

# Performance studies towards flow measurements in BM@N

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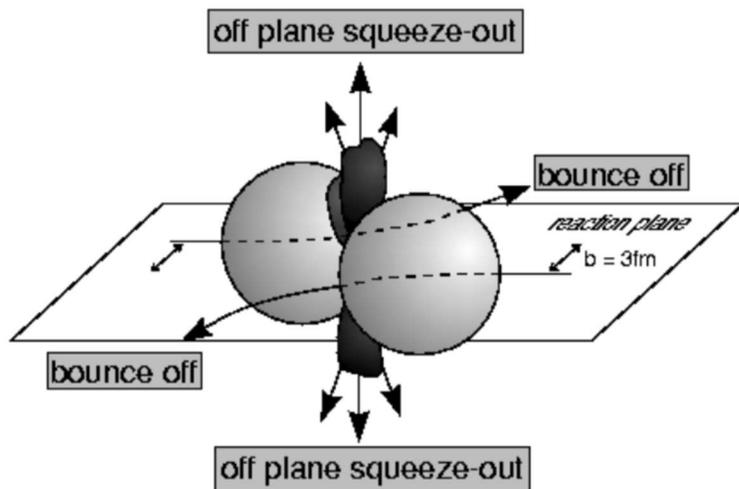
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# Anisotropic flow & spectators



The azimuthal angle distribution is decomposed in a Fourier series relative to reaction plane angle:

$$\rho(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) \right)$$

Anisotropic flow:

$$v_n = \langle \cos [n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

Anisotropic flow is sensitive to:

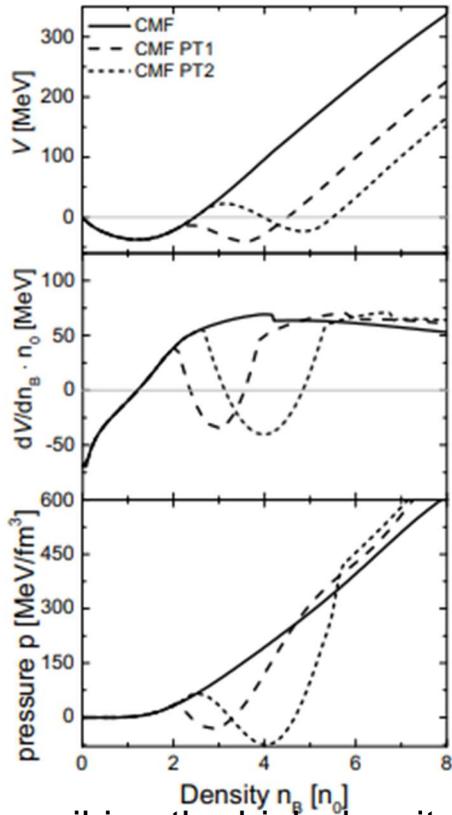
- Time of the interaction between overlap region and spectators
- Compressibility of the created matter

# $v_n$ as a function of collision energy

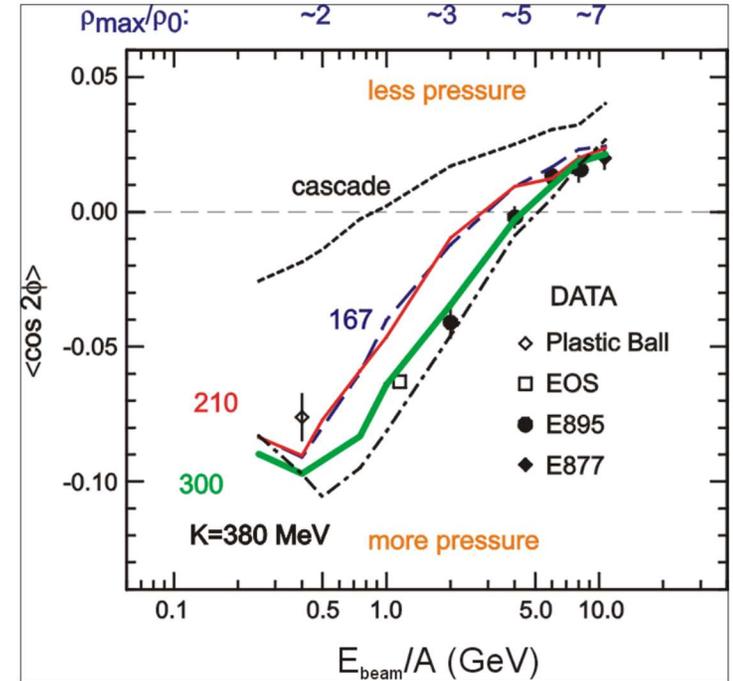
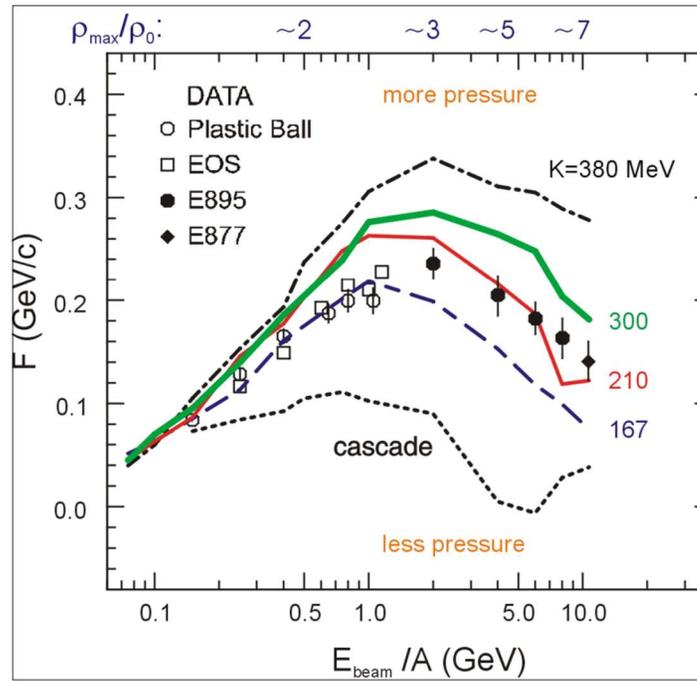
P. DANIELEWICZ, R. LACEY, W. LYNCH  
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$v_1$  suggests softer EOS

$v_2$  suggests harder EOS



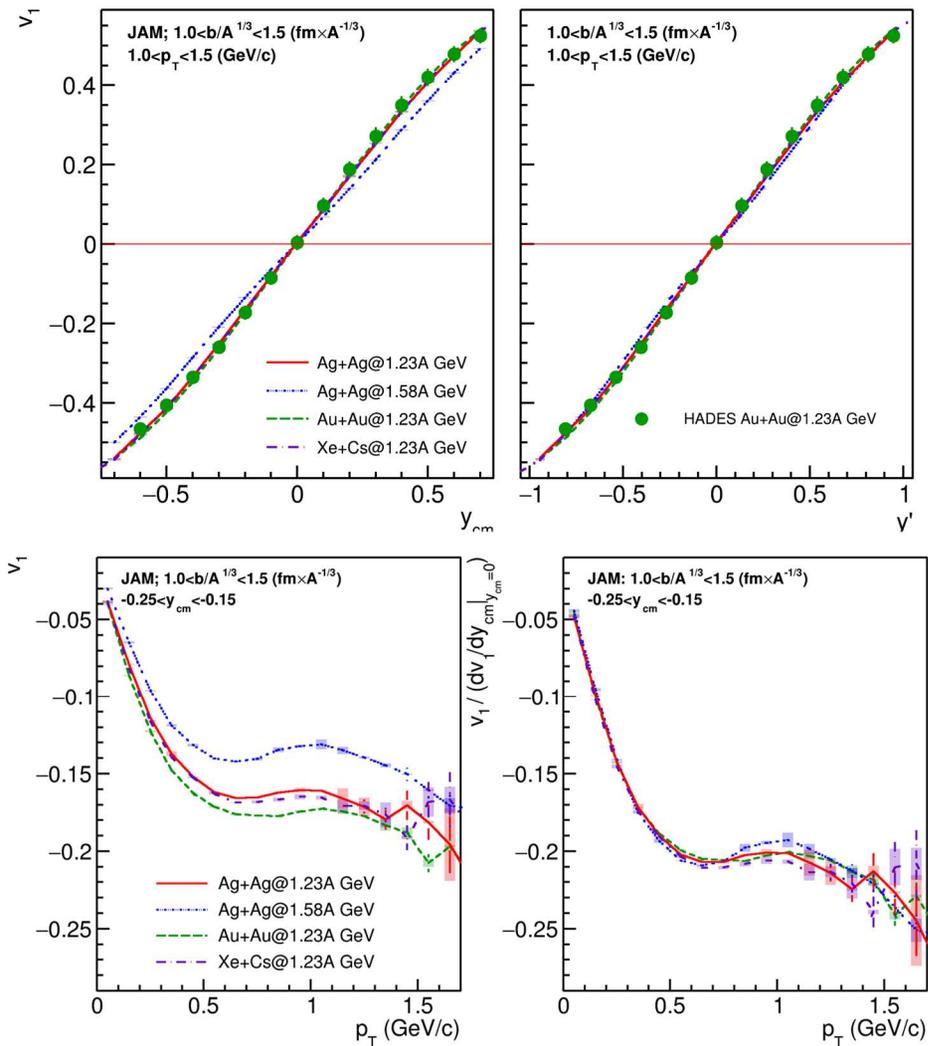
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Describing the high-density matter using the mean field  
 Flow measurements constrain the mean field

Discrepancy is probably due to non-flow correlations

# HADES: $dv_1/dy$ scaling with collision energy and system size

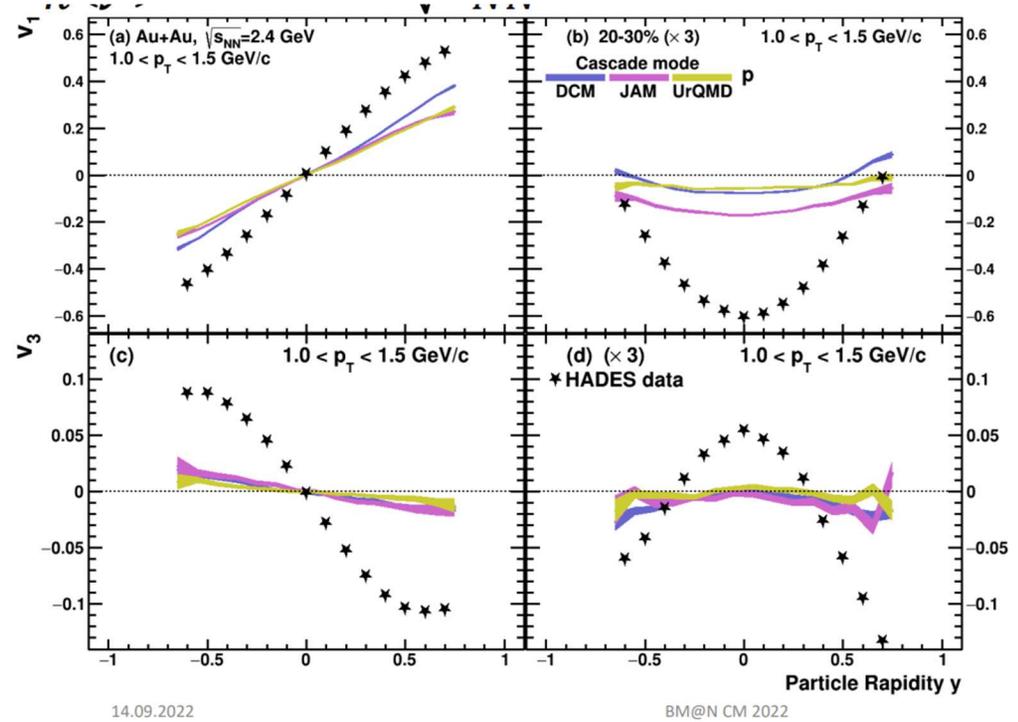


- Scaling with collision energy is observed in model and experimental data
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- We can compare the results with HIC-data from other experiments (e.g. STAR-FXT Au+Au)

# Simulation datasample

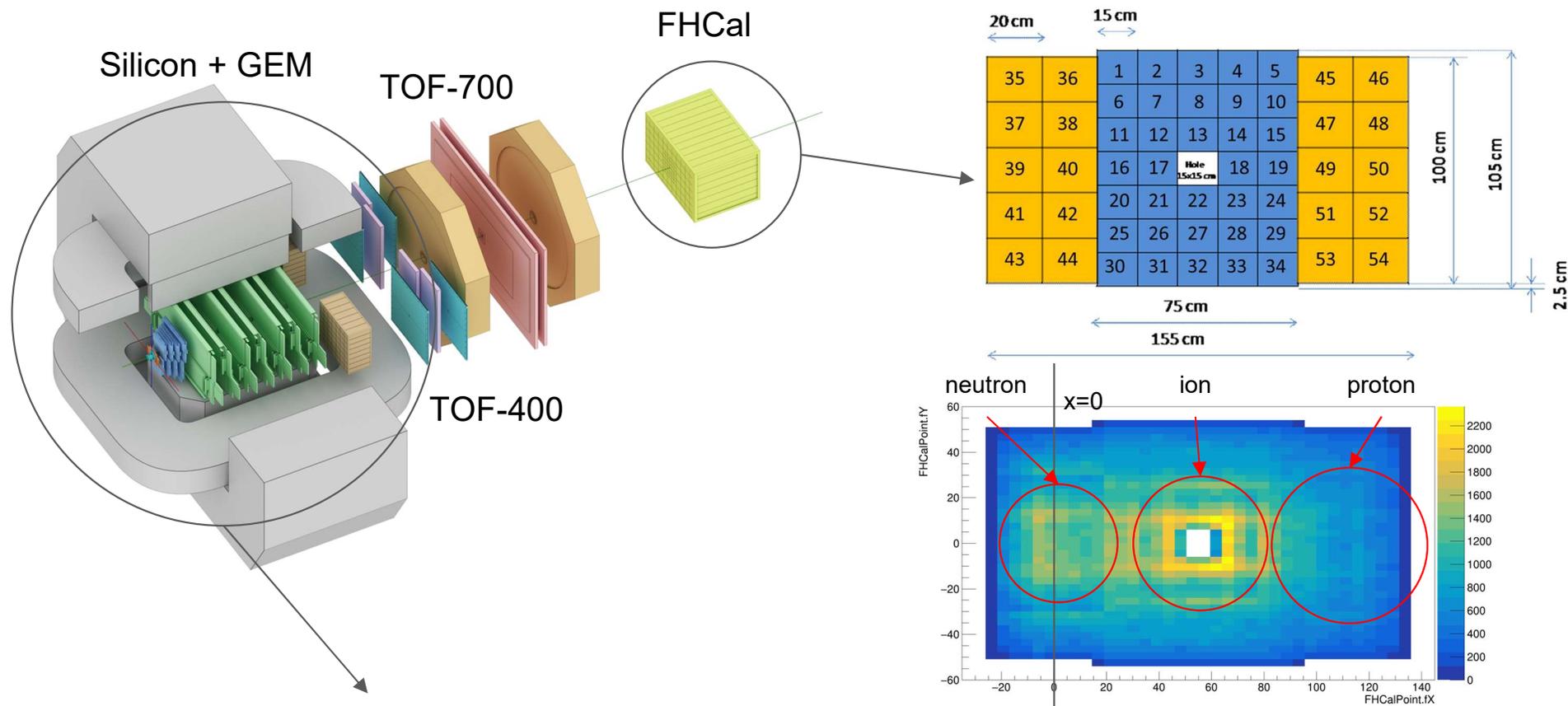
- Xe+Cs nuclei collisions
- DCMQGSM-SMM model (realistic yields of spectator fragments), describes flow poorly
- JAM model (realistic flow signal)
- Geant4 transport code (important for simulation of hadronic showers in the forward calorimeter)

See talk of P.Parfenov



	2A GeV	3A GeV	4A GeV
DCMQGSM-SMM	6M	6M	2M
JAM MD2	3M	3M	5M

# The BM@N experiment (GEANT4 simulation for RUN8)



L1 tracking was used together with true-MC PID

Symmetry plane estimation with the azimuthal asymmetry of projectile spector energy

# Flow vectors

From momentum of each measured particle define a  $u_n$ -vector in transverse plane:

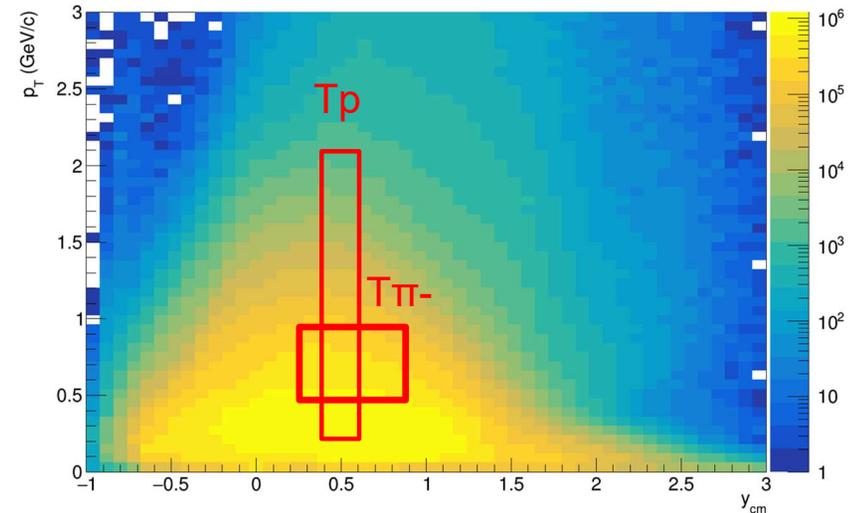
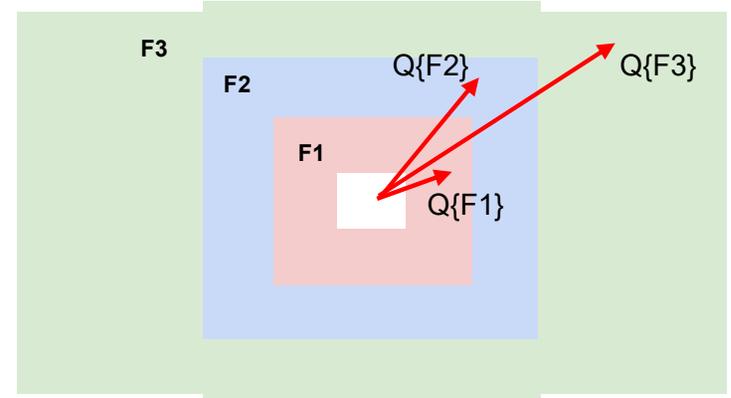
$$u_n = e^{in\phi}$$

where  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle

Sum over a group of  $u_n$ -vectors in one event forms  $Q_n$ -vector:

$$Q_n = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N w_n^k u_n^k}{\sum_{k=1}^N w_n^k} = |Q_n| e^{in\Psi_n^{EP}}$$

$\Psi_n^{EP}$  is the event plane angle



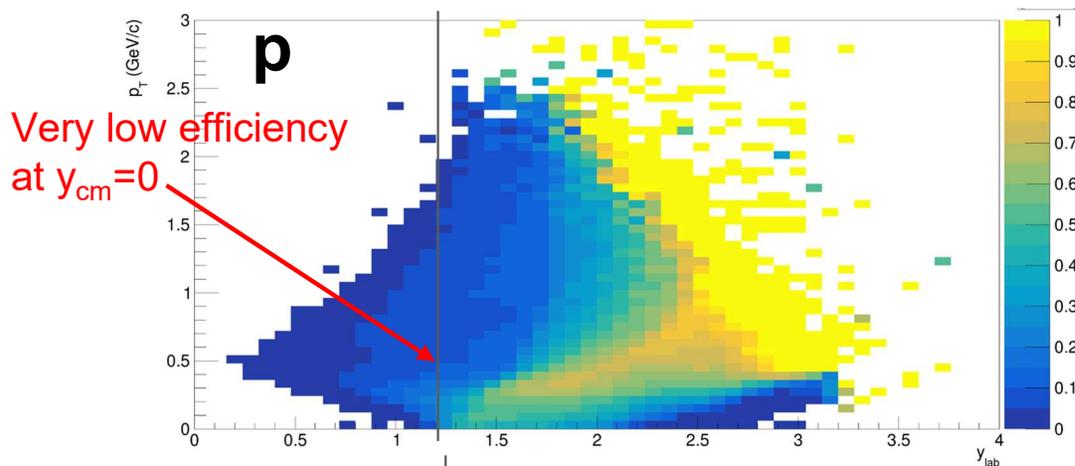
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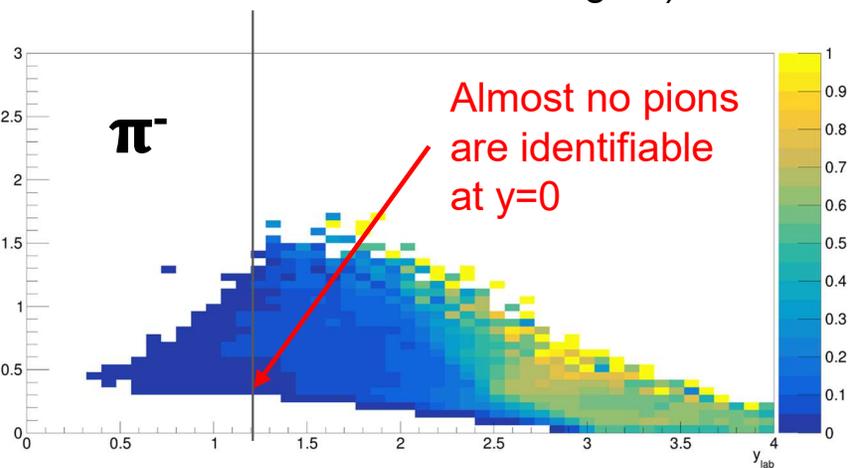
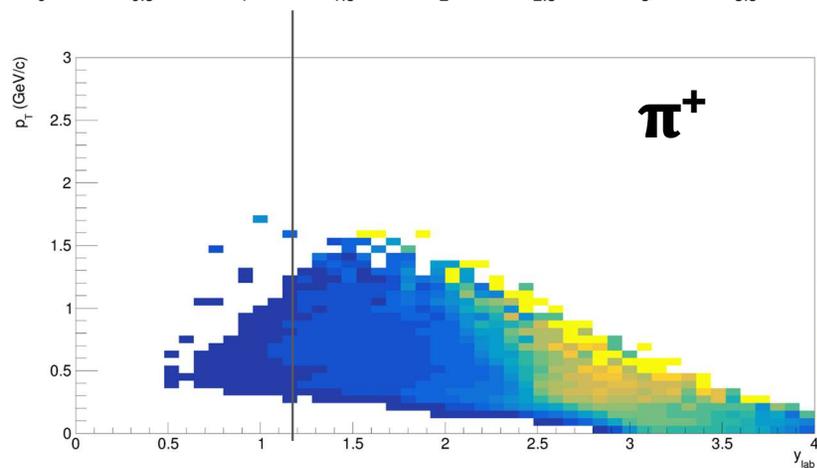
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# Tracking efficiency (matched to TOF-400 or TOF-700)



- Measuring flow at midrapidity is crucial to compare with data from other experiment
- We observe very low efficiency at midrapidity due to very narrow TOF acceptance
- Optimization of TOF detectors position is required (maybe move TOF-700 closer to target?)



