

Systematic Study of Anisotropy Flow in $p/d/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ Collisions



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Outline:

- Physics Motivations
- Analysis Results
- Comparison to prior measurements
- Comparison to model calculations
- Summary



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Initial Geometry in Small-sized Systems

w/o gluon field fluctuation

With gluon field fluctuation

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Model a: standard Glauber model *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **113**, 434 112301 (2014)

Model b: smooth gluon field sourced by nucleons *Phys. Rev. C* **94**, 024919 (2016)

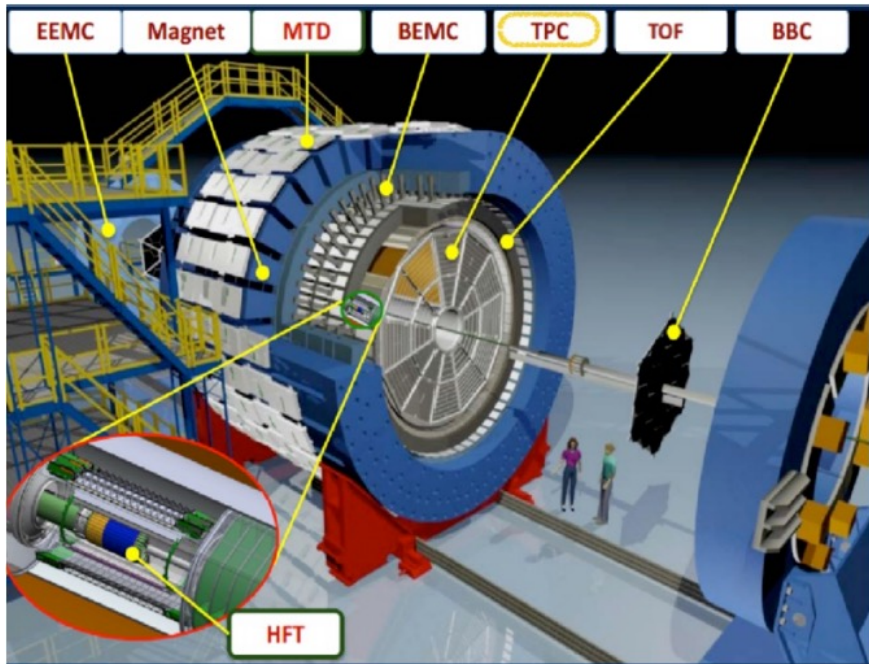
Model c: smooth gluon field sourced by valence quark *Phys. Rev. C* **94**, 024919 (2016)

Model d: lumpy gluon field soueced by valence quark(IP-Glasma) *Phys. Rev.* **436 Lett.** **108**, 252301

Sub-nucleon gluon field fluctuations: strong influence on the initial geometry eccentricity for small-sized system

Measuring flow in small-sized system can provide invaluable constraints for such effect

STAR Experiment at RHIC



Measurements for p/d/³He+Au collisions @ 200 GeV

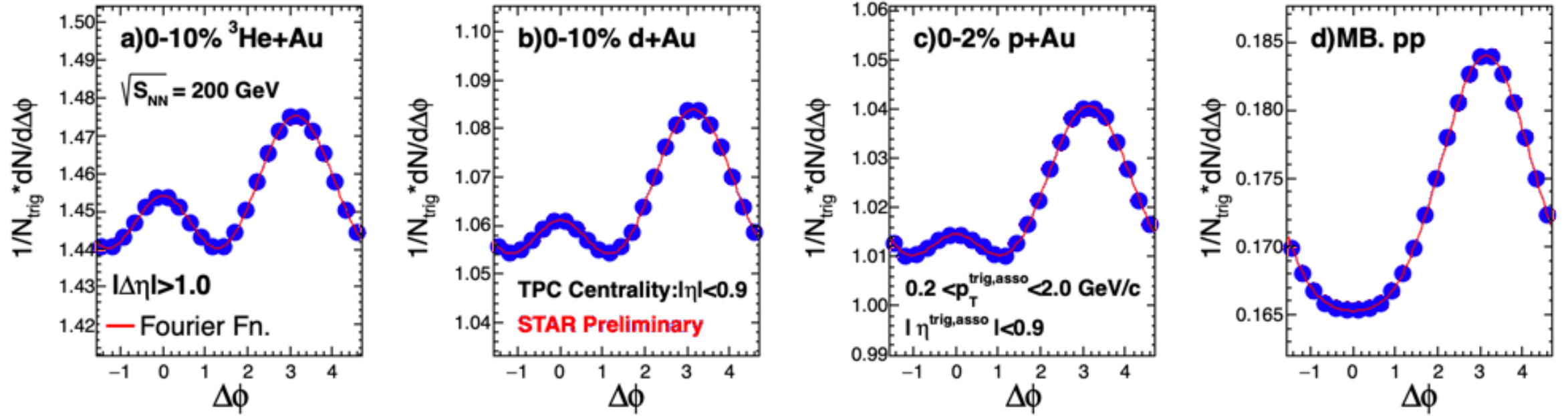
➤ Centrality:

- i) Number of tracks in TPC $0.2 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV/c, $|\eta| < 0.9$
- ii) BBC charge in Au-going direction $-5.0 < \eta < -3.3$

➤ Two-particle correlation functions constructed for trigger and associated particles with $0.2 < p_T < 2.0$ GeV/c $|\eta| < 0.9$ and $|\Delta\eta| > 1.0$

- ✓ $v_2\{2\}(p_T)$, $v_3\{2\}(p_T)$ extracted from correlation functions following non-flow subtraction
- ✓ Comparison to $v_2\{4\}$

Long-range two-particle correlators and v_n extraction (I)



Three methods are employed for non-flow subtraction by using min-bias pp as a reference!

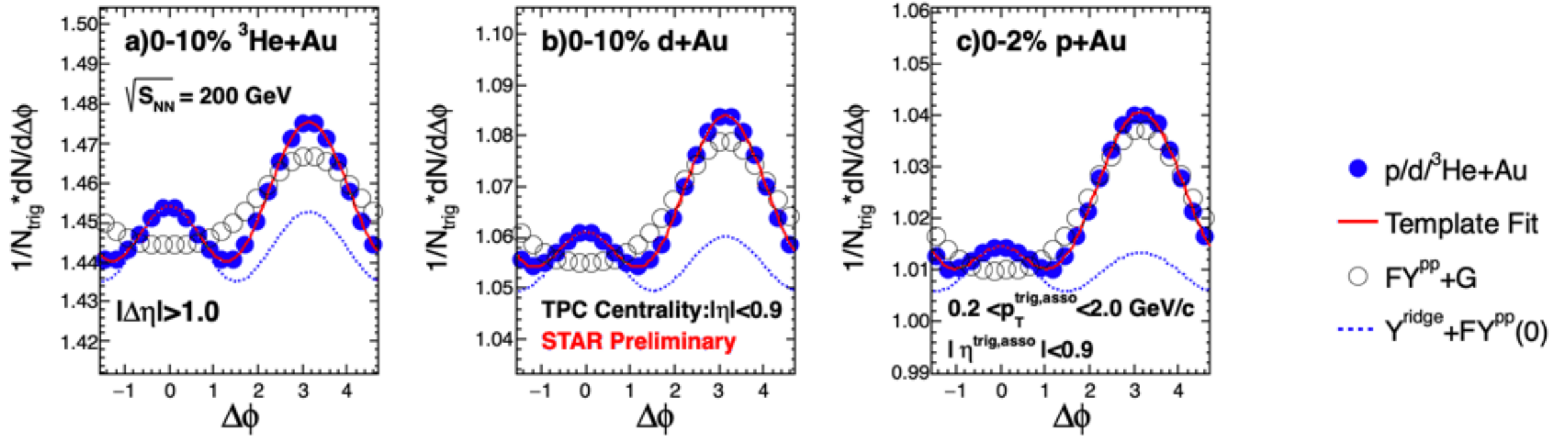
$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = c_0 \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^4 c_n \cos(n\phi) \right)$$

✓ 1. via c_0 : $c_{n,\text{sub}}^{\text{sys.}} = c_n^{\text{sys.}} - (c_0^{\text{pp}}/c_0^{\text{sys.}})c_n^{\text{pp}}$; $n=2,3$

✓ 2. via c_1 : $c_{n,\text{sub}}^{\text{sys.}} = c_n^{\text{sys.}} - (c_1^{\text{sys.}}/c_1^{\text{pp}})c_n^{\text{pp}}$; $n=2,3$

$$v_{n,\text{sub}}^{\text{sys.}}(p_T) = c_{n,\text{sub}}^{\text{sys.}}(p_T, \text{ref}) / \sqrt{c_{n,\text{sub}}^{\text{sys.}}(\text{ref})}$$

