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Flow:

- Definitions, and first measurements
- Centrality/energy dependence, and ideal fluid
- Constituent Quark Scaling, and deconfinement
- Nonflow and flow fluctuations, and “ridge”, initial geometry
- Participants/flow planes.
- Flow correlations and decorrelations
- Linear and nonlinear flow modes

Anisotropic flow

Anisotropic flow \equiv correlations with respect to the reaction plane, system response to azimuthally asymmetric initial conditions

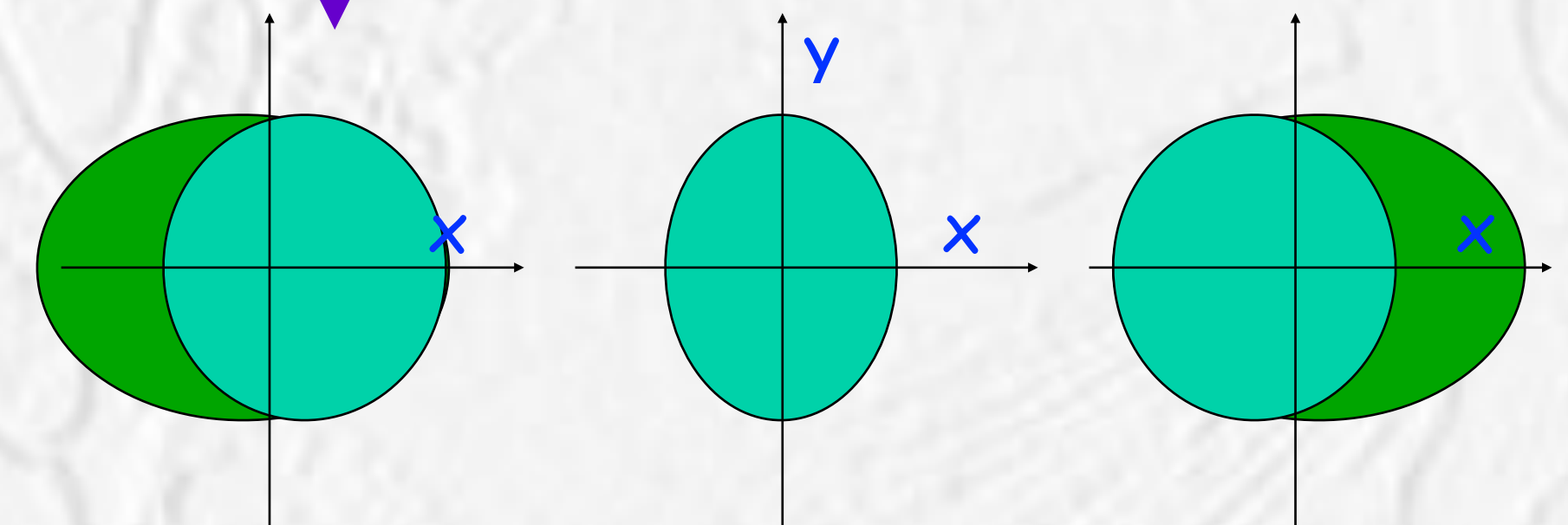
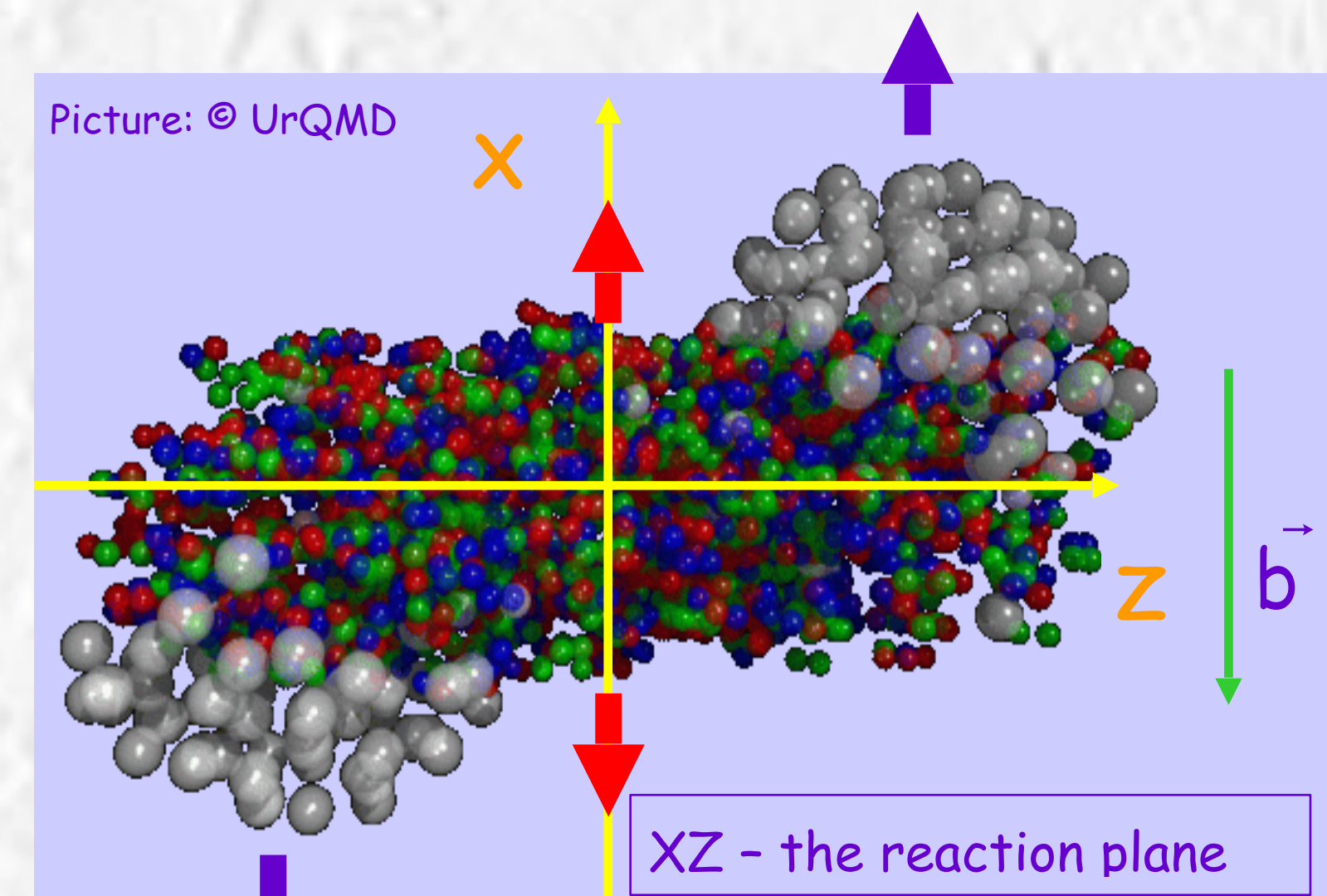
Term “flow” does not mean necessarily “hydro” flow – used only to emphasize the collective behavior
 \leftrightarrow multiparticle azimuthal correlation.

$$E \frac{d^3n}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2n}{dp_t dy} \left(1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \right)$$

$$v_n(p_T, y) = \langle \cos[n(\phi_i - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

Advantages:

- Describes different kind of anisotropies in a common way
- Possibility to “fully” correct the results and compare directly to theory and other experiments



Flow study in relativistic nuclear collisions by Fourier expansion of Azimuthal particle distributions

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S. Voloshin (Pittsburgh U.), Y. Zhang (SUNY, Stony Brook) (Jun, 1994)

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In-plane elliptic flow

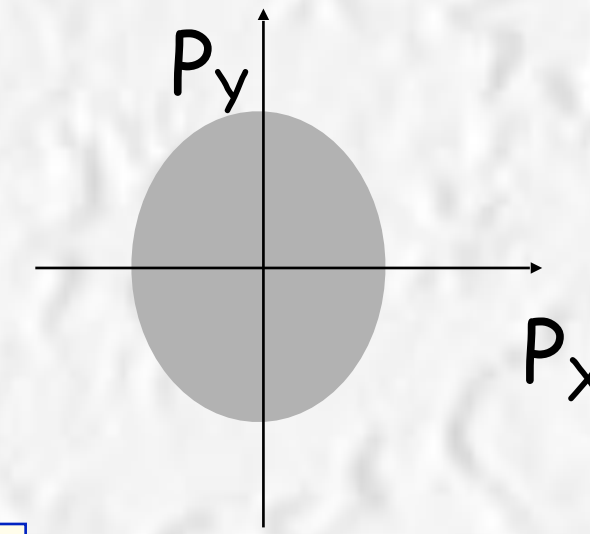
Anisotropy as a signature of transverse collective flow #5

Jean-Yves Ollitrault (Saclay) (Mar 20, 1992)

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In “ v_n ” language: $v_2 > 0$

Hydrodynamics: stronger in-plane expansion of the system

$$S_{ij} = \langle p_i p_j \rangle; \quad i, j = x, y$$

2d sphericity

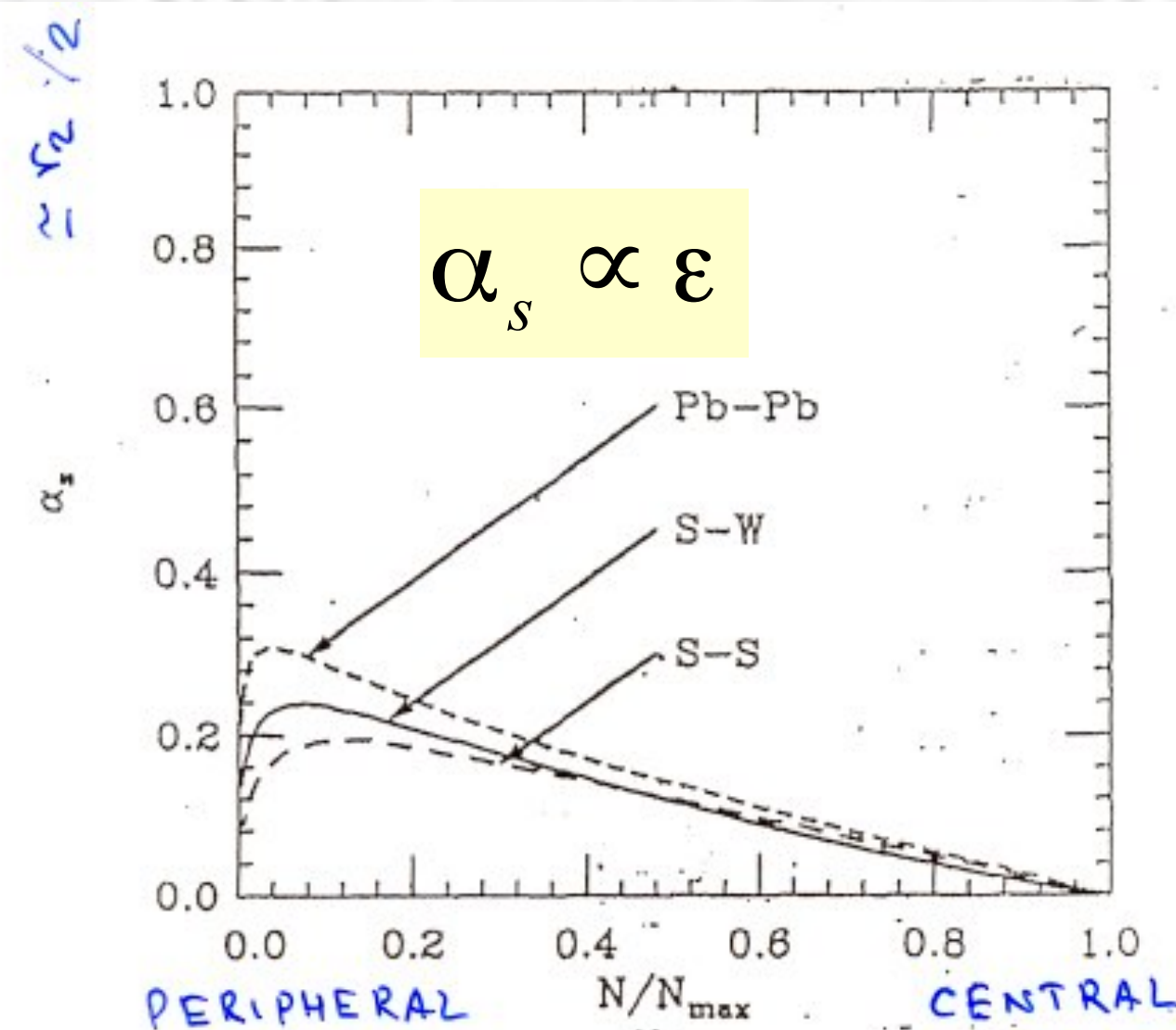


FIG. 3. Spatial anisotropy for various colliding systems. α_s , defined by Eq. (4.18), is plotted against the number of participating nucleons, scaled to its maximum value (reached for a central collision) N_{\max} . Short dashes: lead-lead collision ($N_{\max} \approx 395$). Long dashes: sulfur-sulfur collision ($N_{\max} \approx 51$). Solid line: sulfur-tungsten collision ($N_{\max} \approx 121$).

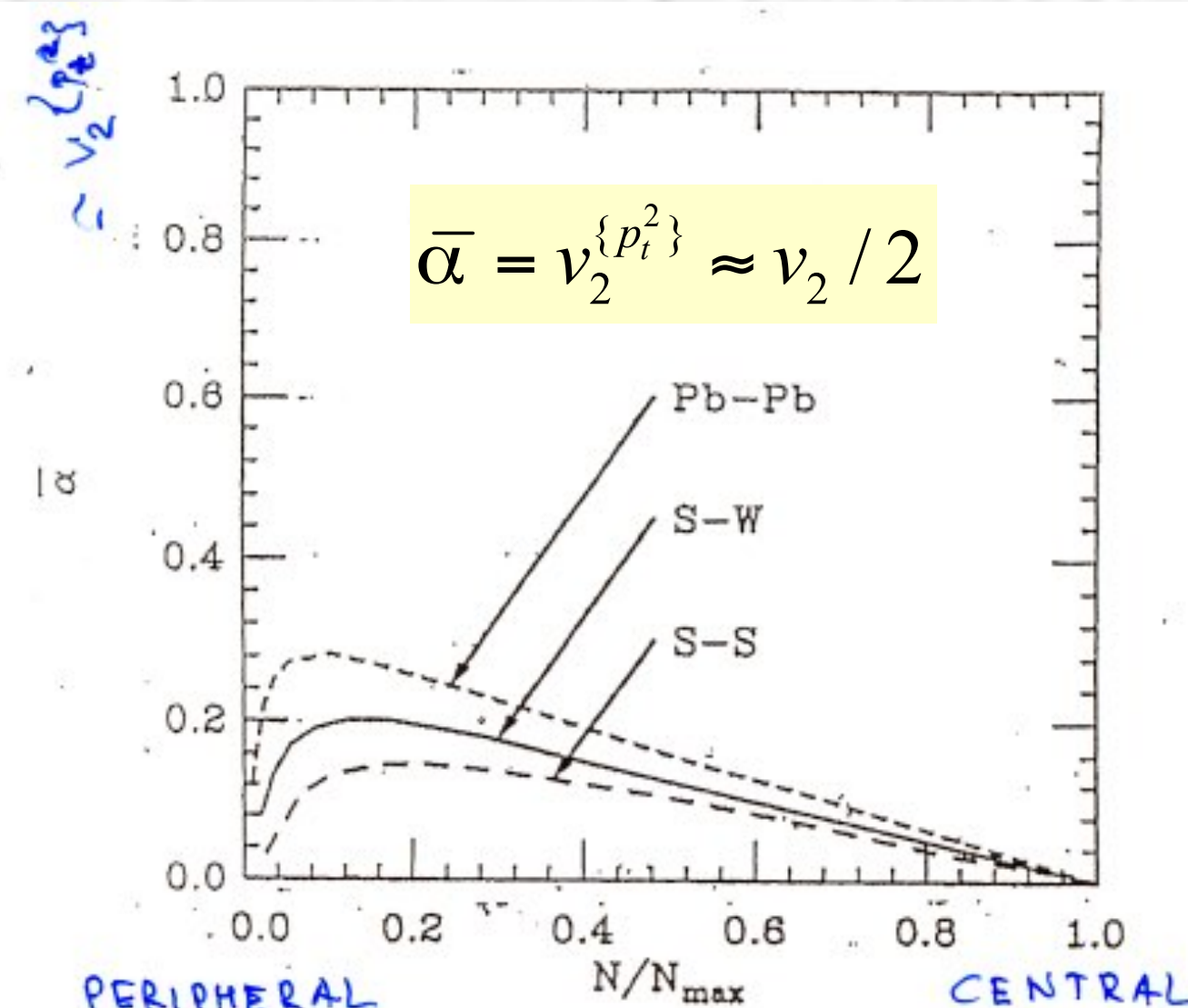
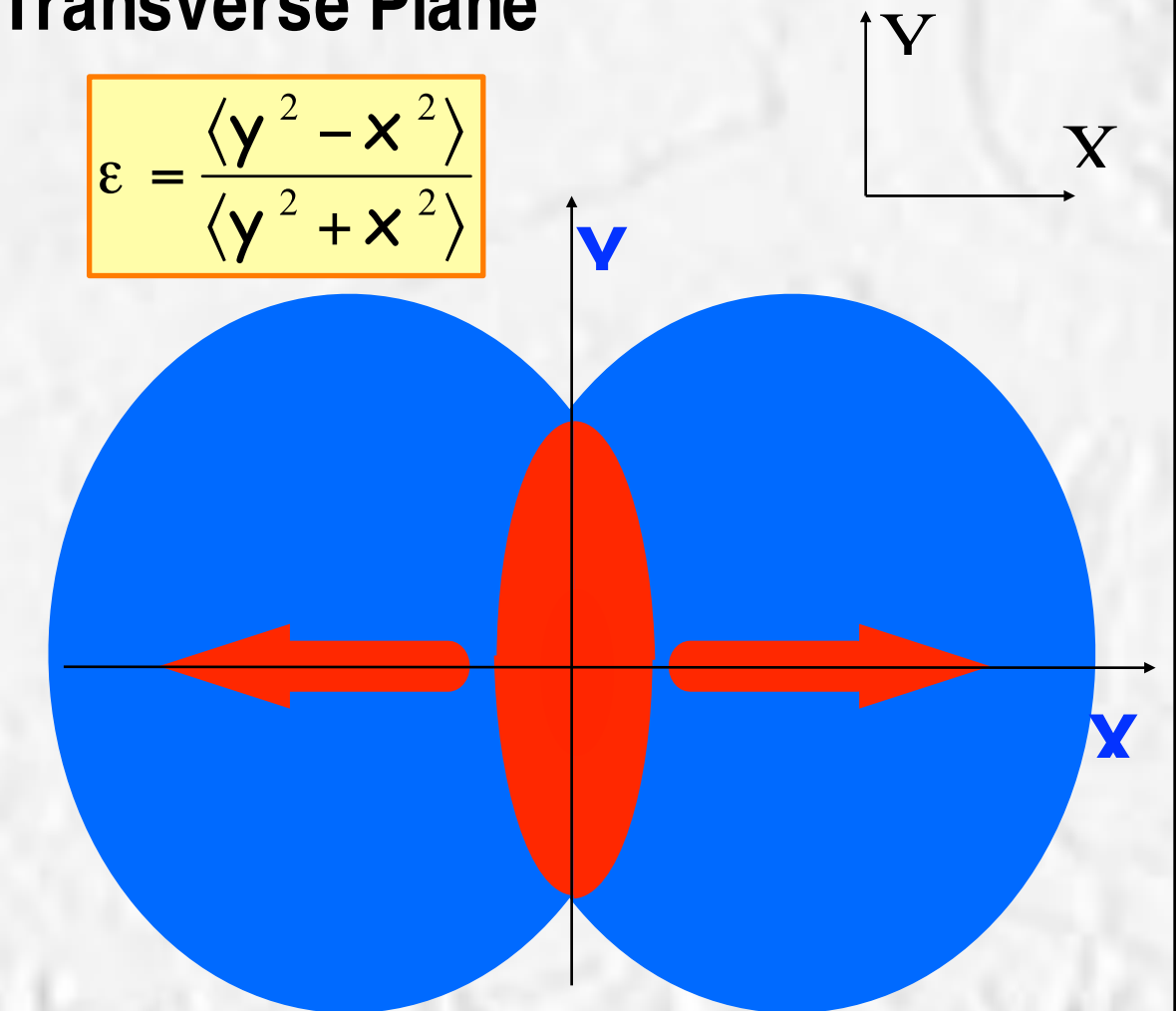


FIG. 6. Comparison between various colliding systems. $\bar{\alpha}$ is plotted against the number of participating nucleons scaled to its maximum value N_{\max} , as in Fig. 4. The decoupling temperature is $T_d \approx 150$ MeV and the initial time $t_0 = \text{fm}/c$ for the three curves:

Transverse Plane

$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$



$$v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$$

The term “elliptic flow” came later about 1995

Flow vectors, measurements

$$E \frac{d^3n}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2n}{dp_t dy} \left(1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \right)$$

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n-th harmonic Flow vector

$$Q_{n,x} = \sum_i w_i \cos(n\phi_i) = \mathbf{Q}_n \cos(n\Psi_n),$$

$$Q_{n,y} = \sum_i w_i \sin(n\phi_i) = \mathbf{Q}_n \sin(n\Psi_n),$$

2-particle correlations

$$\langle \cos[n(\phi_i - \phi_j)] \rangle = v_n^2$$

Methods for analyzing anisotropic flow in relativistic nuclear collisions #4

Arthur M. Poskanzer (LBL, Berkeley), S.A. Voloshin (Heidelberg U.) (May, 1998)

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Concise summary of the methods (published previously)

Notations: v_n {method}, e.g. v_n {2}, v_n {4}, v_n {EP}

Ideal world:

no other correlations besides flow,

$$v_n = \text{const}$$

Event plane method

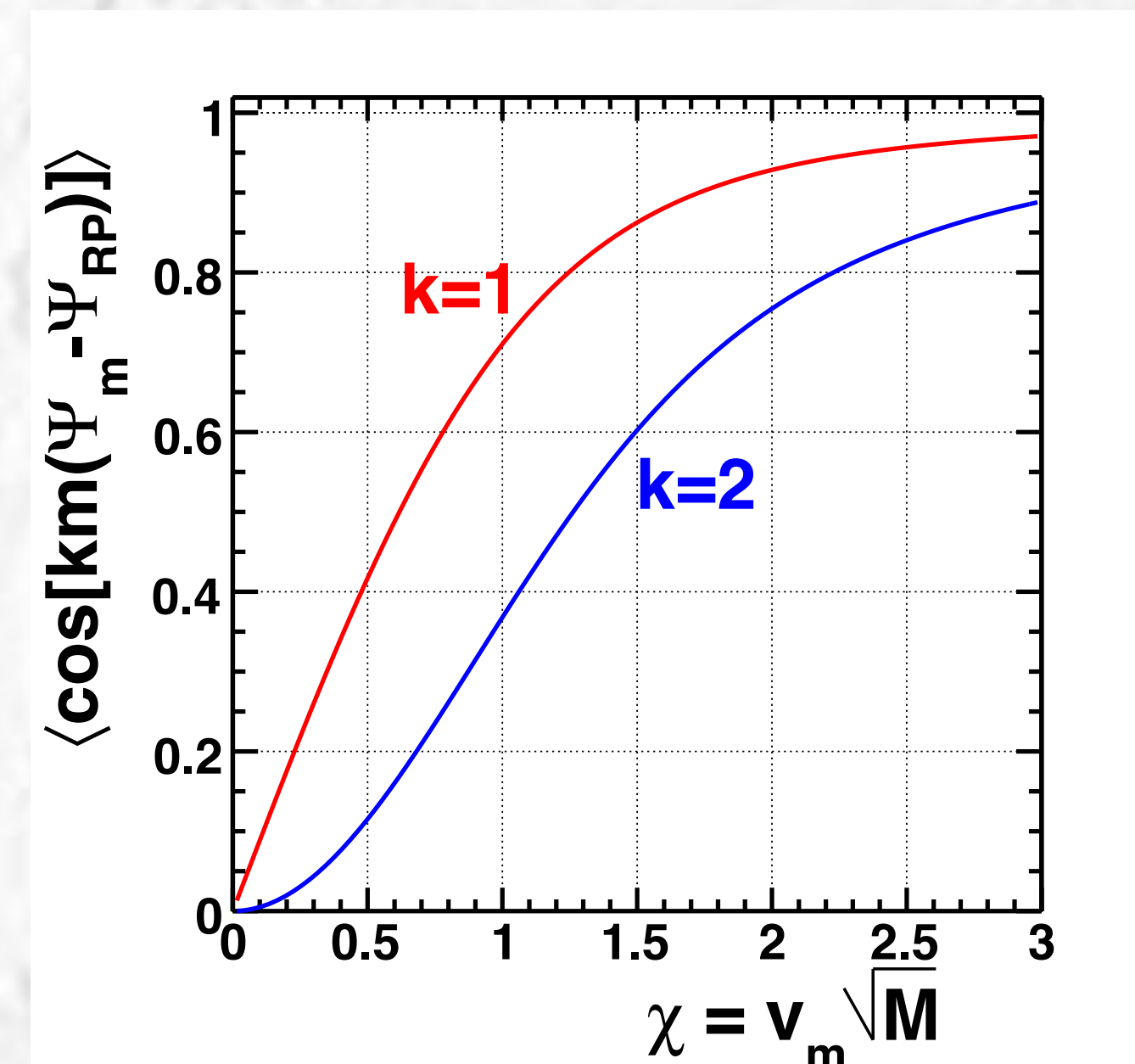
$$v_n^{\text{obs}}(p_T, y) = \langle \cos[n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)] \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \langle \cos[n(\Psi_n - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{n,\text{sub}} = \sqrt{\langle \cos[n(\Psi_n^A - \Psi_n^B)] \rangle},$$

$$\chi = v_n \sqrt{M} \quad \mathcal{R}_{\text{full}} = \mathcal{R}(\sqrt{2} \chi_{\text{sub}})$$

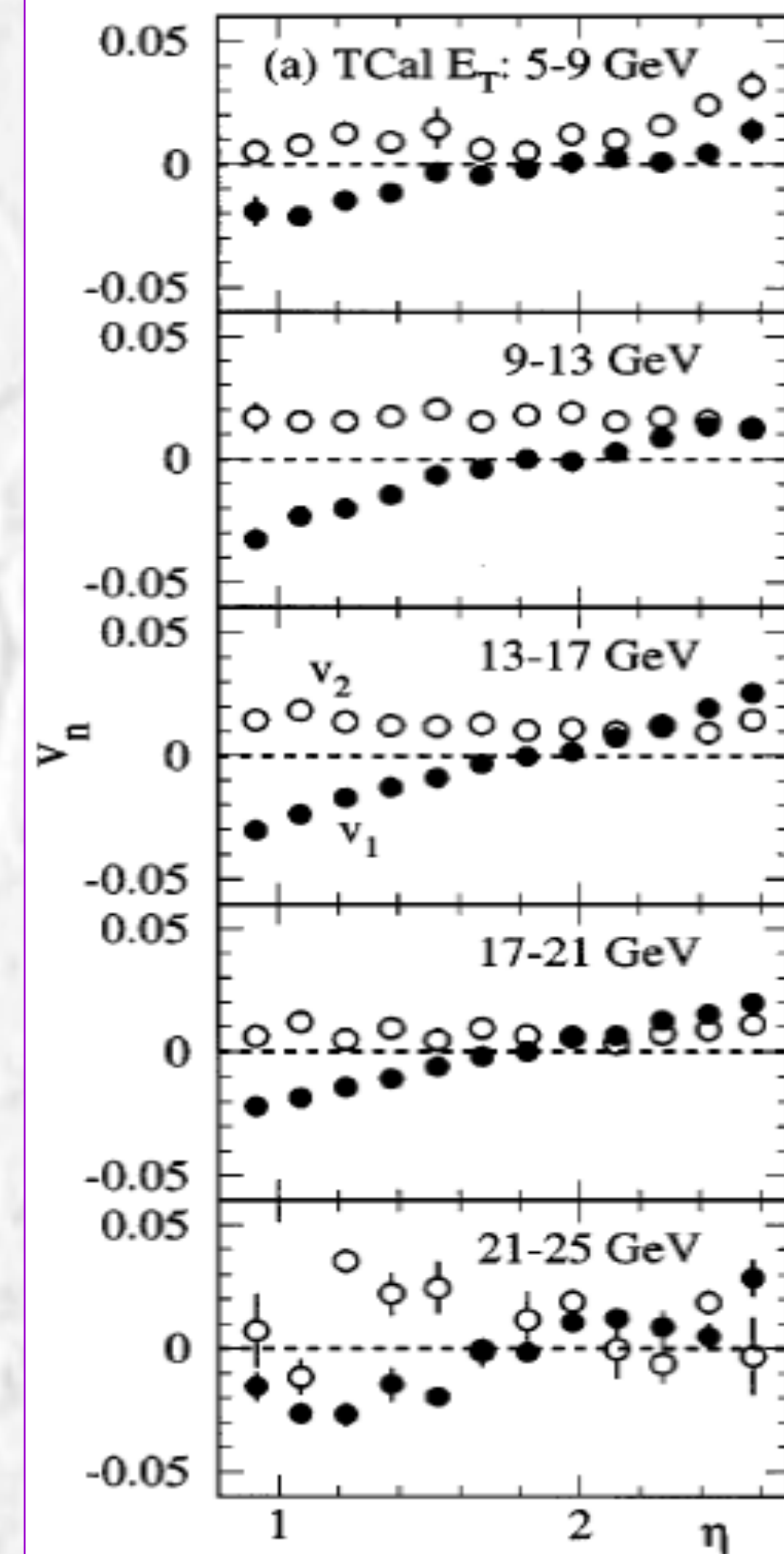
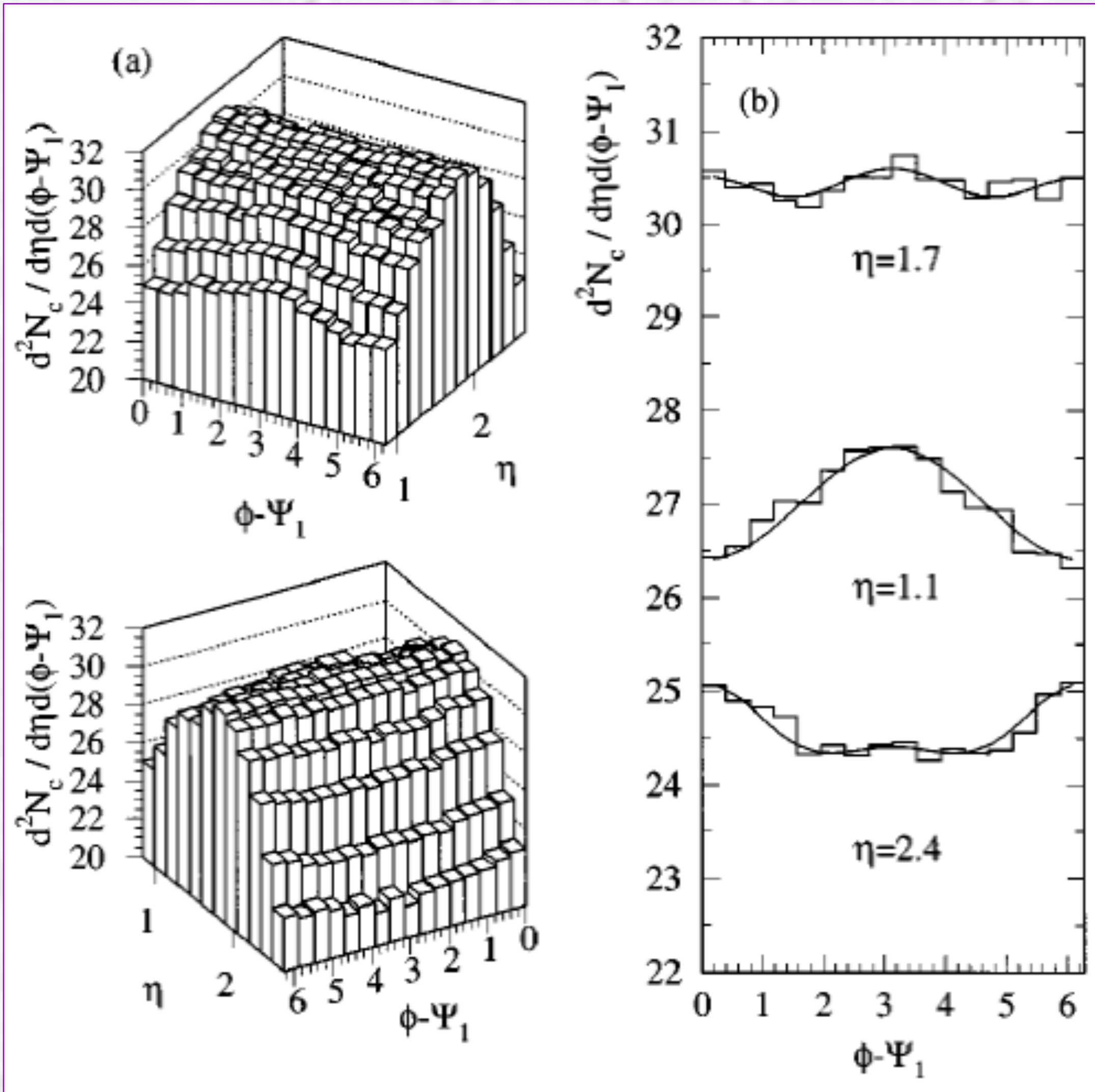
$$v_n = \frac{v_n^{\text{obs}}}{\mathcal{R}_n}$$



“Differential flow”. First observation of $v_2 > 0$

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Distribution of hits in the silicon pad detector wrt the first order Event Plane determined by calorimeters.



v_1 – filled circles
 v_2 – open circles

Low density and “hydro” limits

The physics of the centrality dependence of elliptic flow

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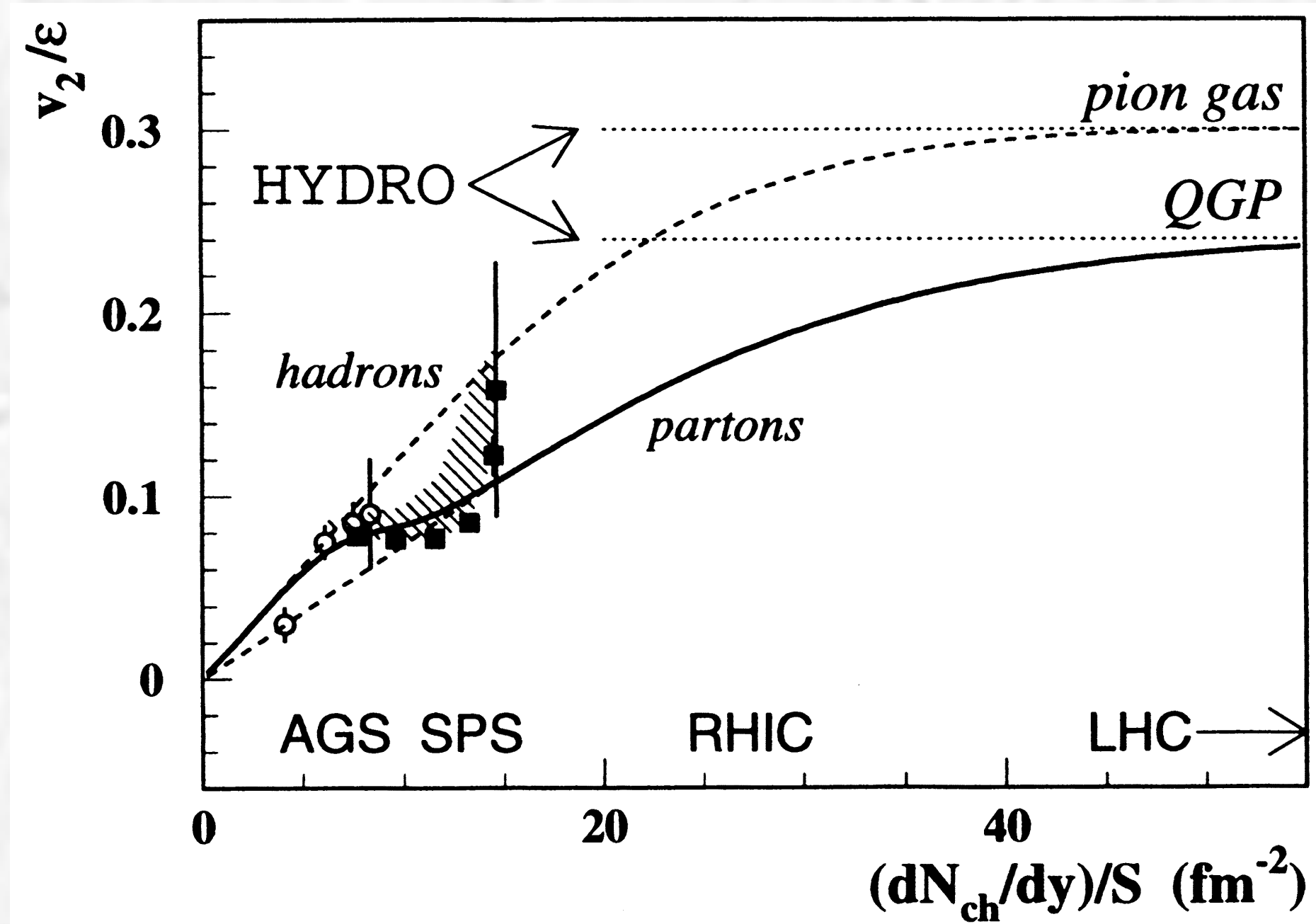


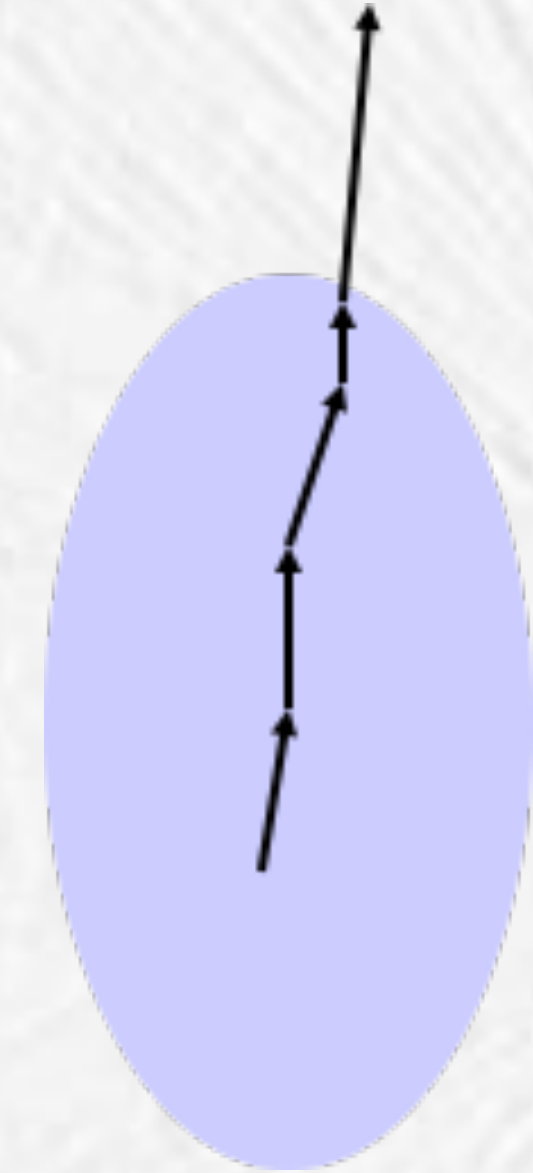
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Low density limit

$$v_2 \propto \epsilon_2 \frac{1}{S} \frac{dN}{dy}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

$$S = \pi \sqrt{\langle y^2 \rangle \langle x^2 \rangle}$$

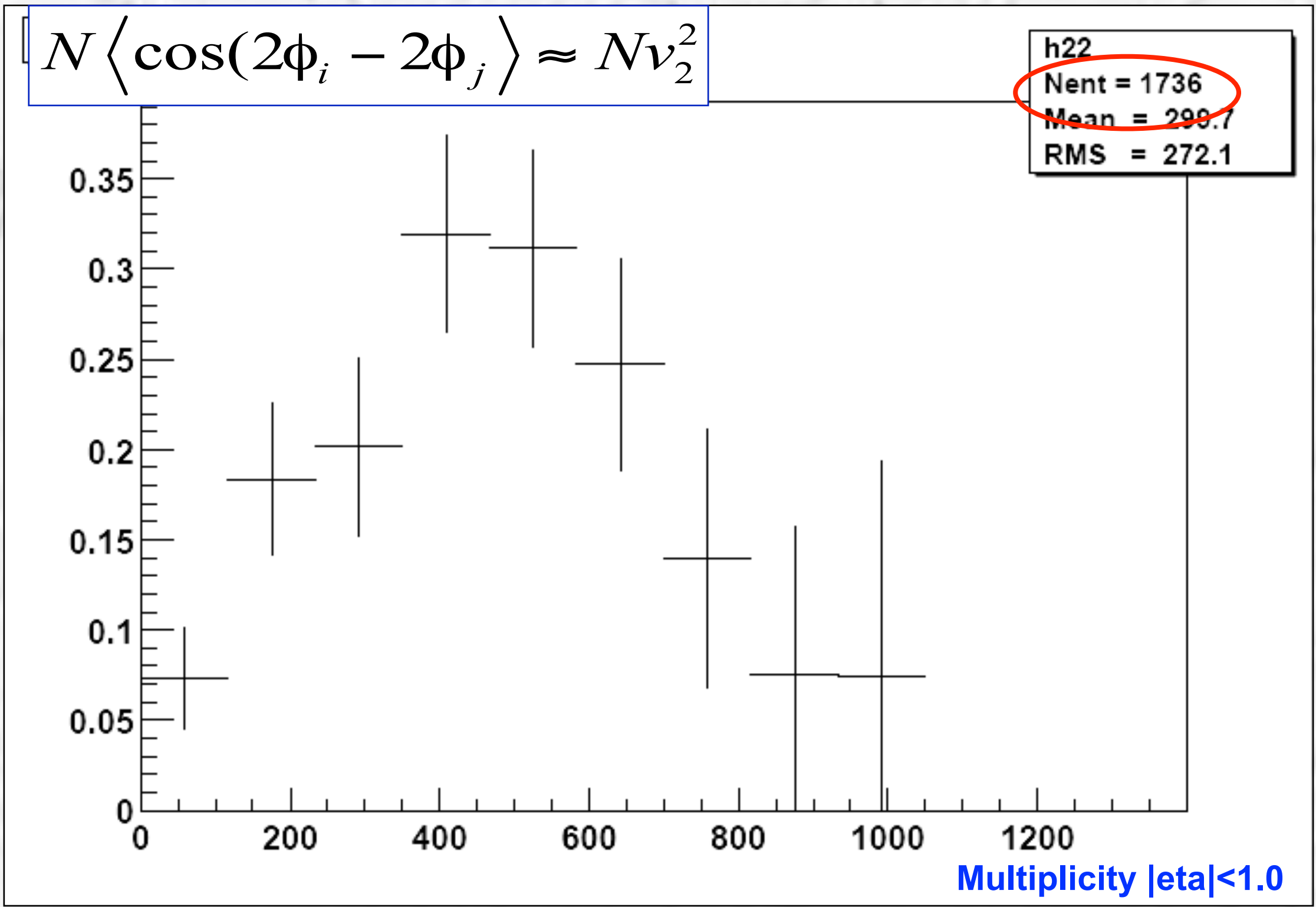


Hydro limit

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First observation of flow at RHIC

2-particle azimuthal correlations



Results from data taken during the first three hours of RHIC operation

Elliptic flow centrality/energy dependence

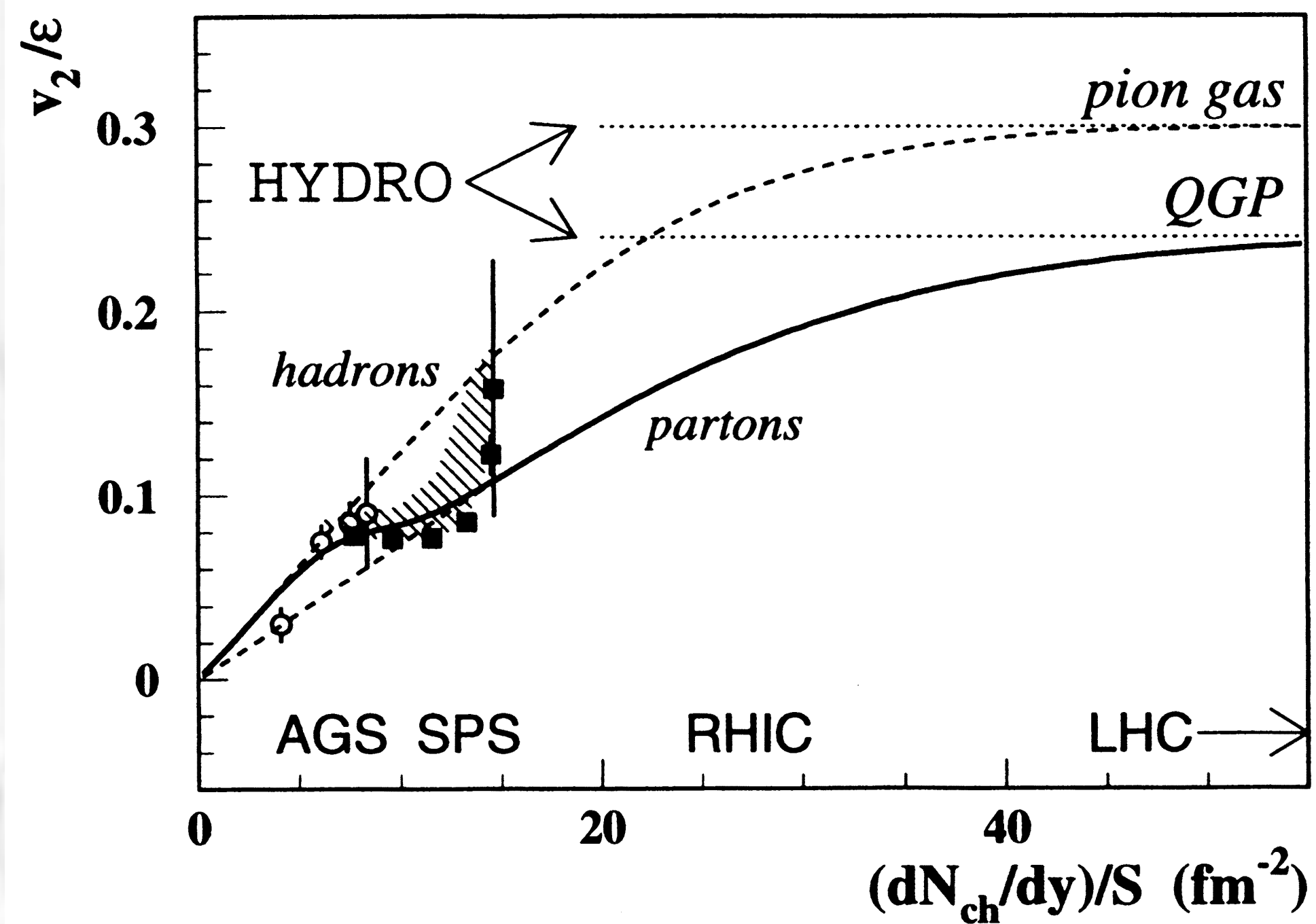
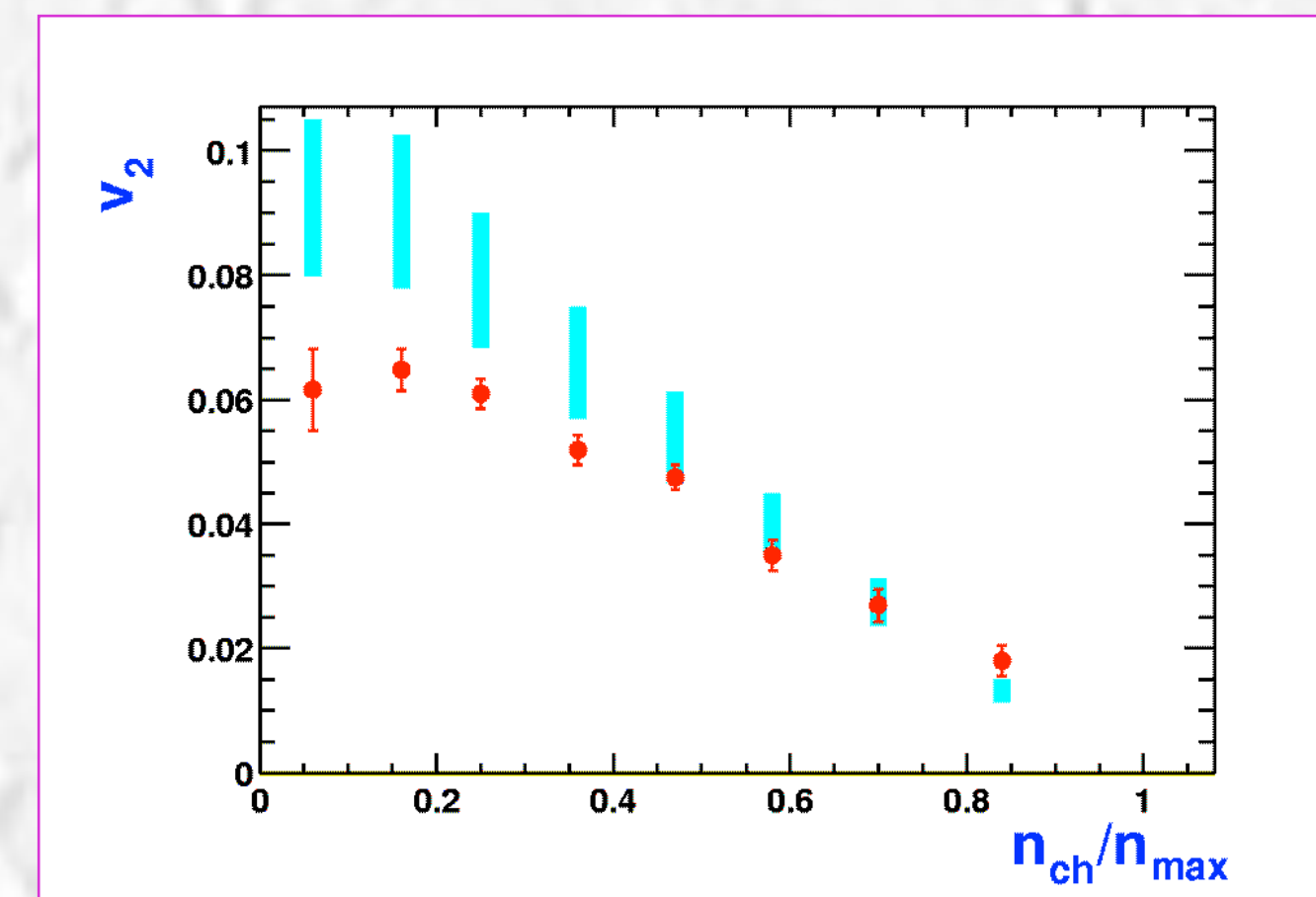


