The first results for directed flow of protons in Xe+Cs collisions at E_{kin}=3.8A GeV in the BM@N experiment

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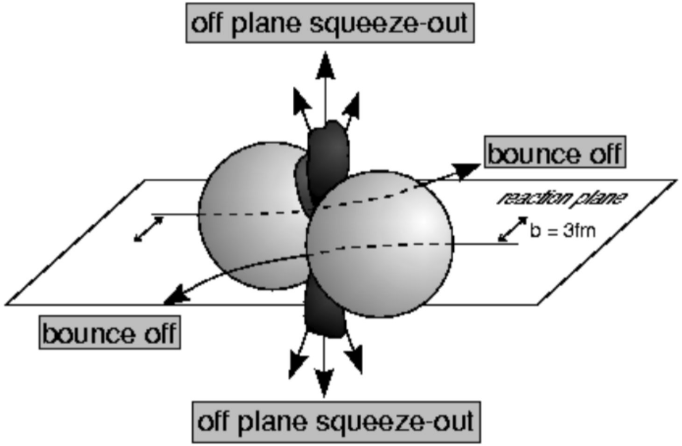
Anisotropic flow & spectators



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

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

Anisotropic flow:

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

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

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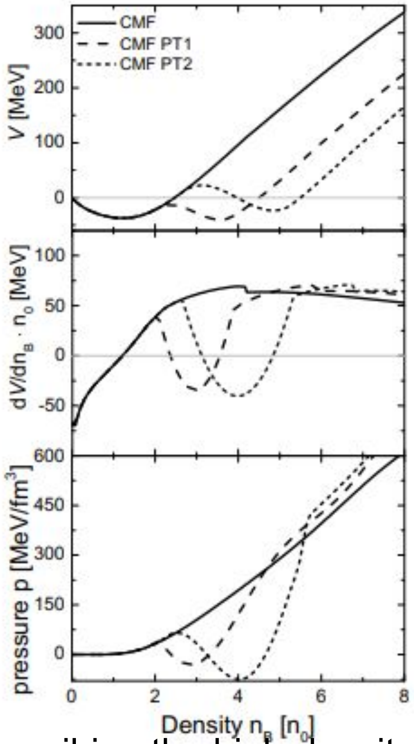

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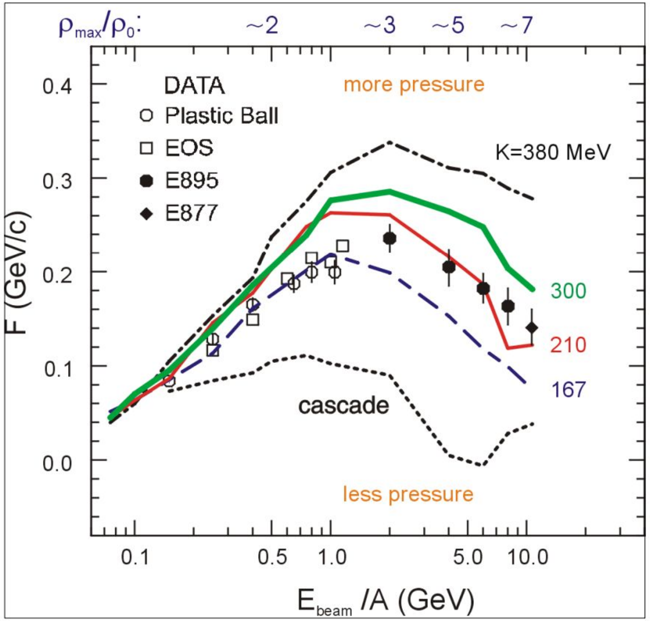
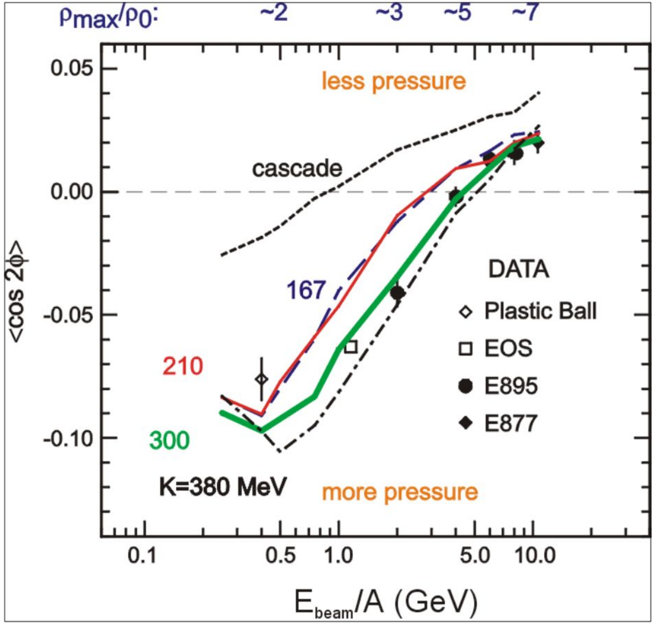
v_1 suggests softer EOS



v_2 suggests harder EOS

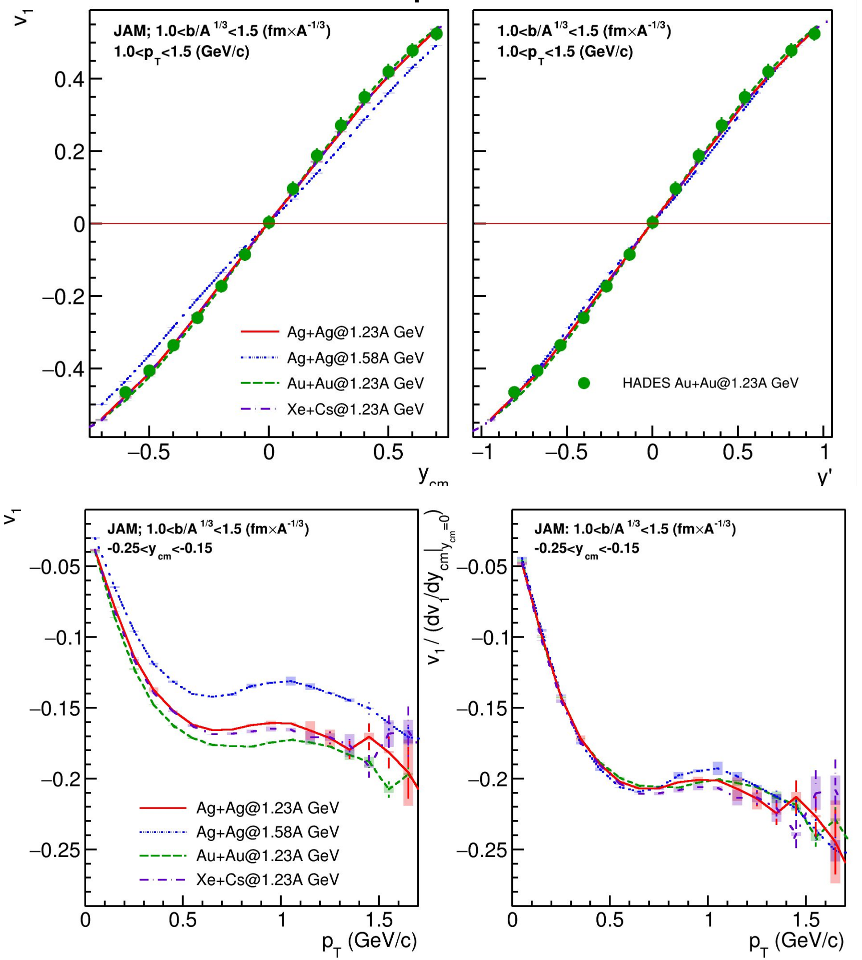


Describing the high-density matter using the mean field

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

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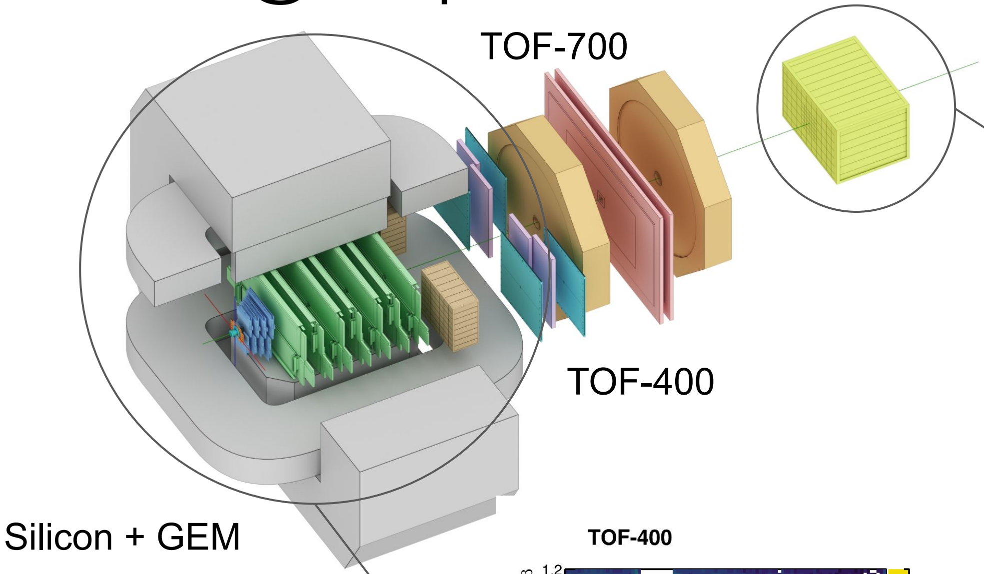
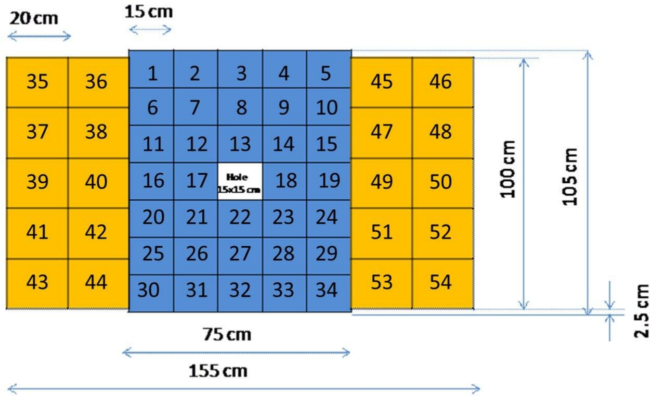
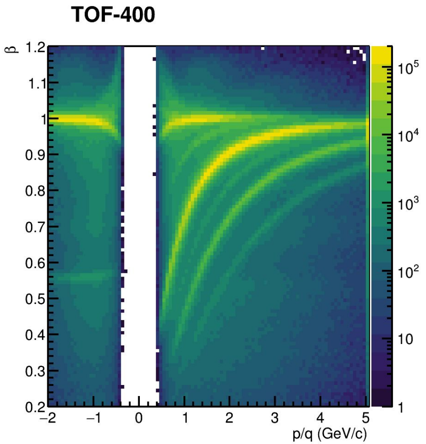
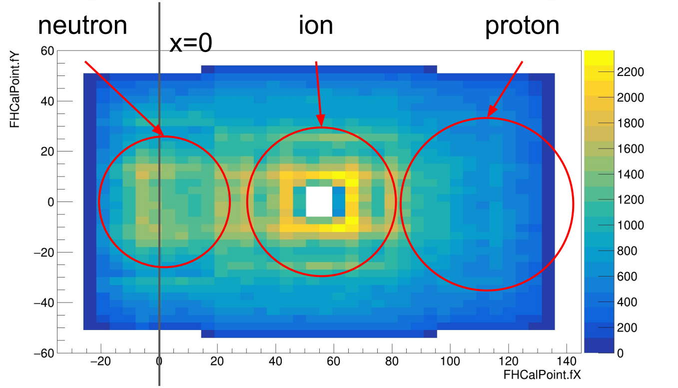
The BM@N experiment







High momentum and time resolution allow to identify particles



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:

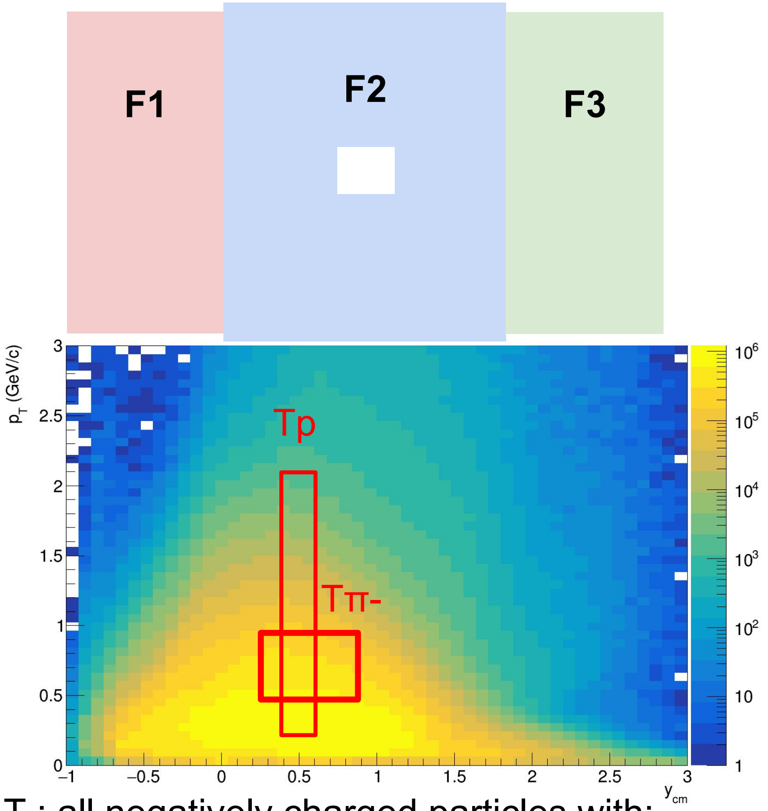
$$u_n = e^{in\phi}$$

where φ is the azimuthal angle

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

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

Ψ_n^{EP} is the event plane angle



T-: all negatively charged particles with:

- $1.5 < \eta < 4$
- $p_T > 0.2$ GeV/c

T+: all positively charged particles with:

- $2.0 < \eta < 3$
- $p_T > 0.2$ GeV/c

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

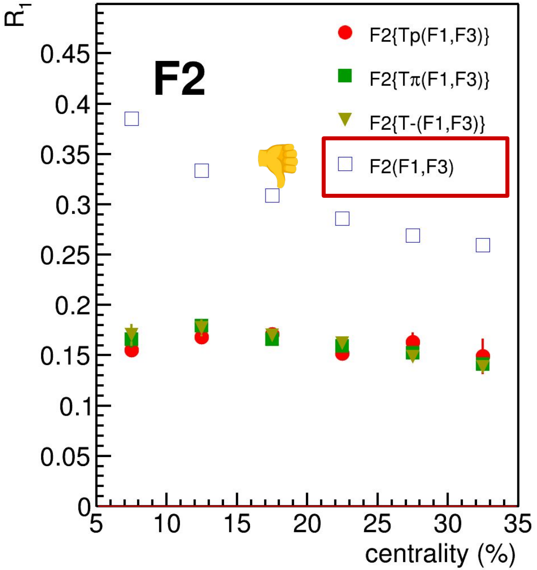
Scalar product (SP) method:

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

Where R_1 is the resolution correction factor

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

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



Symbol "F2(F1,F3)" means R_1 calculated via (3S resolution):