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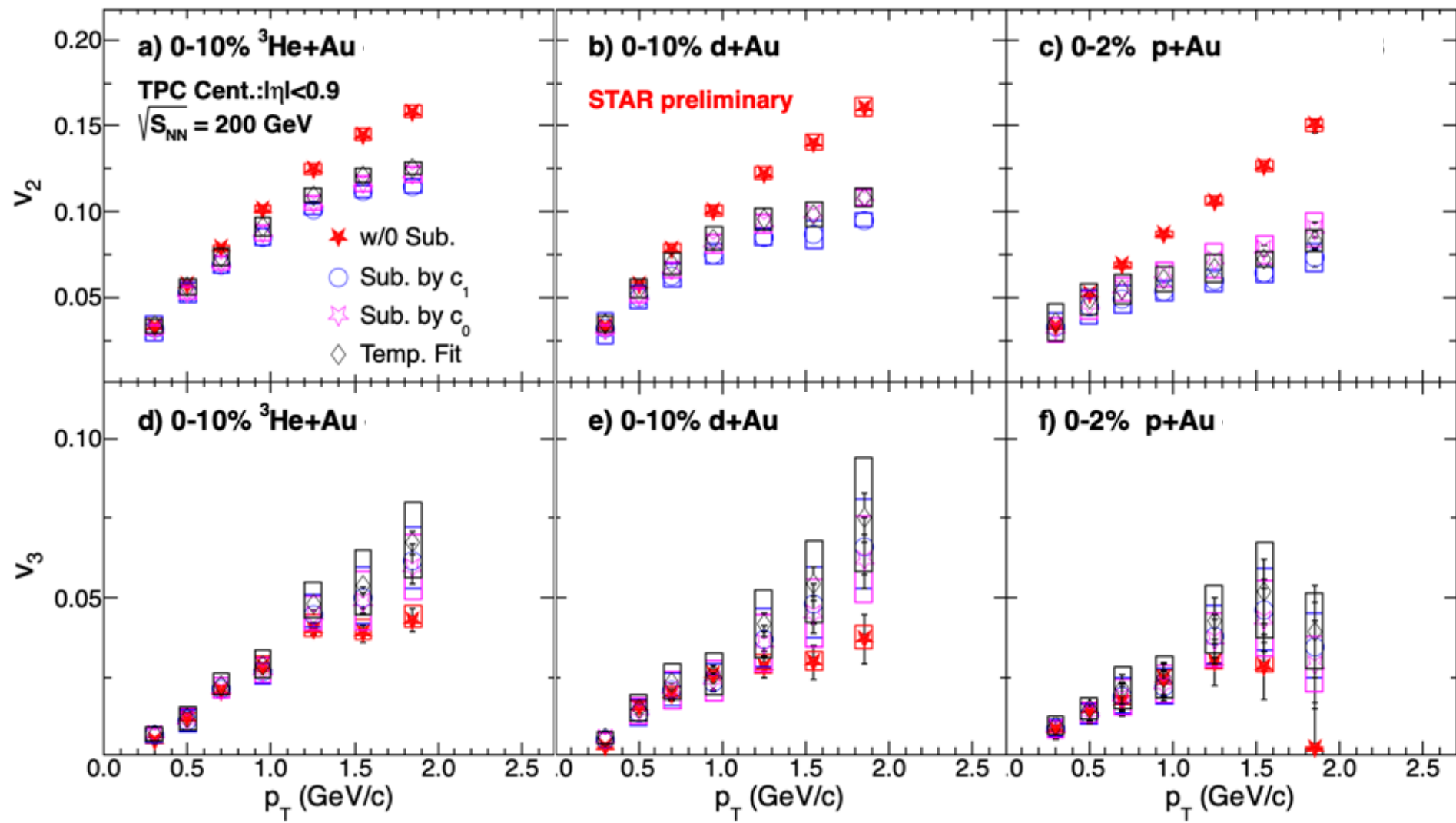


3. Template Fit *(ATLAS, PRL 116, 172301 (2016))*

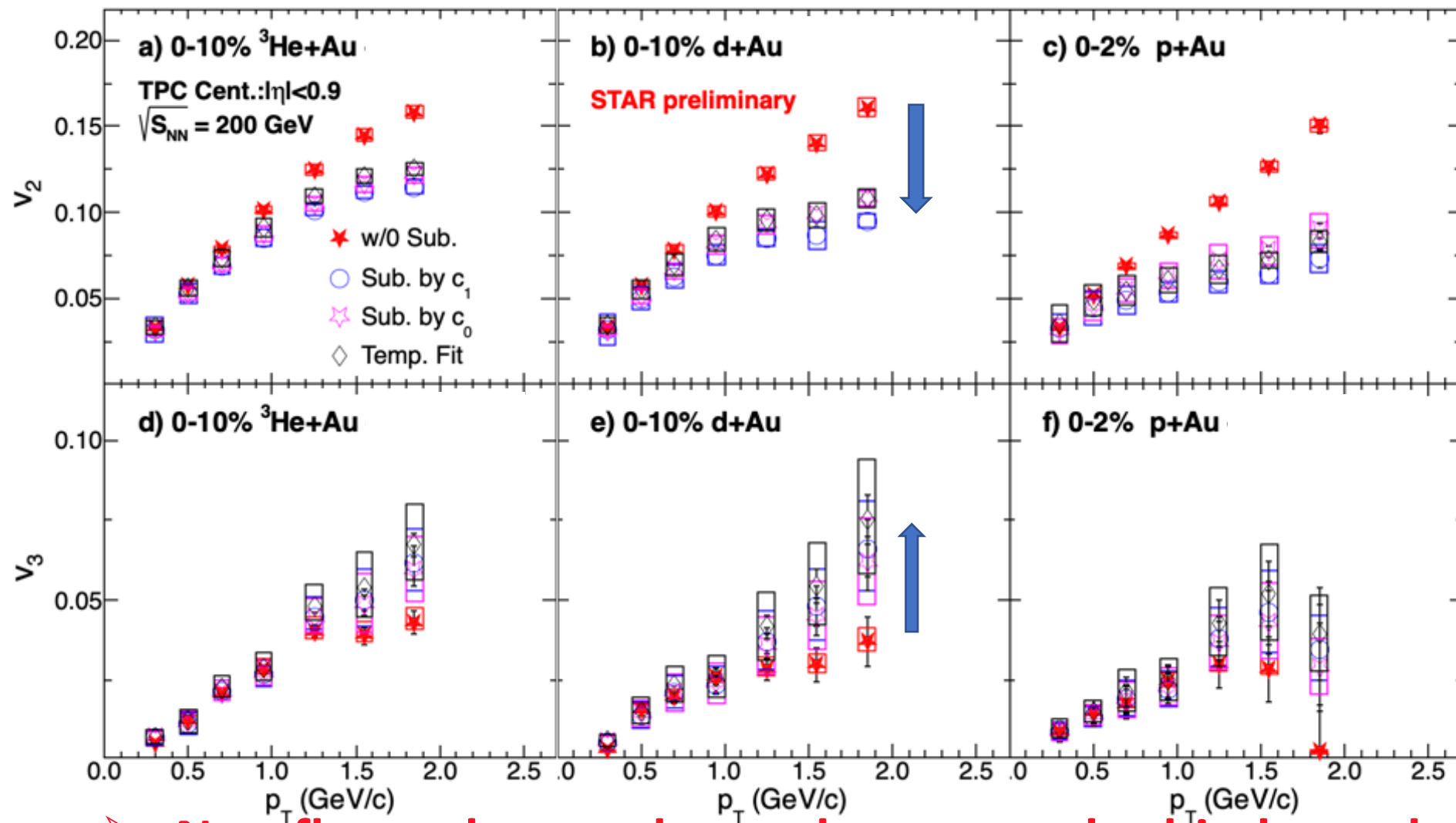
$$Y_{templ.}(\Delta\phi) = Y_{ridge}(\Delta\phi) + F Y_{pp.}(\Delta\phi)$$

$$Y_{ridge}(\Delta\phi) = G(1 + 2 \sum_{n=2}^4 c_n^{sub} \cos(n\Delta\phi))$$

“F” represents the modification for the long-range away-side jet between **p/d/³He+Au** and **p+p**

