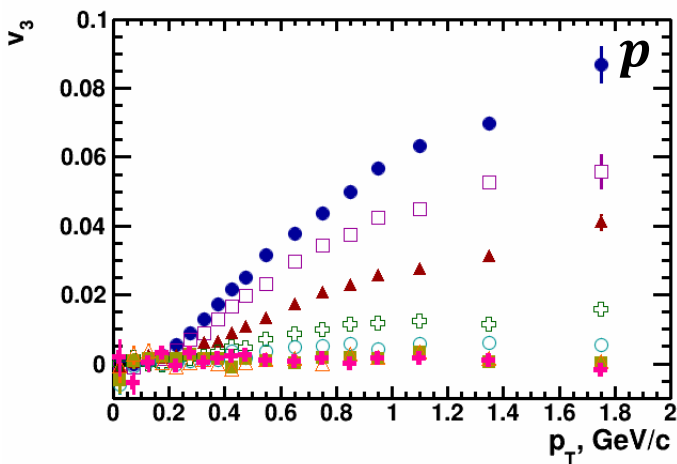
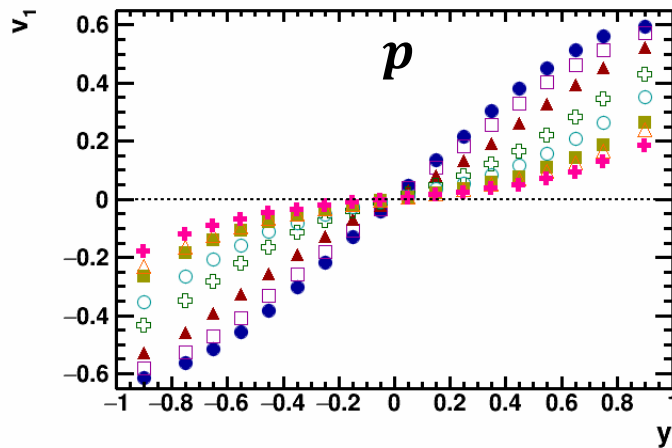
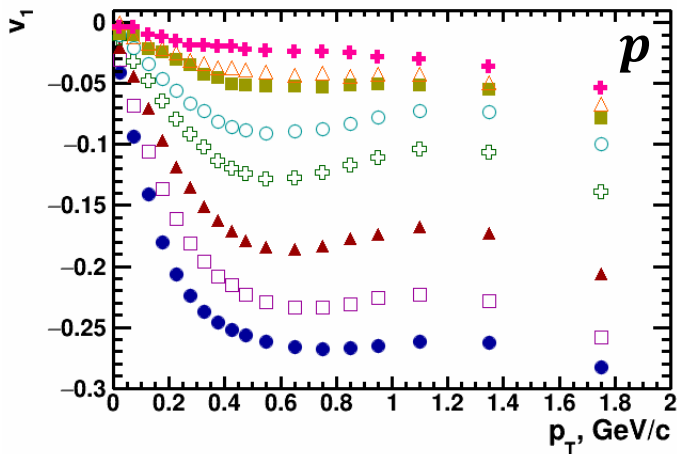
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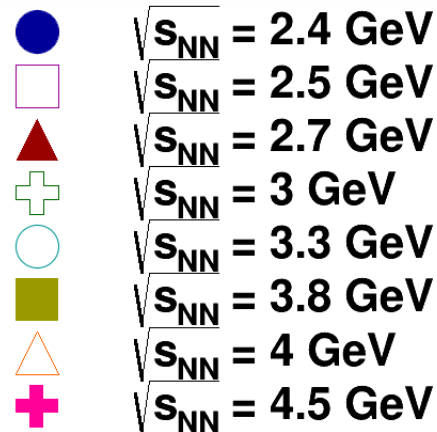
Kinematic cuts:
 $V_{1,3}(p_T): -0.25 < y < -0.15$
 $V_{1,3}(y): 1.0 < p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

Good agreement for $v_{1,3}(y)$
 $v_3(y)$ is more sensitive to different EOS than $v_1(y)$

$v_{1,3}(p_T, y)$ Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.4-4.5$ GeV: JAM



JAM MD3, Au+Au, 20-30%



Protons:

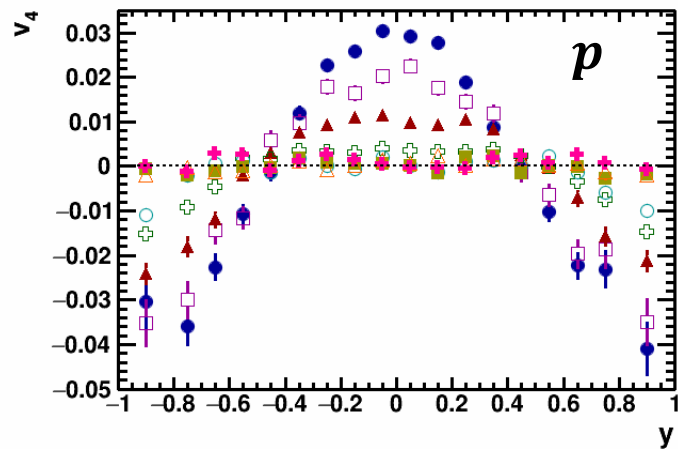
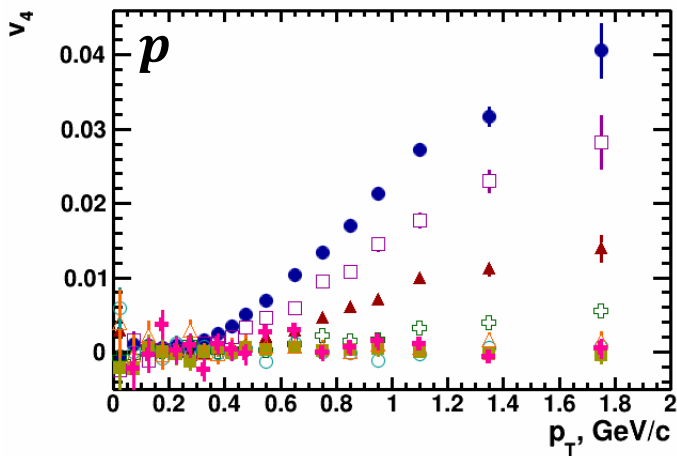
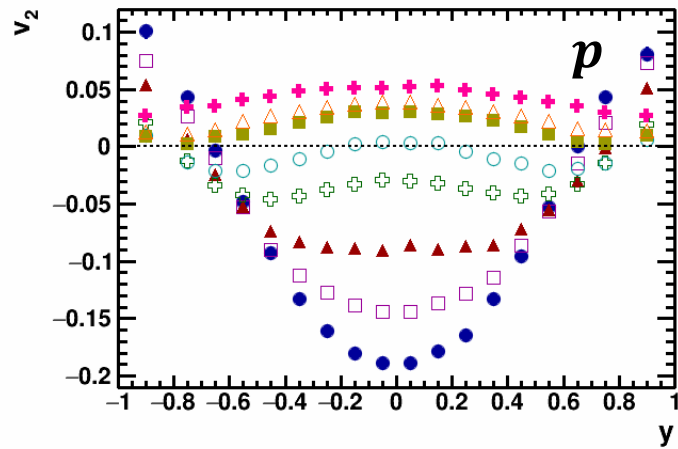
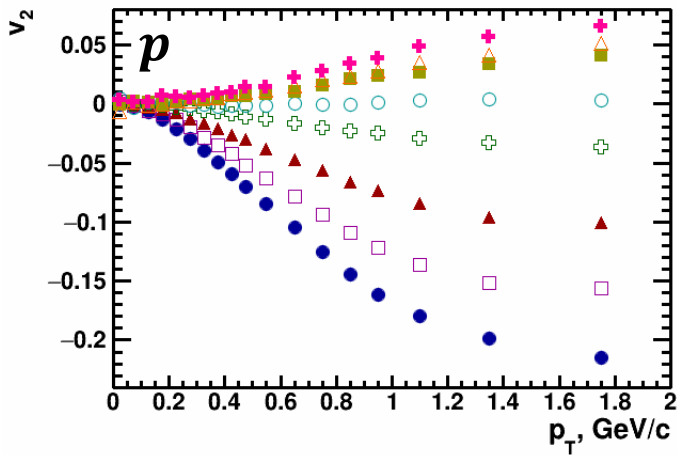
$V_{1,3}(p_T): -0.5 < y < -0.15$

$V_{1,3}(y): 1.0 < p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

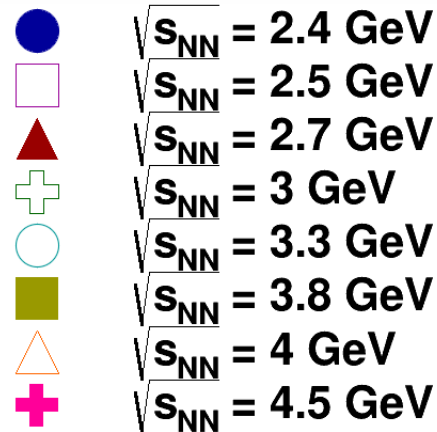
$|v_{1,3}\{\Psi_1\}|$ decreases with increasing collision energy

$v_3 \approx 0$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 4$ GeV

$v_{2,4}(p_T, y)$ Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.4-4.5$ GeV: JAM



JAM MD3, Au+Au, 20-30%



Protons:

$V_{2,4}(p_T)$: $-0.2 < y < 0.2$

$V_{2,4}(y)$: $1.0 < p_T < 1.5$

GeV/c

$v_2 \approx 0$ in midrapidity at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=3.3$ GeV

$v_4\{\Psi_1\} \approx 0$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 4$ GeV

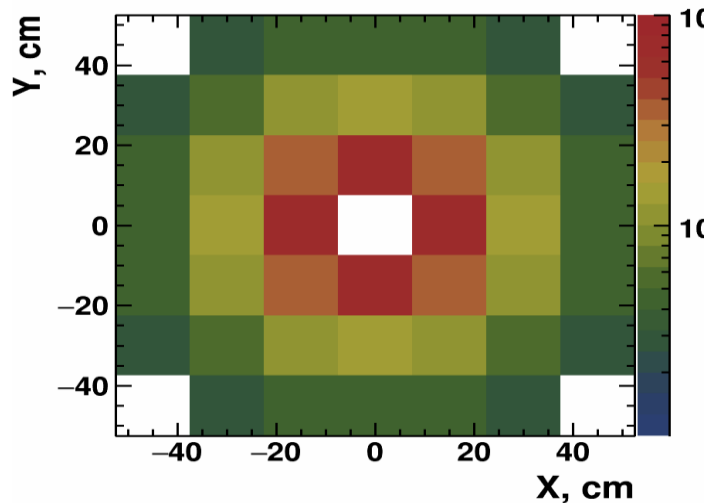
For more precise $v_n(p_T, y)$ study, different models and EOS are needed

Event plane method using FHCAL

- Using v_1 of particles in FHCAL to determine Q_n

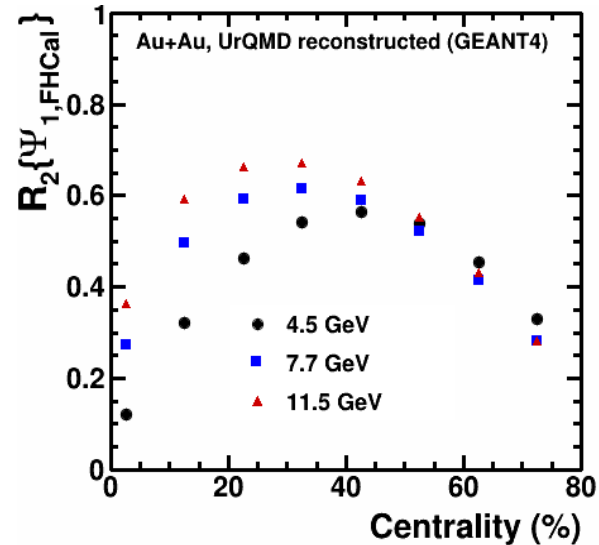
$$Q_1 = \frac{\sum_j E_j e^{i\phi_j}}{\sum_j E_j}, \quad \Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Q_{1,y}}{Q_{1,x}} \right)$$

E – energy deposited in FHCAL modules ($2 < |\eta| < 5$)



$$R_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}} \} = \langle \cos [2(\Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}} - \Psi_{\text{RP}})] \rangle$$

$$v_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}} \} = \frac{\langle \cos [2(\phi - \Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}})] \rangle}{R_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{1,\text{FHCAL}} \}}$$



v_n of V0 particles: invariant mass fit method (Nikolay Geraksiev)

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

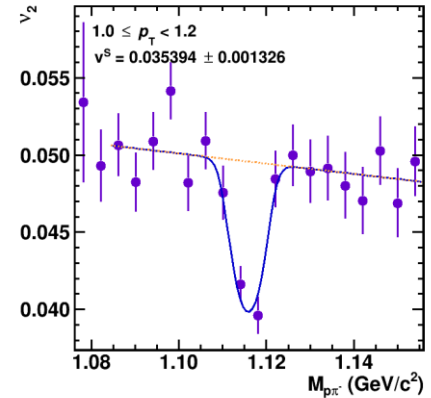
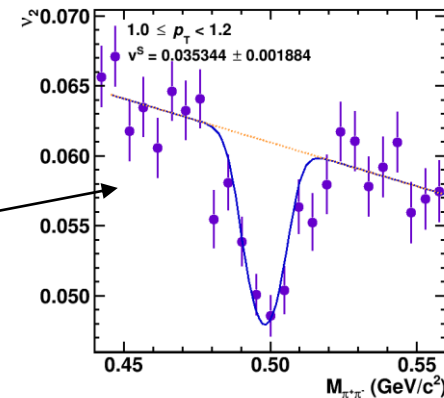
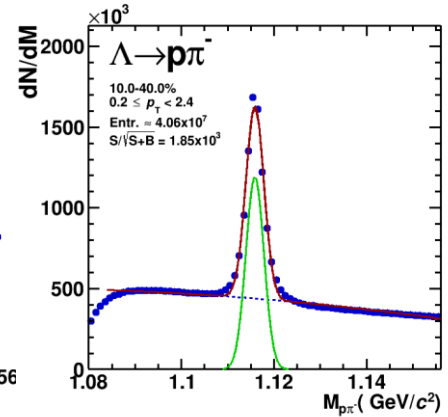
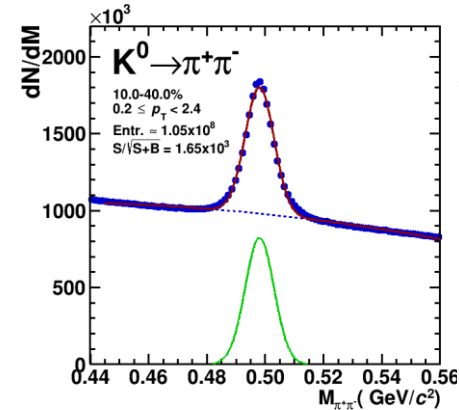
Particle decays reconstructed with MpdParticle realistic cuts

