

# Collective flow measurements in Gold-Gold collisions at 1.23 AGeV with HADES

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Dense Nuclear Matter Equation of  
State from Heavy-Ion Collisions  
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# Outline

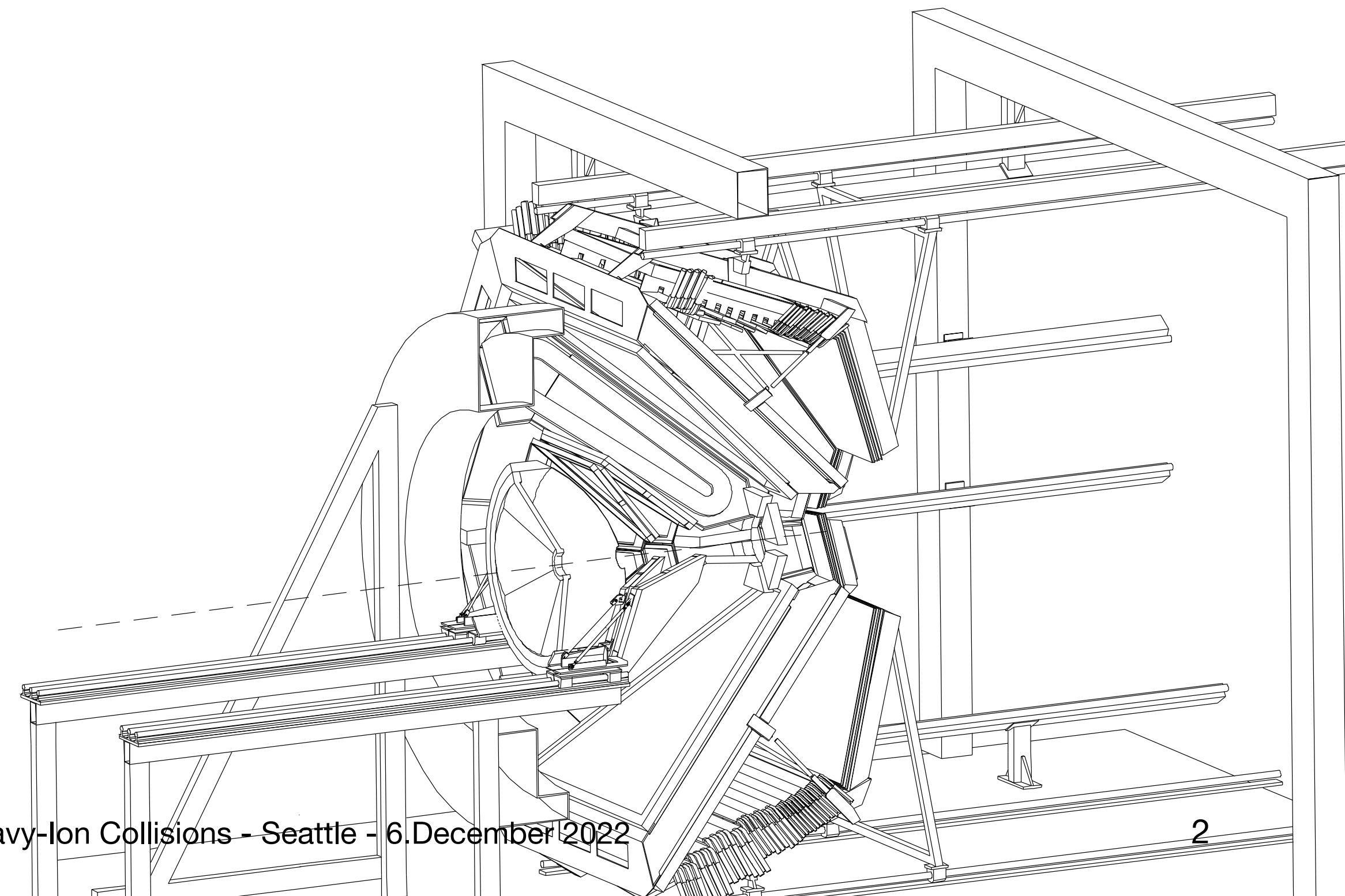
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- Dense nuclear matter and collective phenomena
- HADES and Au+Au data at 1.23 AGeV
- Directed  $v_1$ , elliptic  $v_2$ , and higher flow harmonics ( $v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$ ) of protons, deuterons and tritons
- Scaling properties of flow harmonics
- Model comparisons

**Talk based on following publication:**

**HADES, [PRL 125 \(2020\) 262301](#) [arXiv:2005.12217 \[hepdata\]](#)**

**HADES, [arXiv:2208.02740](#) submitted to EPJ A**





# Motivation

## Nuclear and Neutron Star Matter

### Neutron Star Merger

Observation via gravitational waves

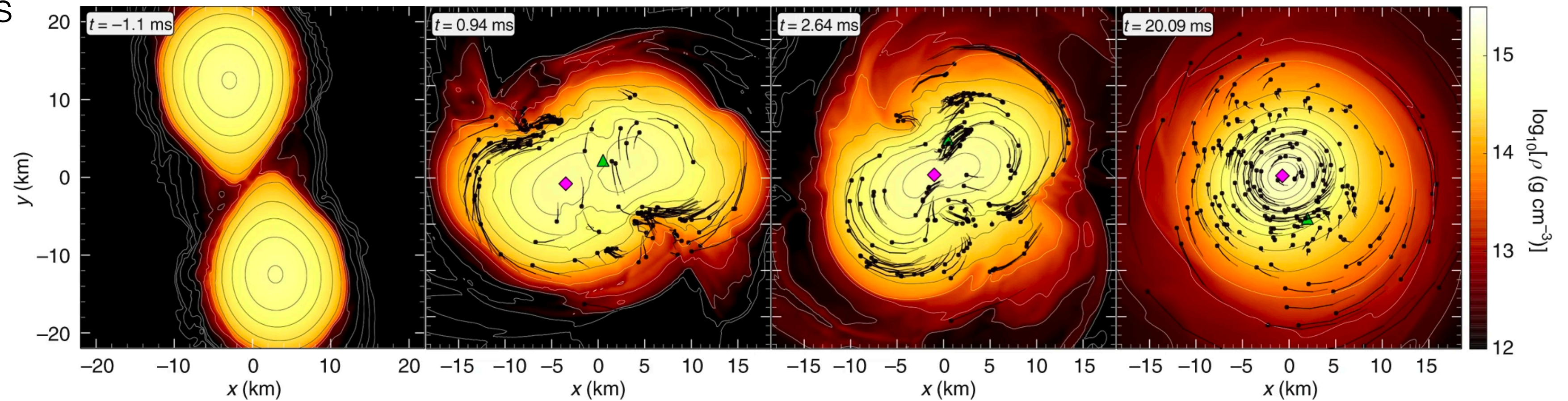
**GW170817**: B.P. Abbott et al. (LIGO + VIRGO)

PRL **119** (2017) 1611001

Sensitivity to equation-of-state

Matter at super nuclear density in the universe

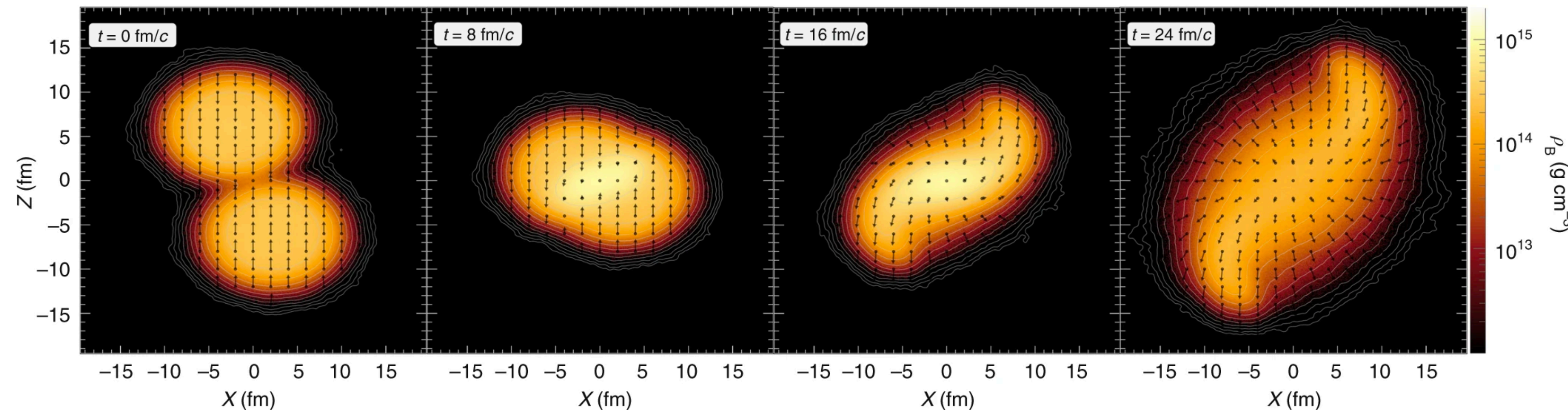
HADES, Nature Phys. **15** (2019) 1040



### Heavy-ion Collision

Equation-of-state of dense matter

Matter at super nuclear density in the laboratory





# Collective Effects

## Flow Phenomenology

### Emission relative to event plane

Interactions in medium, nuclear stopping  
 $\implies$  buildup of non-uniform pressure gradients  
 provides accelerating forces in different directions

Access to medium properties, e.g. viscosity,  
 equation-of-state

### Fourier-decomposition

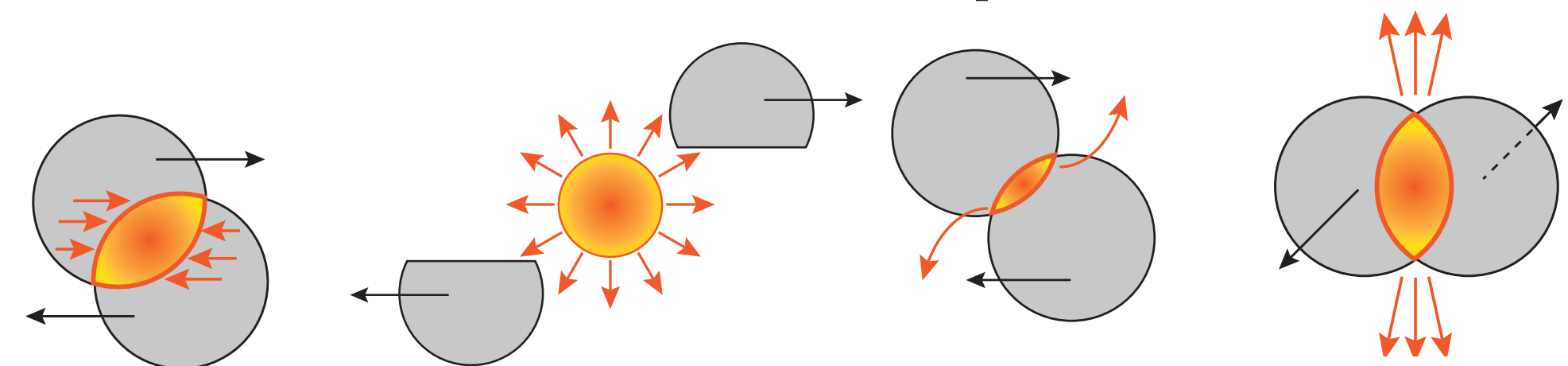
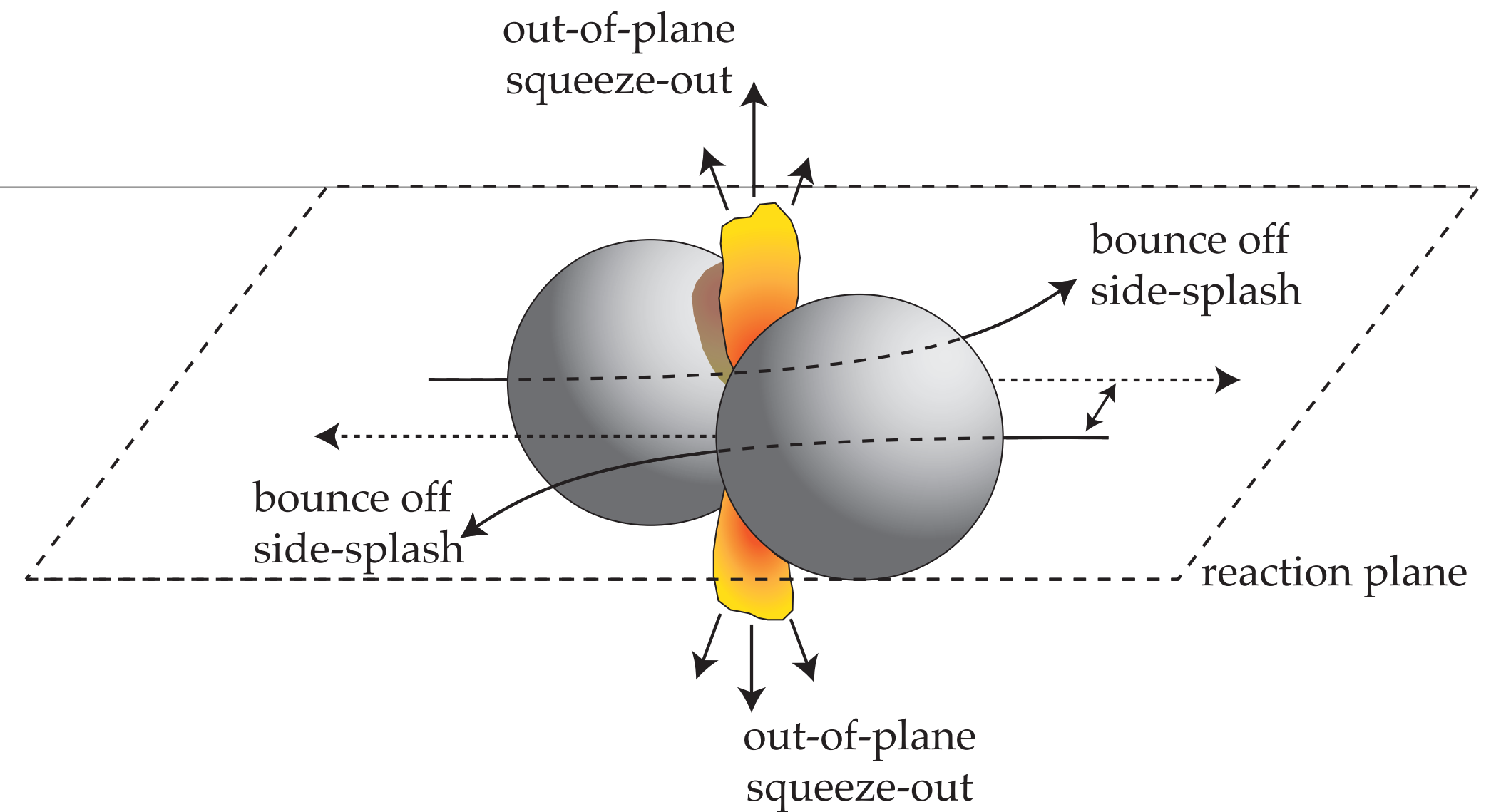
of the triple differential invariant cross section

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_t dp_t dy} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_t, y) \cos(n\phi) \right)$$

$$\phi = (\varphi - \Psi_{RP})$$

Extraction of azimuthal moments  $v_n$

$$v_n(p_t, y) = \langle \cos(n\phi) \rangle$$



**stopping**

**radial flow**

**directed flow**

**elliptic flow**

$$v_1 = \langle \cos \phi \rangle = \langle p_x / p_t \rangle,$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle = \langle (p_x^2 - p_y^2) / p_t^2 \rangle,$$

$$v_3 = \langle \cos(3\phi) \rangle = \langle (p_x^3 - 3p_x p_y^2) / p_t^3 \rangle,$$

$$v_4 = \langle \cos(4\phi) \rangle = \langle (p_x^4 - 6p_x^2 p_y^2 + p_y^4) / p_t^4 \rangle,$$

$$v_5 = \langle \cos(5\phi) \rangle = \langle (p_x^5 - 10p_x^3 p_y^2 + 5p_x p_y^4) / p_t^5 \rangle,$$

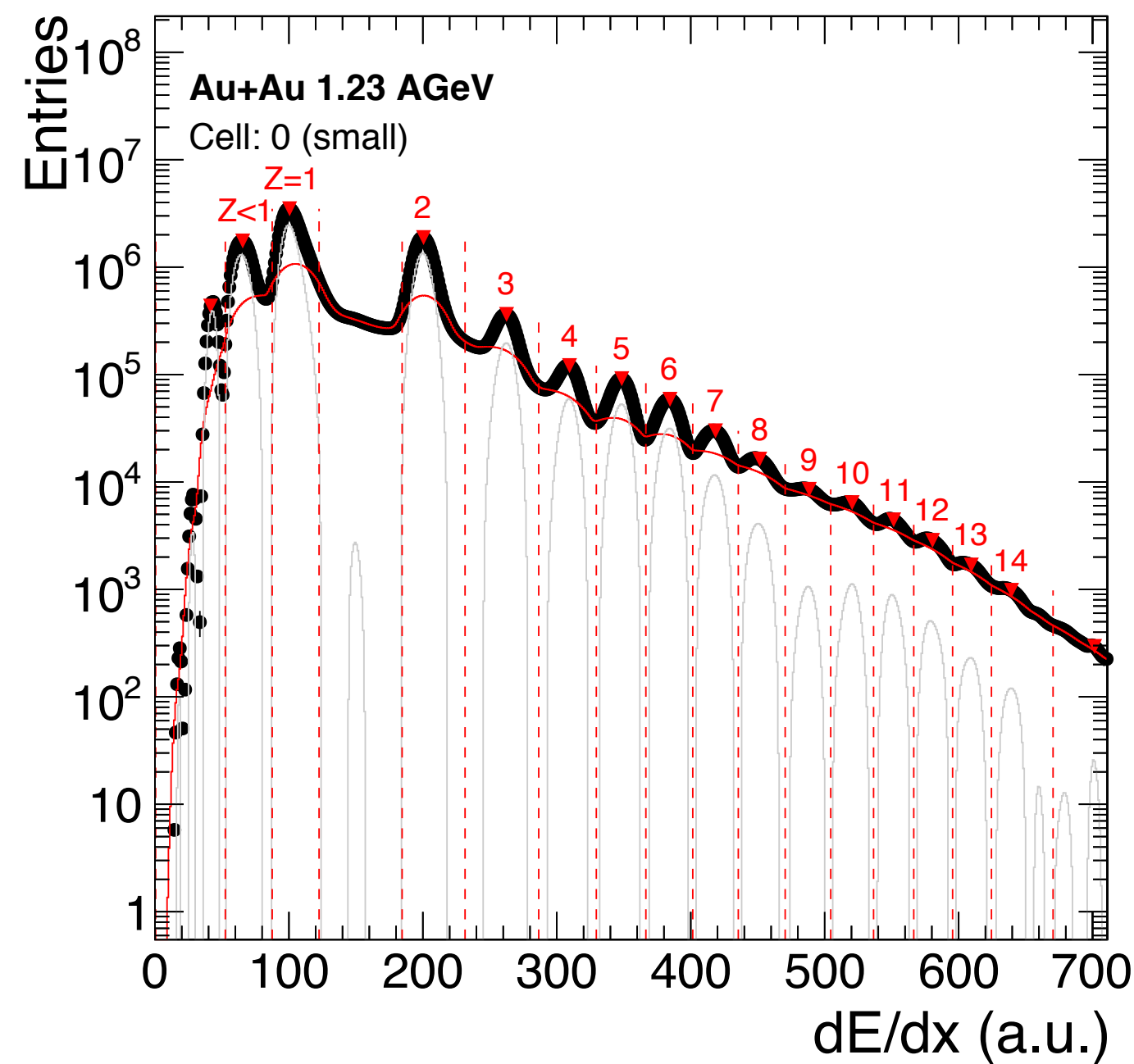
$$v_6 = \langle \cos(6\phi) \rangle = \langle (p_x^6 - 15p_x^4 p_y^2 + 15p_x^2 p_y^4 - p_y^6) / p_t^6 \rangle.$$