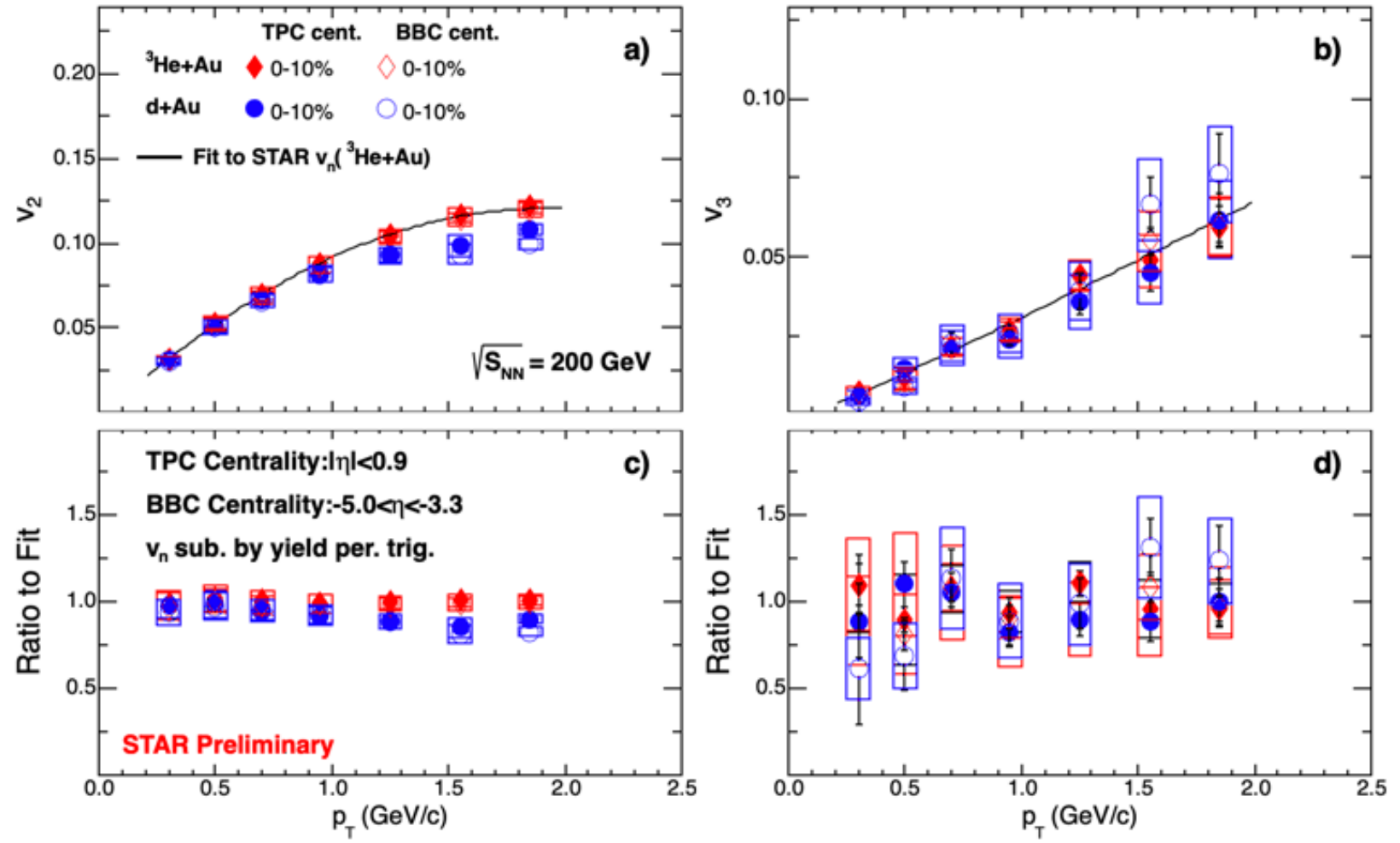


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- **Non-flow flow subtractions decrease v_2 and increase v_3**

Differential v_2 and v_3 measurements for different centrality definitions

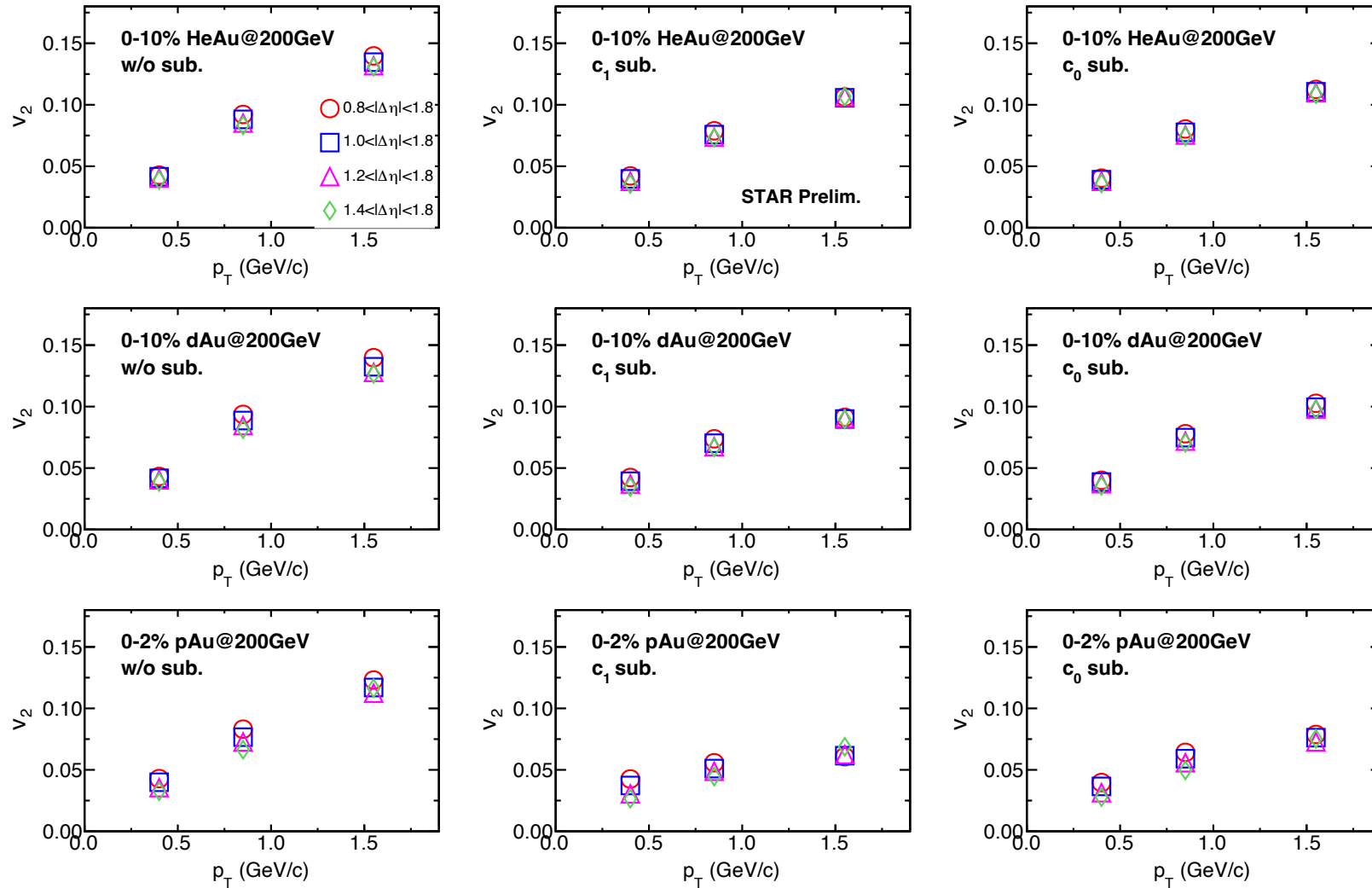


TPC centrality: Centrality and 2p correlation measured in same rapidity

BBC centrality: Centrality and 2p correlations measured in different rapidity, avoid auto-correlation

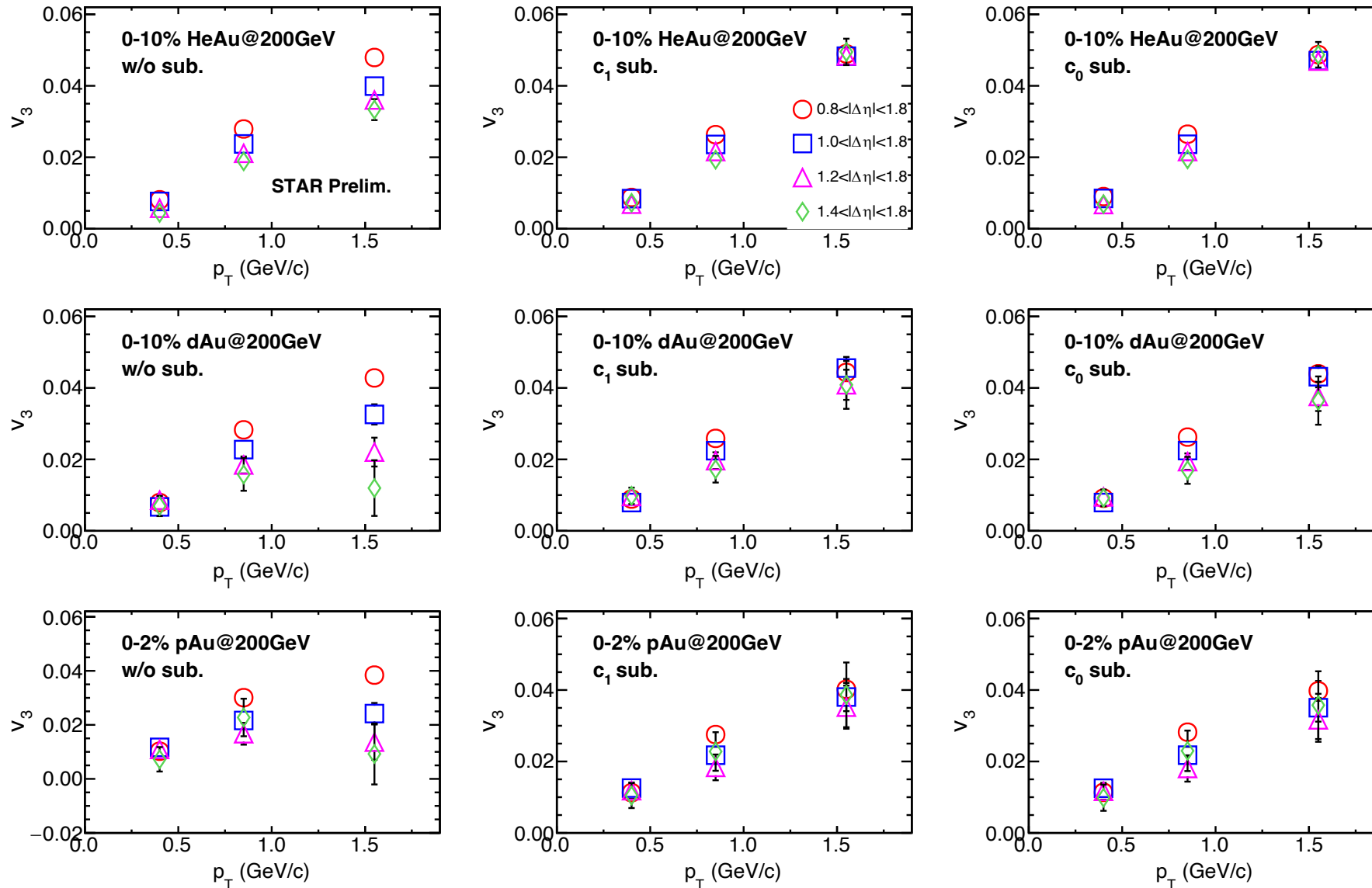
✓ Results are consistent between two kinds of different centrality definitions with mid and backward rapidity regions

