

On the Collective Dynamics of Dense Baryonic Matter

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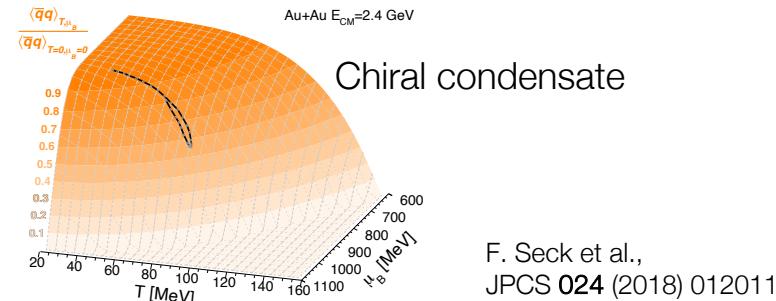
Dense Baryonic Matter

Heavy-Ion Collisions

Heavy-ion collisions

QCD phase diagram in the region of high μ_B

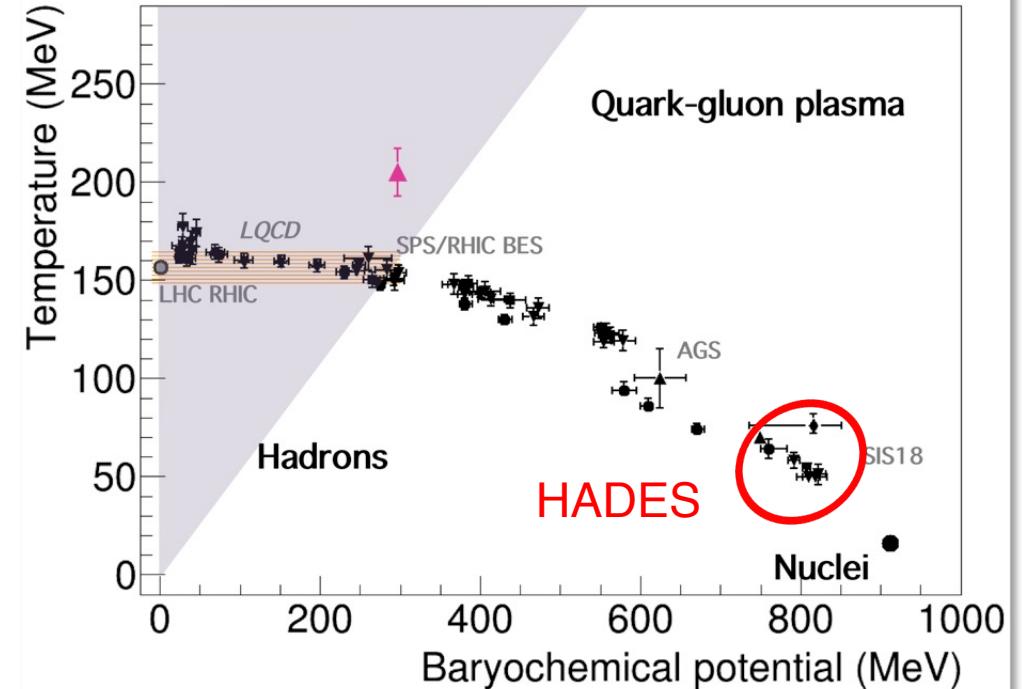
Rare and penetrating probes



Bulk properties of dense fireball

Pion + proton beams

Properties of baryon resonances
(vacuum, cold QCD matter)



Dense Baryonic Matter

Physics Topics

Open questions

Origin of hadron masses

Role of condensates

QCD-Confinement

Equation-of-state (EoS) of dense matter

Super-dense matter in the laboratory

Neutron Star Merger

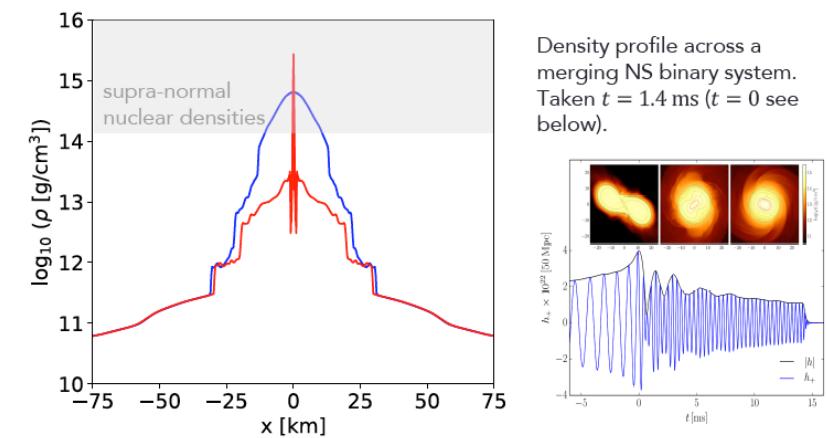
Observation via gravitational waves

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

PRL 119 (2017) 1611001

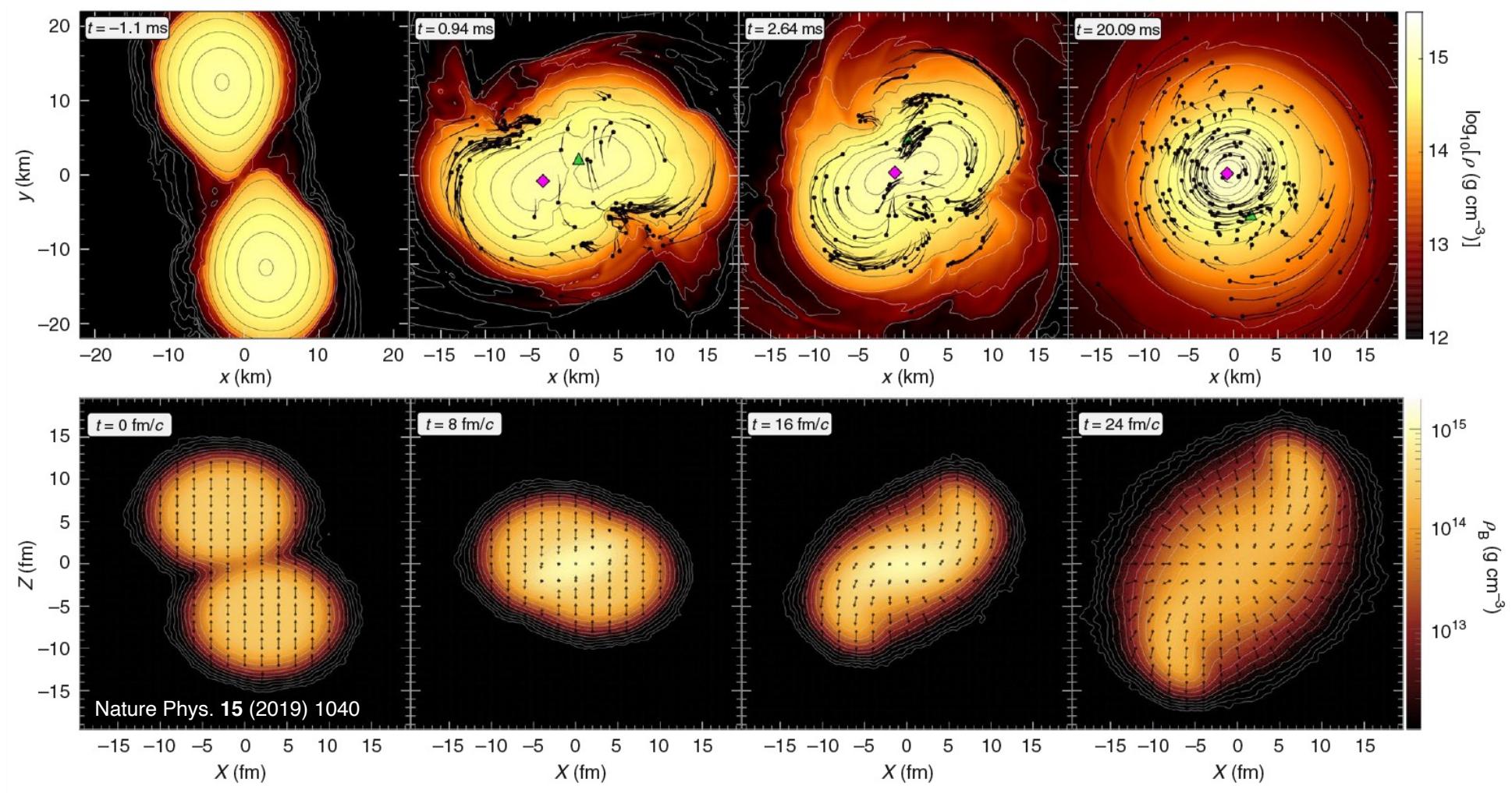
Sensitivity to EoS

Super-dense matter in the universe



Dense Baryonic Matter

Relation to Neutron Star Mergers



Dense Baryonic Matter

Topics of this Talk

Flow Measurements

Principle of flow measurements relative to the 1st order event plane

Results for Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$

Proton, deuteron and triton flow results up to 4th order (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) (PhD work by B. Kardan)

Scaling Properties

Mass number and initial geometry scaling properties

Model comparisons

Comparison of various model calculations \Rightarrow Towards a precise determination of the EoS

Correlations

Additional information extracted from the correlations of flow coefficients

Flow Measurements

Principle

Emission relative to event plane

Interactions in medium

⇒ different pressure gradients in different directions

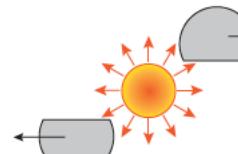
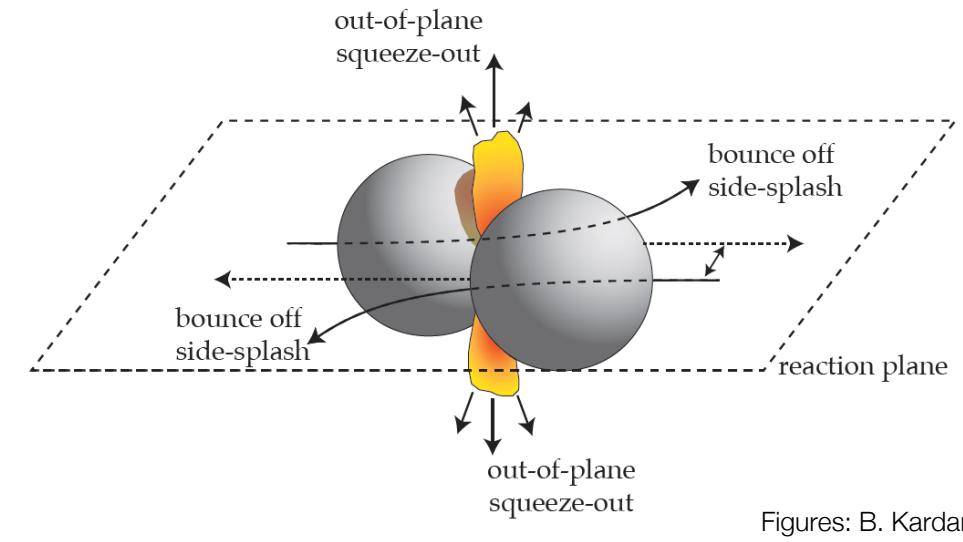
Access to medium properties, e.g. viscosity

Equation-of-state (EoS)

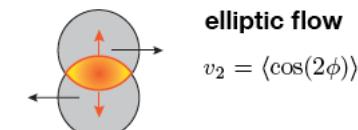
Fourier-Decomposition

Extraction of moments v_n

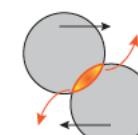
$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_t dp dy} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_{RP})] \right)$$



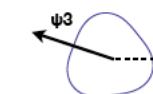
radial flow



elliptic flow
 $v_2 = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$



directed flow
 $v_1 = \langle \cos(\phi) \rangle$



triangular flow
 $v_3 = \langle \cos(3\phi) \rangle$
 $\phi = (\varphi - \Psi_{RP})$