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

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

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

Centrality determination methods

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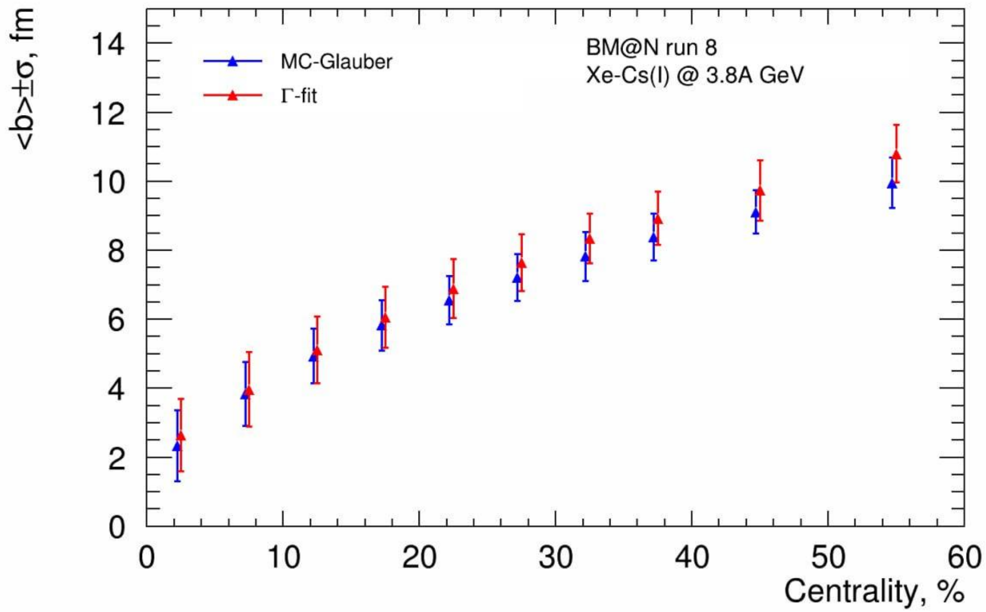
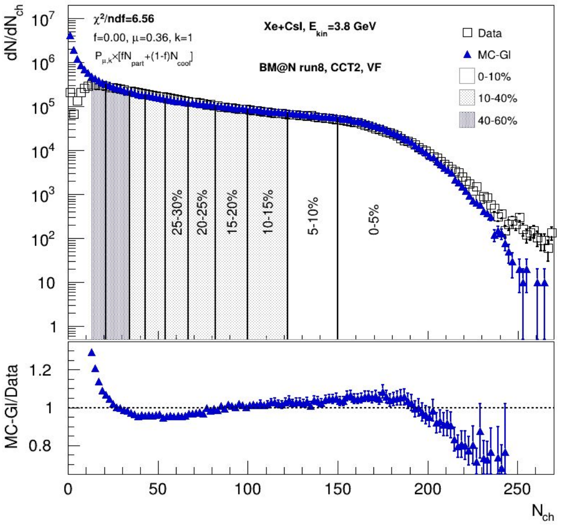
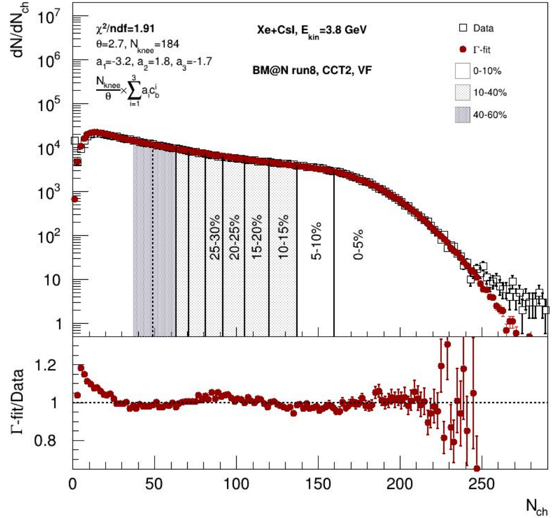


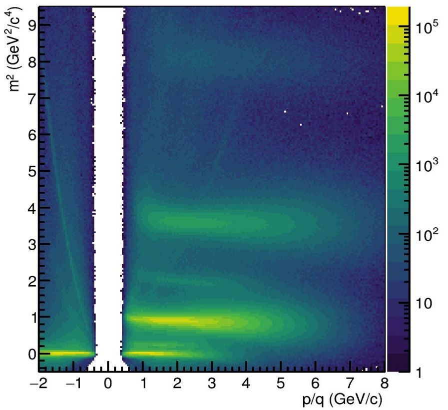




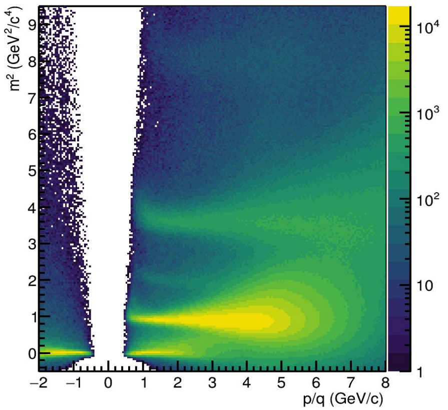
Two methods for centrality determination: MC-Glauber and Γ-fit method are in a good agreement