v_2 with different $\Delta\eta$ cut



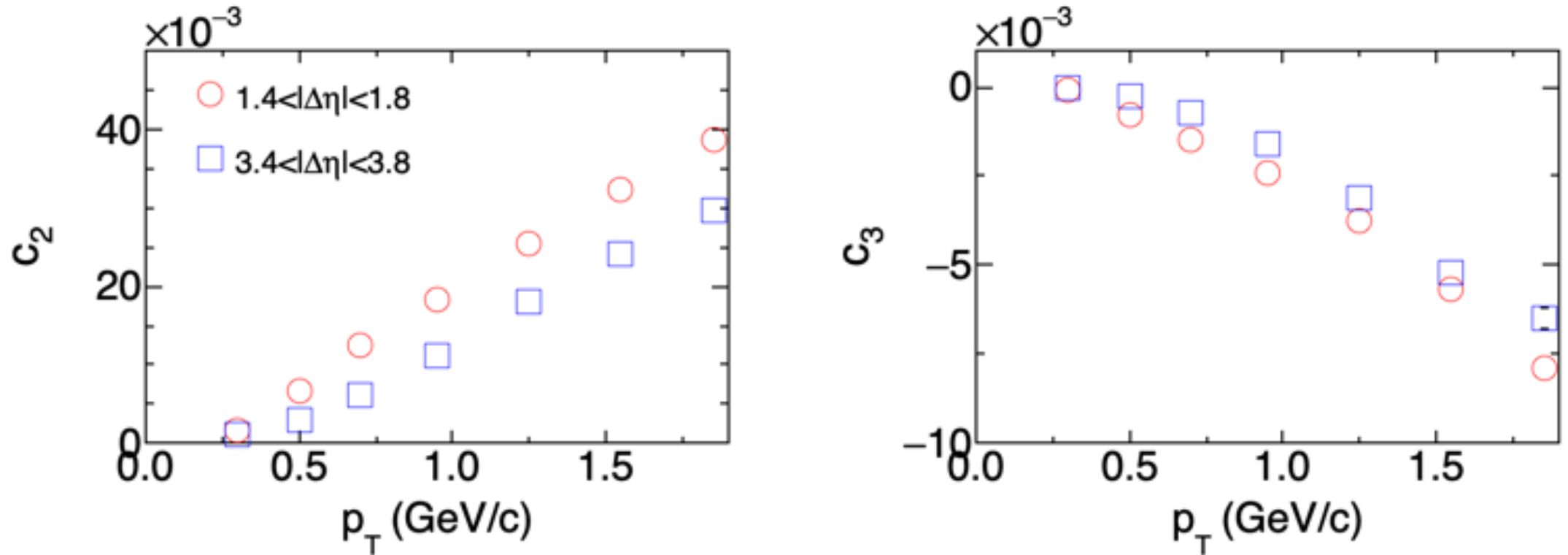
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v_3 with different $\Delta\eta$ cut



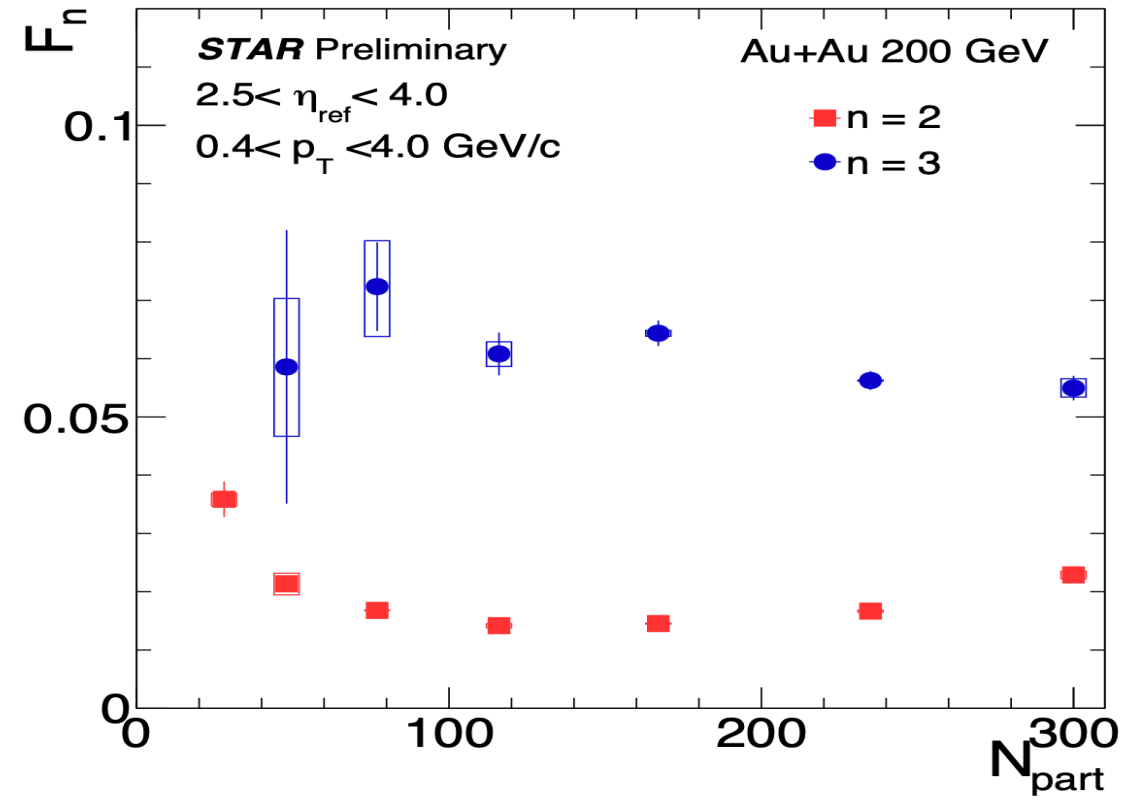
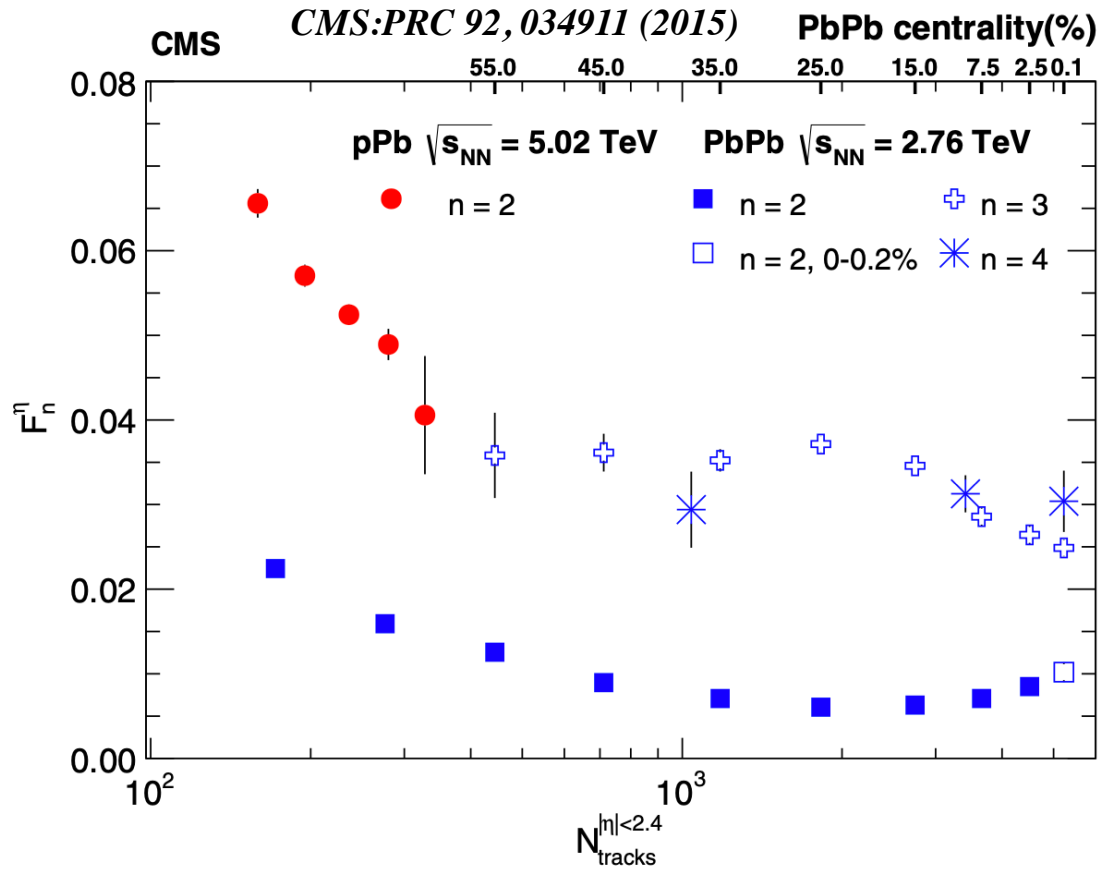
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Nonflow vs. $\Delta\eta$ from pp@HIJING