# Event Plane Reconstruction

1<sup>st</sup>-Order event plane from Q-Vector  
Projectile spectators in Forward Wall

Charge-Weighting of the projectile hits,  
according their energy loss in scintillators

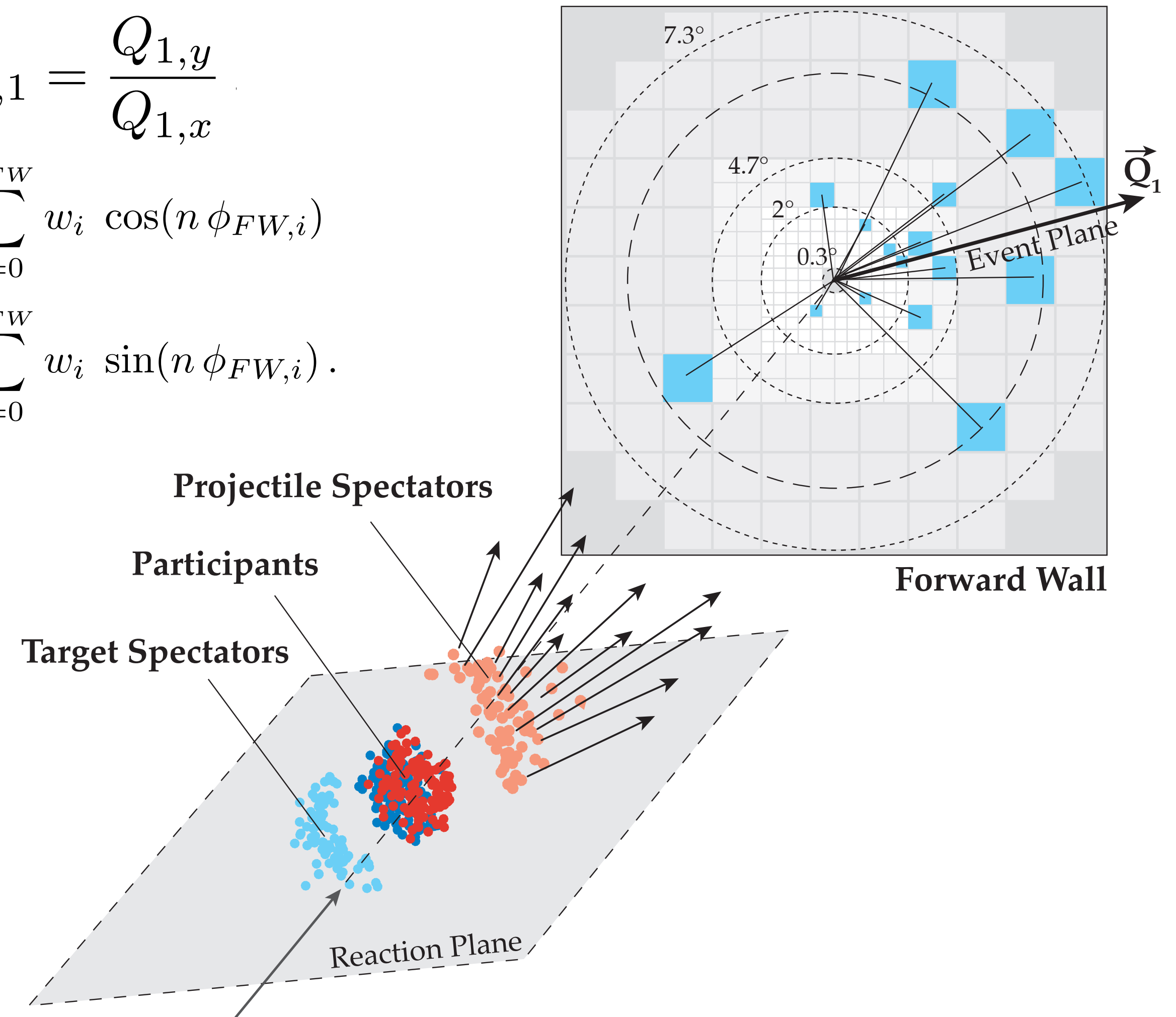


Charge Weighting

$$\tan \psi_{EP,1} = \frac{Q_{1,y}}{Q_{1,x}}$$

$$Q_{n,x} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{FW}} w_i \cos(n \phi_{FW,i})$$

$$Q_{n,y} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_{FW}} w_i \sin(n \phi_{FW,i})$$



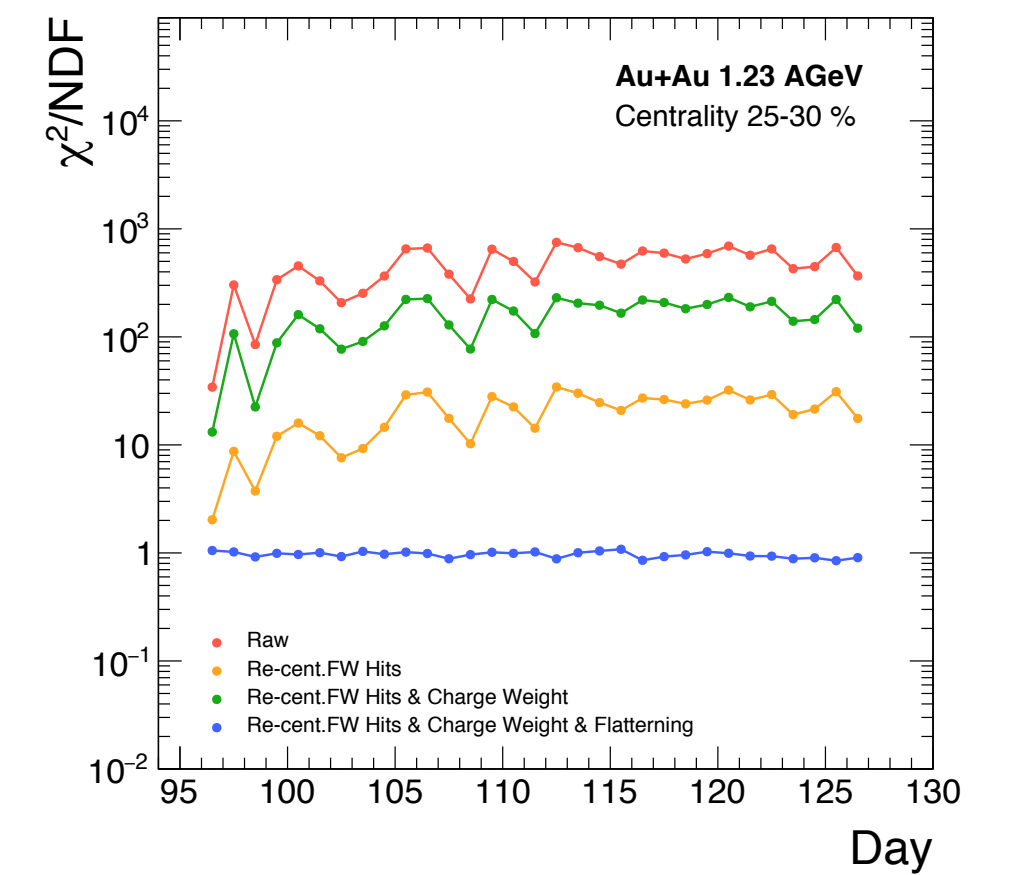
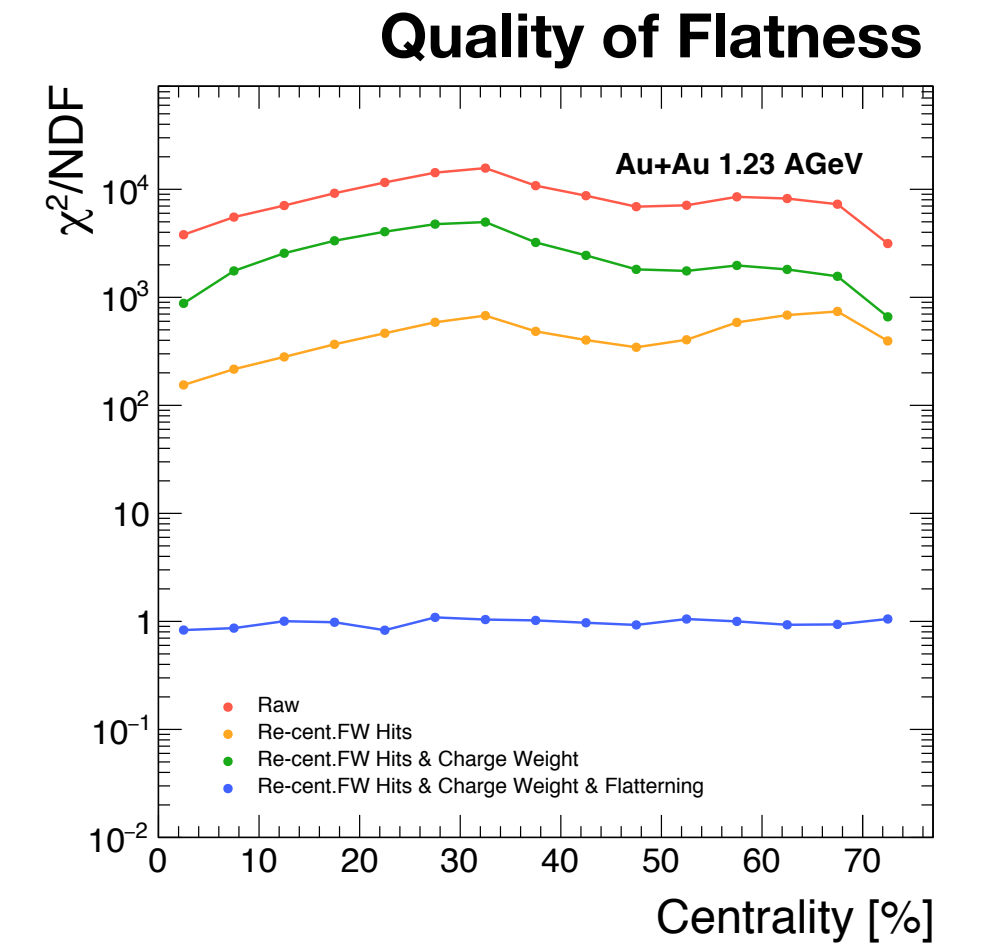
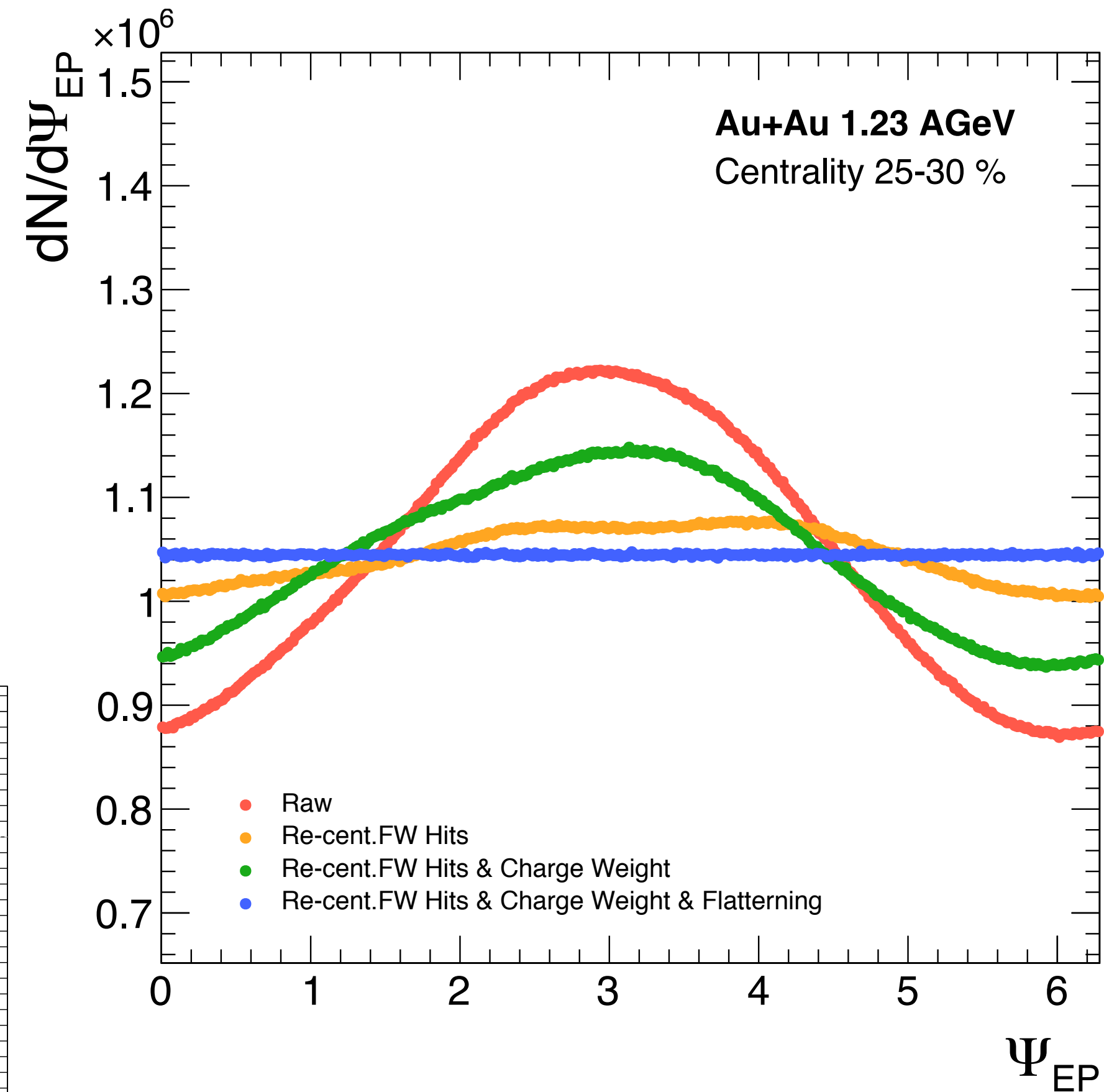
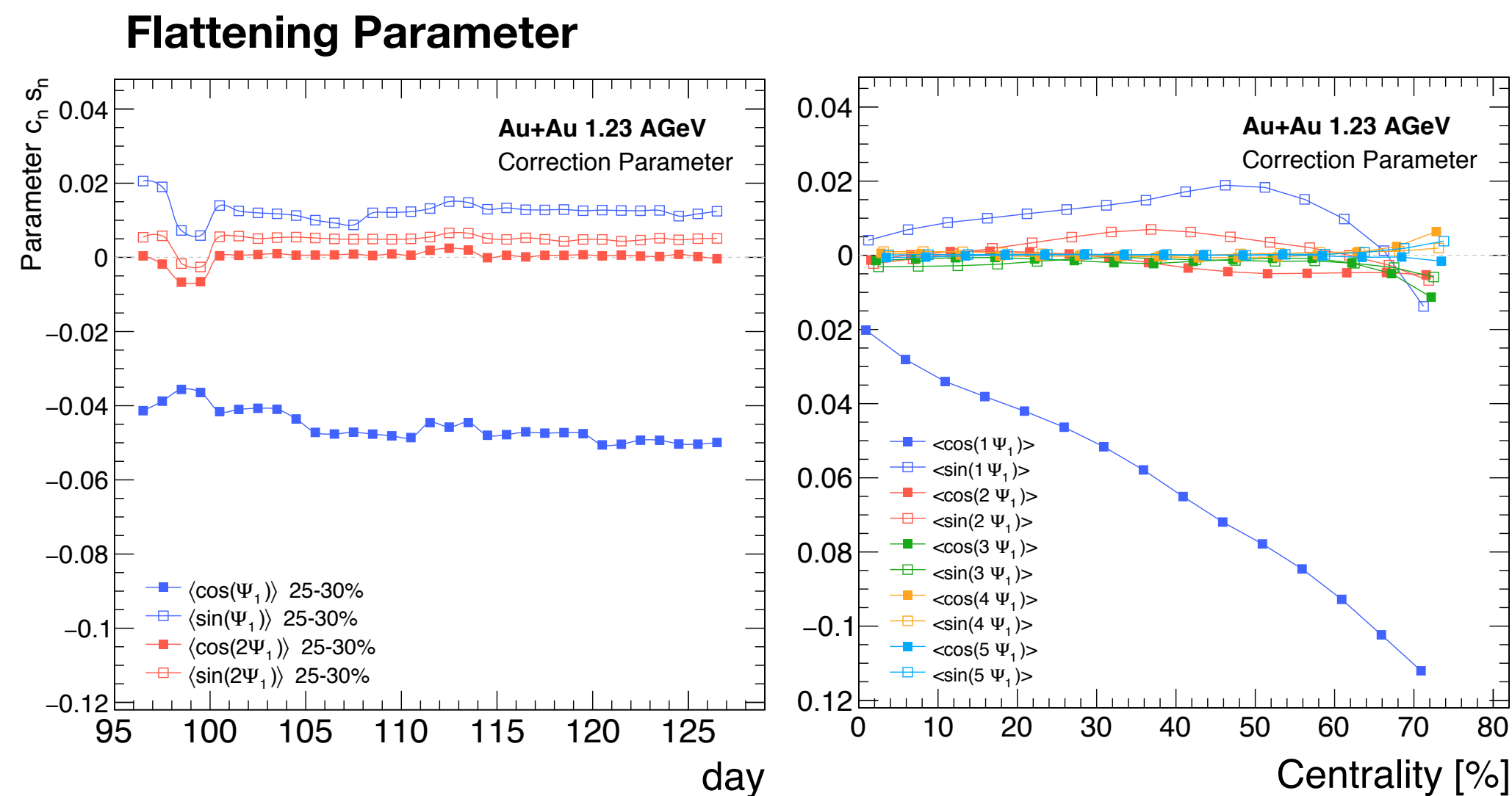