Even worse for TOF-matched tracks

# Flow methods for $v_n$ calculation

Tested in HADES: M Mamaev et al 2020 PPNuclei 53, 277–281  
 M Mamaev et al 2020 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 1690 012122

Scalar product (SP) method:

$$v_1 = \frac{\langle u_1 Q_1^{F1} \rangle}{R_1^{F1}} \quad v_2 = \frac{\langle u_2 Q_1^{F1} Q_1^{F3} \rangle}{R_1^{F1} R_1^{F3}}$$

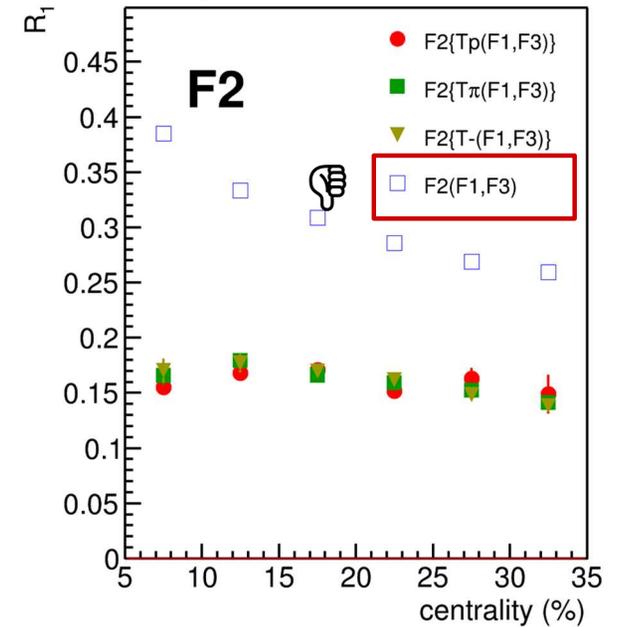
Where  $R_1$  is the resolution correction factor

$$R_1^{F1} = \langle \cos(\Psi_1^{F1} - \Psi_1^{RP}) \rangle$$

Symbol “F2(F1,F3)” means  $R_1$  calculated via (3S resolution):

$$R_1^{F2(F1,F3)} = \frac{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F2} Q_1^{F1} \rangle \langle Q_1^{F2} Q_1^{F3} \rangle}}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F1} Q_1^{F3} \rangle}}$$

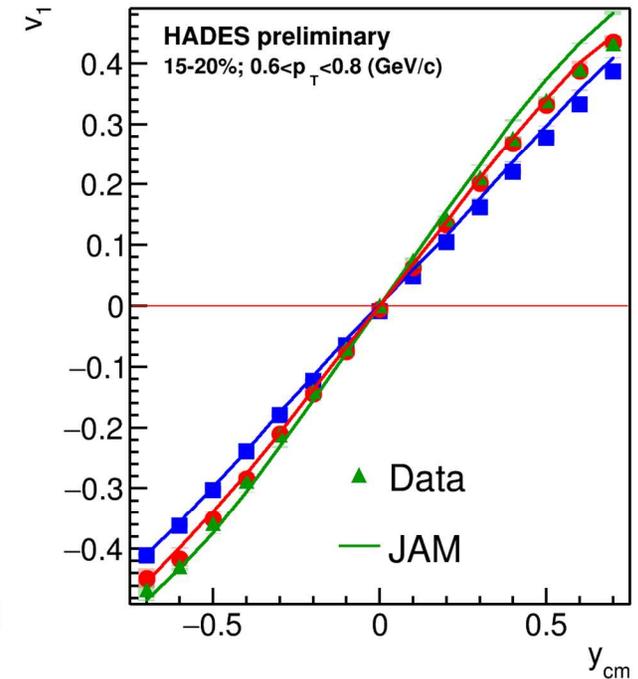
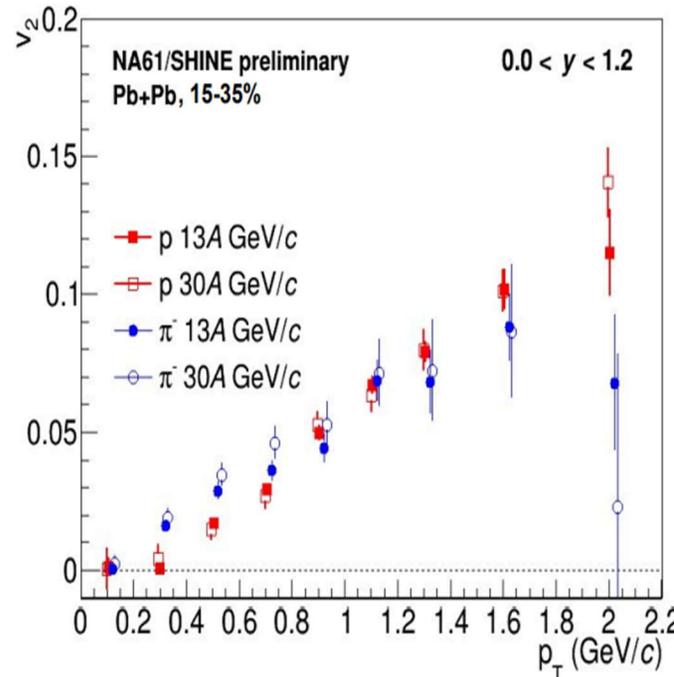
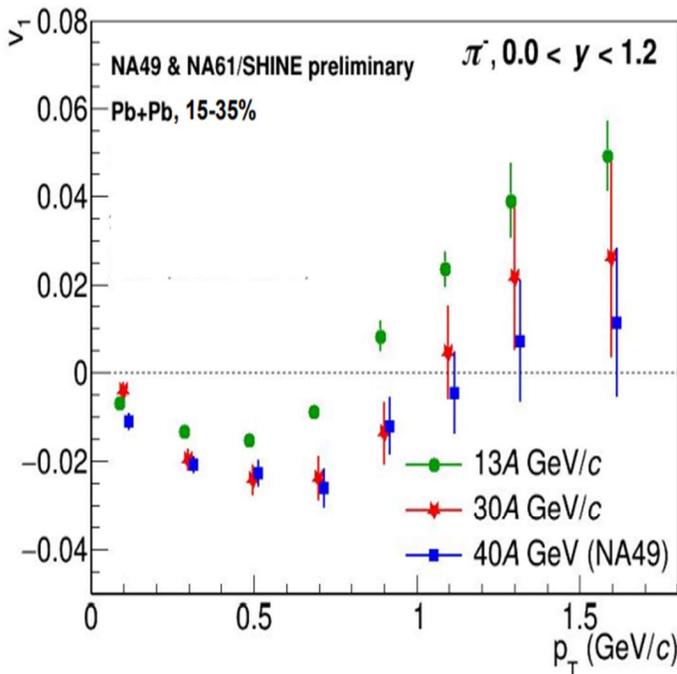
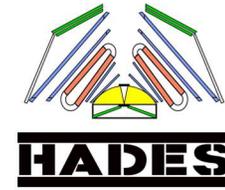
Method helps to eliminate non-flow  
 Using 2-subevents doesn't



Symbol “F2{Tp}(F1,F3)” means  $R_1$  calculated via (4S resolution):

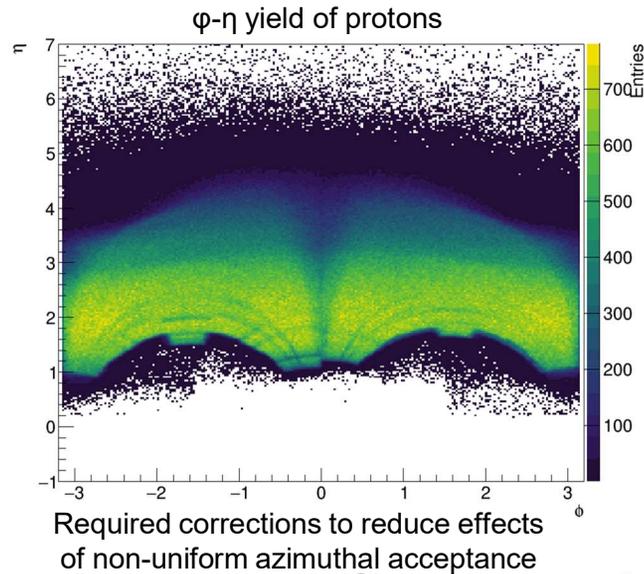
$$R_1^{F2\{Tp\}(F1,F3)} = \langle Q_1^{F2} Q_1^{Tp} \rangle \frac{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{F1} Q_1^{F3} \rangle}}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^{Tp} Q_1^{F1} \rangle \langle Q_1^{Tp} Q_1^{F3} \rangle}}$$

# QnTools framework

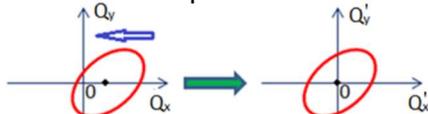


- All the methods used for performance study were carried out using QnTools framework: <https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/QnTools> (well documented and well-tested)
- Methods for flow measurements in fixed-target experiments were tested on experimental data from NA61/SHINE, HADES and ALICE
- Tested and implemented in MPD root

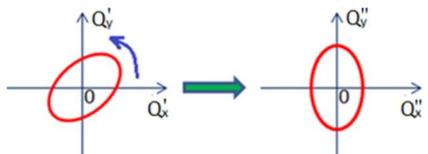
# Azimuthal asymmetry of the BM@N acceptance



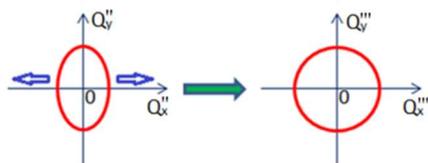
1. Recentering



2. Twist

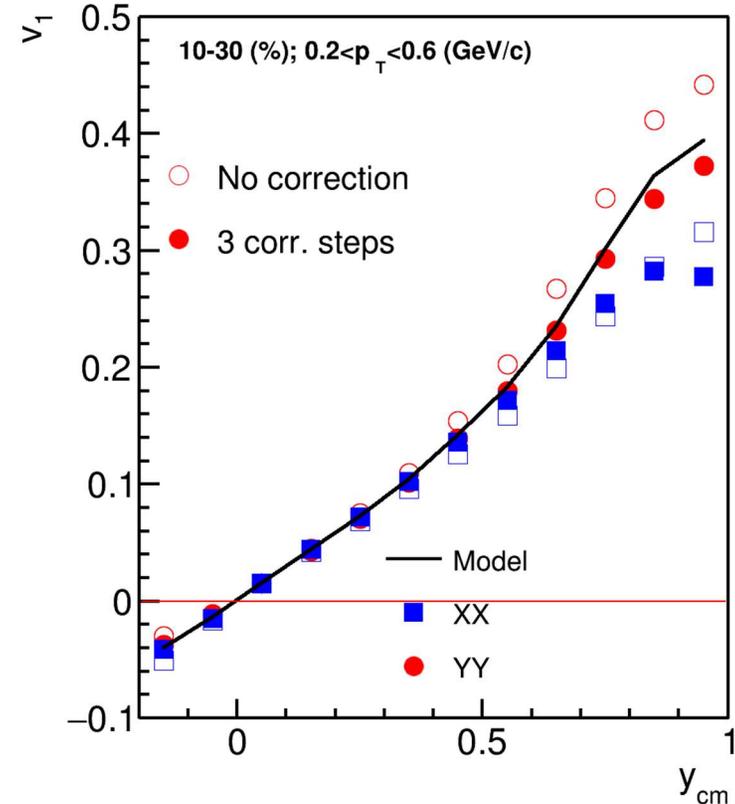


3. Rescaling



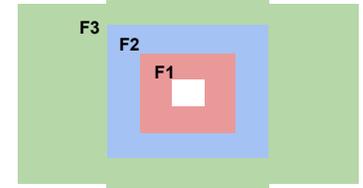
Corrections are based on method in:

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



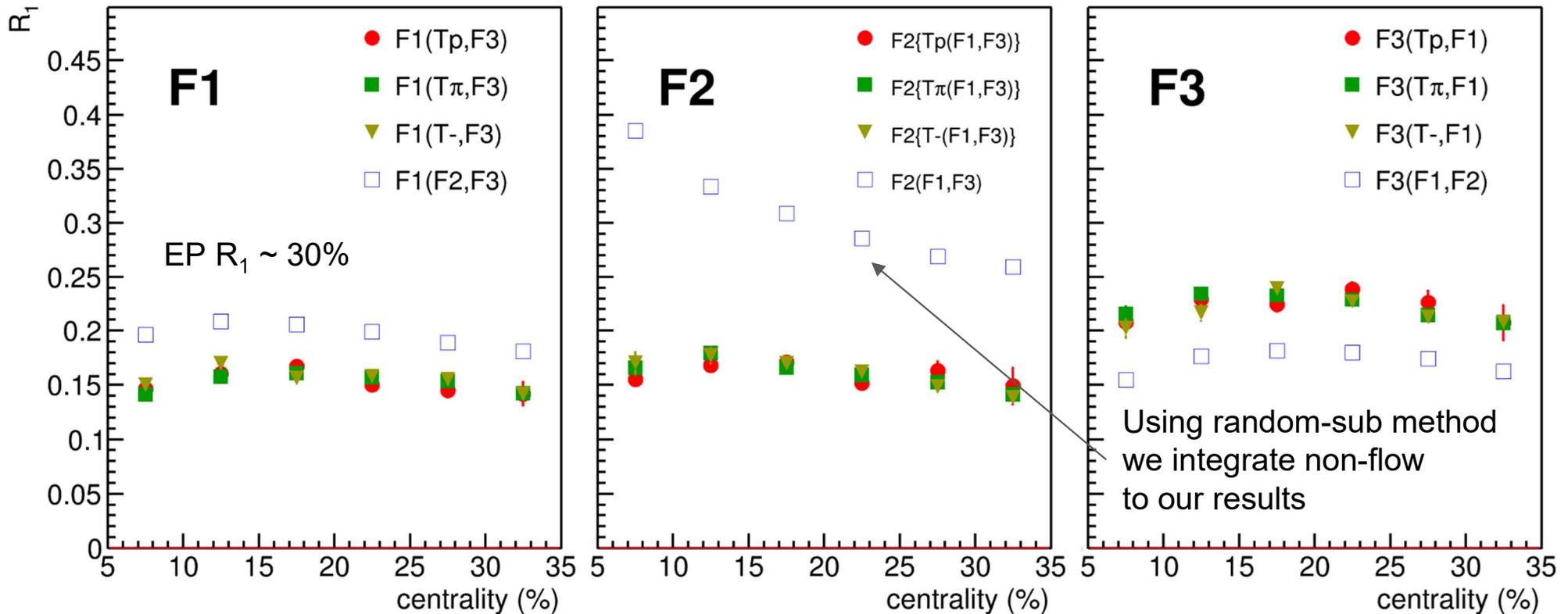
- Better agreement after rescaling for YY
- XX component has too large bias (due to magnetic field)

# SP R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs@4A GeV



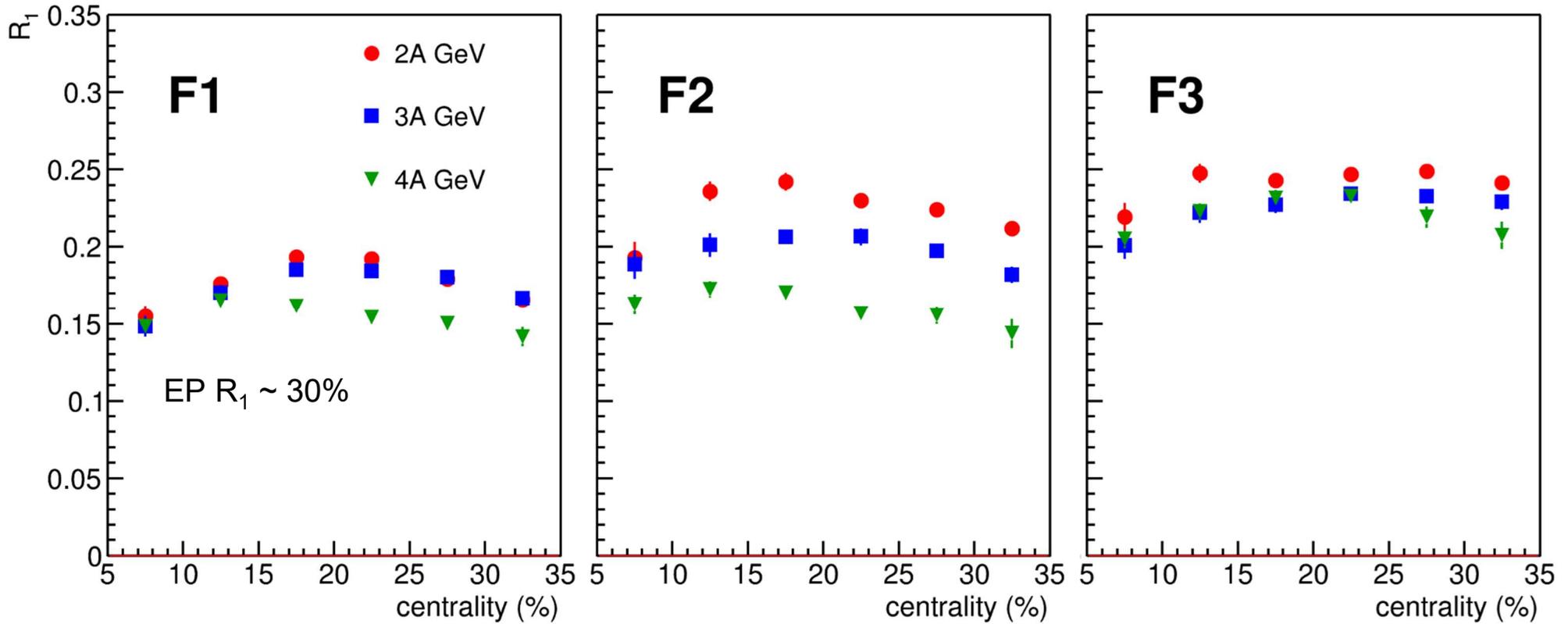
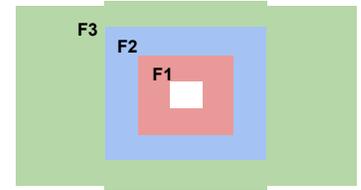
SP gives unbiased estimation of  $v_n$  (root-mean-square)

EP gives biased estimation (somewhere between mean and RMS)



