



## References

FOPI publications on reaction plane related flow

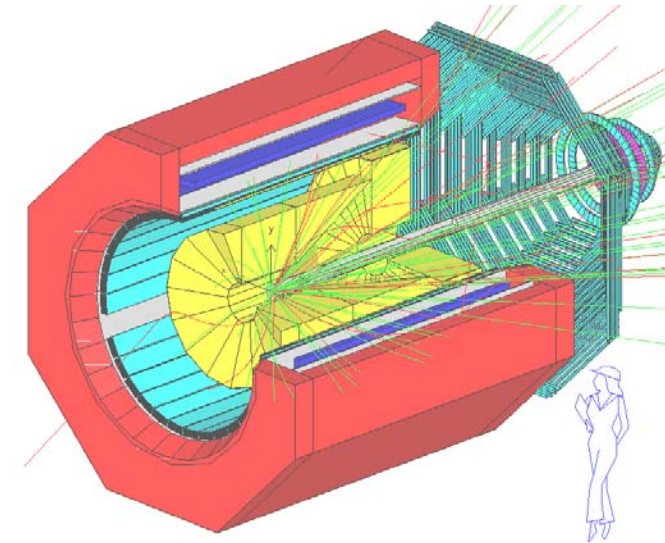
## Technicalities

Reaction plane estimation

Fourier expansion of azimuthal distributions

Flow determination without reaction plane

Quadrant method



## Selected results

EOS from IQMD comparison

Charged kaon flow

## Conclusions

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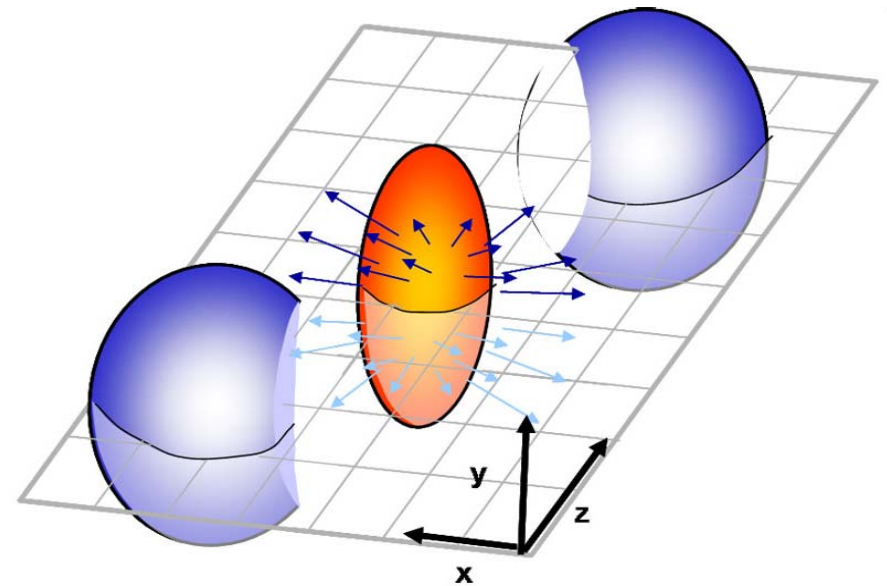
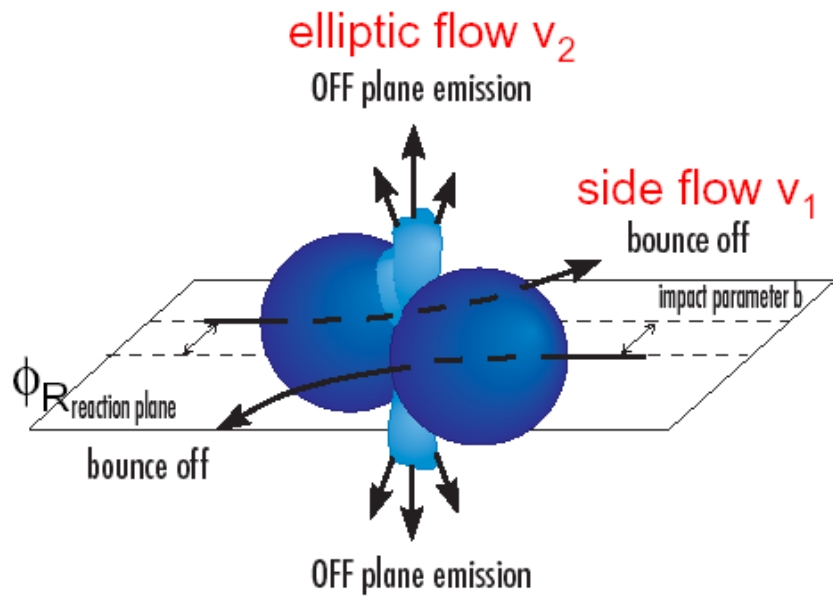
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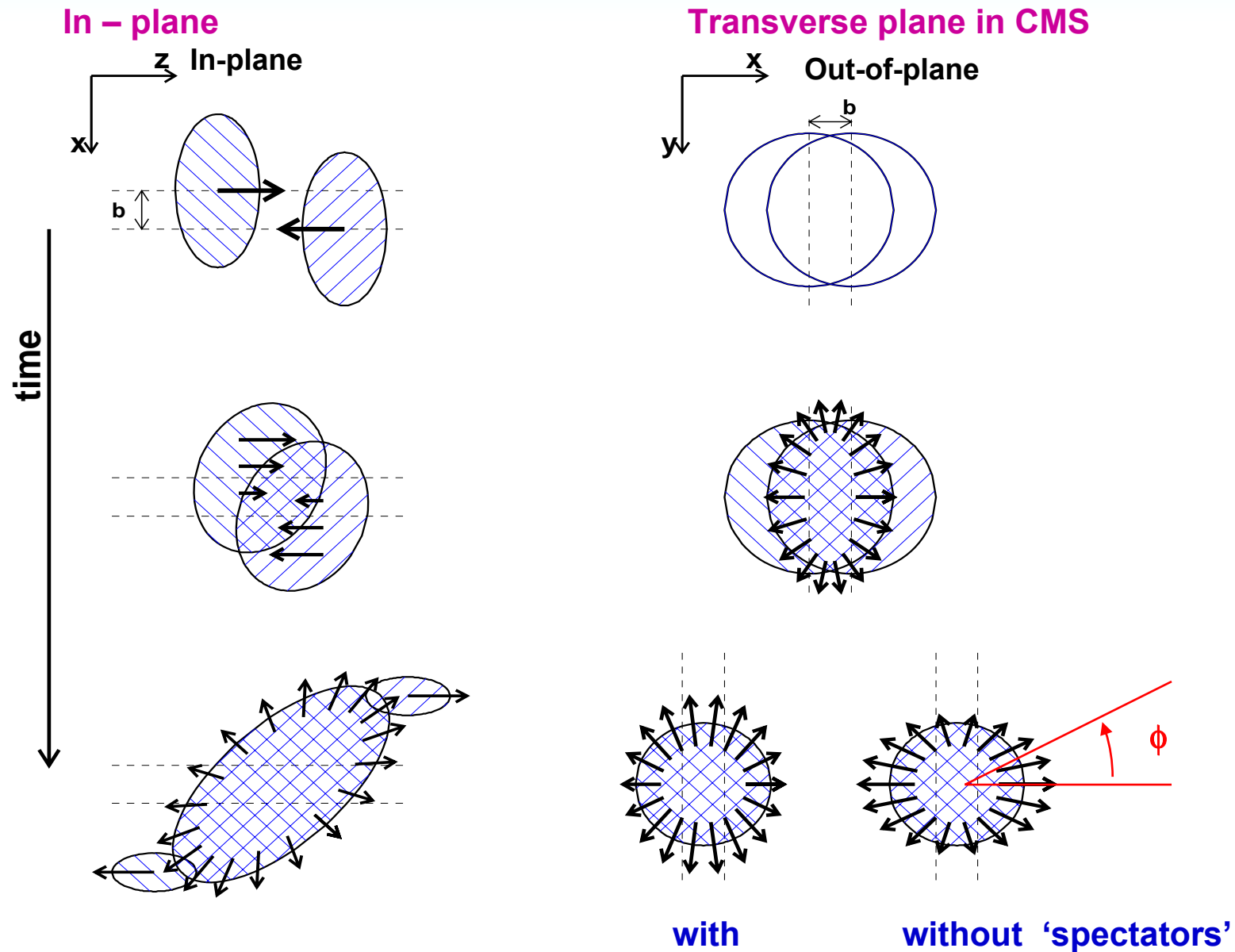


# Collective flow





# Collective Flow

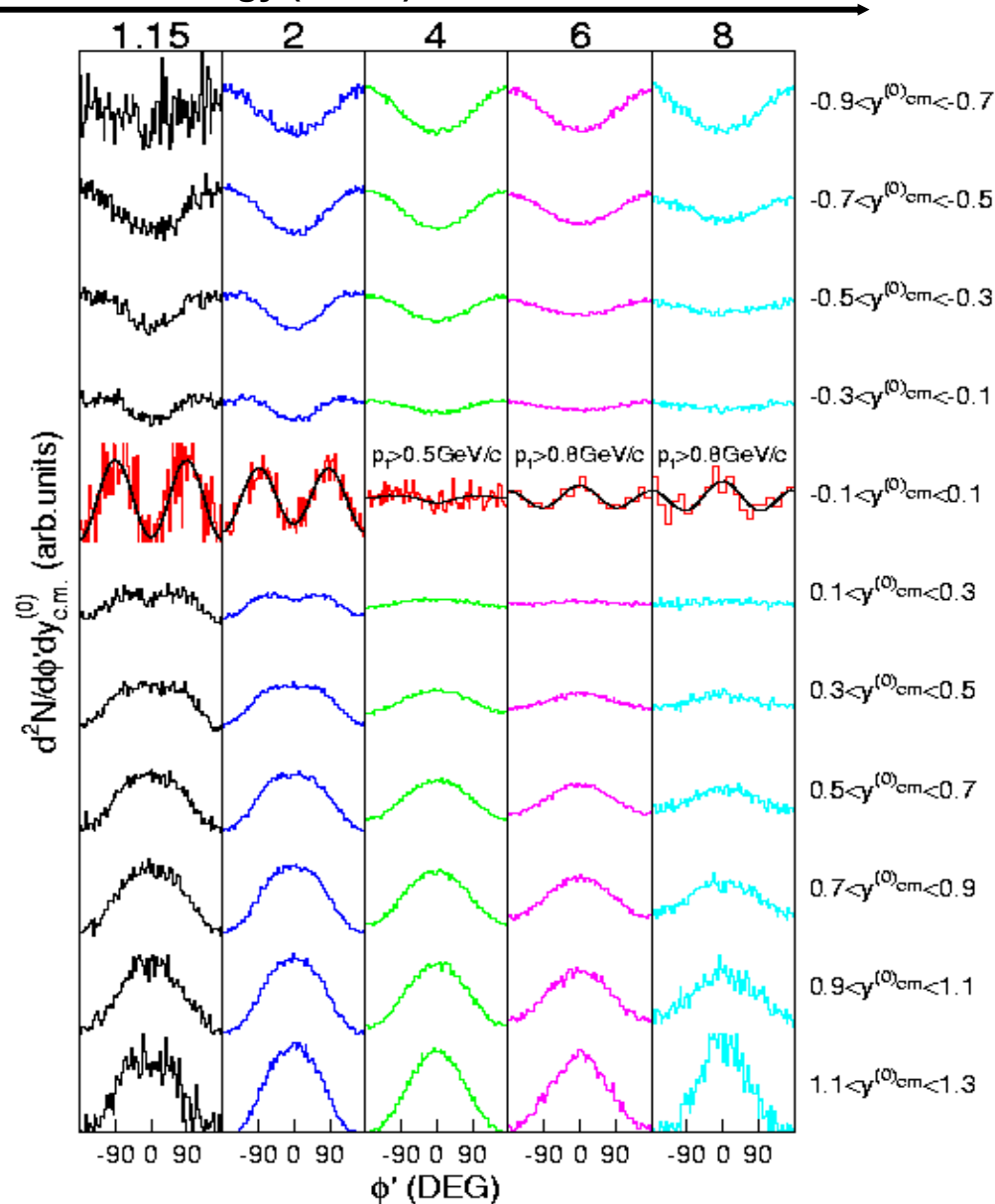


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# Azimuthal distributions

Incident energy (AGeV)



## Azimuthal Distributions with respect to reaction plane

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Phys.Rev.Lett. 83 (1999) 1295  
*nucl-ex/9903010*

Reaction: Au + Au

Centrality:  $0.5 < \text{Mul} < 0.75 \text{Mul}_{\text{max}}$   
( $5 \text{ fm} < b < 7 \text{ fm}$ )

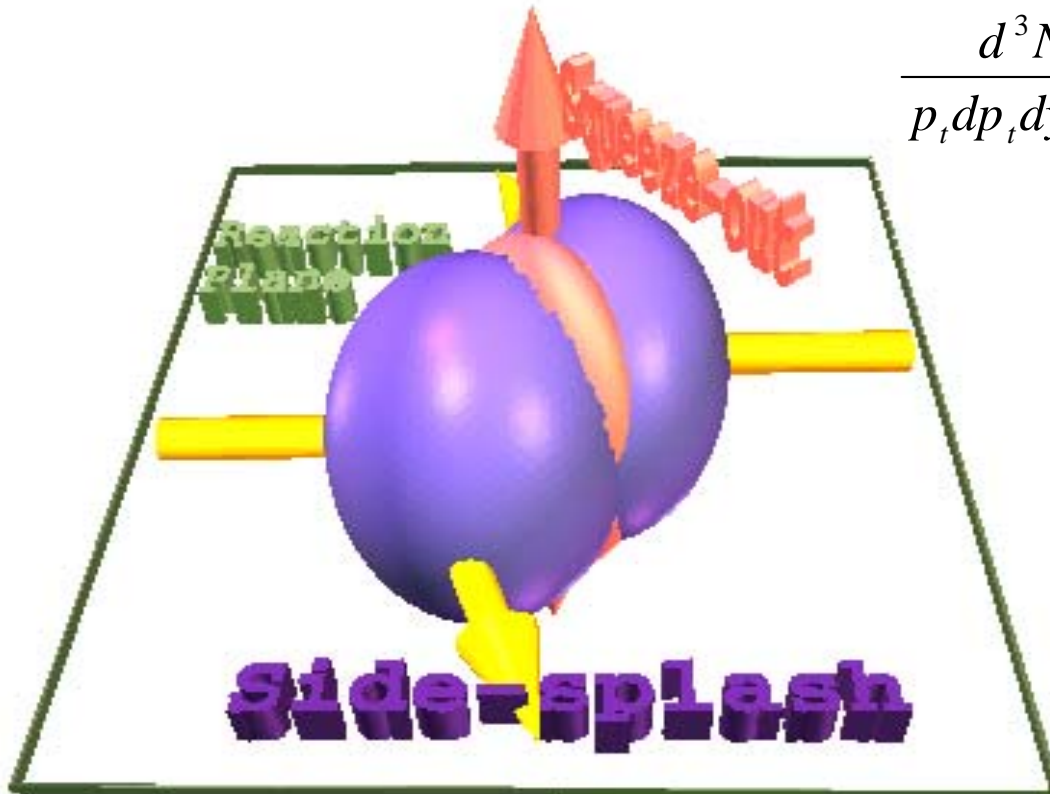


# Fourier Expansion of Azimutal Distributions

Phase space distribution with respect to reaction plane  $\Phi_R$

$$\varphi' := \varphi - \Phi_R$$

$$\frac{d^3N}{p_t dp_t dy d\varphi'} \propto (1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi') + 2v_2 \cos(2\varphi') + \dots)$$



Fourier expansion coefficients

$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_t} \right\rangle$$

sideflow

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

elliptic flow

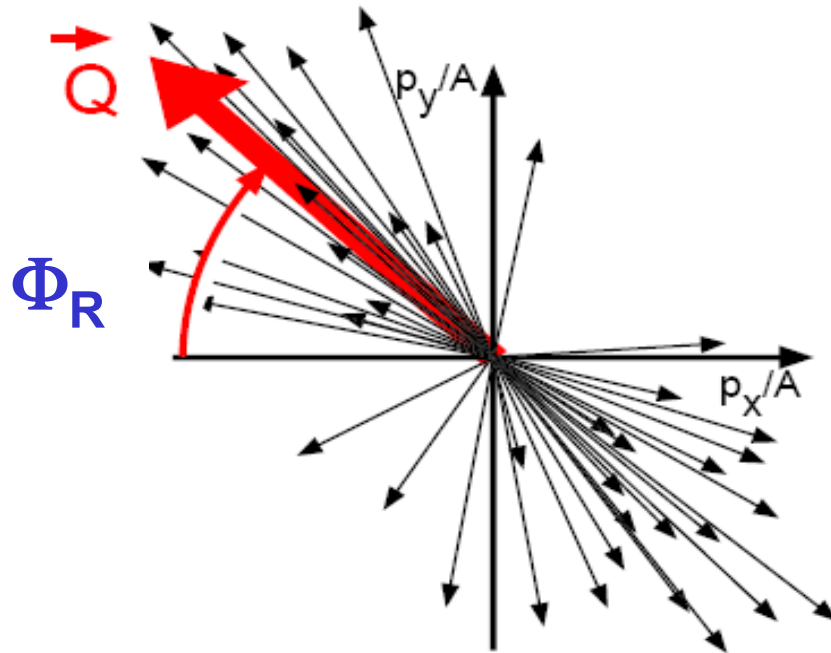
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# Reaction Plane

Transverse momentum method: P. Danielewicz, G. Odyniec, *Phys. Lett.* 157B, 146 (1985)



$$\vec{Q}^{(n)} = \sum_{\nu} \omega(\nu) \cdot \vec{p}_t(\nu),$$

$$\omega(\nu) = \begin{cases} 1 & y(\nu) > y_{CM} + \delta y \\ -1 & y(\nu) < y_{CM} - \delta y \end{cases}$$

Generalisation:

$$\vec{Q}^{(n)} = \sum_{\nu} \omega^{(n)} \cdot |\vec{p}_t| \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos(n \cdot \varphi) \\ \sin(n \cdot \varphi) \end{pmatrix}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$\omega(n)$  has different sign in forward/backward hemisphere for odd values of  $n$ .