# Event Plane Determination

Correction of non-uniformities in the EP distribution (day-by-day and centrality)

Re-centering of X and Y of all FW hits

Flattening of residual Fourier components with 8 cos- and 8 sin-terms





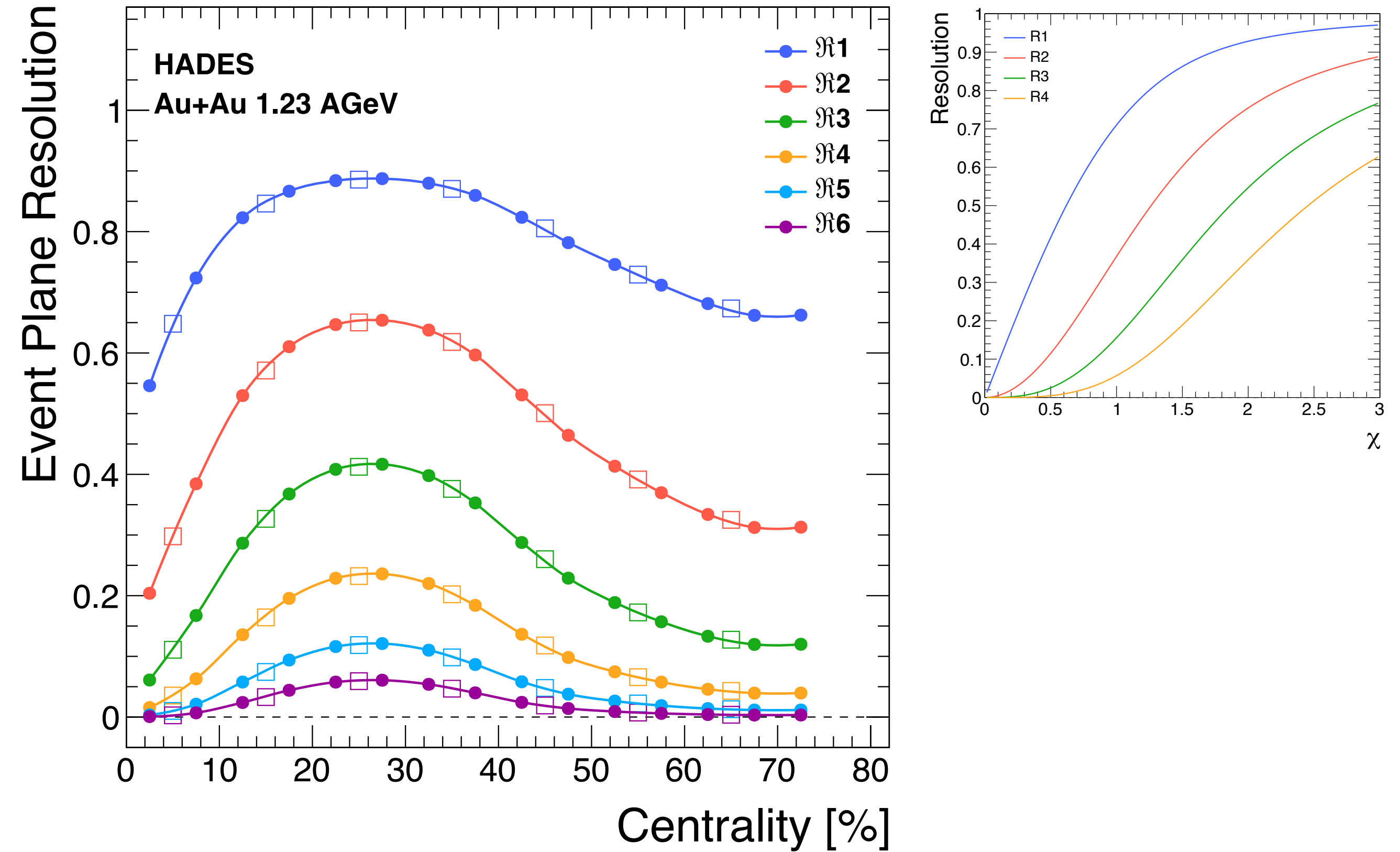
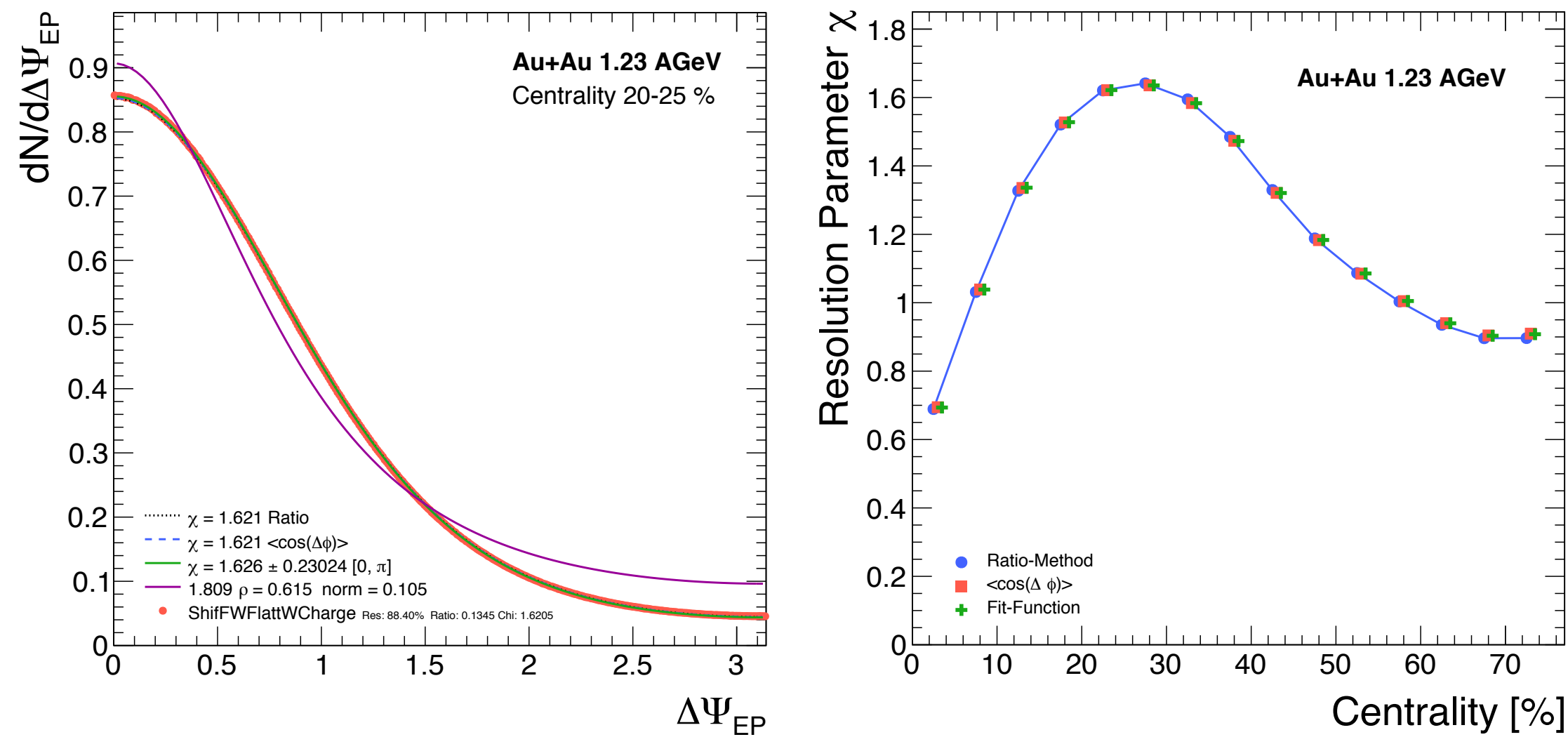
# Event Plane Resolution

## EP-resolution via sub-event method with three implementations

Determination of resolution parameter  $\chi$

- directly via  $\langle \cos(\Delta\Phi) \rangle$
- Approximation via Fraction of Events with  $\Delta\Phi > \pi/2$
- Fit-Method

Calculation of EP-Resolution of different order



$$v_n = v_n^{obs} / \mathcal{R}_n$$

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



# Systematic Uncertainties

## Validation and Consistency Checks

### Sources of uncertainties

- Track selection and PID
- Occupancy correction
- Non-uniform acceptance

### Toy MC study

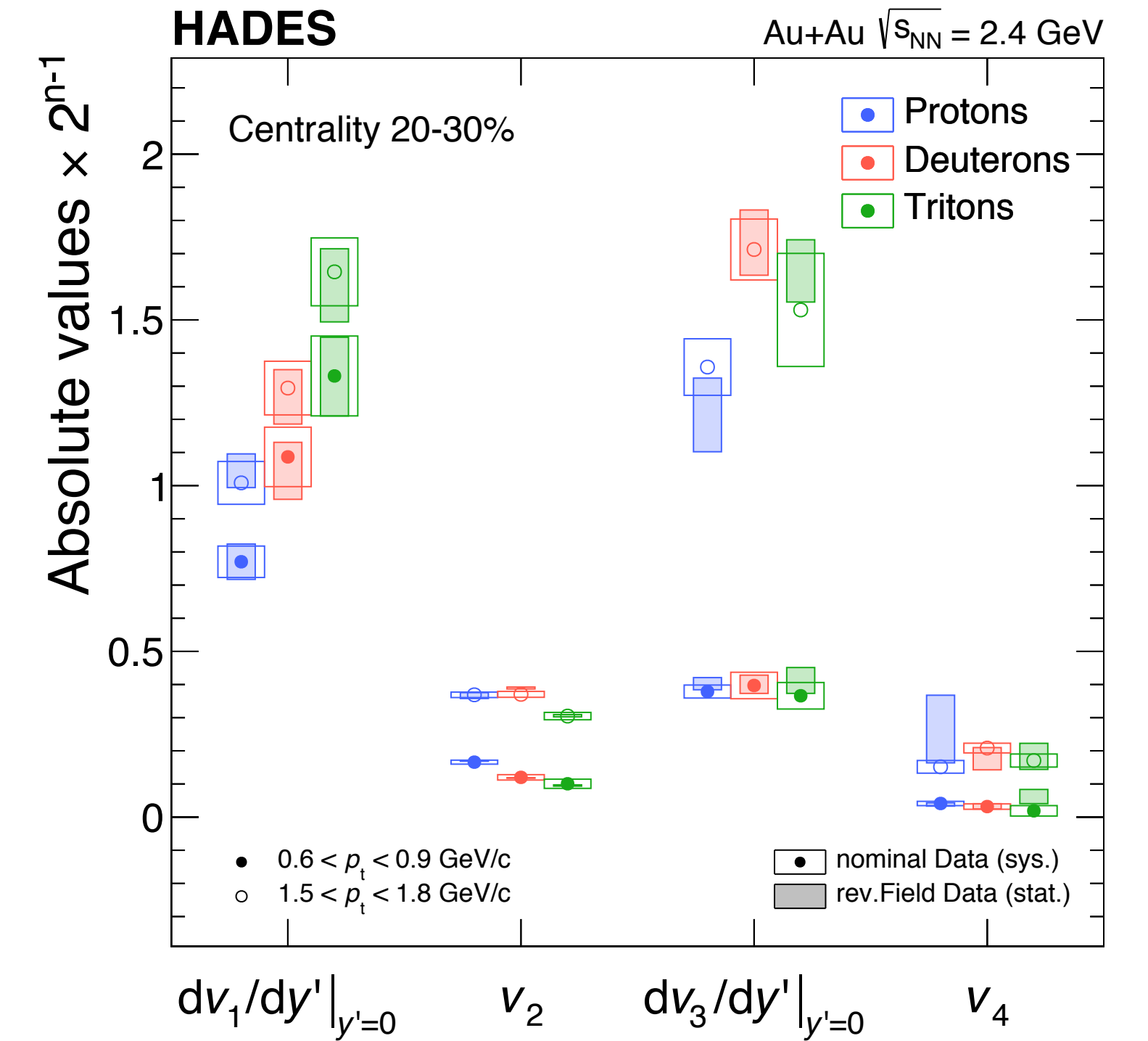
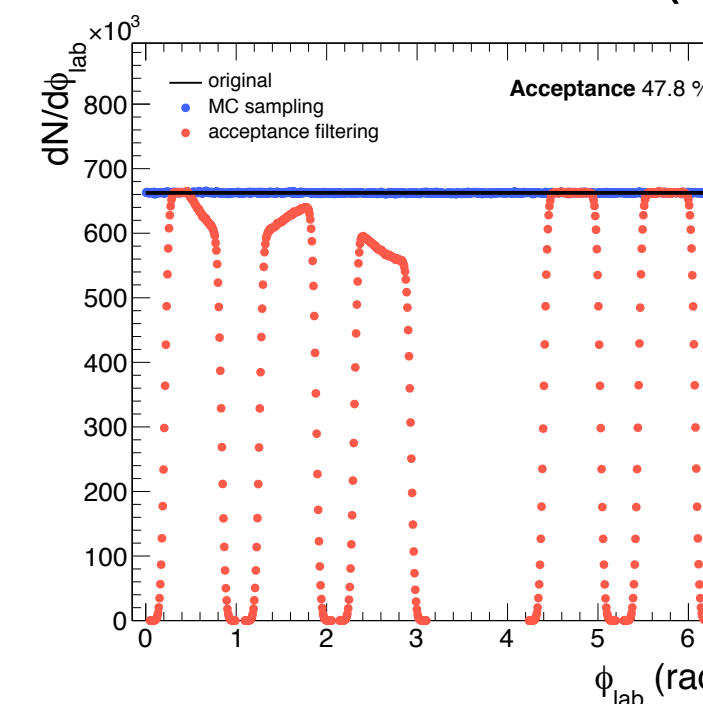
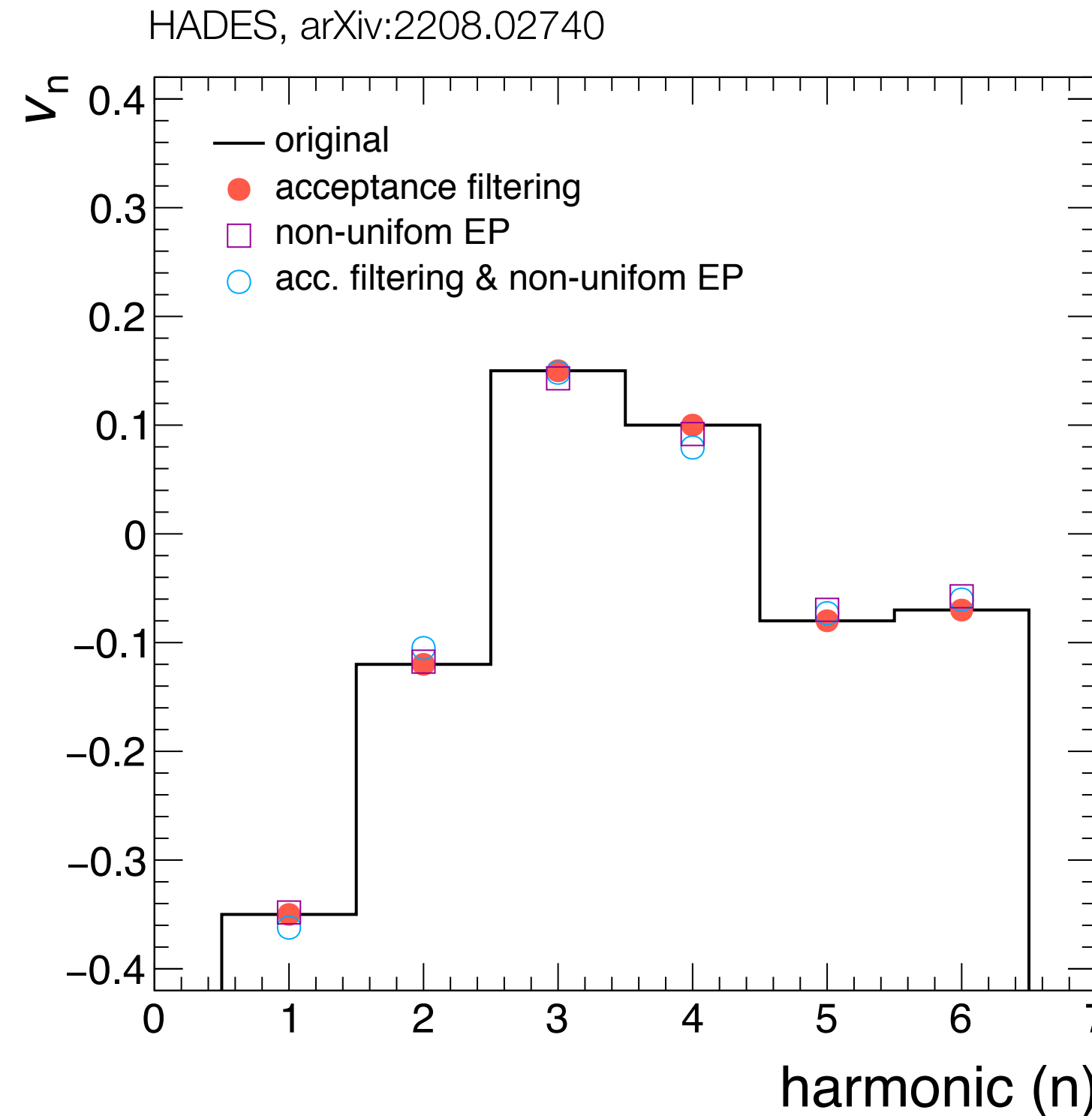
Influence of the incomplete acceptance and a non-uniform event-plane distribution