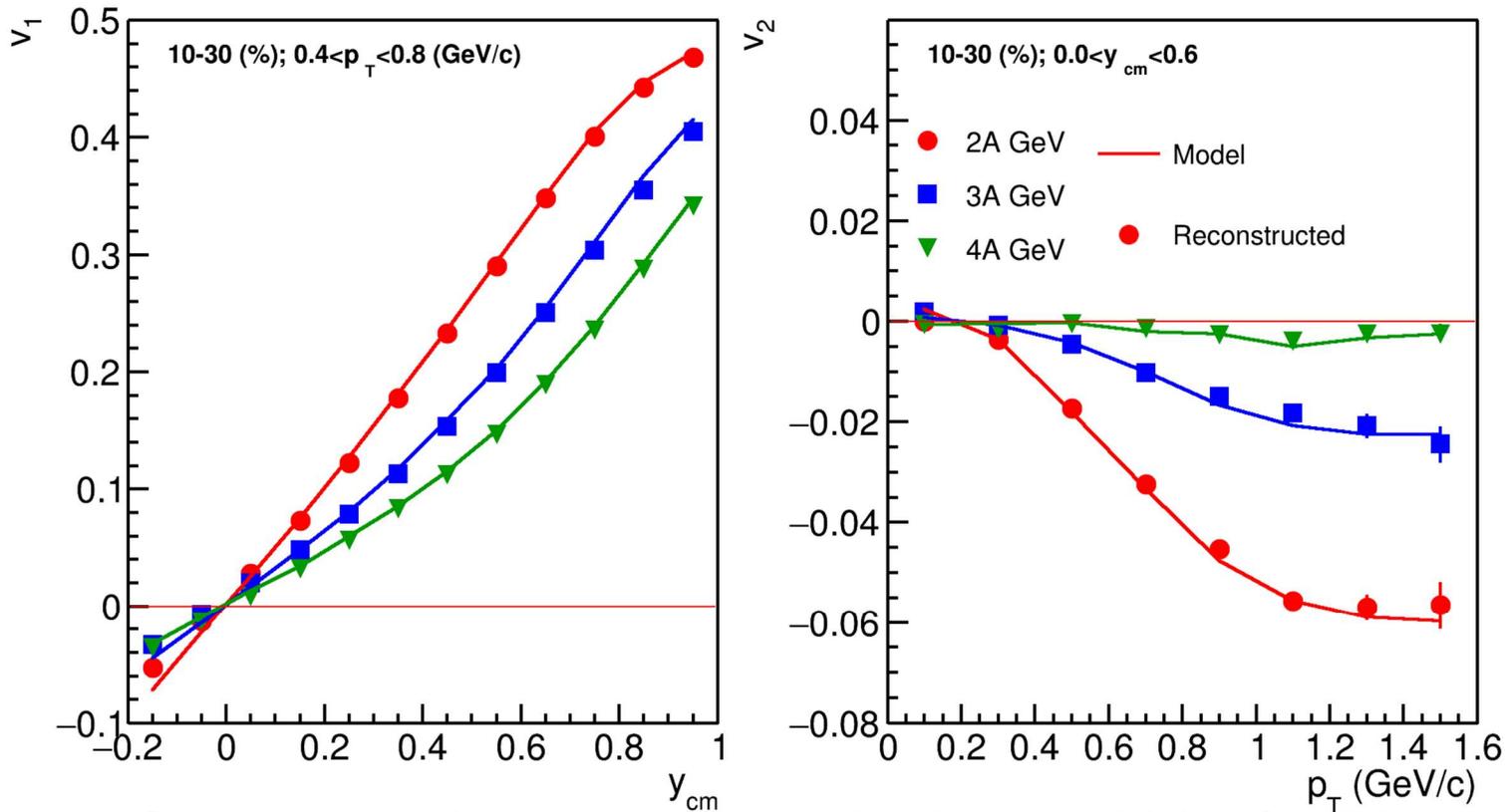
Using the additional sub-events from tracking provides a robust combination to calculate resolution <sup>12</sup>

# Rec R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs



Resolution is lower for higher energies due to lower  $v_1$

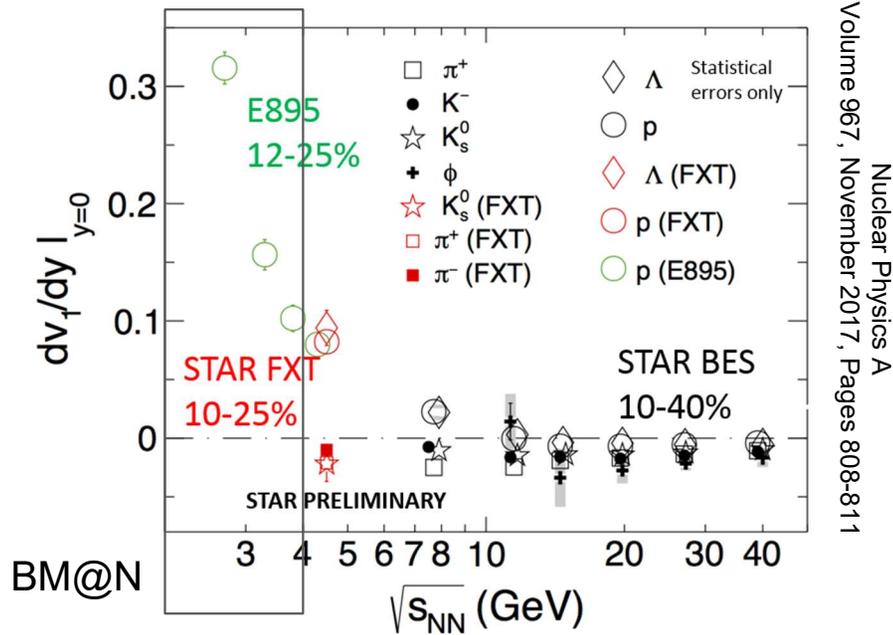
# Directed and elliptic flow in Xe+Cs (JAM)



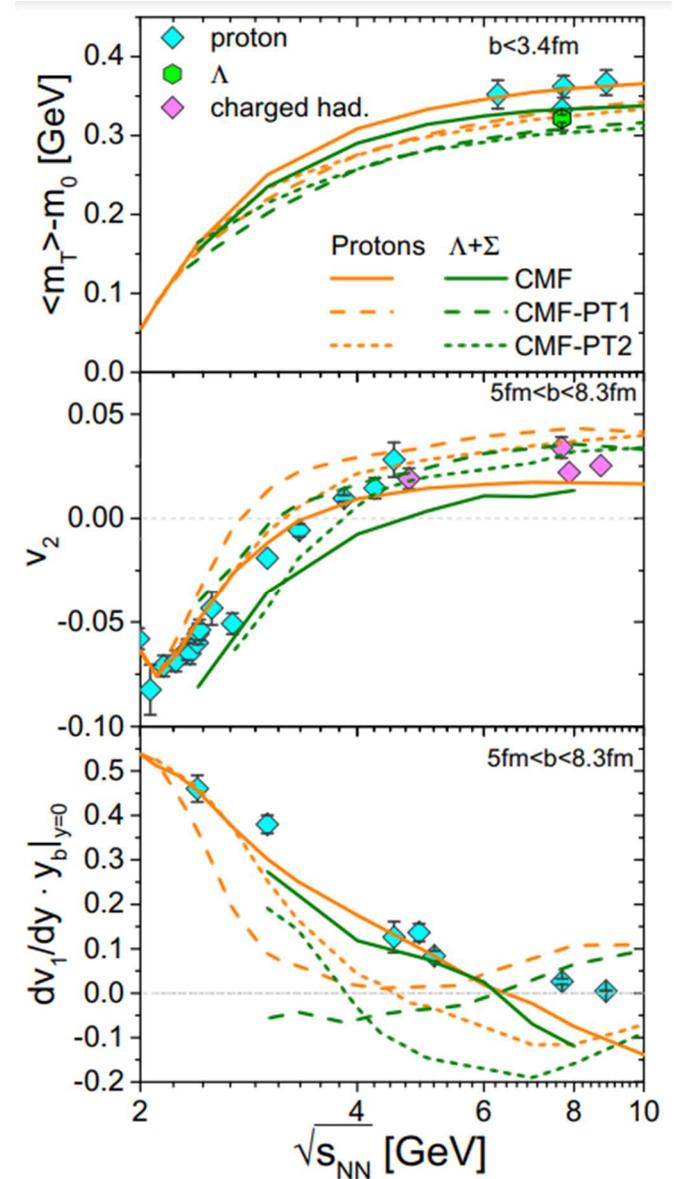
- Good agreement between reconstructed and pure model data for all three energies
- The results were shown on AYSS2022, ICPA2022 and NICA2022 (proceedings are in publication)

- Optimization of TOF acceptance is required to perform identified hadron flow measurements
- Azimuthal non-uniformity of detector needs to be investigated to use XX component of correlation

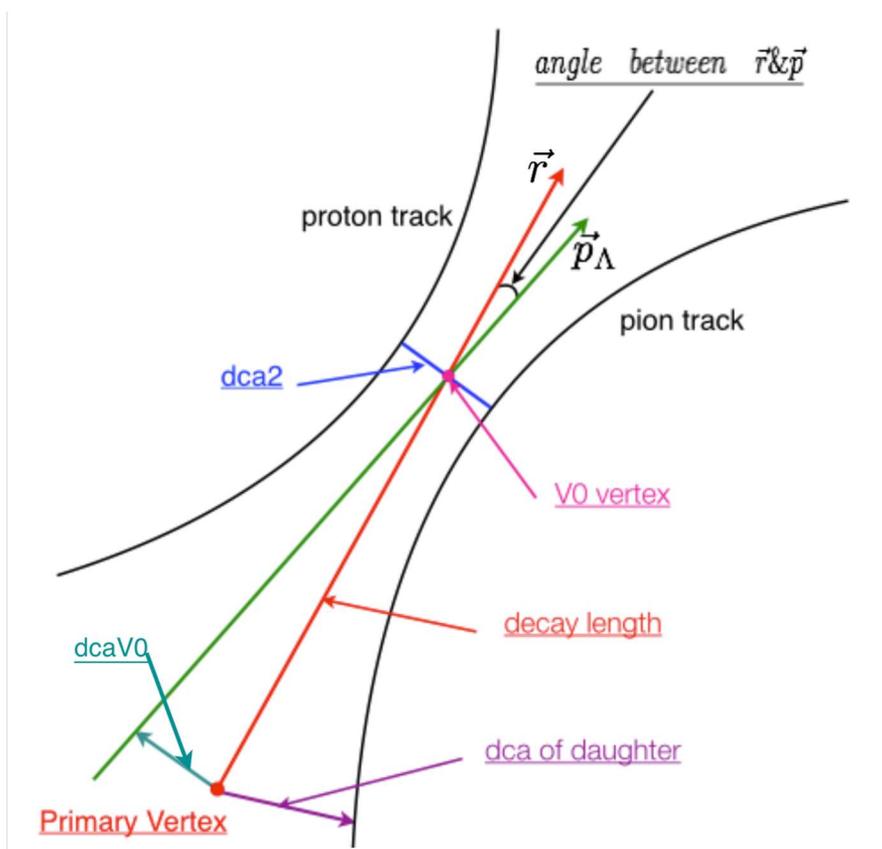
# Motivation to study the flow of $\Lambda$



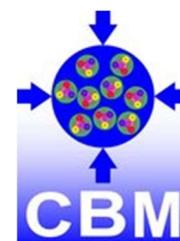
- Flow of  $\Lambda$ -hyperons is a sensitive probe of the hyperon-nuclei interactions
- Flow of  $\Lambda$ -hyperons is sensitive to the EOS of dense matter



# Lambda candidates reconstruction

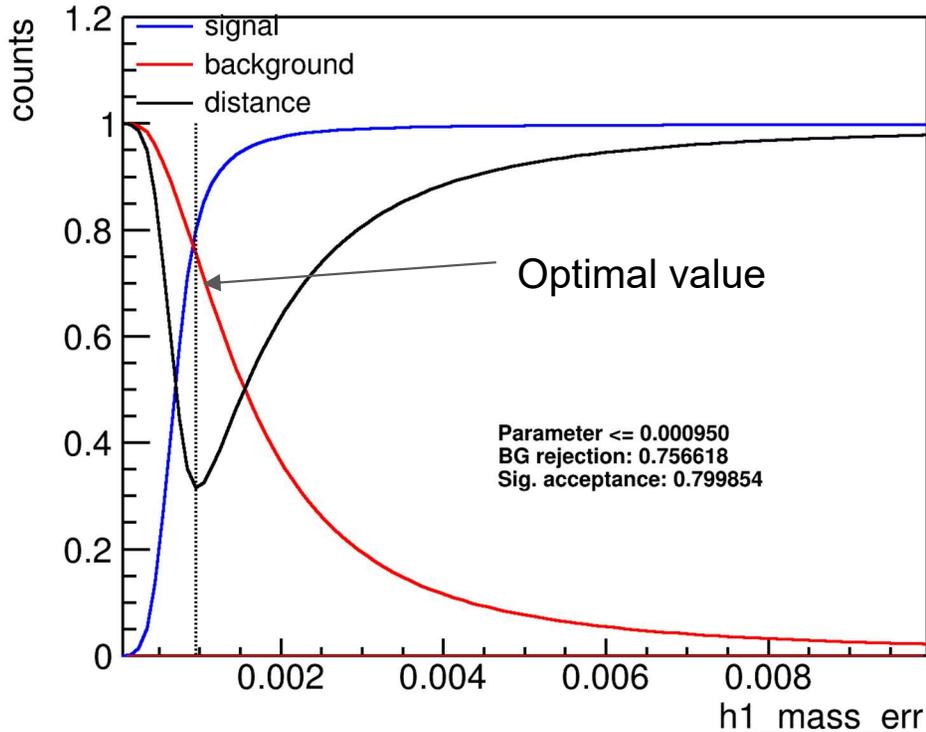


- DCMQGSM-SMM Xe+Cs@3.0AGeV
- KFParticle framework: well tested and well documented. Used in:



- Link to the framework:  
<https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/PFSimple>
- Link to the interface for BM@N data:  
[https://github.com/mam-mih-val/bmn\\_particle\\_finder](https://github.com/mam-mih-val/bmn_particle_finder)

# Lambda candidates selection criteria optimization



Cuts:

- Decay length  $L > 2.25$
- Reverse relative error  $L/dL > 6.25$
- $X_{GEO} > 40$
- $DCA > 0.728$
- $X_{prim}\{p\} > 50$
- $\cos(p_p p_\Lambda) > 0.99$
- $X_{prim}\{pi\} > 535$
- $X_{TOPO} < 51$
- $Err\{m2\} < 0.001$

Signal is  
signal acceptance ratio (SA):

$$SA(x) = \int_x^\infty \frac{dN^{sig}}{dt} dt$$

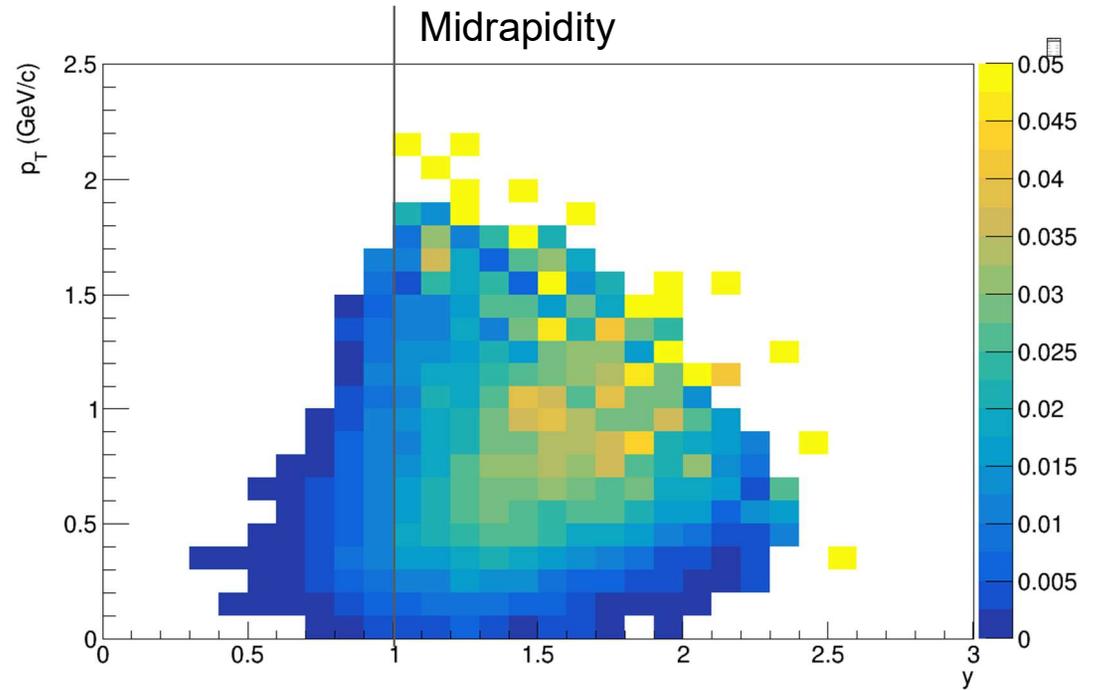
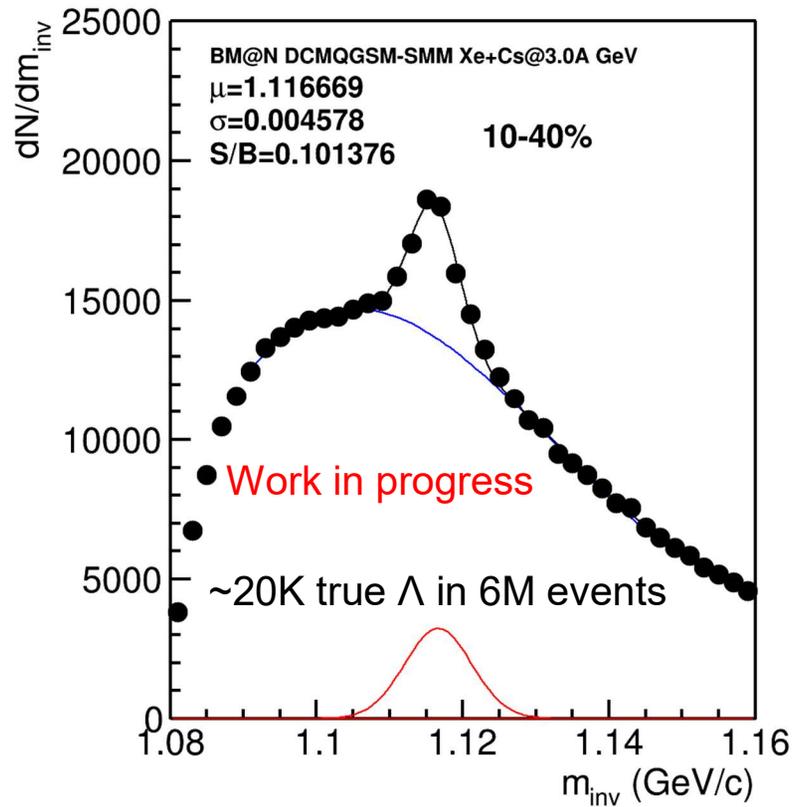
Background  
is background rejection ratio (BR):

$$BR(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{dN^{bg}}{dt} dt$$

Distance is (optimization function)  
in the phase space from (1, 1):

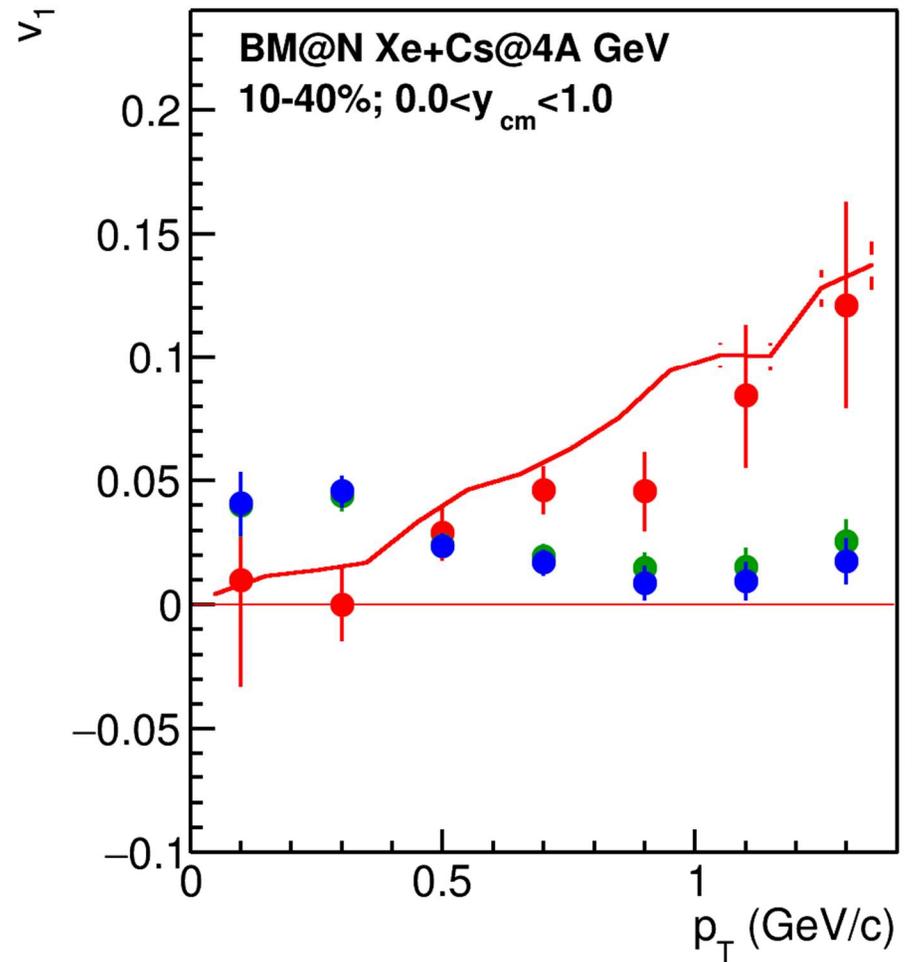
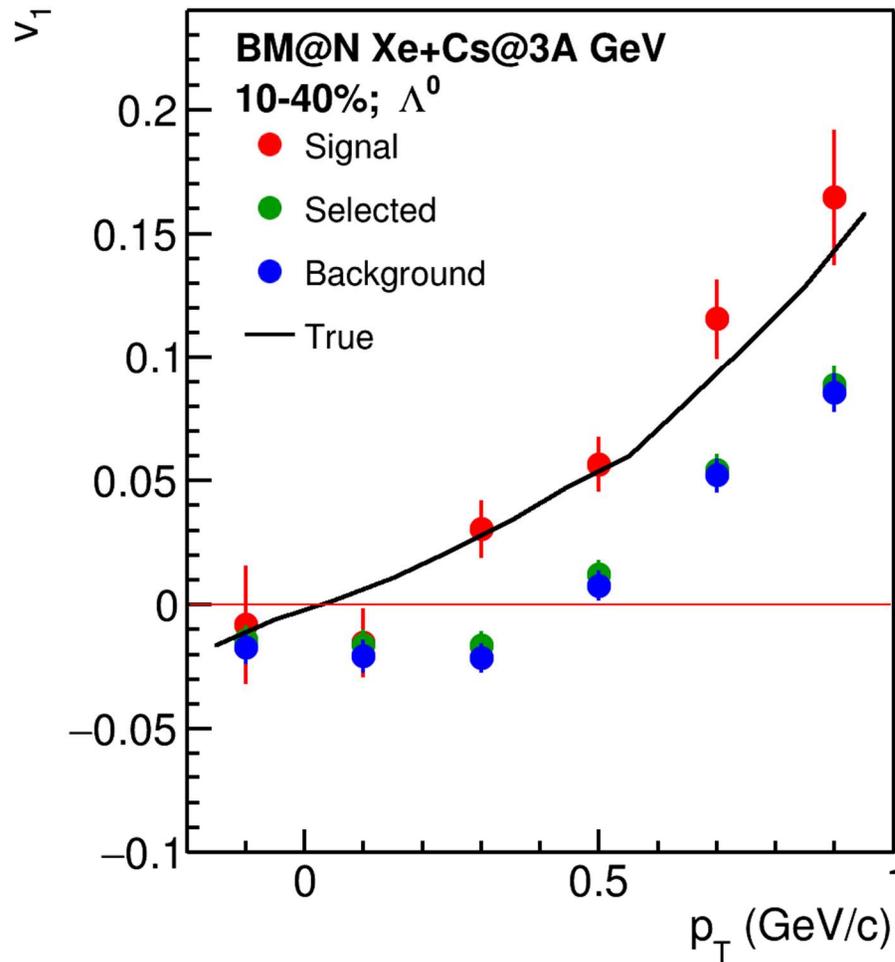
$$D(x) = \sqrt{(SA(x) - 1)^2 + (BR(x) - 1)^2}$$