Flow Measurements

Event Plane

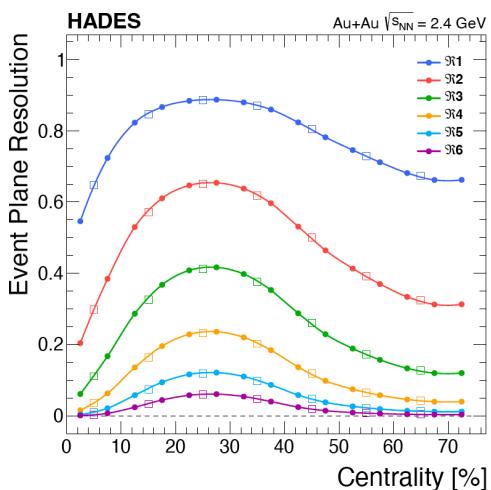
Event plane Reconstruction

1st-Order event plane

Projectile spectators in Forward Wall

EP-resolution via sub-event method

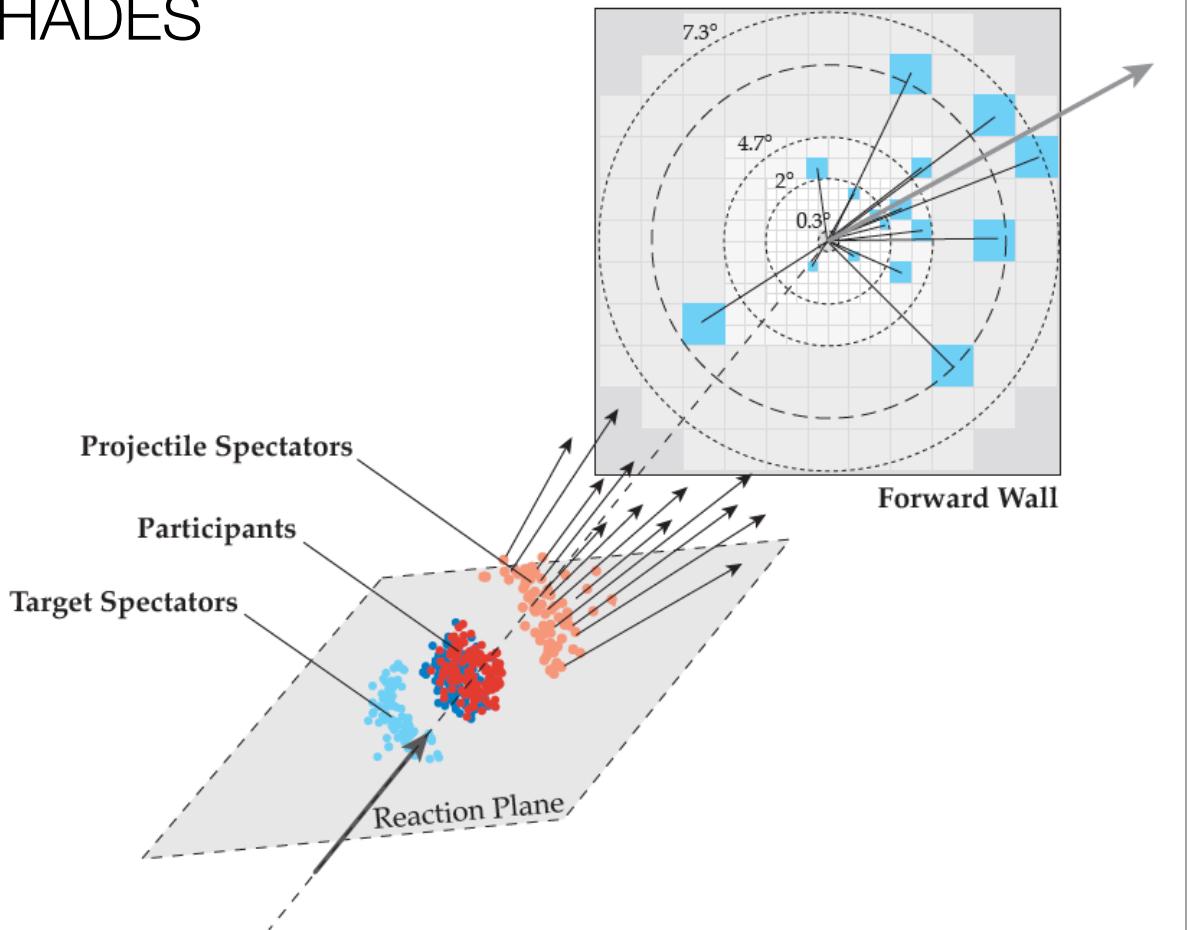
J.-Y. Ollitrault, arXiv:nucl-ex/9711003



$$v_n = v_n^{obs} / \Re_n$$

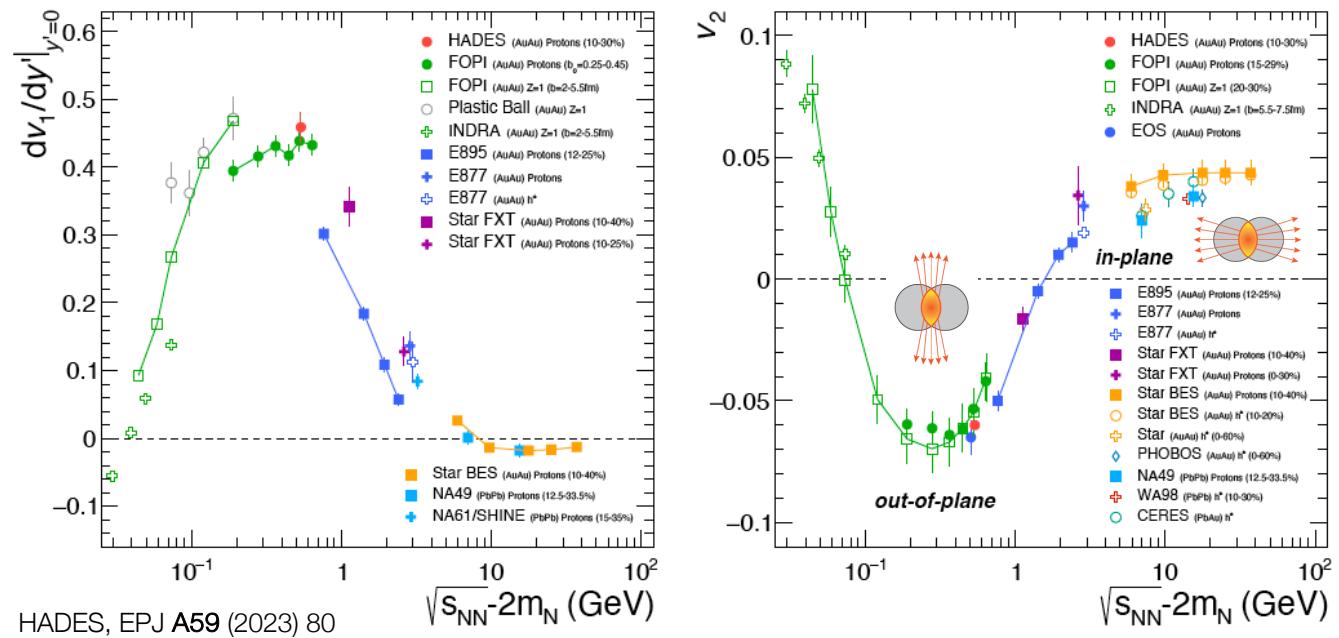
$$\Re_n = \langle \cos[n(\Psi_n - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$

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Flow Measurements

Energy Dependence of Directed and Elliptic Flow



Compilation of world data

Good agreement of integrated dv_1/dy (directed flow) and v_2 (elliptic flow) between experiments

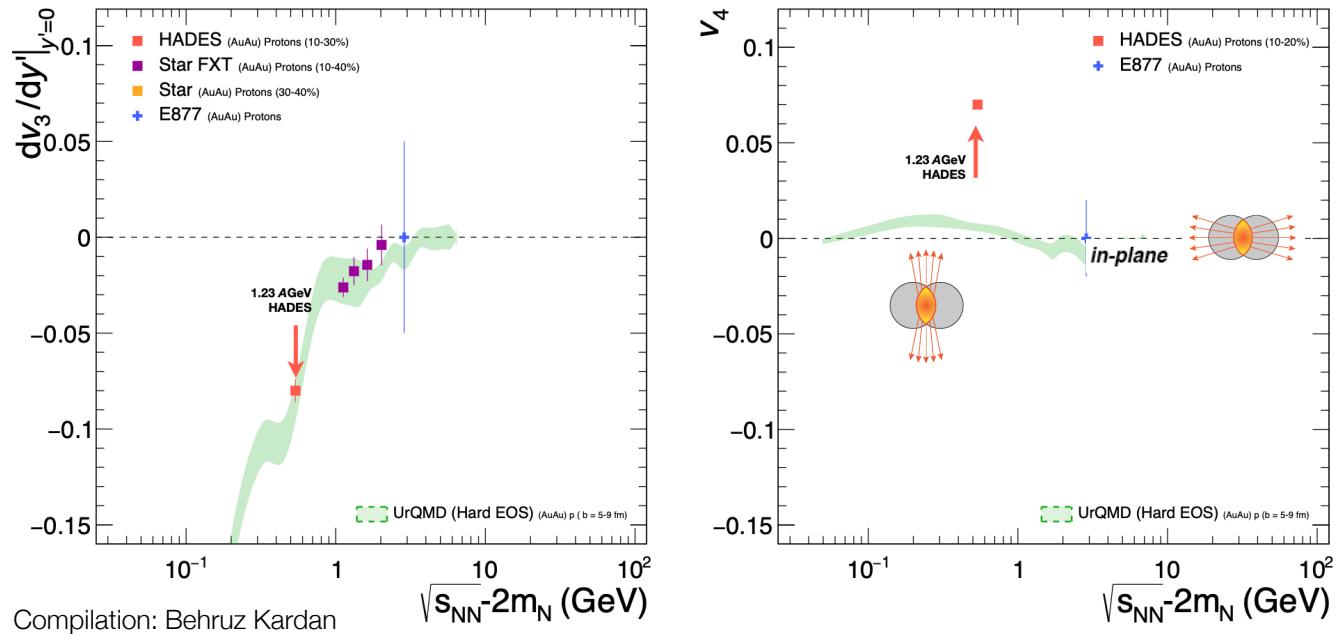
Out-of-plane v_2

Long spectator passing time $\tau_{\text{passing}} \approx \tau_{\text{expansion}}$ \Rightarrow “squeeze-out” and/or “shadowing”

(as discussed in:
T. Reichert and J. Aichelin,
arXiv:241112908)

Flow Measurements

Energy Dependence of Higher Orders



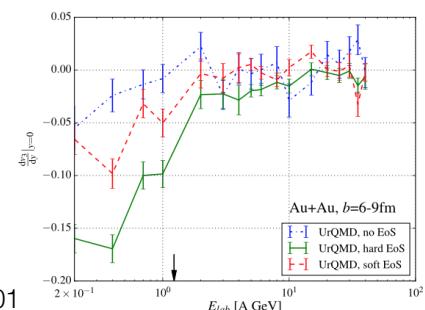
Triangular and quadrangular flow

Very scarce data at low energies

Additional source of information

Should help to narrow down EoS

UrQMD,
P. Hillmann et al.
JP G45 (2018) 085101



Flow Measurements

Experiment Comparison

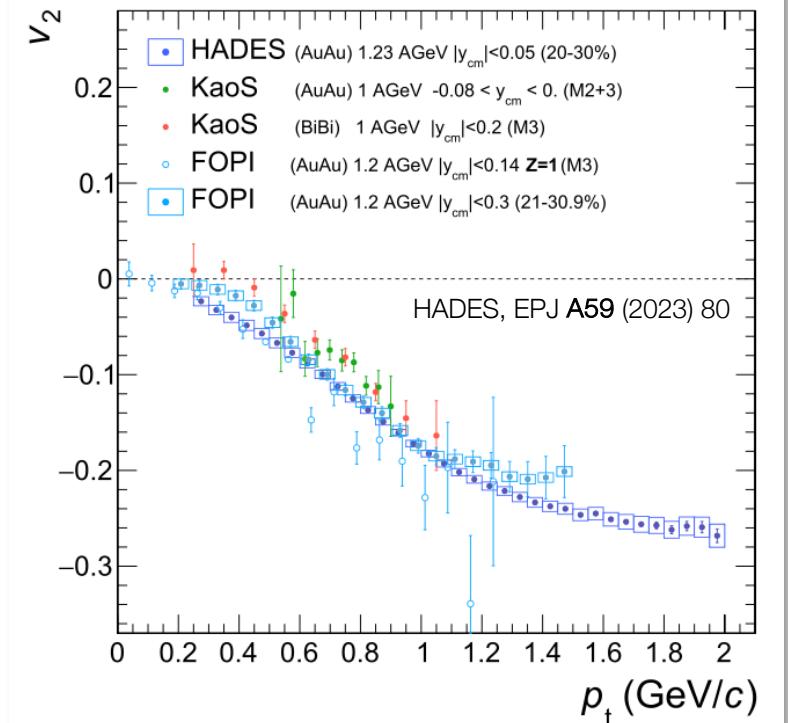
Elliptic flow of protons

Other data sets from SIS18

KaoS: Z. Phys. A355 (1996) 61
and priv. comm.