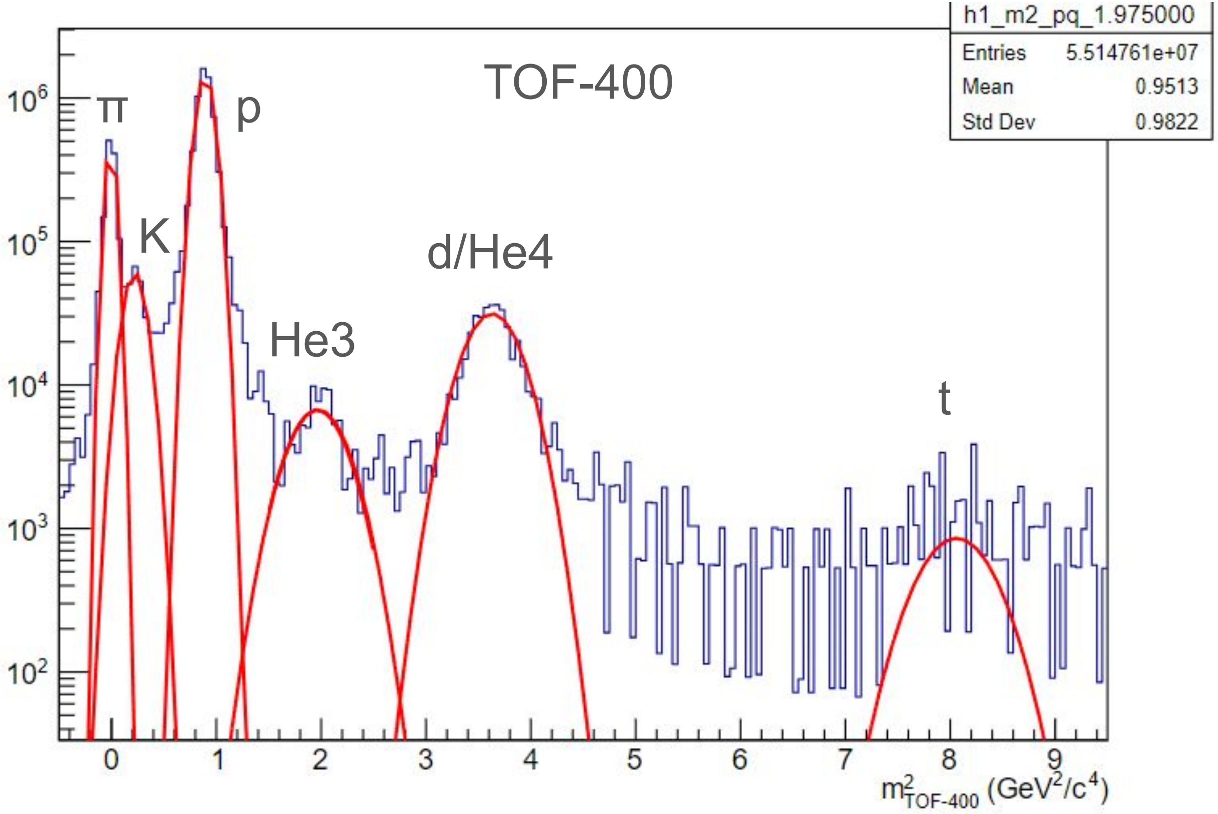
Particle identification

TOF-400

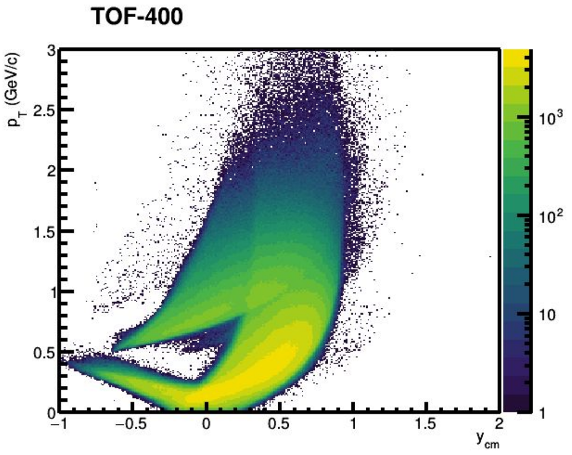


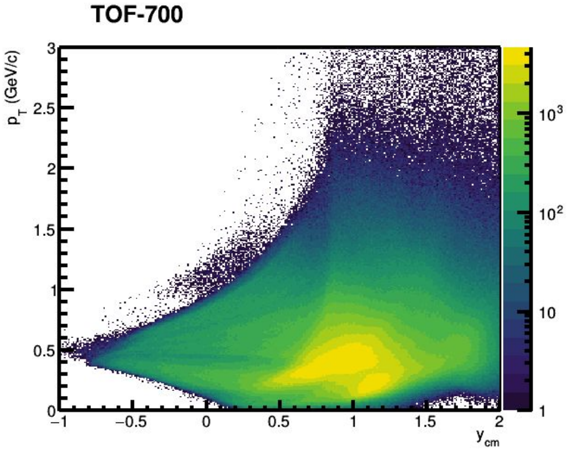
TOF-700

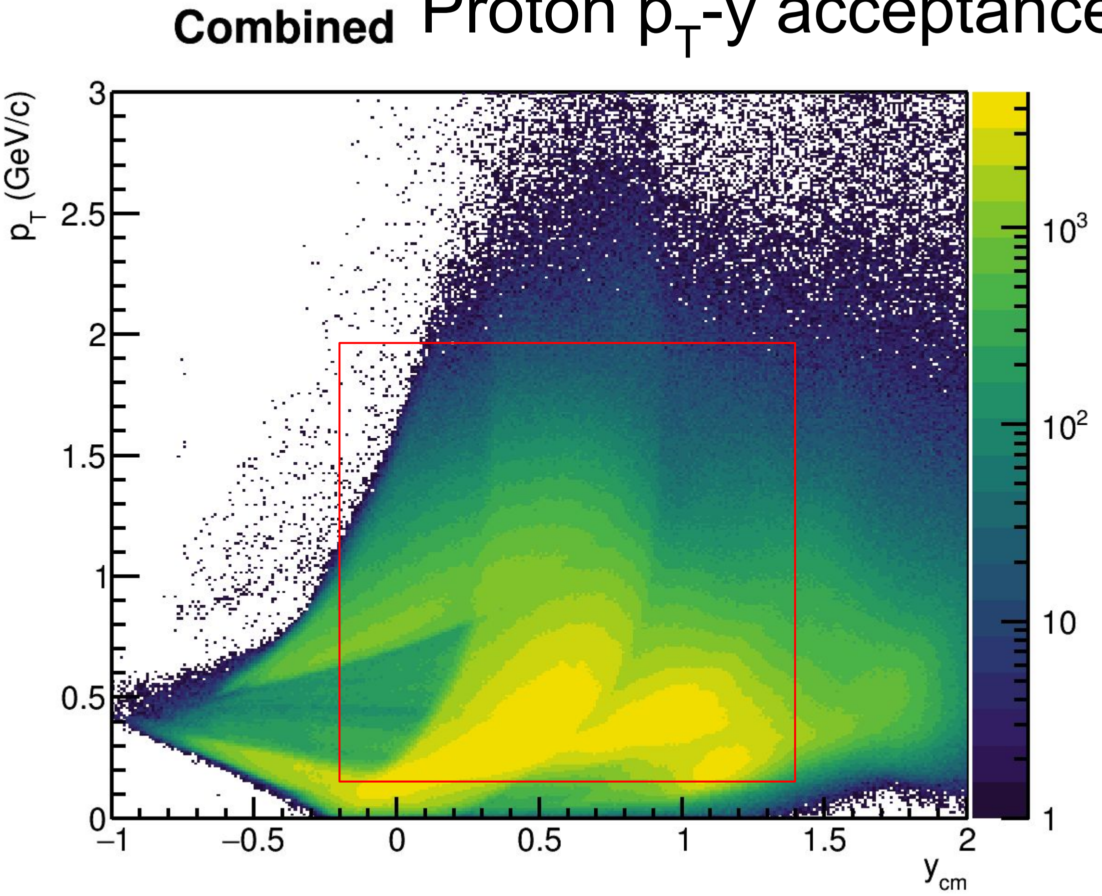




Proton p_T-y acceptance

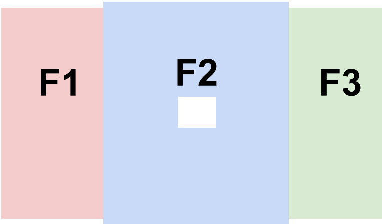


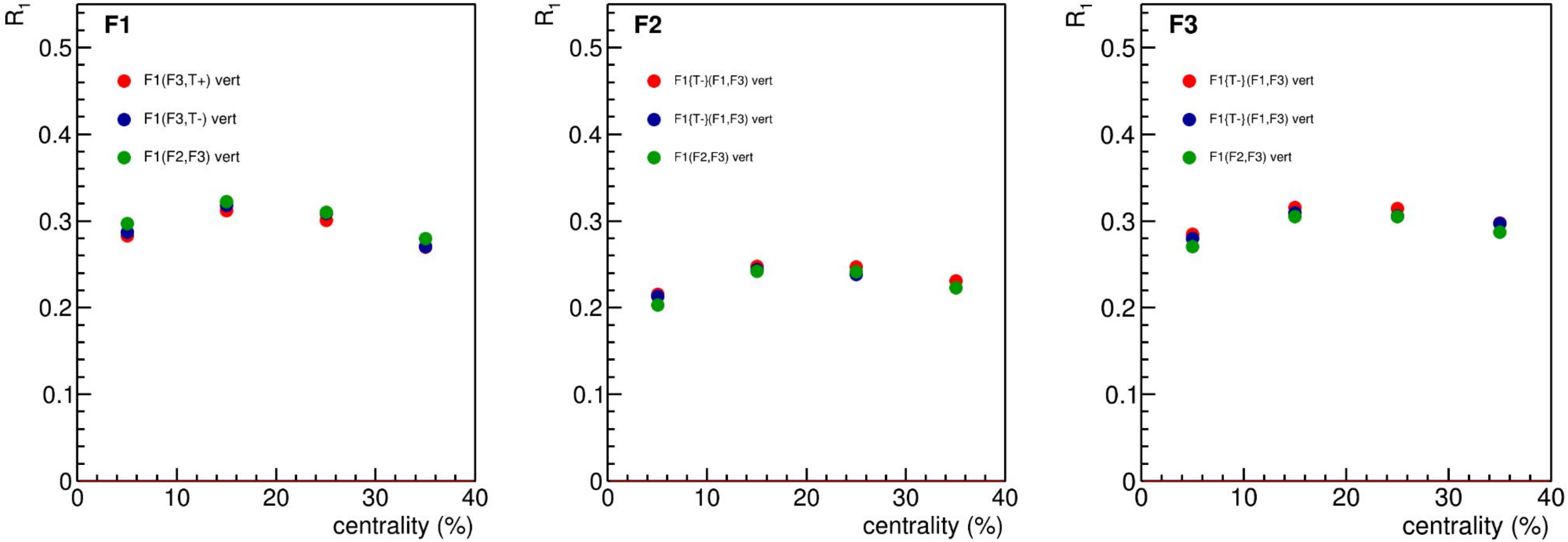




Data is corrected for p_T-y acceptance

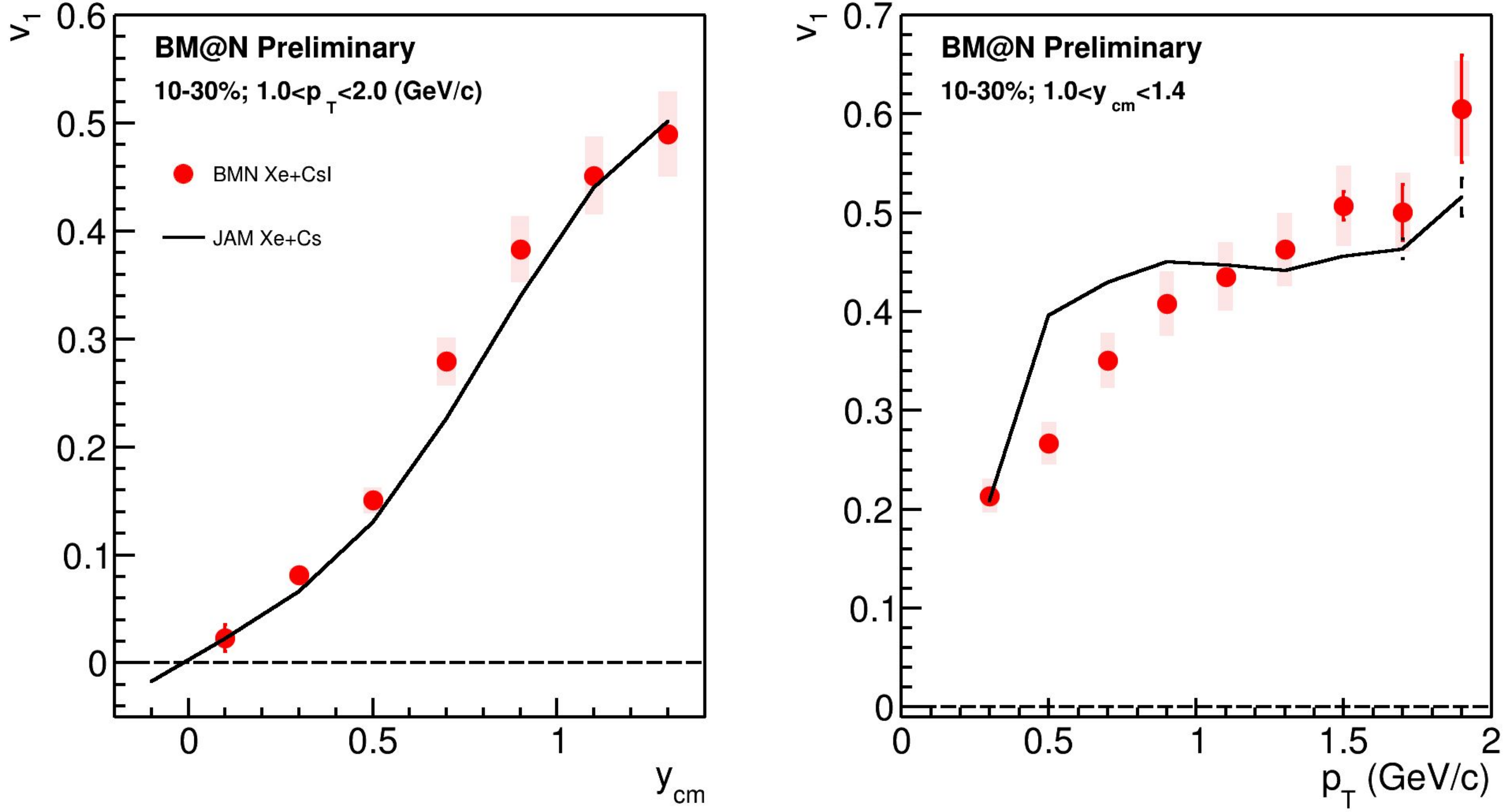
DATA: R_1 in Xe+Cs(I) collisions





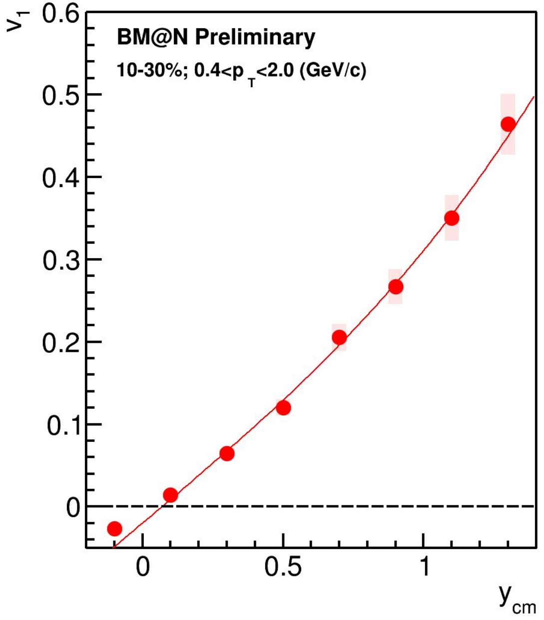
All the estimations for symmetry plane resolutions are in a good agreement

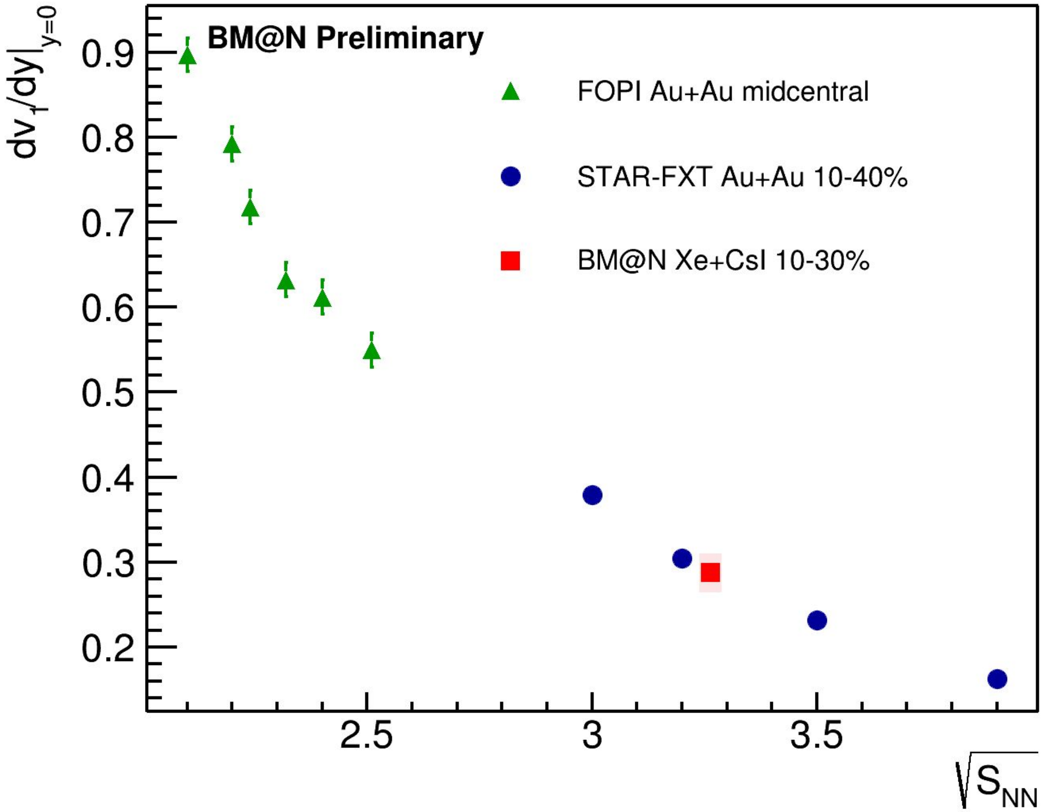
v_1 as a function of pT and y



JAM model describes $v_1(y)$ well

$dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ vs collision energy

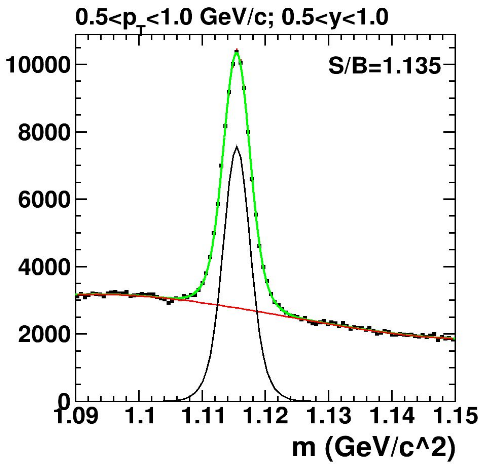


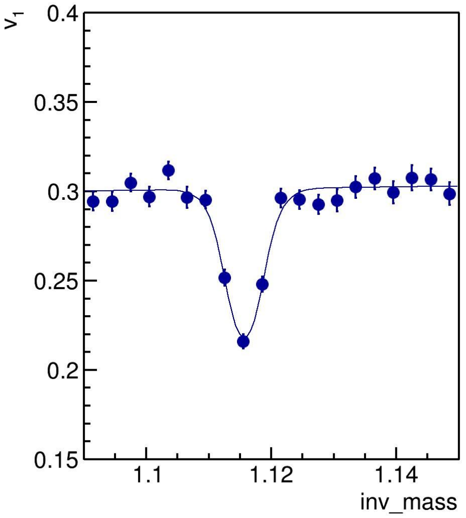


dv_1/dy is in a good agreement with the world data

Outlook

- 2025-2026 we expect the Beam-Energy scan program (2A, 3A, 4A GeV)
- The results for higher-harmonics flow is in the process of analysis
- The analysis for Λ v_1 is undergoing
  See V.Troshin talk
- Started the analysis for d flow





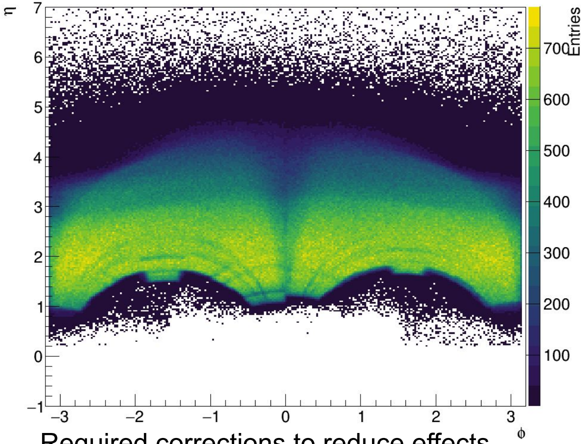
Summary

- Directed flow of protons is measured multidifferentially as a function of p_T, y and centrality
- The JAM model describes the $v_1(y)$ reasonably well in high transverse momentum region
- The directed flow slope at midrapidity $dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ was extracted
- The results for directed flow slope dv_1/dy of protons are in a good agreement with the world data

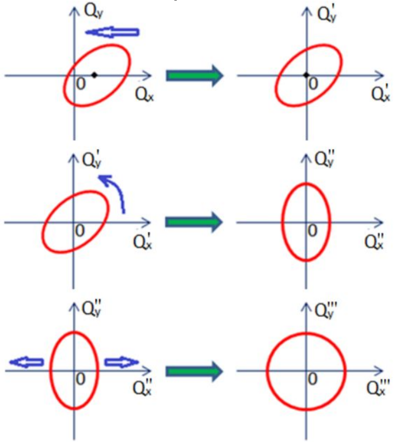
Performance Analysis

Azimuthal asymmetry of the BM@N acceptance

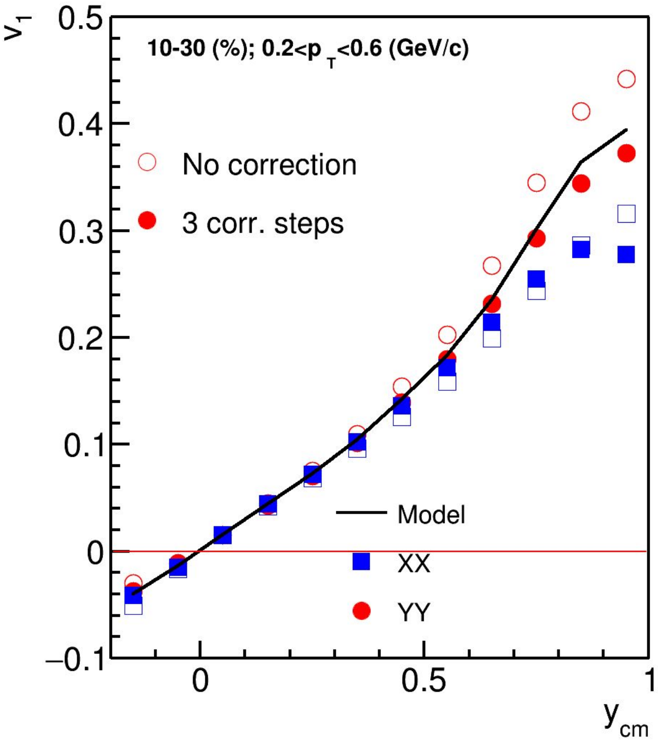
φ-η yield of protons



Required corrections to reduce effects of non-uniform azimuthal acceptance

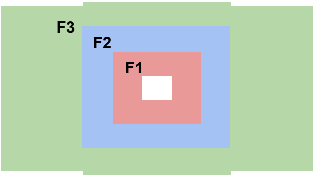


Corrections are based on method in:
I. Selyuzhenkov and S. Voloshin PRC77, 034904 (2008)

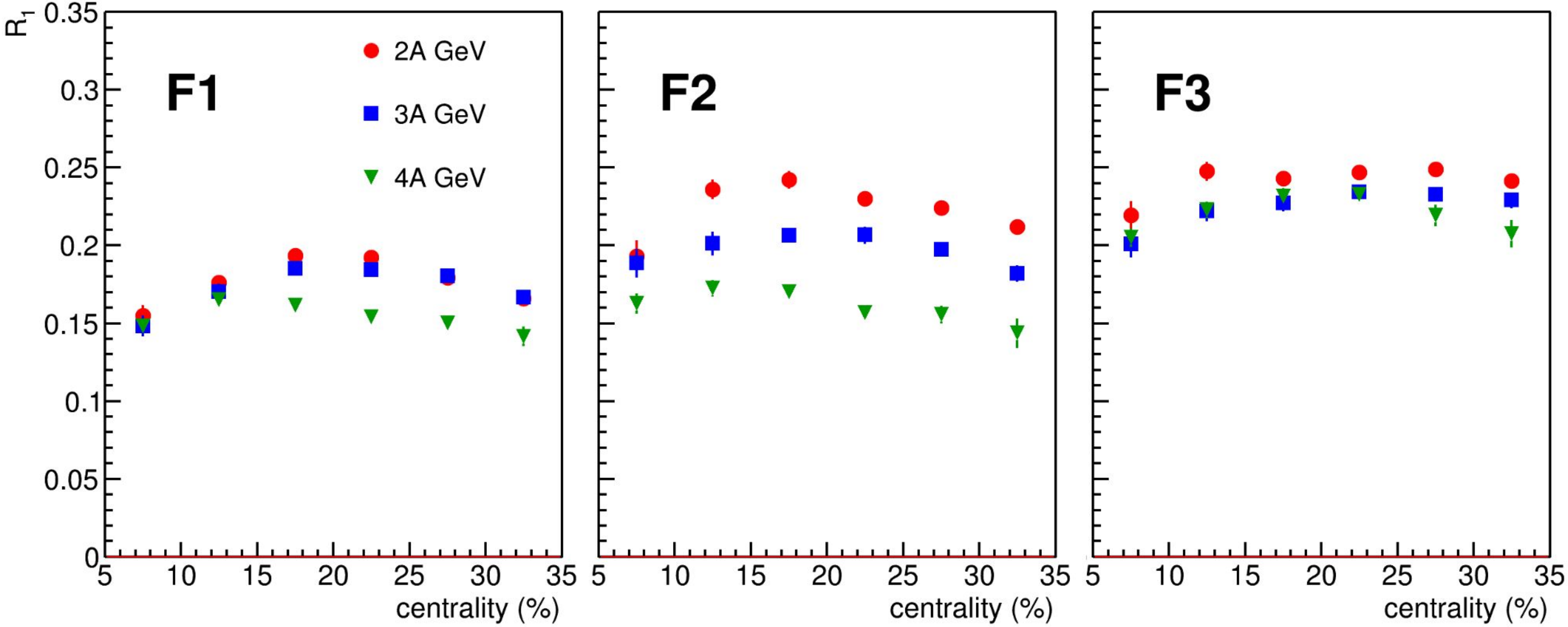


- Better agreement after rescaling for YY
- XX component has too large bias (due to magnetic field)