# Lambda candidates invariant mass and efficiency



It is possible to achieve S/B~0.7, but it significantly reduces amount of statistics

# $v_1$ of lambda hyperons

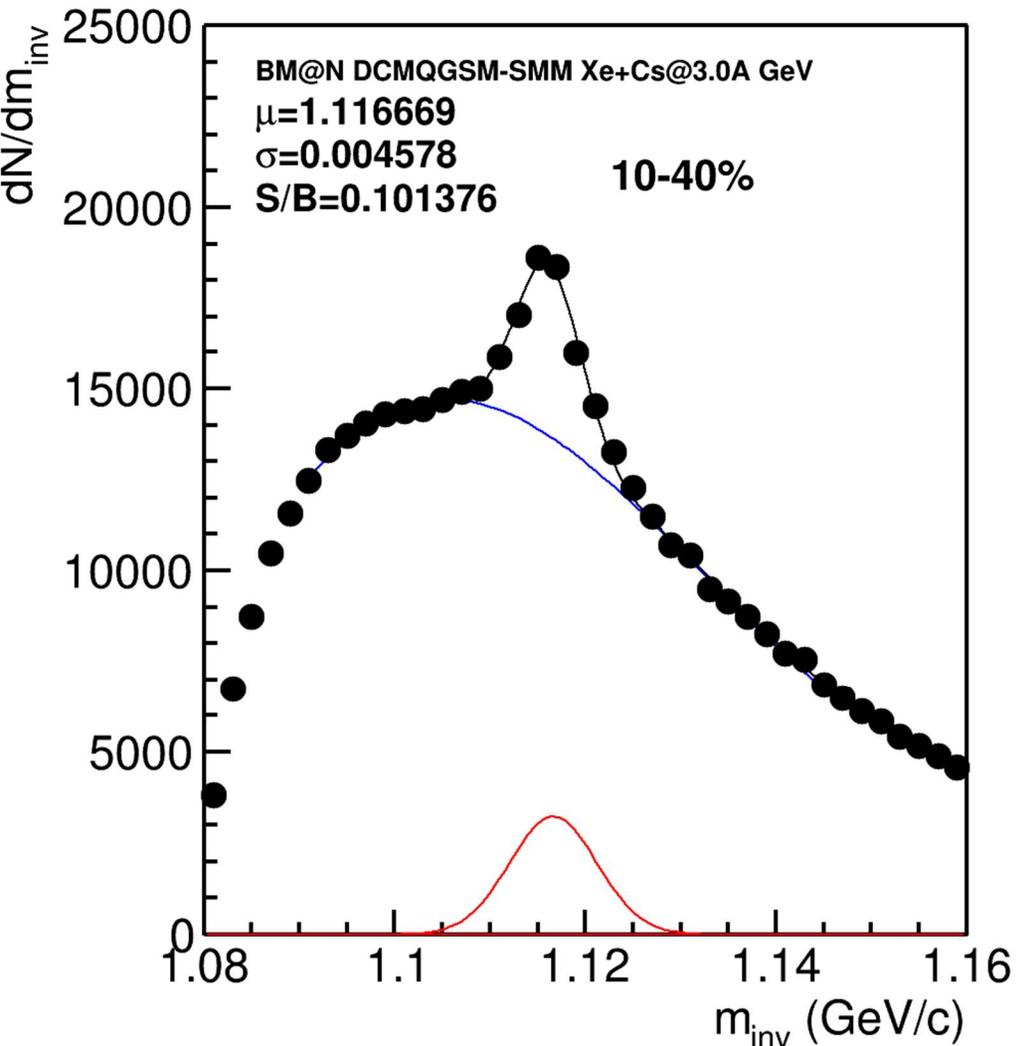


Flow of signal is in a good agreement with model

# Summary

- Resolution correction factor is calculated for DCMQGSM-SMM Xe+Cs collisions at beam energies of 4A, 3A and 1.5A GeV:
  - Using only FHCAL sub-events for resolution calculation gives biased estimation due to transverse hadronic showers propagation
  - Using additional sub-events from tracking provides with a robust estimation
- Good agreement between model and reconstructed data is observed for  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  at 2A, 3A and 4A GeV
- Results on the feasibility study towards proton  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  were presented on AYSS2022, ICPPA2022 and NICA2022
- Lambda candidates were reconstructed for DCMQGSM-SMM Xe+Cs@3A GeV collisions with KFPARTICLE
- $v_1$  was measured for lambda candidates
- Further fine-tuning is required for background suppression to separate flow of background and signal

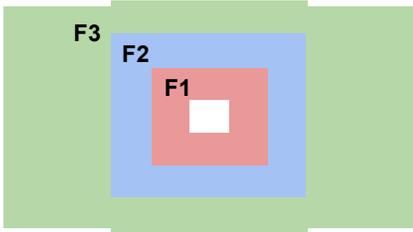
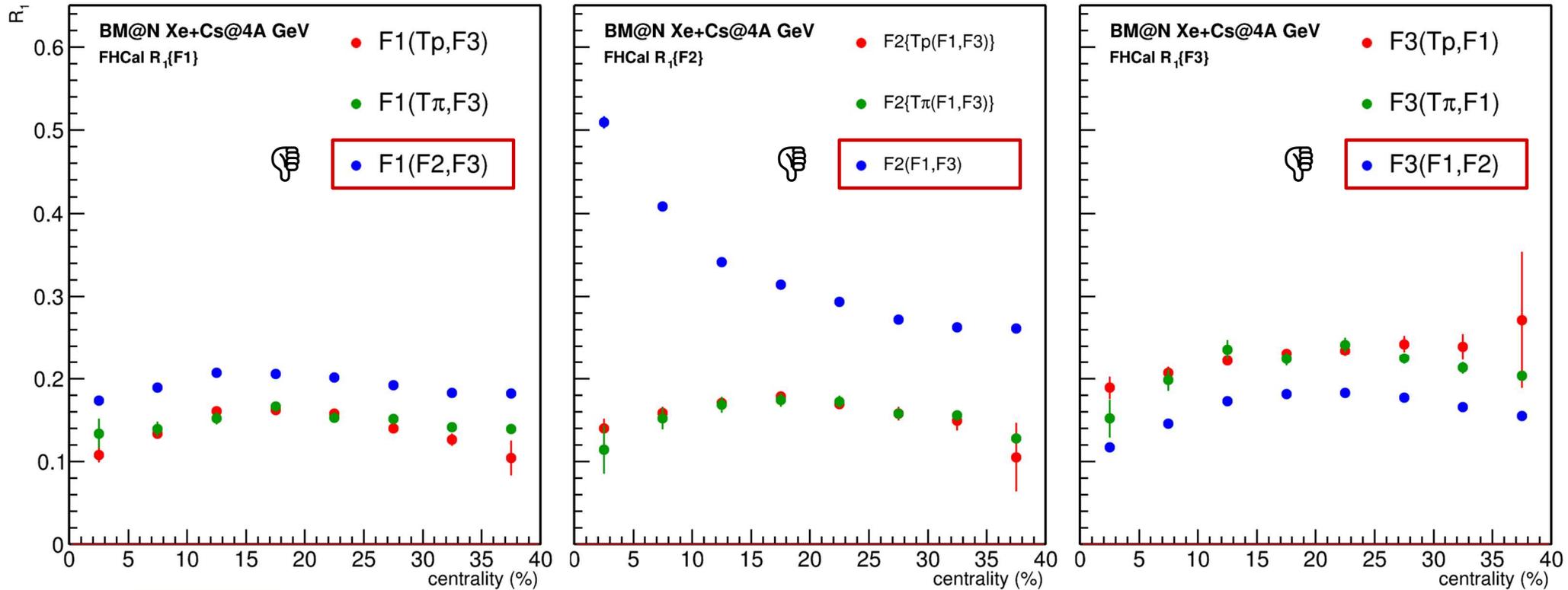
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- Improving S/B ratio as well as saving as much signal as possible
- Fitting the  $v_1(m_{inv})$  bin-by-bin to separate signal and background flow

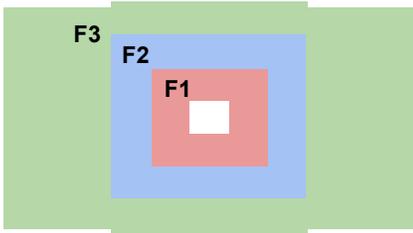
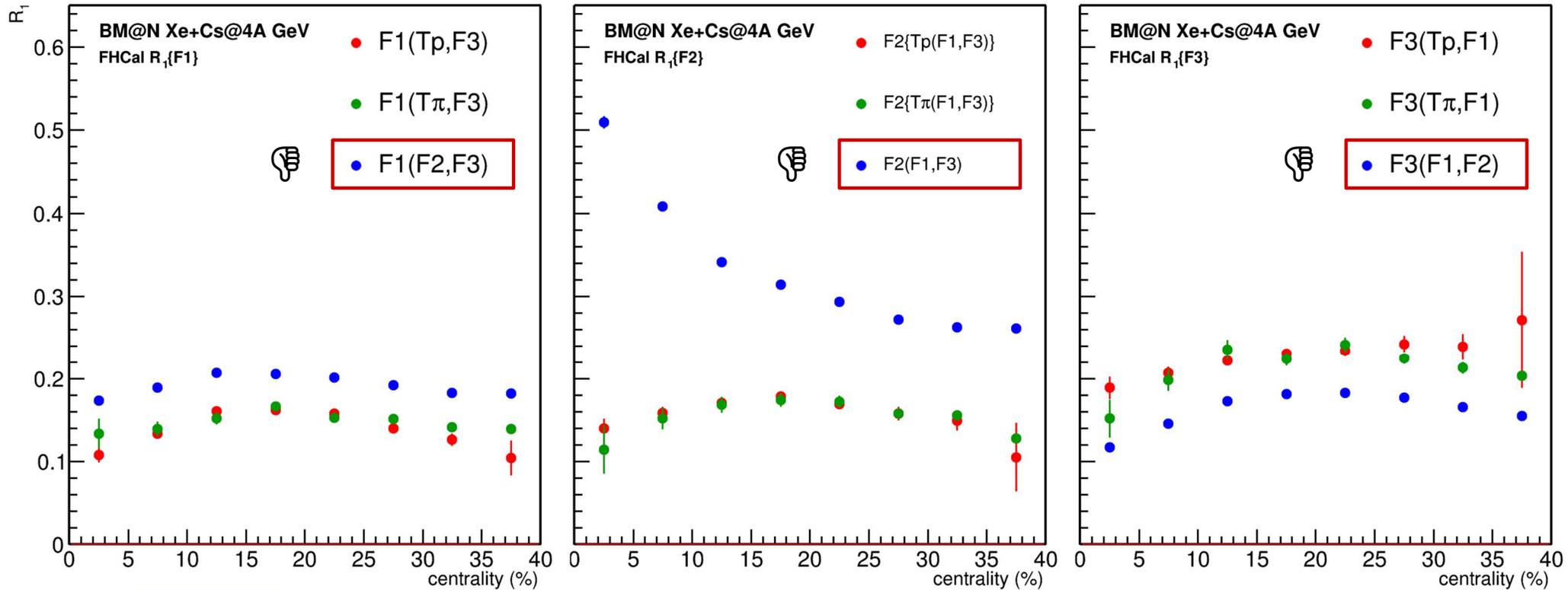
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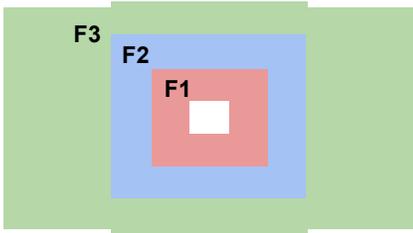
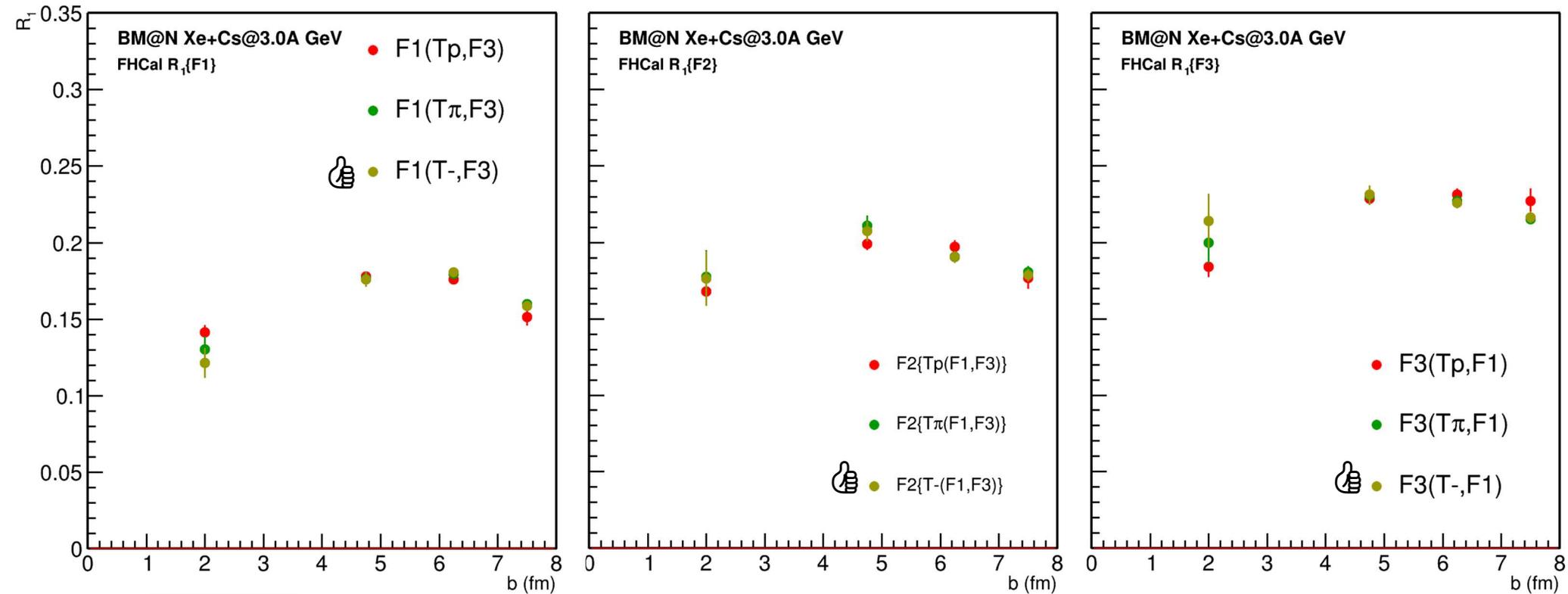
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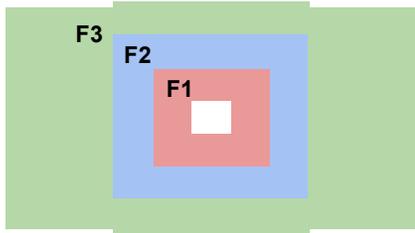
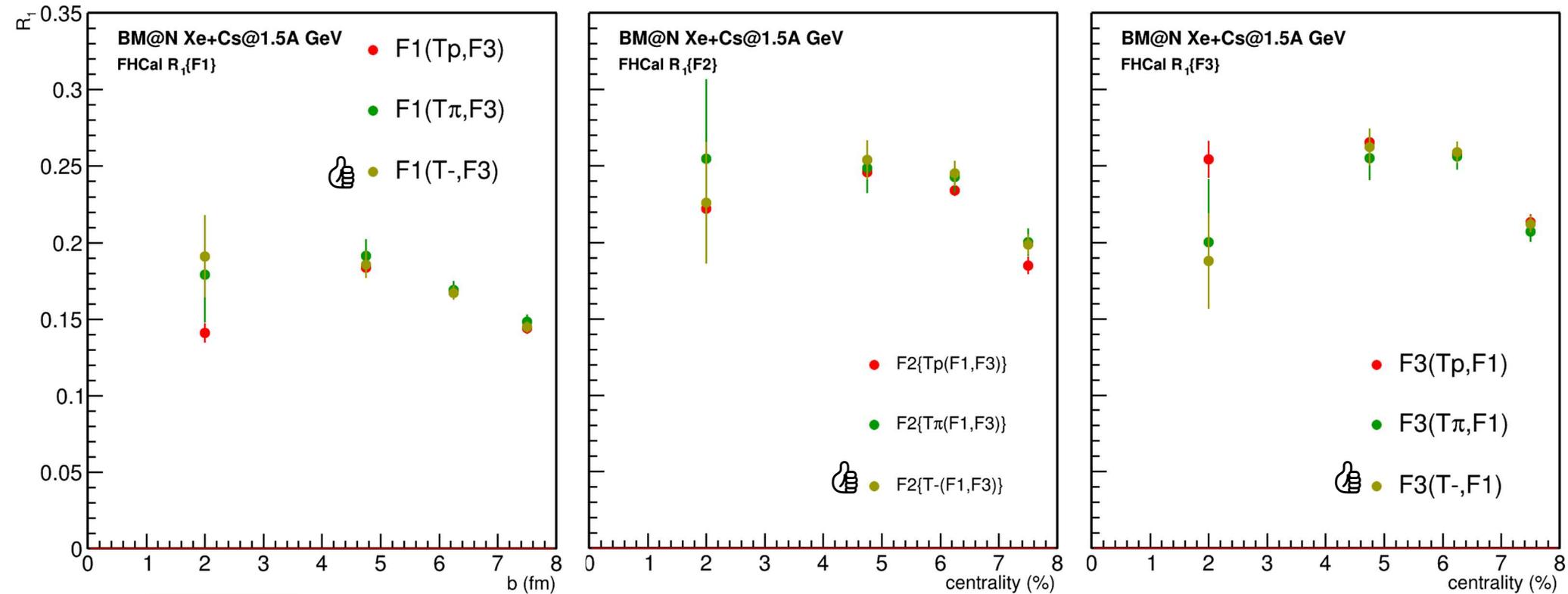
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**T $\pi$ :**  $\pi^-$ ;  $0.2 < y < 0.8$ ;  $0.1 < p_T < 0.5$  GeV/c;  $w=1/\text{eff}$