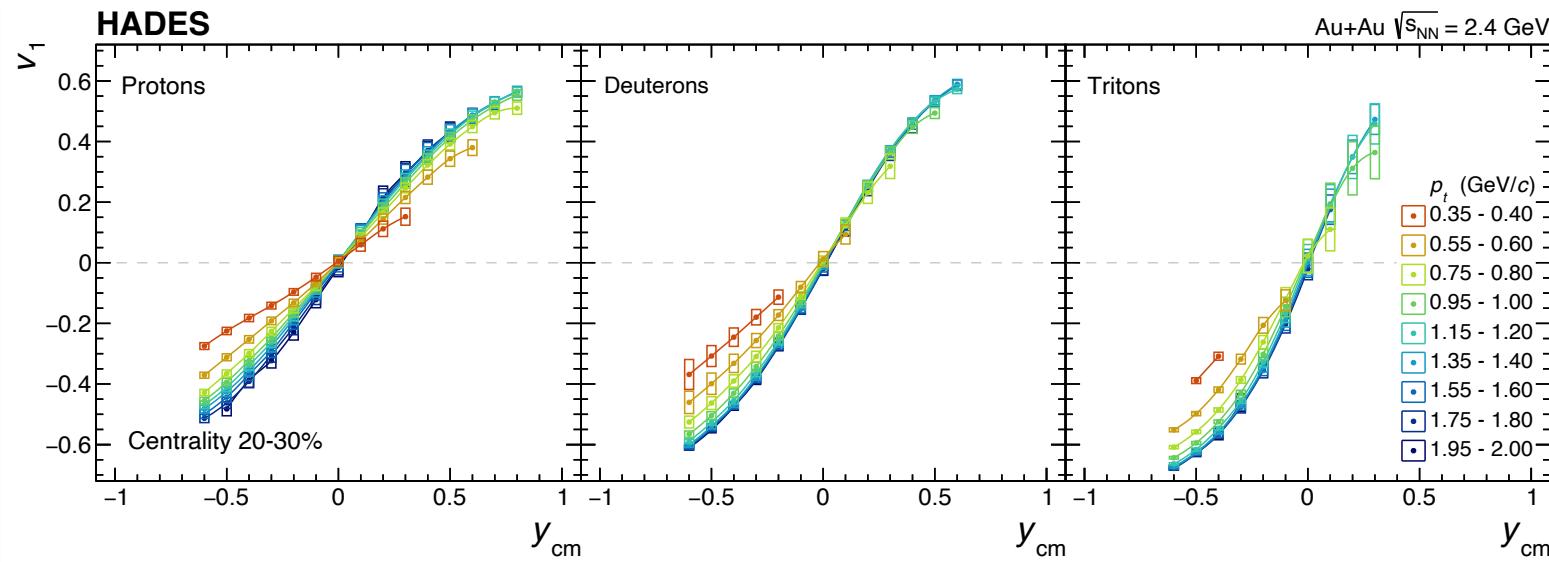
FOPI: Phys. Lett. B612 (2005) 173
Nucl. Phys. A876 (2012) 1

Good agreement, considering differences in beam
energies and/or centrality selection



Results for Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$ GeV

v_1, v_2, v_3 and v_4 for Protons, Deuterons and Tritons



All data points

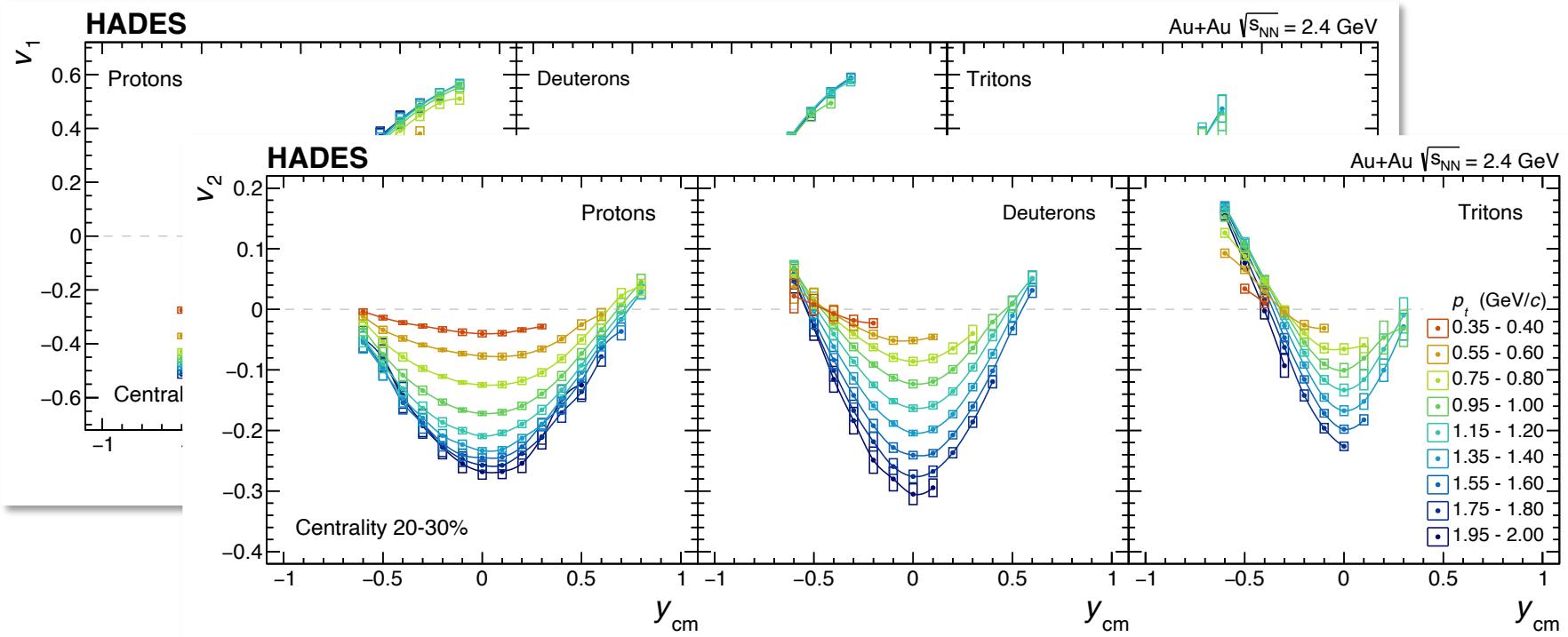
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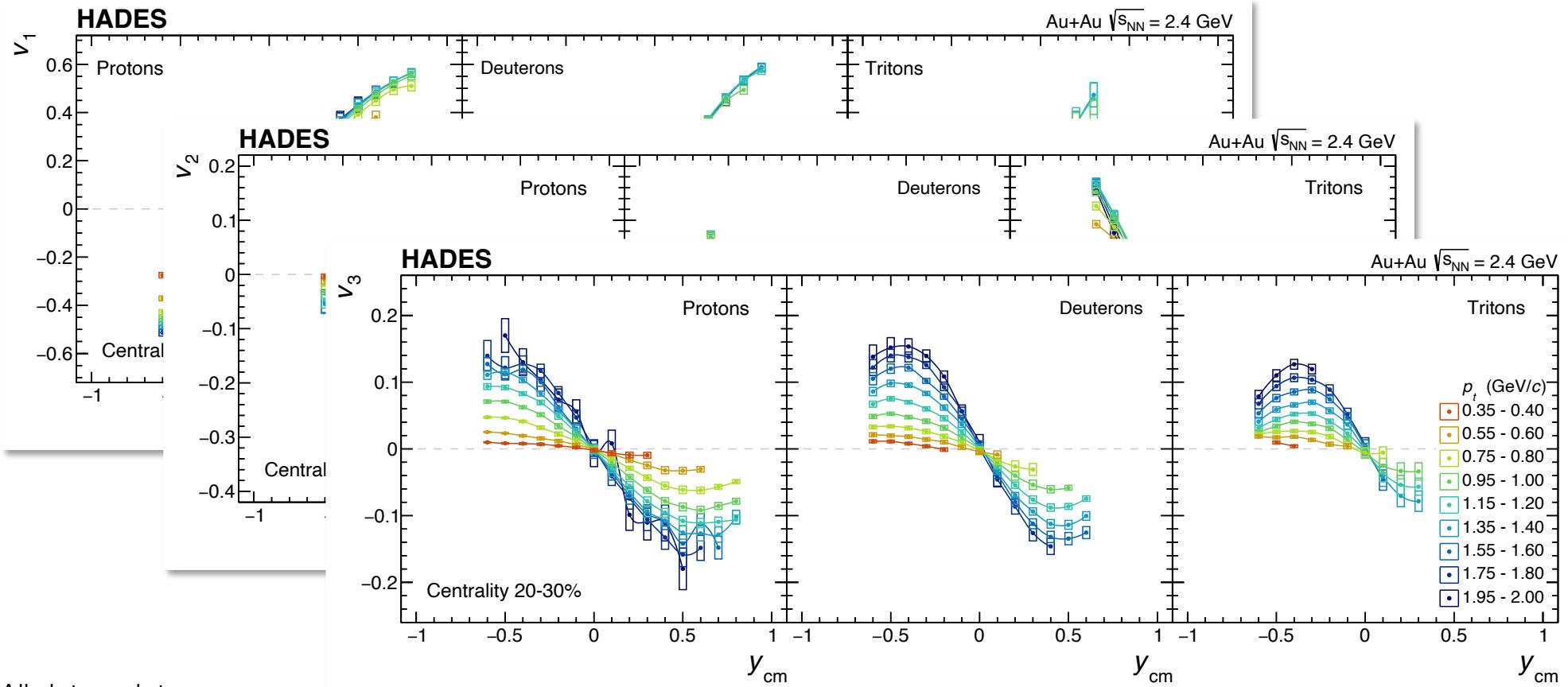
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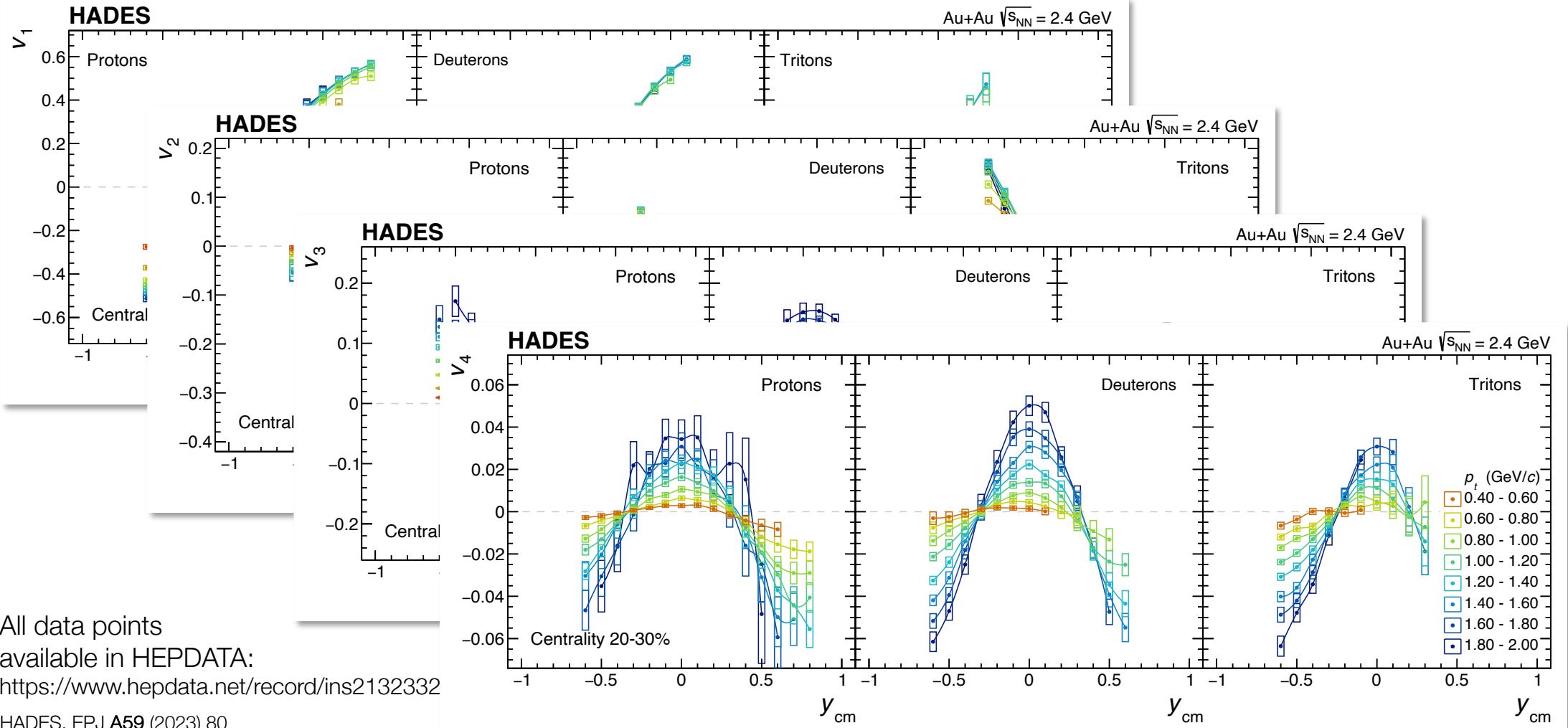
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Results for Au+Au at $\sqrt{s}_{\text{NN}} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$

v_1, v_2, v_3 and v_4 for Protons, Deuterons and Tritons vs. Centrality

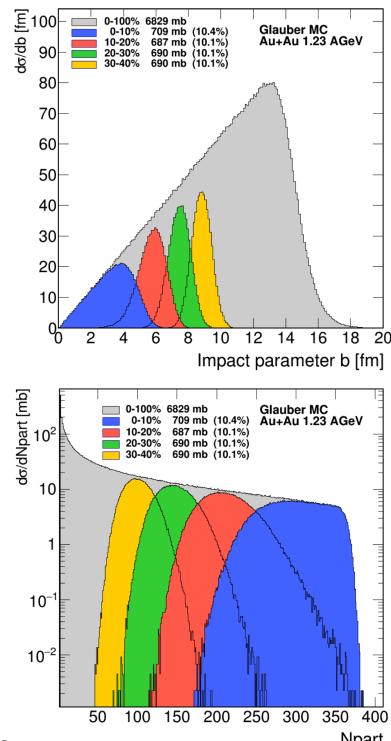
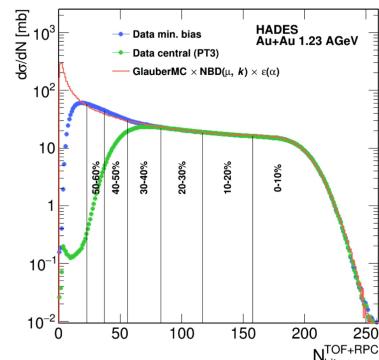
Four centrality classes available