### Consistency checks:

- Measurement symmetry with respect to mid-rapidity
- Zero-crossing of odd harmonics at  $y_{cm}=0$
- Vanishing residual sine-terms
- Time-dependent systematic effects

### Reversed field polarity

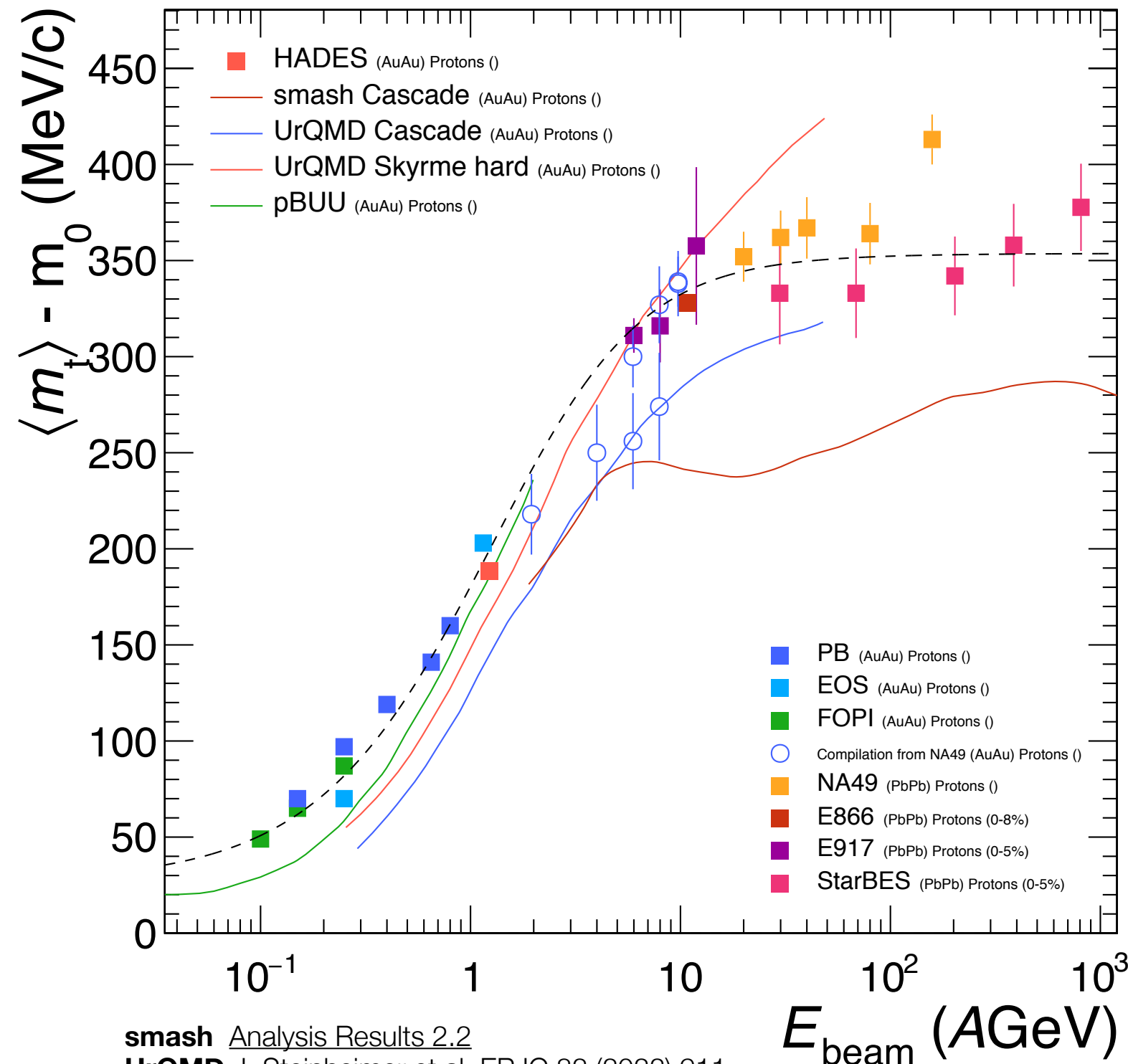
Comparison with flow coefficients from the full data set





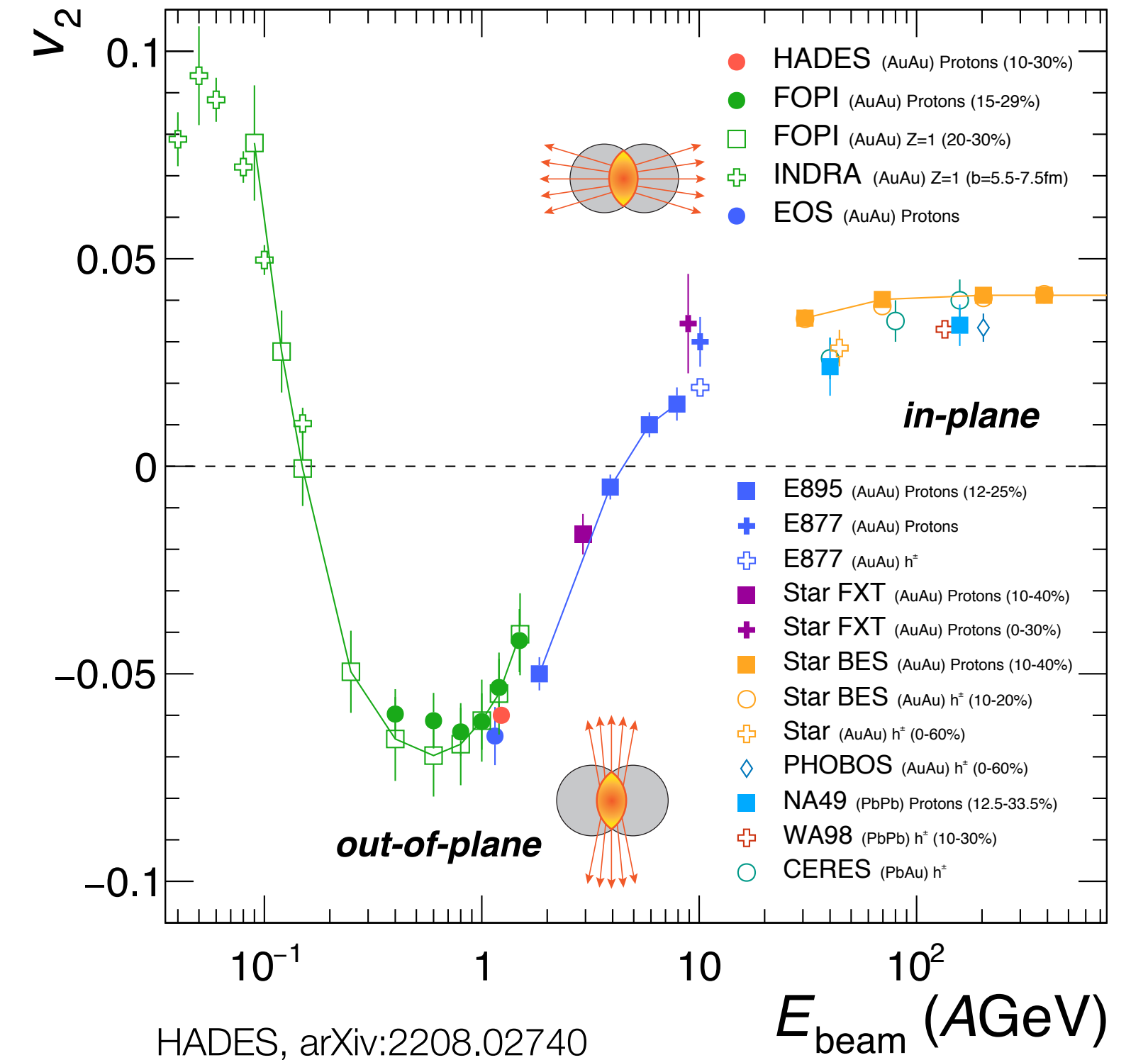
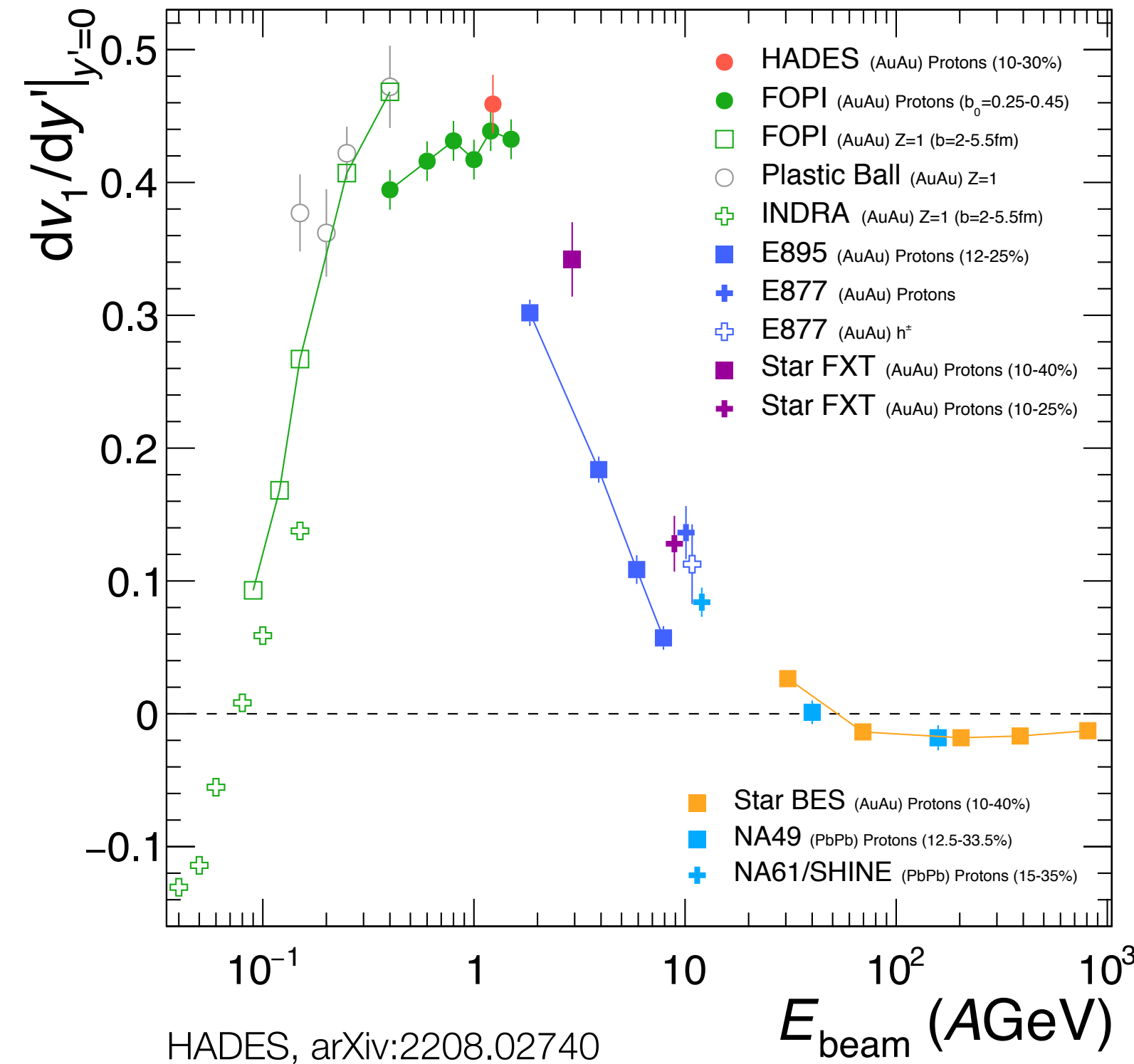
# Collective Effects

## Energy-Dependence



### Compilation of world data

Good agreement of mean transverse mass  $\langle m_t \rangle - m_0$ , integrated directed flow  $dv_1/dy$  and elliptic flow  $v_2$



### Out-of-Plane $v_2$

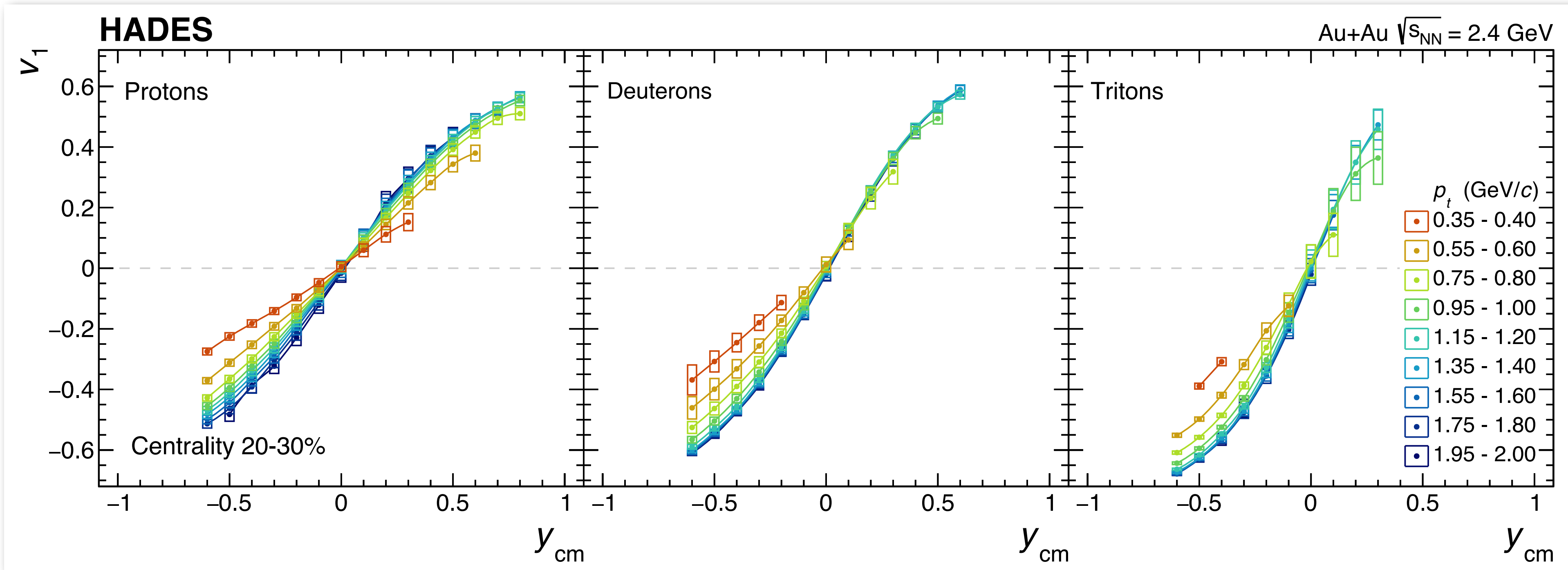
Long spectator passing time at HADES energy

$\tau_{\text{passing}} \approx \tau_{\text{expansion}} \implies$  “squeeze-out”



# Collective Effects

Results on  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  for Protons, Deuterons and Tritons