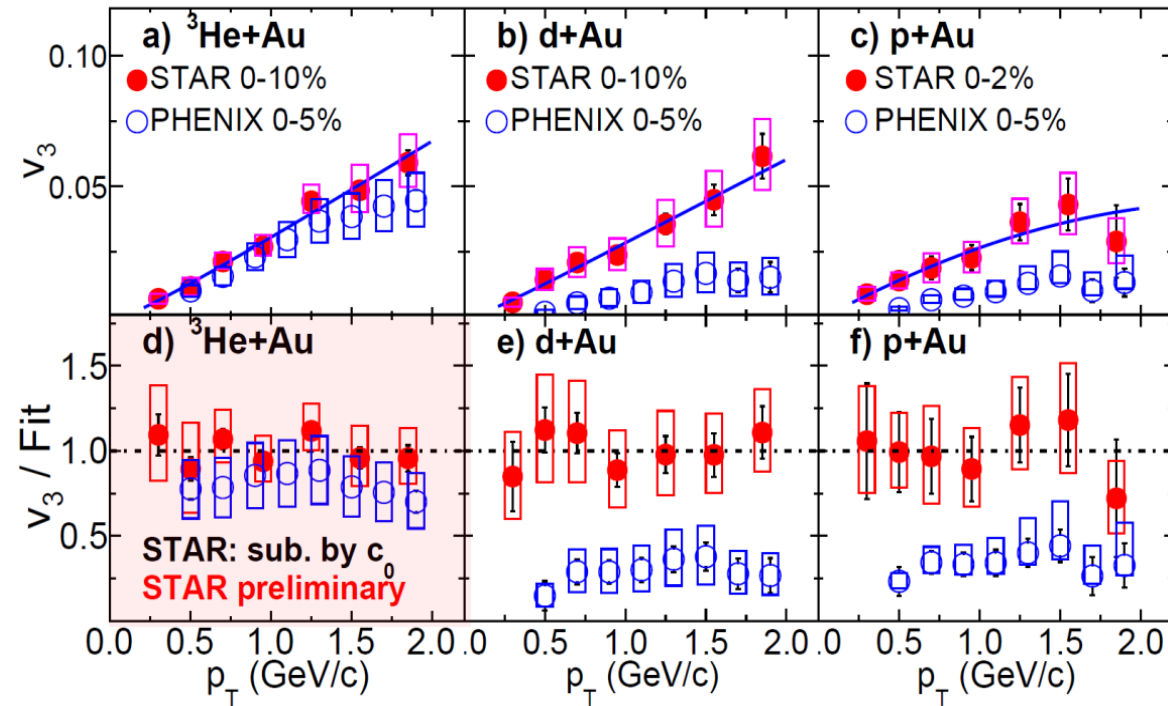
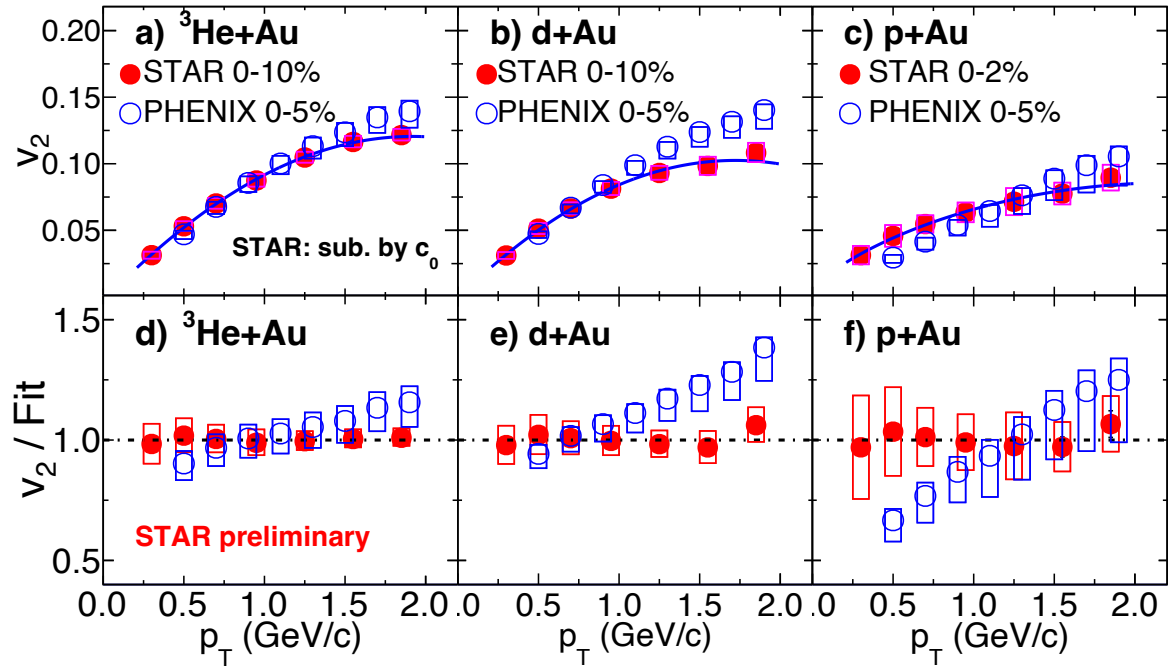
Larger $\Delta\eta$ has only tiny effect to suppress the nonflow for v_3 measurements

Longitudinal Decorrelation



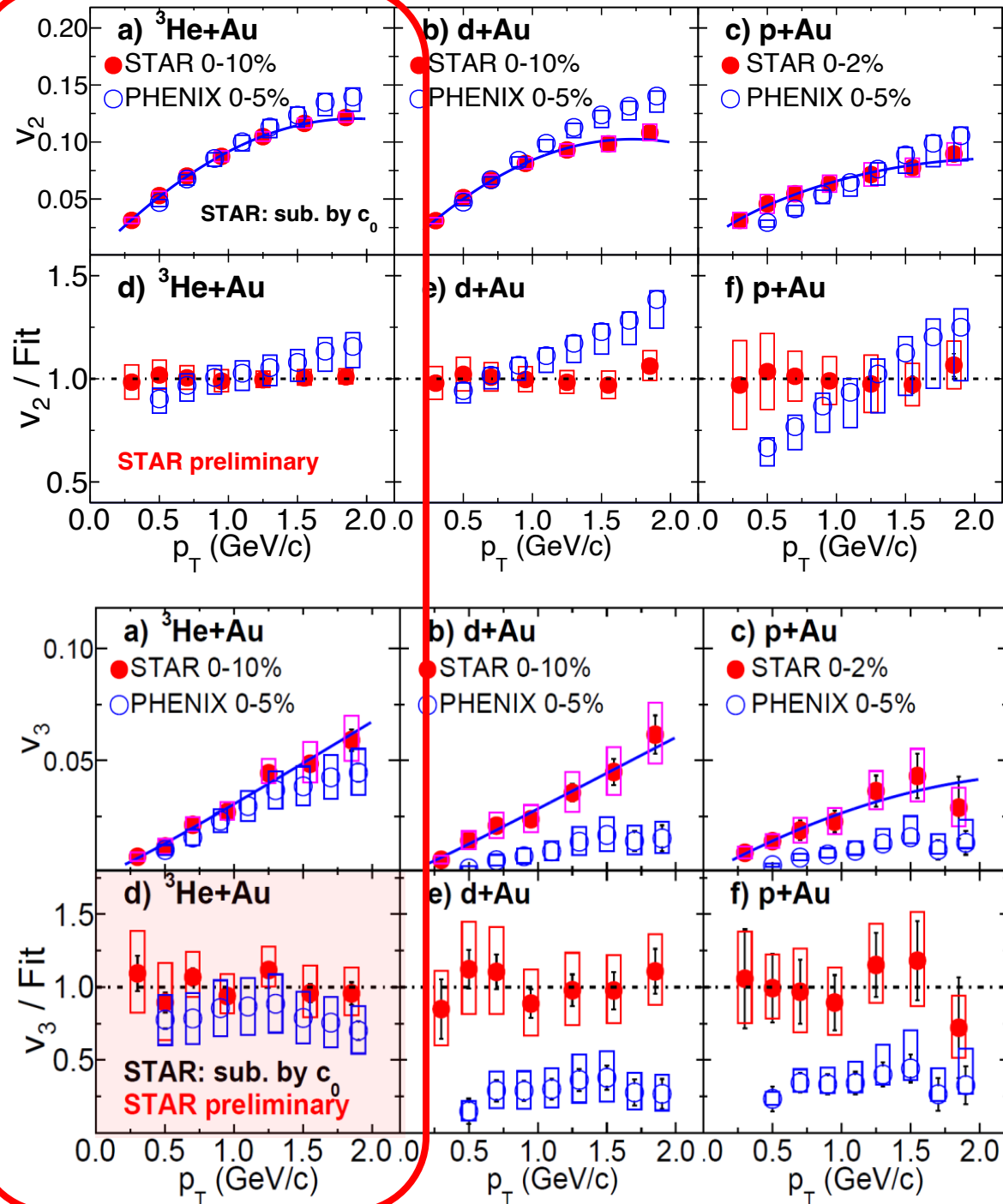
Large decorrelation at low multiplicity:
 pPb > PbPb
 AuAu@200GeV > PbPb@2.76TeV
 $v_3 > v_2$