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

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

Outlook:

- * Larger statistics with vHLE (hydrodynamic evolution)
- * Larger signal magnitude due to hydro (realistic input)
- * Latest versions of detector geometry
- Multi-variate analysis for reconstructed particle selection (TMVA)
- KFParticle



Elliptic flow measurements using TPC: Scalar product, Event-plane

$$u_2 = \cos 2\phi + i \sin 2\phi = e^{2i\phi}$$

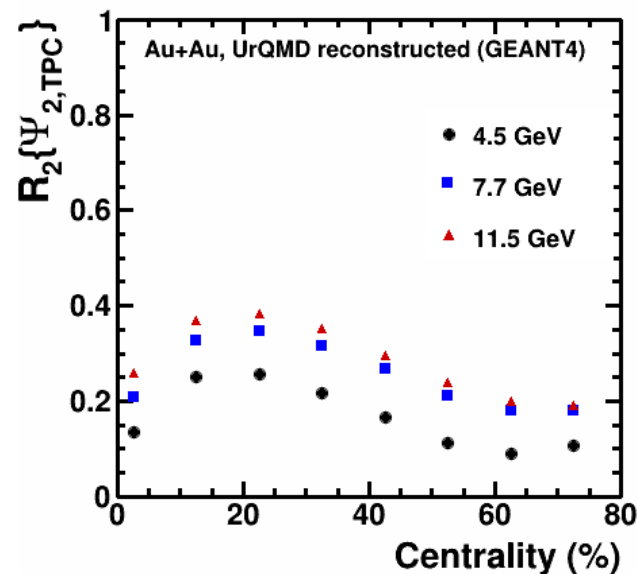
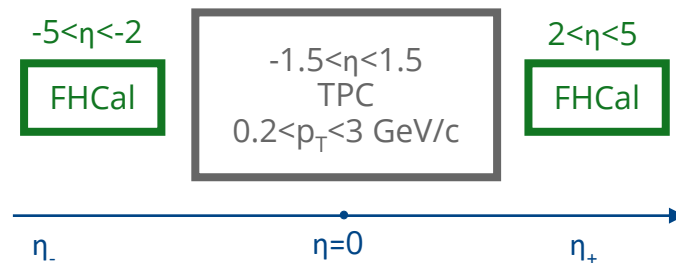
$$Q_2 = \sum_{j=1}^M \omega_j u_{2,j}, \quad \Psi_{2,\text{TPC}} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Q_{2,y}}{Q_{2,x}} \right)$$

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

- **TPC Event-plane:**

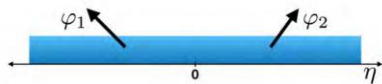
$$v_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{2,\text{TPC}} \} = \frac{\langle \cos [2(\phi_{\eta\pm} - \Psi_{2,\eta\mp})] \rangle}{R_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{2,\text{TPC}} \}}$$

$$R_2^{\text{EP}} \{ \Psi_{2,\text{TPC}} \} = \sqrt{\langle \cos [2(\Psi_{2,\eta+} - \Psi_{2,\eta-})] \rangle}$$



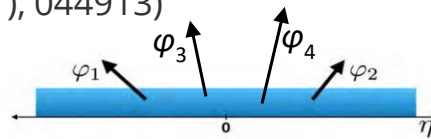
Elliptic flow measurements using TPC: Q-Cumulants

- **Standard Q-Cumulants:** (A. Bilandzic et al., Phys. Rev. C **83** (2011), 044913)



$$\langle 2 \rangle_n = \frac{|Q_n|^2 - M}{M(M-1)} \approx v_2^2 + \delta$$

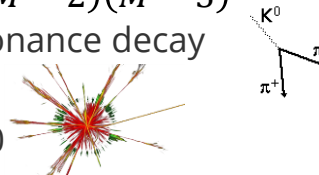
$$v_2\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{2\langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle^2 - \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle}$$



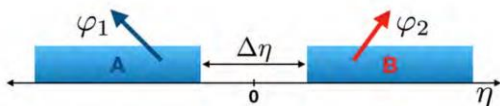
$$\langle 4 \rangle_n = \frac{[Q_n]^4 + [Q_{2n}]^2 - 2\Re[Q_{2n}Q_n^*Q_n^*] - 4(M-2)[Q_n]^2 - 2M(M-3)}{M(M-1)(M-2)(M-3)} \approx v_2^4 + 4v_2^2 + 2\delta^2$$

δ – nonflow contribution

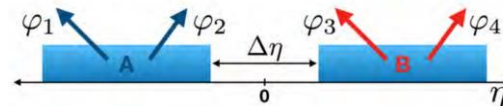
- ▶ resonance decay
- ▶ jets



- **Subevent Q-Cumulants:** (J. Jia et al., Phys. Rev. C **96** (2017), no. 3, 0



$$\langle 2 \rangle_{a|b} = \frac{Q_{n,a}Q_{n,b}^*}{M_a M_b}, v_2\{2,2 - \text{sub}\} = \sqrt{\langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle_{a|b}}$$



$$\langle 4 \rangle_{a,a|b,b} = \frac{(Q_{n,a}^2 - Q_{2n,a})(Q_{n,b}^2 - Q_{2n,b})^*}{M_a(M_a-1)M_b(M_b-1)}, v_2\{4,2 - \text{sub}\} = \sqrt[4]{2\langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle_{a|b}^2 - \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle_{a,a|b,b}}$$

Note: In this presentation, all of $v_2\{2\}$ result is obtained by subevent method to suppress non-flow contribution

Sensitivity of different methods to flow fluctuations

- Elliptic flow fluctuations: $\sigma_{v_2}^2 = \langle v_2^2 \rangle - \langle v_2 \rangle^2$
- Assuming $\sigma_{v_2} \ll \langle v_2 \rangle$ and a Gaussian form for flow fluctuations
- Fluctuations enhance $v_2\{2\}$ and suppress high-order **Q-Cumulants** compared to $\langle v_2 \rangle$:
- (S. A. Voloshin, A. M. Poskanzer, and R. Snellings, Landolt-Bornstein **23** (2010), 293)

$$v_2\{2\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle} \qquad v_2\{4\} \approx v_2\{6\} \approx v_2\{8\} \approx v_2\{\text{LYZ}\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$

- **TPC EP method:** (M. Luzum et al., Phys. Rev. C **87** (2013) 4, 044907)

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

- **Scalar product:**

$$v_2^{\text{SP}}\{Q_{2,\text{TPC}}\} \approx \langle v_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_{v_2}^2}{\langle v_2 \rangle}$$

$v_n\{2k\}$ ($k=1, \dots, 5$) from JAM model

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◆ **For the first time $v_n\{10\}$**
$$v_n\{10\} = \sqrt[10]{\frac{1}{456} c_n\{10\}}$$

◆ **$v_n\{2k\}$ ($k=1, \dots, 5$) cumulant's statistical uncertainties are calculated analytically using the data: Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 034906, arXiv:2104.00588 [nucl-th].**

◆ **First time introduced a new (second) hydrodynamics probe that includes $v_2\{10\}$**

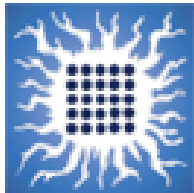
✧ **First hydrodynamics probe:**

$$\frac{v_2\{6\} - v_2\{8\}}{v_2\{4\} - v_2\{6\}} = \frac{1}{11}$$

✧ **Second hydrodynamics probe:**

$$\frac{v_2\{8\} - v_2\{10\}}{v_2\{6\} - v_2\{8\}} = \frac{3}{19}$$

- ◆ **Codes for both, with and without efficiency corrections are developed**
- ◆ **Q-cumulants technique is applied as it is enable very fast calculations**
- ◆ **Difficulties when flow magnitude, or particle multiplicity is too small**



$v_n\{10\}$ from Q-cumulants

10-th order Q-cumulant $\langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle = \left\langle\left\langle e^{in(f_1+f_2+f_3+f_4+f_5-f_6-f_7-f_8-f_9-f_{10})} \right\rangle\right\rangle$

$$c_n\{10\} = \langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle - 25 \times \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle - 100 \times \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \\ + 400 \times \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^2 + 900 \times \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle^2 \\ - 360 \times \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^3 + 2880 \times \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^5$$

◆ **For the first time $v_n\{10\}$** $v_n\{10\} = \sqrt[10]{\frac{1}{456} c_n\{10\}}$

Statistical uncertainties of the $v_n\{2k\}$ ($k=1,\dots,5$) cumulants are calculated analytically using the data [Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 034906 arXiv:2104.00588 [nucl-th]]

$$s^2[v_n\{10\}] \times 4560^2 (v_n\{10\})^{18} = A^2 S_{\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle}^2 + B^2 S_{\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle}^2 \\ + C^2 S_{\langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle}^2 + D^2 S_{\langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle}^2 + S_{\langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle}^2 + 2ABS_{\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle} \\ + 2ACS_{\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle} + 2ADS_{\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle} + 2AS_{\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle} \\ + 2BCS_{\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle} + 2BDS_{\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle} + 2BS_{\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle} \\ + 2CDS_{\langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle} + 2CS_{\langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle} + 2DS_{\langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 10 \rangle\rangle}$$

$$A = 14400 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^4 - 10800 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^2 \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \\ + 800 \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle + 900 \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle^2 - 25 \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle \\ B = 1800 \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle - 3600 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^3 - 100 \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \\ C = 400 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^2 - 100 \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \\ D = -25 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle$$

v_2 from cumulants of different orders - NICA

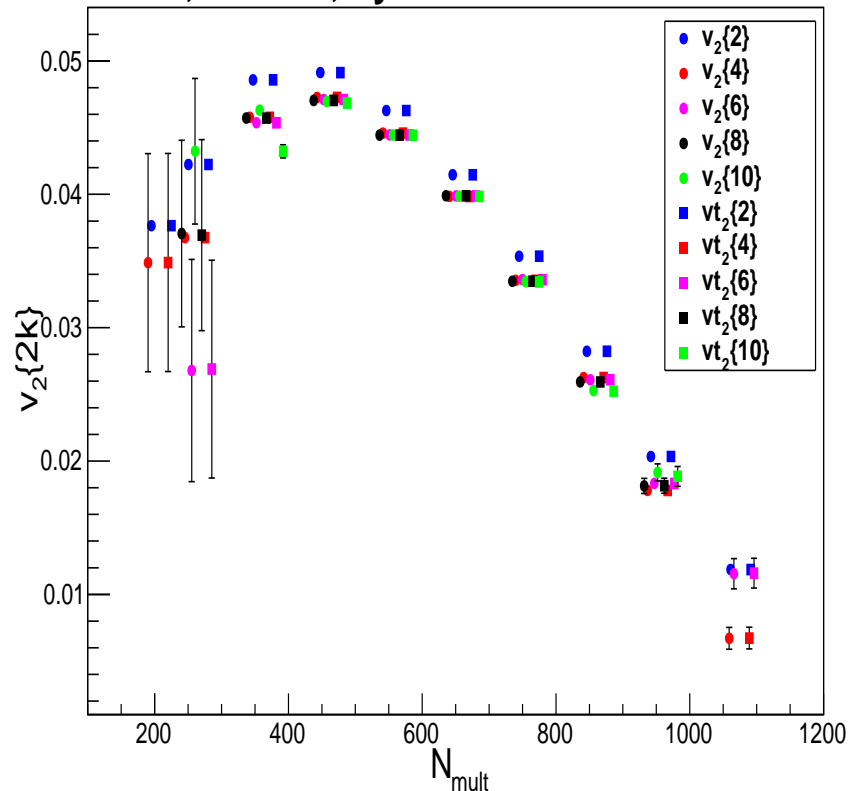
✧ AuAu collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11.0$ GeV

- In 10 multiplicity classes from 100 up to 1200
- PID: $p, \pi^+, \pi^-, |\eta| < 1.5, p_T > 200$ MeV/c