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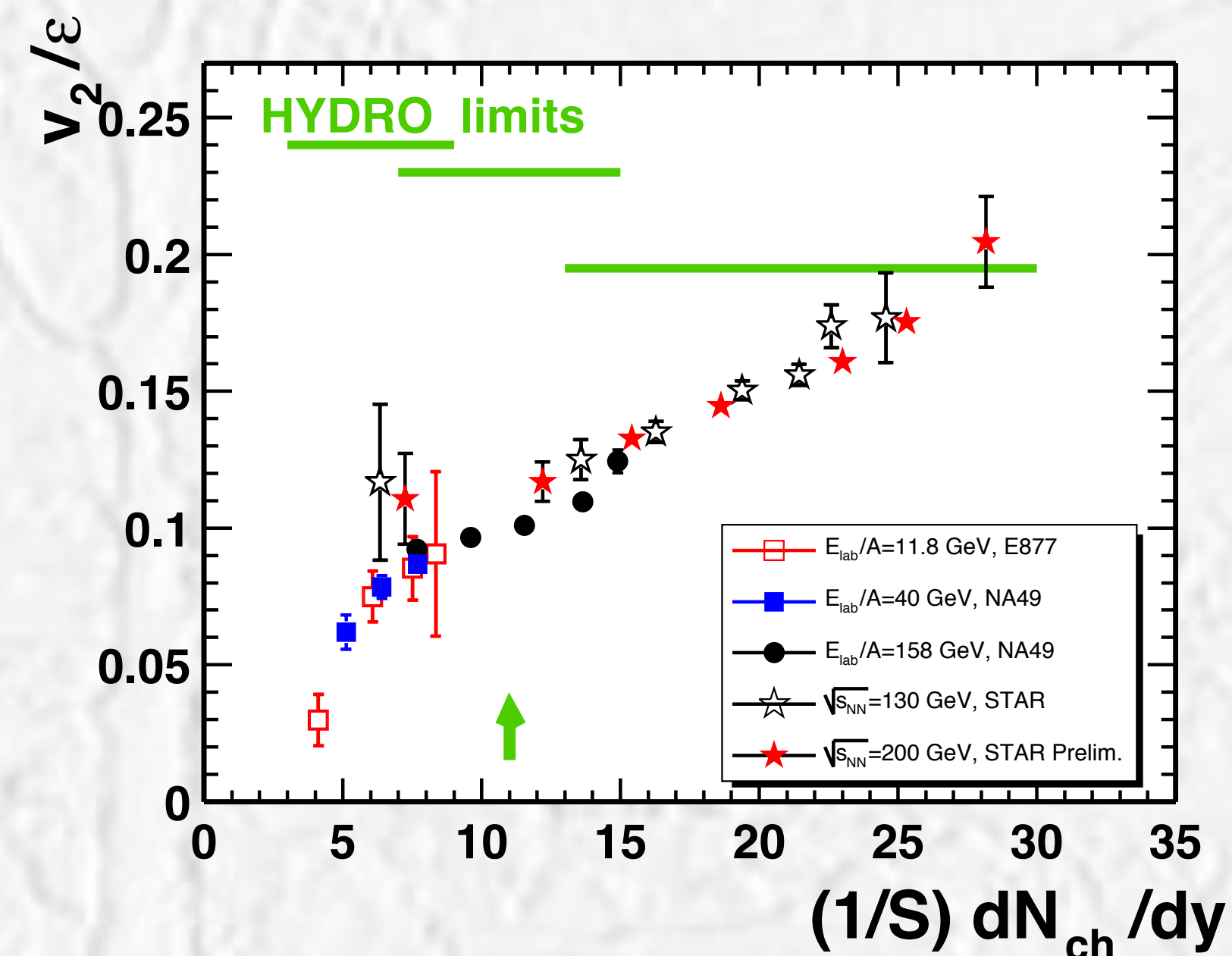
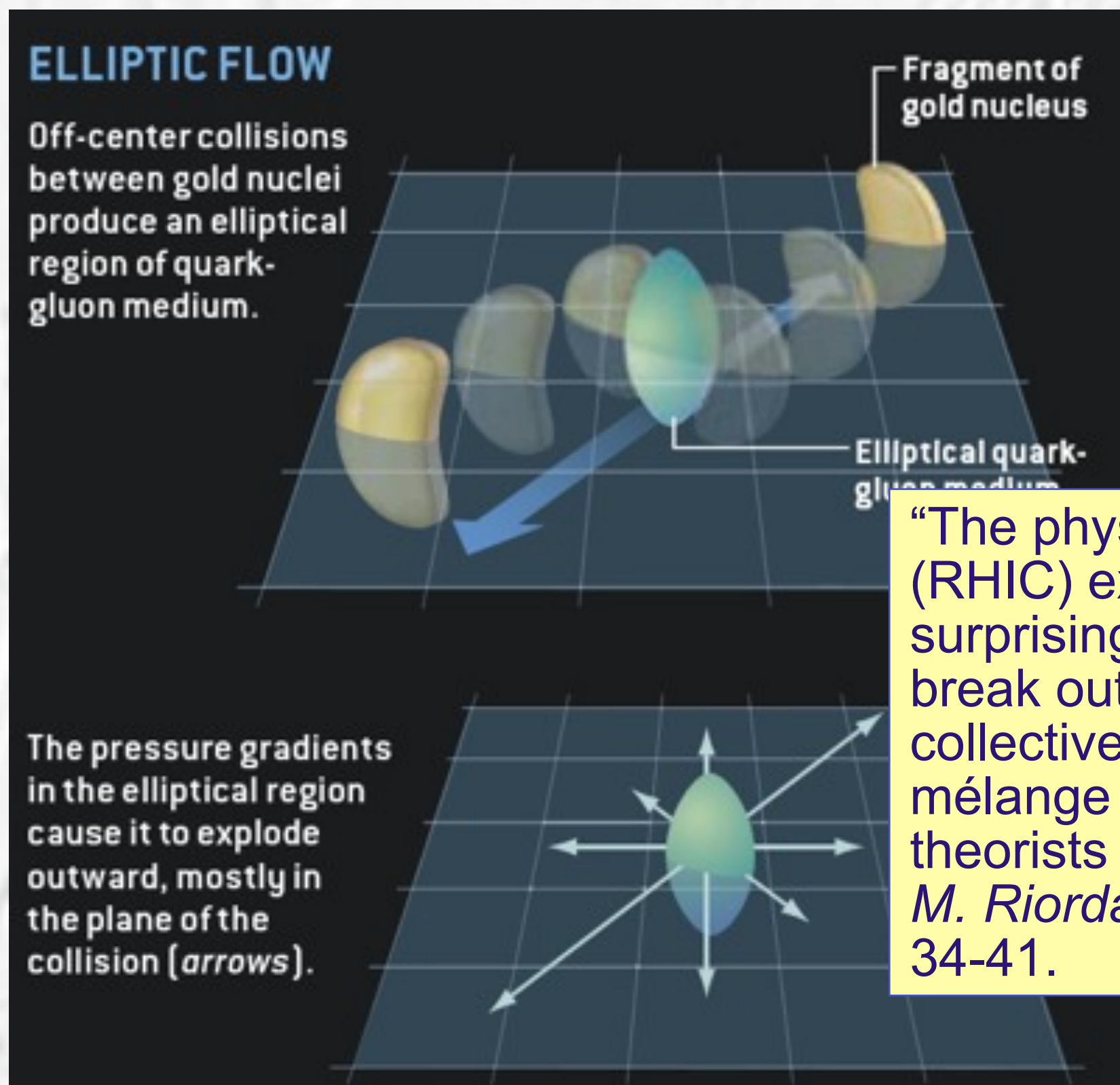
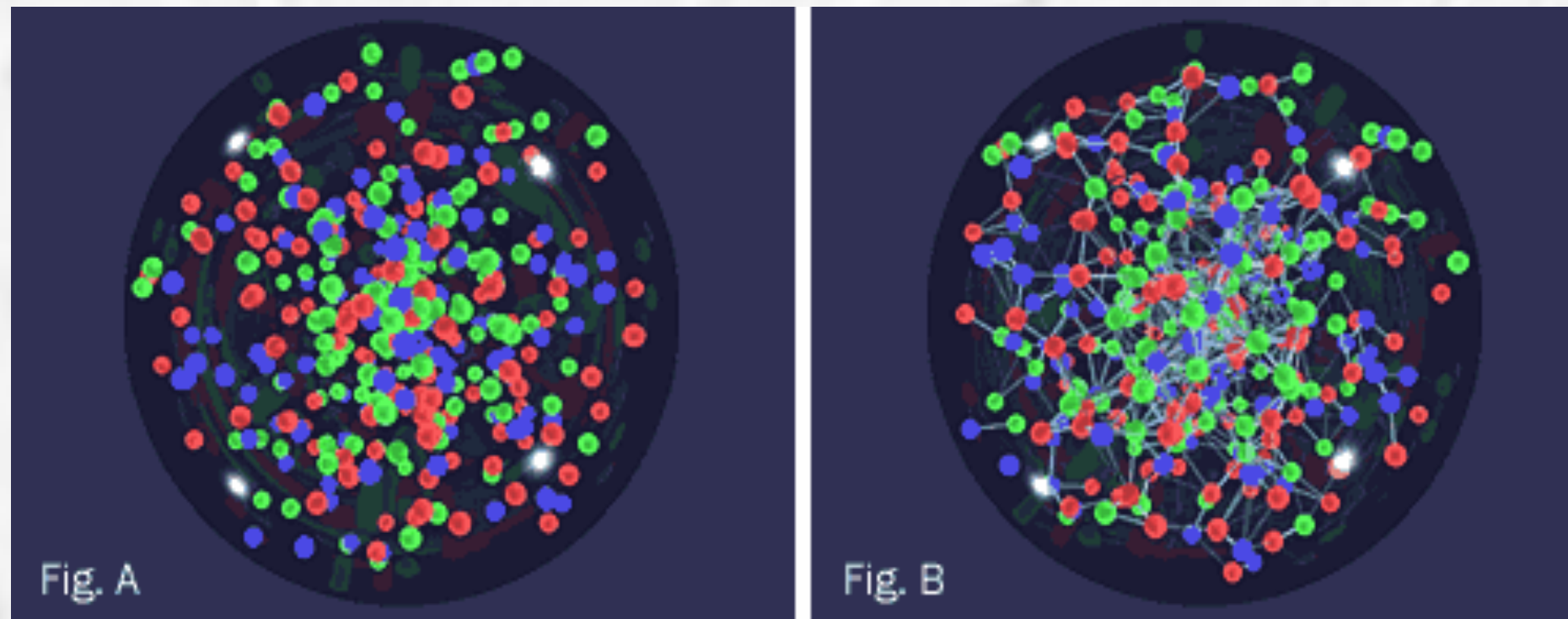
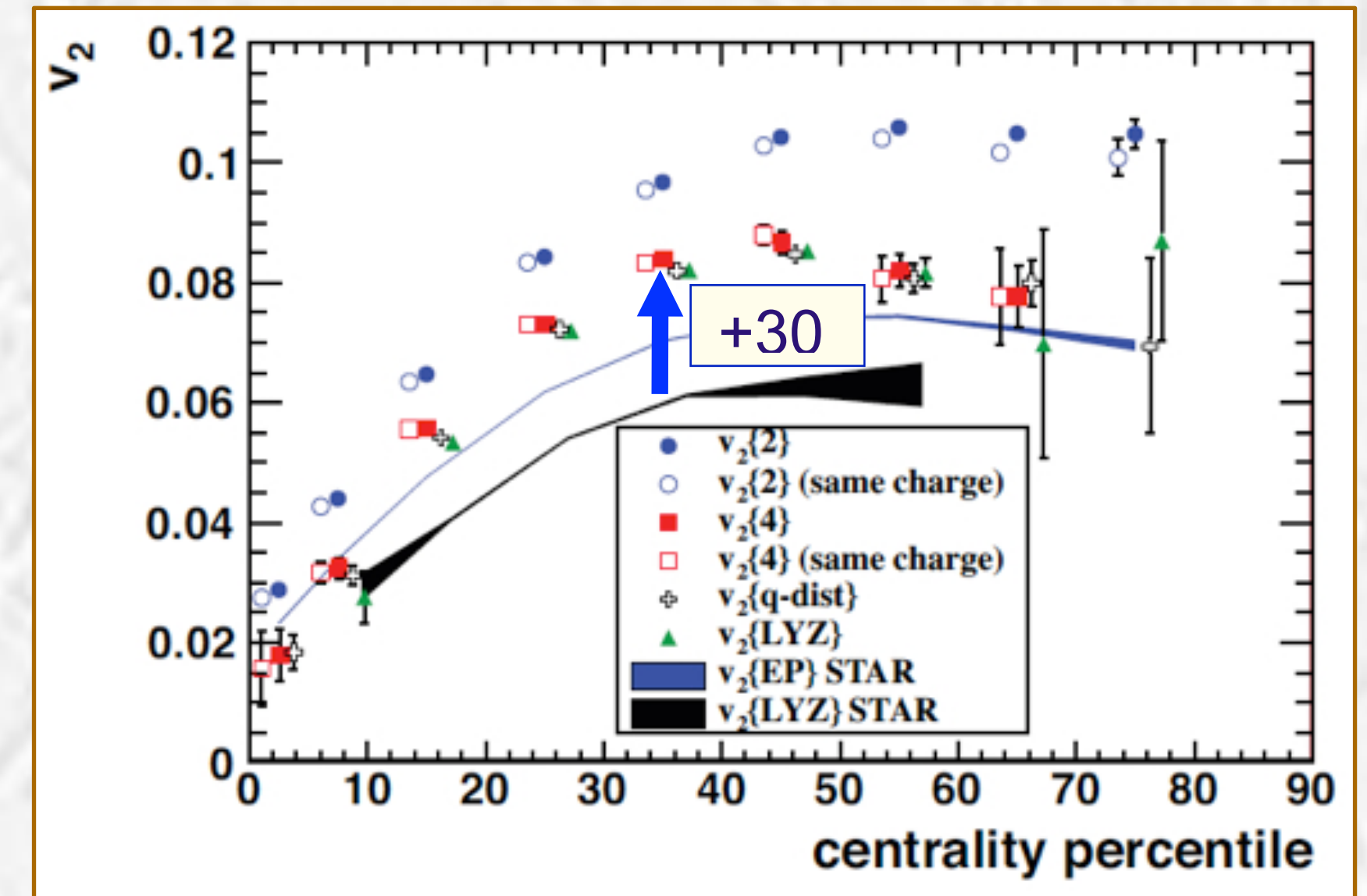


FIG. 25. (Color online) v_2/ϵ as a function of particle density. The v_2 values are for near midrapidity ($0 < y < 0.6$ for 40A GeV and $0 < y < 0.8$ for 158A GeV). The results of NA49 pion v_2 are compared to charged particle v_2 measured by E777 and STAR. The meaning of the horizontal lines (hydro limits) and of the arrow will be discussed in Sec. VI.

QGP - Gas or Liquid?



“The physical picture emerging from the four (RHIC) experiments is consistent and surprising. The quarks and gluons indeed break out of confinement and behave collectively, if only fleetingly. But this hot mélange acts like a liquid, not the ideal gas theorists had anticipated.”
M. Riordan, W. Zajc, Sci. Am., May 2006, 34-41.



LHC: Increase in elliptic flow $\sim 30\%$, in agreement with hydrodynamics

CERN Press release, November 26, 2010: ‘confirms that the much hotter plasma produced at the LHC behaves as a very low viscosity liquid (a perfect fluid)..’

QGP - The Perfect fluid

Universe May Have Begun as Liquid, Not Gas

Associated Press
Tuesday, April 19, 2005; Page A05

The Washington Post

New results from a particle collider suggest that the universe behaved like a liquid in its earliest moments, not the fiery gas that was thought to have pervaded the early universe.

Early Universe was a liquid

Quark-gluon blob surprises particle physicists.

by Mark Peplow
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The Universe consisted of a perfect liquid in its first moments, according to new results from an atom-smashing experiment.

New State of Matter Is 'Nearly Perfect' Liquid

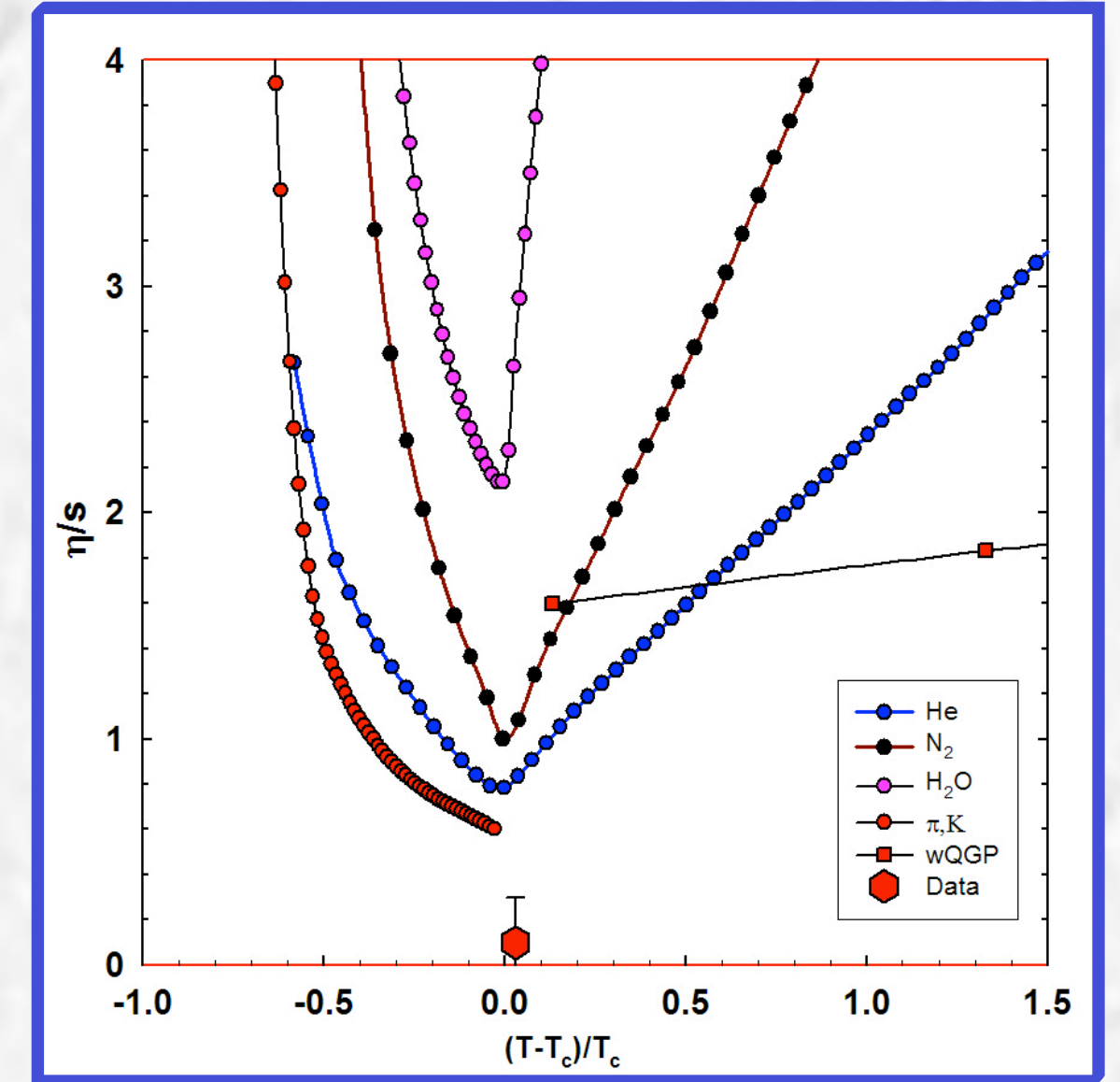
Physicists working at Brookhaven National Laboratory announced today that they have created what appears to be a new state of matter out of the building blocks of atomic nuclei, quarks and gluons. The researchers unveiled their findings—which could provide new insight into the composition of the universe just moments after the big bang—today in Florida at a meeting of the American Physical Society.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

There are four collaborations, dubbed BRAHMS, PHENIX, PHOBOS and STAR, working at Brookhaven's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). All of them study what happens when two interacting beams of gold ions smash into one another at great velocities, resulting in thousands of subatomic collisions every second. When the researchers analyzed the patterns of the atoms' trajectories after these collisions, they



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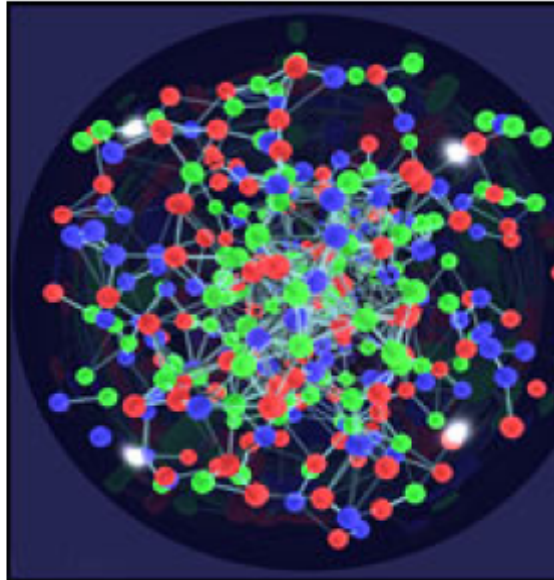


Early Universe was 'liquid-like'

Physicists say they have created a new state of hot, dense matter by crashing together the nuclei of gold atoms.

BBC NEWS

The high-energy collisions prised open the nuclei to reveal their most basic particles, known as quarks and gluons.



The impression is of matter that is more strongly interacting than predicted.

The researchers, at the US Brookhaven National Laboratory, say these particles were seen to behave as an almost perfect "liquid".

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Quark Soup

PHYSICISTS RE-CREATE THE LIQUID STUFF OF THE EARLIEST UNIVERSE

Science

Iran Daily April 20, 2005 4

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宇宙の始まりはしづく? 「クォークは液体」と発表

2005年04月18日23時34分

宇宙誕生の大爆発「ビッグバン」直後に相当する超高温・高密度の状態を再現する実験をしてきた日米などの国際チームは18日、物質を形づくる究極の基本粒子クォークは超高温でバラバラになるが、気体のように自由に飛び回るのでなく、しづくのような液体状態にあったと考えられる、と発表。宇宙や物質のなりたちを説明する。

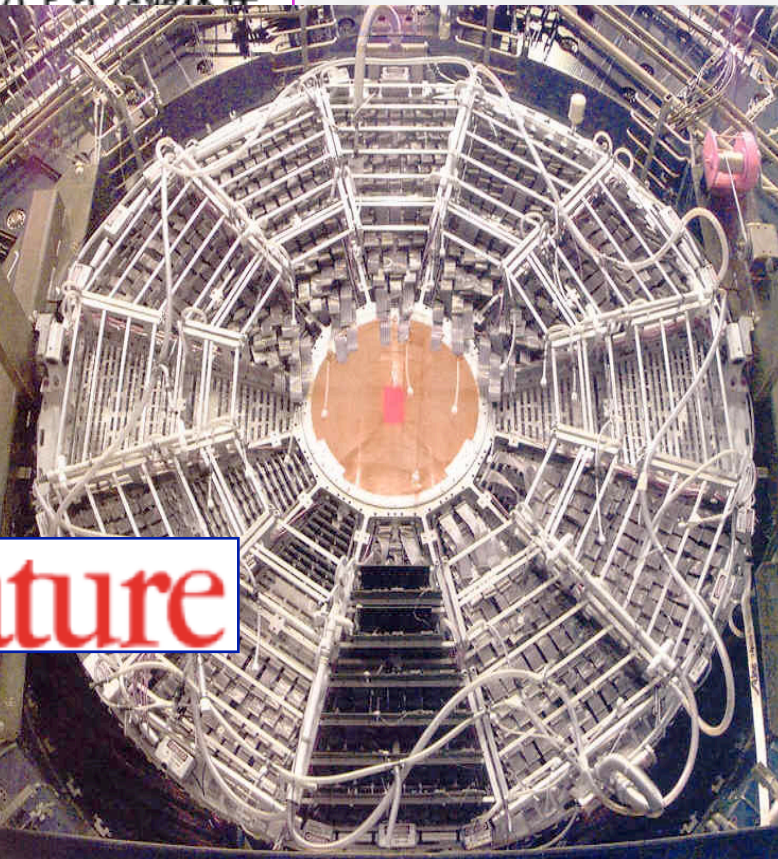
基本粒子クォークとそれらをく

What's in a name?

Physicists agree that experiments at the Brookhaven atom collider have created

a new form of matter. But theorists and experimentalists are still arguing about what to call it. Geoff Brumfiel investigates.

nature



Early Universe Went With the Flow

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gold atoms together with such force that their energy briefly generated trillion-degree temperatures. Physicists think of the collider as a time machine, because those extreme temperature conditions last prevailed in the universe less than 100 millionths of a second after the big bang. Everything was so hot then that quarks and gluons, which are now almost inextricably bound into the protons and neutrons inside atomic nuclei, were thought to have flown around like BBs in a blender. But by reproducing the conditions of the early universe, RHIC has shown that unconstrained quarks and gluons don't fly away in all

directions so much as squirt out in streams. "The matter that we've formed behaves like a very nearly perfect liquid," Aronson said. "When physicists talk about a perfect liquid, they don't mean the best glass of champagne they ever tasted. The word "perfect" refers to the liquid's viscosity, a friction-like property that

affects a fluid's flow and the way it reacts to objects that try to move through it. High viscosity means a fluid is thick and it's difficult to get things moving in it. Theoretical physicists have recently proposed that material swallowed

and what goes on when two gold nuclei collide at RHIC.

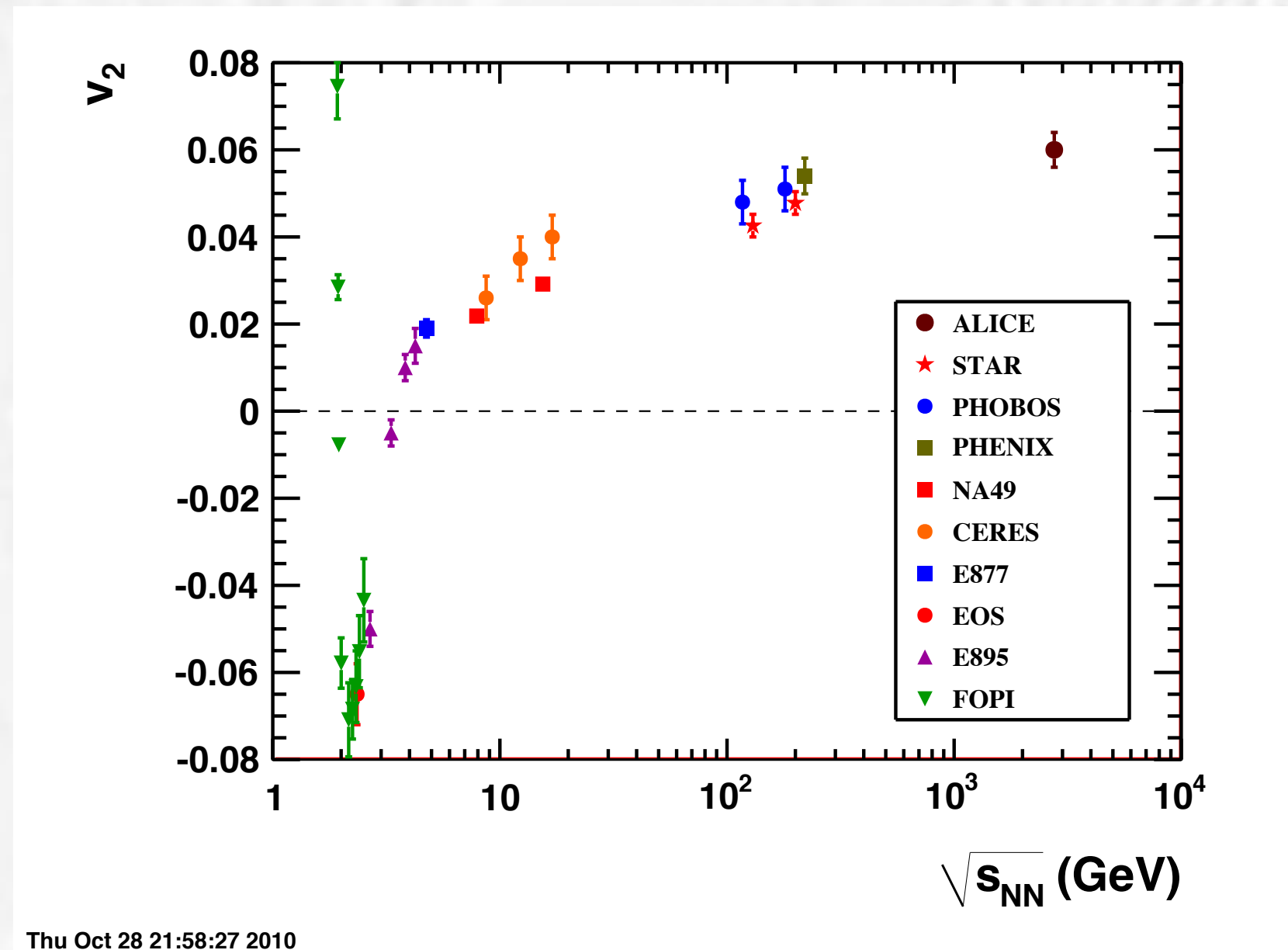
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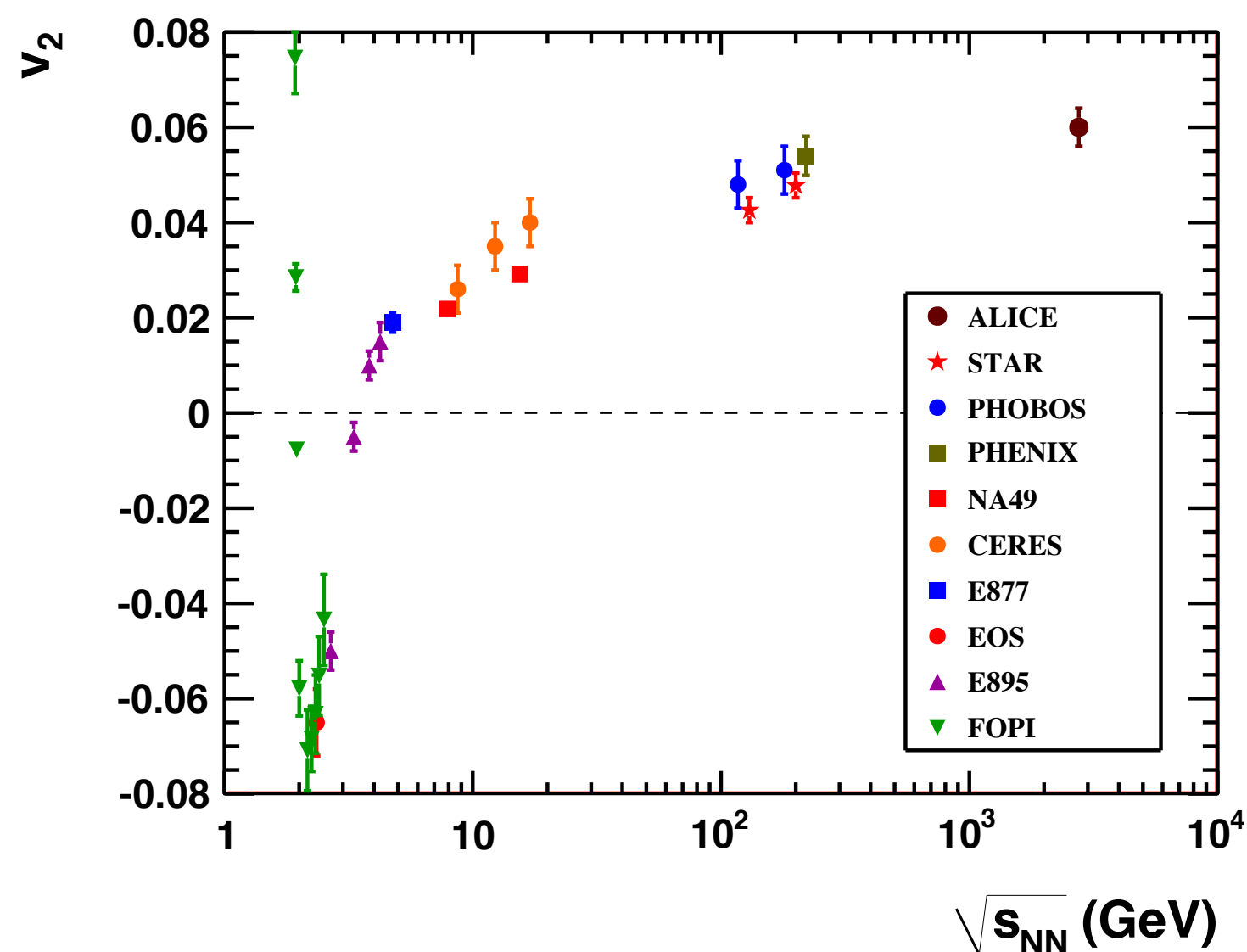
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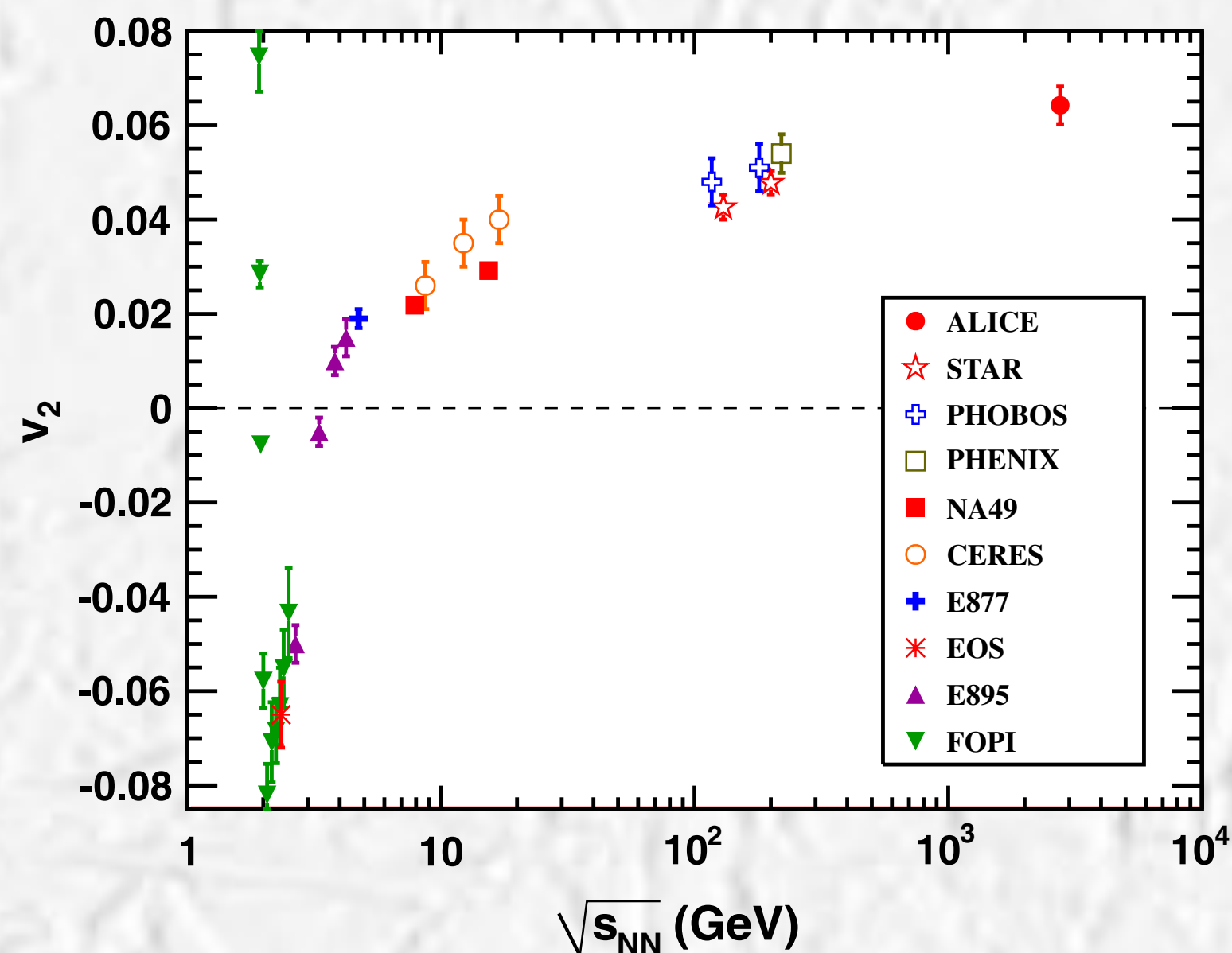
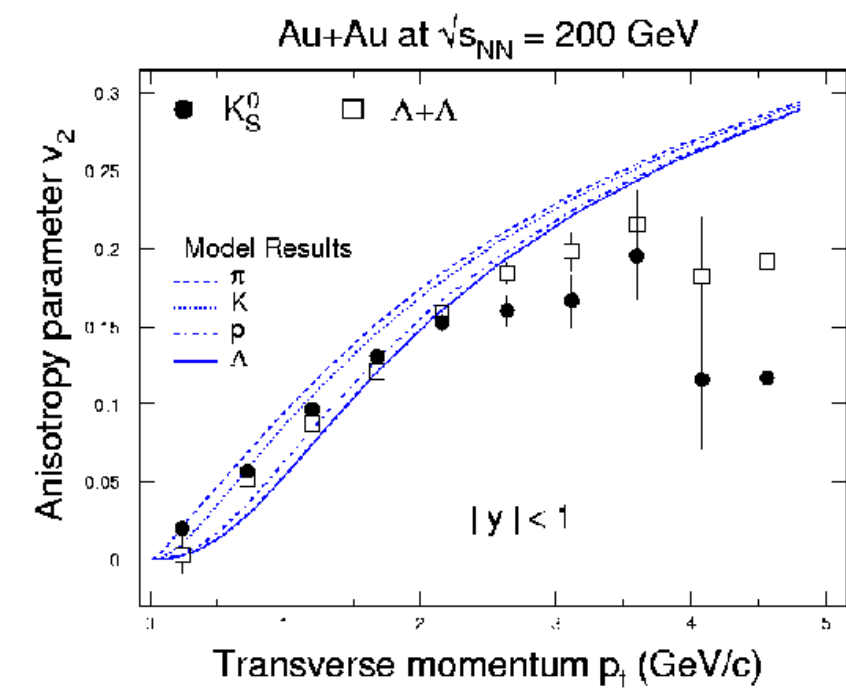
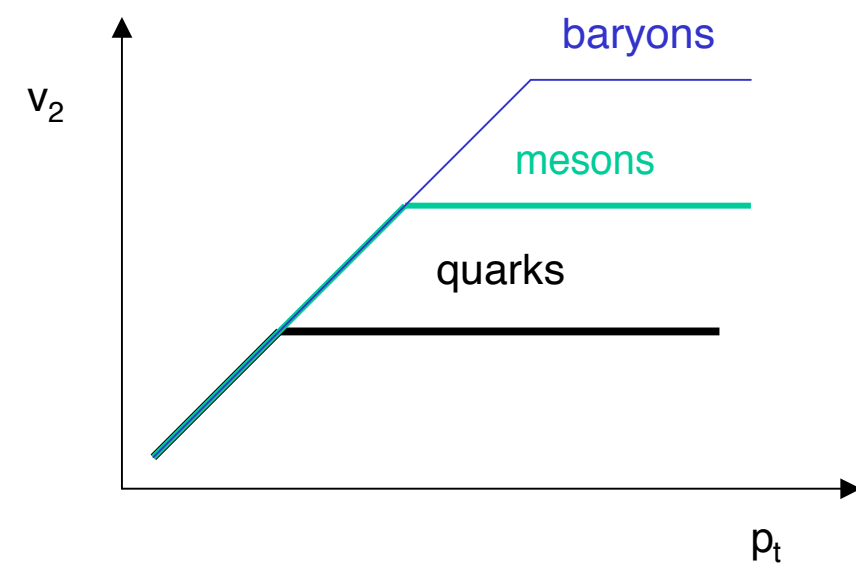


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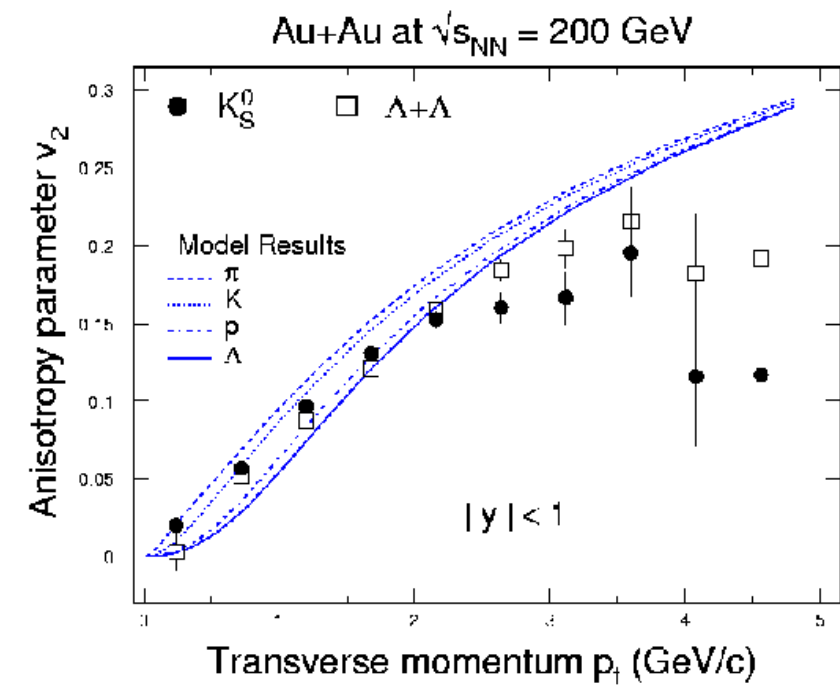
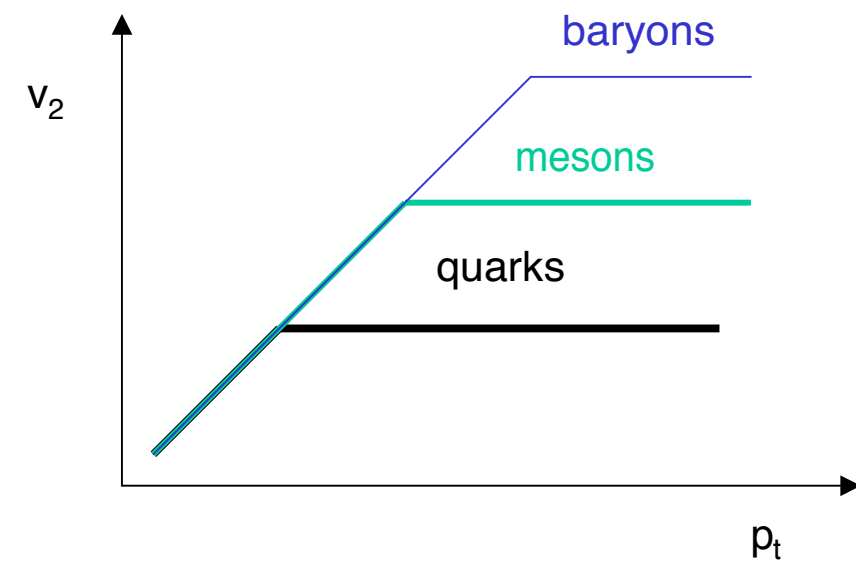
Constituent quark scaling

Quark coalescence?