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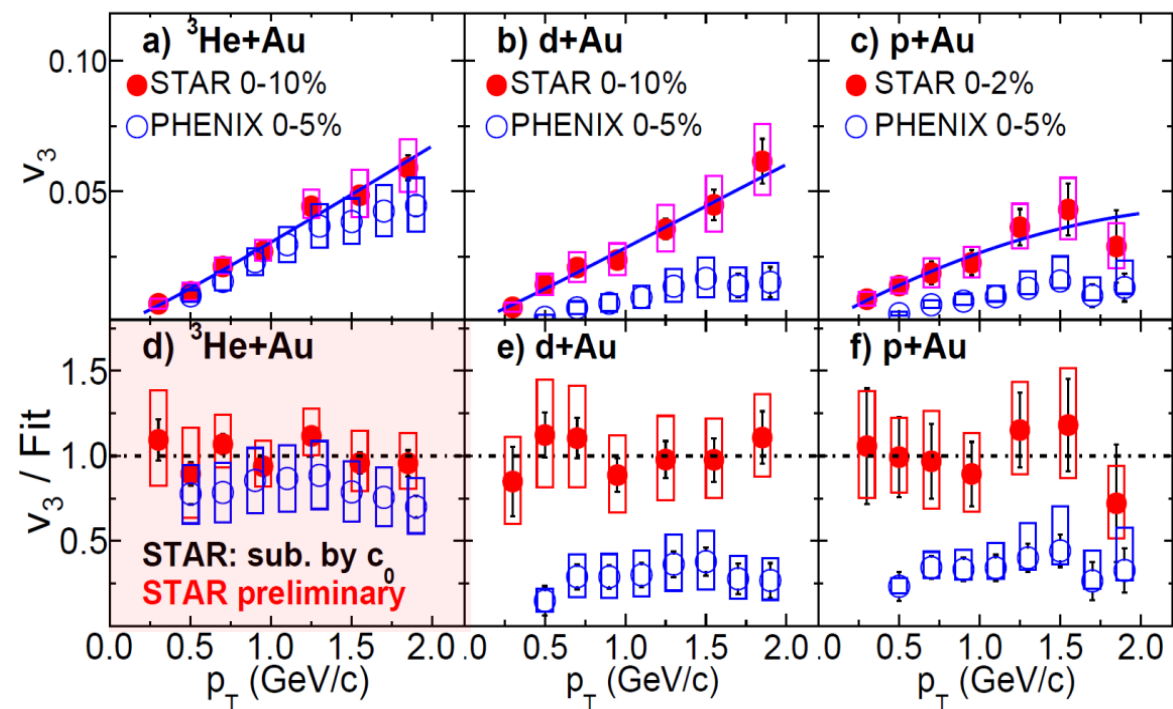
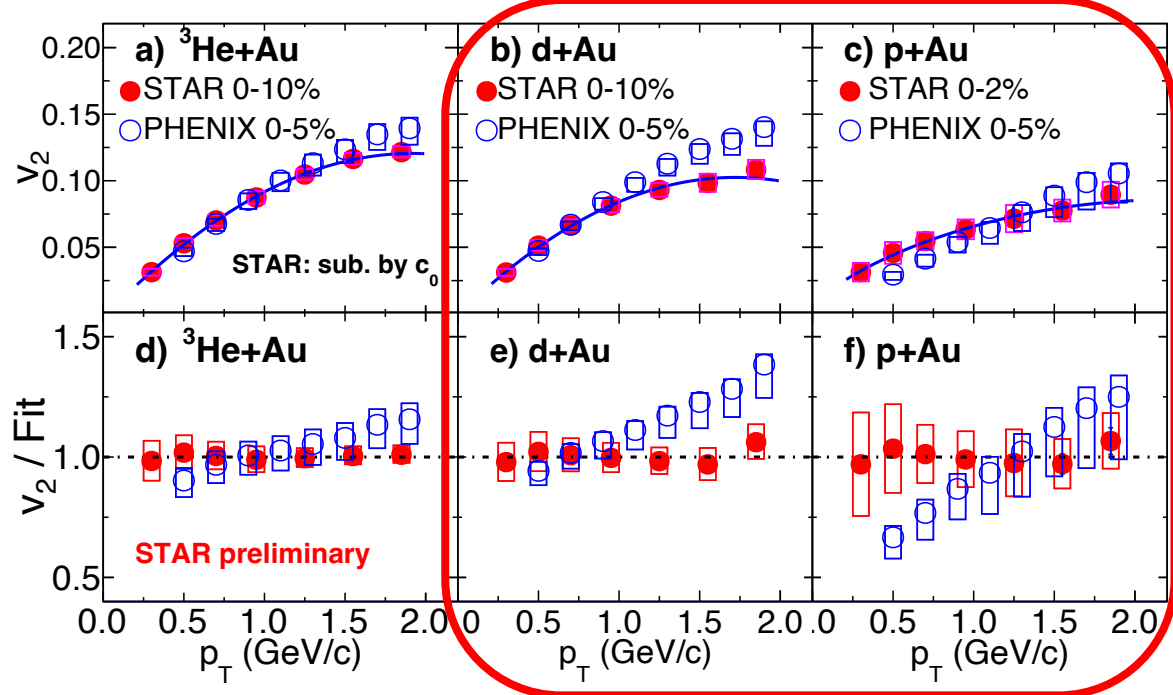
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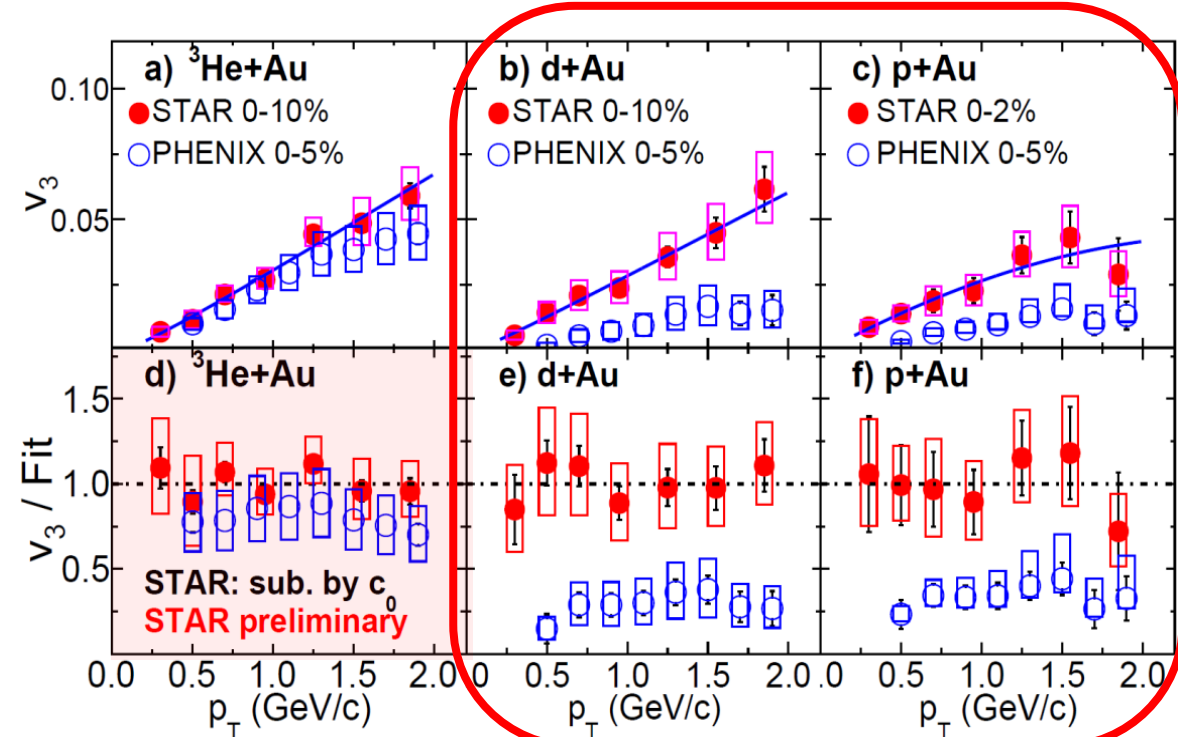
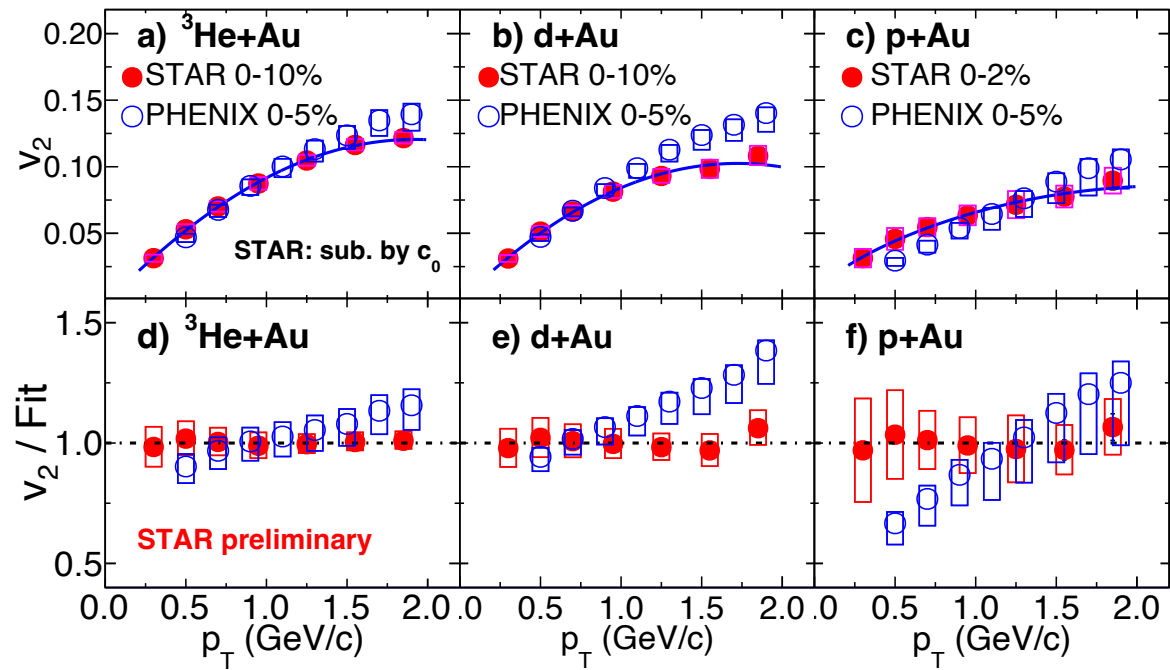