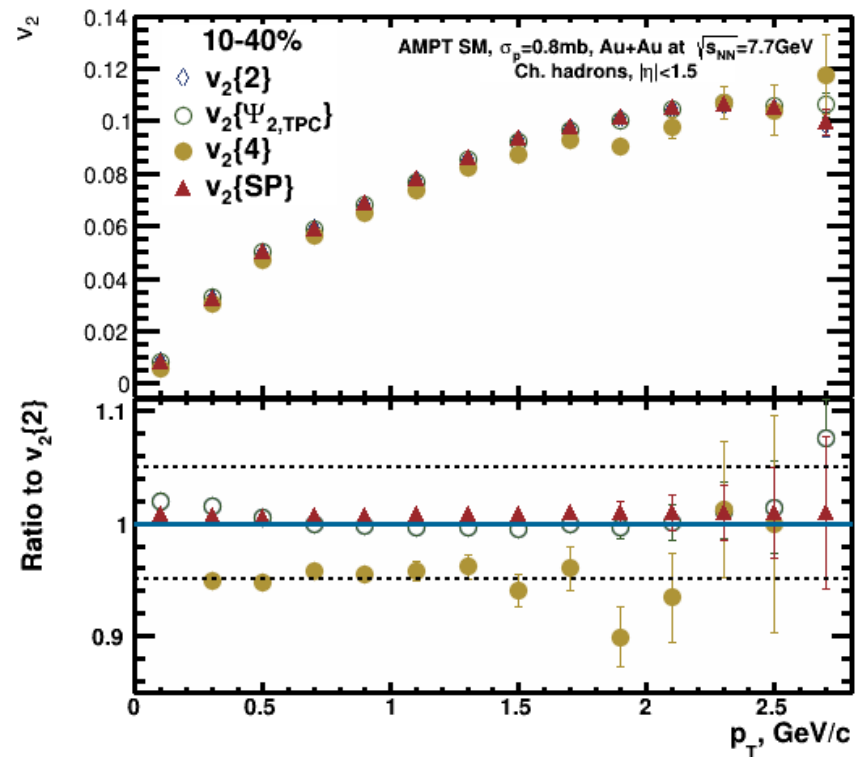
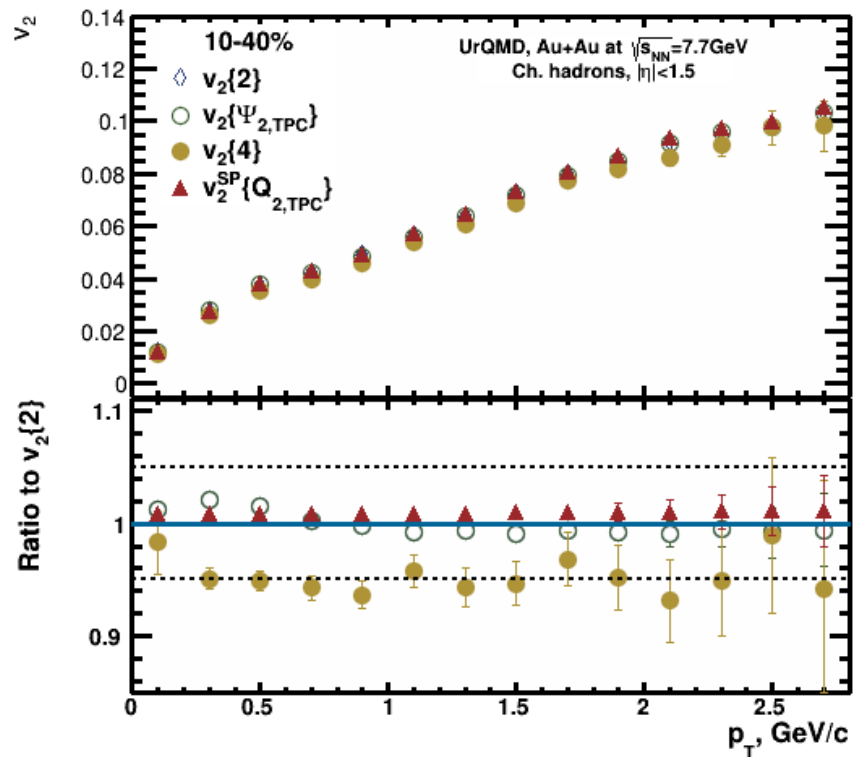
- $0.0 < b < 12.0$ fm
- stat.: 1.068 B events

- $v_2\{2k\}$ are well measured in semicentral collisions
- $v_2\{2k\}$ are not well enough ordered. It could be a problem with JAM itself.
- We developed codes for calculations with and without efficiency corrections both.
- closed circles (squares): results without (with) efficiency corrections (efficiency randomly distributed between 95 and 100%)
- With real data and efficiencies the two results will differ.

AuAu, 11 GeV, hydroJAM $0.0 < b < 12.0$ fm

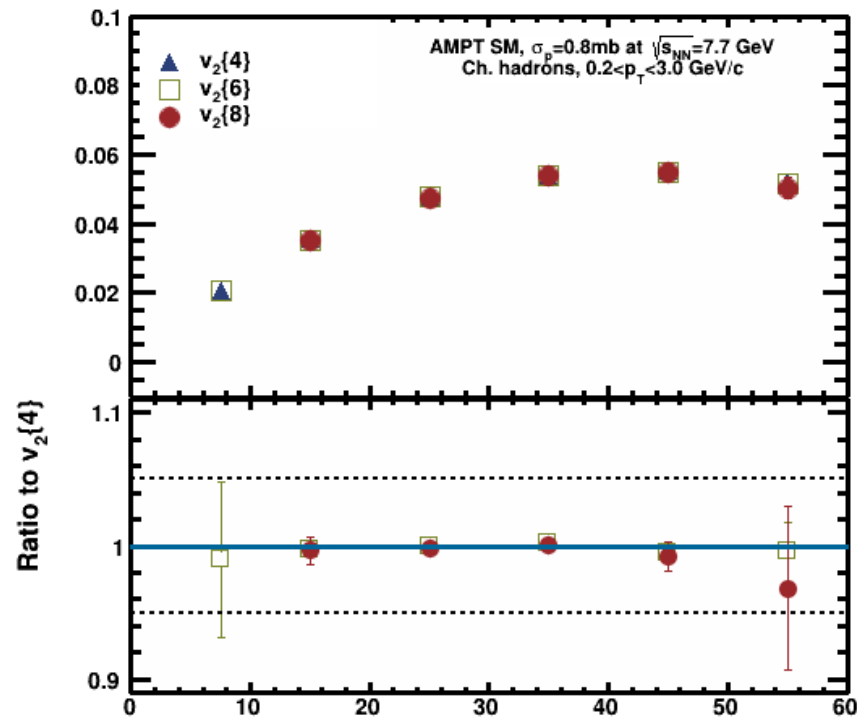
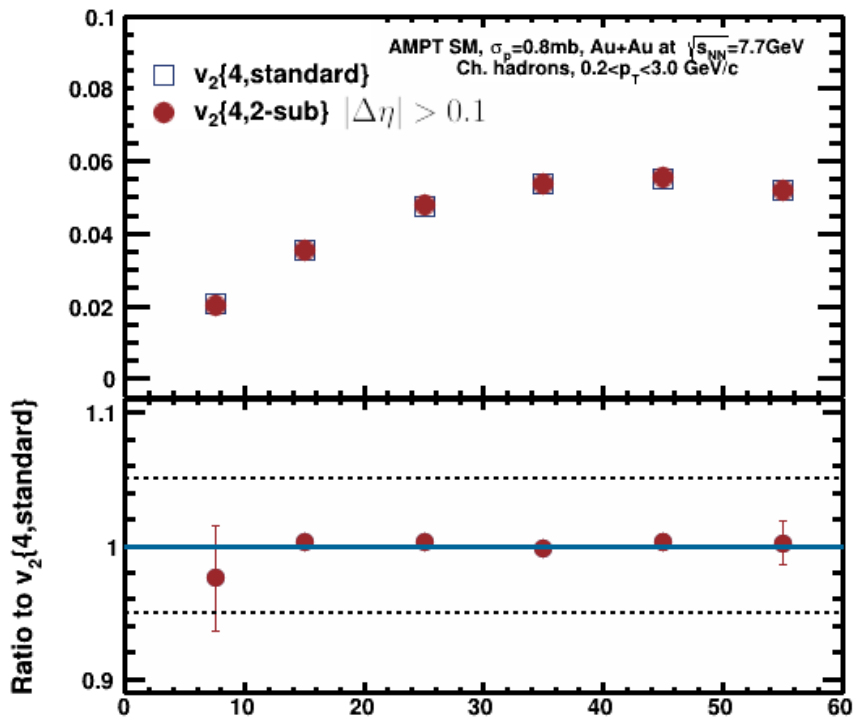


Sensitivity of different methods to flow fluctuations



$$v_2\{2\} \approx v_2^{SP}\{Q_{2,TPC}\}, v_2\{4\} < v_2\{2\}$$

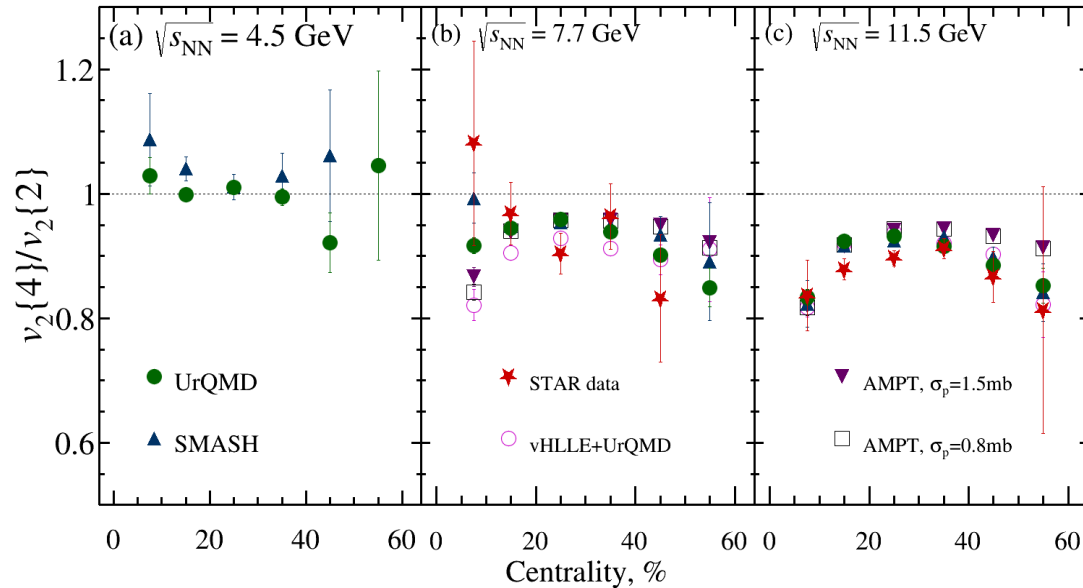
Comparison of high-order Q-Cumulants



Reasonable agreement between $v_2\{4,\text{standard}\}$, $v_2\{4,2\text{-sub}\}$, $v_2\{6\}$, $v_2\{8\}$

Relative flow fluctuations of charged hadrons

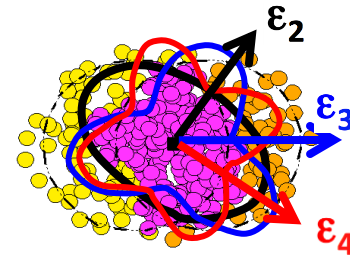
Au+Au, Charged hadrons, $0.2 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV/c



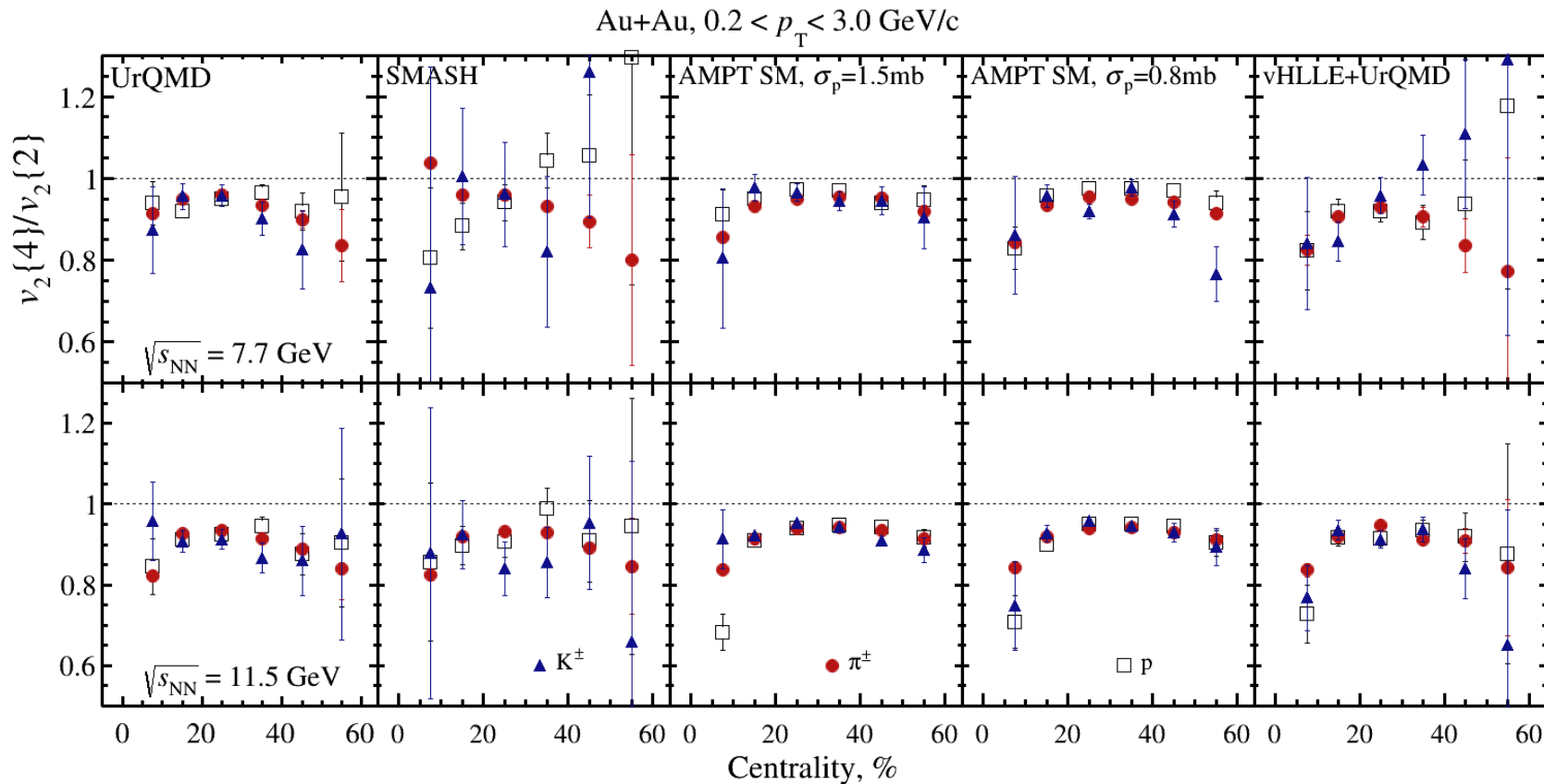
STAR data: Phys.Rev.C **86**, 054908 (2012)

After quality cuts, 0-80%: 4M at 7.7 GeV, 11M at 11.5 GeV

- 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 model with QGP phase (AMPT SM, vHLE+UrQMD)
- Dominant source of v_2 fluctuations: **participant eccentricity fluctuations** in the initial geometry
- Are there non-zero v_2 fluctuations at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5$ GeV?