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Constituent quark model + coalescence

coalescence

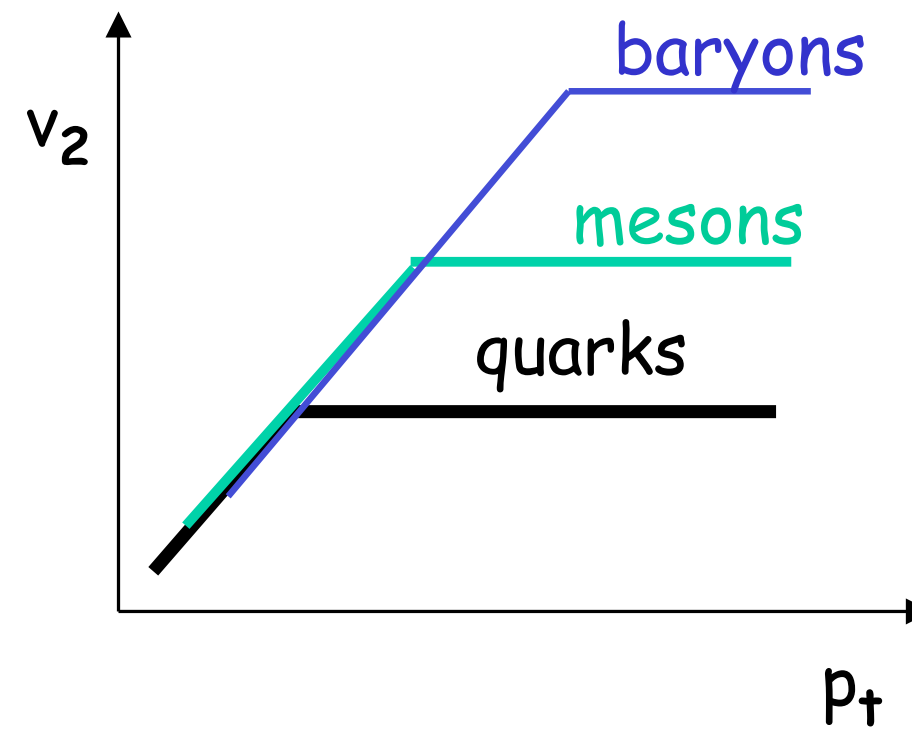
Low p_T quarks

fragmentation

High p_T quarks



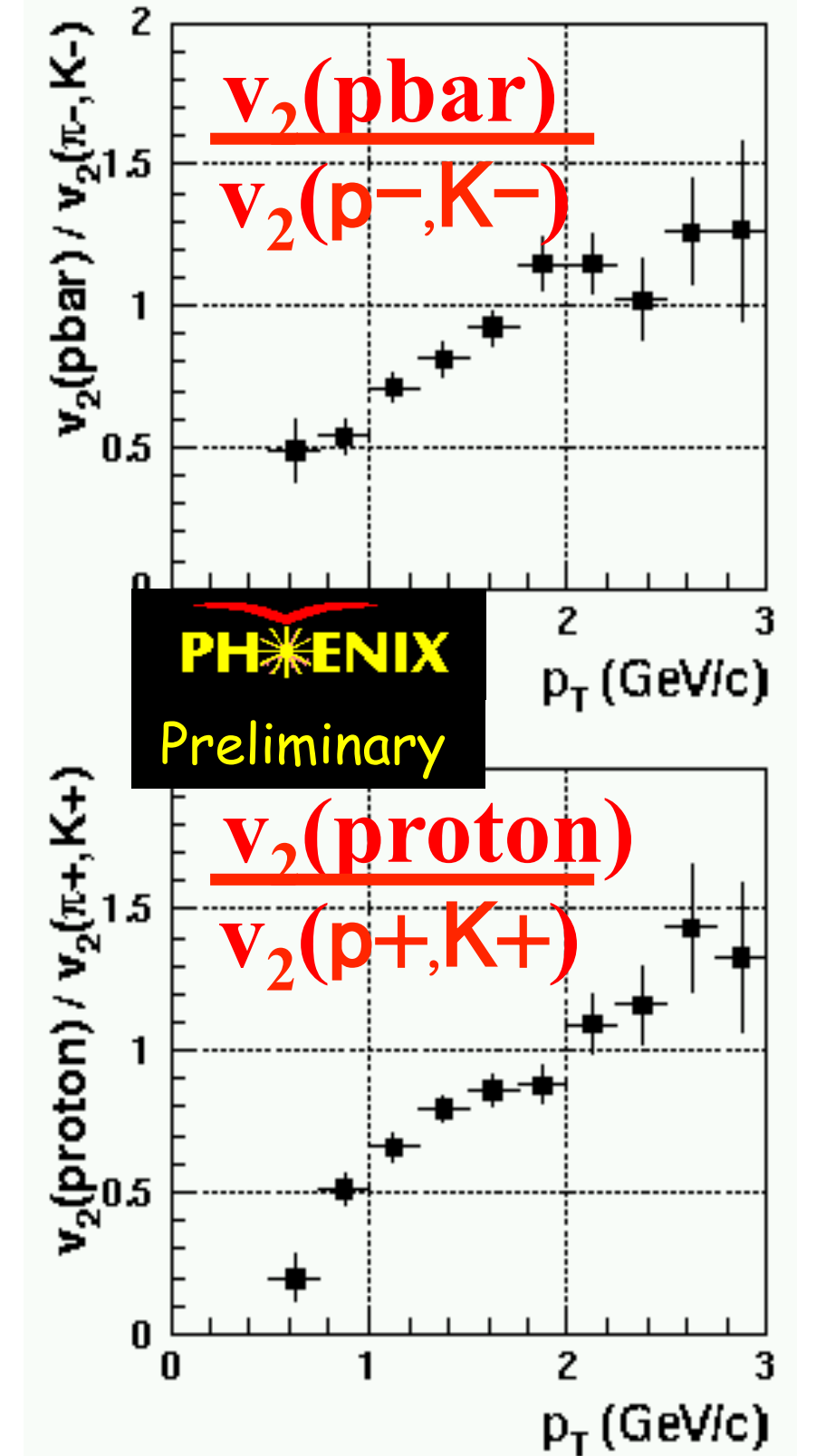
Coalescence in the intermediate region (rare products):



$$\frac{d^3 n_M}{d^3 p_M} \propto \left[\frac{d^3 n_q}{d^3 p_q} \left(p_q \approx p_M / 2 \right) \right]^2$$

Side-notes:

- a) more particles produced via coalescence vs parton fragmentation \rightarrow larger mean p_T ...
- b) \rightarrow higher baryon/meson ratio

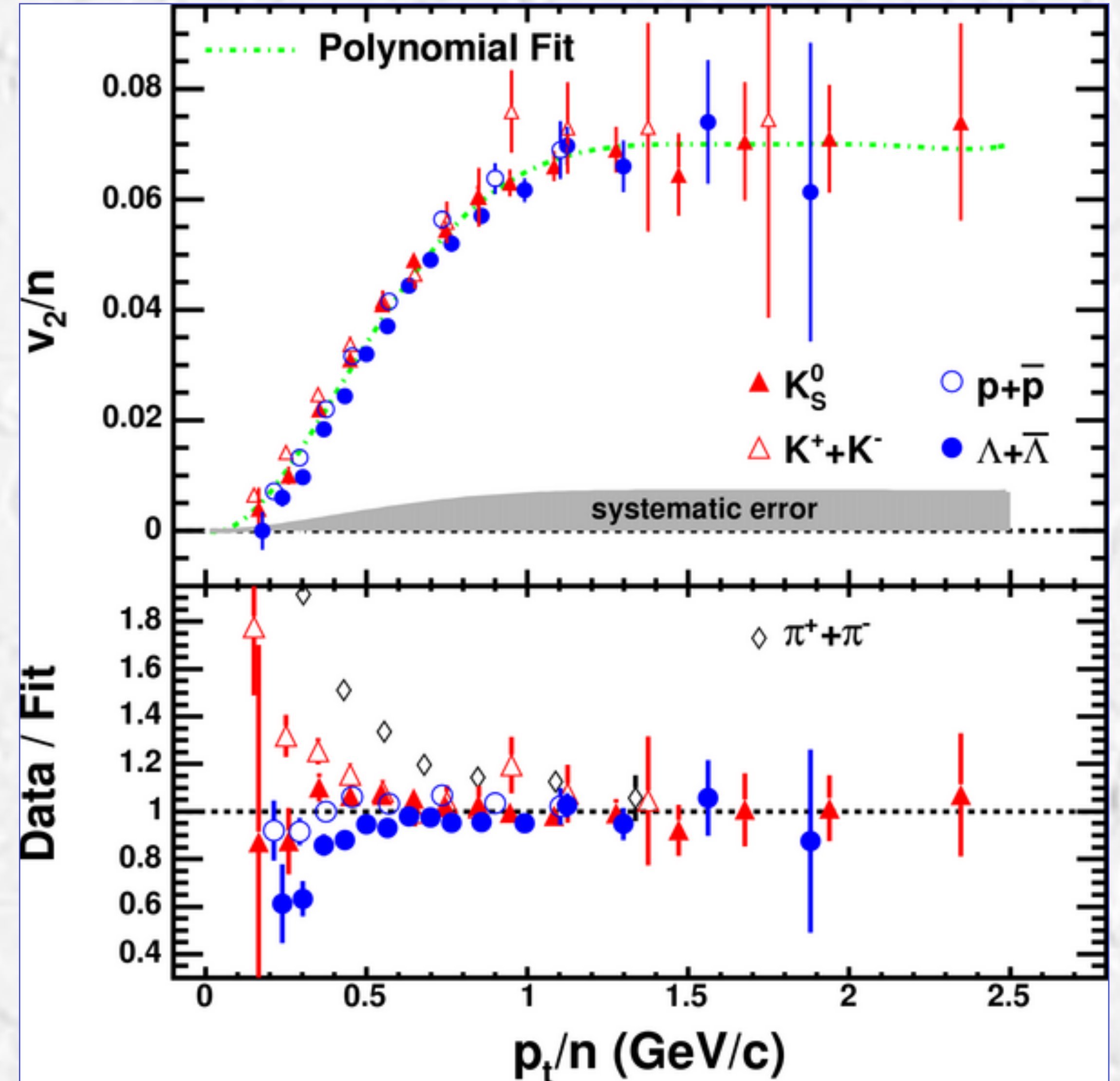
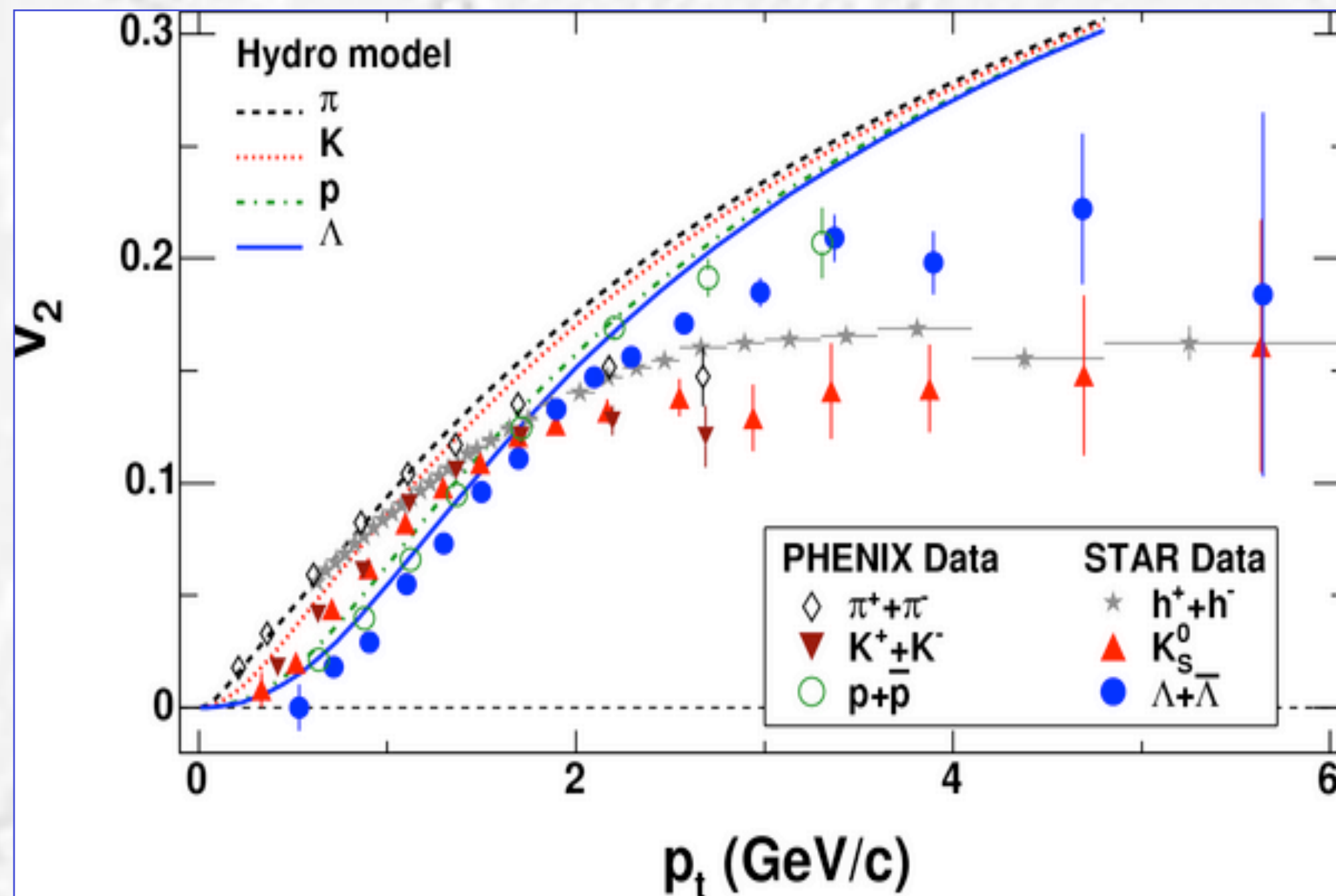
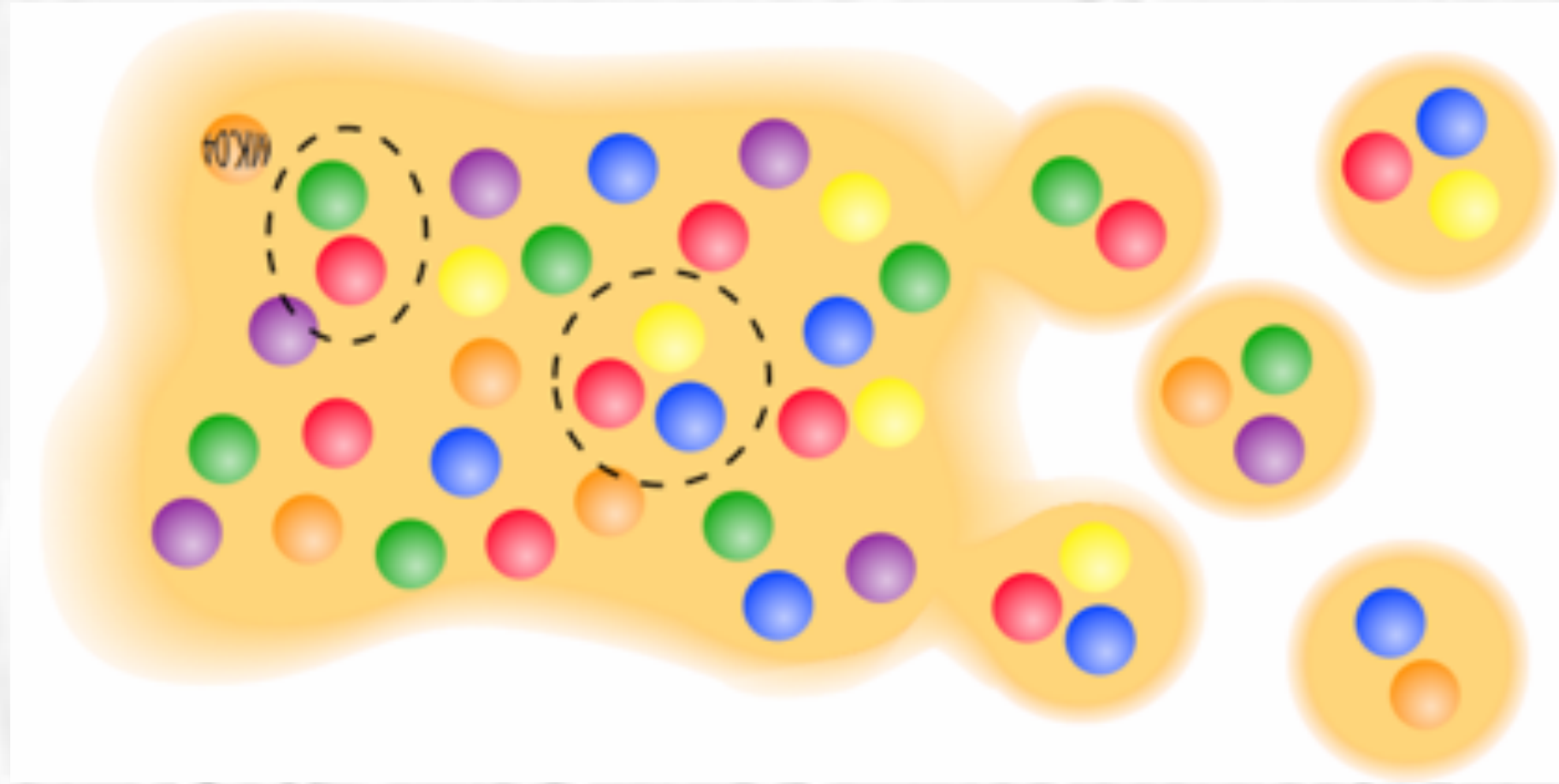


- What is the centrality dependence of the effect?

Quarks flow - deconfinement

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Nonflow and flow fluctuation

$$\langle \cos[n(\phi_i - \phi_j)] \rangle = \langle v_n^2 \rangle + \delta_n$$

Flow “non-flow”

Effect of flow fluctuations

$$\langle v_n^2 \rangle = \langle v_n \rangle^2 + \sigma_v^2$$

$$\langle v_{n,a} v_{n,b} \rangle = \langle v_{n,a} \rangle \langle v_{n,b} \rangle + \langle \langle v_{n,a} v_{n,b} \rangle \rangle$$

Nonflow – two- and many-particle azimuthal correlations of any origin other than the common correlation to the reaction plane.

It includes contributions from resonance decay, inter- and intra-jet correlations, etc.

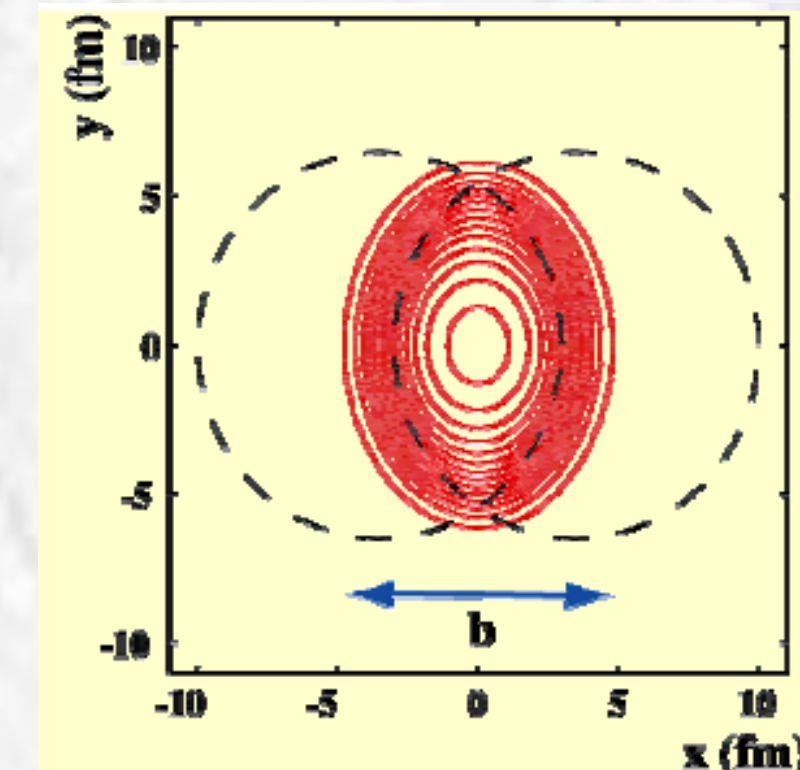
In general, two effects do not factorize; then the equation in a box would serve as a definition of “nonflow”, with v_n 's defined via single particle spectra.

An example:

$$v_n \propto \varepsilon_n$$

...includes fluctuations in particle density (number of particles, area), etc.

$$\sigma_\varepsilon^2 = \langle \varepsilon^2(b) \rangle - \langle \varepsilon(b) \rangle^2$$



Non-flow estimates. Centrality dependence.

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle = \langle v_2 \rangle^2 + \sigma_{v_2}^2 + g_2/N$$

Nonflow scales with multiplicity as $1/N$, reflecting the probability that the second particle is from the same cluster as the first one.

$$N \langle \cos(2\phi_i - 2\phi_j) \rangle \approx N v_2^2$$

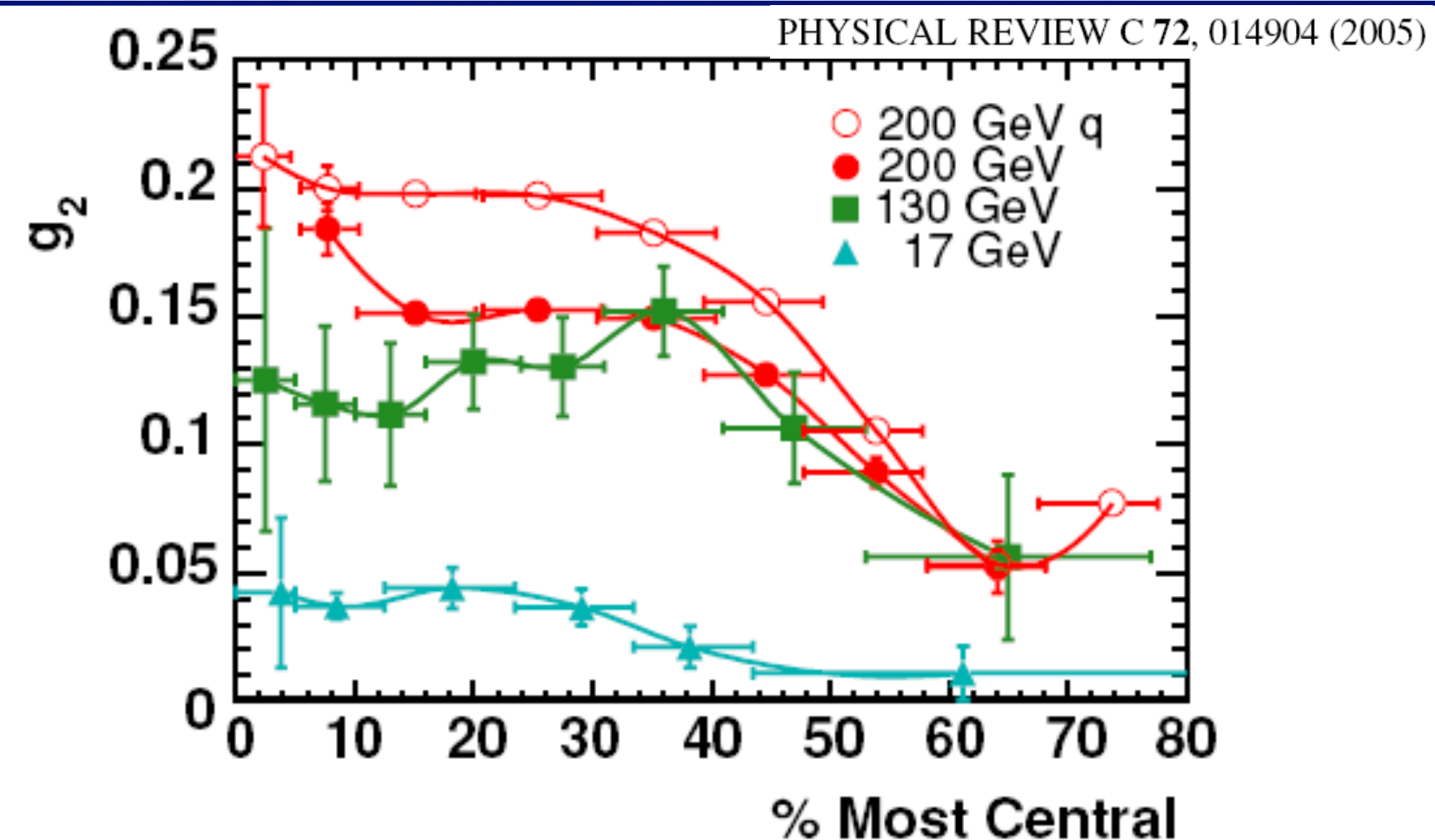
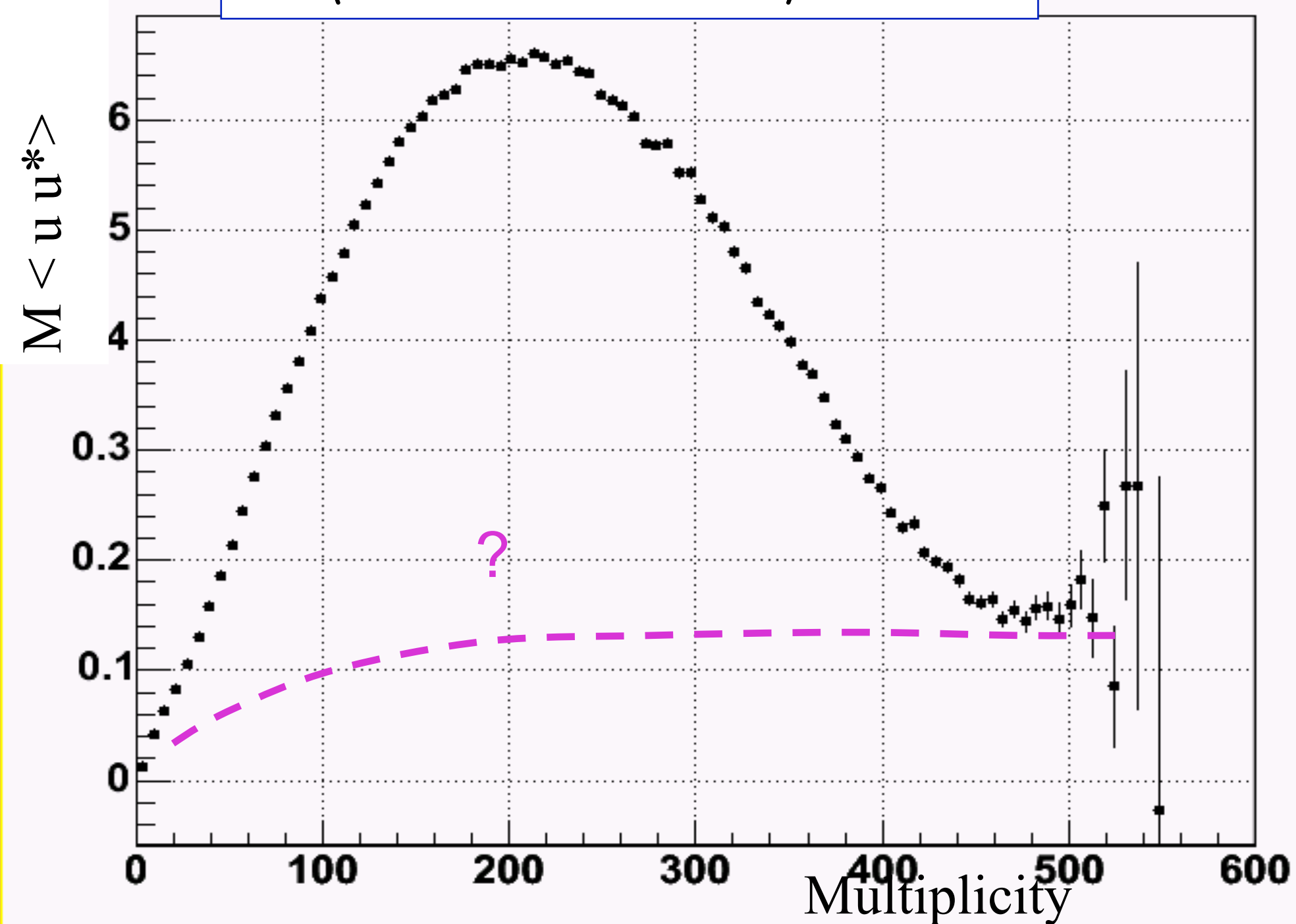


FIG. 31. (Color online) The nonflow parameter, g_2 , as a function of centrality. The solid points are from the cumulant method. The open circles are from the q distribution method.

Nonflow: pp vs. AA

$$Q = \sum_{j \in \{b\}} u_j; \quad u_j = e^{i2\phi_j}$$

$$\langle u_r Q^* \rangle = (v_r v_b + \delta_{rb}^{AA}) M^{AA}$$

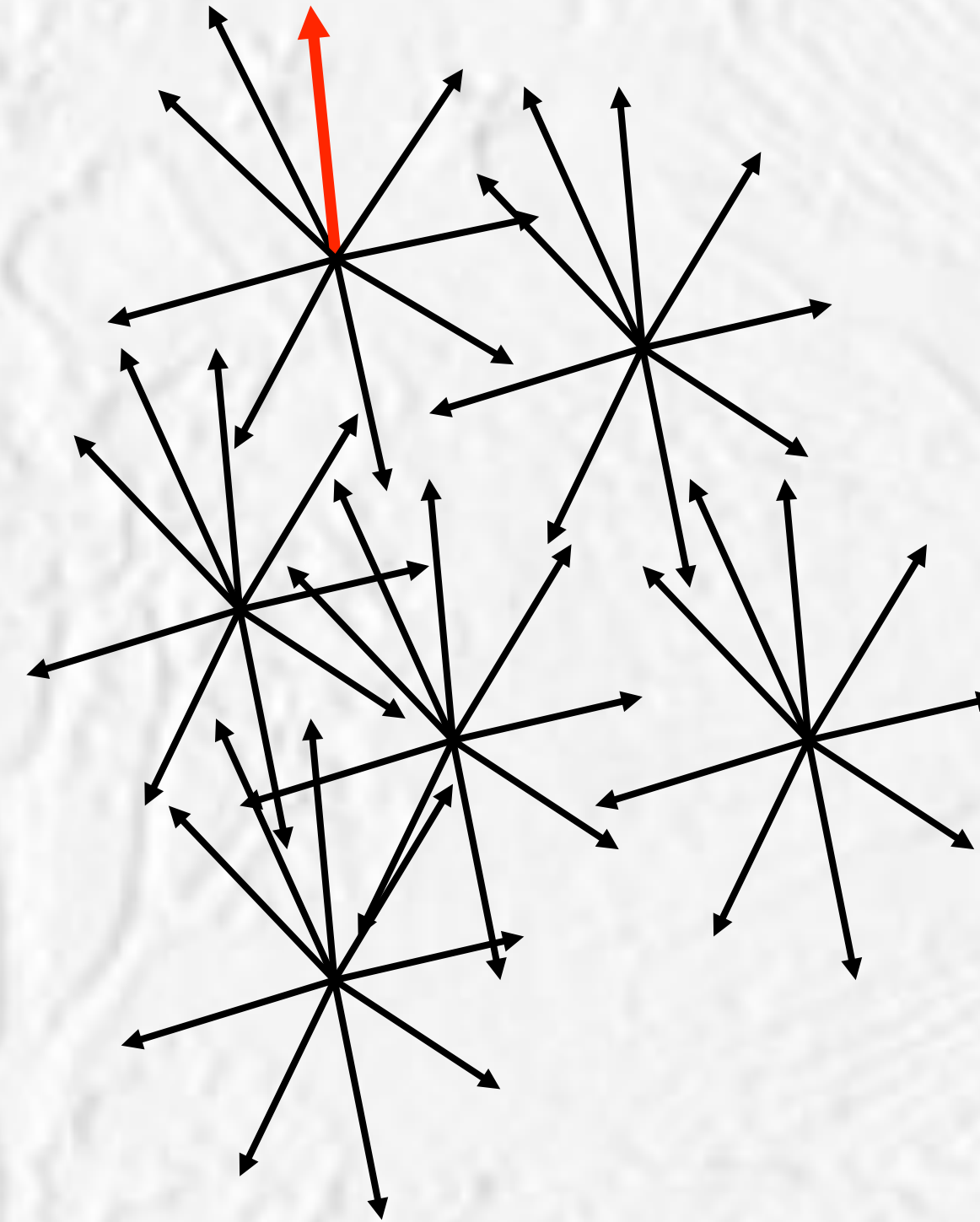
$$\delta_{rb}^{AA} \approx \frac{\delta_{rb}^{pp}}{N_{\text{coll}}} \approx \frac{\delta_{rb}^{pp} M^{pp}}{M^{AA}}$$

$$\langle u_r Q^* \rangle^{AA} \approx v_r v_b + \langle u_b Q^* \rangle^{pp}$$

Non-flow looks exactly the same in pp and AA → Results - directly “correctible”.

N_{coll} – Number of “independent NN collisions”, a la $N_{\text{part}}/2$.

Consider correlations of a “red” particle (some momentum “bin”) with all other, “black”, particles in the event

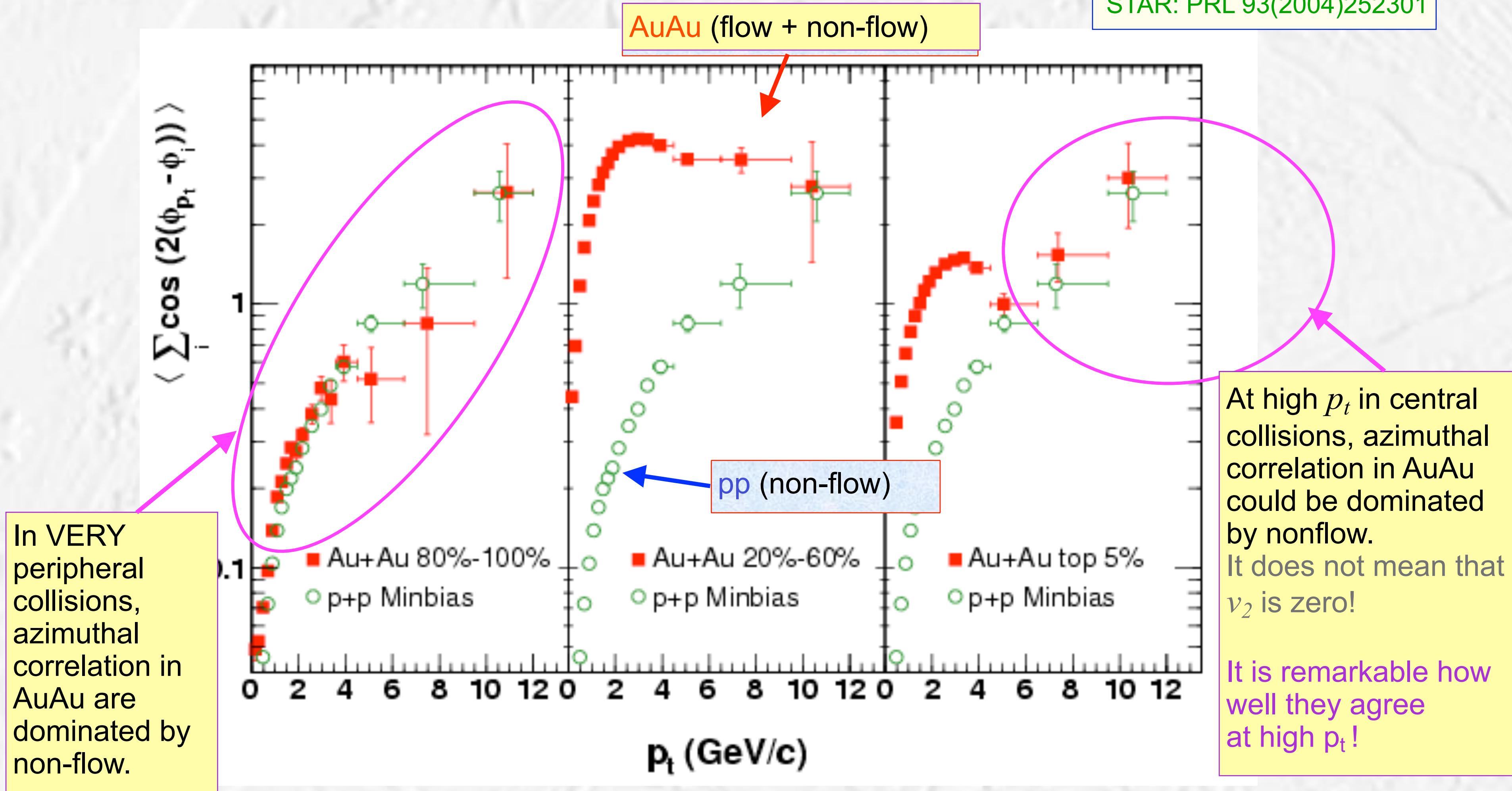


Check if non-flow estimates/measurements reported or $Au+Au$ are consistent with measurements in pp . (Expect the difference of the order of factor of $<\sim 2$. Extra particles in jets → non-flow contribution increases B-to-B jet suppression – non-flow goes down)

Use pp data to estimate non-flow effects in $Au+Au$ when other methods do not work

Comparison: pp & AuAu

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$v_2\{2\}$, $v_2\{4\}$, nonflow, and flow fluctuations

$$\langle u_1 u_2^* \rangle = v_2^2 + \delta; \quad u \equiv e^{i2\phi}$$

$$v_2\{2\} \equiv \langle u_1 u_2^* \rangle^{1/2}$$

$$\langle u_1 u_2 u_3^* u_4^* \rangle = v_2^4 + 2 \cdot 2 v_2^2 \delta + 2 \delta^2$$

$$v_2\{4\} \equiv \left(2 \langle u_1 u_2 \rangle^2 - \langle u_1 u_2 u_3^* u_4^* \rangle \right)^{1/4}$$

Assumes $\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \langle \delta \rangle^2$, etc.

$$v_2\{2\} = \sqrt{\langle v_2^2 \rangle + \delta}$$

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

Several reasons for v_n to fluctuate:

Variation in impact parameter in a centrality bin
(easily correctable)

“Real” flow fluctuations due to **fluctuations in the initial conditions** or in the system evolution

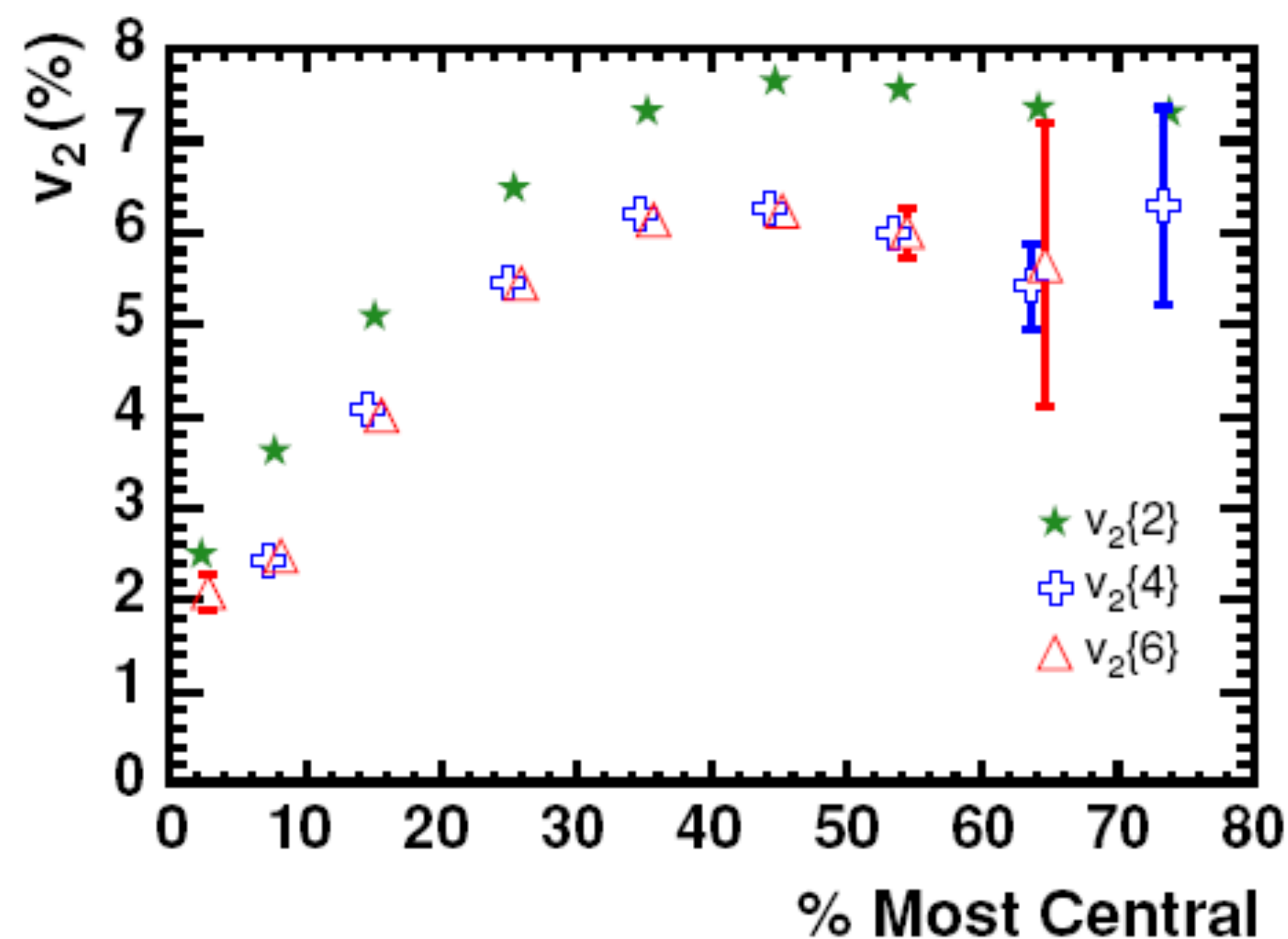
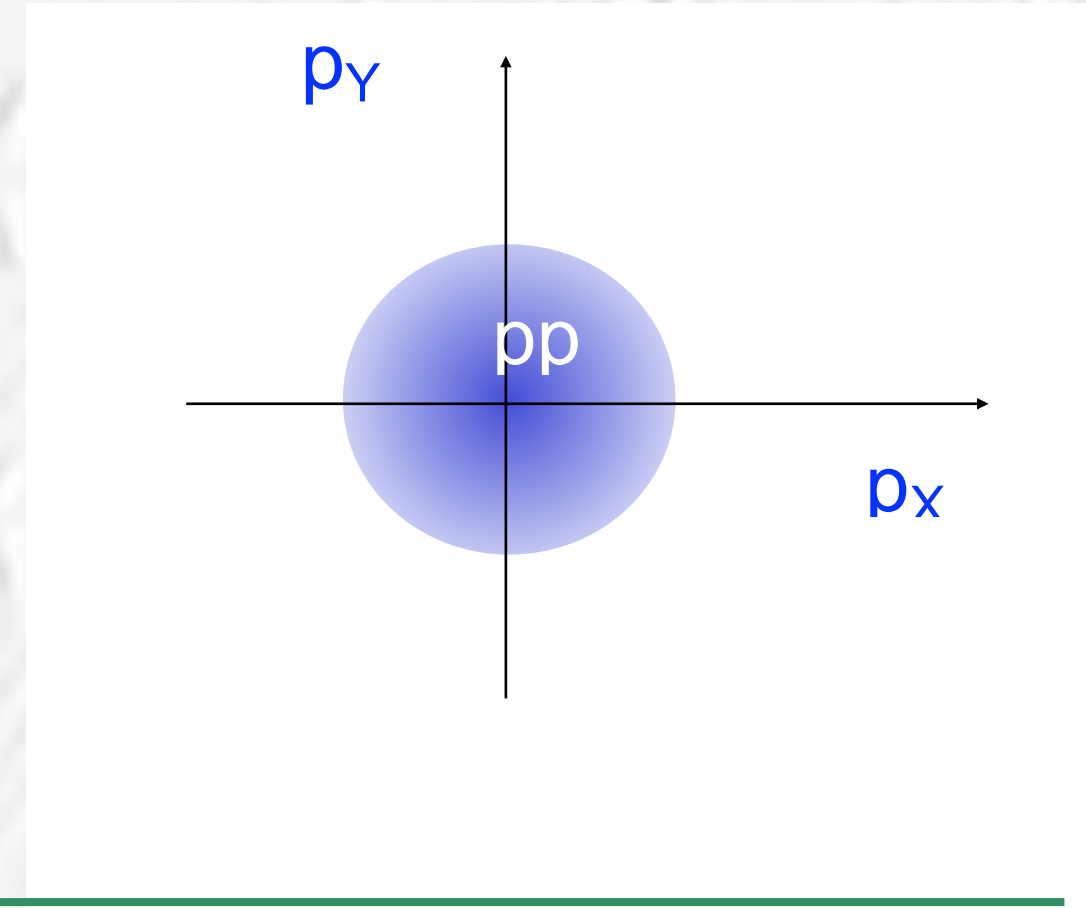
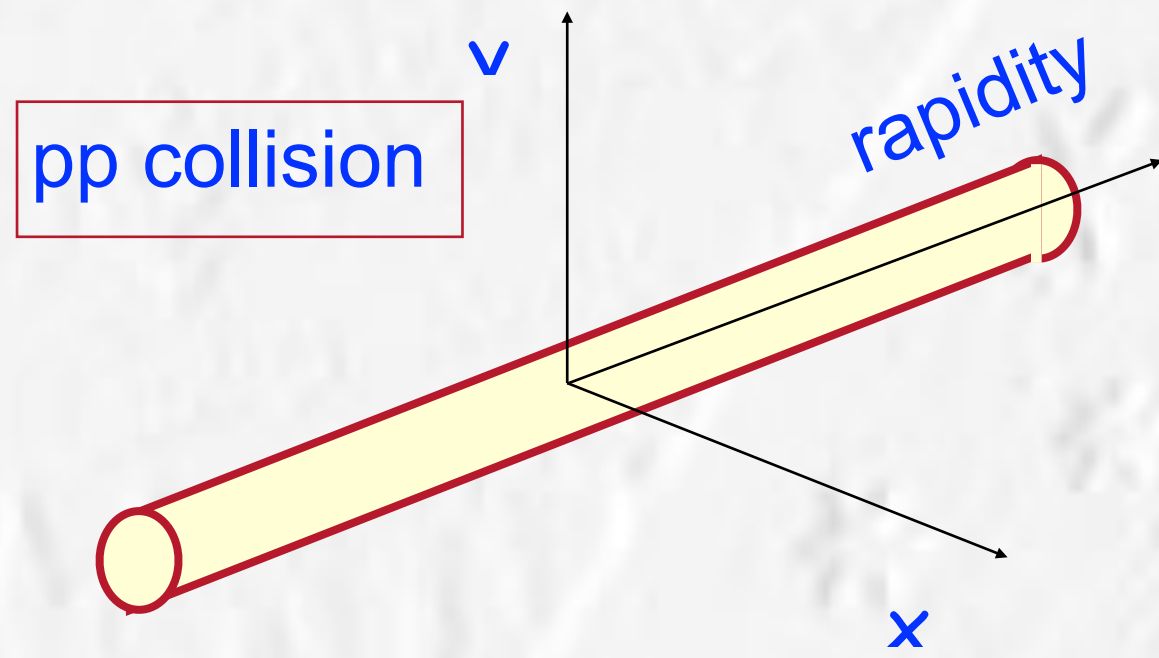


FIG. 30. (Color online) Charged hadron $v_2\{2\}$, $v_2\{4\}$, and $v_2\{6\}$ integrated values as a function of centrality.

$v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2\{4\}$, flow fluctuations or nonflow?

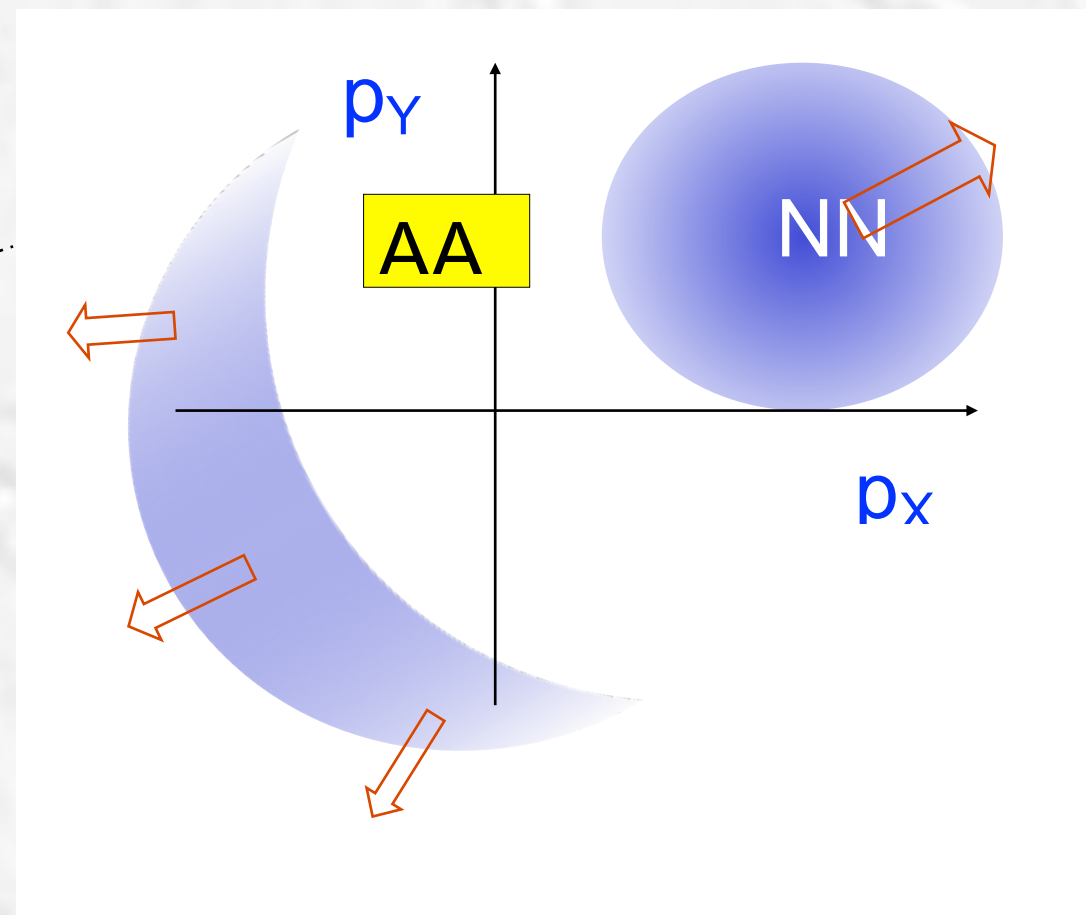
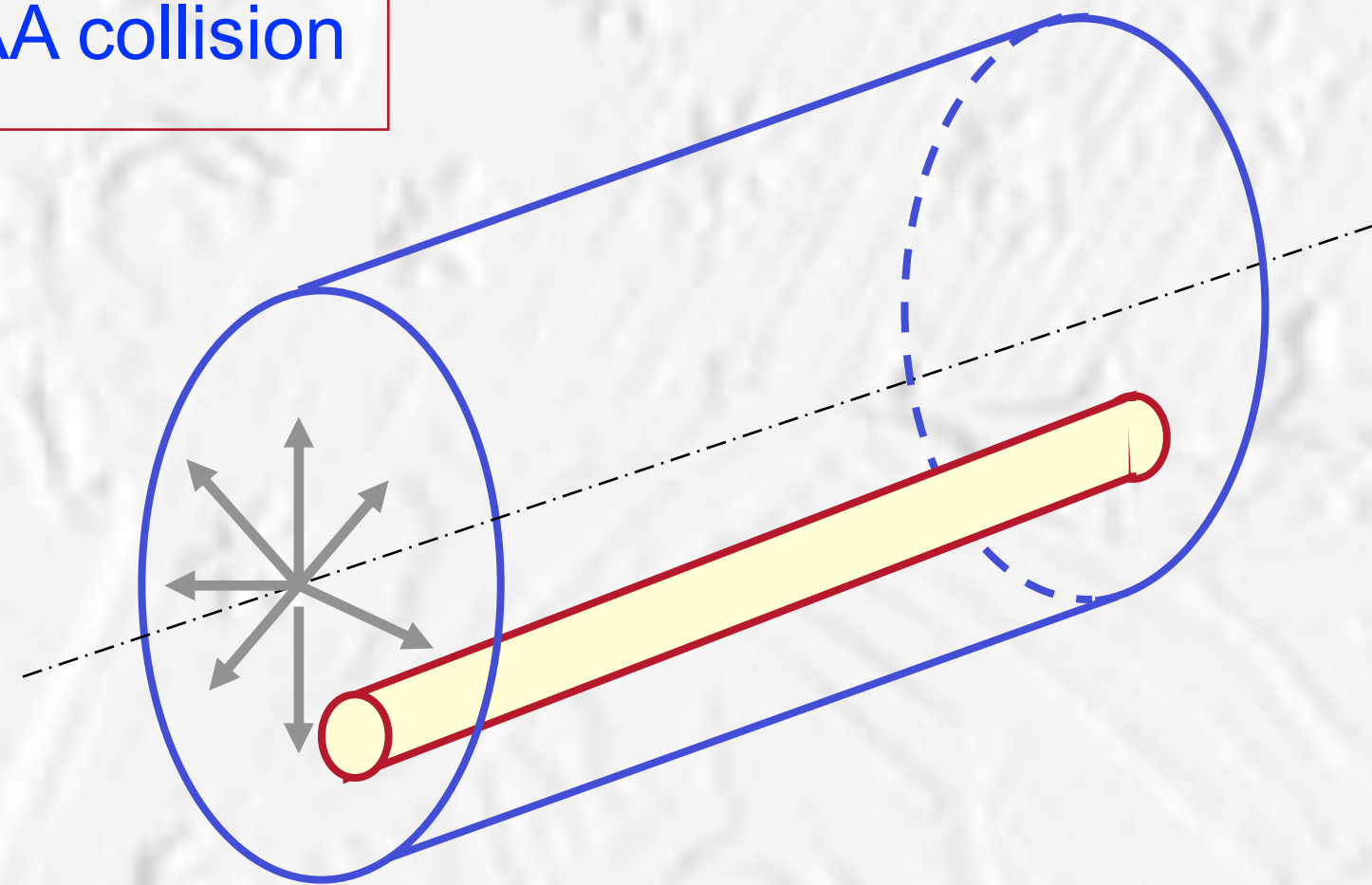
Radial expansion \rightarrow nonflow

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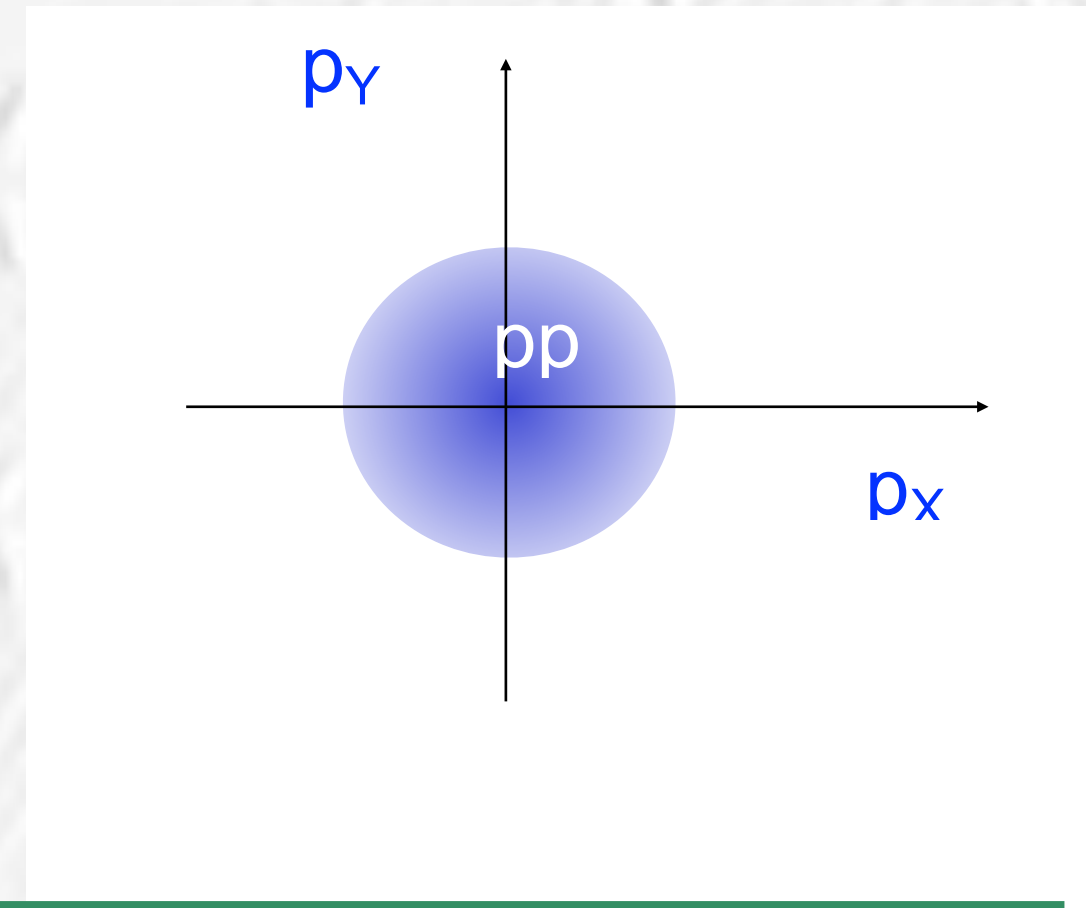
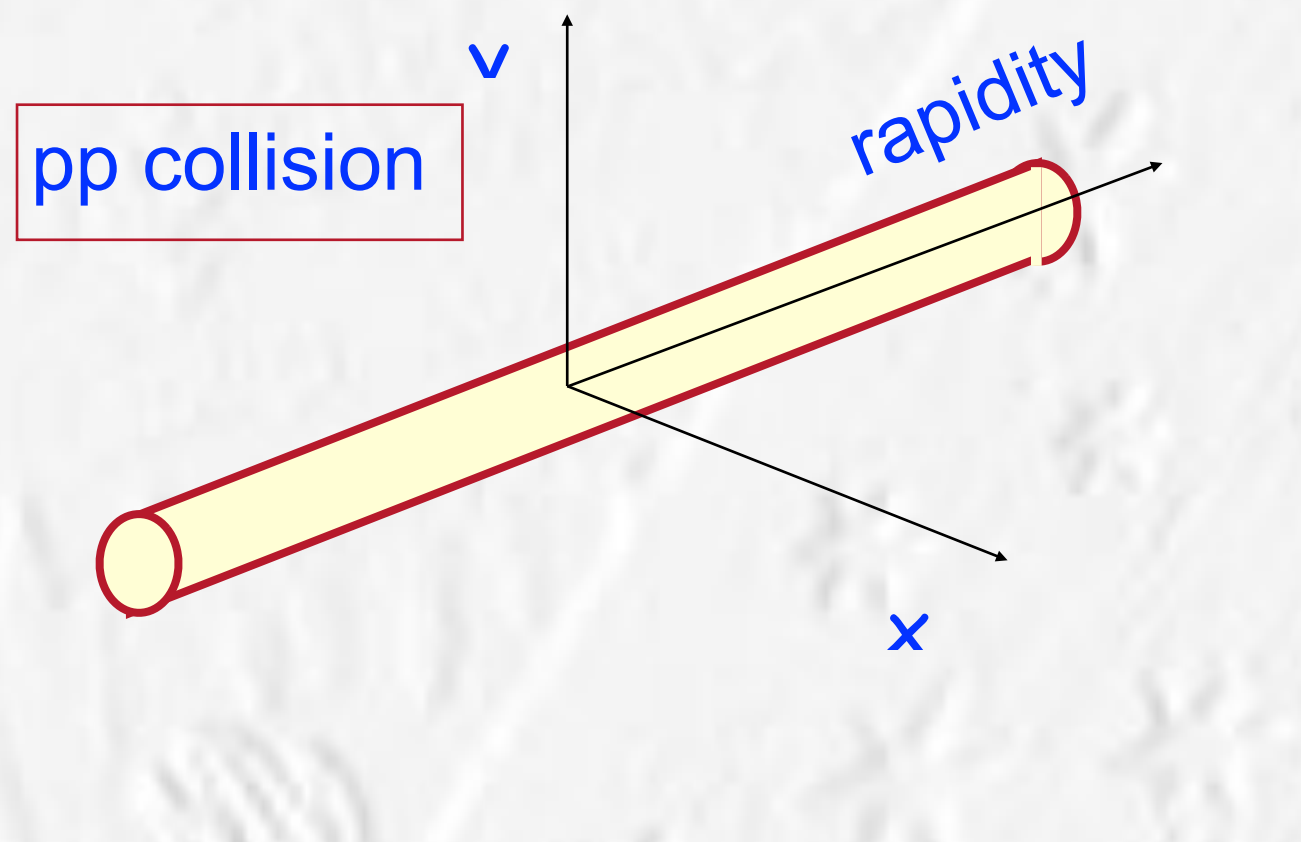
Nonflow specific only for AA?