Performance study: R1

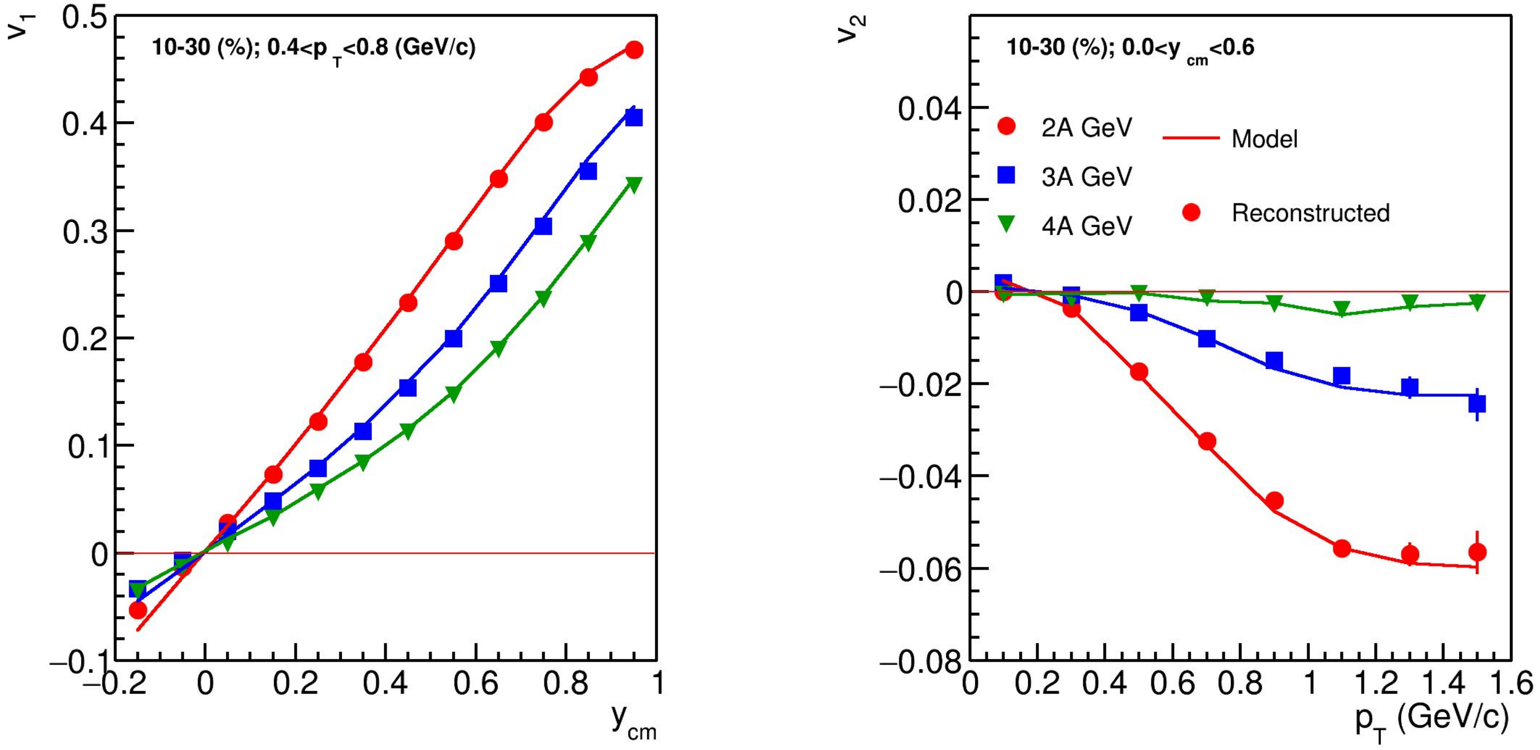


DCMQGSM-SMM



Resolution is lower for higher energies due to lower v_1

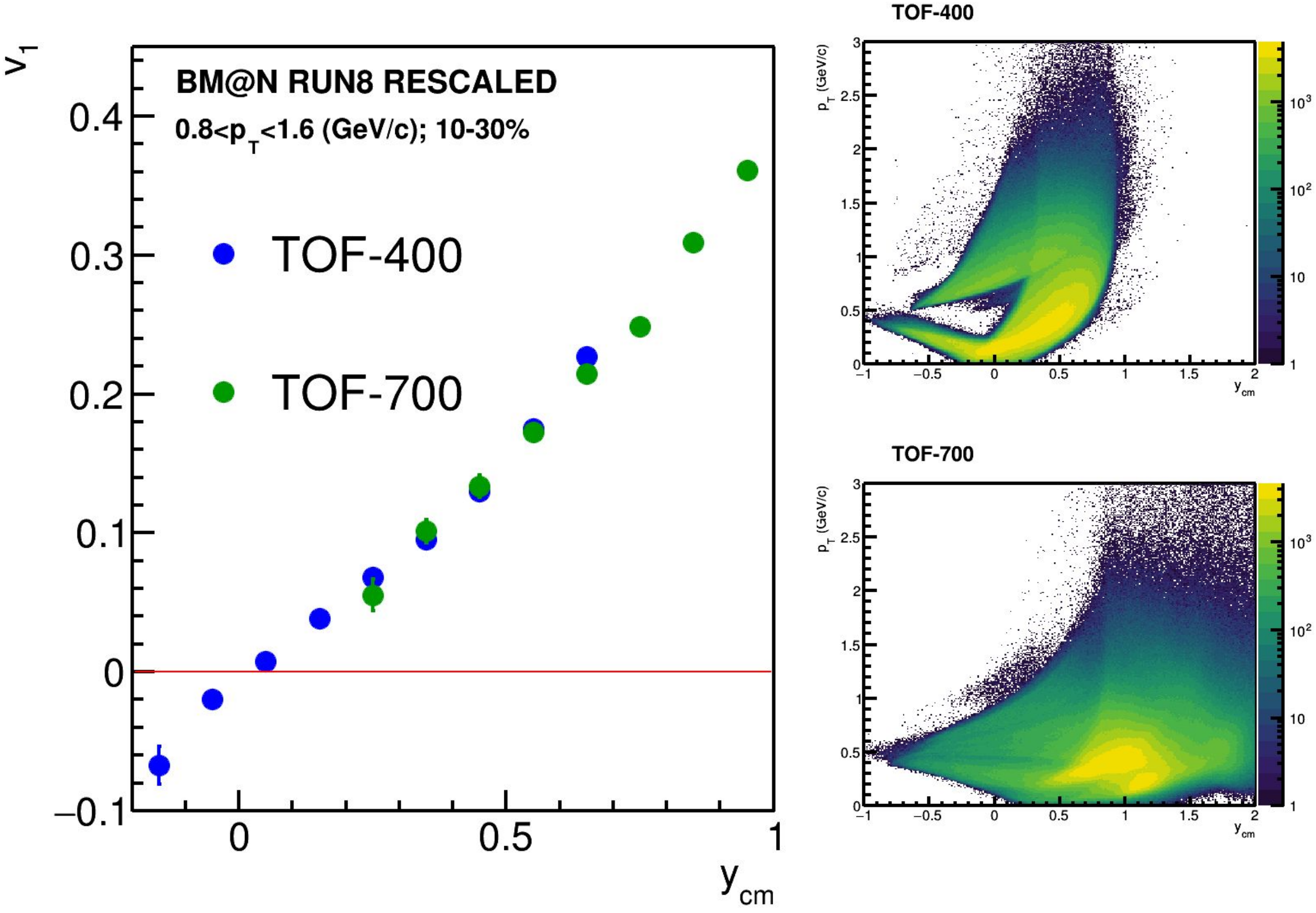
Perfromance study: v_1 and v_2 in Xe+Cs (JAM)



- Good agreement between reconstructed and pure model data for all three energies

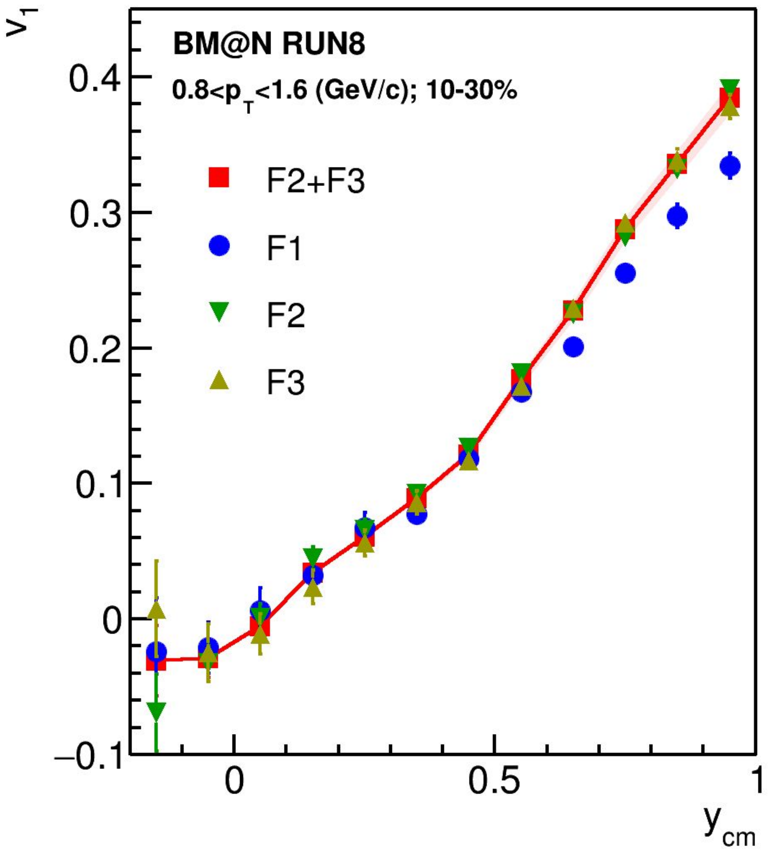
Data Analysis

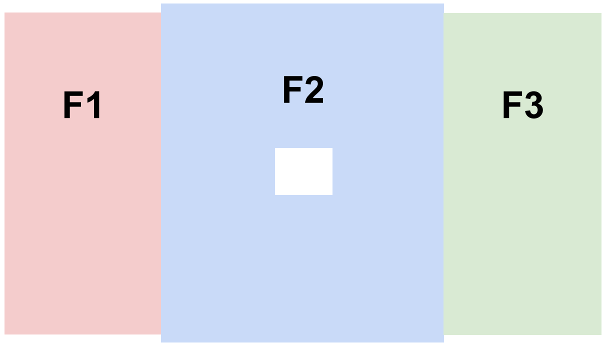
Comparison of the TOF performances



The results from TOF-400 and TOF-700 are in a good agreement

Systematics due to symmetry plane estimation (non-flow)

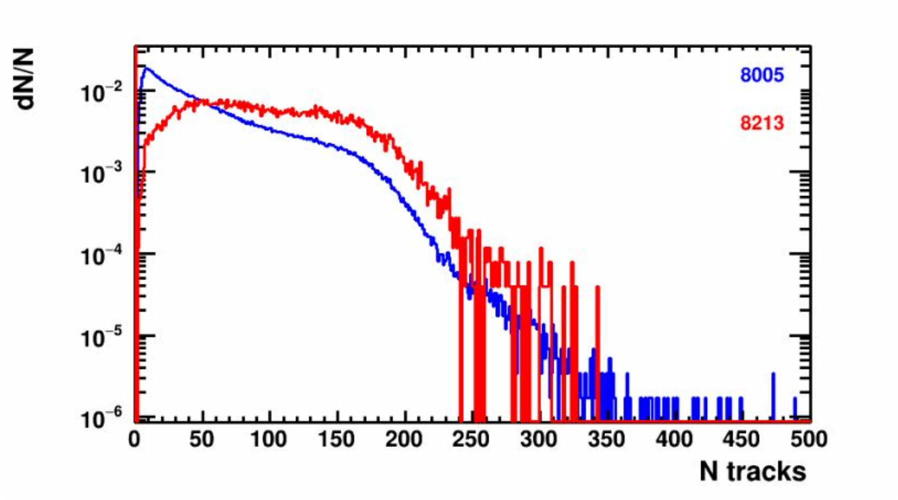


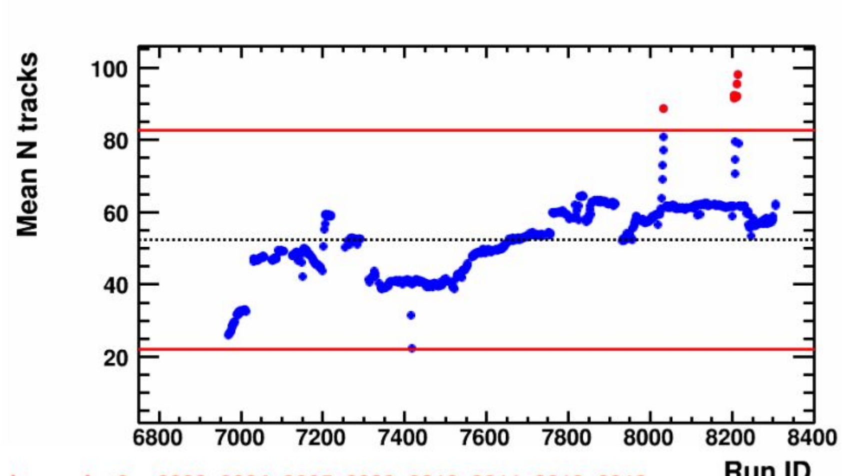


The systematics is below 3%

Backup

Quality assurance for the recent data





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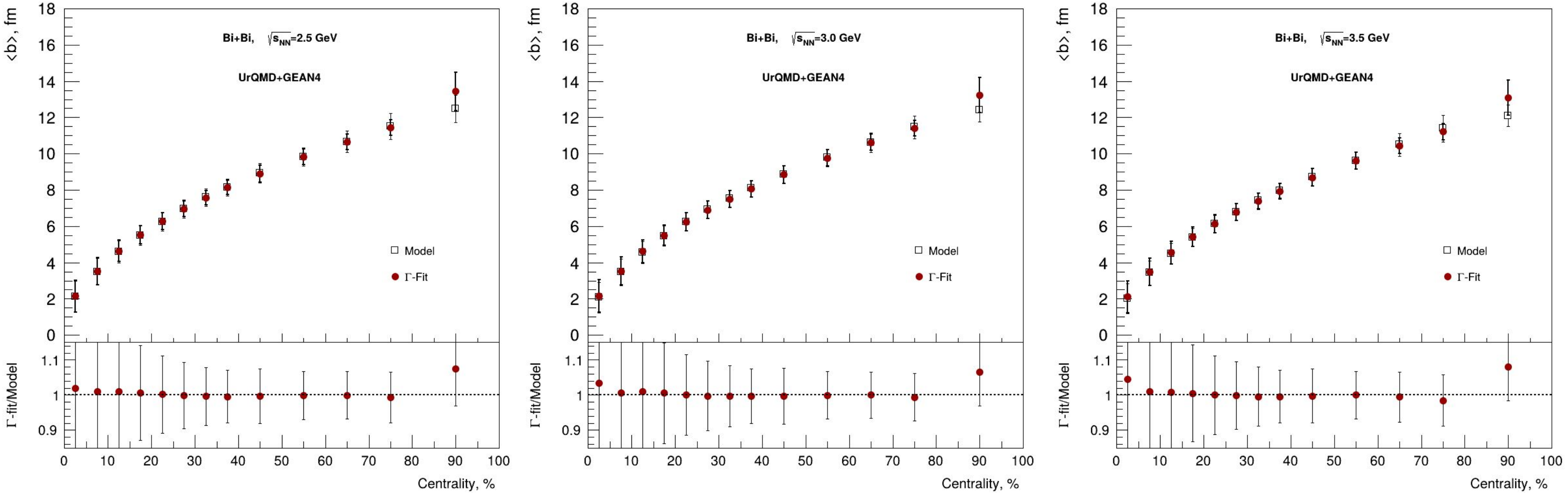
Centrality determination: <b> vs Centrality