**T-:** all negative;  $1.0 < \eta < 2.0$ ;  $0.1 < p_T < 0.5$  GeV/c;  $w=1/\text{eff}$

# Rec R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs@1.5A GeV



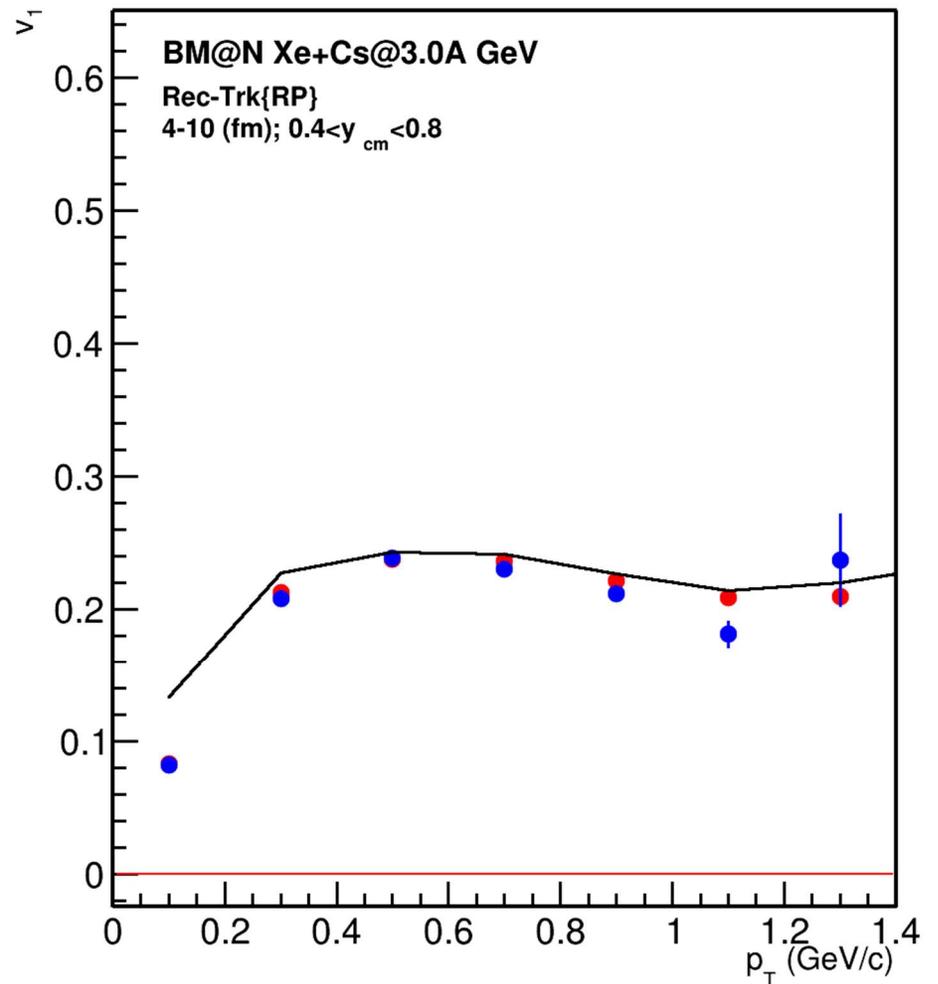
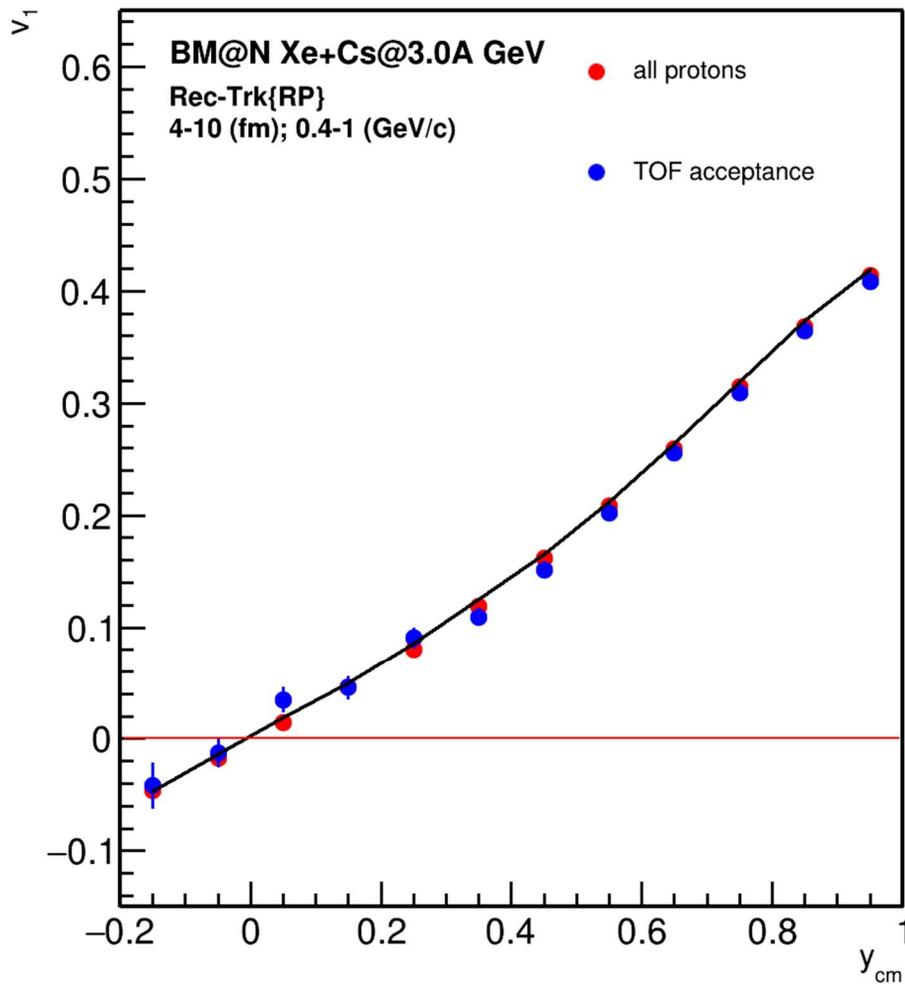
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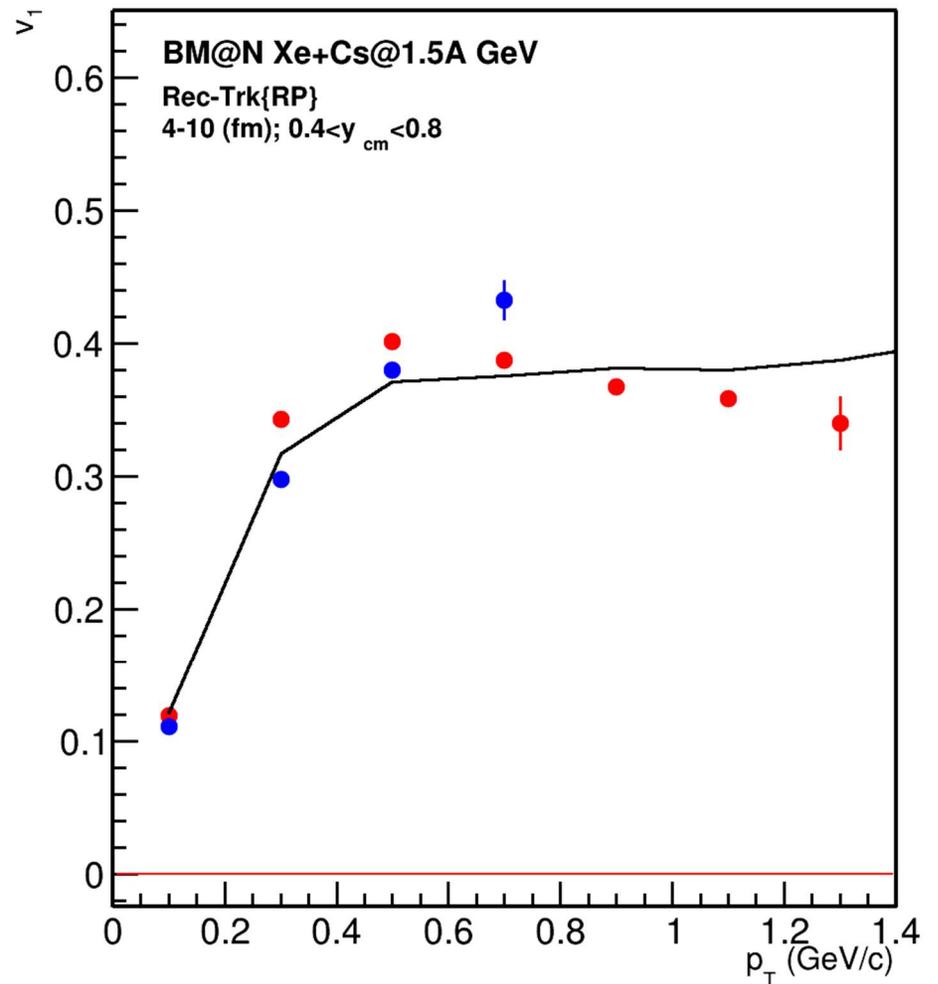
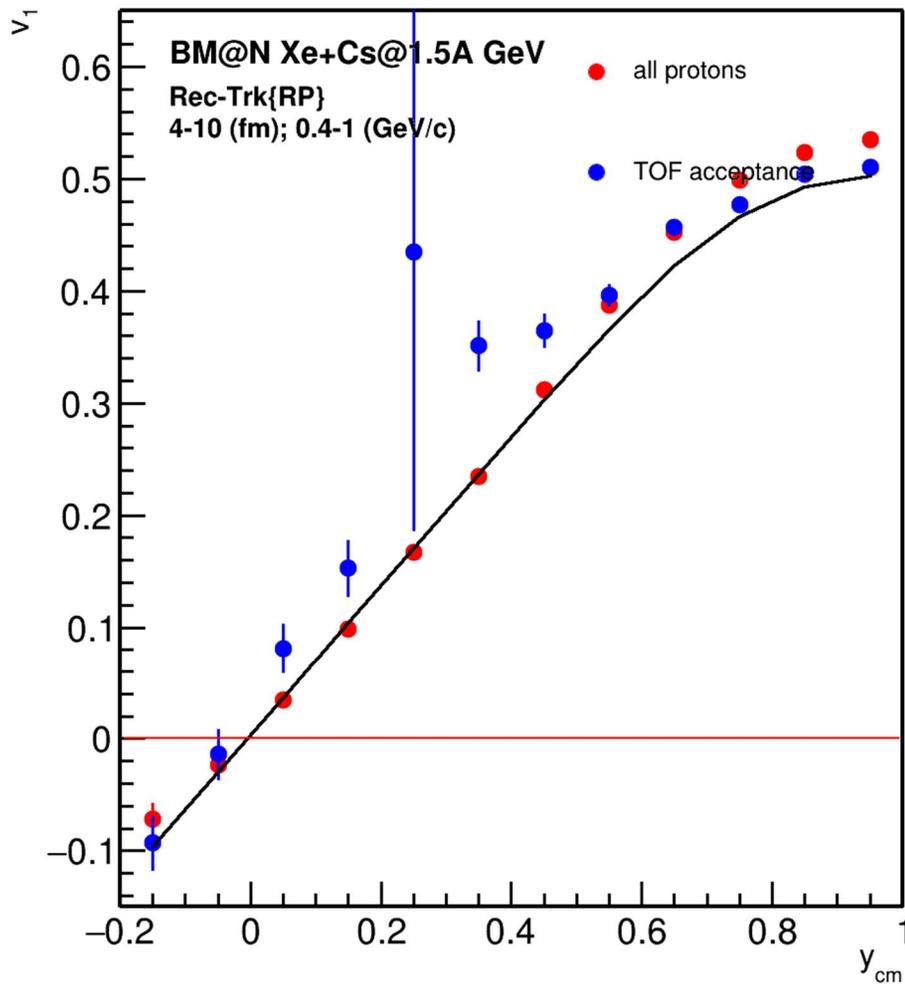
**T<sub>π</sub>**: π<sup>-</sup>;  $0.2 < y < 0.8$ ;  $0.1 < p_T < 0.5$  GeV/c;  $w=1/\text{eff}$

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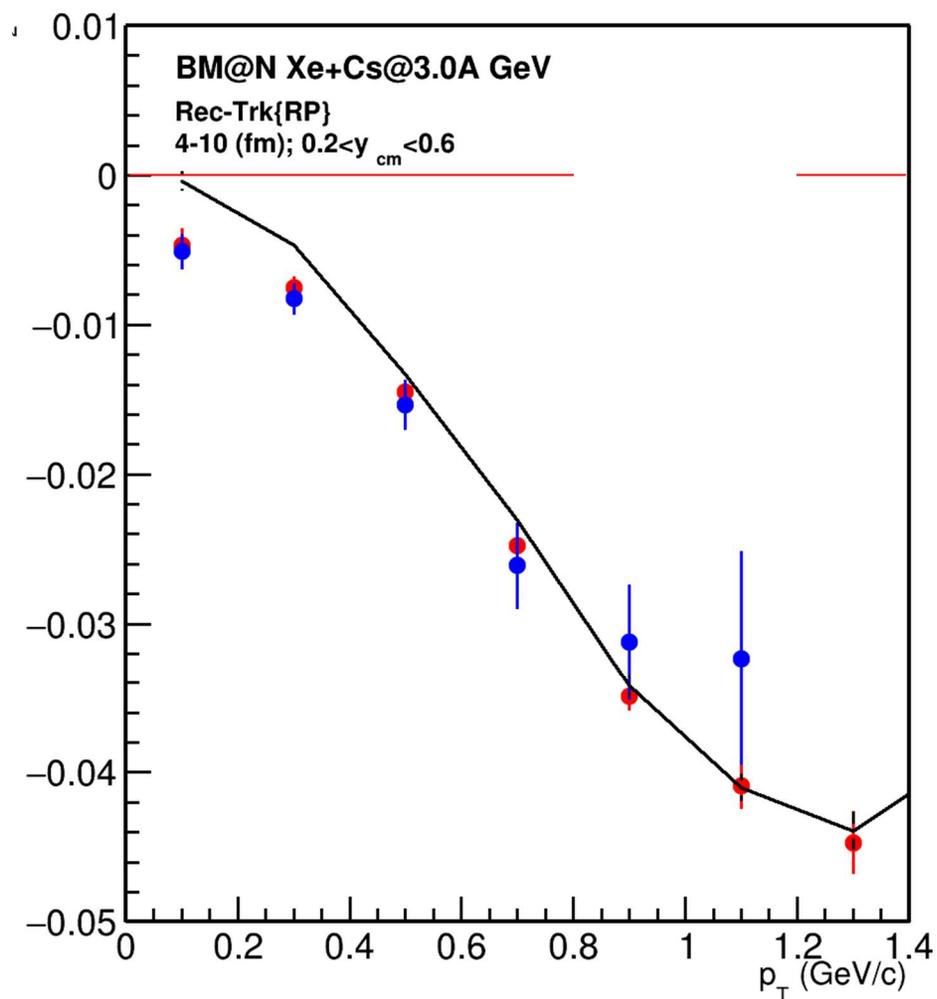
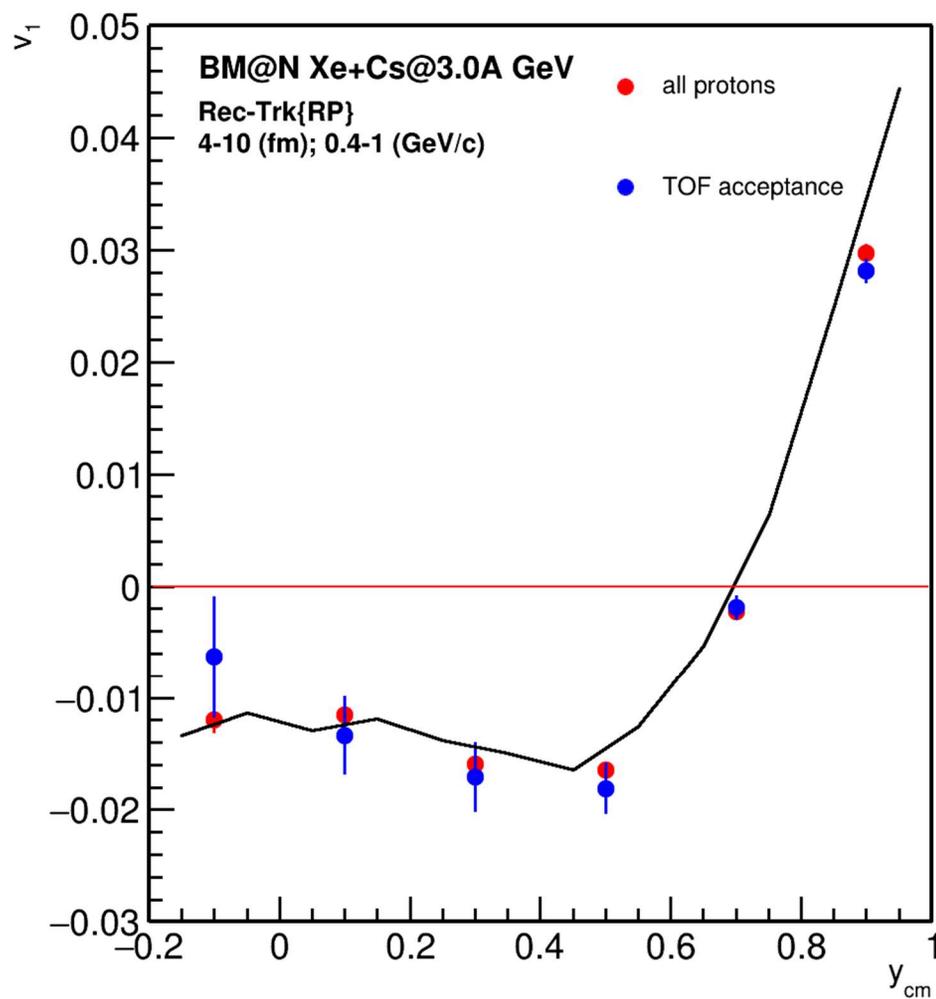
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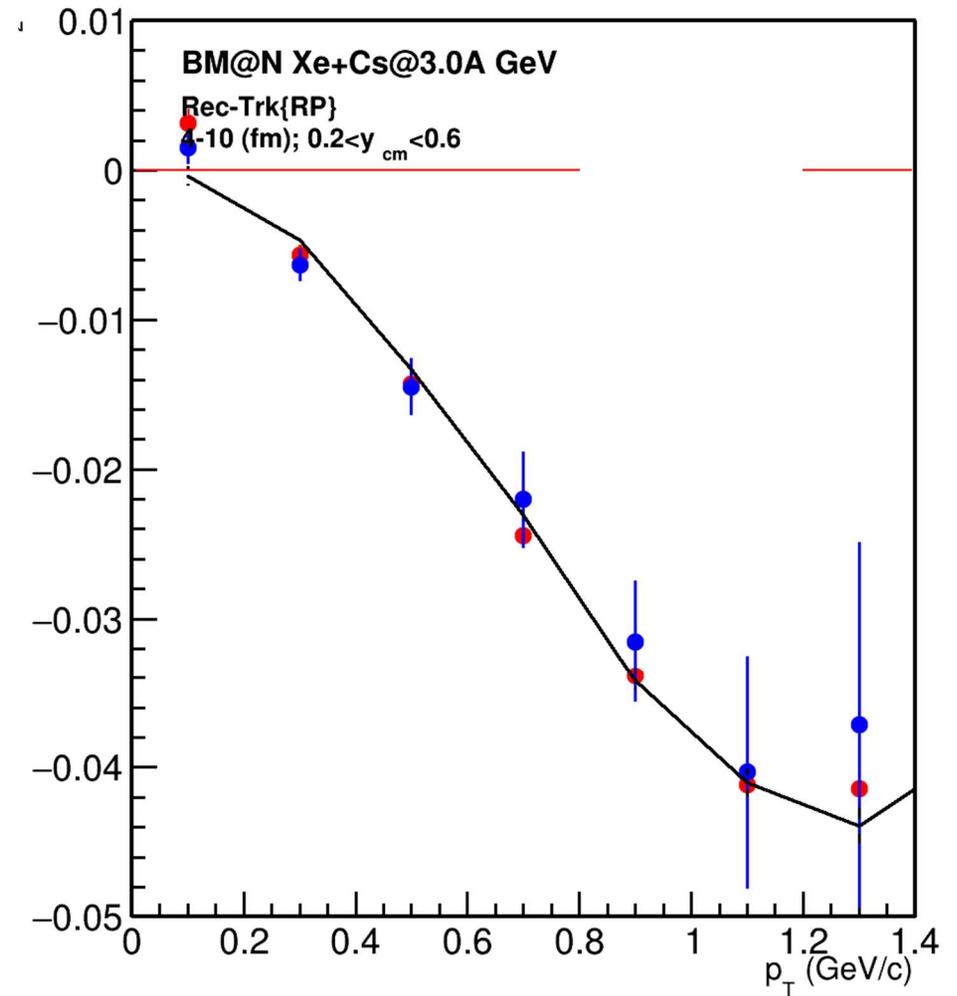
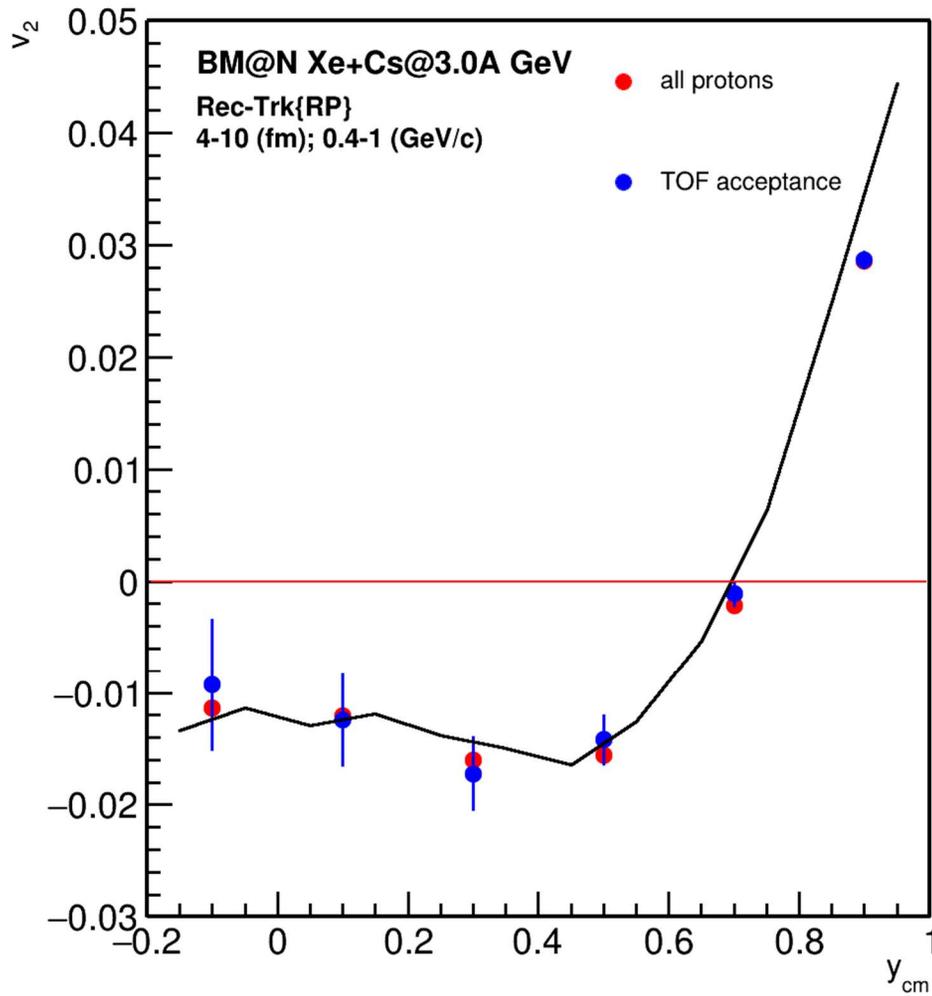
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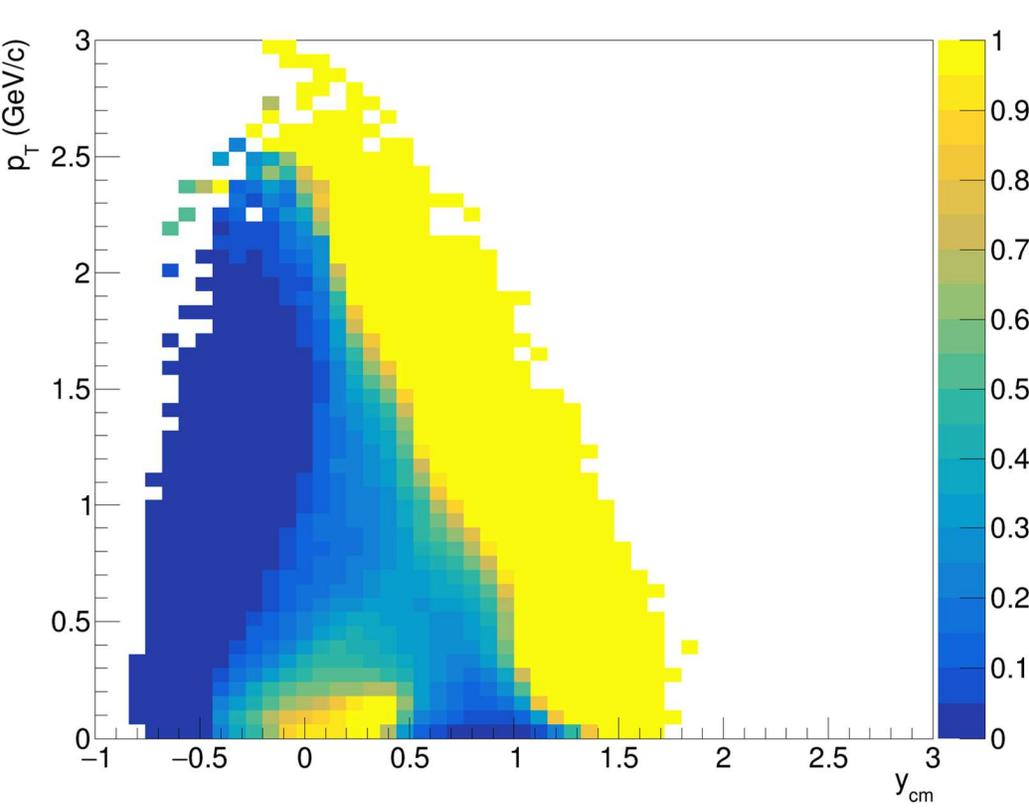