AA collision



Radial expansion → nonflow

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Nonflow specific only for AA?

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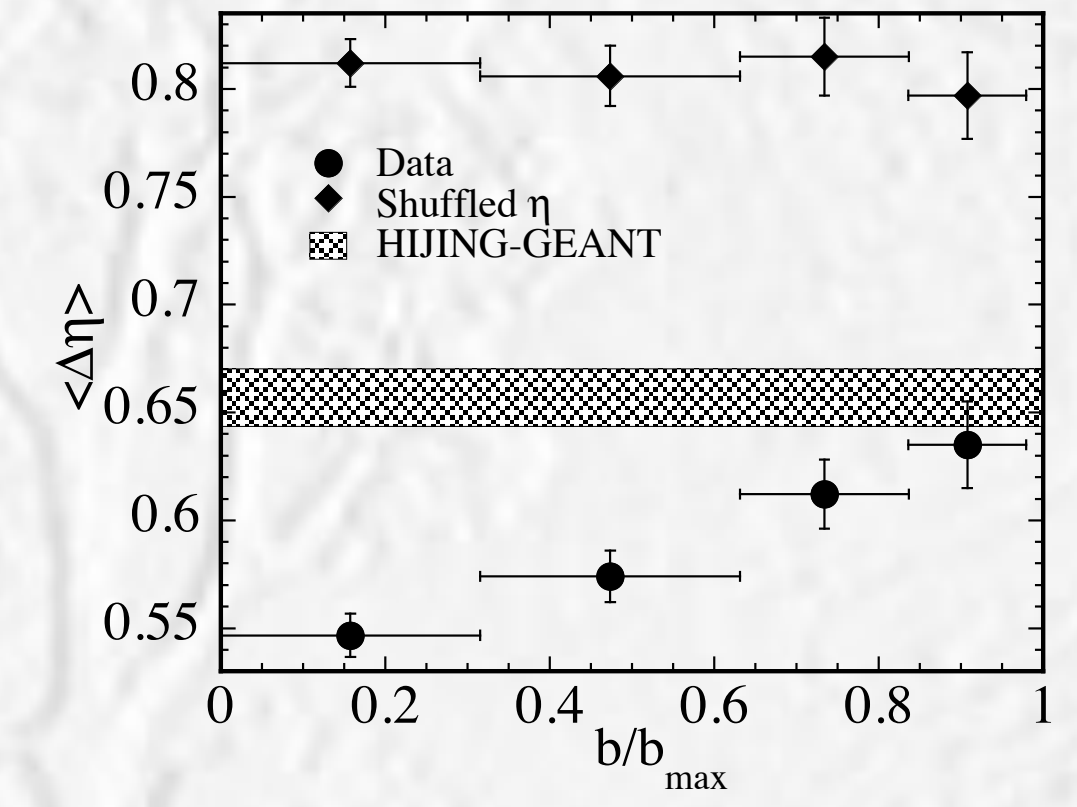
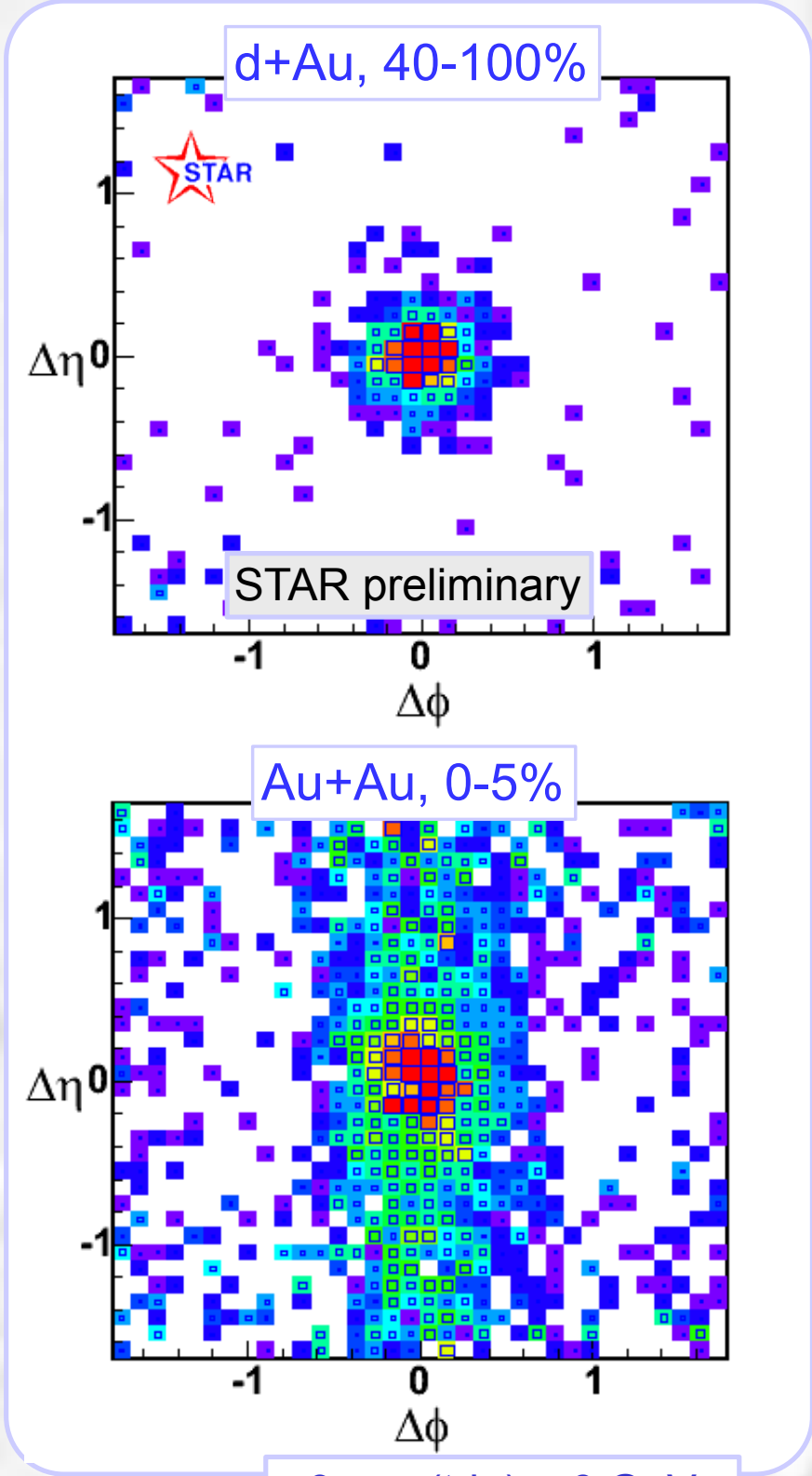


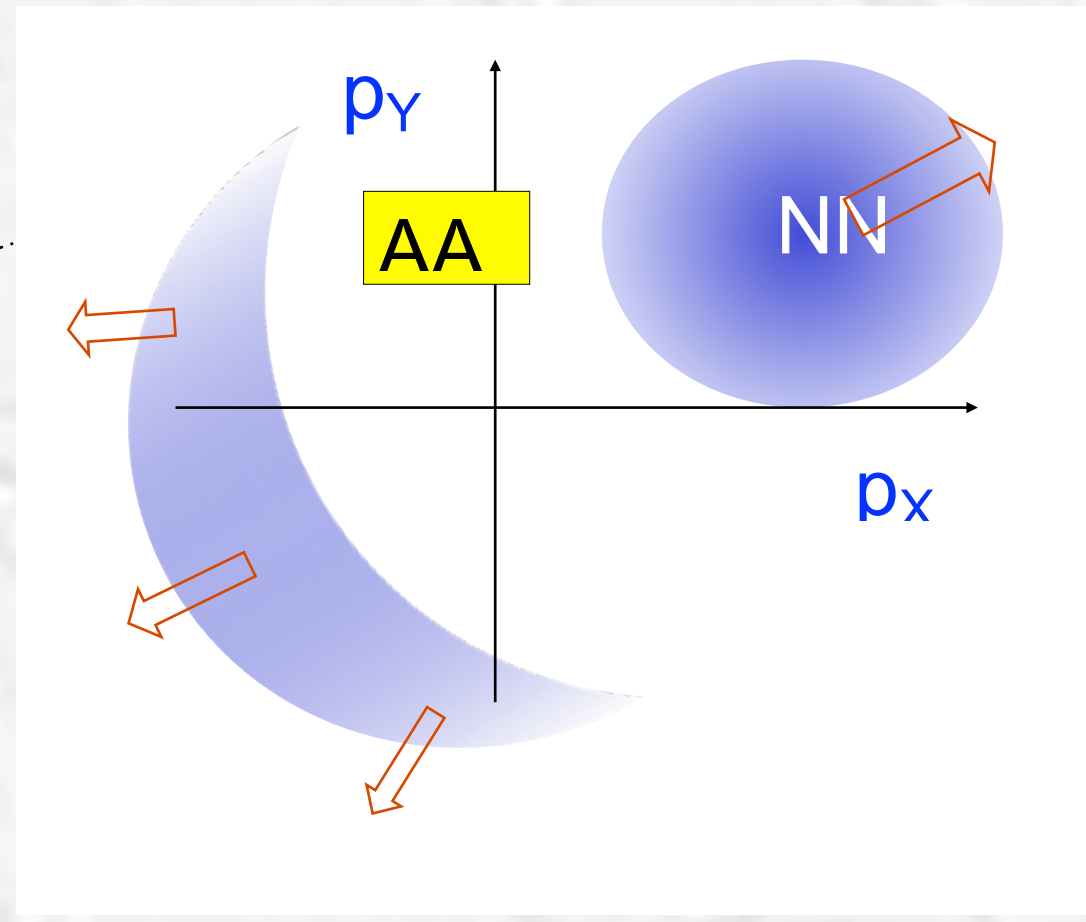
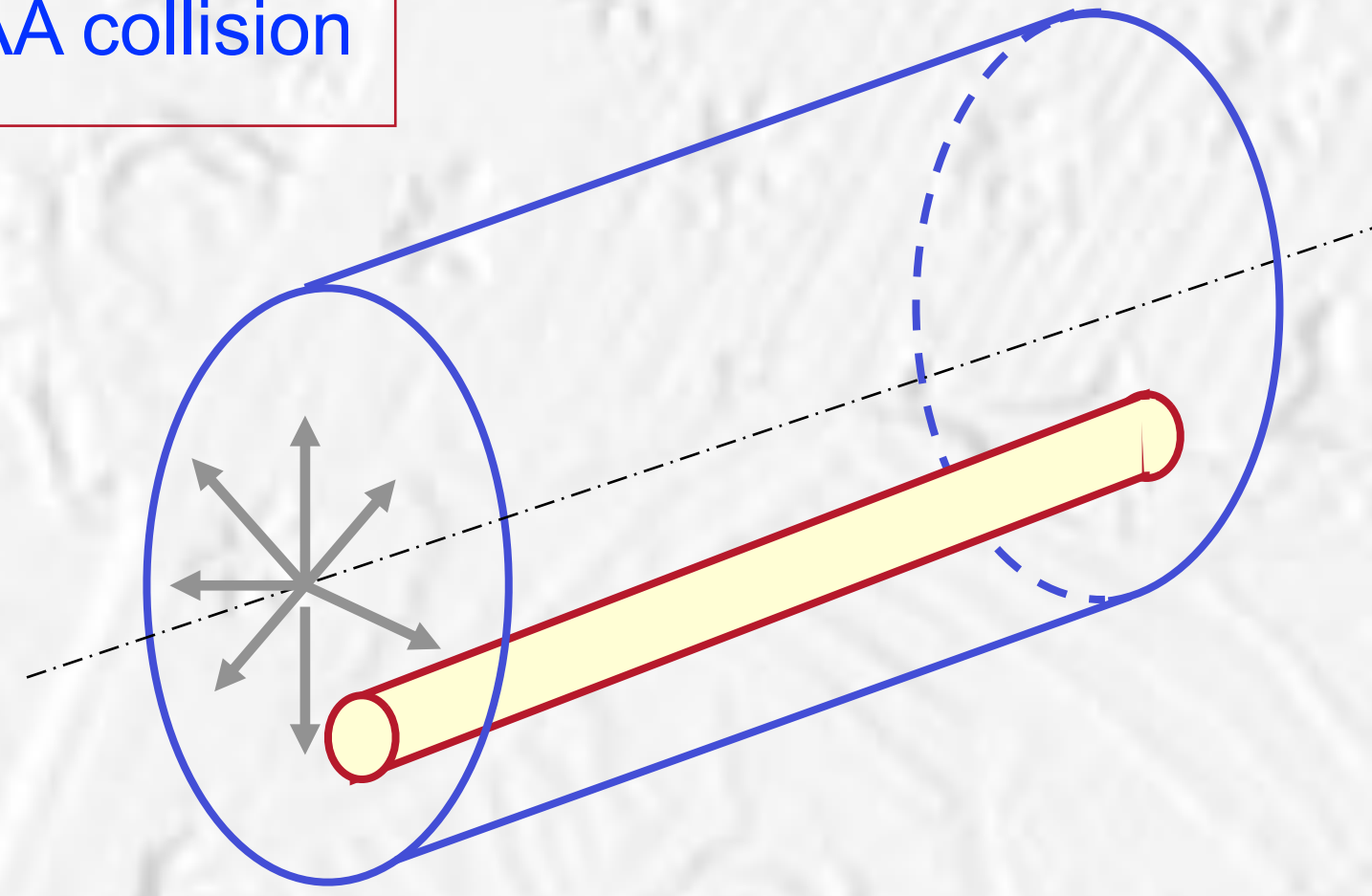
FIG. 2: The width of the balance function for charged particles, $\langle \Delta\eta \rangle$, as a function of normalized impact parameter b/b_{max} . Error bars shown are statistical. The width of the balance function from HIJING events is shown as a band whose height reflects the statistical uncertainty. Also shown are the widths from the shuffled pseudorapidity events.

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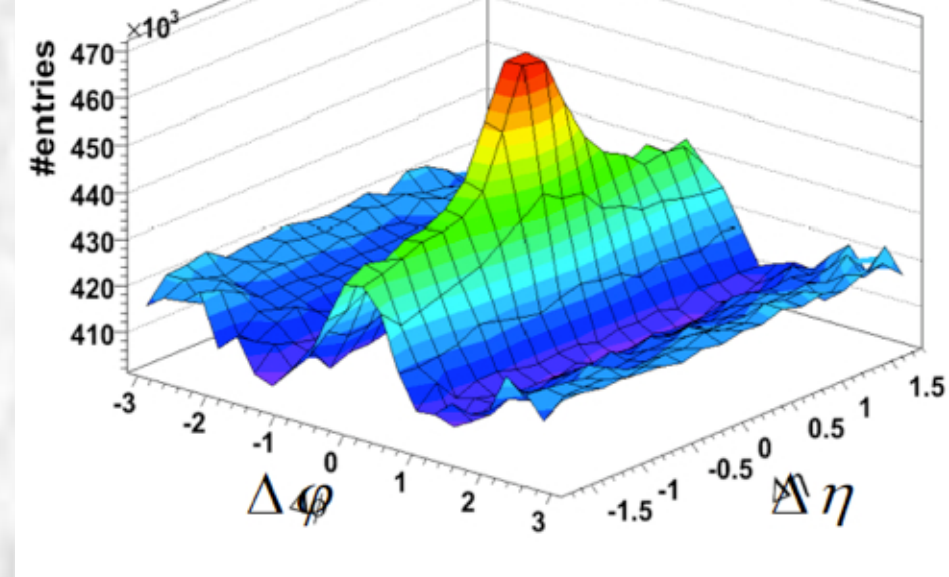


$3 < p_T(\text{trig}) < 6 \text{ GeV}$
 $2 < p_T(\text{assoc}) < p_T(\text{trig})$

AA collision



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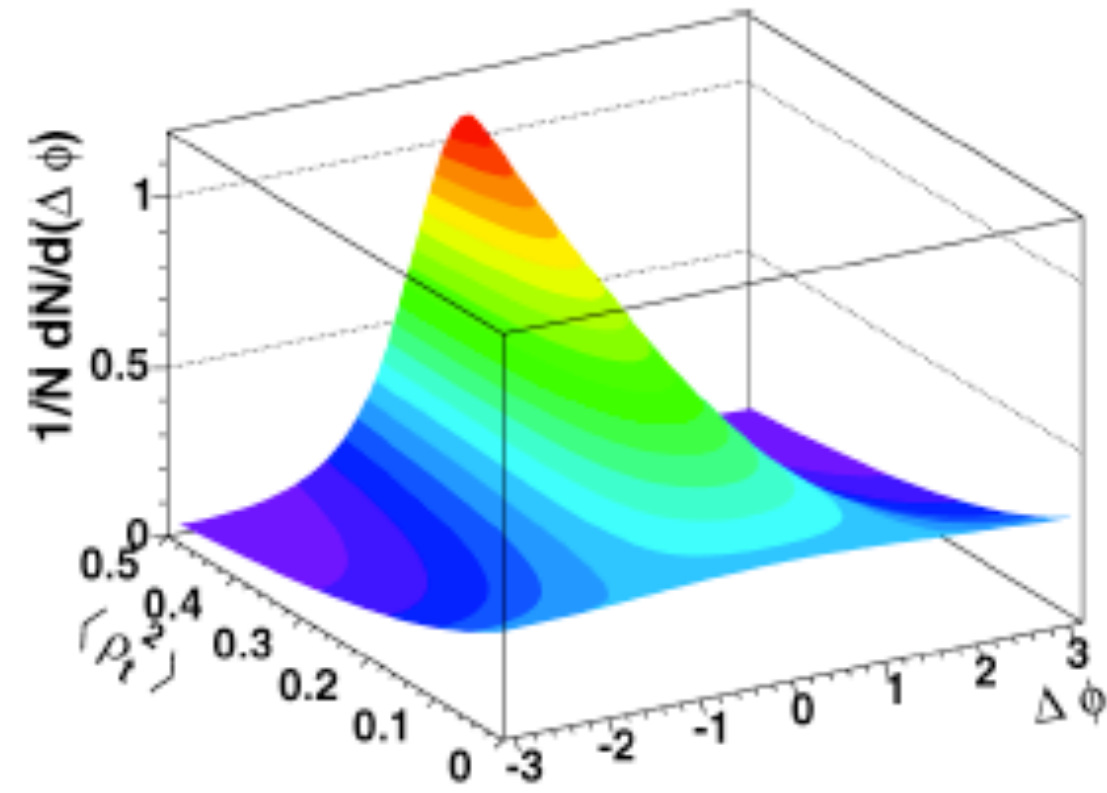


Fig. 3. (Color online.) Two pion $\Delta\phi$ distribution as function of $\langle\rho_t^2\rangle$ in the blast wave model. Linear velocity profile and $T = 110$ MeV have been assumed.

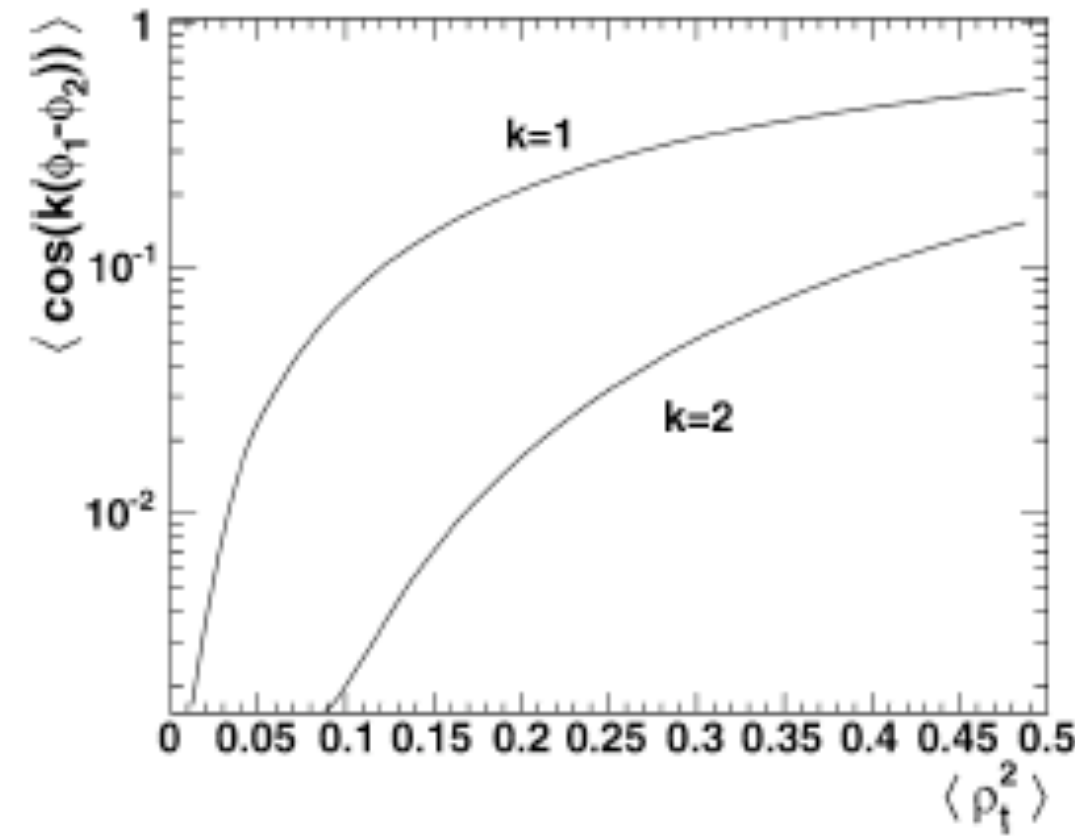
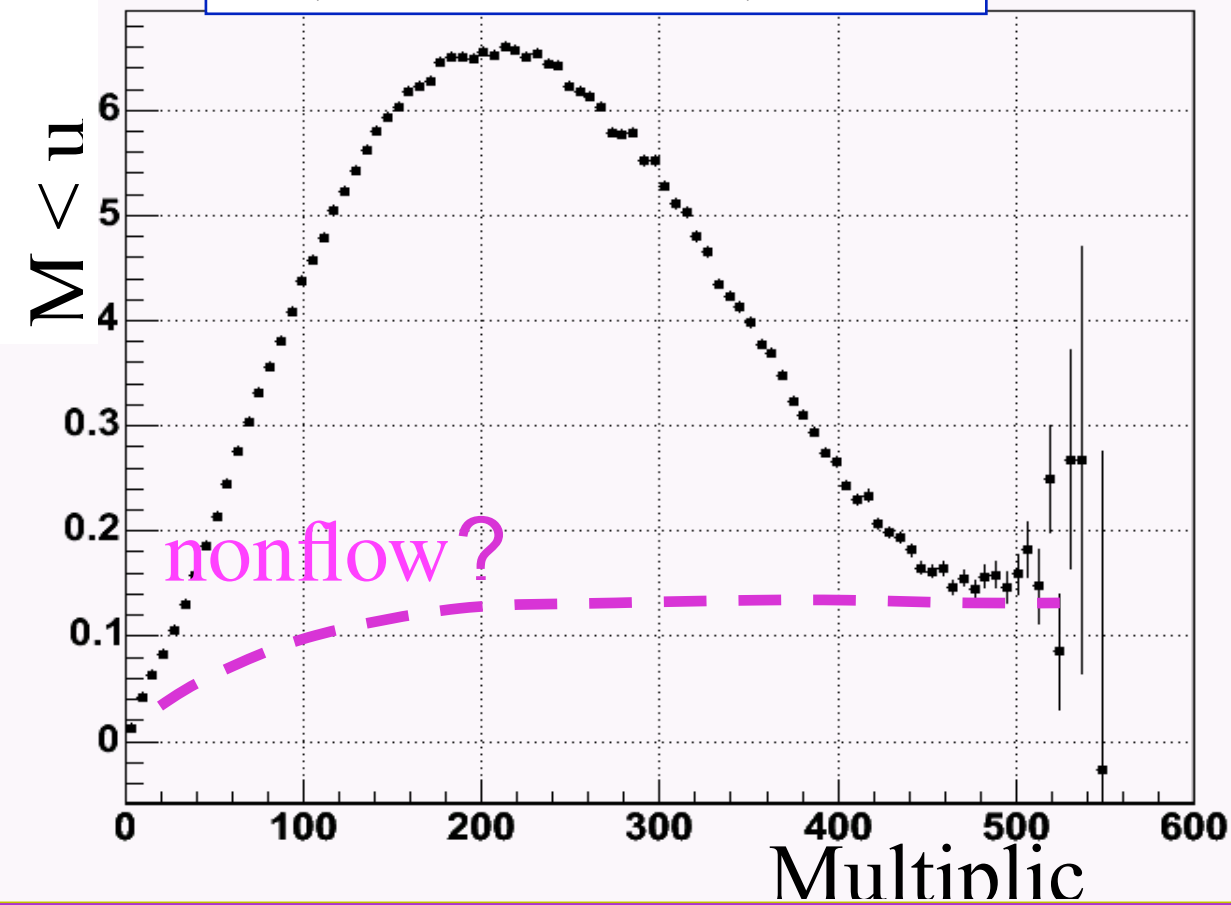


Fig. 4. The average values of $\cos(\Delta\phi)$ and $\cos(2\Delta\phi)$ for the distribution shown in Fig. 3.

Values of transverse flow $\langle\rho_t^2\rangle > 0.25$
 (a) would contradict nonflow estimates
 (b) oversaturate the difference $v_2\{2\} - v_2\{4\}$

$$N \langle \cos(2\phi_i - 2\phi_j) \rangle \approx N v_2^2$$



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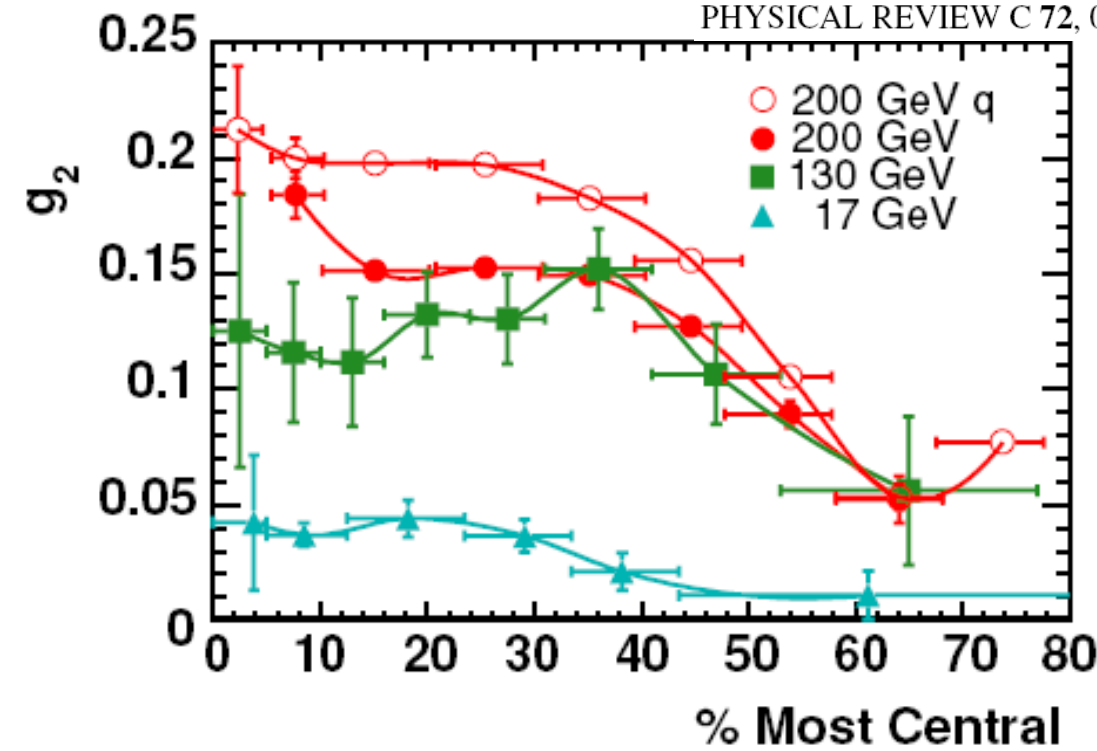
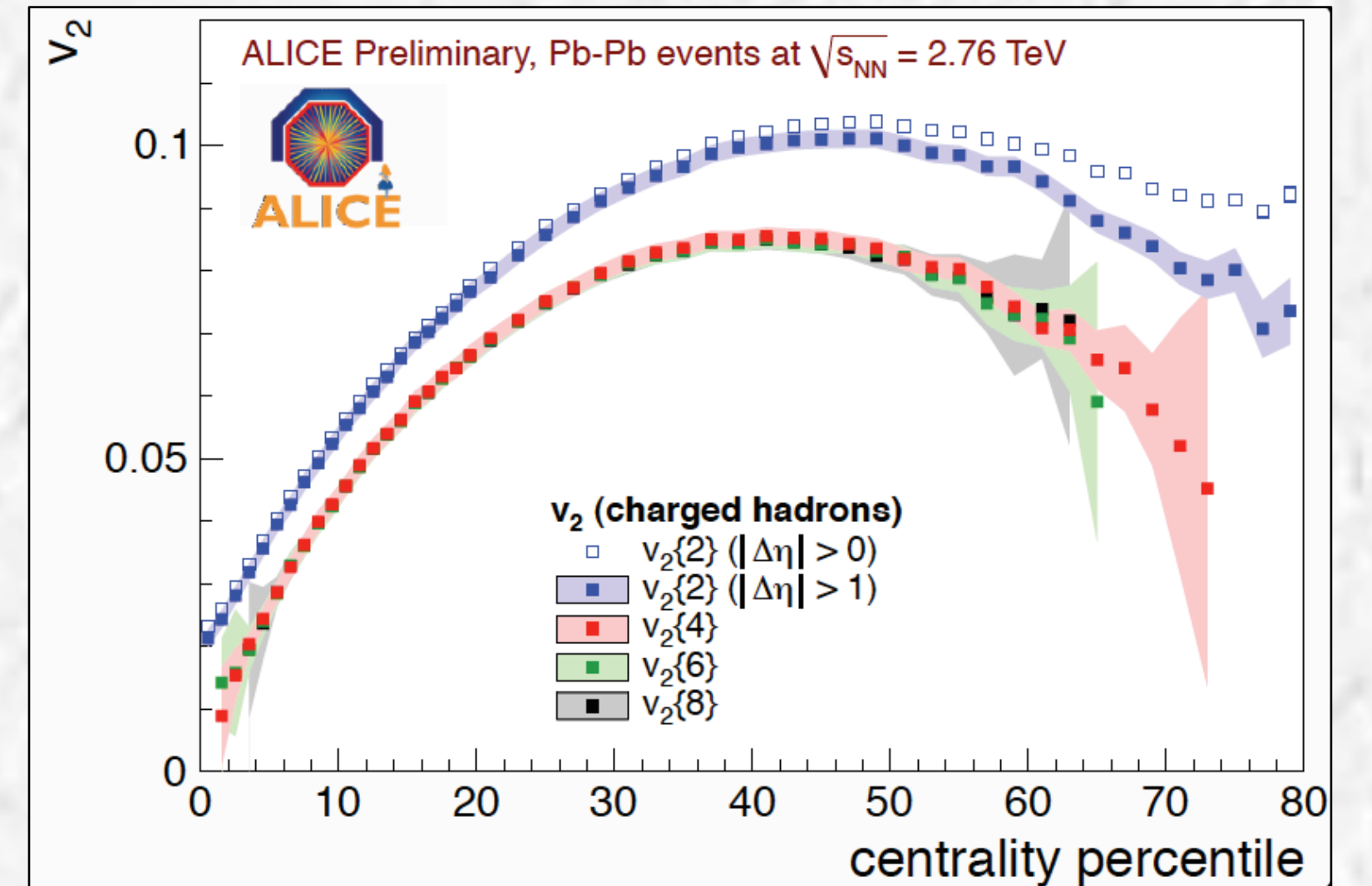


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Flow fluctuations

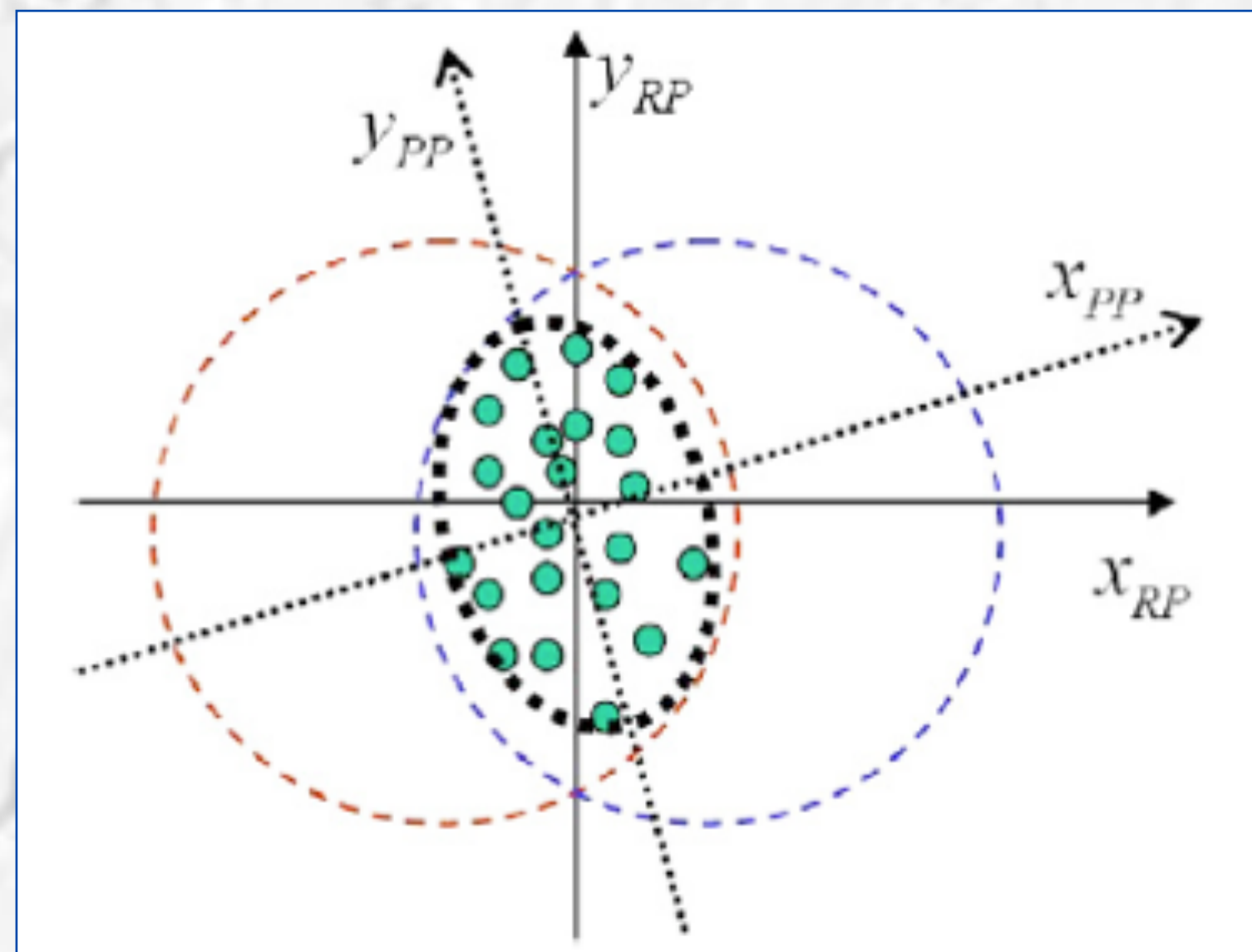
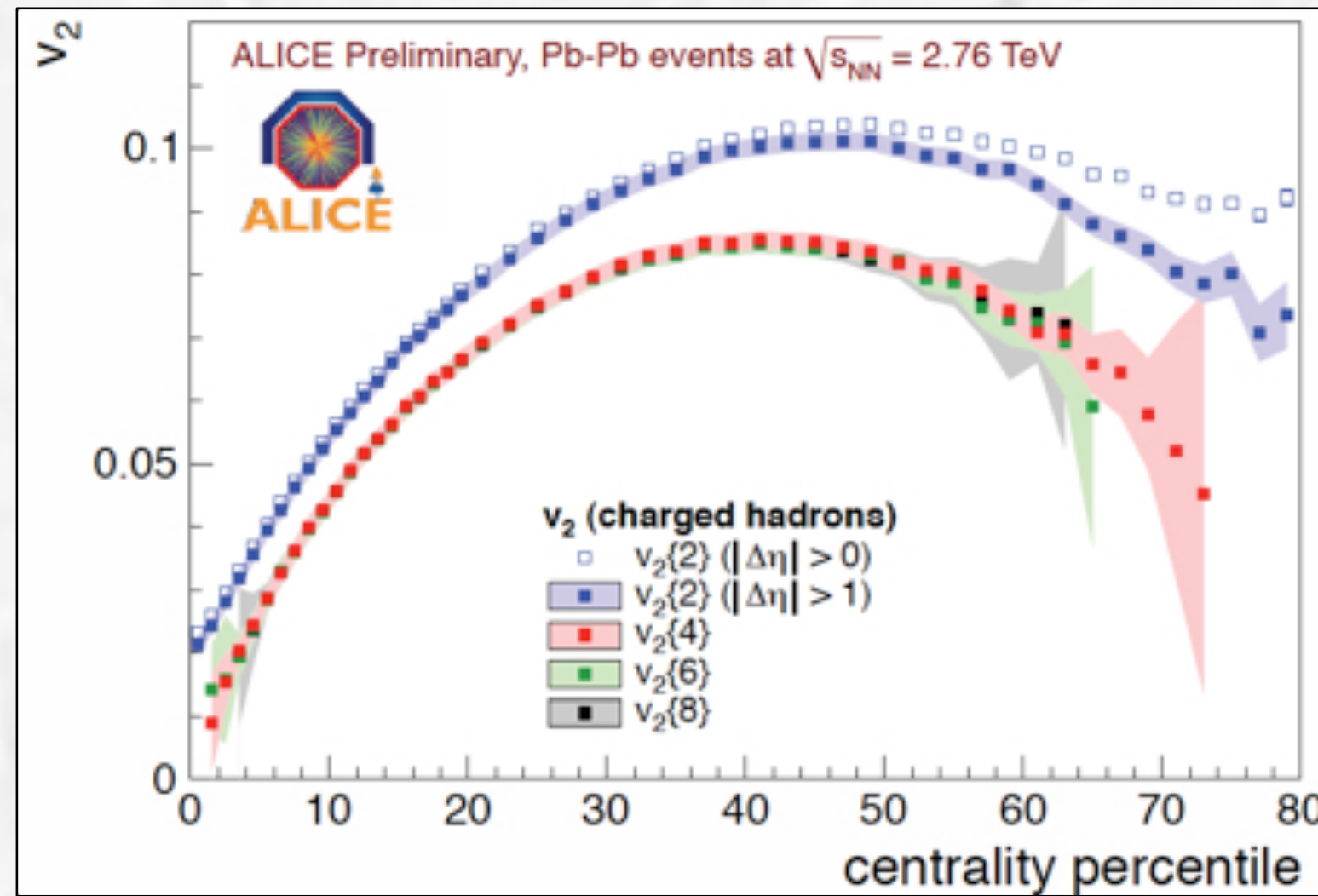
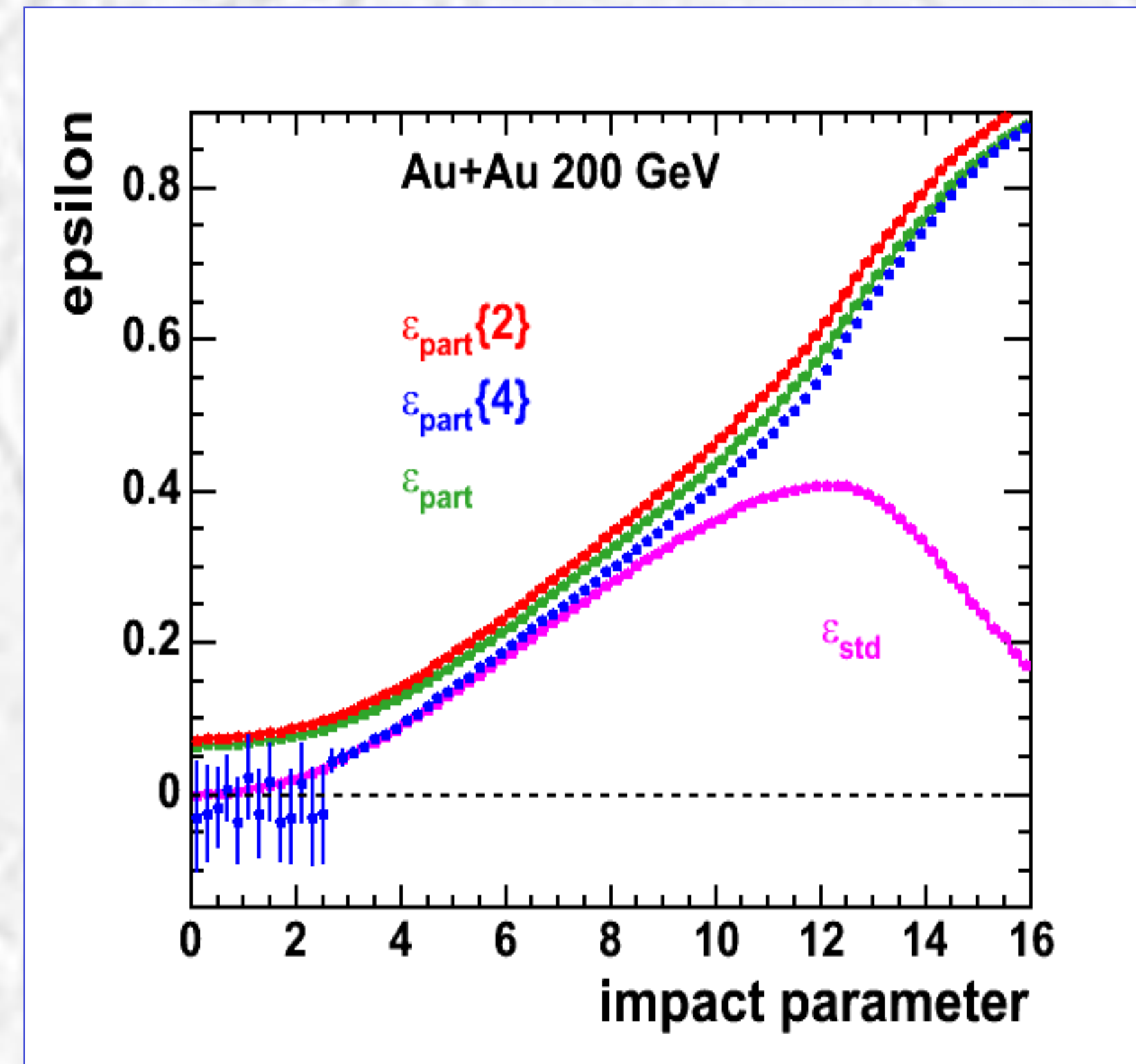


Fig. 1. The definitions of the RP and PP coordinate systems.

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle = \langle v_2 \rangle^2 + \sigma_{v_2}^2 + g_2/N$$

The difference between two-particle and many-particle correlation results are due to **flow fluctuations** and nonflow.

$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$



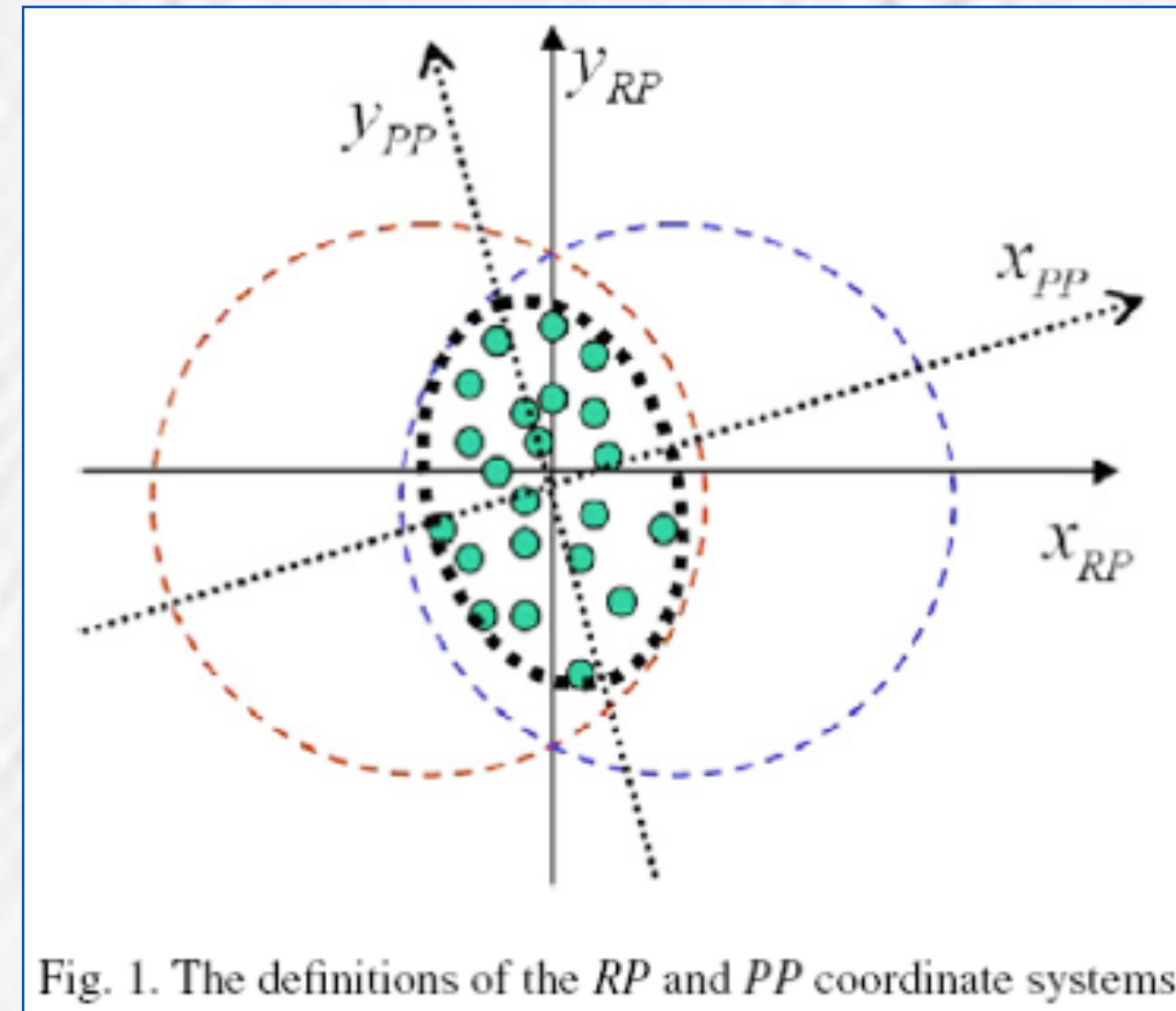
The difference between $v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2\{4\}$ is almost fully saturated by eccentricity fluctuations according to nucleon participant Glauber MC.