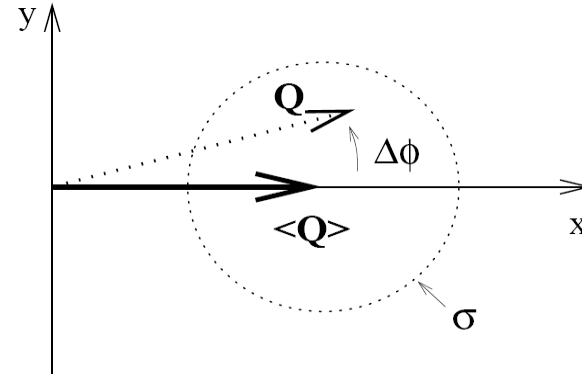
Reaction plane angle:

$$\Phi_R^{(n)} = \arctan \left( Q_y^{(n)}, Q_x^{(n)} \right) / n$$



# Reaction plane resolution

Reconstructed reaction plane is fluctuating around true reaction plane  
=> measured  $v_i$  are smaller than true  $v_i$ .



Subevent method:

$$\langle \cos \left( n \left( \Phi_A^{(n)} - \Phi_B^{(n)} \right) \right) \rangle = \langle \cos \left( n \left( \Phi_A^{(n)} - \Phi_R \right) \right) \rangle \cdot \langle \cos \left( n \left( \Phi_B^{(n)} - \Phi_R \right) \right) \rangle$$

Estimate for correction factors of Fourier expansion coefficients:

$$v_m = v_m^{obs} / \sqrt{\langle \cos \left( n \left( \Phi_A^{(n)} - \Phi_B^{(n)} \right) \right) \rangle}$$





Eq.(6) can be easily integrated over  $Q$  [21] to yield the distribution of  $\Delta\phi$ :

$$\frac{dN}{\Delta\phi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \exp(-\chi^2) \left\{ 1 + z\sqrt{\pi} [1 + \text{erf}(z)] \exp(z^2) \right\}. \quad (7)$$

where  $z = \chi \cos \Delta\phi$  and  $\text{erf}(x)$  is the error function. This distribution depends on  $\bar{Q}$  and  $\sigma$  only through the dimensionless parameter  $\chi \equiv \bar{Q}/\sigma$ . The Fourier coefficients are most easily calculated by integrating Eq.(6) first over  $\Delta\phi$  and then over  $Q$  [14]:

$$\langle \cos n\Delta\phi \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \chi e^{-\chi^2/2} \left[ I_{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left( \frac{\chi^2}{2} \right) + I_{\frac{n+1}{2}} \left( \frac{\chi^2}{2} \right) \right] \quad (8)$$

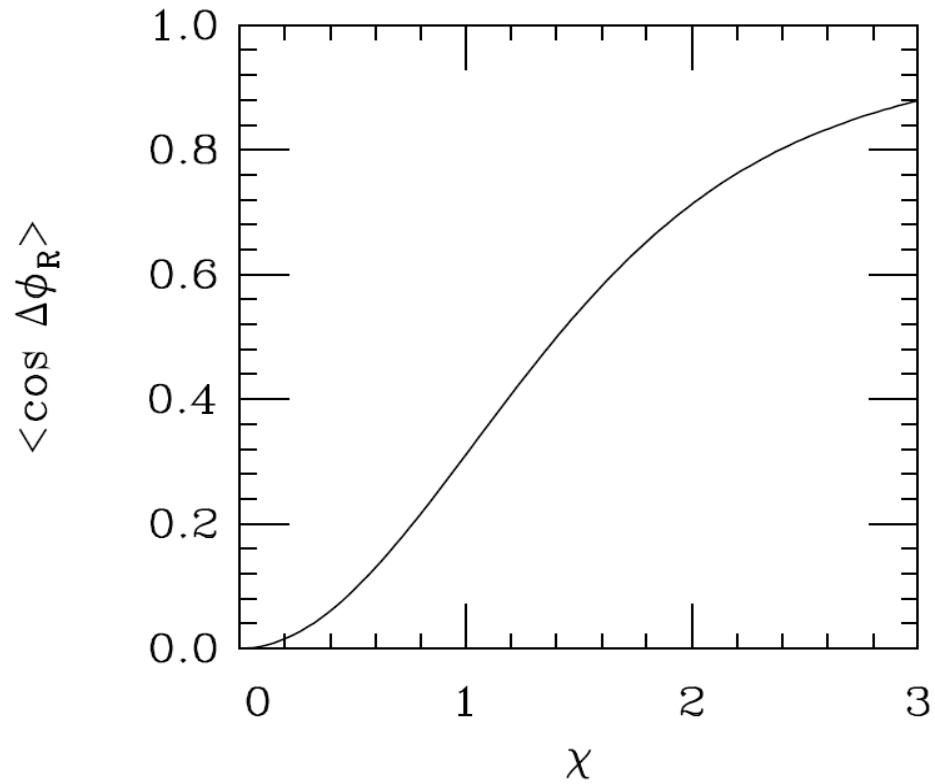
where  $I_k$  is the modified Bessel function of order  $k$ . The variations of the first coefficients

**Fourier coefficients  $v_i$  can be corrected consistently by evaluating dimensionless parameter  $\chi$ !**



# Ollitrault formalism

## Determination of $\chi$



## Inverse correction factors

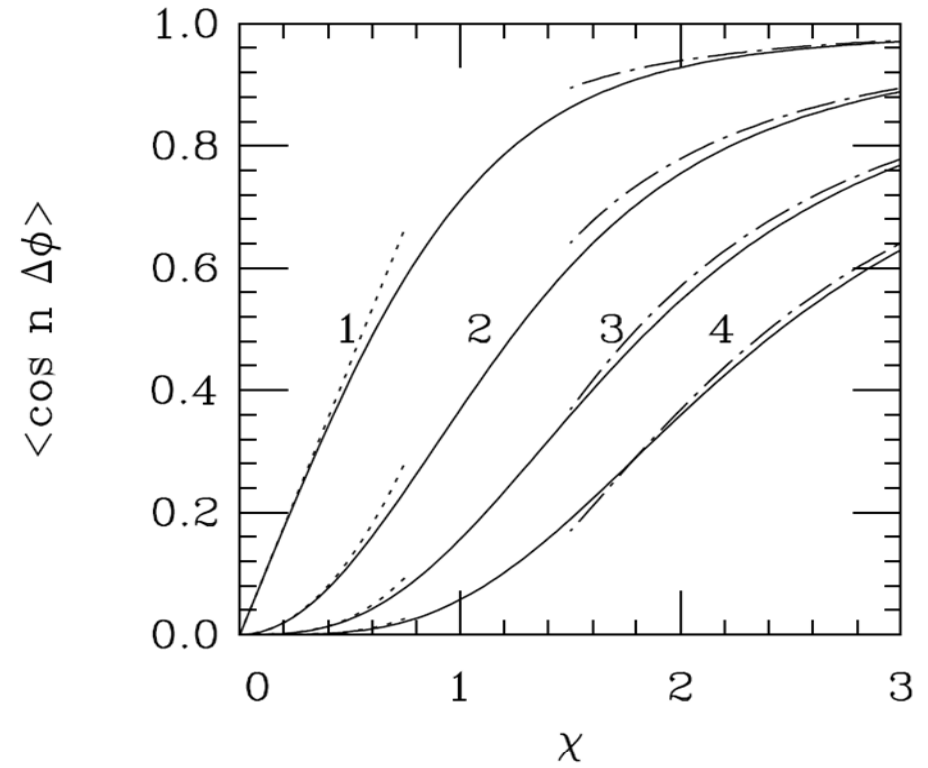




TABLE I. The geometric impact parameters intervals  $\Delta b_{geo}$  and the correction factors for the reaction plane resolution,  $1/\langle \cos \Delta\phi \rangle$ , for three centrality bins of Au+Au collisions at the incident energy of 400A MeV.

Centrality bin	M3	M4	M5
$\Delta b_{geo}$ (fm)	6.1-7.6	1.9-6.1	0-1.9
$1/\langle \cos \Delta\phi \rangle$	1.05	1.04	1.17

TABLE II. The geometric impact parameters intervals  $\Delta b_{geo}$ , the reduced impact parameters  $\langle b_{geo} \rangle / b_{geo}^{max}$  and the correction factors for the reaction plane resolution,  $1/\langle \cos \Delta\phi \rangle$ , for the three systems at the incident energy of 250A MeV, M4 centrality bin.

System	Au+Au	Xe+CsI	Ni+Ni
$\Delta b_{geo}$ (fm)	1.9-6.1	1.7-4.8	1.5-3.4
$\langle b_{geo} \rangle / b_{geo}^{max}$	0.31	0.29	0.27
$1/\langle \cos \Delta\phi \rangle$	1.05	1.09	1.27

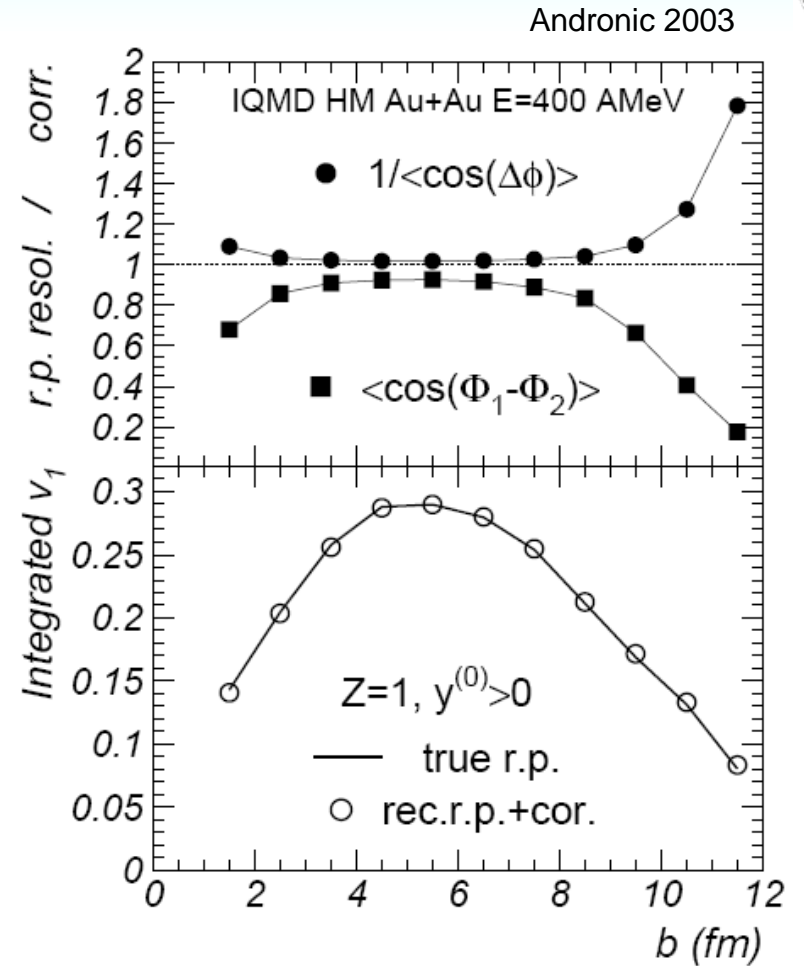


FIG. 2. Upper panel: the resolution of the reconstructed reaction plane (squares) and the corresponding correction factors (dots). Lower panel:  $v_1$  values for the true (continuous line) and reconstructed and corrected (dashed line) reaction plane. IQMD HM events were used for these studies.

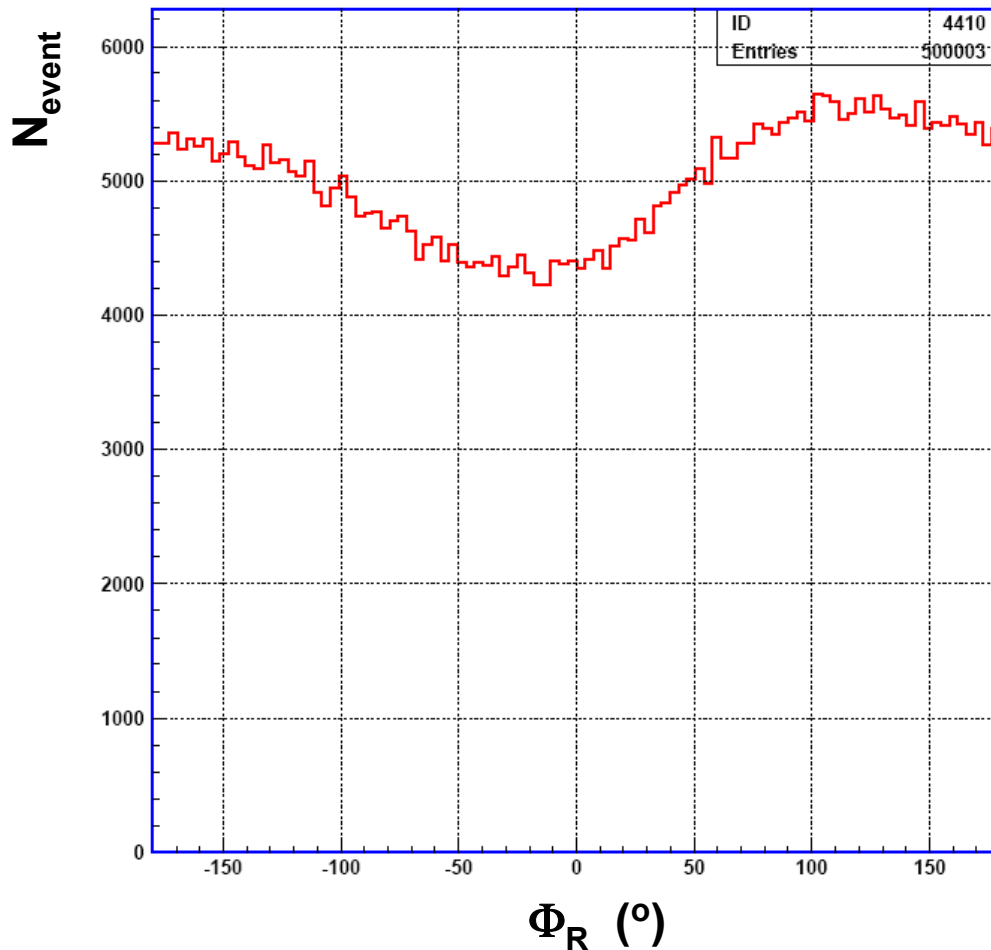


# Uniformity of the reaction plane distribution



Ex.: Ni + Ni @ 1.92 AGeV (S325e)

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Reaction plane from FOPI  
PLA forward wall

No corrections

Asymmetry ~ 20%

$$Q_x = \sum_i \omega_i p_{x,i}$$

$$Q_y = \sum_i \omega_i p_{y,i}$$

$$\Phi_R = \arctan 2(Q_y, Q_x)$$

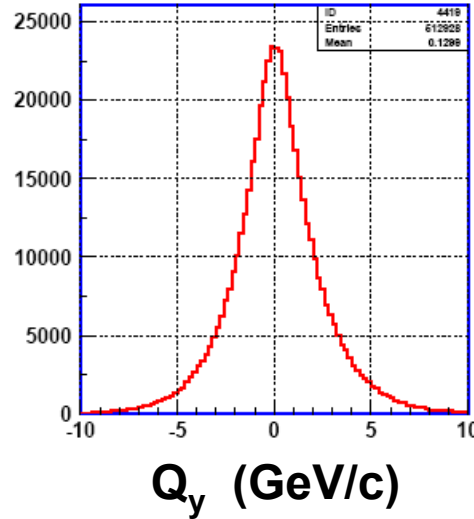
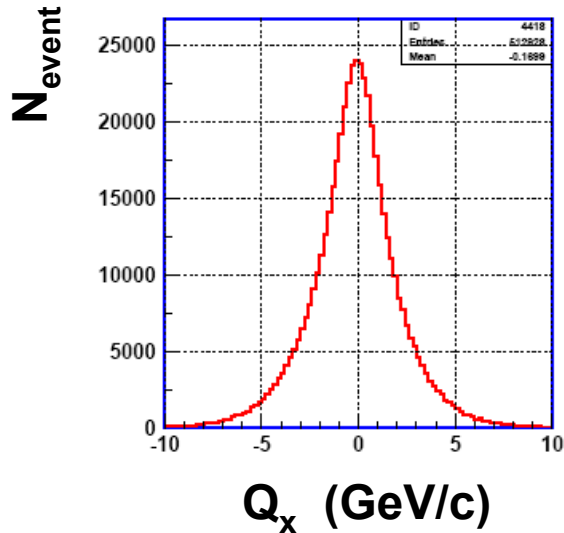


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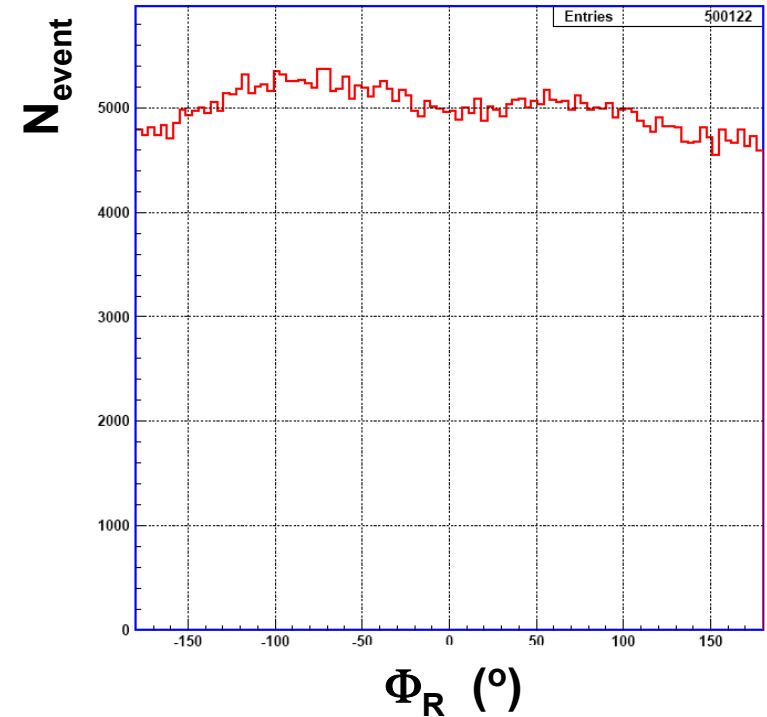


Reaction plane from FOPI  
PLA forward wall

“Recentering”

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$$Q_x = \sum_i \omega_i p_{x,i} - \langle Q_x \rangle$$

$$Q_y = \sum_i \omega_i p_{y,i} - \langle Q_y \rangle$$

$$\Phi_R = \arctan 2(Q_y, Q_x)$$

Average over event sample



# Reaction plane flattening

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J. Barrette et al. (E877), PRC 56, 3254 (1997)