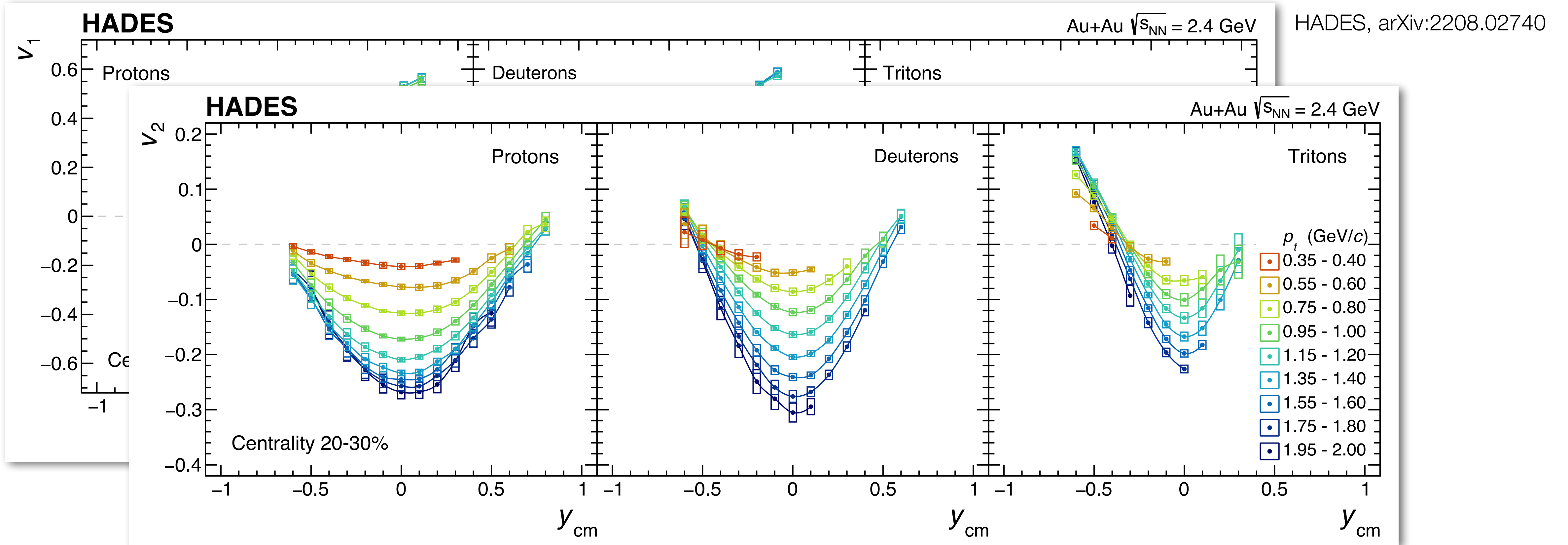


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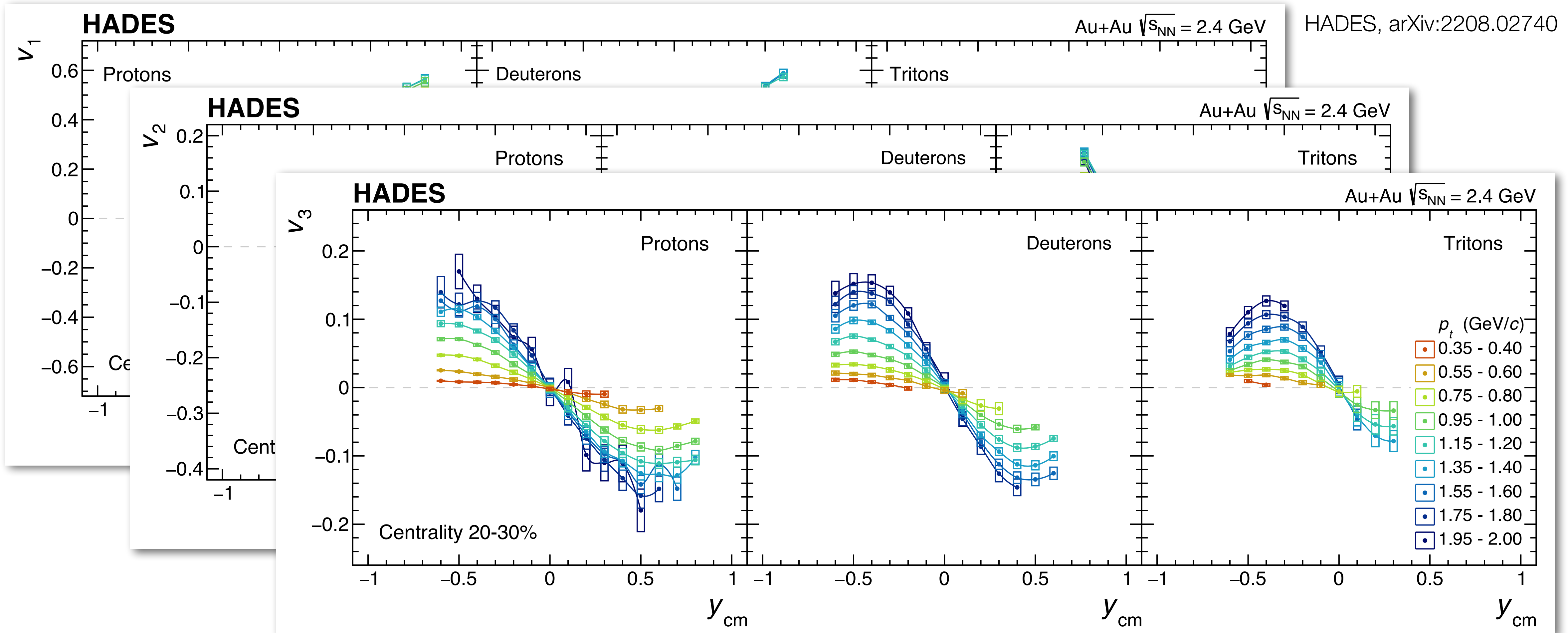
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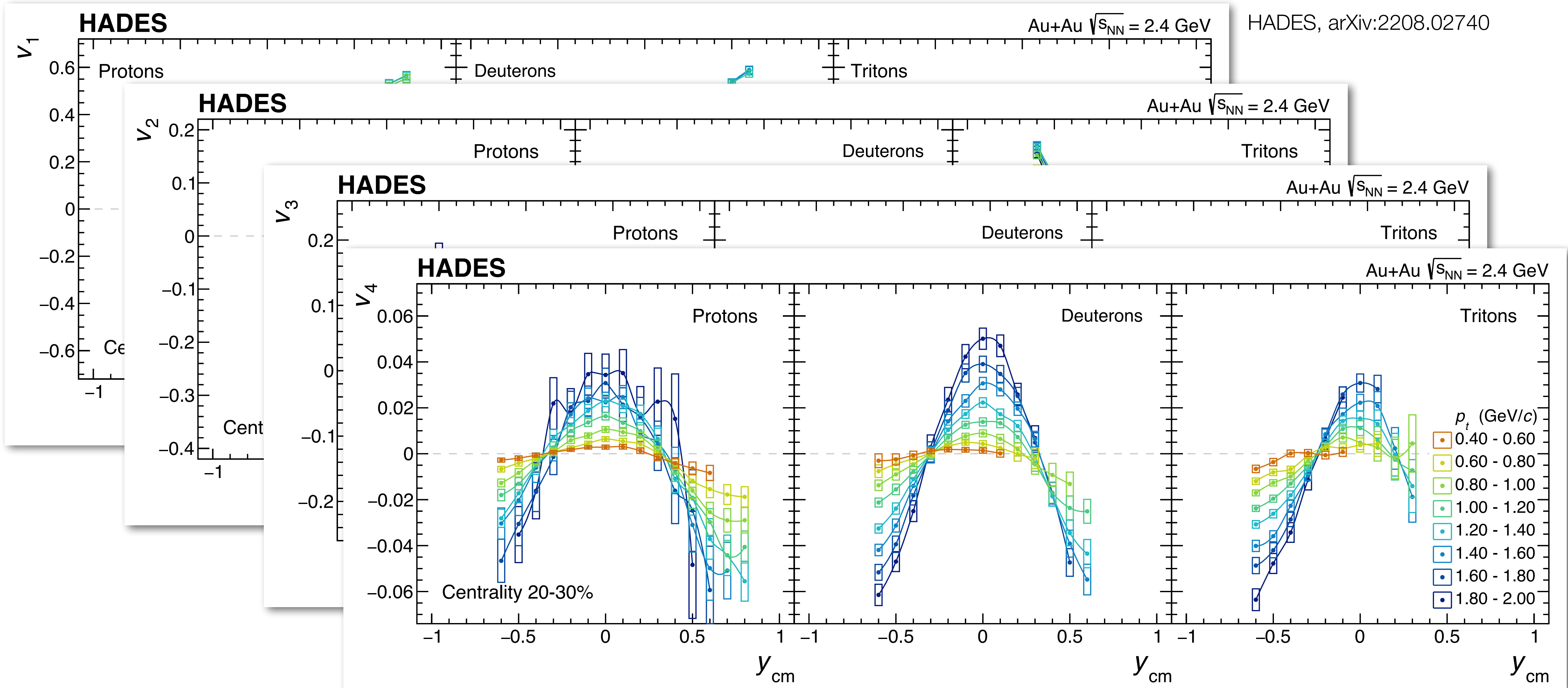
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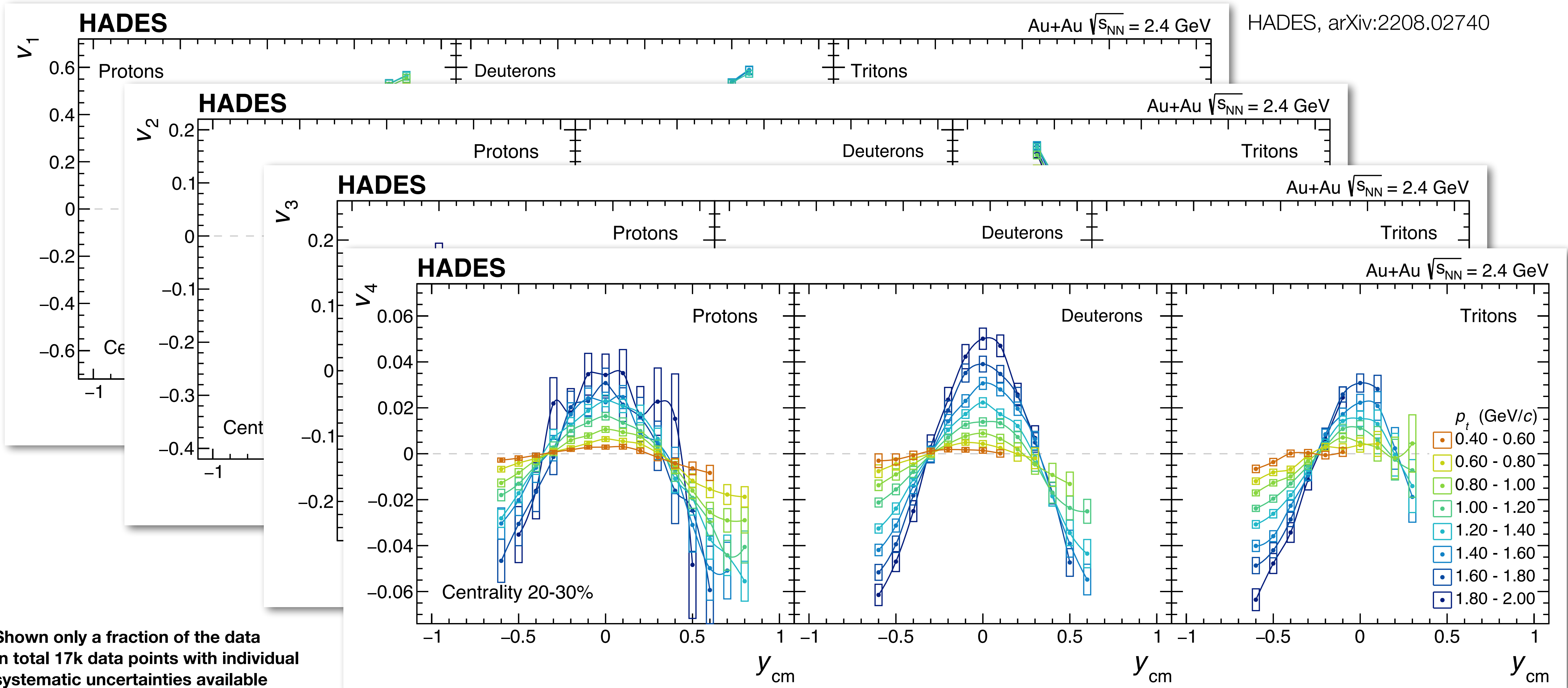
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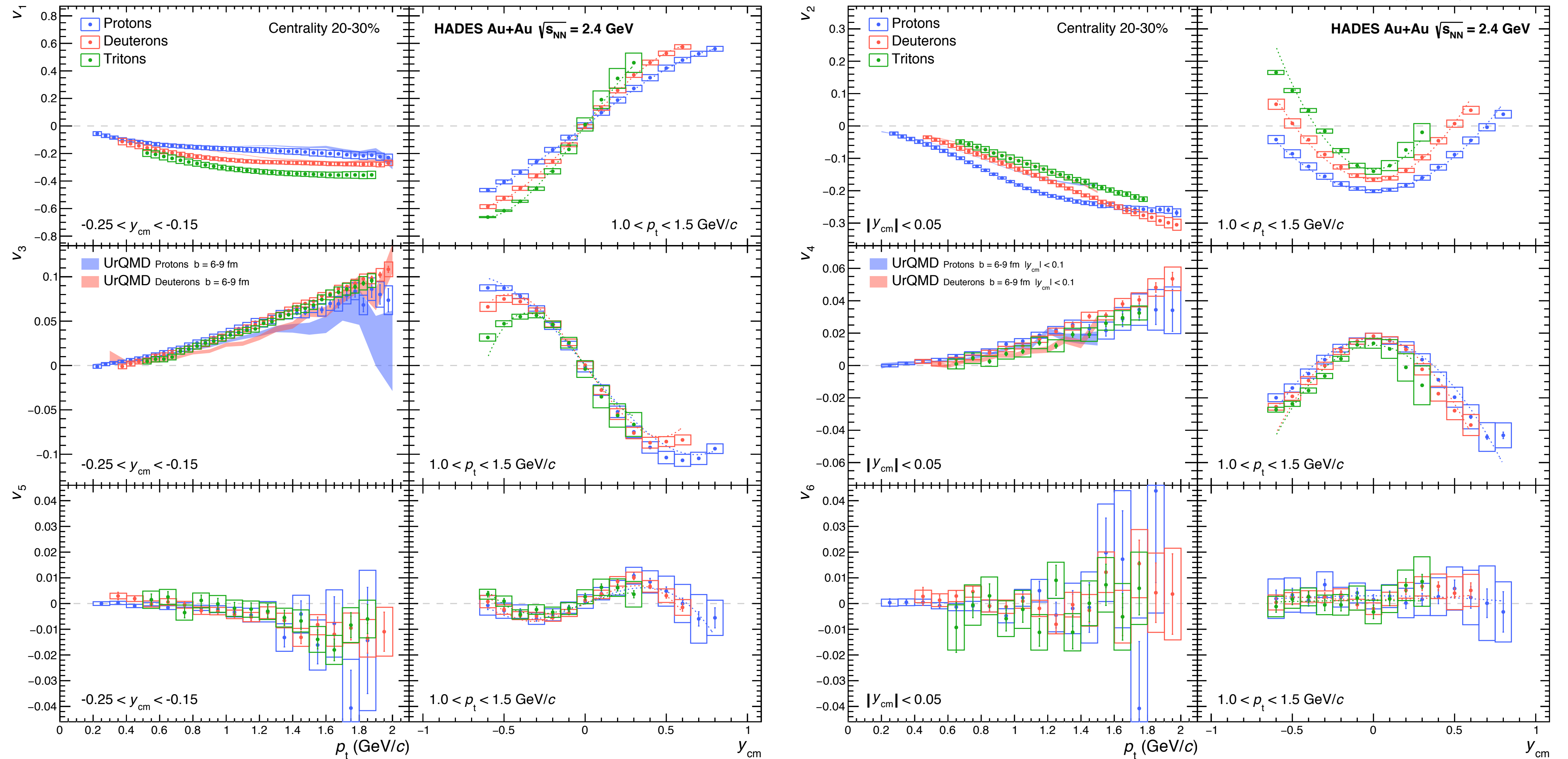
Shown only a fraction of the data  
In total 17k data points with individual  
systematic uncertainties available



# Collective Effects

## Results on $v_1 - v_6$ for Protons, Deuterons and Tritons

HADES, Phys. Rev. Lett. **125** (2020) 262301



# Emission Pattern

## Protons

Allows to reconstruct a full 3D-picture of the emission pattern in momentum space

Shape determined by flow coefficients

$v_1 - v_6$

Complex evolution of shape as function of rapidity

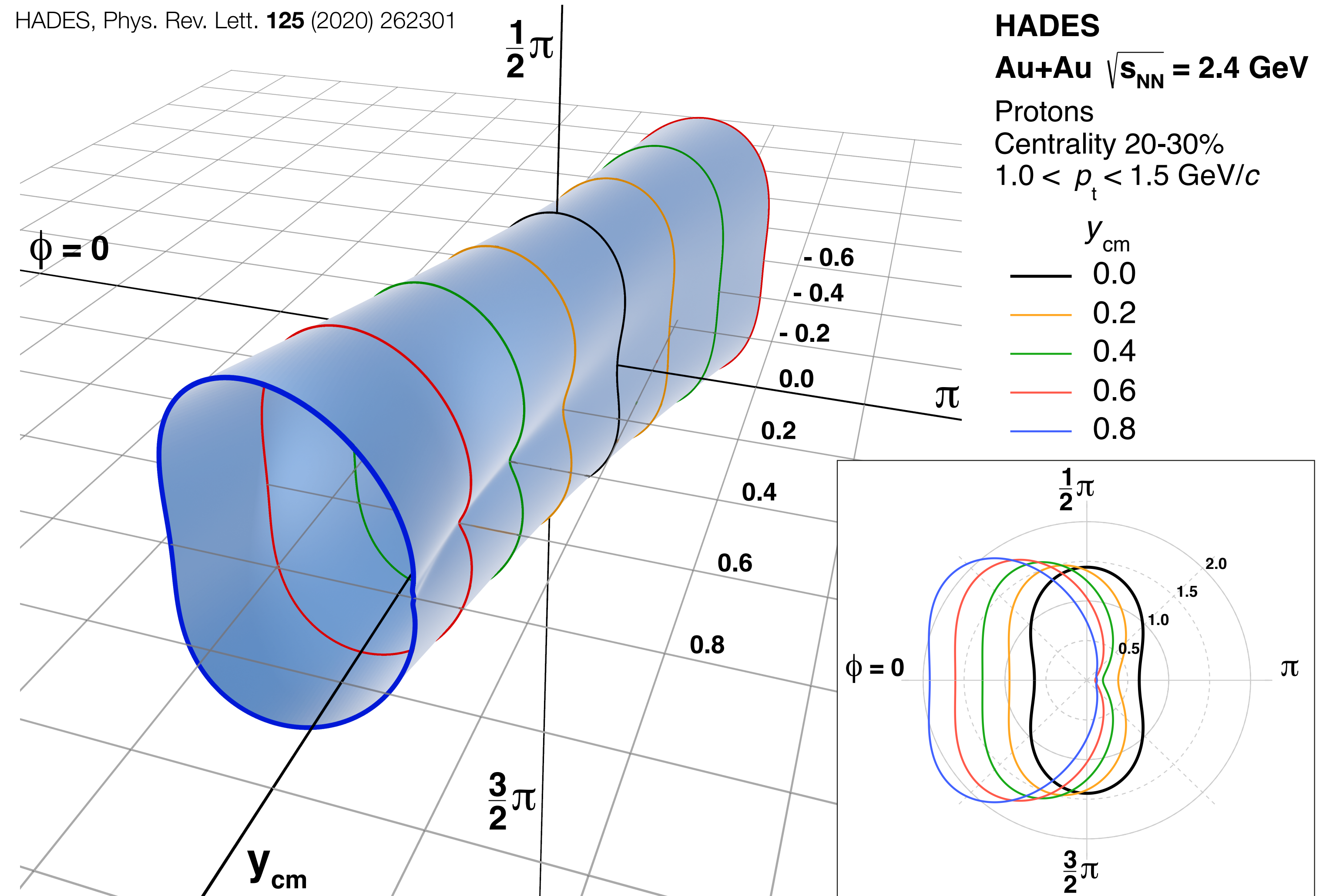
$$1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(y_{cm}) \cos n(\phi - \psi_{RP})$$

$$v_{1,3,5}(y_{cm}) = a y_{cm} + b y_{cm}^3$$

$$v_{2,4,6}(y_{cm}) = c + d y_{cm}^2$$

First Proposed in S. Voloshin and Y. Zhang  
Z.Phys. C70 (1996) 665-672

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# “Ideal fluid scaling”