Initial eccentricity: “optical”, “standard”, ”participant”

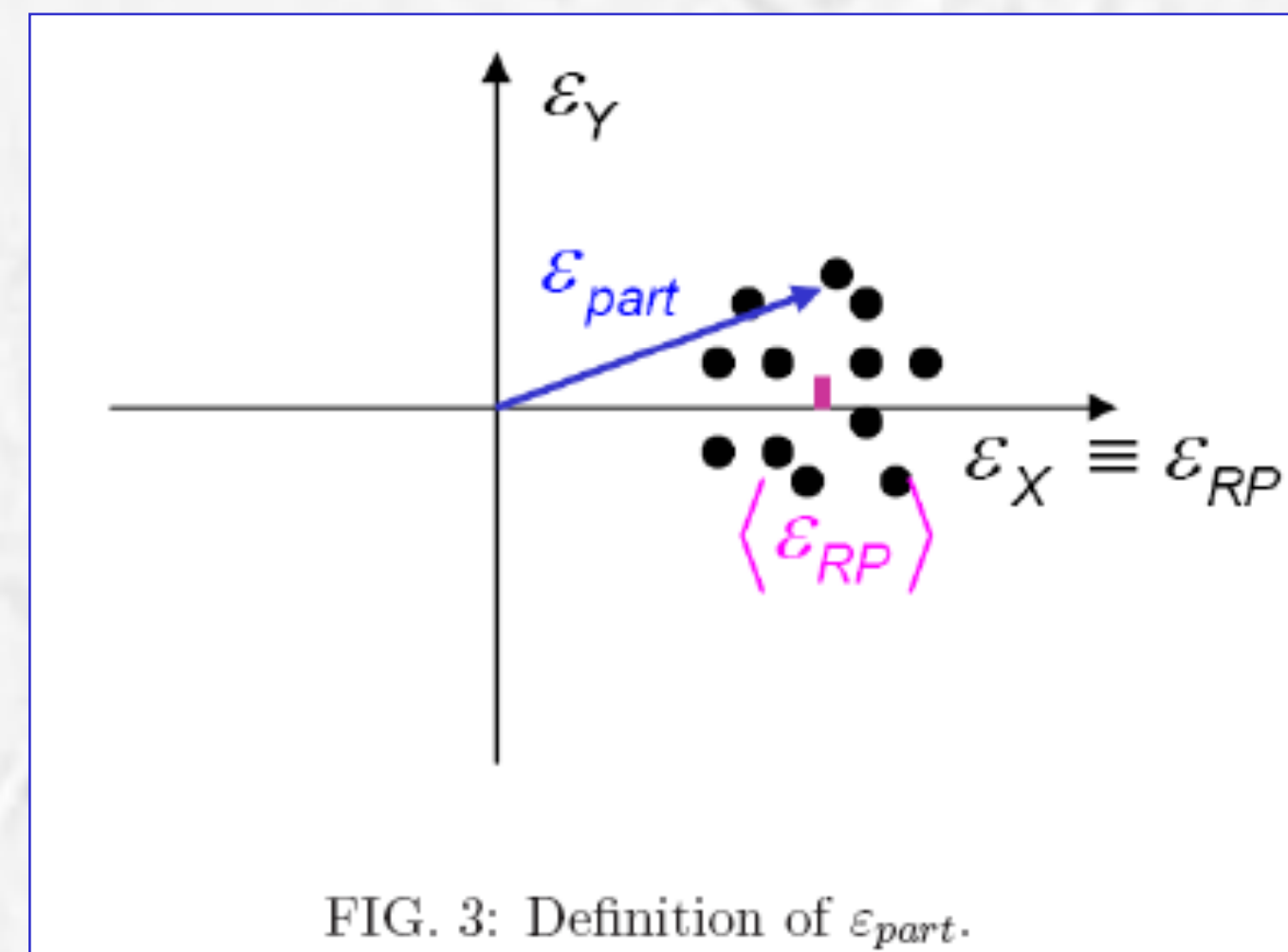
“Monte-Carlo” Glauber model:

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$$\epsilon_{Std} = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

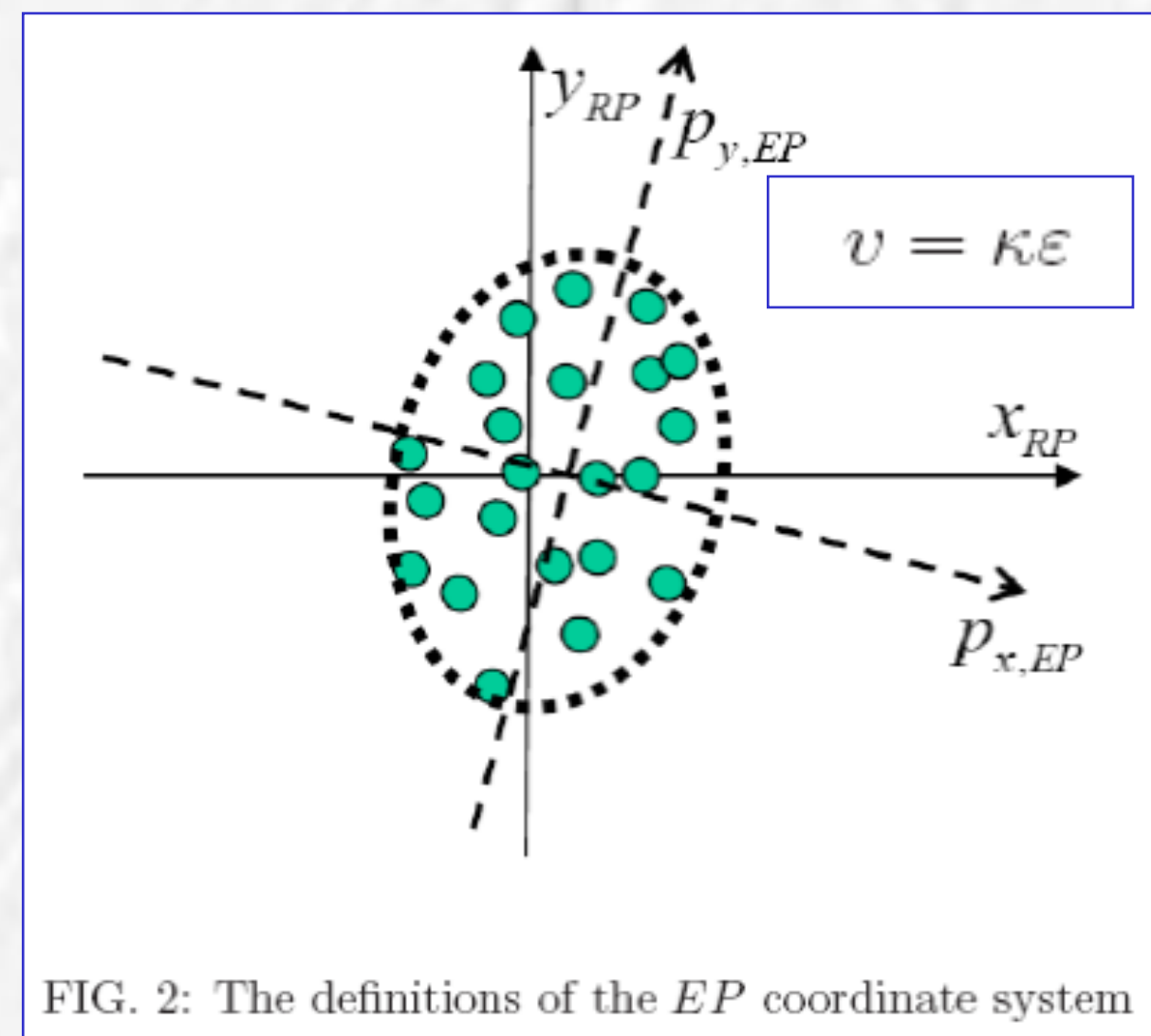
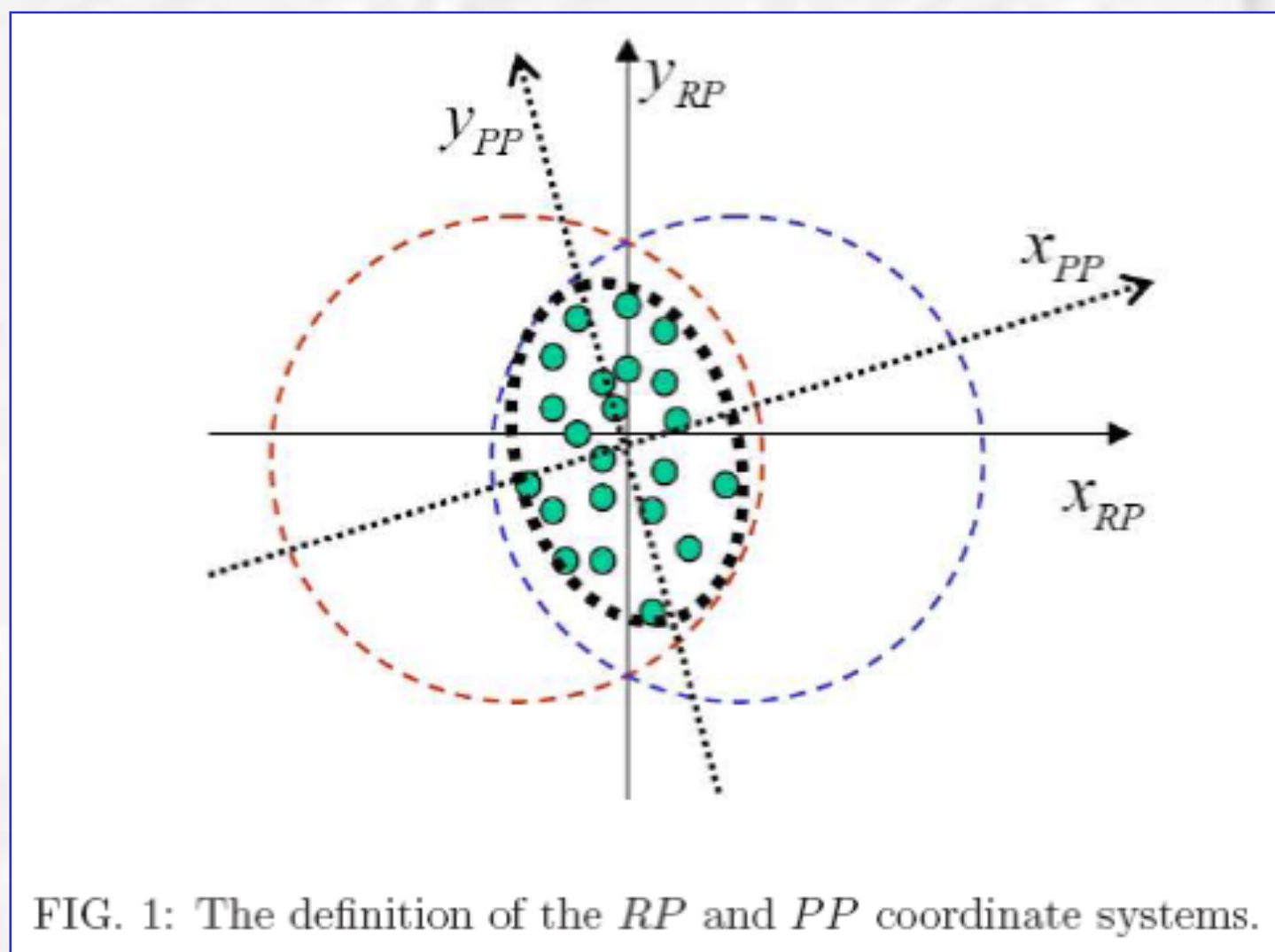


“New” coordinate system – rotated, shifted



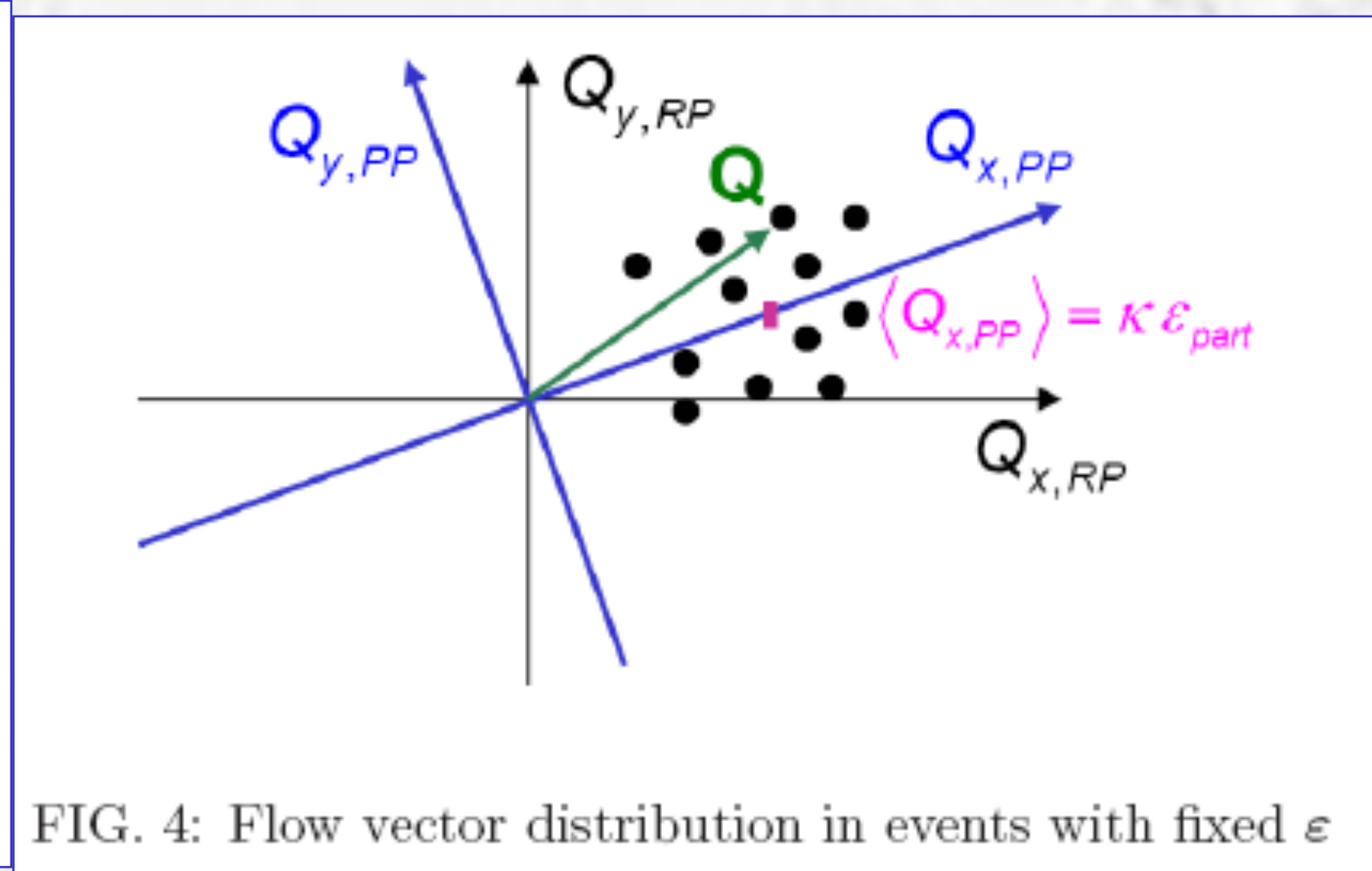
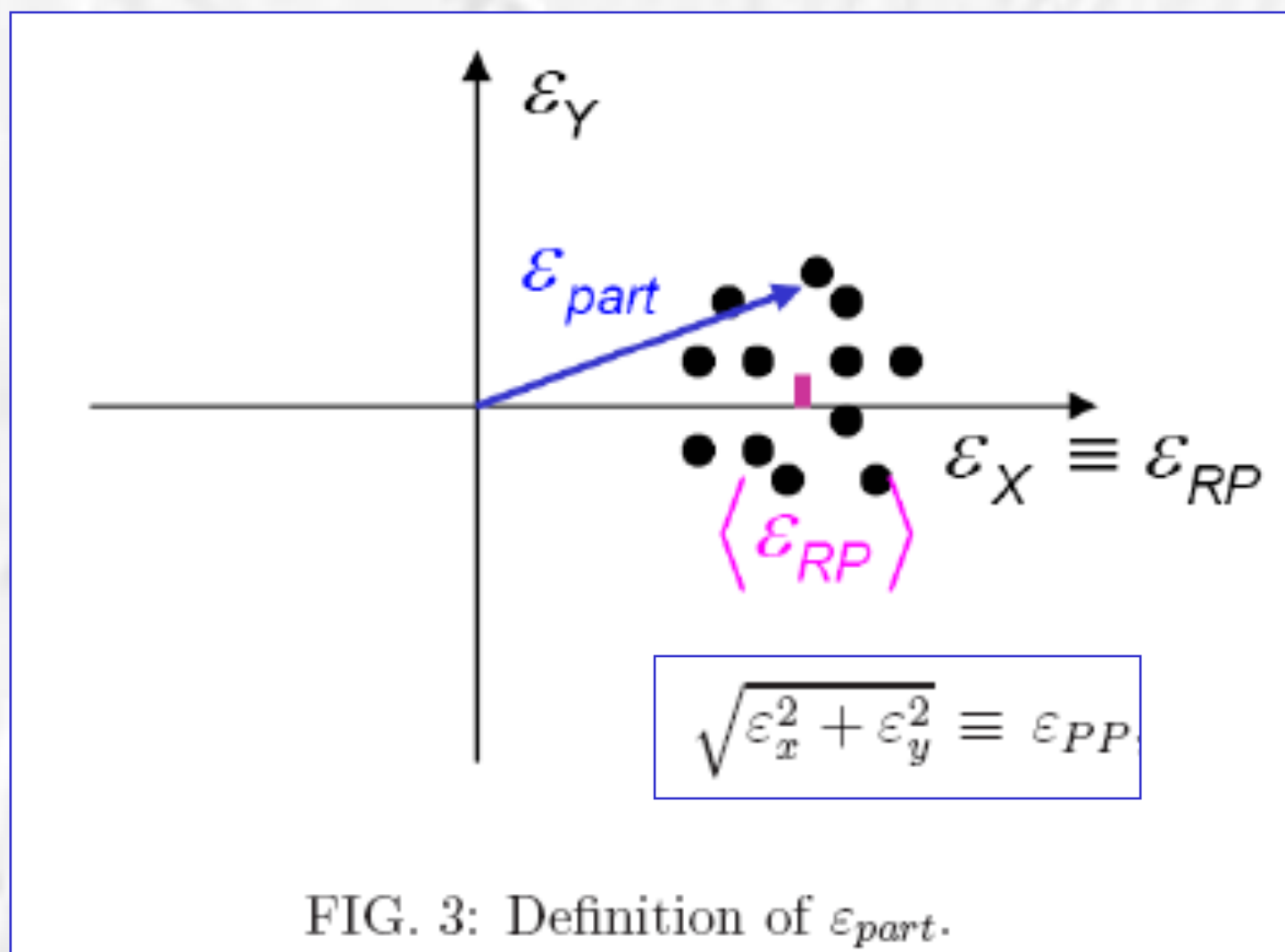
$$\epsilon_{part} = \frac{\langle y'^2 - x'^2 \rangle}{\langle y'^2 + x'^2 \rangle}$$

Reaction, “participant”, and event (flow vector) planes



$$\epsilon = \{\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y\} = \left\{ \left\langle \frac{\sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2} \right\rangle_{part}, \left\langle \frac{2\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2} \right\rangle_{part} \right\}$$

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 Elliptic flow in the Gaussian model of eccentricity fluctuations
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Flow-plane decorrelations in heavy-ion collisions with multiple-plane cumulants

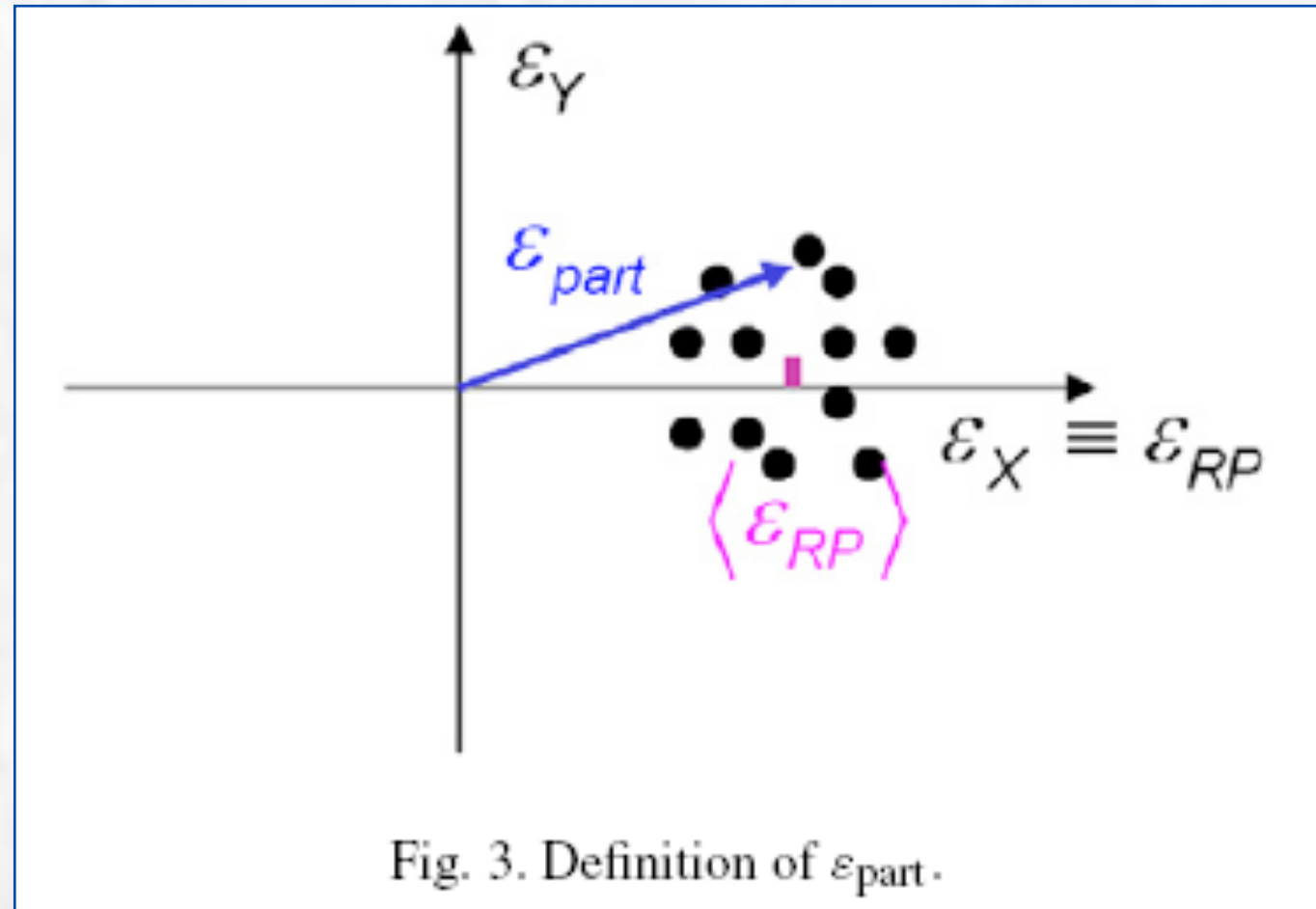
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- (i) The reaction plane (RP) is the plane spanned by the beam direction and the impact parameter vector. This plane is unique for every collision.
- (ii) The participant plane (PP) is defined by the initial density distribution. Subtle differences may exist, depending on, e.g., whether entropy or energy density is used as a weight, but these potentially small differences are not discussed in this paper. We assume that the properly constructed PPs define the development of anisotropic flow.
- (iii) The flow symmetry plane or the flow plane (FP) determines the orientation of the corresponding harmonic anisotropic flow. It is assumed that the FP coincides with the PP of the same harmonic (linear flow mode) or a proper combination of the lower harmonic PPs (nonlinear flow mode). With the nonlinear flow modes being neglected, FP and PP are often used interchangeably.
- (iv) The event plane (EP) estimates the FP by analyzing the particle azimuthal distribution in a particular kinematic region. Owing to the finite number of particles involved in such an estimate, the EP is subject to statistical fluctuations. The measurements obtained with the EP have to be corrected for the event-plane resolution [2], characterized by $\langle \cos[n(\Psi_n^{EP} - \Psi_n^{FP})] \rangle$. Ψ_n^{EP} is the azimuthal angle of the reconstructed n th-harmonic flow vector $\mathbf{Q}_n = [\sum_i w_i \cos(n\phi_i), \sum_i w_i \sin(n\phi_i)]$, where w_i is the weight for each particle. For simplicity, we use unity weights in the event-plane calculation.
- (v) The spectator plane (SP) is determined by a side-ward deflection of spectator nucleons and is regarded as a better proxy for RPs than FPs (determined by participants).

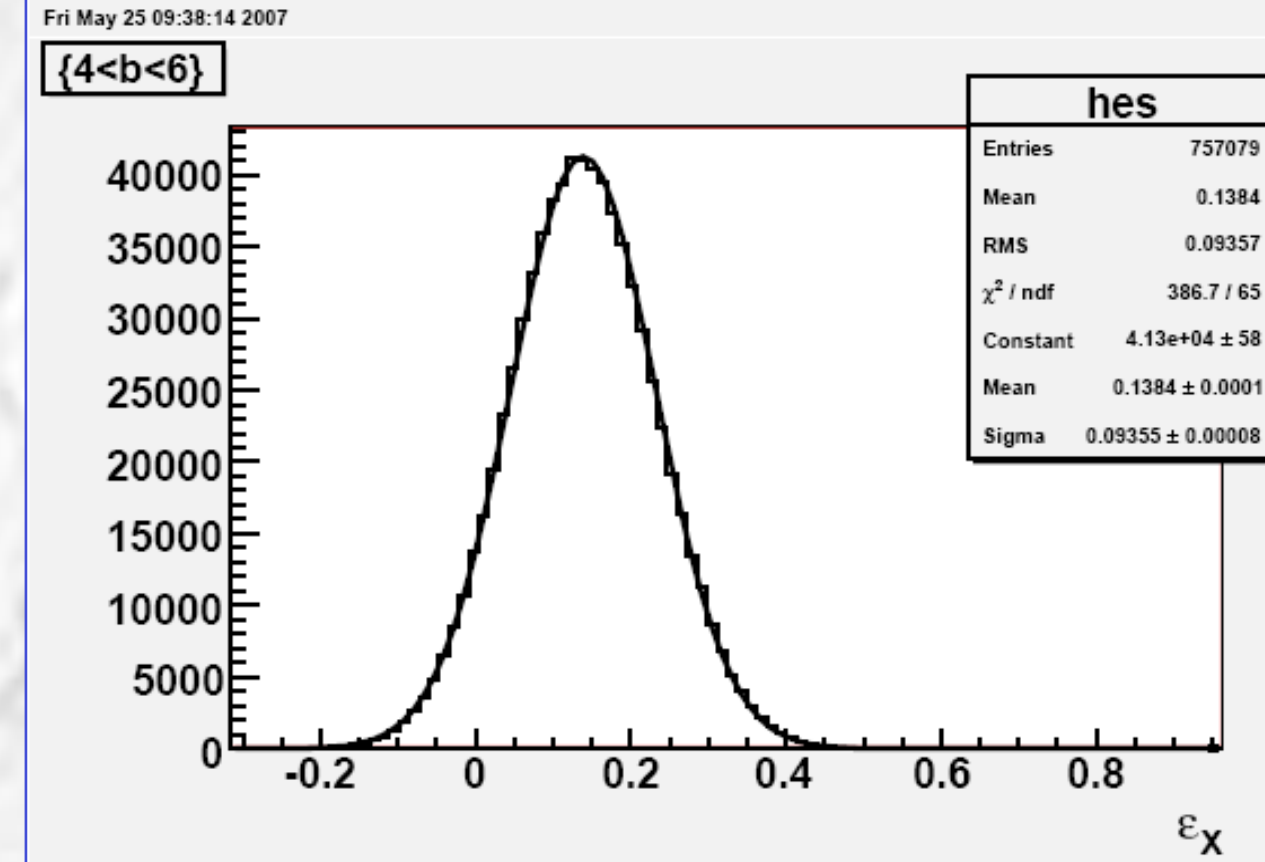
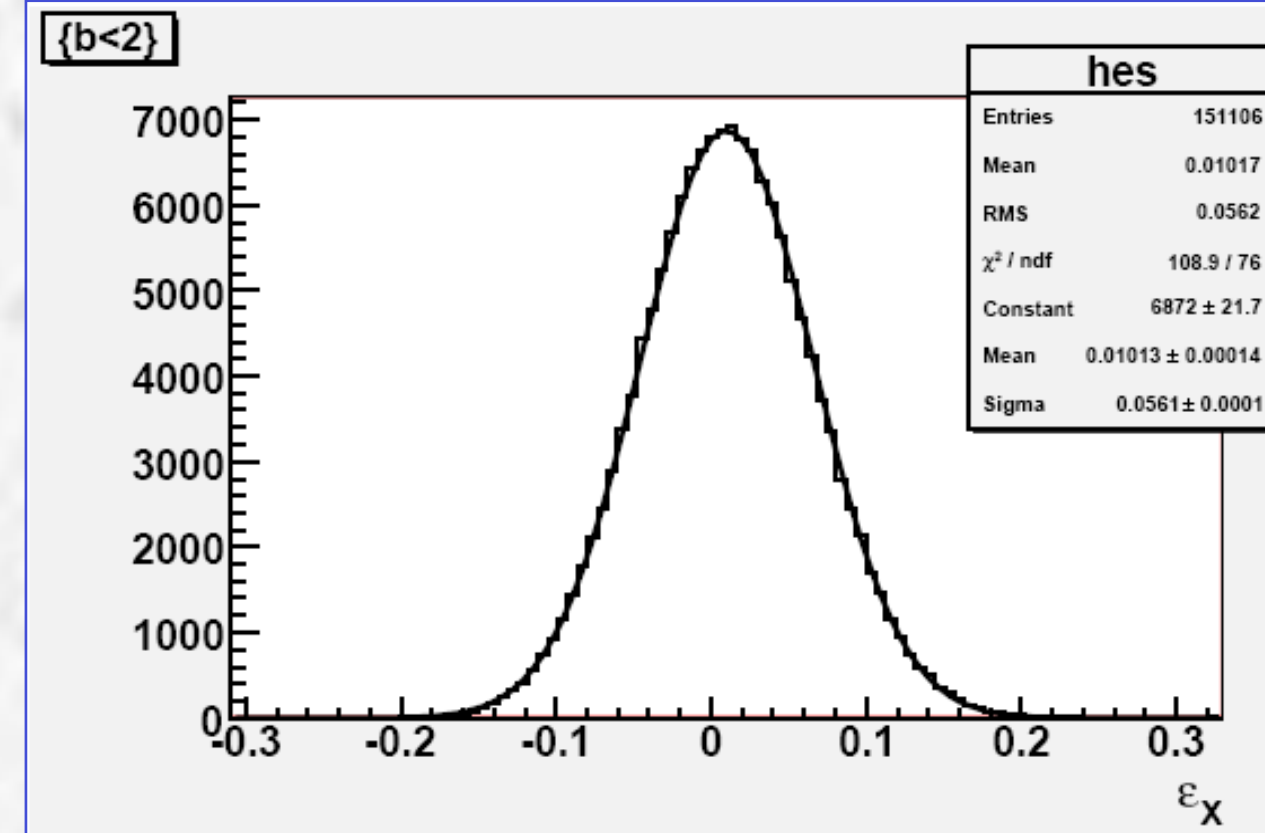
Gaussian model of eccentricity fluctuations

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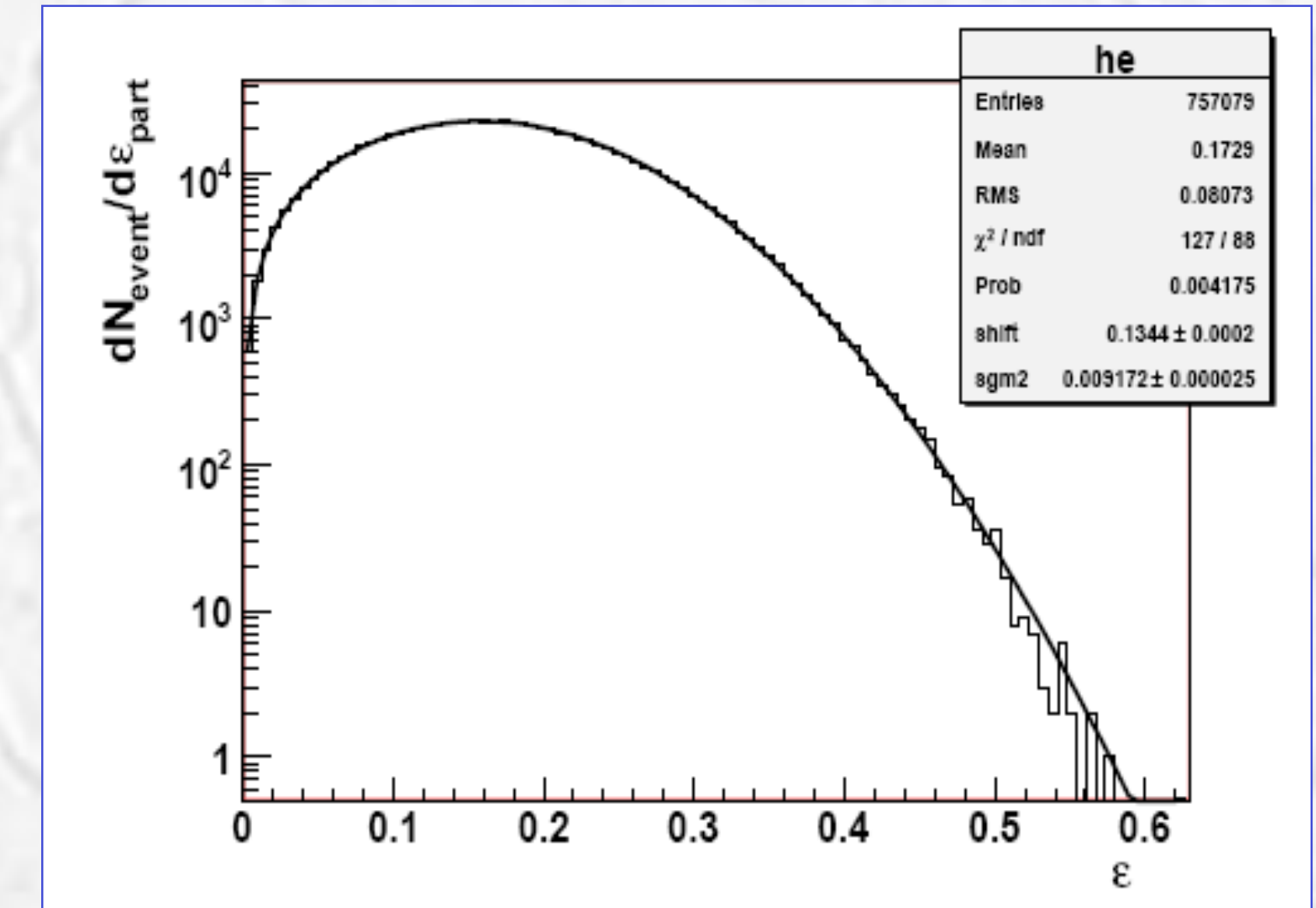
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Model assumes a Gaussian form for the distributions in ε_x and ε_y , (a very good approximation of MC Glauber calculations).



$$\frac{dn}{d\varepsilon_{part}} = \frac{\varepsilon_{part}}{\sigma_\varepsilon^2} I_0 \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{part} \langle \varepsilon_{RP} \rangle}{\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{part}^2 + \langle \varepsilon_{RP} \rangle^2}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \right) \equiv \text{BG}(\varepsilon_{part}; \bar{\varepsilon}, \sigma_\varepsilon),$$



$$v_2\{2\}^2 = \kappa^2 (\langle \varepsilon_{RP} \rangle^2 + 2\sigma_\varepsilon^2) + \delta = \langle v_{RP} \rangle^2 + 2\sigma_{v_X}^2 + \delta$$

$$v_2\{4\}^4 = 2\langle v_2^2 \rangle^2 - \langle v_2^4 \rangle = \bar{v}_2^4 = \langle v_{RP} \rangle^4$$

$$v_2\{6\}^6 = (\langle v_2^6 \rangle - 9\langle v_2^4 \rangle \langle v_2^2 \rangle + 12\langle v_2^2 \rangle^3) / 4 = \langle v_{RP} \rangle^6$$

→ $v_2\{4\}$ (and higher cumulants) coincides with $v_2\{RP\}$

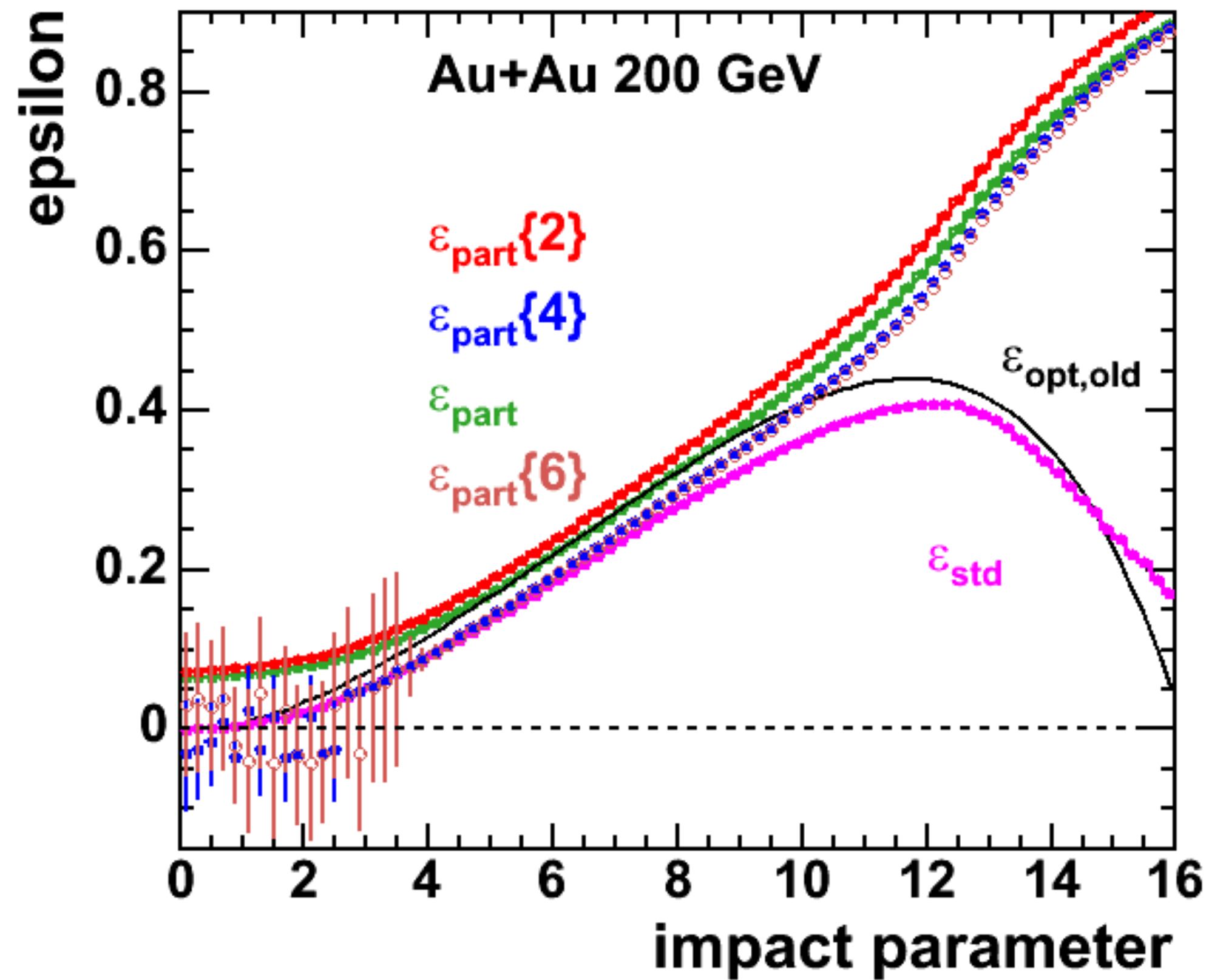
Eccentricity fluctuations: 'Standard' vs 'Participant'

Main idea: use proper $\varepsilon\{n\}$ to rescale corresponding $v_2\{n\}$:

$$v\{n\} = \langle v \rangle \varepsilon\{n\} / \langle \varepsilon \rangle$$

$$\varepsilon^2\{2\} \equiv \langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle = \langle \varepsilon \rangle^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2$$

$$\varepsilon^4\{4\} \equiv 2\langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle^2 - \langle \varepsilon^4 \rangle$$



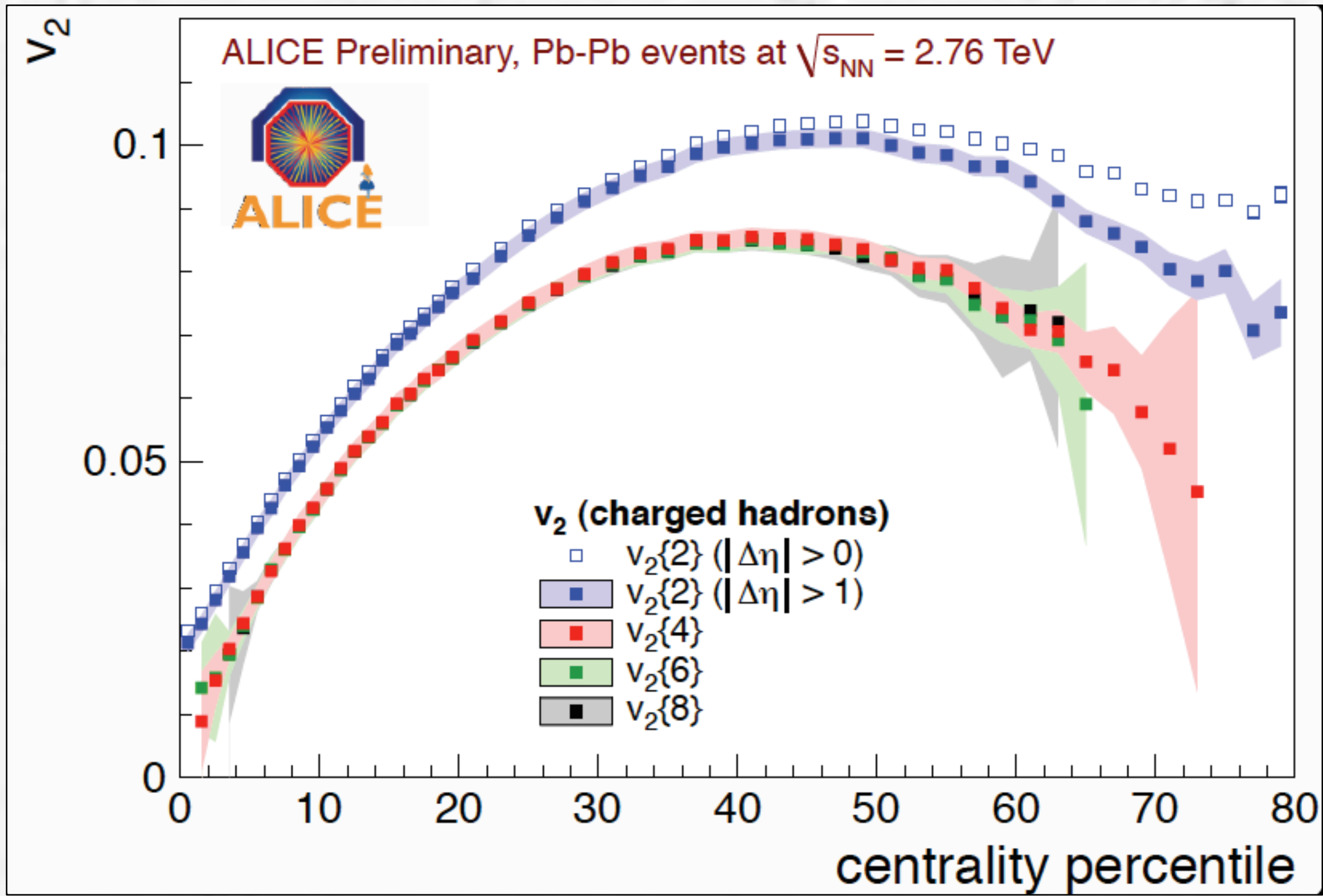
Note:

“participant” eccentricity values are larger compared to “standard”

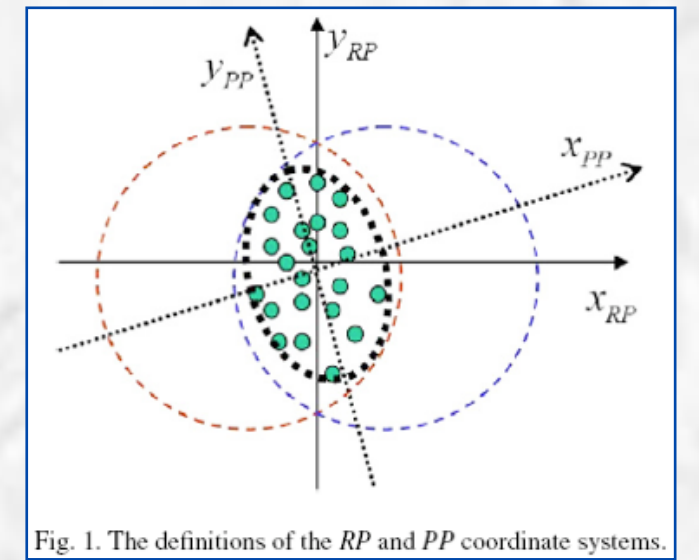
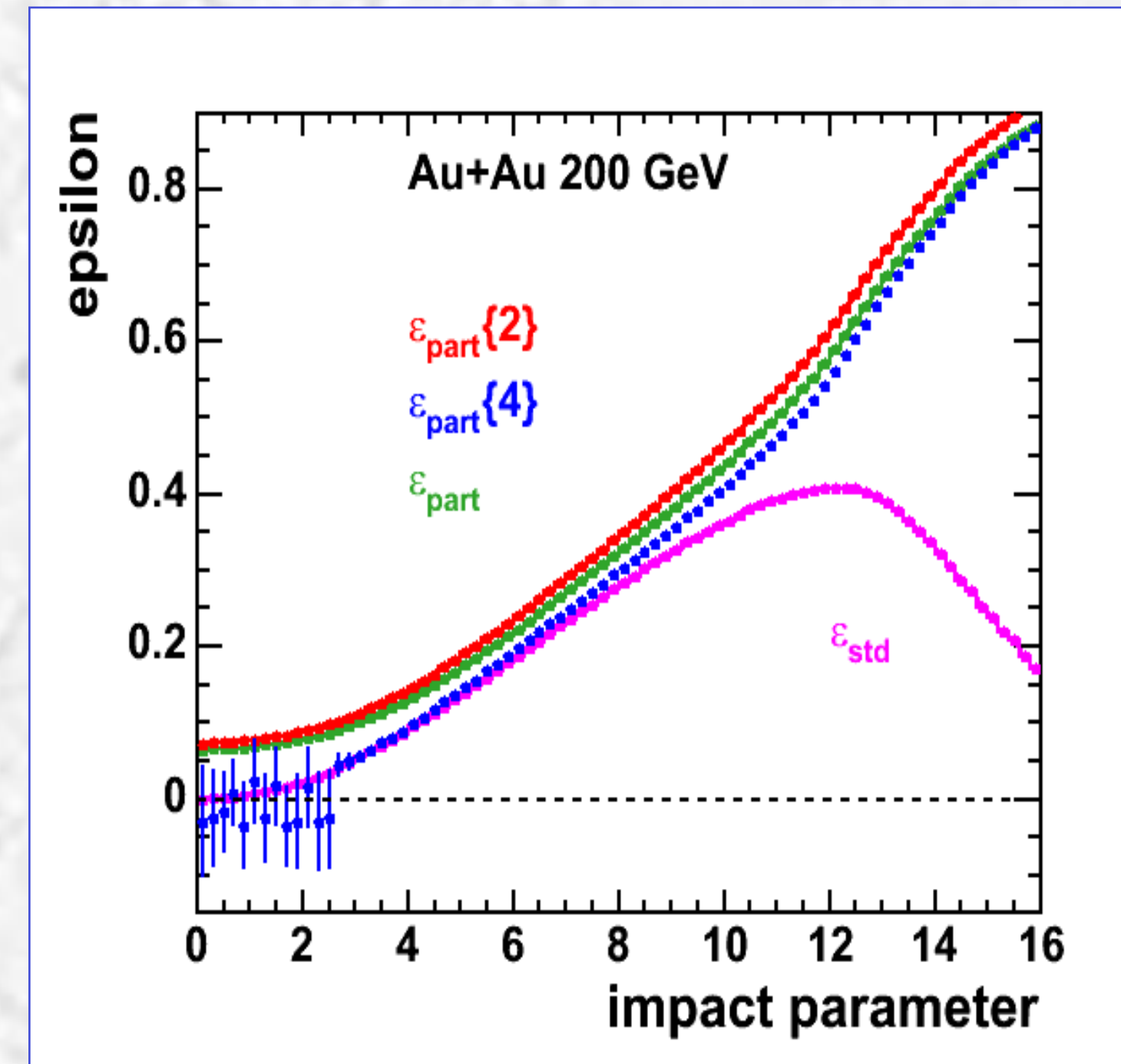
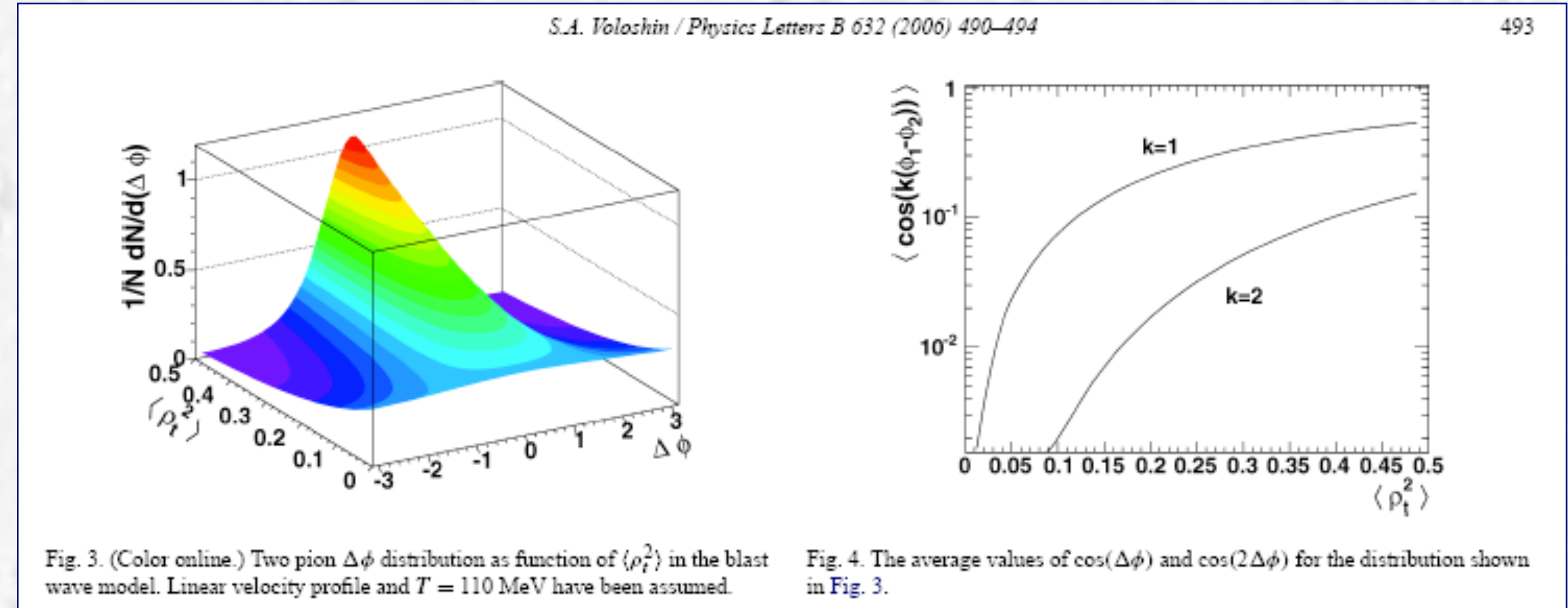
$$\varepsilon_{\text{std}} \approx \varepsilon_{\text{part}} \cos(\Delta\Psi).$$

- higher cumulant results are very close to “standard” ones for midcentral collisions

$v_2\{2\}$ vs $v_2\{4\}$, flow fluctuations, or nonflow?