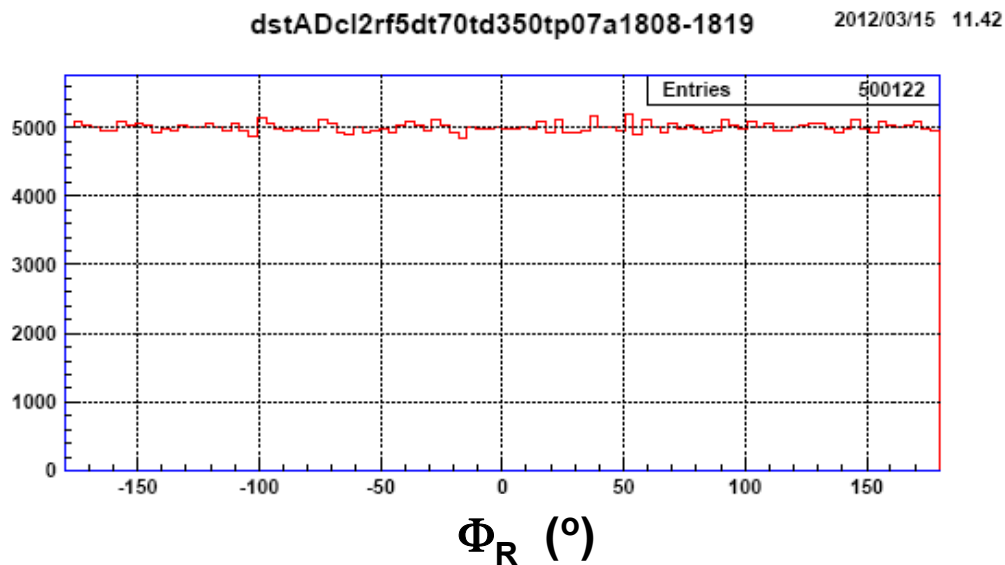
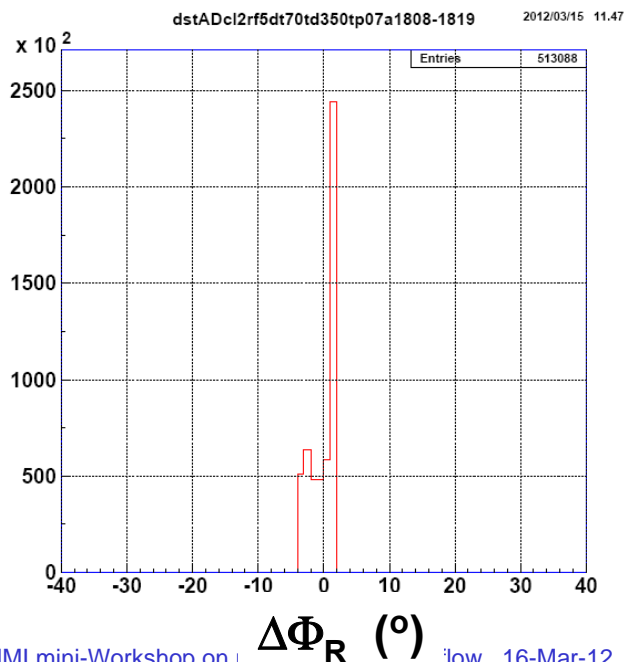
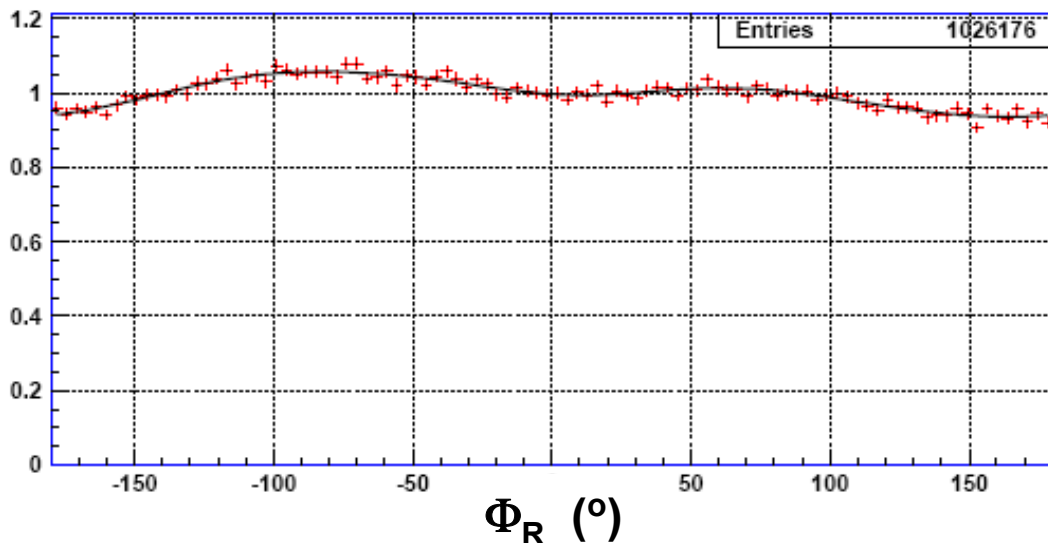
Extraction of average fourier components

Shift of reaction plane by

$$\Delta\Phi_R = \sum_n [A_n \cos(n\Phi_R) + B_n \sin(n\Phi_R)]$$

$$A_n = -\frac{2}{n} \langle \sin(n\Phi_R) \rangle$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n} \langle \cos(n\Phi_R) \rangle$$

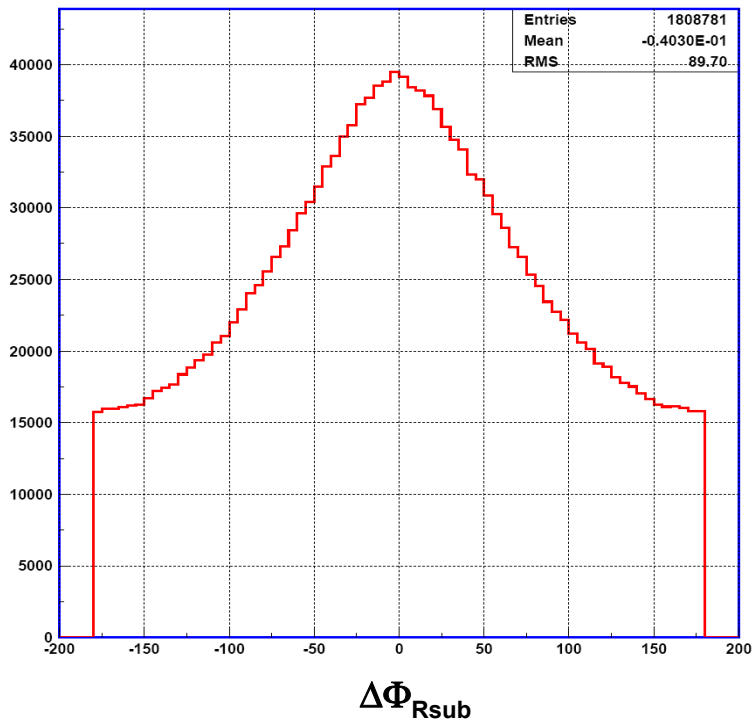




# Reaction plane resolution

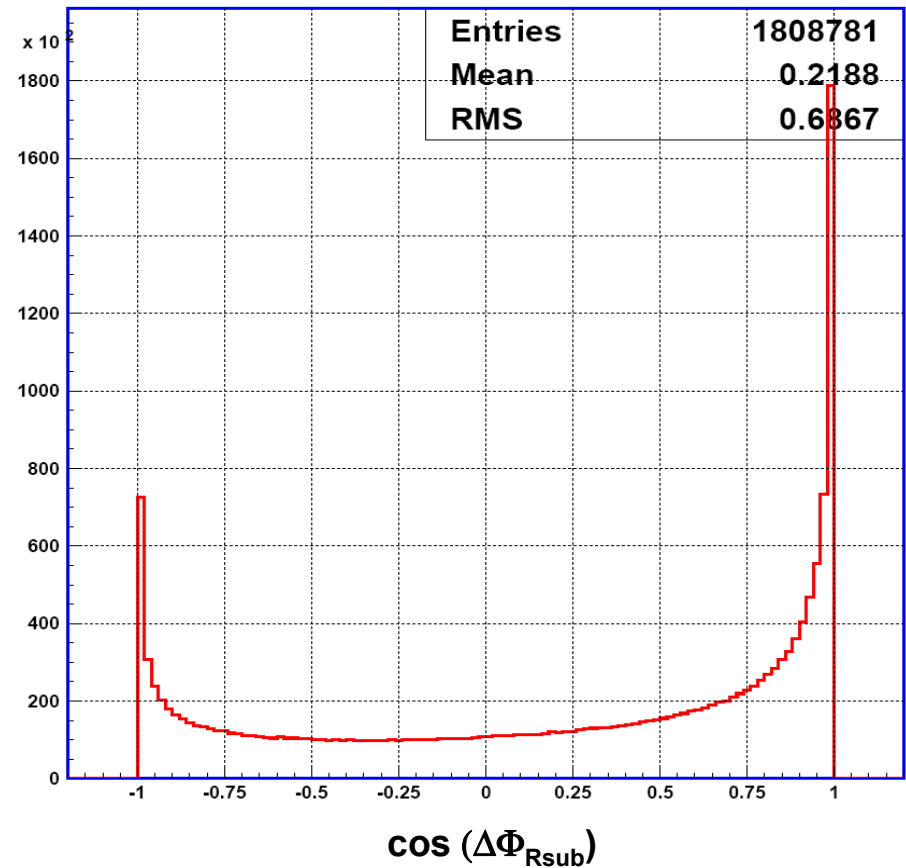
FOPI: Ni + Ni @ 1.91 AGeV (S325e)

Random subevents



$\Delta\Phi_{Rsub}$

$$RMS(\Delta\Phi_R) = 89.7^\circ$$
$$\cos(\Delta\Phi_R) = 0.219$$
$$C_{v_1} = 1.62$$
$$C_{v_2} = 3.78$$



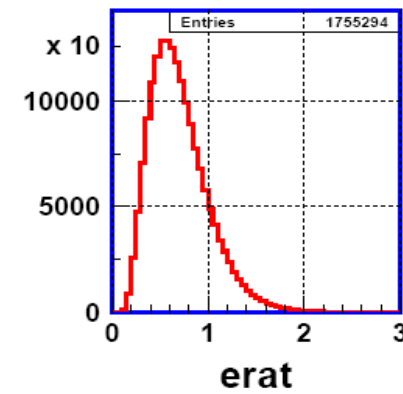
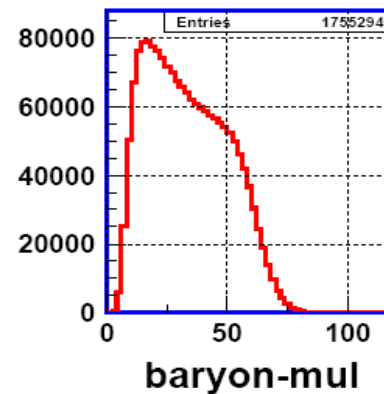
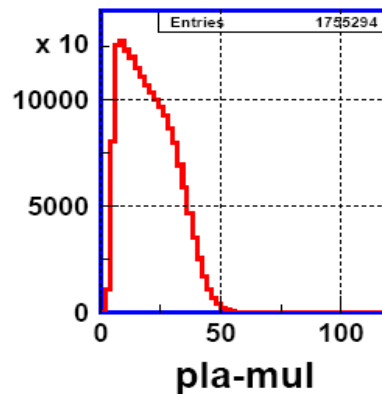
$\cos(\Delta\Phi_{Rsub})$



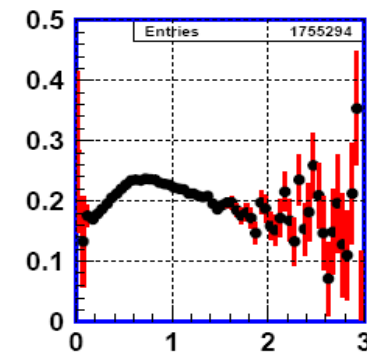
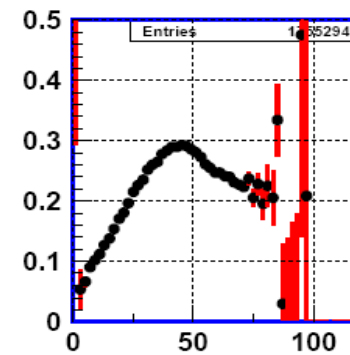
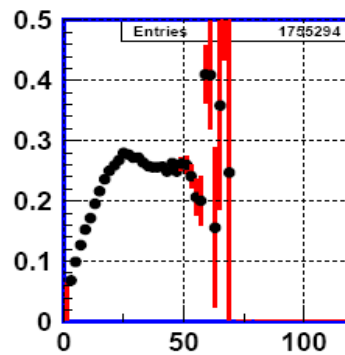
# Example for Reaction Plane Resolution

Ni + Ni @ 1.91 AGeV (S325e)

$N_{\text{events}}$



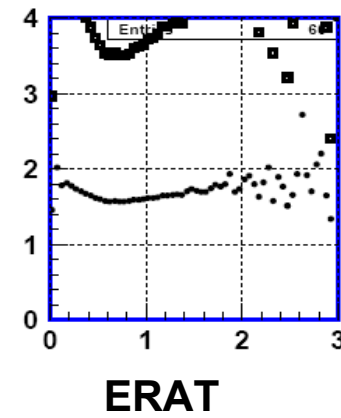
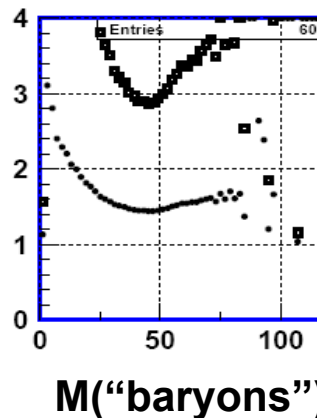
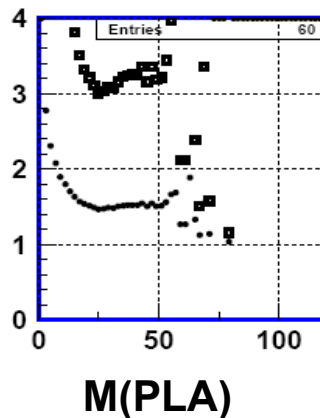
$\langle \cos(\Delta\Phi_R) \rangle$



Correction factors

$V_2'$

$V_1$

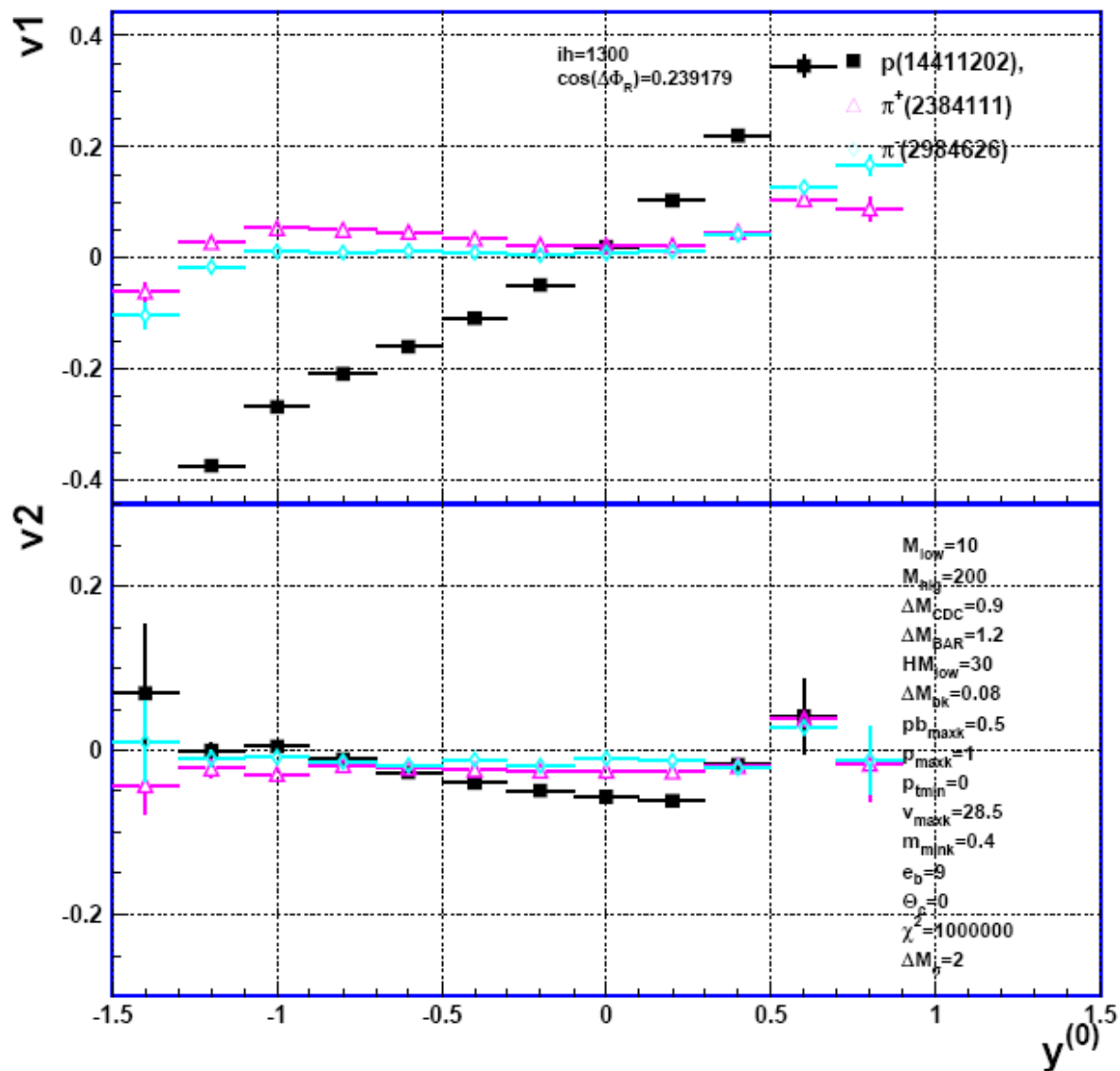






# Systematic errors

Ni + Ni @ 1.91 AGeV (S325e)