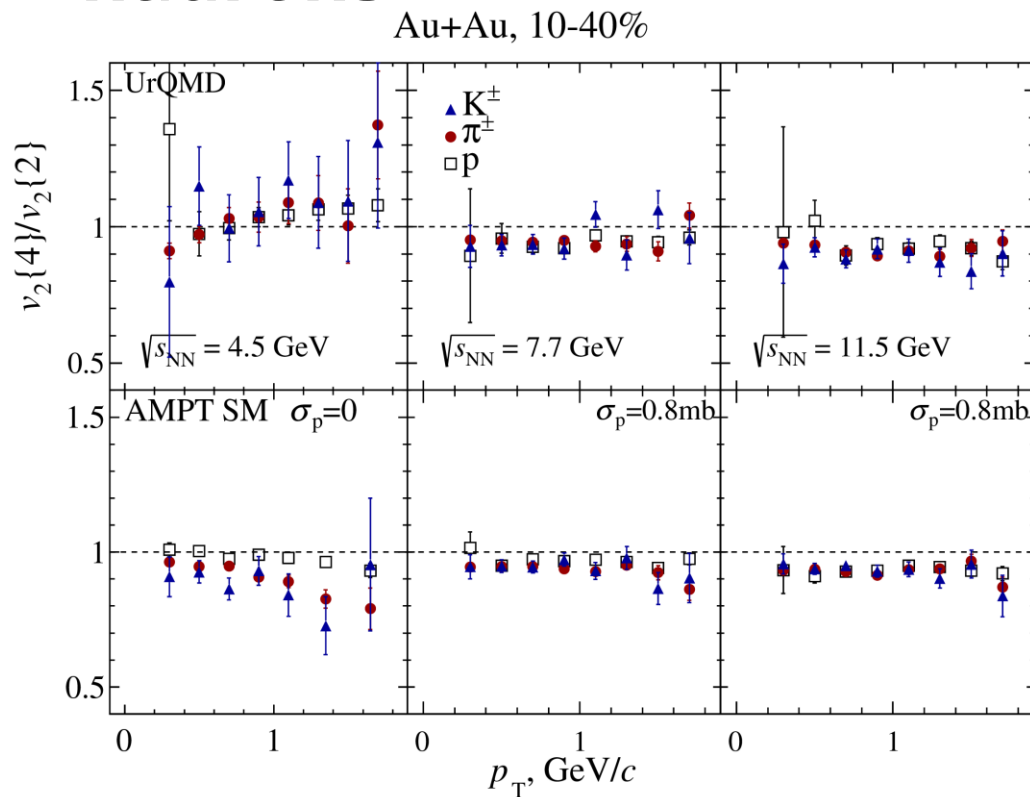


Relative flow fluctuations of identified charged hadrons



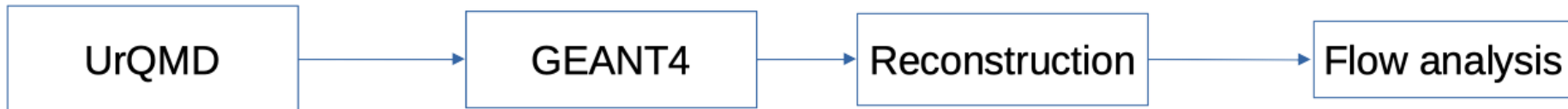
Elliptic flow fluctuations show weak dependence on particle species
Need more statistics

Relative flow fluctuations of identified charged hadrons



- $v_2\{4\}/v_2\{2\}$ ratio in 10-40% mid-central Au+Au collisions predicted by UrQMD and AMPT SM:
 - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7, 11.5 \text{ GeV}$: weak PID/ p_T -dependence
 - $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.5 \text{ GeV}$: zero relative fluctuations for protons predicted by AMPT

MPD Experiment at NICA



- Au+Au: 20M at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV, 10M at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11.5$ GeV, Bi+Bi: 7M at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV
- Centrality determination: Impact parameter b
- Event plane determination: TPC, FHCaI
- Track selection:
 - ▶ Primary tracks
 - ▶ $N_{\text{TPC hits}} \geq 16$
 - ▶ $0.2 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV/c
 - ▶ $|\eta| < 1.5$
 - ▶ PID based on PDG

$-5 < \eta < -2$

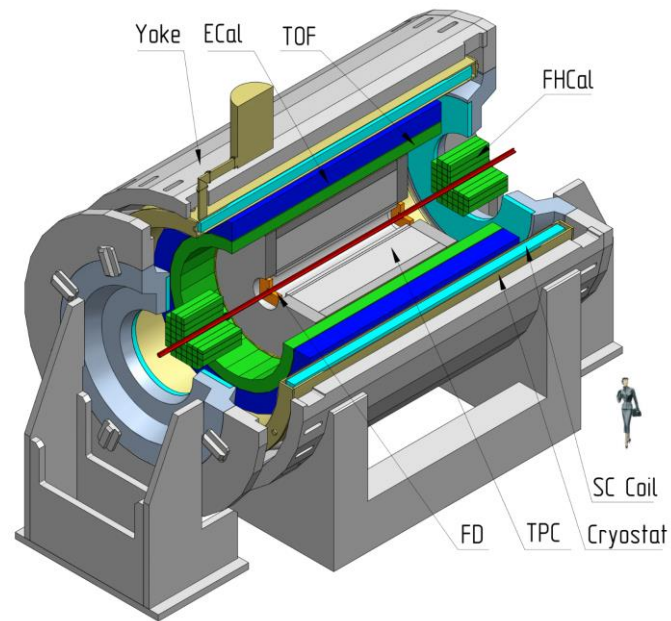
FHCaI

$-1.5 < \eta < 1.5$

TPC
 $0.2 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c

$2 < \eta < 5$

FHCaI



Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD) Stage 1

Results of fit for UrQMD model

Simulated data sets:

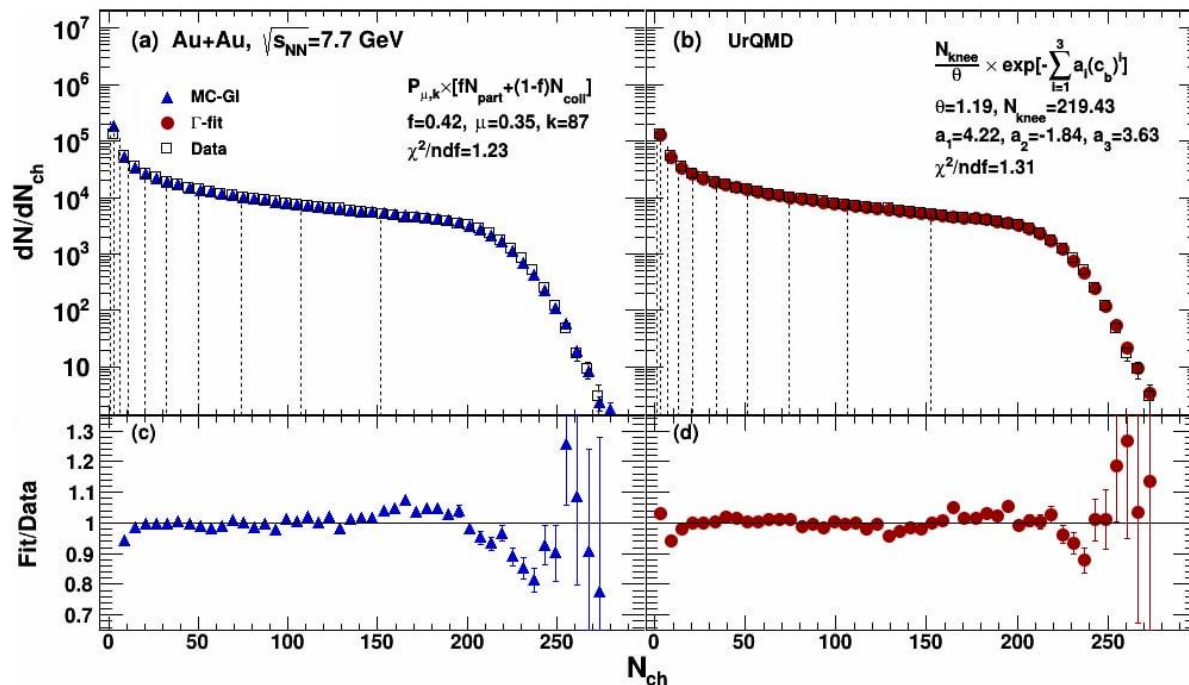
- Au+Au, $N_{ev}=500k$, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=7.7$ GeV

Hadron selection:

- Charged particles only
- $|\eta| < 0.5$
- $p_T > 0.15$ GeV/c

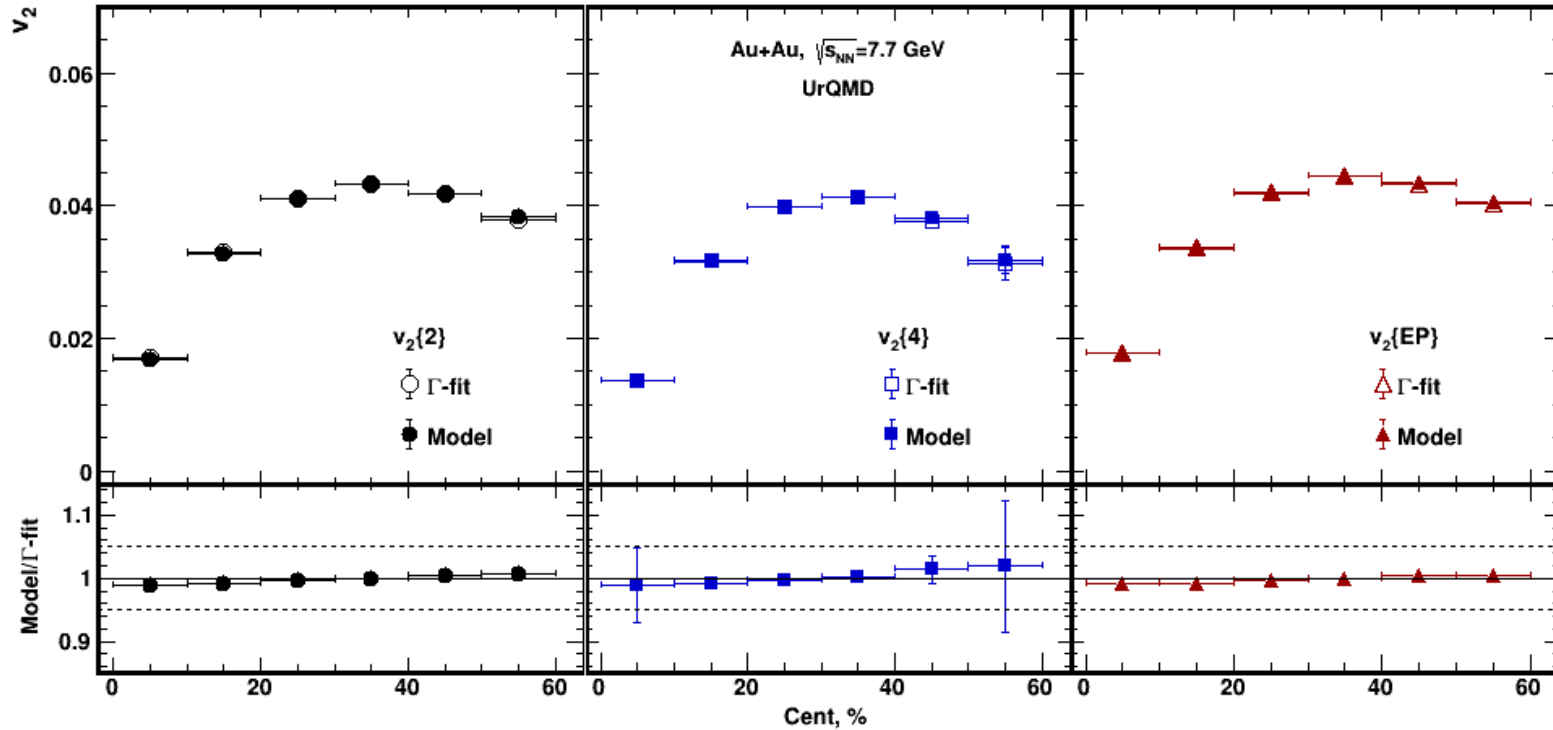
The model version:

- UrQMD ver. 3.4 in cascade mode



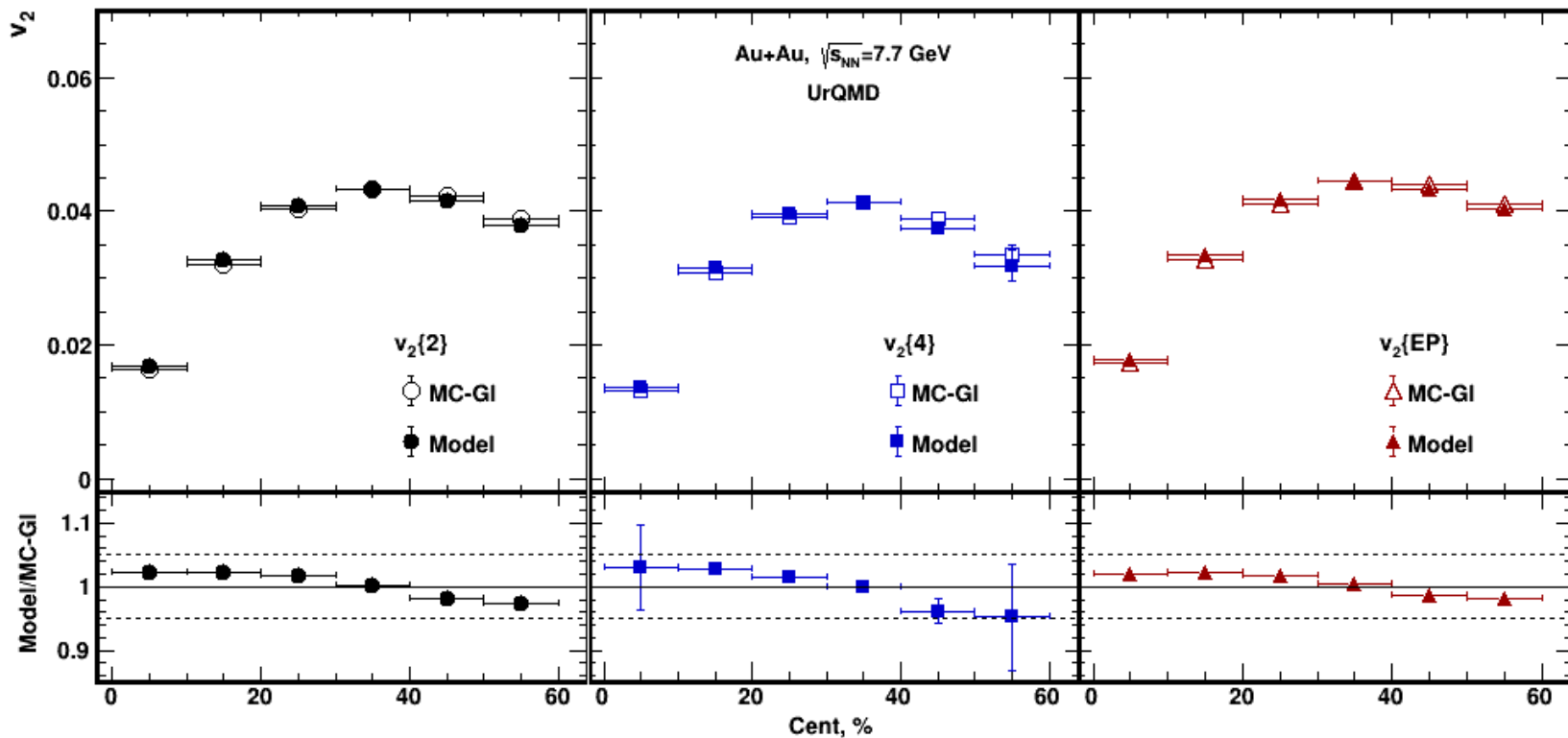
Good fit quality for both methods

The effect of the bias in centrality determination in flow measurements for UrQMD model (Γ -fit)