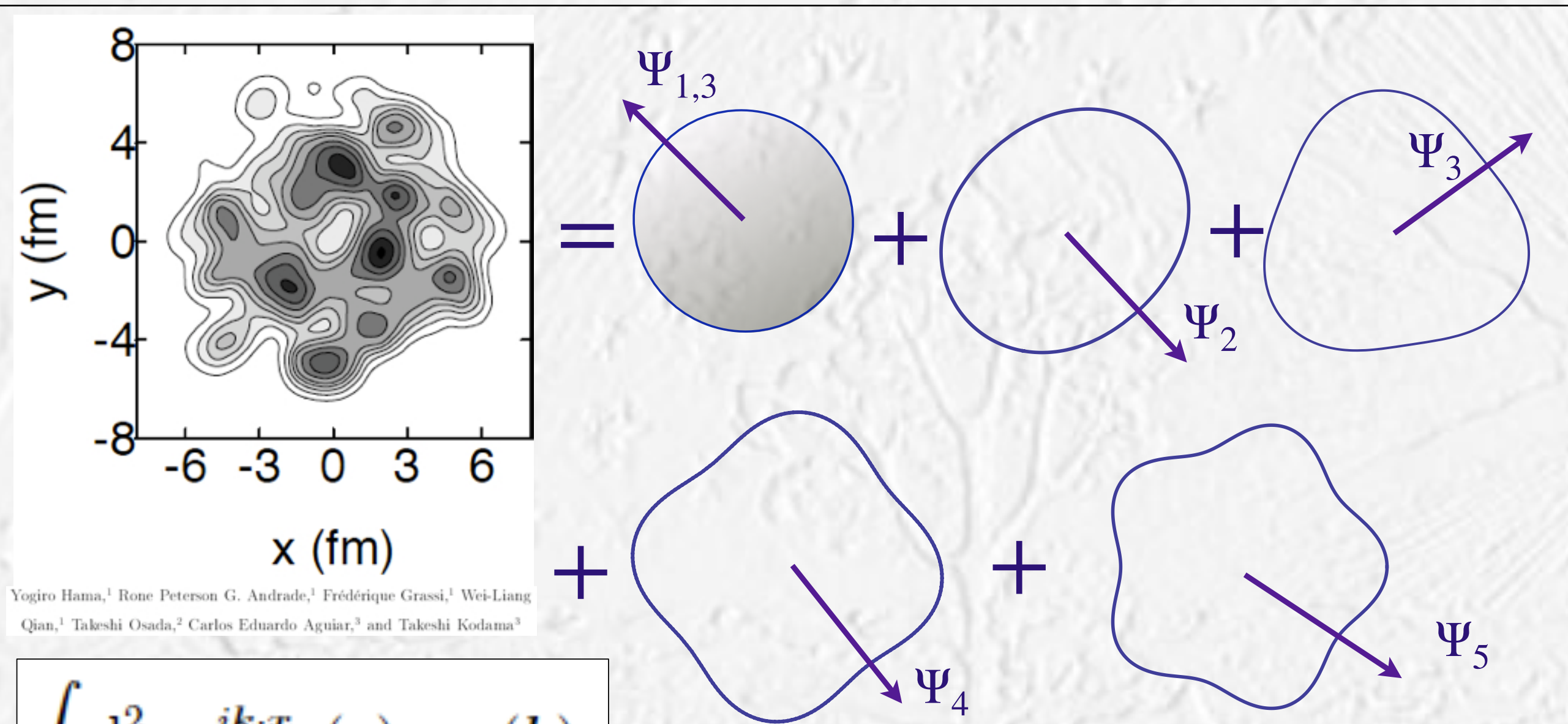


Any of two could “explain” the entire difference between $v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2\{4\}$



Flow fluctuations = nonflow (radial expansion)

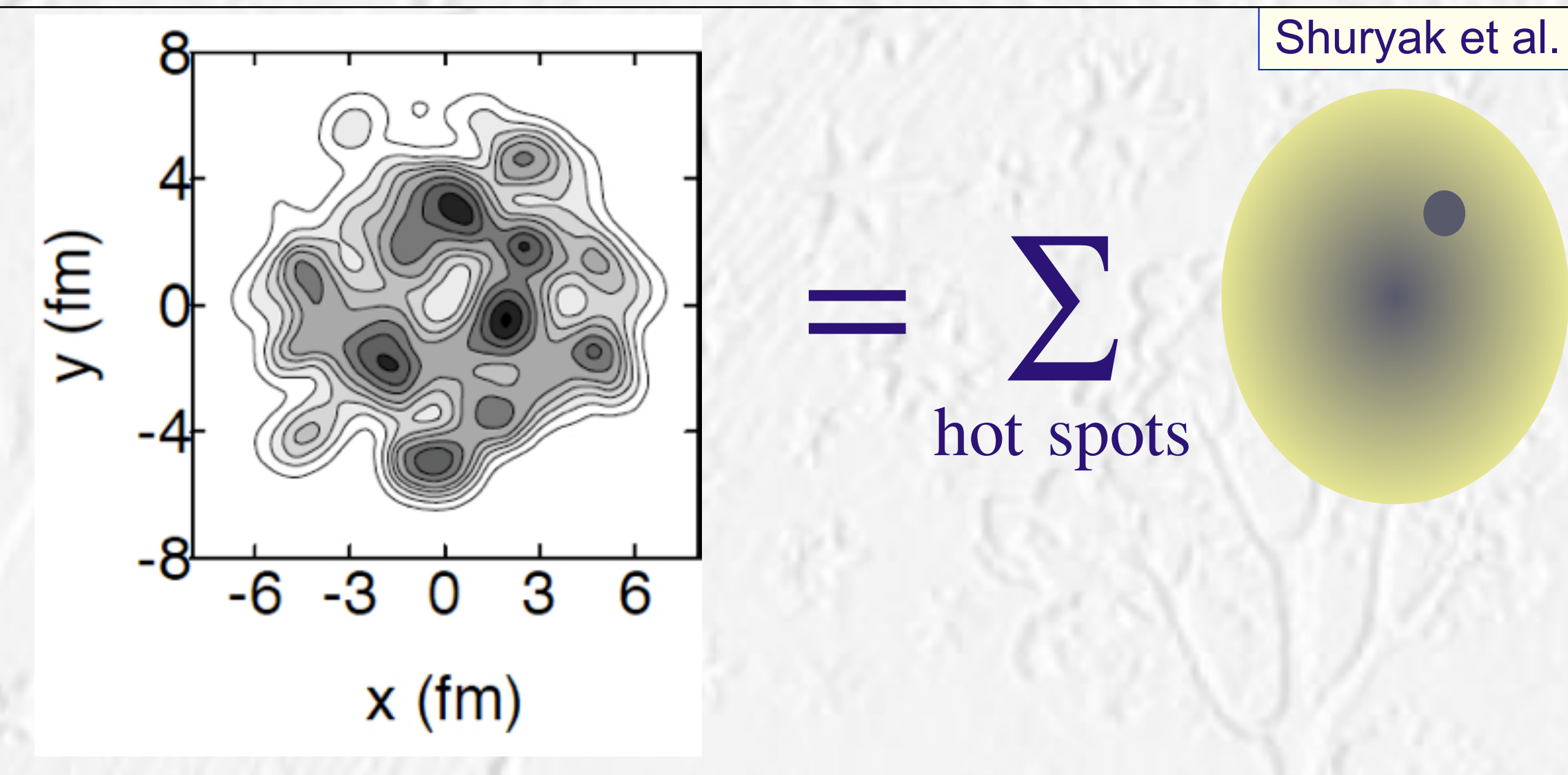
2d Fourier density decomposition



$$\int d^2x e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \rho(\mathbf{x}) = \rho(\mathbf{k}),$$

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In the linear approximation:



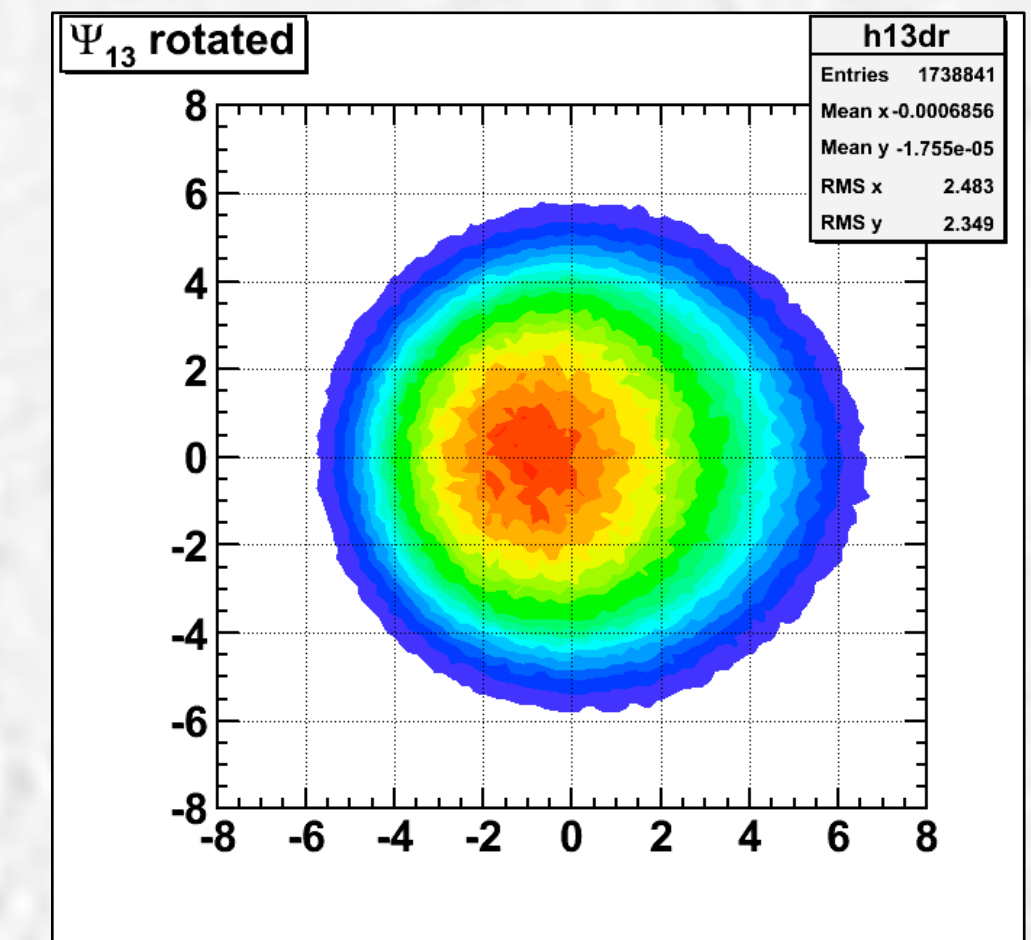
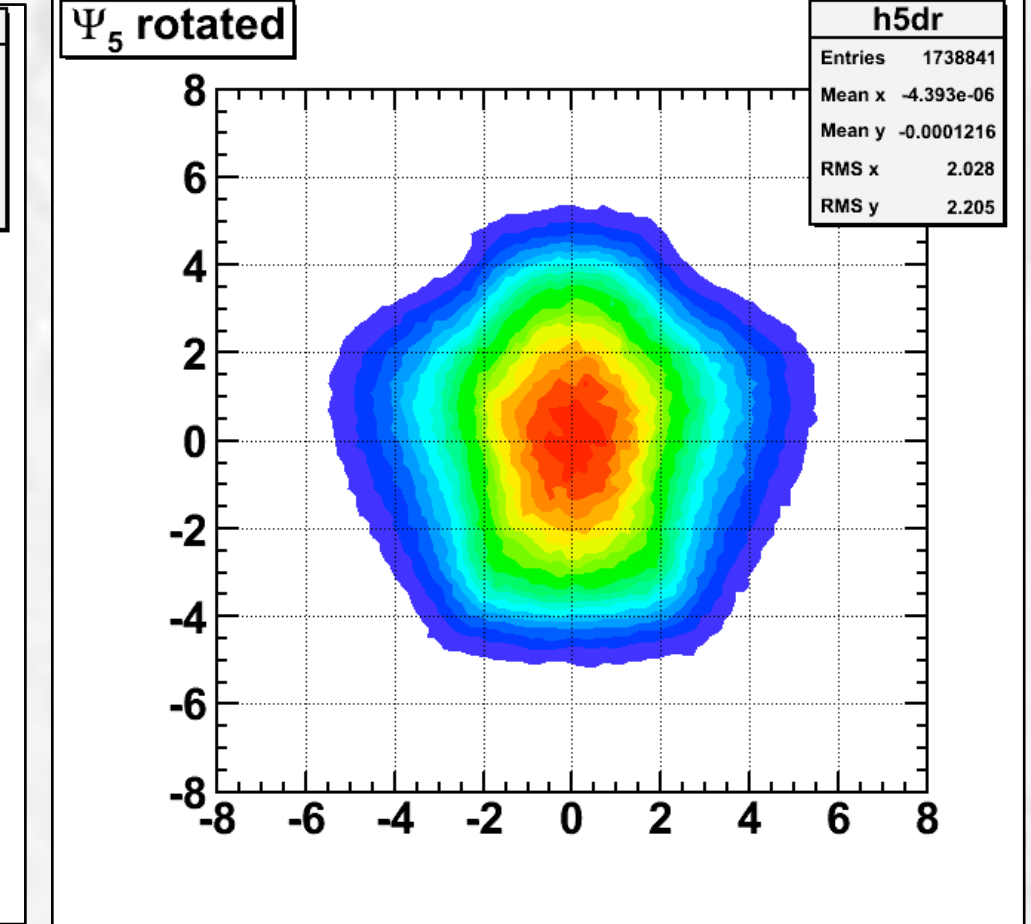
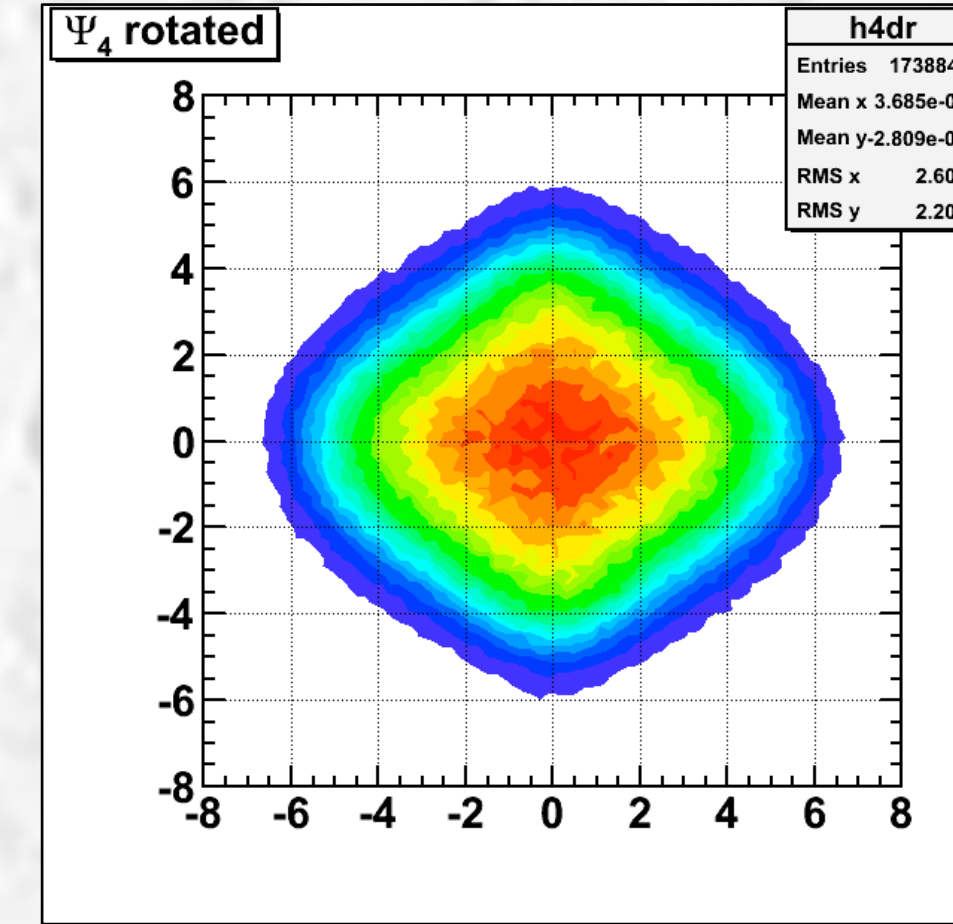
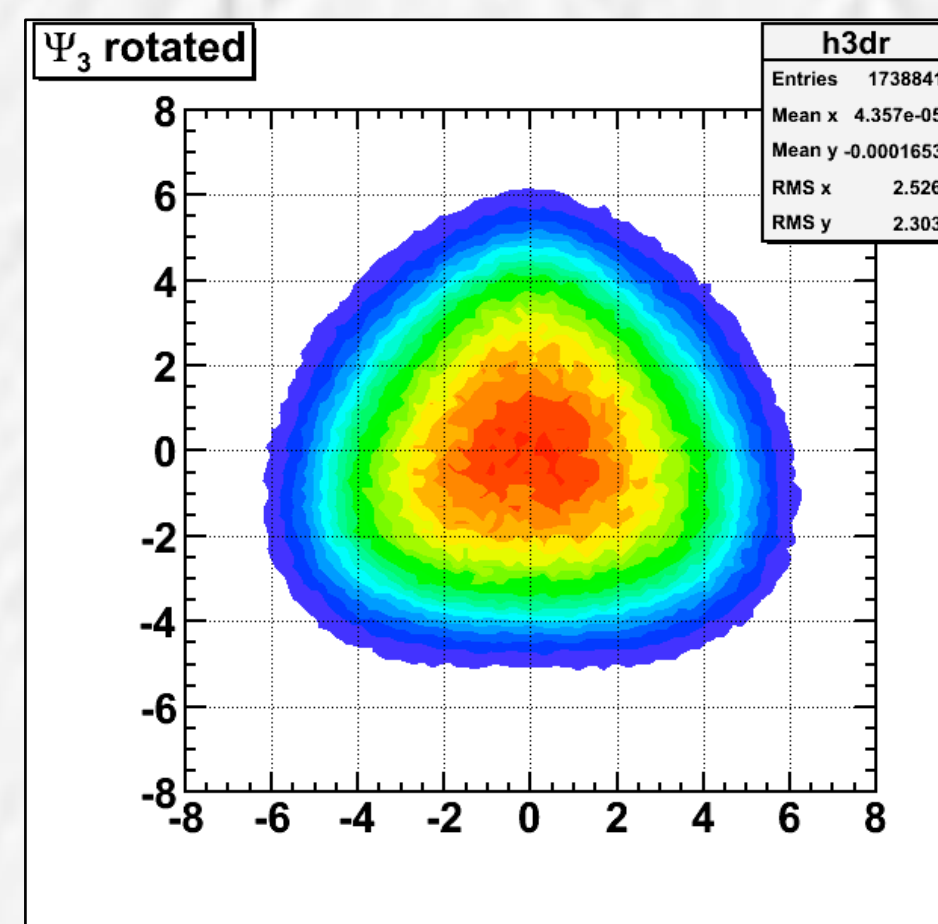
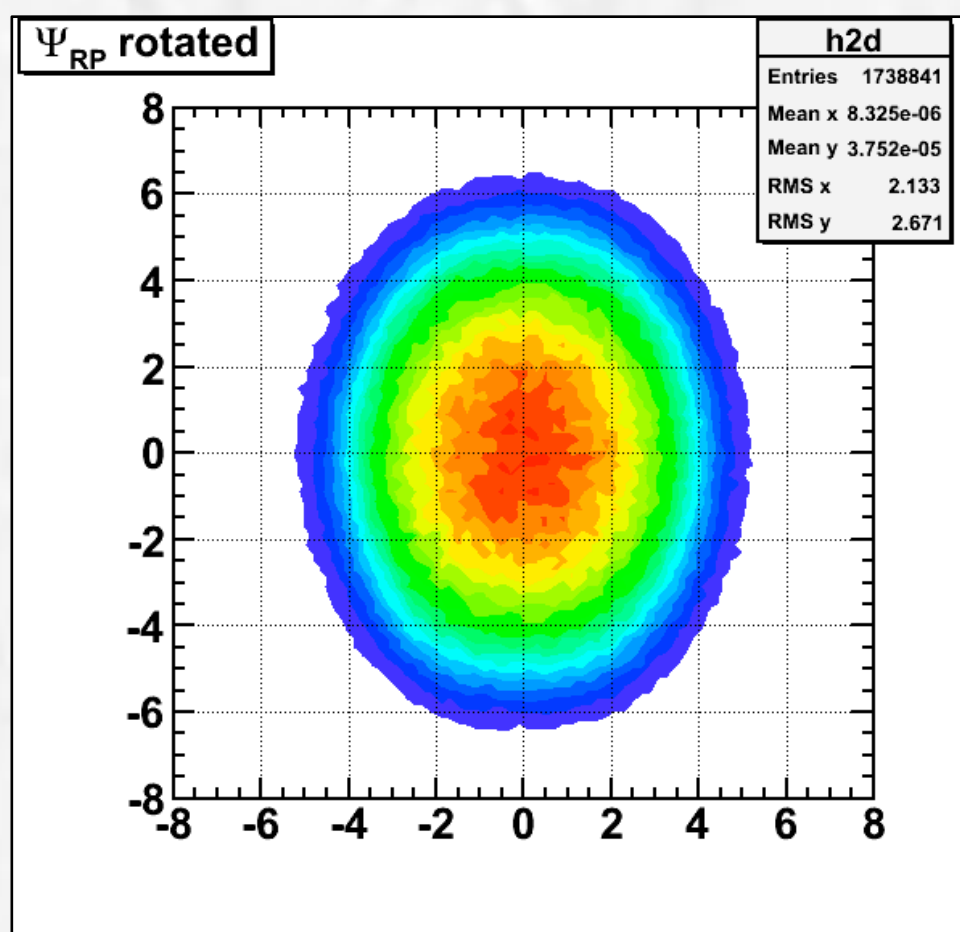
$$\varepsilon_n e^{in\Phi_n} \equiv - \frac{\int r dr d\phi r^n e^{in\phi} e(r, \phi)}{\int r dr d\phi r^n e(r, \phi)} \quad (n > 1),$$

$$\varepsilon_1 e^{i\Phi_1} \equiv - \frac{\int r dr d\phi r^3 e^{i\phi} e(r, \phi)}{\int r dr d\phi r^3 e(r, \phi)}$$

$v_n\{\text{RP}\}$ - “hot spots” correlations = nonflow
 $v_n\{\text{PP}\}$ - flow vs “participant planes” - “hot spot” correlations = part of flow fluctuations

Density distributions

10k Pb+Pb events, b=8 fm



$$E \frac{d^3n}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2n}{dp_t dy} \left(1 + \sum_n 2\bar{v}_n \cos[n(\phi - \bar{\Psi}_n)] \right)$$

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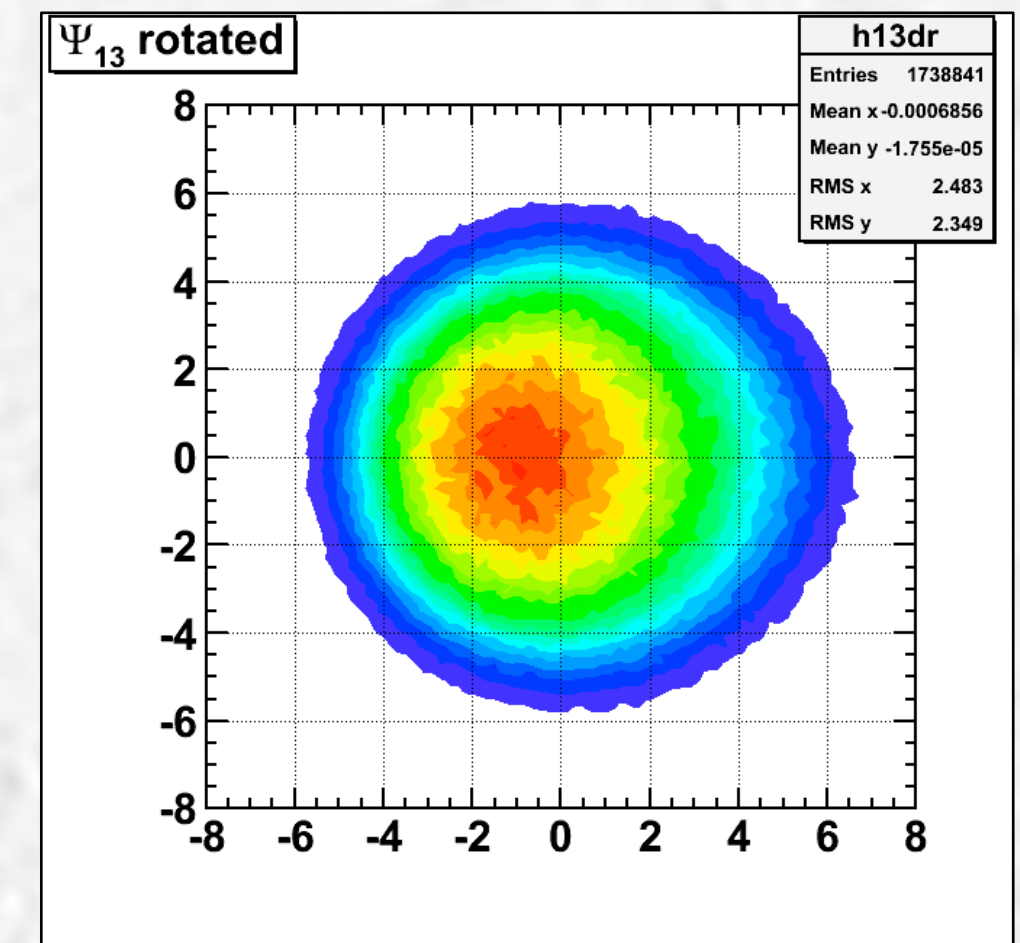
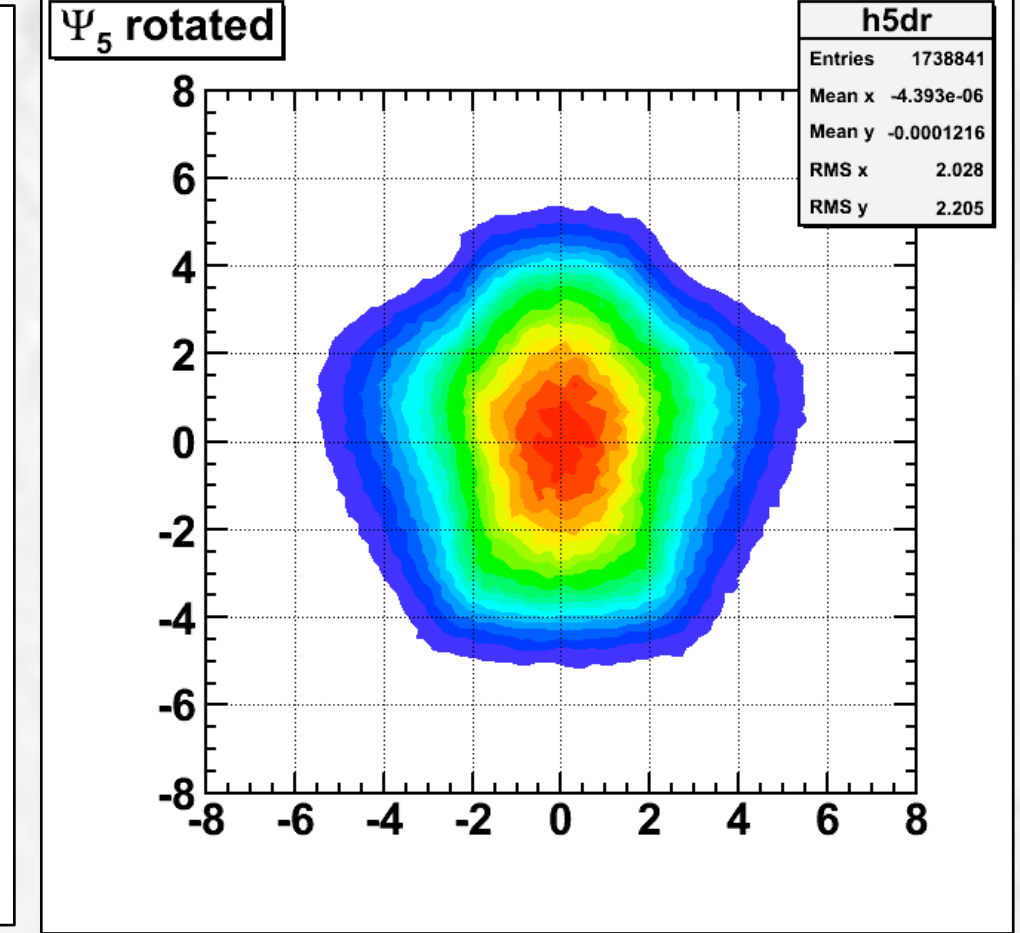
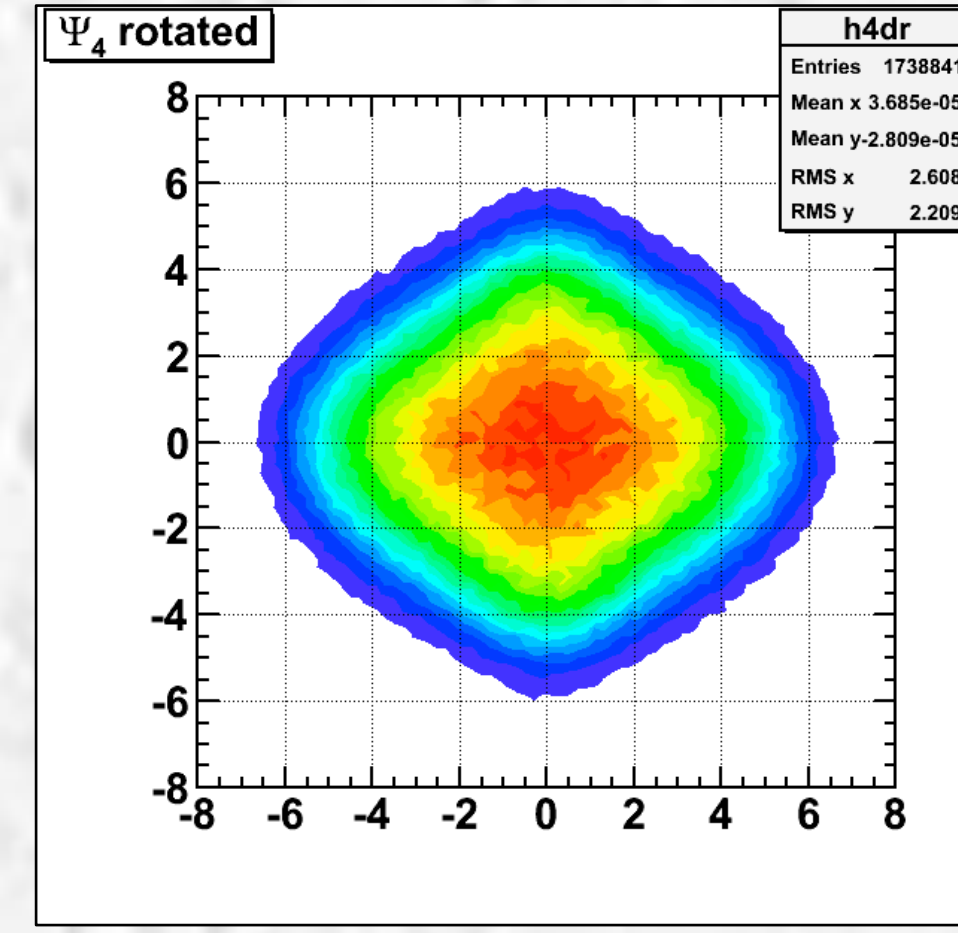
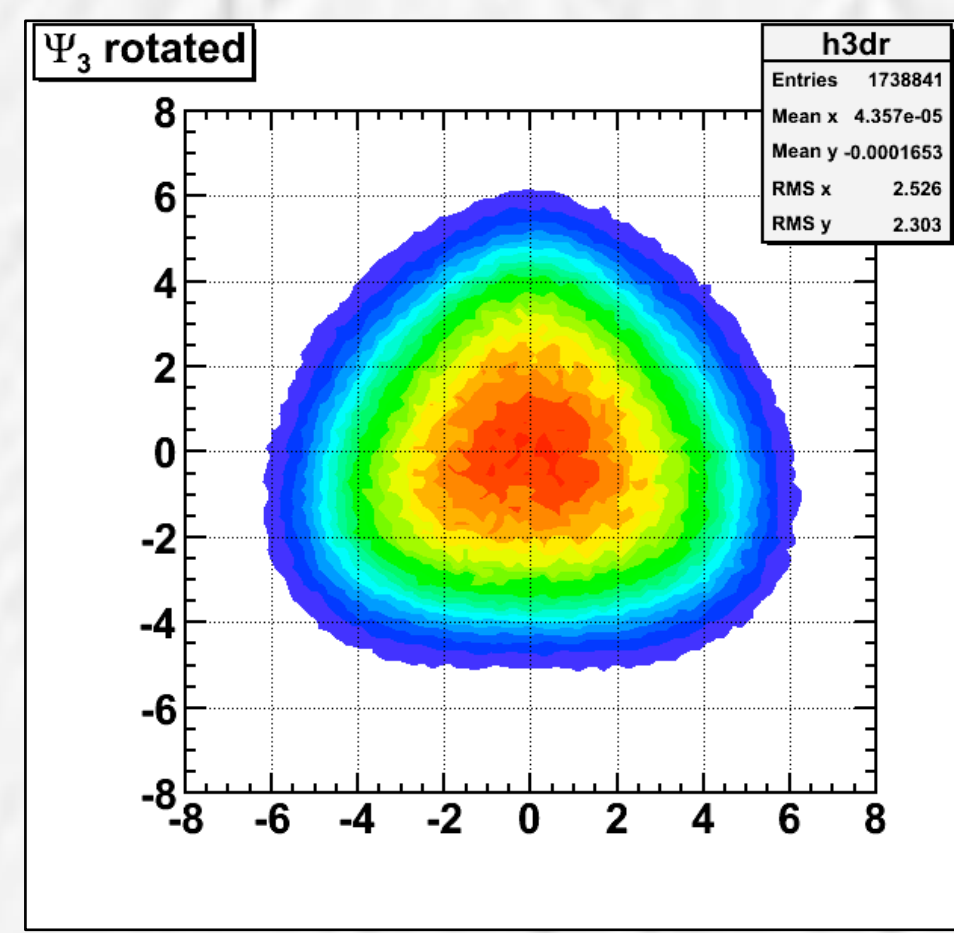
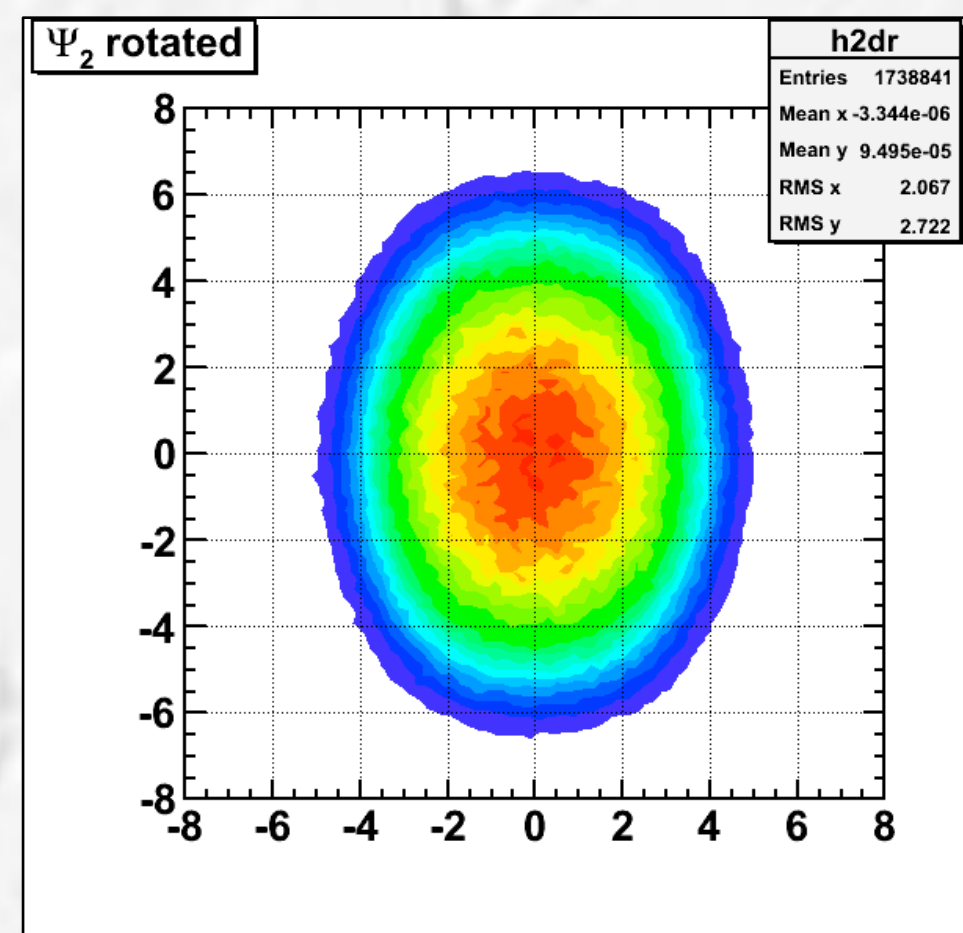
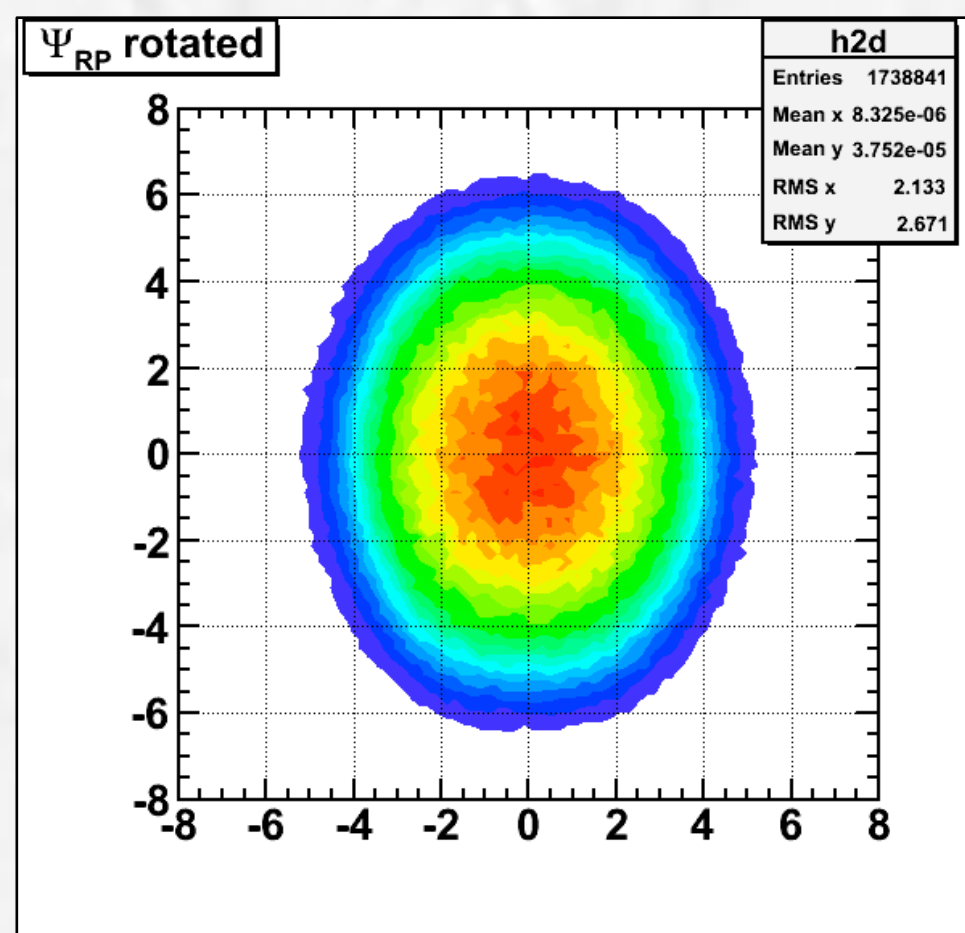
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Flow correlations and decorrelations

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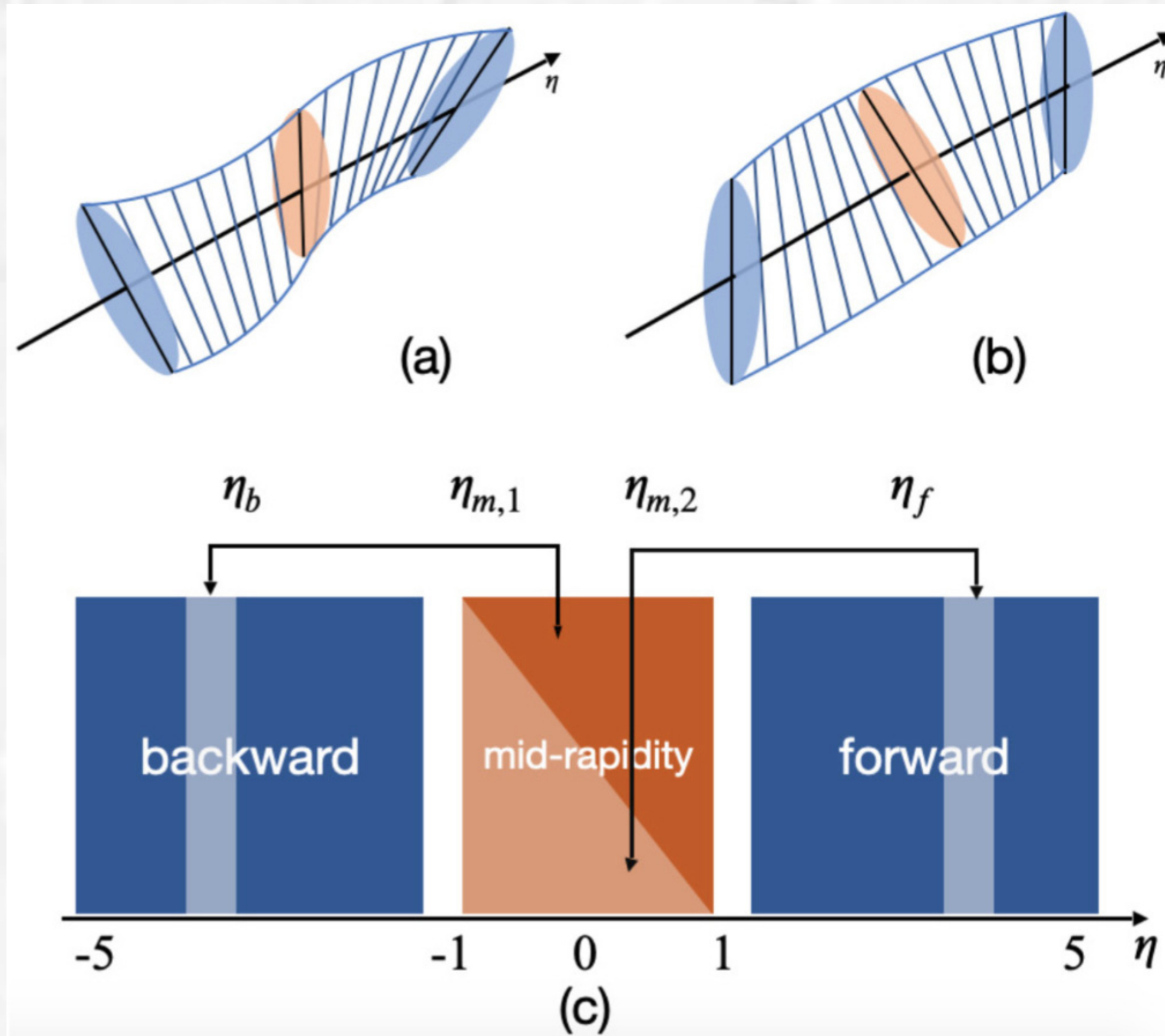


FIG. 2. Schematic view of (a) the “torque” or S-shaped decorrelation patterns and (b) the bow or C-shaped decorrelation patterns in the longitudinal distribution of the flow plane angle. The ellipses indicate the transverse momentum distributions of the final-state particles. Panel (c) delimits the kinematic regions for the particles at mid, forward, and backward pseudorapidities.

$$r_2^{(\Psi)} = 1 - 2F_2^{(\Psi)}\eta.$$

$$r_2^\Psi(\eta) = \frac{\langle \cos[2(\Psi_{-\eta} - \Psi_f)] \rangle}{\langle \cos[2(\Psi_\eta - \Psi_f)] \rangle}.$$

Measures a decrease in flow due to plane decorrelations over the “distance” 2η

Independence of r_2 on η_f indicates a “random walk” variation of Ψ with rapidity

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Flow-plane decorrelations in heavy-ion collisions with multiple-plane cumulants

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$$T_2 = \frac{\langle \langle \sin 2(\Psi_f - \Psi_{m,1}) \sin 2(\Psi_b - \Psi_{m,2}) \rangle \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_f)\text{Res}(\Psi_{m,1})\text{Res}(\Psi_b)\text{Res}(\Psi_{m,2})},$$

Symmetric cumulants

$$SC(k, l) \equiv \langle v_k^2 v_l^2 \rangle - \langle v_k^2 \rangle \langle v_l^2 \rangle \quad sc(n, m) \equiv \frac{\langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle - \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle}{\langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle \cos(m\varphi_1 + n\varphi_2 - m\varphi_3 - n\varphi_4) \rangle\rangle_c &= \langle\langle \cos(m\varphi_1 + n\varphi_2 - m\varphi_3 - n\varphi_4) \rangle\rangle \\ &\quad - \langle\langle \cos[m(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)] \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \cos[n(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)] \rangle\rangle \\ &= \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

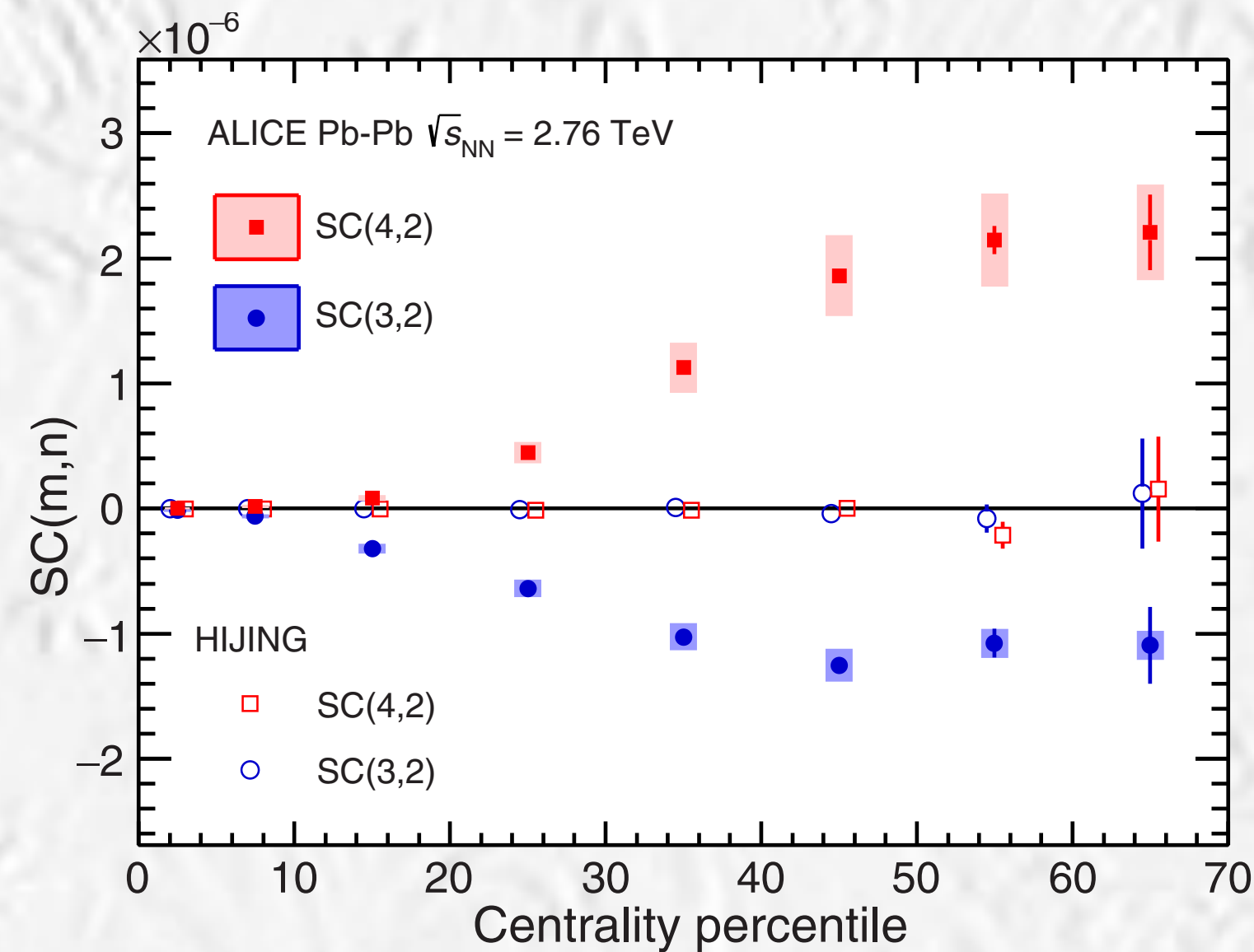


FIG. 1. Centrality dependence of the observables SC(4,2) (red filled squares) and SC(3,2) (blue filled circles) in Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV. Systematic errors are represented with boxes. The results for the HIJING model are shown with hollow markers.