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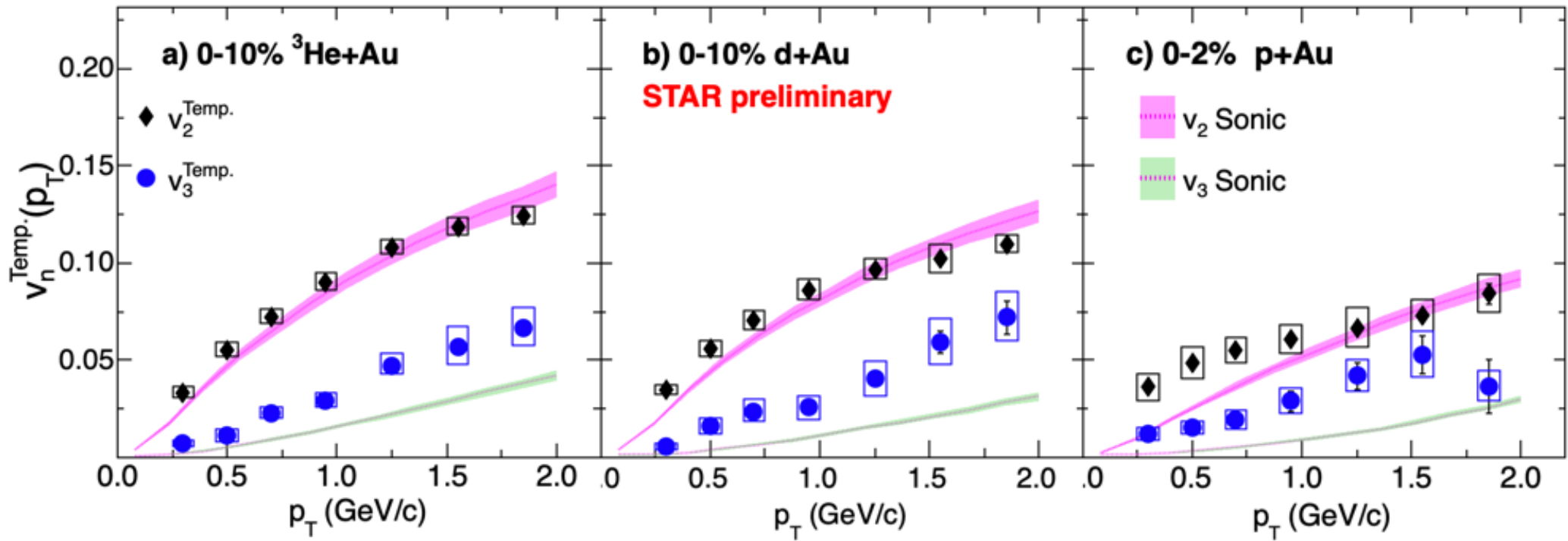
✓ But magnitudes differ by a factor of 3

✓ System-independent STAR v_3

✓ System-dependent PHENIX v_3

➤ *Longitudinal decorrelation effect?*

Comparison to model

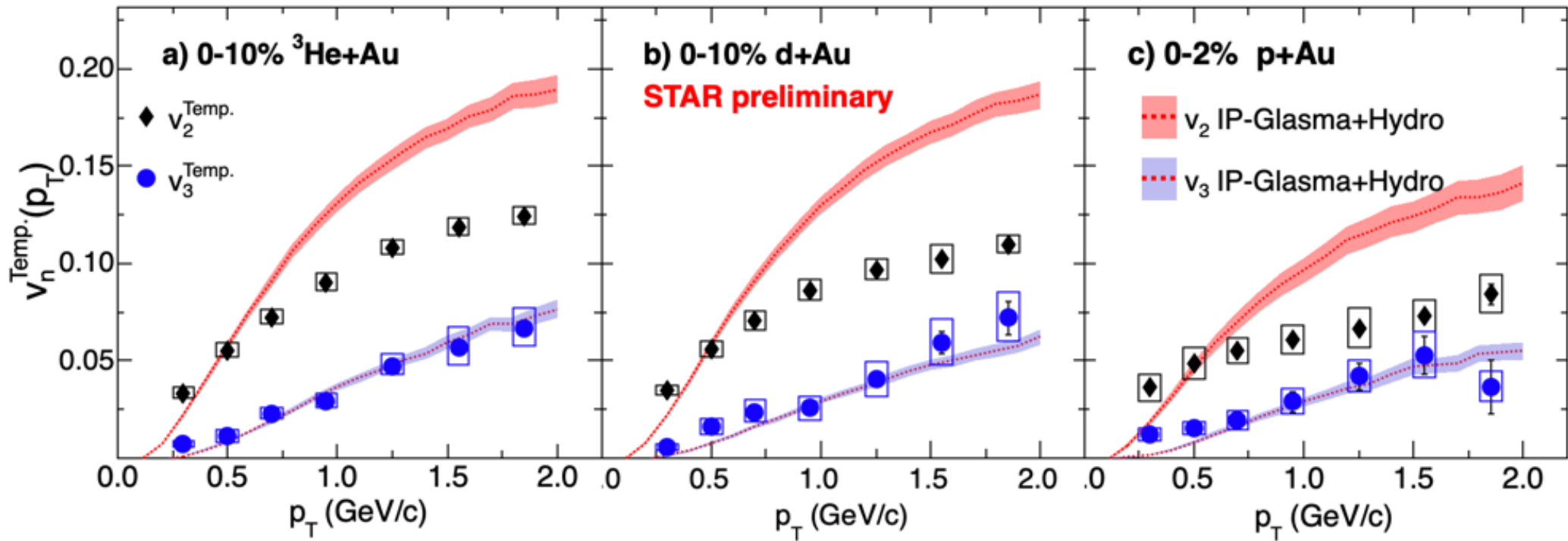


Sonic: P. Romatschke, arXiv:1502.04745 [nucl-th].

➤ *Sonic model* with initial geometry eccentricity without gluon field fluctuations under-predicts v_3 in all systems

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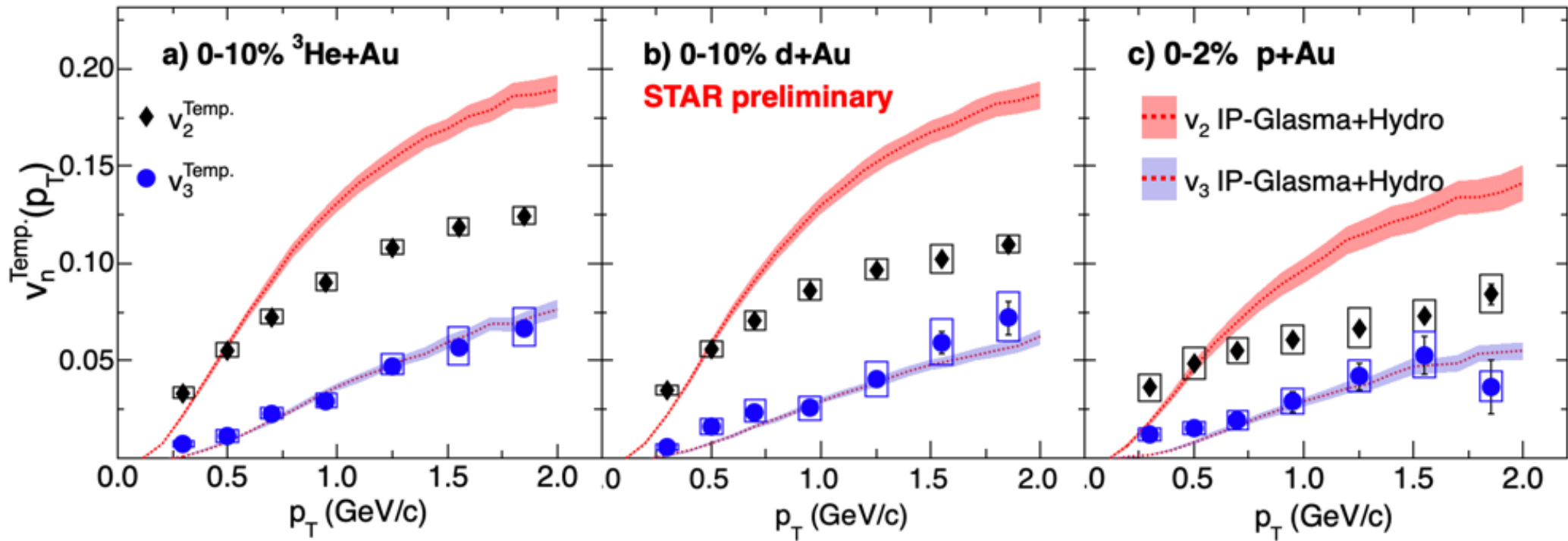