Cuts on tracks:

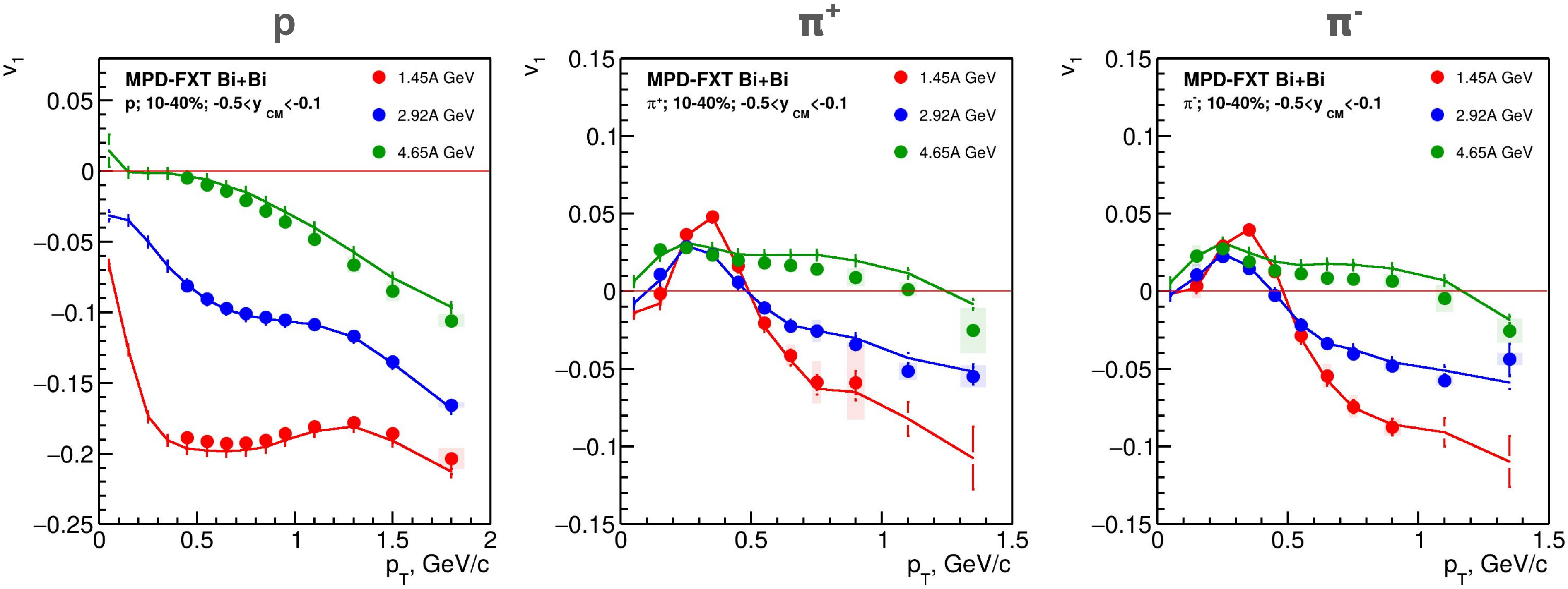
- Nhits>16
- $0 < \eta < 2$

Good agreement between fit and data

Multiplicity-based centrality determination using inverse Bayes was used

Results: $v_1(p_T)$

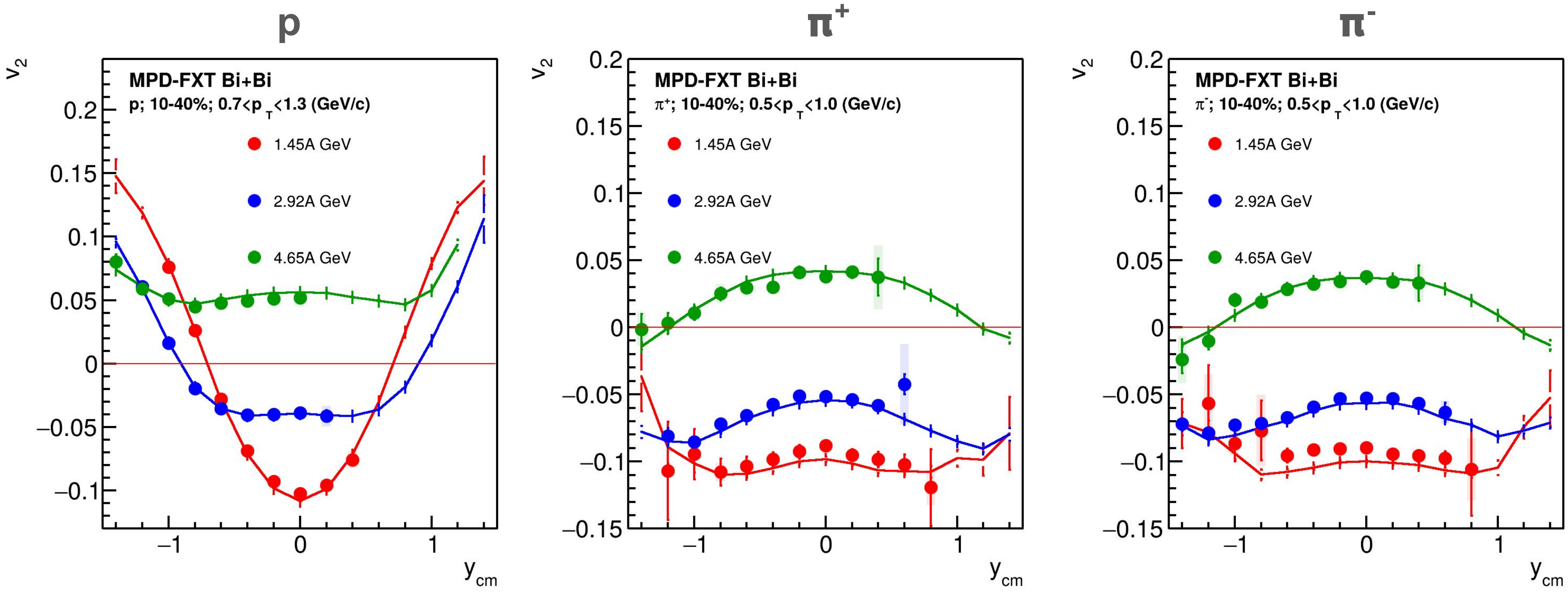
Systematics: xx, yy, F1, F2, F3



Good agreement with MC data

Results: $v_2(y)$

Systematics: xxx, xyy



Good agreement with MC data

The Bayesian inversion method (Γ-fit)

Relation between multiplicity N_{ch} and impact parameter b is defined by the fluctuation kernel:

$$P(N_{ch}|c_b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(k(c_b)\right)\theta^k} N_{ch}^{k(c_b)-1} e^{-n/\theta} \qquad \frac{\sigma^2}{\langle N_{ch} \rangle} = \theta \simeq const,\ k = \frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle}{\theta}$$

$$c_b = \int_0^b P(b')db'$$ – centrality based on impact parameter

Mean multiplicity as a function of c_b can be defined as follows:

$$\langle N_{ch} \rangle = N_{knee} \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{3} a_j c_b^j \right) \qquad N_{knee}, \theta, a_j$$ - 5 parameters

Fit function for N_{ch} distribution:

$$P(N_{ch}) = \int_0^1 P(N_{ch}|c_b) dc_b$$

b-distribution for a given N_{ch} range:

$$P(b|n_1 < N_{ch} < n_2) = P(b) \frac{\int_{n_1}^{n_2} P(N_{ch}|b) dN_{ch}}{\int_{n_1}^{n_2} P(N_{ch}) dN_{ch}}$$

2 main steps of the method:

Fit experimental (model) distribution with P(N)

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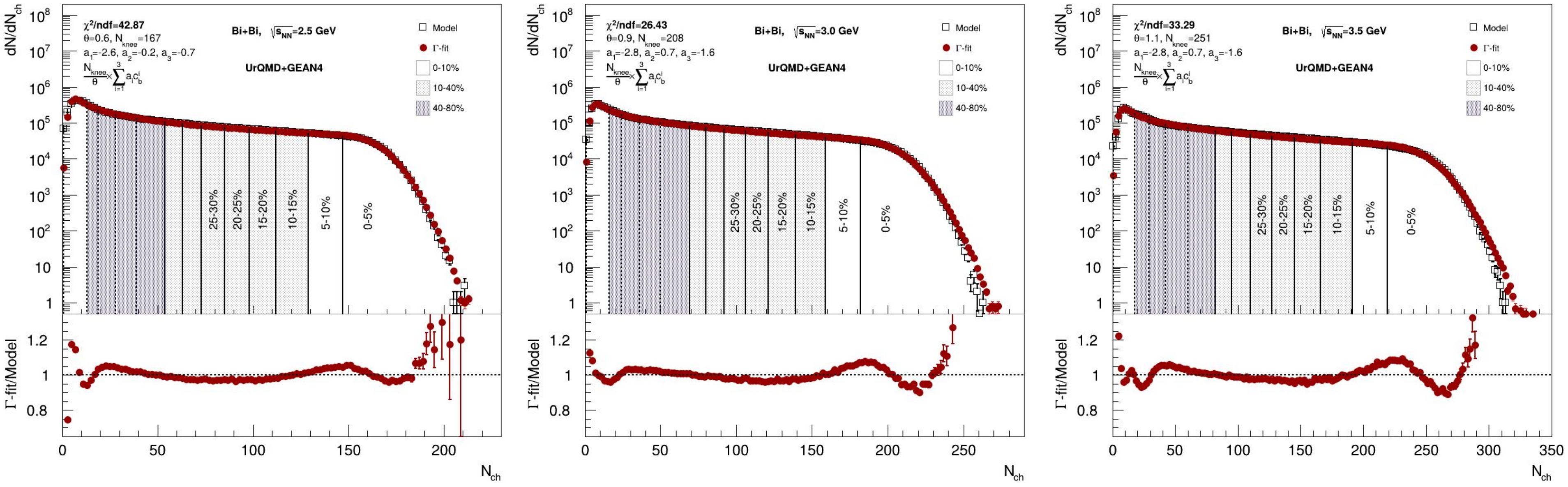
Construct P(b|E) using Bayes' theorem:
P(b|N) = P(b)P(N|b)/P(N)

Centrality determination: multiplicity fit



Cuts on tracks:

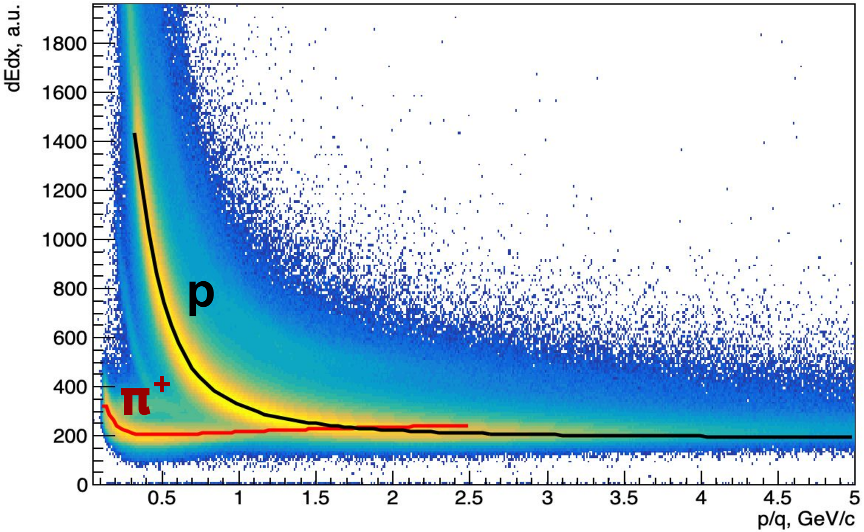
- Nhits>16
- $0 < \eta < 2$

Good agreement between fit and data

Multiplicity-based centrality determination (Γ-fit) was used

PID procedure

W. Blum, W. Riegler, L. Rolandi, Particle Detection with Drift Chambers (2nd ed.), Springer, Verlag (2008)

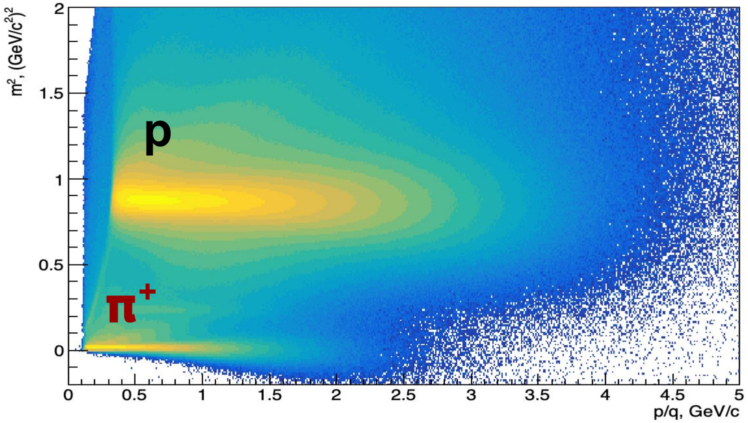


Fit dE/dx distributions with Bethe-Bloch parametrization:

$$f(\beta\gamma) = \frac{p_1}{\beta^{p_4}}\left(p_2 - \beta^{p_4} - \ln\left(p_3 + \frac{1}{(\beta\gamma)^{p_5}}\right)\right)$$

$$\beta^2 = \frac{p^2}{m^2 + p^2}, \beta\gamma = \frac{p}{m}$$ p_i - fit parameters

Fit *(dE/dx - f(βγ))/f(βγ)* with gaus in the slices of p/q and get σ_p(dE/dx)