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Correlated Event-by-Event Fluctuations of Flow Harmonics
in Pb-Pb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV

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(ALICE Collaboration)

Linear and nonlinear flow modes

[34] L. Yan, J.-Y. Ollitrault, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7 : nonlinear hydrodynamic response versus LHC data, Phys. Lett. B 744 (2015) 82–87, arXiv:1502.02502 [nucl-th].

$$V_4 = V_4^{\text{NL}} + V_4^{\text{L}} = \chi_{4,22}(V_2)^2 + V_4^{\text{L}}, \quad V_n = v_n e^{in\Psi_n}$$

$$V_5 = V_5^{\text{NL}} + V_5^{\text{L}} = \chi_{5,32} V_2 V_3 + V_5^{\text{L}},$$

$$V_6 = V_6^{\text{NL}} + V_6^{\text{L}}$$

$$= \chi_{6,222}(V_2)^3 + \chi_{6,33}(V_3)^2 + \chi_{6,42} V_2 V_4^{\text{L}} + V_6^{\text{L}}.$$

$$v_{4,22}^{\text{A}}(p_{\text{T}}) = \frac{d_{4,22}^{\text{A}}(p_{\text{T}})}{\sqrt{c_{22,22}}} = \frac{\langle\langle \cos(4\varphi_1^{\text{A}}(p_{\text{T}}) - 2\varphi_2^{\text{B}} - 2\varphi_3^{\text{B}}) \rangle\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\langle \cos(2\varphi_1^{\text{A}} + 2\varphi_2^{\text{A}} - 2\varphi_3^{\text{B}} - 2\varphi_4^{\text{B}}) \rangle\rangle}},$$

$$v_{4,22}(p_{\text{T}}) = \frac{\langle v_4(p_{\text{T}}) v_2^2 \cos(4\Psi_4 - 4\Psi_2) \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle v_2^4 \rangle}} \approx \langle v_4(p_{\text{T}}) \cos(4\Psi_4 - 4\Psi_2) \rangle$$

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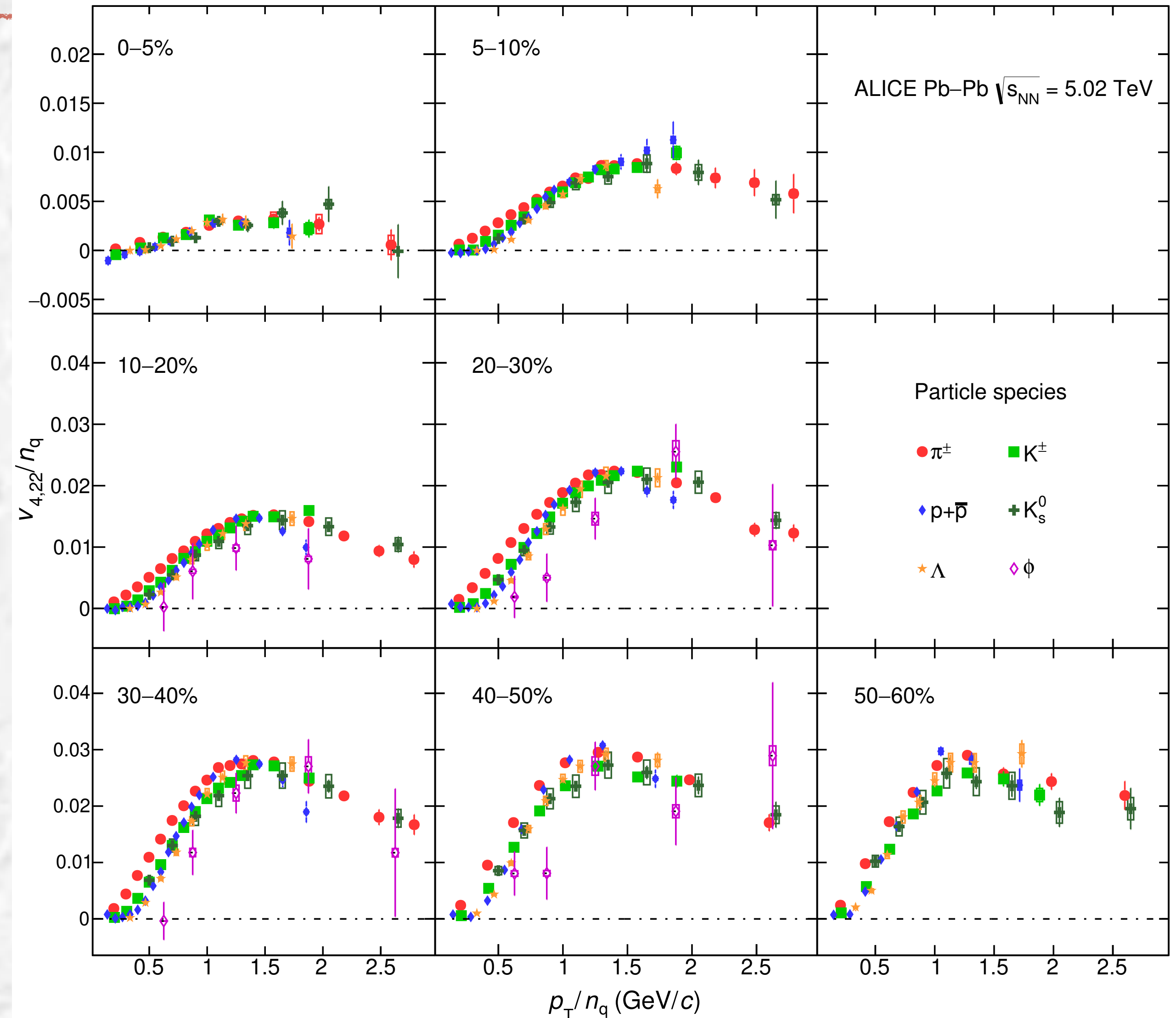


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Might be better to define

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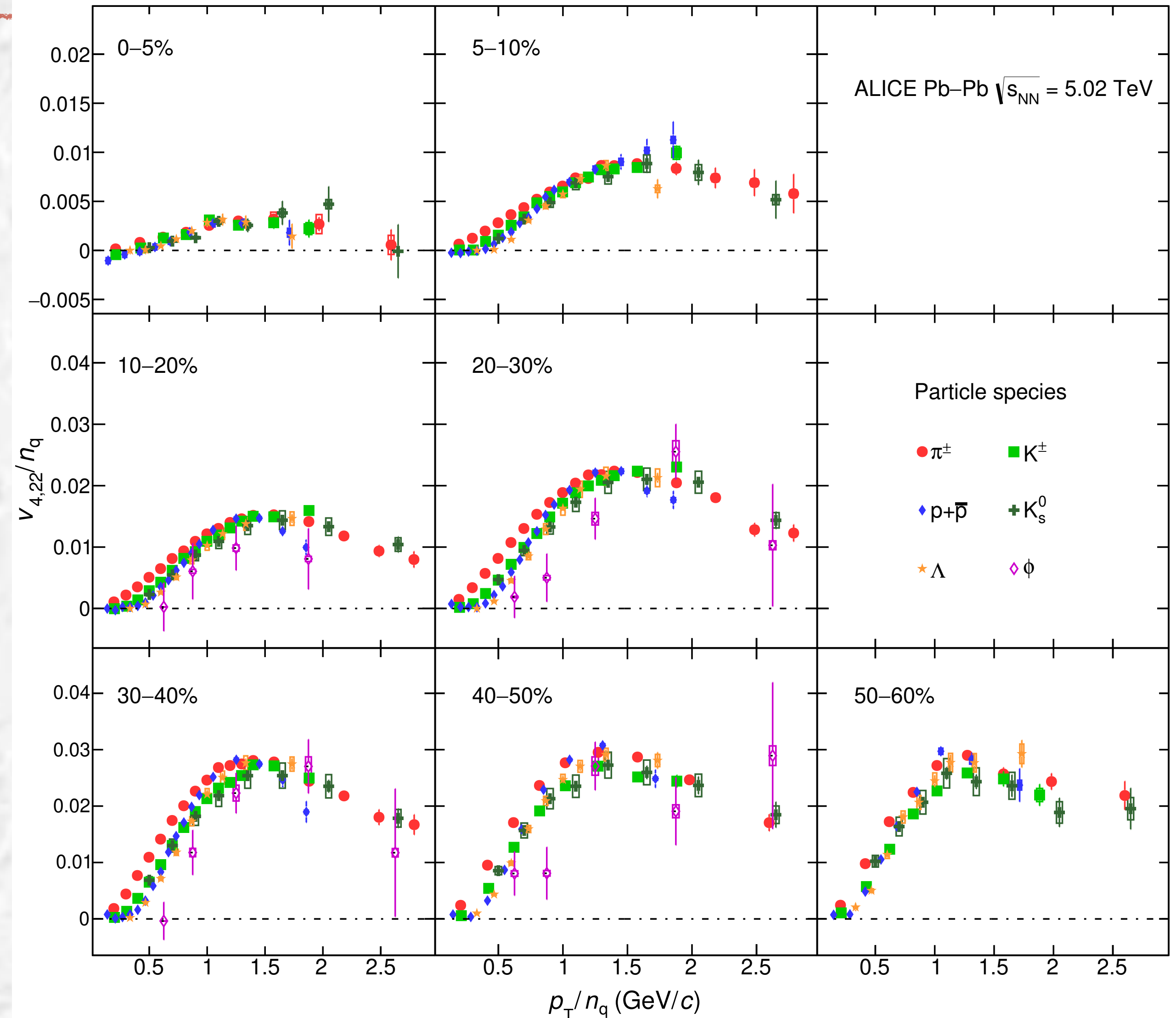


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Summary

Measurements of anisotropic flow, flow fluctuations, correlations between flow of different harmonics or the same harmonic at different momentum ranges are sensitive to many details of the initial conditions and the system evolution.

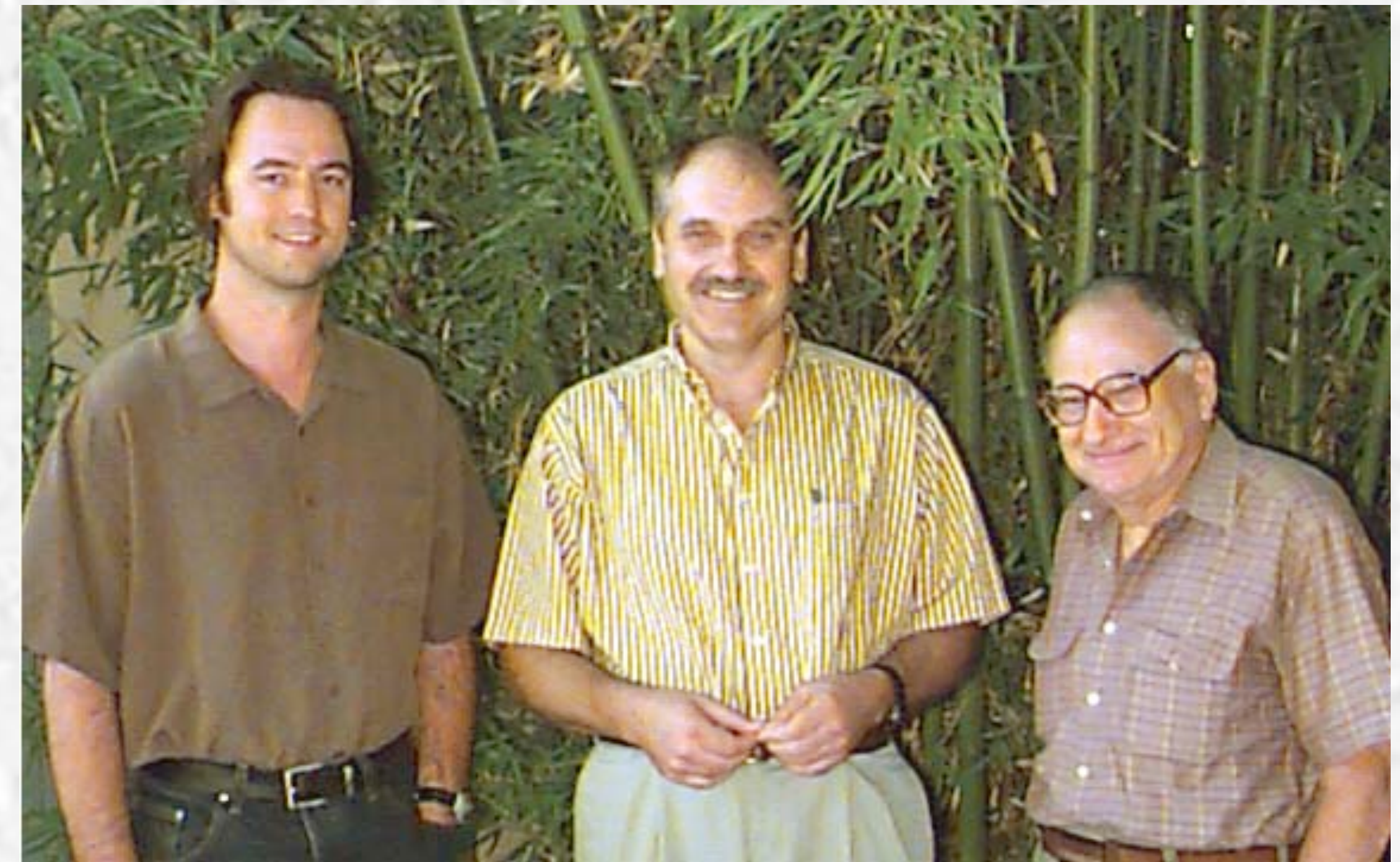
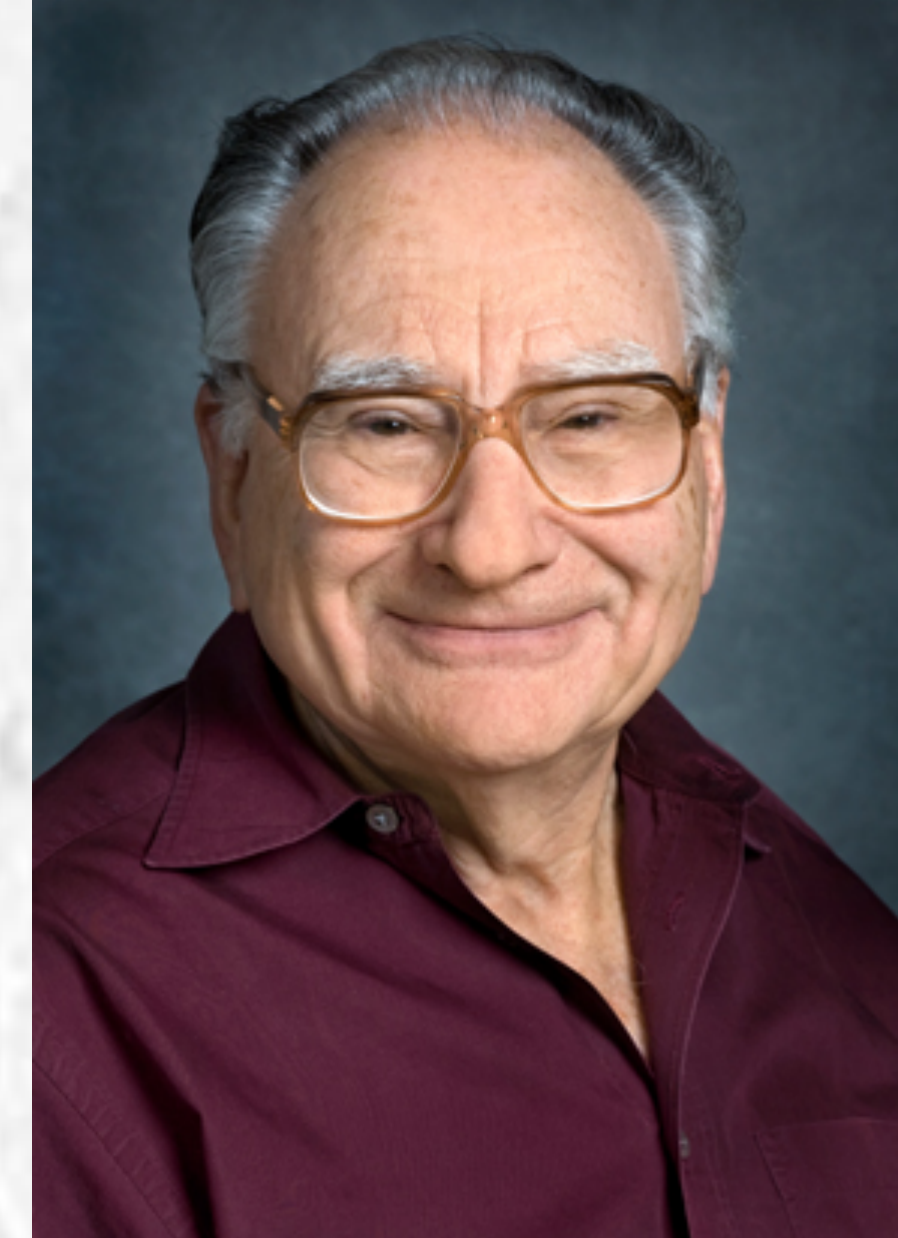
PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS: references, definitions and terminology, clearly define physical goals and corresponding measurements/observables

In memory of Art Poskanzer

Art: physics, inspiration, and much more

Flow, as a truly ideal fluid, has interpenetrated all parts of heavy ion physics, it brings new discoveries and contributes greatly to our understanding of strongly interacting matter.

We are grateful to Art, who made it works.



EXTRA SLIDES

Flow fluctuations - “ridge” duality

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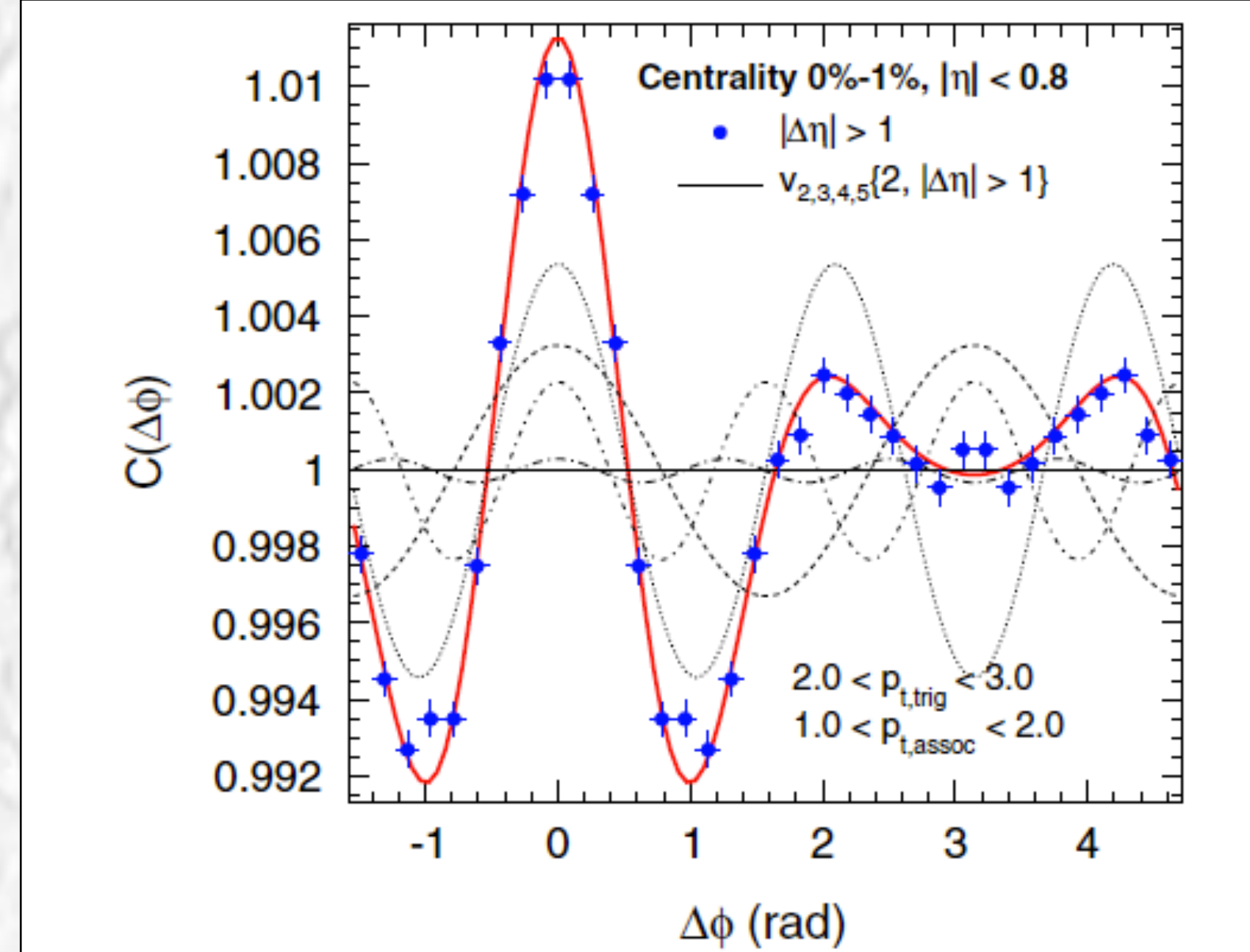
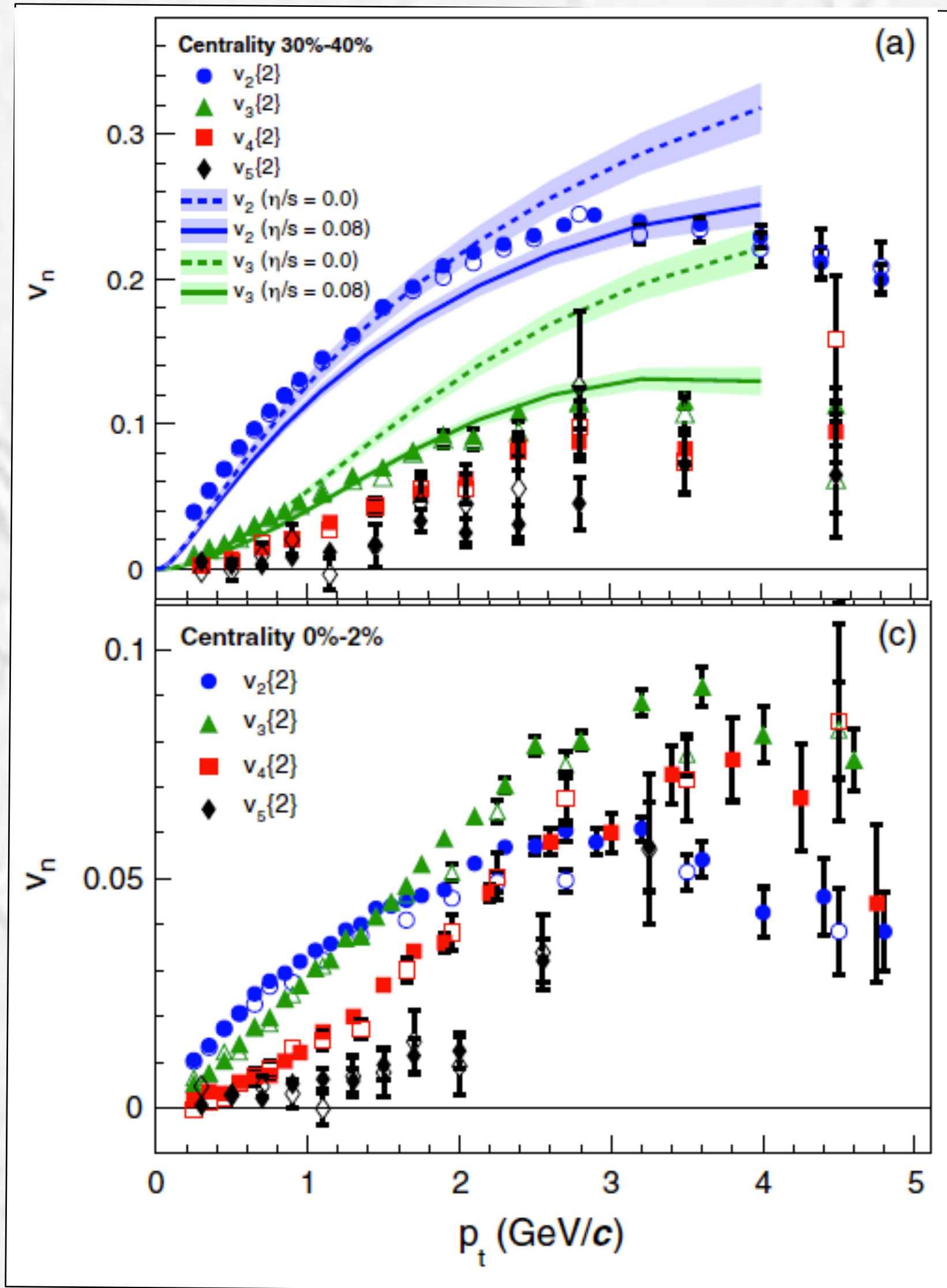
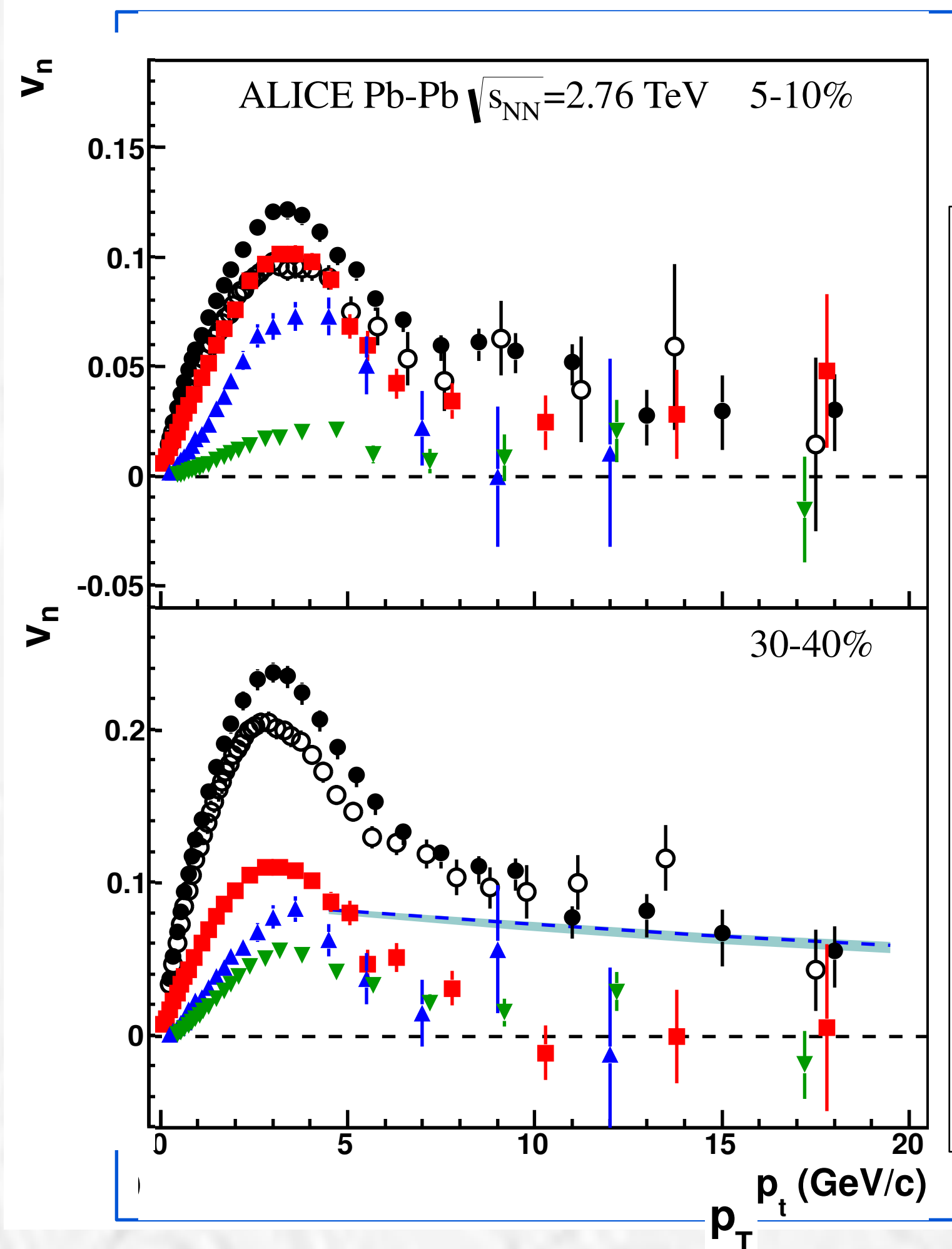


FIG. 4 (color online). The two-particle azimuthal correlation, measured in $0 < \Delta\phi < \pi$ and shown symmetrized over 2π , between a trigger particle with $2 < p_t < 3$ GeV/c and an associated particle with $1 < p_t < 2$ GeV/c for the 0%-1% centrality class. The solid red line shows the sum of the measured anisotropic flow Fourier coefficients v_2 , v_3 , v_4 , and v_5 (dashed lines).

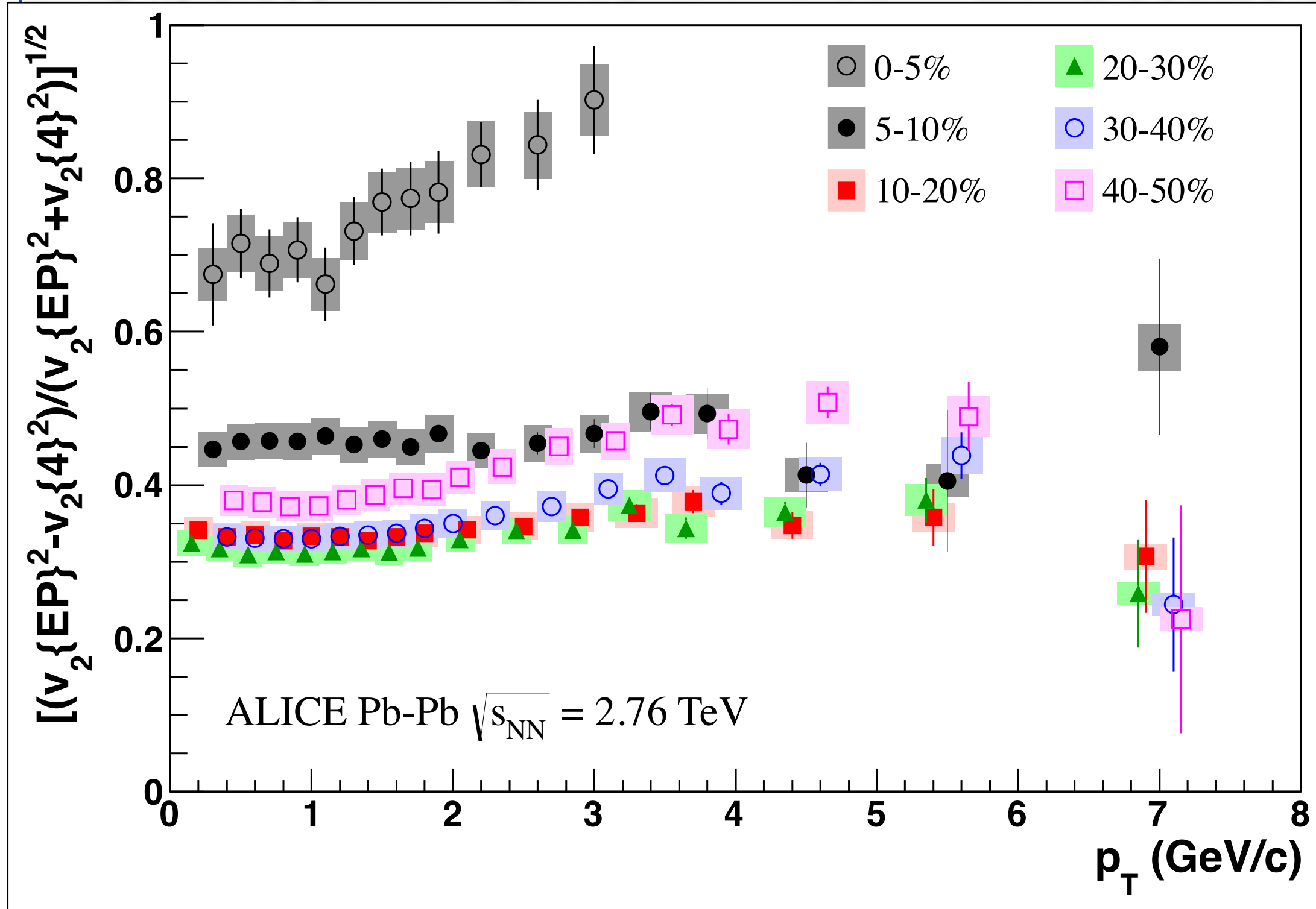
$$C(\Delta\phi) \equiv \frac{N_{\text{mixed}}}{N_{\text{same}}} \frac{dN_{\text{same}}/d\Delta\phi}{dN_{\text{mixed}}/d\Delta\phi}$$

Fluctuations vs p_T

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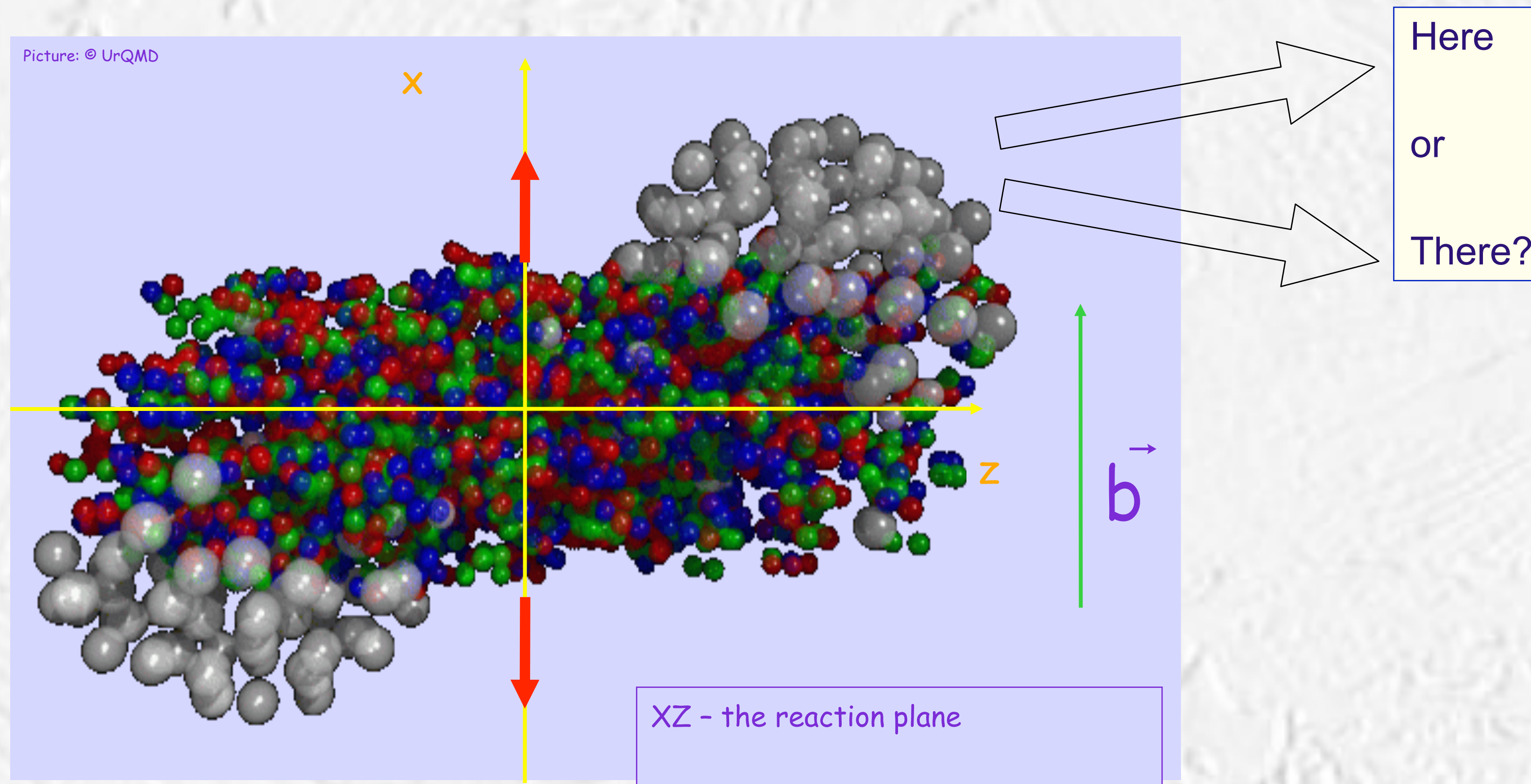
$$\left(\frac{v_2\{EP\}^2 - v_2\{4\}^2}{v_2\{EP\}^2 + v_2\{4\}^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



Fluctuations extend up to $p_T \sim 8$ GeV/c with very similar magnitude

Note that v_4 measured wrt Ψ_2 and Ψ_4 becomes very similar at the same p_T

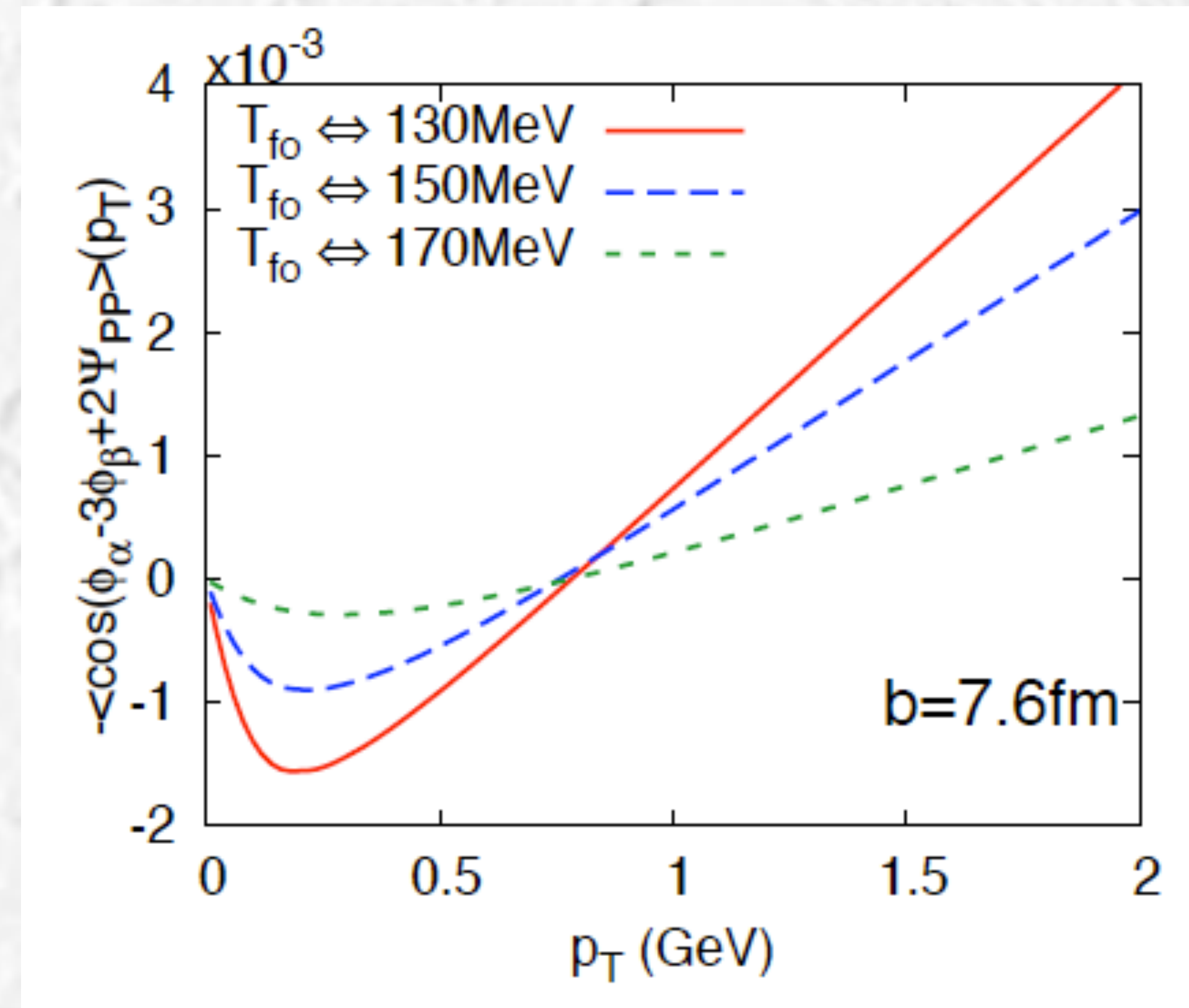
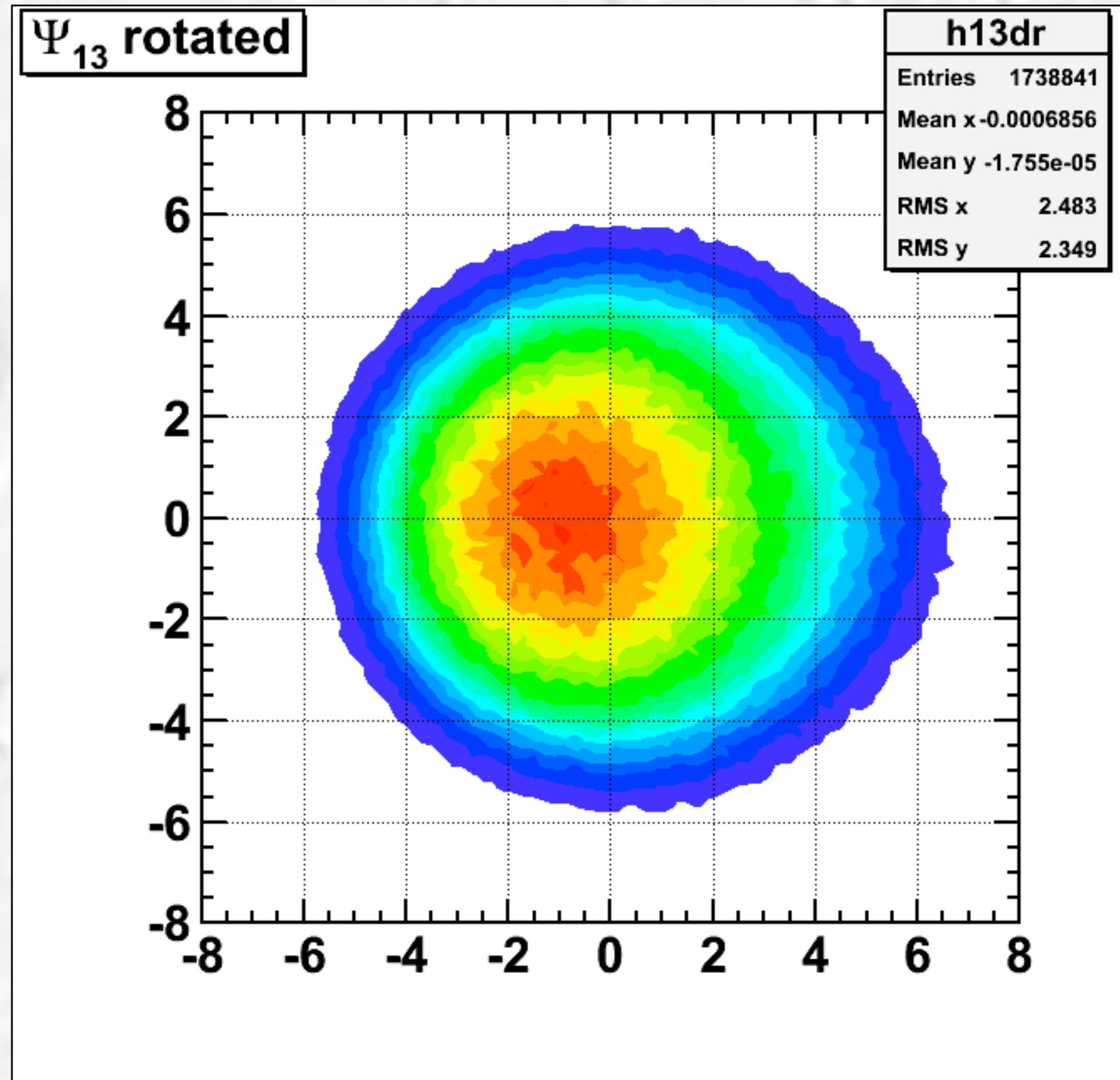
Where do spectators flow?