Relation between  $v_2$  and  $v_4$

## Scaling properties

Prediction for ideal fluid:

$$v_4(p_t)/v_2^2(p_t) = 1/2$$

Slightly higher values ( $\sim 0.6$ )  
expected in more realistic scenario

## Observed ratios for p, d and t

Independent of  $p_t$  and centrality  
Close to predicted value of  $\sim 0.6$

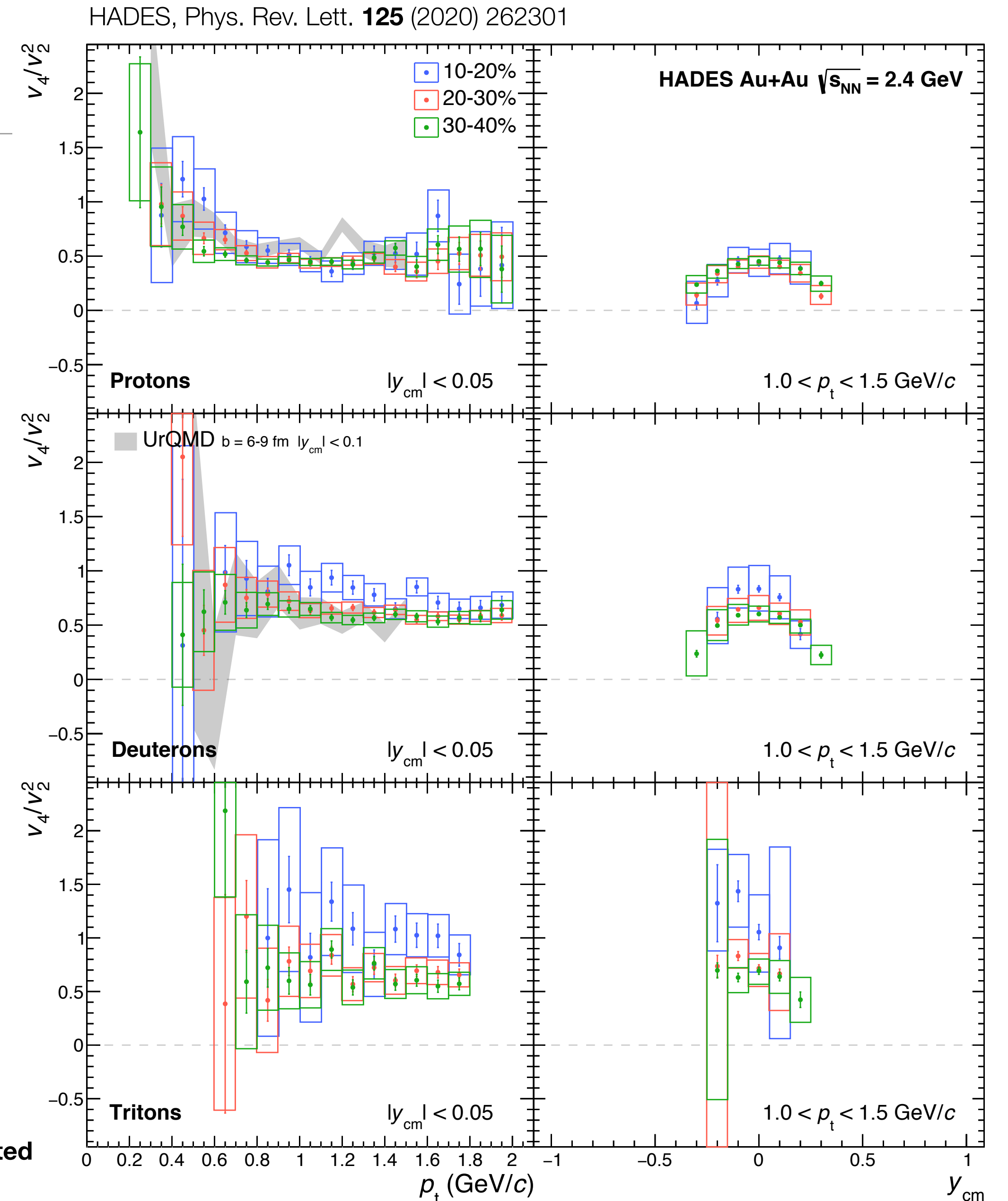
Confirmed by transport models

*Hydro-like matter at SIS energies?*

P.F. Kolb, PRC **67** (2003) 031902  
N. Borghini and J.-Y. Ollitrault, PLB **642** (2006) 227  
C. Gombeaud and J.-Y. Ollitrault, PRC **81** (2010) 014901

J. Wang et al., PRC **90** (2014) 054601 **IQMD**  
P. Hillmann et al., J.Phys. G **47** (2020) 5, 055101 **UrQMD**  
Justin Mohs et al., PRC **105** (2022) 034906 **SMASH**

Systematic Error of  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  are treated as correlated



# Nucleon Coalescence

## Scaling Properties of $v_2$ at Mid-Rapidity

Scaling of  $v_2$  and  $p_t$  with nuclear mass number  $A$  (including higher terms)

Works as expected in simple coalescence picture for the dominant flow coefficient

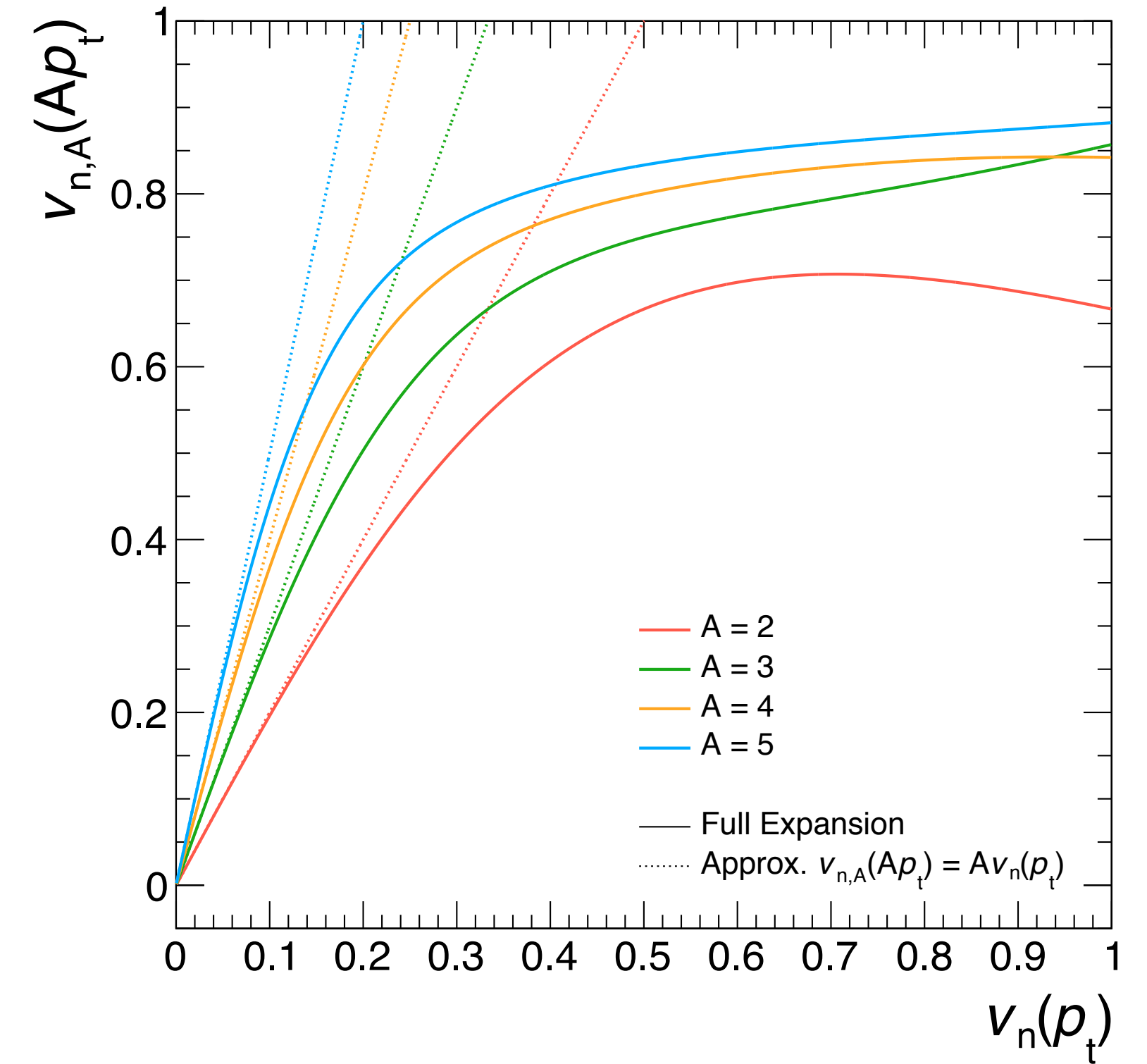
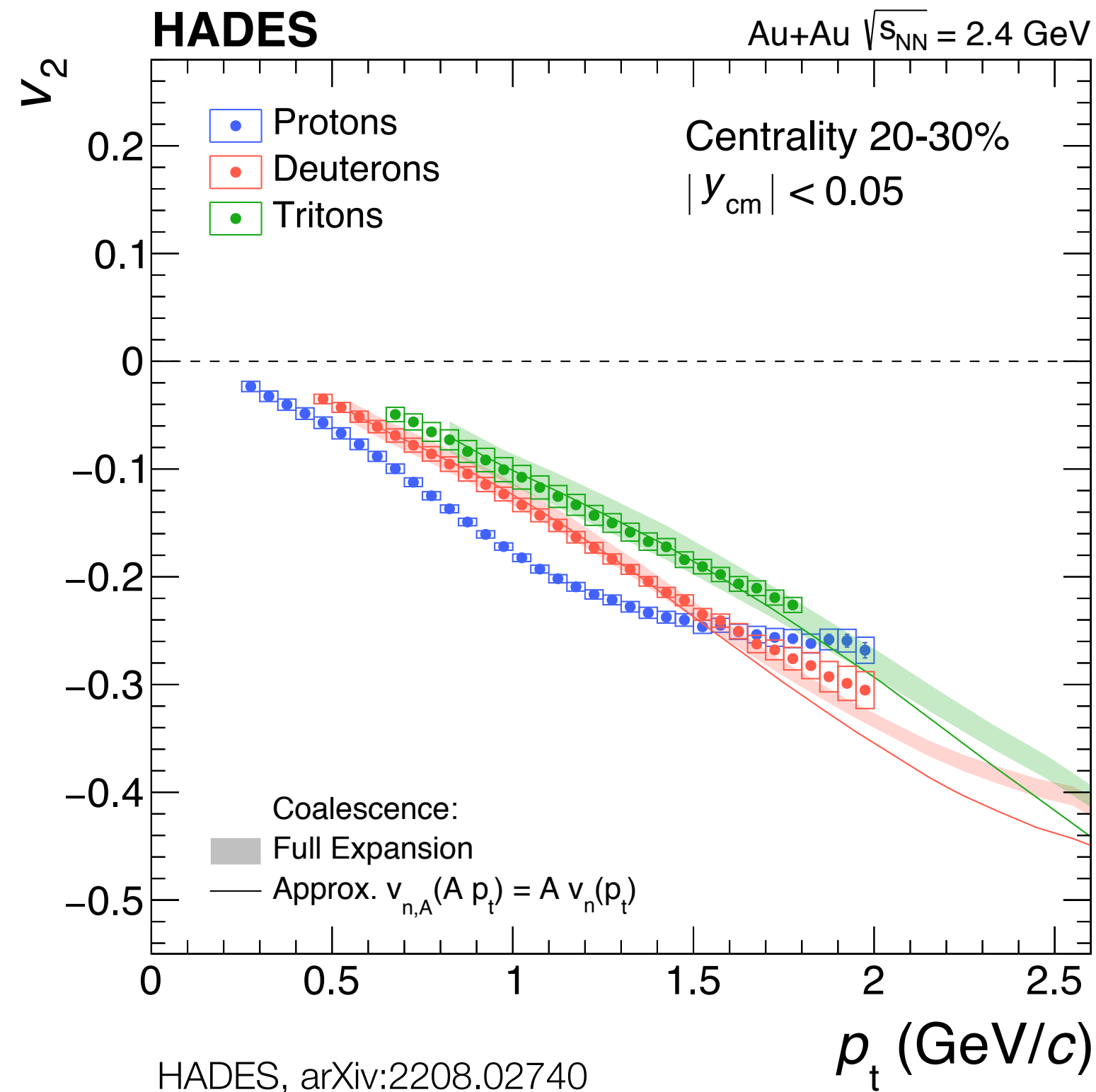
Only at mid-rapidity: odd flow coefficients vanish and  $v_4$  contribution is negligible

Approximation for small  $v_n$

$$v_{n,A}(A p_t) = A v_n(p_t)$$

$$v_{n,A=2}(A p_t) = 2 v_n(p_t) \frac{1}{1 + 2 v_n^2(p_t)}$$

$$v_{n,A=3}(A p_t) = 3 v_n(p_t) \frac{1 + v_n^2(p_t)}{1 + 6 v_n^2(p_t)}$$



D. Molnar and S.A. Voloshin PRL **91** (2003) 092301  
P.F. Kolb et al., PRC **69** (2004) 051901



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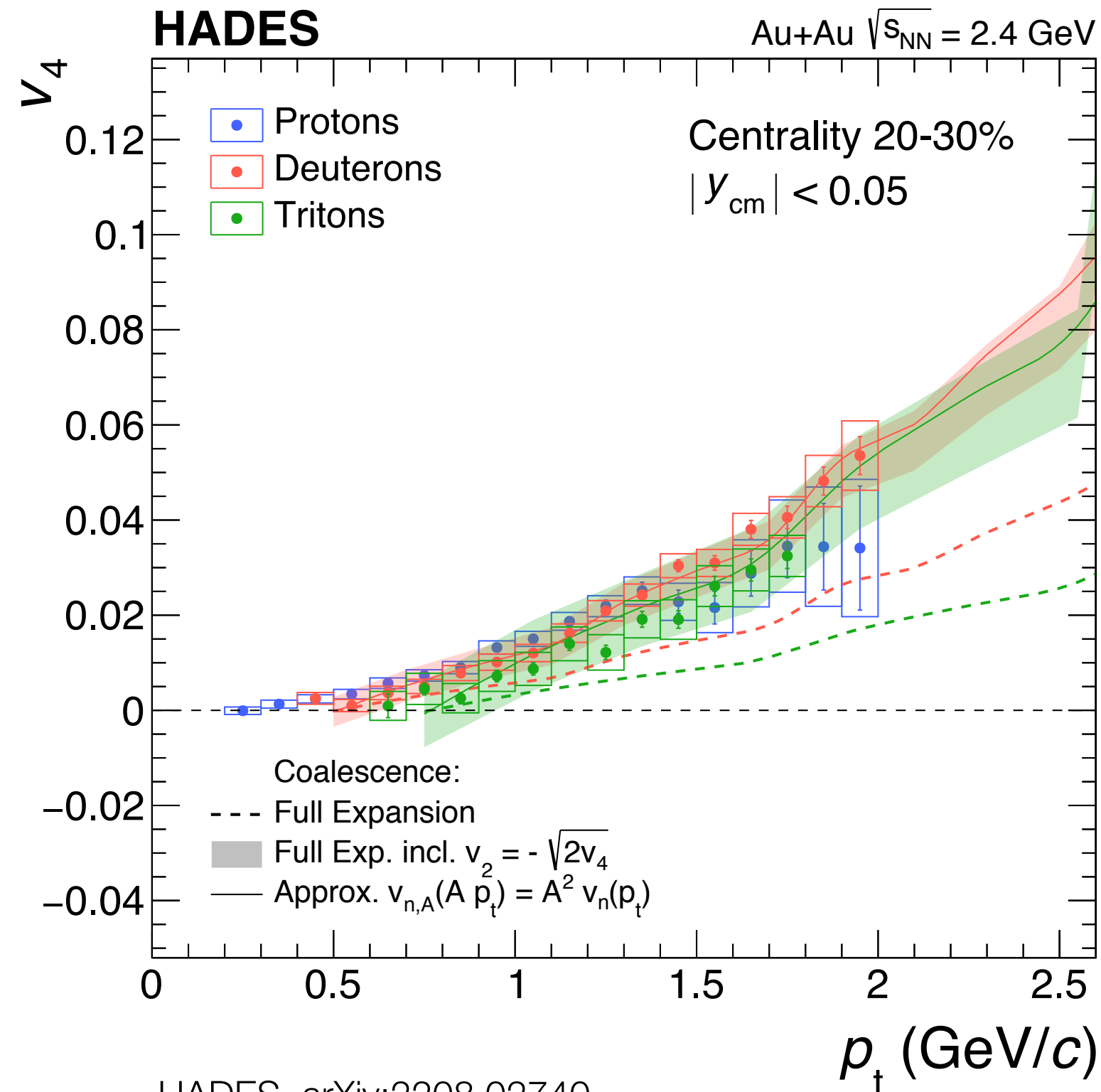
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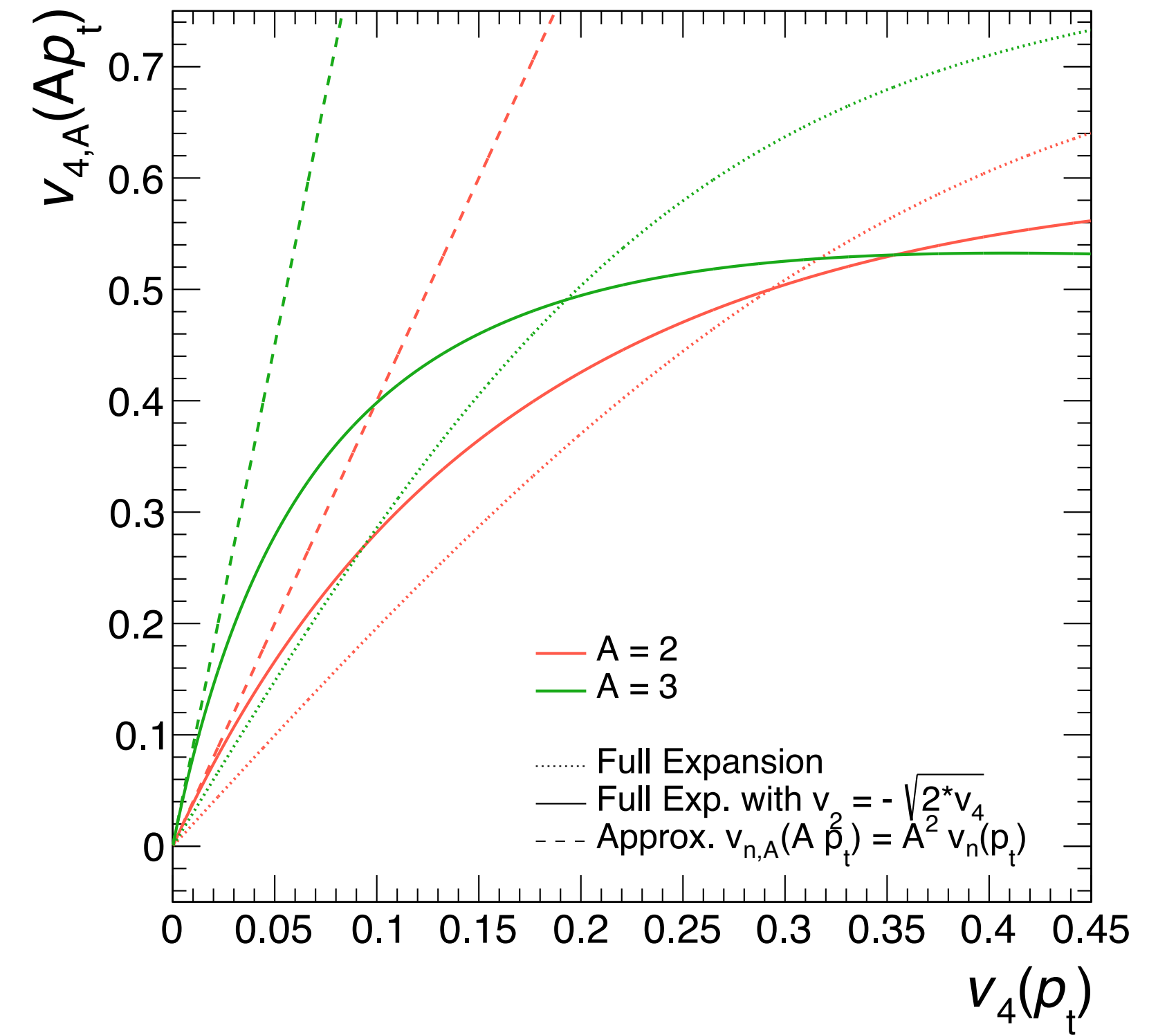
Works as expected in simple coalescence picture if contribution of dominant flow coefficient is included