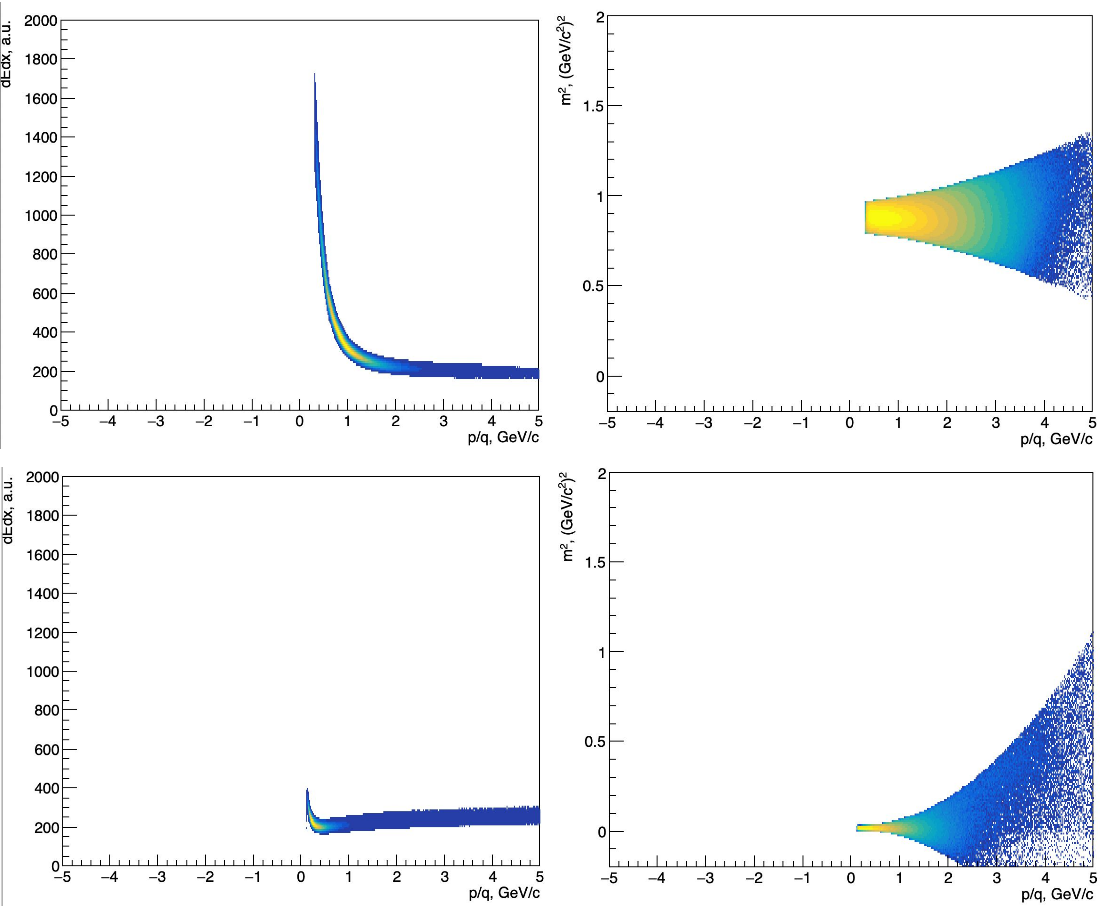


Fit m^2 with gaus in the slices of p/q and get $\sigma_p(m^2)$

(dE/dx,m)→(x,y) coordinates for PID:

$$x_p = \frac{(dE/dx)^{meas} - (dE/dx)^{fit}_p}{(dE/dx)^{fit}_p \sigma_p^{dE/dx}}, \; y_p = \frac{m^2 - m_p^2}{\sigma_p^{m^2}}$$

PID procedure: Results



$$x_p = \frac{(dE/dx)^{meas} - (dE/dx)_p^{fit}}{(dE/dx)_p^{fit}\sigma_p^{dE/dx}}$$

$$y_p = \frac{m^2 - m_p^2}{\sigma_p^{m^2}}$$

Protons:

$$\sqrt{x_p^2 + y_p^2} < 2, \sqrt{x_\pi^2 + y_\pi^2} > 3$$

Pions (π^+):

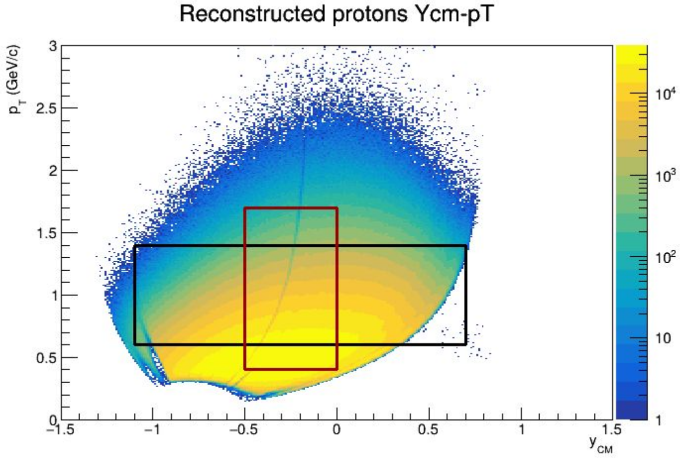
$$\sqrt{x_\pi^2 + y_\pi^2} < 2, \sqrt{x_p^2 + y_p^2} > 3$$

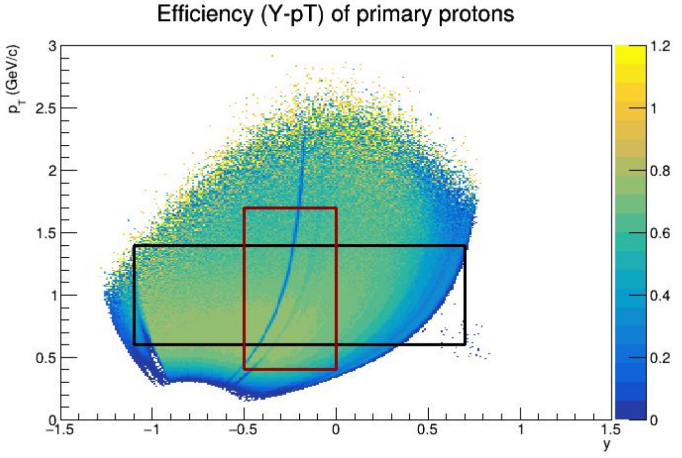
Pions (π^-):

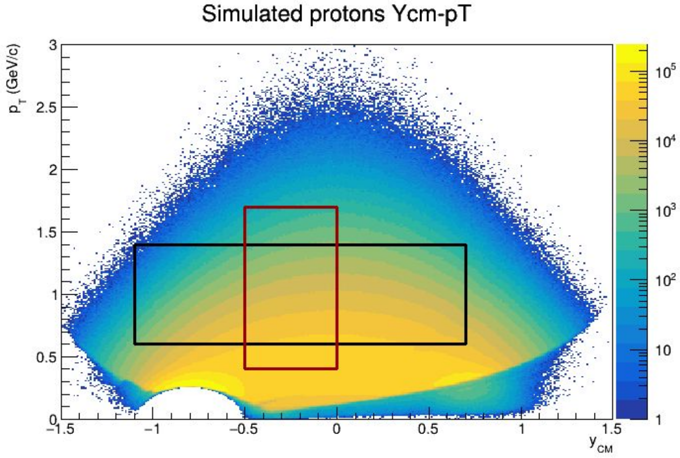
charge<0

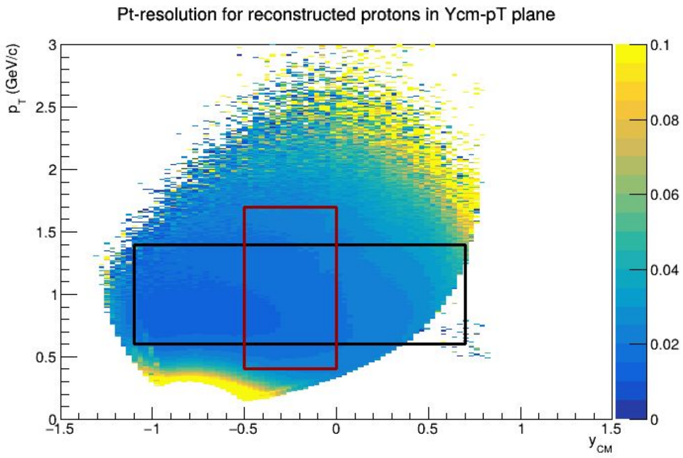
(y-pt) distribution, efficiency and δpt (protons)

$$\text{eff} = \frac{\frac{dN}{dy dp_T}(\text{reco})}{\frac{dN}{dy dp_T}(\text{sim})}$$









$$\Delta p_T = \frac{|p_T^{\text{reco}} - p_T^{\text{mc}}|}{p_T^{\text{mc}}}$$

Bi+Bi $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=2.5 GeV

Cuts for reco tracks:

- Nhits>27
- DCA< 1 cm
- PID (TPC+TOF)
- Primary (DCA<1 cm)

Cuts for sim particles:

- PID (pdg code)
- Primary (motherId)

Black box: acceptance window for $v_n(y)$

Red box: acceptance window for $v_n(p_T)$

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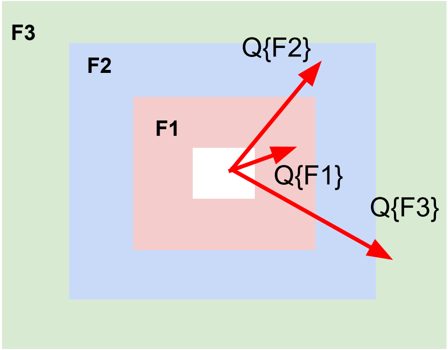
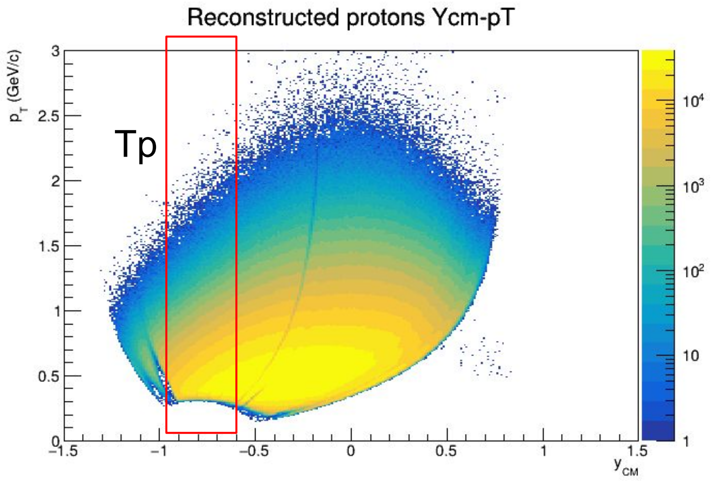
Modules of FHCal divided into 3 groups





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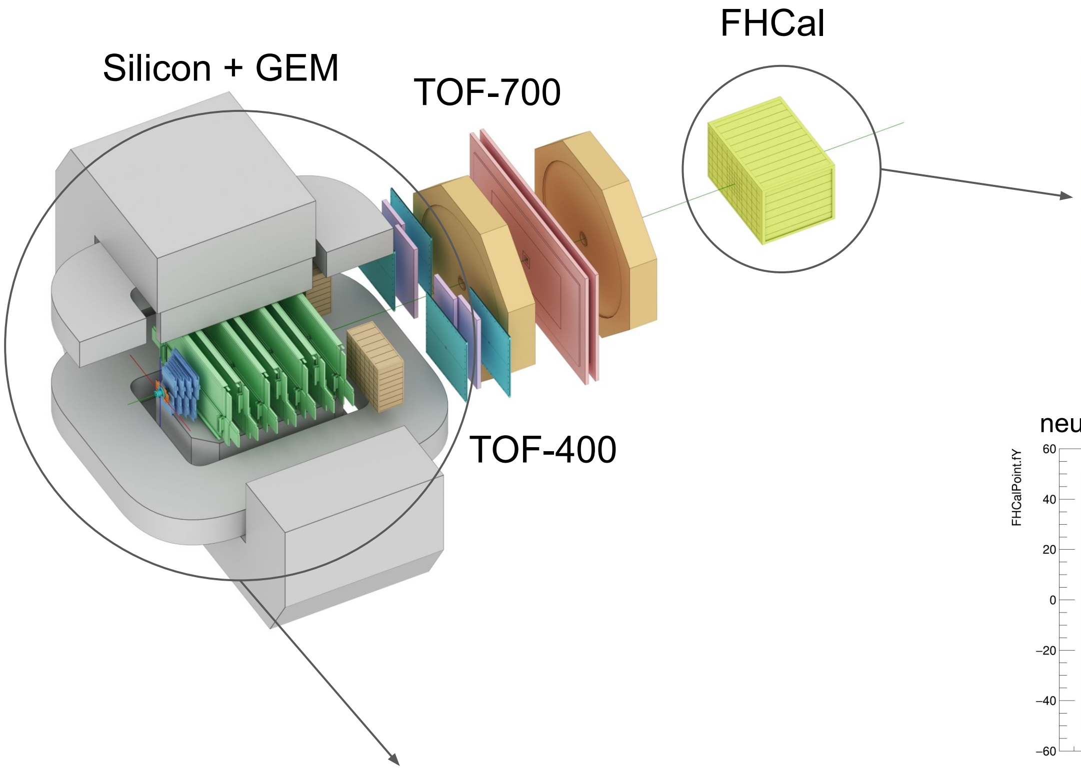
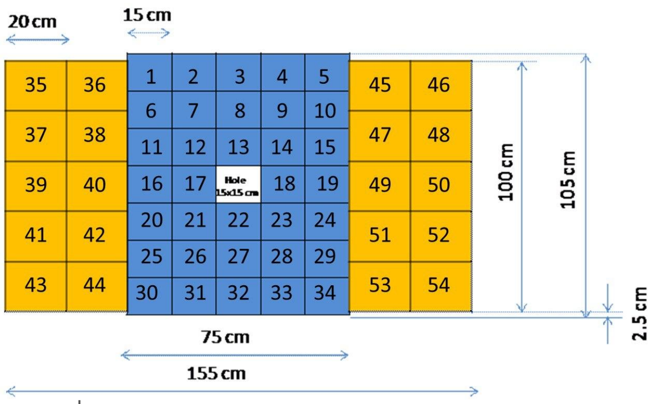
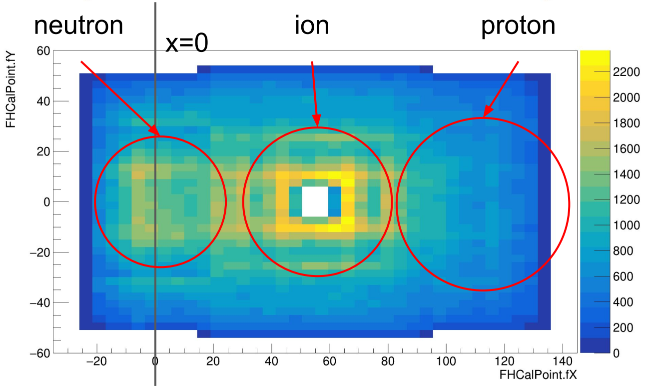
The BM@N experiment (GEANT4 simulation for RUN8)