0 – 10 %, 10 – 20 %, 20 – 30 %, 30 – 40 %

Centrality selection

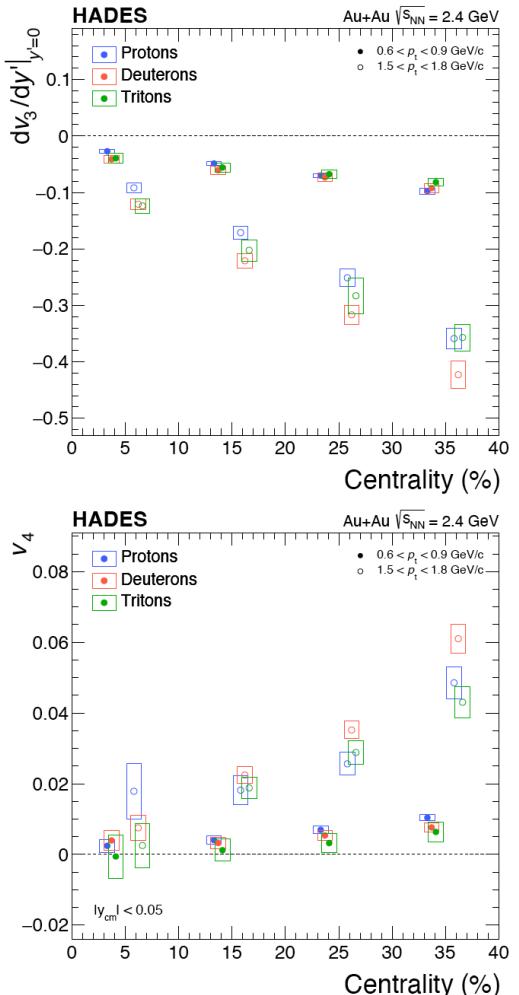
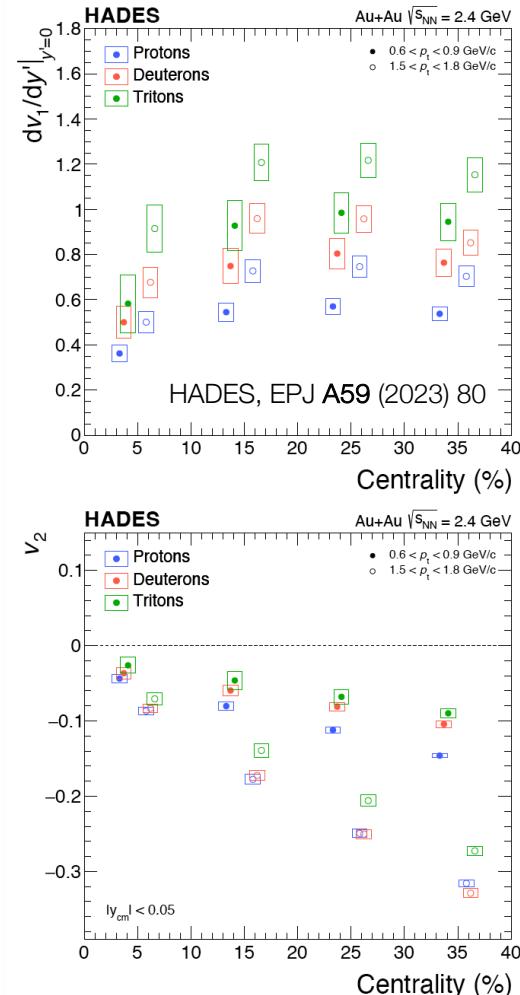
Charged particle multiplicities

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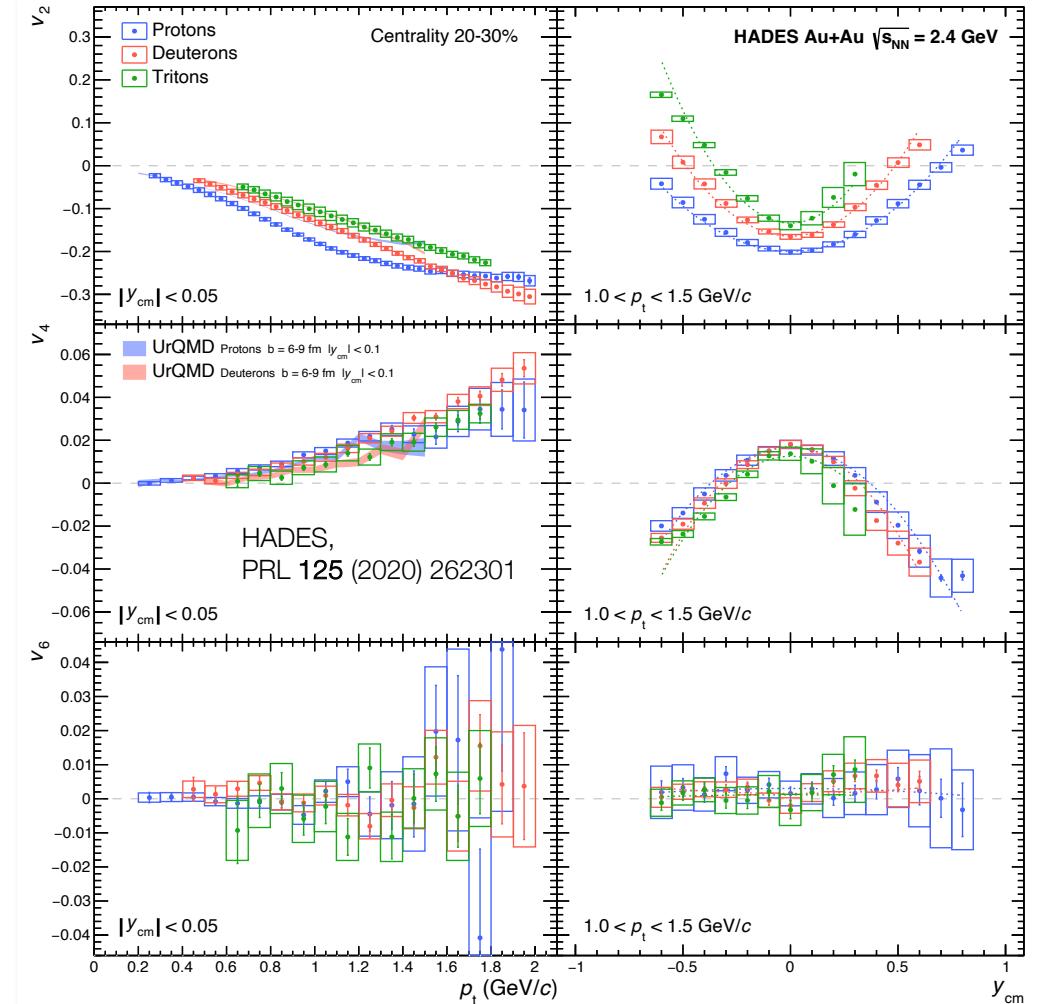
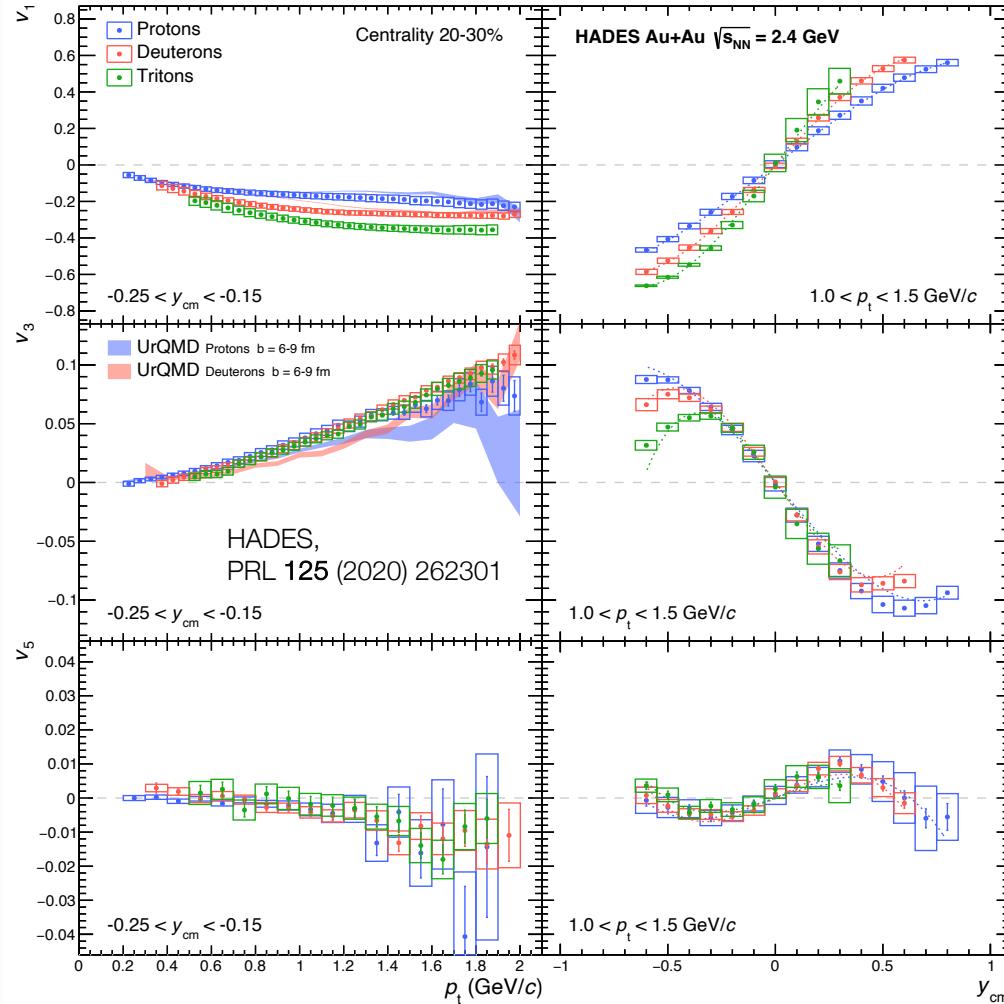
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$v_1 - v_6$ for Protons, Deuterons and Tritons