Approximation for small  $v_4$  with  $v_2$  contribution:

$$v_{n,A}(A p_t) = A^2 v_n(p_t)$$



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$$v_{4,A=2}(A p_t) = 4 v_4(p_t) \frac{1}{1 + 4 v_4(p_t) + 2 v_4^2(p_t)}$$

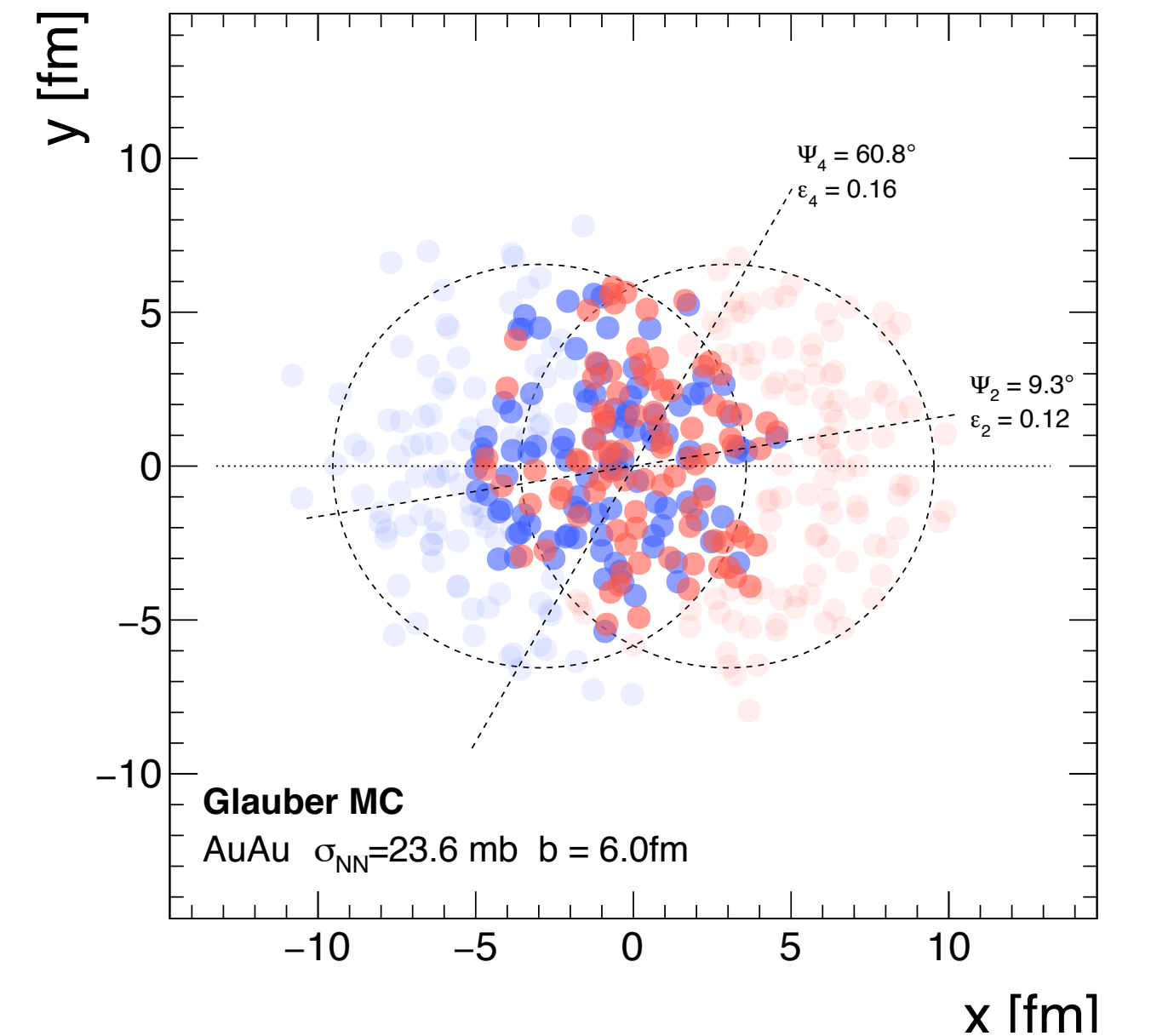
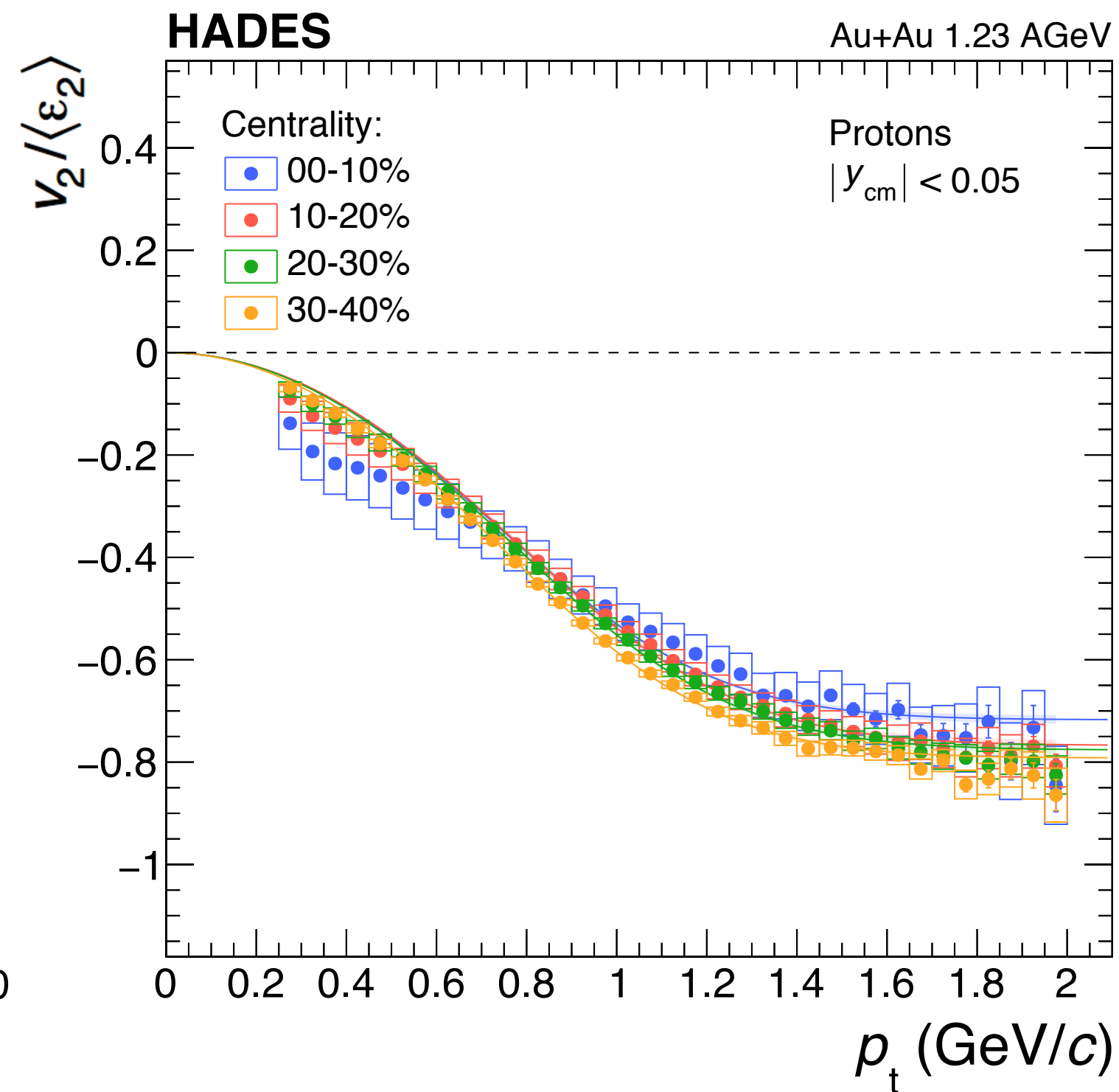
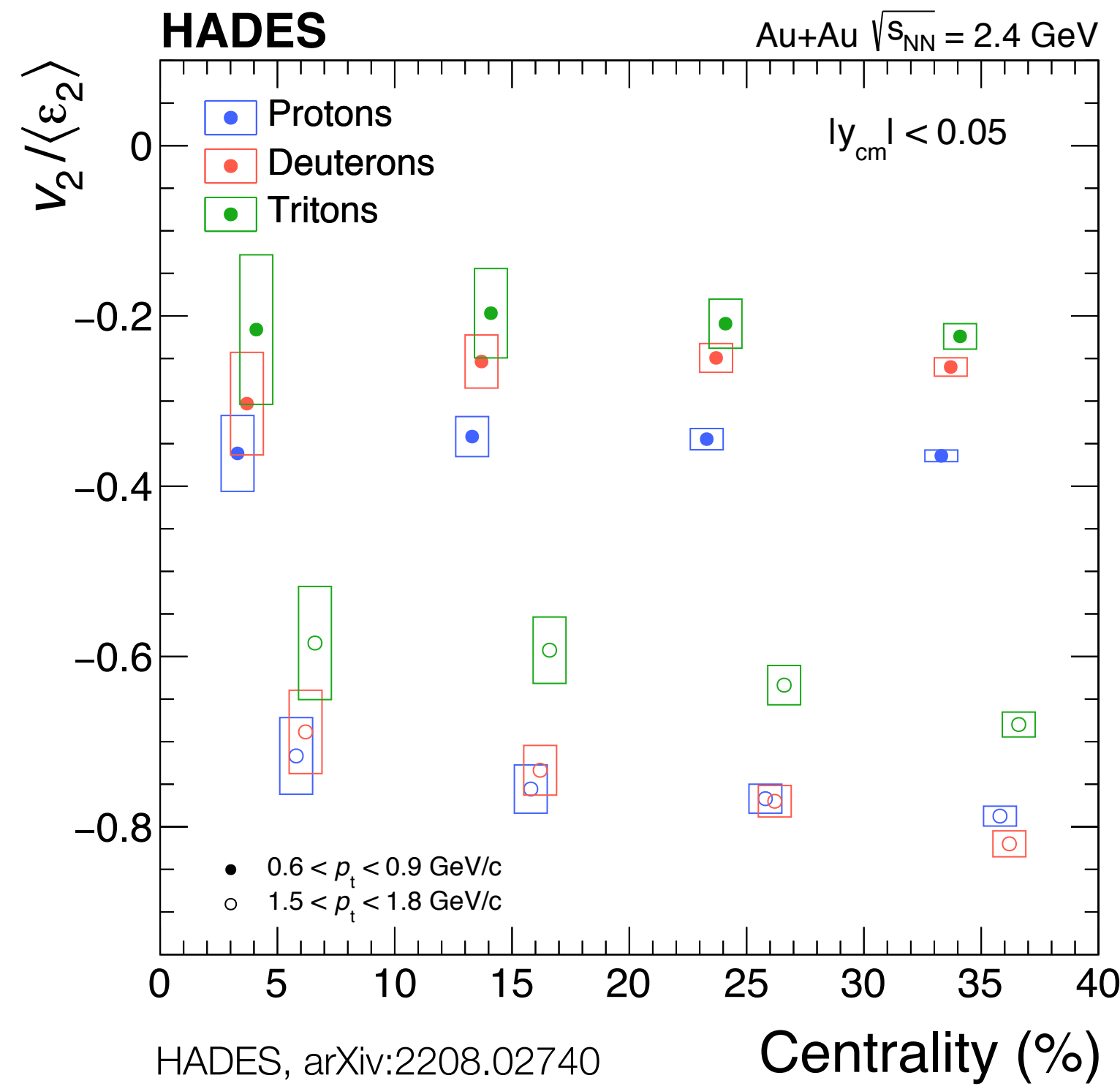
$$v_{4,A=3}(A p_t) = 9 v_4(p_t) \frac{1}{1 + 12 v_4(p_t) + 6 v_4^2(p_t)}$$

assuming:  $v_4(p_t)/v_2^2(p_t) = 1/2$

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# Geometry Scaling

## Elliptic Flow $v_2$



$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\sqrt{\langle r^n \cos(n\phi) \rangle^2 + \langle r^n \sin(n\phi) \rangle^2}}{\langle r^n \rangle}$$

### Scaling with initial eccentricities

Calculated for overlap zone with Glauber MC

$v_2 / \langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$  almost independent of centrality and  $p_t$