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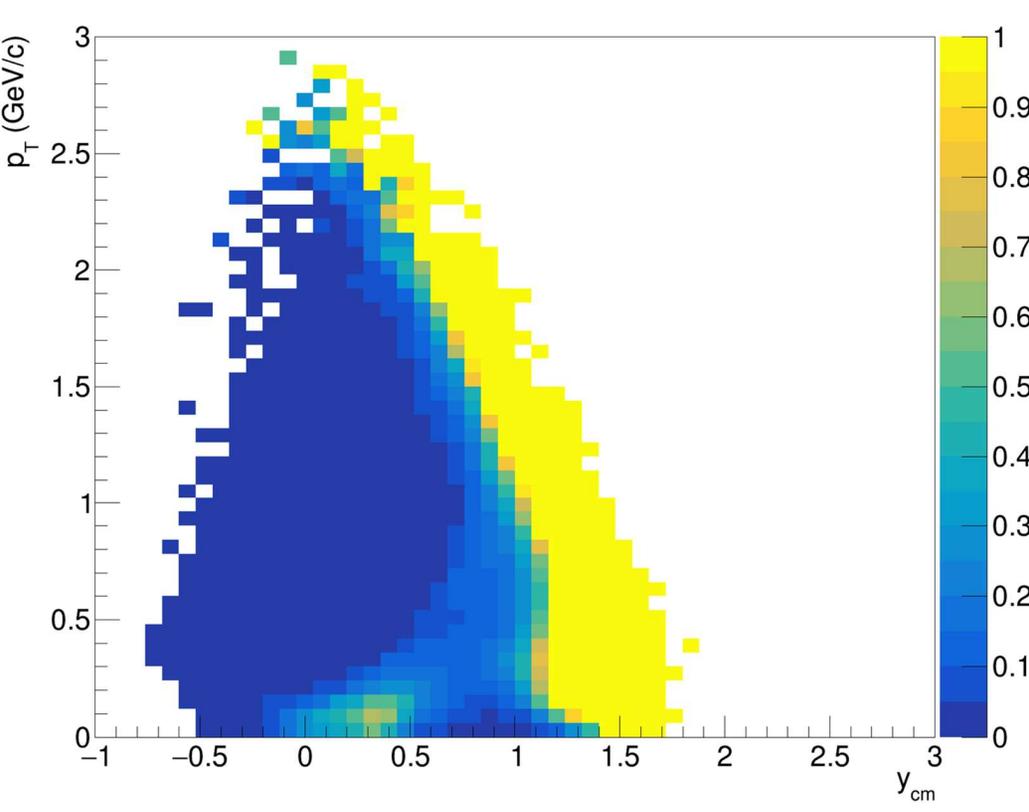


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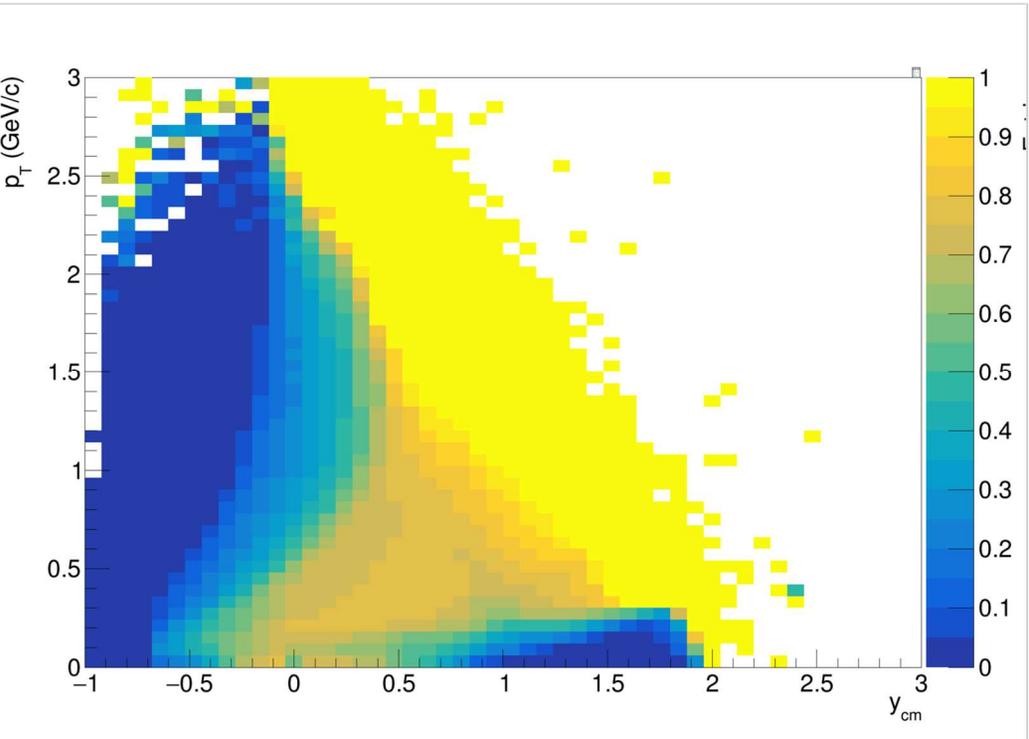


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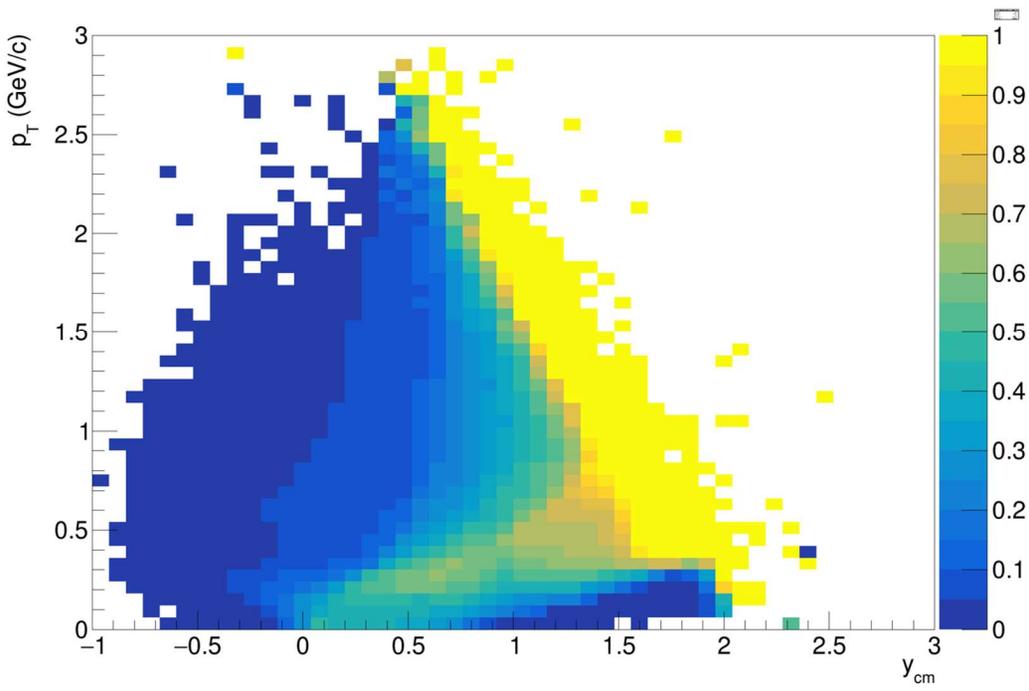


# Efficiency for proton reconstruction (JAM, Xe+Cs@3A GeV)

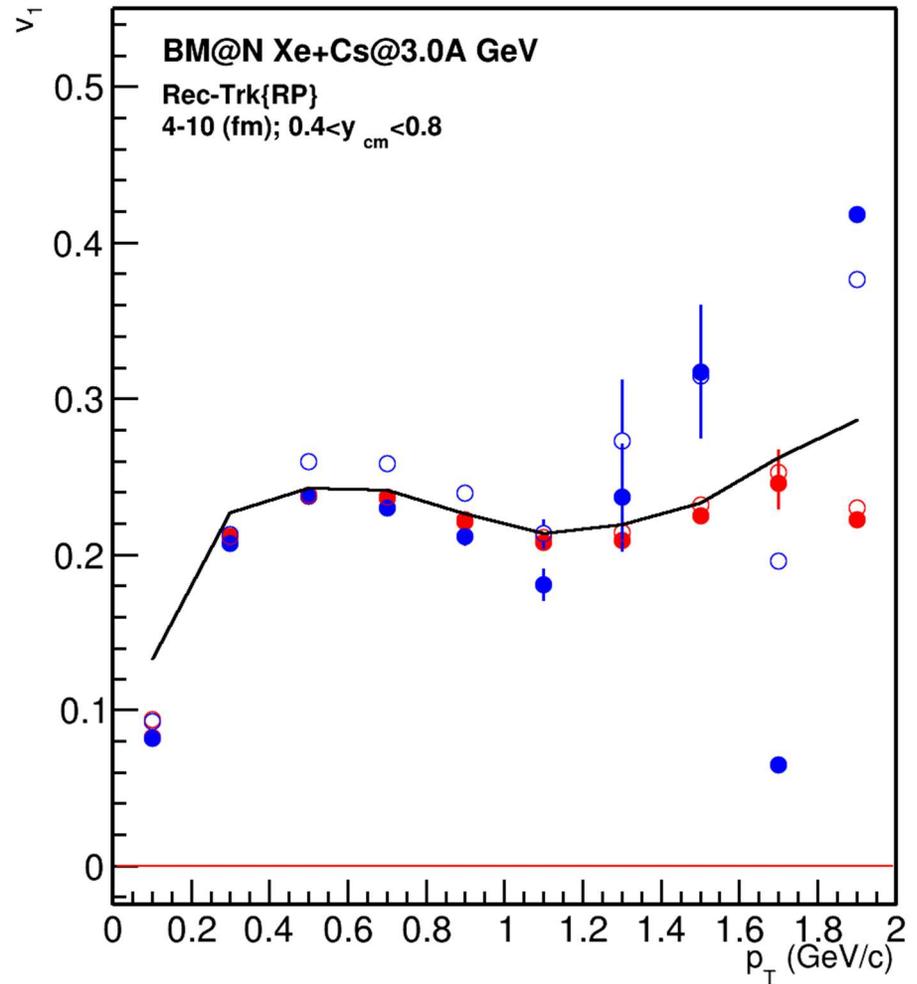
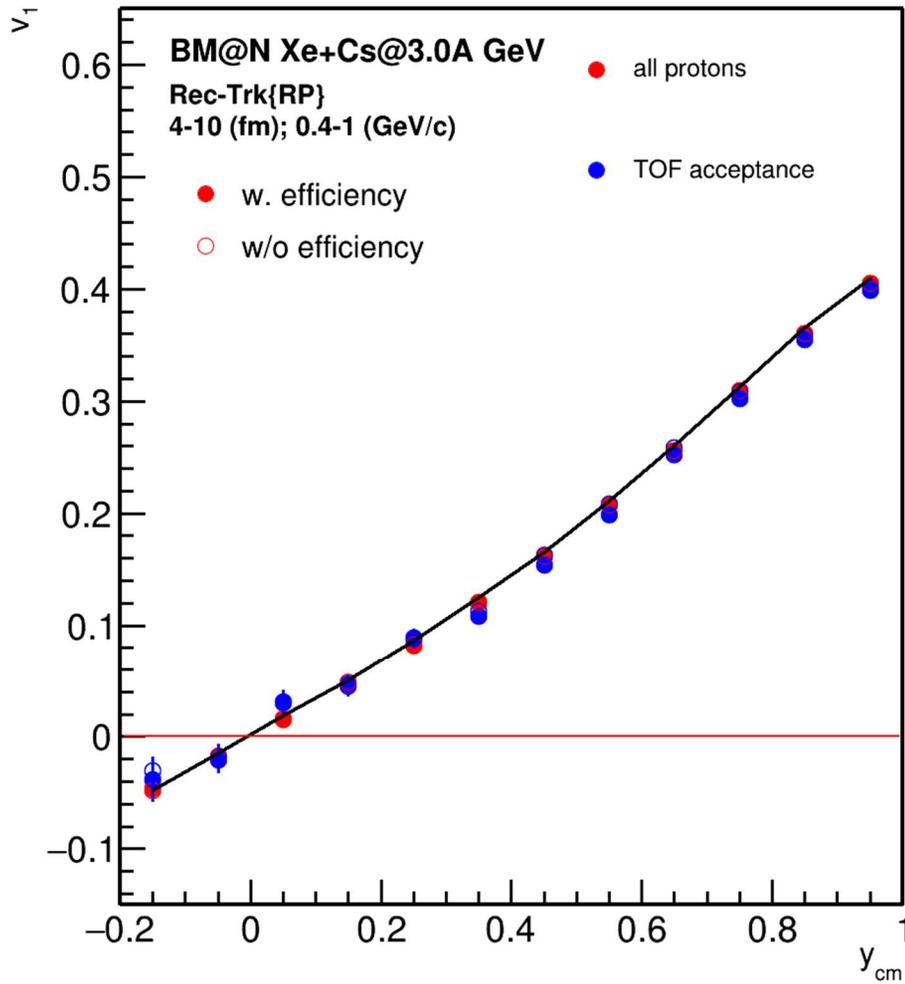
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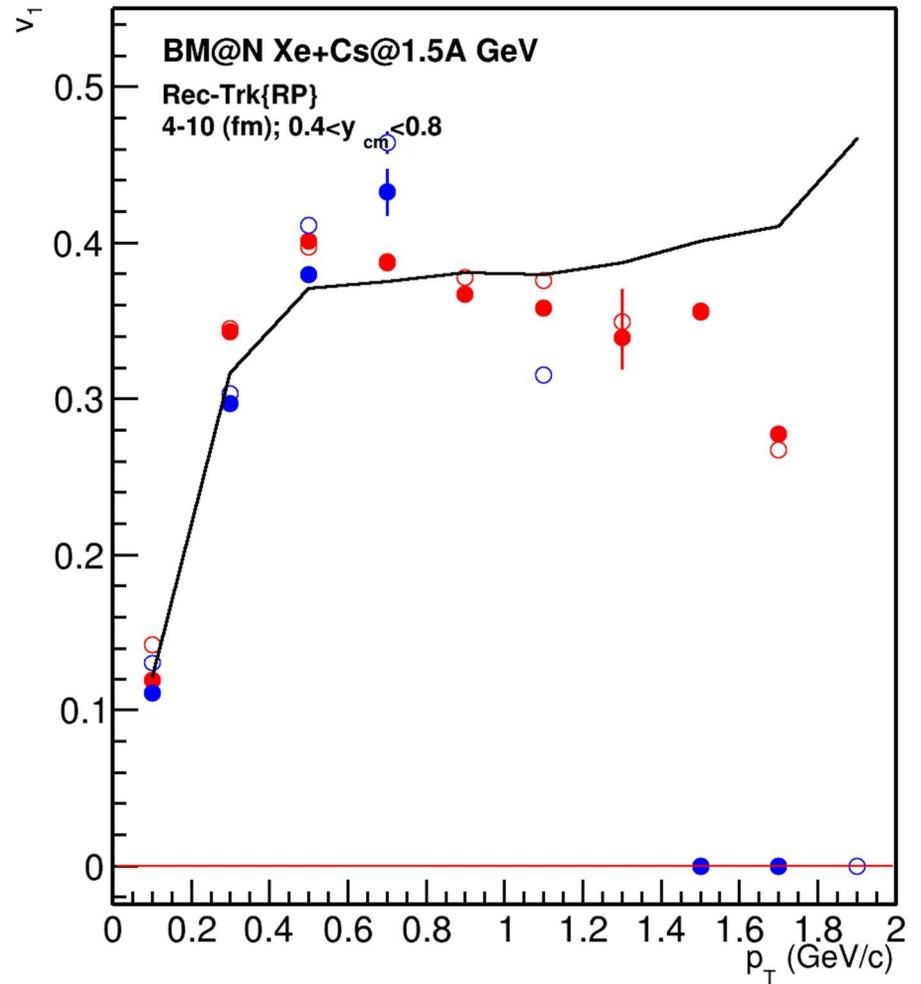
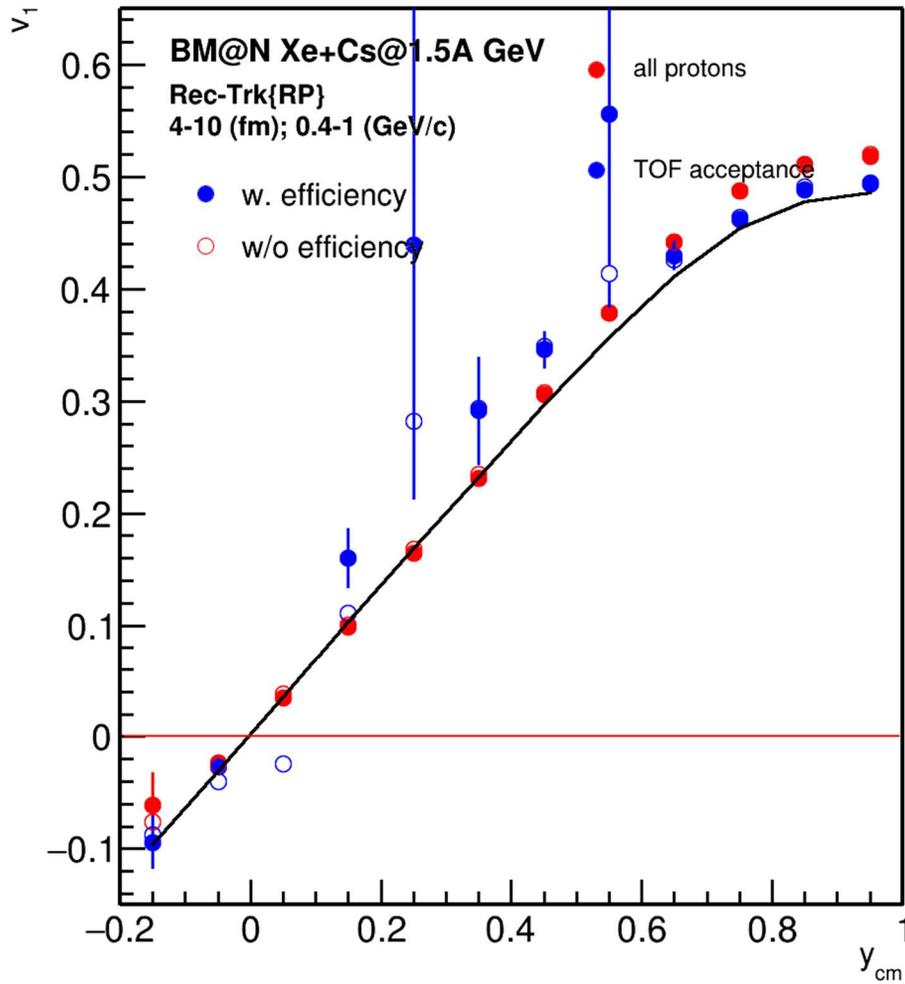
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# $v_1$ : Xe+Cs@3.0A GeV: JAM (true momenta)