## Autocorrelation removed

$$Q_x^{(j)} = \sum_{i \neq j} \omega_i p_{x,i} = Q_x - \omega_j p_{x,j}$$

$$Q_y^{(j)} = \sum_{i \neq j} \omega_i p_{y,i} = Q_y - \omega_j p_{y,j}$$

$$Q_R^{(j)} = \arctan 2(Q_y^{(j)}, Q_x^{(j)})$$

## Symmetry requirement:

$$v_1(y^{(0)} = 0) = 0$$

$$v_1^{\text{exp}} \neq 0$$

$$v_1^{\text{exp}} = v_1^{\text{exp}}(A_{\text{sys}}, \text{Centrality}, m_0)$$

**Note: recoil effect negligible for Integrated flow**

$$|\omega_j| \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{m_j}{m_{\text{tot}}}\right) |\omega_j|$$



# Differential $v_{1/2}$ - distributions

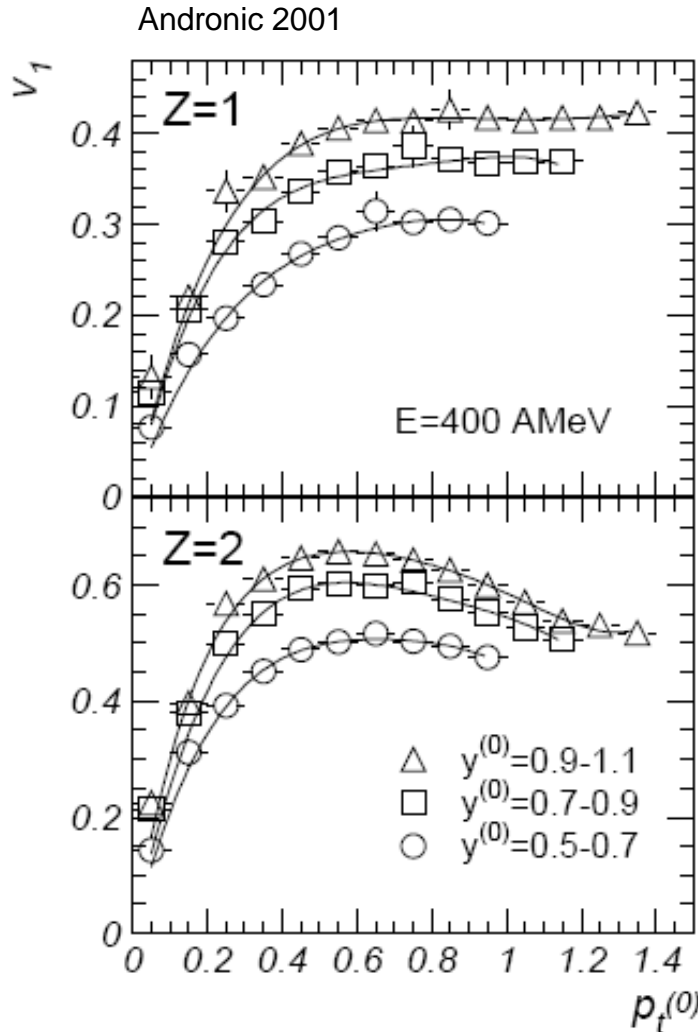


FIG. 5. Same as Fig. 4, but for the incident energy of 400-A MeV.

**Au + Au @ 400 A MeV**

**Autocorrelation removed.**

$$Q_x^{(j)} = \sum_{i \neq j} \omega_i p_{x,i}$$

$$Q_y^{(j)} = \sum_{i \neq j} \omega_i p_{y,i}$$

$$Q_R^{(j)} = \arctan 2(Q_y^{(j)}, Q_x^{(j)})$$

**Result:**

**complex pattern**

**no simple scaling law**

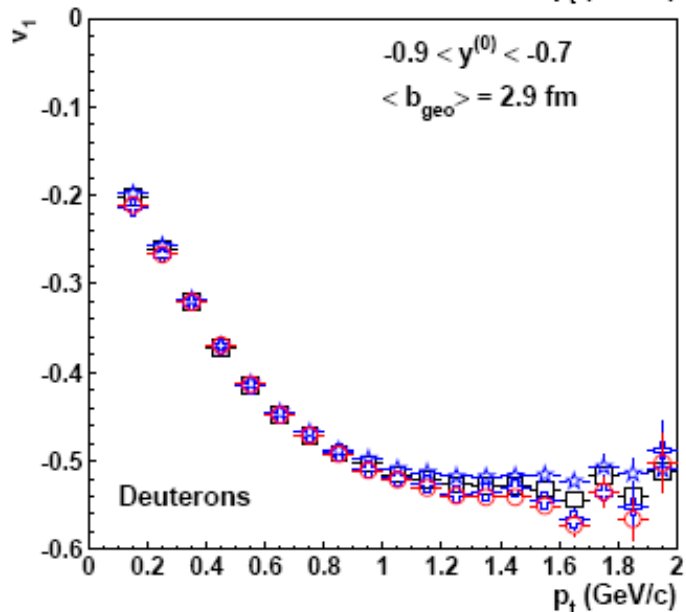
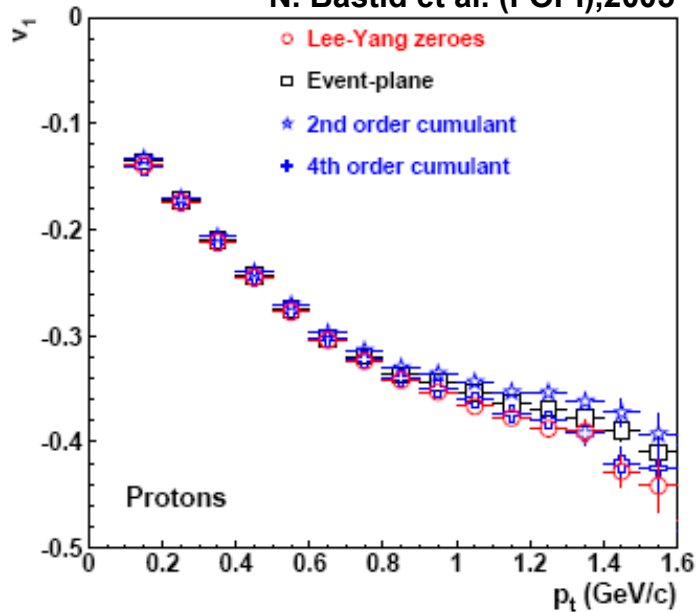
**need transport models for interpretation**



# Alternative methods without reaction plane



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## Cumulant method:

N. Borghini, P.M. Dinh, and J.-Y. Ollitrault, Phys. Rev.C 64, 054901 (2001).

## Lee-Yang zeroes:

R.S. Bhalerao, N. Borghini, and J.-Y. Ollitrault, Nucl. Phys. A 727, 373 (2003).

## Reaction Ru + Ru @ 1.69 AGeV

**Small systematic differences at high transverse momenta.**

**Differences of event-plane (EP) to 2<sup>nd</sup> order cumulant due to recoil corrections done for EP – method.**

**Differences 2<sup>nd</sup> order – 4<sup>th</sup> order cumulant most likely due to momentum conservation missed by 2<sup>nd</sup> order cumulant.**

**Lee-Yang zeroes follows 4<sup>th</sup> order cumulant.**

**No significant contribution of non-flow contributions.**



# Integral flow observables

## Integral sidelflow

$$p_x^{dir} = \sum_{\nu} \omega \cdot \vec{p}_t(\nu) \cdot \vec{Q} / |\vec{Q}|$$

**(Classical) 'Sideflow'**  
**(slope of mean  $p_x$  at midrapidity)**

$$F_y = \frac{d\langle p_x \rangle / A}{dy}$$

## Transverse momentum tensor

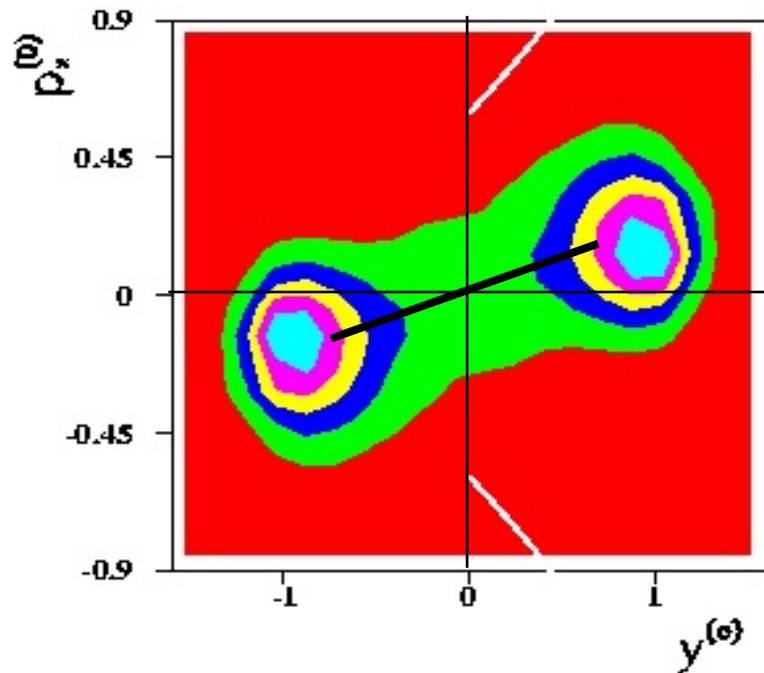
$$F_{ij} = \sum_{\nu} p_i(\nu) p_j(\nu) / 2m_{\nu},$$

$$i, j = x, y, z$$



## Au+Au @ 0.4A GeV, Li-fragments

P.Crochet et al., (FOPI), NPA624, 755 (1997)



$$F_y = \frac{d\langle p_x \rangle}{dy}$$

Slope at midrapidity

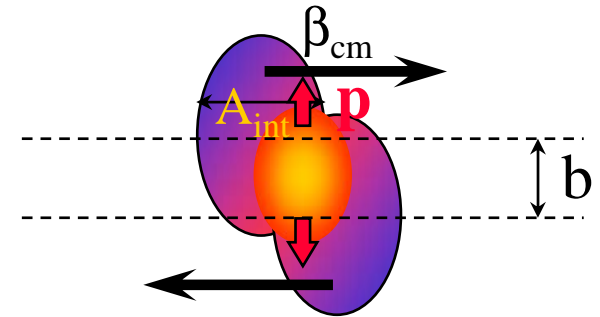
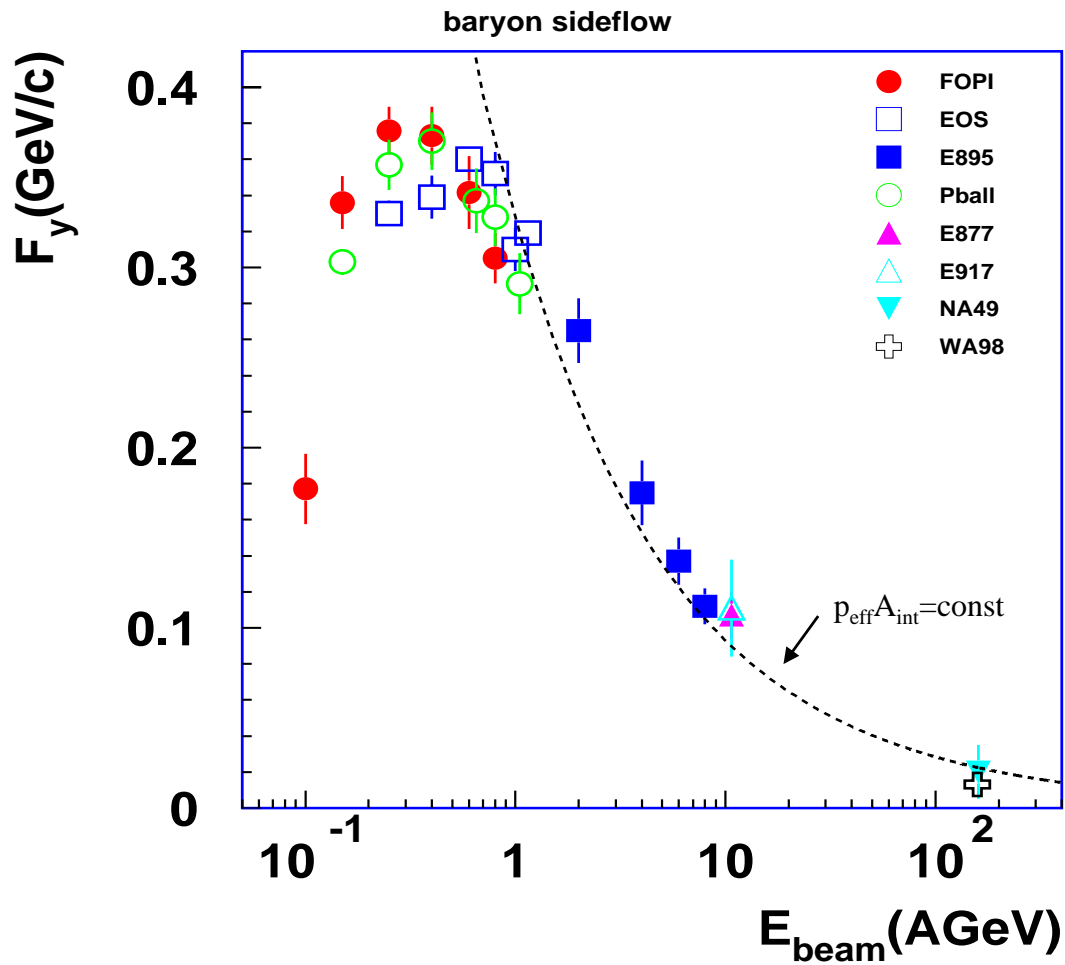
**Hydrodynamically scale invariant**

W.Reisdorf, H.G.Ritter, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci.47,663(1997)

**Autocorrelation with reaction plane has to be removed**



# Sideflow excitation function

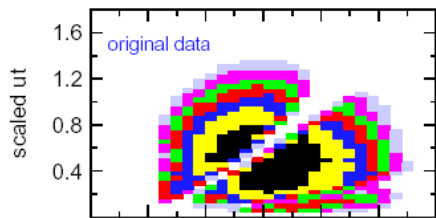


$$F_y \propto \int F dt \approx p_{eff} A_{int} t_{pass}$$

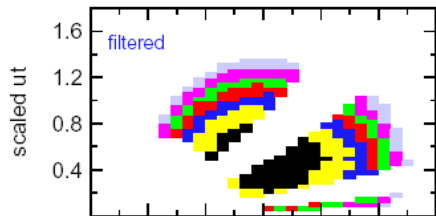
$$t_{pass} = \frac{2R}{\gamma_{CM}} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta_{CM}}$$



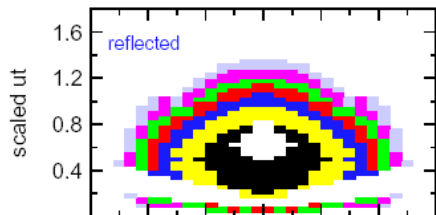
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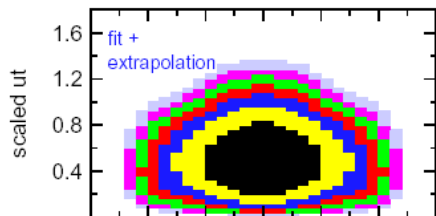
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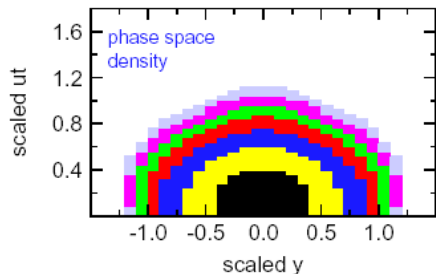
filtered



reflected



2-dim fit



phase space density

## Stopping

$$b/b_{\max} < 0.15$$

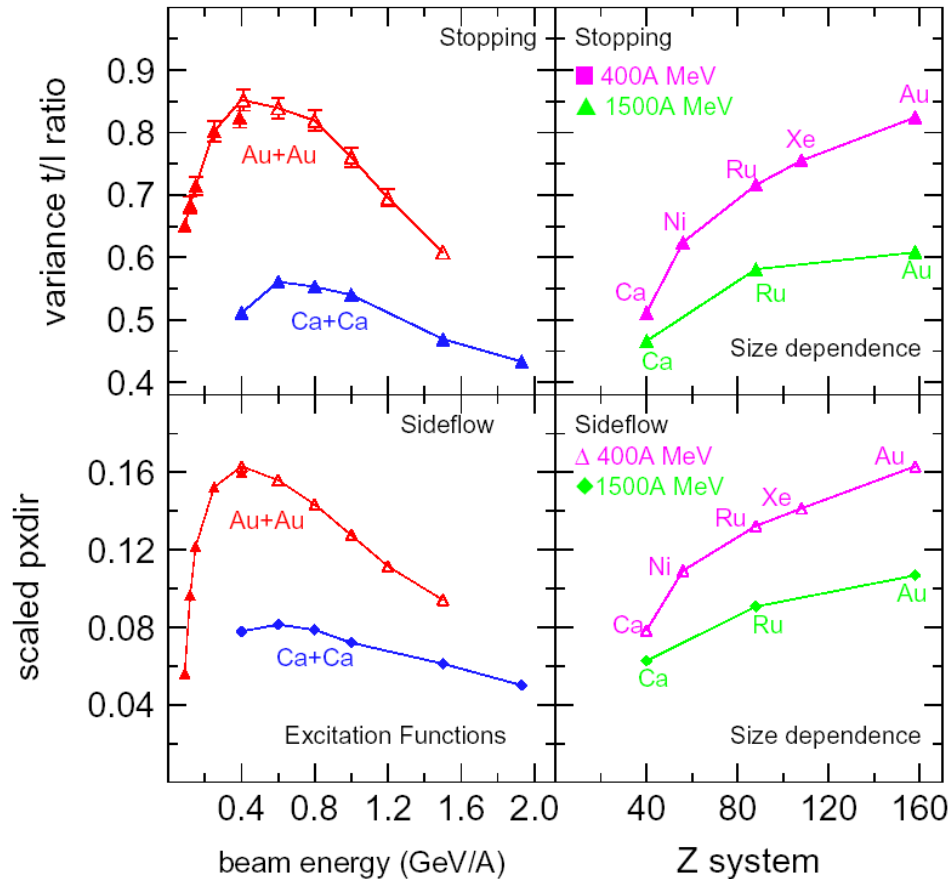
$$\frac{\sigma^2(y_t)}{\sigma^2(y_z)}$$

## Sideflow

$$b/b_{\max} \approx 0.4$$

$$P_x^{dir} = \frac{\sum_i \text{sign}(y_i) Z_i u_{xi}}{\sum_i Z_i}$$

W.Reisdorf et al. (FOPI) PRL 92. 232301 (2004)