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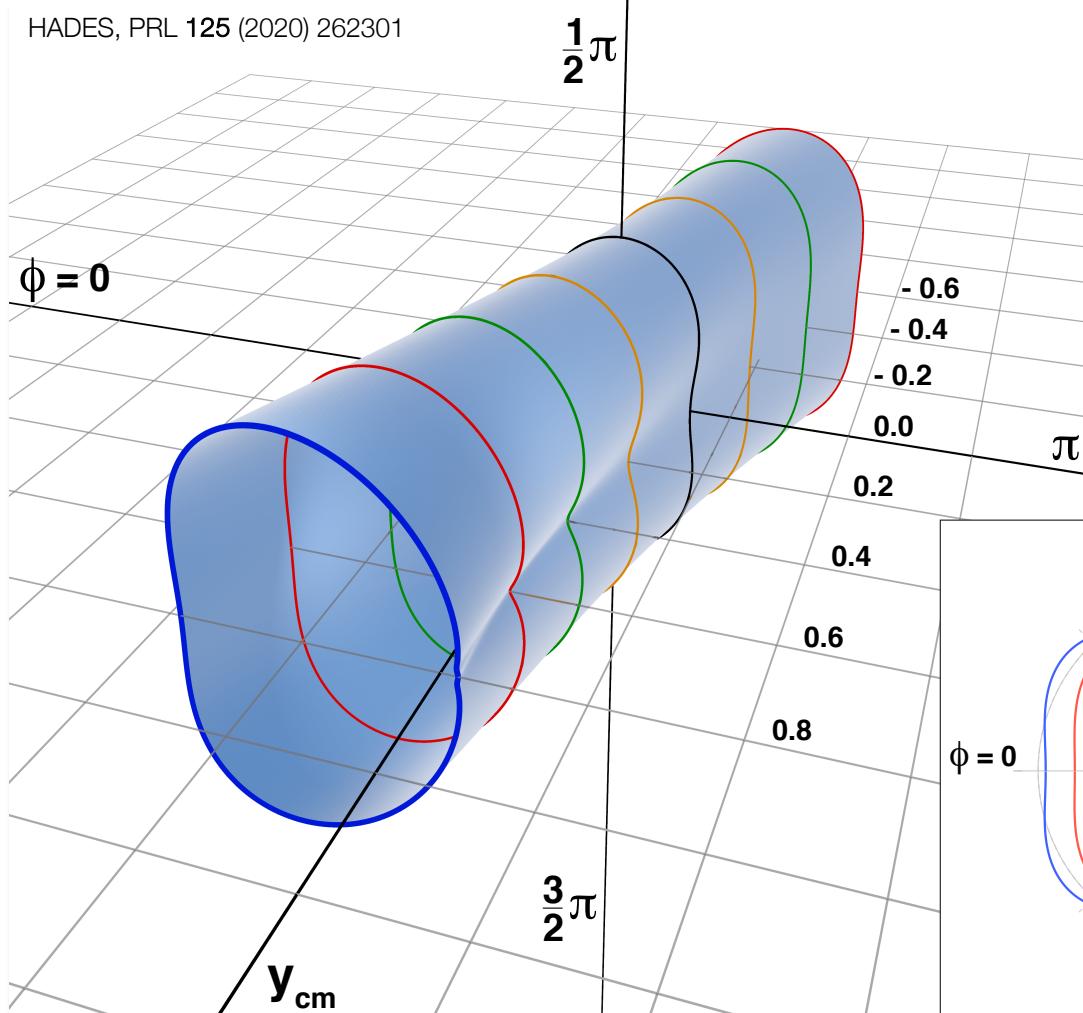
3D-Representation

Complete picture
of flow pattern in
three dimensions

Shape determined by flow
coefficients $v_1 - v_6$

Complex evolution of shape as
function of rapidity

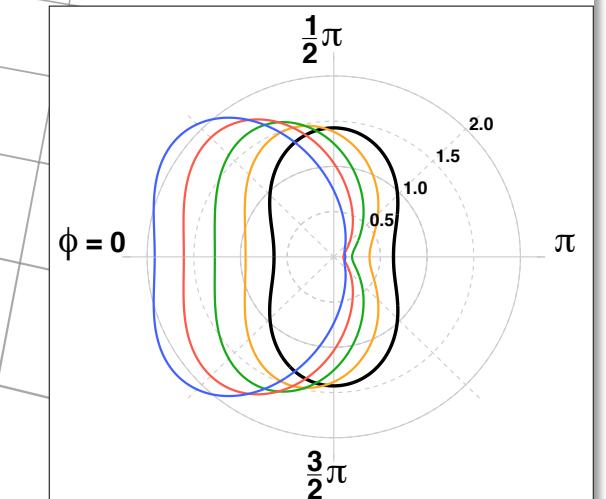
HADES, PRL 125 (2020) 262301



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Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4$ GeV
Protons
Centrality 20-30%
 $1.0 < p_t < 1.5$ GeV/c

y_{cm}

- 0.0
- 0.2
- 0.4
- 0.6
- 0.8



Scaling Properties

Relation between v_2 and v_4

Elliptic and quadrangular flow

Prediction for ideal fluid:

$$\frac{v_4(p_t)}{v_2^2(p_t)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

Slightly higher values (~ 0.6) expected in more realistic scenario

Measured for p, d and t

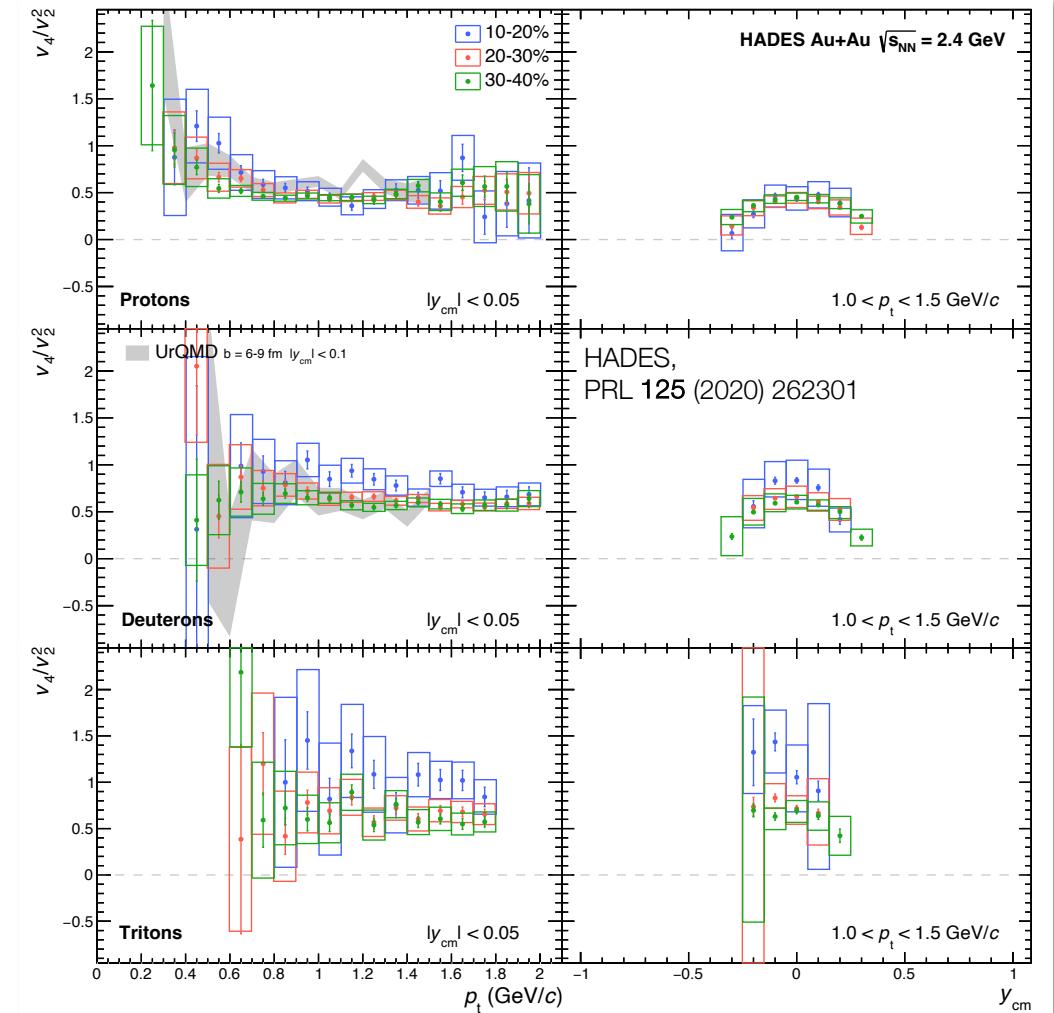
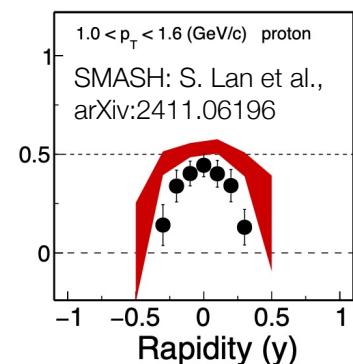
Independent of p_t

Close to predicted value of ~ 0.6

Hydro-like matter at SIS energies?

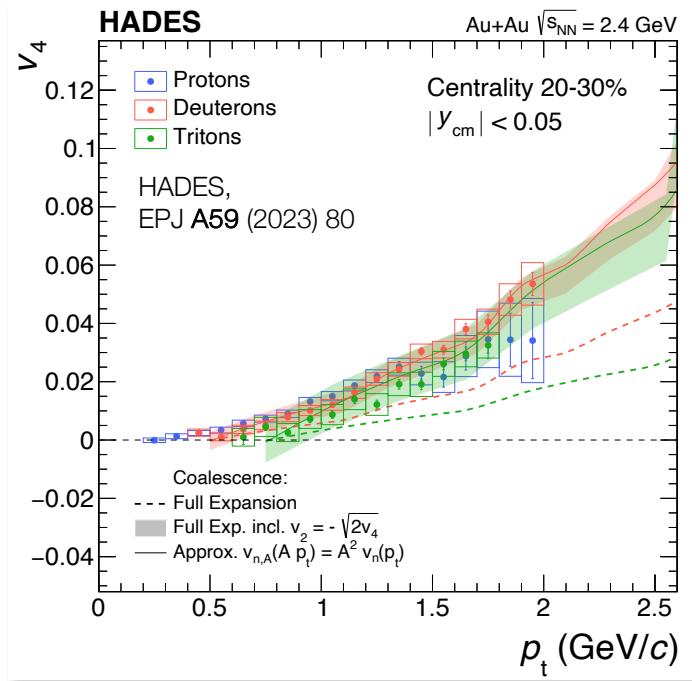
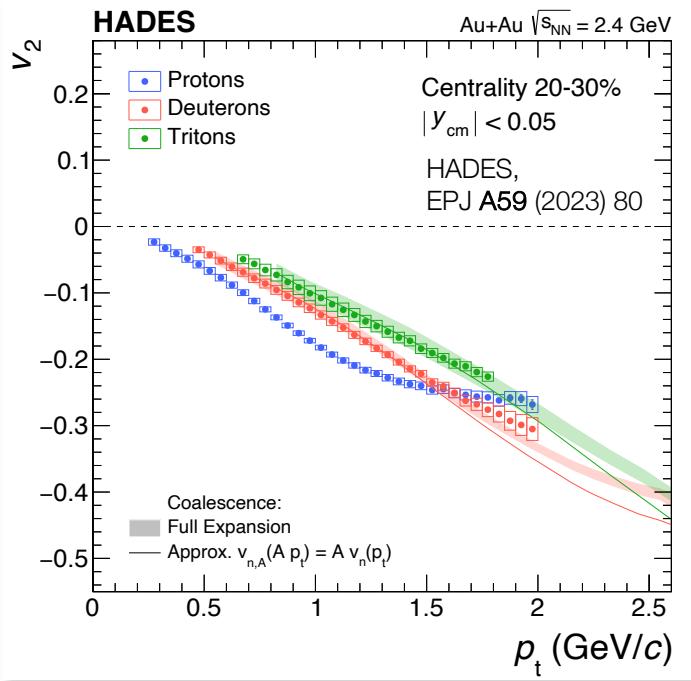
Transport models matches data

Also IQMD: L.-M. Gang et al., PRC **107** (2023) 044904



Scaling Properties

Mass Number Scaling of v_2 and v_4 at Mid-Rapidity



Nucleon Coalescence

Scaling of v_2 (v_4) and p_t with nuclear mass number A (including higher terms)

Works as expected in simple coalescence picture (only at mid-rapidity!)