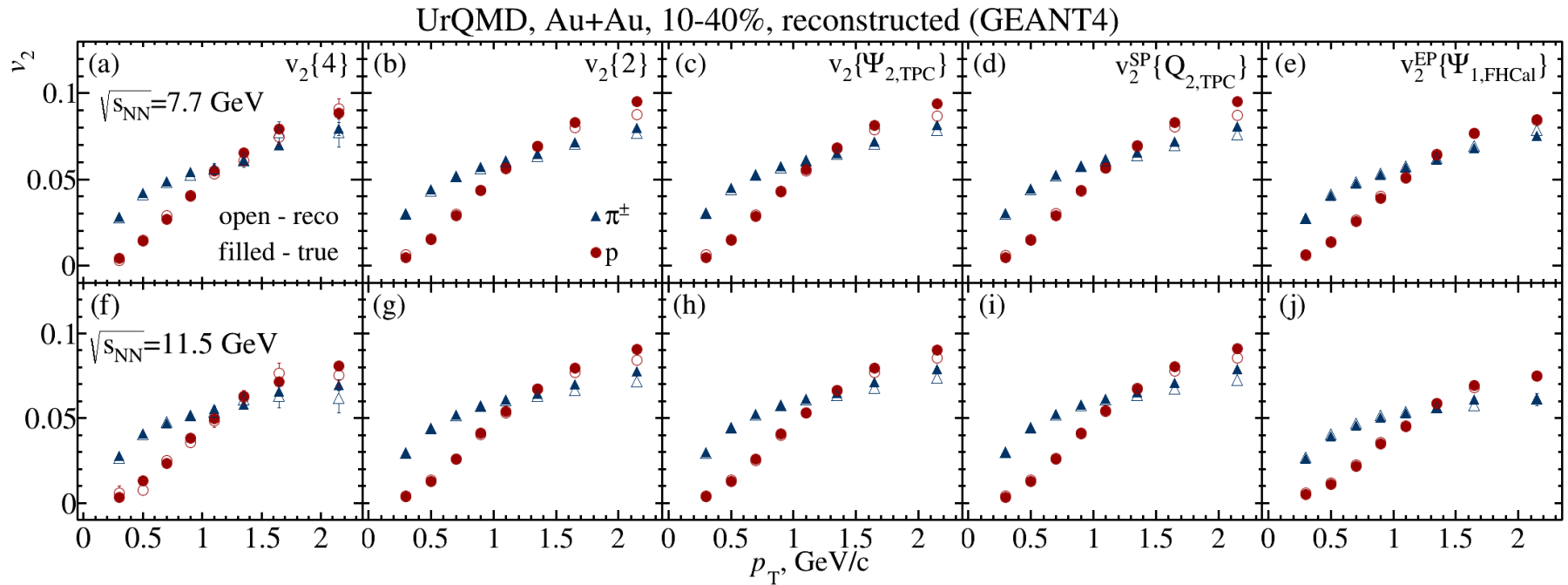
The effect of the bias caused by different centrality determination methods is within 1-2%.

The effect of bias in centrality determination in flow measurements for UrQMD model(MC-Glauber)



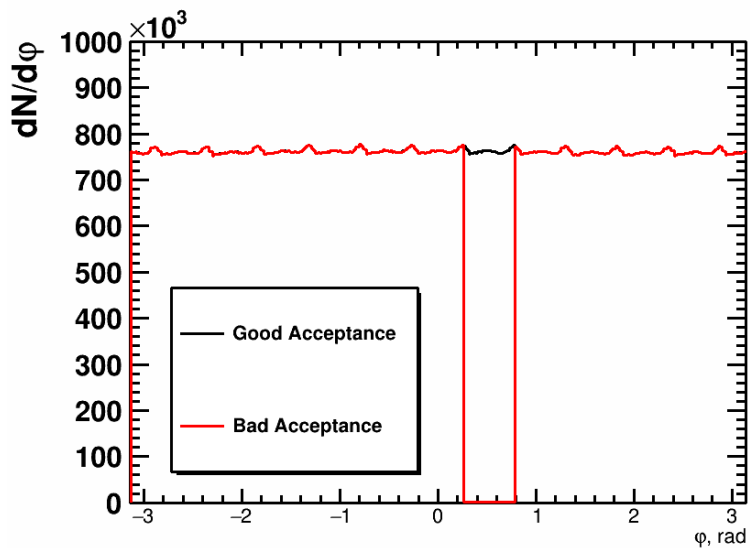
The effect of the bias caused by different centrality determination methods is within 4%.

Performance of v_2 of pions and protons in MPD

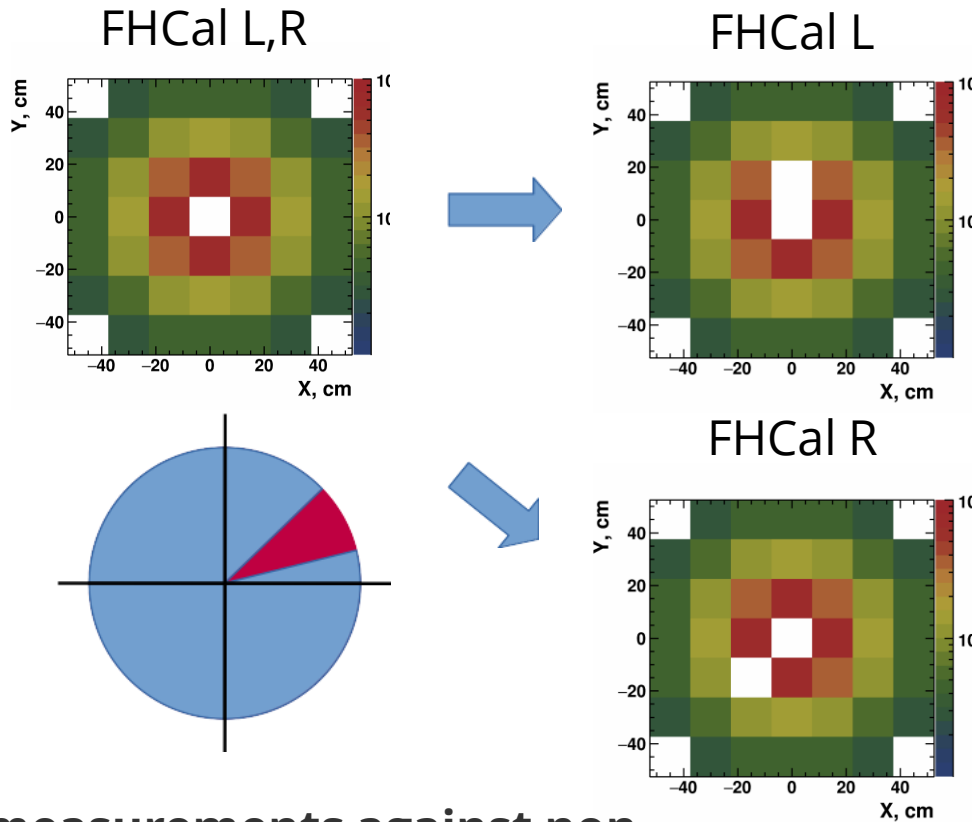


**Reconstructed and generated v_2 of pions and protons
have a good agreement for all methods**

Non-uniform acceptance

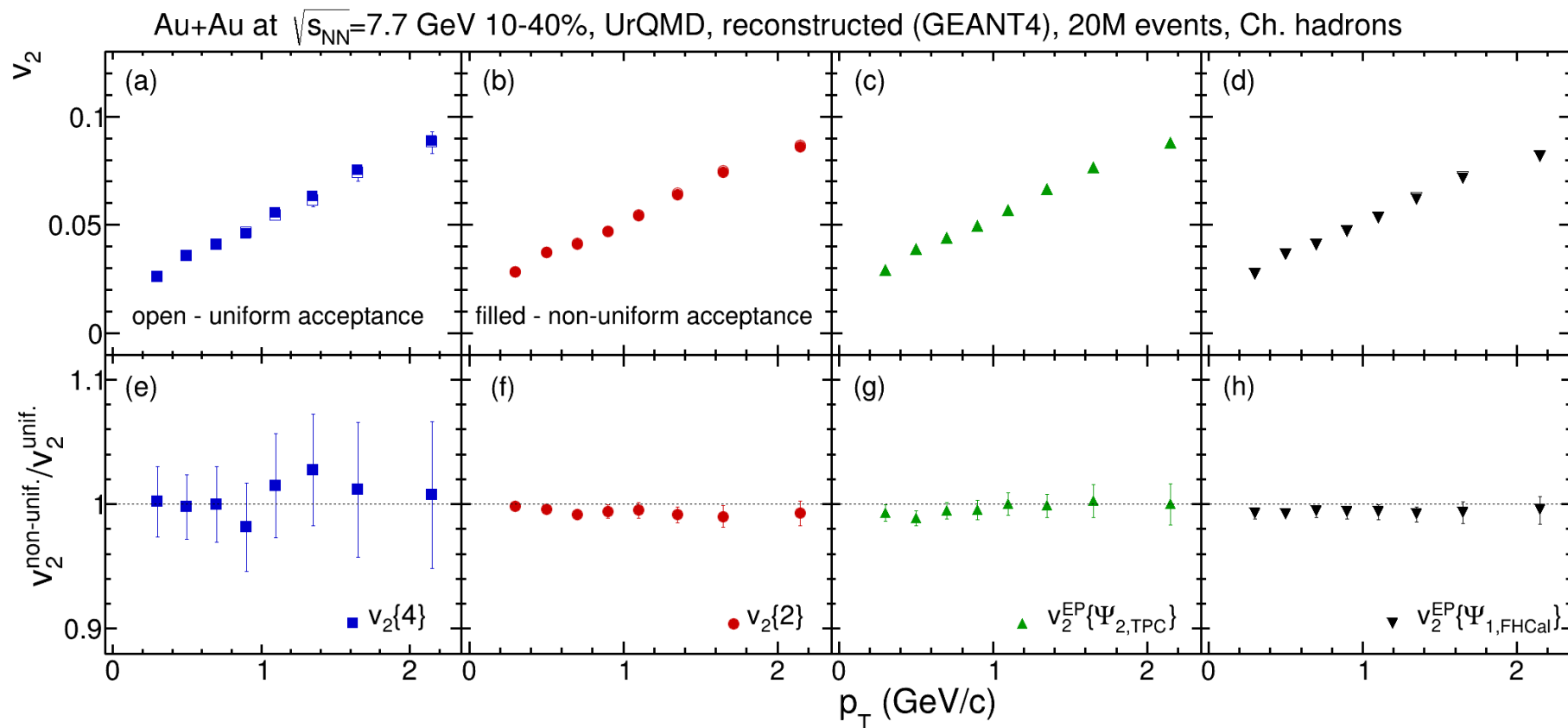


Area $15^\circ < \phi < 45^\circ$ is off



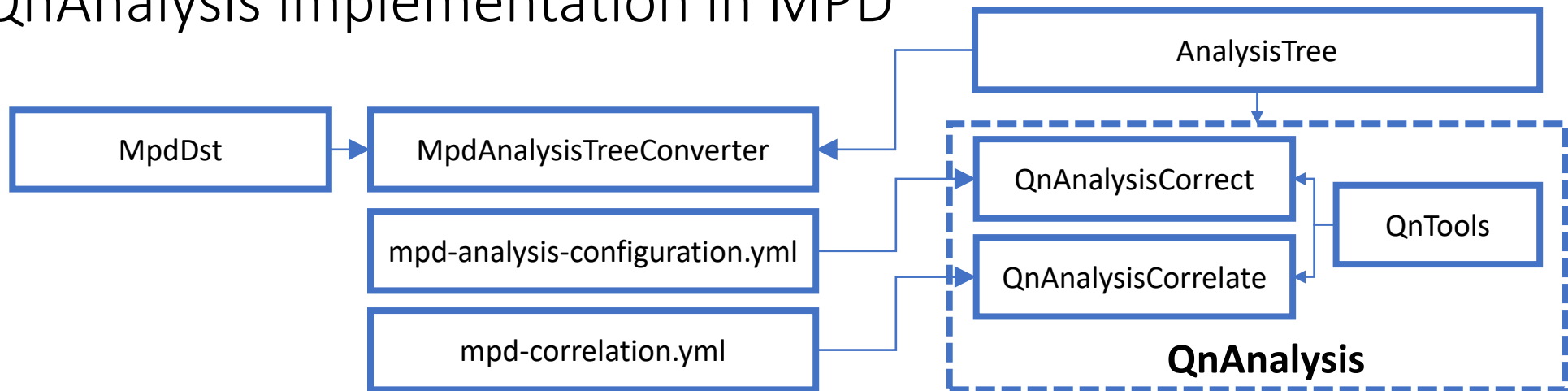
How robust are the future measurements against non-uniform acceptance?