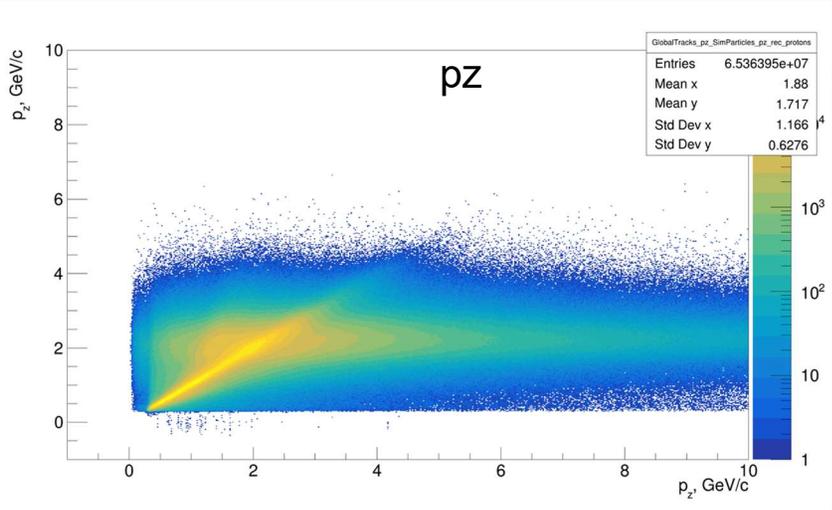
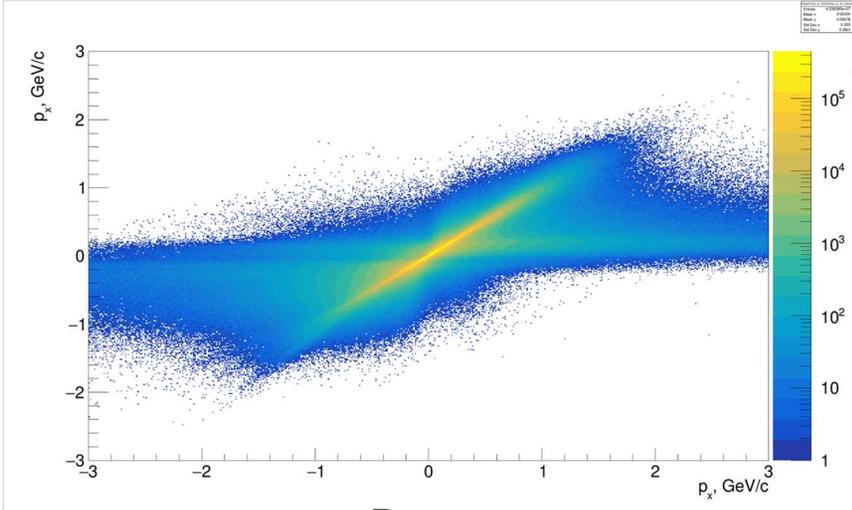


# $v_1$ : Xe+Cs@1.5A GeV: JAM (true momenta)

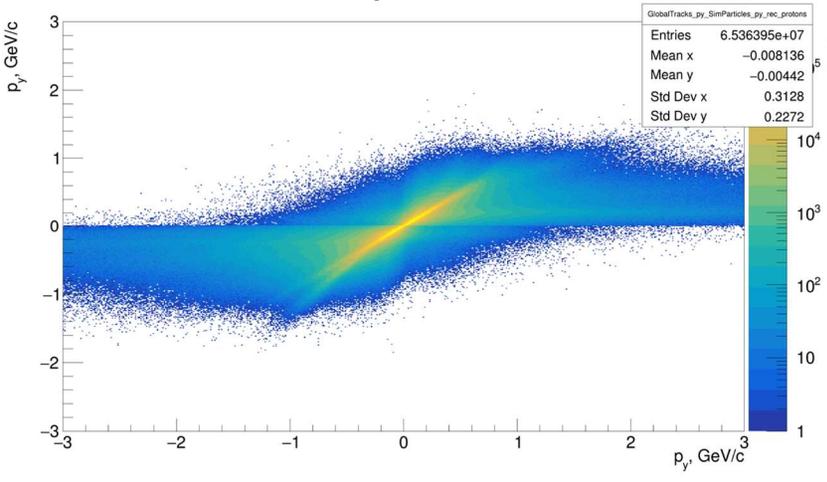


# Momentum reconstruction for protons in Xe+Cs@1.5A GeV

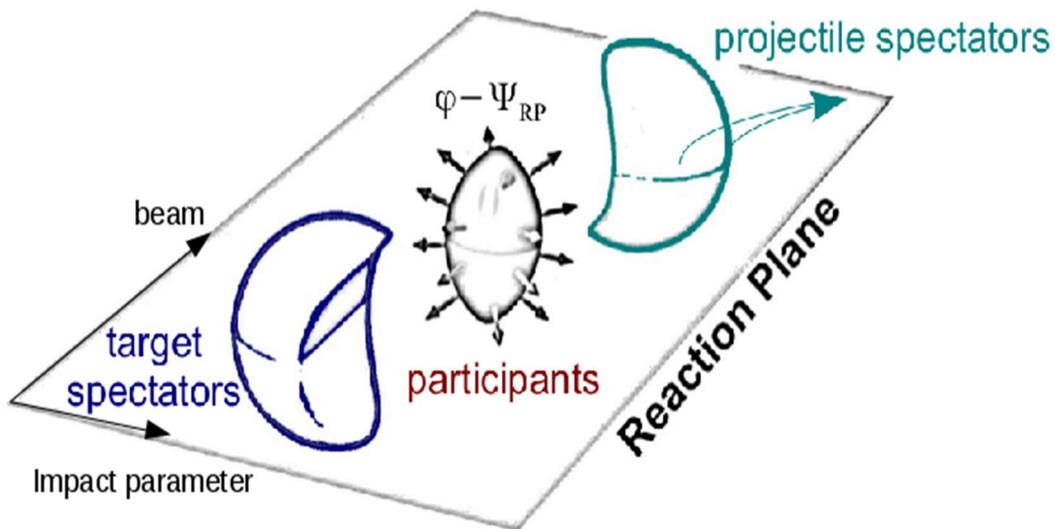
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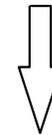
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# Collision geometry and anisotropic transverse flow



$$\rho(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos \left( n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) \right) \right)$$



$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

Asymmetry in coordinate space converts

(due to interaction & depending on the properties created matter)

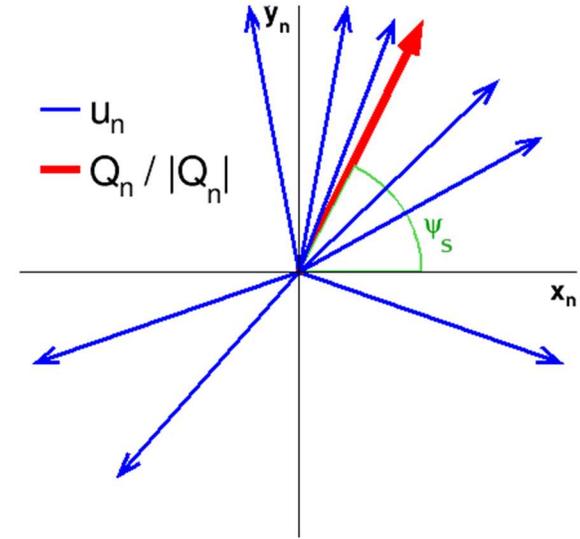
into momentum asymmetry with respect to the collision symmetry plane

# Scalar product method for $v_n$ measurement

$\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ -vectors:

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \{u_{n,x}, u_{n,y}\} = \{\cos n\phi, \sin n\phi\}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_n = \{Q_{n,x}, Q_{n,y}\} = \frac{1}{\sum_k w^k} \left\{ \sum_k w^k u_{n,x}^k, \sum_k w^k u_{n,y}^k \right\}$$



Scalar product method:

$v_n$  with respect to symmetry plane  $\Psi_S$  estimated using group of particles “a”:

$$v_{1,i}^a(p_T, y) = \frac{2\langle u_{1,i}(p_T, y) Q_{1,i}^a \rangle}{R_{1,i}^a}, \quad i = x, y. \quad R_{1,i}^a - 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order event plane resolution correction}$$

$$R_{1,x}^{a,MC} = \langle Q_{1,x}^a \cos \Psi_{RP} \rangle, \quad R_{1,y}^{a,MC} = \langle Q_{1,y}^a \sin \Psi_{RP} \rangle$$

# QnTools framework

Corrections are based on method in:  
I. Selyuzhenkov and S. Voloshin PRC77, 034904 (2008)

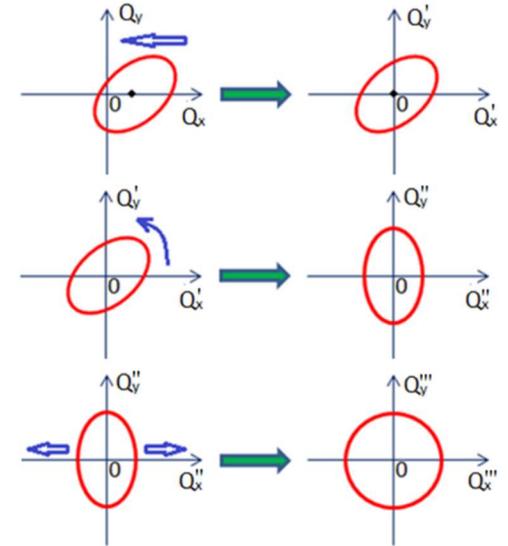
Originally implemented as QnCorrections framework  
for ALICE experiment at CERN:  
J. Onderwaater, I. Selyuzhenkov, V. Gonzalez

QnTools analysis package:  
<https://github.com/HeavyIonAnalysis/QnTools>

1. Recentering

2. Twist

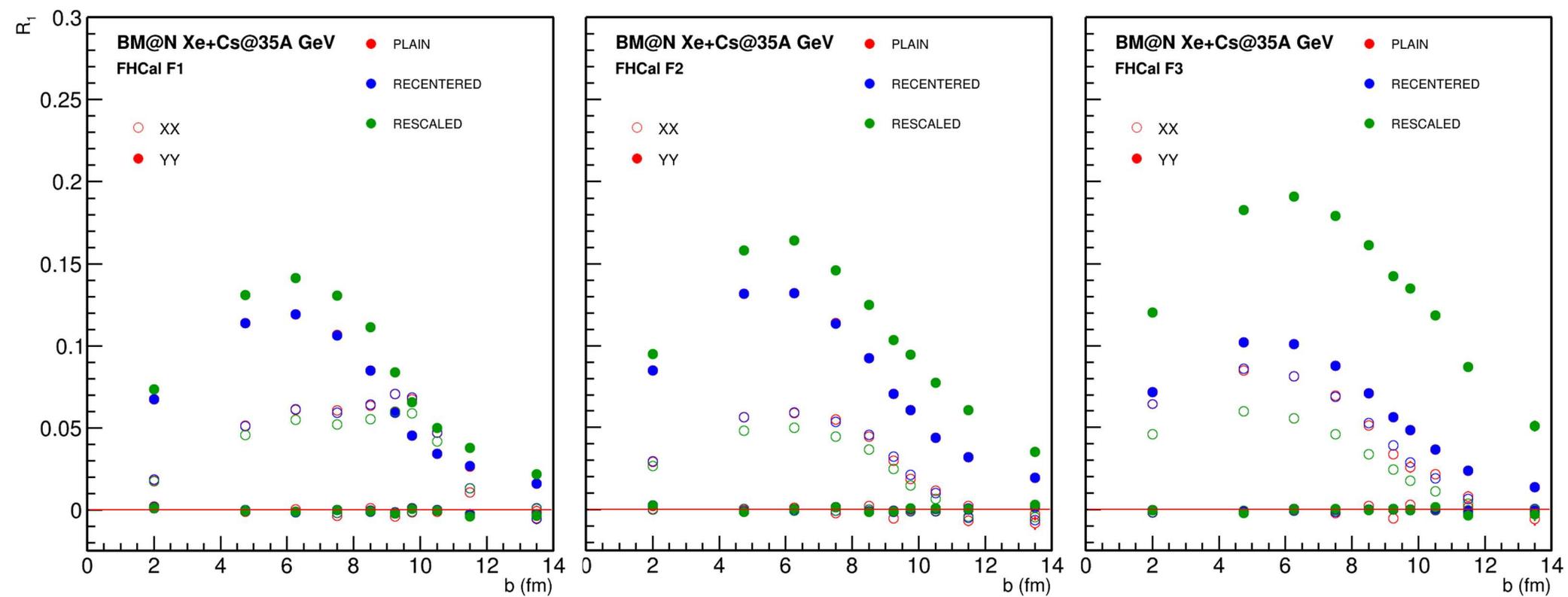
3. Rescaling



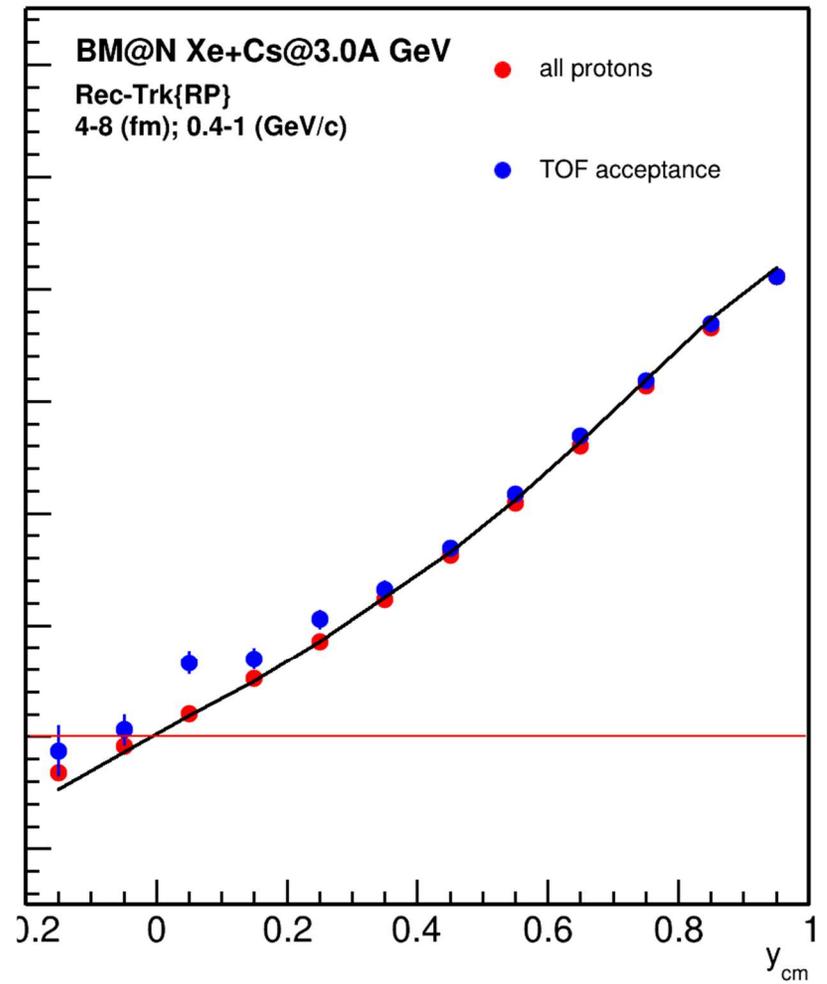
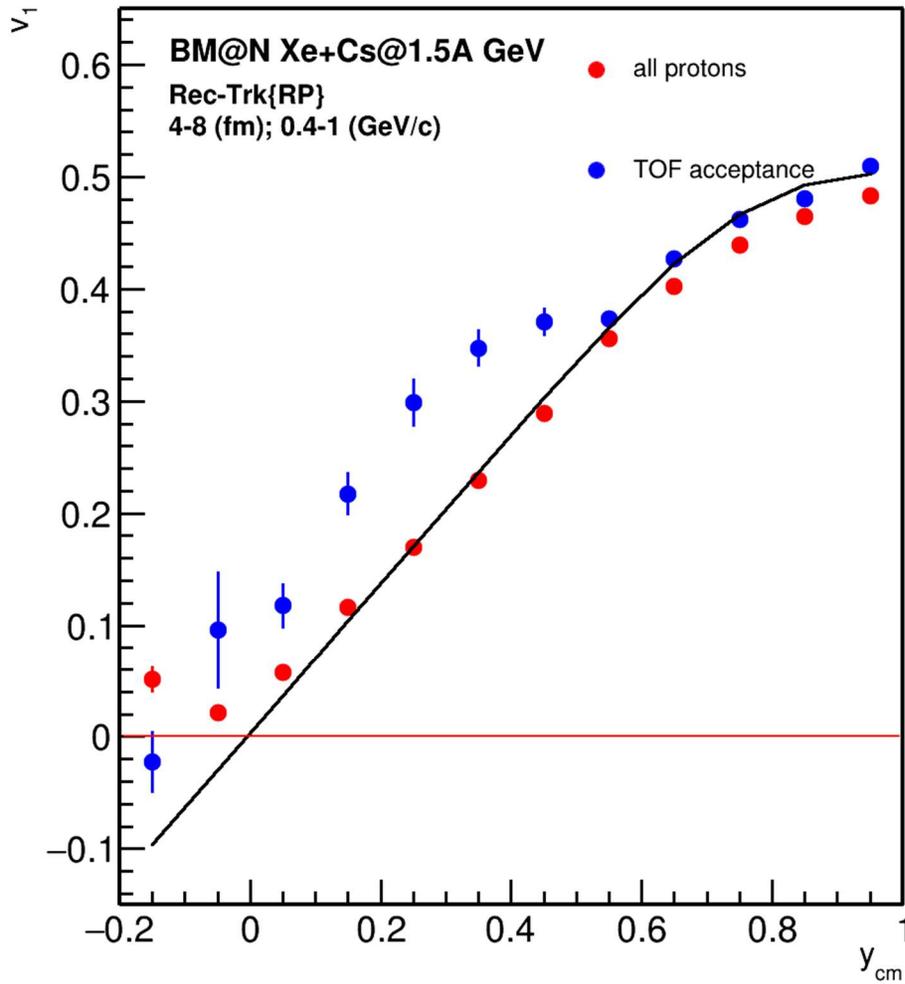
## QnTools configuration

Q-vector	$Q_n$ weight	Correction axes	Correction steps	Error calculation	$Q_n$ Normalization
Protons	1	$p_T$ [ 0.0, 2.00], 5 bins $y_{cm}$ [-0.1, 0.1], 20 bins b, 10 bins	Recentering Twist Rescaling	Bootstrapping, 100 samples	Sum of Weights (SP) Unity (EP)
Fragments	Module charge	b, 10 bins			