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

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

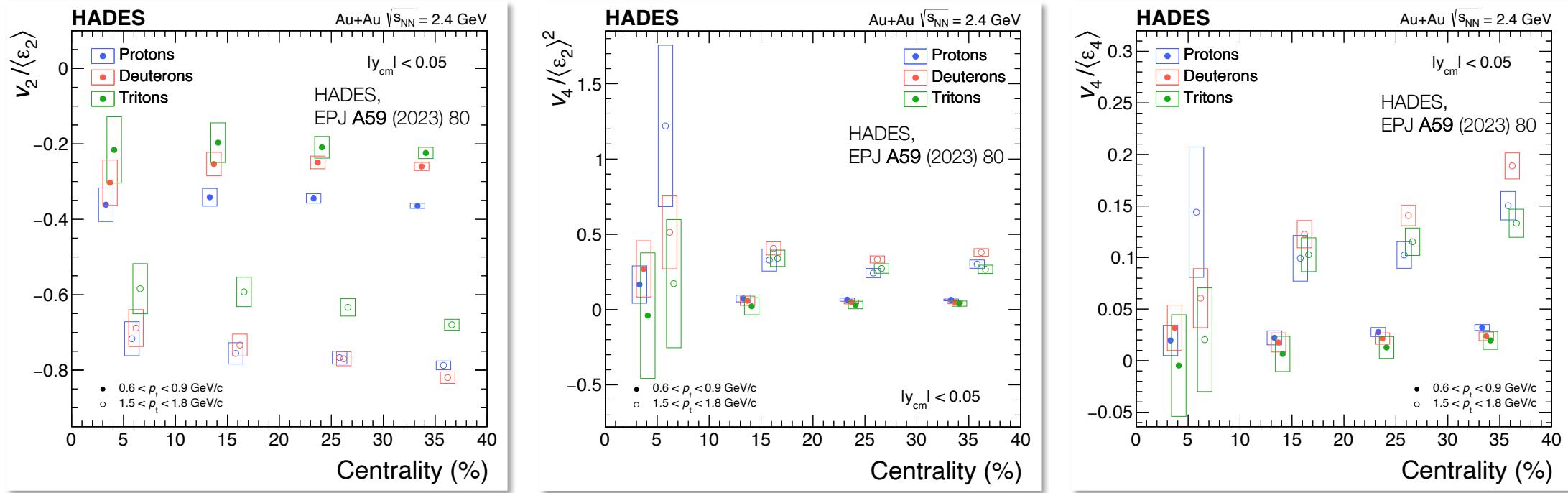
$$v_{4,A=2}(2 p_t) = 4 v_4(p_t) \frac{1}{1 + 4 v_4(p_t) + 2 v_4^2(p_t)},$$

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

(assuming: $v_2 = -\sqrt{2 v_4}$)

Scaling Properties

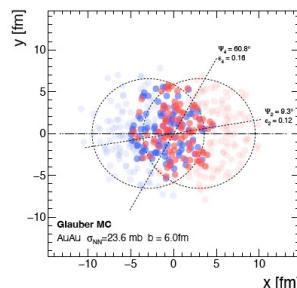
Initial Geometry



Scaling with Initial Eccentricities

Calculated for overlap zone with Glauber MC

$v_2/\langle \varepsilon_2 \rangle$ and $v_4/\langle \varepsilon_2 \rangle^2$ almost independent of centrality ($v_4/\langle \varepsilon_4 \rangle$ is not)
 \Rightarrow Fixed relation between v_2 and v_4 (different to high energies)



Model Comparisons

Proton Data

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.)

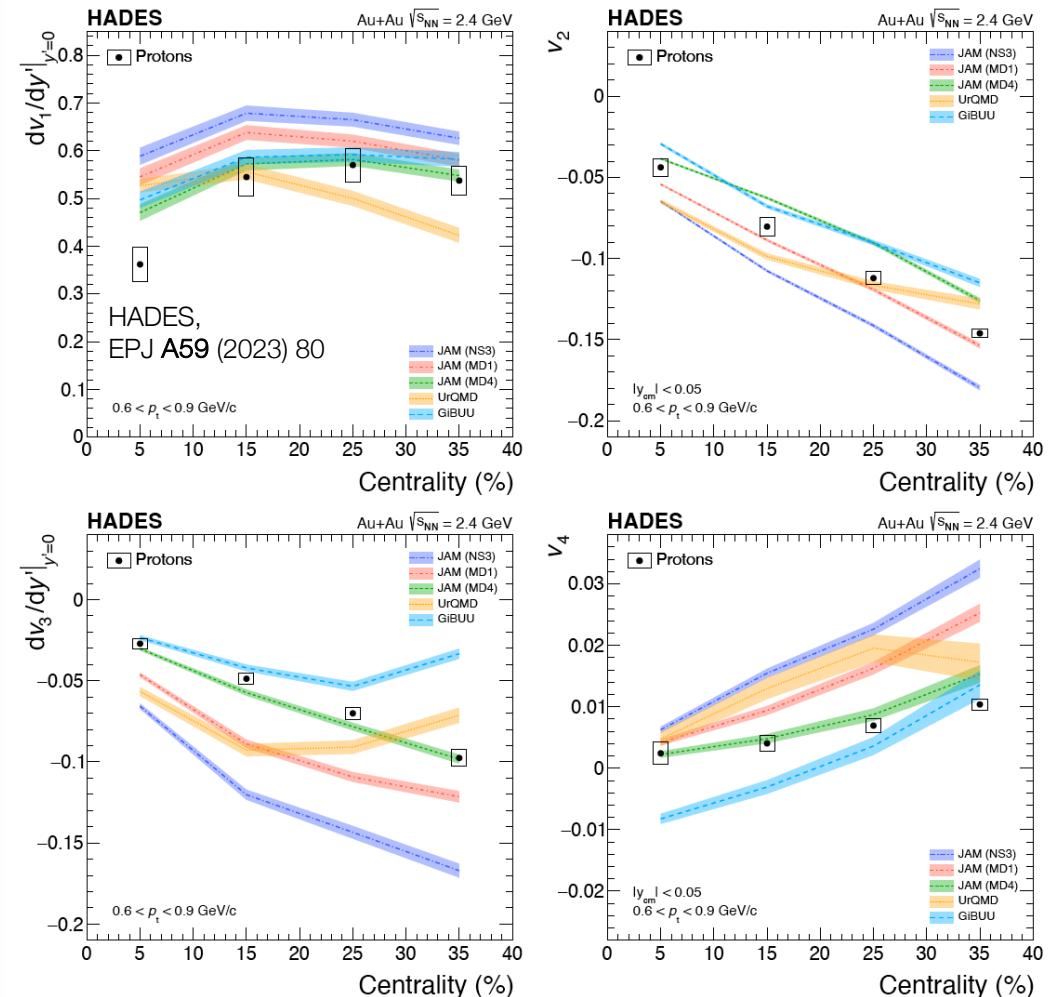
GiBUU Skyrme 12 (soft EOS)

Conclusions

Overall trend reasonably described,
but no model works everywhere

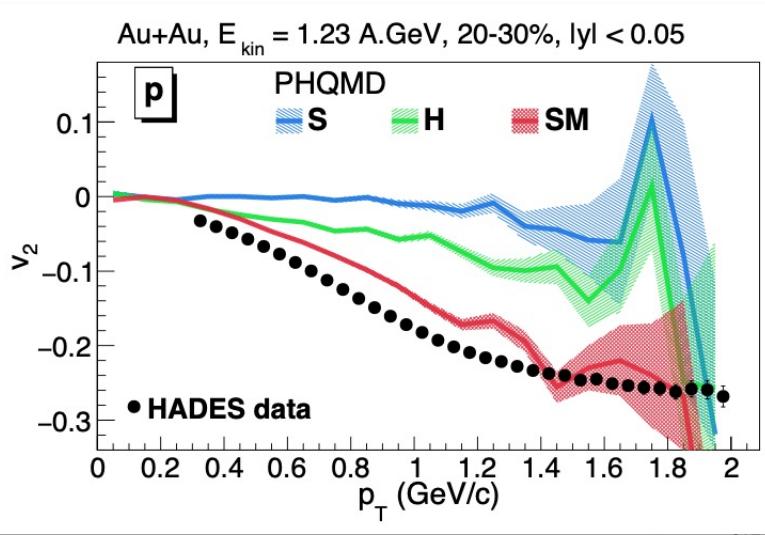
Several systematic deviations

Unified description of cluster production missing

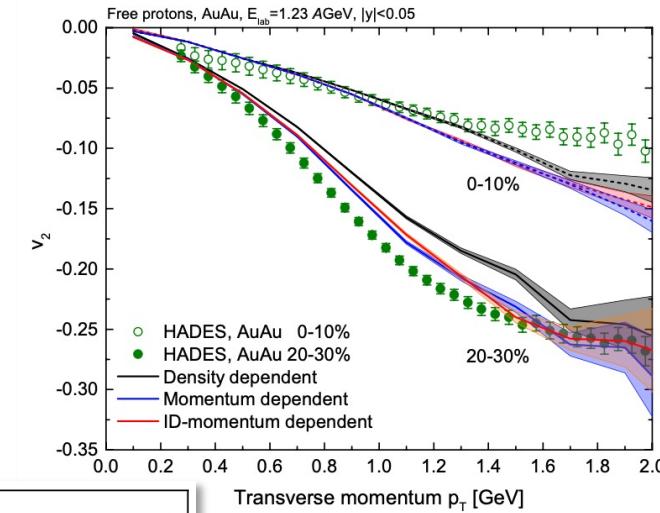
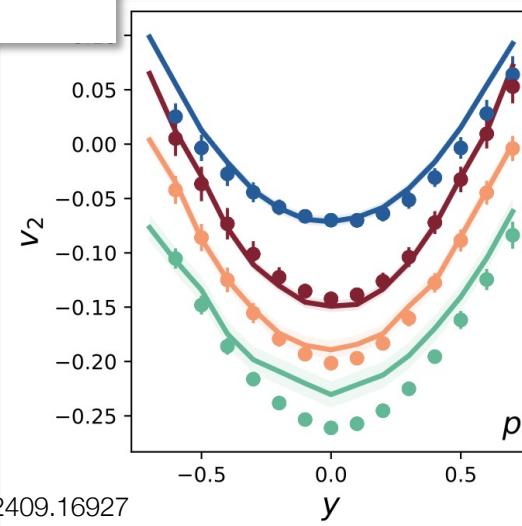


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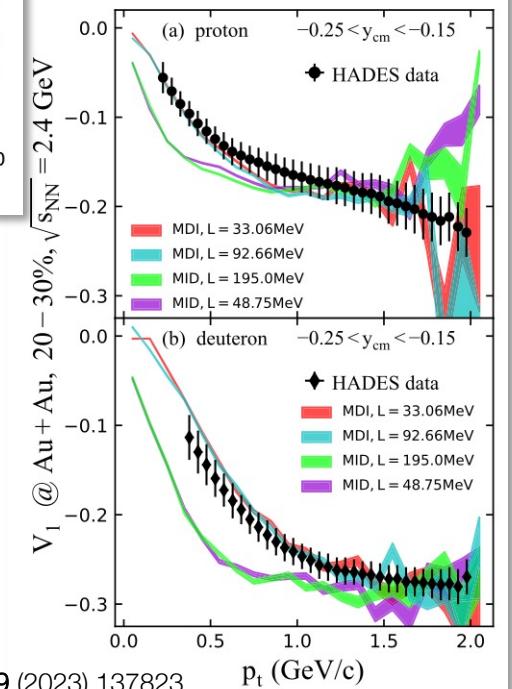
Extracting the EoS



PHQMD: V. Kireyeu et al., arXiv:2411.04969



UrQMD: J. Steinheimer et al.
arXiv:2410.01742



Model Comparisons

Bayesian Analyses

EoS from Bayesian Analysis

Extract precise parameterizations of EoS

Next Steps

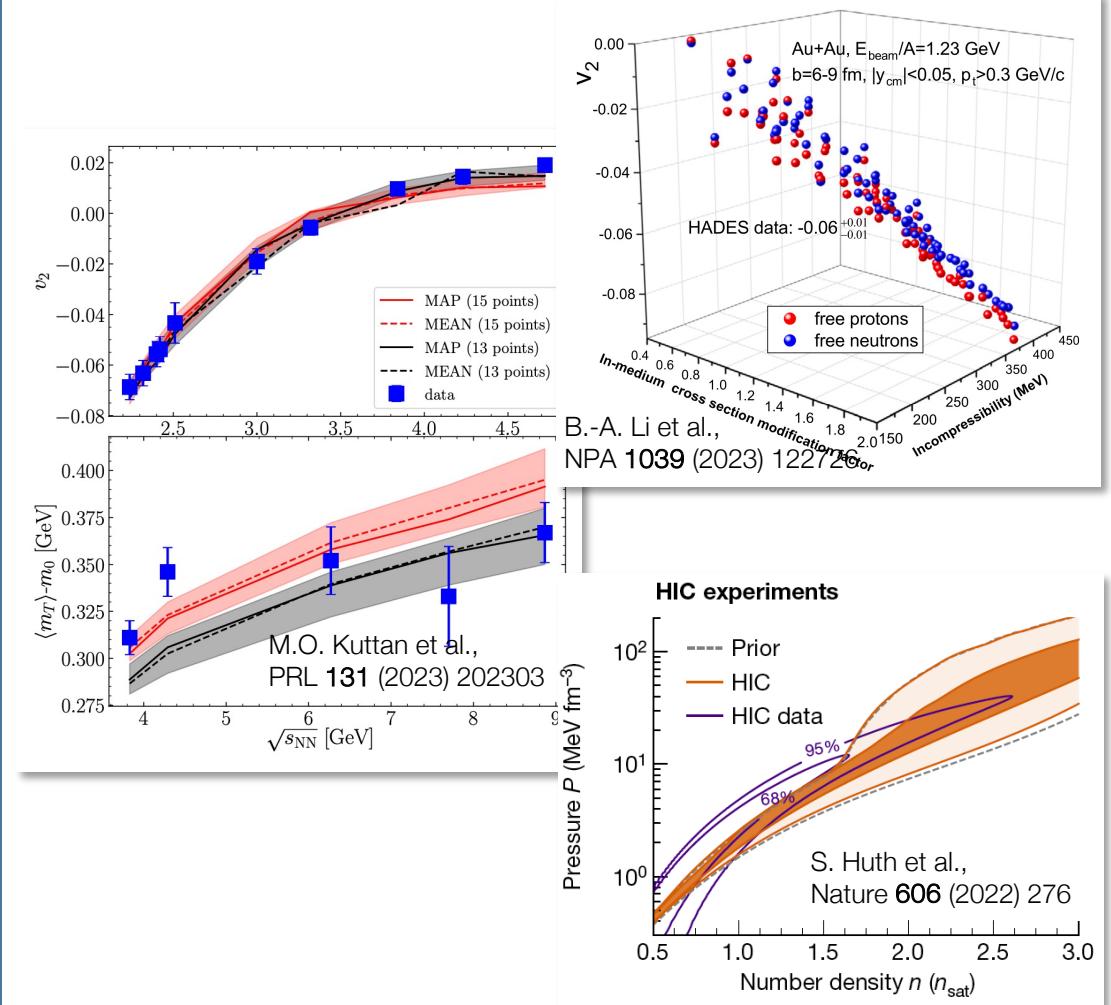
Make use of multi-differential data

Exploit also information from higher flow harmonics

Use same recipe for cluster formation

⇒ Exploit also data on d and t in unified manner

Consistent implementation of EoS in different models
(momentum dependence)