$v_1(p_t)$

Triangularity and Dipole Asymmetry in Heavy Ion Collisions

Derek Teaney and Li Yan



$$\varepsilon_n e^{in\Phi_n} \equiv - \frac{\int r dr d\phi r^n e^{in\phi} e(r, \phi)}{\int r dr d\phi r^n e(r, \phi)} \quad (n > 1),$$

$$\varepsilon_1 e^{i\Phi_1} \equiv - \frac{\int r dr d\phi r^3 e^{i\phi} e(r, \phi)}{\int r dr d\phi r^3 e(r, \phi)}$$

Dipole flow, circa 2004

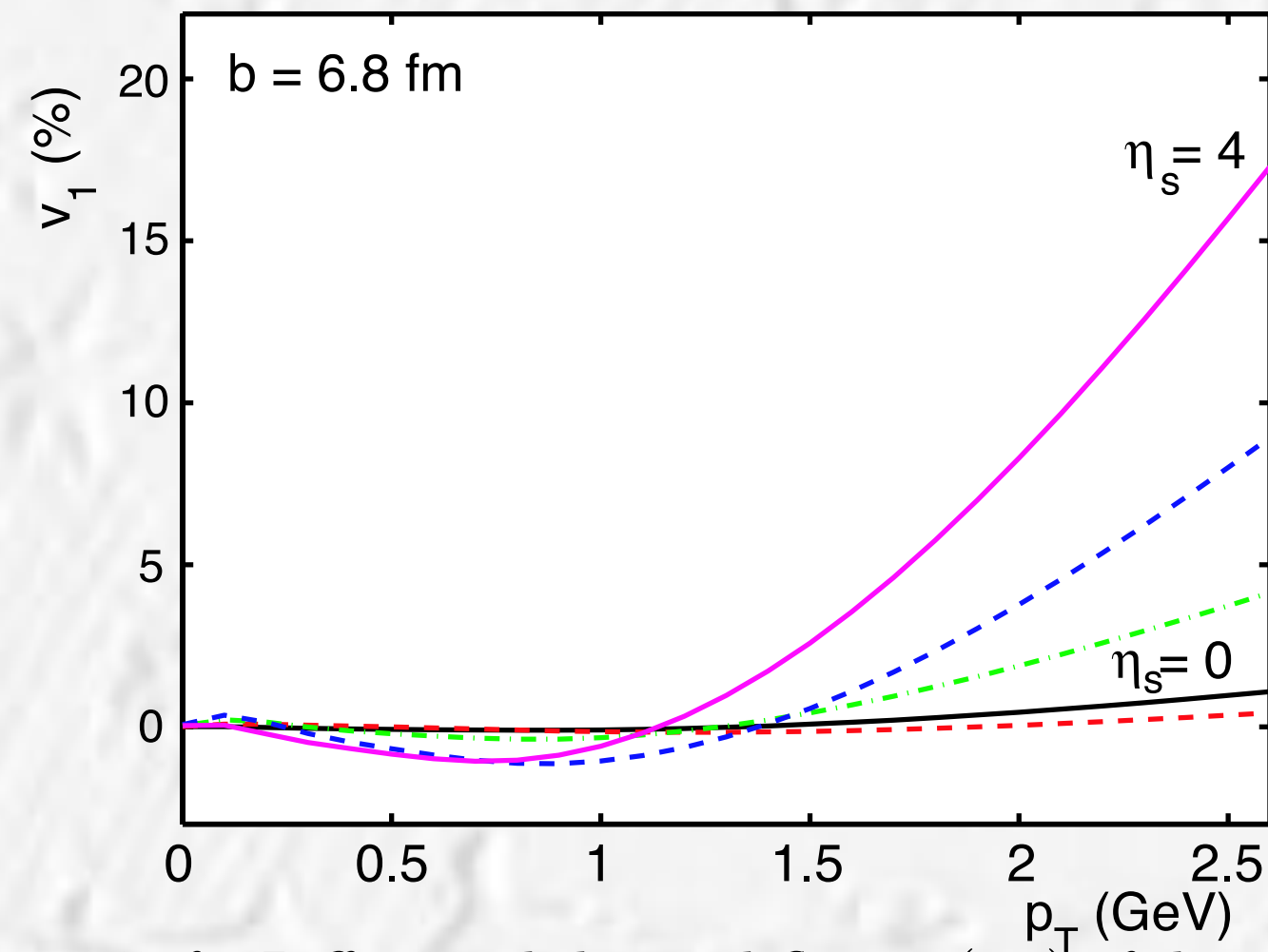
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Rapidity dependent momentum anisotropy at RHIC

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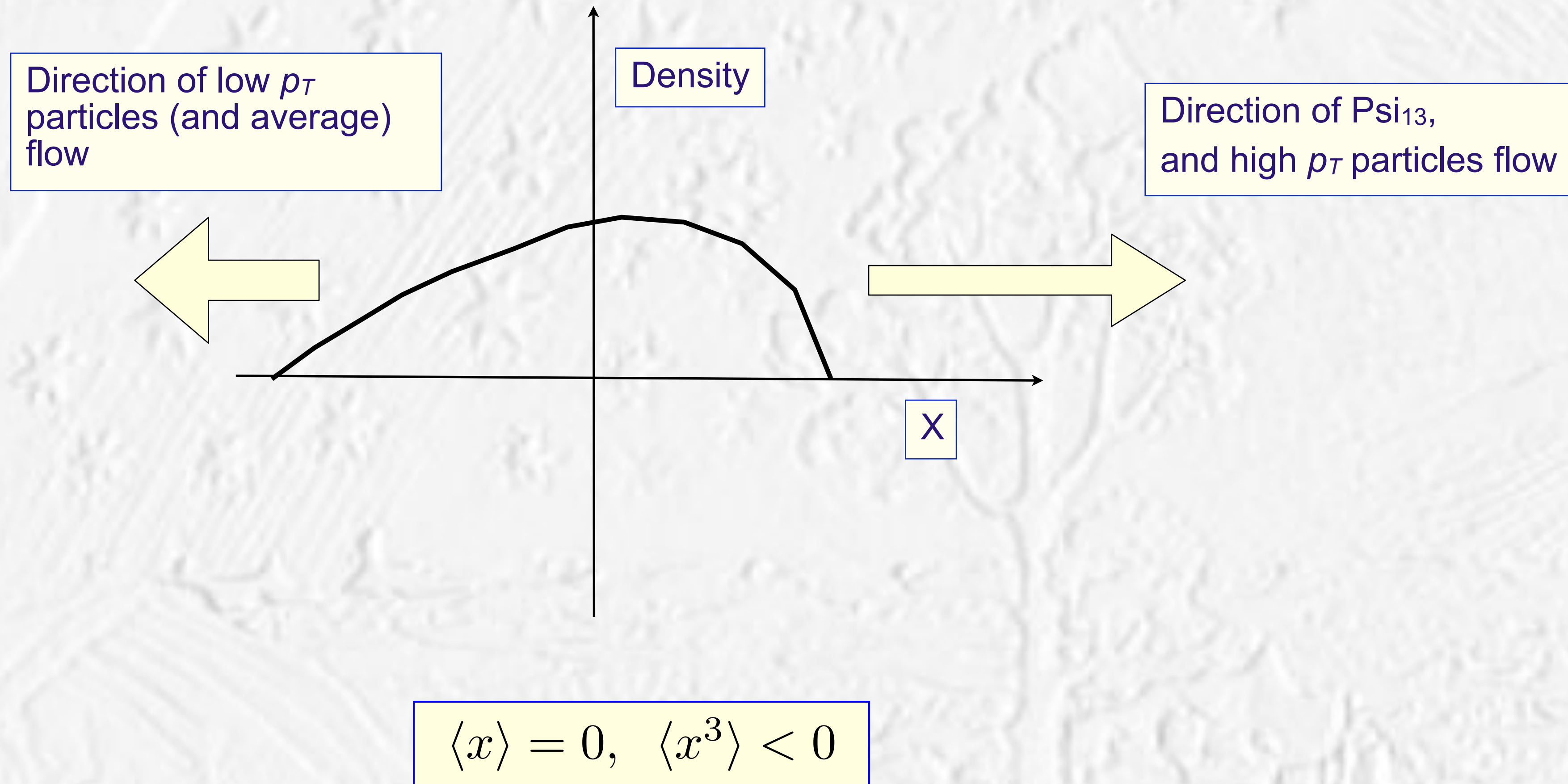


Similar observations has been made later by Teaney and Yan, Retinskaya et.al., in relation to effects of initial density fluctuations

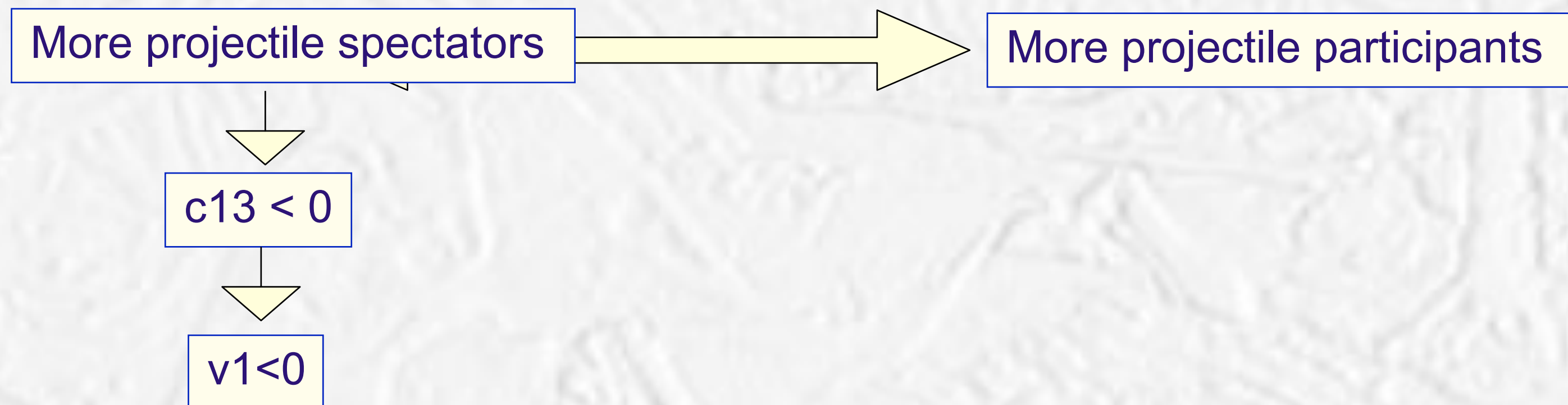
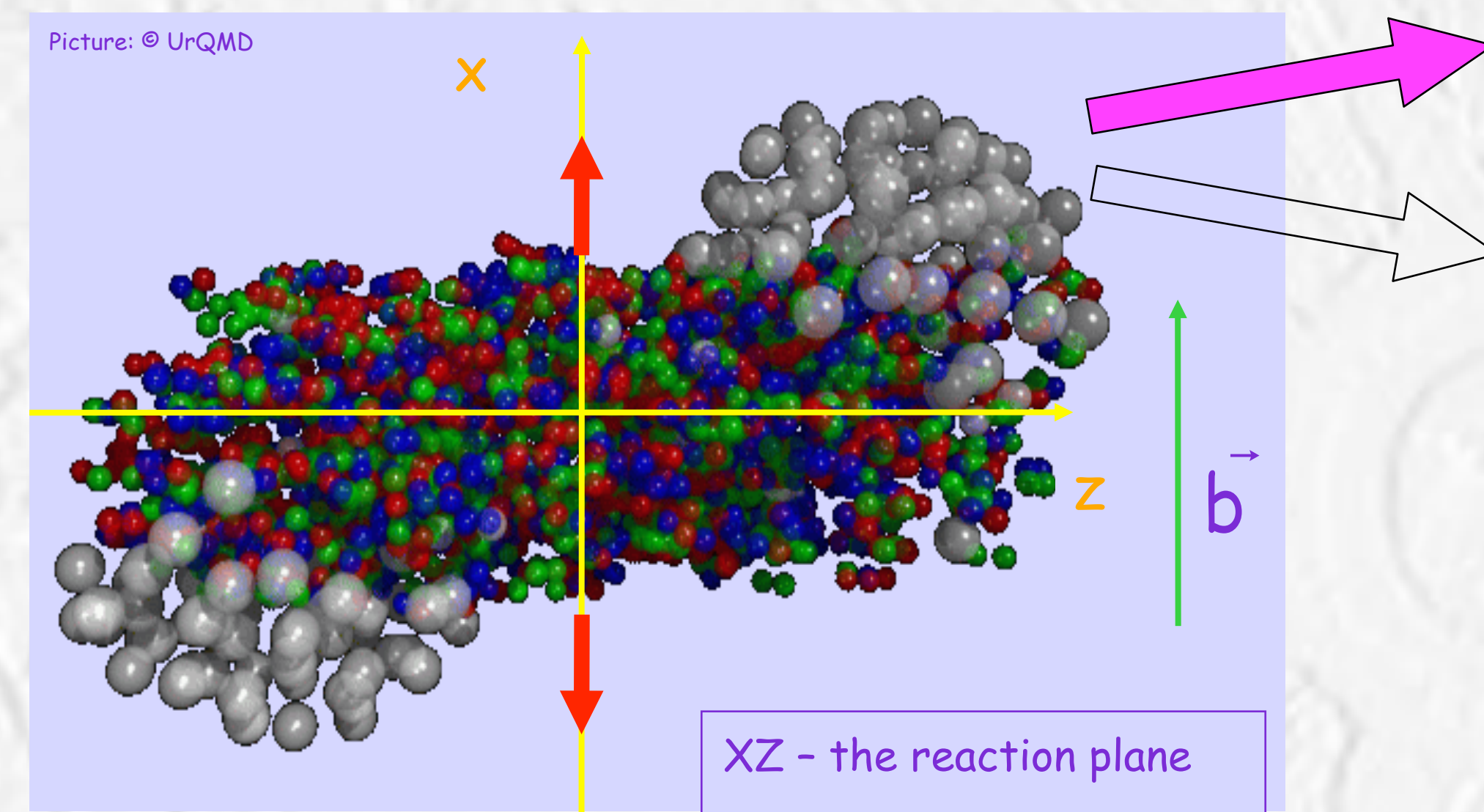
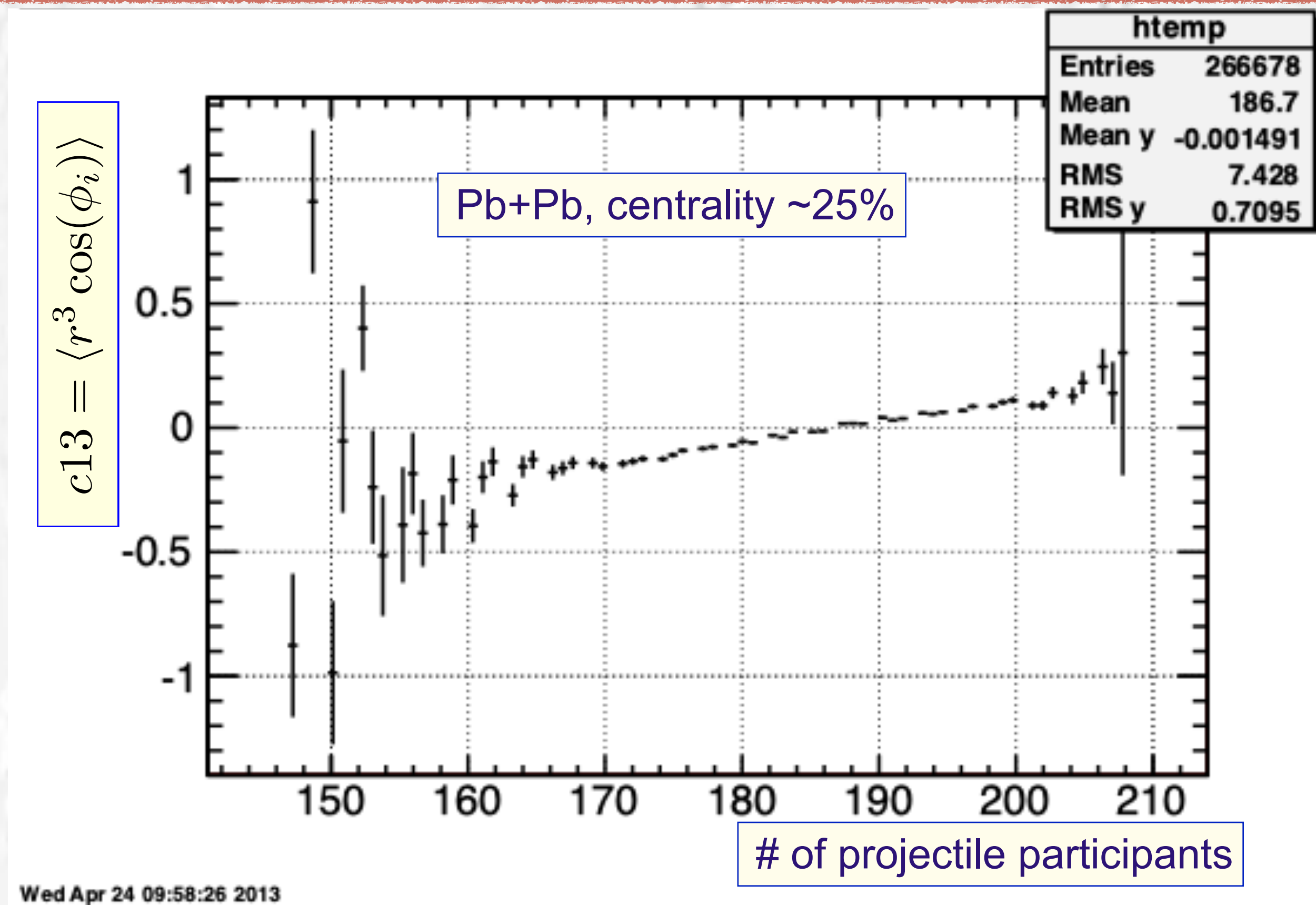
Figure 2. *Left:* Differential directed flow $v_1(p_{\perp})$ of directly emitted pions (no resonance decays) for $\eta_s = y = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$. Except for a region of positive v_1 at $0 < p_{\perp} < 0.5$ GeV and a shift of the rest of the curves by about 0.5 GeV to larger p_{\perp} , the curves for direct protons look similar. *Right:* p_{\perp} -integrated elliptic flow

At forward rapidities the transverse overlap region becomes asymmetric and is shifted sideways in the x (or impact parameter) direction. This turns out to give rise to a non-zero directed flow signal $v_1(p_{\perp})$ which increases with $|\eta_s|$ (left panel in Fig. 2). Of course, since the colliding matter receives no overall transverse kick, the p_{\perp} -integrated directed flow is zero.

Dipole flow direction

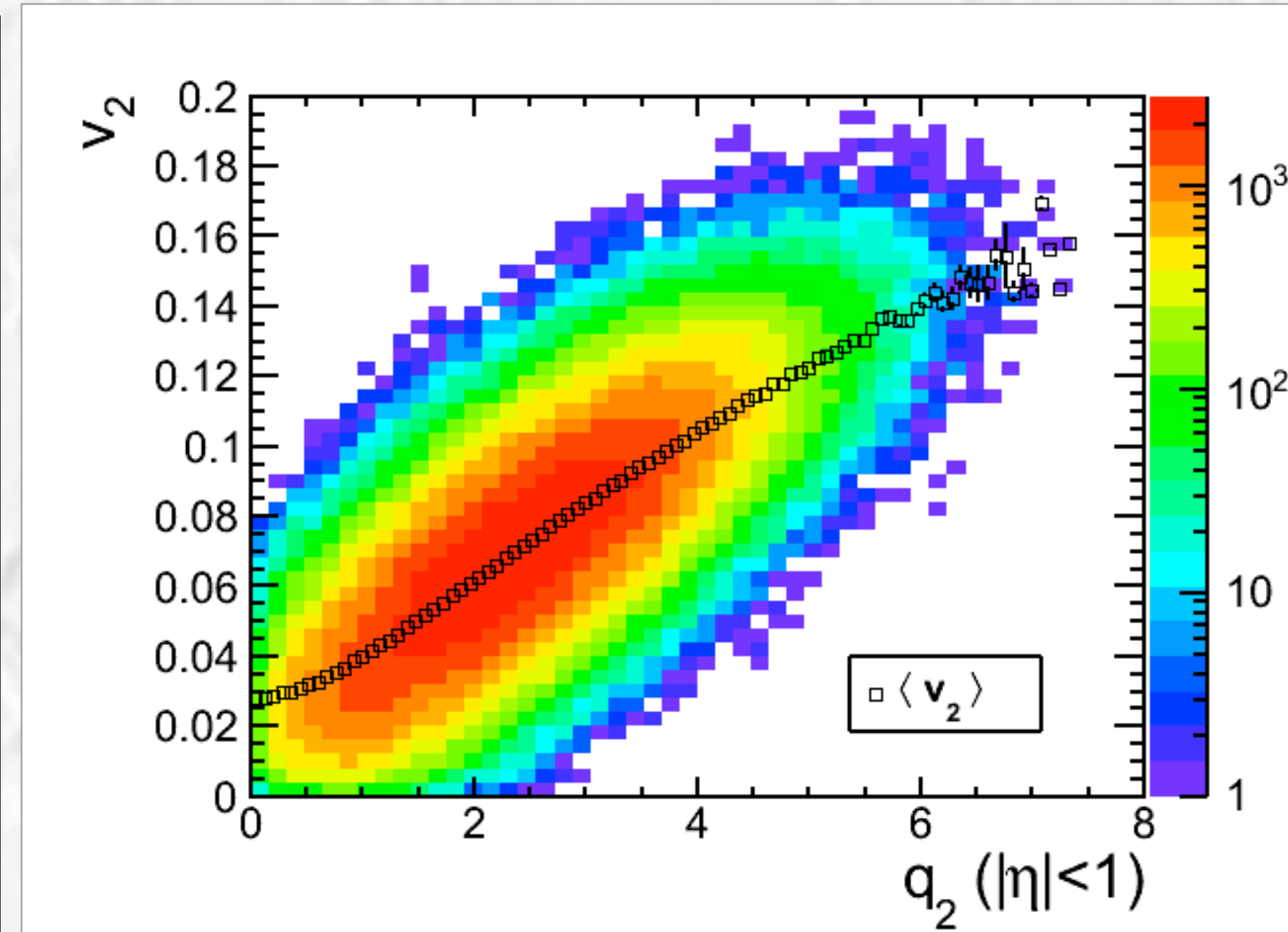
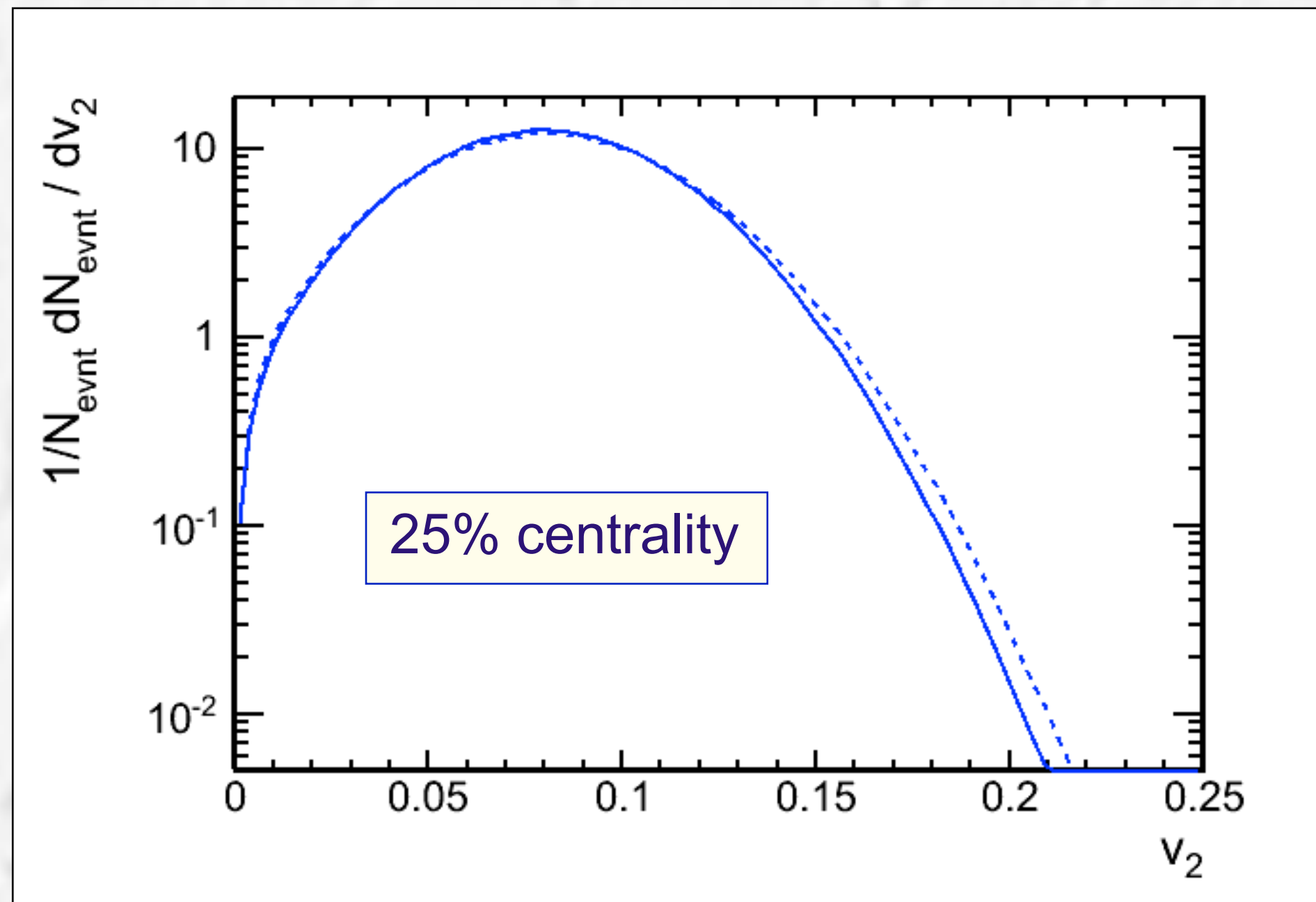


MC Glauber model



Event shape engineering

J. Schukraft, A. Timmins and *S. A. Voloshin*, Phys. Lett. B **719**, 394 (2013)



Based on the use of flow vector as discussed in
S. A. Voloshin, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 172301 (2010)

Event shape engineering (ESE) - selection of events corresponding to either large or small flow

$$Q_{n,X} = \sum_{i=1}^M \cos(n\phi_i)$$

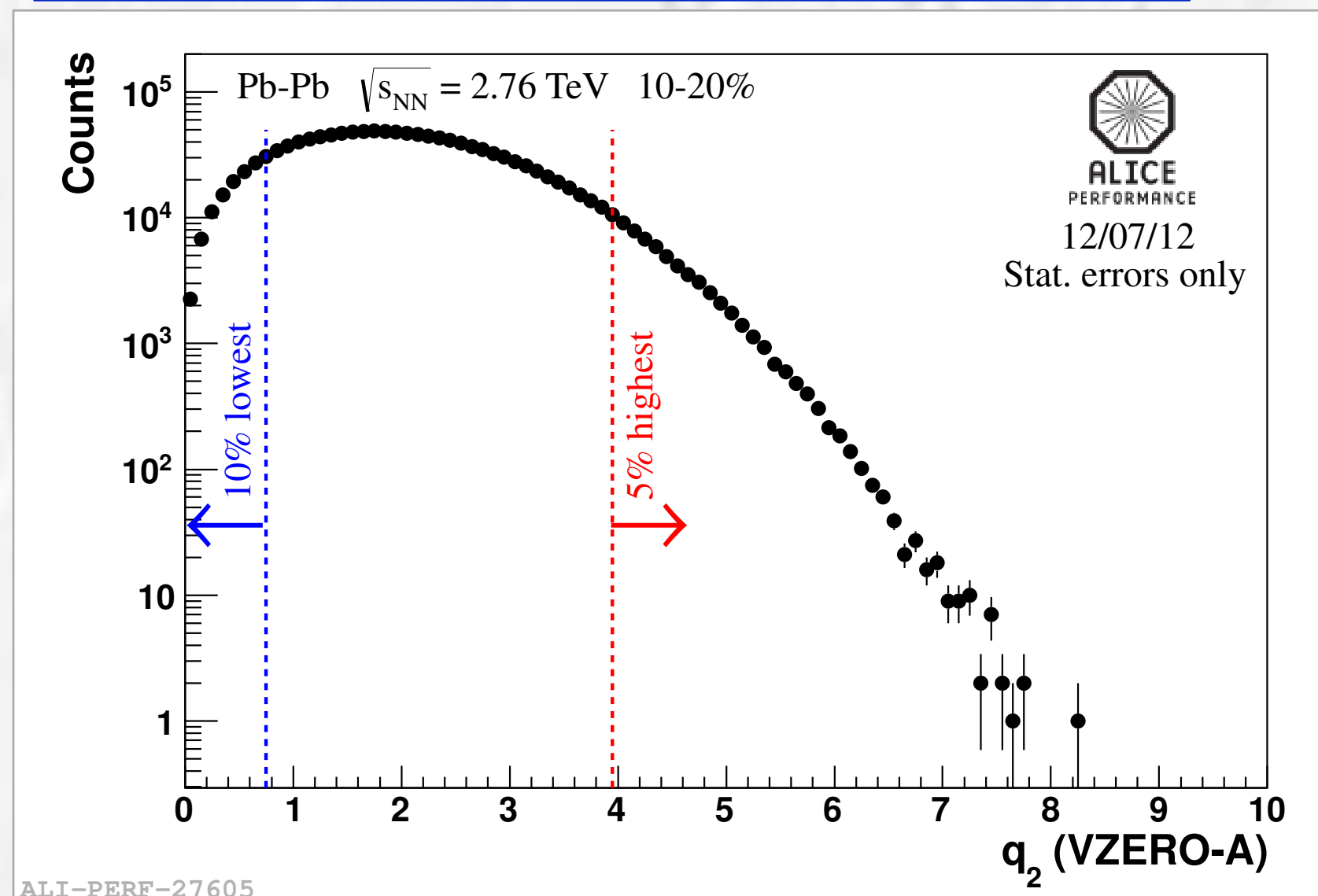
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$$q_n = Q_n / \sqrt{M}$$

Flow in SE events: p_T dependence

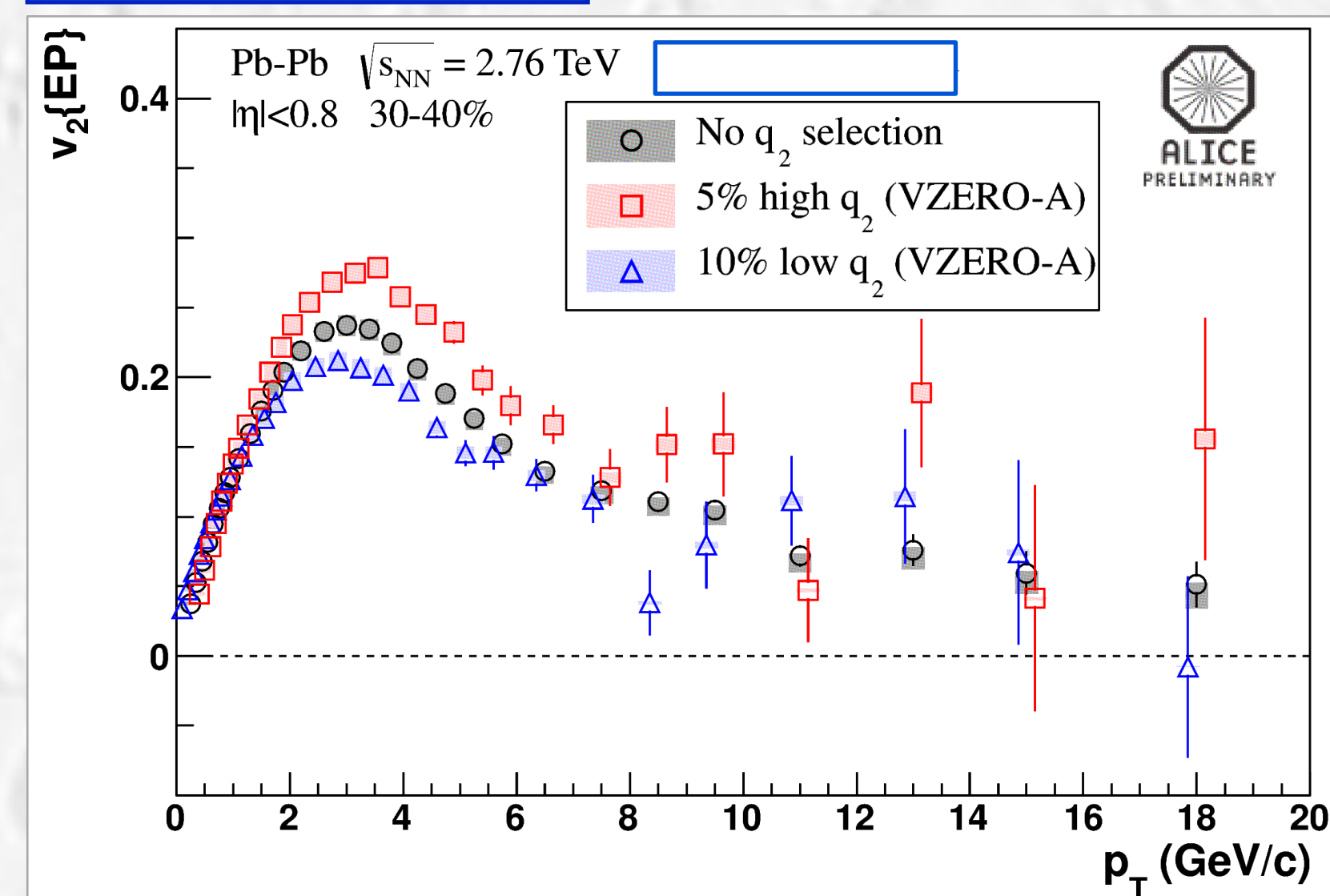
A. Dobrin [ALICE], Quark Matter 2012, Washington DC, August 2012.

event selection q_2 vector: $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$

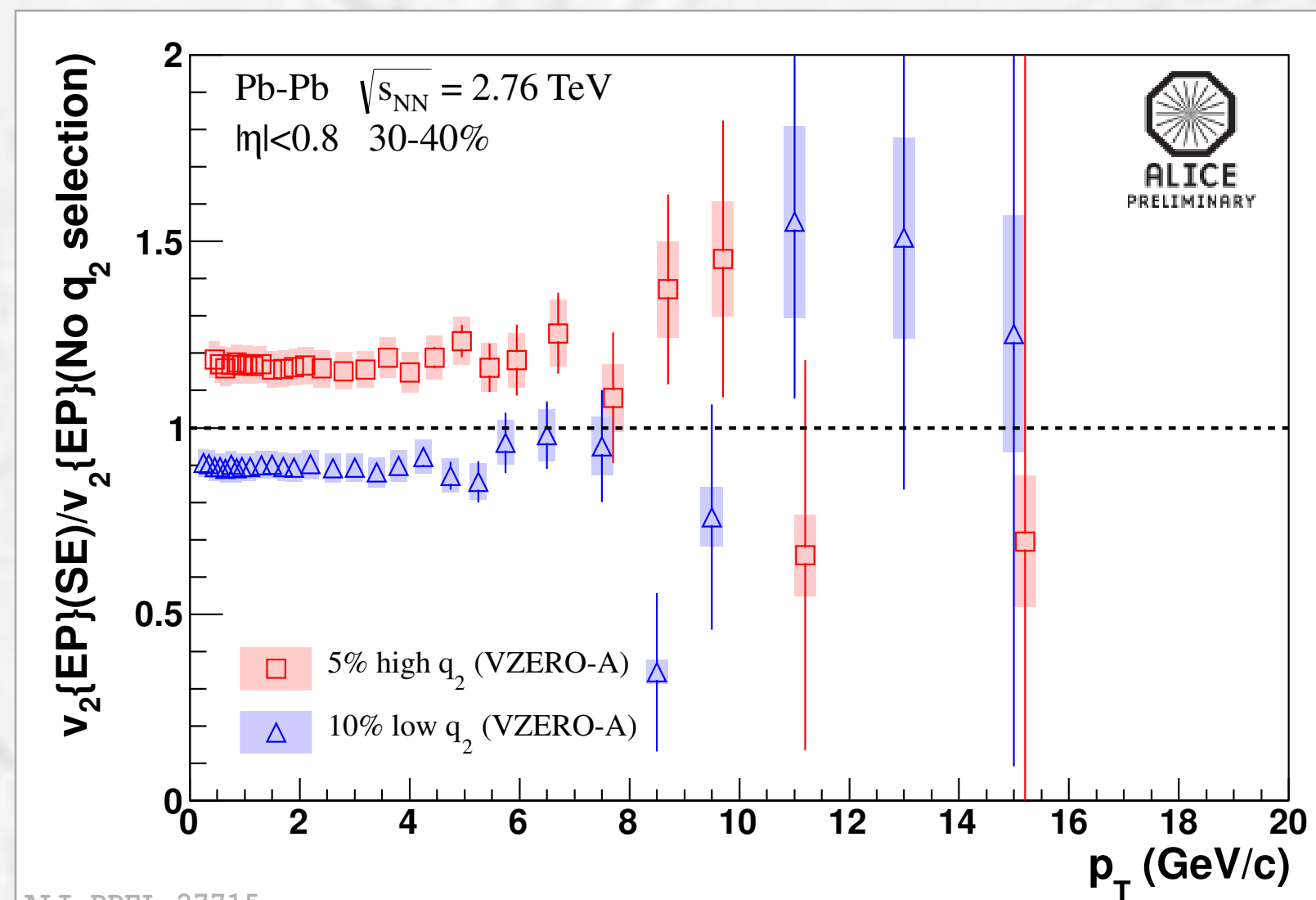


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analysis: $|\eta| < 0.8$



Initial shape fluctuation effect is very similar up to $p_T \sim 6$ GeV/c



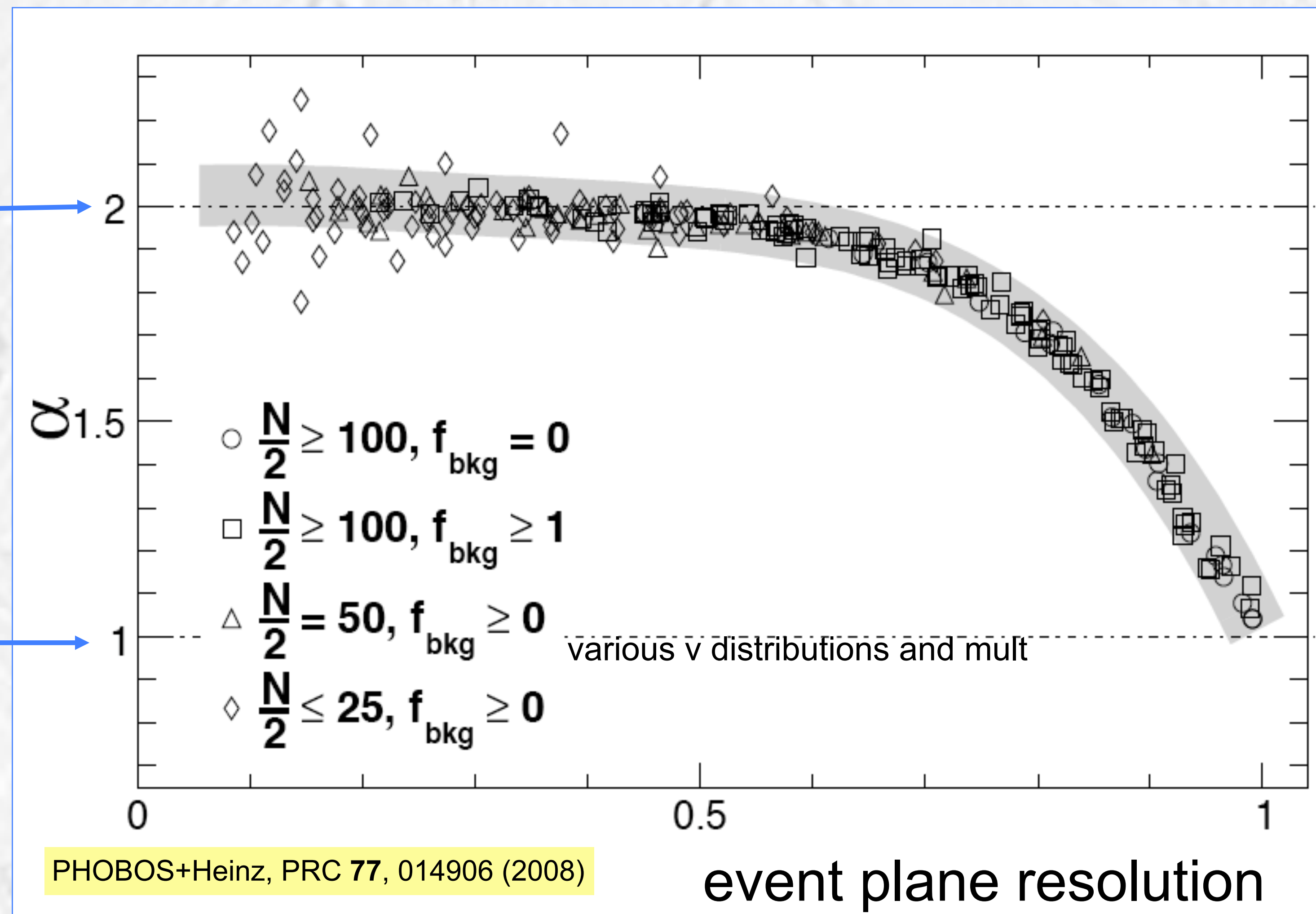
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PHOBOS Simulations

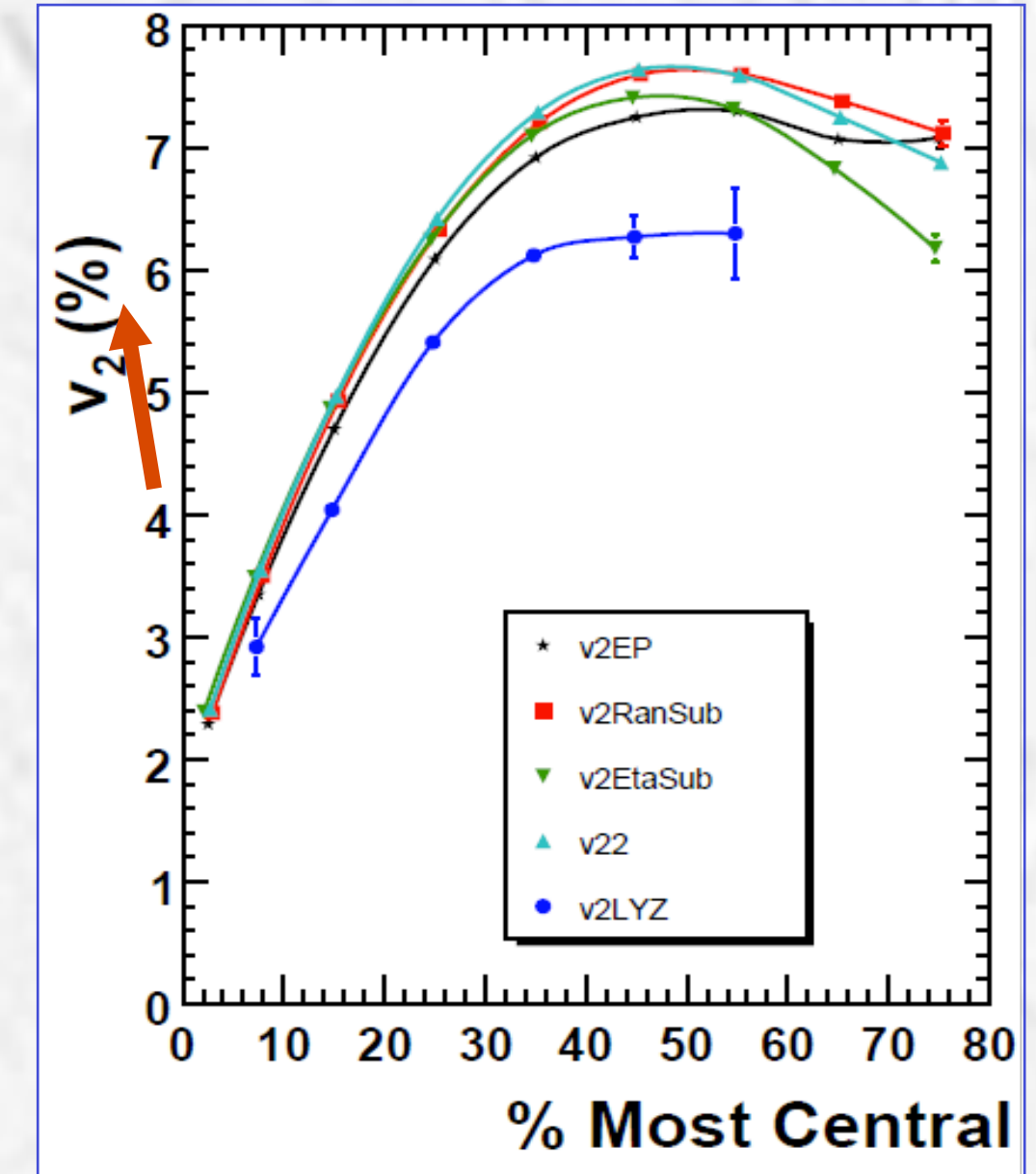
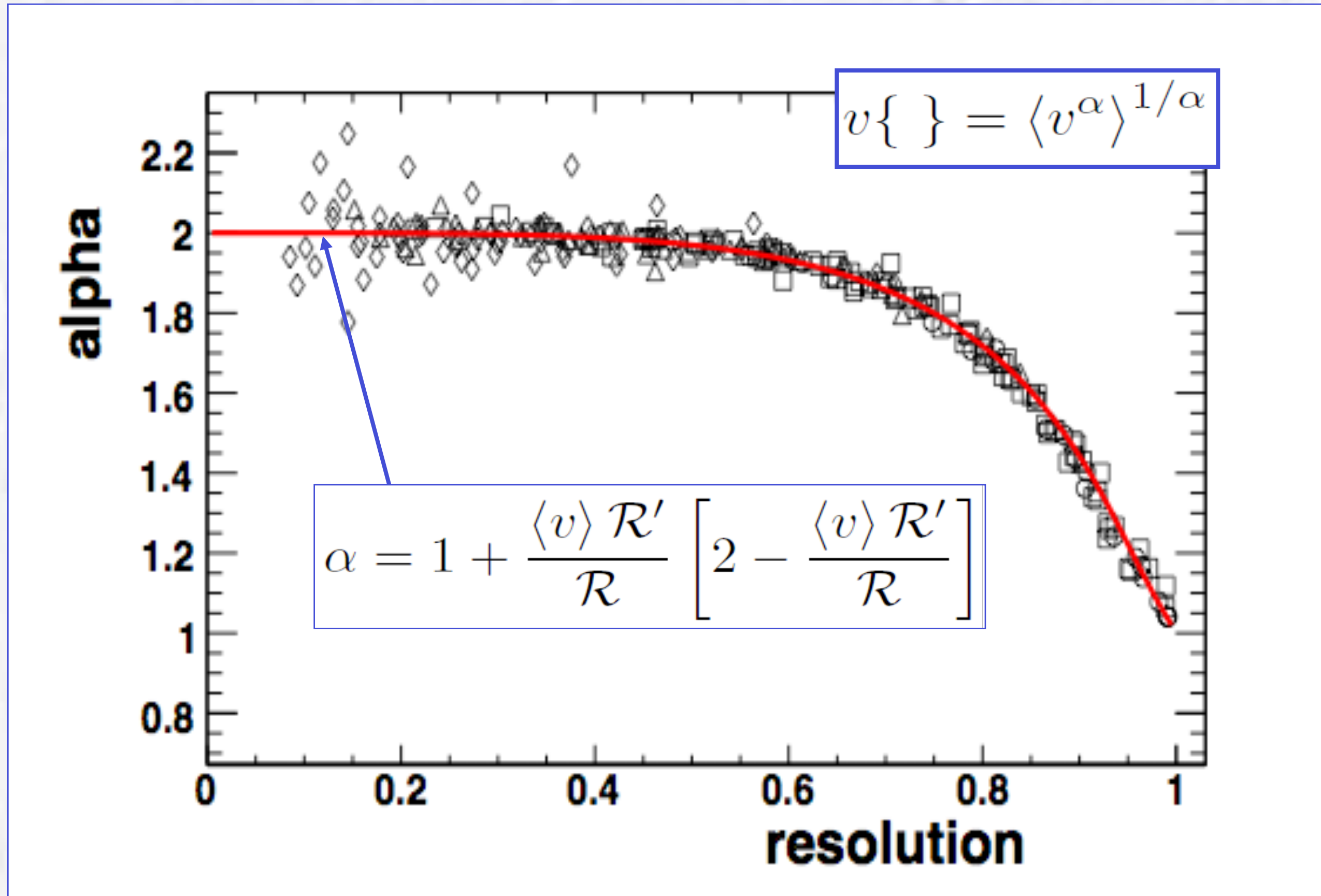
$$v_2\{\alpha\} = \langle v^\alpha \rangle^{1/\alpha}$$

root-mean-square

mean



$v\{EP\}$



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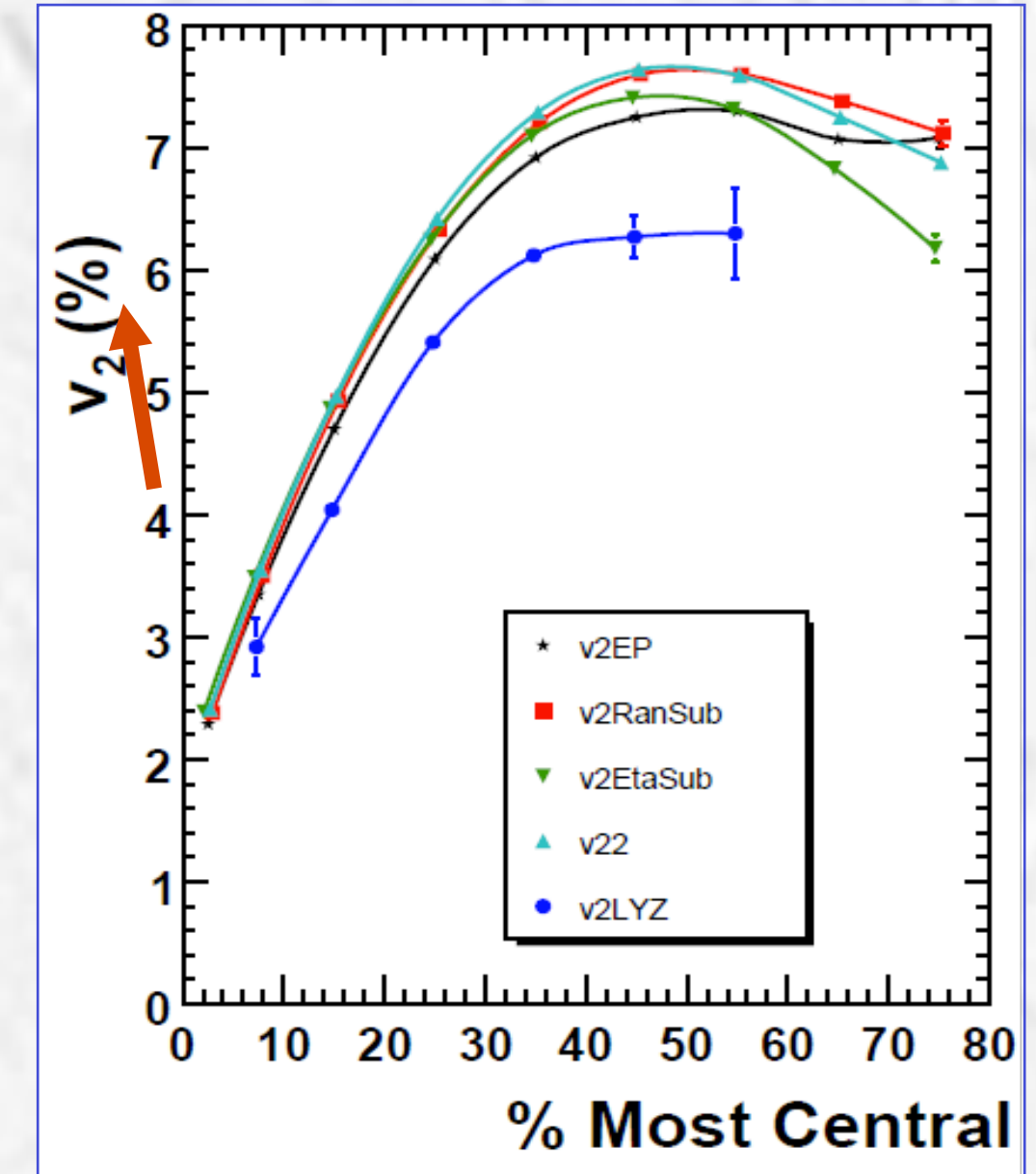
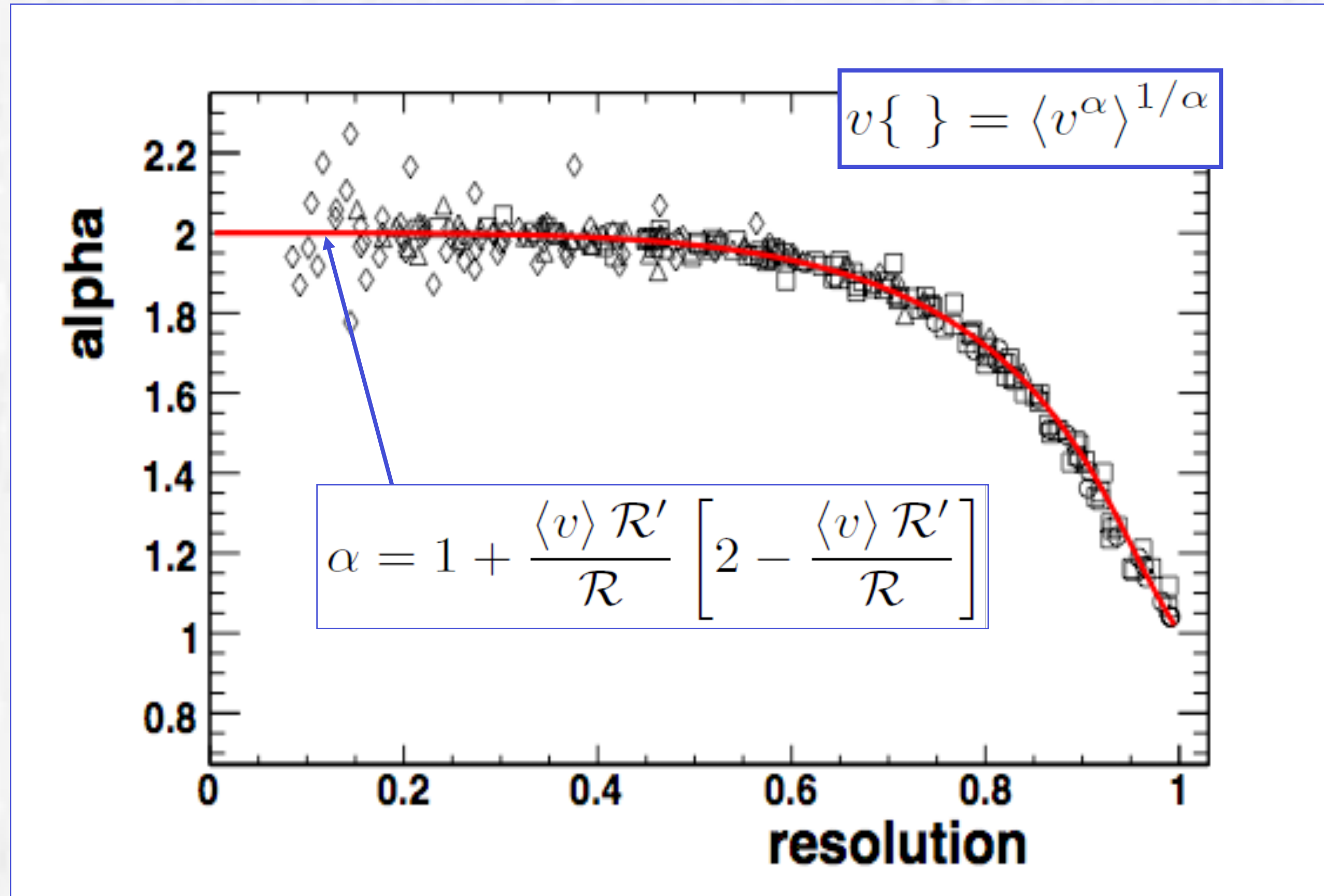
$$q \cos \Psi_R = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{N}} \cos \Psi_R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N \cos \phi_j$$

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$$\mathcal{R}(\chi) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{-\chi^2/2} \chi \left[I_0 \left(\frac{\chi^2}{2} \right) + I_1 \left(\frac{\chi^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

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... but it is still not possible to separate the effect of fluctuations from non-flow...