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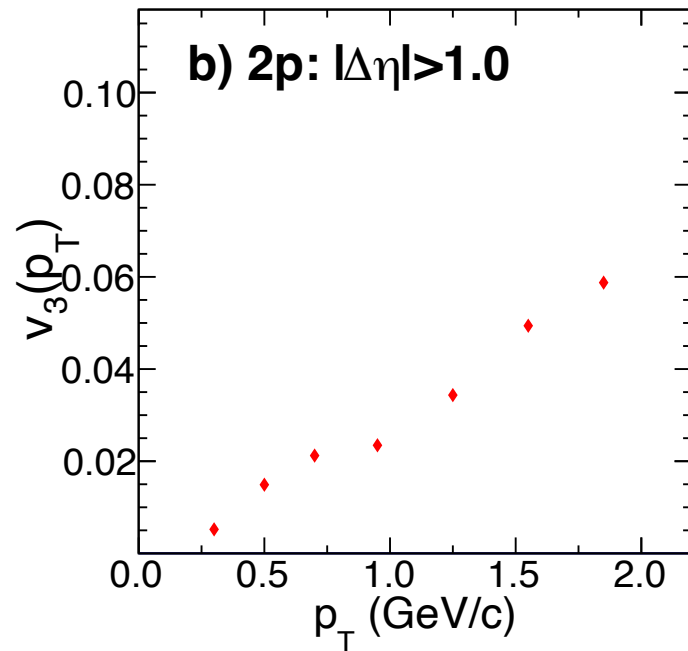
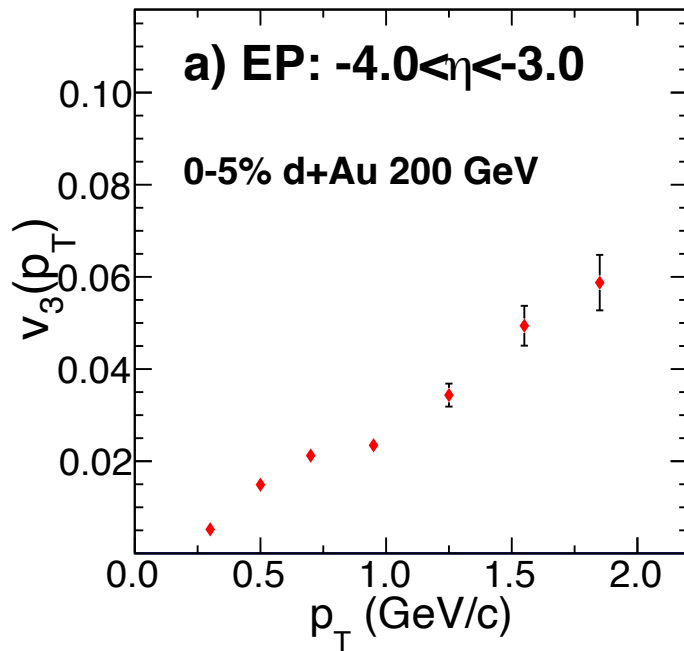
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Projection from 100M 0-5% d+Au@200GeV from Run21 with improved acceptance

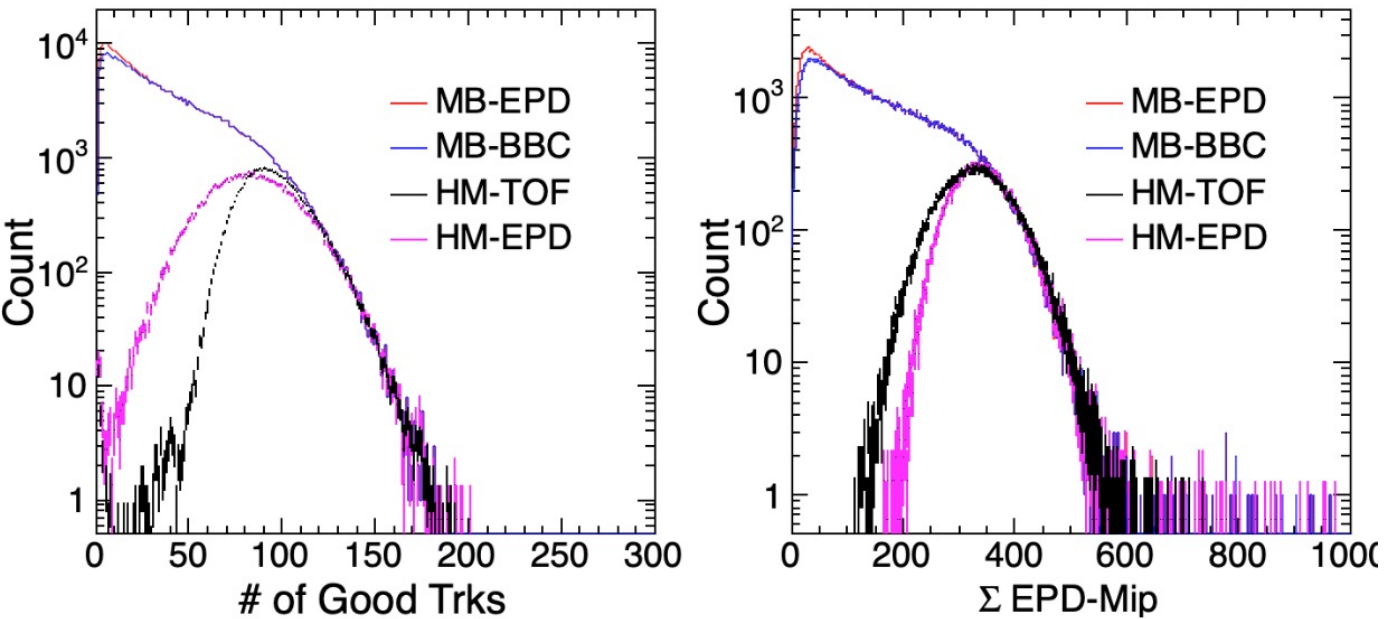
Mean values are from current measurements

100M MB and 100M HM(0-5% selected by EPD) triggered events have been taken by STAR in 2021

Improved acceptance: iTPC ($|\eta| < 1.5$) + EPD($2.1 < |\eta| < 5.1$)

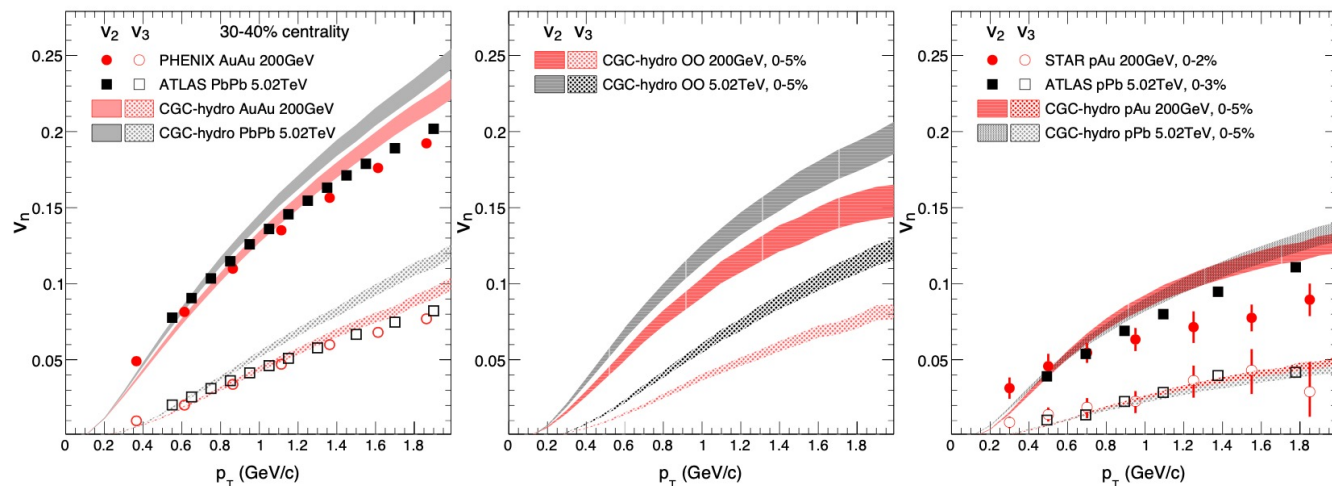
Further investigate the sub-nucleon fluctuations and longitudinal decorrelation in small-sized system

Outlook: O+O@RHIC 2021



➤ **STAR has taken 400M MB and 200M HM O+O events in 2021**

- ✓ Large rapidity coverage $|\eta| < 1.5$ due to iTPC upgrade
- ✓ Trigger HM event at both middle or forward rapidity



➤ **First** comparison between RHIC & LHC with **~identical Glauber geometry** but **different sub-nucleon fluctuation (Q_s)** for a factor of 10 difference in energy

STAR: BUR2020

- STAR measured v_2 and v_3 as a function of p_T in central p/d/ ^3He +Au collisions. The extracted flow signals are found to be consistent among different non-flow subtraction methods
- A system independent v_3 has been found, indicating that sub-nucleon gluon field fluctuations have a strong influence on initial geometry for small-sized systems
- In future, the new d+Au and O+O data will provide more information to study mini-QGP and sub-nucleon structure

Thanks!

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