Flow Correlations

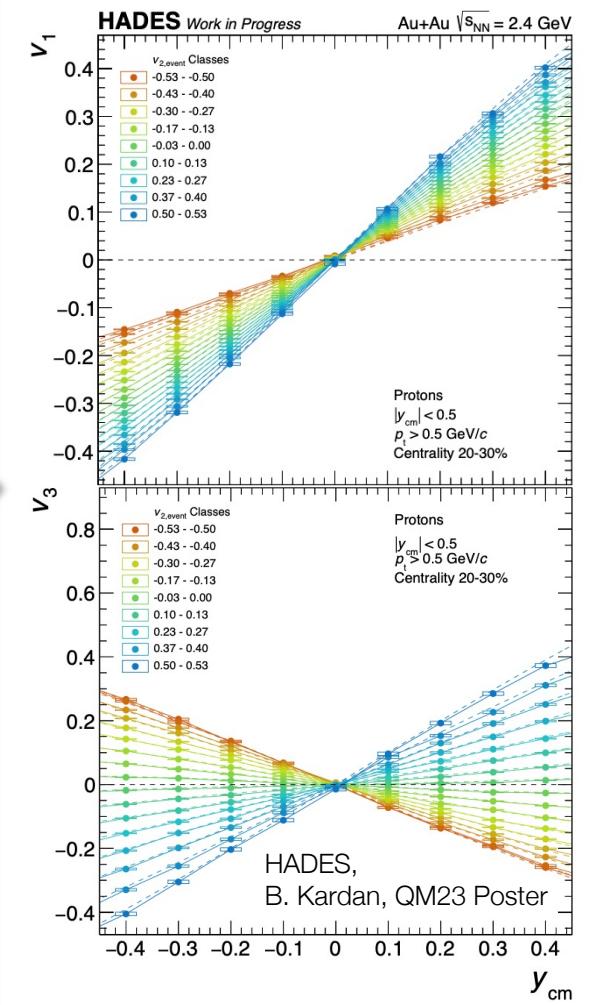
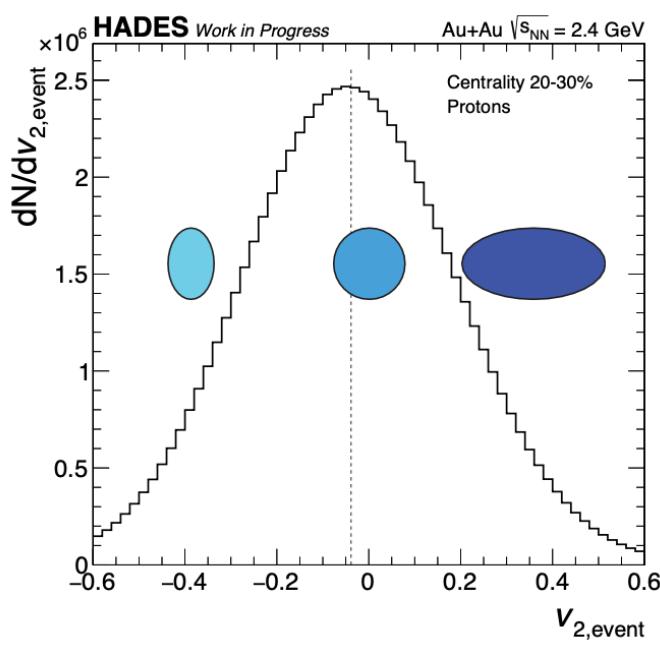
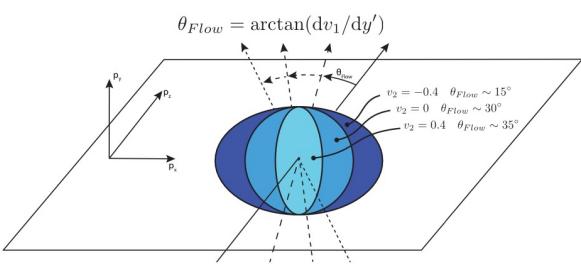
Event Selection

Event-by-event $v_{2,\text{event}}$

Select events according to their elliptic flow magnitude

Directed and triangular flow as function of $v_{2,\text{event}}$

(caveat: autocorrelations still to be evaluated)



Flow Correlations

Directed and Triangular Flow

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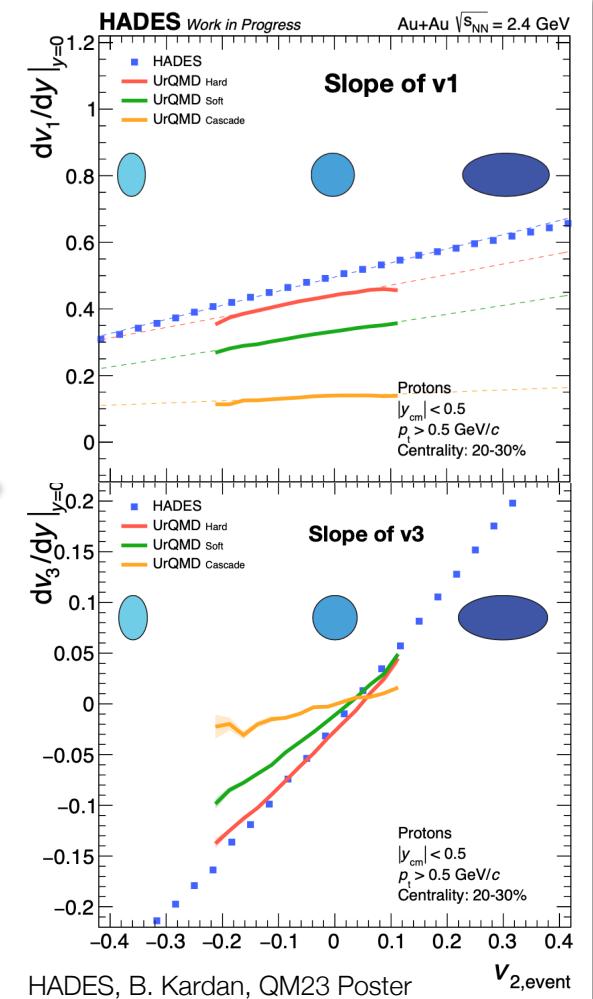
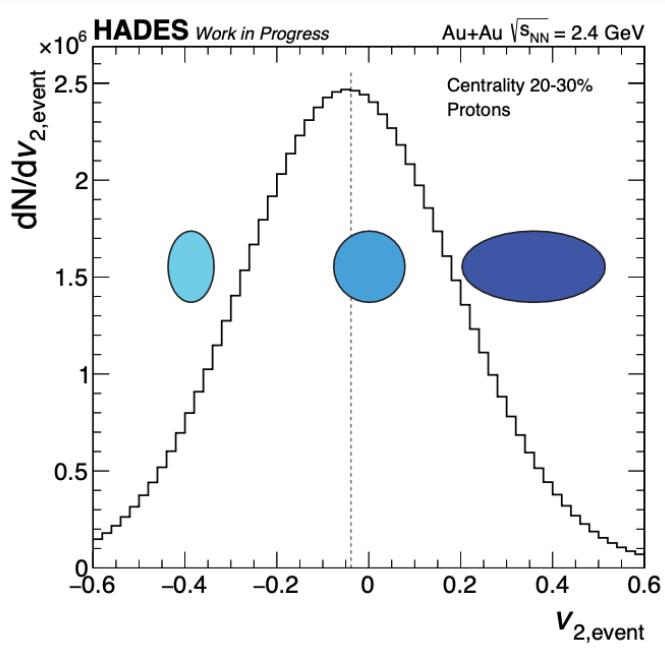
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UrQMD predictions:
T. Reichert et al.,
EPJ C82 (2022) 510

Enhanced sensitivity to EOS in $\frac{dv_3}{dy}|_{y=0}$ vs $v_{2,\text{event}}$



HADES, B. Kardan, QM23 Poster

Conclusions + Outlook

High precision flow data available

Multi-differential data on p, d and t flow coefficients ($v_1 - v_4$) in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$ GeV

Extraction of EoS

Overall good description of data (directed and elliptic flow) by different models

Momentum dependent soft EoS generally favored

Possibilities of available data set not yet fully exploited

Move to Bayesian analyses (first attempts)

HADES data publications in the pipeline

Flow of p, d, t and ${}^3\text{He}$ flow in Ag+Ag collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$ GeV and $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$ GeV

Correlations of flow coefficients for protons in Ag+Ag and Au+Au

Flow of charged pions and kaons in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$ GeV

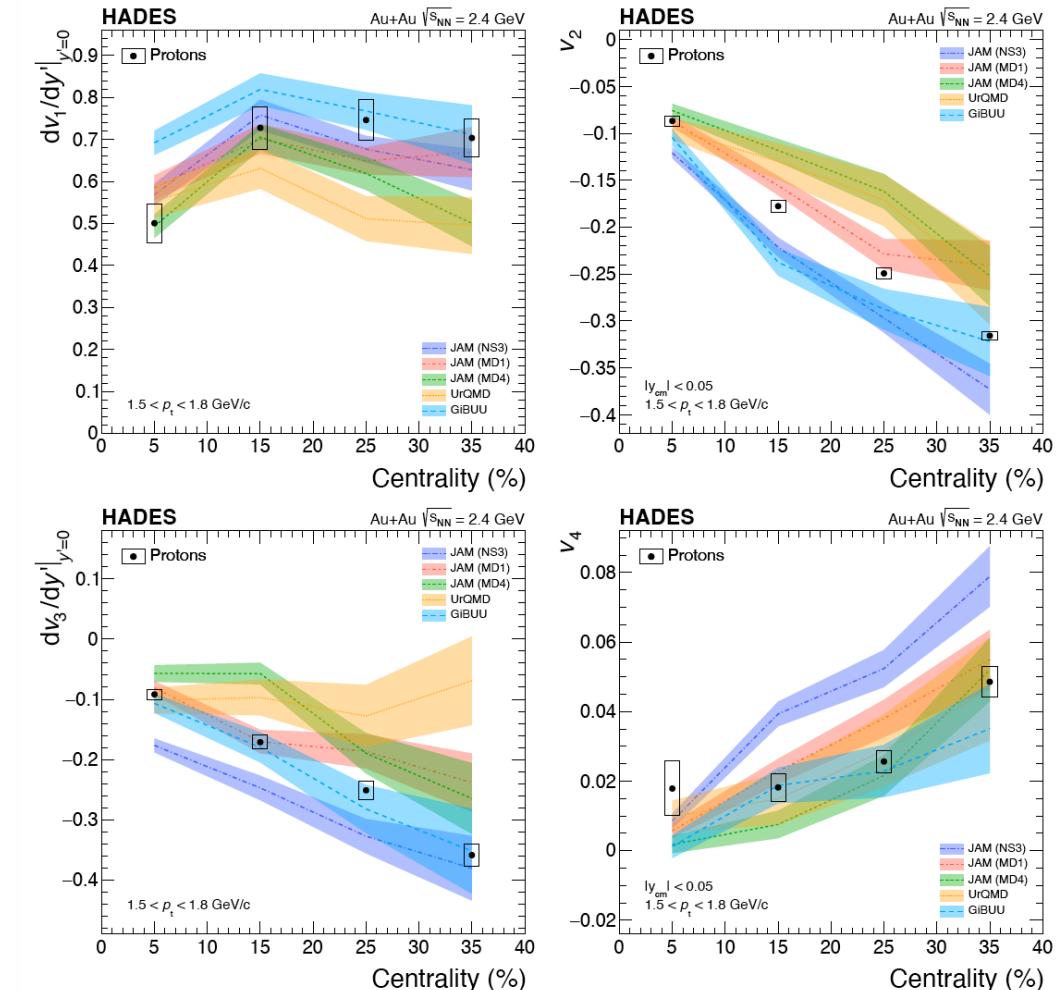
Many Thanks !