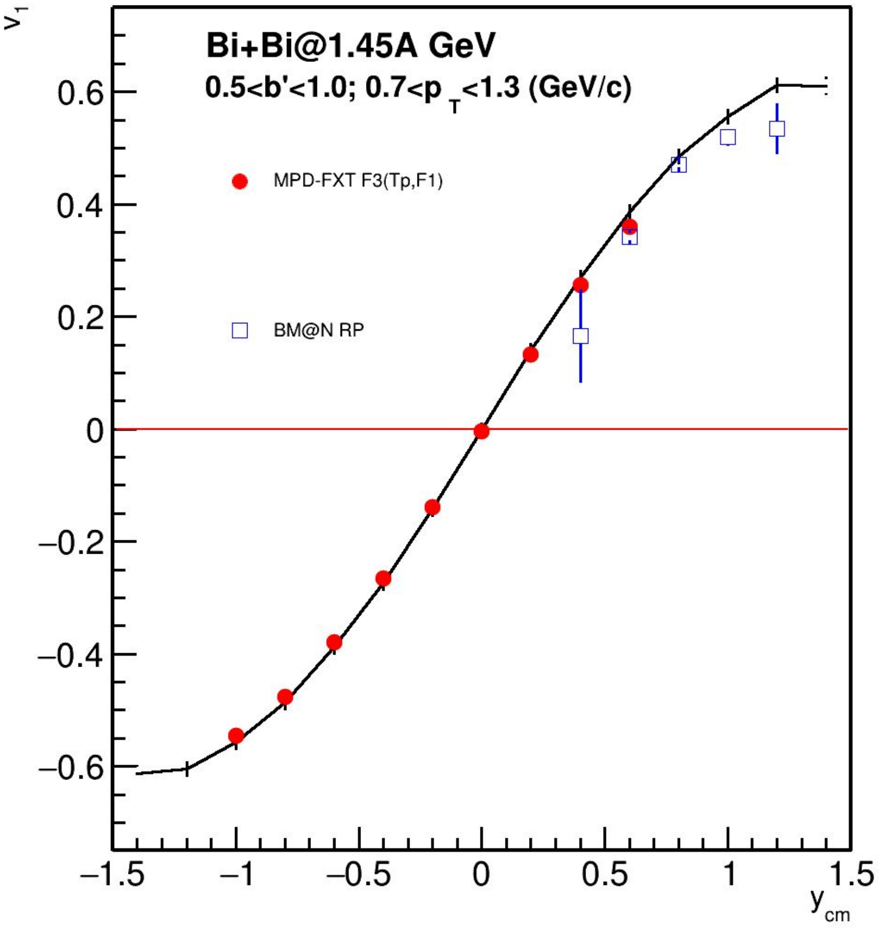




Square-like tracking system within the magnetic field deflecting particles along X-axis

Charge splitting on the surface of the FHCal is observed due to magnetic field

Comparison with BM@N performance



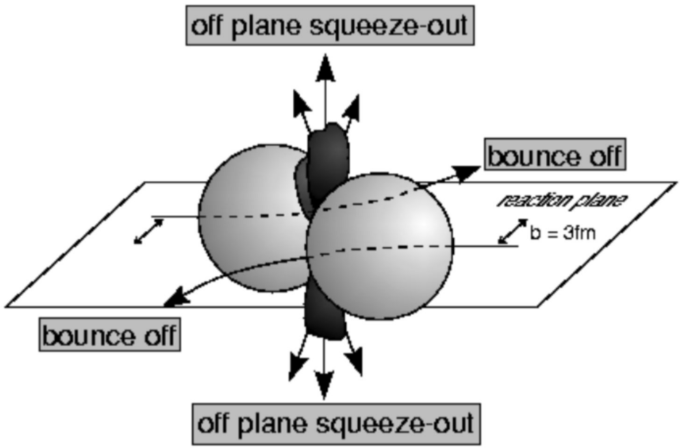
BM@N TOF system (TOF-400 and TOF-700) has poor midrapidity coverage at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.5 GeV

- One needs to check higher energies ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 3, 3.5 GeV)
- More statistics are required due to the effects of magnetic field in BM@N:
  - Only “yy” component of <uQ> and <QQ> correlation can be used

Despite the challenges, both MPD-FXT and BM@N can be used in v_n measurements:

- To widen rapidity coverage
- To perform a cross-check in the future

Anisotropic flow & spectators



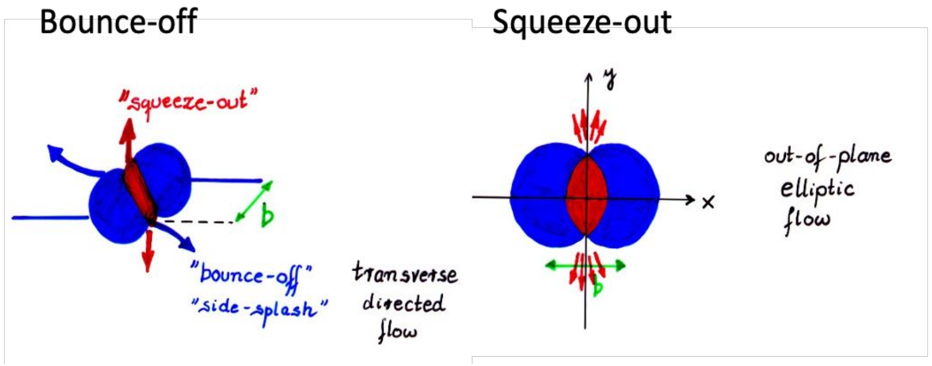
The azimuthal angle distribution is decomposed in a Fourier series relative to reaction plane angle:

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

Anisotropic flow:

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

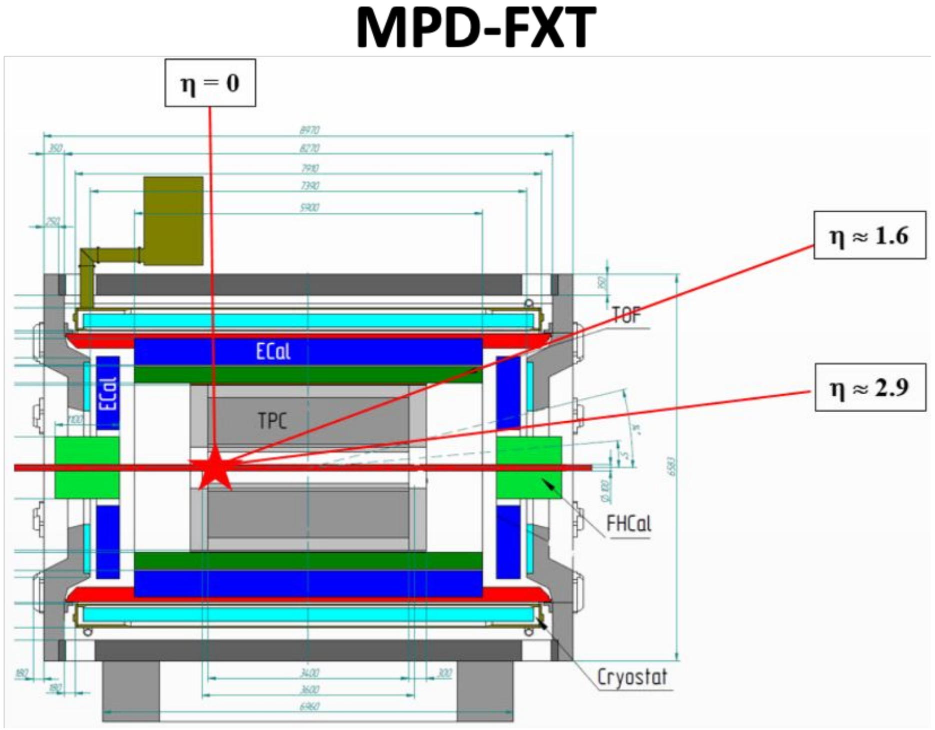
v_1 - directed flow, v_2 - elliptic flow



Anisotropic flow is sensitive to:

- ➢ Compressibility of the created matter $\left(t_{exp} = R/c_s,\ c_s = c\sqrt{dp/d\varepsilon}\right)$
- ➢ Time of the interaction between overlap region and spectators $\left(t_{pass} = 2R/\gamma_{CM}\beta_{CM}\right)$

MPD in Fixed-Target Mode (FXT)



- Model used: UrQMD mean-field
  - Bi+Bi, E_{kin}=1.45 AGeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =2.5 GeV)
  - Bi+Bi, E_{kin}=2.92 AGeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =3.0 GeV)
  - Bi+Bi, E_{kin}=4.65 AGeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=3.5 GeV)
- Point-like target at z = -115 cm
- GEANT4 transport
- Multiplicity-based centrality determination
- PID using information from TPC and TOF
- Primary track selection: DCA<1 cm
- Track selection:
  - N_{hits}>27 (protons), N_{hits}>22 (pions)

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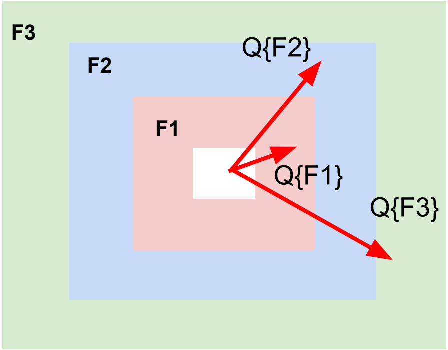

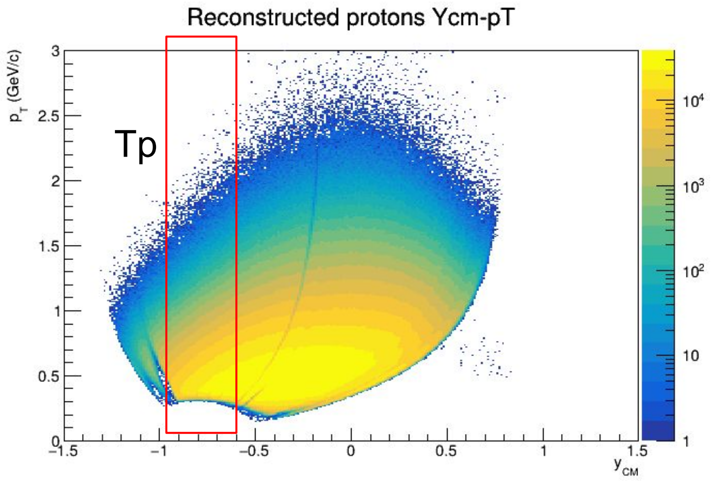

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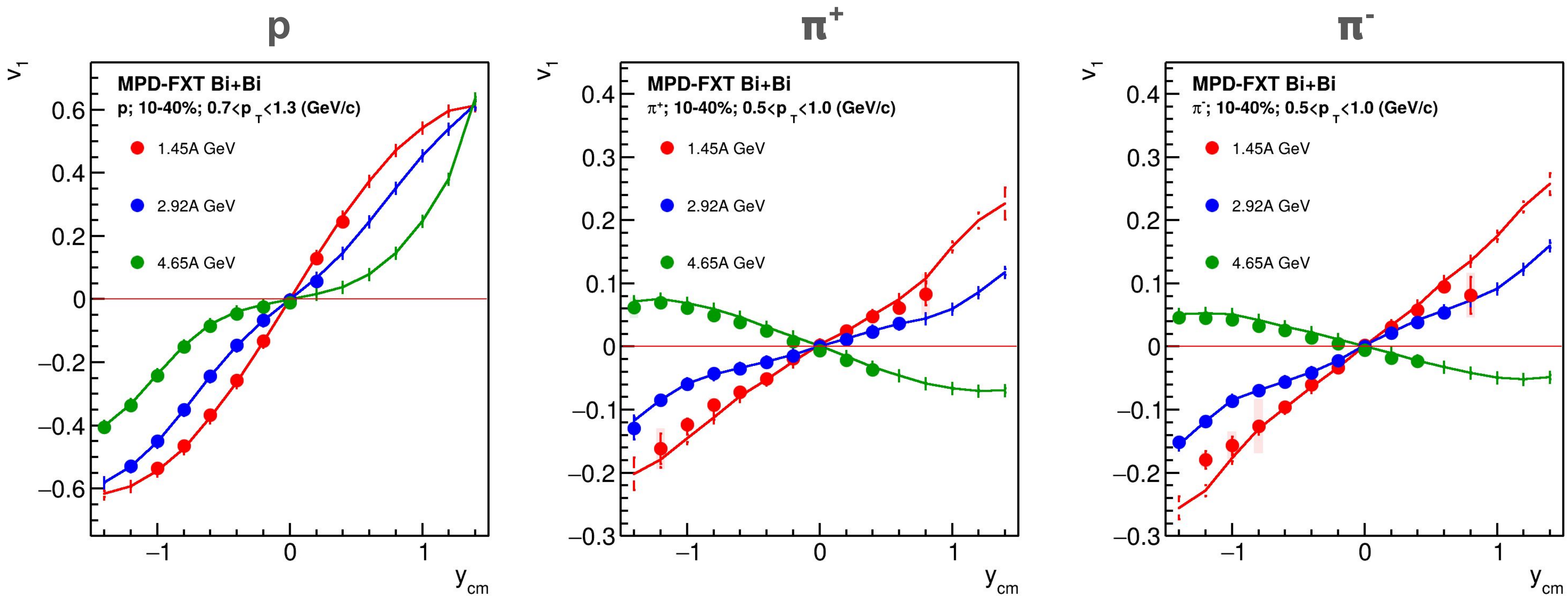
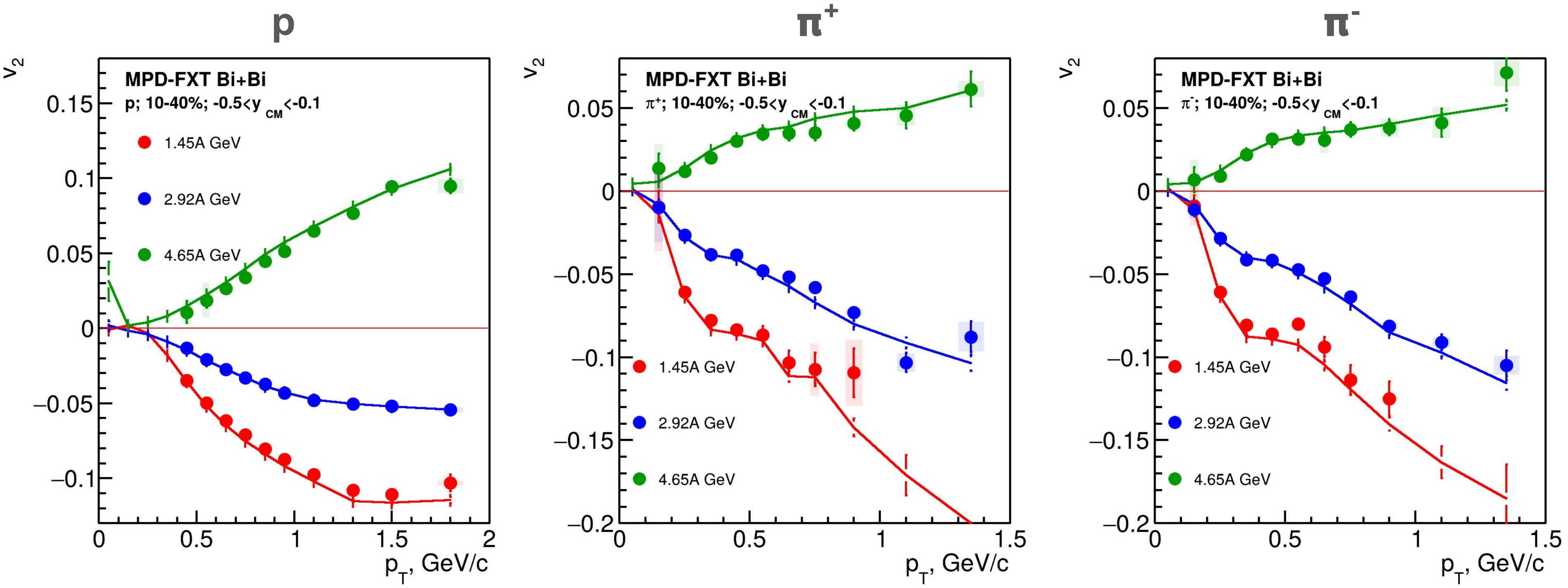
Systematics: xx, yy, F1, F2, F3