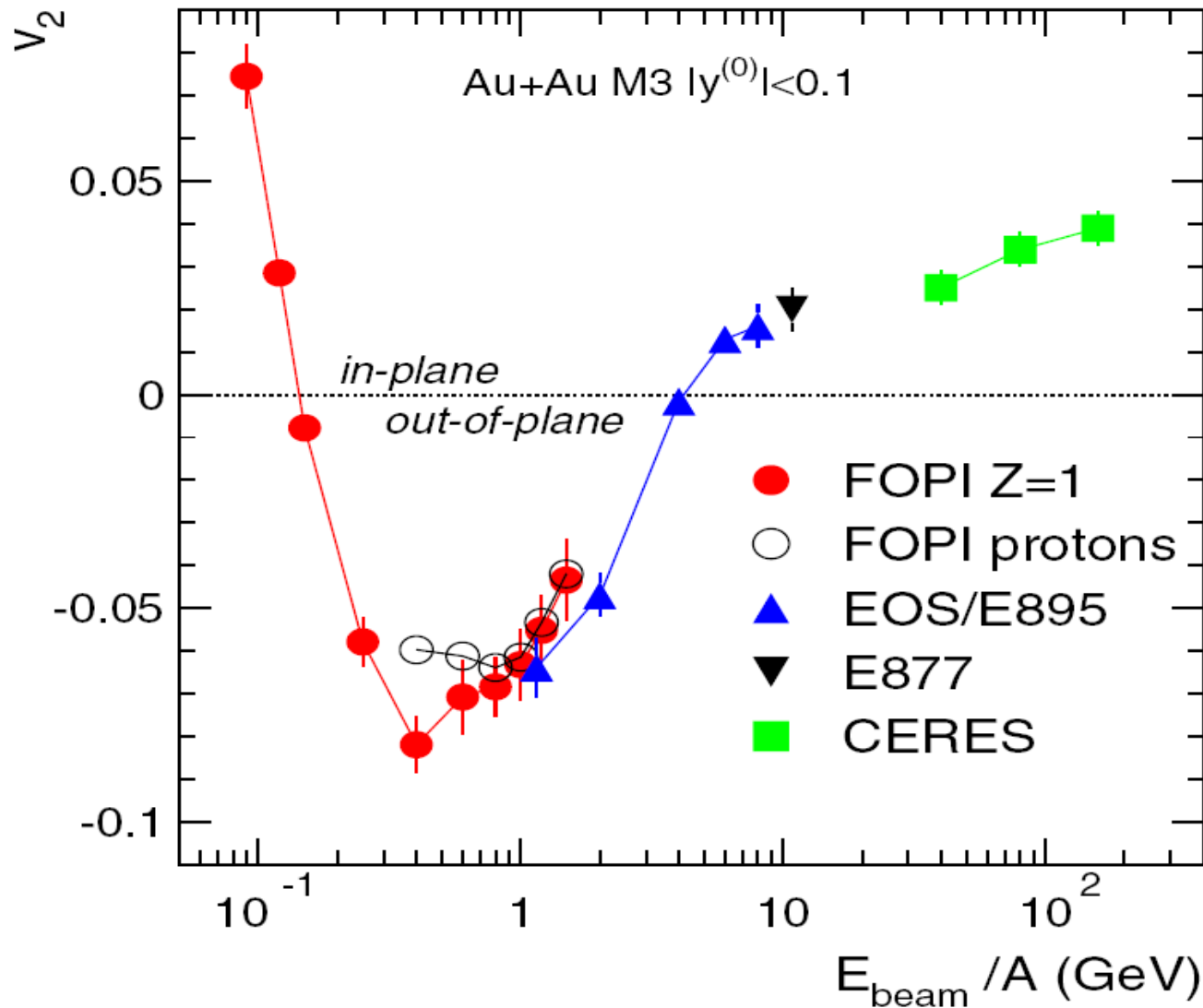
**Pressure correlates with energy density -> EOS  
System size dependence does not show a plateau.**



# Excitation function for elliptic flow



A.Andronic et al. (FOPI), PLB 612, 173 (2005)



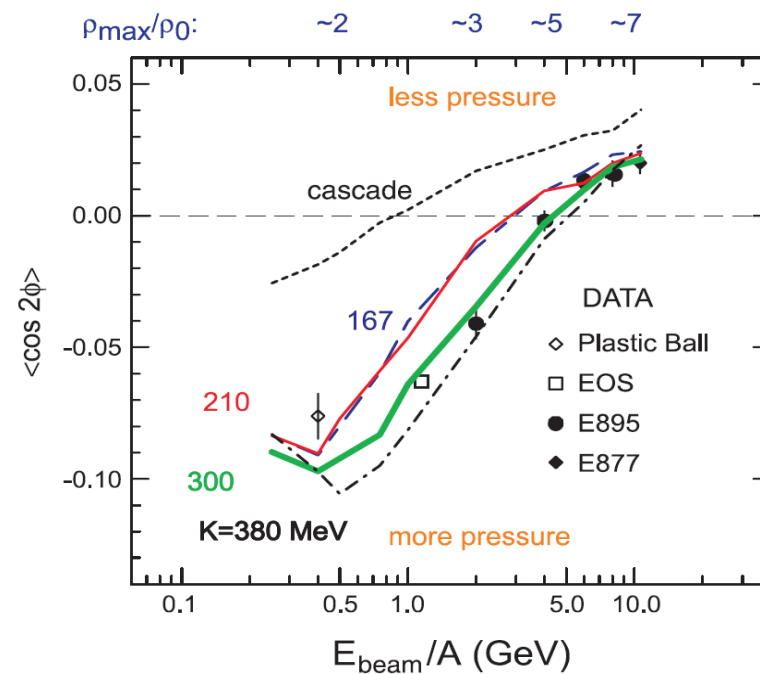
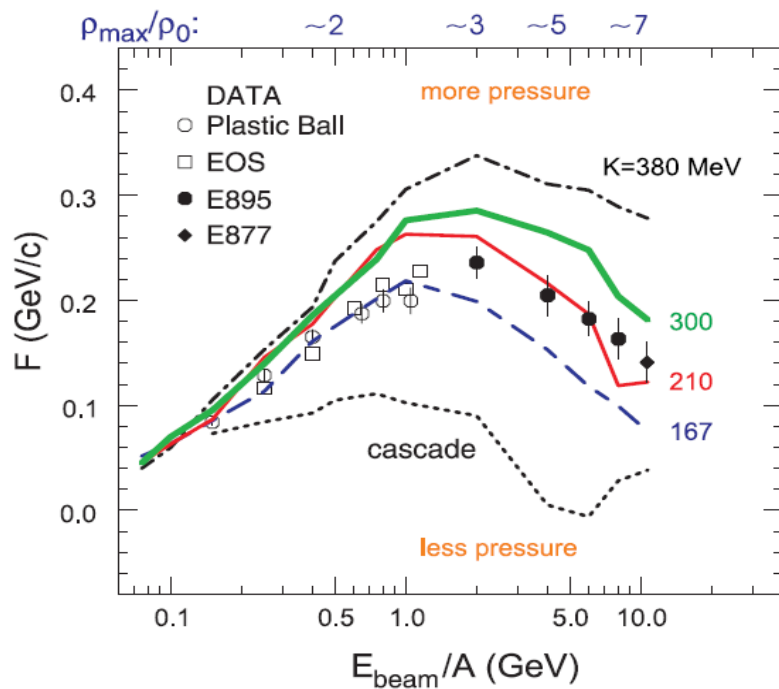




# Excitation function of flow variables

P. Danielewicz et al.  
Science 298, 1592 (2002)

$$F = \frac{d\langle p_x / A \rangle}{d(y / y_{cm})}$$



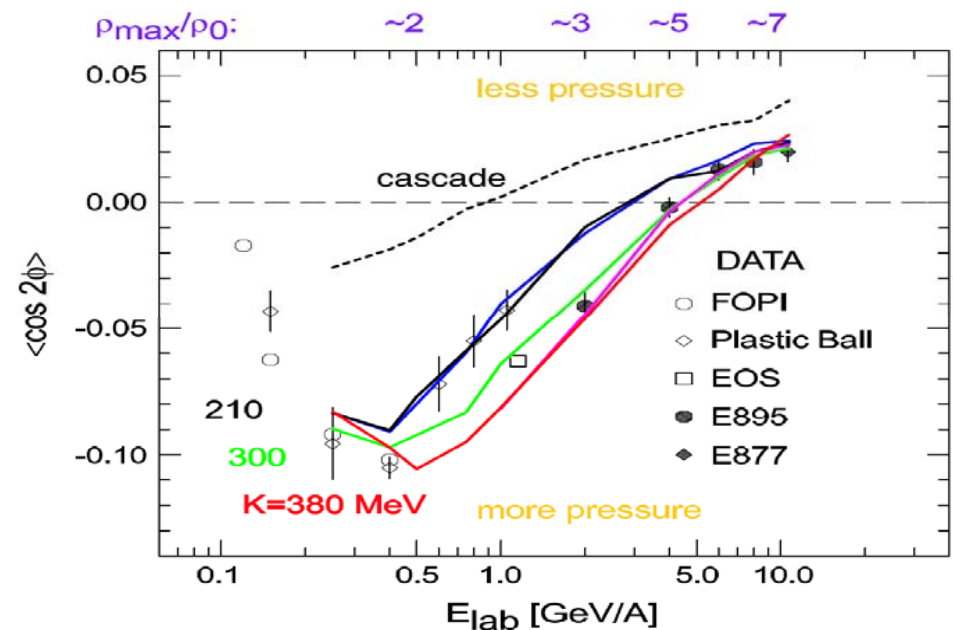
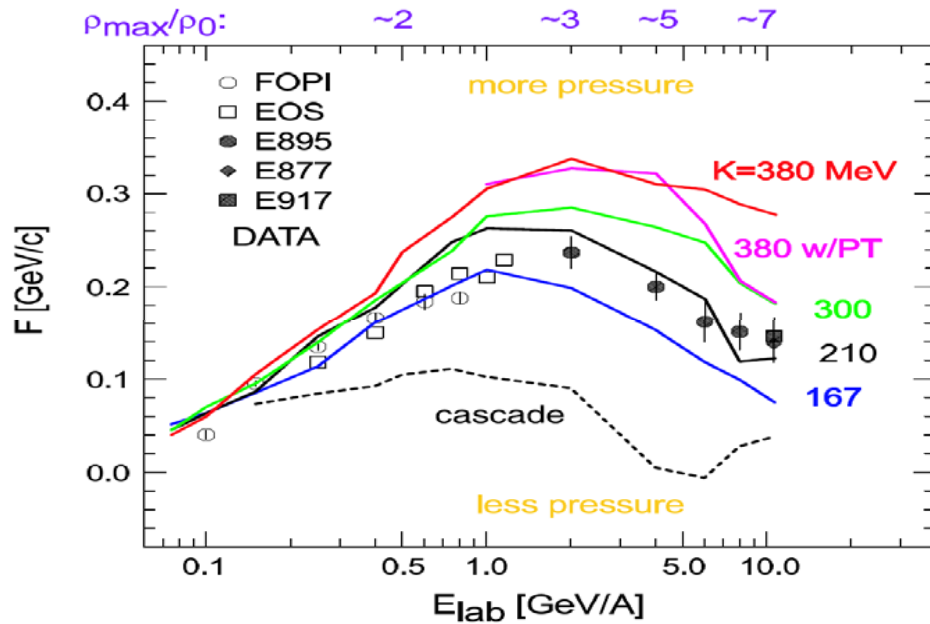
incomplete selection of data



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nucl-th/0112006 (2001)

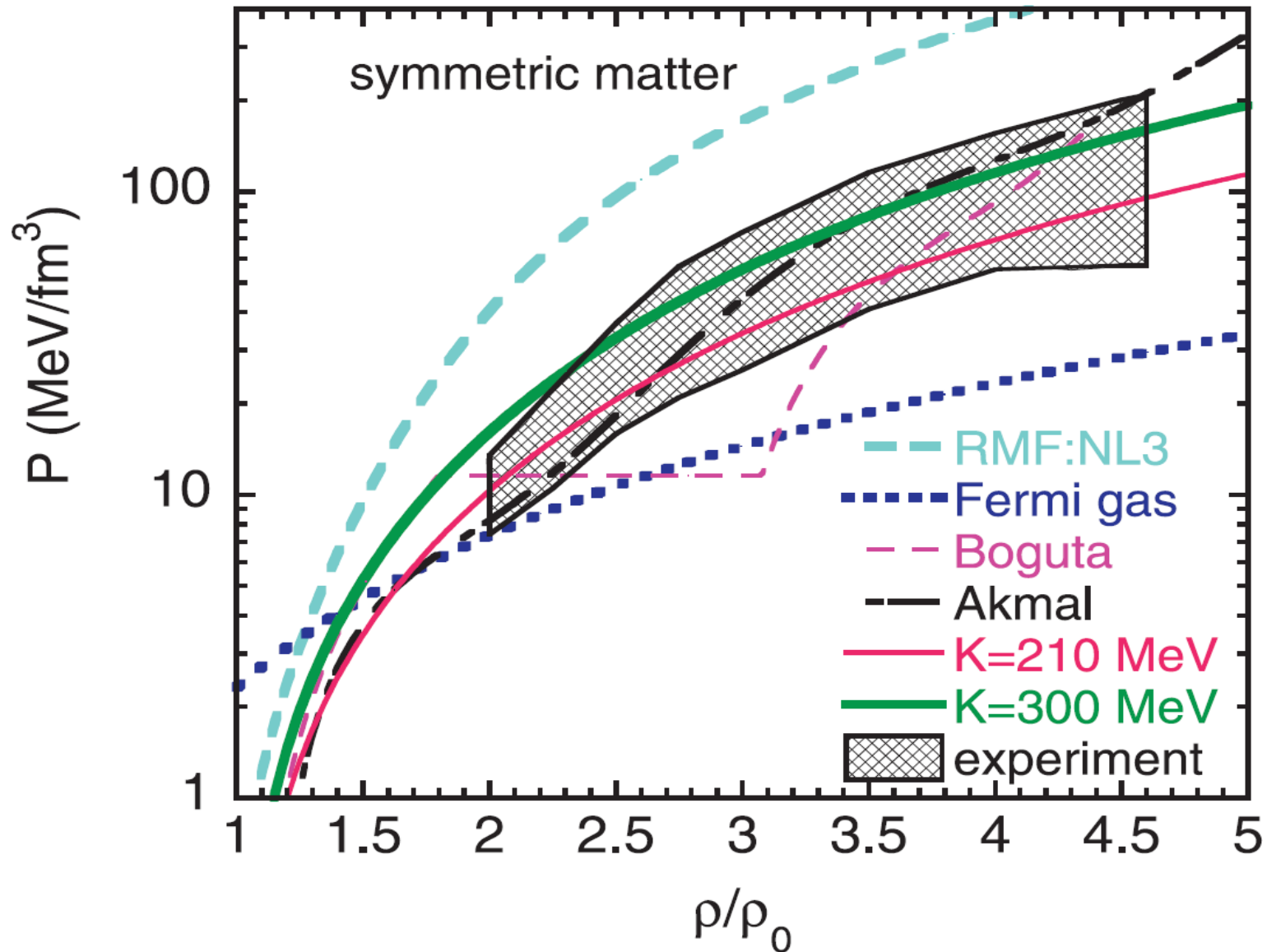
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- Mean field effects clearly visible by difference to 'cascade' calculations.
- None of the model calculations describes all the available data.



# EOS from HI – collisions

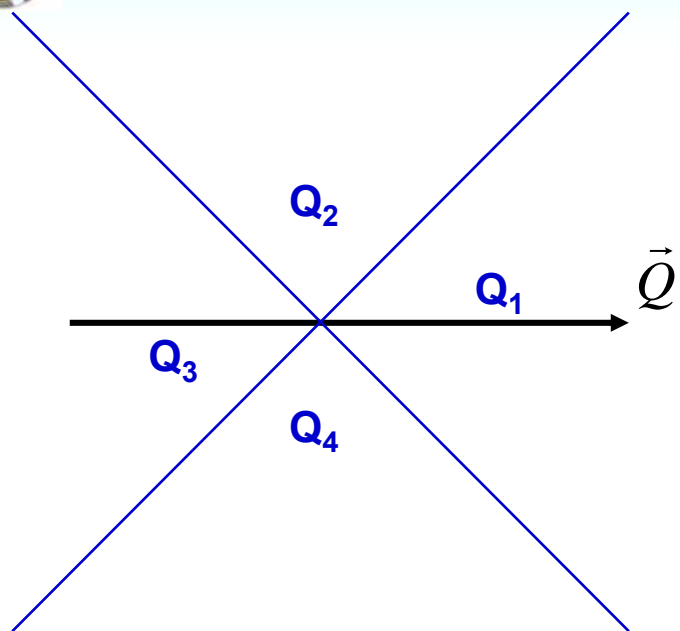




# Quadrant method



W. Reisdorf et al. (FOPI), NPA, 2012



**Symmetry  
Definitions**

$$Q_2 = Q_4$$

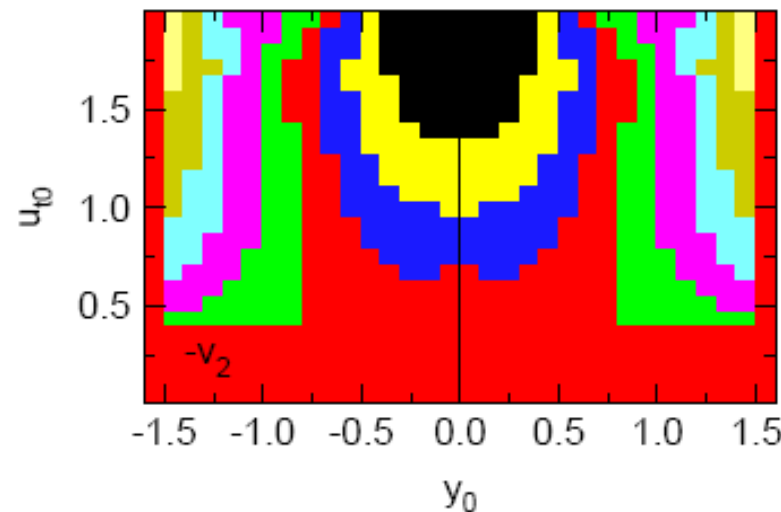
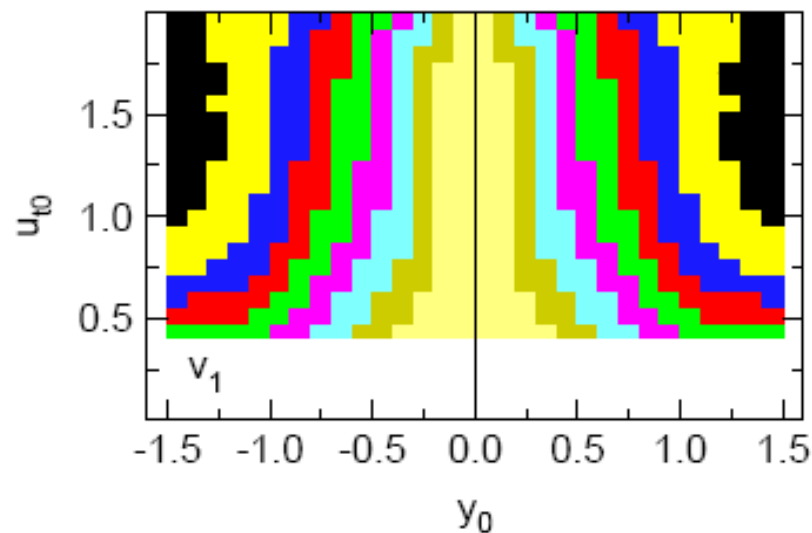
$$Q_0 = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + Q_4$$

$$Q_{24} = Q_2 + Q_4$$

**Relation to  
Fourier coefficients**

$$\frac{Q_1 - Q_3}{Q_0} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} v_1$$