Collective Effects

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

Model Comparisons



Vorticity

Principle of Global \wedge Polarization

Global polarization

Large angular momenta $|L| \sim 10^5 \hbar$

Extreme vorticities possible ($\omega \approx 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

Observable via polarization of spins
relative to event plane
(spin-orbit coupling, e.m.-coupling)

Observable

Weak decay: $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$

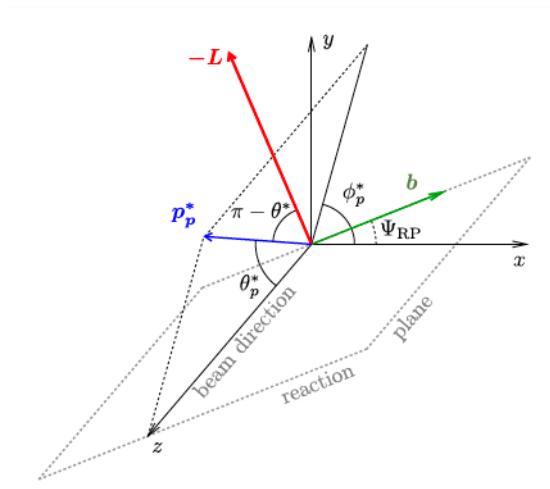
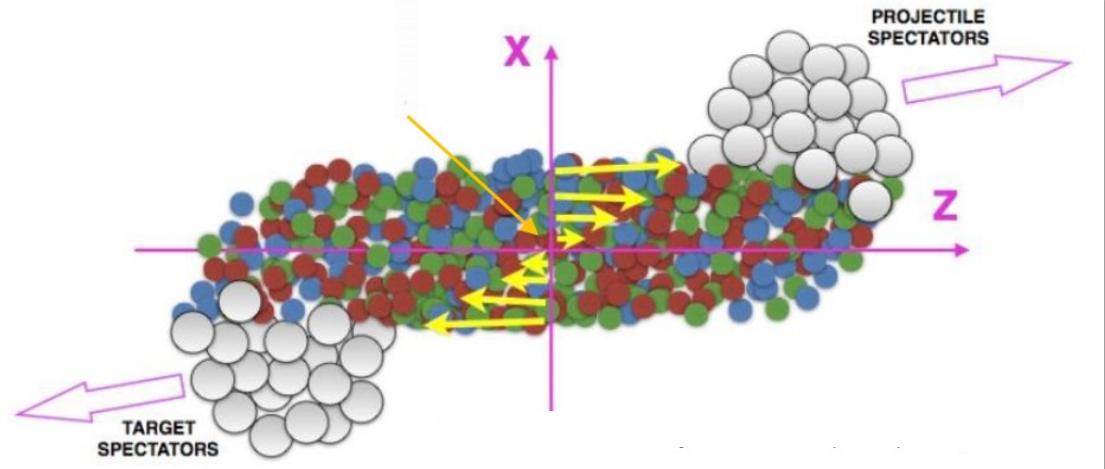
Proton preferentially in spin direction
 \Rightarrow Polarization P_Λ :

$$P_\Lambda = \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_\Lambda} \frac{\langle \sin(\Psi_{EP} - \phi_p^*) \rangle}{R_{EP}}$$

Λ decay parameter: $a_\Lambda = 0.643 \pm 0.013$

Ψ_{EP} = event plane angle, R_{EP} = EP-resolution

ϕ_p^* = proton azimuth angle relative to EP



Z. Liang and X.N. Wang,
PRL 94 (2005) 102301

F. Becattini et al,
PRC 95 (2017) 054902

STAR Collaboration,
PRC 76 (2007) 024915

HADES Collaboration
PLB 835 (2022) 137506

Vorticity

Measurements in Au+Au ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$) and Ag+Ag ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55 \text{ GeV}$)

Analysis procedure

EP estimation from spectators

Optimized Λ reconstruction with ANN

Results (10–40 % cent.)

$$P_\Lambda(\text{Au+Au}) = (5.3 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.3 \text{ (syst.)}) \%$$

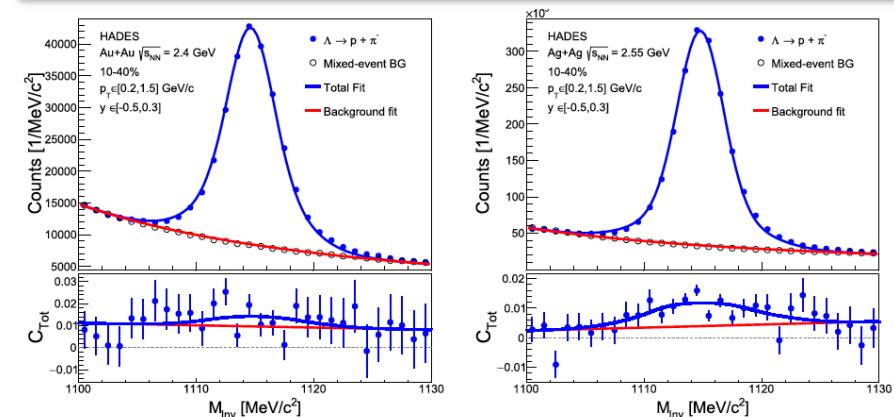
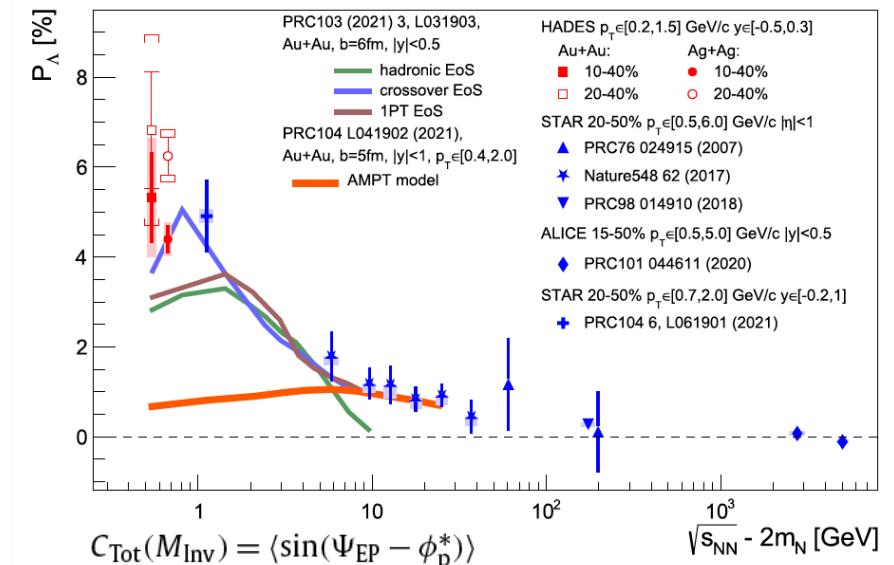
$$P_\Lambda(\text{Ag+Ag}) = (4.4 \pm 0.3 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst.)}) \%$$

Highest values measured at strangeness production threshold $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55 \text{ GeV}$
(should vanish around $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2 m_N \approx 1.9 \text{ GeV}$)

Agrees with 3D-fluid-dynamical model
AMPT underestimates data

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Vorticity

Measurements in Au+Au ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$ GeV) and Ag+Ag ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$ GeV)

Centrality dependence

Increase towards less central events

Same trend as in STAR data (different phase space!)

Phase space dependence

No strong dependence on p_T and y observed

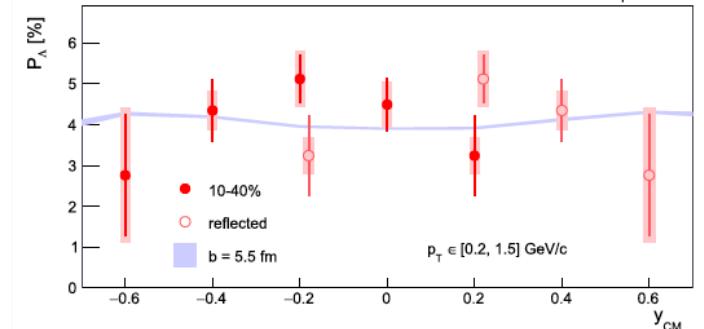
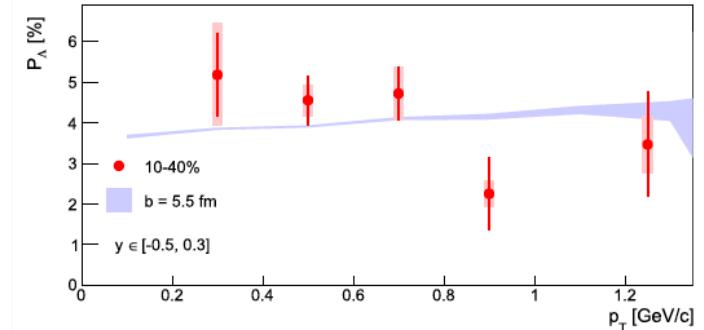
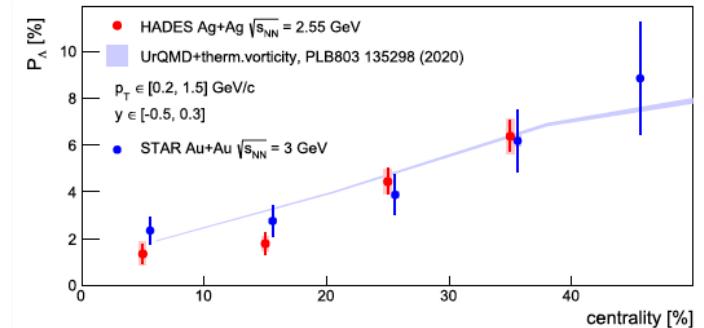
Model comparison

Good agreement with UrQMD + thermal vorticity

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Outlook

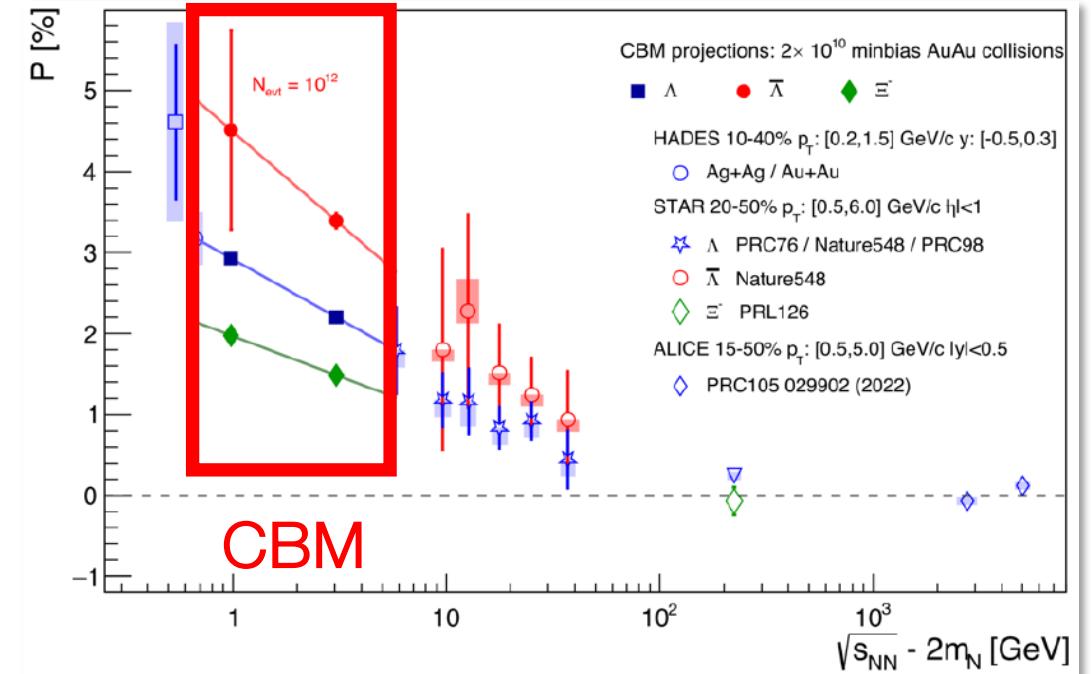
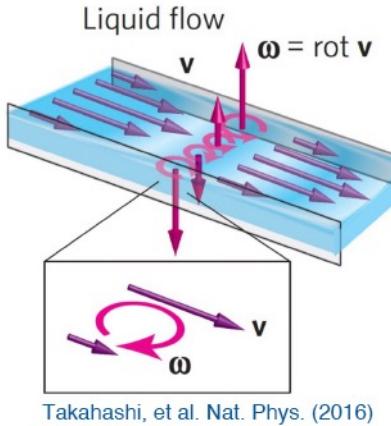
Vorticity at low energies

Large effect

Where is the onset?

Driving mechanism for the coupling of orbital momentum to spin not yet understood

Systematic measurements at low energies needed



CBM physics program:

Λ and Ξ^- polarization with 5% precision

Mapping of Λ excitation function
($\geq 10^{13}$ event required)