Good agreement with MC data

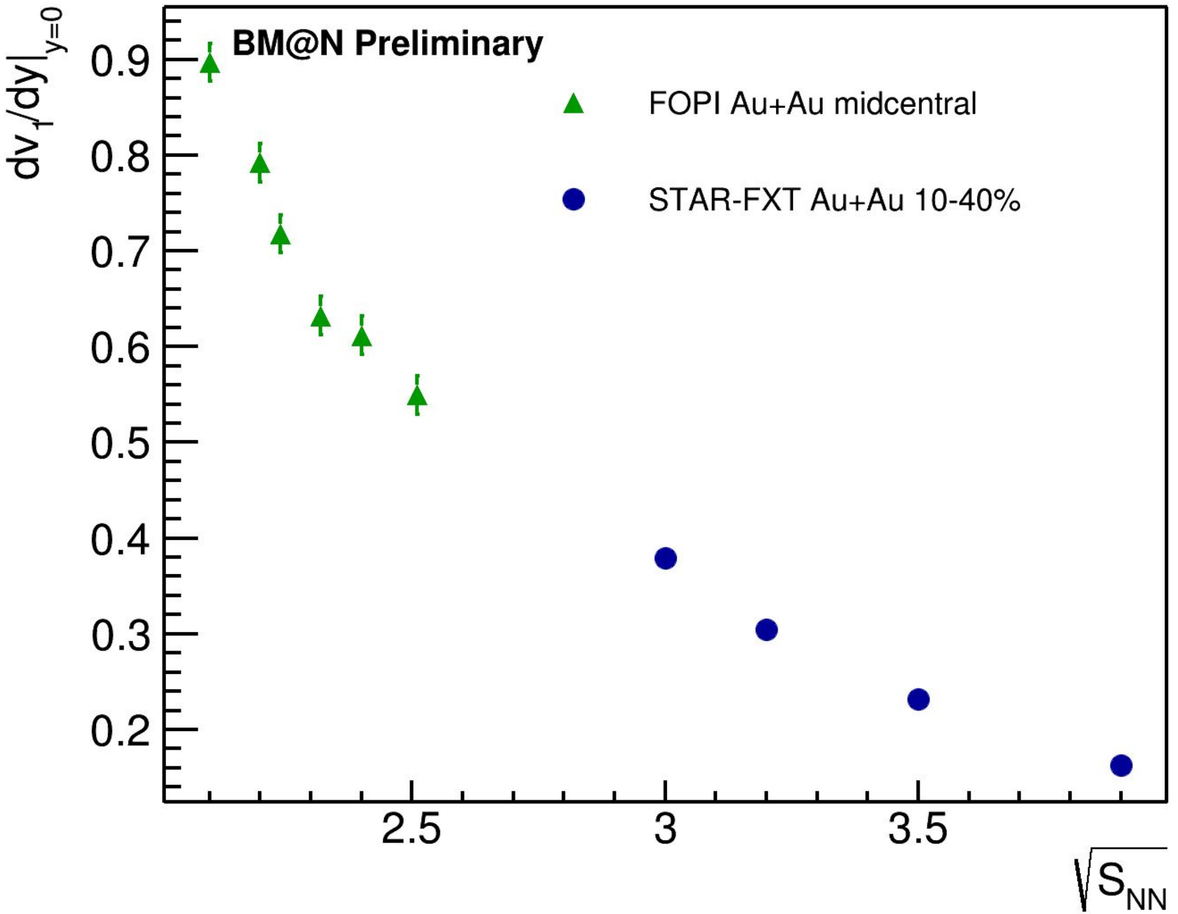
Results: $v_2(p_T)$

Systematics: xxx, xyy

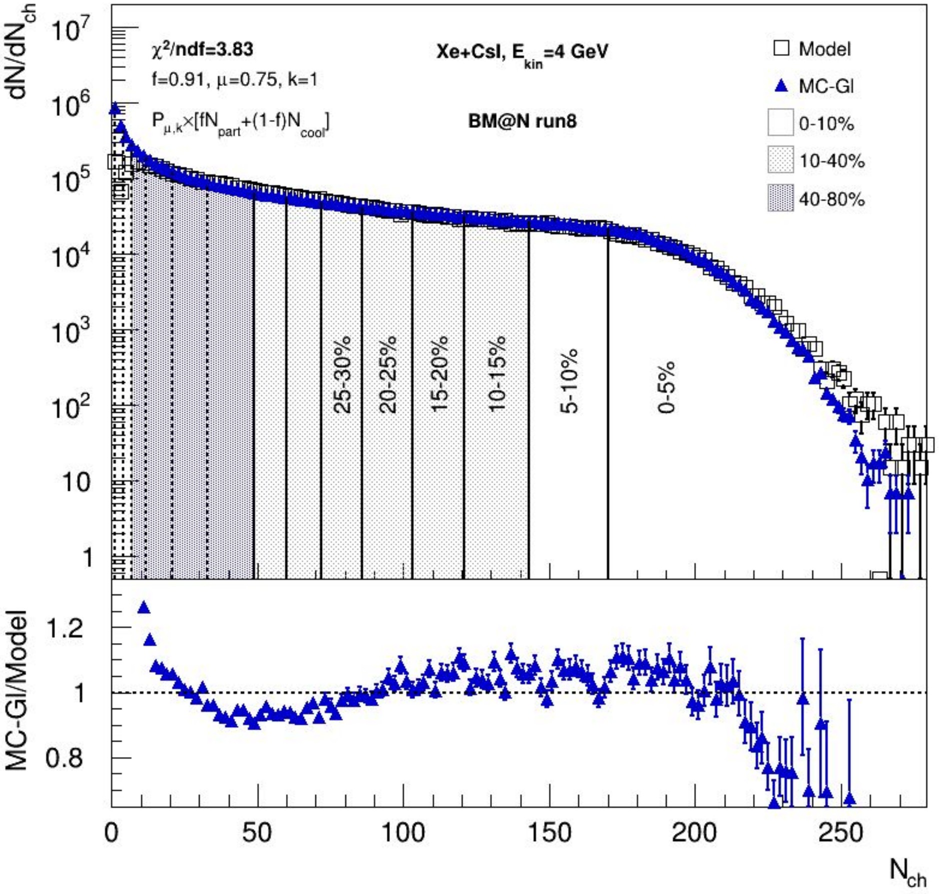


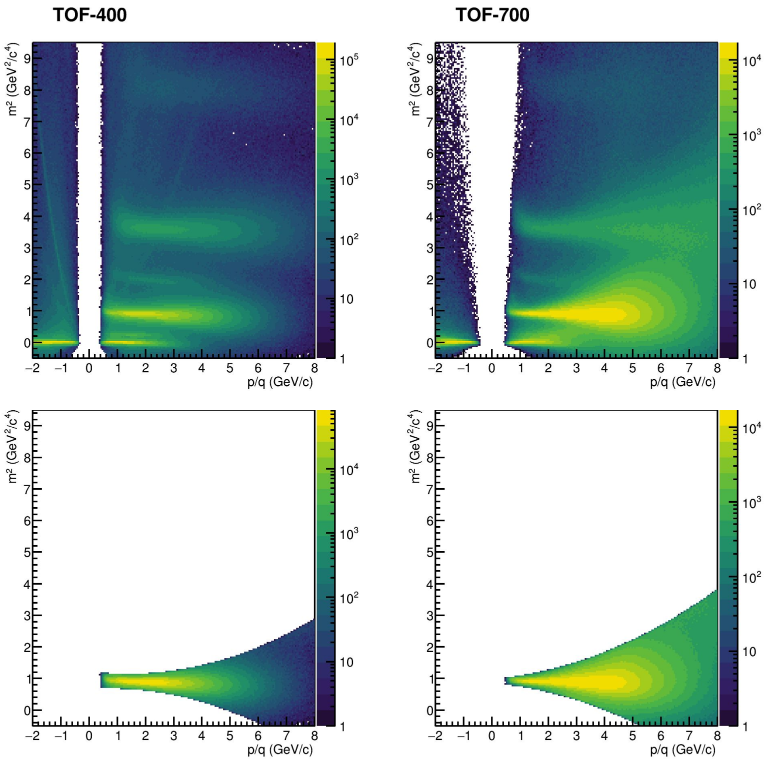
Good agreement with MC data

$dv_1/dy|_{y=0}$ vs collision energy



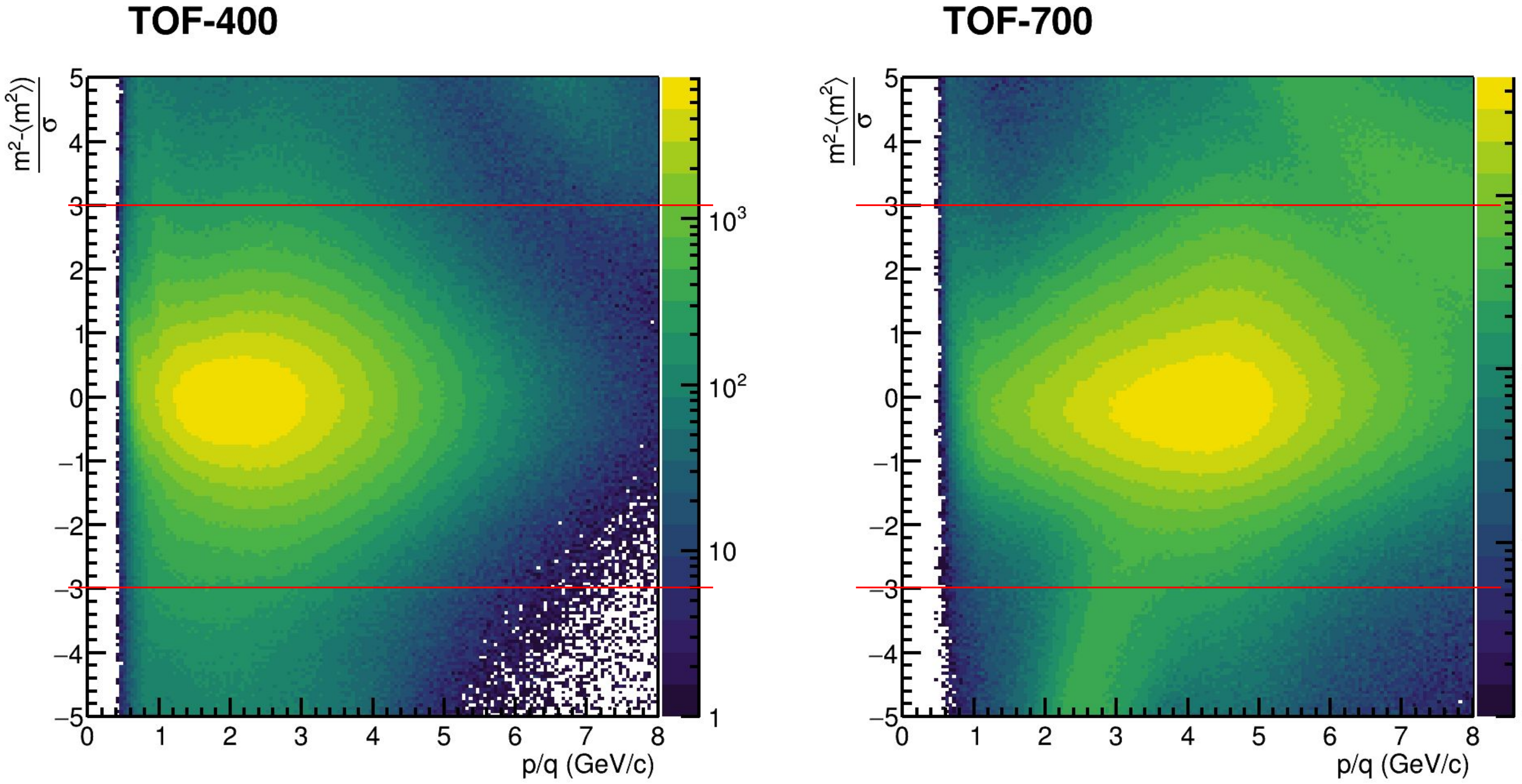
Centrality and particle selection



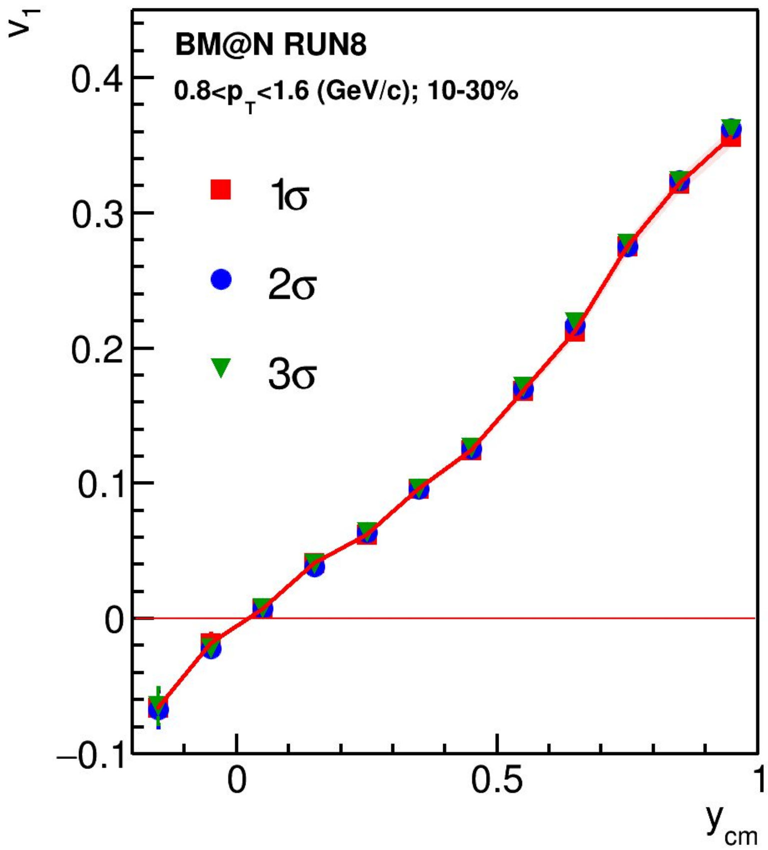


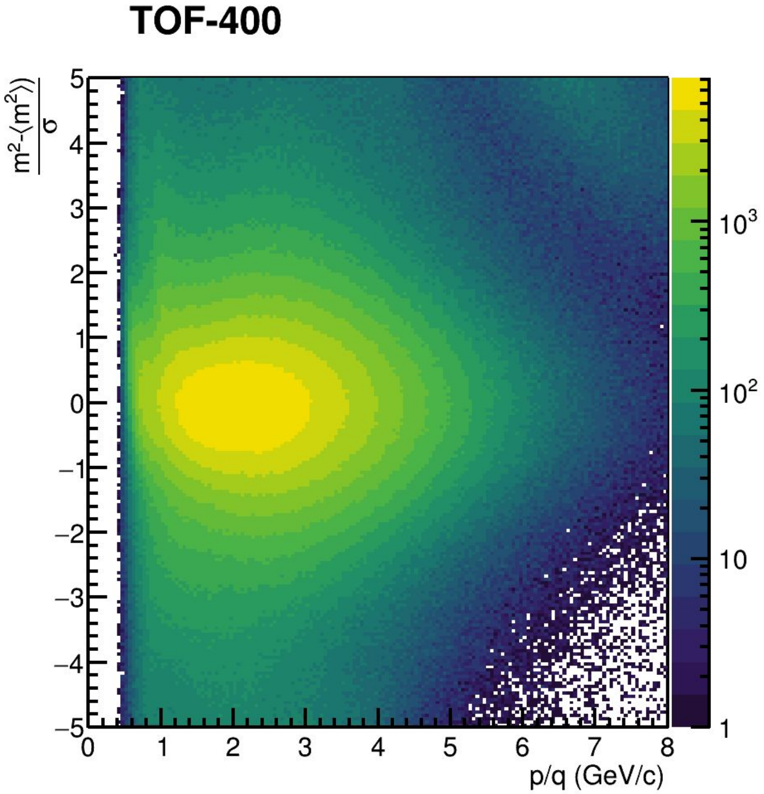
- Half of the recent VF production was analysed
- Event selection criteria (~100M events selected)
  - CCT2 trigger
  - Pile-up cut
  - Number tracks for vertex > 1
- Track selection criteria : $\chi^2 < 5$; $M_p^2 - 3\sigma < m^2 < M_p^2 + 3\sigma$; Nhits > 5

Proton N-sigma distributions



Systematics due to identification and tracking





The systematics is below 2%