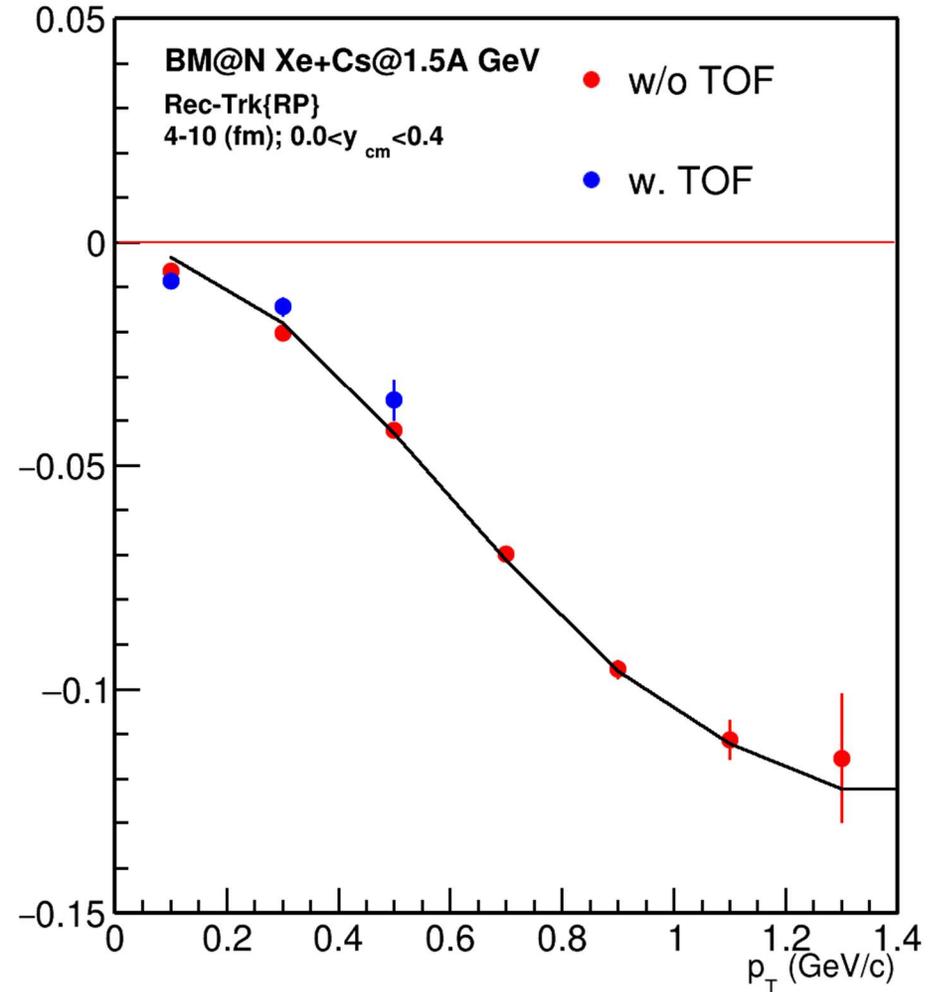
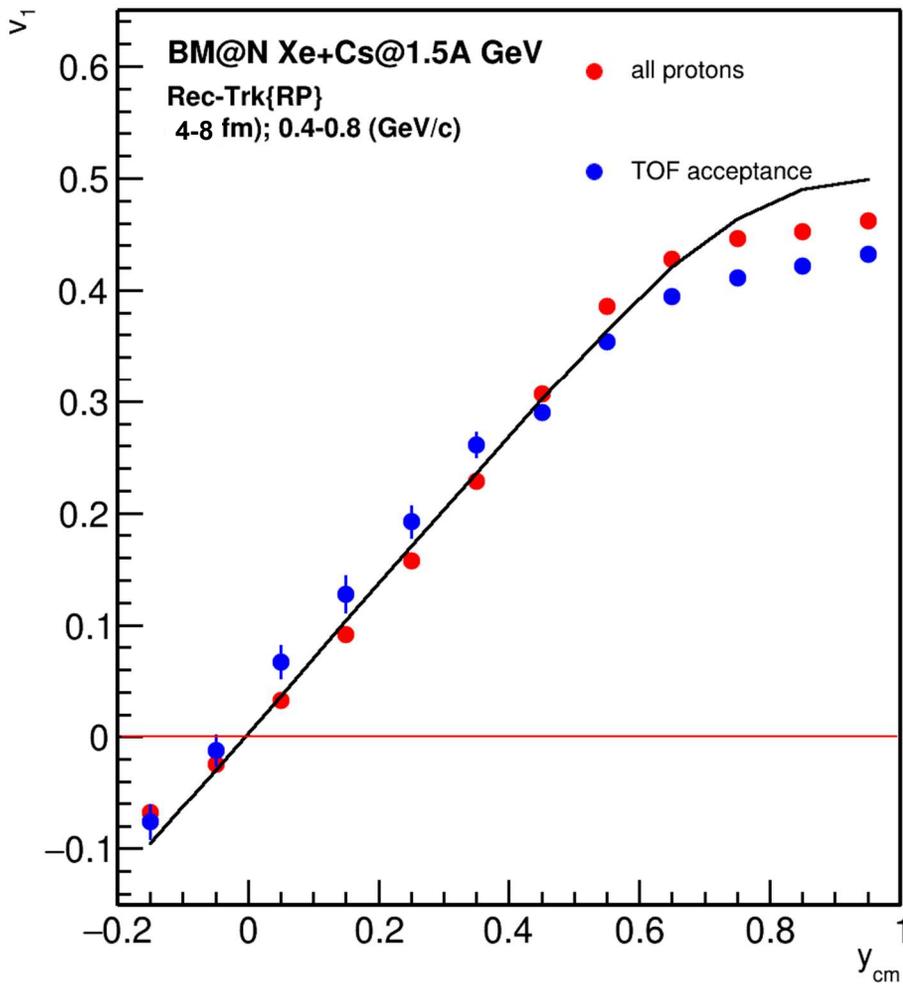
# True R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs@3A GeV



# $v_1$ : Xe+Cs: True momenta



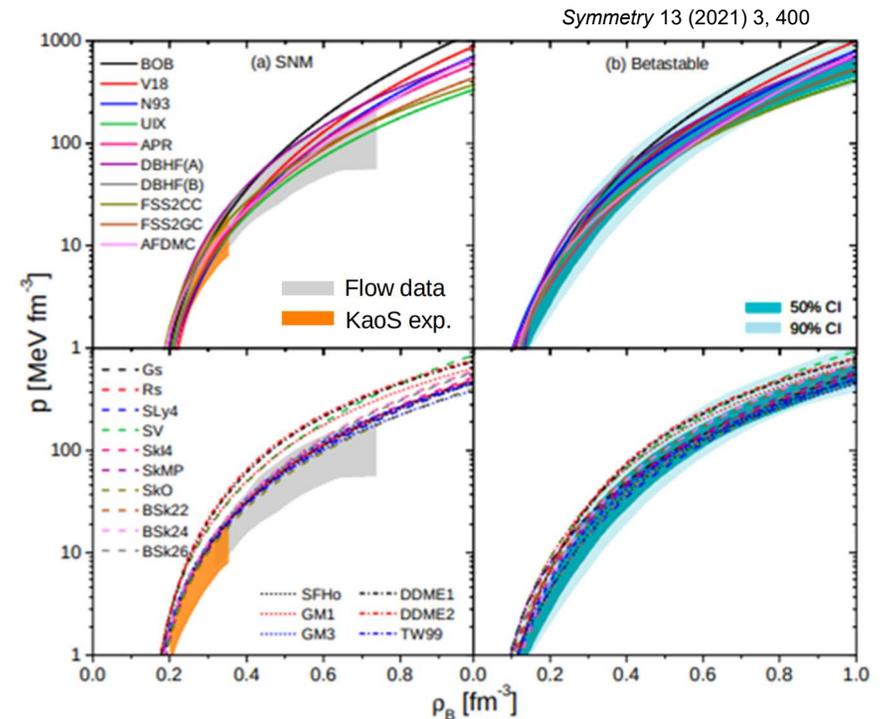
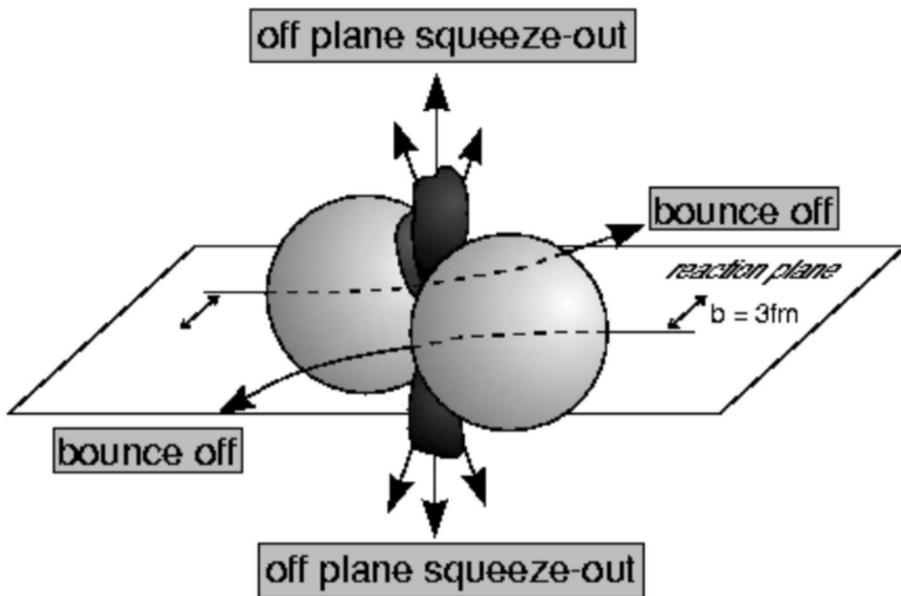
# $v_2$ : Xe+Cs@3.0A GeV: JAM (true momenta)



Momentum reconstruction procedure requires refinement at lower energies

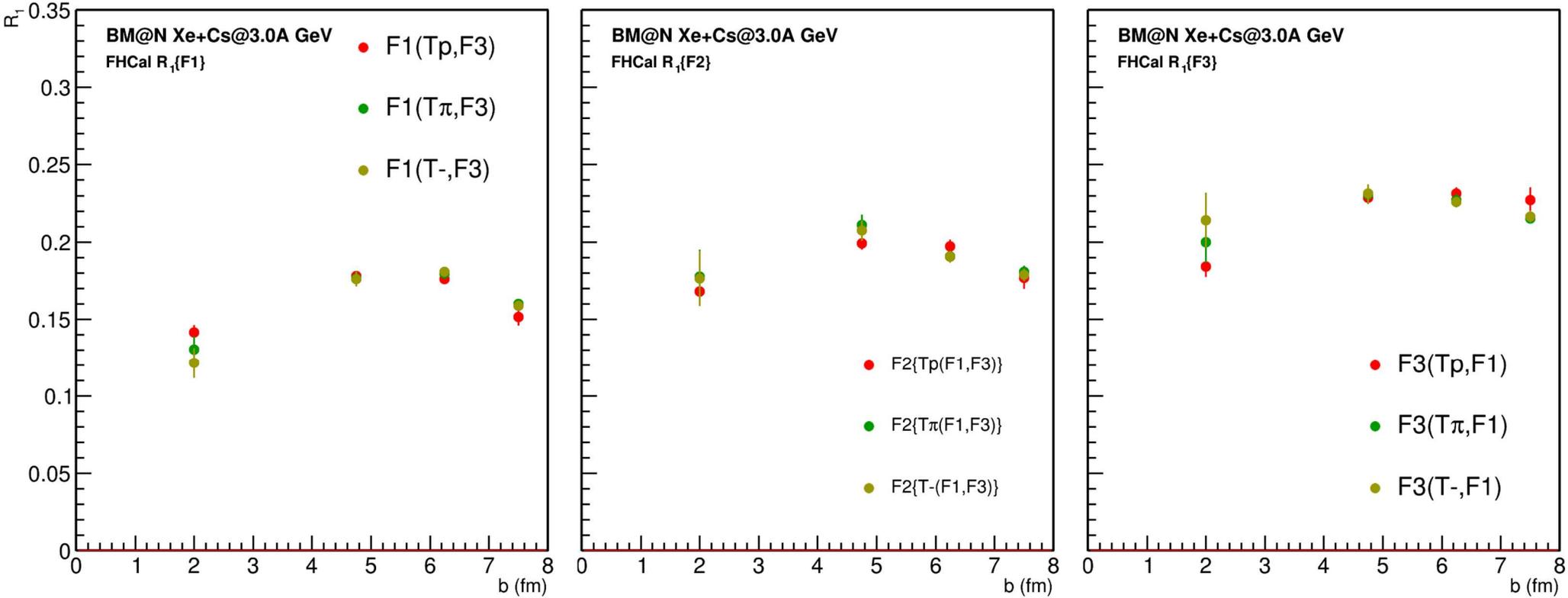
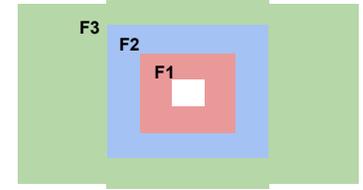
# Collective flow in heavy-ion collisions

spatial asymmetry of the initial pressure distribution transforms into anisotropic emission of produced particles via interaction inside the overlapping region of colliding nuclei



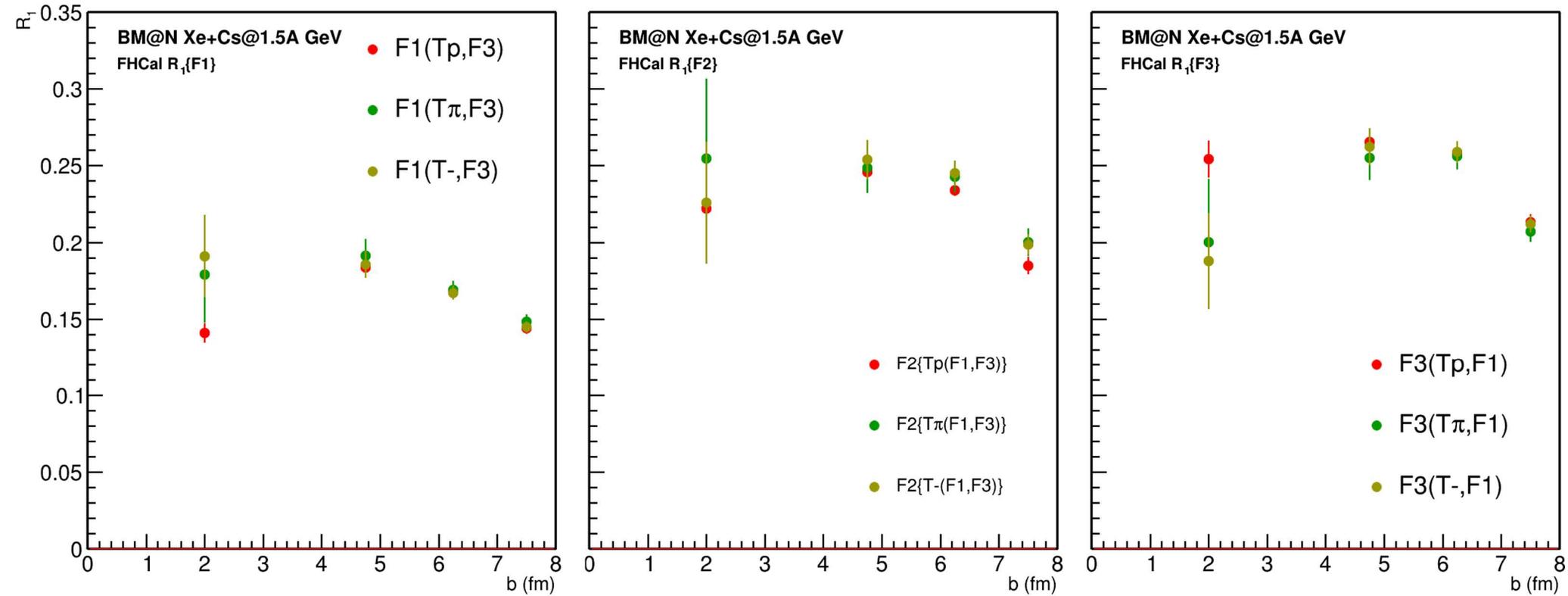
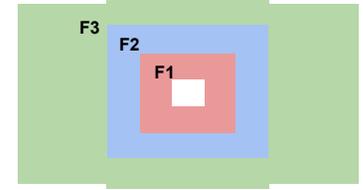
Anisotropic flow measurements can constrain compressibility of the matter created in the collision

# Rec R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs@3A GeV



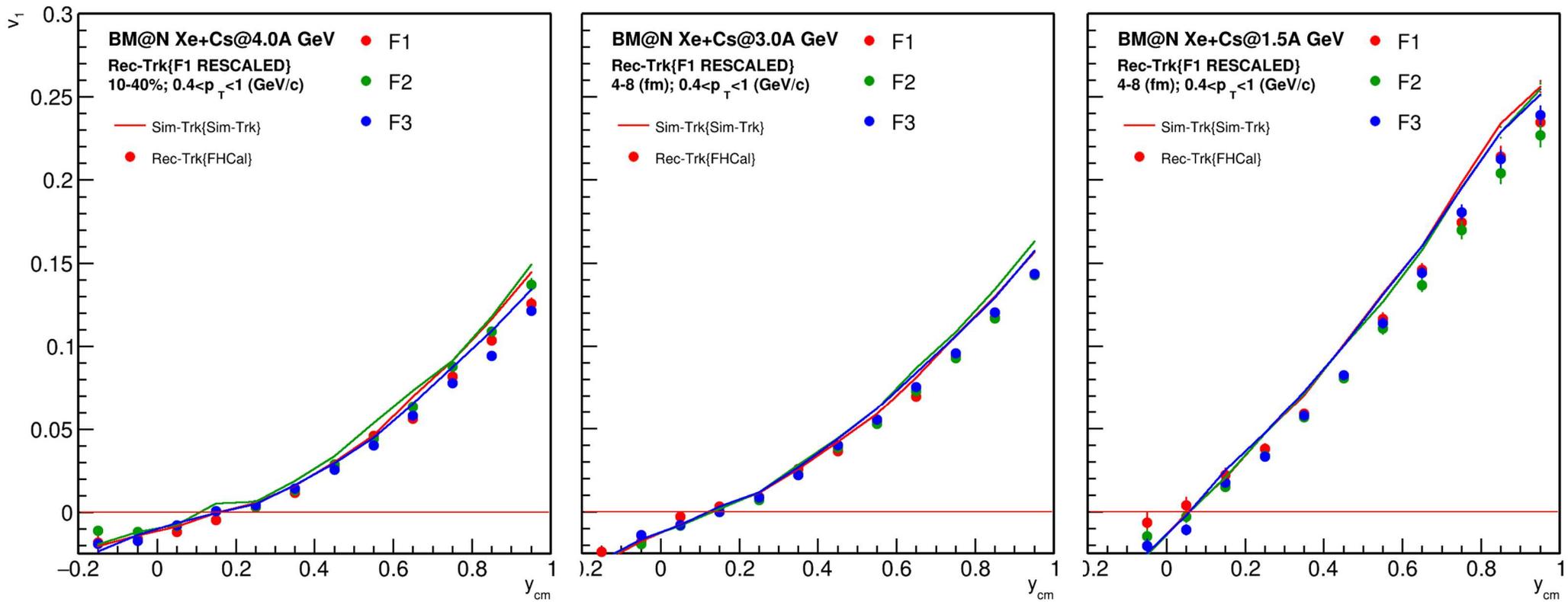
We can use unidentified negatively charged tracks as well for resolution calculation

# Rec R1: DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs@1.5A GeV



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# $v_1$ : DCMQGCM-SMM Xe+Cs w.r.t. Spectator plane



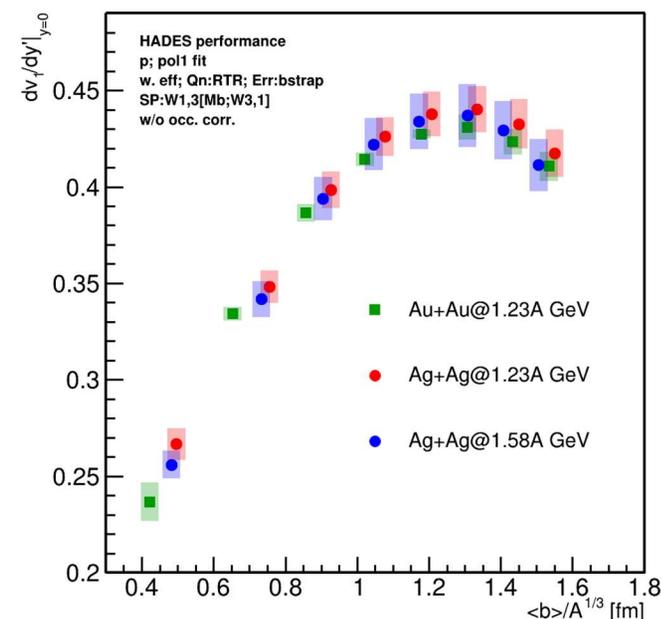
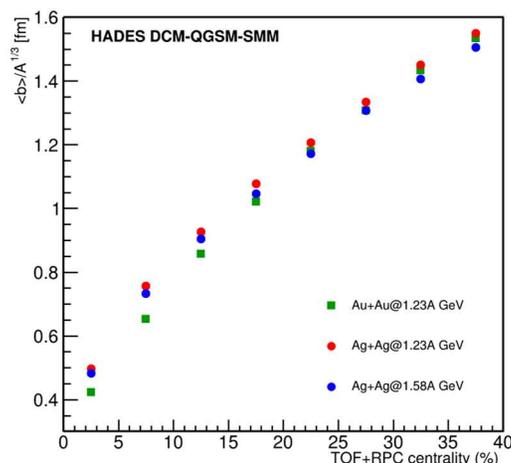
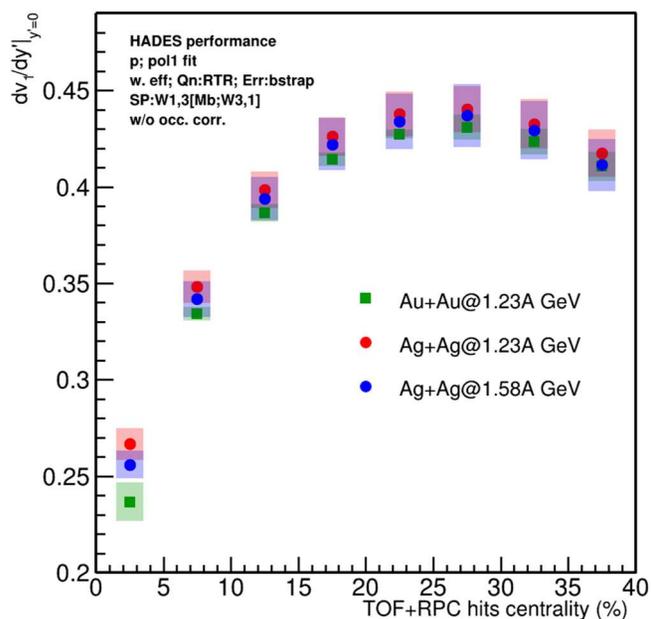
Reasonable agreement between model and reconstructed data

# HADES: $dv_1/dy$ scaling with collision energy and system size

$$y_{CM} \rightarrow y' = y_{CM} / y_{beam}$$

$$\text{centrality} \rightarrow \langle b \rangle / A^{1/3}$$

$$y' = y_{CM} / y_{beam} + \langle b \rangle / A^{1/3}$$



- After correcting for dependence on the passing time ( $y_{beam}$ )  $dv_1/dy'$  is independent of the size of colliding nuclei and collision energy and depends only on the relative impact parameter ( $\langle b \rangle / A^{1/3}$ )
- Plotting  $dv_1/dy'$  vs.  $\langle b \rangle / A^{1/3}$  instead of centrality improves the scaling in central collisions