Acceptance correction



The applied acceptance corrections eliminated the influence of non-uniform acceptance

QnAnalysis implementation in MPD



MPD-specific interface:

- **MpdAnalysisTreeConverter:** converter from MpdDst to AnalysisTree format
- YAML configuration files for QnAnalysis:
 - **mpd-analysis-configuration.yml:** sets up Q_n, u_n vectors to collect (cuts, correction steps, ...)
 - **mpd-correlation.yml:** sets up correlations between previously collected Q_n, u_n vectors

General interface:

- **AnalysisTree:** A framework-independent, lightweight and flexible data format
- **QnTools:** set of tools for multidimensional Q-vector-based corrections and correlations:
 - **QnAnalysisCorrect:** collects Q_n, u_n vectors
 - **QnAnalysisCorrelate:** make correction between collected Q_n, u_n vectors

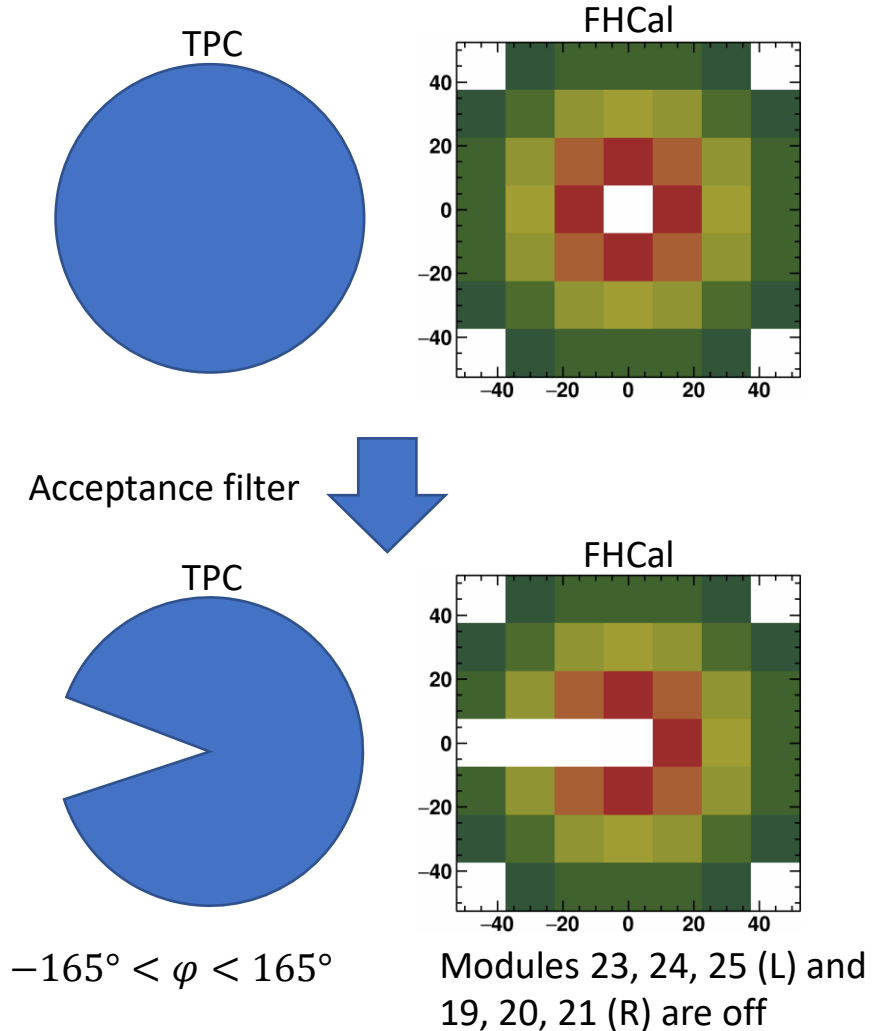
Joint development with FAIR (CBM for NICA)

QnAnalysis is already used in the current (HADES, ALICE) and future (CBM) experiments – now available for MPD

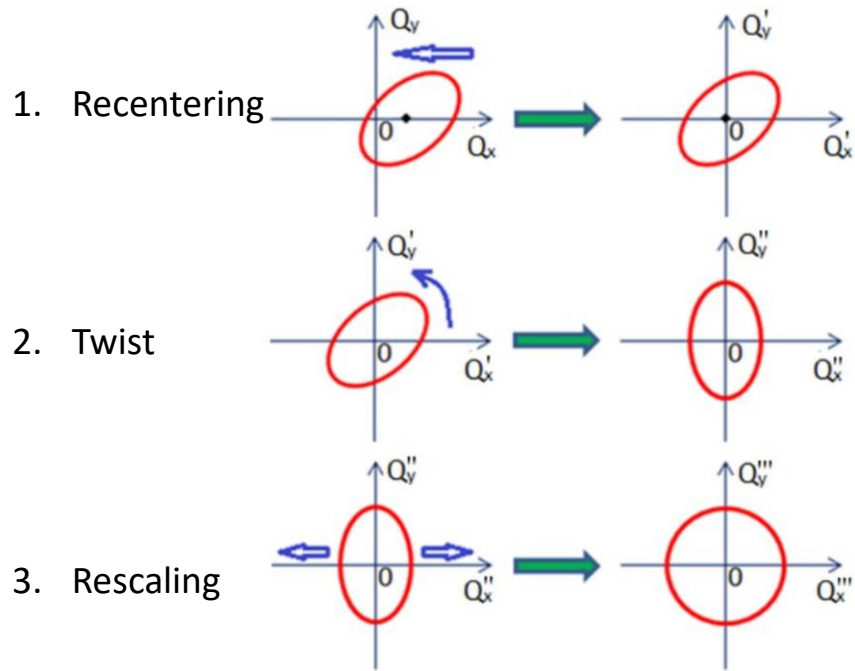
QnAnalysis git link: <https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/QnAnalysis>

AnalysisTree git link: <https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/AnalysisTree>

Non-uniform acceptance corrections



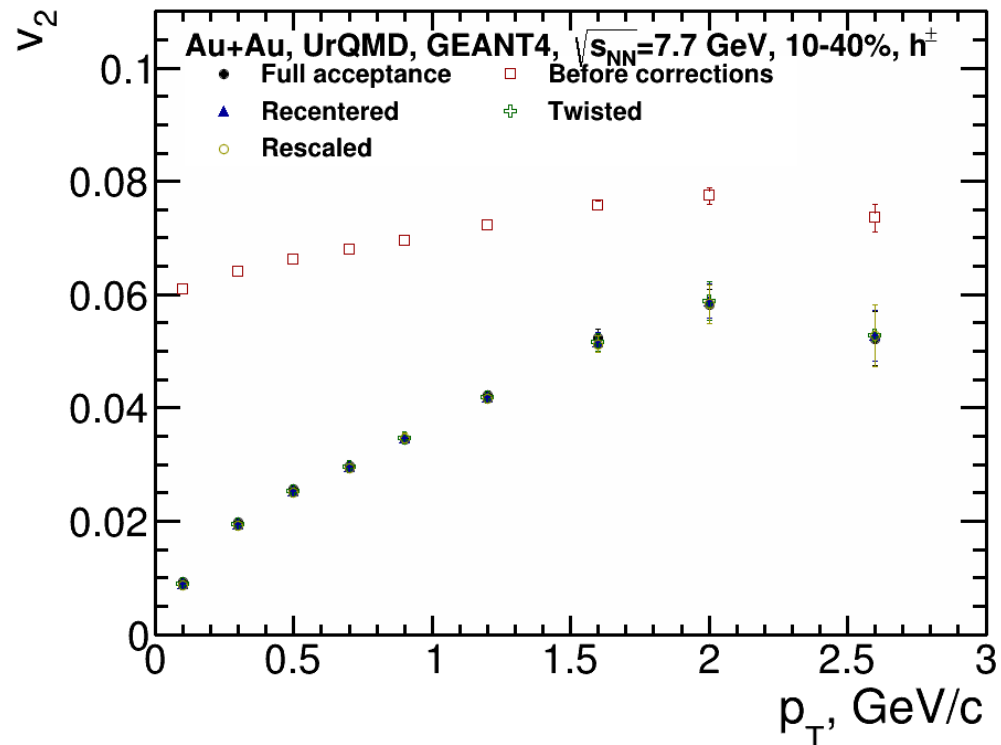
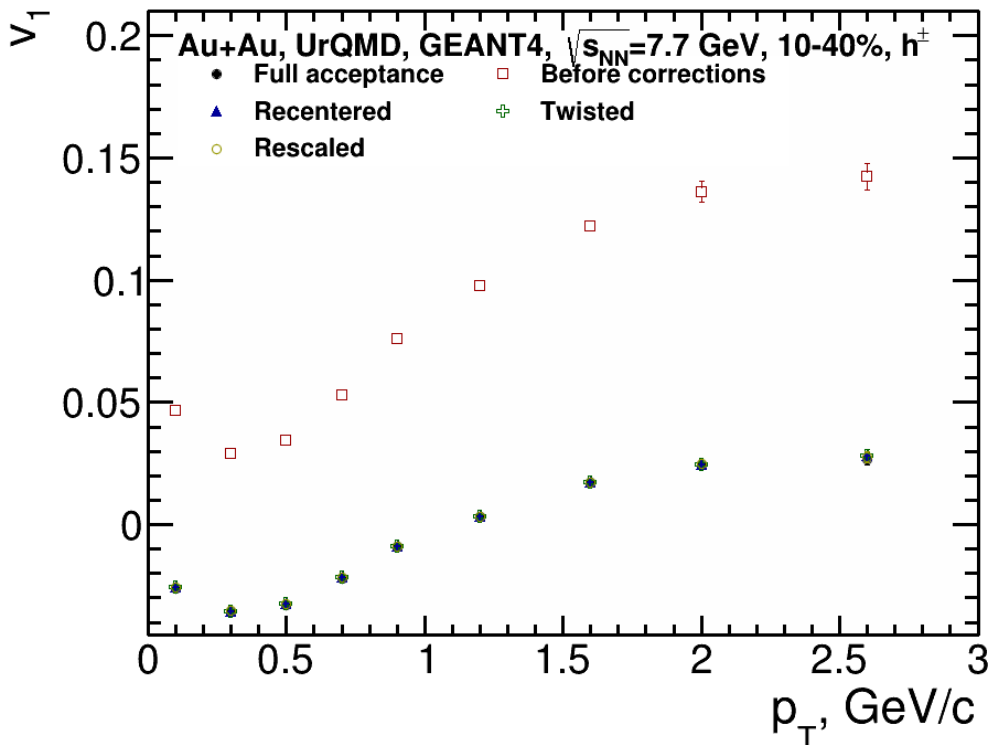
Correction for non-uniform azimuthal acceptance



Corrections are based on method in:

I. Selyuzhenkov and S. Voloshin PRC77, 034904 (2008)

Effects of non-uniformity corrections

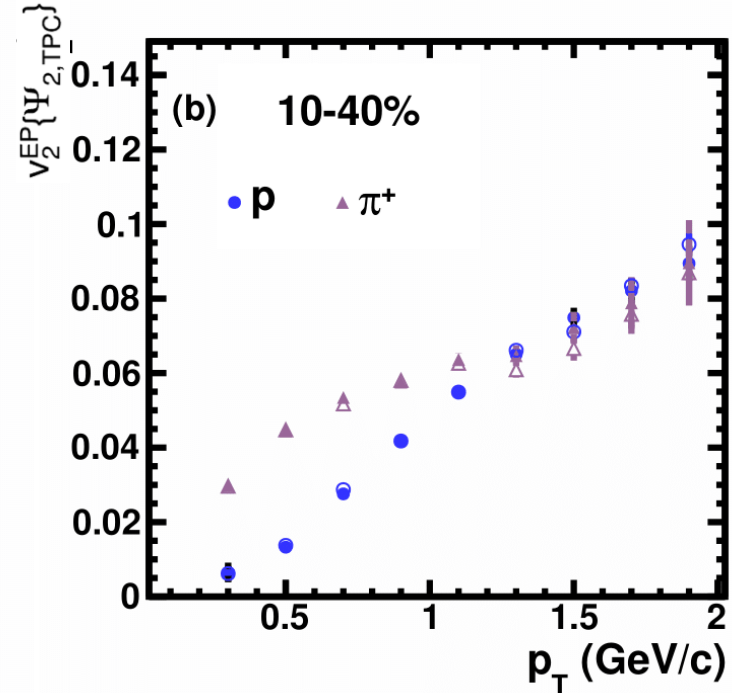
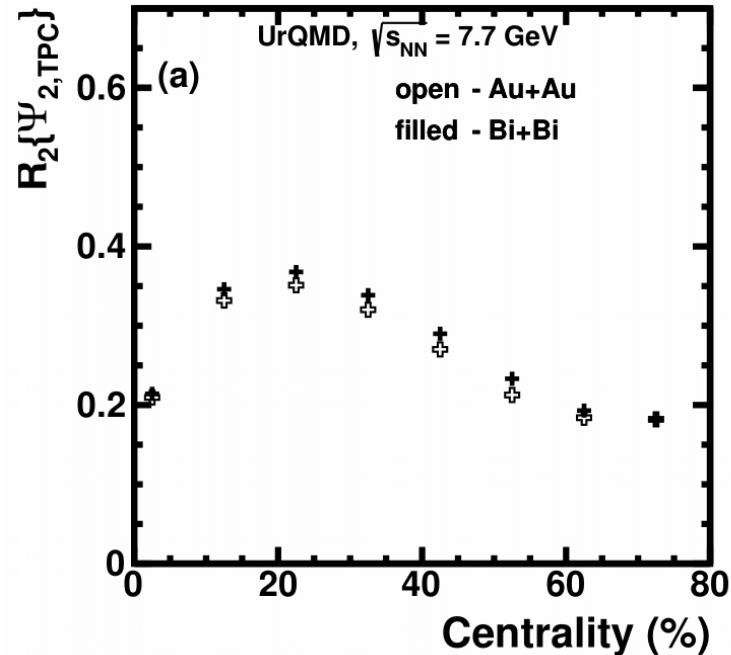