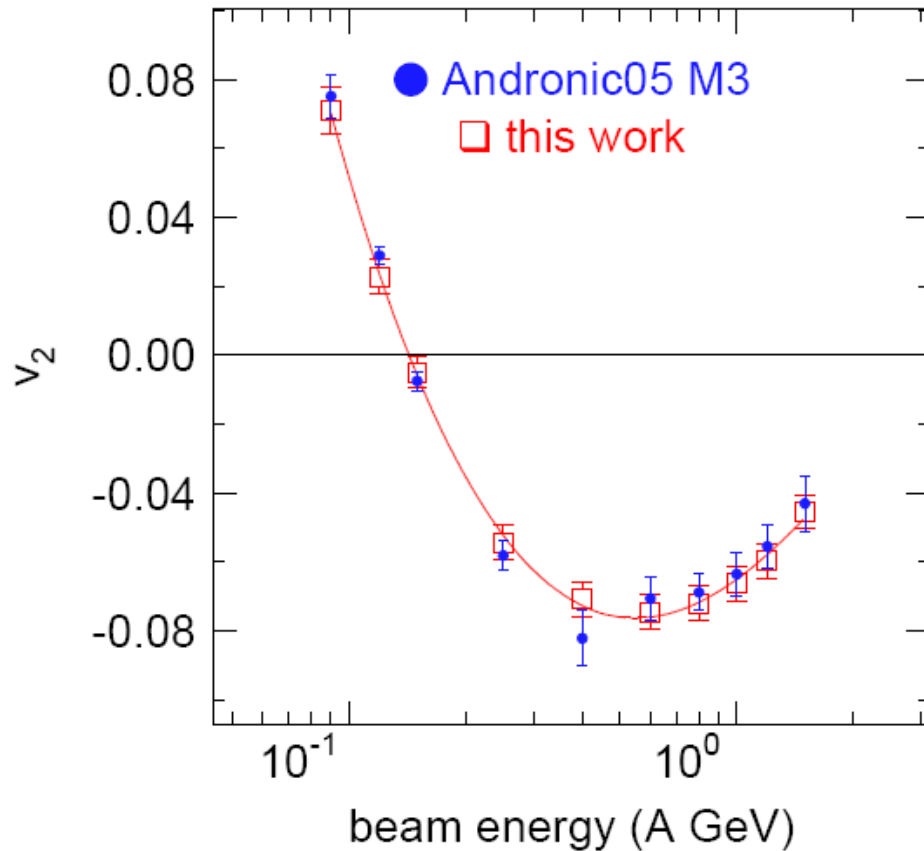
$$\frac{Q_{24}}{Q_0} - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{2}{\pi} v_2$$



$$u_{t0} = (\beta_t \gamma)_0 = \left( \frac{p_t}{m} \right)_0 \quad \text{o- normalisation to CMS quantities}$$



## Au + Au excitation function

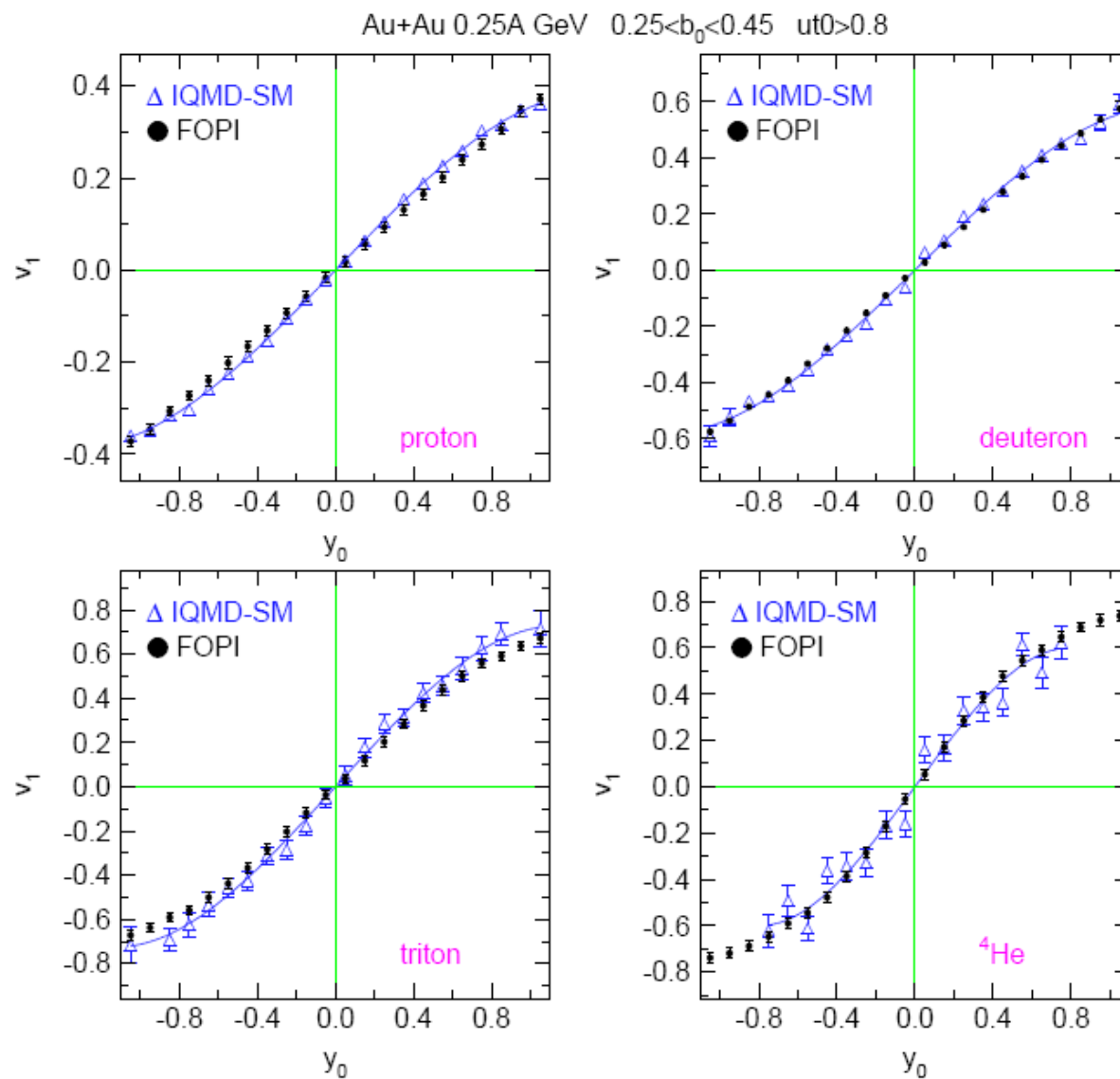


## Analyzed data:

System	Energies (A GeV)
$^{40}\text{Ca}+^{40}\text{Ca}$	0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.5, 1.93
$^{58}\text{Ni}+^{58}\text{Ni}$	0.15, 0.25
$^{129}\text{Xe}+\text{CsI}$	0.15, 0.25
$^{96}\text{Ru}+^{96}\text{Ru}$	0.4, 1.0, 1.5
$^{96}\text{Zr}+^{96}\text{Zr}$	0.4, 1.5
$^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$	0.09, 0.12, 0.15, 0.25, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.5



# Comparison to IQMD at 0.25 AGeV

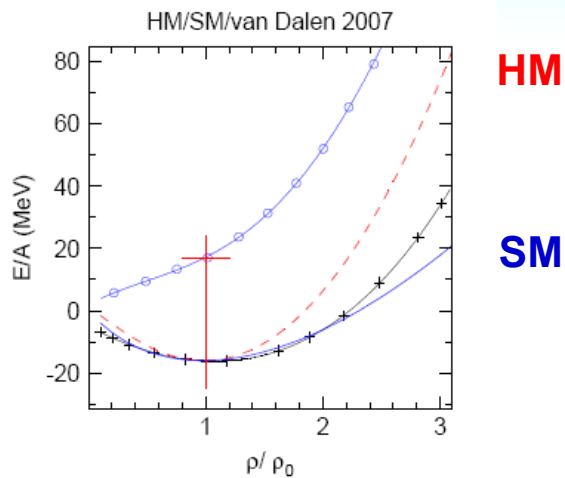




# Comparison to IQMD at 0.4 AGeV

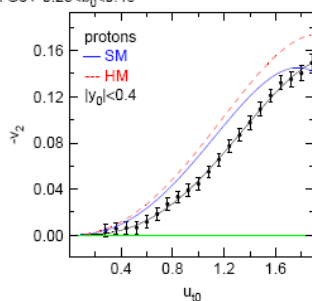


Equation – of – state



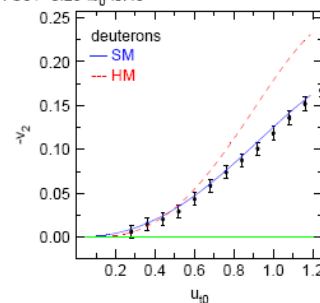
protons

Au+Au 0.4A GeV  $0.25 < b_0 < 0.45$



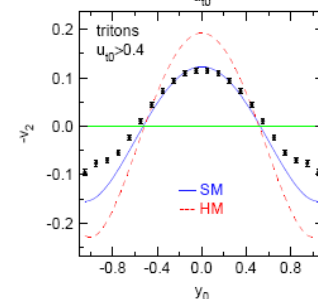
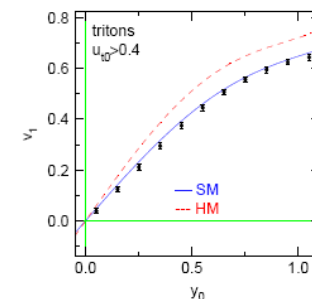
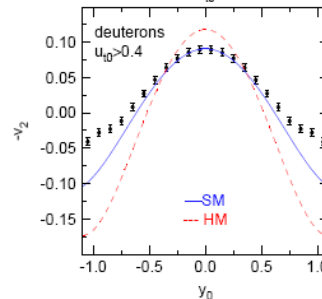
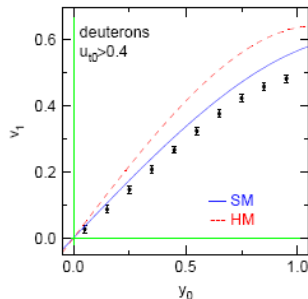
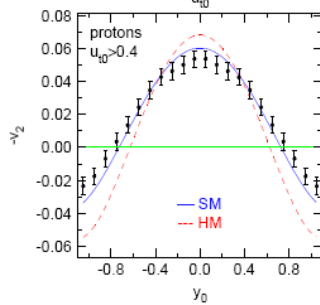
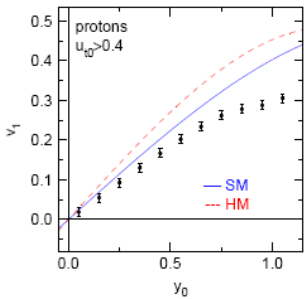
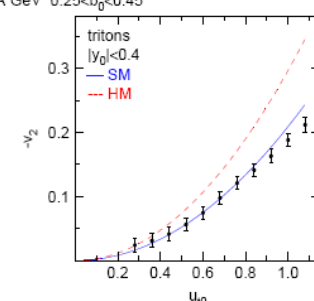
deuterons

Au+Au 0.4A GeV  $0.25 < b_0 < 0.45$



tritons

Au+Au 0.4A GeV  $0.25 < b_0 < 0.45$

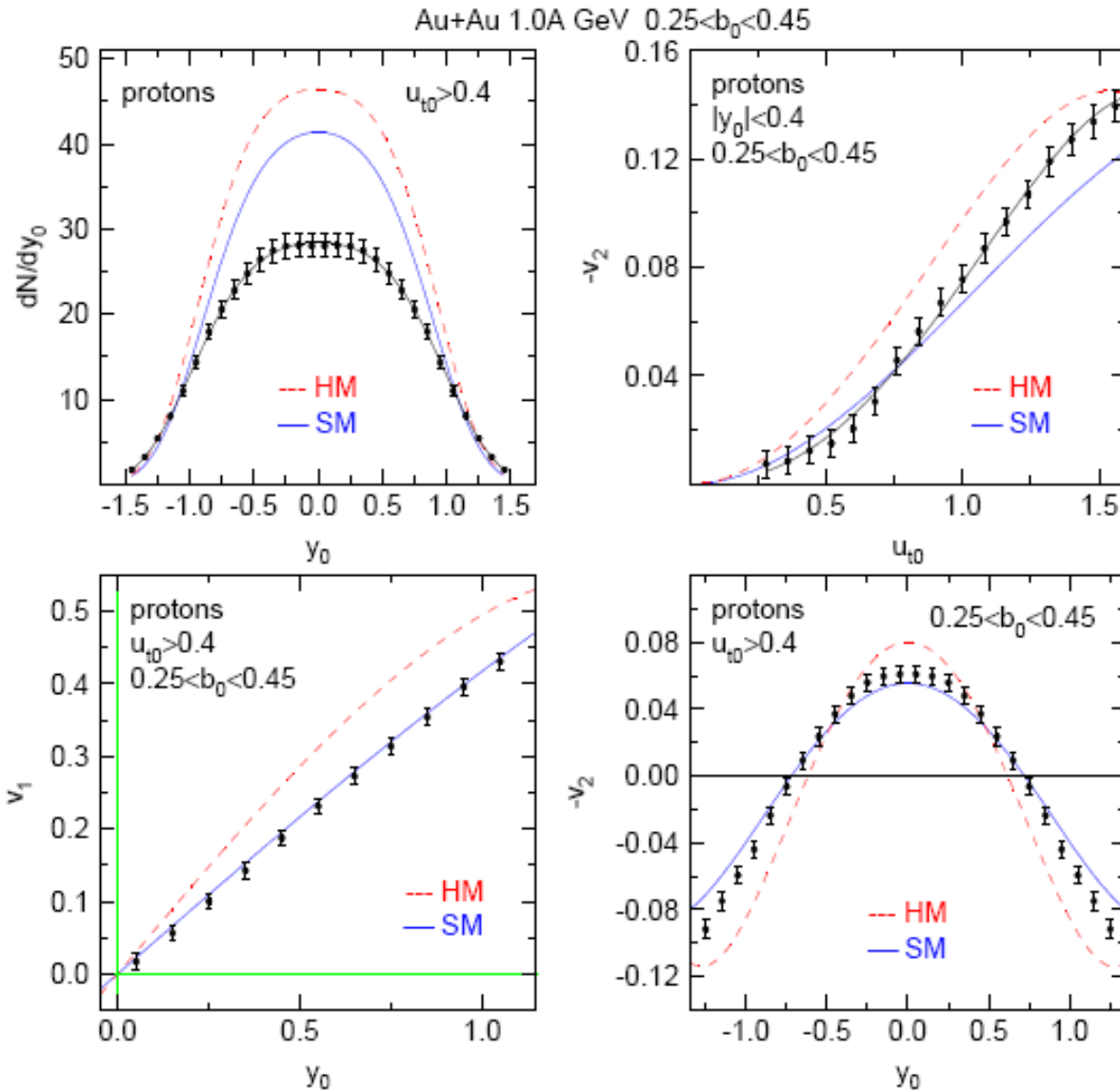




# Model comparison at 1 AGeV



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**Proton yield overestimated,  
Preference for EOS with SM**