### Orientation of symmetry-planes

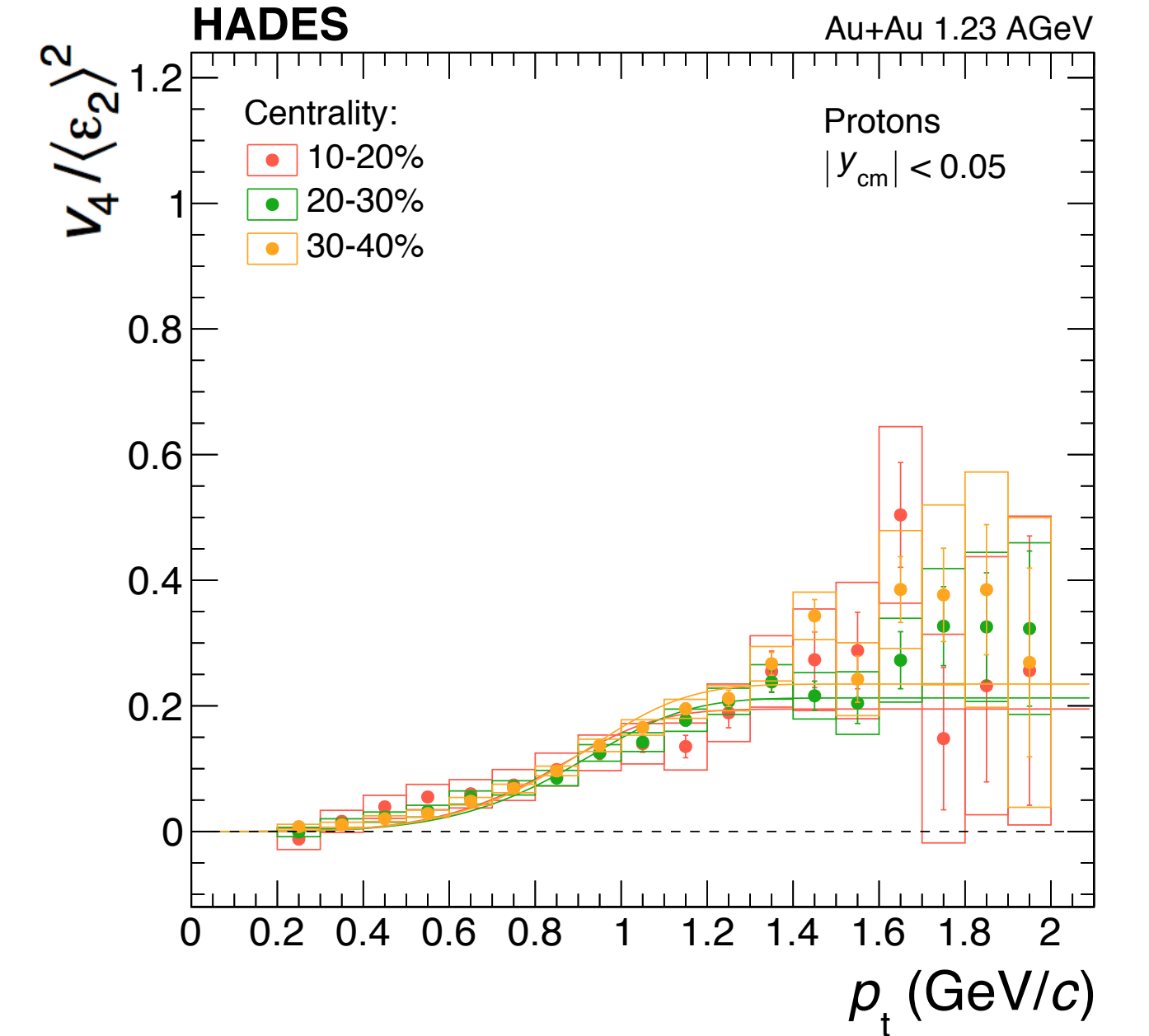
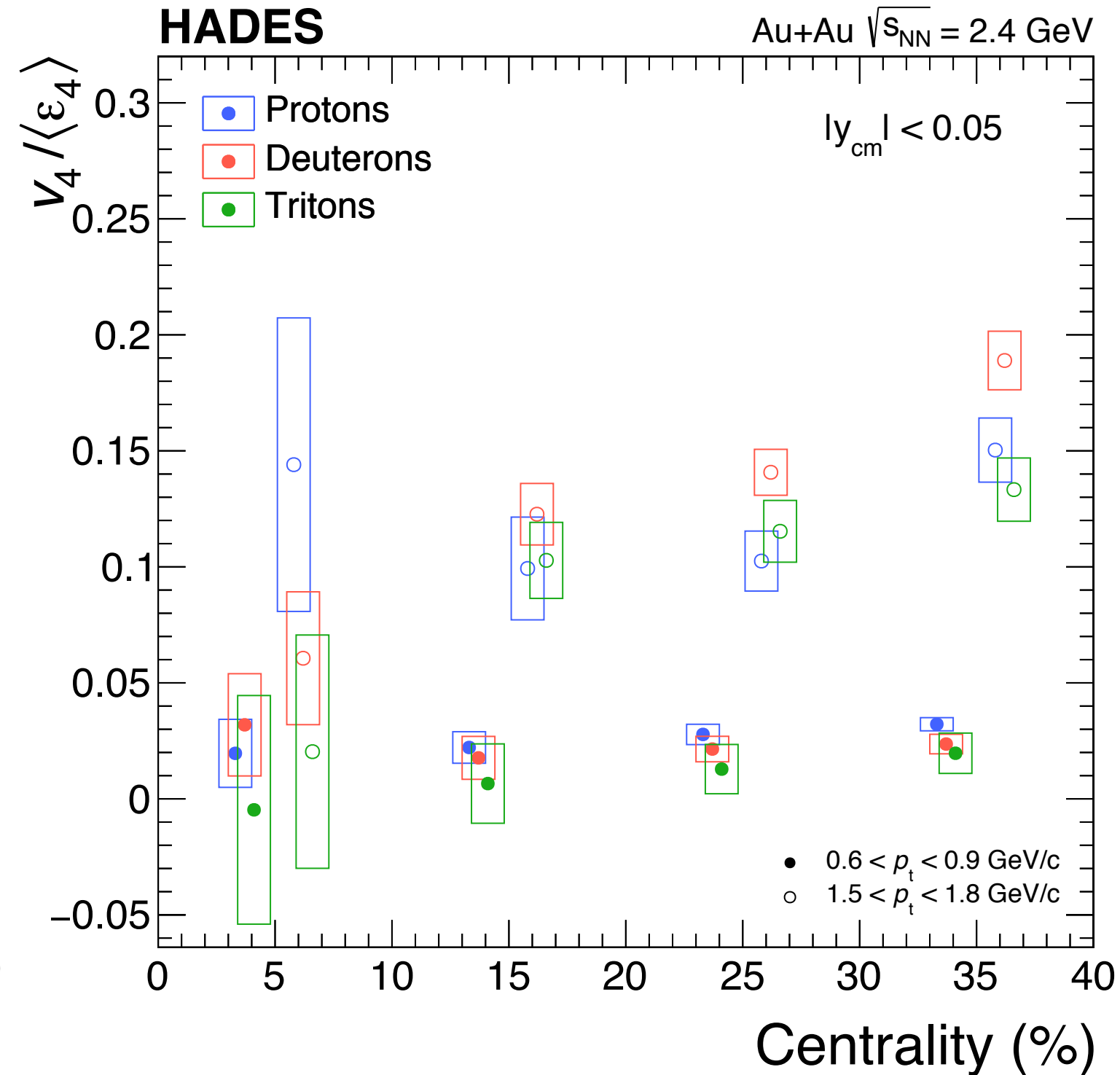
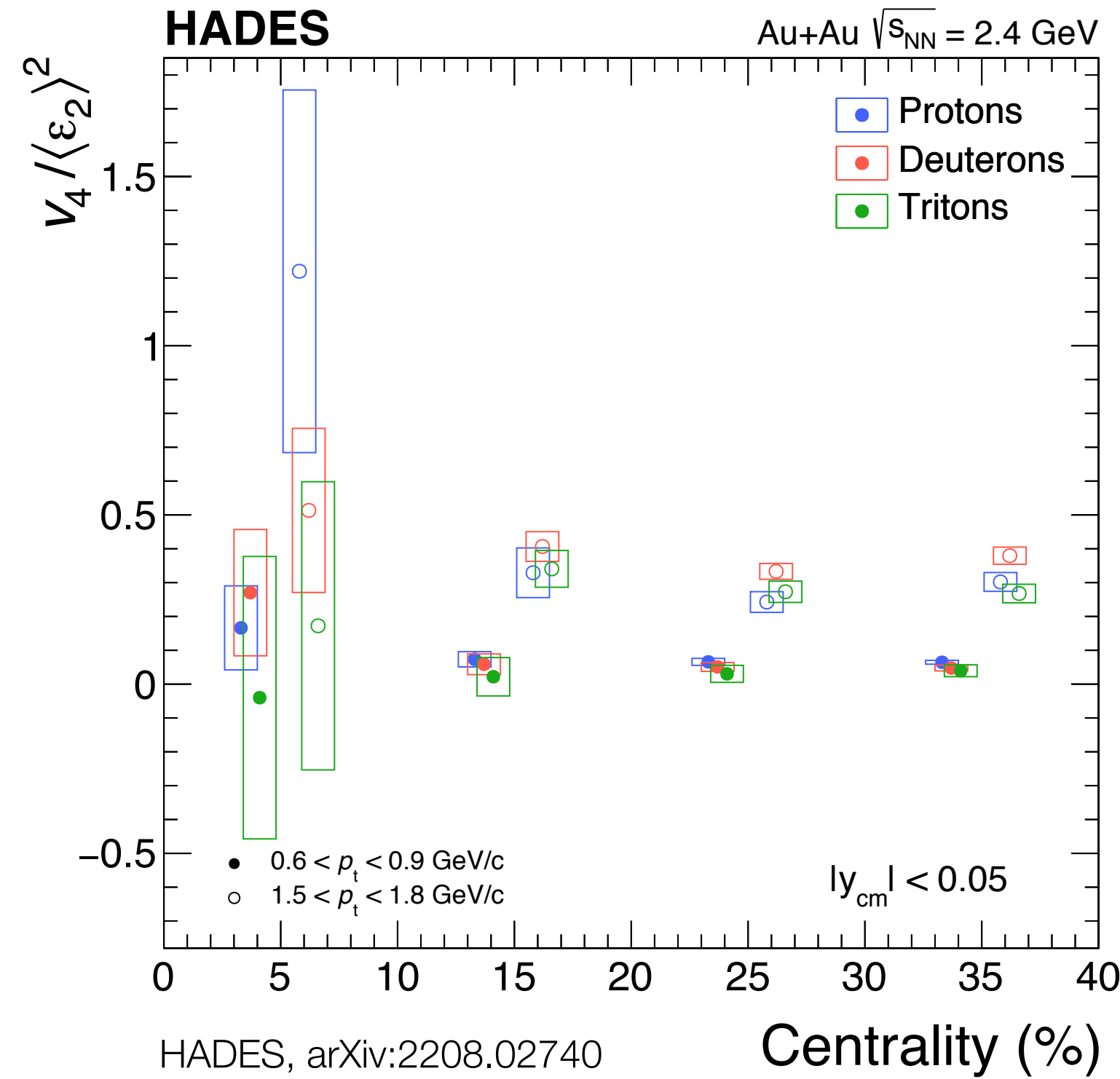
Negative  $v_2 / \langle \epsilon_2 \rangle$  values

$\Rightarrow v_2$  Flow- and  $\epsilon_2$  eccentricity-plane are perpendicular



# Geometry Scaling

## Quadrangular Flow $v_4$



## Scaling with initial eccentricities

Calculated for overlap zone with Glauber MC

$v_4 / \langle \epsilon_2 \rangle^2$  almost independent of centrality and  $p_t$  ( $v_4 / \langle \epsilon_4 \rangle$  is not)

$\implies$  Fixed relation between  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  (different to high energies)

# Model Comparisons to Proton Data

HADES, arXiv:2208.02740

## Determination of EOS

New level of precision

Additional information from higher orders

## Models:

JAM 1.9 NS3 (hard EOS, mom.-indep.)

JAM 1.9 MD1 (hard EOS, mom.-dep.)

JAM 1.9 MD4 (soft EOS, mom.dep.)

UrQMD 3.4 (hard EOS, mom.-indep.)

GiBUU Skyrme 12 (soft EOS)

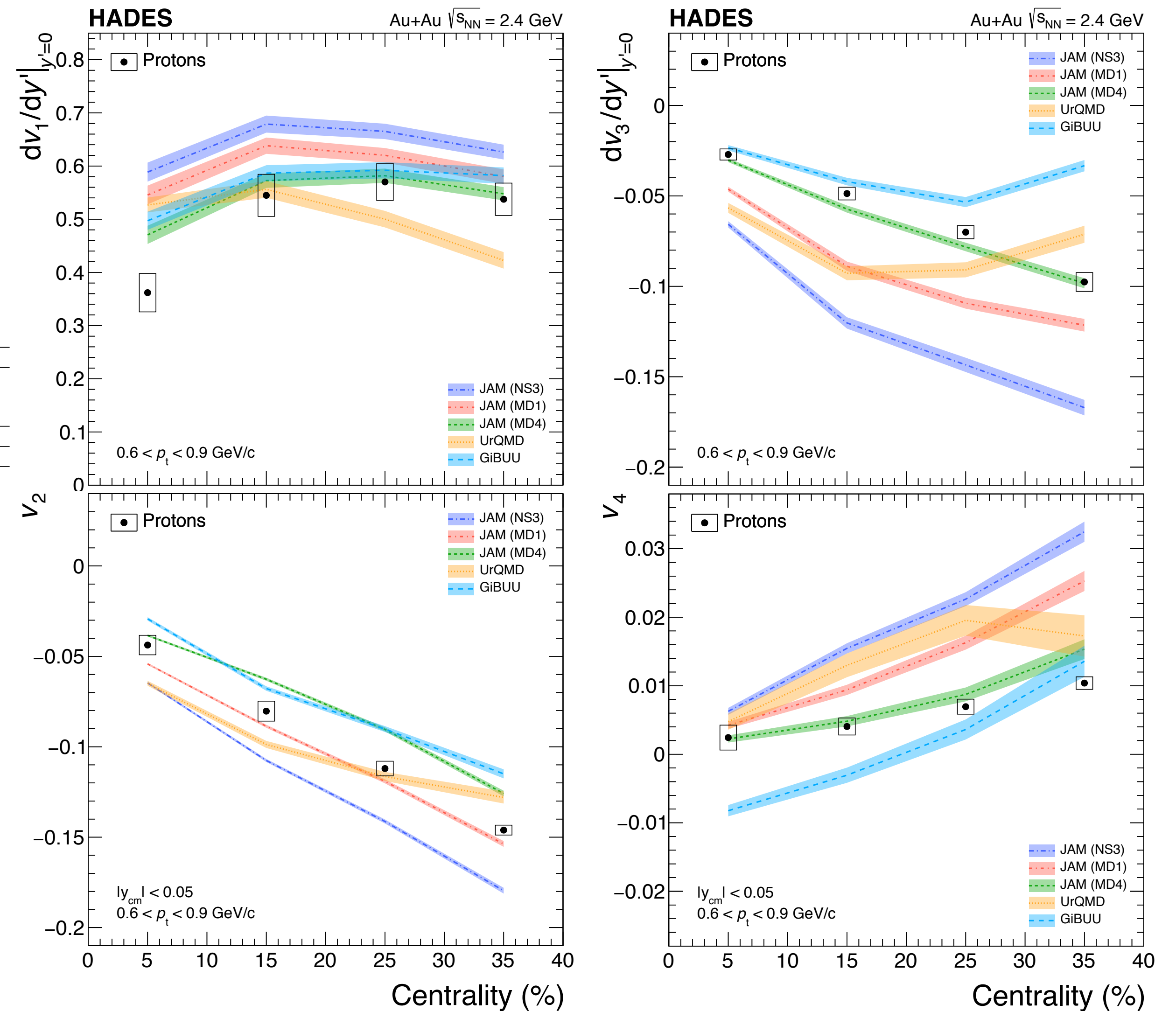
Model	EOS	$K$ (MeV)	$m^*/m$	mom-dep.
JAM 1.90591	NS1	380	0.83	no
	MD1	380	0.65	yes
	MD4	210	0.83	yes
UrQMD 3.4	Hard	380		no
GiBUU 2019 (patch7)	Skyrme 12	240	0.75	no

## Conclusions

Overall trend reasonably described,  
but no model works everywhere

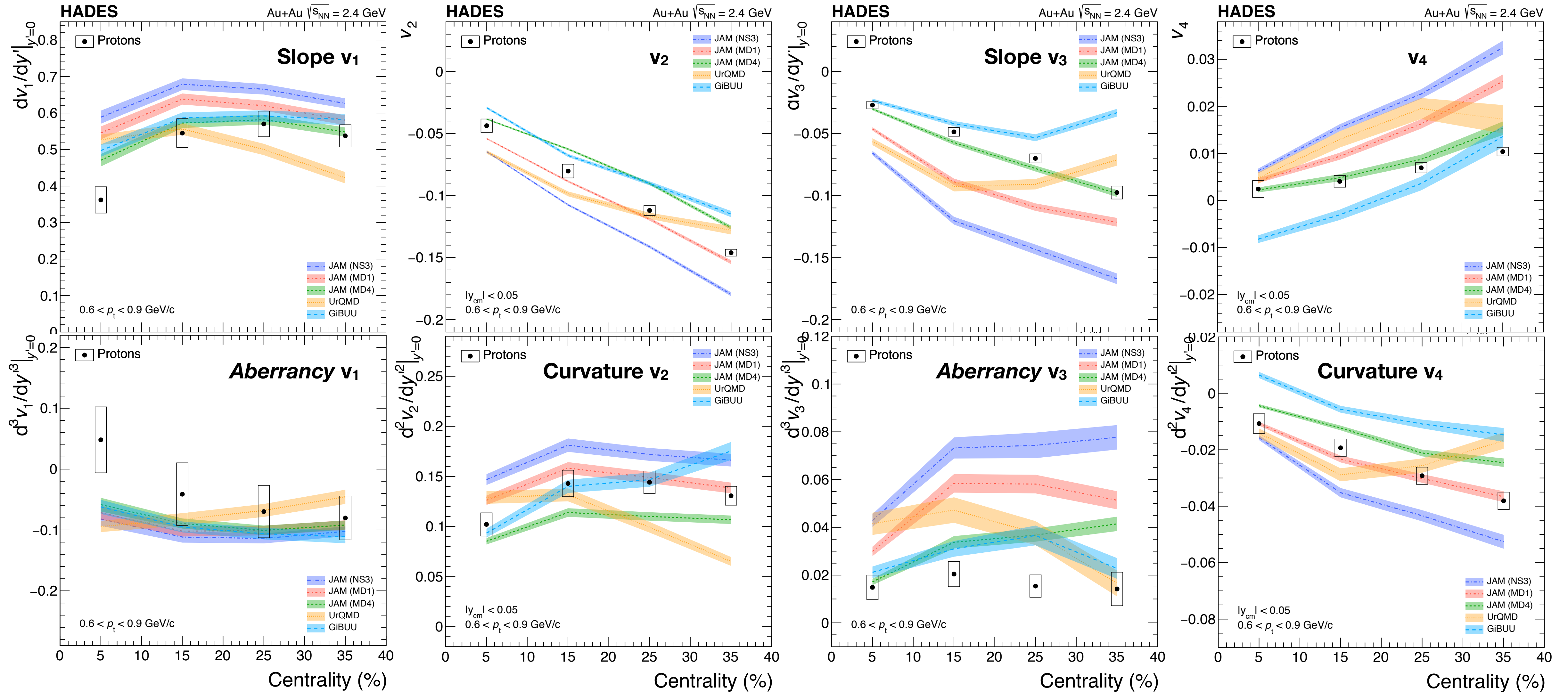
Several systematic deviations

Unified description of cluster production missing





# Model Comparisons to Proton Data



\* **Aberrancy:** the third derivative of a curve

# Conclusions and Outlook

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## Scaling properties of Flow Coefficients

Relation between  $v_2$  and  $v_4$

*Hydro-like matter at SIS energies?*

Scaling of  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  according simple “nucleon coalescence” via momentum addition

Scaling with Initial Eccentricities reveals fixed relation between  $v_2$  and  $v_4$

## Model Comparison

New level of precision - multi-differential

Additional information from higher orders

Consistent modelling of cluster formation is essential

## Next Steps towards EOS

Detailed comparisons and sensitivity to model parameter space  $\implies$  Bayesian analysis

## System-Size and Energy-dependence

Ag+Ag Beam data

at 1.23 and 1.58 AGeV (2019)

SIS Beam Energy Scan

Au+Au 0.2, 0.4, 0.6 and 0.8 AGeV is planned





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Thank you for your attention!