Q-vector	Q_n weight	Correction axes	Correction steps	Error calculation	Q_n normalization
Spectators (FHCAL)	Module energy	b [0,12], 8 bins	Recentering	Bootstrapping, 50 samples	Sum of weights
Charged hadrons (TPC)	1	pT [0,3], 9 bins b [0,12], 8 bins	Twist Rescaling		

Good agreement between v_n with acceptance non-uniformity corrections and full acceptance

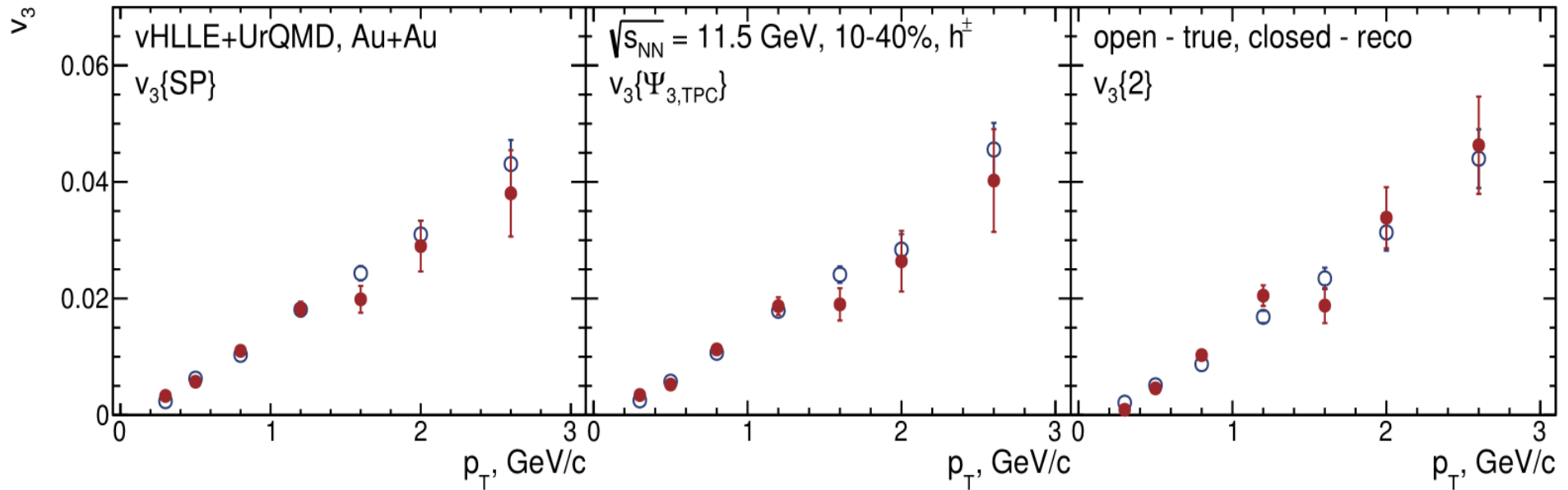
Au+Au vs. Bi+Bi collisions for MPD reconstructed data

- TPC event plane



- Expected small difference between two colliding systems

Triangular flow with MPD at NICA



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????

15 M of reconstructed vHLL+UrQMD events for Au+Au at 11.5 GeV

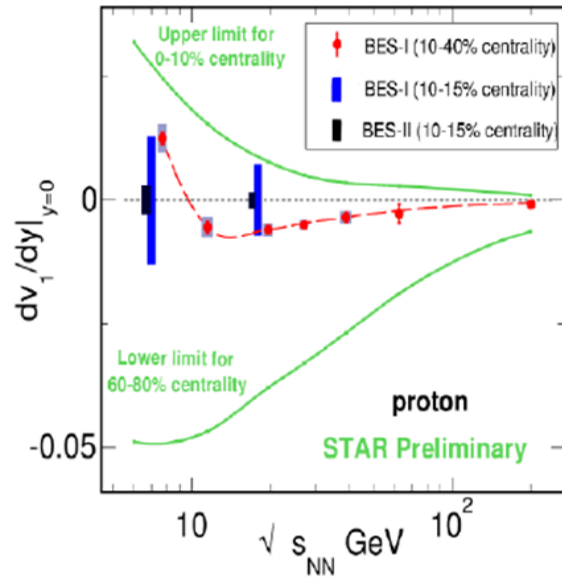
Summary and outlook

- v_n 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
 - Detailed JAM model calculations for differential measurements of v_n at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4-4.5$ GeV
 - v_2 from cumulants of different orders
- **Comparison of methods for elliptic flow measurements using UrQMD and AMPT models:**
 - The differences between methods are well understood and could be attributed to non-flow and fluctuations
- **Feasibility study for directed and elliptic flow in MPD:**
 - v_n of identified charged hadrons: results from reconstructed and generated data are in a good agreement for all methods
- Small differences in v_n for 2 colliding systems (Au+Au, Bi+Bi) were observed as expected
- Programs for flow analysis are available for MPD collaboration:
 - Github repository: <https://github.com/FlowNICA/CumulantFlow>
 - QnAnalysis git link: <https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/QnAnalysis>
 - AnalysisTree git link: <https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/AnalysisTree>

Workshop on physics performance studies at FAIR and NICA, <http://indico.oris.mephi.ru/event/221>

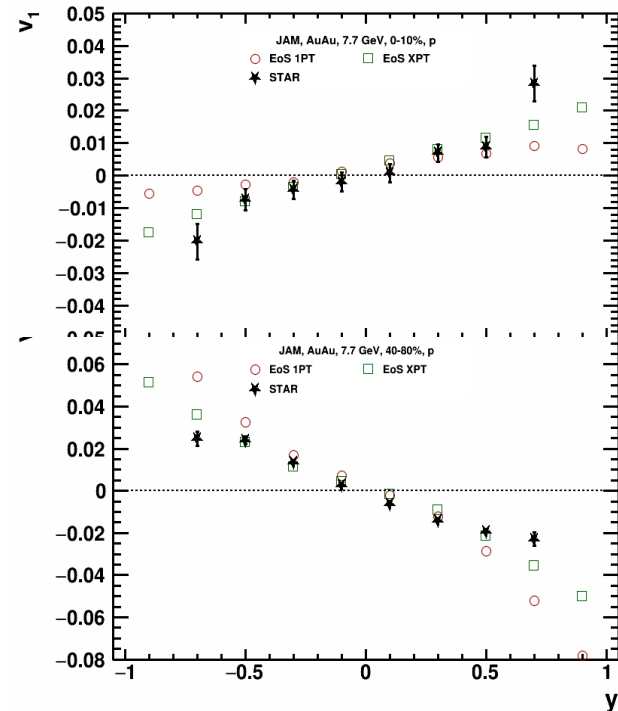
(29 November – 1 December 2021)

v_1 study at NICA energies



Slope dv_1/dy has non-monotonic behavior and strong centrality dependence

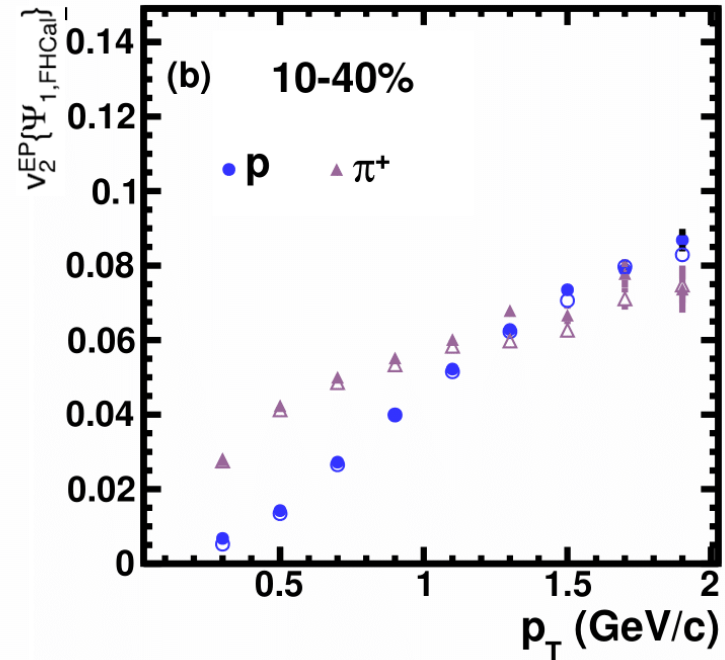
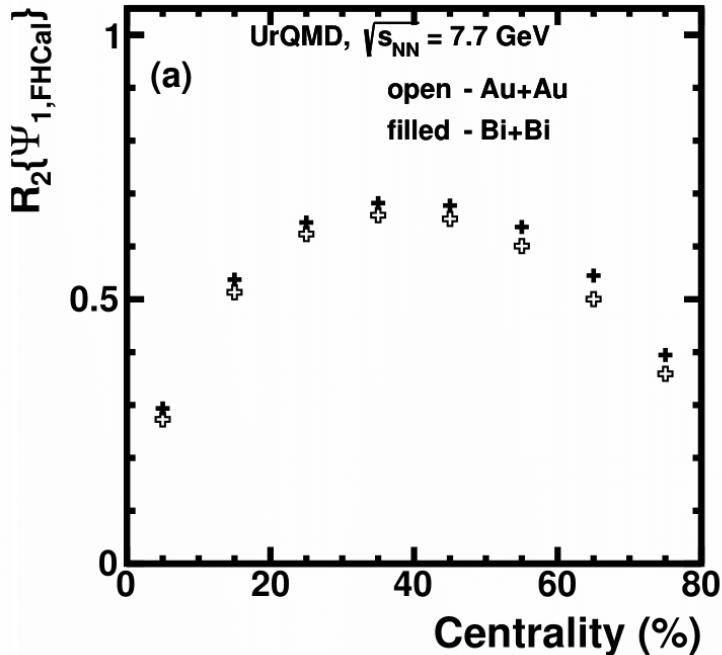
P. Parfenov, The Conference "RFBR Grants for NICA", Dubna (2020)