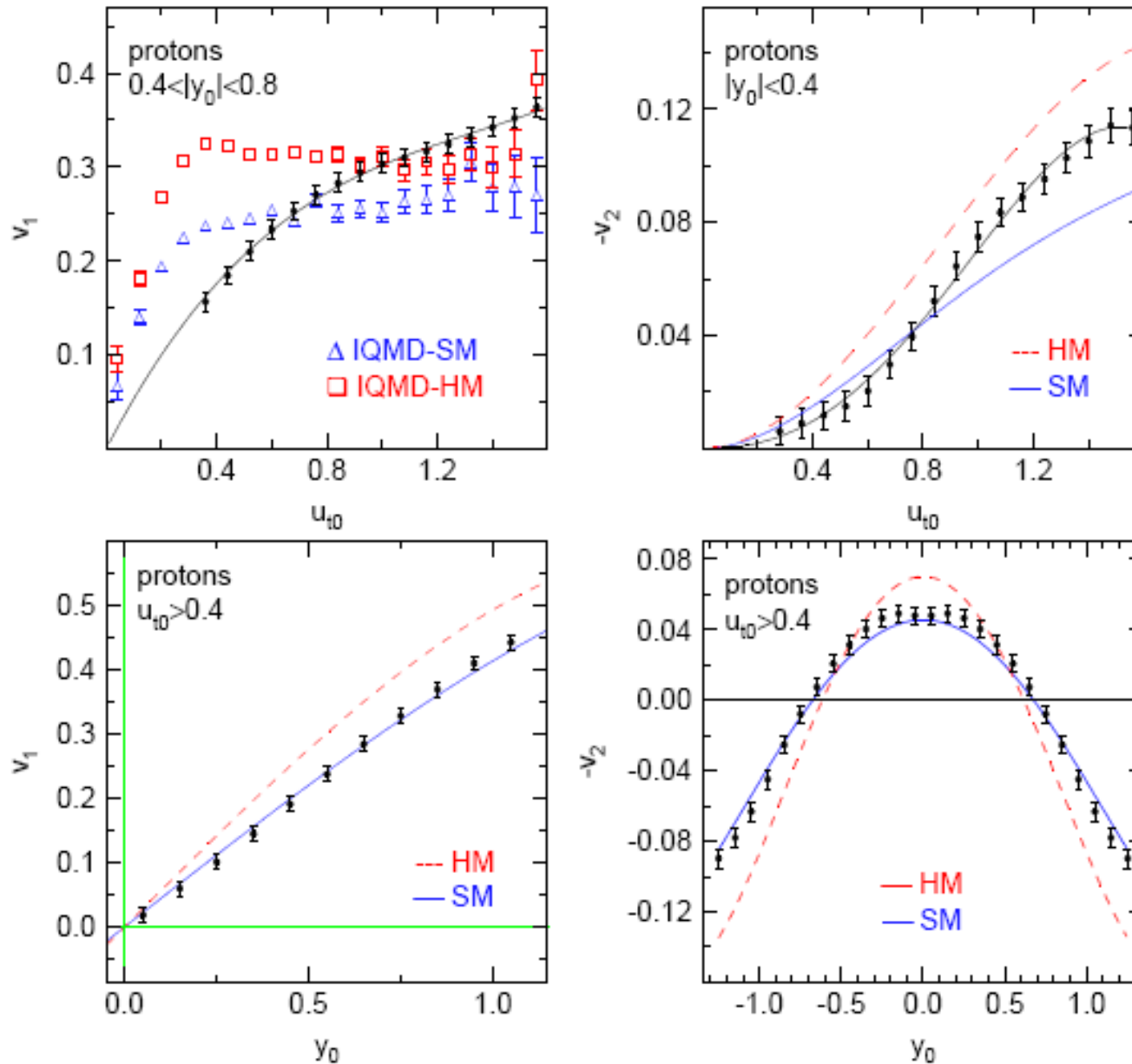


# Model comparison at 1.5 AGeV



W. Reisdorf et al. (FOPI), 2012

Au+Au 1.5A GeV  $0.25 < b_0 < 0.45$  protons



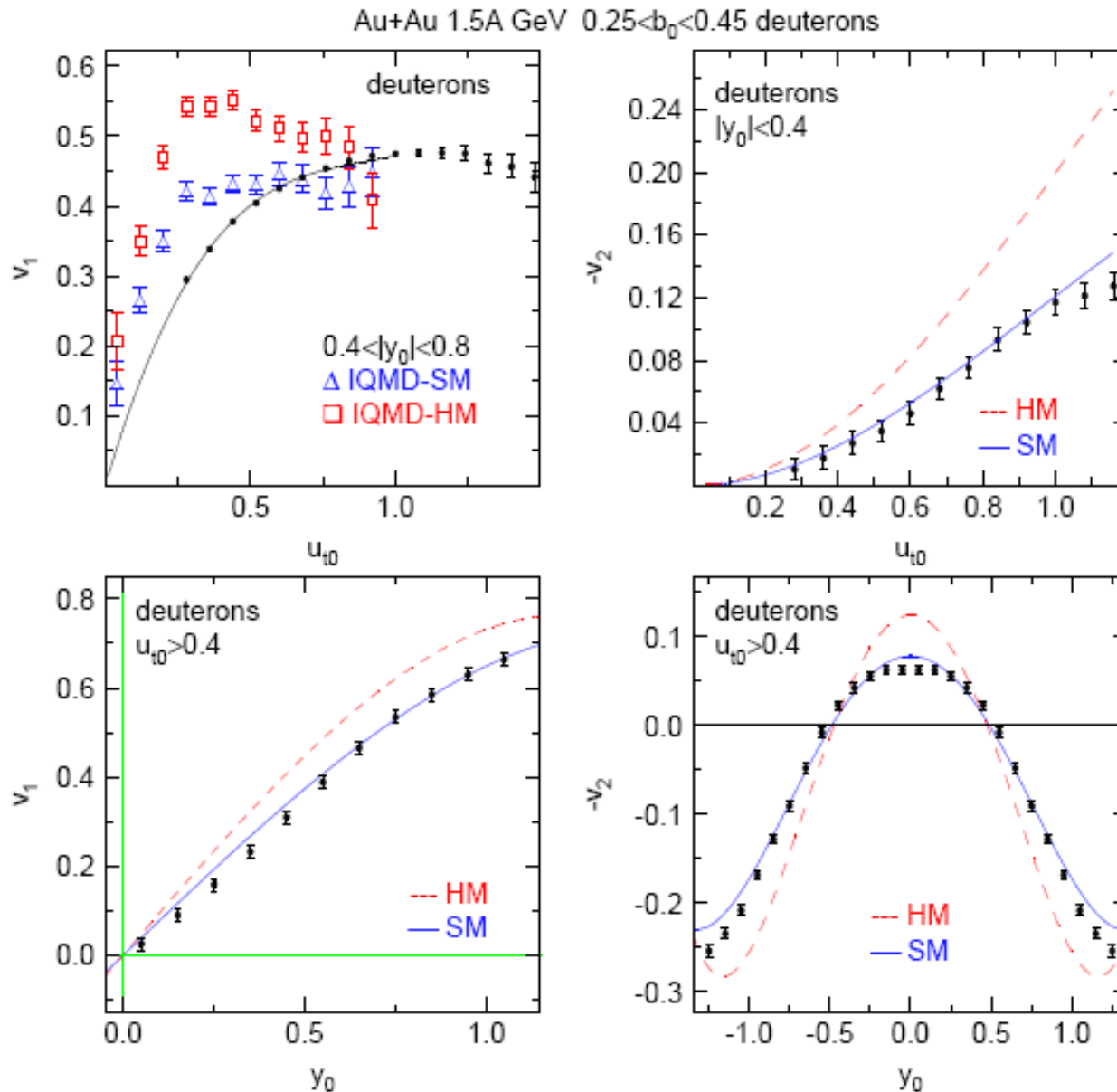
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# Model comparison at 1.5 AGeV



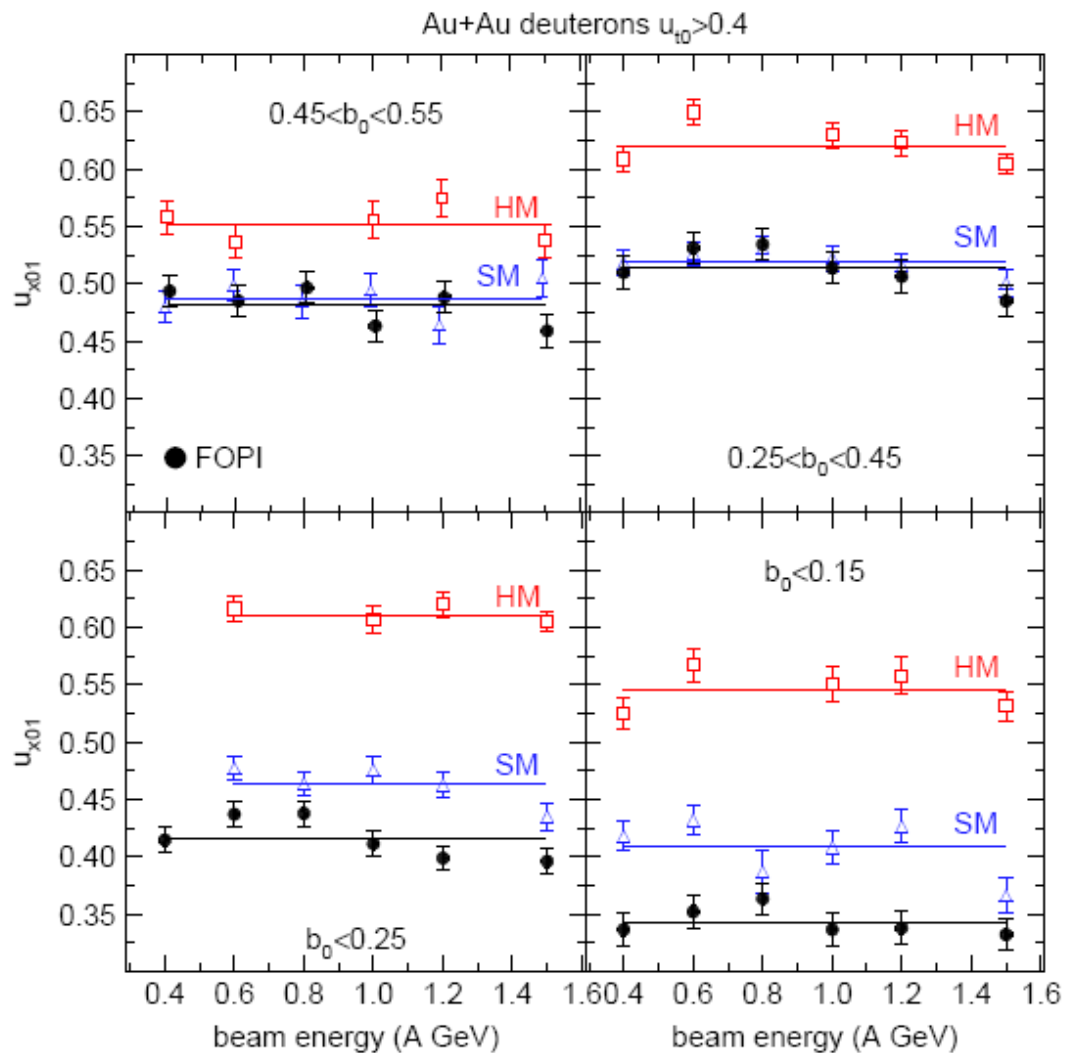
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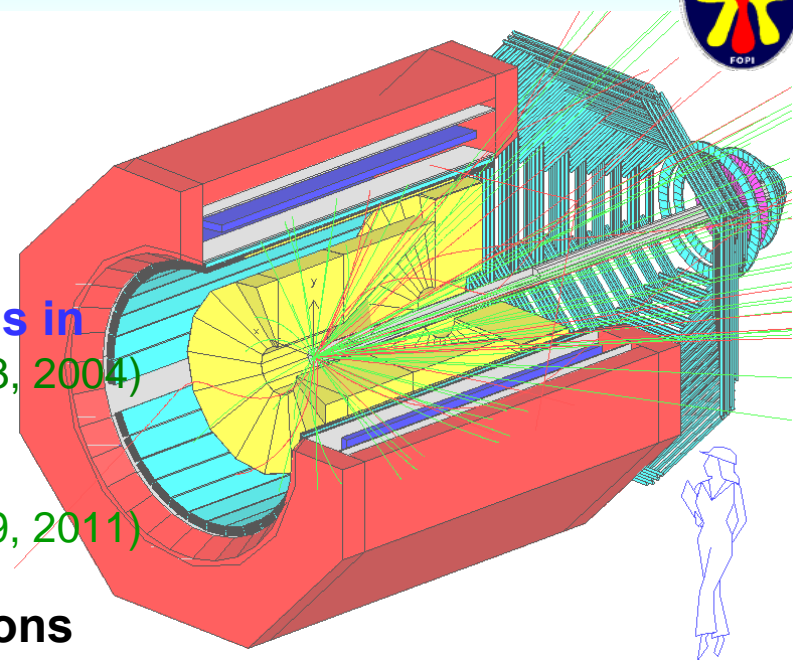
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# IQMD - model comparison of midrapidity slopes



**Preference for EOS with SM**



## Reference data from elementary reactions

**$K^0$ ,  $\Lambda$  production and phase space distributions in**  
 $\pi^- + C, Al, Cu, Sn, Pb$  @ 1.15 GeV/c, (S273, 2004)

**$K^0$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\Lambda$  production in**  
 $\pi^- + LH_2, C, Pb$  @ 1.7 GeV/c, (S339, 2011)

## Systematics of strangeness data from heavy-ion reactions

**$K^0$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $K^*$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma^*(1385)$  production and kaon flow**

**Search for kaonic bound states**

System	beam energy	events	(proposal, year)
Ni + Ni	1.93 AGeV,	100M	(S261, 2003)
Al + Al	1.91 AGeV,	200M	(S297, 2005)
Ni + Ni	1.91 AGeV,	80M	(S325, 2008)
Ni + Pb	1.91 AGeV,	100M	(S338, 2009)
Ru+ Ru	1.7 AGeV,	210M	(S338, 2009)

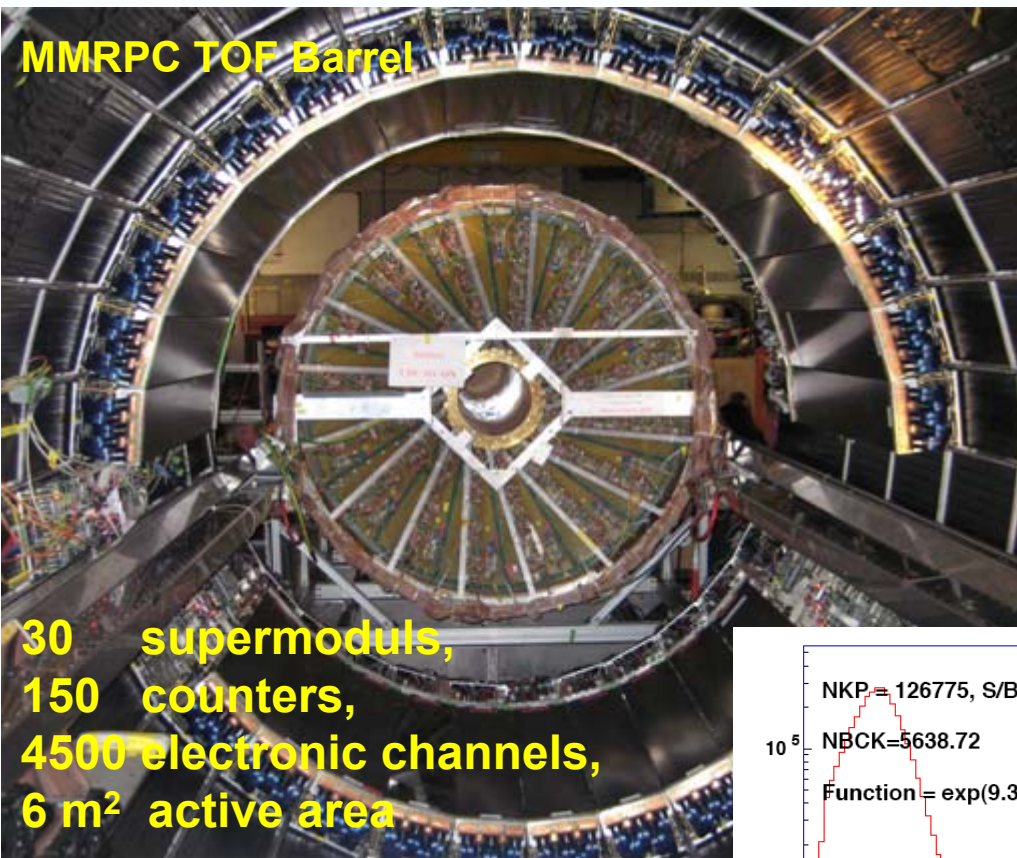
## Search for exotica in elementary reaction

**existence of  $ppK^-$  - bound state**

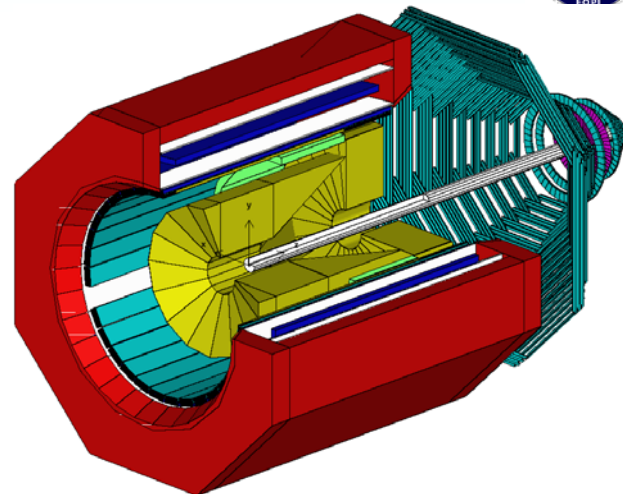
$p + p$  3 GeV, 80M (S349, 2009)



# FOPI III (2007 – 2010) with improved PID

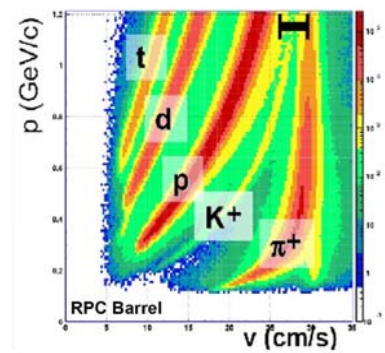
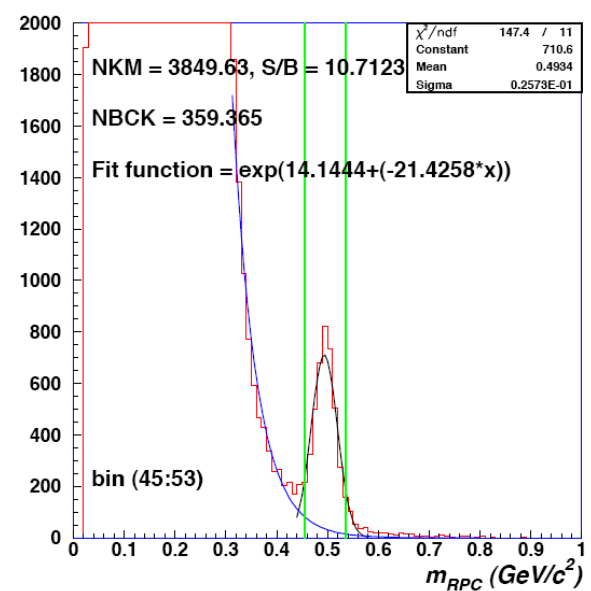
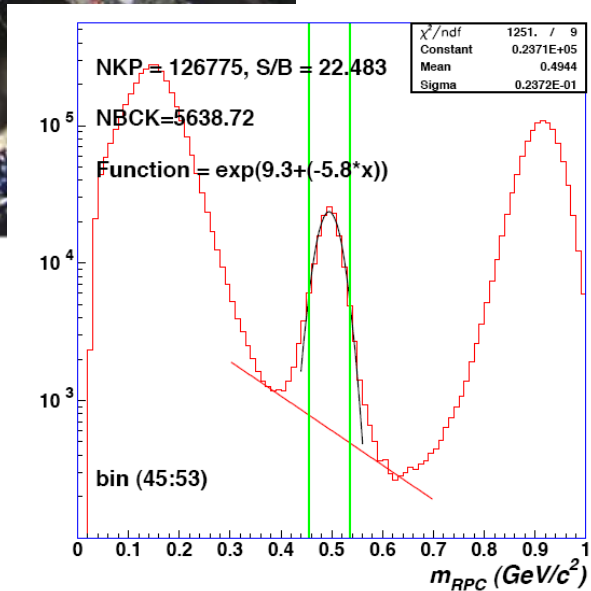


**Performance:**  
 $\sigma_{\text{system}} \sim 88 \text{ ps}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{RPC}} \sim 67 \text{ ps}$



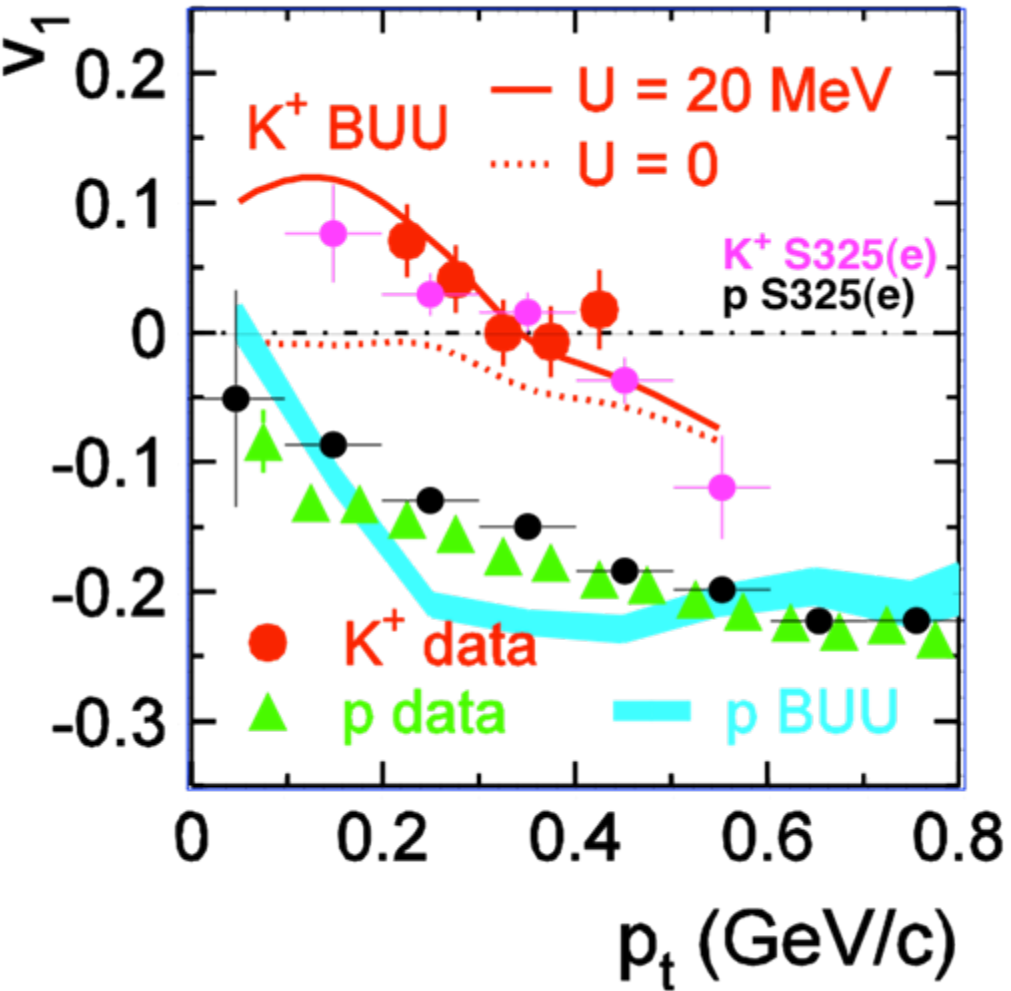
## kaon identification

**30 supermodules,**  
**150 counters,**  
**4500 electronic channels,**  
**6 m<sup>2</sup> active area**





# Differential sideflow of $K^+$ in central collisions



New data are consistent with earlier data  
in range  $-1.2 < y^{(0)} < -0.65$ ,  
 $\sigma_{\text{geo}} = 200 \text{ mb}$   
P.Crochet et al., PLB 486, 6 (2000)

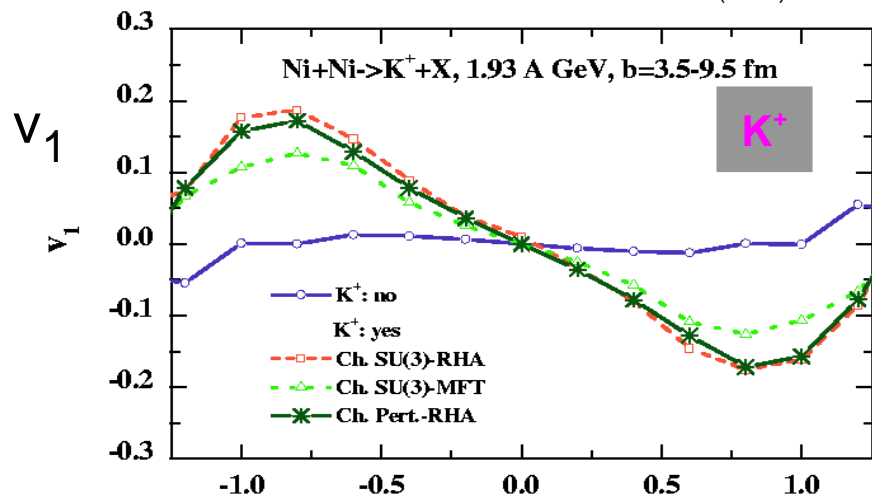
## Conclusion:

Data favor the presence of repulsive potential  
 $U(\rho = \rho_0) = 20 \text{ MeV}$

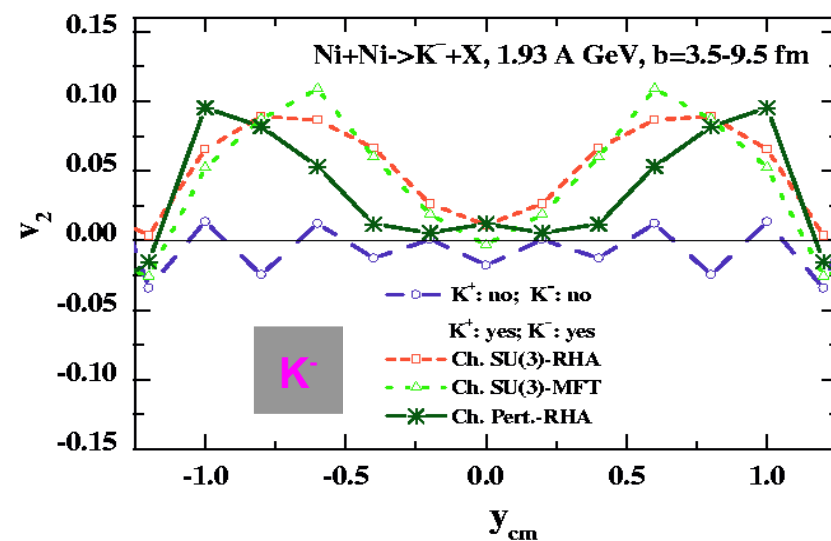
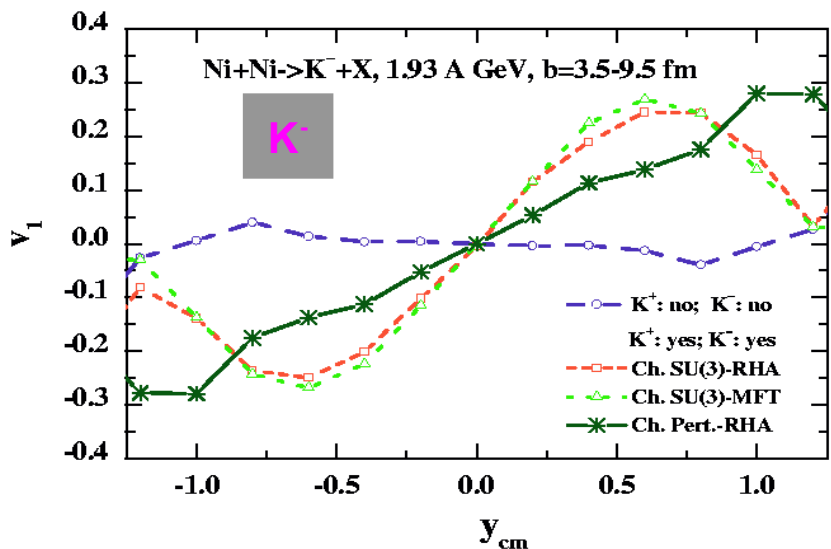
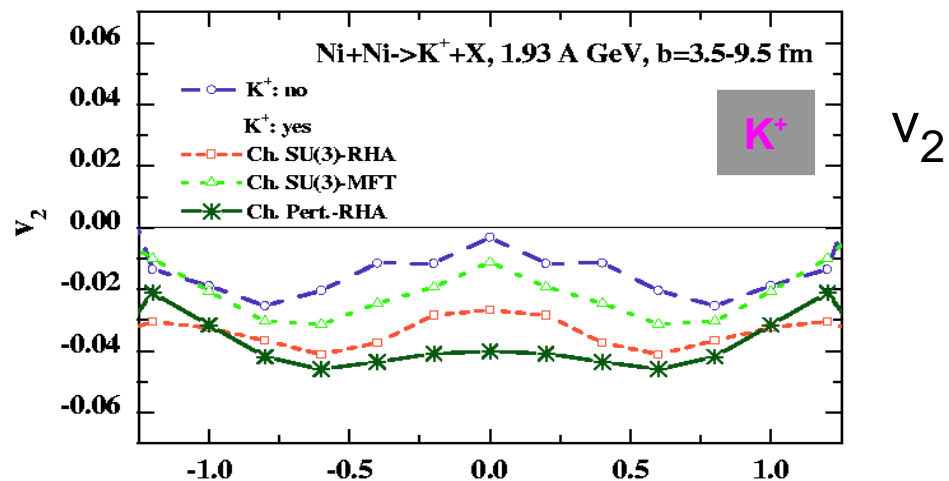


# Predictions of transport model

A. Mishra *et al.* PRC 70(2004) 044904



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Large asymmetries are predicted for semi-peripheral collisions ...



# Differential flow of $K^+$ - mesons



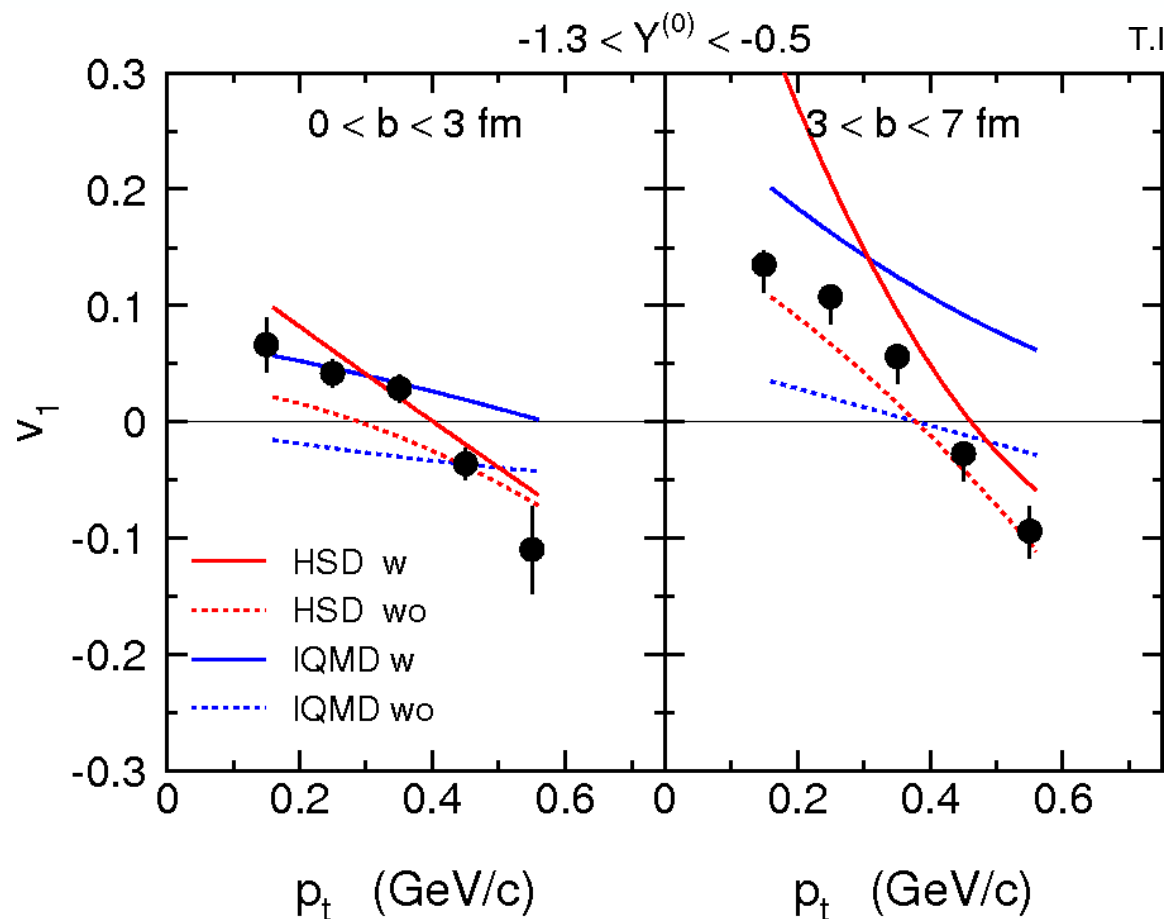
Ni+Ni at 1.91 AGeV  
(S325 + S325e data)

Models with FOPI  
acceptance filter

Potentials with linear  
density dependence.

At  $\rho = \rho_0$ :  
 $U_{\text{HSD}}(K^+) = 20 \text{ MeV}$   
 $U_{\text{IQMD}}(K^+) = 40 \text{ MeV}$

T.I.Kang, V.Zinyuk



**Differential sideflow in central collisions compatible with HSD & potential.  
Models fail to describe the centrality dependence.**





# Flow of charged kaons



T.I.Kang, V.Zinyuk

Ni+Ni at 1.91 AGeV  
(S325 + S325e data)

$\sigma = 1.5 \text{ b}$

$b_{\text{geo}} = 7 \text{ fm}$

Models with FOPI  
acceptance filter

Potentials with linear  
density dependence.

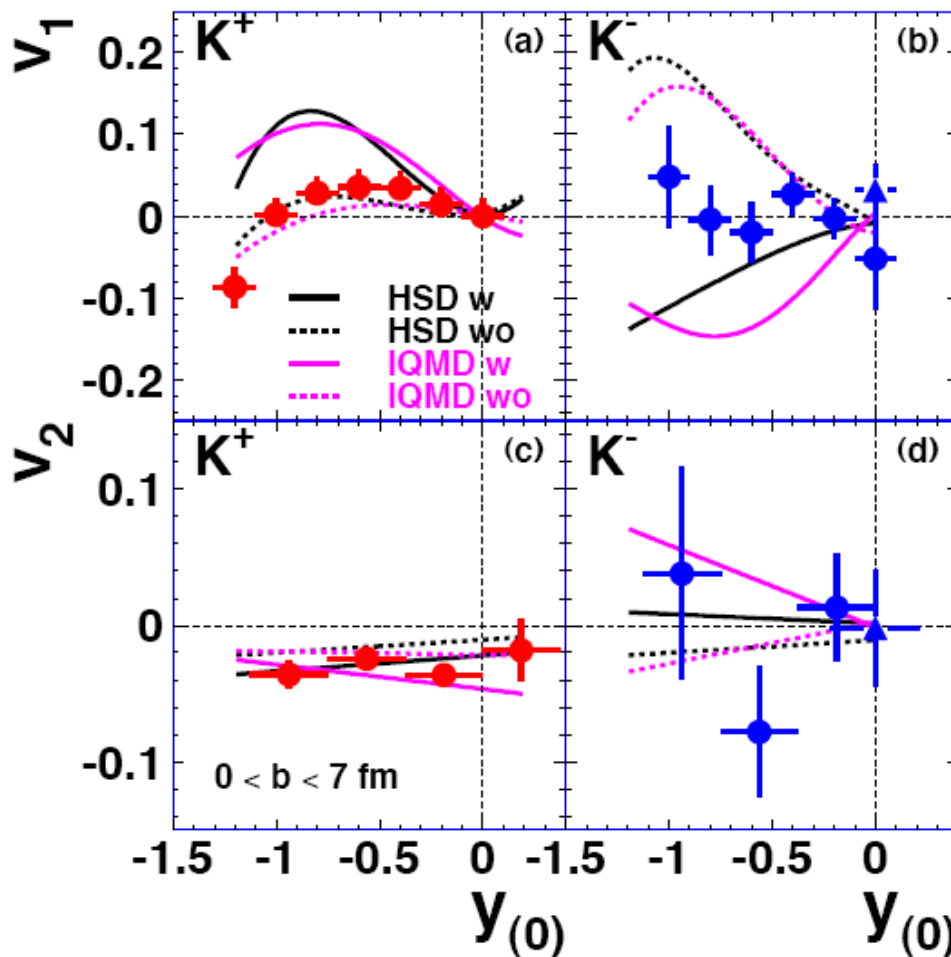
At  $\rho = \rho_0$ :

$U_{\text{HSD}}(\text{K}^+) = 20 \text{ MeV}$

$U_{\text{IQMD}}(\text{K}^+) = 40 \text{ MeV}$

$U_{\text{HSD}}(\text{K}^-) = 50 \text{ MeV}$

$U_{\text{IQMD}}(\text{K}^-) = 90 \text{ MeV}$



**$\text{K}^+$  sideflow much smaller than expectation from model calculations.**  
 **$\text{K}^-$  sideflow compatible with zero, in variance with model expectations.**  
 **$\text{K}^+$  - elliptic flow negativ  $\rightarrow$  out of plane emission.**  
 **$\text{K}^-$  - elliptic flow consistent with zero.**



# Summary / Conclusion



Collective flow is sensitive to pressure,  
Necessary ingredient to extract equation-of-state and in-medium potentials.

Errors dominated by systematic uncertainties.

Large dataset exists for baryon and pion flow  
that awaits description by theoretical transport model.

Comparison to IQMD model calculations shows preference for soft EOS (SM).

Current analysis status of 'flow' of strange particles.

- First measurement of  $K^-$  - sideflow,  
first measurement of  $K^+$  - flow for semi peripheral reactions,

Results are in variance with theoretical expectations.

Systematic measurements (system size and incident energy dependence)  
and consistent analysis are needed to extract the underlying physics!