dv_1/dy slope changes dramatically with centrality for protons

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

- FHCAL event plane

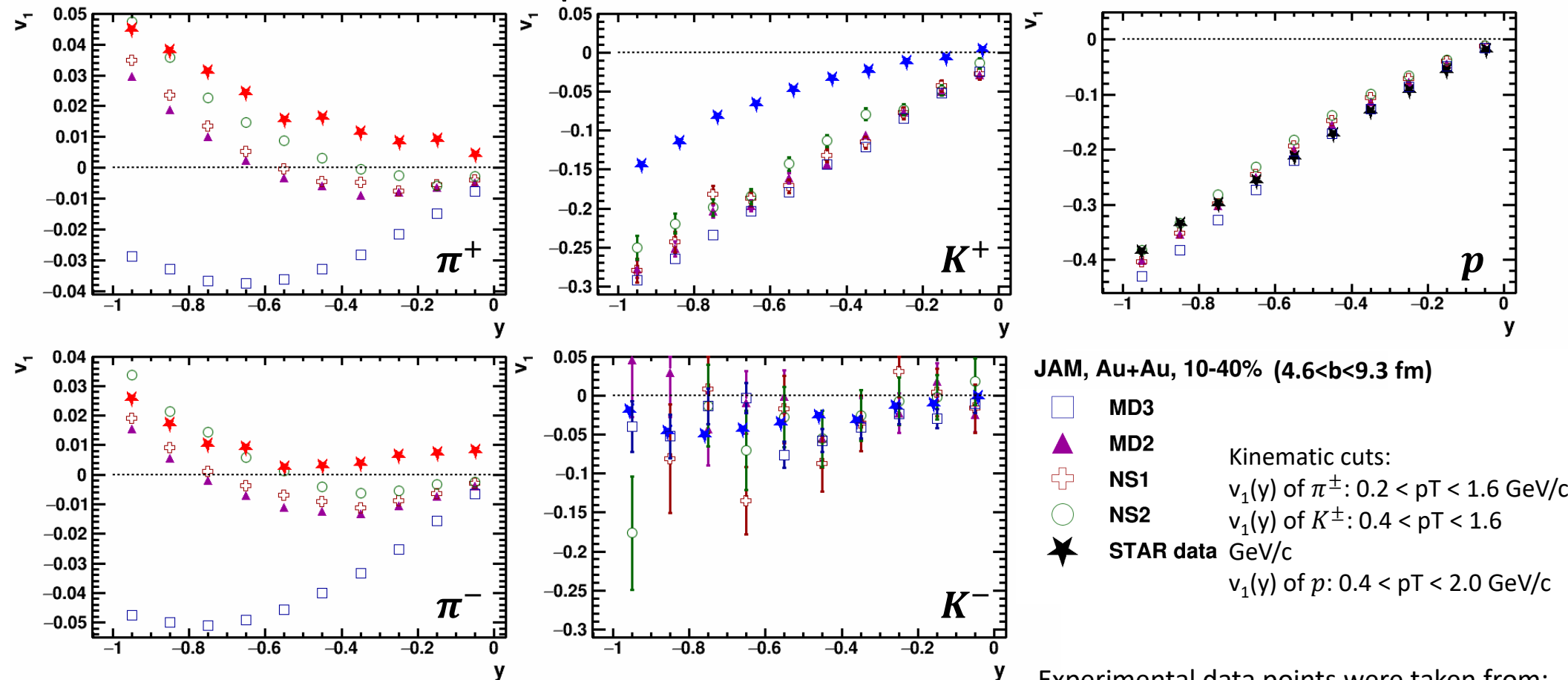


- Expected small difference between two colliding systems



Back-up slides

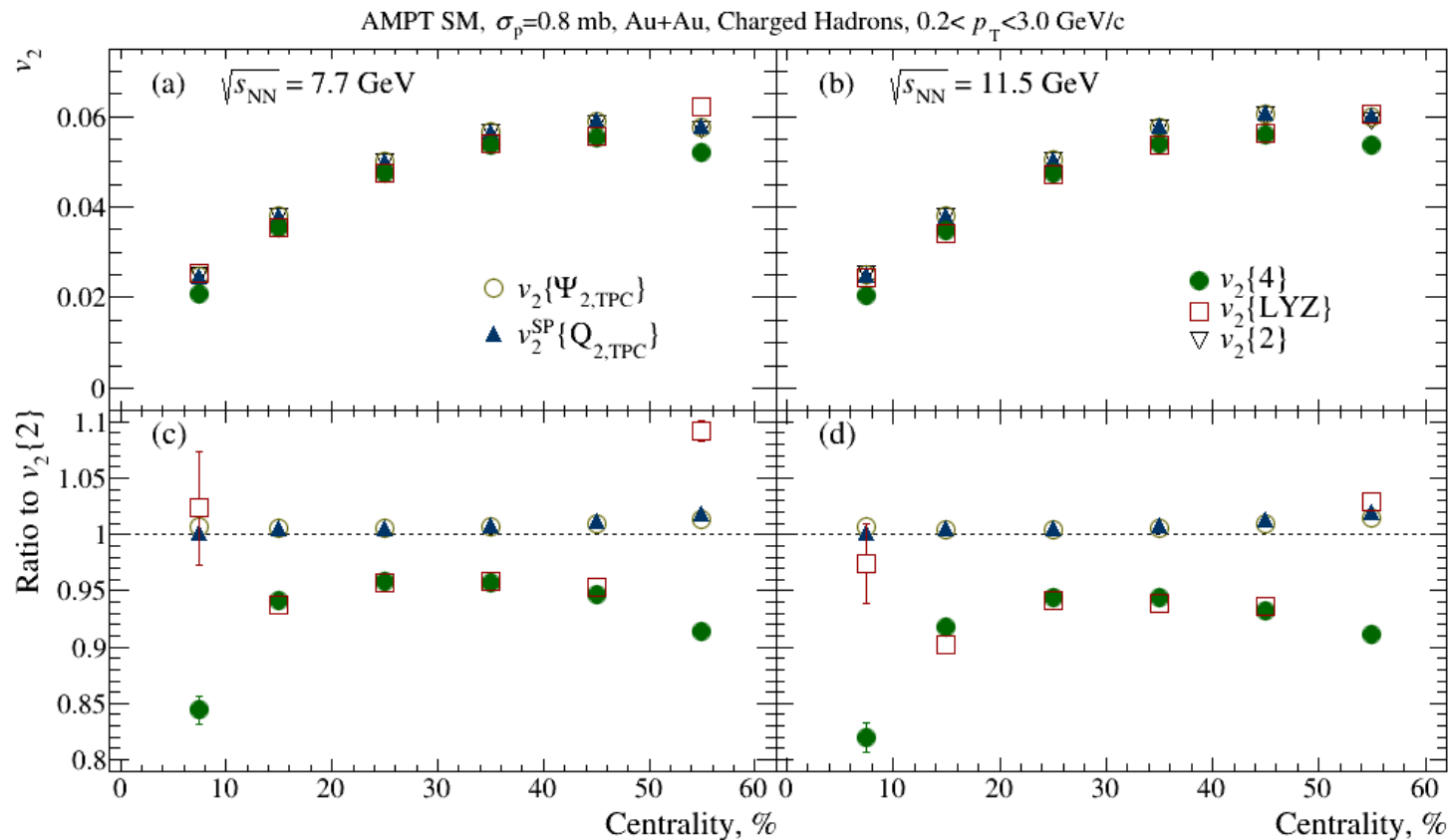
$v_1(y)$ in Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=3$ GeV: model vs. STAR data



JAM does not describe all particle species equally well
 v_1 of pions is most sensitive to different EOS

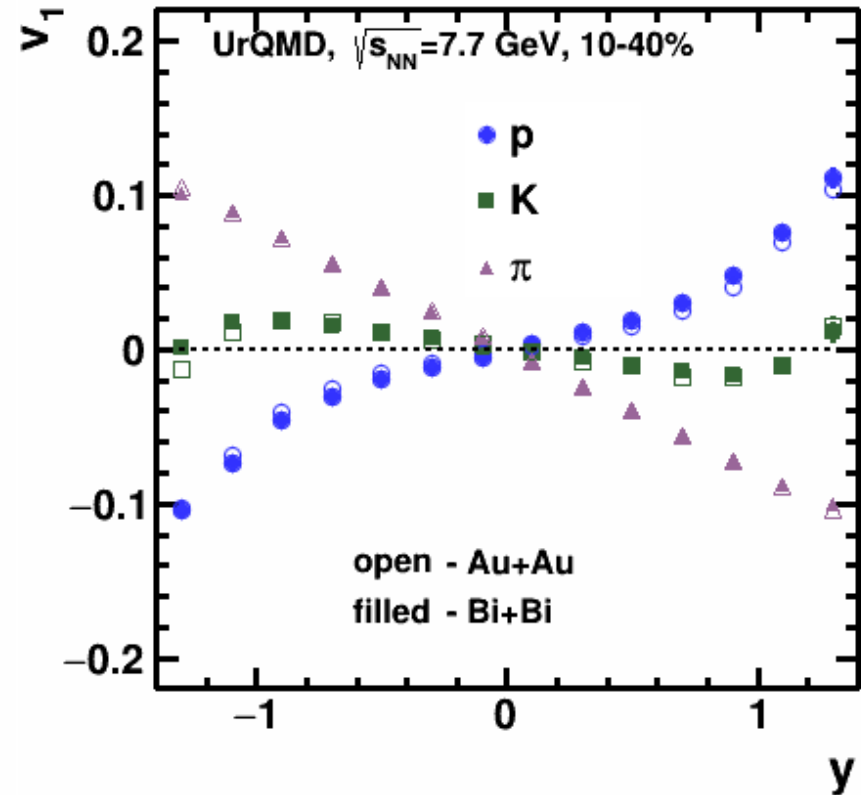
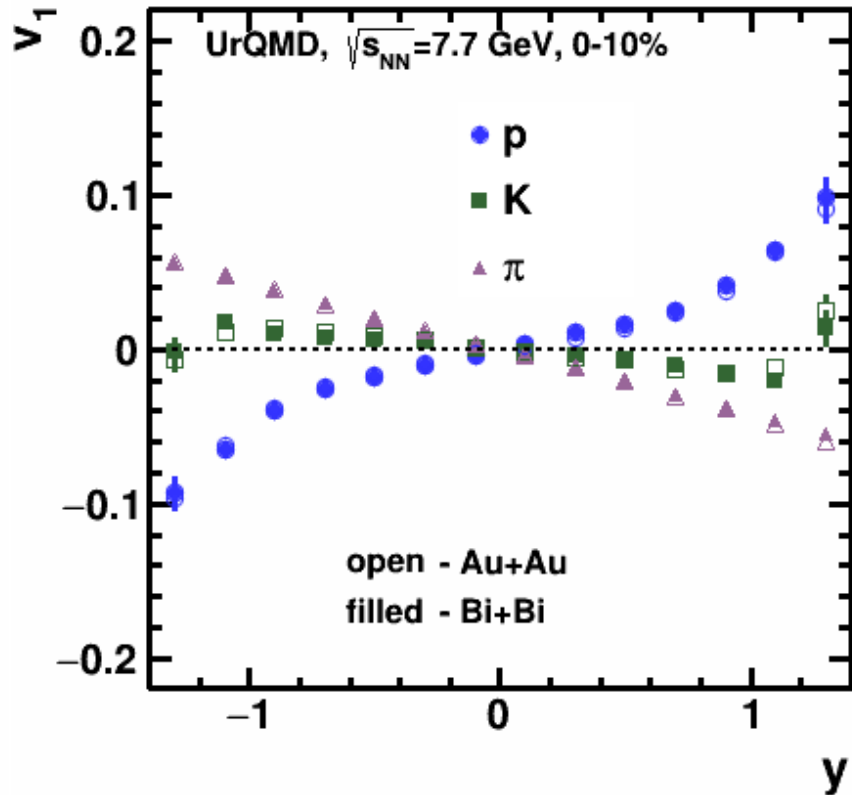
Experimental data points were taken from:
 Mohamed Abdallah et al. [STAR Collaboration]
 2108.00908 [nucl-ex]

Centrality dependence of v_2 {methods}



$$v_2\{4\} \approx v_2\{LYZ\}, v_2\{2\} \approx v_2\{SP\} \approx v_2\{\Psi_{2,TPC}\}$$

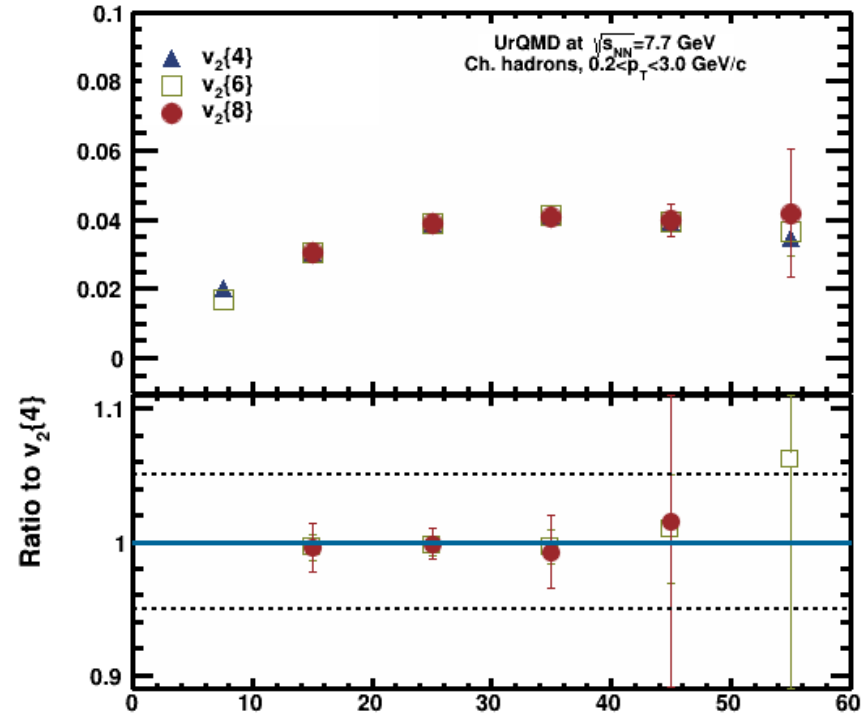
$v_1(y)$: Bi+Bi vs Au+Au



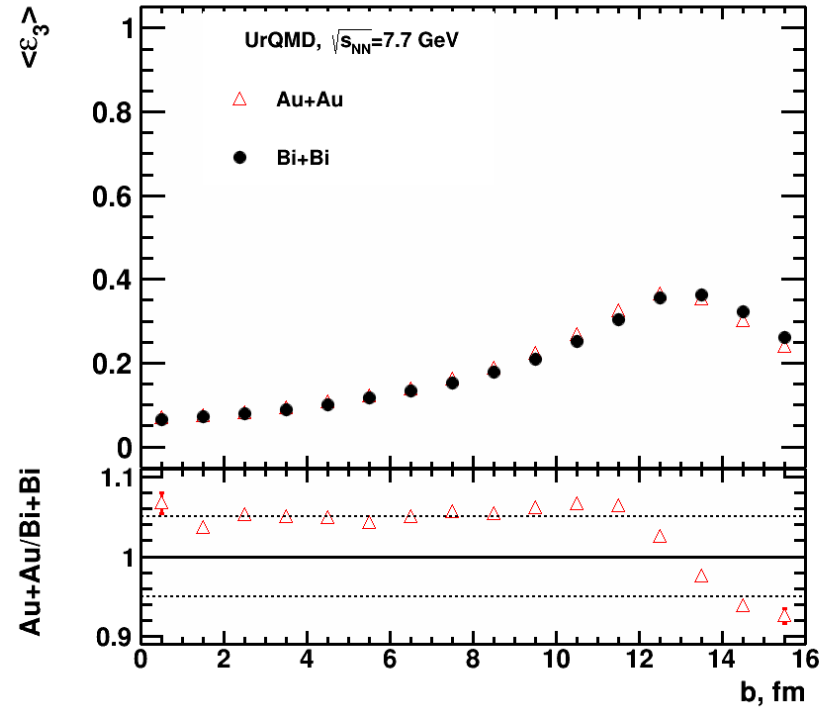
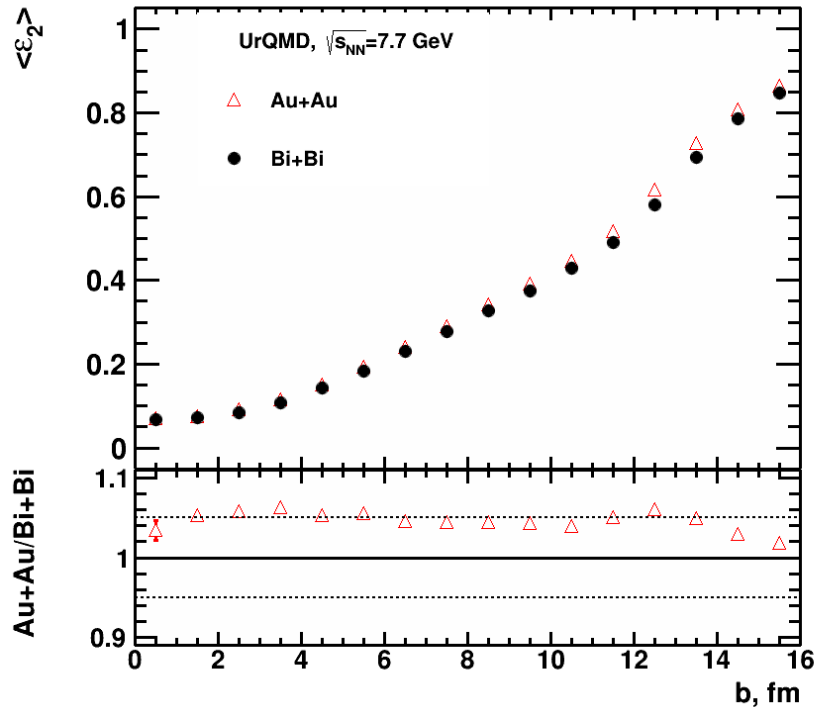
Expected small difference for $v_1(y)$ for particles produced in Au+Au and Bi+Bi collisions.

Description of high-order Q-Cumulants

- Higher order Q-Cumulants $v_2\{m\}$ ($m=6,8$):
- (A. Bilandzic et al., Phys. Rev. C **89** (2014), 064904)
 - ▶ number of terms in “standalone” analytical expressions increases quickly with order of correlators
 - ▶ using recursive algorithms: calculate analytically higher-order correlators in terms of lower ones



Eccentricity: Bi+Bi vs. Au+Au



UrQMD model predicts small difference between ε_n of Au+Au and Bi+Bi